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Creation of an Annotated Library on FDA Approved Nanomedicines

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Abstract

Nanomedicine is a type of nanotechnology used in the medical field to limit the dosage amount and target drug delivery to specific cells. Nanomedicines that are approved and used tend to be extremely successful; however despite over a decade of research, only a limited number of nanomedicines have advanced for clinical use. A possible reason for the numerous nanomedicine failures is lack of easily accessible information and research on previous nanomedicines. In this project, we have compiled nanomedicine labeling information from the Drugs@FDA website. We have extracted phrases/sentences from labels relating to keywords on nanomaterial properties and drug profile characteristics. In the future, we plan to incorporate discontinued nanomedicines, nanomedicines on the market, and nanomedicines in different clinical trial phases. By compiling the descriptions and contents of a set of specific nanomedicines, a machine learning program could be developed to comb through literature and automatically identify similar nanomedicine related entities. Our research works to provide an easier and quicker method to obtain specific information on approved nanomedicines.

Introduction

We are used to information being readily accessible. When it comes to the subject of nanomedicine that is no longer the case. The innovative world of nanomedicine hasn't evolved to its full advancing potential. The application of nanotechnology for medical purposes has the potential to greatly improve our world.

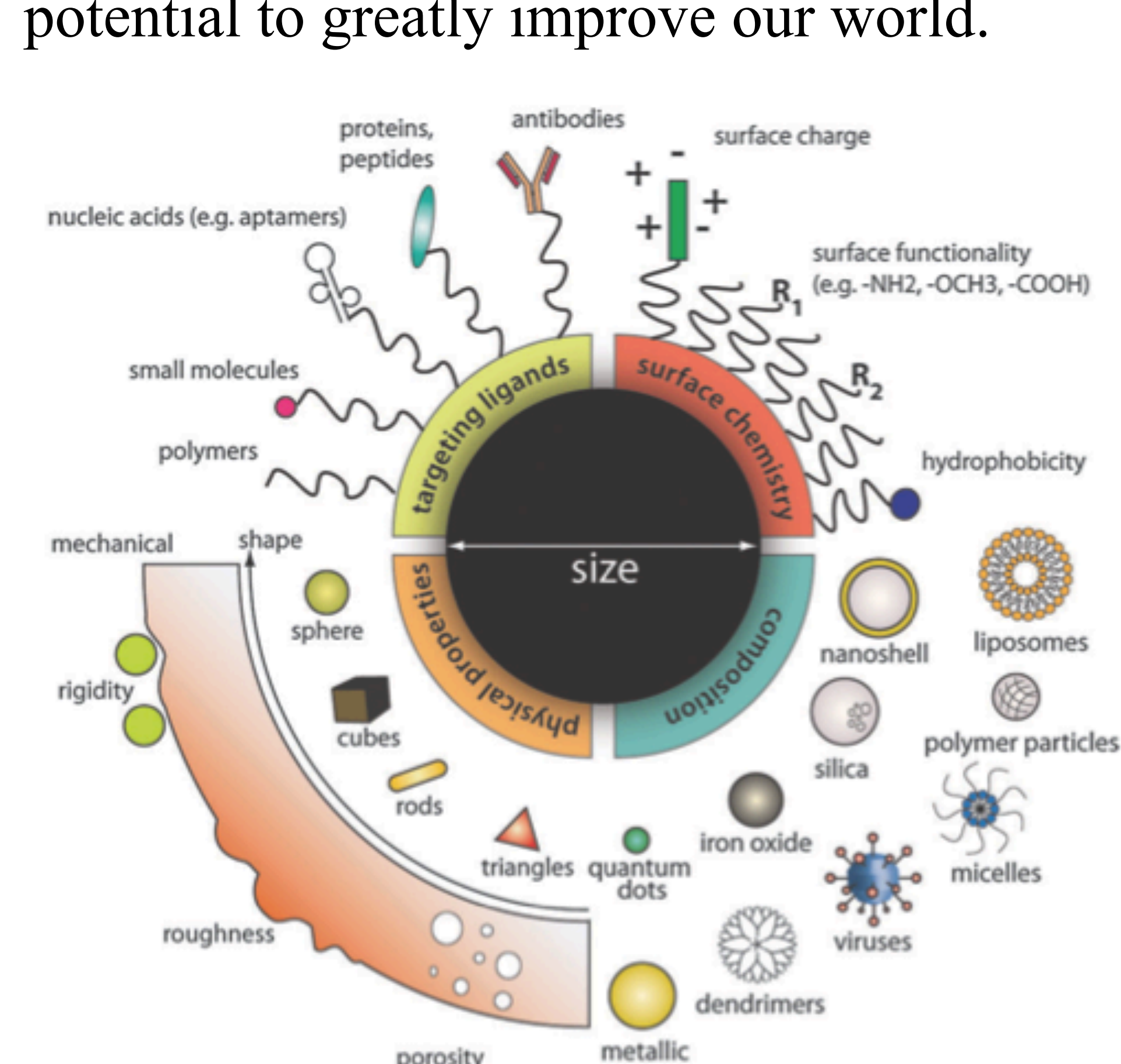


Figure 1. Different types of nanoparticles and ways they can be modified and developed [Image source: Ref. 1]

