

Chemotherapeutic Nanomedicines For simultaneous Brain and GBM Targeted Treatments

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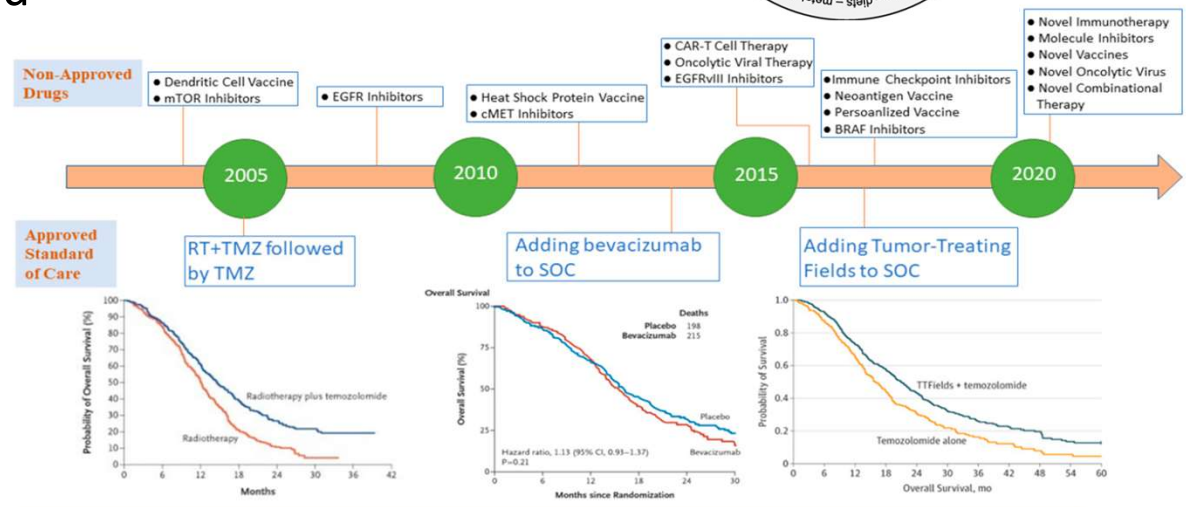
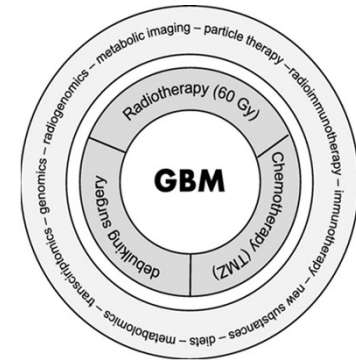
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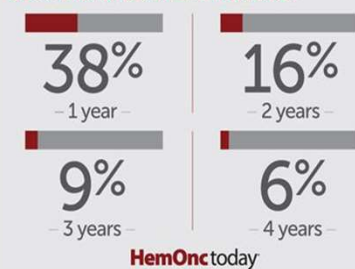


Glioblastoma Multiforme

- Most malignant Brain Tumor
- 17,000 cases a year, 5 in 1000 affected
- Poor Life expectancy
 - Age Linked



