



## **NANO TECHNOLOGY IN CANCER DISEASE: REVIEW ARTICLE**

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### **ABSTRACT**

In the combat in opposition to most cancers, early detection is a key aspect for a hit treatment. However, the detection of most cancers within side the early level has been hindered with the aid of using the intrinsic limits of traditional most cancers diagnostic techniques. Nanotechnology affords excessive sensitivity, specificity, and multiplexed size potential and has consequently been investigated for the detection of extracellular most cancers biomarkers and most cancers cells, in addition to for in vivo imaging. This evaluation summarizes the ultra-modern traits in nanotechnology programs for most cancers diagnosis. In addition, the demanding situations withinside the translation of nanotechnology-primarily based totally diagnostic techniques into medical programs are discussed.

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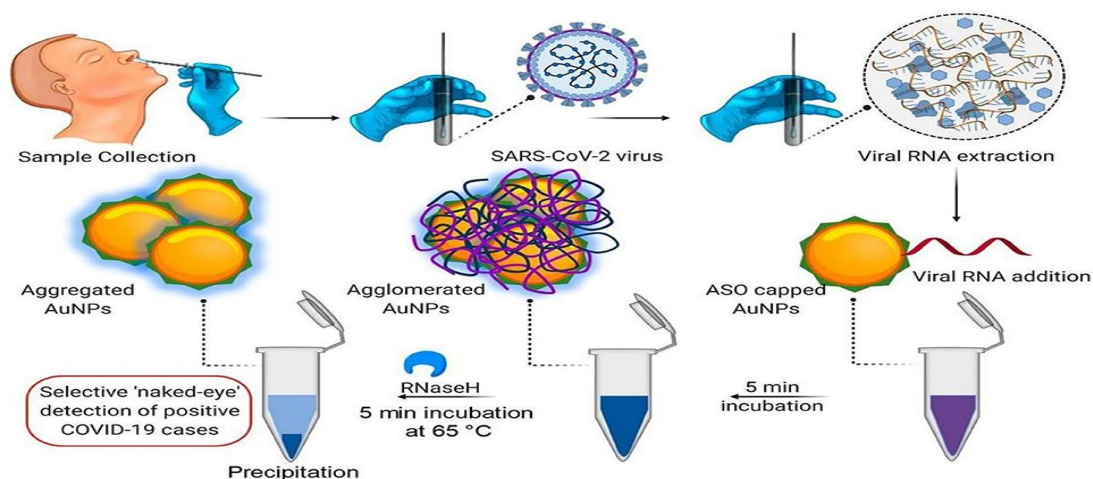
### **1. BACKGROUND**

Throughout the world, most cancers mortality and occurrence are increasing. As envisioned through GLOBOCAN 2018, the number of latest most cancers instances will attain 18.1 million, and the number of most cancers-associated deaths may be 9.6 million [1, 2]. Predictions advise that through 2030, 30 million human beings will die from most cancers every 12 months [2]. In the combat towards most cancers, a key for successful most cancers remedy is early detection. Cancer-associated mortality is substantially decreased through early detection [3]. For example, breast most cancers reveals a 5-12 months relative survival price of almost 90% on the nearby stage, at the same time as sufferers with remote metastasis show off a 5-12 months survival price of best 27% [4].

At present, imaging strategies and morphological evaluation of tissues (histopathology) or cells (cytology) aid in early analysis of most cancers. The maximum extensively used imaging strategies, together with X-ray, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography (CT), endoscopy, and ultrasound, can best locate most cancers while there may be a seen alternate to the tissue [5]. By that time, thousands of most cancers cells can also additionally have proliferated or even metastasized. In addition, present day imaging strategies can not distinguish benign lesions from malignant lesions [6].

Moreover, cytology and histopathology can not be efficaciously and independently implemented to locate most cancers at an early stage [7]. Therefore, the improvement of technology for detecting most cancers at an early stage, earlier than metastasis, gives a main challenge. Although nanotechnology has now no longer but been deployed clinically for most cancers analysis, it's miles already available in the marketplace in a style of scientific exams and screens, together with using gold nanoparticles in domestic being pregnant exams [8]. For most cancers analysis, nanoparticles are being implemented to seize most cancers biomarkers, together with most cancers-related proteins, circulating tumor DNA, circulating tumor cells, and exosomes [9]. An crucial gain of making use of nanoparticles for most cancers detection lies of their huge floor location to extent ratio relative to bulk materials [10]. Due to this property, nanoparticle surfaces may be densely included with antibodies, small molecules, peptides, aptamers, and different moieties. These moieties can bind and understand particular most cancers molecules (Fig. 1). By supplying numerous binding ligands to most cancers cells, multivalent results may be achieved, that can improve the specificity and sensitivity of an assay [11]. Nanotechnology-primarily based totally diagnostic strategies are being advanced as promising equipment for real-time, convenient, and cost-powerful most cancers analysis and detection [12].

This overview summarizes latest development withinside the improvement of nanotechnology and addresses the nanotechnology in most cancers analysis. We additionally provide our attitude on demanding situations withinside the use of nanotechnology for most cancers analysis.



Nanotechnology for the detection of extracellular most cancers biomarkers A most cancers biomarker acts as a measurable organic molecule that may be discovered in blood and different tissues or frame fluids, along with saliva and urine, indicating that most cancers exists within the frame [13, 14]. Cancer biomarkers can be proteins (secreted proteins or mobileular floor proteins) [15], carbohydrates [16], or nucleic acids (circulating tumor DNA, miRNA, etc.) [17] which are secreted with the aid of using the frame or most cancers cells whilst most cancers is present [18, 19]. The dimension of positive most cancers biomarker degrees permits early detection of most cancers or tumor recurrence and enables reveal the efficacy of the therapy. Nevertheless, using biomarkers has been constrained with the aid of using numerous barriers, such as low biomarker concentrations in frame fluids, heterogeneity within the abundance and timing of biomarkers inside patients, and the difficulty in sporting out potential studies [20]. Nanotechnology gives excessive selectivity and sensitivity and the capacity to behavior simultaneous measurements of more than one targets. Biosensors may be advanced with nanoparticles/nanomaterials to offer unique targeting [21]. In addition, using nanoparticles offers an expanded floor-to-volume ratio, which makes biosensors extra touchy in fulfilling the needs of unique biomolecular diagnostics [22]. Quantum dots (QDs), gold nanoparticles (AuNPs), and polymer dots (PDs) are 3 not unusualplace nanoparticle probes utilized in diagnosing most cancers [23, 24].

