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Dear Colleagues,

Before the end of the 20th century, the research on hyperthermia cancer treatment, by means of inductive heating of magnetic materials lasted several decades until, in 1993, the group of Jordan (A. Jordan, P. Wust, H. Fahling, W. John, A. Hinz and R. Felix, Int. J. Hyperthermia, 1993, 9, 51-68) reported on the high heating efficiency of magnetic colloids activated by an alternating magnetic field. Thereafter, investigation on magnetic nanoparticles as high-frequency nanoheaters has grown exponentially.

This new technique quickly became multidisciplinary; it awaked the interest of physicists, chemists, biologist, engineers, doctors, etc., since its efficacy depends on synthesis of magnetic materials, functionalization, optimization of physical and chemical properties, in-vivo and in-vitro experiments, in order to elucidate its potential application as a localized treatment of cancer.

In the last few years, new applications of these high-frequency nano-heaters have been also reported in the literature; for example, in the field of catalysis, molecular imprinting, shape memory effects in thermoplastic polymers, organic synthesis, etc. This opens a new and wide range of possibilities in the area of the heating efficiency of nanoparticles. First of all, biocompatibility is no longer a requirement; thus, there are no restrictions on material types. Second, the dispersion media can be organic or inorganic; providing different magnetic properties to the nanoparticles compared to the aqueous colloids. Finally, unlike hyperthermia cancer treatments, there are no restrictions on field frequency or amplitude.

I kindly invite you to submit your last results to this Special Issue on "Magnetic Nanoparticles as High-Frequency Nano-Heaters", covering magnetic nanoparticles and the optimization of heating efficiencies for different applications. The issue includes the design of magnetic nanoparticles, functionalization, physicochemical properties, system modelling, and their applications to biology and medicine; however, I encourage you also to submit works exploring their potential applications to other non-biological systems.

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