

“Last approaches of nanomedicine applied to cancer”

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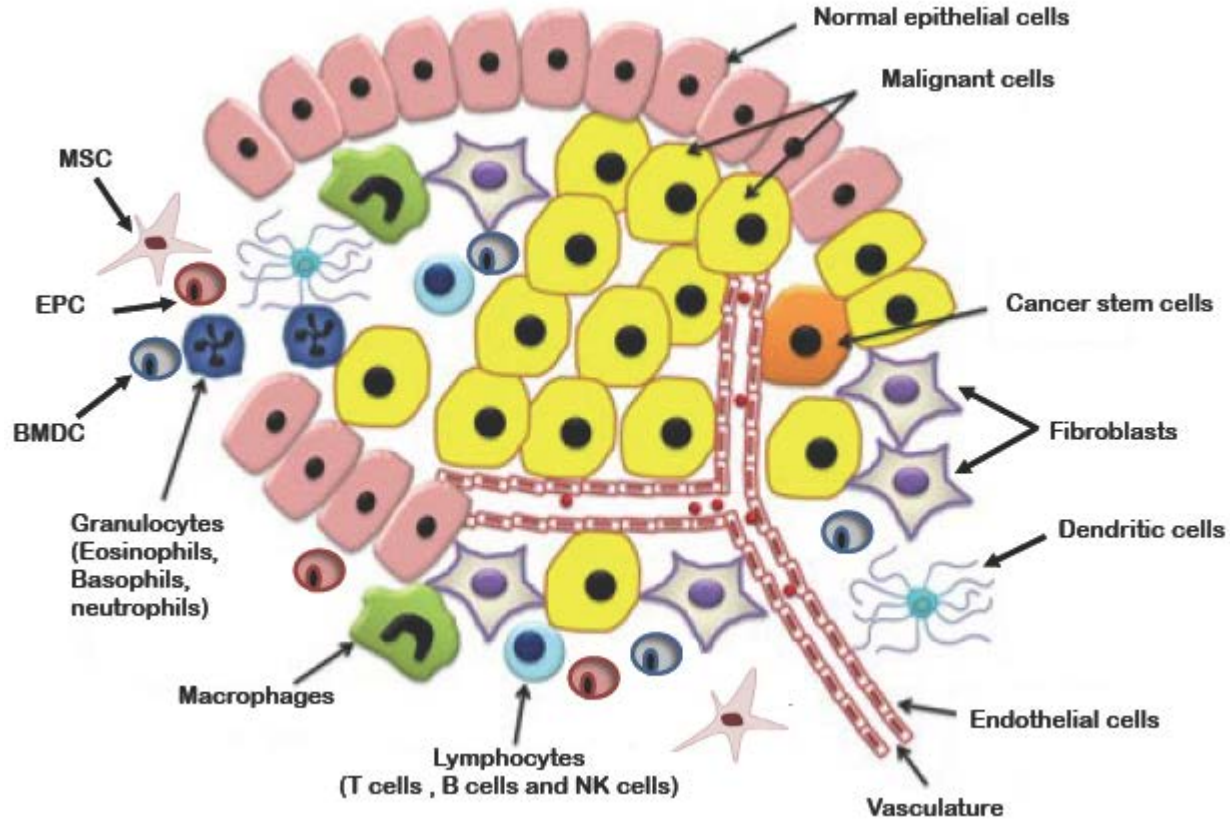
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Cancer is a complex multidimensional habitat



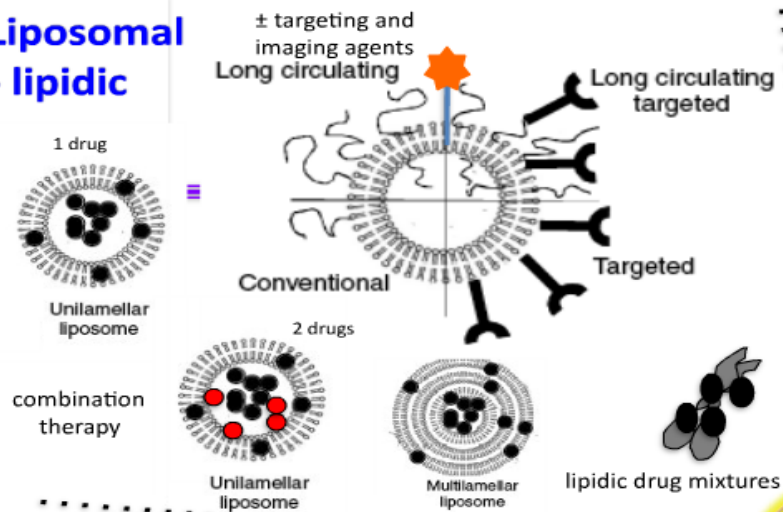
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Need improved “holistic” treatments to improve Survival

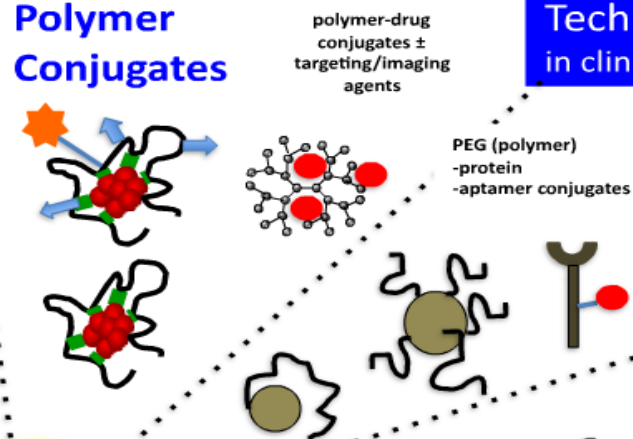
Nanomedicines can be more “holistic” in many senses than classical drugs

Different nanomedicines. Same goals: Therapy, Diagnostics, or Theranostics.

Liposomal - lipidic



Polymer Conjugates



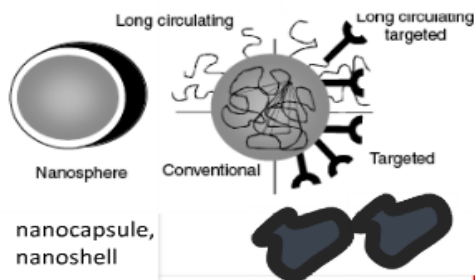
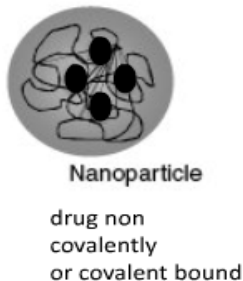
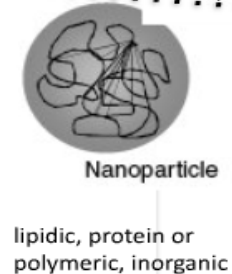
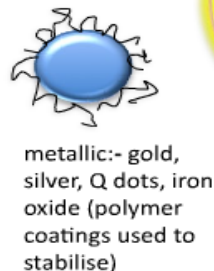
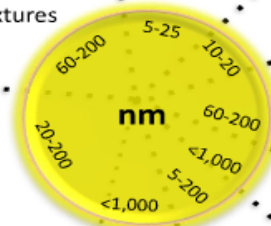
Technology Classes in clinical trial market

Protein/Ab Conjugates

Block copolymer micelles

drug maybe entrapped
or covalently bound

± targeting groups



(NB many
nanoparticles
are not round)

Nano-sized drug crystals

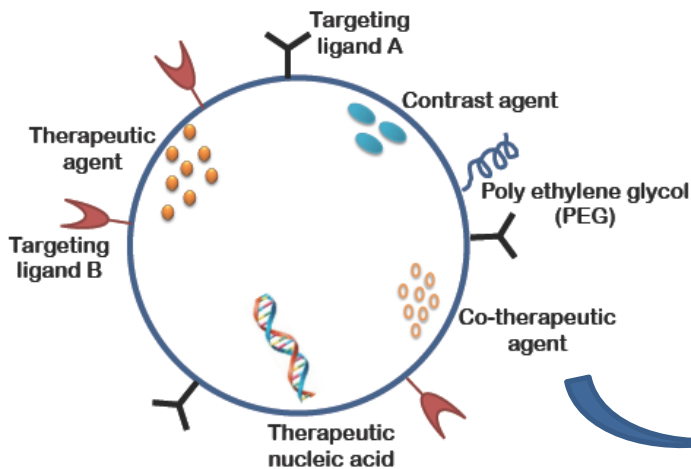
Bioactive Synthetic Polymers/Vesicles

Crosslinked (Nano) Gels

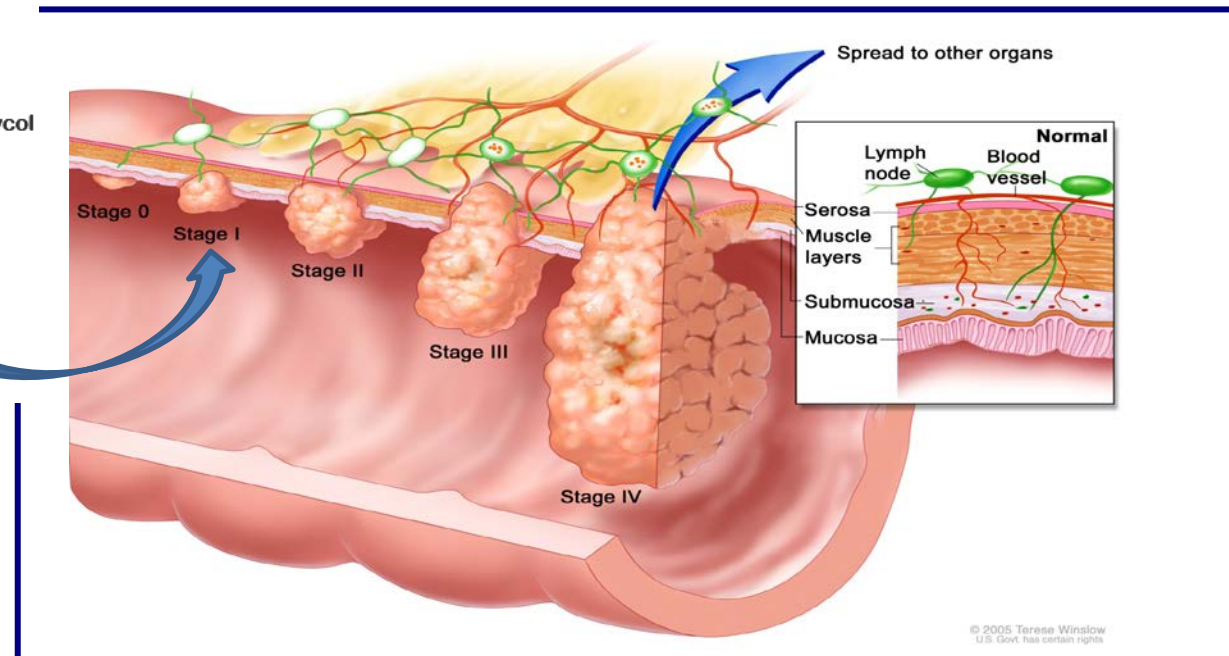
"Nanoparticles"

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3. Avoid system toxicity of current drugs

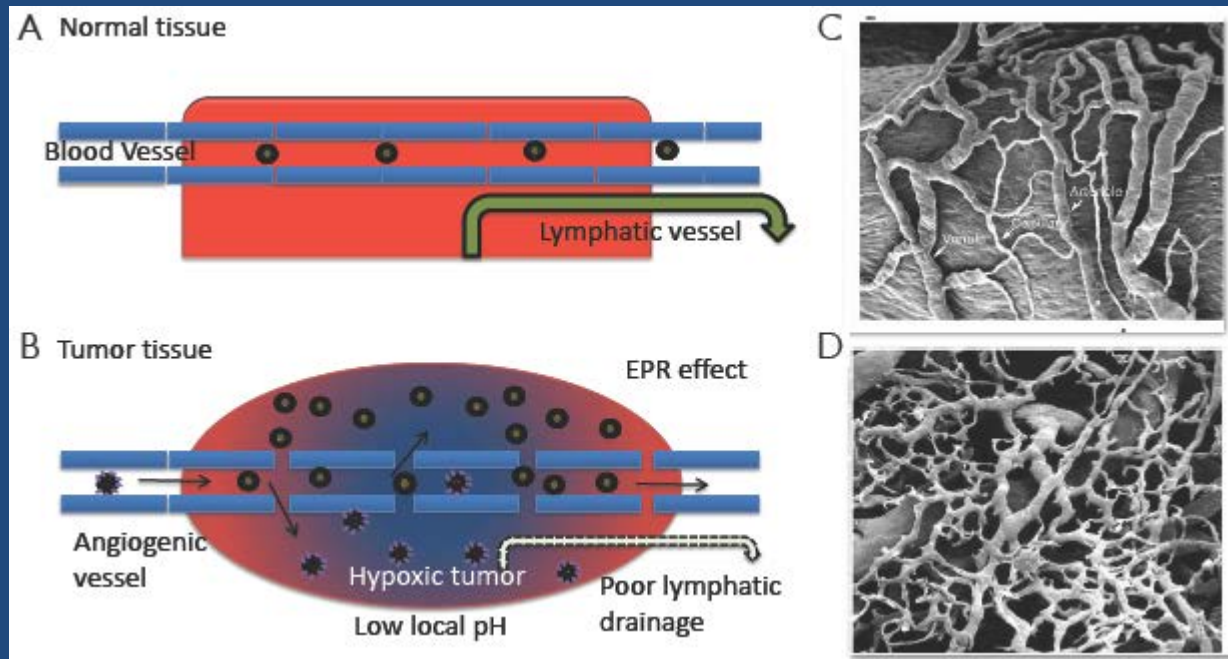


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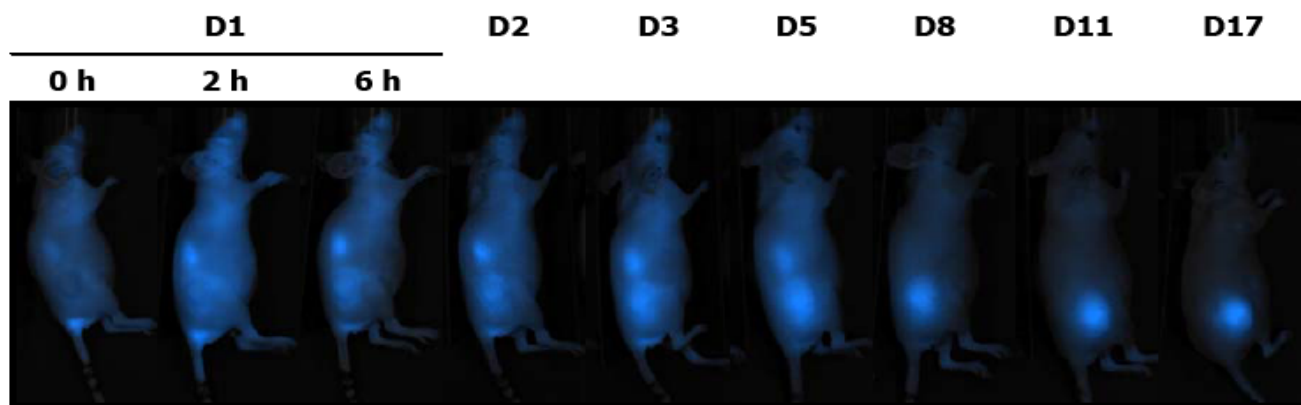
Passive Targeting. Enhanced Permeability Retention (EPR)



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1. T-DES-polyacetal.Cy5.5 Tumor Accumulation

A)



B)

