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Polysaccharide in Drug Delivery System

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Polysaccharides have been recognized as one of the most interesting classes of biomaterials for the development of highly effective delivery systems for the treatment of a plethora of human disorders, including cancer, infections, inflammations, and degenerative diseases. This interest is related to their superior chemical features, well matched with the ultimate aim of a drug delivery system (DDS). The main objective of DDS, indeed, is to optimize the delivery of a biologically active agent for improving the systemic circulation controlling, at the same time, the pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, non-immunogenicity, and nonspecific toxicity. Furthermore, polysaccharides possess a wide chemical versatility for tailored functionalization processes. The high functional versatility and structural diversity within such classes of biomaterials, together with the abundance of chemical groups (e.g., amine, carboxyl, carbonyl, and hydroxyl groups) offer many options for the development of different delivery vehicles, including hydrogels, micro- and nanoparticles, vesicles, polymeric conjugates, hybrid materials, and others.

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