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1. In the introduction, before doing the literature survey of DOTAP, introduce what DOTAP is in one to two lines. Also, it is not required to add this much of literature survey for DOTAP, but make it more concise.
2. Line 81, Cationic lipid 17, 17 should be a superscript.
3. Line 123 the effect of the addition of different levels of DOTA, (typo, should be DOTAP).
4. Lines 89-96 the authors mentioned that in the literature the sizes reduced with increasing the concentration of DOTAP. while in their work the addition of DOTAP increases the size of liposomes (line 130), why is it contradicting to the literature?
5. Lipo-DOTAP blank and ION-DOTAP 3 are having the same concentration of DOTAP, and their sizes are similar, so the statement "However, the size decreased with the addition of  $\beta$ -ionone to the formula, as shown in Figure 1A." (line131-132), is not true. The size reduced because of the low concentration of DOTAP and not due to the addition of  $\beta$ -ionone.
6. Figure 1 is not a histogram, but a bar graph. The comparison is between Lipo-blank to the others.
7. Figure 3 is spectra is not properly visible.
8. Line 209, it is 214 C and not 124 C
9. From Calcein release studies - Increasing the DOTAP concentration reduced the stability of liposomes, which is not a positive feature.
10. The fluorescent images are not at the acceptable quality. Although the authors mentioned an increase in fluorescence, it appears that it is due to the increase in exposure time, the same increase in brightness can be seen in the bright field images as well for the Lipo-DOTAP-Blank and DOTAP-3. From figure 8, Lipo-DOTAP-Blank has the least amount of Coumarin-6, since both Lipo-DOTAP-Blank and ION-DOTAP-3 has the same amount of DOTAP, why is there a difference in Coumarin-6 intake by the cells, also this result contradicts to the fluorescent image in the figure 7.
11. "Preparation Of  $\beta$ -Ionone Liposomes Containing Coumarin-6 as the Fluorescent Labelling Agent" The component ratio of the liposome prepared is entirely different from what is mentioned in table 2. The mole ratio between HSPC: $\beta$ -Ionone:Cholesterol:DSPE-PEG:DOTAP is 35:140:70:5:6. Again, the concentrations of lipids are too high, which might be the reason why they obtained multilamellar liposomes.
12. In the conclusion, the authors said that incorporation of DOTAP improved the liposome formulation for cancer therapy, but, it is not convincing from the results. Although  $\beta$ -Ionone was encapsulated, no studies were done to signify its effects, no cell viability studies, encapsulation efficiency etc. Furthermore, addition of DOTAP made the liposomes multilamellar, reduced the stability and it does not appear to have improved the cellular intake.

Reviewer 2

Comments to the Authors

This manuscript investigates that the effects of DOTAP addition on the physical characteristics of  $\beta$ -Ionone liposomes. This work reported that the addition of DOTAP to  $\beta$ -ionone liposomes made the liposomes positively charged and increased particle size, membrane fluidity, and intracellular uptake. The experiments are well designed and results are mostly credible. However, there are still some problems that need to be clarified.

1. The author found that DOTAP, as one of the widely used cationic liposome materials in recent years, can reduce particle size, increase membrane fluidity and increase cell uptake through literature research. So what is the innovation of this study?
2. The conclusions obtained in this paper are the same as the results of the literature survey. Is your research meaningful?
3. The notes in Figure 4 are the same as those in Figure 3. Please check them carefully.
4. Does line 238 refer to Table 2? Please confirm.
5. The author mentioned that  $\beta$ -ionone and DOTAP have certain effects on lung. Why did HeLa cells be selected as the research object?
6. In order to make the results more convincing, it is suggested to increase the quantitative analysis of fluorescence intensity in the cellular uptake of  $\beta$ -ionone liposomes.
7. The discussion section should be more in-depth.
8. It is mentioned in the experimental method that the polydispersion index is measured, but there is no result of this

part. Please explain.

9. In the experimental methods section, evaluation of vesicle morphology of  $\beta$ -Ionone liposomes using TEM was repeated. Please check it carefully.

Reviewer 3

The article is interesting, and deserves publication in the journal after some revision:

1. Table 2. from MATERIALS AND METHODS should be moved to RESULTS because it is not clear which liposomes are being discussed.
2. What the hydrodynamic diameter is given in fig. 1? Averaged over intensity or number of particles?
3. Why is there a slight decrease after the maximum in the calcein release curves in Fig. 6? For example, at 8 hours for ION-DOTAP 1 and ION-DOTAP 2 systems, at 4 hours - for ION-DOTAP 3.
4. What is the encapsulation efficiency of calcein? Could this have affected the release profiles?
5. For publication in such a journal, it is not enough to conduct research on a model substrate. It is necessary to load an anticancer drug, for example, doxorubicin, into the developed systems and study the change in its cytotoxicity when encapsulated in liposomes.
6. Why was this cell line chosen?
7. Why is this  $\beta$ -ionone molar ratio chosen? Have other molar ratios been tested?

Lots of misprints. Authors should carefully read their manuscript. For example:

1. Lines 49-50: «in lung cancer cell death, (A549) through» replace with «in lung cancer cell (A549) death, through»;
2. Line 79: «Cationic lipid 17» replace with «Cationic lipid17»;
3. Line 103: link is incorrectly formatted «(Wang et al., 2012)»;
4. Line 120: «DOTA» replace with «DOTAP»;
5. Line 215: the section name is given twice;
6. Lines 266-267: «DOTAP, a cationic phospholipid containing an NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> group, is low in toxicity compared to other cationic lipids18.» Exactly the same sentence was given in the introduction (lines 80-82). Remove duplication;
7. Calcein sometimes writes with a small letter, sometimes with a capital letter. Bring everything to the same view.

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I am satisfied with the work that the authors have done to correct all my comments and answer my questions.

Reviewer 1

There are some concerns in the revision

Line 18 efficiency1817 , check the citation style

Line 470 Liposomes were prepared according to the formula in the Table 2 by adding Coumarin-6 to each mL of liposomes. Please mention the amount of Coumarin-6 added.

Line 482 1x 10<sup>7</sup> cells per mL is too high for a 6 well plate.

Line 484-485 The medium was replaced with  $\beta$ -ionone liposomes at a coumarin-6 concentration of 10g/mL. The concentration 10g/ml, is that correct?

Line 132 "However, the size decreased with the addition of DOTAP to the formula, as shown in Figure 1.A", From figure 1 A, the size increased with the addition of DOTAP.

For the comment no 10, "Since both Lipo-DOTAP-Blank and ION-DOTAP-3 have the same amount of DOTAP, why is there a difference in Coumarin-6 intake by the cells"

The response was. "LIPO-DOTAP-Blank has a high deviation, probably because the presence of beta-ionone affects it." However, from the figure, the deviation is not high and LIPO-DOTAP-Blank does not have beta-ionone. LIPO-DOTAP-Blank is the second bar in the graph, and it has a low error bar.

Line 274-275 The results showed that there is an increase in cytotoxicity of the ION-DOXO-DOTAP-2 formula in T47D cells (Fig. 9B). There is a mismatch between the statement and the figure 9 description where its written 9.B is HeLa and 9C is T47D.

The IC 50 values from 9.C should be much less than 1  $\mu$ g/ml and ION-DOXO-DOTAP 0 and ION-DOXO- DOTAP 2 should have similar IC 50 values.

Reviewer 2

The authors have responded well to the reviewers' comments, and the manuscript is ready for publication



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