

# A Review on Smart Nanoparticles Drug Delivery System for Targeted Genes

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## ABSTRACT

*Nanotechnology has laid the foundation to nanomedicine production and still appears the cornerstone for ongoing global medical studies, since at nanometric scale the physical properties of materials vary, resulting in innovative magnetic, biochemical, visual and electrical characteristics. In addition to the huge amount of funds and capital, the emergence of new medicinal products against the changed pathological condition of our bodies is also challenging in view of maximum rate of failure. The modifications with in structures of products in nano particle form, altered the way of diagnosis and treatment of destructive human diseases by using medicines capable in effective management by modifying the step of discharge, delivery and disposal in the body. Smart nanoparticles are such one of the most demanding nano systems for drug delivery to targeted genes that can overcome the problems during treatment itself. Present review paper discussed the types and uses of various types of response-based smart nanoparticles to drug delivery practices.*

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Nanotechnology has laid the foundation to nanomedicine production and still appears the cornerstone for ongoing global medical studies, since at nanometric scale the physical properties of materials vary, resulting in innovative magnetic, biochemical, visual and electrical characteristics (Sharma et al. 2013; Alam et al. 2017). Moreover, the huge amount of funds and capital, the emergence of new medicinal products against the changed pathological condition of our bodies is also challenging in view of maximum rate of failure (Pottoo et al. 2019). The modifications with in structures of products in nano particle form, altered the way of diagnosis and treatment of destructive human diseases by using medicines capable in effective management by modifying the step of discharge, delivery and disposal within the body (Sharma et al. 2013; Barkat et al. 2018). Furthermore it exists within a nanoscale array of dsDNA (about 2 nm), although for cell membranes the diameter of the lipid bilayers is up to 10 nm (Whitesides et al. 2003; Wong et al. 2013).

The complicated organisation of one's body enables us to create products on a nanometric surface so as to take advantage of their specific characteristics and instinctive properties. This alteration provides a predetermined and well-controlled stimulation, retort to confined signage and a promising nanomaterials relationship to particular cells of interest, in order to assure effective pharmacological reactions with least unfavourable effects (Sharma et al. 2016; Barkat et al. 2017). A specifically directed drug transport solution should be designed to satisfy bodily or environmental criteria, should recognize environmental alterations and deliver the drug in a modified way. The conventional methods of drug distribution results in an increased high dosage disposal mediation that leads to precarious and unintended consequences (Sharma et al. 2015).

Occasionally traditional means are not sufficiently expert of bringing the drug at aimed locations although the accretion of advanced flowing plasma meditations of drugs can not only disappoint to exhibit retort in opposition to changing physiological conditions of the body and correspondingly direct towards fatal effects. With the intention of coordinating using the drug delivery silhouettes, various methods proficient of responding to these functional variants have to be recognised (Galaev et al. 1999; Kumar et al. 2007). Production of novel biologically friendly polymeric- based nanoparticles offers a proficiency of joining medications to the precise gene receptors that makes them as perfect means for the distribution of drug to a gene (Sahoo and Labhasetwar,2003; Gilmore et al. 2008). Thus, convincing attempts are being prepared to bring about such composite biostructure inspired nanoparticles to attain utmost cell material interfaces at the same time sustaining the amount of the substances together (Gilmore et al. 2008). Besides being tiresome while make an effort to find novel therapeutic products and new combination medications with numerous physiological functions like neurodegenerative conditions, contagious diseases, diabetes, cancer, cardiovascular diseases and musculo - skeletal issues, the biostructure inspired nanoparticles can show potential healing attempts (Sharma et al.2012). In addition to many biochemical and cognitive conditions dependent on biochemical pathways, as with angina pectoris, epilepsy, convulsions and diabetes mellitus, etc the medication should also be supplied according to the biorhythmic pattern as in pathological conditions (Schmaljohann, 2006; Nigar et al. 2016; Pottoo et al. 2016). The use of chronotherapy with vibrated or self- standardized drug distribution that modifies as per the biological rhythm is an alternative method of managing such fluctuating conditions. Another efficient way to control such systems is by using stimulus-responsive nanostructured delivery systems (Chen and Singh,2005). The delivery mechanisms function according to the normal physiology of the diseased condition in which the volume of medication emancipated is exactly linked to the physiological necessities of the body. Different protein, carbohydrates and nucleic acid synthesis derivatives have been identified to imitate such biopolymers (Amit and Sonam,2012). These polymers can be referred to as "stimulating" polymers, "smart" polymers, and "bioinspired polymers," or "smart" polymers on the basis of their unique physicochemical properties (Bawa et al.2009). These polymers have unique properties that cannot inhibit fast alteration of their structure, even if the atmosphere at the target site changes slightly (from hydrophilic to hydrophobic) (Bawa et al.2009). In the presence of any initiation (pathological signalling), certain structural modifications of these polymers are ideally rescindable naturally, and resume to their primary shapes when the initiation is removed. Different stimuli are used to generate externally applied stimuli while the release of drugs is managed with a retort means or homeostatic system specifically created within the body in cases of internal regulated systems (Lalwani and Santani,2007).

