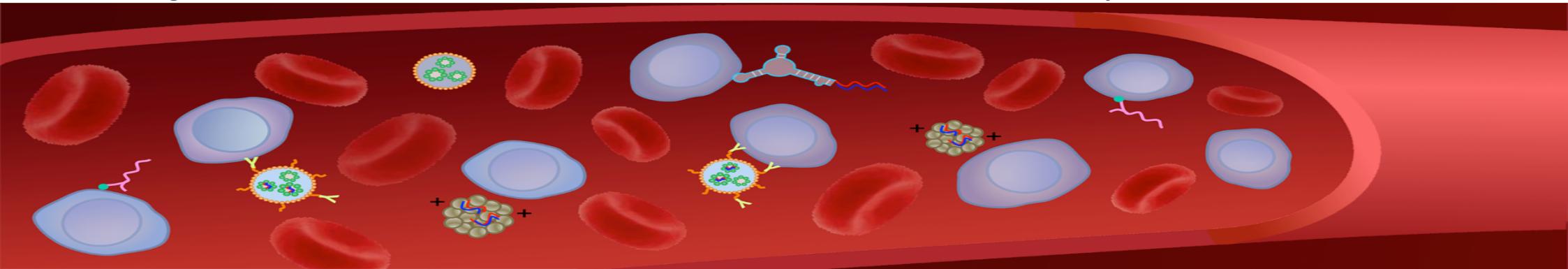


Personalized Medicine: RNA therapeutics – the next revolution?

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How do we define our challenges?













Leukocyte-implicated diseases

Hematopoietic

Myeloma

Leukemia

- CML
- AML
- CLL
- ALL

Lymphoma

- Hodgkin's
- NHL
- MCL

Inflammation

Autoimmune

- Ulcerative colitis
 - Crohn's
 - RA
- Psoriasis
- Lupus/SLE
- MS

Allergy/Asthma

GVHD

IR injury

Viral Infection

HIV

Ebola

Solid Tumors

Ovarian

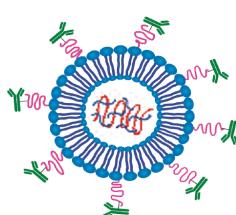
GBM

Rare Genetic diseases

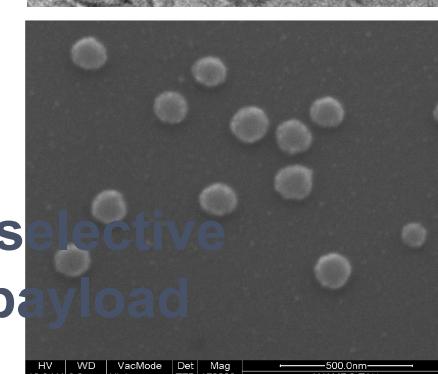
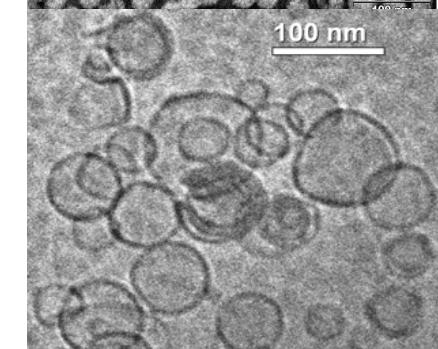
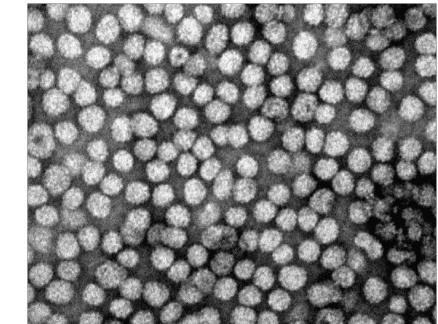
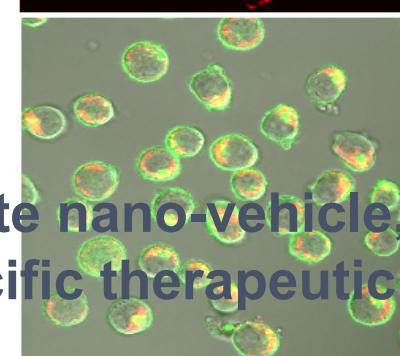
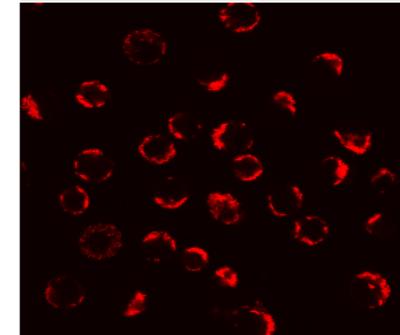
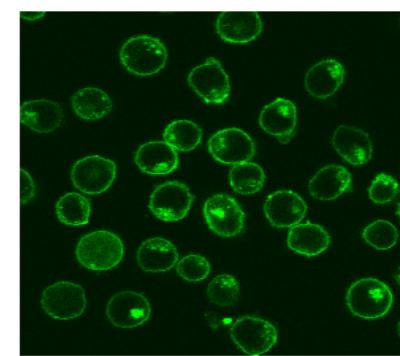


Laboratory of Precision NanoMedicine

Exome / transcriptome analysis
and Target Discovery & Validation

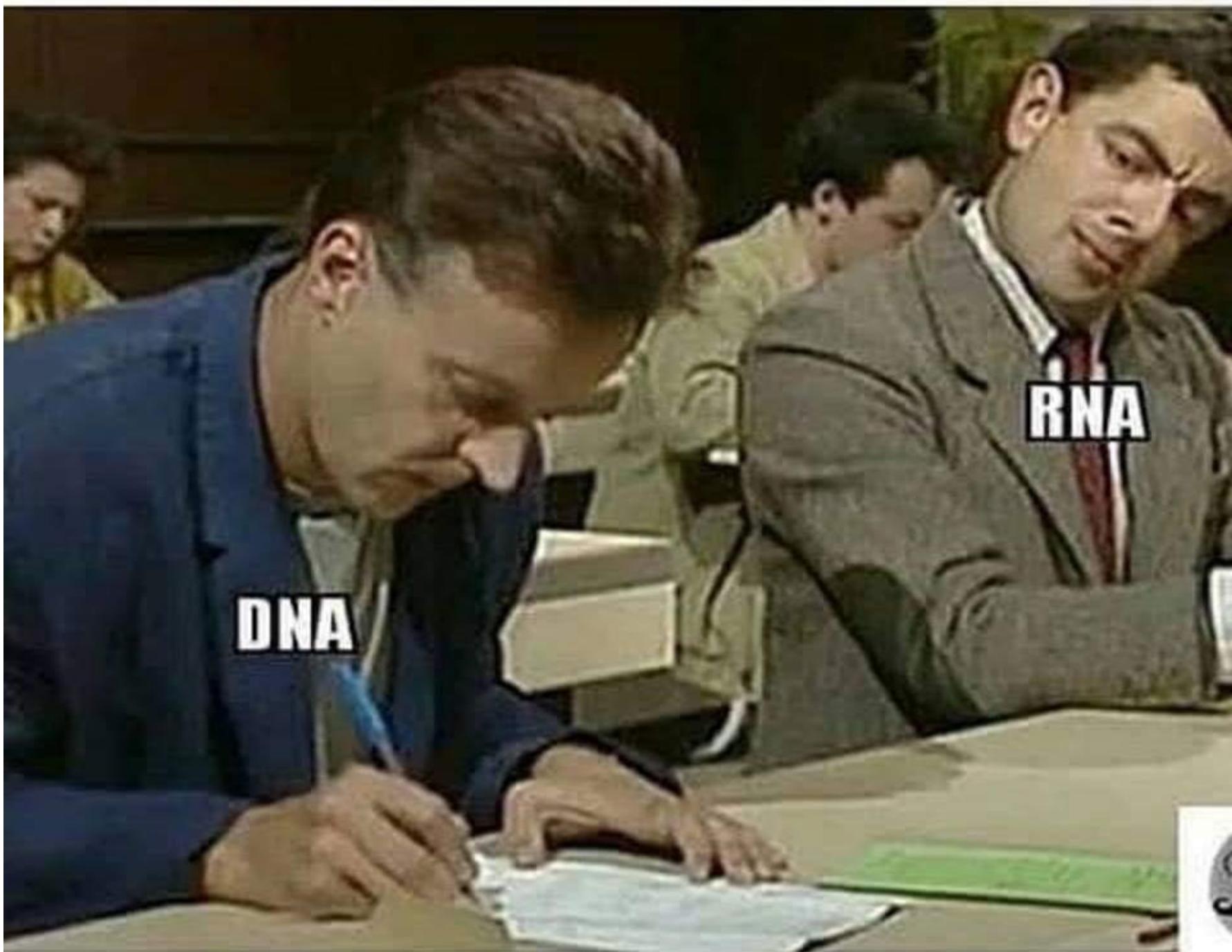


Delivery systems, generate mAbs
protein engineering



Tailor-made the appropriate nano-vehicle, selective
targeting agent and specific therapeutic payload





The medicine of the future

Sequence patients with a particular disease (e.g. Cancer)

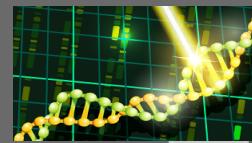


1994: ~1B\$/ one human genome
2018: ~800\$/ one human genome

Learn about the mutations and genes that are overexpressed



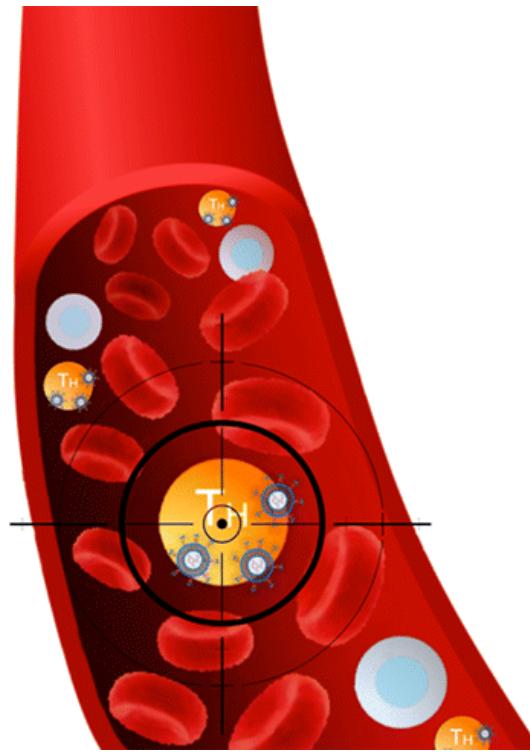
Design and synthesis new drugs based on RNA that fits the patient profile



Design and synthesis of new delivery systems that can carry RNA molecules

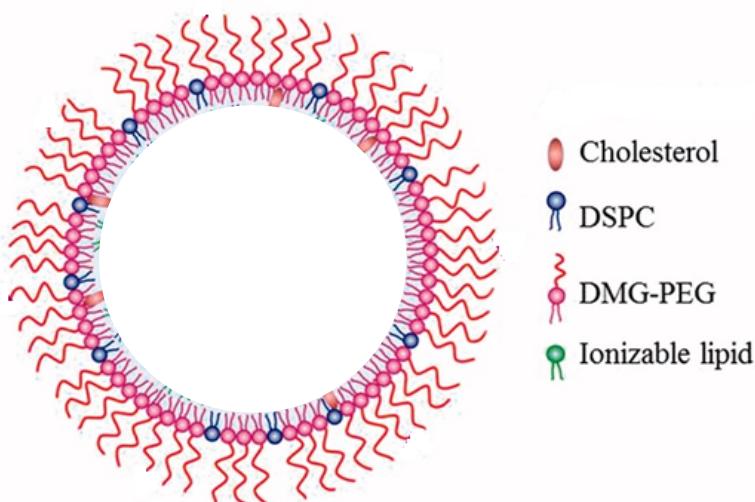


Targeted Nanoparticles



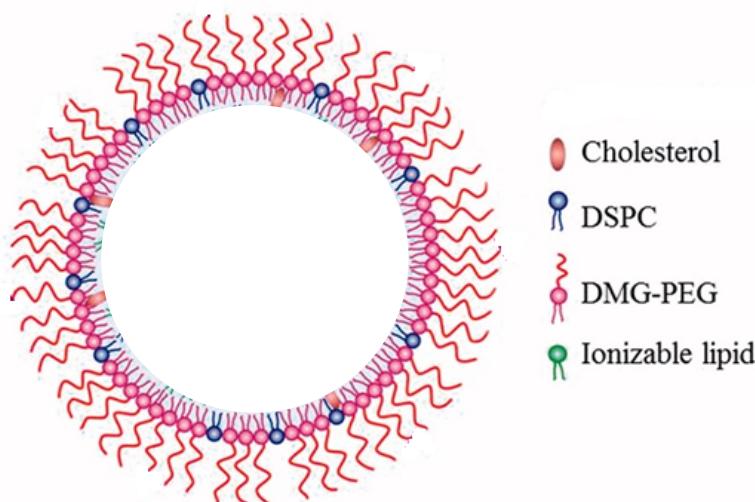
Targeted lipid nanoparticles

- ▶ Components:
 - ▶ Carrier: that can package the drug



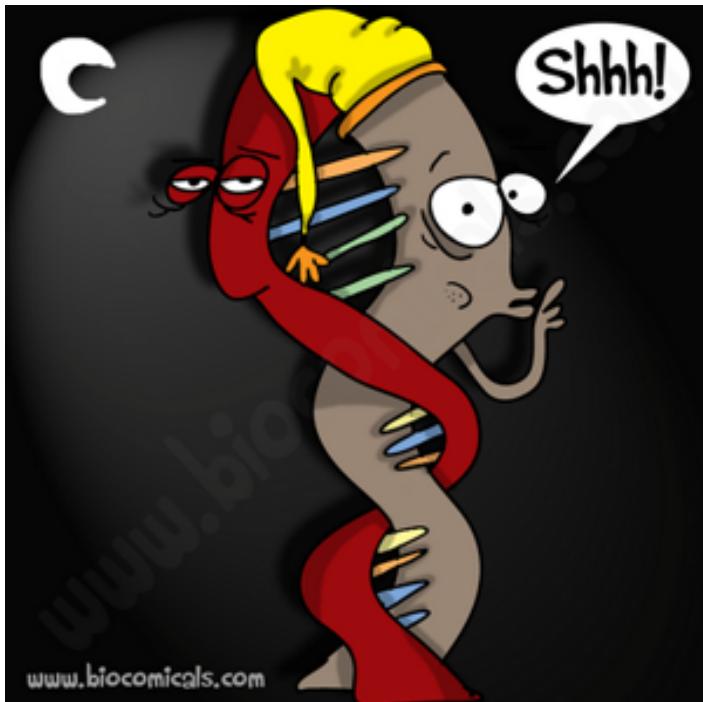
Targeted lipid nanoparticles

- ▶ Components:
 - ▶ Carrier: that can package the drug
 - ▶ Drug: RNA sequence (siRNA or mRNA)