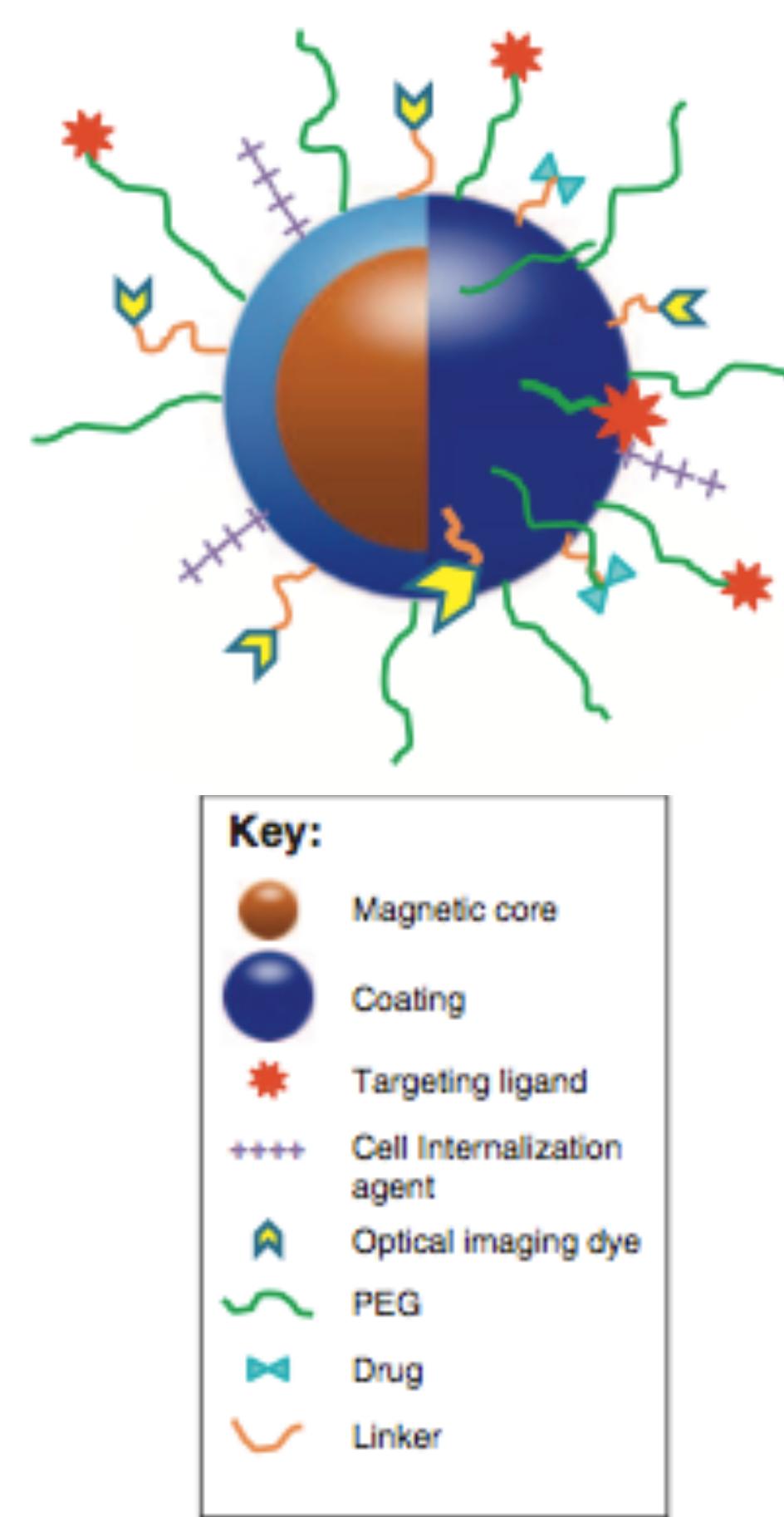


Figure 2. Illustration of a magnetic nanoparticle's "core-shell" structure. This example has a iron oxide core, which is common among magnetic nanoparticles. [Image source: Ref. 2]

Methods

Our initial database was based off of the work by Schutz et al. [3]. Figure 3 shows our Excel spreadsheet and consists of data collected from this paper. The Drugs@FDA website has been our primary source for retrieving nanomedicine labeling information. We extracted relevant data from the label information, which consisted of entities in the form of a phrase/sentence relating to nanomaterial properties and drug profile characteristics. These entities specifically included the trade name, phase, platform, surface coating, nanoparticle, max concentration, time to max concentration, generic/other name, company, indication, clearance, volume of distribution, active ingredient, size, route of administration, dose, dose form, plasma half life, and elimination half life. After the data was extracted, the sentences containing this data were placed into a separate Excel spreadsheet as shown in Figure 4. Figure 3 contains the entire database that was updated and filled with information received from the labeling documents during this project. The data was then analyzed to reveal any potential trends.

Phase	Platform	Nonpartic Surface Co	Targeting Lipid	Generic/Other Name	Company	Indication	Active Ingr. Size (nm)	Route of ad Dose	t1/2 (plasm: t1/2 (elimin): FDA appro: EU approv:
Approved	Nanopartic TiO2			Anthelos 20	Loreal USA	sunscreen	avobenzone, ecamsule	c Dermal	10/4/2002
Approved	Nanopartic TiO2			Anthelos 4C	Loreal USA	sunscreen	avobenzone, ecamsule	c Dermal	3/30/2004
Approved	Nanopartic CaP			Elestin	Jazz Pharm	menopausal estradiol		Dermal (transdermal)	54.8-75.2 hr
Approved	Micelle	soybean oil	NR	Estrasorb	Estradiol for Novavax, Gr vasomotor s estradiol hemihydrate			Dermal (transdermal)	57.6 hr