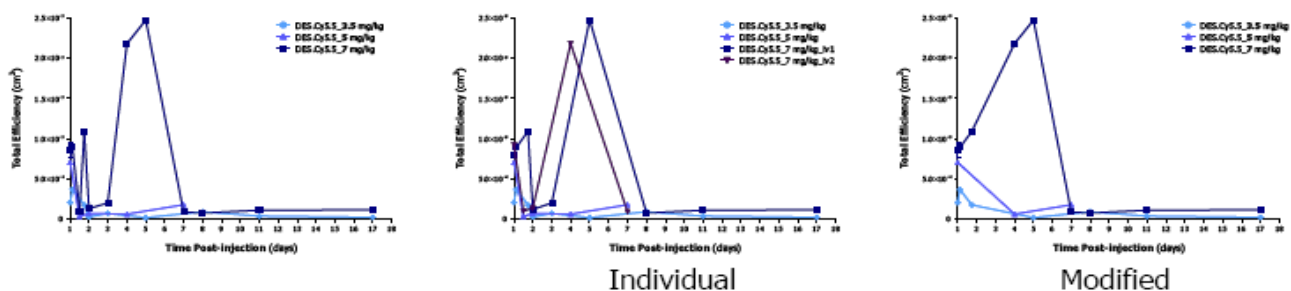
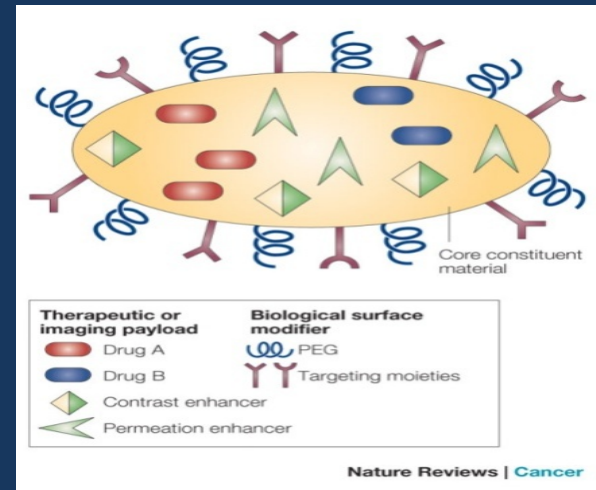
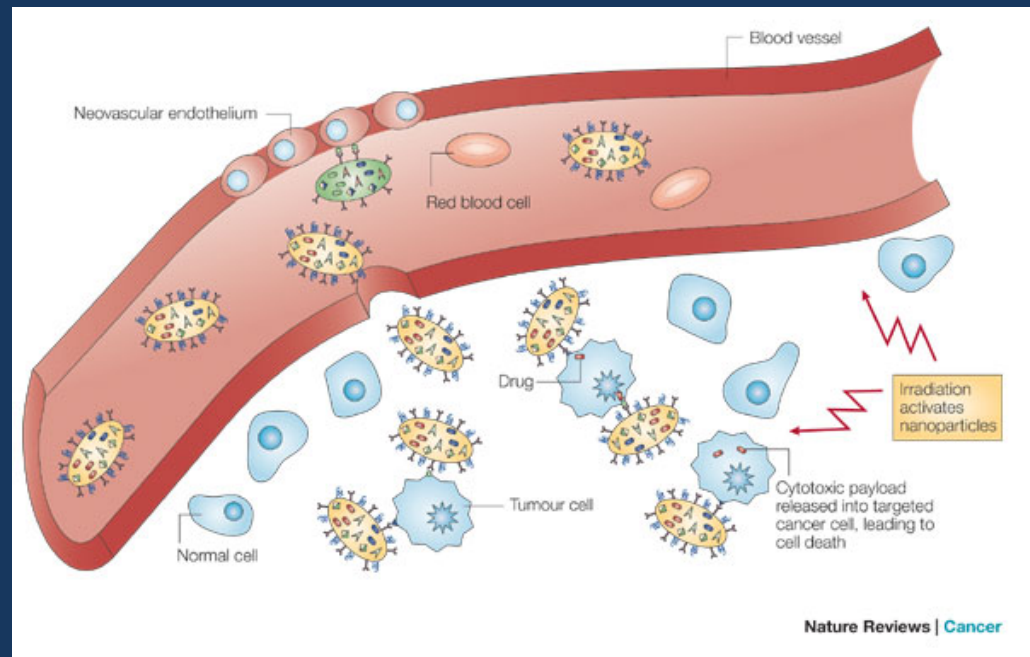


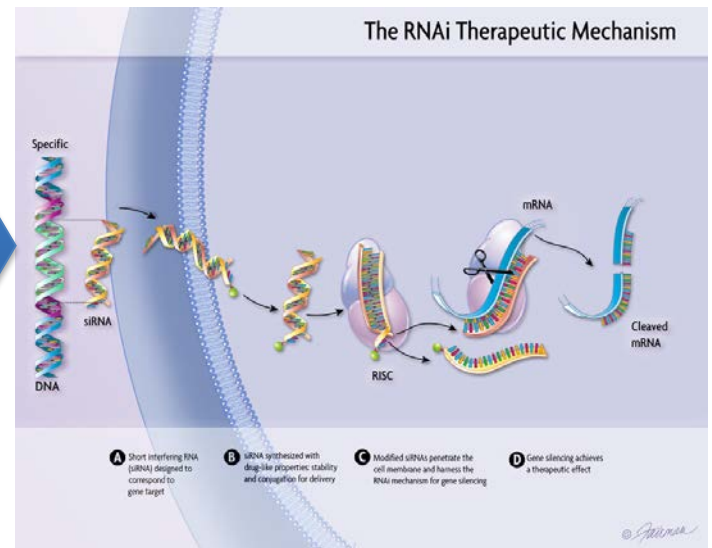
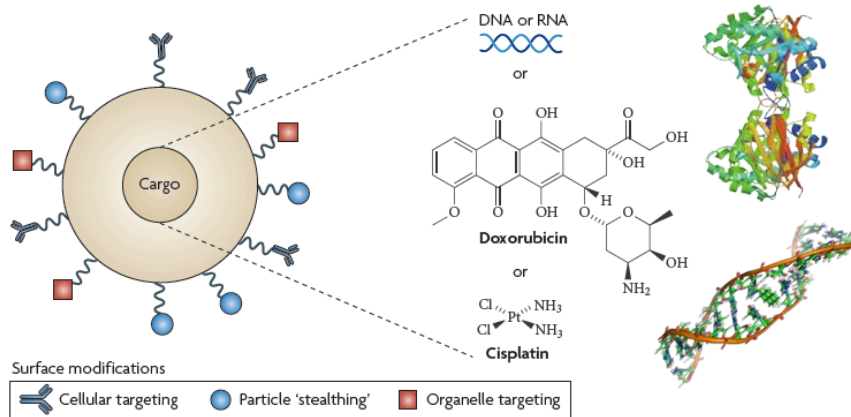
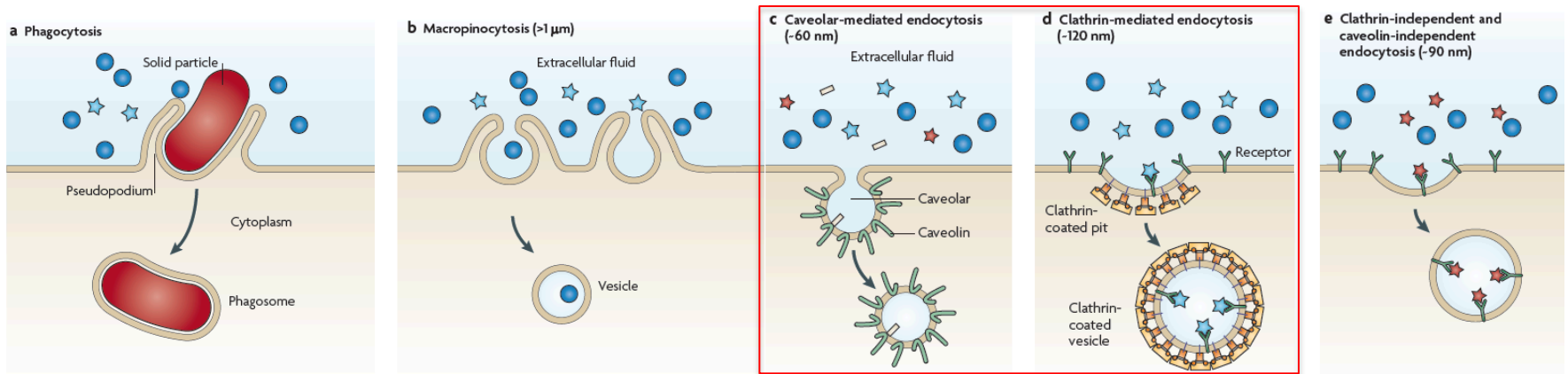
Figure 1. T-DES-polyacetal.Cy5.5 tumor accumulation. **A)** *In vivo* fluorescence imaging of subcutaneous HT-29 colon bearing mice after intravenous injection of 3.5, 5 and 7 mg/kg T-DES-polyacetal.Cy5.5. The tumor accumulation can be easily visualized at 6 h – 17 days postinjection. **B)** The fluorescence intensity was recorded and quantified as Efficiency over time.

TARGETED DRUG DELIVERY



- Nanoparticles containing drugs are coated with targeting agents (e.g. conjugated antibodies)
- The nanoparticles circulate through the blood vessels and reach the target cells
- Drugs are released directly into the targeted cells

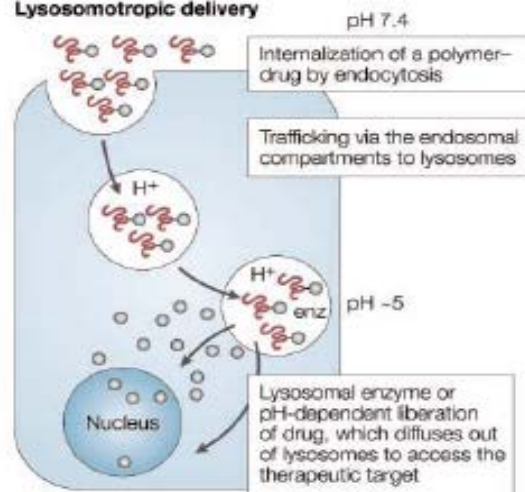




Petros and DeSimone, Strategies in the design of nanoparticles for therapeutic applications, Nature Reviews in Drug Discovery , 9(8): 615-627 (2010)
 Alnylam, media-kit at <http://www.alnylam.com/News-and-Events/Media-Kit.php>

a Intracellular delivery

Lysosomotropic delivery



Endosomotropic delivery

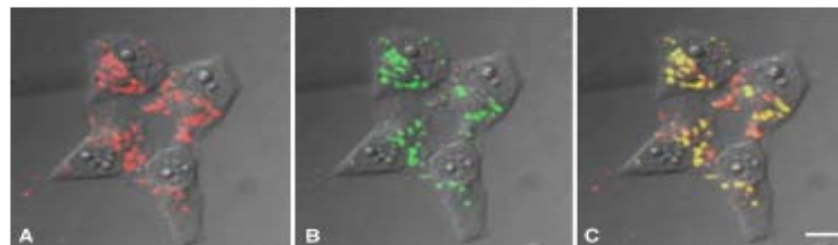
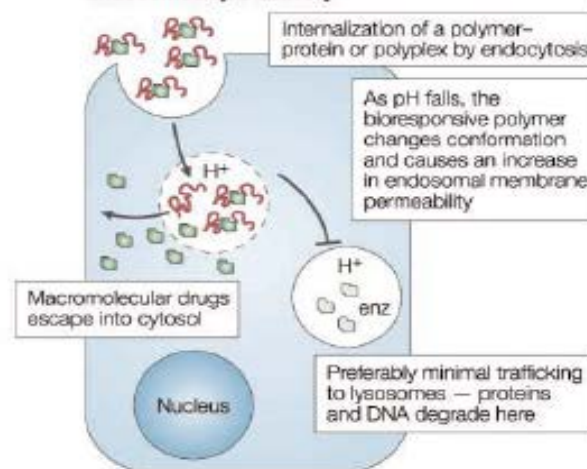
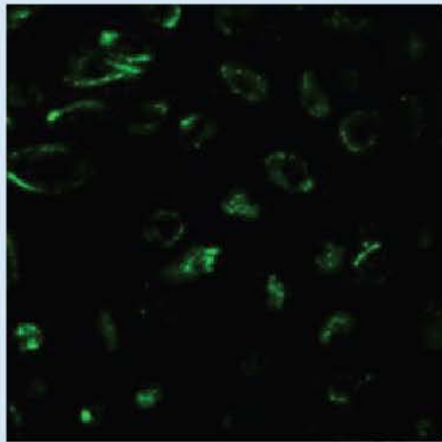


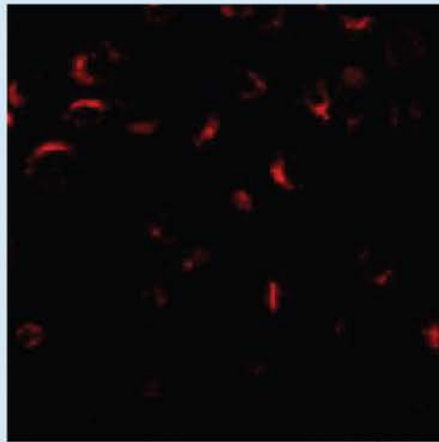
Fig. 3. Localization of FNH₂SiNP-PODNs complexes internalized in HeLa cells. A, RITC indicates the position of the NH₂SiNPs; B, FITC indicates the position of the anti-ODNs; C, Merged image of A and B indicates that both fluorescent signals are superimposed and co-localized species appear as yellow. Scale bar in figure represented 10 μ m.

Intracellular siRNA encapsulated in F3-targeted pH-sensitive liposomes.

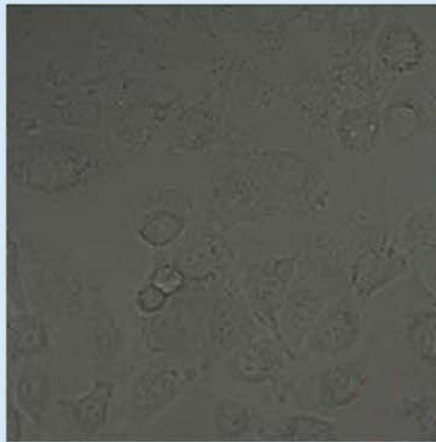
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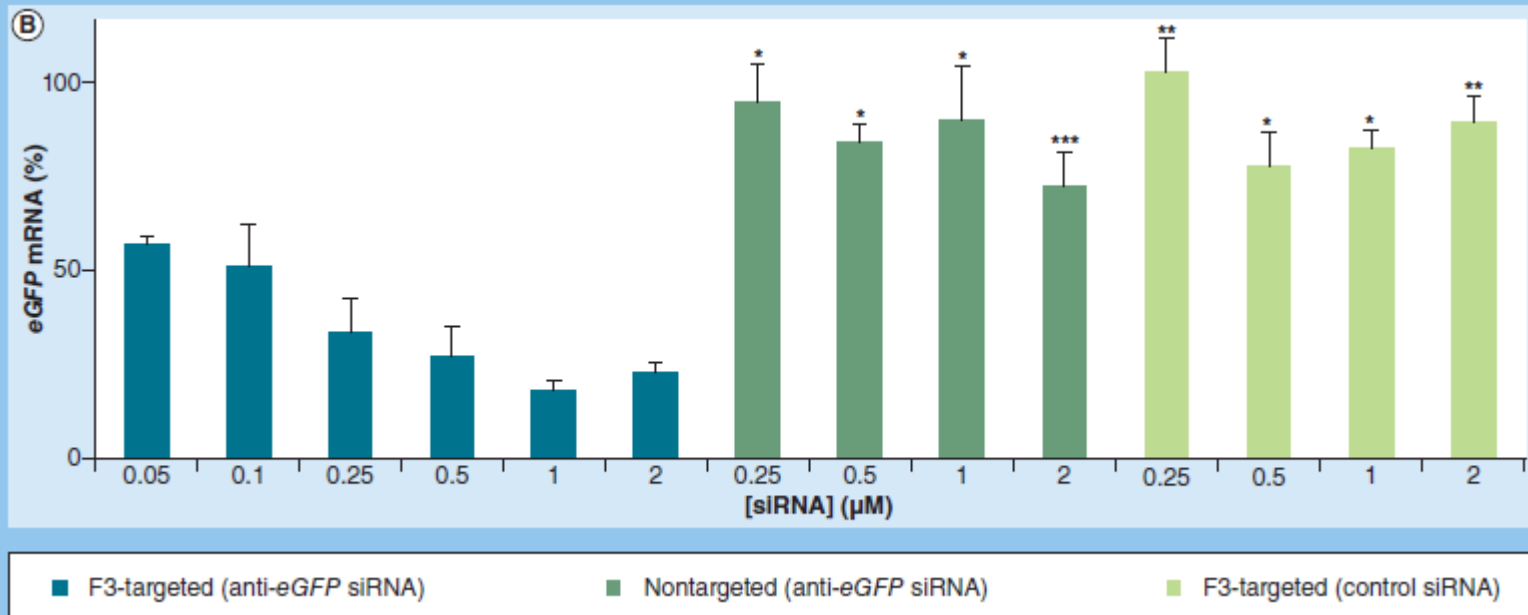
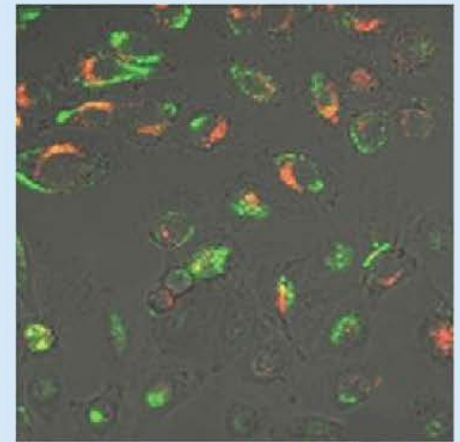
LysoTracker®



Red Bright field



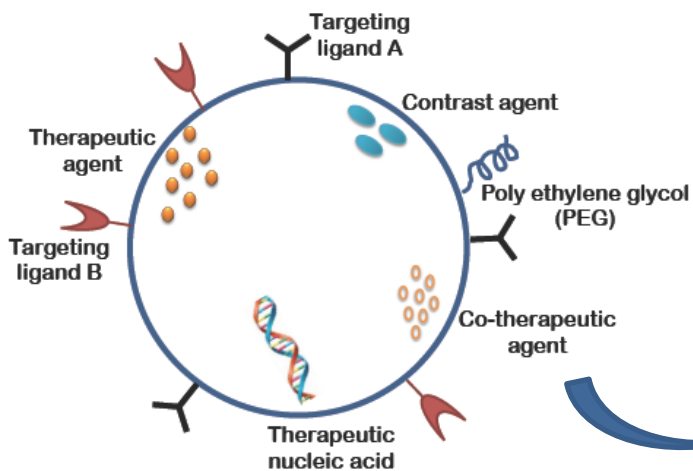
Merge



HOW?

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NANOMEDICINES ALLOW REDUCTION OF SYSTEMIC TOXICITY ASSOCIATED TO PHARMACOLOGICAL TREATMENT , OFTEN INCREASING THERAPEUTIC EFFICACY

AVOIDING DEGRADATION/METABOLIZATION OF CARGO IN THE BLOOD STREAM OR PERIFERAL TISSUES.

