



M1 Sciences du Médicament

Initiation to Drug Discovery:

The Challenges of the 21st Century (UEM 919)

Nanomedicine

Simona Mura | December 18, 2024 |

The magic bullet

Paul Ehrlich (1854-1915)

Magic bullet

- 1906 : "Magic bullet" (magische Kugel)
- An ideal therapeutic agent, capable of targeting the causative element of the disease

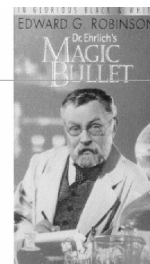
(Nano)carrier

Targeting

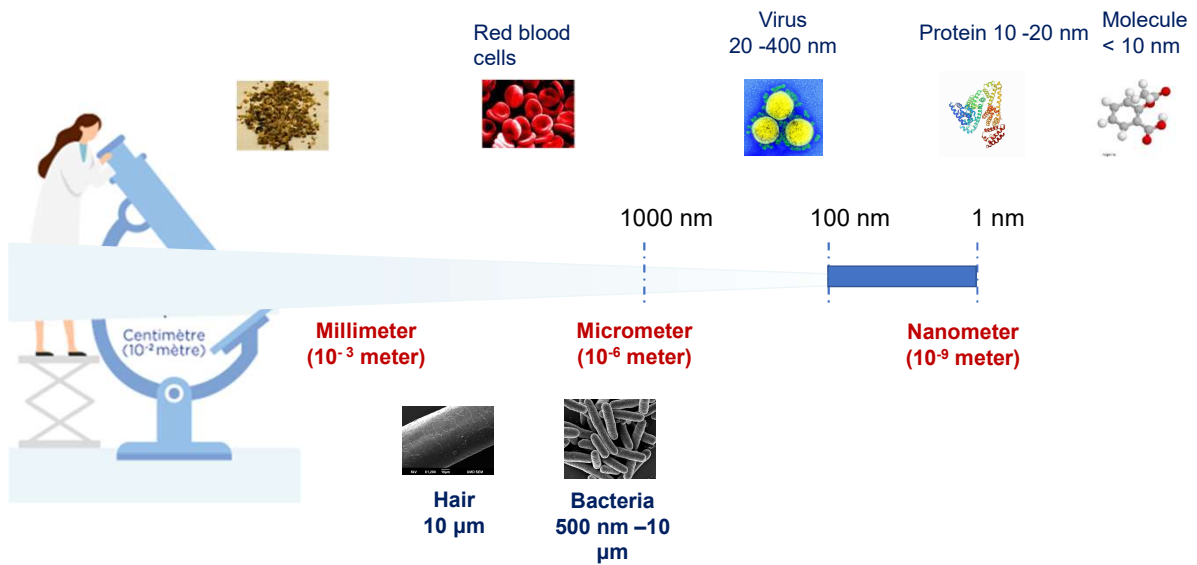
*Dr. Ehrlich's
Magic Bullet*

Thursday ■ July 31 ■ 7:00 p.m.

Starring
EDWARD G. ROBINSON (Dr. Paul Ehrlich)
RUTH GORDON (Mrs. Ehrlich)
OTTO KRUGER (Dr. Emil Von Behring)
DONALD CRISP (Minister Althoff)
MARIA OUSPENSKAYA (Franziska Speyer)
MONTAGU LOVE (Prof. Hartmann)
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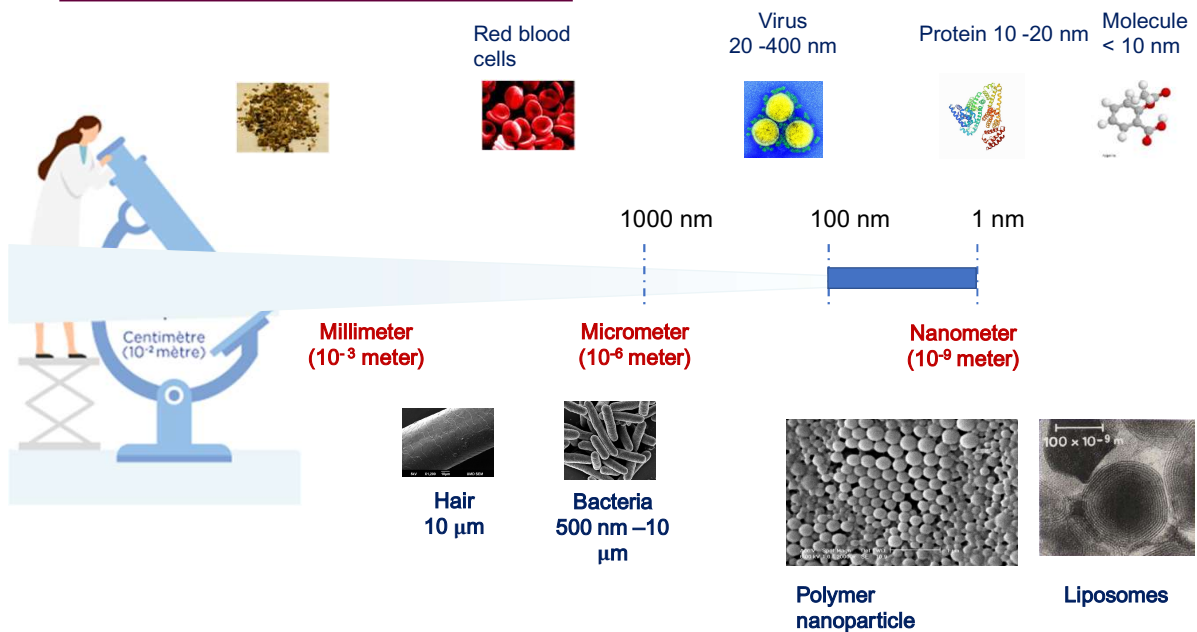


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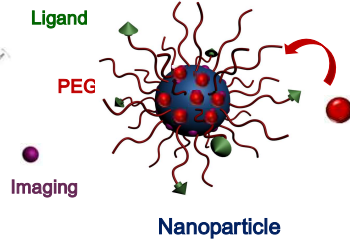
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The magic bullet

Make the fate of a drug dependent from a carrier

Traditional chemotherapy

Free drug



Nanoparticle

100 nm

• Nanomedicines

Distribution

- Size
- Pka
- Lipophilicity
- Binding to plasma proteins
- Biotransformations

Alternative Distribution

- Vector size
- Lipophilicity
- Stability
- Cytotropism

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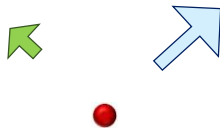
Controlled delivery

Targeting and reducing side effects

Target tissue

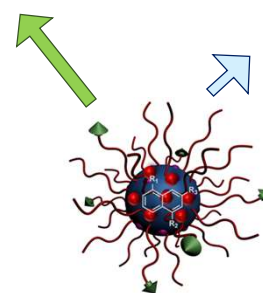
Non-specific distribution
Target of toxicity

SIDE EFFECTS



Target tissue

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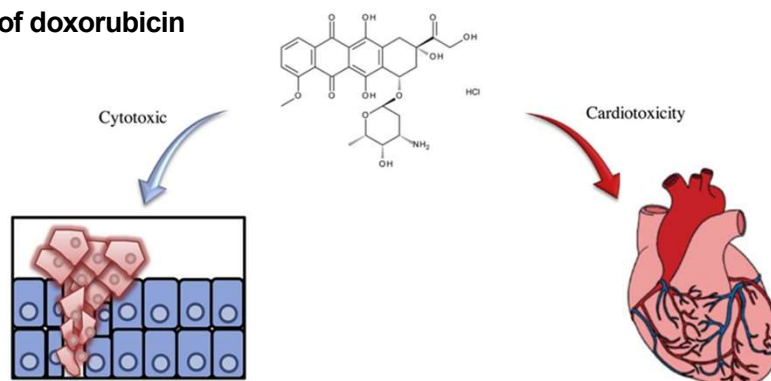


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Controlled delivery

Targeting and reducing side effects

Cardiotoxicity of doxorubicin

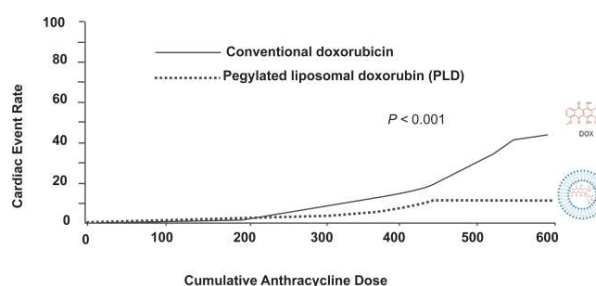
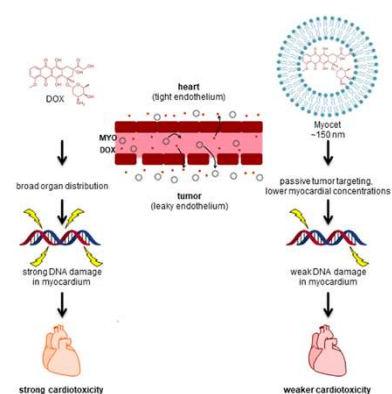


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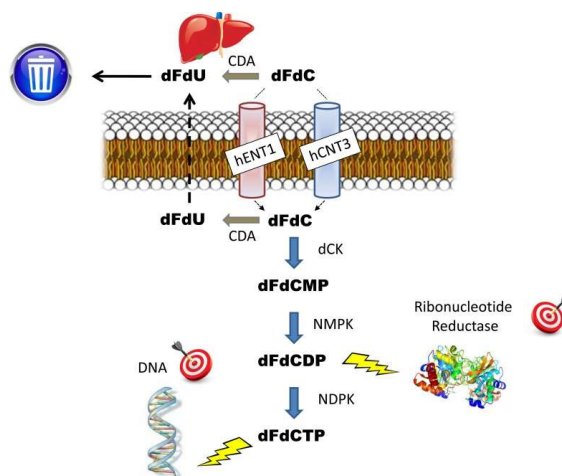
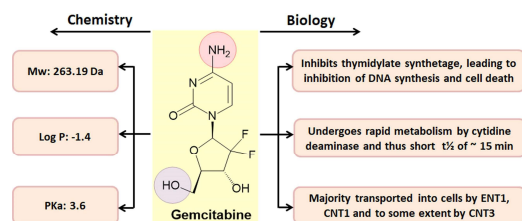
Cardiotoxicity of doxorubicin



- Efficacy of CAELYX not inferior to doxorubicin
- Significantly less cardiotoxicity in first-line treatment of women with metastatic breast cancer

Controlled delivery

Protection against degradation



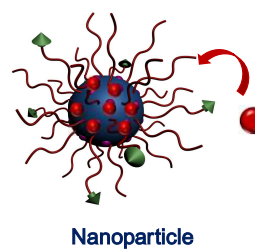
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Nanoparticle

Traditional chemotherapy

- Instability/metabolization
- Limited intracellular accumulation
- Lack of cell/tissue specificity
- Induction of resistance phenomena

Nanomedicines

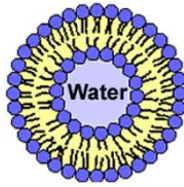
- Protection from degradation
- Increase intracellular penetration
- Cell/tissue targeting
- Overcome resistance

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The magic bullet

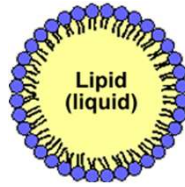
Carrier structural diversity

• Lipid-based



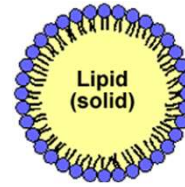
Liposome

- Lipid bilayer
- Aqueous cavity



Nanoemulsion

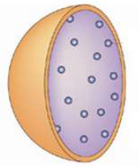
- Lipid monolayer
- Liquid cavity



Lipid nanoparticles

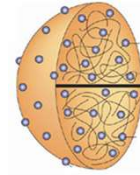
- Lipid monolayer
- Solid core

• Polymer-based



Nanocapsule

- Polymer wall
- Liquid cavity



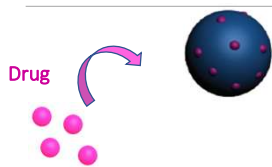
Nanosphere

- Solid polymer matrix

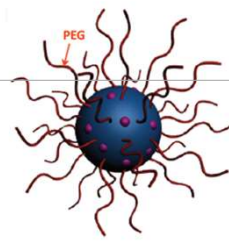
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Nanocarriers

Carrier structural diversity

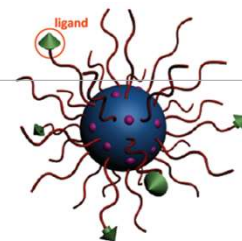


1st generation



2nd generation

Stealth/Long circulating



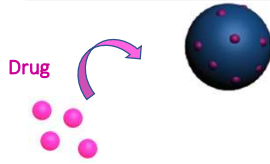
3rd generation

Stealth/Long circulating
Surface functionalized

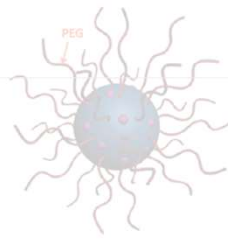
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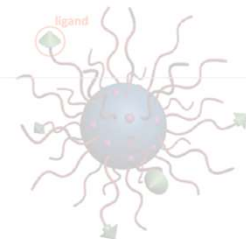


