

# NANO-DRUG DELIVERY

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# THE ORIGIN OF NANOPHARMACEUTICALS



DRUG DELIVERY

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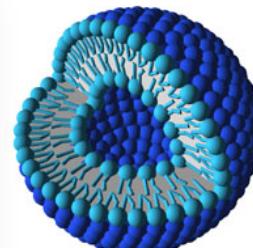


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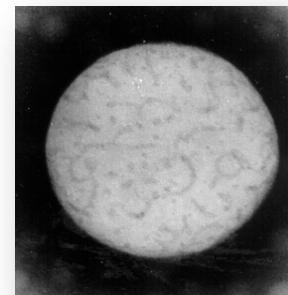


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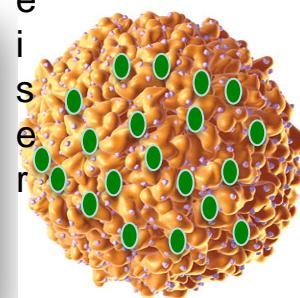
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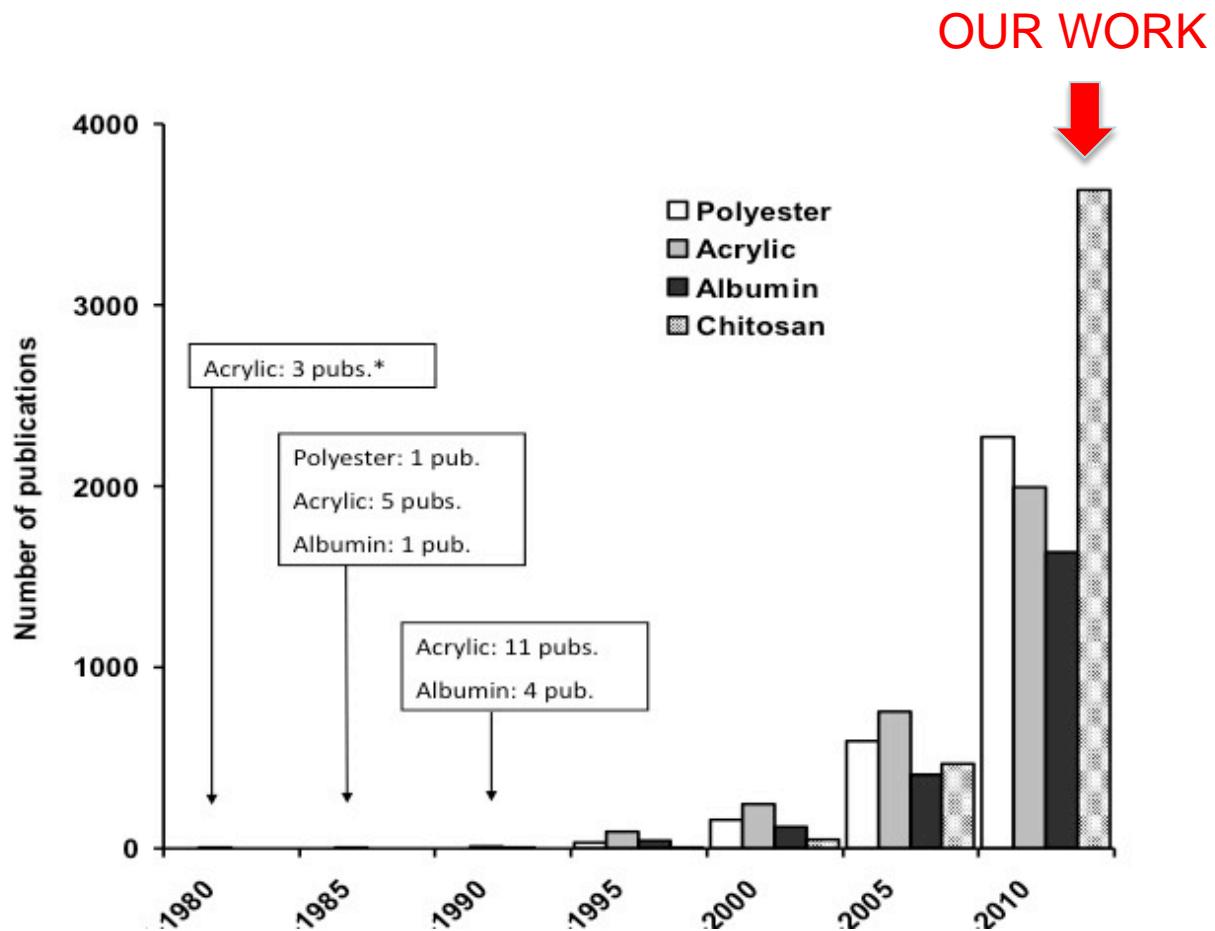
NANOPARTICLES



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# RESEARCH ACTIVITY ON POLYMER NANOPARTICLES AS DRUG CARRIERS



# THE CURRENT STATUS OF NANOPHARMACEUTICALS

**More than 40 Nano-drug delivery products**

## NANOCARRIERS

**12 liposomes/virosomes**

**10 nanocrystal formulations**

**8 Polymer conjugates**

**3 polymer micelles (PLA-PEG, PGA-PEG,  
protein)**

**3 nanoparticles (albumin, phosphate, lipid NP)**

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## INDICATIONS

**Cancer**

**Infectious diseases**

**Pain**

**Autoimmune diseases**

**Acromegalia**

**Ocular disease**

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# OUR EXPERIENCE

1992-  
**NANOBIOPHARMACEUTICALS**

**NANOTECHNOLOGIES**  
**NANOCOMPOSITIONS**  
**DESIGN**

Polyesters, Polysaccharides  
Polypeptides, Proteins  
Lipids

**FORMULATION OF**  
**COMPLEX MOLECULES**

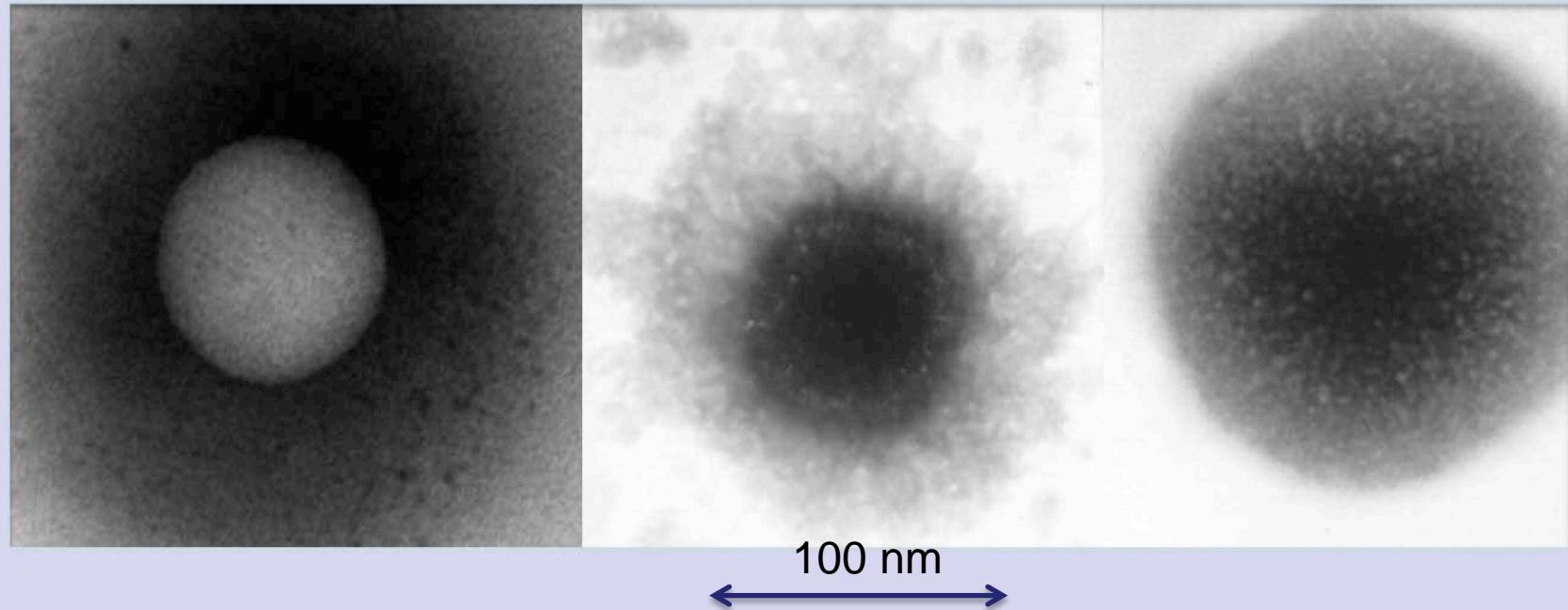
Peptides: sCT, Insulin, Ag...  
Proteins: IFN, FGF, Ag...  
DNA, siRNA,  
miRNA

Oral Delivery  
Nasal Delivery  
Ocular Delivery  
Parenteral Delivery

**OVERCOMING**  
**BIOLOGICAL BARRIERS**

## OUR EXPERIENCE AT THE USC

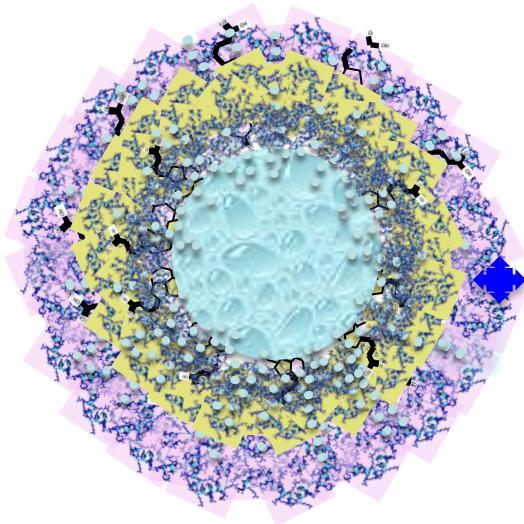
### The rational design of delivery systems for complex molecules



**MATERIALS: Polysaccharides, polypeptides, surfactants, oils**

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

## LATEST TECHNOLOGIES



### TOOL-BOX FLEXIBILITY

- One or more drugs**
- Protective agents
- Controlling agents
- Targeting agents

### THE KEY FEATURES:

**Small size: 50-300 nm**

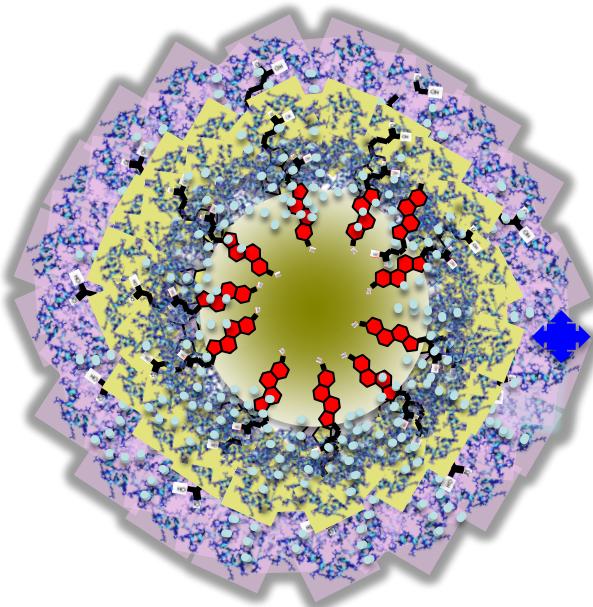
**Multiple layers**

**Functionalized surface**

**Negative/positive surface charge**

**Hydrophobic/hydrophilic core**

# MULTI-LAYER POLYMER NANOCAPSULES



**BIOMATERIALS:**  
Polyglutamic acid  
Polyasparagine  
Polyarginine  
Hyaluronic acid...

THE KEY:

POLYMER/SURFACTANT/OIL

Self-assembling

Ionic/ hydrophobic...forces

EASY SCALABLE  
TECHNOLOGIES

- Solvent displacement
- Self-emulsification

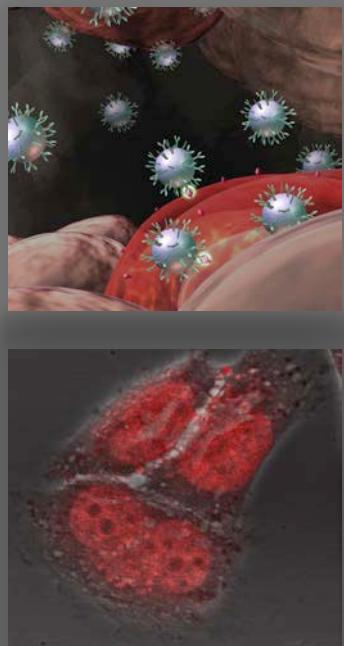
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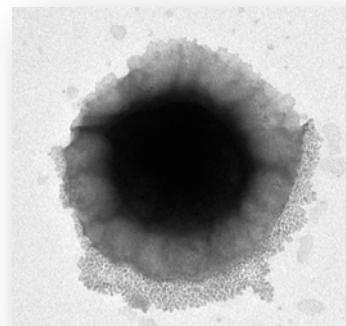
Simple, mild and easy to scale-up

