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Natural product chemistry, Chemical biology, Medicinal chemistry

Academic Career

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Selected Publications

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In-house chemical library; reagents for highly-sensitive advanced Marfey's method to detect amino acids and short peptide fragments as biomarkers; target identification of bioactive molecules