

CARBOHYDRATE POLYMERS

A Journal Devoted to Scientific and Technological Aspects of Industrially Relevant Polysaccharides

Aims and Scope

Carbohydrate Polymers covers the study and exploitation of polymers of sugars which have current or potential industrial application in areas such as bioenergy, bioplastics, biorefining, drug delivery, food, industrial chemistry, packaging, paper, pharmaceuticals, medicine, oil recovery, paper, textiles and wood.

Topics include:

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- biological and industrial development
- analytical methods
- chemical, enzymatic and physical modifications
- interactions with other materials

The role of the carbohydrate polymer must be central to the work reported, not peripheral. At least one named carbohydrate polymer must be cited and be the main focus of the title of the paper, and of the paper itself. Research must be innovative and advance scientific knowledge.

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