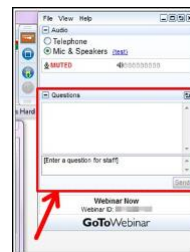
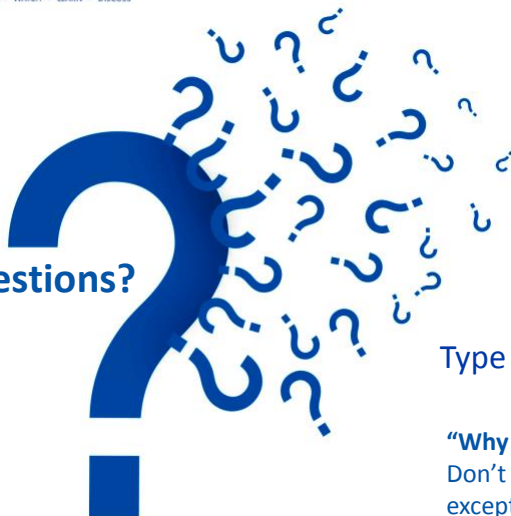


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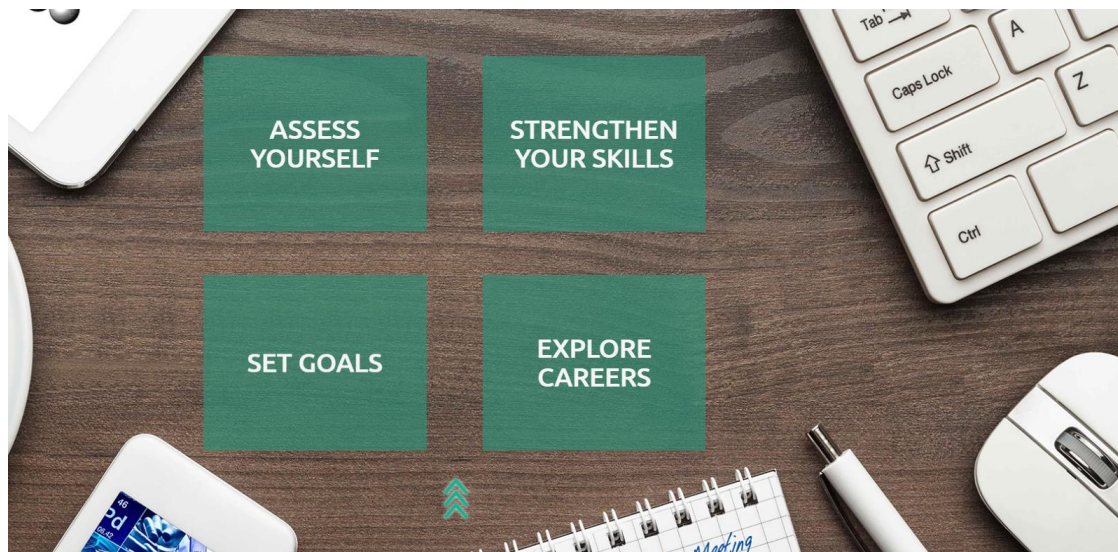
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- 11 Progress in Drug Discovery (November) John Higgins shares the utility of progress, the general properties and prerequisites for optimal performance.

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- I - Time: The Fourth Dimension in Drug Discovery
 - 1 The Importance of Drug-Target Kinetics in Drug Design: Robert Cleveland - Epcroma, Inc. Dan Strasser - Camot Therapeutics
 - 2 Long-Acting Injectable Medications: Strategies and Mechanistic Considerations: James Remaker - Alkermat; Anthony Bass - Merck
 - 3 Modified Release Formulations for Solubility Stalled Compounds: Mergues Hu - Merck; John Mariani - BMS
 - 4 The Medicinal Chemistry of Tamoxifen (Special Topic): Joe Barish - Jubilant; Raji Nagend - Merck; Nitin Sood - Team Case Angler
- II - Beyond Traditional Small Molecules
 - 5 Design of Deliverable Macromolecules: Scott Loney - UC Santa Cruz; Nicholas Meanwell - BMS
 - 6 Drawing Big and Thinking Small: Applying Medicinal Chemistry Strategy to Antibody-Drug Conjugates: L. Nathan Tully - Pfizer; Peter Senter - Genentech
 - 7 Nucleic Acids Therapeutics: Making Sense of Antisense Oligonucleotides: Paul Stern - Genentech; Richard Dixon - BMS
 - 8 Crystallography as a Drug Design and Delivery Tool (Special Topic): Robert Ramstein - Crystal Pharmachem; Vincent Bell - Abbvie; Andrew Brunton - Merck
- III - Pharmacology Revisited
 - 9 Dealing with Reactive Drug Metabolites in Drug Discovery: Can We Predict Toxicities of Drug Candidates that Form Reactive Metabolites?: Deenan Dairis - Pfizer; Research: Peter Searles - Vanderbilt University
 - 10 Rational Design of Small Molecules Targeting RNA: Matt Dineley - Corcept Bi-Pharma; Amanda Garner - University of Michigan
 - 11 Cell Penetrating Peptides to Improve Cellular Drug Uptake: Penning De - The Ohio State University; Scott Hahn - Bristol-Myers Squibb

