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Radiopharmaceuticals and Nanotechnology: From Diagnostics to Theranostic Applications

Message from the Guest Editor

In the field of nuclear medicine and radiopharmaceuticals in the 2000s, developing and radiolabeling a nanomaterial was highly innovative in itself, even if its in vivo biodistribution was disseminated to... all the main organs of the body! However, the numerous proofs of concept and developments published in the past 10 years have raised a couple of questions that now need to be answered: how many nanoradiopharmaceuticals have been developed and published, with encouraging preclinical results but absolutely no clinical output? We hear that nanoradiopharmaceuticals are the future of nuclear medicine, but why does it take so long for a nanoradiopharmaceutical to find its place in clinical trials? Is toxicity an insurmountable hindrance? We hope this Special Issue will inspire transdisciplinary teams to join their best forces, i.e., specialized engineers, (radio)pharmacists, (radio)chemists, (radio)physicists, pharmacokinetics specialists and nuclear MDs, because that is precisely what this topic needs. Let us zoom in together to the nanoscale and take a picture of what tomorrow's radiopharmaceuticals might look like.

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