### **PROTEIN DETECTION:**

A quantity of proteins had been granted FDA clearance for most cancers detection, such as CEA (colorectal most cancers), AFP (liver most cancers), PSA (prostate most cancers), and CA-125 (ovarian most cancers). Specific interactions with antibodies, antibody fragments, or aptamers can assist within the detection of those properties. The interplay occasion will then be transformed into a quantifiable sign that may be measured [25]. In latest studies, QD-primarily based totally biosensors had been used for detecting most cancers biomarkers. QDs are characterised with the aid of using a excessive quantum yield and molar extinction coefficient; excessive absorption with narrow, excessive-performance Stokes shifts; excessive resistance to photobleaching; and splendid resistance to degradation, which represent precise properties [26, 27]. A sandwich-kind assay is a not unusual place method for detecting protein biomarkers and contains many components, namely, a biomarker, a seize antibody, a second seize antibody, and a secondary antibody that binds to the seize antibody [7]. The secondary antibody may be visualized via diverse methods, along with staining and fluorescence [28].

In using this method, QD-conjugated antibodies towards neuron-unique enolase (NSE) and carcinoembryonic antigen (CEA) have been used to come across biomarkers, and the restriction of detection (LOD) of every reached 1.zero ng/ml [29]. A zinc oxide (ZnO) QD-primarily based totally sandwich immunoassay became evolved for ZnO nanowire substrates, which furnished a big floor place that provides more than one binding web web sites used for detection. CEA, the maximum famous most cancers biomarker, has been carried out for tracking of anticancer treatment, in addition to for prediction of tumor recurrence following surgical resection in late-degree most cancers patients, making it extensively studied. NSE is an enzyme that catalyzes the conversion of 2-phosphoglycerate to phosphoenolpyruvate, which indicates a courting with carcinoids, small mobileular lung carcinoma, and islet mobileular tumors. After secretion, They will be detected at concentrations over 15 ng/mL, and the LOD of every reached 1.zero ng/mL. Another example of an immunosensor primarily based totally on QDs is ZnO QDs coated with antibody towards carbohydrate antigen 19-nine (CA 19-nine, a biomarker for pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma), which is an critical utility within the detection of CA 19-nine. Electrostatic adsorption frequently aided within the immobilization technique on the premise of the excessive isoelectric factor of ZnO, and the immune response of the CA 19-nine antigens and antibodies produced the sandwich structure. CA 19-nine immunological reputation become transformed into the detection of amplified alerts provided with the aid of using square wave stripping voltammetry (SWV), in addition to the inherent photoluminescence (PL) exhibited with the aid of using the categorized QDs. The dynamic variety of the electrochemical assay become zero.1– one hundred eighty U/ml, and the LOD reached zero.04 U/ml, even as the dynamic variety exhibited with the aid of using the optical spectral detection become 1–one hundred eighty U/ml, and the LOD reached zero.25 U/ml [30].

Peptides are regularly carried out to actively goal cancerous tissues in vivo [31]. The Arg-Gly-Asp (RGD) peptide motif is diagnosed with the aid of using a receptor (integrin  $\alpha\beta3$ ) on the mobileular floor implicated in most cancers metastasis and angiogenesis and has been carried out to goal tumor tissue in vivo for diagnosis [32]. In one study, an iRGD (CRGDKGPDC)- mediated and enzyme-caused specific focused on gold nanoparticle system (iRGD/AuNPs-A&C) become evolved with the aid of using absolutely co-administering the tumor-homing penetration peptide iRGD with a legumain-responsive aggregable gold nanoparticle [33]. iRGD/AuNPs-A&C confirmed excessive penetration and accumulation in four T1 mammary tumors [34]. Aptamers, which might be unmarried-stranded DNA (ssDNA) or RNA sequences that may be remoted through exponential enrichment (SELEX)

that is predicated on ligand systematic evolution, also can be conjugated to nanoparticles [35, 36]. Aptamers have excessive affinity and sturdy binding specificity for his or her respective targets, together with ions, bacteria, peptides, viruses, phospholipids, or even entire cells. A10 RNA aptamer-conjugated polymeric nanoparticles incorporating Cy5 can bind to prostate-unique membrane antigen (PSMA). Cy5-PLA/aptamer NPs should simplest bind to LNCaP cells and dog prostate adenocarcinoma cells, which might be fantastic for PSMA however now no longer to PC3 cells, which are poor for PSMA. Cy5-PLA NPs were carried out in balb/c mice and show off high-quality alerts with lowbackground fluorescence in distinctive organs [37].

Rare-earth upconverting nanophosphors (UCNPs) promise to be a brand new technology of organic luminescence labels. UCNPs are capable of take in radiation from close to-infrared (NIR) mild and rework the radiation into visible mild with the aid of using counting on the upconversion technique after multiple-photon absorption. Overexpression of secreted phospholipase A2 (sPLA-2), an enzyme that catalyzes phospholipid hydrolysis, has been pronounced to show an affiliation with prostate most cancers mobileular proliferation. Similar to phospholipids, phosphate surfactants are useful for spotting and cleaving sPLA-2 enzyme. This particular function should notably assist manage UCNP release, due to the fact the enzyme hydrolyzes an ester organization positioned among the fatty acid and ethylene glycol, which immediately liberates the nanoparticles fromthe prostate most cancers floor [38].

