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Marine Biotoxins

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Marine environments are known to contain microorganisms such as bacteria, cyanobacteria, dinoflagellates, diatoms, and fungi. When environmental conditions are favorable for their massive proliferation, these unicellular microorganisms may manifest their potential toxicity by producing marine biotoxins and contaminating invertebrate and vertebrate marine organisms through the food web.

This special issue of Marine Drugs is open to original research articles and reviews dealing with marine biotoxins and the following subjects: 1. Identification of new and emergent marine biotoxins. 2. Marine biotoxins from identified bacteria, cyanobacteria, fungi, dinoflagellates, and diatoms. 3. Characterization of new biotoxin chemical structures. 4. Biosynthetic pathways involved in biotoxin production. 5. Cellular and molecular signaling pathways implicated in marine biotoxin action. 6. Pharmacology and structure–activity relationship. 7. Bio-distribution, metabolism, acute and chronic toxicity in animal models. 8. Molecular modeling of marine biotoxins with their putative receptors. 9. Potential therapeutic uses of marine biotoxins.



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