

Polymeric particulated carriers in drug delivery:

Obtention, study and characterization

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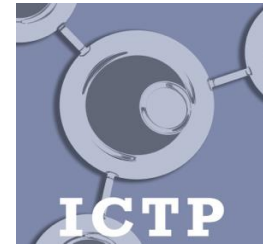
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 - ✓ Polymeric micro and nanoparticles
 - Biopolymers used in drug delivery science
 - ✓ PLGA
 - ✓ PLA
 - DDS we are working on
 - ✓ BSA loaded PLGA nanoparticles
 - ✓ Polylisine loaded PLA/PEG-b-PLA microparticles
 - ✓ Tamoxifen loaded PLGA nanoparticles

DDS

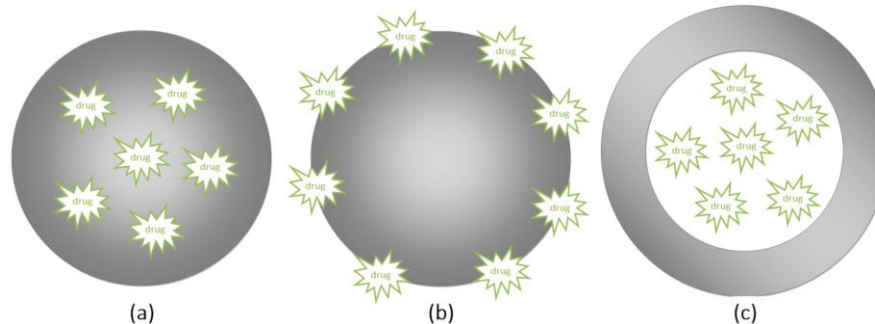
Drug delivery systems

can be defined as devices capable of perform mechanisms to introduce therapeutic agents into the body

- Act as a vehicle for a wide variety of therapeutic agents.
- Protect drug molecules from degradation in the human organism before reaching the target site.
- Modulate release rate in the target site to achieve the adequate pharmacological response.
- Be customized in order to effectively reach the specific target in the human body.
- Achieving intra or extracellular drug delivery depending of the therapeutic goal.
- Be biocompatible and be able to biodegrade in order to be safe for human administration

Polymeric Micro and Nanoparticles

Polymeric micro and nanoparticles are micron and submicron size entities made from a wide variety of polymers. Because of their potential ability to improve current disease therapies these micro and nanodevices are being extensively used as drug carriers and controlled release systems in the field of medicine and pharmacy.

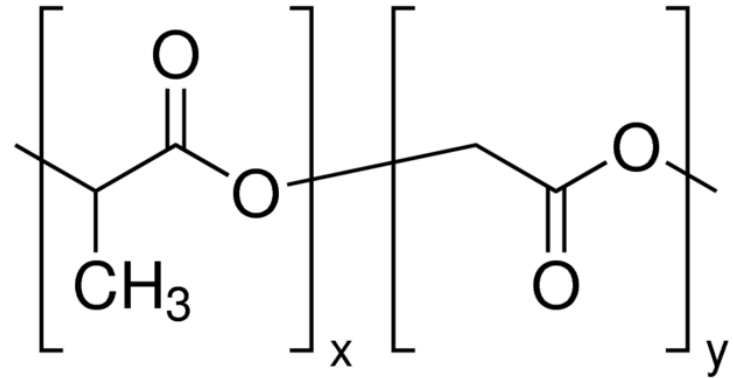


Micro/nanoparticle carrying drug molecules within its matrix. (b) Micro/nanoparticle carrying drug molecules in its surface. (c) Micro/nanocapsule carrying drug molecules in its internal cavity.

Active pharmaceutical ingredients can be encapsulated, covalently attached, or adsorbed onto such carriers

PLGA

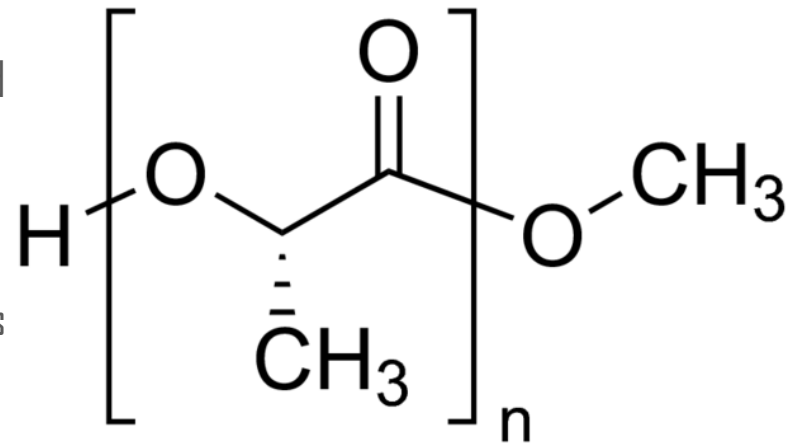
Poly(lactic-co-glycolic acid) is a copolymer which is used in a host of Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved therapeutic devices, owing to its biodegradability and biocompatibility.



| Polymers | Thermal & Mechanical Properties | | | Degradation Properties | | Processing and Applications | |
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| | Melting Temperature (°C) | Glass Transition Temperature (°C) | Tensile Modulus (GPa) | Time (Months) | Products | Solvent | Applications |
| Poly- lactic-co-glycolic PLGA (50/50) | Amorphous | 50–55 | 1.4–2.8 | 3–6 | D,L-lactic acid and glycolic acid | Choloroform Dichlorometane Etylacetate Acetone Tetrahydrofuran hexafluoroisopropanol | Suture, drug delivery |

PLLA

Poly(lactide acid) is an aliphatic ester of lactic acid derived from renewable resources such as corn starch or sugarcane. It is a biodegradable polymer which has gained commercial interest due to its easy manufacturing. Because of the presence of two chiral centers, lactic acid is a chiral molecule, and therefore it has two stereoisomers: L- and D-lactic acid.

