

Designing Nanogels for Drug Delivery Systems

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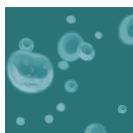
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The use of nanogels as versatile nanocarriers of active molecules has gained substantial interest considering that they are able to control the delivery. Nanogels are three-dimensional (3D) cross-linked gels presenting tunable porosity. Nanogels comprise various polymers of both natural and synthetic origin, and they can encapsulate protein, peptides, drugs, as well as diagnostic agents. Three main categories of nanogels have been identified as i. stimuli-responsive, ii. polymer-based, and iii. structure-based. Nanogels can avoid renal clearance, leading to a longer serum half-life due to their small particle size ranging from 20 to 250 nm; therefore, they can be applied as potent agents in various fields, i.e., drug delivery, tissue engineering, diagnosis, etc.

This issue aims to illustrate the current progress and recent advancements of nanogels in drug delivery, tissue engineering, and the combination thereof. Research areas may include (but are not limited to) the following: polymeric nanogels, as well as stimuli-responsive nanogels for various therapeutic areas.





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