#### **CTDNA DETECTION:**

Circulating tumor DNA (ctDNA) represents tumor-derived DNA fragments (about 100-2 hundred base-pairs long) in the bloodstream [39]. ctDNA may be launched from primary tumors or circulating tumor cells (CTCs) and may allow detection of most cancers thru most cancers-unique genetic aberrations. Detection of genetic aberrations in ctDNA can assist stumble on most cancers even earlier than any signal of most cancers occurs [40, 41]. Highly unique hybridization with nucleic acid probes which have complementary sequences may be used to stumble on most cancers-related genetic aberrations [35]. A DNA silver nanocluster (NC) fluorescent probe become evolved for detection of a unmarried exon withinside the BRCA1 gene in breast most cancers [42]. Under optimized situations, this probe extended the LOD to  $6.4 \times 10^{-11}$  M. Large deletion mutations in BRCA1 had been detected primarily based totally on nanocluster fluorescence upon hybridization caused with the aid of using reputation. The certain hybridization of the DNA-templated silver NC fluorescent probe to goal DNAs become capable of efficaciously beautify theAgNC fluorescence, which had numerous intensities, thereby distinguishing the BRCA1 deletion. When situations had been optimal, there has been an boom withinside the fluorescence intensity provided with the aid of using DNA-AgNCs at emission peaks close to 440 nm (excitation at 350 nm) because the presence of the deletion kind extended in a dynamic variety of  $1.2 \times 10^{-10}$  to  $2.4 \times 10^{-6}$  M, and the LOD reached  $6.4 \times 10^{-11}$  M. In this sensing system, the deletion kind caused better fluorescence emission thanthe ordinary kind, with the ordinary kind generally showinglow fluorescence.

#### **MICRORNA DETECTION:**

MicroRNA is related to most cancers diagnosis. Jou AF pronounced a two-step sensing platform for touchy detection of miR-141, a promising biomarker for prostate most cancers. The first step of the sensing platform used CdSe/ZnS QDs changed with FRET quencher-functionalized nucleic acids, which contained a telomerase primer collection collectively with a reputation collection for the miR-141 reputation collection. The FRET quencher exhibited covalent binding to the nucleic acid-functionalized CdSe/ZnS QDs. When miR-141 hybridized with the probe, a duplex become formed, which could be cleaved with the aid of using duplex-unique nuclease (DSN). The cleavage launched the quencher unit and activated the fluorescence of the QDs. This cleavage also publicity of the telomerase primer collection. The 2nd step concerned the primer unit elongation stimulated through telomerase/dNTPs, incorporation of hemin, and chemiluminescence generated with the assist of luminol/H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>.

This platform helped come across miR-141 in a serum sample and discriminated healthful people from prostate most cancers carriers [43].

#### **DNA METHYLATION DETECTION:**

The genome methylation landscape (Methylscape) became lately suggested as a not unusualplace feature of maximum types and cancers and consequently can be a not unusualplace most cancers biomarker [44]. In this study, the authors located variations among most cancers genomes and everyday genomes primarily based totally on DNA-gold affinity and DNA solvation and advanced simple, quick, selective and touchy electrochemical or colorimetric one-step assays to come across most cancers.

#### **EXTRACELLULAR VESICLE DETECTION:**

As circulating vesicles (30 nm–1  $\mu$ m), extracellular vesicles (EVs) bundle molecular information, inclusive of miRNA, DNA, protein, and mRNA, from mom cells and permit the detection of the molecular nation of tumor cells which are tough to access. In a current study, the authors advanced a new magnetic nanopore seize method to isolate certain subsets of extracellular vesicles (EVs) from plasma [45]. The machine-mastering and RNA-sequencing algorithms helped perceive EV miRNA biomarkers. This method became carried out to a mouse version of pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (PDAC) and contributed to identity of a biomarker panel of 11 EV miRNAs. Recently, Tan et al. suggested a sensor platform that profiles proteins at the floor of exosomes inside numerous minutes. The sensor includes a gold nanoparticle (AuNP) and an aptamer panel beneathneath complexation, which became designed primarily based totally on 13-nm AuNPs that have been noncovalently conjugated with a panel of five aptamers that centered mobileular floor proteins with excessive affinity and sturdy specificity, as proven previously. The aptamers complexed withAuNPs avoided nanoparticle aggregation in a solution with excessive salt. Exosomes helped smash the susceptible and nonspecific binding among the AuNP and aptamers, while sturdy and precise binding among aptamers and exosome floor proteins displaced aptamers from the AuNP floor, thereby facilitating AuNP aggregation. Due to aggregation, the colour of the AuNPs modified from purple to blue, indicating that the aptamers have been sure to exosomal proteins. The depth provided through the AuNP aggregation(A650/A520) became indicative of the relative abundance exhibited through goal proteins at the floor of exosomes [46].

#### **NANOTECHNOLOGY FOR DETECTION OF MOST CANCERS CELLS:**

### Detection of circulating tumor cells:

Approximately 90% of deaths from strong tumors are attributed to metastasis [47]. In the direction of metastatic dissemination, a most cancers mobileular from the number one tumor first invades the encompassing tissue after which enters the microvasculature of the blood (intravasation) and lymph systems, accompanied through survival and translocation through the bloodstream to microvessels in remote tissues, next go out from the bloodstream (extravasation) and survival withinside the microenvironment of remote tissues, which gift a appropriate overseas microenvironment for improvement of a macroscopic secondary tumor [48]. Early detection of metastatic most cancers cells withinside the bloodstream, additionally referred to as circulating tumor cells (CTCs), can probably have an effect on most cancers analysis and analysis.

