## Special Issue

## Biopolymers for Medical Applications: From Drug Delivery to Tissue Engineering

## Message from the Guest Editors

The use of biopolymers in medical applications is currently proliferating due to their advantageous, unique, and tuneable physicochemical and biological properties. Novel natural biopolymer sources, alternative and innovative semisynthetic approaches using green technologies, and sustainable extraction methods are constantly being explored to make their use more profitable from application performance, environmental, and economic points of view. Different design strategies for biopolymers allow the creation of materials in virtually any shape and morphology with precise nano-, micro-, and macroscopic control. The availability of biopolymers with opposite properties and the possibility of obtaining multi-material structures enable the generation of products adapted to different biomedical demands, ranging from drug delivery to tissue engineering, for personalized medicine. The main aim of this Special Issue is to compile original and cutting-edge research as well as reviews that highlight the recent advances in biopolymers for drug delivery and tissue engineering.

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