# Special Issue

# Smart Hydrogels: From Rational Design to Applications

## Message from the Guest Editors

In the last few decades, smart hydrogels have been at the forefront of advanced materials because of their outstanding applications in sensors, programmable drug delivery, actuators, and tissue engineering. Smart hydrogels can be prepared by rational design of appropriate peptide sequences, composite material with the help of extracellular matrix (ECM) proteins, biologically suitable polymer, collagen-like peptide (CLP), etc. In addition, the self-assembly propensity of these smart hydrogels to form nanoscale architecture plays an important role in biomedical applications. It is incredibly important to cover all aspects of smart hydrogels in one issue, and this Special Issue will cover a few representative examples, also including review articles of recent findings (preferably within last 5 years) explaining the progress in this advanced field with the aim of helping scientists worldwide. Computational science related to smart hydrogels is also welcomed in this Special Issue.

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