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Isotopes Labeled Nanoparticles

Message from the Guest Editors

Radionuclides with specific emission properties can be incorporated into nanoparticles (NPs) and used for radionuclide therapy and radio-imaging. The advantage of NPs is their potential for containing several radioactive atoms within a single carrier. NPs can deliver radionuclides using either passive or active targeting strategy. The passive targeting accumulation of NPs takes place in nonspecific ways through enlarged gap junctions in tumor endothelial cells. This type of targeting, which enables macromolecules to selectively accumulate in the tumor tissue, is called enhanced permeation and retention. Target specificity is achieved through hybrid NPs produced by conjugating NPs with tumor-specific biomolecules. Recently, there has been a arowing interest in the use of radionuclide-labeled NPs to directly deliver corpuscular radiation to the tumor; thus, such technology using NPs is called nanobrachytherapy. In this perspective, radioactive NPs could represent a promising alternative to current brachytherapy methods with outstanding results compared to conventional brachytherapy.

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