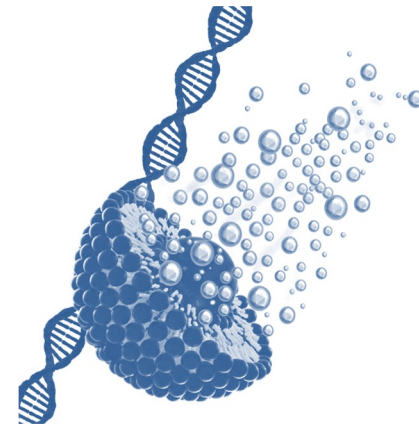
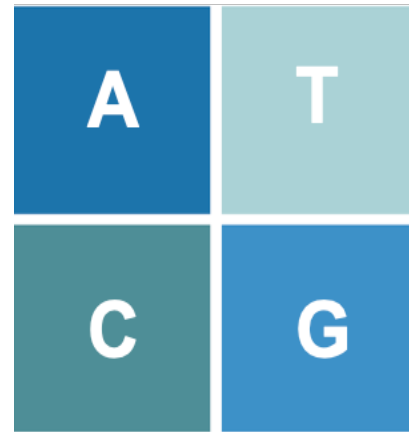
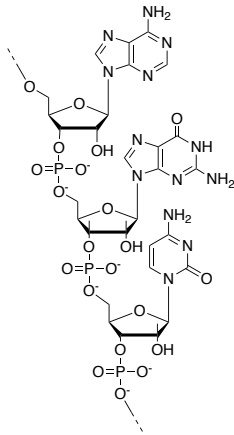


## NUCLEIC ACID BASED BIOCONJUGATES

### FOR BIOMEDICAL APPLICATIONS



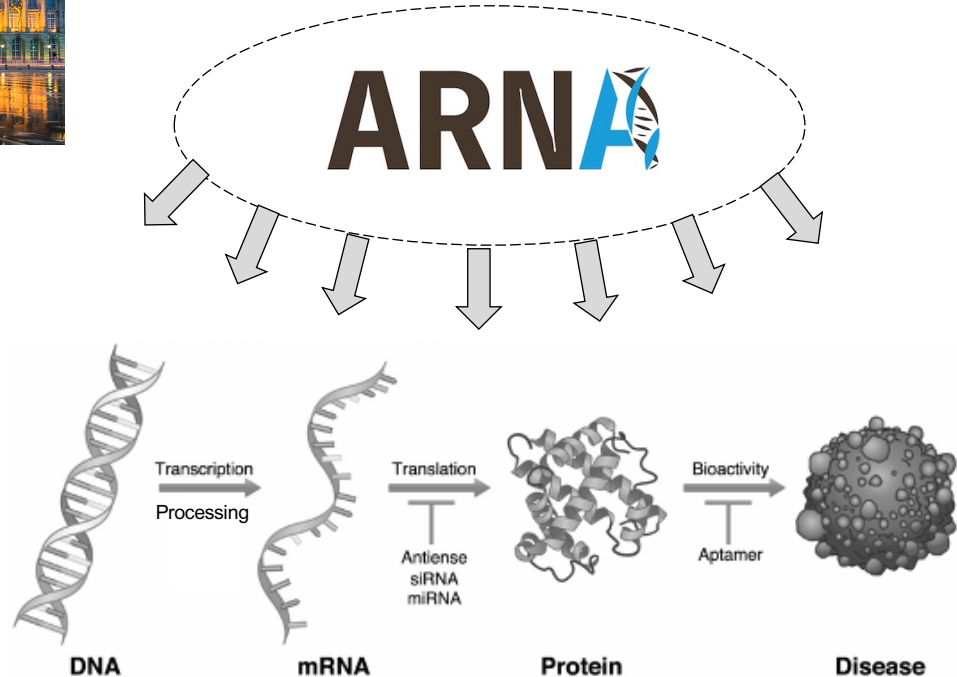
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## Nucleic Acids: Natural and Artificial Regulations

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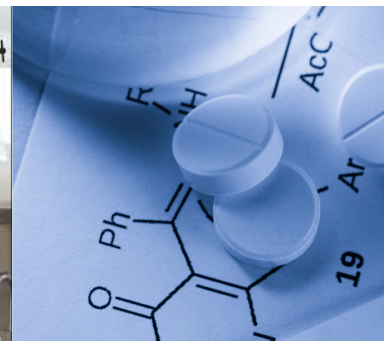
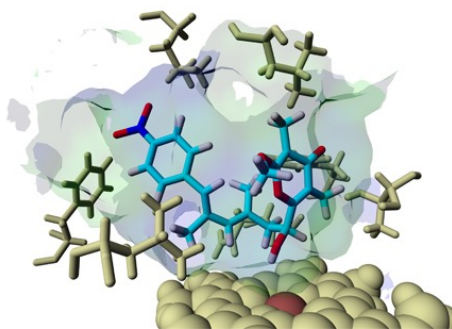
- ✓ Understand key processes involved in gene expression (Transcription, Processing, Translation)
- ✓ Interfere with these processes using oligonucleotide derivatives
- ✓ Construct novel synthetic nucleic acid based bioconjugates

# NUCLEIC ACID BASED BIOCONJUGATES

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# *Molecular and supramolecular chemistry of nucleic acid for health*

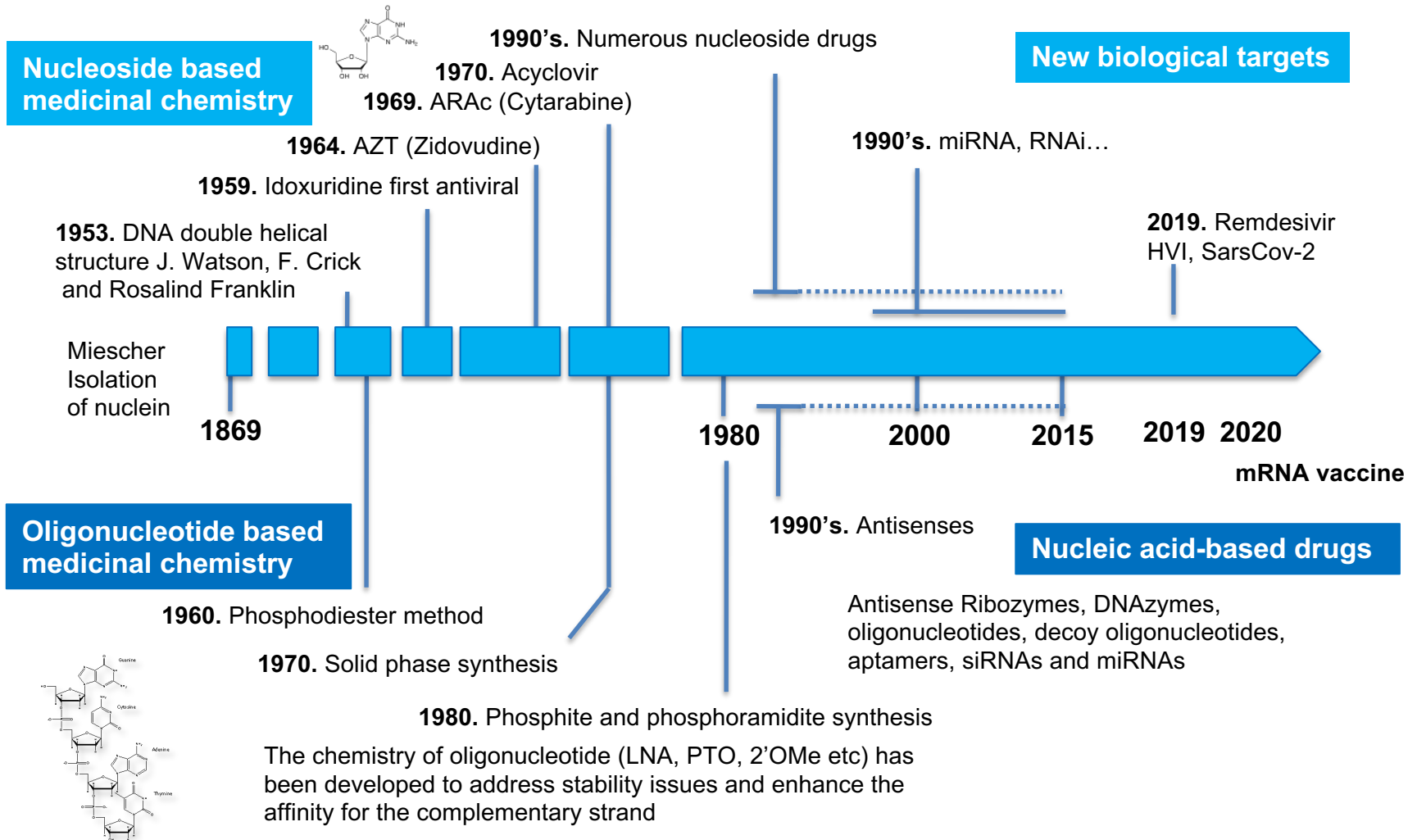


Interdisciplinarity for biomedical Sciences

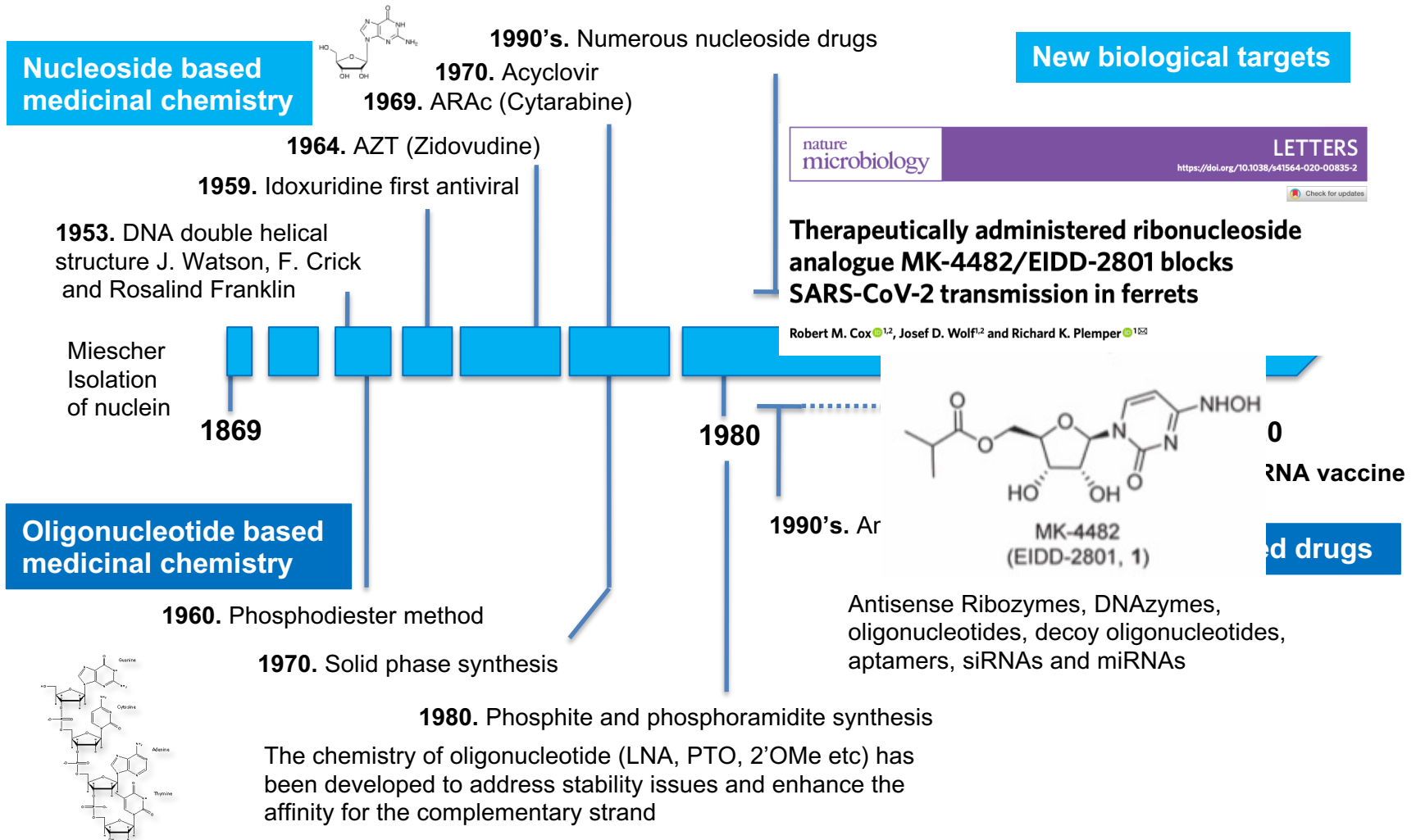
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# Nucleic acid chemistry, the context

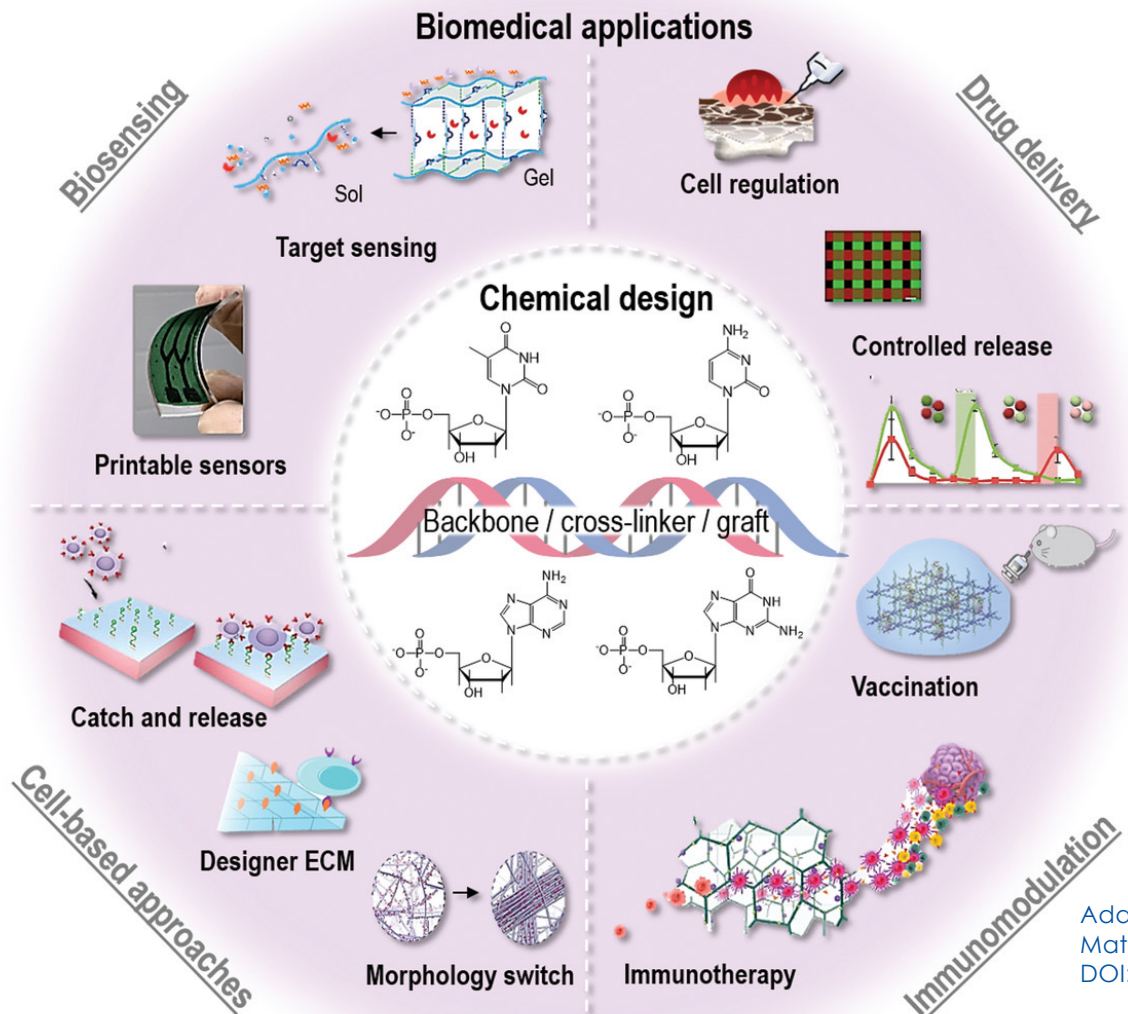


# Nucleic acid chemistry, the context



# Biomaterials, the context

“There is a critical need for non-polymeric soft materials for biomedical applications”



Adapted from *Advanced Functional Materials*, Volume: 30, Issue: 4, 2019,  
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# bioinspired materials ?

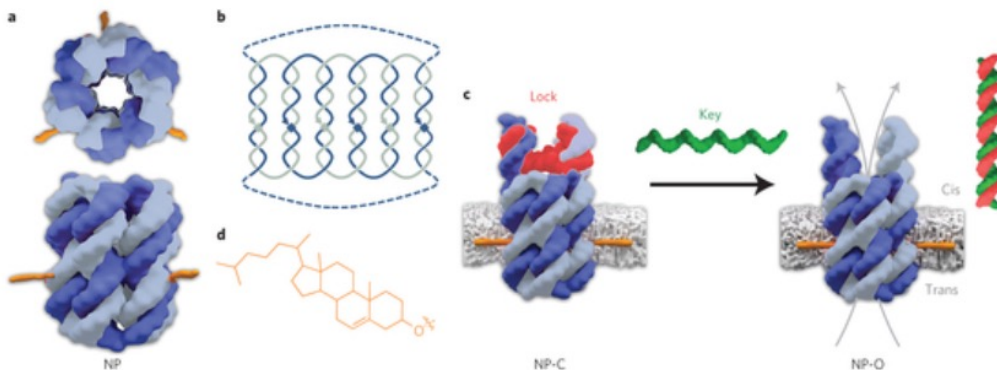
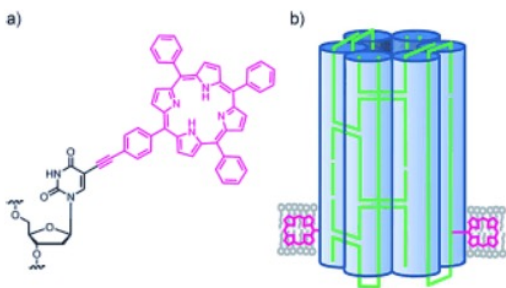
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- ✓  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking
- ✓ Van der Waals forces
- ✓ Hydrophobic effect



**MIMICKING NATURE**

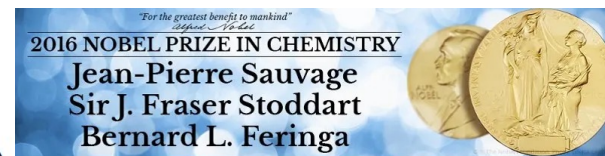
## biomimetic DNA-based channel

*Jonathan R. Burns et al. Angewandte Chemie (2013)*



*Jonathan R. Burns et al. Nature Nanotechnology 11, 152–156 (2016)*

**Molecular machines**



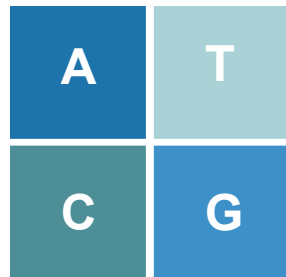
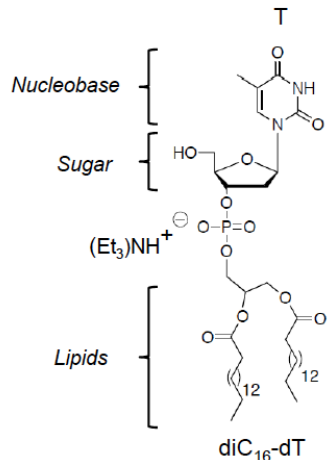


## STRATEGY

- Open new therapeutic landscapes
- Explore new advanced materials

## HOW

- ✓ Hydrogen bonding
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- ✓ Van der Waals forces
- ✓ Hydrophobic effect

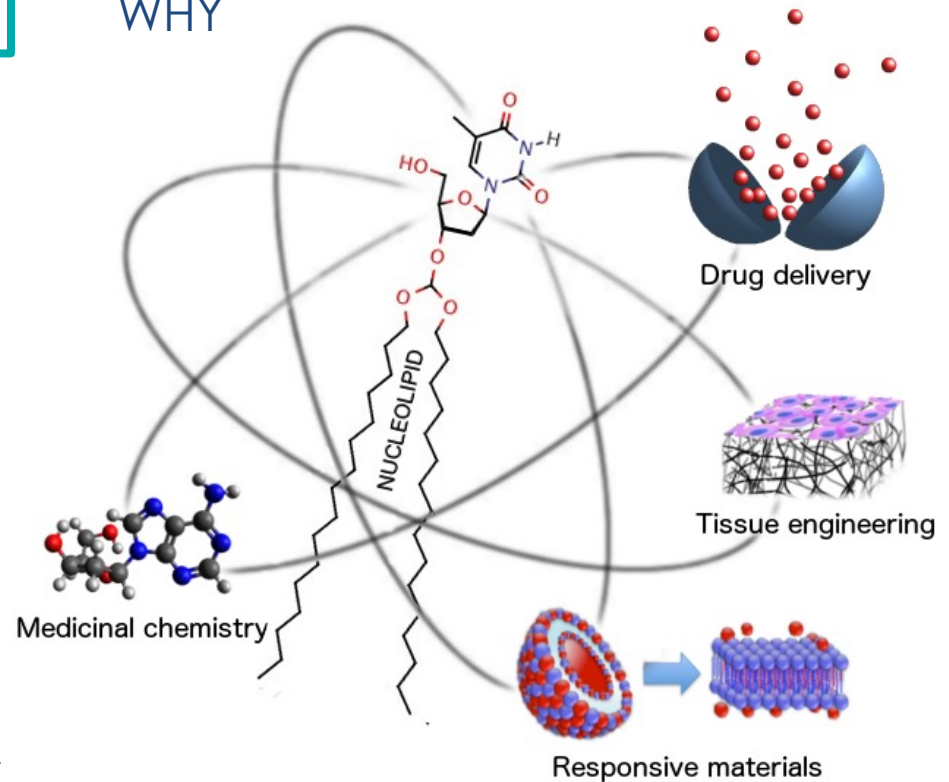


Nucleolipids  
or  
Lipid-oligonucleotides

Self Assembly

## Nucleic acid conjugates at the biological interface

## WHY

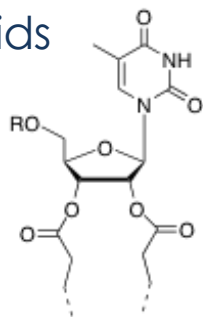


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# Supramolecular properties

Impact of molecular structure on  
the supramolecular properties ?

