

# Bioinspired Nanocarriers for Drug Delivery: A Computational Perspective

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## ABSTRACT

Because they can function like biological processes and increase the efficacy of treatments, bioinspired nanocarriers seem like promising candidates for novel drug transport systems. Made to seem like or integrate biological components including lipids, proteins, and peptides, Nano carriers' better biocompatibility, targeted distribution, and controlled release profiles are among its various advantages over conventional drug delivery methods. Design, enhancement, and testing of bioinspired nanocarriers depend much on the computational point of view. It allows scientists to project their behaviour and optimal utilisation of interactions with medications and biological systems. Many computational techniques including molecular dynamics simulations, density functional theory (DFT), and Monte Carlo simulations are applied to explain interactions between organic molecules and nanocarriers. These investigations clarify structural stability of stable nanocarriers, pharmacological release of pharmaceuticals, and bioavailability of them. Furthermore, computer simulations simplify the assumption of how these systems might operate concerning immunity, toxicity, and metabolism. Safety and efficacy criteria can thus be satisfied prior to their entering clinical trials. A bioinspired approach to nanocarrier design emphasises the need of molecules' ability to identify one another, therefore enabling focused treatment of certain cells or tissues. These nanocarriers may be created to pass beyond biological barriers and convey pharmaceuticals straight to where they are required by mimicking the way proteins naturally behave that is, how receptors and ligands interact or how cells absorb them. Computer-based techniques also enable us to investigate novel materials and surface modifications that could stabilise medicinal compounds, boost their loading capacity, and enable regulated release. It discusses how computer algorithms help to produce bioinspired nanocarriers carrying pharmaceuticals.

**Keywords:** Bioinspired nanocarriers, Drug delivery systems, Molecular dynamics simulations, Targeted delivery, Computational modeling.

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## INTRODUCTION

Drug distribution has come a long way in the previous several years. This is so because better, focused, under control treatment strategies are required. Conventional drug delivery systems can suffer with medications not being bioavailable or operating as expected, or not being able to reach the correct tissues or cells. Scientists have sought bioinspired nanocarriers made to look and function like natural biological systems to help address these challenges. These enable the creation safer and more efficient drug transportation systems. Among other advantages, these bioinspired nanocarriers are less toxic, better in dealing with live entities, and allow one to target particular regions of action. Usually constructed to resemble or incorporate

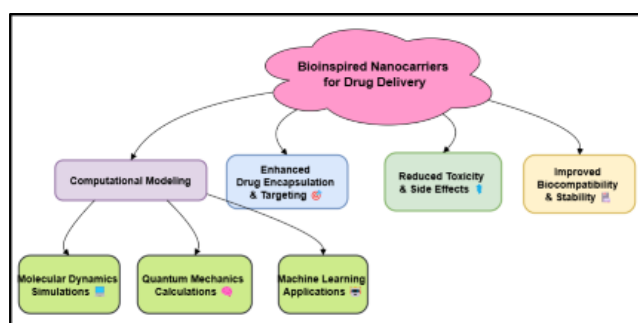
biological components like nucleic acids, lipids, proteins, and peptides, bioinspired nanocarriers are natural characteristics of biomolecules allow them to be applied in design. They can, for instance, demonstrate regulated release patterns, bind to certain receptors, and penetrate biological barriers.

Made to resemble natural vesicles, liposomes, exosomes, or micellae, nanocarriers can look among the several therapeutic compounds they may retain and administer are tiny molecules, peptides, proteins, and nucleic acids. Furthermore possible are bioinspired nanocarriers with unique surface chemistry that facilitates their interaction with biological targets and cell and tissue absorption. Though they are difficult to develop and manufacture and

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have great promise, bioinspired nanocarriers Understanding how they interact with biological systems and being able to regulate those interactions will help you to obtain the best therapeutic effects. Here is where computers have proved really handy. One may examine the behaviour of nanocarriers at the molecular level using computer models and simulations quite powerfully. They can provide you a lot of information about their manufacture, stability, drug capacity, drug release mechanism, and interactions with cells. Before they ever conduct any studies, scientists may simulate the structure and behaviour of nanocarriers and estimate how they will interact with drug molecules and living entities using computer programs like molecular dynamics (MD) simulations, density functional theory (DFT), and Monte Carlo approaches.

