

# Nanomaterials and the Nervous System

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*In memory of your unwavering courage and dedication to human rights. Her act will never be forgotten. This book is dedicated to her, a beacon of hope and justice.*

*Rest in peace, sister. You will never be forgotten.*

*Ayşenur Ezgi Eygi (27 July 1998 – 6 September 2024) was a Turkish-American human rights activist and peer mentor. Born in Antalya, Türkiye, she graduated from the University of Washington with a psychology major. Tragically, Ayşenur died on 6 September 2024*



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Nanomaterials, with their unique physical and chemical properties, have attracted much interest across various industries. However, their potential to traverse biological barriers and interact with the delicate nervous system raises concerns about neurotoxicity. This chapter explores the mechanisms of nanomaterial-induced neurotoxicity, highlighting the vulnerability of the nervous system and the potential routes of exposure. It provides an overview of established methodologies for assessing neurotoxicity, presents case studies, and experimental findings that underline the importance of rigorous evaluation. Strategies for safer nanomaterial development, including surface modification and biogenic fabrication are discussed. Additionally, the chapter emphasizes the need for robust regulatory frameworks and international collaboration to ensure the responsible development and application of nanomaterials, particularly in the discipline of nanomedicine.

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The affected arteries through any disorder get hardened due to plaque formation in cardiac issues. The proliferation of fatty substances in arteries causes stenosis. To access inaccessible areas of the human body, the delivery of nanoparticles tempts to further investigate the function of fluid dynamics in the dispersion of nanoparticles. This study hypothesizes the flow of blood containing nanoparticles via an artery having stenosis and permeable walls along with the consequences of slip velocity. For stenosed tubes, the introduction of nanoparticles has unfavorable effects. Non-linear coupled equations are resolved using the Homotopy Perturbation Method. The application of Laplace and finite Hankel transformations results in a thorough quantitative analysis of fluid acceleration. In case of mild stenosis, the coupled non-linear equations are calculated with the help of the Homotopy Perturbation Method by using appropriate corresponding boundary conditions. The flow rate and shear stress are measured at the constricted region of the tube.

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Nanomaterials are widely used across various industries. In addition, nanomaterial emissions are generated from numerous devices and equipment, especially motor vehicles. Despite their benefits, the rapid increase and spread of anthropogenic nanomaterials have raised concerns about nanotoxicity. Recent research indicates that nanomaterials can enter the human body through various pathways and may cause adverse effects, particularly on the central nervous system. The earthquakes in southeastern Turkey on February 6, 2023, have highlighted the 'Lowlands to Mountains' settlement model, which involves relocating communities from loose alluvial soils to stable bedrock areas. This model also presents a promising approach to mitigating the risks associated with atmospheric nanomaterials. By moving urban areas from lowlands to higher altitudes, such as mountains, hills, or slopes—where nanoparticle concentrations may be lower—the health impacts of nanomaterials might be reduced.

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Numerous interdisciplinary fields, including nanomedicine, diagnostics, and nanotheranostics, have seen the extensive use of nanotechnology in biomedical engineering. This chapter will give a quick overview of nanotechnology's role as a tool that facilitates the creation of novel functional materials and medical devices here. Quantum dots, or semiconductor nanocrystals, are widely utilized in optical imaging for the diagnosis of conditions like cancer. Nanomaterials have potential applications as treatments and as preventative antiviral/antibacterial agents. In a similar vein, some nanomaterials have demonstrated the ability to circumvent the limitations of traditional antiviral medications. However, it's becoming more important to evaluate the negative impacts and toxicities of nanoparticles in medicine and treatments. The importance of nanoparticles in combating coronavirus disease is highlighted in this article's conversation of the most recent advancement in nanomaterials.

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This chapter delves into the transformative potential of nanotechnology in neurological theranostics, examining current diagnostic challenges and emerging trends in nanomedicine. It highlights the limitations of conventional methods and underscores the need for innovative solutions. From nanoscale biosensors for early disease detection to targeted drug delivery systems overcoming the blood-brain barrier, nanotechnology offers novel strategies for enhanced patient care. However, addressing validation, standardization, scalability, and safety concerns is crucial. By fostering interdisciplinary collaborations, integrating nano biomaterials holds promise for personalized neuro-theranostics, improving outcomes for individuals with neurological disorders.

