Nanomedicne: Prevention, Diagnosis & Treatment

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Nanotechnology

How Small is Nano?

NanoMan would only stand 36 nm tall on the basketball!



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NANOMEDICINE



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- Medical application of nanotechnology
 - Prevention: nanovaccines
 - Novel diagnostics: nanobiosensors, QDs, lab on a chip, imaging contrast agents,
 - Novel therapeutics: Targeted drug delivery systems, theranostics
 - Application of nanotechnology in regenerative medicine
 - Application of nanotechnology in **biomedical** implants and devices

PREVENTION: NANOVACCINES





DIAGNOSTICS: RAPID TESTS





MICROFLUIDICS

The science of manipulating small amounts $(10^{-9} \text{ to } 10^{-18} \text{ L})$ of fluids in microfabricated hollow channels:

- o to generate and precisely tune dynamic fluid flows
- o spatiotemporal gradients
- deliver nutrients and other chemical cues to cells in a controlled manner



ORGAN ON A CHIP

mmm



TRENDS in Cell Biology



A human breathing lung-on-a-chip



Different OOC models with their corresponding organs in the body.



The human-on-a-chip concept



DIAGNOSIS: IMAGING





BIOLUMINESCENT NANORODS



Nanorods (shell of cadmium sulfide and a core of cadmium selenide) modified with firefly enzymes glow orange.



Fluorescent imaging



Quantum dot







IRON OXIDE NANOPARTICLES



- One of the most frequently used agents for cell tracking
- An MRI contrast agent (provides negative T2 contrast and T1 in ultra small nanoparticles)
- Enable the guidance and navigation of labeled cells after transplantation
- variety of sizes of iron oxide particles available for cell labeling



Magnetic resonance imaging of *in situ* labeled neural precursor cell migration.

NANOTECHNOLOGY IN NOVEL THERAPEUTICS



LIPOSOMAL NANOCARRIERS

- Liposomes remain one of the first drug delivery carrier
- More than 2000 papers and 200 reviews published in 2011 on the topic
- > many liposomal drugs approved for cancer therapy:
 - Doxil for doxorubicin (Johnson & Johnson, New Brunswick, USA),
 - Lipusu for paclitaxel (Luye Pharma Group, Yantai, China),
 - Marqibo for vincristine (Talon Therapeutics, South San Francisco, USA)



ANTI CANCER LIPOSOMES

- The encapsulation of various types of anti-tumor drugs has been extensively studied by many scientific research laboratories around the world.
- Nonliposomal cisplatin and stealth liposomal cisplatin were both effective antitumor agents but, at tolerable dose levels, stealth lipsomal cisplatin was reported superior to nonliposomal cisplatin.
- Doxorubicin liposomes (Caelyx, Doxil): reduced dose and more efficacy
- A thermosensitive liposomal taxol formulation: significant reduction in tumor volume



A schematic illustration of an ideal multifunctional liposome with encapsulated drugs and genes, imaging agent, cell-penetrating agent and specific targeting moiety

NANOTECHNOLOGY IN GENETHERAPY



Non-viral and Viral Vectors for Gene Therapy



Neurodegenerative Diseases

Therapeutic genes miRNAs siRNAs Antisense oligonucelotides Drugs Therapeutic genes Models of disease







Hemagglutinin

VIROSOME

- Neuraminidase
- Phosphatidylcholine
- Phosphatidylethanolamine 9 77







NANOTECHNOLOGY IN CELL THERAPY

In cell therapy it is important to guide the cells to specific locations.

- To monitor and evaluate the engraftment in the host, cells are labeled ex vivo:
 - to distinguish the implanted cells from the host tissue cells
 - to follow their survival, migration, differentiation
 - To track regenerative impact of the cells in living subjects
- Nanotechnology could help to track and localize transplanted cells.

NANOTECHNOLOGY IN TISSUE ENGINEERING



SCAFFOLD MATERIALS

> Types of scaffold materials:

- Decellularised tissues (e.g. heart valves)
- Natural matrix or protein (such as collagen and fibrin)
- Synthetic polymers (such as polyglycolic acid (PGA), Poly lactic acid (PLA), polylactic-co-glycolic acid (PLGA), poly-4-hyrdoxybutyrate (P4HB), polyhydroxy alkanoate (PHA), Polycaprolactone (PCL)
- Hybrid scaffolds (combination of synthetic and natural polymers like PLGA/Chitosan, PU/Collagen, PLGA/Silk)







PLLA-Collagen

Courtesy of Seeram Ramakrishna, NUS Center for Nanofibers & Nanotechnology

Variety of Electrospun Nanofibers



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Nanofibrous tissue engineering bypass graft (PU)



