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# Propositions

accompanying the thesis

## Reversible noncovalent assemblies for imaging applications

1. A change of a factor 20 in luminescence lifetime is enough to apply luminescence lifetime imaging in a clinical setting.

*Chapter 2 of this thesis*

2. A hairpin structure is a great tool to keep two luminophores at close proximity, while leaving a peptide available for enzymes

*Chapter 3 of this thesis*

3. Multivalent supramolecular chemistry using  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin and adamantane is a good methodology to add functional groups to a living cell

*Chapter 4 of this thesis*

4. Layer-by-layer deposition of  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin- and adamantane-polymers has a negative effect on cell viability

*Chapter 5 of this thesis*

5. Translating artificially fabricated assemblies comprised of surface-modified cells to a clinical application requires close collaboration between chemistry, physics, engineering, biology and medicine.

*Fakhrullin, R.F., Choi, I.S. and Lvov, Y.M., Cell Surface Engineering. RSC Smart Materials. 2014*

6. It is not always necessary to turn up the light to improve optical imaging

*General notice regarding luminescence lifetime imaging*

7. Controlled cell surface engineering is required to solve many problems in biomedicine and biomaterials science.

*Fakhrullin, R.F., Choi, I.S. and Lvov, Y.M., Cell Surface Engineering. RSC Smart Materials. 2014*

8. Designing for selective imaging agents is significantly more complicated than designing for affinity

*Huggins, D.J., Sherman, W., and Tidor, B., J Med Chem. 2012 Feb 23; 55(4): 1424–1444*

9. The p-value determines significance of an outcome, not the importance of the research