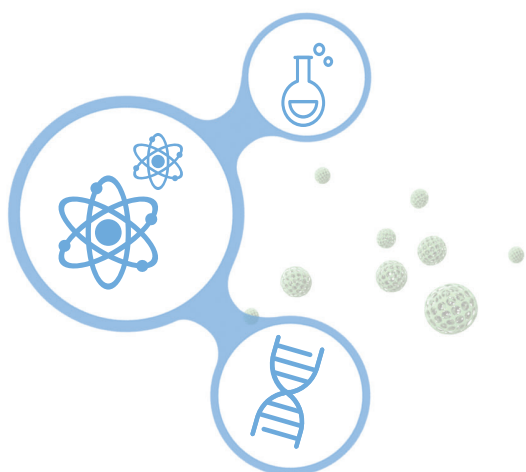


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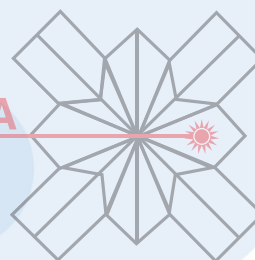
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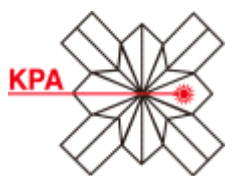
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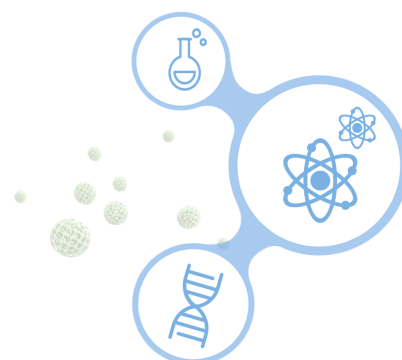
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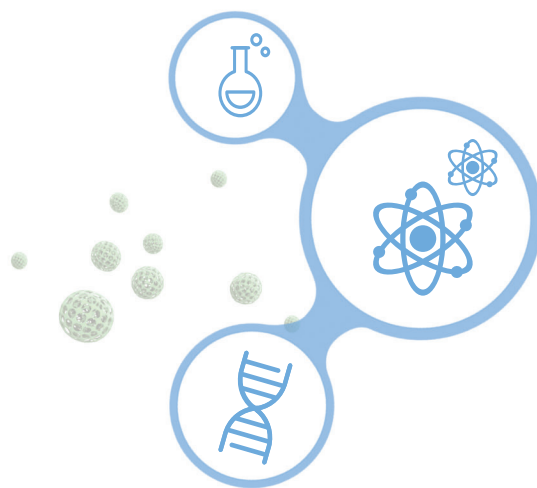
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Session I.		좌장: 김종기
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14:00~14:20	Water-Soluble Ionic Liquid Type Photosensitizers for Photodynamic Therapy	윤일 15 (인제대학교)
14:20~14:40	Multifunctional photosensitizing molecules or nanoparticles for enhanced photodynamic tumor therapy	이은성 17 (가톨릭대학교)
14:40~15:00	다각적 영상 평가법을 이용한 약물의 유효성 및 안전성 평가	김상균 20 (대구경북첨단의료 복합단지)
15:00~15:30	포스터 발표 및 다과	

Session II.		좌장: 최용두	
15:30~15:50	의료기기 적용을 위한 광단층영상 프로브	엄주범 (한국광기술원)	31
15:50~16:10	Targeted photodynamic therapy with colon cancer-specific peptide conjugated photosensitizer	김주희 (가톨릭대학교 의과대학)	32
16:10~16:30	Nanoporphyrin-based spectrometric gas sensing	최윤식 (대구가톨릭대학교)	33
16:30~16:50	Listening to Light and Seeing Through: In Vivo Multiscale Photoacoustic Imaging	김철홍 (POSTECH)	34
16:50~17:10	Effect of chlorin e6-based photodynamic therapy with halogen light against <i>P. acnes</i> -induced inflammatory response	이미영 (순천향대학교)	53
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17:30~17:50	정기총회		
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# Session I.