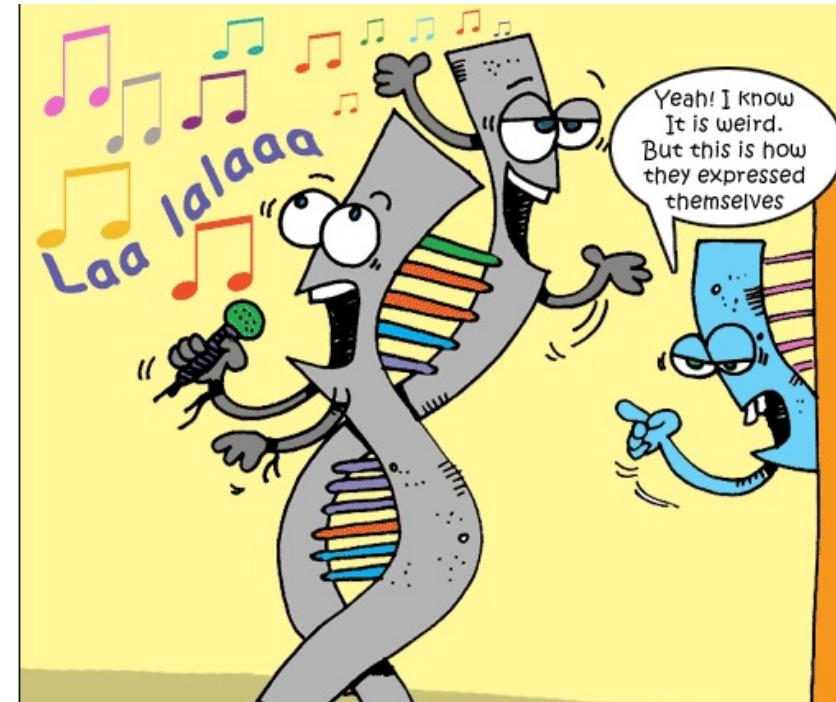


The drug-nucleic acid

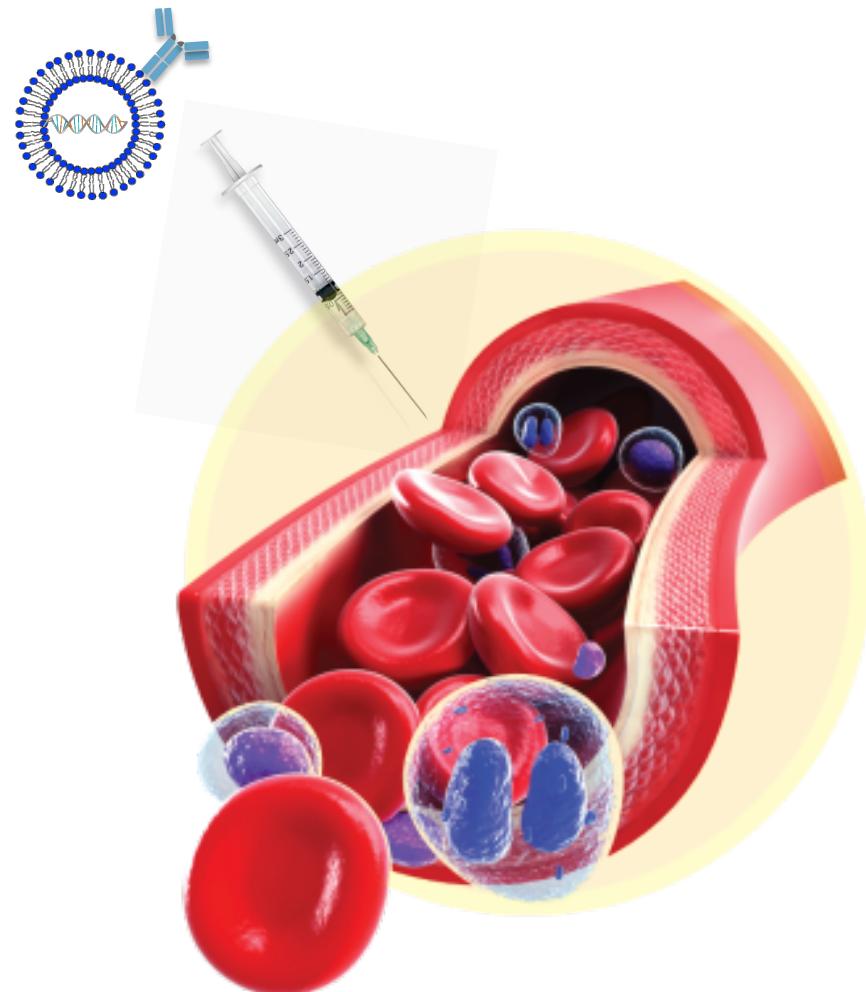
siRNA



mRNA



RNA delivery carriers: requirements for leukocytes – an extra challenge



Efficient RNA encapsulation

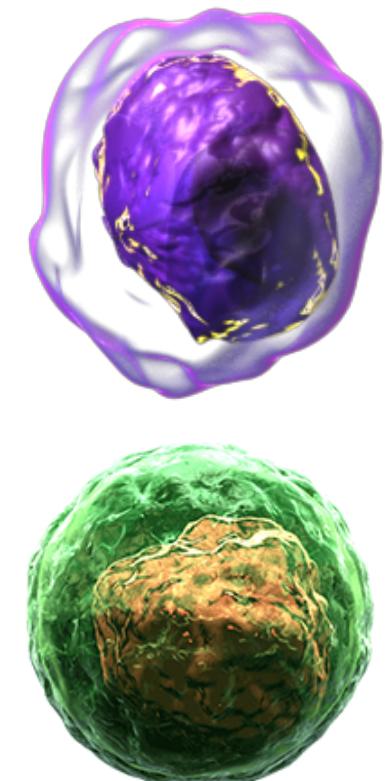
Specificity - Targeted Delivery Platform

Evading clearance mechanism

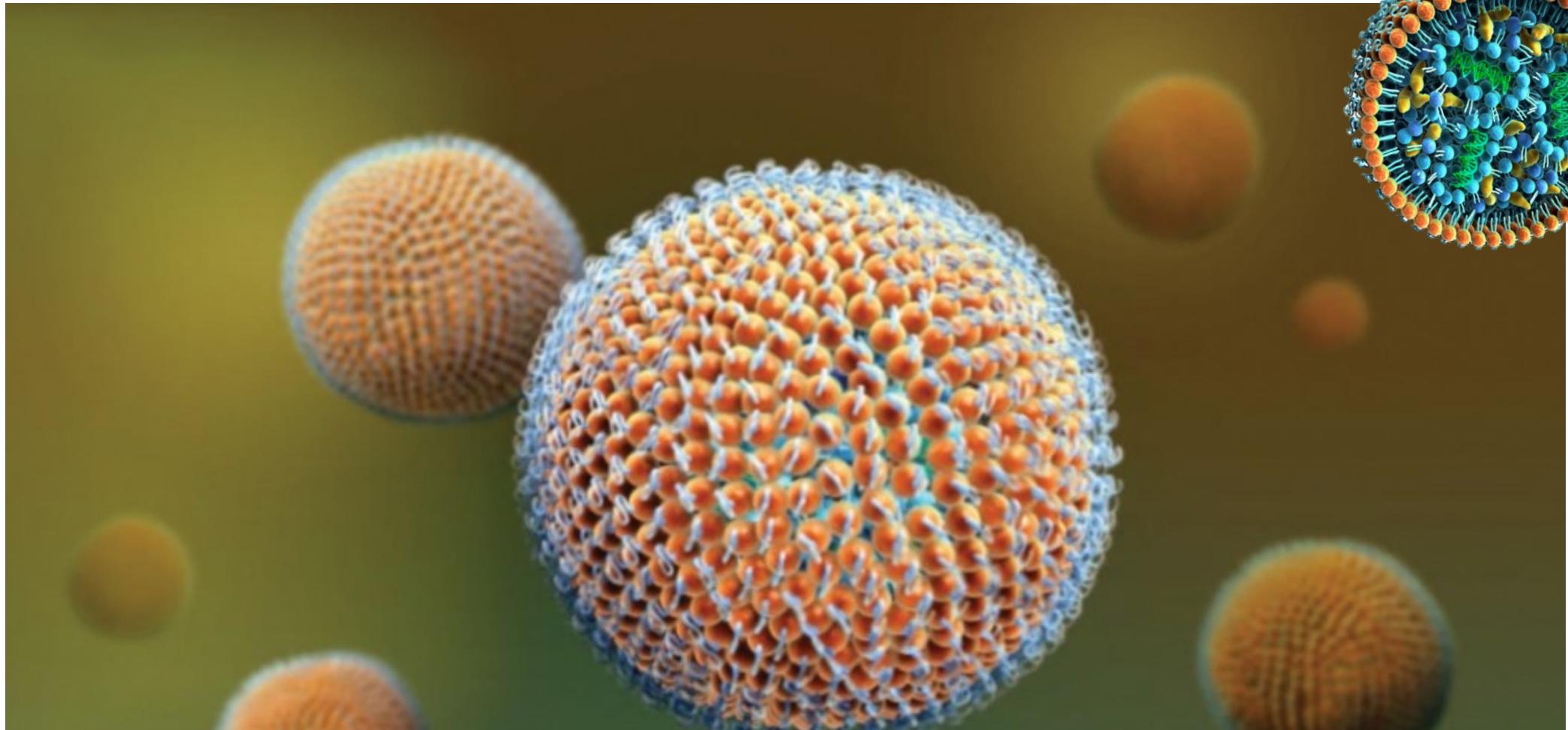
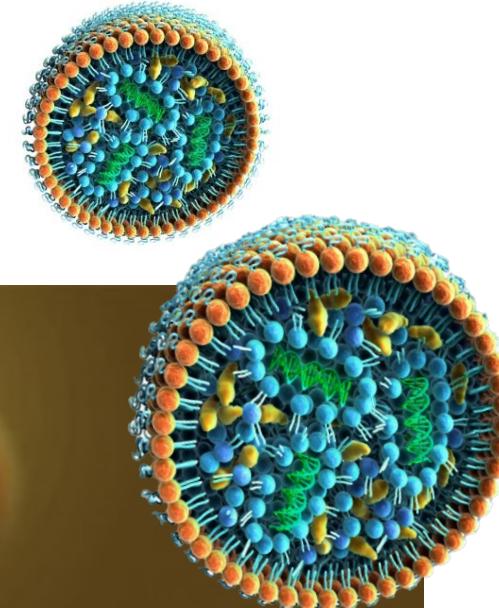
Avoid toxicity and immune activation

Carrier internalization

RNAi endosomal release



Nucleic Acid Loaded LNPs



HUMAN
POC¹

BREAKTHROUGH
DESIGNATION

EARLY STAGE
(IND or CTA Filed-Phase 2)

LATE STAGE
(Phase 2-Phase 3)

REGISTRATION/
COMMERCIAL²

COMMERCIAL
RIGHTS

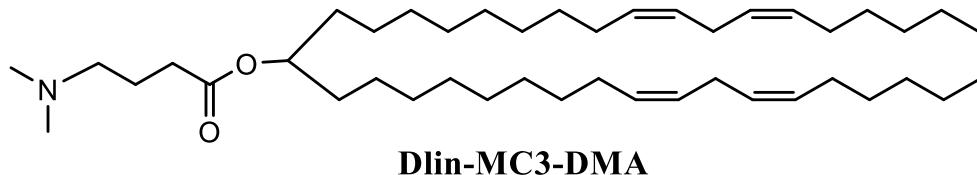
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Hereditary ATTR
Amyloidosis

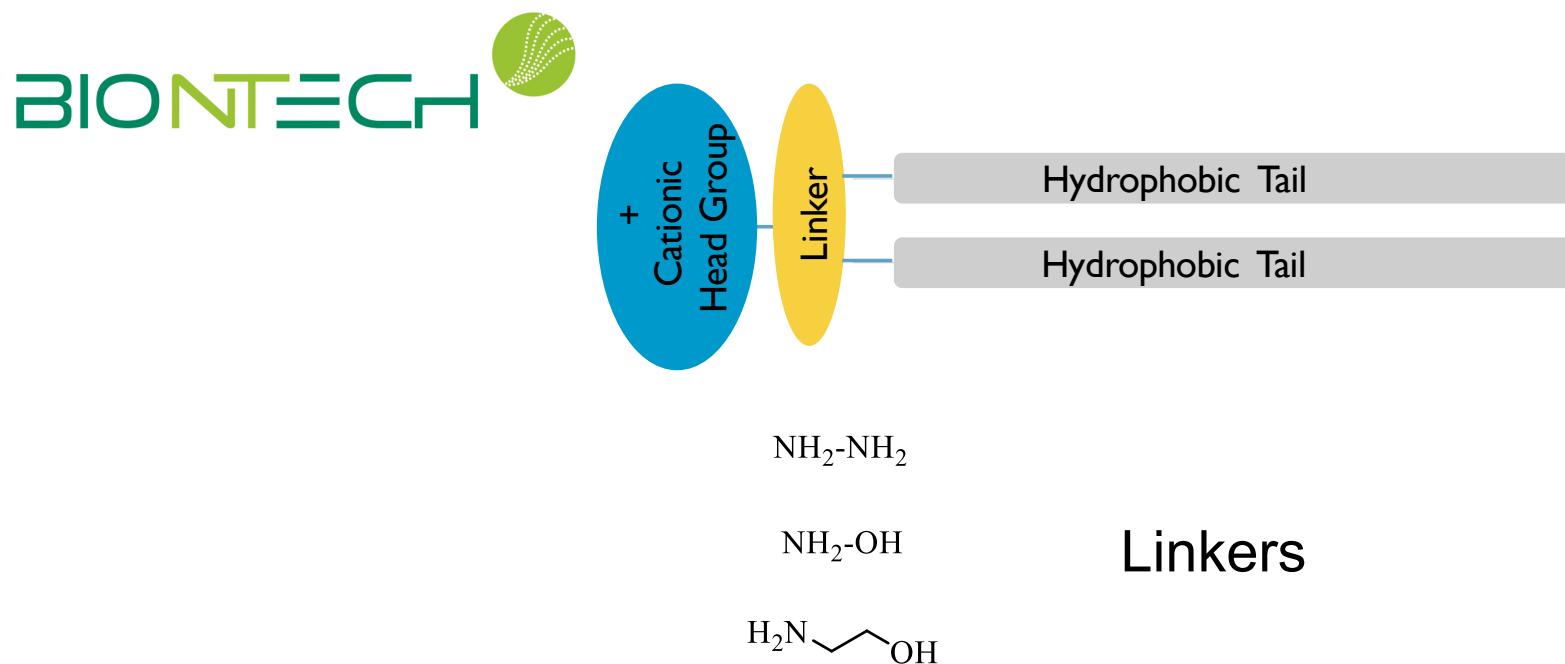


Global

Structural design of cationic lipids



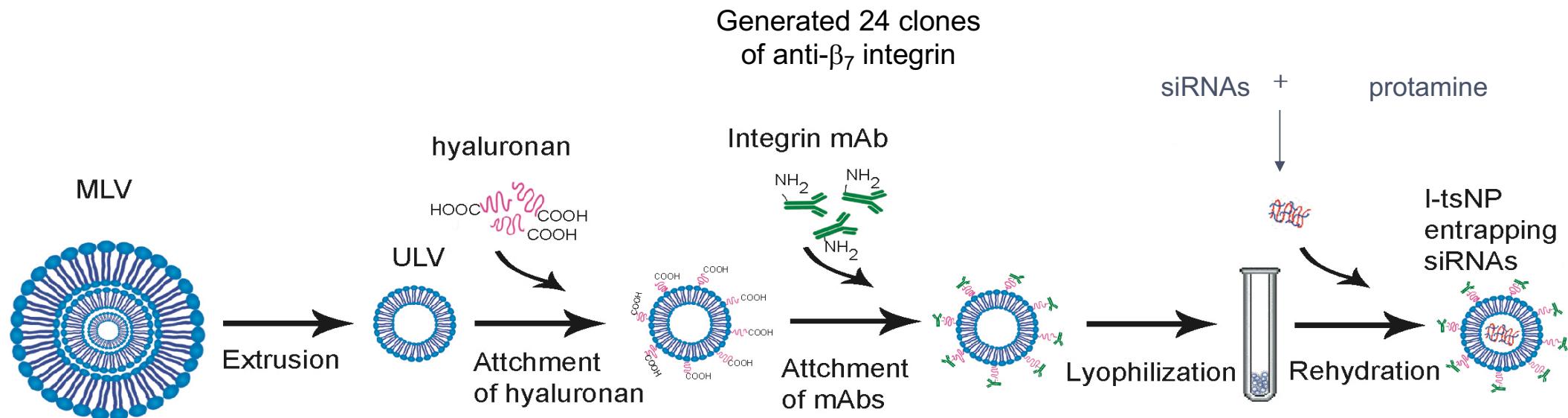
Based on the gold standard we have synthesize 60 lipid families



Clinical trials

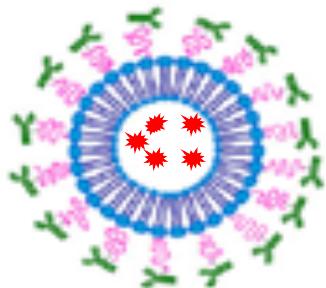
- 250 trials with mRNA (neoantigens; personalized; immuno-therapy – cytokines; PD-1 and combinations)
- 50 with siRNAs (silencing genes)
- 40 with Genome Editing approaches

Systemic RNAi strategy to manipulate leukocytes' function *in vivo*.