The retorts to these provocations are expressed in different means: shape shifts, side chains orientation, properties of surface and polymer explicability or through the creation of a complex molecular compilation or the alteration from sol-to-gel. In the fields of opioid addiction, gene transportation, novel drug creation, imagery, and targeting of cancer cells several triggers include thermo- alert and magneto- alert metal nanocarriers for numerous biological functions (Kopeček, 2003; Al-Tahami and Singh,2007). In this review article, types and applications of different types of response-based smart nanoparticles to drug delivery practices were put into evidences. We highlighted the unique properties and utilities of stimulation responsive smart nanoparticles in treatment of various diseases and also current advancement scenario with nanoparticles in drug delivery research were discussed.

#### *Smart nanoparticles for targeted drug delivery system:*

Chemotherapeutic system in traditional dosage forms offer a variety of important concerns identified as susceptible toxicity, deficient peculiarities, and drug resistance induction. This

concern leads to minimise the therapeutic capabilities of drug deliveries at targeted sites of diseased body (Lombardo et al. 2019). The production of drug formulations derived on nanoparticles has created potential to address and treating complex conditions. The size of nanoparticles varies but is usually between 100 and 500 nm. The nanoparticles are converted into intelligent structures, enveloping therapeutic and imaging agents as well as holding stubborn property by modulation of scale, surface characteristics and material usage. These devices will also supply drugs to various tissues and even provide sustained release therapy. This targeted and continuous delivery of the drug lowers the toxicity associated with the treatment and improves patient conformity with lower dosages (Syed and Ayman, 2018).

#### *TYPES OF SMART NANOPARTICLES FOR TARGETED DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEM:*

##### *1. MAGNETICALLY INITIATED NANOMATERIALS:*

The procurement of magnetic drug was implemented initially in the 80's but the interest for magnetic focus has increased over the recent couple of years due to the production of more durable magnets and more sophisticated magnetic samples, i.e. theranostic samples. These tests permit the combined of diagnostics (MRI) and therapeutics that can involve hyperthermia and drug liberation, and the precise delivery of drugs (for instance, with the magnetic field applied). Two main concerns with non-magnetic microcarriers have been devised: reticuloendothelial removal of the mechanism and low position precision (Widder et al., 1980; Kost and Langer, 1986; Nan et al., 2017; Sun, Q. et al., 2018; Tang et al., 2018; Kakar et al., 2013).

Yet another method is magnetic spinel ferrites  $MxFe_3-xO_4$  ( $M = Fe, Zn$ ) for porous and hollow microsphere. Its strong magnetism makes it possible to control the microsphere by a magnet inside the vascular system and more precisely in the small blood vessels of the target organ. Chen et al. have used a hollow nanoparticle (NP) with a mesoporous shell that produces a wider region and a deep cavity in which both the mesopores and the cavities are capable of encapsulating the compound. In addition,  $MxFe_3-xO_4$  ( $M = Fe, Zn$ ), which can release the loaded drug more heat under microwave irradiation. However, ironoxide doping reduces the magnetization of the saturation which reduces the magnetic targeting microsphere potential. (Chen et al., 2017).

