

## Special Issue

# Nanotherapeutics in Cancer

### Message from the Guest Editor

Tumor initiation, growth, and progression rely on the bidirectional interaction of the tumor cells with cellular and noncellular elements in the tumor microenvironment (TME). During the past two decades, extensive studies of the TME biology and its important role in disease progression and prognosis have provided a stage for the design of novel cancer nanomedicines. Clinically used nanotherapeutics, such as liposomal doxorubicin (e.g., Doxil®) and nanoparticle-albumin bound paclitaxel (Abraxane®), utilize changes in the TME, such as the neovasculature-based enhanced permeation and retention (EPR) effect and increased albumin transport, to promote the delivery of chemotherapeutics to the tumor cells. More specific delivery of therapeutics to tumors using concepts of nanomedicine generally yields much better safety profiles and more efficient anti-cancer therapies. In the current Special Issue, entitled “Nanotherapeutics in Cancer”, we aim to cover a collection of current research papers and up-to-date review articles focusing on various aspects of the design of nanomedicines specifically targeted to enhance the safety and efficacy of tumor therapies.

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