

# ADMINISTRATION DE PETITS FRAGMENTS D'ACIDE NUCLEIQUES

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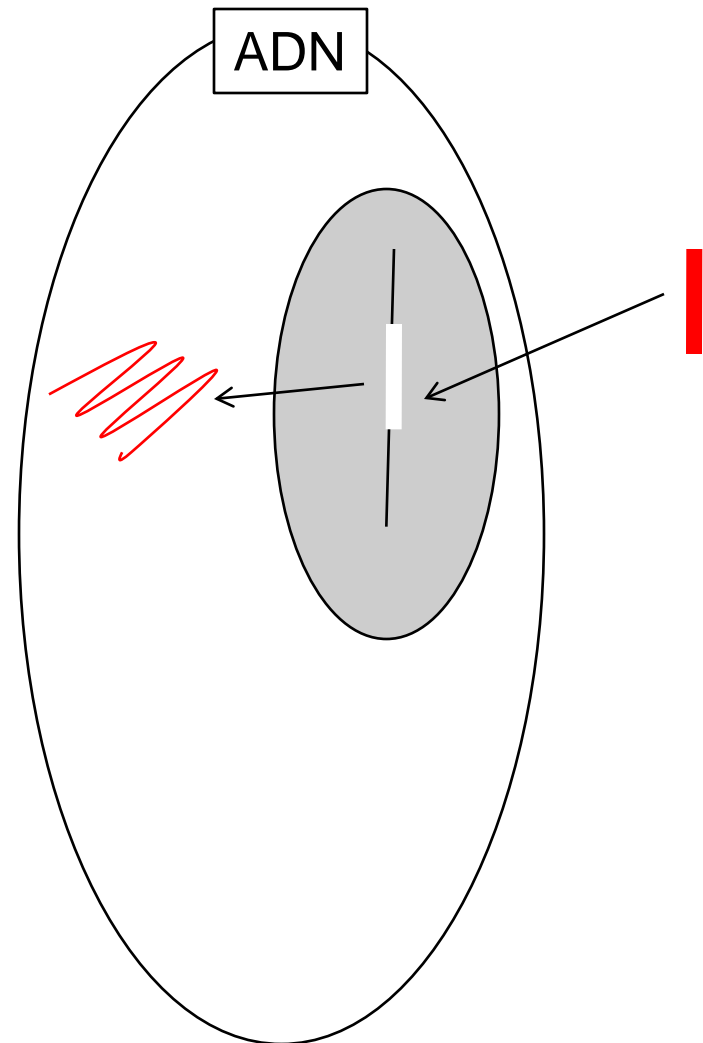
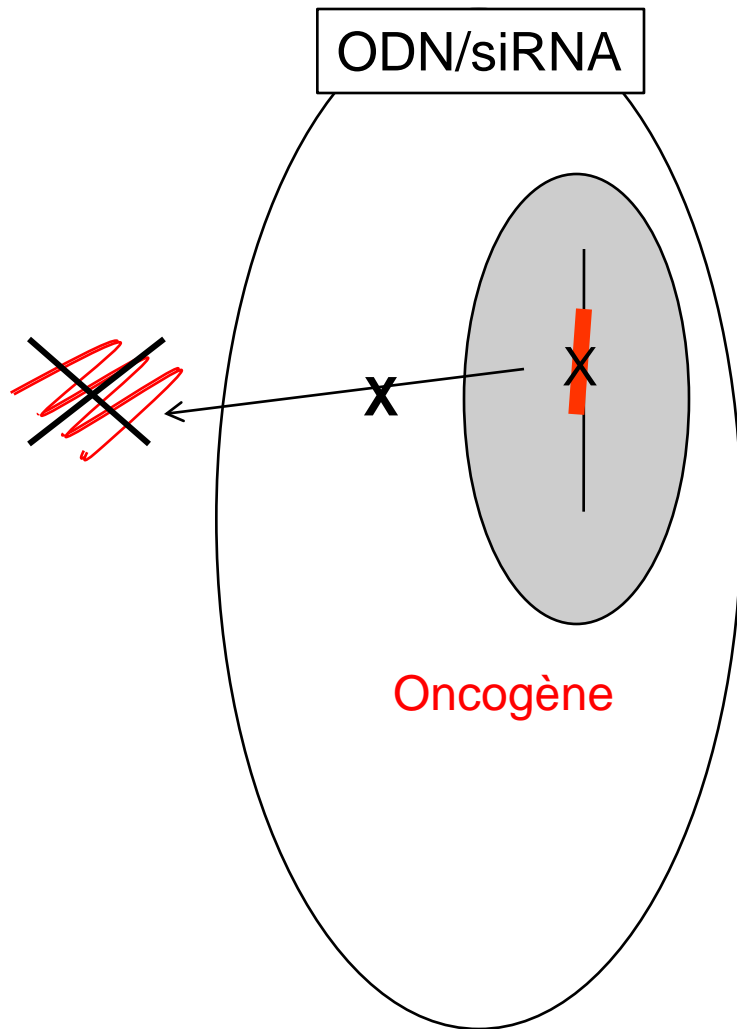
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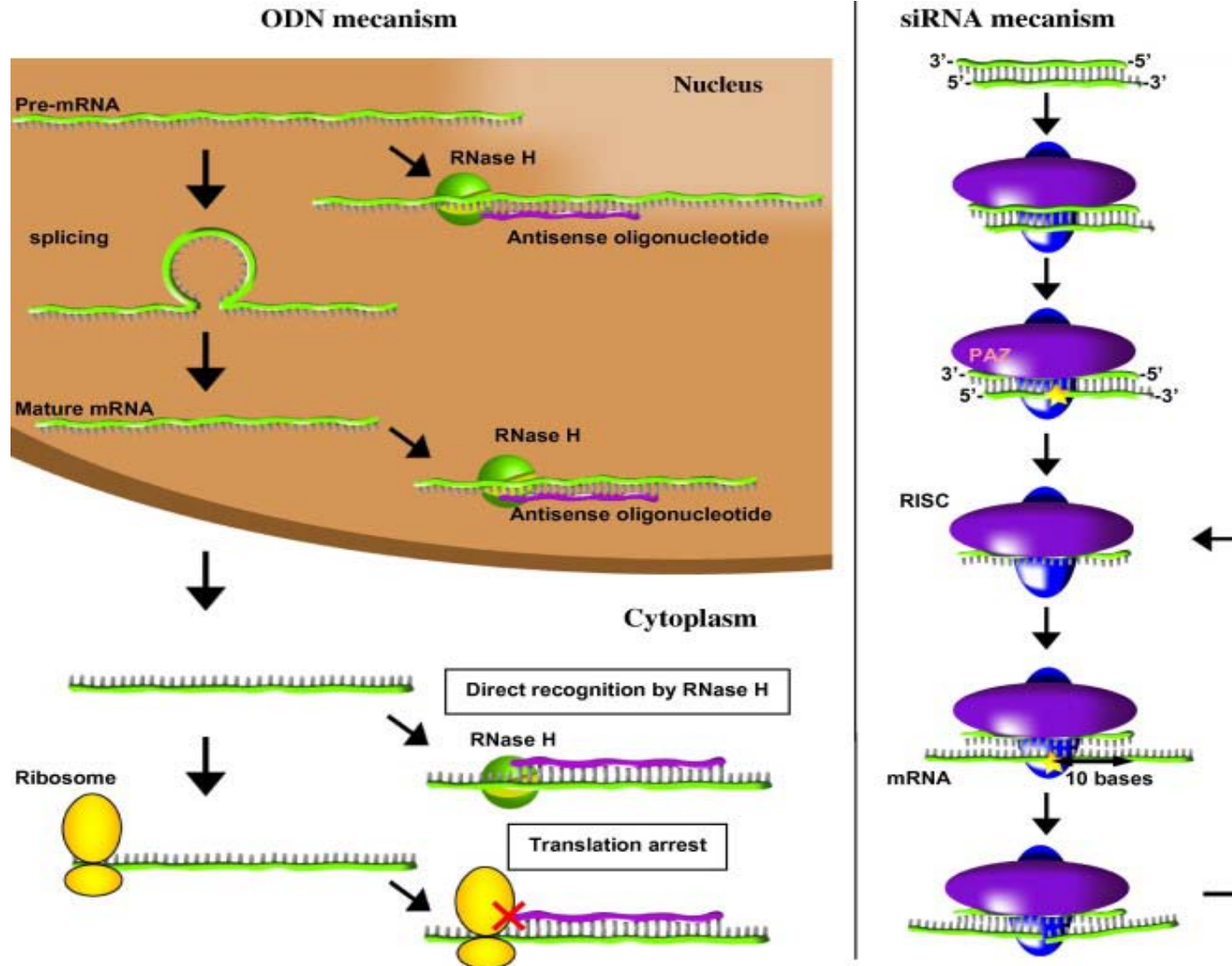
# THERAPIE GENIQUE: SOIT ETEINDRE UN GENE (CANCEREUX/VIRAL) SOIT REMPLACER UN GENE MANQUANT

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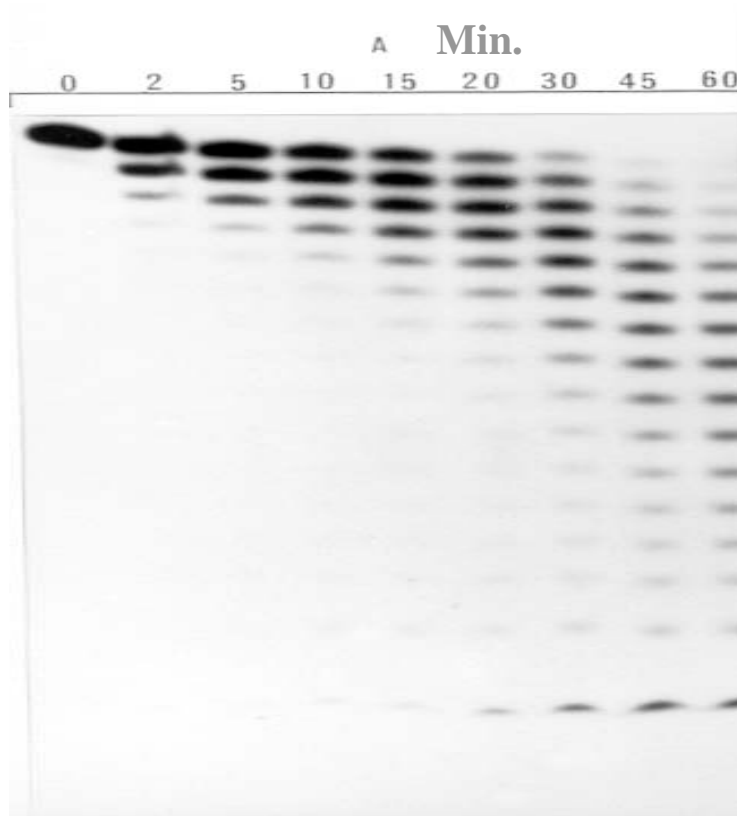


# ODN AND siRNA MECHANISM

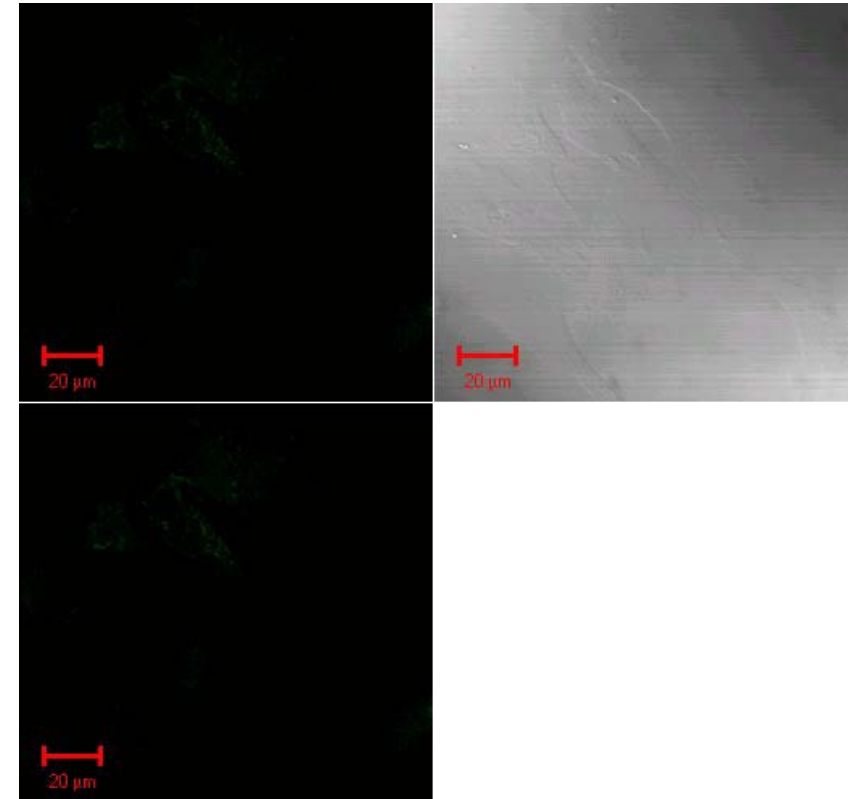
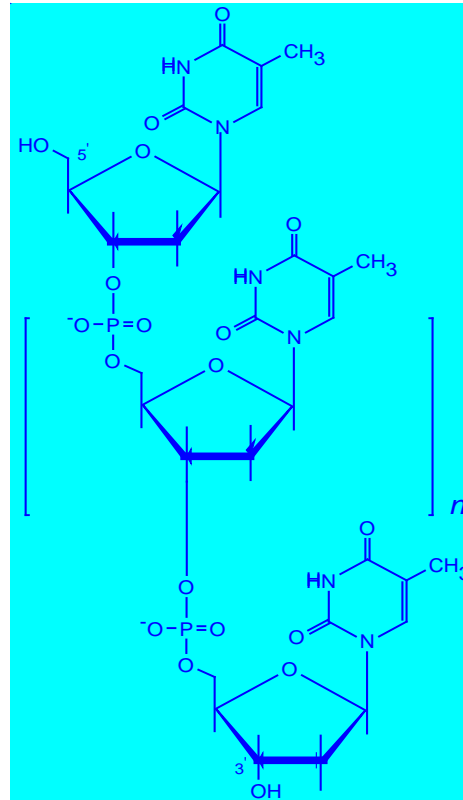
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# COMMENT ADMINISTRER L'INDELIVRABLE ?



Degradation de ODN  
Dans sérum (10%)

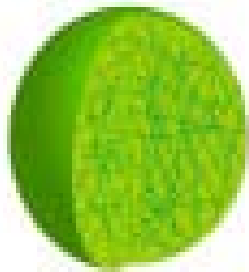


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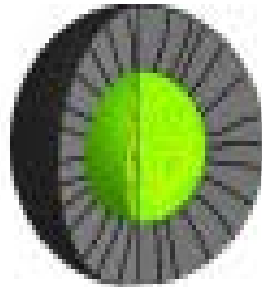
# NANOVECTEURS POUR LA DELIVRANCE DES ODN ET siRNA

# STRUCTURE OF THE DIFFERENT NANOCARRIERS

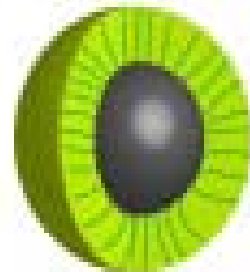
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polyplexes



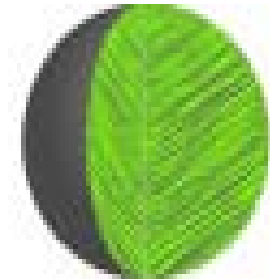
micelles



nanoplexes



nanocapsules



alginate  
nanoparticles



cationic polymer

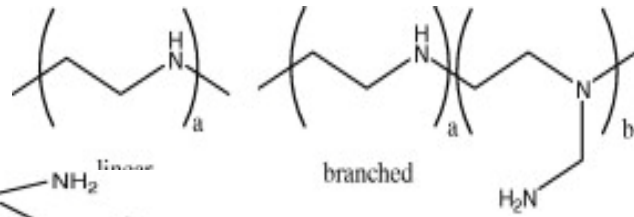


neutral or negative  
polymer

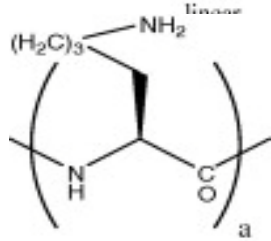
# CHEMICAL STRUCTURE OF POLYMERS USED FOR ODN OR siRNA DELIVERY

## Cationic (POLYPLEXES)

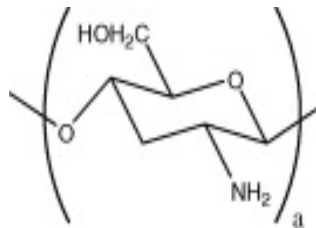
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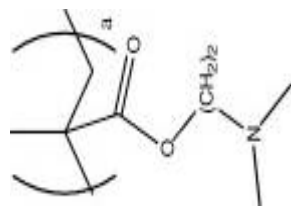
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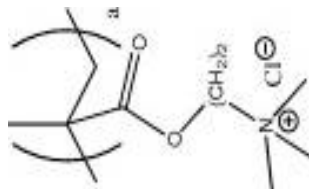
Chitosan



PDMAEMA

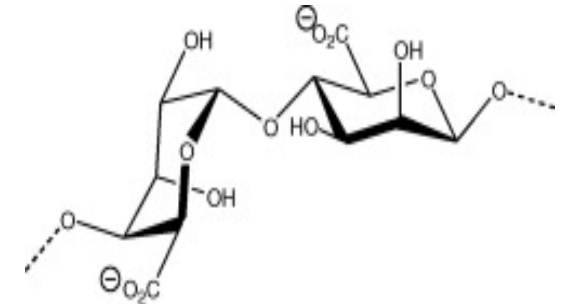


PTMAEMA



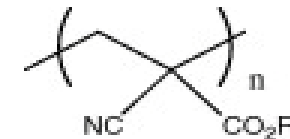
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Alginate

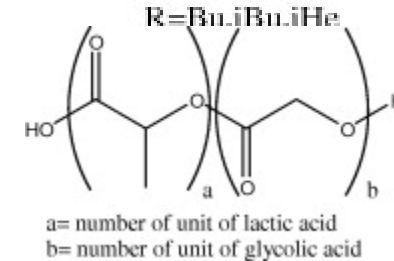


## Neutral

PACA



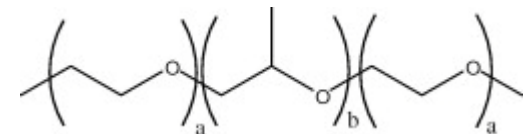
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PEG

