

Spatio-Temporal Drug Delivery: Addressing the Unmet Medical Need

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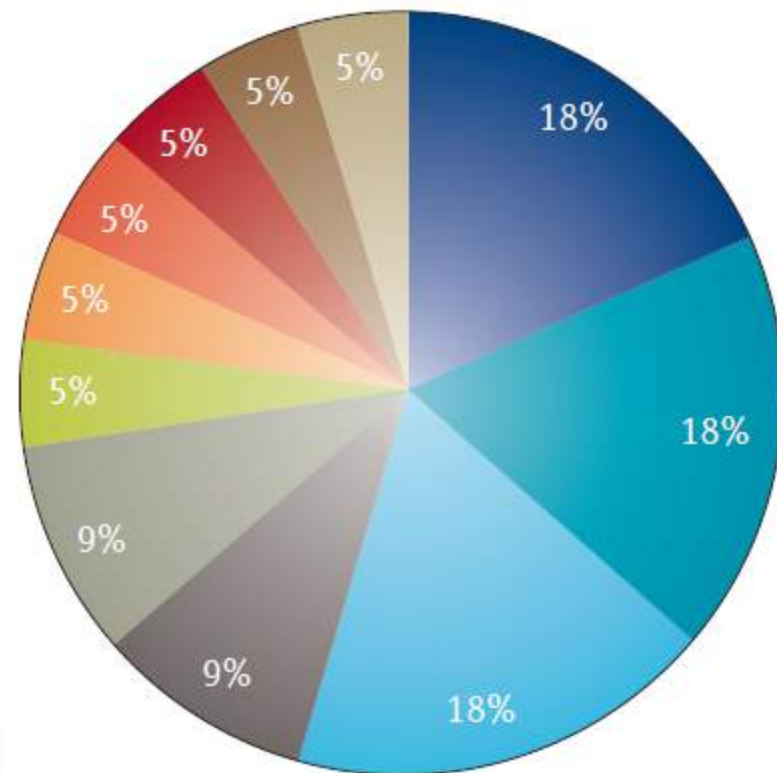
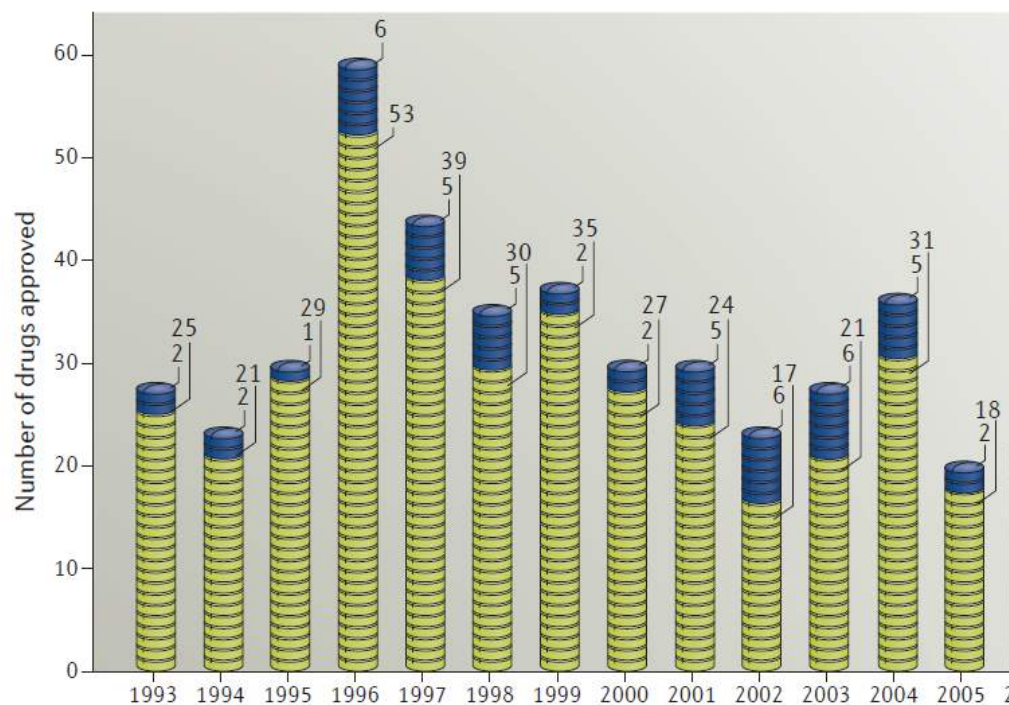
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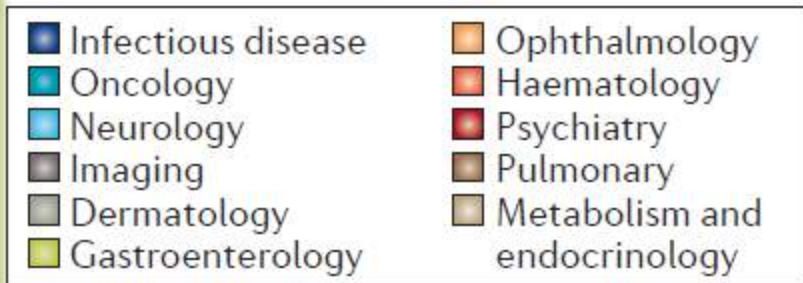
- *Disease Area Trends and Unmet Medical Needs*
- *Role of Spatio-Temporal Delivery*
- *Spatio-Temporal Delivery*
 - *Long Acting Formulations*
 - *Enabling Sustained Target Tissue Concentrations*
 - *Mechanistic Understanding of Performance*
- *Summary and Conclusions*



2016 Drug Approvals



- High Growth Diseases areas include Infectious Disease, Oncology, and Neurology
- Continued investments in local diseases of the skin, eye and lungs (ca. 15%)
- Disease areas reflective of future growth Opportunities



Value of 2016 Approvals

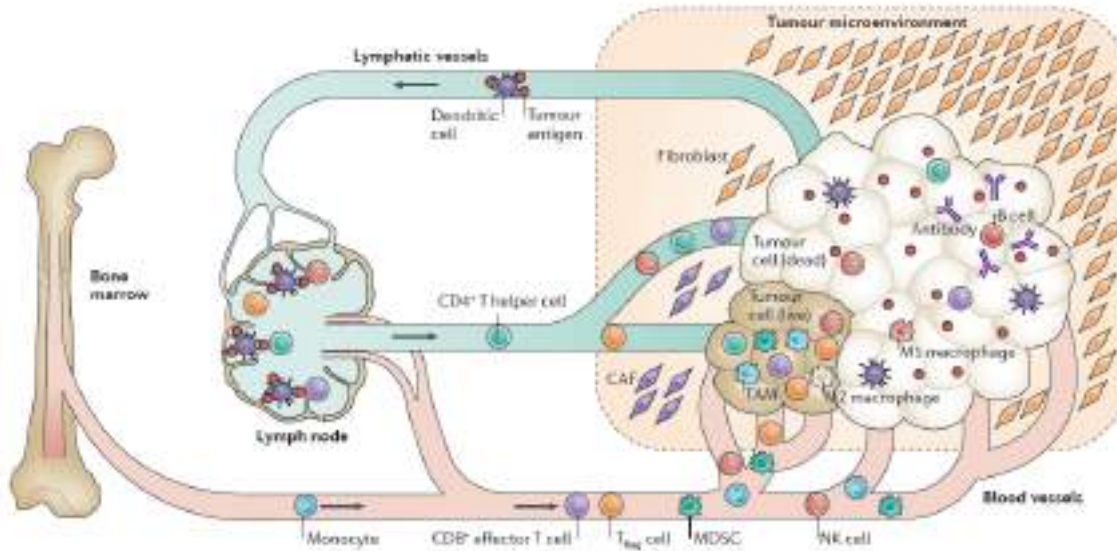


- Increasing Price Pressure in US
- Intensified Competition in many therapeutic areas such as Diabetes and Oncology

- Improvements in Regulatory Process
- Deeper knowledge of Biology
- Growing Diversity in Modality

Delivery

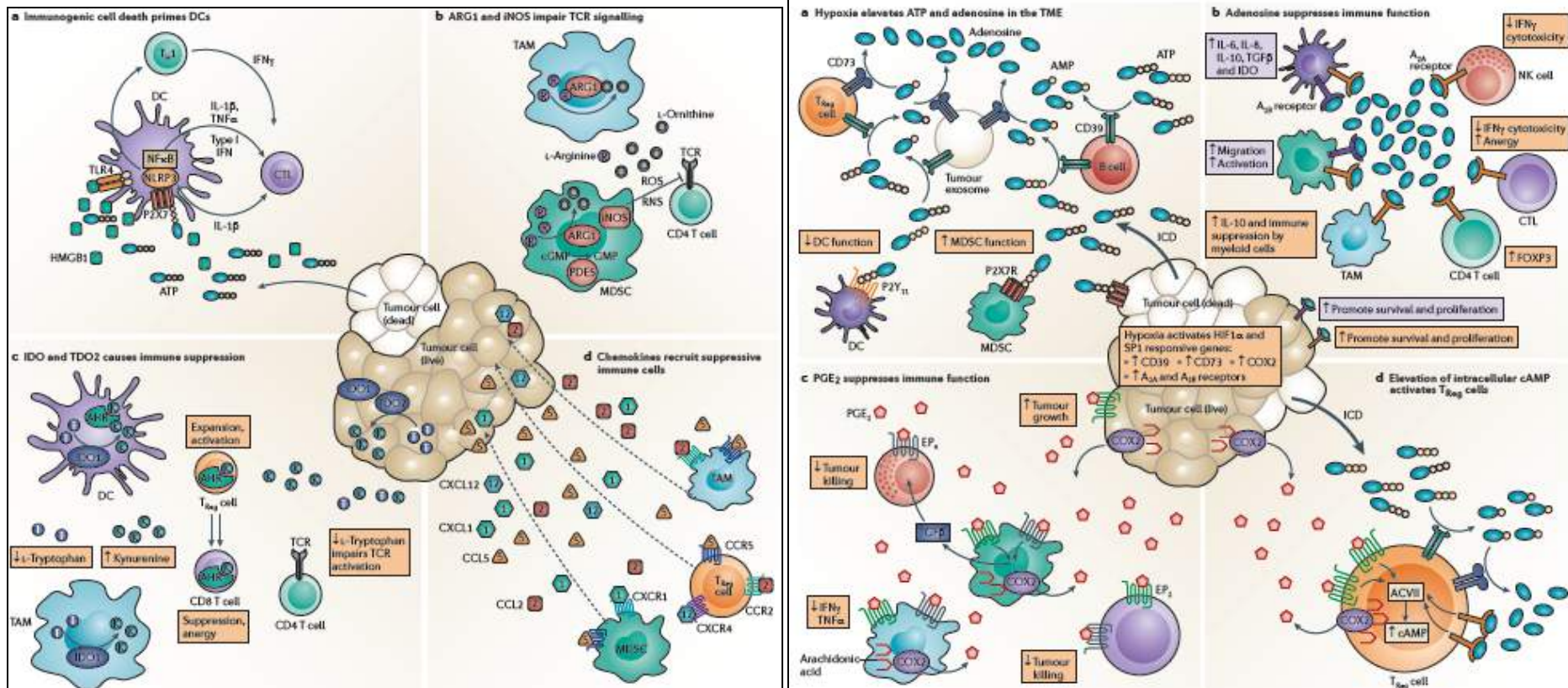
Expanding Modalities in Immuno-Oncology



- *Increased Understanding of Tumor Biology, Immune Function and Immune Response to Cancer*
- *Expanding Modalities for Treatment and Prevention*

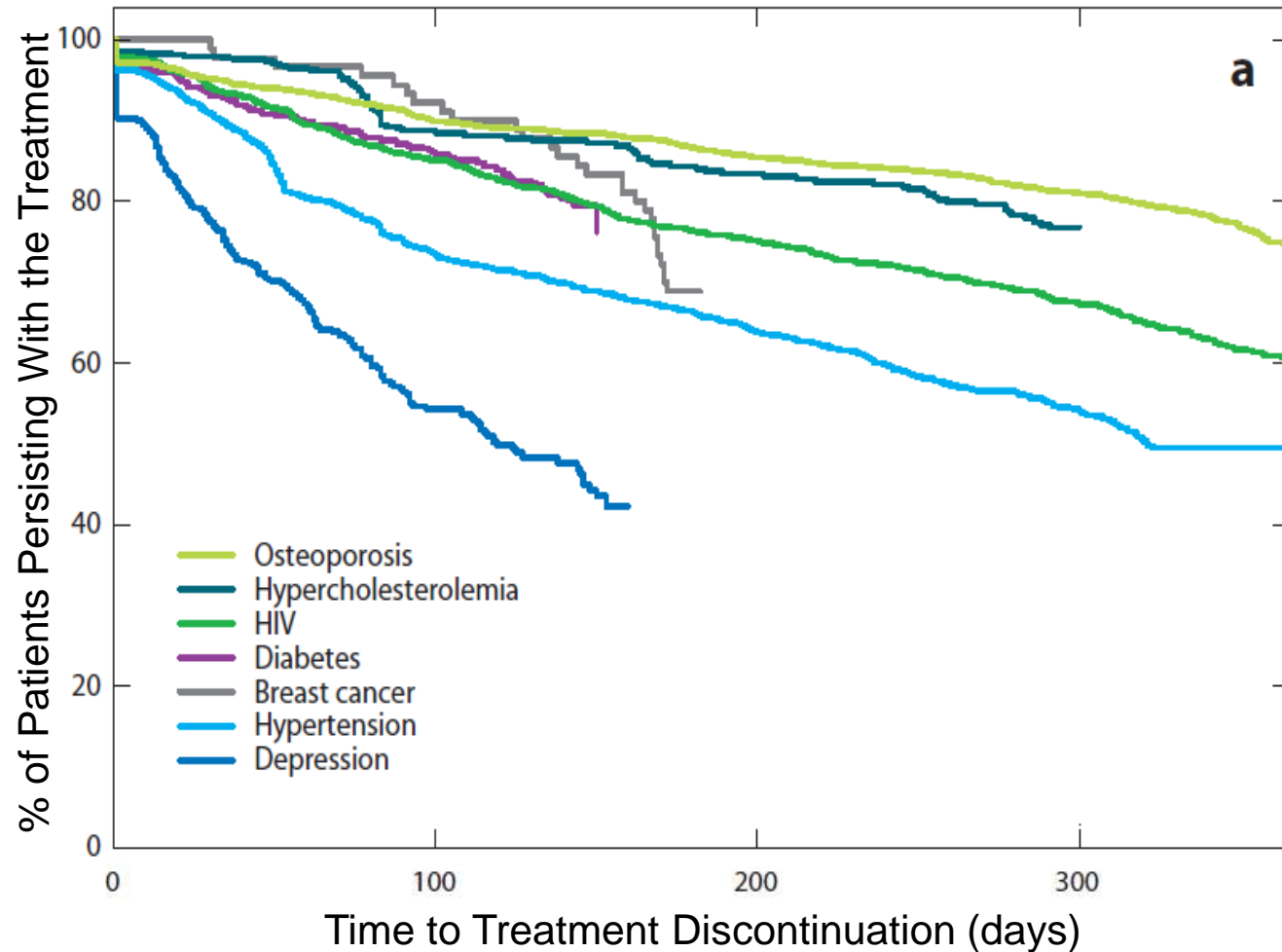
Vaccines	Prime patient immune response to tumour-specific antigens
Recombinant cytokines	Agonism or blockade of protein-protein immune pathways
mAbs	Highly selective agonism or blockade of extracellular protein-protein immune pathways; long half-life; non-immunogenic (human or humanized)
Autologous T cells	Tumour-targeted cytotoxicity of extracellular and intracellular tumour-specific antigens
Small molecules	Uniquely suited for intracellular targets, but also equally applicable to cell surface or extracellular targets

