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(57) Abstract: The present technology provides synthesized particles that mimic key structural and functional features of red blood cells. Such RBC-mimicking particles possess the ability to carry oxygen (and carbon dioxide) and flow through capillaries smaller than their own diameter. Further, such particles can also deliver drugs and imaging agents. These particles provide a new paradigm for the design of drug delivery and imaging carriers since they combine the functionality of natural RBCs with the broad applicability and versatility of synthetic drug delivery particles. Further, such particles can be used for detoxification and other biomedical applications.



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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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