Nucleolipids

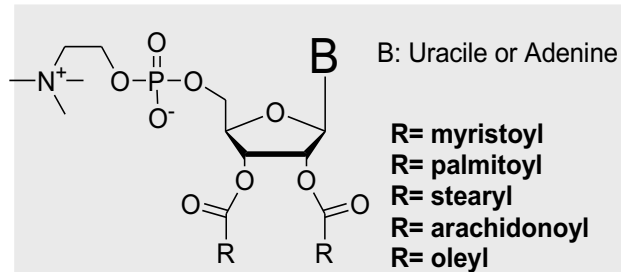


**Diacyl nucleolipids**

- *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*  
126; 7533, (**2004**)

# Supramolecular properties

Hybrid bio-mimetic molecular structures => **supramolecular diversity**

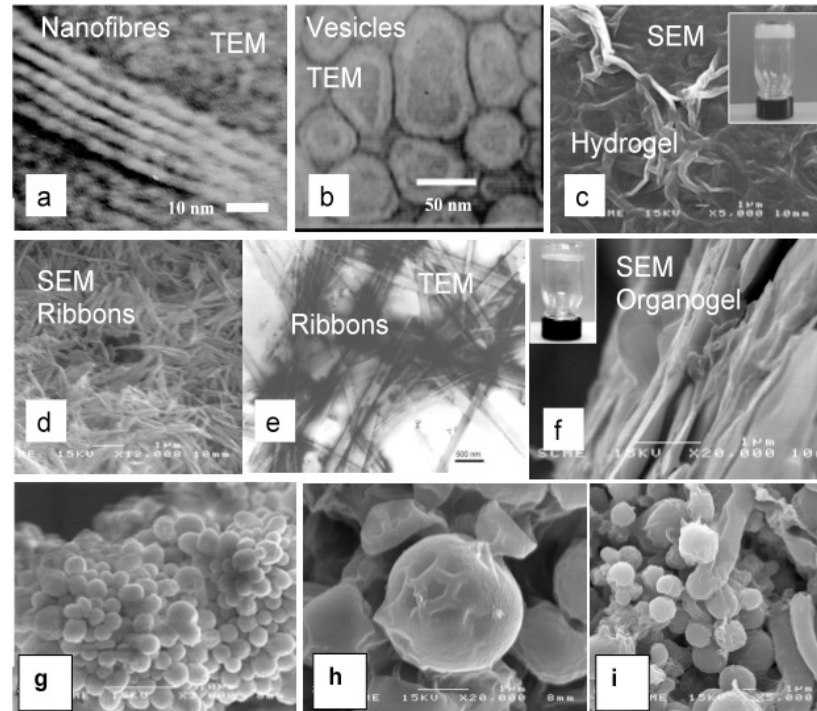


**phosphocholine derivatives**

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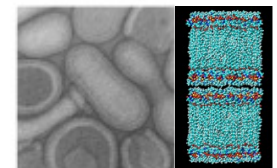
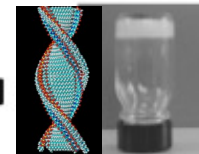
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Thermo responsive

Hydrogel

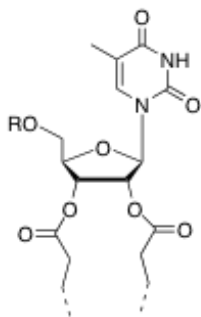


Helical structures below  $T_m$

Lamellar systems above  $T_m$

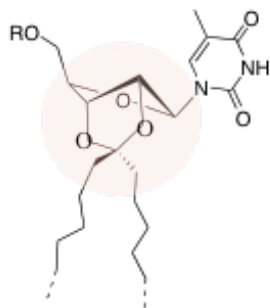
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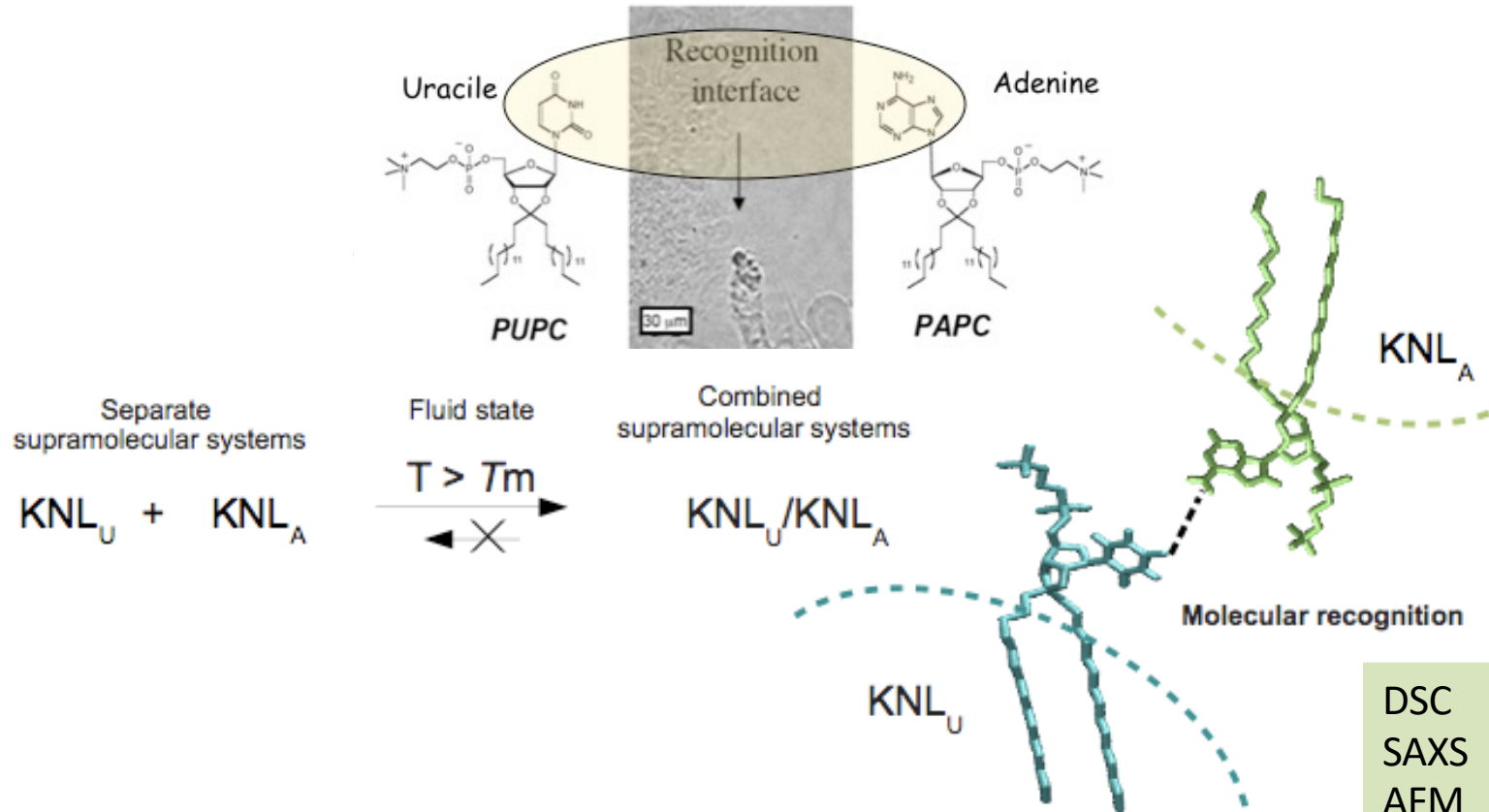


Ketal nucleolipids

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# Supramolecular properties

Combined Supra Systems directed via **nucleobases interactions**



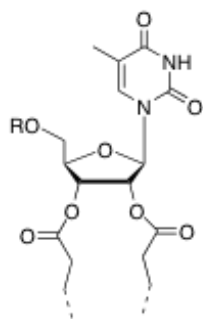
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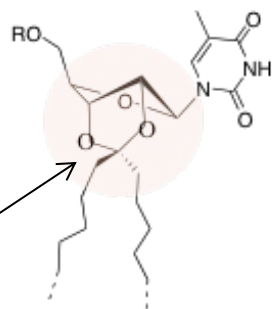
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# Supramolecular properties

Impact of molecular structure on the supramolecular properties ?



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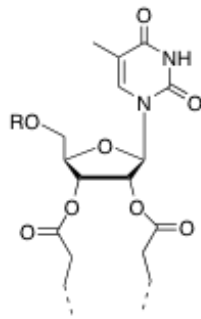


*Ketal bicyclic ribonucleoside (C2' endo) restricting the conformation to favor base pair recognition between the self-organized nucleolipids*

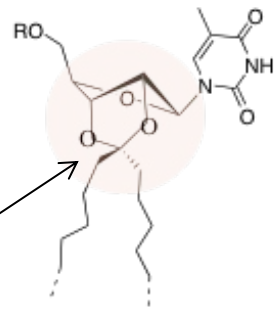
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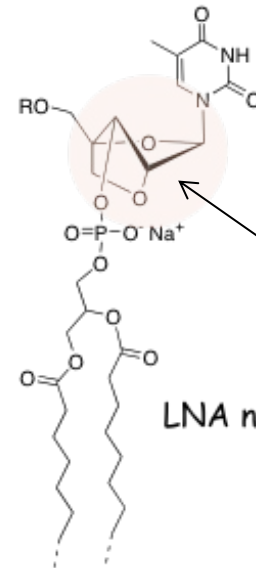
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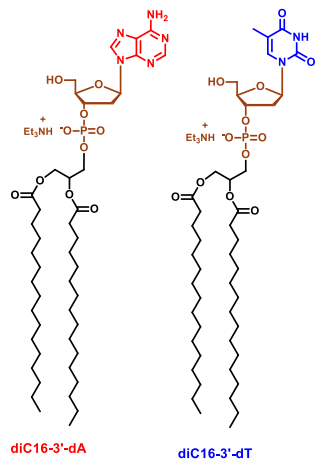
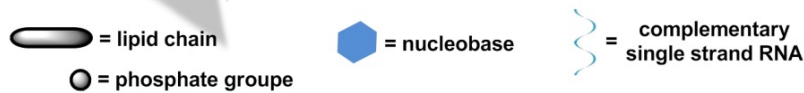
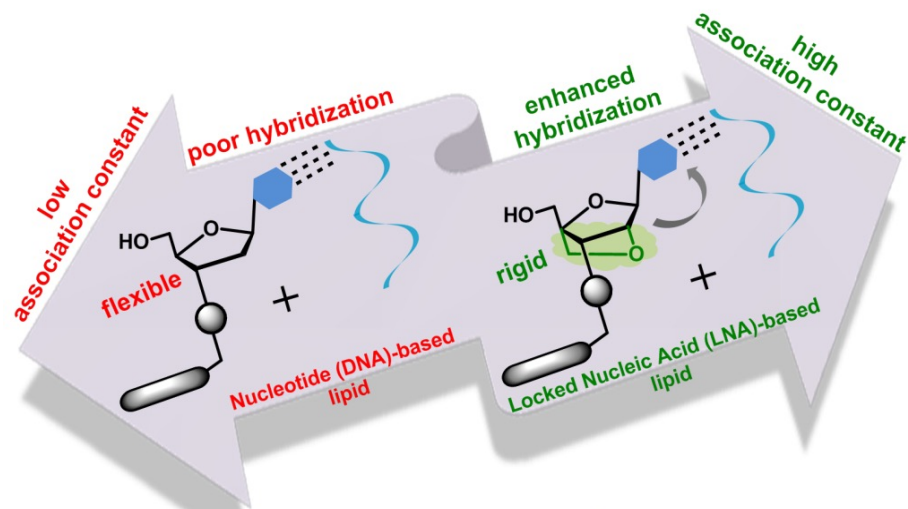
3'-endo (North)

LNA nucleolipids

*Ketal bicyclic ribonucleoside (C2' endo) restricting the conformation to favor base pair recognition between the self-organized nucleolipids*

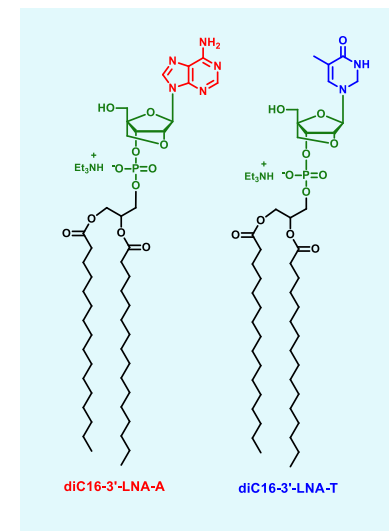
# Supramolecular properties

## Tuning supramolecular interactions



Nucleotide-lipid

	PolyA <sup>[K]</sup>		PolyU <sup>[K]</sup>	
	diC16-3'-dT <b>2a</b> <sup>[K]</sup>	diC16-3'-LNA-T <b>1a</b> <sup>[K]</sup>	diC16-3'-dA <b>2b</b> <sup>[K]</sup>	diC16-3'-LNA-A <b>1b</b> <sup>[K]</sup>
$K_d$ <sup>[K]</sup> ( $M^{-1}$ )	$2.63 \times 10^{-3}$ ( $K_{d1}$ )	$3.09 \times 10^{-4}$ ( $K_{d2}$ )	$5.78 \times 10^{-4}$ ( $K_{d1}$ )	$4.31 \times 10^{-5}$ ( $K_{d1}$ ) $1.64 \times 10^{-5}$ ( $K_{d2}$ )
	endothermic		exothermic	



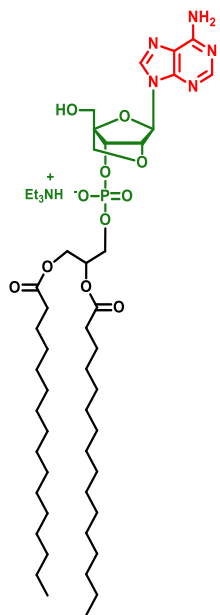
LNA-lipid



# Supramolecular properties

Tuning supramolecular interactions

**K<sub>d</sub> = 43 nM !!**

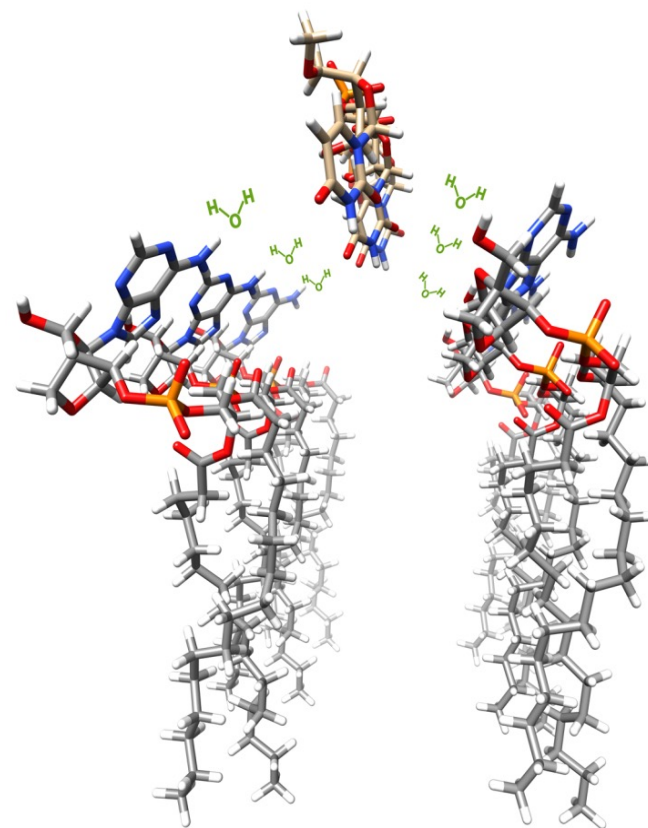


diC16-3'-LNA-A

**LNA-lipid**

LNA conformation **enhances hybridization performance** of nucleolipids

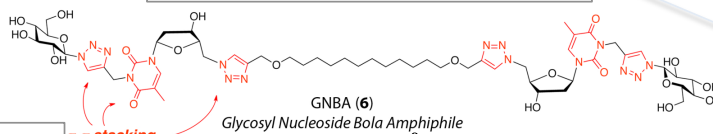
Formation of complex with single strand RNA is **entropically driven**



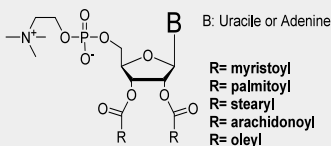
*Drawing from NMR experiments*

## Hybrid amphiphiles

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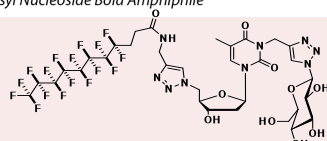


### Zwitterionic nucleolipids



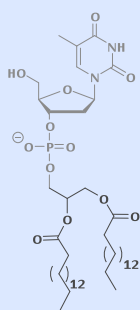
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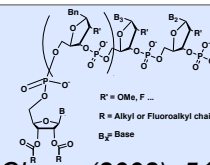
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### Negative nucleolipids (NL-)



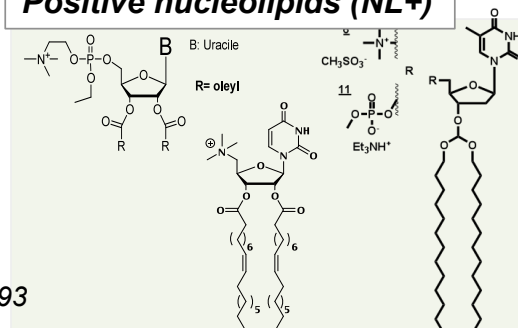
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### Lipid Oligonucleotides (LONs)



