

# Νανοσυστήματα για χορήγηση/στόχευση Φαρμάκων

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# Nanosystems for Controlled Drug Delivery and Targeting - Nanomedicines

## Applications:

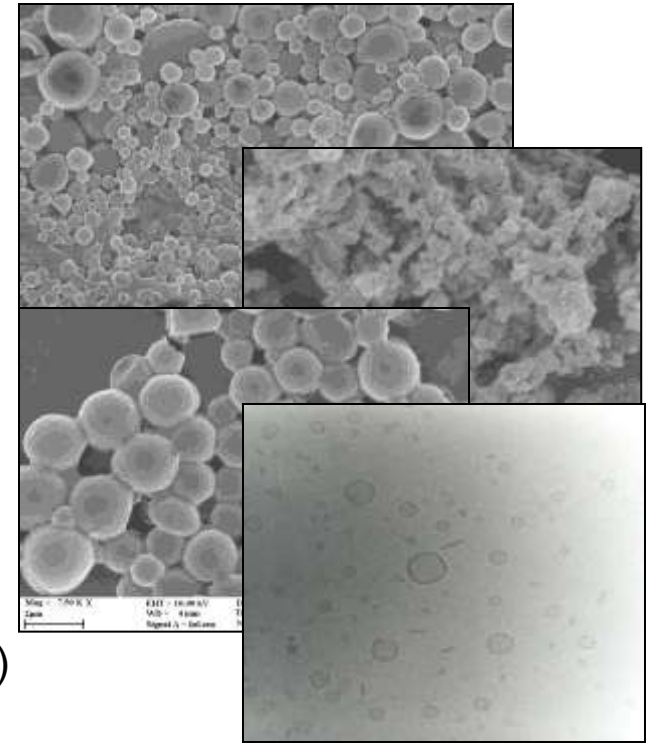
- ✓ Drug Delivery/Targeting
- ✓ Controlled Release Rate- Protection - Stability
- ✓ Targeting specific cell types → [↑ **Activity** ↓ **Toxicity** ]
- ✓ Solubility enhancement
- ✓ Permeability enhancement / Barriers

## Administration routes:

i.v., i.m., per os,

Lungs-Alveolar (nebulization)- Mucosal, Ocular (intravitreal)

Dermal/transdermal (elastic vesicles)



**SHIVA** Selection and development of microbicides for mucosal use to prevent sexual HIV transmission /acquisition FP6 IP(Contract n°:503162)

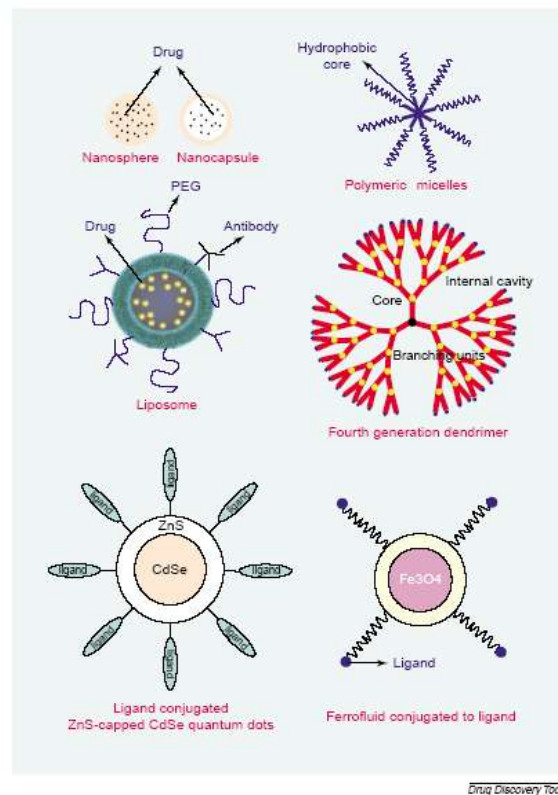
**NAD** Nanoparticles for Therapy and Diagnosis of Alzheimer Disease FP7 CP-IP 212043-2

