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# **Recent Advances in Antimicrobial Polymers**

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## **Message from the Guest Editor**

Natural and synthetic polymers have long been known for their inherent ability to suppress growth and decrease viability of diverse microorganisms (bacteria, fungi, viruses). The development of new polymeric materials that exhibit activity against microorganisms or capacity for augmenting the efficacy of existing antimicrobials is now among the most attractive avenues of applied research, and progress achieved in this field thus far is already quite impressive.

This Special Issue will focus on recent advances in antimicrobial polymers and cover all related studies, with emphasis on the following topics:

- Smart coatings (virucidal/disinfectant films, wound dressings);
- Topical microbicides (chemoprevention of HIV infection):
- Long-acting antivirals;
- Nanocontainers for drug delivery;
- Mechanisms of action of natural and synthetic antimicrobial polymers.













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