SURVIVAL RATES AFTER DIAGNOSIS



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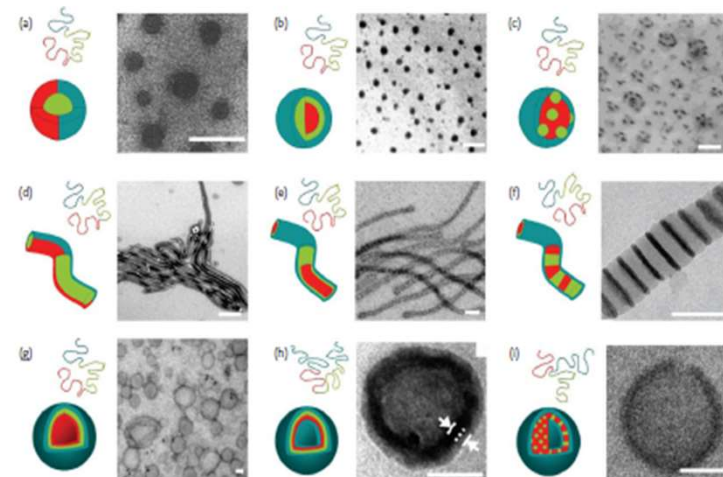
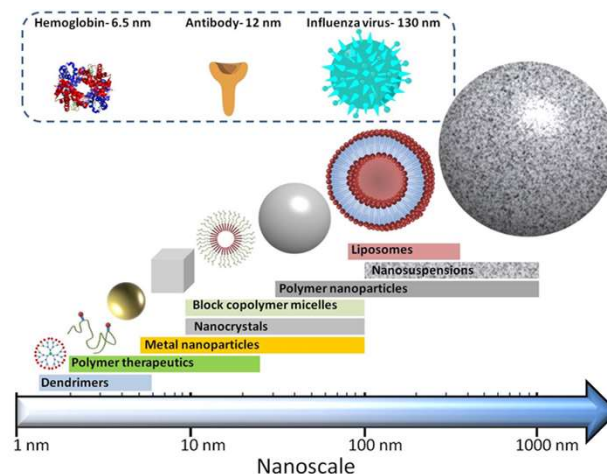
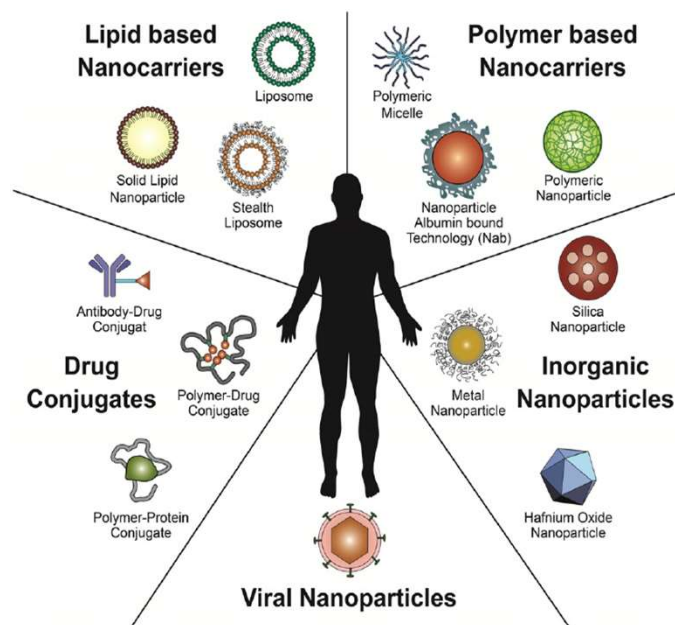
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Why Nanomedicine?



Pharmaceuticals

- Poor Solubility
- Poor Stability
- Poor Bioavailability
- Toxicity
- Untargeted - (Off Target Effects)



PLGA nanoparticles

PLGA: poly(lactic-co-glycolic acid)

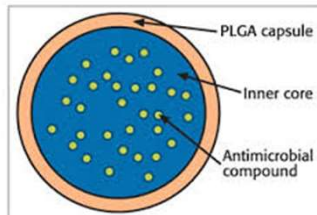
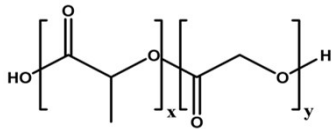
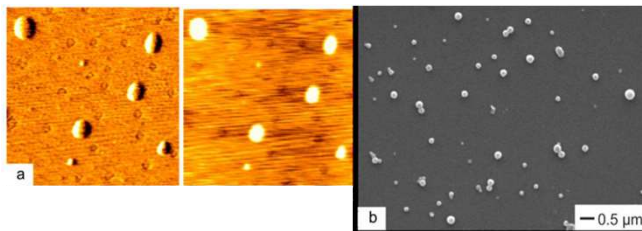


Figure 1: Schematic of an Antimicrobial Encapsulated by a PLGA Nanoparticle

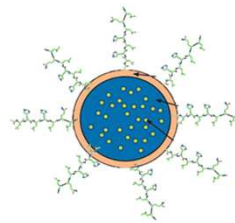
- Safe (FDA approved)
- Not extremely expensive
- Possible to chemically modify with ligands
- Double emulsion nanoparticles
 - 200 nm
 - -20 mv charge
 - Possible to entrap various molecules



Nanomedicine (NPs+PROTEIN): ACCUMULATION in NEURONS

Targeted PLGA (Pre-modified)

- G7 peptide
 - Targets Brain
 - Opioids receptor derivative
 - Can be linked to PLGA
 - Still forms similar nanoparticles
- Can carry small molecules, peptides, proteins, and enzymes to the brain
- 10% of injected dose



