

PASylated nanoparticles for drug delivery

In the past years, drug delivery of small molecules as well as macromolecular therapeutics via nanoparticles has gained significant attention in the pharma/biotech industry. Nevertheless, their clinical translation is still facing challenges, like toxicity, unfavorable pharmacokinetics, poor tumor targeting as well as difficult manufacturing. XL-protein's PASylation technology solves these issues, as demonstrated by multiple publications. The non-toxic, fully biodegradable PAS-polymer is an attractive tool to improve the efficiency of drug and gene delivery systems and to create next generation nanomedicines.



Expanded hydrodynamic volume

- Extended circulation time
- Reduced injection frequencies
- Tumor enrichment via the EPR effect



PAS polypeptides:

- Improve the stability of nanoparticles
- Reduce drug leakage
- Facilitate drug encapsulation



Inert and hydrophilic

- Hydrophilic surface shielding
- Reduced macrophage uptake
- No unspecific nanoparticle binding



Genetically encoded PAS enables incorporation of:

- Tumor targeting domains
- Tumor protease cleavage sites

Related Publications:



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