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Smart Biopolymers and Sensors

Message from the Guest Editor

Smart, intelligent, or responsive biopolymers are materials derived from biological sources that exhibit responsive behaviors to external stimuli such as temperature, pH, light, or magnetic fields. These materials have gained significant attention due to their potential applications in various industries, offering sustainable and innovative solutions. Biopolymers are typically sourced from renewable resources like plants, algae, and microorganisms, making them a more sustainable option. Their biodegradability ensures they break down naturally, reducing the environmental footprint and addressing the growing concern over plastic waste. Despite their advantages, their adoption faces several challenges. The production cost is often higher than that of conventional polymers, and there are still technical problems in scaling up manufacturing processes. Furthermore, novel applications and materials are still required, as well as advances in current known smart biopolymers. Smart biopolymers represent a promising frontier in material science, potentially transforming various industries through their responsive and sustainable properties.

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