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# Metal-Based Prodrugs and Nanoparticles in Cancer Therapy

### Message from the Guest Editors

Transition metal complexes have long been used to treat cancer but many concerns are responsible for the current stall in the field of metal anticancer drugs. Nowadays, one of the strategies is to convert them into inert prodrugs, so that they can travel to the tumour site unchanged and release the drug in its active form only there. Moreover, the development of novel nanodrug delivery systems have been attracting growing interests as allow to improve pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic properties and show more therapeutic efficacy and less potential toxicity. This Special Issue welcomes contributions dealing with synthetic methods for the realization of novel metalloprodrugs, nanosystems and/or metallodrug in nanoparticles; analysis of pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic properties of metal-based prodrugs, chemotherapeutics or metal drugs encapsulated in nanostructures; in vitro or in vivo evaluation of therapeutic properties of metal-based prodrugs, nanoparticles and nanostructured materials functionalized with therapeutic metal complexes; Use of metal-pro drugs or/and nanoparticles in diagnosis, medical imaging, therapy and theranostics as well.

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