

Special Issue

Hydrogels for Biomedical and Structural Applications

Message from the Guest Editor

Polymers and polymer composites have been the essential components for almost all hydrogels used in advanced biomedical applications. Their applications in biomedical applications have covered a wide range of areas, including drug delivery systems, medical imaging, chemical and biological sensors, enzymes immobilized in the hydrogel microspheres, self-assembly-based technologies, hydrogel-bio-nanoreactors, building blocks of scaffolds for tissue engineering, mimicking soft human tissues, and last but certainly not least the new frontiers on the implementations of hydrogels in preventing corruptions of the stainless steel rebars. Manuscripts which present novel copolymer and polymer composite hydrogels for advanced technologies will also be considered in this issue. There are even more pioneering research programs investigating other emerging applications where polymer hydrogels are being considered. This Special Issue will publish only groundbreaking and new results on the synthesis, characterizations, and implementations of polymer hydrogels.

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