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Recent advances in science have clarified the role of specialized plant metabolites (classically known as secondary plant metabolites), which cannot be considered only bioactive molecules used for human health but also pivotal factors for the global ecosystem, plant life, evolution, and mutualism. The plant kingdom synthesizes thousands of specialized, bioactive natural products of medicinal value for drug development and plants are unique sources for pharmaceuticals, food additives, flavors, and supplements. The commercial importance of these specialized natural products has resulted in a great interest in their production and in exploring the possibilities of enhancing their production.

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