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# Topical Drug Delivery: Innovative Controlled Release Systems

### Message from the Guest Editors

The topical route is one of the most convenient strategies for drug administration and offers numerous advantages compared to traditional ones such as local drug release, easy application, and patient compliance, avoiding first-pass biotransformation. However, the stratum corneum complex structural organization is one of the main limitations to drug absorption, which can be overcome by the development of innovative technologies. This issue is devoted to the design, characterization, and evaluation of skin-delivery systems and new formulations as well as insights on new methods and perspectives on skin-delivery systems.

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