Expanding Target Space and Delivery Requirements in Immuno-Oncology



- Growing Number of Targets under Clinical Interrogation
- Requirement to localize in TME, Innate Immune Cells or Inside Cells

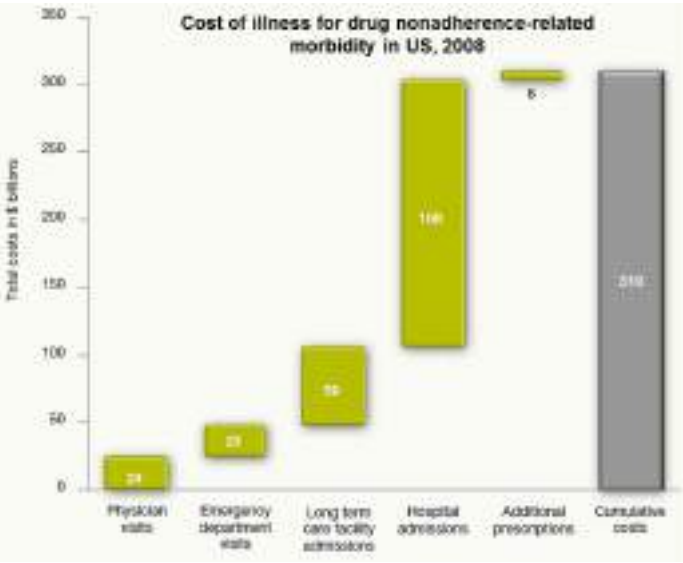
Adherence Rate Is Poor for Chronic Infectious Diseases and Neurological Disorders



Blaschke, et al. *Ann Rev Pharmacol Tox.* 2012;52:275-301.

Bates B. *Eularis.* March 2010.

Long-Acting Parenterals (LAPs) Improve Cost-Effectiveness through Improved Adherence



Cost of nonadherence = ~\$310B annually

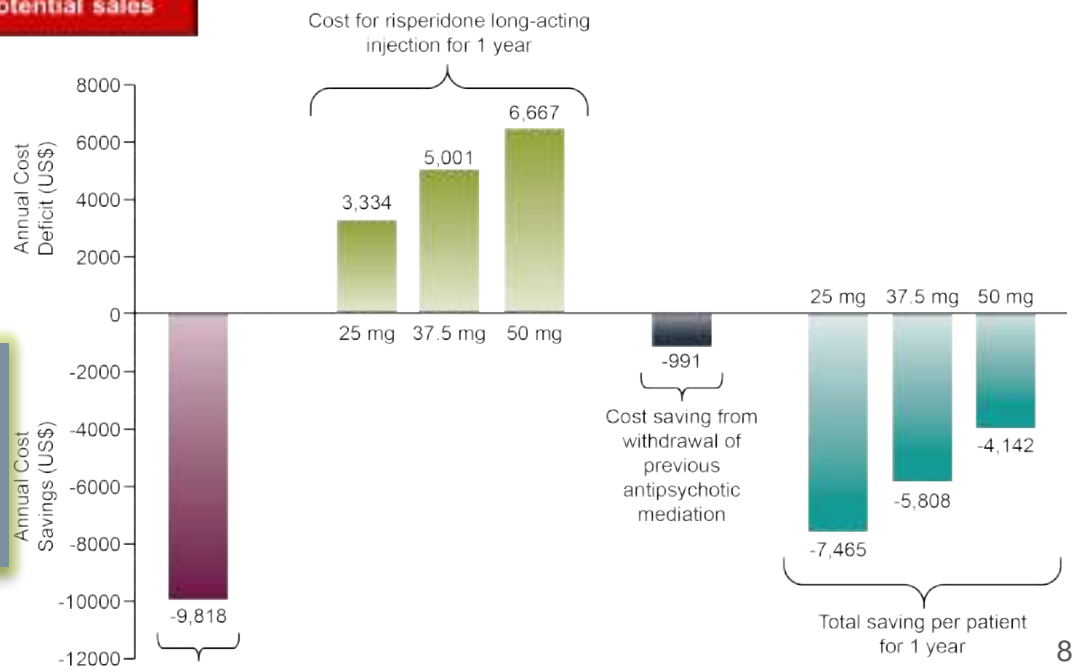
Nonadherence results in avg. per drug loss of 36% in potential sales

High Cost Impact of Non-adherence

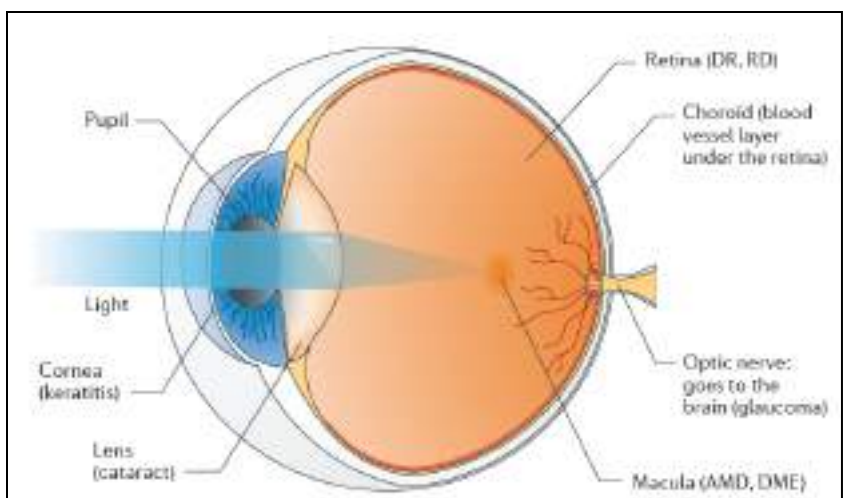
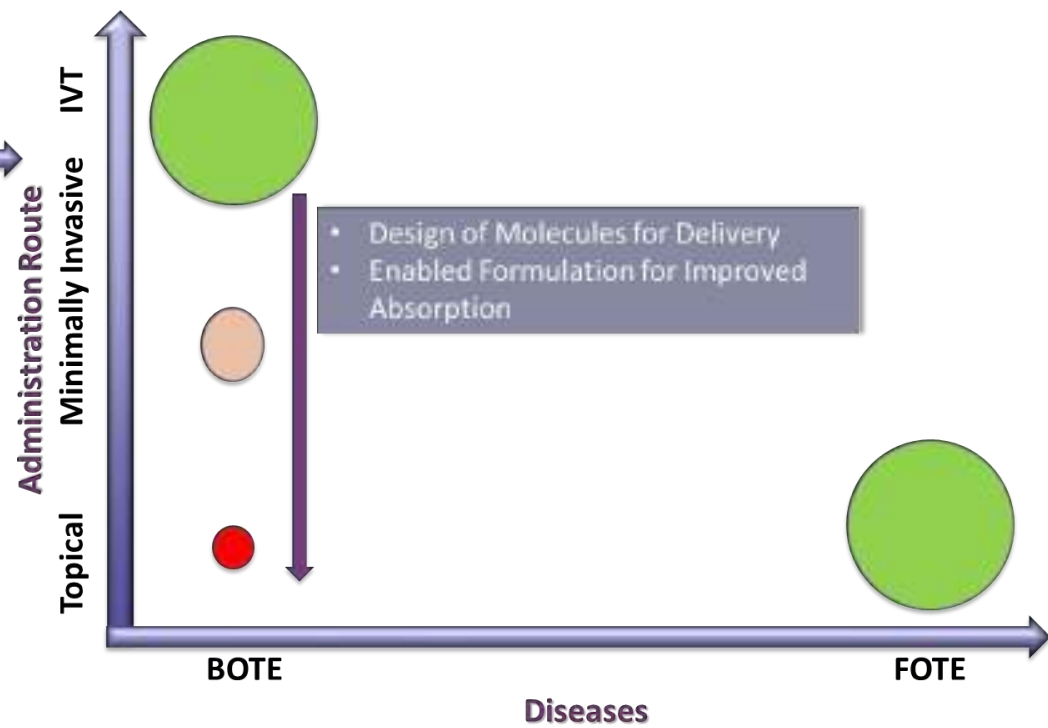
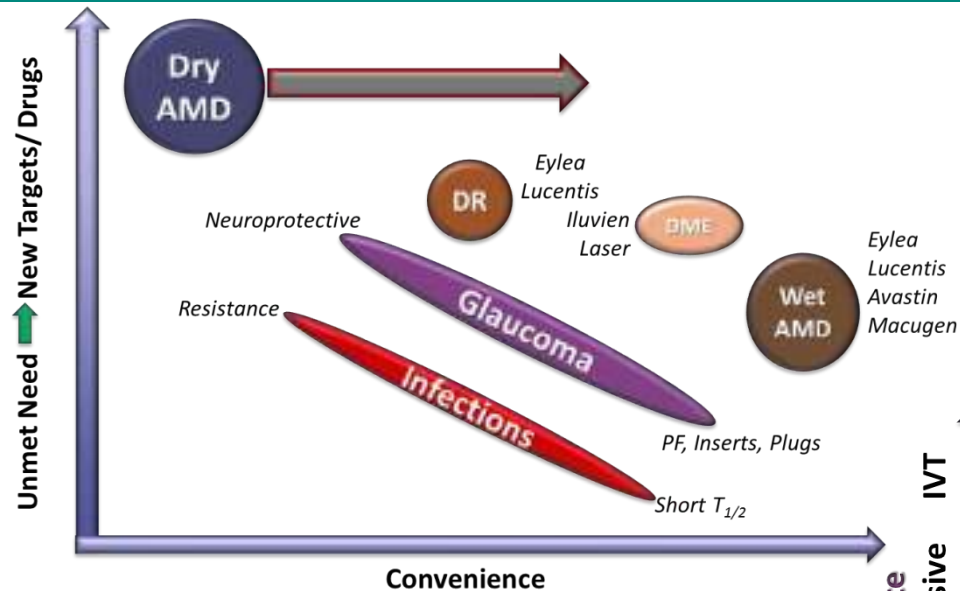
Source: *Thinking outside the pillbox.*

Cost-Effectiveness of Risperidone LAP (Risperdal Consta®)

Chue P, Chue J. *Pharmacoecon Outcomes Res.* 2012;12(3);259-269.