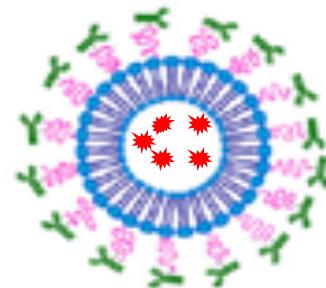


β_7 I-tsNP delivers siRNA intracellularly in lymphocytes

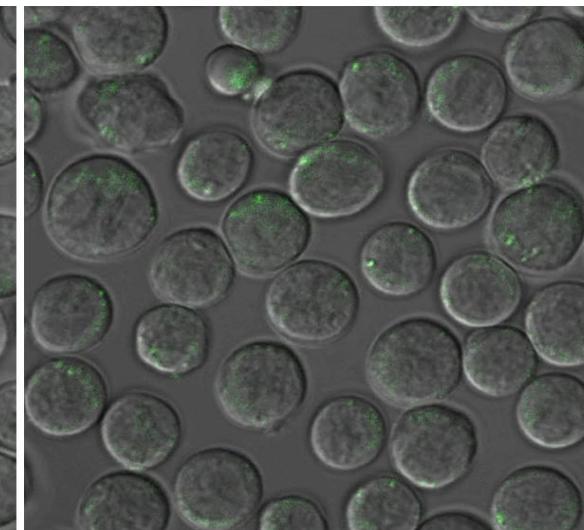
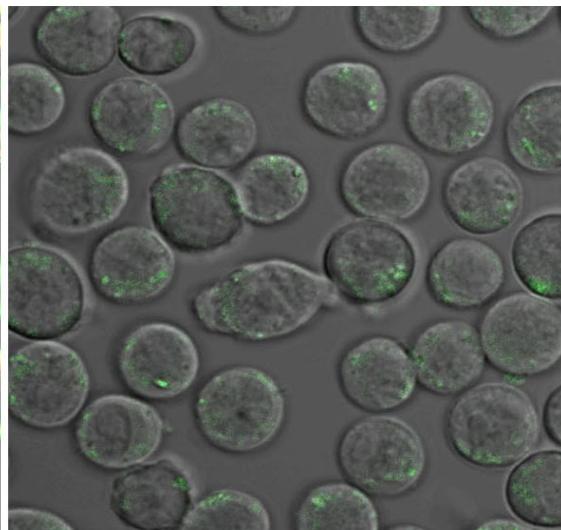
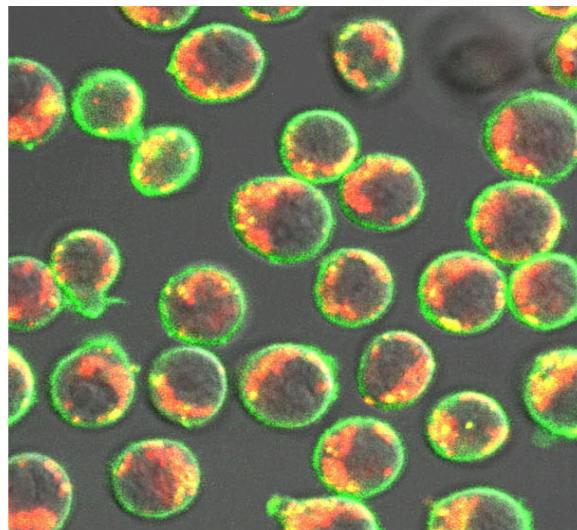
siRNA in β_7 It-sNP



siRNA in IgG-sNP

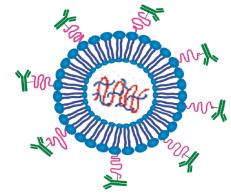
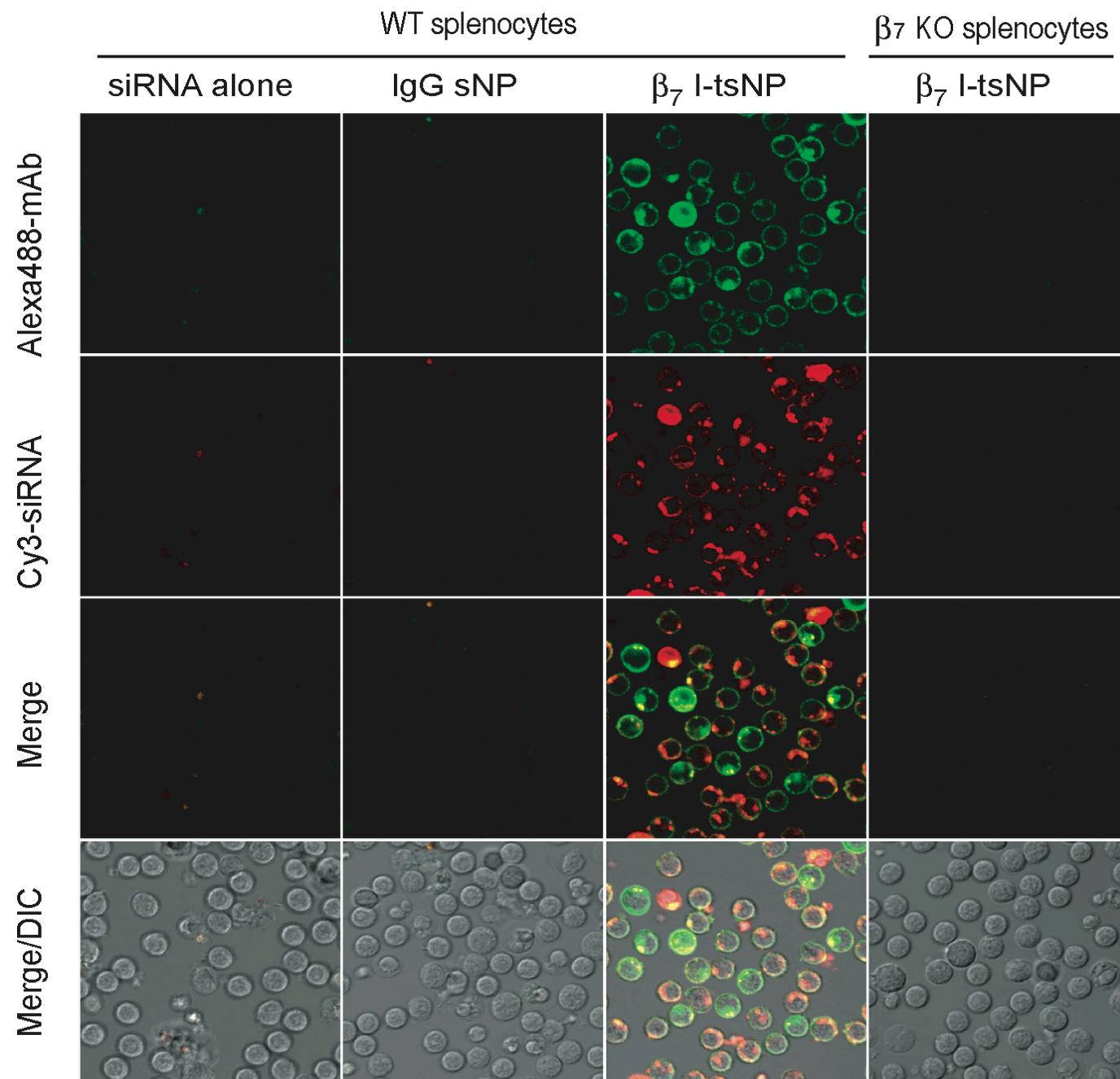


siRNA alone



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β_7 I-tsNP delivers siRNA selectively to β_7 integrin⁺ cells

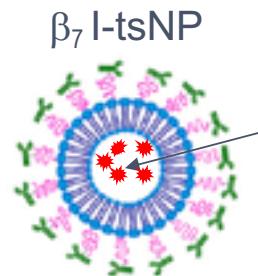
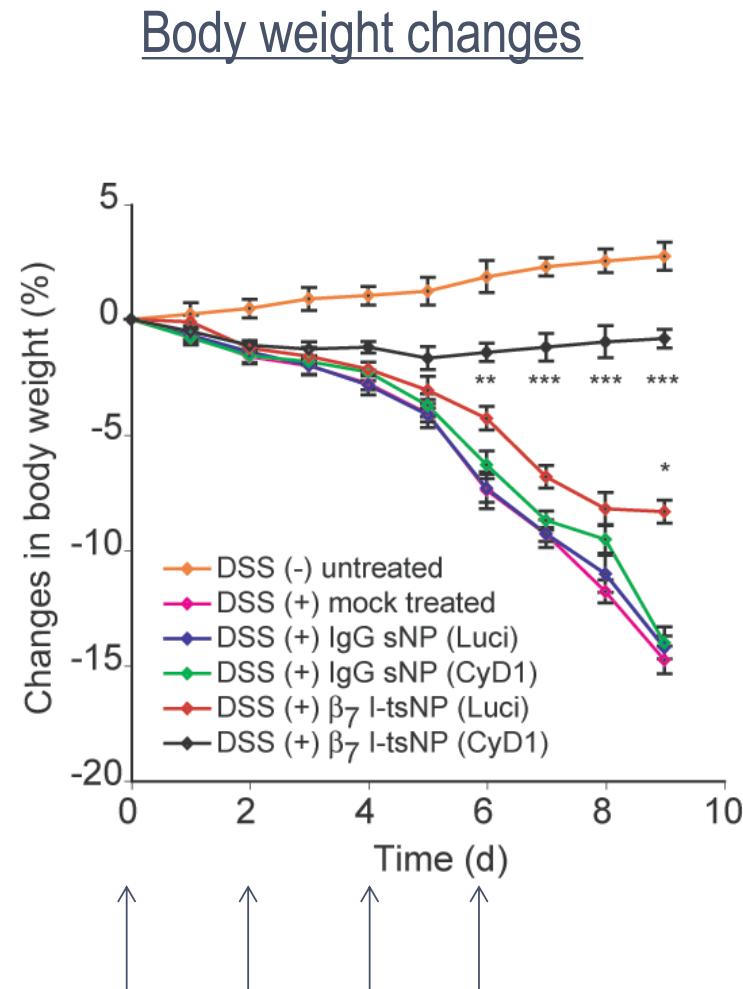


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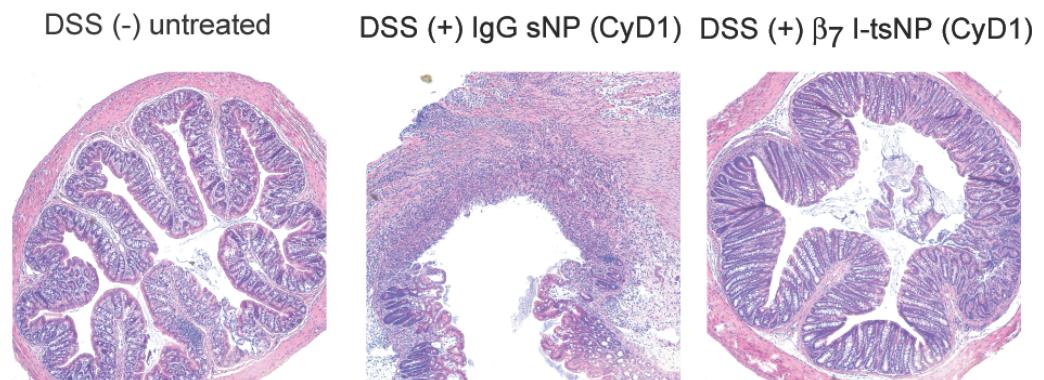
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siCyD1 delivery with β_7 I-tsNP alleviates gut inflammation in DSS-induced colitis.
CyD1 as an anti-inflammatory target is now a new drug target for inflammatory bowel diseases.



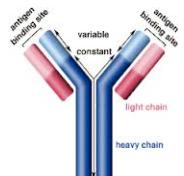
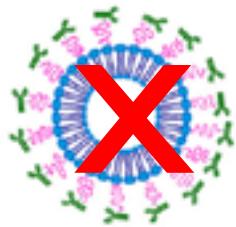
siCyD1

Gut histology



Science 2008, 319, 627-630
Alberts, Molecular Biology of the Cell, 6th edition and beyond

Licensing



Clinical Translation (anti- β 7 mAb) Etrolizumab

FIH Aug. 2010: 35 patients (safety and escalating doses)

Phase IIa randomized double blinded :

Oct. 2012 :61 patients – moderate-to-severe CD

Phase Iib - randomized double blinded: Dec. 2013:223 patients moderate-to-severe CD

Phase III - randomized double blinded : Dec. 2014 – April 2017: overall 923 patients

Interim results (500 patients): Dec. 1st, 2016 published

Pre-marketing approval: August 2018

In addition: 4 phase III clinical studies are progressing towards the end (mid and end of 2020).

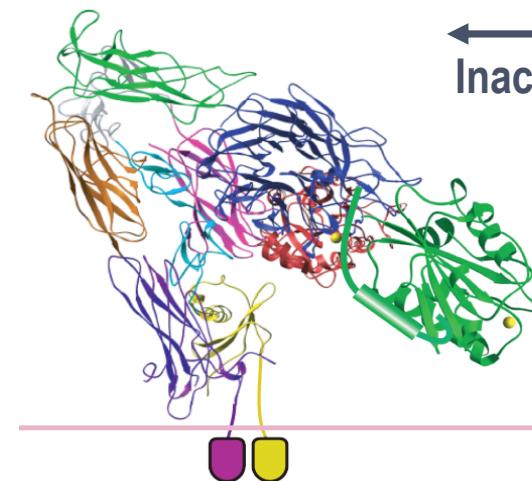


A Member of the Roche Group

Global conformational changes of integrins



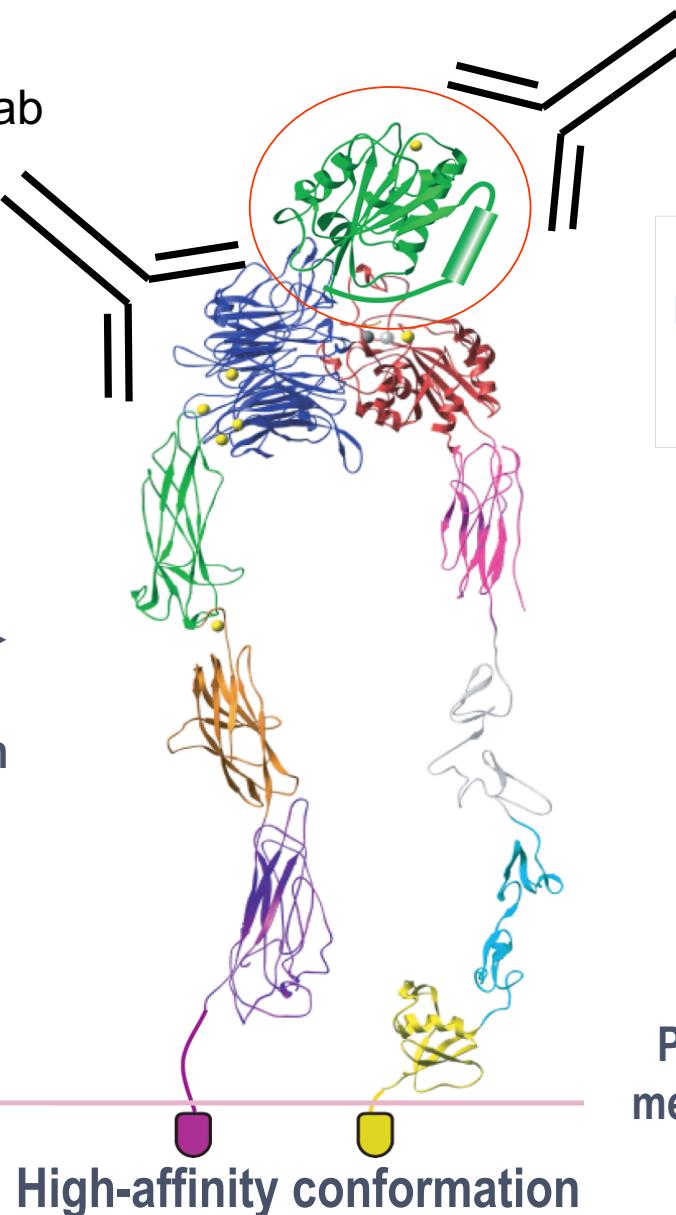
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Low-affinity conformation

