

Special Issue

Functional Alginate-Based Materials

Message from the Guest Editor

Alginate is a natural polysaccharide derived from brown seaweed, which has been used in a variety of applications in the biomedical, energy, and industrial fields, including in food, textile printing, and others. This Special Issue will highlight a new polymeric formulation consisting of alginate or chemically modified alginate for 1) diverse biomedical research, such as that into controllable drug delivery, enhanced tissue sealing, and therapy responses applicable for acute/chronic diseases and 2) industrial manufacturing (e.g., 3D/4D printing). The articles will focus on preparation methods and the unique physicochemical properties and mechanical stability of those alginate formulations (e.g., hydrogels, films, and particles) followed by multi-functionality for further designed applications.

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