Approved	Virosome	spherical w/ NR		Epaxal	Berna Biote	hepatitis A virus immunoglobulin	150 nm	IM or IV	2500 IU/ml 2 5.8 d (IM), 7.5 d
Approved	Polymer-pro	asparaginase PEG		Oncaspar	Onco	Enzon Pharm	Chemothera pegaspargase NR	IM or IV	2500 IU/ml 2 5.8 d (IM), 7.5 d
Approved	Virosome			Inflexal V	Berna Biote	influenza vaccine		IM or subcutaneous injection	
Approved	Polymer-apt	siRNA anti-VEGFR	PEG	Macugen	siRNA anti-VEGFR	neovascular pteaptanib sodium		intravitreal injection	10+/-4 hr
Approved	Nanopartic albumin	NR		Abraxane	Pacitaxel al Abraxis Bio	metastatic b pacitaxel (e	130 nm	IV	27 hr
Approved	Polymer-pro	tab fragment PEG		Cimzia	Certolizumab Nektar	UCE Crohn's dis	humanized anti-TNF-alpha IV	14 d	
Approved	Polymer-pro	interferon-alpha PEG		PEGIntron	Enzon	Sch	hepatitis C peginterferon alpha-2B	IV	1/18/1997
Approved	Liposome	lipid	NR	AmBisome	Amphoteric B	Astellas	Ph antifungal amphoteric -45-80	IV	24 hr
Approved	Liposome	lipid	NR	DaunoXome	Daunorubicin Diatos	Gile	antineoplast daunorubicin-citrate	IV	4/7/1992
Approved	Liposome	lipid	NR	Depodal	Depidolam	Pacira	Phar pain relief morphine sulfate	IV	5/17/2000
Approved	Liposome	lipid	NR	Mipact	L-MTP-PE	IDM Pharma	osteosarcom mitamamide	IV	NR
Approved	Liposome	lipid	NR	Myocet	Sopheron T	antineoplast doxorubicin	150 nm	IV	2-3 d
Approved	Liposome	lipid	NR	Visudyne	Verteporfin I	Novartis	photodynam verteporfin	IV	4/20/1996
Approved	Liposome	lipid	PEG	Caelex (EU)	Ortho Biote	antineoplast doxorubicin	105 nm	IV	11/16/1991
Approved	Liposome	lipid	NR	Abelcet	Amphoteric B	Sigma-Tau	antifungal amphotericin B	IV	11/19/1991
Approved	Liposome	lipid	NR	Amphotec	Amphoteric B	Three Rivers	antifungal amphotericin-115	IV	11/21/1992
Approved	Liposome	lipid	NR	Diprivan	Propofol	App Pharm	anesthetic propofol	IV	10/1/1985
Approved	Polymer-pro	monometho	PEG	Adagen	pegademase	Sigma-Tau	enzyme repl pegademase bovine	IV	3/20/1986
Approved	Micelle	NR	NR	Taxol	Corden Pha	antineoplast paclitaxel	20-60 nm	IV	12/28/1988
Approved	Micelle	poly(D,L-lac)	PEG	GeneSol-PM		Sarnawa C	antineoplast paclitaxel	20-60 nm	IV

