生命科学とナノテクノロジー

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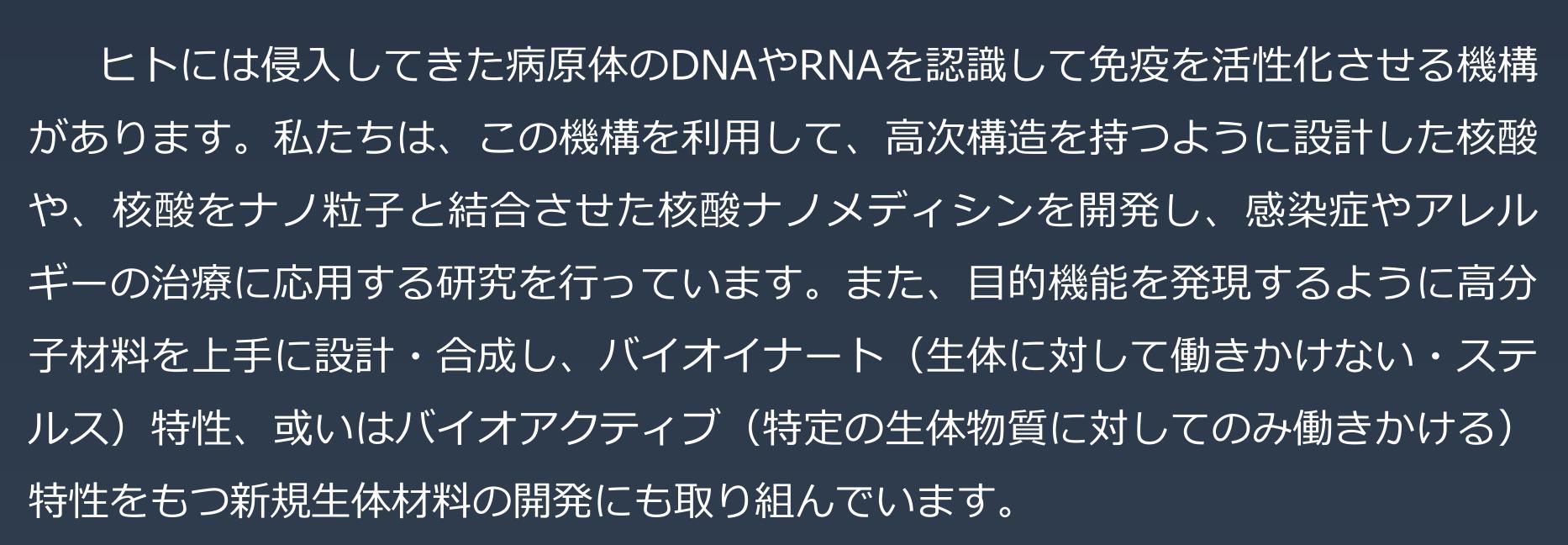
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生命現象を理解し、生命機能を制御する ナノテクノロジーを創出



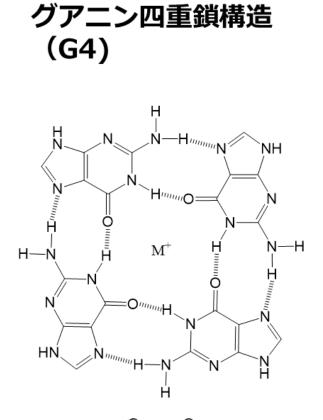


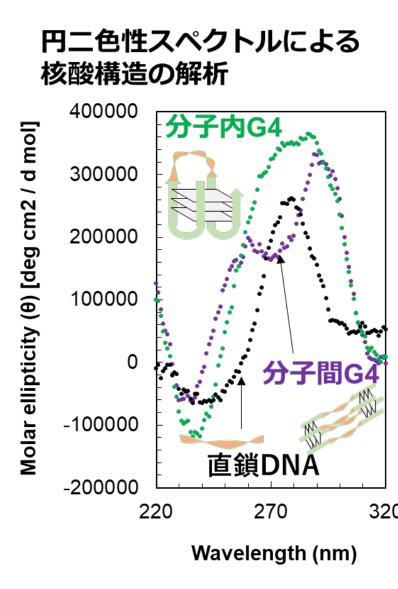
When pathogens infect us, our cells recognize DNA or RNA molecules of bacteria and viruses and the immune system is activated. With attention to this biological immune system, we are developing nucleic acid-based nanomedical molecules, and also nanoparticle-conjugated nanomedicines, and applying these to the treatment of infectious diseases and allergies. Meanwhile, we are also developing novel biomaterials with bioinert or bioactive properties, by designing and synthesizing well-defined polymeric materials.

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DNA高次構造の改変による 核酸ナノメディシンの機能制御

Immune response regulation by controlling the conformation of oligodeoxynucleotides





自然免疫受容体のトール様受容体9(TLR9)はCG配列を含む非メチル化一本鎖DNA(CpG ODN)を認識し、免疫を活性化します。TLR9は認識するCpG ODNの立体構造によって、誘導するサイトカインが異なります。我々は、この現象を解明するためにグアニン四重鎖構造を用いてCpG ODNの形成する高次構造を制御し、細胞内での動態を解明することを進めています。得られた情報をもとに、新しいCpG ODNの開発を進めています。

An innate immunity receptor, Toll-like receptor 9 (TLR9), recognizes unmethylated single-stranded DNA (CpG ODN) and then activates the immune system. TLR9 leads to the production of different cytokines, depending on the conformation of the CpG ODN. In order to elucidate this switching phenomenon, we are studying the dynamics of CpG ODN in cells by controlling the conformation of CpG ODN formed by a guanine quadruplex structure. Based on the obtained results, we will develop new CpG ODN molecules.

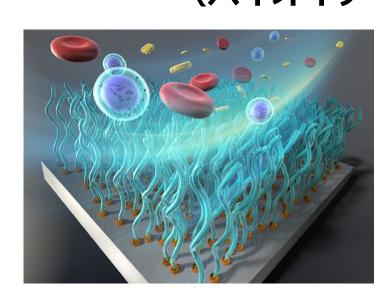
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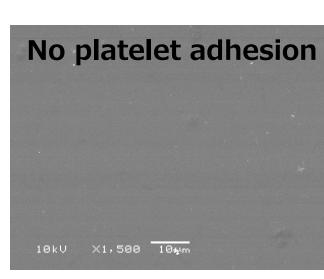
高分子の構造制御による 生体機能の制御

Well-defined polymer materials to regulate biofunctions

精密重合法を駆使した高分子材料設計による、新規な生体材料の創出を目指しています。具体的には、重合の最適化と高分子の構造制御、高次構造と機能の相関解明などの基盤研究を行い、生体機能を自在に制御できる生体材料の開発に取り組んでいます。

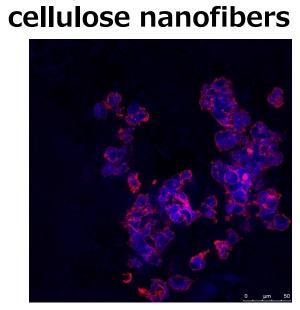
抗血栓性ポリマーブラシ (バイオイナート特性)





バイオマスを用いた足場材料 (バイオアクティブ特性) HepG2 cells with





Our goal is to create novel polymeric biomaterials by well-defined structures using living radical polymerizations. Specifically, we are conducting fundamental research on optimization of polymerizations, control of polymer structures, and elucidation of the correlation between structures and functions to develop sophisticated biomaterials that can freely control biological functions.