##### **2. pH RESPONSIVE NANOMATERIALS:**

pH-responsive nanostructures recently created attention from researchers due to the shift in pH which appears once nanostructures enter itself within a new cell. The pH decreases between pH 7.4 in the blood circulation system to  $\approx$ pH 6.5 in the initial extracellular enclosure, and under pH 5 in the lysosomal enclosure. (Such et al. 2015). There are also areas which are extracellular and those areas are having quite lower pH, comprising tumors which exhibited slightly acidic ( $\approx$ pH 6.4–6.8) (Such et al. 2015). The extracellular portions consist low pH-level, as with tumours having considerably acidic ( $\approx$  pH 6.4–6.8). The pH- alert materials are too desirable since a number of pH-responsive nanoparticles can be integrated into a variety of polymer constitutions. Nanostructures can be configured for pH reaction with adjustments in surface chemistry, particle size or shape shift, decommissioning or load release. This shift in the nanostructure characteristics can be used to monitor load release and regulation of cell accumulation. pH-compatible nanoparticles therefore are an impressive technique for designing therapeutic systems. Especially, pH reactivating nanoparticles also demonstrate an ability to disrupt the endosomal-lysosomal membrane (Selby et al. 2017), thereby making sure that they are distributed more effectively to the cytosol cell regions where they are most active.

### **3. ENZYME STIMULATED NANOMATERIALS:**

In past recent years, a variety of nanometric substances were being used to create of enzyme-stimulated drug delivery systems (DDS) comprising polymer-based substances, (de las Heras et al.2005; Wang et al. 2010; Bawa et al. 2009) phospho-lipids (Wang et al. 2006; Kawakami et al. 2001) and other various inorganic substances (Popat et al. 2012). The incorporation of nanoscale substances with enzyme- mediated stimuli can provide the preparations together with selectivity and bio-specificity, permitting their potential utility in various disciplines. Nanomaterials can be made enzymatically receptive by containing substituents that can be sheared by enzymes in their main chains, or side groups. In some cases, self- accumulated nanomaterials are frequently integrated together with enzyme-stimulated linkers which can be distinguished by the bio-catalyst or altered by the outcome of the enzyme catalytic reactions, so as to execute the nanoparticles to emancipate their load with place and time control (Hahn and Gianneschi, 2011). For several instances, particularly for inorganic nano-particles are customized with functional - aiming ligands that are susceptible to specific enzymes (HeeáKook et al. 2009; Liu et al. 2000). This attempt will broaden the flexibility in blueprint designing and also the range of usages by providing enzyme-based stimulation features to nanoparticles in case where the nano-materials are not stimulated in the presence of enzyme.

### **4. THERMO SNEITIVE NANOMATERIALS**

Many experiments have supported the idea that drug release from these thermo-sensitive polymer composites can be activated by reasonably slight changes in temperature. The advent of biocompatible temperature-sensitive polymers to build novel drug delivery nanocarriers currently has inspired multiple researches (Bae et al. 1989; Okano et al. 1990; Zhou et al. 2014; Sun et al. 2014; Chen et al. 2014; Kashyap and Jayakannan, 2014; Okahata et al. 1986).

Different thermosensible polymers, like those of poly(N-isopro-pylacrylamide (PNIPAAm) derivative products; poly(ethylene oxide)-poly(PPO) Pluronic copolymers; core-shell-thermal receptive nepotine nanopaths, polymer nanopaths, polymeric micelles; layer-by-layer (LBL)-assembled nano capsules; microbeads (MB), and elastin-like polypeptides (ELPs) are ideal for the preparation of high-temperature hydrogels (Schmaljohann et al. 2006; Beija et al. 2011; Chen et al. 2013; Nakayama et al. 2007; Yeh et al. 2014; Elluru et al. 2013; Zhou et al. 2014; Picos-Corrales et al. 2014; Ryu et al.2014; Chen et al.2014; Chiang et al. 2015).

