

Special Issue

Carbohydrate Polymers as Sustainable and Green Materials: Biosynthesis, Functionalization, and Emerging Applications

Message from the Guest Editor

Carbohydrate polymers, such as sugar, starch, cellulose, hemicellulose and chitosan, are the most abundant biomolecules on our planet. Recently, carbohydrate polymers have been used in various biological and environmental applications due to their strong tendency to form supramolecular networks such as nanoparticles, hydrogels or aerogels, thin films and membranes, allowing for their application in drug delivery, bioimaging, biosensing and tissue engineering, with scientists over time modifying their functionalities to suit many other biomedical applications. In this Special Issue, we aim to highlight the novel designs (particles, gels, foams, films and membranes) and diverse applications of carbohydrate-polymer-based systems in drug delivery, tissue engineering, medical diagnostics and therapy, biosensors, catalysis, energy materials, etc. We encourage the submission of contributions (original research articles as well as reviews) dealing with novel designs and novel applications of carbohydrate polymers.

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