

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

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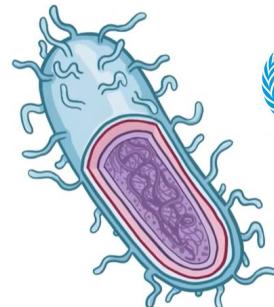


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# Introduction

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



*Mycobacterium tuberculosis*

Current therapeutic strategies



Oral administration of bactericidal agents for 6 to 9 months



Targeting anti-tuberculosis drugs directly to infected macrophages



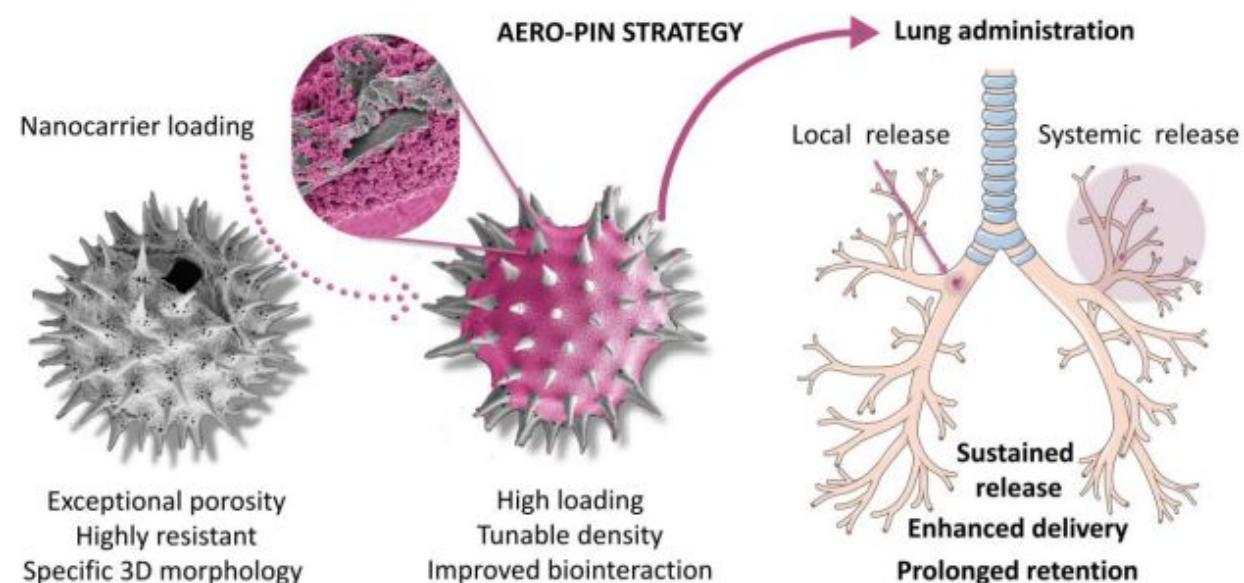
Faster onset of action



Greater efficacy

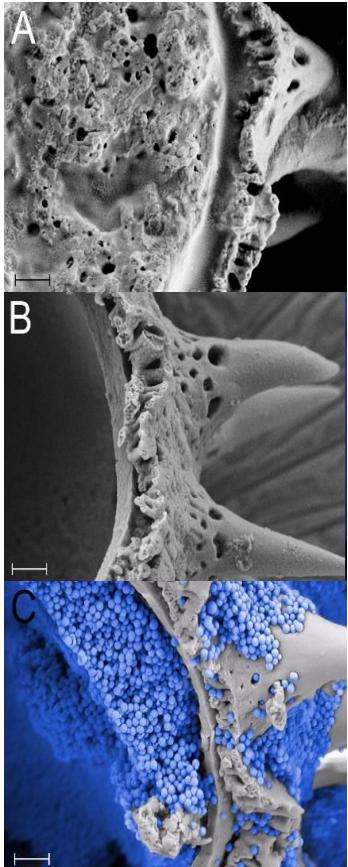


Chitosan nanocapsules



# Micro/nano system development

## 1. Pollen purification



Article