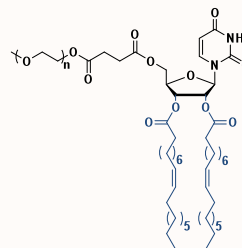
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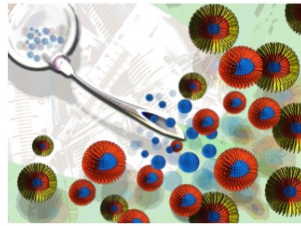
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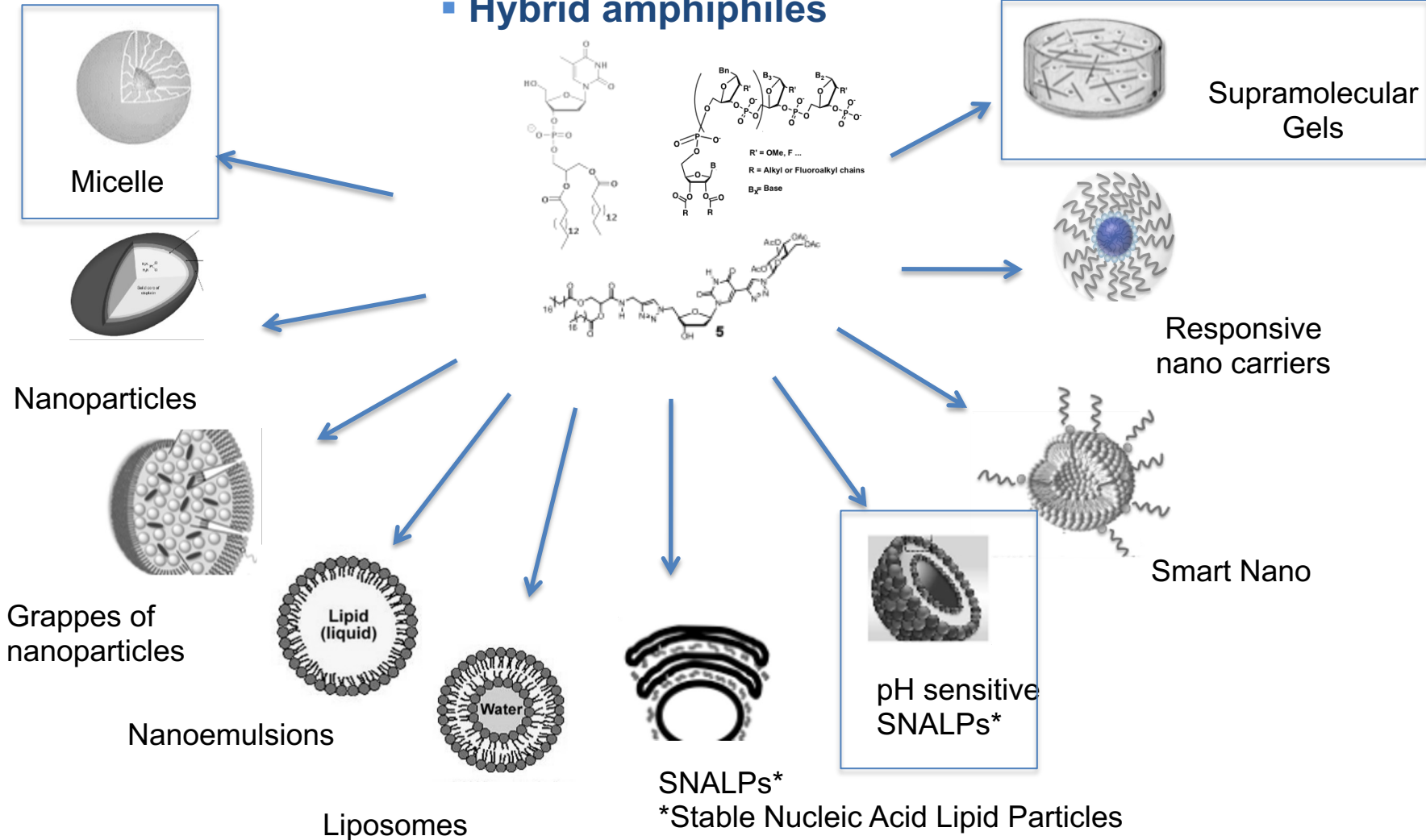
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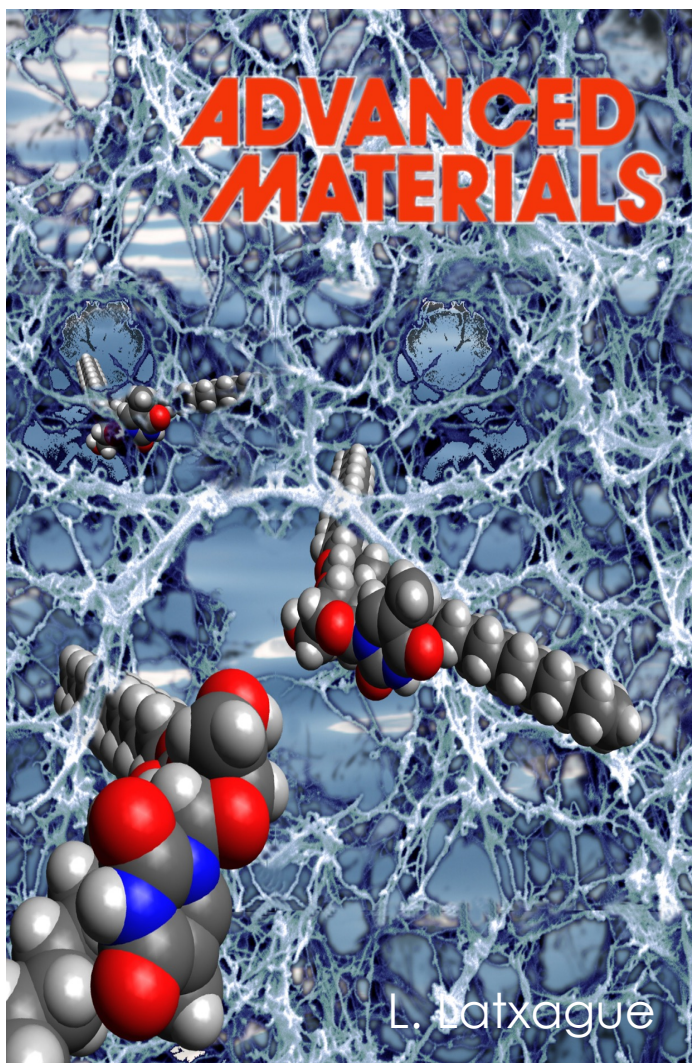
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## Hybrid amphiphiles





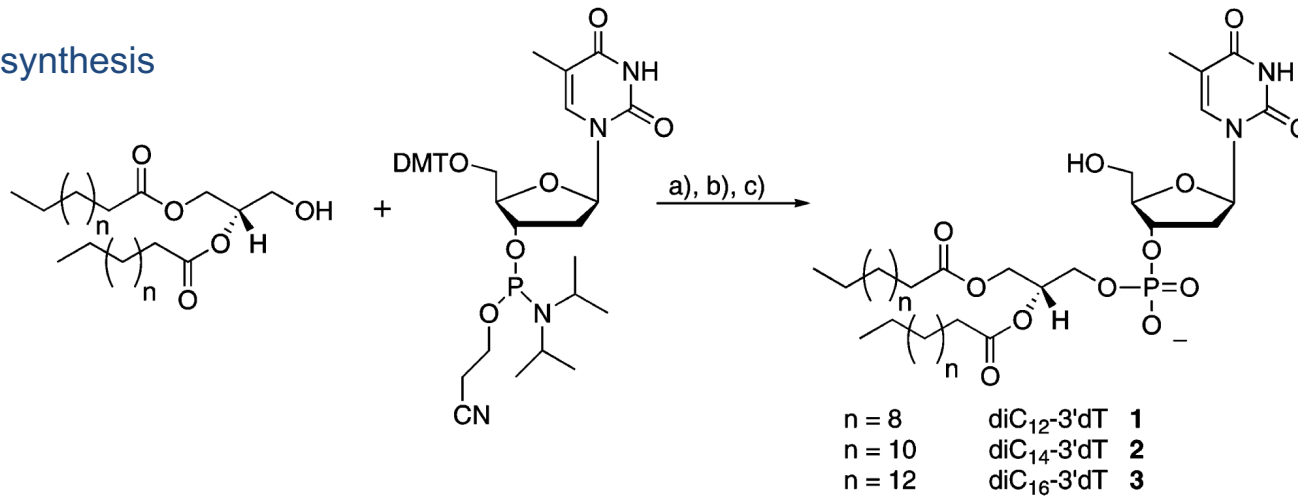
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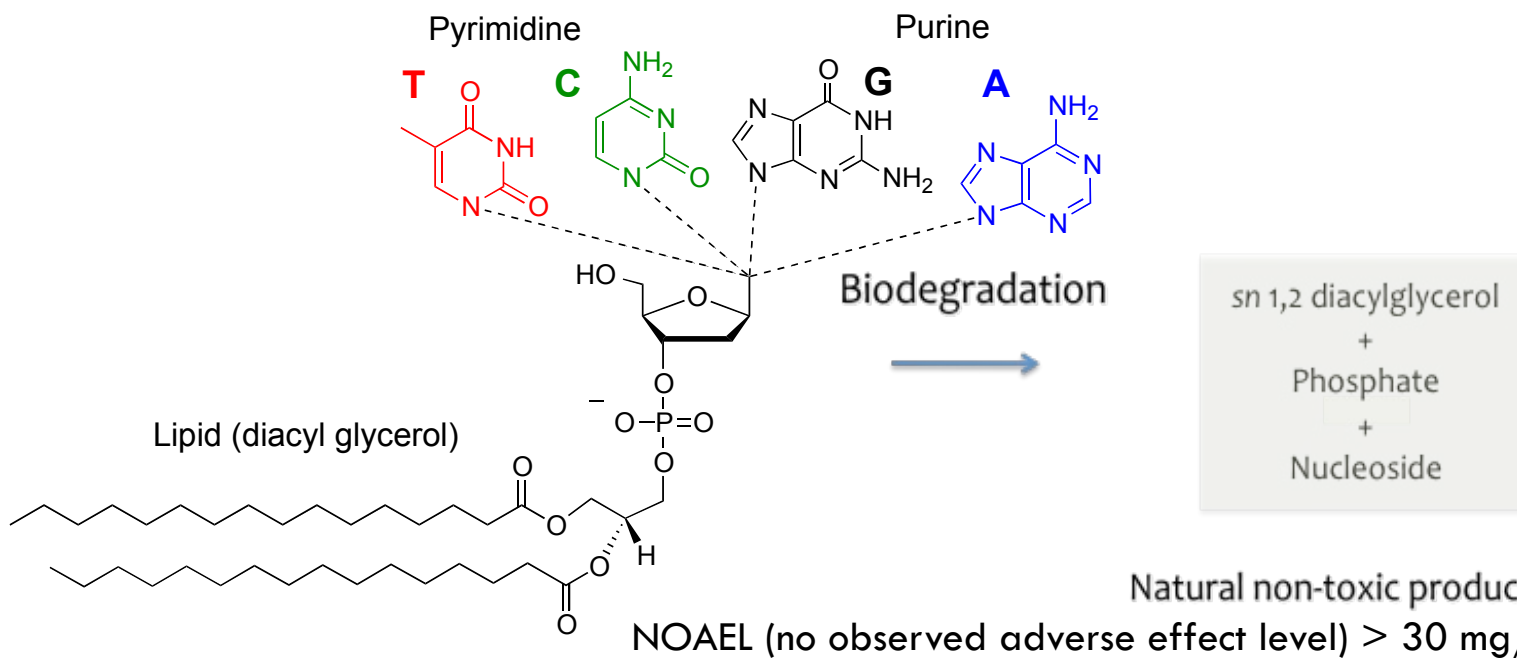
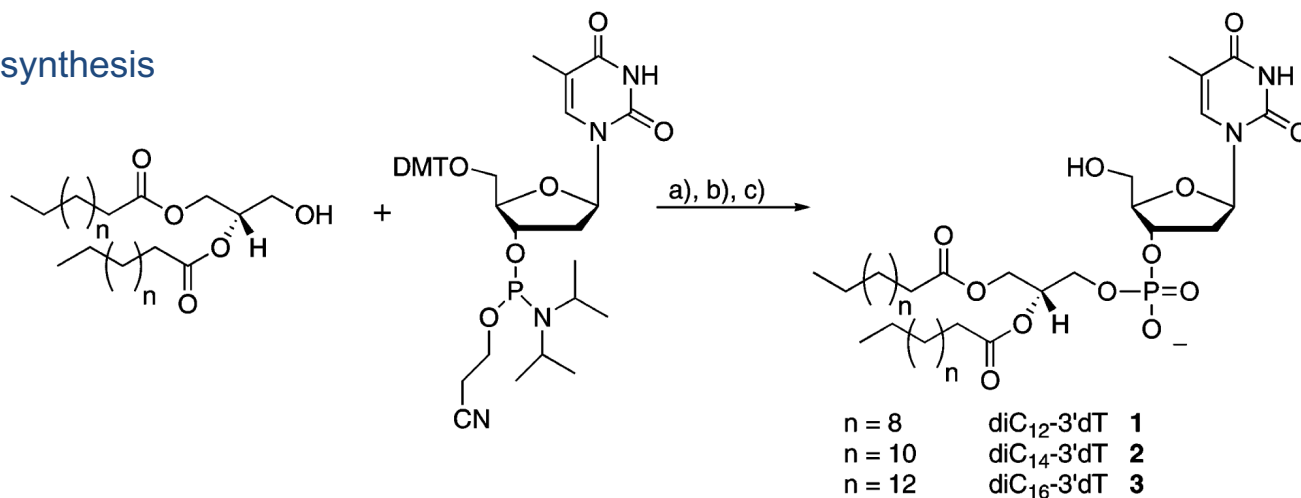
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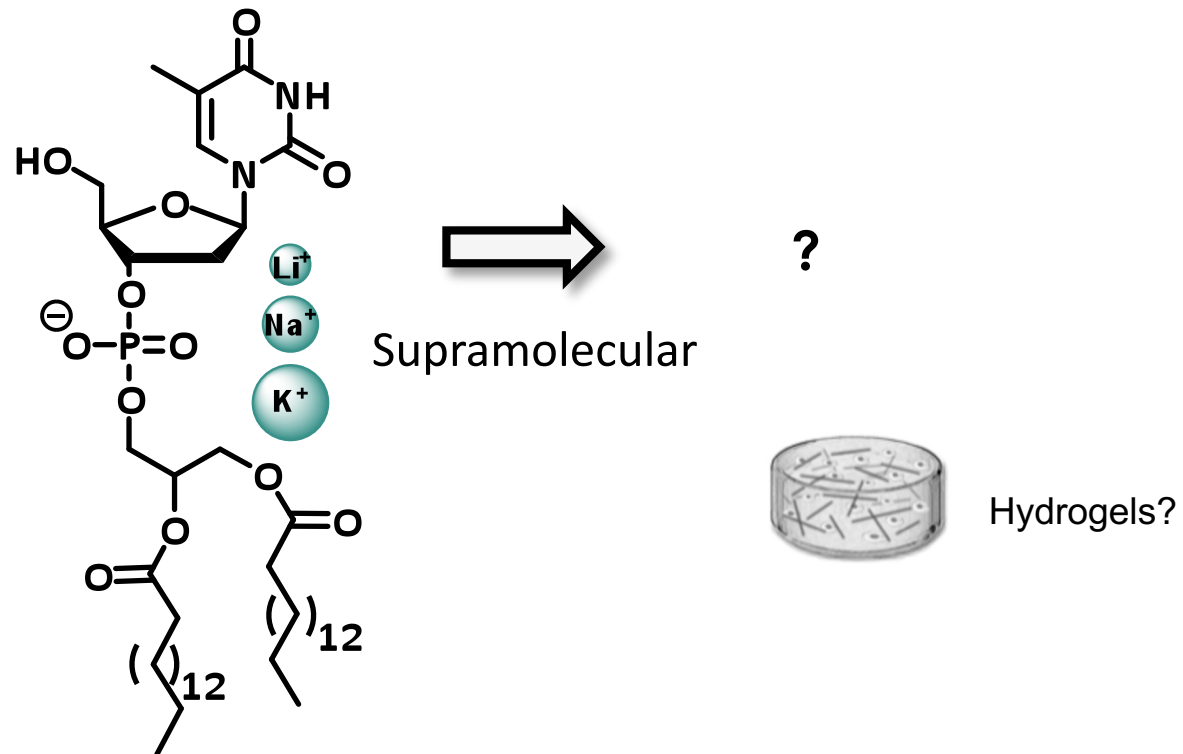


# NUCLEOTIDE LIPIDS

Example of synthesis



## Impact of counter ions on the supramolecular assemblies?

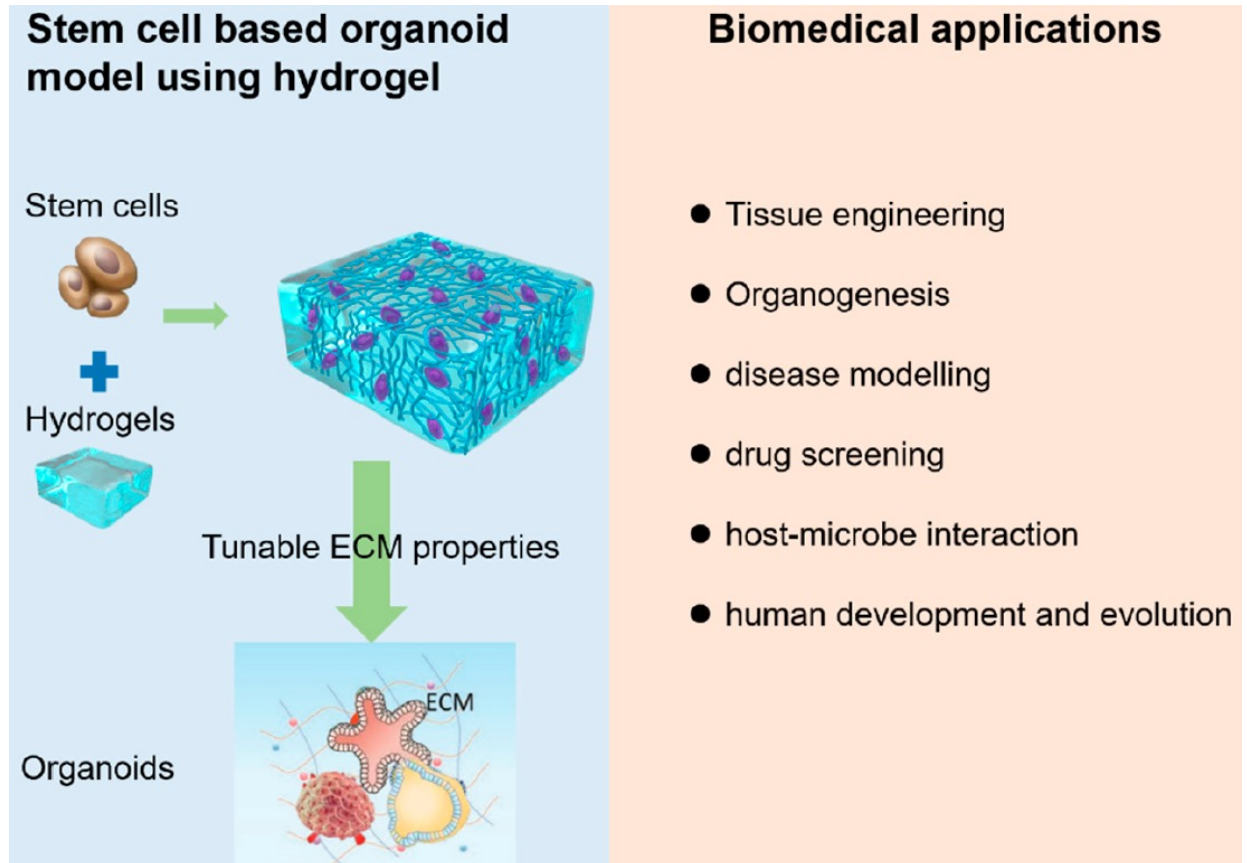


Ramin M. et al. Cation Tuning of Supramolecular Gel Properties: A New Paradigm for Sustained Drug Delivery *Advanced Materials* (2017)

## Gels are useful materials for biomedical applications

- ✓ Drug delivery
- ✓ Wound healing
- ✓ Tissue engineering
- ✓ Gene delivery

✓ Organoids =>

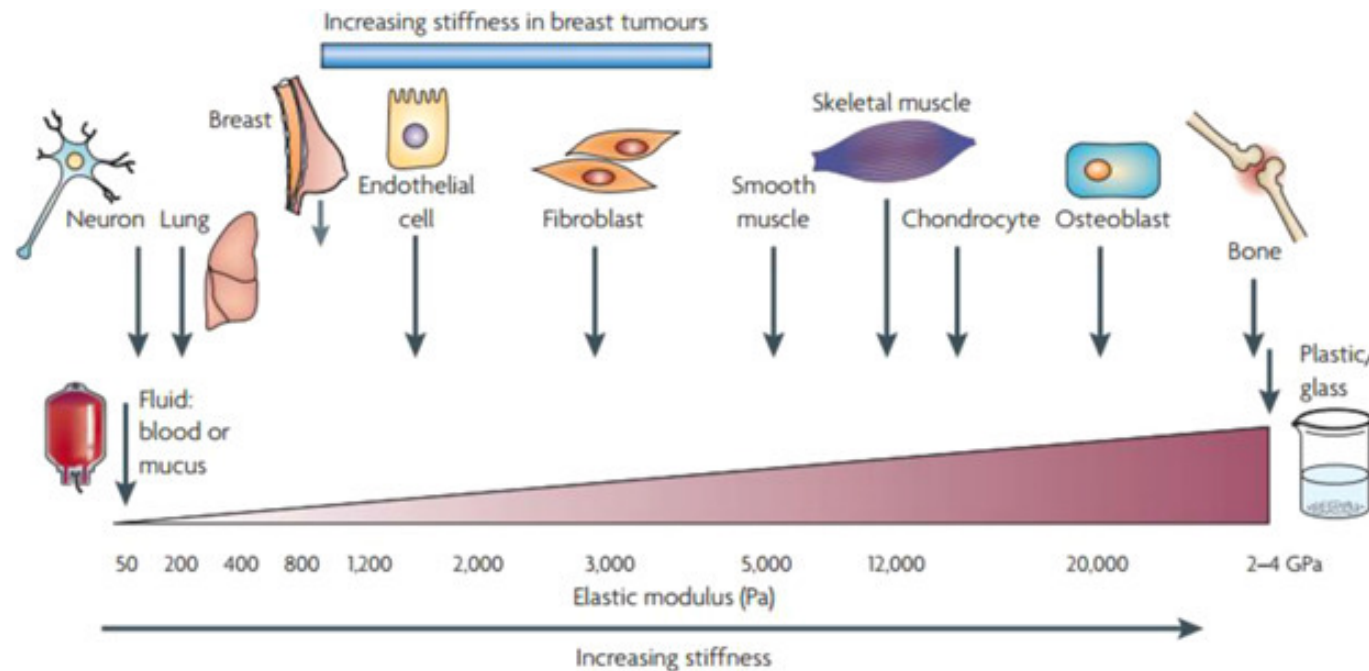




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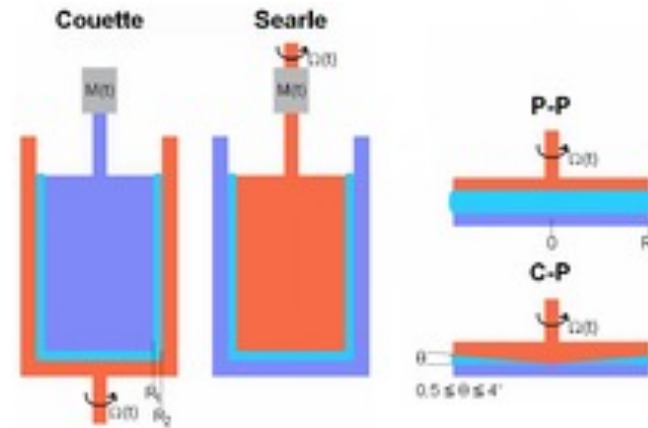
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## Gels « the basics »