좌장 : 김 종 기





# **Sulforaphene enhances the efficacy of photodynamic therapy in anaplastic thyroid cancer through Ras/RAF/MEK/ERK pathway suppression**

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Anaplastic thyroid cancer (ATC) is a rapidly growing thyroid cancer with poor prognosis due to aggressive proliferation and drug resistance. Alternative treatments like photodynamic therapy (PDT) is being implemented but the results are still not promising. Sulforaphene (SFE), a natural isothiocyanate has shown potential anticancer effect. The objective of this work is to establish an alternative method with combination of photofrin-PDT and SFE against human anaplastic thyroid cancer. Here, FRO cells were treated with low doses of photofrin and SFE for combination treatment and also expected to show minimal adverse effect to normal fibroblast cells. FRO cells were irradiated with 630 nm diode laser at a dose of 10.8 J/cm<sup>2</sup> for PDT treatment. Higher efficacy of the treatment was analysed by MTT assay, cell cycle study, ROS generation and MMP depolarization in flow cytometry. Western blot analysis of various proliferative proteins like MEK(1/2), ERK(1/2), EGFR, Ras, B-Raf etc. showed a noticeable decrease in expressions. Thus, combination treatment synergistically diminishes the proliferation of FRO cells by suppressing the Ras-Raf-MEK pathway proteins through ROS generation, MMP depolarization and cell cycle arrest. SFE showed minimum cytotoxicity against normal fibroblast cells thus confirming low side-effects. In conclusion, the combination of PDT and SFE can be a potential modality against human anaplastic thyroid cancer.

# **Activatable Nano-theranostic Agents for Near-infrared Fluorescence Imaging and Photodynamic Therapy of Cancers**

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Photodynamic therapy (PDT) using combinations of chemical photosensitizers, light, and molecular oxygen has long been used successfully to treat cancers and other nonmalignant conditions. Compared with conventional chemotherapy, photosensitizers become cytotoxic only in regions that receive the appropriate wavelength of light. However, problems with water-insolubility, limited tumor selectivity, and poor pharmacokinetics of PDT agents have been the main drawbacks to their clinical application. In particular, nonspecific activation of singlet oxygen generation in normal tissues causes prolonged skin photosensitivity, thereby limiting their utility as theranostic agents.

My laboratory has been developing various types of activatable and dual-targeted photosensitizing agents as smart theranostics for selective near-infrared fluorescence imaging and photodynamic therapy of cancers as well as inflammatory diseases. Here I am going to present activatable nanoparticle systems which have been recently developed in my lab. In their native state, photosensitizers in the nanoparticles were nonfluorescent and nonphototoxic, but it became highly fluorescent and phototoxic in cancer cells.



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# Water-Soluble Ionic Liquid Type Photosensitizers for Photodynamic Therapy

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Generally, most of the photosensitizers (PSs) are hydrophobic, which may afford disadvantages to make the PSs insoluble under physiological conditions and hinders to reach the accumulation in the tumor sites. For clinical application, it is need to prevent making aggregation of PS molecules in aqueous media. There are many efforts to make soluble the PSs in water by using various types, such as, cationic (pyridinium, ammonium), anionic (sulfate, phosphonate, carboxylate with sodium), saccharide, cyclodextrin, peptide, polyethylene glycol, polymeric micelles, polymers (starch, dextran, polyallylamine,<sup>1</sup> polyvinylpyrrolidone), and etc. Our group has developed water-soluble gold nanorod(GNR)-PS complex for controllable photodynamic therapy (PDT) effect.<sup>1</sup>

Ionic liquids (ILs) are useful materials based on good advantages, such as, negligible vapor pressure, high thermal stability, property improvement upon slight changes in the chemical architecture. IL type PS (IL-PS) may help PSs capable of increased solubility in aqueous system as well as support attachment of PSs on gold nanoparticles (GNPs) surface through stable electrostatic interactions between ILs and PSs.<sup>2</sup> In order to increase uptake of PSs into tumor cells, PSs should not highly water soluble (hydrophilic) to penetrate the tissue and cell membranes. Therefore it is very important to keep suitable hydrophobic/hydrophilic balance of PSs, for which use of GNPs has a great interest as an efficient carrier of IL-PS.

