

## Special Issue

# Recent Advances in Nanomaterials for Biomedical Applications

### Message from the Guest Editor

Biomedical applications of nanomaterials are extremely versatile. New ideas, breakthrough results and novel technological developments are appearing on a near-daily basis. Functionalized metal nanoparticles, polymer nanoaggregates, liposomes and carbon-based nanomaterials find ever increasing applications in drug and gene delivery. Such nanomaterials possess advantages of controlled release, targeted delivery, co-delivery of several therapeutic or protective agents for combination therapies, improved treatment efficacy and reduced side effects. Furthermore, the plasmonic, fluorescent and magnetic properties of nanomaterials can be used to enhance imaging of cells, tissues and organs. On the other hand, the same properties can be used to achieve enhanced and localized photothermal and photodynamic therapies or magnetic hyperthermia. Nanomaterials also provide important advantages in the field of tissue engineering. They allow us to extend the functionality of scaffolds by modifying their mechanical and electrical properties, creating anisotropy and releasing single molecules and drugs in response to a change in environmental conditions.

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