# **Special Issue**

# Application of Peptide-Drug-Conjugates in the Treatment of Cancer and Microbial Infections

# Message from the Guest Editors

According to the World Health Organization (WHO). antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is one of the top ten global public health threats that humanity is facing, while in 2019 cancer disease became the leading cause of death in the industrialized countries. PDC therapeutics combine one or more small drug molecules conjugated, most often, to a cell-penetrating peptide (CPP) either directly or through a biodegradable linker. This integration of two bioactive elements into a single entity often provides novel functionalities and improved bioavailability to treat conditions where conventional drugs are ineffective. With this Special Issue we would like to provide readers with the latest developments and innovations in the design and synthesis of peptide-drug conjugates that are used to target various infectious diseases and cancers. Therefore, we are interested in articles related to new chemical and conjugation strategies for developing efficient antimicrobial and anticancer PDCs using in vitro models, in vivo trials and with possible application in the pharmaceutical industry.

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