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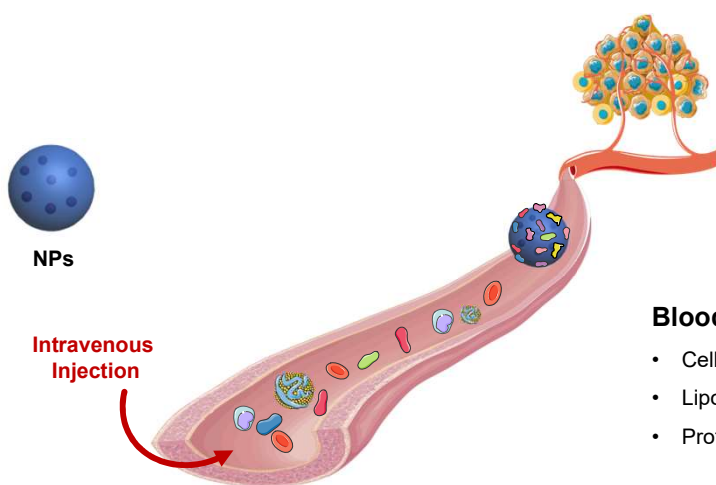
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In vivo fate

Interactions in the biological medium



Blood components

- Cells
- Lipoproteins
- Proteins

Acquisition of a biological Identity

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In vivo fate

Interactions in the biological medium_the protein corona

Opsonins

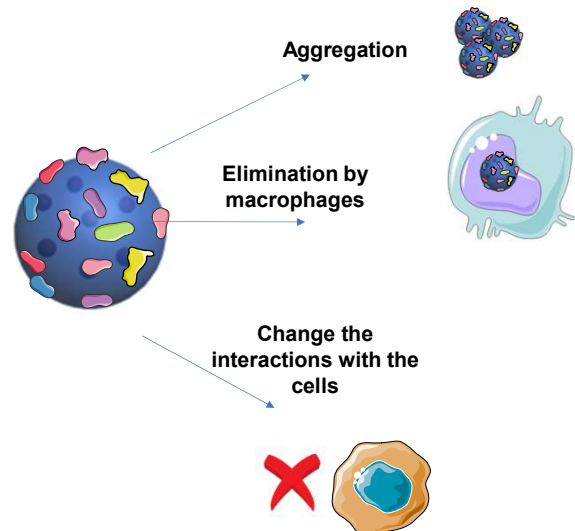
- Coagulation proteins : fibrinogen/kininogen-1
- Acute phase proteins
- Tissue leakage proteins
- Components of the complement system
- Immunoglobulins

NON Opsonins

- Albumin
- Apoproteins



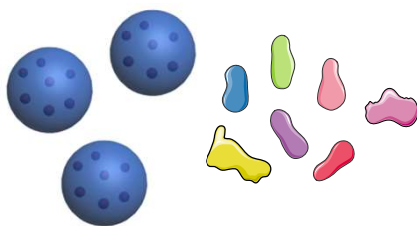
Acquisition of a specific molecular signature



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In vivo fate

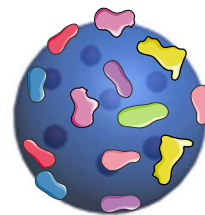
Interactions in the biological medium_the protein corona



- Hydrogen bonds
- Electrostatic interactions
- Hydrophobic interactions
- Acid-base interactions



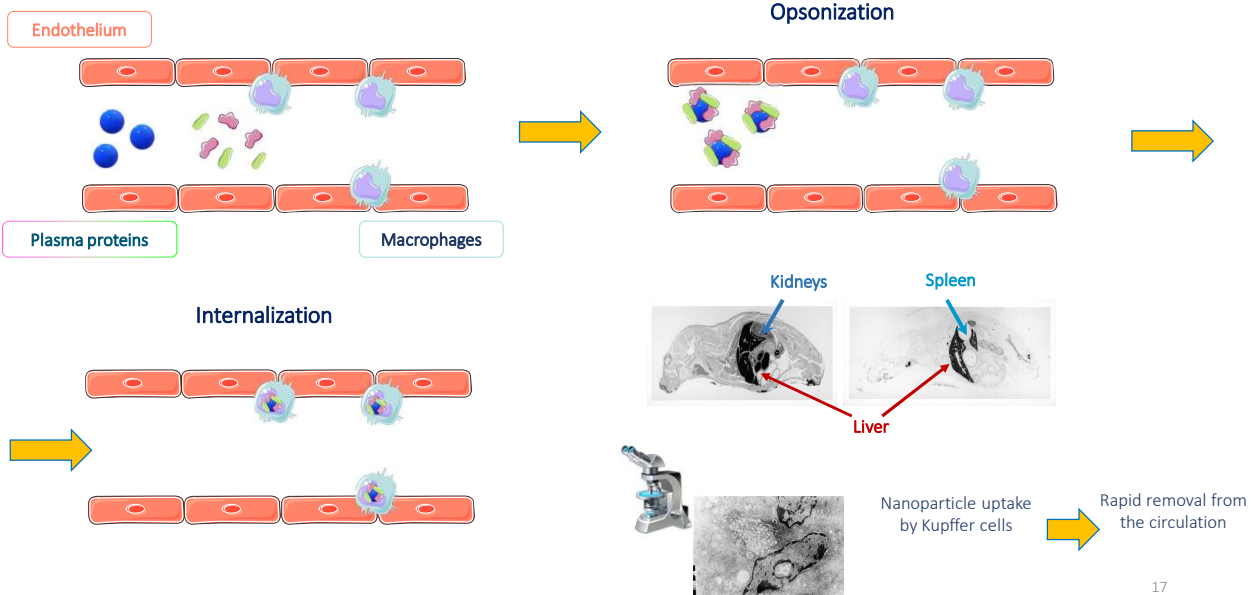
- Hydration/solvation forces
- Steric hindrance
- Electrostatic repulsion



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First generation : *Fate of nanoparticles after IV administration*

- Macrophage uptake and liver accumulation



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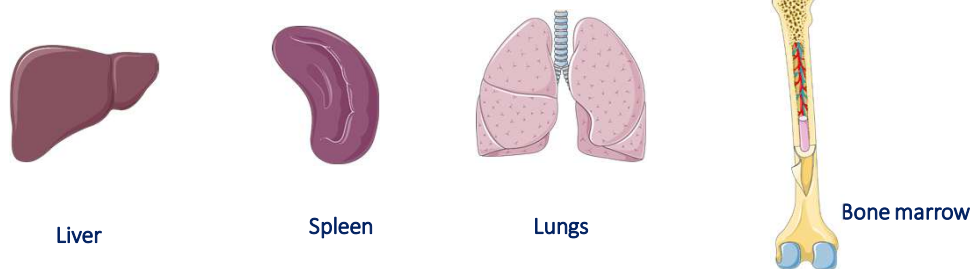
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Interactions in the biological medium_the protein corona

Endocytosis/Phagocytosis

- Monocytes
- Tissue macrophages

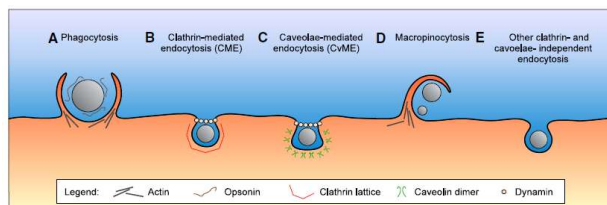
Mononuclear phagocyte system



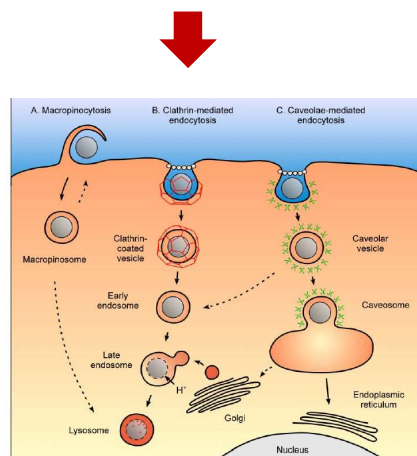
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In vivo fate

Internalization pathways



Endocytosis

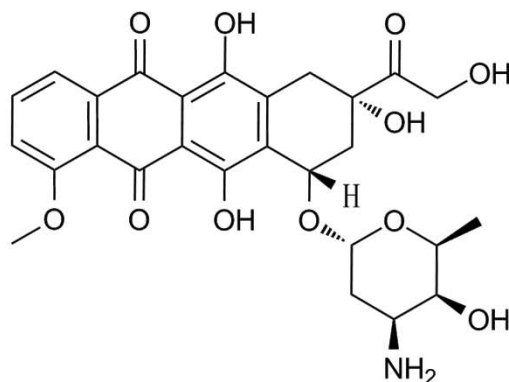


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Antitumor chemotherapy






Doxorubicin



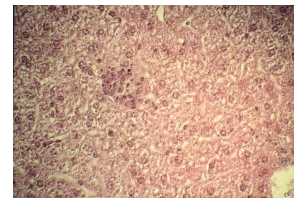
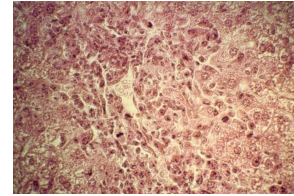
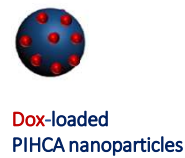
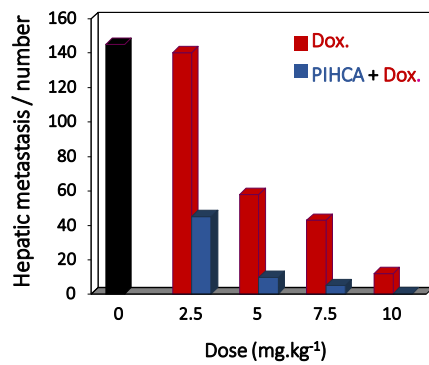
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Antitumor chemotherapy

Doxorubicin_Livatag, doxorubicin transdrug

PRECLINICAL	PHASE I	PHASE II	PHASE III	PHASE IV
 Laboratory Research determine if compound is safe and effective	 15-20 Participants determine safety and efficacy	 20-80 Participants evaluate safety and efficacy	 100-200 Participants confirm safety and efficacy	 200+ Participants evaluate long-term effects

in vivo model of hepatic metastasis



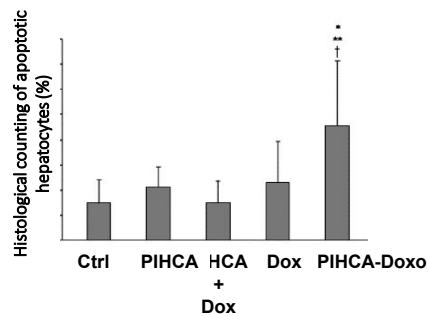
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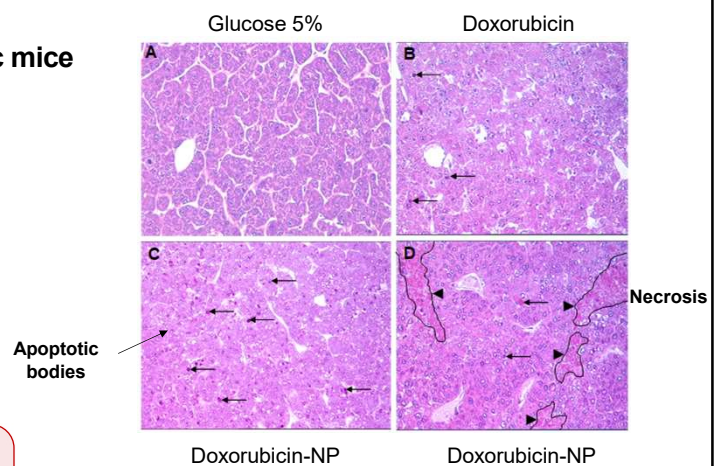
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in vivo cytotoxicity in X/myc transgenic mice



Potential breakthrough in the treatment of hepatocellular carcinoma








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Antitumor chemotherapy

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PRODUCT/INDICATION	PRECLINICAL	PHASE I	PHASE II	PHASE III	MARKET	TECH/REG STATUS
Livatag® (HCC 2 nd Line)						Transdrug tech Orphan EU/US US Fast Track
Combo Livatag® + other oncology agents (HCC 1 st line and other tumors)						Transdrug tech

PRECLINICAL	PHASE I	PHASE II	PHASE III	PHASE IV
 Laboratory Research Assessment of toxicity and safety	 6-10 Participants Maximum safety and efficacy of treatment	 20-100 Participants Maximum safety and efficacy of treatment	 100-200 Participants Confirming safety and efficacy of treatment	 200+ Participants Monitoring long-term effects of treatment

• PHASE II

Baseline
Tumor size 3000 mm²



intra-arterial infusion
(30 mg/m²)








After 4 weeks
Evident necrotic area

Increased survival time 17 versus 15 months for patients getting current best of care
(transarterial chemoembolisation with a cytotoxic drug)

Antitumor chemotherapy

doxorubicin transdrug_ReLIVE: phase III NCT01655693

- 397 patients, 11 countries, 70 centers
- Randomized, open label, **comparative 3 parallel arms study**

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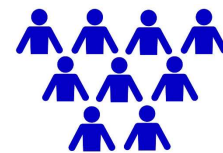
Administration through a slow 6 hours IV infusion every 4 weeks (n=263)



Best Standard Care



20 mg/m²



30 mg/m²



Antitumor chemotherapy

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Endpoints

Primary
overall survival

Secondary
Response rate & progression-free
Pharmacokinetics in selected sites

ReLIVE international phase III clinical study NCT01655693

Merle et al., *Lancet Gastroenterol Hepatol* 2019, 4, 454-465

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Antitumor chemotherapy

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FAILED

September 11, 2017

- Unexpected high survival in the comparative group
- Livatag® showed a similar effect to the control group
- No difference between the two arms (20 or 30mg/m²)
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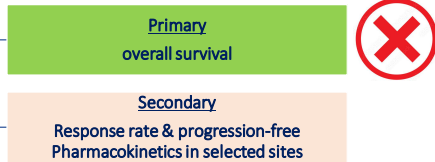
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WHY?

