

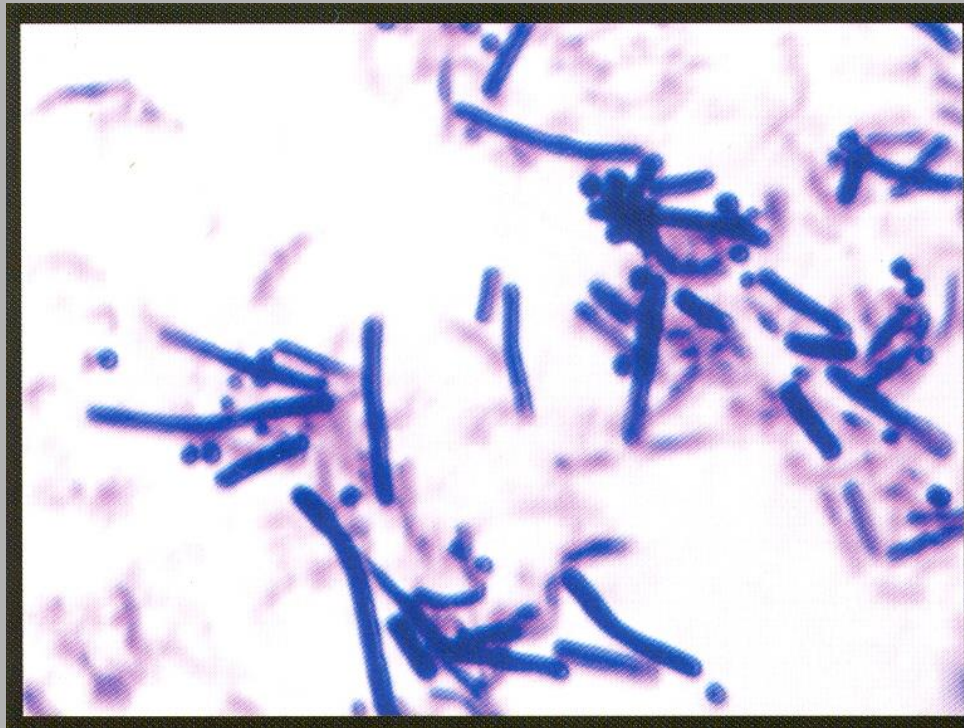
Recombinant vaccines

Jaroslav Turánek

Historické, sociální a medicínské aspekty infekčních chorob

„Historie je svědkem času, světlem pravdy, esencí paměti, učitelkou života, poslem z minulých věků“

Marcus Tullius Cicero



„V neustálém cyklu proměn malé se stává velkým a velké nepatrným“

Lao‘c

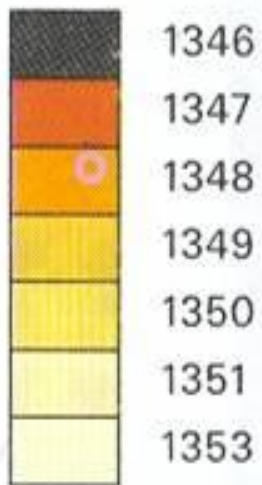
Středověk

Černá smrt – Mor 1346-1353

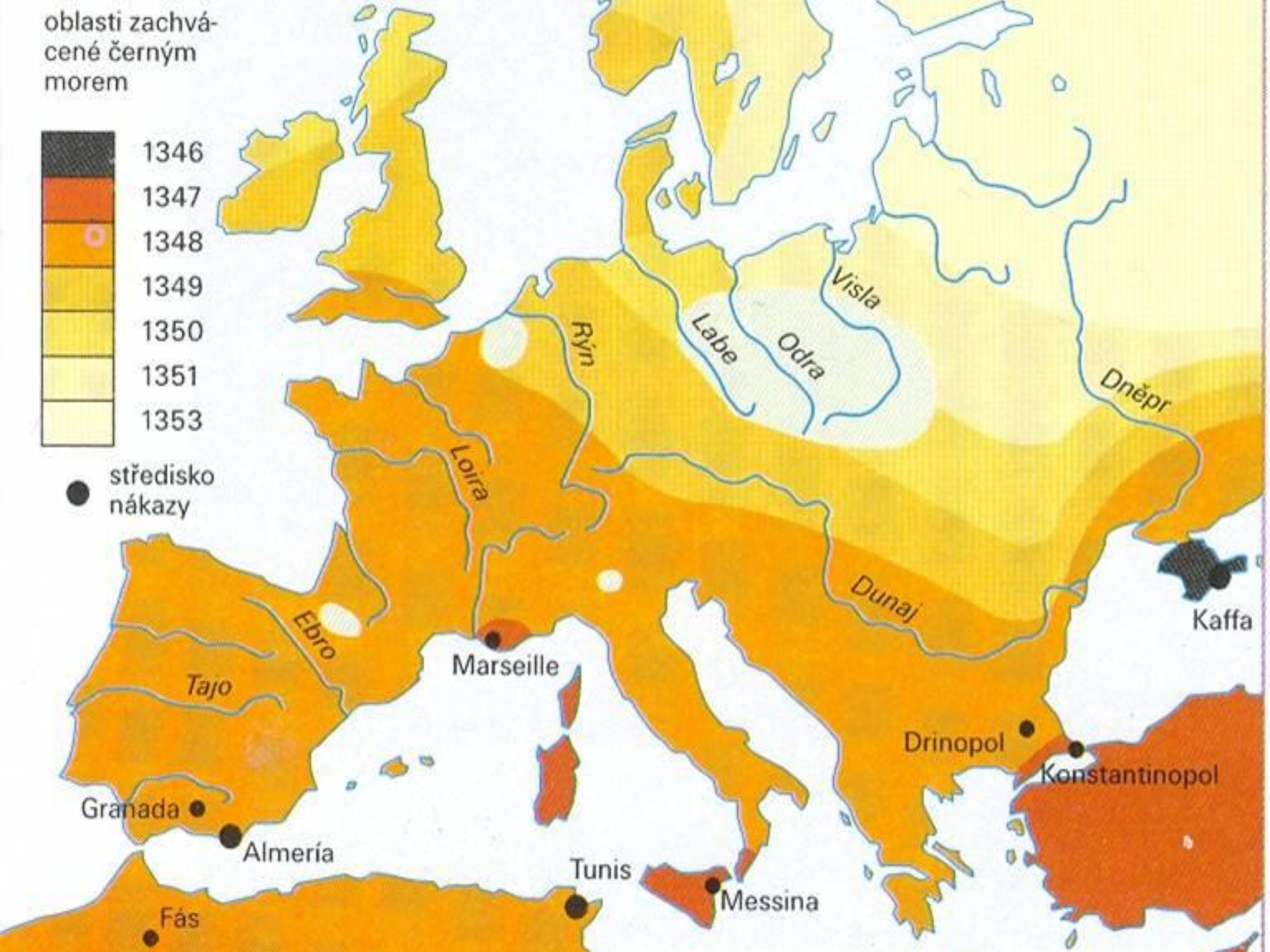
Yersinia pestis



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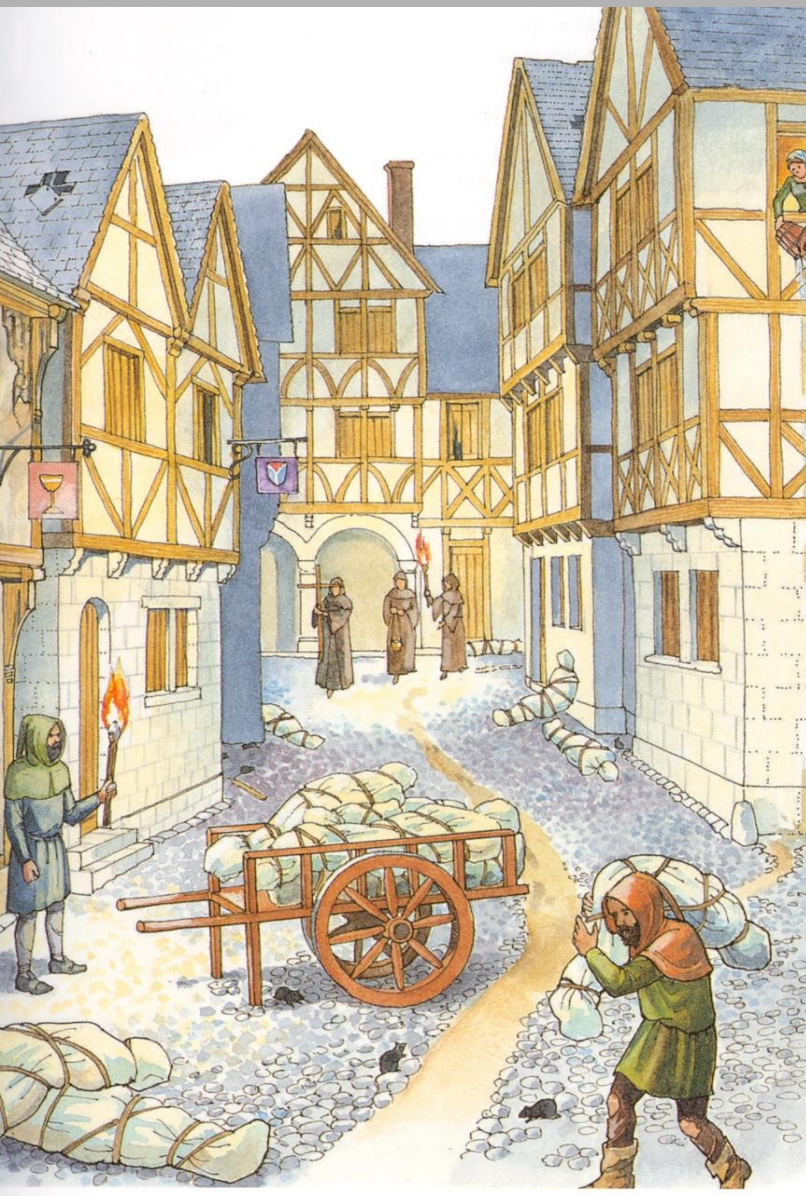


● středisko
nákazy





Epidemie – epidemiologická opatření



Vyneste své mrtvé !!!



Třicetiletá válka 1618-1648

„Štěstí vyrůstá z úcty a neštěstí z násilí“ Lao ‘c



Napoleonské války 1797 -1815

Generálové Mráz, Hlad a Tyfus



*„Dobré vojsko je prostředek
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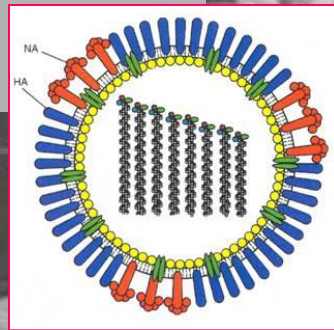
Chřipkové epidemie ve 20. století

vysoká koncentrace
mladých lidí

stresové faktory

rezervoár patogenu –
prasata, drůbež, koně

migrace a promíchávání
obyvatelstva

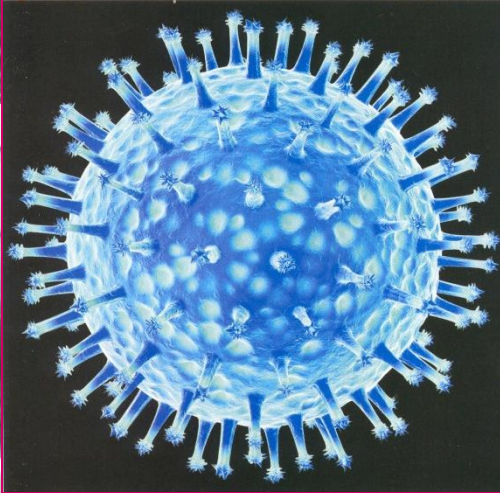


zranění

koncentrace nemocných
v polních lazaretech

zajatecké tábory

Podmínky pro vznik pandemie španělské chřipky 1918-1919



TH1

Whole live, genetically modified
or attenuated microorganisms
Replication ↔ Antigenic structures

TH2

Exogenous antigens
toxins

DNA Vaccine
genetic information on protein Ag
structure, adjuvant protein (cytokines)
self adjuvant structures (CpG motifs)
No replication, no Ag structure (DNA)

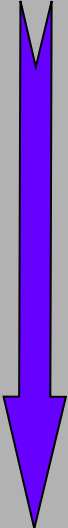
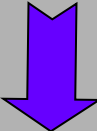
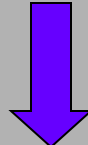
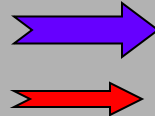
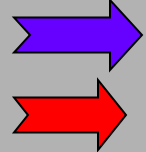
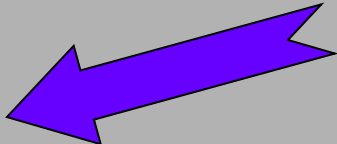
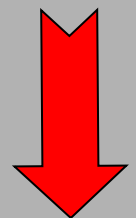
Dead Microorganisms
Antigenic structures

Homogenates or fractionated
antigens

Pure Proteins,
Polysaccharides,
Glycoproteins,

Subunits

Peptides
T and B epitopes



Vaccinology

Biology – Medicine

Immunology, Immunopathology, Cell Biology, Virology,
Bacteriology, Parasitology, Cancer Biology, Molecular Biology...

Chemistry: -Bio -Physical -Polymer -Organic

Colloids, Proteins, Lipids, Peptides, DNA, Polymers,
Polysaccharides, ...

Industrial technologies

Fermentation, Purification of Biopolymers, Organic Synthesis,
Production of Colloid Systems, Sterilisation, Lyophilisation, ...

**Economy – Government - Health Policy - Anti-vaccination
Movement**

Reverse vaccinology

Production of recombinant
protein/antigen

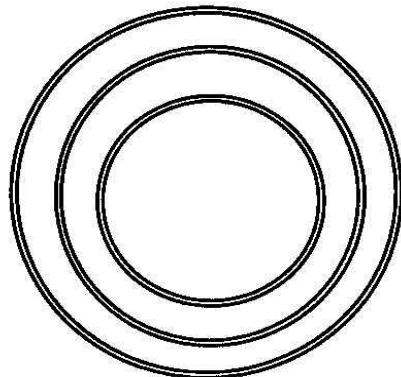
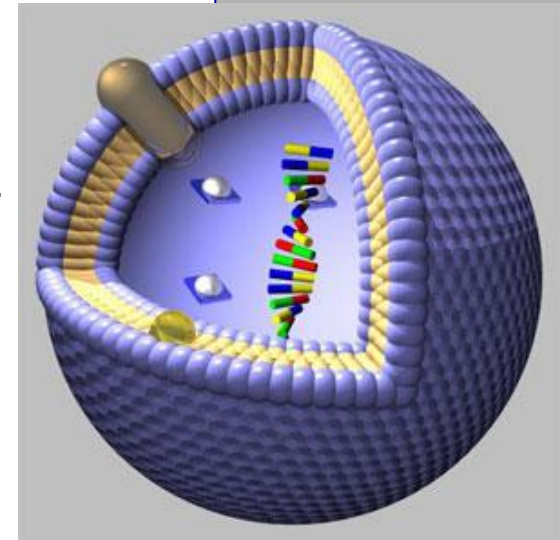
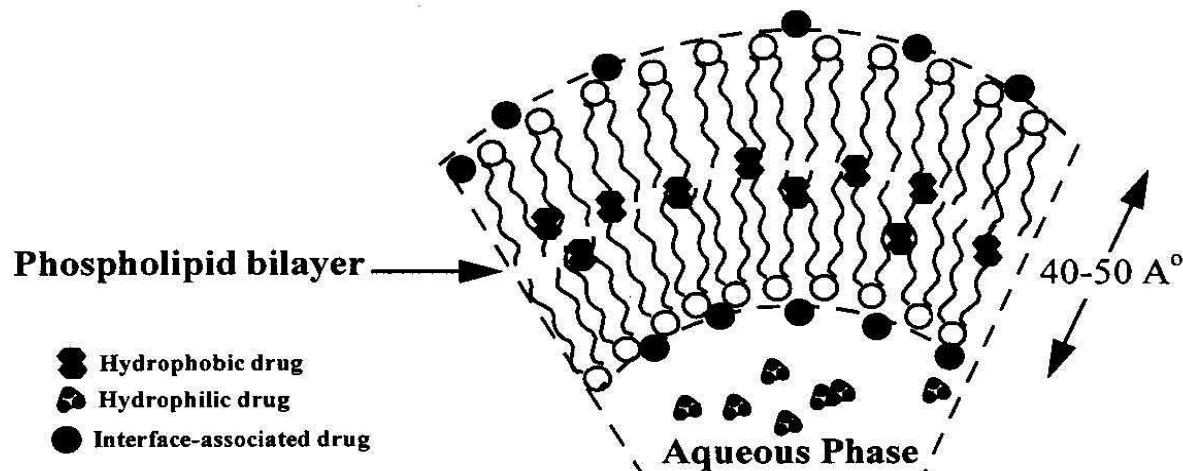
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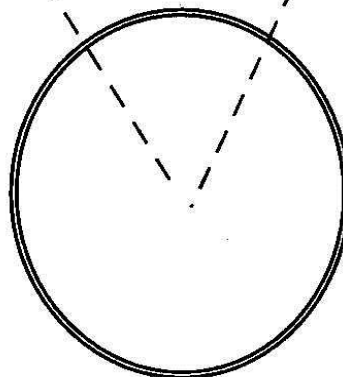
Liposome based recombinant vaccines



Classification of liposomes



MLV
($> 0.1 \mu\text{m}$)