We developed various kind of ILs, such as morpholinium, cholinium, imidazolium, and ammonium type, of purpurin-18 (**IL1PSs~IL4PSs**) were used to prepare GNP complexes of **IL1-PS-GNPs~IL4-PS-GNPs** and their PDT effect was investigated.<sup>3</sup> The hydroxyl group of each IL-PS has important roles as a reducing agent to make Au(0) as well as a stabilizer through the electrically charged functional groups (i.e. carboxylate and amine groups) in forming the GNPs complexes without any additional reducing agents and surfactants. The GNPs complexes were characterized by a combination analysis of <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and UV-Vis spectroscopies, TGA and TEM measurements. UV-Vis spectra show that long wavelength absorptions ( $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  715~762 nm) of the IL-PSs and IL-PS-GNPs. TGA spectra show the formation of the IL-PS-GNPs, result in directly measured amount of organic content of 37~48% and metallic Au of 52~63%. TEM images showed that the IL-PS-GNPs nanospheres have a size range of 20~80 nm.

All the IL-PS-GNPs showed better cell viability than that of the corresponding IL-PS, which result clearly reveal that the GNPs is an useful carrier for this IL-PS. PDT efficacy of the complexes

IL-PS-GNPs and the corresponding IL-PSs were investigated by MTT assay against A549 and Hela cell lines. The IL-PS-GNPs complexes showed higher cell viability compared to the corresponding free IL-PSs, respectively, due to higher cell penetration based on excellent delivery effect of the GNPs, and relative PDT activity difference among the complexes was depend on the property of the IL-PSs. The IL-PS-GNPs complexes could be delivered into cancer cell by endocytosis result in high penetration and intracellular localization, which was confirmed by confocal laser scanning microscopy (CLSM) images. This result may useful for design and synthesis of new water-soluble IL-PSs and PS-GNPs complexes for enhanced PDT effect.

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## **Multifunctional photosensitizing molecules or nanoparticles for enhanced photodynamic tumor therapy**

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Therapeutic benefit of photodynamic therapy (PDT) method using external light illumination source provides promising modality for the treatment of tumors, associated with ameliorated drug side effects for normal tissues. Fullerene ( $C_{60}$ ) and chlorin e6 (Ce6) used in PDT, can readily transfers the excited energy to oxygen molecules, resulting in generating singlet oxygen in a high yield. The delivery of high doses of photosensitizing drugs to target cancer sites have shown highly increased efficiency in cancer therapy. Here, we introduce various examples of photosensitizing drugs modified using biopolymer-conjugation technologies for highly efficient photodynamic tumor therapy. These system will be favorable to enhance tumor-specific accumulation of photosensitizing drugs and provide effective treatments for tumors.

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## 다각적 영상 평가법을 이용한 약물의 유효성 및 안전성 평가

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최근에 영상을 이용하여 약물동태학 뿐만 아니라 유효성/안전성 평가에 이용하는 사례가 많이 증가하고 있다. 특히 영상을 통한 약물의 유효성/안전성 평가는 활용성 측면 뿐만 아니라 평가의 신뢰성 확보에 큰 역할을 하고 있다. 최근에는 평가에 있어 하나의 장비만을 이용하여 평가하는 대신에 multimodality장비를 이용하는 등 다각적 분석을 통하여 더욱 더 좋은 신뢰성 있는 평가법을 구축하고자 한다. 이와 같은 평가법 중에 1) 혈관관련 질병 연구에서 통합적 광학적 영상의 활용성 2) 독성평가에서 광학영상의 활용 3) 신약개발과정에서 광학영상의 활용한 약물동태학적 연구의 사례를 보여주고, 이를 통해 현재 대구경북첨단의료산업진흥재단 실험동물센터에서는 신약개발을 위해 영상을 어떻게 활용하고 있으며, 유효성 및 안전성 평가서비스는 어떻게 진행하는지를 소개한다.

