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Special Issue on **CAM for the Search of Lead Compounds for the Treatment of Pulmonary Fibrosis**

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Pulmonary fibrosis occurs when lung tissue becomes damaged and scarred. The tissue inside and between the air sacs in the lungs becomes scarred. Tissue deep in the lungs becomes stiff and thicker. This tissue makes it harder for lungs to work properly. As pulmonary fibrosis worsens, it interferes with a person's ability to breathe. Now, just several different medications have been used for the treatment of pulmonary fibrosis. Current treatments are preventing more lungs scarring, relieving symptoms, and helping you stay active and healthy. Current many research groups showed that complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) treatment improves lung function and reduces scar tissue in the lungs. For example, an alternative therapy inhibits matrix metalloproteinase on pulmonary fibrosis and several natural products like herbs and ginseng are thought to help with inflammation in pulmonary fibrosis. So, we hope that CAM provides natural and effective protection against pulmonary fibrosis.

We invite investigators to contribute original research articles as well review articles on complementary and alternative therapies for pulmonary fibrosis protection or comparison between current treatments and CAM for the treatment of pulmonary fibrosis. Manuscripts based on *in vitro* experiment and animal studies as well as human studies can be submitted to this special issue.

Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- ▶ Studies investigating mechanism of pulmonary fibrosis
- ▶ Studies on the use of any methods of CAM for treating pulmonary fibrosis
- ▶ Studies investigating mechanism involved in the application of CAM for pulmonary fibrosis
- ▶ Novel methodologies and technologies with potential application for pulmonary fibrosis
- ▶ Review and meta-analysis on CAM for treatment of pulmonary fibrosis

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