



Antimicrobial Activity of Natural Products and Plants

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Multidrug resistance has become a huge challenge for healthcare worldwide, and remains one of the leading causes of human mortality over the past few years. Bacteria, fungi, parasites, and viruses have consecutively been developing numerous resistant mechanisms against current antibiotics, hampering the success of anti-infectious therapies, and thus leading to severe consequences for patients' health. In addition, the use of synthetic chemicals to control microorganisms is still limited due to their carcinogenic effects, acute toxicity, and environmental hazards. Hence, there is an urgent demand for new antibiotics from the scientific community to address multidrug resistance. Therapeutic agents from herbal medicines have long emerged as a potential natural source for treating infectious diseases. Today, many of these compounds have not only been rediscovered, but are also the subject of new applications, and have been discovered for new antifungal or antiviral properties.

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