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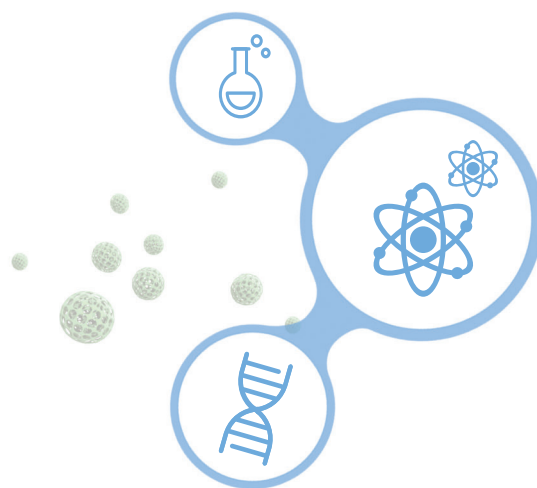
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## 의료기기 적용을 위한 광단층영상 프로브

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OCT probe for dentistry and dermatology has been made with MEMs mirror, align holder and optical collimator. By simply aligning MEMS mirror directly connected and optical collimator, a compact optical probe could be implemented. With the optical probe, a swept source OCT system and spectral domain OCT system were implemented and used to demonstrate the feasibility as the dedicated probe for dentistry and dermatology.

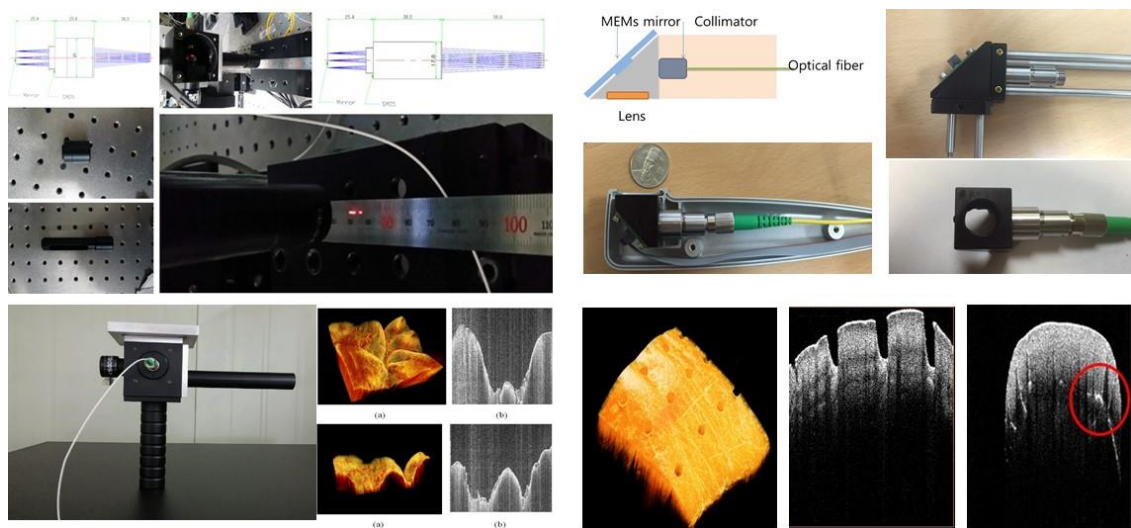


그림 1. 치아 영상획득을 위한 Galvo mirror 기반의 및 MEMs 기반의 광프로브

# Targeted photodynamic therapy with colon cancer-specific peptide conjugated photosensitizer

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**Purpose:** Diagnostic methods for colon cancer with white light endoscopy have limits for detecting all pre-cancer lesions. Therefore, improved approaches for detecting pre-cancer lesion are needed. We aim to develop a probe possible to detect and treat the small lesion at the same time.