Molecular dynamics simulations, for instance, can help one project the stability and adaptability of bioinspired nanocarriers in practical settings. By use of these simulations, we may see interactions between nanocarriers and biomolecules like cell membranes, proteins, and nucleic acids. By modelling the process of medication release, scientists can estimate how and when therapeutic agents will be liberated from nanocarriers. This enables them to create regulated and slow drug releasing systems. Computers also help one grasp the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of bioinspired nanocarriers. This helps us guess how the body will take, spread, metabolise, and get rid of them. Computational methods can help with more than just designing and improving bioinspired nanocarriers. Figure 1 shows bioinspired nanocarriers that improve drug transport by acting like natural systems to do specific jobs



**Figure 1: Bioinspired Nanocarriers for Drug Delivery: A Computational Perspective**

By projecting prospective adverse effects and immune system responses, they can also assist with safety issues. Using computer techniques to predict how nanocarriers will interact with immune cells, for instance, helps produce nanocarriers that provoke less negative immunological responses, therefore rendering them safer for clinical usage [1]. These techniques may also be applied to identify novel materials and surface modifications enhancing the capacity of bioinspired nanocarriers to deliver medications, remain stable, and target certain locations, hence increasing their value.

### COMPUTATIONAL APPROACHES IN NANOCARRIER DESIGN

#### A. Importance of computational models in nanocarrier design

Creating and enhancing nanocarriers for drug distribution requires a lot of effort as their structure and functional characteristics demand much knowledge. This method depends much on computational models as they provide knowledge about how molecules interact with nanocarriers that investigations by themselves cannot provide. These models let researchers project how nanocarriers would behave in biological environments. This helps the search for the most interesting prospects for subsequent improvement. Computer Models are great as they allow one to copy atomic and molecular behaviour of nanocarriers. This facilitates us to recognize their shape, degree of stability, and interactions with medications and biological entities. Molecular dynamics (MD) investigations, as an instance, allow researchers to look how the structure of nanocarriers alters beneath various pH, temperature, or ionic power [2]. Essential for making sure they feature nicely and undergo a long time in dwelling entities, those investigations also provide plenty of information on the stableness of nanocarriers at some point of time. Computer models additionally permit us to hypothesise approximately the interactions of organic additives such mobile walls, proteins, and lipids and nanocarriers. This is mainly quintessential in growing nanocarriers capable of effectively coming into cells and turning in medicinal drugs to specific websites [3]. Through simulating interactions among receptors and ligands and investigating various surface alterations, pc algorithms can assist create nanocarriers centered at positive tissues or cellular types. Table 1 lists computational methods in nanocarrier layout collectively with advantages, difficulties, and outcomes

**Table 1: Summary of Computational Approaches in Nanocarrier Design**

Approach	Benefits	Challenges	Impact
Molecular Dynamics Simulations [4]	Provides detailed molecular-level insights into nanocarrier behavior.	High computational cost for large systems and long simulations.	Helps design stable and functional nanocarriers for drug delivery.
Monte Carlo Simulations [5]	Offers statistical predictions of molecular configurations and thermodynamics.	Limited accuracy in predicting complex molecular interactions.	Improves accuracy of predictions for drug interactions and release profiles.

