



High Performance Functional Bio-based Polymers for Skin-contact Products

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Message from the Guest Editors

The personal care, cosmetic and biomedical industries deal with high-value and/or large volume consumption of polymer-based products that are often derived from fossil sources. Although several alternative bio-based polymers have been the subject of recent research, more effort is still needed to increase their specific functionalities and performances in order to proceed with their true translation into market.

Recently, many researchers are working in the field of biomaterials with anti-microbial, anti-inflammatory and anti-oxidant properties, as well as biobased materials, which are renewable and biodegradable in the environment. Both types can be transformed into final products by innovative technologies, allowing for the control of bulk or surface properties, up to the nanostructure. By merging such biomedical functionalities and environmental aspects, new research could have a great impact on skin-contact biomaterials. The present issue aims to gather research and review papers where the attention paid to health and environmental impact is efficiently integrated, considering both source and final waste management.





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