

Editor's Note

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Drug design is important to improve drugs on the market and to develop innovative compounds. This first paper summarizes current efforts on Heat Shock Proteins. This protein family involves in key metabolic processes and inhibition of them perturbs survival of cancer cells. In this regard, current efforts on Heat Shock Family on designing new inhibitor compounds are discussed [1].

Second paper of the issue discusses Zika Virus. The virus caused a healthcare crisis worldwide. And several groups are working on to solve the molecular mechanism. However, details are elusive and computational drug discovery techniques provide promising approaches for the molecular mechanism. The authors propose docking and molecular dynamic simulation studies as starting point [2]. An interdisciplinary work over the points originated by computational methods will be helpful to determine key pathways.

Effective drug delivery is an important aspect when delivery innovative compounds to their target site. Dr. Thomas group overviews biopolymers based on nanomaterials and hydrogels. Biopolymers biodegradable and biocompatible properties make them convenient to use in living cells and they may not cause reactions due to inflammation or immunological reasons. Nanoparticles have small size and may penetrate host cells easily. Further, the particles circulate in the body. Biopolymer based nanoparticles therefore are great interest for drug carrier purposes. Modification of nanoparticles augments biopolymers efficiency. Hydrogels are another material for drug delivery and the paper provides a brief review on nanoparticles modified biopolymers and hydrogels grafted biomaterials in drug delivery systems [3].

Mediators commonly used in pharmacology and active compounds can be scavenged from the medium by coupling reactions. Laccase function enhancement was mediated by cyanide-bridged Cu(II)-Fe(III) bimetallic complexes and the process was well described by Ogikubo and Akitsu [4].

Kahouli et al. discussed a unique treatment model for colorectal cancer (CRC). Since diet and lifestyle are two key factors in CRC, probiotic regimens have been proposed to be useful for cancer treatment. Therefore, the group isolated *L. reuteri* NCIMB 701359 fatty acid content and short chain fatty acids were found to be effective for anti-cancer activity [5].

Bayesian approach for evaluation of reproducible results in clinical research was elaborated by Chow and Fuyu. Validity and reliability of the data sound if it is reproducible. Valid science is based on assessed reproducibility and the manuscript described a method for this purpose [6].

Last article of the issue covered an imaging technique and its potential employment in cancer treatment. Deep learning application on histopathological images may help breast cancer prognosis and the method is a step to personalized treatment [7].

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