

Special Issue

Design, Synthesis, and Theoretical Studies of Enzyme Inhibitors

Message from the Guest Editors

The synthesis and evaluation of enzyme inhibitors contribute to the development of therapeutic agents for disease treatment and the production of environmentally safer pesticides, thereby offering significant benefits for both human health and sustainability. The development of enzyme inhibitors requires overcoming challenges of specificity, stability, and bioavailability, necessitating detailed structural analyses and advanced computational modeling to optimize selective binding to disease-associated enzymes. This Special Issue invites high-quality original research and comprehensive reviews on enzyme–inhibitor interactions, with emphasis on synthesis, biological evaluation, molecular modeling, and structure–activity relationship studies that advance innovative strategies in enzyme inhibition. Potential topics include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Innovative strategies in enzyme inhibitor design;
- Computational approaches to enzyme inhibitor discovery;
- In silico strategies for drug design;
- Molecular docking in therapeutic innovation;
- Specific enzyme inhibitors;
- Advancing therapeutics from molecules to medicine;
- Drug discovery and development.

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