# The goal: helping drugs overcoming barriers and reaching their targets

## Systemic barriers



## Targeting

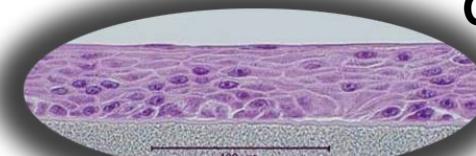


## Cellular barriers

### Skin



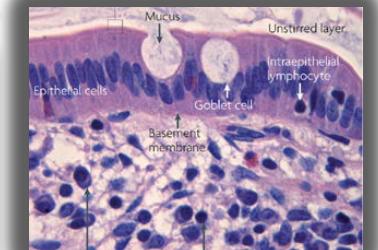
### Ocular



### Nasal

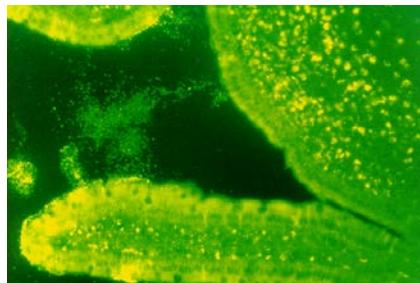


### Intestinal

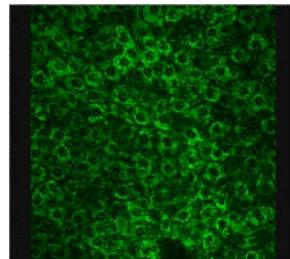


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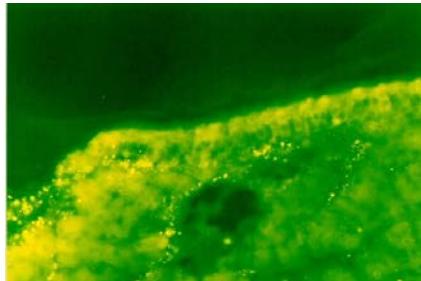
### ORAL PEPTIDE DELIVERY TRANS-INT-eu



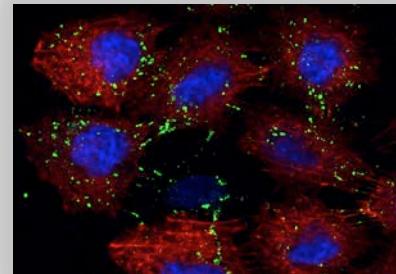
### OCULAR DRUG DELIVERY SURFEye, NABBA Dry eye, corneal healing



### NASAL VACCINE/PEPTIDE DELIVERY- NIH



### CANCER NICHE, NANOFAR, WORLDWIDE Immunotherapies



## CURRENT APPLICATIONS

### TOPICAL APPLICATION: Psoriasis



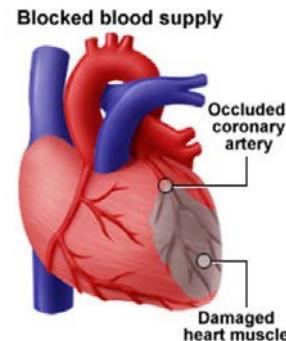
### LYMPHATIC TARGETING: THERAPEUTIC VACCINES Auto-immuno diseases



Multiple sclerosis

Diabetes

### CARDIO- DRUG DELIVERY Cardiac ischemia



## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS: APPLICATIONS

### NASAL/ORAL DRUG/GENE/ANTIGEN DELIVERY

**Enhancement of systemic absorption of complex drugs**

#### Drugs:

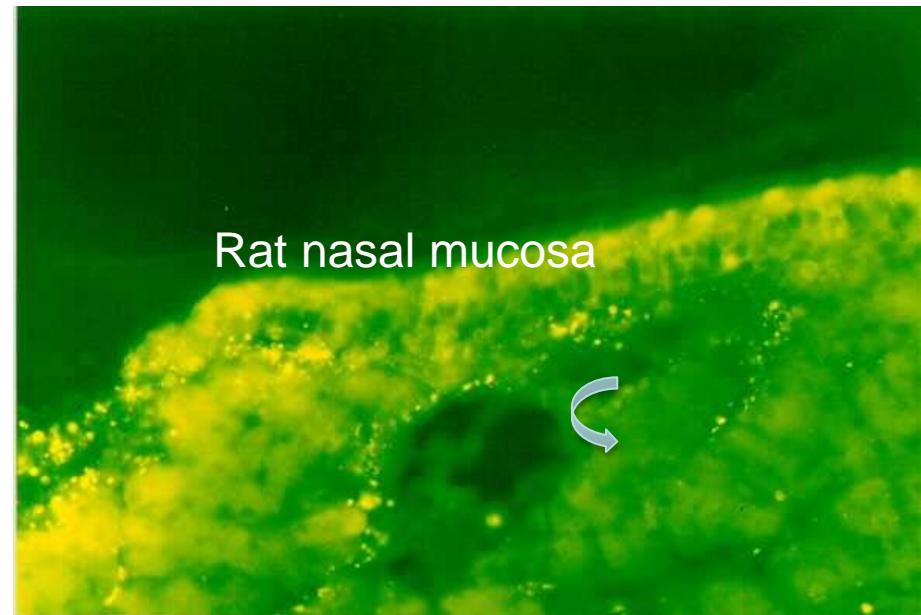
Insulin

sCalcitonin

#### Antigens:

Tetanus Toxoid, DT

Hepatitis B, HIV



Tobío M. et al. **Pharm. Res.**, 15, 270 (1998)

# NASAL VACCINE DELIVERY

BILL & MELINDA  
GATES foundation

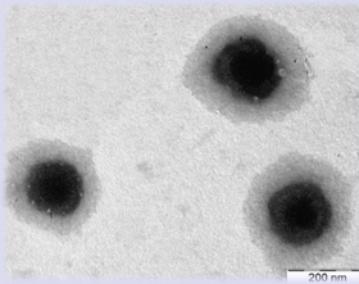
Grand Challenges  
in Global Health



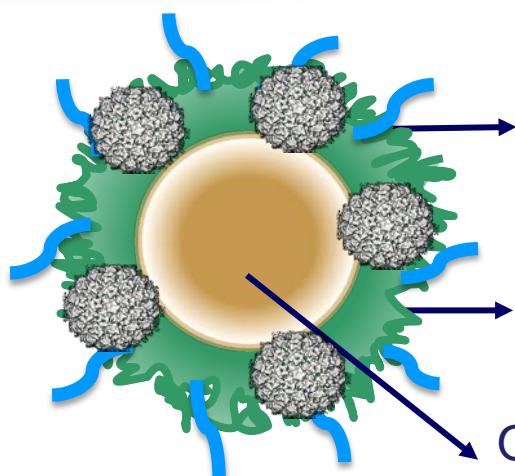
**Needle-free vaccine delivery systems  
Thermostable vaccines**



# MULTIFUNCTIONAL POLYMER NANOCAPSULES



Protection  
Presentation  
Multi-adjuvant

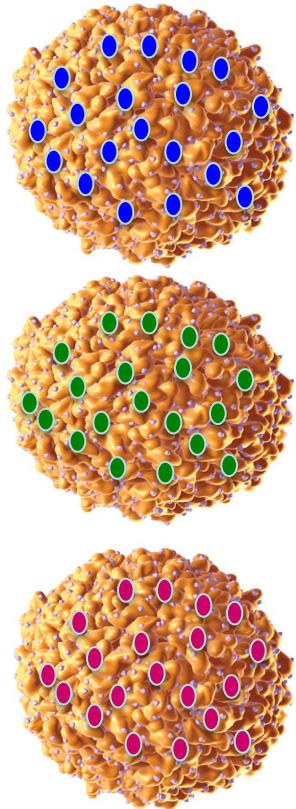


Antigen (capsomer/protein/peptide)  
(encapsulation/adsorption/ chemical linking)

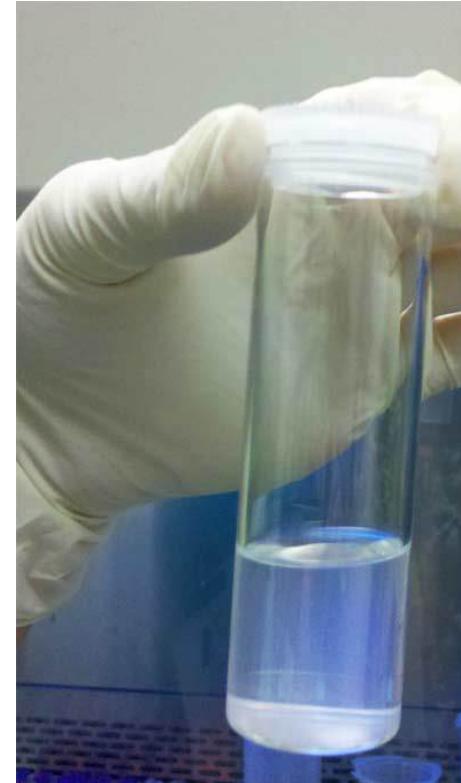
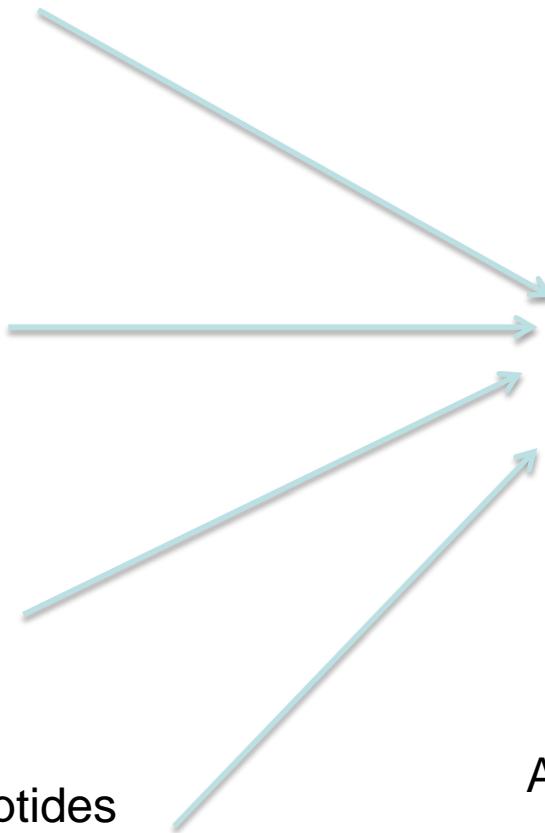
Polymer/ Immunomodulator (poly(I:C))

Oily core (Imiquimod)

