



Biodegradable Materials for Drug Delivery

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Dear Colleagues,

Treatment of patients very often requires the use of pharmaceutically-active substances, to be administered in a controlled way. This Special Issue covers the different classes of biodegradable materials used for drug delivery approaches, such as natural and synthetic polymers, or inorganic materials, such as ceramics and metals. It highlights established delivery systems like hydrogels, supramolecular structures, nanoparticles or lipid-based carriers, describes the variety of applied dosage forms in this context like capsules, patches, or solutions, and addresses the aspect of biocompatibility of these materials.

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