Significant Delivery Opportunity with Unmet Medical Needs for Ocular Diseases



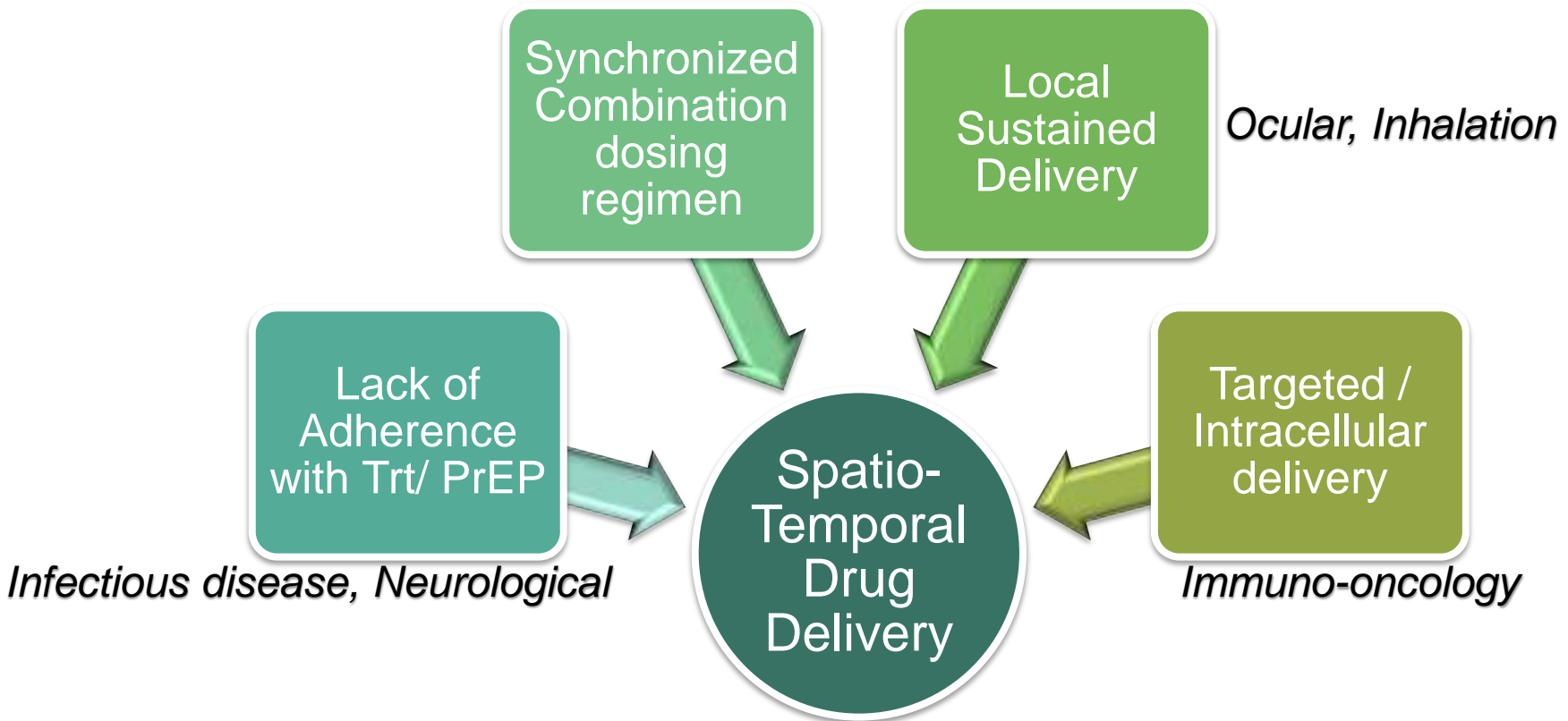
Nature Reviews, July 2012



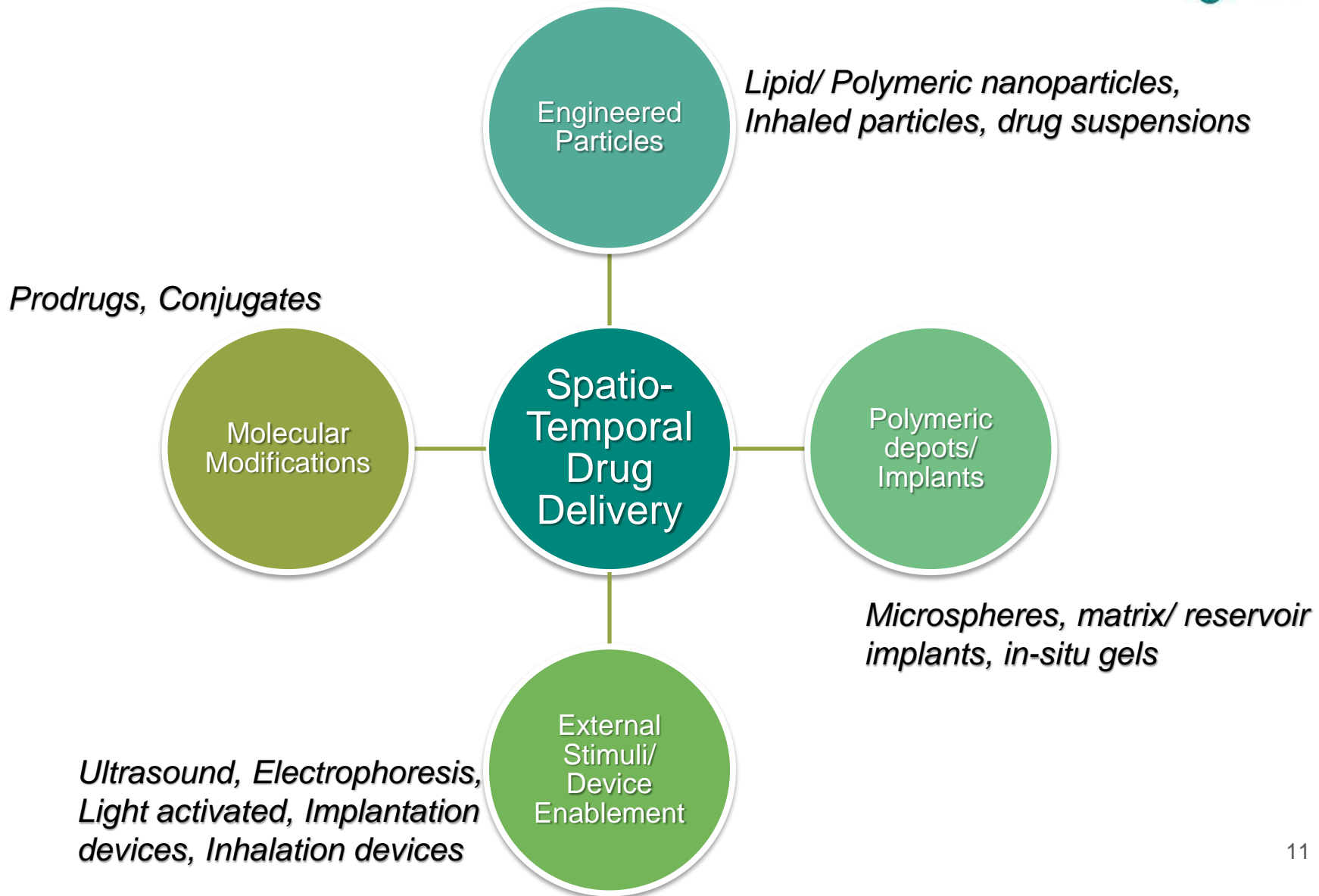
High Growth Disease Areas Require Spatio-Temporal Drug Delivery to Maximize Patient Benefit



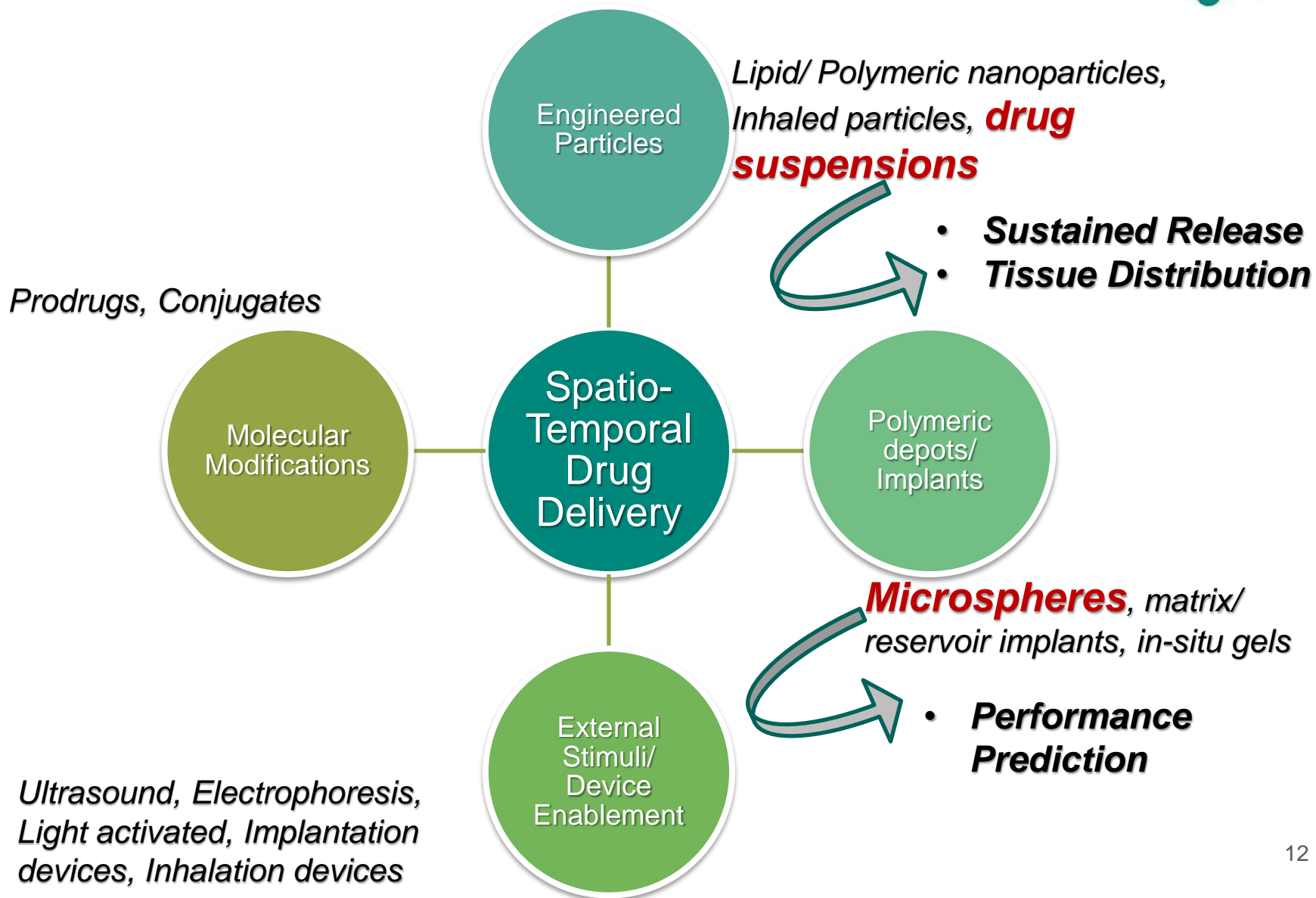
Immuno-oncology



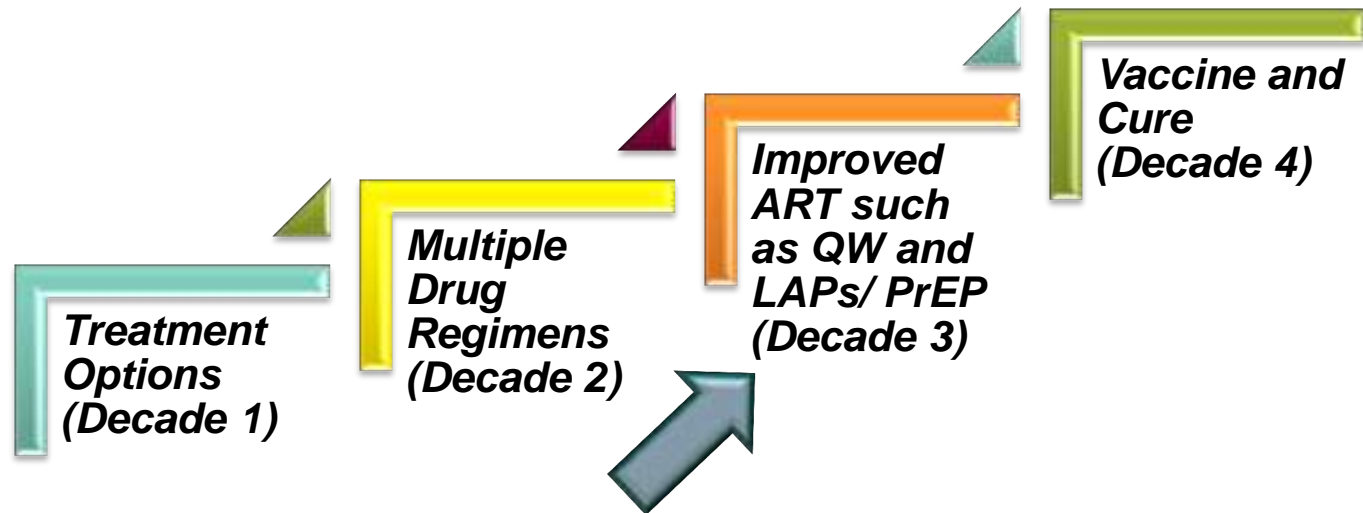
Multiple Approaches Leveraged for Spatio-Temporal Drug Delivery



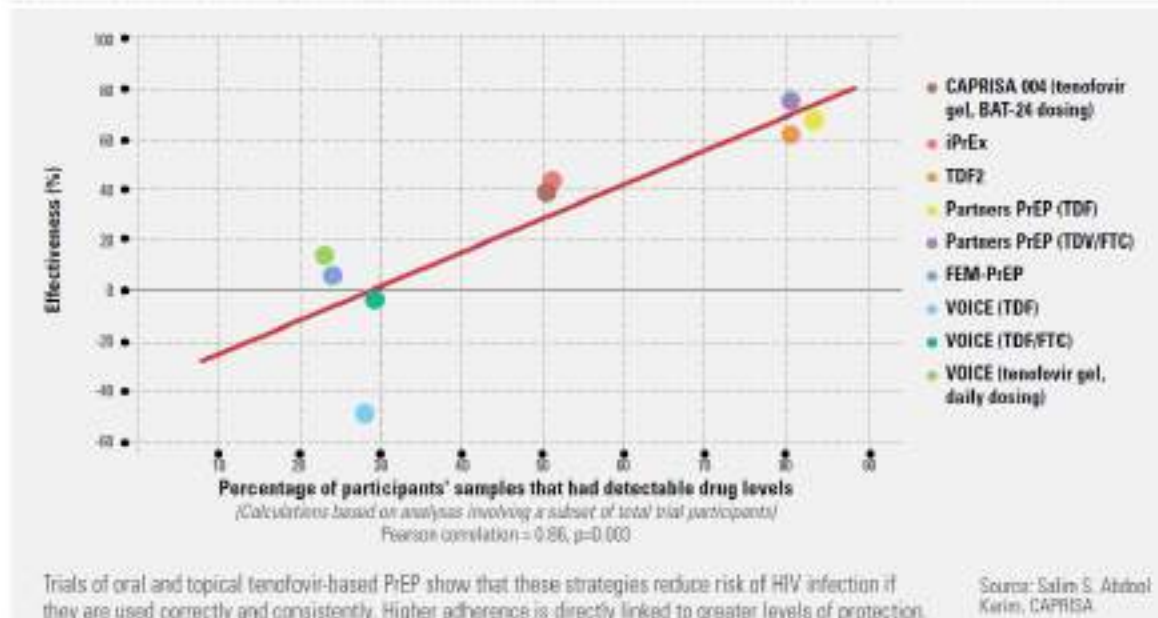
Spatio-Temporal Drug Delivery: Opportunities/ Challenges



