

Drug targeting and delivery systems

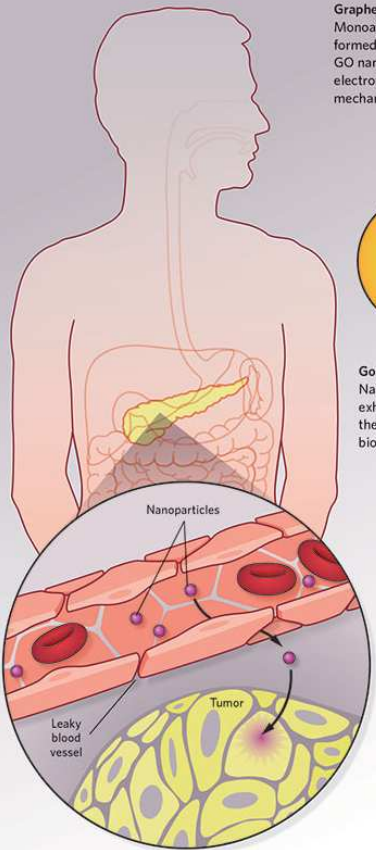
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Nanomedicine, drug targeting

THE NANOMEDICINE CABINET
Scientists are engineering nanometer-size particles made of diverse materials to aid in patient care. The unique properties of these structures are making waves in biomedical analysis and targeted therapy.



Graphene oxide (GO)
Monoatomic sheets are formed from oxidized graphite. GO nanosheets have unique electronic, thermal, and mechanical properties.

Quantum dots (QDs)
Because of their small sizes, QDs, nanocrystals of semiconductor materials, exhibit quantum mechanical properties that could improve cancer imaging and molecular profiling.

Spherical nucleic acids (SNAs)
Nucleic acids oriented in a spherical geometry, typically with a nanoparticle (e.g., gold spherules) as the core, are capable of sensitive molecular diagnostics and intracellular gene regulation.

Gold
Nanoparticles of pure gold exhibit unique electronic, thermal, chemical, and biological properties.

Silica
One type of silica nanoparticle riddled with pores can hold large quantities of molecular imaging agents or drugs.

Liposomes
Spherical nanoscale vesicles composed of a hydrophilic core and hydrophobic lipid bilayer are widely used as containers for therapeutics or other biomedical agents.

DNA micelles
DNA-lipid monomers self-assemble into nanostructures that can be readily modified to include bioanalytical or therapeutic add-ons and delivered into cells without any transfection agents. Their high resistance to nuclease digestion makes them ideal candidates for drug delivery and intracellular molecular analysis.

DNA tetrahedrons
DNA nanostructures in the shape of a tetrahedron can be modified to include molecular functionalities, such as targeting molecules, bioimaging agents, and therapeutics.

DNA nanotrains
Aptamer-tethered linear DNA nanostructures that have a high drug payload capacity can specifically deliver drugs or bioimaging agents into target cells.

Nanomedicines can be administered systemically, where they travel through the bloodstream. They are small enough that they do not clog vessels, but because they're larger than many small-molecule drugs, they stay in the circulatory system for a prolonged period of time, during which they can penetrate leaky blood vessels in diseased tissues (e.g., tumor and inflamed tissues) and even enter living cells.

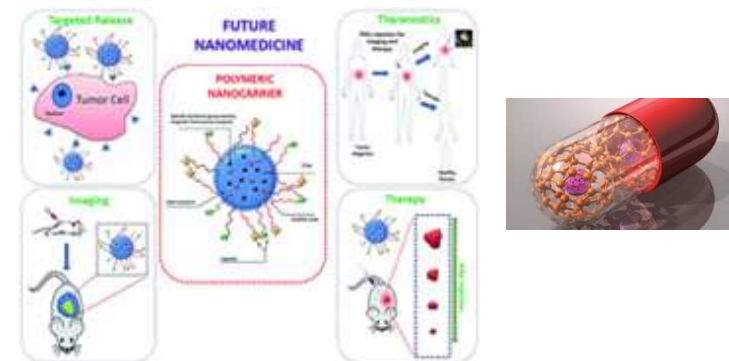
In a 1959 lecture at Caltech famously dubbed

“There’s Plenty of Room at the Bottom,”

American physicist and Nobel laureate-to-be **Richard Feynman** discussed the idea of manipulating structures at the atomic level.

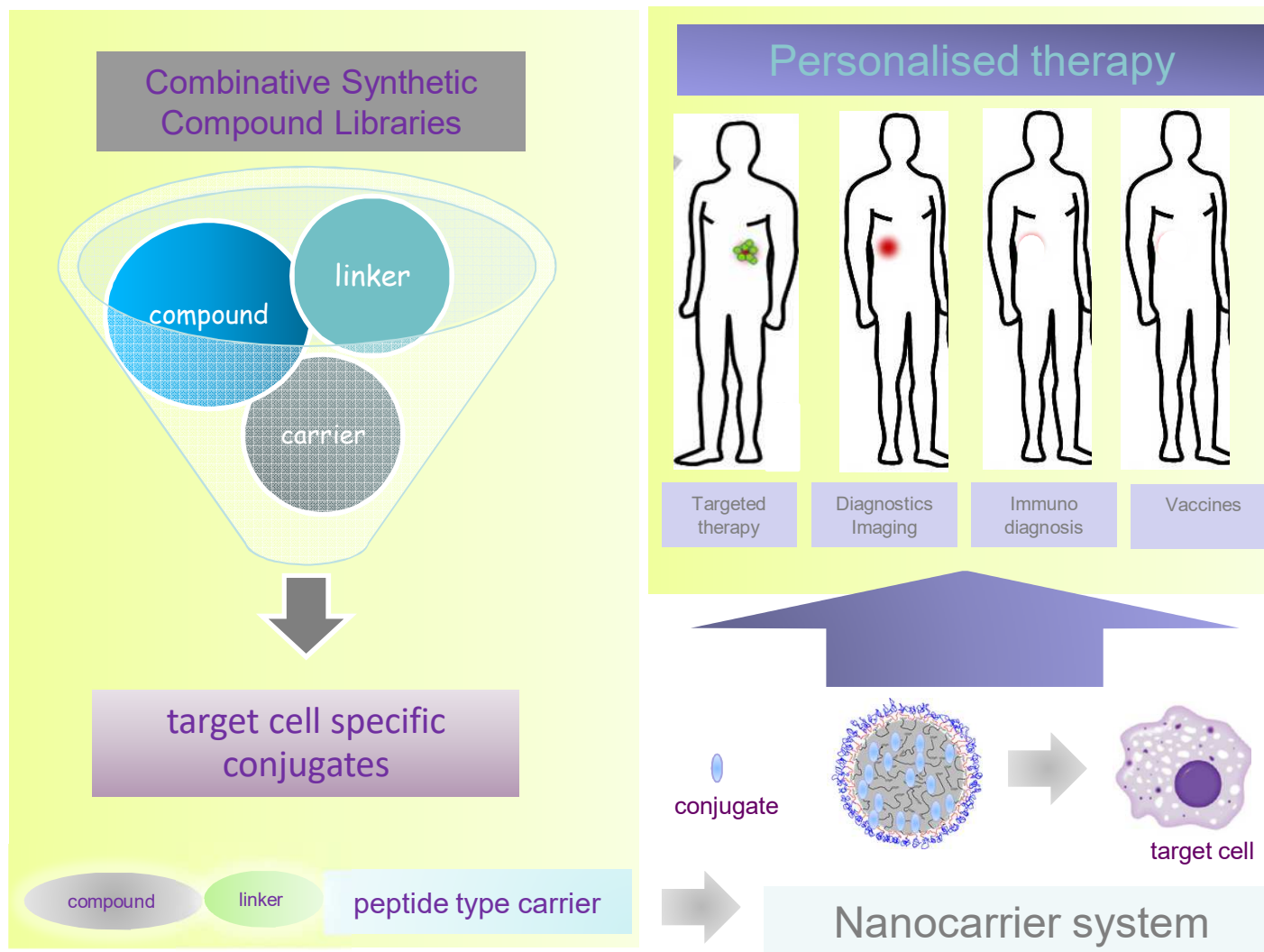
Although the applications he discussed were theoretical at the time, his insights prophesied the discovery of many new properties at the nanometer scale that are not observed in materials at larger scales, paving the way for the ever-expanding field of nanomedicine.

These days, the use of nanosize materials, comparable in dimension to some proteins, DNA, RNA, and oligosaccharides, is making waves in diverse biomedical fields, including biosensing, imaging, drug delivery, and even surgery.

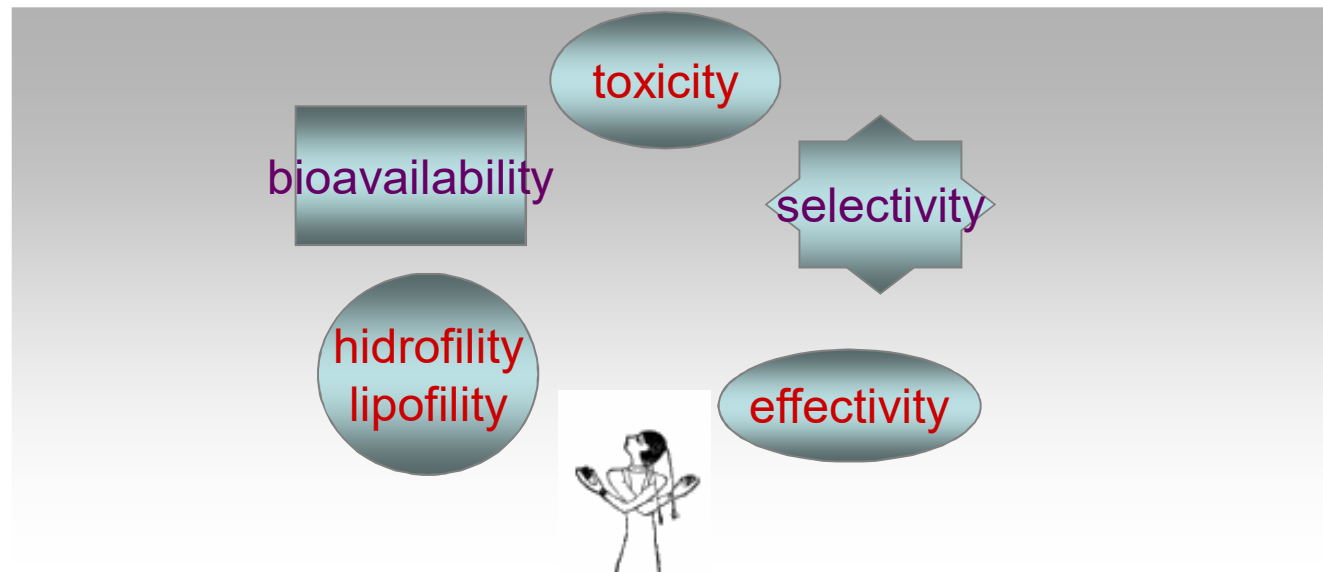


Nanomedicine, From bioimaging to drug delivery and therapeutics, nanotechnology is poised to change the way doctors practice medicine., Guizhi Zhu, Lei Mei, and Weihong Tan; The Scientist, August 2014, Cover Story (<https://www.the-scientist.com/?articles.view/articleNo/40598/title/Nanomedicine/>)

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Drug targeting, drug delivery systems (DDS)



- **the interaction of drug compounds with cells**
- cell membrane related biological events at action sites (concentration dependent manner)
- **selective and effective localization of the pharmacologically-active moiety**
- pre-identified target(s) in therapeutic concentration
- **restricting access to non-target(s) „normal” cells**
- minimizing toxic effects, maximizing the therapeutic effect/index

Drug delivery systems (DDS), reasons and aims

The systemic drug administration, even biodistribution of pharmaceuticals throughout the body.

The lack of drug specific affinity towards a pathological site.

- drug instability, solubility (hydrophil/lipophil)
- low absorption
- short half-life, large volume of distribution
- low specificity and therapeutic index

The necessity of a large total dose of a drug. Non-specific toxicity and other adverse side effects.

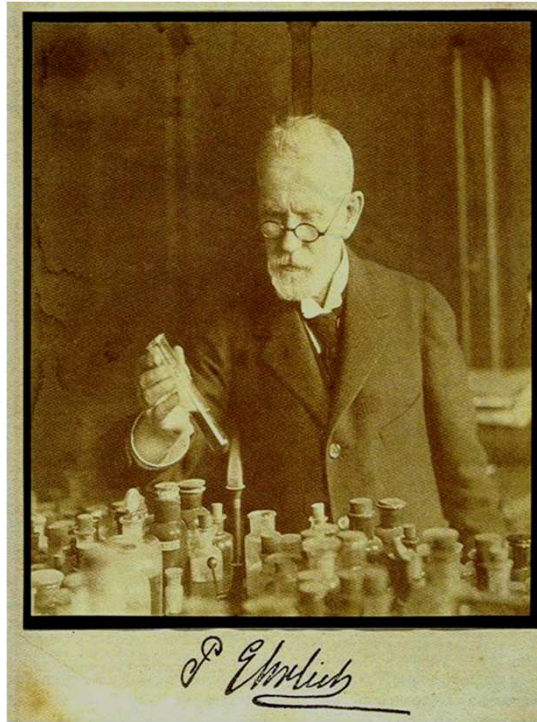
Drug targeting may resolve some of these problems.

- controlling the distribution, incorporating in a carrier system
- altering the structure of the drug at molecular level
- controlling the input of the drug into bioenvironment
- „programmed” and desirable biodistribution

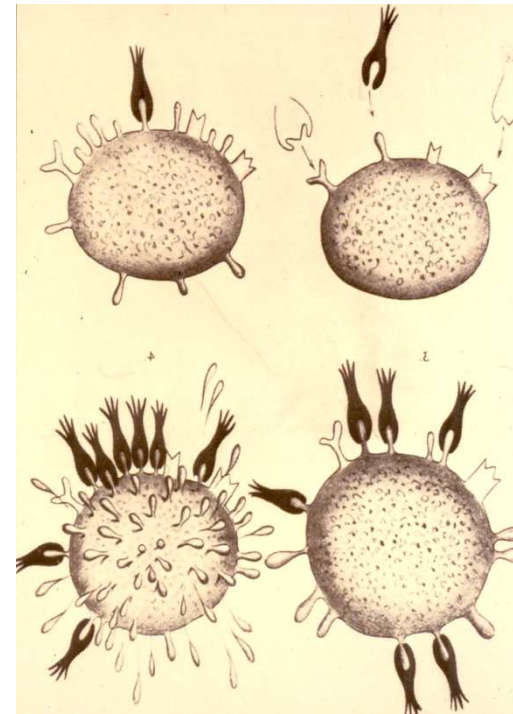
„Magic Bullet” Concept: Drugs Would Be Targeted By Virtue Of Groups Having Affinity For Specific Cells.

The MAGIC BULLET theory: specific delivery of active agents

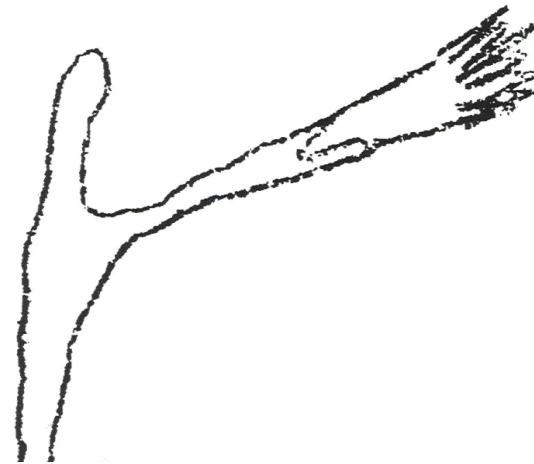
Paul Ehrlich
1854-1915



Nobel Prize in Medicine (1908)



1900: „side chain theory”



- enhanced cellular uptake
- increased drug selectivity
- enhanced bioavailability
- prevents multidrug resistance of the cells

Drug delivery, excipients

„excipere” (to receive; the excipient receives the active substance.)

an excipient contained in a dosage form is something other than the active substance

WHO – (Technical Report Series, No. 961, Annex 10 (Procedure for prequalification of pharmaceutical products))

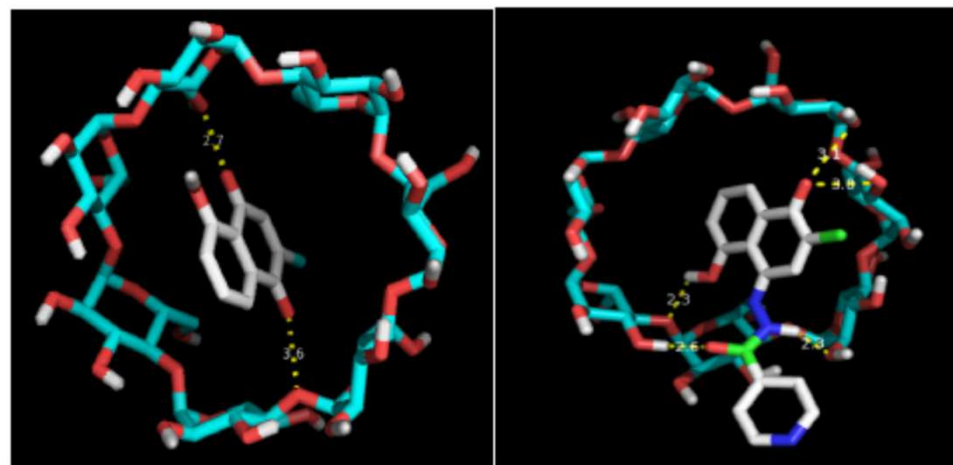
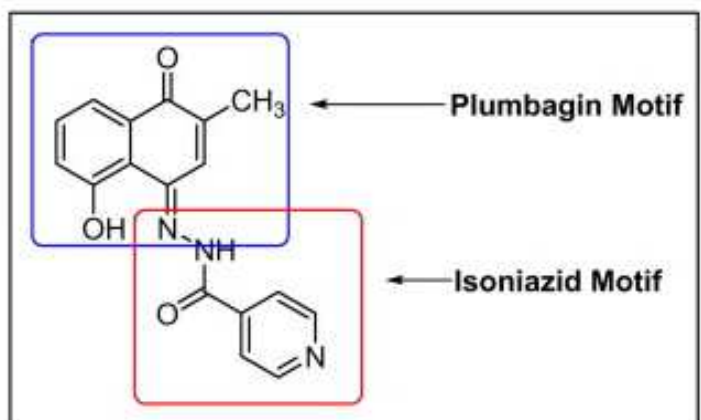
active pharmaceutical ingredient (API)

“a substance used in a finished pharmaceutical product, intended to furnish pharmacological activity or to otherwise have direct effect in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease, or to have direct effect in restoring, correcting or modifying physiological functions in human beings.”

The European Pharmacopoeia (Ph. Eur.):

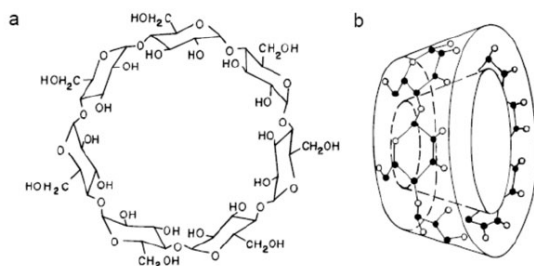
“An excipient is any component, other than the active substance(s), present in a medicinal product or used in the manufacture of the product. The intended function of an excipient is to act as the carrier (vehicle or basis) or as a component of the carrier of the active substance(s) and, in so doing, to contribute to product attributes such as stability, biopharmaceutical profile, appearance and patient acceptability and to the ease with which the product can be manufactured. Usually, more than one excipient is used in the formulation of a medicinal product.”

Cyclodextrins as drug carriers, excipients



Plumbagin-β-cyclodextrin (PLCD) (1:1)

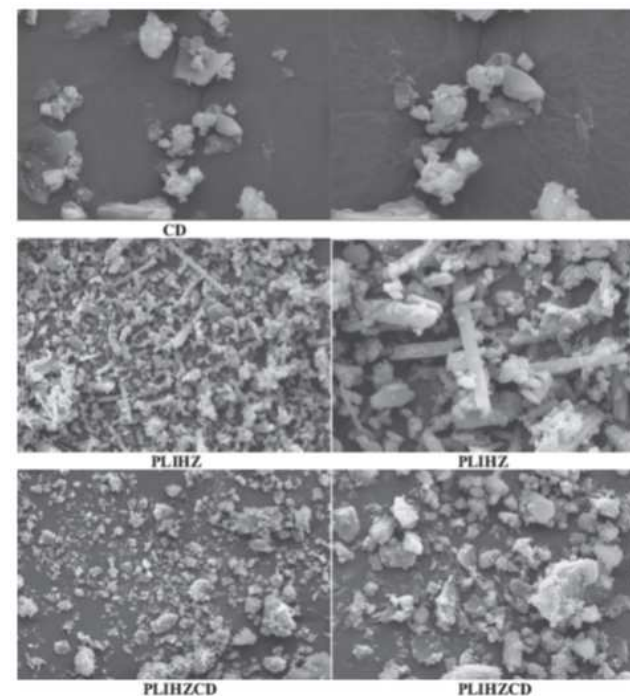
PLIHZCD (1:1)



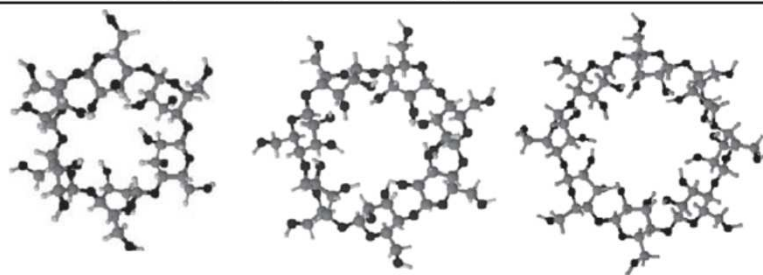
maintains INH activity, avoids resistance
(inhibition of enzymatic activity)

application of cyclodextrin carriers:

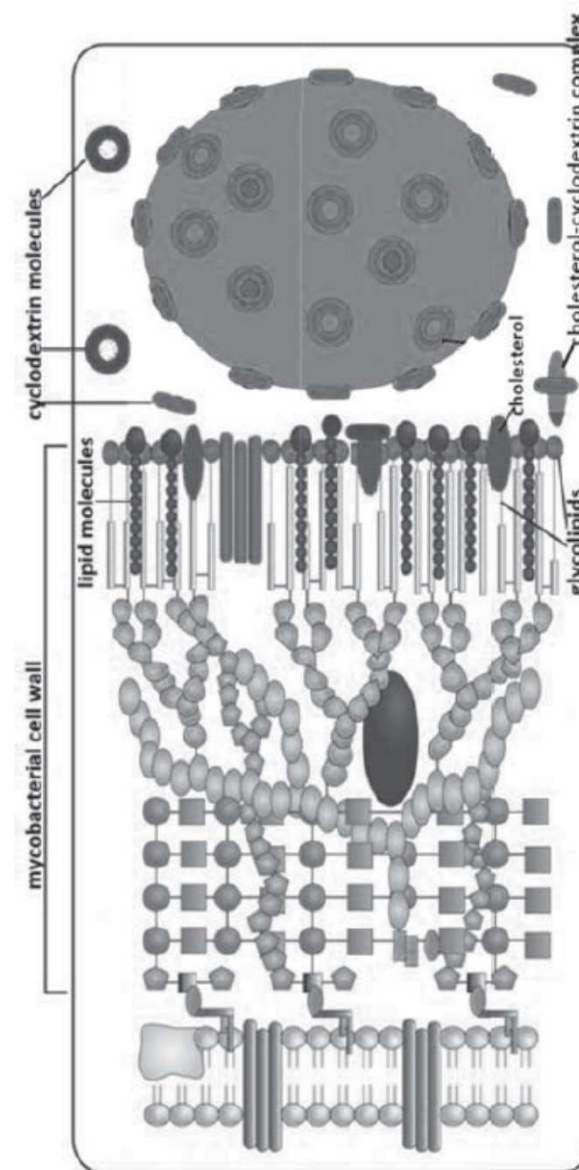
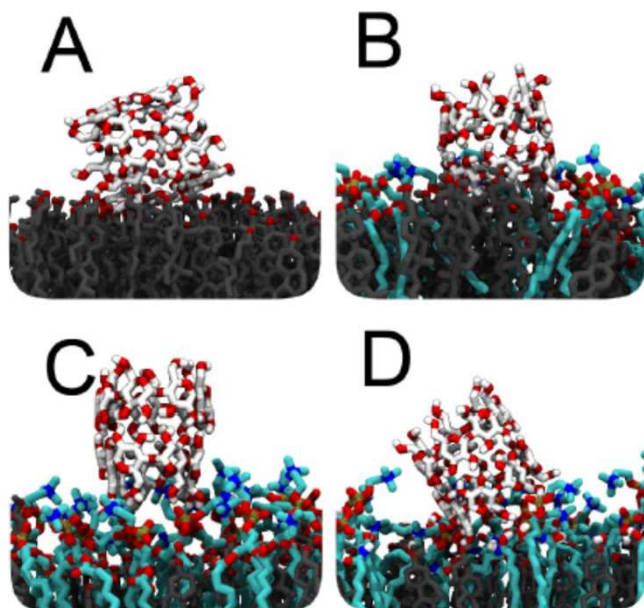
Clofazimine
Clarithromycin
Nitroimidazopirán (PA-824, 100 mg/ttkg)
Moxifloxacin



Mycobacteriaceae cell wall and cyclodextrin constructs



Parameters	α -cyclodextrin	β -cyclodextrin	γ -cyclodextrin
Number of glucopyranose fragments	6	7	8
Molecular weight	973	1135	1297
Internal cavity diameter (nm)	0.47–0.53	0.60–0.66	0.75–0.83
External diameter (nm)	1.46±0.04	1.54±0.04	1.75±0.04
Torus height (nm)	0.79±0.01	0.79±0.01	0.79±0.01
Cavity volume approx. (mL/mol)	104	157	256
$[\alpha]_D$ at 25°C	150±0.5	162.5±0.5	177.4±0.5
Water solubility (g/100 mL at 25°C)	14.5	1.85	23.2



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TARGET

A cell or group of cells in minority, identified to be in the need of treatment.

