



## Design and Optimization of Pharmaceutical Gels

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Gels are three-dimensional, semi-solid systems consisting of polymeric matrices. The physicochemical properties of gels, such as physical strength, viscosity, and self-healing ability, can be changed to meet the specific requirements of applications in various fields, such as drug and cell delivery, bioscaffolds, and the modelling of extracellular matrices. In particular, novel gel-based delivery systems (such as intelligent hydrogels, in situ gels, emulsion gels, nanogels, vesicular gels and microgels) that have emerged in recent years can release drugs by specific biological or external stimuli, such as temperature, pH, enzymes, ultrasound, antigens, etc., to achieve precise and local drug delivery.

The aims of this Special Issue are to shed light on gels of material development, system construction, structural characterization, and the effect for disease treatment, and research on gels with high translational potential is particularly sought after. Original research, reviews, mini-reviews, and perspective papers which reflect the status quo of this topic are warmly welcomed.

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