# Special Issue

# Targeting Cellular Key Points in Drug Discovery

## Message from the Guest Editors

It is well known that unhealthy lifestyles contribute worldwide to increasing the risk of non-communicable diseases. Indeed, despite the numerous efforts of the research, the incidence of infectious, cardiovascular and cancer diseases, etc. are constantly growing. The current drugs used in therapies suffer some limitations. such as their numerous side effects due to the low specificity, their non-optimal pharmacokinetic profiles, as well as the onset of resistance phenomena. Considering this scenario, the development of new synthetic and natural molecules with improved pharmaceutical and pharmacokinetic profiles, as well as with the ability to interfere with specific targets involved in the development and progression of the main noncommunicable diseases, is urgently needed. This Special Issue highlights the importance of some library of compounds or natural extracts able to interfere with significant targets of pharmaceutical interest. Therefore, it is our great pleasure to invite you to submit a manuscript for this Special Issue.

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