



**A REVIEW ON NANOGEL AS A NOVEL DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEM**

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**ABSTRACT**

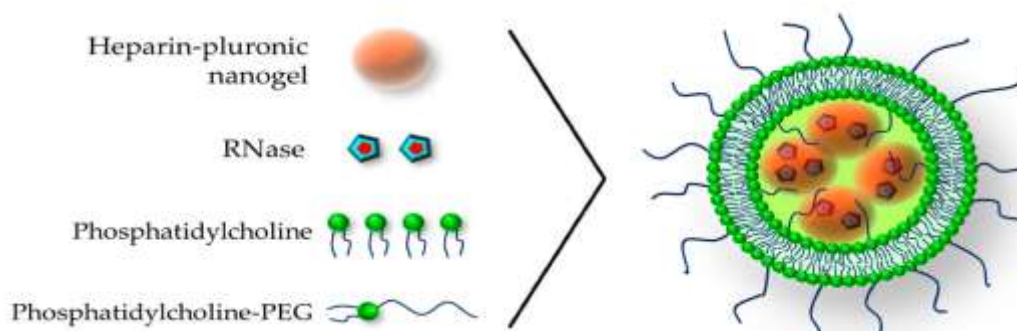
The term "Nanogel" refers to a hydrogel nanoparticle with a network of cross-linked hydrophilic polymers. Nanogels are nanoparticles made up of cross-linked polymer that expand in a suitable detergent. For polynucleotide delivery, cross-linked networks of a poly ion, a non-ionic polymer (cross-linked polyethyleneimine (PEI) and poly (ethylene glycol)). The creation of Nanogel systems that have proven their capability to deliver medicines in a sustained, controlled, and targetable manner has been needed due to the unforeseen explosion in the field of nanotechnology. As clinical trials progress, it's now necessary to develop smart Nano- systems that can be used for treatment due to the growing field of polymer lores. Furthermore, biomedical application and current clinical trial studies of nanogel are summarized briefly. The thing of this brief review is to give comprehensive exemplifications of new Nanogel operations, medicine lading ways, and medicine release mechanisms. likewise, the current state of Nanogels, the status of clinical trials and unborn prospects have been optimized.

**KEYWORDS:** -Nanoparticles, Nanogels, Nanotechnology, Polymers etc.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

The term 'Nanogels' defined as the nanosized patches formed by physically or chemically crosslinked polymer networks that is voughish in a good soap. The term "Nanogel" (NanoGel™) was first introduced to define cross- linked bifunctional networks of a poly- ion and a non-ionic polymer for delivery of polynucleotides (cross-linked polyethyleneimine (PEI) and poly (ethylene glycol) (cut) or cut- cl- PEI). Nanogels have three dimensional hydrophilic networks which have a tendency to consume water or physiological fluid in a huge amount, without changing in their internal network structure. Nanogels perhaps describe as largely cross linked micro- sized hydrogel systems which are likewise-polymerized or monomers which may be ionic as well as non- ionic. The word 'Nanogel' itself defined as nano-sized patches which have good swelling property in cleansers. They are not only used in seeing, diagnostics, and bio- engineering but also considerably used as drug delivery system. Due of their high stability, high drug loading capacity and better time of contact with face of skin they are farther heir than other accessible or nanosized delivery systems. And these are goods which makes nanogels as a suitable or accessible transdermal drug delivery system. Nanogels may be composed of naturally or synthetically being polymers or combination

of both natural as well as synthetic polymers. utmost constantly nanogels have round shaped patches but the recent development in synthetic strategies permit for the manufacturing of different shapes of nanogel. Nanogels as multifunctional polymer predicated drug delivery system has versatility in drug encapsulation and drug release. Nanotechnology, a unique fashion, opens up a plethora of openings for drug product and delivery (nanomedicine) approaches that include the characterization, emulsion and design of molecules or paraphernalia, as well as bias, with effective function at the nanometer scale. The primary thing of this fashion is to ameliorate current remedial and individual procedures. presently nanomedicine or new medicine delivery system is the field drug which passing a period of important growth and credit goes to the development of numerous strong phrasings that can be applied for different pathologies and treatments. In early 1960s Wachtel and Lim originally introduced type of hydrophobic hydrogel/ nanogel for natural uses. Vaccine inventions takes place in non-infectious conditions similar as cancer have developed nanogel grounded vaccines. As a result, Nanogels are a protean structure for medicine encapsulation as well as medicine-controlled release at the target point.