### Gels properties



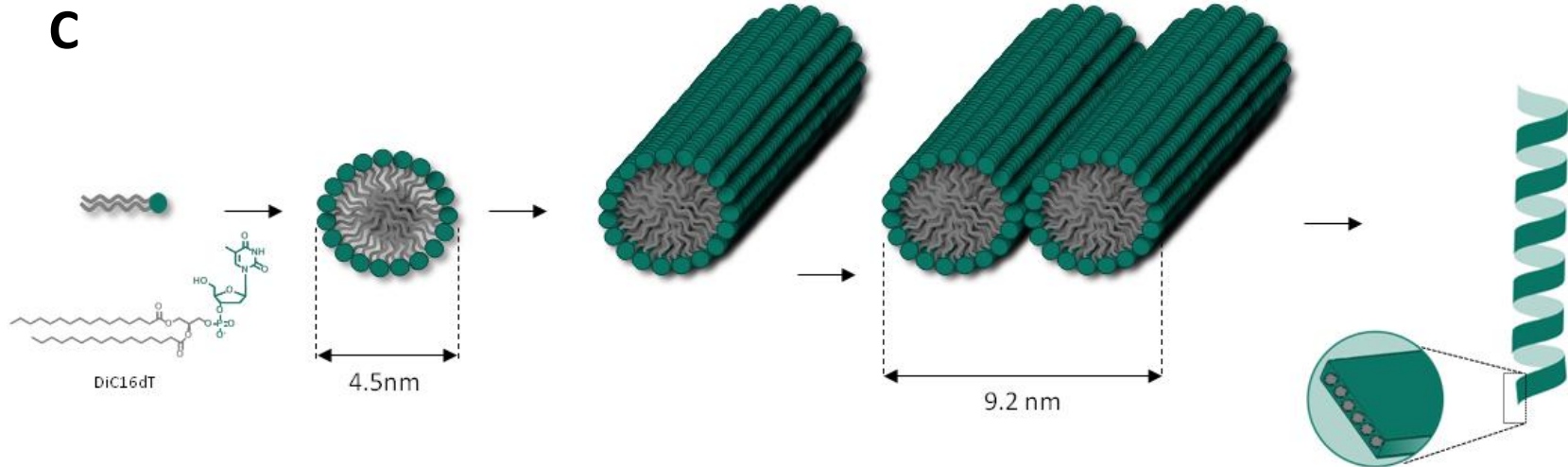
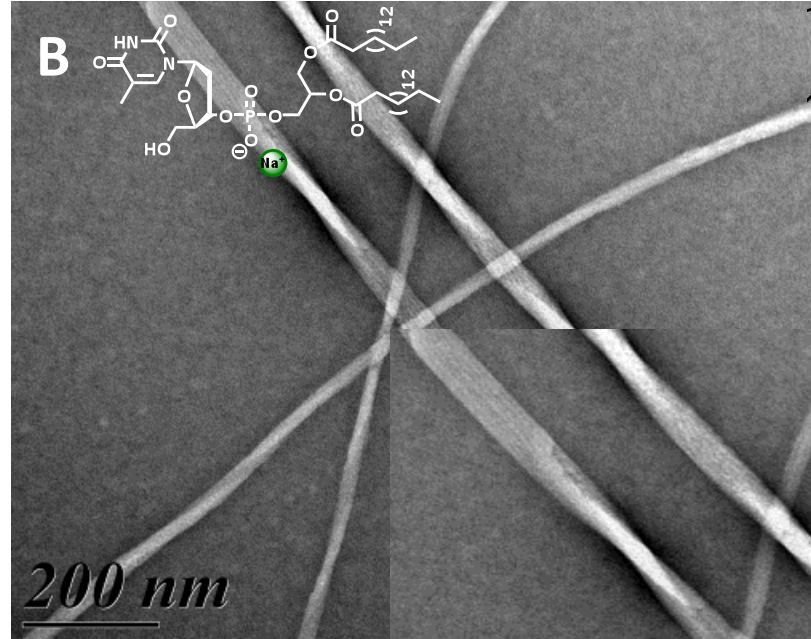
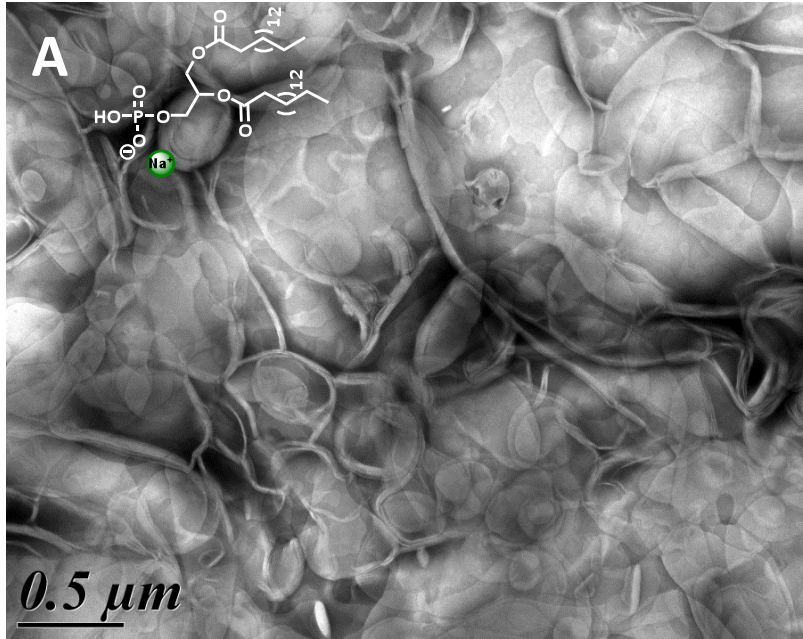
*Gels are both solid ( $G'$ ) and liquid ( $G''$ )*



$$\sigma = \gamma (G' + iG'')$$

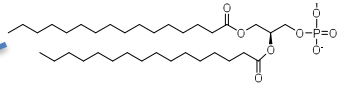
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*Dynamic mechanical analysis (DMA)*

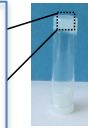
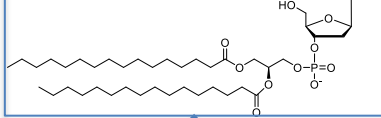


## Rheology

Phospholipid



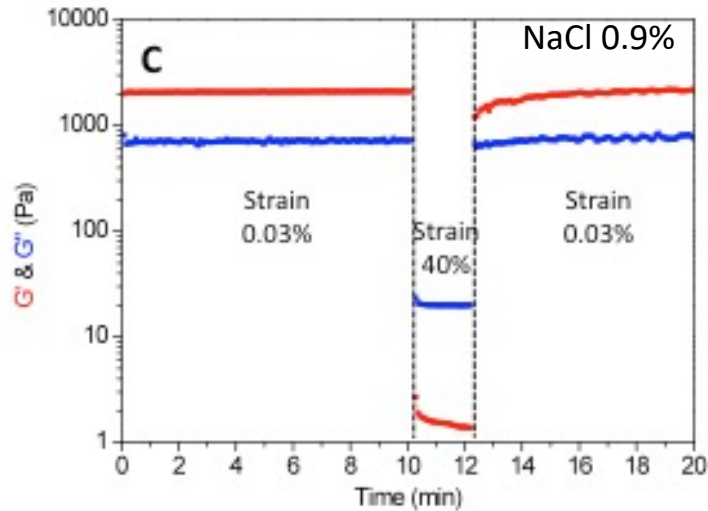
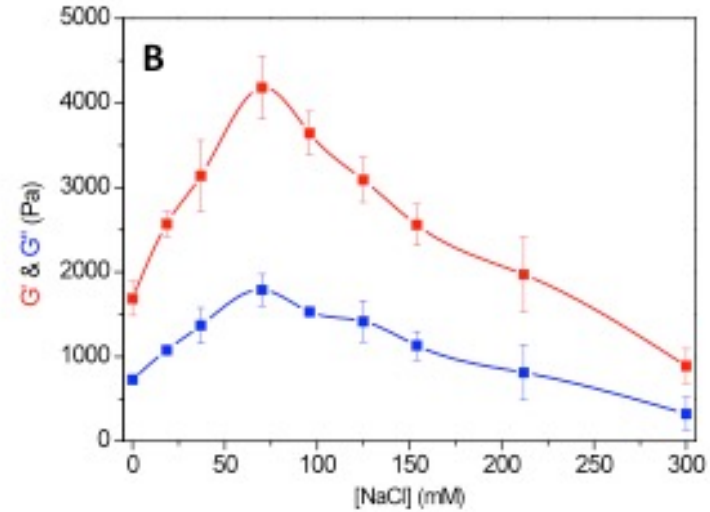
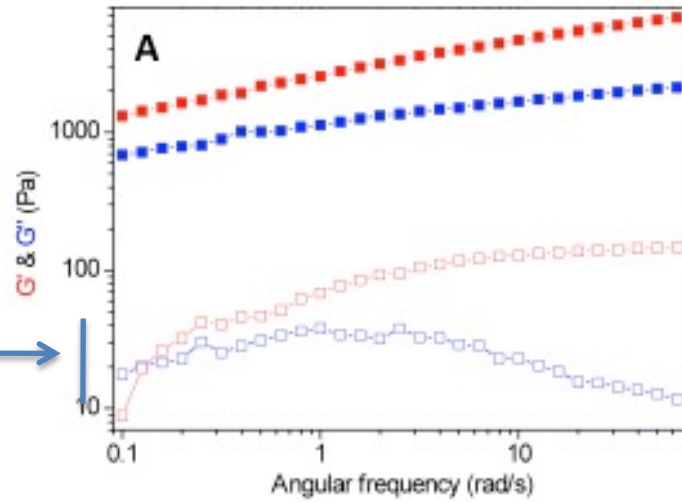
Nucleolipid



DiC16dT 1.5%  
in NaCl 0.9%

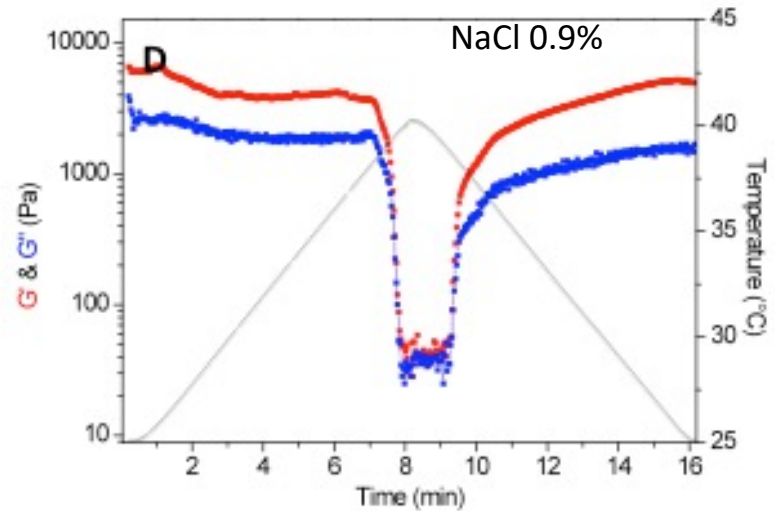
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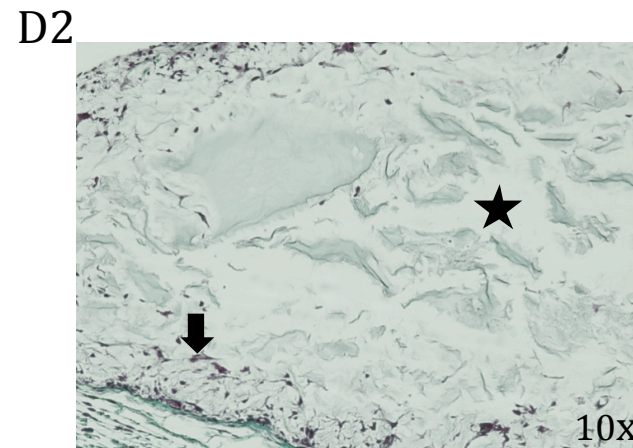
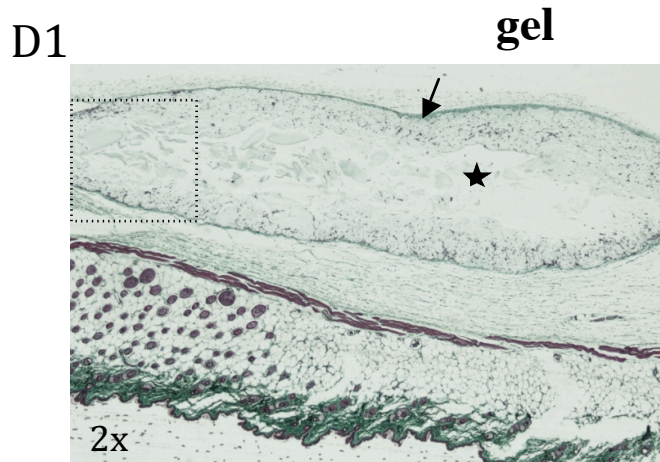
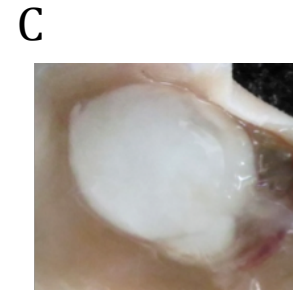
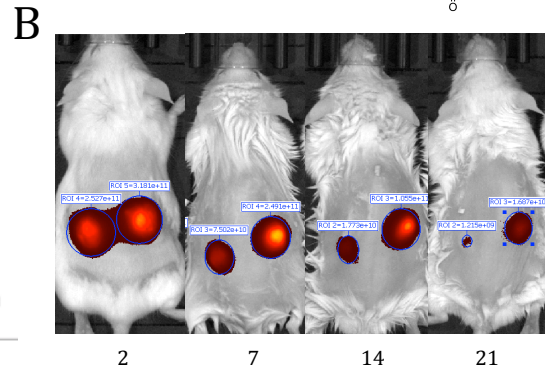
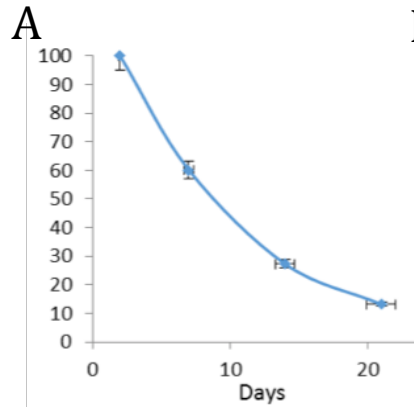
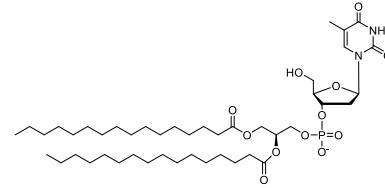
diC<sub>16</sub>dT 6% (w/w)



Viscoelastic moduli versus temperature

## In vivo experiments

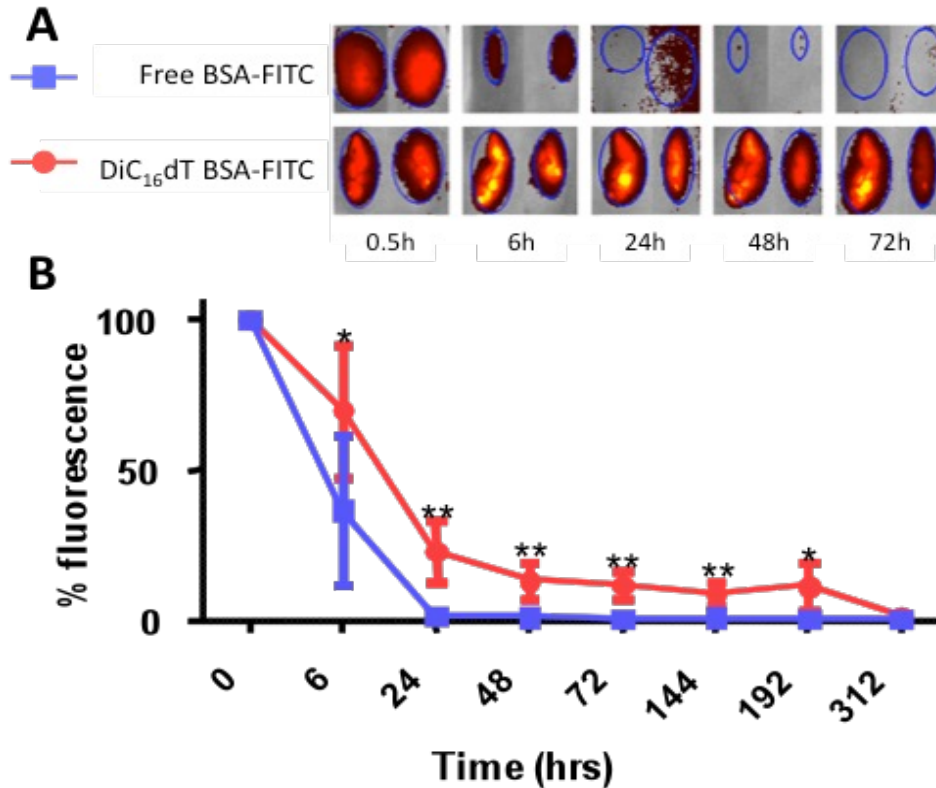
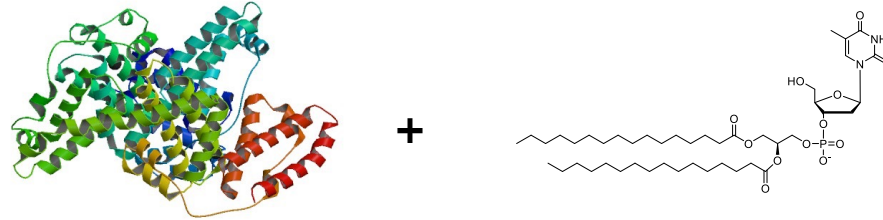
DiC16dT Gel was loaded with Cyanine 5.5 as drug mimick



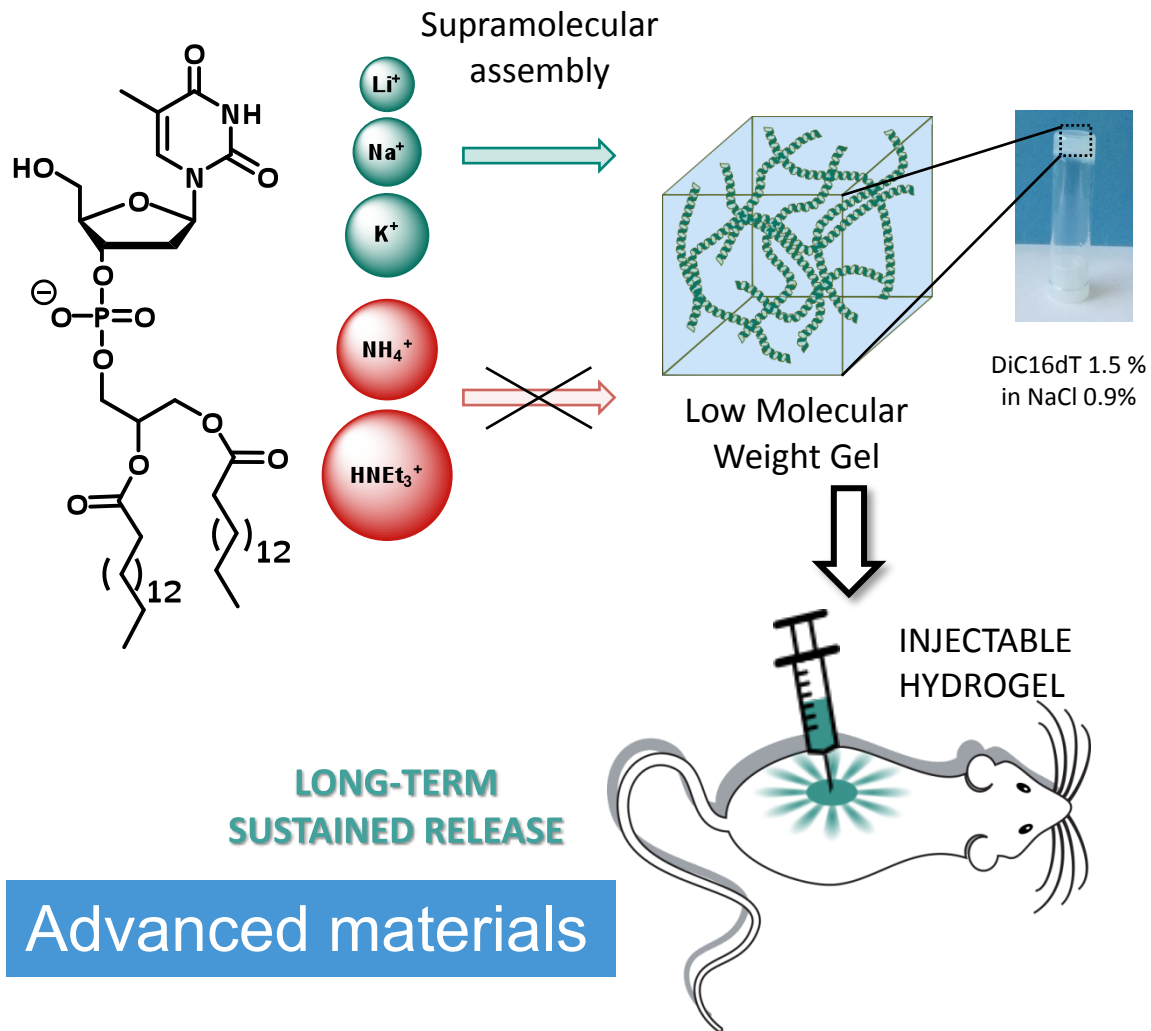
- The ionic supramolecular gel was preserved in physiological conditions even after *in vivo* injection.
- Non immunogenic (no fibrosis)
- No toxicity. NOAEL (no observed adverse effect level) > 30 mg/Kg/Day

