# **Special Issue**

# Recent Developments in Bio-Based Hydrogels

## Message from the Guest Editor

Due to increasing environmental concerns, natural and renewable materials have attracted more attention because of their biodegradability, biocompatibility, renewability, non-toxicity, and environmental sustainability. Bio-based hydrogels have been successfully prepared from cellulose, chitin, chitosan. alginate, starch, and gelatin and have been of great interest in various applications, such as medical, pharmaceutical, agricultural, sensor, food, cosmetic, and waste treatment. This Special Issue aims to present recent developments and future perspectives in the preparation, modification, characterization, and application of bio-based hydrogels. Both original research articles, rapid communications, and reviews of bio-based hydrogels prepared from cellulose, chitin. chitosan, alginate, starch, and gelatin are welcome. Other bio-based and nanocomposite hydrogels are also welcome.

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