### 1.1 Advantages of Nanogels

- Nanogels have high biocompatibility which makes them favourable perspective to medicine delivery system.
- Nanogels are inert in blood and tube, this is the reason for nanogel doesn't causes non-immunologic responses.
- Nanogels shows controlled and sustained release medicine medium so that they do not show side and adverse medicine goods.
- The nanosized patches are responsible for avoiding rapid-fire renal concurrence by the phagocytic cells which allow them to active and unresistant targeted medicine delivery.
- Hydrophilic as well as hydrophobic medicine can be synthesized as the nanogel medicine delivery system
- Controls the rate, time and target of the medicine release in the body and this is the great advantage of this system.
- They're biodegradable in nature so that they cannot accumulate in body organs which makes them on-toxic and there will be no adverse/ side goods.
- They've lesser medicine lading capacity.
- They can be simply escape by reticulo- endothelial system.

### 1.2 Disadvantages of Nanogels

- Precious fashion to fully remove the solvent beach surfactants at the end of medication process.
- Surfactant or monomer traces may remain and can conduct toxin.

### 1.3 Route of administration of Nanogels

- Oral
- Nasal
- Pulmonary
- Parenteral
- Topical
- Intra-ocular

### 1.4 Properties of Nanogels

#### i. Particle Size

The particle size of the nanogels generally ranges between 5 to 400 nm in fringe. Because of this operative size range plays a determining part in avoiding rapid-fire- fire renal insulation, but they are sufficient to avoid uptake by the reticuloendothelial system. They can simply cross the blood – brain barrier (BBB) due to

nano- sized patches and also shows implicit saturation capabilities. Size and shape of nanogels are demonstrated by electron spectroscopy and light scattering styles. The tiny size of nanogel patches make sure better face area vacuity for enzyme loading as well as it's also salutary for the commerce of the paralyzed enzyme with a substrate.

#### ii. Electromobility

Nanogels could be prepared without employing energy or harsh conditions similar as sonication or homogenization, which is critical for encapsulating biomacromolecules. The nanogels could be comfortably synthesized without employing further energy also they can be prepared by avoiding the use of advanced mechanical systems or ministries this are the main advantages of nanogels.

#### iii. Solubility

Nanogels are suitable to solubilize hydrophobic medicines and individual agents in their core or networks of gel.

#### iv. Colloidal Stability

Nanogels or polymeric micellar nanogel systems have better stability over the surfactant micelles and parade lower critical micelle attention, slower rates of dissociation, and longer retention of loaded medicines.

#### v. Biocompatibility and Degradability

Nanogels are made up of natural as well as synthetic polymers. Polysaccharide grounded polymers like dextrin, dextran, pullulan and methyl cellulose, chitosan, ethyl cellulose is used for the medication of nanogels. currently, nanogel grounded delivery system is largely auspicious in the field of pharmaceuticals and biotechnology because of property of largely biocompatibility and degradability. substantially nanogels are set up to beknown-cytotoxic, although occasionally it's cure and time dependent miracle.

#### vi. High drug Loading capacity

Due to the swelling property of nanoparticles, medicine permit the huge immersion of water this is the main reason for the nanogels and other new medicine delivery system that they've the high medicine loading capacity as compare to other conventional delivery systems. This high medicine loading capacity of nanogels substantially

depends on the functional group of polymeric units. In medicine transporting carrying and medicine releasing property functional groups plays massive part. substantially, medicine loading takes place through three styles.

1. Physical ruse
2. Covalent attachment of bioactive moles and
3. Controlled self-assembly.

#### vii. Non-immunogenic Response

Nanogel grounded medicine delivery system generally doesn't produce any non-immunogenic response.

#### viii. Others

Both type of medicines (hydrophilic and hydrophobic medicines and charged solutes) can be given through nanogel. similar parcels of nanogel are significantly told by temperature, presence of hydrophilic/ hydrophobic groups in the polymeric networks, the cross-linking viscosity of the gels, surfactant attention, and type of cross-links present in the polymer networks.

## 2. DRUG RELEASE MECHANISM OF THE NANOGELS

There are multiple mechanisms to which the release of the medicine or the biomolecule is attributed to including simple prolixity, declination of nanogel structure, pH and temperature changes, counterion relegation or convinced due to external energy source.



