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Membrane Transporters in Biomedicine and Drug Development

Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue of Pharmaceutics aims to cover the field of cellular membrane transporters in biomedical research, especially focusing on targeted and accidental drug effects, as well as the role of membrane transporters in the development of new pharmaceutical agents. Now it has become generally accepted that the transmembrane movement of most of the xenobiotics and pharmaceutical agents depends on the function of membrane transporters. Except drug-metabolizing enzymes, the in vivo ADME-tox parameters are crucially affected by the transporter-dependent entry or efflux of the clinically applied compounds. By a specific or nonspecific modulation of transporters may elicit, some unexpected major effects on tissue-dependent efficacy and toxicity. New in vitro and in vivo techniques have been developed to study these phenomena, and regulatory agencies strongly emphasize the need for preclinical studies of transporters potentially involved in drug interactions. This Special Issue should help to provide a collection of original research and review papers covering this biomedically important field, further helping the advancement of clinical applications.

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