VEHICLE is the carrier, composed of one or more components, for the active substance(s)

CARRIERS/MARKERS

Carrier is the entity essentially required for effective transportation of loaded drugs. They are vectors, which sequester, retain drug and transport or deliver it into the vicinity of the target cells.

LIGANDS

The ligands confer recognition and specificity upon carrier/vector and lend them to approach the respective target and deliver the drug (antibodies, polypeptides, endogenous hormones etc.).

Important properties influencing drug targeting

DRUG

- concentration (at action site)
- location and distribution
- molecular weight
- physio-chemical properties
- drug and carrier interactions

CARRIER/MARKER

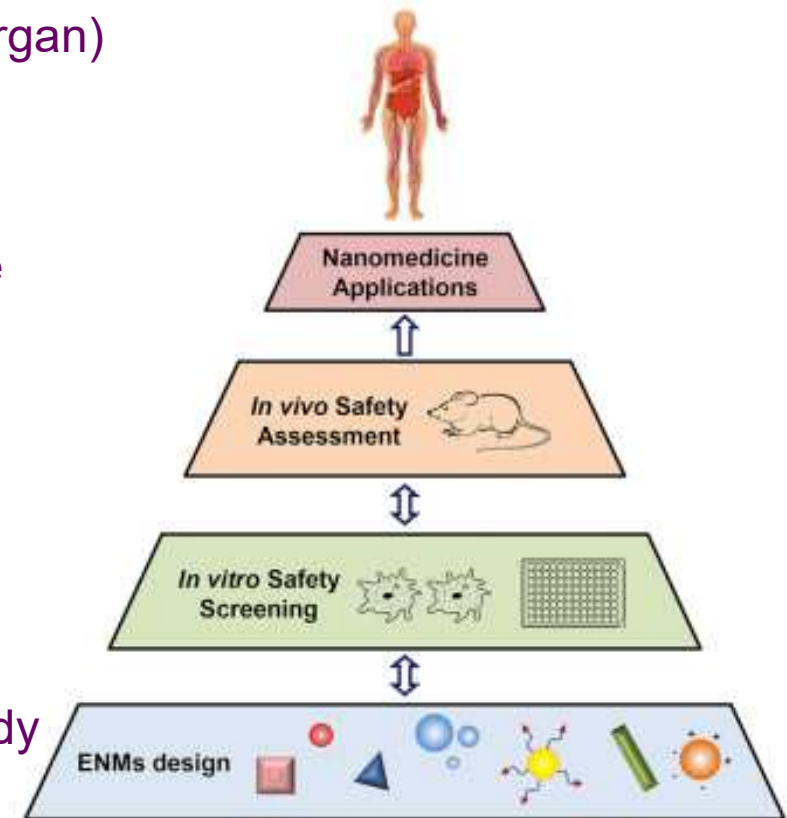
- carrier type (amount of excipients)
- surface characteristics, size, density,
- release characteristics

***IN VIVO* ENVIROMENT**

- pH, polarity, ionic strength, enzymes etc.

Ideal properties of drug delivery systems

- nontoxic, biocompatible
- physico-chemical stability (*in vivo*, *in vitro*)
- restrict drug distribution to target cells (tissue, organ)
- uniform capillary distribution
- controllable and predictable rate of drug release
- drug release not affect the drug action
- therapeutic amount of drug release
- minimal drug leakage during transit
- biodegradable or readily eliminated from the body
- preparation simple, cost effective



Properties of the carrier I.

Entity required for successful transportation of the loaded active compound. Vehicles, vectors which, retain and transport active compounds; deliver it within or in the vicinity of target employing their inherent characteristic or acquired through structural modification.

- it must be able to cross anatomical barriers
(tumour chemotherapy: tumour vasculature)
- it must be recognized specifically and selectively by the target cells
- it must maintain the specificity of the surface ligands

The linkage of the drug and the directing unit (ligand) should be stable in plasma, interstitial and other biofluids. Carrier should be non-toxic, non- immunogenic and biodegradable particulate or macromolecule.

The biomolecules used as carrier should not be ubiquitous
(existing or being everywhere at the same time)

After recognition and internalization, the carrier system should release the drug moiety inside the target organs, tissues or cells.

Properties of the carrier II.

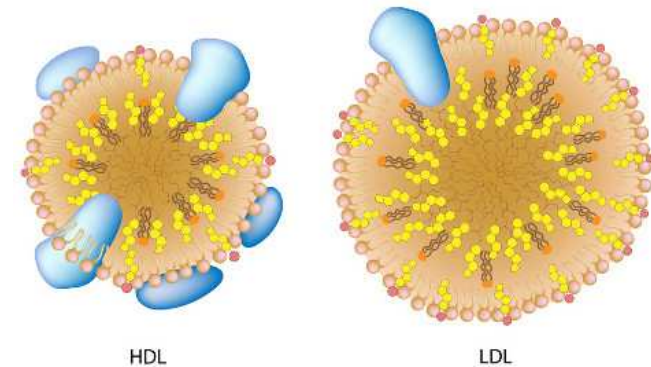
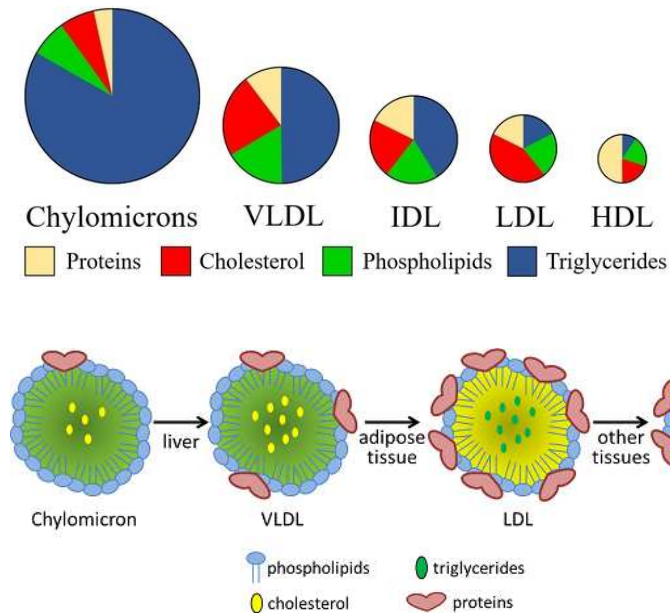
Based on the nature of their origin

Endogenous carriers

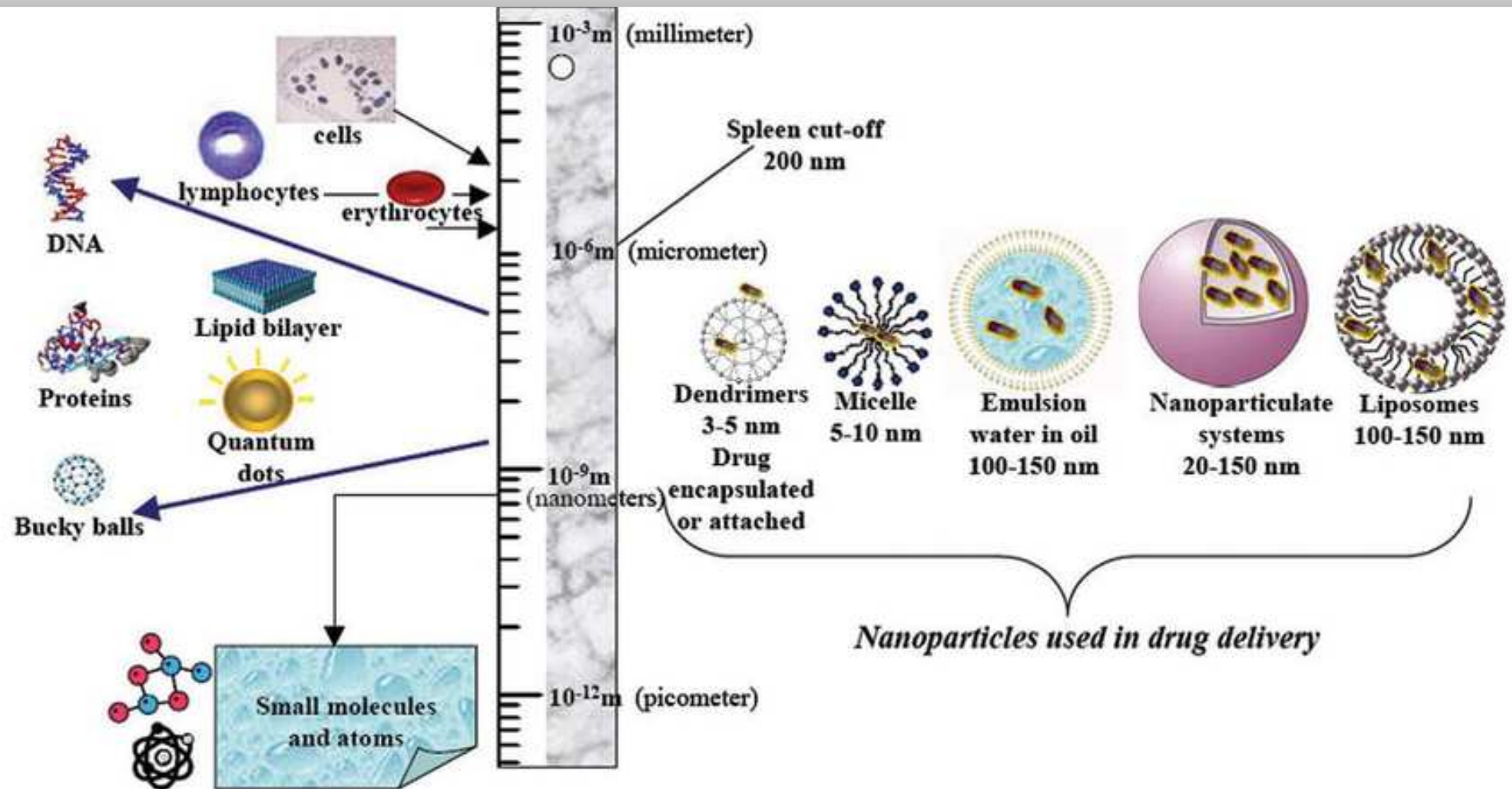
LDL, HDL chylomicrons, serum albumin, erythrocytes

Exogenous carriers

microparticulates, soluble polymeric and biodegradable polymeric drug carriers



Properties of the carrier III.



Pharmaceutical carriers

Targeted drug delivery systems

A special form of drug delivery system, the pharmacologically active compound is selectively targeted or delivered only to its site of action or absorption and not to the non-target organs, tissues or cells.

- administration protocols simplified
- drug quantity greatly reduced (as cost of therapy)
- drug concentration sharply increased
- no negative effects on non-target compartments

Carriers for targeted drug delivery systems

Colloidal carriers

Vesicular systems

liposomes, niosomes, pharmacosomes, virosomes, immunoliposomes etc.

Microparticulate systems

microparticles, nanoparticles, magnetic microspheres, albumin microspheres, nanocapsules etc.

Cellular carriers

erythrocytes, serum albumin, antibodies, platelets, leucocytes, nucleic acids etc.

Supramolecular delivery systems

micelles (reverse, mixed, polymeric), liquid crystals, lipoproteins (chylomicrons, VLDL, LDL)

Polymer based systems

signal sensitive, muco-adhesive, biodegradable, soluble synthetic polymeric carriers

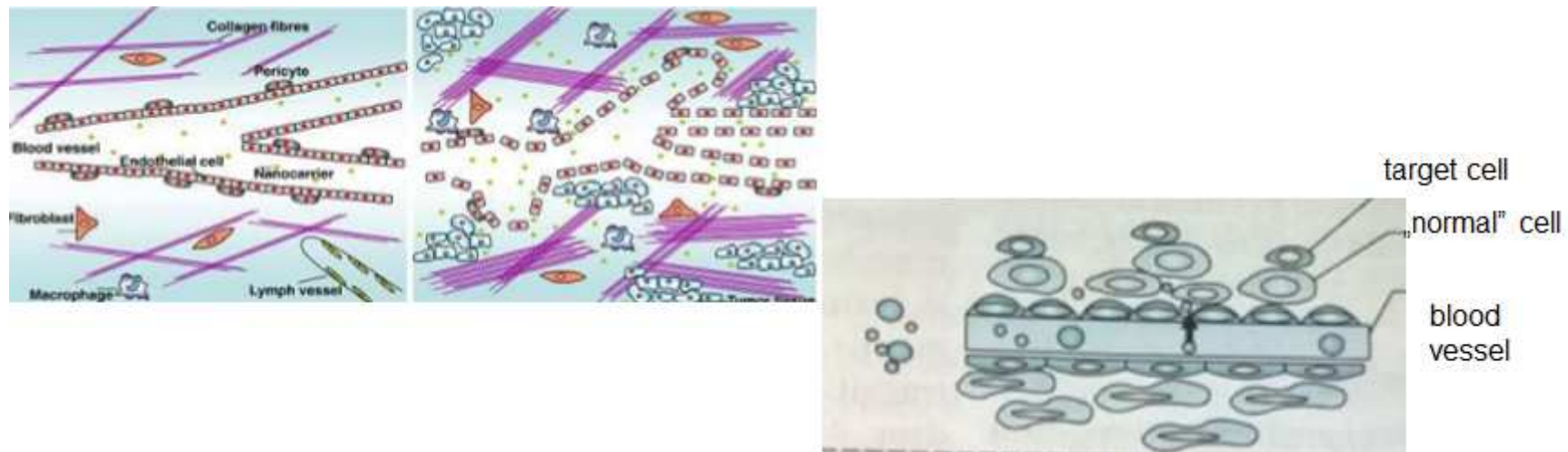
Macromolecular carriers

proteins, glycoproteins, artificial viral envelopes (AVE), glycosylated water soluble polymers (poly-L-lysine), Mabs, Fab fragments, antibody-enzyme complexes, bispecific Abs, toxins, immunotoxins, lectins and polysaccharides etc.

Level of drug targeting: strategies and approaches I.

Passive Targeting

- „natural route” of biodistribution; (reticulo-endothelial system (RES))
- capture of the colloidal type carriers by macrophages
- offers opportunities for the antimicrobial compounds, some tumors



Inverse Targeting

- avoidance of passive uptake of colloidal carriers by the RES
- suppressing the function of RES by pre- junction of a large amount of blank colloidal carriers or macromolecules like dextran sulphate
- modification and defined manipulation of the size, surface charge, composition, surface rigidity and hydrophilicity characteristics of carriers for desirable biofate

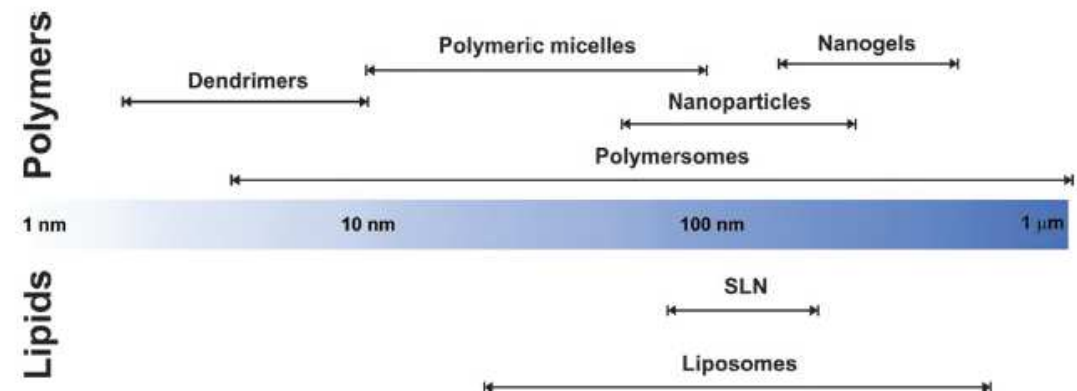
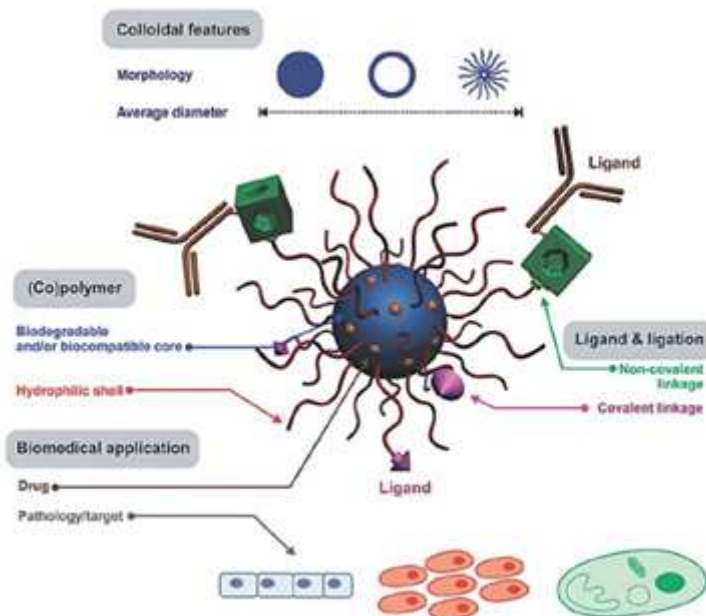
Level of drug targeting: strategies and approaches II.

Active Targeting

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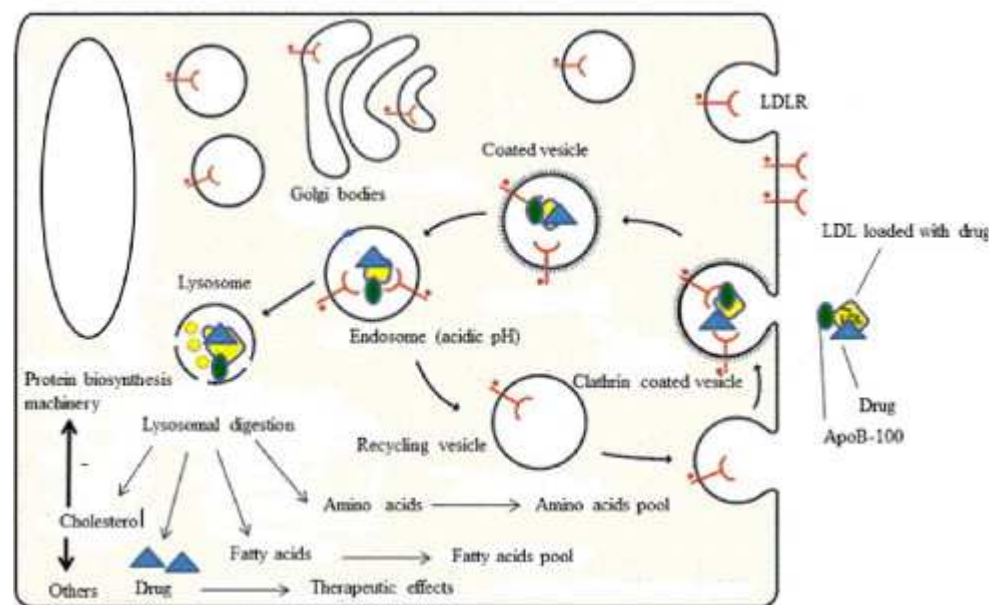
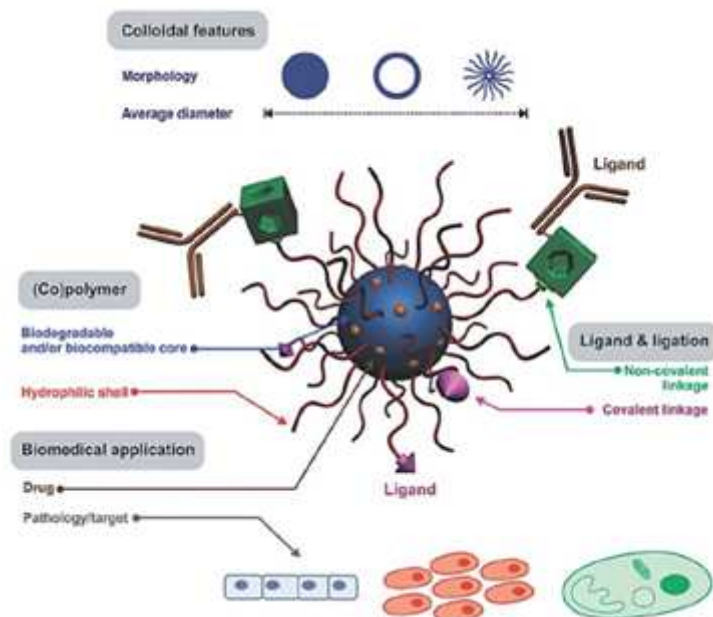


Ligand associated active targeting

- ligands are carrier surface group(s)
- selectively direct the carrier to the pre-specified site(s)
- housing the appropriate receptor units to serve as 'homing device' to the carrier/drug

Most of the carrier systems are colloidal and can be specifically functionalized using various biologically-relevant molecular ligands (antibodies, polypeptides, oligosaccharides, viral proteins & fusogenic residues etc.).

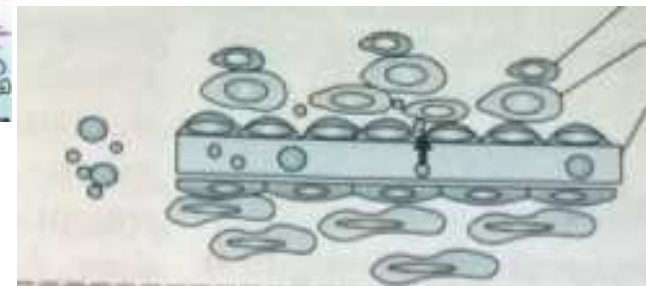
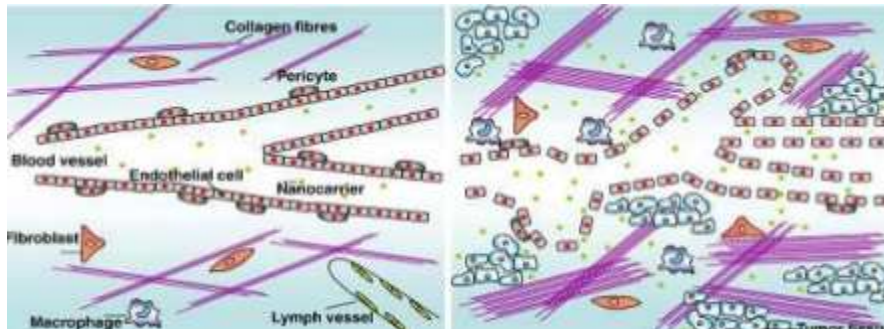
The ligands confer recognition and specificity upon drug carrier, endow them with an ability to approach the respective target selectivity and deliver the drug.



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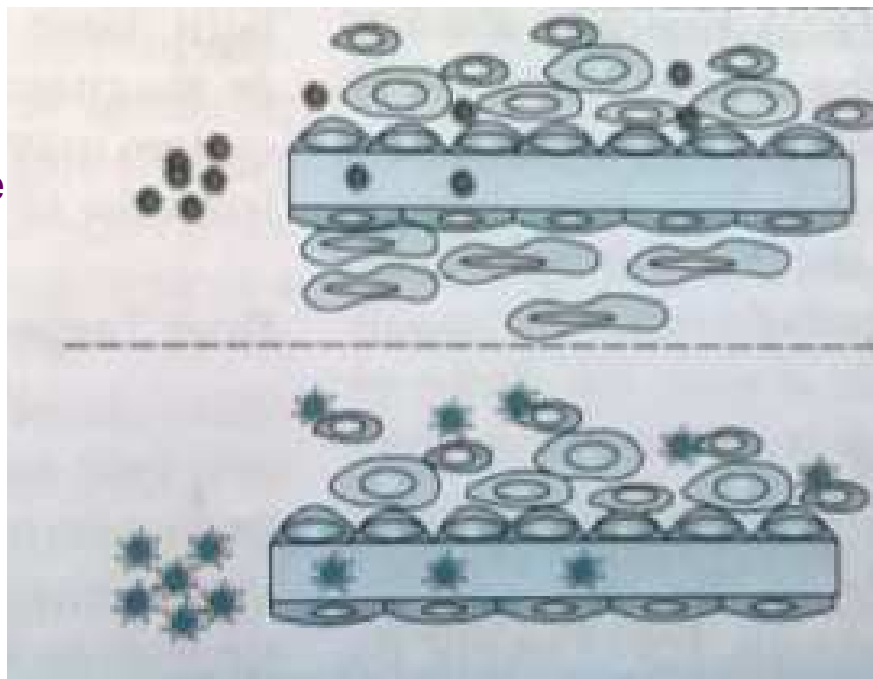
Level of drug targeting: strategies and approaches II.