Vedolizumab

Activation
Inactivation



High-affinity conformation

Etrolizumab

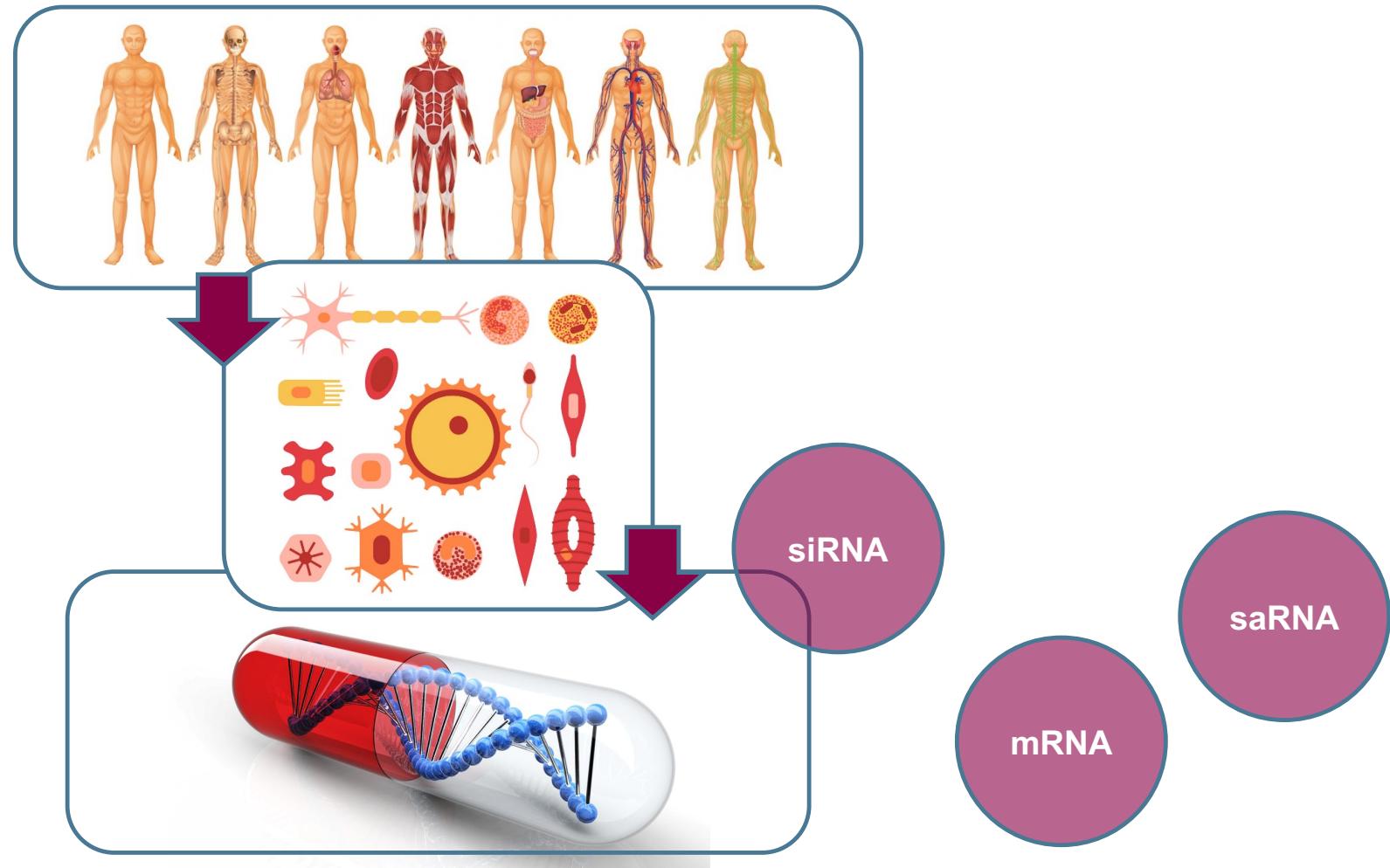
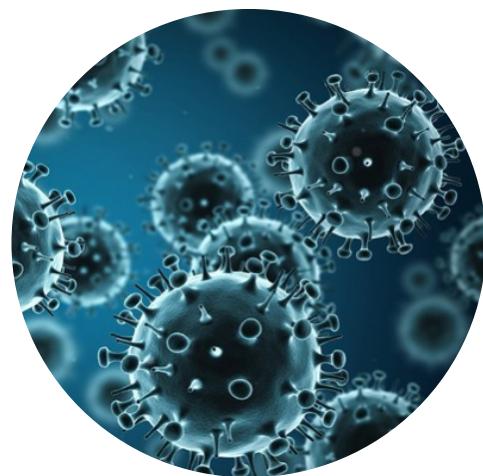
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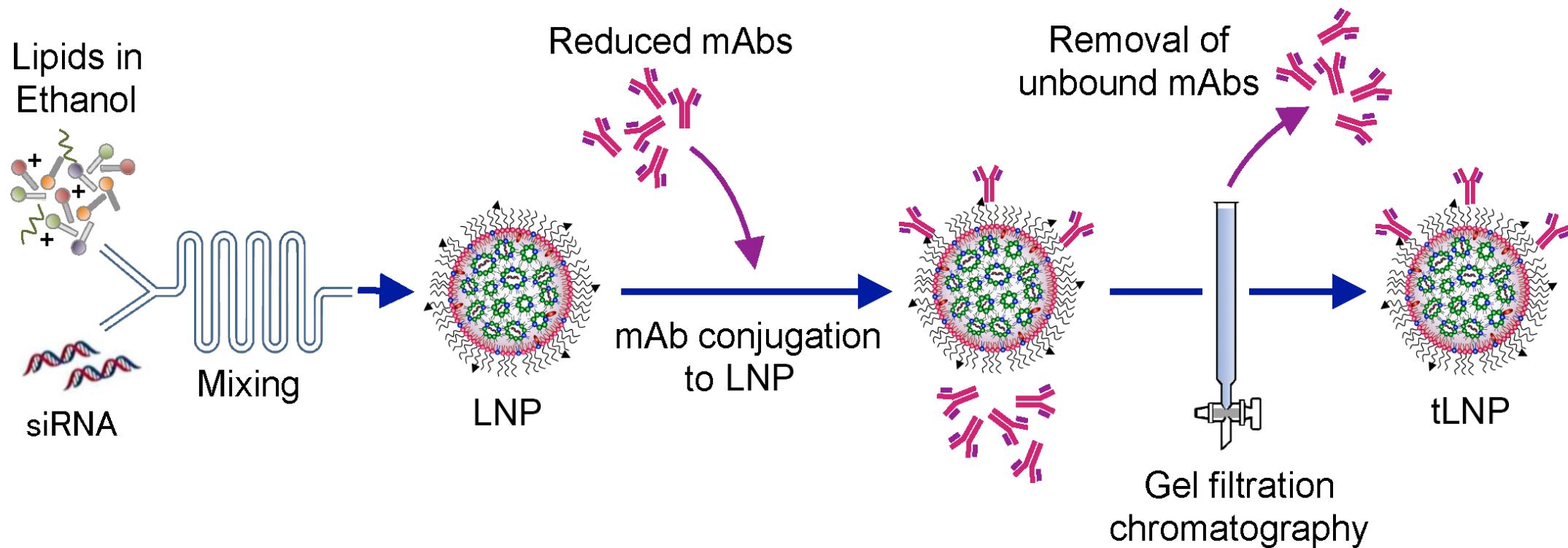
Human Diseases Heterogeneity



The Complexity of Human Disorders



Streamline the production of targeted RNAi nanomedicine

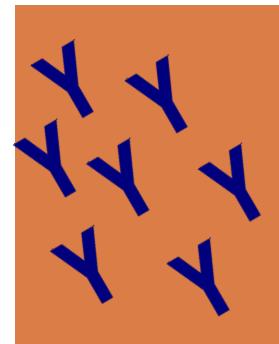


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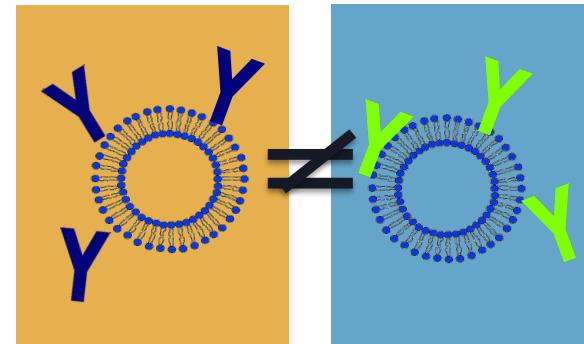
tLNPs construction drawbacks

Chemical Conjugation

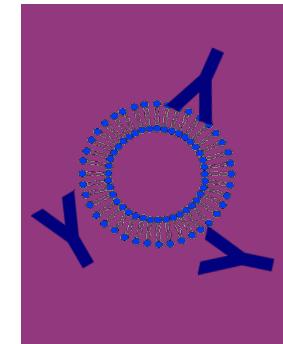
Conjugation efficiency



Antibodies are not alike



Fc exposure
Poor binding

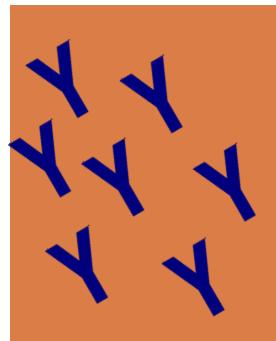


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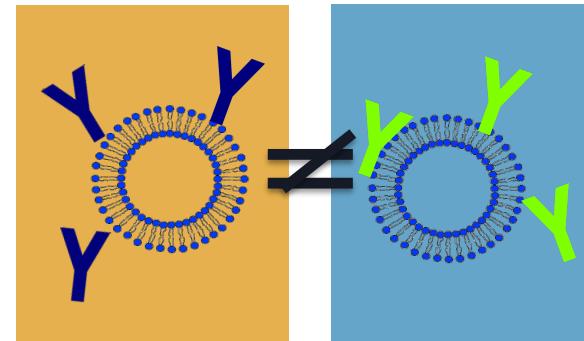
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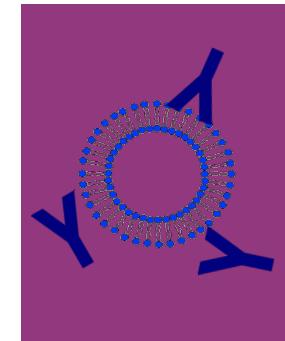
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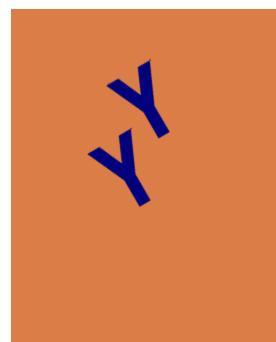
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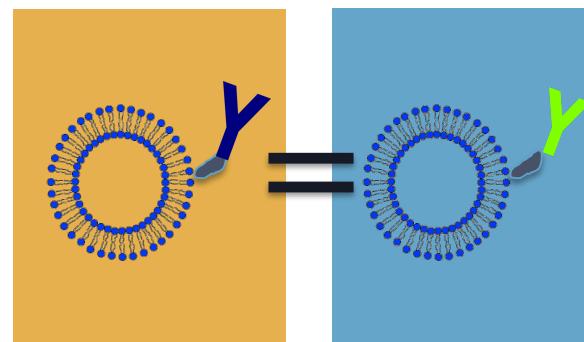
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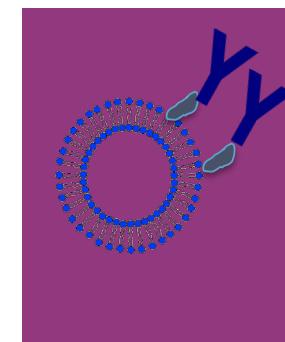
Affinity