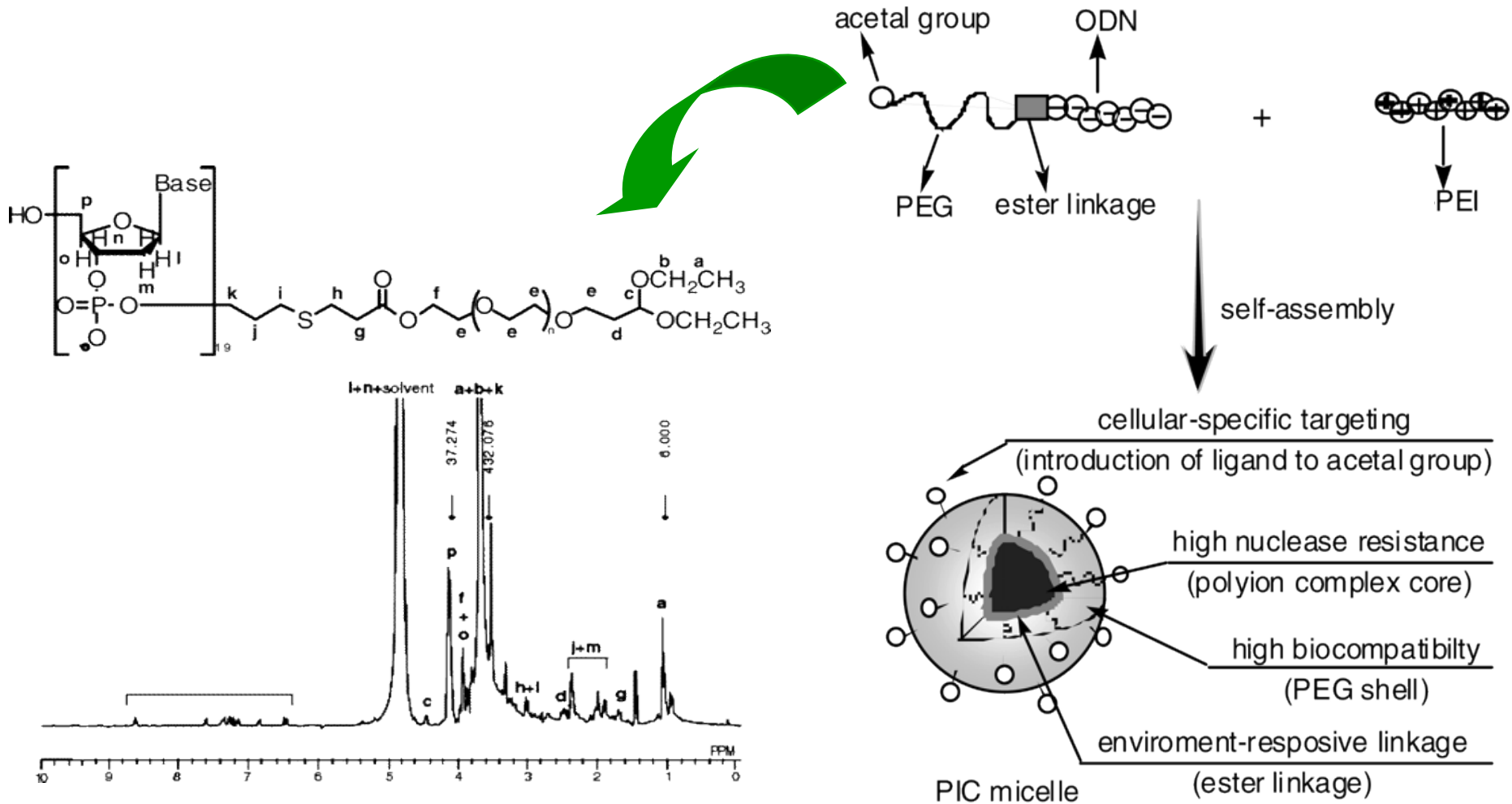


Pluronic



# POLYION COMPLEX MICELLES

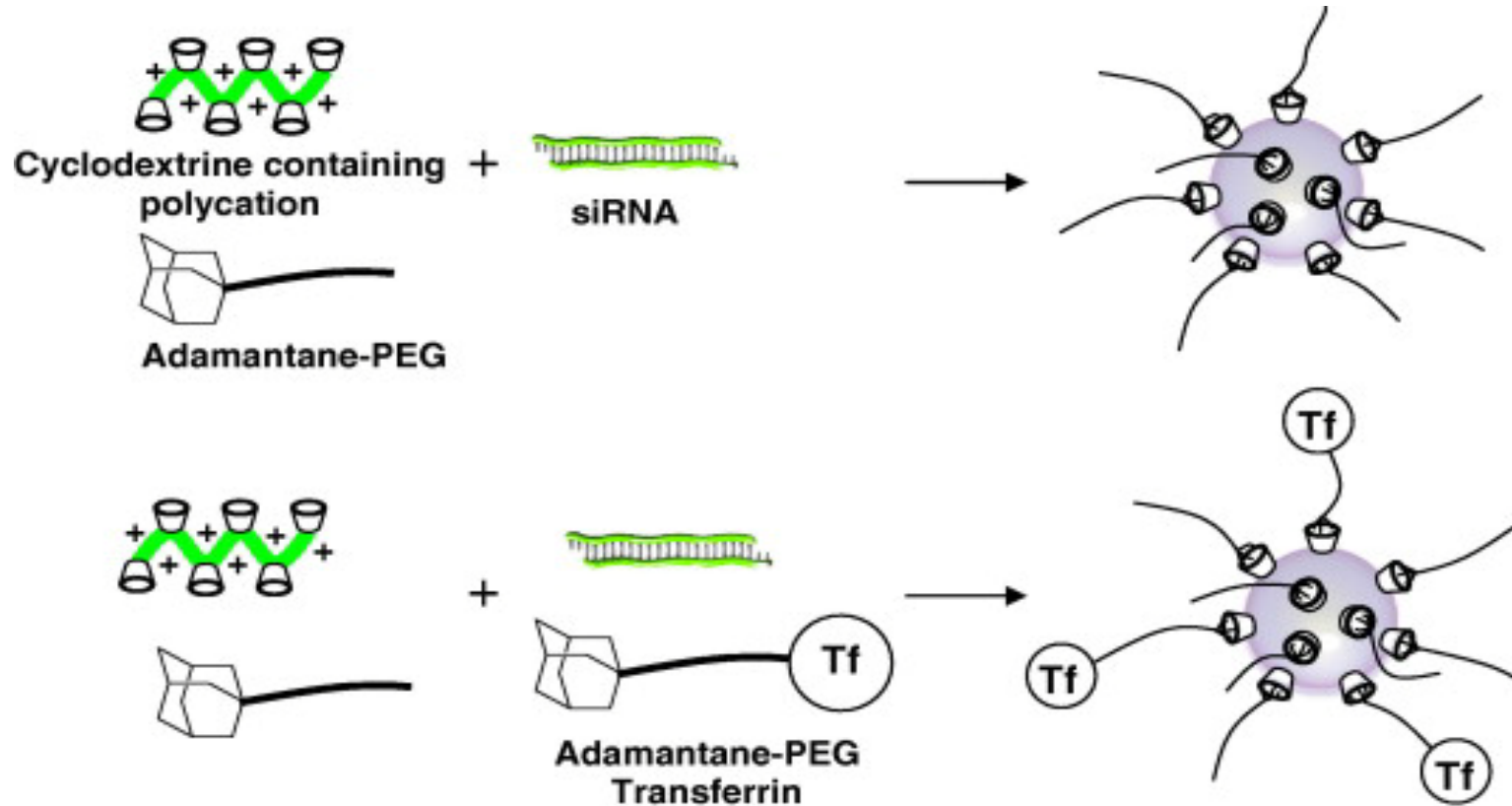
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# ASSOCIATION OF siRNA WITH POLYMER MICELLES

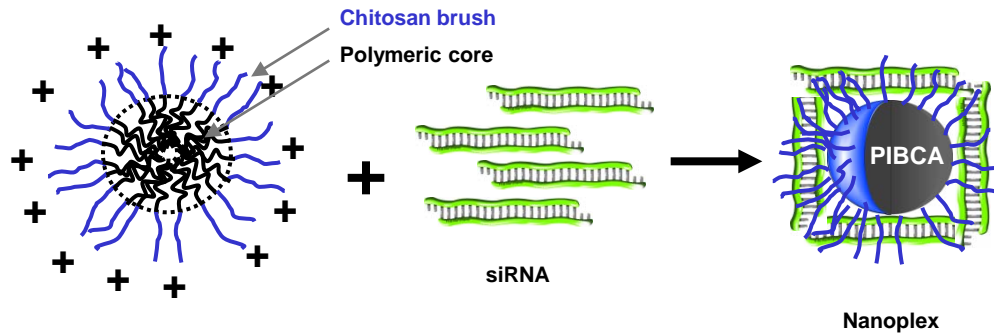
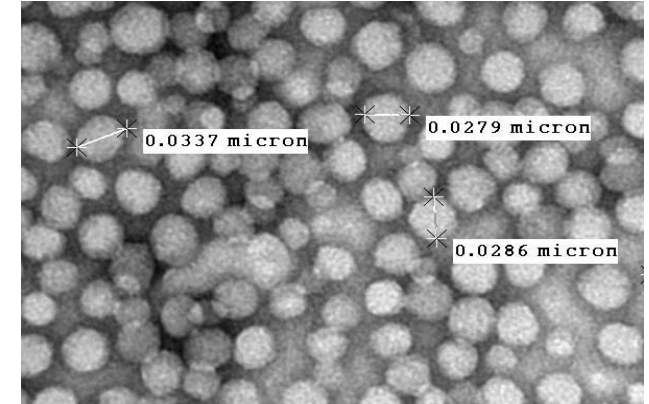
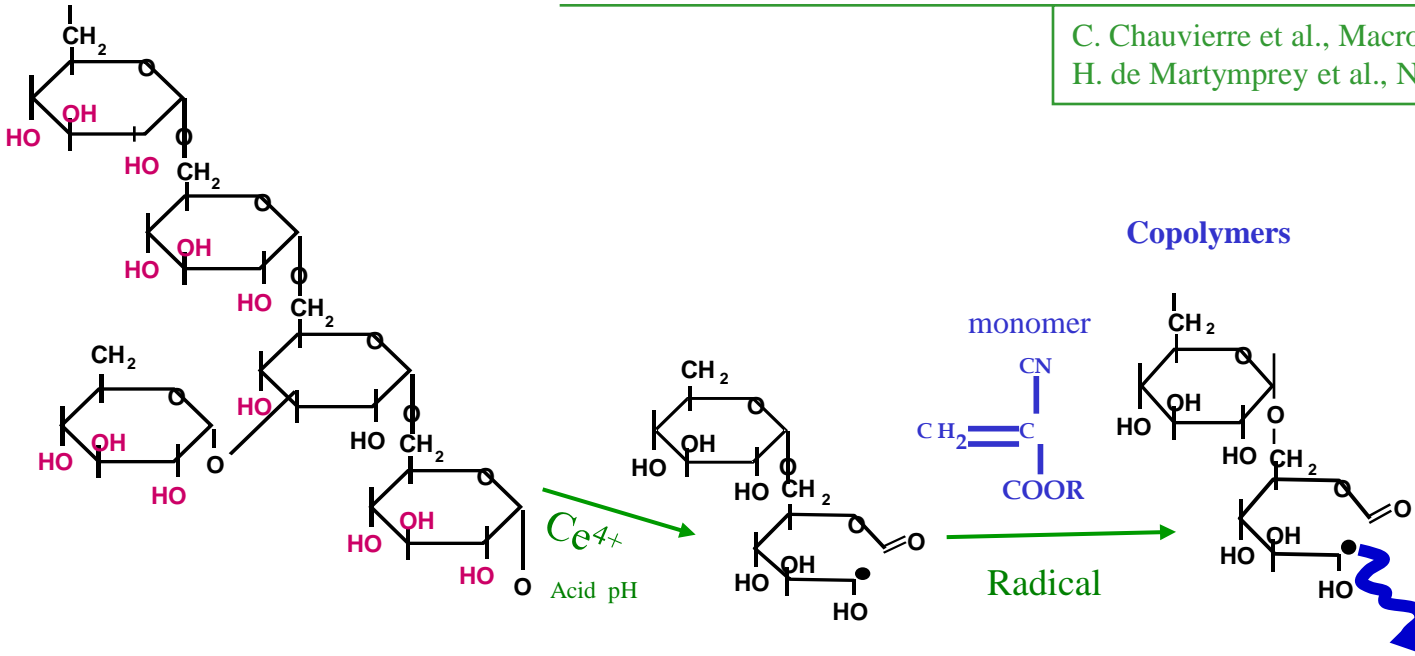
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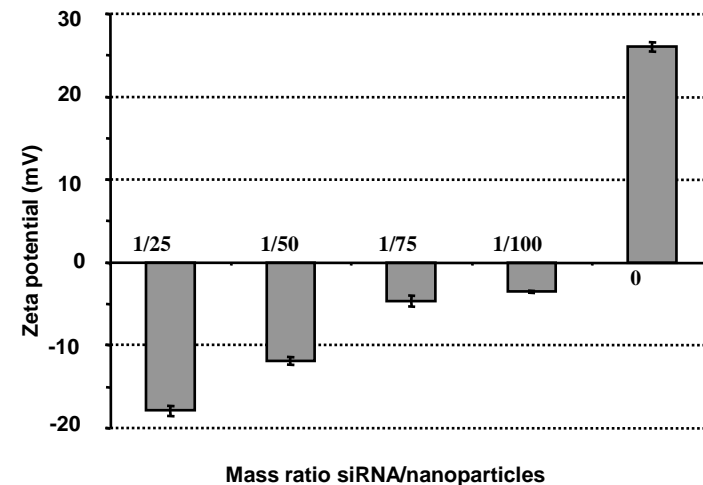
# NANOPLEXES OF PACA/CHITOSAN AND siRNA LOADING

C. Chauvierre et al., *Macromolecules*, 36, 6018-6027 2003  
 H. de Martyprey et al., *Nucl. Ac. Res.*, 36, 1-14, 2008

TEM



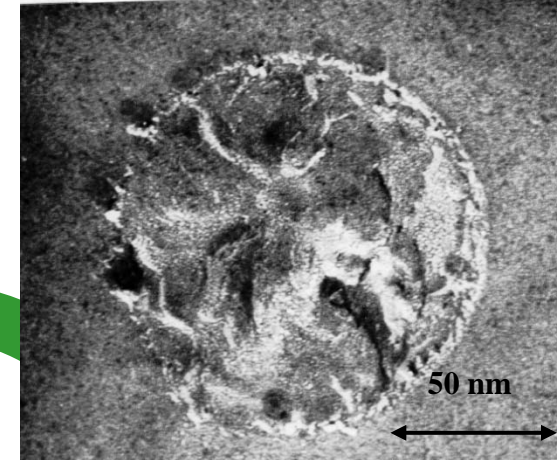
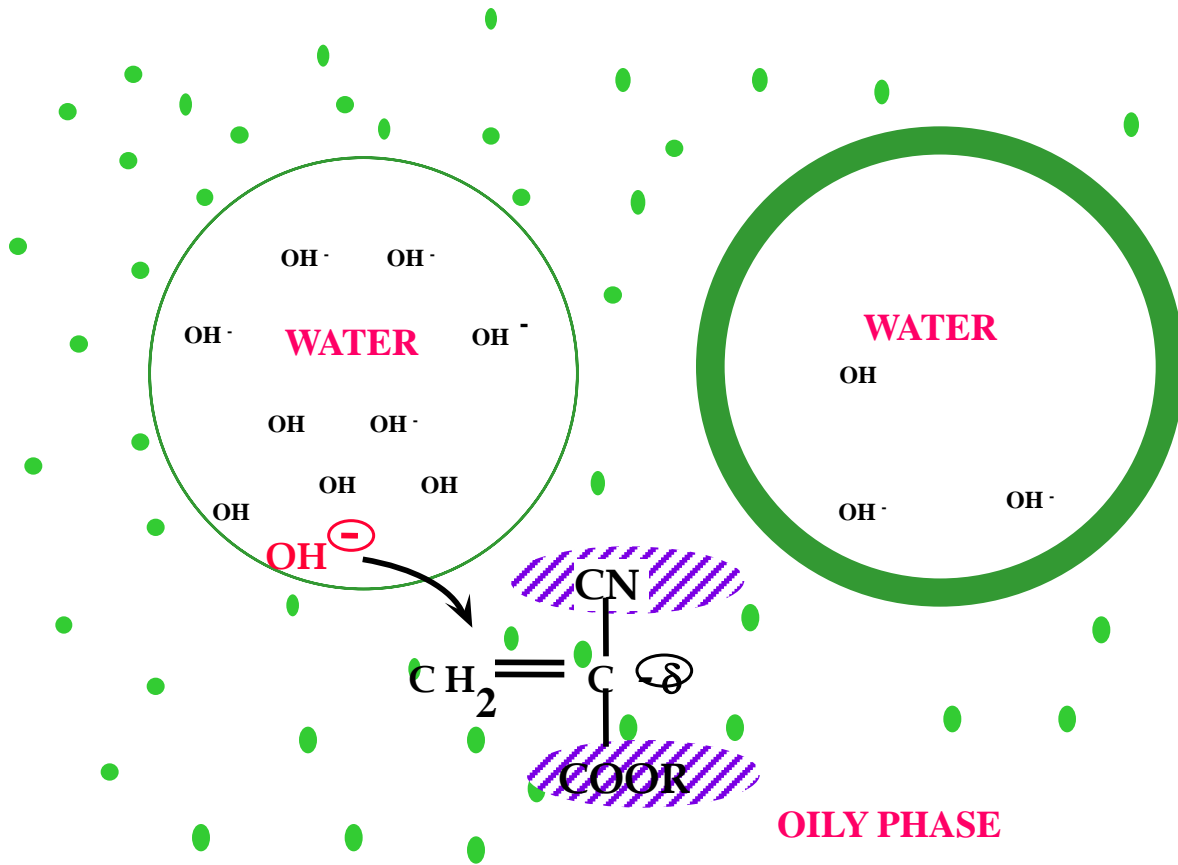
## Zeta potential



# PACA NANOCAPSULE FORMATION

G. Lambert et al., BBRC, 2001

N.Toub et al., Pharm. Res, 23, 892-900, 2006



[ODN] = 2.5 mM  
Yield of encapsulation: 81%  
[siRNA] = 0.5 mM  
Yield of encapsulation: 98%

