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Abstract

The purpose of this study is to synthesize a novel Nano-conjugate based PLGA-tryptophan and loading Gd^{3+} in it for making novel MR imaging contrast agents. In vitro cell toxicity, cellular uptake and MR imaging parameters of the prepared Nano-conjugate were investigated in vitro. Results showed no in vivo toxicity, good cellular uptake and large longitudinal (r_1). Suitable features of the Nano-probe show that it is a promising agent to use as a MR imaging agent. For this purpose, PLGA was prepared by Sigma Aldrich and tryptophan conjugation was done as describe in method section. The successful synthesis of the PLGA-tryptophan was confirmed by FT-IR and 1H NMR spectrums. The existence of peaks at the region of 1.5- 5 ppm indicates the aliphatic section and the peak at 6.5-7.5 ppm is related to the aromatic moiety which approves the presence of tryptophan. Moreover, appearance of carbon-carbon double bond in 1624 cm^{-1} and (C-H) bending bands in $500\text{-}600\text{ cm}^{-1}$ in FT-IR spectrum confirmed the presence of tryptophan. Using the standard curve and UV spectrophotometer at 280 nm, amount of tryptophan in PLGA nano-structure found to be $35\text{ }\mu\text{g}/\text{mg}$. The second claim is to explore the PLGA-tryptophan Gd^{3+} loading potential and produce enough relaxivity. FT-IR spectrum of the PLGA-tryptophan- Gd^{3+} and elevation in the size and zeta potential of the nano conjugate confirm that this step is perfectly done. The morphology of PLGA-Trp- Gd^{3+} nanostructures were obtained in different scales by scanning electron microscopy (SEM). The PLGA-Trp- Gd^{3+} nanostructures have a similar rod morphology. In figure 6(a), the light contrast can be related to the gadolinium-loaded PLGA-Trp structures. The as-prepared particles size of the PLGA-Trp- Gd^{3+} nanostructures were approximately (600-700) nm. Based on the SEM images and DLS, PLGA-Trp- Gd^{3+} was successfully synthesized for MRI imaging of tumor. Relaxivities were also measured and the result showed that PLGA-tryptophan- Gd^{3+} is a good T_1 -weighted contrast agent. This improved of MRI relaxivity related to the availability of water molecules at paramagnetic centers. MTT (in vitro cytotoxicity) assay disclosed that nontoxic concentration up to $400\text{ }\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ was obtained following interaction of PLGA-tryptophan- Gd^{3+} for 48 h with MCF-7 cell line. In contrast to magnevist, the nano-conjugates showed noteworthy enhancement in the mitochondrial activity of the cells. This means that PLGA-tryptophan- Gd^{3+} was less toxic compared to magnevist. Interestingly, In vitro cellular uptake by ICP-MS directly shows that 58% amount of PLGA-tryptophan- Gd^{3+} could be absorbed into the cells. In comparison to cellular uptake of magnevist (9%), PLGA-tryptophan- Gd^{3+} had more cellular uptake due to the nanostructure of the PLGA-tryptophan- Gd^{3+} . It is obvious that more studies need to be done to understand the whole characteristics of the nano-conjugate. However, these advantages include biocompatibility and biodegradability, no cytotoxicity, high relaxivity, good cellular uptake compared to magnevist are very interesting for the PLGA-tryptophan- Gd^{3+} as a MRI imaging agent.

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