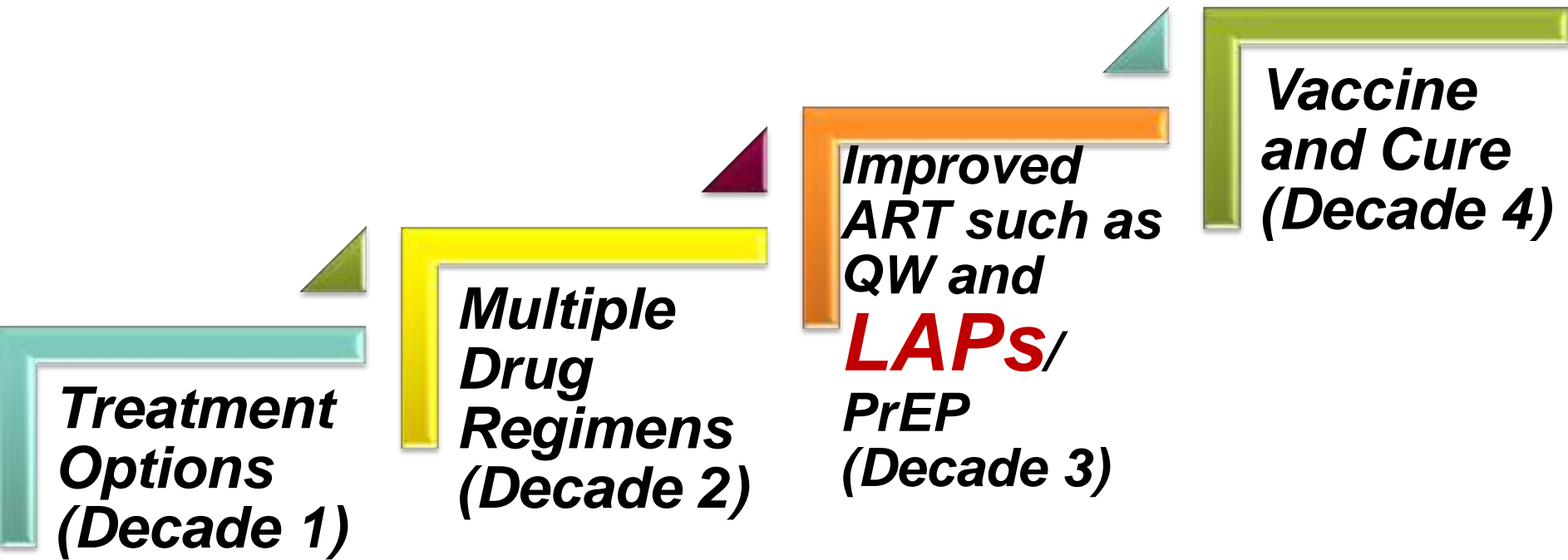
Evolution of HIV Treatment and Prevention



➔ **Effectiveness and Adherence in Trials of Oral and Topical Tenofovir-Based Prevention**



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ViiV/ Janssen Developing Cabotegravir/ Rilpivirine LAP for HIV Treatment/ Pre-exposure Prophylaxis



**Rilpivirine
30% Nanosuspension**

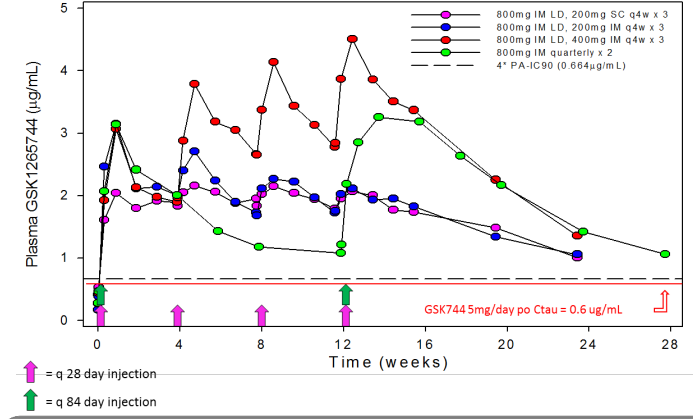
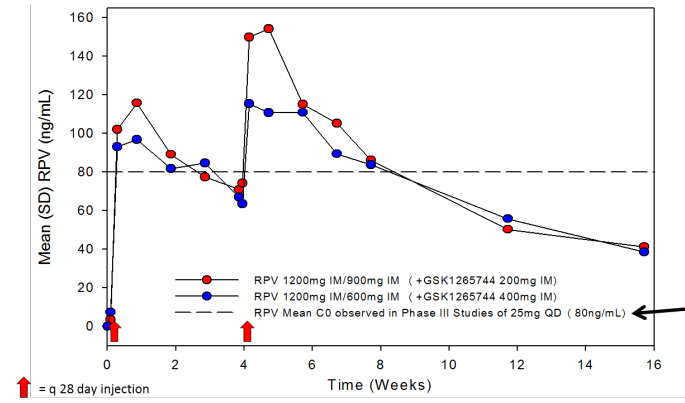
**LAP
Suspensions**

**Cabotegravir
20% Nanosuspension**

**600 mg QM (2 mL)
900 mg Q8W (3 mL)**

**Phase 2
LATTE-2**

**400 mg QM (2 mL)
600 mg Q8W (3 mL)**



**25 mg oral for 4 weeks
600 mg QM (2 mL) for 44 weeks**

**Phase 3
FLAIR and
ATLAS**

**30 mg Oral for 4 weeks
400 mg QM (2 mL) for 44 weeks**

Spreen, et al. 7th IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention. July 2013; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. NCT02938520; NCT02951052

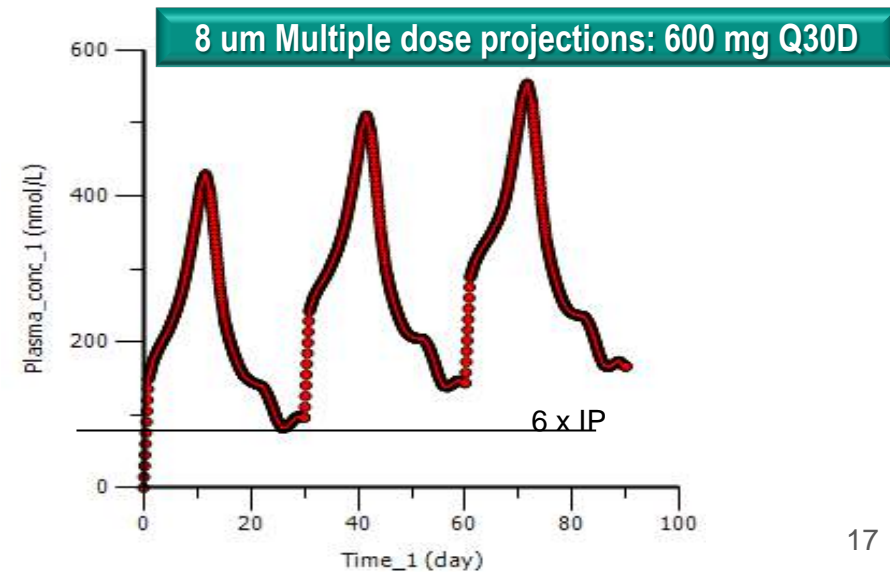
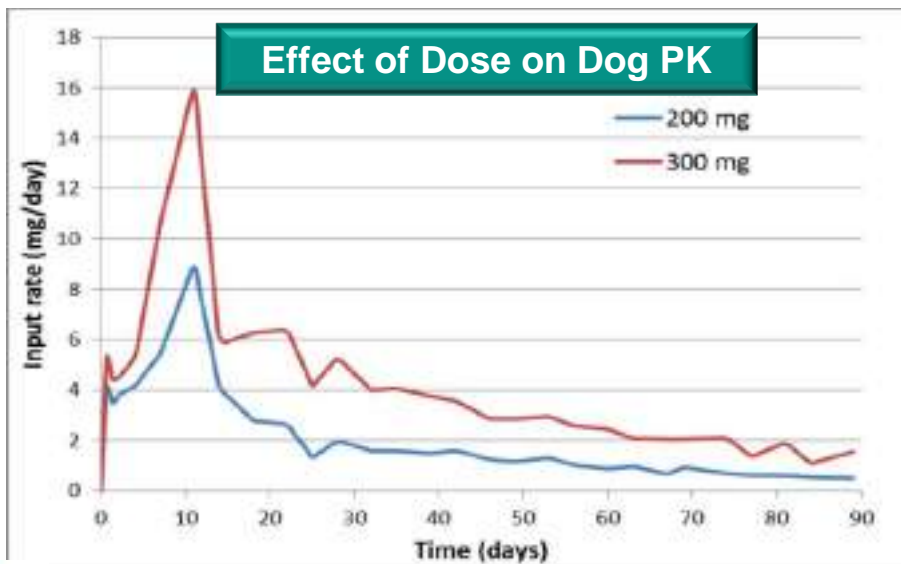
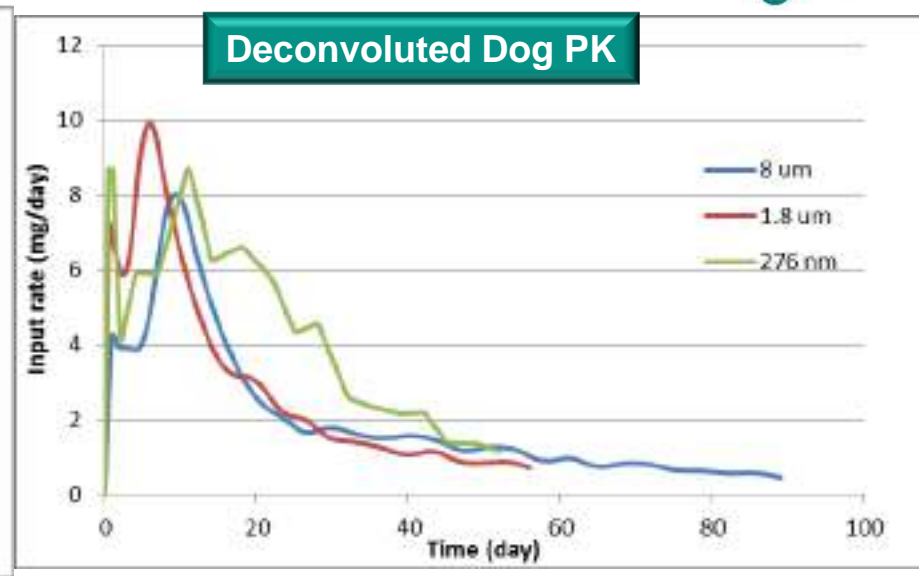
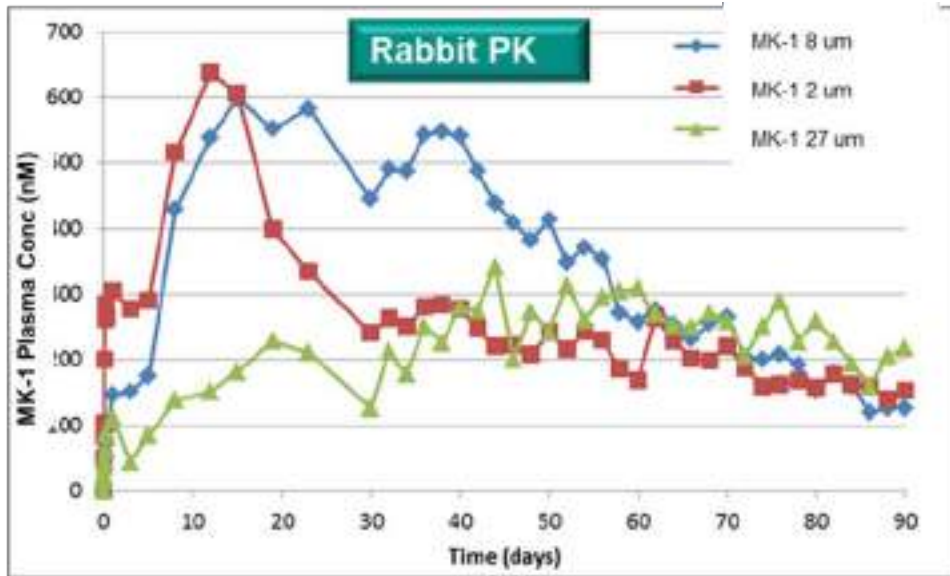