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Depression is commonly linked to heightened levels of pro-inflammatory markers, emphasizing the importance of addressing this aspect for effective treatment. Current treatment options encompass selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs), serotonin-norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (SNRIs), and bioactive compounds from herbal medicine with antidepressant properties. Nevertheless, ensuring adequate drug levels in the brain regions affected by depression poses a challenge. To surmount this obstacle, leveraging drug delivery systems capable of breaching the blood-brain barrier (BBB) has emerged as a promising strategy for administering antidepressants. Nanoformulations (NFs) have shown promise in this regard, facilitating the delivery of antidepressant agents. This examination offers an outline of nose-to-brain delivery using NFs for treating depression, with a focus on enhancing anti-inflammatory and antioxidant effects.

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An extensive variety of etiologies, including trauma and chronic health issues, can result in peripheral nerve injuries. These injuries provide significant hurdles regarding clinical care and the eventual restoration of usual ability. In response to these obstacles, nanoparticles have become a viable therapeutic approach that has the potential to accelerate peripheral nerve regeneration. This chapter includes a thorough examination of the categories and synthetic processes related to nanoparticles. Here, the chapter will illustrate the critical role that nanoparticles play in advancing the field of peripheral nerve regeneration through this comprehensive investigation.

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The chapter discusses the optimization of the physical and chemical properties of these nanocomposites to enhance their suitability for neural applications, such as tuning the surface chemistry to improve cell-material interactions and modifying the mechanical properties to match those of the native neural tissue. It also highlights the importance of rigorous in vitro and in vivo testing to evaluate the material's performance in supporting neural cell viability, differentiation, and integration with host tissue. The potential implications of this research are far-reaching, contributing not only to the advancement of neural tissue engineering but also to the broader scope of regenerative medicine. The chapter concludes with a discussion on the prospects of Chi-PDA nanocomposites in the development of next-generation neural interfaces, implants, and scaffolds, and their potential to significantly improve the quality of life for individuals with neural damage or degenerative conditions.

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Creating customized applications for the biological domains has made designing nanomaterials a high research priority. Indeed, existing patterns in the literature indicate an absence of comprehensive evaluations that explicitly highlight the state of knowledge about the design and manufacturing of nanomaterials. The performance of nanoparticles (NPs) is affected by various aspects, including size, shape, surface charge, and microstructures. It has also been discovered that these properties depend on how they are synthesized. The principles, sample preparation procedures, and outcomes of the characterization techniques employed to study these nanomaterials varied somewhat. As a result, this book chapter aims to thoroughly analyze current developments in nanomaterials for biomedical engineering, focusing on the selection of nanomaterials, instruments, preparation methods, and characterization techniques employed in nanomaterial design. Important uses of these nanomaterials are also briefly covered, including wound healing, drug delivery, and tissue regeneration.

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With the progress of modern human society, women have entered the workplace and actively participate in work. Especially for women in Asia-pacific area, they persist in working during pregnancy to support their families financially. Consequently, they experience substantial stress when it comes to both their well-being and job responsibilities throughout pregnancy. However, the relationship between pregnancy stress and cognitive impairments in offspring has not been extensively studied. The development of human fetuses and their brains requires a stable and safe environment. The stress experienced by pregnant women can affect the endocrine homeostasis system of the mother and the intrauterine environment, which in turn impacts the fetal brain and the nervous system development. This book chapter aims to explore this relationship between prenatal stress and effects on offspring cognition impairments intensively.

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# Preface

The convergence of nanotechnology and neuroscience represents one of the most exciting frontiers in modern science. The potential to manipulate materials at the nanoscale to interact with the nervous system opens up new avenues for understanding brain function, diagnosing neurological disorders, and developing innovative treatments.

*Nanomaterials and the Nervous System* is born out of a desire to explore these possibilities in depth. This book brings together the latest research and developments and providing a comprehensive overview of how nanomaterials can be utilized to address some of the most pressing challenges in neuroscience.

The journey of compiling this book has been both enlightening and inspiring. It has involved the collaboration of numerous experts who have generously shared their knowledge and insights. Throughout the chapters, readers will find detailed discussions on a variety of topics, including the design and synthesis of nanomaterials, their interaction with neural tissues, and their potential applications in neurotherapy and diagnostics.