# A novel HIV vaccine: packaging of 12 antigen peptides into nanoparticles



...12 PCS peptides



A cocktail of 12 nanopackaged peptides

## NASAL NANOPACKAGED SIV PEPTIDE ANTIGENS

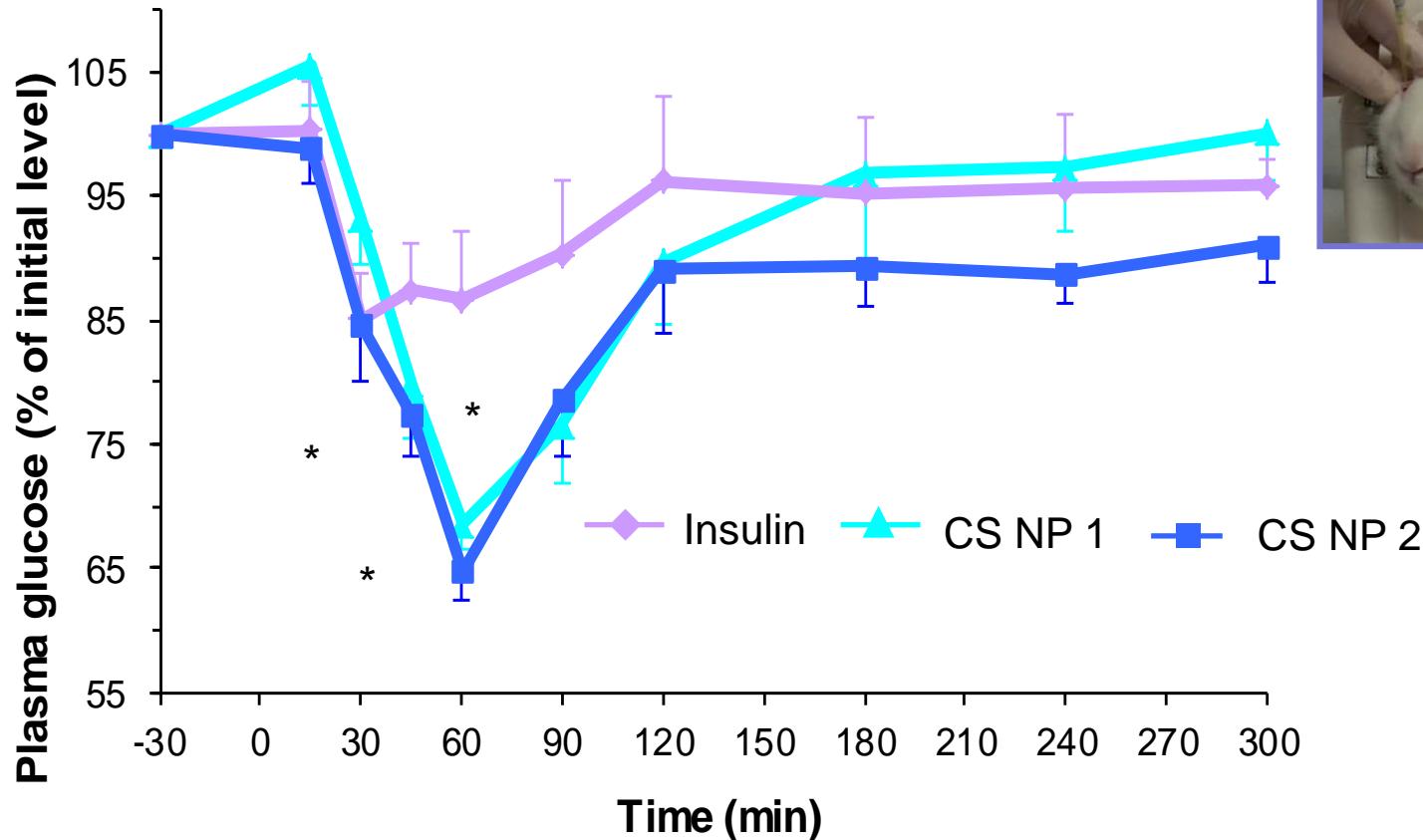


SIV challenges

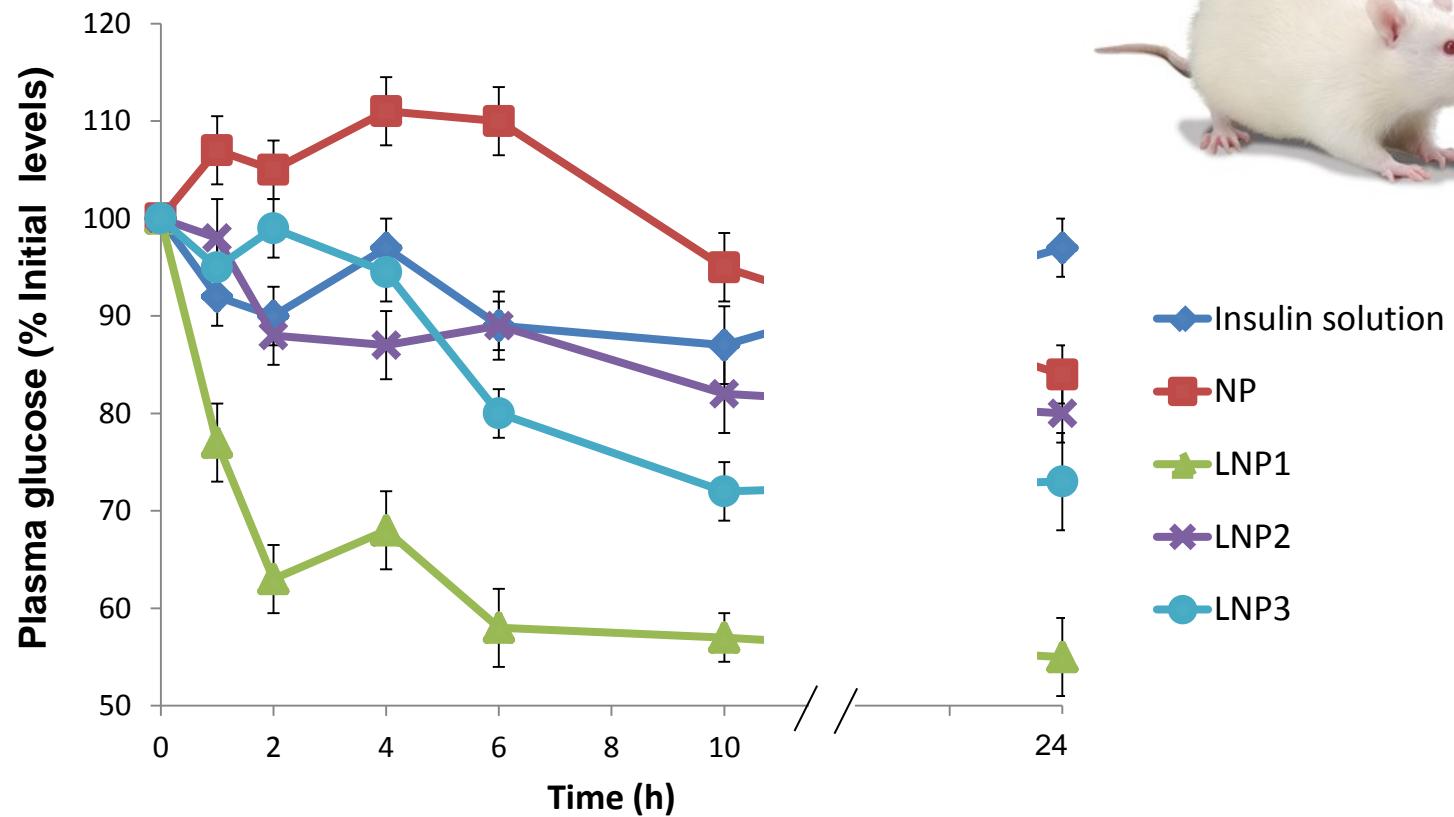
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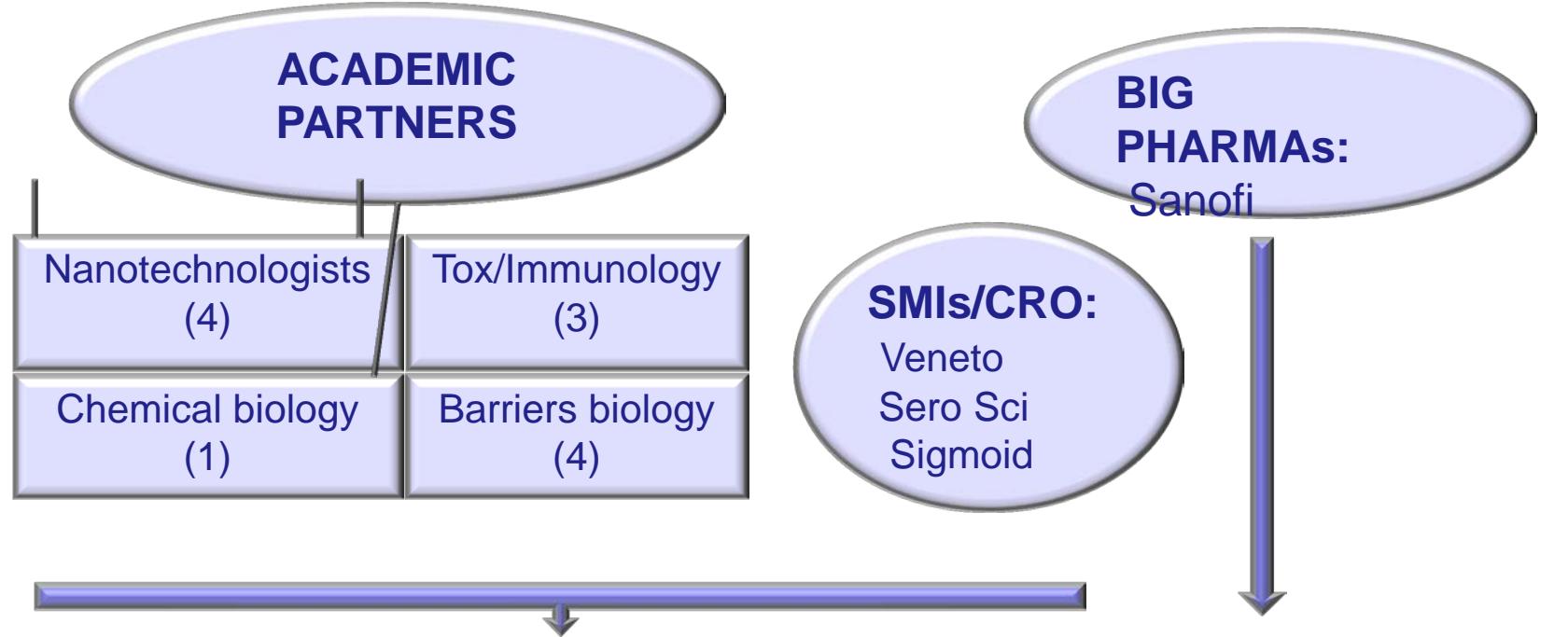
Collaboration with University of Manitoba

