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(57) Abstract :

The present invention discloses a smart nano-drug delivery system for glucose-responsive on-demand insulin release using chitosan nanoparticles functionalized with glucose oxidase enzyme. The nanoparticles comprise chitosan crosslinked with tripolyphosphate through ionic gelation, encapsulated recombinant human insulin, and surface-conjugated glucose oxidase. Under hyperglycemic conditions, glucose oxidase catalyzes the conversion of glucose to gluconic acid, causing localized pH reduction that triggers swelling of the pH-sensitive chitosan matrix and consequent insulin release. The nanoparticles exhibit particle size of 150 to 300 nanometers, insulin encapsulation efficiency of 70 to 85 percent, and glucose responsiveness ratio of 7.5 fold higher release at hyperglycemic versus normoglycemic glucose levels. In vivo studies in diabetic animal models demonstrate maintenance of normoglycemic blood glucose levels for up to 18 hours following single subcutaneous administration. The invention provides an autonomous, self-regulated insulin delivery system that mimics physiological insulin secretion, reduces hypoglycemic risk, and improves patient compliance in diabetes management.

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