# **Special Issue**

# Targeting the NLRP3: From Novel Inhibitor Design to Clinic Trials and Therapeutic Applications

# Message from the Guest Editors

The NLRP3 inflammasome is a multiprotein complex that plays a critical role in mediating immune responses and maintaining homeostasis in the presence of pathogenic threats and danger signals. Dysregulated activation of NLRP3 has been implicated in a wide range of pathophysiological conditions, including metabolic disorders (diabetes, obesity, gout), cardiovascular diseases (atherosclerosis), neurological disorders (Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis), and autoinflammatory syndromes (CAPS), as well as various cancers and chronic inflammatory diseases. These associations underscore its importance as a promising therapeutic target. The development of highly selective, direct NLRP3 inhibitors has emerged as a major focus in drug discovery.

This Special Issue will showcase papers highlighting the latest advances in the development of direct NLRP3 inhibitors, particularly those that have entered clinical trials, as well as their emerging therapeutic applications.

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