# Special Issue

# Polymers Composed of Natural Molecules in Drug Delivery Systems

## Message from the Guest Editors

Drug delivery systems have attracted great attention in recent years since they can usually achieve the protection, transport, and controlled or sustained release of therapeutic agents and reduce side effects during treatment. In a drug delivery system, polymers play an important role. However, polymers comprising non-degradable carbon–carbon backbones have disadvantages in biodegradability and biocompatibility, which limit their possible applications in the biomedicine field. Natural molecules, such as amino acids, vegetable oils, polyols, and sugars, are widely present in nature. Polymers that are derived from these natural molecules are environmentally friendly, biodegradable, and usually exhibit good biocompatibility. Therefore, polymers, such as poly(amino acid)s and polysaccharides, composed of natural molecules have become a hot research topic for drug delivery. This Special Issue aims to focus on recent advances and developments in novel polymers composed of natural molecules for drug delivery.

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