



## Uremic Toxins and Drugs

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Uremic toxins have been classified into three classes depending on molecular weight and protein binding: small water-soluble molecules, middle molecules, and protein bound molecules. Several groups of authors have shown that high serum levels of a variety of uremic toxins are associated with mortality and cardiovascular and renal events. Thus, these toxins are potential therapeutic targets. Research on pharmacological treatment to reduce uremic toxins levels or prevent their deleterious effects are crucial.

In addition to direct tissue toxicity, their negative impact could also result from changes in the pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic activity of numerous drugs. Recent data have also suggested a potential impact of drugs on levels of uremic toxins.

The focus of this Special Issue of Toxins will include original research articles and reviews on uremic toxins and drugs that could present two different aspects: i) pharmacological tools to reduce uremic toxins levels or prevent their deleterious effects and ii) potential interactions between uremic toxins and drugs.





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