

## Special Issue

# Application of Computer Simulation in Drug Design

### Message from the Guest Editors

The growing power of computer simulations is reshaping the landscape of modern drug discovery. From early hit identification to lead optimization, *in silico* methods—including molecular docking, pharmacophore modeling, molecular dynamics simulations, and AI-driven algorithms—are becoming essential components in the development of novel small-molecule inhibitors (SMIs). This Special Issue aims to showcase recent advances and innovations in the application of computational simulations to drug design, with a particular emphasis on the rational discovery and optimization of SMIs. We encourage submissions of original research and comprehensive reviews exploring diverse computational techniques applied to various disease areas, including oncology, infectious diseases, and neurodegeneration. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, the following: virtual screening, structure-based drug design, molecular dynamics, AI/ML-assisted drug discovery, binding free-energy calculations, drug repurposing, and integrative strategies.

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