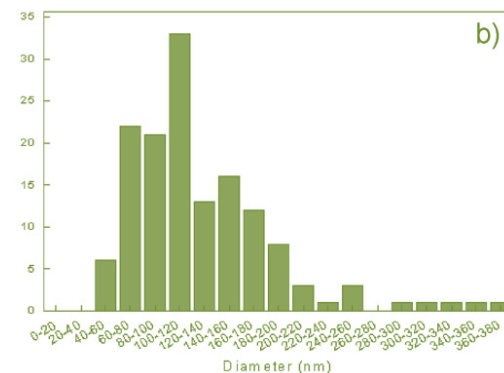
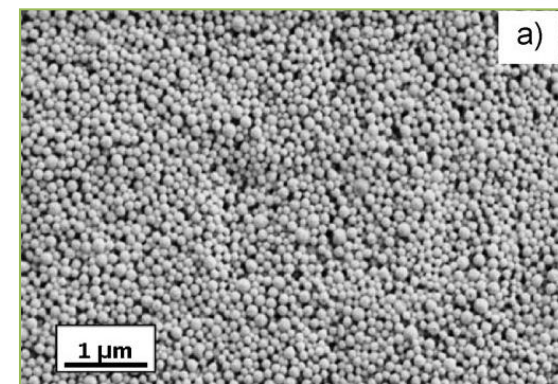
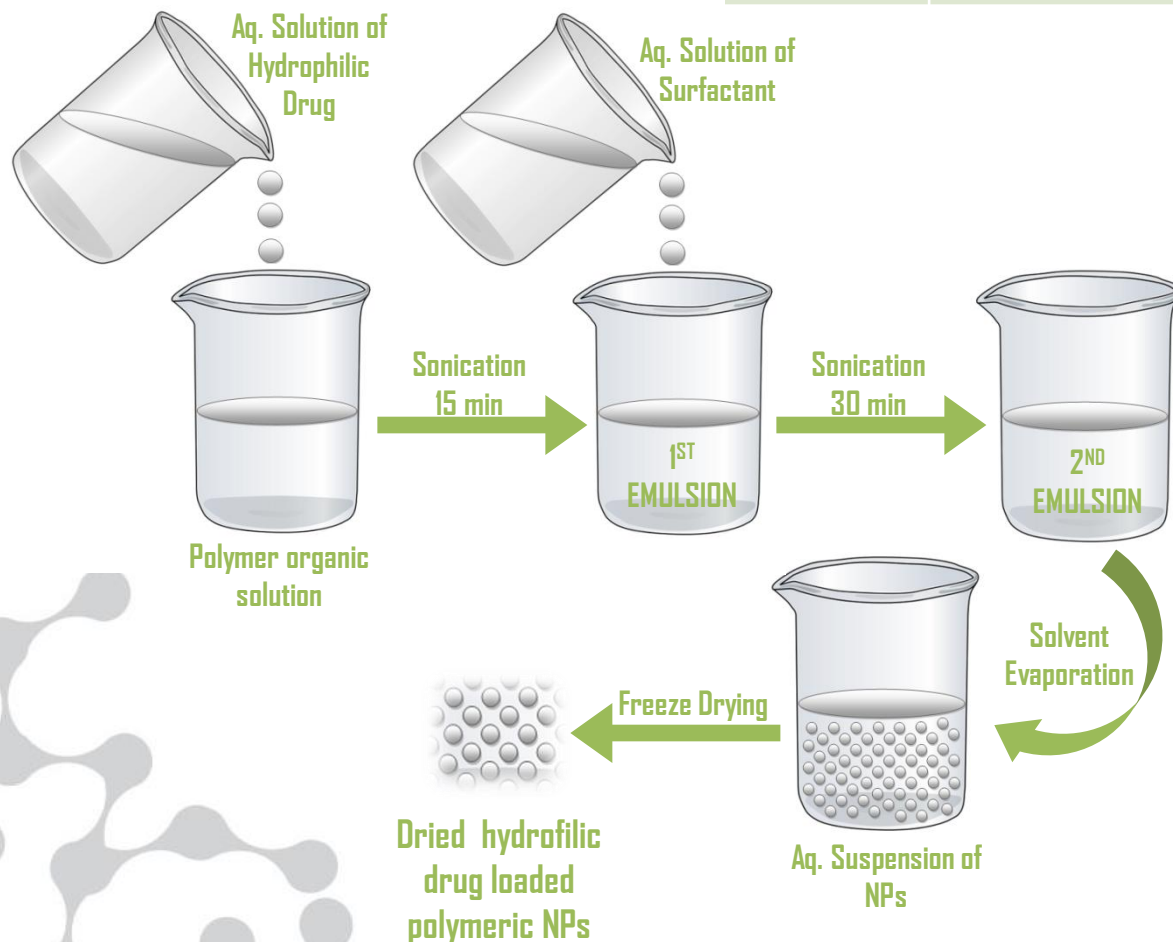


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| Poly(lactide acid) PLA | 173–178 | 60–65 | 1.5–2.7 | 12–18 | L-lactic acid | Chloroform Dioxane Dichlorometane Etylacetate Acetone Tetrahydrofuran hexafluoroisopropanol | Fracture fixation, interference screws, suture anchors, meniscus repair |

BSA loaded PLGA NPs

Double Emulsion Technique

| Polymer | BSA w/w % | Size (nm) | Pdl | % EE |
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| PLGA | 10 | 293±5 | 0.034±0.01 | 65 |



