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The convergence of nanoscale science and engineering with modern biology, information, cognition, and artificial intelligence (AI) has paved the way for new discoveries and breakthroughs in technology and knowledge. With the emergence of advanced technologies such as quantum information systems, AI systems, advanced semiconductors, and wireless communication, we are witnessing a transformational shift in the way we live and work. These technologies have opened up new avenues to address pressing issues such as sustainable society, nanomedicine, cognition, personalized learning, augmenting human capabilities, and independent aging. By embracing these advancements, we can create a brighter future for ourselves and generations to come.

Nanotechnology is a rapidly advancing field that has the potential to revolutionize the agriculture and food industry. With its ability to create new materials and devices, nanotechnology offers innovative solutions to complex problems. By introducing products like nano-fertilizers, nano-herbicides, and nano-pesticides, we can enhance the efficiency and precision of agriculture. The use of nanosensors can help detect and control diseases, while nano-scale carriers can aid in the safe delivery of nutrients and other essential components. In addition, the precision farming techniques and effective systems for processing and packaging brought by nanotechnology can help us withstand environmental pressures and improve our impact on the world. Overall, by embracing nanotechnology, we can create a brighter and more sustainable future for agriculture and food production.

Nanotechnology has revolutionized cancer diagnosis and treatment by opening new frontiers in medical science. We have mentioned in our previous article, Article 3 which is titled "Nanotechnology and Artificial Intelligence", that biomedical images are segmented and combined with AI algorithms that automatically determine whether a cell is cancerous based. The use of nanotechnology has led to ground-breaking advancements in managing and treating cancer, too. The cutting-edge nanotechnology approaches offer the potential to enhance patient survival rates by reducing side effects, enabling targeted delivery of drugs to tumor tissues, and boosting the uptake of therapeutic compounds, ultimately leading to increased anti-tumor activity. One strategy that holds great promise involves packaging drugs within nanoparticles (NPs) of 50 to 800 nm. Since these nanoparticles cannot penetrate the vessel walls of normal



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cells, which are only 15 to 30 nm in size, they can selectively target and penetrate the loosely packed endothelial cells in tumor regions. This can dramatically improve the treatment of cancer by enhancing the efficacy of chemotherapeutic drugs while reducing their negative effects. It is obvious that nanotechnology can expand the horizons and boundaries of cancer diagnosis and treatment. Nanoparticle-based drug delivery systems are the future of cancer treatment, offering a ray of hope to millions of patients worldwide.

As a result, nanotechnology emerges as one of the best tools we should use to improve human life. In the future, it will be a guide in solving many problems; hunger, drought, natural disasters such as floods, fires, earthquakes, climate change, environmental pollution, etc. which human beings experience and have difficulty in solving. Thus, humankind will be able to move towards productivity in agriculture by improving soils and crops, wealth through the effective and efficient use of minerals, recovery of water as if it had never been used, a life resistant to natural disasters and diseases, and to offer a better future to new generations. As the NANOWARE Project team, we hope to realize new sustainable projects in the future, with the aim of raising/increasing awareness about the technological approaches mentioned in this article or previous ones for the good of humanity.