

# Special Issue

## Bio-Based Polymer Composites and Functional Hydrogels for Active Packaging, Drug Delivery, and Wound Healing Applications

### Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue focuses on recent advances in bio-based polymer composites and functional hydrogels designed for applications in active packaging, drug delivery, and wound healing. Emphasis is placed on sustainable materials derived from renewable resources, innovative fabrication, and modification strategies, and structure–property–function relationships. Contributions addressing antimicrobial, antioxidant, stimuli-responsive, and controlled-release functionalities are particularly welcome. Original research articles and comprehensive reviews that highlight material design, physicochemical characterization, and application performance are encouraged to advance the development of next-generation bio-based polymer systems for biomedical and packaging applications.

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