

# *'Big' Data, Gas and more: technology development to transform the patient experience*

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# **MOLECULAR GASTRONOMY-INSPIRED MATERIALS FOR THE TREATMENT OF INFLAMMATION**

# Gases are pharmacologic agents



- Carbon monoxide  
>10 ongoing trials
- Nitric oxide  
>50 ongoing trials
- Oxygen  
>100 ongoing trials

# Materials and Formulation Development



# Gas-entrapped materials (GEMs)

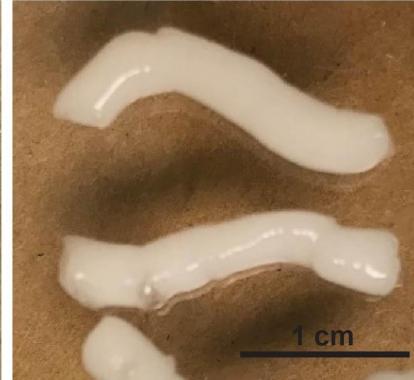
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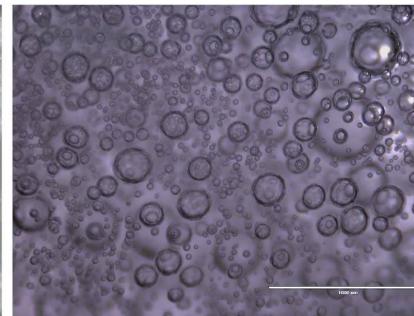
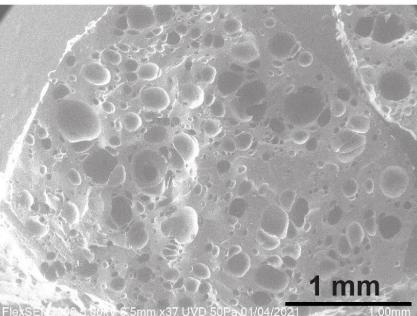
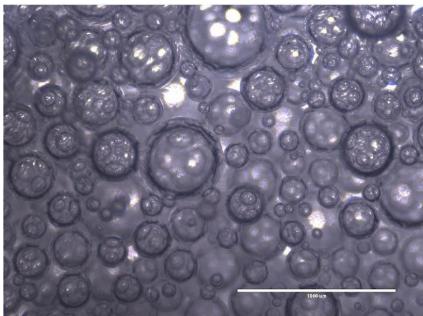
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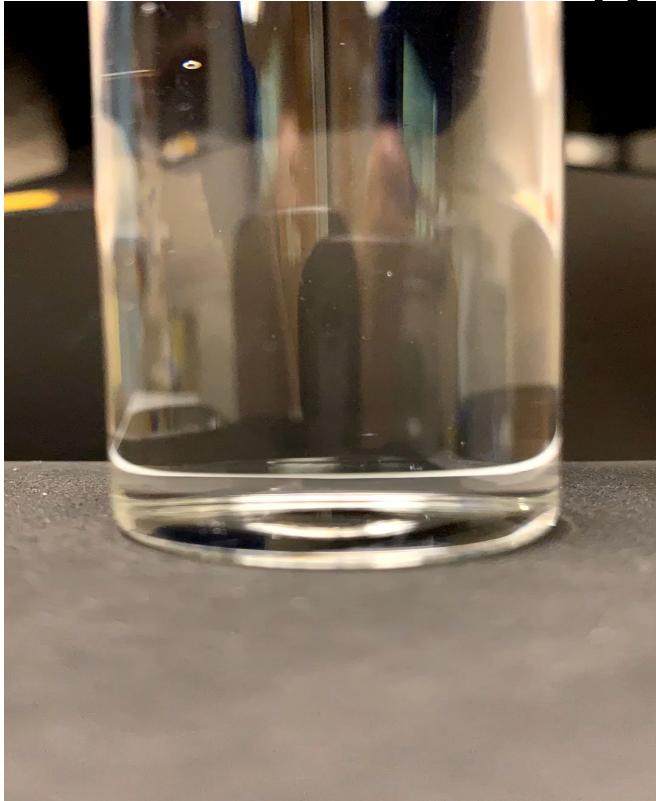
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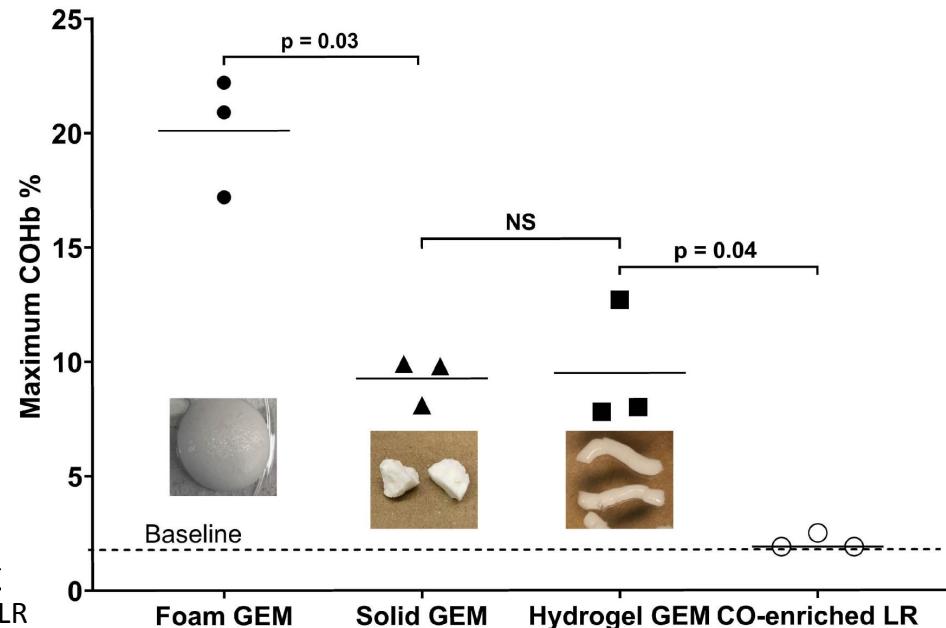
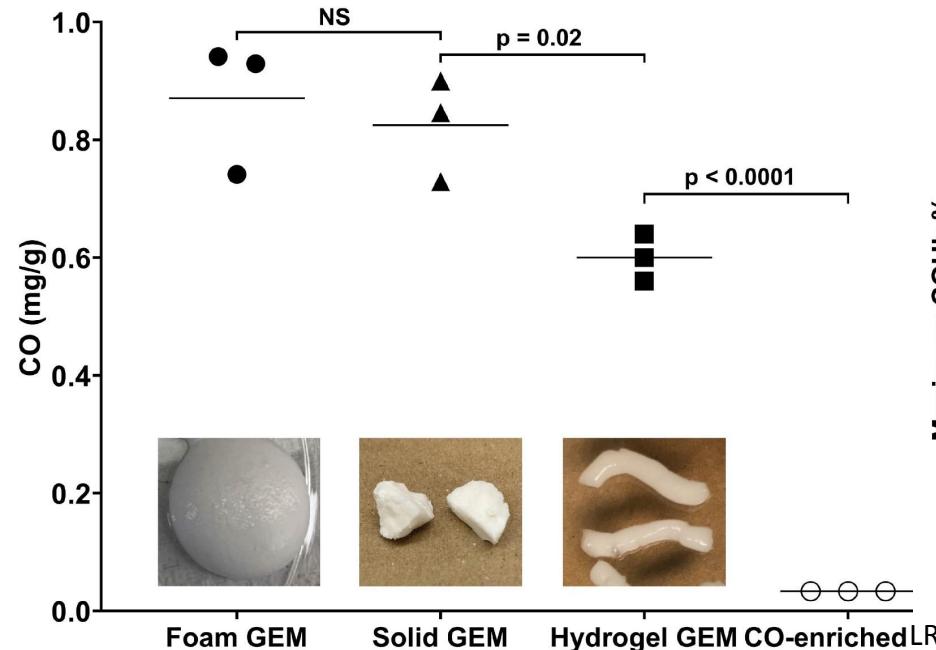
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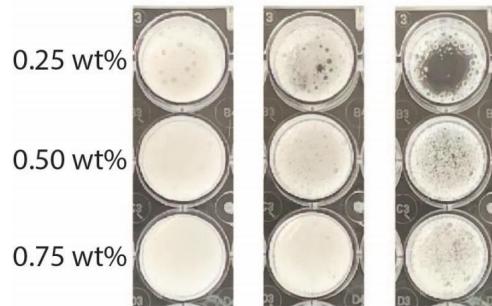