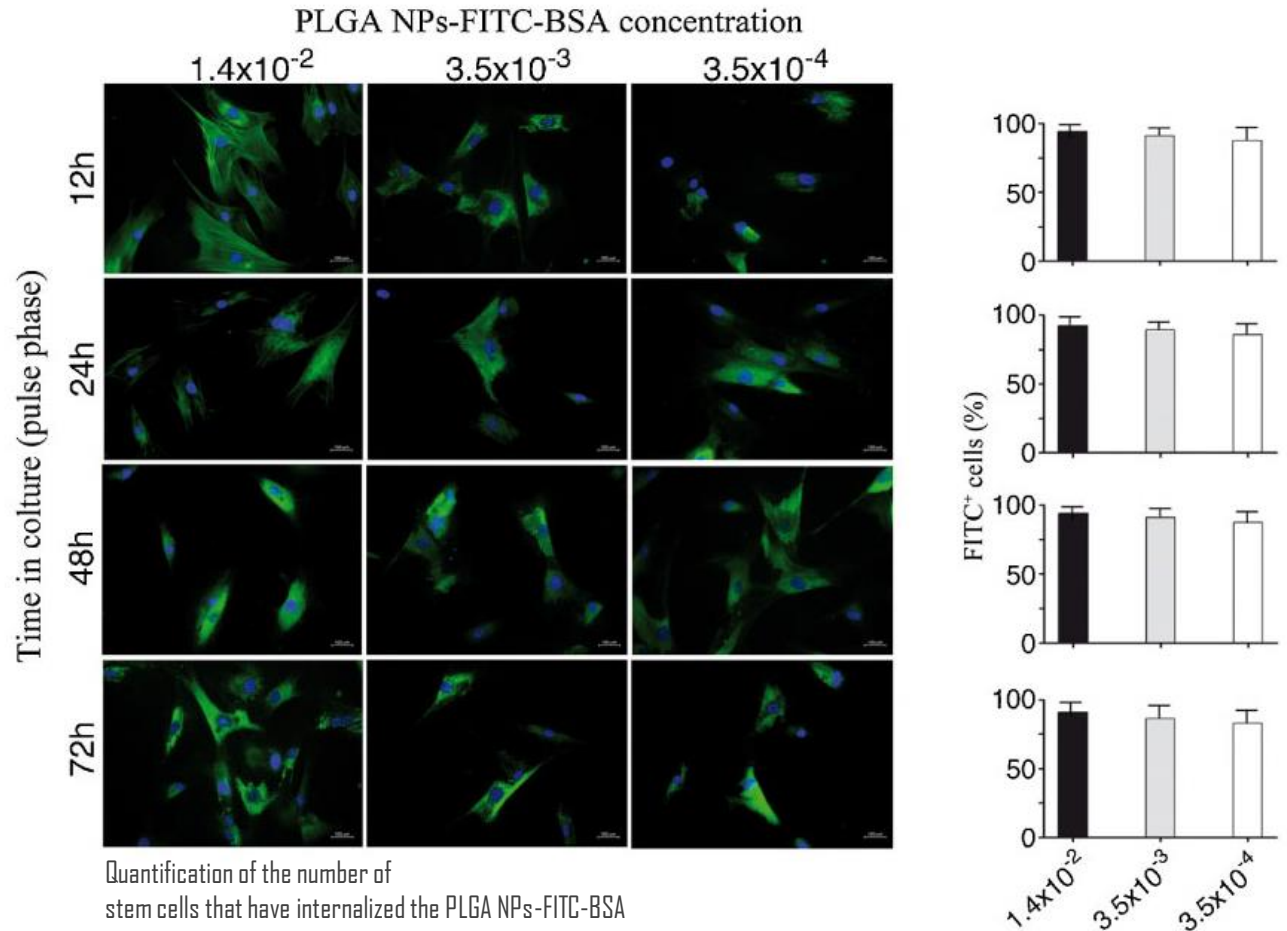
FESEM image of PLGA NPs loaded with BSA (a) and diameter size distribution by Nikon software Analyzer (b).

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BSA loaded PLGA NPs

Stem-Cells internalization

Total stem cells were PLGA NPs-FITC-BSA positive after 12 h of incubation, independent of the PLGA NPs-FITC-BSA concentration used.