In chapter 1, the authors delve into the intricate issue of nanomaterial neurotoxicity, emphasizing the potential risks these materials pose to the central nervous system. Nanomaterials, characterized by their dimensions ranging from 1 to 100 nanometers, exhibit properties that render them highly valuable across various industrial applications. Despite their benefits, their ability to traverse the blood-brain barrier through different pathways raises significant concerns. The chapter reviews existing research highlighting the adverse effects of nanomaterial exposure, such as oxidative stress, inflammation, and alterations in gene expression. Understanding the mechanisms and influencing factors behind nanomaterial neurotoxicity is essential for the safe application of these materials across diverse fields.

Chapter 2 provides a comprehensive review of nanomaterial neurotoxicity, focusing on the evaluation of toxicity levels, exposure routes, and mechanisms of damage to brain cells. The discussion extends to various models used for assessing neurotoxicity, including in vitro, ex vivo, and in vivo approaches. Challenges related

to nanomaterial characterization, risk assessment, and regulatory frameworks are addressed. The chapter concludes by emphasizing the importance of predictive toxicological models and safe-by-design principles. Future research directions are proposed to explore the long-term effects of nanomaterials and strategies to mitigate their neurotoxic impact.

Building on previous work that linked miRNA expressions associated with asbestos exposure in mesothelioma to schizophrenia brain tissue, chapter 3 explores the potential connection between asbestos, a material that can be considered a nanoparticle, and schizophrenia. The review scrutinizes the use of transmission electron microscopy (TEM) for identifying nanoparticles in schizophrenia brain tissue, finding current methods insufficient. The chapter also investigates the role of urban air pollution and neuroinflammation in schizophrenia risk and suggests that further research into environmental exposures might reveal new insights into the neuropathology of schizophrenia.

In chapter 4, the authors explore the mechanisms through which nanomaterials induce neurotoxicity, focusing on the vulnerabilities of the nervous system and potential exposure routes. The chapter provides an overview of established methodologies for assessing neurotoxicity and presents case studies and experimental findings that highlight the importance of thorough evaluation. It discusses strategies for safer nanomaterial development, including surface modification and biogenic fabrication, and underscores the need for robust regulatory frameworks and international collaboration to ensure responsible nanomaterial development and application, especially in nanomedicine.

Chapter 5 examines the influence of stenosis on the dispersion of nanoparticles in the bloodstream, particularly through arteries with plaque formation. By hypothesizing the effects of nanoparticles in stenosed arteries, the chapter employs the Homotopy Perturbation Method to solve non-linear coupled equations and analyze fluid dynamics. The study measures flow rates and shear stress in constricted regions, providing quantitative insights into the impact of nanoparticles on blood flow and the associated challenges in delivering therapeutic agents effectively.

In chapter 6, the authors address the health risks posed by nanomaterial emissions, particularly from motor vehicles and other devices. Despite their advantages, the proliferation of anthropogenic nanomaterials has raised concerns about their toxicity, especially to the central nervous system. The chapter highlights the recent earthquakes in southeastern Turkey as a case study to propose a 'Lowlands to Mountains' settlement model. This model suggests relocating urban areas to higher altitudes to potentially reduce the health impacts associated with atmospheric nanomaterials.

Chapter 7 offers a broad overview of nanotechnology's applications in biomedical engineering, including diagnostics and therapeutic interventions. It discusses the role of quantum dots in optical imaging and the potential of nanomaterials in

treatments and antiviral/antibacterial applications. The chapter emphasizes the need to evaluate the negative impacts and toxicities of nanoparticles, particularly in the context of recent advancements in combating diseases like COVID-19.

In chapter 8, the authors explore the transformative potential of nanotechnology in neurological theranostics. It reviews current diagnostic challenges and emerging trends in nanomedicine, highlighting the limitations of conventional methods and the need for innovative solutions. The chapter discusses nanoscale biosensors for early disease detection and targeted drug delivery systems for overcoming the blood-brain barrier, while also addressing validation, standardization, and safety concerns essential for the advancement of personalized neuro-theranostics.