**INTERREG** – Intereg III-GREECE-ITALY “Establishment of a Network for Advanced Biomaterials



# NANOΣΥΣΤΗΜΑΤΑ ΜΕΤΑΦΟΡΑΣ ΦΑΡΜΑΚΩΝ

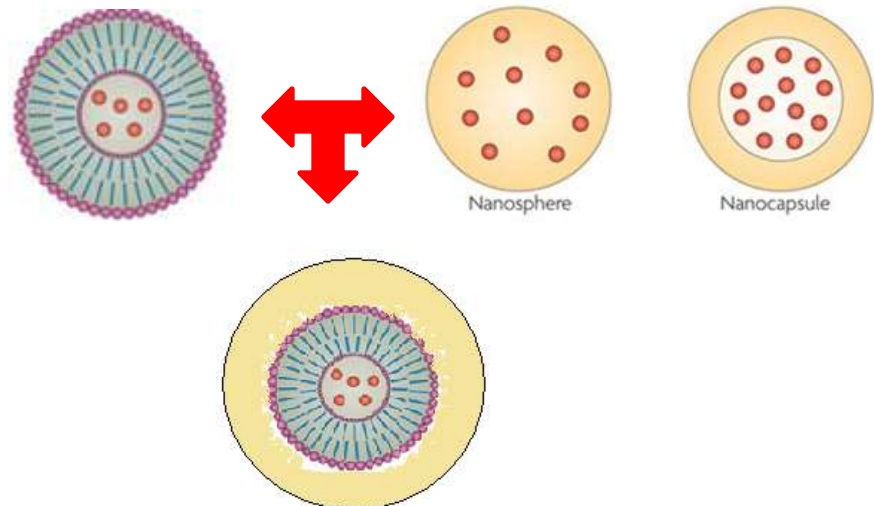
- Nano-Particulate systems ranging in size between 10 nm – 200 nm, which can encapsulate or incorporate drugs and carry them exactly to their site of action.
  - ◆ Nano/micro particles (or spheres)
    - ◆ Polymeric
    - ◆ Lipidic (SLN)
  - ◆ Nano/micro capsules
  - ◆ Liposomes
- Recently (mainly for diagnosis):
  - ◆ Quantum Dots
  - ◆ Iron Oxide NPs
  - ◆ Carbon Nanotubes



from S. K. Sahoo and V. Labhsetwar, *Drug Discovery Today*, 8, 1112 (2003), with permission by Elsevier

# ΠΡΟΫΠΟΘΕΣΕΙΣ ΓΙΑ ΧΡΗΣΗ

- Ability to associate (incorporate or entrap) sufficient quantities of drugs.
  - Easy Tailoring, ex. Antibody or ligand conjugation [for targeting] on NP surface
  - Non-Toxic
  - Minimum antigenicity.
  - Biodegradable
  - Biocompatible (haemocompatible)
- Retention of drug (after in vivo administration) at least until the Nps reach the site of action
  - Proper control of drug release (depending on the specific therapeutic application plan)



## Εφαρμογές:

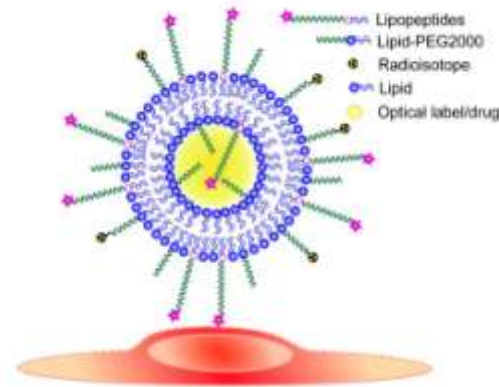
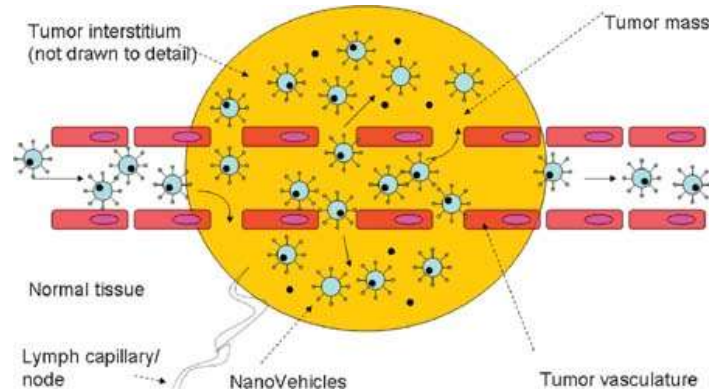
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Barriers**

- **Sufficient circulation time (in vivo stability)**

**Coat with hydrophilic molecules (PEG, other Polymers, gangliosides (GM1), sugars (polysialic acid), etc)**

- **↑ Binding affinity (decoration with appropriate ligand)**

**Φαινόμενο Αυξημένης Διαπερατότητας και συγκράτησης: Due to EPR effect nanosized particles (< 200 nm) are good carriers for anti-cancer drugs**



## RECENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

- **Nanoparticles for diagnosis and therapy of Alzheimer Disease (NAD –FP7)**
- Liposomal formulations for Controlled release-Drug-eluting stents (*for performance & haemo/biocompatibility improvement* –Intereg Program)
- Liposomal formulations of arsenic-containing compounds for therapy of cancer (coll. Dept. Chem/Patras)
- Development of liposomal formulations of a microbicide MC1220 for vaginal administration (for preventing sexual transmission of HIV) (FP6 IP project SHIVA)
- Controlled release DDS for intravitreal delivery (coll. School of Medicine / University of Crete)
- Rifampicin-loaded liposomes or polymeric microspheres for targeting alveolar macrophages (2 Early stage Marie Curie grants-FP6)
- Liposome entrapping polymeric films [PFs] (Early stage Marie Curie grant-FP6) –Controlling drug or intact vesicle release from PFs

AD is the most common neurodegenerative disease caused by the formation of senile plaques in the brain. Amyloid protein ( $A\beta$ ) is a self-assemble peptide and presents the main constituent of these plaques.

### **Targeting $A\beta$ in the blood**

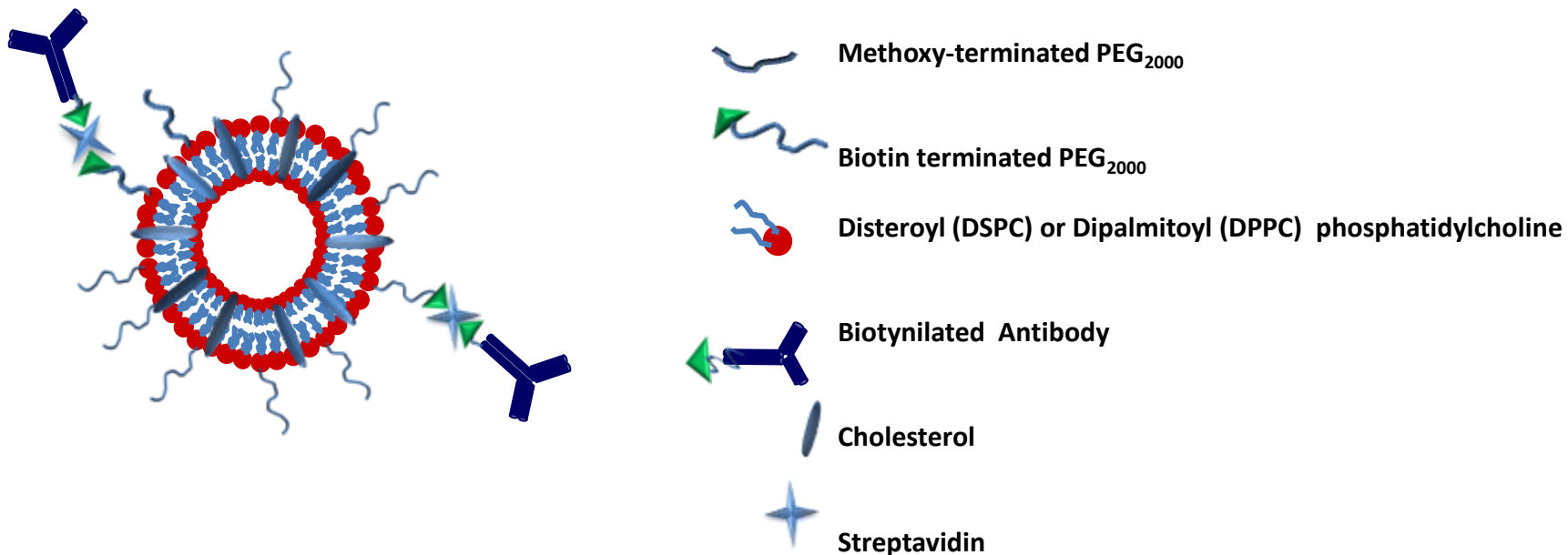
Recent studies have demonstrated the affinity of  $A\beta$  for curcumin [1,2]. It has been suggested that liposomal formulations functionalized with these molecules can be used for the treatment of AD by sequestering  $A\beta$  from the circulating blood [3]. In this study we examined the possibility to prepare curcumine-decorated liposomes by a click chemistry technique.