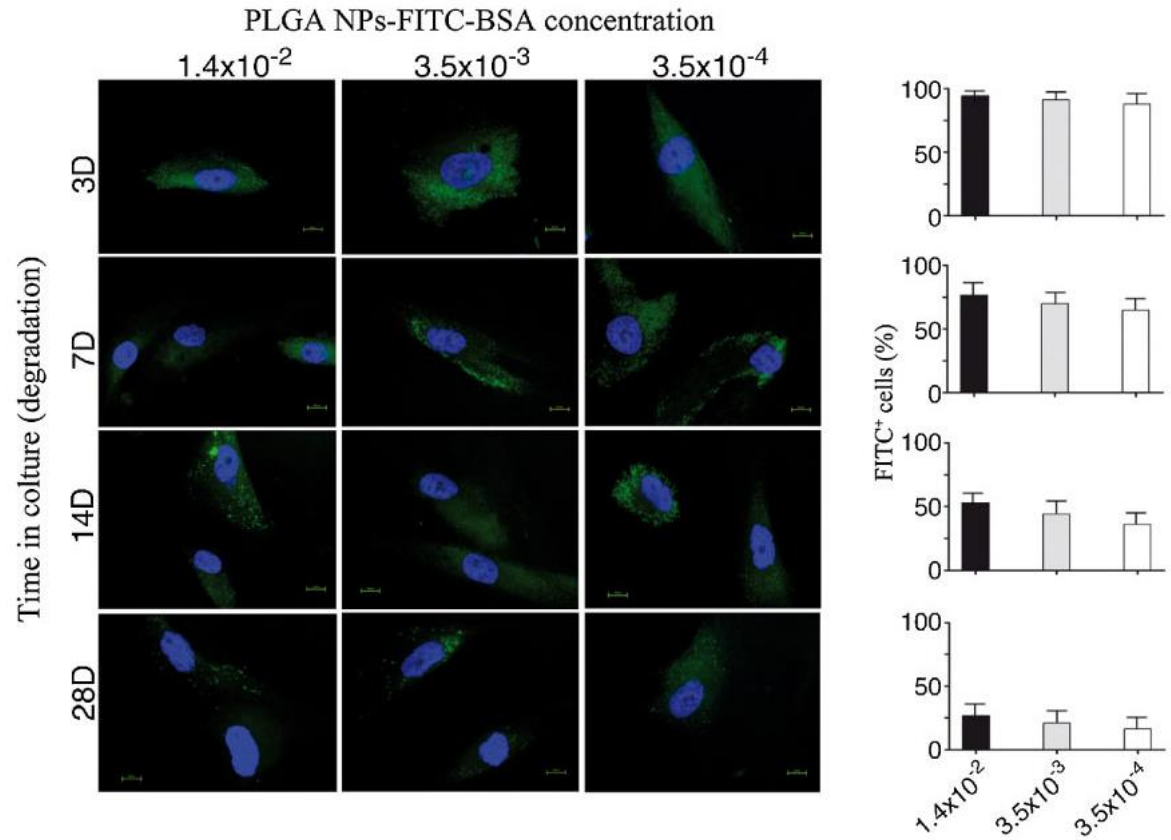


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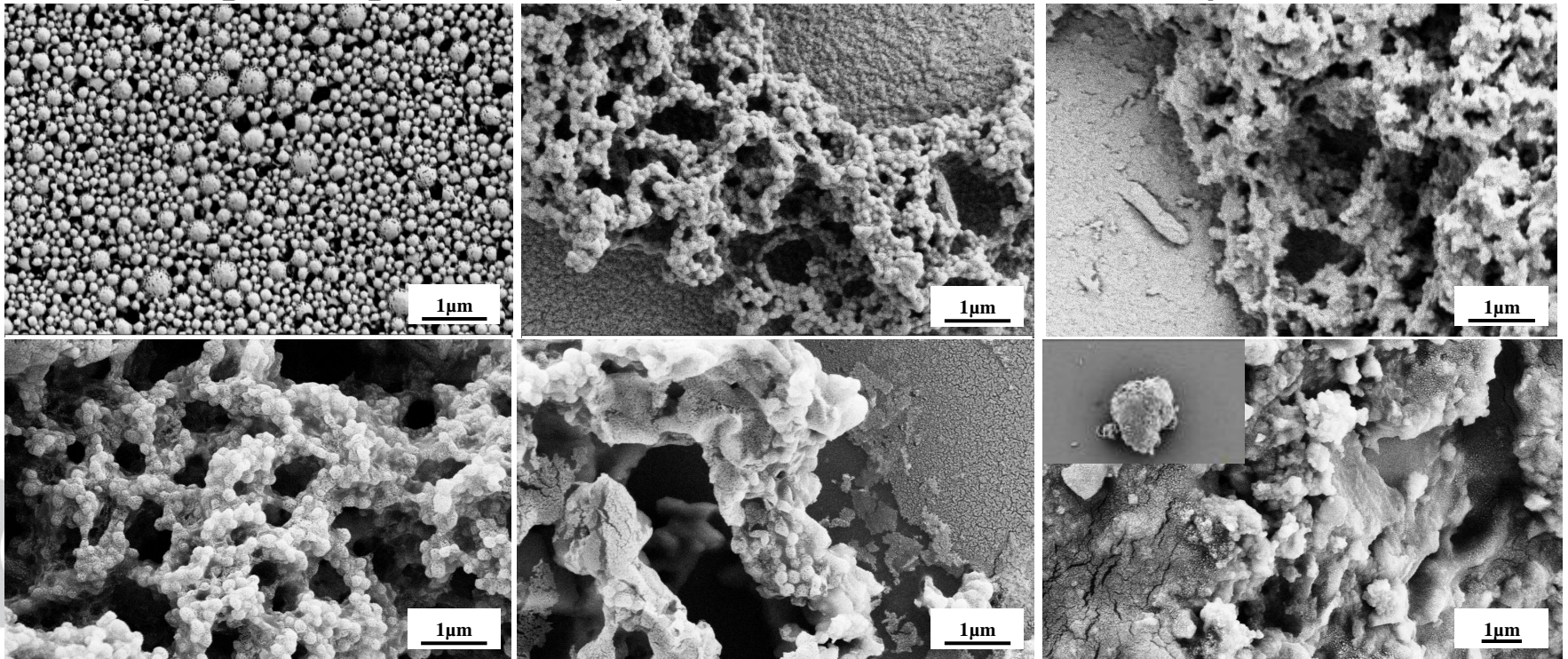
After 72 h of pulse, NPs-FITC-BSA were taken out, several washes with PBS were performed, and stem cells were maintained in culture in normal growth medium for four weeks in order to monitor the time dependent degradation (in terms of reduction intracellular fluorescence intensity) of NPs-FITC-BSA by hBM-MSCs



PLGA NPs

In vitro degradation

Morphological changes of PLGA nanoparticles taken 7, 14 and 21 incubation days in PBS at 37°C



Morphological changes of PLLA nanoparticles taken 21, 42 and 56 incubation days in PBS at 37°C

