

Metabolites in Diatoms

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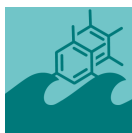
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The productivity of diatoms is controlled by a number of environmental factors, many of which are currently undergoing substantial changes due to anthropogenic influences. In this scenario, the ecological success of diatoms depends on their resilience and their capacity to respond and maintain themselves in a state of survival under unfavorable conditions. Despite significant progress in the investigation of specific metabolic pathways in diatoms, still little is known about the metabolic events during their exposure to environmental stress conditions. Besides abiotic parameters, biotic factors such as infections by parasites have also been shown to play key roles in the physiological performance of diatoms. In particular the underlying mechanisms by which diatoms perceive and transduce biological signals to activate targeted defense responses are completely unknown. In this Special Issue, we want to explore all topics in relation to environmental stress acclimatization and adaptation of marine diatoms. This issue will cover numerous aspects ranging from biosynthesis and metabolite diversity to potential applications in pharmaceutical industry and aquaculture.





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