As a part of a liquid biopsy, CTCs were studied widely because of their capacity applications. CTC detection can assist us apprehend the molecular organisation of a tumor in a minimally invasive manner. Nevertheless, CTCs show excessive low abundance and heterogeneity, which provides technical demanding situations for CTC isolation and characterization. In current years, researchers have focused

at the utility of nanotechnologies for touchy detection of CTCs; those technology can assist signify cells and molecules, thereby playing large medical applications, inclusive of disorder detection at an early level and assessment of the remedy reaction and disorder improvement. As proven in lots of studies, it's far feasible for mobileular pseudopodia to shape on surfaces with nanostructure, thereby improving the neighborhood topographical interactions among most cancers cells and nanostructured substrates, that's useful to CTC enrichment. For CTC detection, nanomaterials have a vital gain in their big floor-to-quantity ratio, which allows adsorption of excessive-performance concentrated on ligands with the capacity to understand precise molecules on most cancers cells; consequently, CTC isolation suggests excessive specificity and recovery, and the detection sensitivity is enhanced. People have suggested unique styles of nanomaterials, inclusive of magnetic nanoparticles (MNPs), gold nanoparticles (AuNPs), quantum dots (QDs), nanowires, nanopillars, silicon nanopillars, carbon nanotubes, dendrimers, graphene oxide, and polymers, for CTC detection (Table 1) [61]. It has been proven that those nanomaterials can enhance the sensitivity and specificity of CTC seize devices and feature the capacity to facilitate most cancers analysis and analysis. In the sector of nanobiotechnology, MNPs are mature nanomaterials which can bind to cells and feature lengthily been used for in vitro separation with the assist of an external magnetic field [62]. Antibody-functionalized MNPs, namely, immunomagnetic nanoparticles, are often carried out withinside the biomedical field. For CTC detection, immunomagnetic technology typically mainly goal EpCAM expressing CTCs with anti-EpCAM functionalized MNPs. To carry out single-mobileular transcriptional profiling of CTCs purified from breast most cancers patients, Powell et al. [63] used MagSweeper, that's an immunomagnetic enrichment

Marker	Type of cancer	No. of patients	Marker expressed (%)	Analytical methodology	Reference
EpCAM	Breast cancer	24	83.3%*	Flow cytometry	Hyun et al., 2016
	Head and neck cancer	15	40%*	CellSearch system	Nichols et al., 2012
ALDH	Breast cancer	92	46%*	AdnaTest	Kasimir-Bauer et al., 2012
	Colorectal cancer	27	33%*	PCR	Gazzaniga et al., 2010
	Breast cancer	24	54%#	RT-PCR	Barrière et al., 2012
CD133	Breast cancer	23	30.1%#	Triple fluorescence	Bock et al., 2015
	Prostate cancer	20	100%*	Flow cytometry	Nadal et al., 2013
CD44	Colorectal cancer	150	40%*	RT-PCR	Katoh et al., 2015
	Breast cancer	24	33%#	RT-PCR	Barrière et al., 2012
CD24 <sup>-/low</sup>	Breast cancer	20	35.2%#	Immunofluorescence microscopy	Theodoropoulos et al., 2010
Bmi1	Lung cancer	10	70%*	RT-PCR	Ana et al., 2016
	Breast cancer	24	67%#	RT-PCR	Barrière et al., 2012

\*Among CTC positive patients; #among CTCs captured from patients.

tool that may isolate tumor cells from unfractionated blood. MagSweeper serves as a magnetic mobile sorting system that makes use of magnetic rods included through a sheath to sweep throughout seize wells and entice goal cells categorized with magnetic nanoparticles [64]. It may be used to accumulate highpurity CTCs from affected person blood, at the same time as maintaining their potential to provoke tumors and metastasize, facilitating robust evaluation of unmarried CTCs. Using the system, the authors efficaciously purified CTCs from 70% of sufferers with primary and metastatic breast most cancers and done direct size of the gene expression in person CTCs. QDs are characterised through unique optical properties, which beautify their usefulness in most cancers mobile detection [65]. Due to their excessive quantum yields, QDs are beneficial in the detection of substances with low abundance. However, to beautify QD electric characteristics, Pang et al. [52] hybridized ZnO NDs and g-C3N4 QDs to manage to pay for better photoelectron switch and separation efficiency. Due to the splendid advantages, ZnO NDs and g-C3N4 QDs loved the prolonged application, and a photocatalyzed renewable self-powered cytosensing tool changed into presented on the idea of ZnO NDs@g-C3N4 QDs. Through conjugation to the membrane PTK7-precise aptamer Sgc8c, the tool changed into used to come across CCRF-CEM cells (human acute lymphoblastic leukemia cells), which specific PTK7. The consequences confirmed that the tool gives higher performance in phrases of detection range, detection limit, selectivity, and reproducibility. It captured handiest CCRF-CEM cells (500 mobile/mL) and no different mobile types, including HL-60, K562, and HeLa cells. The authors assume that the tool may be an powerful platform for tracking the development of leukemia and suggests outstanding promise.

Polymer nanoparticles derived from diverse conductive hydrophobic polymers had been implemented to provide nanoparticles with excessive quantum yields, photostability and that are nontoxic. Therefore, PD is good for CTC detection. Wu et al. [66] suggested a method for semiconducting polymer dots (PDs) functionalization thru entrapment of heterogeneous polymer chains right into a unmarried dot, which changed into facilitated through hydrophobic interactions, all through nanoparticle formation. A few amphiphilic polymers with functional organizations for next covalent conjugation of biomolecules, including streptavidin and immunoglobulin G (IgG), display co-condensation with maximum semiconducting polymers for change and functionalization of a nanoparticle floor. The PDs bioconjugates have been capable of label cell objectives in an powerful and precise manner, which includes a mobile floor marker on human breast most cancers cells, and not using a want to come across nonspecific binding. The authors verified that the fluorescence exhibited through PD-labeled MCF-7 cells changed into 25 instances better than that of QD-labeled cells and 18 instances better than that of AlexaFluor-categorized cells, in keeping with waft cytometry evaluation [67]. Based at the consequences, the authors agree with that these ultrabright nanoparticles have been efficaciously bioconjugated. Thus, this method offers a brand new opportunity for making use of flexible semiconducting polymers to one-of-a-kind fluorescence size techniques in biomedicine and contemporary-day biology. Upconversion nanoparticles (UCNPs) are typically selected for fluorescent labeling thinking about the potential to excite UCNPs with near-infrared (NIR) mild to infrared (IR) mild for technology of fluorescence emission within the seen region of the spectrum, main to minimum history noise. Furthermore, making use of NIR mild because the excitation supply prevents harm to regular tissues on one hand and allows deep tissue penetration on the opposite hand [68]. Shen et al. [69] defined a easy approach to conjugate multifunctional nanoparticles (MFNPs) assembled through the formation of diverse layers with a monoclonal anti-HER2 antibody and showed that the MFNPs exhibited the precise detection of breast most cancers BT474 cells (biomarker HER2 positive) with a excessive signal-to-noise ratio. The MFNPs have an apparent core-shell shape of UCNP@-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@Au lined with anti-HER2 antibody and poly(ethylene glycol) (PEG) and exhibited an splendid dispersity in one-of-a-kind aqueous answers and a excessive signal-to-noise ratio. The authors discovered that the photothermal impact exhibited a brand new excessive-localization characteristic on the single-molecular degree primarily based totally beneathneath a continuous-wave near-IR laser. Using those nanoparticles, the authors exerted a photothermal impact on the single-molecular degree.