- Enrollment of patients with a better prognosis than in previous trials
- Placebo **is not** the control group
- Standard treatment is the control group (47% gemcitabine plus oxaliplatin)



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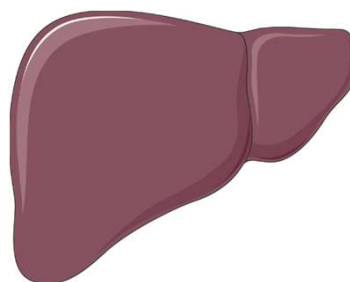
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First generation

Conclusions

The first generation of nanocarriers was promising

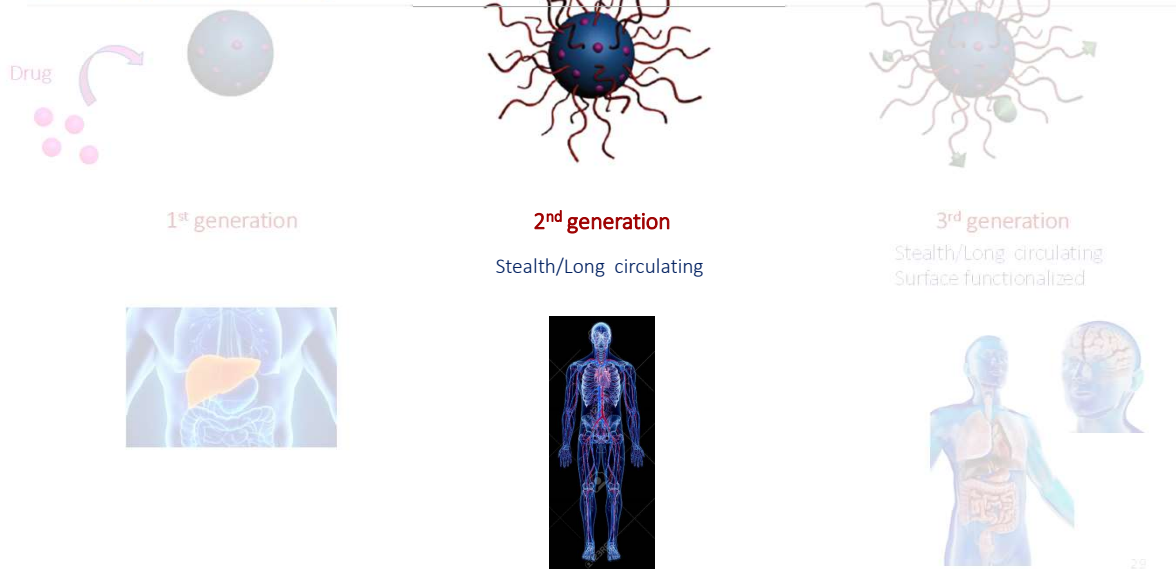
The liver is always the target, so many liver diseases are likely to benefit from such targeting



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Nanocarriers

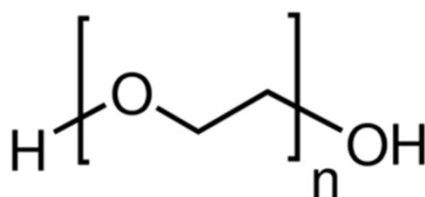
Carrier structural diversity



In vivo fate

If you want to be invisible, look like water

Poly(ethylene glycol)

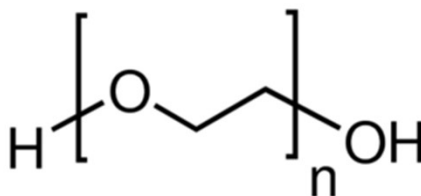


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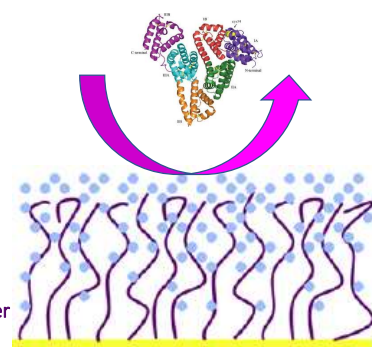
Poly(ethylene glycol)

- Non-ionic hydrophilic polymer
- Biocompatible
- Stealth effect
- Prolonged circulation



Hydration Layer

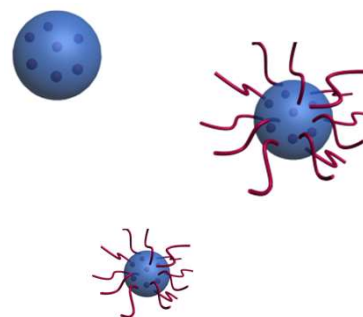
Hydrophilic polymer



In vivo fate

Poly (methoxypolyethyleneglycol)-co-nhexadecyl cyanoacrylate NPs

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PEG ₅₀₀₀ -PHDCA (243 nm)	34
PEG ₅₀₀₀ -PHDCA (171 nm)	23
PEG ₅₀₀₀ -PHDCA (80 nm)	6
PEG ₂₀₀₀ -PHDCA (172 nm)	29
PEG ₁₀₀₀₀ -PHDCA (169 nm)	9
PHDCA (242 nm)	58
PHDCA (173 nm)	56
PHDCA (85 nm)	57



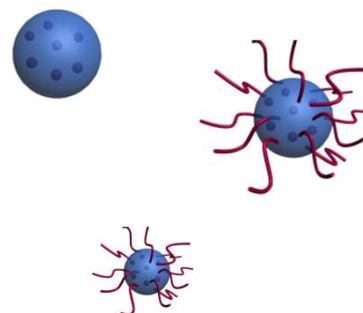
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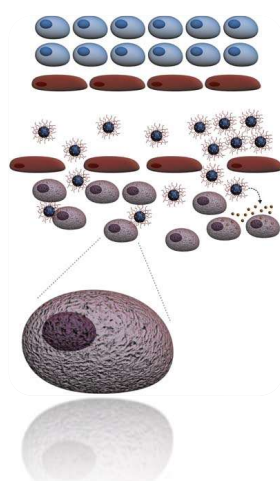
Protein adsorption is surface and size dependent

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Second generation

The enhanced permeability and retention effect (EPR)



- **Enhanced permeability**
 - Stimulation of the blood vessel production
 - Important vascularization (blood supply)
 - Wide fenestrations, abnormal architectures
- **Enhanced retention**
 - Inefficient lymphatic drainage

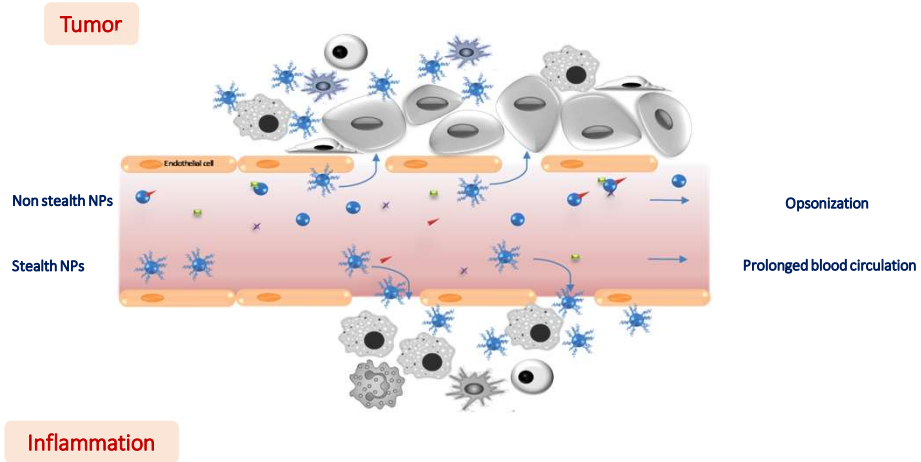


Accumulation of nanoparticles in
tumor and inflamed tissues

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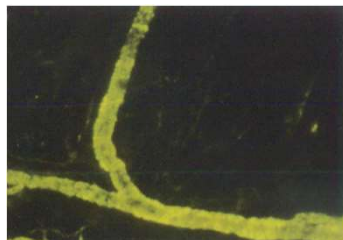
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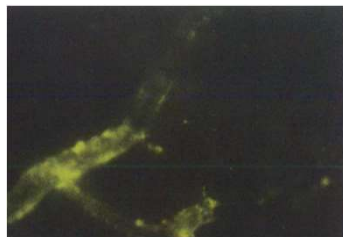
The enhanced permeability and retention effect (EPR)

Healthy tissue

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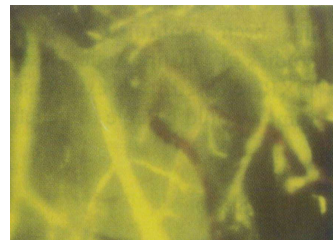


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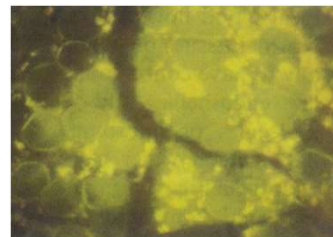


Tumor tissue

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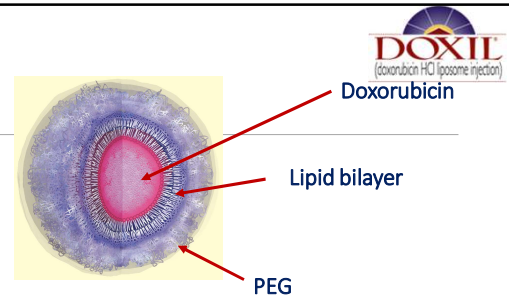
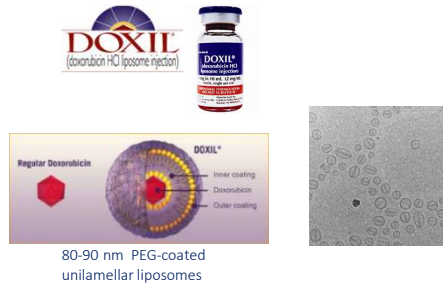
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Second generation

nanomedicines in the market_Doxil (1995)



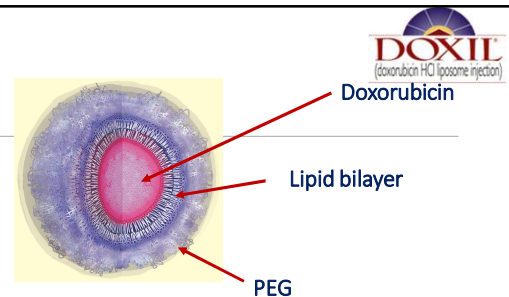
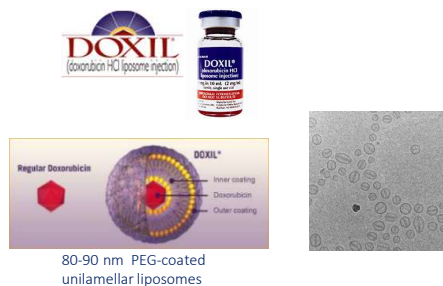
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- Multiple myeloma

• Drug: doxorubicin

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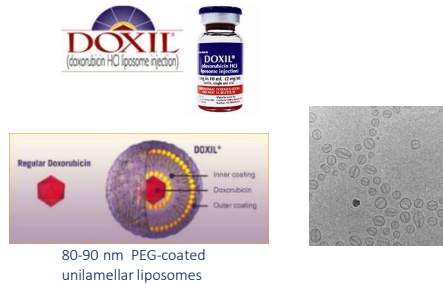
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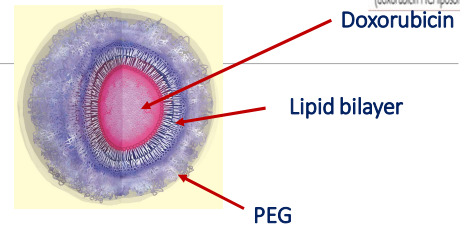
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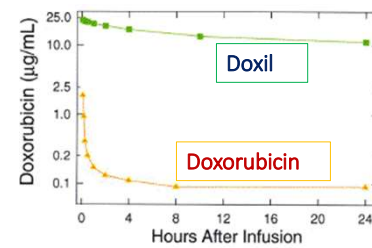


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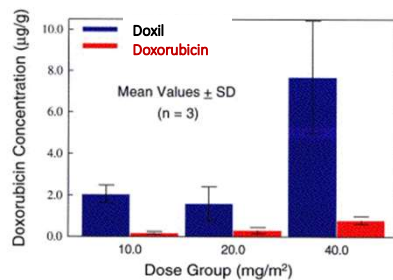
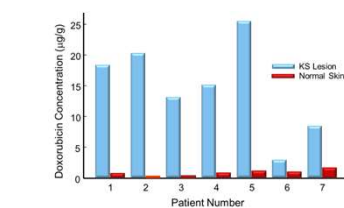
- Plasma concentration



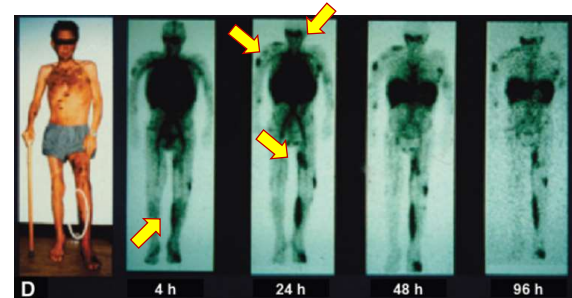
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Doxil

Accumulation in KS lesions



Indium-111-labeled PEGylated liposome



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Lammers T et al. Clin Cancer Res 2012;18:4889-4894

Doxil

Cardiotoxicity

- Reduced
- Only 0.8% withdrawal due to cardiotoxicity
- Increasing dose and duration of treatment

Complement activation–related pseudo allergy

- Slower infusion rate
- Pretreat

Hand-foot syndrome

- Rich capillary network, increased blood flow
- Increased drug accumulation
- protracted slow release