# CHITOSAN-BASED NANOPARTICLES FOR NASAL INSULIN DELIVERY



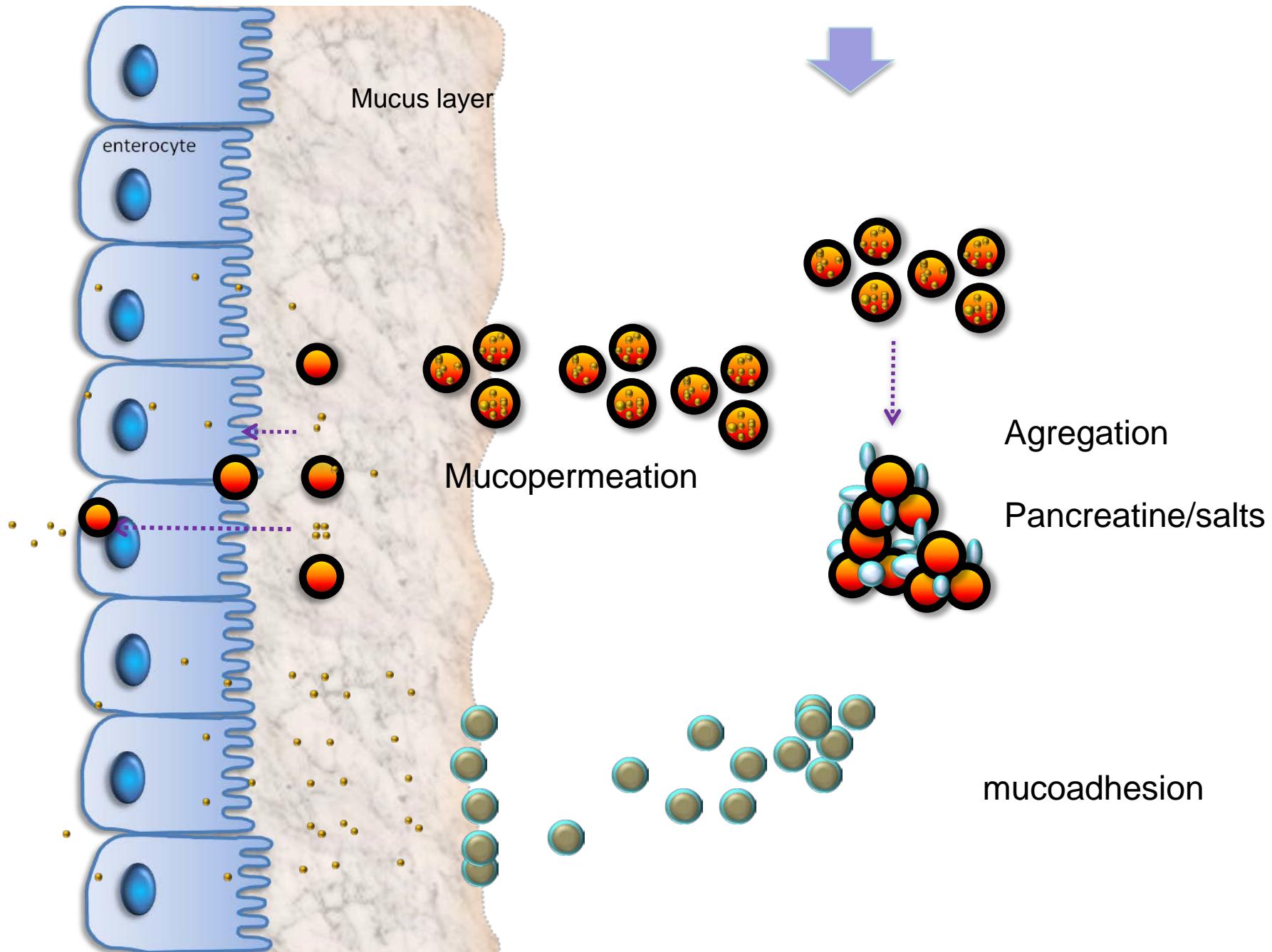
# CHITOSAN-BASED NANOPARTICLES FOR ORAL INSULIN DELIVERY





**Nanocarriers design, development and assessment of formulations**

**Peptides  
Preclinical evaluation**



# TRANS INT

Nanoparticle



Nanocapsule



Micelle



**Easy to scale-up, mild technologies!!!**

**More than 1,000  
prototypes  
4 peptides**

**12**

**Mechanistic issues**

**PK/PD analysis**

**FINAL DOSAGE FORM**

# MULTI-TARGET ONCOLOGICAL THERAPIES

## Passive/Active targeting: THE TARGET CELLS

### QUIMIOTHERAPY

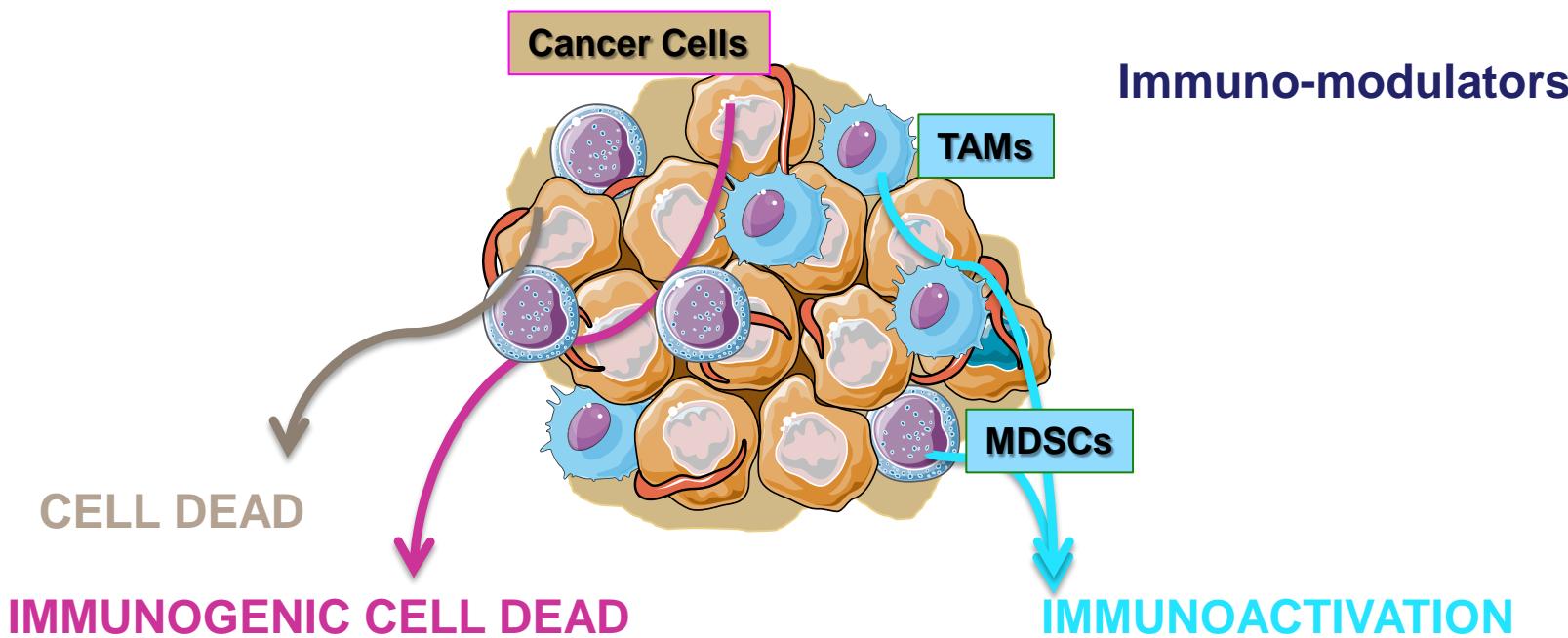
Cytotoxic drugs

### IMMUNOTHERAPY

mAb

siRNA/miRNA

Immuno-modulators



# MULTI-LAYER NANOCAPSULES: MULTITARGET ONCOLOGICAL THERAPIES

THE « LYMPHOTARG » EUROPEAN CONSORTIUM

THE « NICHE » EUROPEAN CONSORTIUM

THE WORLDWIDE CANCER RESEARCH CONSORTIUM

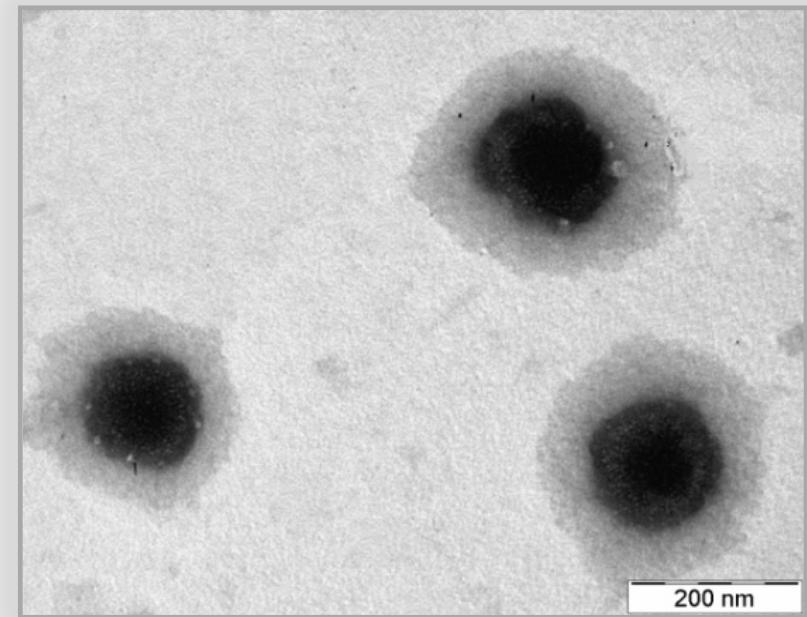
## Bioactive molecules:

Cytotoxic drugs: Plitidepsin  
Docetaxel  
Curcumine  
Gemcitabine

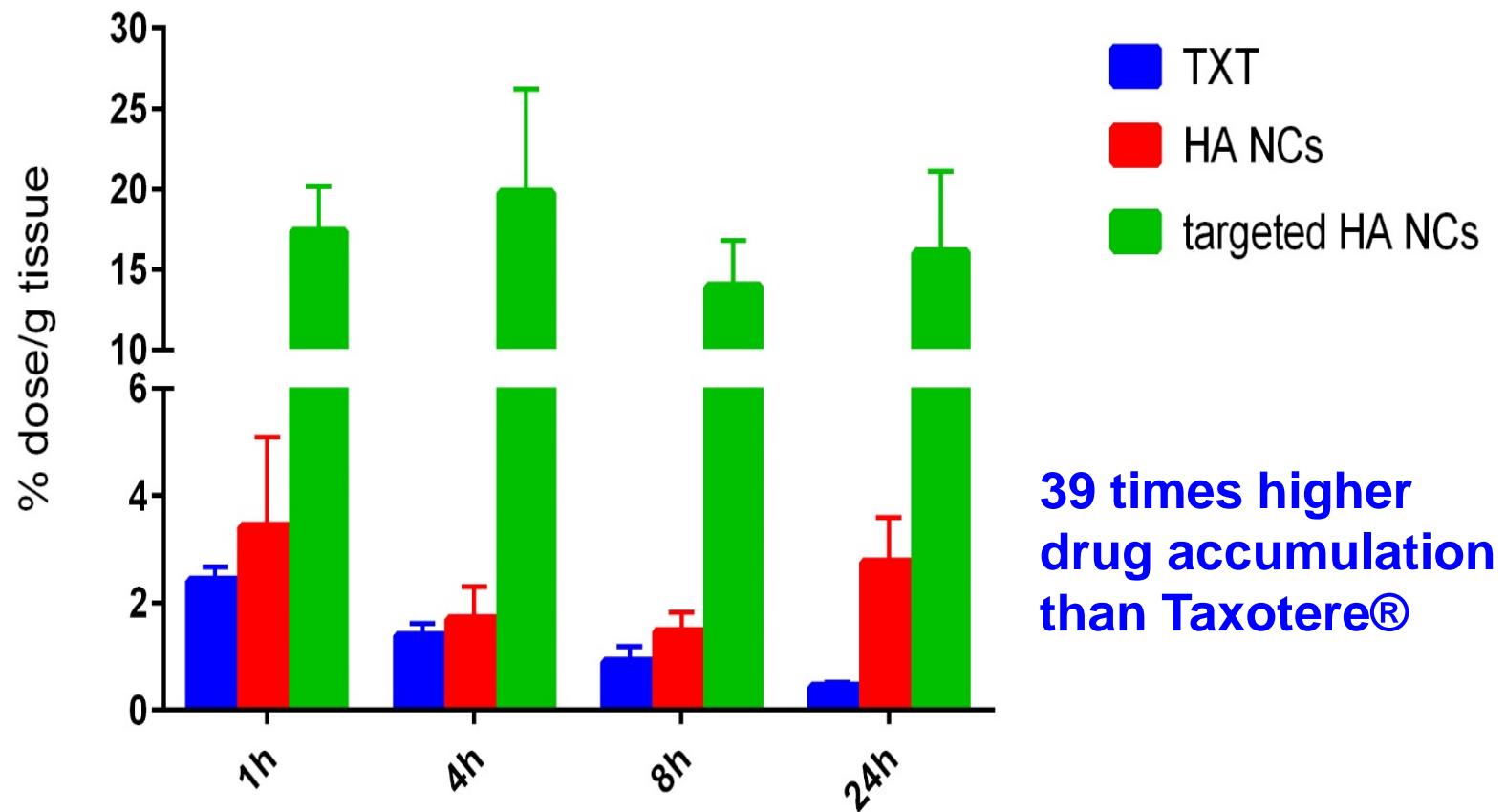
mAb

Immunomodulators: Imiquimod  
Poly(I:C)

