

Advances in Hydrogels for Tissue Engineering

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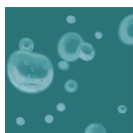
Dear Colleagues,

Tissue engineering and so-called advanced therapy medicinal products offer groundbreaking new opportunities for the treatment and understanding of disease and injuries. Over the last few decades, there have been tremendous advances in the generation of new tissue models that are increasingly biomimetic and functional. Manufacturing techniques usually combine biomimetic materials, patterning methods, bioactive chemical molecules, and cells to generate new therapeutic substitutes or disease models.

In this context, hydrogels have been postulated as one of the biomaterials that are most faithfully capable of simulating the native extracellular matrix of tissues. The high hydration rate of these polymeric scaffolds provides the ideal supramolecular microenvironment for cell survival, proliferation, communication, and differentiation. Due to the hydration and diffusion control of the 3D structure of hydrogels, they have also been used as drug delivery systems.

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