



Carbonic Anhydrases and Metabolism

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Dear Colleagues,

Carbonic anhydrases (CAs, EC 4.2.1.1) are metalloenzymes present in all life kingdoms, as they equilibrate the reaction between three simple but essential chemical species: CO₂, bicarbonate, and protons. Inhibition of the CAs has pharmacologic applications in many fields. CAs also play a crucial role in other metabolic processes connected with urea biosynthesis, gluconeogenesis, etc. In organisms other than mammals, e.g., plants, algae, and cyanobacteria, CAs are involved in photosynthesis, whereas, in many parasites (fungi, protozoa), they are involved in the de novo synthesis of important metabolites (lipids, nucleic acids, etc.). The metabolic effects related to interference with CA activity were, however, scarcely investigated. The present Special Issue of *Metabolites* has the goal of filling this gap, by presenting the latest developments in the field of CAs and their role in metabolism.

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