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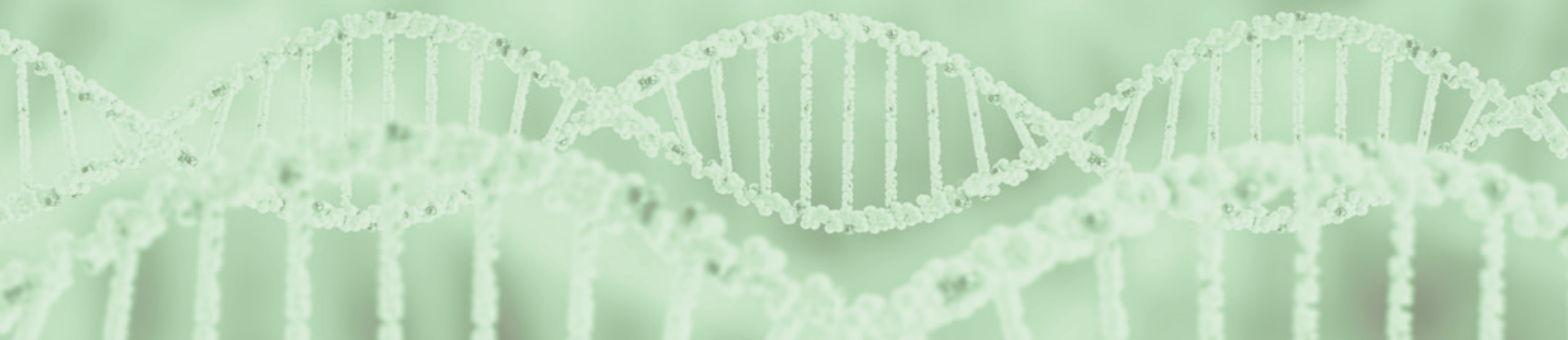
The hot summer has finally ended, and the beautiful autumn has arrived, providing the perfect setting for our 2024 International Symposium on Materials Chemistry. It is my great pleasure to welcome all of you to this event, hosted by the Research Institute of Materials Chemistry at Chungnam National University. This symposium offers a unique platform for academic and industry experts to come together, exchange ideas, and explore innovative solutions to some of the most pressing challenges in chemistry. I am confident that today's sessions will provide us with valuable knowledge and foster fruitful discussions that will contribute to the advancement of this field. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all our speakers for their participation and for sharing their work with us. I hope that today's symposium will not only be an opportunity to gain knowledge but also to build lasting connections and collaborations among researchers from different countries and institutions.

Once again, welcome, and I wish you all a very successful and productive symposium. Thank you.

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### 〈 Program 〉

14:30-14:50 Registration

14:50-15:00 Opening Remarks :

Prof. Min Yong Jeon (Dean, CNS)

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### 〈Session I〉

Chairperson : Prof. Ji-Hyun Cha (Chungnam National University, Korea)

15:00-15:30 Dr. Phu-Cuong Nguyen

(Department of Food Science and Technology, Chungnam National University)

"Novel Lipophilic Inotodiol–Oleic Acid Conjugates: Synthesis, Characterization, and Digestion/Absorption Behavior "

15:30-16:00 Dr. Mohamed A. Gab-Allah

(National Institute of Standards, Egypt)

"Synthesis of boronic acid-functionalized mesoporous nanomaterial for selective capture of glycopeptides from human serum"

16:00-16:30 Dr. Hyun Sik Kim

(ASTA Corporation, Korea)

"Development of Mass Spectrometers for Industrial and Medical Applications"

16:30-16:40 Coffee Break

### 〈Session II〉

Chairperson : Prof. Jinwoo Kim (Chungnam National University, Korea)

16:40-17:10 Prof. Jin-sil Choi

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"Nanozyme: beyond the natural enzyme for a better detection system"

17:10-17:40 Prof. Boon Siang Jason YEO

(Department of Chemistry, National University of Singapore, Singapore)

"Electrosynthesis of Oxygenates and Hydrocarbons"

