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* To determine whether imbalances in autophagy alter HIV-induced astroglia metabolic dysfunctions and learning impairment.
* To develop effective delivery and on-demand controlled release of siBeclin1 using magneto-electric nanoparticles (MENPs) to attenuate HIV in vitro and in vivo.

**Recent Publications:**

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