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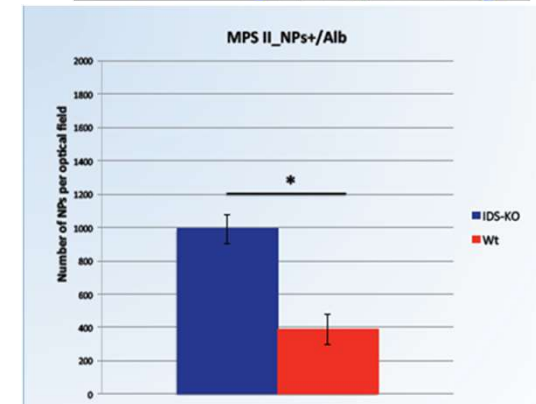
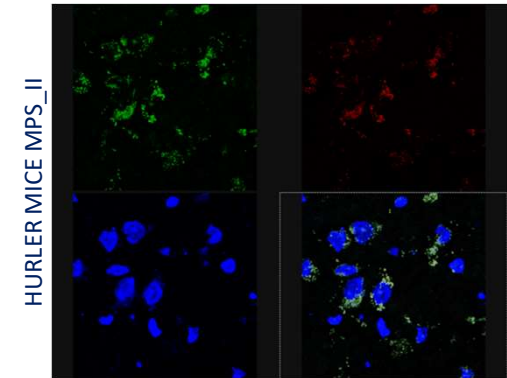
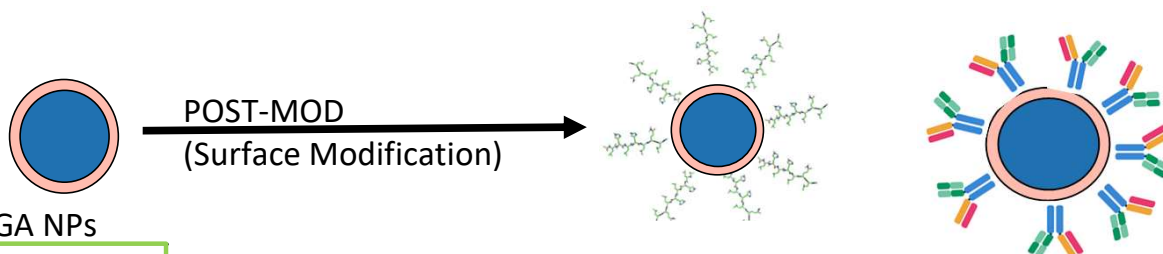


Fig.5: Number of NPs per optical field evaluated on brain slices by confocal microscopy. Hunter and wild-type mice (both $n=3$) were injected with NPs+/Alb. * $p<0.05$

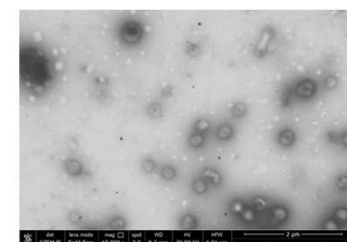
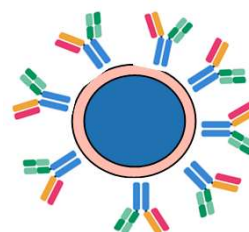
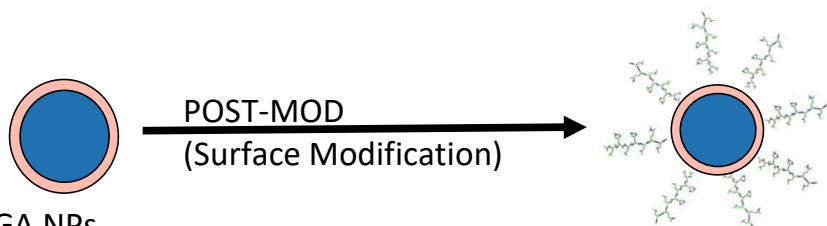
GBM Targeted Nmeds: Formulation Characterization



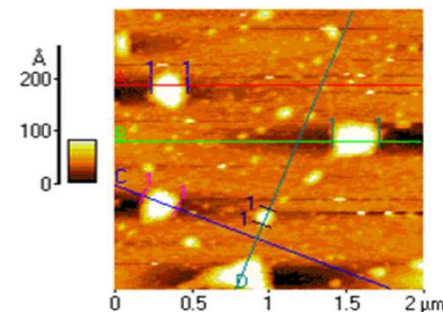
NMed formulation	Ligand Amount (ug)
Optimized NMed	0
NMeds with mock reaction	0
g7-NMeds	1
PAAVF-NMeds	
M08-NMeds	
M08J-NMeds	
g7-NMeds	10
PAAVF-NMeds	
M08-NMeds	
M08J-NMeds	



