Special Issue

The Symphony of Nature—the Precision of Life's Regulation

Message from the Guest Editors

Life operates as a finely tuned symphony, where proteins and nucleic acids interact in precise and dynamic ways to regulate essential biological functions. The structural intricacies of these biomolecules govern their roles, enabling cells to respond to environmental cues, coordinate biochemical pathways, and maintain homeostasis. Despite significant progress in understanding these mechanisms, many fundamental questions remain unanswered.

In this Special Issue, The Symphony of Nature—The Precision of Life's Regulation, we aim to explore the structural and mechanistic principles underlying life's regulatory processes. We welcome research and review articles focusing on diverse aspects of molecular regulation, including protein folding and misfolding, allosteric control, enzymatic catalysis, phase separation, and signaling networks. Special emphasis will be given to key molecular systems such as kinases, transporters, G protein-coupled receptors (GPCRs), DNA and RNA polymerases, ribozymes, and ATP synthase, each of which relies on precisely coordinated structural changes to function effectively.

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