#### **References:**

- [1] Ono K, Hasegawa K, Naiki H, Yamada M. Curcumine has potent antiamyloidegenic effects for Alzheimers beta-amyloid fibrils in vitro. J. Neurosci Res 2004; 75:742 -750
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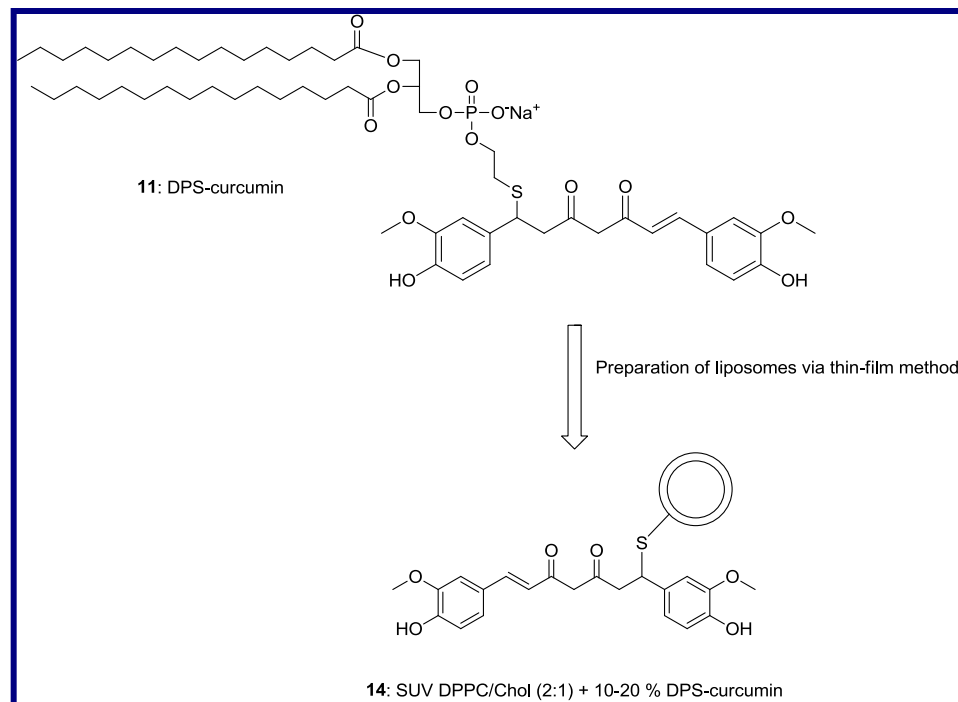
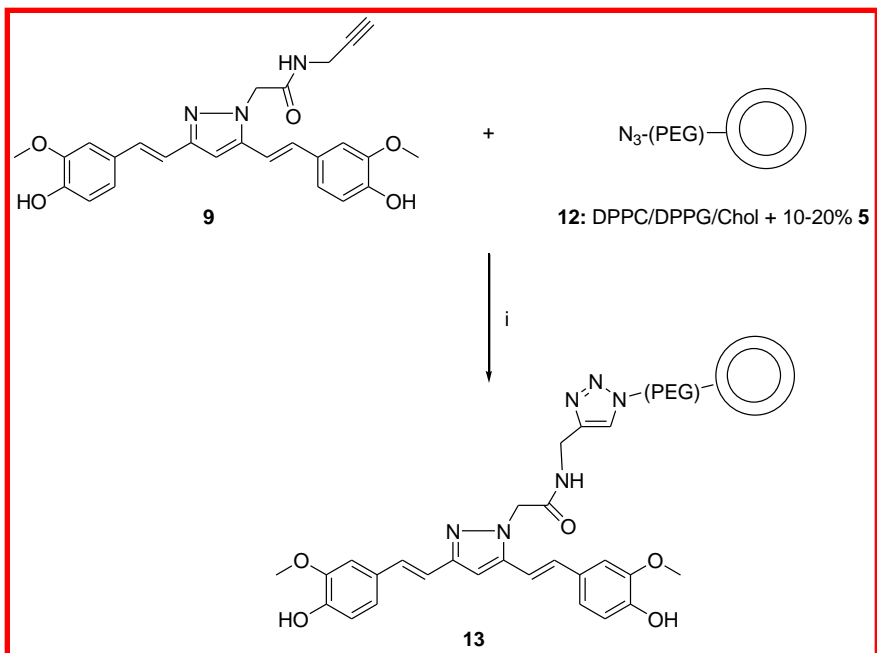
# Development of Immunoliposomes for targeting the Blood Brain Barrier and/or Abeta peptides