For differentiating kinds of cells and most cancers states, the authors used AuNPs capped with ligands of various hydrophobicity and covered with inexperienced fluorescent protein (GFP). Because the capping ligands used confirmed exceptional chemical structures, every AuNP-GFP complicated become associated with most cancers cells to a exceptional degree, thinking about molecular membrane composition differences [70]. Magnetic bio-targeting multi-functional nanobio-probes (MBMNs) had been used to come across and isolate a small subset of malignant cells from ordinary cells. CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@BaTiO<sub>3</sub> magnetoelectric nanoparticles outstanding exceptional most cancers cells from every different and from their ordinary opposite numbers via a magnetoelectric impact [71]. Detection via molecular floor protein recognition The primary technique to come across most cancers cells is based on binding quick peptides, antibodies, oligonucleotide aptamers) to floor markers on most cancers cells and on the ones entering cells and detecting genetic content. For the detection of most cancers cells, along with CTCs, seize or isolation is the first and maximum vital stage. Although the molecular physical properties, along with size, deformability, and density, are on occasion used, seize is based totally at the affinity of molecular floor molecules on CTCs detected with materials along with antibodies or aptamers. Unique floor proteins on CTCs are the number one targets. Since many research have established that EpCAM is noticeably expressed on CTCs from many human malignancies, EpCAM may be used as a molecular floor biomarker. Hence, anti-EpCAM molecules are frequently carried out to screening of CTCs. CTCs present process EMT could purpose inefficient high-quality sorting on the idea of EpCAM expression. Therefore, every other technique is to discover supplemental or alternative markers for EpCAM. Many molecular floor markers, along with vimentin, androgen receptor, glycan, important vault protein (MVP), and fibroblast activation protein  $\alpha$  (FAP $\alpha$ ), had been studied for the detection of CTCs. However, a majority of those markers are simplest particular to sure cells, and plenty of markers do now no longer exist after CTCs experienced EMT. More mesenchymal CTCs may be visible within the metastatic ranges of most cancers, and thus, looking for right EMT markers to assess diagnosis and metastasis in most cancers sufferers is vital. Here, we bring together the currently identified molecular floor protein markers for detection of CTCs in exceptional most cancers types (Table 2). Detection primarily based totally on mRNA In addition to the detection of extracellular nucleic acids, nanoparticles have additionally been advanced as intracellular nucleic acid sensors. Seferos et al. [85] established that it's far viable to apply novel gold nanoparticle probes changed through oligonucleotides hybridized to enhances classified with a fluorophore as transfection sellers and cellular "nanoflares" to come across mRNA in dwelling cells. Nanoflares triumph over many demanding situations within the advent of powerful and touchy intracellular probes and display a large signal-to-noise ratio and sensitivity to modifications within the quantity of RNA transcripts in cells. Nanoflares, which display excessive orientation, dense oligonucleotide coating and can input cells with out the want for cytotoxic transfection agents [86], are beneficial for detecting intracellular mRNA.

Meanwhile, researchers have evolved nanoflares for simultaneous intracellular detection of diverse mRNA transcripts. In those multiplexed nanoflare research, AuNPs functionalized with 2-three DNA reputation strands and later hybridized with quick complementary reporter strands had been generated as nanoflares. For example, the usage of multiplexed nanoflares to locate survivin further to actin has been investigated for normalizing nanoflare fluorescence variations in cell uptake. Therefore, the method is similar with traditional qRT-PCR for quantification of intracellular mRNA however may be carried out on the unmarried stay mobile level. In a few cases, the nanoflare platform became increased to quantify intracellular RNA and locate spatiotemporal in residing cells [87]. In this work,  $\beta$ -actin targeting nanoflares had been incubated with HeLa cells and

provided an manifestly one of a kind intracellular distribution, displaying sturdy colocalization with mitochondria, which has now no longer been formerly proven. Further, SmartFlares had been applied for reading cancer tumor mobile heterogeneity [88]. These Smart-Flares had been capable of quantify genomic expression on the unmarried-mobile level, thus increasing our understanding of most cancers and metastasis. Investigating the heterogeneity of most cancers cells is essential for figuring out novel biomarkers for early most cancers prognosis. Halo et al. [89] mentioned nanoflares, which had been implemented to seize stay circulating breast most cancers cells. These nanoflares ought to locate goal mRNA in version metastatic breast most cancers mobile (MBC) traces in human blood and exhibited excessive restoration and constancy achieving 99%. They extensively utilized nanoflares collectively with later cultured mammo spheres to reimplant the retrieved stay recurrent breast most cancers cells into complete human blood. Only a hundred stay most cancers cells ought to be detected in keeping with mL of blood. Relying at the NanoFlare era, it became viable to concurrently isolate and symbolize intracellular stay most cancers cells from complete blood.

