

## Special Issue

# Polymers in Tissue Regeneration and Antimicrobial Strategies: Innovations and Applications

### Message from the Guest Editors

Polymers have become indispensable cornerstones in tissue regeneration and antimicrobial medicines. Their tailor-made architectures, excellent biocompatibility, and intrinsic capacity for multifunctional synergy now provide a transformative platform that can simultaneously reconstruct complex tissue defects and thwart microbial threats. This Special Issue spotlights convergent innovations where polymer science meets regenerative medicine and antimicrobial strategies. Topics span biodegradable scaffolds that orchestrate the cellular microenvironment, smart stimuli-responsive systems for the on-demand delivery of bioactive cues, surface-functionalized polymers that erect antimicrobial barriers, and green polymer platforms derived from natural or sustainable feedstocks. We invite contributions that advance polymer synthesis and micro-/nano-structural characterization, elucidate cell-material-microbe interfacial mechanisms, and co-design antimicrobial and pro-regenerative functions, showcasing cutting-edge progress from fundamental discovery to clinical translation. Collectively, these works will highlight the fertile frontier created by the fusion of polymer science and biomedicine.

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