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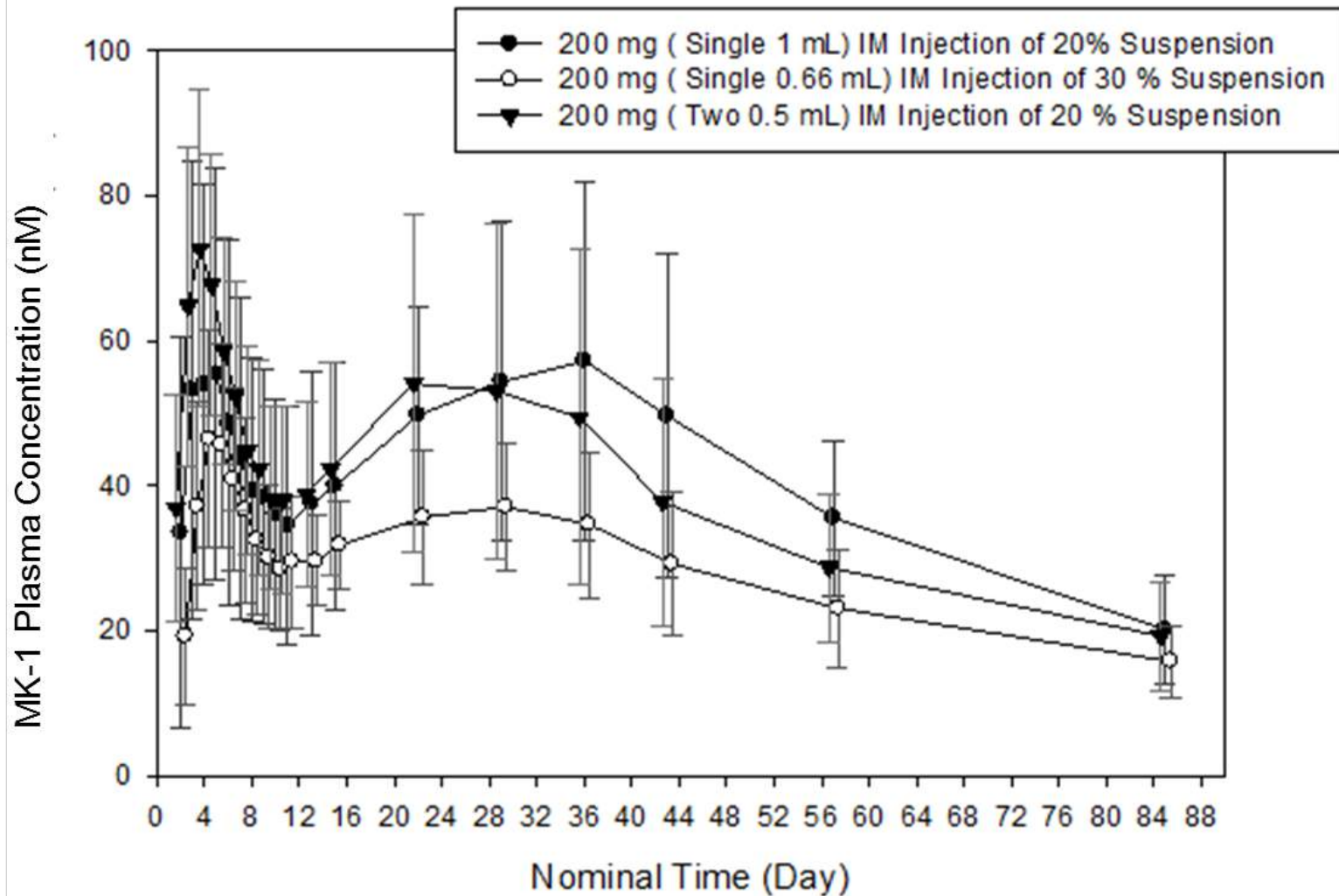


- Highly Crystalline Solid
- Low Aqueous Solubility (< 10 ug/mL)
- Daily Long-acting Dose projection: Approx 4.5 mg/day
 - Human Clearance vs efficacious trough levels required
- Sterile Microsuspensions and Nanosuspensions evaluated
 - Chemically and Physically Stable

MK-1 LAP Suspension Provides 2-3 Month Sustained Pharmacokinetics in Preclinical Studies



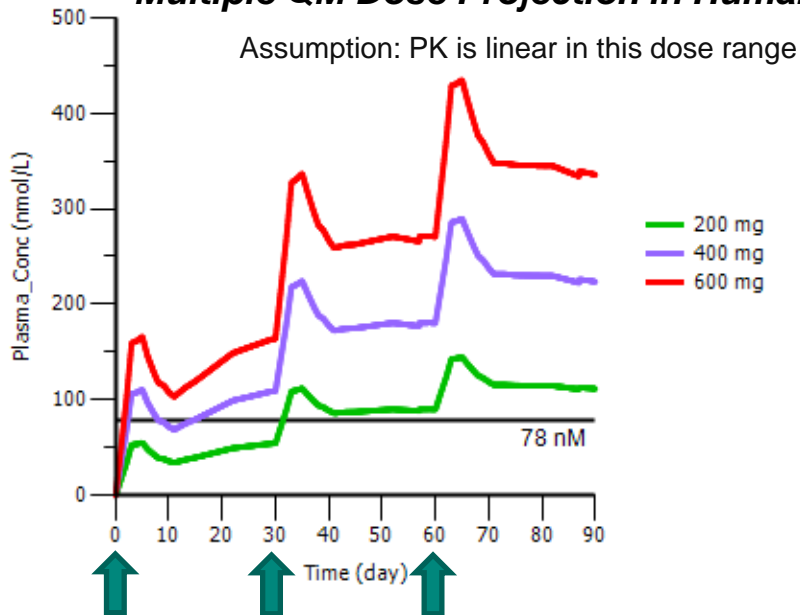
MK-1 Long Acting Parenteral Suspension Provides Sustained Pharmacokinetics over >3 Months in Clinic



MK-1 LAP Projected to be Efficacious @300 mg QM

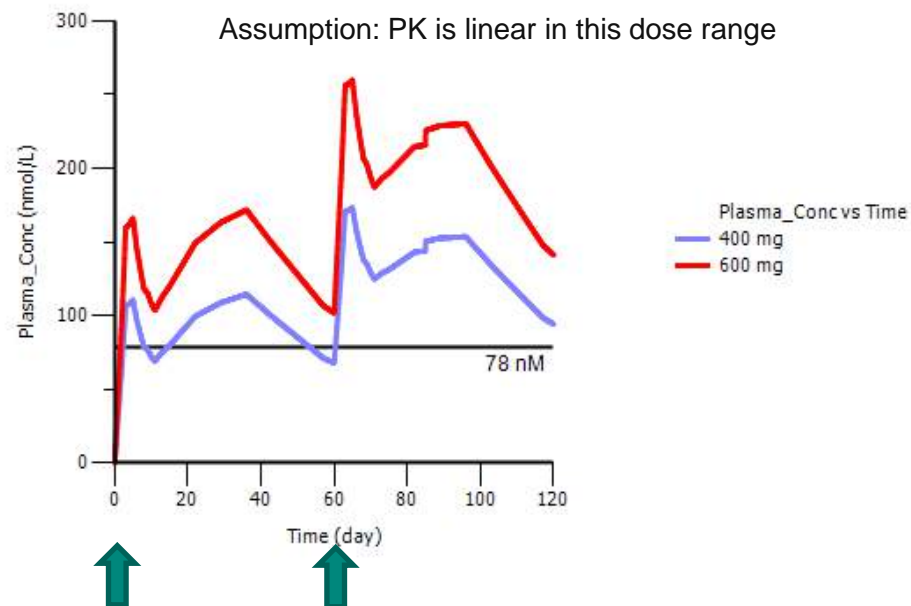


Multiple QM Dose Projection in Humans



Arrows indicate the time of dose

Multiple Q2M Dose Projection in Humans

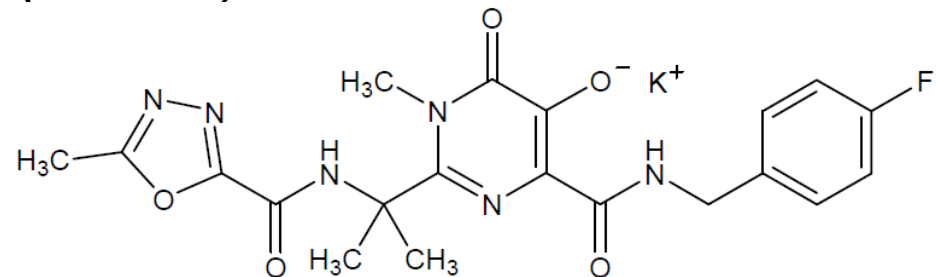
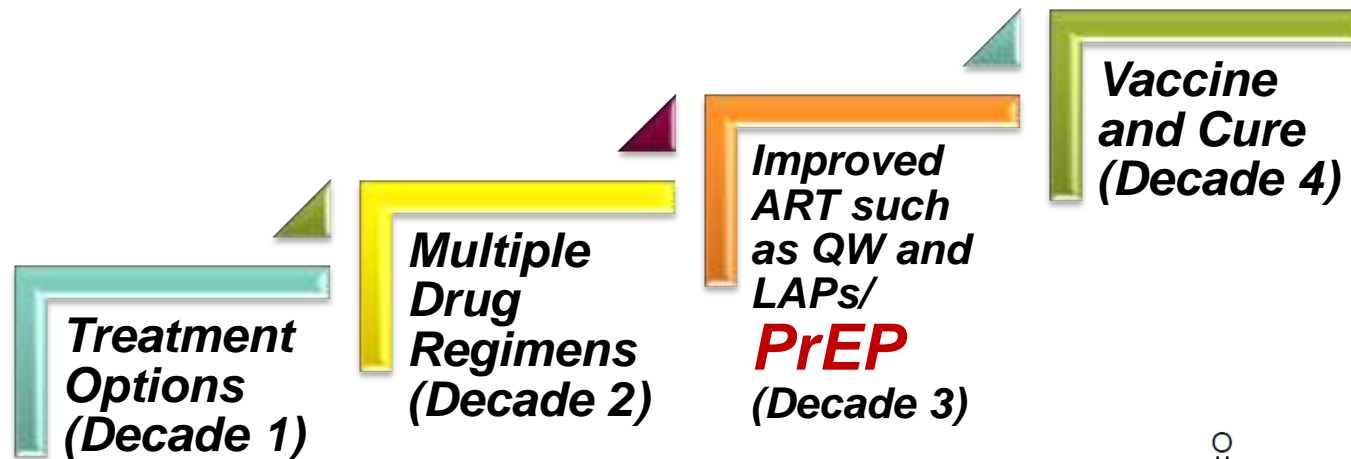


Arrows indicate the time of dose

A QM dose of ca. 300 mg or a Q2M dose of ca. 600 mg could be projected to be efficacious when stacked assuming linear PK vs dose response

HIV LAPs	Formulation	QM Dose Volume	Q2M Dose Volume
MK-1 LAP	30% microsuspension	1 mL (projected)	2 mL (projected)
Comparing to TMC278 and GSK 744	30% nanosuspension 20% nanosuspension	2 mL 2 mL	3 mL 3 mL

Evolution of HIV Treatment and Prevention



Name: Raltegravir (Isentress; 2007)

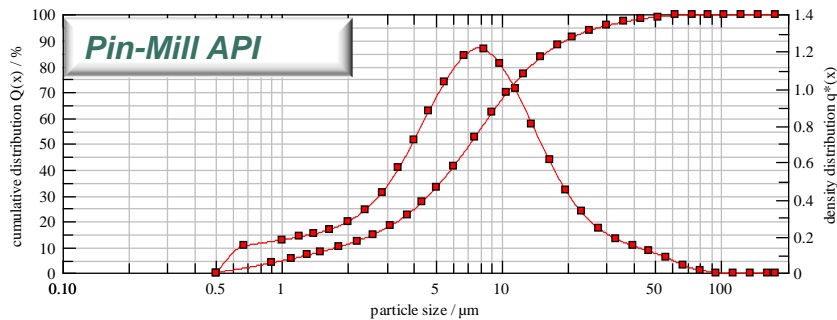
Mechanism: Integrase Strand Transfer Inhibitor (InSTI)

Route and Dose: Oral, 400 mg BID

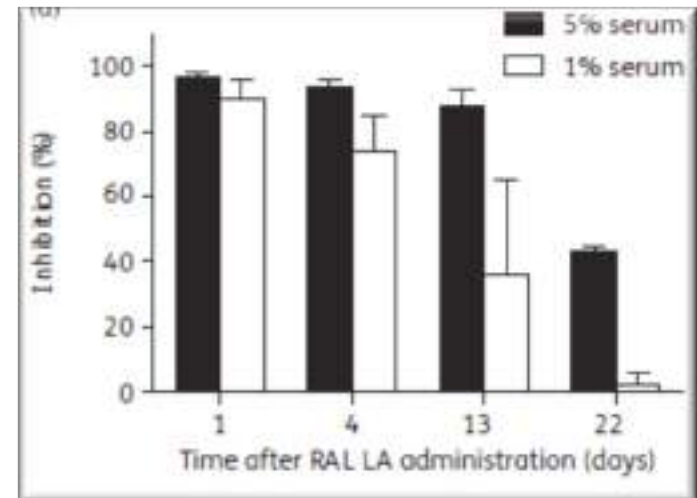
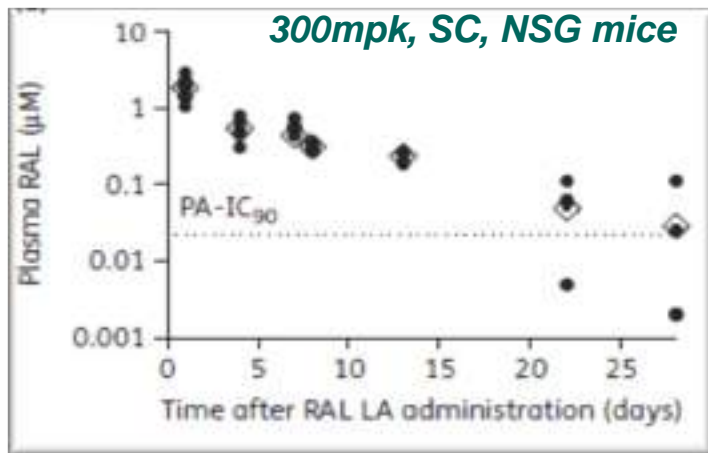
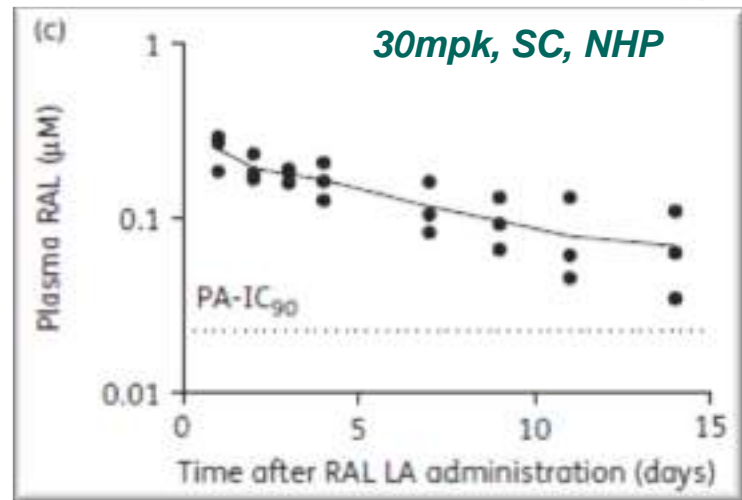
Apparent terminal half-life – ca. 9 hrs

