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## Gel-Based Materials for Biomedical Engineering

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Gels, or hydrogels, are colloidal systems composed of two or more phases commonly used in biomedical applications and usually consist of three-dimensional polymer networks and solvents. Due to their inherent biocompatibility, high water content, porosity, flexibility, and low immunogenicity, hydrogels have been widely used in biomedical fields. Examples of its application include contact lenses, biosensors, drug delivery systems, wound healing and tissue engineering. In addition, by modifying the polymer network with stimuli-responsive groups or them compounding with functional components, we can obtain “smart” hydrogels. These are distinguished by their responsiveness to different types of stimuli including thermal, light, magnetic field, chemical reagents, ultrasound and pH. The potential applications of these hydrogels in biomedical engineering need to be further explored.

This Special Issue, entitled “Gel-Based Materials for Biomedical Engineering,” aims to further explore the composition, structure, performance and biocompatibility of gels, providing the latest research progress into gel-based materials in biomedical applications.



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