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# **Role of Polyphenols in Human Health and Food Systems**

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Dear Colleagues,

In recent years, several molecular receptors and (bio)polymers have been synthesized or functionalized to enhance the selective molecular recognition and sensing of many biologically relevant metabolites (e.g., glucose, sialic acids, catecholamines) and key biomarkers of several diseases such as diabetes, cancer, and neurodegenerative disorders. On the other hand, polyphenols present in plantbased foods have been associated with health-promoting effects due to their recognized biological properties that have been widely reported. This Special Issue intends to contribute to the development of new polyphenol-based (bio)materials (e.g., hydrogels, nanoparticles, films/membranes, polymeric micelles, liposomes, dendrimers, host-quest systems) with smart functionalities (self-healing, self-sensing), stimuli-responsive properties (pH, temperature, light), and biological activities (antioxidant, anticancer, antimicrobial properties) towards human health for application in the fields of theranostics, sensing, imaging, and drug/gene delivery.

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