



## **Biocompatible Polymer-Based Materials: Synthesis, Properties and Applications**

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### **Message from the Guest Editor**

A biocompatible material refers to a substance possessing the property of being compatible with living tissue. Biocompatible materials do not produce a toxic or immunological response when exposed to the body or bodily fluids. A more colloquial definition for biocompatible materials would be that they are the ones used in medical devices within or touching the human body. The purpose of this Special Issue is to gather as many examples as possible regarding the large variety of materials, preparation methods, synthesis, and applications where biomaterials are used and applied.

In particular, the topic of interest includes but is not limited to

- Synthetic, semi-synthetic, and natural polymers;
- Interactions between polymers;
- Biocoatings/nanocoatings;
- Degradation and biodegradation;
- Biocompatibility;
- Industrial applications;
- Composites;
- Pharmaceutical formulation and drug delivery systems;
- Physical chemical characterization;
- Toxicity studies;
- Synthesis methods;
- Strategies to increase biocompatibility.





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