

Special Issue

Aptamers-Based Biosensing, Diagnostics and Treatment

Message from the Guest Editors

Aptamers are single-stranded structured oligonucleotides (DNA or RNA). Due to their numerous merits, such as high affinity, high specificity, small size, little immunogenicity, stable structures, and ease of chemical modification, aptamers have now been identified as excellent tools for cancer diagnosis and therapy. Furthermore, aptamers can gain more flexibility as cancer targeting tools when conjugated to nanomaterials. On the other hand, the practical applications still require the discovery of high-performance aptamers, modified SELEX techniques with high selection efficiency, and more novel and effective strategies to design aptamer-based probes. Therefore, we would like to organize a Special Issue of *Life* to introduce the latest methods and advances in aptamer SELEX and aptamer-based probes for cancer diagnostics and treatment. Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- Aptamer SELEX;
- Aptamer targeted drug delivery;
- Aptamer-based imaging probes;
- Aptamer for cancer therapy;
- Aptamer-based detection of circulating targets;
- Aptamer modification for cancer diagnosis and therapy;
- Aptasensors.

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