Delivery Need: Long-Acting PrEP with effective levels maintained in target tissues over sustained periods (Spatio-Temporal)

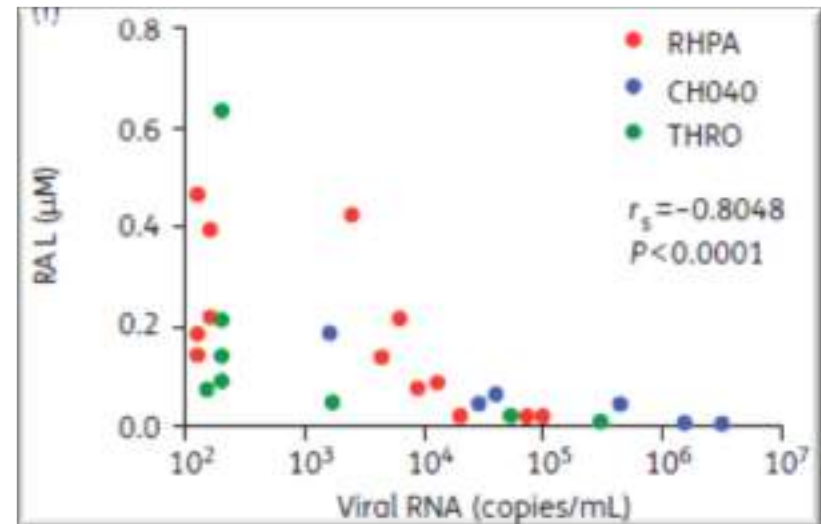
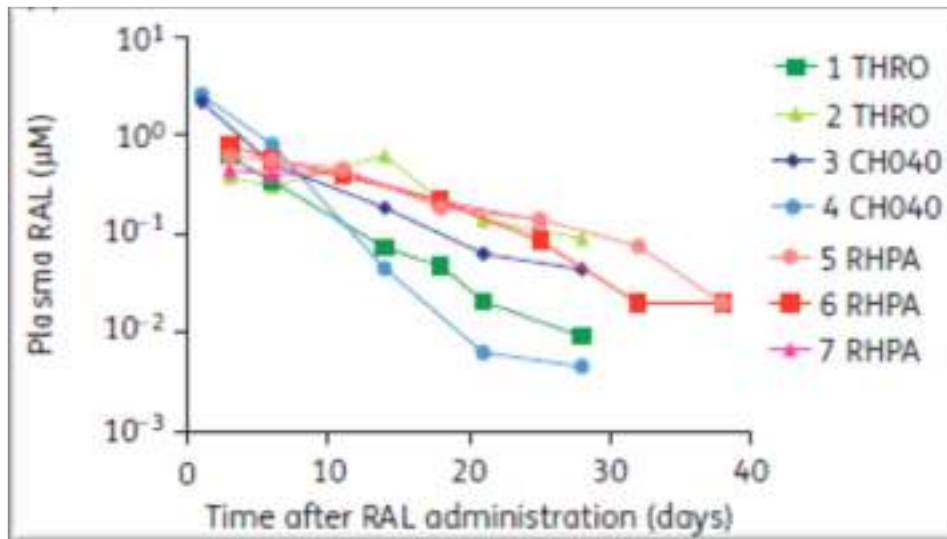
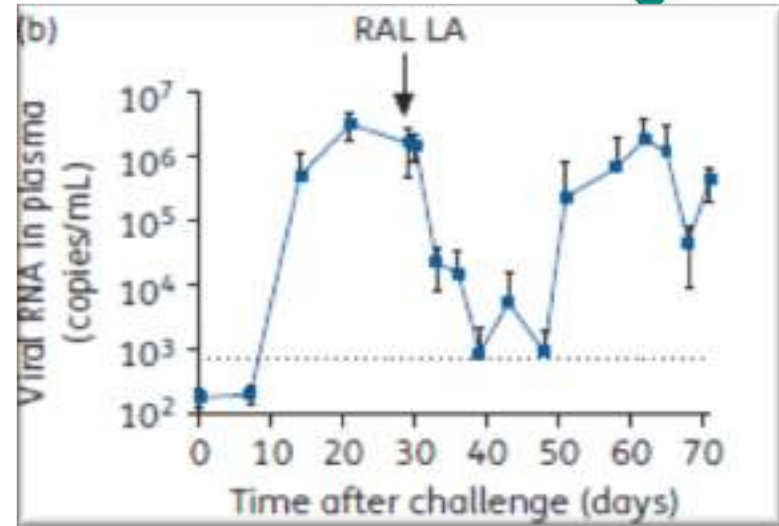
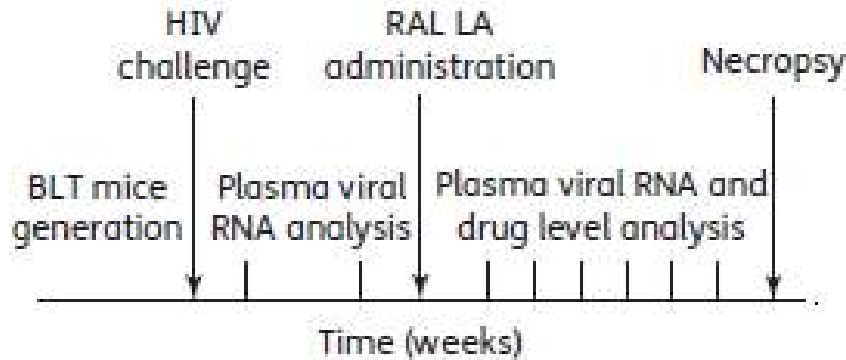
Raltegravir (InStI) LAP Suspension Sustains Effective Plasma Levels over 2-4 Weeks in NHP and Mice



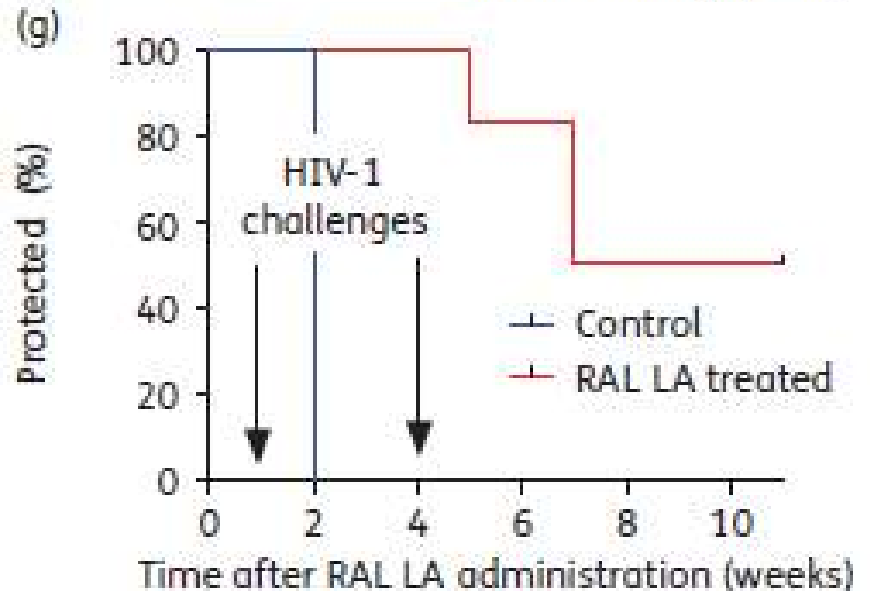
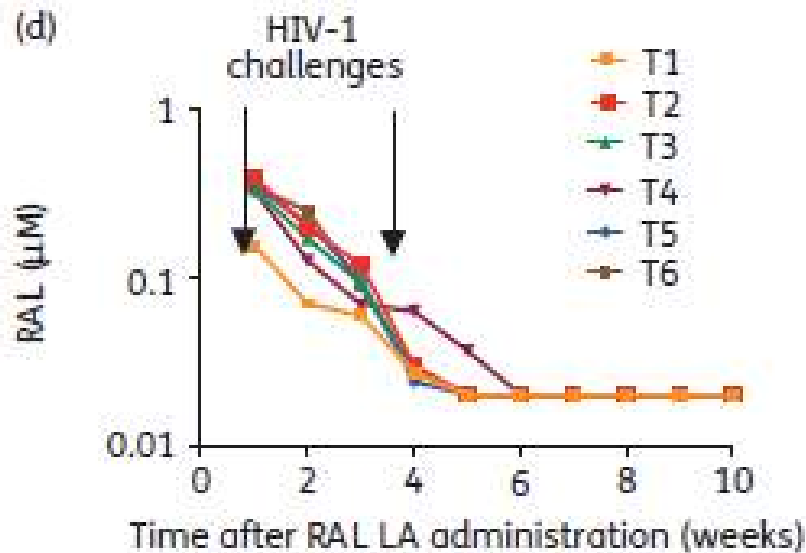
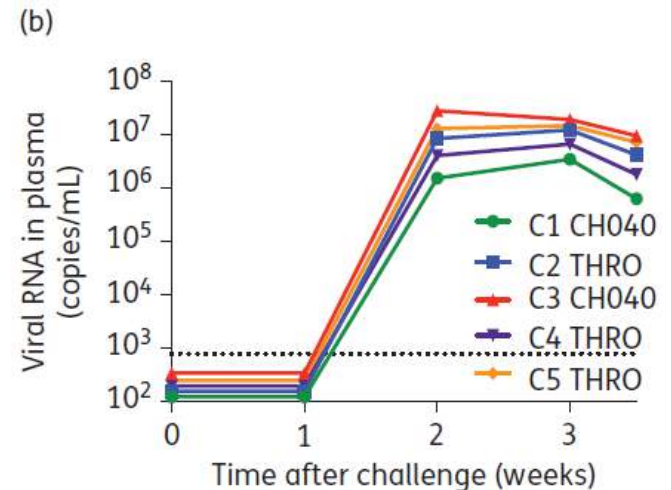
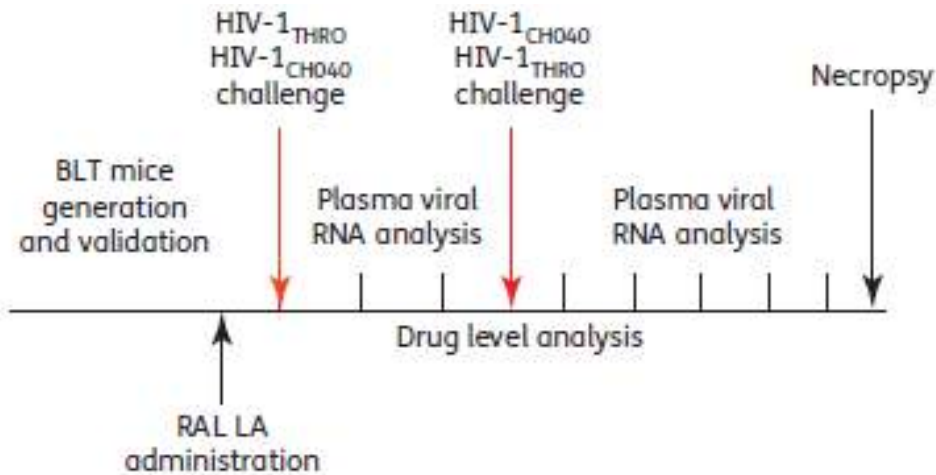
Vehicle - 5% PEG 3350, 0.2% PS 80, 5% mannitol in water



