

Special Issue

Ocular Drug Delivery System

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue on ocular drug delivery systems delves into the advancements and challenges in developing effective methods for treating several ocular diseases. Delivering drugs to the eye is fraught with difficulties due to its complex anatomical and physiological barriers, which hinder the delivery of therapeutic agents in adequate concentrations and for sufficient durations. This Special Issue aims to spotlight innovations that address these barriers, focusing on improving bioavailability, enhancing drug stability, and ensuring targeted delivery to specific ocular tissues. This Special Issue will cover cutting-edge developments in the field, from advanced materials for drug formulation to novel delivery methods, such as sustained-release systems, gene therapy, and retinal drug delivery. Research on diseases like age-related macular degeneration (AMD), glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, and dry eye syndrome will also be explored, with emphasis on the need for personalized treatments that reduce side effects and improve patient compliance.

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