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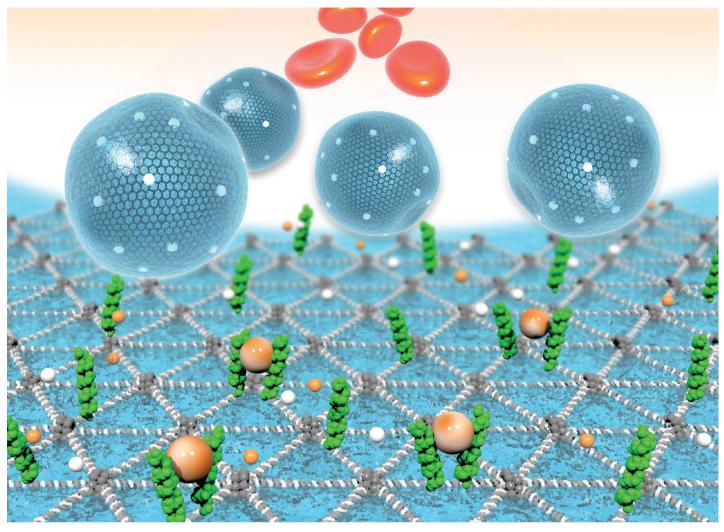
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Showcasing research from Professor Koshiyama's laboratory, Department of Applied Chemistry, College of Life Sciences, Ritsumeikan University, Shiga, Japan.

Synthesis and characterisation of uniform CoPt nanoparticles using red blood cell ghosts conjugated with peptides on their inner surface

Red blood cell ghosts (RBCGs) have notable structural features, including their micro-sized biconcave hollow vesicles with large volume and surface area, and the presence of a unique two-dimensional cytoskeletal network beneath their inner membrane. The synthesis of CoPt NPs using RBCGs with a CoPt-binding peptide, which was covalently conjugated to cytoskeletal proteins, enabled the formation of larger and size-restricted CoPt NPs with higher crystallinity and Co content than those prepared using RBCGs without peptides. These features of CoPt NPs resulted in improved magnetic properties.

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