Raltegravir LAP Suppresses HIV-1 Replication in Infected Humanized BLT Mice

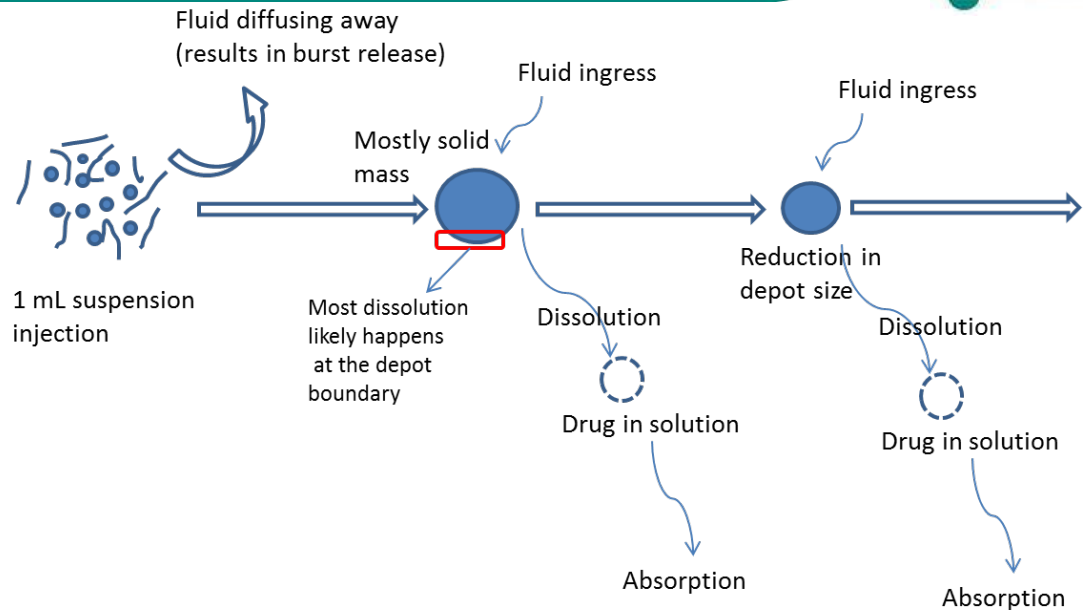
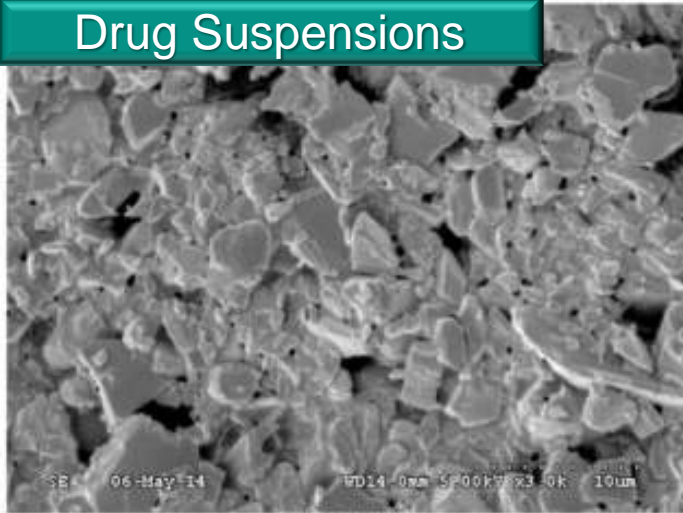


Single SC Raltegravir LAP Dose Protects BLT Mice Against Two HIV Vaginal Challenges

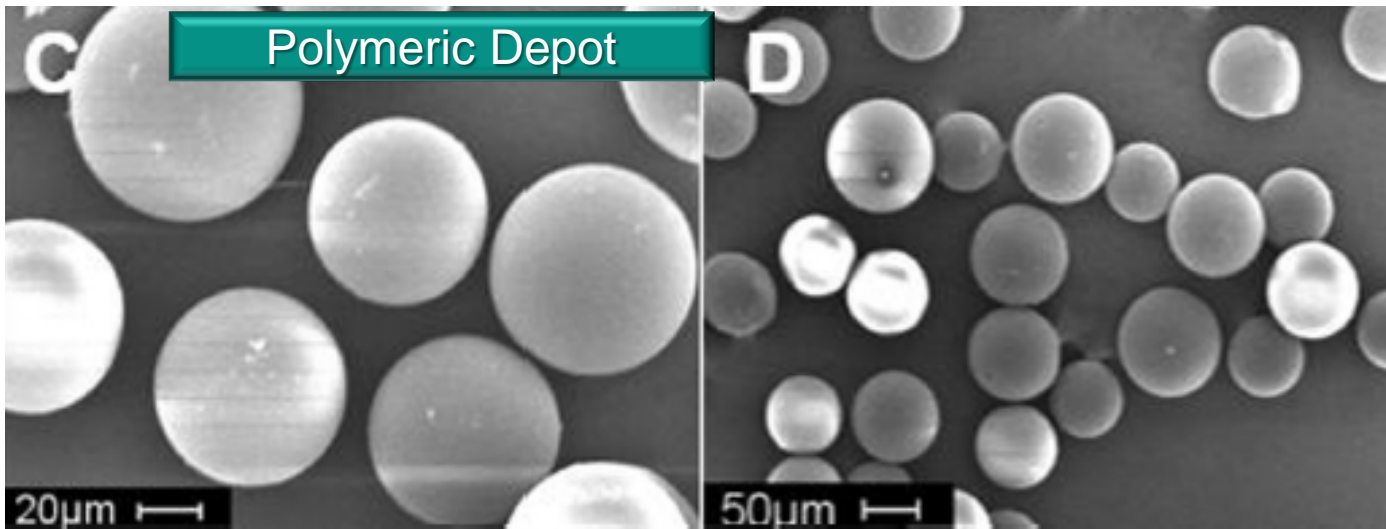


Performance Prediction is a Challenge: In-vitro to Preclinical to Clinical Translation

Drug Suspensions



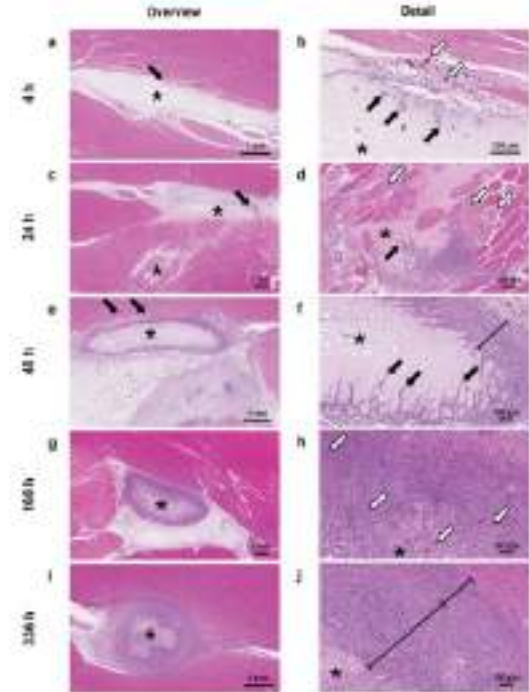
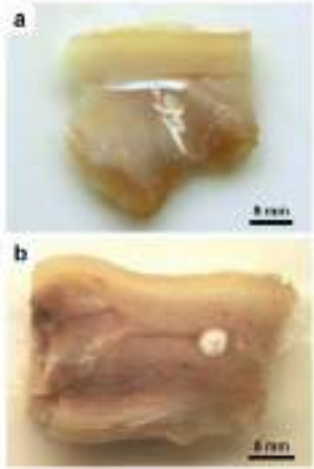
Polymeric Depot



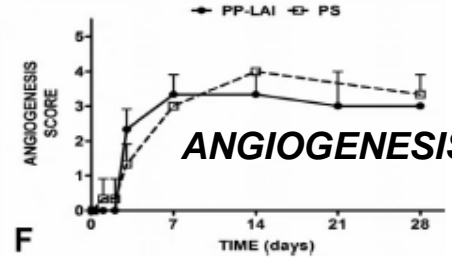
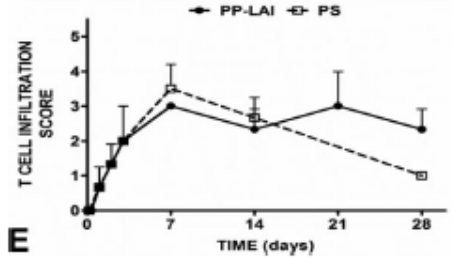
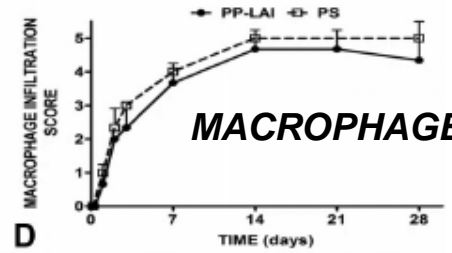
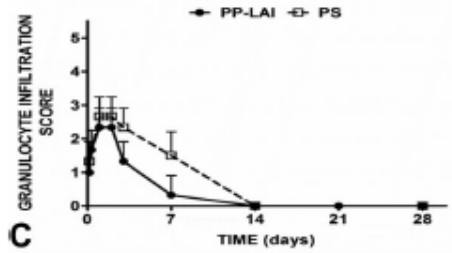
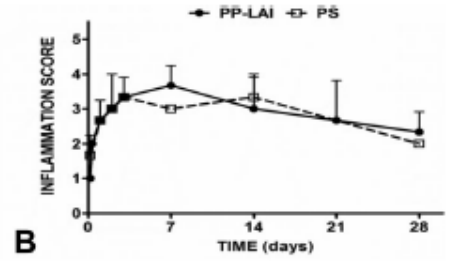
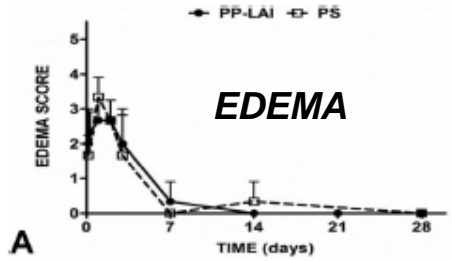
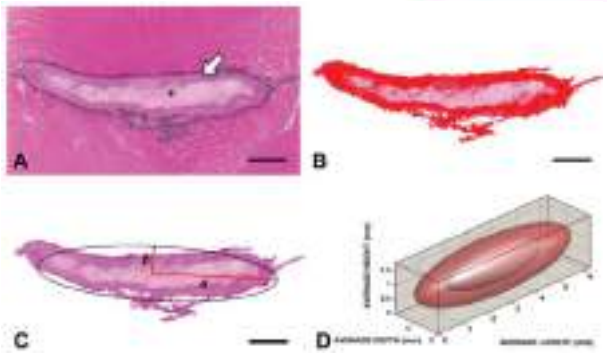
Understanding Time Course of Tissue Response to IM Injection of Suspension: Impact on Bioperformance



Time Course of Tissue Response Upon IM LAP Injection



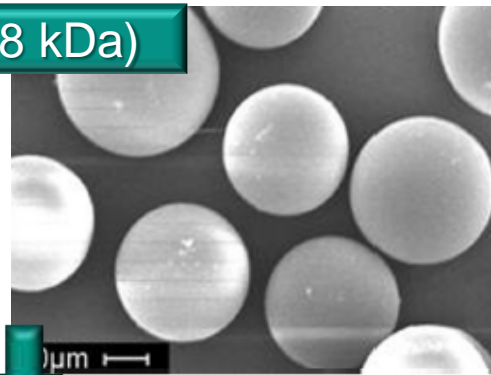
Depot Morphology



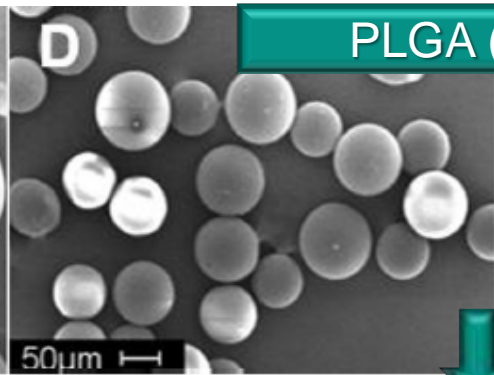
Mechanistic Understanding of Triamcinolone Acetonide (TA) Release from PLGA Microspheres



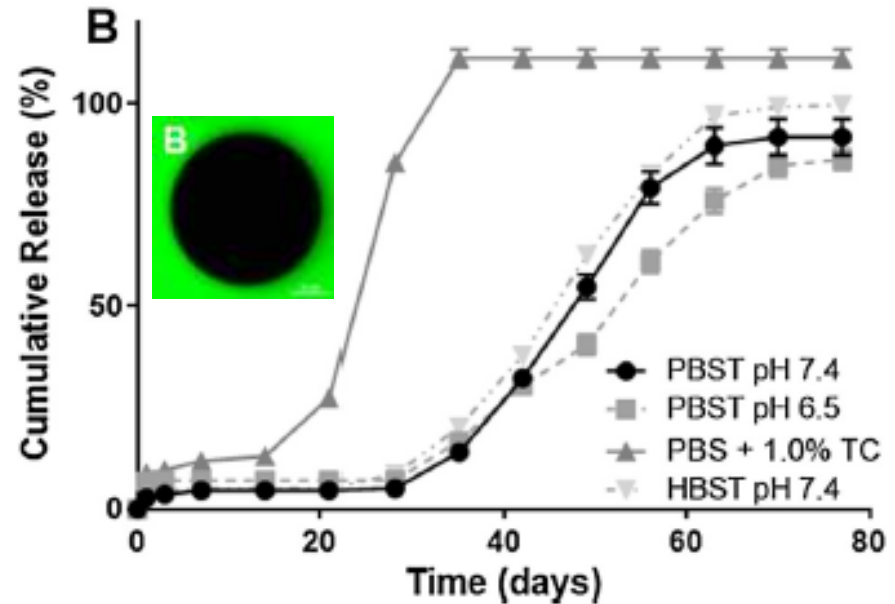
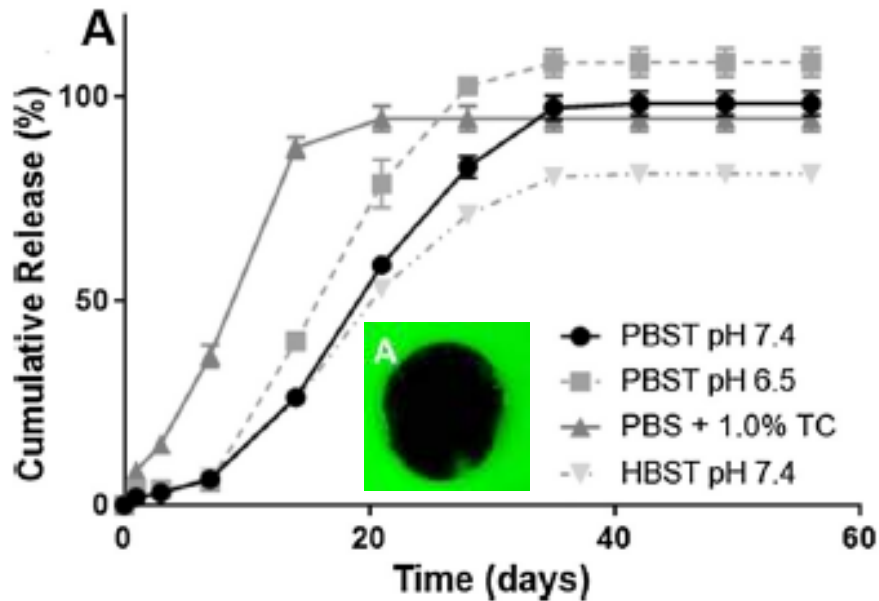
PLGA 502H (18 kDa)