The authors proven the cappelotential of nanoflars toaccumulate CTCs for destiny lifestyle and study. In addition,nanoflars make a contribution to the era of mixing intracellular markers with mobile-floor markers for dually figuring out putative CTCs. The mixed approach is probable to beautify the feature of greater systems to specially pick out CTCs and subpopulations of CTCs. The authors think that nanoflars offer the primary gene-primarily based totally method to locate, isolate, and symbolize stay most cancers cells withinside the blood and are probable to make a contribution to most cancers prognosis, prognosis, and prediction, in addition to customized treatment. Lee et al. mentioned an method primarily based totally on an elegant plasmonic nanoparticle community structure, producing a plasmon-coupled dimer capable of locate unmarried mRNA editions [90]. They implemented the approach to the detection and quantification of BRCA1 mRNA splice editions in vitro and in vivo. Two probes conjugated to nanoparticleshad been related to the BRCA1 mRNA goal in asequence-unique manner, and as a result, the sign exhibited a spectral shift because of dimer formation. Theyproven that their approach is strong and canefficiently locate, quantify, and differentiate amongone of a kind BRCA1 splice editions with unmarried-reproduction sensitivity, thereby laying a basis for quantitative,unmarried-mobile genetic profiling withinside the destiny.

### **Nanotechnology for in vivo imaging:**

In addition to most cancers prognosis via ex vivo detection of most cancers cells and biomarkers in liquid biopsy samples, figuring out cancerous tissues withinside the frame has many blessings in diagnosing and treating most cancers. A proper nanoparticle explore for detecting most cancers tissue need to showcase a protracted move time, be unique to tumor tissue and gift low toxicity to close by wholesome tissue [7]. Current associated research have targeted on nanoparticleprobe accumulation in tumor tissue for diagnosing most cancers in animal models, usually mouse models. Nanoparticle probes can preferentially gather in tumor tissues via energetic or high-quality concentrated on, therebypermitting imaging and prognosis of most cancers in vivo [91]

Interactions among nanoparticles and blood proteins, uptake and clearance via way of means of the reticuloendothelial system(RES), penetration into stable tumors, and optimized energe(vs passive) concentrated on for prognosis of most cancers represent the software barriers. Fortunately, many trends associated with those elements were achieved.

### **Passive concentrated on:**

By definition, passive concentrated on represents the preferential extravasation capability of 10- to 150-nm nanoparticles from the bloodstream into tumor tissue. Because the tight junctions among endothelial cells in new blood vessels in tumors do now no longer shape properly, nanoparticles can preferentially gather in tumor tissue [92].This shape of passive nanoparticle access into the tumor is known as the improved permeability and retention (EPR) effect, which became detected about 30 years in the past via way of means of reading macromolecule delivery into tumor tissues [93]. QDs are characterised via way of means of apparent photostability, tunable emission, and excessive quantum yield, contributing to their extensive software in tumor tissue imaging via passive accumulation depending on the EPR effect. Hong et al. [94] the usage of a brand new NIR-II fluorophore, six-armed PEG-Ag<sub>2</sub>S QDs, for imaging of subcutaneous xenograft 4T1 murine tumors. They monitored how the NIR-II sign became disbursed withinside the mice for a protracted duration of time (as much as 24-h post-injection (p.i.)) and found that the NIRII fluorescence of 6PEGAg<sub>2</sub>S QDs elevated stably withinside the tumor area and reduced withinside the pores and skin and different organs in the variety of 30 min p.i. to 24 h p.i. The in vivo QDpharmacokinetics cautioned remarkable accumulation o 6PEG-Ag<sub>2</sub>S QDs in tumors (> 10% ID/gram, where % ID gram denotes the attention of the probe relative to theinjected dose (ID) percent in step with gram of tissue) thru the EPR impact. They assert that imaging with those NIR-II QDs presented deep internal organ registration, dynamic tumorcomparison, and speedy tumor detection. Researchers have additionally carried out AuNPs to in vivo tumor imaging thru passive concentrated on. Lai et al. [95] stated that mercaptoundecanoic acid-covered AuNPs ought to perceive and tune number one glioma cells on the inoculation sites in mouse brains. Furthermore, those debris detected tumor-related microvasculature in detail. In some cases, chitosan nanoparticles had been used for in vivo imaging thru the EPR impact. Nam et al. [96] stated a tumor-concentrated on nanoparticle to be used as an underlying multimodal imaging probe thru optical/MR (MR: magnetic resonance) twin imaging primarily based totally on self-assembled glycol chitosan. Through chemical amendment and conjugation, they evolved strong chitosan nanoparticles categorised with Cy5.5 and encapsulated with the aid of using Gd(III) (Cy5.5-CNP-Gd(III)). The Cy5.5-CNP-Gd(III) had been spherical, with a length of about 350 nm. According to cell experiments, Cy5.5-CNP-Gd(III) had been taken up in an powerful manner, and distribution withinside the cytoplasm turned into located. After management thru the tail vein of tumorbearing mice, the nanoparticles localized in big numbers withinside the tumor, which turned into detected thru noninvasive NIR fluorescence collectively with an MR imaging machine. The authors endorse that the specific traits of the glycol chitosan nanoparticles, which include blood stability, deformability, and short cell uptake, may also significantly have an effect on their in vivo tumor concentrated on ability, which depended on the EPR impact. Their consequences discovered that Cy5.5-CNP-Gd(III) ought to doubtlessly be carried out as an optical/MR twin imaging agent for detecting and treating most cancers. Nanoparticle length and form have an effect on the EPR impact. Therefore, those elements ought to be taken into consideration whilst designing nanoparticle probes for excessive tumor accumulation. Nanoparticles with a length of much less than 10 nm may be quickly removed with the aid of using the kidneys, minimizing their localization in tumor tissue [97]. Anisotropic debris show off an enhancement in circulate time, in all likelihood due to the fact anisotropic nanoparticles are much less possibly to permeate endothelial gaps withinside the liver withinside the variety of loads of nanometers to tens of micrometers. Silica-covered QDs of diverse thicknesses had been used to discover the effect of nanoparticle length on tumor tissue accumulation [98]. The 12-nm QDs penetrated the tumor tissue with minimum hindrance, whilst the60-nm QDs extravasated however remained in 10-µm bloodvessels. By comparison, the 120-nm QDs confirmed no considerable extravasation. When nanoparticles touch a organic fluid, their floor may be come to be protected with a “corona” of organic macromolecules [99]. As serum proteins adsorb onto a nanoparticle floor (opsonization), the in vivo trafficking, uptake, and clearance of nanoparticles are significantly changed. Using PEG to coat a nanoparticle floor reduces nonspecific adsorption of serum proteins and minimizes protein corona formation, which will increase the circulating time of the nanoparticle. PEGylation of diverse nanoparticles, which include AuNPs and QDs, consequences in an extended circulate time withinside the blood, in addition to sluggish accumulation withinside the liver and spleen [100].It is predicted that nanotechnology-primarily based totally imaging can enhance the specificity and sensitivity of most cancers diagnosis on the only hand and decrease toxicity on the opposite hand. Garrigue et al. [101] these days stated that harnessing nanoparticles and the “better permeation and retention” (EPR) impact helped them expand an innovative nano system for positron emission tomography (PET) imaging. The machine adopts a self-assembling amphiphilic dendrimer that keeps diverse PET reporting devices at terminals. This dendrimer turned into capable of self-gather into small