Polylysine loaded PLA/PEG-b-PLA MPs

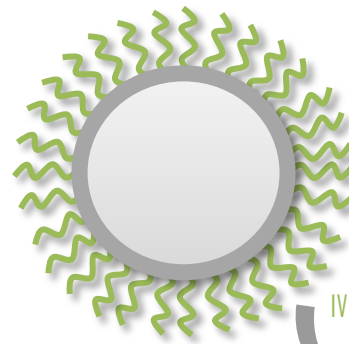
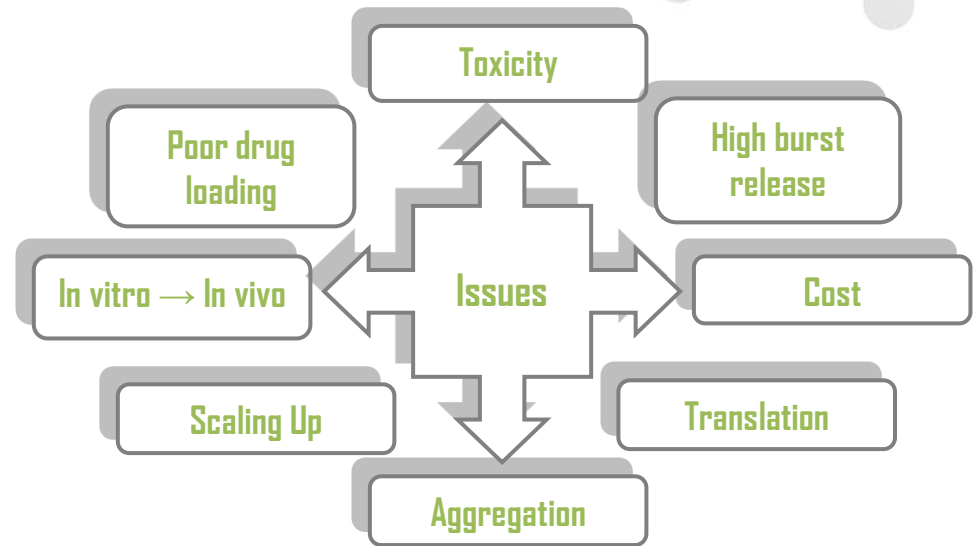
OBJECTIVE

To study physicochemical and biopharmaceutical properties of **PLA/PEG-b-PLA** polylysine microparticulated carriers.

Polylysine as a molecule model for other peptides of interest.

PREPARATION OF NPs

Microparticles were obtained by a proprietary electrohydrodynamic technology (Bio-Target Inc., Chigaco, IL, USA; LNK Chemsolutions LLC, Lincoln, Nebraska, USA).

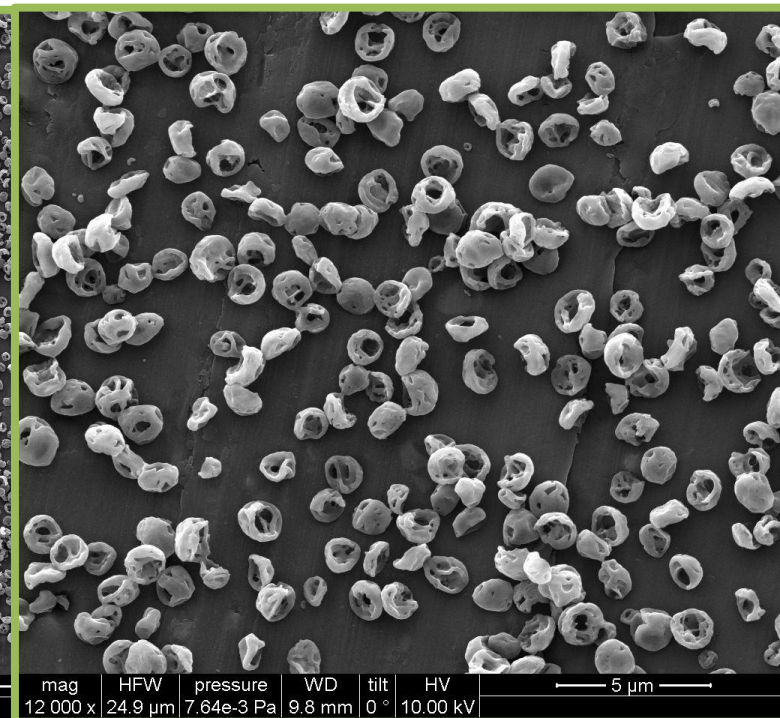
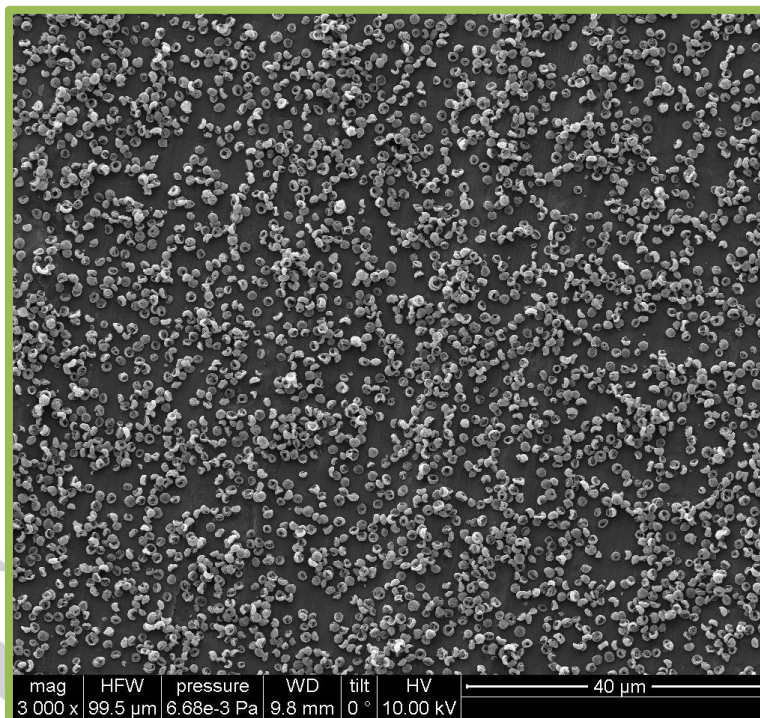


IV administration: in vivo studies: BIG challenge!

