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# **Natural Products Acting as Insecticides or Herbicides**

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Natural products are chemical compounds or substances originating from living organisms. Secondary metabolites, both from plants and animals, play a pivotal role in biological and environmental interactions between organisms and ecosystesms. In recent years, there has been a major scientific breakthrough involving the exploration, characterization, and elucidation of the mechanisms of action of natural substances, in order to obtain new compounds with biological activity for use in agriculture. Moreover, growing concern about human and environment health had led to the development of natural methods for controlling agricultural pests. Because of nonphytotoxicity, sistemicity, easy biodegradability, and the stimulatory nature of the host's metabolism, plant secondary metabolites possess the potential to be used in pest management. This Special Issue aims to collect and disseminate some of the most significant and recent contributions in the interdisciplinary field of natural products acting as insecticides or herbicides.













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