# Regeneración cardíaca utilizando nano y microtecnología

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## Cardiovascular Diseases (CVD)

- Number one cause of death in the world: 30% of all global deaths
- Nearly half (48%) of all deaths in Europe
- Spain: 31.2% of all deaths



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## **Physiopathological Aspects**



Myocardial infarction

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## **Cardiac Regeneration**



## **Clinical Trials in Cardiac Diseases**

Protein	Route	Trial	n	Outcomes	Study
FGF-1	ІМ	Phase I	20	Capillary density, but no evidence of improved ventricular function	Schumacher <i>et al</i> ., 1998
FGF-2	IC	Phase I	25	Well tolerated dose-escalation trial in subjets with stable angina	Unger <i>et al</i> ., 2000
	IC	Phase I	52	★ Exercise tolerance, ↓ size of ischemic area	Laham <i>et al</i> ., 2000
	IC/ IV	Phase I	59	Perfusion and attenuation of stress-induced ischemia; no control group	Udelson <i>et al</i> ., 2000
	IC	Phase II	337	FIRST study;	Simons <i>et al</i> ., 2002
VEGF	IC	Phase I	14	Perfusion in patients treated with low-dose	Hendel <i>et al</i> ., 2000
	IC	Phase I	15	Well tolerated dose-escalation trial; <b>†</b> myocardial perfusion in half of patients at 60 days	Henry <i>et al</i> ., 2001
	IV	Phase I	28	A Myocardial perfusion and collateral density	Gibson <i>et al</i> ., 1999
	IC/ IV	Phase II	178	VIVA study; safe and well tolerated; no improvements in exercise tolerance and myocardial perfusion	Henry <i>et al</i> ., 2003
NRG-1	IV	Phase I	15	Safe and well tolerated; short-term improvements in cardiac function; no control group	Jabbour <i>et al</i> ., 2010
	IV	Phase II	44	Progressive improvements of cardiac function and anti-remodeling effect in patients with chronic heart failure, but no statistically significance differences	Gao <i>et al.</i> , 2010
EPO	IV	Phase I	44	Evidence of safety and biologic activity of erythropoietin in patients with acute myocardial infarction; increased expression of angiogenesis signaling proteins	Tang <i>et al</i> ., 2009
	IV	Phase II	529	A single high dose of EPO did not improve cardiac function after 6 weeks	Voors <i>et al</i> ., 2010

## **Clinical Trials in Cardiac Diseases**



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#### Lessons from Clinical Trials

- No availability of the protein on myocardium after bolus injection
- Protein therapy requires local administration and continuous exposure of protein



## **Polymeric Particles**

#### Poly (lactic-co-glycolic acid) - PLGA

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PLGA formulations on the market

Drug	Trade name	Company	Polymer	Route	Application			
buserelin acetate	Profact <sup>®</sup> Depot, Suprefact <sup>®</sup> Depot	Hoechst Marion Roussel	PLGA	s/c implant	prostate cancer			
goserelin acetate	Zoladex®Depot	Astra Zeneca	PLGA	s/c implant	prostate cancer, endometrioses			
leupr ace	FDA approved product for drug delivery							
	Trenantone®		PLA	suspension				
octreotide acetate	Sandostatin LAR <sup>®</sup> Depot	Novartis Pharma	PLGA	s/c suspension	GH suppression, anti cancer			
triptorelin	Decapeptyl <sup>®</sup> Depot	Debiopharma	PLGA	s/c depot injection	LHRH agonist, prostate cancer			
recombinant human growth hormone	Nutropin <sup>®</sup> Depot, [discontinued commercialisation since 06/2004]	Genentech- Alkermes	PLGA	monthly s/c injection	growth hormone deficiency			



#### **Growth Factors (VEGF) and Cardiac Repair**



# Total Recirculation One-Machine System (TROMS)



Lyophilization

Freeze-dried

particles

#### Formulation $W_1/O/W_2$ emulsion:

W<sub>1</sub>: HSA + PEG 400 in PBS

Organic Phase: PLGA in dichloromethane/acetone mixture

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## In Vitro VEGF Bioactivity

Human Iliac Artery Endothelial Cell line (HIAEC) proliferation assay



### In Vivo Biocompatibility of PLGA-Particles

#### Persistence of 5 µm-sized particles after the intramyocardial injection:

#### Histological study using Rhodamine-labeled-MP



1 week (Rhodamine, 2.5x)



1 week (DAPI/Rhodamine, 40x)



1 month (DAPI/Rhodamine, 40x)





### In Vivo Study: Experimental Design



### In Vivo study: Morphometric Analysis



\*\**P<*0.01



Sirius red staining (Left Ventricle, LV)

### In Vivo Study: Capillary Density



Caveolin-1: Endothelial cells marker (small capillary vessels)

### In Vivo Study: Arteriolar Density



NL-MP

VEGF-MP

VEGF



Smooth muscle alpha actin (SMA): arterioles/arteries marker

### In Vivo Study: Vessel Structure



#### In vivo Study: Vessel Structure



3D confocal images after immunofluorescence caveolin staining

### **Growth Factors**



## **Cardiomyocyte Proliferation Assay**

**HL-1 cardiomyocytes Proliferation** 



\*P<0.05, \*\*P<0.01, \*\*\*P<0.001 vs. control

FGF-1 and NRG-1 induce adult cardiomyocyte proliferation in vitro

## **Cardioprotection Assays**

Hypoxia-induced Apoptosis (ELISA detection of histone-associated DNA fragmentation)

Caspase 3/7 activity



FGF-1/NRG-1 combined treatment decreases cardiomyocyte apoptosis in vitro

### **Bioactivity of FGF-1/NRG-1 Released from MP**

**HL-1 cardiomyocytes Proliferation** 



## In vivo characterization of MP: engraftment



## Design of *in vivo* studies



## **Functional Results: Cardiac Function**



<sup>\*</sup>P<0.05 vs. NL-MP (control)

## **Functional Results: Infarct Size**



\*\*P<0.01 vs. NL-MP (control)



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## **Functional Results: Fibrosis**



\*\**P*<0.01 and \*\*\**P*<0.001 *vs.* NL-MP (control)



Sirius red staining

## **Vascular Density and Area**













## **Recruitment c-kit<sup>+</sup> progenitor cells**



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NL-MP



#### NRG1-MP



1 week cKit+ CD45- /mm<sup>2</sup> 5 \*\*\* 4









## **Cardiomyocyte Proliferation**



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NL-MP



3 months

NRG1-MP



## **Preclinical Model**



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Injection

Follow up

## **Preclinical Model**



# Summary



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