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Research on Biotoxins Based on Model Organisms

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Systems-level approaches lie at the forefront of toxicology, including our understanding of biotoxins. Such approaches are driven by the integration of classical toxicological techniques with state-of-the-art technologies in relation to the increasing complexity from biochemical, molecular, and cellular to organismal, and even population, levels. It has been specifically enabled by the availability of an ever-growing number of model organisms as toxicological systems. They are able to effectively target both relevant levels of toxicity and in the context of naturally occurring biotoxins potentially provide direct relevance to plant and animal health and ecosystems.

This SI invites both reviews and original research contributions related to the topic of model organisms, and the application of toxicological methodologies to these systems, toward the advancement of our understanding of biotoxins from microbes, plants, and animals in relation to

- their targets, mechanisms, and modes of action;
- their fate including uptake, bioavailability, and metabolism;
- their larger relevance in areas of both human and animal health, as well as agriculture and ecotoxicology.



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