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## Latest Advances and Prospects of Hydrogels for Biomedical Applications

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### Message from the Guest Editors

In recent years, hydrogels have received increasing attention as materials for biomedical applications because they are biocompatible and non-toxic. They consist of three-dimensional hydrophilic polymeric networks that can absorb large amounts of water or biological fluids due to the presence of hydrophilic groups, and are considered excellent candidates for biosensors, drug delivery vectors, wound healing, and vectors or cell matrices in tissue engineering. Depending on their characteristics, they can be natural or synthetic and classified as neutral or ionic hydrogels, while the network can consist of linear homopolymers, linear copolymers and block or graft copolymers. They can also be reactive to various stimuli, including heating, pH, light, and chemicals. Furthermore, due to their high biodegradability, low immunogenicity, ability to be transformed into solids, semi-solids, and liquids, and due to their ease of use, they are widely used in biomedicine. This Special Issue covers all aspects concerning recent studies on the design, preparation, and performance evaluation of hydrogels for biomedical applications.



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