Figure 3. Screenshot of entire updated database.

Figure 4. Screenshot of our sentence extraction excel spreadsheet for the drug Zevalin.

1	Phase	Initial U.S. Approval: 2002
2	Platform	The antibody moiety of Zevalin is ibritumomab, a murine IgG1 kappa monoclonal antibody directed against the CD20 antigen
3	Nanoparticle	Ibritumomab tixetanin is the immunocjugate resulting from a stable thioether covalent bond between the mono-
4	Surface Coating	
5	Trade Name	Zevalin is indicated for the treatment of relapsed or refractory, low-grade or follicular B-cell non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NH)
6	Generic/Other Name	Zevalin (ibritumomab tixetanin) is the immunocjugate resulting from a stable thioether covalent bond between the mono-
7	Company	Zevalin® is a registered trademark of Spectrum Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and its subsidiaries.
8	Indication	Zevalin is indicated for the treatment of relapsed or refractory, low-grade or follicular B-cell non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NH)
9	Active Ingt	Zevalin (ibritumomab tixetanin) is the immunocjugate resulting from a stable thioether covalent bond between the mono-
10	Size (nm)	
11	Route of ad	Day 1: Administer rituximab 250 mg/m ² intravenous. Day 7, 8, or 9: Administer rituximab 250 mg/m ² intravenous infusion
12	Dosage Form	Each single-use vial includes 3.2 mg of ibritumomab tixetanin in 2 mL of 0.9% Sodium Chloride.
13	Dose	A clearly-labeled kit is required for preparation of Yttrium-90 (Y-90) Zevalin. Follow the detailed instructions for the prepar
14	t1/2 (plasm)	Yttrium-90 decays by emission of beta particles, with a physical half-life of 64.1 hours (2.67 days).
15	Clearance	
16	Volume of Distribution	
17	Max Con	Severe cytopenias which may require stem cell support have occurred at doses higher than the recommended maximum
18	Time of Max Concentration	
19	t1/2 (elimination)	
20	FDA app	Initial U.S. Approval: 2002
21	U.S. Pat	Protected by U.S. Patent Nos. 5,736,137; 5,776,456; 5,843,439; 6,207,858; 6,399,061; 6,682,734; 6,994,840; 7,229,620; 7,3-

