

Special Issue

Perspectives of Biopolymer Functionalization for New Materials

Message from the Guest Editor

Biopolymers such as polysaccharides and proteins of various sources are well-known compounds due to their biocompatibility and biodegradability. These molecules in their native form are interesting materials for a wide range of applications such as food excipients, drug delivery systems, packaging materials with an extended shelf life, wound dressing materials, surface modifications, tissue scaffolds, and biologically active compounds in pharmaceutical and cosmetic formulations. Chemical, chemoenzymatic and physical modifications of the structure of biopolymers and biopolymer-based materials pave the way for the maximum functionalization of the valuable properties of polysaccharides and proteins. This Special Issue welcomes manuscripts contributing not only to new techniques and underlying mechanisms for the adaptation of functional materials but also to new products with controlled functions that can also be obtained for pharmaceutical applications, tissue engineering, food industry and agriculture.

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