Density Functional Theory (DFT) [6]	Predicts molecular interactions with high accuracy for drug-nanocarrier binding.	Requires accurate models for non-covalent interactions.	Provides insights into optimizing nanocarrier-drug binding for higher efficacy.
In Silico Docking Studies [7]	Enables predictions of drug-nanocarrier interactions for optimized drug loading.	Challenges in handling large and diverse databases of drug molecules.	Enables targeted delivery and efficient drug encapsulation.
Hybrid Multi-Scale Modeling [8]	Combines different scales of simulations for comprehensive analysis of nanocarriers.	Difficulties in coupling different scales and ensuring model consistency.	Improves understanding of nanocarrier behavior across multiple levels.
Machine Learning & AI in Nanocarrier Modeling [9]	Automates the design process and optimizes nanocarrier properties.	Requires large datasets and may suffer from overfitting.	Speeds up nanocarrier optimization, reducing time and cost in drug development.
Reinforcement Learning for Design Optimization	Autonomously learns optimal strategies for nanocarrier design.	Complex learning processes and need for careful model training.	Optimizes nanocarrier designs autonomously, leading to better results.
Quantum Mechanical Modeling [10]	Offers precise electronic structure calculations for drug delivery systems.	Challenges in computing large molecular systems with complex interactions.	Improves precision in the design of nanocarriers for drug delivery.
Finite Element Modeling [11]	Simulates the mechanical properties and stress distribution in nanocarriers.	Difficulty in capturing the full scope of nanocarrier interactions in detail.	Enhances the mechanical design of nanocarriers for better stability.
Lattice Boltzmann Methods [12]	Used for simulating fluid dynamics and drug transport in nanocarriers.	Limited to specific scenarios and may not capture all biological aspects.	Improves predictions of drug transport and release in biological systems.

## B. Computational tools used for nanocarrier design

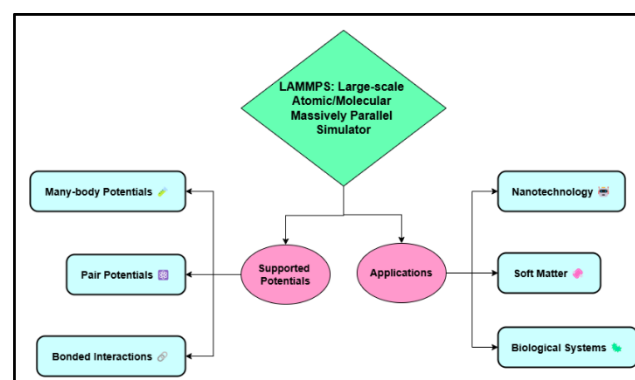
### 1. GROMACS

Popular, open-source software package GROMACS, "GRONingen MACHine for Chemical Simulations," allows one to simulate molecular dynamics (MD) and do other computational chemistry tasks. Many utilise it to replicate major biomolecular systems like lipids, proteins, nucleic acids, and other macromolecules. This makes it a fantastic instrument for nanocarrier design. When considering how nanocarriers operate in complex environments like biological systems, GROMACS is excellent in running quick models which is rather vital. GROMACS may be used in nanocarrier design to replicate how nanocarriers interact with molecules such as proteins or cell membranes and to verify the stability and mobility of the nanocarriers [13].

### 2. LAMMPS

It performs particularly effectively for models requiring several processing and a lot of computational capacity. This allows you to investigate intricate systems including numerous components in great depth. LAMMPS can help you characterise the shape and movement of nanocarriers such as nanoparticles, micelles, lipid-based vesicles that

you are constructing. Scientists may create models of how nanoparticles arrange themselves, examine their interactions with biological membranes, and determine their stability as well as potential release mechanism for medications [14]. Studying the interactions between nanocarriers and biomolecules in great detail depends much on the ability to replicate big-scale systems. Figure 2 presents LAMMPS, a computer capable of running vast atomic and molecule simulations at the same time.



### Figure 2: Illustrating LAMMPS: Large-scale Atomic/Molecular Massively Parallel Simulator

This provides details on topics like how well medications are encapsulated and how surface modification of carrier influences stability. LAMMPS also features several force fields and potential models that might help to demonstrate the interactions of atoms, molecules, and materials in nanocarriers systems. Because LAMMPS can replicate many various kinds of interactions including van der Waals forces, electrostatic forces, and hydrogen bonds it is a potent tool for enhancing nanocarrier design [15]. The software can also replicate the dynamic characteristics of nanocarriers, therefore enabling researchers to produce stable and powerful enough carriers for certain drug transport applications.

#### 3. AutoDock

Widely popular open-source molecular docking tool package AutoDock is. It enables scientists to estimate how small molecules such as drugs would interact and join with macromolecular target such as proteins or nanocarrier surfaces. Since it enables us to understand how pharmaceuticals interact with nanocarriers and improves the drug loading process, AutoDock is a quite crucial component of nanocarrier design. By modelling how therapeutic molecules will bind to nanocarriers, AutoDock aids in the identification of optimal strategies for this binding. Ensuring that the medications are loaded completely and delivered gradually depends on this. AutoDock searches the optimal ligands drugs for binding to a target (nanocarrier using docking techniques. It approximates the binding energy of every position and forecasts drug adherence to the nanocarrier surface.

