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## 3D Printing of Gel-Based Materials

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Three-dimensional printing, also known as additive manufacturing (AM), is defined as the process of building blocks layer-upon-layer, making it different from subtractive technologies. In recent years, this area has been blooming and has been applied to different applications such as medicine, aeronautics, automotive applications, etc. Some advantages of 3D printing over traditional methods are the opportunity to manufacture complex architectures and to produce less waste as well as to reduce production time.

Different materials can be used: metals, ceramics, or polymers. However, depending on the target, it is more suitable to use one type of material over another. In the case of soft materials, the best choice by far is the use of polymers and special gel-based materials, which can be resins, silicones, or hydrogels.

The aim of the present Special Issue is to advance the state of the art of the synthesis of gel-based materials for different purposes.



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