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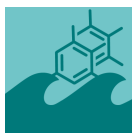
The extreme environmental conditions found in the sea (e.g., low temperature, high pressure, reduced light, and the presence of predators) have led marine organisms to develop machinery translated in a diversity of compounds superior to those found in land-based systems. Nevertheless, the marine environment is still considered a rich underexploited source of compounds.

Alkaloids are among the most challenging compounds found in nature, because of the diversity of structural scaffolds arising from distinct amino acids, but also because of their biological effects. These basic nitrogen-bearing secondary metabolites are among the most active molecules, and it is not unusual to find them in various phases of human clinical trials for the treatment of different conditions. This Special Issue will address the advances in the chemistry, distribution, and application of alkaloids from marine organisms, covering well-characterized extracts to isolated compounds, the optimization of processes for the preparation of analogues using medicinal chemistry strategies, bioavailability, mechanisms of action, and toxicological features, to provide recent developments in marine alkaloids.



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