# NANOCAPSULE WITH AN AQUEOUS CORE AS A NANOCARRIER FOR NUCLEIC ACIDS

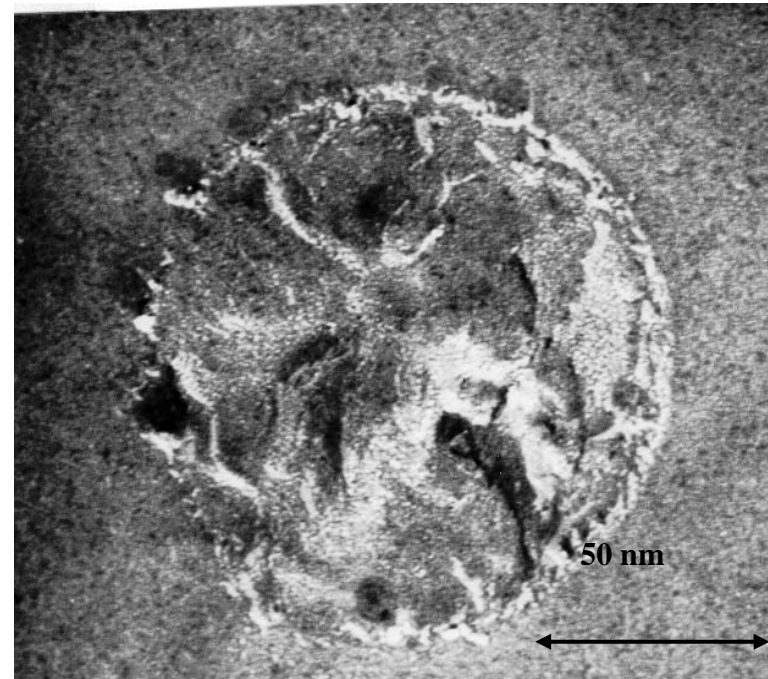
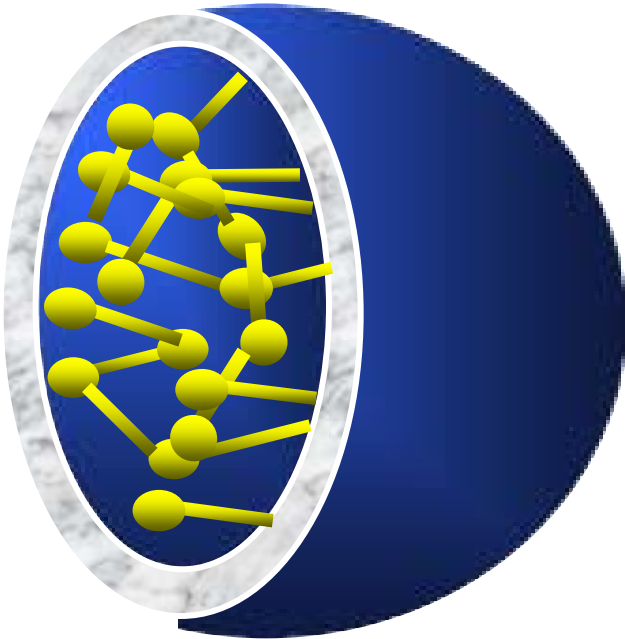
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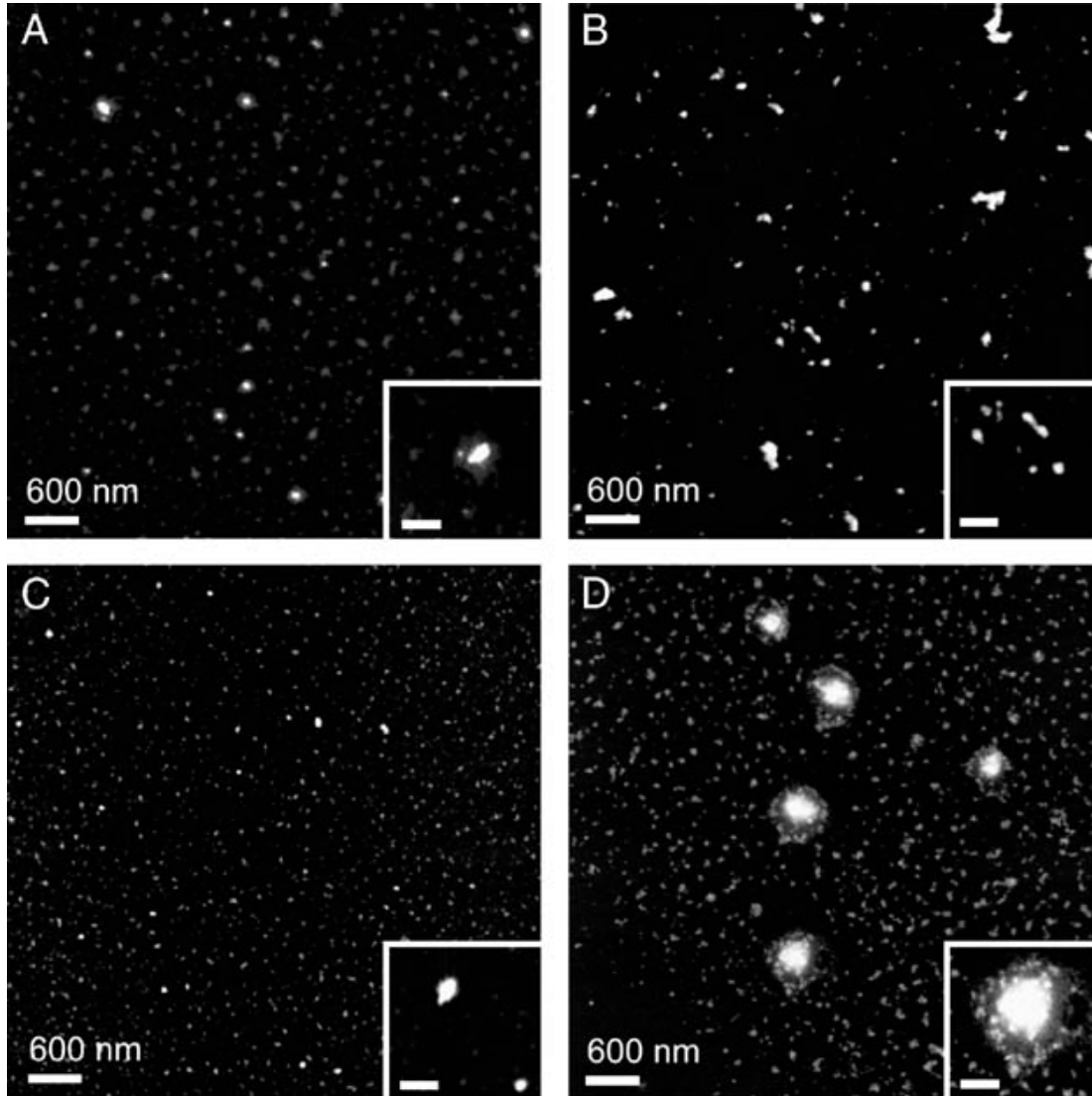
G. Lambert et al., BBRC, 2001

A. Maksimenko et al., Pharm. Research, 2003



# ATOMIC FORCE MICROSCOPY OF CHITOSAN/siRNA NANOPARTICLES AT DIFFERENT N/P RATIO

Kenneth A et al, Molecular Therapy, 14, 476-484 (2006)



**SIZE INCREASES WITH N:P RATIO !**

[A] N:P 71 and [B] N:P 6  
(chitosan concentration: 250  $\mu$ g/ml)

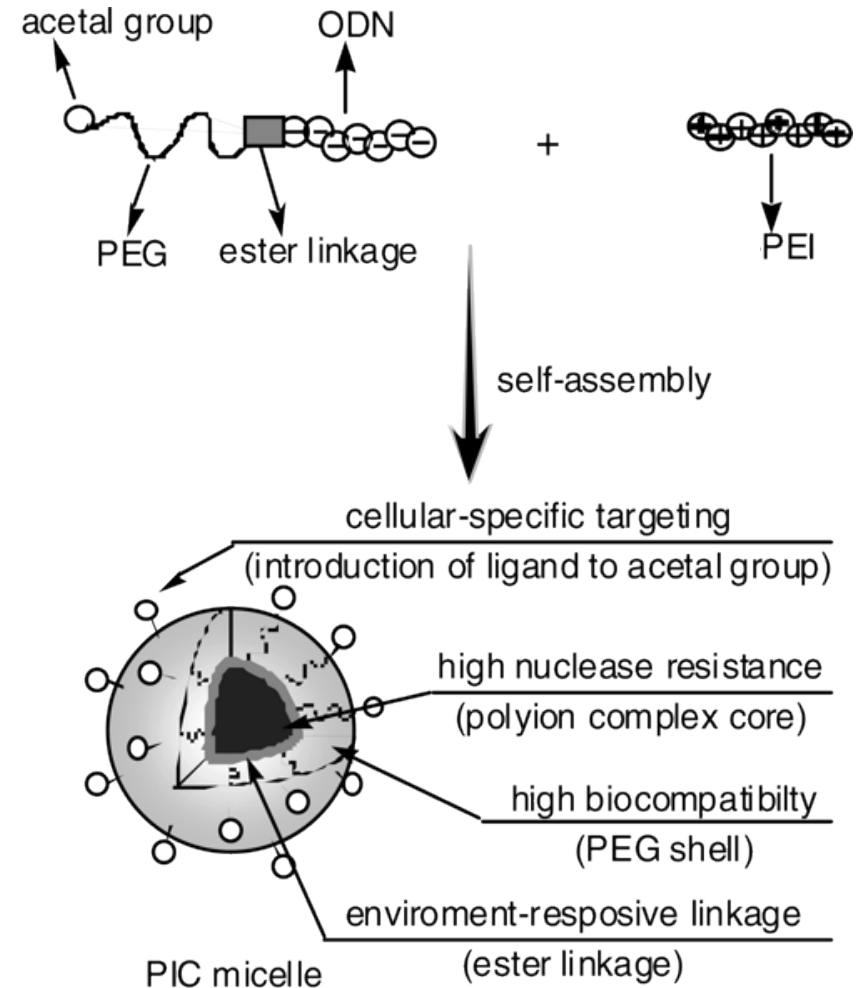
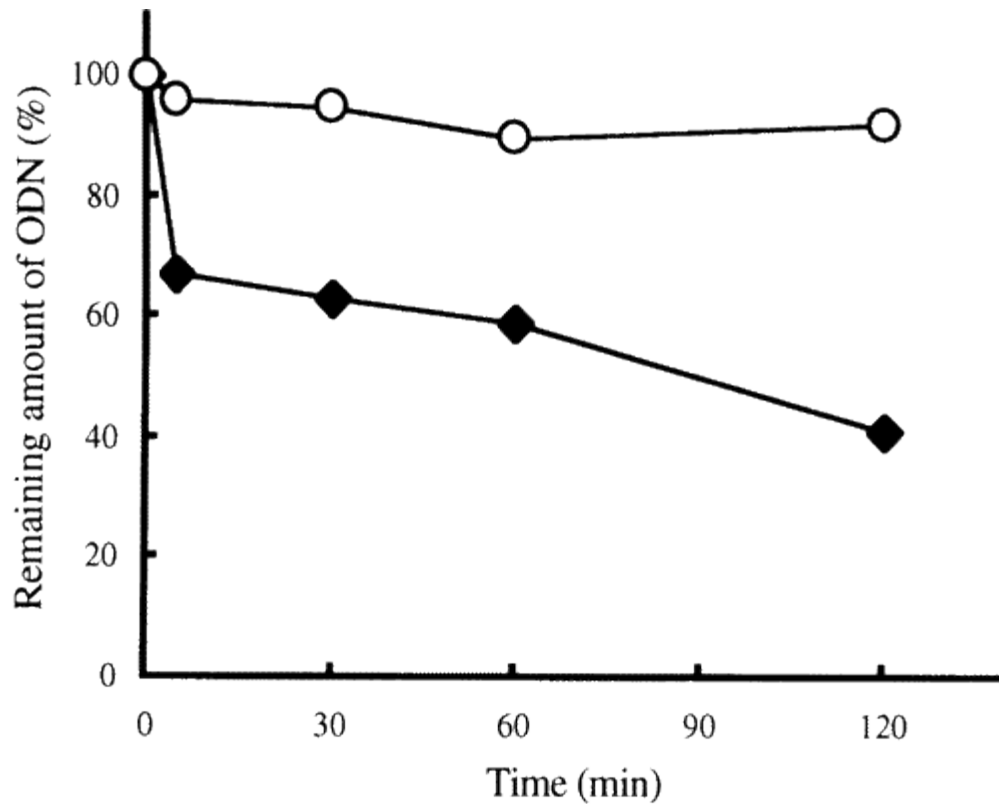
[C] N:P 285 and [D] N:P 23  
(chitosan concentration 1 mg/ml)

# RESISTANCE TO DNA DIGESTION

Protection against 3'exo-nucleases

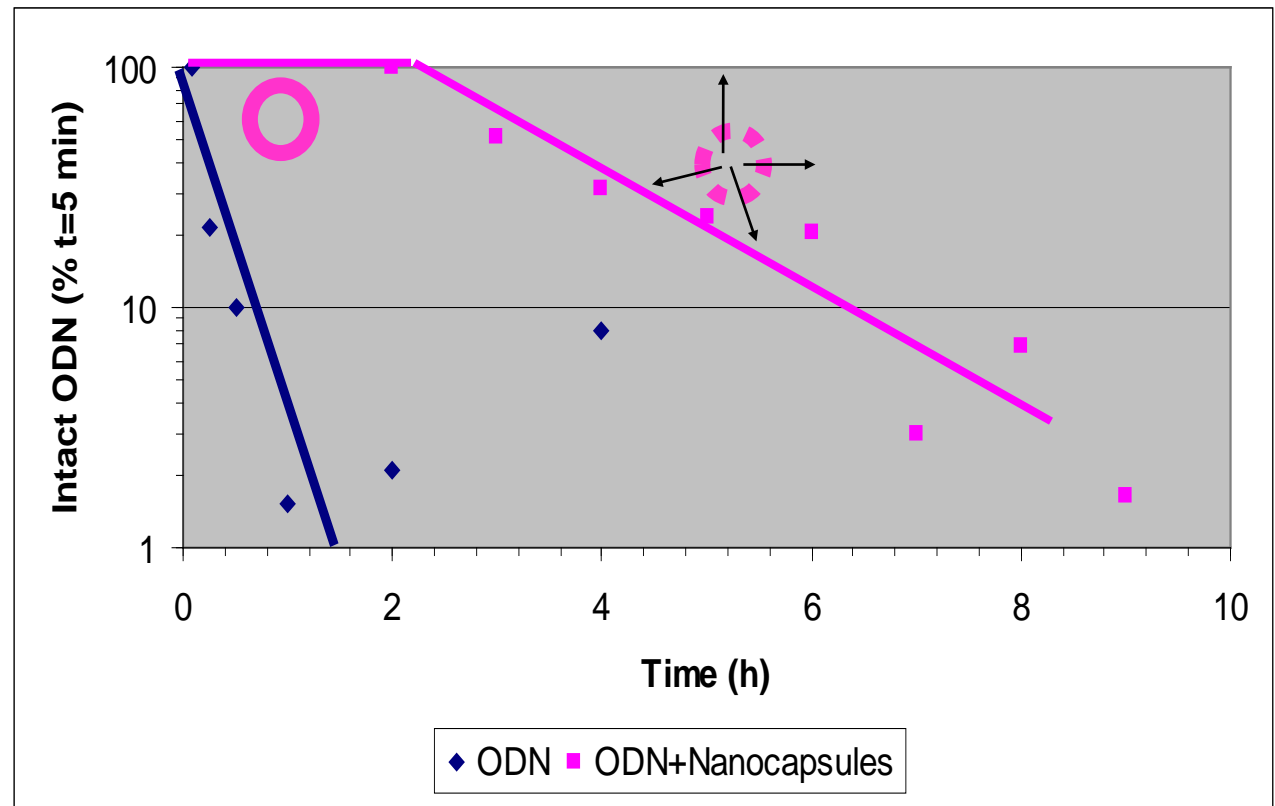
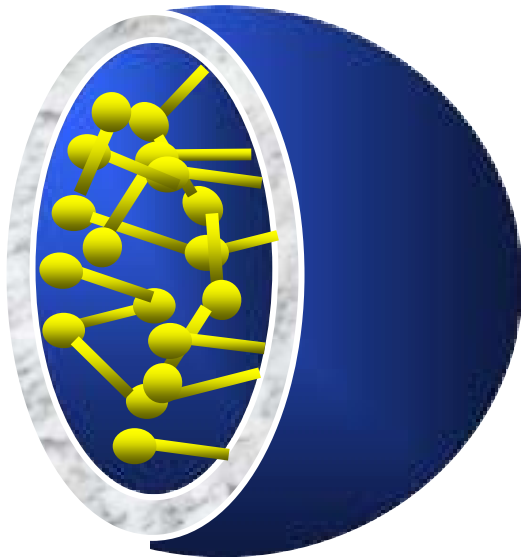
# DNase DIGESTION

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# STABILITY OF ODN AND ODN NANOCAPSULES IN DMEM MEDIUM CONTAINING 10 % SERUM

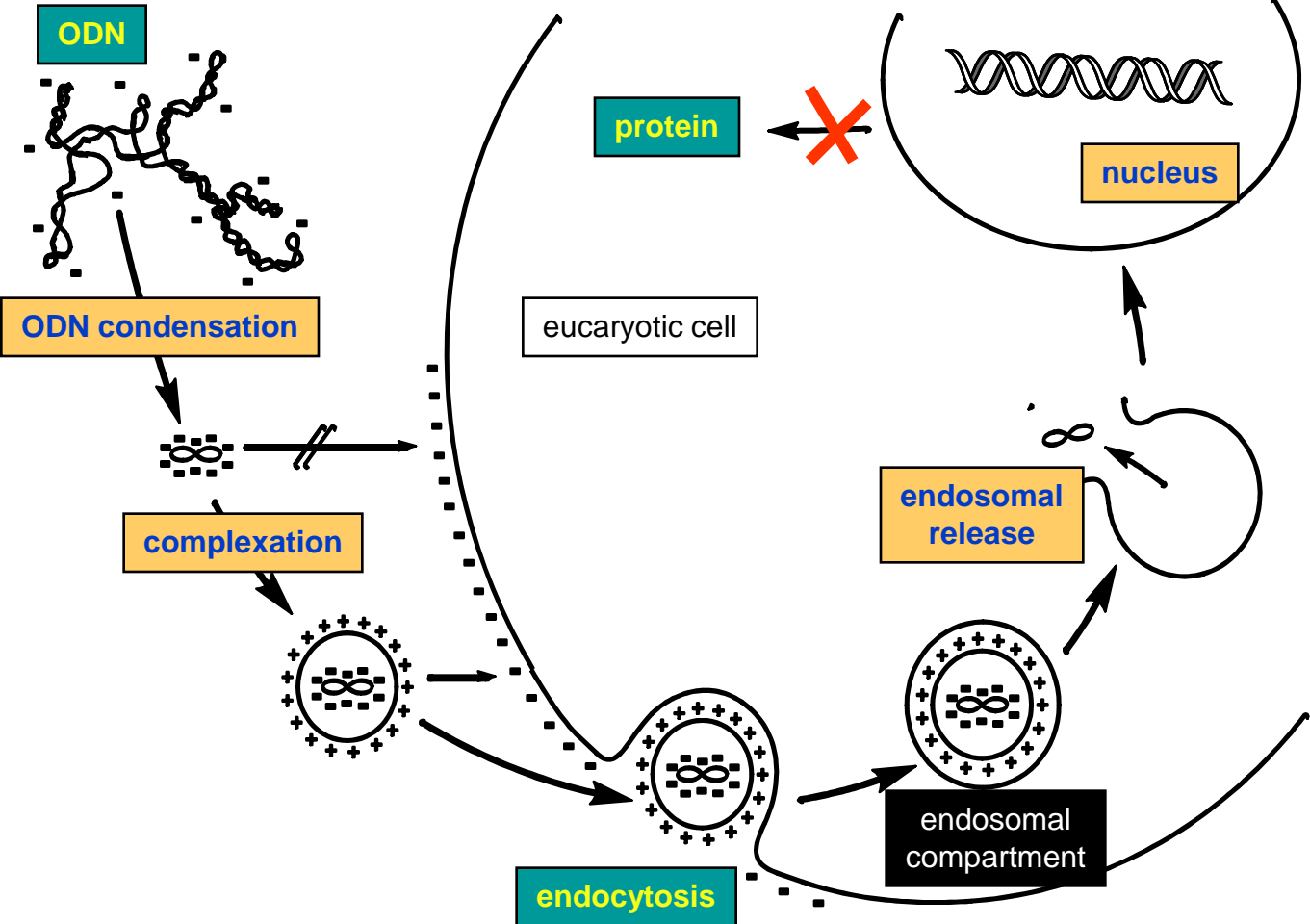
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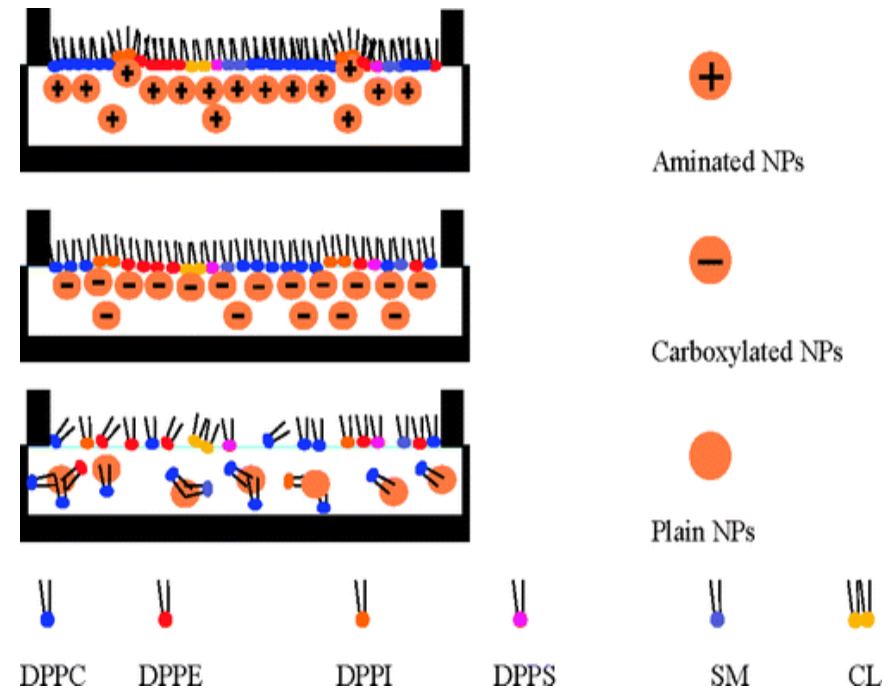
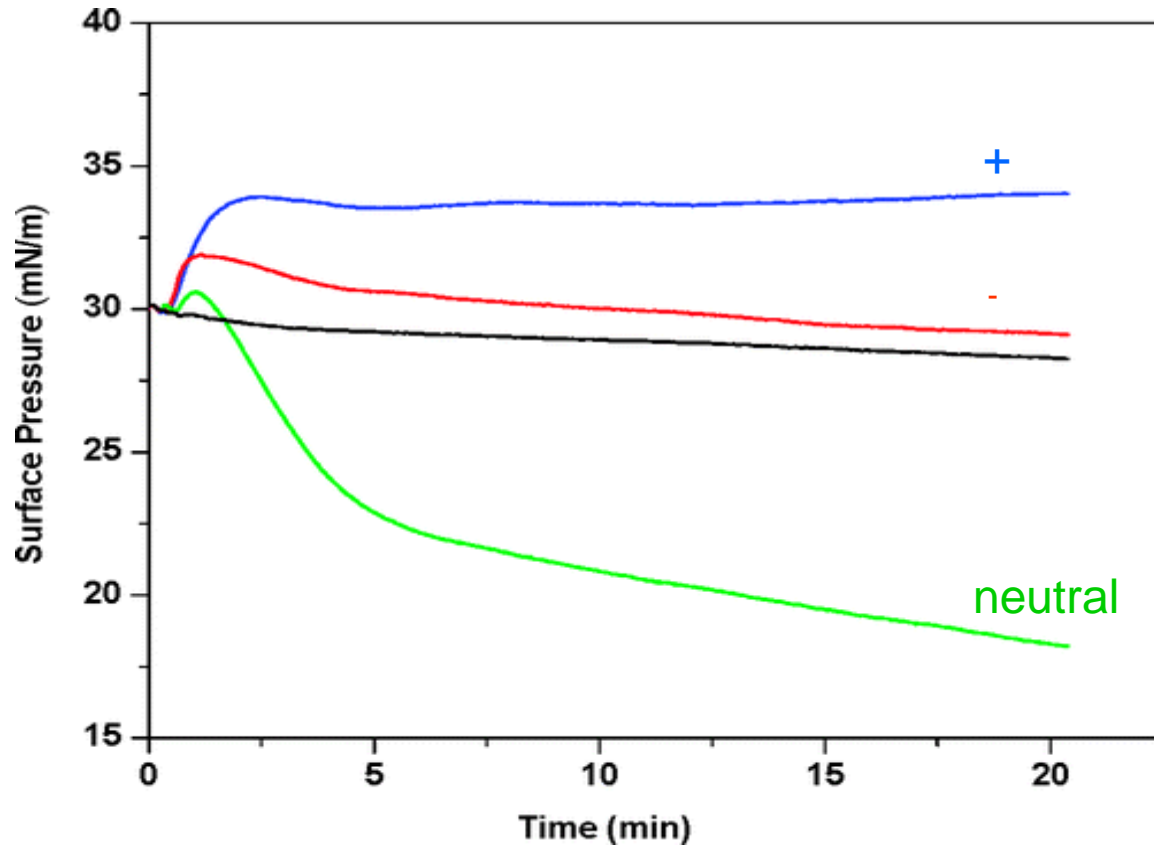
# INTERACTION AVEC LA MEMBRANE CELLULAIRE

