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# Pharmacological Activity and Biomedical Potential of Marine Antitumor Agents

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## **Message from the Guest Editors**

Marine flora and fauna, including bacteria, cyanobacteria, fungi, microalgae, algae, sponges, coelenterates, mollusks, echinoderms, and tunicates (ascidians), are extremely important ocean resources, accounting for over 90% of ocean biomass. These marine organisms also represent a rich source of diverse natural products with the potential to reveal new mechanisms of cell signaling and inspire anticancer drug development. Through collaborative and interdisciplinary approaches, several chemical structures of marine origin have progressed from discovery and structure elucidation to validation and final approval for use as therapeutic agents. In this Special Issue, entitled "Pharmacological Activity and Biomedical Potential of Marine Antitumor Agents", we will provide researchers with a platform for publishing basic chemical, pharmacological, and biomedical research relevant to the study of primary tumors or metastatic disease. We welcome contributions from scientists around the world with an emphasis on preclinical evaluation of new and known compounds.













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