17:40 - 17:50 Photo Time


18:00 - 20:00 Dinner

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<b>Abstract</b>
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<p><b>Novel Lipophilic Inotodiol–Oleic Acid Conjugates: Synthesis, Characterization, and Digestion/Absorption Behavior</b></p> <p>Phu-Cuong Nguyen <sup>a</sup>, My-Tuyen Thi Nguyen <sup>b</sup>, So-Young Ban <sup>a,c</sup>, Jaehan Kim <sup>b</sup>, Jong-Tae Park <sup>a,c,*</sup></p> <p><sup>a</sup> Department of Food Science and Technology, Chungnam National University, Daejeon 34134, Republic of Korea  <sup>b</sup> Department of Food and Nutrition, Chungnam National University, Daejeon 34134, Republic of Korea  <sup>c</sup> CARBOEXPERT Inc., Daejeon 34134, Republic of Korea</p> <p>Inotodiol, a medicinal oxysterol derived from Chaga mushrooms, has garnered increasing research interest due to its multifunctional properties, including antioxidant, anti-cancer, anti-inflammatory, and anti-allergic activities. However, the oral bioavailability of inotodiol is poor due to its hydrophobic structure. In this study, we establish an efficient enzymatic approach for producing novel inotodiyl-oleates (IOs) from pure inotodiol and oleic acid to improve the properties of inotodiol. For the esterification between inotodiol and oleic acid, lipase A from <i>Candida antarctica</i> and n-hexane were the optimal biocatalyst and solvents for forming IOs with 80.17% conversion yield. These IOs comprised two distinct monoesters, the C3 or C22 ester forms of inotodiol. Intriguingly, no diesters were detected. The IOs had a melting point of 53.48 °C, much lower than that of inotodiol (192.06 °C). The <i>in vitro</i> digestion rate of IOs (25–28%) was significantly (<math>p &lt; 0.05</math>) lower than that of cholesteryl-oleate (60%). Additionally, IOs exhibited much lower <i>in vivo</i> absorption than inotodiol when orally administered using different formulations (<math>p &lt; 0.05</math>). The results indicated that IOs were resistant to enzymatic digestion in the small intestine, which could be advantageous in targeting the large intestine for disease treatments.</p>

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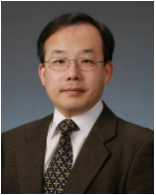
### **Synthesis of boronic acid-functionalized mesoporous nanomaterial for selective capture of glycopeptides from human serum**

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As an important and widespread post-translational modification of proteins, glycosylation plays a key role in regulating a variety of complicated biological reactions. Because glycopeptides are low abundant and the ionization efficiency could be suppressed in mass spectroscopic detection, highly efficient and selective enrichment methods are essential to identify protein glycosylation by mass spectrometry. Boronate affinity materials, as unique sorbents, have emerged as important media for the selective separation and molecular recognition of cis-diol-containing biomolecules including glycopeptides. In this study, we propose a new enrichment strategy using a boronic acid (BA)-functionalized mesoporous nanomaterial for isolating intact glycopeptides from human serum. The material was prepared by using a two-step post-grafting method. Firstly, the 3-glycidyloxypropyltrimethoxysilane (GLYMO) and 3-aminophenylboronic acid monohydrate (APB) were reacted to prepare boronic-acid bonded GLYMO (denoted as GLYMO-APB). Secondly, the nanocomposite was added to the prepared GLYMO-APB solution to prepare the final product. This as-prepared material was characterized by FT-IR, and the results showed that the boronic acid groups were successfully grafted to the nanocomposite material. The attractive features of this composite, including high surface area, hydrophilic interaction of silica, and the reversible covalent binding with BA enable the effective and specific enrichment of glycopeptides. The glycopeptide enrichment efficacy was evaluated by the enrichment of IgG N-glycopeptides. In total, 29 glycopeptides enriched from IgG digests were identified by nanoLC-MS/MS, and 180 glycopeptides corresponding to 84 glycoproteins were enriched from merely 2  $\mu$ L serum using this material, indicating a great potential of the material for glycoproteomic research.