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STEM



AFM

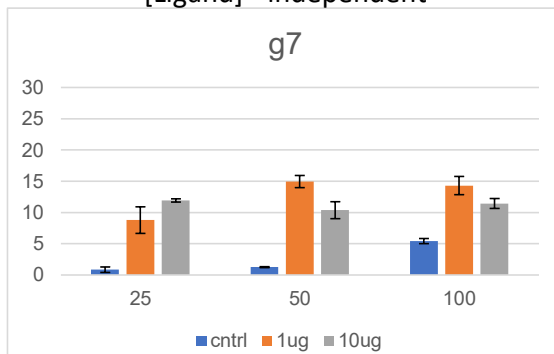
- Size – 150 - 170 nm
- Monodisperse (pdi < 0.2)
- WY > 90%
- Consistent surfactant content (10%)
- Zeta potential varies slightly*

NMed formulation	Ligand Amount (ug)	Size (nm)	PDI	Z potential (mV)	% Residual of surfactant	Weight yield %
Optimized NMed	0	157 ± 8	0.07 ± 0.01	-45.6 ± 4	12 ± 5	87 ± 9
NMeds with mock reaction	0	166 ± 10	0.12 ± 0.01	-33 ± 10	10 ± 7	93 ± 6
g7-NMeds	1	155 ± 13	0.09 ± 0.03	-34 ± 11	9 ± 8	92 ± 5
PAAVF-NMeds		156 ± 9	0.08 ± 0.01	-25 ± 9	10 ± 5	112 ± 10
M08-NMeds		164 ± 10	0.16 ± 0.01	-26 ± 10	11 ± 6	97 ± 9
M08J-NMeds		161 ± 11	0.11 ± 0.02	-31 ± 8	11 ± 5	102 ± 7
g7-NMeds	10	159 ± 10	0.08 ± 0.01	-31 ± 13	8 ± 9	104 ± 5
PAAVF-NMeds		156 ± 12	0.09 ± 0.02	-29 ± 8	10 ± 5	96 ± 3
M08-NMeds		160 ± 14	0.18 ± 0.03	-32 ± 9	11 ± 6	119 ± 4
M08J-NMeds		159 ± 11	0.10 ± 0.02	-29 ± 11	9 ± 9	110 ± 4

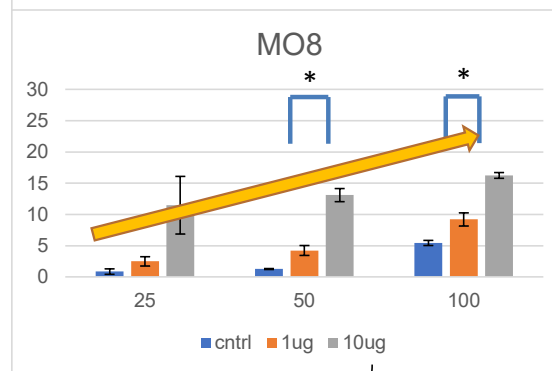
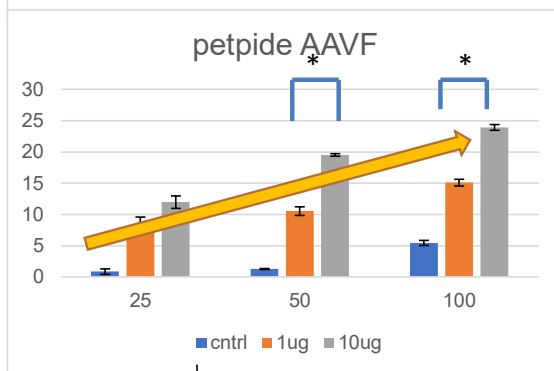
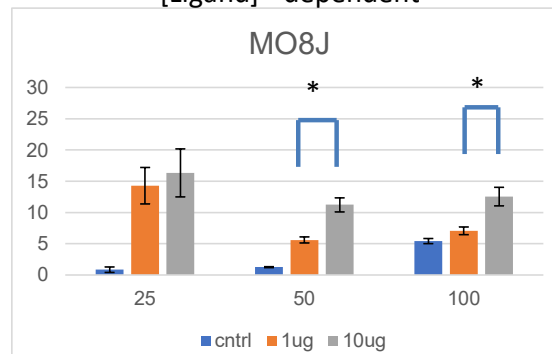


