

## Special Issue

# Naturally-Derived Biomaterials and Biopolymers

### Message from the Guest Editor

The recent health concerns associated with the side effects of synthetic additives used in pharmacy, cosmetics, agriculture, and food industry have stimulated a consumer demand for natural alternatives. There is, therefore, a growing interest in naturally-derived materials that can replace synthetic counterparts and that possess biological activity, such as antimicrobial, antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, antifungal and anticancer properties. This Special issue will consider articles and reviews on, but not limited to, biopolymers extracted from natural resources (proteins and polysaccharides) and composite materials encapsulating bioactive compounds, for application in medicine, tissue engineering, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, food industry and agriculture.

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