2017

- I - Fighting Cancer
 - 1 Fighting Cancer: Targeting CNS Malignancy with Kinase Inhibitors: Timothy S. Haffner - Genentech; Mark Wotman - Bristol-Myers Squibb
 - 2 Fighting Cancer: Epigenetic targets for Oncology: Stuart Conway - Oxford; Shawn Sagar - AstraZeneca
 - 3 Fighting Cancer: Allosyl and Targeting Cancer Cell Metabolism: Stefan Gross - Agost; Scott Edmonston - AstraZeneca
- Special Broadcast
 - 4 Cyclic Peptide: Discovery of CTRF Modulators: Peter Grotenhuis - Vertex; Nick Meanwell - Bristol-Myers Squibb
- II - Anti-infectives
 - 5 Anti-infectives: Rational Approaches to the Design and Optimization: Jason Selis - Brown University; Courtney Aldrich - University of Minnesota
 - 6 Tuberculosis: An Introduction for Medicinal Chemists: Carl Nathan - Well Come Medicine; Christopher Boyce - Merck
- Special Broadcast
 - 8 Social Molecular Biology: Kevin Hodgson - Harvard Medical School; Alyson Waldman - ACS Publications
- III - Immunology
 - 9 Precision: Treatment and Novel Approaches: Frank Harper - AbbVie; John Morrison - Bristol-Myers Squibb
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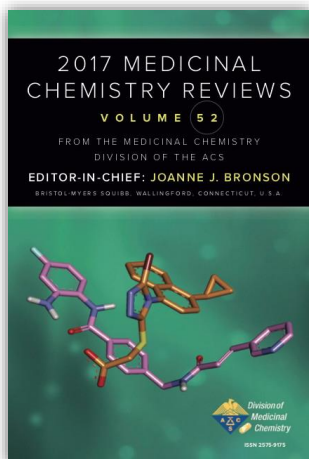


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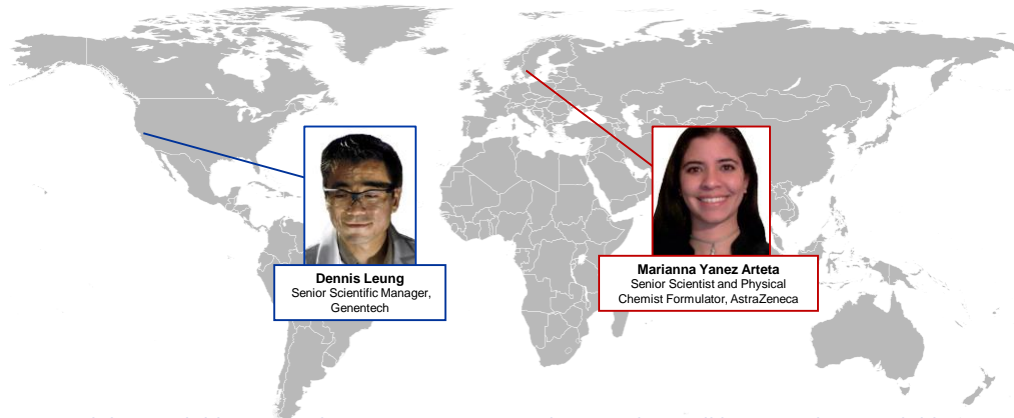
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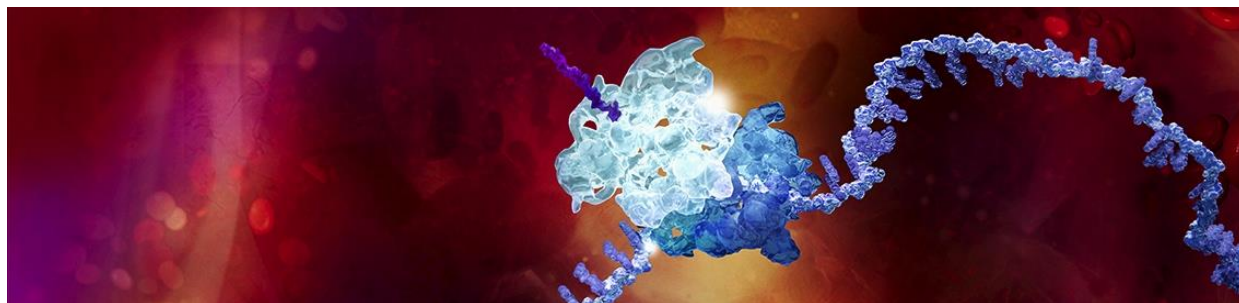


A Nanomedicine Overview for mRNA Delivery: Innovative Methods Using Lipid Nanoparticles

Marianna Yanez Arteta

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What will you learn in this webinar?

