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## Drug Development Using Natural Toxins

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Natural toxins are poisonous substances produced by bacteria, insects, animals, or plants. They cause pain, disease, and even death to victims, but they also provide humans with a rich resource for new drugs for a variety of targets, from pain to lethal diseases.

Toxins have long been used to treat diseases globally, but they have not been studied enough as a drug candidate. Bee venom, one of the most widely used toxins used for therapeutic purposes, still applies to efficacy and safety as a remedy for many diseases. It is at the beginning stage of drug development studies, with other poisons such as those from snake, scorpion, and toad venoms. Toxic medicinal plants, which have been used in traditional medicine for a long time, are highly valuable in drug development as well as in treating various diseases.

This Special Issue aims to provide a comprehensive view of natural toxins having therapeutic potential. We hope that researchers will share their valuable studies using natural toxins for drug development.



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