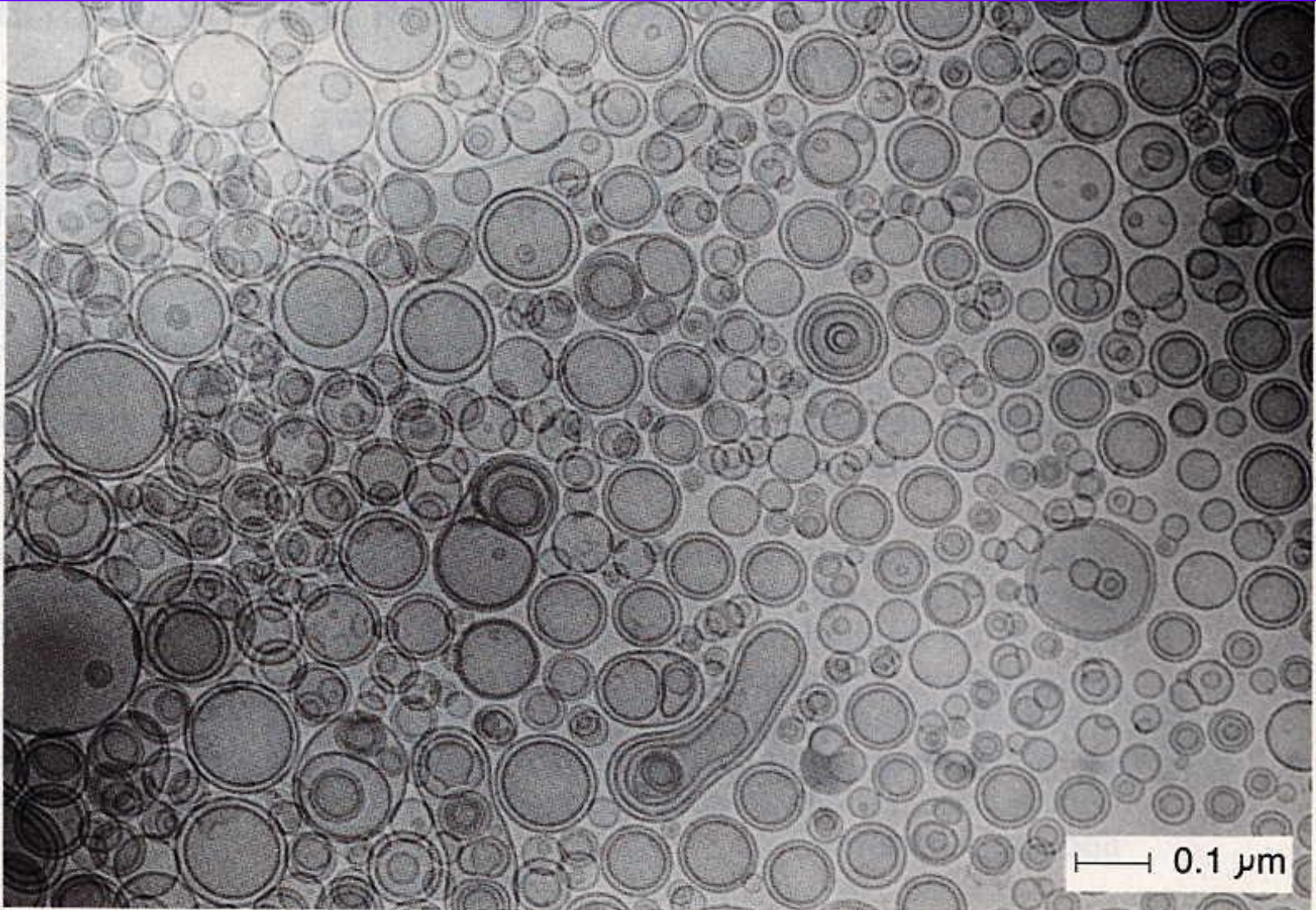
LUV
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SUV
($< 0.1 \mu\text{m}$)

Morphology of liposomes

Viewed by cryoelectron microscopy



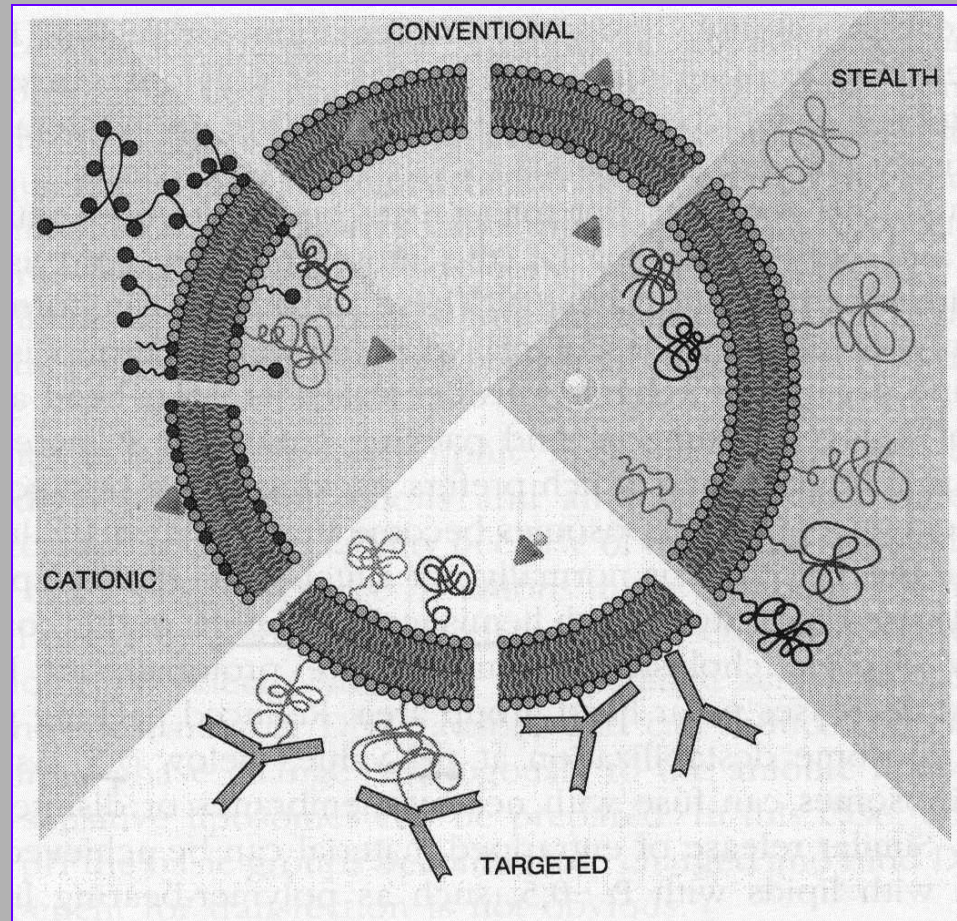
Classes of liposomes based on their functionality

Conventional liposomes
nonspecific interaction with milieu

Stealth liposomes *sterically shielded, low non-specific interactions, long circulating*

Targeted liposomes *specific interaction via coupled ligand*

Polymorphic-Cationic
change their phase upon interaction with specific agents, pH or temperature sensitive



Liposome-based products

Antimicrobial drugs Amikacin (MiKasome)
Amphotericin B (AmBisome) Econazole,
Nystatin

Anticancer drugs Doxorubicin (Doxil),
Daunorubicin (DaunoXome), Vincristine
(VincaXome), CisPlatin, Paclitaxel

Vaccines Newcastle disease, Avian rheovirus,
Hepatitis A, Trivalent influenza (Epaxal-Berna)

Dermatological preparations



Adjuvans and recombinant vaccines

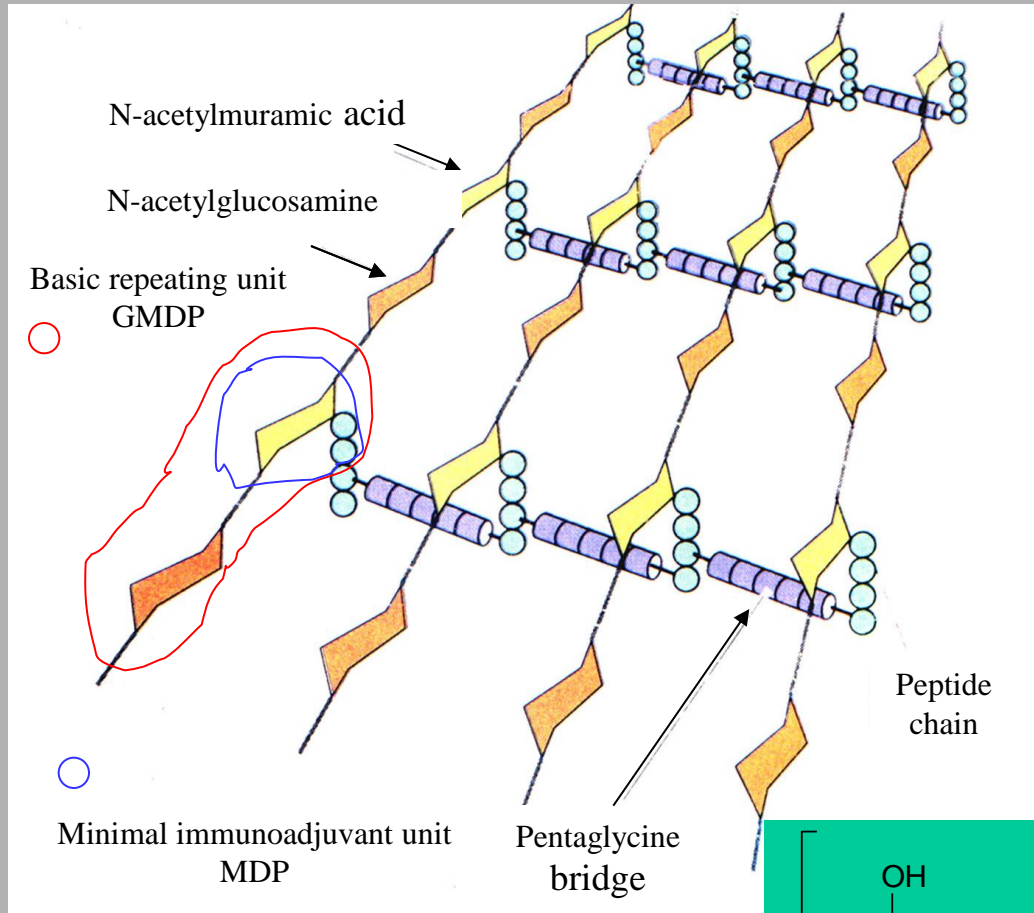
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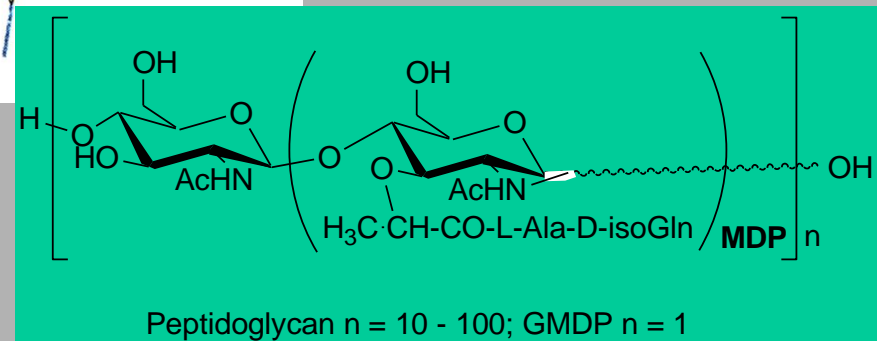
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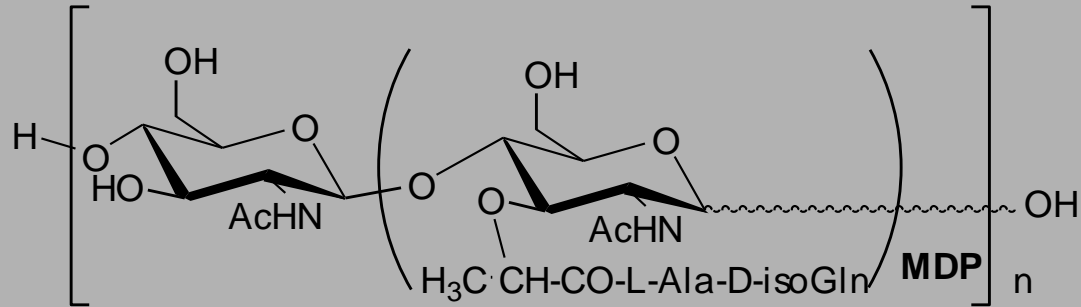
Muramyl glycopeptides



Block scheme of the peptidoglycan of bacterial cell wall



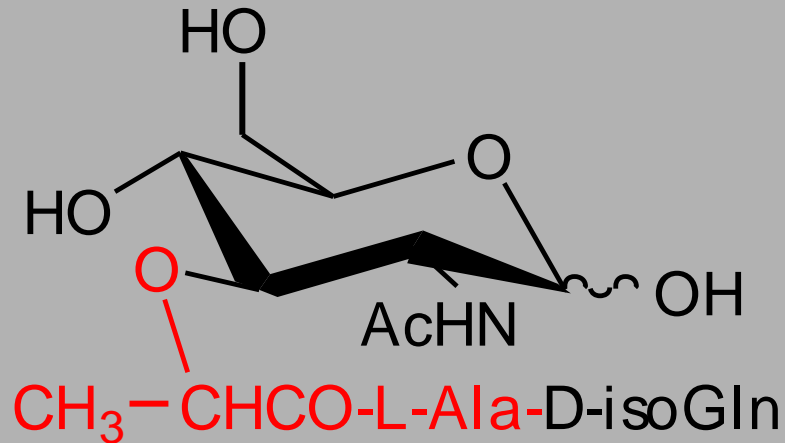
Muramyldipeptide



Peptidoglycan ($n = 10 - 100$)

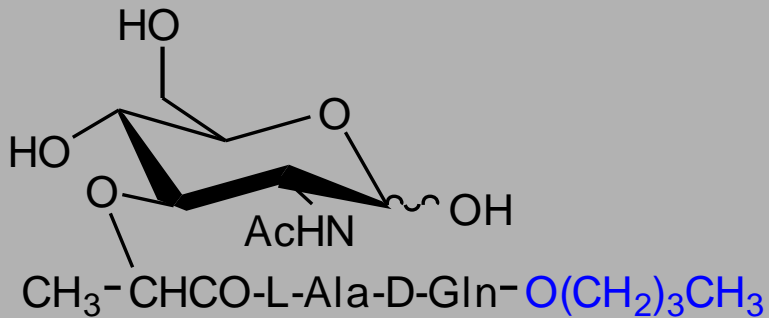
MDP ("Muramyldipeptide", i.e. minimal immunoadjuvant unit)

GMDP ($n = 1$; "Glucosaminylmuramyldipeptide", i.e. basic repeating unit)

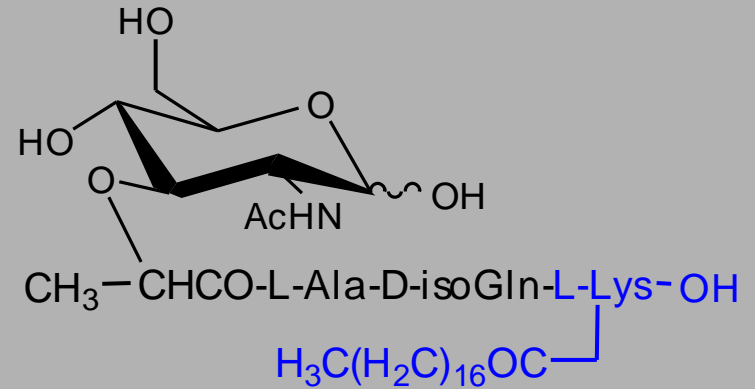


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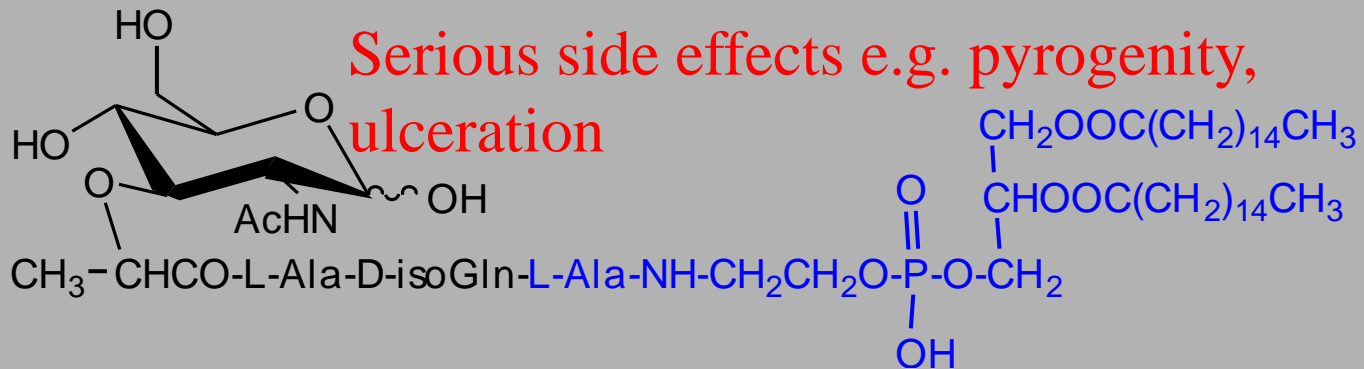
Analogues of MDP and GMDP developed as potential immunotherapeutics by pharmaceutical industry



Murabutid (Inst. Choay, France)



**Romurtid (Muroctasin)
(Daiichi Pharmaceutical Co., Japan)**

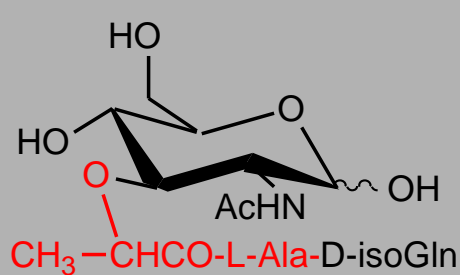


**Serious side effects e.g. pyrogenity,
ulceration**

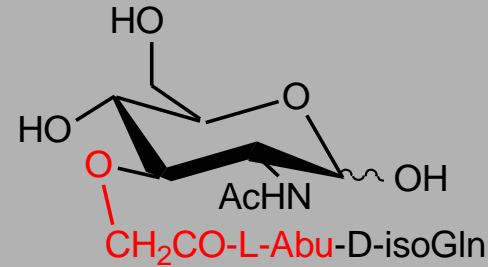
MTP-PE NovaArtis (Ciba-Geigy, Switzerland)

Analogs of muramylglycopeptides developed on IOCB in collaboration with VRI

Transformations of MDP and GMDP molecules to norAbu-MDP and norAbu-GMDP analogs resp. led to decrease or elimination the pyrogenicity and enhancement immunoadjuvant activity

