

Biomolecule Responsive Supramolecular Hydrogel-Enzyme Hybrids

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Soft matters such as supramolecular hydrogels composed of self-assembled nanofibers exhibiting stimuli-response under aqueous conditions are attractive owing to their numerous potential bio-applications. However, installing macroscopic response toward structurally complex biochemical stimuli into them still remains a challenge. Here we show that redox-responsive peptide-based hydrogels^[1] have the ability to encapsulate enzymes whilst retaining their activities and co-operative coupling of enzymatic reactions with the gel response allows us to construct unique stimuli responsive soft materials capable of sensing a variety of disease-related biomarkers. The programmable gel-sol response even to biological samples is visible to the naked eye. Furthermore, we built the Boolean logic gates, OR and AND gates into the hydrogel-enzyme hybrid materials, which were able to simultaneously sense plural specific biochemicals and execute a controlled drug release through the logical calculation.^[2] The intelligent soft materials that we developed may prove valuable in future medical diagnostics or treatments.

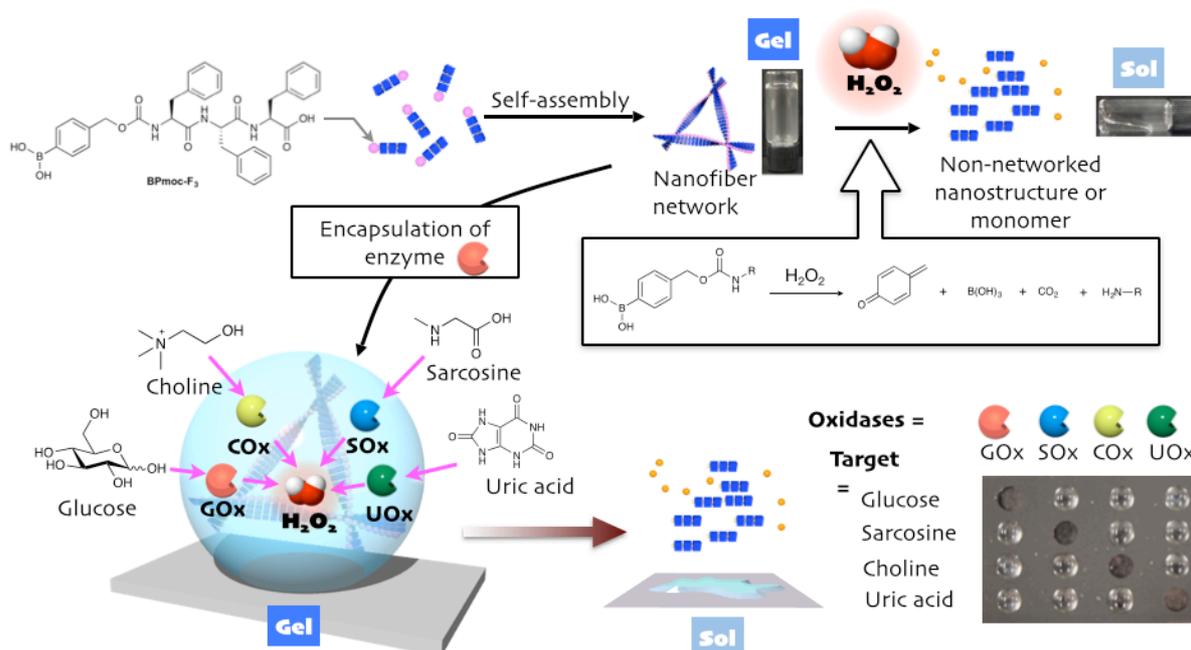


Figure 1 | Schematic representation of Ox^cBPmoc-F₃ hybrid gels. Information in the form of molecular input is received by enzyme (oxidases) and converted into H₂O₂, which eventually gives rise to gel-sol change as output through the degradation of matrix consisting of H₂O₂-responsive nanofiber.

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