Same Fc



Controlled orientation



Strategy

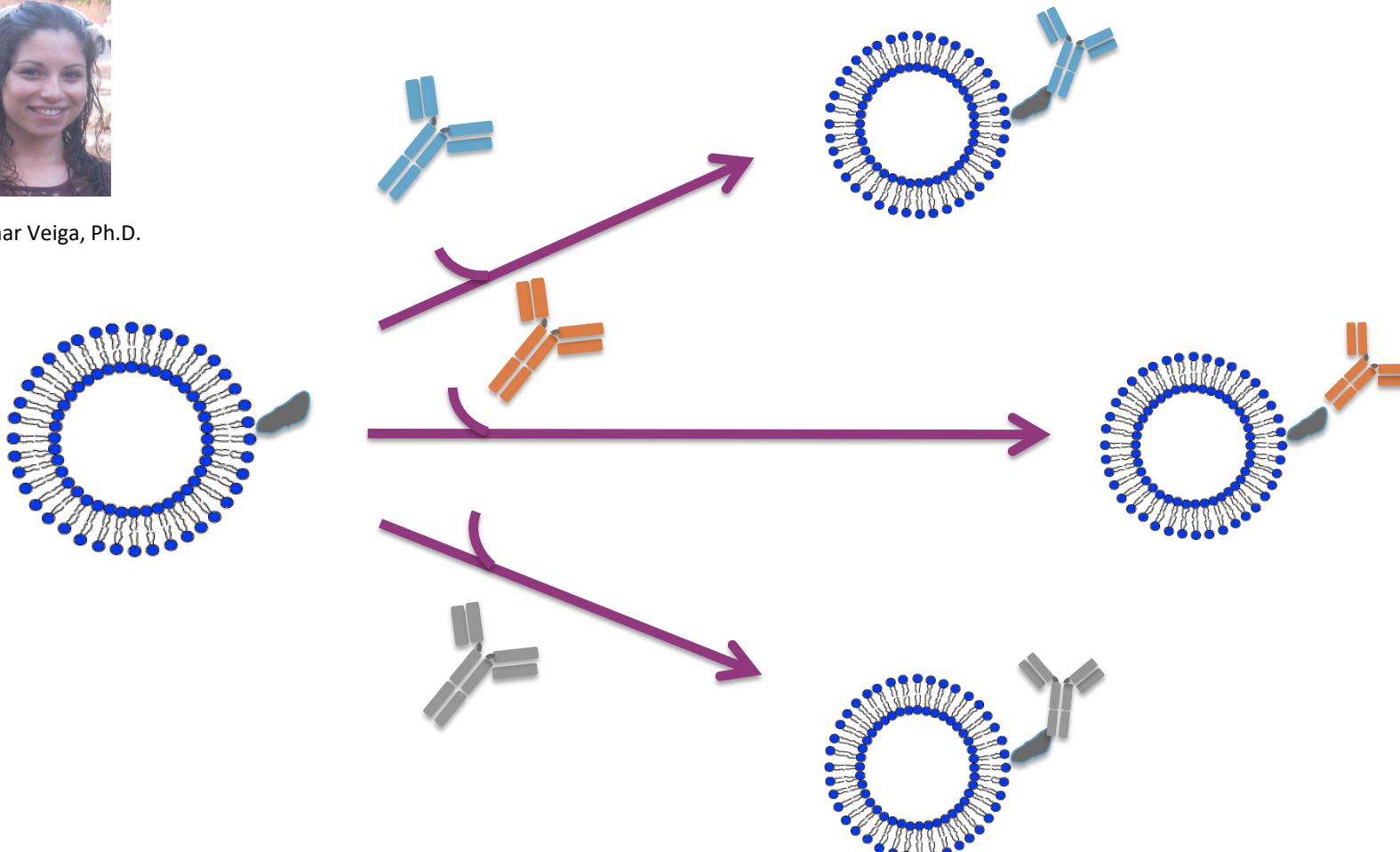
Linker strategy

Affinity Versus Chemical Conjugation

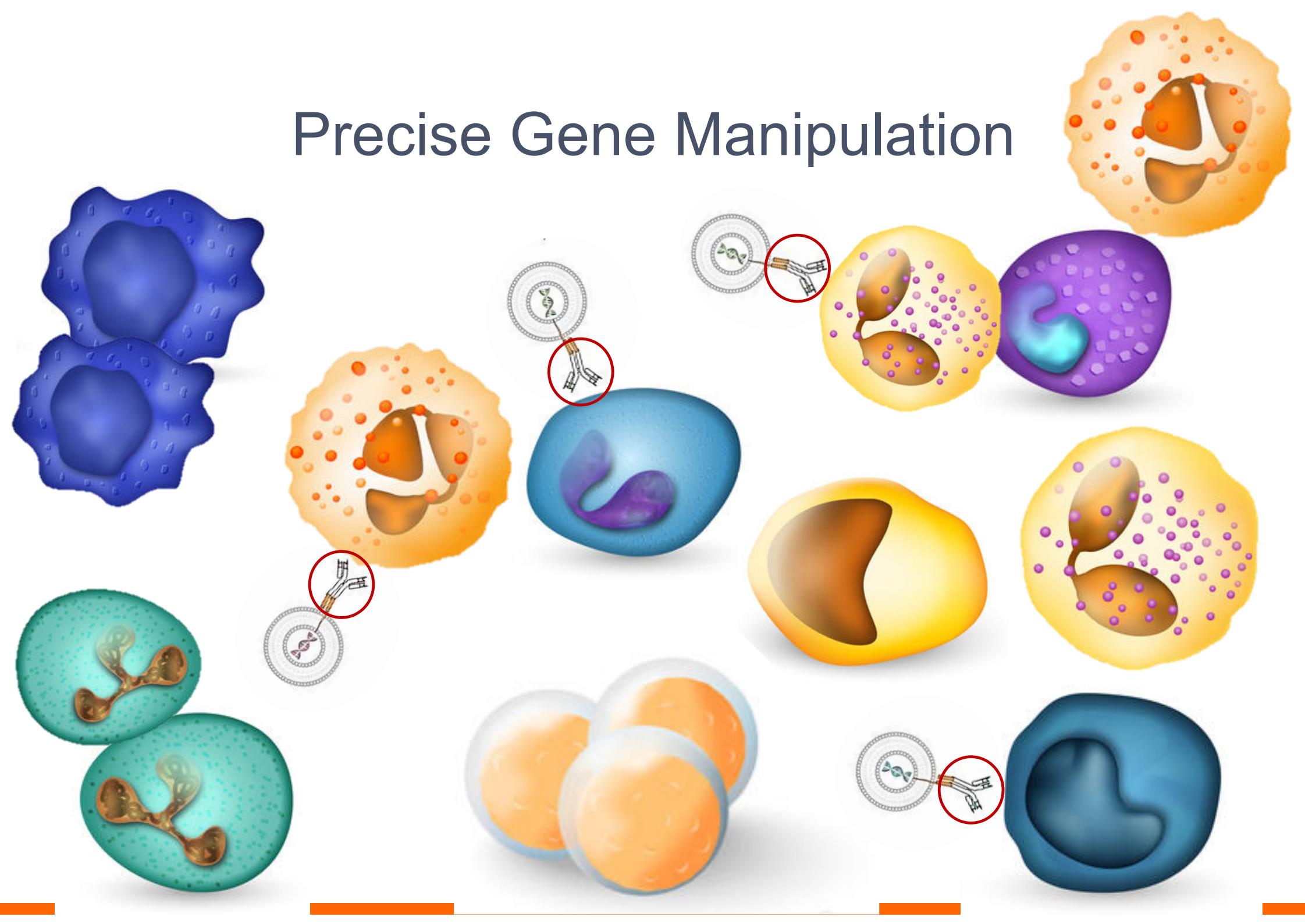


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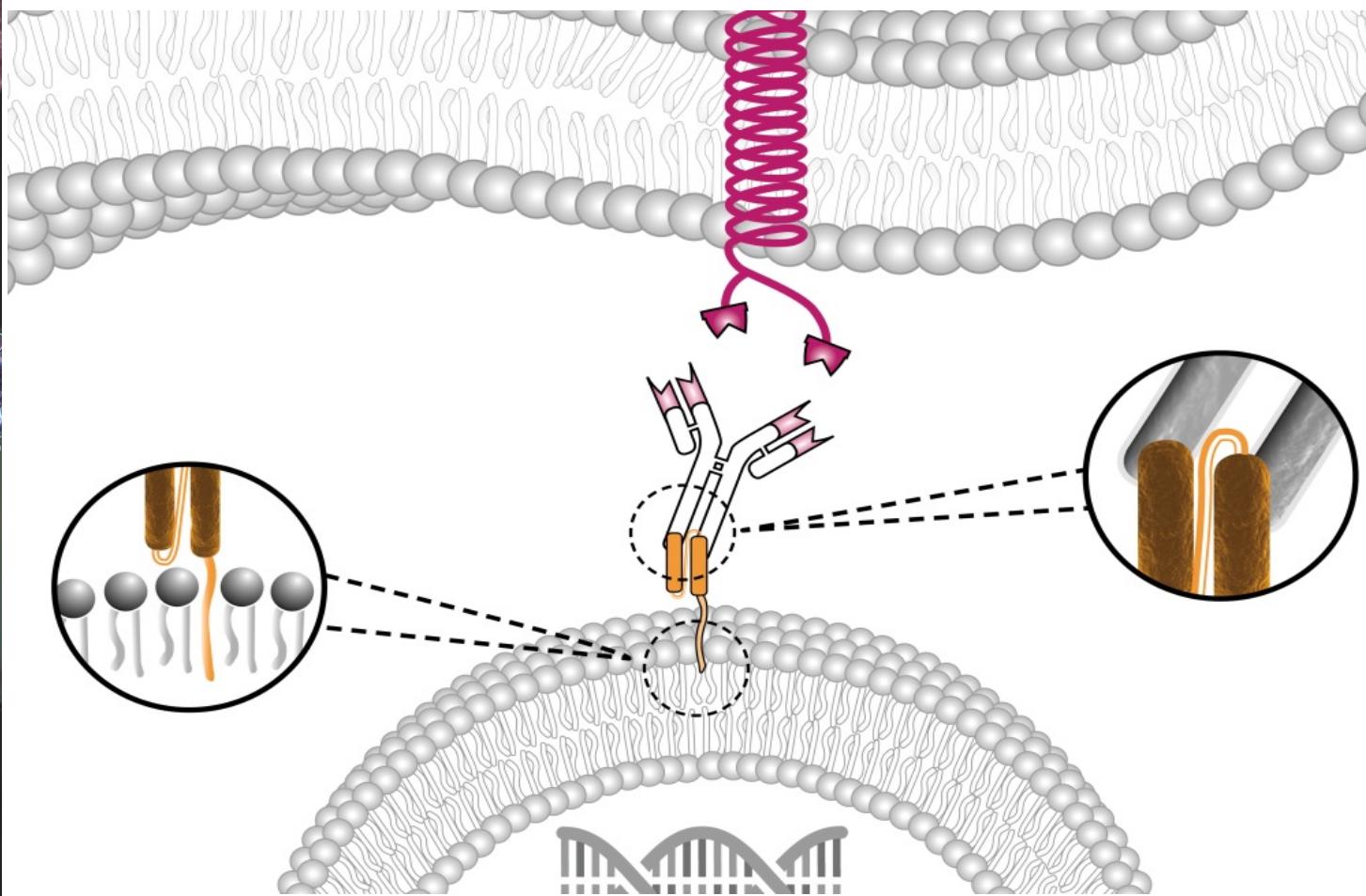
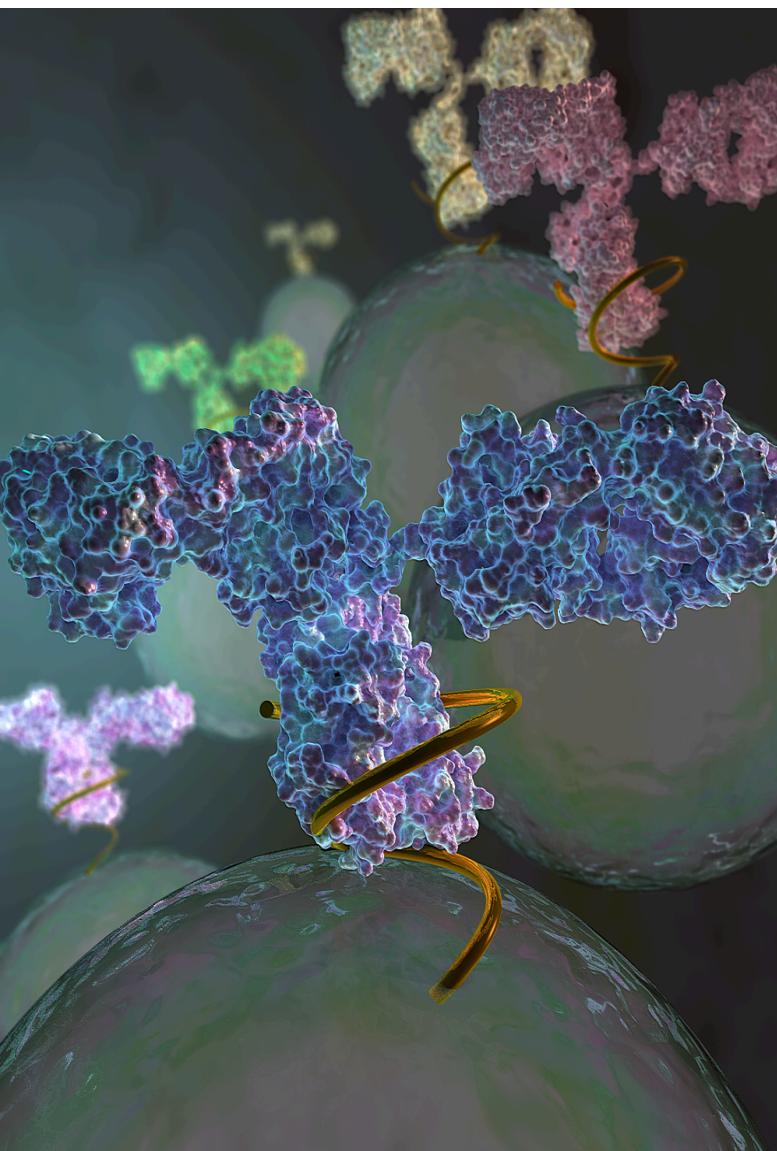
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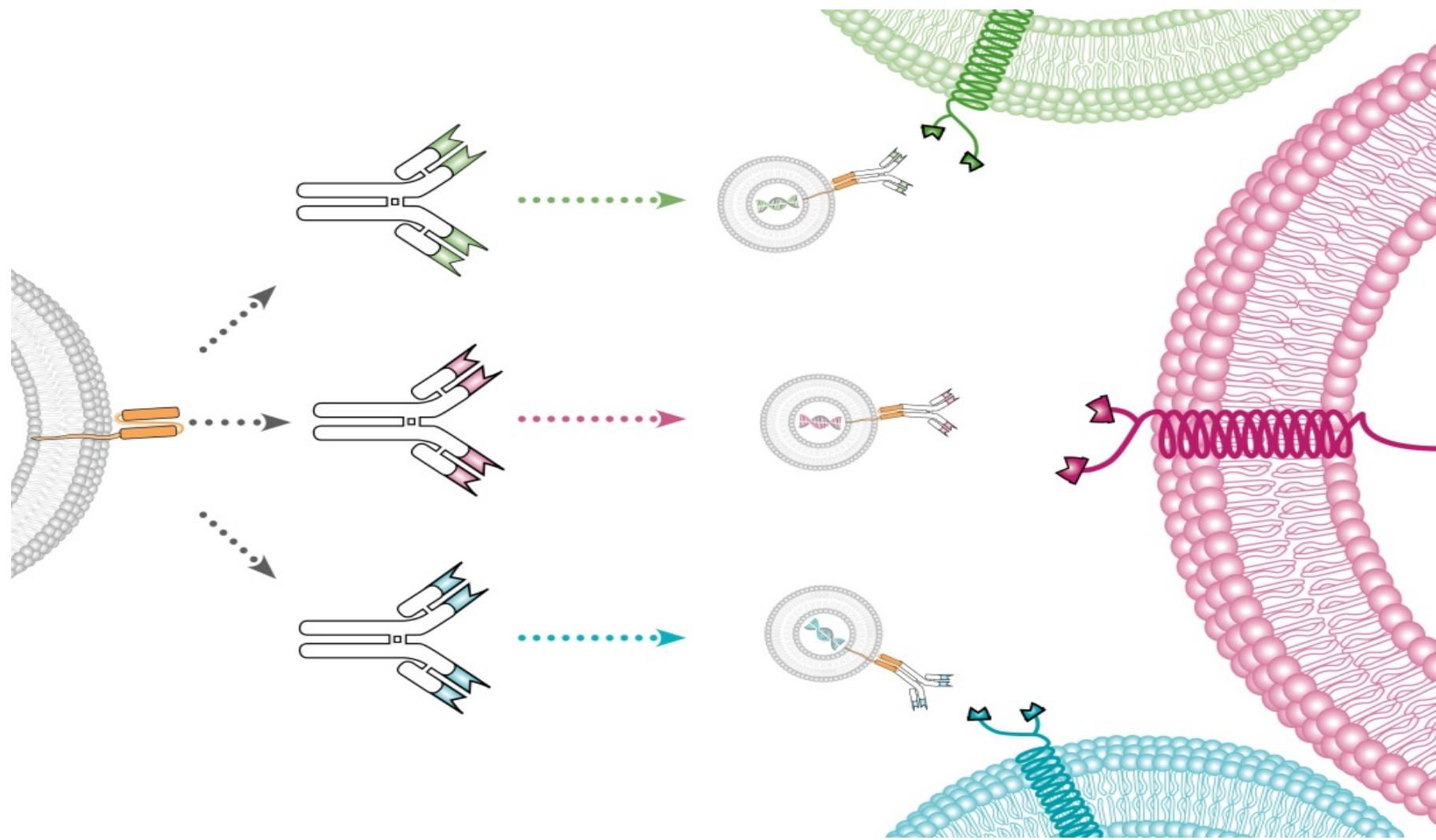
Precise Gene Manipulation



Schematic illustration of the linker strategy

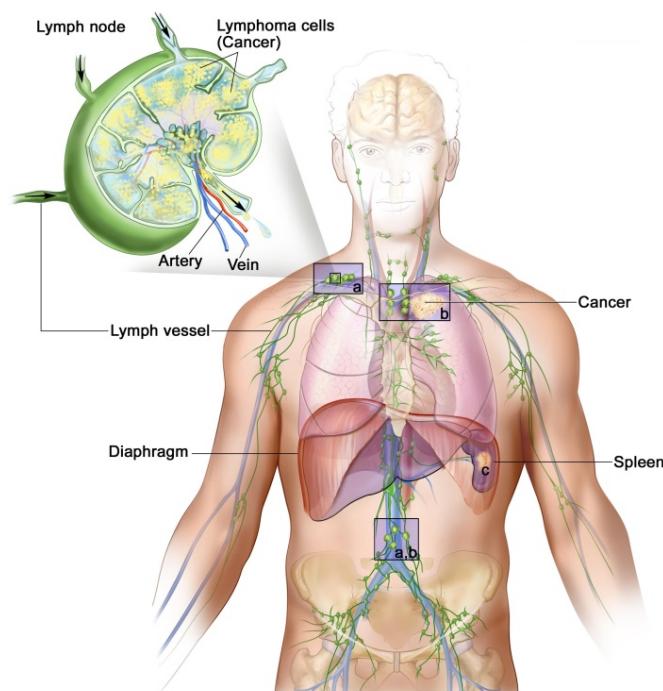


Platform Versatility



Therapeutic Applications

MCL



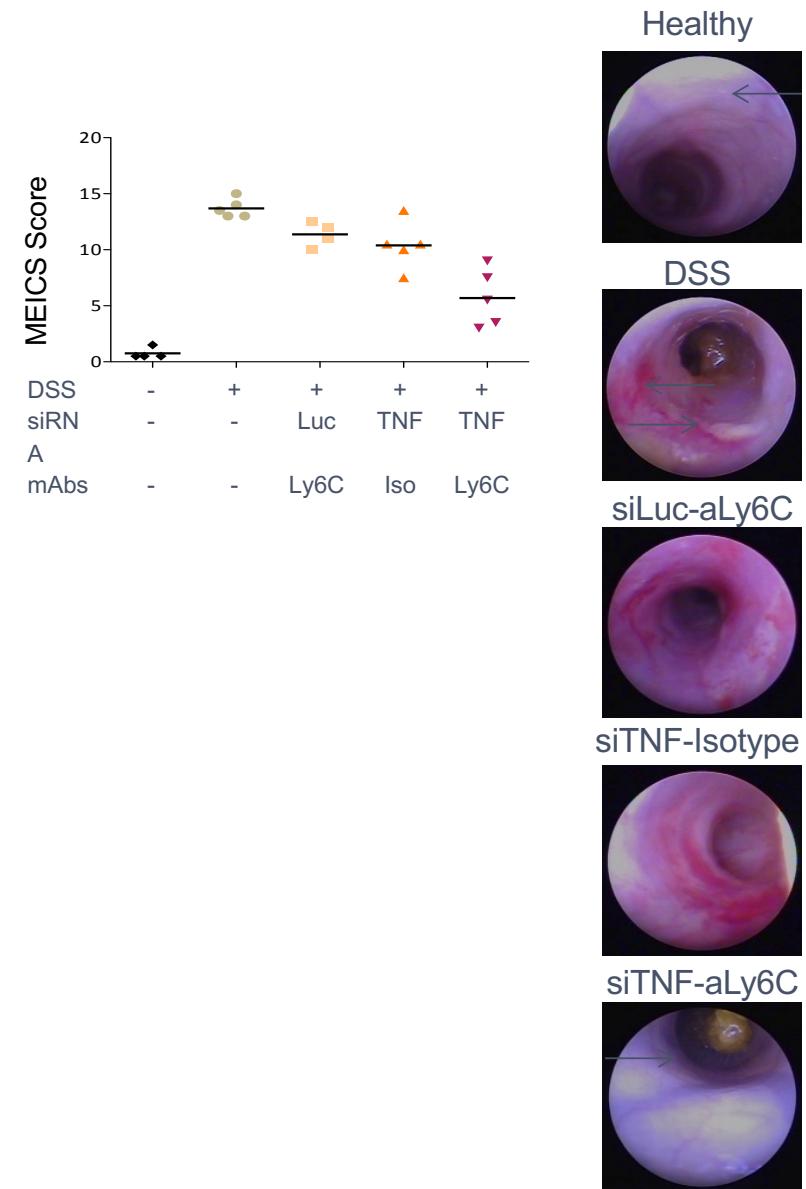
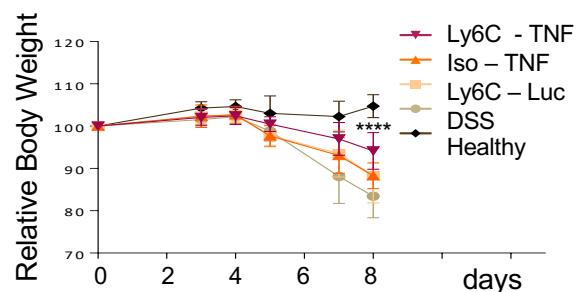
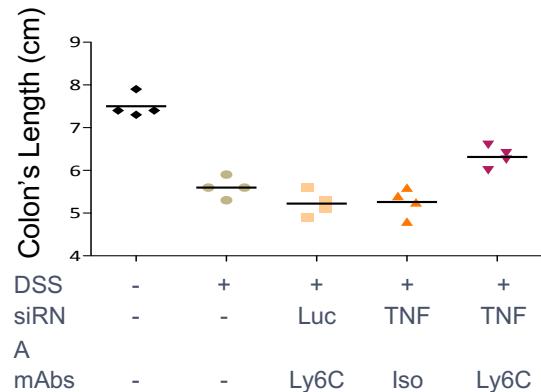
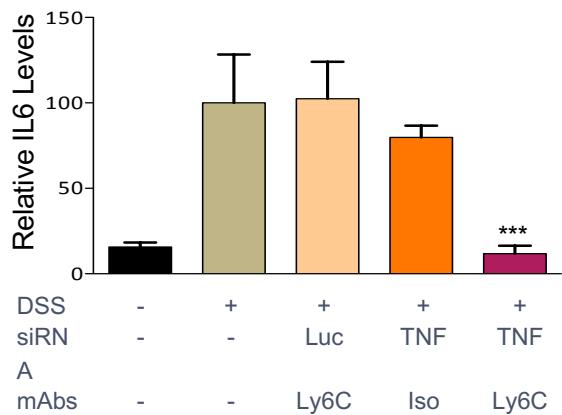
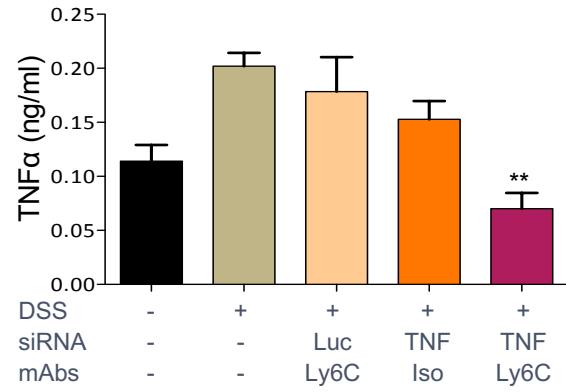
Colitis