GBM Targeted NMeds: Cell Uptake

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[Ligand] - independent

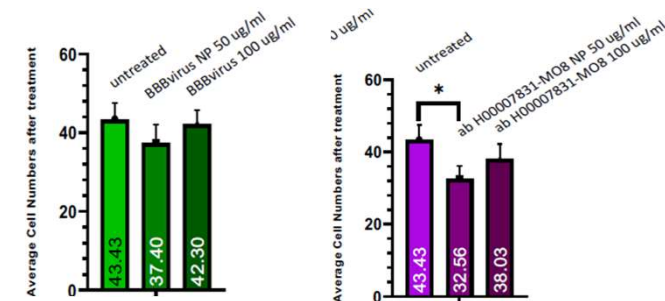
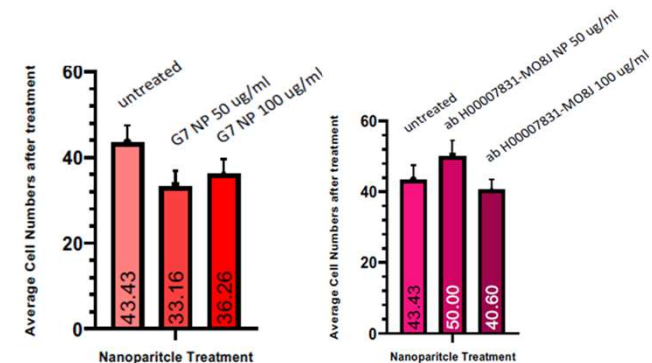


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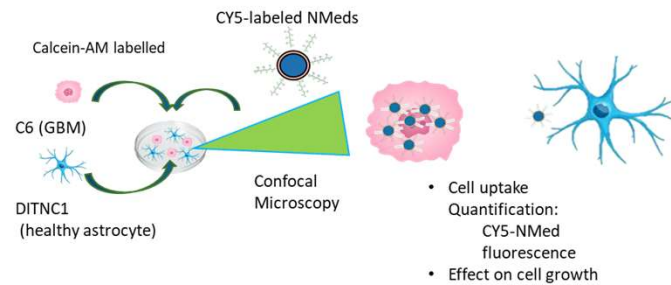


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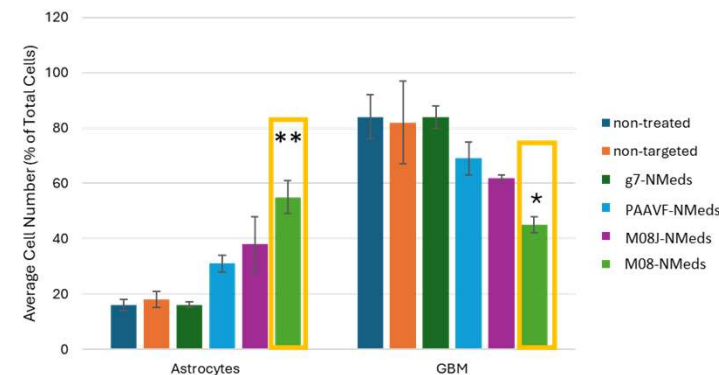
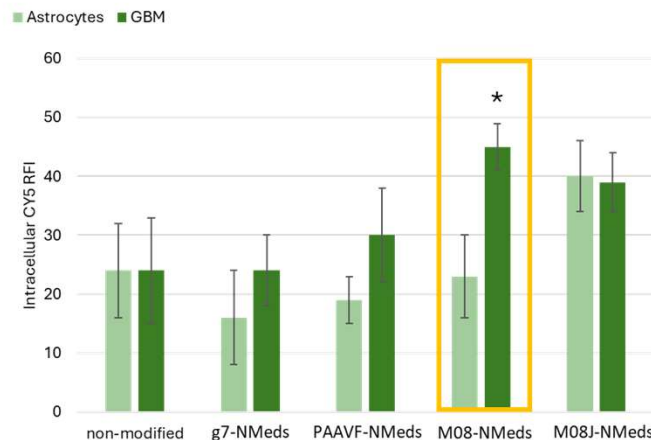
Viability: Cell #



Selectivity: co-culture of C6 (GBM) and DITNC1 (Healthy astrocytes)



Selective uptake into GBM cells?



