



Advanced Materials for Highly Biocompatible Hydrogel Systems

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Hydrogels are three-dimensional (3D) networks based on crosslinked hydrophilic polymers. Owing to their high water content, good biocompatibility, and elasticity similar to that of native tissue, hydrogels have gained increasing attraction as promising biomaterials for mimicking the extracellular matrix and use in biomedical applications such as drug delivery and tissue engineering.

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- Synthesis of biocompatible hydrogels
- Modification of biocompatible hydrogels
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- Self-healing hydrogels
- Multifunctional hydrogels
- Stimuli-responsive hydrogels
- Hydrogel coatings of biomaterials





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