

Special Issue

Molecular Approaches to Drug Discovery and Development

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The editorial board of *Molecules* (IF: 4.6, ISSN 1420-3049) invites you to submit an article or review to a Special Issue entitled "Molecular Approaches to Drug Discovery and Development". This Special Issue will collect the contributions of various types of molecular approaches to drug discovery and development, i.e., the synthesis of potential bioactive molecules and drugs and drug derivatives, including targeted drugs and synthetic novel-type drug delivery systems (DDS). The following categories will form part of this Special Issue: liquid- and solid-phase synthesis methods for the development of bioactive molecules and drugs of any type (small molecules, macromolecules, peptides and their derivatives); methods used to extend drugs' self-lives (e.g., lipidation, pegylation, chemical/structural modifications, cyclization, etc.); methods used to enhance targeting ability; the development of targeted drug delivery systems; synthetic approaches to the latest oligonucleotide-mediated gene silencing concept. Molecular mechanisms of innovating synthetic approaches/problem solving also form part of this Special Issue.

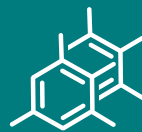
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