

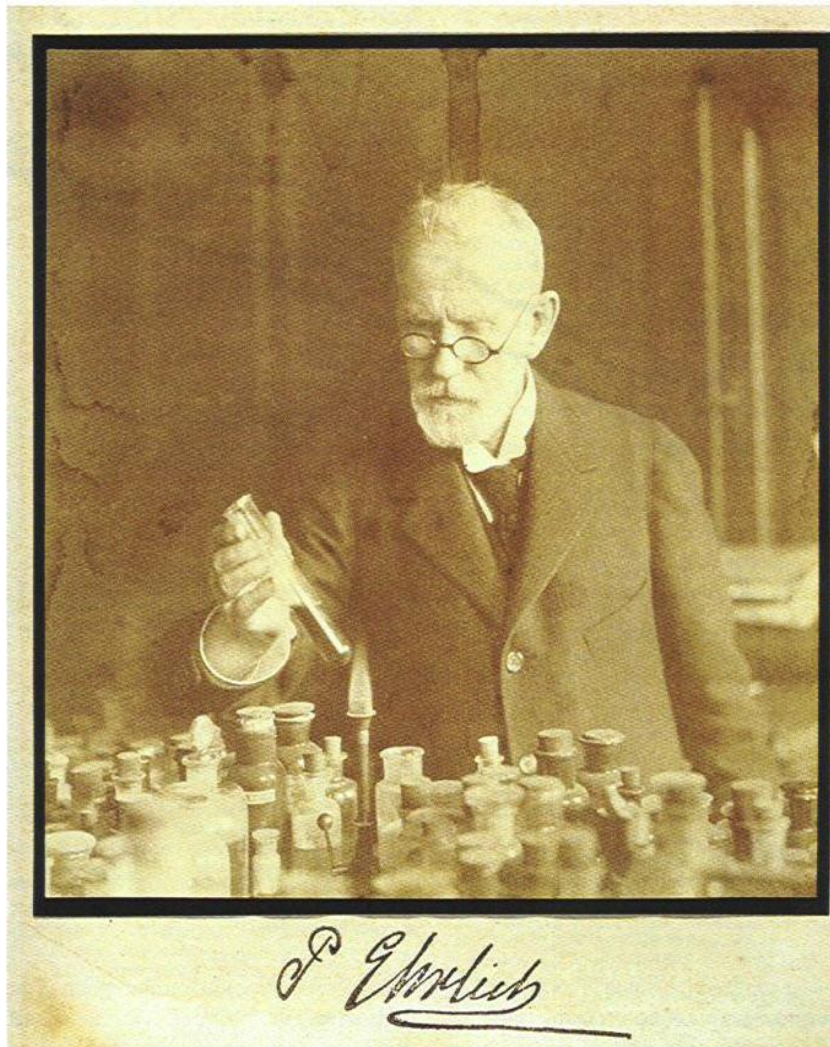


Targeting by peptide conjugates

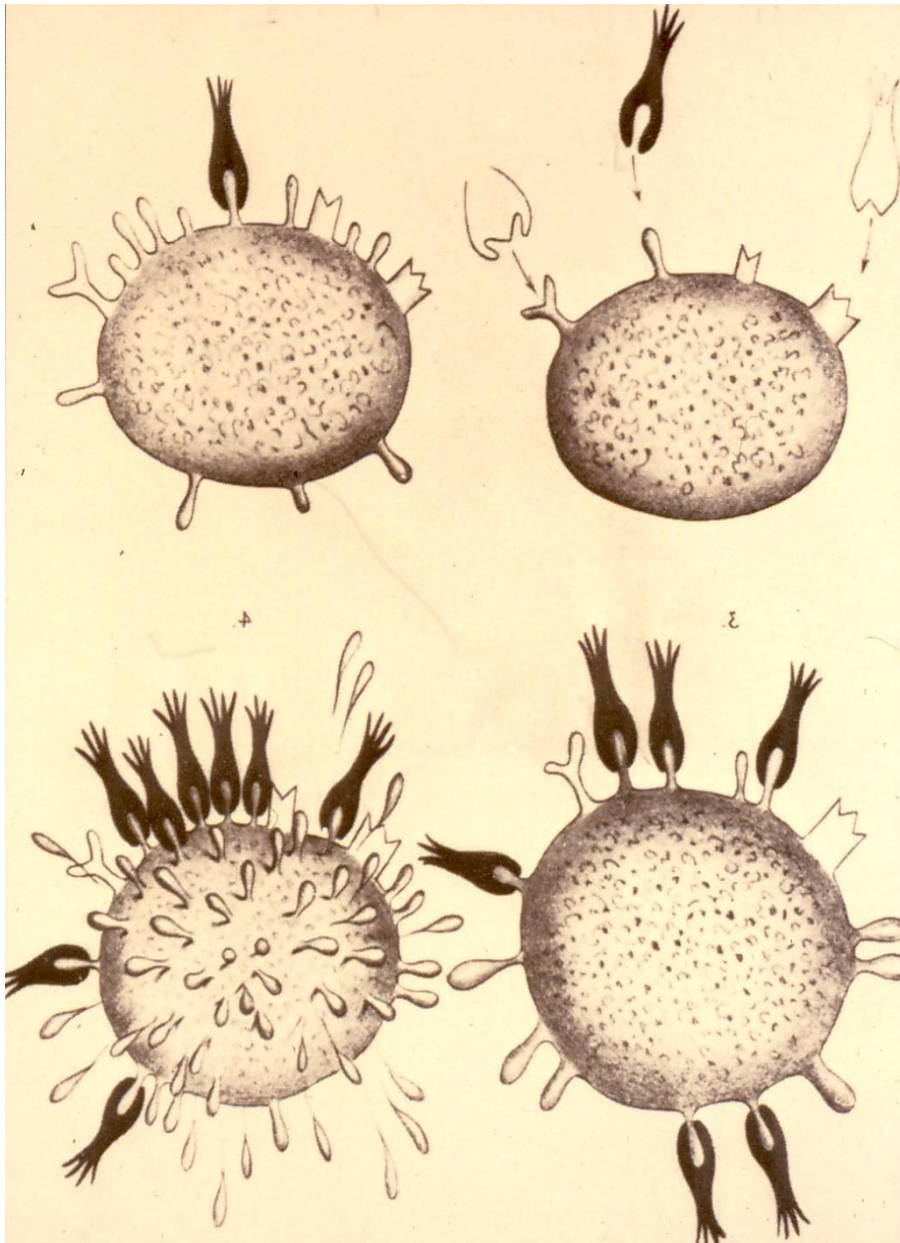
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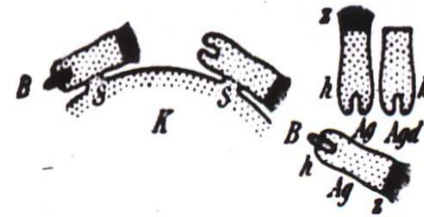
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Rezeptoren I. Ordnung.



Rezeptoren II. Ordnung.



Unizeptoren.

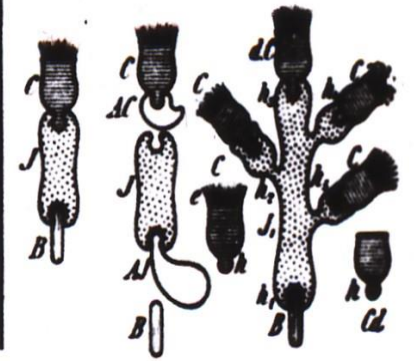
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- T Toxin mit h haptophorer Gruppe. t toxophorer "
- Td Toxoid " h haptophorer "
- K Körperzelle.
- S Seitenketten.
- B Bazillus.
- At Antitoxin.

Rezeptoren II. Ordnung.

- K Körperzelle.
- S Seitenketten.
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- Ag Agglutinin mit h haptoph. Gruppe. z zymoph. "
- Agd Agglutinoid " h haptoph. "

Rezeptoren III. Ordnung.

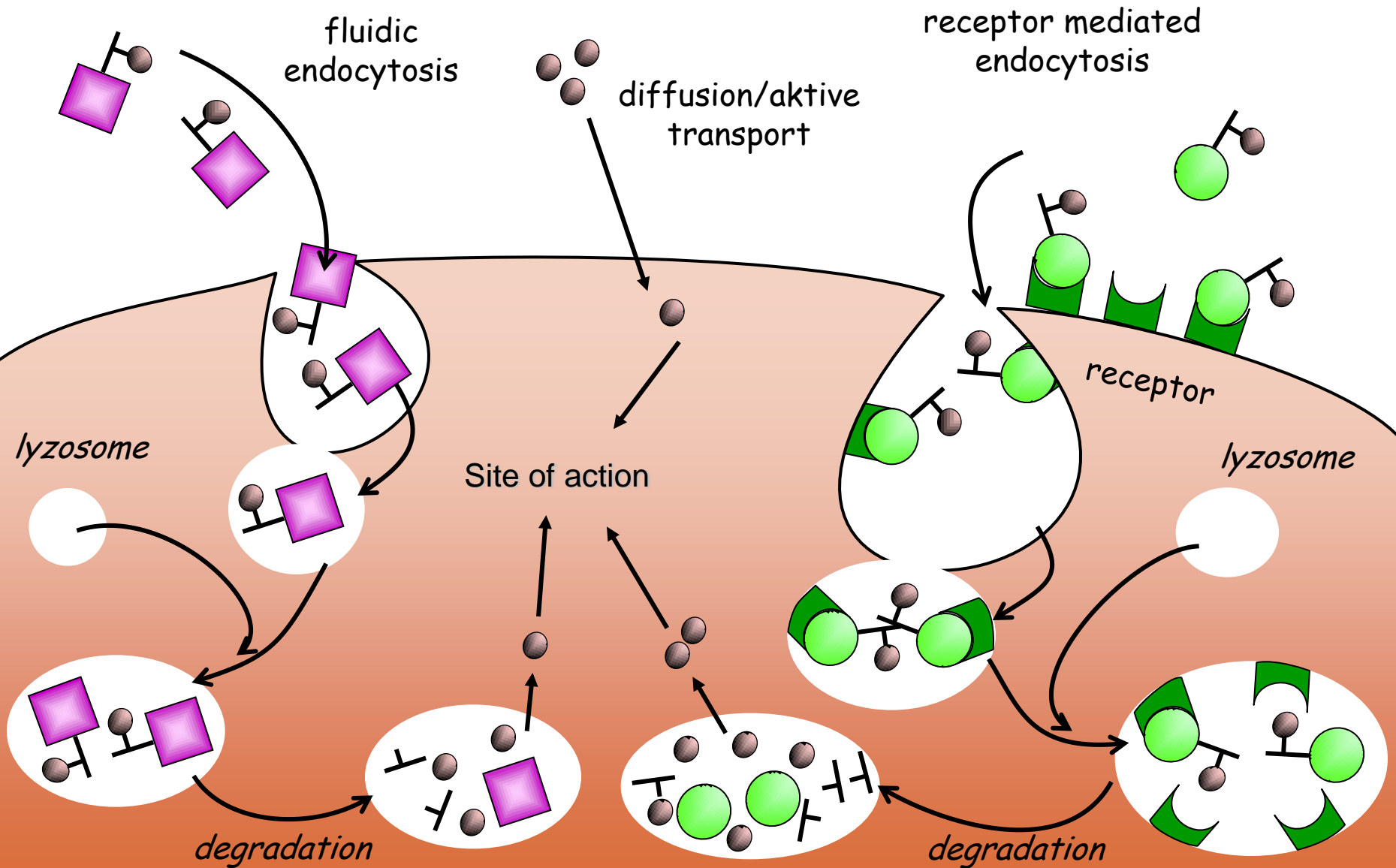


Ambozeptoren.

Rezeptoren III. Ordnung.

- K Körperzelle.
- S Seitenketten.
- B Bazillus.
- J Immunkörper mit zwei haptophoren Gruppen:
 - h, 1. haptophore oder zytophile,
 - h, 2. haptophore oder komplementophile Gruppe.
- A.J Antiimmunkörper.
- C Komplement mit h haptoph. Gruppe. e ergophorer "
- Cd Komplementoid mit h haptoph. "
- AC Antikomplement.
- J, Immunkörper mit mehreren komplementophilen Gruppen h, bis h.
- d.C dominantes Komplement.

Uptake and liberation of bioactive entities



Peptide/protein based drug targeting/delivery

Recognition unit

YES

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- Integrin

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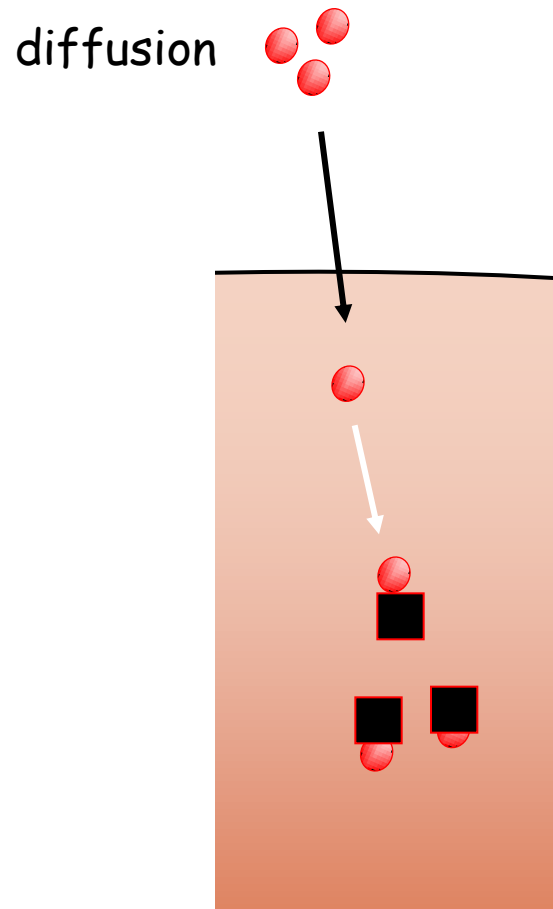
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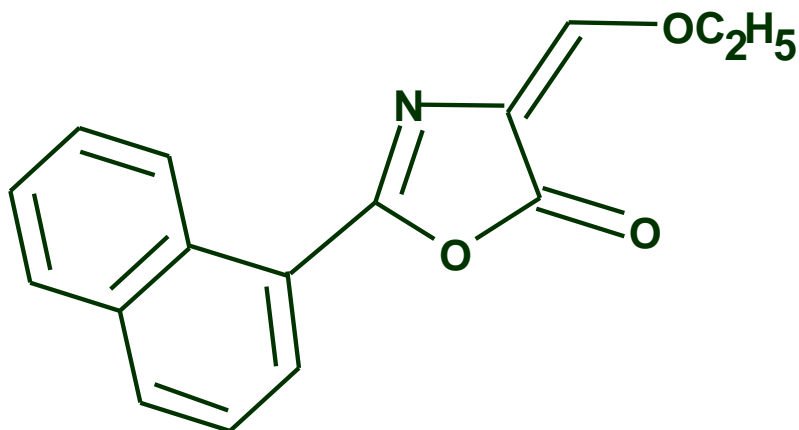
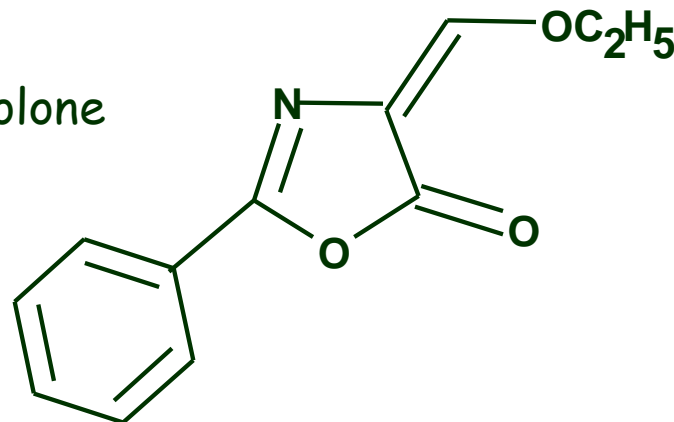
Localization of intracellular KDEL-receptor by „reporter molecule“-peptide conjugate



naOx - peptide conjugates

New fluorophore

4-ethoxymethylene-2[1]-phenyl-5(4H)-oxazolone
(phOx)

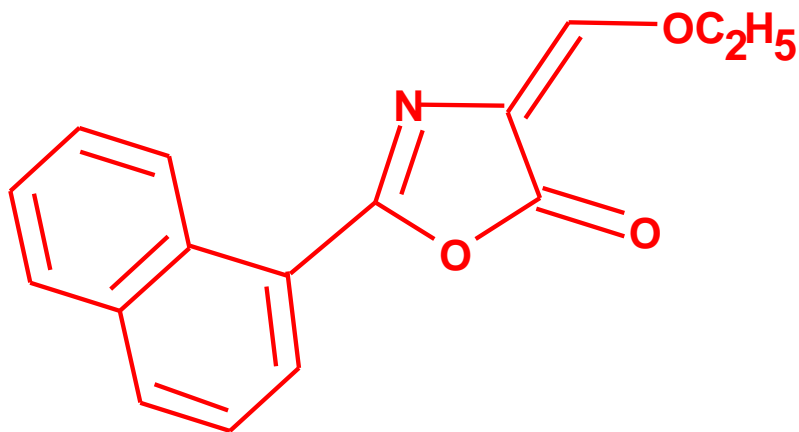
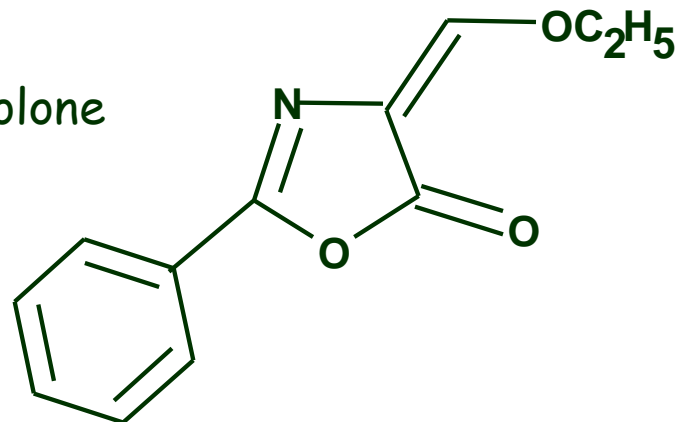


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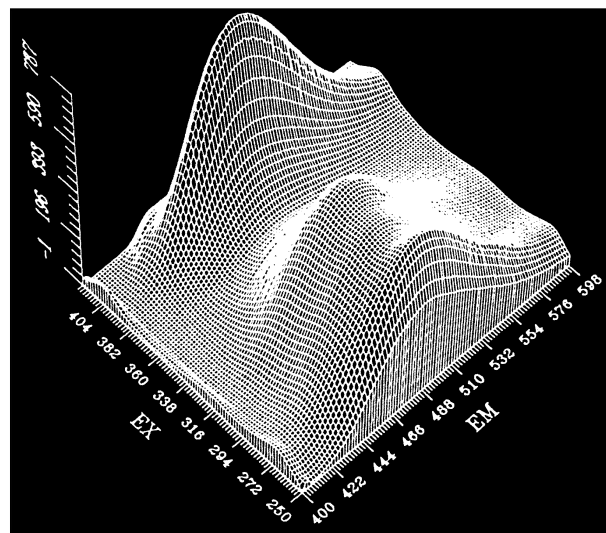
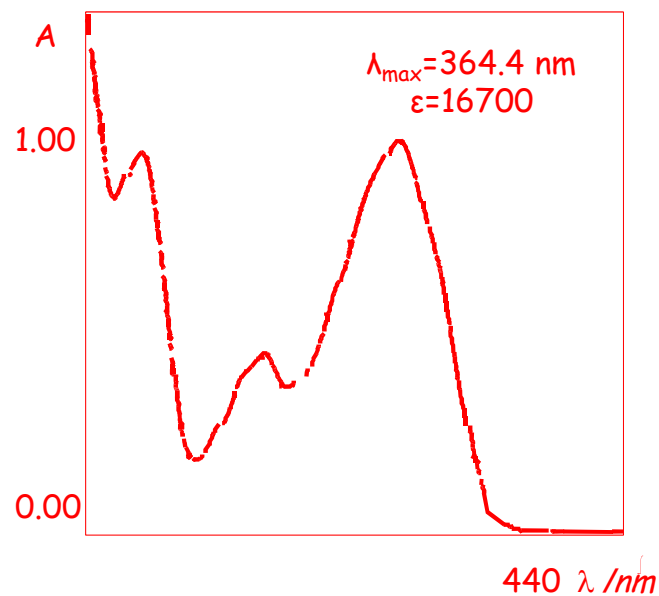
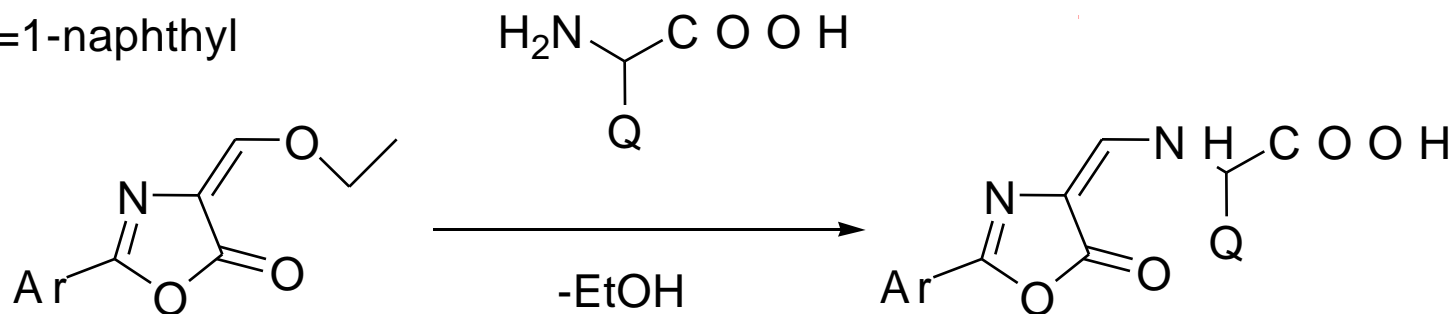


4-ethoxymethylene-2[1]-naphthyl-5(4H)-oxazolone
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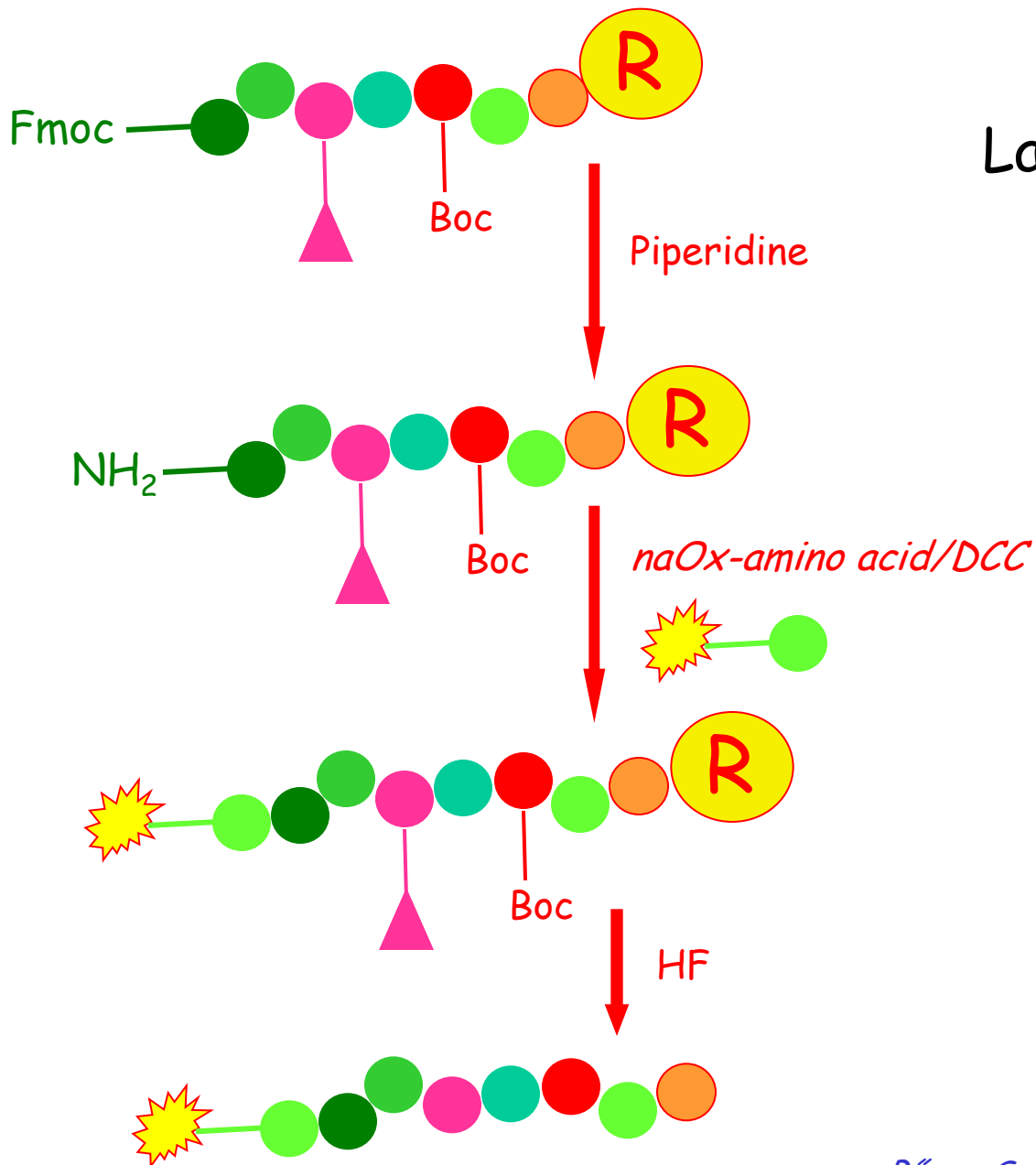


Fluorescent amino acids

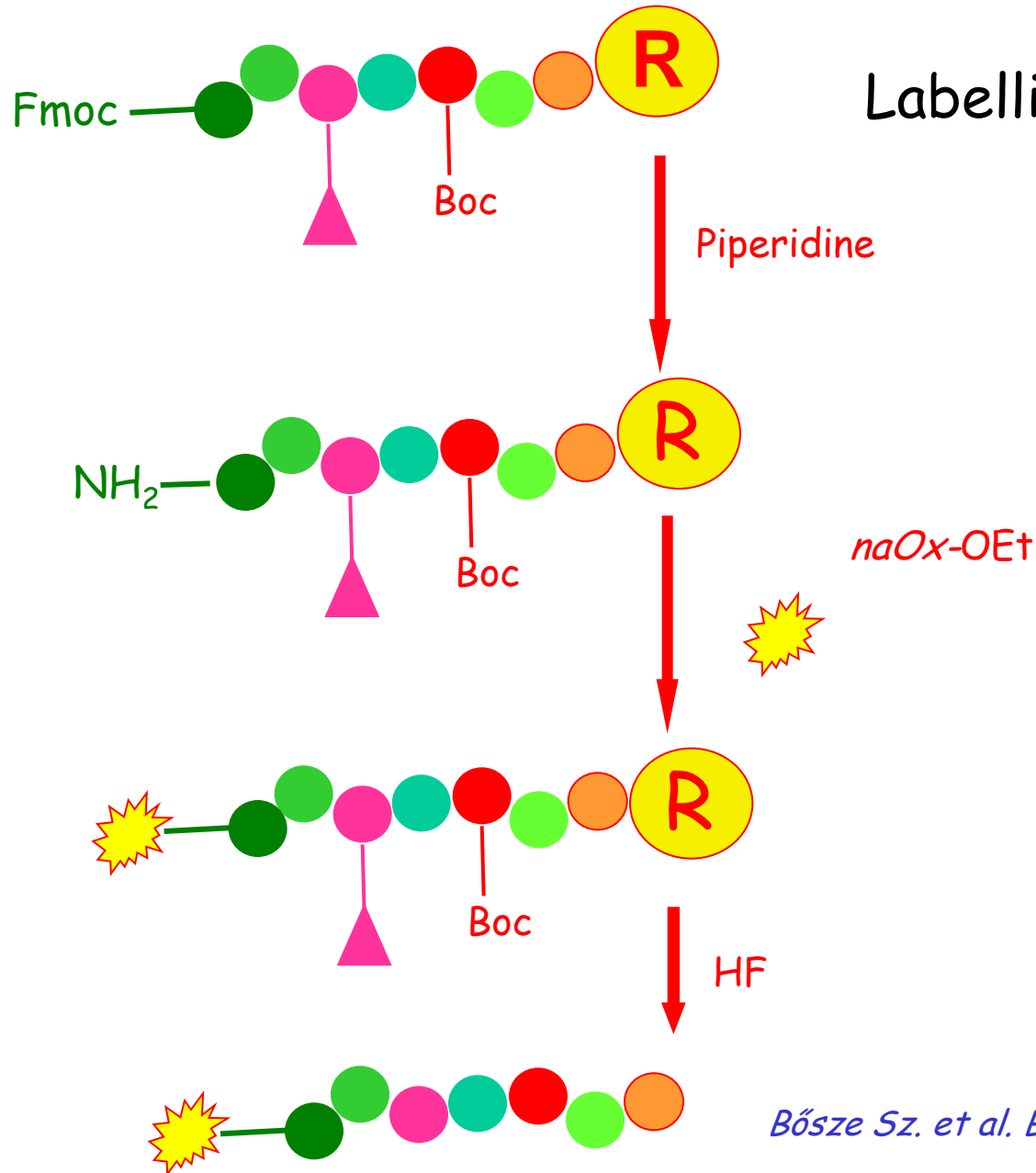
Ar=1-naphthyl



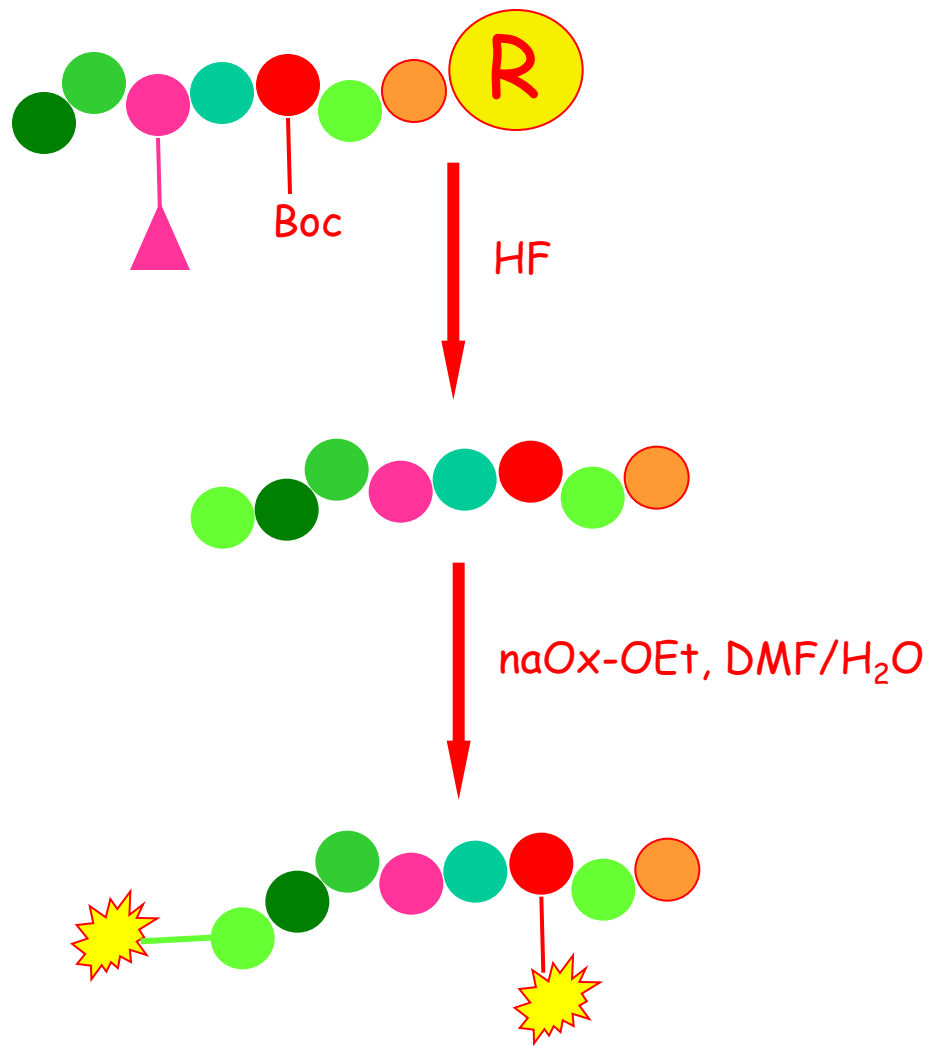
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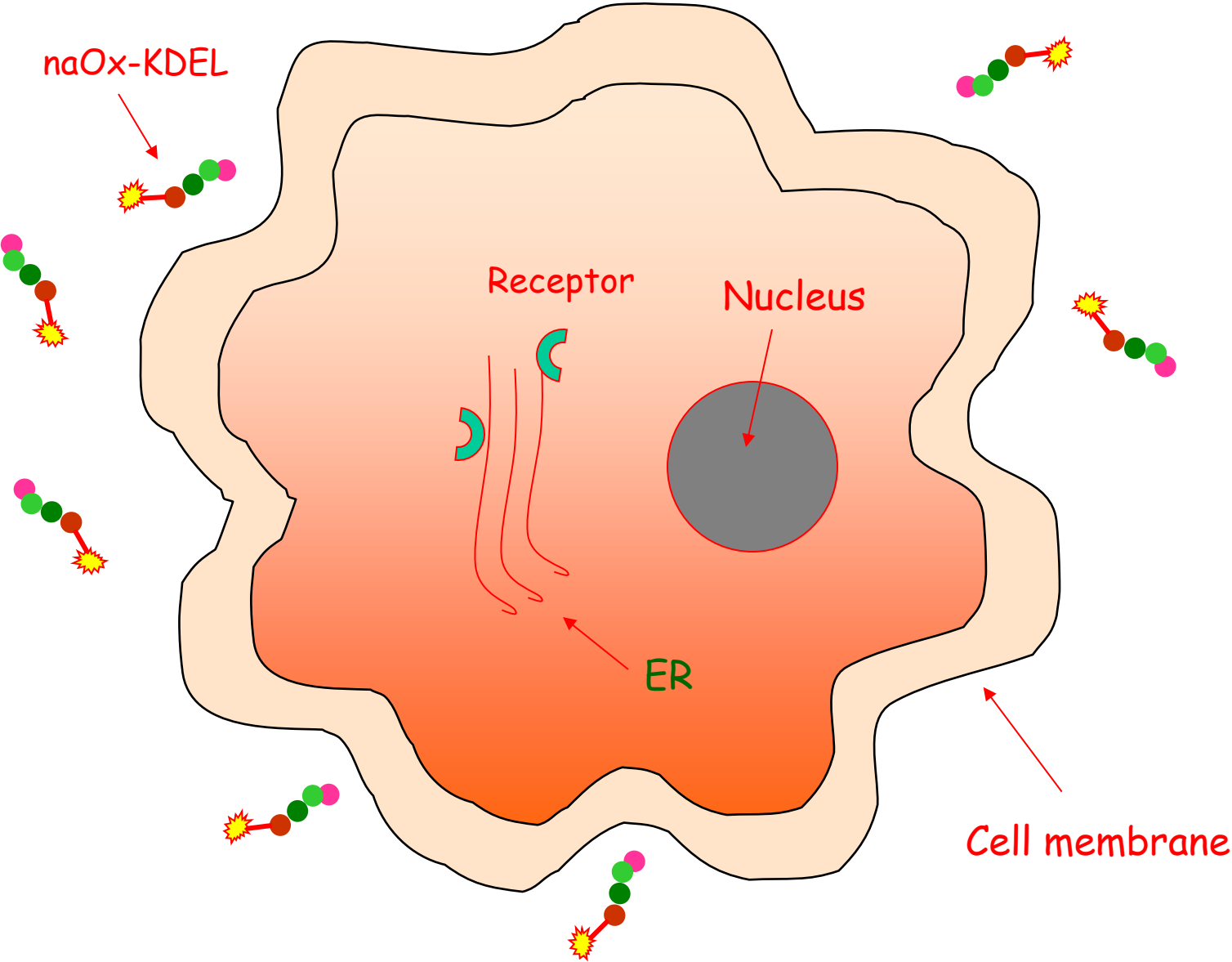
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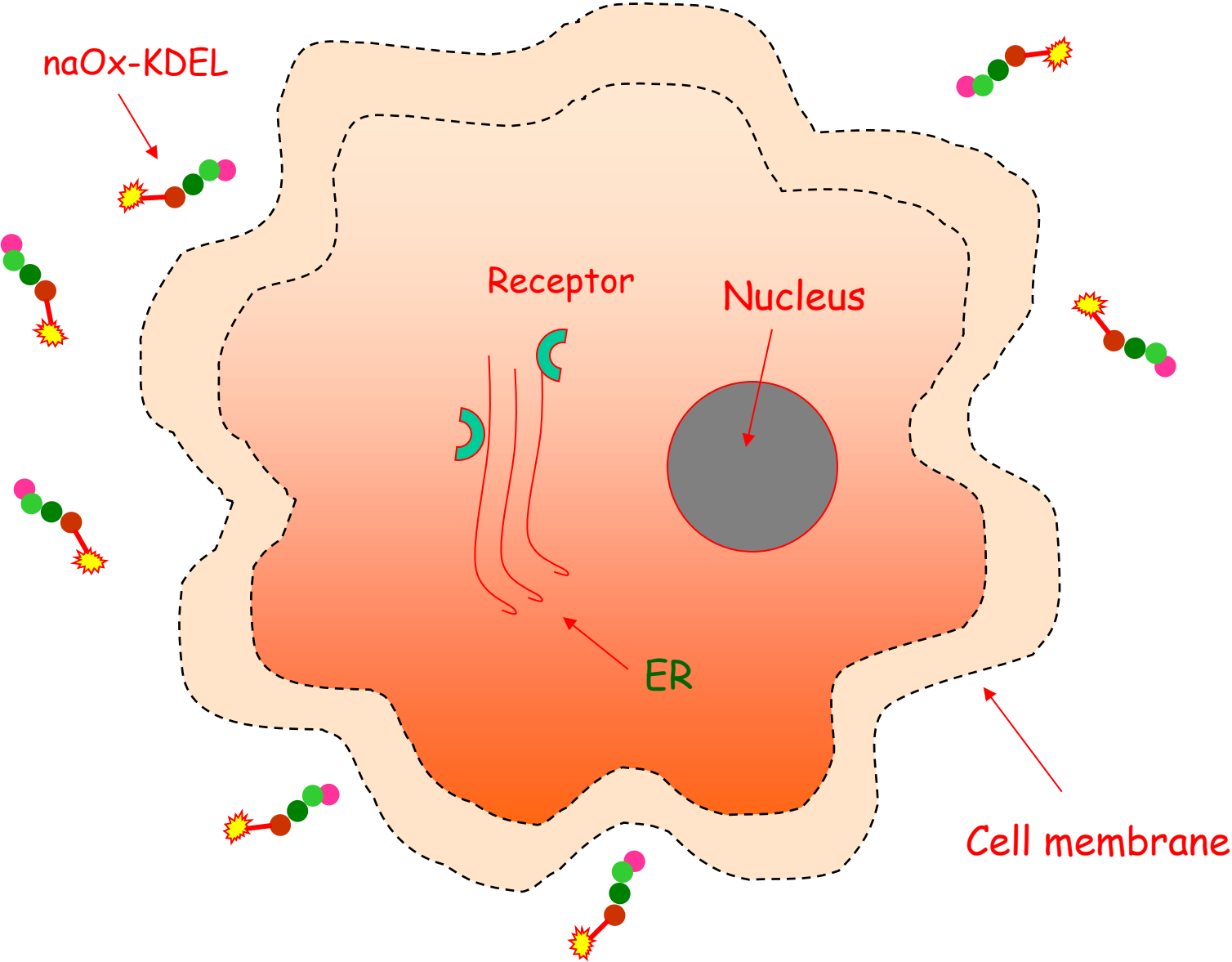
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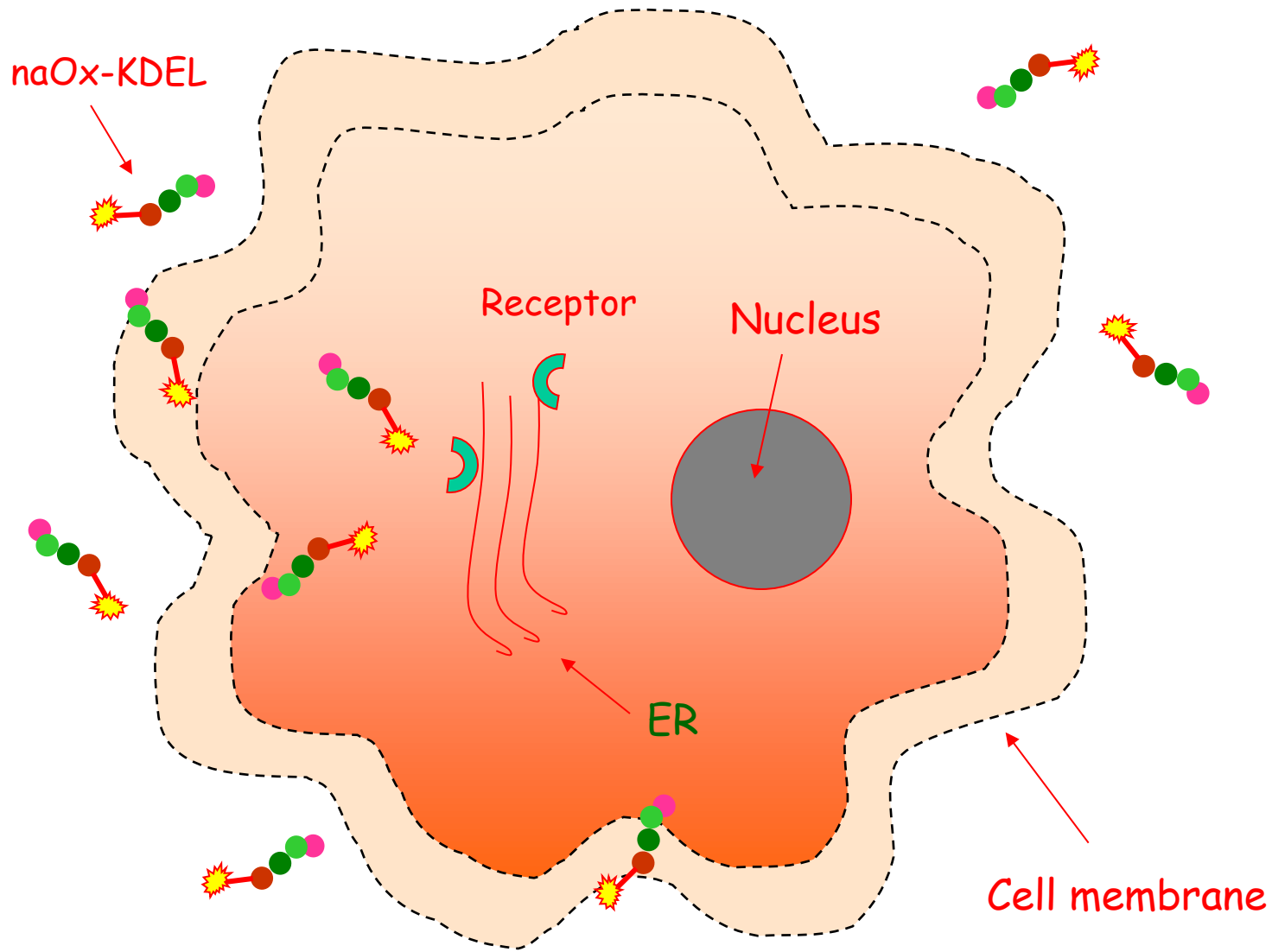


