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# **Recent Advances on MRI Contrast Agents**

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#### Message from the Guest Editors

Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) is one of the most important clinical imaging modalities. A large percentage of MRI exams use a gadolinium containing contrast agent to enhance image contrast. The spectacular success of Gdbased contrast media prompted and invigorated the research on various lanthanide chelates for MR applications. Numerous Ln-containing complexes have been reported with a wide range of potential applications, such as smart/responsive, chemical exchange saturation transfer (CEST), high field, angiography, and multimodal imaging.

This Special Issue of *Molecules* intends to include original research papers, technical reports, and reviews on all aspects of MRI contrast agent development. Manuscript submissions are invited on research areas including but not limited to novel lanthanide-based (e.g., Gd<sup>3+</sup>, Yb<sup>3+</sup>, Eu<sup>2+</sup>, etc.) contrast agents with improved kinetic properties, responsive agents, *T*<sub>1</sub> shortening and paraCEST agents, transition metal containing agents that can produce contrast via *T*<sub>1</sub>, and/or *T*<sub>2</sub> shortening or paraCEST mechanism) and metal-free agents (such as <sup>19</sup>F-based MRI agents, organic free radicals, and hyperpolarized probes).









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