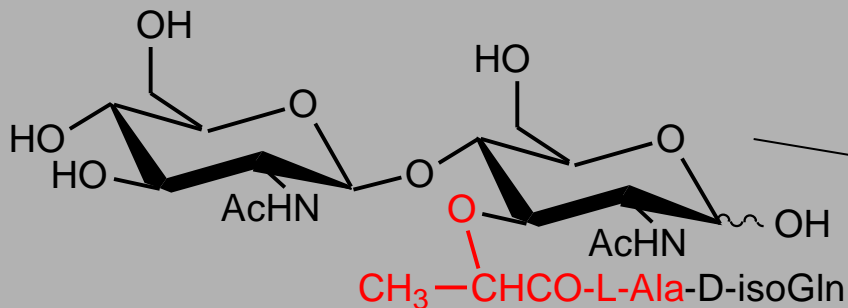


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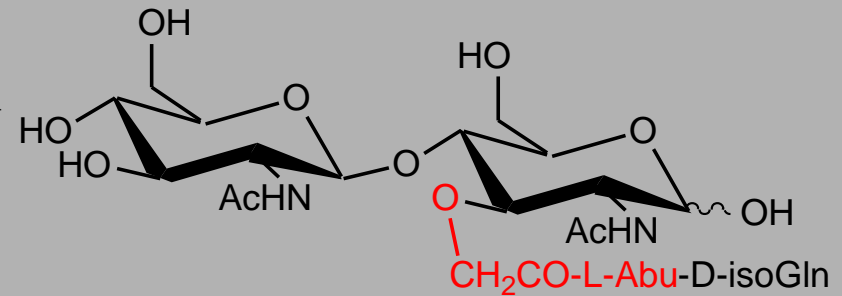
norAbu-MDP

Less pyrogenic and higher immunoadjuvant than MDP



GMDP

Less pyrogenic and higher immunoadjuvant than MDP



norAbu-GMDP

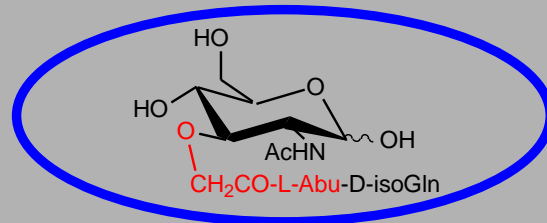
Nonpyrogenic and higher immunoadjuvant than GMDP

Registered by Russian company Peptek

Adjuvans based on lipophilic analogues of norAbuMDP norAbuGMDP

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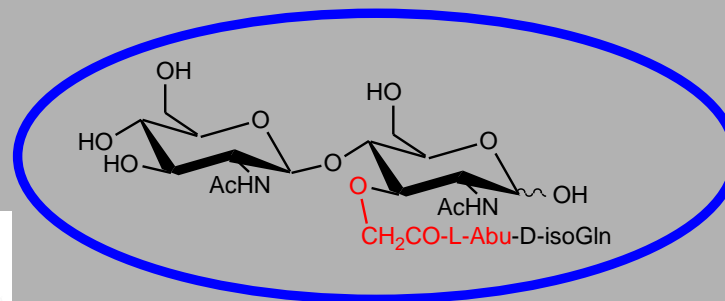
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Accessory domain

Incorporation into lipid structures

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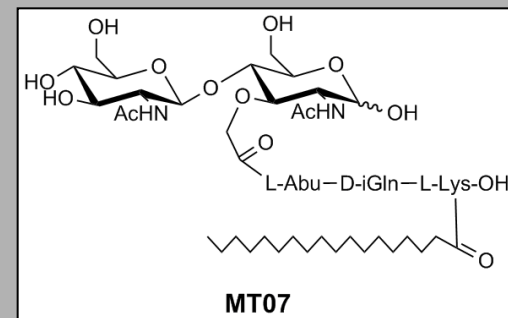
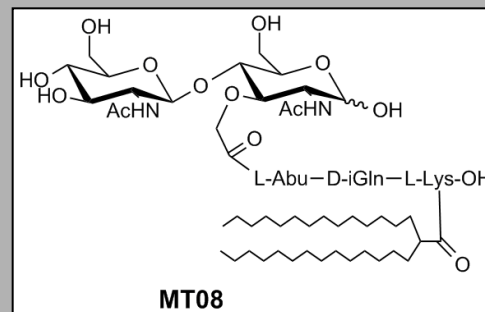
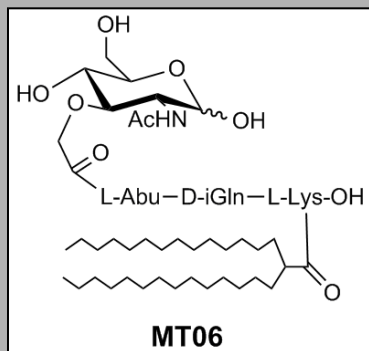
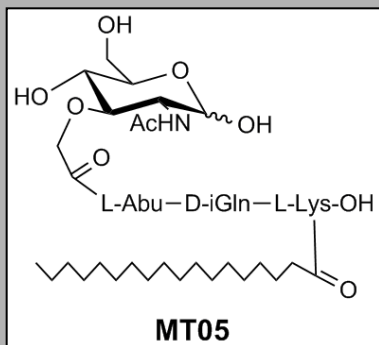
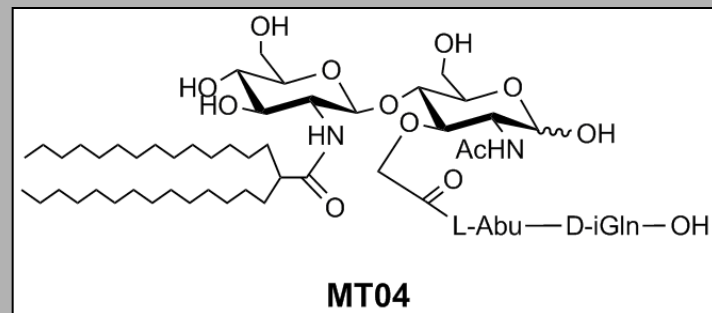
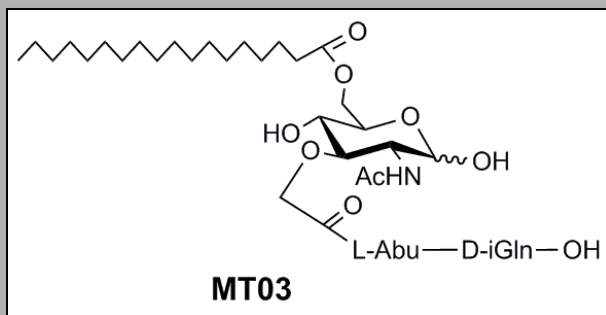
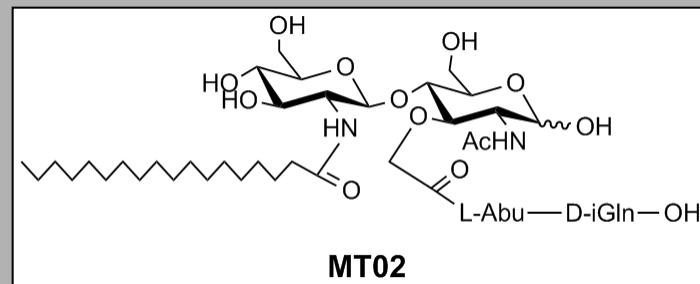
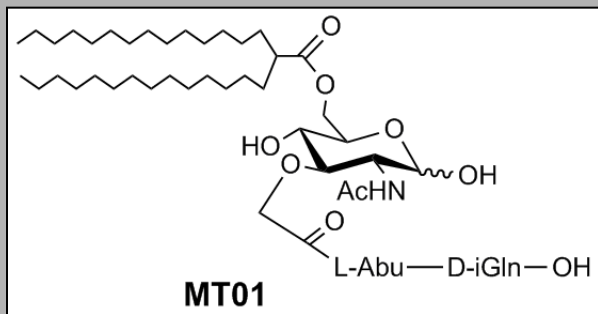
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Lipophilic derivatives of norAbuMDP/GMDP



All Compounds are **Non-Pyrogenic**

	Tested compounds									
	Lipo-somes	liposomal MDP	free MDP	MT01	23	24	32	33	40	41
+ ΔT_{\max} °C	0.2	2.7	2.9	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.8

Dose: 100nmol/kg (ca 0.1mg/kg) NMGP s.c.

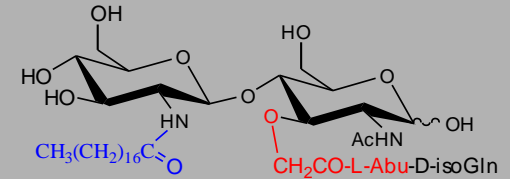
Data: Rabbit

Temperature was measured in 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 24 hour 20 intervals.

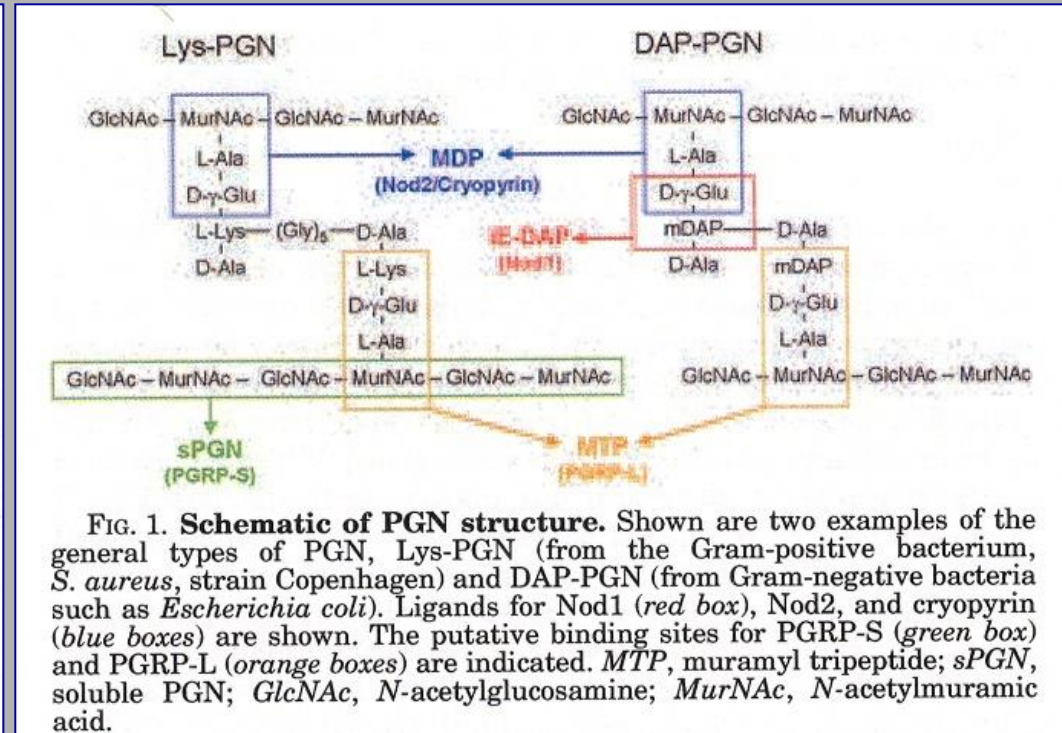
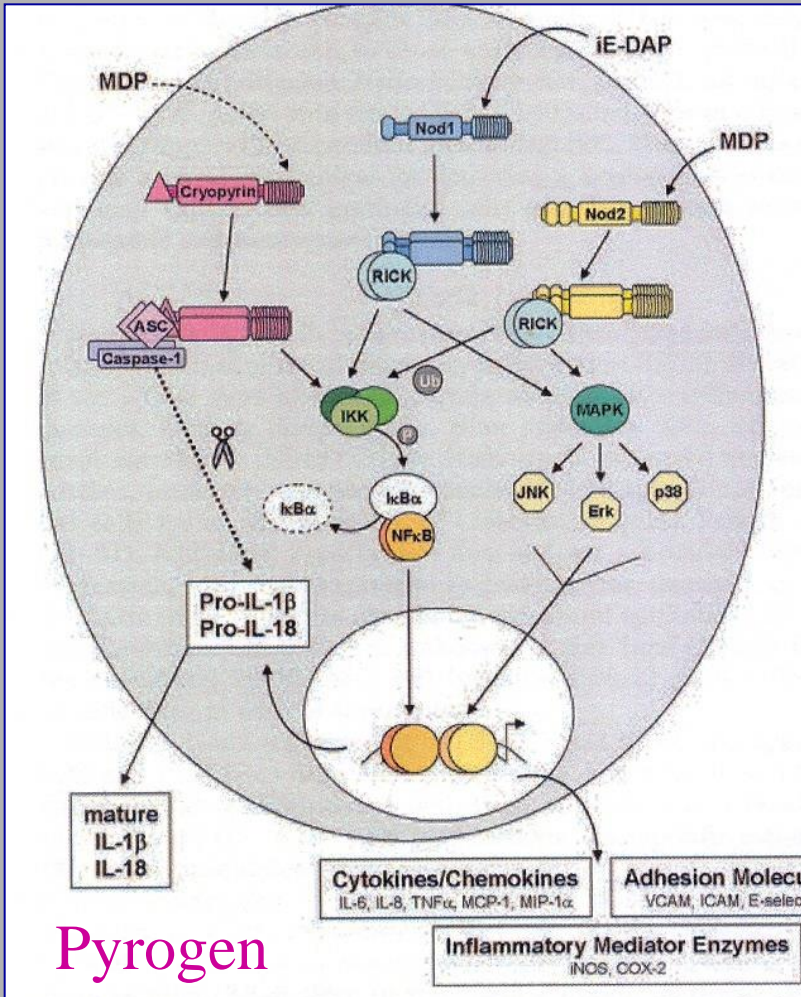
The preparation passes the test if the Sum $+\Delta T_{\max} < 1.1$ °C
(3 rabbits per group)

Structural subunits of peptidoglycan and their intracellular receptors

Hypothesis - Low affinity of Nor-abu-MDP/GMDP for Cryopyrin could be responsible for low pyrogenicity of some derivatives of MDP

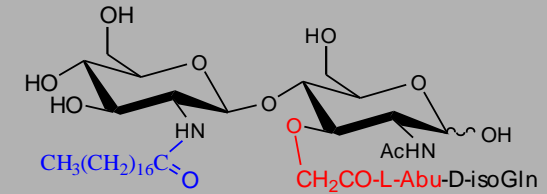


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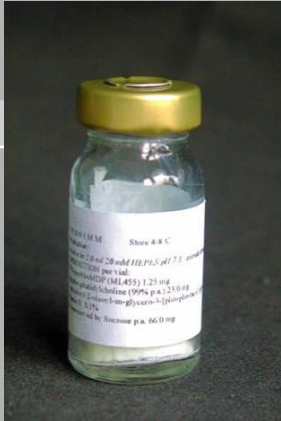


Antimicrobial/anticancer peptides

Stimulation of innate immunity of newborn kids against *Cryptosporidium parvum*



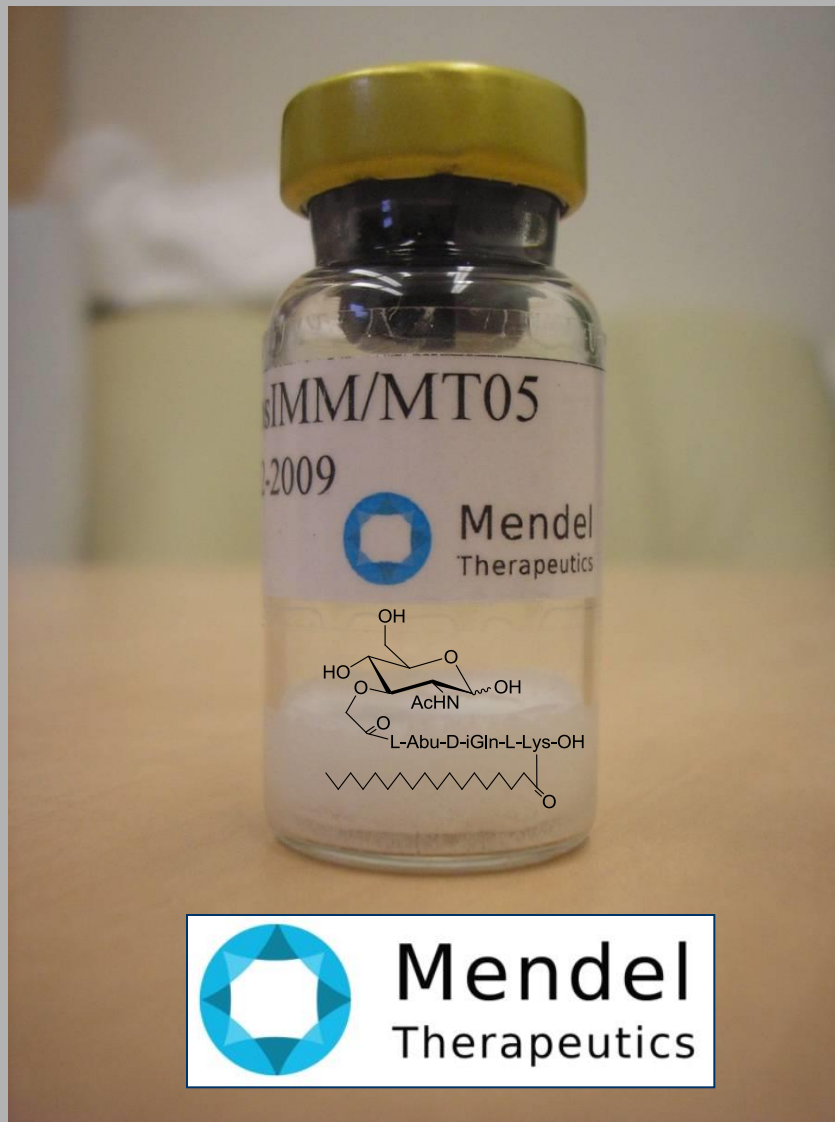
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Parasitology 2005 131: 601-608

Lyophilised liposomal formulation of immunomodulator NorAbuMDP LiposIMM/MT05



Liposomal vaccines

Biodegradable and nontoxic carriers for preparation of **corpuscular antigens**

Simple incorporation or covalent attachment of peptide (T and B epitops) and protein antigens to the membrane or internal water phase

Preservation of natural conformation of membrane protein antigens

Liposomal vaccines

Simultaneous incorporation of antigens and adjuvants in one structure (MPLA, lipoproteins, glucans, MDP analogues, cytokines)