### 2.1 Thermo-sensitive and Volume Transition Mechanism

Some nanogels are reactive to a specific temperature known as volume phase transition temperature (VPTT) which means they display a change in volume according to the temperature. However, the polymer becomes quenched and doused which makes it voguish and release the medicine loaded, If the girding medium is

below VPTT. Above VPTT the contrary occurs and the nanogel shrinks suddenly and the content flows out. The thermoresponsive nanogels used to rupture cellular network when they expand and increase in volume. So, some revision was applied on thermosensitive medicine-containing nanogels like changing the polymers rate to achieve lower critical result temperature. A good illustration is the biocompatible glamorous field targetability of poly (N- isopropylacrylamide) and chitosan nanogel which is quiet employed in hyperthermia cancer treatment.

### 2.2 Photochemical Internalization and Photo Isomerization

Singlet oxygen & reactive oxygen is produced by the excitation of photosensitizers loaded nanogels & cause oxidation of cellular cube walls similar as endosomal hedge walls which goods release of rectifiers in to cytoplasm fluently, else hindered by intracellular cube. By using photo regulation in the azobenzene the Cis – trans isomerization can see in which azo dextran loaded nanogel with aspirin as model medicine displayed that E – configuration of azo group lead to better release profile of medicine than Z – configuration at 365 nm radiation.

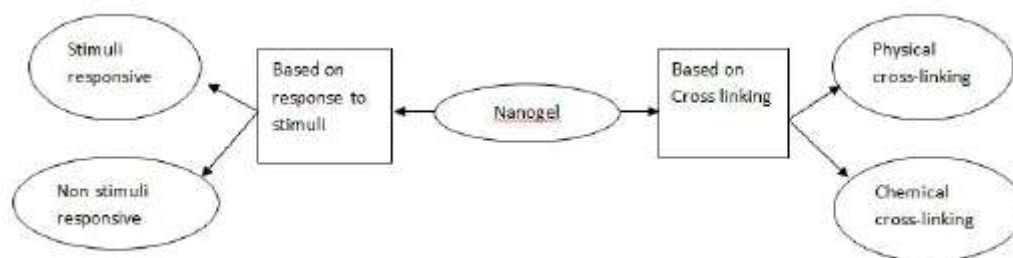
### 2.3 PH Sensitive Mechanism

In the acidic skin PH, the reactive oxygen species scavenge Platine nanoparticles containing nanogel on and off catalytic exertion as well as the protonation of acidic core polymers (2 – (N, N – diethylamino) and PEG. The polymers methacrylic acid ethyl acrylate form insoluble 3D structures when the pH is low. When the pH is raised, acidic groups ionize due to polymeric chain repulsion, performing in a specific procaine hydrochloride release profile. when there's exit low PH the polymers methacrylic acid – ethyl acrylate are insoluble 3D structures, again by adding the PH ranges acidic groups ionizes due to the polymeric chains aversions begins and lead to a particular release profile of procaine hydrochloride.

### 2.4 Diffusion Mechanism

Doxorubicin is released through diffusion of stable copolymer block hydrogel nanoparticles. In a variety of Nano- drugs, this mechanism and simple procedures is used.

## 3. CLASSIFICATION OF NANOGELS



Classification of Nanogel

### 3.1 Responsive type

It's divided into two subtypes as follows.

#### 3.1.1 Nonresponsive Nanogels

They've good swelling property in detergents like water because of simple immersion process. Although when they come in contact with water, swells itself.

#### 3.1.2 Stimulants- Responsive Nanogels

They're generally effected by terrain changes like temperature, pH, magnetic field, moisture, ionic strength and so on. This are the conditions where stimulants-responsive nanogels are either swell or Deswell. presently stimulants sensitive nanogels have been considerably use as smart medicine delivery system for cancer treatment and controlled release delivery system. Stimuli sensitive nanogels have two subtypes named as.

#### 1. Single Stimulants Sensitive Nanogels

- pH responsive nanogels and
- Temperature responsive nanogels
- Magnetic field responsive nanogels.

