Precision Nanomedication Research group

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Description of the scientific aims

Nanotechnology has provided revolutionary impacts for the traditional medication. However, there are also distinct challenges for nano-medication for their clinical translation. Our research focuses on the development of functional nanomaterials for solving real clinical problems. We have multidisciplinary team from chemistry, material science, engineering, medicine and biology. We always initial the project with clinical doctors and their clinical questions, and the clinical doctors and/or medical students are involved in the projects from start to the end. We synthesize all kinds of nanomaterials, and we are especially interested in mesoporous silica nanoparticles, the synthetic and nature polymers, DNA nanoparticles and etc. We also apply microfluidic technology for nanoparticles and microparticles fabrication and 3D print technology for fabricating biomedical scaffold and medical devices.

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