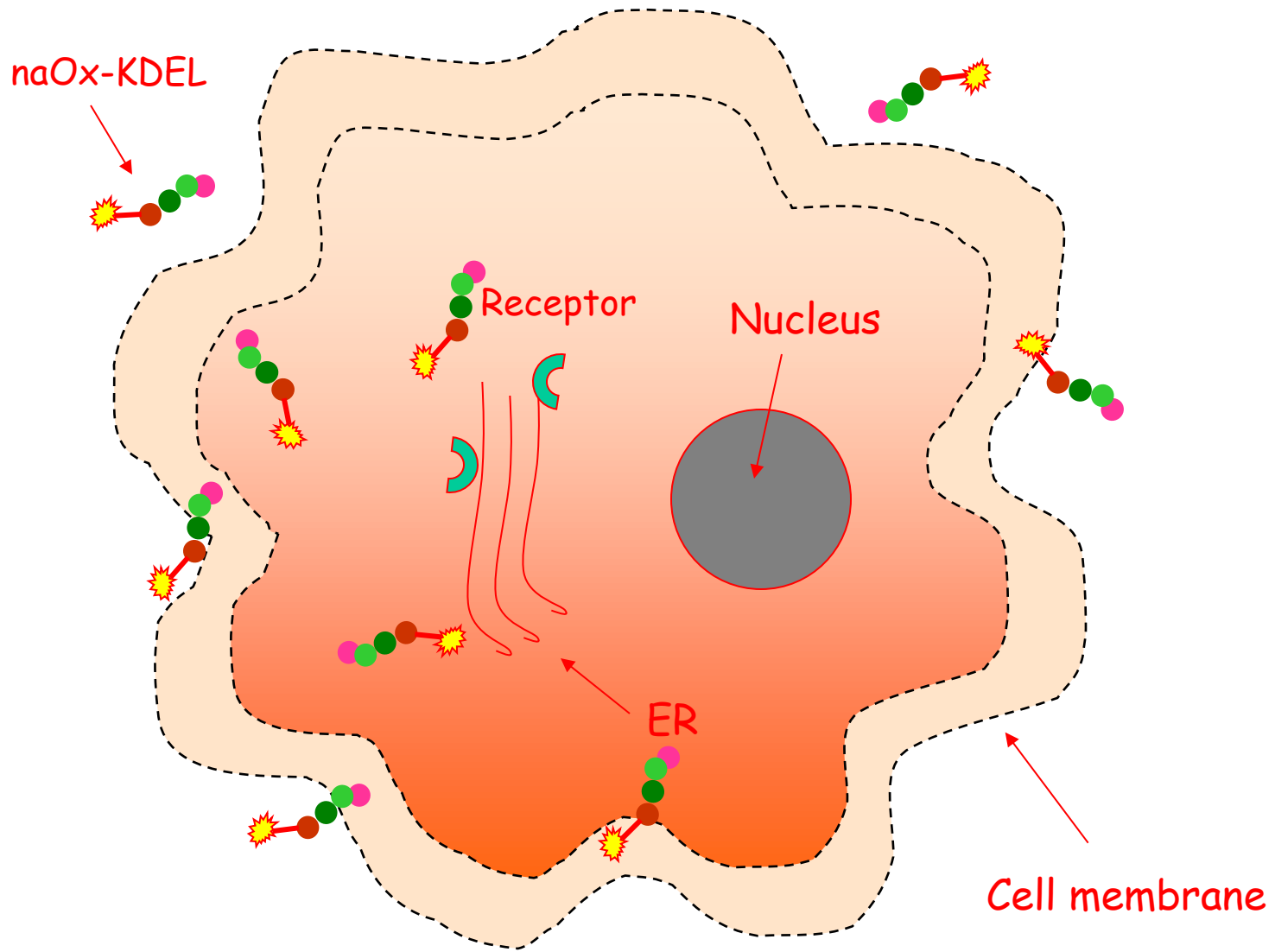
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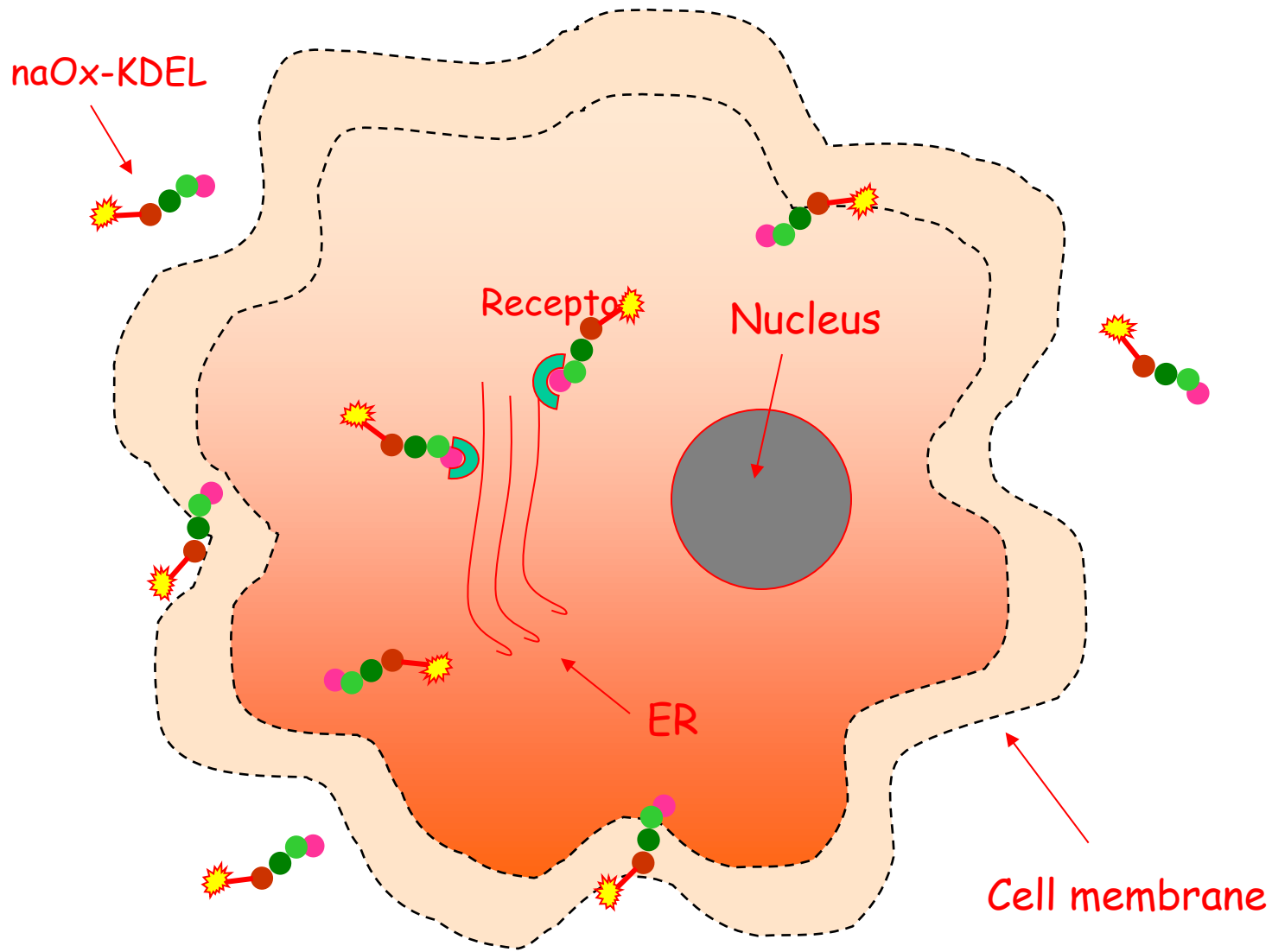


Permeabilization

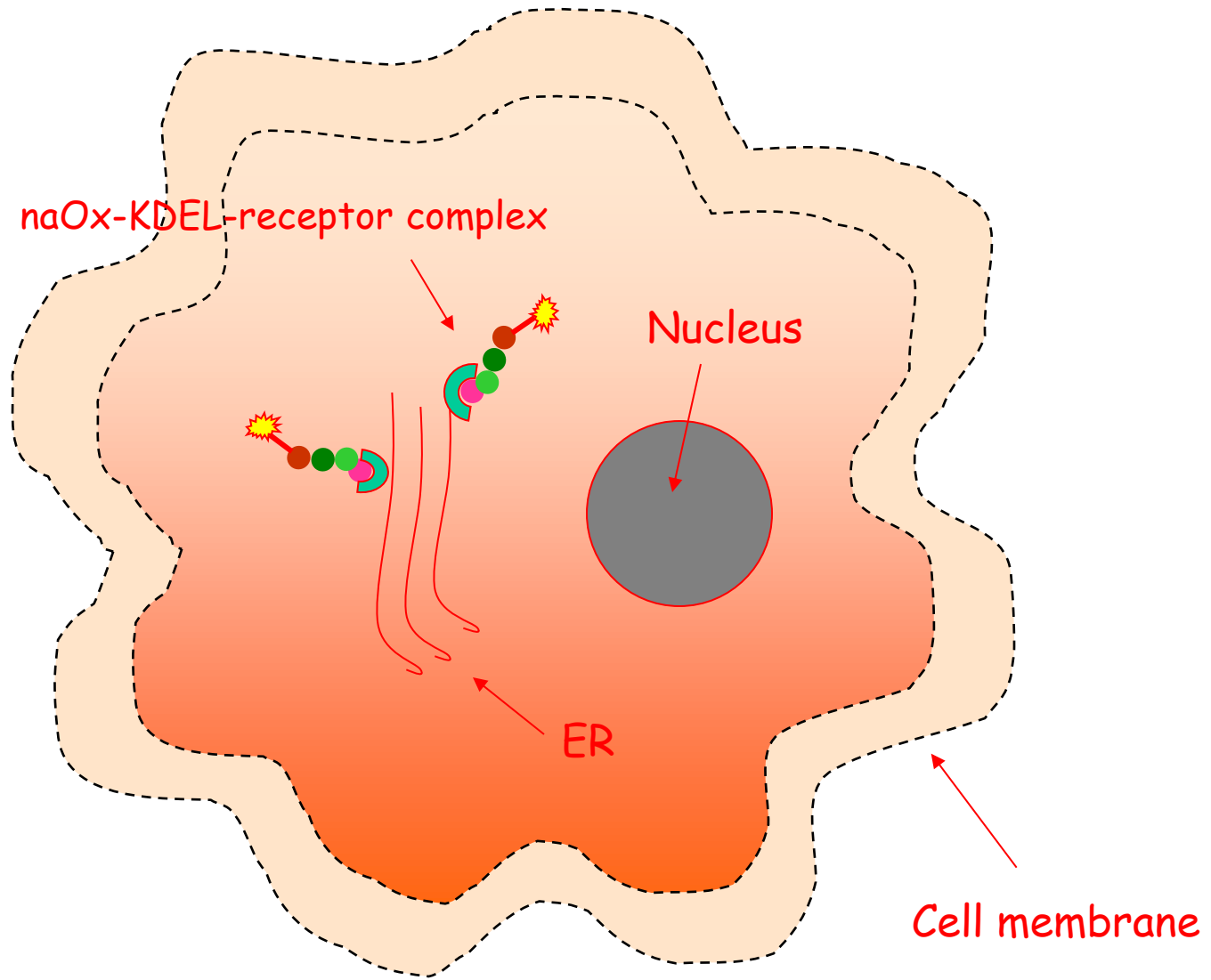




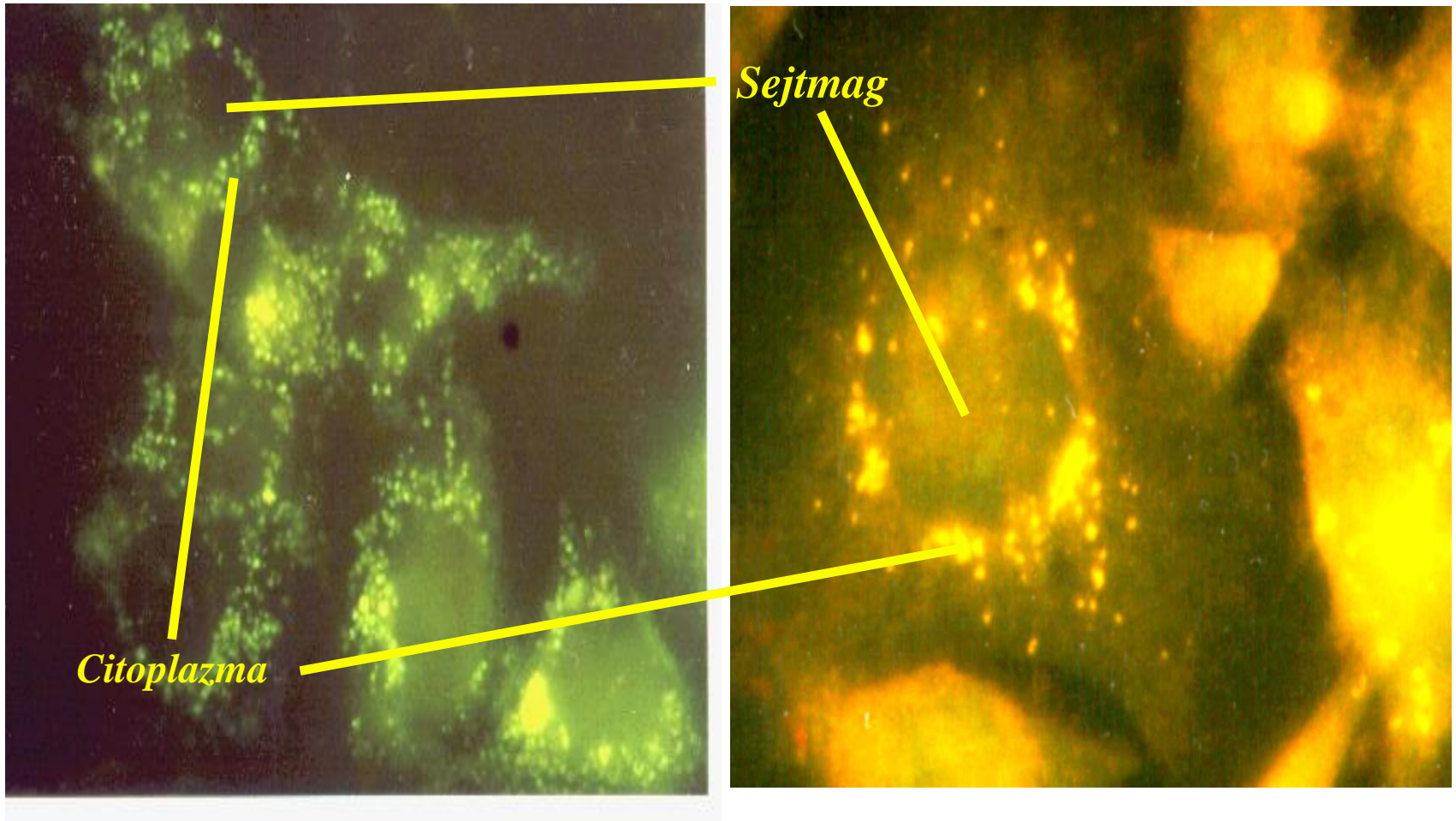




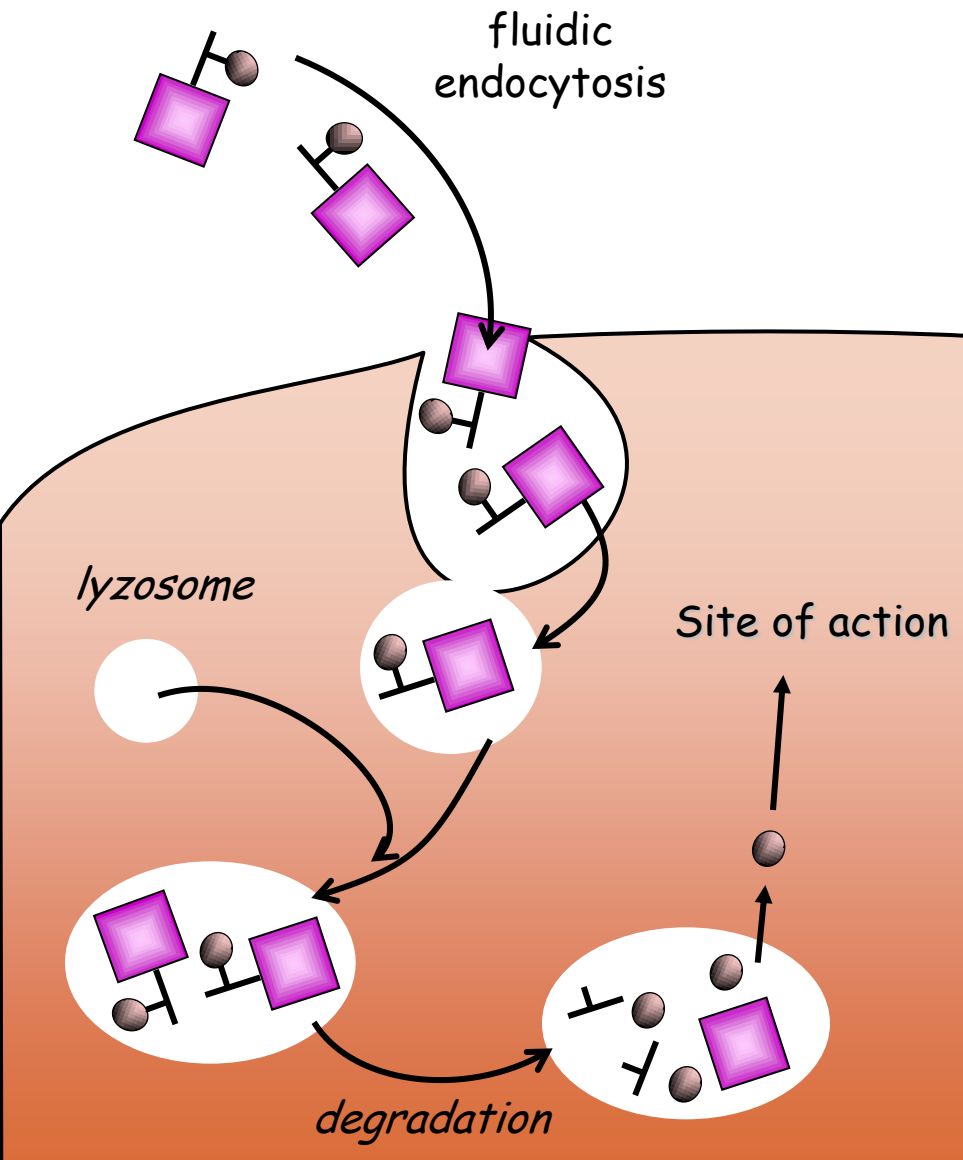
Washing



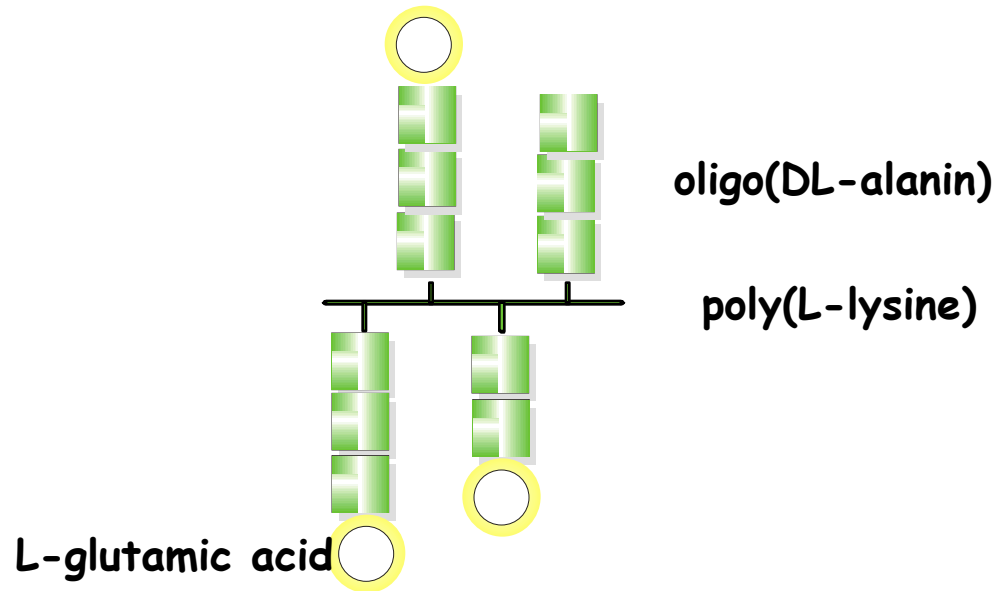
Receptor binding of naOx-KDEL peptide conjugate



Uptake and liberation of bioactive entities



Branched chain polypeptides



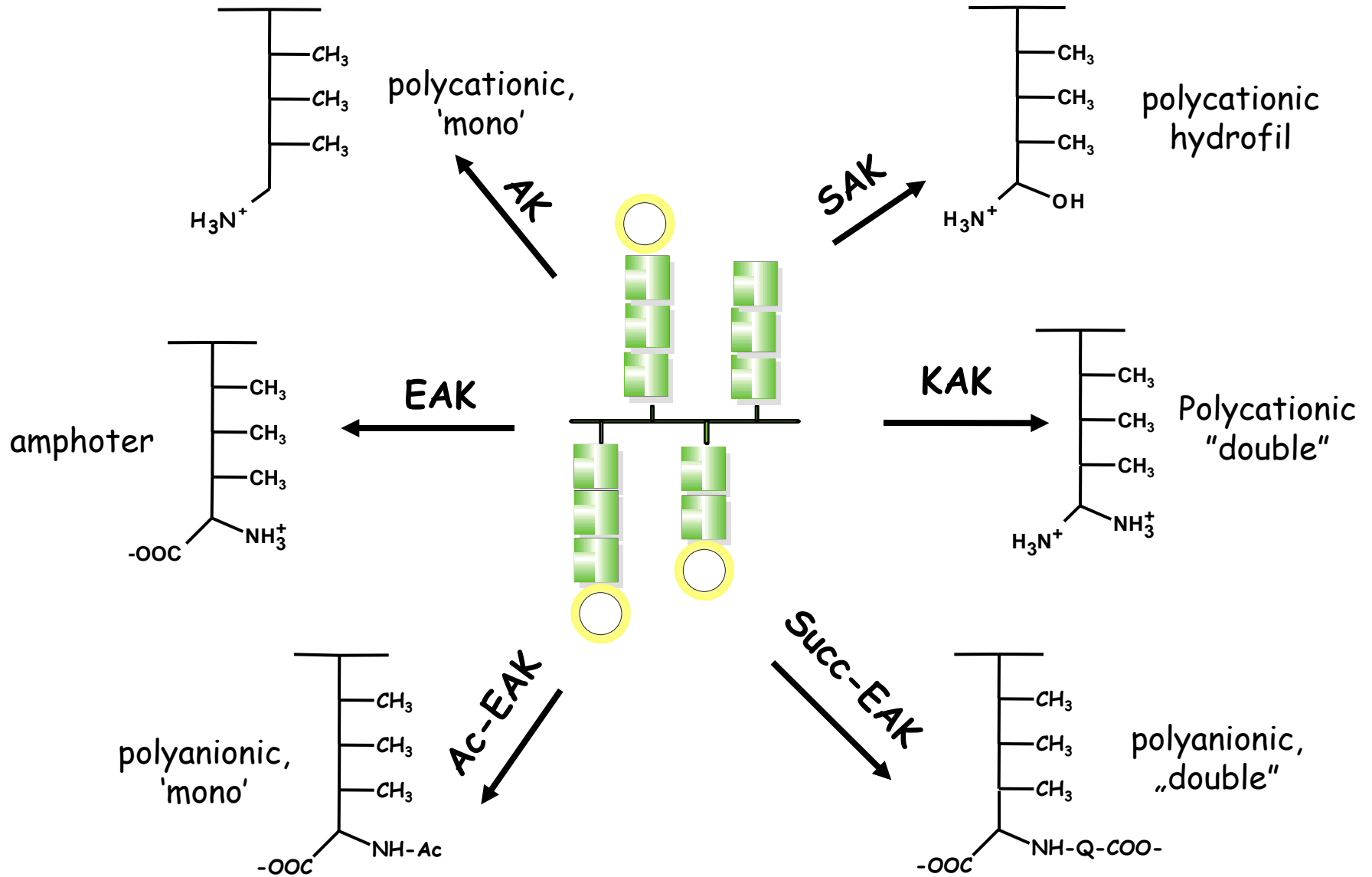
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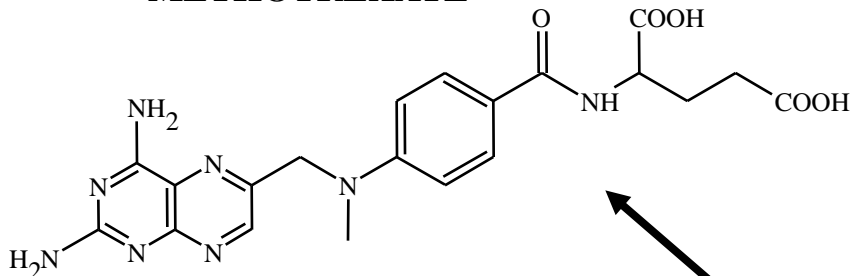
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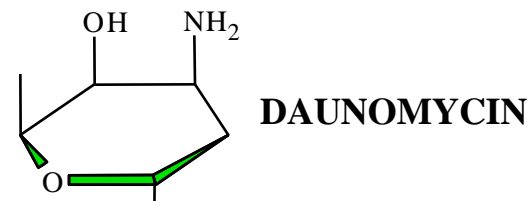


Drug-polypeptide conjugates

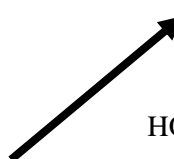
METHOTREXATE



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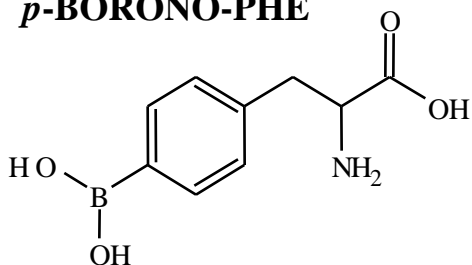


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p-BORONO-PHE



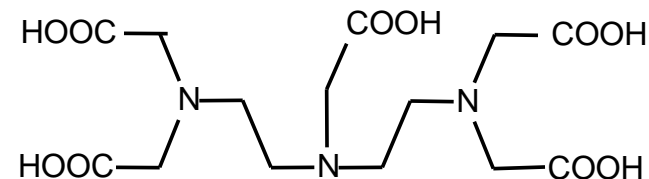
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GN-RH ANTAGONIST, MI-1544

D-Trp-D-Cpa-D-Trp-Ser-Tyr-D-Lys-Leu-Arg-Pro-D-Ala

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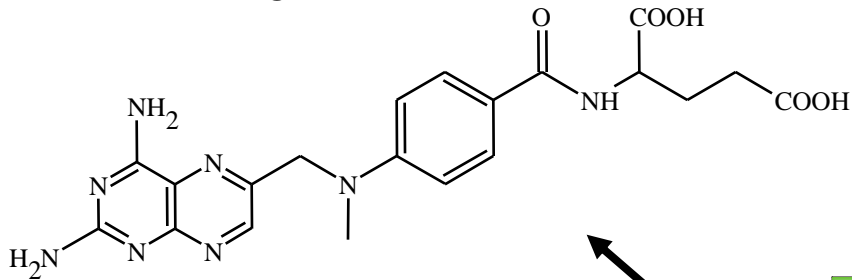
DIETHYLENE-TRIAMINE-PENTAACETIC ACID



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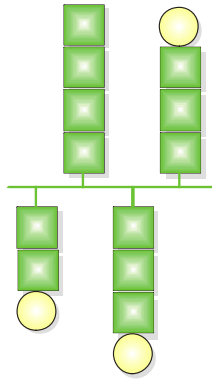
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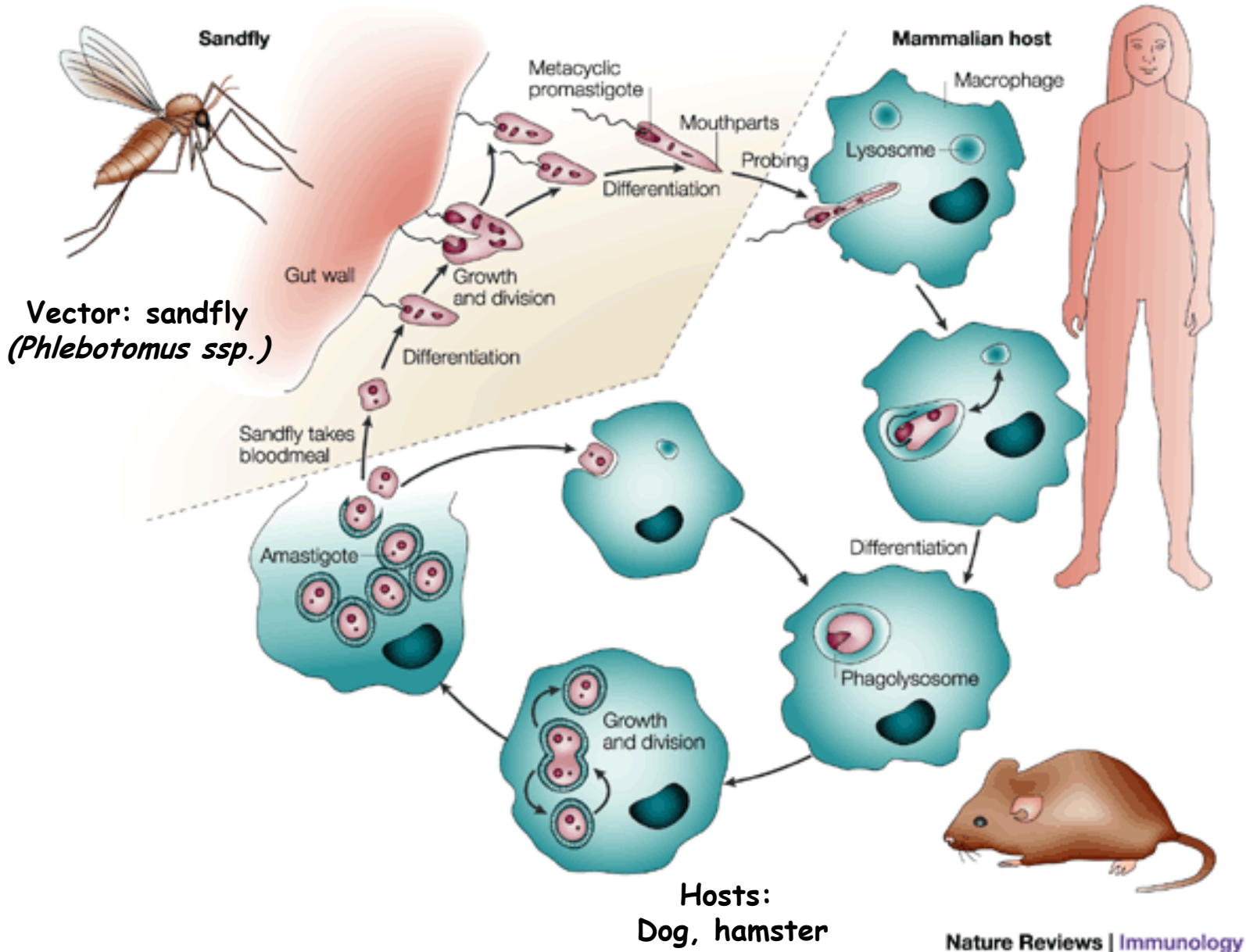
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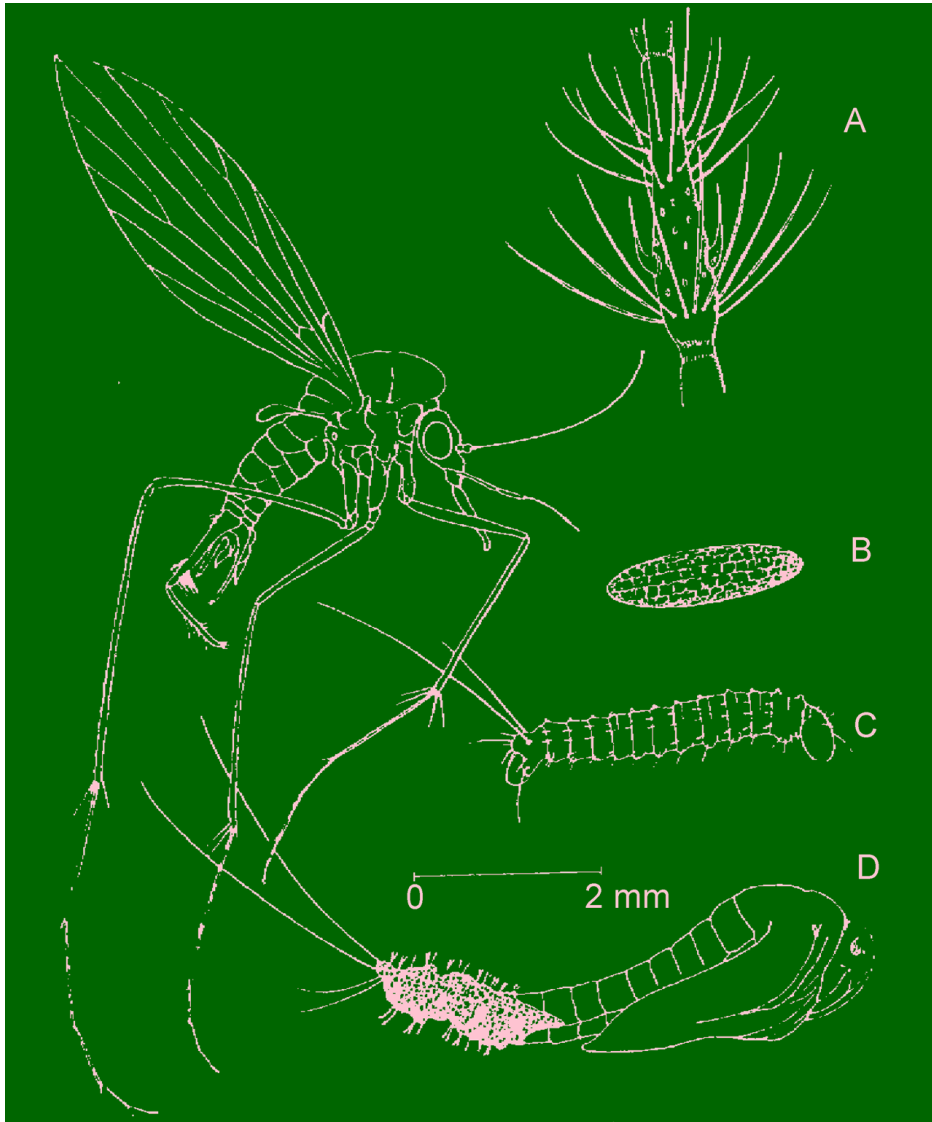
against *Leishmania* infection