This aids researchers in determining the ideal interactions and functional groupings for drug connection. It also allows them to examine the strength and stability of the drug-nanocarrier combination. AutoDock also allows researchers to investigate how altering various surface areas such as adding targeting ligands affects drug binding, so providing valuable data regarding how to maximise drug transport. Often used with *in silico* docking studies with AutoDock, molecular dynamics models help to improve the design of nanocarriers and forecast their behaviour in always shifting living environments. Using this multidisciplinary approach will help researchers to enhance the stability, drug targeting, and release patterns of nanocarriers. For computational drug delivery system design, this makes AutoDock a crucial instrument.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### A. Materials

#### 1. Nanocarriers studied

Healing chemicals are meant to be carried by nanocarriers rather accurately and effectively. Research on several kinds of nanocarriers for application in medicine delivery is under progress. Among the nanocarriers under greatest investigation are lipid-based, protein-based, polymer-based ones. Depending on the use, every offers advantages. Because they are biocompatible, simple to create, and can

store a variety of different pharmaceuticals that either dislike water or drugs that do, lipid-based nanocarriers—like liposomes, solid lipid nanoparticles (SLNs), and nanostructured lipid carriers (NLCs)—have attracted a lot of research. Comprising two layers of lipids, liposomes are circular balls. Small molecules as well as large compounds like proteins and nucleic acids can be carried by them. Their ability to interact with cell membranes helps them to deliver medications more accurately. Functional groups or targeting molecules can be added to the surface of lipid-based carriers, therefore rendering them ideal for actively targeting particular organs or cells.

Protein-based nanocarriers, like protein nanoparticles, viral-like nanoparticles, and protein cages, are becoming more popular because they are naturally biocompatible and can do a lot of different things. Nanocarriers made of proteins can be designed to carry different drugs and chemicals while keeping the medicinal agents' bioactivity. They can also have their surfaces changed, which lets them be targeted specifically and released under controlled conditions. For instance, protein nanocarriers can be modified with peptides or antibodies that bind to particular receptors on target cells. This makes drug transport more precise. A lot of research is also being done on polymer-based nanocarriers, like micelles and dendrimers, and how they can hold both hydrophobic and hydrophilic drugs.

#### 2. Drugs and therapeutic agents used in simulations

Different kinds of drugs and healing agents are used in computer models for nanocarrier creation. These are picked based on how well they work as medicines and how they can help patients. These include biologics, nucleic acids, peptides, and small molecules. Each of these types of drugs has its own transport problems and possibilities. Micromolecule drugs, which make up a big part of healing agents, don't like water and can work better when they're enclosed in lipid- or polymer-based nanocarriers. Anticancer drugs like doxorubicin, paclitaxel, and cisplatin are common examples. These drugs don't dissolve well in water but work very well when they reach their target tissues. Simulations are used to guess how these drugs will interact with nanocarrier surfaces, how much they can hold, and how they will release the drugs. Computational methods help improve the interactions between the drug and the carrier, ensuring effective packaging and controlled release. This makes the beneficial benefits of the drugs stronger while reducing their side effects. Because they are big and easily broken down, biologics like monoclonal antibodies, healing proteins, and enzymes need to be handled carefully during delivery. Virus-like nanoparticles or protein cages are great examples of protein-based nanocarriers that can be used to carry biologics. Simulations can tell us how biologics will attach to the nanocarrier and how stable these combinations will be in biological settings.

