

*Biofuel Research Journal (BRJ)* defines "biofuel" in both a specific and generalized context. In the specific sense, BRJ focuses on traditional biofuels and bioproducts derived from biomass. This includes biofuels such as biodiesel, bioethanol, biogas, and algal biofuels, as well as bioproducts like bio-based smart materials, biocomposites, and bio-based chemicals. In a generalized sense, BRJ extends the definition of "biofuel" to include any bio-based technologies, innovations, and strategies that contribute to reducing carbon emissions and fueling the transition toward a sustainable bioeconomy. Here, "biofuel" includes efforts that drive the shift from a carbon-intensive economy to a resilient, bio-based economy. Through this dual approach, BRJ aims to highlight the comprehensive role that both specific biofuels and generalized bio-based innovations play in fostering a sustainable future.

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- Sustainable Applications in Food and Medicine:** Utilizing biomass-derived materials in sustainable packaging, functional food ingredients, drug delivery systems, tissue engineering, and regenerative medicine to support a circular bioeconomy. These applications contribute both to the bio-based economy and a circular economy.
- Catalytic Applications of Biomass-Derived Materials:** Advancing green manufacturing processes through biomass-derived catalysts and sustainable chemical transformations.
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