# High loading of CO for therapeutically relevant carboxyhemoglobin levels

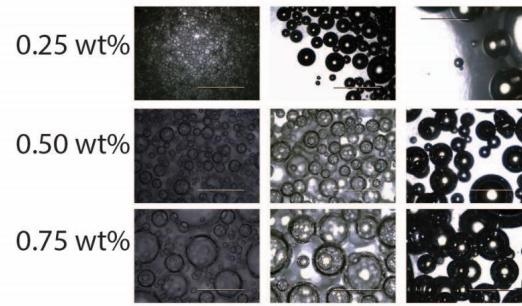


# CO-entrapped foams enable tunable delivery of CO

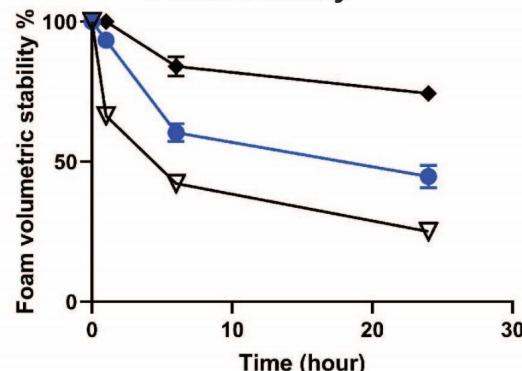
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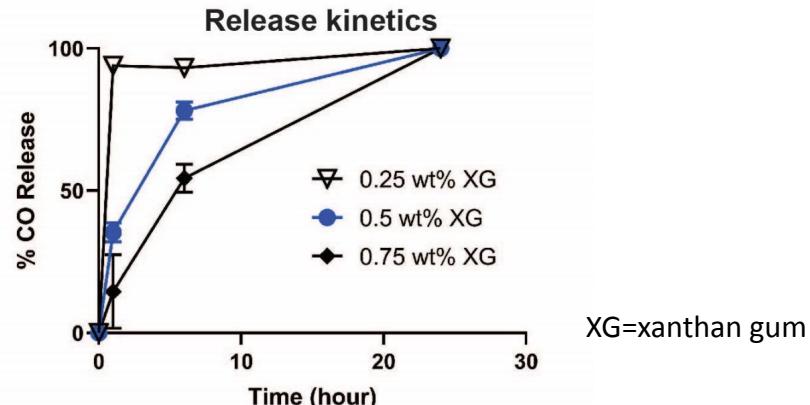
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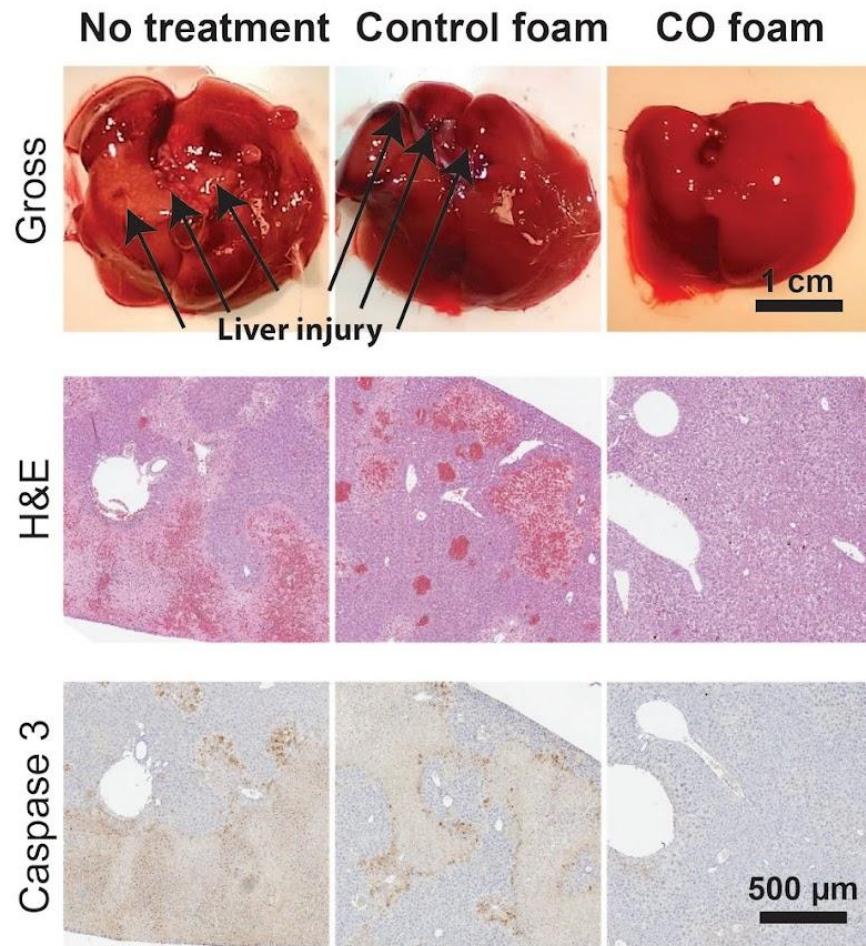
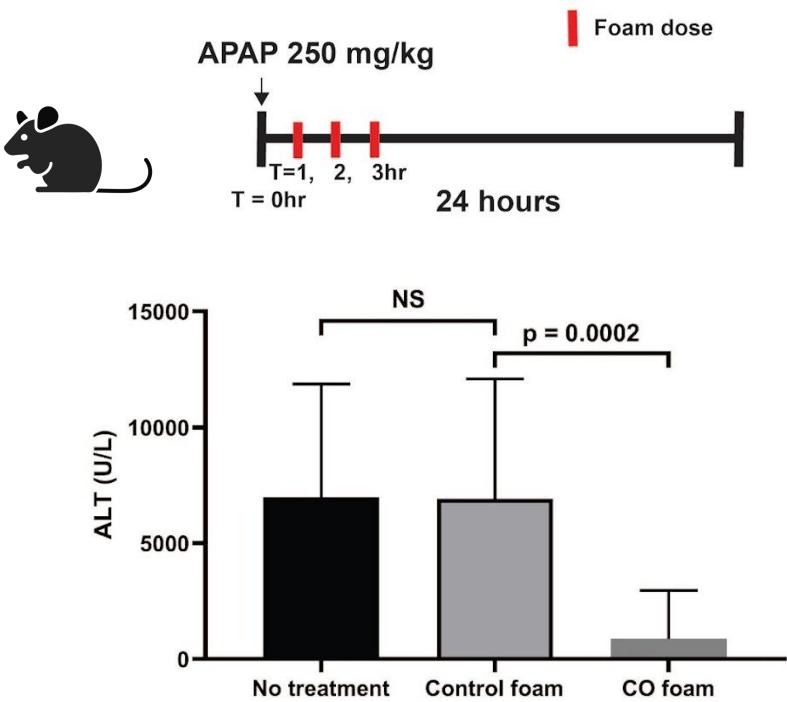
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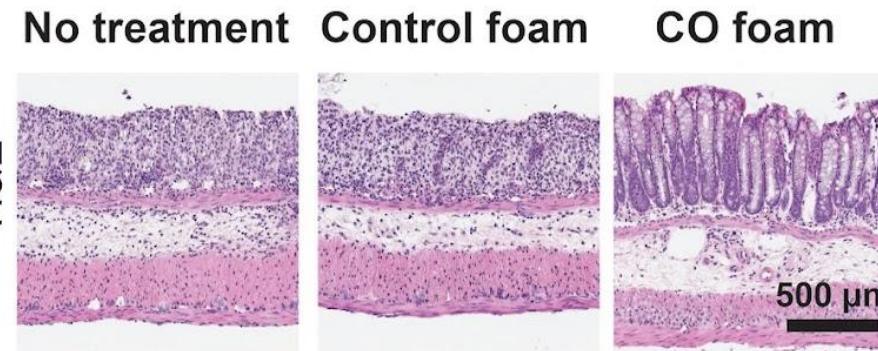
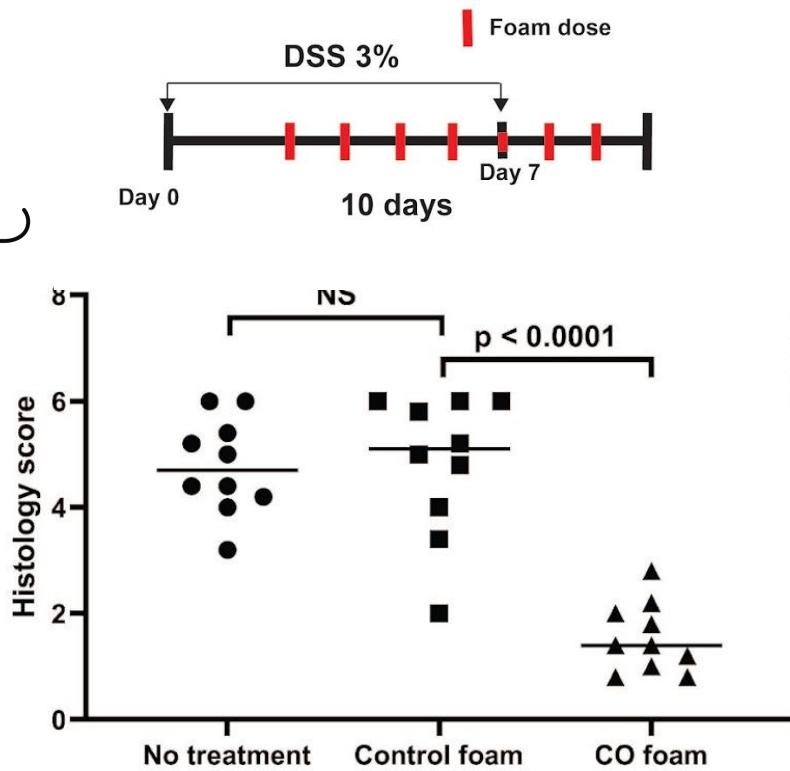
## Release kinetics



