



Innovations in Cancer Nanotheranostics

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Nanotheranostics—biocompatible nanomaterials that serve both diagnostic and therapeutic roles—hold great promise in the diagnoses, treatment, and prevention of disease. Their intrinsically small dimensions, large surface area to volume ratios, and readily modified surface chemistries/physics afford enormous flexibility in platform design and function. Comprised of organic, inorganic, or hybrid organic-inorganic materials, nanotheranostics come in a wide variety of topologies with domains optimized for therapeutic/reporter conveyance and functionalized for pathology-targeting and enhanced biocompatibility/biodistribution. As such these platforms are uniquely qualified to address many of the current limitations of conventional drug delivery, like inefficient targeting and systemic toxicity, while simultaneously providing new capabilities, like real-time monitoring disease status and precision control of therapeutic release.

This Special Issue focuses on the latest innovations in nanotheranostics that are specifically designed for the staging, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of cancer.





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