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Paramagnetic MRI Contrast Agents Based on the Use of Lanthanides and Transition Metals Complexes: From Small Molecules to Supramolecular Systems

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Magnetic resonance imaging plays a key role in the field of in vivo diagnostic imaging because of its high spatial resolution, the possibility to visualize deep tissues, and the absence of invasiveness. The use of metal-based contrast agents, mainly gadolinium-based contrast agents (GBCAs), allows enhancing the clinical information attainable by MRI scans; thus, macrocyclic and linear GBCAs are widely employed in clinical MRI scans. The main aim of this Special Issue is to investigate the magnetic properties of metal-based MRI contrast agents, by highlighting the relationship between their chemical structure and the biological behavior. **Keywords**

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