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Cell-Penetrating Peptides (CPPs) in Cancer: From Molecular Mechanisms to Applications in Diagnostic and Therapeutic Opportunities

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Cell-penetrating peptides (CPPs), also known as protein transduction domains (PTDs), are generally short peptides that have been widely studied. Since the first CPP was discovered ~30 years ago, several novel mechanisms and applications of CPPs have been reported.

Given that synthetic and natural CPPs can deliver several types of bioactive cargo, including proteins, peptides, DNA/RNA and chemotherapeutic and imaging agents, into cells, CPPs have been used in preclinical and clinical research. It is evident that CPPs have gained significant attention over the last decade, and they have great potential to develop the next-generation approaches to fight against cancer.

As such, we welcome original research articles, reviews, and perspectives focusing on recent advances in cancer research with CPPs. Manuscripts describing solely bioinformatics or in silico computational analysis which are not accompanied by biological validation are out-ofscope for this topic. We are looking for contributions which primarily focus on CPPs for various types of cancer, including rare diseases.







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