### Purification of Hollow Sporopollenin Microcapsules from Sunflower and Chamomile Pollen Grains

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## 2. Ncs development

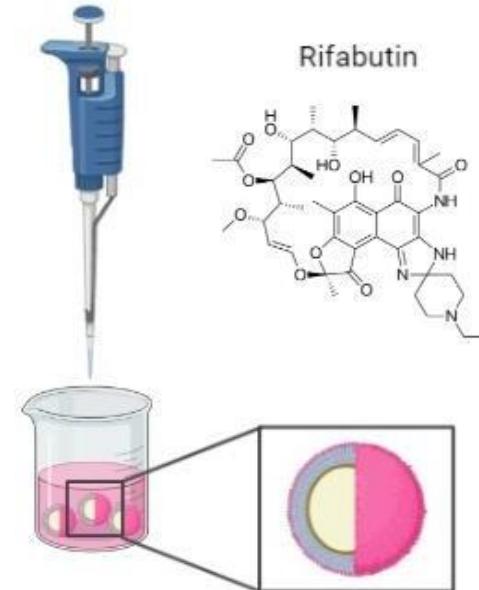
Mygliol      PEG-stearate      Lecithin



vs



Solvent displacement  
technique



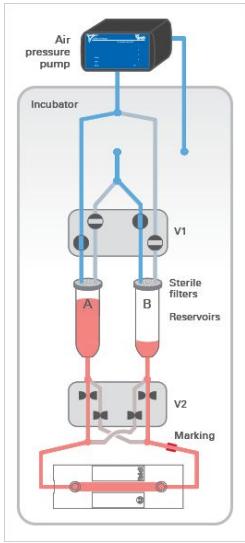
- Size ≈ 200 nm
- Zeta potential +20 mv
- Loading up to 50%
- Control release



Design and in vitro assessment of chitosan nanocapsules for the pulmonary delivery of rifabutin<sup>a</sup>

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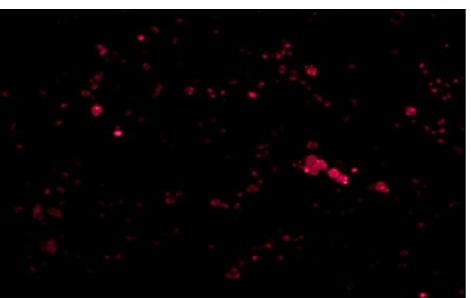
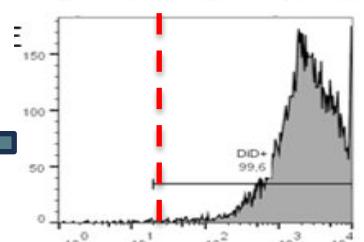
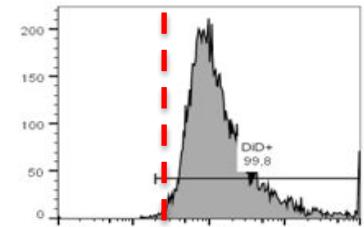
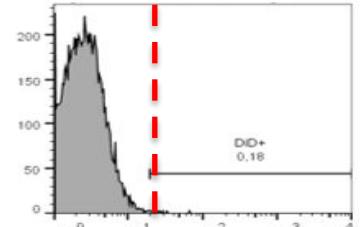
### 3. Flow experiments