Results/Discussion

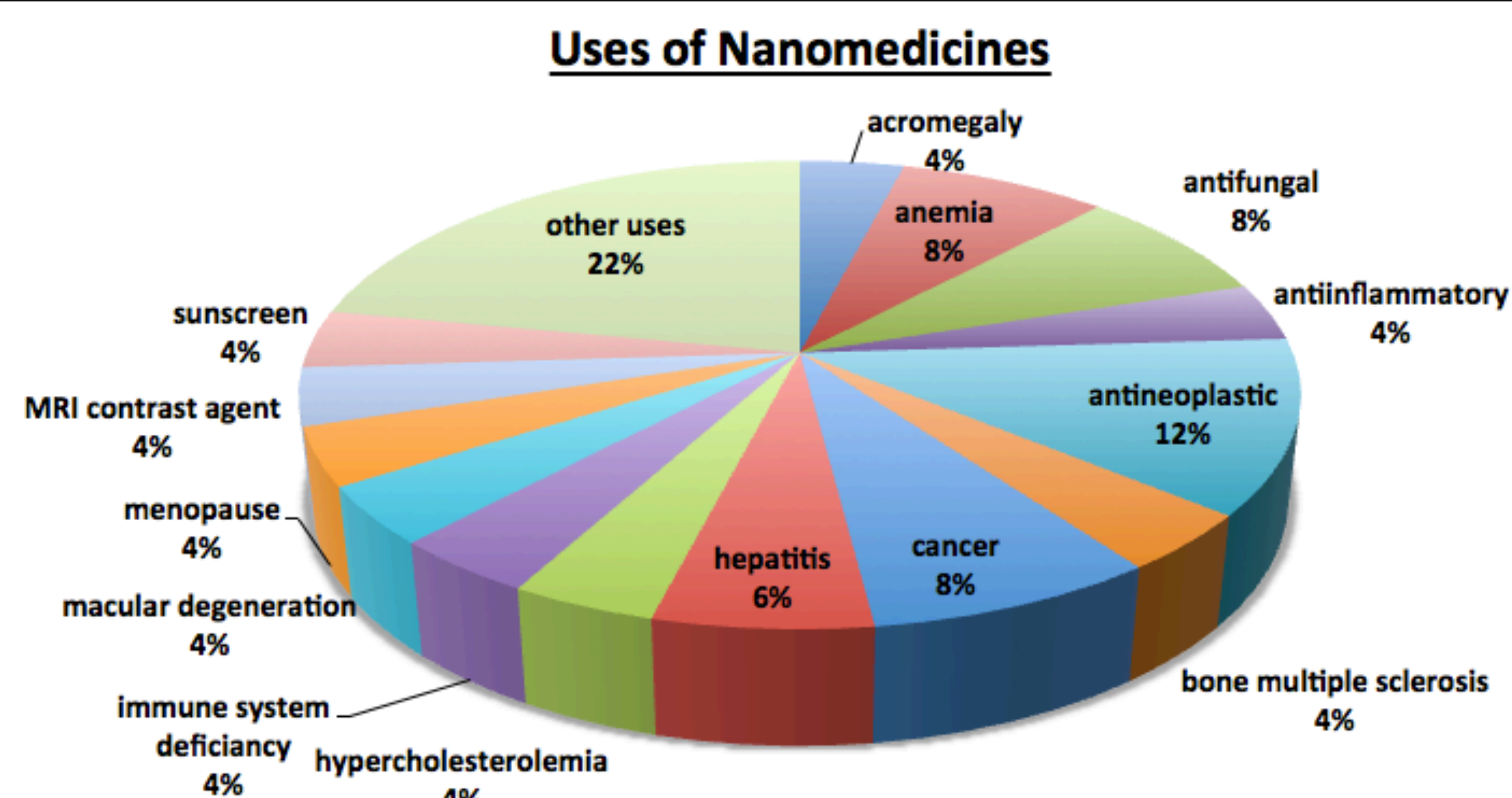
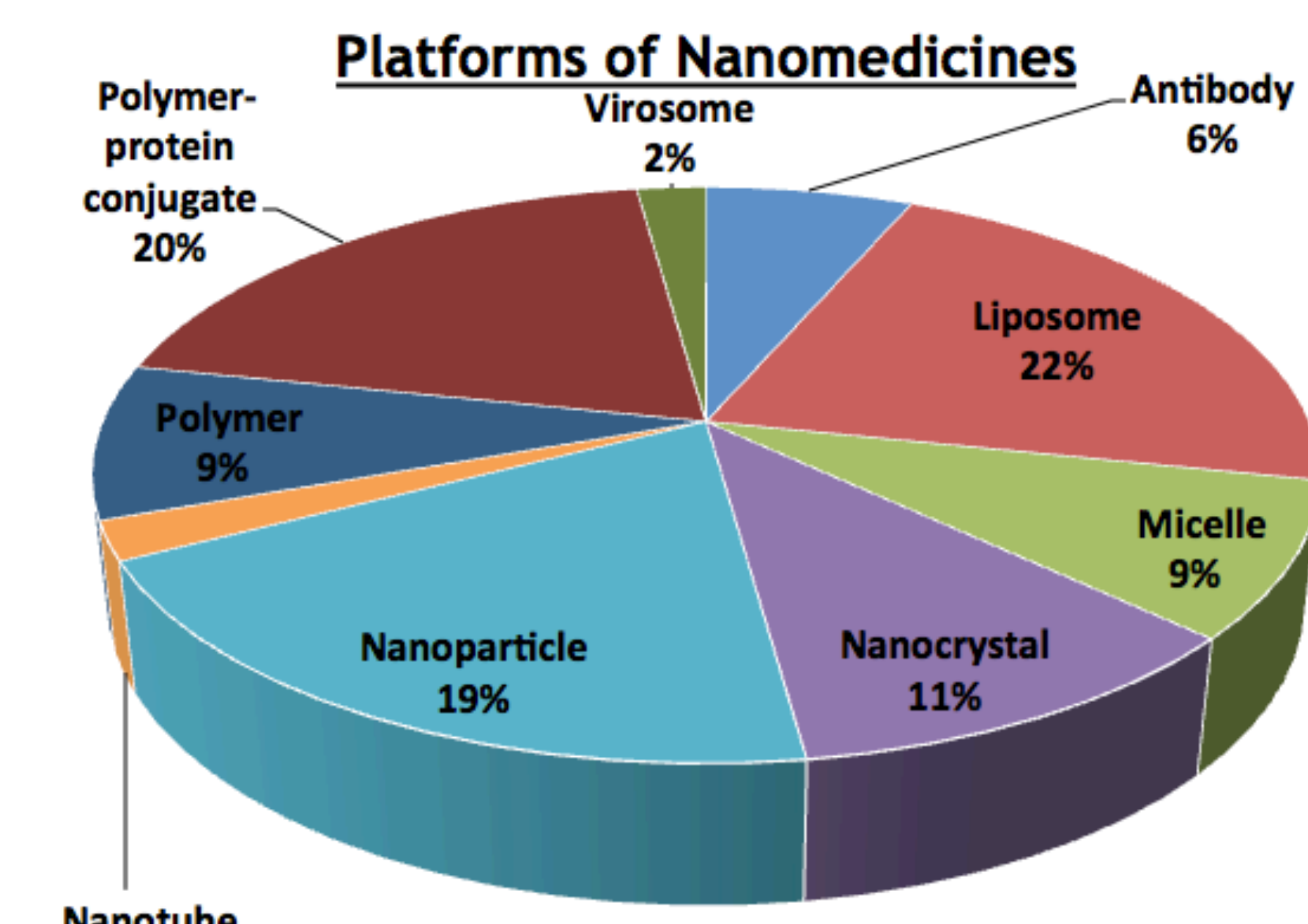


