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Biodegradable Materials

Message from the Guest Editors

During the last 30 years, the development of natural biodegradable polymers has attracted significant and increasing scientific and industrial attention particularly in terms of meeting the growing demand for sustainable development. Environmentally friendly polymer materials obtained from natural polymers such as proteins, polysaccharides, lipids or through synthesis from renewable resources have received considerable attention in an effort to replace petroleum-derived polymers with macromolecules whose ecological footprints is relatively low. The special issue of International Journal of Material Science will focus on such new biomaterials, and we are seeking contributions underlying the recent findings in the field of biodegradable/bio-based materials and their applications.

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