Chapter 9 reviews the potential of nanoformulations (NFs) in enhancing the delivery of antidepressants across the blood-brain barrier for the treatment of depression. It focuses on the use of NFs to overcome challenges related to drug concentration in affected brain regions and highlights their ability to improve anti-inflammatory and antioxidant activities. The chapter provides an overview of the nose-to-brain delivery systems and their promise in advancing depression treatment.

Chapter 10 investigates the use of nanoparticles as a therapeutic approach to accelerate peripheral nerve regeneration. It provides a thorough examination of nanoparticle categories, synthetic processes, and their roles in advancing nerve regeneration. The chapter underscores the potential of nanoparticles in addressing clinical care challenges and restoring functionality in patients with peripheral nerve injuries.

Focusing on the optimization of nanocomposites for neural applications, chapter 11 discusses how modifying physical and chemical properties can enhance their suitability for supporting neural tissue. It highlights the importance of rigorous testing in evaluating material performance and the potential implications for neural tissue engineering and regenerative medicine. The chapter concludes by discussing the future prospects of Chi-PDA nanocomposites in developing advanced neural interfaces, implants, and scaffolds.

Chapter 12 addresses the current state of knowledge in the design and manufacturing of nanomaterials, focusing on their size, shape, surface charge, and microstructures. It provides a comprehensive analysis of the principles, sample preparation procedures, and characterization techniques used in nanomaterial design. The chapter also briefly covers important applications, such as wound healing, drug delivery, and tissue regeneration.

Chapter 13 explores the relationship between prenatal stress and cognitive impairments in offspring, particularly in women from the Asia-Pacific region who continue to work during pregnancy. It examines how stress affects maternal endocrine homeostasis and the intrauterine environment, impacting fetal brain and nervous system development. The chapter aims to provide insights into the effects

of pregnancy stress on cognitive outcomes in offspring and the need for further research in this area.

As we navigate through the complexities of the nervous system with the aid of nanotechnology, it is crucial to consider not only the scientific and technical aspects but also the ethical and societal implications. This book aims to address these considerations, fostering a holistic understanding of the field.

We hope that *Nanomaterials and the Nervous System* will serve as a valuable resource for researchers, clinicians, and students alike. It is my sincere wish that this book will inspire further research and innovation, ultimately contributing to the advancement of neuroscience and the betterment of human health and psychology. We also aspire that this chapter can motivate individuals to delve deeply into the study of nanomaterials, uncovering the diverse beauty found in nature. The intelligent and aesthetically pleasing design of all things is worthy of exploration and appreciation.

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# Chapter 1

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Neurotoxicity poses a considerable risk in evaluating nanomaterials' safety, given the brain's great susceptibility to even small amounts of harmful compounds. Nanomaterials are substances with at least one dimension within the range of 1 to 100 nanometers (nm) (Hussain et al., 2020). Due to their distinct physical and chemical


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*Nanomaterials, with their unique physical and chemical properties, have attracted much interest across various industries. However, their potential to traverse biological barriers and interact with the delicate nervous system raises concerns about neurotoxicity. This chapter explores the mechanisms of nanomaterial-induced neurotoxicity, highlighting the vulnerability of the nervous system and the potential*

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# Chapter 5

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*The affected arteries through any disorder get hardened due to plaque formation in cardiac issues. The proliferation of fatty substances in arteries causes stenosis. To access inaccessible areas of the human body, the delivery of nanoparticles tempts to further investigate the function of fluid dynamics in the dispersion of nanoparticles. This study hypothesizes the flow of blood containing nanoparticles via an artery having stenosis and permeable walls along with the consequences of slip velocity.*


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*Nanomaterials are widely used across various industries. In addition, nanomaterial emissions are generated from numerous devices and equipment, especially motor vehicles. Despite their benefits, the rapid increase and spread of anthropogenic nanomaterials have raised concerns about nanotoxicity. Recent research indicates that nanomaterials can enter the human body through various pathways and may cause adverse effects, particularly on the central nervous system. The earthquakes in southeastern Turkey on February 6, 2023, have highlighted the 'Lowlands to*

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*Numerous interdisciplinary fields, including nanomedicine, diagnostics, and nanotheranostics, have seen the extensive use of nanotechnology in biomedical engineering. This chapter will give a quick overview of nanotechnology's role as a tool that facilitates the creation of novel functional materials and medical devices here. Quantum dots, or semiconductor nanocrystals, are widely utilized in optical*

