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## Clickable Zr-based MOFs as versatile multifunctional nanoplatforms for biomedical applications



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### ABSTRACT

**Motivation:** Cancer is a group of diseases characterized by uncontrolled cell growth. It is among the leading causes of mortality in the world, which is why anti-tumor therapies have been developed, such as chemotherapy, radiotherapy and surgery. Although tumor growth can be decreased by these treatments, they can also damage normal cells and organs [1]. In order to improve the selectivity of these treatments, several new targeted drug therapies using new nanomaterials as carriers to deliver drugs only into tumor areas are being developed [2]. It has been found that Nanosized-MOFs are among the best candidates due to their high drug-loading ability and tunable porosity and structure. These nanoparticles are composed of different metal ions and organic ligands that form an extended crystalline network [3]. In this study, nanosized UiO-66 have been functionalized with new targeting ligands giving rise to a promising multifunctional nanoplatforms for different biomedical applications

**Methods:** Within this project,  $N_3$ -(PEG)<sub>5</sub>-PO<sub>3</sub> and  $N_3$ -(PEG)<sub>20</sub>-PO<sub>3</sub> have been synthesized and used as ligand for the external surface functionalization of nanoUiO-66 to improve the stability of the nanoconstructs in cellular environments to enhance and delay drug-released capability [3]. These two coatings have been synthesized to unravel which one stabilizes nano-UiO66 over the time and under biological setting. Later, a copper free click reaction using DBCO-dye demonstrated that azide was accessible. In addition, doxorubicin, an anti-tumoral drug, has been introduced into the functionalized nano UiO-66 particles to evaluate the loading efficiency of the as-prepared system.

**Results:** The structure of  $N_3$ -(PEG)<sub>5</sub>-PO<sub>3</sub> and  $N_3$ -(PEG)<sub>20</sub>-PO<sub>3</sub> have been determined by <sup>1</sup>HNMR, <sup>13</sup>CNMR and high-resolution mass spectroscopy. On the other hand, nanoUiO-66 properties such as size, morphology and porosity have been studied by using Dynamic Light Scattering (DLS), Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM), Powder X-ray Diffraction (XRD) and N<sub>2</sub> isotherms. Finally, functionalization have been confirmed by Zeta-potential, FT-IR and NMR.

**Conclusions:** The main achievement of this project has been to synthesize nano-UiO66 and functionalize it with ligands. It was first demonstrated that phosphate improved colloidal stability in aqueous media [3]. Secondly, nanosizedUiO66 stability in aqueous medium was improved thanks to  $N_3$ -(PEG)<sub>20</sub>-PO<sub>3</sub>. Finally, a multifunctional nanoplatform was obtained by means of Click Chemistry.

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