# INTERACTION WITH THE CELL MEMBRANE



# EFFECTS OF NANOPARTICLES SURFACE GROUPS ON ENDOTHELIAL CELL MODEL

C. Peetla, V. Labhasetwar, *Molecular Pharmaceutics*, 5, 418-429 (2007)



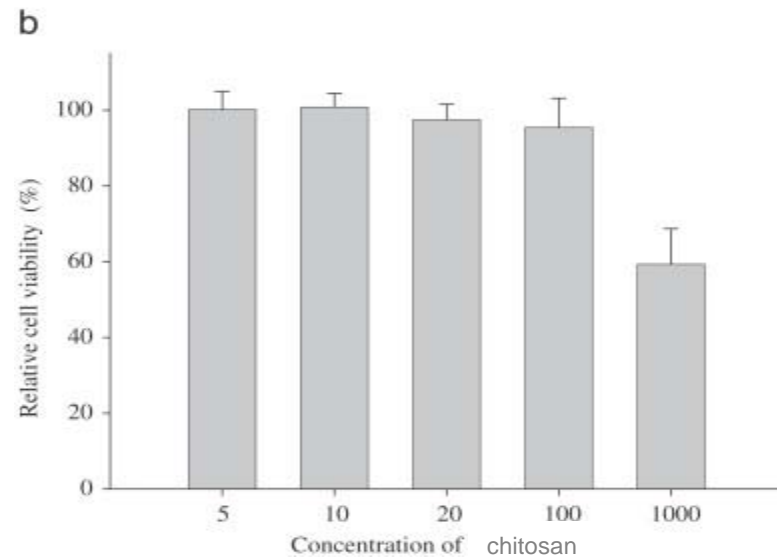
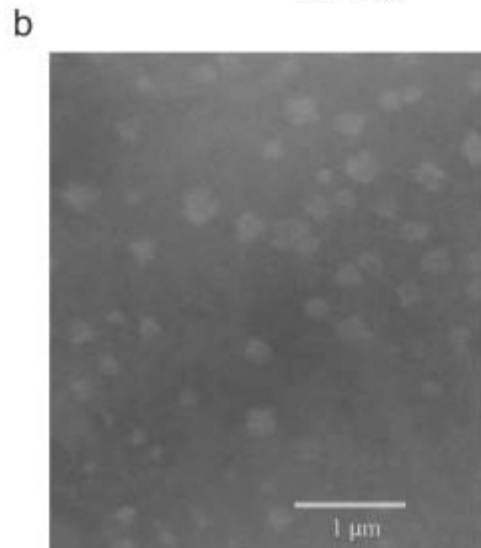
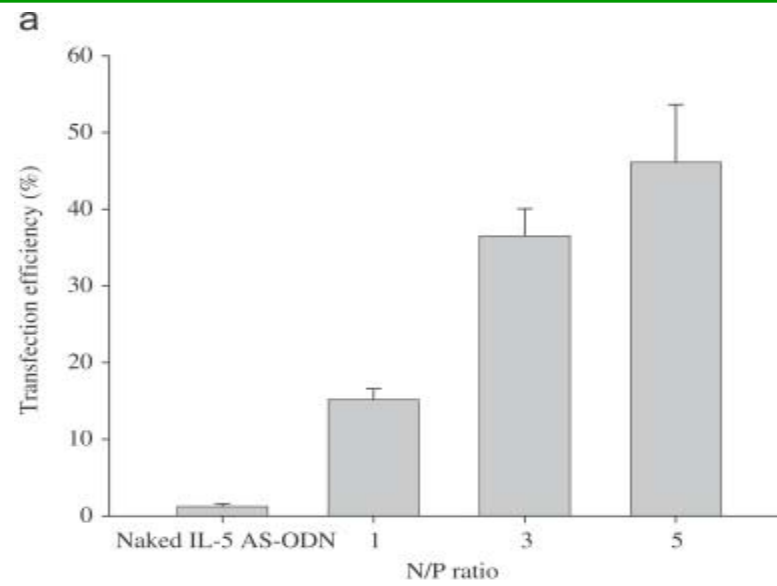
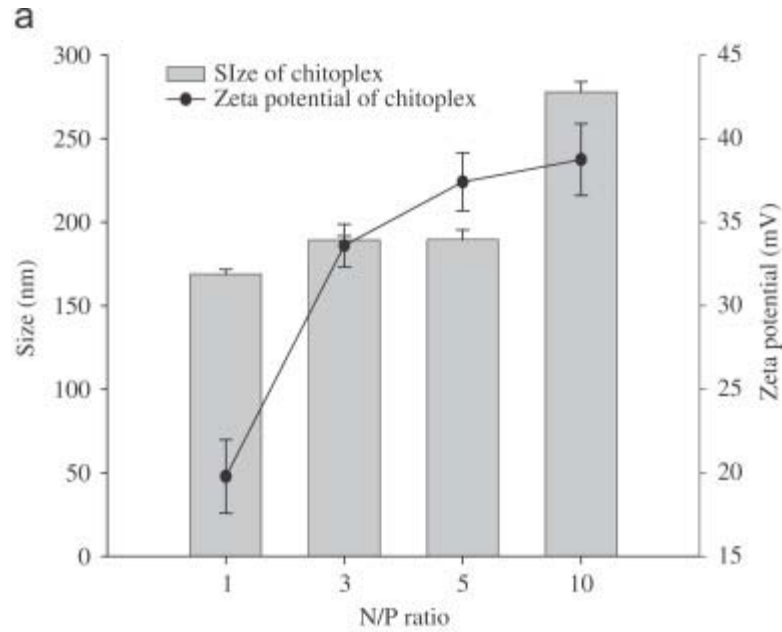
- Polystyrene nanoparticle size = 60 nm.
- blue, aminated; red, carboxylated; green, plain; black, water control without NPs.

# INTRACELLULAR DNA DELIVERY

N/P ratio influences intracellular penetration

# CHITOSAN-IL5 ODN POLYPLEXES

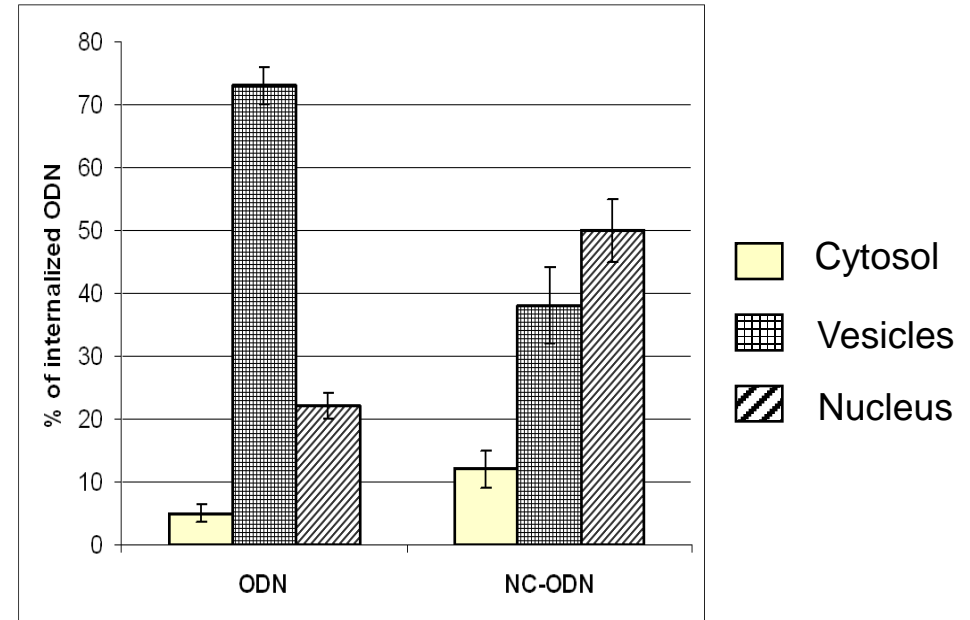
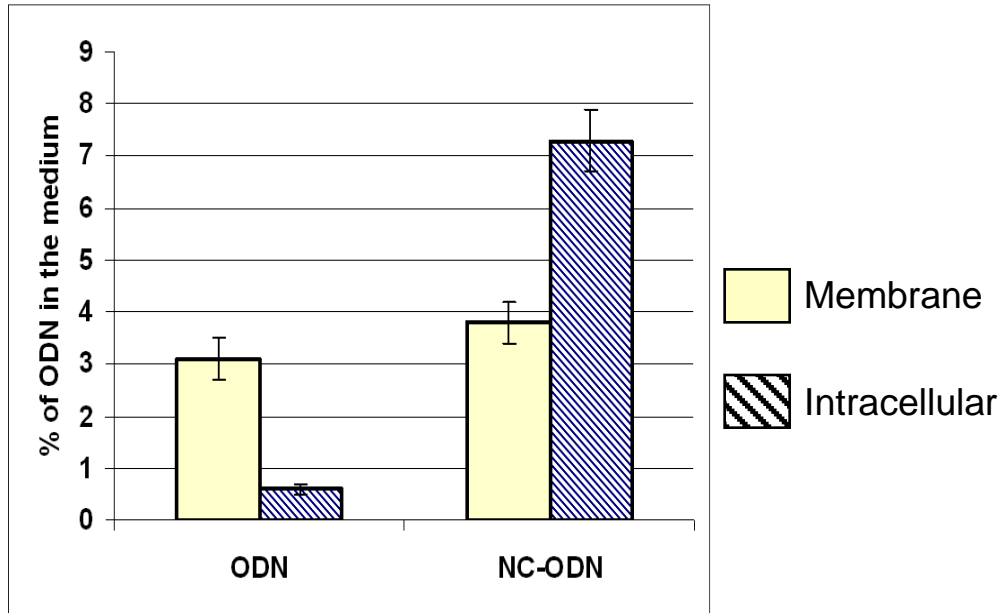
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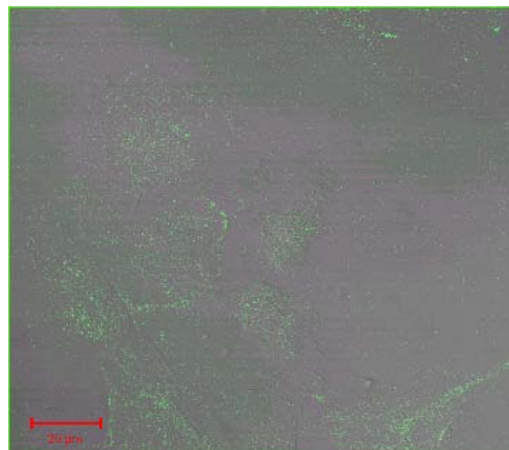
# ODN IN NANOCAPSULES: INTRACELLULAR DISTRIBUTION

N. Toub et al., JCR, 106, 209-213, 2006

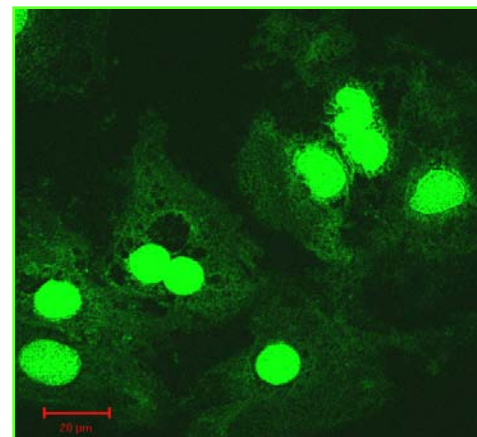
## 3T3 cells



FITC-ODN free

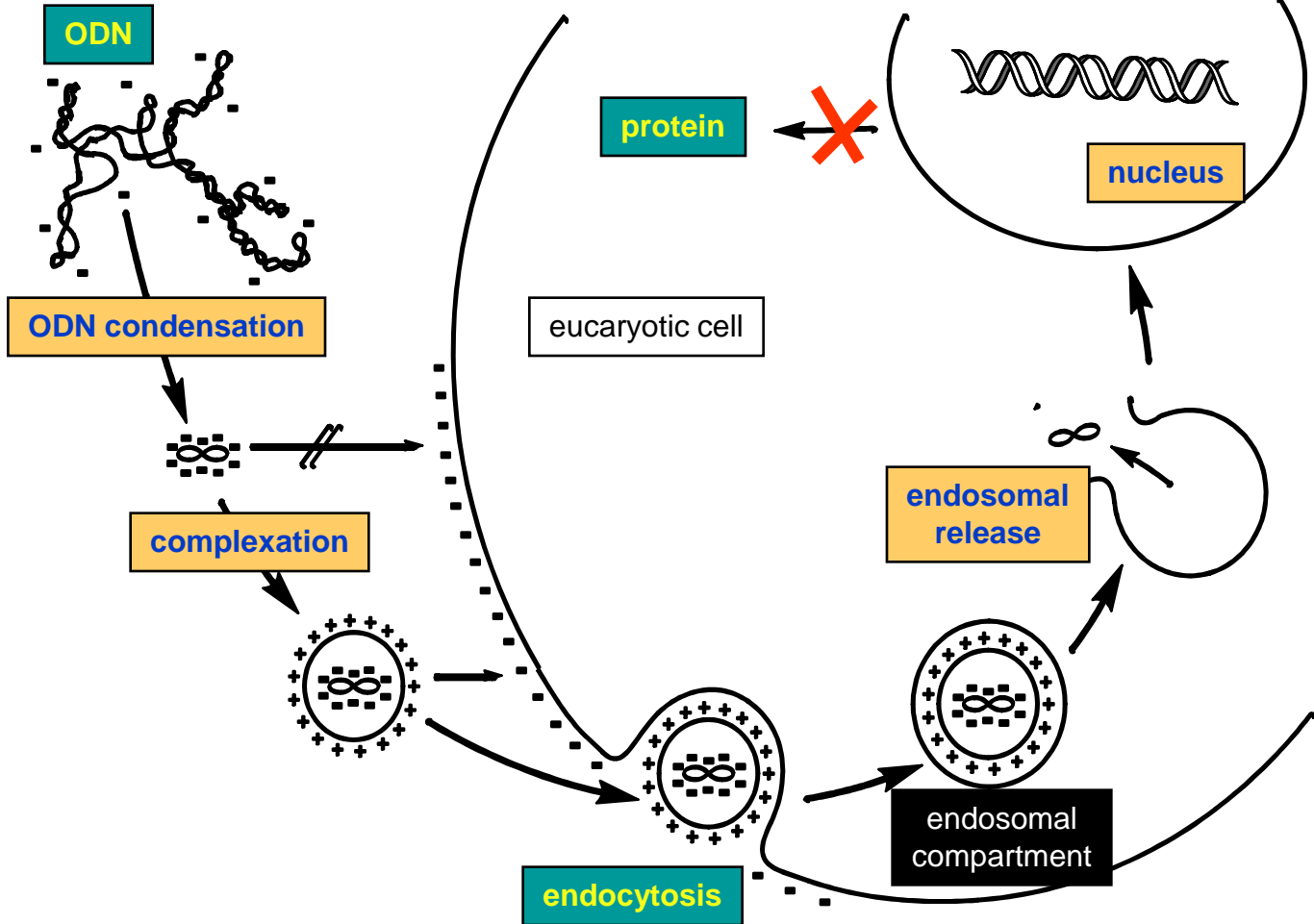


FITC-ODN in NC



# ENDO-LYSOSOMAL ESCAPE

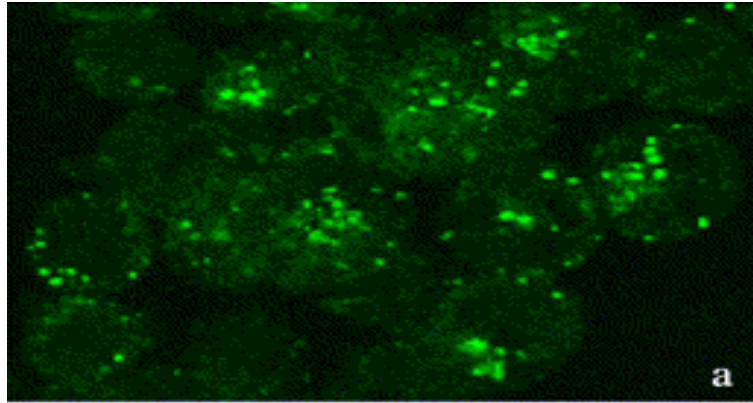
# INTERACTION WITH THE CELL MEMBRANE



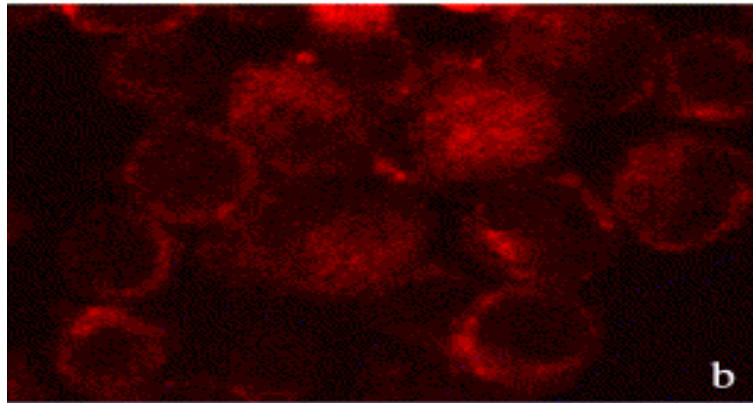


# CELL CAPTURE OF POLYDIMETHYLAMINOETHYLMETACRYLATE p(DMAEMA) OCCURS THROUGH EARLY ENDOSOMES

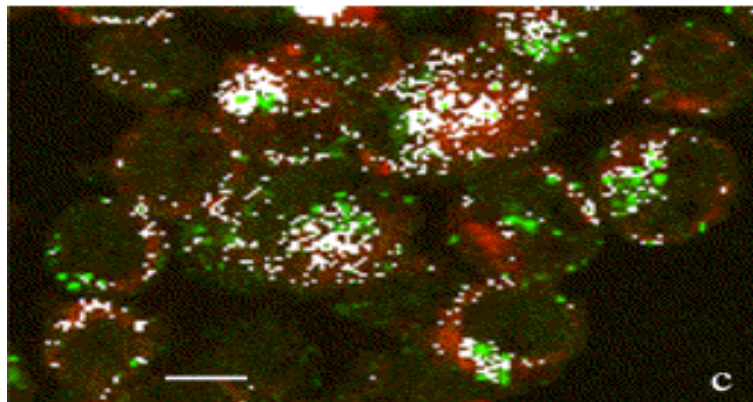
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Green EEA1 immunofluorescence:  
a marker of early endosomes