Symptoms

Grade I	Mild erythema
Grade II	Erythema with desquamation
Grade III	Blistering
Grade IV	Diffuse

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Working et al., JPET, 1999, 289: 1128

AMERICAN DREAM

EXPECTATION

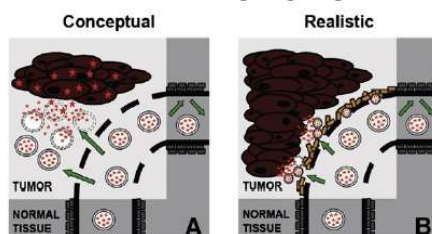


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Passive Drug Targeting

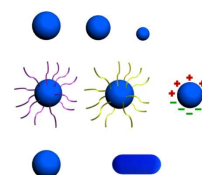


Tumor

- Extent of the EPR effect and pores cut off
- Diffusion within the extracellular matrix
- Hydrostatic pressure within the tumor

Particles

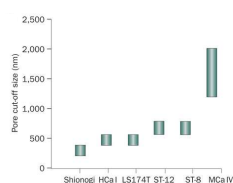
- Mean diameter
- Charge and surface chemistry
- Shape



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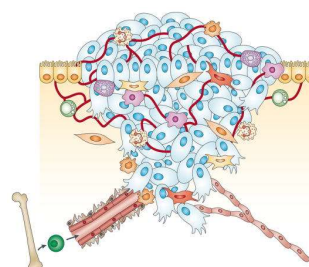
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Variable pore size

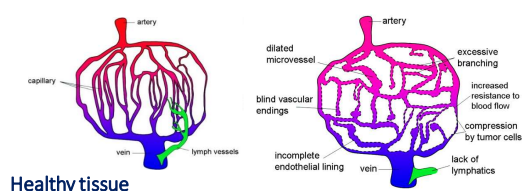


Hobbs, S. K. et al. Proc. Natl Acad. Sci. USA, 1998, 95, 4607

Heterogeneous tumor composition



Heterogeneous vasculature



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Correlate EPR effect and response to treatment

Evaluate the extent of the vasculature leakage and tumor drug accumulation



Predict the outcome of the treatment

Karathanasis et al., Radiology **2009**, 250, 398-406

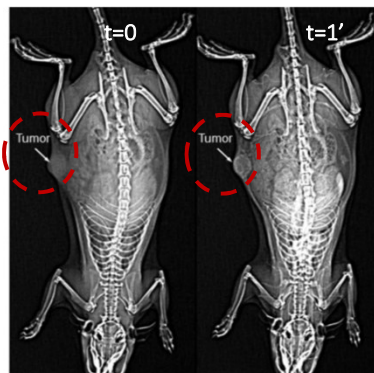
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Predict the outcome of the treatment



Iv injection of iodine-labeled liposomes

Vasculature visualization of tumor site and normal tissues

Good prognosis groups

highest X-Ray signal enhancement

Bad prognosis groups

lowest X-Ray signal enhancement

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lowest X-Ray signal enhancement



Doxorubicin-loaded liposomes treatment

- Slower tumor grow rate
- leakier vasculature

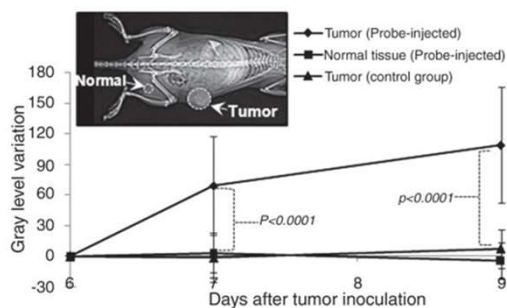
- Faster tumor grow rate
- intact vasculature

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Correlate EPR effect and response to treatment

- Gray levels signal enhancement



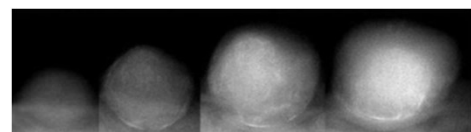
After probe administration:

- highest enhancement in tumor tissue
- no substantial enhancement in normal tissue

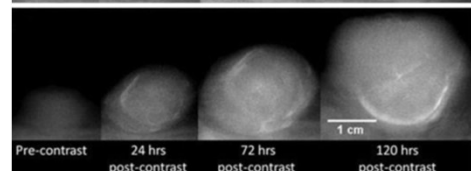
Without probe administration:

- no enhancement in tumor lesion of control group

Tumor A



Tumor B

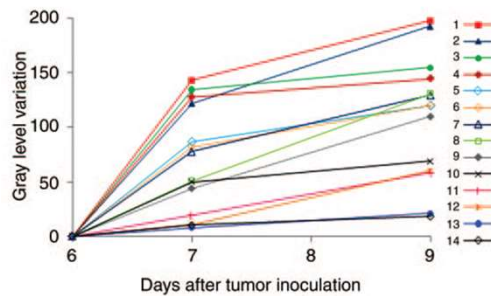


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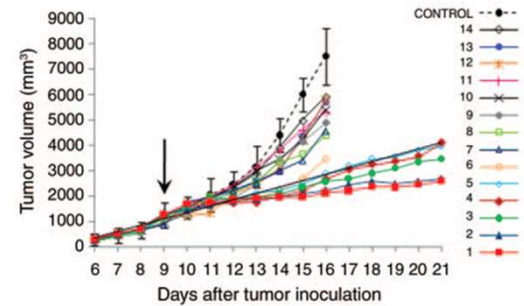
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- Tumor permeability



High variability of tumor leakiness

- In vivo efficacy



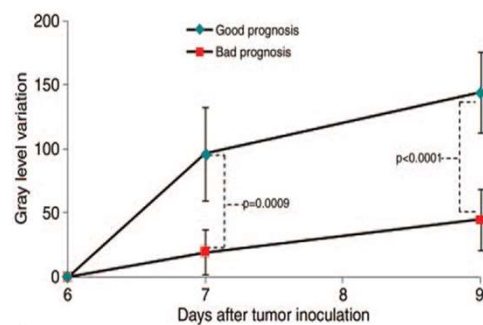
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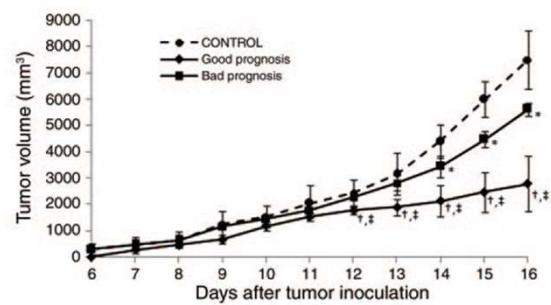
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Significant higher response to chemotherapy of good-prognosis subgroup

- In vivo efficacy



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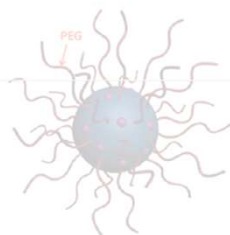
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Nanocarriers

Carrier structural diversity

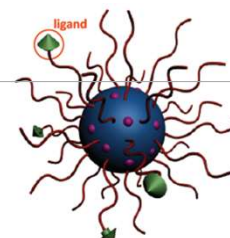


1st generation



2nd generation

Stealth/Long circulating



3rd generation

Stealth/Long circulating
Surface functionalized

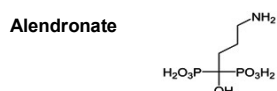
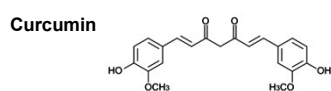
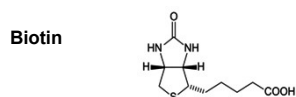
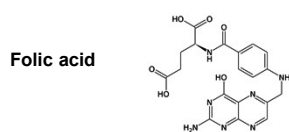


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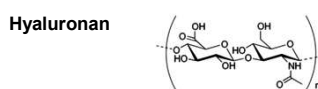
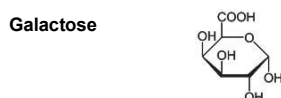
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ligand mediated targeting

• Small molecules



• Carbohydrates



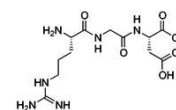
• Antibodies



• Peptides/proteins

RGD peptides

GRGDS
CRGDKGPDC
Cyclo(RGDDFK)



Cell penetrating peptides

EGF



Transferrin



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ligand mediated targeting

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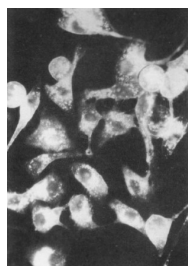
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- Uptake *Confocal microscopy*

4h @ 37°C

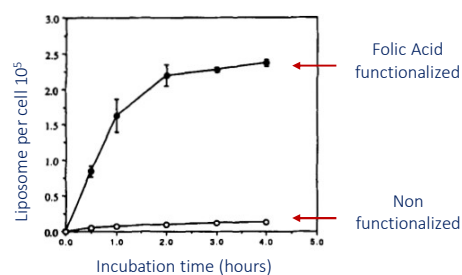


Non functionalized



Folic Acid functionalized

- Internalization kinetic *fluorescence spectroscopy*

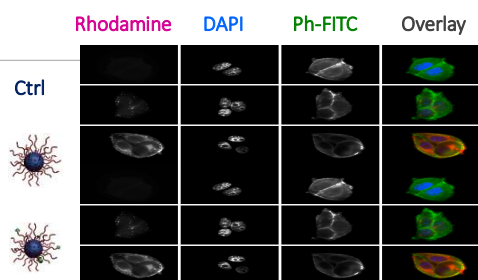
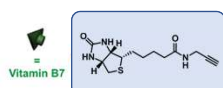
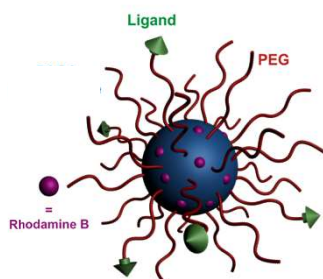


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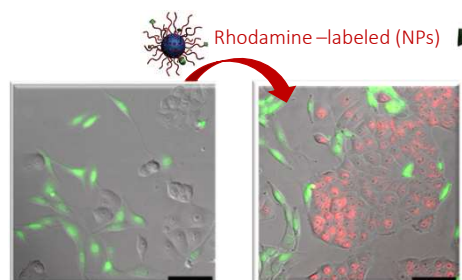
Third generation

ligand mediated targeting

- Uptake



- Selectivity



Brambilla et al., Chem. Comm. 2010, 46, 2602
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Le Droumaguet et al., ACS Nano 2012, 6, 5866

- Green-labeled fibroblasts
- Unstained cancer cells

Third generation

ligand mediated targeting

Table 1. Clinical trials for actively targeted cancer nanomedicines								
Ligand type	Name	Ligand	Target	Nanocarrier	Payload	Indication	NCT no.	Status
Antibodies	TargomiRs	Anti-EGFR bispecific antibody	EGFR	Minicell	miR-16-based microRNA mimic	NSCLC MPM	02369198	Phase I
Antibody fragments	C225-ILs-DOX	Anti-EGFR Fab'	EGFR	Liposome	DOX	Solid tumors	01702129	Phase I
	MM-302	Anti-HER2 scFv	HER2	Liposome	DOX	Breast cancer	01304797	Phase I
	SGT-53	Anti-TfR scFv	TfR	Liposome	p53 plasmid	Solid tumors	00470613	Phase I
						Pancreatic cancer	02340117	Phase II
	SGT-94	Anti-TfR scFv	TfR	Liposome	RB94 plasmid	GUC	01517464	Phase I
Proteins	Lipovaxin-MM	Anti-DC-SIGN V _H	DC-SIGN	Liposome	Melanoma antigens and IFN- γ	Melanoma	01052142	Phase I
	MBP-426	Tf	TfR	Liposome	Oxaliplatin	Solid tumors	00355888	Phase I
	CALAA-01	Tf	TfR	Polymeric nanoparticles	RRM2 siRNA	AGC or EAC	00964080	Phase I/II
Peptides	2B3-101	GSH	GSH transporters	Liposome	DOX	Solid tumors	00689065	Phase I
	Rexin-G	vWF-derived motif	Collagen	Retroviral vector	dn-CCNG1	Breast cancer	01386580	Phase I/II
						Osteosarcoma	00572130	Phase II
						Sarcoma	00505713	Phase II
						Pancreatic cancer	00504998	Phase I/II

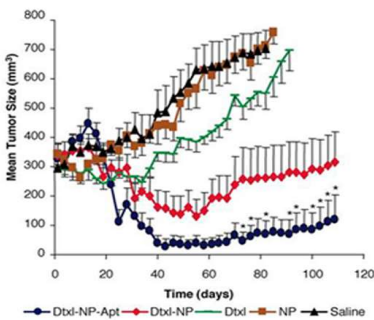
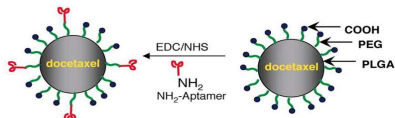
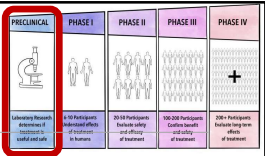
AGC advanced gastric cancer, dn-CCNG1 dominant-negative mutant construct of cyclin G1, DOX doxorubicin, EAC esophageal adenocarcinoma, GUC genitourinary cancers, MPM malignant pleural mesothelioma, NSCLC non-small cell lung cancer, Tf transferrin, vWF Von Willebrand factor

