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Message from the Guest Editors

The research history on chitins, one of the most major and abundant natural polysaccharides on earth, has been started around 40 years ago. Since the 1980s, chitin and chitosan research (including D-glucosamine, *N*-acetyl-D-glucosamine, and their oligomers) has progressed significantly over several stages in both fundamental and industrial fields. With the opening of this Special Issue, "Chitins", we are planning to produce a strong, very exciting issue that will encompass breakthroughs in highly valuable, scientific, and industrial research in this field. The Special Issue covers recent trends in all aspects of basic and applied scientific research on chitin, chitosan and their derivatives. We look forward very much to your input.

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