#### 2. Binary Stimulants Sensitive Nanogels

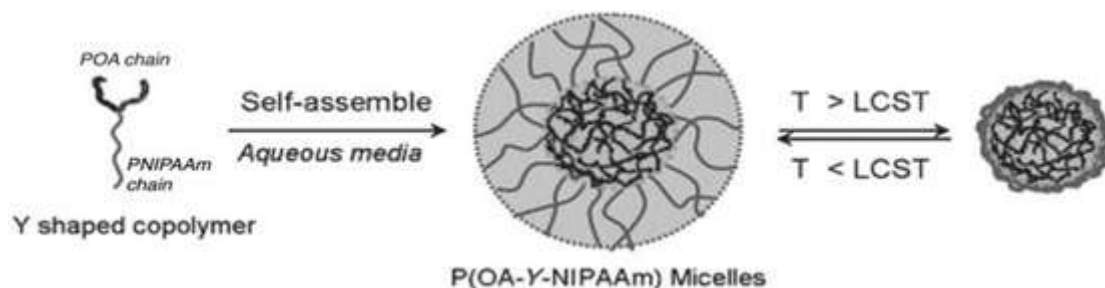
- Temperature and pH responsive nanogels.
- pH and magnetic field responsive nanogels.

### 3.2 Linkage type

This type based on the linkage in nanogels. Further divided as follows.

#### 3.2.1 Physical cross-linked Nanogels

Physical crossed linked gels also called pseudo gels. They are prepared by wanda Waal's forces hydrogen bonding, electrostatic interactions and hydrophobic interaction and other weak linking forces. By the association of amphiphilic blocks, self-assembly,



Y-shaped copolymer self-assembly to give micelle structures.

#### 3.2.4 Hybrid Nanogels

Hybrid nanogels are defined as a composite of nanogel particles dispersed in organic or inorganic matrices. Group of studies have demonstrated nanogel formation in an aqueous medium by self-assembly or aggregation of polymer amphiphiles, such as pullulan PNIPAM, hydrophobized polysaccharides, and hydrophobized pullulan. This group has investigated cholesterol-bearing pullulan (CHP) nanogels. These nanogels have the

polymeric chain aggregation and complexation of oppositely charged polymeric chains.

#### 3.2.2 Liposome modified Nanogels

Liposomes are simply microscopic vesicles in which structure of lipid bilayer is present along with a waterless volume which is fully enclosed by the lipid membrane (14). Cholesterol and phospholipids are the main constituents of liposome modified nanogels. They're extensively used as excellent medicine carriers in colourful medicine treatment. They retain liposomes in their network structure. Liposome modified nanogels are stimulants responsive, physically crossed linked which studied as devices in transdermal delivery system because of their distinctive properties. Especially liposome modified nanogels are used for the carrying colourful medicine patches like antiviral, antibacterial, antifungal and anticancer agents.

#### 3.2.3. Micellar Nanogels

Polymer micellar nanogels can be attained by the supramolecular self- assembly of amphiphilic block or graft copolymers in aqueous solutions. They retain unique core- shell morphological structures, where a hydrophobic block member in the form of a core is girdled by hydrophilic polymer blocks as a shell(nimbus) that stabilizes the entire micelle. The core of micelles provides enough space for accommodating colourful medicine or biomacromolecules by physical ruse. Experimenters successfully developed largely protean Y-shaped micelles of poly (oleic acid- Y- N-isopropylacrylamide) for medicine delivery operation. In this study, the delivery of prednisone acetate above its lower critical result temperature (LCST) was demonstrated. A representation of micelle conformation is shown in Figure.

ability to form complexes with various proteins, drugs, and DNA; and it is even possible to coat surfaces of liposomes, particles, and solid surfaces including cells. CHP is composed of pullulan backbone and cholesterol branches. The CHP molecules self aggregate to form mono-dispersed stable nanogels through the association of hydrophobic groups that provide physical crosslinking points as shown in Figure.

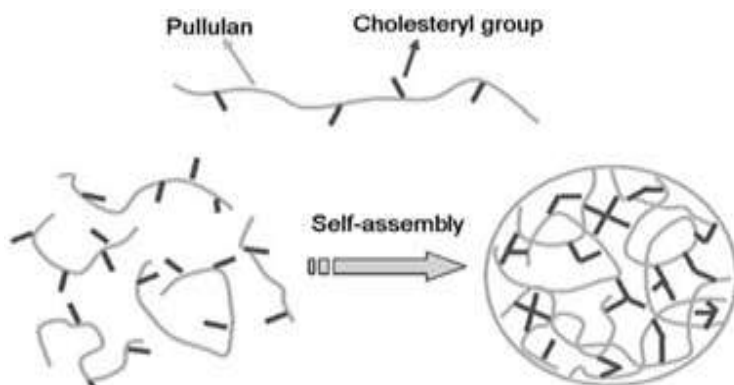


Fig: Schematic Representation of CHP nanogel preparation by Physical cross-linking (self-assembly)