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*This chapter delves into the transformative potential of nanotechnology in neurological theranostics, examining current diagnostic challenges and emerging trends in nanomedicine. It highlights the limitations of conventional methods and underscores the need for innovative solutions. From nanoscale biosensors for early disease detection to targeted drug delivery systems overcoming the blood-brain barrier, nanotechnology offers novel strategies for enhanced patient care. However, addressing validation, standardization, scalability, and safety concerns is crucial. By fostering interdisciplinary collaborations, integrating nano biomaterials holds promise for personalized neuro-theranostics, improving outcomes for individuals with neurological disorders.*


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*Depression is commonly linked to heightened levels of pro-inflammatory markers, emphasizing the importance of addressing this aspect for effective treatment. Current treatment options encompass selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs), serotonin-norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (SNRIs), and bioactive compounds from herbal medicine with antidepressant properties. Nevertheless, ensuring adequate drug levels in the brain regions affected by depression poses a challenge. To surmount this obstacle, leveraging drug delivery systems capable of breaching the*


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*An extensive variety of etiologies, including trauma and chronic health issues, can result in peripheral nerve injuries. These injuries provide significant hurdles regarding clinical care and the eventual restoration of usual ability. In response to these obstacles, nanoparticles have become a viable therapeutic approach that has the potential to accelerate peripheral nerve regeneration. This chapter includes a thorough examination of the categories and synthetic processes related to nanoparticles. Here, the chapter will illustrate the critical role that nanoparticles play in advancing the field of peripheral nerve regeneration through this comprehensive investigation.*

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*The chapter discusses the optimization of the physical and chemical properties of these nanocomposites to enhance their suitability for neural applications, such as tuning the surface chemistry to improve cell-material interactions and modifying the mechanical properties to match those of the native neural tissue. It also highlights the importance of rigorous in vitro and in vivo testing to evaluate the material's performance in supporting neural cell viability, differentiation, and integration with host tissue. The potential implications of this research are far-reaching, contributing not only to the advancement of neural tissue engineering but also to the broader scope of regenerative medicine. The chapter concludes with a discussion on the prospects of Chi-PDA nanocomposites in the development of next-generation neural interfaces, implants, and scaffolds, and their potential to significantly improve the quality of life for individuals with neural damage or degenerative conditions.*


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*Creating customized applications for the biological domains has made designing nanomaterials a high research priority. Indeed, existing patterns in the literature indicate an absence of comprehensive evaluations that explicitly highlight the state of knowledge about the design and manufacturing of nanomaterials. The performance of nanoparticles (NPs) is affected by various aspects, including size, shape, surface charge, and microstructures. It has also been discovered that these properties depend on how they are synthesized. The principles, sample preparation procedures, and outcomes of the characterization techniques employed to study these nanomaterials varied somewhat. As a result, this book chapter aims to thoroughly analyze current developments in nanomaterials for biomedical engineering, focusing on the selection*

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*With the progress of modern human society, women have entered the workplace and actively participate in work. Especially for women in Asia-pacific area, they persist in working during pregnancy to support their families financially. Consequently, they experience substantial stress when it comes to both their well-being and job responsibilities throughout pregnancy. However, the relationship between pregnancy stress and cognitive impairments in offspring has not been extensively studied. The development of human fetuses and their brains requires a stable and safe environment. The stress experienced by pregnant women can affect the endocrine homeostasis system of the mother and the intrauterine environment, which in turn impacts the fetal brain and the nervous system development. This book chapter aims to explore this relationship between prenatal stress and effects on offspring cognition impairments intensively.*

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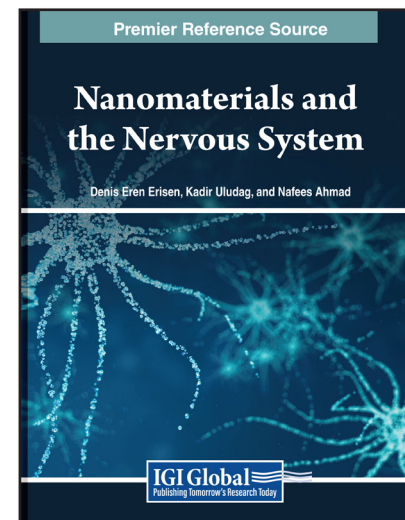
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