Polylysine loaded PLA/PEG-b-PLA MPs

| Polymer Blend | Polylysine w/w% of Polymer | EE | Size (μm) |
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| PLA/PEG-b-PLA (75%-25%) | 1% | 81% | 1.2 ± 0.12 |

Scanning Electron Microscopy

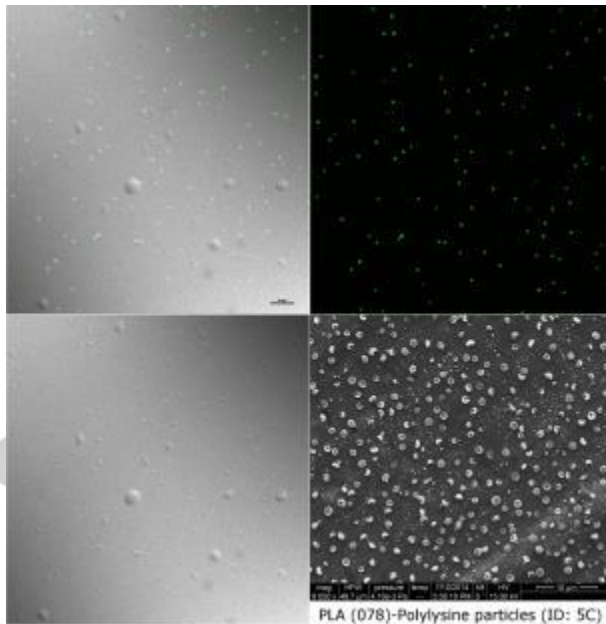


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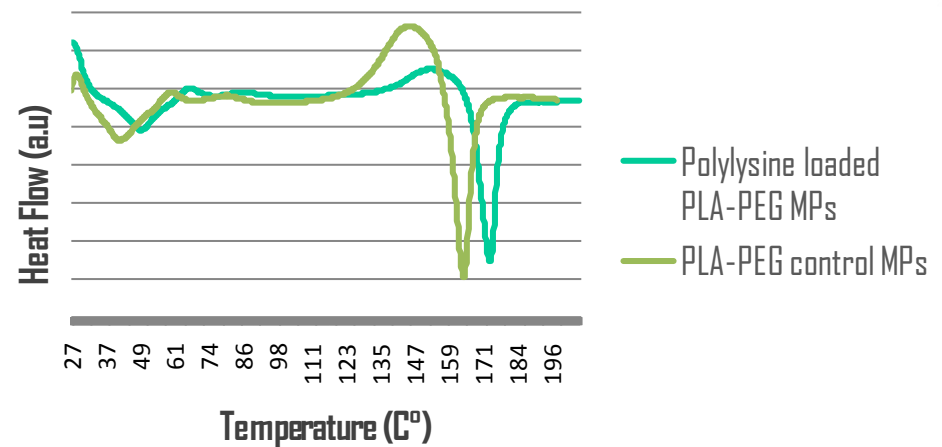
Thermal Analysis

The results obtained showed that the particles exhibit thermal stability. The TGA showed a thermal decomposition of the particles at 275 °C. The DSC showed an endothermic event at 58 °C attributed to the glass transition temperature of PLA.

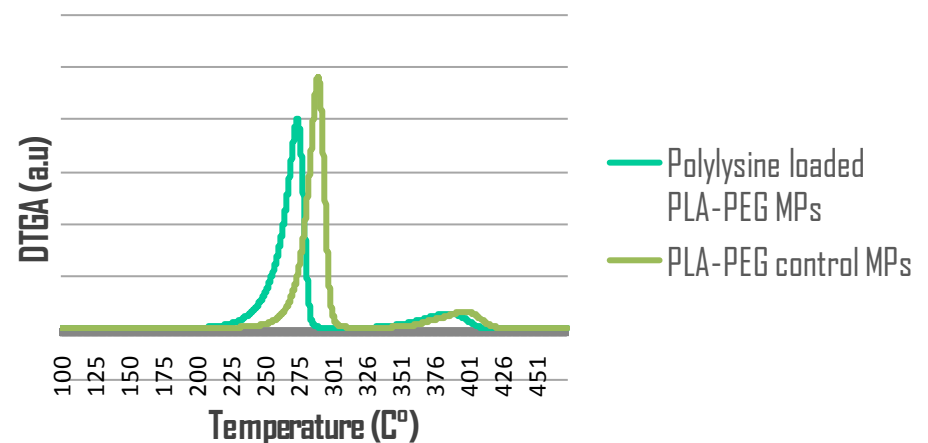
Confocal Microscopy



Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC)



Thermogravimetric Analysis (TGA)



Future Work

Polylysine loaded PLA/PEG-b-PLA MPs

- Release profile

The polylysine release from particles was performed in a bi-compartmental diffusion device (Franz's cells) mounted with a semi synthetic cellulose membrane.

The amount of drug released will be conducted by high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC).