Antileishmania effect of
methotrexate conjugates

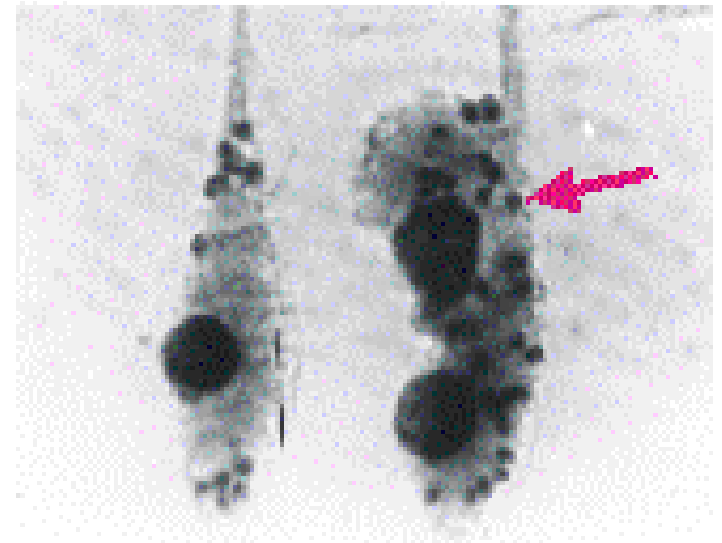
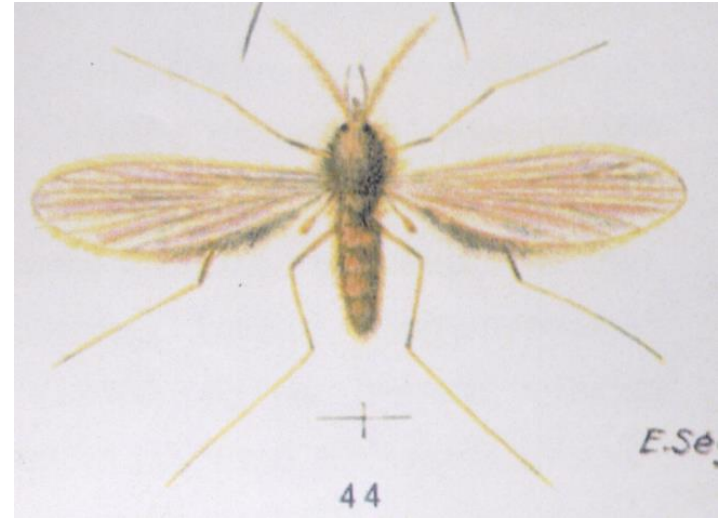
Leishmaniasis



Leishmaniasis: parasitic tropical disease

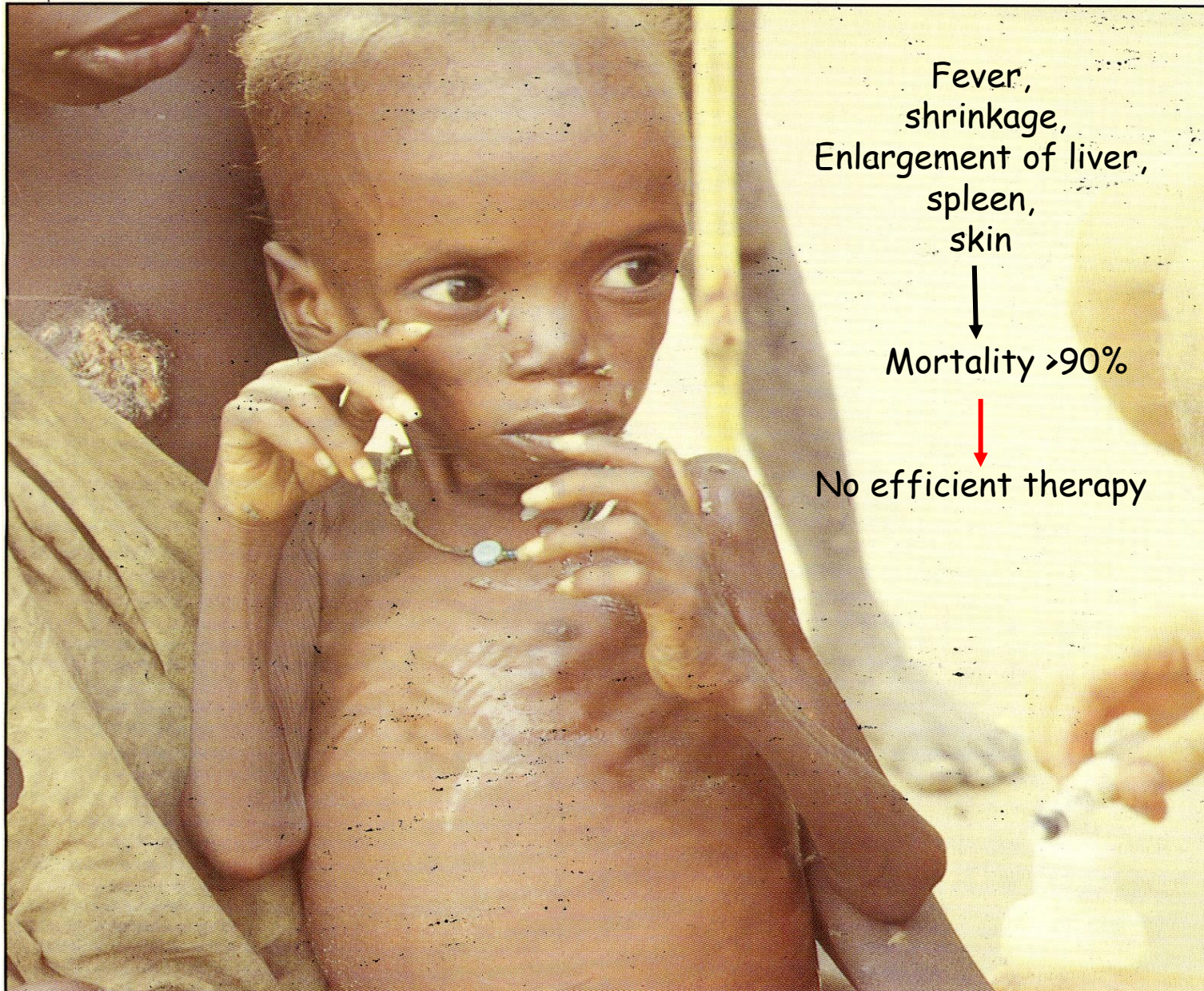


sandfly (*Phlebotomus papatasi*)



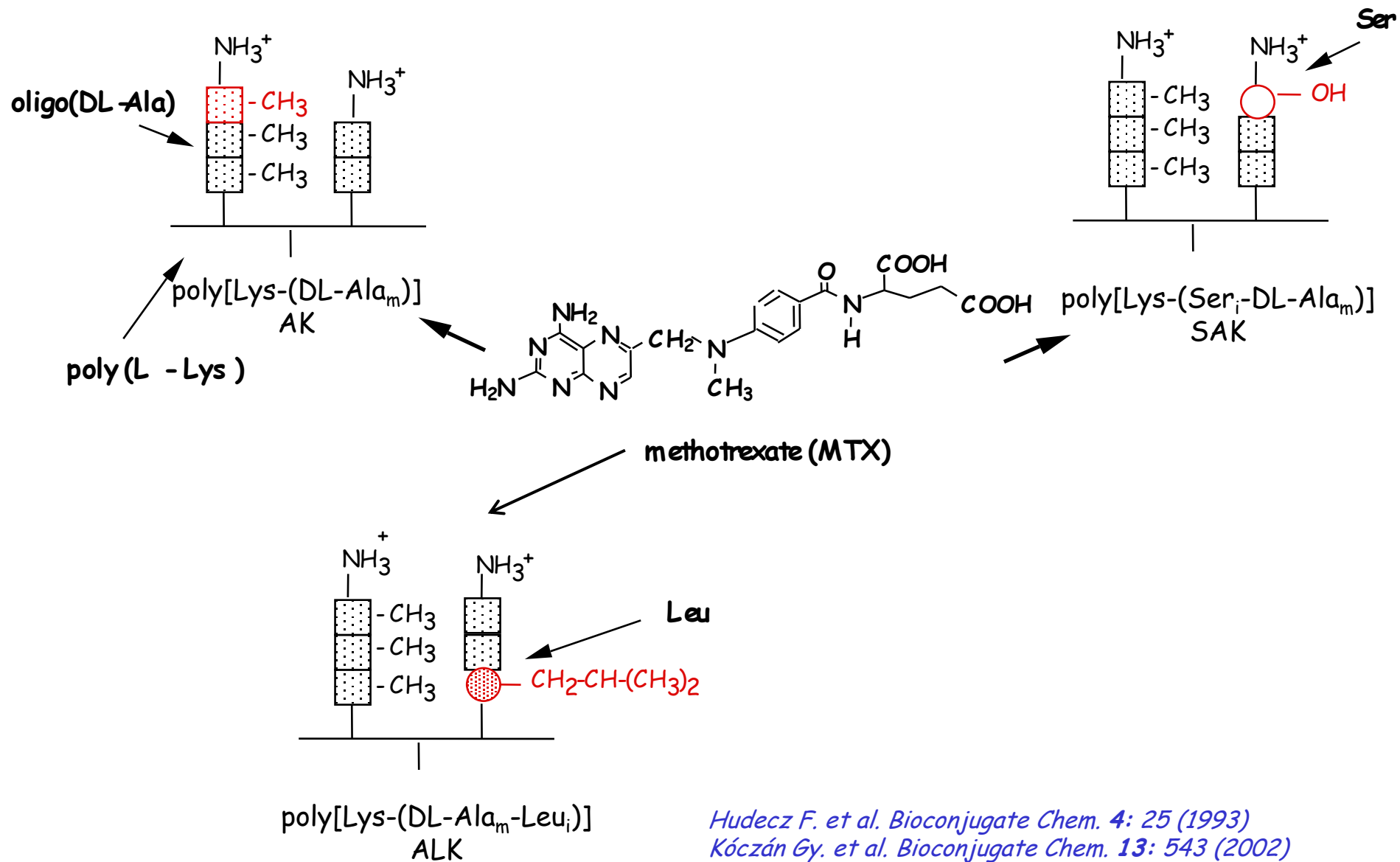
parasites in macrophage cell

Visceral Leishmaniasis, Sudan



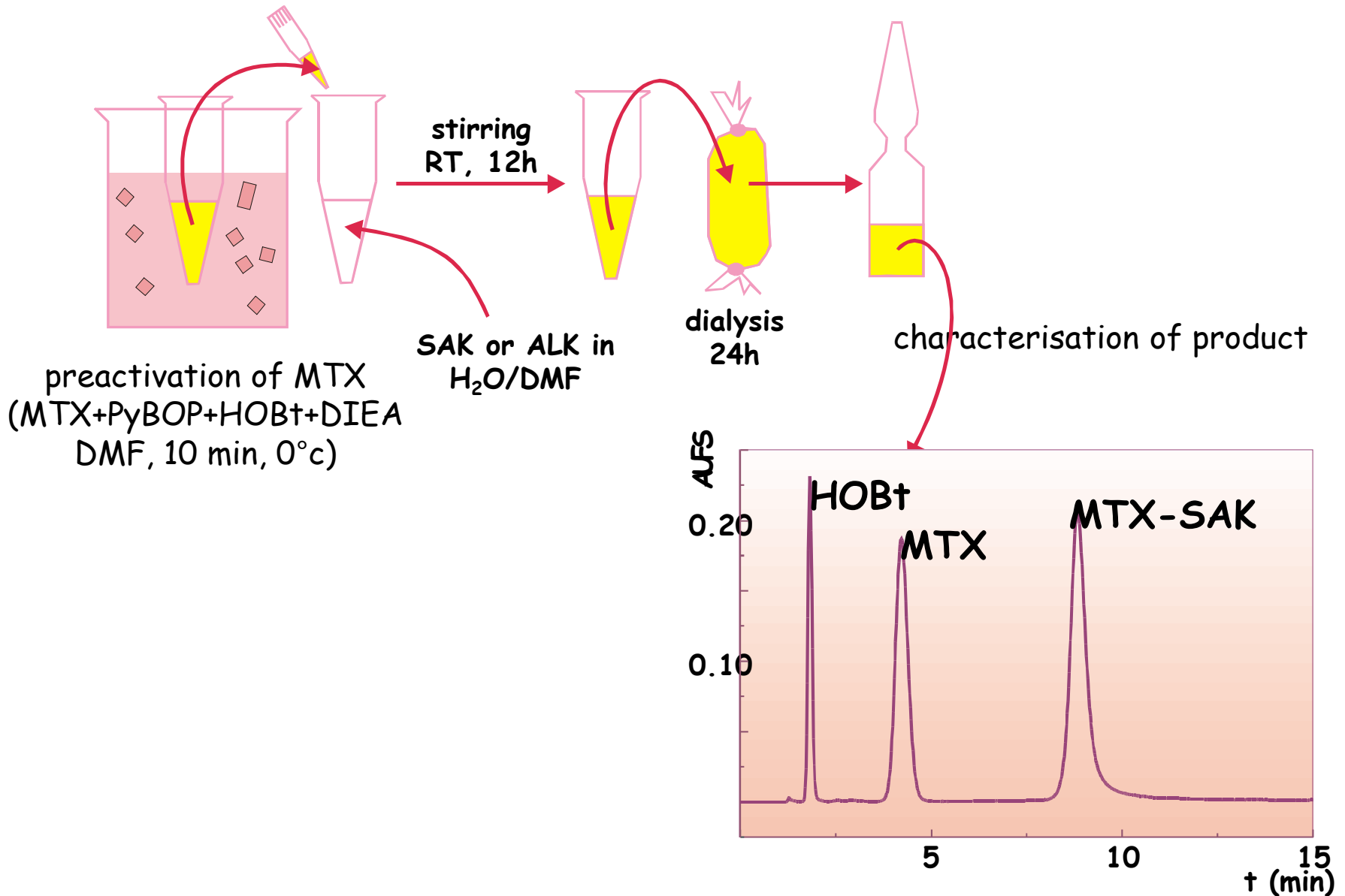
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Methotrexate-polypeptide conjugates

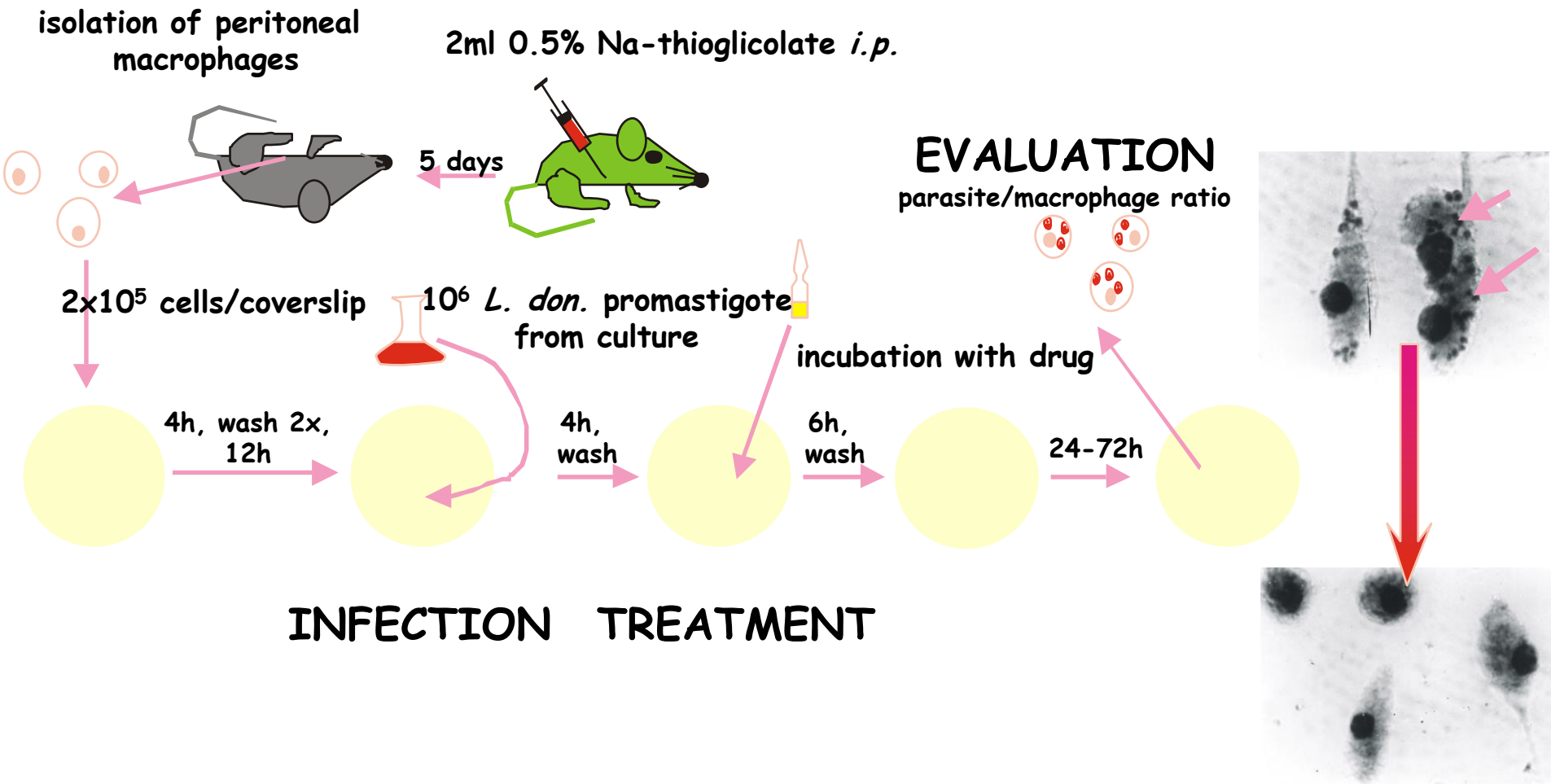


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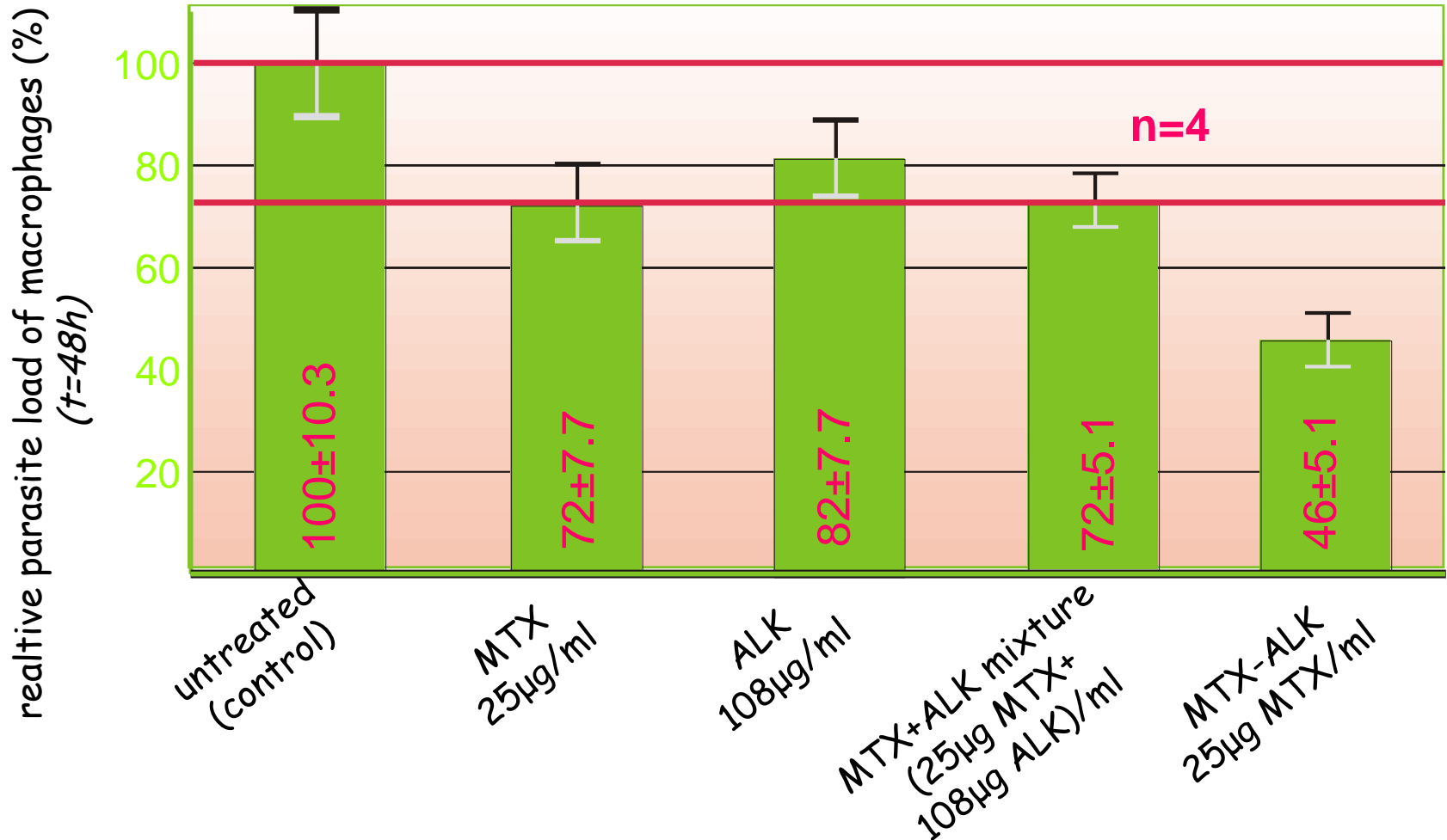
Synthesis of methotrexate-conjugates in practice



Evaluation of methotrexate-conjugates *in vitro*

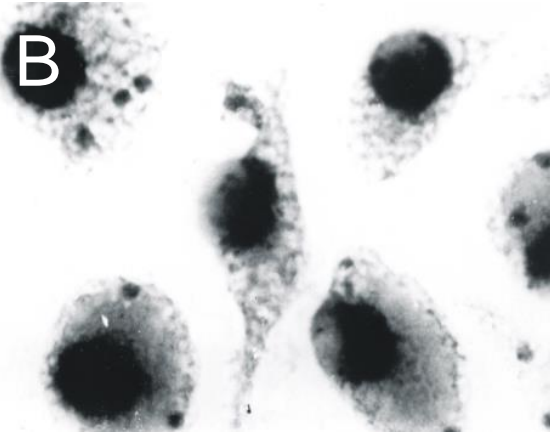
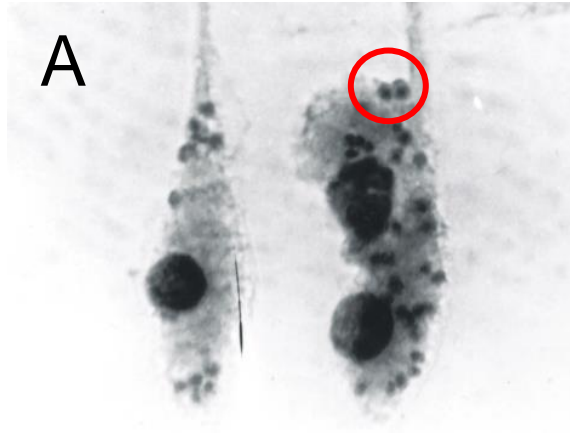


The effect of MTX-ALK conjugate *in vitro*



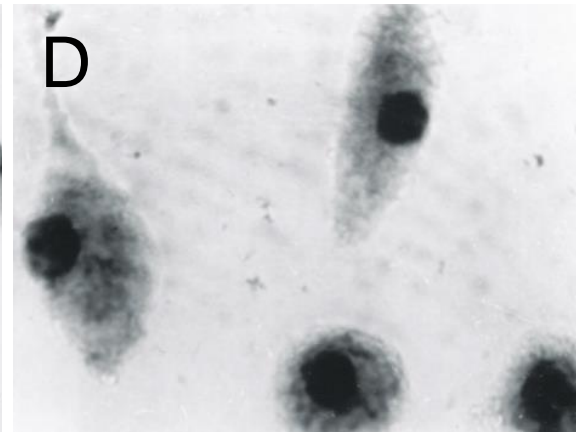
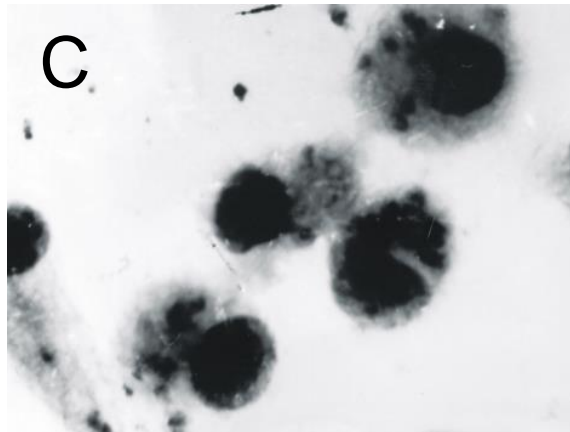
The effect of MTX-ALK conjugate on *L. donovani* infected macrophages *in vitro*

control



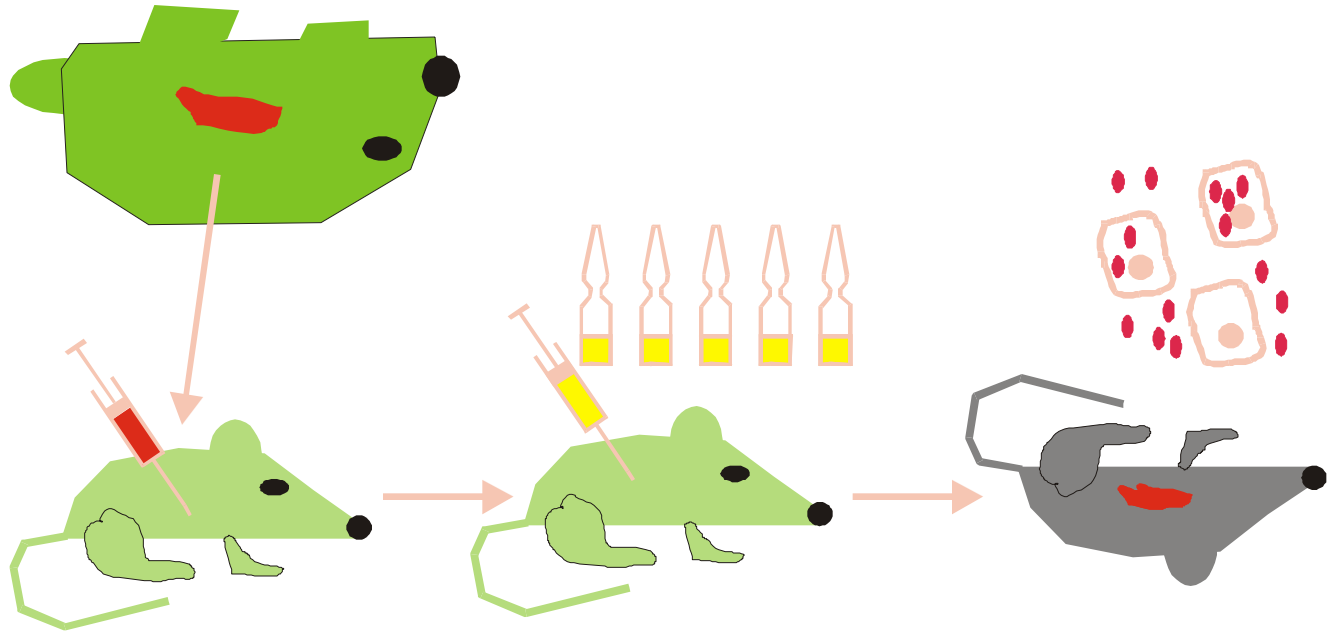
MTX

MTX plus ALK



MTX-ALK

Evaluation of methotrexate-conjugates *in vivo*



INFECTION

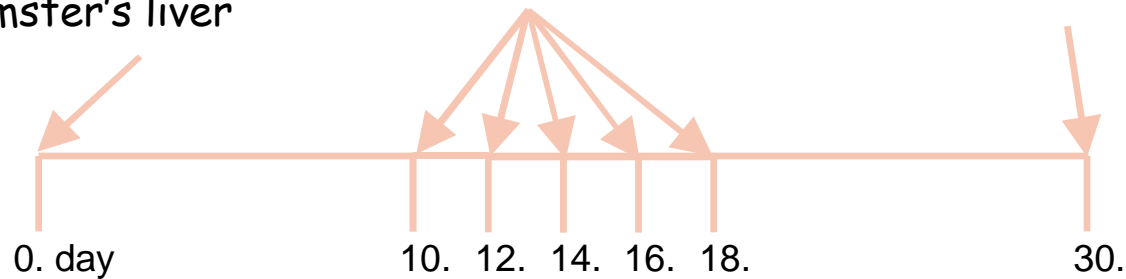
L. don. amastigotes
are isolated from infected
hamster's liver

TREATMENT

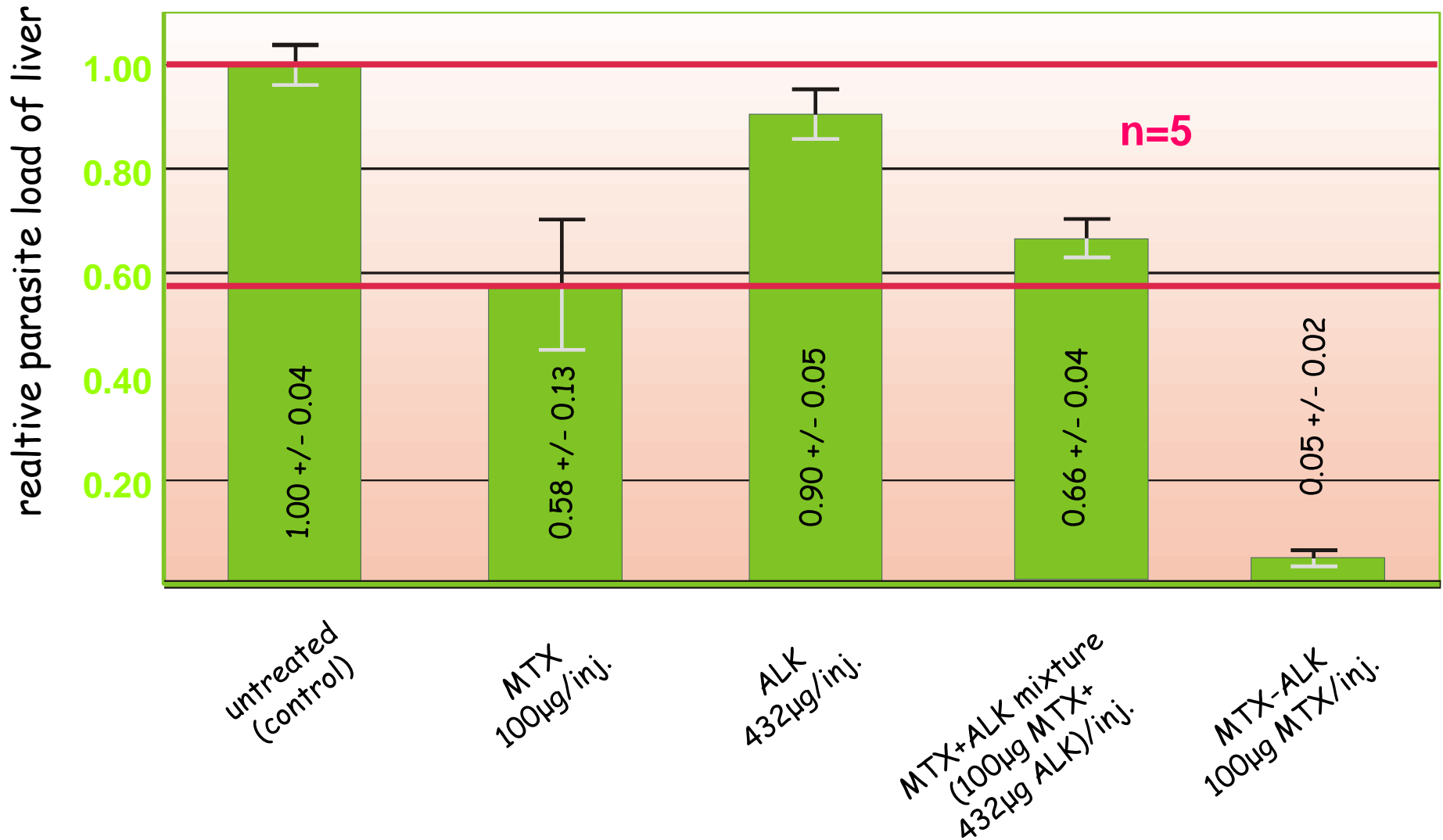
every 2nd day,
i.p. injection, $5 \times 100 \mu\text{l}$

EVALUATION

counting parasite load
of liver and spleen



The effect of MTX-ALK conjugate *in vivo*

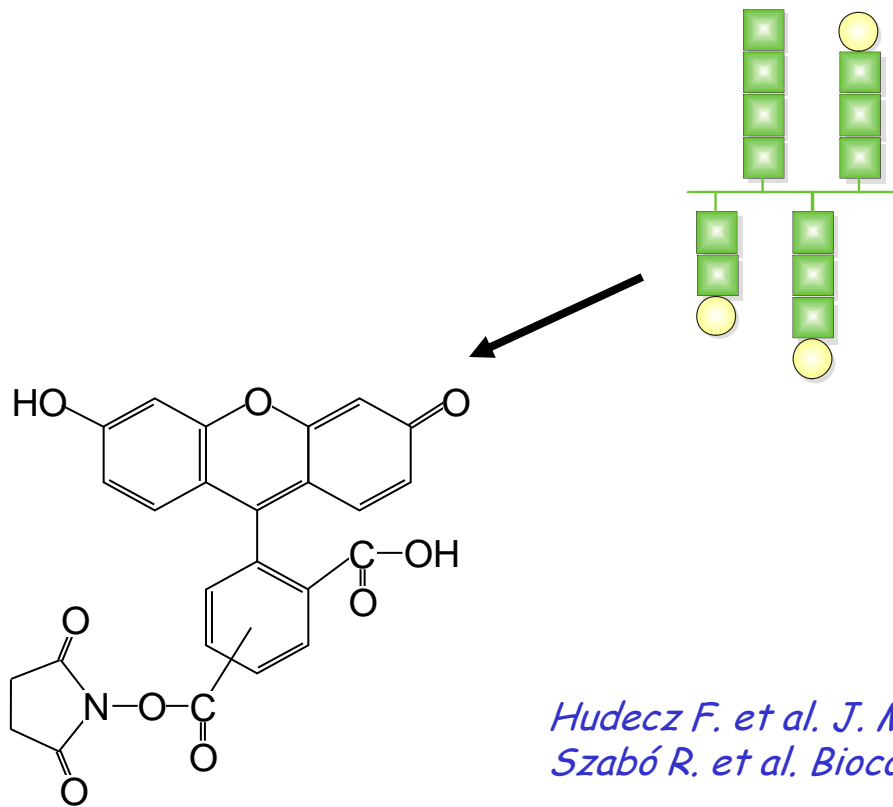


Conclusions

1. **Methotrexate** preserves its antileishmania activity after conjugation with branched polypeptides.
2. MTX effect **in vitro** as well as **in vivo** can be increased by conjugation to branched polypeptides.
3. The antileishmania donovani activity of conjugates **depends on the carrier polypeptide.**

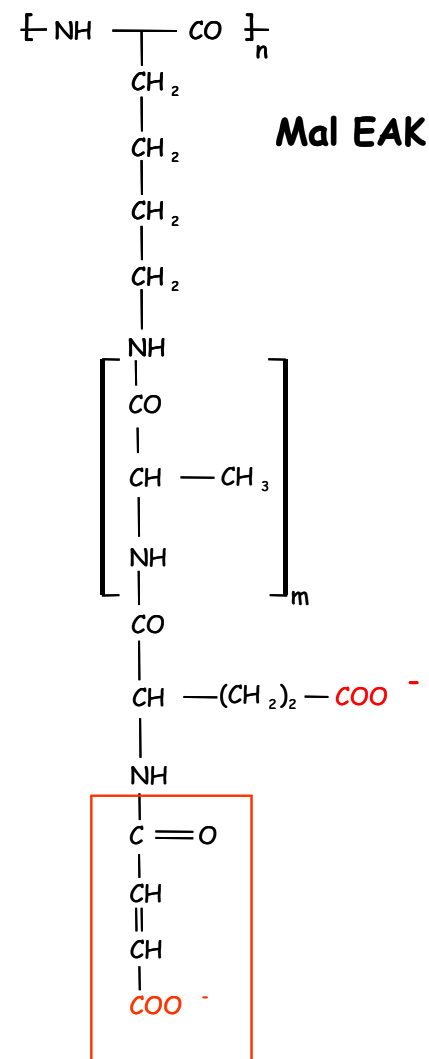
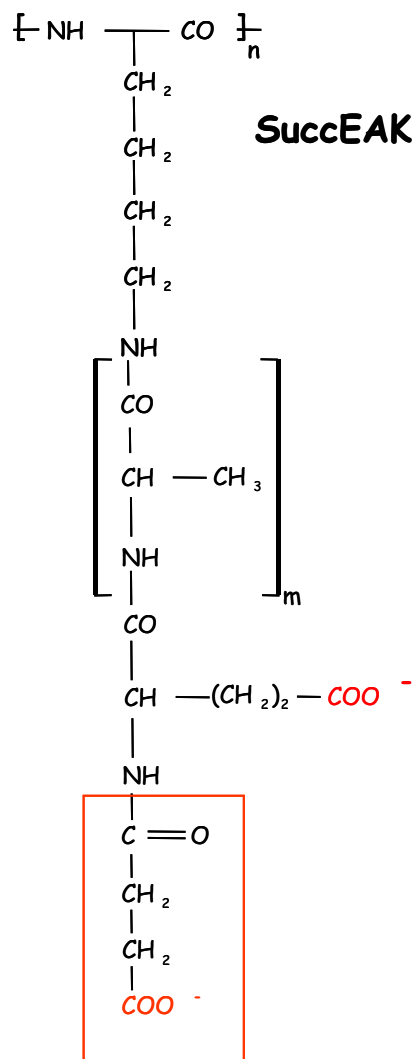
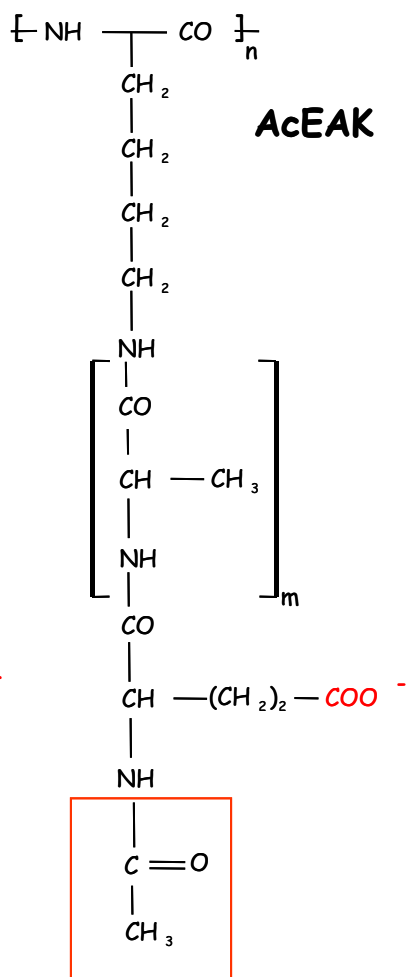
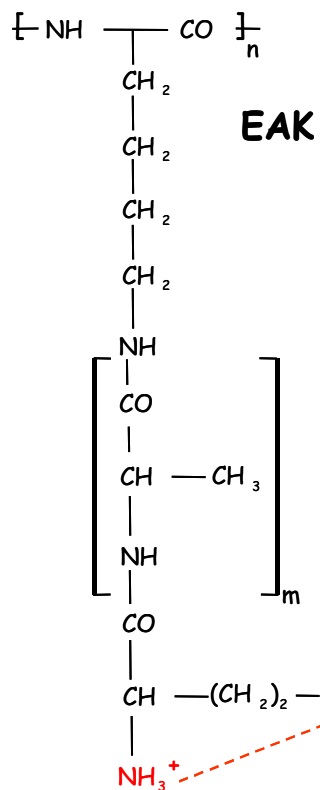


Fluorophor - polypeptide conjugates: structure - cellular uptake correlation?