## In Vivo Drug Delivery

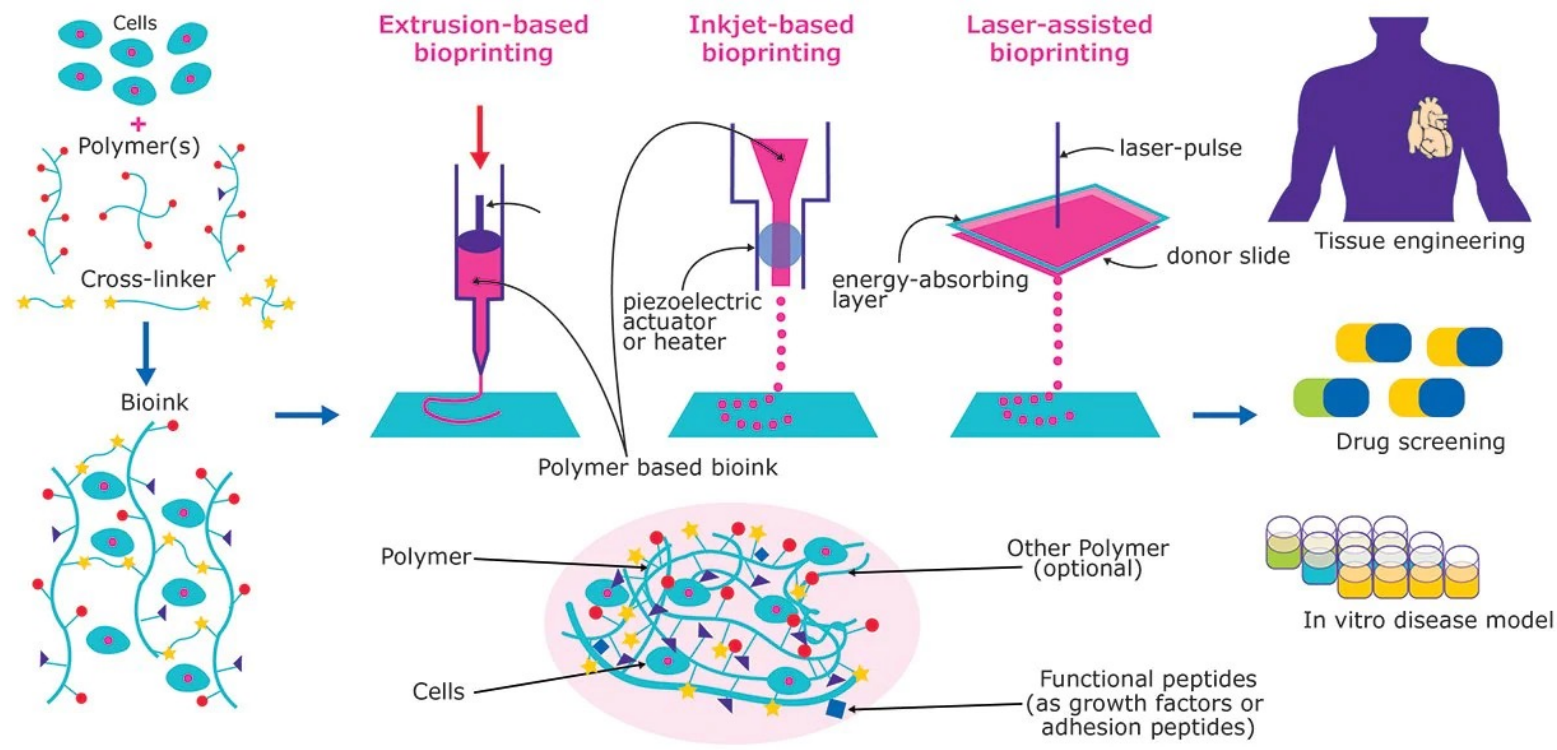
### FITC-tagged -BSA



**Gel was able to prevent rapid diffusion of BSA and provided a reservoir of molecules, which could be gradually released into the tissues.**



Ramin M. *et al.* *Adv. Mater.* 2017, DOI: 10.1002/adma.201605227



## WHAT ARE BIOINKS?

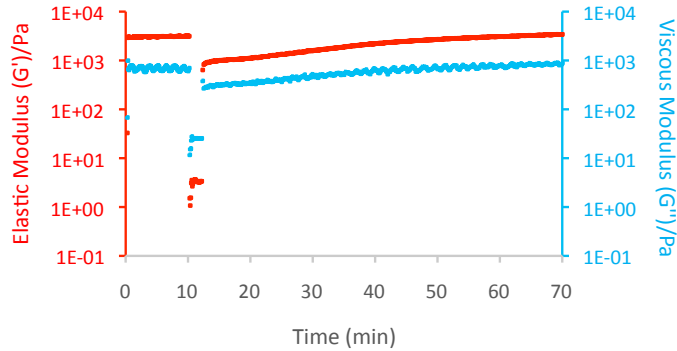
Bioinks contain living cells and biomaterials that mimic the extracellular matrix environment, supporting cell adhesion, proliferation, and differentiation after printing. In contrast to traditional 3D printing materials, bioinks must have:

- Print temperatures that do not exceed physiological temperatures
- Mild cross-linking or gelation conditions
- Bioactive components that are non-toxic and able to be modified by the cells after printing

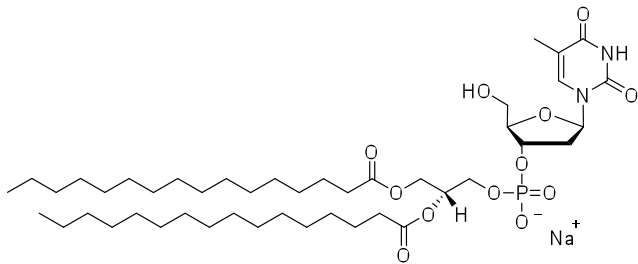




Hydrogels



Thixotropy properties toward printability



Thymidine based nucleotide lipid DiC<sub>16</sub>DT (III)

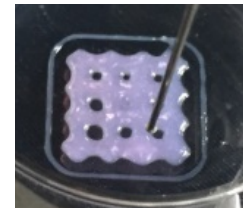
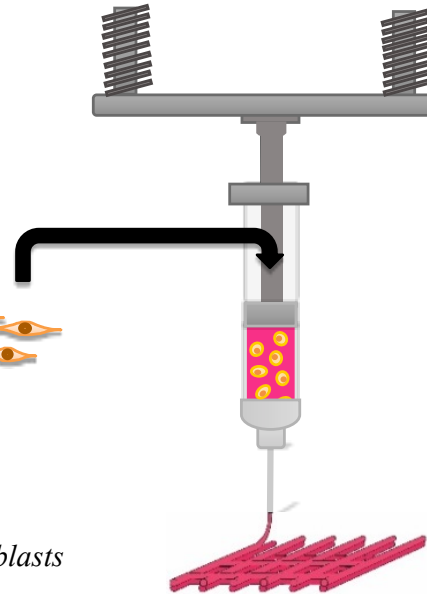


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3% (w/v) hydrogel  
in culture medium  
& human gingival fibroblasts

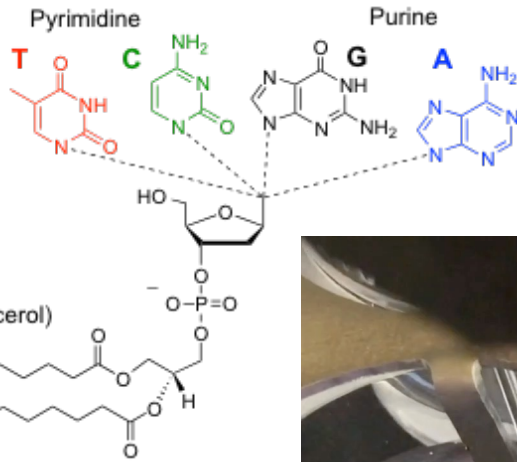
Extrusion-based bioprinting



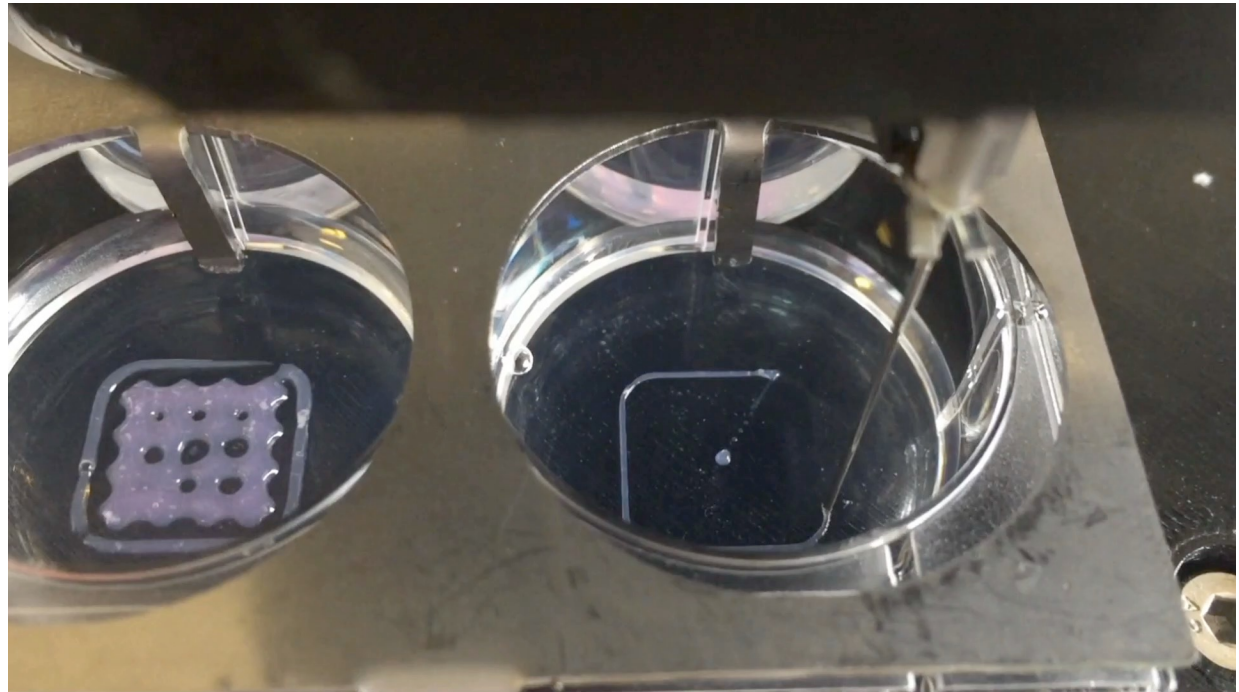
- ✓ No crosslinking needed for gel stabilization
- ✓ Biocompatible
- ✓ G' can be modulated depending on the cell type
- ✓ NLs are good candidates for bioinks



Hydrogels



## BIOINK FOR 3D BIOPRINTING



2x2mm<sup>2</sup> pores

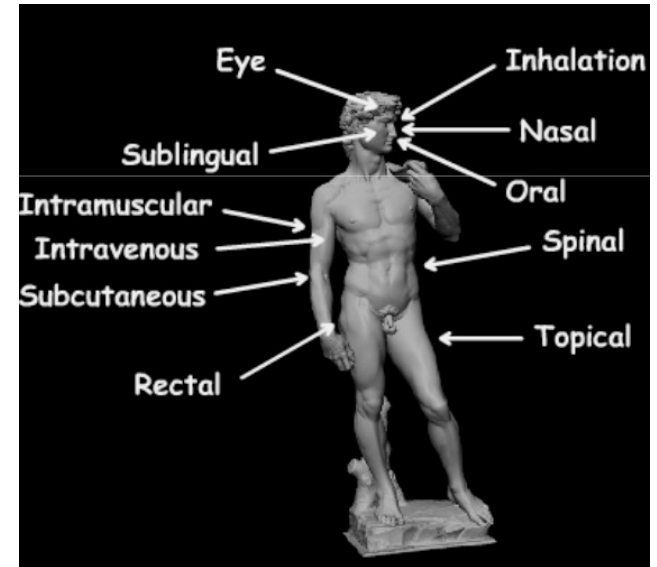


Dessane, B. et al. *Nature Scientific Reports* **2020**, 10 (1), 2850

## Route of administration

Distribution of drugs depends on the route of administration:

- Oral (gastric...)
- Injections and implants (IV, sub cutaneous, intramuscular, etc)
- Transdermic (Eyes, nasal, vaginal, anal...)
- Inhalation



### Problems :

final amount of the drug reaching the target is generally low relative to the administered dose. Undesirable side effects.

**Solution :** application of drugs directly to the site of action by local administration (sprays, inhalers, creams nasal solutions, ocular etc.)

**=> New strategies of drug delivery**

## Administartion

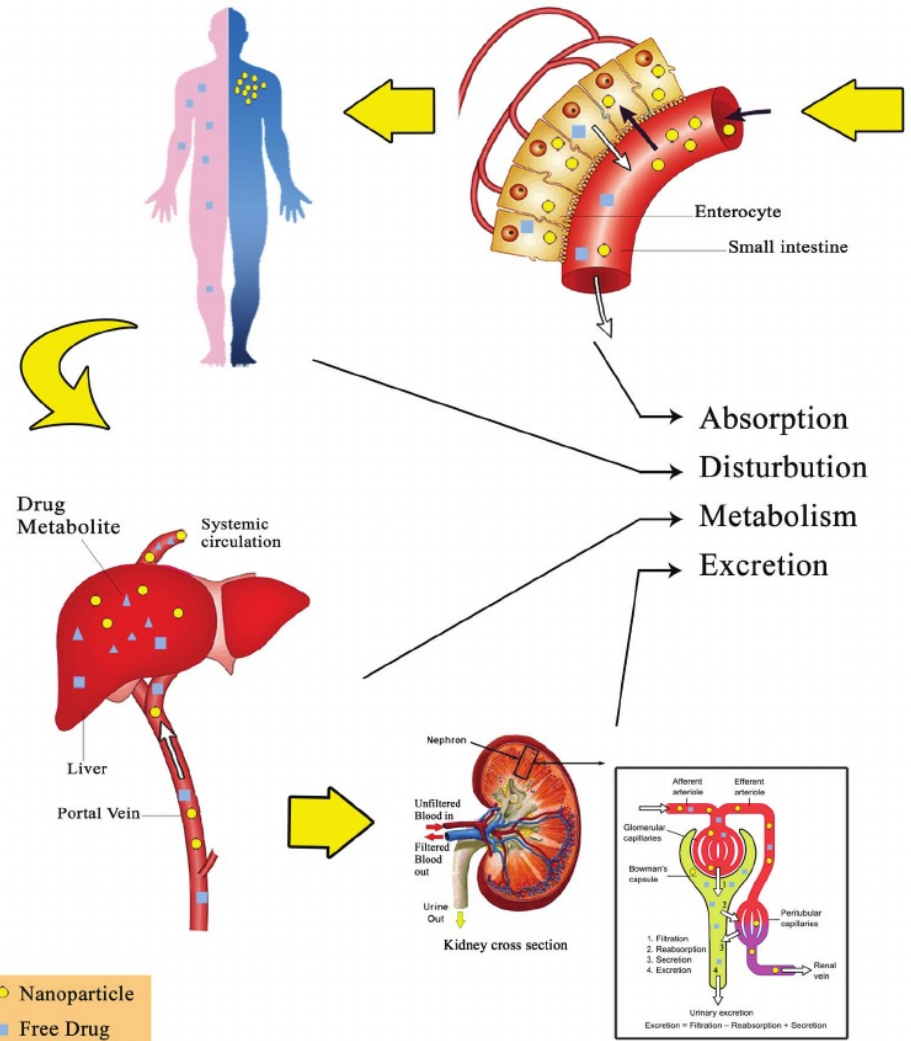
### Definitions

**Pharmacokinetics:** study of the absorption, distribution, biotransformation (metabolism) and excretion of drugs (ADME).

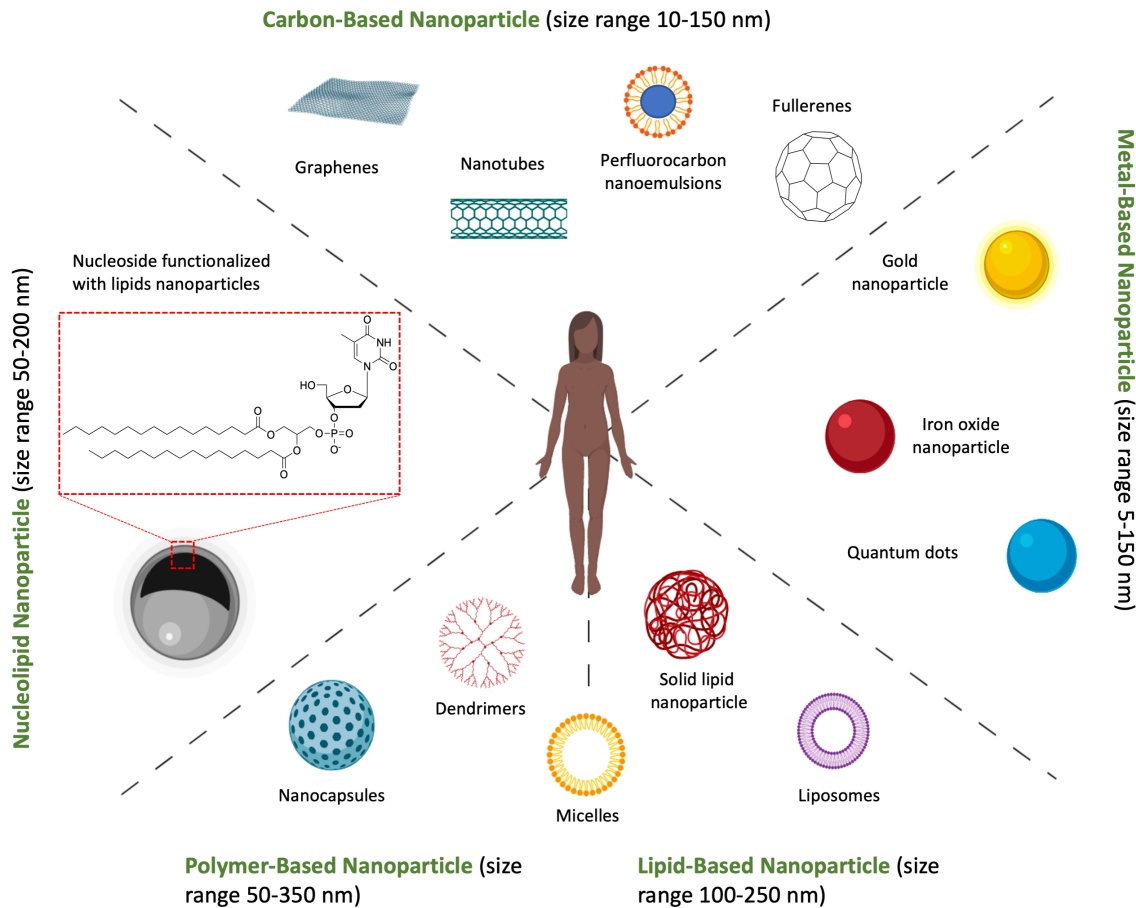
**Pharmacodynamics:** study of biochemical and physiological effects of drugs and study of mechanisms of drug action in living organisms.

**Pharmacotherapeutics (clinical pharmacology):** study the use of drugs to prevent and treat diseases.

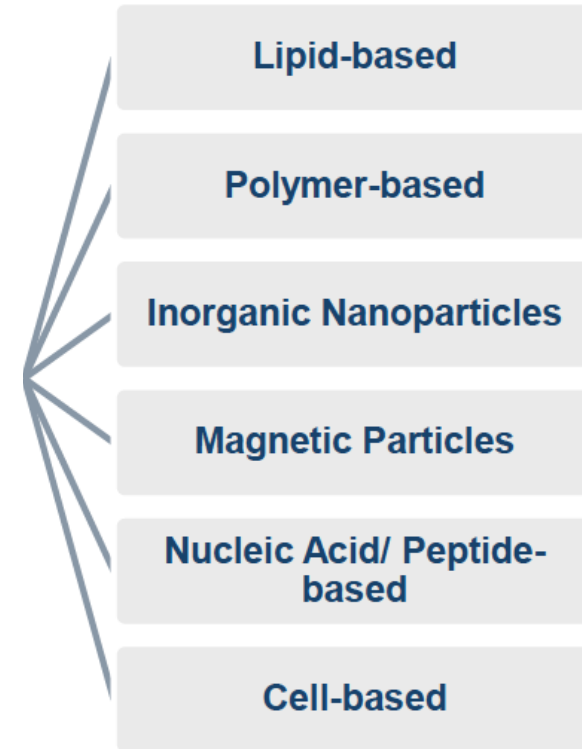
**Toxicology:** the study of poisons, including the adverse effects of drugs on living organisms.



