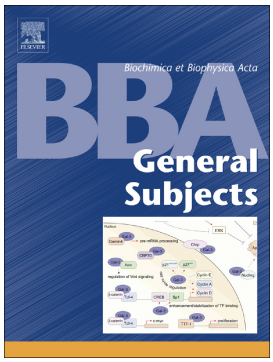

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Abstract

Background

Falcipain 2 (FP-2) is the haemoglobin-degrading cysteine protease of *Plasmodium falciparum* most extensively targeted to develop novel antimalarials. However, no commercial antimalarial drugs based on FP-2 inhibition are available yet due to the low selectivity of most FP-2 inhibitors against the human cysteine proteases.

Methods