Polynucleotides: miRNA/siRNA

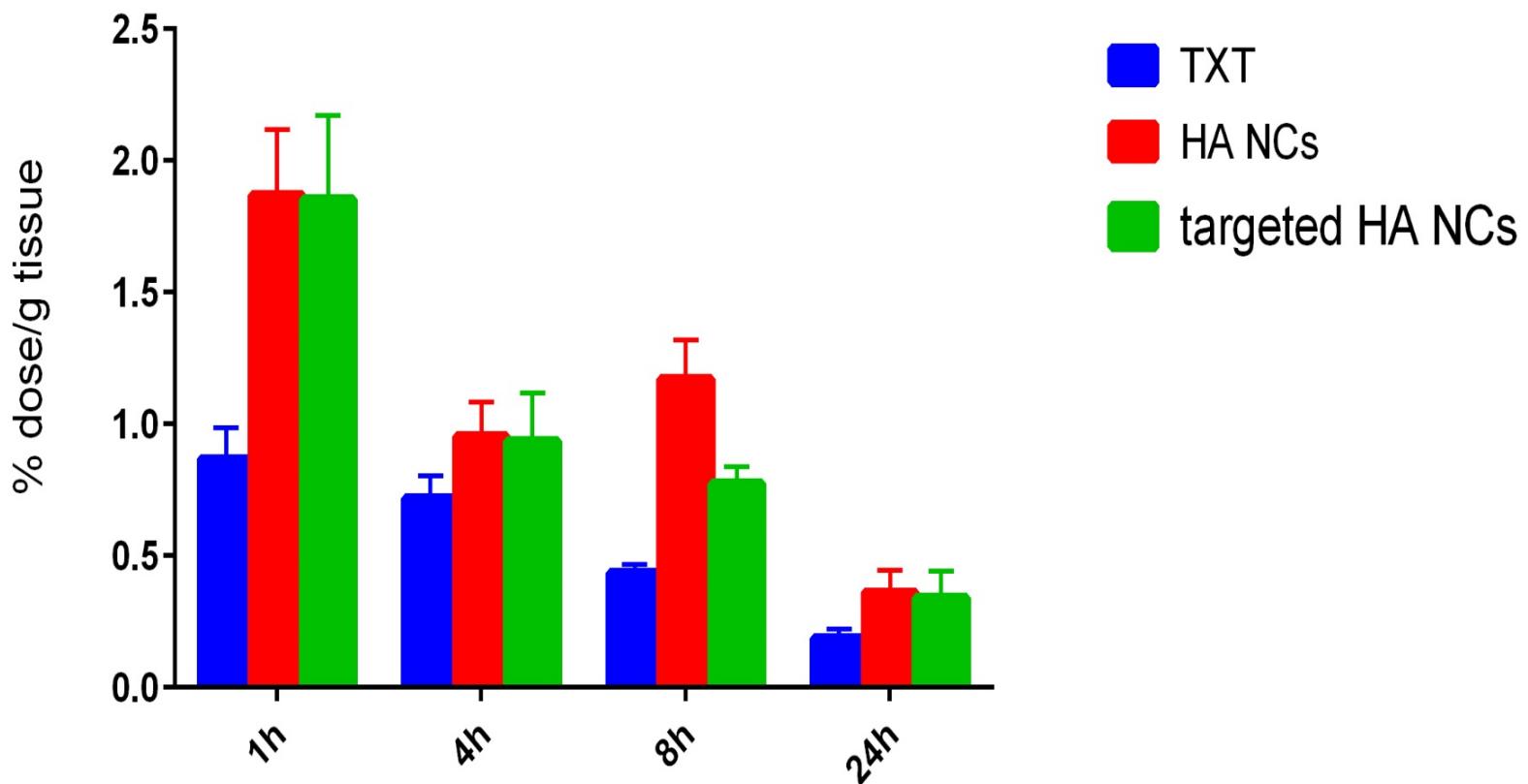


# PK analysis: Nanocapsules improve Docetaxel tumour accumulation, compared to Taxotere®, (Orthotopic lung cancer model)

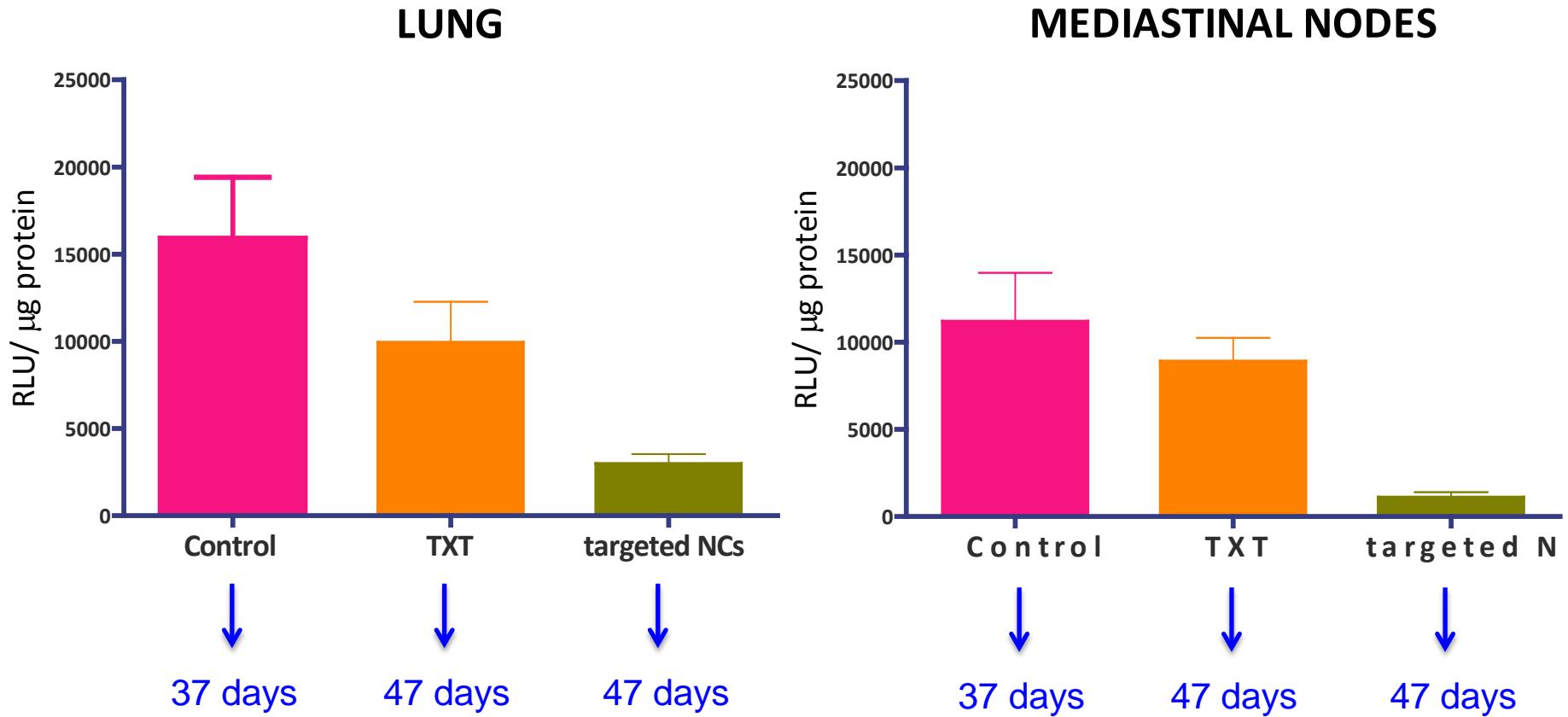


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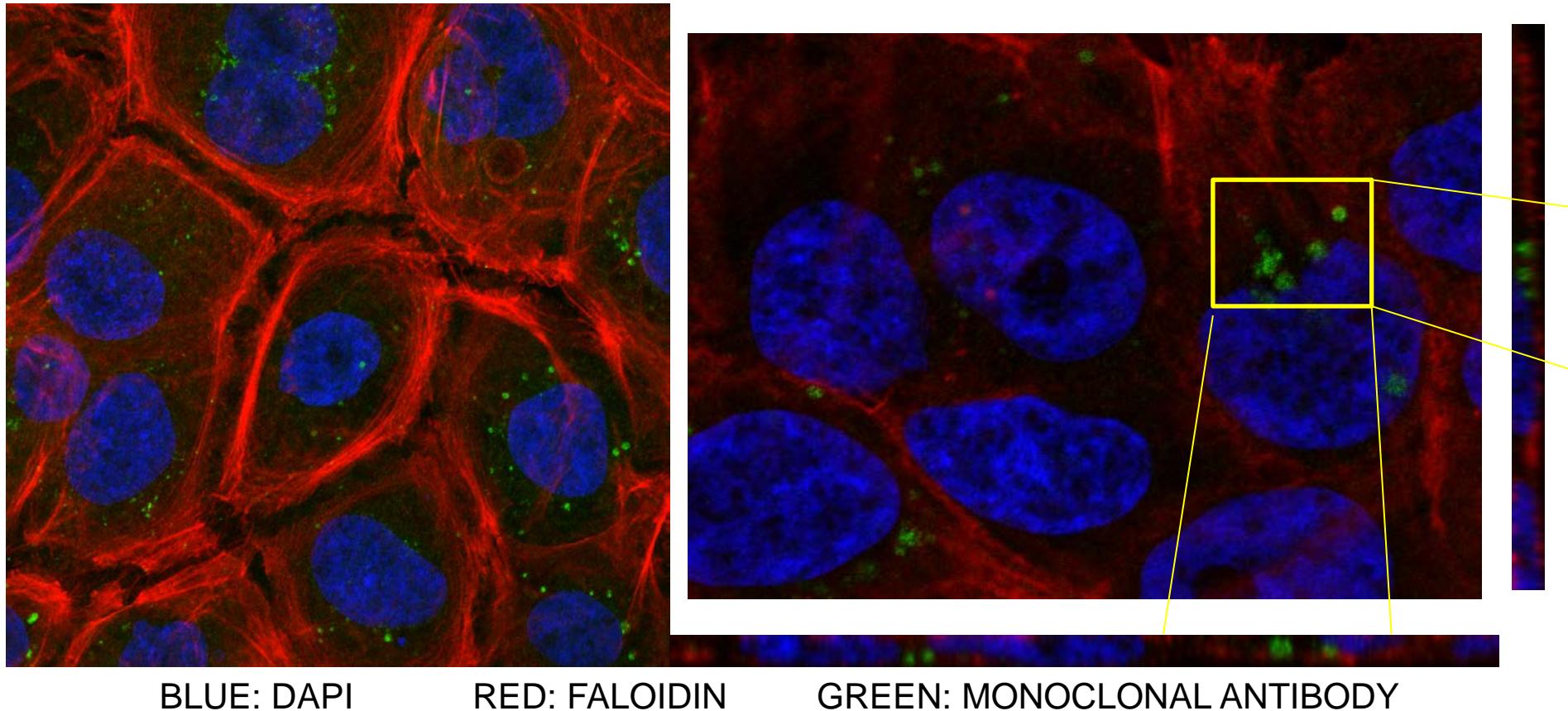
(Orthotopic lung cancer model)



# Docetaxel-loaded Targeted HA Nanocapsules: the only treatment capable of reducing metastasis



# Internalization of mAb-loaded nanoparticles



*Collaboration with Ana Cadete, Dolores Torres and Gema Moreno*

# THE FUTURE

- Advances in material sciences and engineering
- Advances in pharmaceutical technology
- Advances in cell and molecular biology

Listening  
to industry

Listening  
to  
clinicians

# Nanobiopharmaceuticals Lab



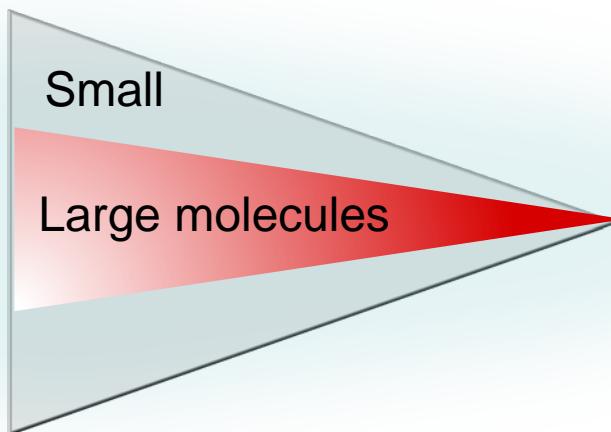
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“Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation”, National Institutes of Health, European Commission, Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad, Xunta de Galicia

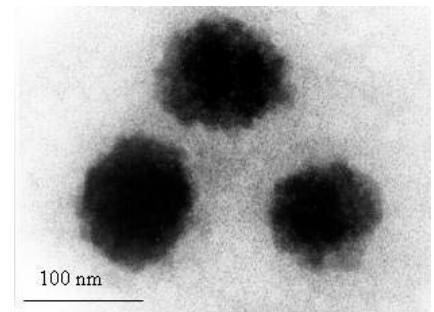
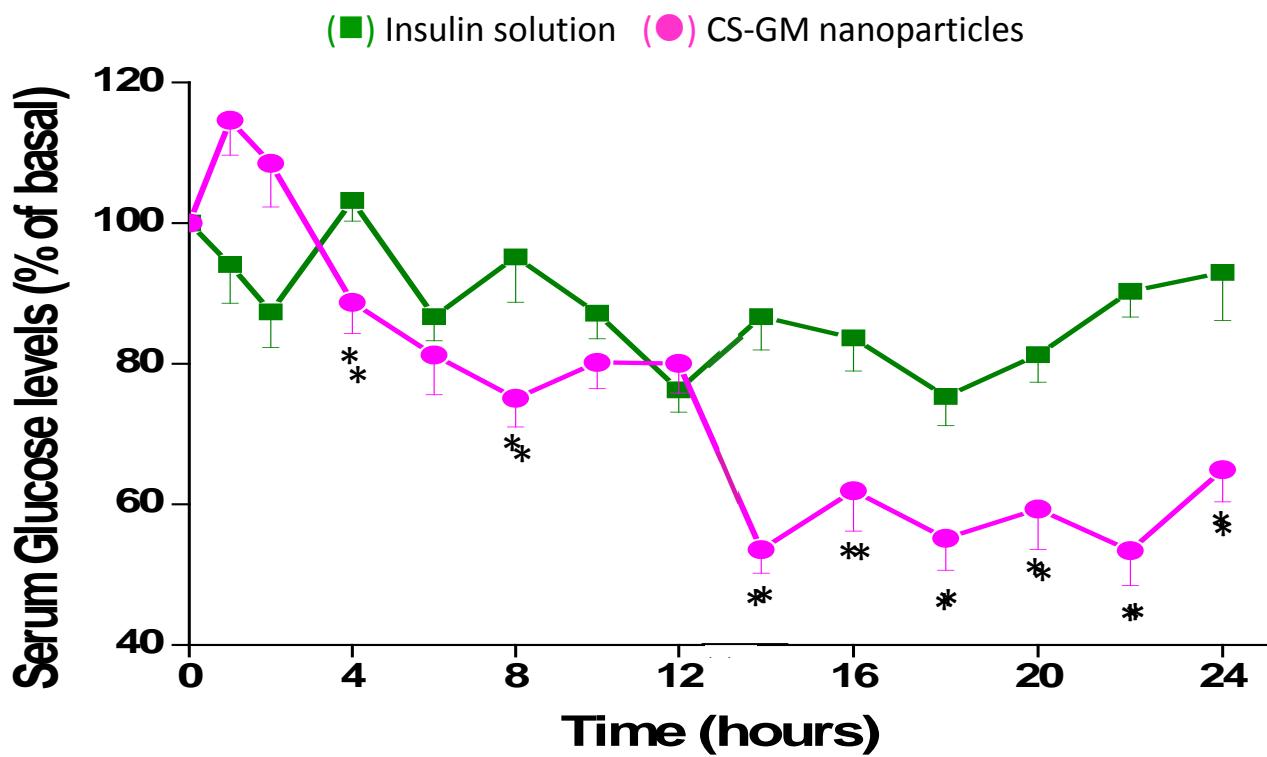
# THERAPEUTIC POTENTIAL OF PEPTIDE DRUGS AND ANTIGENS

	Preclinical	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III
Small molecules	2%	4%	10%	50%
Large molecules	10%	15%	25%	60%



**10 times higher success of large molecules!**

## ORAL INSULIN DELIVERY



## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS: APPLICATIONS

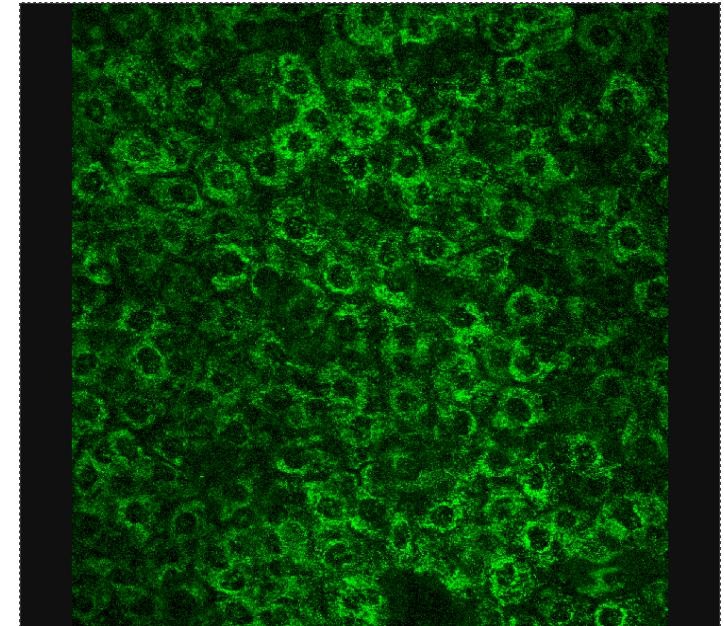
### OCULAR DRUG/GENE DELIVERY

1. To facilitate the penetration of complex drugs across the cornea

2. To target and deliver drugs to the back of the eye

Peptides, proteins, nucleic acids

Cornea transfected for 5 days →



Colaboration with C. Pastor, M. Calonge, J. Merayo

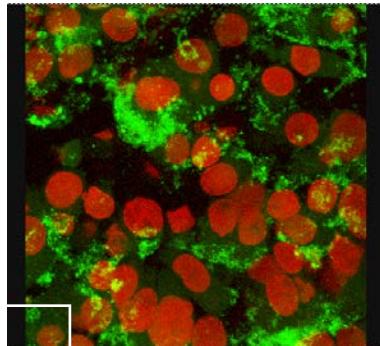
# NASAL PEPTIDE DELIVERY

Do the nanoparticles enter epithelia?