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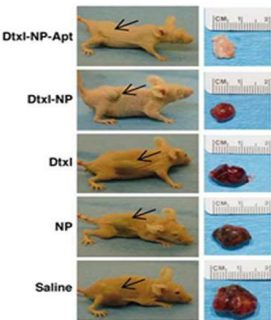
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Third generation

prostate specific membrane antigen (PSMA) targeting



Intratumoral injection

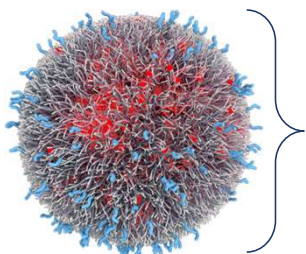


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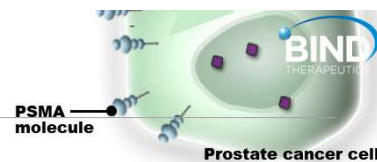
Accurins



Targeting ligands
Stealth and protective layer
Controlled-release polymer matrix
Therapeutic payload



- **BIND-014** (PSMA-targeted docetaxel)
- **BIND-510** PSMA-targeted vincristine
- **PLK1, KSP inhibitor accurins**

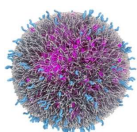


TUMOR	PATIENTS EXPRESSING PSMA	
	TUMOR CELLS	NEOVASCULATURE
Prostate	184/184 (100%)	2/12 (17%)
Breast	0/6 (0%)	5/6 (83%)
Colorectal	0/130 (0%)	110/130 (85%)
Renal Cell	0/75 (0%)	67/75 (89%)
Bladder	8/167 (5%)	167/167 (99%)
Gastric	0/119 (0%)	79/119 (66%)
Neuroendocrine	0/5 (0%)	5/5 (100%)
Melanoma	0/5 (0%)	5/5 (100%)
Pancreatic Duct	0/4 (0%)	4/4 (100%)
NSCLC	0/5 (0%)	5/5 (100%)
Soft Tissue Sarcoma	0/6 (0%)	5/6 (83%)

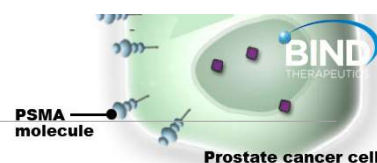
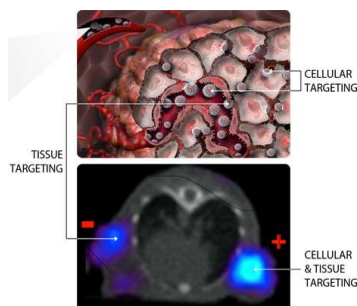
PSMA is not found in normal vasculature

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prostate specific membrane antigen (PSMA) targeting



SPECT imaging of ^{111}In -labeled PSMA-targeted nanoparticles in PSMA-positive and negative prostate tumor xenografts



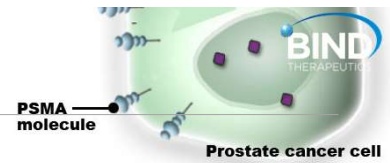
Early tests in animals and small clinical trials showed that the approach was safer than docetaxel alone



Later clinical trials disappointed

- BIND-014 failed against cervical and head-and-neck cancers
- Efficacy on lung cancer was not clear

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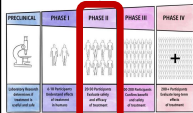
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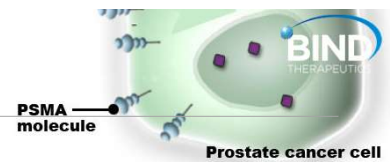
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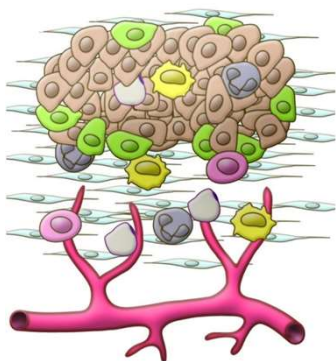


BANKRUPTCY

Need to reach the biological target

The abnormal microenvironment impairs uniform delivery and efficacy of therapeutic agents

Transport through the microenvironment



Extravasation

Efficient drug delivery to cancer cells requires crossing of multiple biological barriers

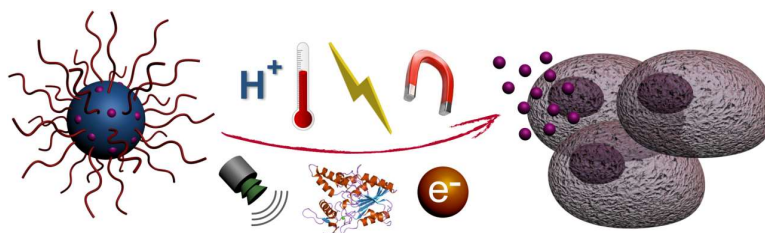
Need to have relevant predictive models

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Fourth generation: stimuli responsive



Efficient spatio temporal and dosage release control



• Endogenous stimuli

- pH
- Redox status (glutathione concentrations)
- Enzymatic activity

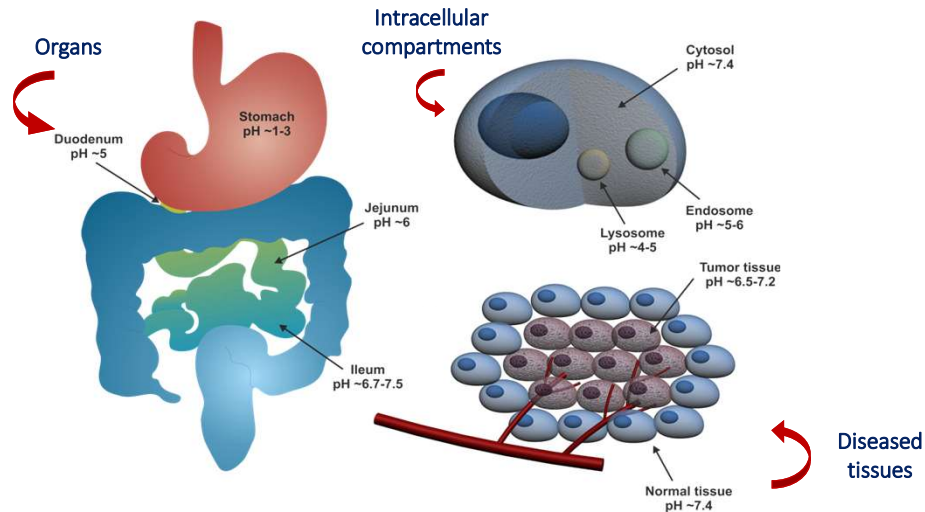
• Exogenous stimuli

- Magnetic/electric field
- Light
- Ultrasound
- Temperature

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Fourth generation: pH sensitive

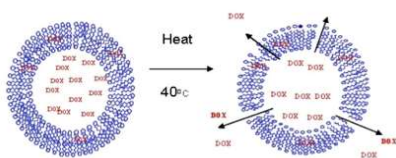
- Body pH variations



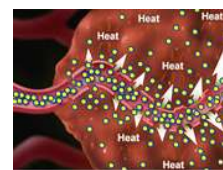
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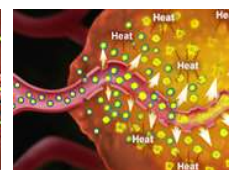
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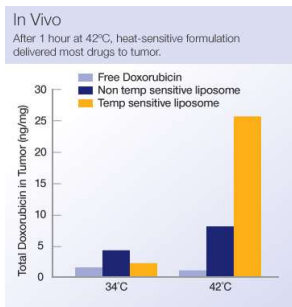
"Leaky" tumor
blood Vessels



Heat adds
permeability



Heat-triggered release



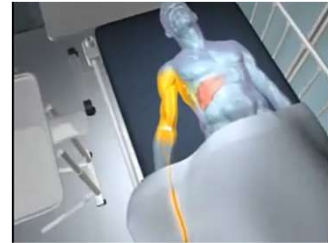
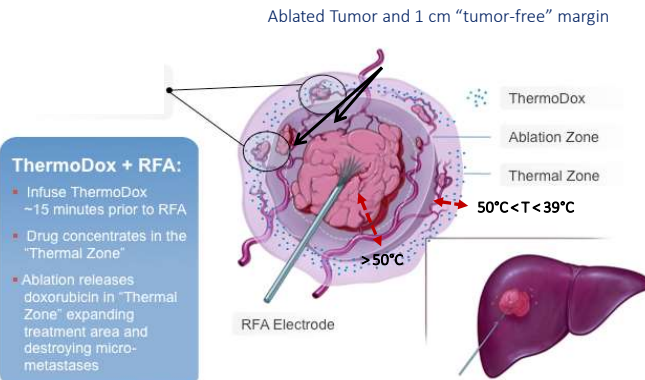
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Ovarian	GEN-1/OVATION Study			
Glioblastoma	GEN-1			
Bladder	ThermoDox®			

Celston
Corporation

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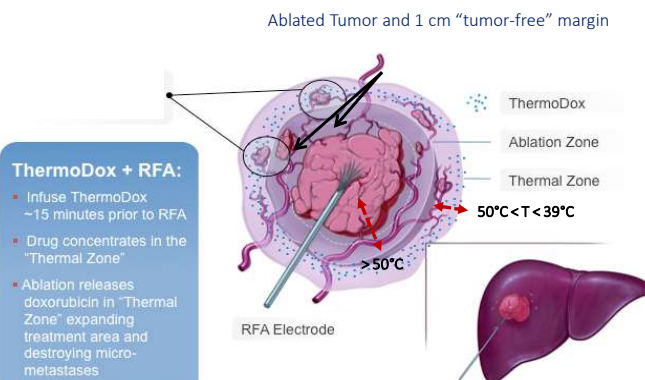


- Micro - metastasis outside the ablation zone "kill" area.
- Potential site of recurrence if not treated

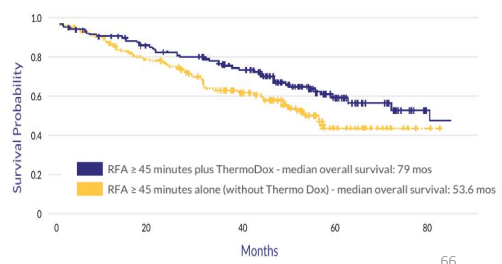
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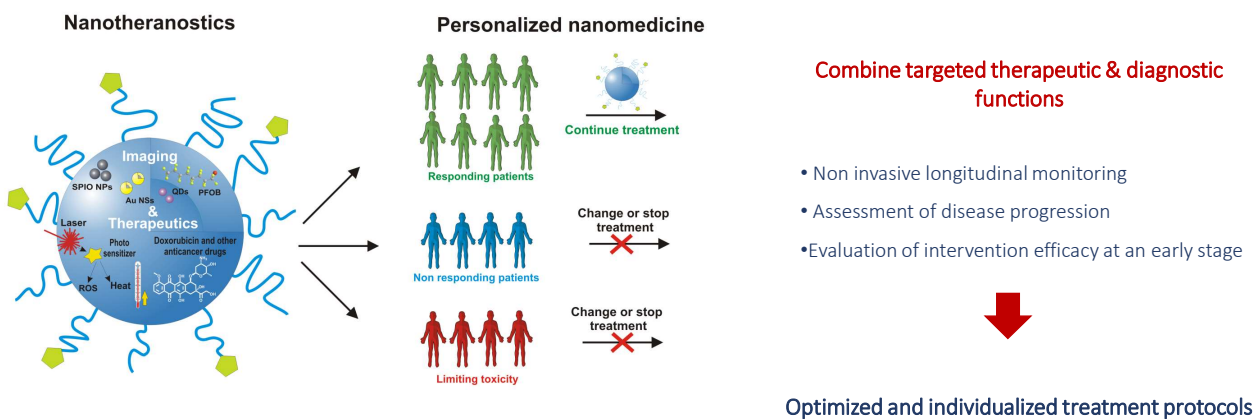
- Survival data for single-lesion patients



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- Moving to the personalized medicine



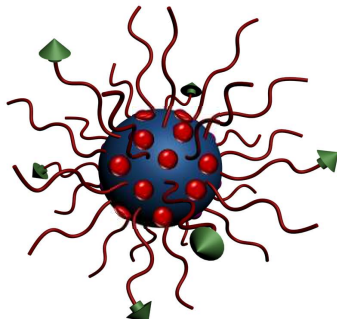
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S. Mura et al., *Advanced Drug Delivery Reviews*, 2012, 64, 1394

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Nanomedicine for drug delivery

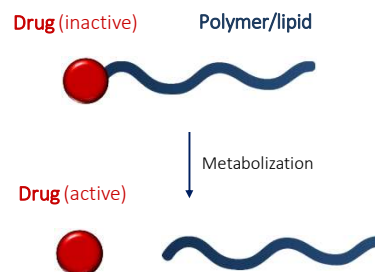
Physical drug encapsulation



Important limitations:

- Poor drug loading (< 5%)
- Burst release of surface adsorbed drug

The prodrug strategy



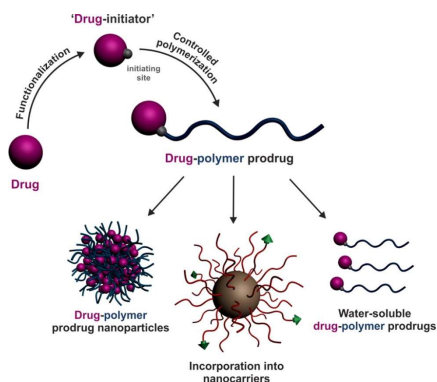
Advantages:

- Sustained drug release
- Increase of the drug chemical stability
- Reduced toxicity before metabolization occurs

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The prodrug approach

• Polymer prodrugs

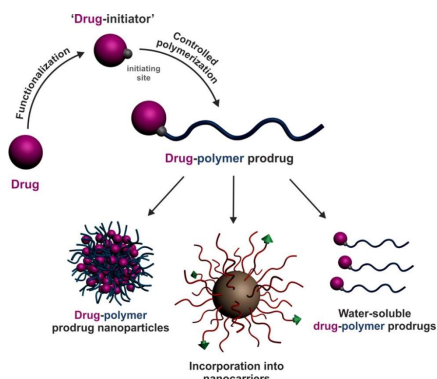


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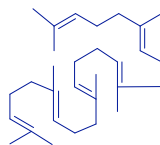
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The prodrug approach

