

A multi-stage pulmonary drug delivery system based on pollen grains

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Introduction

The emergence of antibiotic resistance is a global public health problem.

Current therapeutic strategies



Oral administration of bactericidal agents for 6 to 9 months



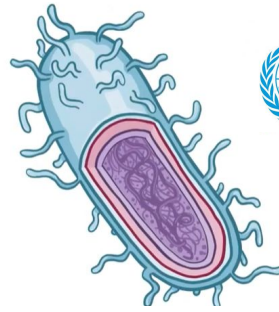
Targeting anti-tuberculosis drugs directly to infected macrophages



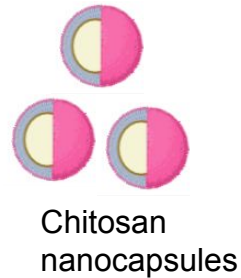
Faster onset of action



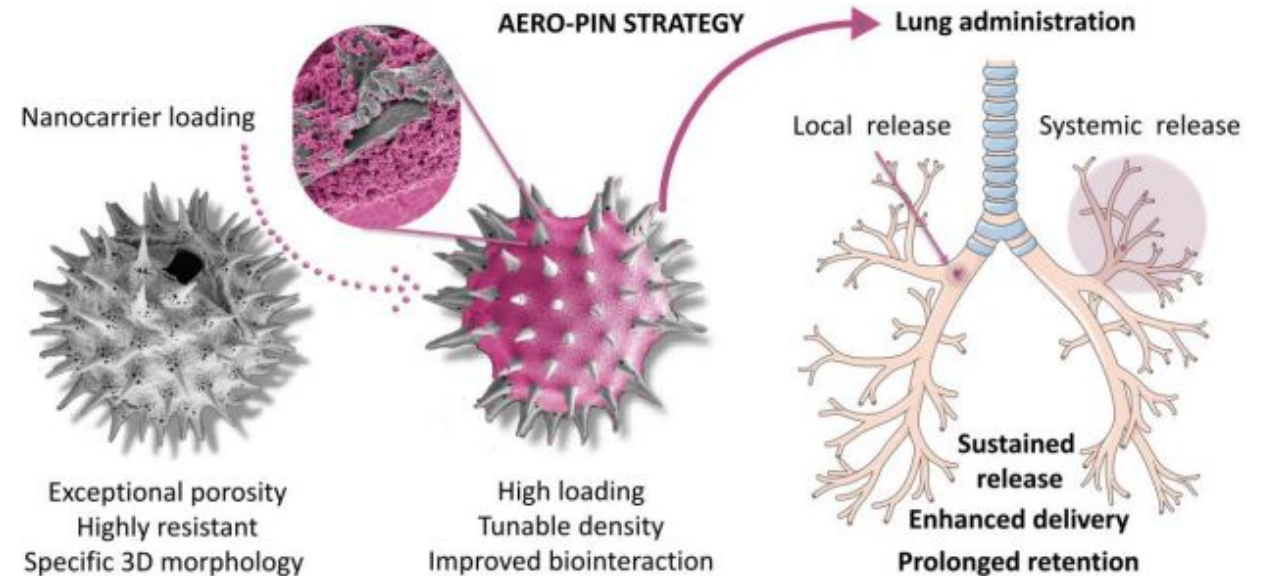
Greater efficacy



Micobacterium tuberculosis

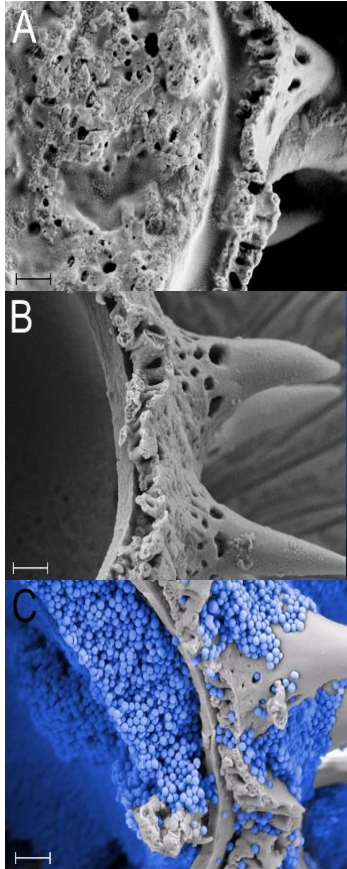


Chitosan nanocapsules



Micro/nano system development

1. Pollen purification





 polymers



Article

Purification of Hollow Sporopollenin Microcapsules from Sunflower and Chamomile Pollen Grains