Systemic, **intradermal** and **mucosal** application

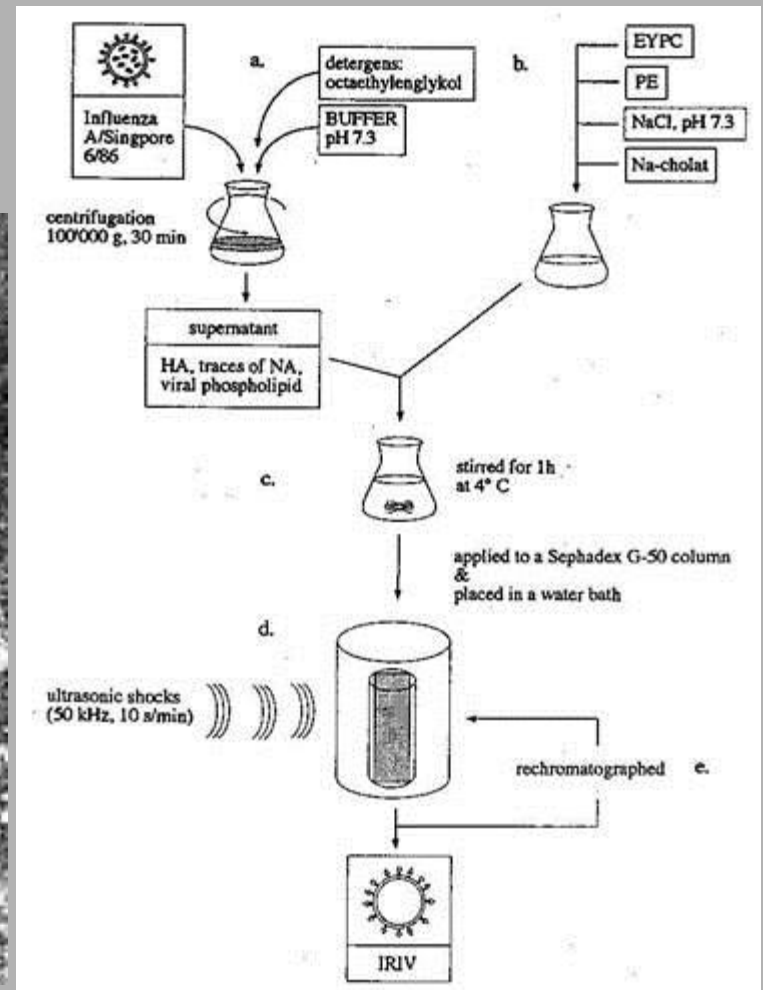
Oral delivery

Control of the MHC I or MHC II antigen presentation is possible (TH1/2 immune)

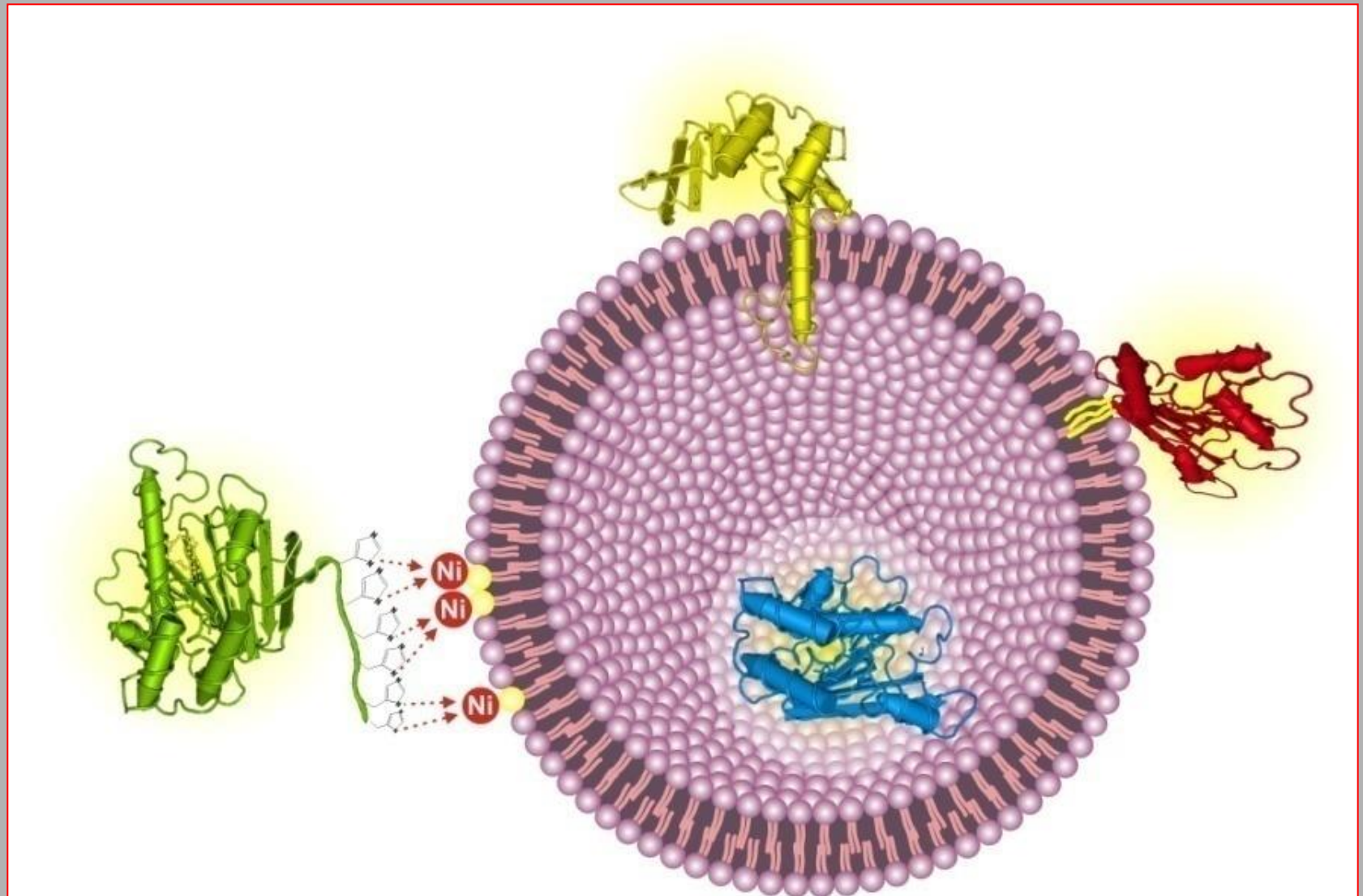
Preparation of IRIV vaccine

Epaxal-Berna

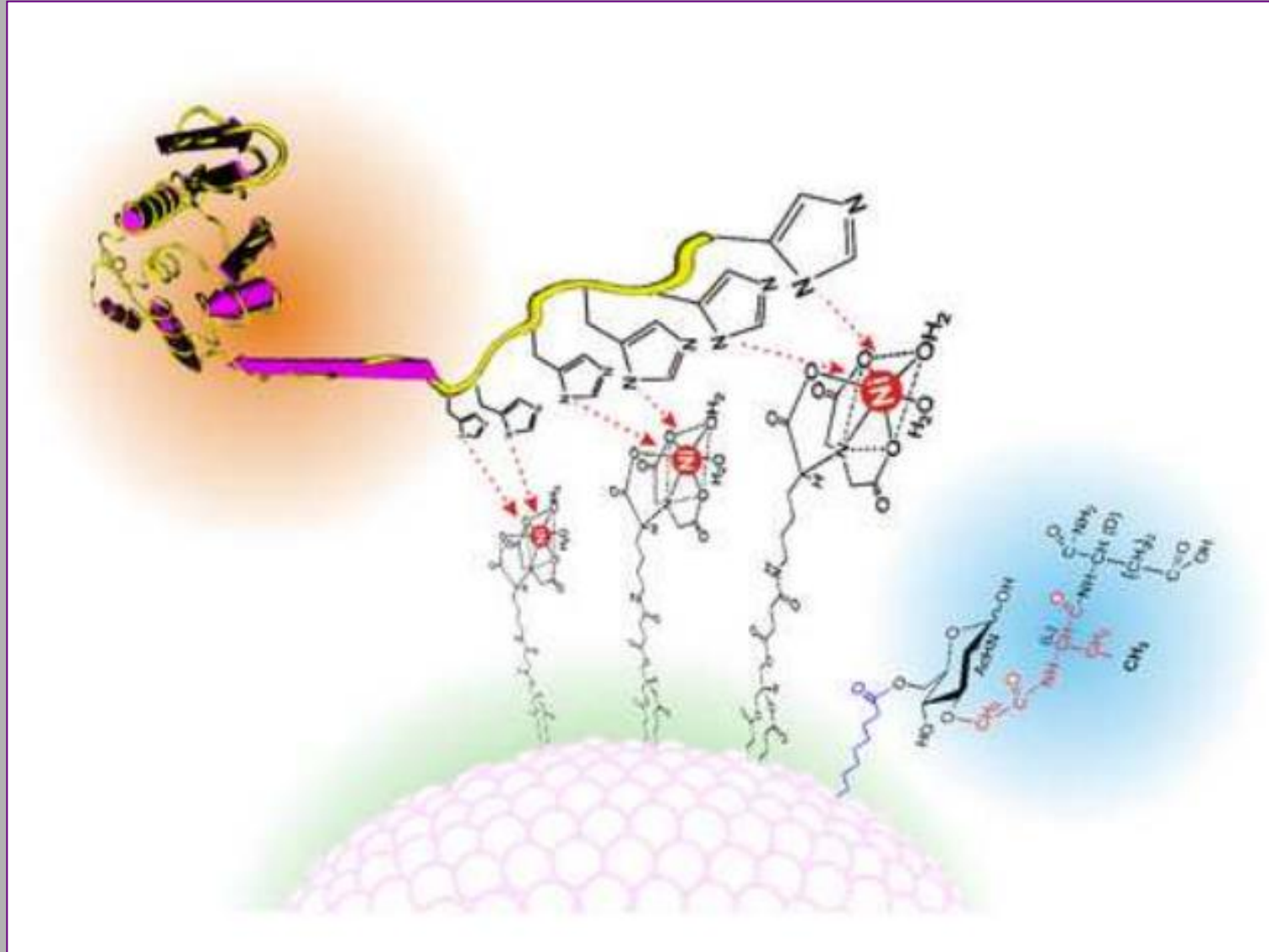
TEM micrograph



Association of protein antigen with liposome



Liposome based self-assembling immunogenic nanosystems



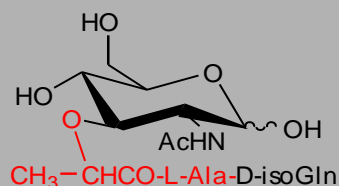
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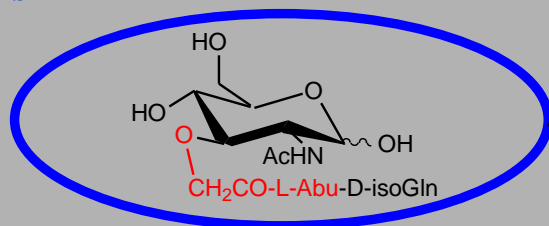
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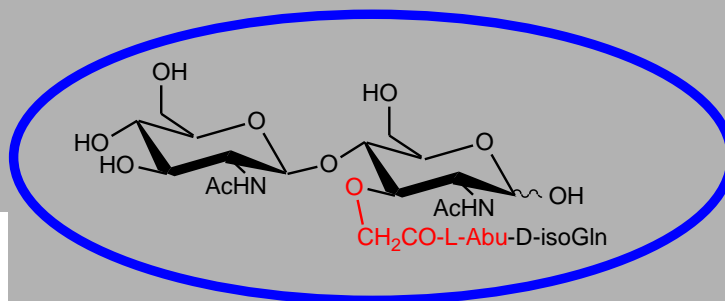
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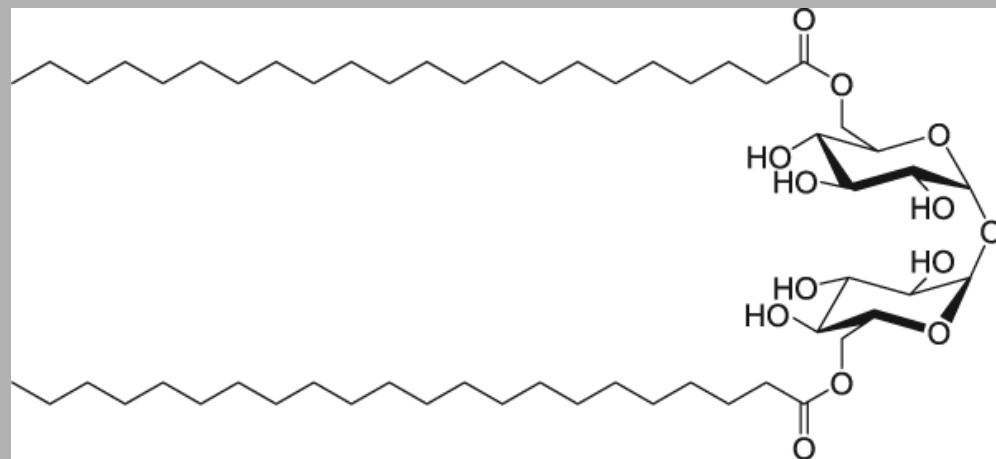
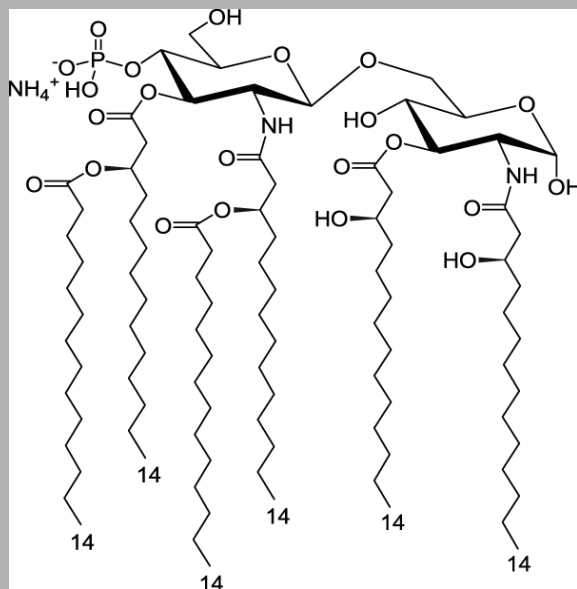
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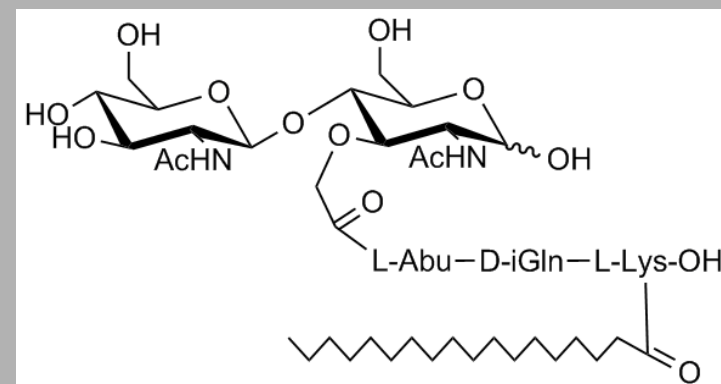
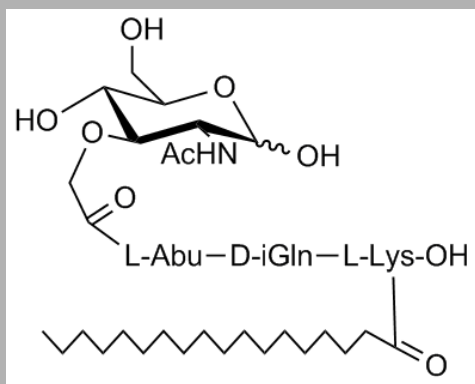
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New lipophilic adjuvants for liposomal vaccines



Monophosphoryl Lipid A (MPLA)

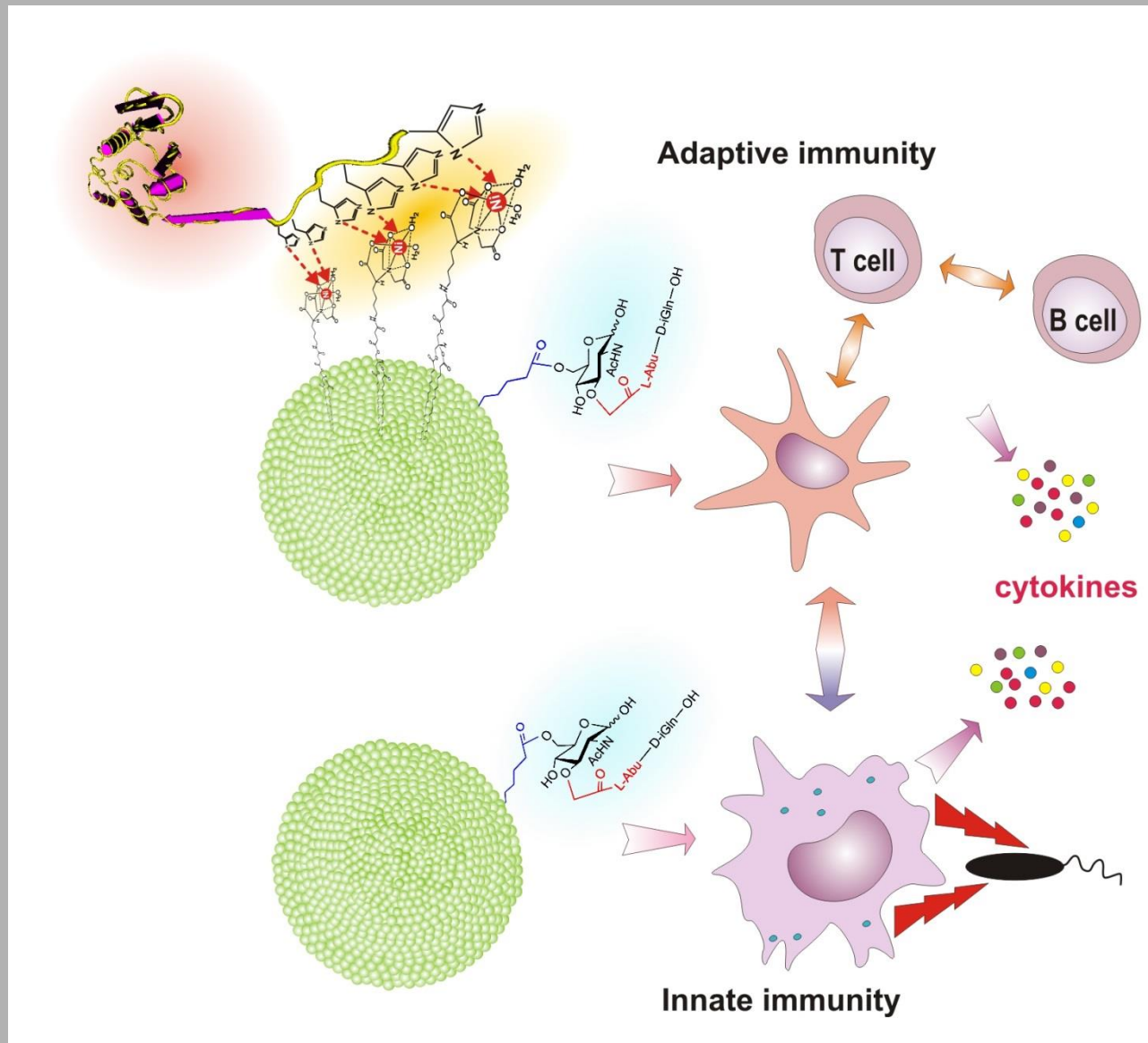
D-(+)-trehalose 6,6'-dibehenate (TDB)