- 1 Nanomedicines for drug delivery
- 2 mRNA therapeutics: Promises, Challenges and Advances
- 3 Lipid Nanoparticles (LNPs) for RNA delivery
- 4 A (brief) background on Small Angle Scattering
- 5 LNPs for mRNA delivery: Characterization and Performance
- 6 Summary and Future Perspectives

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Why do we need nanomedicines?



Drugs are changing and their delivery requirements are changing.

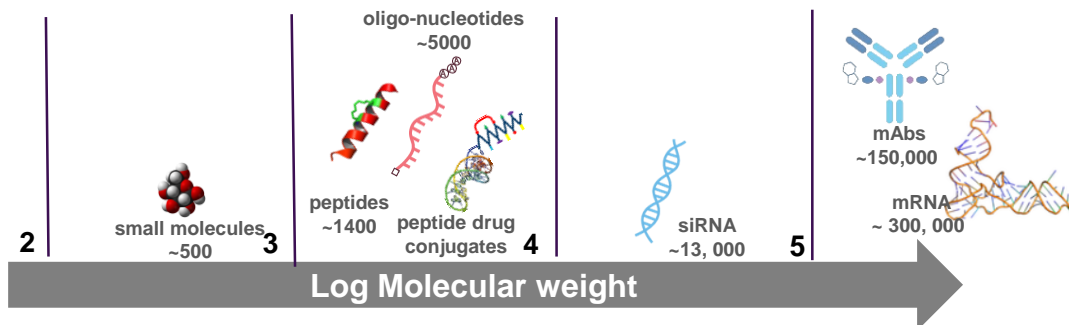


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Nanomedicines for drug delivery

- Nanoparticles of drugs or biologics between 1-100 nm.

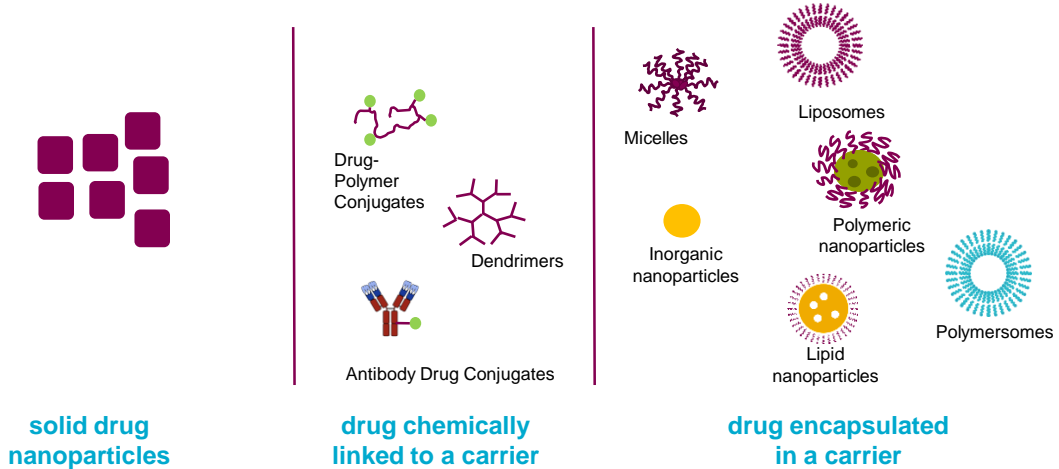


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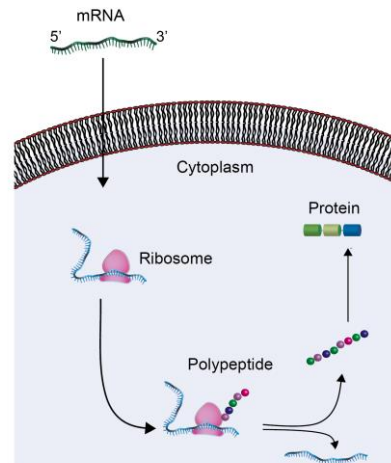
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Promises and Challenges of *mRNA* therapeutics



- Promises:** Production of proteins *in vivo* by administrating *mRNA*
- Challenges:**
 - Crossing cell membrane for the long negatively charged *mRNA*.
 - Enzymatic degradation of *mRNA* before reaching target.
 - Finding a biocompatible vehicle.



Schematic representation of the mechanism of in vitro-transcribed mRNA translation and protein replacement.

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How many mRNA therapeutic treatments have been granted FDA approval?