Figure 5. Prevalence of the different uses of FDA approved nanomedicines. Antineoplastics was the most common.

Figure 6. Prevalence of the different platforms each nanomedicine contained. Liposomes were the top platform used followed by Nanoparticles



After our thorough research and analysis of each nanomedicine, we were able to group and categorize the drugs based on their platforms and indications. When categorizing these characteristics we found different trends and correlations. There were seven total nanomedicines that had the indication of antineoplastic agents (medicines that target cancerous cells). Out of the seven antineoplastic nanomedicines, six had the platform of either a liposome or micelle. While liposomes and micelles share many similar qualities, the structure remains as the predominant difference. Micelles have a membrane monolayer, while liposomes have a bilayer, signifying the liposomes are generally larger in size. We conclude from this trend that encapsulating the drug in a liposomes and micelles is a more successful drug delivery method compared to attaching the drug to the surface of the particles. With many new nanomedicines in the pipeline, this trend can easily change in the future.

Conclusion

As we continue our research, we plan to work with Dr. McInnes's research team to develop a system that automatically extracts nanomedicine information. With the sentences we have collected and categorized, the system will be able to search for entities within the label information pdfs. With this entity extraction program, we will be able to promptly gather the relevant nanomedicine information. The shortened period for research allows for a clearer and quicker alternative in viewing the relationships between the different types of nanomedicines. Once the automation program is created, the current difficulties in retrieving background research on nanomaterials will dramatically decrease. This program will be able to extract entities from pdf files that the user inputs. A separate program that automatically searches for nanomedicine pdfs is also under development.

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