



Functional Hydrogels for Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine

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Tissue engineering is an important field of regenerative medicine, which combines scaffolds and cell transplantation to develop substitute tissues and/or promote tissue regeneration, either with or without drug delivery. Hydrogels have been used as one of the most common tissue engineering scaffolds over the past two decades due to their ability to maintain a distinct 3D structure, provide mechanical support for the cells in the engineered tissues, and simulate the native extracellular matrix. This Special Issue aims to collect research and review papers concerning the properties, structure, synthesis and fabrication methods, and applications of hydrogels in tissue engineering.





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