Passive



target cell
„normal” cell
blood vessel

Reverse

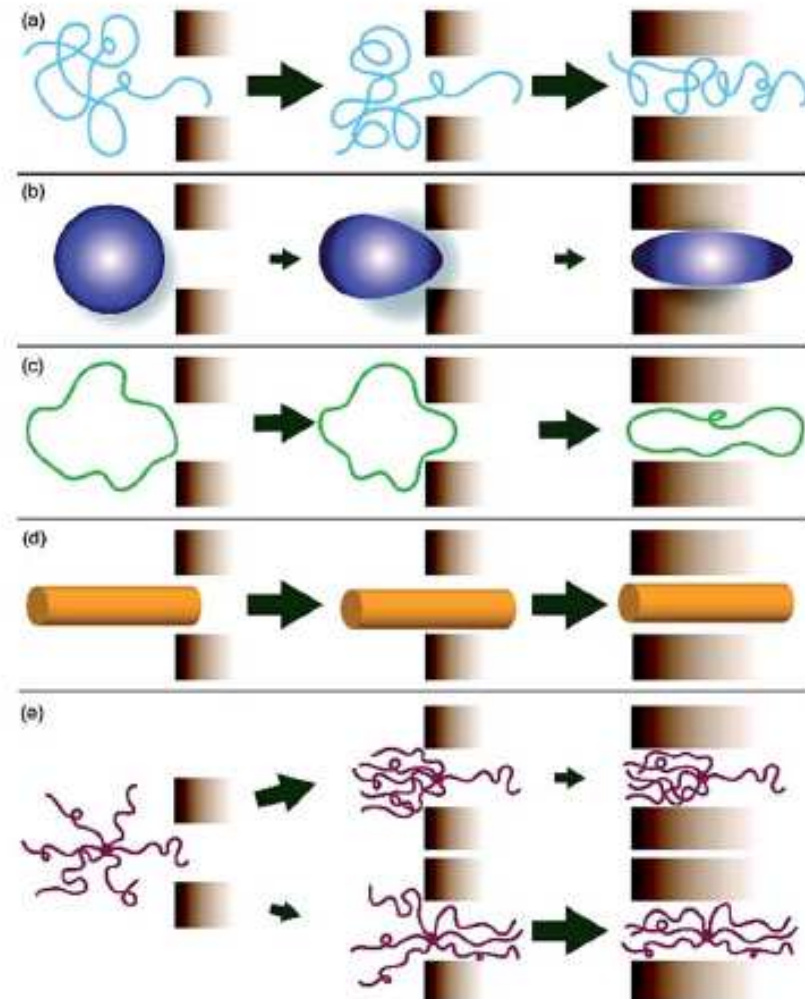
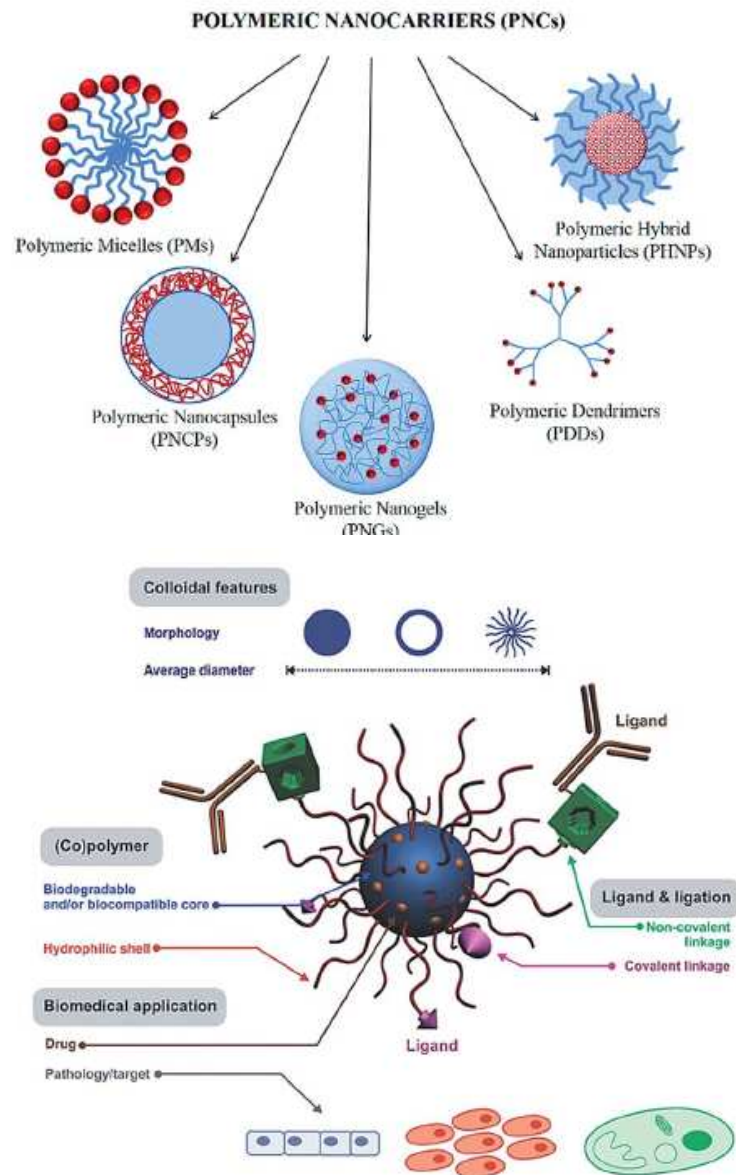


long circulating carriers,
higher uptake rate

Active

targeted carrier, maximum
selectivity, specificity

Vesicular and polymeric delivery systems



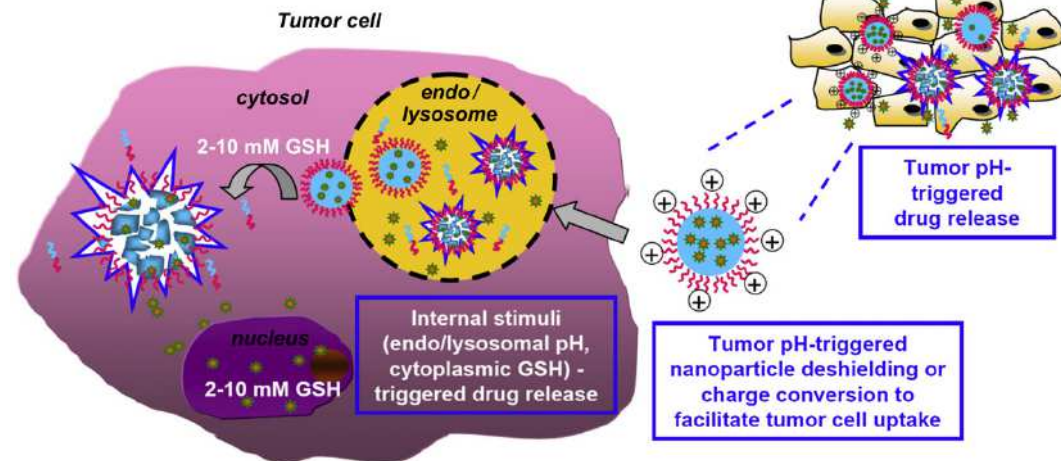
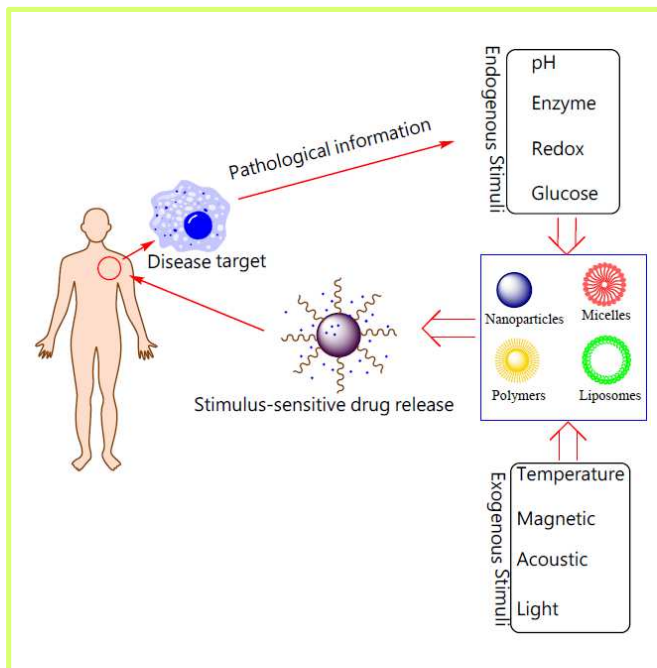
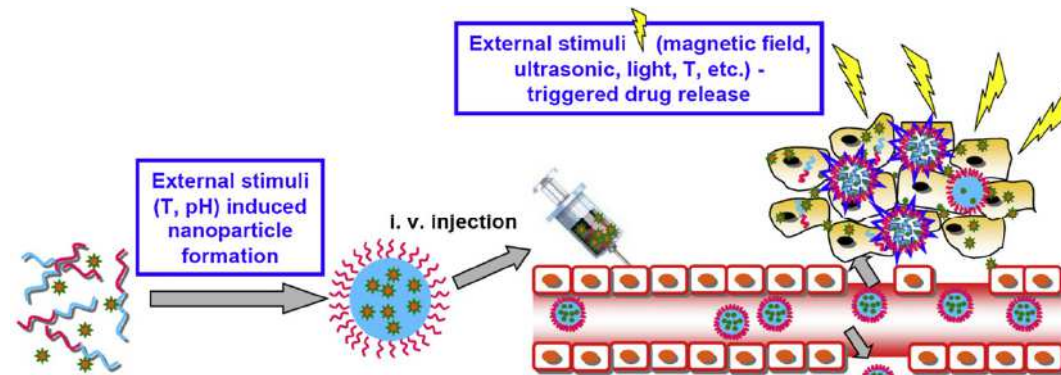
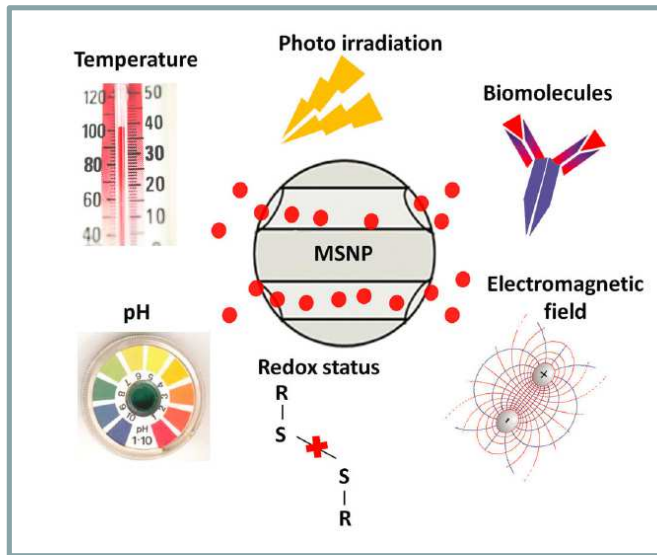
Physical targeting

Characteristics of environment changes:
(pH, temperature, light intensity, electric field, ionic strength etc.)

Physical Targeting	Formulation System	Mechanism for Drug Delivery
Heat	Liposome	Change in Permeability
Magnetic Modulation	Magnetically Responsive Microspheres Containing Iron oxide	Magnetic Field can retard fluid Flow of particles
Ultrasound	Polymers	Change in Permeability
Electrical Pulse	Gels	Change in Permeability
Light	Photo responsive Hydro gels Containing Azo-Derivatives	Change in Diffusion Channels, Activated by Specific Wavelength

This approach exceptional for tumor targeting, cytosolic delivery of entrapped drug or genetic material.

Physical targeting



Dual, double and combination targeting

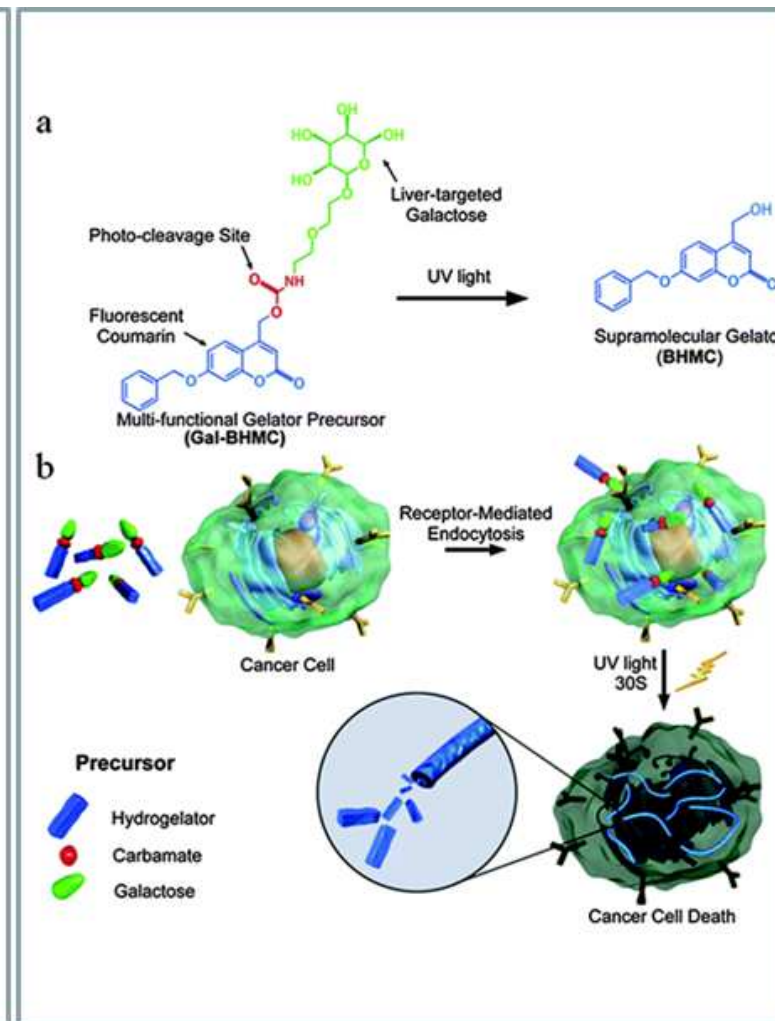
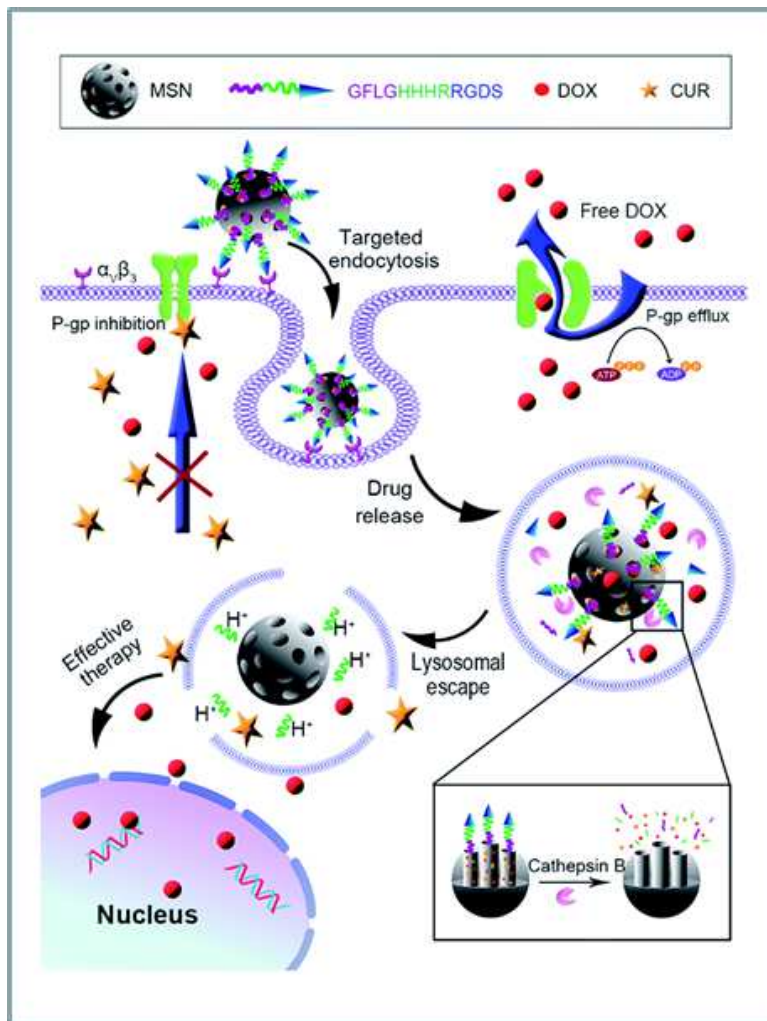
carrier molecule - therapeutic activity; increased therapeutic effect; synergistic effect

spatial control

targeting to specific organs, tissues, cells or even sub cellular compartment

temporal control

the rate of drug delivery to target site



Lipid-based nanovesicles for targeting

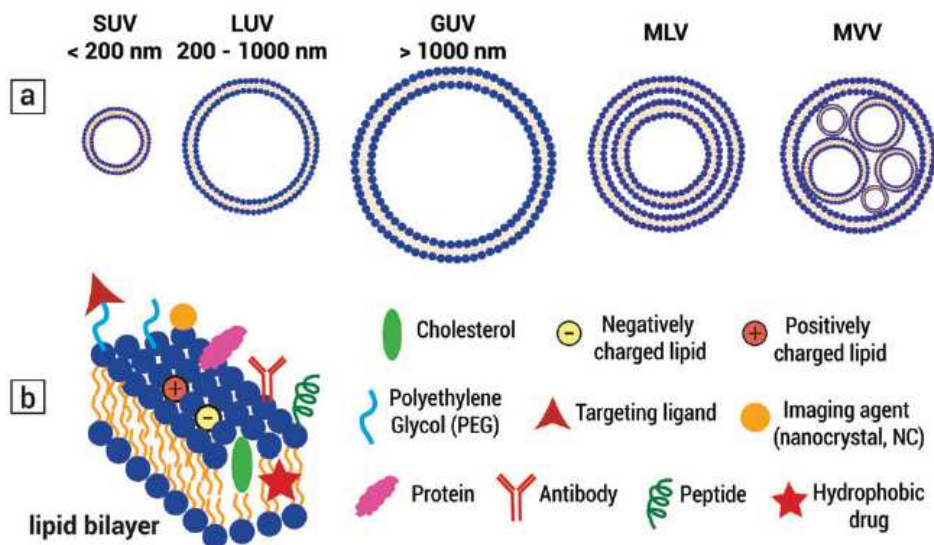


Fig. 1 Schematic representation of lipid-based vesicles. (a) Classification of vesicles regarding their size and lamellarity; (b) structure of the vesicle bilayer (left side) and examples of (bio)-actives to be physically encapsulated or chemically conjugated.

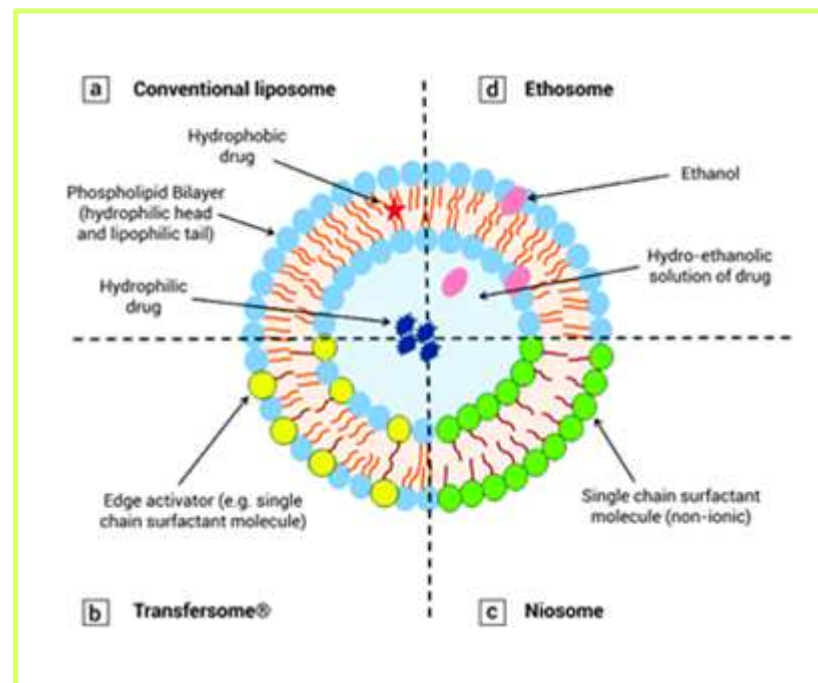


Table 1 Examples of non-liposomal L-NVs and their main characteristics

System	Composition	Size lamellarity	Stability	Example of the preclinical study ^(ref.)
Niosomes	Chol/non-ionic surfactants	Nano and sub-micron range	Short-term stability (few months)	<i>In vitro</i> ^{70,79,85,88} <i>In vivo</i> ⁷⁰
Transfersomes	Phospholipids/surfactants	Nano and sub-micron range	Short-term stability (few months)	<i>In vitro</i> ^{42,89-91} <i>In vivo</i> ^{42,71,89}
Ethosomes	Phospholipids/alcohols	Nano and sub-micron range	Short-term stability (few months)	<i>In vitro</i> ^{69,92-94} <i>In vivo</i> ⁶⁹
Sphingosomes	Chol/Sphingolipids	Nano and sub-micron range	Long-term stability (several months)	<i>In vitro</i> ⁹⁵ <i>In vivo</i> ^{95,96}
Ufasomes	Fatty acids/surfactants	Nano and sub-micron range	Short-term stability (few months)	<i>In vitro</i> ⁹⁷⁻⁹⁹ <i>In vivo</i> ⁹⁹
Pharmacosomes	Phospholipids/drugs	Nano and micron range	Short-term stability (few months)	<i>In vitro</i> ^{100,101} <i>In vivo</i> ¹⁰¹
Virosomes	Phospholipids/viral envelope proteins	Nano and sub-micron range	Short-term stability (few months)	<i>In vitro</i> ^{73,102-104} <i>In vivo</i> ^{73,102-105}
Quatsomes	Chol/cationic surfactants	Nano range	Long-term stability (several years)	<i>In vitro</i> ⁷⁴

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Lipid-based nanovesicles evolution

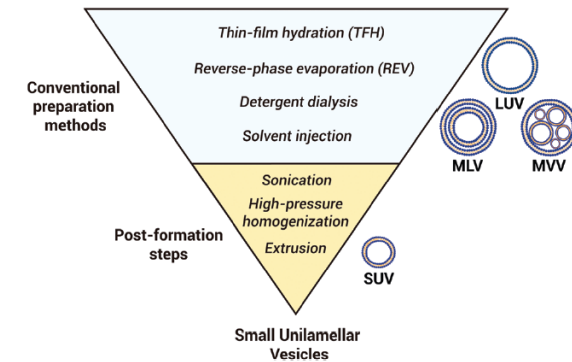
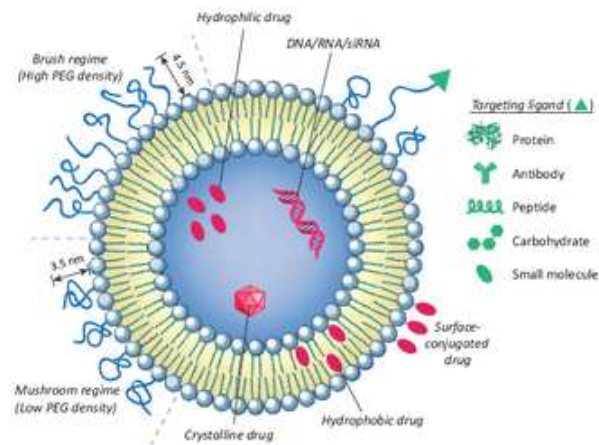
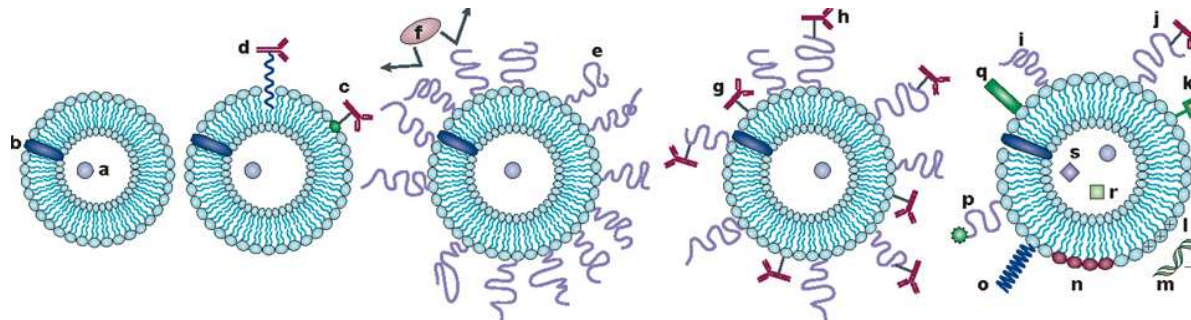


Fig. 3 Schematic representation of the most common conventional synthetic approaches for L-NV production.



