Special Issue

Responsive Biomaterials for Applications in Disease Diagnosis and Drug Delivery

Message from the Guest Editor

Responsive biomaterials are commonly regarded as biomaterials whose properties may change with exposure to external stimuli, such as heat, light, biomarkers and pH. Such a feature makes them suitable for disease diagnosis and drug delivery. Disease sites usually have unique features compared with normal tissues, including the overexpression of specific biomarkers, or abnormal pH or oxygen levels. Welldesigned responsive biomaterials may respond to these dysfunctions and further lead to the release of drugs or generation of signals, making both the diagnosis and therapy more precise. In the past decades, researchers have developed a variety of responsive biomaterials for precise diagnosis and medicine, which show great promise. The purpose of this Special Issue is to collect these studies and present them to a wider academic community to further promote the development of responsive biomaterials.

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