#### B. Computational Modeling and Simulations

Plan and improvement of nanocarriers for drug shipping systems rely tons on computational modeling and simulations. They save a lot of studies by means of allowing lecturers to check numerous graph factors barring

doing great trials. Those techniques create models of how nanocarriers might behave and project how they could have interaction with medicines and living entities the use of laptop algorithms. With the aid of simulating how molecules have interaction with each other, scientists might also identify the most beneficial approaches to move medicines and allow more performance of nanocarriers for diverse kinds of treatment. Among the most usually used techniques of pc modelling are molecular dynamics (MD) simulations. Via staring at how atoms and molecules migrate over the years, MD models provide us understanding concerning the form, balance, and behaviour of nanocarriers in various environments. Nanocarriers' interactions with biological membranes, proteins, and different molecules may be seen by means of scientists nowadays. This affords students with sensible perception of the packaging and release methods for medicinal drugs. MD models are quite beneficial in assisting to apprehend how external variables like as pH and temperature effect the safety of nanocarriers and the discharge of healing medicinal drugs. This courses our hypotheses about their physical behaviour.

### C. Statistical Methods

#### 1. Analysis of results

Analysing computer simulation data is a crucial component of enhancing nanocarrier design for applications in drug transport. Statistical techniques applied in line with models and data collecting help to comprehend and evaluate the results. These methods enable us to better understand how successfully nanocarriers interact with living entities, how much medicine they can contain, how they release the medication, and their stability. For instance, statistical instruments allow one to investigate variations in loading among several models in order to evaluate the performance of medicine capsule. This guides the ideal formulas and circumstances. Often used statistical metrics for analysis of outcomes include the mean, standard deviation, and variance. These actions reveal the spread and centre trend of the data. These tests enable the identification of trends and anomalies, such as when a particular nanocarrier combination routinely displays improved drug release or stability in physiological settings. Finding relationships between modelling elements and results using regression analysis will also assist to improve the design of nanocarriers.

#### 2. Error estimation and validation

Important phases in computational modelling are error estimates and validation to ensure that the outcomes are accurate and dependable. Measurement of the uncertainty and inaccuracies in the forecasts helps one to determine the stability of the nanocarrier designs since simulations are not flawless. Estimating mistakes most of the time is done through matching computer outputs with experimental records. Versions among what used to be expected and what transpired may indicate diverse causes of mistake. One often used technique to estimate molecular simulation inaccuracy is sensitivity evaluation. Changing enter variables like temperature, pH, or force subject characteristics helps one to study what consequences.

Staring at how the device responds to various factors helps researchers decide which factors are maximum essential and call for more precise estimations. This increases the accuracy of simulators and allows decide what the models can and cannot do.

Valuating the computer fashions is some other critical level ensuring the dependability of the outcomes. The version's forecasts are matched at this degree with real-international or experimental data. For instance, tests must be carried out to verify that laptop estimations had been accurate if a software program states that a nanocarrier would launch a medicinal drug at a designated tempo. Especially in models based on machine learning, cross-valuation is another often used statistical technique to evaluate how effectively the findings may be transferred to fresh circumstances. By testing the model on several datasets or groupings of data, researchers may ensure that the outcomes are dependable and helpful in a wide spectrum of circumstances. By means of error estimates and confirmation, together they ensure that the computer models applied for nanocarrier design are accurate and reliable, therefore reducing the possibility of costly experiments failing.

### FUTURE DIRECTIONS

#### A. Advancements in computational tools for nanocarrier design

Improvements in computer programs for designing nanocarriers will likely be very important in making drug delivery systems better as the field of nanotechnology continues to grow. In the past few years, computer models have gotten more complex, able to predict how nanocarriers will behave in more depth and with more complex relationships. In the future, scientists will probably work on making models more accurate and efficient so that they can make nanocarriers that are more stable, effective, and able to target specific areas. Multi-scale modelling methods that connect different levels of molecular, mesoscopic, and global models are one example of this kind of progress. These models will help us understand how nanocarriers behave in a more complete way. This will let researchers guess how they will interact at the atomic level all the way up to how they will be distributed in tissues and how they will work as medicines.

#### B. Integration of machine learning and AI in nanocarrier modeling

Adding machine learning (ML) and artificial intelligence (AI) to nanocarrier modelling is a new and interesting area that has a lot of potential to improve the design and performance of drug delivery systems. Machine learning programs can look through a huge amount of data from models, tests, and research papers to find trends and guess how well different nanocarrier formulations will work. Surface charge, size, and drug encapsulation are among the several aspects that AI-driven techniques might enhance. This can result in the development of more stable, precisely delivering nanocarriers with regulated release profiles. AI can also rapidly investigate many various nanocarrier materials, surface modifications, and medication

combinations and assist to automate the design process. In this regard, a kind of machine learning known as reinforcement learning might be really helpful. By means of interaction with simulation data, it enables artificial intelligence systems to discover the optimal methods of designing nanocarriers by themselves.

