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Optimizing New Therapeutic Targets for the Treatment of Chronic Pain

Message from the Guest Editors

This special issue of the International Journal of Molecular Sciences addresses the latest work to advance our understanding about how pain may become chronic, as well as emerging non-addictive alternative therapies for the treatment of chronic pain. Areas of focus include pain relevant proteins/RNA with the potential to be modulated by drugs or small molecules, cellular and molecular strategies to optimize the properties of existing medications, and lastly, the development of new pain treatments based on innovative circuit integration of pain behaviors. We welcome both original research articles and review articles by experts in the field. A better understanding of the fundamental biological processes underlying pain will aid in the development of new treatment platforms for this debilitating disease, as well as provide insight into the basic cellular and molecular mechanisms underlying behavioral responses to pain.

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