# Acetaminophen Overdose Model

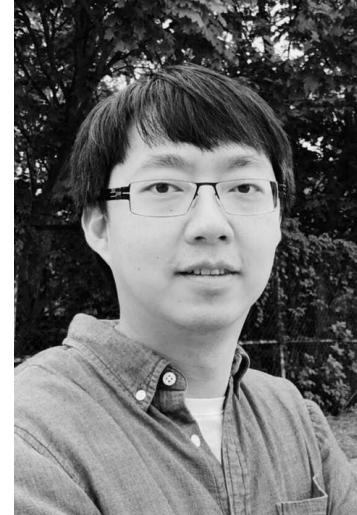


# DSS Colitis Model





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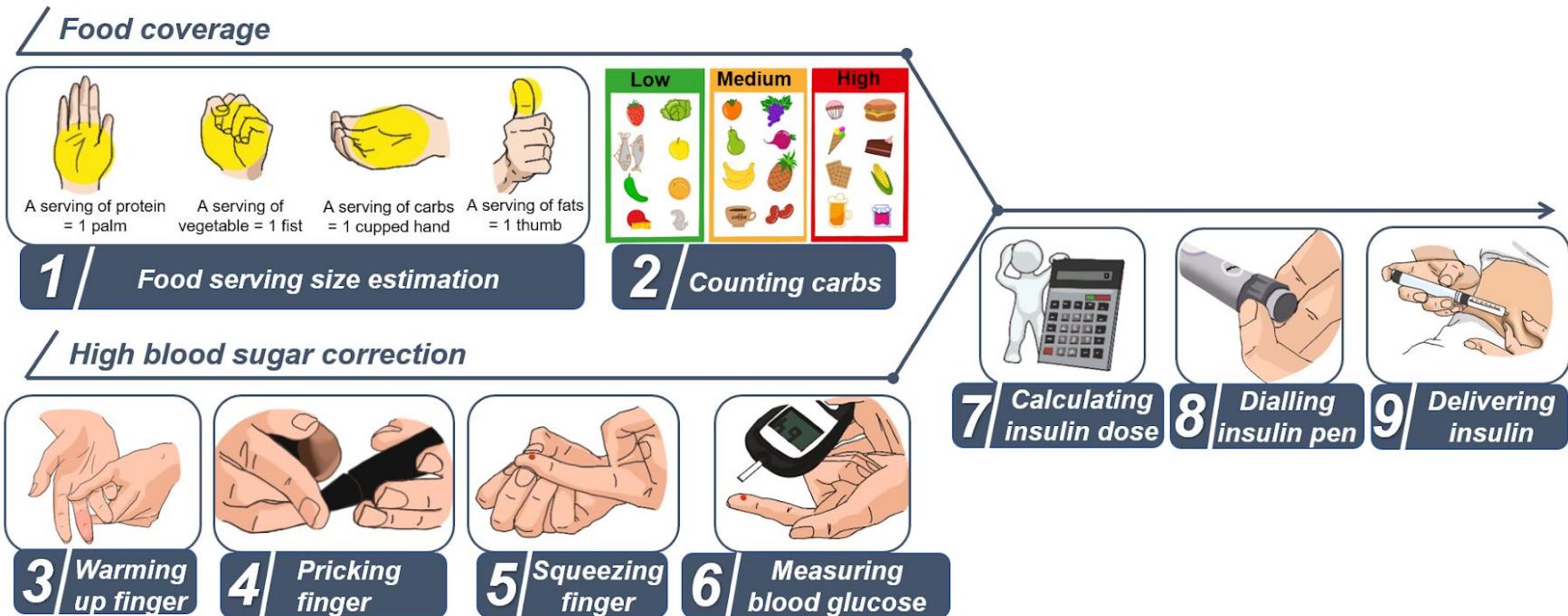
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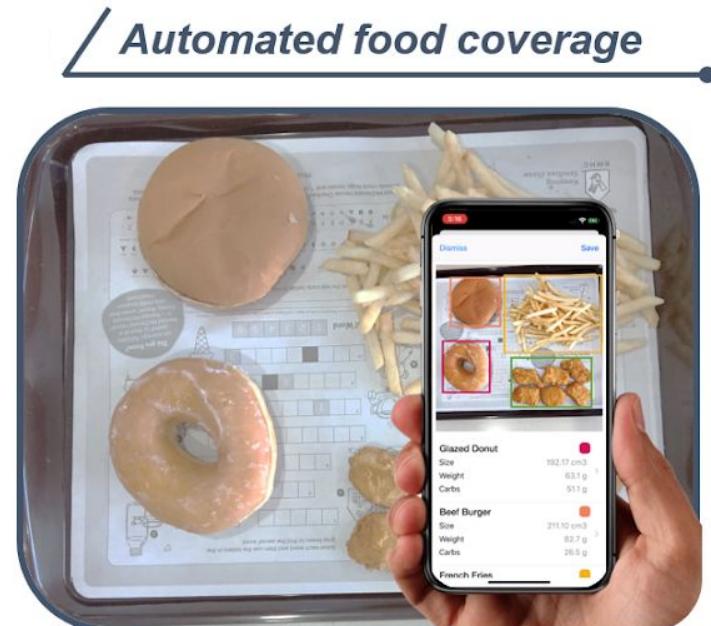
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# ALL-IN-ONE NEEDLE: INTEGRATED SYSTEMS FOR GLYCEMIC CONTROL

# Pre-prandial (Pre-meal) Dosing of Insulin



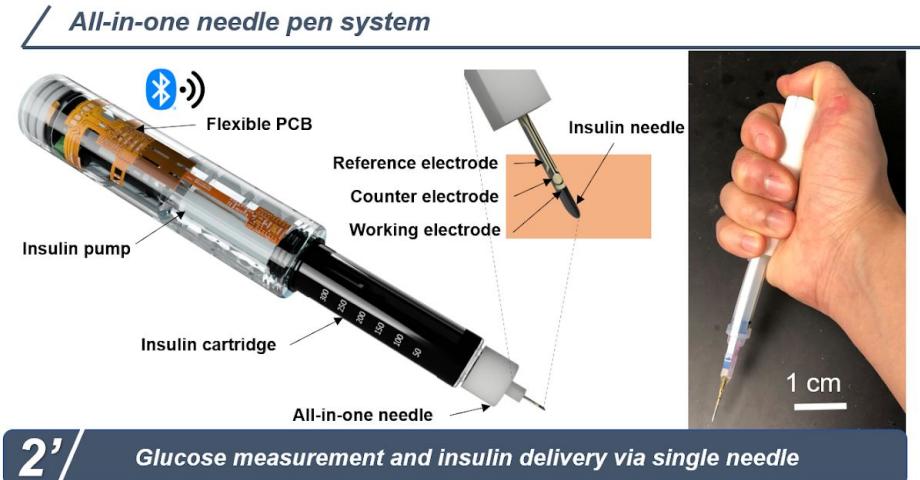
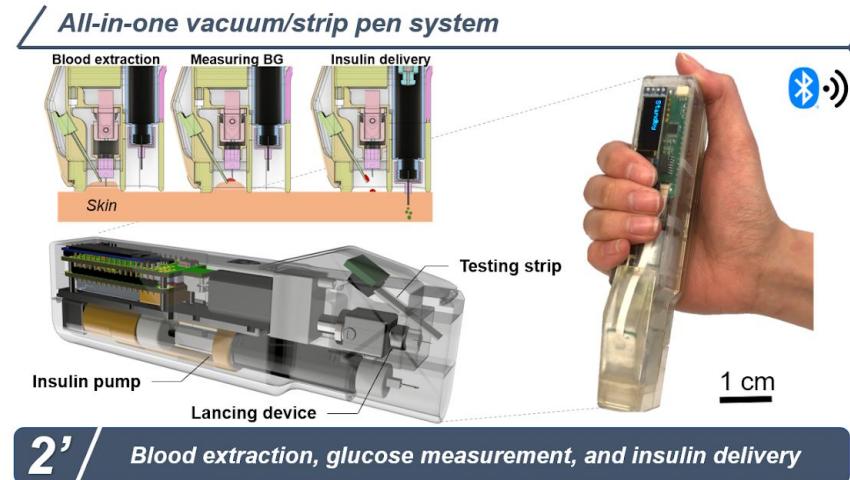
# Automating carbohydrate counting



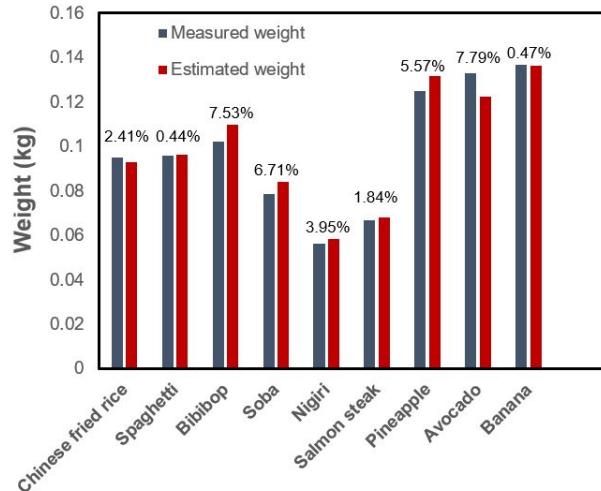
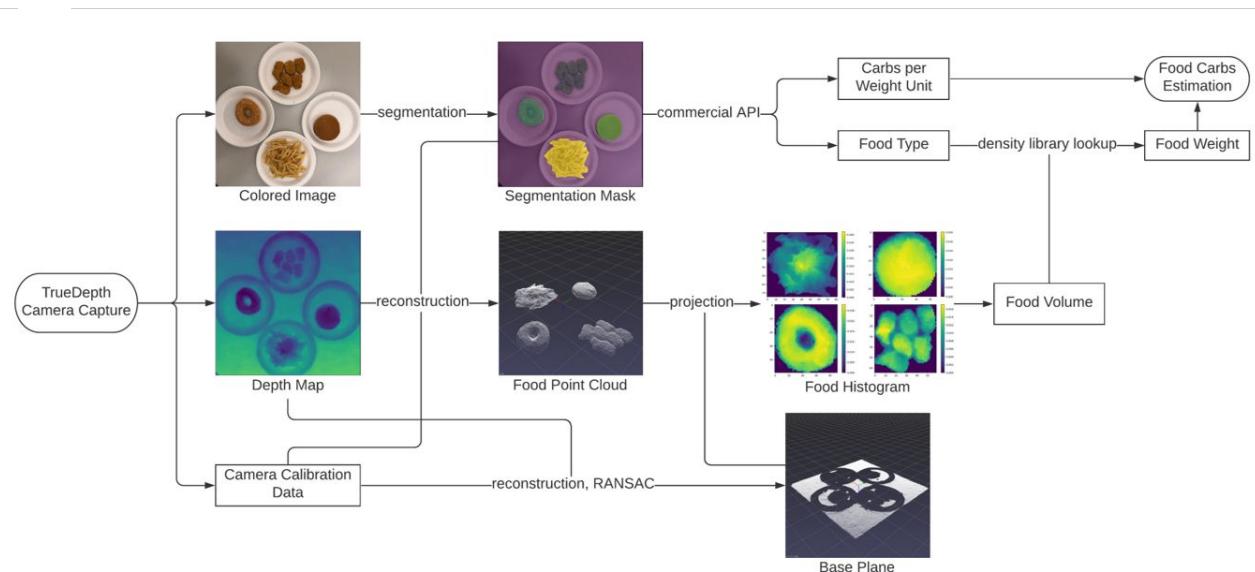
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*Image-based carbs counting*

