

## Special Issue

# Protein–Ligand Interactions: Target Identification and Drug Discovery

### Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue focuses on recent studies aiming to investigate protein–ligand interactions with a special aim to elucidate the molecular mode of action and the target proteins of specific drugs as well as natural compounds. Certainly, the interaction with a drug may affect both protein conformation and biological activity, but, for many bioactive compounds, there is a lack of knowledge of their specific molecular targets, their effects on protein structure, and how they can modulate different cellular pathways and functions. Studies providing such information will be welcome; they will help to elucidate the molecular basis for many drug activities and the development of new drugs.

---

### Guest Editor

Prof. Dr. Fabio Altieri

Department of Biochemical Sciences “A. RossiFanelli”, La Sapienza University, 00185 Rome, Italy

---

### Deadline for manuscript submissions

closed (31 December 2020)



## Biomedicines

---

an Open Access Journal  
by MDPI

---

Impact Factor 3.9  
CiteScore 6.8  
Indexed in PubMed



[mdpi.com/si/42597](https://mdpi.com/si/42597)

*Biomedicines*  
Editorial Office  
MDPI, Grosspeteranlage 5  
4052 Basel, Switzerland  
Tel: +41 61 683 77 34  
[biomedicines@mdpi.com](mailto:biomedicines@mdpi.com)

[mdpi.com/journal/  
biomedicines](https://mdpi.com/journal/biomedicines)





# Biomedicines

---

an Open Access Journal  
by MDPI

---

Impact Factor 3.9  
CiteScore 6.8  
Indexed in PubMed



[mdpi.com/journal/  
biomedicines](https://mdpi.com/journal/biomedicines)



## About the Journal

### Message from the Editor-in-Chief

*Biomedicines* (ISSN 2227-9059) is an open access journal devoted to all aspects of research on human health and disease, the discovery and characterization of new therapeutic targets, therapeutic strategies, and research of naturally driven biomedicines, pharmaceuticals, and biopharmaceutical products. Topics include pathogenesis mechanisms of diseases, translational medical research, biomaterial in biomedical research, natural bioactive molecules, biologics, vaccines, gene therapies, cell-based therapies, targeted specific antibodies, recombinant therapeutic proteins, nanobiotechnology driven products, targeted therapy, bioimaging, biosensors, biomarkers, and biosimilars. The journal is open for publication of studies conducted at the basic science and preclinical research levels. We invite you to consider submitting your work to *Biomedicines*, be it original research, review articles, or developing Special Issues of current key topics.

---

### Editor-in-Chief

Prof. Dr. Felipe Fregni

1. Neuromodulation Center and Center for Clinical Research Learning, Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA 02114, USA
2. Department of Epidemiology, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Boston, MA 02115, USA

---

### Author Benefits

#### High Visibility:

indexed within Scopus, SCIE (Web of Science), PubMed, PMC, CAPLus / SciFinder, and other databases.

#### Journal Rank:

JCR - Q1 (Pharmacology and Pharmacy) / CiteScore - Q1 (Medicine (miscellaneous))

#### Rapid Publication:

manuscripts are peer-reviewed and a first decision is provided to authors approximately 17 days after submission; acceptance to publication is undertaken in 2.9 days (median values for papers published in this journal in the first half of 2025).