uniform nano micelles, which amassed in tumors, permitting powerful PET imaging. Due to the dendrimeric multivalence blended with the passive tumor concentrated on mediated with the aid of using EPR, the nano system exhibited higher imaging sensitivity and more potent specificity, with PET sign ratios that multiplied with the aid of using about 14-fold in contrast with the medical gold trendy 2-fluorodeoxyglucose ([18F]FDG). Moreover, the dendrimer displayed an outstanding protection profile and excellent pharmacokinetics for PET imaging. The authors trust that their have a look at contributes to the improvement of dendrimer nano systems for powerful and promising most cancers imaging.

#### Active concentrated on:

In addition to tumor imaging with the assist of nanoparticle accumulation thru passive concentrated on primarily based totally at the EPR impact, students have applied a big wide variety of research on popularity of receptors at the mobile floor for energetic concentrated on of tumor tissues. Usually, those methods boom the wide variety of nanoparticles brought to tumor tissue in every unit time, thereby improving the sensitivity exhibited with the aid of using in vivo tumor detection methods [102]. For the detection of tumors at an early degree with excessive comparison imaging, energetic tumor concentrated on achieves a higher end result than passive concentrated on that is based at the EPR impact. Levenson and Nie stated antibody-conjugated QDs to goal PSMA for energetic tumor concentrated on. The in vivo imaging consequences for three forms of QD floor adjustments had been examined: (1) COOH groups, (2) PEG groups, and (three) PEG plus PSMA Ab (PEG-PSMA Ab). Consistent with the histological examinations, the COOH probe did not gift any tumor signals, and best vulnerable tumor signals had been located with the PEG probe (passive concentrated on), however the PEG-PSMA Ab-conjugated probe (energetic concentrated on) exhibited severe signals. The contrast showed the end of greater green and lots faster energetic concentrated on of tumors with a tumor-unique ligand as compared with passive concentrated on in phrases of tumor permeation, retention, and uptake [103]. A current observe confirmed the common software of peptides to energetic concentrated on of cancerous tissues in vivo. The RGD peptide is diagnosed with the aid of using a receptor (integrin  $\alpha\beta3$ ) at the mobileular floor worried in most cancers angiogenesis metastasis and has been implemented to the concentrated on of tumor tissue in vivo for diagnosis [104]. In one observe, an iRGD-mediated and enzyme-triggered unique concentrated on gold nanoparticle system (iRGD/AuNPs-A&C) turned into evolved with the aid of using certainly co-administering a tumor-homing penetration peptide iRGD with a legumain-responsive aggregable gold nanoparticle. Intravenously injected compounds coupled to iRGD had been sure to tumor vessels after which unfold to extravascular tumor parenchyma, at the same time as conventional RGD peptides best transported cargo into blood vessels. iRGD houses to tumors via three steps: the RGD motif suggests a mediating impact at the binding to  $\alpha\gamma$  integrins at the tumor endothelium, and then, a proteolytic cleavage imposes a binding motif for neuropilin-1, which regulates penetration into the cells. Conjugation to iRGD contributed to an apparent development within the sensitivity of the tumor imaging agents and the pastime of the anti-tumor drug [34]. Previous research said Gd(three+)-DOTA and RGD(UCNP-Gd-RGD)-classified up conversion nanoprobe for glioblastoma dual-modality imaging. To put together UCNP-Gd-RGD, the amine-practical up conversion nanoparticle center is PEGylated, accompanied with the aid of using Gd(three+) DOTA conjugation and RGD labeling. The colloidal balance of the obtained UCNP-Gd-RGD is advanced and the cytotoxicity reduced as compared with the UCNP center counterpart. Additionally, the UCNP-Gd-RGD provided an extreme up conversion luminescence within the deep-pink location and a three-fold enhancement in T1 relaxivity as compared with Gd(three+) DOTA. Considering the popularity among integrin  $\alpha\beta3$  receptors and UCNP-Gd-RGD, the nanoprobe exhibited unique binding to U87MG cells below confocal microscopy and quantification of ICP-MS. Furthermore, in accordance to the UCNP-Gd-RGD in vivo up conversion fluorescence/MR imaging experiments collectively with the ex vivo analysis, subcutaneous U87MG tumor xenografts provided preferential retention [34]. observe said a platform primarily based totally on DNA that can be self-assembled into NIR-responsive NPs for most cancers treatment. The platform has three extraordinary practical components: (1) complementary DNA strands, (2) gold nanorods (NRs) (50 nm  $\times$  10 nm), and (three) a polyethylene glycol (PEG) layer. The complementary DNA strands have sequential CG base pairs and provide a few loading web web sites for doxorubicin (Dox), that's a version chemotherapeutic drug. The drug loading can be exactly tuned with the aid of using converting the CG base pair number. One strand of DNA (known as the seize strand), except being a scaffold to convey the drug, may be used for taking pictures the gold NRs after being thiolated, and the complementary strand (known as the concentrated on strand) may be used for specifically concentrated on cells after being pre-conjugated with ligand. Gold NRs are the version NIR light-to-warmth transducers used for most cancers thermotherapy and for denaturation of double-stranded DNA below NIR irradiation, as a result, loaded capsules are launched on the goal site for chemotherapy [105].