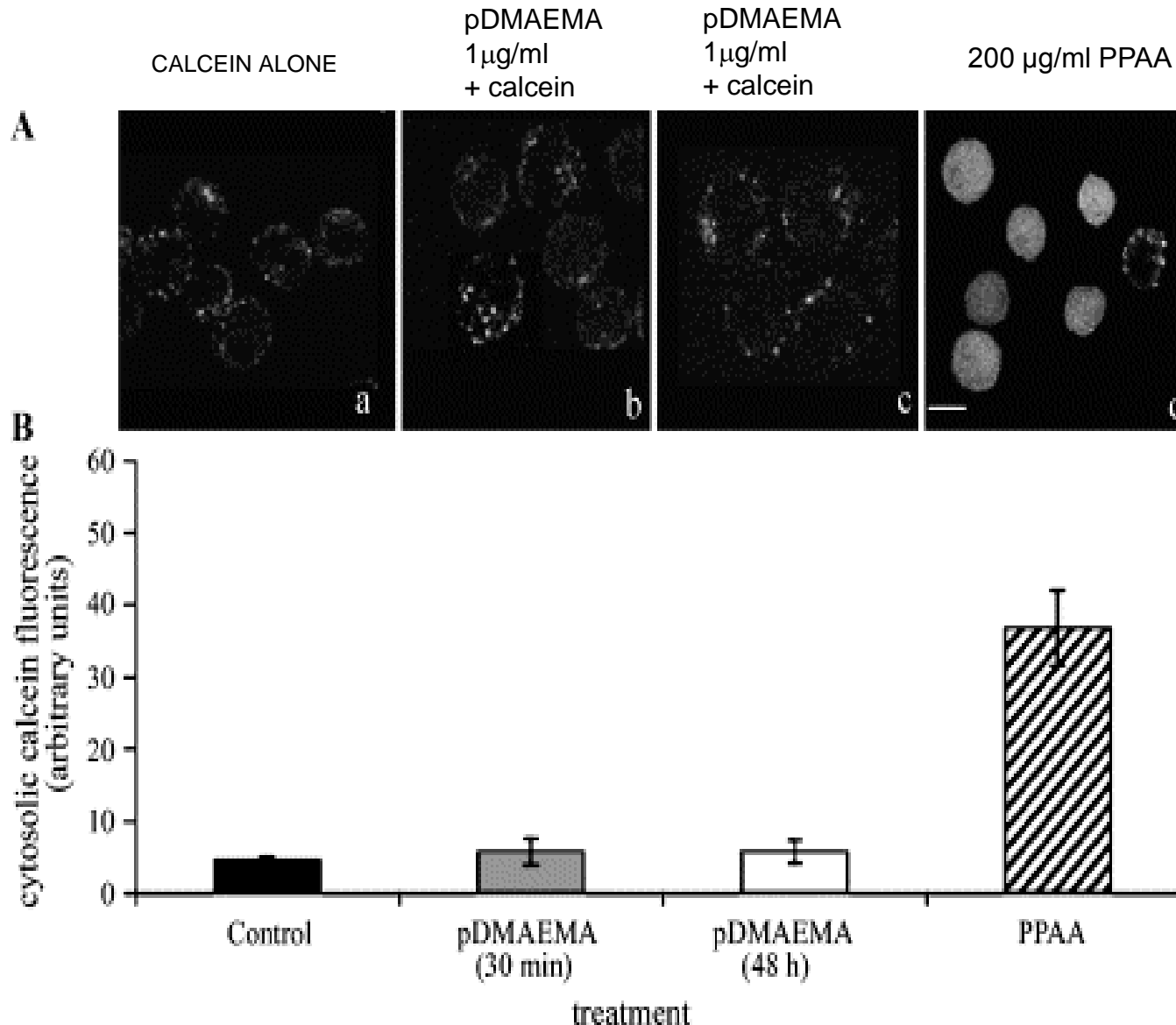
Red fluorescence associated with p(DMAEMA-co-AEMA)-biotin  
Biotinylated p(DMAEMA-co-AEMA) reacts with streptavidin-Alexa 633



overlay image of (a) and (b)  
showing pixels with both green and red fluorescence in white

# DETERMINATION OF LYSOSOMAL MEMBRANE INTEGRITY BY CALCEIN ASSAY

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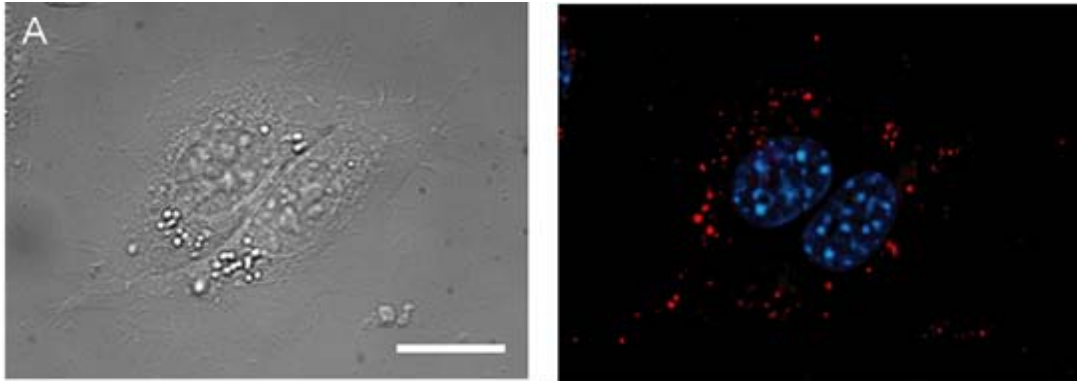
In the absence of lysosomal disruption, calcein doesn't diffuse into the cell cytoplasm  
PPAA is a compound known to disrupt endo-lysosomal membranes



**pDMAEMA doesn't show endosomal disruptive properties !**

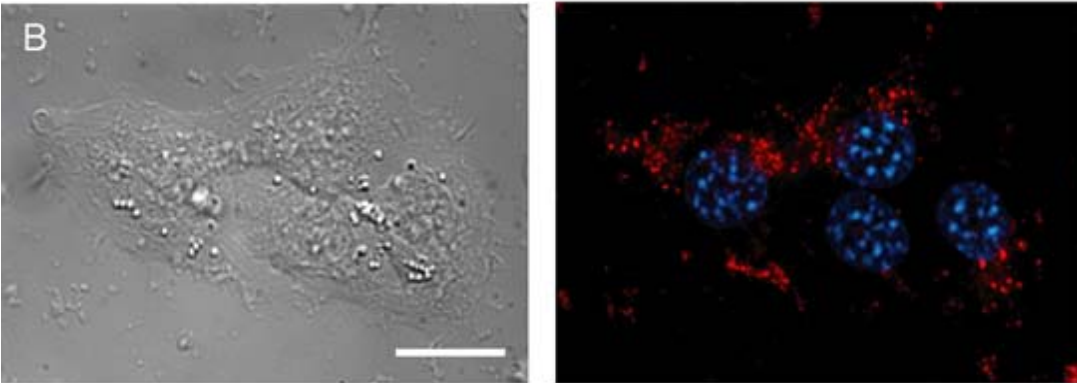
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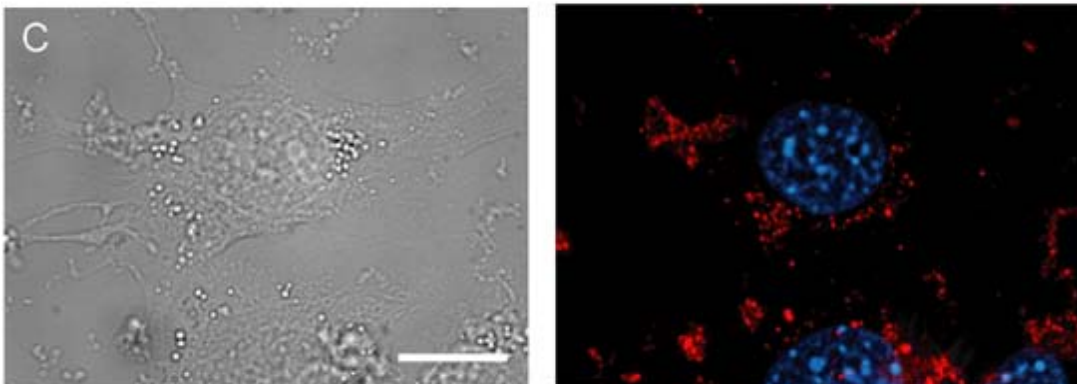


NIH 3T3 cells. Fluorescence microscopy was used to visualize cellular uptake and translocation of Cy5-labeled siRNA (red)

**1h: punctuated fluorescence**



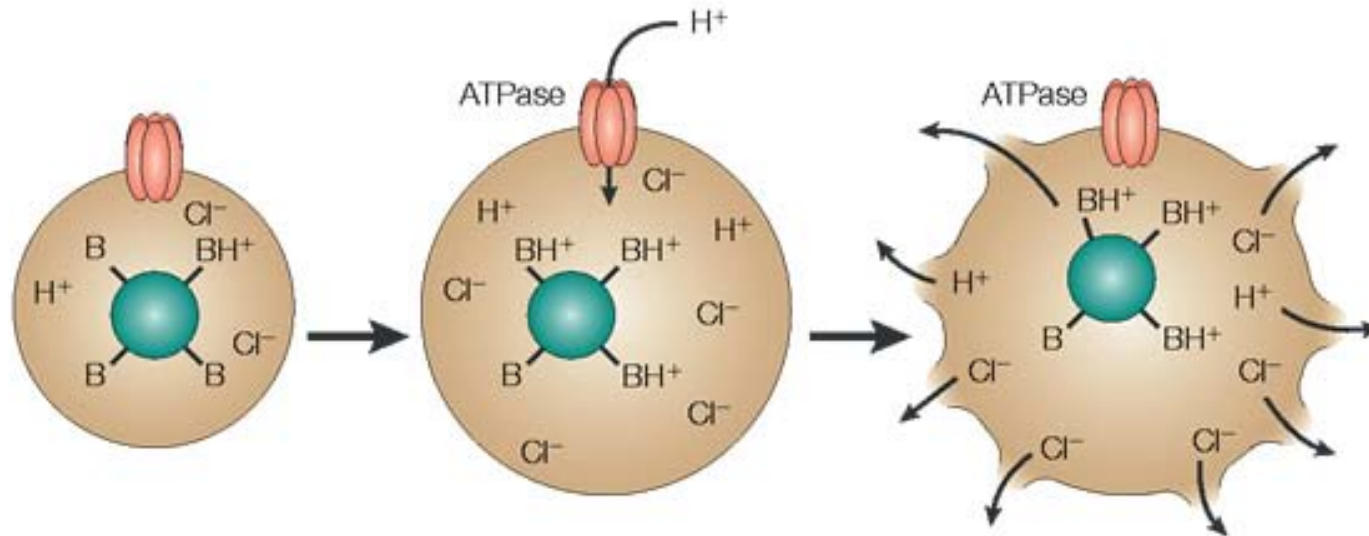
**4h: more diffuse fluorescence**



**24h: fluorescence throughout the whole cytoplasm**

# ENDO-LYSOSOMAL DISRUPTION THROUGH « PROTON SPONGE » EFFECT

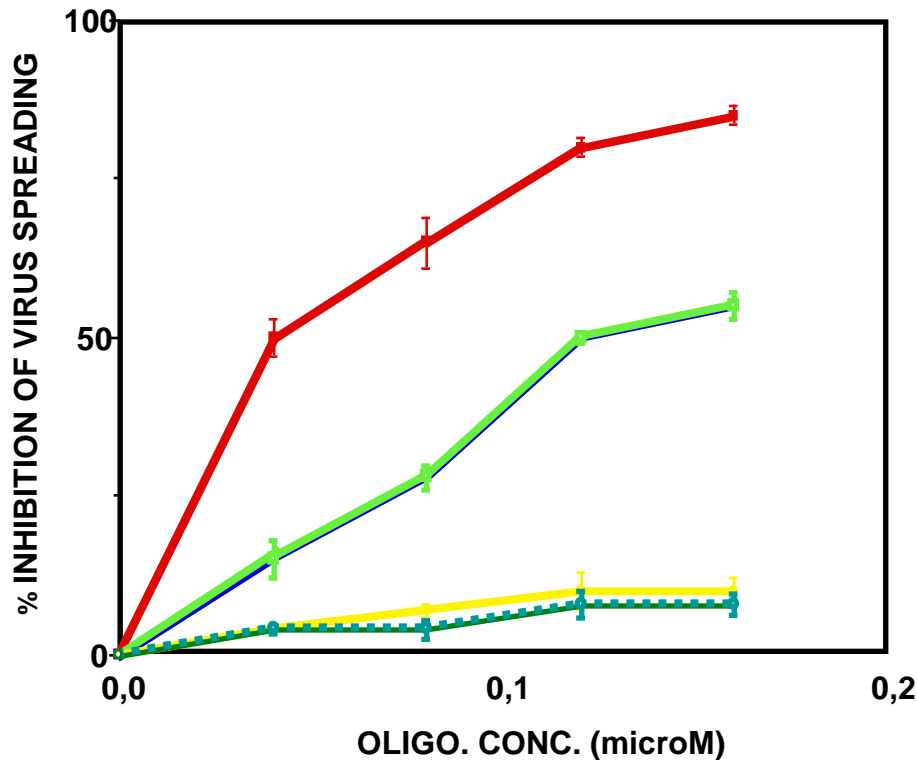
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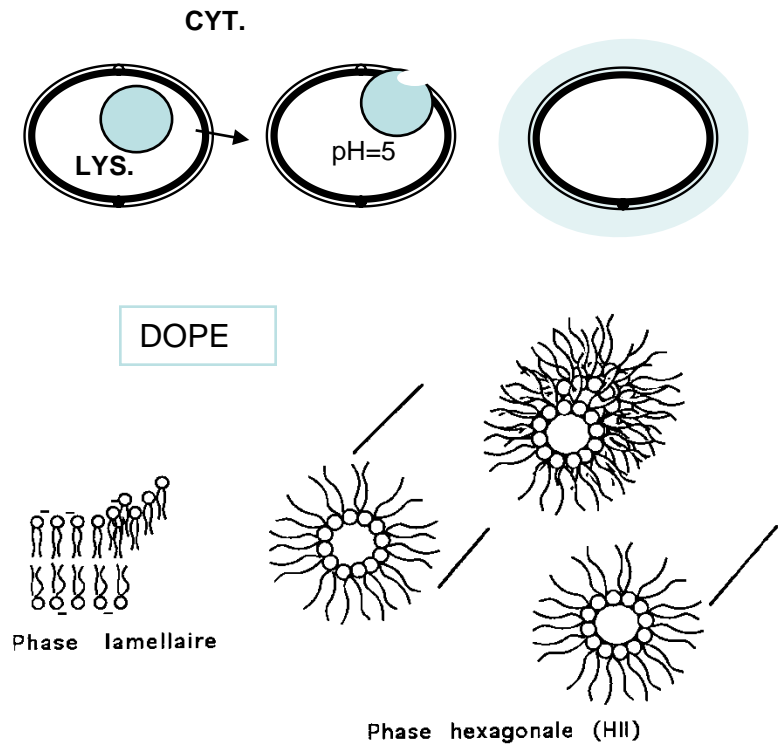
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# INHIBITION DE LA MULTIPLICATION VIRALE PAR LIPOSOMES pH-SENSIBLES

C. Ropert, Z. Mishal, JM. Rodriguez, C. Malvy, P. Couvreur, BBA, 1996



- Antisense oligo in pH-sensitive liposomes
- Antisense oligo in pH-insensitive liposomes
- Control oligo in pH-sensitive liposomes
- Control oligo in pH-insensitive liposomes



# PHARMACOLOGICAL ACTIVITY

Anticancer activity

# IN VIVO STUDIES OF NANODEVICES CONTAINING ANTICANCER siRNA

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**Table 3**

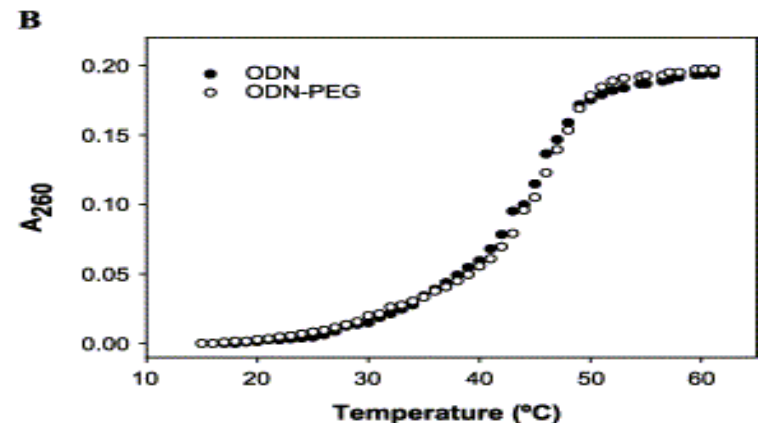
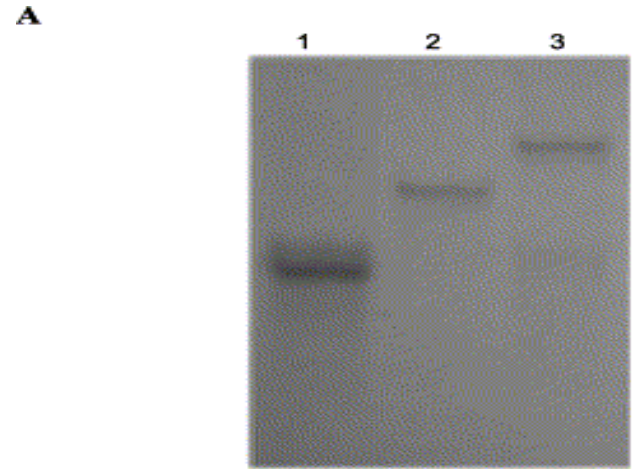
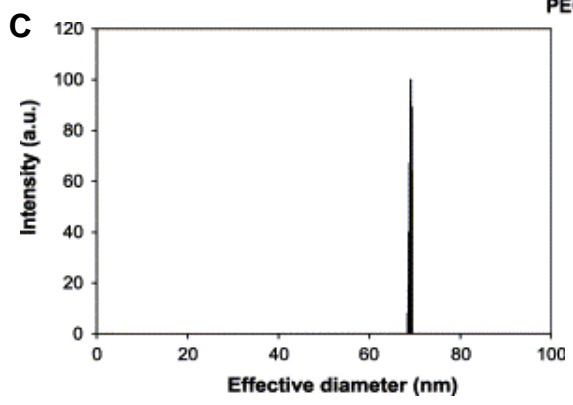
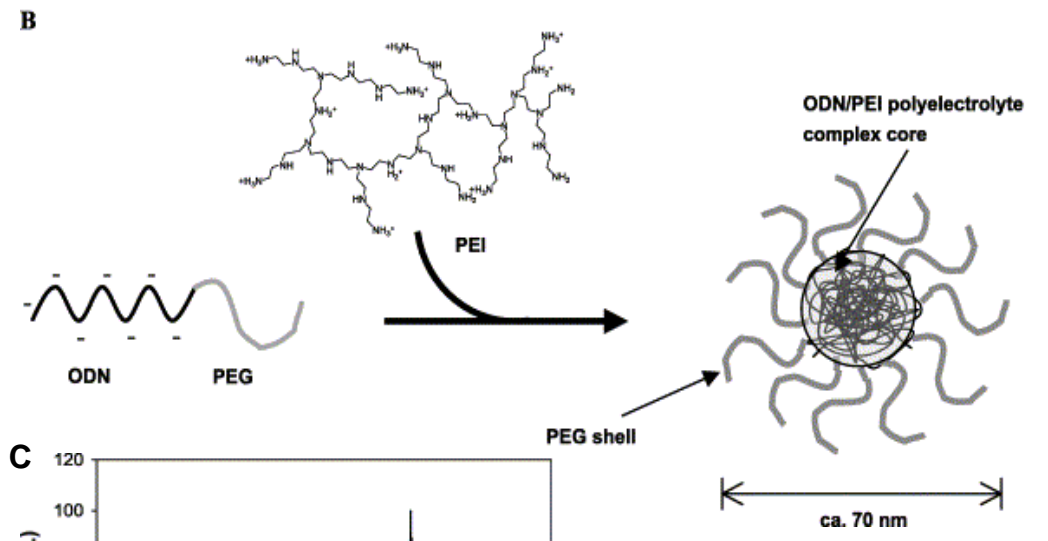
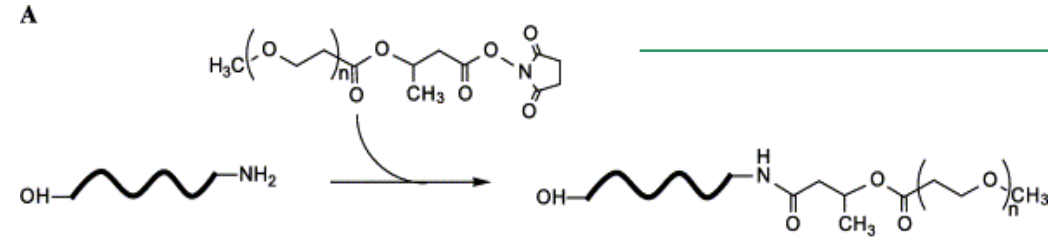
*In vivo* studies of RNAi based treatment vectorized with nanocarriers.

