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Lignin Hydrogels: From Fundamental Research to Application

Message from the Guest Editors

Lignin hydrogels represent an exciting field of study, merging the unique properties of lignin, a complex natural polymer found in plant cell walls, with the versatile characteristics of hydrogels. This Special Issue aims to explore the latest advancements in the synthesis, characterization, and applications of ligninbased hydrogels. The focus is on understanding the fundamental properties of lignin, its interactions within hydrogel matrices, and how these properties can be harnessed for various applications, including biomedicine, environmental remediation, and sustainable material development. Research articles, reviews, and case studies addressing the design strategies, mechanical properties, biodegradability, and biocompatibility of lignin hydrogels are encouraged. Additionally, this Special Issue seeks contributions that explore innovative applications, such as drug delivery systems, tissue engineering scaffolds, and responsive materials. This Special Issue aims to bridge the gap between fundamental research and practical applications, fostering the development of greener, more sustainable technologies utilizing lignin hydrogels.

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