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Analysis of Marine Natural Products Using Hyphenated Techniques

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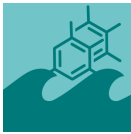
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Hyphenated techniques in the context of natural product chemistry refer to the coupling of a chromatographic and a spectral/spectroscopic technique for the analysis of extracts or complex mixtures of natural compounds. Recent advances in this field, mainly associated with the development of ultra-fast HPLC separation equipment and last generation mass spectrometry and NMR instruments have remarkably widened the use of these techniques in the marine natural products field. Chemical dereplication, chemotaxonomic studies, chemical finger-printing, metabolomic studies, molecular networking, microbial community interactions, biosynthetic pathways, partial identification of compounds, and isolation of bioactive natural products constitute specific examples of tasks that can be successfully accomplished using these techniques and platforms. This Special Issue is intended as a comprehensive recompilation of articles that cover the application of hyphenated techniques and their associated platforms in all the aspects referred to above, in the context of marine research, with a special focus on applications related to the discovery of new marine bioactive compounds.



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