### 3.2.5 Chemical cross linked Nanogels

Chemical gels are comprised of permanent chemical linkages (covalent bonds) throughout the gel networks. The properties of cross-linked gel system depend on the chemical linkages and functional groups present in the gel networks. Different nanogels have been synthesized using different strategies for chemical linking of polymeric chains. These type of nanogels are developed by covalent bonding technique. This type of nanogels are prepared by chain growth polymerization, addition and condensation polymerization as well as gamma and electron beam polymerization. Free radical polymerization, controlled free radical polymerization and ionic and cationic polymerization are included in the chain growth polymerization. And this are completed through three steps: initiation, propagation and termination.

## 4. NANOGELS AS DRUG LOADING TECHNIQUE

Nanogel drug delivery systems can be used as successful techniques or methods due to their high drug loading capacity and low carrier count below are some such methods.

### 4.1 Covalent Conjugation

In the biological agents by using covalent conjugation can achieved nanogels. For egg; Acrylic groups are modified with enzymes and copolymerized with acrylamide either in inverse microemulsion or dilute aqueous solution to obtain nanosized hydrogel. Physical Entrapment In cholesterol – modified pullulan nanogels proteins was incorporated by physical entrapment and siRNA in HA nanogels. In nonpolar domains by addition of hydrophobic molecules formed a hydrophobic chain which is present in selected nanogels. Prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub>, for example, is easily soluble in cholesterol-modified pullulan. Another example is N – hexyl carbamoyl – 5 – fluorosis (HCFU) noncovalently incorporated in NIPAAm & N – vinylpyrrolidone (VP) copolymer cross – linked Nanogels. Doxorubicin was also loaded into pluronic F127-based amphiphilic cross-linked Nanogels. The hydrophobic interaction results in relatively low levels of drug molecule loading with the Nanogel in most cases (less than 10 %).

### 4.2 Self-assembly

When the autonomous organizations of components are aggregates in to structurally well – define then it is known as self-assembly. It has advantage such as,

- Minima thermodynamics in which resulting in stable & robust structures.
- Versatile & facile,
- It is cost – effective.

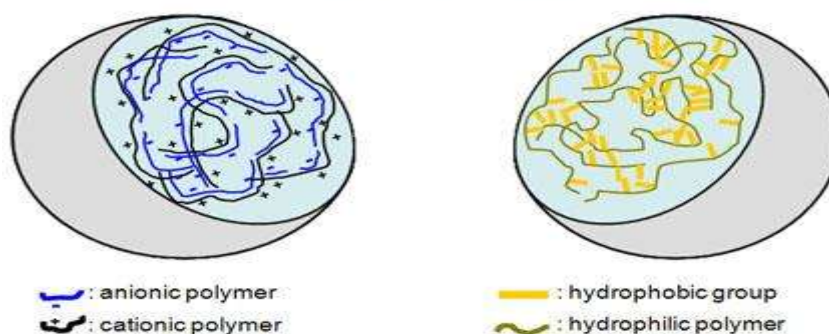
Many molecules are self – assembly is characterized by diffusion followed by specific association of molecules through non – covalent interaction, hydrophobic associations or including electrostatics. Due to large number of interactions involved it has weak and dominates the structural and conformational behaviour of the assembly. While oppositely charged polysaccharides associates readily as a result of electrostatic attractions. Interactions with neutral polysaccharides lead to be weaker or non – existent, by the modification with chemical it is able to trigger assembly being necessary. The polysaccharides which are highly water soluble, inducing the formation of nanoparticles via hydrophobic interactions. This kind of amphiphilic polymer can be used by three methods as follows;

- 1) Hydrophilic chains grafted to a hydrophobic backbone (grafted polymer).
- 2) Hydrophobic chains grafted to a hydrophilic backbone.
- 3) Or, with alternating hydrophilic & hydrophobic segments (block polymers).

When amphiphilic polymers are exposed to water, they form self-aggregated nanoparticles by intra or intermolecular bonds of hydrophobic moieties primarily to decrease interfacial free energy. The hydrophobic portion aggregates in the internal core while the hydrophilic region is exposed to the polar or aqueous medium. The critical micelle concentration, also known as the critical aggregate's concentration, is the concentration at which polymeric chains aggregate.