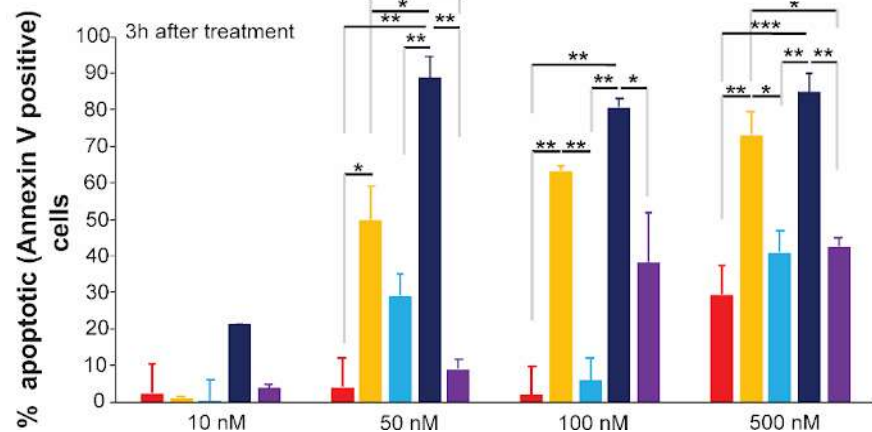
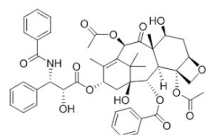
M08 NPs:

- Selective For C6
- Allows improved Astrocyte #'s
- Potential therapeutic effect?

Paclitaxel-loaded MO8 NMeds

A) Quantification of apoptosis

Annexin V: apoptotic cell marker

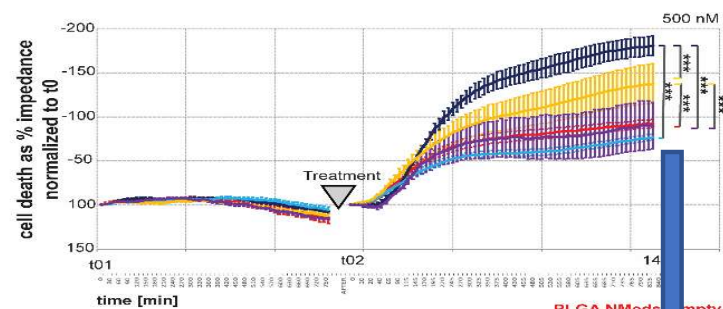


Apoptosis rate compared to Free PTX:

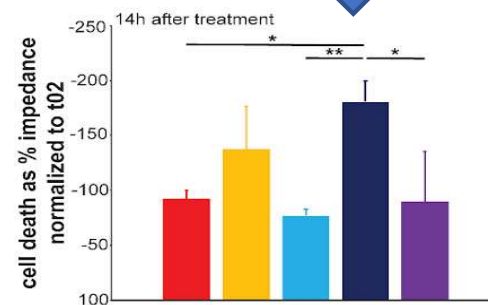
- Increases with concentration
- Non-targeted, Non-loaded NPs show minimal shift towards apoptosis
- Non-loaded MO8-NPs have an effect without PTX
- Non-targeted PXT –NPs increase apoptotic markers
- *MO8-PTX-NPs (50 nM) already appear to saturate already at 50 nM (near 100% of cells show apoptotic markers)

B) Cell Vitality: real time impedance measurements

↓ Impedance = ↑ Cell death



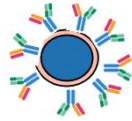
PLGA NMeds_empty
PLGA NMeds_PTX-loaded
PLGA NMeds_empty MO8 Ab-targeted
PLGA NMeds_PTX-loaded MO8 Ab-targeted
free PTX



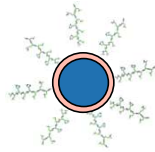
PTX-MO8 NMeds > Biological effect than all other NMeds

BBB- Targeting

GBM targeting (MO8)



BBB targeting (g7)



GBM and BBB targeting (g7)



