

Special Issue

Cryogels: From Inception to Improving Life and Health

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue intends to showcase the role that cryogels, as soft thermoresponsive materials, may play in cryobiology. Cryoprotectants are cornerstone free agents used in a freezing medium, capable of preventing lethal ice growth in cells, tissues, organs, and whole organisms. However, they are not without limitations. Allied to a porous matrix, the added mechanical integrity to biologics prone to cold stressors could address the longstanding challenges of ice crystallization and solute effects simultaneously, breaking current barriers in the field. Reframing cryopreservation and cryogels as a problem–solution relationship would largely benefit from the following:

- The refinement of cryogel synthesis;
- An improved characterization methodology;
- New points of entry into strongly established cryopreservation protocols;
- Innovative cryogel-based cryopreservation applications;
- A mechanistic understanding of their interactions with ice formation;
- Other applications to the field.

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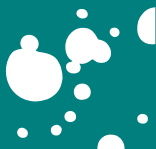


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