



Bioprospecting of Natural Products from Medicinal Plants

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For centuries, nature has been used as a source of medicines to treat numerous diseases. Easy access to these plants makes them an excellent source of bioactive molecules for the development of new drugs, leading to a high diversity of plant-derived compounds used in the pharmaceutical industry. For example, paclitaxel (Taxol[®]) and vinblastine (Velban[®]), derived from *Taxus brevifolia* Nutt. and *Catharanthus roseus* L., respectively, are used for cancer treatment; *Physostigma venenosum* Balf. and *Galanthus caucasicus* L. naturally produce the active principle of the commercial drugs physostigmine (Exelon[®]) and galantamine (Nivalin[®]), respectively, which are used for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease. Considering the high interest in plant-derived products, this Special Issue will contribute to expanding the knowledge on the natural products derived from medicinal plants with diverse biotechnological applications (e.g., pharmaceutical, cosmetic, food, health supplementation, and food additives).





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