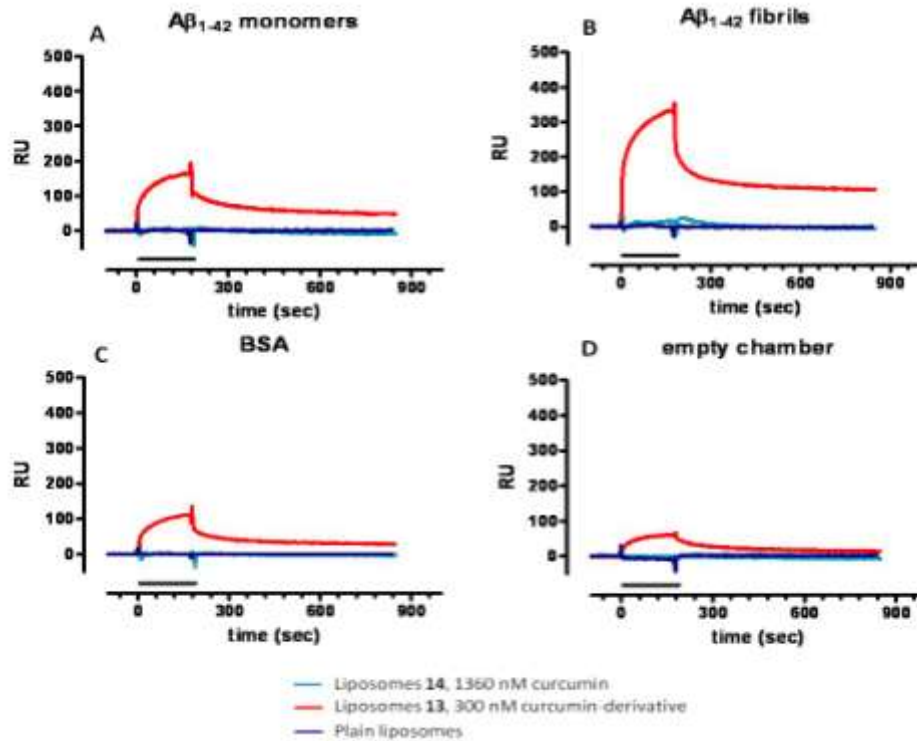
**Purpose:** To target the endothelial cells of the Blood-Brain Barrier based (transferrin receptor) or A $\beta$  aggregates



Other possibilities: Maleimide/SATA reaction; Amide bond formation; Thiol/thiol bond; Click chemistry method

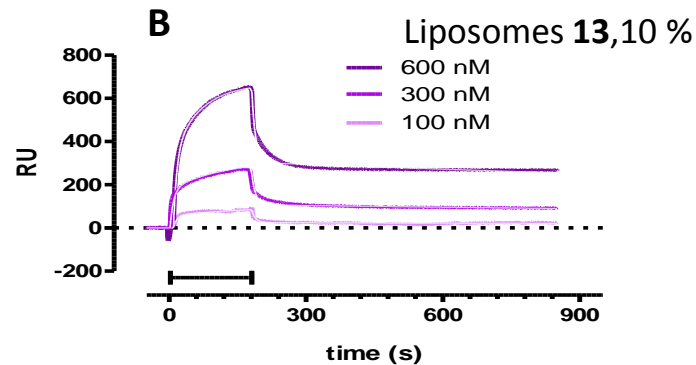
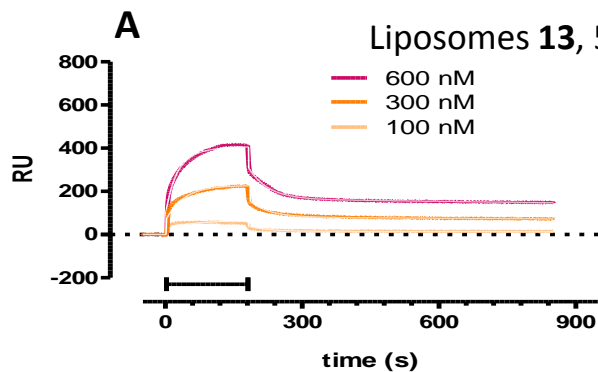






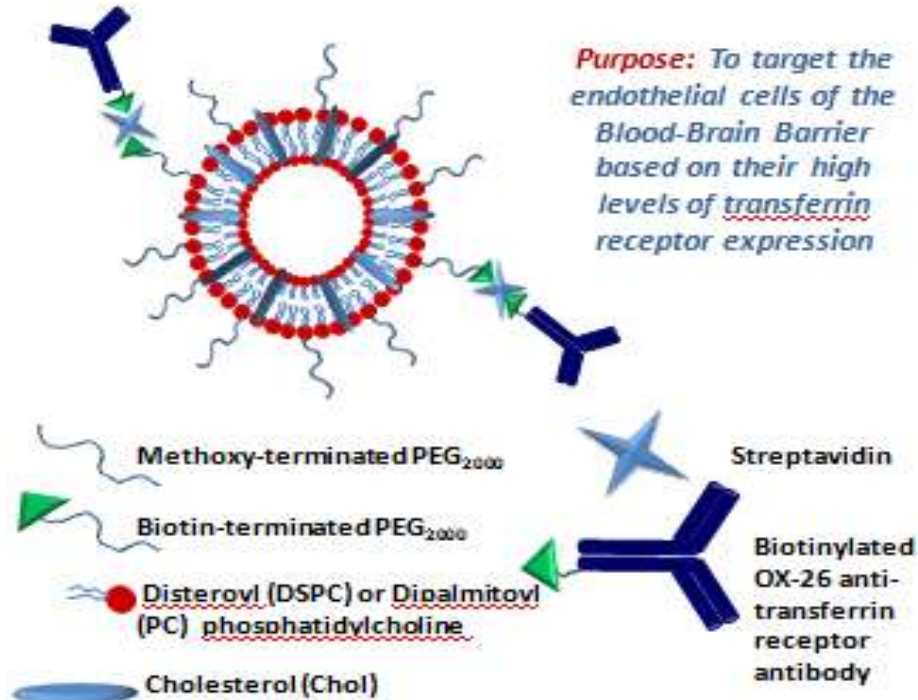
**Curcumin-decorated Nanoliposomes with very high affinity for Amyloid- $\beta$ 1-42 peptide**  
*Biomaterials in press*