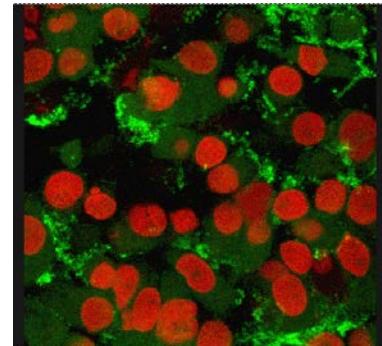
Calu-3 differentiated cells:

CS/SBE- $\beta$ -CD  
nanoparticles

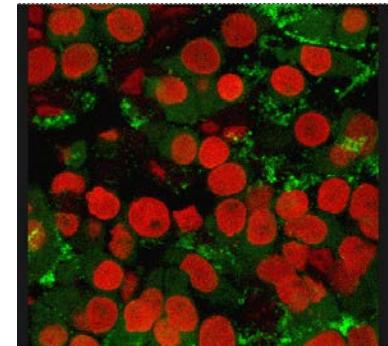
Epithelium surface



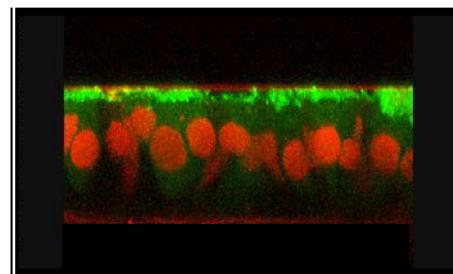
5  $\mu\text{m}$  depth



10  $\mu\text{m}$  depth



y-sections



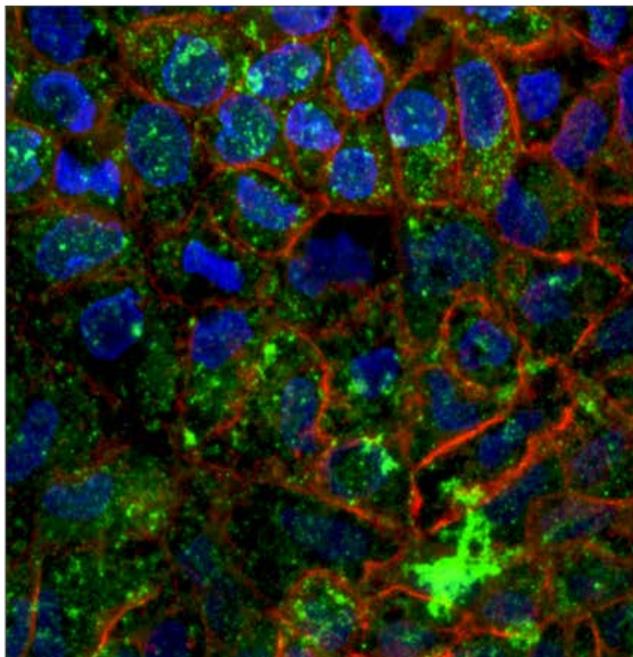
z-section

## ORAL PEPTIDE/PROTEIN DELIVERY

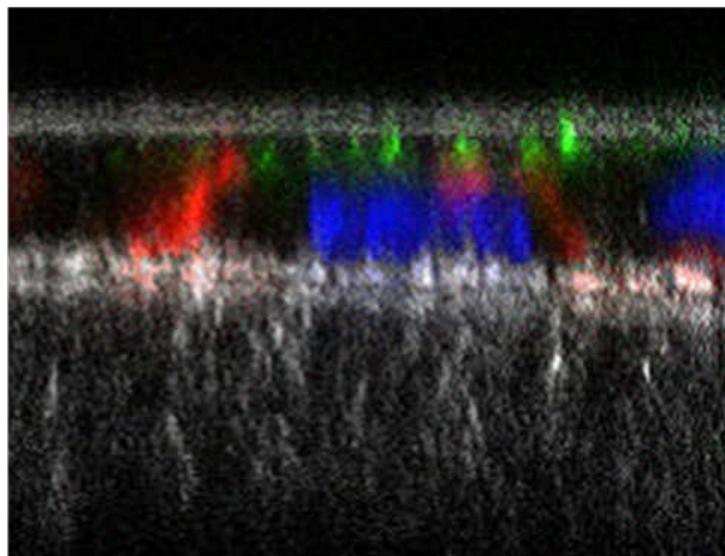
Do the nanoparticles enter epithelia?

Study of CS Nanocapsules in Caco-2 cells

X-y cross section



X-z cross section



Apical side

Basolateral side

# 44 marketed Nano-delivery products

Product	Generic	Formulation	Indication	Manufacturer
Abraxane	Paclitaxel	Polymeric nanoparticles	Cancer chemotherapy	Celgene
Abelcet	Amphotericin B	Liposomal formulation	Fungal infections	Elan/Akermes, Enzon, Cephalon
Adagen	Adenosine deaminase	PEGylation	Enzyme replacement therapy	Enzon, Sigma-Tau
AmBisome	Amphotericin B	Liposomal Formulation	Oral and perioral infections	Astellas/Gilead Sciences
Amphotec	Amphotericin B	Liposomal Formula	Oral and perioral	Three Rivers Pharmaceuticals/ALZA
Avinza	Morphine sulphate	Nanocrystal formulat		Elkem, Pfizer
Copaxone	Glatiramer acetate	Copolymer acid, lauroyl and l-lys		Duramed Pharmaceuticals
Curosurf	Poractant alfa	Liposom		
DaunoXome	Daunorubicin	PEGylat Formulat		
DepoCyt	Cytarabine	Sustaine Liposom		
Depodur	Morphine sulphate	Liposom		
Diprivan	Propofol	Liposom		
Doxil/CaelyX	Doxorubicin	PEGylated liposome Formulation	Cancer chemotherapy	
Elestrin	Elestrin Estradiol gel	Phosphate nanoparticles	Menopausal symptoms	
Elyzol	Metronidazole	Dental gel	Parodontitis Camurru	
Emend	Aprepitant	Nanocrystal Formulation	Anti-emetic	
Epaxal	Hepatitis A vaccine	Virosome technology	Prevention of Hepatitis A infection	
Episil	Bioadhesive barrier	Fluidcrystal	Oral pain	
Estrasorb	Estradiol gel	Micellar Nanoparticles	Menopausal symptoms	
Focalin XR	Dexmethylphen idate hcl	Nanocrystals	ADHD	
Fosrenol	Lanthanum carbonate	Inorganic Nanoparticles	End-stage renal disease	Shire
Genexal PM	Paclitaxel	Polymeric micelles	Cancers	Samyang



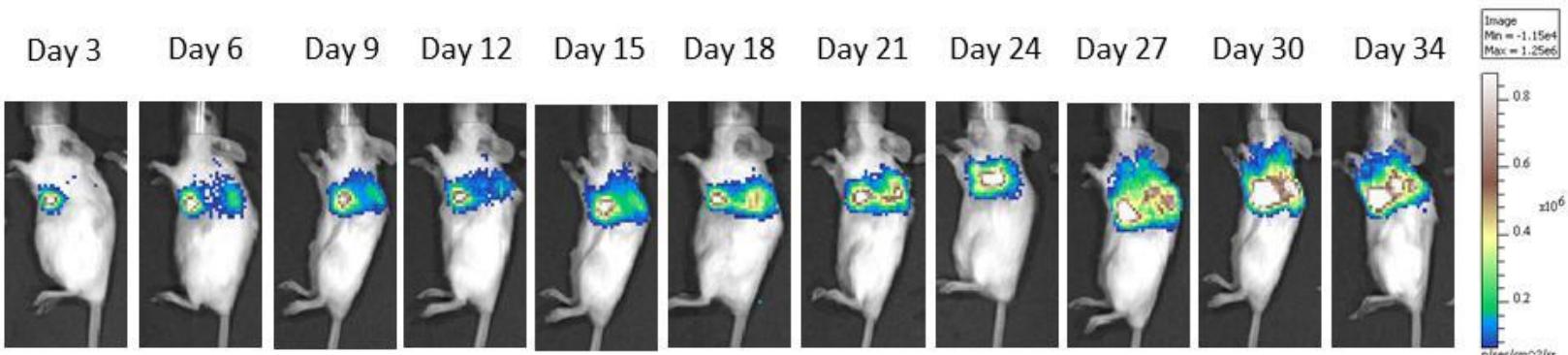
Source BCC Research

# >70 Nanomedical Products in Clinical trials

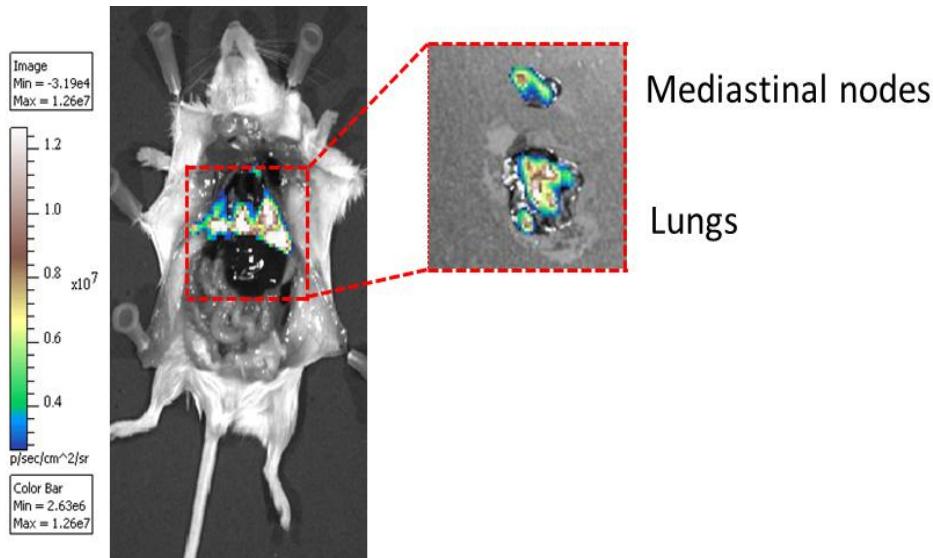
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# Orthotopic metastatic lung cancer model

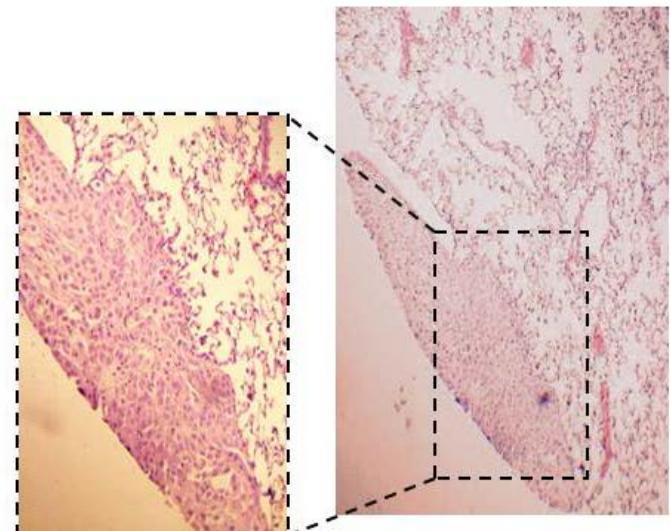
Intercostal space left lung



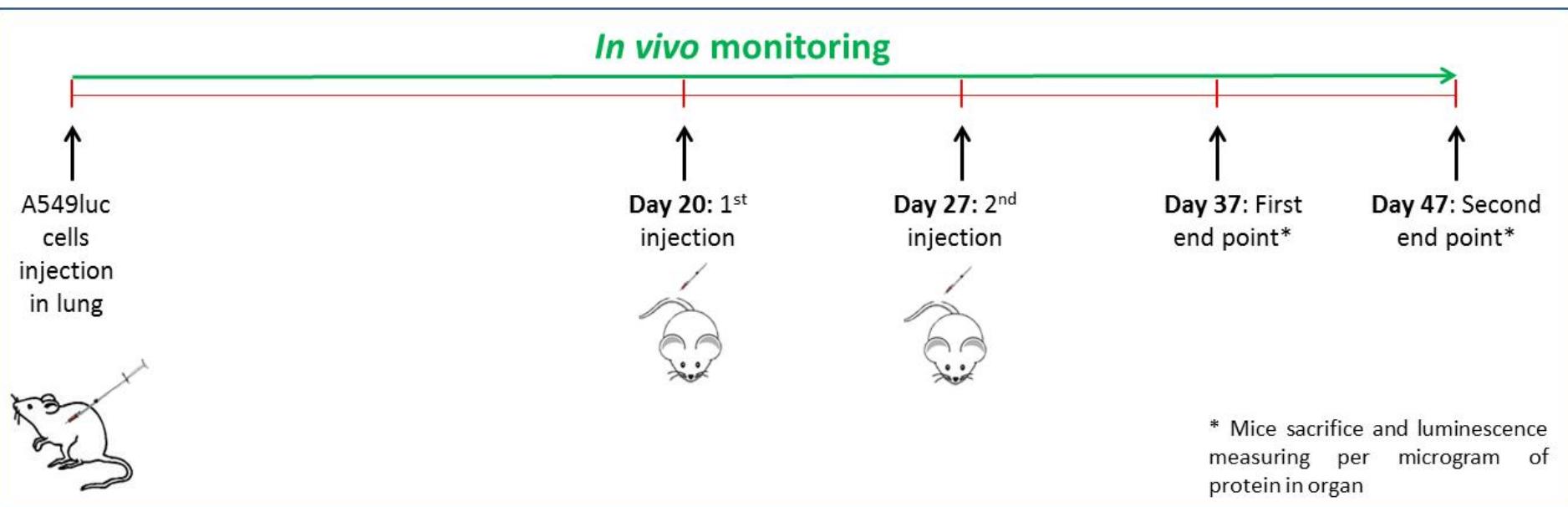
1x10<sup>6</sup> células A549-luc injected in SCID mice