The nanomaterials are also used as thermally sensitive DDS transporters. Besides, to enhance the performance in terms of regulation of drug encapsulation and discharge performance of thermal sensitive polymer NPs (e.g, hydrogels), they are also used with other polysaccharide particles (e.g. Chitosan and the hyaluronic acid (HA). This feature of instant temperature-responses of these nano-particles guiding to a subsequent phase transition (which only can react to very minor temperature changes) and can liberate the encapsulated condensed load (Muzzarelli et al. 2012; Chen et al. 2013; Yin and Casey, 2014).

Thermo-responsive transport solutions are engineered as per the requirement to minimise cytotoxicity until the target site is reached, on the other hand the cytotoxicity of the embedded medicinal product already on increase. Some ground-breaking multifunctional nano systems have been recently developed for simultaneous cancer treatment diagnosis and application therapeutics, by incorporating the thermally responsive polymer with magnetic NPs coating (MNPs) and also MRI distinction agents (CAs) containing temperature responsive liposomes (Akimoto et al. 2009; Wadajkar et al. 2013; De Smet et al. 2013).

## **5. ELECTRIC-FIELD-RESPONSIVE NANOMATERIALS:**

Electro-field (electrical-responsive) nanomaterials are a group of elegant substances, retorting to low electricity that are vibrated or regulated in order to attain diagnostic and healing results. Electrical stimulation without the need for sophisticated instruments is comparatively stress-free to produce, check and tenuous application, rendering electro field-responsive nanovehicles incredibly smart techniques for supply of drugs to targeted areas. Electro-responsive nanomaterial drugs liberation can be controlled by modification of electronic or electroconductive chemistry and electrical voltage, current and length of exposure. The use of common electroconductive resources for instance polywall nanotubes, polyelectrolytic, ferrocene, polypyrrol, montmorillonite, and tetra anilines could be used to design electro-responsive nanomaterials (Yang et al. 2011 Samanta et al. 2016; Im et al. 2010).

Nanoparticles that react to electro-reponse may be good epilepsy candidates. Repetitive, sudden and unpredictable episodes describe the epilepsy. Patients receive preventive antiepileptic prescription dosage and significant adverse are involved with protracted use of larger doses of such medications. To prevent this, epileptic seizure can be used as an intrinsic trigger to cause electrical reaction nanomaterials to unleash drugs on command. (Feleke et al. 2018).

## **6. HOMEOSTATIC:**

Homeostatic nanoparticle structures for releasing the drug to the target location through the combination of a sensing element, an activator and an adverse alert system. The process was designed for rapid direct binding including the use of concepts like pH and enzyme activity of the detected ligand. Blood glucose levels may be controlled by homeostasis for insulin delivery. Hyperglycemia may be due to inadequate amount of manufacture of insulin in the body or to insulin endurance in the patients suffering from Diabetes Mellitus. The exogenous provision of insulin, which may lead to significant changes in the amount of blood glucose, also treats this disorder. This happens simultaneously, when the bolus delivery of insulin is delayed and at the same time the body responds to blood glucose levels (Kwon et al. 2015). A newer approach for the distribution of insulin that can answer blood glucose levels that do not need external agents should be developed for successful diabetes management. It must be able to track glucose levels and uninterrupted insulin release. To this end, a commercially-based nanotechnology device, "smart insulin is produced which can regulate the release of insulin into the body. It is a nanoparticle formulation. A pH- alert substance earlier co-loaded with insulin was also used for the release of an enzyme mediator, in which the glucose oxidase enzyme performs as a sensor. Glucose oxidase contributes to glucose switch to gluconic acid that changes the local pH, causes the polymer chains to swell, which react to pH, and then releases insulin. In insulin release, blood glucose levels are lowered, and the physiological pH level is reduced, thus further decreasing insulin release. The secretion of insulin reduces blood glucose levels and the pH returns to physiological levels that again minimise insulin secretion. These initiatives have been implemented to extend the blood glucose levels for a prolonged period of time which conventional methods cannot achieve (Gu et al. 2013).