• Polymer prodrugs



Squalene (SQ)



• Lipid Prodrugs

- Acyclic **triterpene** widely distributed in nature
- **Intermediate** in the **cholesterol biosynthetic pathway**
- Dynamically **folded conformation** in aqueous solution

The squalenylation approach

chemical conjugation of squalene to a biologically active drug molecule leading to bioconjugates which self-assemble as nanoparticles in water

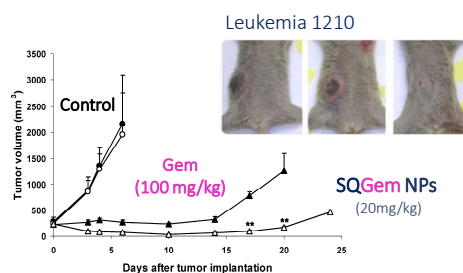
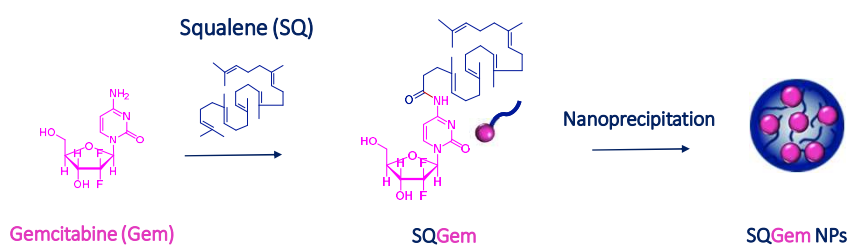


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The prodrug approach: squalene based



- ↑ $t_{1/2}$ (1.6 h vs. 8.6 h)
- ↑ drug loading
- Overcome resistance phenomena
- ↑ anticancer activity

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Couvreur et al., Nano Letters 2006, 6, 2544; Reddy et al., Drug Met. Disp. 2008, 36, 1570; Reddy et al., Mol. Pharm. 2009, 6, 1526.

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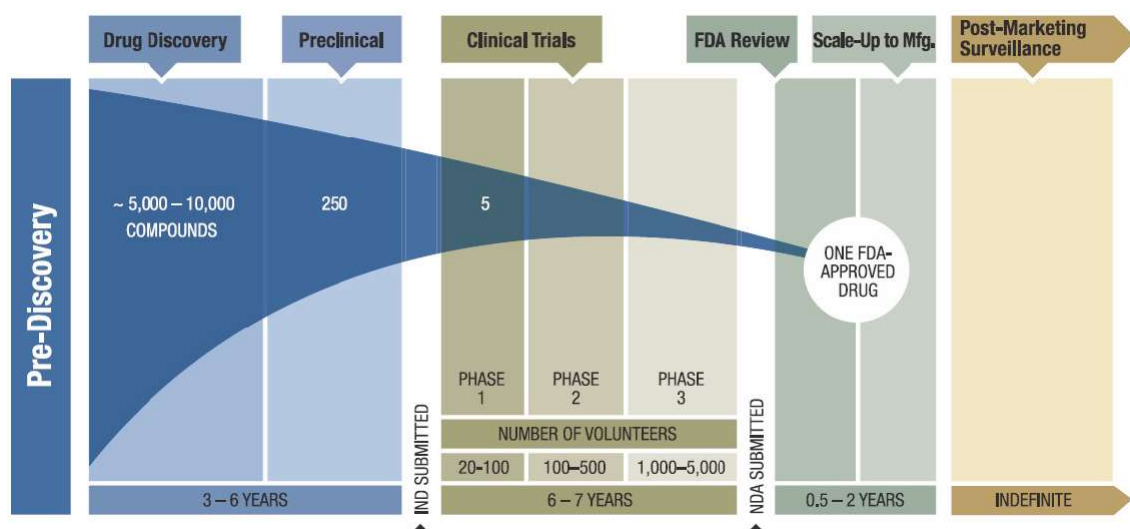
Initiation to Drug Discovery:

The Challenges of the 21st Century (UEM 919)

Relevant models for preclinical prediction

Simona Mura | octobre 4, 2024 |

Drug development timeline



<http://www.thepipettepen.com/what-to-expect-when-running-the-gauntlet-of-drug-development/>

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Physiologically relevant models

- Patients



2D



- Easy and convenient set-up +
- Highly reductionist -
- Flat cells, simple geometry -
- Lack of architecture -
- Less realistic drug response -

- *In vivo* studies



- Very useful +
- Expensive, time consuming -
- Specie differences -
- Ethical issues -

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Physiologically relevant models

- Patients



- ☐ Cell-to-cell, cell-to-matrix interaction
- ☐ Oxygen, nutrient and waste gradient
- ☐ Recreation of the microenvironment
- ☐ Vascularization

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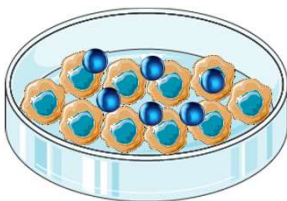
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Cell culture models

2D

 Drug / NPs

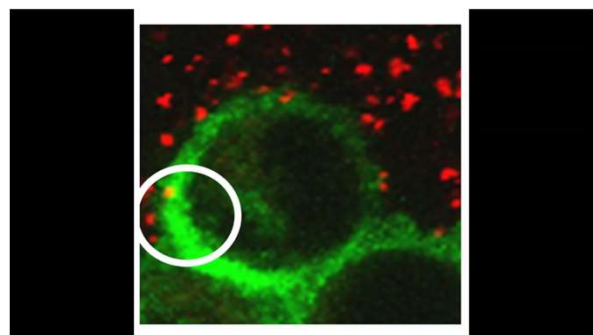


Cell-uptake studies

- Confocal microscopy



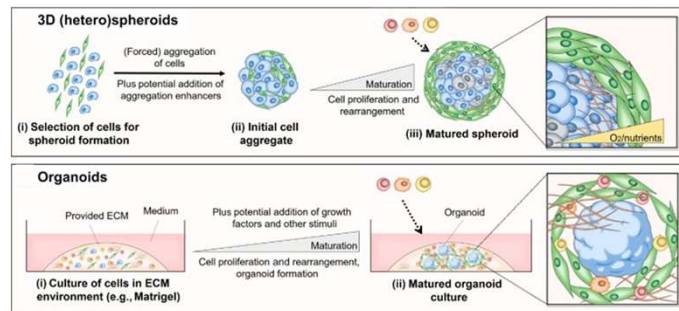
Uptake of fluorescently-labeled liposomes by macrophages (membrane labeled in green)



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3D culture models

- Cell-Based

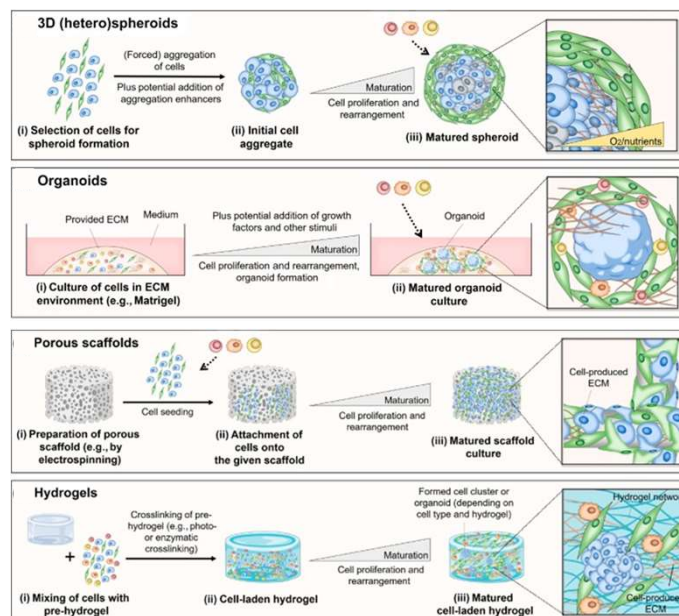


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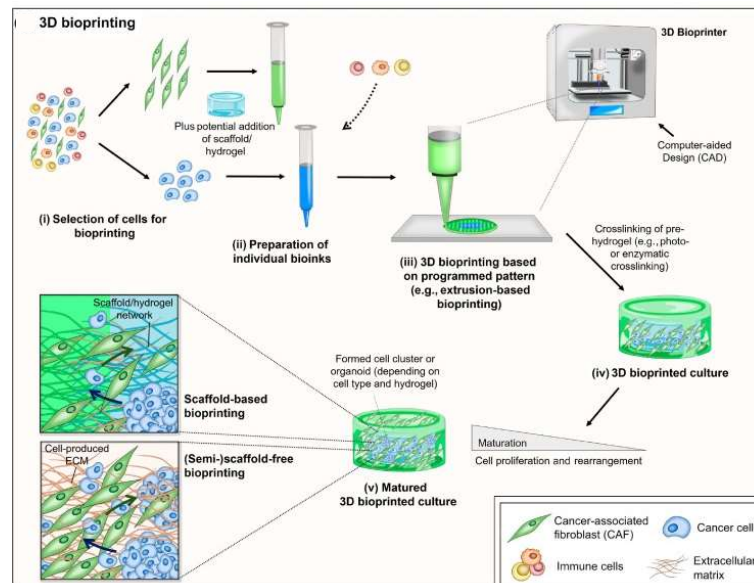
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- Cell/Extracellular Matrix (ECM)-Based

3D culture models

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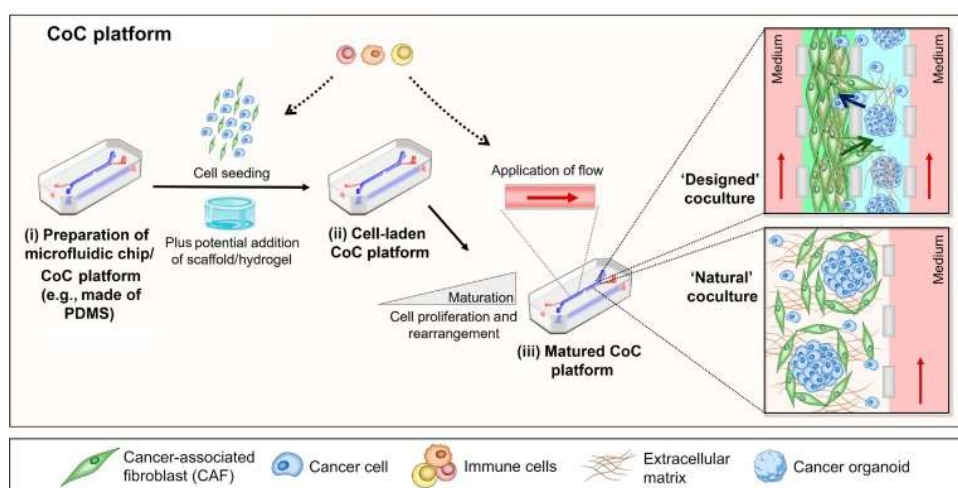


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3D culture models

- Microfluidic Cancer-on-a-Chip (CoC)



Trends in Cancer

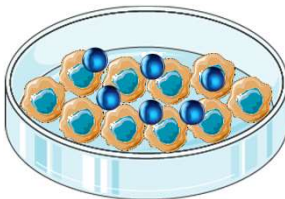
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Cell culture models

2D

Drug / NPs

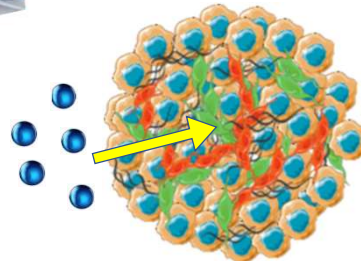


Cell-uptake studies

- Confocal microscopy



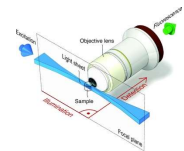
3D



Cell-uptake studies

Penetration studies

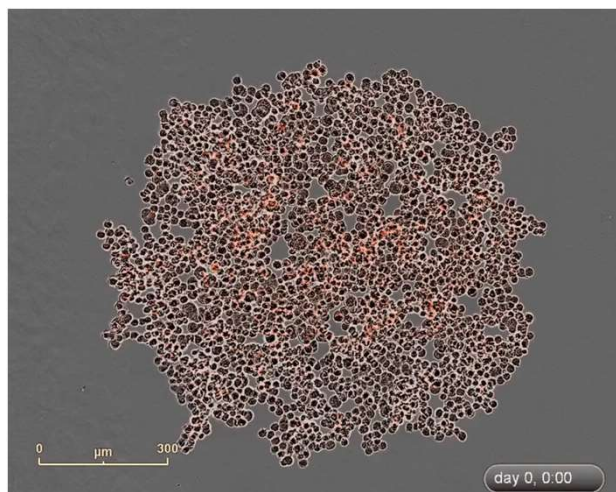
- Light sheet Microscopy



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Spheroids

- A549 human lung carcinoma cells stably expressing the red fluorescent protein



Cell aggregation and spheroid formation:

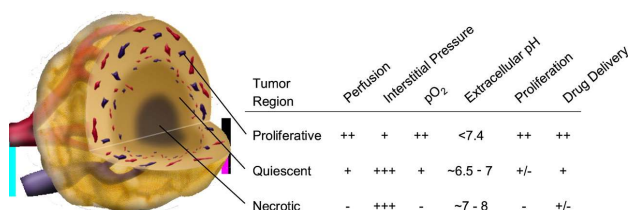
D3= 400 μm

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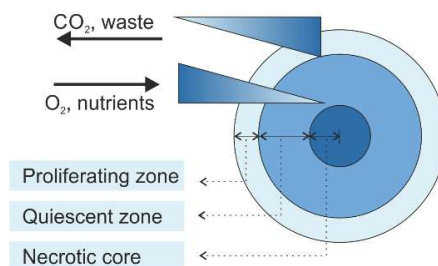
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Ancorage independent

