

Special Issue

Research on Biological Characteristics of Macromolecular Crystals

Message from the Guest Editors

With increasing demands for faster and more effective drug development, structure-based drug design (SBDD) has gained increasing attention. By investigating macromolecular crystals, particularly protein and nucleic acid crystals, researchers can uncover the precise three-dimensional arrangements of these macromolecules, which allows for the identification of potential binding sites that are critical for their biological function and the design of molecules that can specifically interact with these sites to modulate their activity. This Special Issue aims to present an update on the advancements and emerging trends in the biological characteristics of macromolecular crystals, including drug target identification, post-translational modifications, synthetic biology and artificial macromolecules, computational structural biology, etc.

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- biological functions of macromolecules
- drug target identification
- computational structural biology
- high-resolution microscopy
- synthetic macromolecules

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