### *NANOPARTICLES CARRIERS IN DRUG AND GENE DELIVERY METHODS*

From last decades a broad range of nanotechnology applications are being developed in developing new and promising approaches to building nanoformulae (nanocarrier) for th effective molecular transport of drugs. Smart nanomaterials can bring medicine at reduced dosing frequency to target sites and controlled (spatial/temporary) in order to overcome the adverse effects of classical therapies. They enable the solution of the major crucial challenges

of conventional treatments, like non-specific dispersion, speedy clearance, uncontrolled release and poor bioavailability, to be resolved in particular. The inevitable impact is to minimise risk and/or serious side effects considerably (Kawasaki and Player, 2005; Allen and Cullis, 2004; Aslan et al. 2013; Yu et al. 2016; Yin et al. 2016). Yet most of the nanomaterial's as carriers are associated to a number of unfavourable consequences that decrease their effective use for nanomedicine even after noteworthy advancements in modern approaches.

#### *Liposomes (LPs)*

Alec Bangham discovered liposomes in 1960 Liposomes are being used for the transportation of different substances and are one of the best known suitable carrier structures in cosmetics and pharmaceutical industries. Liposomes are an improved drug-enhancing formulation technique. They are cylindrical vesicles, typically in the 50-450 nm range, consisting of phospholipids and steroids. Their membrane composition is similar to the cell membrane and since the inclusion of pharmaceutical compounds in the cell membrane is encouraged (Bozzuto and Molinari, 2015). This has also been proven that these liposomes can make therapeutic substances stable, enhance their bioavailability, are used for hydrophilic and hydrophobic drugs and therefore, biodegradable and biocompatible. There are challenges while using the liposomes for drug delivery purposes in the context of the RES (reticuloendothelial system), opsonization and immunogenicity but there are variables like improved permeability and EPR (retention effect) that can be used in attempt to optimise the drug delivery performance of the liposomes. (Sercombe et al. 2015; Akbarzadeh et al. 2013).

#### *Carbon Nano Tubes (CNTs)*

The two primary versions of carbon nanotubes (CNTs) are single wall (SWNTs) and multi-wall (MWNTs). SWNTs are the graphite tubes with a single cylindrical wall, while MWNTs consist of several single wall pipes inside the other. The first parameter of interest is usually particle size in order to evaluate CNTs for drug delivery potential and biocompatibility. Nanotubes both seem to be critical in length and diameter to function and prevent harmful effects (Kostarelos, 2008). Information of the body's in vivo fatality, impact and clearance of CNTs is important for therapeutic optimisation of CNTs (Kostarelos, 2008; Arora et al. 2015). The potential of functionalized nanotube f-CNT (carbon function) are used for the treatment of cancer patients, several contagious ailments, as they can access the cells and convey one or other therapeutic means with detection capability, optical signal of imagery and/or accurate aiming are some essential advantages. Wu et al. (2005) reported 1.3 cycloaddition reactions with antimicrobial drug AmB attached to CNTs. It was shown that the AmB can be procured up by mammalian cells covalently linked to CNTs without having any particular toxic effect. AmB bundled to CNT also maintains its high antifungal action in contradiction of a wide variety of pathogenic agents, comprising *Candida albicans*, *Cryptococcus neoformans* and *Candida parapsilosi*, which show that nano-controlled drug carriers across cell membranes are effective and effective. Liu et al. (2004) reported their working with pre-functionalized CNT molecule attached to in vivo cancer treatment with cancer chemotherapy medicinal medicine doxorubicin (DOX). They have showed the DOX-loaded pre-functionalized CNTs trigger substantial deaths of U87 cancer cells and cell deaths, analogous to available DOX. Then again, the key benefit of utilising functionalized CNTs as a transporter of drug associated to free drug is their ability to focus distribution for specific disruption of specific types of cells, minimising the damage to non- aimed cells.