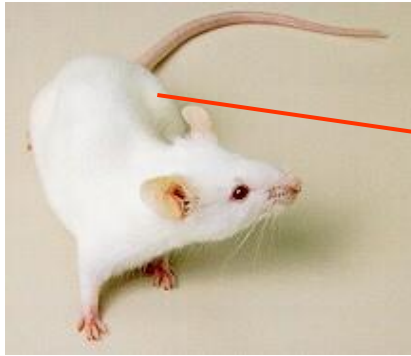


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Branched chain polypeptides

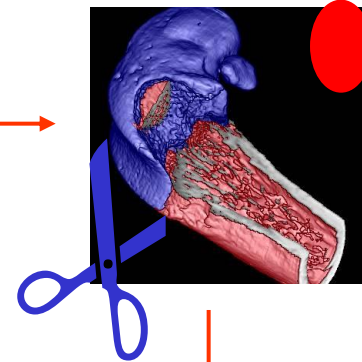


Scavenger receptor [SR-A] (+/-): bone marrow macrophages



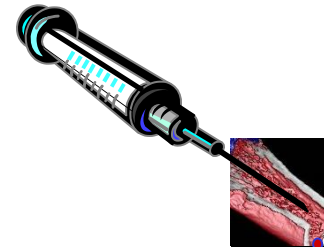
SRA +/+, SRA -/-

femur + tibia
EtOH 1 min
(sterilization)



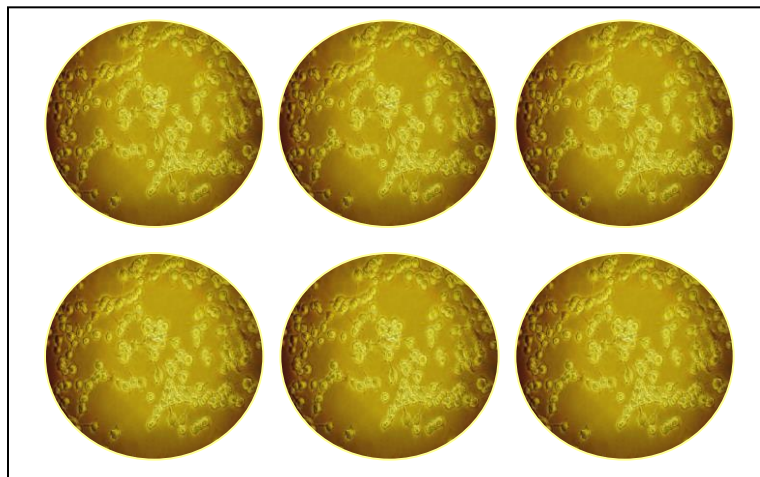
washing

1 week, 37°C
washing



adhesion

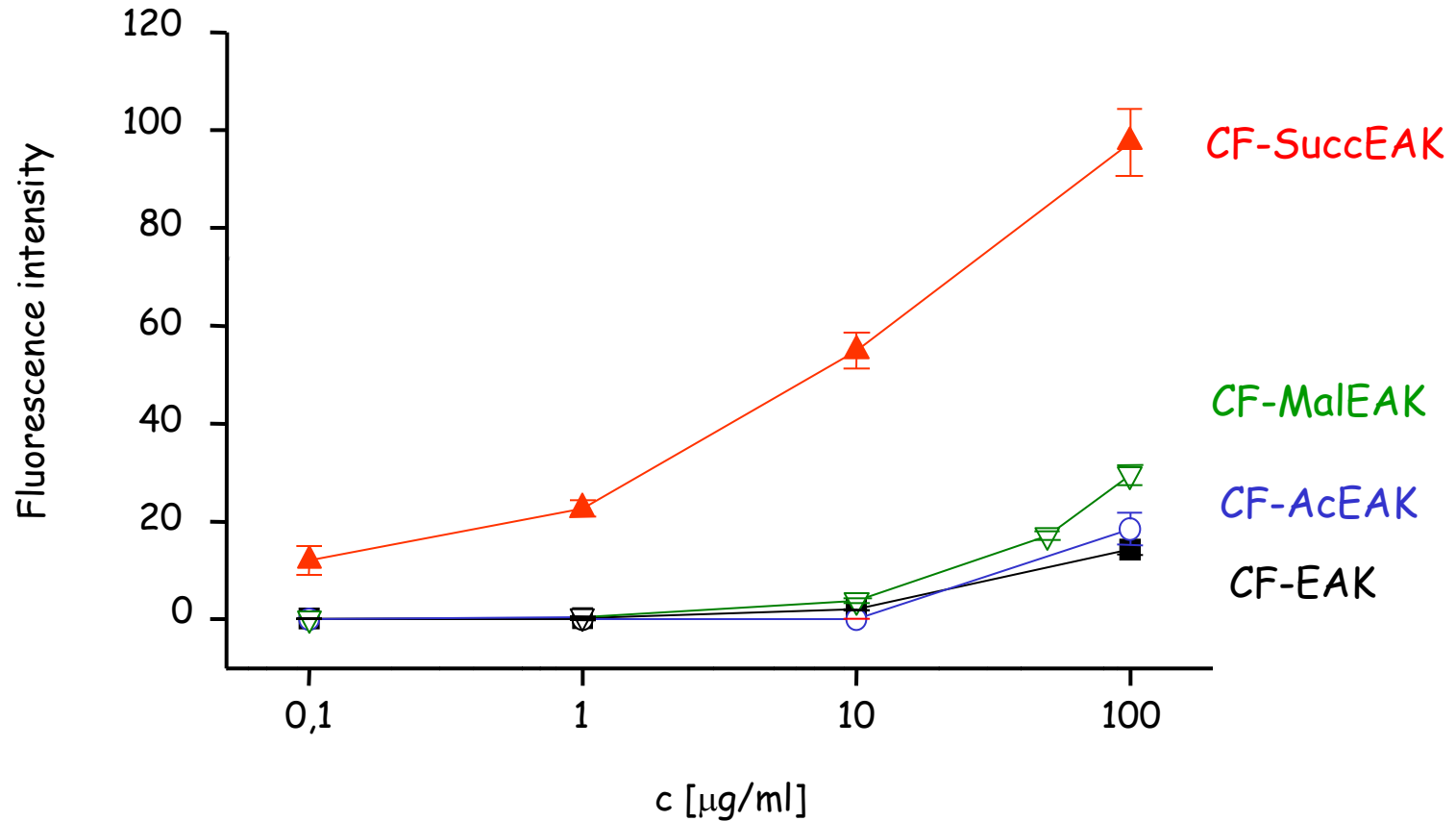
RPMI 1640
10% FCS (v/v)
50 mg/ml streptomycin
50 IU/ml penicillin
2 mM L-Gln
10 mM HEPES
15% LCM (v/v)(M-CSF)



Cellular uptake studies (10^6 cells/well)

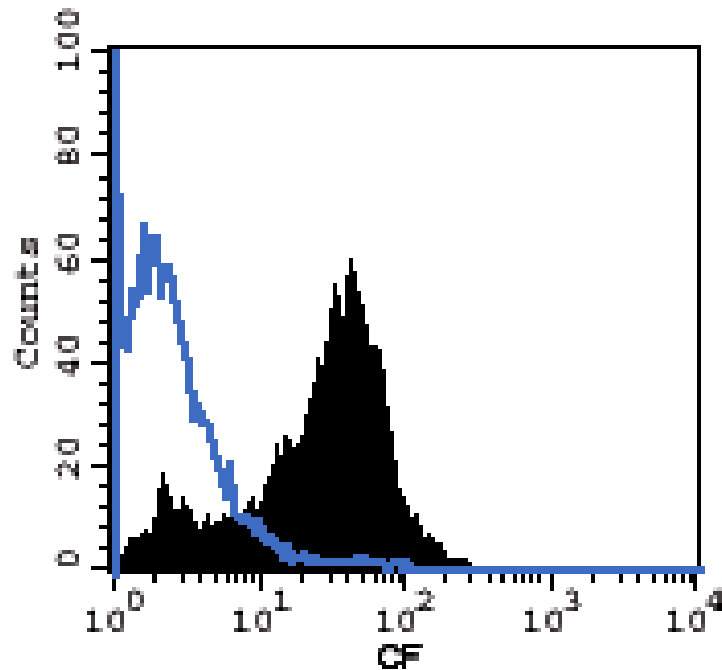
Carrier effect: uptake of CF-polypeptides by bone marrow macrophages

(60 min)

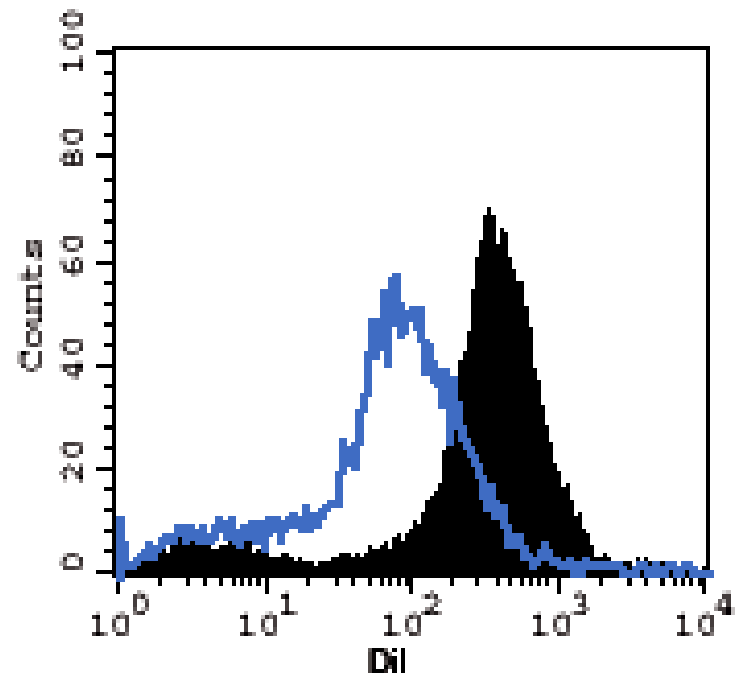


Uptake of CF-polypeptides by bone marrow macrophages: the role of SR-A receptor

CF-SuccEAK



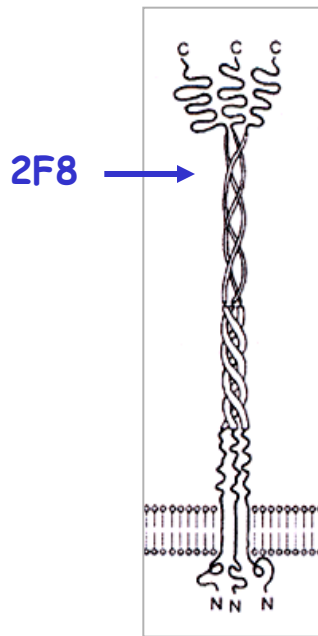
Control: DiI-AcLDL



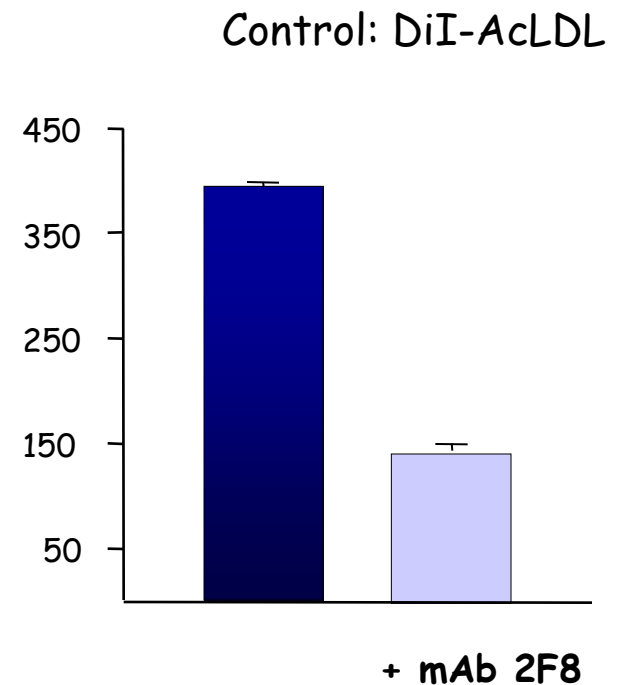
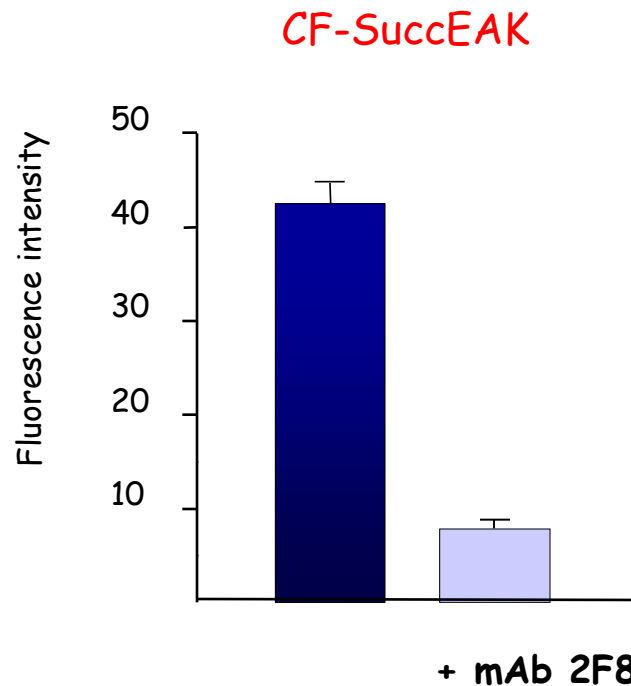
■ SR-A +/+

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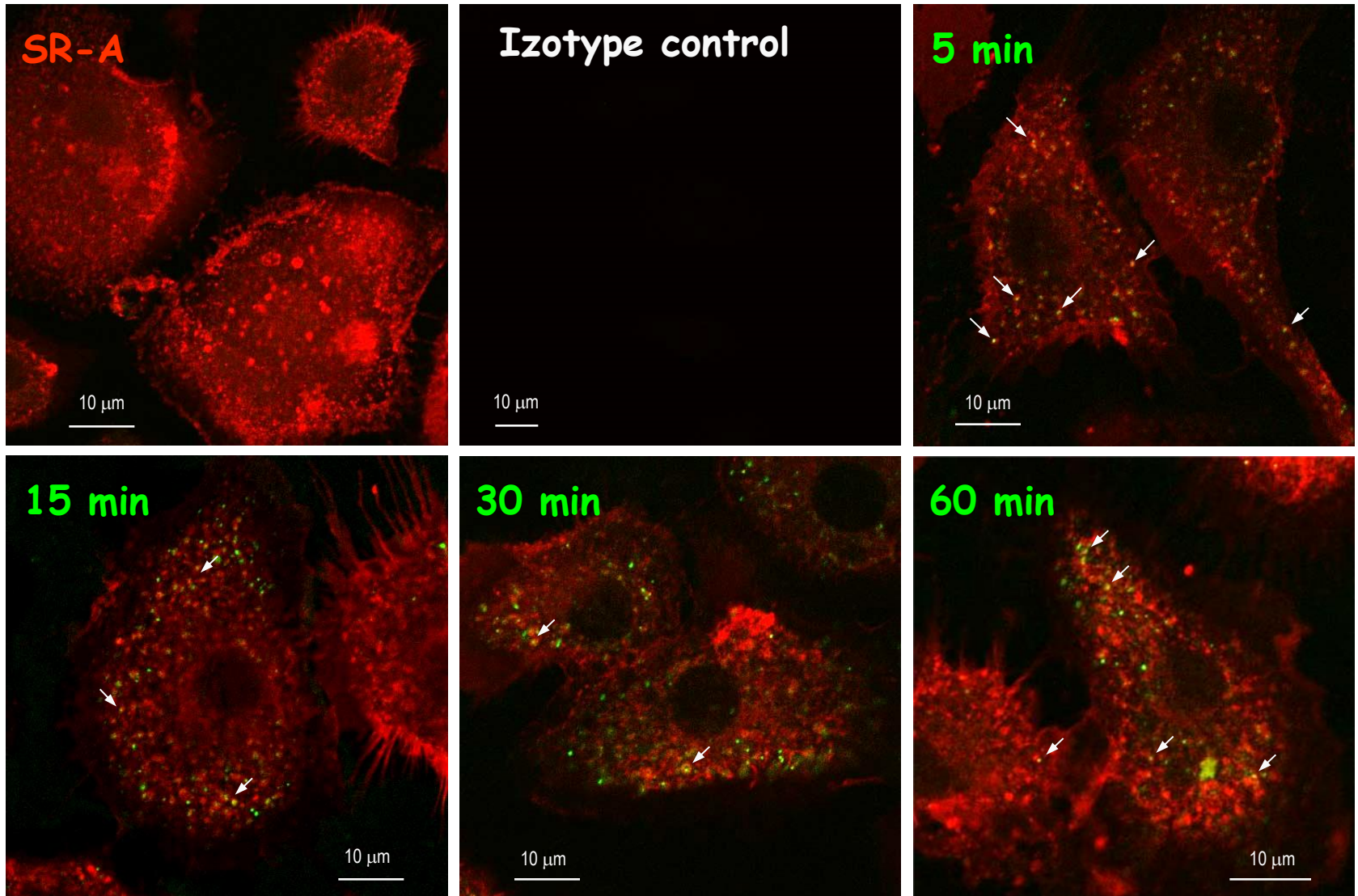
Uptake of CF-polypeptides by bone marrow macrophages: inhibition of SR-A receptor by specific antibody



SR-A



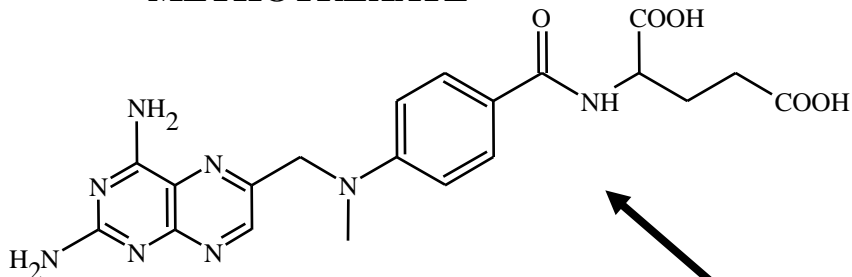
Uptake of CF-SuccEAK plus SR-A receptor complex



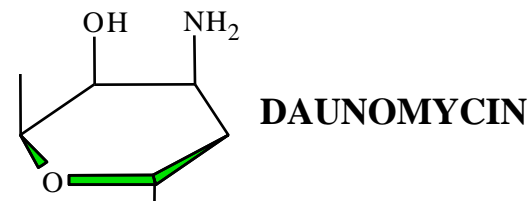
SR-A (2F8 + Cy3-anti-rat IgG) **CF-SuccEAK**

Drug-polypeptide conjugates

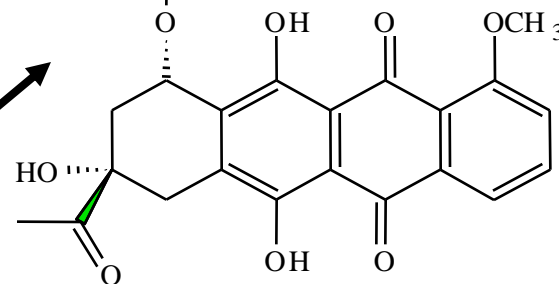
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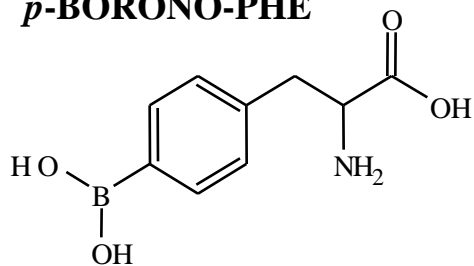


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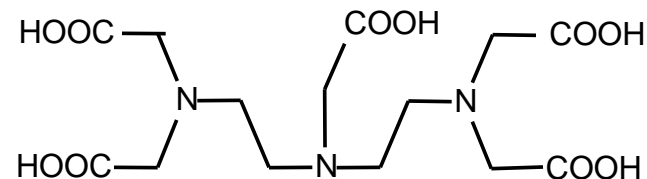
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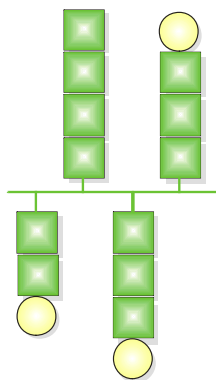
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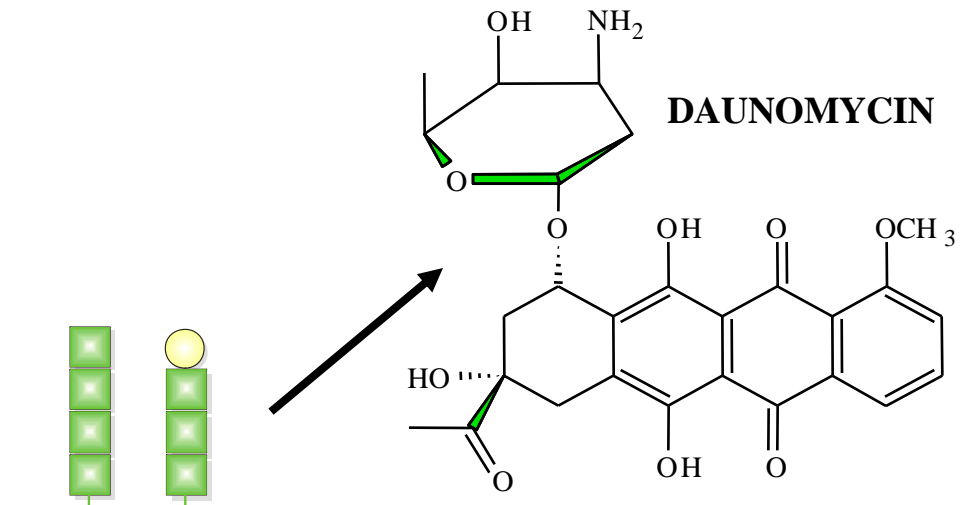
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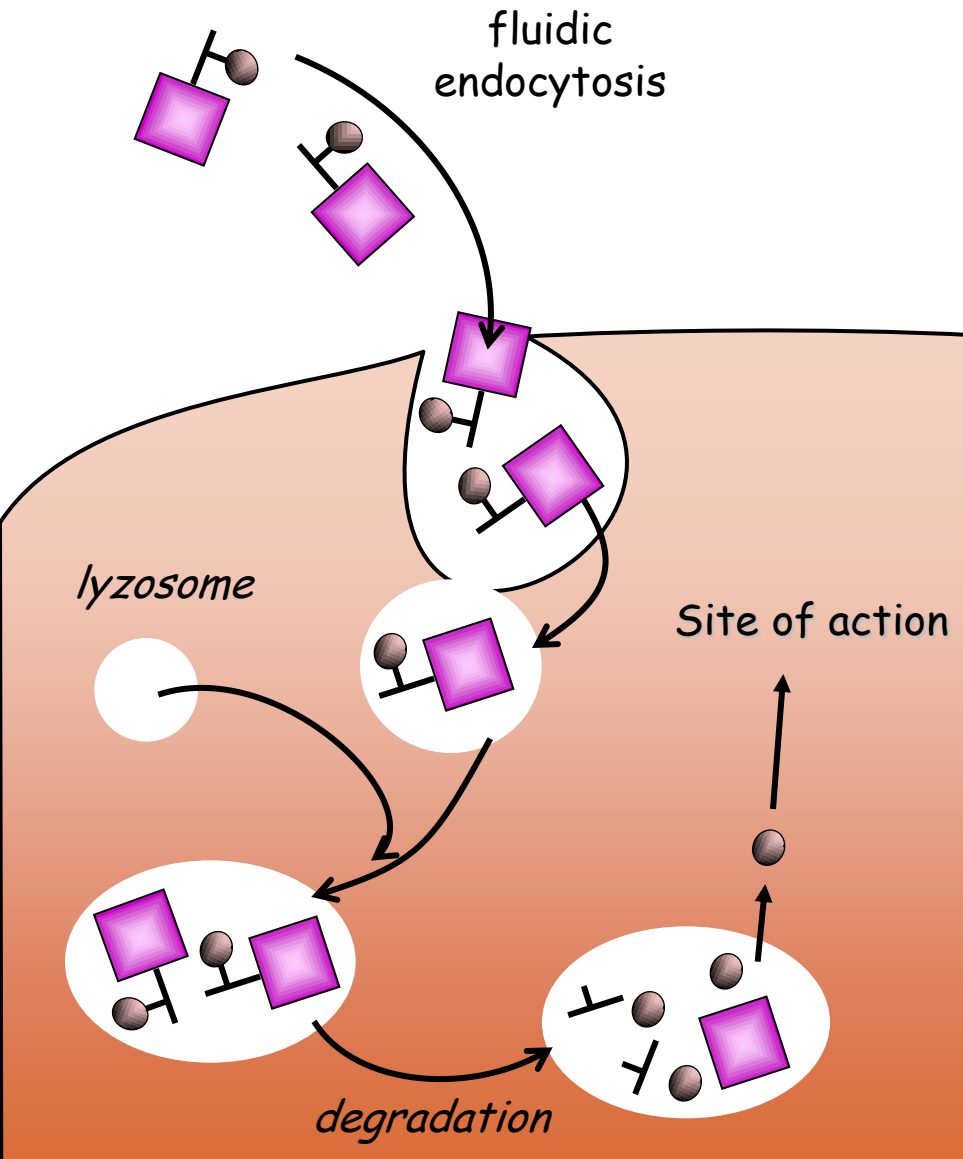
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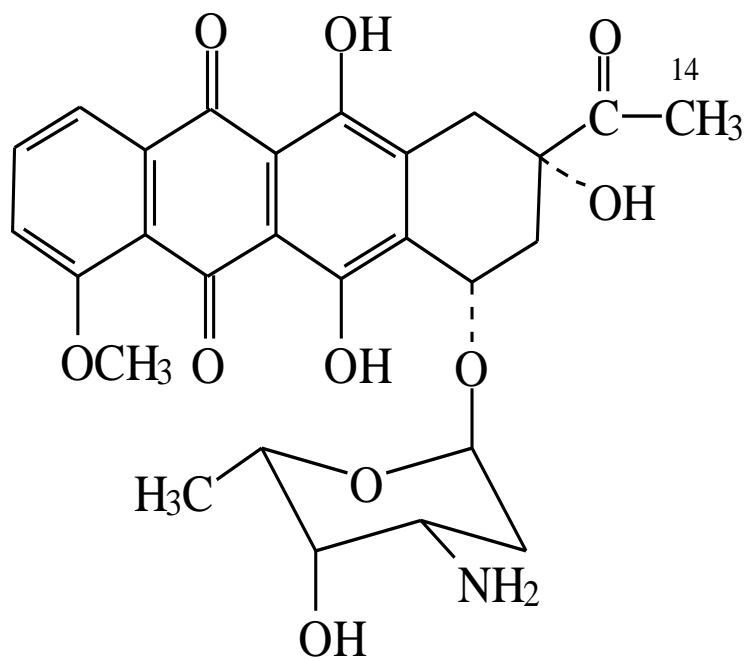
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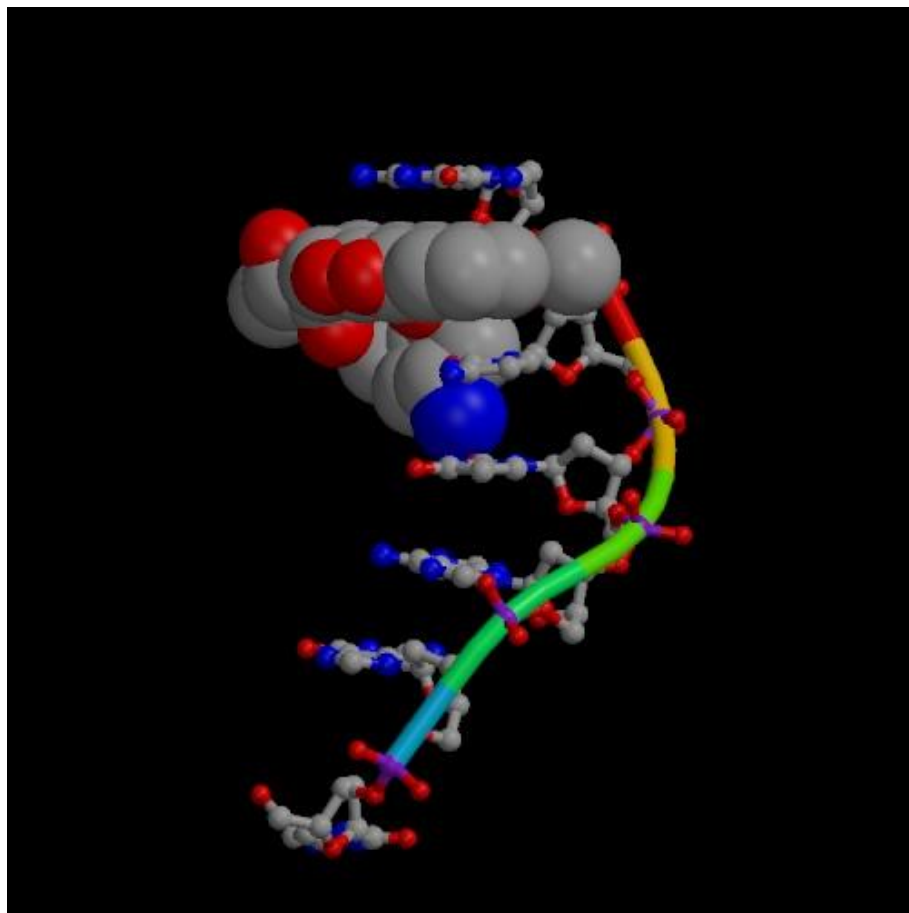
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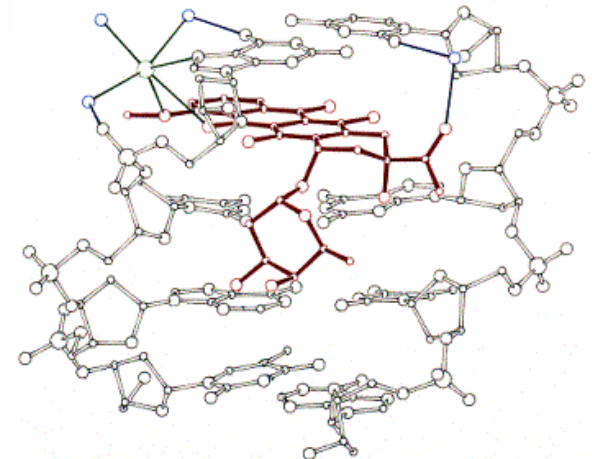
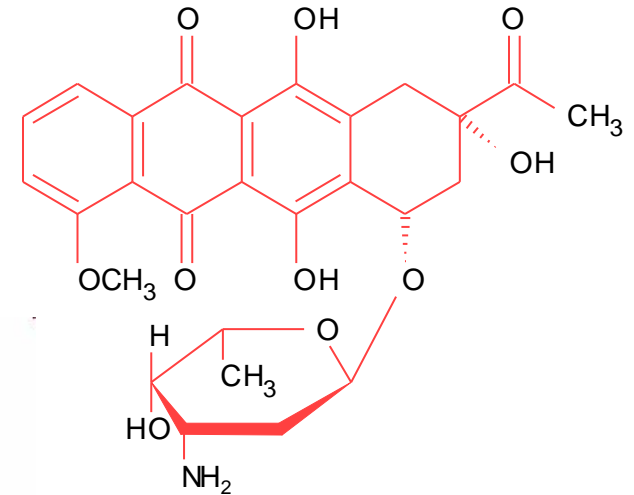


[Frederick, 1990]



Daunomycin in tumour therapy

- Drug of anthracycline family
- Therapeutic use:
leukaemias (AML, CML, ALL); lymphomas,
rhabdomyosarcoma, neuroblastoma
- Side effects:
 - Decreased white blood cell count
 - Cardiotoxicity
 - Nausea and vomiting
 - Hair loss
- Mechanism of action:
 - intercalating DNA,
 - stabilisation DNA-topoisomerase II complex,
 - enhancing the production of free radicals



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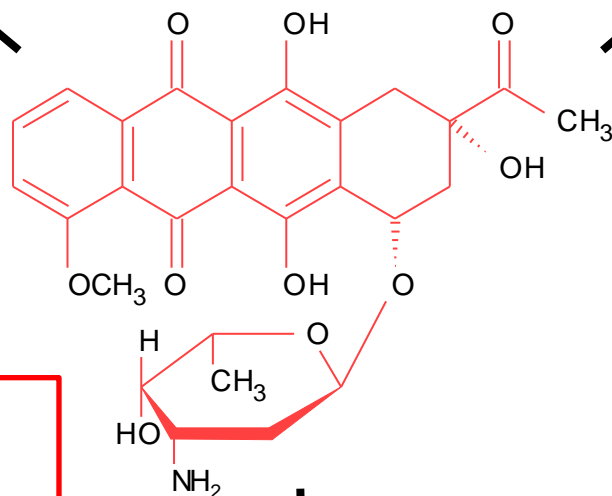
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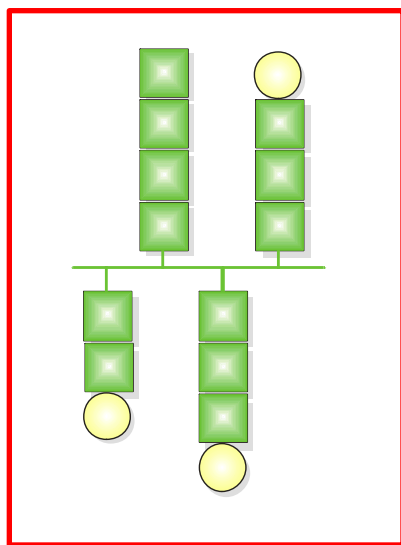
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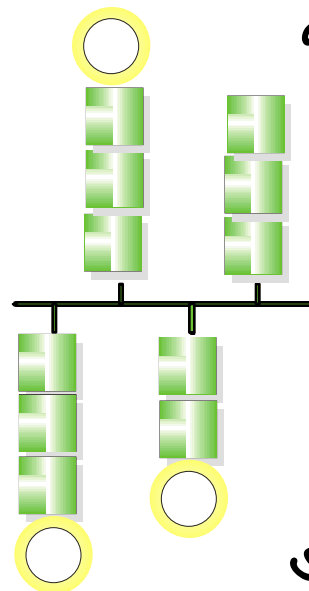
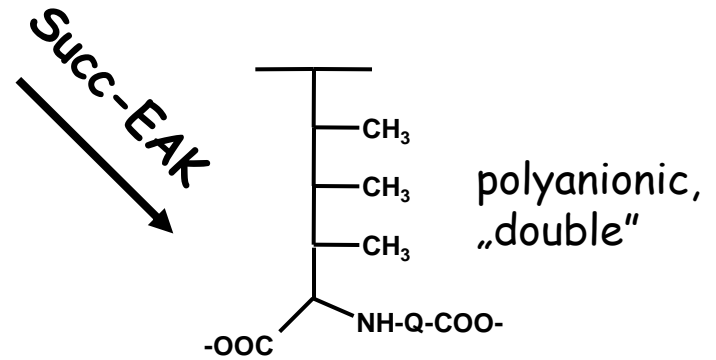
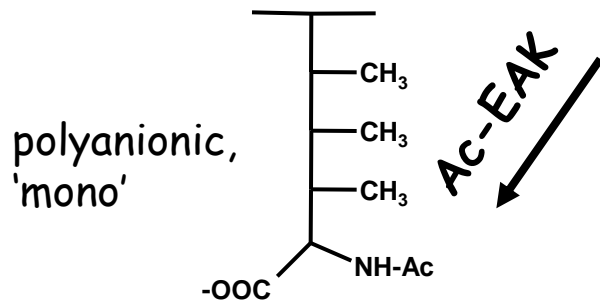
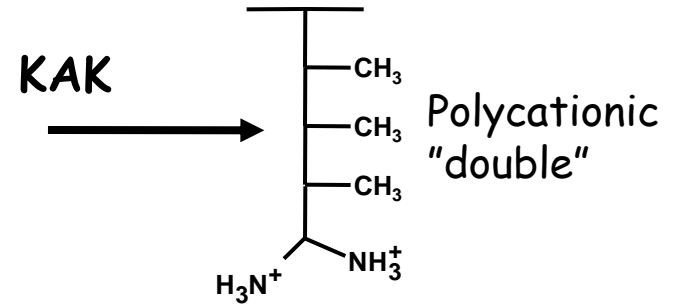
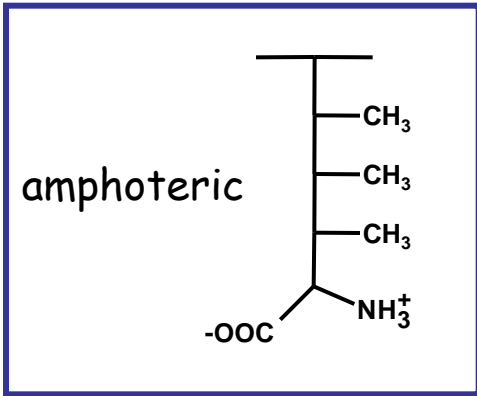
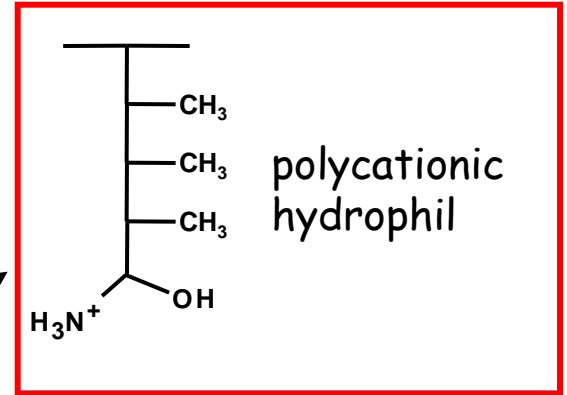
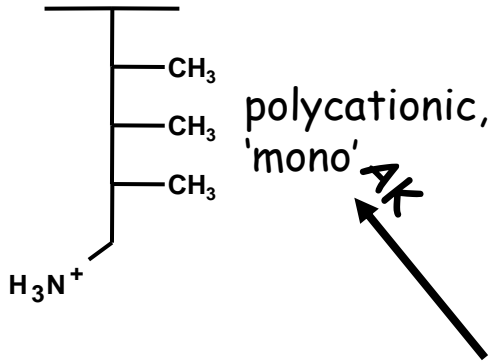