- In vitro

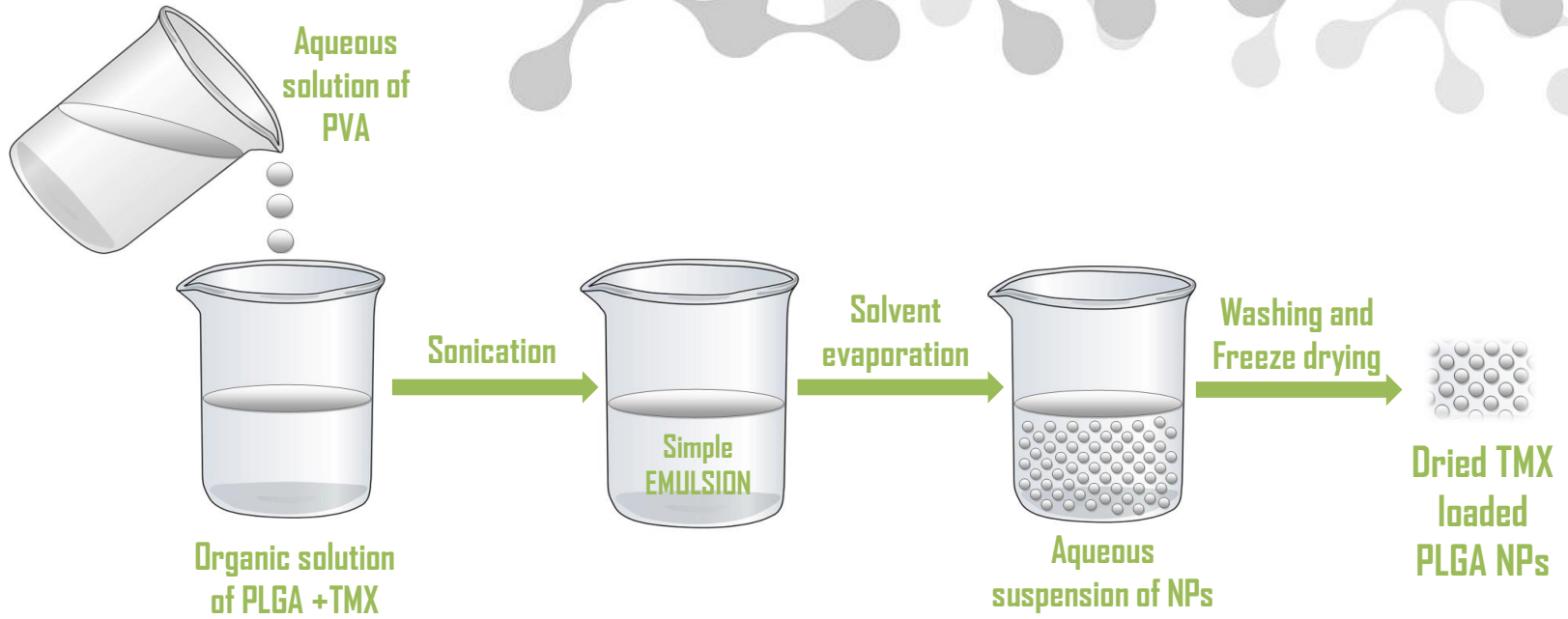
- ✓Citotoxicity

- ✓Internalization

**Extrapolation to innovative oncologic peptides
for new cancer nanotherapies**



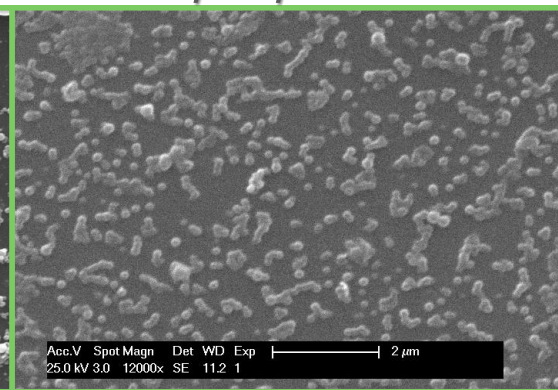
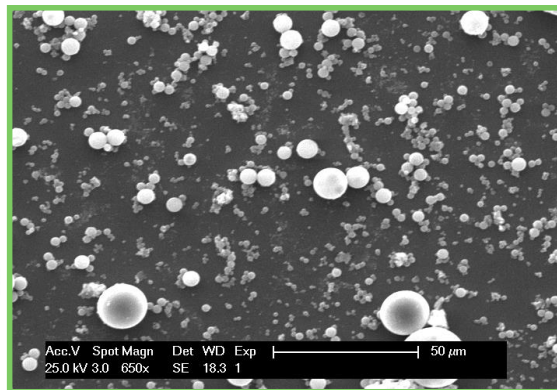
TMX loaded PLGA NPs



Poloxamer

Polyvinyl alcohol

SEM

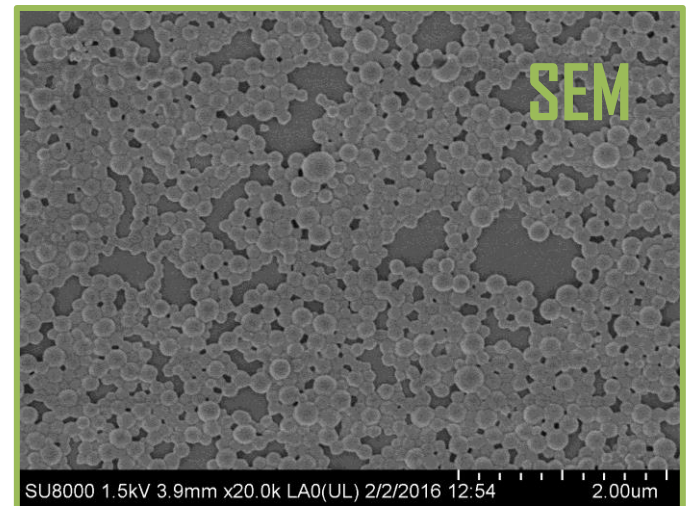
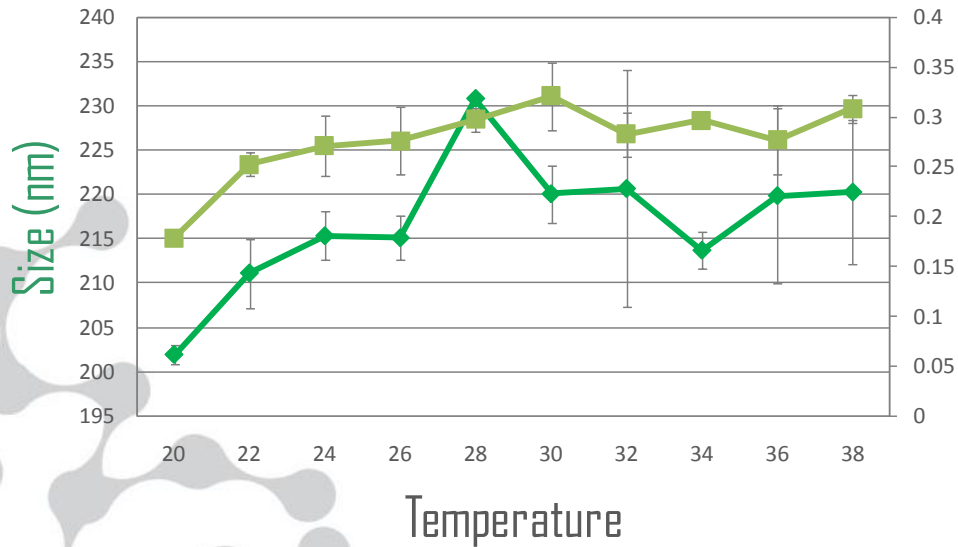


