# **Special Issue**

# Advances in Drug Discovery: Emerging Radiotracers and Small Molecule Inhibitors for Cancer and Neurological Disorders

# Message from the Guest Editor

The convergence of radiochemistry and medicinal chemistry is a paradigm-shifting frontier in drug discovery wherein the molecular design capabilities of medicinal chemists and the advanced isotopic labeling capabilities of radiochemists are merged. Medicinal chemistry provides the foundation for designing biologically active molecules with specificity, and radiochemistry enables the incorporation of radioactive isotopes required for diagnostic radiotracers and therapeutics.

This Special Issue aims to present recent developments in drug discovery and novel strategies at the intersection of medicinal chemistry, and radiochemistry, focusing on radiotracers and cytotoxic agents for oncological and neurological diseases. We welcome original research articles and review papers consolidating basic and translational studies on these therapeutic and diagnostic modalities, including but not limited to the following:

Discovery and development of anticancer and neurological disease-targeted agents;

Design, synthesis and evaluation of novel radiotracers for diagnostics and therapy;

Mechanistic research delineating molecular mechanisms for target therapy and imaging;

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