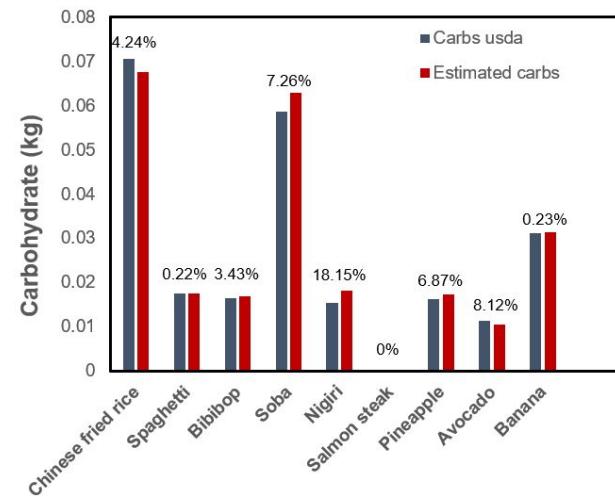
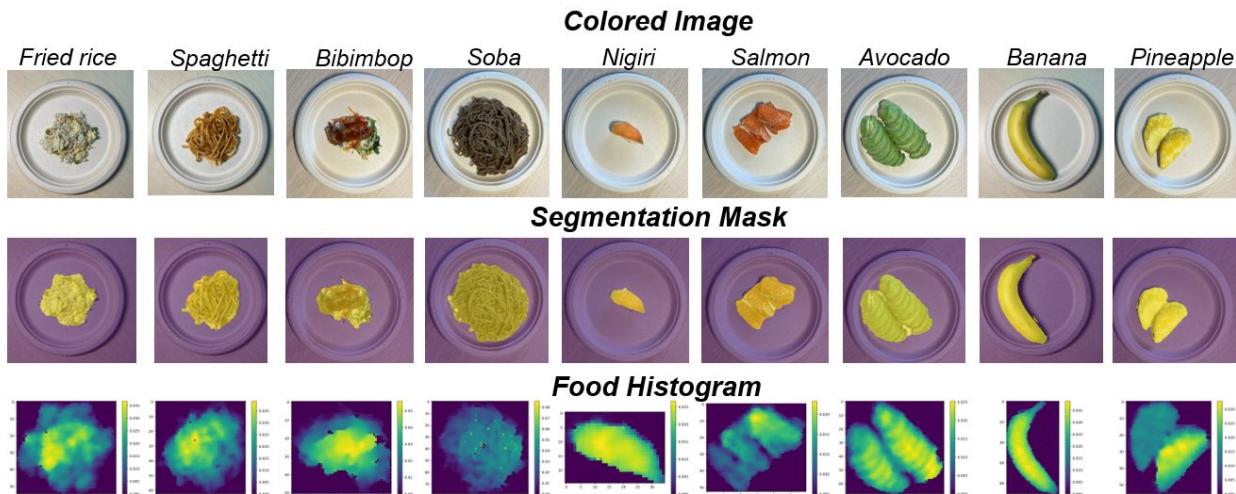
# All-in-one pens: glucose sensing and dosing



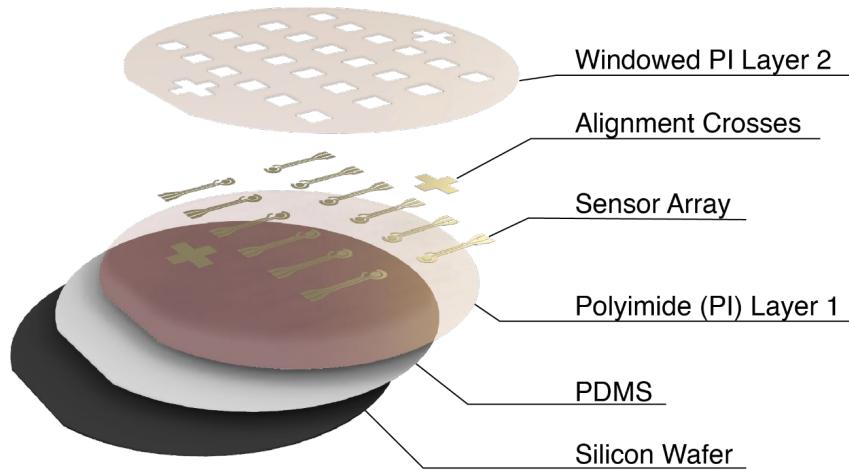
# App-based mass quantitation



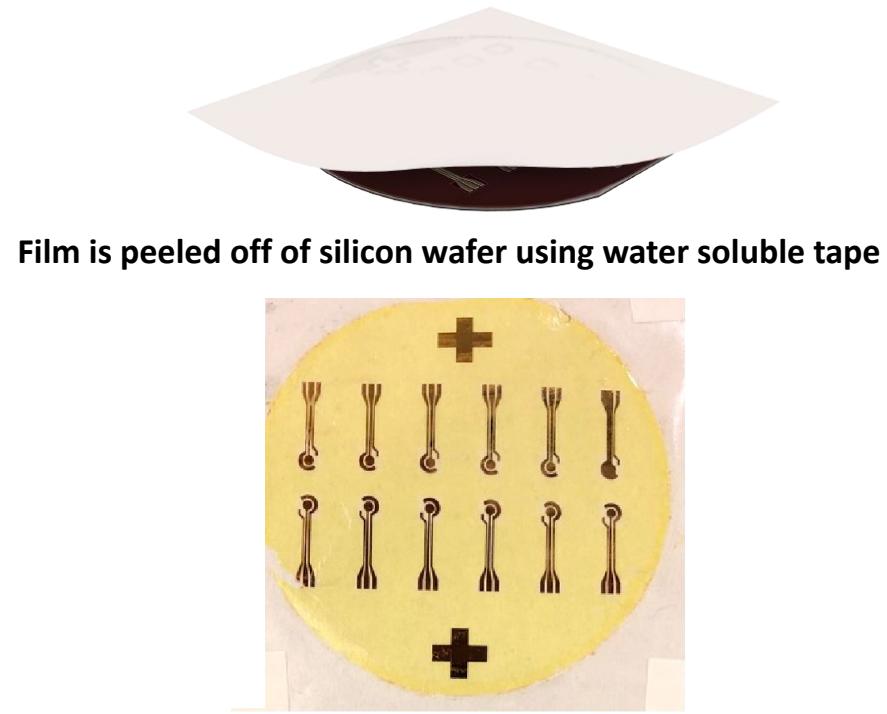
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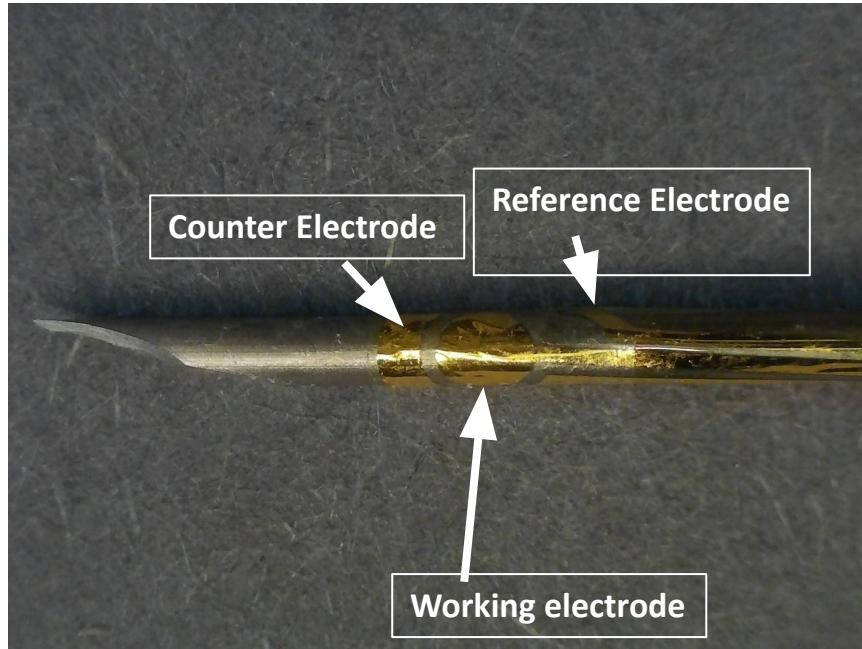
# Results: Fabrication of electrodes on needle



Flexible electrode film fabricated on silicon wafer



# Results: Transfer of Electrodes onto needle



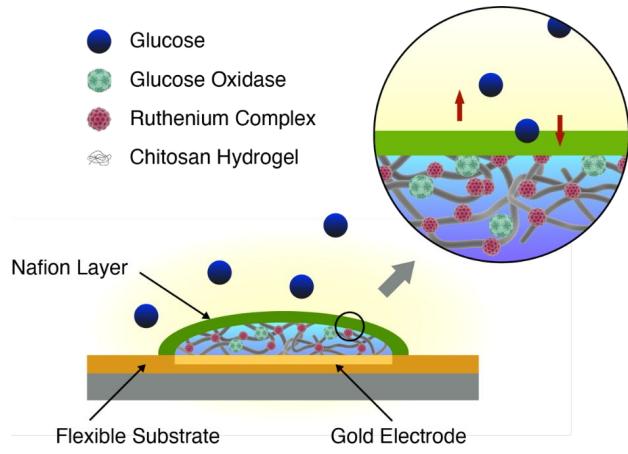
Example of electrodes transferred onto 18 g needle