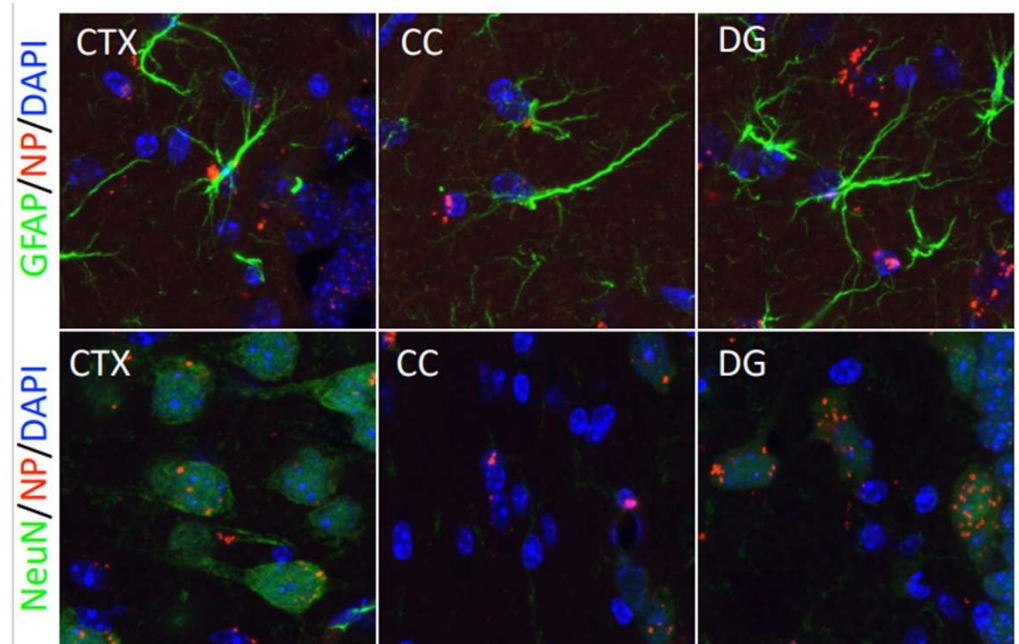
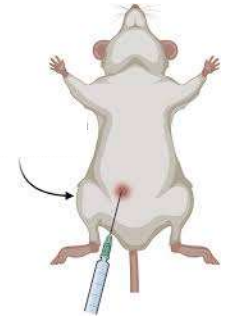
MO8 – PLGA NMeds colocalize with

