## **Tentative Outline**

# Special Thematic Issue for Current Protein & Peptide Science

# **Enzymatic Targets in the Anticancer Drug Discovery**

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#### Aims & Scope:

Anticancer activity of products is extensively researched, as cancer is a leading cause of death in the global population. The World Health Organization inform that before the pandemic it was responsible for one out of six deaths. In males, the most common types of cancer are prostate, lung, colorectal, stomach and liver; while in female we observed lung, breast, colorectal, cervical and thyroid. The uncontrollable growth of the cells in organs and tissues has a dubious origin, goes through resistance and recurrence, reaching metastasis and death. The complete cure of cancer remains a major scientific challenge. Several medicinal chemistry studies report different approaches using these compounds in drug discovery, that comprises synthesis, semi-synthesis, searches for new targets, evaluation of biological activities, and/or theoretical approaches as structure-based approaches, SAR, QSAR, docking and cheminformatics methods. The objective for this thematic issue is to report recent studies against neglected diseases and the enzymatic targets used for the treatment or cure of this disease.

Keywords cancer, enzymatic target and Drug development

## **Subtopics:**

The subtopics to be covered within this issue are listed below:

- Therapeutic and diagnostic applications of drugs
- Computational approaches for the drug development
- Targeting and delivery

### Schedule:

- ♦ Manuscript submission deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023
- ♦ Peer Review Due: 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023
- Announcement of acceptance by the Guest Editors/ Submission of the issue: 30 May 2023

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