## Classification



## ■ Drug delivery



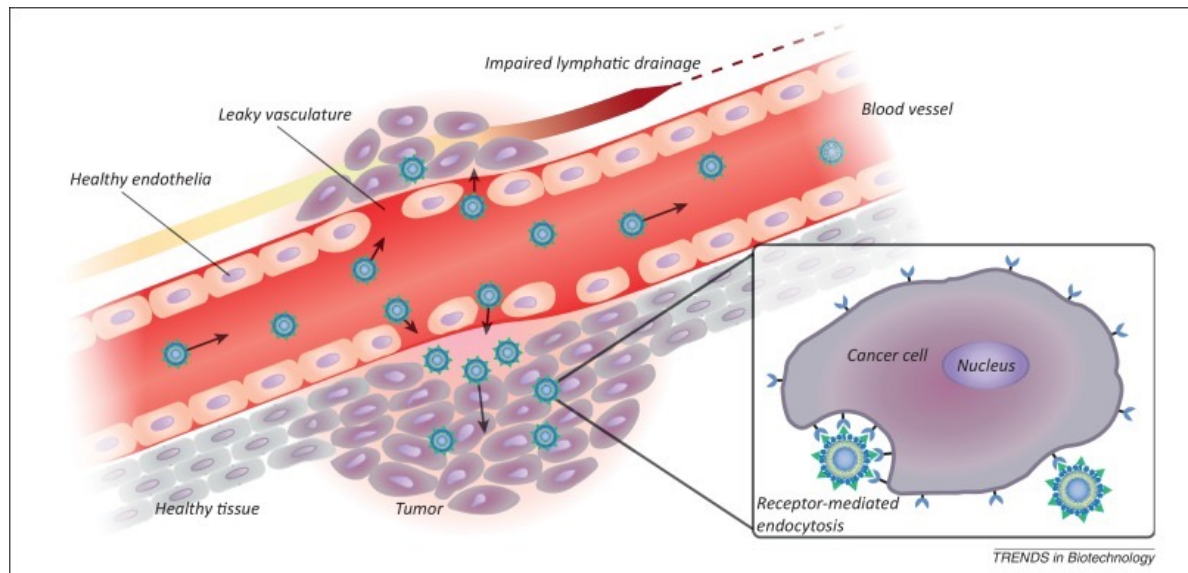
## Tools

Major discoveries have stimulated the activity in the field of DDS:

- > *EPR Effect*
- > *PEGylation Stealth Liposome*
- > *Active targeting*

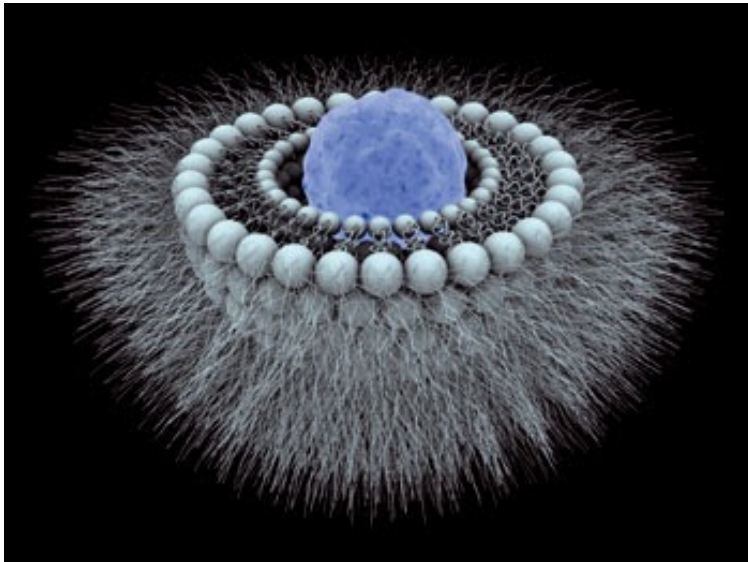
### *The EPR Effect*

The **enhanced permeability and retention** (EPR) effect is a controversial concept] by which molecules of certain sizes (typically liposomes, nanoparticles, and macromolecular drugs) tend to accumulate in tumor tissue much more than they do in normal tissues

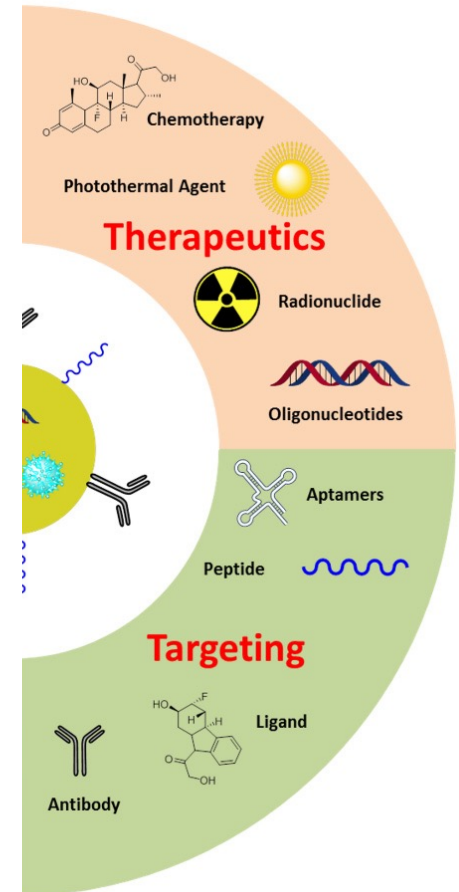


## 2: PEGylation Stealth Liposome

It was determined that polyethylene glycol CAN be used as a coating on the liposome. Polyethylene glycol was chosen to be used as a coating for its ability to deter the immune system. Thus the ethylene glycol will prevent any reaction from the immune system while the liposome is traveling. Since the liposome cannot be detected by the immune system, it is also known as a stealth liposome.



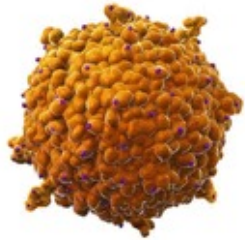
## 3: Targeting



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=27nxR8M344Q>

## Example

nab-Paclitaxel nanoparticle



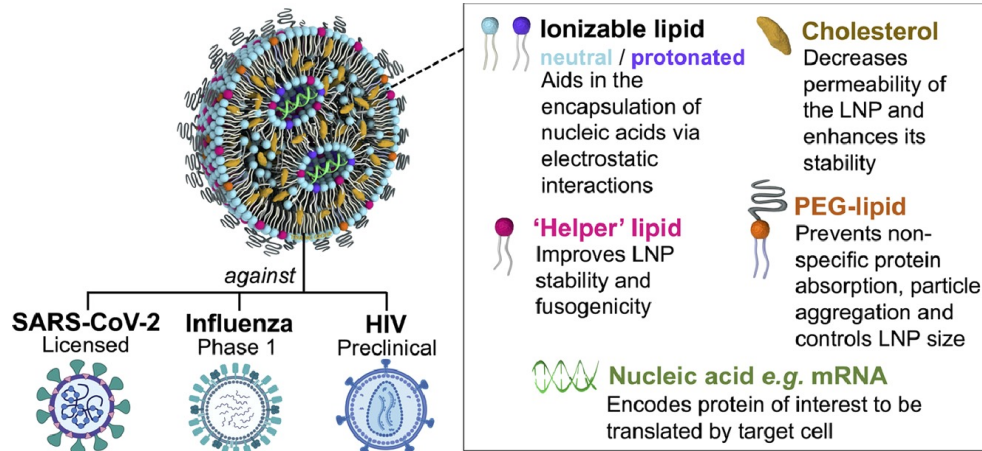
Cross section



Abraxane

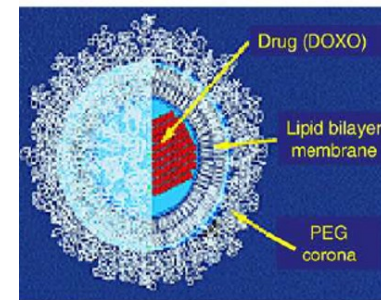
Breast cancer (FDA approved in 2005)

## Messenger RNA Vaccination



Adapted from E.H. Pilkington, E.J.A. Suys, N.L. Trevaskis et al. Acta Biomaterialia 131 (2021) 16

Doxil®

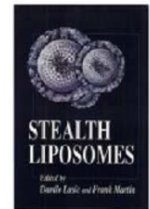


Martin Woodle (with Frank Martin at Liposome Technology, Inc.)



Ovarian cancer

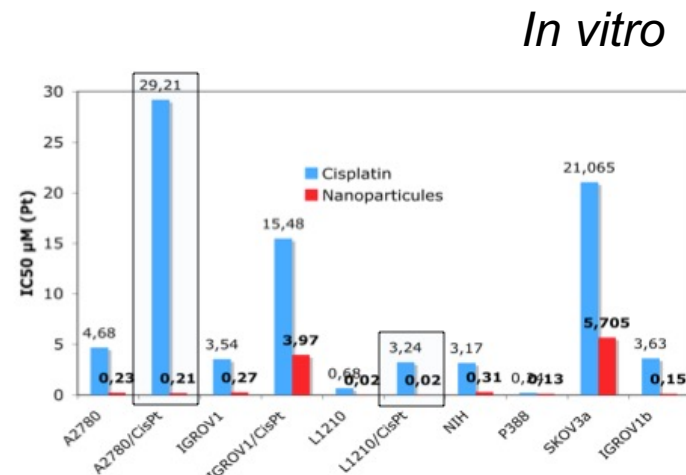
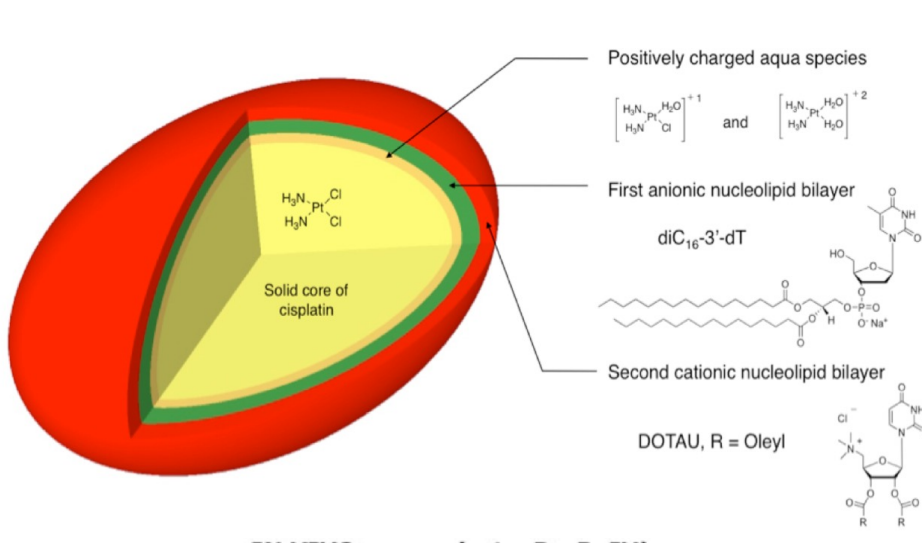
Doxil® was FDA-approved in 1995



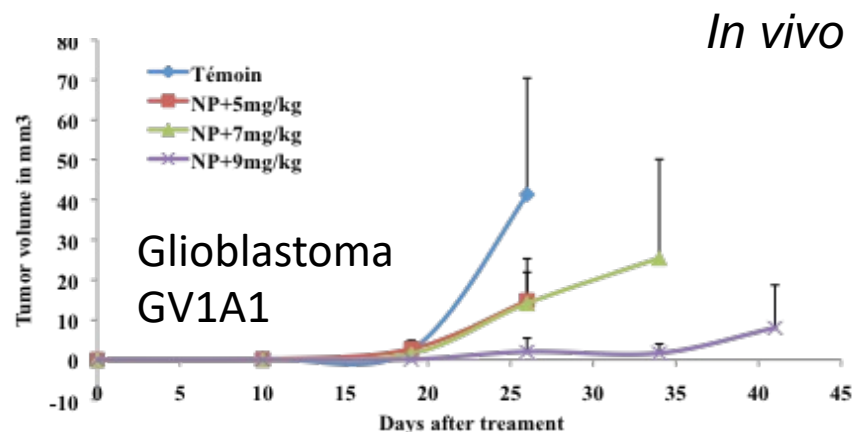
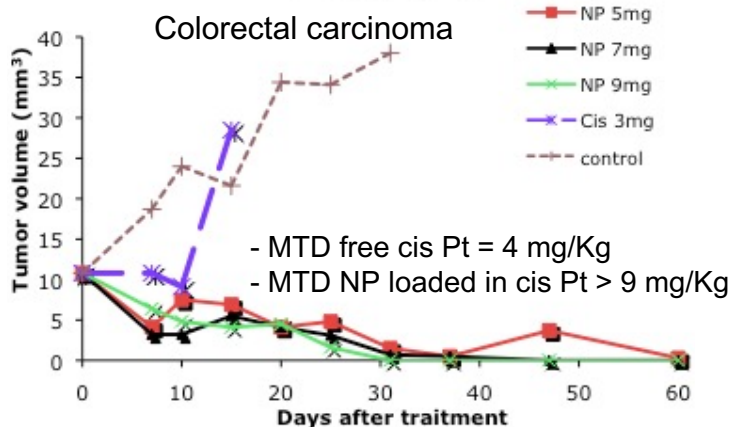
CRC Press 1995



## ■ Nucleolipids Based Nanoparticles for CisPt delivery

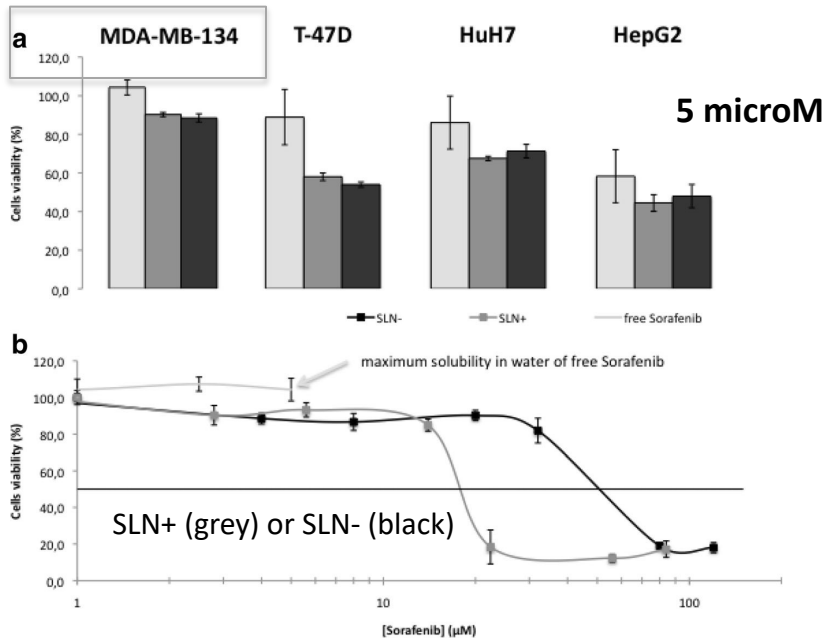
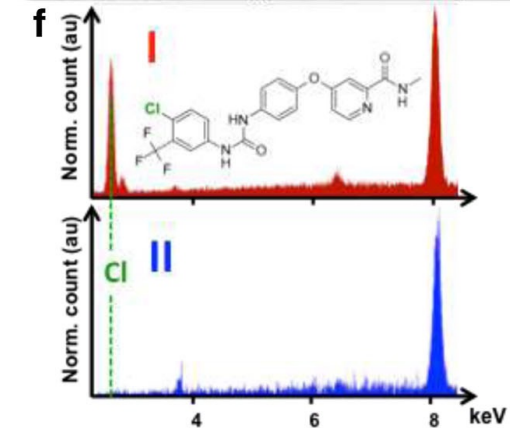
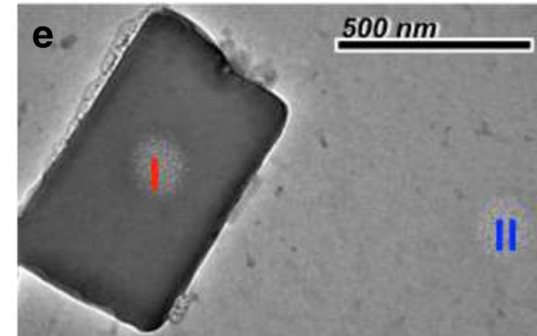
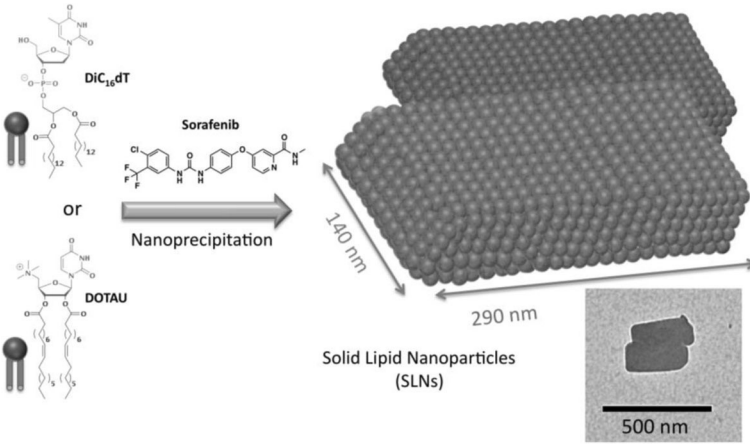


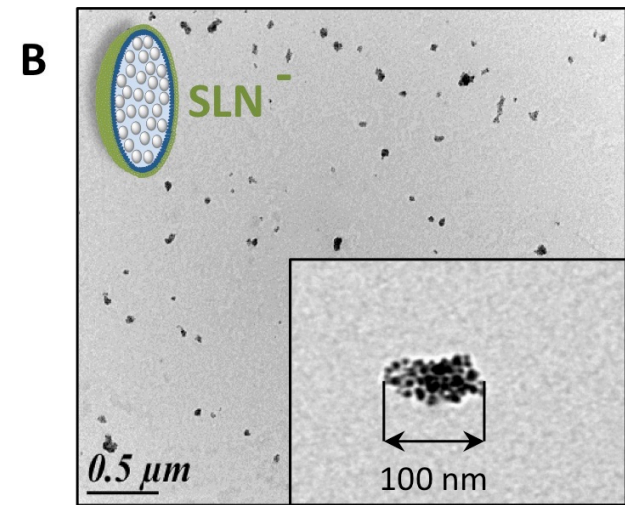
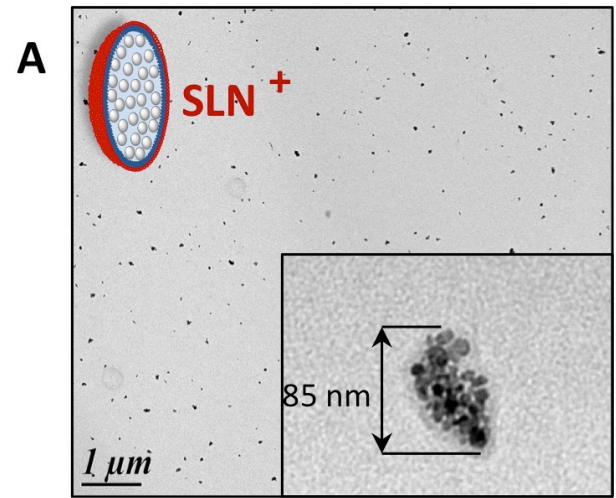
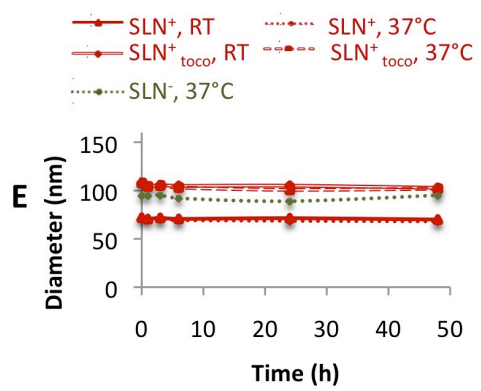
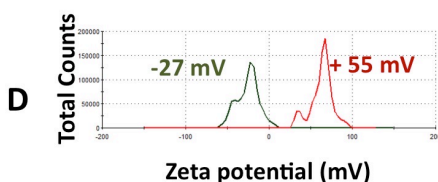
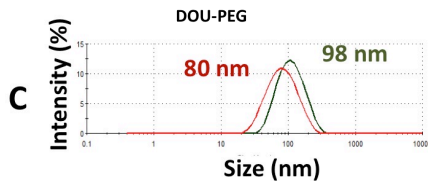
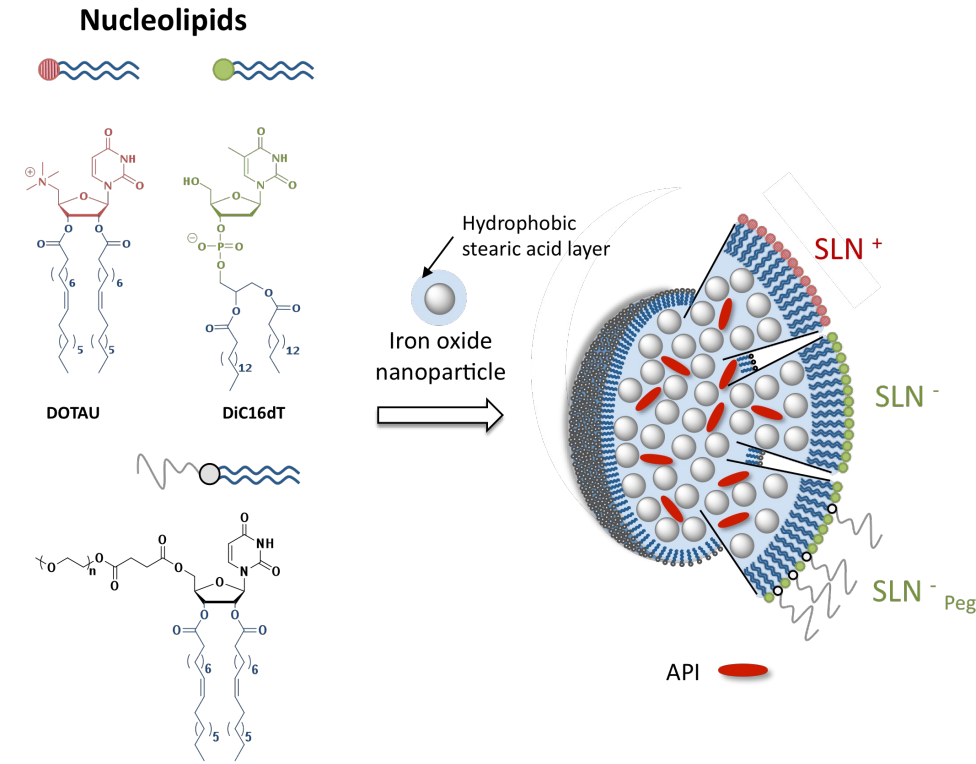
### IN VIVO assays (rats, ProB, IV)



