

## Special Issue

# Photosensitizers and Drug Delivery Systems for Photodynamic Therapy

### Message from the Guest Editor

Photodynamic therapy (PDT) is a light-based photochemistry process. The illumination of a photoactivatable molecule, also called photosensitizer, with visible or near-infrared light produces reactive oxygen toxic species to destroy tumor cells. This treatment modality leads to highly targeted actions because reactive oxygen species are produced only where light is applied. PDT has proven to be a promising modality in many medical applications, including cutaneous conditions, infectious diseases, and various cancers at different stages. The journal *Pharmaceuticals* invites both reviews and original articles shedding light on the challenges and opportunities of the development of innovative photosensitizers and/or drug delivery systems for PDT. Topics include selective photoactivatable molecules targeting receptors overexpressed into tumor membranes and/or on neovessels; molecules exhibiting red-shifted absorption for the better penetration of light into tissues; photobactericidal agents; theranostics; and photodiagnosis.

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