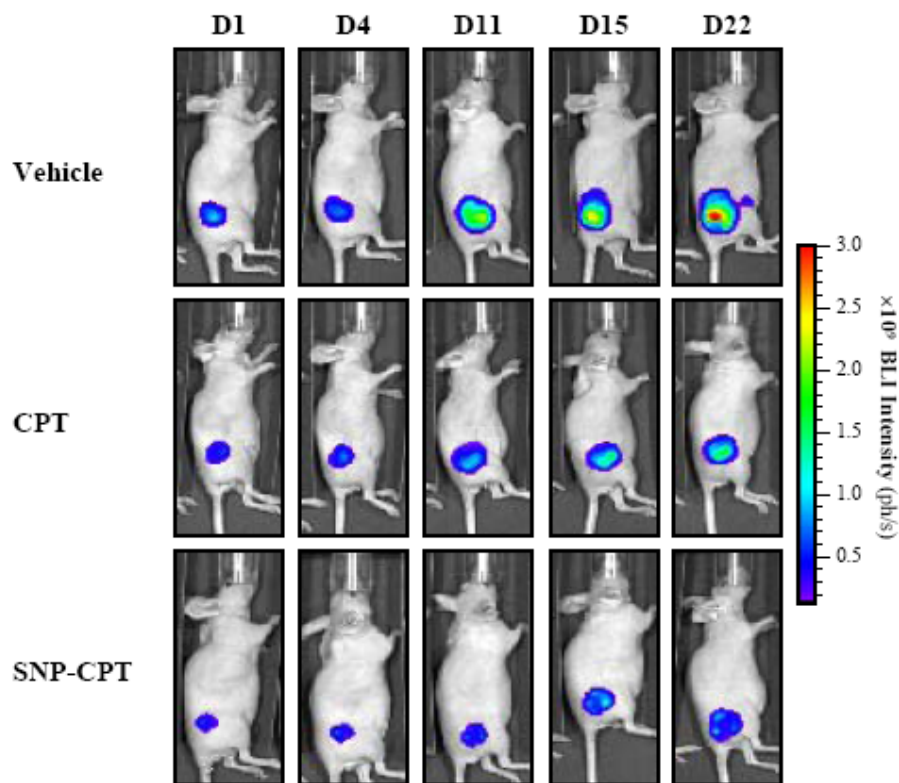
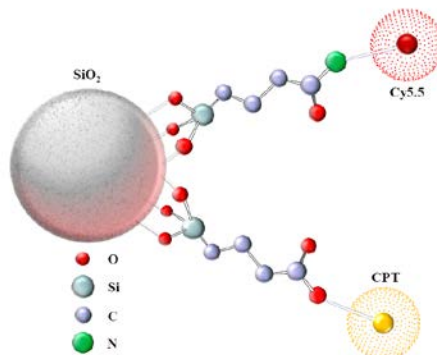
MODIFYING DRUG HALFTIME, DISTRIBUTION OR METABOLIC PATHWAYS

DRUGS CAN BE ADMINISTARTED SIMULTANEOUSLY (COMBINATION THERAPY)

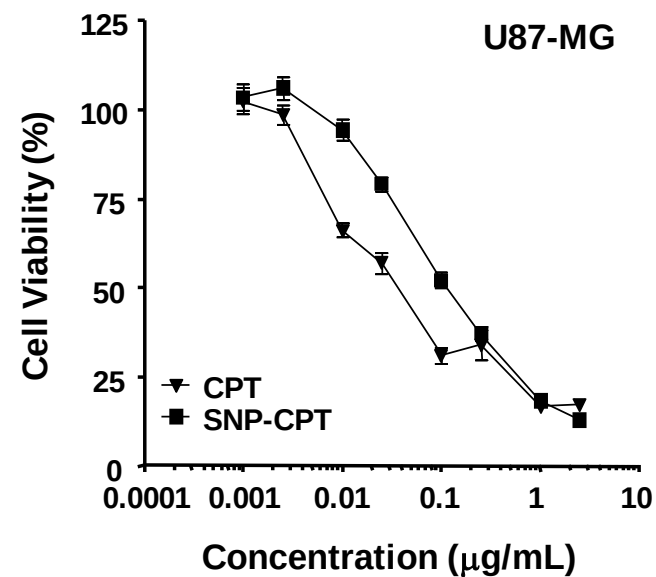
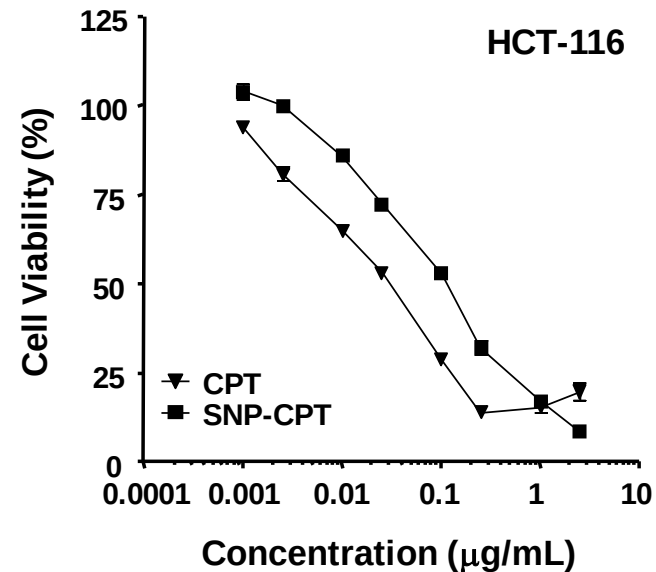
INCREASING EFFECTIVE DOSE REACHING TARGET CELLS

SLOW RELEASE OF DRUGS

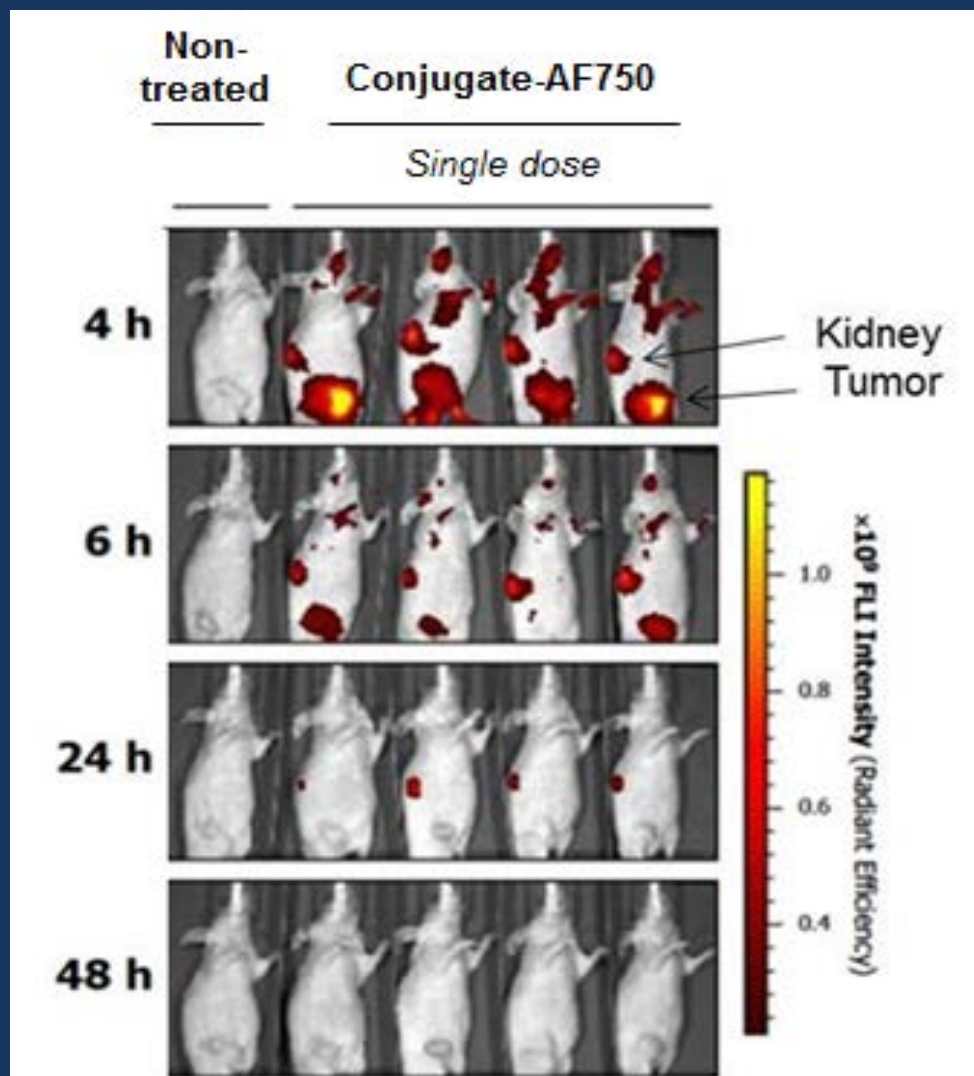
Toxicity reduction



Botella P et al, J Control Release. 2011

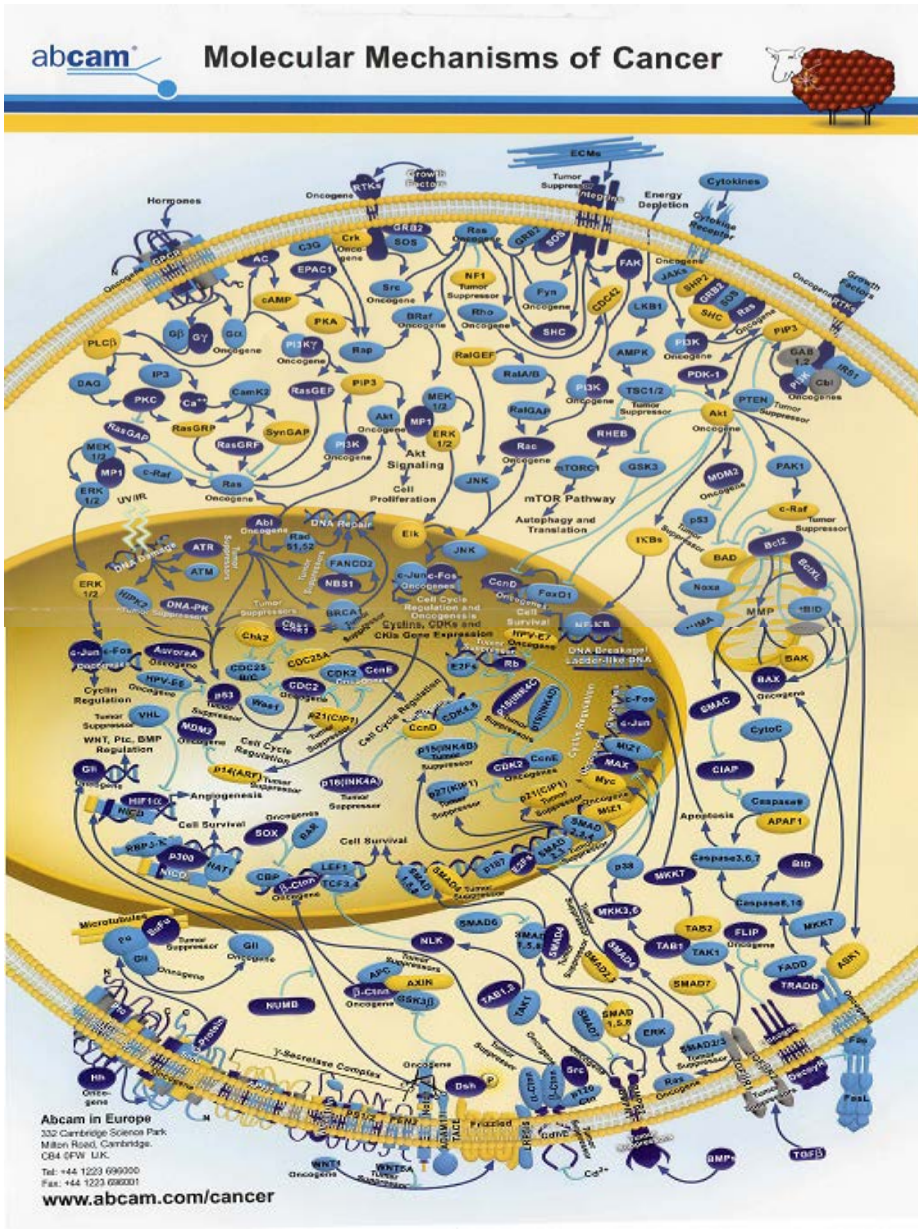
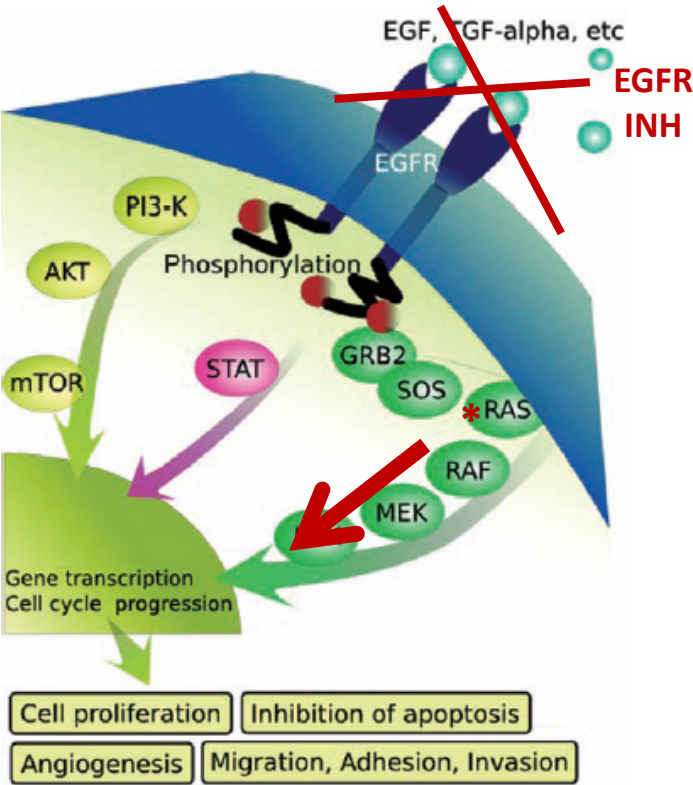


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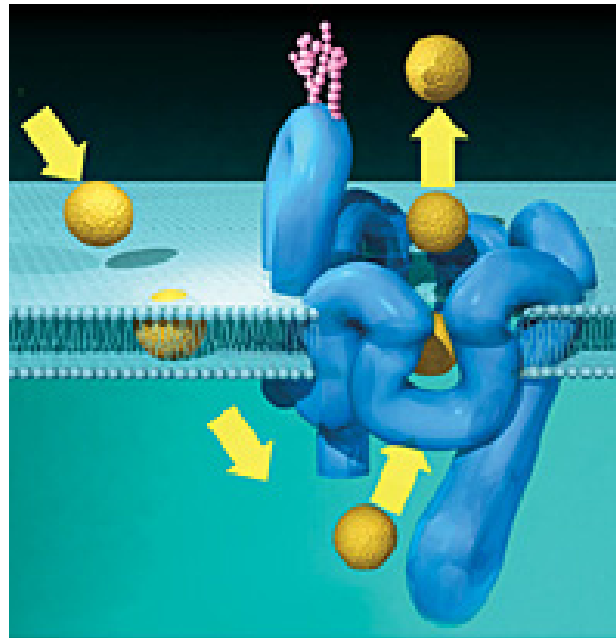




New mutations or epigenetic modifications might confer tumor resistance to current therapy

