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# Advances of Alginate-Based Hydrogels in Drug Delivery and Encapsulation Technologies

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Hydrogels are a three-dimensional and crosslinked network of hydrophilic polymers. Among the numerous polymers that have been utilized for the preparation of the hydrogels, polysaccharides have gained more attention in the area of pharmaceutics. Sodium alginate is a non-toxic, biocompatible, and biodegradable polysaccharide with several unique physicochemical properties; it has been used as delivery vehicles for drugs.

This Special Issue explores the vital precepts, basic and fundamental aspects of alginates in pharmaceutical sciences, biopharmacology, and encapsulation in the biotechnology industry. The scope of this Special Issue covers novel alginate hydrogel-based systems equipped with nanotechnology with applications in drug delivery, disease modeling, tissue engineering, organs-on-chip, 3D bioprinting, flexible biosensing, and soft robotics, as well as their applications and the interface of these systems with drug screening, genomics, metabolomics, and proteomics for a better understanding of disease formation and progression. We accept original research articles, critical review papers, and commentaries.









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