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# Natural Compounds as Potential Antimalarial Agents, 2020

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Natural product scaffolds underpin many effective antimalarial cures, including quinine, lapachol and artemisinin. Natural products provide for an excellent source of lead compounds for many diseases and have been used in traditional ethnopharmacological practices for millennia

A systematic enquiry into the vast, hitherto untapped, ethnopharmacological knowledge of many endemic regions, could provide vital, novel leads to add to the diminishing repertoire of effective antimalarials. This current Special Issue is intended to initiate a discussion on ways and means to harness this powerful resource through a systematic evaluation of natural product-based antimalarial leads in conjunction with the already available rich ethnopharmacological patient-based data from endemic regions, so as to identify scaffolds that are most likely to yield effective outcomes.













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