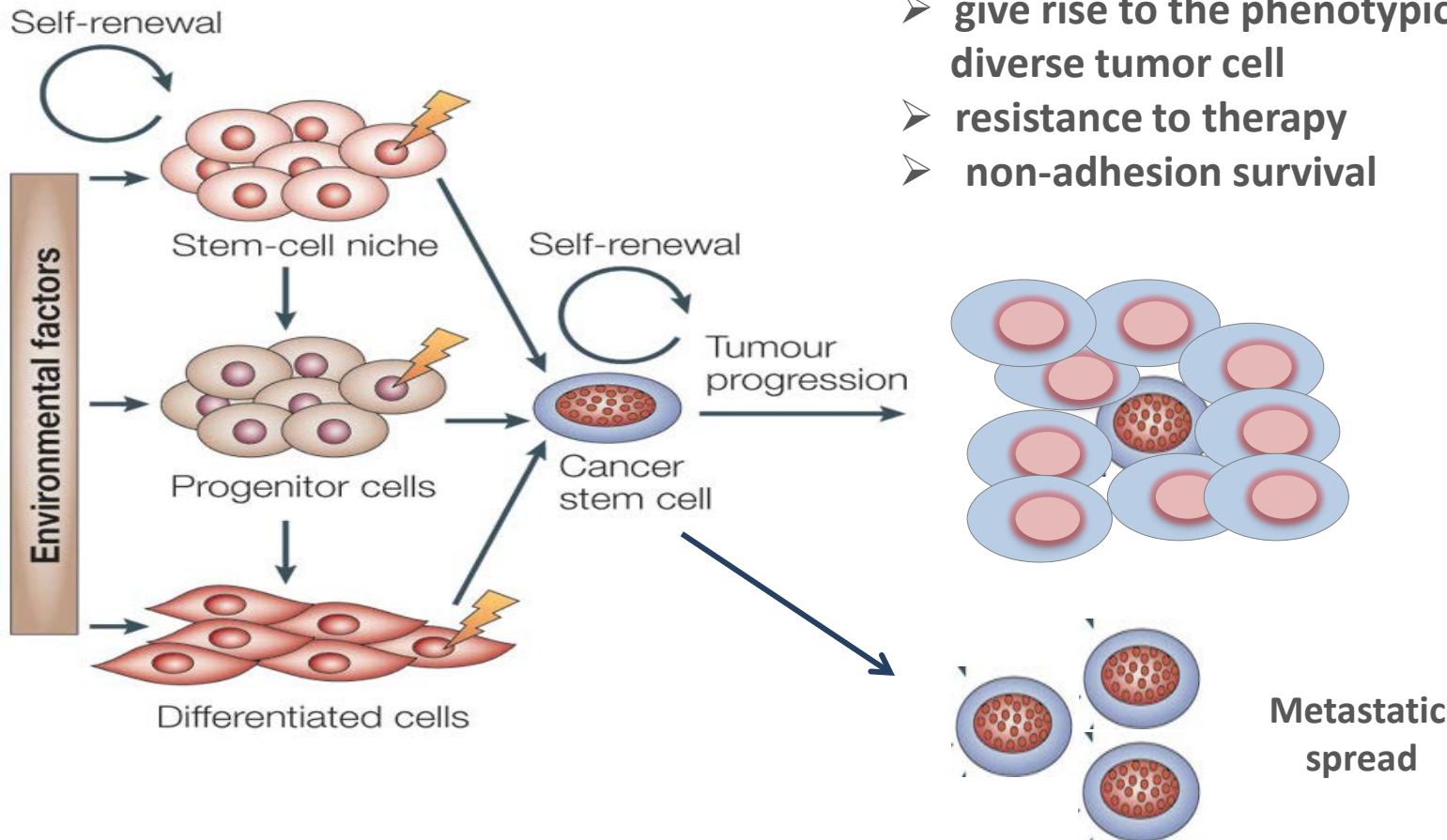


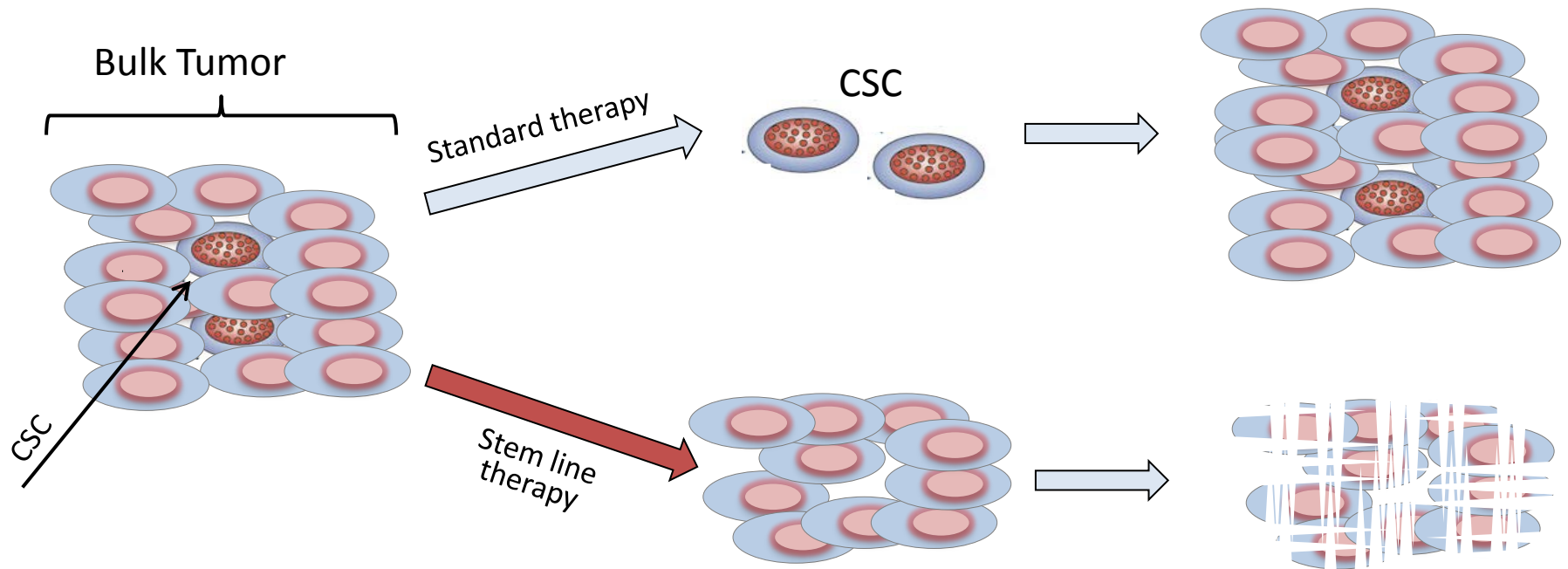
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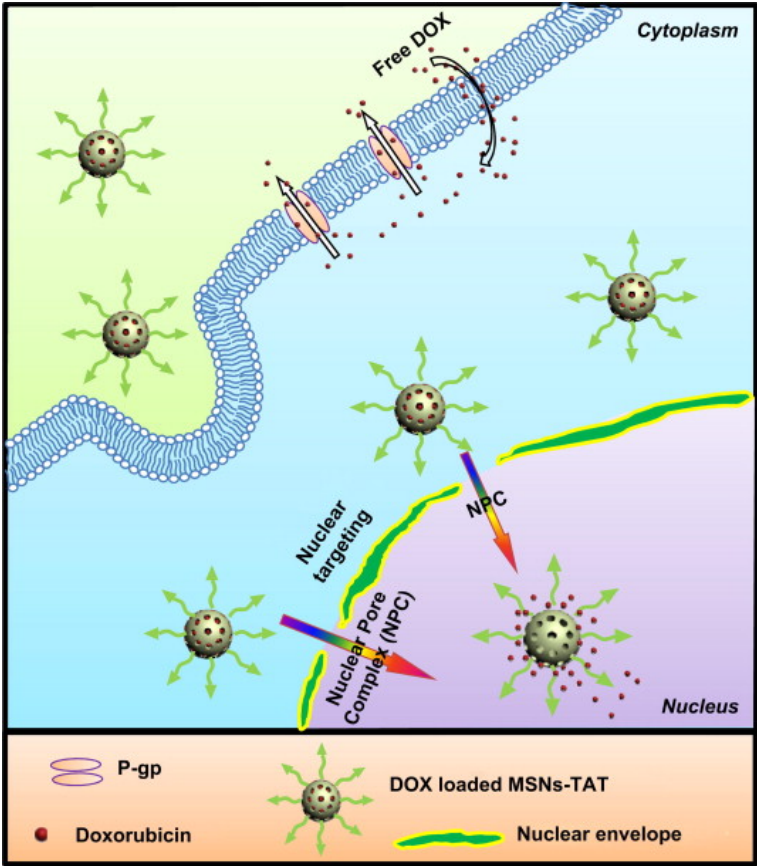
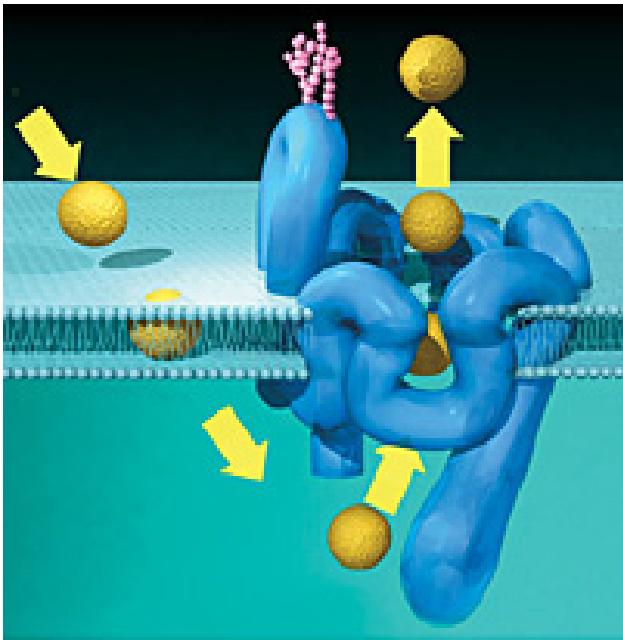




Some needs to consider:

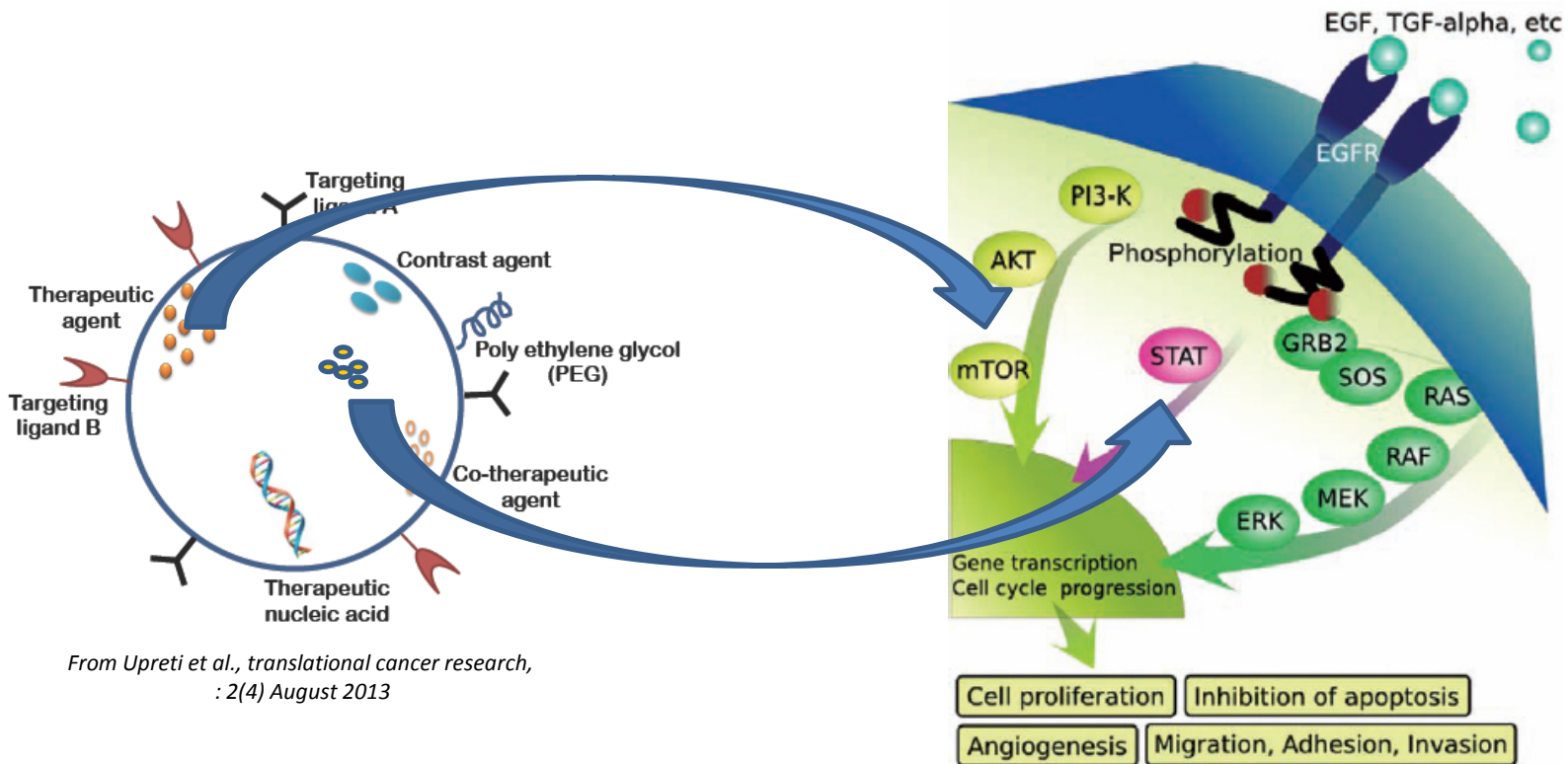
- Need drugs able to avoid the MDR system
- Combination therapy might overcome resistance due to new mutations/epigenetics (DDS might help to achieve feasible administration of various compounds)
- Need effective targeting to reduce metastatic spread of the disease (target CSC)

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Limin Pan et al., Biomaterials 34(11) April 2013, 2719–30

Combination therapy might help to overcome resistance

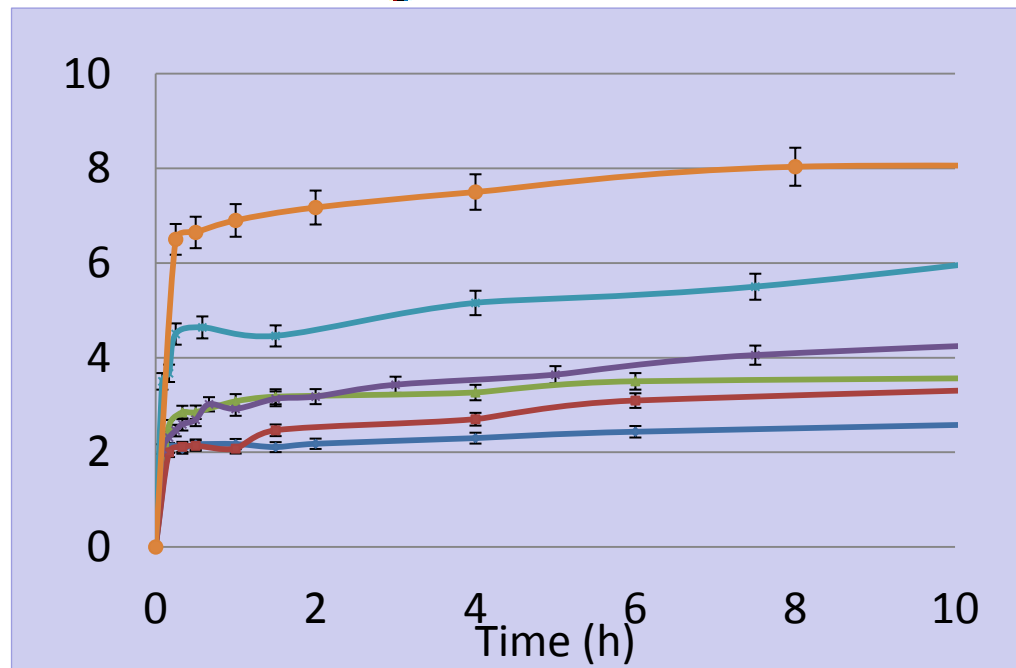
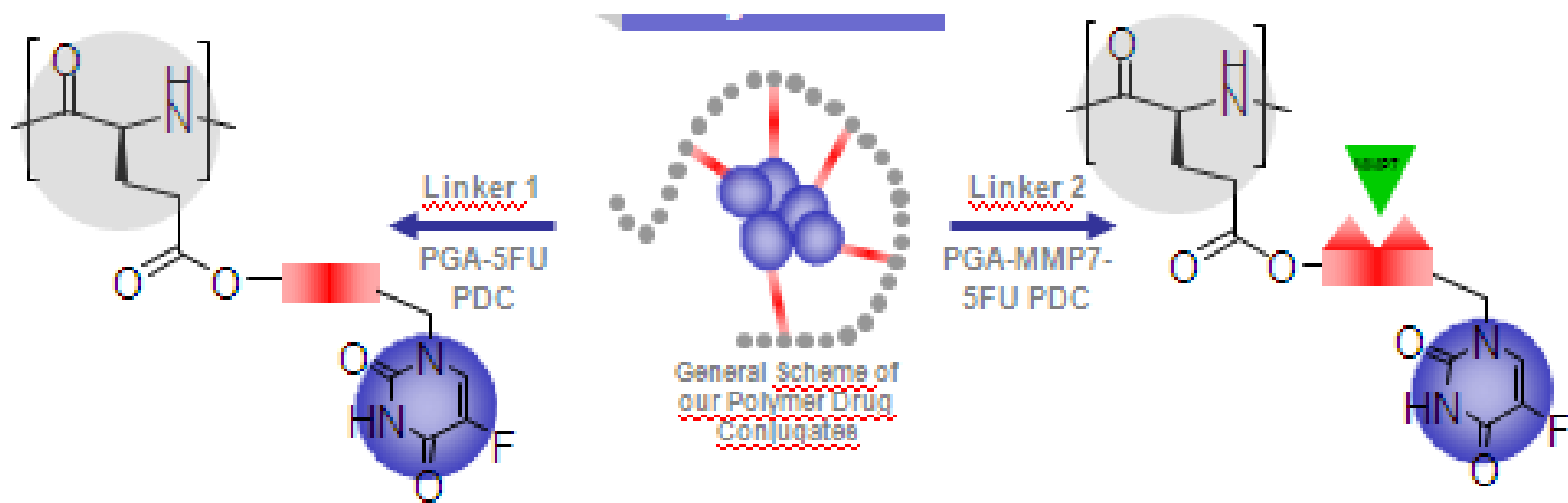


Nanoparticles help overcome Drug Resistance

- Endocytosis of DDS provide a scape mechanism
from MDR complexes
- several drugs can be loaded to overcome natural
tumor/disease resistance

What about targeting?

