

Special Issue

Functional Gels Applied in Cancer Therapy

Message from the Guest Editor

Hydrogels have been widely used as emerging drug carriers for tumor drug delivery. Compared with systemic chemotherapy, hydrogel drug carriers have fewer side effects and allow for sustained drug release at the tumor site. In addition, hydrogels have superior biocompatibility and biodegradability with lower toxicity. Smart hydrogels can respond to environmental stimuli (e.g., heat, pH, light, and ultrasound) to achieve in situ gelation or drug release, which can have a significant effect on improving the ease and efficiency of drug delivery. This Special Issue on “Functional Gels Applied in Cancer Therapy” is a thorough collection of articles dealing with the theoretical and fundamental studies of the design strategies of functional hydrogels and applications in antitumor treatments. The publication of original research articles, rapid communications, or reviews in this Special Issue will make an important contribution to developing gel-based smart drug delivery systems for cancer therapy.

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