

## Special Issue

# Mitochondria and Cancer: From Hidden Culprits to Healing Targets

### Message from the Guest Editors

Mitochondria are essential organelles that serve as central regulators of apoptosis, redox homeostasis, cellular metabolism, and innate immune responses—all processes deeply deregulated in cancer. Over the past decade, an expanding body of evidence has elucidated the critical contributions of mitochondrial dysfunction and metabolic reprogramming to tumor initiation, progression, metastasis, and resistance to therapy. We welcome contributions that dissect mitochondrial DNA mutations, metabolic reprogramming, mitochondrial dynamics (fission/fusion), mitophagy, and ROS production and their impact on tumor behavior and immune evasion. Furthermore, preclinical and clinical studies focusing on mitochondria-targeting strategies, including metabolic compounds, pro-apoptotic agents, and mitochondrial transfer, are strongly encouraged. By bringing together basic, translational, and clinical research, this Special Issue aims to provide a comprehensive overview of mitochondrial alterations, highlighting their role both as key drivers of cancer progression and as promising targets for innovative therapeutic intervention.

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