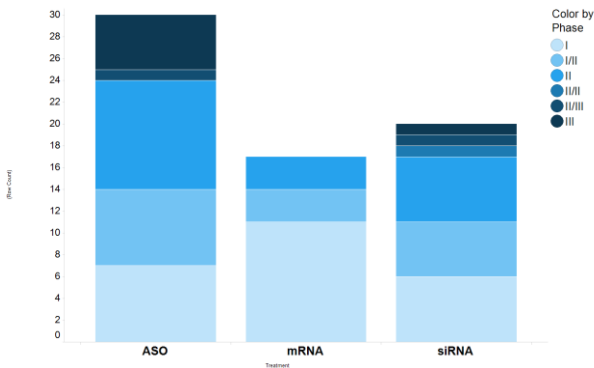
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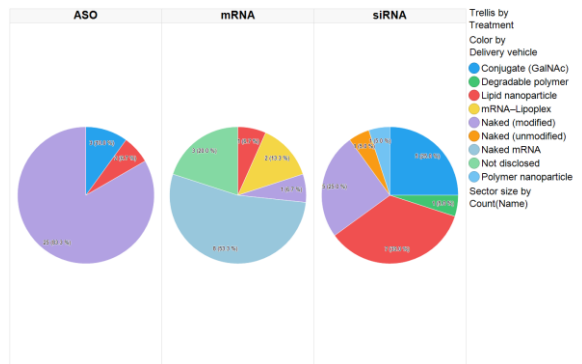
Clinical trials for RNA and delivery systems



Clinical trials involving RNA delivery by treatment and clinical phase



Clinical trials involving RNA delivery by treatment and delivery vehicle



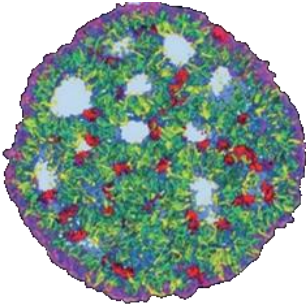
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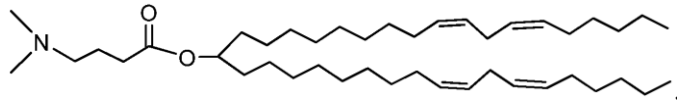
Lipid Nanoparticles (LNPs) for RNA delivery

LNPs: cationic ionizable lipid (CIL), cholesterol (Chol), distearoylphosphatidylcholine (DSPC) and a poly(ethylene glycol lipid).



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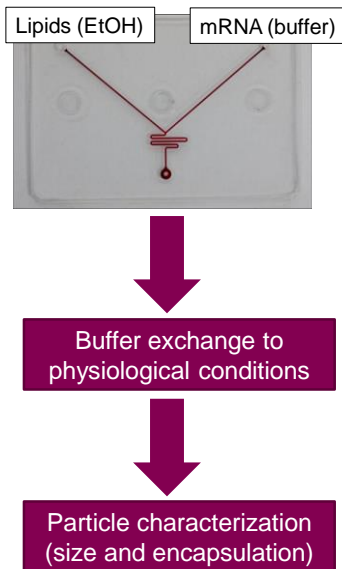
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CIL: Dlin-MC3-DMA



LNPs preparation approach: Using microfluidics



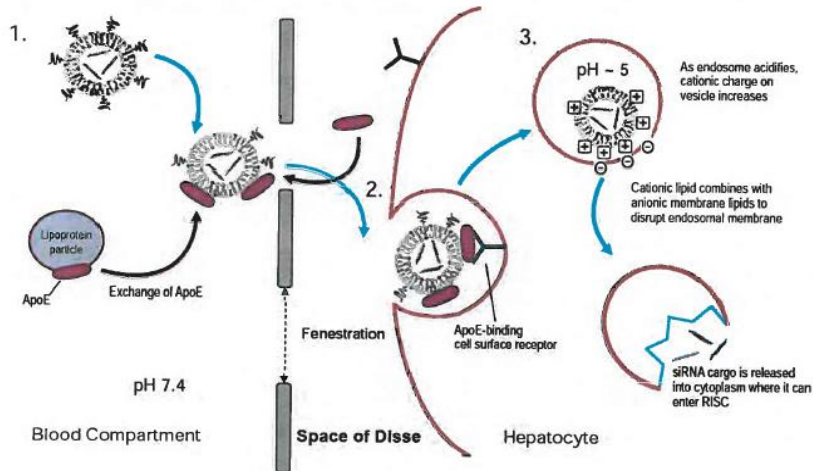
Easily produced with a microfluidic mixer with a high encapsulation efficiency (> 90%).

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LNPs proposed mechanism of action for IV delivery to hepatocytes



Akinc et al., (2010) *Mol. Ther* 18:1357-1364

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Some examples of the use of LNPs in RNA drug discovery



- Alnylam Pharmaceuticals reported successful on Phase III clinical trials of Patisiran™, siRNA delivered using LNPs for hATTR amyloidosis.
- Moderna has completed clinical trials in Phase I/II for Zika vaccination using LNPs.

