

Special Issue

Secondary Metabolites and Metabolism

Message from the Guest Editor

Secondary metabolites play fundamental role in chemical ecology, and humanity have long learned to exploit their properties to fight diseases, produce dyes for painting and food colouring as well as essential ingredients for cosmetics, fragrances and food flavouring. Despite the enormous economic importance of secondary metabolites to our society, there are still numerous secondary metabolites yet to be discovered and chemically characterised. In addition, our current knowledge on secondary metabolism and its regulation is still very limited. Therefore, this special issue of *Metabolites* will be dedicated for publishing current advances on the discovery and characterisation of novel secondary metabolites, elucidation of metabolic pathways for biosynthesis of secondary metabolites any other aspect of the secondary metabolism in different organisms. Dr. Silas G. Villas-Boas

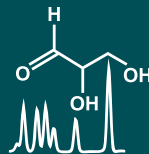
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The metabolome is the result of the combined effects of genetic and environmental influences on metabolic processes. Metabolomic studies can provide a global view of metabolism and thereby improve our understanding of the underlying biology. Advances in metabolomic technologies have shown utility for elucidating mechanisms which underlie fundamental biological processes including disease pathology. *Metabolites* is proud to be part of the development of metabolomics and we look forward to working with many of you to publish high quality metabolomic studies.

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