nor-AbuMDP

nor-AbuGMDP

Role of molecular adjuvants

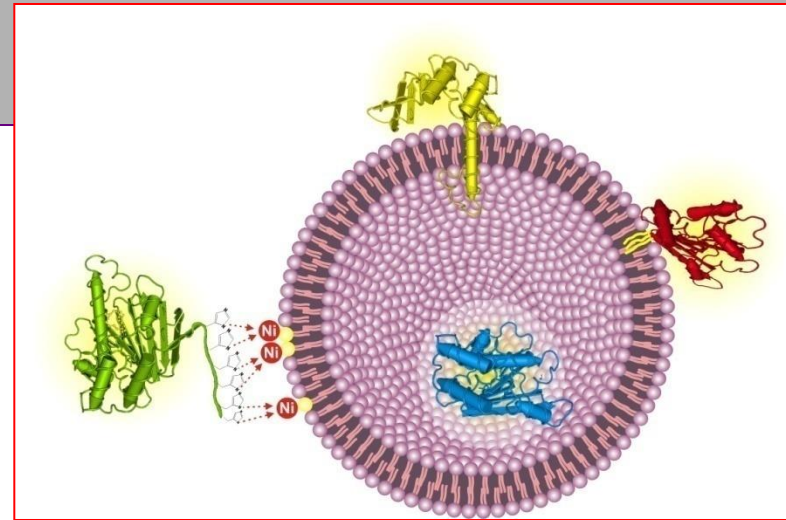
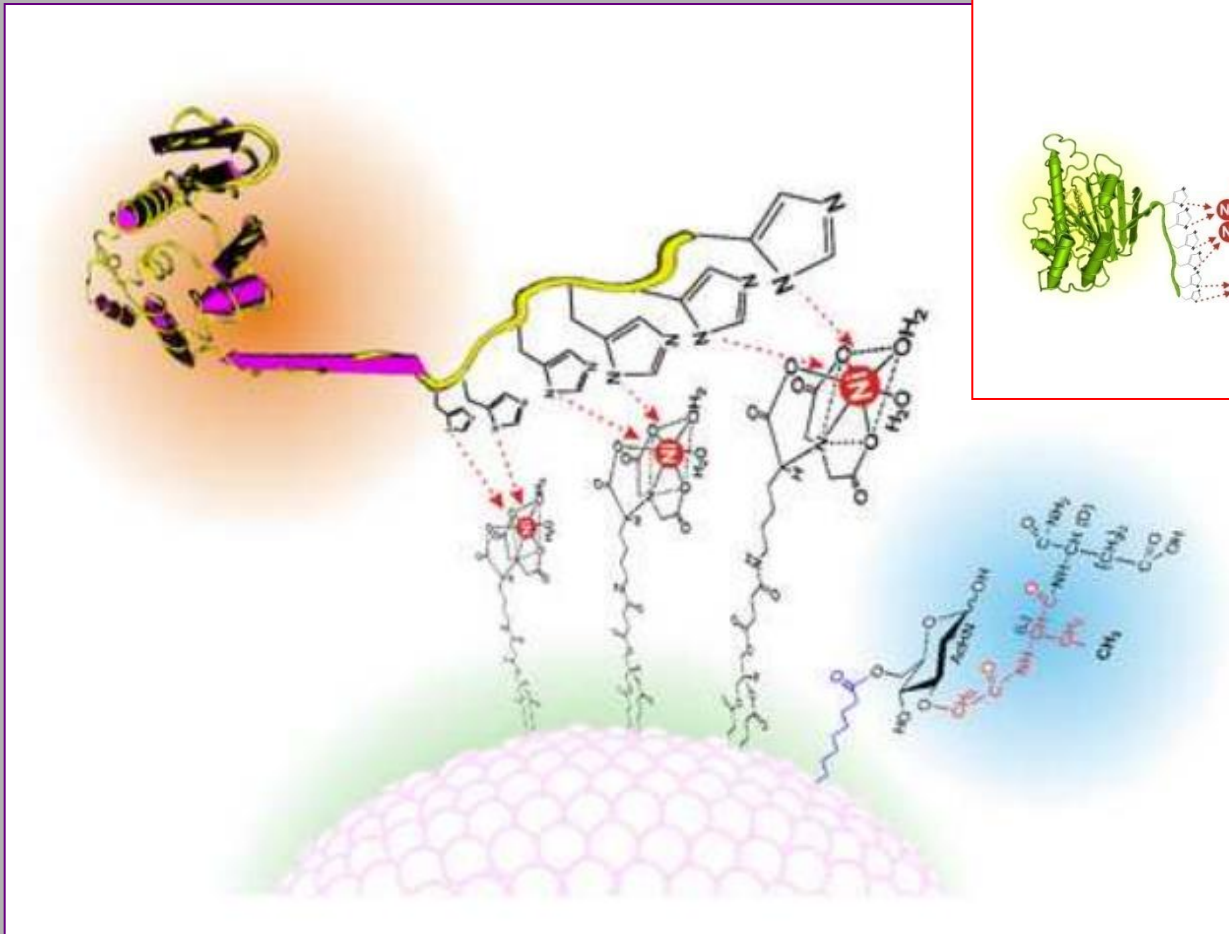


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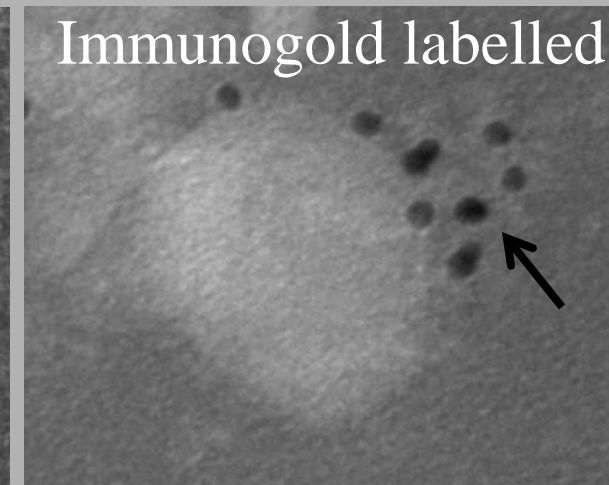
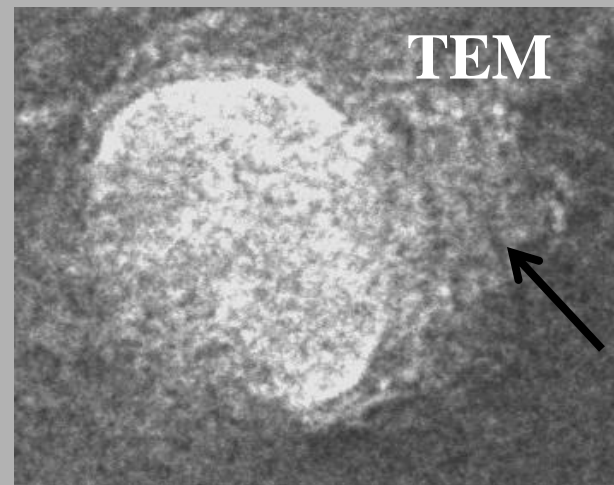
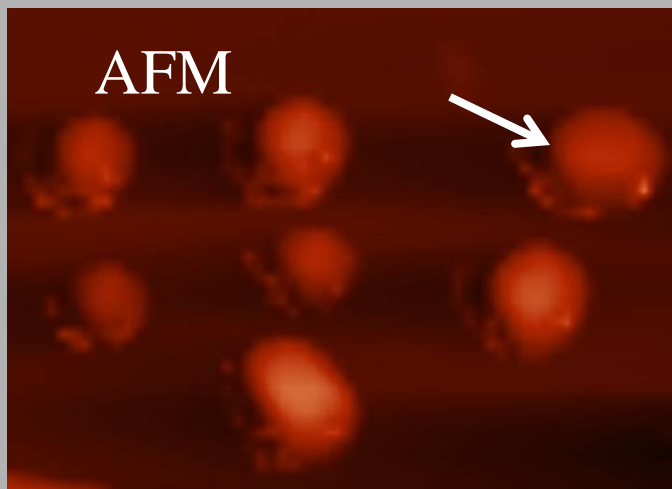
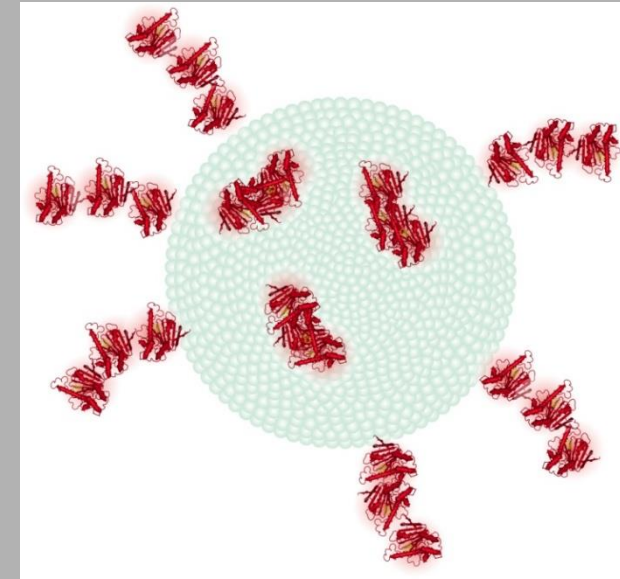
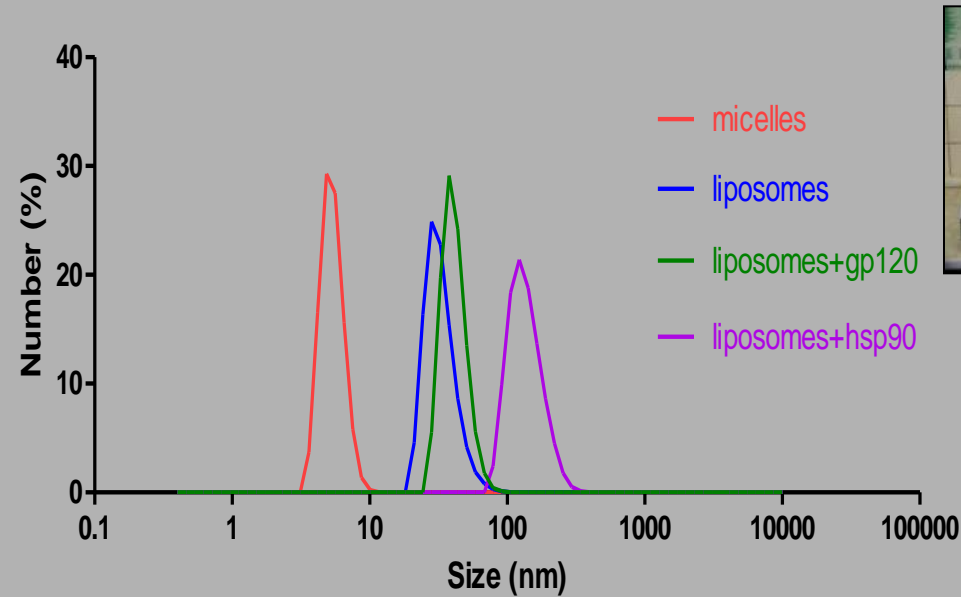
Surface modification- targeting

Hyaluronic acid, chitosan, cationic lipids, glycolipids, dendrimers, functionalised lipids –
covalent and noncovalent binding of antigens

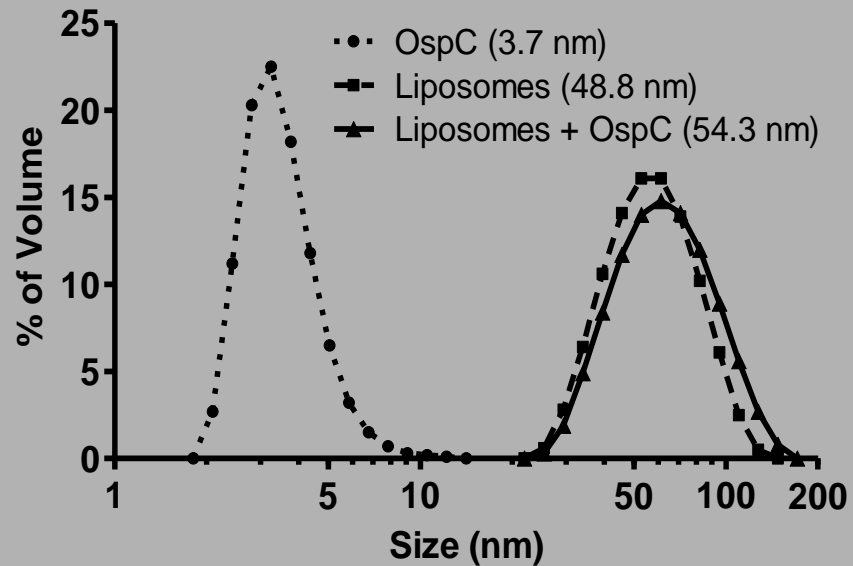
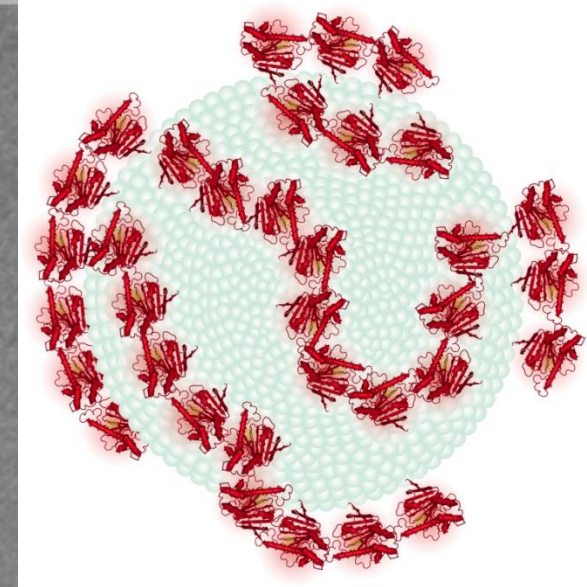
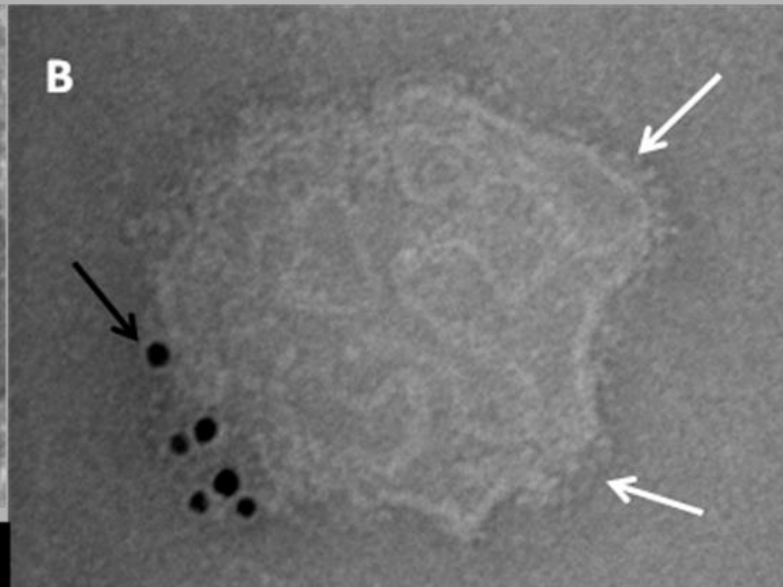
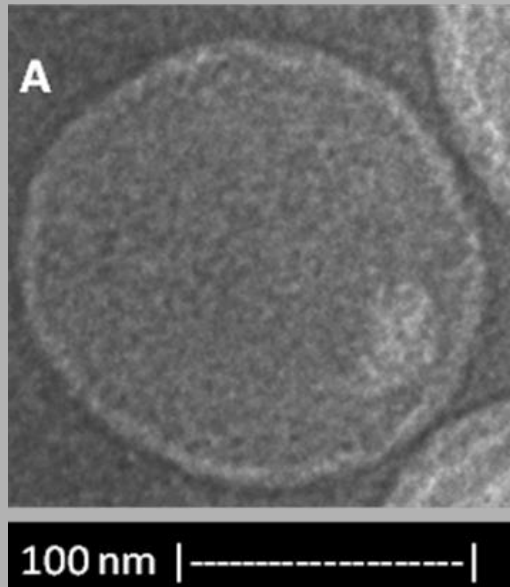
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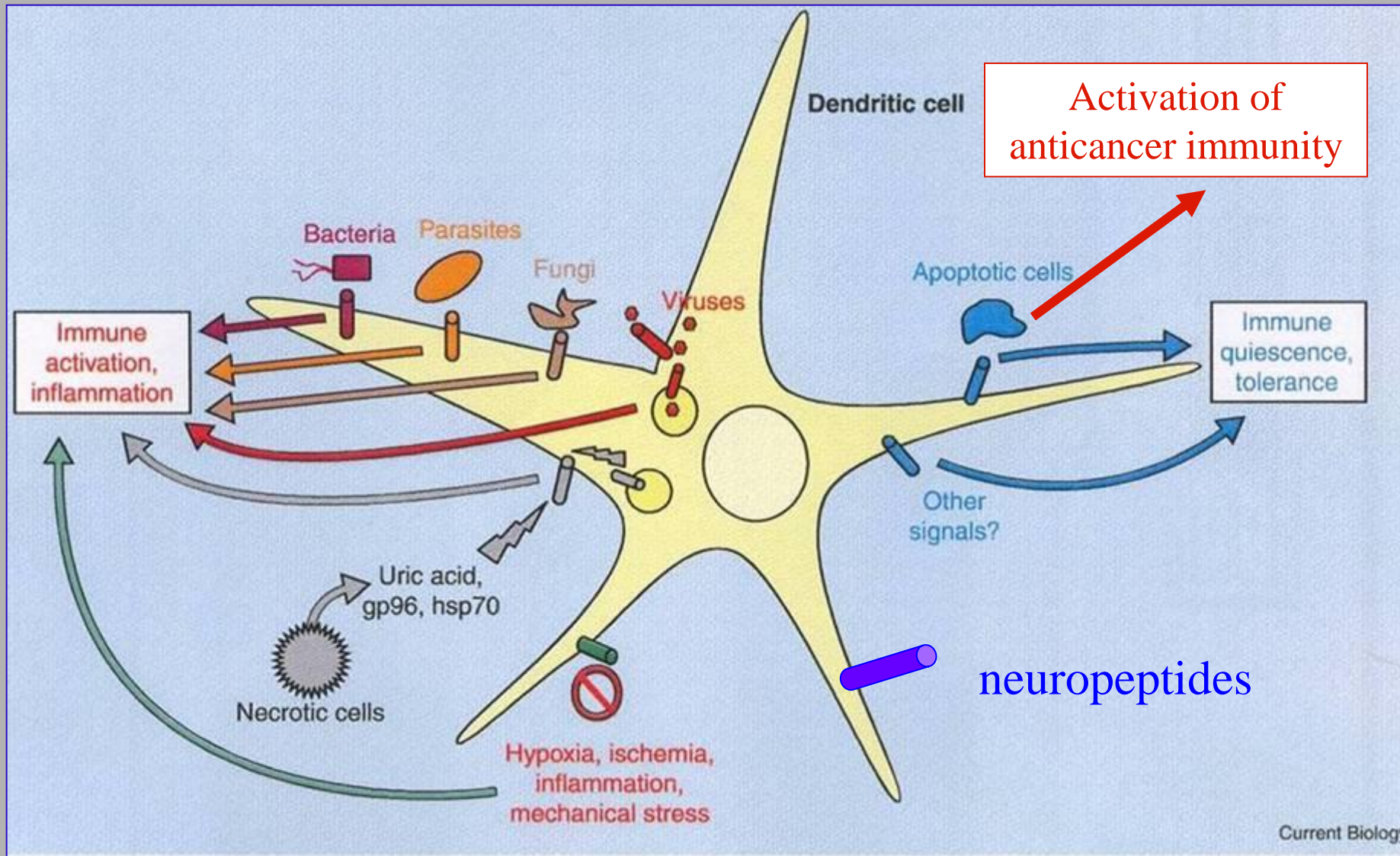
AF microscopy and TEM pictures of rHSP90 metallochelating liposomes