Metallotrigger Project



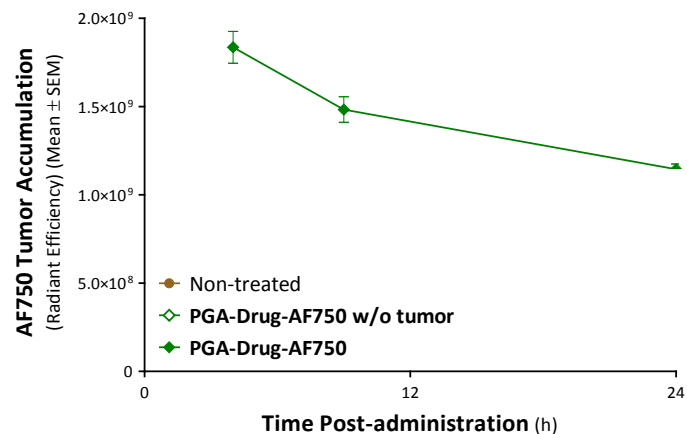
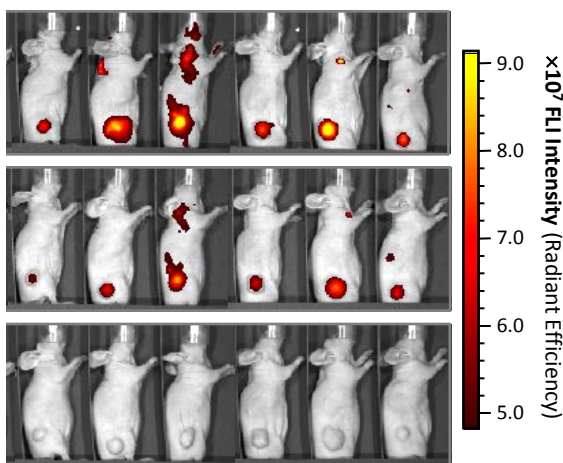
Cathepsin B

FLI: BIODISTRIBUTION. PGA-5FU-AF750

In vivo s.c. Tumor-accumulation

PGA-Drug-AF750

50 mg eq. drug/kg



Ex vivo Tissue-accumulation

Non-treated

PGA-Drug-AF750

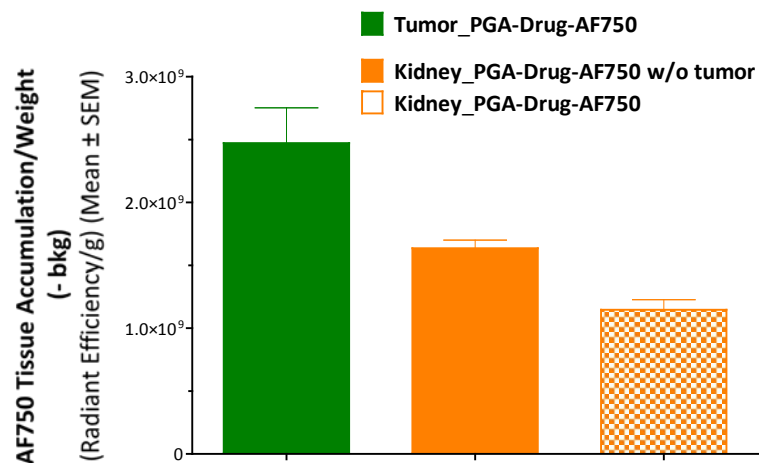
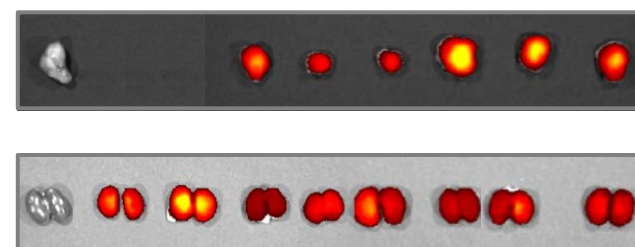
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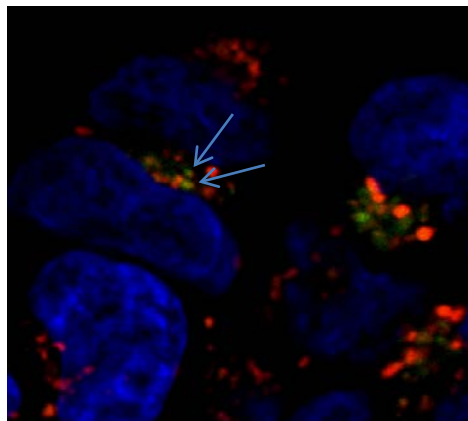
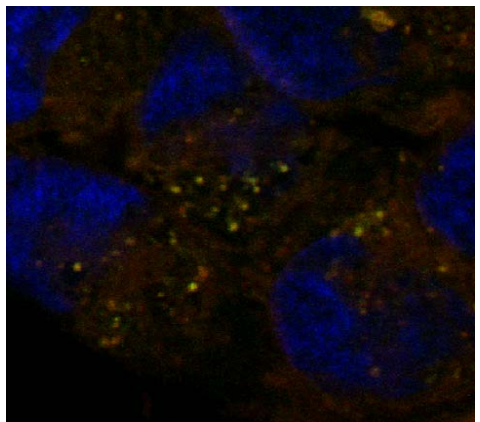
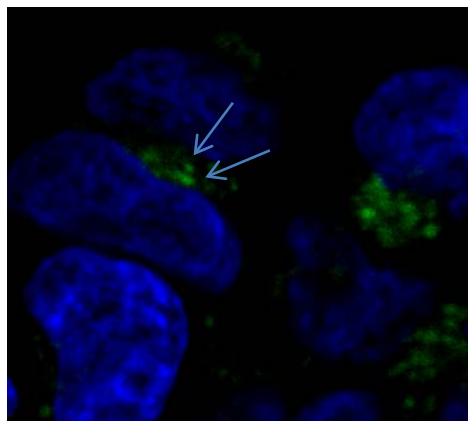
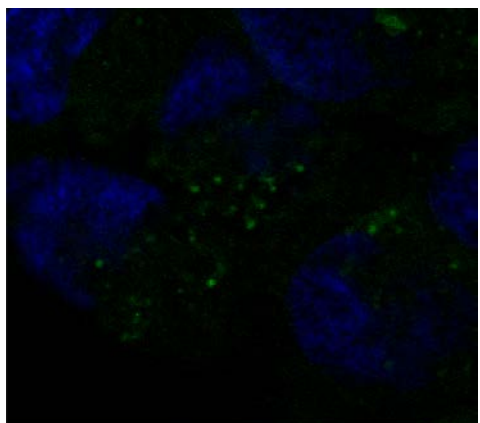
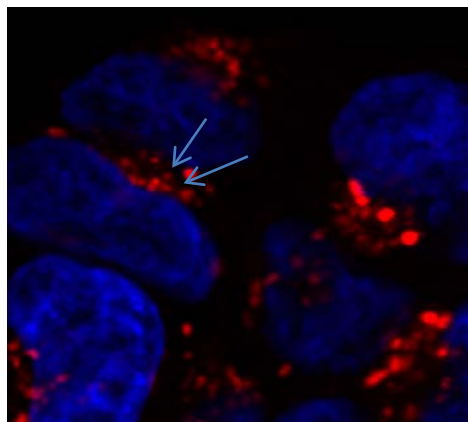
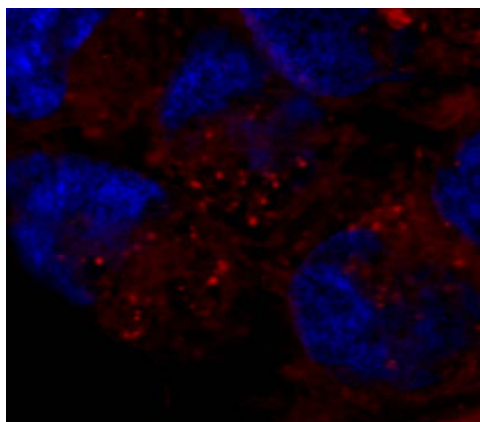
w/o tumor

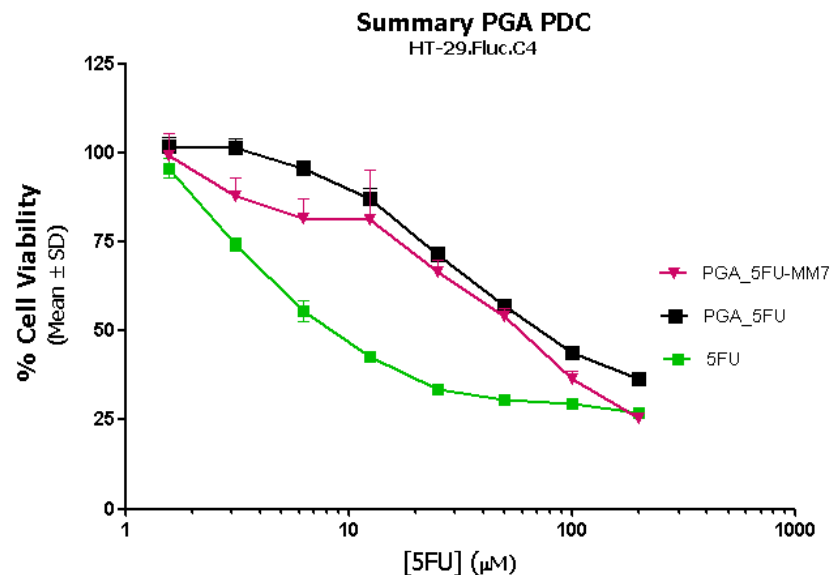
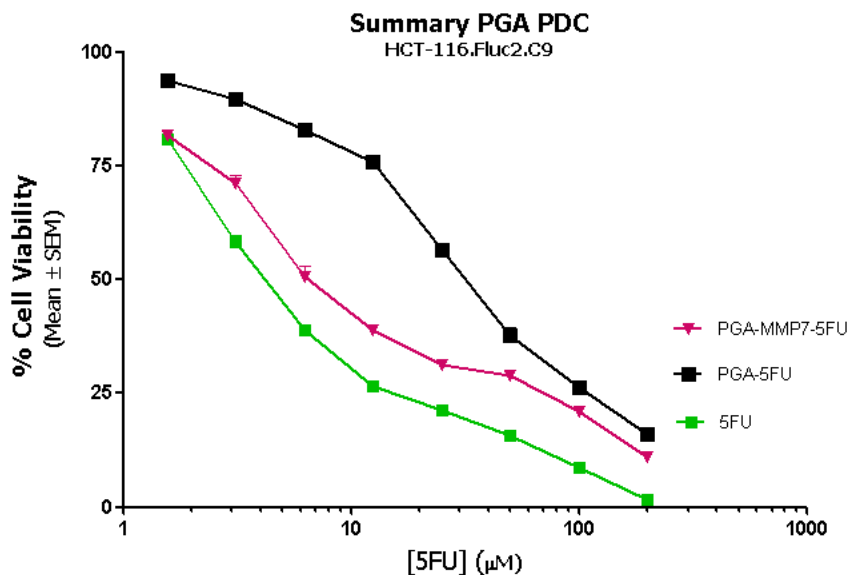
Tumor Accumulation

Renal Excretion

4 h



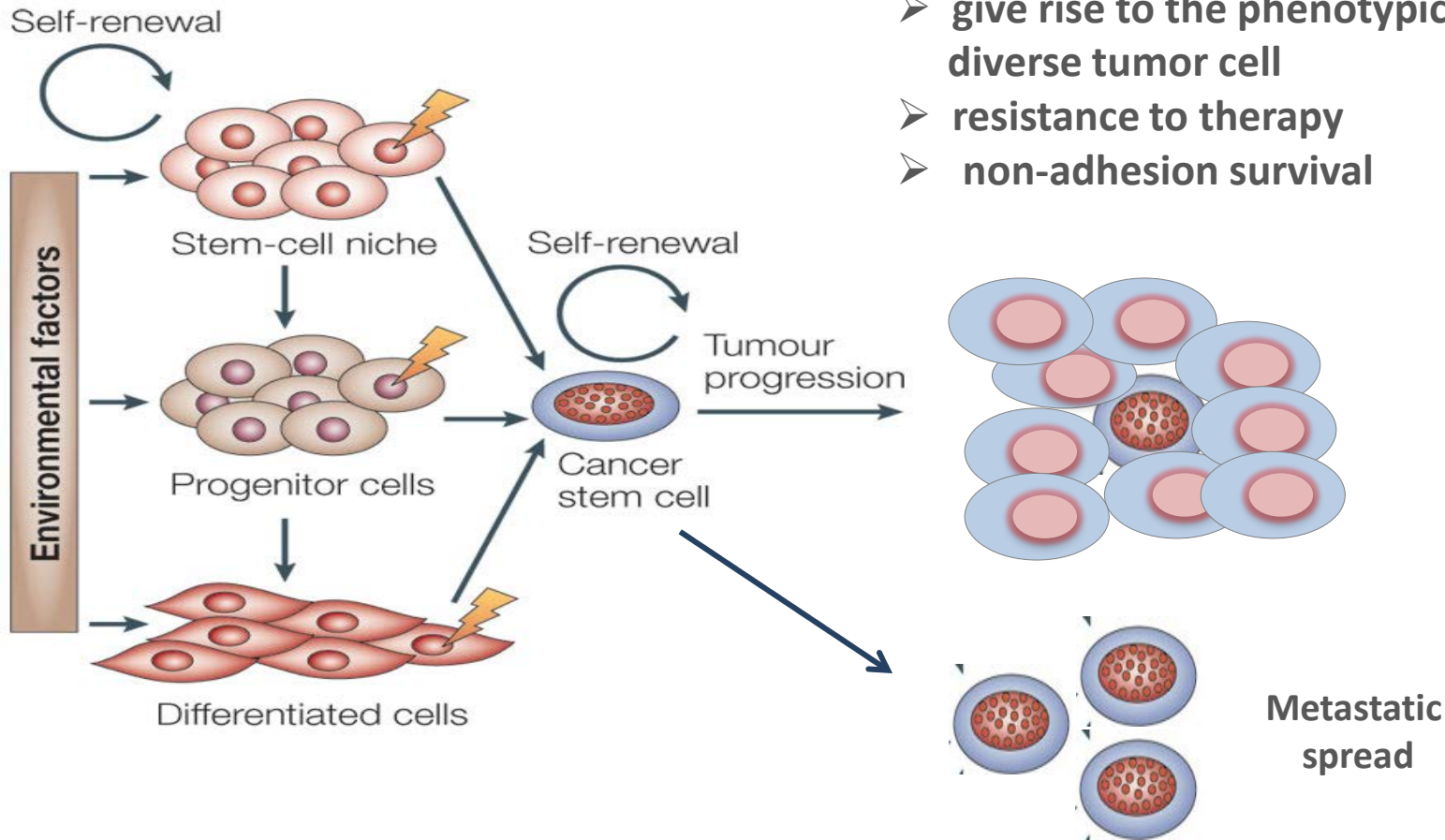


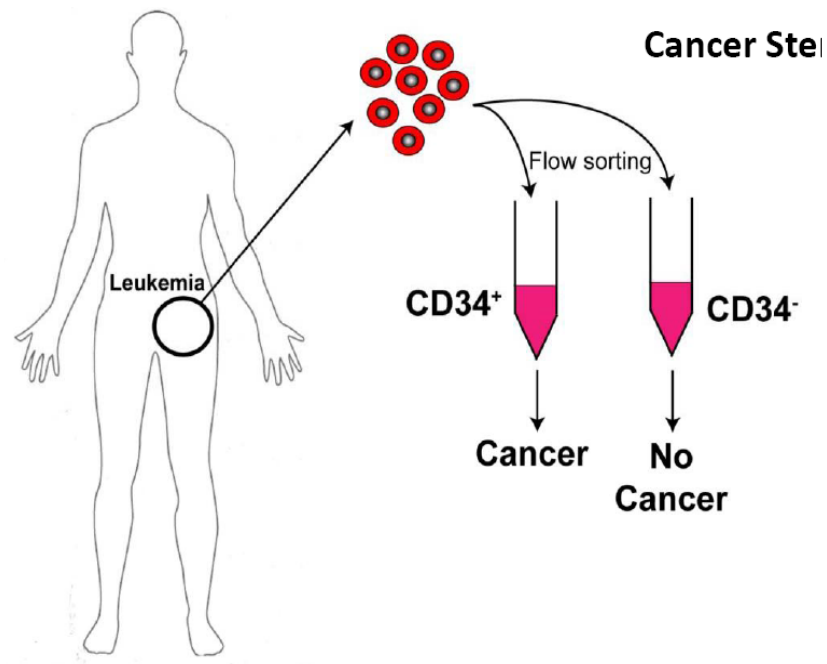


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HCT-116.Fluc2-C9	4.88	33.38	9.11
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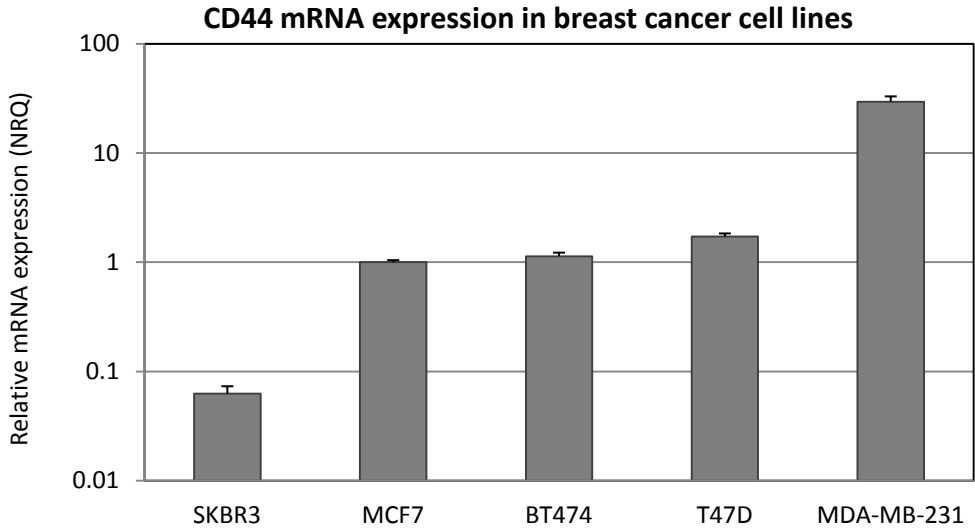
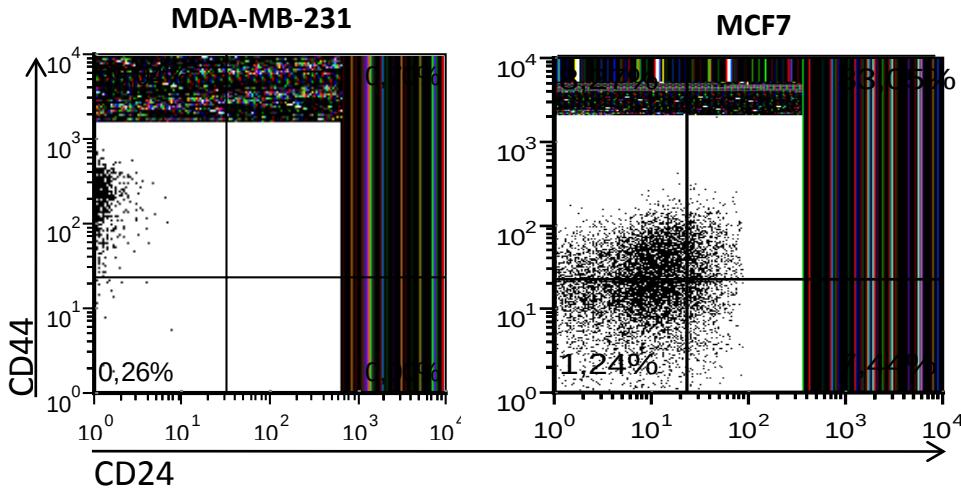