- Common and versatile method for 3D cell culture
- Physico-chemical gradients



Tumor spheroids



Lazzari G, Couvreur P, Mura S. *Polymer chemistry* **2017**, 8, 4947

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Tumor spheroids

Fabrication methods

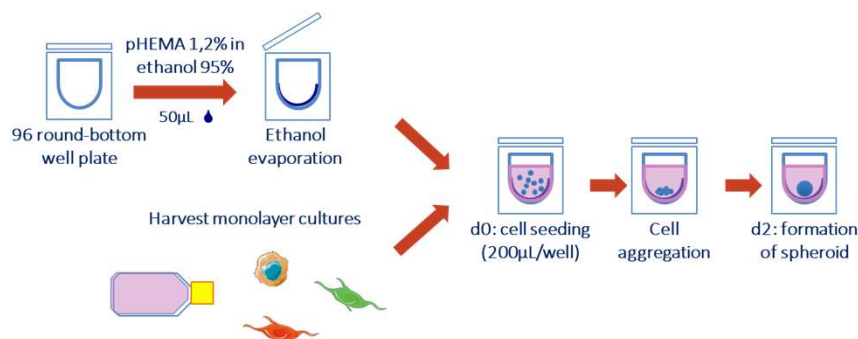
Liquid overlay

96 well plates

Flat bottom – Agarose coated (1.5% in DMEM) 50μl

Round bottom – polyHEMA coated (1.2% in EtOH 95%) 2*50μL

Round bottom – ultralow attachment (ULA) plates



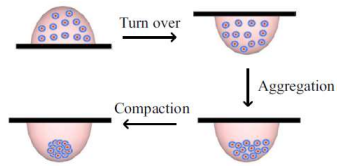
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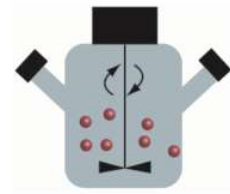
Tumor spheroids

- Fabrication methods

- Hanging drop



- Spinning Flask



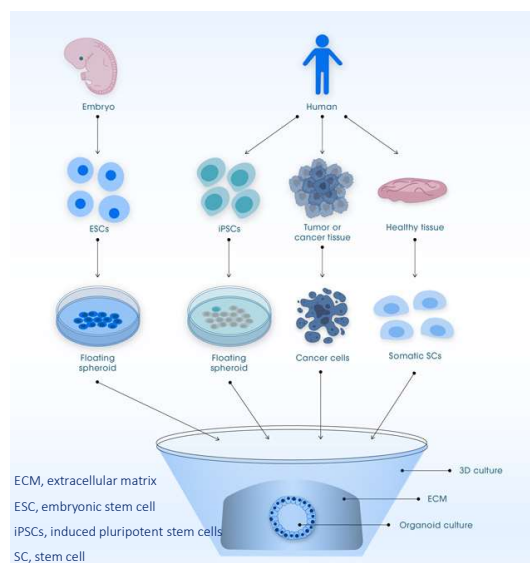
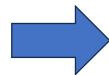
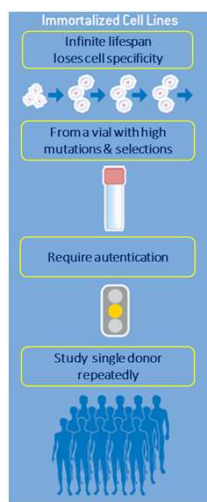
- AggreWell™



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<https://www.stemcell.com/products/aggrewell400.html#section-protocols-and-documentation>

Spheroids vs Organoids

- Three-dimensional (3D) multi-cellular, microtissues derived from human embryos, organs or tumors.

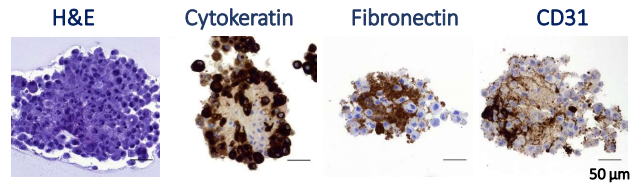


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Tumor spheroids

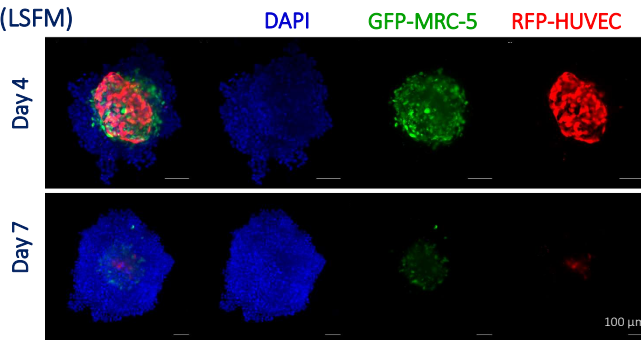
- Heterotype multicellular spheroids triple co-culture (PANC-1: MRC-5: HUVEC)
- Histology



- Liquid overlay
- LBL coating
- VEGF



- Light sheet fluorescence microscopy (LSFM)



First model of triple spheroid co-culture combining tumor cells, fibrotic tissue and a collapsed vessel-like structure

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3D culture models

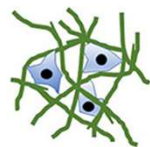
Natural hydrogels

Animal Derived

- Collagen
- Matrigel
- Gelatin

Plant Derived

- Alginate



Synthetic hydrogels

Non-natural

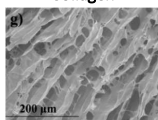
- Polyethylene Glycol (PEG)
- Poly(lactic Acid) (PLA)
- Polyglycolic Acid (PGA)

Natural

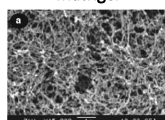
- Hyaluronic Acid (HA)
- Peptides

- + Biomimetic
- + Mimic physiological cell/material interactions
- Batch to batch variability
- Limited range of material properties
- Limited cell adhesion site number

Collagen

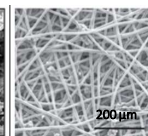
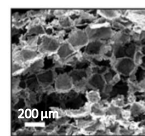


Matrigel



- + Possibility to easily tune structural properties
- + Mimic specific microenvironment features
- Potential toxicity due to fabrication methods
- Limited bioactivity

poly-lactic-glycolic acid polycaprolactone

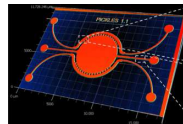
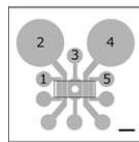
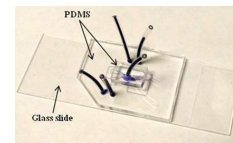
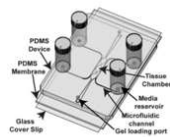


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Microfluidic devices

- Culturing living cells in continuously-perfused, micrometer sized chambers
- Model physiological functions of tissues and organs
- Incorporate physical forces, fluid shear stress
- Strong control of culture parameters
- Evaluation of biological responses: cell recruitment, response to drug treatment



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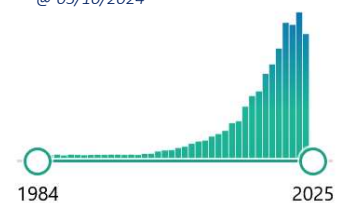
Bhatia SN, Ingber DE. *Nature biotechnology* 2014, 32, 760

Organs-on-chips (OoCs) - microphysiological systems - tissue chips

- Integration of design, technology and biological science for more reliable models
- Provide insights into normal human organ function and disease pathophysiology
- Predict the safety and efficacy of promising new compounds and therapeutics

- Pubmed search « organ on chip »

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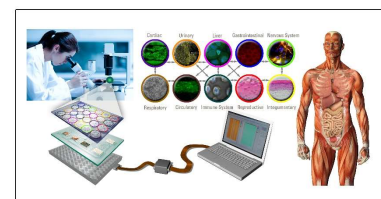
- NIH, FDA and DARPA funded programs

Tissue Chips for Drug Screening

develop 3D microsystems to represent multiple tissue types

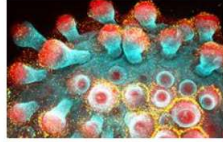
Microphysiological systems programme

develop a system integrating at least 10 human organs/tissues to mimic and replicate biological crosstalk between tissues.



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Organs-on-chips (OoCs) - microphysiological systems - tissue chips



CEA IRIG

FRANCE 2030 - PEPR

MED-OOC : Organes et organoïdes sur puce



Le PEPR exploratoire MED-OOC vise à réunir organoïdes, microfluidique avancée et expertise clinique pour obtenir des organes sur une puce reproduisant fidèlement la situation in vivo afin d'accélérer la découverte de médicaments, de modéliser les processus de développement et de développer des systèmes expérimentaux personnalisés ou des « jumeaux cliniques ».

Ce PEPR a été retenu en 3ème vague en 2023 et se met en place. La DRF devrait y contribuer activement par le biais de ses instituts Irig et Jacob.

Co-pilotes : CEA, CNRS, Inserm

Budget : 48 M€

Durée : 6 ans

PEPR* exploratoires: accompagner une transformation qui commence à émerger et en est à ses débuts voire à ses prémices, pour un montant prévu de 1 Md€

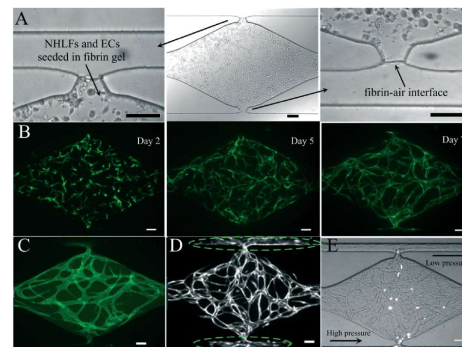
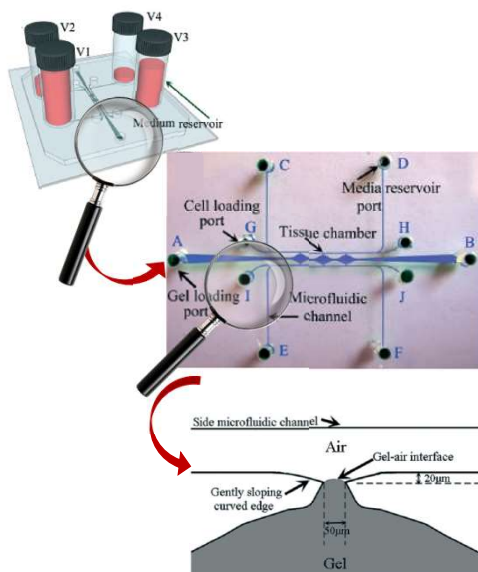
Permettre la conduite d'une politique scientifique sur des domaines d'intérêts national et européen, aux retombées pouvant être multiples

*programme et équipements prioritaires de recherche

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Microfluidic devices

• Perfusable microvascular network



Optimised pore design

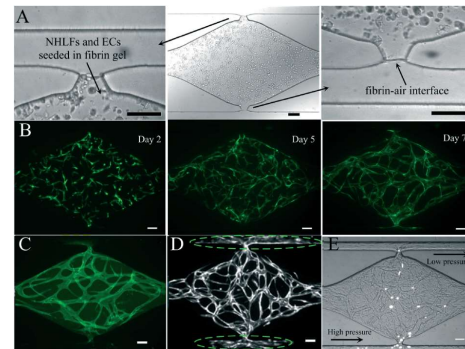
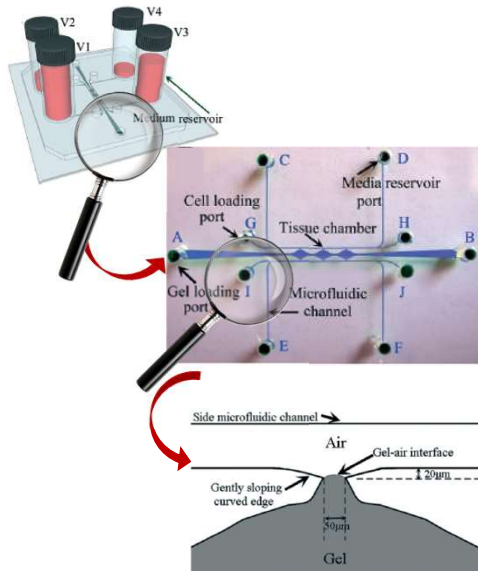
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- Vasculogenesis, Sprouting & Anastomosis