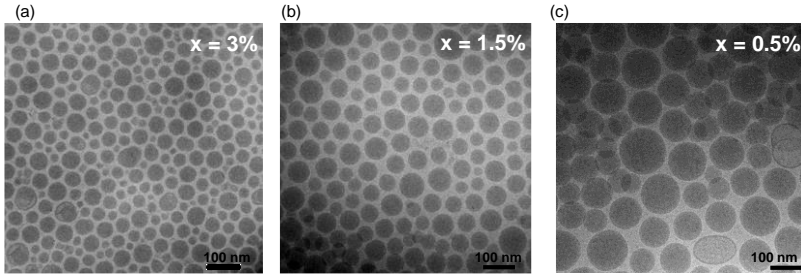


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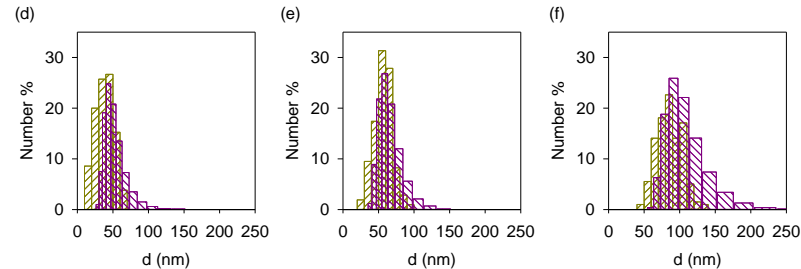




Controlling the size of the LNPs



Standard approach:
CIL:Chol:DSPC:PEG-lipid
in a 50:40-x:10:x mole
ratio.



25 Size distributions: **DLS** number distribution vs. **Cryo-TEM** distribution Yanez Arteta et al. *PNAS Just accepted*

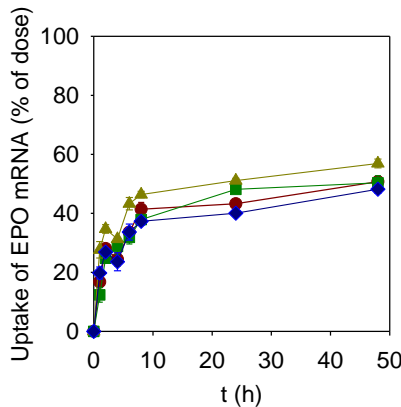
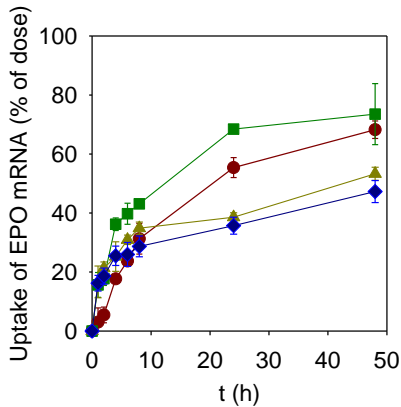


In vitro uptake of LNPs of different size



LNP uptake in human adipocytes

LNP uptake in iPSC derived hepatocytes



Tracking of LNPs
containing ³H labelled
DSPC.

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62 nm

89 nm

134 nm

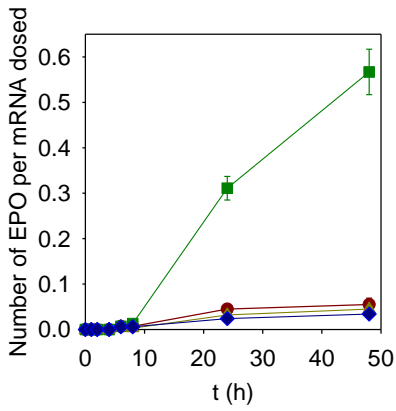
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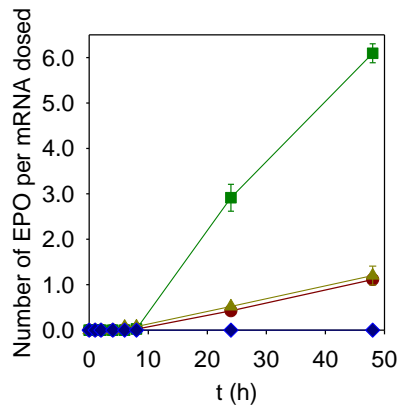


Expression of EPO mRNA *in vitro* for LNPs of different size

Protein expression in adipocytes



Protein expression in hepatocytes



Why do LNPs of 62 nm have a higher transfection efficacy?

43 nm

62 nm

89 nm

134 nm



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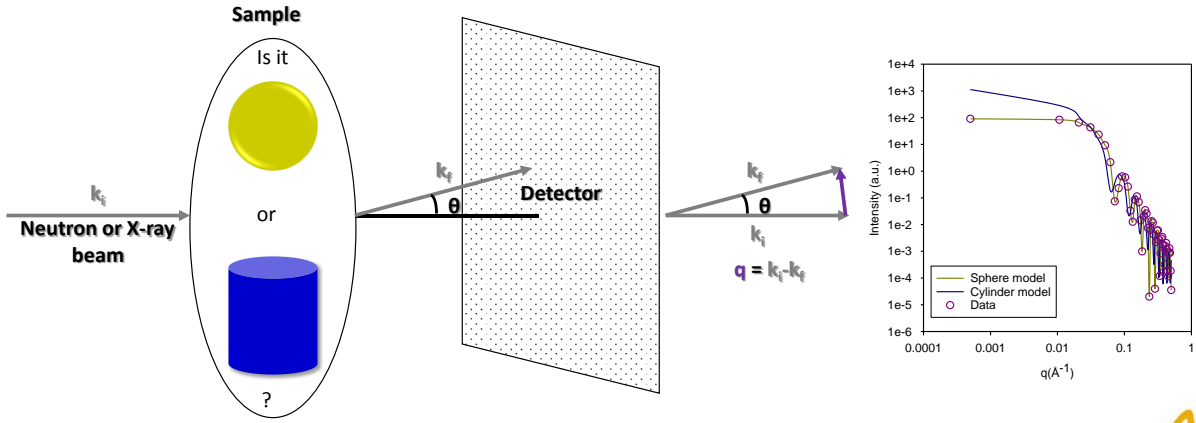
Have you performed small angle scattering experiments?

