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BACKGROUND

Cancer is the second leading cause of death worldwide. Traditional approac hes, such as surgery, chemotherapy, and radiotherapy have been the main c ancer therapeutic modalities in recent years. Cancer immunotherapy is a no vel therapeutic modality that potentiates the immune responses of patients against malignancy.

MATERIALS & METHODS

Immune checkpoint proteins expressed on T cells or tumour cells serve as t argets for inhibiting T cell over-activation, maintaining the balance between self-reactivity and autoimmunity. Tumours essentially hijack the immune checkpoint pathway in order to surv ive and spread. Immune checkpoint inhibitors (ICIs) are being developed as a result to reactivate the anti-tumour immune response.



Recent advances in nanotechnology have contributed to the development of successful, safe, and efficient anticancer drug systems based on nanoparticles. Nanoparticle-based cancer imm unotherapy overcomes numerous challenges and offers novel strategies for improving conven tional immunotherapies.

CONCLUSION

The fundamental and physiochemical properties of nanoparticles depend on various cancer th erapeutic strategies, such as chemotherapeutics, nucleic acid-based treatments, photothermal therapy, and photodynamic agents.