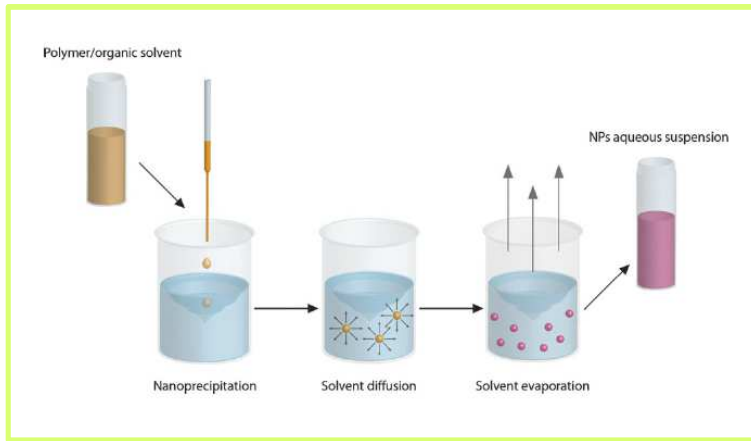
Passive Targeting:

intramuscularly or subcutaneously administered and allowed to passively circulate to a target PEGylated (grafted with polyethylene glycol), increase their circulation time

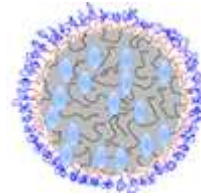
Active Targeting:

drugs that require rapid delivery, targeted liposomes, contain specific ligands or receptors recognize and bind to certain proteins on the surface of target cells (PEG interferes with protein binding, phosphatidylethanolamine and antibodies, retaining long circulation time)

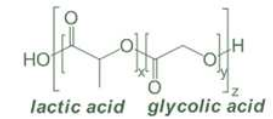
Vesicular, polimeric delivery systems, nanoparticles



nanoprecipitation

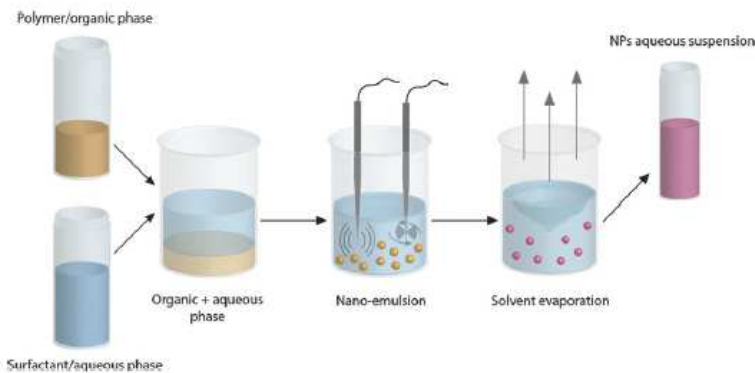
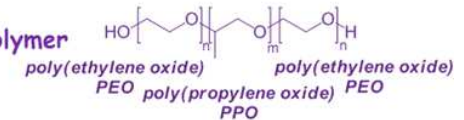


PLGA copolymer

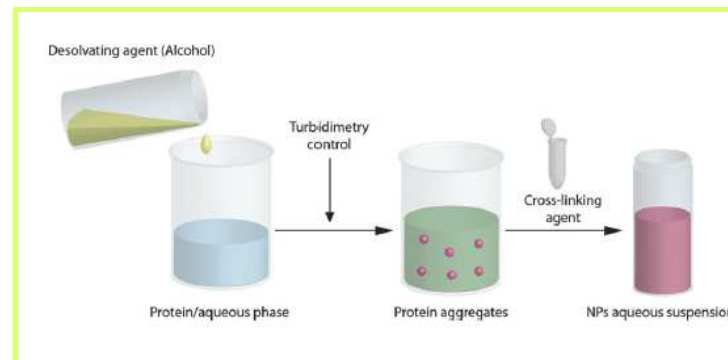
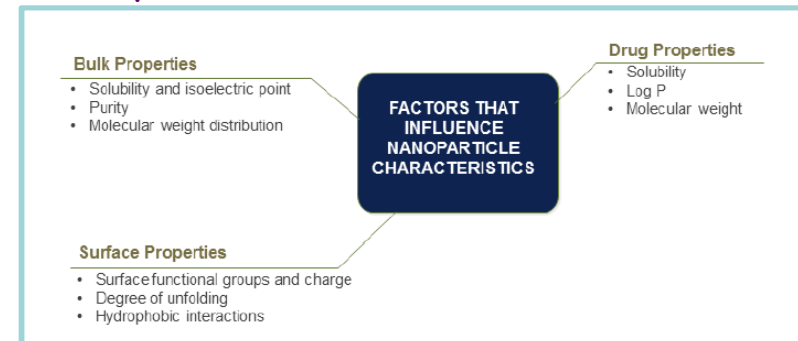


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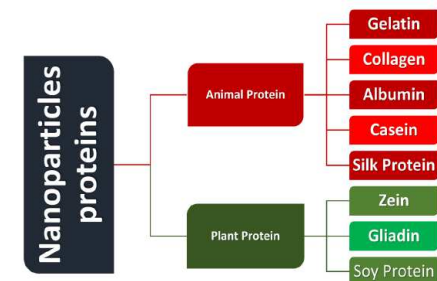
Pluronic block-copolymer



emulsion-solvent evaporation



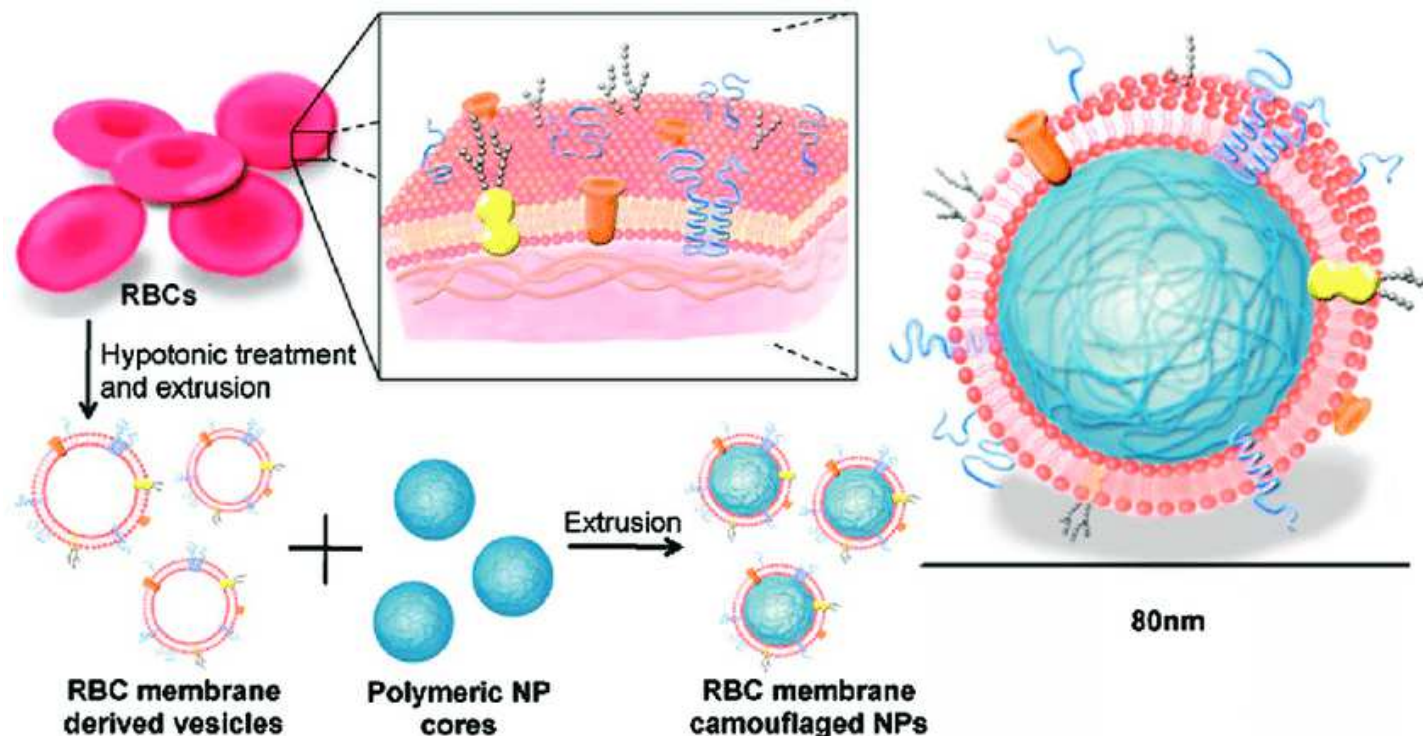
desolvation process



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Preparation for RBC-membrane-coated PLGA NPs.



RBC membrane-coated NPs
 extrusion-based fusion process
 between the osmotic shock-derived
 RBC membranes and the nano-size
 PLGA NPs.

Cell Sources	Substrates	Reference	Cell Source	Substrates	Reference
Red Blood Cell membranes	PLGA-NPs	[39,41,45,61]	White Blood Cell membranes	Silica NPs	[50,62]
	Au-NPs	[64]		ATPES-Si	[63]
	Gelatins	[66]		PLGA-NPs	[65]
	Yb ³⁺ , Er ³⁺ and etc.	[68,69]	Janus NP	[67]	
	Iron oxides	[71]	Platelet membranes	PLGA-NPs	[43,70]
	Janus particle	[73]	Cancer cell membranes	PLGA-NPs and upcon-version NPs	[42,72]
Bacterial membranes (<i>E. coli</i>)	Si particles	[62]	Exosomes	PLGA-NPs	[74]
	Au-NPs	[76,77]	Stem cell membranes	gelatin nanogels	[75]
				superparamagnetic iron oxide nano-particles (SPIO NPs)	[78]

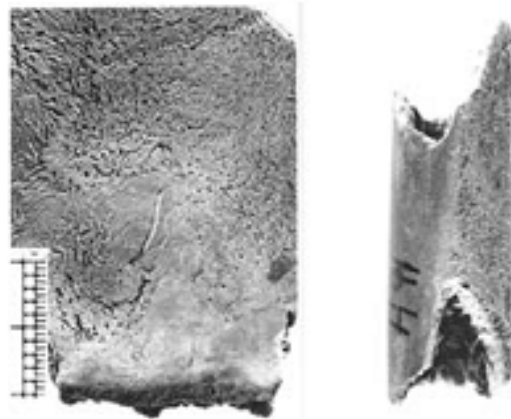
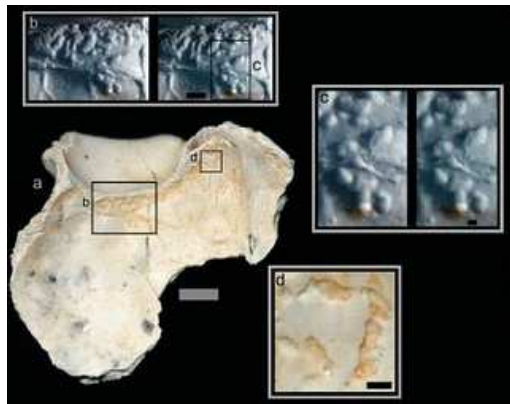
Homo sapiens versus *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, milestones

Mycobacterium genus

over one hundred species, slow and rapid growers (SGM, RGM)

pathogen species, slow growers

- Hominidae (*H. erectus*, ca. 500 000 BC, fossils)
- first evidence of the disease (ca. 5000 BC, Neolithic period)
- extrapulmonary tuberculous spondylitis – Pott's disease (ca. 3000-2400, mummies)



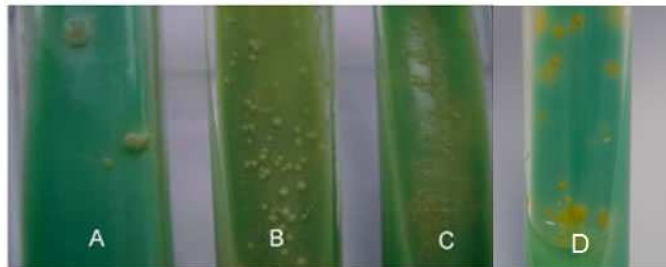
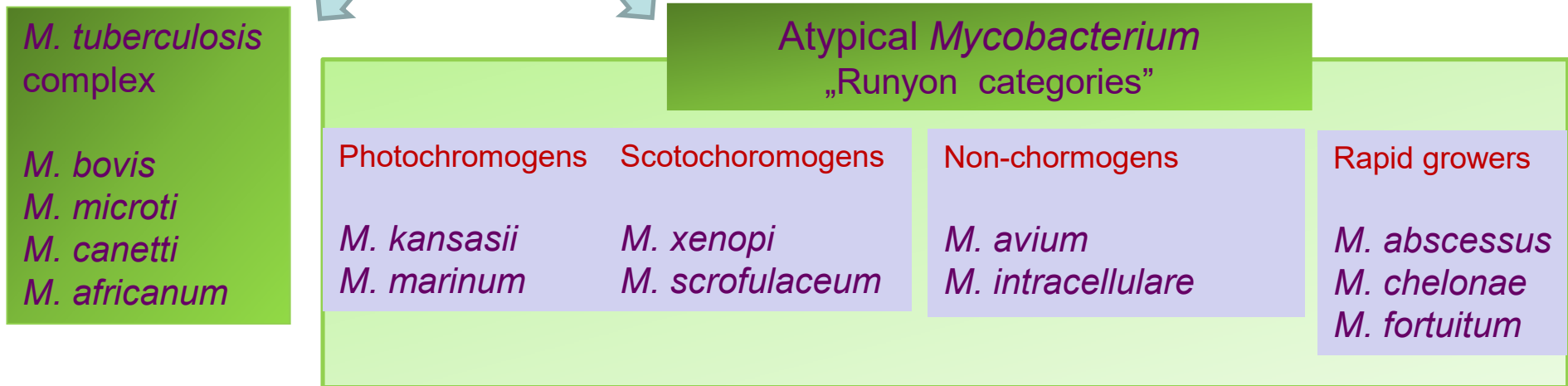
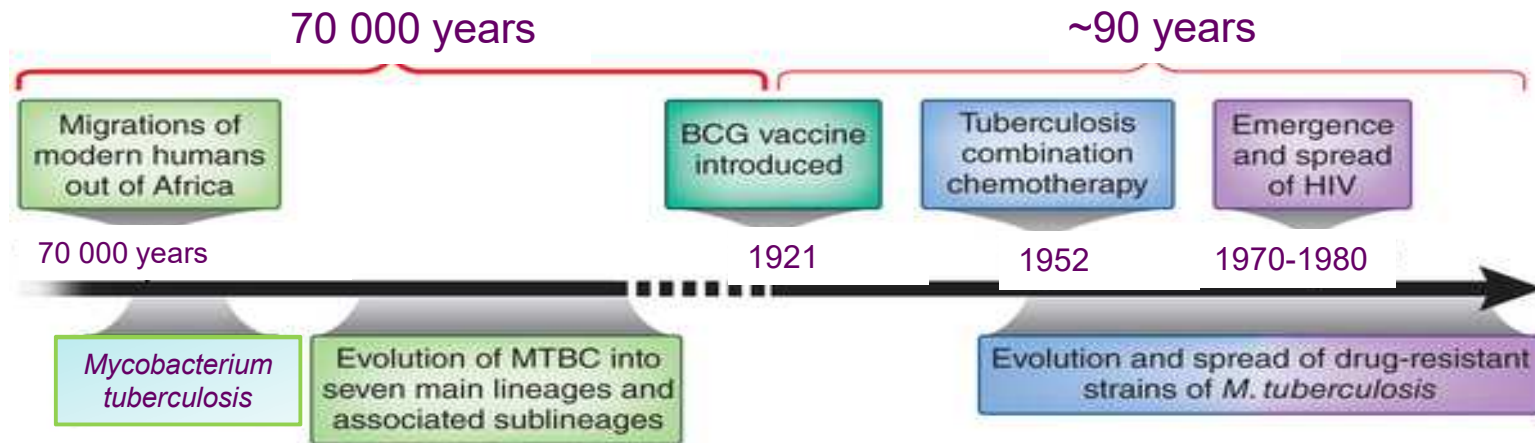
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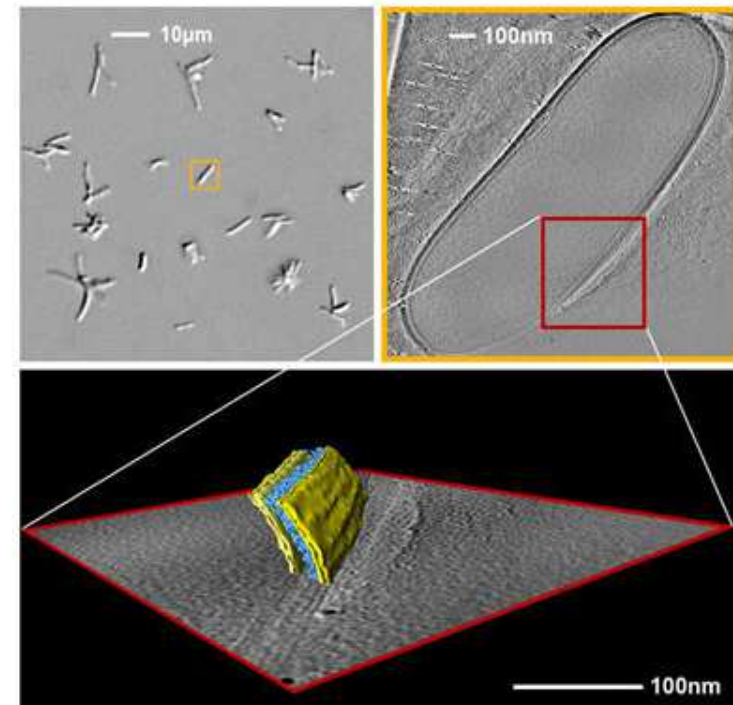
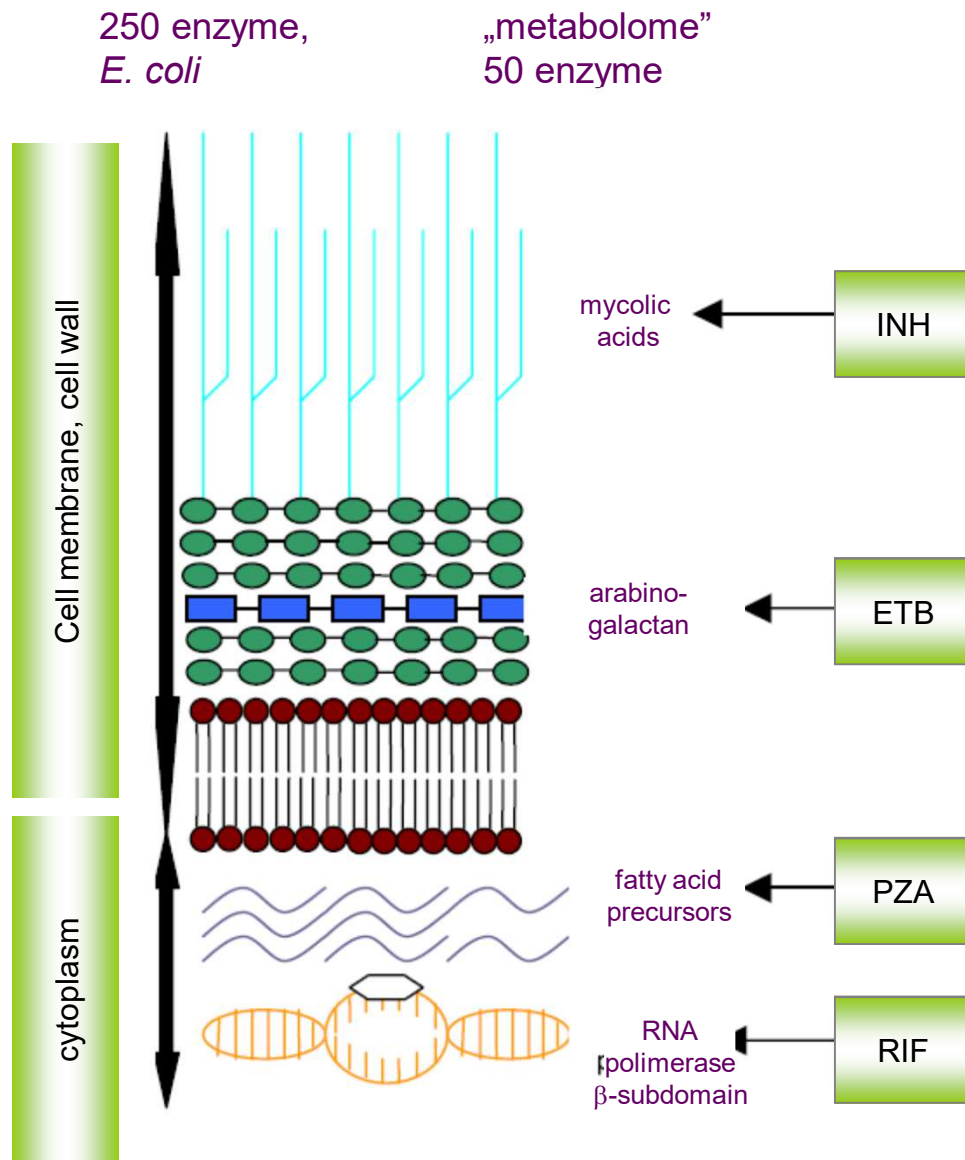
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Homo sapiens versus Mycobacteriaceae: evolution

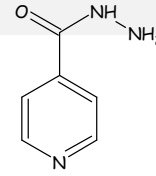


- A *M. tuberculosis*
- B *M. bovis*
- C *M. avium*
- D *M. kansasii*

Mycobacterium tuberculosis „survival kit”



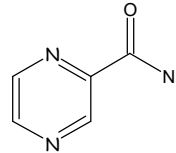
Antitubercular drugs



INH (isoniazid, isonicotinic acid hydrazide, 1912, 1952)

- frontline drug, min. 6 months therapy
- bactericide
- prodrug (KatG (catalase/oxidase): activation, NAT: inactivation)
- inhibits the formation of mycolic acid cell wall

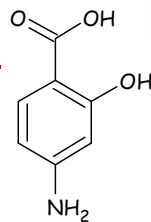
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PZA (pyrazinamide, 1936, 1952)

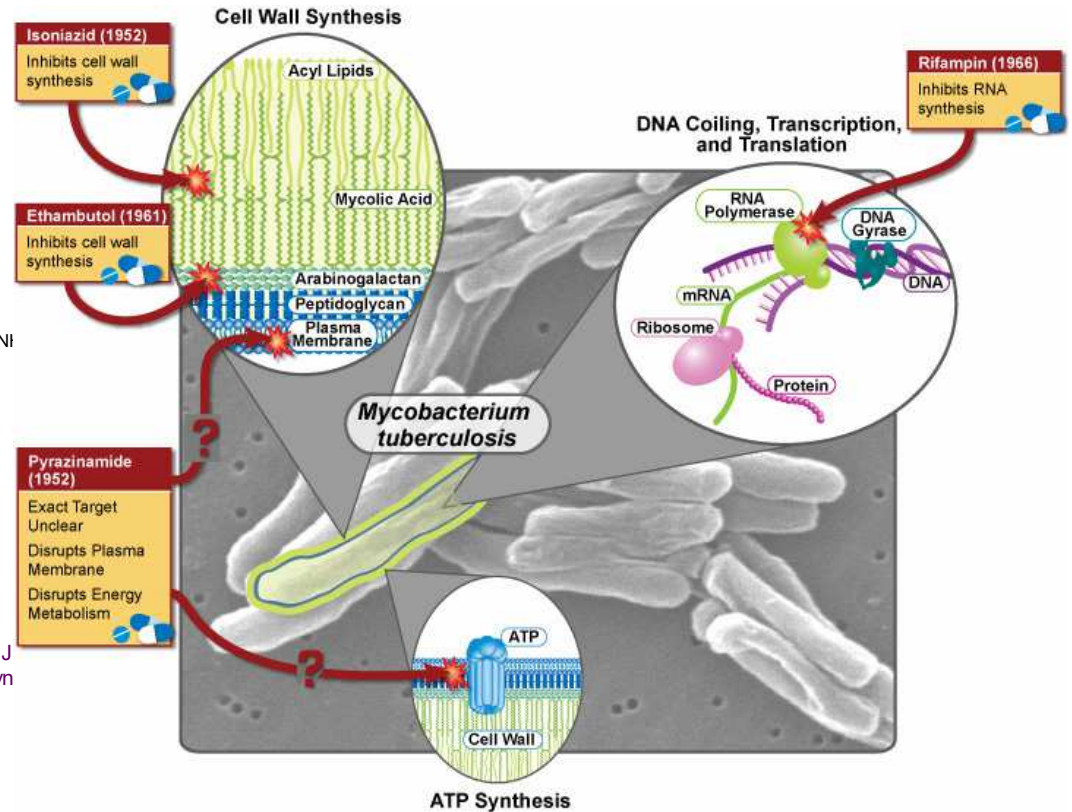
- frontline drug
- bactericide
- prodrug (bacterial nicotinamidase/pyrazinamidase -> pyrazinoic acid)
- active at acidic pH, effective against dormant bacteria

Kushner, S., H. Dalalian, J. L. Sanjurjo, F. L. Bach, Jr., S. R. Safir, V. K. Smith, J. and J. H. Williams. 1952. Experimental chemotherapy of tuberculosis. II. The syn of pyrazinamides and related compounds. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 74:3617-3621.