Tumor type	Cell surface markers
Acute myeloid leukemia	CD34+ CD38-
Breast cancer	CD44+ CD24-/low
Brain tumor	CD133+
Prostate cancer	CD44+
Metastatic melanoma	CD20+
Hepatic cancer	CD133+
Head and neck cancer	CD44+
Pancreatic cancer	CD44+ CD24+ ESA+

- Key assays for demonstrating CSCs
 - In vivo tumorigenic model performed in immunodeficient mice
 - More tumorigenic than the unsorted tumour population
 - Often referred to as tumor initiating cells (TICs)
 - Complemented by the in vitro “sphere forming” assay or colony forming assays

Bonnet D, Dick JE. *Nat Med.* 1997 Jul;3(7):730-7

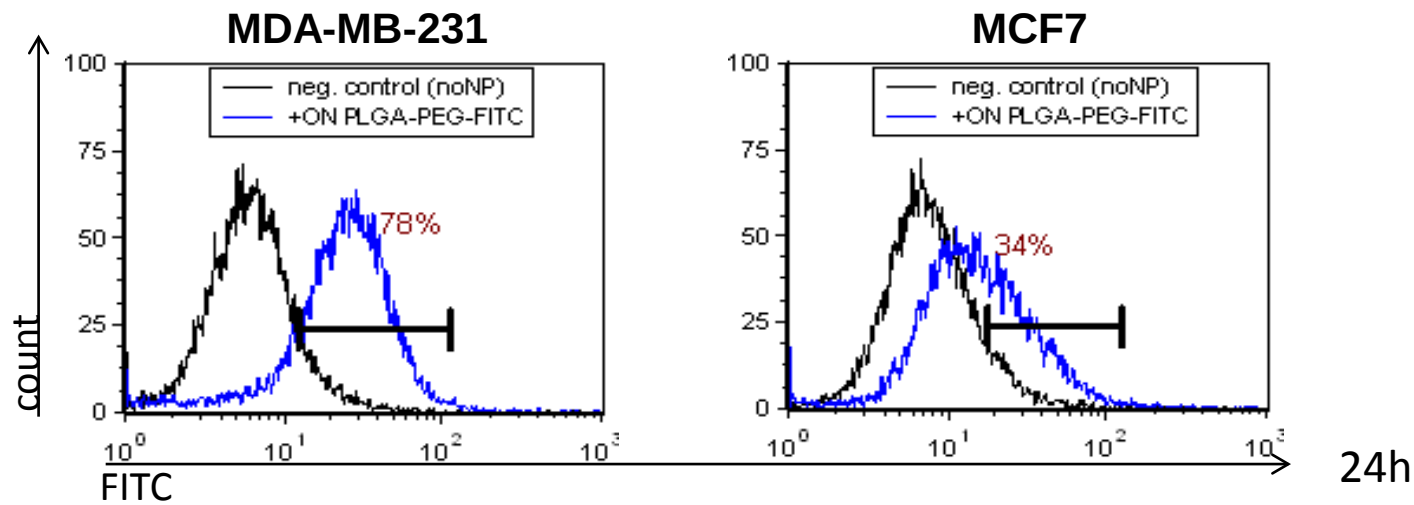
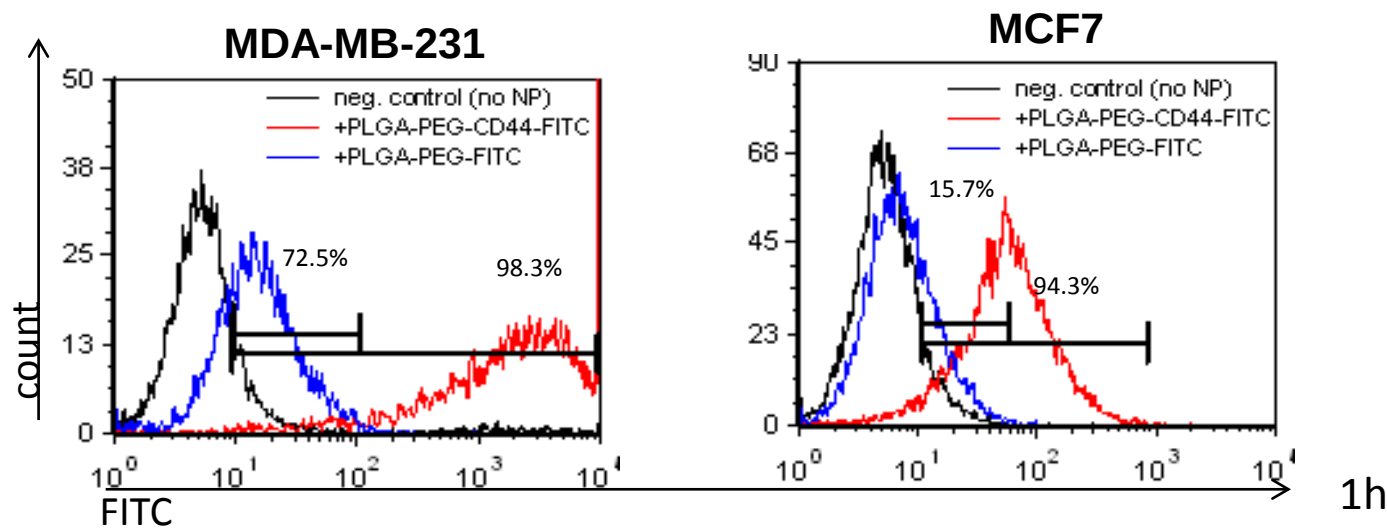


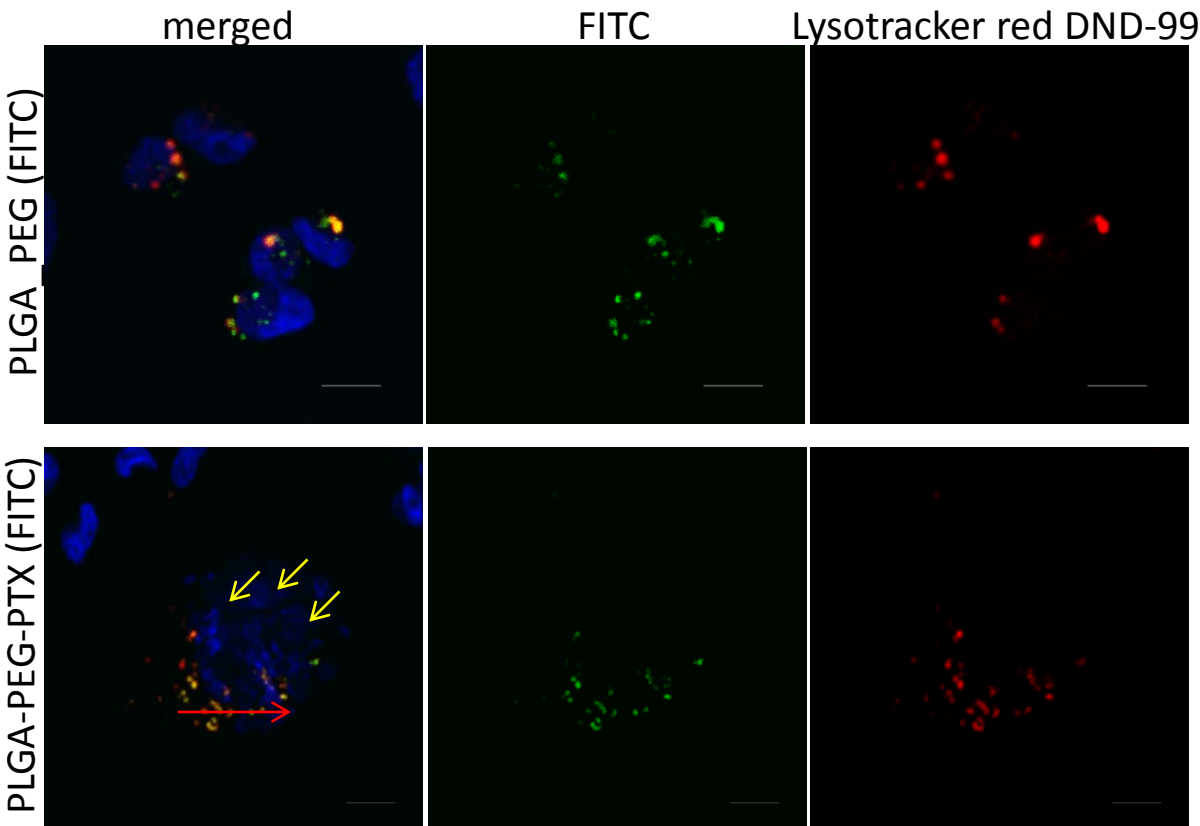


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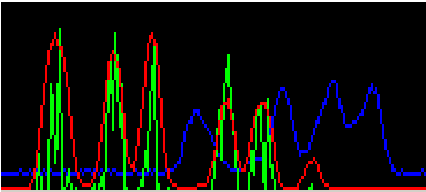


A diagram showing a cross-section of a microtubule. It consists of a central core of red spheres, surrounded by a ring of green spheres, which is further surrounded by a network of blue lines representing protofilaments. Blue arrowheads point outwards from the blue lines.





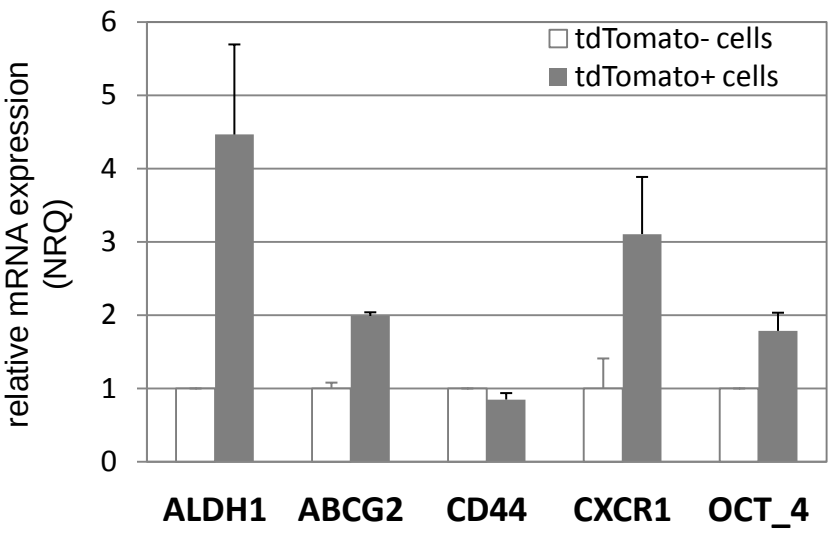
Fluorescence intensity plot



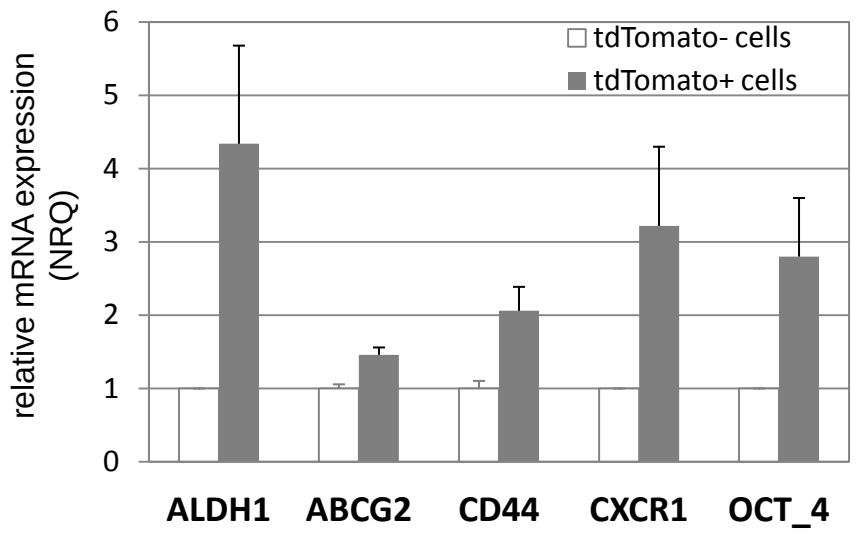
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CSC in vitro model: EXPRESSION OF STEMNESS MARKERS

