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## Hydrogels, Oleogels and Bigels Used for Drug Delivery

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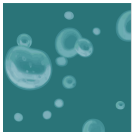
### Message from the Guest Editors

Semisolid preparations have always been preferred by patients due to their decreased risk of side effects and ease of administration. The selected semisolid formulations in this Special Issue are hydrogels, oleogels, and a combination of these two called bigels (a semisolid form that can provide the same or better properties than the latter two; they are also named *viscous emulsions*). All three of them can incorporate many active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) from different biopharmaceutical classes (BCS I-IV), resulting in homogenous (dissolved in the gel base) or heterogenous dispersions (dispersed as an emulsion or suspended in the gel base) that imply distinctive behaviors regarding permeation through different membranes (natural or synthetic). The size of the dispersed API and the application area can influence permeation through the biological membranes. This Special Issue aims to outline the current research on semisolid pharmaceutical formulations, focusing on hydrogels, oleogels, and bigels, and welcomes original and review papers on all the aspects of their design, development, manufacturing, characterization, administration, and use for patient-centered therapy.



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