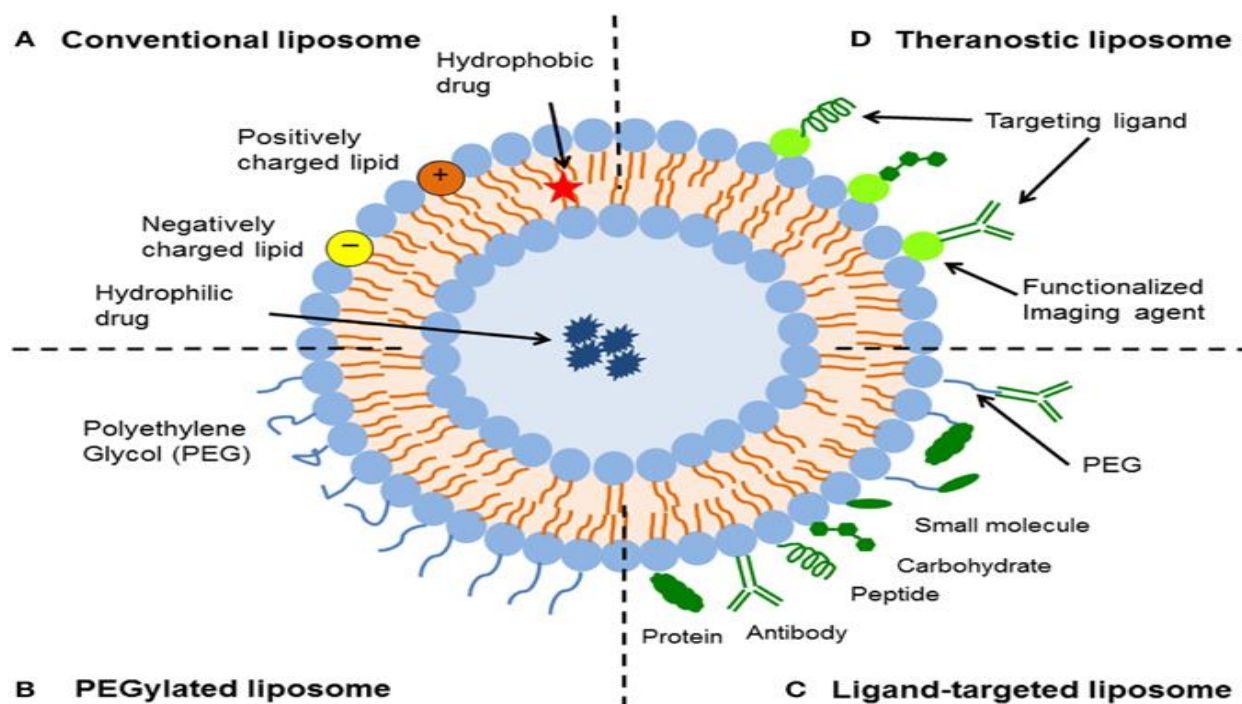
For CEA-overexpressing stable tumors, AMG 211 is a probably exciting new bispecific T-mobileular engager (BiTE) antibody assemble. AMG 211 turned into classified with zirconium-89 (89Zr) or a fluorescent dye to assess its tumor-concentrated on properties. 89Zr-AMG211 microPET imaging may be complemented with ex vivo biodistribution and tracer integrity analysis. 89Zr-AMG211 confirmed dose-based CEA-unique tumor concentrated on and localization in possible tumor tissue. It may be used to clinically examine the in vivo AMG 211 behavior [106].

For example, 89Zr-AMG211 demonstrates unique tumor uptake in LS174T colorectal carcinoma xenografts, and microPET photographs discovered tumor uptake of 89Zr-AMG211 as much as 24 h after injection, while the nontumor concentrated on BiTE antibody assemble 89Zr-Mec14 did not no longer display accumulation in LS174T xenografts. Oseledchik et al. said a floor-greater resonance Raman scattering (SERRS) nanoparticle conjugated with folate receptor for in vivo imaging of xenograft SKOV-three ovarian most cancers cells transduced with green fluorescent protein and luciferase in a mouse version. This technique turned into termed Topically Applied Surface Enhanced Resonance Raman Ratiometric Spectroscopy (TAS3RS) and hired an powerful ratiometric imaging technique with nontargeted SERRS-NP (nt-NP) and antiFR-SERRS-NP ( $\alpha$ FR-NP) multiplexing, effectively detecting tumor lesions in a murine version of human ovarian adenocarcinoma no matter the scale or localization of the tumor. TAS3RS may be used to discover microscopic residual tumors for the duration of surgery [107]. **Conclusion** The current development in nanotechnology-primarily based totally software in most cancers prognosis has been summarized on this review. In the beyond 10 years, many efforts had been made to increase assay

most cancers prognosis primarily based totally on nanotechnology. Compared with the presently to be had most cancers diagnostics within the sanatorium, a type of NP-primarily based totally assays confirmed development in phrases of selectivity and sensitivity or supplied entirely capacities that couldn't be done with conventional approaches. These advances will enhance the survival price of most cancers sufferers via way of means of allowing early detection. In addition, those advances can be used to display most cancers development in reaction to

prognosis is poised to transport into the sanatorium withinside the close to future. With its excessive sensitivity, specificity, and multiplexed size capacity, nanotechnology offers terrific possibilities to enhance most cancers prognosis, in order to in the long run cause an advanced most cancers affected person survival price.

Treatment, which might also additionally make a contribution to the improvement of better techniques for most cancers treatment. Over the final decade, terrific development has been made in the sector of nanotechnology-primarily based totally most cancers prognosis, and our information on this subject has substantially advanced. Although only some NP-primarily based totally assays have superior to scientific trials, with near collaboration amongst researchers, engineers, and clinicians, nanotechnology-primarily based totally most cancers



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