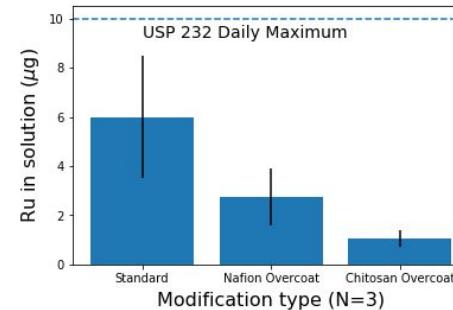
All in one needle with FFC Connector

# Result: electrode modification for glucose sensing

- Chitosan hydrogel with Glucose Oxidase
- Glutaraldehyde crosslinker
- Hexaammineruthenium (III) chloride mediator
- Encapsulation of mediator and enzyme with Nafion



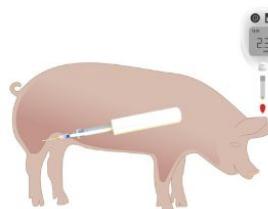
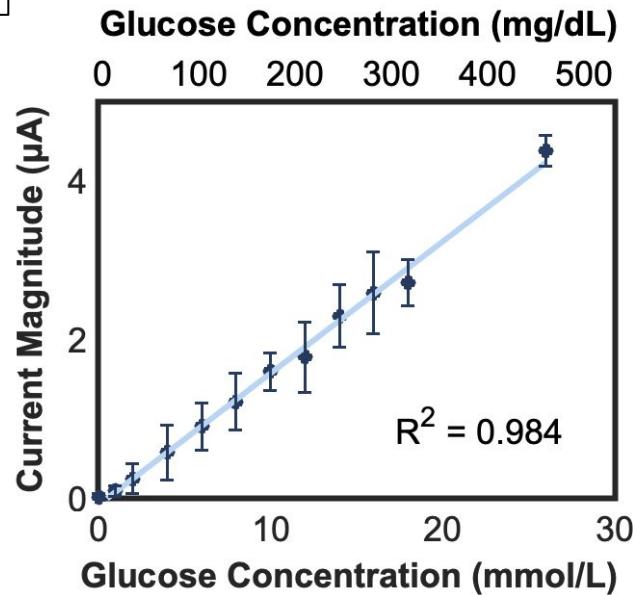
Drop cast on working electrode surface



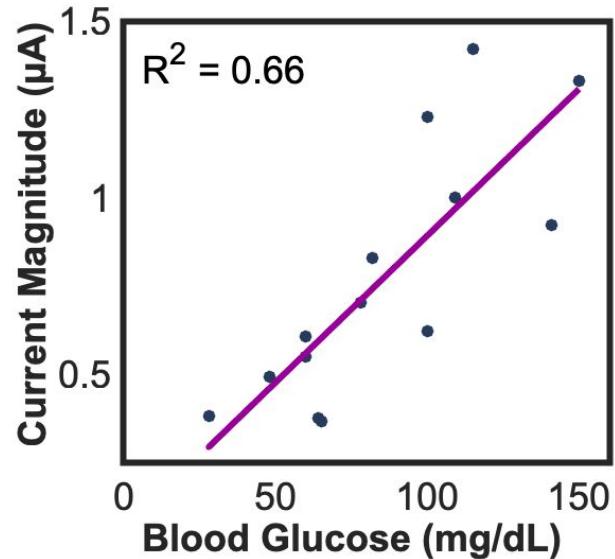
Ru leaching testing indicates amount used is below USP 232 recommended levels.

# Result: In vitro and In vivo performance

*In vitro*

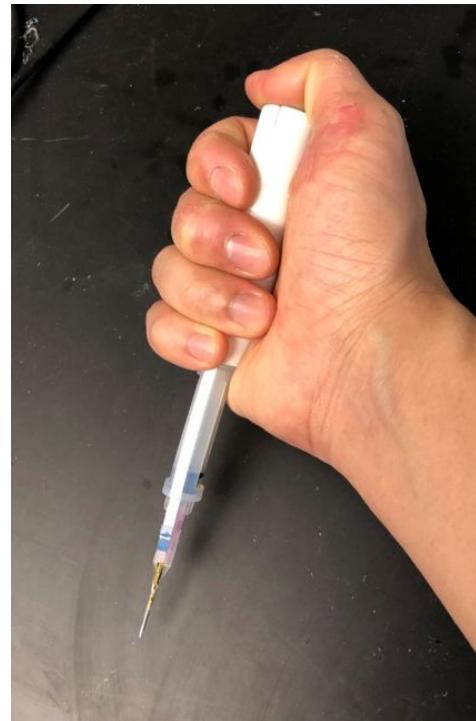
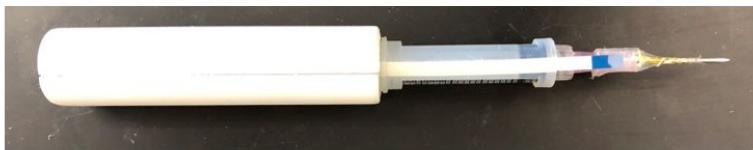
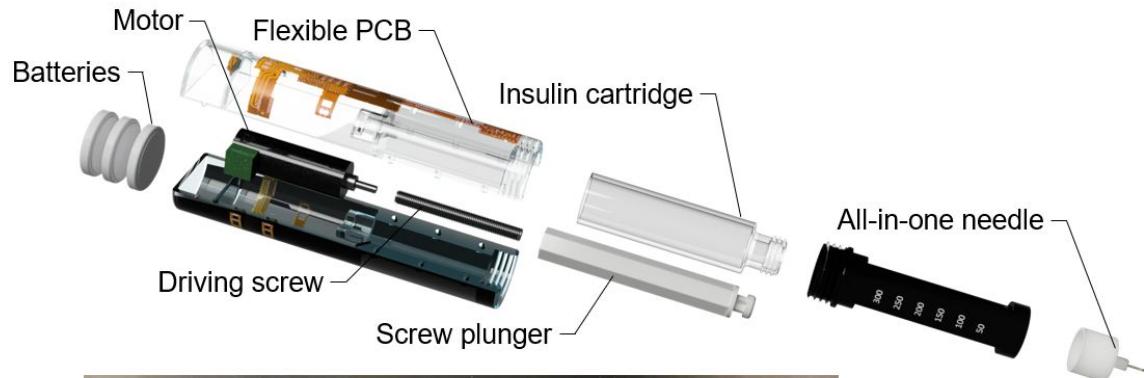


*In vivo*



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# Integrated all-in-one device



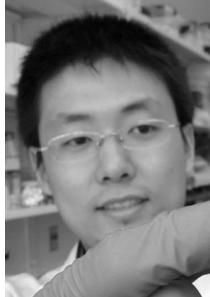
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Hill



Robert  
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# SOLUTIONS TO THE MEDICATION NON-COMPLIANCE CHALLENGE



“Drugs don’t work if people don’t take them.”

-C. Everett Koop, MD  
Surgeon General

## ADHERENCE TO LONG-TERM THERAPIES

Evidence for action



World Health Organization 2003

*Poor adherence to treatment of chronic diseases is a worldwide problem of striking magnitude.*

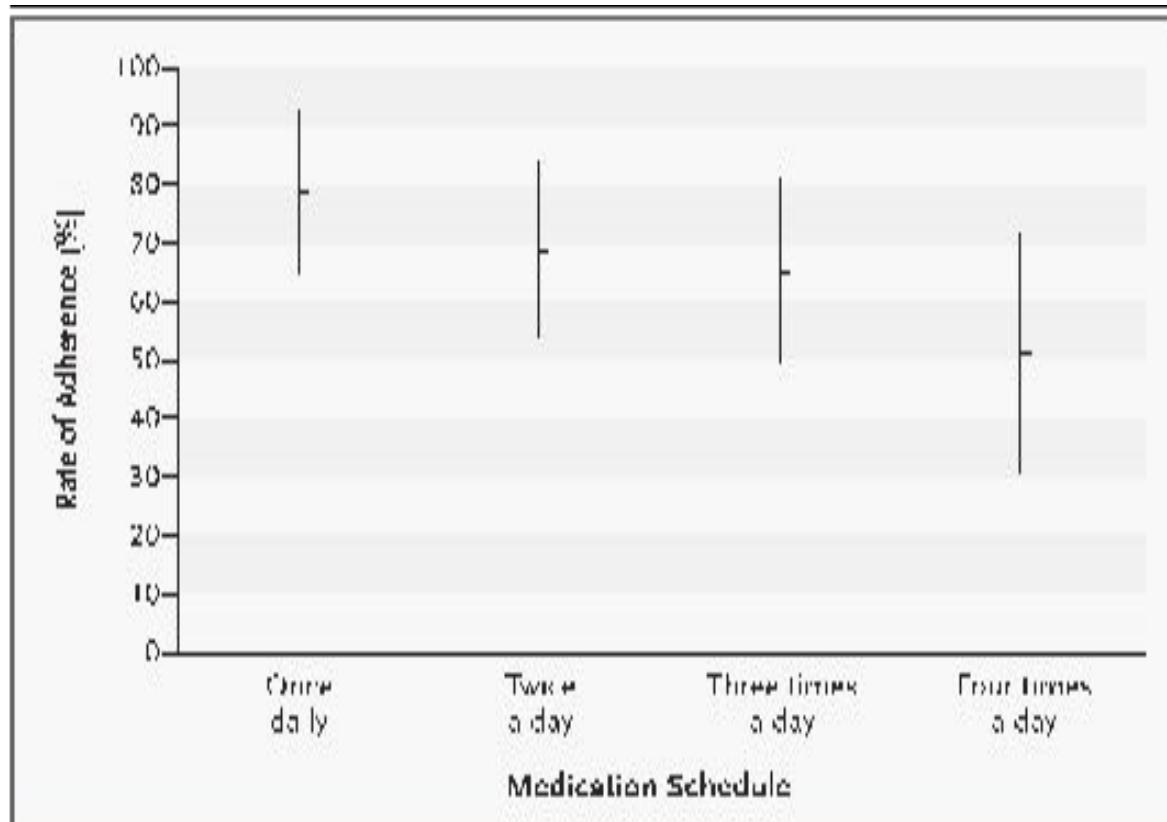
Adherence to long-term therapy in developed countries ~50%, in developing countries is even lower.

