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Plant Derivatives and Their Pharmaceutical Potential

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Message from the Guest Editor

In the pharmaceutical domain, plant-derived chemicals, extracts and their derivatives are bioactive compounds with medicinal activity. Drug discovery/development from plants can follow either a targeted approach or a traditional use/folklore approach. The latter refers to plants used for eons by a community, where the use has been passed down from generation to generation. Plant-derived medications are the preferred choice for many cultures due to their long history of clinical use, better patient tolerance and acceptance because of their natural origin.

A targeted approach involves screening plants that contain specific groups of compounds for biological activity. Phytochemical compounds include phenylpropanoids, alkaloids, quinones, terpenoids and steroids. Plants consist of a mixture of both primary and secondary metabolites, many of which have been demonstrated to exhibit anticancer, antiviral, antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory activities, among other types.

This Special Issue will focus on plant derivatives (phytochemicals) and their associated, proven medicinal activity, supported by mechanism of action/s of the isolated compound/s.













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