System type	Composition	Application	Nucleic acid dose <sup>*</sup>	Reference
Polyplexes	jetPEI, anti-HER-2 siRNA	Human ovarian cancer Intra-peritoneal	2.4 mg/kg	[111]
	jetPEI, anti-PTN siRNA	Human glioblastoma Intra-peritoneal	3.6 mg/kg	[35]
	Chitosan 114 kDa, DD = 84% Anti-GFP siRNA	Intracranial Pulmonary delivery in GFP transgenic mice	10 µg/kg 7.5 mg/kg	[45]
Nanoplexes	Core-shell PIHCA/chitosan Anti-RhoA and anti-RhoC siRNA	Human breast cancer Intravenous	1.5 µg/kg	[81]
	Core-shell PIHCA/chitosan Anti-EWS/Flt1 ODN	Ewing sarcoma model Intratumoral injection	1 mg/kg	[79]
	Core-shell PIBCA/chitosan Anti-ret/PTC1 siRNA	Thyroid carcinoma model Intratumoral	1 mg/kg	[82]
Nanocapsules	PIBCA siRNA	Ewing sarcoma model	1 mg/kg	[92]
	PLGA Anti-PDGFβR	Restenosis treatment Local administration	0.67 mg/kg (1 nmol)	[96]
	PIBCA Anti-EWS/Flt1 ODN	Ewing sarcoma model Intratumoral administration	9.6 mg/kg (14.4 nmol)	[90]
Micelles	PEG-ODN/PEI (2 kDa, 25 kDa) Anti-c-raf ODN	Human lung carcinoma Tail vein injection	2.5 mg/kg	[103]
	PEG-siRNA/PEI (25 kDa) Anti-VEGF siRNA	Murine neuroblastoma Intravenous	2 mg/kg	[36,115]
	PEG/cyclodextrin containing polycation/siRNA	Human Ewing sarcoma Intravenous	2.5 mg/kg	[116]

<sup>\*</sup> For the comparison, a typical mouse weight of 20 g and a molar mass of 13,400 g mol<sup>-1</sup> were used in the calculation.

# SELF-ASSEMBLED ODN-PEG HYBRID MICELLES

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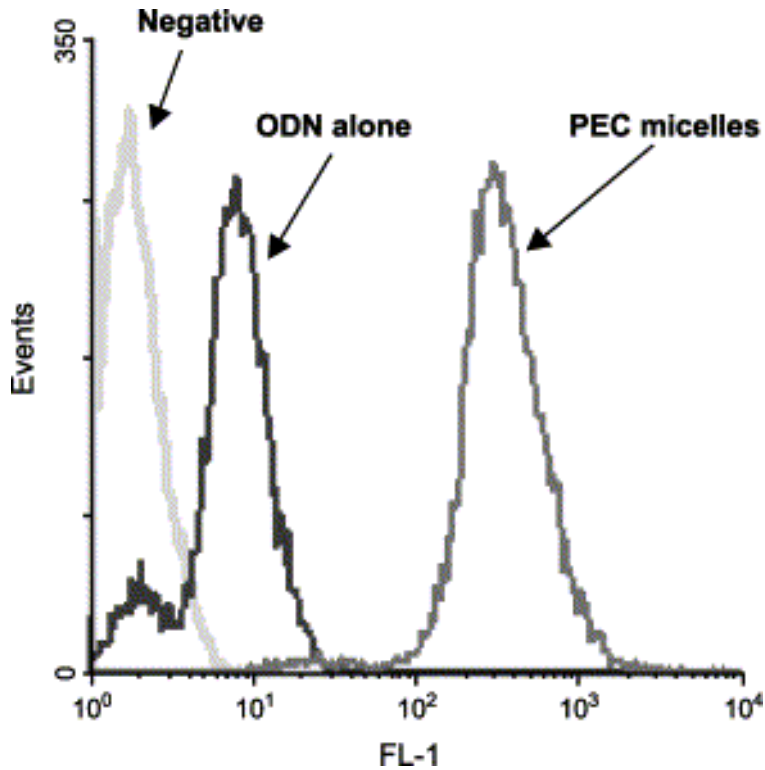
(A) Synthesis of the ODN-PEG conjugate  
 (B) Formation of micelles between ODN-PEG and PEI  
 (C) Diameter

(A) Migration profiles of unmodified ODN (lane 1), ODN-PEG conjugate (lane 2), ODN-PEG conjugate hybridized with its complementary ODN (lane 3)  
 (B) Thermal melting transitions of ODN and antisense ODN-PEG when hybridized with sense ODN

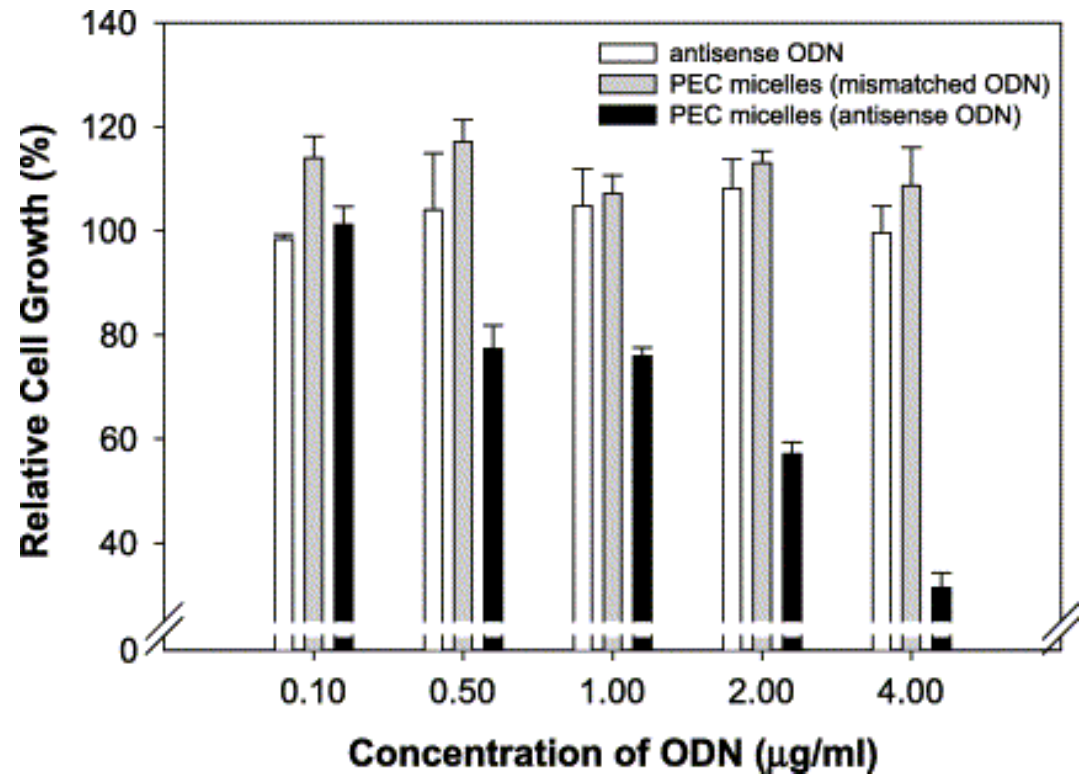


# ANTICANCER ACTIVITY ON A2780 OVARIAN CANCER CELLS

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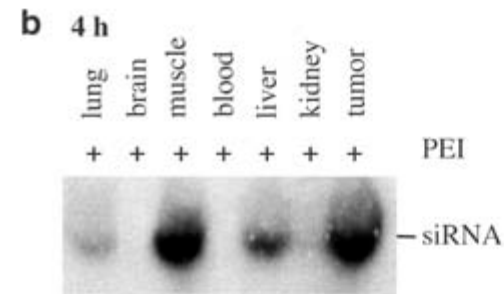
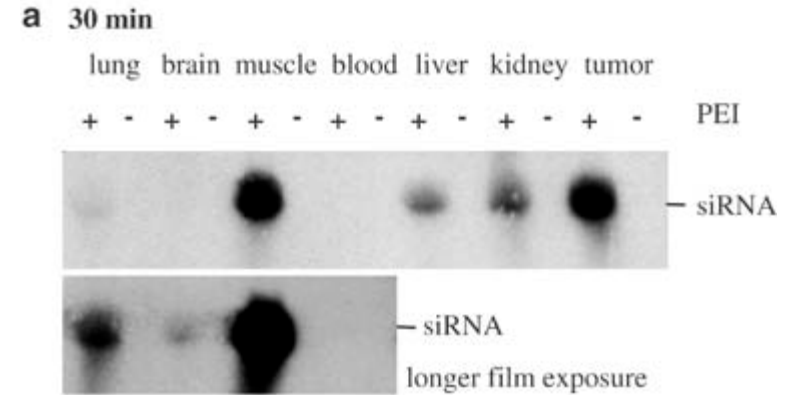
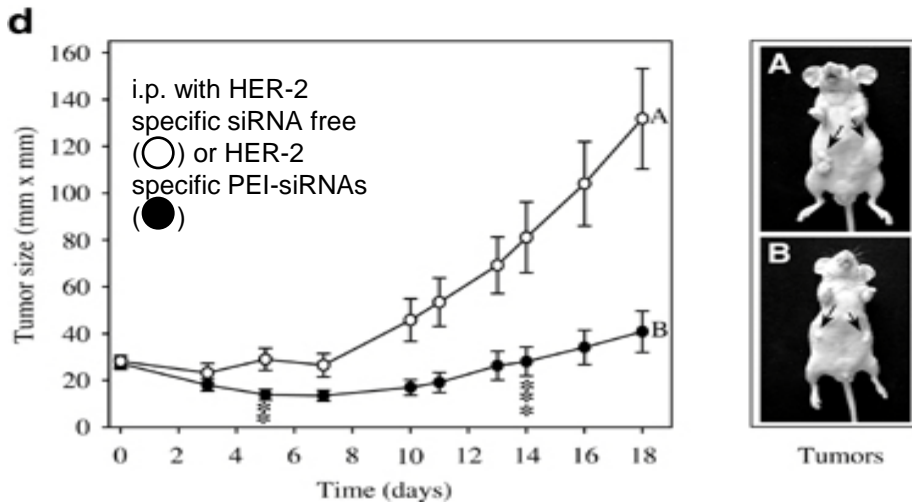
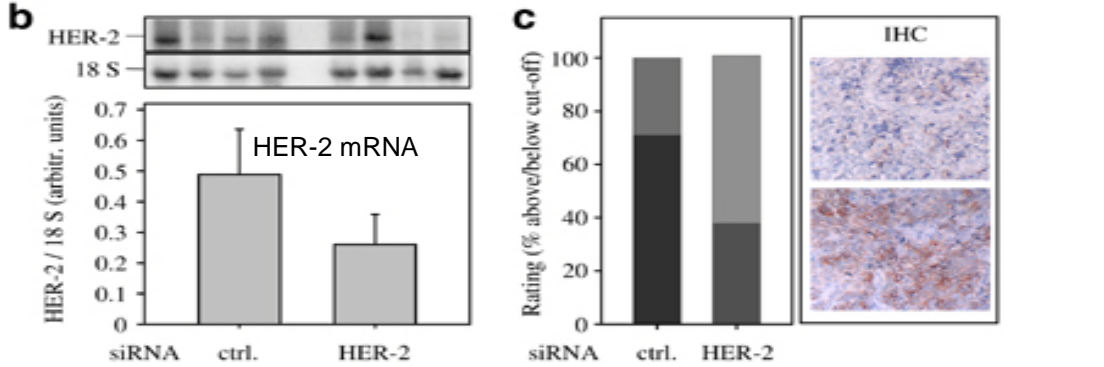
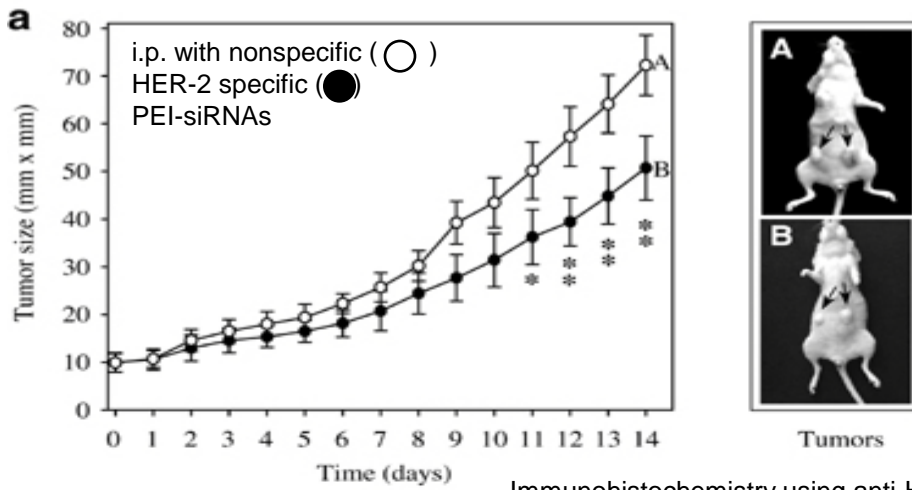
Ovarian carcinoma cell uptake  
(flow cytometric analysis)



Anticancer activity

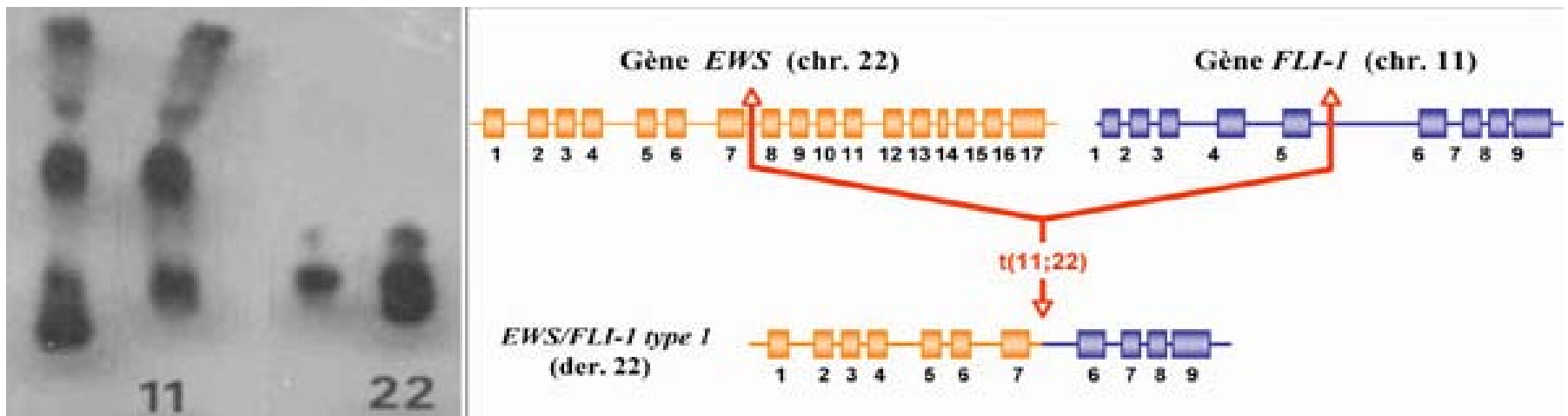
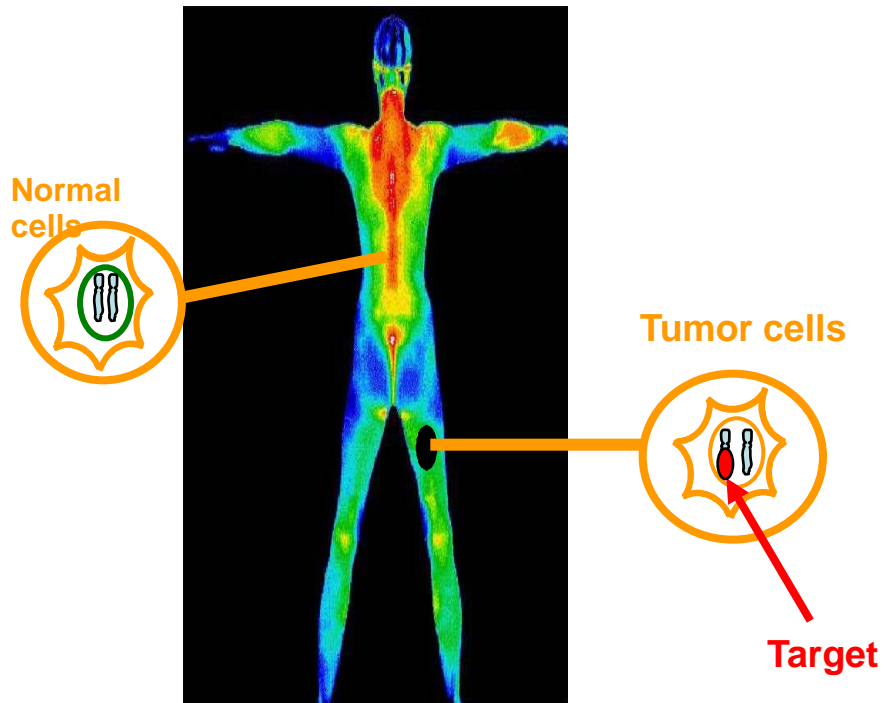
# IN VIVO ANTICANCER ACTIVITY OF HER-2 siRNA COMPLEXED WITH PEI

B Urban-Klein and al, Gene Therapy, 12, 461-466 (2005)