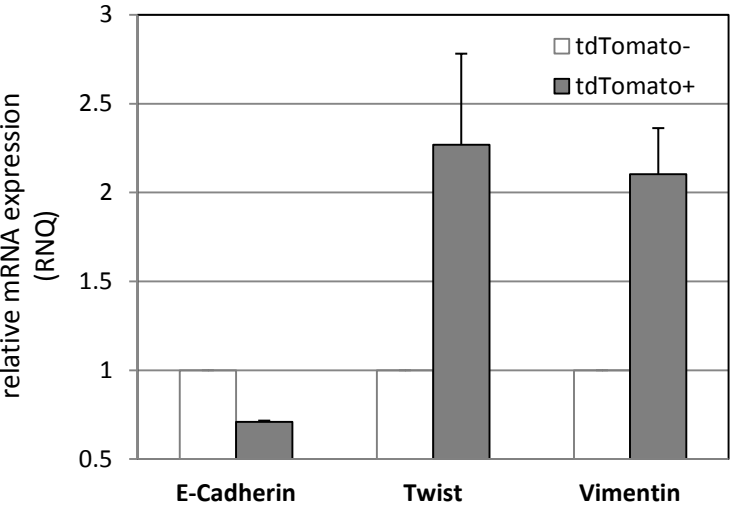
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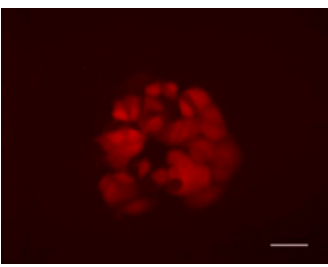
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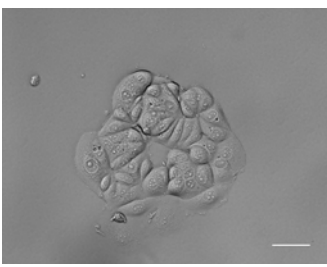
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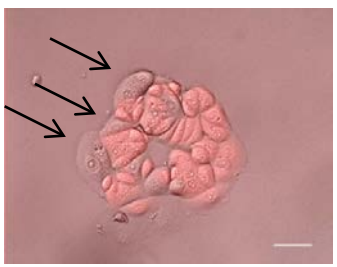
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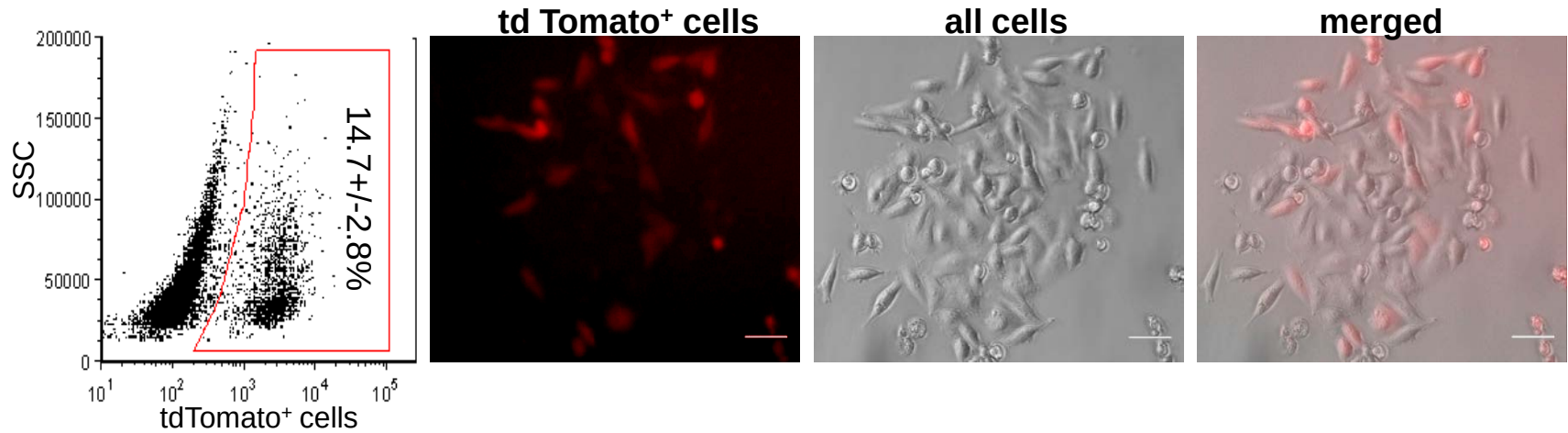
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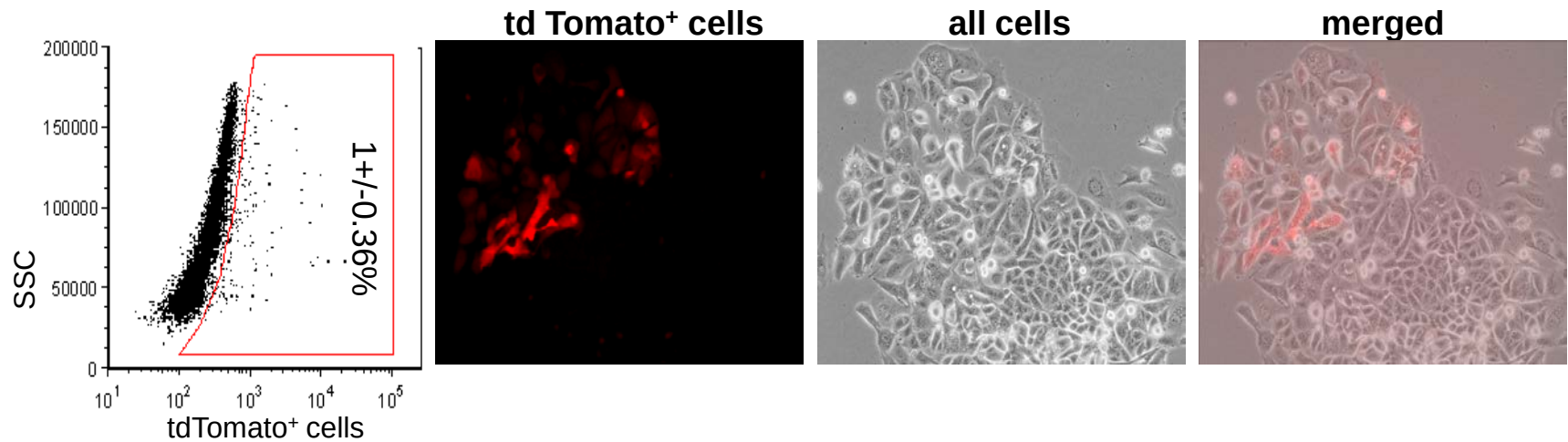
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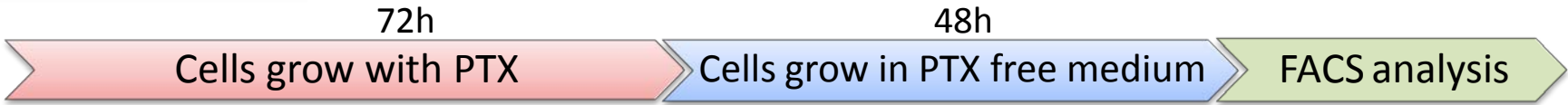


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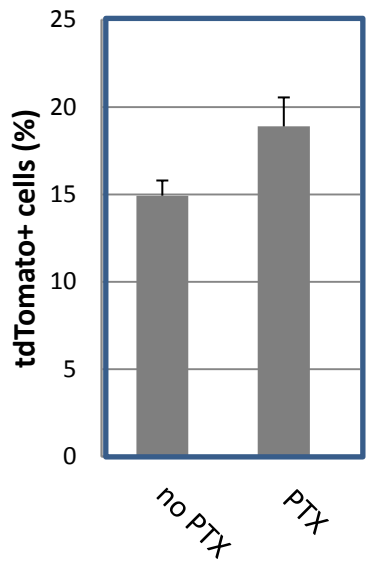


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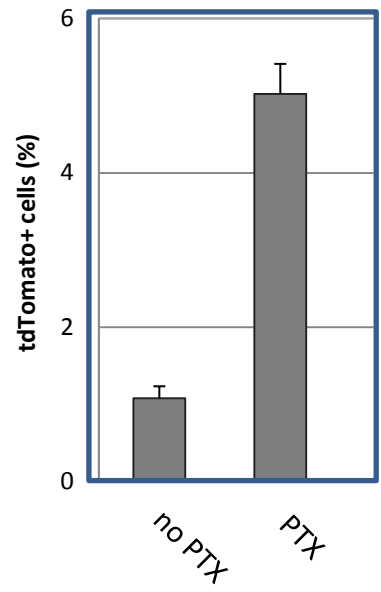


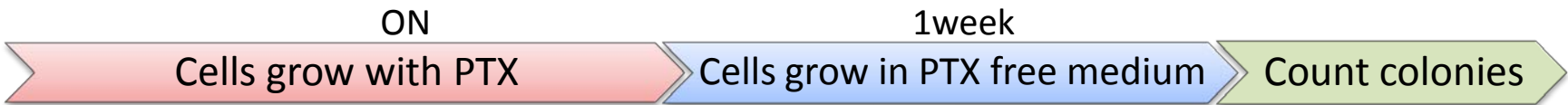


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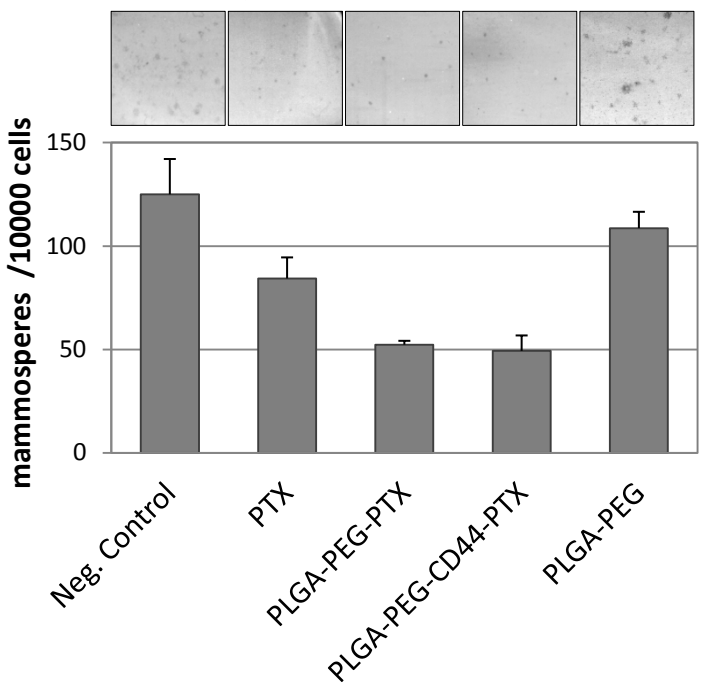


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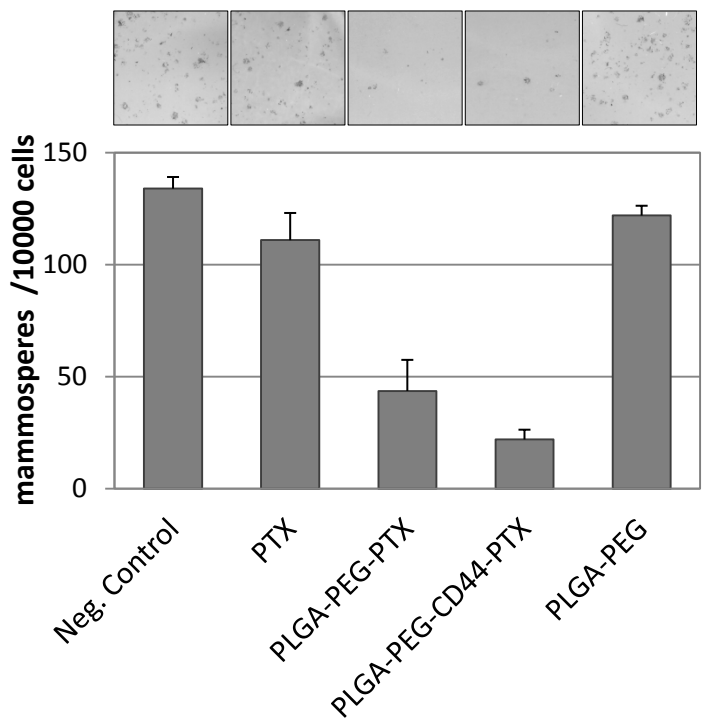




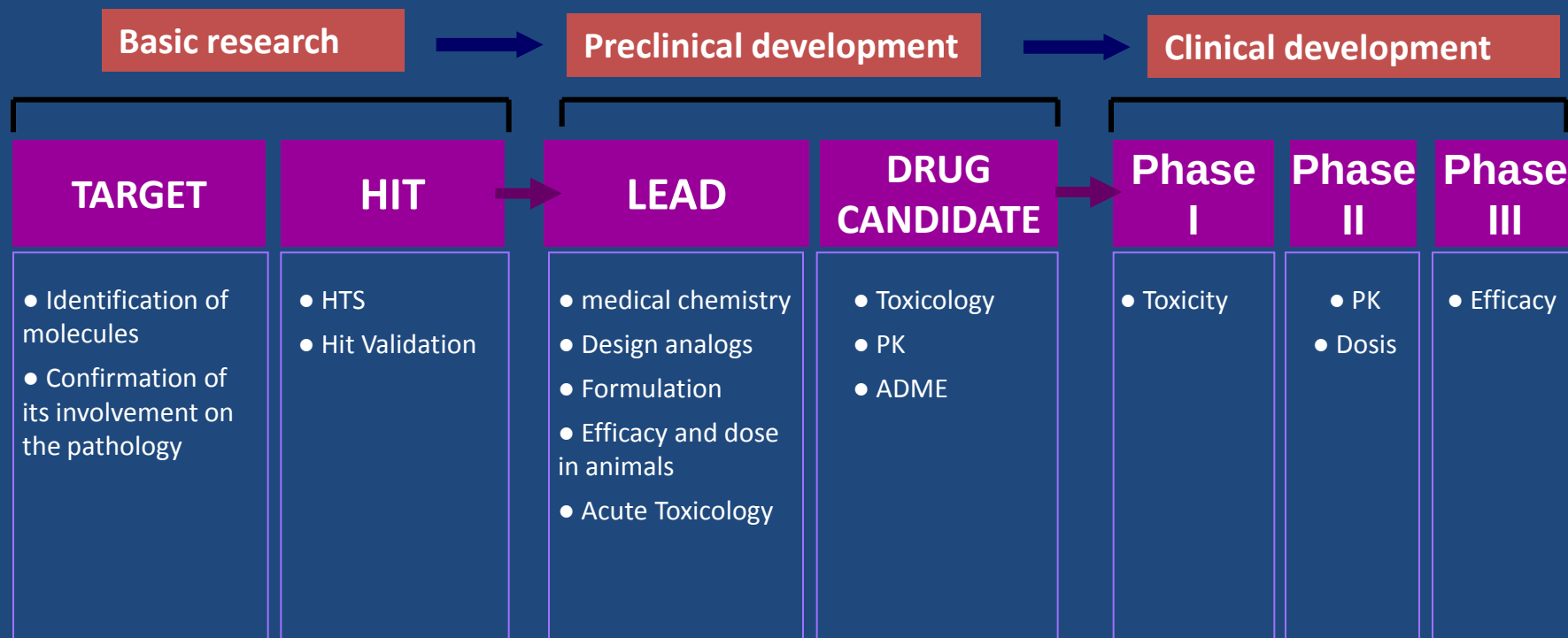
Mammospheres formation MDA-MB-231



Mammospheres formation MCF7



Drug development pipeline: *from discovery to the clinic*



Validation in vitro - in vivo

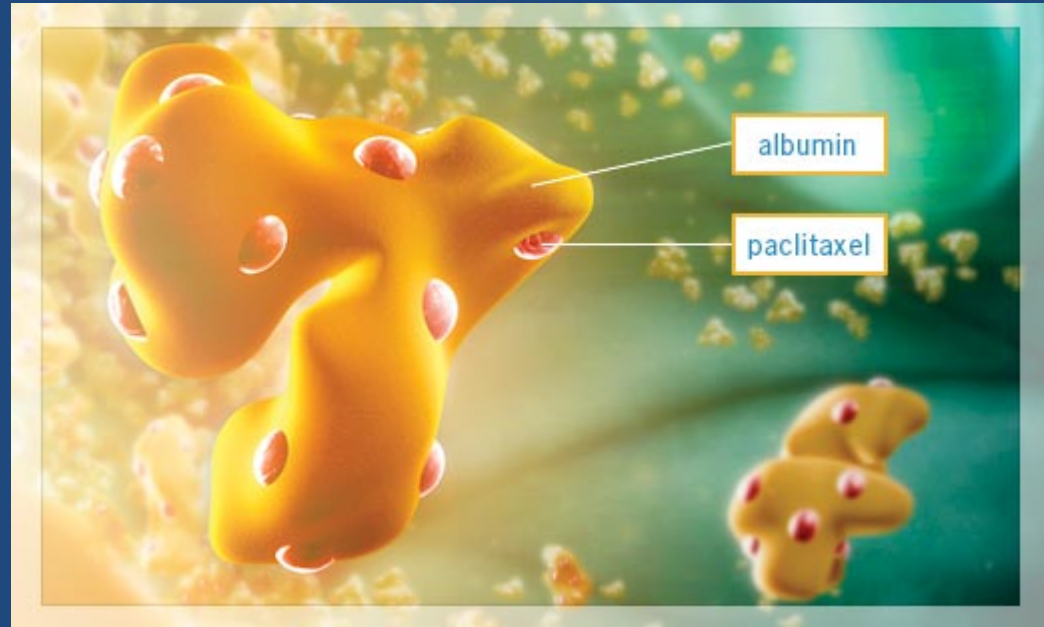
FDA Approves Novel Abraxane Drug for Pancreatic Cancer

30% better survival when combined with Gemcitabine

originally approved for treatment of breast cancer, under the circumstances that a patient's response to conventional chemotherapy had failed, or following a relapse.

later extended to included patients with a type of lung cancer, called non-small-cell lung cancer (NSCLC).

Active targeting is mediated by SPARC



Analyst for J.P. Morgan, Geoffrey Meacham, considered Abraxane's take-up would be relatively rapid, and its use would soon become standard practice. He estimates that sales could ultimately surpass \$750 million, yearly.