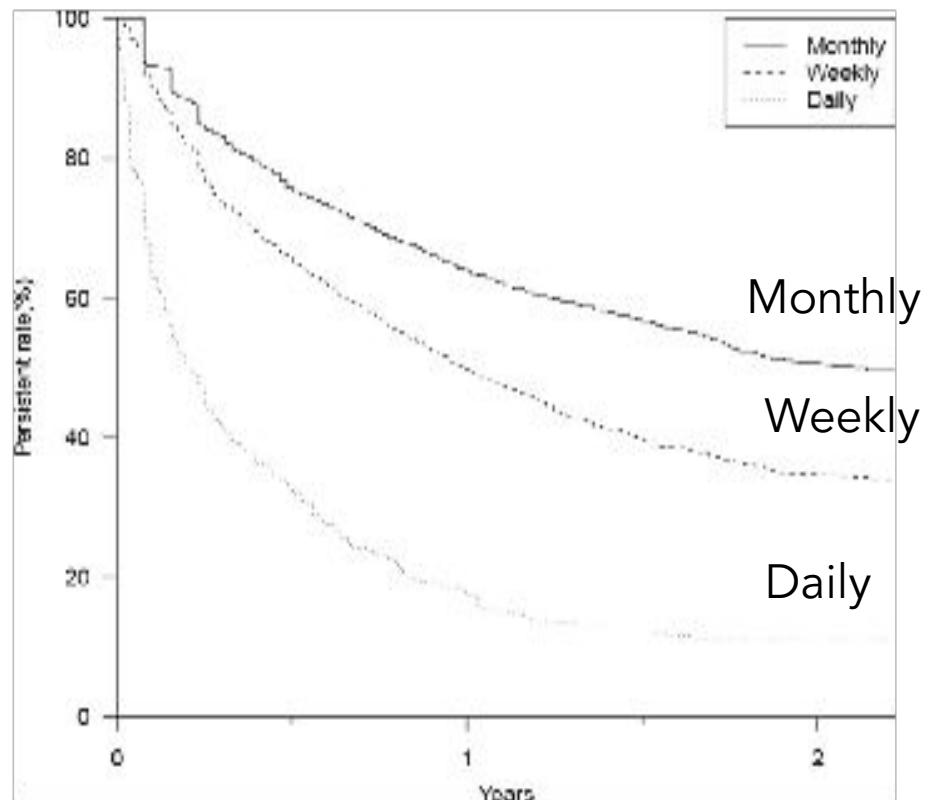
*The impact of poor adherence grows as the burden of chronic disease grows worldwide.* Noncommunicable disease, mental disorders, HIV/AIDS and TB together represented 54% of the burden of all disease worldwide

in 2001 and will >65% in 2020. The poor are disproportionately affected.

*“Increasing the effectiveness of adherence interventions*

*may have a far greater impact on the health of the population than any improvement in specific medical*





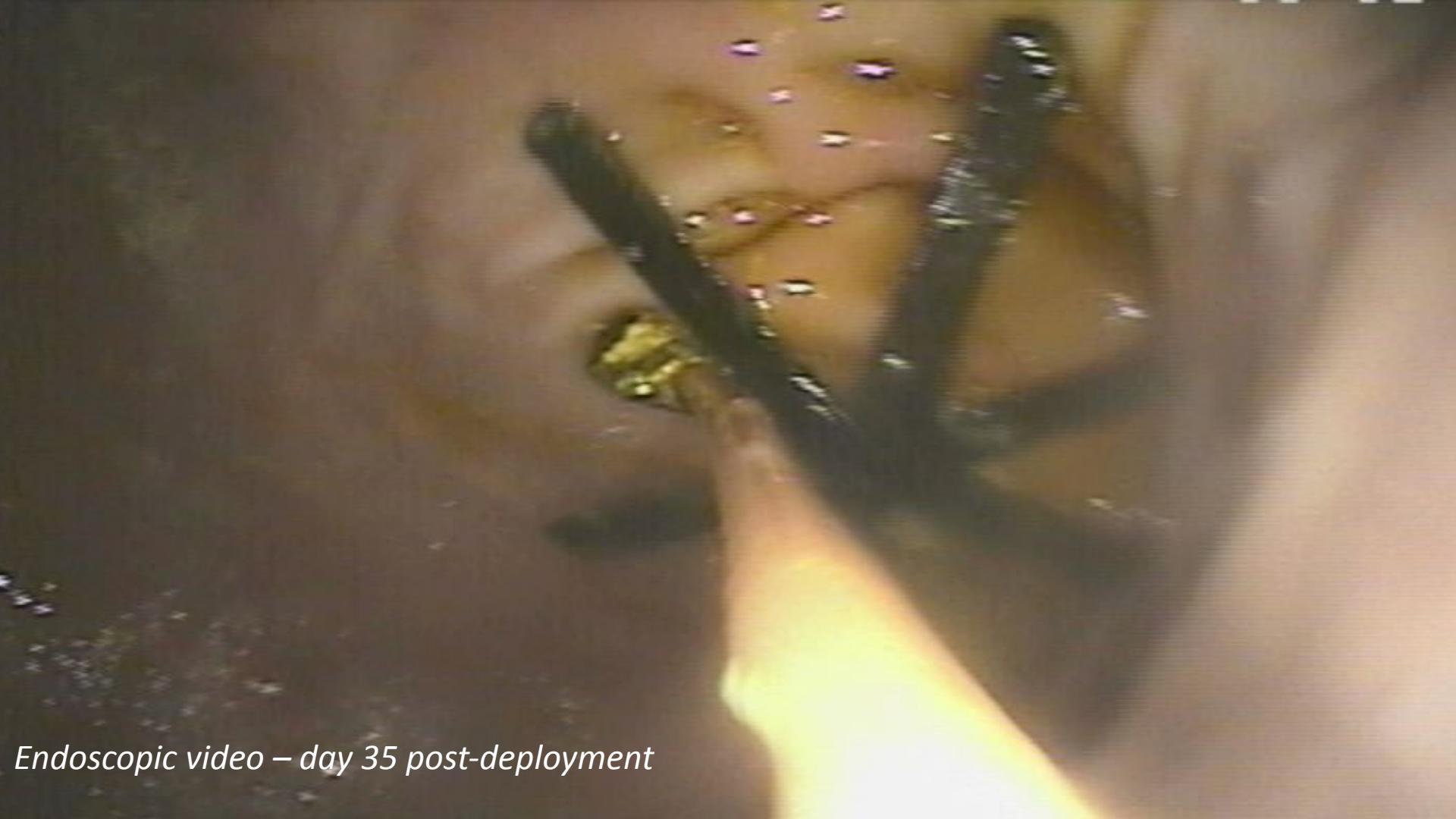
Persistence of Bisphosphonate use  
- daily, weekly and monthly dosing

No. at risk

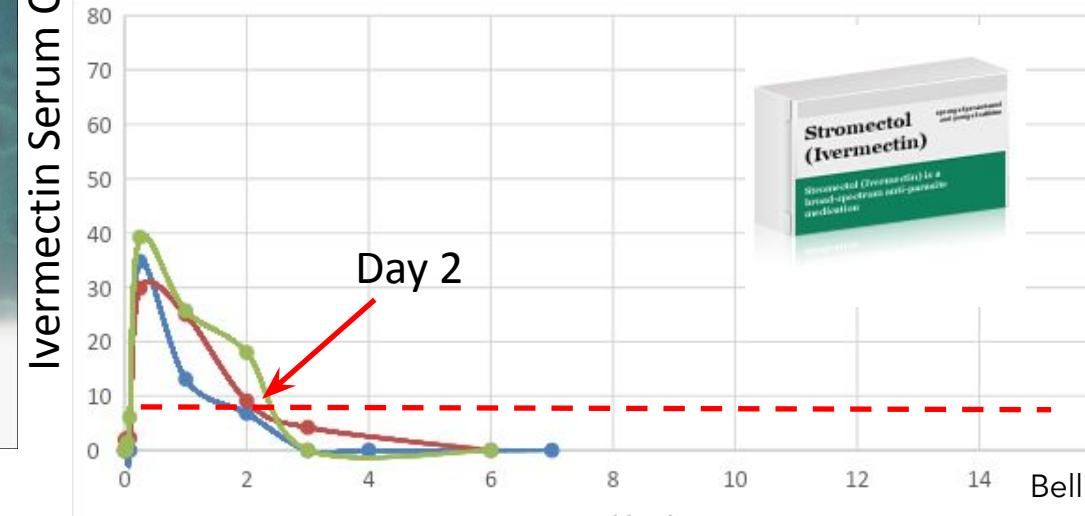
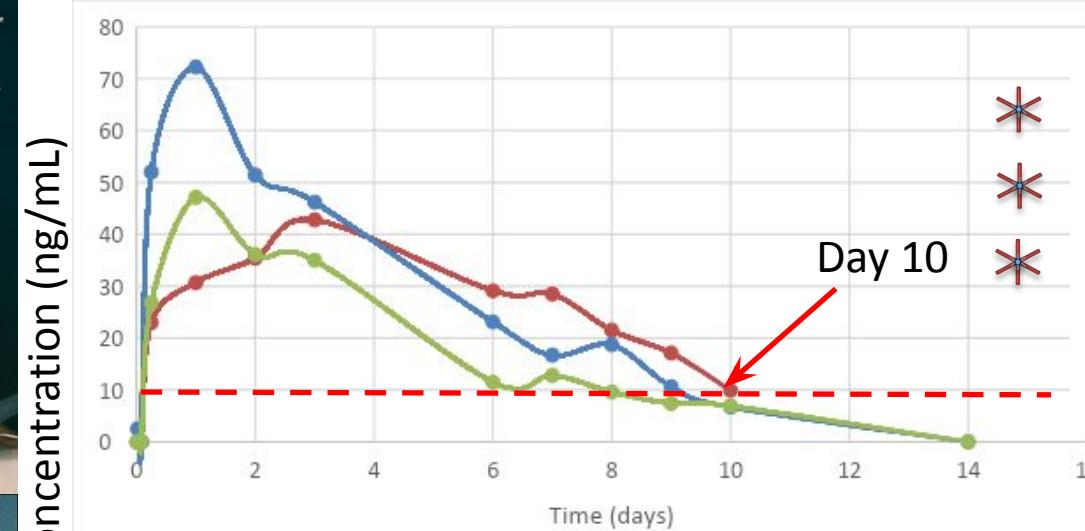
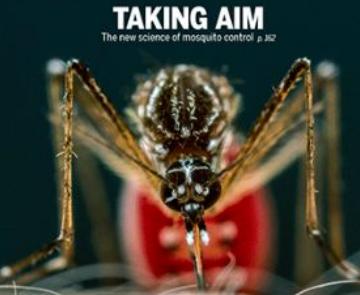
	Month 0	Month 6	Month 12	Month 18	Month 24
Monthly	4,518	3,857	1,740	711	397
Weekly	4,427	3,414	1,545	714	370
Daily	426	116	45	26	18



