



## Matrix Metalloproteinase

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Dear Colleagues,

Metalloproteinases (metzincins) comprise zinc-dependent exopeptidases and endopeptidases. MMPs (matrix metalloproteinases), ADAMs (a disintegrin and metalloproteinase domain), ADAMTSs (a disintegrin and metalloproteinase thrombospondin domain), astacins (including meprins), and neprilysins are metalloendopeptidases. Metalloproteinases play fundamental roles in extracellular matrix remodeling, and cytokine/growth factor release and processing. They are involved in physiological and pathophysiological processes throughout life. We warmly welcome contributions on the molecular aspects of these enzymes, as well as their preclinical and clinical relations to innate immunity, infection, and tissue repair.

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