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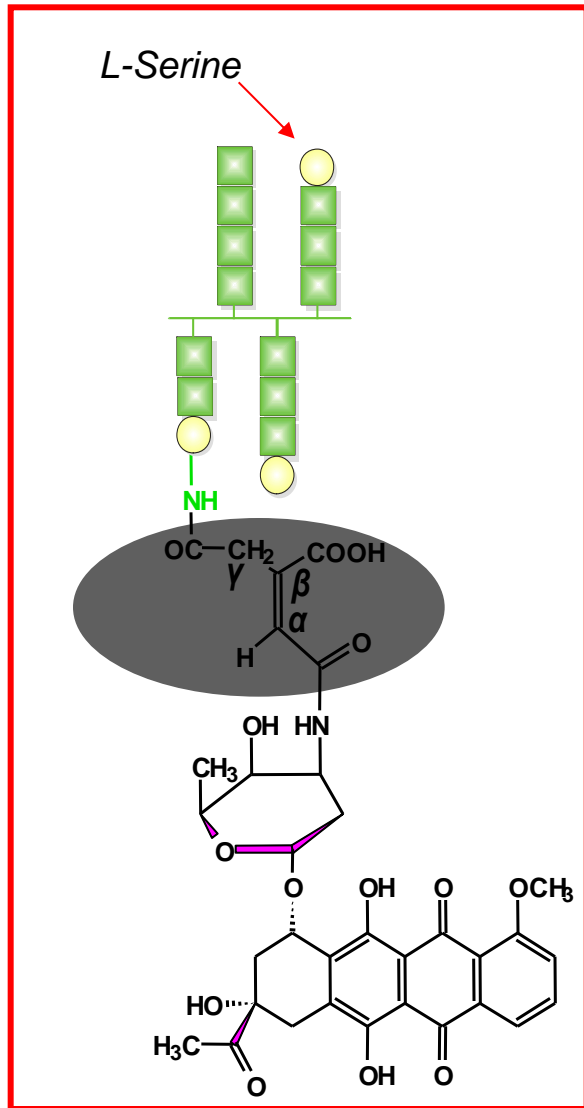


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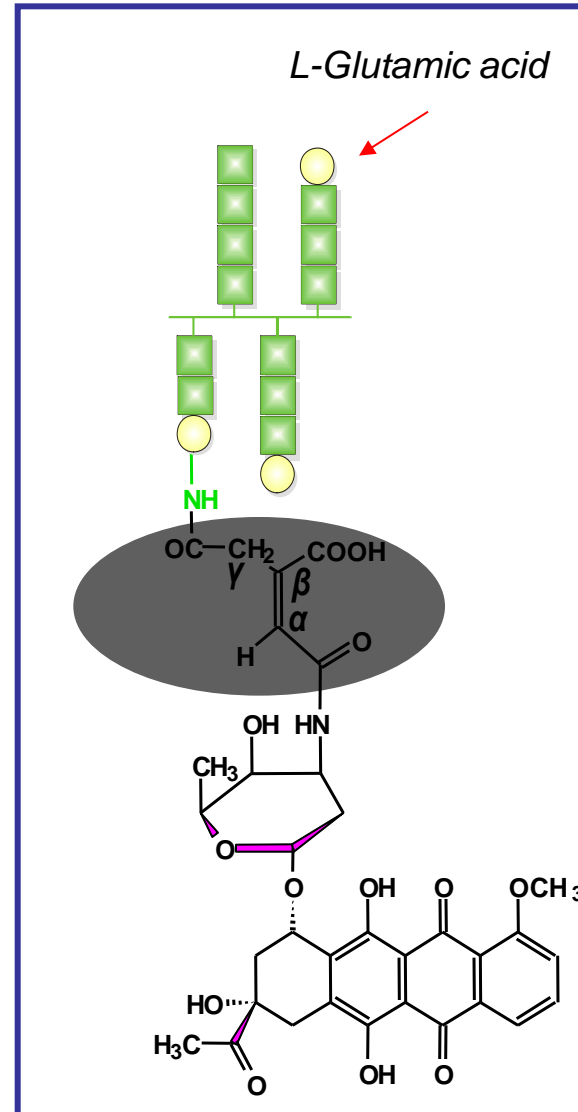
Branched chain polypeptides



Daunomycin-polypeptide conjugates



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polypeptide

acid labile
spacer

daunomycin

Toxicity of Dau and cAD-SAK polypeptide conjugate

Treatment (i.p. 1x)	Dose (mg/kg)	Dose of drug bound to polymer	Mean survival (days)	Survivors/ total	Survival (%)
Dau	1		-	7/7	100
	2		-	7/7	100
	4		-	6/7	86
	6		-	4/7	57
	8		16,0±1,7	0/7	0
	15		7,6±0,8	0/7	0
Control	-	-	-	7/7	100
cAD-SAK	180	10	-	6/6	100
Dau + SAK	6+102	6	-	2/5	40,0
SAK	102	-	-	5/5	100
Daunomyci	6	-	-	2/6	33,3
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Control	-	-	-	6/6	100

Toxicity of Dau and cAD-EAK polypeptide conjugate

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	15	-	7.6±0.8	0/7	0
Control	-	-	-	7/7	100
cAD-EAK	135	15	-	7/7	100
	205	22,5	-	7/7	100
	270	30	-	7/7	100
Dau + EAK	120+15	15	9.0±1.0	0/7	0
EAK	120	-	-	7/7	100

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Antitumour effect of cAD-SAK conjugate on L1210 leukemia *in vivo*

Treatment* (i.p. 1x)	Dose (mg/kg)	Daunomycin content	Mean survival (day)	T/C (%)	Survivor/ total	Survivor (%)
cAD-SAK	180	10	11,0±1,7	105	0/5	-
Daunomycin + SAK	6+102	5	20,6±5,1	180	0/5	-
SAK	170		12,4±4,9	113,6	0/5	-
Daunomycin	6		16,4±2,8	139	0/5	-
Control			10,6±1,9	100	0/5	-

* Treatment one day after the i.p. inoculation of 5×10^6 L1210 cells i.p. 60-day experiment

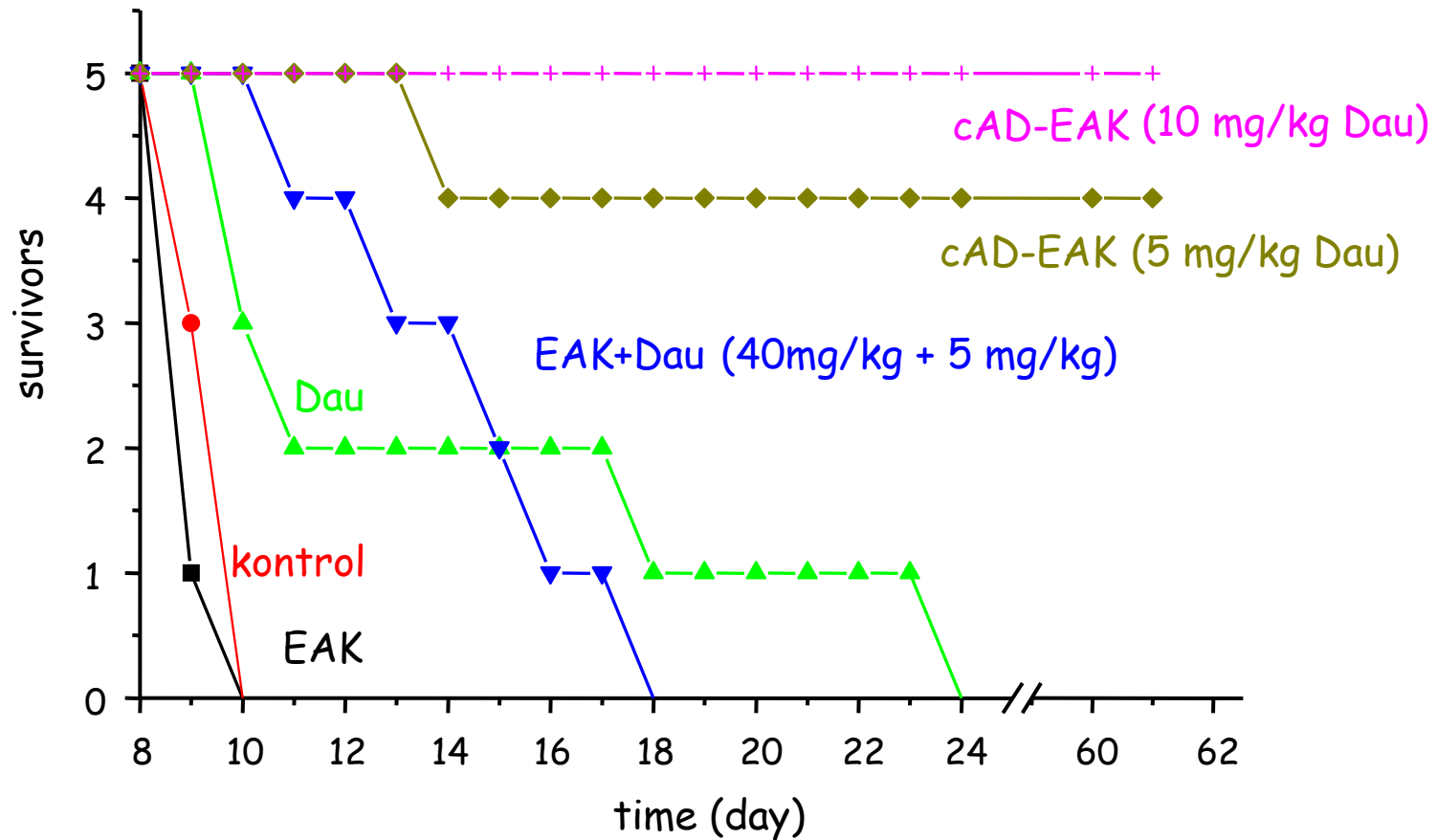
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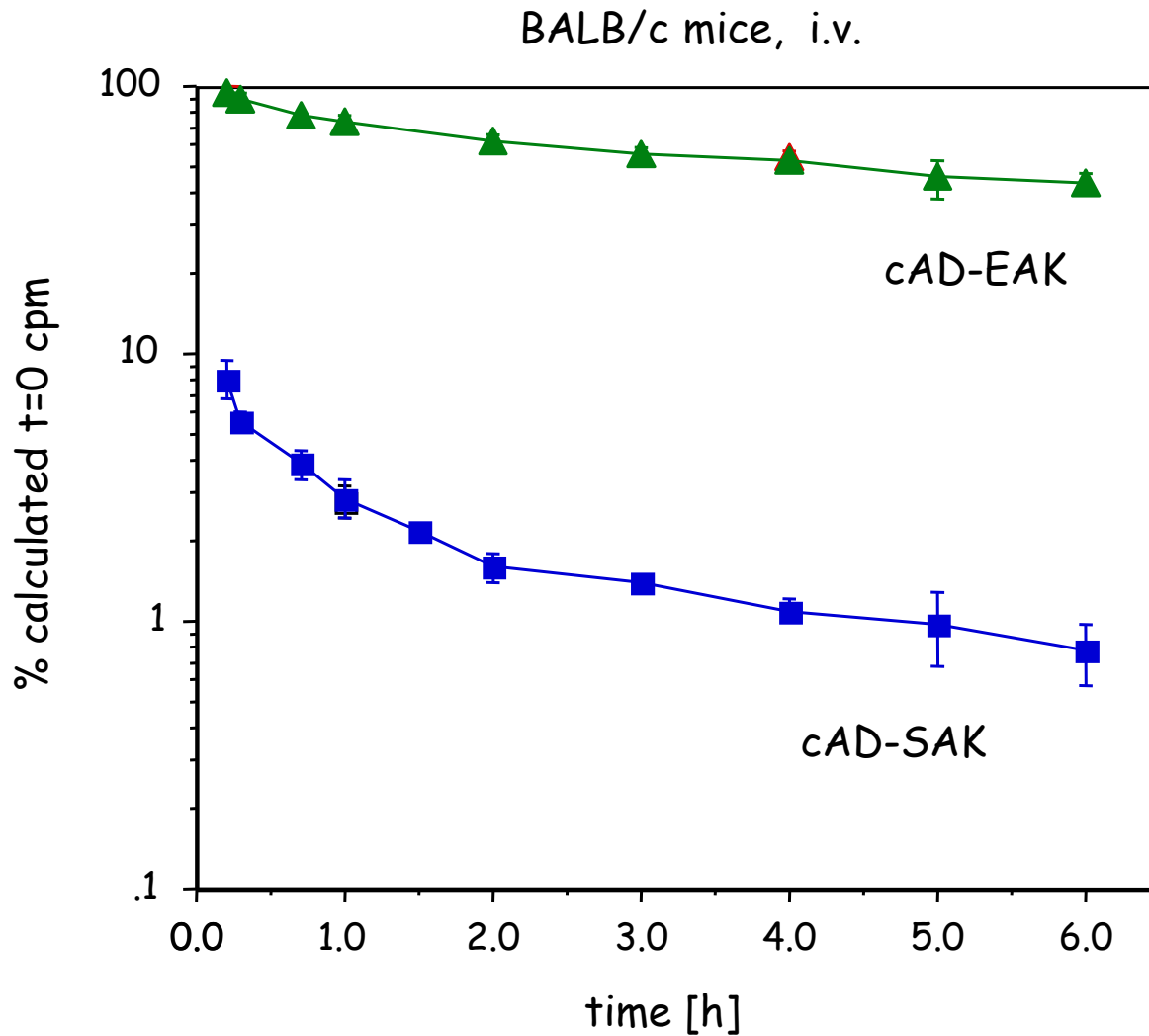
Treatment* (i.p. 1x)	Dose (mg/kg)	Daunomycin content	Mean survival (day)	T/C (%)	Survivor/ total	Survivor (%)
cAD-EAK	45	5			4/5	80
	90	10			5/5	100
	4*18	2			3/5	60
Daunomycin + EAK	5+40		14.6±2.7	152	0/5	-
EAK	80		9.0±0.7	94	0/5	-
Daunomycin	5		13.2±2.2	138	0/5	-
	6		14.6±3.1	152	0/5	-
	10		7.8±0.8	81	0/5	-
	4*2 (qd)		13.4±2.9	140	0/5	-
Control			9,6±0,5	100	0/5	-

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Effect of cAD-EAK conjugate on mice with L1210 leukemia

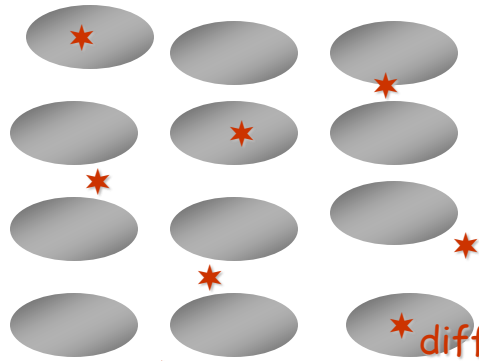


Blood clearance cAD/MTX polypeptide conjugates

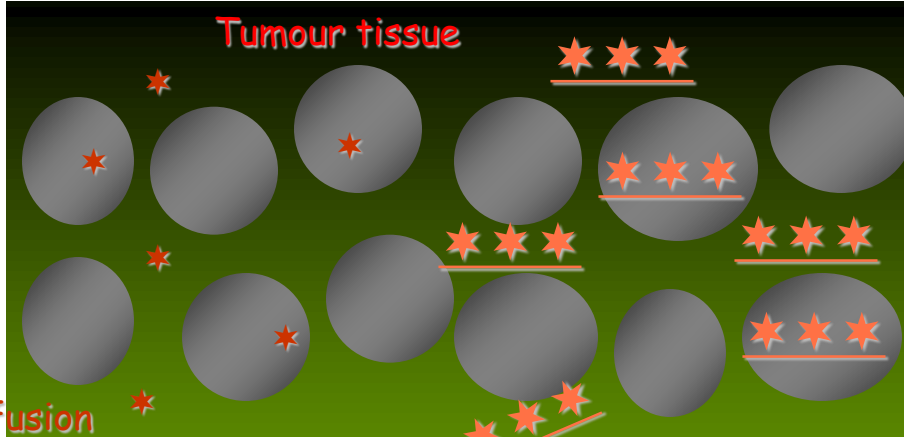


Mechanism of action

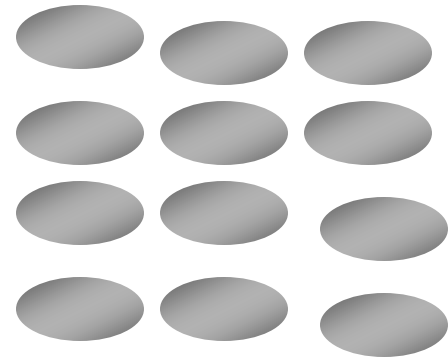
Healthy tissue



Tumour tissue



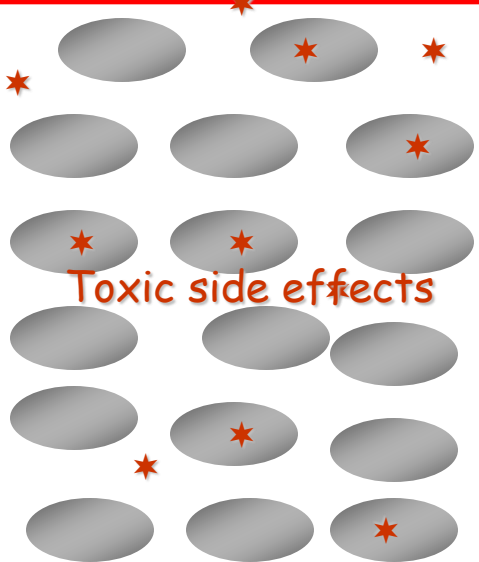
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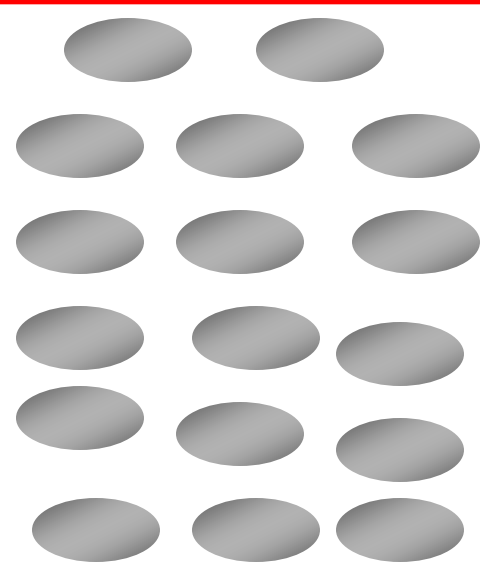
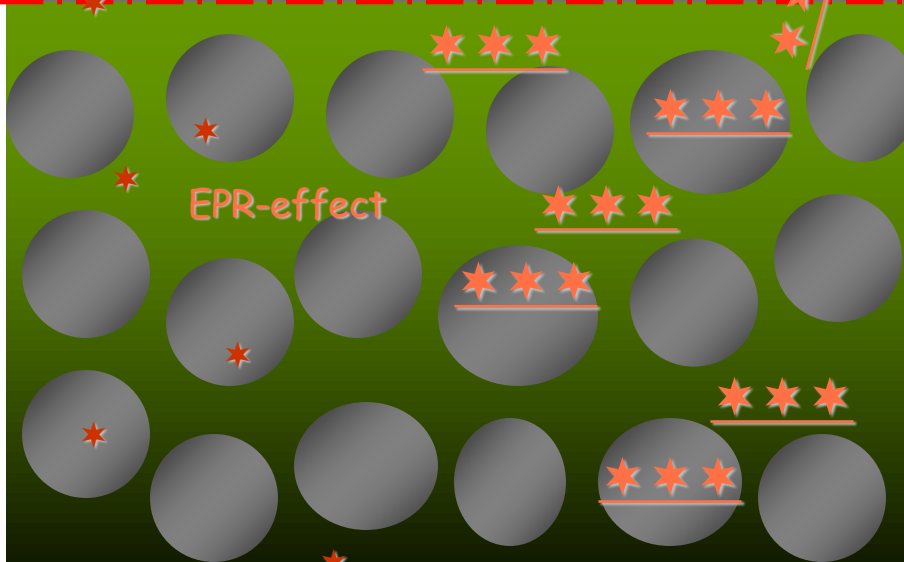
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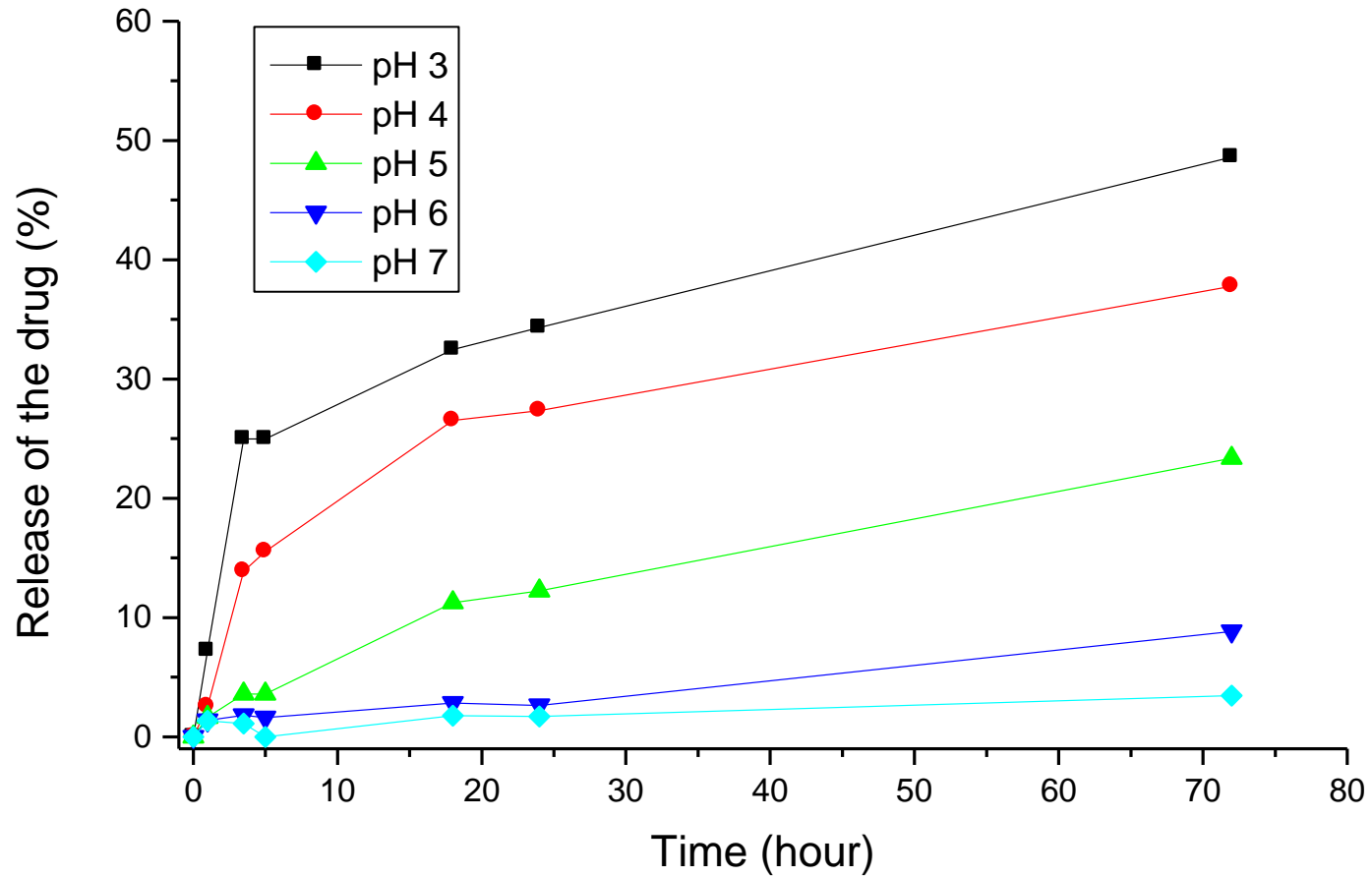
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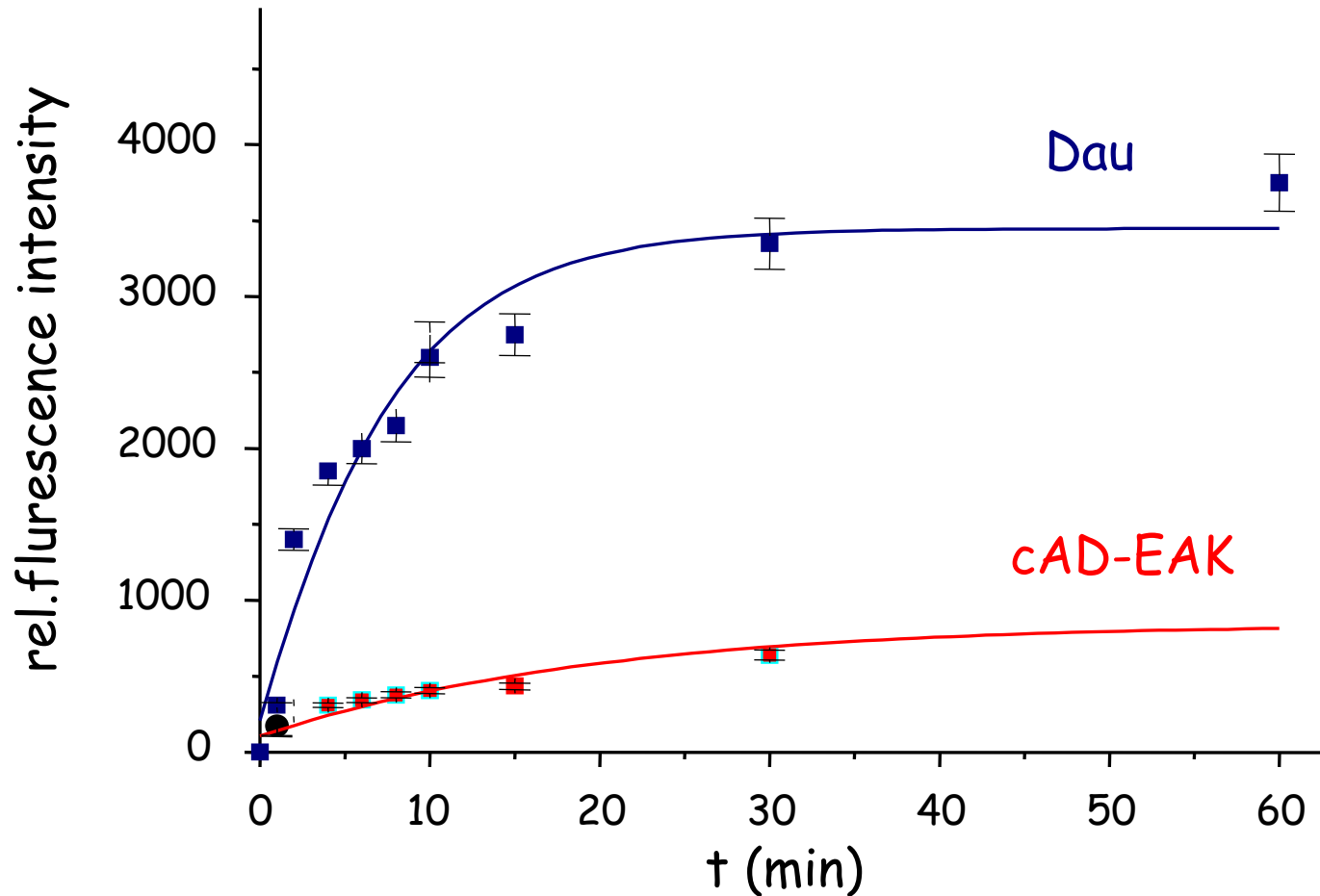
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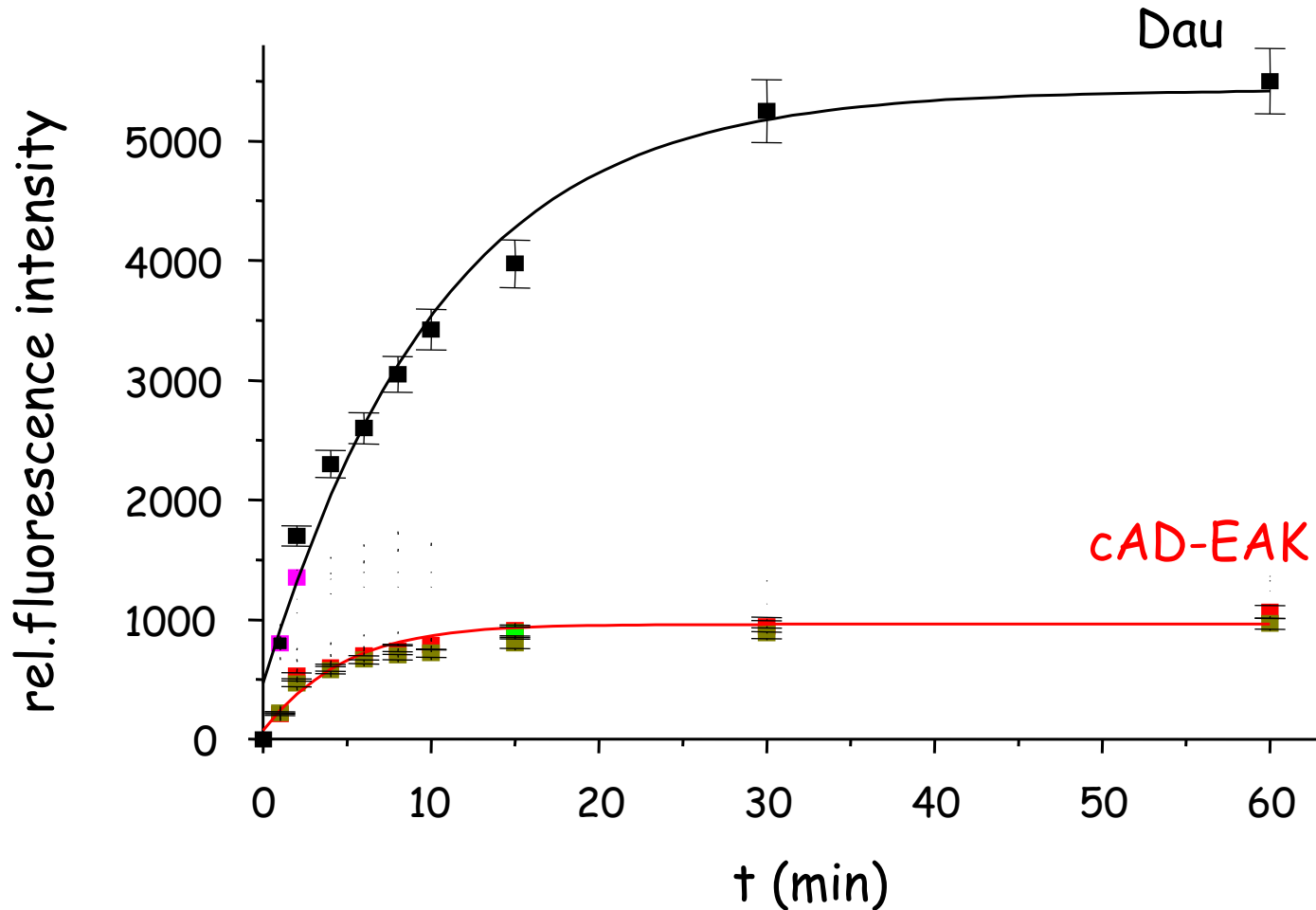
Release of drug from cAD-EAK conjugates



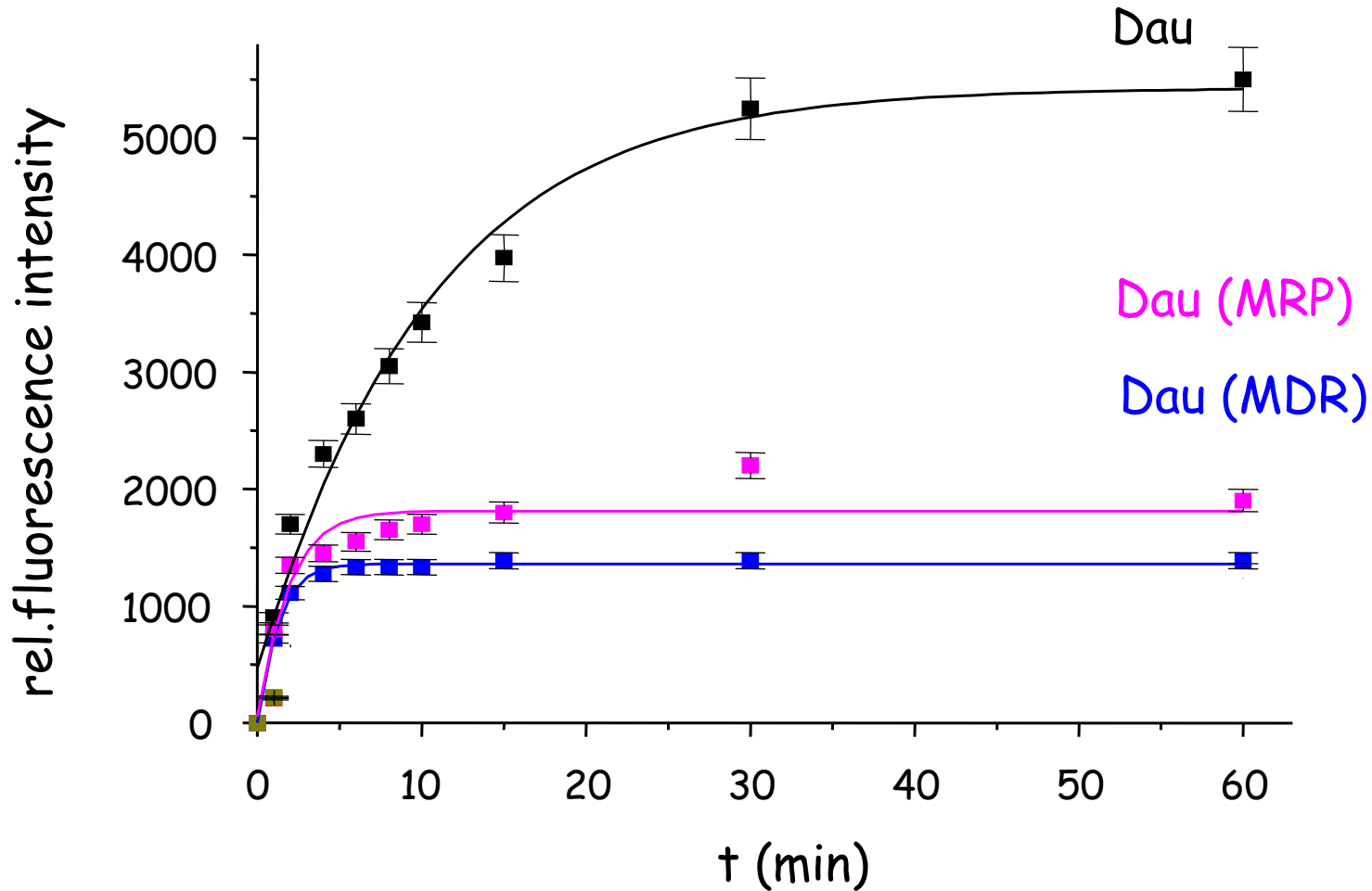
Uptake of daunomycin and cAD-EAK conjugate by L1210 cells



