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# **Recent Progress in Photoresponsive Azopolymers**

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## **Message from the Guest Editors**

Azopolymers combine the physico-chemical properties of macromolecular compounds with the light responsivity of azobenzenes. The photoinduced transformations and motions of the photoresponsive groups of azopolymers result in significant alterations of specific material properties. Authors are invited to submit contributions focused on the synthesis and structure, function, and applications of azopolymers. Suggested themes for this Special Issue include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Advances in the synthesis of azopolymers (main chain and side chain polymers, dendrimers, block copolymers, as well as polymeric networks)
- Red-shifted azobenzene derivatives and polymers
- Photoinduced phase transitions of liquid crystal and amorphous azopolymers
- Recent trends in photonic applications of azopolymers and their photoalignment
- Mechanically responsive, azobenzene-containing soft polymeric systems
- The micellization of azopolymers for encapsulation and controlled release applications











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