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pour l'évaluation des performances*

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Foreword

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Introduction

Prior to ~~the~~ clinical trials of nanomaterials intended for use in human medicine, their in vivo ~~behavior can be~~ ~~behaviour has been~~ evaluated ~~through~~in animal experiments. Several quantitative methods for assessing the biodistribution of nanomaterials have been developed. Among these methods, the biodistribution of radioisotope-labelled nanomaterials provides quantitative information on their distribution throughout the entire body.

The use of radioisotope-labelled nanomaterials for biodistribution studies is a well-established method for understanding the pharmacokinetics or toxicokinetics of nanomaterials in vivo. These methods assume that the distribution pattern of nanomaterials and radioisotope-labelled nanomaterials will be similar or nearly identical in vivo.

Radioisotope labelling of nanomaterials can be accomplished using a wide variety of radionuclides and associated labelling methods. However, for nanomaterials used for medicinal purposes, there are only a few matching pairs of nanomaterial and radioisotope labelling method that ensure the in vivo integrity of the radioisotope-labelled nanomaterial. Failure to identify and apply matching pairs of nanomaterial and radioisotope labelling method in studies preceding the clinical trial phase can lead to experimental data on biodistribution in which the nanomaterial and radio-label ~~may have been separated~~separate during the experiment, ~~resulting~~. ~~This in turn can result~~ in a large number of nanomaterials or nano-drugs failing in the clinical trial phase.

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1 Scope

~~In this technical report, we address the following: 1) This document provides:~~

~~a) a review of radioisotope labelling methods that can be used for nanomaterials, 2);~~

~~b) the pros and cons of each radioisotope labelling method, and 3);~~

~~information on the selection of a matched pair of nanomaterial and radioisotope labelling method to ensure the in vivo integrity of radioisotope-labelled nanomaterials¹.~~

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c) ~~1~~ or the stability of their performance.

~~1~~ Scope

This document reviews radioisotope labelling methods for nanomaterials and methods to ensure their in vivo integrity or stability of performance.

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The following ~~referenced~~ documents are ~~indispensable for the application referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements~~ of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

~~3~~ — ~~ISO 80004-1, Nanotechnologies — Vocabulary — Part 1: Core vocabulary~~

~~ISO/TS 80004-8, Nanotechnologies — Vocabulary — Part 8: Nanomanufacturing processes~~

~~4~~ ~~3~~ Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO ~~/TS 80004-21~~, ISO/TS ~~80004-4~~, ~~ISO/TS 80004-8~~, and the following apply.

~~ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:~~

— ~~ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>~~

— ~~IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>~~

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~~nanoscale~~

~~Length~~ ~~length~~ range approximately from 1 nm to 100 nm

Note 1 to entry: Properties that are not extrapolations from a larger size are predominantly exhibited in this length range. ~~ISO/TS 80004-1:2010, 2.1~~

~~[SOURCE: ISO 80004-1:2015, 2.1]~~

3.2

~~nanomaterial~~

~~Material~~ ~~material~~ with any external dimension in the ~~nanoscale~~ (3.1) or having internal structure or surface structure in the nanoscale

~~Note 1 to entry: This generic term is inclusive of ~~nano-object~~ and ~~nanostuctured material~~.~~

~~[SOURCE: ISO/TS 80004-1:2010, definition 2015, 2.4]~~

3.3

~~nanoparticle~~

~~nano-object~~ with all three external dimensions in the ~~nanoscale~~ (3.1).

Note 1 to entry: If the lengths of the longest to the shortest axes of the nano-object differ significantly (typically by more than three times), the terms nanofibre or nanoplate are intended to be used instead of the term nanoparticle. ISO/TS 27687:2008, definition 4.1

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 27687:2008, 4.1]

3.4 radioisotope

~~An unstable isotope of an element that decays or disintegrates spontaneously, emitting ionizing radiation that could be alpha particles, beta particles and/or gamma rays. Note 1 to entry: Approximately 5,000 natural and artificial radioisotopes have been identified. ISO/DIS 19461-1~~

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[SOURCE: ISO 19461-1:2018, 3.9, modified — "that can be alpha particles, beta particles and/or gamma rays" has been added to the definition.]

3.5 biodistribution

~~In this TR, the term 'biodistribution' refers to a technique used to monitor the movement and distribution of specific radiolabelled nanomaterials (3.2) within an experimental animal or human subject.~~

3.6 chelating agent

~~A substance having a molecular structure embodying several electron-donor groups which render it capable of combining with metallic ions by chelation. ISO/ 862:1984, definition 81.~~

[SOURCE: ISO 862:1984, 81]

3.7 specific activity

~~Total radioactivity of the sample divided by its mass (~~

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~~Note 1 to entry: Specific activity is expressed in Bq/g).~~

[SOURCE: ISO 3925:2014, definition 3.4., modified — In the term, "activity" has been changed to "radioactivity"; Note 1 to entry has been added.]

54 ~~4~~ Symbols and abbreviated terms

~~BFC — Bifunctional Chelating Agent~~

~~TATE — 1,4,8,11-Tetraazacyclotetradecane 1,4,8,11-tetraacetic acid~~

~~CB-TE2A — 4,11-Bis(carboxymethyl)-1,4,8,11-tetraazabicyclo[6.6.2]hexadecane~~

~~NOTA — 1,4,7-Triazacyclononane 1,4,7-triacetic acid~~

~~DOTA — 1,4,7,10-Tetraazacyclododecane 1,4,7,10-tetraacetic acid~~

~~DFO — Desferrioxamine~~

~~DLS — Dynamic Light Scattering~~

~~PET — Positron Emission Tomography~~