



Collagen-Based Materials for Biomedical Applications

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Message from the Guest Editors

Collagen, the most abundant protein in mammalian tissues, is considered a strategic biomaterial in designing biocompatible constructs and devices for biomedical applications. Thanks to its high biocompatibility and the opportunity to actively support and guide cell activity, it represents a promising candidate for the regeneration of various tissues.

Based on the relevant role played by collagen in the biomedical field, this Special Issue aims at highlighting recent developments in this area, by emphasizing innovative strategies in the design of collagen-based constructs as well as advantages and potential limitations in the processing of this biopolymer. Contributions in the form of full research articles, short communications, clinical studies or review articles are welcome, with a special focus on (but not limited to) the additional functionality provided by collagen in the design of 3D scaffolds, in vitro models, bioactive fillers and smart delivery platforms.





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