**Methods:** To isolate the peptide specific to colon cancer, we screened phage display peptide libraries against human colon cancer cell lines. Analyzed peptide sequences were synthesized, and then conjugated with fluorescence or photosensitizer (Hematoporphyrin, HPP).

**Results:** Immunocytochemical staining using FITC or HPP-conjugated peptides showed high level of binding affinity to colon cancer cell lines. We also saw no binding of the peptides to normal colon cell line. We confirmed that peptide conjugated HPP had enhanced photodynamic therapy (PDT) effect compared to non-conjugated photosensitizer. We also checked binding affinity to colon lesion tissue using mouse colon cancer model. The data showed that HPP-conjugated peptide had more affinity than HPP in mouse colon lesion.

**Conclusions:** The results from this study suggest that targeted PDT using peptide probe may be a promising candidate drug in the development of a useful colon cancer diagnosis and treatment.



# Nanoporphyrin-based spectrometric gas sensing

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목적: 환자의 호기가스로부터 폐암진단법을 개발하기 위해 기존의 단일 포르피린분자 대신 반응 단면적의 증강을 위해 나노메탈포르피린을 제작 폐암환자 호기가스에 대한 광학적 감응반응을 측정하였다.

방법: 용매 혼합기술로 제조한 Fe(II)-나노포르피린과 알려진 폐암 환자의 호기가스 중에서 Benzene, Dodecane, Pentane, Toluene을 선정하여 두 가지 다른 방법으로 반응시켰다.

다공성 Alginate Gel에 Fe(II)-나노포르피린을 embedding한 Fe(II)-나노포르피린 Gel과 용액상태의 Fe(II)-나노포르피린을 Dodecane, Pentane, Toluene을 반응시켜 감응감도를 비교하였다.

결과: UV-VIS 흡광도 Spectrum에서 Benzene을 제외한 Dodecane, Pentane, Toluene과의 반응에서 Soret band peak 및 Q-band가 현저히 감소하는 변화를 관찰할 수 있었다.

Fe(II)-나노포르피린용액이 Soaking되어 다공성 Alginate Gel에 고정되어 호기가스와 반응하는 것이 용액상태의 Fe(II)-나노포르피린 보다 반응감도가 증강되었으며 가시적 색깔 변화가 감지되었다. Pentane과 Toluene에 대한 반응감도가 가장 눈에 띄게 나타나 선별적 감지가 예상된다.

결론: Gel상에 나노포르피린을 고정시킬 때 반응이 가시적으로 색깔변화가 유도되어, 나노포르피린-가스 반응 증강을 도모한 나노메탈포르피린-젤 호기가스 센서 제작과 광학적 감응법이 가능함을 보였다.

# **Listening to Light and Seeing Through: In Vivo Multiscale Photoacoustic Imaging**

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High-resolution volumetric optical imaging modalities, such as confocal microscopy, two-photon microscopy, and optical coherence tomography, have become increasingly important in biomedical imaging fields. However, due to strong light scattering, the penetration depths of these imaging modalities are limited to the optical transport mean free path (~1 mm) in biological tissues. Photoacoustic imaging, an emerging hybrid modality that can provide strong endogenous and exogenous optical absorption contrasts with high ultrasonic spatial resolution, has overcome the fundamental depth limitation while keeping the spatial resolution. The image resolution, as well as the maximum imaging depth, is scalable with ultrasonic frequency within the reach of diffuse photons. In biological tissues the imaging depth can be up to a few centimeters deep.

In this presentation, the following topics of photoacoustic imaging will be discussed; (1) multi-scale photoacoustic imaging systems (i.e., Photoacoustic Nanoscopy, Optical-Resolution Photoacoustic Microscopy, Fast 2-Axis MEMS based Optical-Resolution Photoacoustic Microscopy, Intravascular Photoacoustic/Ultrasound Catheter, Virtual Intraoperative Surgical Photoacoustic Microscopy, Acoustic-Resolution Photoacoustic Microscopy, Clinical Photoacoustic/Ultrasound Scanner), (2) morphological, functional, and molecular photoacoustic imaging, (3) potential clinical applications, and (4) contrast agents for photoacoustic imaging.