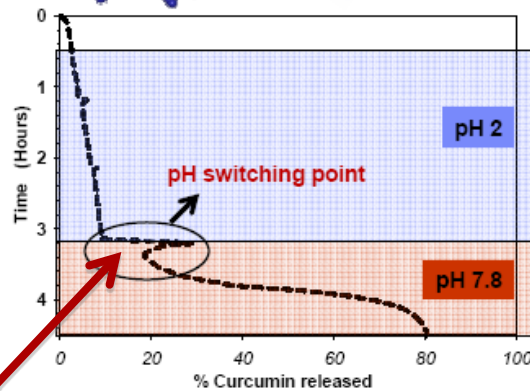
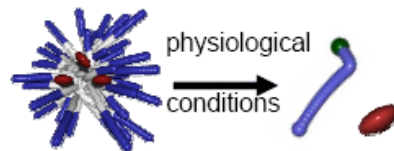
DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEMS

CAN BE ACTIVATED

BY EXTERNAL SOURCES

Delivery of Drugs, Genetic Therapies and Pharmaceutical Combinations

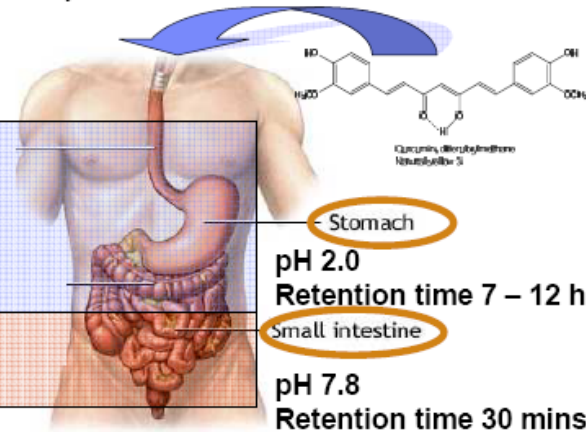
Drug Release from IBM's Biodegradable Polymers
e.g. Oral Delivery



Oral delivery: is a convenient means of introducing medicines into the body. Most medicines are introduced into the blood stream *via* the small intestine

Problems:

- Most medicines are sensitive to the extreme conditions in the stomach (unpredictable retention times in the stomach)
- Extremely short retention time in the lower intestine



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LIGHT (NIR) AS EXTERNAL SOURCE

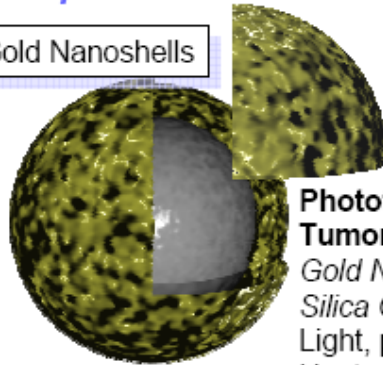


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4. Theranostic Nanoparticles:

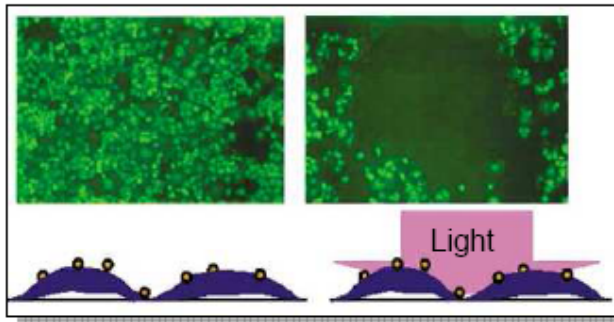
Nanoparticles that Locate, Report AND Treat Disease, Earlier and Faster

Gold Nanoshells



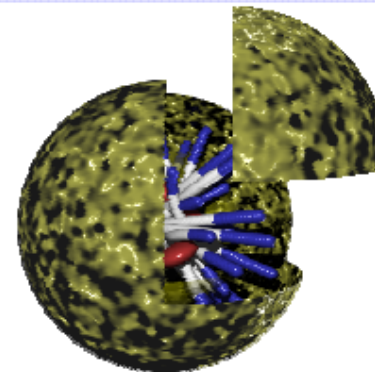
**Photothermal Ablation
Tumor Treatments:**

*Gold Nanoshells around
Silica Cores Absorb NIR
Light, producing Localized
Heat which Kills Tumor Cells*



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Drug Loaded Gold Nanoshells @ IBM

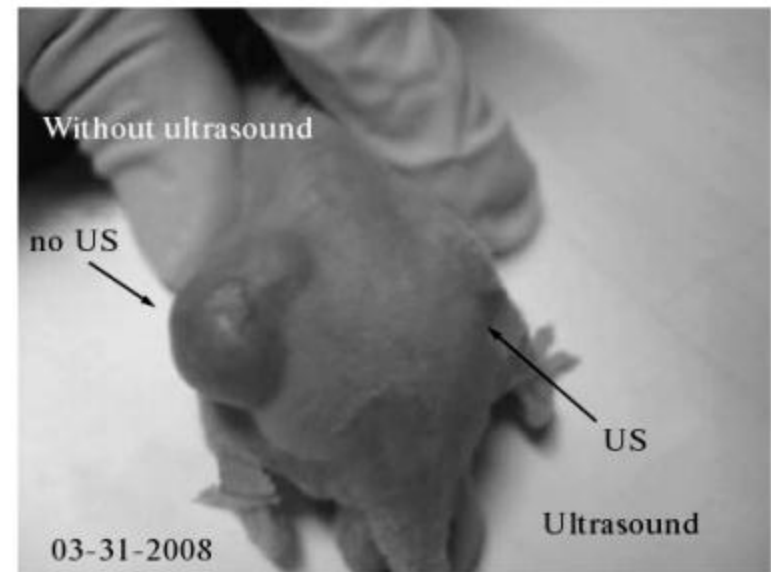
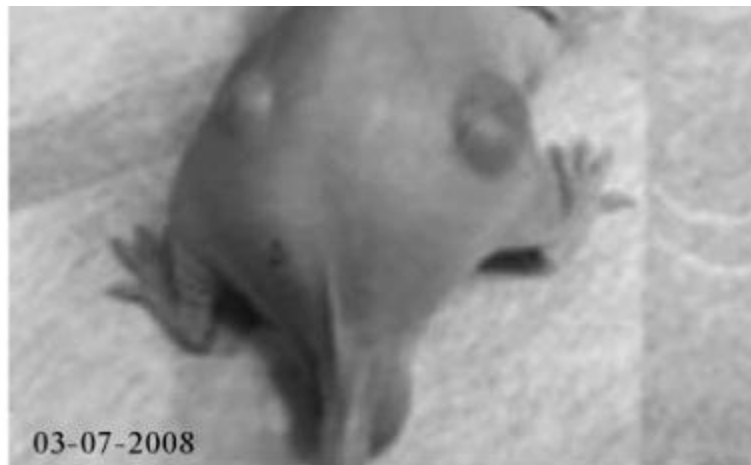
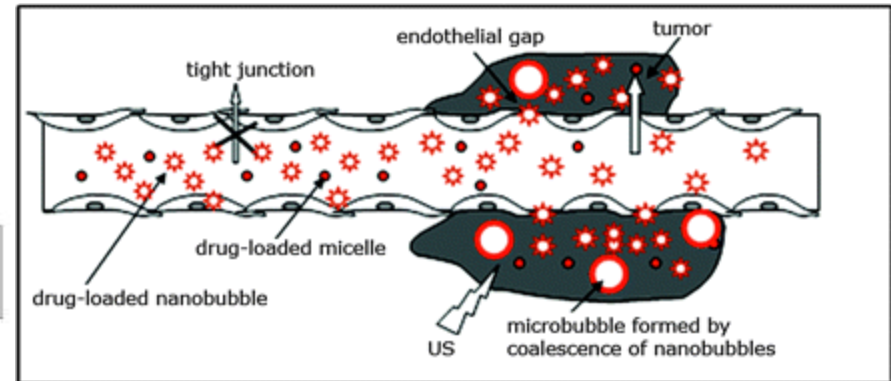
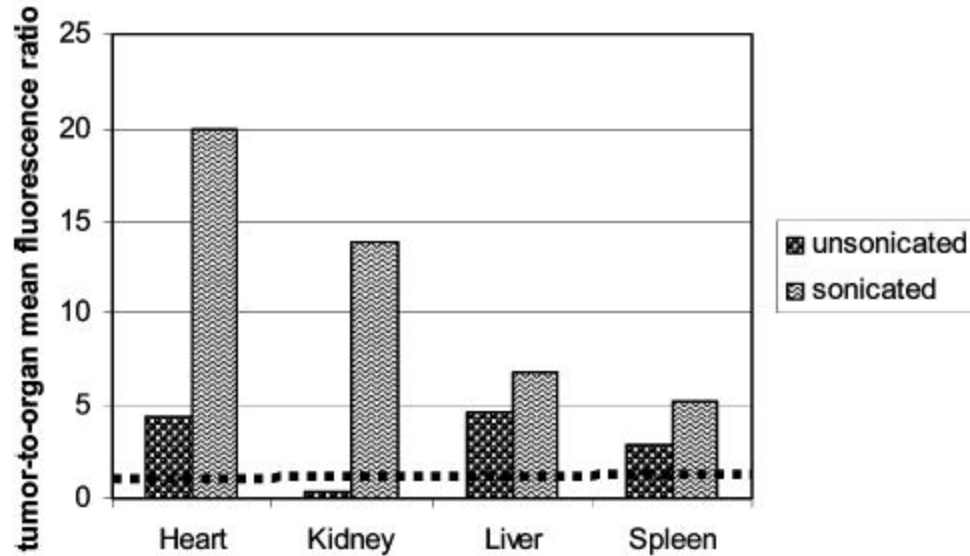


**2nd Generation Photothermal Ablation
Tumor Treatments: Polymer/drug Cores**

- New: addition of secondary drug delivery capability (porous nanoshells)
- New: addition of secondary imaging contrast capability
- Cellular Targeting Surfaces

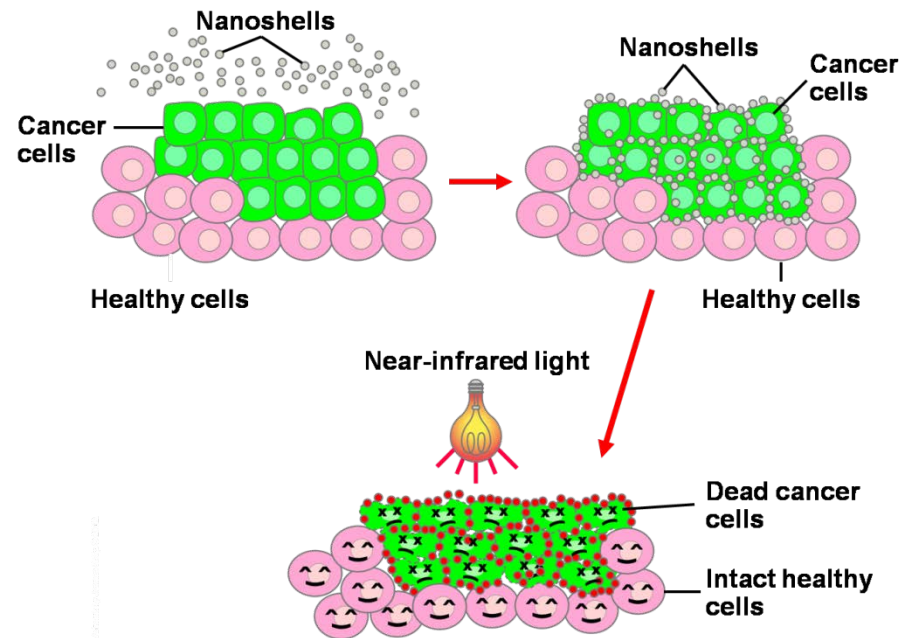
ULTRASOUNDS AS EXTERNAL SOURCE

Nanodroplets strongly retained the loaded drugs; yet, under ultrasound-mediated vaporization they released the drugs into the tumor tissue . Rapoport NY et al, [Acoust Phys.](#) 2009 Oct 1;55(4-5):594-601.



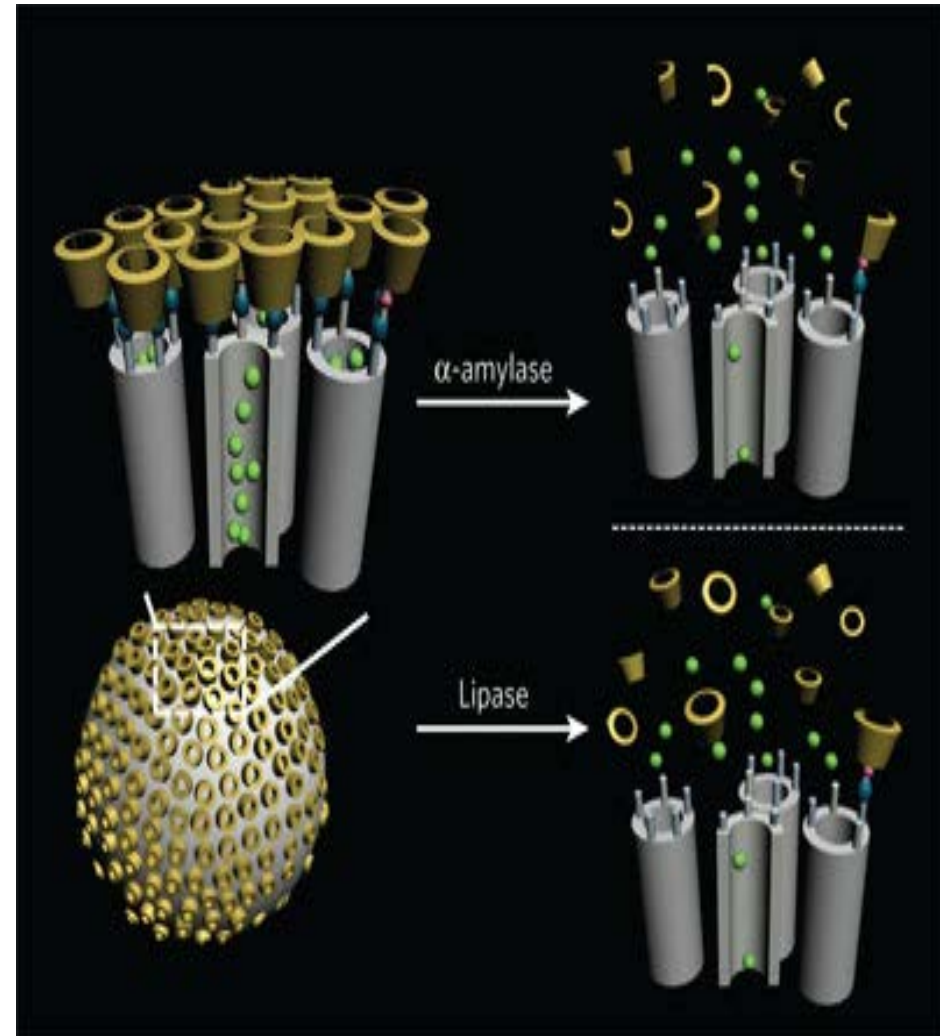
MAGNETIC FIELD AS EXTERNAL SOURCE

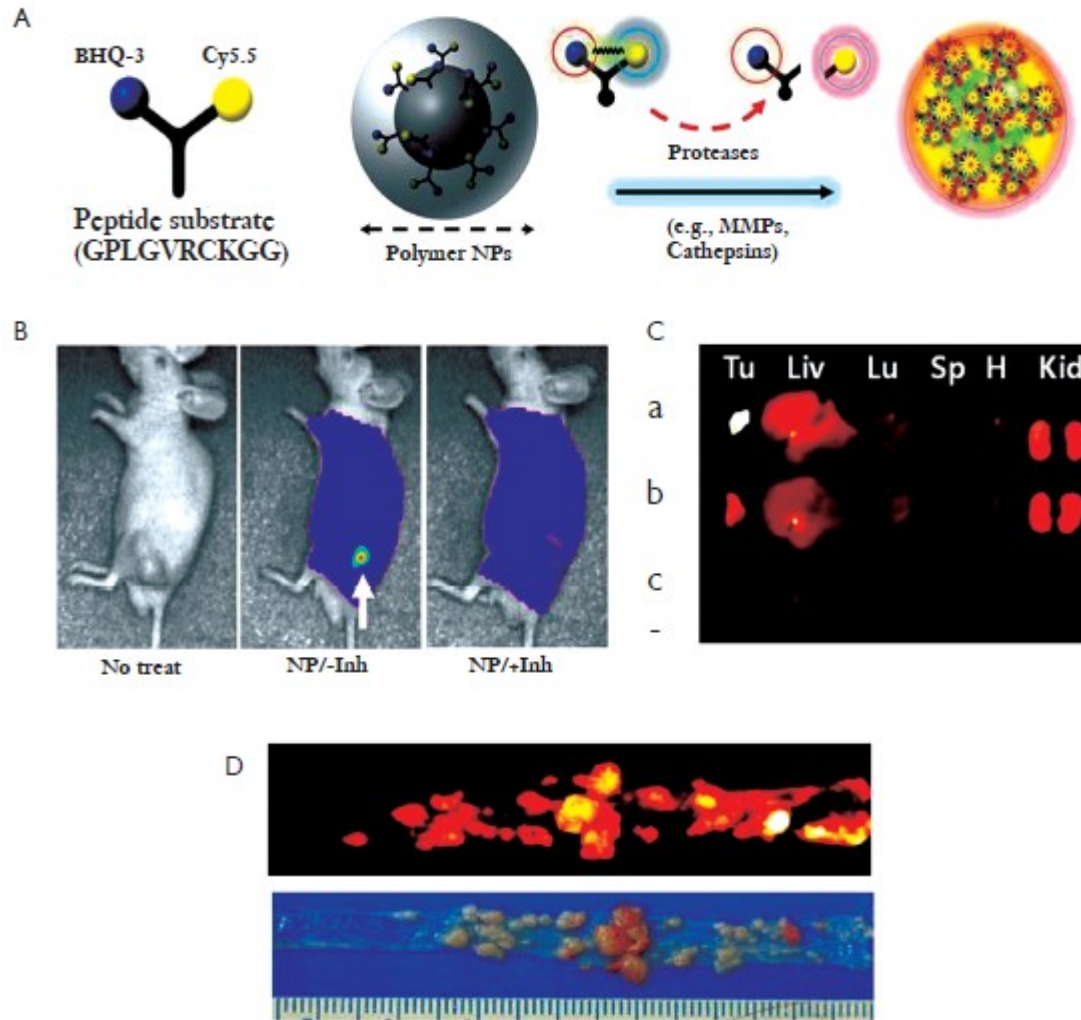
- Thermal ablation of cancer cells
 - Nanoshells have metallic outer layer and silica core
 - Selectively attracted to cancer cells either through a phenomena called enhanced permeation retention or due to some molecules coated on the shells
 - The nanoshells are heated with an external energy source killing the cancer cells



Thermal ablation of cancer cells assisted by nanoshells coated with metallic layer and an external energy source – National Cancer Institute

- Nanoscience does have an impact on several areas of microbiology. It allows for the study and visualization at the molecular-assembly levels of a process.
- It facilitates identification of molecular recognition and self-assembly motifs as well as the assessment of these processes





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