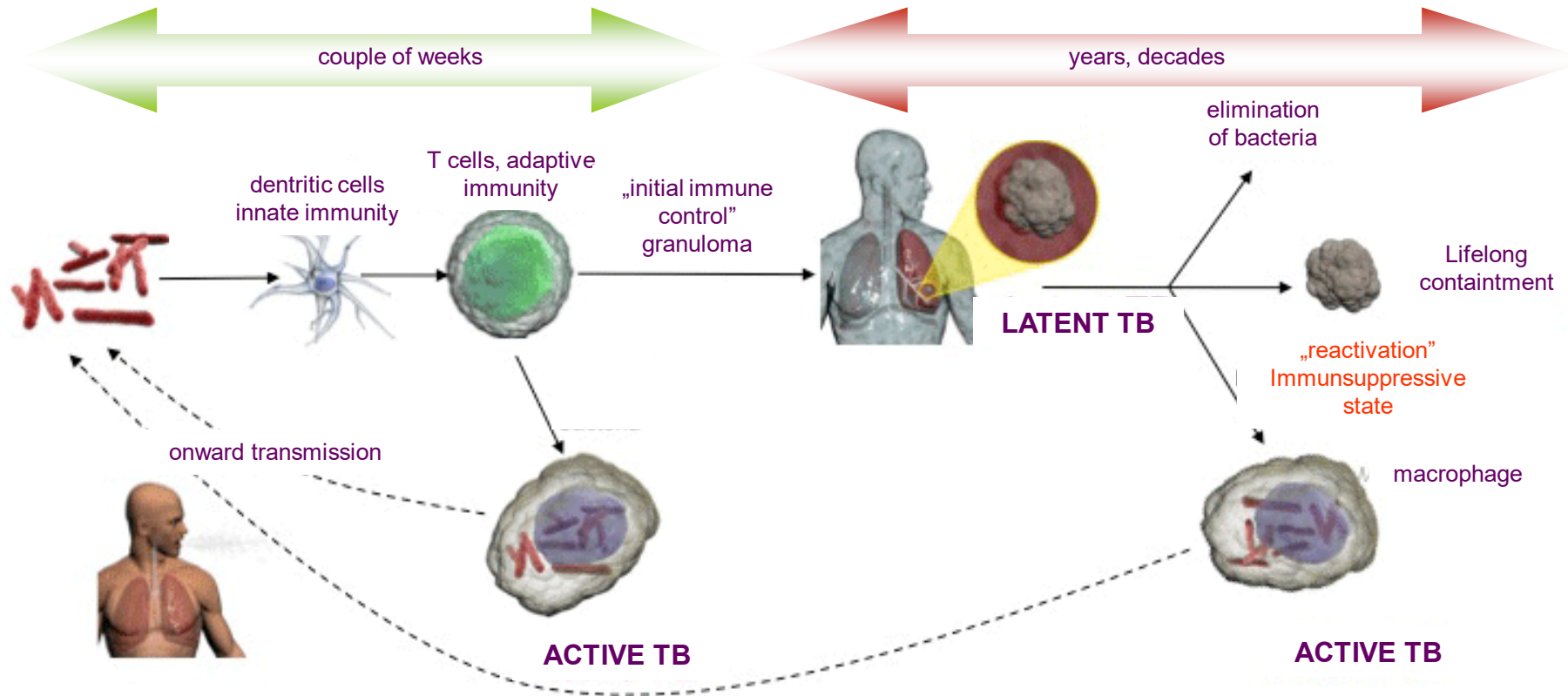
PAS (para-aminosalicylic acid, 1946)

- second-line antibiotic, MDR-TB
- bacteriostatic
- 150-200mg / kg / day (!)
- hepatotoxicity, cardiotoxicity



Lehmann, J. 1946 Chemotherapy of tuberculosis. The bacteriostatic action of paminosalicylic acid (PAS) and closely related compounds upon the tubercle bacillus, together with animal experiments and clinical trials with PAS. Svensk. Läkartidn.,43, 2029-2041.

Natural history of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* infection



aerob, intracellular pathogen

host cells: mainly alveolar macrophages

reactivation: in autoimmune and tumor patients, HIV and hepatitis infected individuals etc.

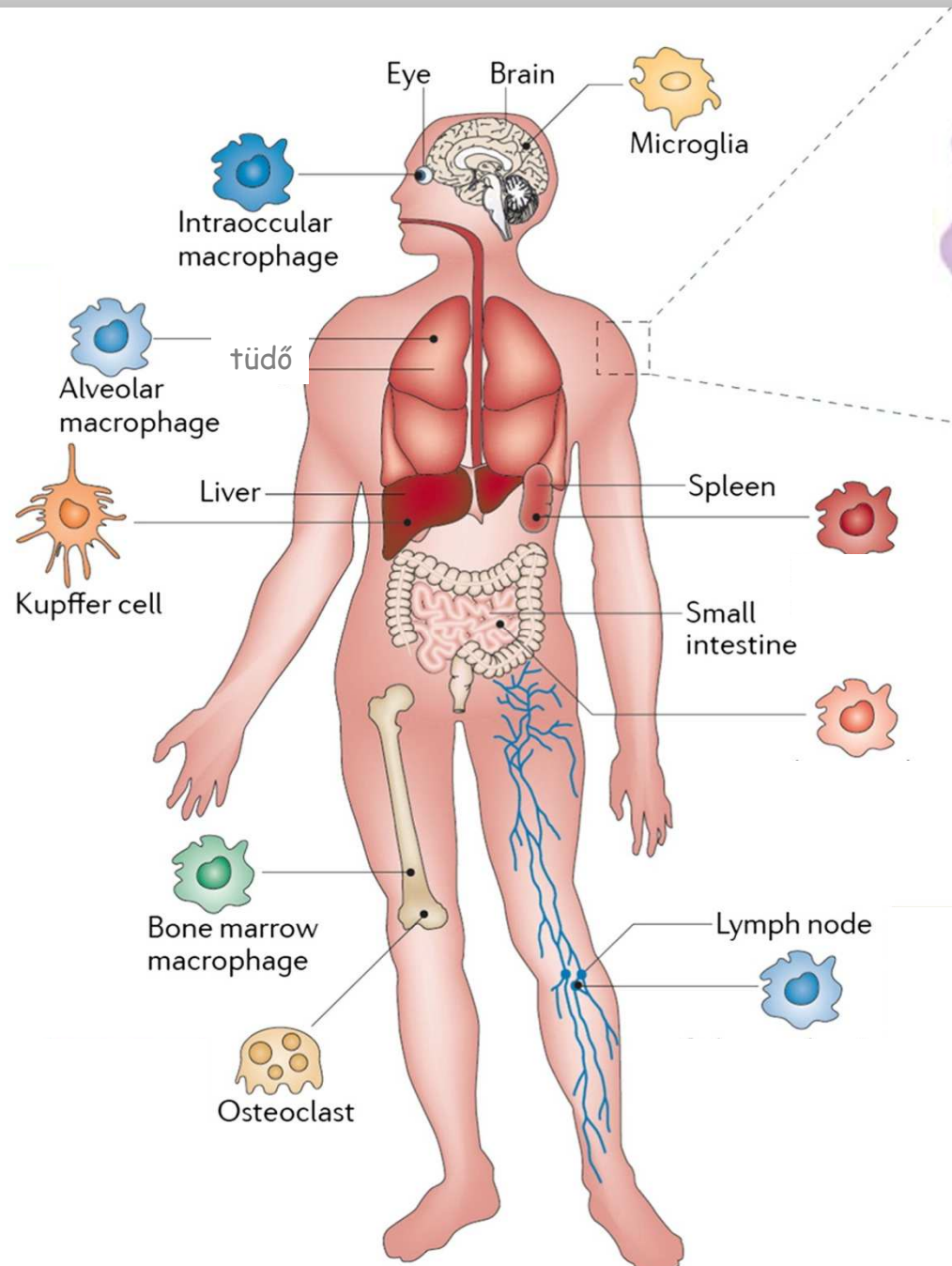
Handbook of Tuberculosis: Clinics, Diagnostics, Therapy, and Epidemiology, Ed., S. H. E. Kaufmann, 2008, Wiley, ISBN: 978-3-527-31888-9

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Host cell specific targeting



- mannosyl/fucosyl receptor
- galactosyl receptor
- scavenger receptor
- lectin receptor
- integrin receptor
- Fc receptor
- MHC
- **tuftsin receptor/NP-1**

Aims and strategies

new antitubercular compounds

chemical modification
of existing compounds

in silico identified drug
candidates

in vitro antimycobacterial activity

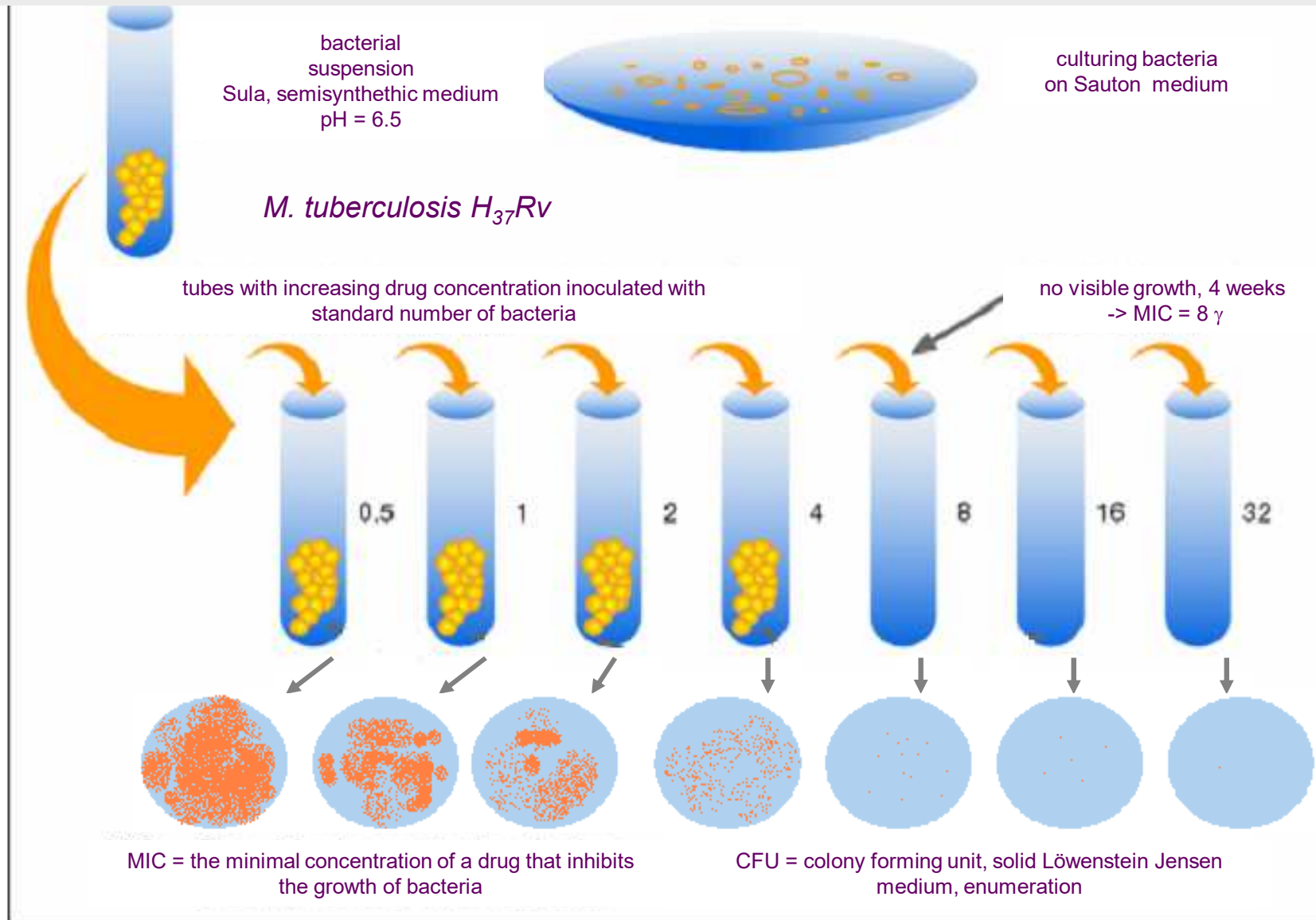
structure – activity relationship

chemical tailoring, optimization

host cell specificity, enhancing cellular uptake and bioavailability

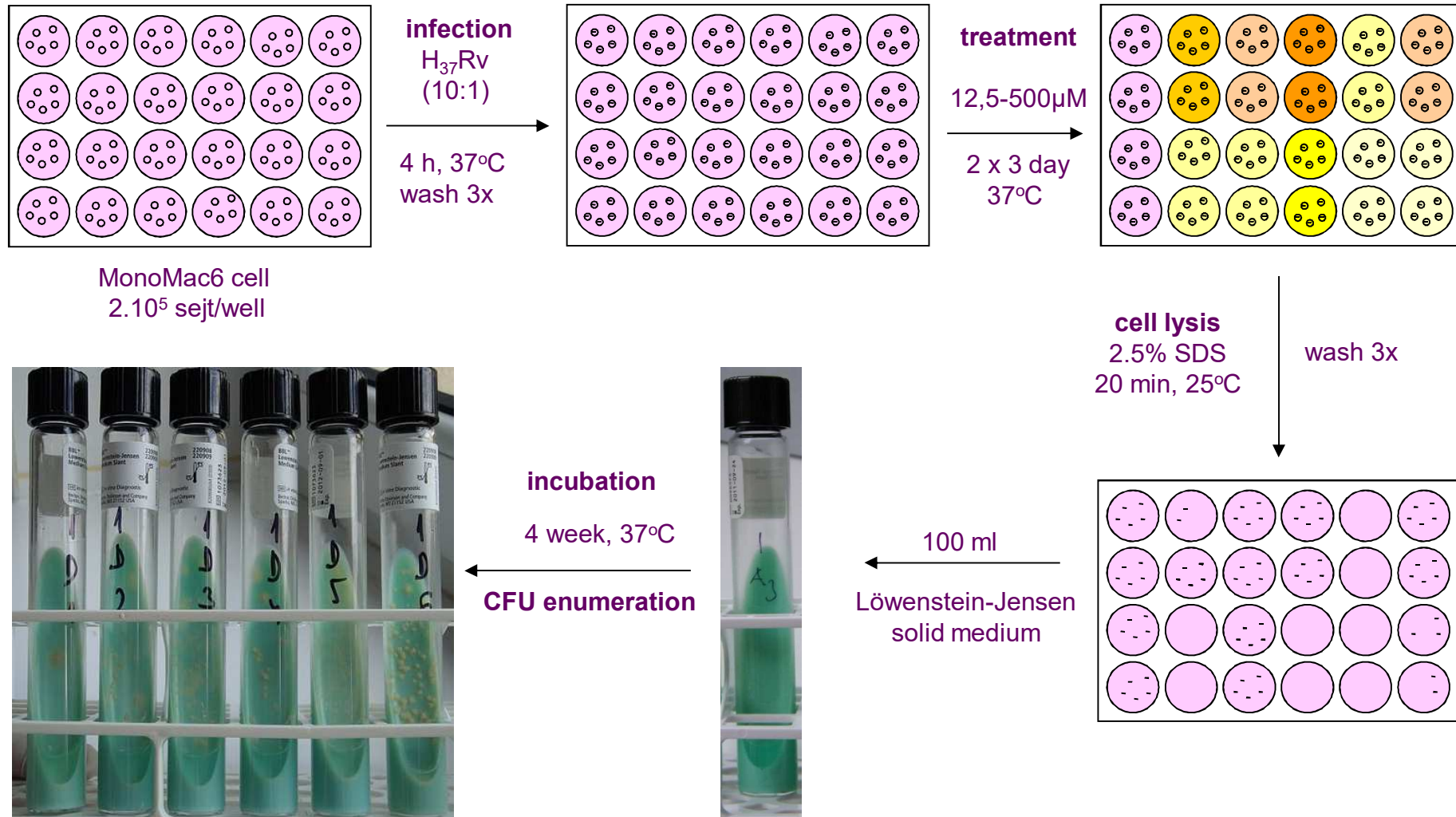
peptide carriers (with or without recognition unit)
RES specific nanoparticles

Determination of Minimal Inhibitory concentration (MIC) and Colony Forming Unit (CFU), *in vitro* extracellular model



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Löwenstein, E. Zentralb. Bakteriolog. Parasitenkd. infektionskr. Hyg. Abt. I Orig., 1931. 120: p. 127.
Sula, L. Bull. World Health Organ, 1963. 29(5): p. 607-625.
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Evaluation on intracellular bacteria, *M. tuberculosis* infected MonoMac-6 cells



In silico method for identification new drug candidates

New docking algorithms, FRIGATE

Zinc database

(Zinc – <http://zinc.docking.org/>)

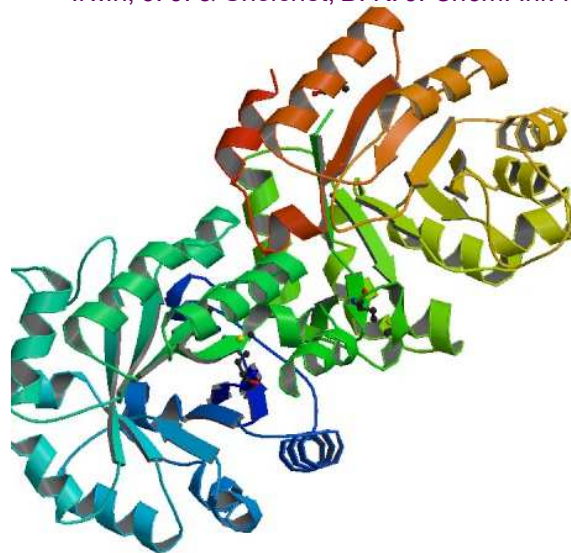
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Irwin, J. J. & Shoichet, B. K. *J. Chem. Inf. Model.* **2005**. 45:177-82

3D structure, RS-PDB

(crucial for the maintenance of integrity and survival)

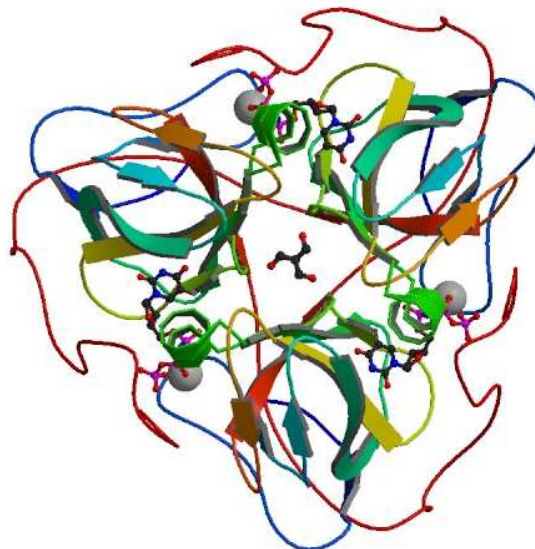
Szabadka, Z., Grolmusz, V., *Conf Proc IEEE Eng Med Biol Soc.* **2006**. 1:5755-8



PriA (hisA)

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PDB code: 1qo2

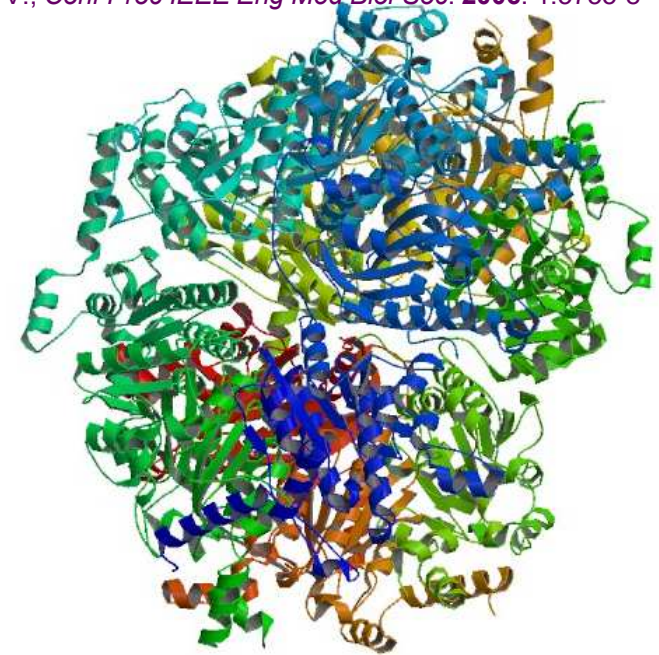
Lang, D. et al. *Science* **2000**. 289: 1546.



***M. tub.* dUTPase**

(involved in thymidylate biosynthesis and preventive DNA repair mechanism)
EC 3.6.1.23; Rv2697c;
PDB code: 2py4

Varga, B. et al. *Biochem Bioph Res Co* **2009**. 373: 8.



AccD5 (2bzt)

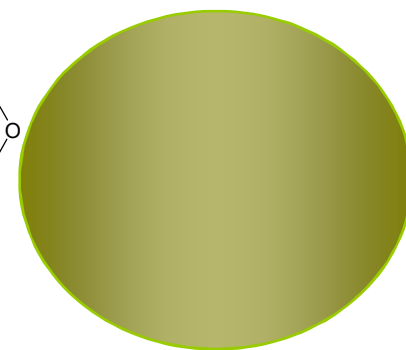
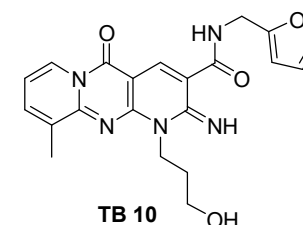
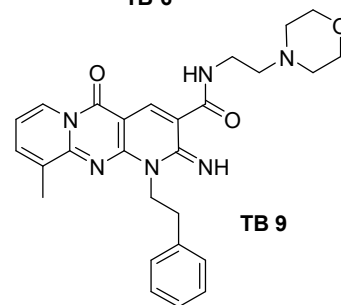
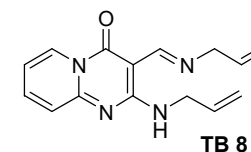
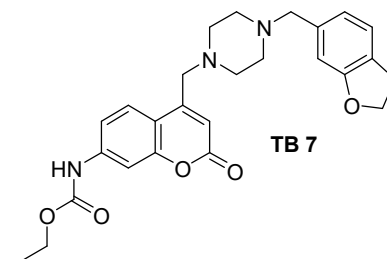
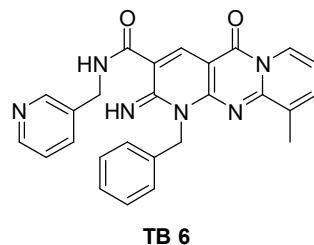
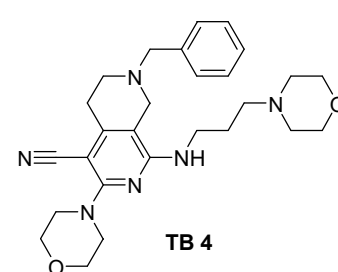
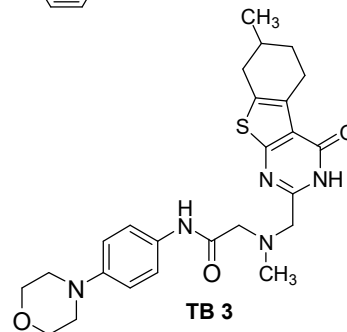
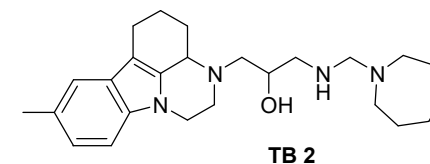
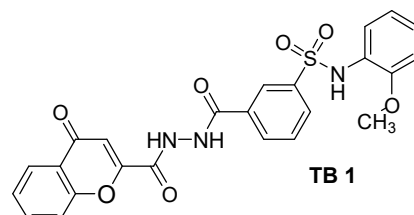
(key enzyme in the catabolic pathway of odd-chain fatty acids, isoleucine, threonine, methionine, and valine) EC 6.4.1.3; Rv3280;
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Holton, S.J. et al. *FEBS Lett* **2006**. 580: 6898.