Schematic representation of intermolecular interactions driving self-assembly processes that includes (a) electrostatic interactions and (b) hydrophobic association.

## Self-Assembled Hydrogel Nanoparticles



## 5. SYNTHESIS OF NANOGELS

Method used for synthesis of nanogels are listed as follows;

- Photolithographic technique
- Misfolding method
- Biopolymer synthesis system
- Water in oil (W/O) heterogeneous emulsion method
- Inverse minimising method
- Reverse micellar method
- Membrane emulsification method
- Heterogeneous free radical polymerization method
- Conversion of microscopic gel to nanogel
- Chemical cross-linking method

## 6. APPLICATIONS OF NANOGELS

### a. Nanogel in Ophthalmic

Polyvinyl pyrrolidone – poly (acrylic acid) (PVP/Pac) nanogel is Ph sensitive and prepared by  $\gamma$  – radiation – induced polymerization. It is used to encapsulate pilocarpine in order to maintain an adequate concentration of the pilocarpine at the site of action for prolonged of time.

### b. Nanogel in Prevention of Bleeding

A solution protein molecule for Nanogel production has demonstrated that it stops bleeding even in severe gashes. The proteins have a nanoscale self-assembly mechanism that allows them to form a biodegradable gel.

### c. Nanogel as NSAIDS

Carbopol and Hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose (HPMC) with the desired viscosity used to prepare the nanogels. Same like another polymer chitosan & poly – (Lactide – co – glycolic acid) used to prepare bilayer nanoparticles and surface was modified with oleic acid. For e.g. Two anti – inflammatory drugs span tide II & ketoprofen drugs are effective against allergic contact dermatitis and psoriatic plaque were prepared in nanogel and applied topically. The results show that nanogel increases the absorption through percutaneous of these two drugs deeper skin layers for the treatment of various skin inflammatory disorders.

### d. Nanogel in Cancer

Nanogel is used in cancer treatment to deliver specific targeted drugs with low toxicity and high therapeutic efficacy.

### e. Nanogel in Autoimmune Diseases

The loading liposomes with mycophenolic acid, oligomers of lactic acid-poly (ethylene glycol) terminated with an acrylate end group, and Erasure 2959 photo initiator were easily solubilized by cyclodextrin. The PEG oligomers are then photo polymerized after being exposed to ultraviolet light. Nanogels have a greater systemic accumulation than free fluorescent tracers due to their inherent ability to bind to immune cells in vivo and allow for high localized concentrations of mycophenolic acid. This type of drug delivery system improves patient adherence and postpones the onset of kidney destruction, that is a common lupus complication.

## 7. CURRENT STATUS IN CLINICAL TRIALS AND FUTURE PERSPECTIVES OF NANOGELS

- Nanogels have primarily been used in cancer therapy. Cholesteryl pullulan angel has been shown in clinical trials to be effective for peptidase delivery. The cholesteryl-HER-2 vaccine was given to nine patients in 300g doses, with boosters every two weeks. According to this, skin sensitivity at the site of S.C injection, as well as CD4+ and CD8+ T-cells, show better therapeutic efficacy. In the prevention of Alzheimer's disease, cholesterol pullulan angels have been shown to reduce toxicity to nervous system cells while increasing binding capacity to AB oligomer.
- In the future, the mechanisms of the blood-brain barrier and cytosolic destination over endosomal or nuclear delivery will need to be studied for specific and targeted drug delivery.
- To control diabetes, a poly (4-vinyl phenyl boronic acidco-2-(dimethylamine) ethyl acrylate) optically sensitive insulin-loaded silver nanoparticle nanogel was recently developed. Nanogels are now conjugated with antibiotics for targeted drug delivery at the single cell level.

## 8. CONCLUSIONS

Nanogels are promising and innovative drug delivery system that can play a vital role by addressing the problems associated with old and modern therapeutics such as nonspecific effects and poor stability. Future design and development of effective nanogel based DDSs for in vivo applications requires a high degree of control over properties. Nanogels appear to be excellent candidates for brain delivery. One future goal of research in this area should be the improved design of microgels/nanogels with specific targeting residues to enable highly selective uptake into particular cells. This will be especially important for the targeting of cancer cells, thereby reducing non-specific uptake into healthy cells. More and more in vivo and in vitro study should be needed to confirm the use of this delivery system on human being.

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