Target cells: Ly6C^{hi}
Target gene: TNF α

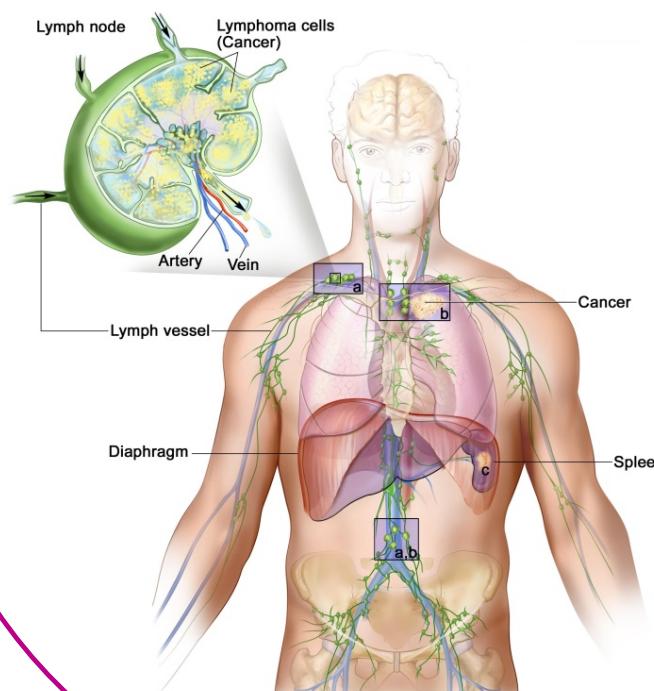


Therapeutic Effect in DSS Colitis



Therapeutic Applications

MCL



Colitis



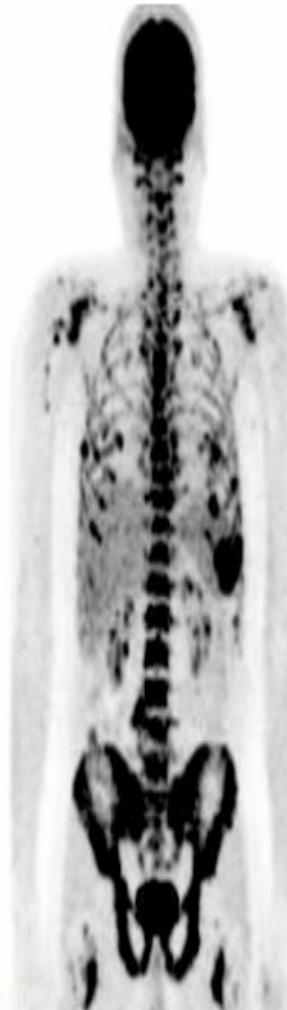
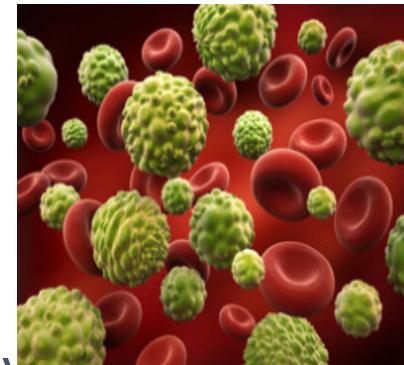
Target cells: CD29
Target gene: PLK1

Mantle Cell Lymphoma

- Aggressive form of B cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma
- Relatively rare (~6% of all NHL cases)
- Considered “incurable” with traditional chemotherapy

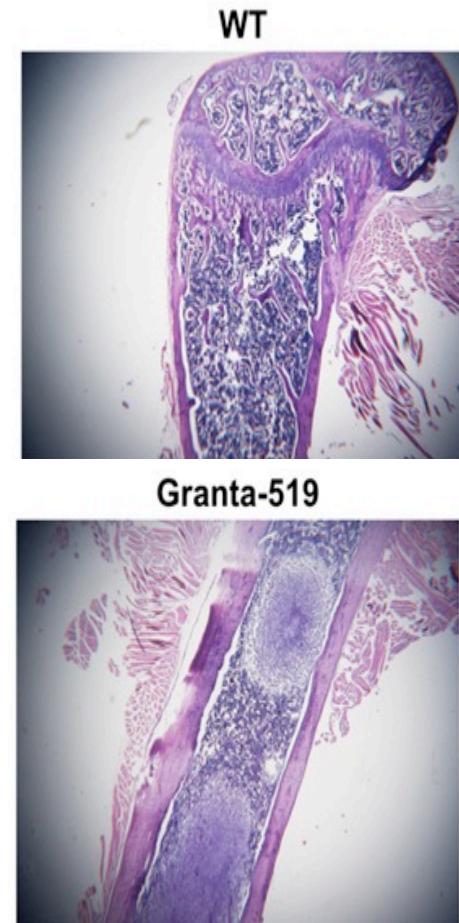
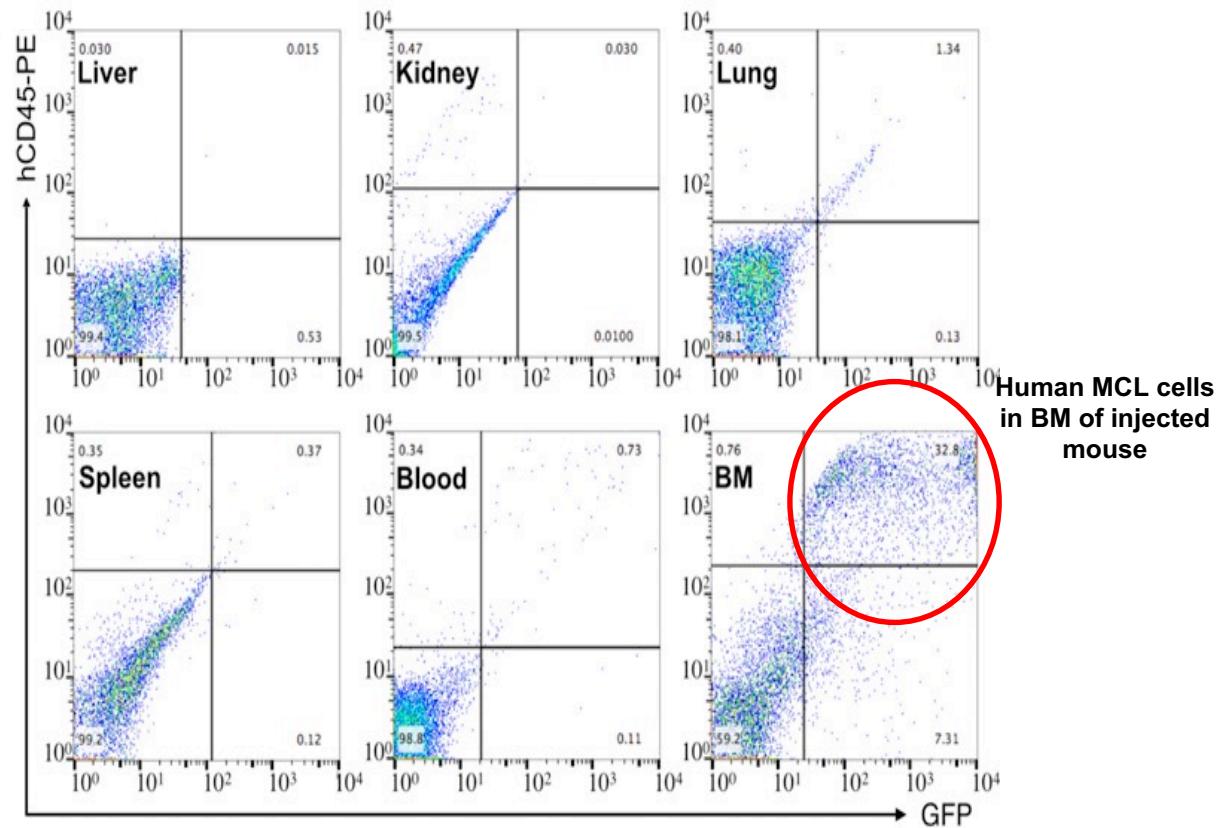
(combination of anti CD20 and chemotherapy)

- Median overall survival: 5-7 years (poorest among B cell lymphomas)

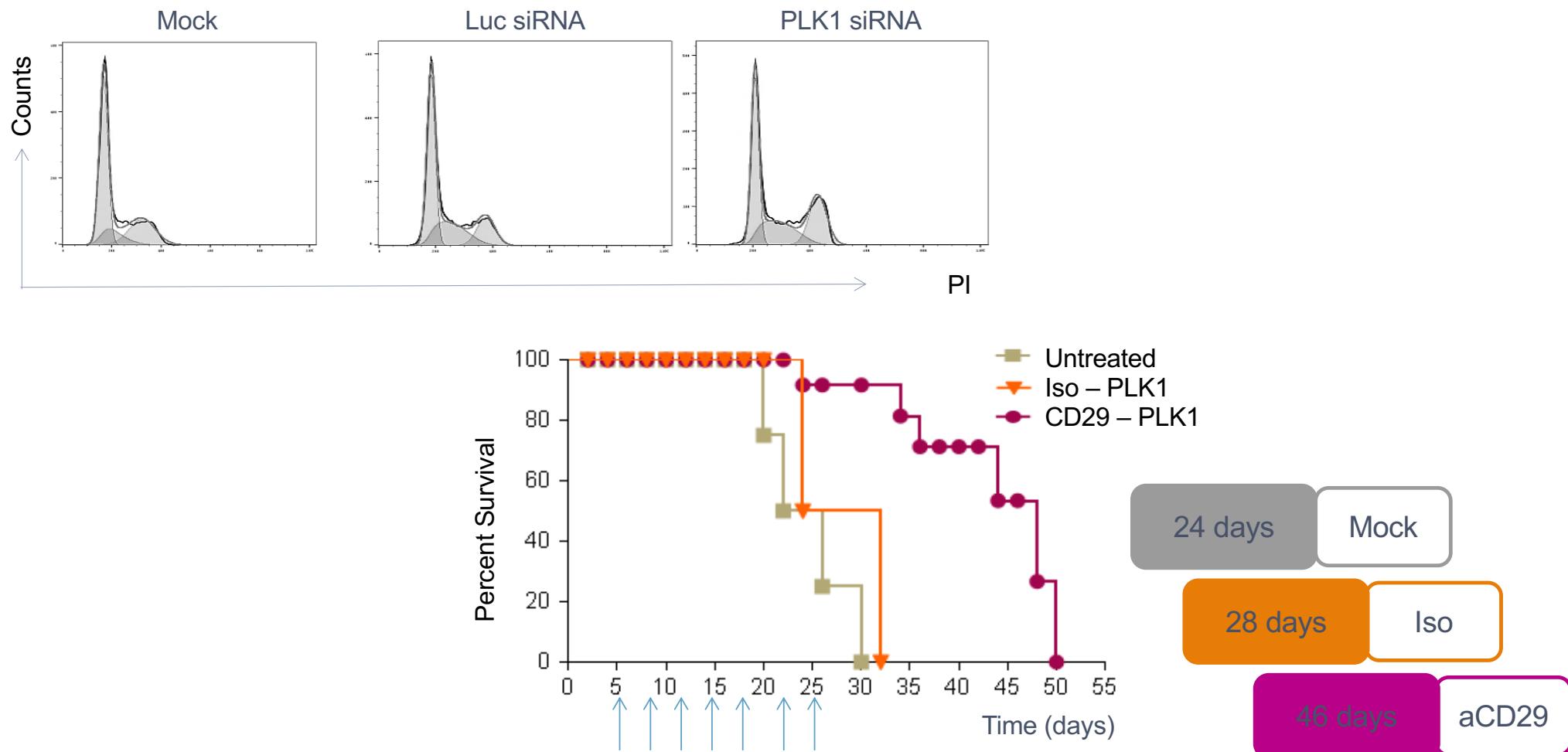




MCL-xenograft mice model



Prolong Survival in MCL Model



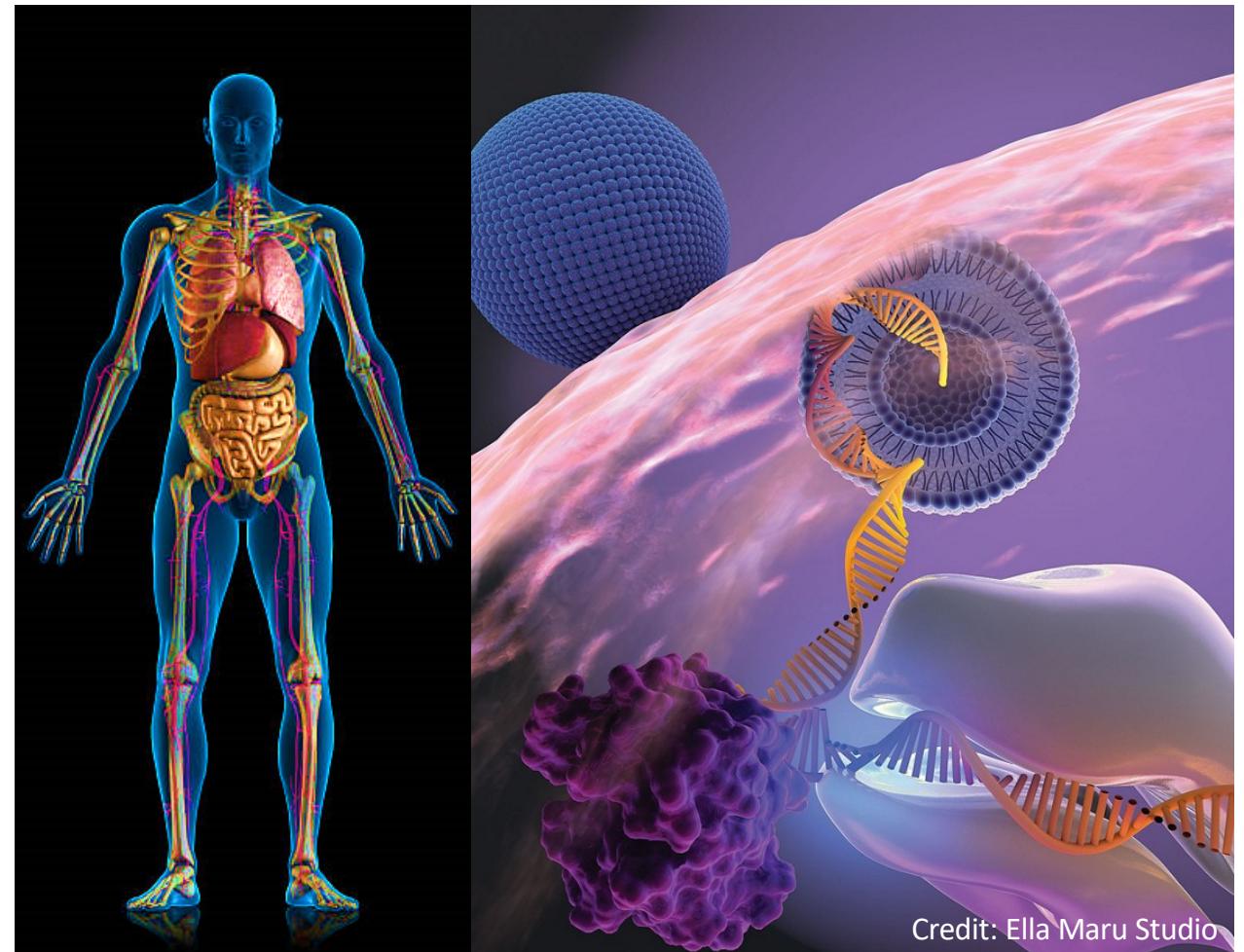
mRNA Based Therapeutic Protein Expression