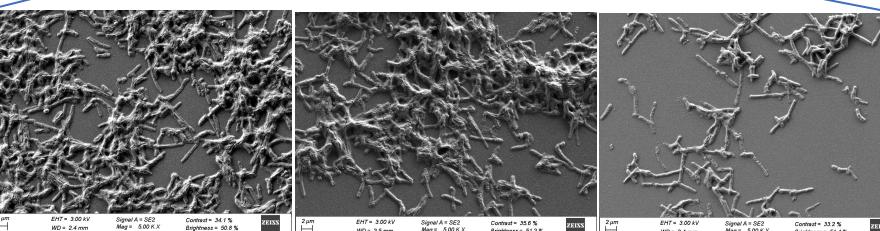
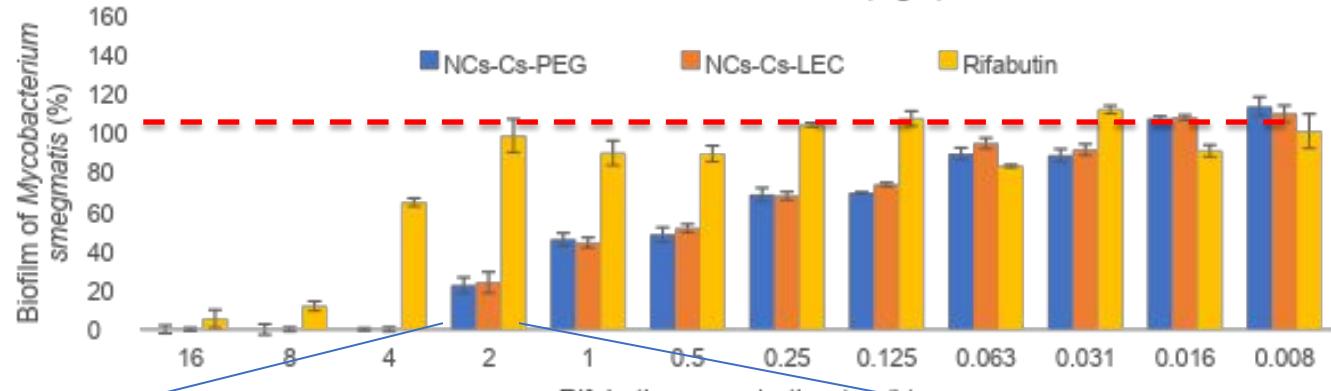
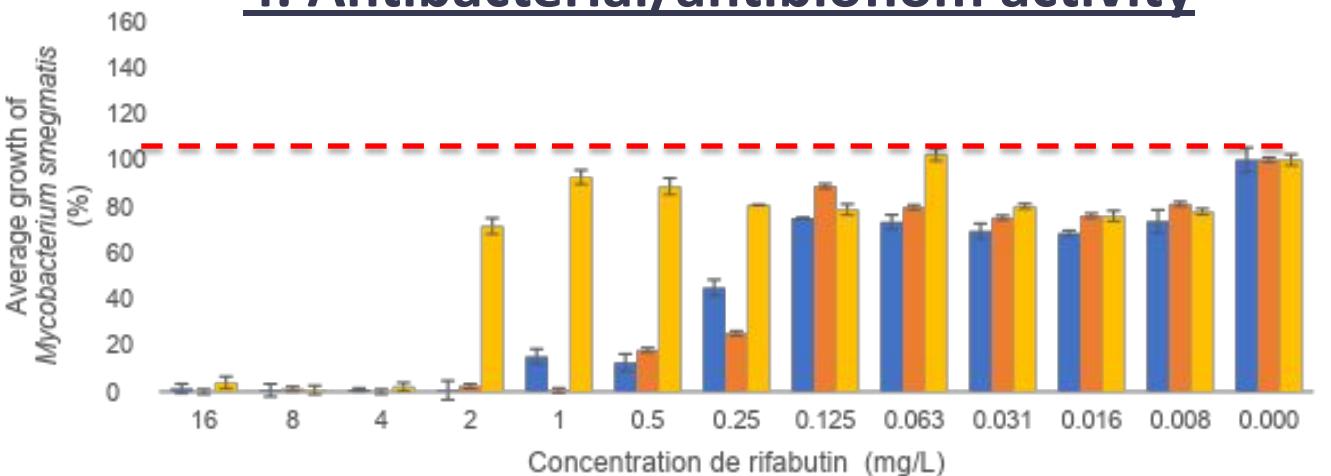
Control  
IF: 2,95

NCS PEG  
IF: 378

Pollen + PEG  
IF: 1695



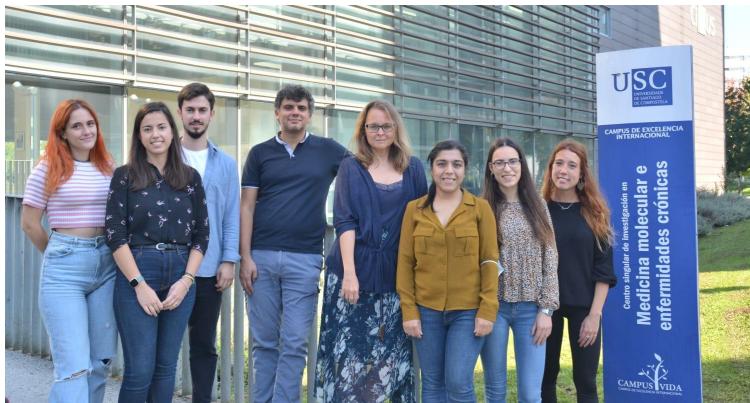
### 4. Antibacterial/antibiofim activity



# Conclusion

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

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