

# Special Issue

## Polyamine Drug Discovery

### Message from the Guest Editors

Naturally occurring polyamines as well as synthetic polyamines affect various biological pathways through either activation or inhibition of these pathways. This indicates that polyamine research has a great potential in drug discovery for the treatment of different diseases. Many notable findings in this field have been concerned with the identification of polyamine analogues as chemopreventive and antiproliferative agents, antiparasitic compounds, neuroprotectants, and neurotransmitter receptor agonists/antagonists. This Special Issue “Polyamines in Drug Discovery” welcomes the submission of review and research articles related to the design, synthesis, and pharmacological characterization of new polyamine-based molecules that could underlie innovative approaches in drug development, for example, by targeting polyamine metabolism and transport or by acting as epigenetic modulators.

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