Lanthanide-Doped Luminescent Nanoprobes: Electronic Structure, Optical Properties and Bioapplications

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Lanthanide-doped inorganic nanoparticles possess superior physicochemical features such as long-lived luminescence, large antenna-generated Stokes or anti-Stokes shifts, narrow emission bands, high resistance to photobleaching and low toxicity, and thus are regarded as a new generation of luminescent bioprobes as compared to conventional molecular probes like organic dyes and lanthanide chelates. These functional nanoparticles, albeit most of their bulk counterparts were well studied previously, have attracted reviving interest for their biomedical applications in areas as diverse as biodetection, bioimaging, and disease diagnosis and therapeutics. In this talk, we shall focus on the latest advances made in developing lanthanide-doped inorganic nanoparticles as potential luminescent bioprobes, which cover from their chemical and physical fundamentals to bioapplications including the controlled synthesis, surface modification, electronic structure, optical properties, and their promising applications in diverse fields, with an emphasis on heterogeneous and homogeneous *in-vitro* biodetection of tumor markers and multimodal bioimaging of various tumor tissues [1-8].

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