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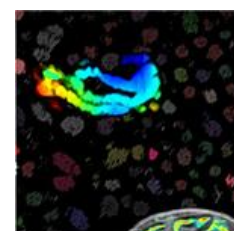
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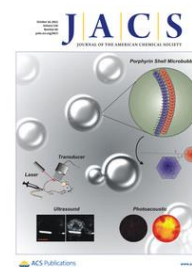
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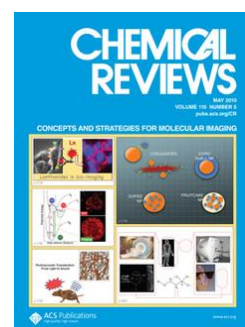


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57. **C. Kim**, "Photoacoustic transduction: from light to sound, High resolution optical imaging", *Departmental seminar in Chemistry and Physics Department, Buffalo State College, the State University of New York, Buffalo, NY*, Nov 2010.
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2. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Poster Awards in the Annual CiTE Research Affairs (Feb 2016).
3. 2nd Best Award in 2015 Fall Tech + Star Challenge, APGC Lab (Nov 2015).
4. Best Poster Award in the Annual Biophotonics Conference (Oct 2015).
5. Best Paper Award in the Optical Society of Korea Summer Meeting (Jul 2015).
6. Silver and Bronze Award in Light Images Contest on Optical Society of Korea Summer Meeting (Jul 2015).
7. First place, Best poster (1/150) in the 41st Northeast Bioengineering Conference (NEBEC) (Apr 2015).
8. Best Poster Award in the International Workshop on Bioengineering Innovations (Feb 2015).
9. Best Presentation Award in the POSTECH Presidential Business Model Fellowship Competition (Feb 2015).
10. Bronze Award from SAMSUNG Electro-Mechanics Inside Edge Best Paper Competition (Oct 2014).
11. Best Oral Presentation Award in the 14th POSTECH-KYUTECH joint workshop (Aug 2014).
12. 2nd Best Creative Research Project Award from the NIPA Director in the Creative ICT Convergence Korea (Aug 2014).
13. Photonics West 2010 Travel Award (Jan. 2010)
14. Departmental Graduate Scholarship, Dept. of Biomedical Engineering, Texas A&M Univ. (Spring 2005 and Fall 2005)
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## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

### **Editorial board**

1. American Journal of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging (AJNMMI, Mar. 2014 – present)
2. Photoacoustics (PACS, Feb. 2015 – present)
3. Clinics in Oncology (Apr. 2016 – present)

### **Guest editor**

1. Journal of Biomedical Optics, a premier journal in biomedical optics (Sep 2014- present)
2. BioMed Research International (formerly titled Journal of Biomedicine and Biotechnology), Special Issue on Biomedical Imaging in Regenerative Engineering (June 2014)
3. IEEE Pulse, Special Issue on Photoacoustics (June/July 2015)

### **Organizing and Program Chair**

1. The 14<sup>th</sup> POSTECH-KYUTECH Joint Workshop on Neuroinformatics, Kitakyshu, Japan (Aug 2014)
2. International Workshop on Bioengineering Innovations 2015: Imaging, Devices, Agents, and Applications, Pohang, Korea (Feb 2015)

### **Program Committee**

1. Photon plus Ultrasound: Imaging and Sensing, Annual Conference of Photonics West, SPIE, San Francisco, USA (Feb 2016-)
2. The 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Photonics, Optics and Laser Technology, PHOTOPTICS 2016, Rome, Italy (Feb 2016)
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1. Novel Methods in Photoacoustic Tomography session in Biomedical Optics Congress Optical Society of America 2016, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA
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3. Biomedical Optics in Nanomedicine Towards Clinical Translation session in The 9<sup>th</sup> IEEE International Conference on Nano/Molecular Medicine and Engineering 2015, Hawaii, USA
4. Photoacoustic Imaging and its Applications Mini-symposium in International Conference on Health Informatics 2013, Vilamoura, Portugal
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# **Effect of chlorin e6-based photodynamic therapy with halogen light against *P. acnes*-induced inflammatory response**

