Supporting Information

A dissolving and glucose-responsive insulin releasing microneedle patch for type 1 diabetes therapy

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| AuNCs | Solution color | PBA molecule | Nanocarrier name | MN patch name |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| CR ₉ -AuNCs | Yellow-green | COOH-FPBA | CR9-AuNC-FPBA-Ins | MN-FPBA |
| BSA-AuNCs | Brown | NH ₂ -PBA | BSA-AuNC-PBA-Ins | MN-BSA |

Table S1. Description of gold nanocarriers and MN patches in present study

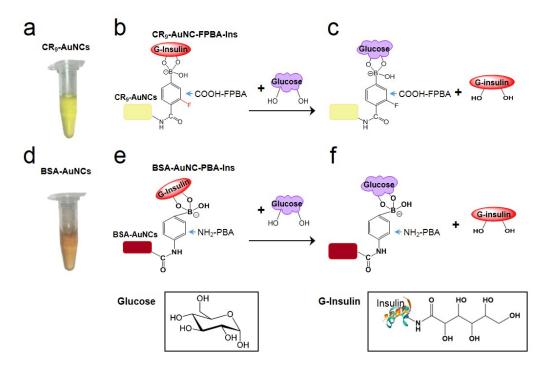


Figure S1. The gold nanocarriers used in this study. (a) Appearance of solution of CR₉-AuNCs. (b-c) Glucose-responsive drug releasing mechanism of CR₉-AuNCs-FPBA-Ins nanocarriers. (d) Appearance of solution of BSA-AuNCs. (e-f) Drug releasing mechanism of BSA-AuNCs-PBA-Ins nanocarriers.

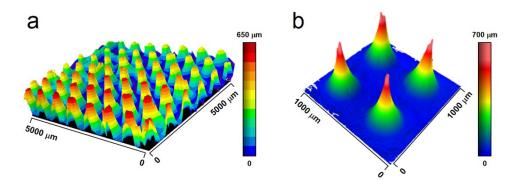


Figure S2. 3D profiler images of the fabricated MN patches.

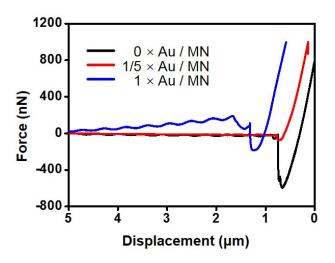


Figure S3. Force-displacement curve of the MN during AFM indentation measurement.

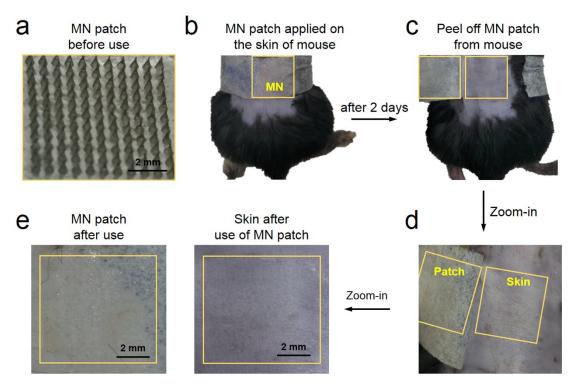


Figure S4. Comparison of MN patch before and after application on the skin of mice. (a) Photograph of a fabricated MN patch. (b) Image of a MN patch applied on the dorsal skin of mice. The yellow box indicates the place of MN patch. (c) Peeling off the MN patch from the skin of mouse. (d-e) Zoomed-in images of the residual MN path and the skin after application for 2 days.

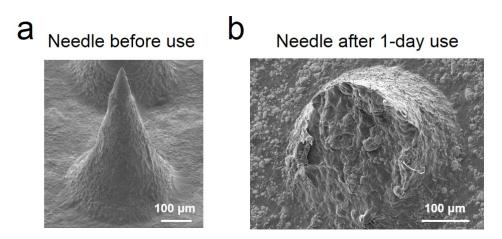


Figure S5. SEM images of a needle before use (a), and after 1-day use on the skin of mouse (b).

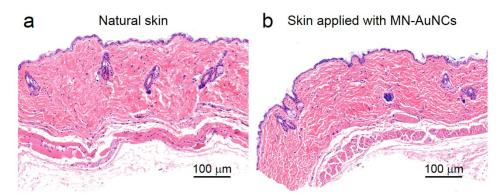


Figure S6. Images of H&E staining of the natural skin of mouse (a), and the mouse skin after 2-day application of MN-AuNCs patch (b).