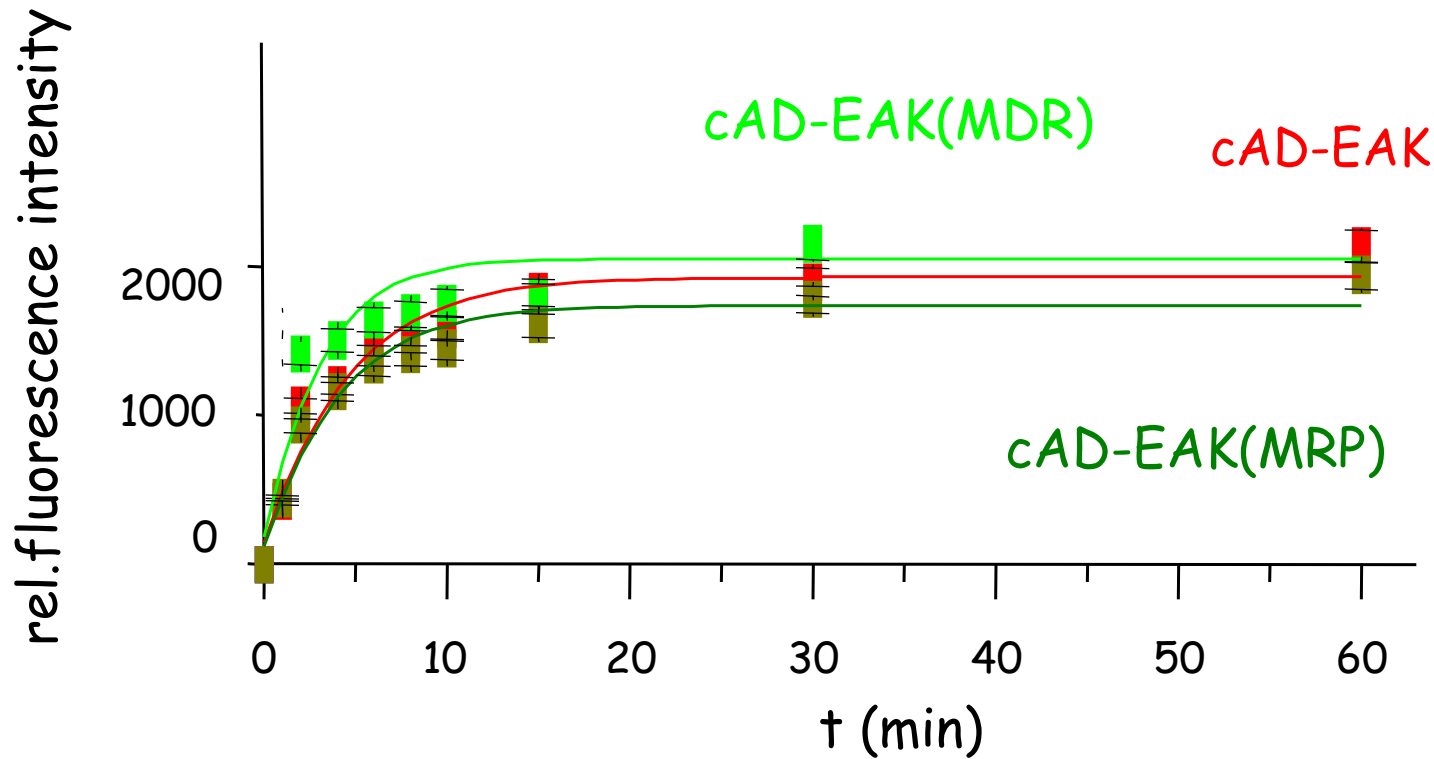
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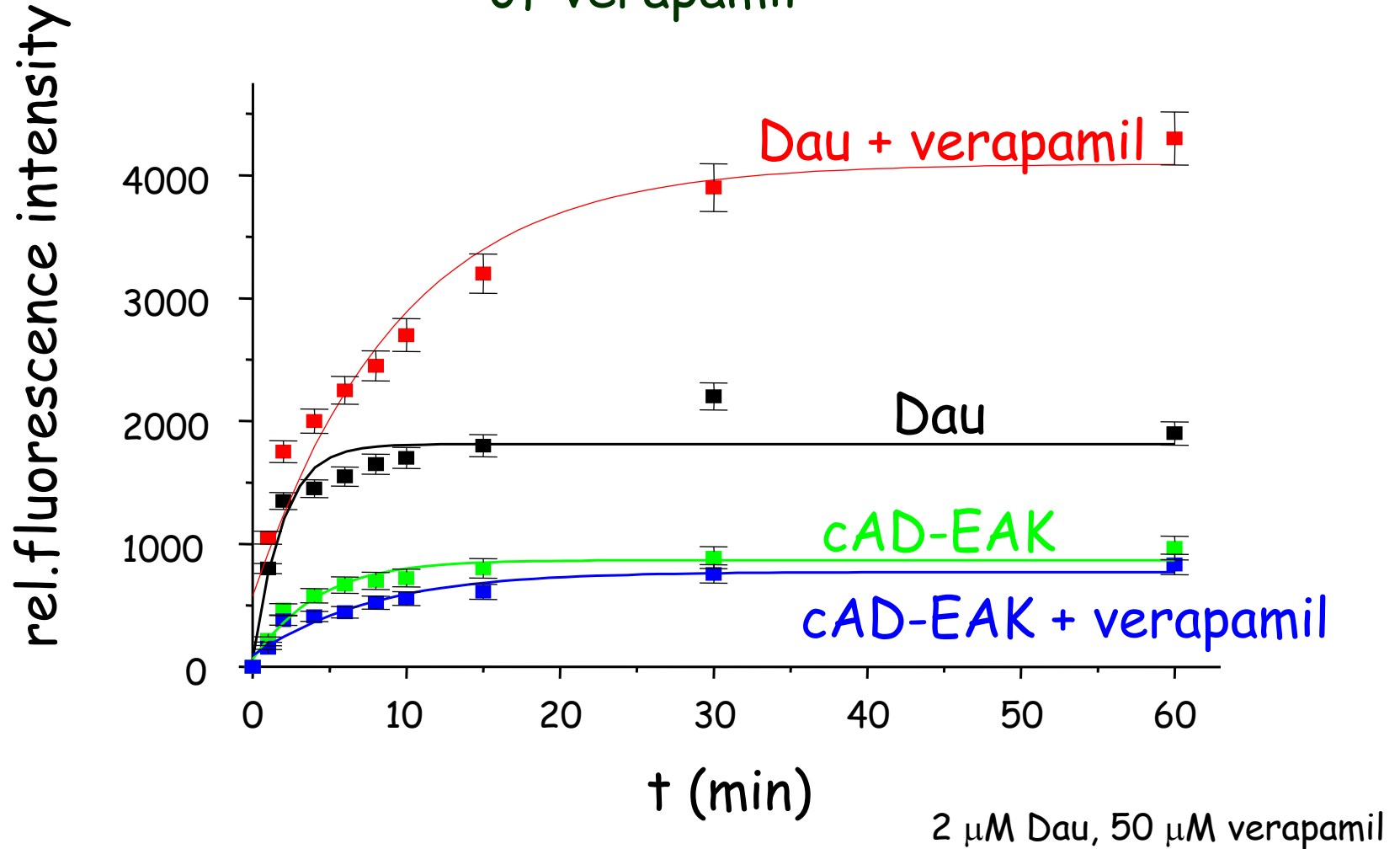
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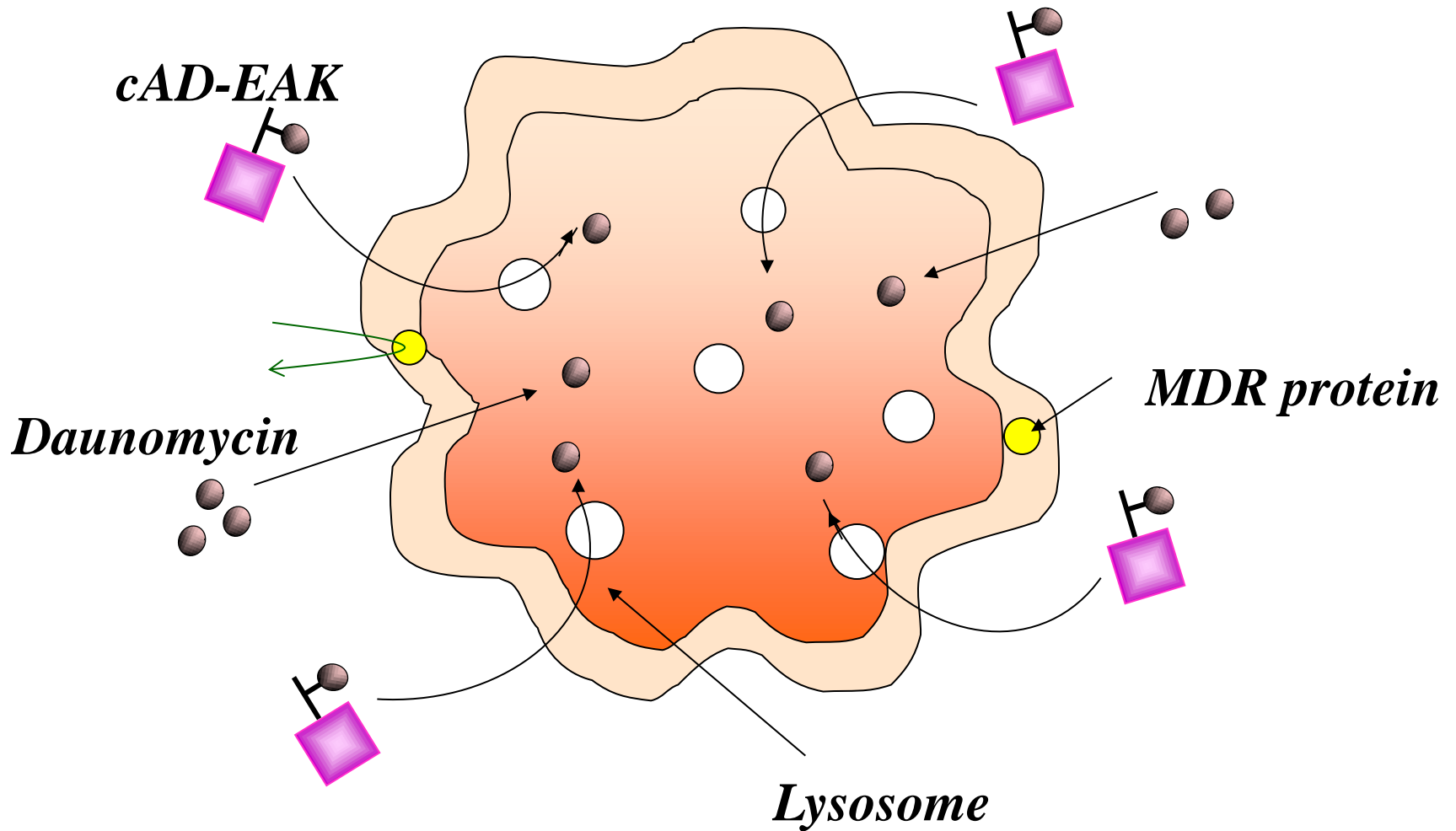
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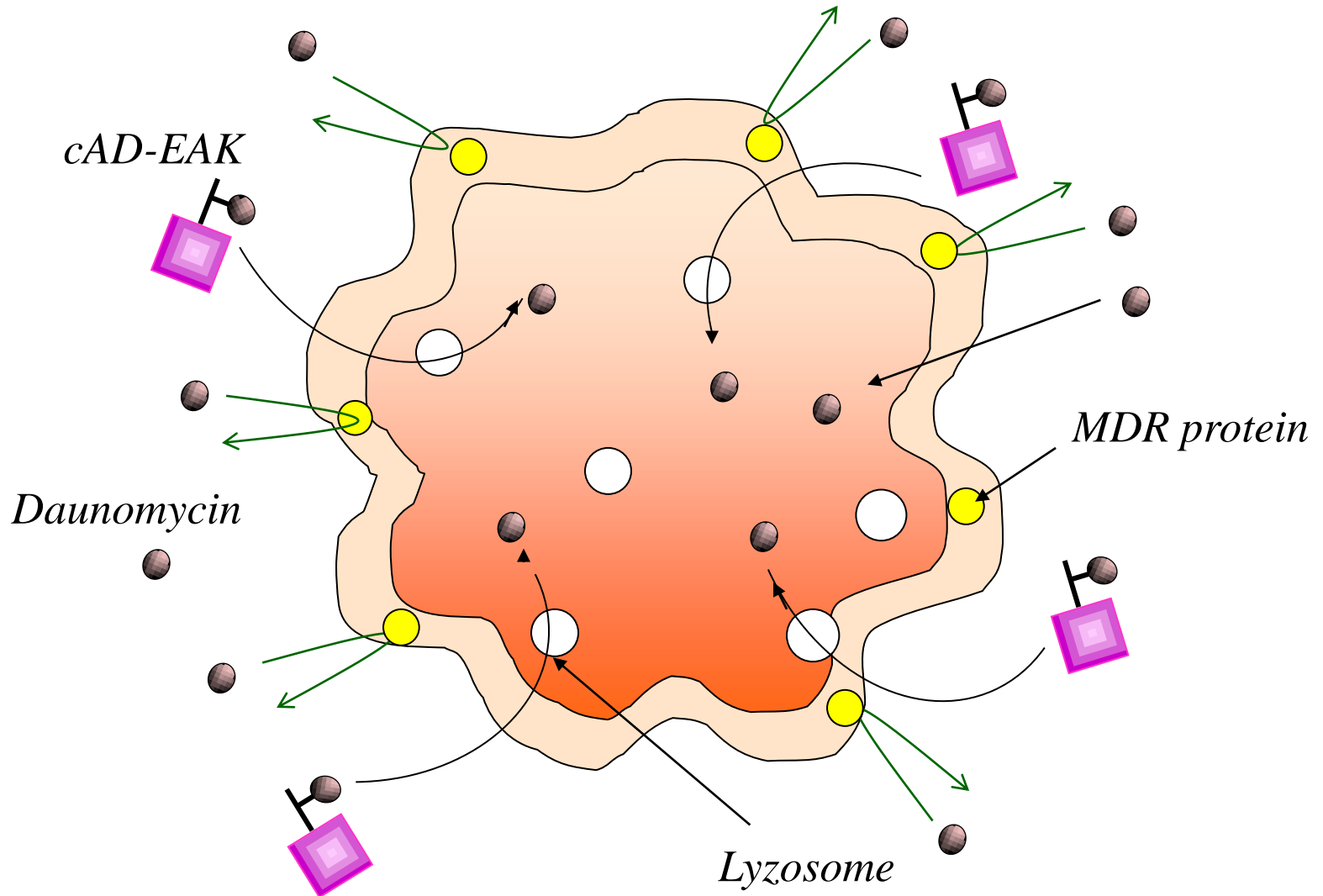
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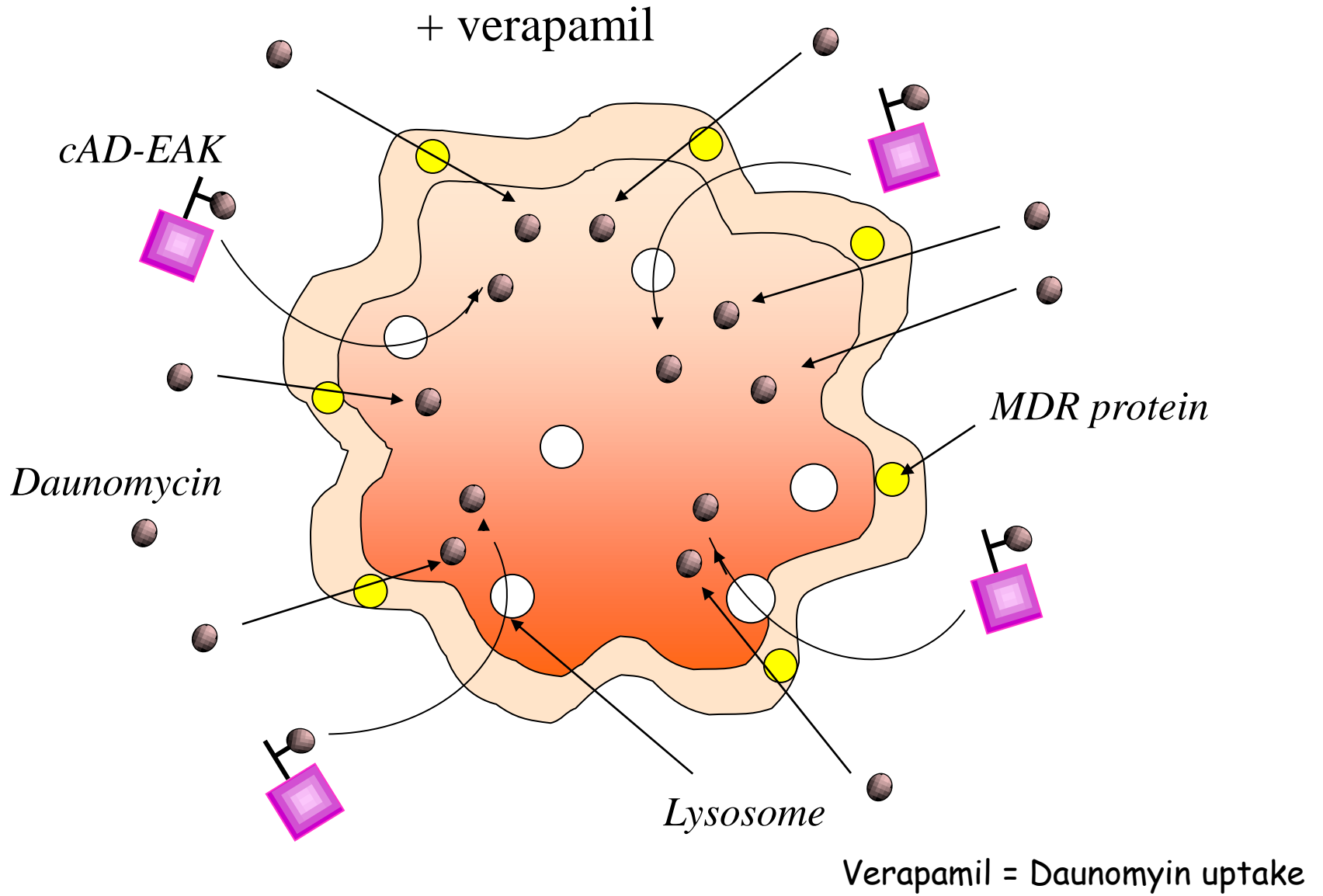
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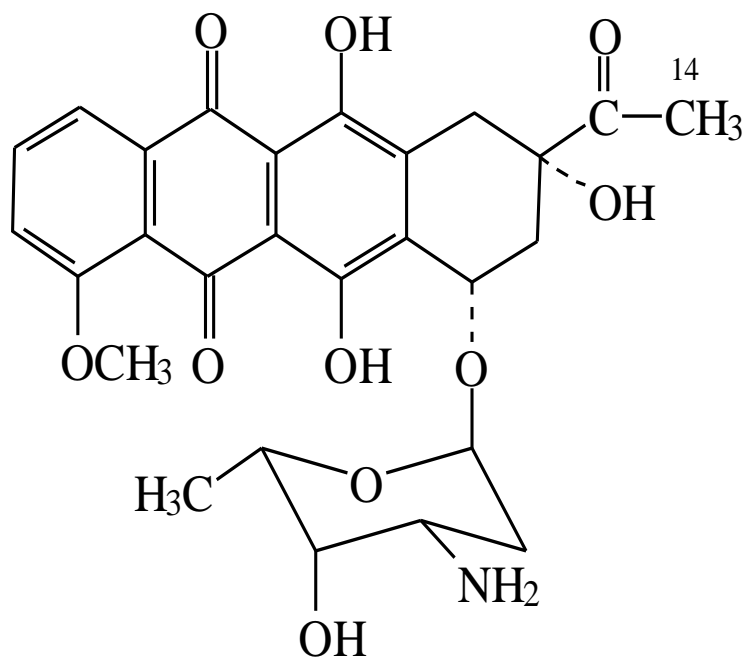
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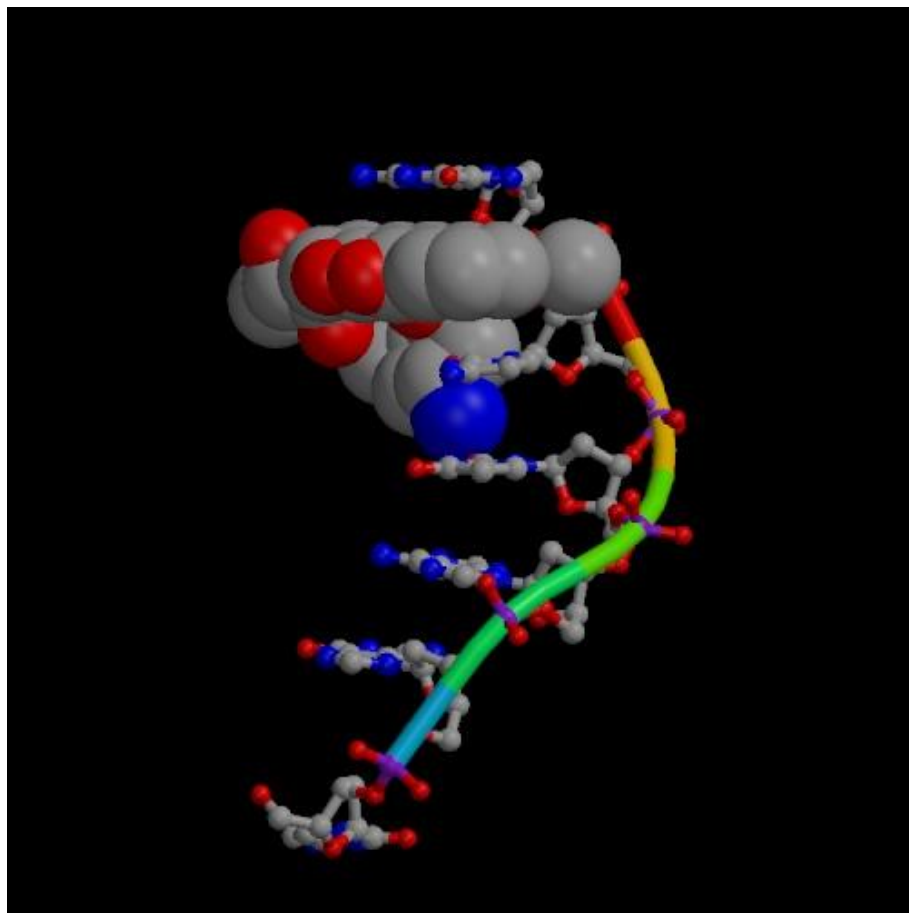
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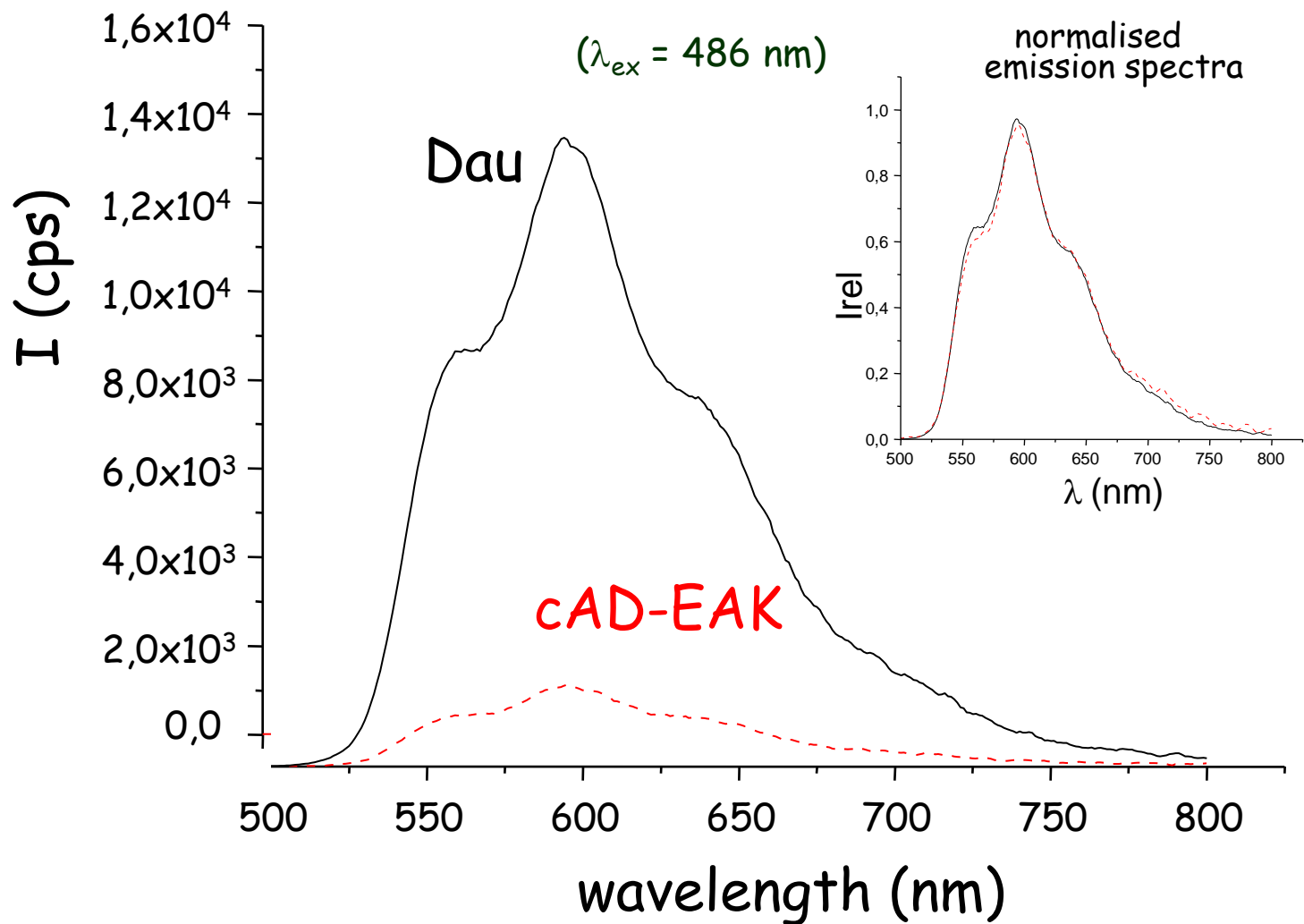
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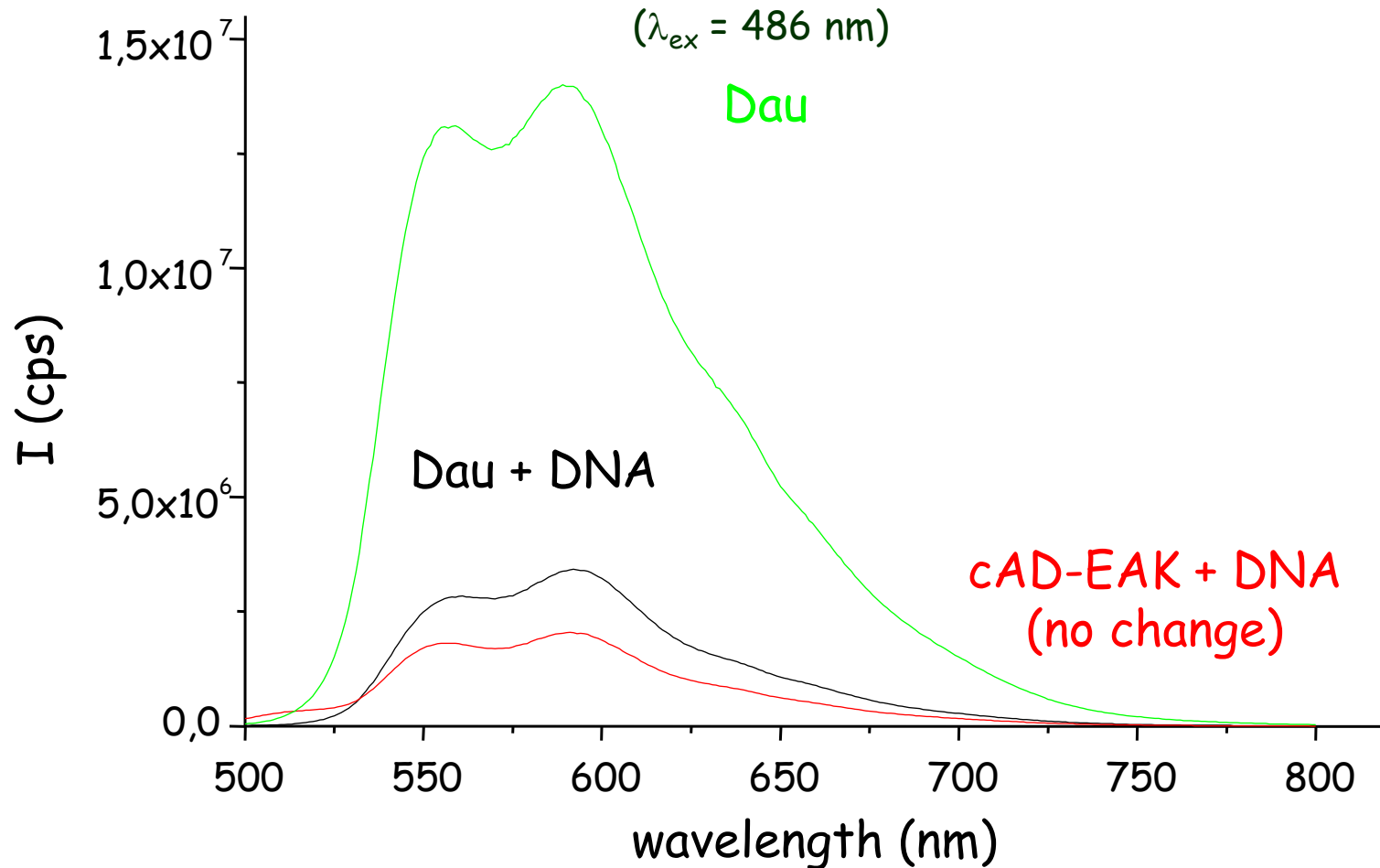
[Frederick, 1990]



Fluorescence spectra of daunomycin and cAD-EAK conjugate

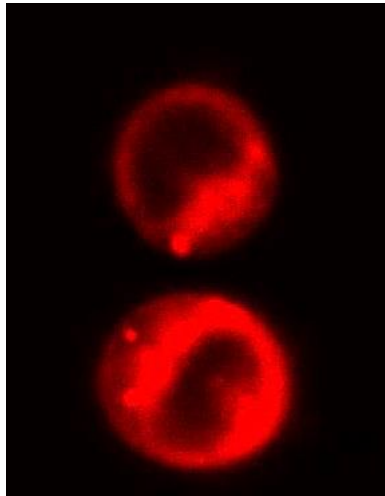


Fluorescence spectra of daunomycin and cAD-EAK conjugate in the absence or presence of DNA

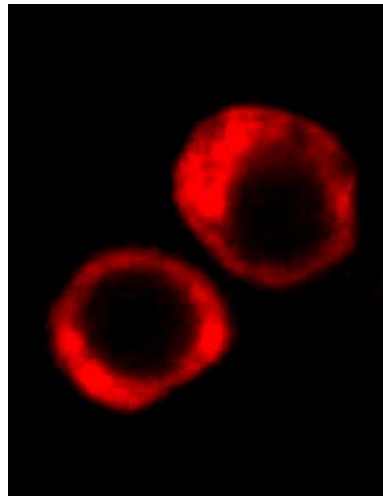


Time dependent localization of cAD-EAK conjugate (daunomycin: 2 μM) in HL-60/sensitive cells ($f=0.13$)

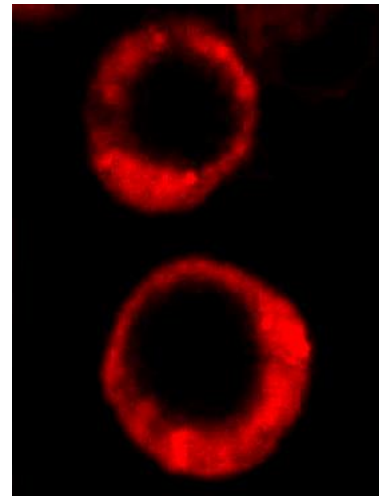
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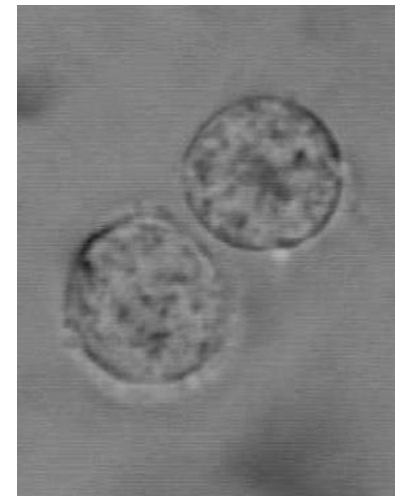
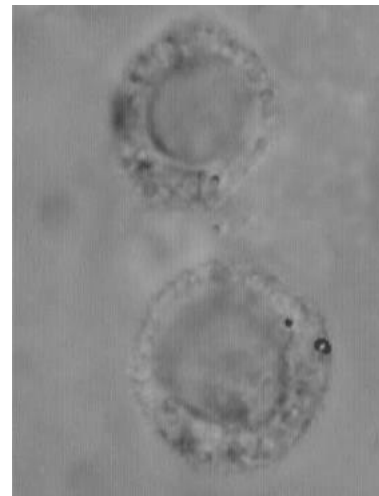
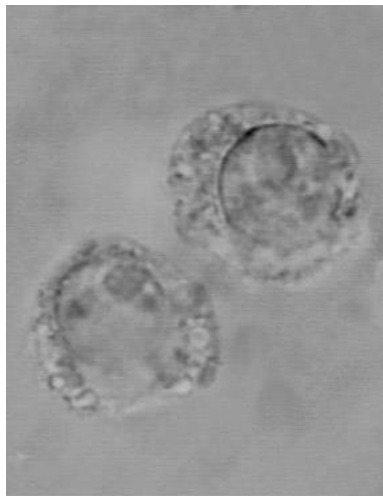
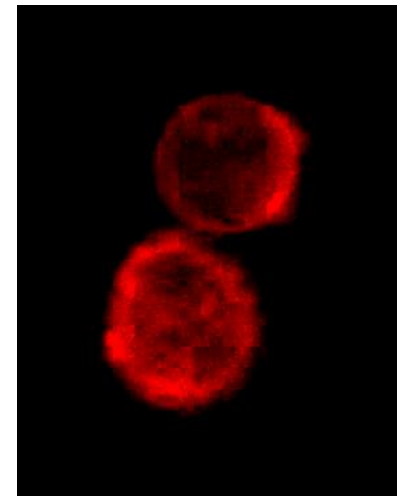
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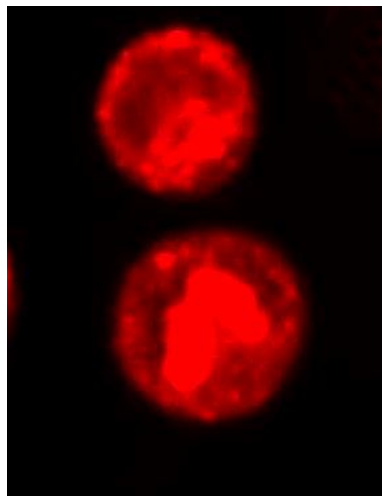
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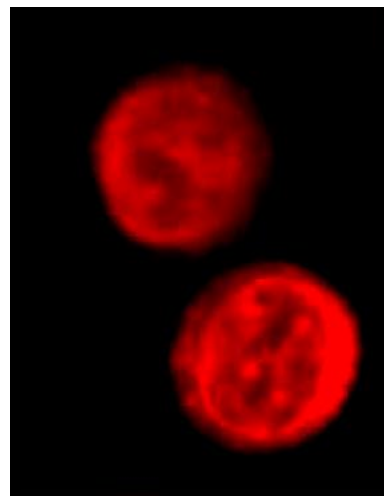
Time dependent localization of daunomycin ($2 \mu\text{M}$) (A) and cAD-EAK conjugate (daunomycin: $2 \mu\text{M}$) (B) in HL-60/sensitive cells ($f=0.13$)

A)

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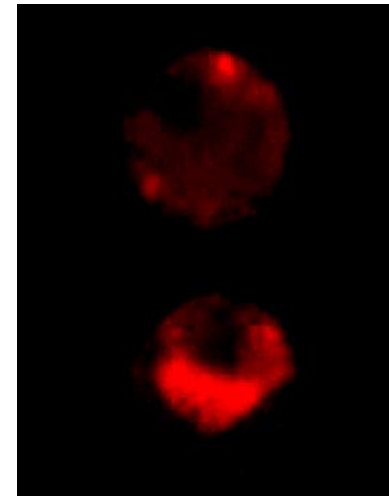
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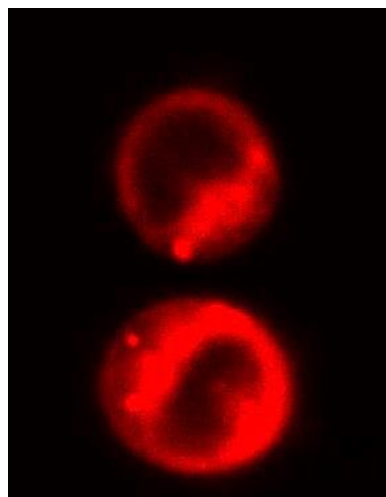


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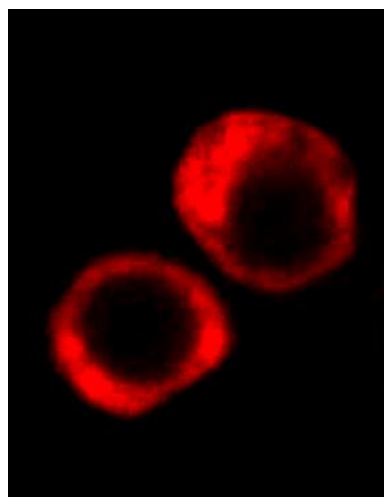


B)

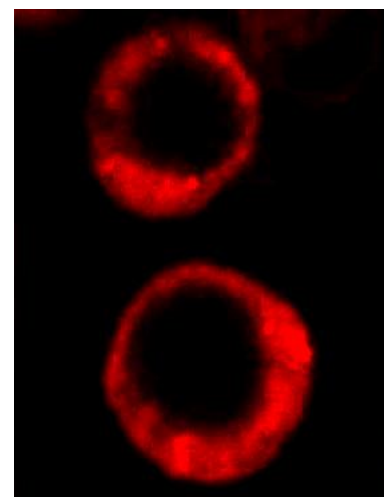
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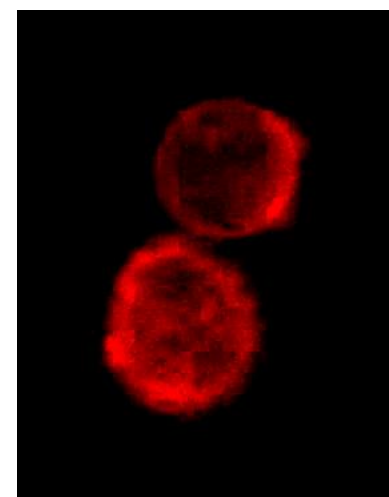
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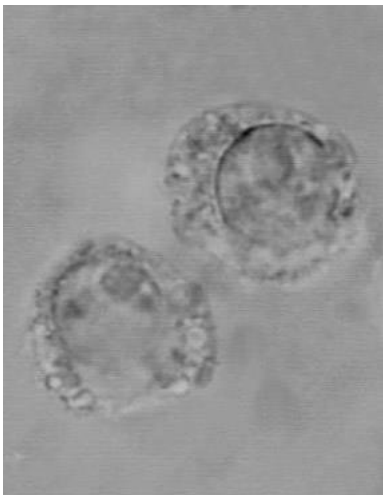
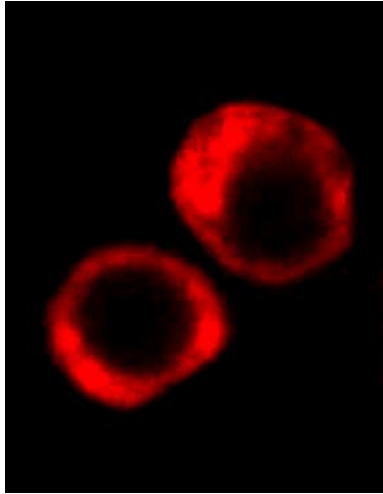


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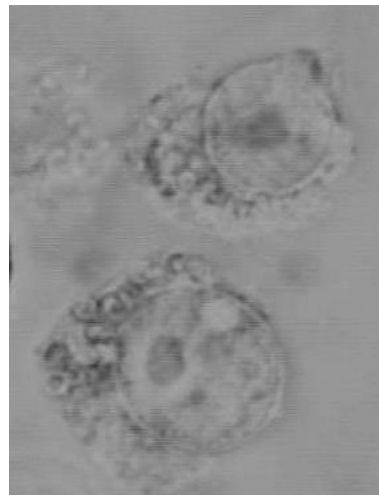
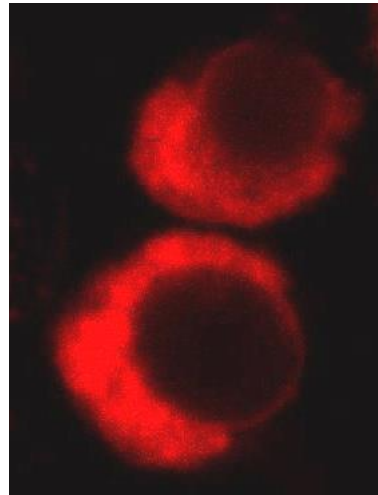


Localization of cAD-EAK conjugate (daunomycin: 2 μ M) in sensitive and resistant cells (incubation: 3h)