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The therapeutic potential of chlorin e6-based photodynamic therapy (PDT) using halogen light against *P. acnes*-triggered inflammation was examined in this study. A second generation photosensitizer of chlorin e6 (Ce6) was synthesized from *Spirulina* chlorophyll, and the antibacterial, anti-inflammatory, and collagen biosynthesis-promoting activity in the presence of halogen light were evaluated. Chlorin e6-based PDT showed superior antibacterial activity against various microbes including *P. acnes*. The anti-inflammatory effect of Ce6-mediated PDT was also measured *in vitro* in *P. acnes*-stimulated HaCaT cells and *in vivo* in *P. acnes*-injected mice. Moreover, Ce6-based PDT with halogen light up-regulated collagen biosynthesis, but down-regulated MMPs expression in *P. acnes*-infected HaCaT cells. Our results suggest for the first time the feasibility of Ce6-based PDT as a superior treatment against skin disorder by pathogenic infection.

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## Enhanced production of ROS in carboplatine-assisted PDT

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목적 : 최근 low-dose carboplatine 병용 광 역학치료(CCPDT)의 효능증강 현상이 임상적으로 관찰되어 분자적 기작을 규명하기 위해 백금이 포함된 Carboplatin과 광민감제-photofrin를 사용하여 단일 광 역학치료 대비 활성산소류 증감 비교 연구를 수행 하였다.

방법 : 자궁경부암세포주에 광민감제를 농도(20 $\mu$ M)로 투여하고 3시간 동안 배양한 다음 Carboplatin(1mM)과 ROS 측정 probe-Hydrocyanine(10 $\mu$ M)와 함께 3시간 동안 동일 조건에서 배양 후 PDT laser 50mW로 2.5, 5J 조사하였다 형광측정장비(plate reader)를 이용하여 Excitation : 635nm, Emission : 670nm에서 대조군과 실험군에서 ROS형광을 검출 비교 분석하였다.

결과 : Carboplatin투여 PDT 시험군에서 단일 광역학치료 대비 약 29.6% 정도 높게 측정되었으며, 조사선량에 따라 ROS 측정 값이 대조군에 비해 약 38.5%만큼 높게 측정되었다. 이 결과 대조군대비 CP+PDT 시험군이 활성산소 증가율에 따른 ROS 측정값이 높아 자궁경부암세포 사멸이 증강될 수 있음이 관찰되었다.

# **Photosensitizer-conjugated EGFR (epidermal growth factor receptor) targeting peptides for activatable fluorescence imaging and photodynamic therapy of EGFR-overexpressing cancers**

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Photodynamic therapy (PDT) has been successfully used to treat cancers and other malignant conditions in clinics. Even though targeted PDT agents have been developed to enhance target selectivity in imaging and therapy, the fundamental disadvantage of “always on” type of targeted PDT agents is that they emit fluorescence signals regardless of their proximity or interaction with target cells, and unwanted phototoxicity in normal tissues is still possible. Therefore, development of targeted PDT agents with activatable optical properties is highly challenging.

Here, we showed that small-sized activatable PDT agents could be developed by conjugating PDT agents Chlorin e4 (Ce4) with EGFR-targeting peptide *via* disulfide linkers (i.e. L-EGFR). EGFR overexpression is frequently found in a variety of human cancers, and considered as an important target for receptor-mediated delivery system of drugs. We hypothesized that L-EGFR conjugates are nonfluorescent and nonphototoxic in its native state, but becomes highly fluorescent and phototoxic after internalization into EGFR-positive cancer cells *via* receptor-mediated endocytosis and subsequent cleavage of the disulfide bonds by intracellular reducing agents. As expected, both fluorescence and singlet oxygen generation (SOG) of L-EGFR were turned off. When L-EGFR were treated with 5 mM reducing agent, fluorescence and SOG were almost recovered to the level of free Ce4.

