



## Genetic Diversity of Medicinal and Aromatic Crop

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The introduction into cultivation and the selection and/or breeding of high-value cultivars have an adverse effect on the genetic diversity of the cultivated species. Likewise, collection from wild populations also reduces the species' genetic polymorphism. Furthermore, the accelerated change of climate and environmental factors also does not favor the slow process of adaptation, which again results in the loss of the species' genetic potential. For these reasons, assessing the genetic diversity of medicinal and aromatic plants is a continuous. Knowledge of the available genetic polymorphism might aid in the breeding or the conservation and protection of endangered species. One can choose from a wide range of molecular markers for studying genetic diversity, starting from random, not sequence-specific markers to more specific markers such as microsatellites to the most state-of-the-art SNP markers. In this SI, our aim is to collect the most recent results of studies on the genetic diversity of both cultivated and collected medicinal and aromatic plant species. We welcome submissions in the form of original papers on the recent advances of genetic studies of the field.





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