*Spyridon Mourtas, Mara Canovi, Cristiano Zona, Dario Aurilia, Anna Niarakis, Barbara La Ferla, Mario Salmona, Francesco Nicotra, Marco Gobbi, Sophia G. Antimisiaris*



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> TARGET: Targeting $A\beta$ in the brain

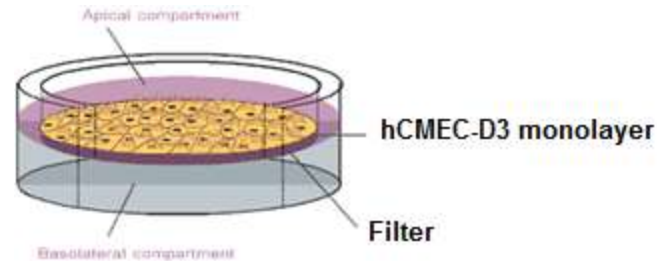


# The hCMEC/ D3 cell line model

The hCMEC/D3 cell line is a well characterized human brain endothelial cell line, which has been demonstrated to mimic most of the basic characteristics of the BBB [\*], even in the absence of co-cultured glial cells.

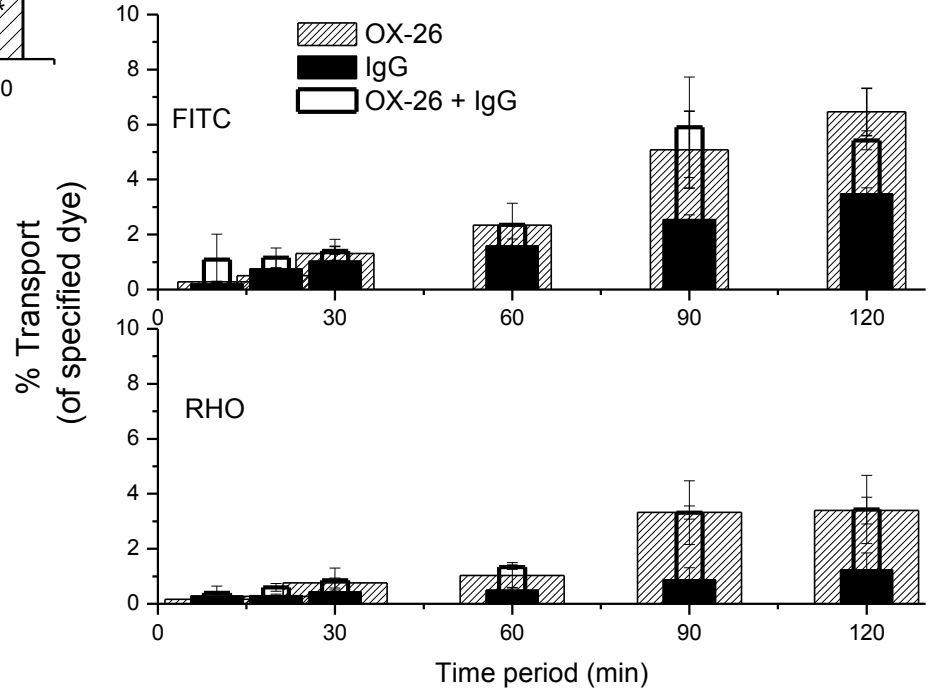
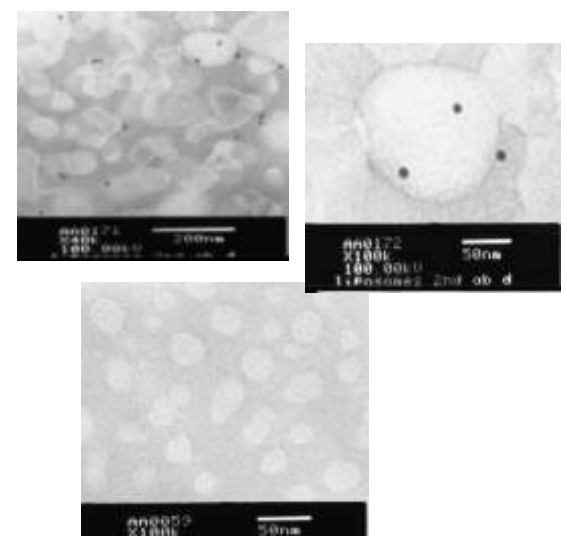
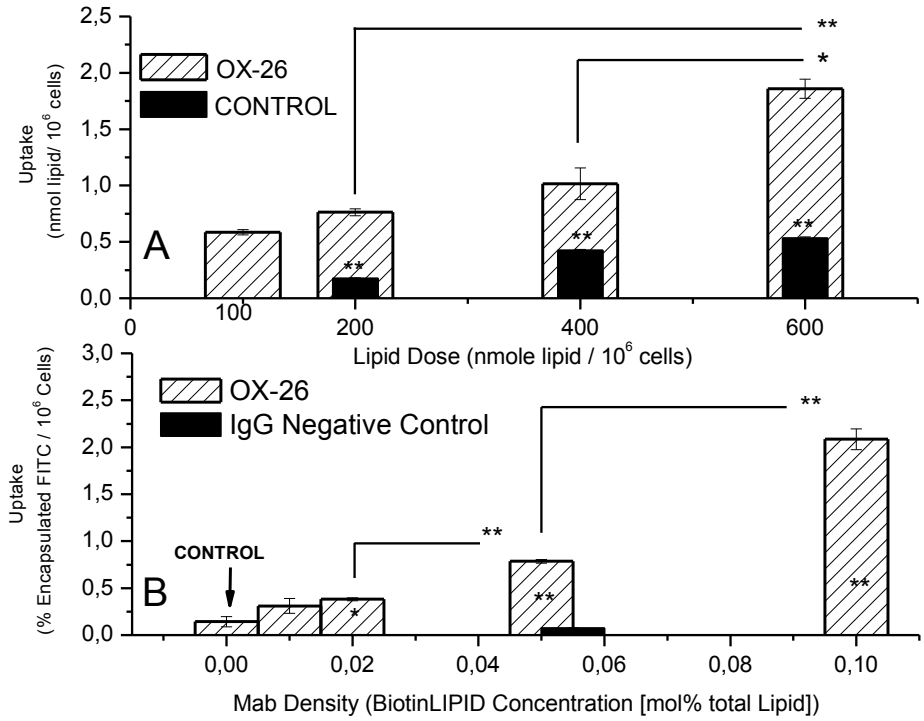
These cells have been demonstrated to form tight junctions

