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Cell incorporation studies with ^{99m}Tc-Methotrexate loaded chitosan nanoparticles for breast cancer diagnosis

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The aim of this study is to evaluate newly developed radiopharmaceutical's (^{99m}Tc-MTX-CSNPs) incorporation to human breast cancer (MCF-7) and human keratinocyte (HaCaT) cell lines for breast cancer diagnosis. For this purpose, methotrexate (MTX) loaded chitosan nanoparticles (CSNPs) were prepared by ionic gelation process, stored for 6 months and evaluated in terms of particle size, PDI value and zeta potential. Produced MTX-CSNPs were radiolabeled by ^{99m}Tc with high labeling efficiency (>90%). Then, newly developed radiopharmaceutical's target/non-target ratio was investigated with cell culture studies by using MCF-7 and HaCaT cell lines. Results demonstrated that the incorporation of ^{99m}Tc-MTX-CSNPs in breast cancer cells was found about 2-times higher than normal cells. So, ^{99m}Tc-MTX-CSNPs might be used for human breast cancer diagnosis in nuclear medicine patients.

Biography

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