# **Special Issue**

# Heme Metabolism in Oncogenesis and Tumor Microenvironment: Mechanisms and Emerging Therapeutic Strategies

### Message from the Guest Editors

Heme metabolism plays a crucial role in cancer development and the tumor microenvironment. Aberrations in heme and porphyrin biosynthesis and regulation have been implicated in oncogenesis, influencing tumor progression, immune evasion, and redox homeostasis. Emerging evidence, including insights from recent CRISPR screens, highlights heme metabolism as a central pathway in various cancers. This Special Issue seeks contributions that explore mechanistic insights into the role of heme and porphyrins in cancer biology, as well as therapeutic strategies targeting heme biosynthesis and metabolism. We encourage the submission of research spanning molecular and cellular mechanisms to translational approaches, focusing on how altering heme pathways could present novel treatment options in cancer therapy.

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