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Identification and Characterization of Marine Natural Compounds Targeting Nuclear, Ionotropic, or Metabotropic Receptors

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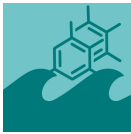
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Marine natural products are an invaluable source of new leads in drug discovery due to their highly diverse molecular scaffolds and functional groups. So far, many natural bioactive compounds have been identified as modulators of nuclear receptors, including PPARs, RARs and RXRs, transmembrane receptors, such as GPCRs and those belonging to the TRP receptor-channel family. All these receptor classes represent relevant pharmacological targets for the treatment of a wide range of physio-pathological processes, including pain, inflammation, cancer, metabolic and neurological diseases. In this context, for this Special Issue, we aim to collect original research and review articles focused on the discovery of marine compounds active on these targets that are potentially useful for the treatment of the related pathologies. In vivo studies using vertebrate and/or invertebrate model organisms would be particularly appreciated.



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