- I have measured small angle X-ray scattering (SAXS)
- I have measured small angle neutron scattering (SANS)
- I have vast experience in small angle scattering measurements
- I do not have experience with this technique



A (brief) background on Small Angle Scattering

Small angle scattering allows us to understand the shape and the size of nanomedicines:



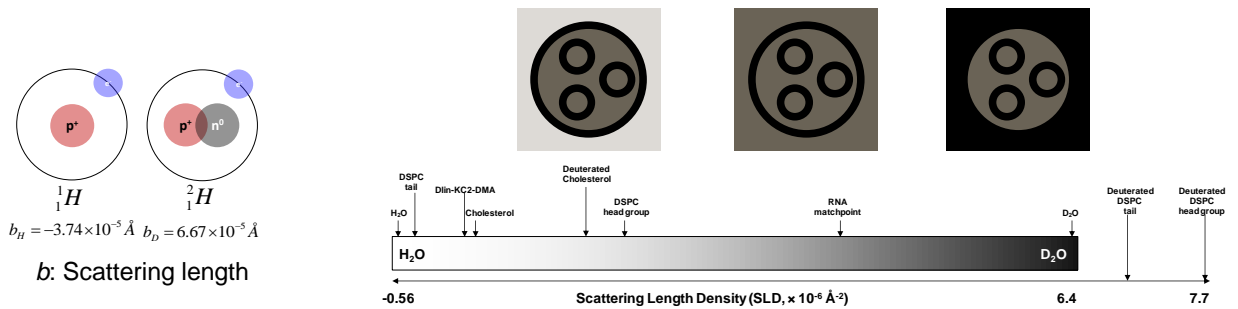
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Why do we use neutron scattering?



Selective deuteration of lipids and/or solvent produce different scattering profiles.



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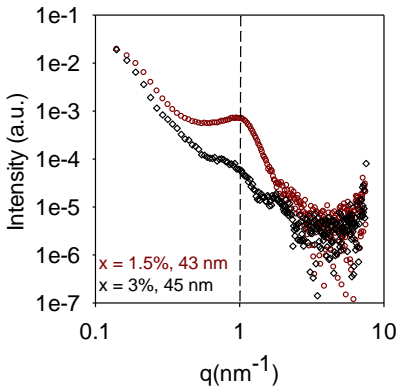


LNPs containing mRNA have a structured core

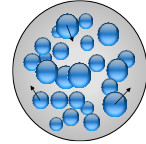
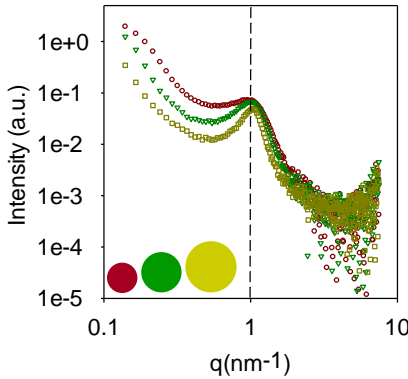
mRNA-LNPs have a “structured core” with a 6 nm correlation distance.

- Inverted micellar phase? (Literature)

SAXS of mRNA LNPs vs. Empty LNPs



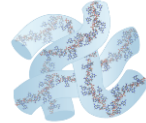
SAXS of mRNA LNPs of different sizes



- Onion?



- Wormlike micelles?

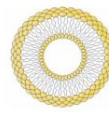


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Why do we care about the structure of LNPs?



- LNP transfection efficacy is very low, 1-2% (Gilleron et al. (2013) *Nat. Biotech.* 31:638-646)
- Which type of structures will facilitate endosomal escape?