## SOLID NANOPARTICLES

- Sorafenib is a RAF kinase inhibitor which suppresses ERK phosphorylation
- liver cancer (hepatocellular carcinoma)





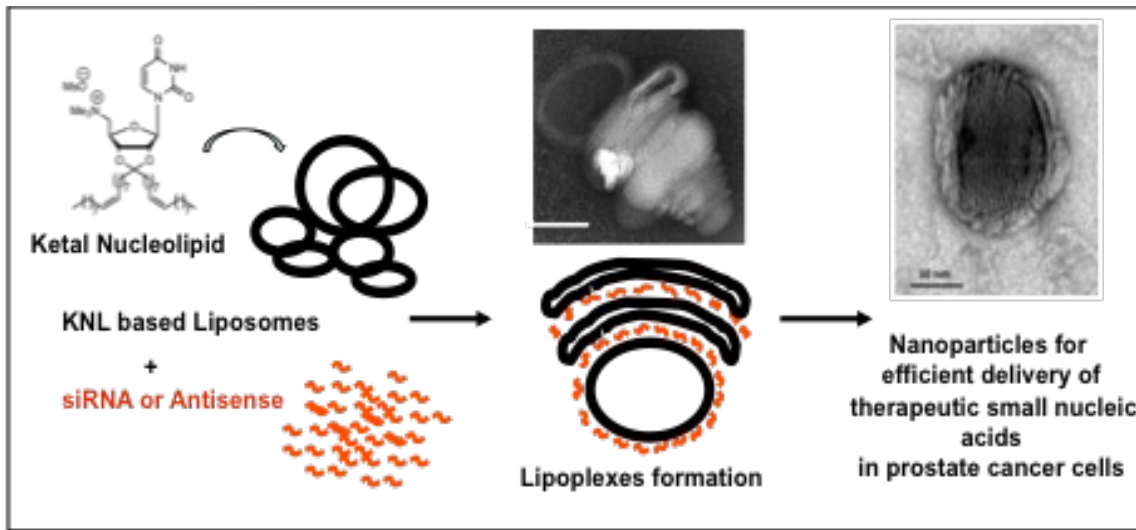
- SLNs have high magnetization properties
- Inhibition of platelet aggregation (PGI2)

## Delivery of therapeutic oligonucleotides

- Drugs: siRNA, ASO
- Target: Prostate Cancer

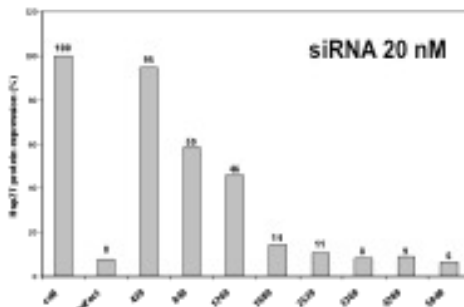
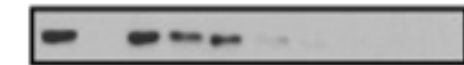


Heat Shock Protein 27 (Hsp27) is overexpressed in Castrate-Resistant Prostate Cancer

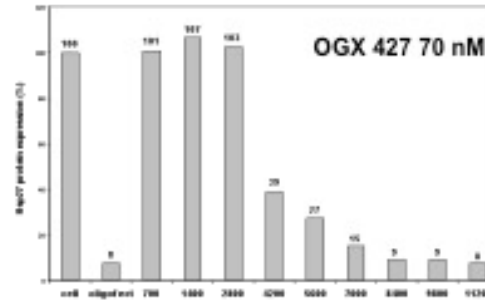


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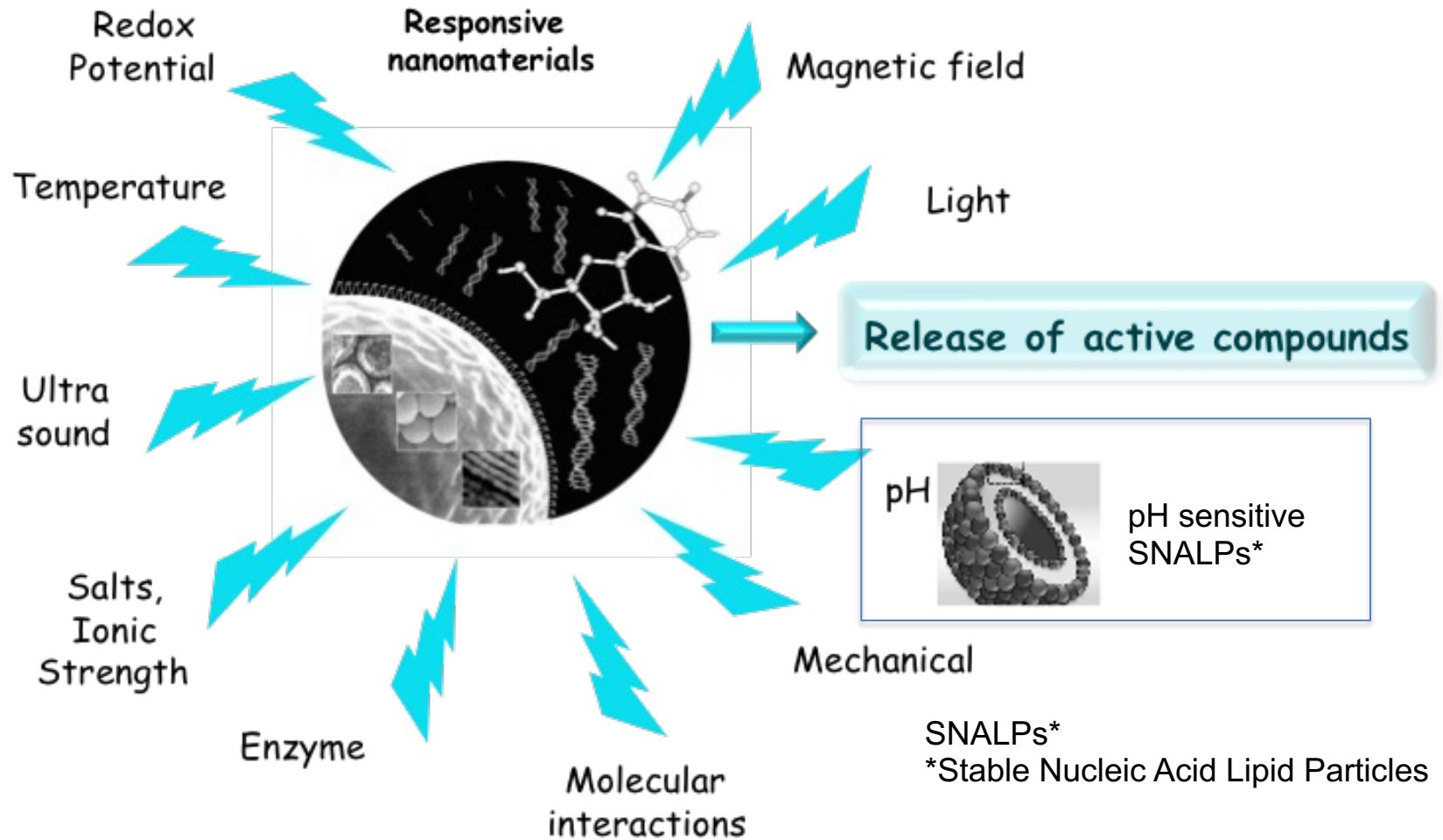
KNL concentrations in nM

**High efficacy of Transfection siRNA / ASO for Hsp27 Low toxicity**

Luvino et al.  
Journal of Controlled Release  
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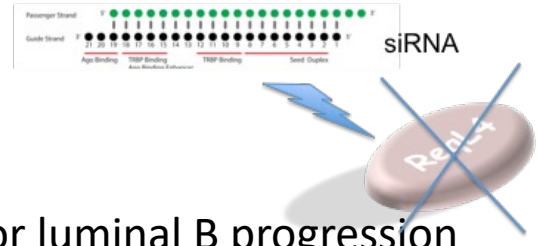
▪ Stimuli-responsive DDS?



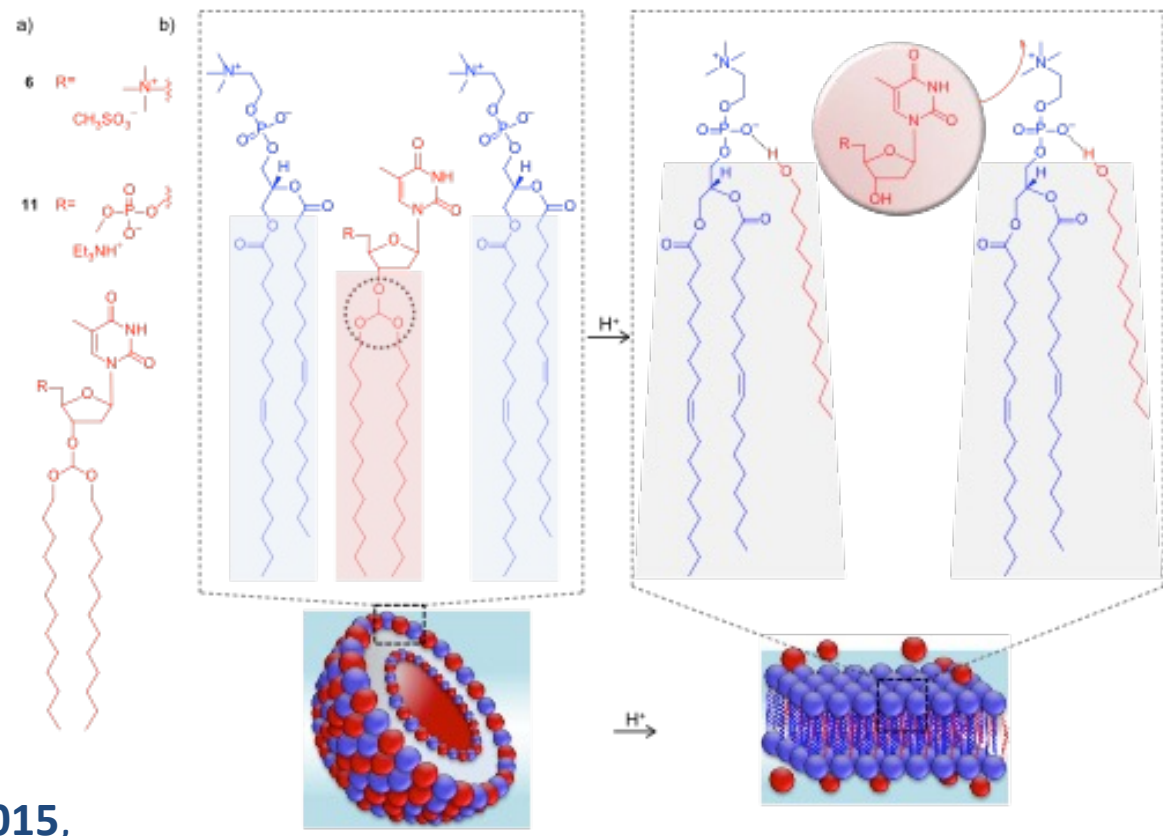
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Target: Breast Cancer (luminal B)



RECQL4 is a human RecQ helicase, which play a critical role in human breast tumor luminal B progression

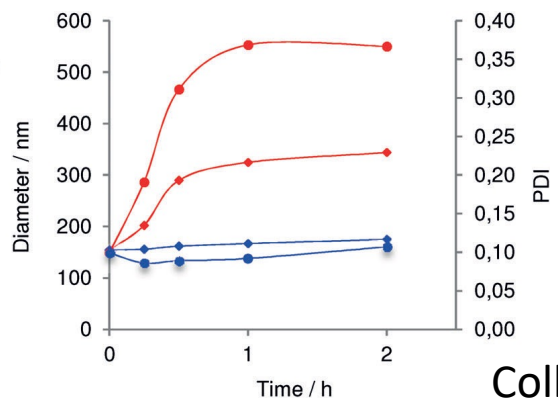
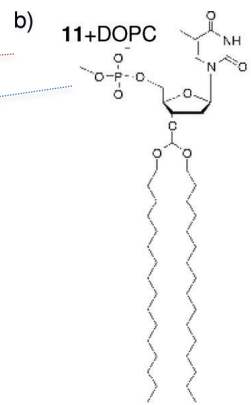
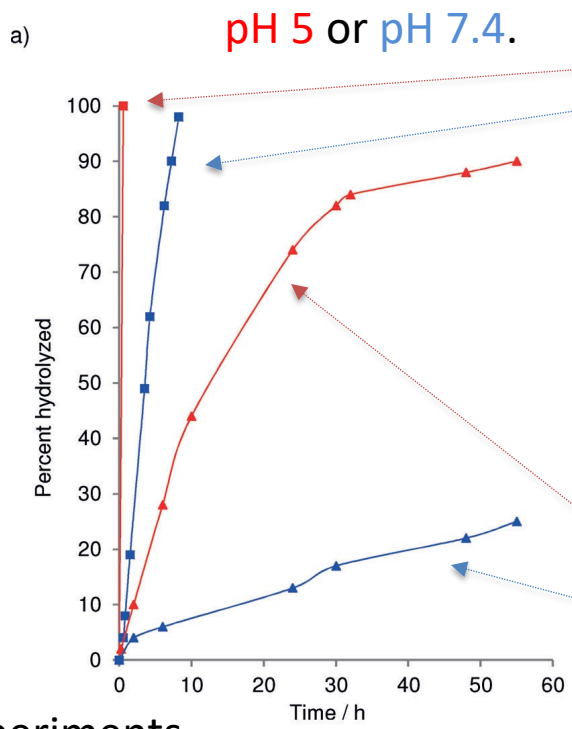
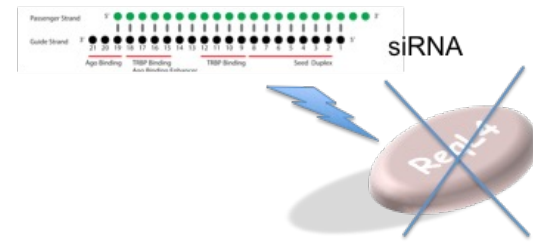


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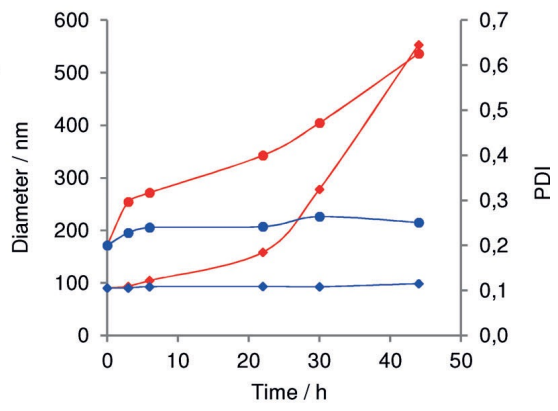
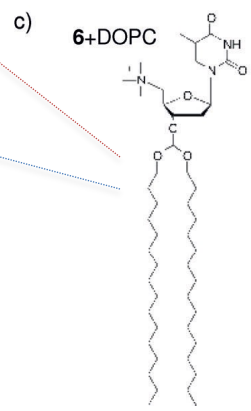
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Colloidal stability



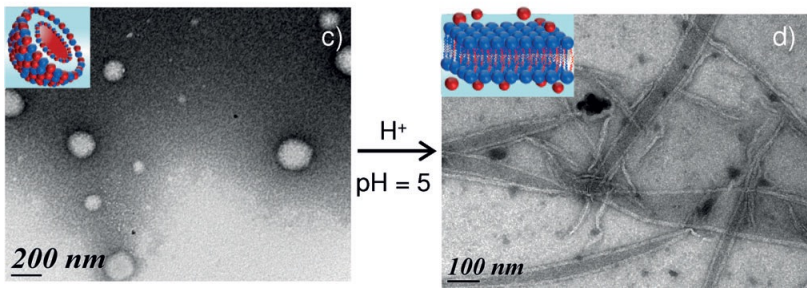
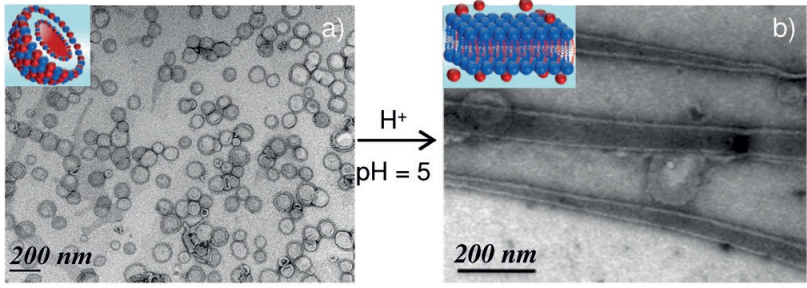
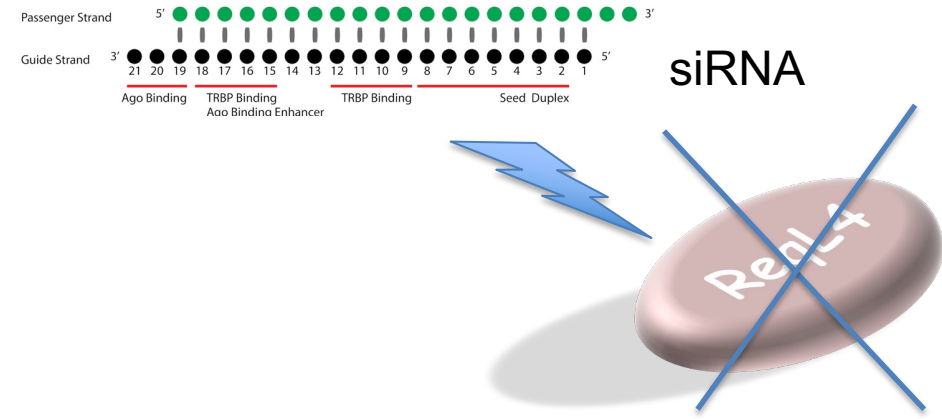
NMR experiments

Barthélémy. *et al.* *PCT* **2015**,  
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POLLUTANTS



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## PHARMACEUTICALS IN WASTEWATER

Sources of hazardous micropollutants

**90%**  
of consumed prescription drugs ultimately end up in our waste water.\*  
(Almost the same as tipping it straight down the toilet.)

\* source: [www.researchmagazine.uga.edu/summer2005/printprozac](http://www.researchmagazine.uga.edu/summer2005/printprozac)

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## PURE GAIN

Near-instant removal of organic micropollutants from water by a cyclodextrin polymer **PAGE 190**

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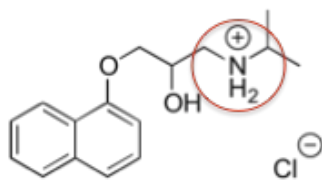
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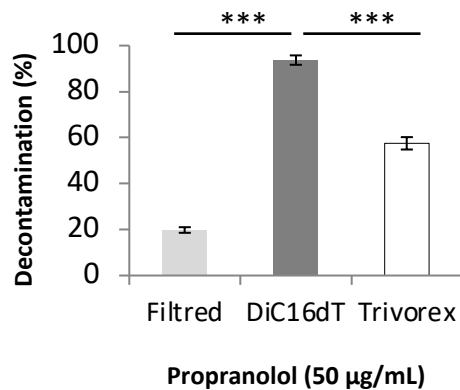
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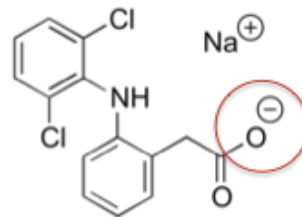


β-bloquant used for hypertension cases

Ranking: 70

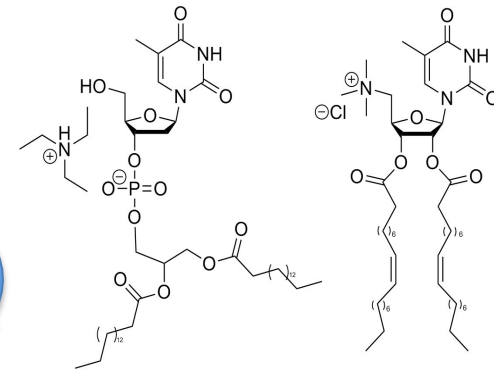
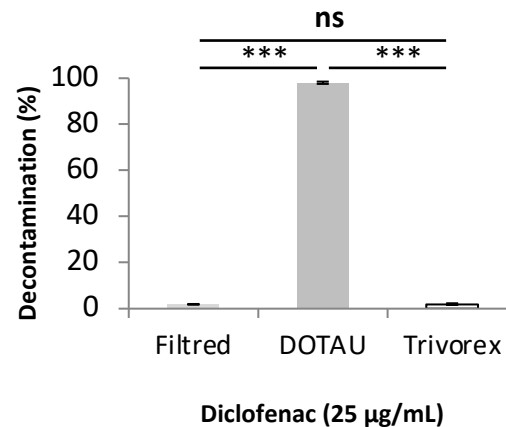


 Diclofenac




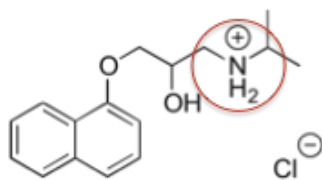
Non steroidal anti-inflammatory used to decrease the joint pains

