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Abstract

To develop and evaluate carboxymethyl-sagocellulose-stabilized Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles conjugated with 5-fluorouracil (5-FU) for targeted photothermal therapy (PTT) in cancer treatment, enhancing drug delivery and therapeutic efficacy.

Materials

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Sodium hydroxide 10 g

Sodium monochloroacetate 5 g

Sodium chlorite 5 g

Acetic acid 50 mL

Ethylene glycol 40 mL

Ferric chloride hexahydrate 1.08 g

5-Fluorouracil 1 g

EDC 0.025 g/mL in buffer A

Sulfo-NHS 0.025 g/mL in buffer A

Phosphate buffer solution 200 mL

Reagents -

Sodium hydroxide

5-Fluorouracil

Safety warnings

- ⚠ Handle all chemicals with appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE). Dispose of waste according to local regulations. Be aware of potential hazards associated with nanoparticles.

Synthesis of Fe₃O₄ Nanoparticles

- 1 Dissolve 1.0 g of PSSMA, 1.08 g of FeCl₃·6H₂O, and 3.0 g of NaOAc in 40 mL of ethylene glycol.
- 2 Homogenize the solution and transfer it to an autoclave.
- 3 Heat at 200 °C for 10 hours.
- 4 Collect the black precipitate, wash with deionized water, and dry at 30 °C overnight.

Surface Modification of Fe₃O₄ Nanoparticles

- 5 Disperse 0.60 g of Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles in 350 mL of ethanol and 3 mL of deionized water.
- 6 Add 4 mL of APS and stir for 12 hours under nitrogen atmosphere.
- 7 Collect the precipitate, wash with deionized water, and dry at 30 °C overnight.

Conjugation of CMSC and 5-FU

- 8 Dissolve 1 g of CMSC in 200 mL of phosphate buffer (pH 7.0).
- 9 Add EDC and sulfo-NHS at a molar ratio of 0.5 relative to carboxyl groups.
- 10 Stir for 12 hours in the dark.
- 11 Add 5-FU solution and stir for an additional 12 hours.



- 12 Recover the nanoparticles using a magnet, wash, and vacuum-dry overnight.

Evaluation of Photothermal Effect

- 13 Prepare Fe₃O₄-CMSC-5FU nanoparticles at various concentrations (30, 75, 175, 350 mg/mL).
- 14 Irradiate with an 808 nm laser at a power density of 600 mW/cm² for 15 minutes.
- 15 Measure temperature increase using a thermocouple.