

Special Issue

Advances in Hydrazone Compounds with Anticancer Activity

Message from the Guest Editors

Hydrazones, characterized by their R-C=N-NH-R' linkage, are attracting widespread attention in medicinal chemistry as a promising class of anticancer agents. One important trend in this domain is the development of novel hydrazone derivatives with enhanced potency and selectivity, with structural modifications—such as the incorporation of heterocyclic rings, introduction of halogen atoms, and optimization of substituent groups, including methoxy, methyl, and amino groups—serving as strategies. Another means by which to increase activity is to include hydrazones as ligands in various metal complexes. The conjugation of hydrazones with nanoparticles is also being examined to ensure the precise targeting of the tumor while minimizing systemic toxicity and maximizing therapeutic concentration at target sites.

This Special Issue focuses on advances in the design, synthesis, and anticancer activity of novel hydrazones and their metal complexes. Authors are encouraged to contribute original research articles, reviews, and short communications examining hydrazones that selectively target specific cancer hallmarks, leading to improved efficacy and reduced off-target effects.

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