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Carbonate Biomineralization, Environmental, and Diagenetic Significance

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Dear Colleagues,

Carbonate deposits usuallv originate from biomineralization and are frequently used in geochemistry assess the composition of past seawater environmental conditions. Therefore, understanding biomineralization and its diagenetic alterations is of prime interest for recording the world's history. Clearly, knowledge of biomineralization is crucial for the reconstruction of past environmental conditions and for the investigation on fossil records. Numerous new methods and apparatus have been developed in the last few years to investigate biominerals, i.e., their ultrastructures and composition. The importance of organic phases in now demonstrated, and the composite organization and the complex diagenetic evolution of biologically controlled mineralizations should be taken into account when environmental studies are performed. This Special Issue is dedicated to new insights into both calcium carbonate biomineralizations and their use geochemical as signatures.











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