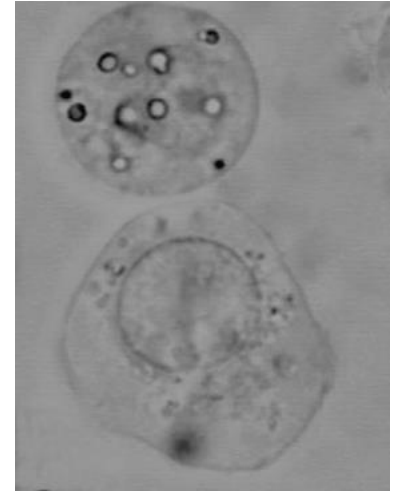
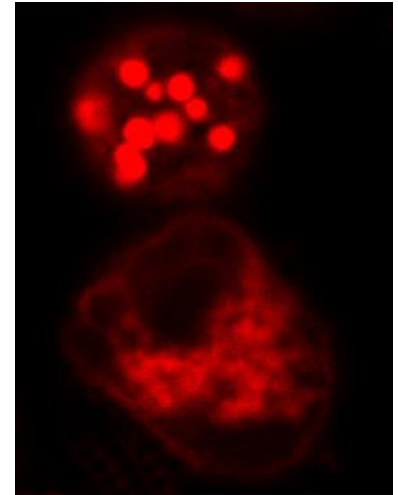
HL-60/sensitive (f=0.13)



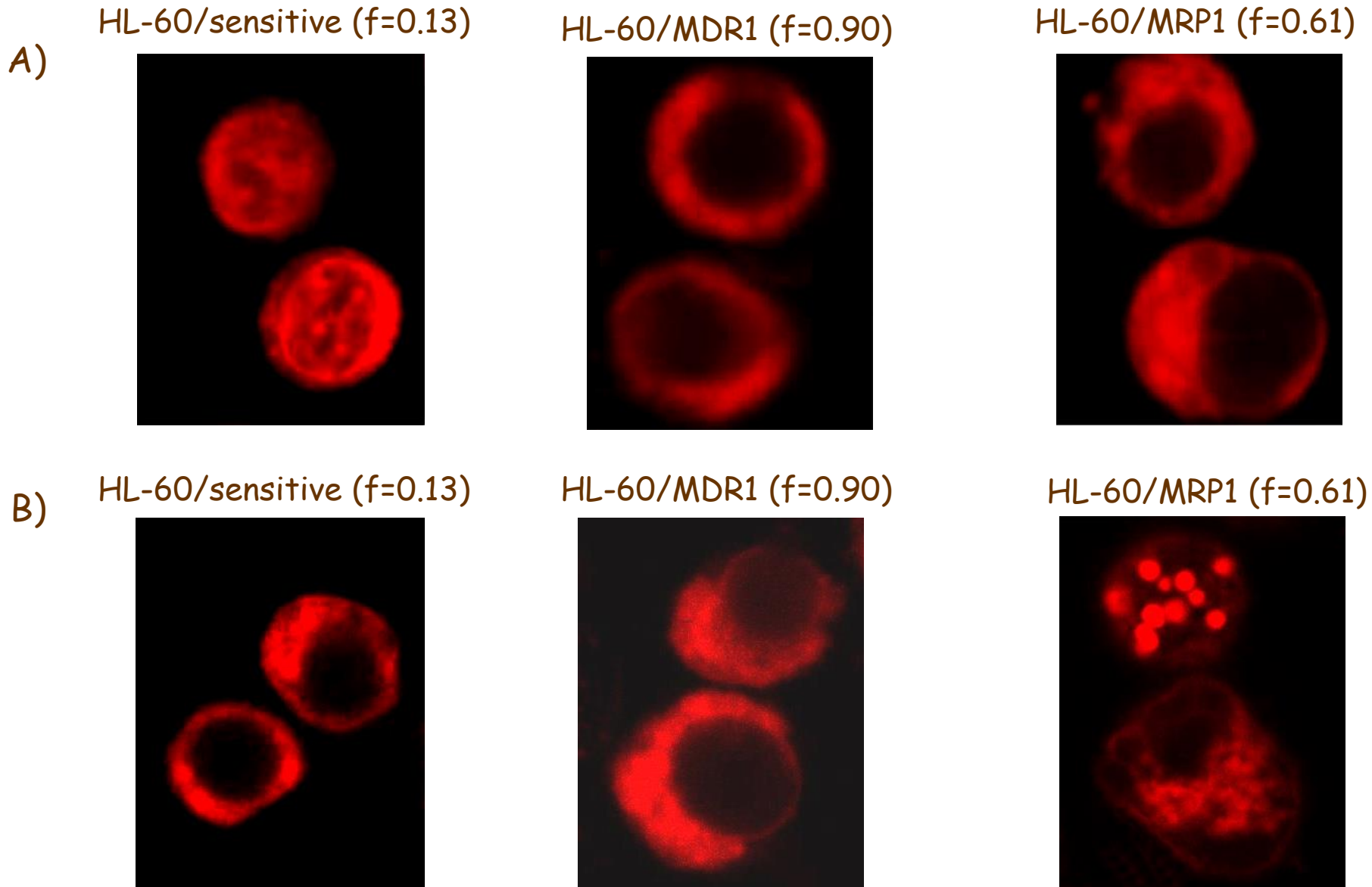
HL-60/MDR1 (f=0.90)



HL-60/MRP1 (f=0.61)



Localization of daunomycin ($2\ \mu\text{M}$) (A) and cAD-EAK conjugate (daunomycin: $2\ \mu\text{M}$) (B) in sensitive and resistant cells (3h)



Conclusions

1. Daunomycin conjugated with **polycationic** (SAK) or **amphoteric** (EAK) polypeptide exhibit no *in vivo* toxicity in mice at 10 mg/kg dose.
2. The antitumour effect of daunomycin-polypeptide conjugate **depends on the nature of the polypeptide** (cAD-EAK vs. cAD-SAK).
3. Daunomycin-peptide conjugate **is effective** against **sensitive** and **MDR resistant** L1210/HL60 tumour cells.
4. Daunomycin-peptide conjugate **is taken up by active transport (endocytosis)** both in sensitive and resistant HL60 tumour cells.
5. Daunomycin-peptide conjugate **is not** a ligand of MDR/MRP proteins.



Peptide/protein based drug targeting/delivery

Recognition unit

YES

NO

Protein
- Mono/polyclonal antibody
- Integrin

Peptide
- pLys

Protein
- Fibrinogen
- Albumin

CC Peptide
- DNA binding
- Hydrophobic
- Viral

Peptide
- Hormone
- Enzyme substrate
- Signal sequence
- Erb2 ligand
- MHC type II ligand

Synthetic polymer

Biodegradable
- Poly- α -amino acids
- Branched polypeptides

Non-biodegradable
- HPMA
- DIVEMA

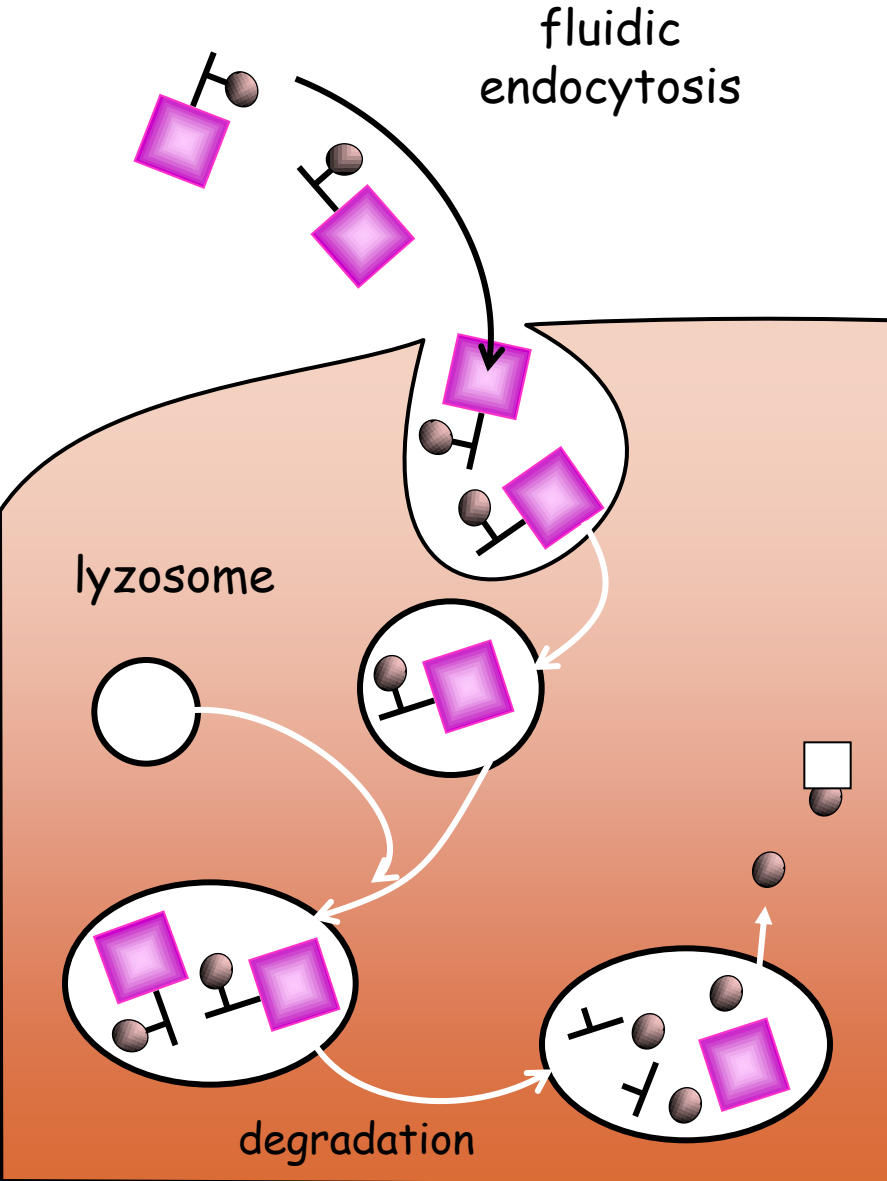
Uptake and liberation of bioactive entities

fluidic
endocytosis

penetratin - enzyme activator

lysosome

degradation



Calpains

Intracellular enzymes

Superfamily of
 Ca^{2+} dependent cysteine proteases

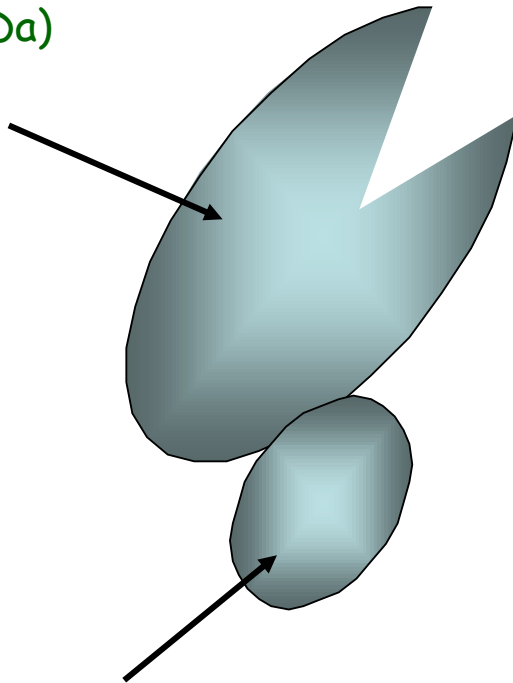
Ca^{2+} signal induced cleavage of specific proteins involved in signaling cascades

In mammals m-calpain and μ -calpain are constitutively expressed in all tissues

Calpains can be activated by different pathways

Large number of substrates

Catalytic subunit
(80 kDa)



Regulator subunit
(30 kDa)

Calpastatin (complexed with calpain)

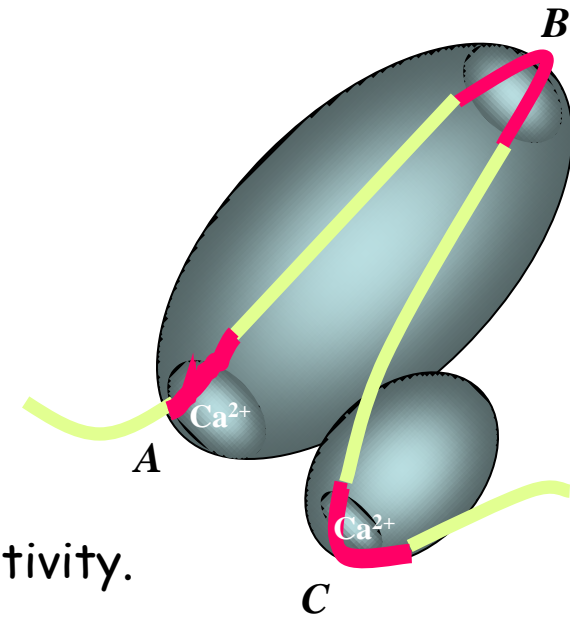
Endogenous specific inhibitor of calpains.

Protein with 110 kD.

Three highly conserved regions: A, B and C.

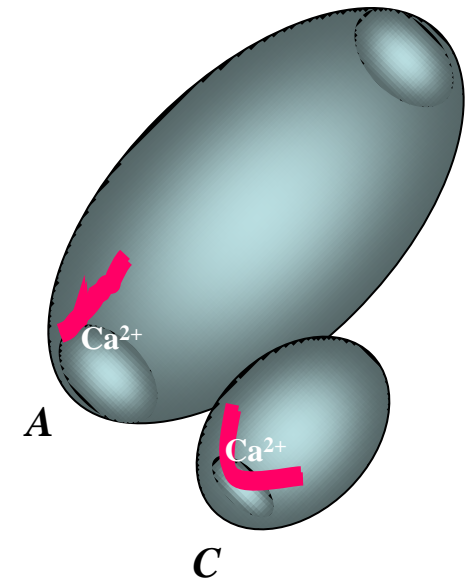
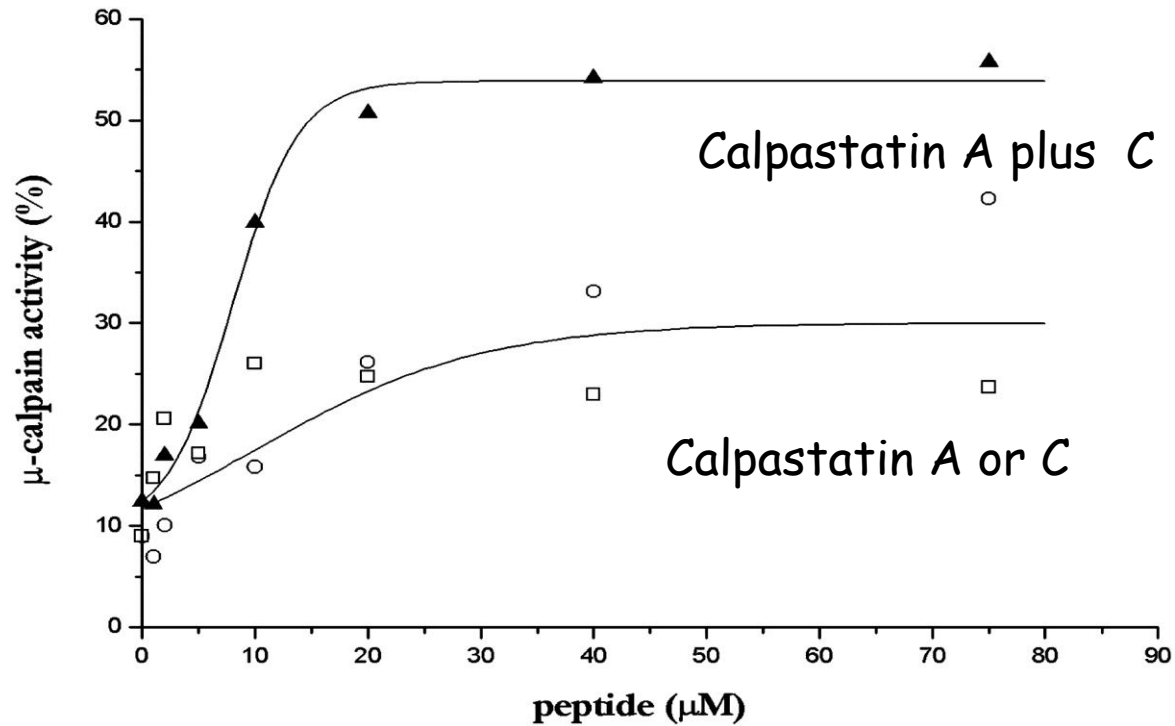
Region B is responsible for the inhibitory activity.

Regions A and C (Ca^{2+} -binding domains) activate calpain *in vitro*.



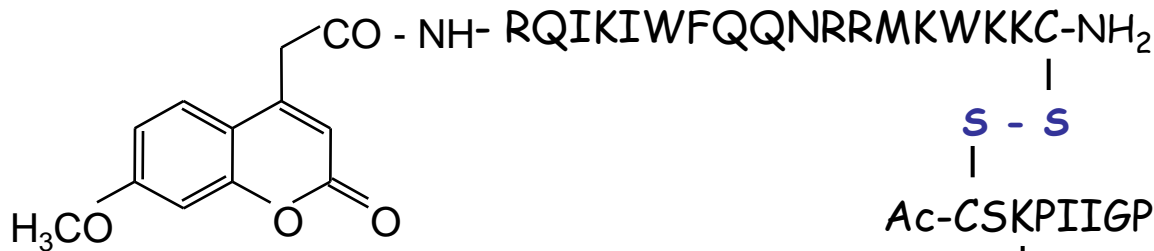
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Activation of calpain *in vitro* by calpastatin fragments



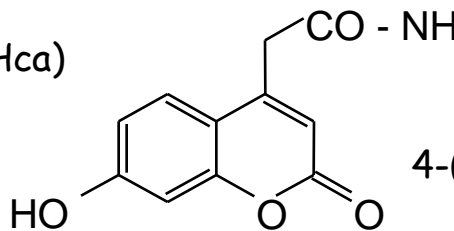
Intracellular activation of calpain *in vitro* by calpastatin fragments in COS7 cells

- Peptides **do not penetrate** cells;
- Conjugation with penetratin;
- Linkage between: amide, thioether or disulphide;
- Labeling with fluorophores



4-(7-hydroxycoumarinyl)-acetic acid (Hca)

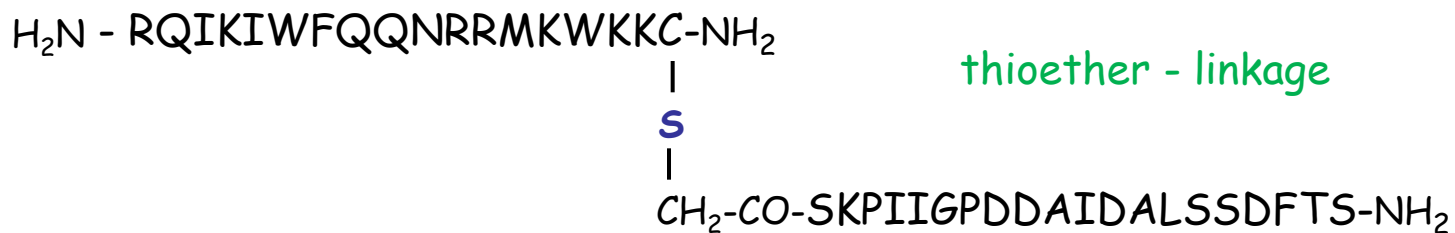
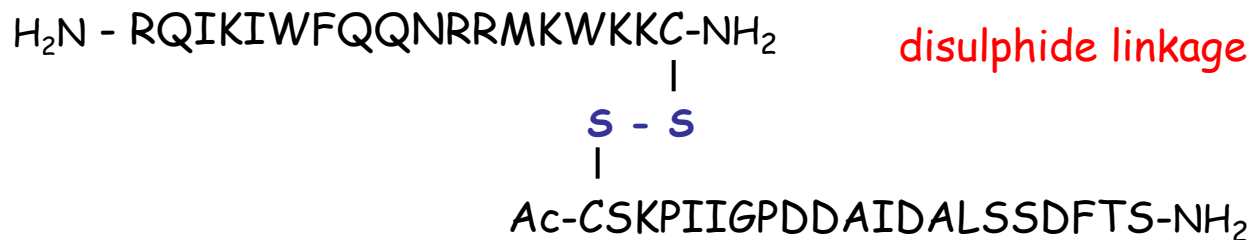
$\lambda_{ex} = 360 \text{ nm}$, $\lambda_{em} = 480 \text{ nm}$



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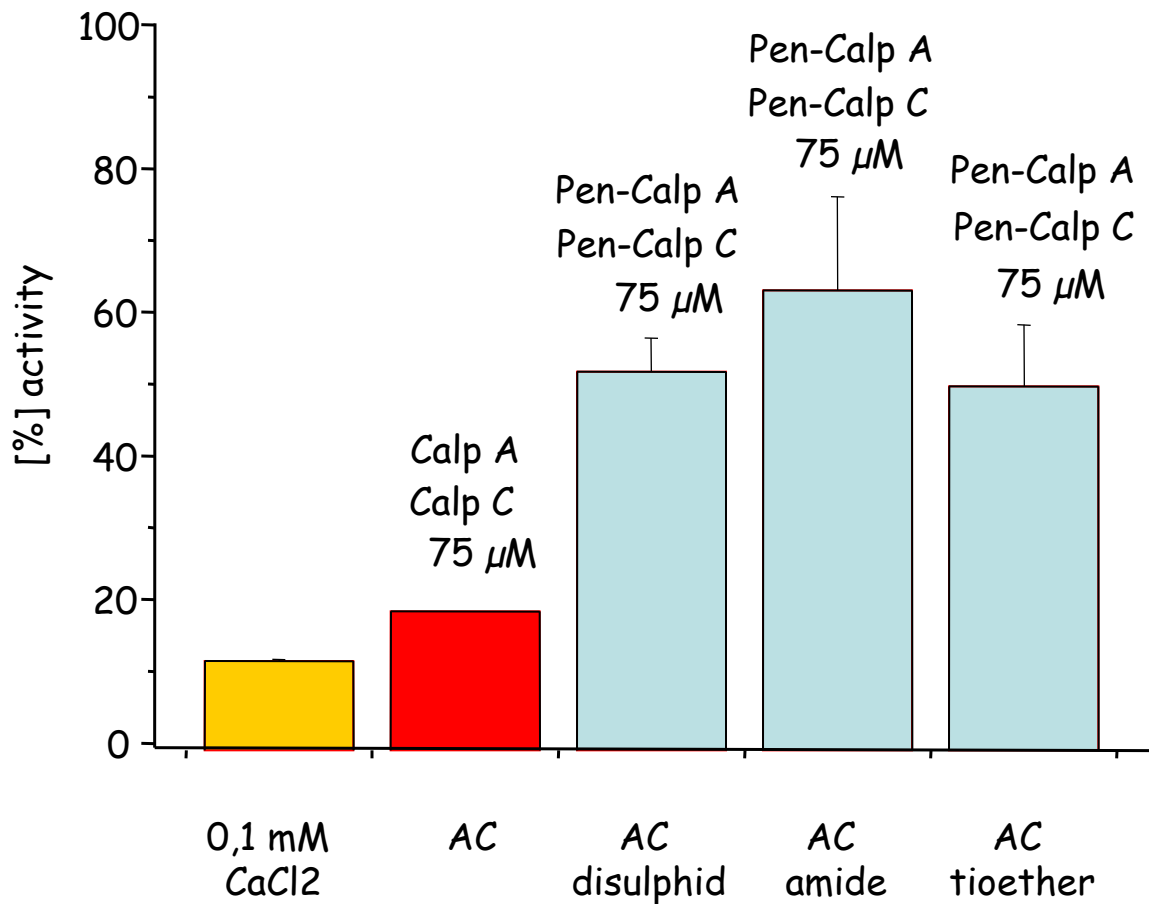
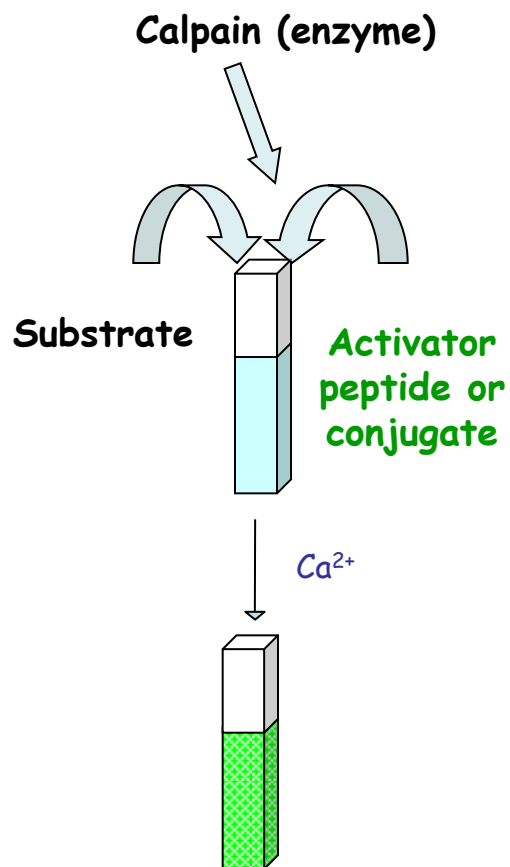
Penetratin - calpastatin C peptide conjugates



amide linkage



Activation of calpastatin conjugates on isolated enzyme

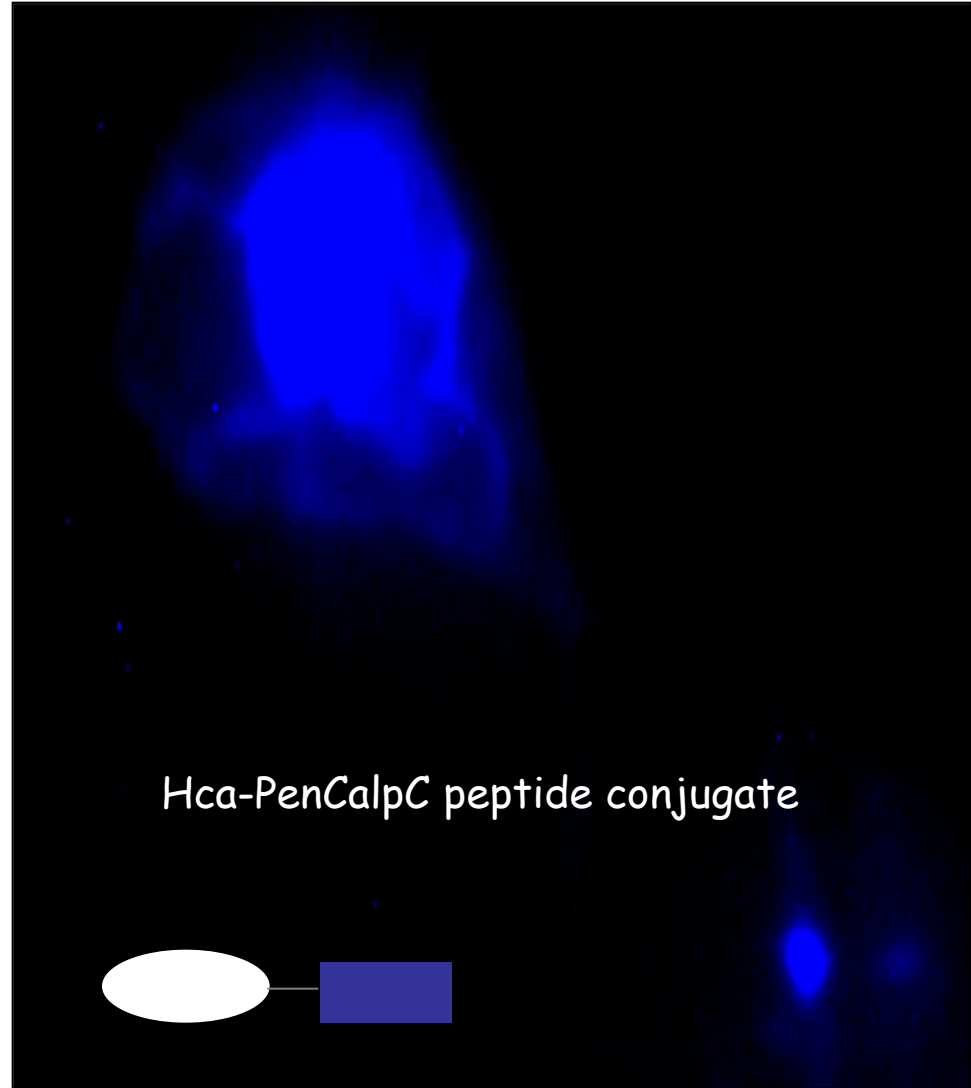
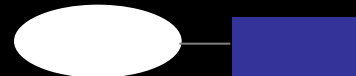


Uptake of Hca-PenCalp C conjugate by COS-7 cells

Control

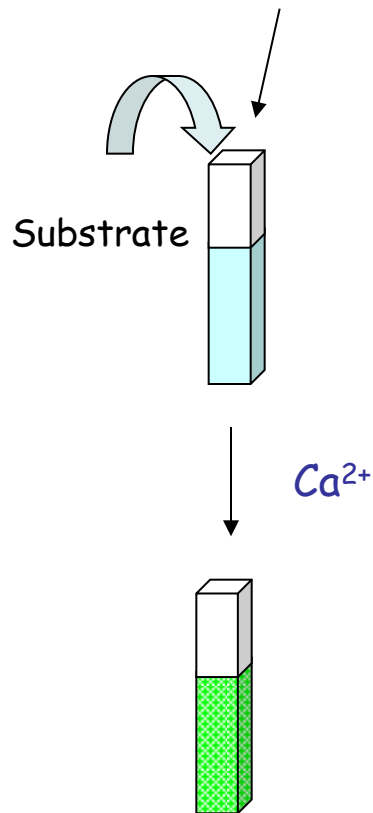
Calpastatin C peptide control

Hca-PenCalpC peptide conjugate

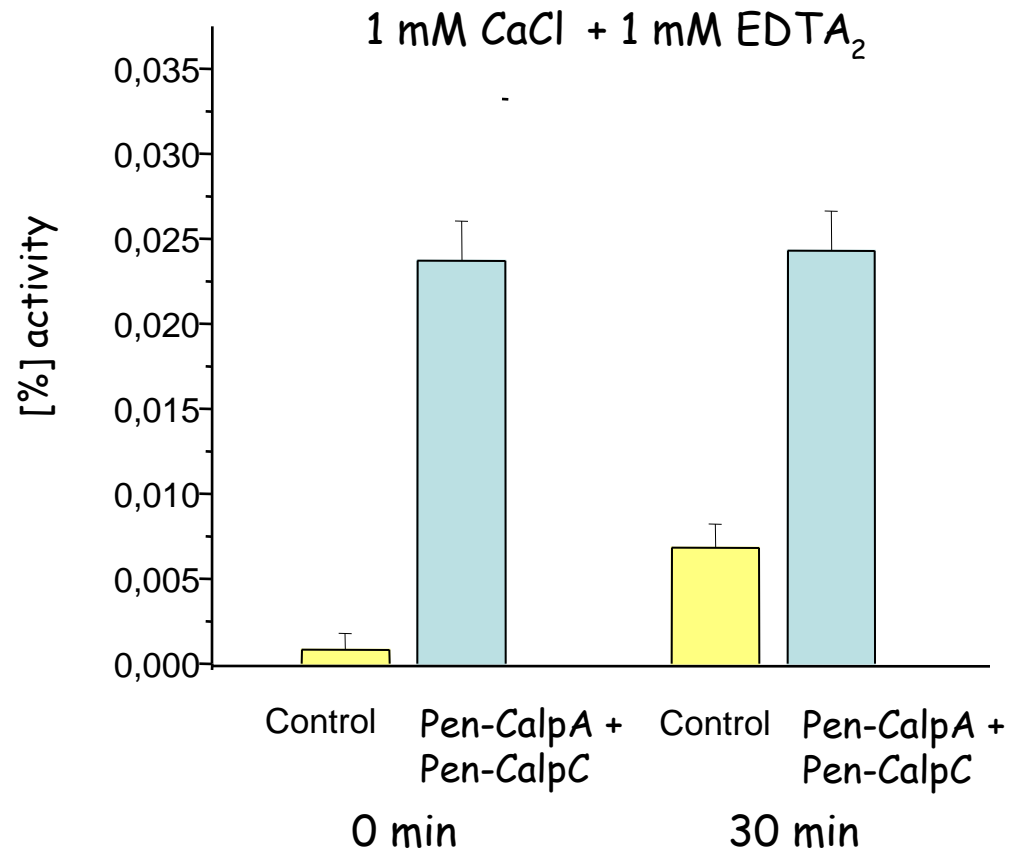


Activation of calpain *in vitro* by calpastatin conjugates in COS7 cell lysate

Cell lysate treated by conjugates



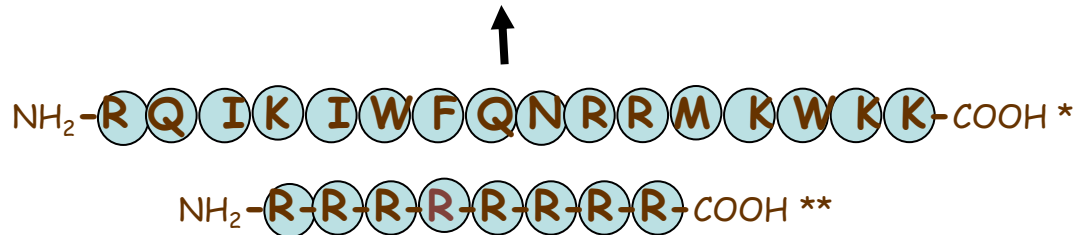
$\lambda_g = 380 \text{ nm}$, $\lambda_e = 460 \text{ nm}$



Calpain related - conjugates: promising tools for the analysis of calpain function

SUBSTRATE PEPTIDE

TPLKSPPPSPR
TAMRA-TPLKSPPPSPRK(cf)
DABCYL-TPLKSPPPSPRE(EDANS)



ACTIVATOR PEPTIDE(S)

SKPIIGPDDAIDALSSDFTS-NH₂
SGKSGMDAALDDLIDTLGG-NH₂

INHIBITOR PEPTIDE(S)

Ac-TPLaGlySPPPS
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X = S or W

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Protein
- Mono/polyclonal antibody
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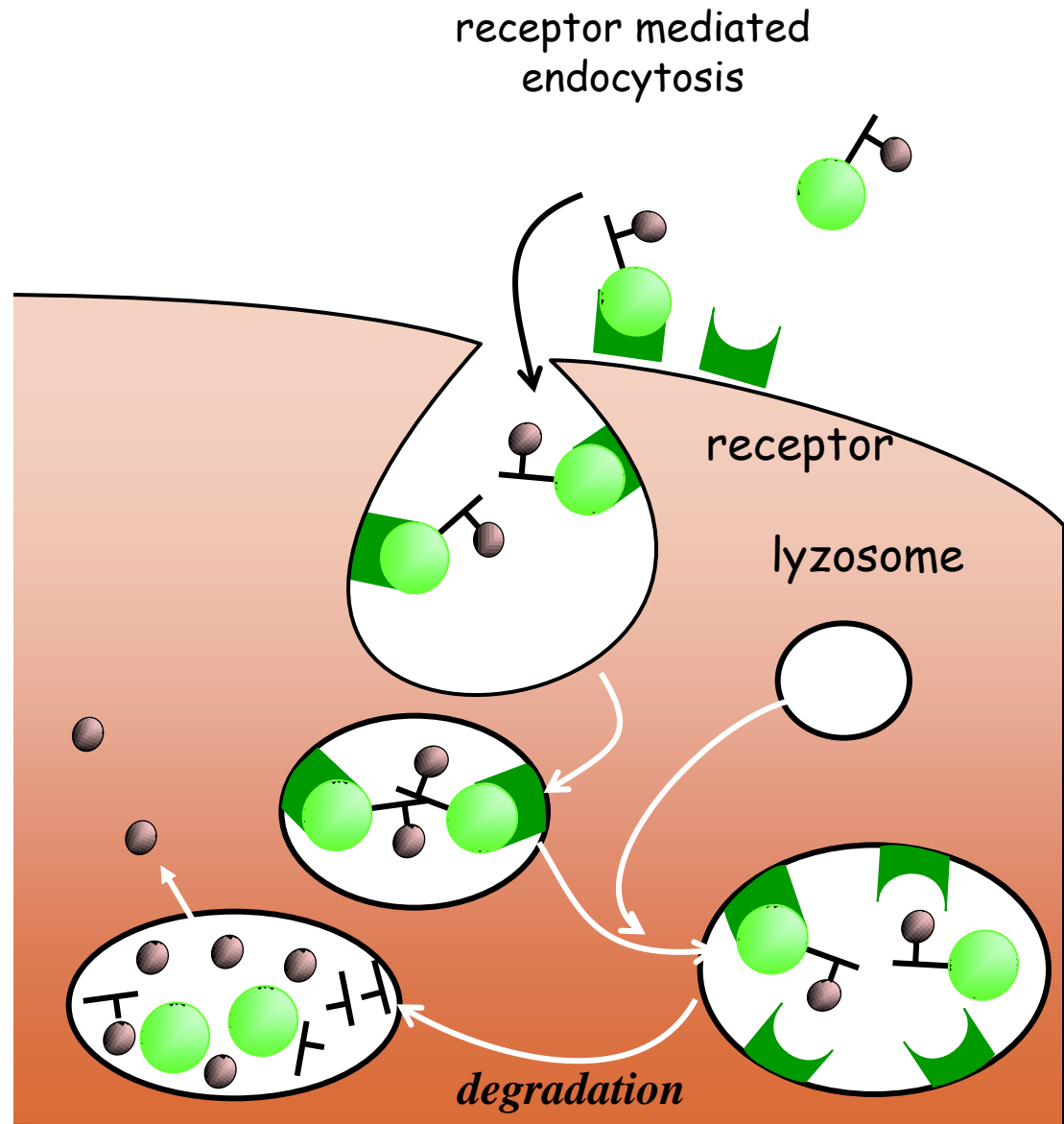
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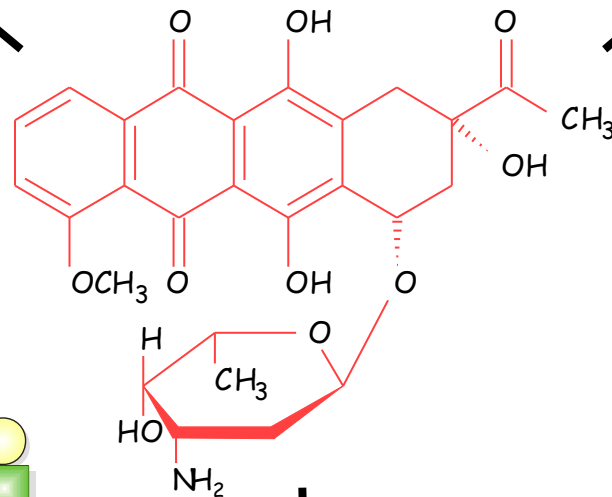
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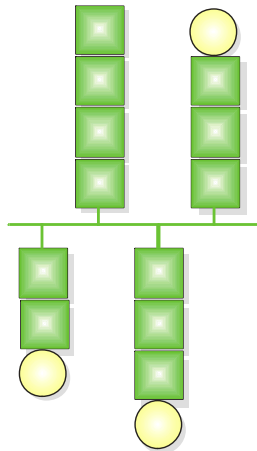
Daunomycin conjugates with oligo- or polypeptide