H&E Orthotopic implants (24 days post-injection)



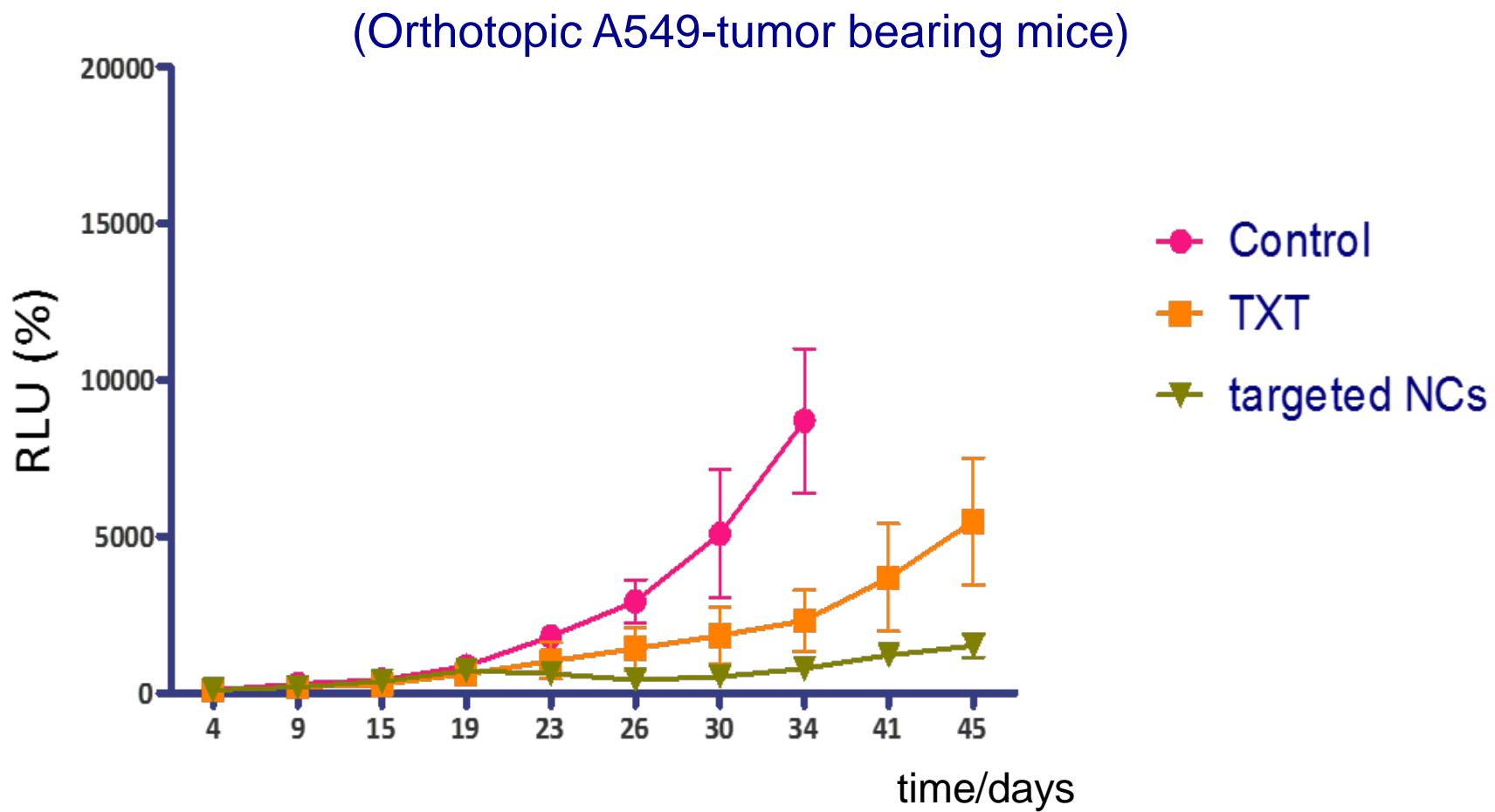
# Antitumor efficacy in orthotopic methastatic lung cancer model



Experimental groups:

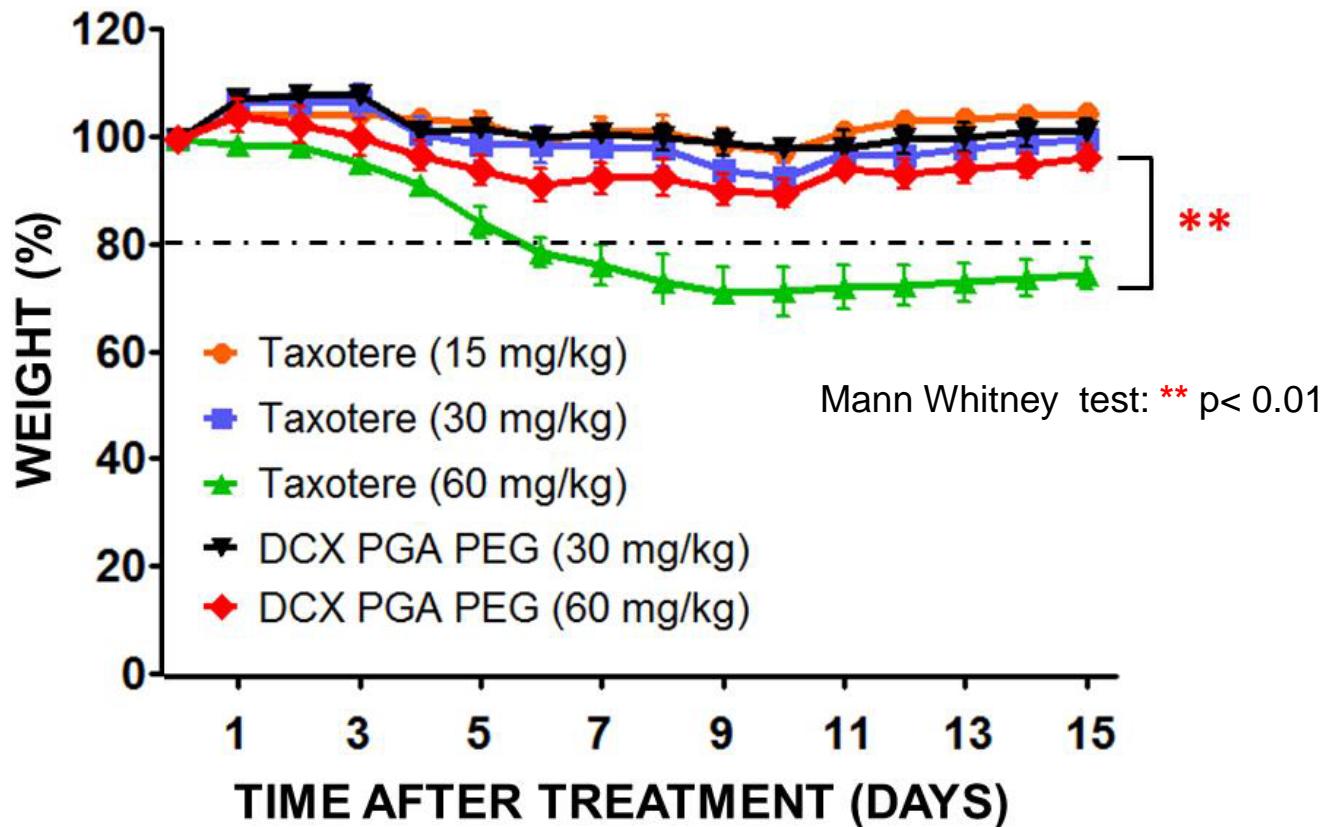
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- 5 mice iv. Taxotere® 10 mg/kg
- 5 mice i.v. Taxotere® 20 mg/kg
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# Antitumor efficacy in methastatic orthotopic lung cancer model

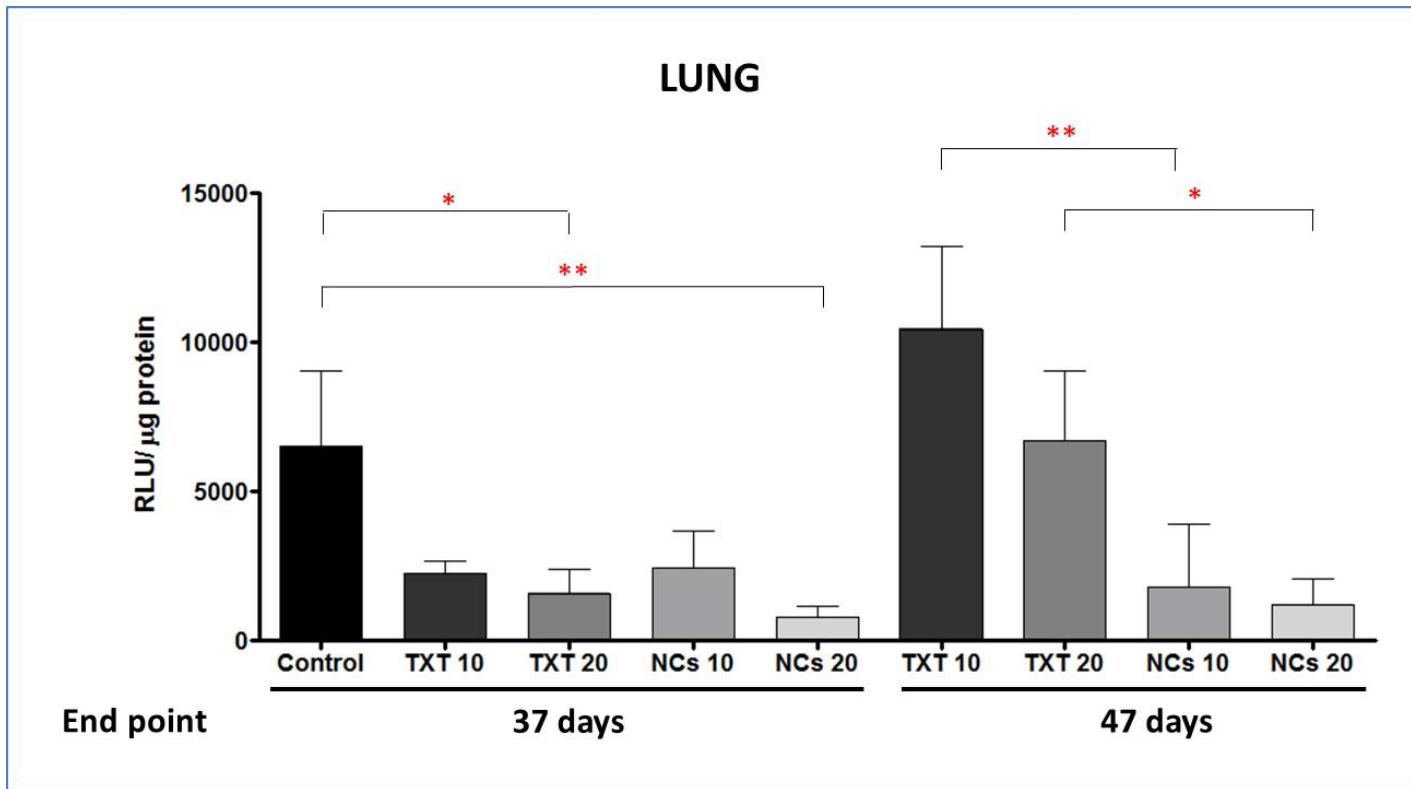


# Docetaxel-loaded PGA-PEG Nanocapsules are less toxic than Taxotere®

(SCID non tumor-bearing mice)