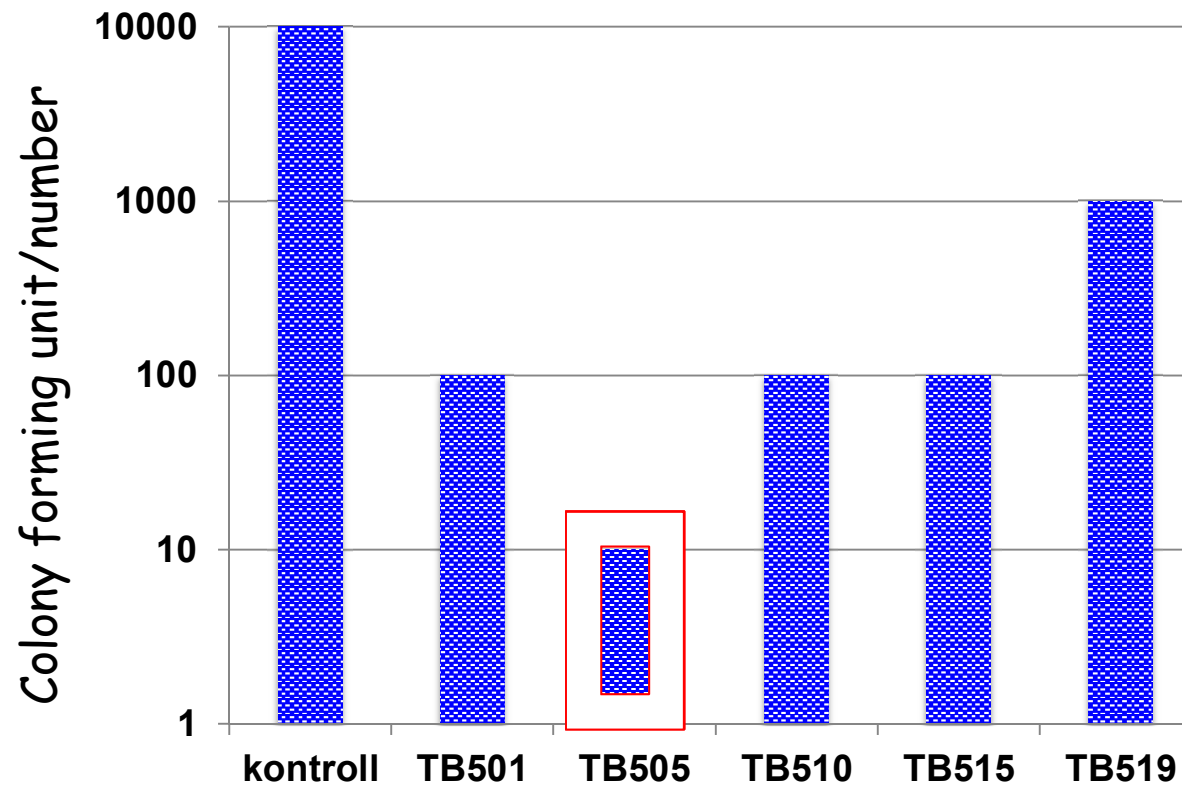
First hits on dUTPase

compound	MIC ^a ($\mu\text{g/mL}$)	MIC (μM)
control	no inhibition	
isoniazid (INH)	0.16	1.2
norfloxacin	5	15
TB1	25	51
TB2	5	12
TB3	15	31
TB4	30	63
TB5	20	46
TB6	45	100
TB7	25	53
TB8	1	3.7
TB9	45	93
TB10	45	110

^a MIC (Minimal Inhibitory Concentration) was determined on *M. tuberculosis* H₃₇Rv strain in Sula semisynthetic media, pH 6.5 (4 weeks)
To confirm the sterility CFU (Colony Forming Unit) was determined on Löwenstein-Jensen solid media (4 weeks)

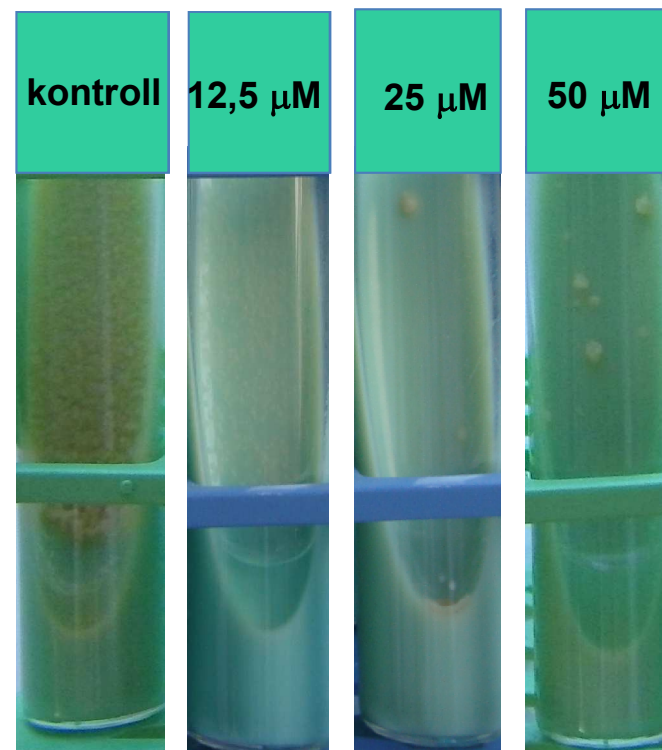
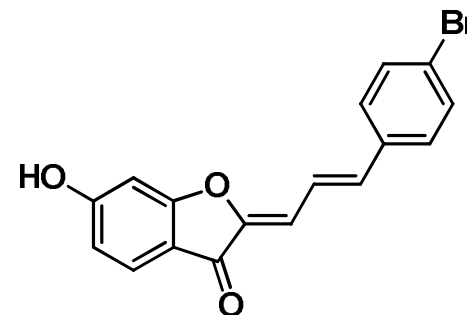
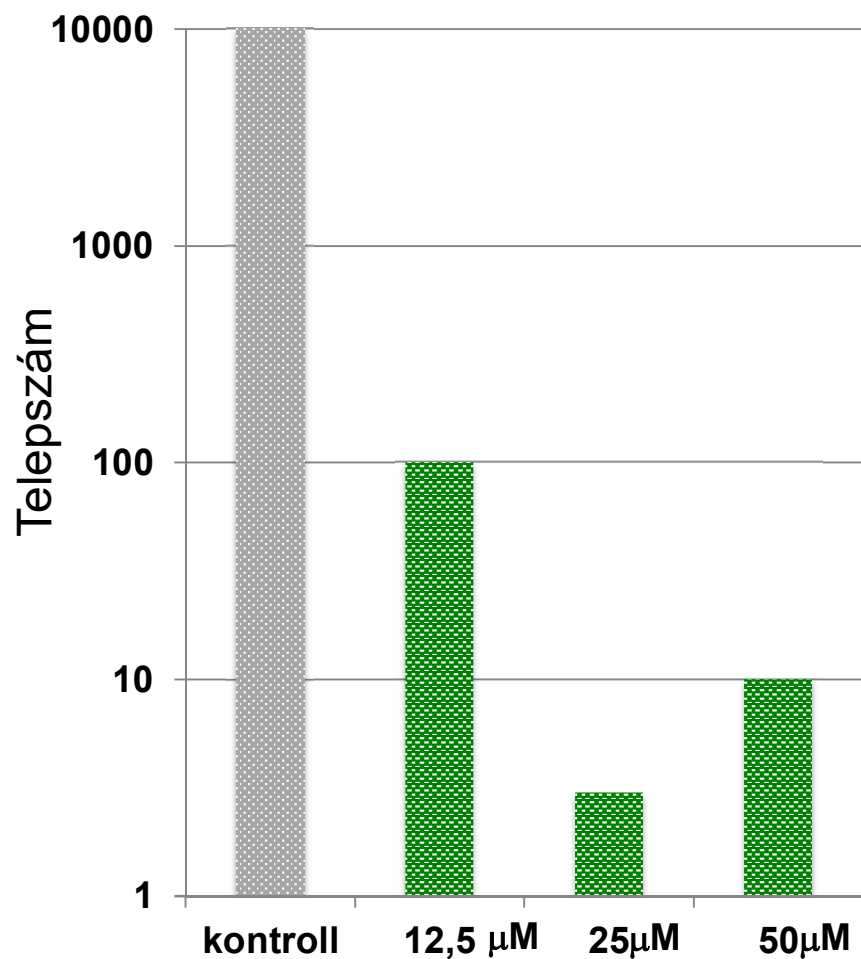


Antimycobacterial activity on *M. tuberculosis* H₃₇Rv infected MonoMac6 cell, inhibition of intracellular bacteria, 2 treatments

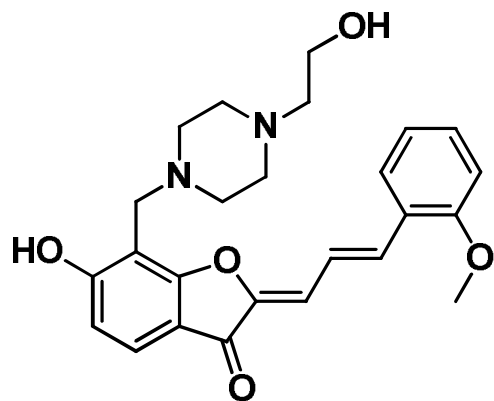


treatment : 50 μ M

Antimycobacterial activity on *M. tuberculosis* H₃₇Rv infected MonoMac6 cell, inhibition of intracellular bacteria, 2 treatments, TB505 compound

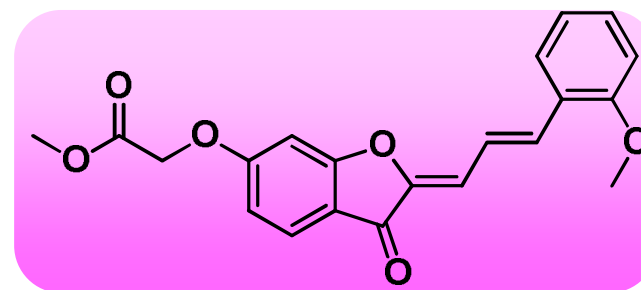


TB 5 family, *in vitro* selectivity



TB 501

MIC 20 γ (48 μ M)*
IC₅₀ 46 μ M**



TB 514

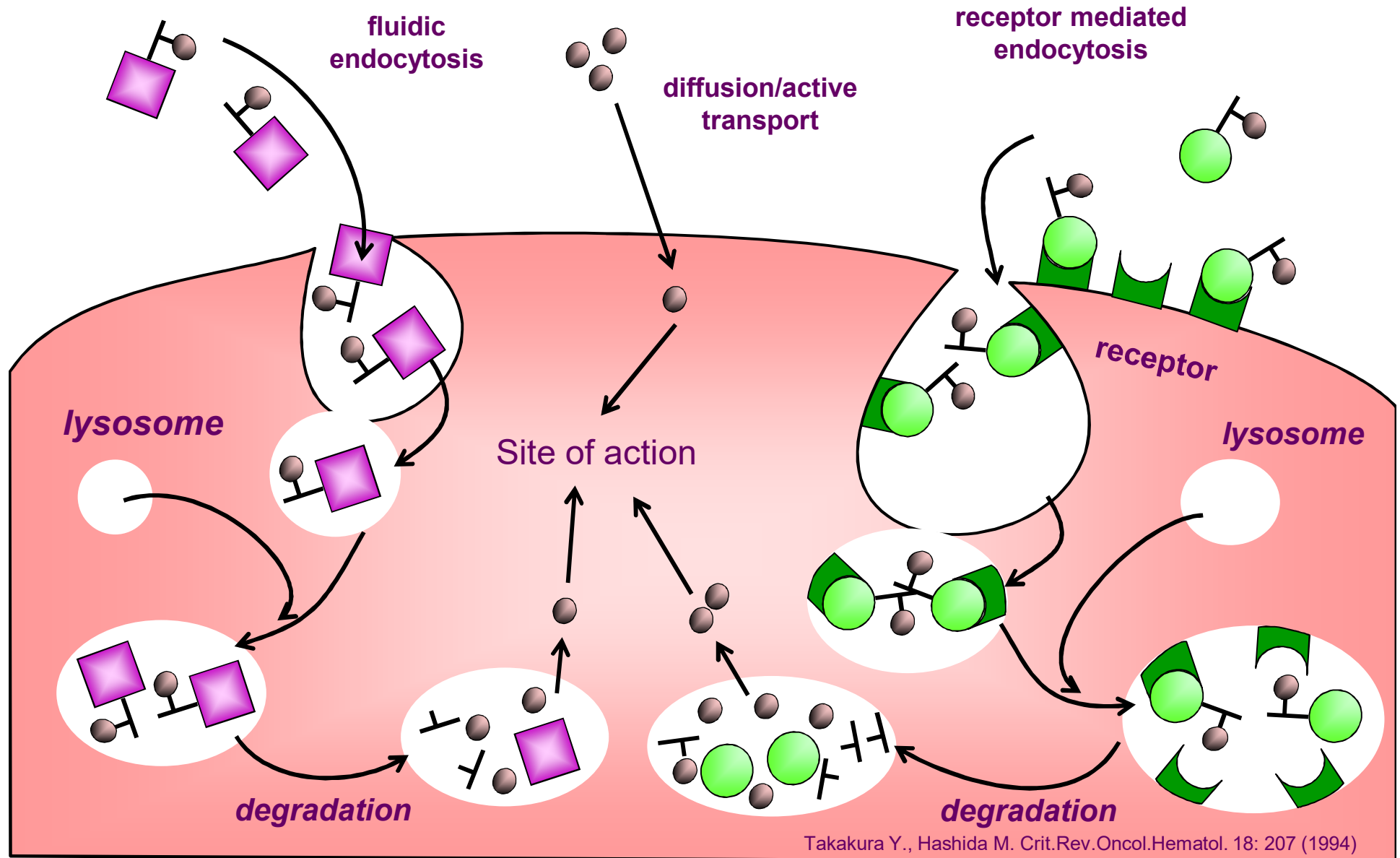
MIC 5 γ (14 μ M)*
MDR A8 MIC <0,5 γ (1,4 μ M)
M.kansasii MIC 4 γ (11 μ M)

IC₅₀ 209 μ M**
IC₅₀ >250 μ M
(PBMC toxicit s)

***In vitro* intracellular inhibition - 25 μ M**

* H₃₇RV *M. tuberculosis* strain, ** cytostatic activity, HepG2 cells

Internalisation pathways of bioactive molecules

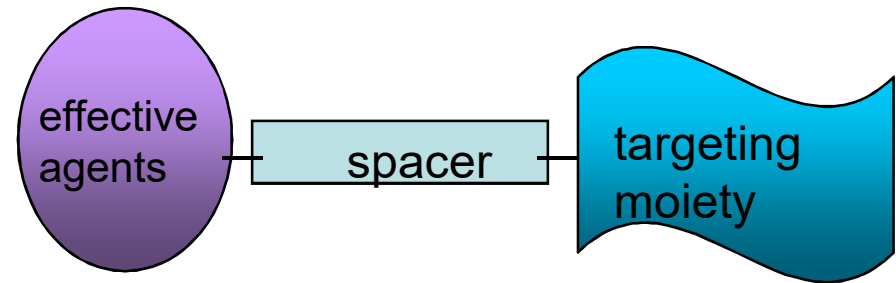


Peptide based drug targeting/delivery

Recognition unit

YES

NO

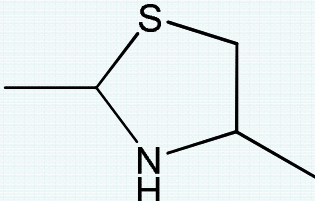


Peptide
- VEGF/NRP-1 (tuftsin)

Peptide
CPP, antimicrobial

-Polyamino acids
-Branched chain
polypeptides

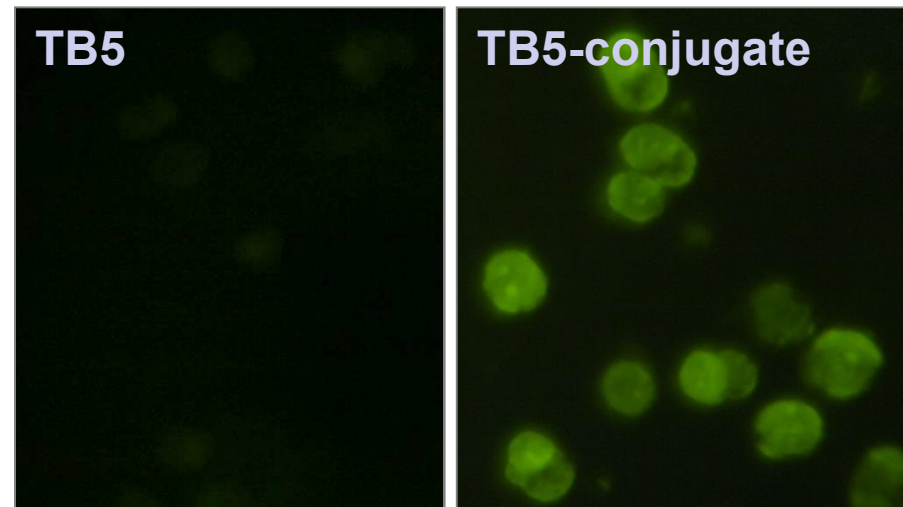
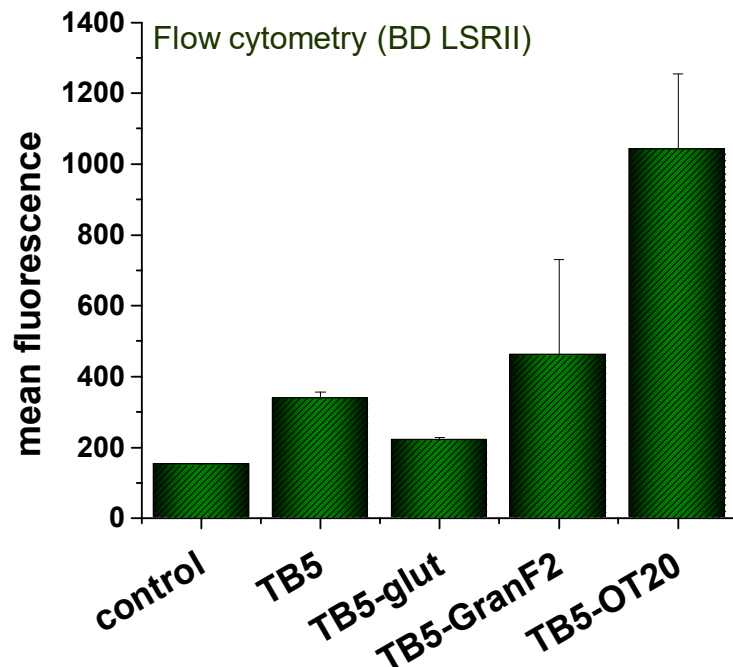
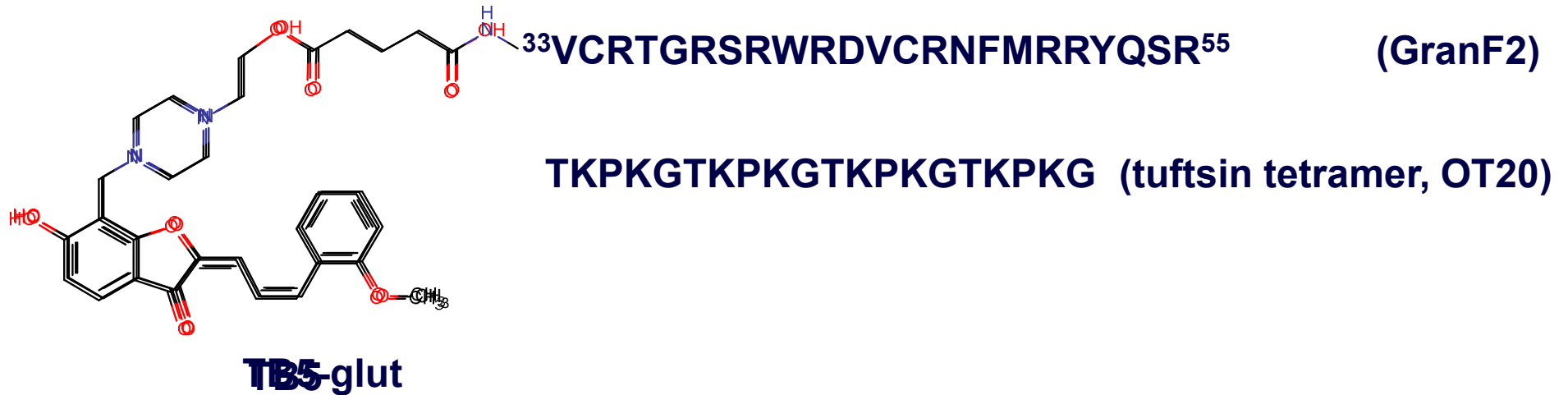
Chemical linkage

amide	oxime	thioether	disulfide
-NH-CO-	-CH=N-O-	-CH ₂ -S-CH ₂ -	-CH ₂ -S-S-CH ₂ -
thiazolidine	hydrazone	hydrazine	
	-NH-N=CH-	-NH-NH-CH ₂ -	

- mannosyl-fucosyl receptors
- galactosyl receptors
- scavenger receptors
- **tuftsin receptor/NP-1**

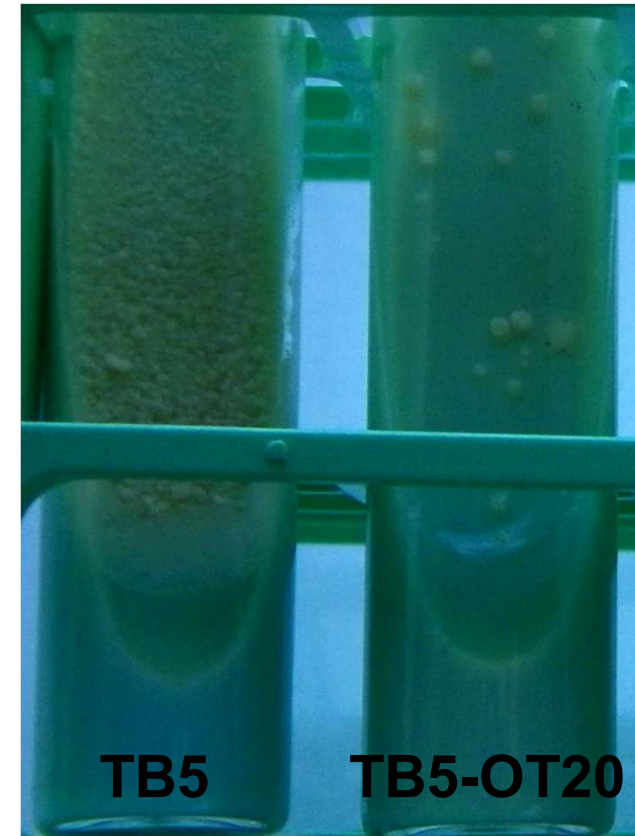
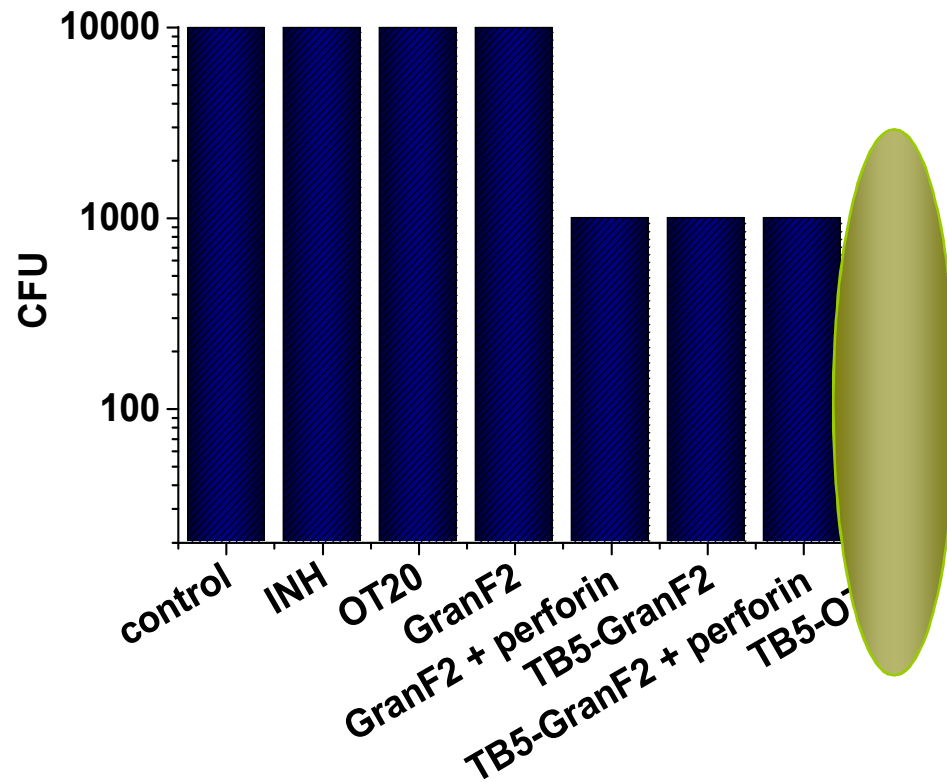
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Peptide carrier to target intracellular bacteria