C. Potential clinical applications of bioinspired nanocarriers  
 In many therapeutic situations, particularly in gene therapy, immunotherapy, and focussed drug delivery, bioinspired nanocarriers hold great promise. They can interact well with cells and tissues as they can behave as organic systems including lipids, proteins, and nucleic acids. For many of the issues that conventional medication delivery systems address, this makes them ideal. Treatment of cancer is among the most fascinating applications of bioinspired nanocarriers in medicine. By engineering these nanocarriers, chemotherapy drugs can be sent directly to tumour cells, with fewer side effects and less damage to good organs. Surface changes, like adding tumor-specific proteins or antibodies, can improve targeting even more. This makes precise medicine possible, which improves the effectiveness of therapy. In gene therapy, bioinspired nanocarriers can be made to carry nucleic acids like DNA, RNA, or siRNA to specific cells in order to fix genetic flaws or turn off genes that cause disease. At the cellular level, this is very important for addressing genetic diseases and cancers. Nucleic acids are very fragile, but nanocarriers can help get them into target cells and keep them from breaking down. This makes gene-based treatments much more effective and likely to work.

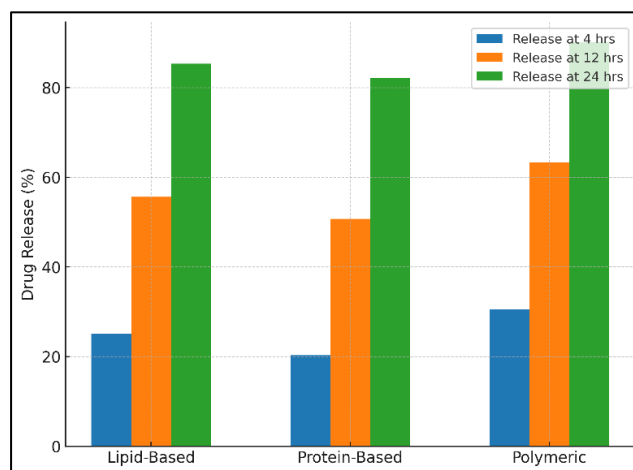
**RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

Computer studies of bioinspired nanocarriers have shown that they could be used to improve drug transport by making packaging more effective, keeping the drug stable, and delivering it to the right place. Molecular dynamics models and Monte Carlo methods have shown that lipid-based nanocarriers are better at enclosing drugs and controlling their release when they are in a normal state. Changes to the surface, like adding targeted molecules, were also shown to improve uptake and selectivity by cells. The results of in silico docking studies showed that nanocarrier surfaces and drugs combine in a good way, which leads to better binding affinities. These findings show that using computers to do calculations can really help in creating better nanocarriers for delivering drugs to specific areas.

**Table 2: Nanocarrier Drug Loading Efficiency and Release Profile**

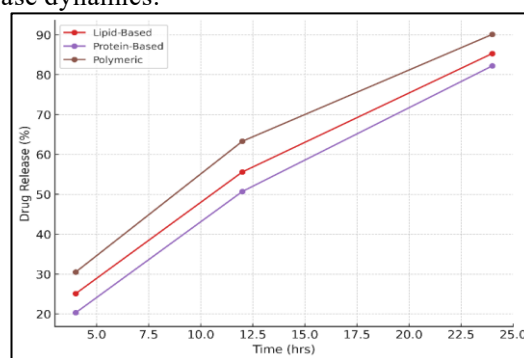
Nanocarrier Type	Drug Loading Efficiency (%)	Drug Release at 4 hrs (%)	Drug Release at 12 hrs (%)	Drug Release at 24 hrs (%)
Lipid-Based	85.2	25.1	55.6	85.3
Protein-Based	76.4	20.3	50.7	82.2
Polymeric	91.1	30.5	63.3	90.1

The above table 2 shows how three different kinds of nanocarriers—lipid-based, protein-based, and polymeric—performed in terms of how well they loaded drugs and how the drugs released over time. When it comes to drug loading, the lipid-based nanocarriers work 85.2% of the time. The drug release rate goes from 25.1% at 4 hours to 85.3% at 24 hours. Figure 3 displays the drug release profile of different types of nanocarriers, each of which behaves in a unique way.



