

Special Issue

Advances in Colloidal Hydrogels

Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleague, Hydrogel is a three-dimensional polymer network system based on hydrophilic macromonomers, which integrates water absorption, water retention, and slow release. Depending on the source of constituent polymers, hydrogels can be classified as natural, synthetic or hybrid hydrogels. In recent years, interpenetrating network gels, dual-network hydrogels, and smart hydrogels with good mechanical properties, response performance under specific external conditions (such as temperature, pH, and ionic strength), good surface properties, as well as biodegradability, have aroused great interest among scientists. This special issue aims to discuss the latest research progress of novel hydrogels, including the preparation, modification methods, formation mechanisms, structure and phase behavior, as well as their applications in different fields, in order to provide ideas for further research and development of hydrogels. This is a very useful resource for researchers who are actively involved in the development of gel-based functional foods and drugs. We accept original research articles, critical review papers, and commentaries.

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