- Does not require co-culture system



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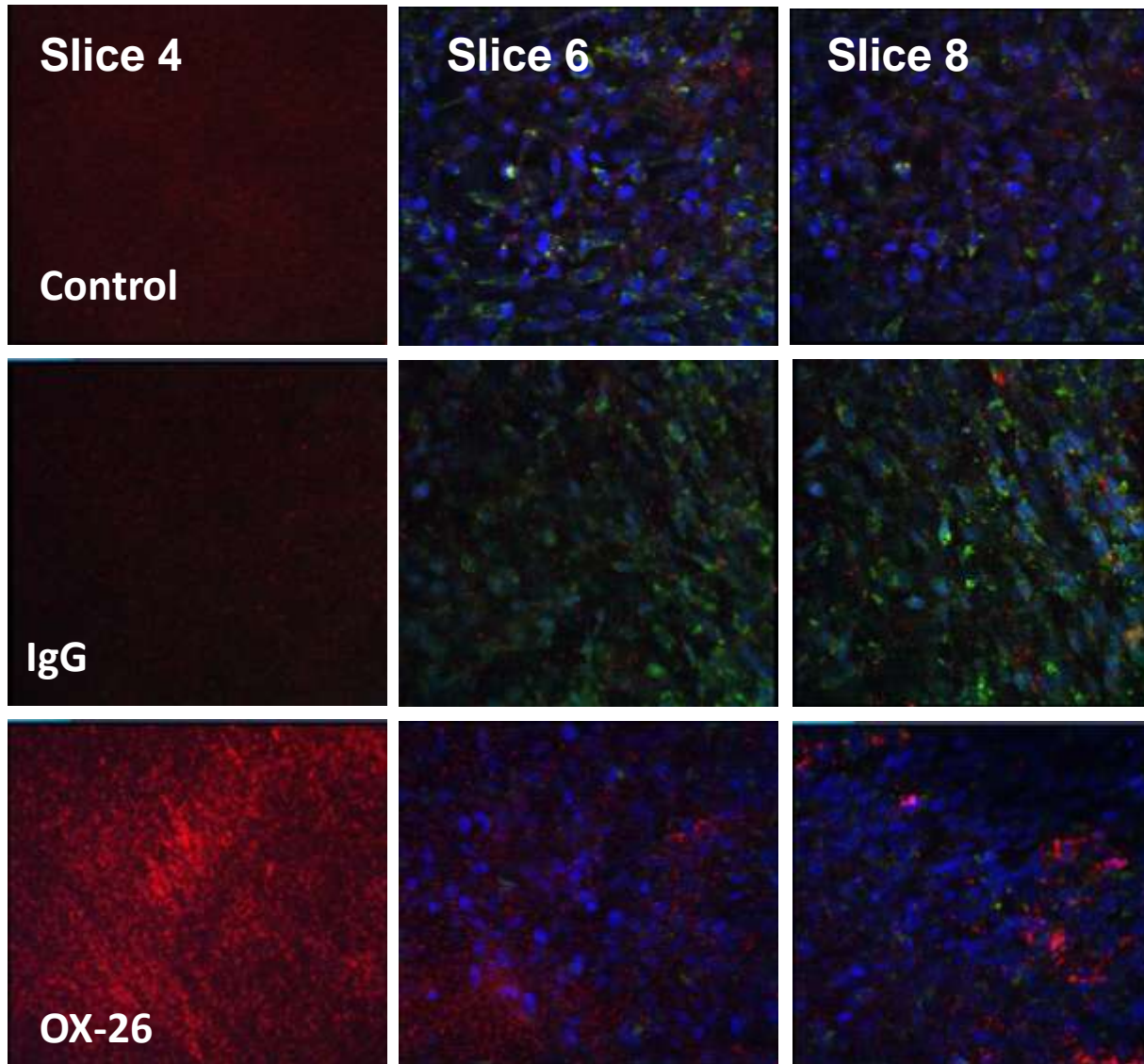
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**The new hCMEC/D3 cell line as a model for uptake and permeability studies of BBB-targeting nanoparticles. Under publication**

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Confocal microscopy of hCMEC/D3 monolayers formed on transwell membranes.

Cells were treated with control liposomes (control), murine serum IgG immunoliposomes (IgG), and OX-26 immunoliposomes (OX-26). All liposomes are stained with lipid-Rhodamine (red) and encapsulate FITC (green). Nuclei are stained with DAPI (blue).

Each column represents different slices obtained under the confocal microscope (3.75  $\mu\text{m}/\text{slice}$ )

hCMEC/D3 cell monolayer

# Equipment-Facilities

- **Equipment for nanoparticle preparation** (homogenizers, sonicators [bath & probe], mixers, incubators, rotor evaporators, lyophilizer, extruders, etc)
- **Equipment for nanoparticle characterization** (Chromatographic separation and fraction collectors, UV-VIS & Fluorimeters, automated-modular HPLC [diode array-FI] Shimatzu, DSC (Mettler Toledo), ultracentrifuge Sorvall etc)
- **Equipment for nanoparticle evaluation** [cell culture room, incubators, laminar hood, fluorescent microscope, small animal room, radioisotope facility]

## Group members

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# Recent Publications

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- *PLGA, Chitosan or Chitosan-coated PLGA Microparticles for Alveolar Delivery? A comparative study of particle stability during nebulization*. **Colloids and Surfaces B: Biointerfaces**, 62 (2), pp. 220-231, 2008.
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- *Release of Liposome-Encapsulated Calcein from Liposome Entrapping Gelatin-Carboxymethylcellulose Films: A Presentation of Different Possibilities*. **J. Nanoscience & Nanotechnology**, 8, 2249–2258 2008.
- *Chitosan-coated liposomes for delivery to lungs by nebulization»*. **Colloids and Surfaces B: Biointerfaces** 71 (1), pp. 88-95 , 2009.
- “Complex gel formulations for topical drug administration: Rheological properties and aging”, Invited contribution, **Langmuir**, 25: 15 8480-8488 2009.
- Arsonoliposomes for the potential treatment of medulloblastoma **Pharmaceutical Research** 26 (10), pp. 2237-2246 2009.
- Curcumin-decorated Nanoliposomes with very high affinity for Amyloid-β1-42 peptide **Biomaterials**, [in press](#)