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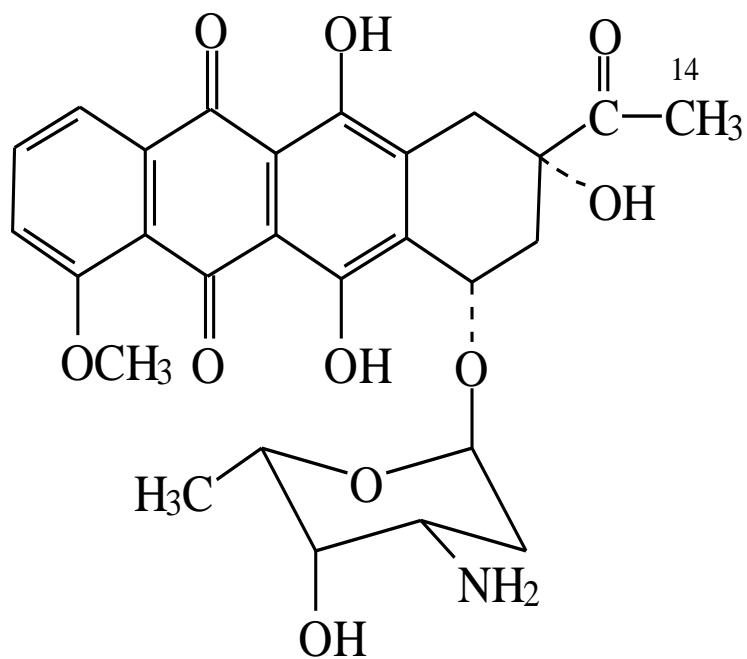


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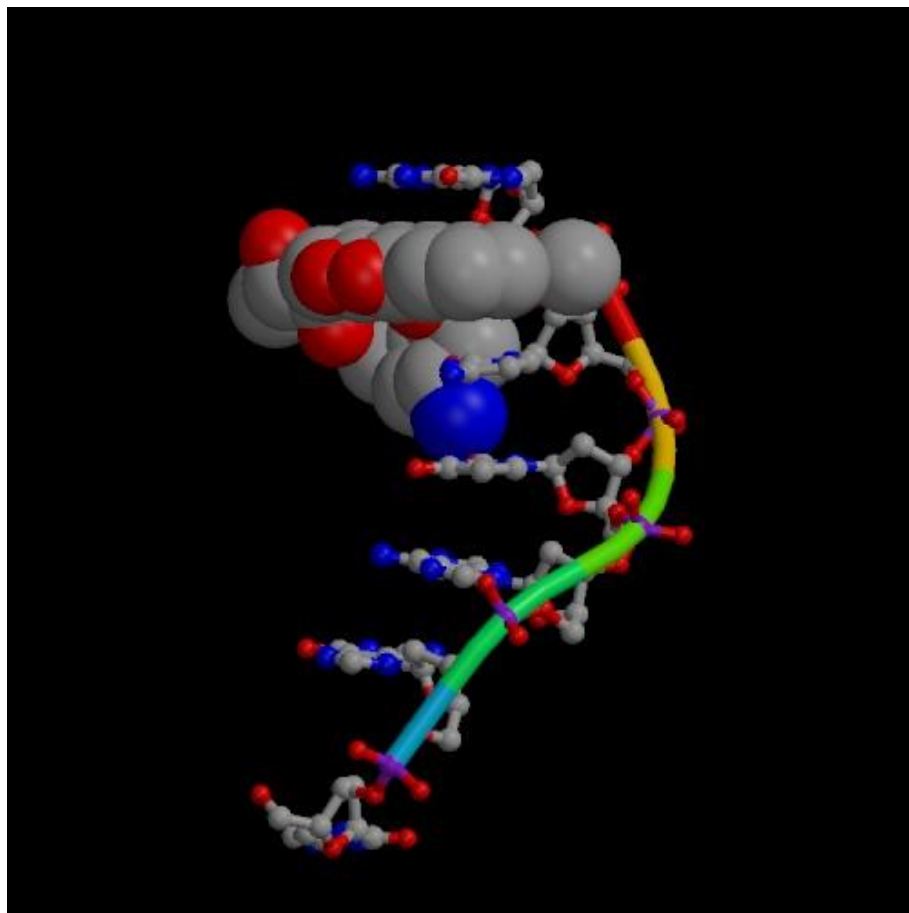


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Daunosamine directed intercalation into minor groove

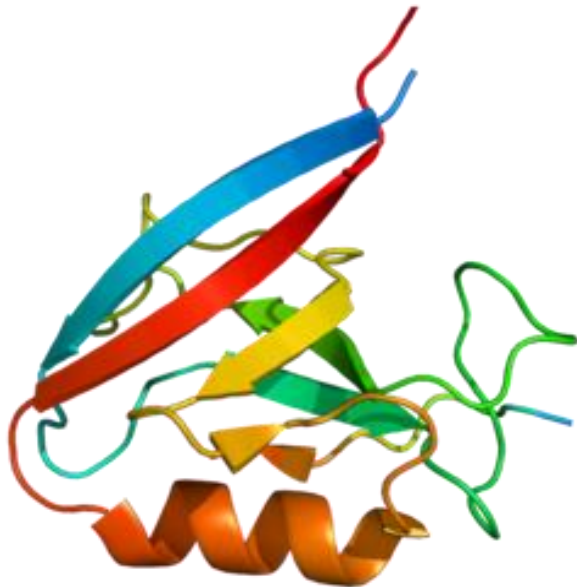


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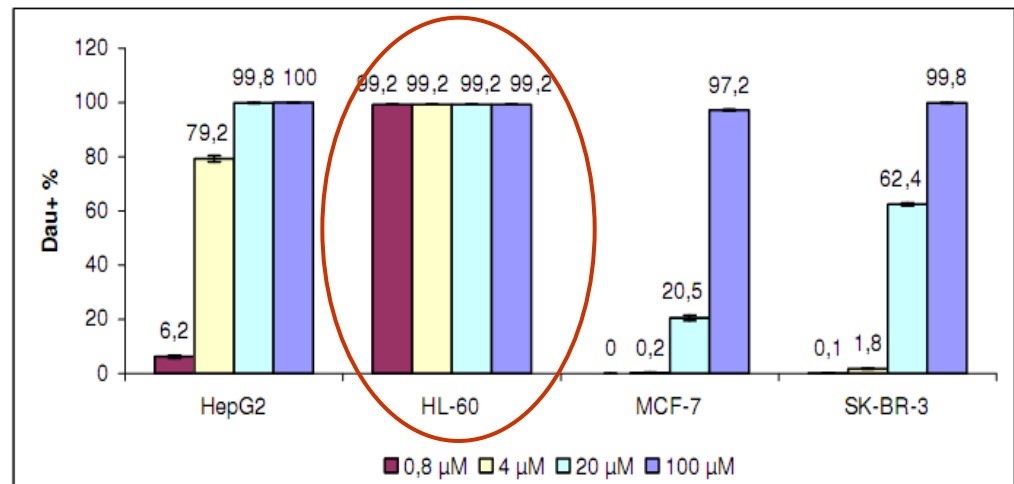
In vitro cytotoxicity and uptake of Dau=Aoa-LTVSPWY-amide conjugate

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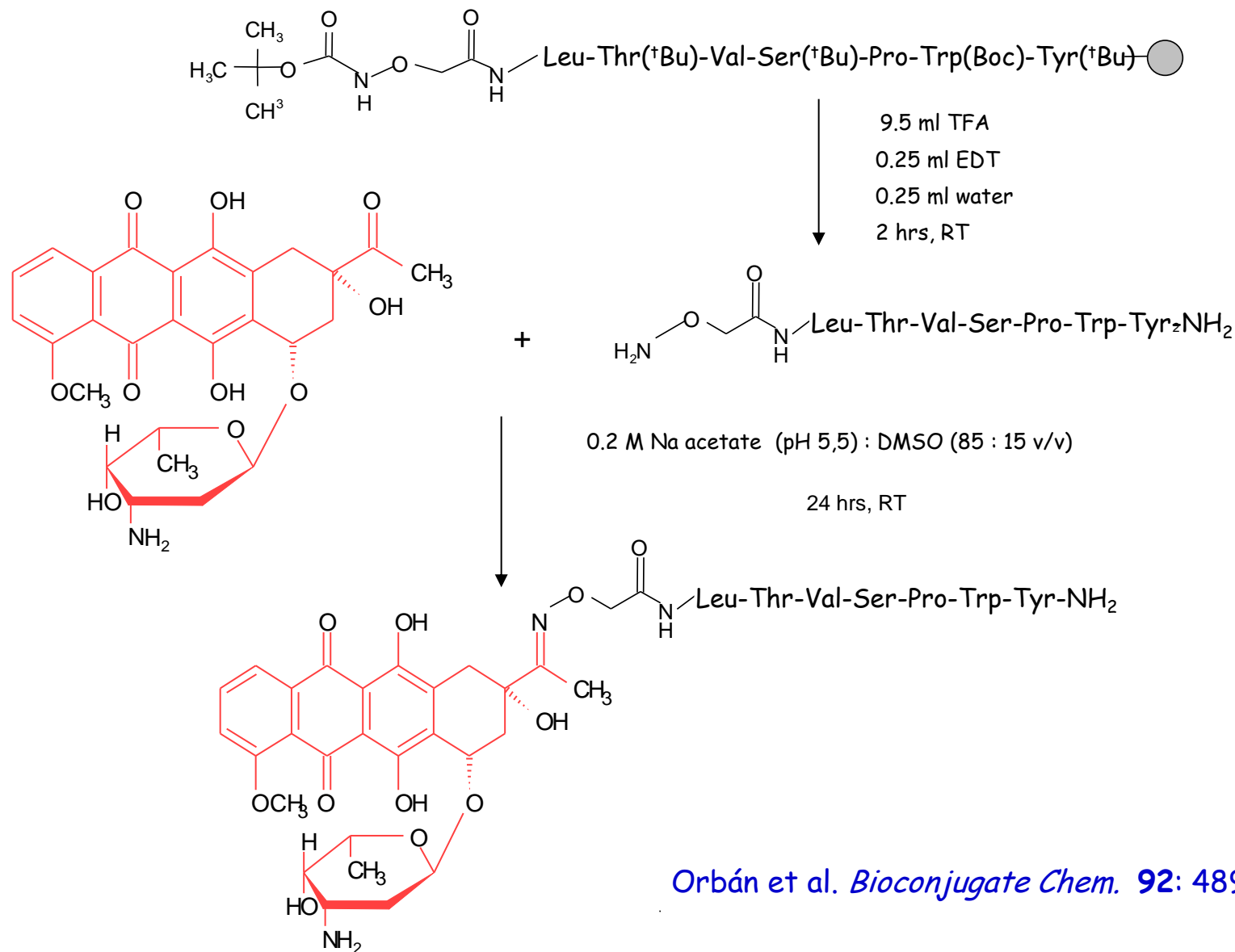
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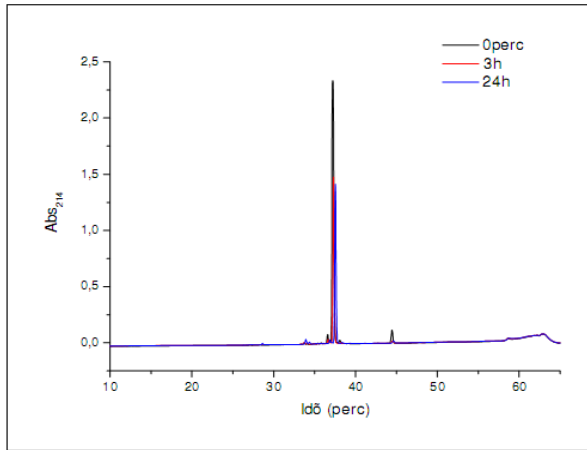
Cellular uptake c = 0.8 - 100 μM, 90 min

Synthesis of Dau-heptapeptide conjugate with oxime bond

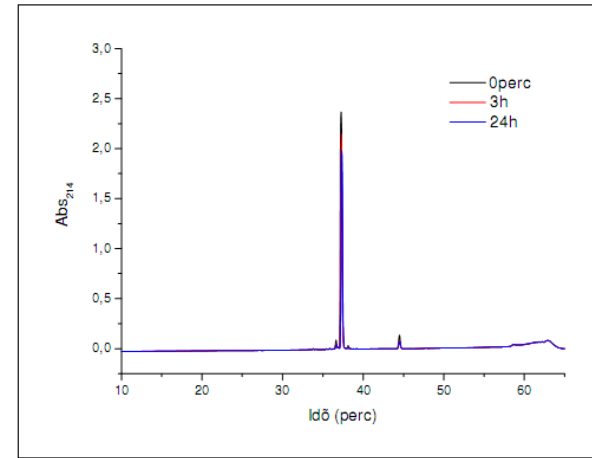


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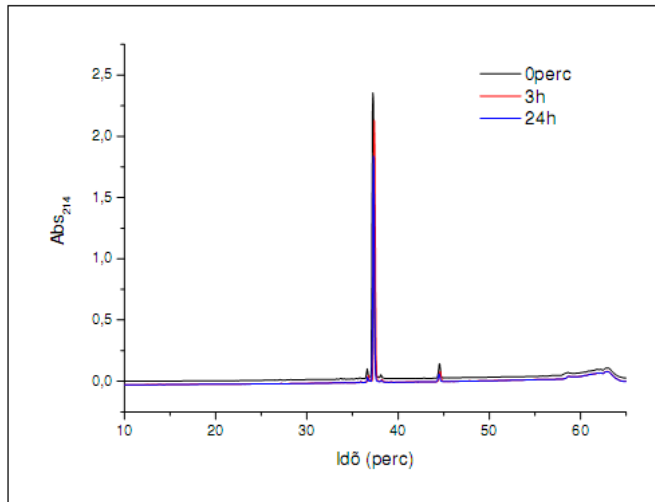
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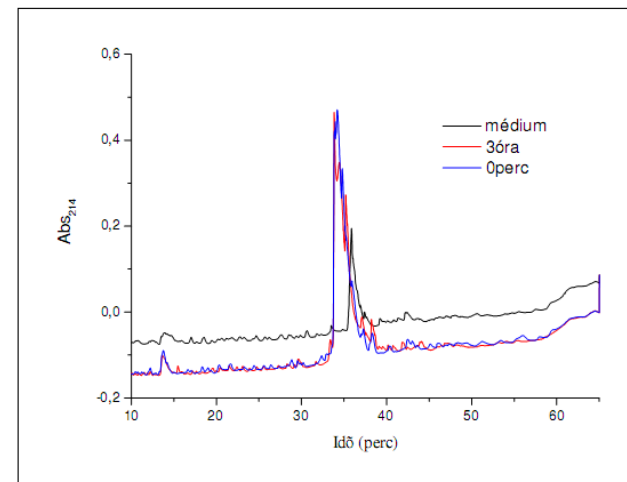
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Analytical RP-HPLC chromatogram after incubation in RPMI-1640 medium with 10% sera

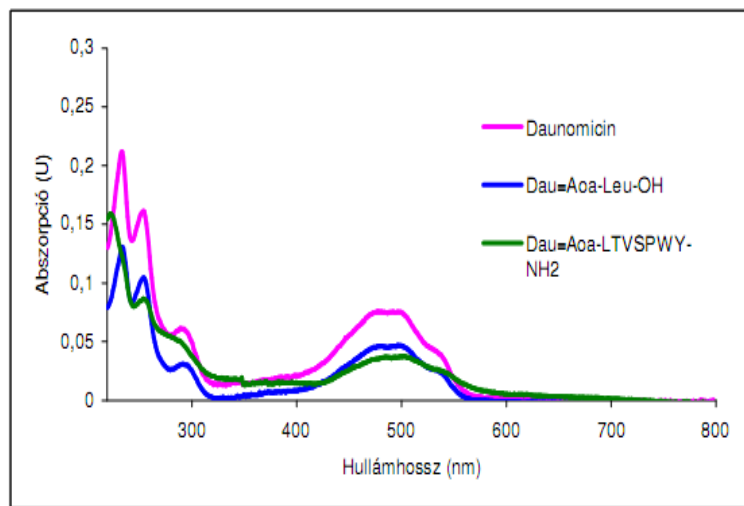
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Compound	MS ^a [M]		R _t ^b (min)
	Calc.	Measd.	
Dau=Aoc-LTVSPWY-NH ₂	1224,3	1224,3	27,0
Dau	527,5	n.a.	34,9

^a SELDI-MS

^b HPLC, Column: Supelcoil LC-18-DB (C18, 120 Å, 5 µm, 4,6 x 250 mm),
gradient elution: 0-5 min 5% eluent B, 5-50 min 90% eluent B,
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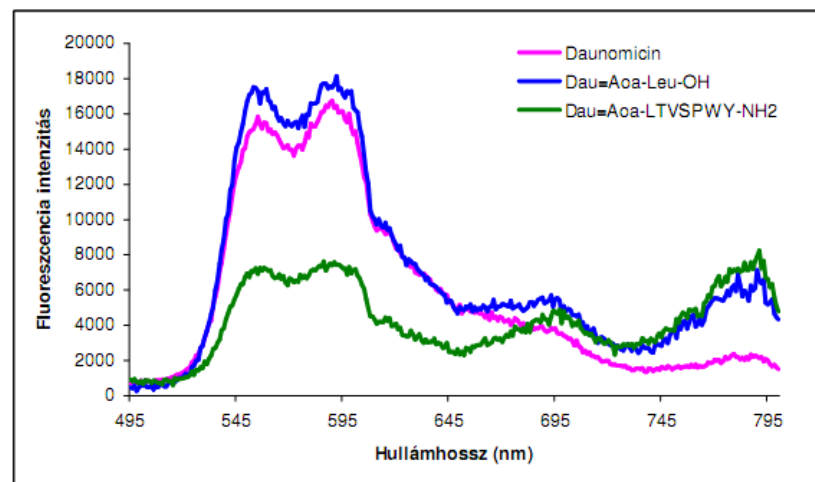
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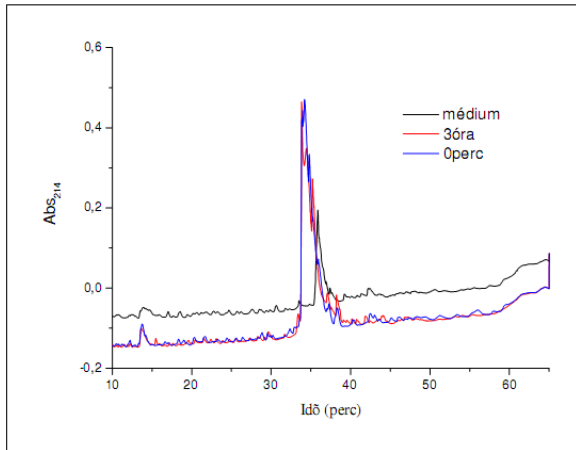
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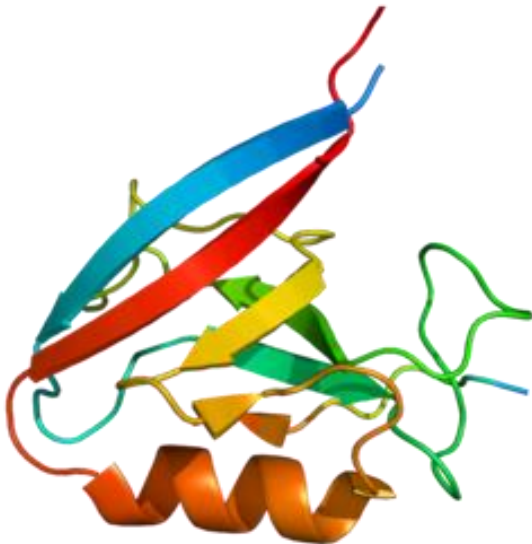


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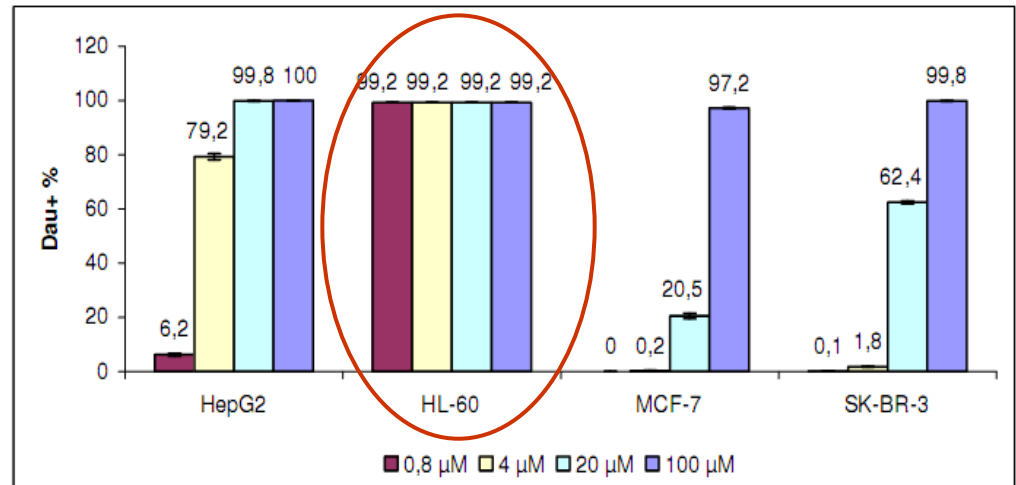


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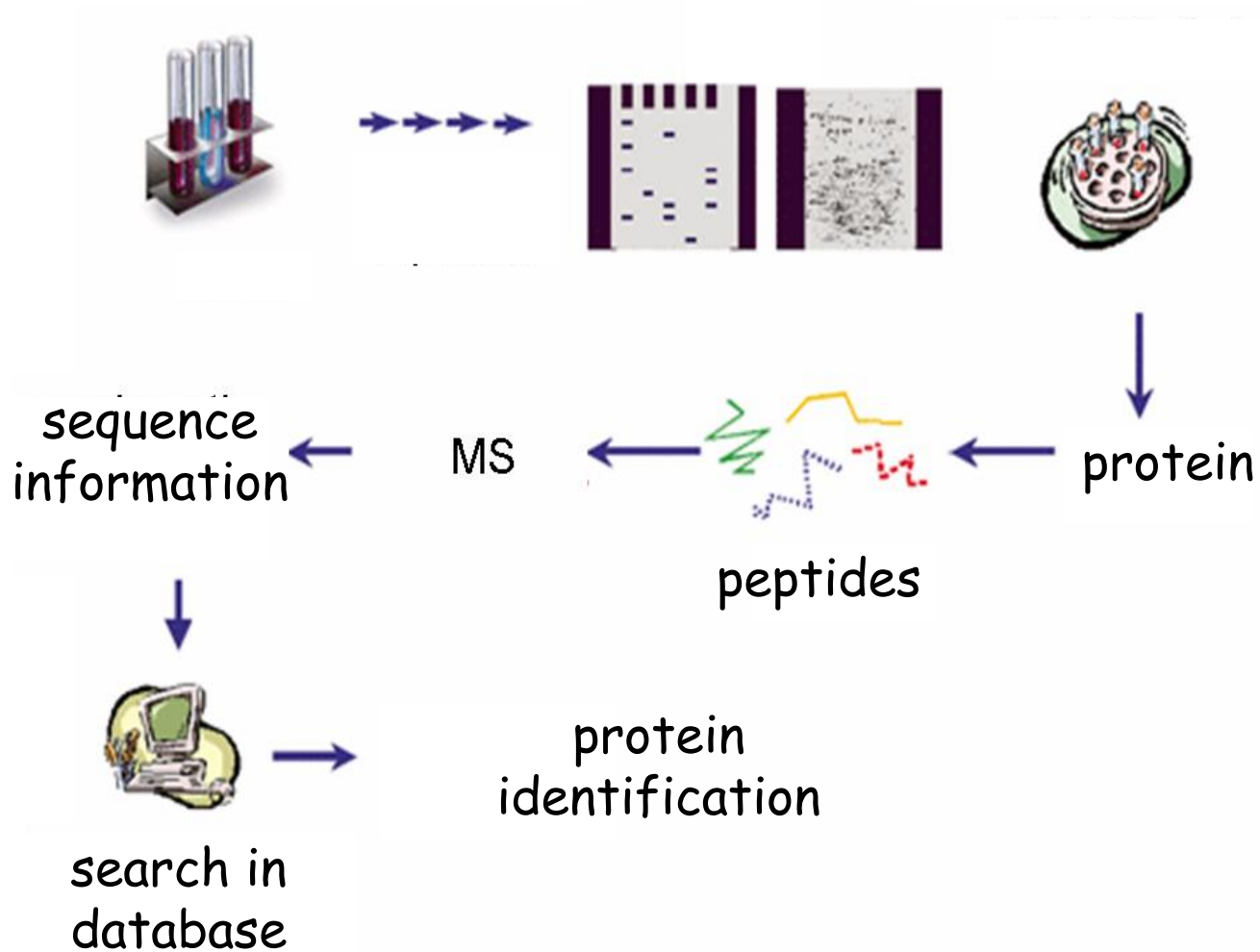
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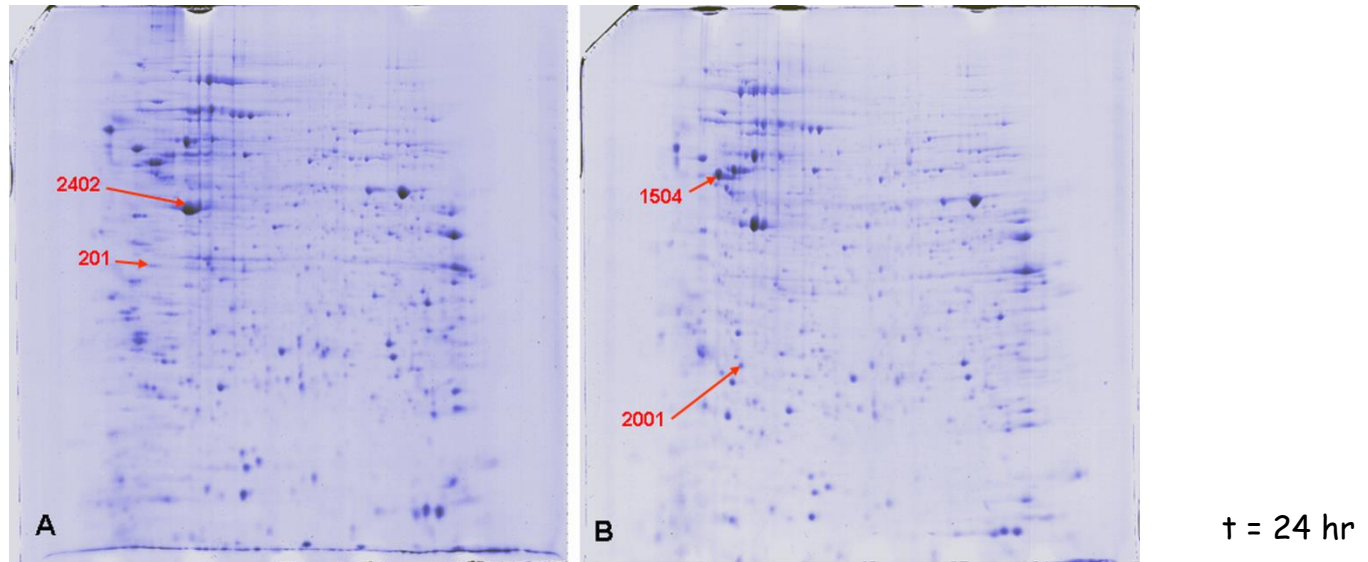


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Analysis of protein expression profile



Protein expression profile of non-treated (A) and Dau-treated HL-60 cells (B).



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Tubulin beta chain (Tubulin beta-5 chain)	1337.6	9713.9

Arrows and spot numbers show the significantly different spots on the gel where expression level was higher.

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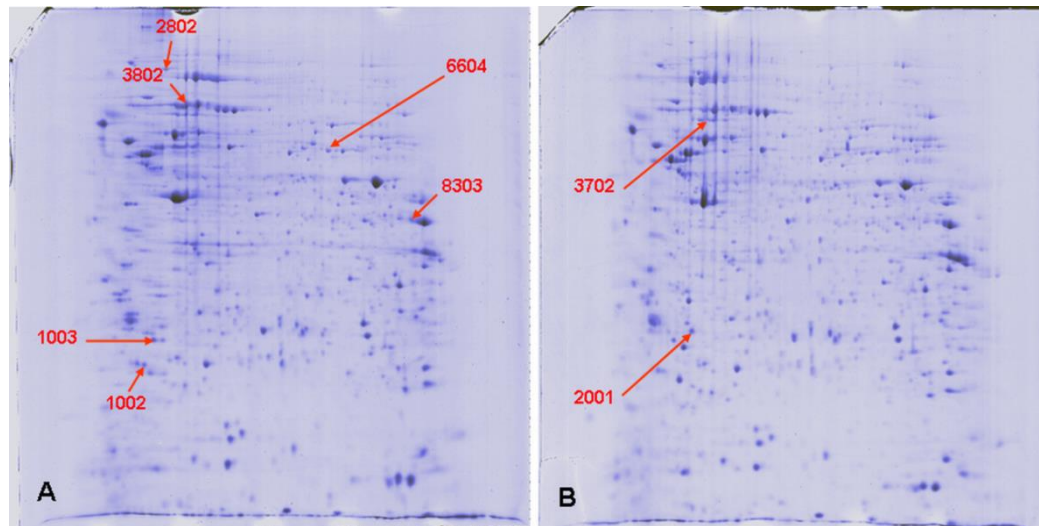
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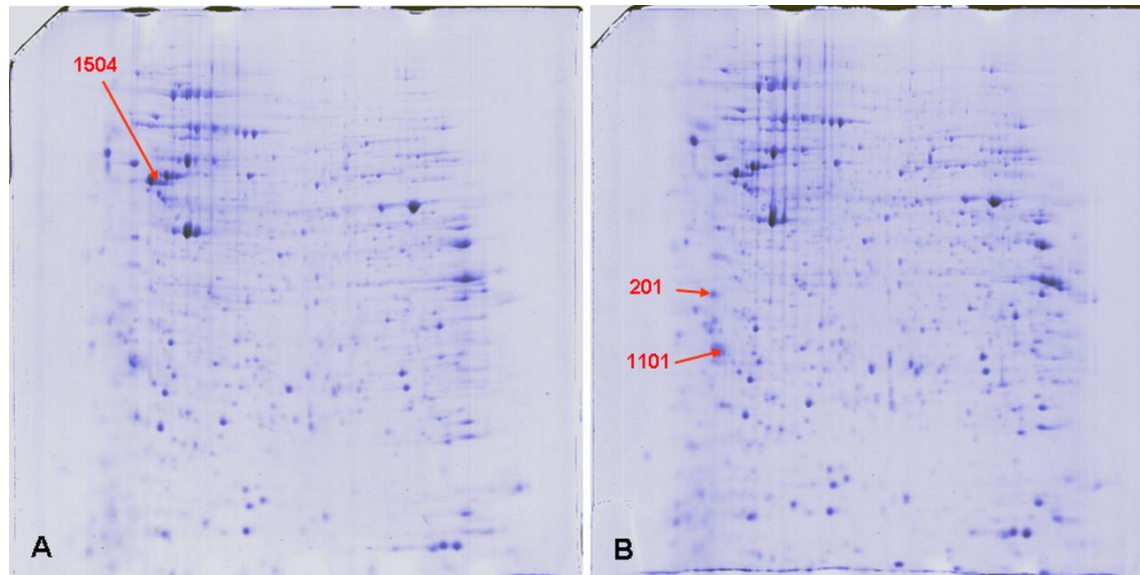
t = 24 hr

Identified proteins	Average protein expression level in	
	Control	Dau=Aoa-LTVSPWY-NH ₂
D-3-phosphoglycerate dehydrogenase (EC 1.1.1.95) (3-PGDH)	1067.9	526.0
Fructose-bisphosphate aldolase A (EC 4.1.2.13) (Muscle-type aldolase)	2105.1	999.3
Heat shock cognate 71 kDa protein (Heat shock 70 kDa protein 8)	6507.8	5.6
Plastin-2 (L-plastin) (Lymphocyte cytosolic protein 1) (LCP-1)	482.3	1065.6
Ran-specific GTPase-activating protein (Ran-binding protein 1)	789.7	1805.0
Rho GDP-dissociation inhibitor 2 (Rho GDI 2) (Rho-GDI beta) (Ly-GDI)	2253.9	5.6
Transitional endoplasmic reticulum ATPase (Valosin-containing protein) (VCP)	994.4	271.7
Translationally-controlled tumor protein (TCTP) (p23) (Histamine-releasing factor)	1406.2	5.6

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Rho GDP-dissociation inhibitor 2 (Rho GDI 2) (Rho-GDI beta) (Ly-GDI)	1003	2253.9	5.6	0.002	3288	22988.01	5.10
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Transitional endoplasmic reticulum ATPase (TER ATPase) (15S Mg(2+)-ATPase p97 subunit) (Valosin-containing protein) (VCP)]	2802	994.4	271.7	0.27	2657	89321.80	5.14
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Fructose-bisphosphate aldolase A (EC 4.1.2.13) (Muscle-type aldolase) (Lung cancer antigen NY-LU-1]	8303	2105.1	999.3	0.47	1143	39420.02	8.30

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	A	B
Proliferating cell nuclear antigen (PCNA) (Cyclin)	171.5	2165.8
14-3-3 protein gamma (Protein kinase C inhibitor protein 1) (KCIP-1)	157.7	1814.0
Tubulin beta chain (Tubulin beta-5 chain)	9713.9	1981.3

A = Dau, c = 0.024 μ M

B = Dau=Aoa-LTVSPWY-NH₂ conjugate c = 9 μ M

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Comparison of protein expression profiles of Dau- and Dau-peptide conjugate- and non-treated HL-60 cells: an interpretation

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14-3-3 protein gamma (Protein kinase C inhibitor protein 1) (KCIP-1)		157.7	No change	1814.0	11.5

1. Cyclin and tubulin beta-5 are involved in both processes.
2. Ran-binding protein 1 and actin are involved in Dau action.
3. 14-3-3 protein gamma is involved in Dau-conjugate action.

Conclusions

1. The expression level of several proteins altered due to the treatment with the **free drug (Dau)** or **its conjugate** in comparison with proteins from untreated cells.

2. **After treatment with Dau** for 24 h, the expression levels of cytoskeletal as well as cell-cycle regulatory proteins (four) have been changed.

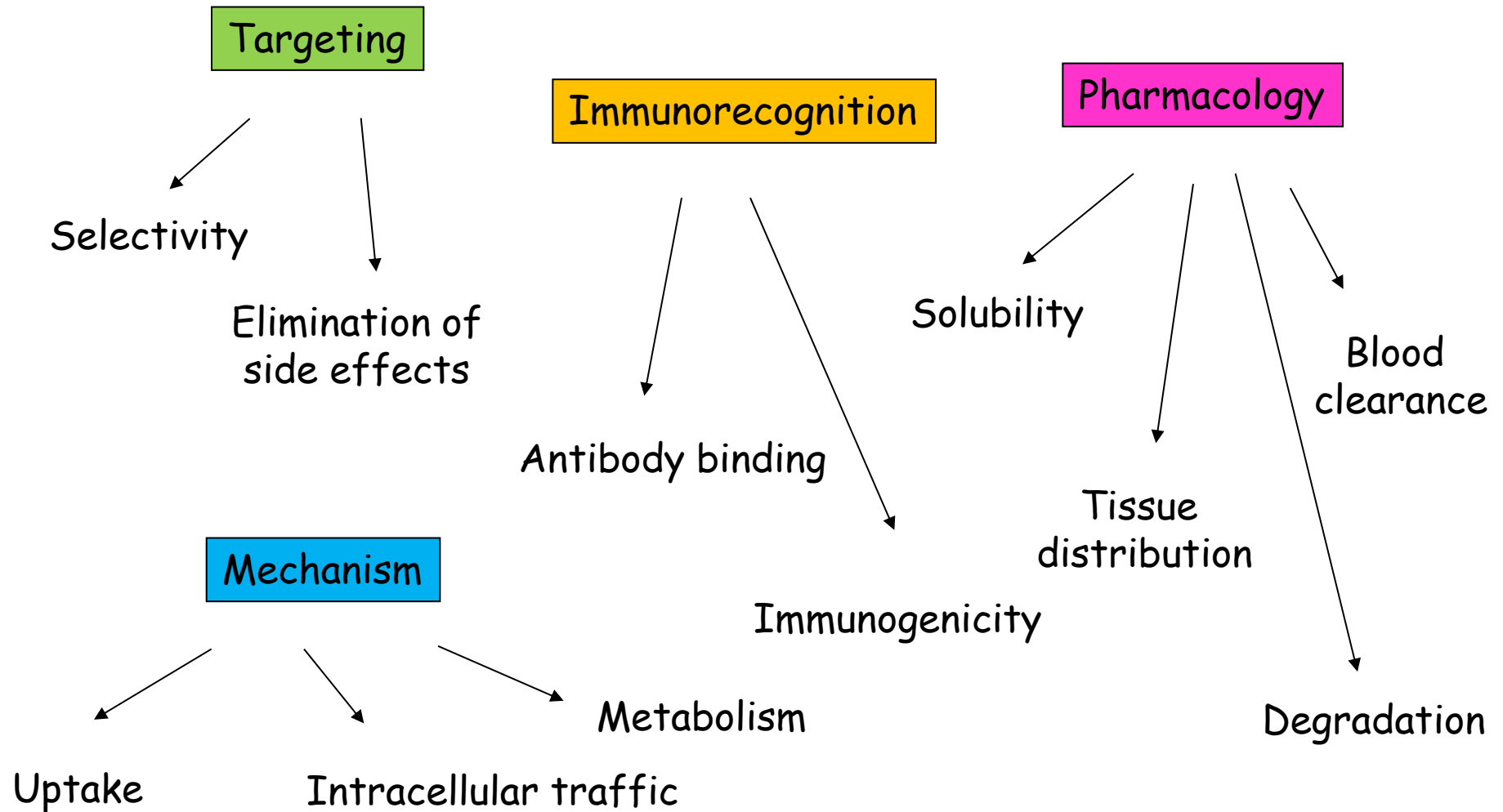
3. Three proteins were identified, whose expression was lower (tubulin beta chain) or markedly higher (proliferating cell nuclear antigen and protein kinase C inhibitor protein 1) after administration of HL-60 cells **with Dau-peptide conjugate** vs free drug. These proteins are cytoskeletal proteins or involved in signalisation or metabolism.

Conclusions



1. **Branched polypeptide - methotrexate** conjugates could maintain or even enhance *in vitro* and *in vivo* anti *Leishmania donovani* effect as compared to free drug.
2. **Branched polypeptide - daunomycin** conjugates could maintain or even enhance *in vitro* and *in vivo* anti *Leishmania donovani* effect as compared to free drug.
3. **Penetratin - enzyme activator/inhibitor/substrate** conjugate could be utilized for the analysis the function of intracellular enzymes.
4. **Erb2 ligand peptide - daunomycin** conjugate could be used to identify target proteins and identify novel pathways.

Peptide/protein conjugation based alteration of relevant biological properties



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