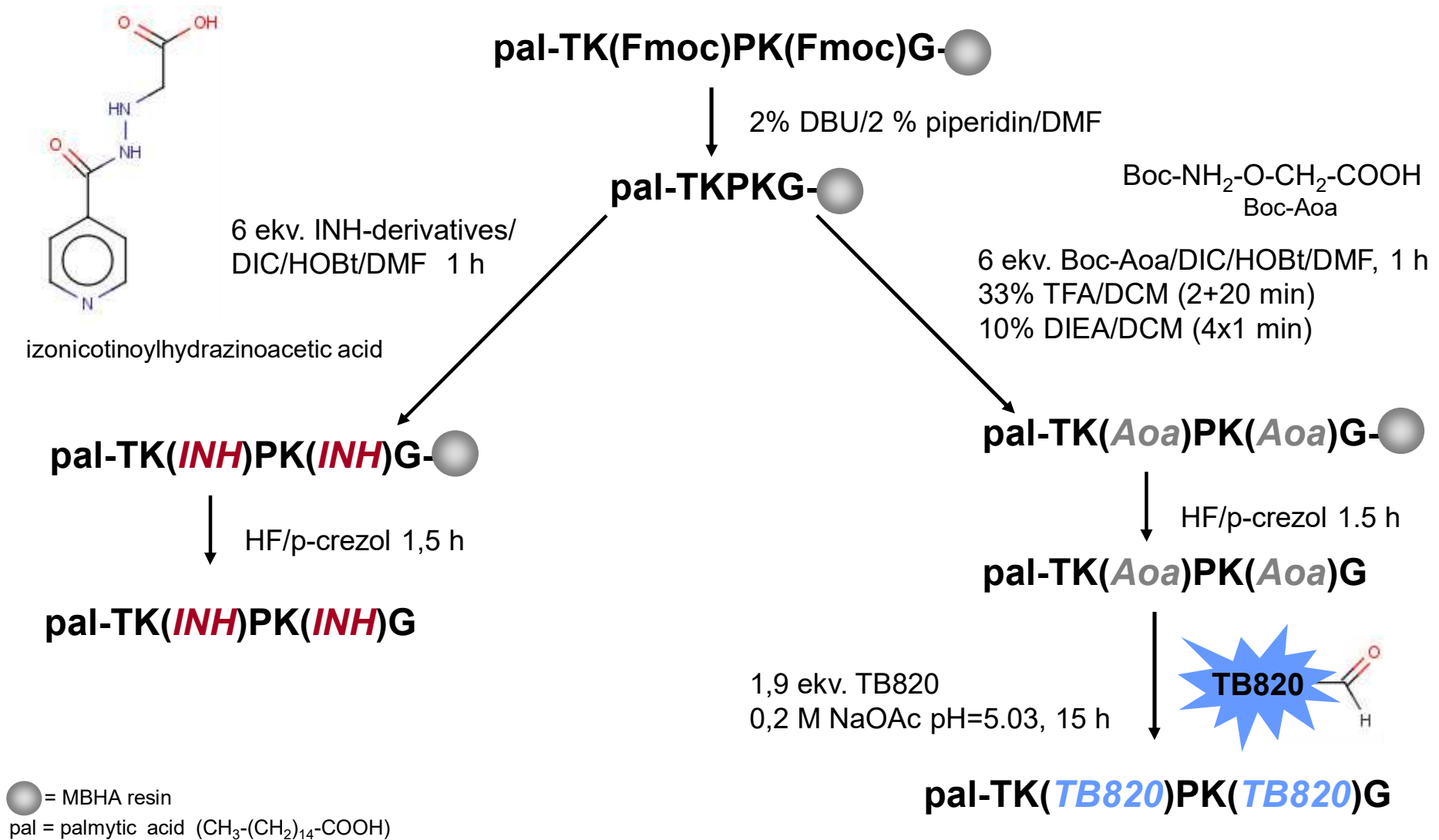
Cellular uptake of TB5 and TB5-conjugates by human monocytes, host cell model (MM6)

Inhibition of intracellular bacteria by peptide conjugates

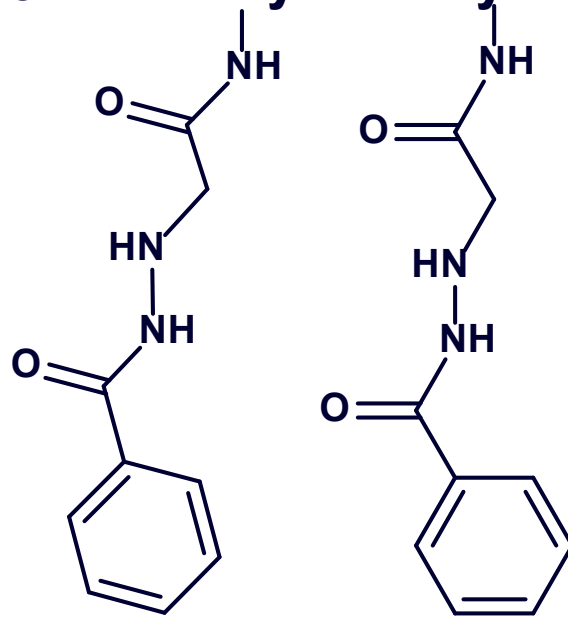


MM6 cells were infected with *Mtb* H₃₇Rv and treated with compounds at 50 mM final concentration. As control, untreated cells were used. In the case of GranF2 peptide, perforin peptide was added at 100 mM concentration. After SDS lysis, the colony forming units (CFU) of *Mtb* was enumerated on LJ solid media.

Synthesis of the lipotuftsin conjugates

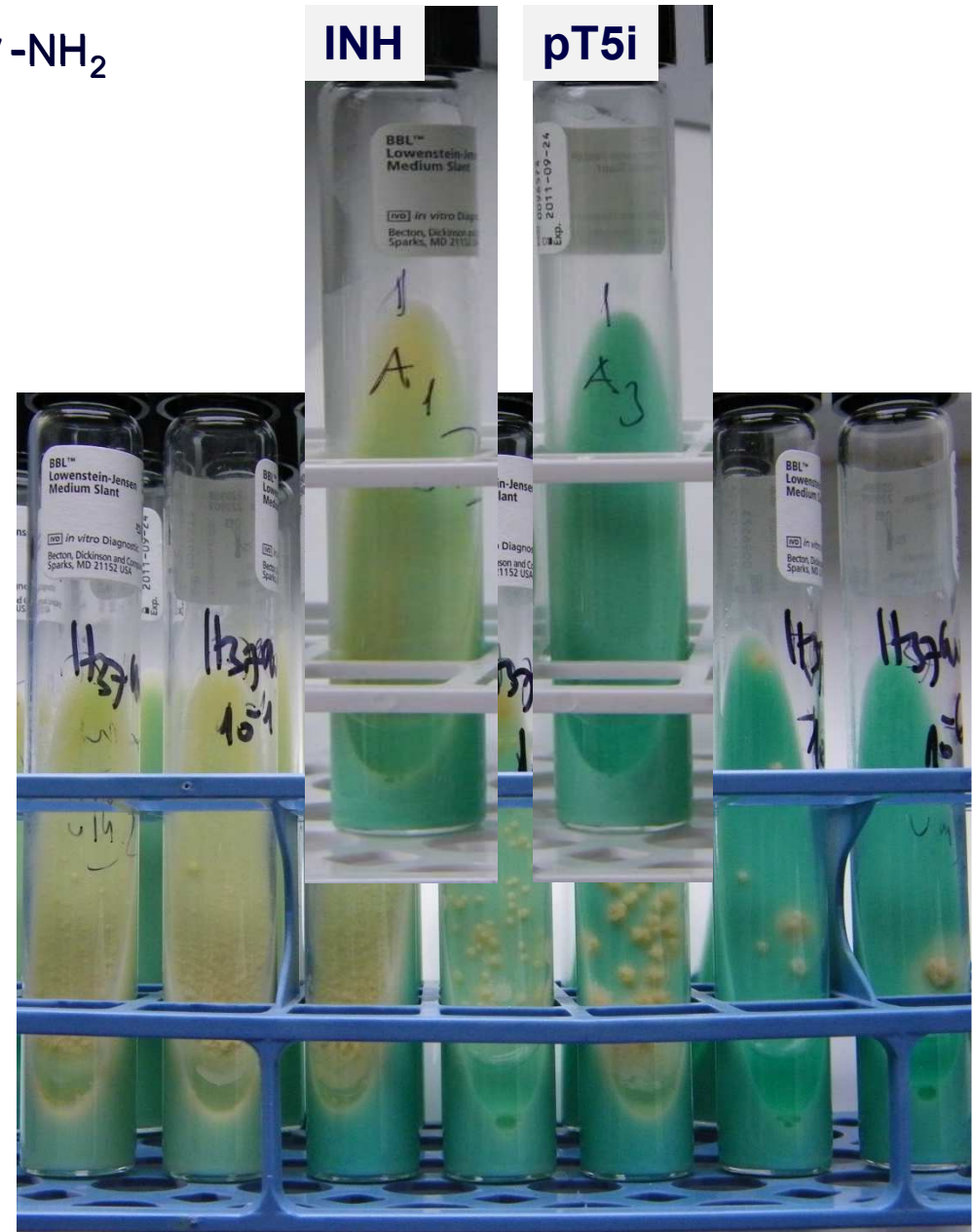


Inhibition of intracellular bacteria by INH-lipopeptide conjugate

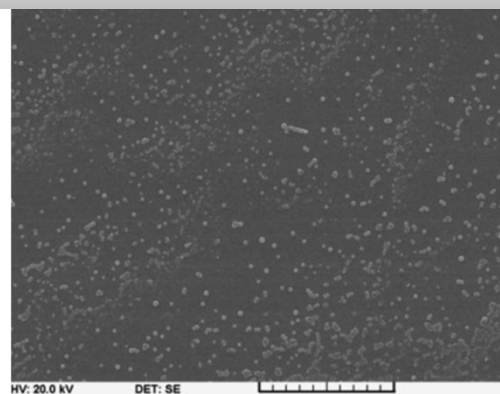


	CFU
control	+++
INH	+++
pT5i	0

100µg/ml INH or pT5i conjugate
 +++ : confluent colonies; ++ : innumerable colonies, but not confluent; + : 50-100 colonies; 0 : no colonies were observed

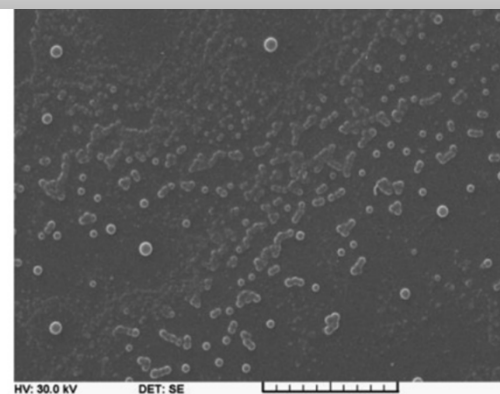


INH and lipotuftsin (pT5i) conjugate loaded PLGA nanoparticles



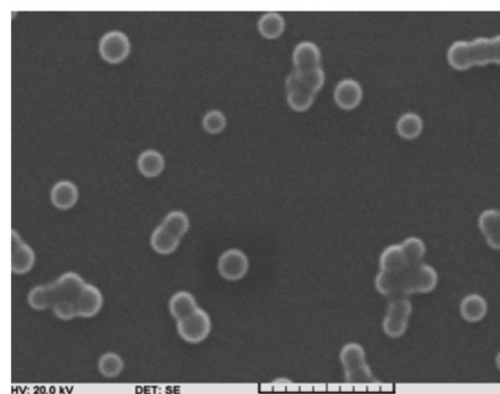
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PLGA-INH

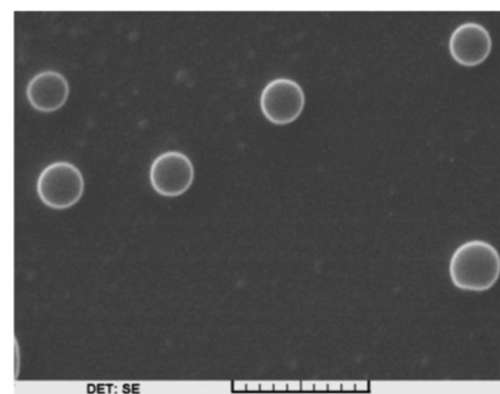


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PLGA-pT5i



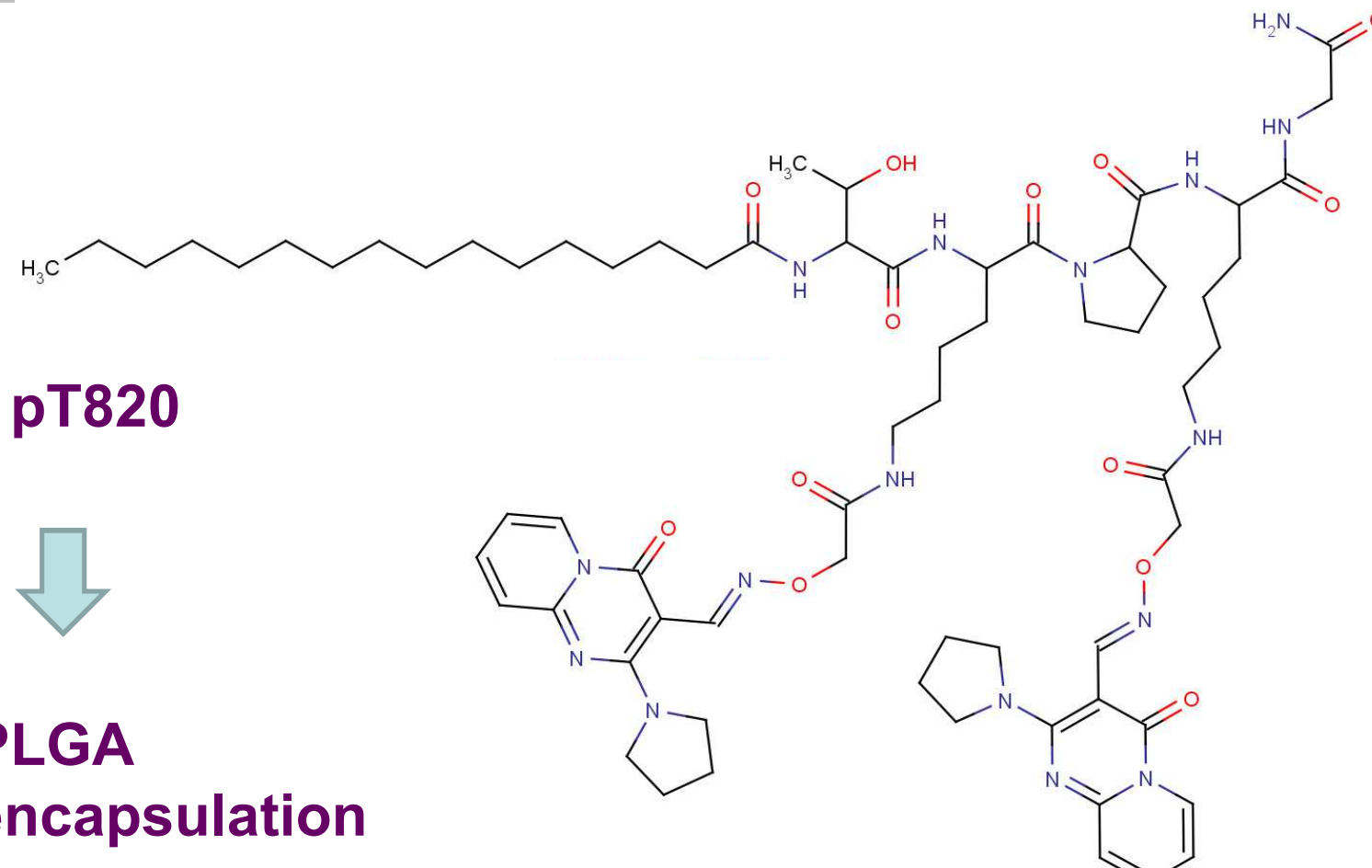
1 μm



1 μm

compound	ESI-MS M_{mo}	HPLC R_t (min)	drug content %	Log P	encapsulation efficiency %	SEM particle size nm	polydisp.
INH	137.1	5.0	-	-1.12	-	-	-
pT5i	1120.6	26.0	-	-0.20	-	-	-
PLGA-pT5i	-	-	43 ± 6	-	92 ± 7	185 ± 52	0.08 ± 0.02
PLGA-INH	-	-	0.5 ± 0.4	-	10 ± 5	305 ± 114	0.03 ± 0.01

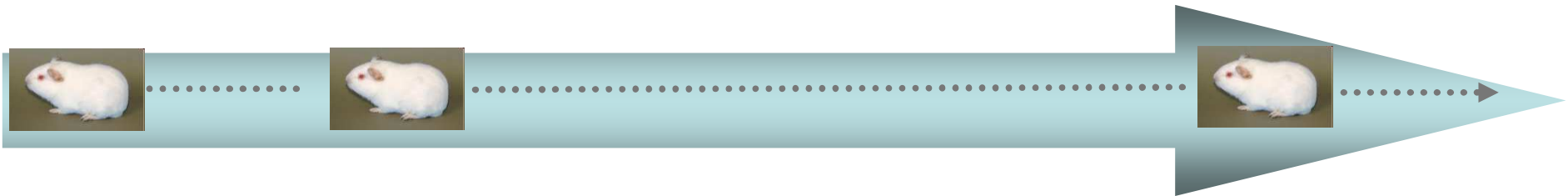
Palmitoylated-tuftsins conjugate of TB820 compound



compound	ESI-MS M_{mo}	MIC <i>Mtb</i> H ₃₇ Rv (μ g/ml)	MIC <i>Mtb</i> H ₃₇ Rv (μ M)	drug content %	encapsulation efficiency %
TB820	243.1	1	4.1	-	-
pT820	1362.8	5	3.7	-	-
PLGA-pT820	-			20.2	83

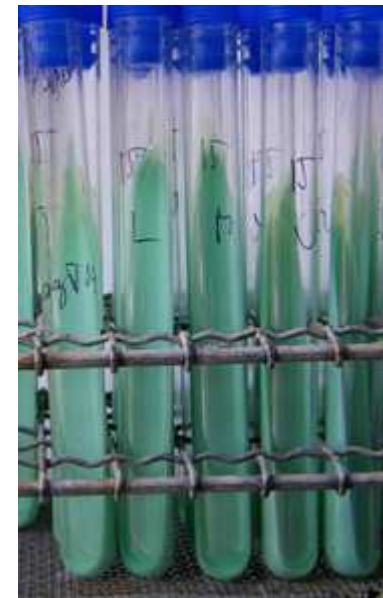
In vivo antitubercular effect of PLGA-pT820

- inbred, female guinea pigs (6 weeks old)
- intramuscular infection with *Mtb* H₃₇Rv
- 3 weeks of incubation before treatment



- oral administration, twice a week, 12 weeks
- 50 mg/kg bw, suspension in 1 mL sterile water)
- 6 animals/group
- diagnostic autopsy, histopathology
- CFU determination from tissue homogenates

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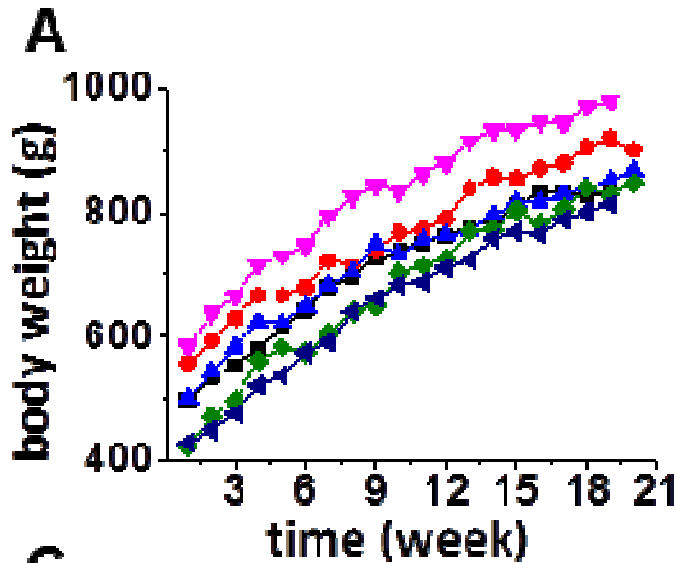
lung
spleen
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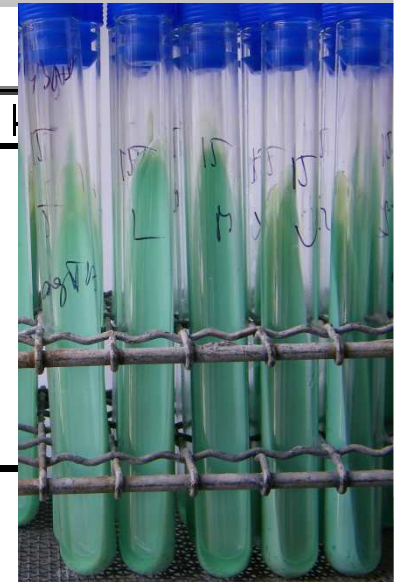
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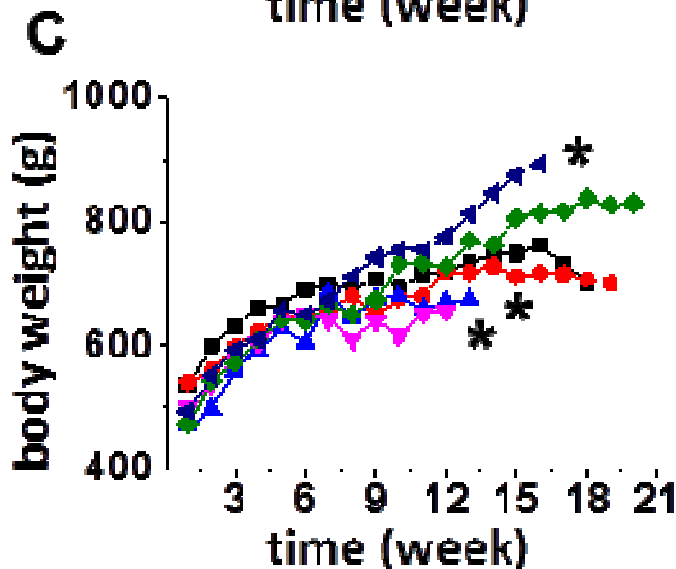


B

animal	lung	spleen	liver
1	-	-	-
2	-	-	-
3	-	-	-
4	-	-	-
5	-	-	-
6	-	-	-



untreated



D

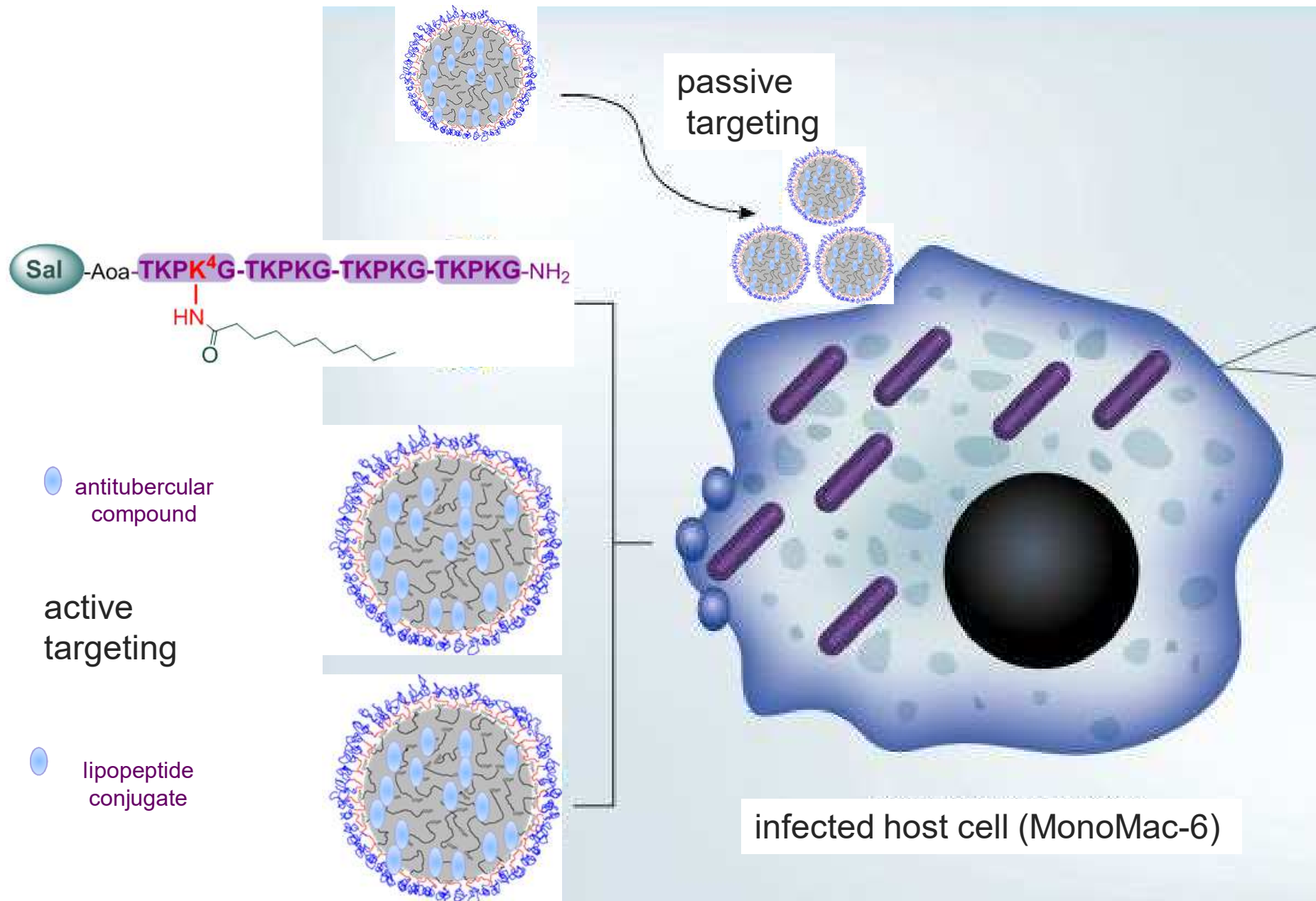
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1	-	++	-
2	-	+	-
3	+	++	+
4	++	+++	++
5	+	+++	+
6	-	+++	++



PLGA-pT820 treated animals gained weight steadily (A) and no mycobacterial colonies were observed in the tissue homogenates (B). In panel C, the weight gain of infected but untreated control animals is presented (* indicates the death of an animal). To prove TB infection, CFU was determined from the plated tissue homogenates (D)

(+++ : confluent colonies; ++ : innumerable colonies, but not confluent; + : 50-100 colonies; - : no colonies were observed).