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2. Ncs development



Mygliol

PEG-stearate

Lecithin



Solvent displacement
technique

Rifabutin

- ☐ Size \approx 200 nm
- ☐ Zeta potential +20 mv
- ☐ Loading up to 50%
- ☐ Control release



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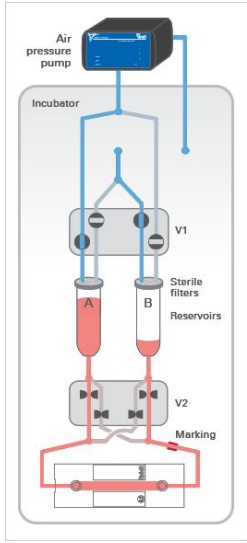
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Design and in vitro assessment of chitosan nanocapsules for the pulmonary delivery of rifabutin*

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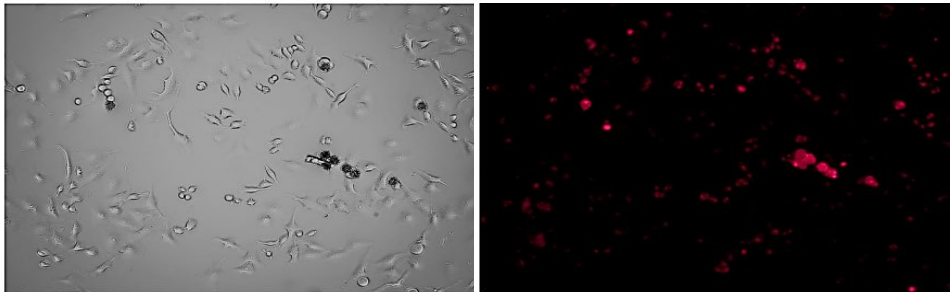
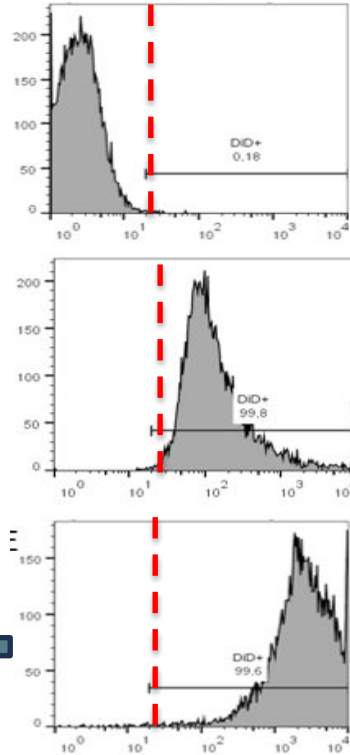
3. Flow experiments



