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Bioadhesive Systems for Topical Application

Message from the Guest Editors

Topical therapy is often preferred to a systemic one because it allows treating the pathological site, avoiding healthy tissues. The success of a local therapy derives from the use of a suitable active ingredient adequately formulated. Many formulations show a limited low residence time responsible for partial and incomplete treatment. This is responsible for delayed healing times and risks of recurrence in the case of infections. This problem is particularly emphasized in the case of ulcers of both skin and mucosa. The development of new technologies that are able to enhance the residence time of topically applied drugs is necessary for the treatment of local pathologies. In this context, bioadhesive delivery systems are strategic and useful tools for the local treatment of skin and mucosal diseases.

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