Next, the utility of L-EGFR in activatable near-infrared (NIR) fluorescence imaging of EGFR-positive cancer cells was tested. As expected, NIR fluorescence of L-EGFR was quenched in the extracellular region but becomes highly fluorescent inside EGFR-overexpressing cells with time. And target-cell-specific PDT of the L-EGFR was evaluated. Good PDT effect was obtained in EGFR-overexpressing cells depending on their EGFR-expression levels. From the *in vivo* studies, tumor sites of L-EGFR-treated mice showed greater fluorescence intensities than buffer- and free photosensitizer- treated mice. This activatable agent with dual target-specificity showed potential utility in NIR fluorescence imaging with a high tumor-to-background ratio and photodynamic therapy of target cells.



# Indocyanine Green-Loaded Hollow Mesoporous Silica Nanoparticles as a Novel Theranostic Agent

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## Extended Abstract

Indocyanine green (ICG) is a FDA-approved near-infrared (NIR) fluorophore that is widely used in *in vivo* NIR fluorescence imaging and potentially photodynamic therapy (PDT) of cancers [1]. However, as a simple molecular PDT agent, it has the potential problem of high background fluorescence when circulating in the blood stream, which can result in a low target-to-background ratio (TBR) in *in vivo* imaging. In addition, non-specific uptake by normal cells and tissues of ICG further reduced TBR. Due to these reasons, its applications for fluorescence imaging as well as PDT of cancers have been limited.

Here we developed ICG-loaded hollow mesoporous silica nanoparticles (HMSNP) for selective NIR fluorescence imaging and phototherapy of cancers. We hypothesized that NIR fluorescence and phototoxicity are self-quenched in the extracellular regions but becomes highly fluorescent and phototoxic inside cancer cells, thereby enabling selective fluorescence imaging and therapy of cancers. The size of the prepared nanoparticles was about 160 nm in diameter, and ICG was loaded onto HMSNP at 12 w/w%. Comparison of the UV-Vis absorption spectra of ICG-loaded HMSNP and free ICG in aqueous solution confirmed aggregation of the loaded ICGs inside the nanoparticles. As expected, both NIR fluorescence and singlet oxygen generation of ICG-loaded HMSNP were significantly inhibited in comparison with free ICG. In the *in vitro* cell study, strong fluorescence was observed in the cancer cells treated with ICG-loaded HMSNP indicating activation of its fluorescence inside cancer cells. Upon light irradiation, ICG-loaded HMSNP showed significantly higher cytotoxicity than that of free ICG molecules. These features make HMSNP a promising “off-on” platform for utilizing ICG in theranostics.

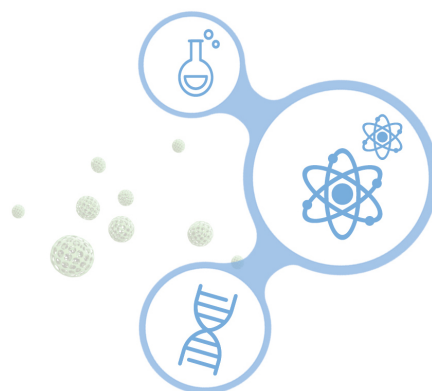
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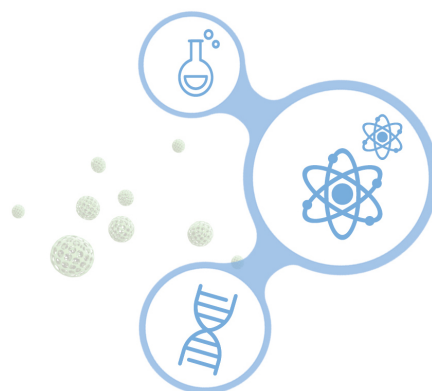
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