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## Design, Synthesis, Evaluation and Biopharmaceutical Uses of Imatinib, Nilotinib and Their Analogues

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Dear Colleagues,

In 2001, a revolutionary drug, which turned out to be very effective for the treatment of chronic myeloid leukemia (CML), was approved and released, changing the approach of cancer's target therapy. The active substance, named Imatinib, was designed to deactivate a specific protein kinase, a fused BCR-ABL tyrosine protein kinase, terminating the cell signaling pathway that was responsible for the uncontrolled proliferation of white blood cells.

With Imatinib as the starting point, the innovative approach of blocking problematic protein kinase with low-molecular-weight molecules, usually by binding with the ATP-binding sites, led to the synthesis of a series of protein kinase inhibitors.

We focus on state-of-the-art research works related to the following:

- The design of new synthetic approaches of Imatinib and Nilotinib;
- The development of their novel analogues;
- The evaluation of their biological properties and selectivity;
- Their biopharmaceutical uses.

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