The Economist, In for the long haul, Sept 5, 2015



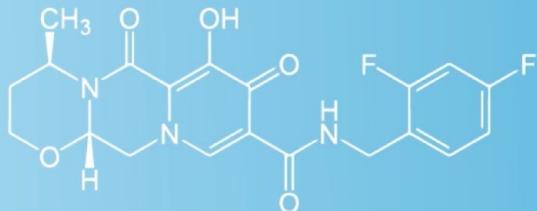
*Endoscopic video – day 35 post-deployment*



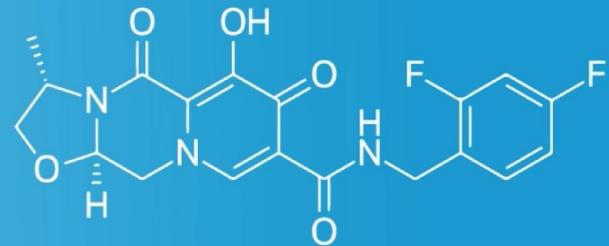
In vivo Evaluation of Ivermectin Loaded Stars – single administration of Stars vs single dose

8ng/ml=> mosquitoes Biting will have mean annual lifespan of 1.7 days

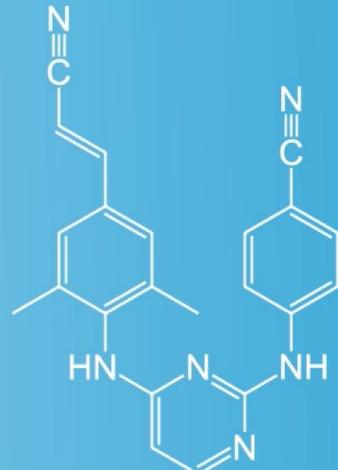
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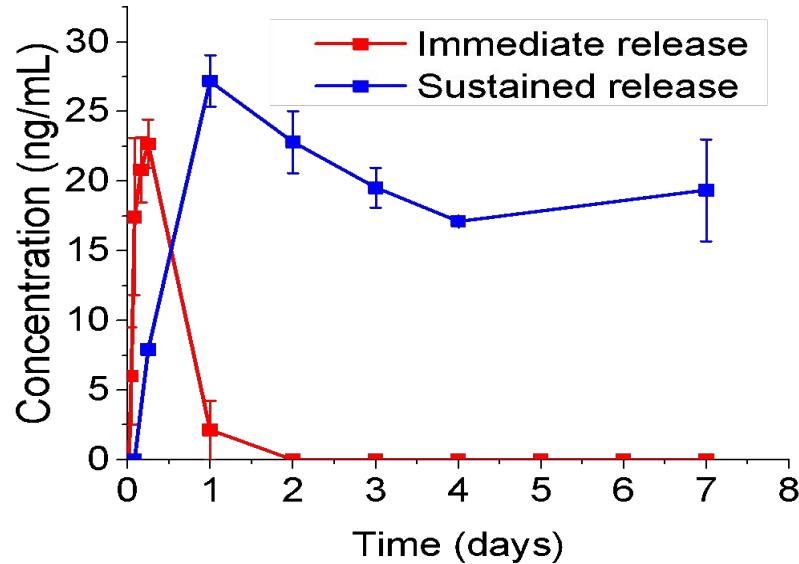
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# rilpivirine

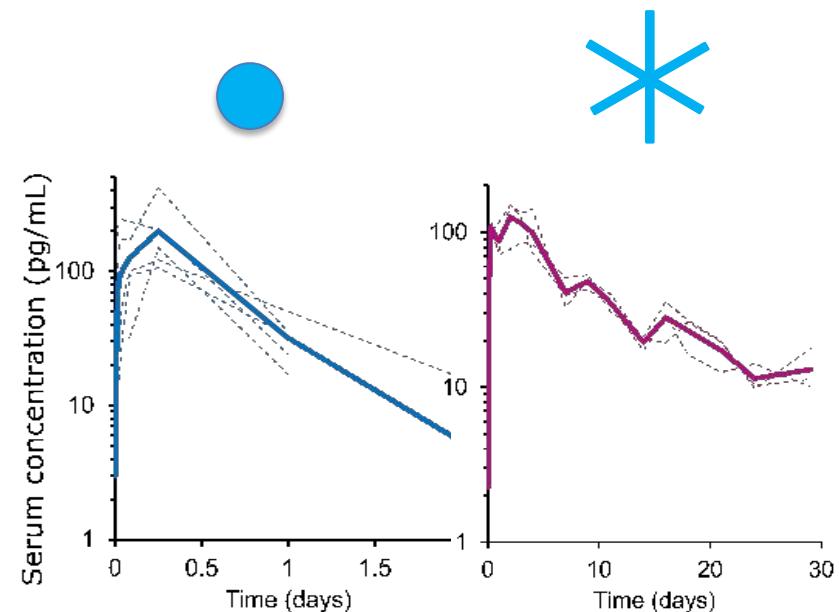
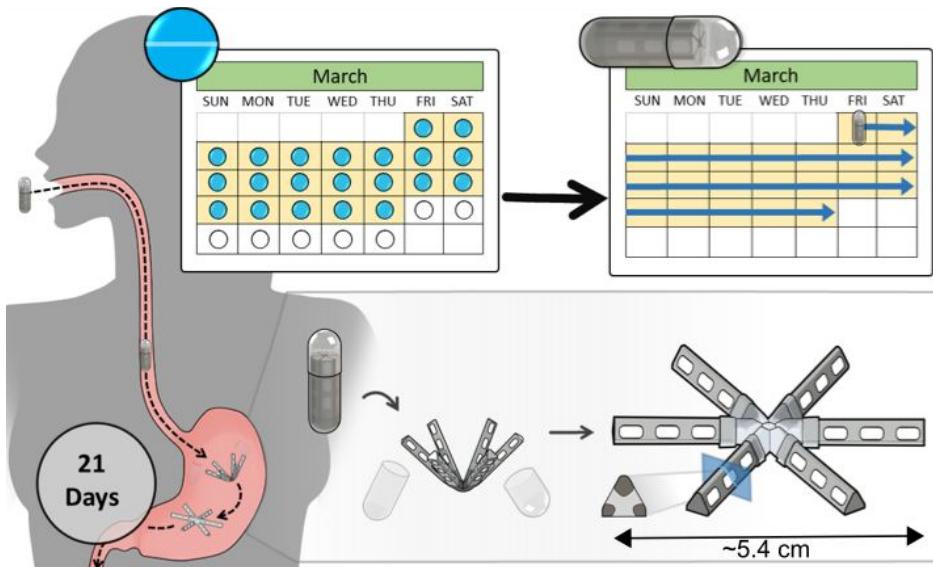


# Sustained delivery of antiretrovirals – Rilpivirine



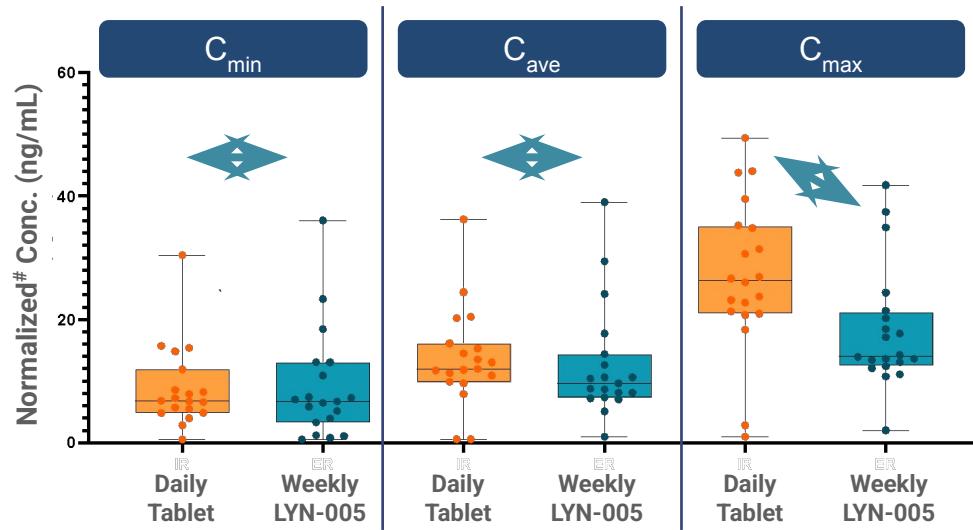
Rilpivirine was dosed to pigs either as an immediate release or sustained release formulation. Plasma concentrations of the drug were assessed using LC-MS/MS. Data is represented as mean  $\pm$  S.E.M., n=3 animals/group.