PLGA (54 kDa)



In-Vitro Release of TA (5% DL) from PLGA Microspheres (S/O/W) as a f(release media)

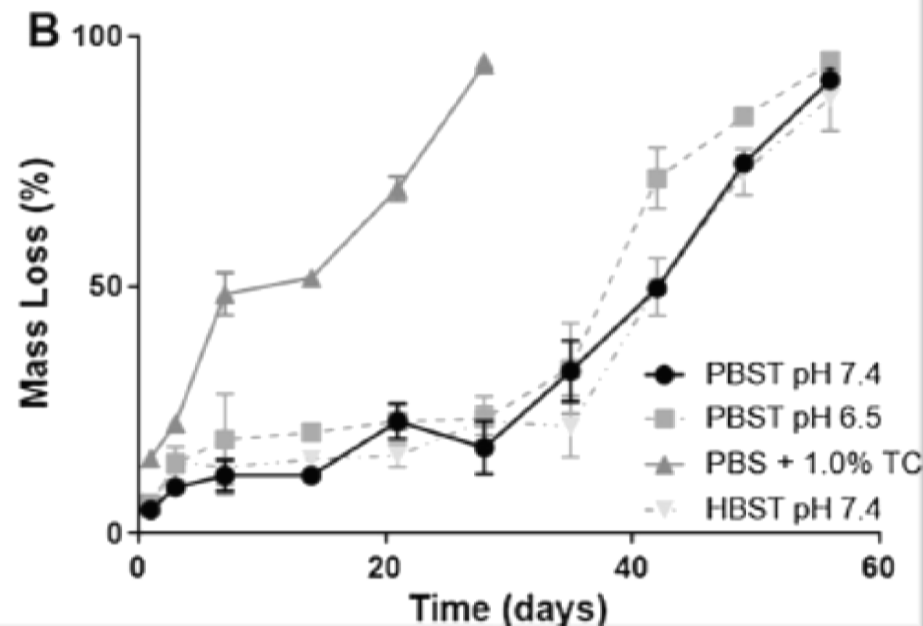
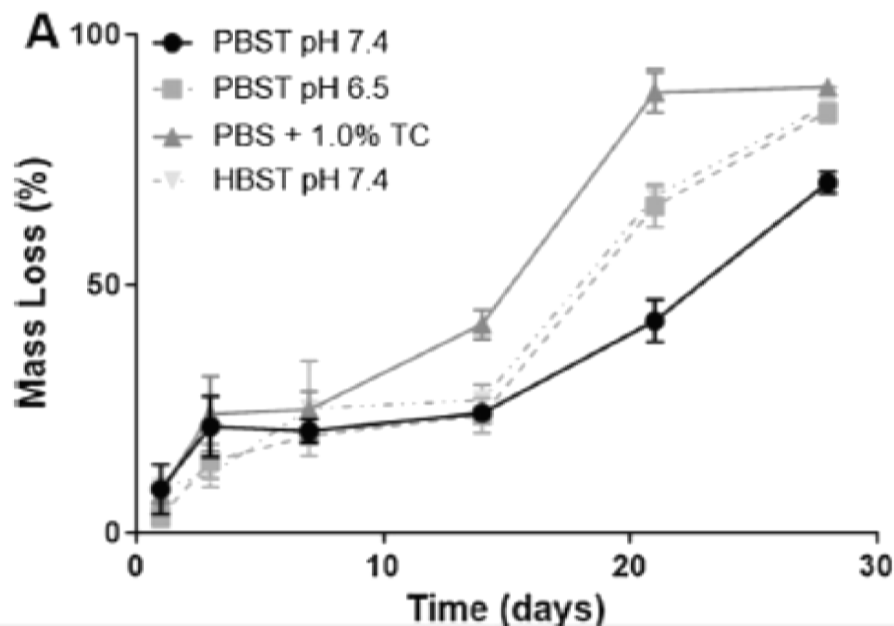


Understanding Polymer Mass Loss Kinetics as a $f(\text{Polymer Type, Buffer/ Media, pH})$



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PLGA (54 kDa)



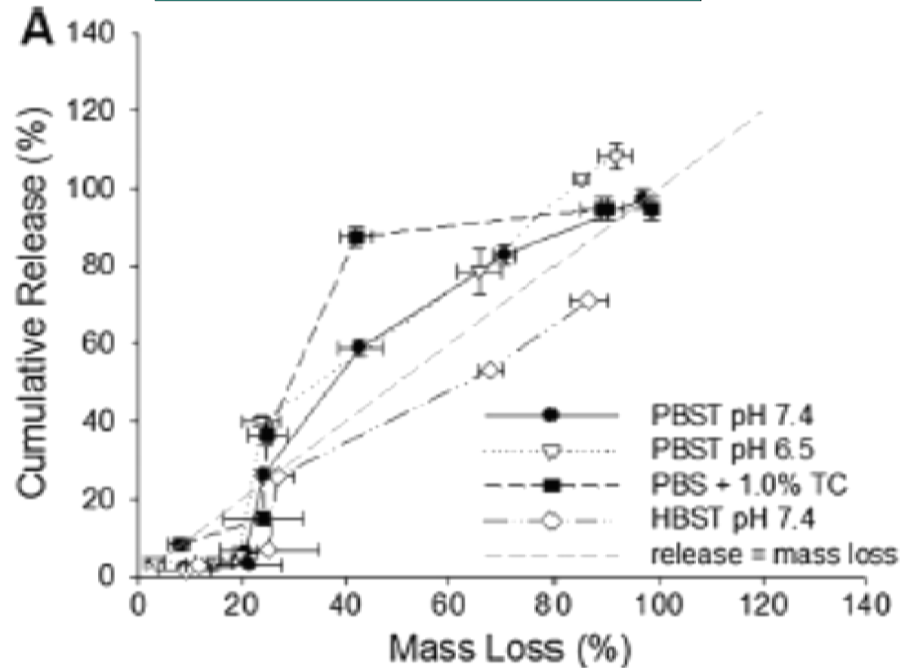
		PBST pH 7.4	PBST pH 6.5	PBS + 1.0% TC	HBST pH 7.4
Tr-A_1	$t_{50, \text{release}}$	19.0 ± 0.4	16.6 ± 0.4	$8.0 \pm 0.4^*$	17.6 ± 0.2
	$t_{50, \text{erosion}}$	25 ± 8	18.6 ± 0.8	15 ± 1	18 ± 2
	$t_{50, \text{release}}/t_{50, \text{erosion}}$	0.77	0.89	0.52	0.96
Tr-A_2	$t_{50, \text{release}}$	46.8 ± 0.6	50.1 ± 0.8	$25.0 \pm 0.3^*$	46.1 ± 0.3
	$t_{50, \text{erosion}}$	46 ± 3	39 ± 2	$18 \pm 2^{**}$	43 ± 2
	$t_{50, \text{release}}/t_{50, \text{erosion}}$	1.02	1.28	1.43	1.06

* $p < 0.05$ compared to PBST pH 7.4.

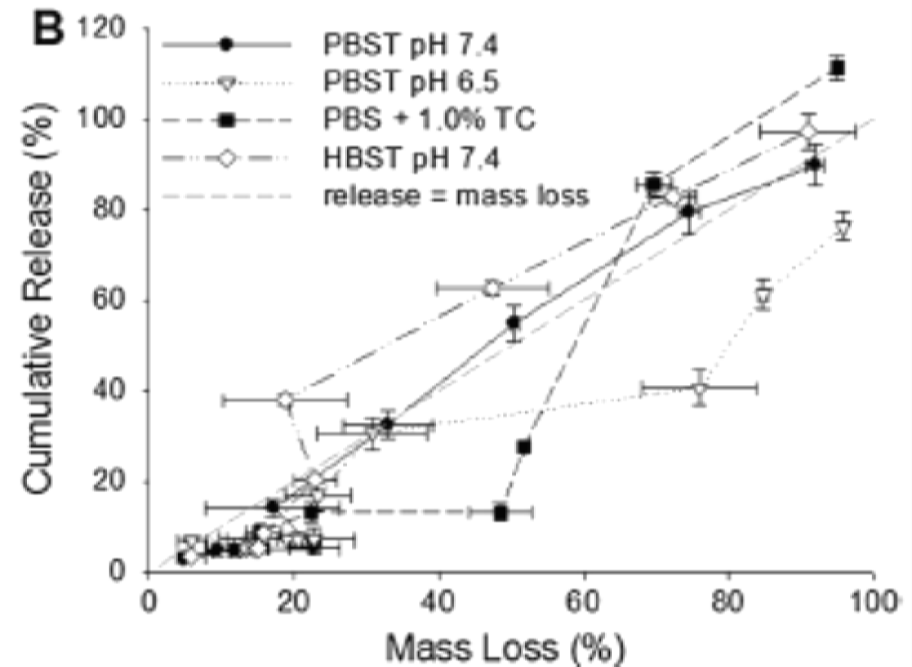
** linear regression was used.

Understanding Mechanism of Release: Correlating In-Vitro Release to Polymer Mass Loss Kinetics

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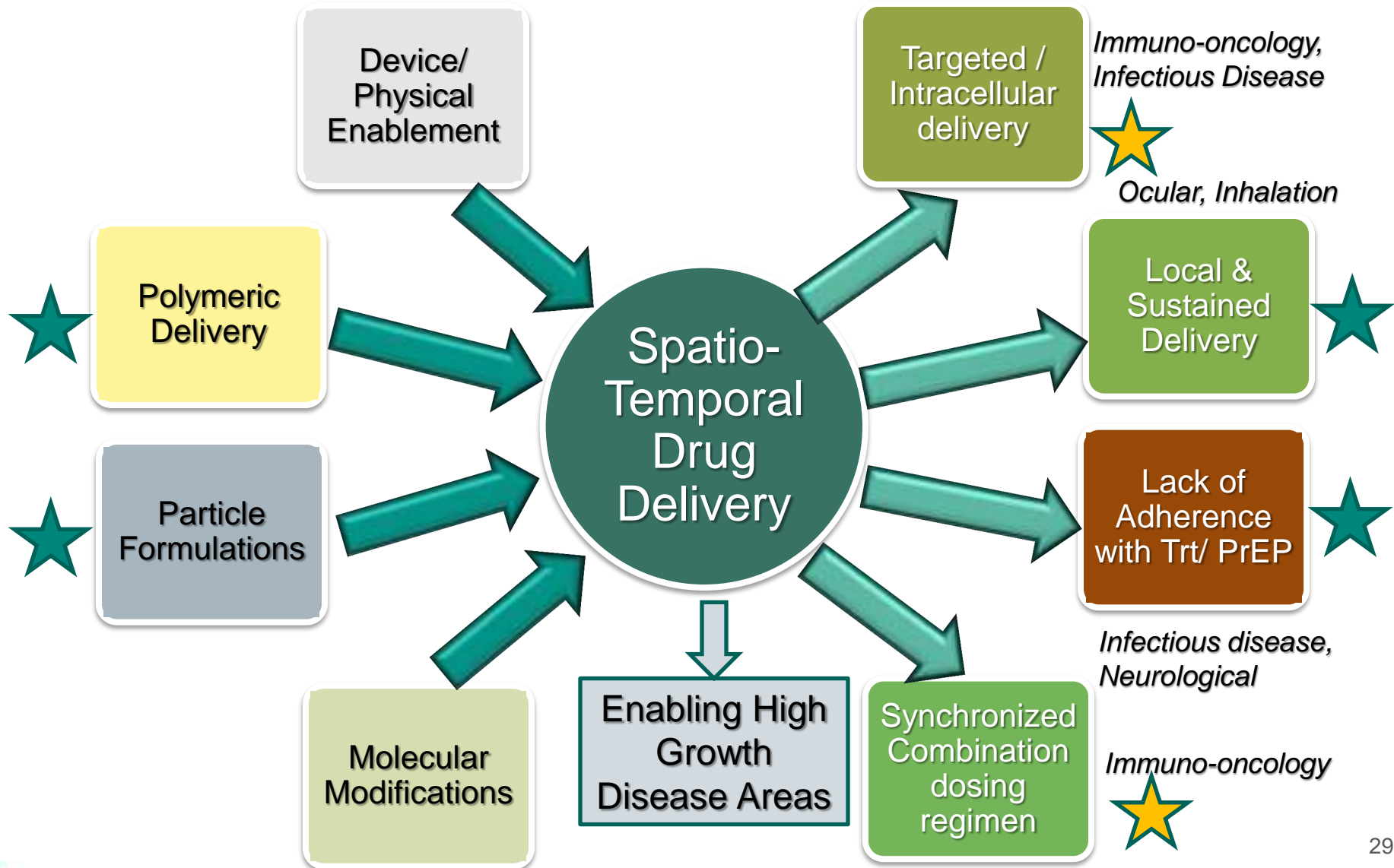


PLGA (54 kDa)



- **Low Molecular weight acid-terminated PLGA Formulations: Erosion + Diffusion through Polymer (w/ TC)**
- **Moderate Molecular weight ester-capped PLGA Formulations: Erosion**
- **Next Step: Release Mechanism in vivo and mechanistic strategies for IVIVCs**

Summary and Conclusions



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