



Antimicrobial Properties of Polymers and Polypeptides

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Message from the Guest Editors

The recent pandemic outbreaks have highlighted the possible spread of infectious diseases caused by emerging and re-emerging pathogens, representing a very serious public health problem. Furthermore, the rise of antimicrobial resistance and the scarcity of drugs able to eradicate microbial infections have determined the urgent need to propose and develop alternative therapeutic strategies. In this regard, the use of ad hoc developed polymers, antimicrobial peptides and small molecules could represent a valuable opportunity to address this need.

This Special Issue aims to collect original contributions and reviews that delve into the most recent results on the development of polymeric materials, peptides and peptidomimetics with antimicrobial activity and the elucidation of their mechanisms of action at the molecular level in microbes, such as bacteria, viruses, yeasts, fungi and parasites. Additionally, this issue welcomes papers describing the impact of antimicrobial agents in the fields of food packaging, biomedical, healthcare and environmental materials, taking into account their potentials and pitfalls.





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