Liposome



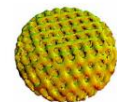
Cubosome (P)



Nanosphere



Hexosome



Cubosome (D)



Nanocapsule

Géral et al., (2013) *Pharmaceutics* 5:126-167

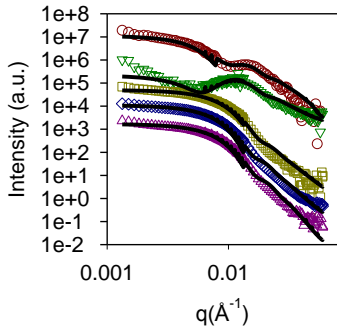
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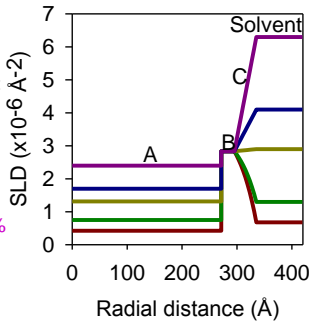


Location of lipids within the LNPs obtained by SANS

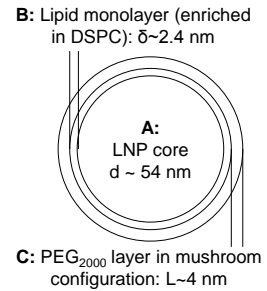
SANS of LNPs with deuterated DSPC and Chol in buffer with different H₂O/D₂O ratio



SLD profiles corresponding to the fits to the core-shell model



Schematic representation of the lipid distribution in the LNPs



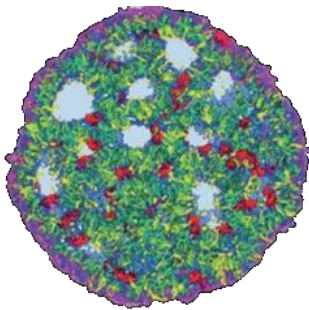
A. LNP core:

- Cationic ionizable lipid (CIL)
- Cholesterol (CHOL)
- 24% water
- mRNA



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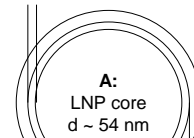
Location of lipids within the LNPs: Comparison with previous models



Representation of an LNP containing siRNA : CIL, Chol, DSPC and PEG-lipid. Based on molecular simulations (Rozmanov et al. Faraday Discussions 2014)

Schematic representation of the lipid distribution in the LNPs

B: Lipid monolayer (enriched in DSPC): $\delta \sim 2.4$ nm



C: PEG₂₀₀₀ layer in mushroom configuration: L ~ 4 nm

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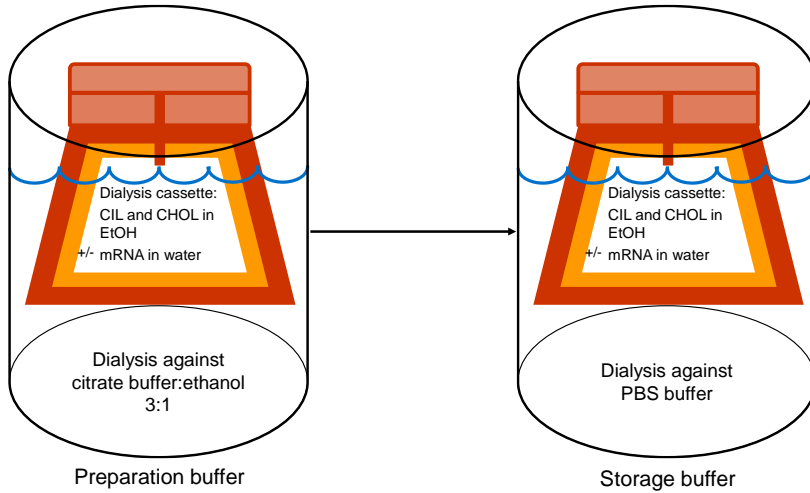
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Further exploration of the LNP core



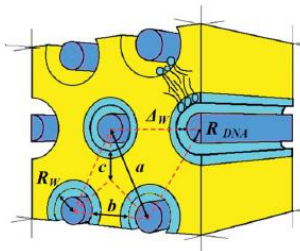
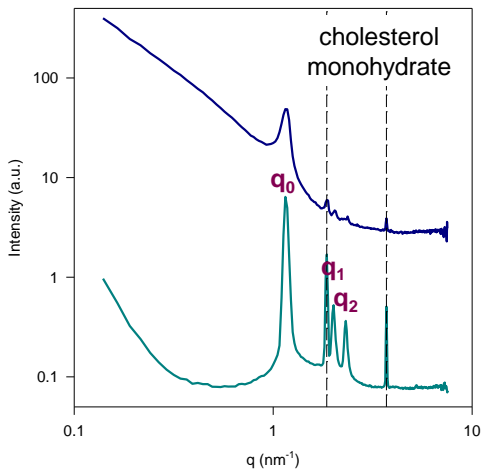
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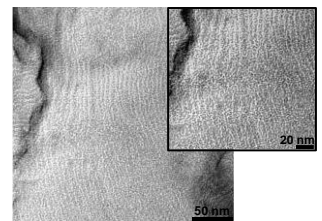
SAXS of the core phase: citrate:ethanol 3:1 phase



Small angle x-ray scattering (SAXS) for empty and polyA LNP bulk phases (pH 3, 25% EtOH)



Schematic representation of a reversed hexagonal phase structure. (Bilalov *et al.* Soft Matter 2011)