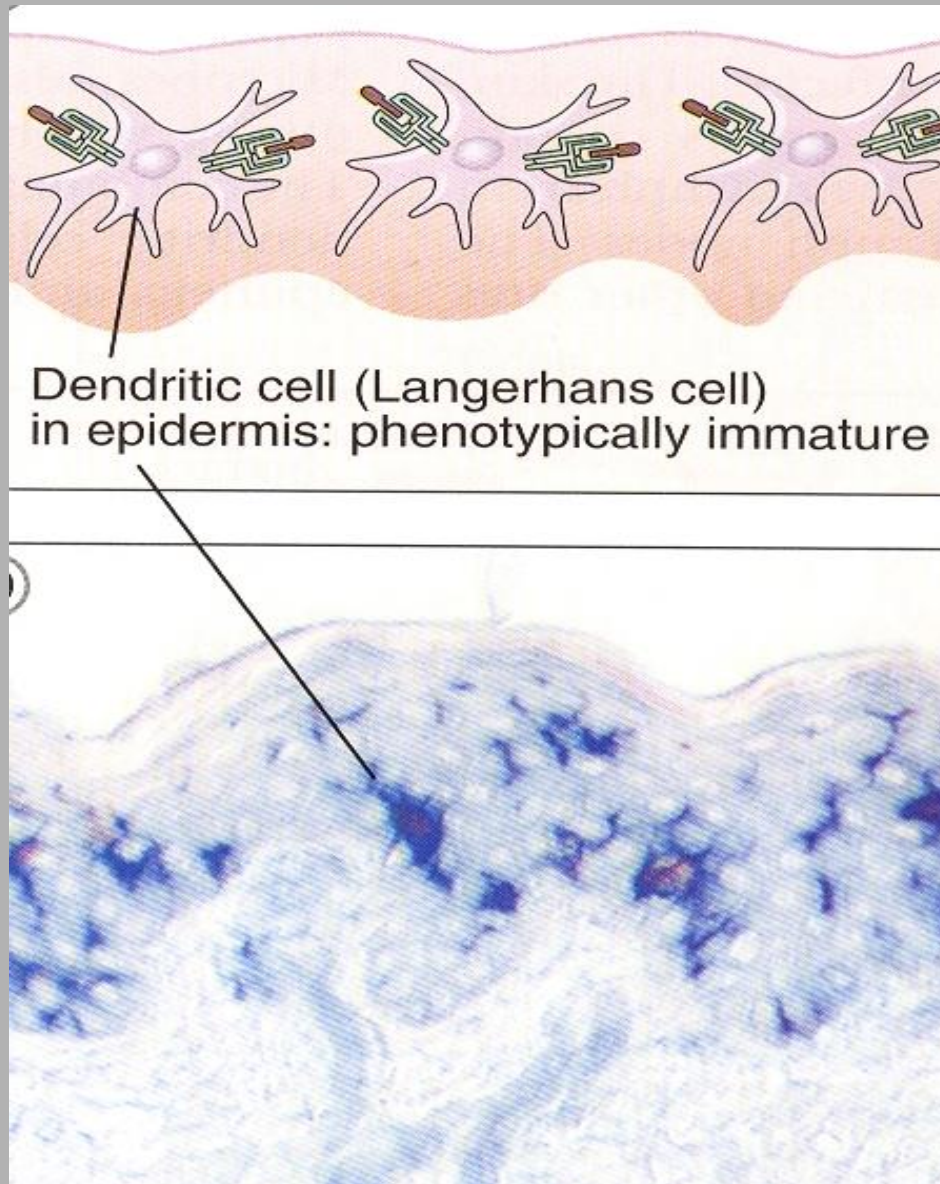
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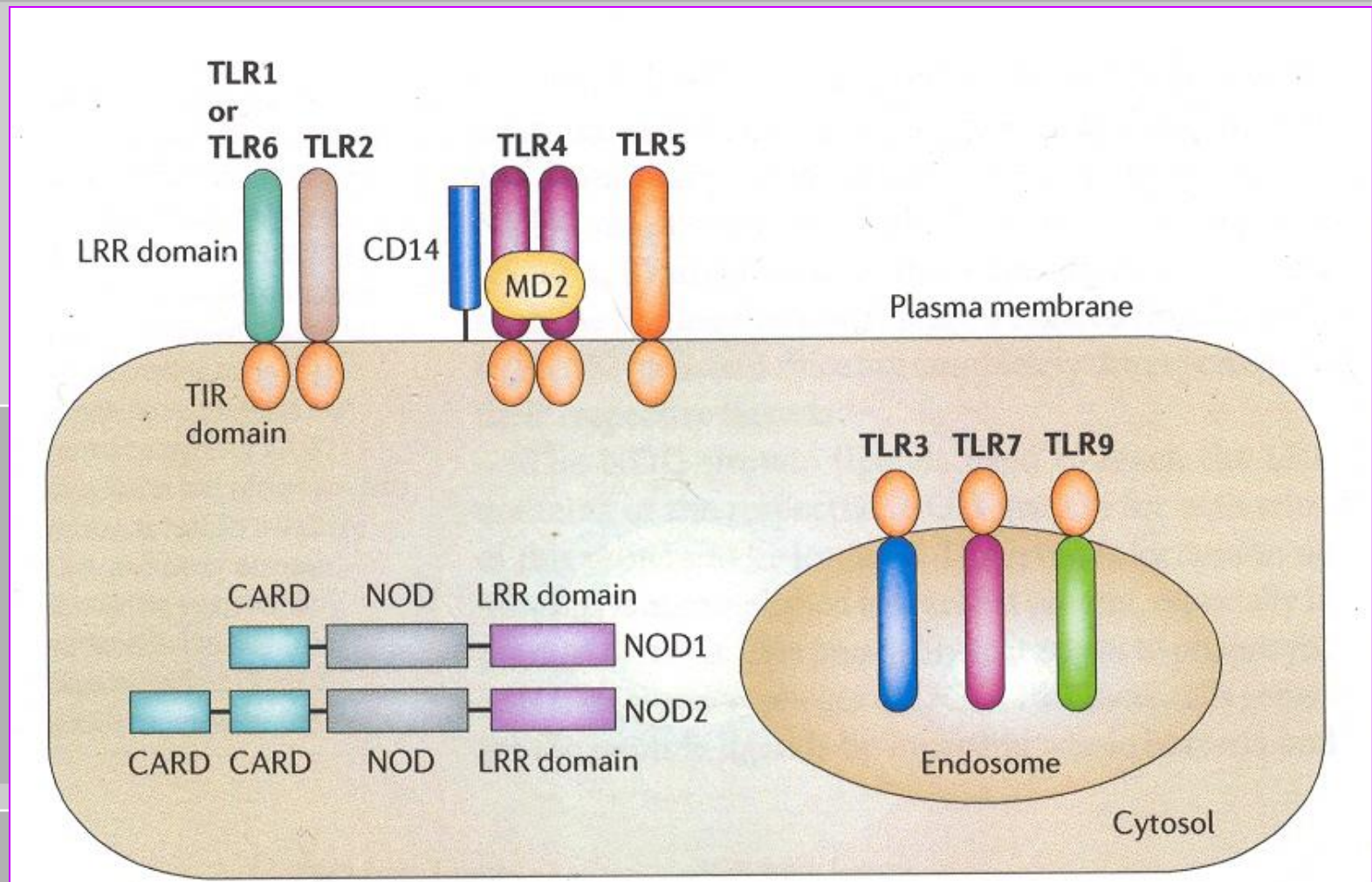
Dendritic cell– presentation of antigen, regulation and direction of immune response



Intradermal immunisation

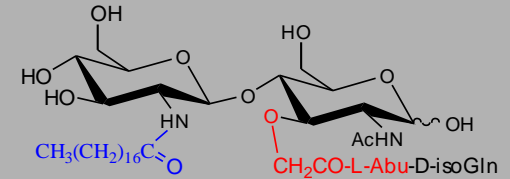


Structure and cellular location of TLRs and NOD1 and NOD2



Structural subunits of peptidoglycan and their intracellular receptors

Hypothesis - Low affinity of Nor-abu-MDP/GMDP for Cryopyrin could be responsible for low pyrogenicity of some derivatives of MDP



N-L18-norAbuGMDP

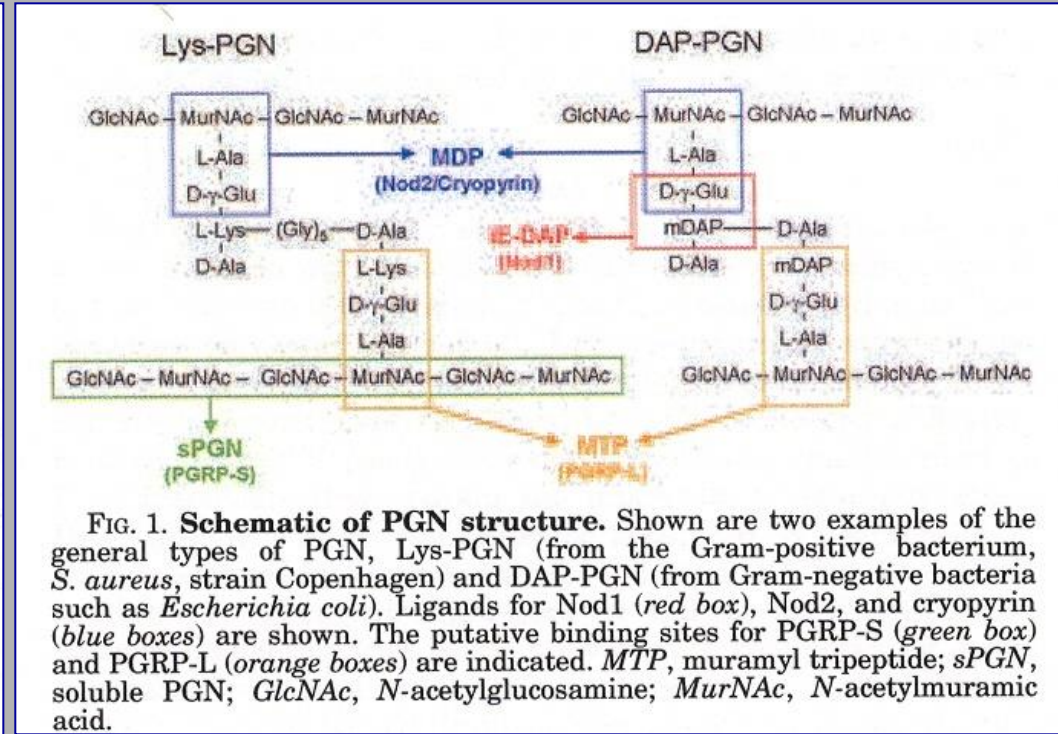
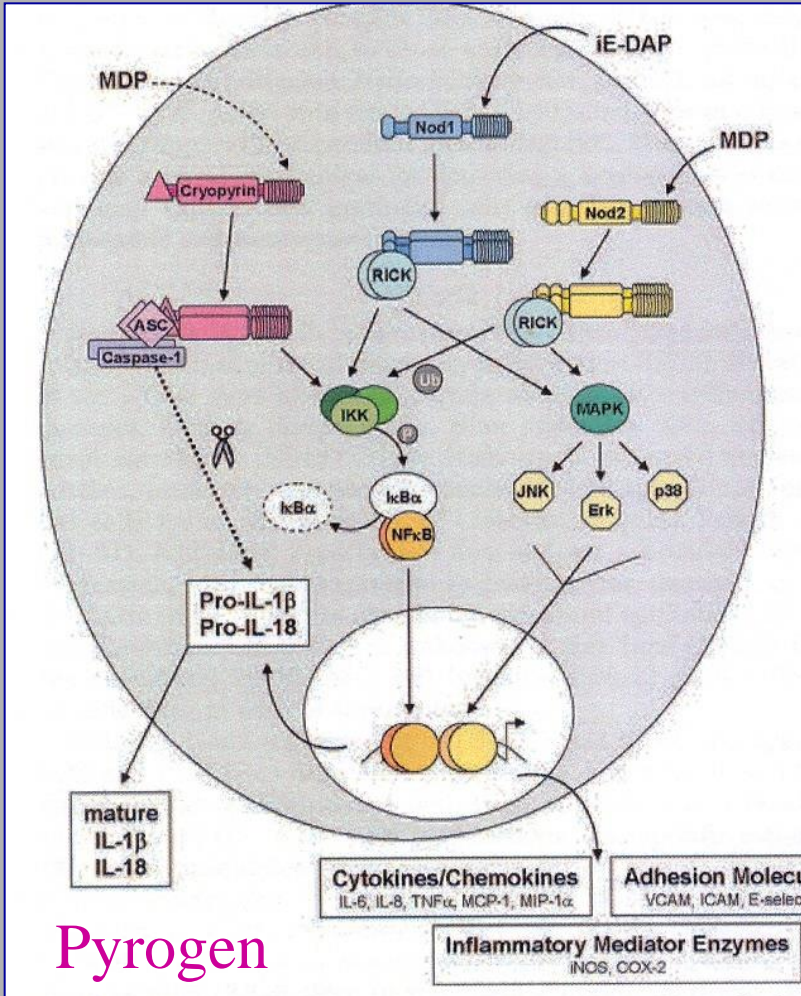


FIG. 1. Schematic of PGN structure. Shown are two examples of the general types of PGN, Lys-PGN (from the Gram-positive bacterium, *S. aureus*, strain Copenhagen) and DAP-PGN (from Gram-negative bacteria such as *Escherichia coli*). Ligands for Nod1 (red box), Nod2, and cryopyrin (blue boxes) are shown. The putative binding sites for PGRP-S (green box) and PGRP-L (orange boxes) are indicated. MTP, muramyl tripeptide; sPGN, soluble PGN; GlcNAc, N-acetylglucosamine; MurNac, N-acetylmuramic acid.