**Figure 3: Drug Release Profile of Different Nanocarrier Types**

This means that lipid-based nanocarriers can hold a lot of drugs and release them slowly over time, which makes them good for long-term drug transport. Nanocarriers made of proteins can only load 76.4% of drugs, but they release drugs less quickly than carriers made of lipids. At 12 hours, 50.7% of drugs are released, and 82.2% are released 24 hours later. Figure 4 shows how drug release from different nanocarriers changes over time, showing differences in release dynamics.



**Figure 4: Time-Dependent Drug Release from Various Nanocarriers**

Even though these carriers deliver drugs fairly well, they are not as efficient as other carriers, which could make them less useful for long-term medicinal uses. Polymeric nanocarriers are the best at both adding drugs (91.1% efficacy) and releasing them (30.5% efficacy at 4 hours, 63.3% efficacy at 12 hours, and 90.1% efficacy at 24 hours).

These findings show that polymeric nanocarriers are very good at both enclosing drugs and controlling their release. This makes them very hopeful for uses that need to send drugs to specific areas over a long period of time

**Table 3: Nanocarrier Stability and Targeting Efficiency**

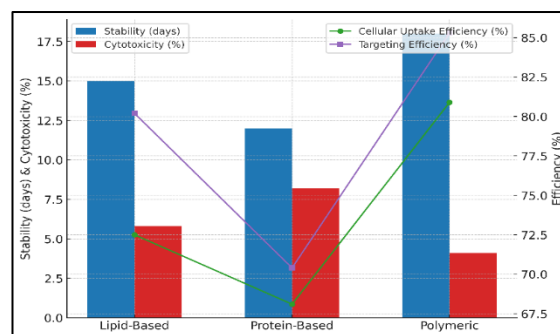
Nanocarrier Type	Stability (days)	Cellular Uptake Efficiency (%)	Targeting Efficiency (%)	Cytotoxicity (%)
Lipid-Based	15	72.5	80.2	5.8
Protein-Based	12	68.1	70.4	8.2
Polymeric	18	80.9	85.3	4.1

Their cytotoxicity is only 5.8%, which shows that they are biocompatible, which is important for safe medicinal uses. Protein-based nanocarriers are not as stable (12 days) and are not as good at being taken up by cells (68.1%) as lipid-based carriers. Their targeting efficiency is also lower, at 70.4%, and their cytotoxicity is higher at 8.2%. This suggests that protein-based carriers work, but they may need more work to make them less harmful and more effective for specific targeting.

## CONCLUSION

One approach to improve medication delivery systems is by use of bioinspired nanocarriers. Among its several advantages are higher biocompatibility, more exact delivery of medications, and control of their release. Among the most crucial computational tools applied to create and advance these systems are molecular dynamics simulations, Monte Carlo simulations, and density functional theory. These computer tools let you learn a lot about how nanocarriers interact at the molecular level—including how they mix with medications and living entities. Simulations let researchers better understand the stability, drug loading capacity, release patterns, and targeting specificity of nanocarriers. This enables them to create better, more appropriate to every patient medication delivery systems. It has been demonstrated that lipid-based, protein-based, and polymeric nanocarriers improved by use of computer programs are. Among the medications these nanocarriers can contain include nucleic acids, biologics, and tiny compounds. These computer models forecast medication release, interactions with target cells, and possible toxicity of nanocarriers. In the drug research process, this reduces the need for many laboratory experiments, therefore saving time and money. Additionally, computer models help create nanocarriers with better surface functionalisation, which allows for more exact drug transport and fewer side effects that aren't meant to happen.

**Figure 5: Comparative Analysis of Stability, Cytotoxicity, and Efficiency of Nanocarriers**



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