



Antimicrobial Substances in Plants: Discovery of New Compounds, Properties, Food and Agriculture Applications, and Sustainable Recovery

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Plants are a valuable source of different bioactive compounds exhibiting antimicrobial activity. These substances usually play a role as a defense factor against different microorganisms and predators, as well as acting as growth regulators. Taking into account the increased interest in natural antimicrobials, plant metabolites seem to be an important alternative for chemical pesticides in plant protection, as well as for preservatives in food or food packaging. Therefore, research on the discovery of new substances and their antimicrobial activity against bacteria and toxigenic fungi occurring in food and food processing, as well as those responsible for plant infections during their growth, will expand our knowledge about plant metabolites. Considering that the majority of research concerns planktonic cells, the activity of plant antimicrobials should be equally important in relation to biofilms formed by pathogenic and spoilage microorganisms.

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