- Neurons (NeuN)
- Microglia (Iba1 not shown)
- NOT with GFAP+ astroglia

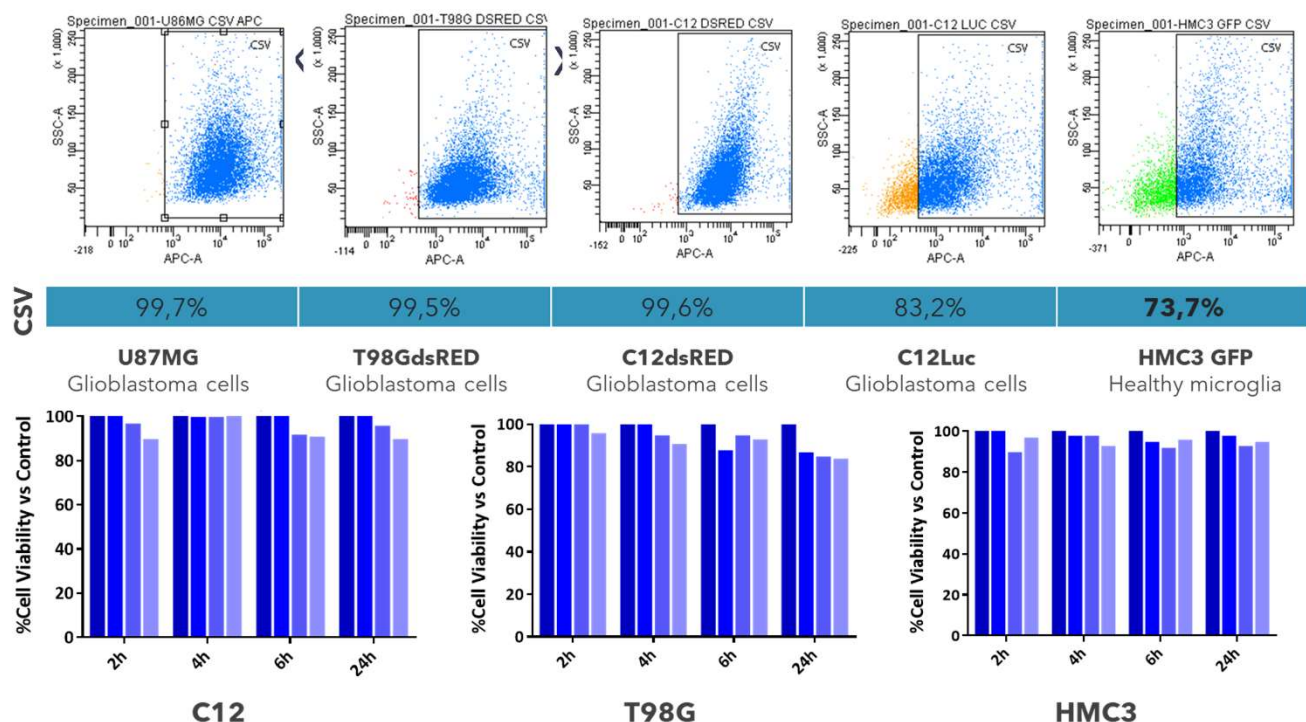
C57Bl6J

IP injection 20 mg/Kg

Sacrificed after 6 hours



Advancing Towards The Future: Improved Specificity



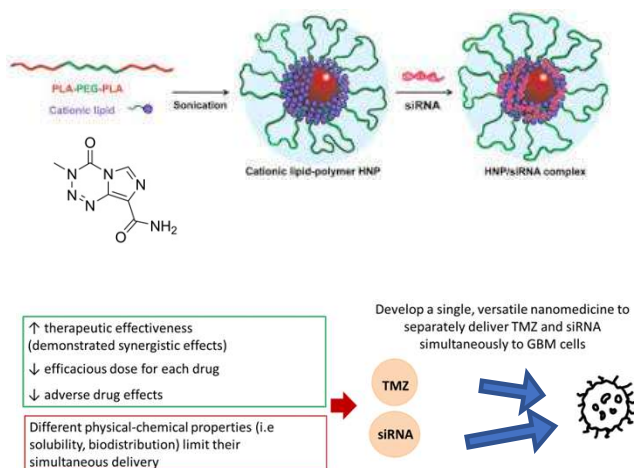
MO8 NMeds

*New Ligand
Higher specificity

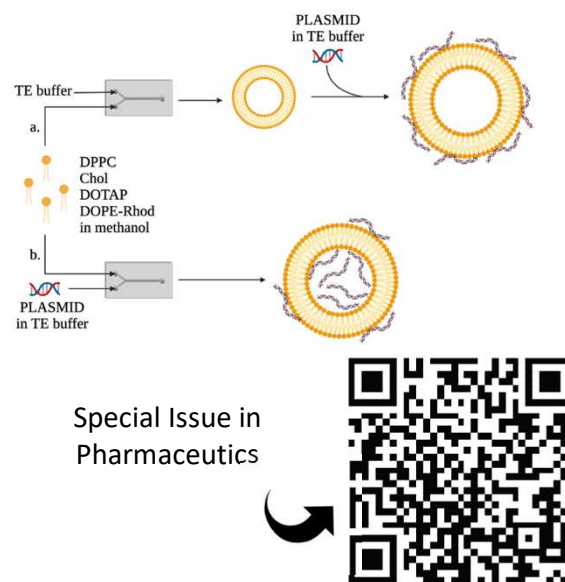
10% in HMC3 cells

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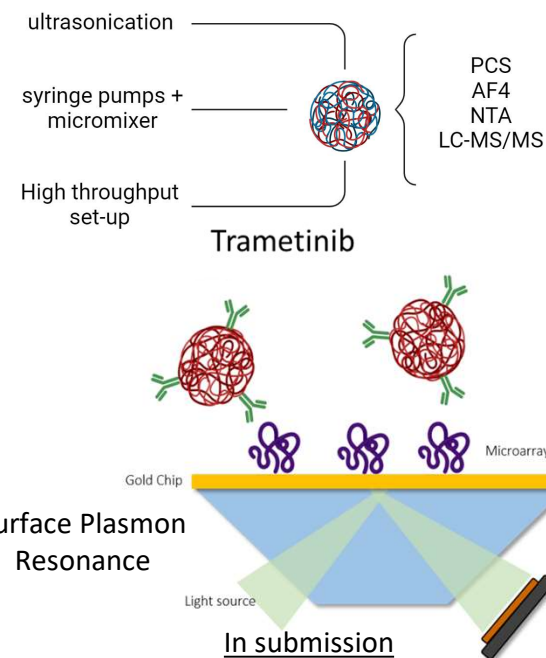
Hybrid particles: co-delivery of siRNA and/or Temozolomide



Microfluidic Lipid Particles for: Plasmid DNA – siRNA - mRNA



Advanced characterization and Different Drugs



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