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### State of the Art of Pharmaceutical Research in Brazil

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Dear Colleagues,

Brazil is the seventh largest pharmaceutical market in terms of revenue in the ranking of the 20 main economies in the world. Accounting for approximately 3-4% of this global market, this country is the main player in Latin America.

Instead, incremental innovations, such as the development of new formulations or fixed-dose combinations, are made in Brazilian pharmaceuticals due to the high cost of radical innovations regarding new Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs). The main objective of these research projects is usually to investigate new drugs for the treatment of tropical diseases in order to meet internal public health demands. Another important point that favors the search for new drugs for the treatment of these tropical diseases is the intrinsic knowledge acquired over decades by researchers about diseases, vectors and etiological agents that specifically affect the populations of different regions of the country.

In this Special Issue, we cover a variety of the main approaches in pharmaceutical research in Brazil.

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