



## Hydrogel For Engineered Immune Response

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### SUMMARY

UCLA researchers in the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering have developed a novel biomaterial that can be used as a therapeutic for cancer, wound healing and other diseases.

### BACKGROUND

Immunotherapy, the modulation of immune response to drive tissue-specific expression has tremendous potential as a therapeutic for malignant cancers and for wound healing. It can also be used for vaccination. However, such an approach requires an immune modulator that can cause a local, sustained immune response without side effects and is not prone to clearance.

### INNOVATION

UCLA researchers have developed a novel biomaterial with immune-modulatory properties. Their approach is based on a solid hydrogel with chemically cross-linked immune modulators. It is not prone to clearance and is stable for long time periods ensuring a sustained immune response. Their initial proof of concept experiments showed an eight-fold increase in expression of immune cells around the biomaterial.

### APPLICATIONS

- ▶ Immunotherapy for Malignant Tumors
- ▶ Wound healing
- ▶ Vaccinations

### ADVANTAGES

- ▶ Targeted delivery of immune response modulators for reduced side-effects
- ▶ Solid immune-modulator approach is less prone to clearance

### STATE OF DEVELOPMENT

Proof of concept experiments conducted in animal model systems.

### PATENT STATUS

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United States Of America	Issued Patent	10,849,988	12/01/2020	2016-788

### ADDITIONAL TECHNOLOGIES BY THESE INVENTORS

- ▶ Multivalent Targeting Strategy for Drug Carriers

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### OTHER INFORMATION

#### KEYWORDS

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#### CATEGORIZED AS

- ▶ Materials & Chemicals
  - ▶ Biological
- ▶ Medical
  - ▶ Disease: Cancer
  - ▶ Therapeutics
  - ▶ Vaccines

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