

Special Issue

Discovery of Novel Antimicrobial Peptides Using Machine Learning and Molecular Dynamic Simulations

Message from the Guest Editors

Antimicrobial peptides are a class of small molecules composed of peptides with antimicrobial activity, possessing unique mechanisms against various pathogens, and are considered one of the important directions in future antimicrobial drug research. Through data-driven machine learning methods, researchers can utilize large-scale biological data for pattern recognition and prediction, thereby accelerating the process of discovering antimicrobial peptides. Additionally, molecular dynamics simulation techniques can simulate the interactions between antimicrobial peptides and target molecules, revealing their structural and functional features at the molecular level and providing crucial insights for designing antimicrobial peptides with enhanced selectivity and efficacy. This Special Issue aims to explore the acceleration of the discovery of novel antimicrobial peptides and their antimicrobial mechanism research using machine learning and molecular dynamics simulation.

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