# Once a month oral contraception



But what is next?

# Phase 2 Study Demonstrated **Target PK Achievable** for Oral Weekly Product



Richard  
Scranton



Jess  
Ballinger



Patricia  
Hurter

Oral weekly risperidone shows comparable C<sub>min</sub> and C<sub>ave</sub> & desirable reduction in C<sub>max</sub>

Disclosure: G. Traverso is a co-founder, BOD member and has a financial interest in Lyndra

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# Thank you!

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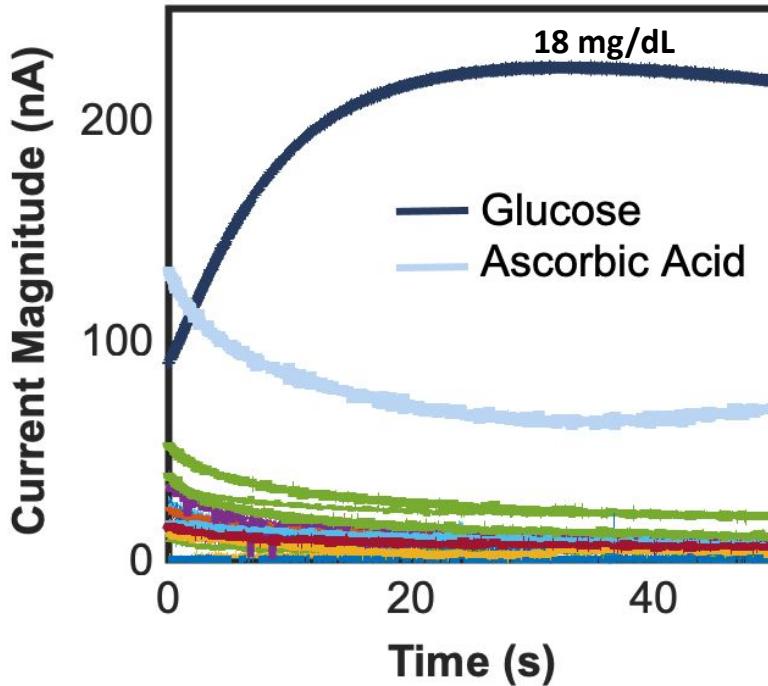
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Karl Van Tassel  
(1925) Career  
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# EXTRAS

# Results: Cross-Sensitivity Testing



Self-Monitoring Blood Glucose Test Systems for Over-the-Counter Use

Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff

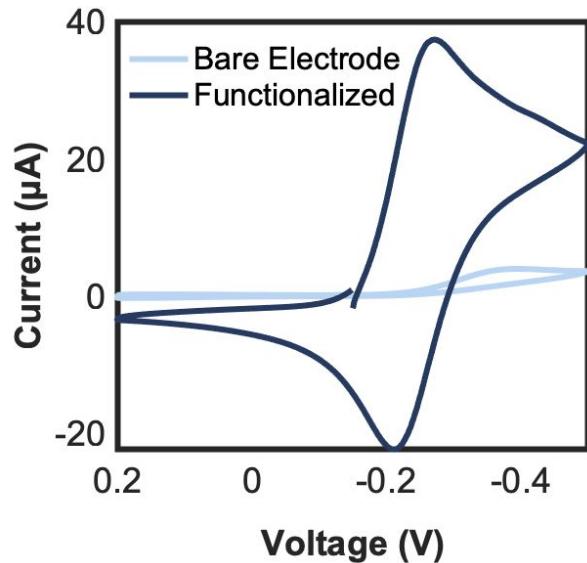
Document issued on: September 29, 2020.  
The draft of this document was issued on November 30, 2018.

- Tested interferences at concentrations recommended by **FDA-2013-D-1446**
- Only interferent is ascorbic acid, at a 8x physiological concentration which is

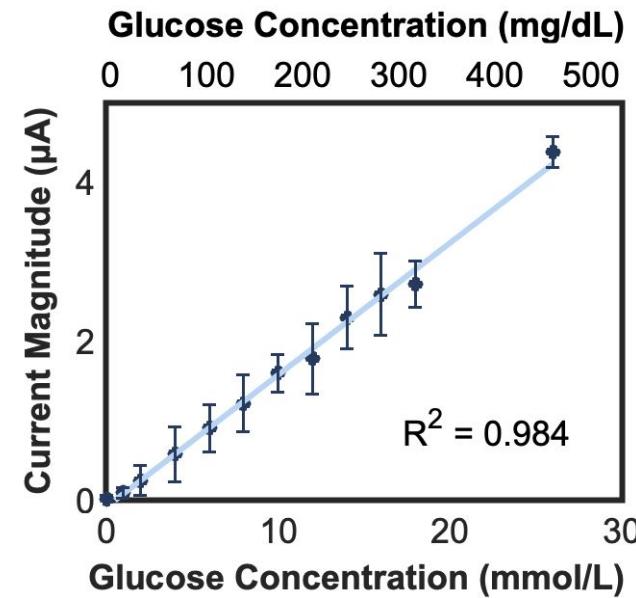
Current magnitude (nA) of interferents and Glucose

Glucose (18mg/dL)	<b>220.94 ± 12.68</b>	Ibuprofen	1.76 ± 0.84
Acetaminophen	9.27 ± 1.31	L-Dopa	8.94 ± 0.87
Ascorbic Acid	81.94 ± 1.26	Mannitol	4.55 ± 0.99
Bilirubin (conjugated)	13.85 ± 0.39	Mannose	2.55 ± 0.96
Bilirubin (unconjugated)	8.98 ± 0.94	Methyldopa	32.61 ± 1.07
Cholesterol	9.51 ± 0.81	Salicylic Acid	11.62 ± 1.14
Creatinine	6.14 ± 0.80	Sodium	5.77 ± 0.97
Dopamine	2.73 ± 0.55	Sorbital	10.19 ± 0.83
EDTA	11.32 ± 0.95	Tolazimide	13.39 ± 1.12
Galactose	5.14 ± 0.99	Tolbutamide	3.02 ± 0.75
Gentisic Acid	6.67 ± 0.89	Triglycerides	5.66 ± 0.97
Reduced Glutathione	6.70 ± 0.63	Uric Acid	5.97 ± 0.64
Hemoglobin	6.56 ± 0.91	Xylitol	7.75 ± 0.81
Heparin	4.04 ± 0.88	Xylose	6.82 ± 0.56

# Result: Electrode surface modification

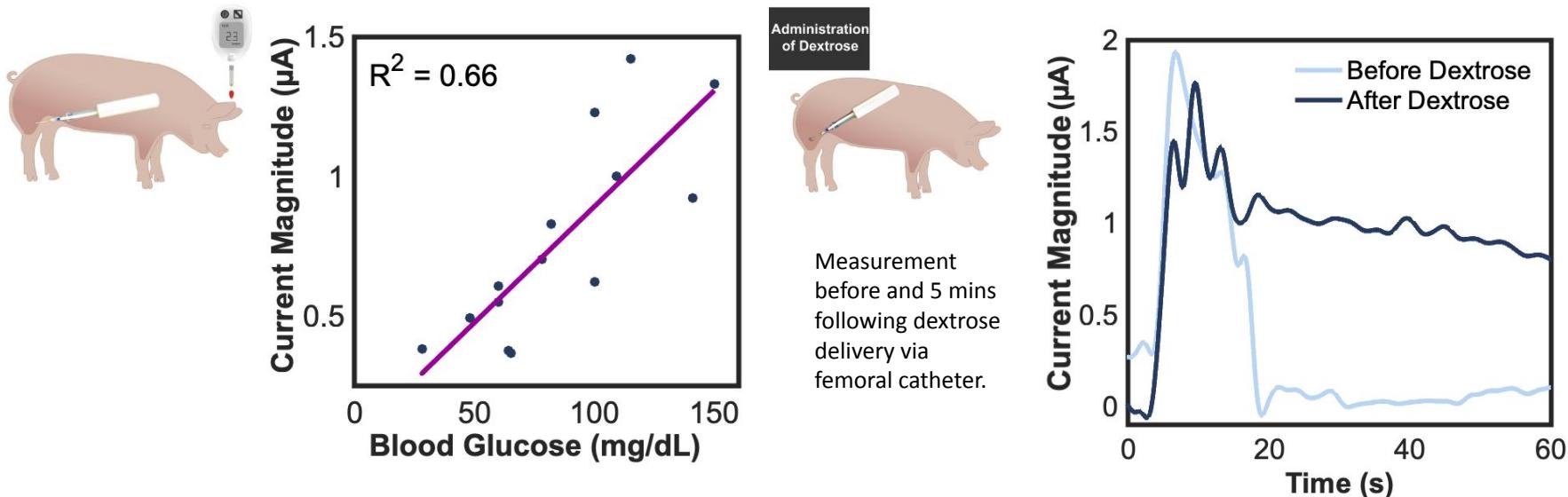


Cyclic voltammetry confirms that our working electrode is electrochemically active.



In-vitro characterization of our sensor indicates we have linear response in current vs glucose concentration up to 26 mmol/L

# Results: In-vivo measurements



- All-in-one needle sensor measurements corresponds to blood glucose measurements
- It is possible that distribution can be reduced from calibration to the animal, and optimization of insertion location
- There could also be differences in interstitial fluid glucose vs blood glucose that should be investigated in future