

Special Issue

Cancer Pain—from Novel Mechanisms to Clinical Management

Message from the Guest Editors

Cancer pain is a significant clinical challenge that greatly diminishes the quality of life for patients with advanced malignancies and complicates disease management. Conventional analgesics, such as NSAIDs and opioids, often provide inadequate relief and cause side effects, highlighting the need for new, mechanism-based therapies. This Special Issue, "Cancer Pain—From Novel Mechanisms to Clinical Management", seeks articles exploring innovative approaches to cancer pain management, from basic science to clinical applications. We welcome original research, reviews, and case studies in the following areas:

- Clinical Research: Emerging pharmaceutical interventions.
- Basic Science: New mechanisms and therapeutic targets in cancer pain.
- Reviews: Overviews of current and emerging therapies.

We aim to gather the latest research to improve the understanding and treatment of cancer pain. We look forward to your contributions.

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