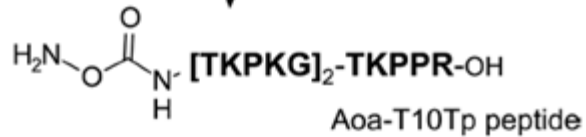
PLGA nanoparticles for passive and active targeting



Pluronic F127 modification with receptor specific peptide

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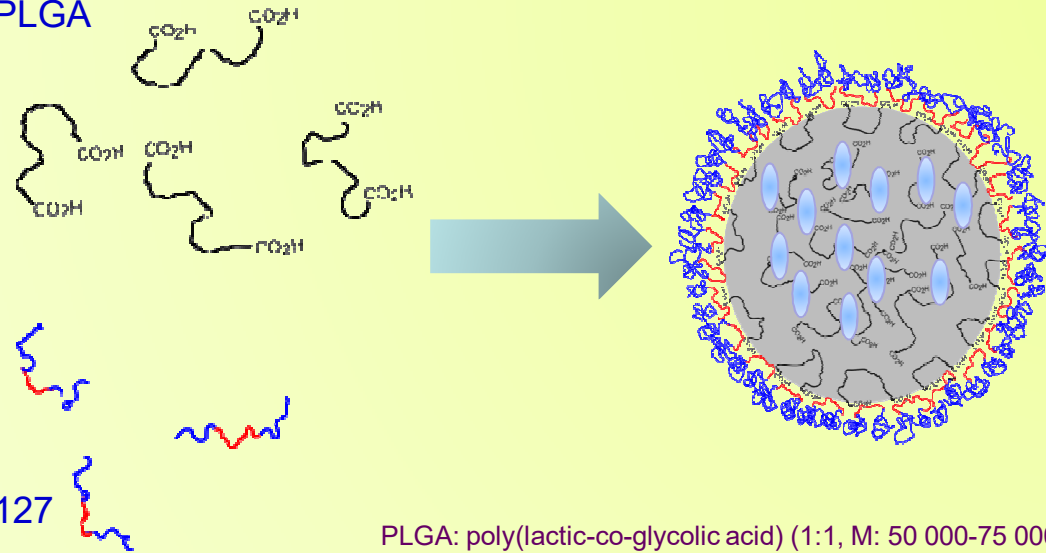


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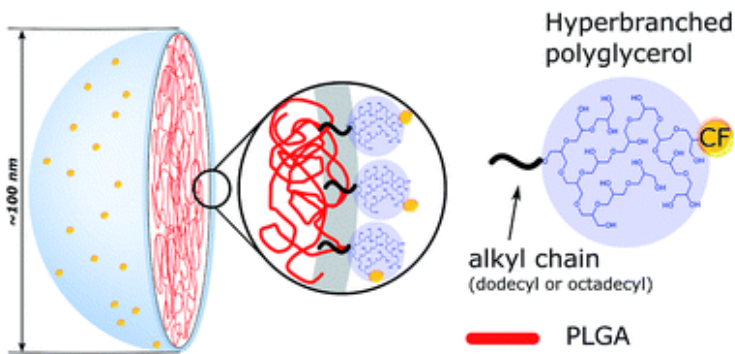


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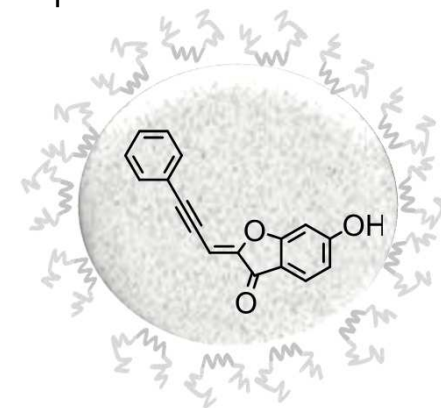
PLGA



PLGA: poly(lactic-co-glycolic acid) (1:1, M: 50 000-75 000)
Pluronic® (PEO-PPO-PEO, copolymer, M: 12 000)



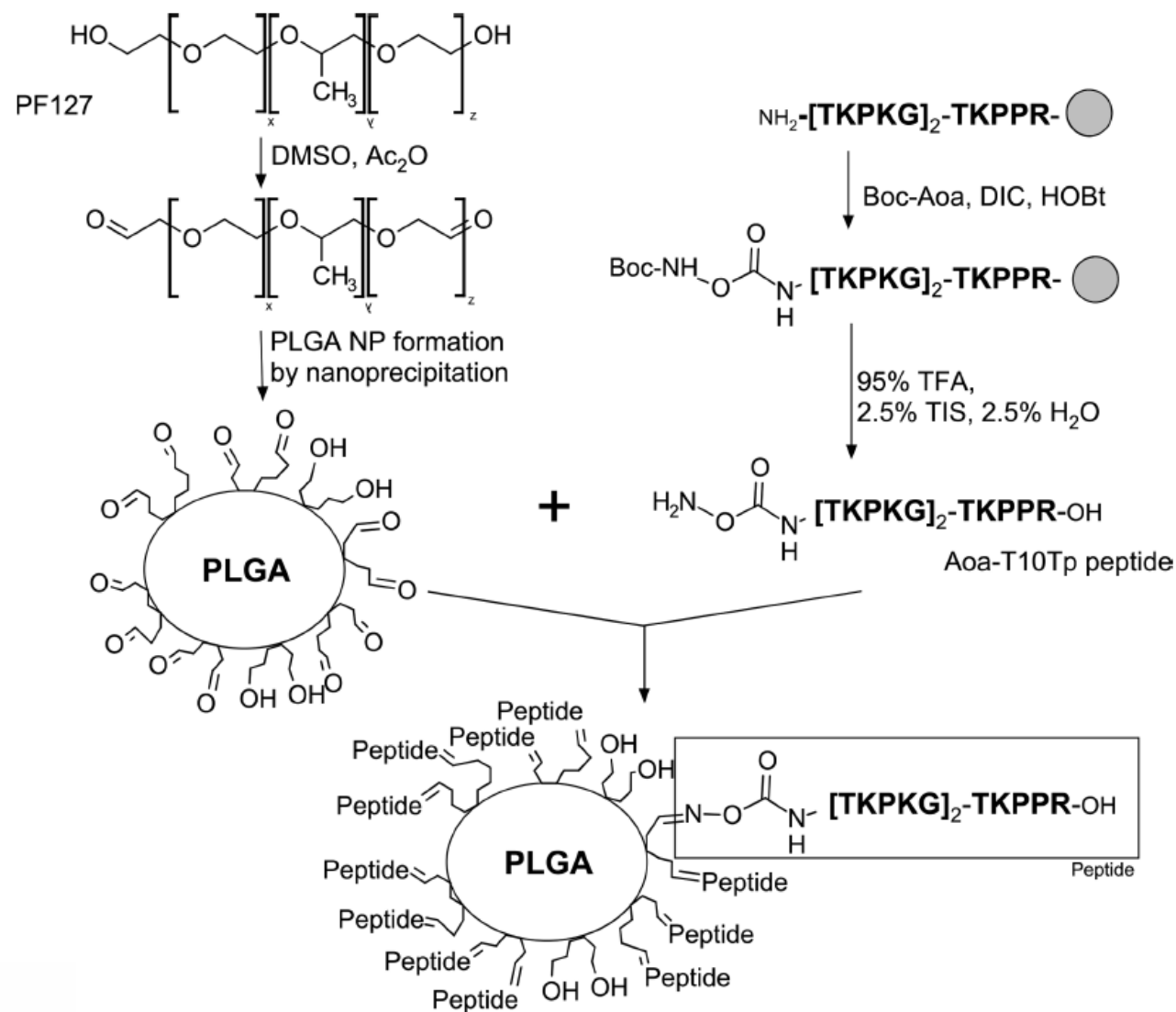
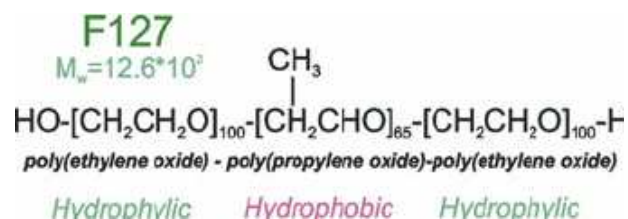
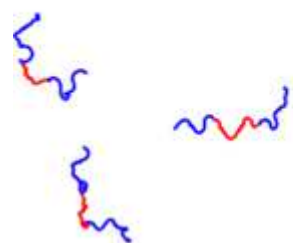
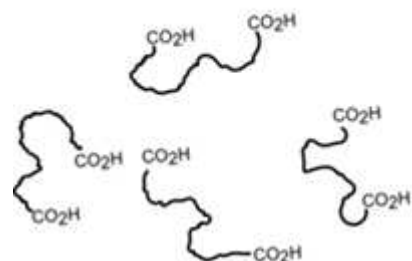
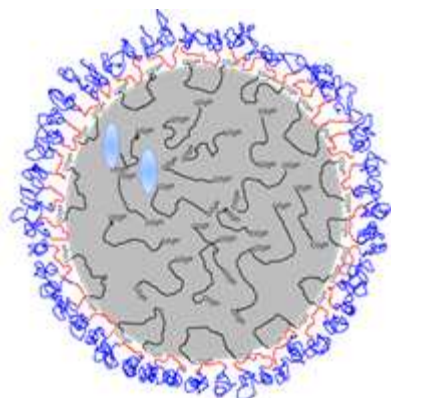
PLGA nanoparticle with Tuftsins-Pluronic coating



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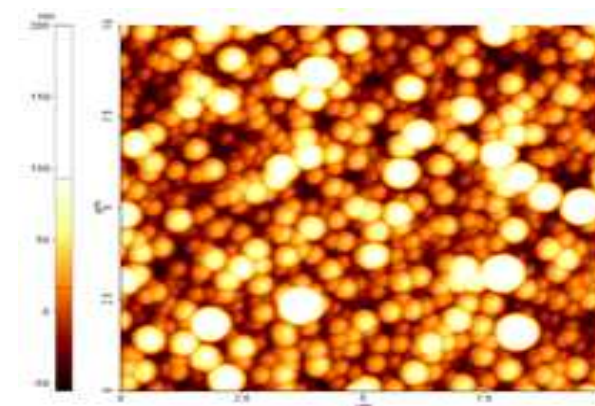
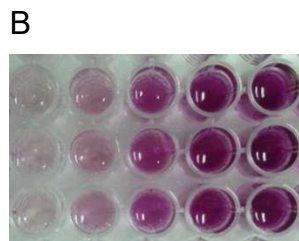
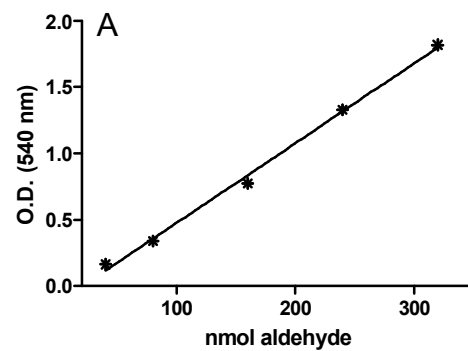
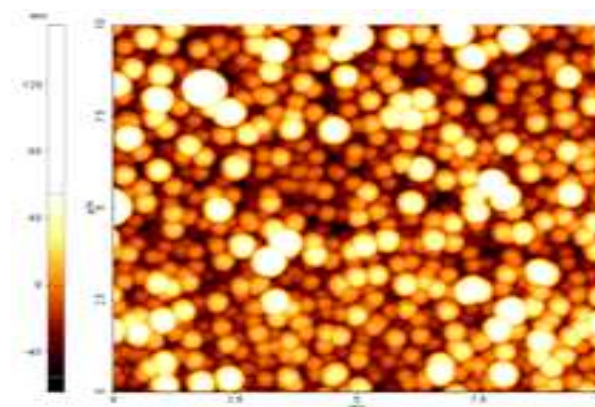
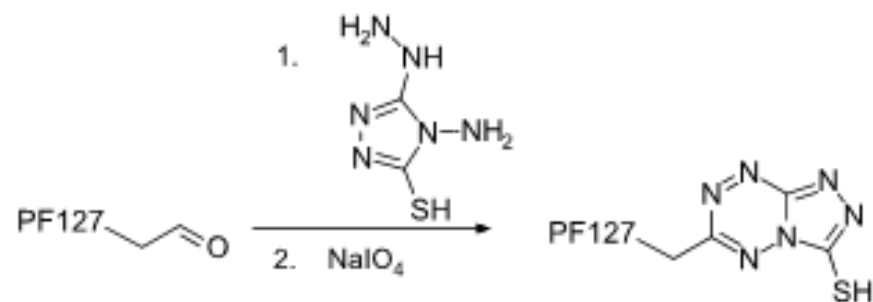
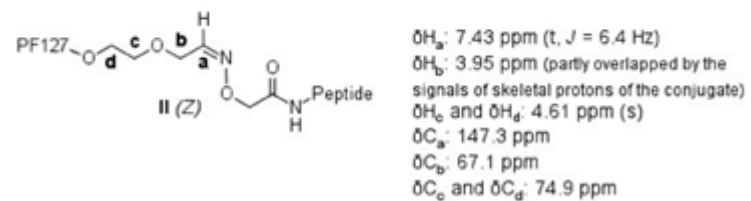
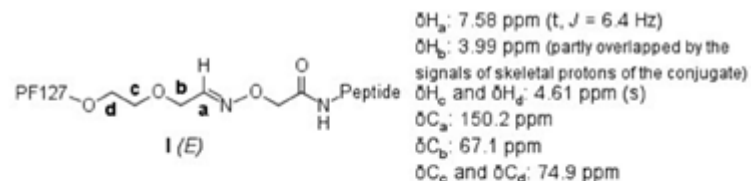


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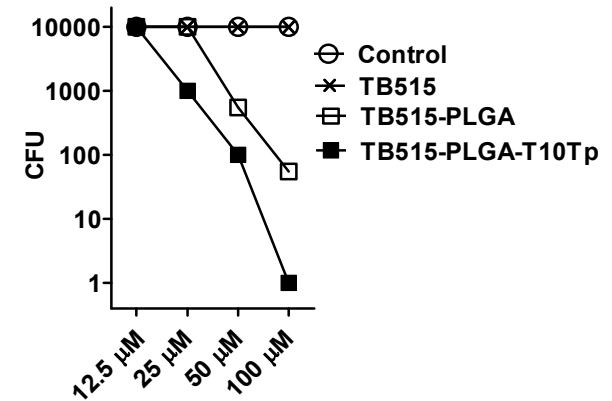
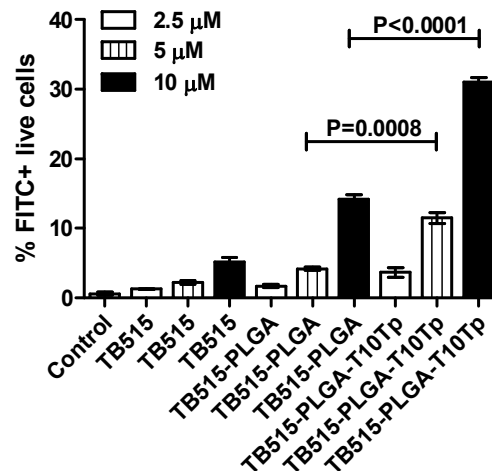
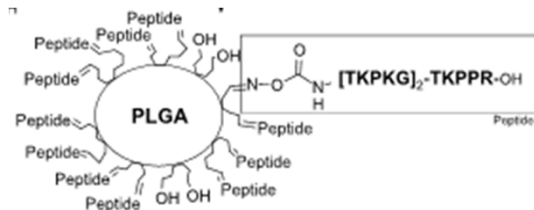
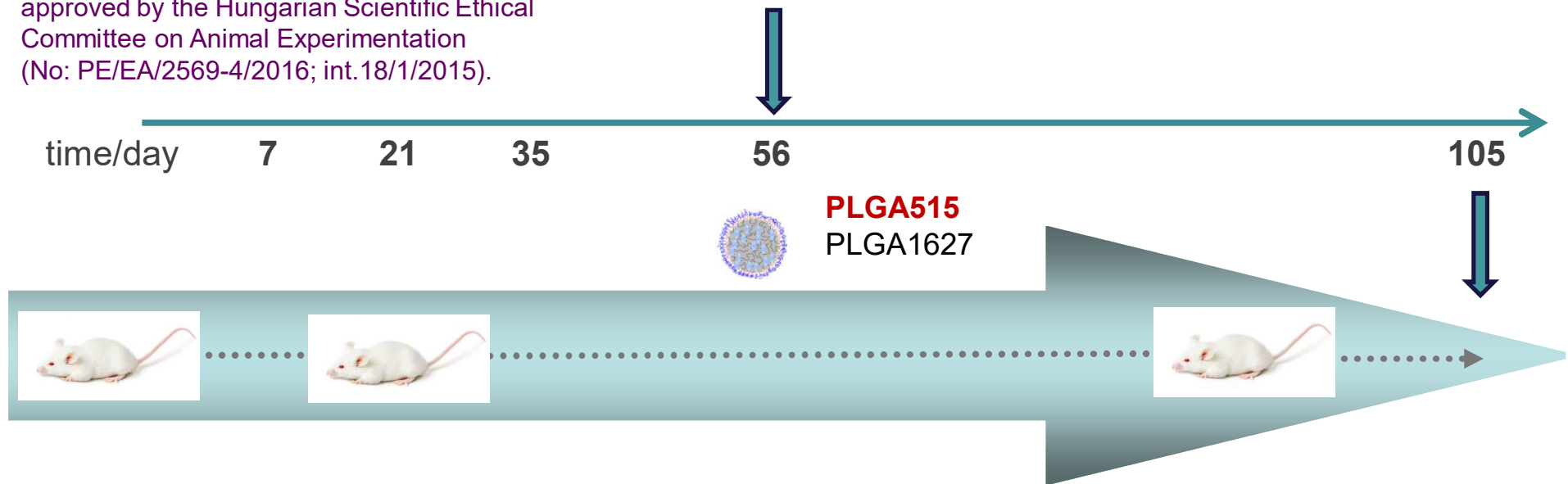
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Mtb H37Rv infection



Infected murine model: lung homogenates, CFU enumeration

INH
per os

K1	CFU
	0
	1
	1
	0
	0

INH-Dvar4
Sc

K2	CFU
	16
	0
	38
	2
	13

PLGA 1627
per os


K3	CFU
	18
	1
	9
	6
	2



PLGA 515
per os

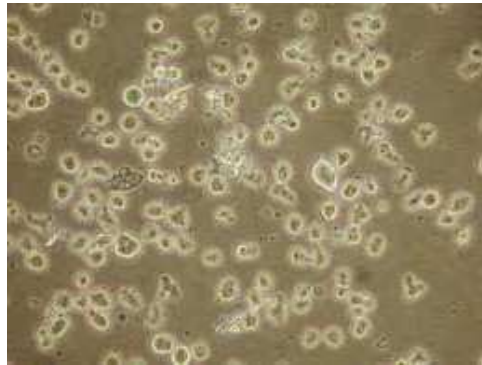
K4	CFU
	8
	22
	9
	3
	1

control

K5	CFU
	1
	22
	47
	2

Enhance of cellular uptake and bioavailability, *in vitro* és *in vivo* modells

peptide and lipopeptide conjugates



nanoparticules PLGA

bioavailability

toxicity

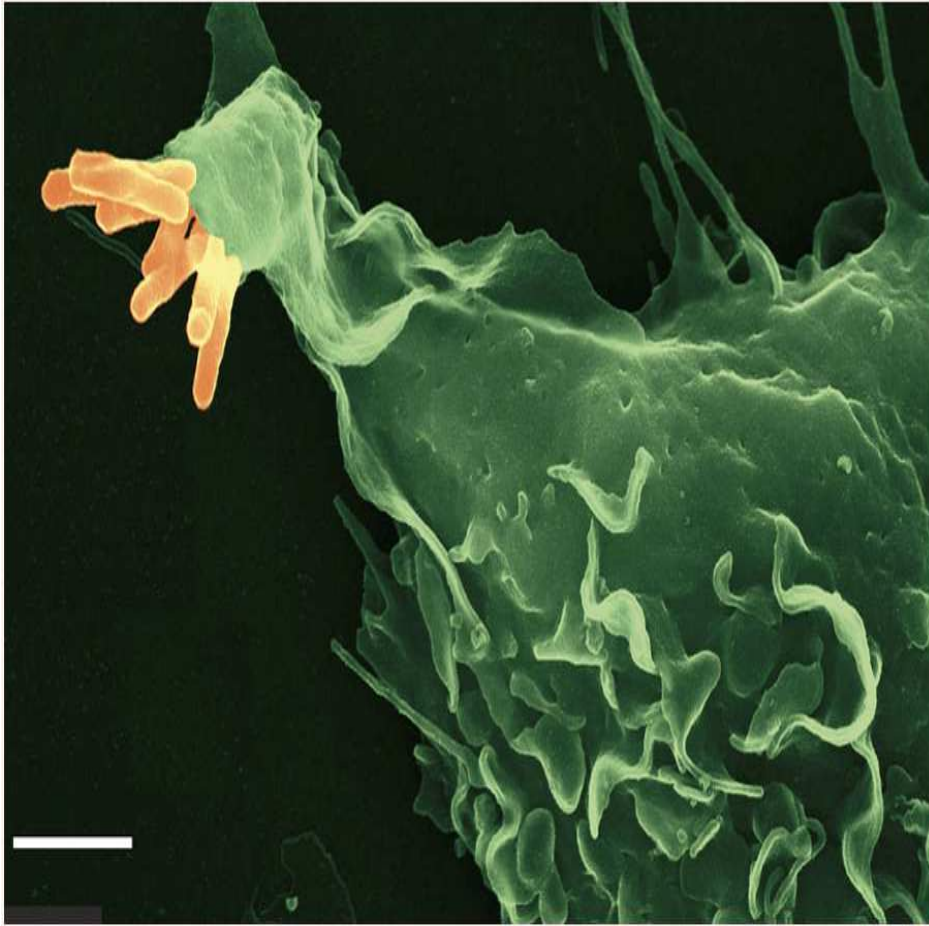
selectivity

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lipofility

effectivity



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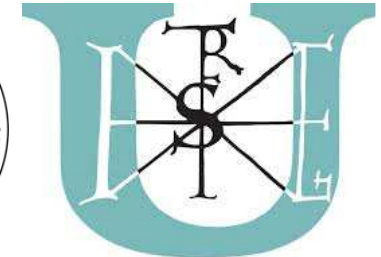
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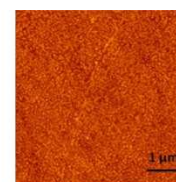
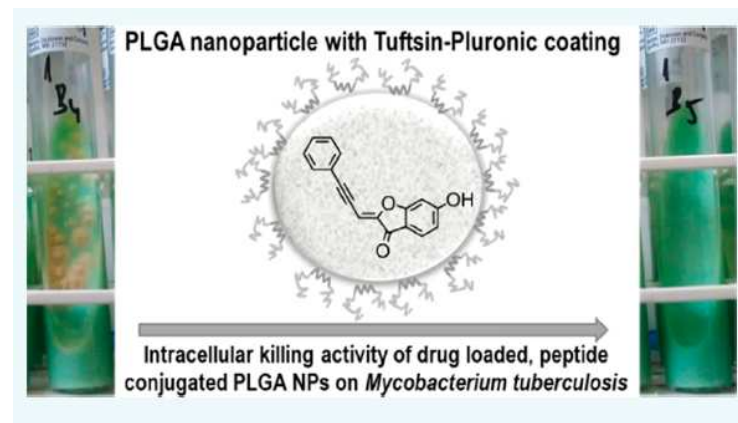
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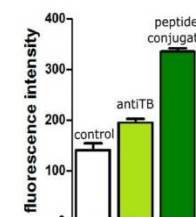


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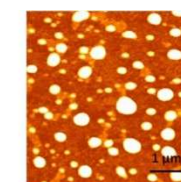
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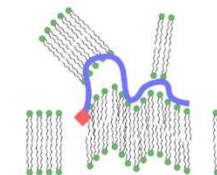
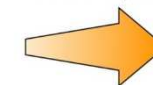
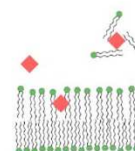


Increased cellular uptake



Peptide conjugate of antiTB

Increased membrane affinity



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