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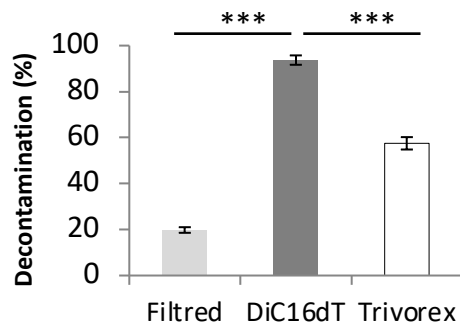
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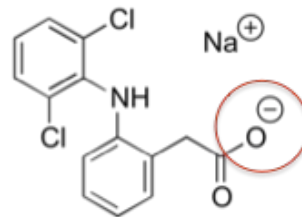
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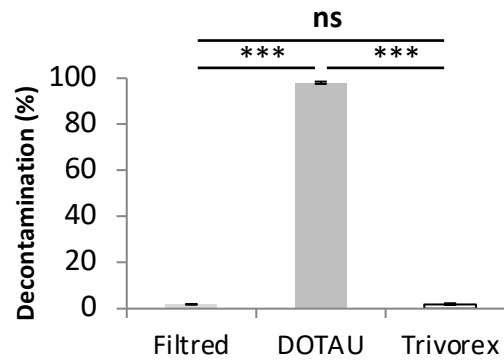
**Propranolol (50 µg/mL)**

 **Diclofenac**

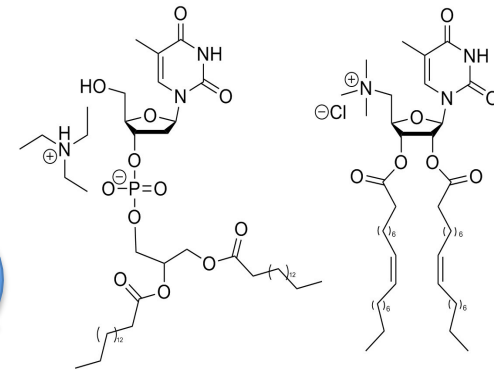


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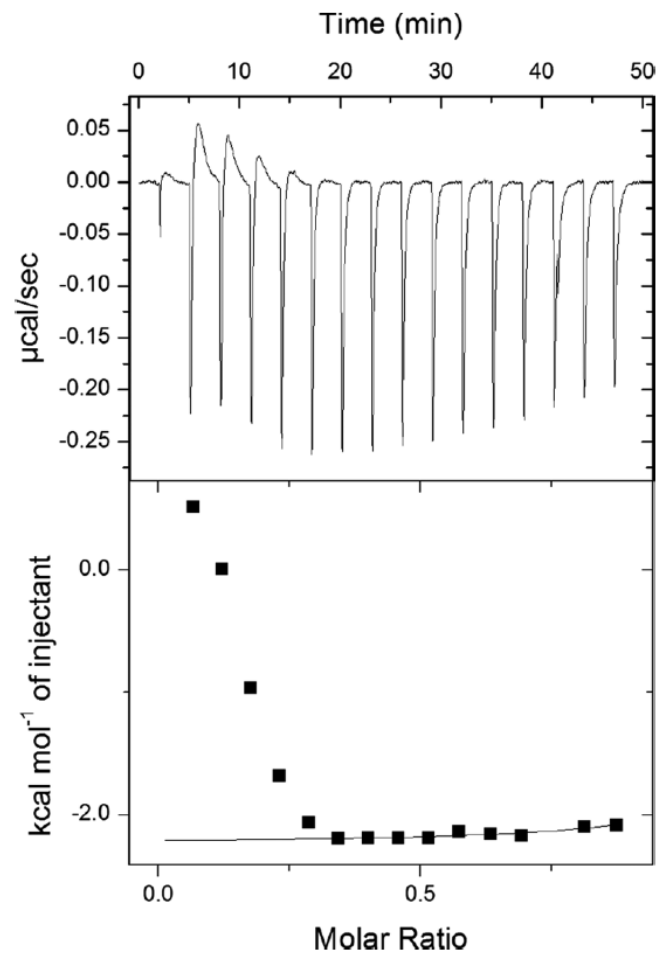
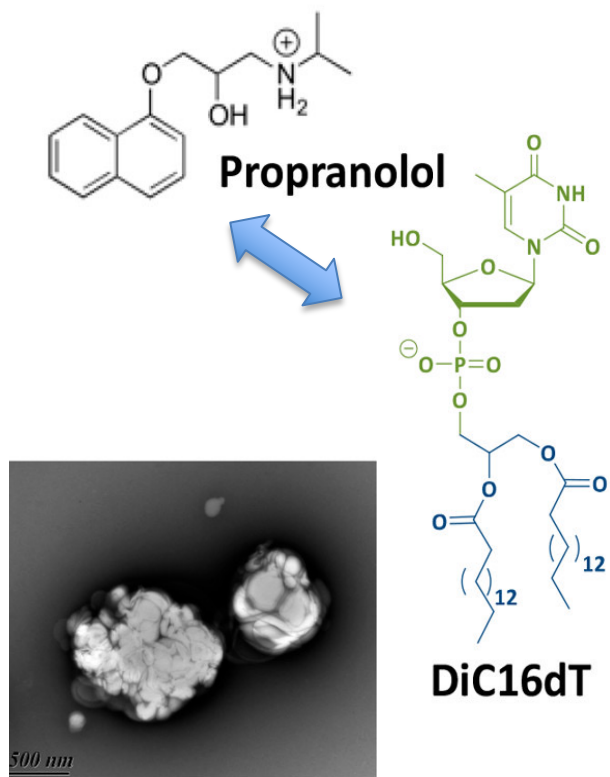
**Diclofenac (25 µg/mL)**



**Issue:**  
 Detection of micropollutants  
 at high dilution C < 100 nM



MS spectrometry analyses of 20 micropollutants



ITC data for the titration DiC16dT (injectant) to propranolol

$$K_d = 8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}^{-1}, \Delta H = -9.27 \text{ kJ/mol}, \Delta S = 80 \text{ J/mol/deg}$$

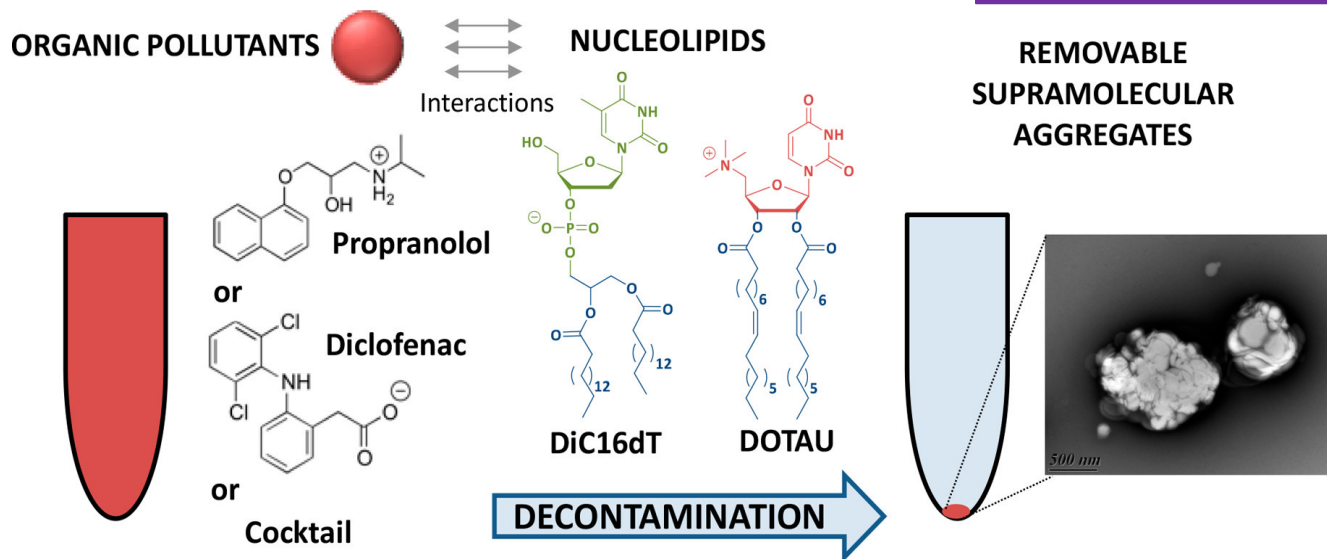
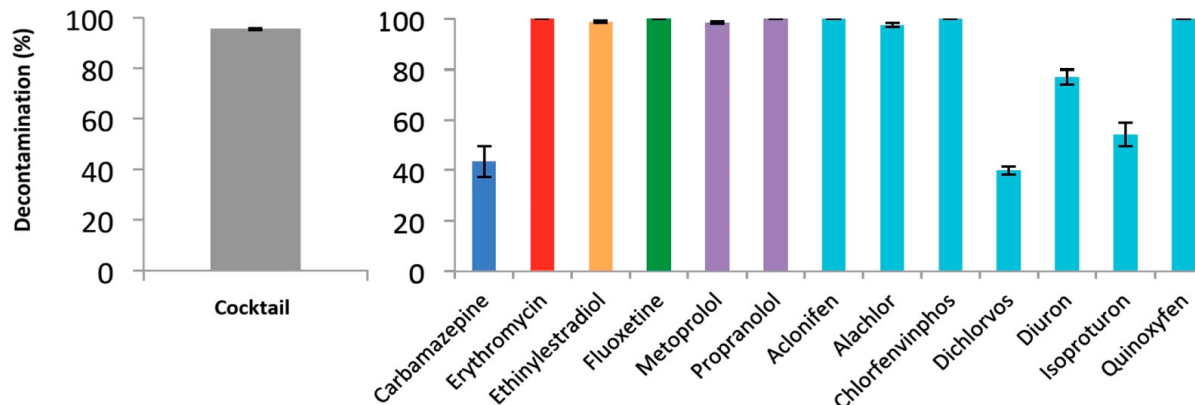


Illustration of the removal of organic pollutants from aqueous samples using nucleolipids (NLs) biomaterials. As a result, the decontamination of the aqueous sample can be achieved.



# Conclusion Part 1 Nucleolipids

## NUCLEOLIPIDS BASED SUPRAMOLECULAR MATERIALS IN SHORT (POLYMER FREE MATERIALS)

### MATERIALS

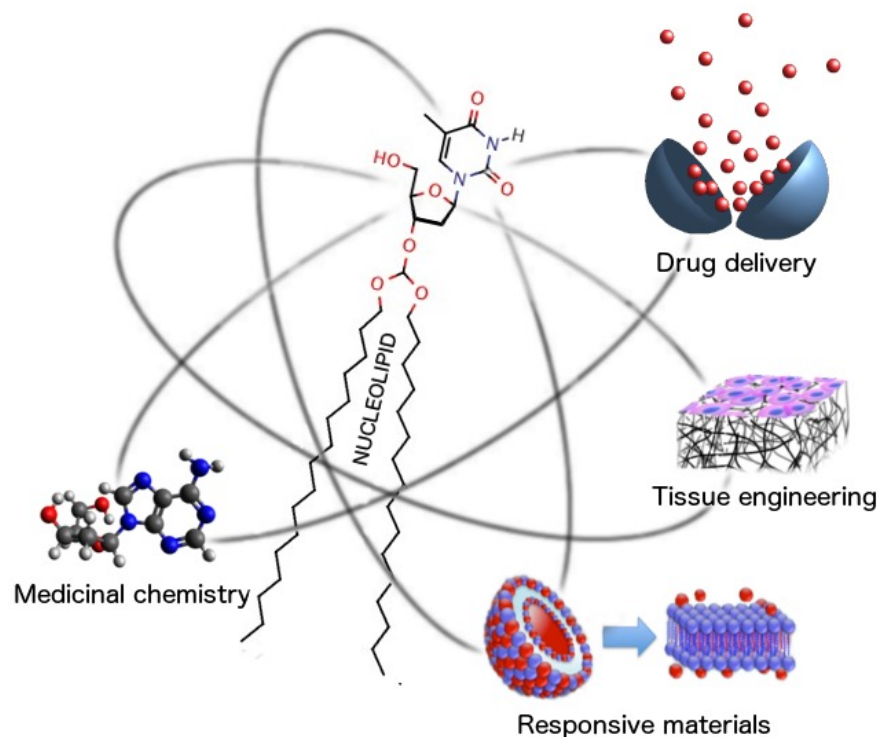
- ✓ Modulation of the mechanical and rheological properties
- ✓ Injectable (thixotropy)
- ✓ Biocompatible materials
- ✓ No inflammation
- ✓ In vivo injection

### DRUG DELIVERY

- ✓ Controlled/Sustained release of biologics and/or drugs
- ✓ Bioprinting
- ✓ Drug delivery
- ✓ Delivery of Oligo
- ✓ Responsive supramolecular Systems

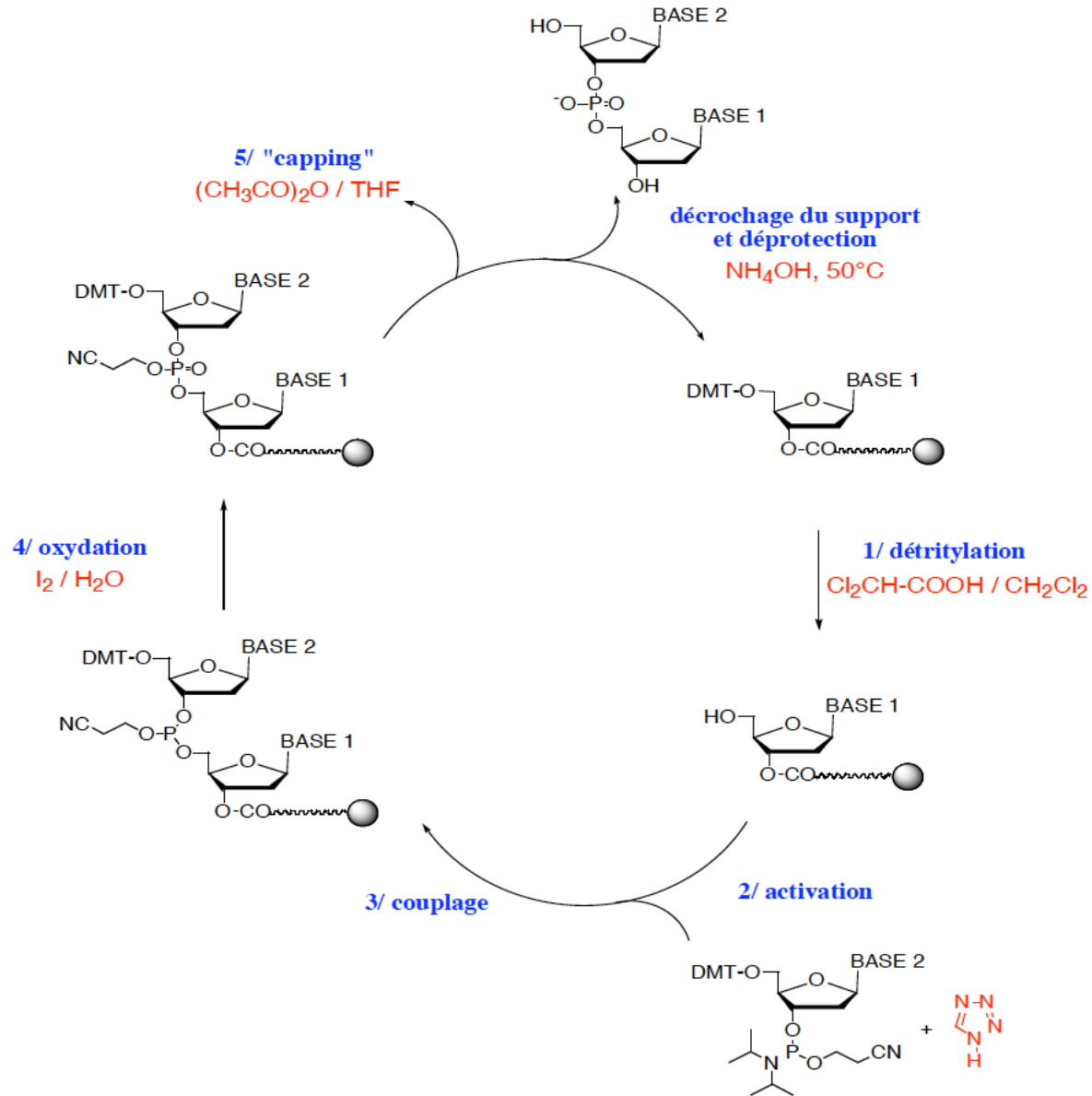
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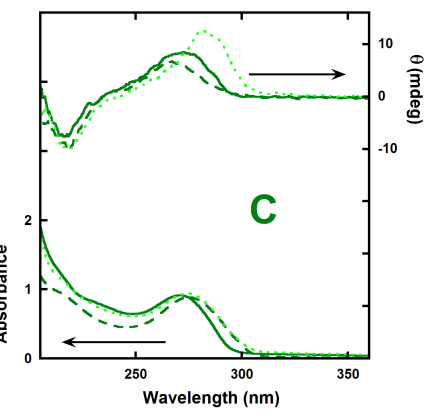
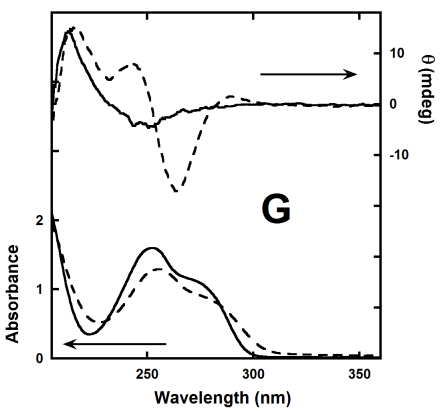
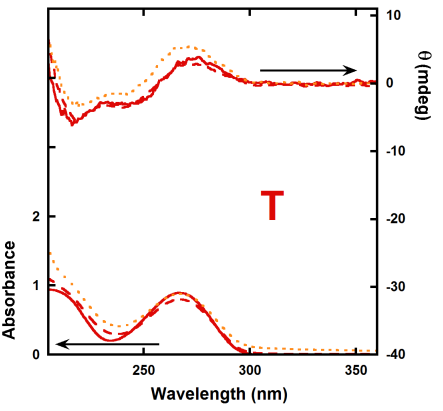
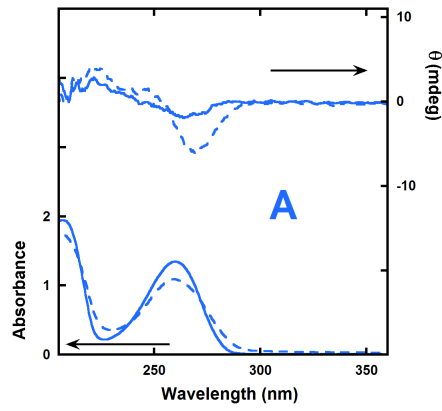
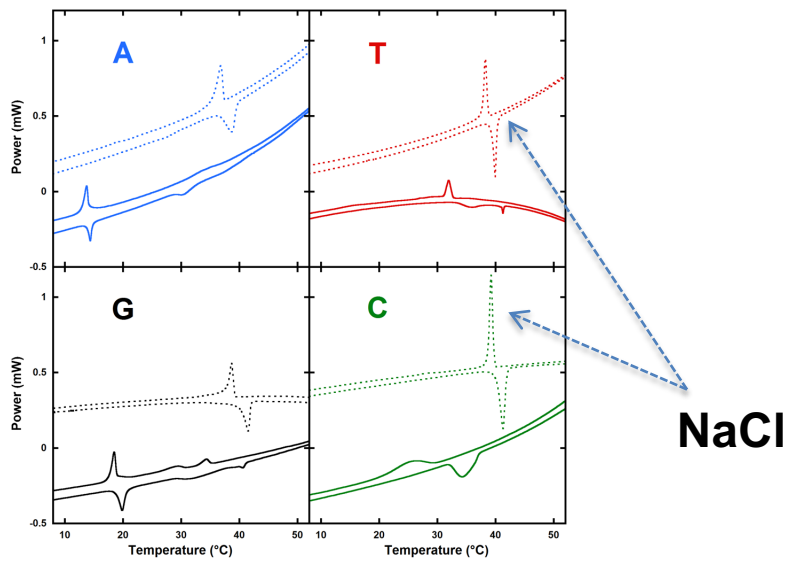
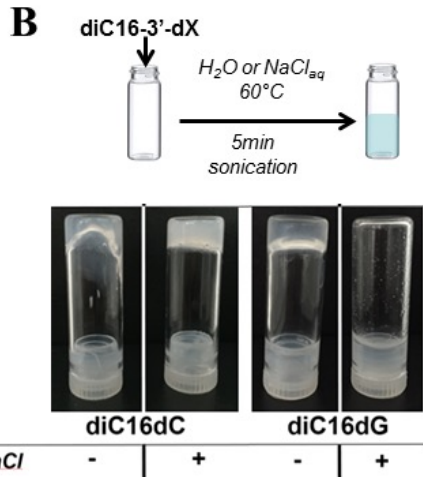
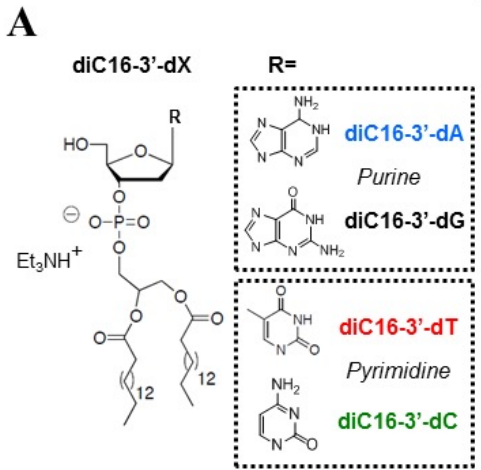


Additional materials

# Oligonucleotide synthesis via phosphoramidite







UV (scale on left axis) and CD (scale on right axis) spectra of NLs prepared in water (dashed line), in NaCl solution (dotted line) with their deoxynucleosides (solid line).