Immunomodulatory proteins

Protein replacement

Cancer therapy

Vaccination

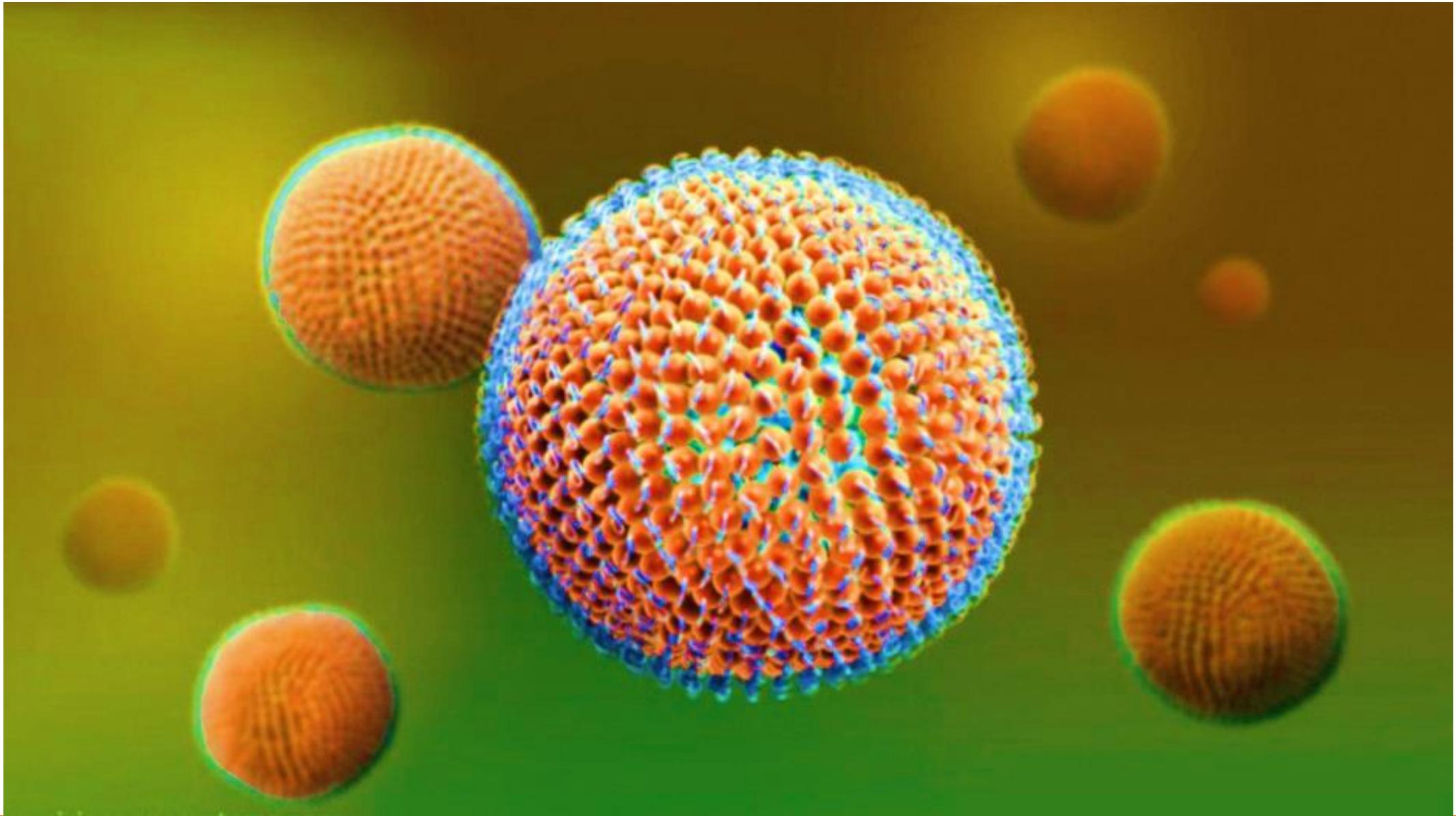
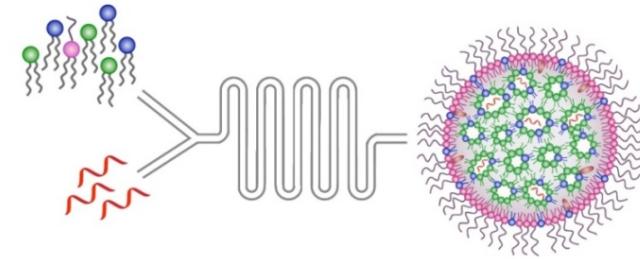


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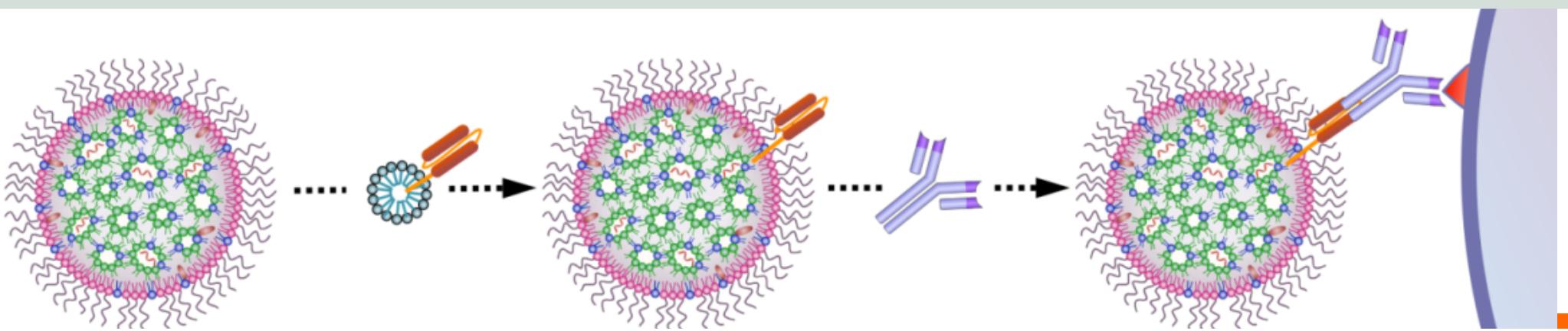
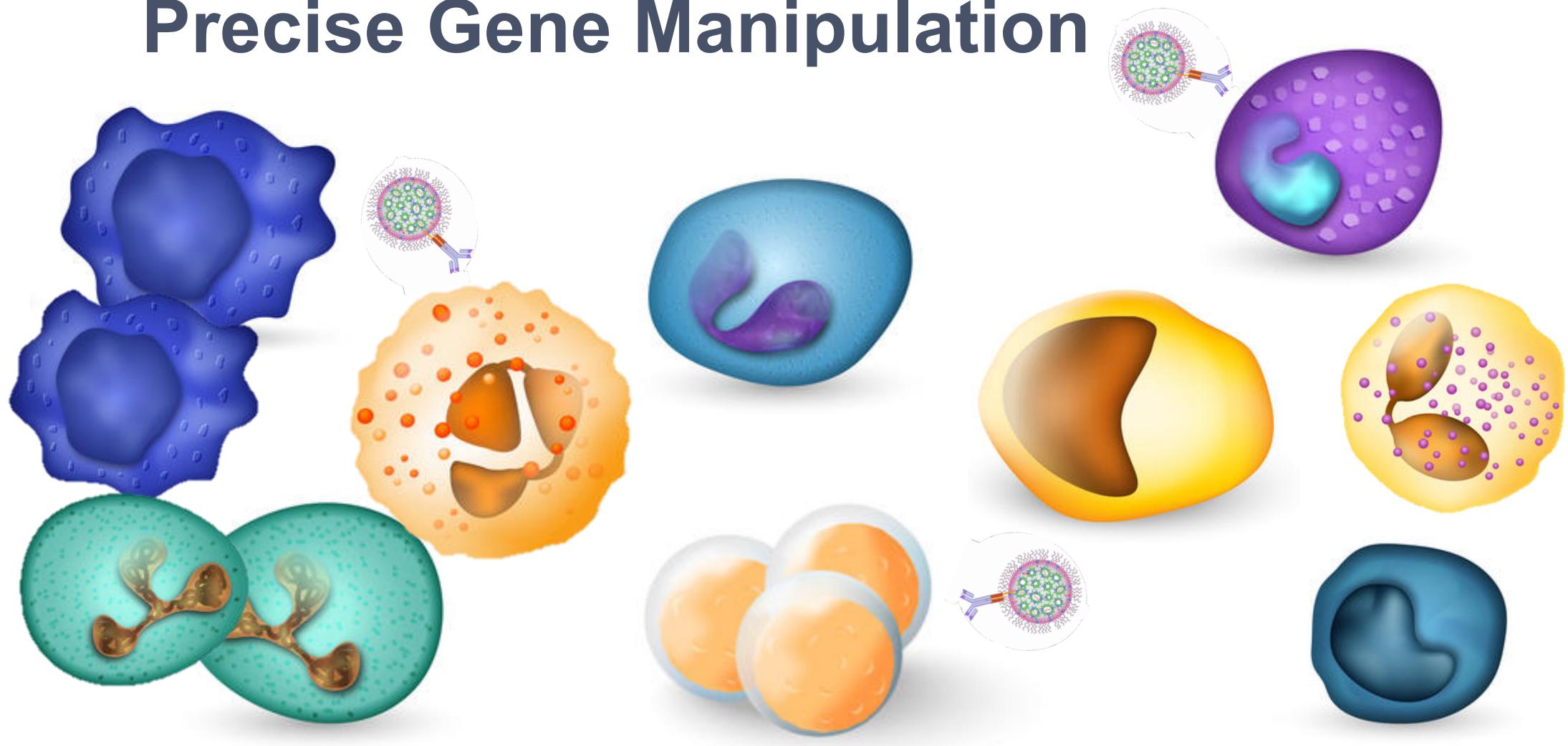


