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## Development of Nanogels/Microgels for Regenerative Medicine

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### Message from the Guest Editors

In recent years, enormous growth in nano-material technology and science has been attained in the biomedical field. For example, nanosized hydrogels, so-called nanogels, have been reported to provide a feasible drug-delivery system that enables the efficient transfer of chemotherapeutics and short interfering RNA, and slow-release anti-bacterial peptide, growth factors and cytokines on-site. Through the functions, nanogels can inhibit tumor growth, and enhance wound-healing and blood vessel regeneration. Moreover, nanogels are also used as a scaffold for tissue engineering, including bone, cardiac and urethra tissue regeneration. In general, nanogels are highly biocompatible and biodegradable. Nanogels are also considered to be excellent scaffolds for preparing composites as a novel class of advanced materials, which comprise both nanogels and other constituents, such as polymers or inorganic nanoparticles. Thus, the development of nanogels and their effective application will play an important role in the regenerative medicine field.



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