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## Advances in Smart and Tough Hydrogels

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We are delighted to announce the launch of the newest Special Issue of Gels, “Advance in Smart and Tough Hydrogels”, which is dedicated to recent developments from theoretical and fundamental aspects to the synthesis, characterization, and applications of smart and tough gels.

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