Freeze fracture micrograph of the LNP core phase in citrate:ethanol 3:1 phase

Reversed hexagonal phase (water or water/RNA rigid cylinders):

- $q_1 = \sqrt{3} * q_0$
- $q_2 = \sqrt{4} * q_0$

Center-center distance $a = 6.2$ nm

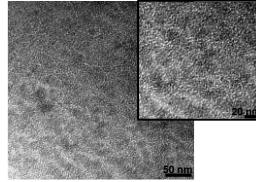
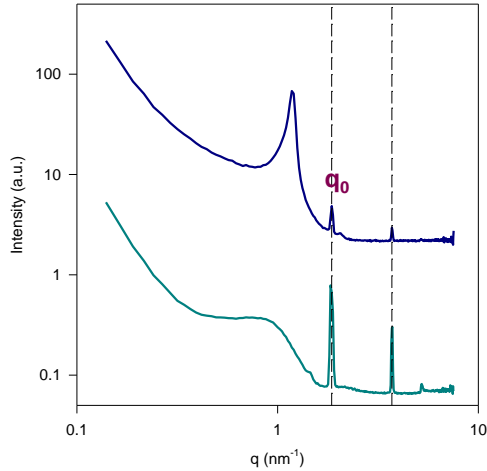
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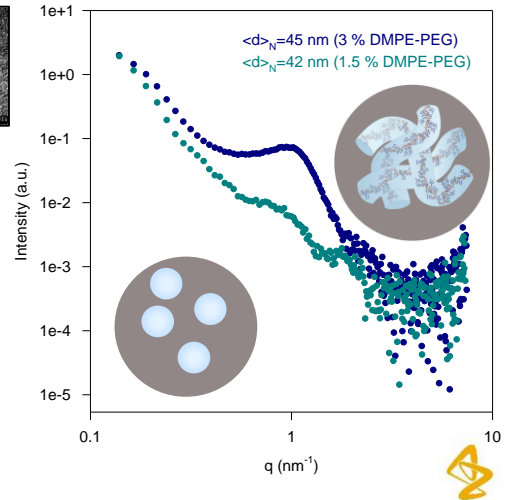
SAXS of the core phase: PBS buffer and comparison with LNPs

Small angle x-ray scattering (SAXS) for empty and polyA LNP bulk phases (pH 7.4)



Freeze fracture micrograph of the LNP core phase in PBS

Small angle x-ray scattering (SAXS) of mRNA LNPs vs empty LNPs

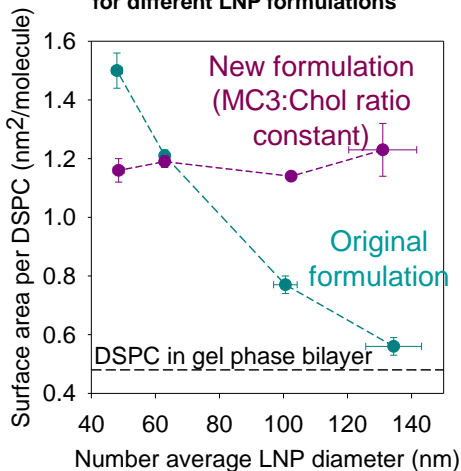


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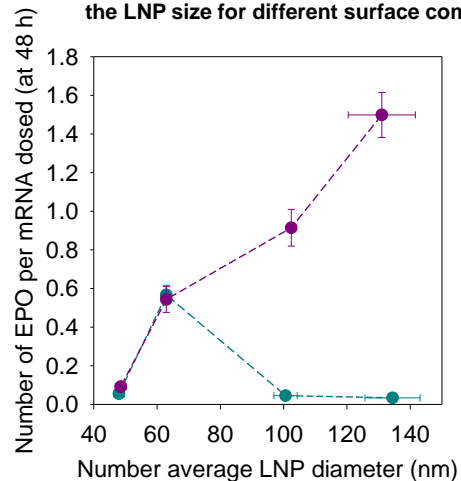


Reprogramming cell protein production by modifying LNPs surface

Area per DSPC as a function of size for different LNP formulations



Protein expression in adipocytes as a function of the LNP size for different surface compositions



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Summary and Future Perspectives

- LNPs are potential candidates for the delivery of *mRNA*.
- Small angle scattering provides a tool to characterize nanomedicines.
- The transfection efficacy of LNPs containing *mRNA* is size and surface composition dependent.
- Can these characterization methods lead towards the optimization of other LNP formulations for *mRNA* delivery?



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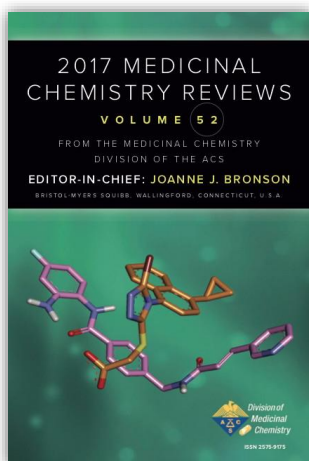


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