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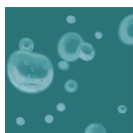
Hydrogel is a three-dimensional network structure with a polymer chain bonded through covalent and/or secondary bonds, which enables strong hydrogen bonding with water molecules. Hydrogel can contain drugs, cells, and a large amount of water which, when in contact with water, shows substantial swelling. Hydrogel can also be degraded by tissue engineering by using the crosslinking method.

This Special Issue on “Advanced Hydrogels for Tissue Engineering and Drug Delivery” covers the theory of biopolymers for hydrogel fabrication, an introduction to various methods for hydrogel fabrication, drug loading/release effects, and recent developments in tissue engineering applications. Research on tissue engineering and the drug delivery of hydrogels has attracted considerable interest in the past decades. Recently, research on controlling drug release and tissue engineering applications through various methods, such as electrical/physical stimulation, biofunctional modification for targeting/sustained release, and cell encapsulation, has been conducted.



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