Antimicrobial/anticancer peptides

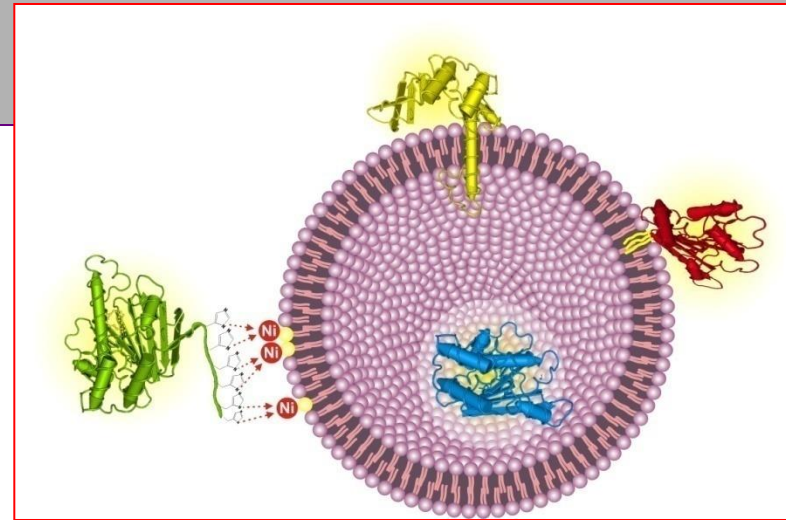
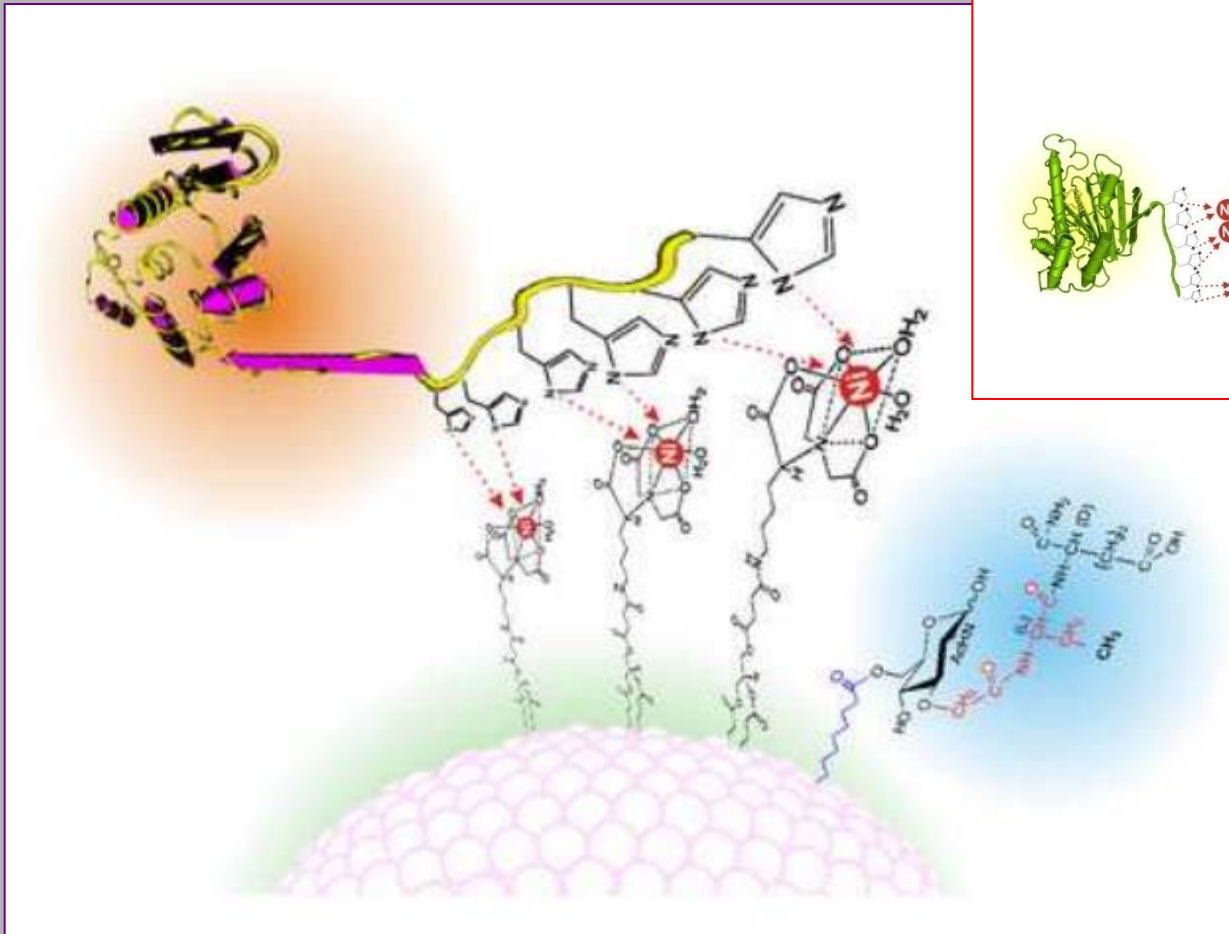
Pyrogen

Liposome based self-assembling immunogenic nanosystems

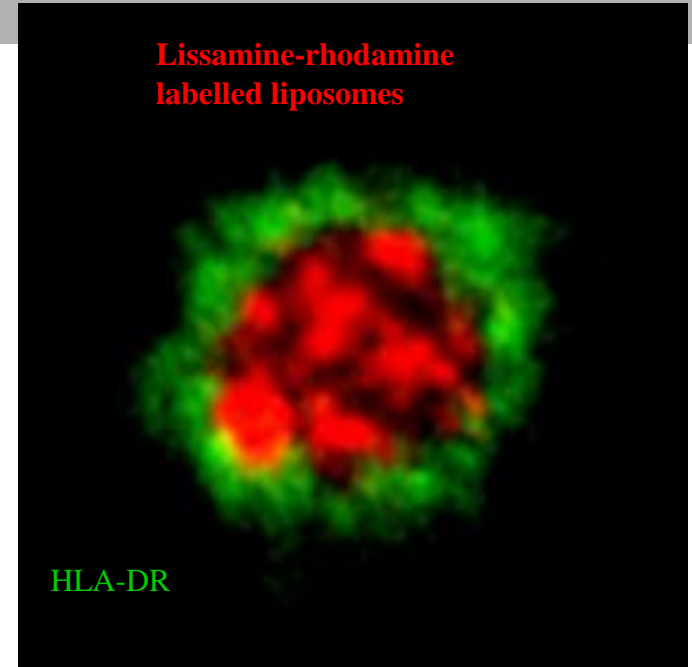
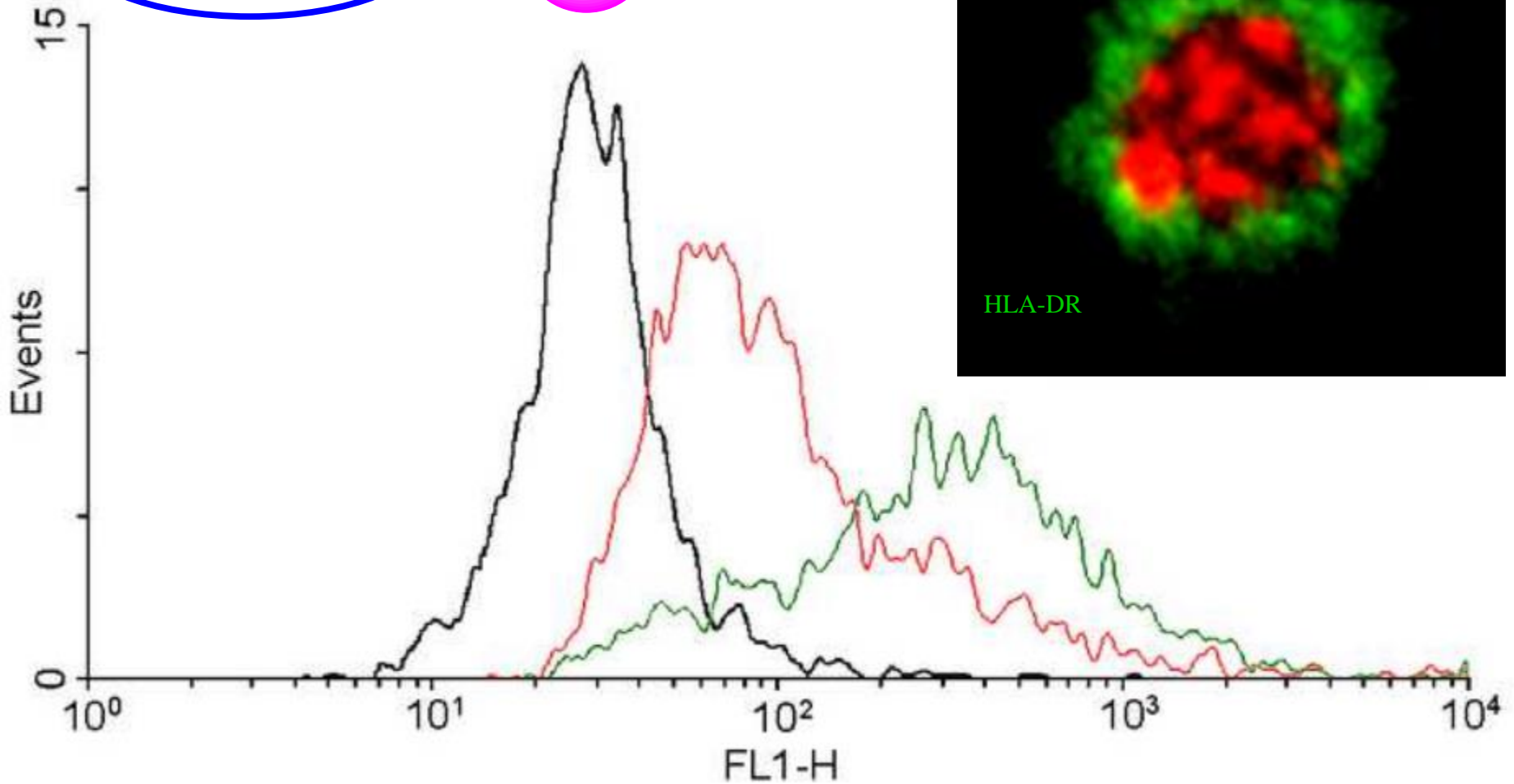
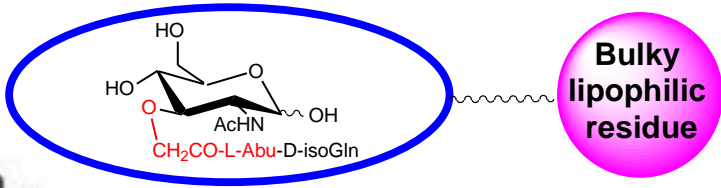
Surface modification- targeting

Hyaluronic acid, chitosan, cationic lipids, glycolipids, dendrimers, functionalised lipids –
covalent and noncovalent binding of antigens

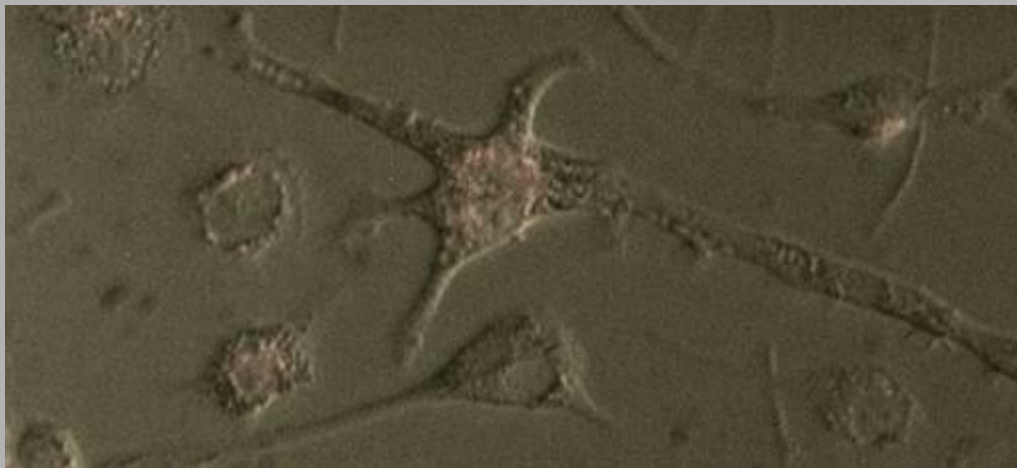
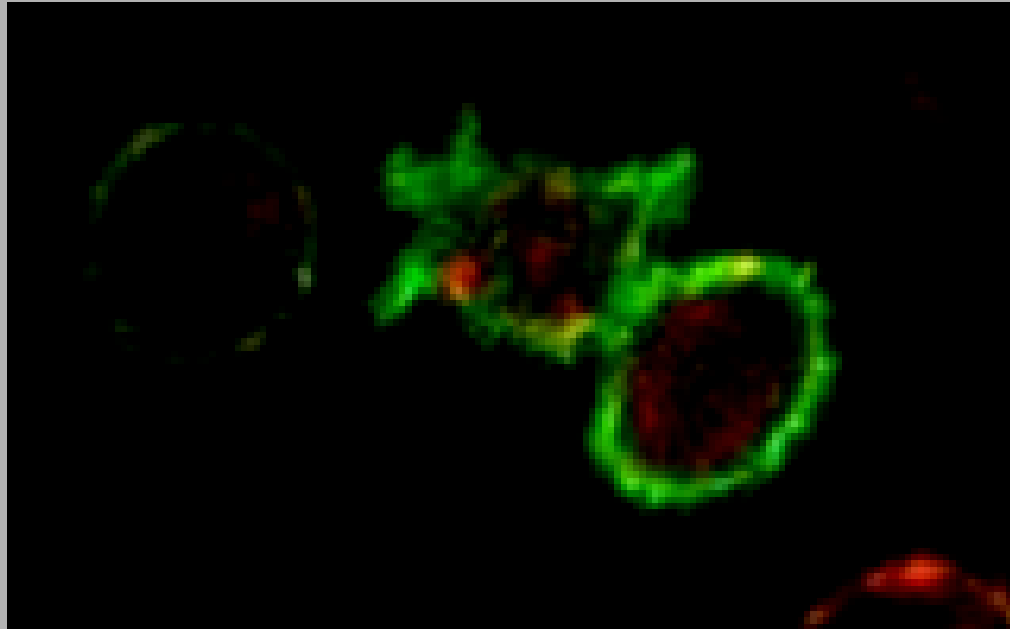
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Confocal microscopy of DC phagocytosed fluorescence labelled liposomal vaccine and quantification of the process by flow cytometry

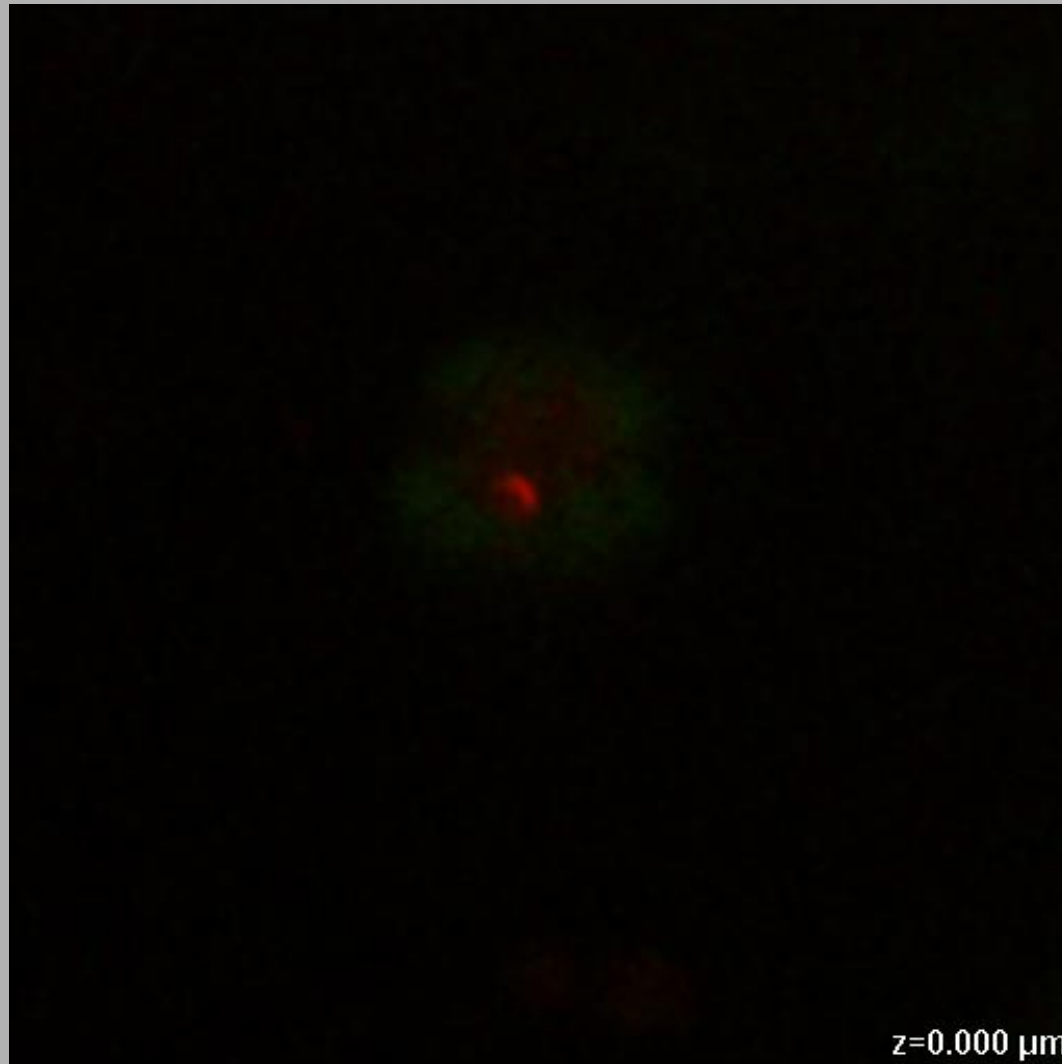


3D view of intracellular localisation of fluorescent liposomes in DC

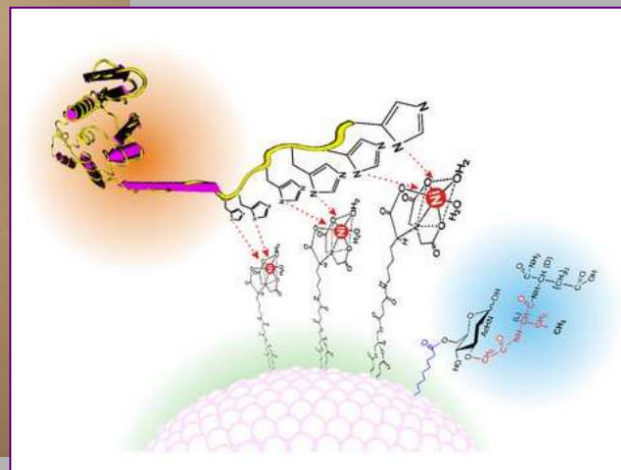
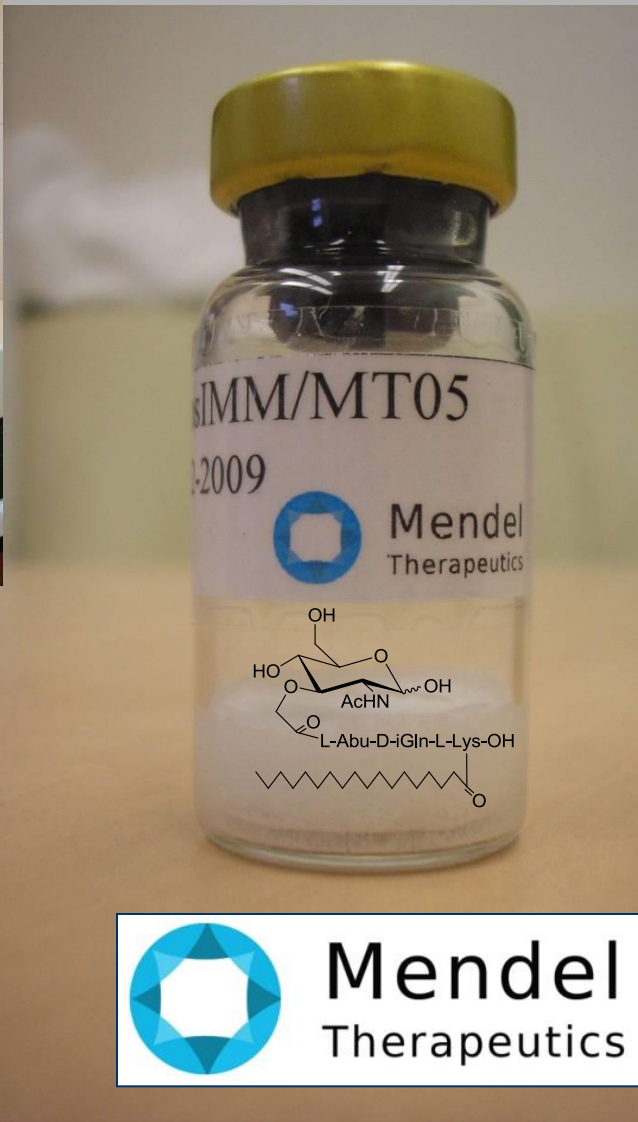


