



The Role of Bile Acids in Metabolic Control

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Bile acids are evolutionally conserved molecules synthesized from cholesterol in the liver. They facilitate digestion and absorption of lipids and lipid-soluble vitamins in the intestines and have shown to exhibit endocrine and paracrine roles. Consequently, bile acids have a considerable influence on the metabolic control and life expectancy in humans.

This Special Issue refreshes and enlarges the topics of the previous bile acid- and steroid-focused Special Issues and aims at demonstrating and compiling the versatile and wide physiological activities of bile acids and their derivatives. For this Special Issue we seek manuscripts concentrating especially on the metabolic and/or hormonal influences of bile acids and their derivatives. Papers relating to pro- or anti-viral, -bacterial, and -fungal studies of bile acids or their derivatives as well as papers concerning bile acid-derived prodrugs, drug delivery or drug release systems, pharmaceutical and biomedical biomaterials are welcome as well. All scientists working in these areas of research are cordially invited to send their manuscripts for the peer review handling of this Special Issue of the journal *Molecules*!





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