Surfactant effect

TMX loaded PLGA NPs

| Polymer | TMX w/w % | Size (nm) | PdI | % EE |
|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------|
| PLGA | 10 | 201.7±3.1 | 0.04±0.01 | 65 |
| PLGA | 10 | 198.8±1.3 | 0.19±0.01 | 74 |

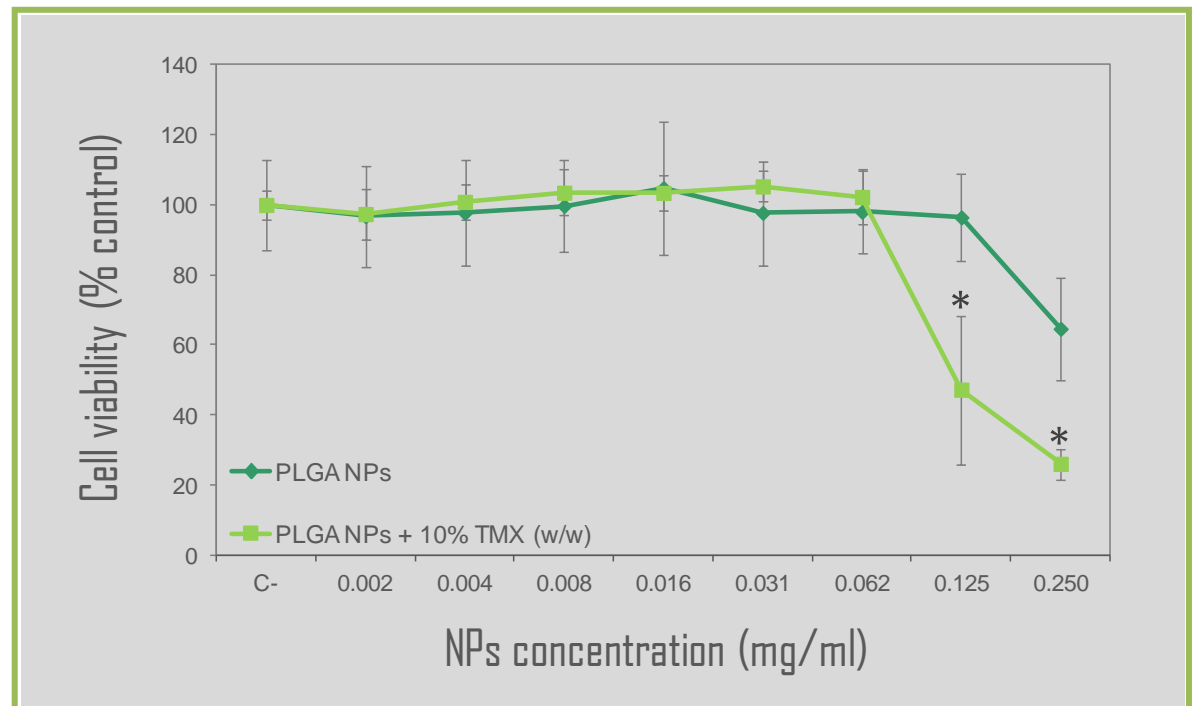
NPs MEAN Dh VARIATION WITH TEMPERATURE TREND



TMX loaded PLGA NPs

Cell Viability Assay

Performed in Human Umbilical Vein Endothelial Cells (HUVEC) and determined by Alamar Blue. Briefly, lyophilized NPs were resuspended in PBS and different concentrations were tested over 24hs in cells with complete DMEM.

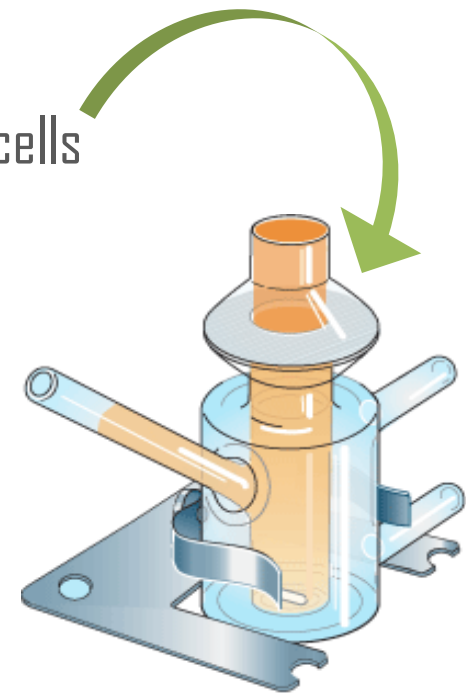


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Future Work

TMX loaded PLGA NPs

- Release profile
 - In vitro cell viability assay in MCF-7 breast cancer cell line
 - Test transdermal route
 - Skin permeation test in a bi-compartmental Franz' s cells
 - Active targeting using: PLA-PEG-COOH
- in order to compare oral and transdermal route
- TMX loaded PLA nanofibers mat for transdermal route



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