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Professor Dr. Vatcharin Rukachaisirikul received a Bachelor of Science degree (B.Sc.) (1st Class Honors) from Prince of Songkla University and a Master of Science degree (M.Sc.) from Mahidol University. She obtained her Ph.D. degree from Australian National University, Australia, under the supervision of Prof. R.W. Rickards. She was an Alexander von Humboldt fellow with Prof. R.W. Hoffmann at Philips University, Germany, and a visiting fellow at the Nagoya University, Japan, with Prof. M. Isobe. She joined the Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science, Prince of Songkla University since 1981. She has been interested in searching for antimicrobial substances against human pathogens with emphasis on antibacterial secondary metabolites against methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) from *Garcinia* plants and fungi from various sources. Her recent research interests focus on fungal secondary metabolites for the treatment of drug-resistant bacterial and noncommunicable diseases. She received national recognitions including National Outstanding Research Awards, the Toray Science and Technology Award, NSTDA Chair Professor Grant and TRF Senior Research Scholars.