



Challenges and Opportunities in Antibiotic Biosynthesis and Development

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Despite the available arsenal of drugs used to combat bacterial and fungal infections, these infectious diseases still constitute a leading cause of death. Several factors contribute to this scenario such as the spread of antimicrobials resistance, the rise in the number of immunocompromised and vulnerable patients, or the extended survival of patients in critical condition. Therefore, there is an urgent need for novel antimicrobials. In this context, natural products remain an invaluable source of lead compounds.

This Special Issue welcomes both research and review papers in the most recent and innovative developments of antimicrobial biosynthesis. We hope the Special Issue can further encourage and promote the scientific contributions of the researchers in this field.

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Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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