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Marine Biopolymers and Their Applications in Drug Delivery

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Marine biopolymers, including polysaccharides and proteins isolated from algae, marine invertebrates and fish, have been employed over the last few decades for the development of new drug delivery systems and devices for biomedical applications.

Variability, sustainability, biocompatibility and biodegradability, along with the inherent biological activities they possess, are considered to be the strong advantages that these biopolymers offer. The presence of multiple reactive groups enables the structural modification of the biopolymers, which confers advantageous features for tailor-made applications.

This Special Issue of *Marine Drugs* will accept original research articles and reviews that present the most significant advancements in this field.

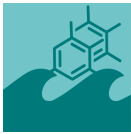
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