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Hydrogels are three-dimensionally cross-linked polymeric networks that can absorb large amounts of water without being dissolved. Emulsions generally consist of small spherical droplets of two liquids stabilized through surface active compounds such as surfactants or surface-active polymers. Recently, with increasing demands for renewable and ecofriendly sustainable materials, developing effective utilizations of various biopolymers and their applications in hydrogels and emulsions have been widely studied. For example, various biopolymers such as sodium alginate, starch, protein, hemicelluloses, lignin, cellulose, chitin, and their derivatives have been widely used to fabricate biopolymer-based emulsions and hydrogels.

This Special Issue focuses on the recent research and advances in biopolymer-based emulsions and hydrogels, such as novel preparation methods, structures, mechanism analyses, and applications in different fields. Additionally, we welcome contributions on the preparation and characterization of biopolymers and bio-based nanoparticles.



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