## Synthesis and Transformation of *N*-Heterocyclic Carbene Functionalized Gold Nanoclusters

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Our group has previously reported the isolation of various gold nanoclusters with *N*-Heterocyclic carbenes (NHCs) as robust protecting ligands.<sup>1-3</sup> Here we will report our ongoing efforts in the synthesis, characterization and purification of novel carbene-functionalized gold nanoclusters, as well our studies on the interconversion of clusters with different core architectures.

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