

## Special Issue

# Cell-Penetrating Peptides: From Basic Research to Application in Human Therapies

### Message from the Guest Editors

Cell-penetrating peptides (CPPs) are defined as peptides usually containing less than 30 residues and characterized by a cationic and amphipathic character, which show a remarkable capability to penetrate membranes' lipid bilayer. These peculiar features confer to these molecules the ability to be internalized within prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells without damaging or killing them. As so far, this field is still rich with opportunities and open to ideas and applications yet to be uncovered by researchers with different backgrounds.

The aim of this Special Issue of *Cells* is to provide a panorama on the recent findings regarding the functional, structural characterization of new CPPs both from natural and rationale design sources, the use of CPPs entailing unusual or non-natural amino acids or with peculiar structures (e.g., cyclic peptides), the application of CPPs in targeted drug delivery and imaging, and mechanisms underlying internalization.

For these reasons, we warmly invite expert scientists with their original unpublished new findings and reviews to contribute to this topic.

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