



## Advance in Breeding and Cultivation of Medicinal Plants

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### Message from the Guest Editors

As the world population is growing, so is the demand for medicinal plants. Most medicinal plants are still wild-sourced, and thus the cultivation of medicinal plants is of significant importance to relieve pressure from wild populations, which are decreasing due to habitat loss, overharvesting and climate change. Domestication and breeding of medicinal plants play a vital role in ensuring industry has high-yielding genotypes with high content of certain secondary metabolites for cultivation. As the first step of the breeding characterisation of available genetic resources takes place, it is followed by traditional biotechnology and molecular biology methods to create new varieties. Once the superior genotypes are selected, cultivation techniques need to be developed. Both environmental conditions and applied agrotechnologies affect yield and quality, and a rise in the demand for organic and pesticide residue-free medicinal herbs adds to the challenges faced by agronomists. We welcome papers discussing the characterisation of wild accessions, breeding, propagation and cultivation of medicinal plants.





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