PEI-32P-labeled siRNA in organs

# LE SARCOME D'EWING

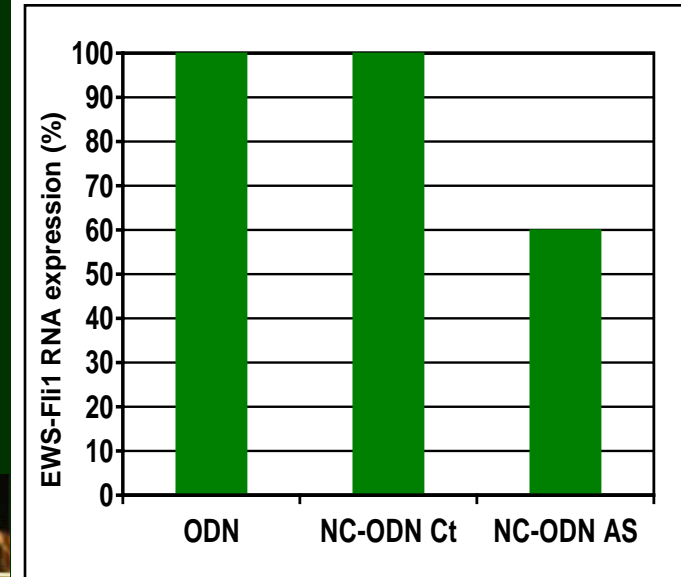
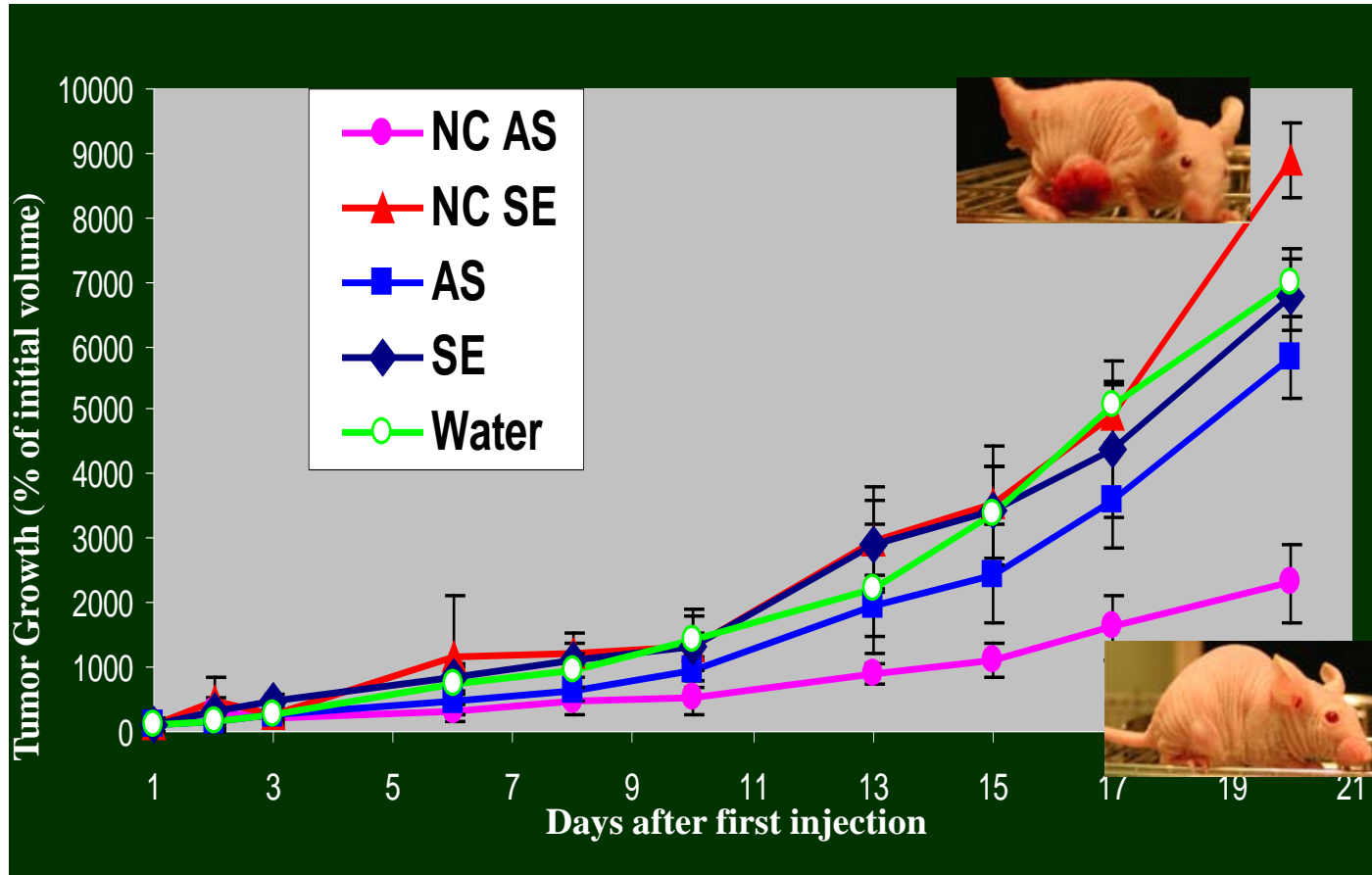


# EFFECT OF ODN AND siRNA NANOCAPSULES ON SUBCUTANEOUSLY GRAFTED EWING SARCOMA

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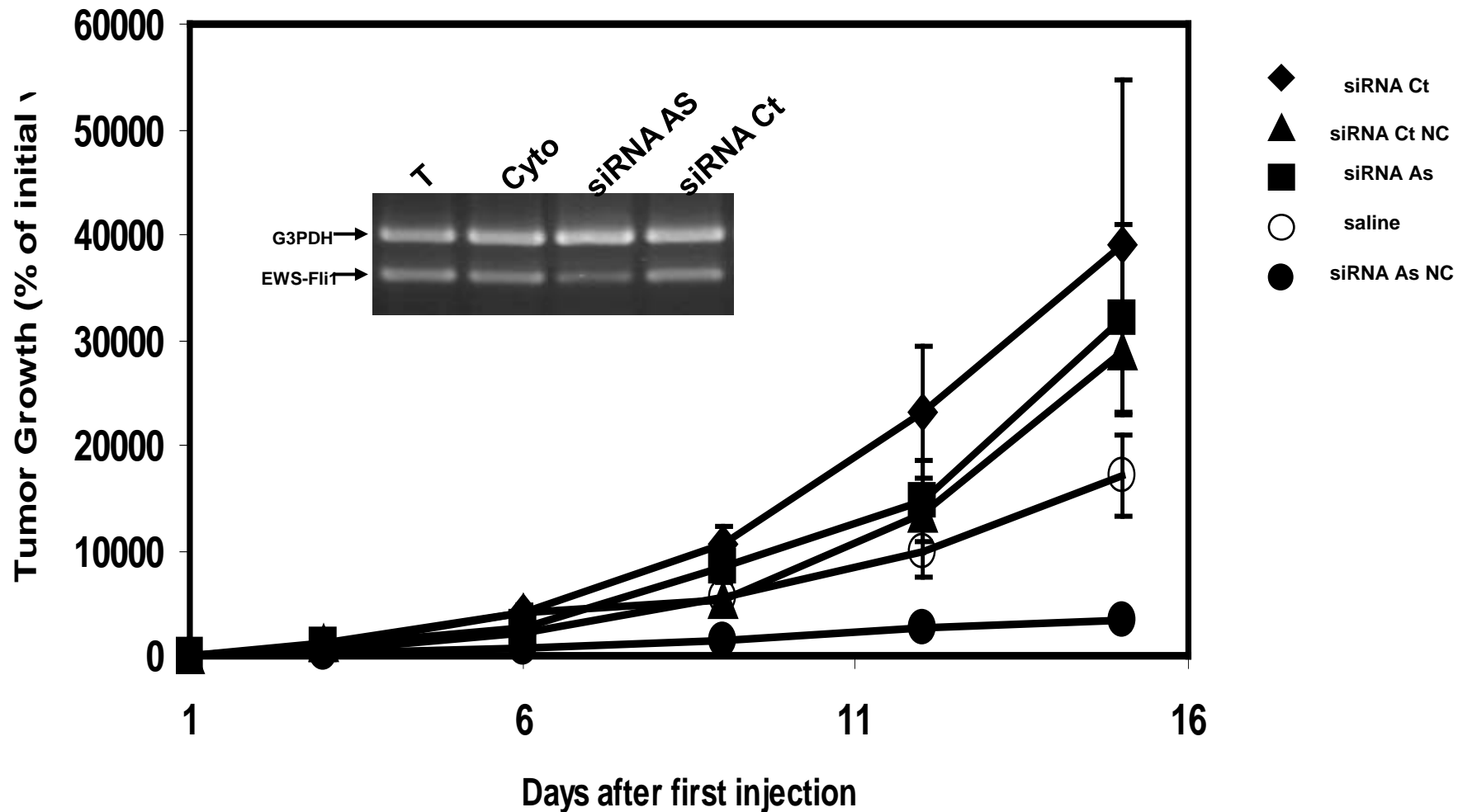
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# EFFECT OF siRNA NANOCAPSULES ON SUBCUTANEOUSLY GRAFTED EWING SARCOMA

N.Toub et al., Pharm. Res, 23, 892-900, 2006



# EWS-Fli1ODN AND siRNA NANOCAPSULES: *IN VIVO* COMPARISON

Lambert et al, BBRC, 2000.  
Toub et al, J. Pharm Res, 2006.

NC TYPE	DOSE	FREQUENCY	CUMULATIVE DOSE	EFFICACY
<b>NC-ODN (1)</b>	<b>0.55 mg</b>	<b>9 inj (1 inj/2dys)</b>	<b>5 mg/Kg</b>	<b>60 %</b>
<b>NC-siRNA (2)</b>	<b>0.22 mg</b>	<b>5 inj (1 inj/3days)</b>	<b>1.1 mg/Kg</b>	<b>90 %</b>

# CARCINOME PAPILLAIRE DE LA THYROÏDE

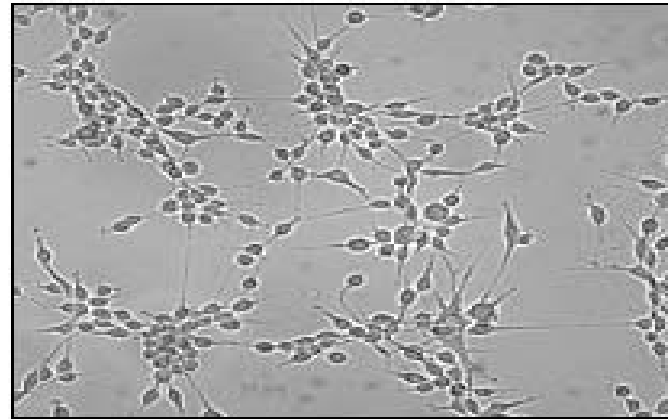
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- Fusion entre le gène *ret* (récepteur de thyrosine kinase) avec le gène *H4* (gène ubiquitaire) → oncogène de jonction
- Induit la synthèse de la protéine chimère *ret/PTC1* → la cellule devient tumorale

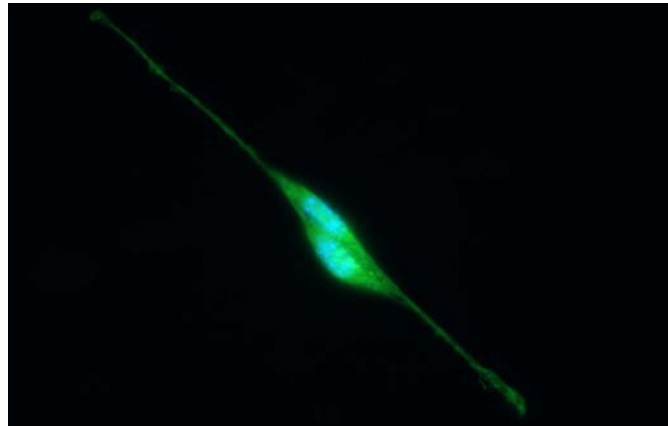
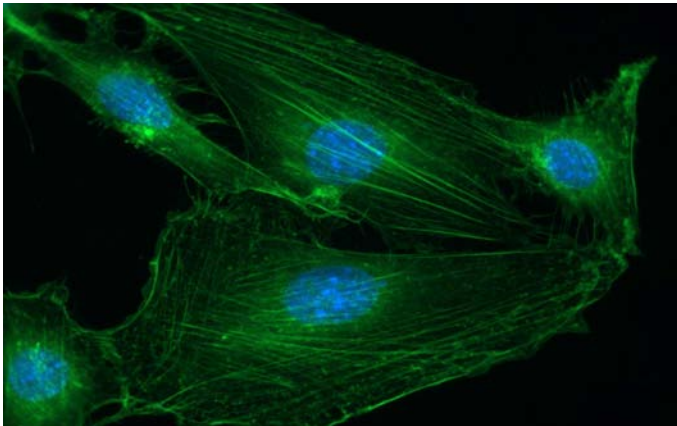
**NIH/3T3**

**RP1**

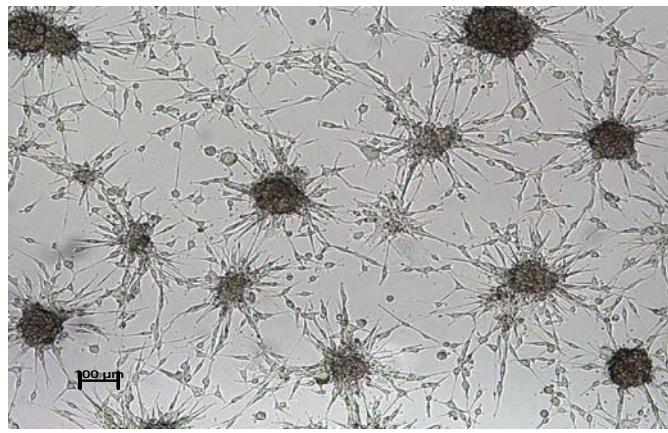
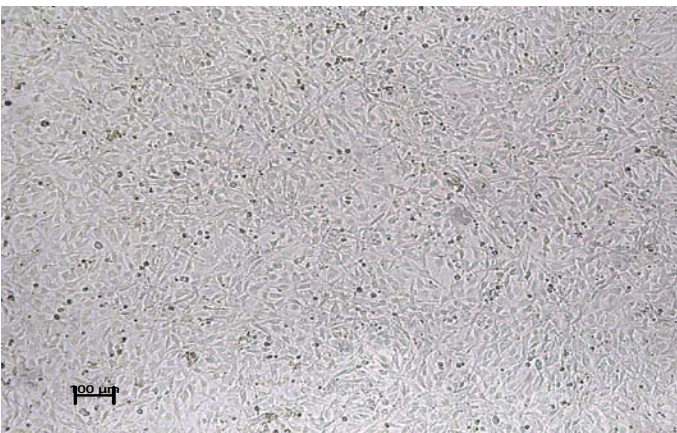
**A**



**B**



**C**



**PHENOTYPICAL  
FEATURES  
OF  
NIH/3T3 CELLS  
AND ret/PTC1  
TRANSFORMED  
NIH/3T3 CELLS (RP1)**

H. de Martyprey et al.,  
Nucl. Ac. Res., 36, 1-14, 2008



# DESIGN OF ret/PTC1 siRNA AND shRNA



siRNA #1 CGUUACCAUCGAGGAUCCAdAdA  
 siRNA #2 UUACCAUCGAGGAUCCAAAdGdT  
 siRNA #3 UACCAUCGAGGAUCCAAAGdTdG  
 siRNA #4 GUUACCAUCGAGGAUCCAAAdAdG  
 siRNA #5 GCCAGCGUUACCAUCGAGGdAdT

**B**

siRNA #5 5' – GCCAGCGUUACCAUCGAGGdAdT – 3'  
 3' – dTdTTCGGUCGCAAUGGUAGCUCC – 5'

siRNA Ct 5' – GCCAGUGUCACCGUCAAAGGdAdG – 3'  
 3' – dTdTTCGGUCACAGUGGCAGUCC – 5'

**C**

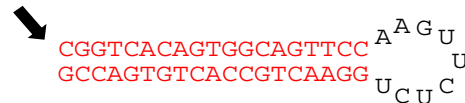
Structure of shRNA1 :

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 - -GGGCAATGGTAGCTCCTAGGTAAGTTCTCTACCTAGGAGCTACCATTCGAAAAACCTTTTCGA



Structure of negative control shRNA :

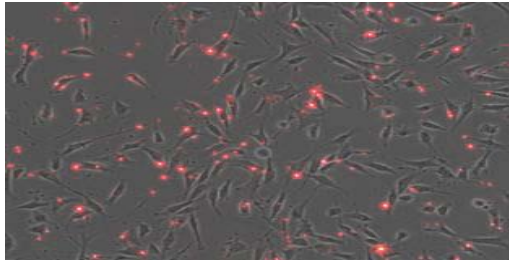
↑CCCGCCAGTGTCAACCGTCAAGGTTCAAGAGACCTTGACGGTGACACTGGCTTTTTTGGAAA - -  
 - -GGCGGTACAGTGGCAGTTCCAAGTTCTCTGAACTGCCACTGTGACCGAAAAACCTTTTCGA



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Figure 1.

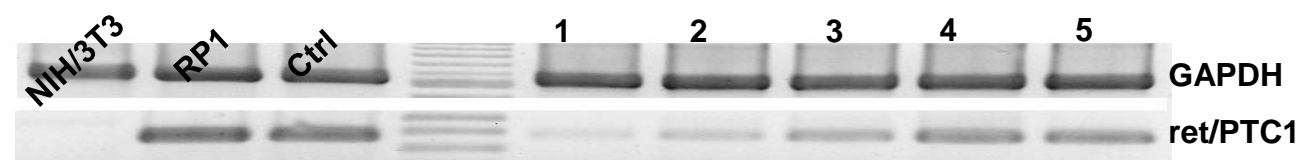
# A Penetration of Rhodamine-labelled siRNA (cytofectine)



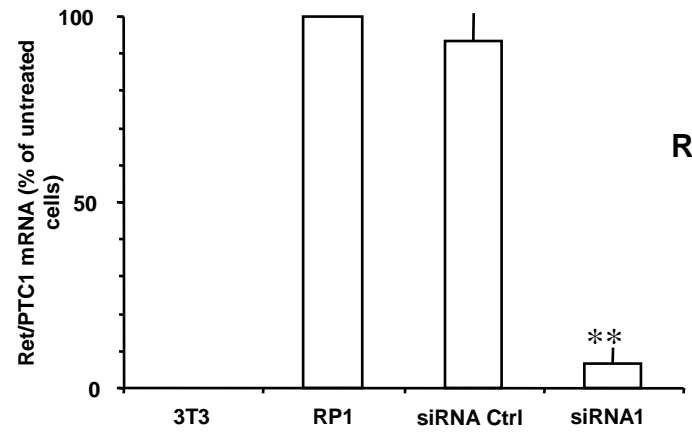
# IN VITRO siRNA INHIBITION

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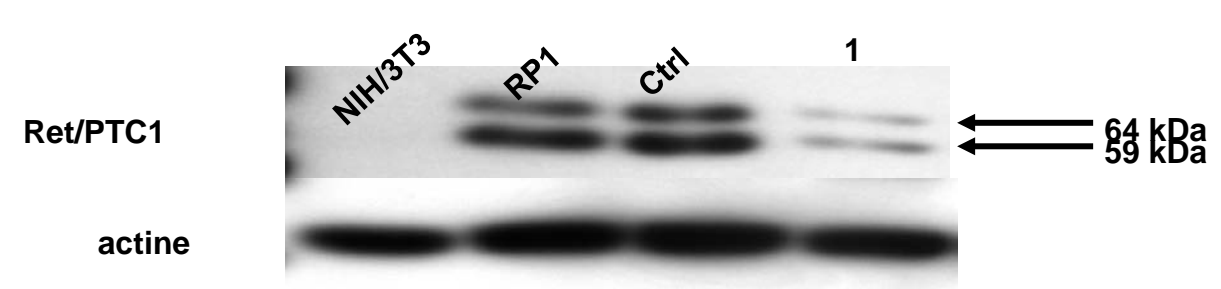
## B Effect of siRNA sequence on ret/PTC expression



