



## Delivery of Gaseous Signal Molecules

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Gaseous signal molecules such as nitric oxide (NO), carbon monoxide (CO), hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) and other gaseous molecules are produced in almost all tissues in the body and exert regulatory functions in various physiological and pathological processes. These gases share several challenging characteristics such as high volatility, rapid diffusion, short half-lives under physiological conditions as well as complex dose-dependent biological activities. Therefore, there is a need to develop gas delivery systems that enable to deliver controlled amount of gaseous signal molecules for a specific period of time to target cells and tissues.

This Special Issue welcomes original research papers and reviews focusing on gas delivery technologies, such as small gas donor compounds, biomaterials and medical devices, to expand our understanding of biological roles of gaseous signal molecules as well as to explore their therapeutic potential, which will lead to innovative approaches for the prevention and treatment of a wide variety of diseases.





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