mRNA Loaded LNPs

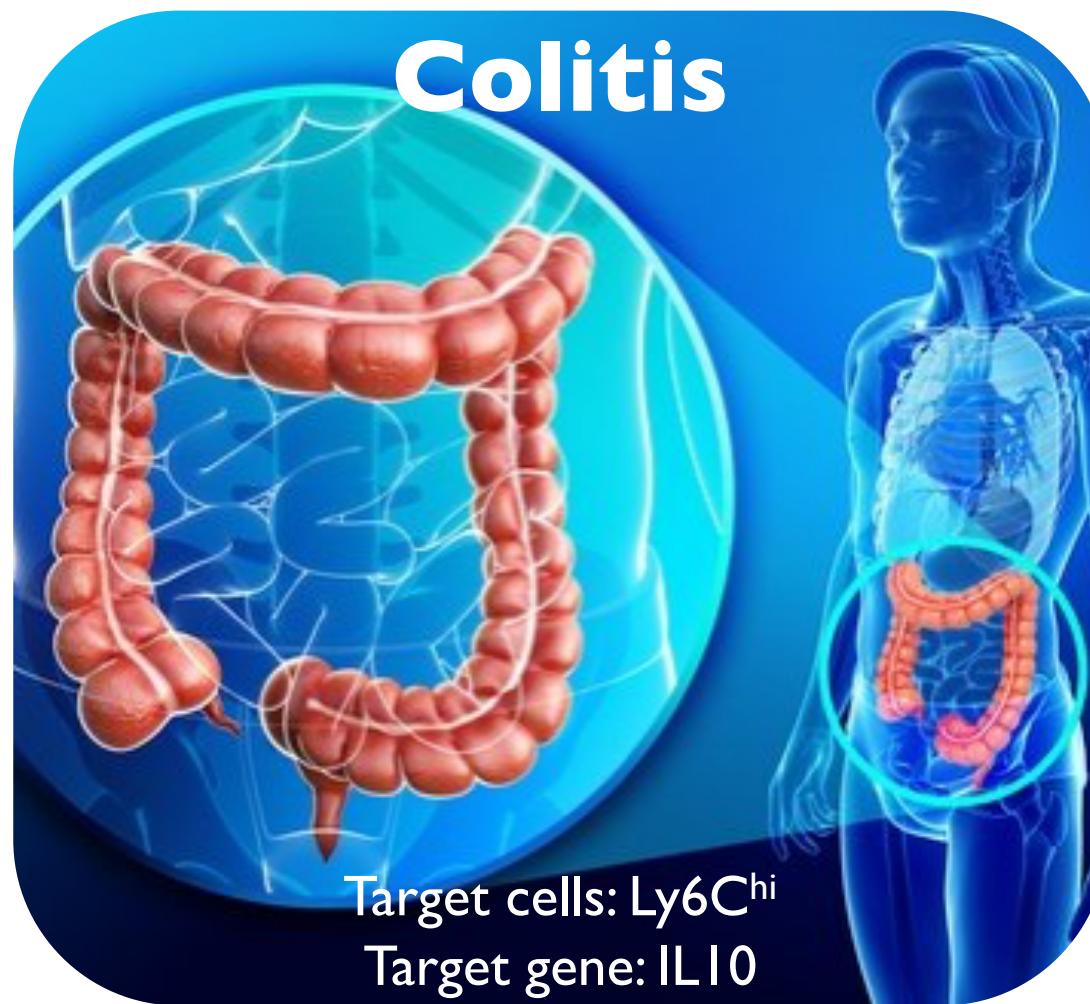
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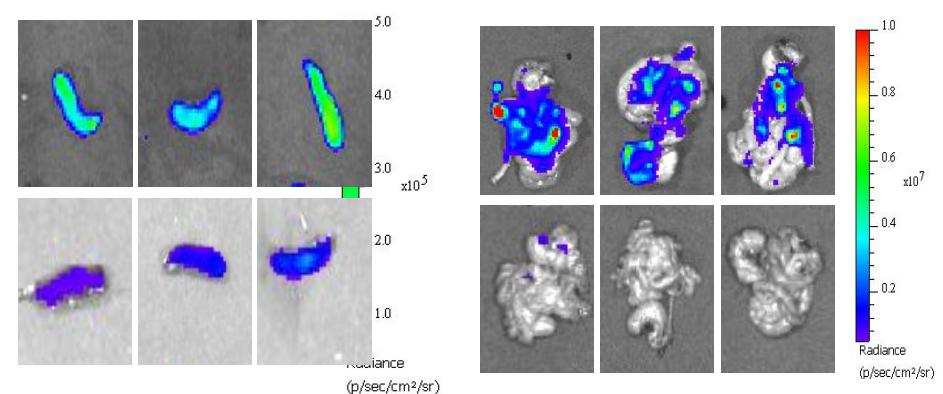
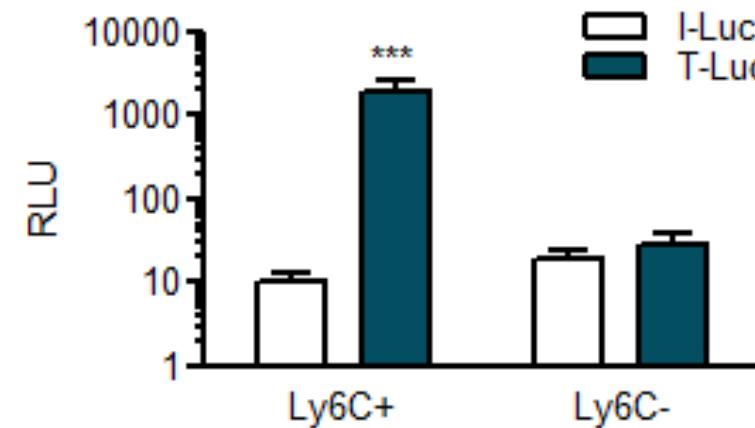
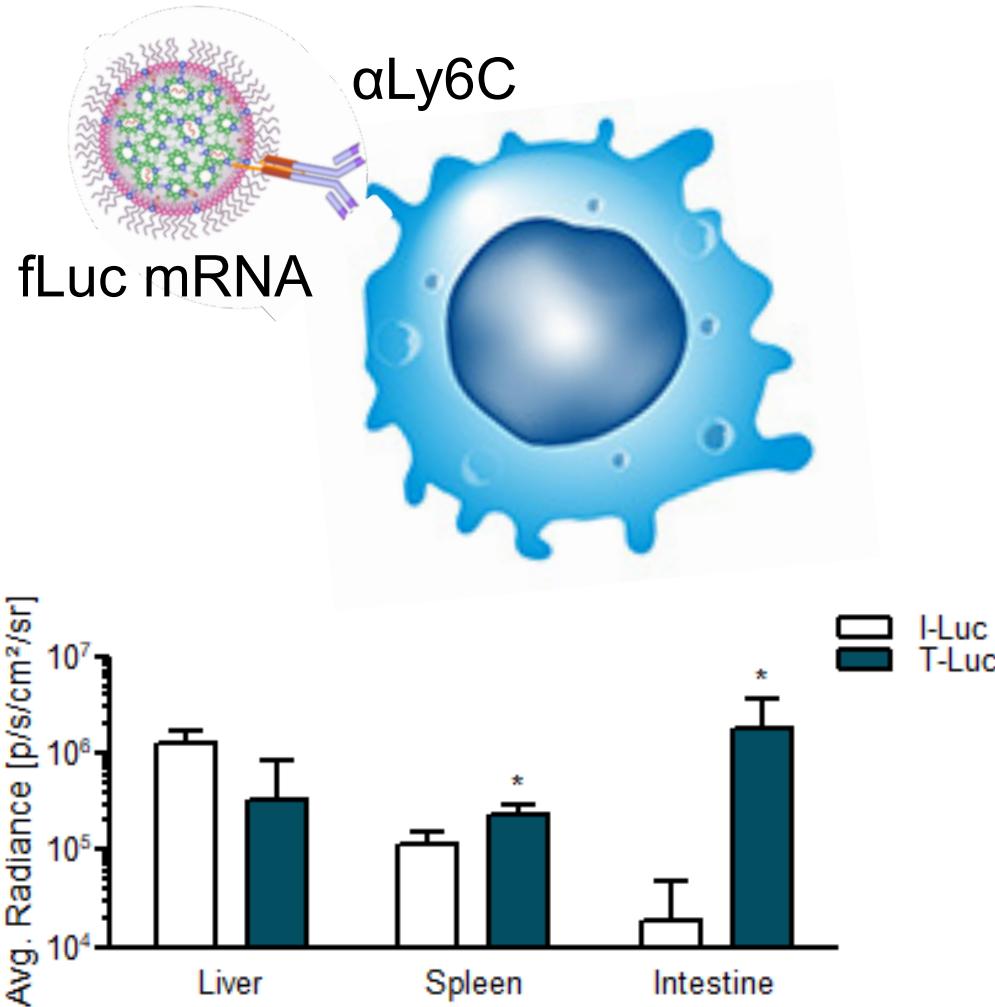
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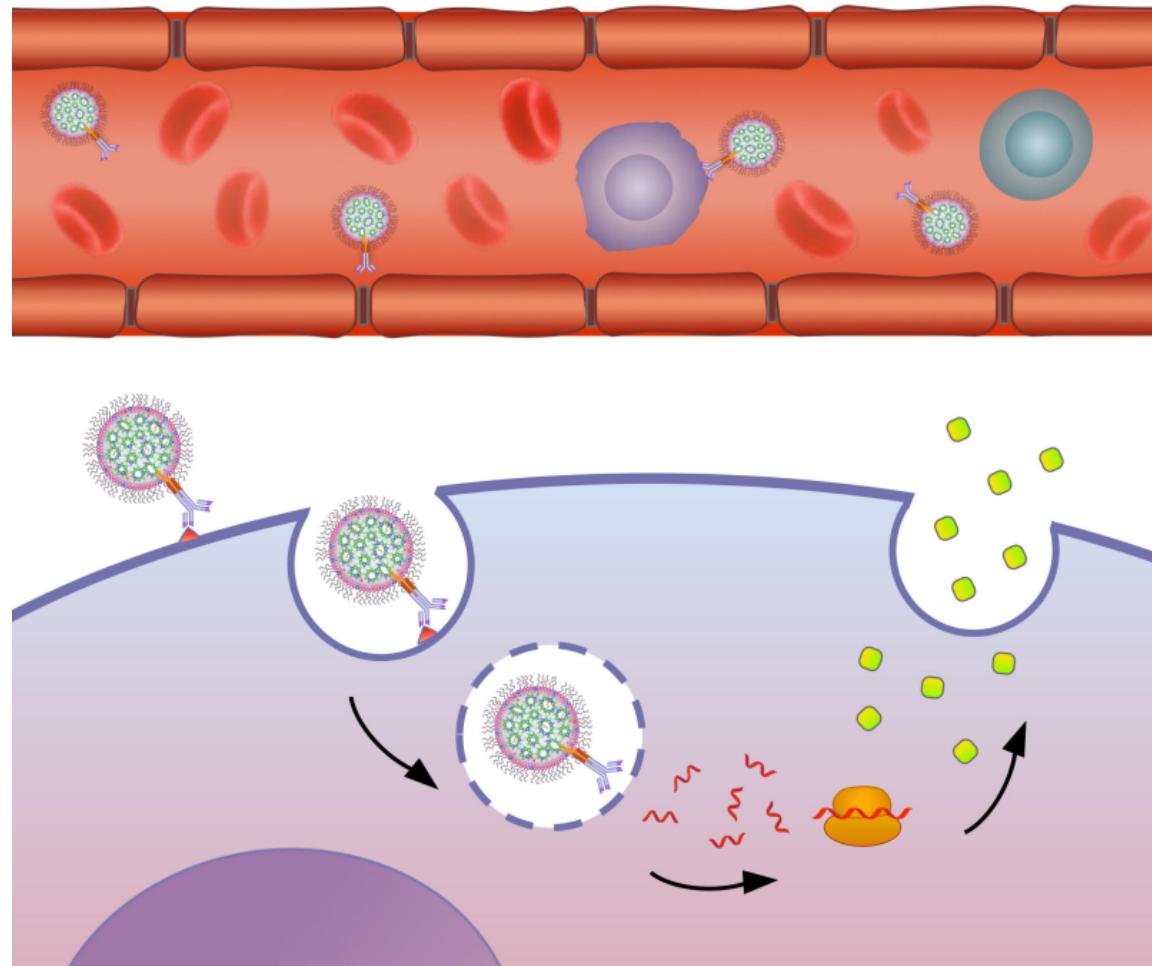
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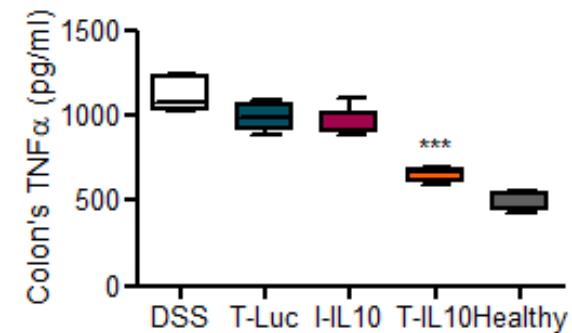
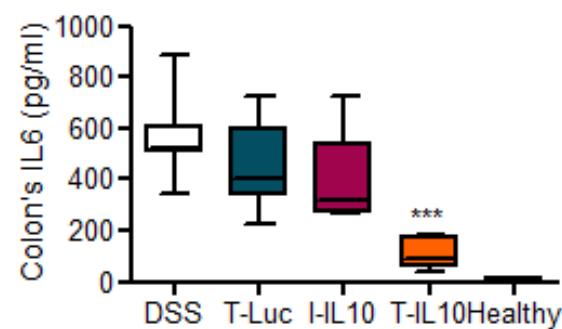
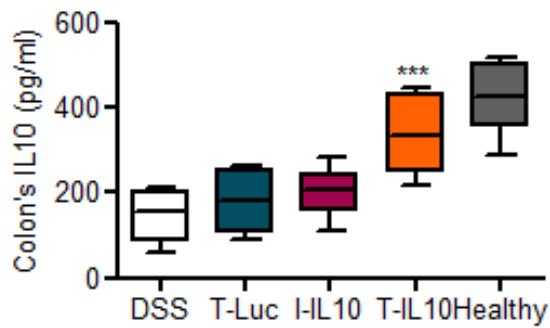
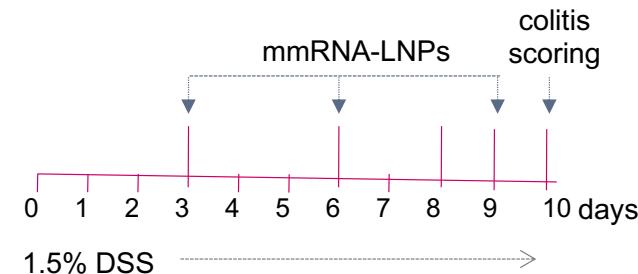
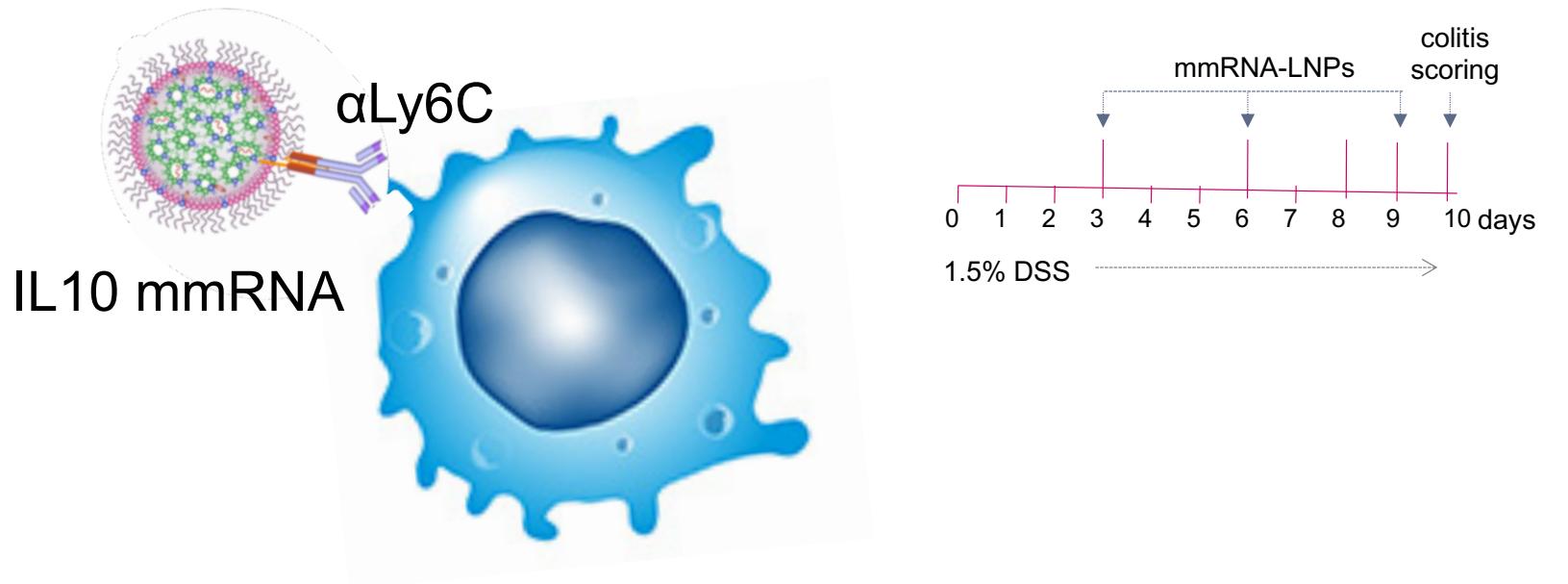
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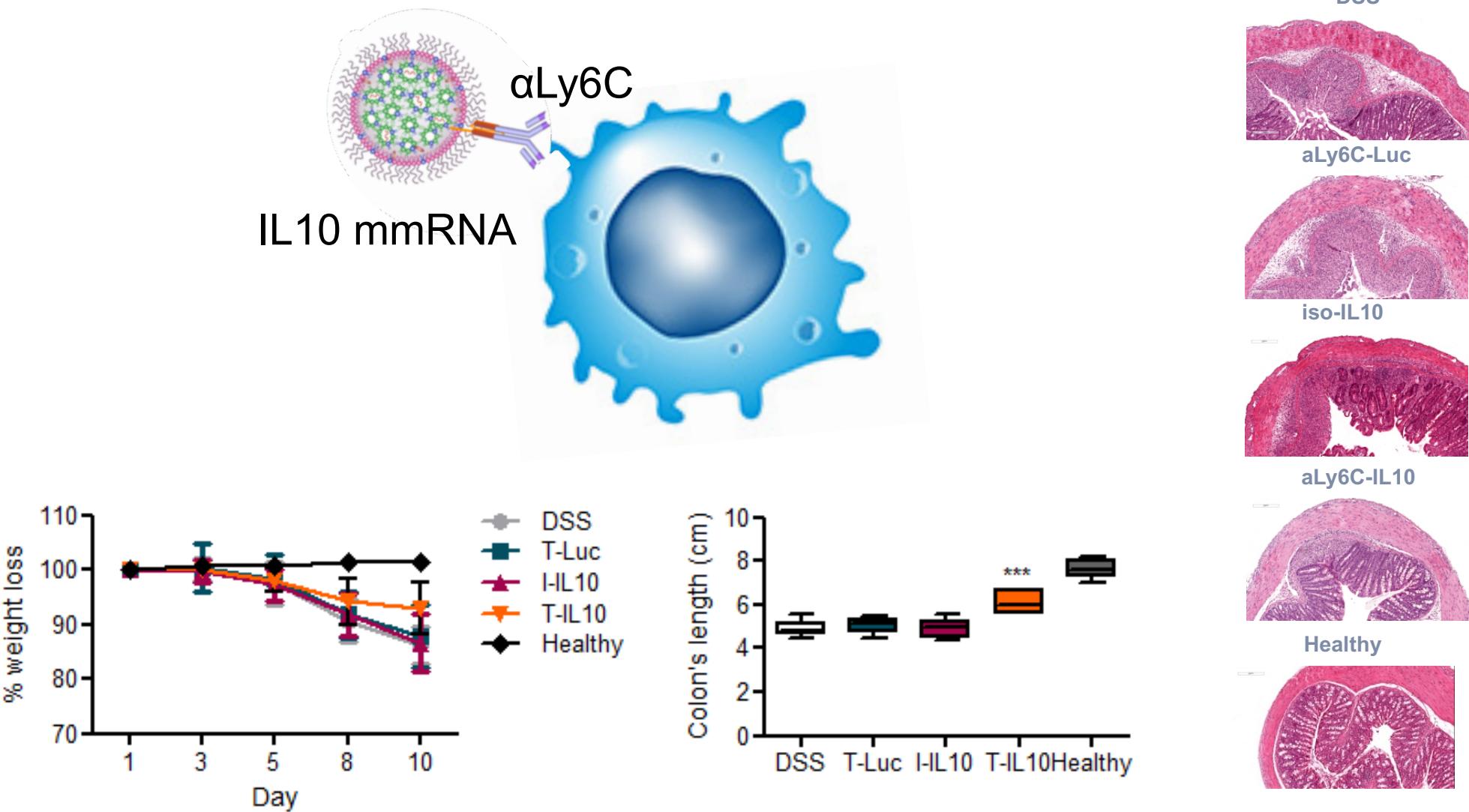
Therapeutic effect using targeted in-vivo IL10 expression



Immunomodulation *in-vivo*



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Vision



Endless opportunities
for a precise gene
manipulation

Where are we going in carrier-mediated RNA therapy ?



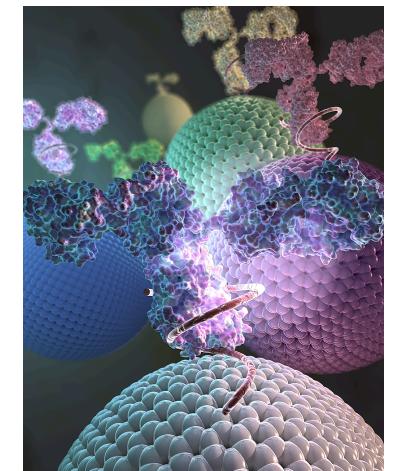
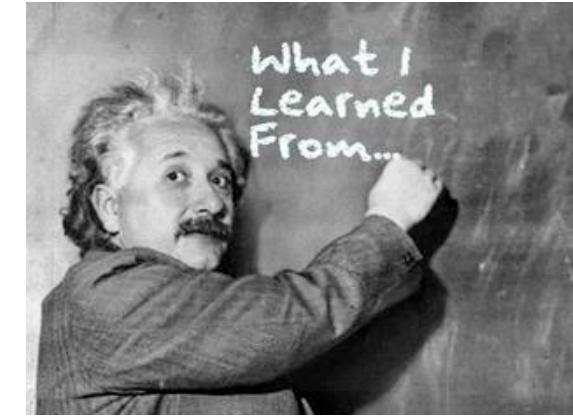
Avoiding MNP



High specificity and functionality

Fast internalization and burst release (e.g. NA)

Better RNA drugs
(siRNAs, mmRNA)
and Improve
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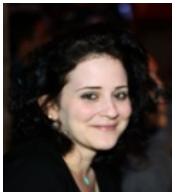
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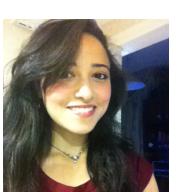
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