#### *Polymer Nanocomposites (PNC)*

Nanocomposite is a solid multi-phase substance where one of the phases measures less than 100 nm in a single, two or three dimensions. The nanocomposite material is a modern product

with a matrix of nanofillers. A nano-structure composite's is a matrix-filler combination where fillers like particles, fibres or fragments loop and tie together in the matrix as distinct bits. There are significant attempts to monitor the nano-structure. The features of nanocomposite materials not only rely on improving their substantial features, but also extraordinary flexibility and interfacial features and structure. Two phases comprise much of the nanocomposites, which have demonstrated technical significance. (Paravastu et al. 2019).

Nanocomposites polymer are the materials of 10-100 Å, usually nanoscopic inorganic particles. This is a different solution to traditional polymeric materials. This can strengthen the excellent shield, liquid and temperature resistance and lower the flammability (Sharma and Raina, 2011). The cations of alkyl ammonium have been used to decrease the surface energy of the inorganic host in organocles and increase a polymer's weaving properties. The cations of alkyl ammonium or phosphonium have the functional groups which can responds with the polymer, which increases the interaction power in between inorganic particles and the plasma (Paravastu et al. 2019).

### *Quantum Dots (QDs)*

Quantum Dots have special optical features which allow them as potential applicants for biomedical applications as light-emitting nano-samples and carriers. Medicines for dissolution, dispersal, adsorption and coupling can be packed onto QD nanocarriers for medicines (Peer et al. 2007; Abbaspourrad et al. 2013). The outcomes of drugs are therefore influenced by their physical and chemical parameters (for instance saturation solubility, dissolution rate, crystal form, wettability and particulate area surface), physical retort, and biological features, which are the function of the drug carriers (Oluwole and Nyokong, 2015).

Initially, QD nanoparticles for medications will maximise the potency of drug effects and decrease the incidence of side effects to boost the pharmaceutical therapeutic index (Brigger et al. 2002). In addition, drug nano-carriers can encourage better small molecular drug penetration. Meanwhile, study has also shown positive possibilities for macromolecular drug delivery (Bartosova and Bajgar, 2012). QDs also shown extraordinary benefits for long-term, multi-color fluorescence imaging and identification, a new type of nanofluorescent inorganic sample (Dhyani et al. 2015; Lyashchova et al. 2014). The QD marking production encourages experiments in cellular nano-nano-drugs even on live animals. In diagnosis and treatment of cancers it is anticipated that fluorescence imaging technologies and multifunctional therapeutic nano-drugs will be developed (Biju et al. 2010; Li et al. 2014).

## **7. CONCLUSION:**

The current review paper, discussed the latest developments of smart nanocarriers and nanoparticles with progress of advance fresh stages for the effective moving and regulated discharge of molecules of drugs to the targeted effected tissue or gene were understood. The key purpose of effective nanoparticles carriage techniques is to decrease the drug dosage desirable to realize a precise medicinal outcome, therefore letting down the expenses and decreasing the adverse consequences coupled with their usage. The in-built difficulty of biological conditions intensely impacts the potential applications of the nanoparticles and frequently confuses their active usage for medicinal therapies. While these nanomedicines indicate beneficial operation in opposition to particular ailments, their in-built disadvantages, chiefly associated through the inadequate assimilation and demand of repeated inoculation for affected people, can't be overlooked. Thus, a deep-seated information and consideration of the actual connections concerned in the ailing tissues is important for the progress of new medicinal procedures centred on smart and elegant nano-carriers. The complexity to expect the

retorts of nano-carriers in the course of the distribution of drug practices is associated with the struggle to completely define the multifarious structural and vibrant procedures comprised in biological systems. Incidentally, the enquiry of a variety of instantaneous issues and living biological functionality may be substituted through the organized investigation of the impact of a small number of factors at a time (like surface charge density and/size of nanoparticle / regional anatomy). The recognition of the major features for the blueprint of competent nano-carriers characterises then the primary stage to decode the intricacy implicated in complicated biological procedures. Thus, a deep-rooted understanding and identification of the actual connections contained in the ailing tissues is necessary for the expansion of new medicinal methods and procedures grounded on the utility of intelligent nano-carriers.

#### *Conflicts of Interest*

The authors declare that there is no conflict of interest regarding the publication of this paper.

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