Polymer Nanoparticles for Targeted Cancer Therapy

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Self-assembled nanoparticles based on hydrophobically modified glycol chitosan (HGC) were prepared as for cancer therap. HGC conjugates were prepared by chemically linking 5b-cholanic acid to glycol chitosan chains using 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-carbodiimide. In phosphate-buffered saline (PBS pH 7.4), the synthesized HGC conjugates formed nano-sized particles with a diameter of 200 nm and exhibited high thermodynamic stability. Paclitaxel was efficiently loaded into HGC nanoparticles to 10 wt% using a dialysis method. The paclitaxel-loaded HGC (PTX-HGC) nanoparticles showed high anti-tumor efficacy in vivo.