# Docetaxel-loaded PGA-PEG Nanocapsules inhibit tumor growth as compared to Taxotere®

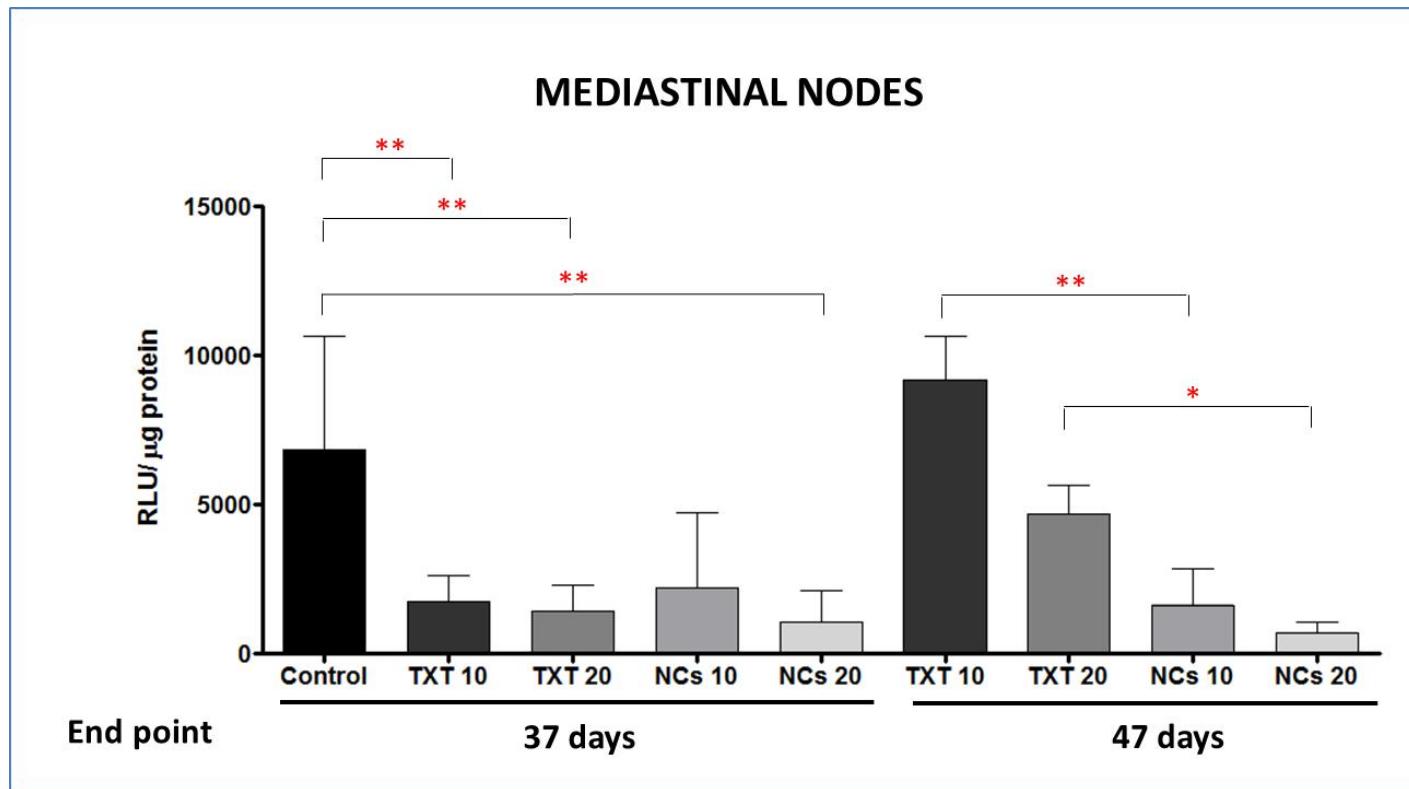


Mann Whitney test: \* p< 0.05, \*\* p< 0.01

- CONTROL
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- NCs PGA-PEG DCX 10 mg/kg
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Measurement of luciferase activity

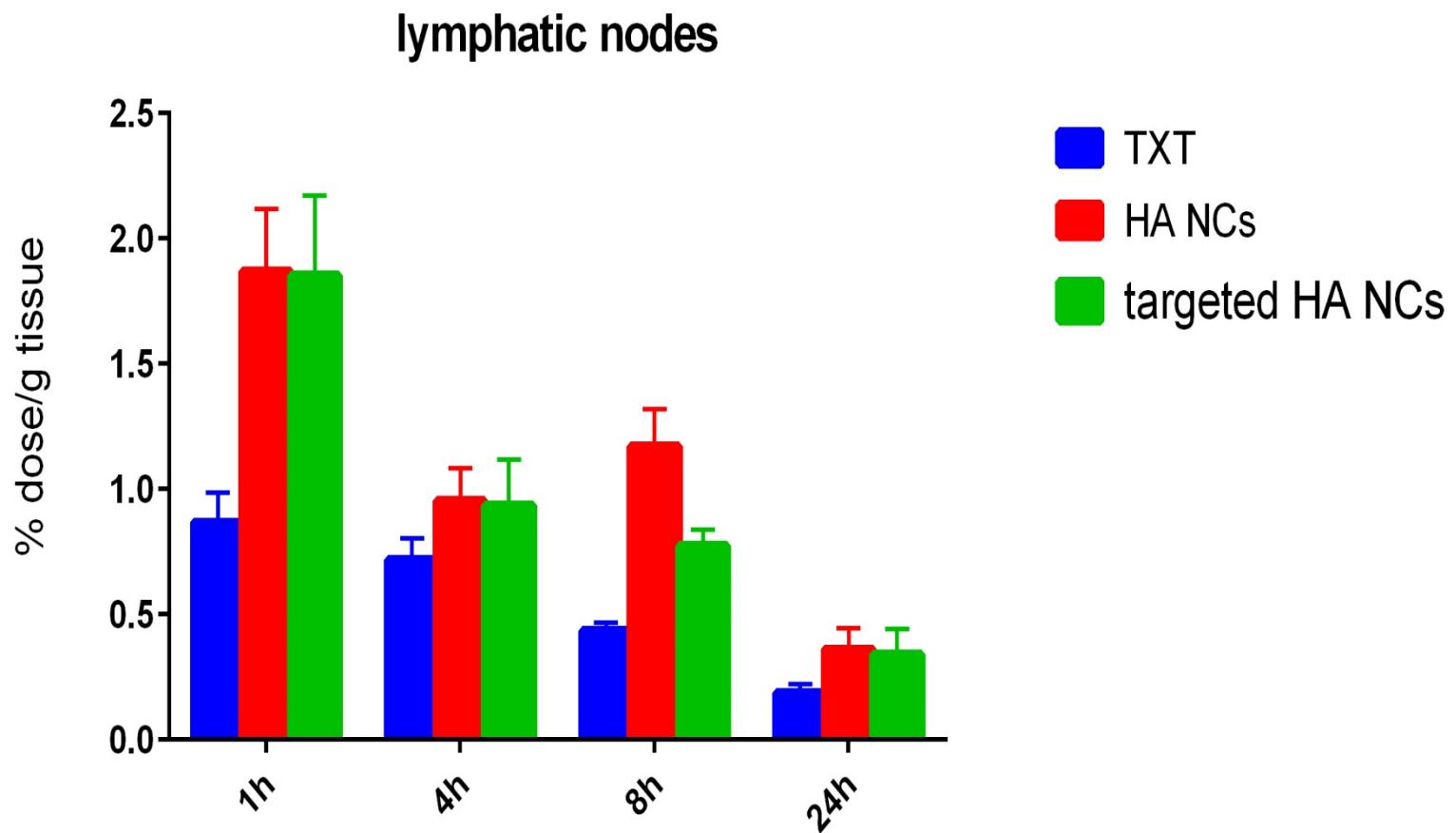
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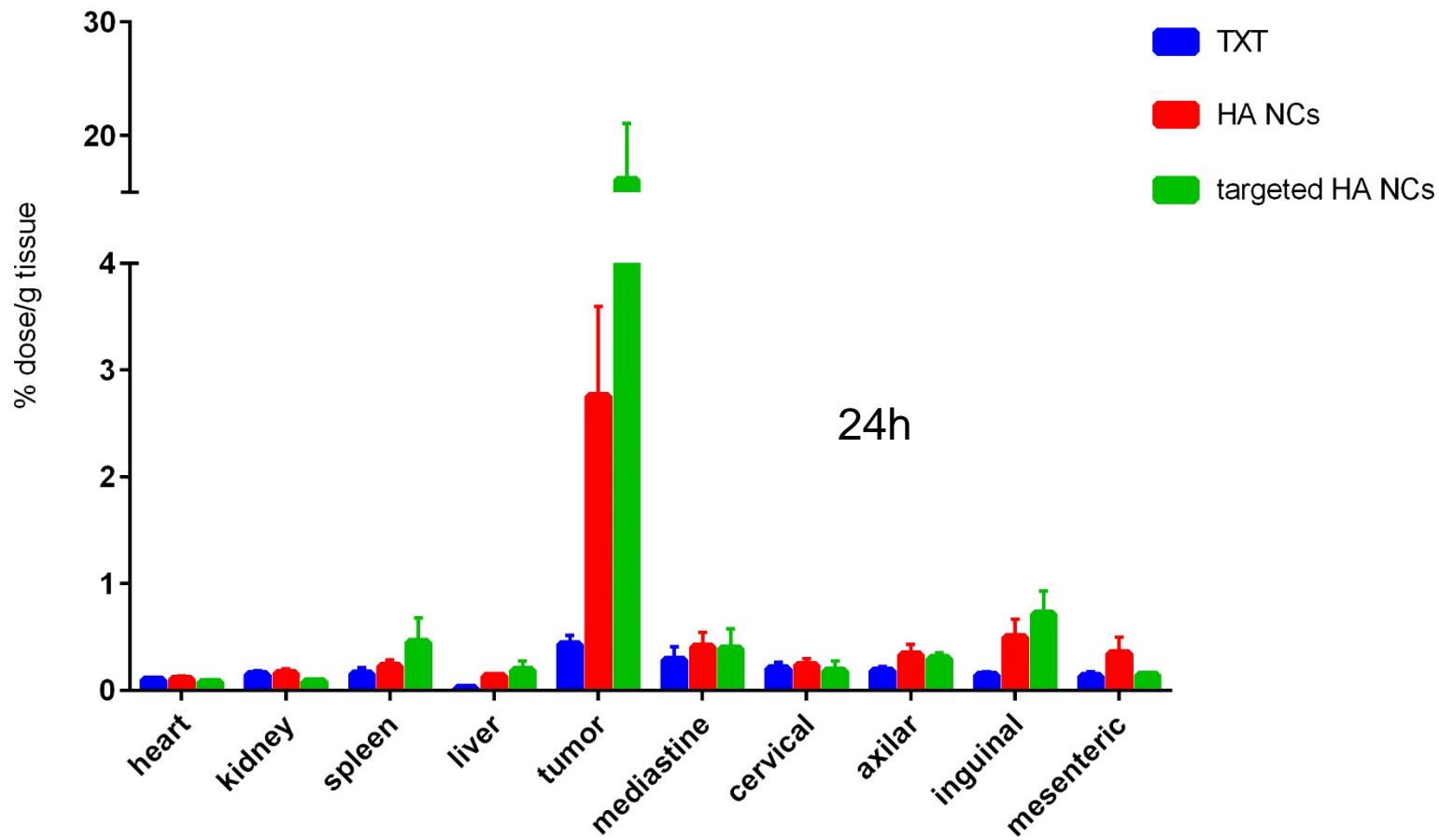
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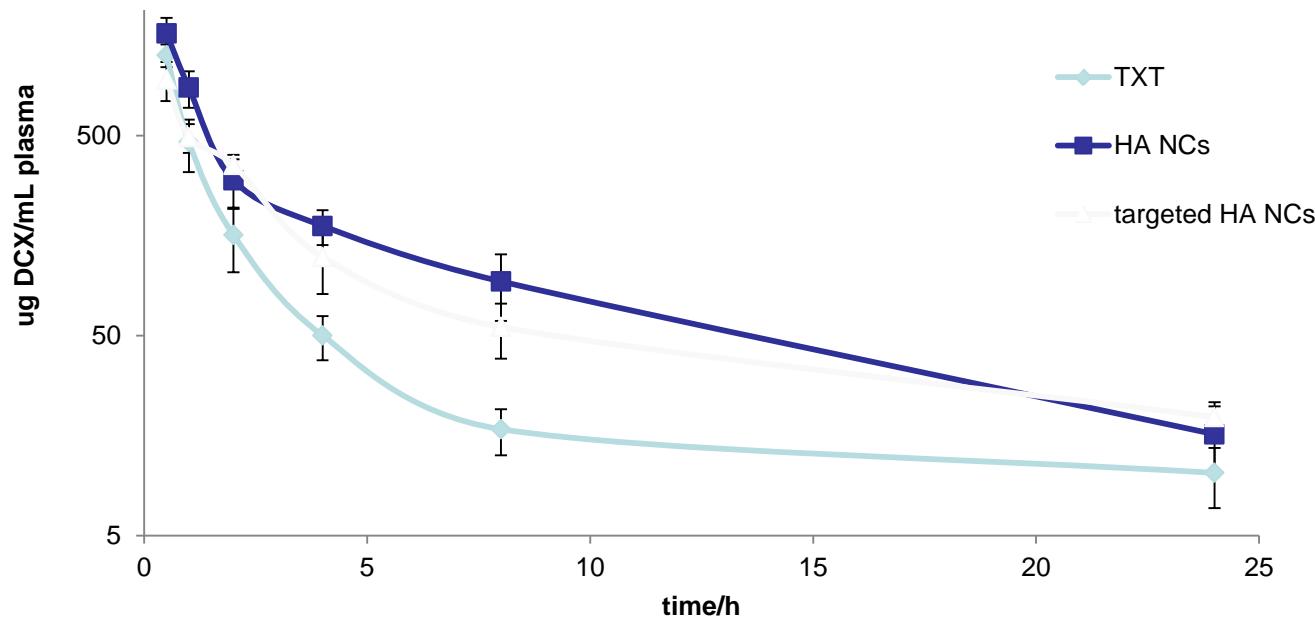
Docetaxel-loaded Nanocapsules (NCs) increases lymphatics accumulation, as compared to Taxotere® (TXT), in orthotopic lung cancer model



Docetaxel-loaded Nanocapsules (NCs) exhibit the same accumulation as Taxotere® (TXT) in heart, kidney, spleen and liver.  
No detectable levels were found in brain tissue.



Docetaxel-loaded Nanocapsules (NCs9 shows increased blood circulation time, as compared to Taxotere® (TCT), in orthotopic lung cancer model



Pharmacokinetic parameters using a non compartmental model

	t <sub>1/2</sub> (h)	AUC 0-inf obs ((mg/L).h)	Cl <sub>obs</sub> (L/kg.h)	MRT 0-inf_obs (h)	VdB (L/kg)
TXT	5,40±1,27	2576,15 ± 346,71	0,0039±0,00053	2,89±0,2420	0,0113±0,00060
HA NCs	5,75±0,55	4400,45 ± 1110,96	0,0024±0,00062	4,25±0,5017	0,0099±0,00137
Targeted HA NCs	8,43±0,91	3162,72 ± 707,1	0,0033±0,00075	6,33±0,4195	0,0209±0,00619