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Development of Mass Spectrometers for Industrial and Medical Applications</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hyun Sik Kim</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>ASTA Corporation., Suwon-si, Gyeonggi-do, Korea</i></p> <p>As a small company producing research instruments, ASTA Corporation was established on the instrumentation techniques of time-of-flight mass spectrometers (TOF-MS). The mass spectrometer business market is highly competitive, with advanced technologies already invented and adopted by global big companies. Therefore, all ASTA Corporation business projects focus on niche markets of medical and industrial application of mass spectrometers.</p> <p>In this presentation, I will introduce the TOF-MS products that ASTA Corporation has developed and is currently developing. In the early stage, we developed the simplest structured linear MADLI TOF-MS for the identification of microorganisms, targeting the domestic hospital market for diagnosing human blood using a protein profile database of disease-related microorganisms in 2015. After that, we developed a high resolution reflectron MALDI TOF-MS for advanced research including the analysis of proteins, carbohydrates and nucleic acids. Later, a domestic display company asked us to developed a MALDI TOF-MS for the analysis of OLEDs. The high-performance imaging LDI TOF-MS, IDSys <i>Premier</i>, is designed to provide micrometer-scale mass spectrometry imaging for quality control of OLED performance in the display industrial applications. IDSys <i>Premier</i> offers a variable mass spectrometry imaging size from a minimum of 5 microns to a maximum of 100 microns. Several IDSys <i>Premiers</i> have been adopted by domestic display companies and have shown powerful performance for quality control of their products. Years ago, a semiconductor company ask us to develop a portable TOF-MS to monitor the gas reagents used in semiconductor production. We developed an electron ionization TOF-MS to monitor gas molecules and are testing it in the field of semiconductor production to meet their requirements for on-site monitoring of processing gases. One of the main issue in these tests is that most of gases used in semiconductor fabrication are very toxic and difficult to ionized compared to well-known VOCs. Therefore, we need to protect the ionization source and improve the sensitivity of our RT-GMS (Real-Time Gas Monitoring System). RT-GMS was enhanced with a high stability ionization filament and a differential pumping system for the electron ionization source to achieve higher sensitivity and stability. Recently, a rechargeable battery company call us to produce a mass spectrometer for quantitative analysis of gas molecules during the thermal analysis of materials composing the battery. For advanced materials comprising parts that require significant thermal stability, such as secondary batteries, it is crucial to analyze the chemical composition of gases generated during physical property changes at high temperatures. Qualitative and quantitative analysis of gases generated from each thermal decomposition process during ThermoGravimetric analysis (TGA) can be performed by integrating TGA with Time-of-Flight Mass Spectrometer (TOF-MS). In the case of NCM (Nickel Cobalt Manganese) ternary metal Li-ion battery cathode materials, the higher the proportion of Ni, the lower the thermal stability becomes. Using TGA TOF-MS, the stability of designed NCM cathode materials can be evaluated by monitoring the onset temperatures at which thermal decomposition occurs, as well as the amount and composition of evolved gases. TGA TOF-MS provides a reliable quality control method for assessing thermal stability.</p>

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Currently, more than 80 % of the world's energy needs are met by burning fossil fuels. Supplies of these fuels are intrinsically limited and will eventually run out. In this presentation, we share our recent works related to the development of catalysts for the electroreduction of CO<sub>2</sub>, CO, CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup> and other feedstocks to oxygenates and long-chain hydrocarbons, which can be used as fuels. We shall first show how C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkanes and alkenes such as *n*-hexane could be formed. The catalyst that was found to work well was unexpectedly based on nickel, rather than copper (which is generally considered to be the catalyst-of-choice for reducing CO<sub>2</sub> to multi-carbon molecules). We shall also show how carbonate anions (CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>), long thought to be electrochemically inert, could be directly reduced to formate on a copper catalyst using pulse electrolysis. The nature of the active sites generating the adsorbed carbonate species and the mechanism for the pulse-enabled reduction of carbonate to formate were elucidated.

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