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Novel Antinociceptive Agent against Persistent Pain

Message from the Guest Editor

Effective pain therapy is one of society's principal needs. Persistent and neuropathic pain represent a significant clinical problem and, as chronic conditions, can cause distress and seriously affect a patient's quality of life. This condition is often refractory to conventional therapy. Analgesics that are used to treat different persistent pain conditions are usually marked by the onset of several side-effects, and the great majority of patients obtain only partial relief. Therefore, the necessity of new analgesics is clear. Medicinal chemistry is continuously called to face the novel challenges that arise from the steady trickle of scientific breakthroughs to discover new, increasingly safe, and effective drugs. This Special Issue of *Molecules* welcomes previously unpublished manuscripts covering all aspects of pharmacology and chemistry of antinociceptive drugs, in particular the development of novel pain-relieving molecules which are active against different persistent pain conditions.

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