

## Special Issue

# Biomaterial-Based Delivery Systems for Natural Antimicrobials to Overcome Microbial Resistance

### Message from the Guest Editors

The global spread of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) poses a critical public health challenge, requiring innovative strategies to combat resistant microorganisms. Phytochemicals, or plant-derived bioactive chemicals, are promising alternatives to traditional antibiotics due to their broad antibacterial activity and minimal side effects. Beyond direct antimicrobial effects, they can modulate microbial virulence and pathogenicity without necessarily killing microorganisms. However, their clinical application is hindered by low stability, limited bioavailability, and rapid degradation. Advanced biomaterials, such as nanoparticles, polymers, and hydrogels, address these challenges by enabling controlled, targeted, and sustained release of phytochemicals. Mechanisms such as membrane rupture, efflux pump inhibition, and biofilm inhibition development are especially important, as are strategies for adjusting release profiles under specific physiological or environmental conditions. This topic emphasizes the exciting potential of biomaterial-based delivery methods in combating AMR, as well as their significance in long-term treatment options.

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