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# **Biomedical Properties of Hydrogels**

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Dear Colleagues,

With water-retention capabilities, modular polymeric network structures and biocompatibility, hydrogels have received significant attention as extracellular matrix simulators for biomedical applications. Additionally, the engineering between composition and network crosslinkers can provide stimuli-responsive triggers with potential therapeutic properties, which can cover applications from cancer therapy to tissue-engineering application. The primary aim of this Special Issue on "Biomedical Properties of Hydrogels" is two-fold: 1) demonstration of distinct hydrogels types; 2) identification of the biomedical properties of distinct hydrogel types. Ultimately, this Special Issue may discuss the future research direction of hydrogels, in particular theranostics hydrogels, and the development of self-healing and conductive hydrogels diagnostics and therapy of diseases.

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