## C Ret/PTC1 mRNA expression

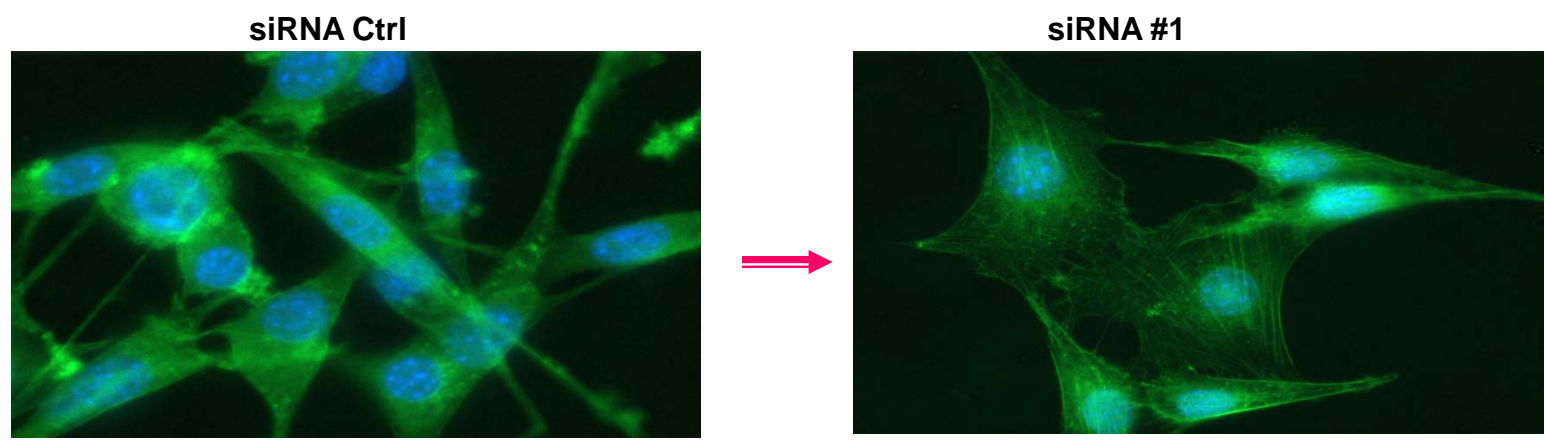


## D Western blotting



## PHENOTYPICAL REVERSION

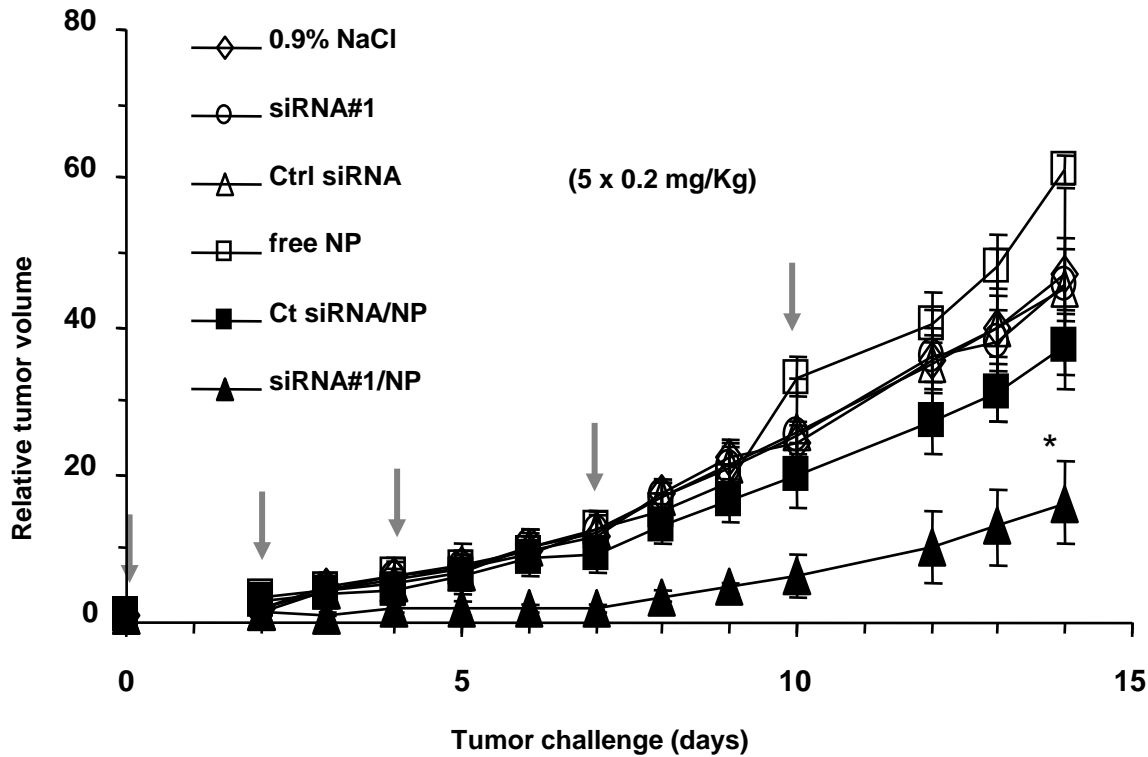
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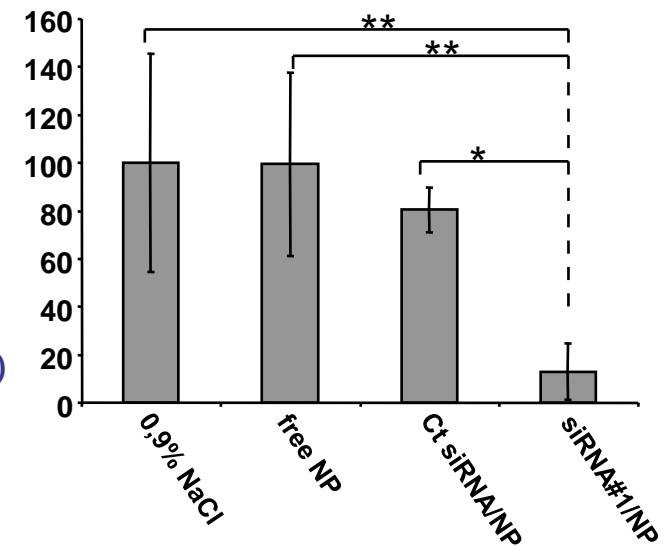
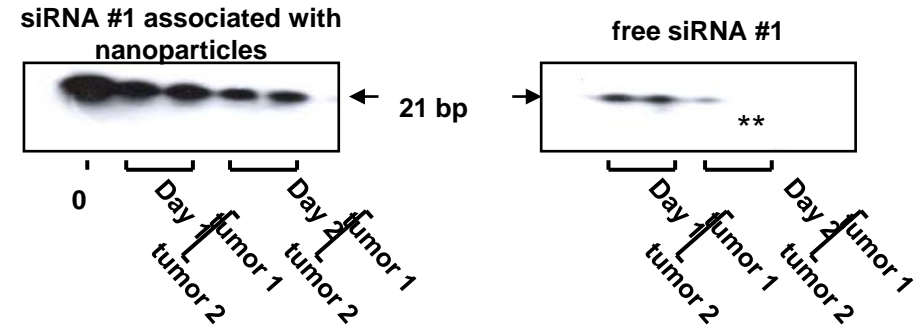
# IN VIVO STUDIES

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## A Antitumor effect of siRNA formulations



## B Stability of siRNA after intratumoral injection



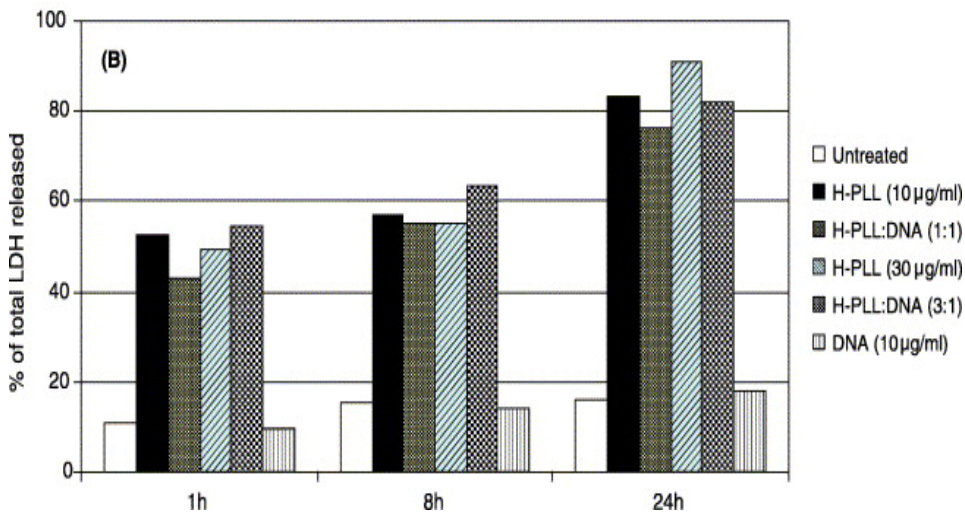
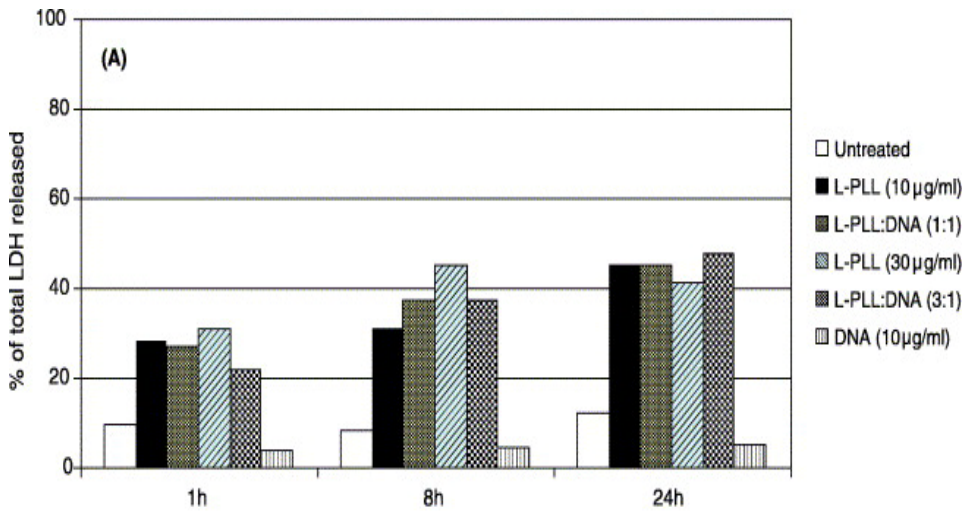
## C QPCR of ret/PCT1 mRNA expression in tumors (day 11)

# TOXICOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF POLYCATIONS

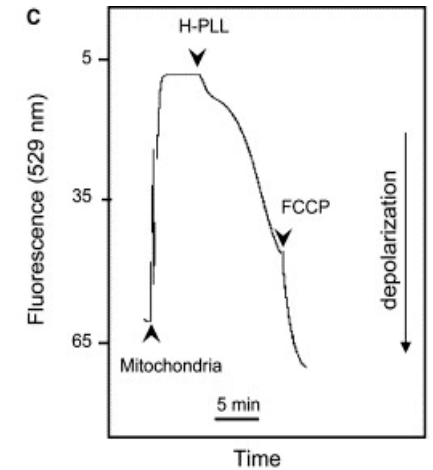
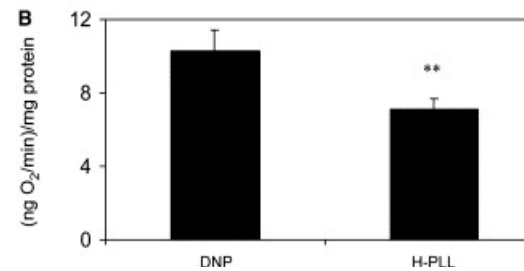
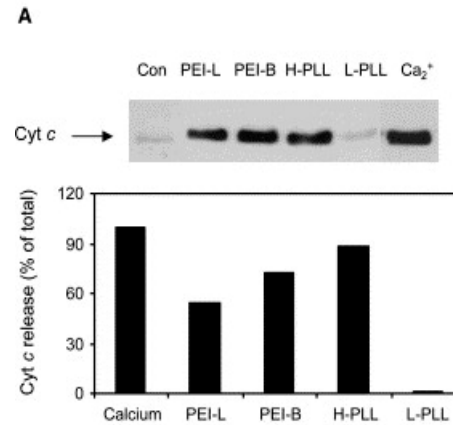
Polylysine and polyethyleneimine

# TOXICITY OF POLYLYSINE

P. Symonds et al., FEBS Letters, 579, 6191-6198 (2005)



LDH release from Jurkat cells following incubation with low Mw or High Mw polylysine condensed or not with DNA



**D**

	SW	DEP	↓RES	Cyt c Rel
L-PLL (2.9 kDa)	No	No	No	No
H-PLL (27.4 kDa)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
PEI-B (25 kDa)	No	No	No	Yes
PEI-L (750 kDa)	No	No	No	Yes

[A] Effect of H-PLL and L-PLL on cyt c release from mitochondria (Ca<sup>++</sup> = positive control)

[B] Ability of H-PLL in suppressing mitochondrial respiration rate

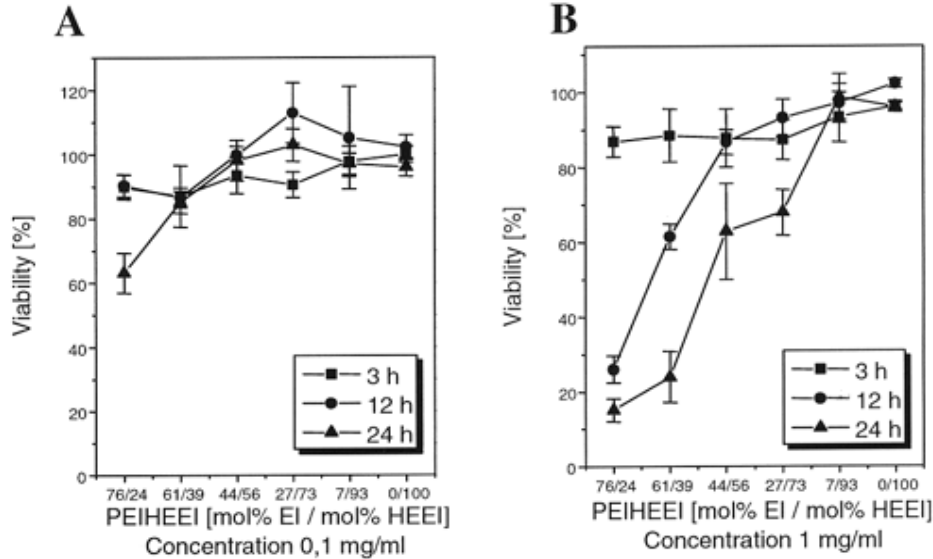
[C] H-PLL is capable of affecting mitochondrial transmembrane potential

[D] Comparison of H-PLL and L-PLL with PEI on mitochondrial functions

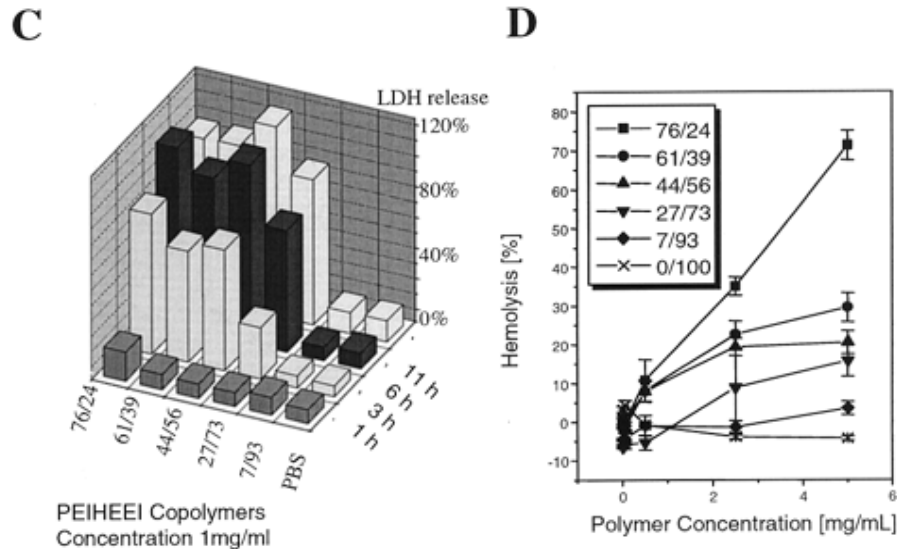
# CYTOTOXICITY OF PEI POLYMERS WITH SIMILAR Mw BUT DIFFERENT DEGREES OF BRANCHING

Branching ↓

D. Fischer et al., Bioconjugate Chem, 13, 1124-1133, 2002



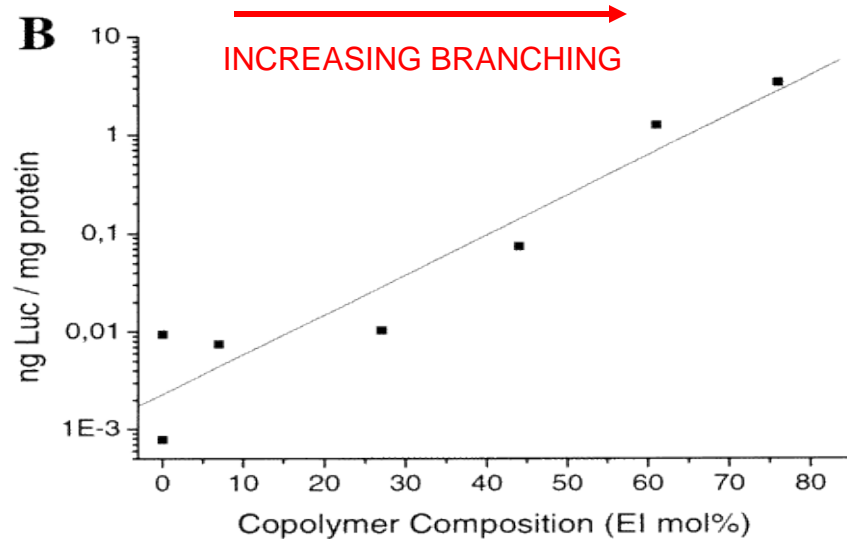
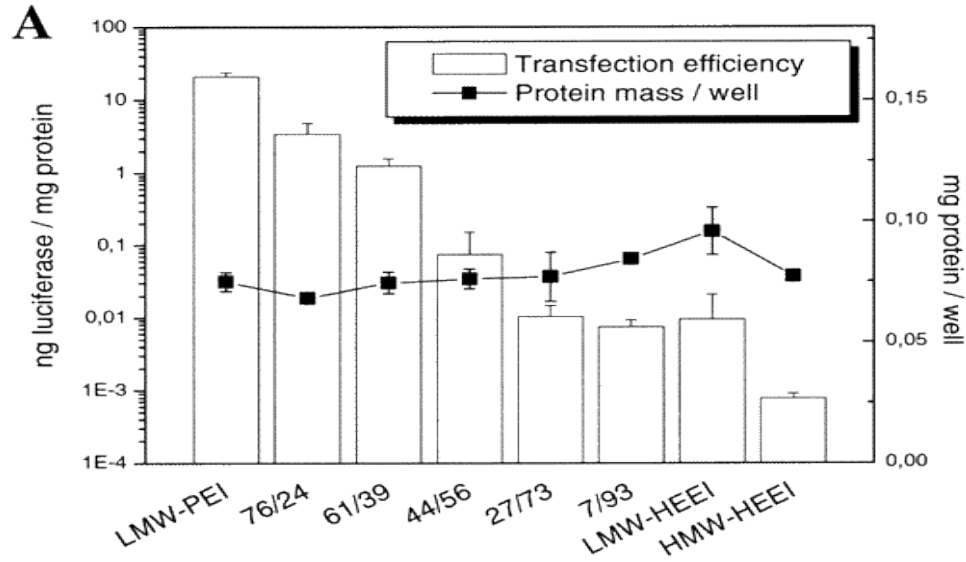
HEEI content decreases the degree of branching [A] and [B] **cytotoxicity (MTT)** as a function of the decreased degree of branching [A] 0.1 mg/ml [B] 1 mg/ml



(C) The membrane damaging effects were characterized by **LDH-release** incubating L929 cells with 1 mg/mL polymer solution for 1, 3, 6, and 11 h ( $n = 3$ ). (D) After 1 h incubation, the **hemolytic activity** of different concentrations of the polymers

# TRANSFECTION EFFICIENCY OF PEI WITH DIFFERENT BRANCHING

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Increasing branching increases transfection efficacy as well as cytotoxicity



# VIVE LA GALENIQUE !

« La manière de donner  
est au moins aussi  
important que ce que  
l'on donne »  
(Molière, L'Avare)