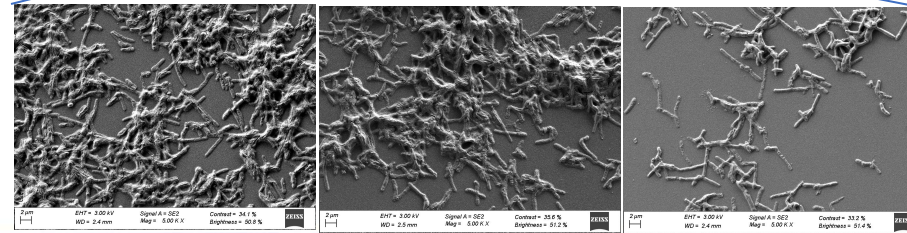
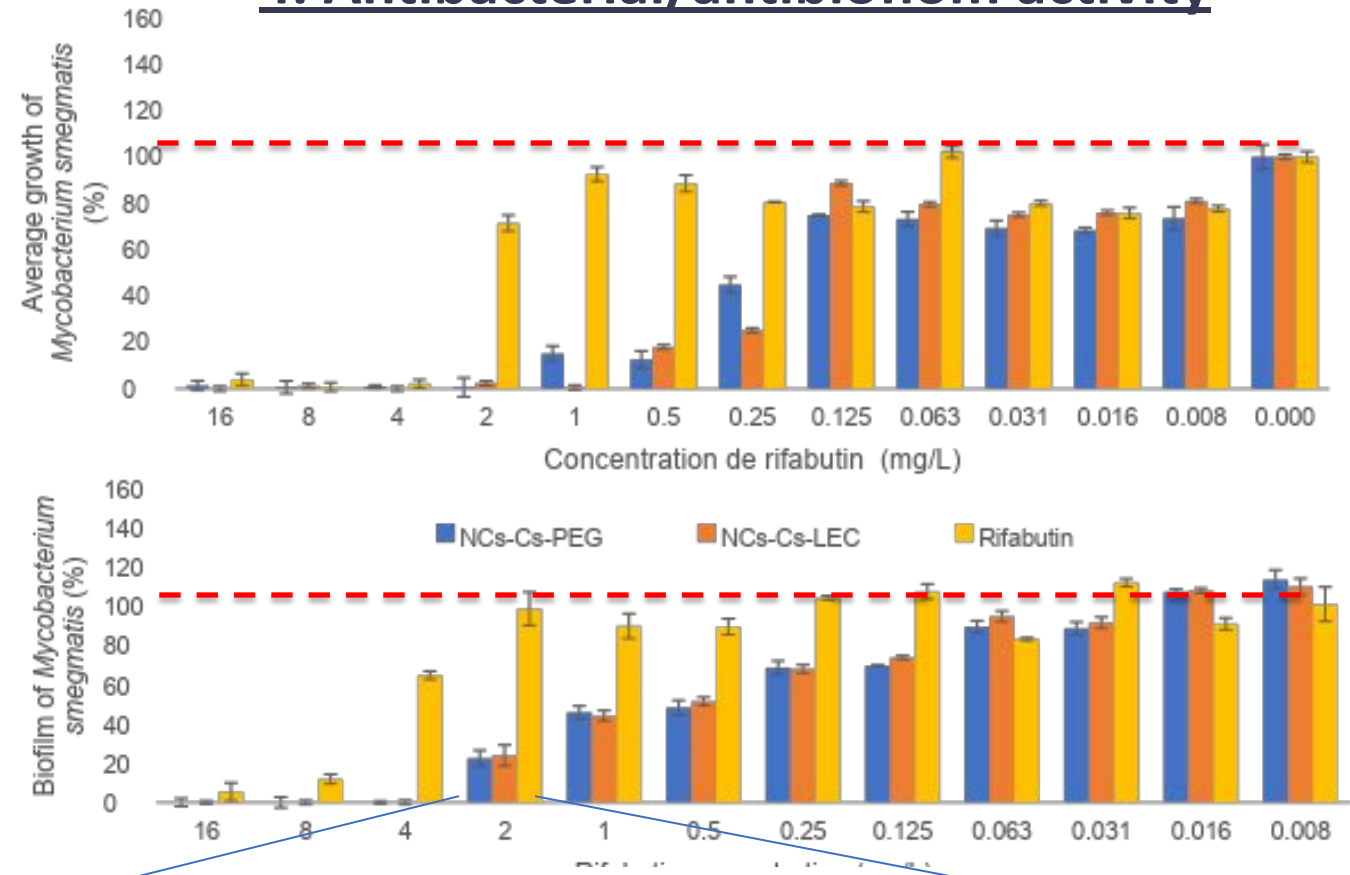
Control
IF: 2,95

NCS PEG
IF: 378

Pollen + PEG
IF: 1695



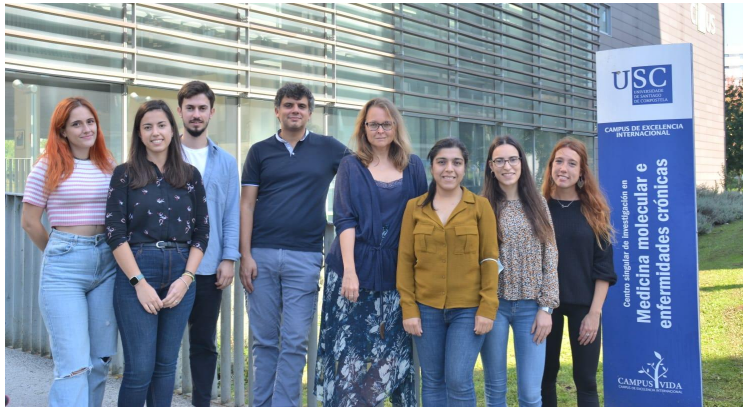
4. Antibacterial/antibiofilm activity



Conclusion

Poster
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- A protocol is proposed for obtaining purified pollen microcapsules
- The presence of pollen microcapsules in cellular interaction and retention
- An anti-inflammatory effect is indicated complete inhibition
- Further studies on film dispersal activity
- Overall, this pollen microcapsule system could be an interesting candidate as a pulmonary mucosal delivery system for the local treatment of infectious diseases.



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