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Phosphorus-Based Compounds in Medicinal Chemistry

Message from the Guest Editor

Phosphorus-based compounds have emerged as a significant class of therapeutic agents in medicinal chemistry, owing to their unique structural and functional attributes. These compounds can be categorized into various classes, including phosphotriesters, phosphonates, phosphinates, phosphine oxides, phosphoric amides, bisphosphonates, and phosphoric anhydrides. Phosphonates and phosphinates are often utilized as stable analogs of phosphate groups, enhancing the metabolic stability of drug candidates. Similarly, α-aminophosphonates and α-aminophosphinates have demonstrated remarkable potential as inhibitors of enzymes like aminopeptidases and proteases. Their structural resemblance to natural amino acids allows them to interfere with enzymatic pathways, offering therapeutic avenues for managing diseases such as hypertension and cancer. The issue aims to explore the latest advancements in the design, synthesis, and application of these compounds. It will highlight their role in developing novel therapeutics, emphasizing structure-activity relationships, biological evaluations, and potential clinical applications.

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