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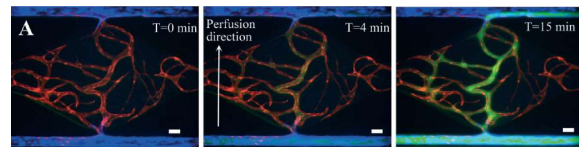
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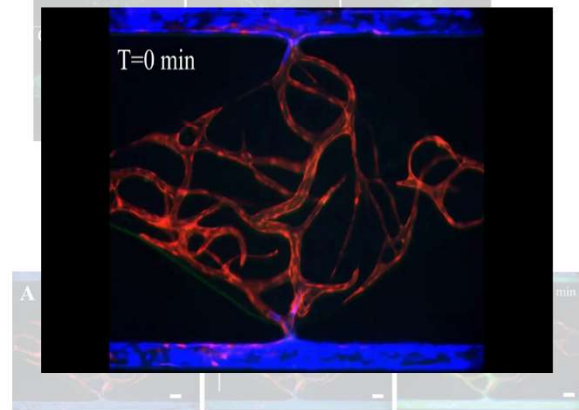
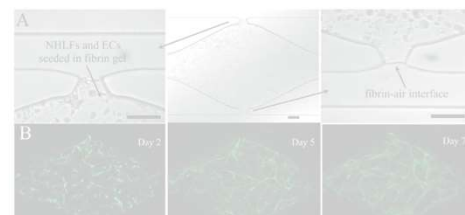
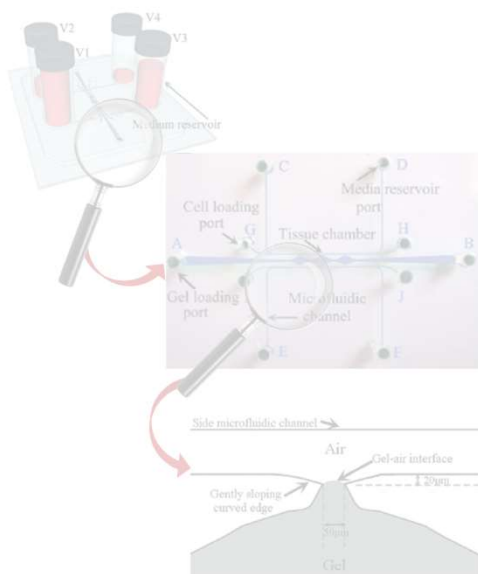
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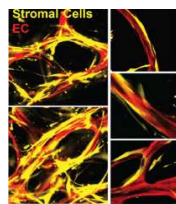
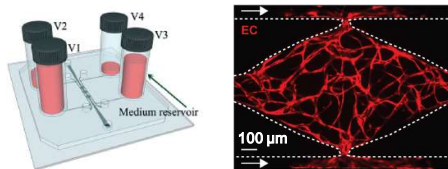


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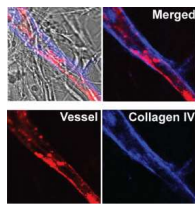
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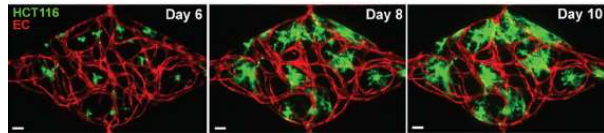
- Perfusable microvascular network
- Coculture with cancer cells: Vascularized Micro-Tumors



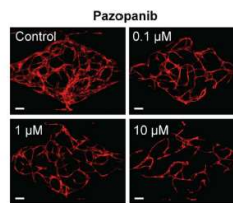
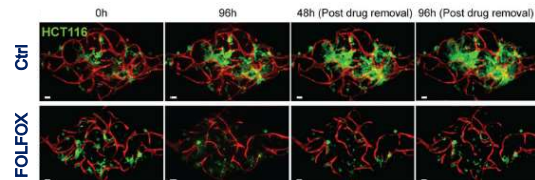
Stromal cells in perivascular position



Basement membrane deposition



- Drug treatment: cancer or endothelial cell targeting



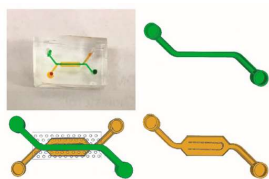
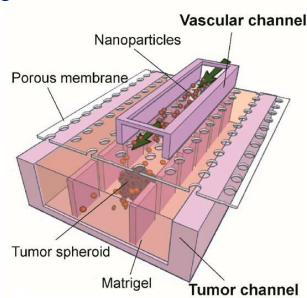
Suitable for the development of novel treatment with multiple targets

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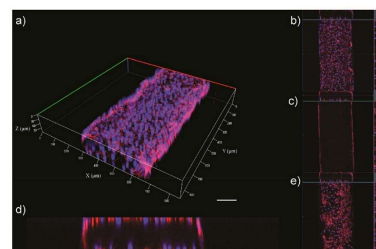
- Open top device for nanomedicine screening
- Chip Design



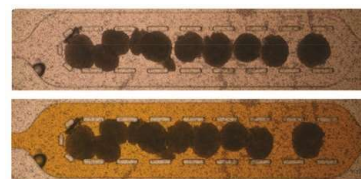
Steady medium perfusion for culturing endothelial cells

Central region for trapping tumor spheroids

- Confluent HUVEC monolayer



- Ovarian cancer cells (SKOV3) spheroids

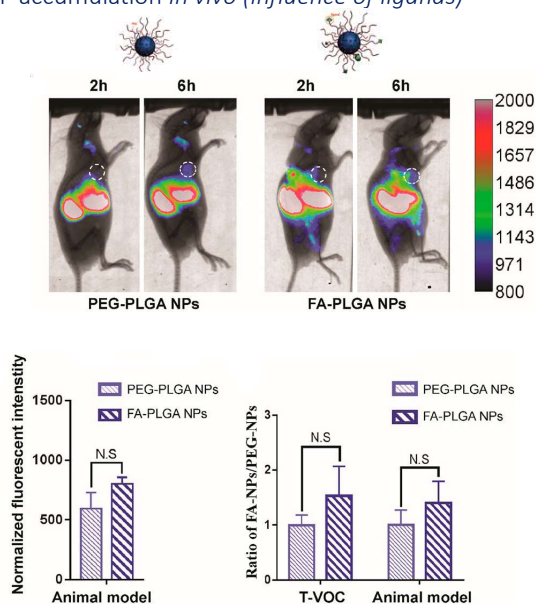


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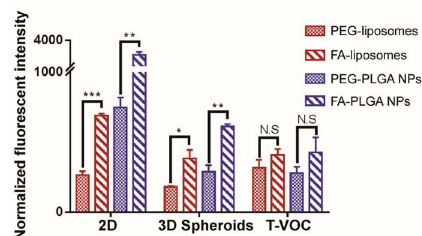
Microfluidic devices

- NP accumulation *in vivo* (influence of ligands)



Wang HF et al., ACS Nano 2018, 12, 11600

Better mimicking the *in vivo* tumor microenvironment



- 2D monolayer: FA-modification promotes NP uptake
- 3D tumor spheroids: less significant
- Microchip & *in vivo*: non-significant

Better mimicking the *in vivo* tumor microenvironment

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Conclusions



- Lack the organ function
- Lack structure and complexity



- Lower reproducibility
- Endpoint readouts to be optimized
- Challenge to study on a single cell level
- Often limited perfusion

- Very costly and complex
- Low availability
- Some engineering skills
- Not suitable for high-throughput screening



- In Vivo is not a human
- Very costly and time-consuming
- Extrapolate results to the human situation
- Limited mechanistic information



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Conclusions

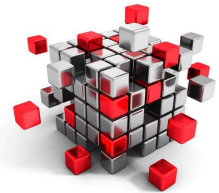
What is your question?



Simple question: use a simple model



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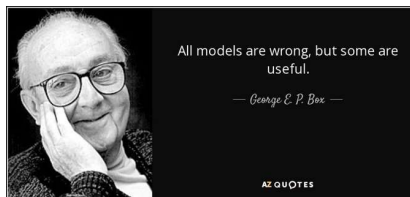
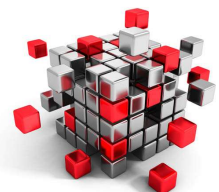
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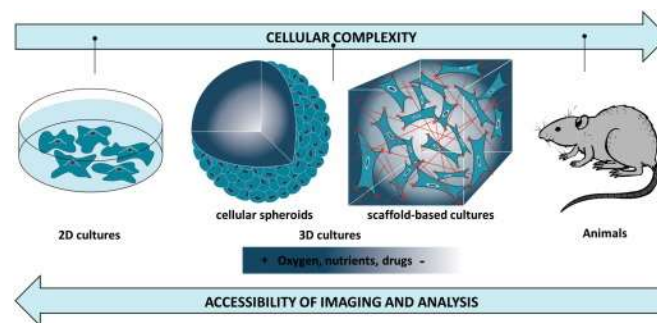
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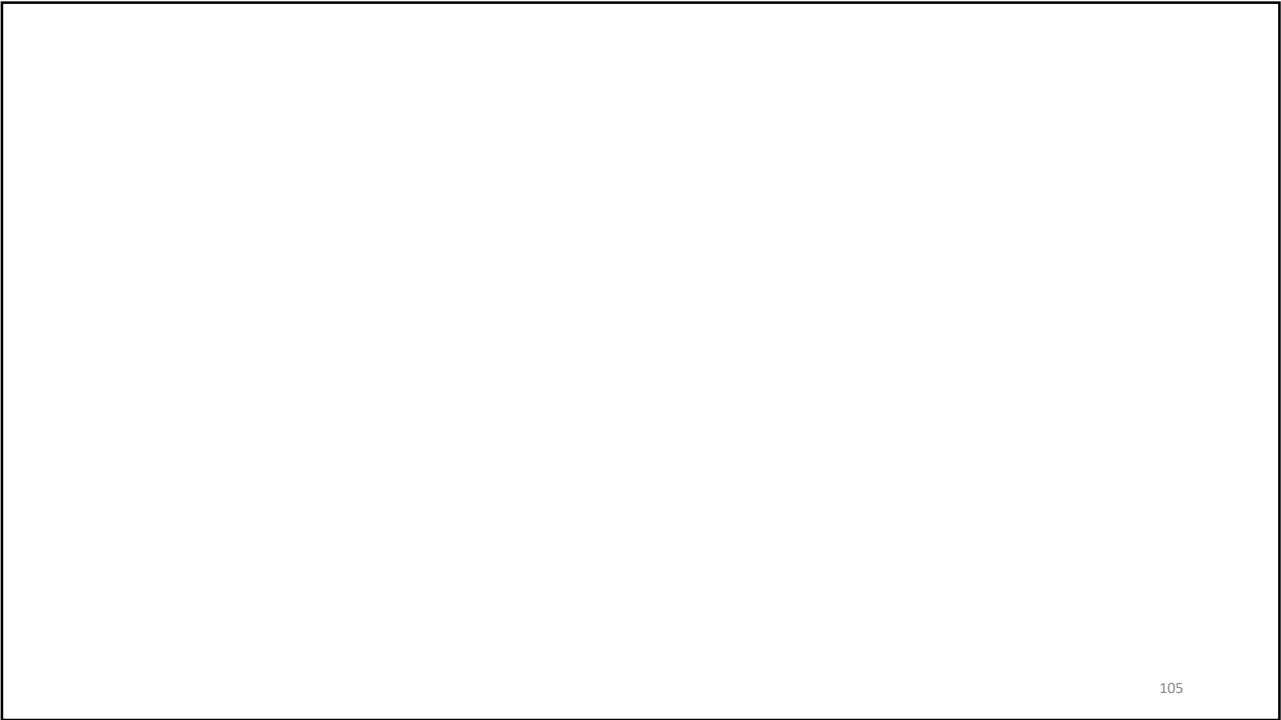
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- Proteins and molecules interaction at the surface of nanoparticles
- Perfusion and Flow pressure
- Control of the heterogeneity
- Characterization
- High throughput
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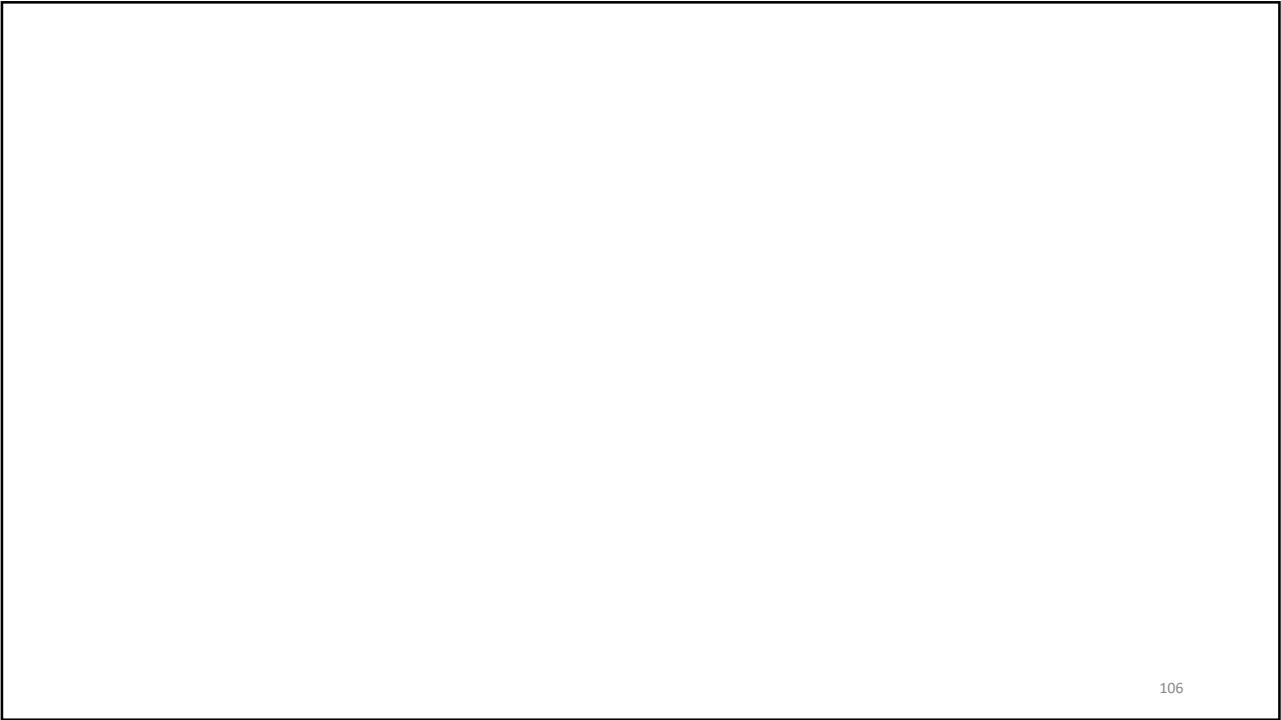


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