Intracellular localisation of liposomes

Confocal microscope Leica SP2



Lyophilised liposomal formulation of immunomodulator NorAbuMDP LiposIMM/MT05



Infection diseases transmitted by tick

Human ehrlichiosis – anaplazmosis – bakteria *Ehrlichia chaffeensis*,
Anaplasma phagocytophilum

Encephalitis - *Flaviridae* viruses

West Nile – *Flaviridae* viruses

Bartonellosis – bacterium *Bartonella henselae*

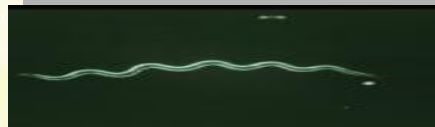
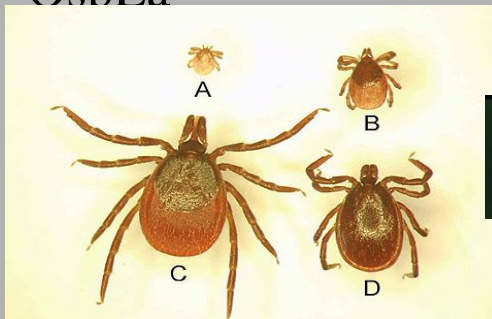
Babesiosis – protozoan *Babesia*

Rickettsiosis - bakteria Rickettsiaceae

Tularemia - bakterium coccobacil *Francisella tularensis*

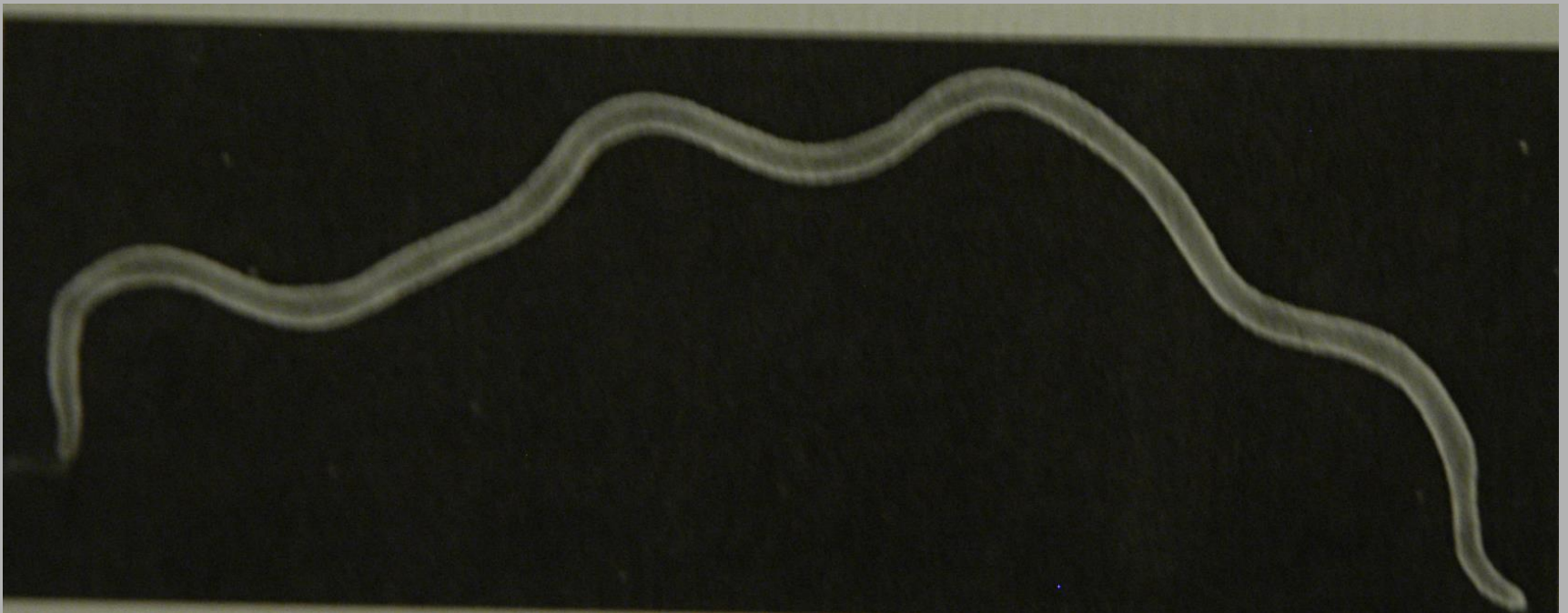
Q fever - *Coxiella burnetti*

Borreliosis – *Borrelia b. surface antigens* OspA, OspB, OspC, OspD,
OspEa

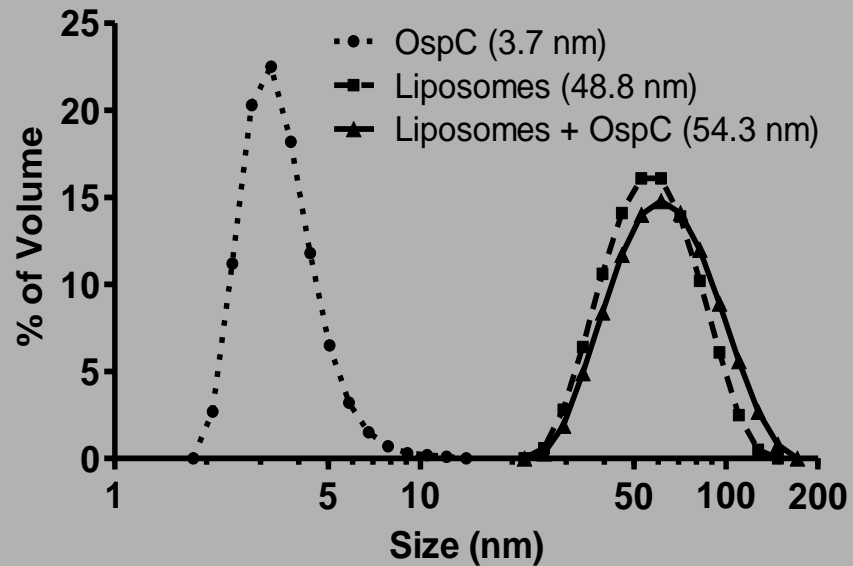
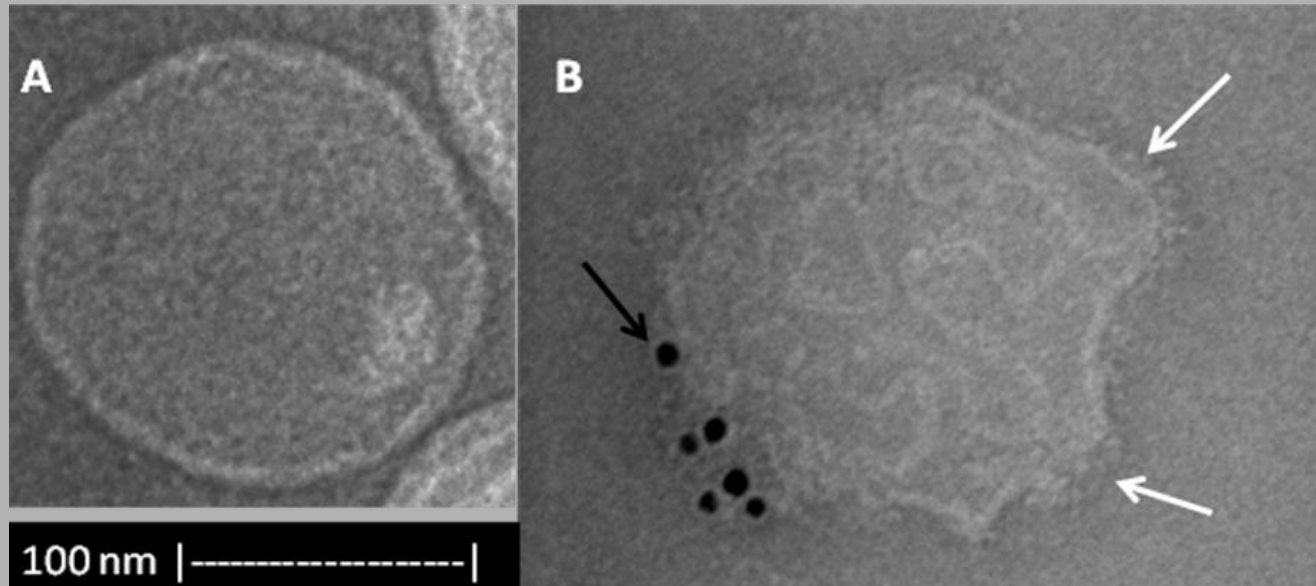


Lyme boreliosis

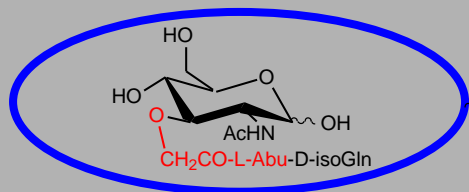
Pathogen: *Borelia burgdorferi*, *B afzelii*, *B. garinii*



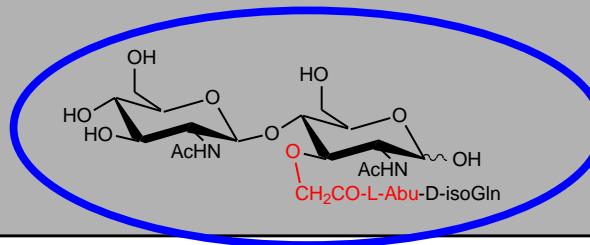
TEM of liposomal bound rOsp C



ELISA titers for specific anti rOspC antibodies

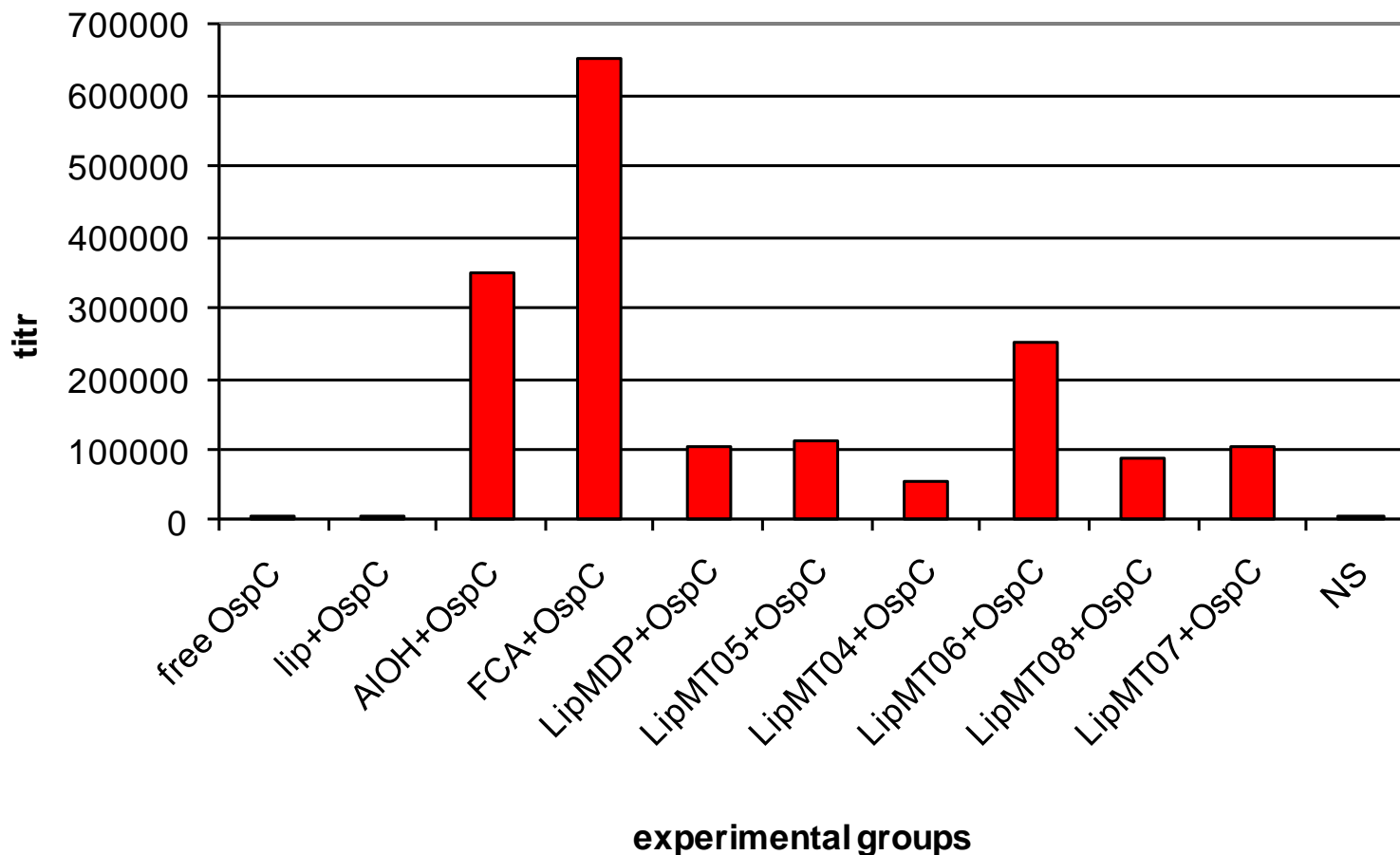


Bulky lipophilic residue

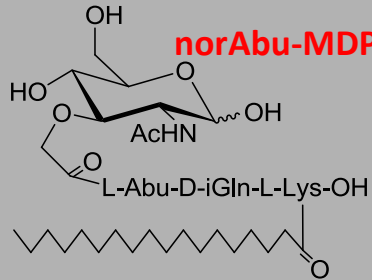


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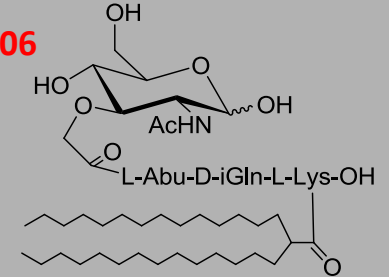
Titration anti-OspC IgP v séru



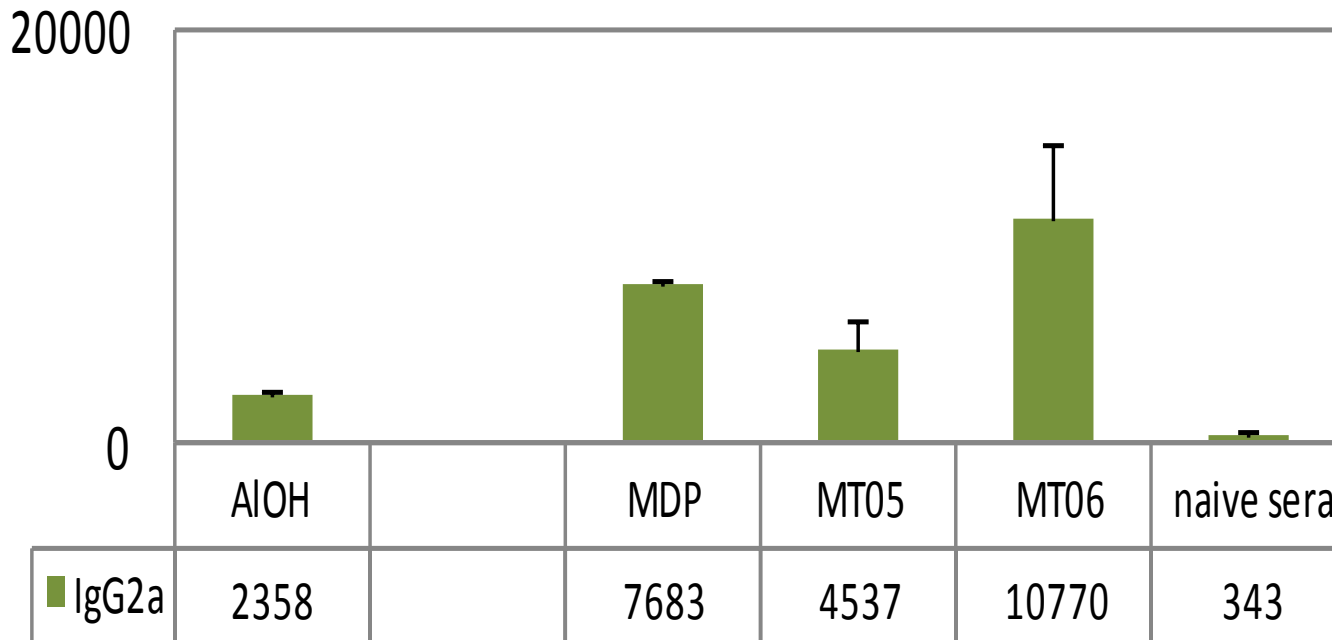
ELISA titers for specific anti OspC IgG subclasses



norAbu-MDP-Lys (B30) MT06



Titration anti-OspC IgG2a



Safety of synthetic recombinant liposomal vaccine against circovirus (pigs, i.d. application)



DNA vaccines



Dna Vaccine Time Line

- 1983** In vivo expression of DNA (production of insulin in rats , DNA-liposome) (Nicolau et al.)
- 1992** Demonstration of immunogenicity (Tang et al.)
Genetic immunisation
- 1993** Early protection studies
- 1994** Naming of technolgy, WHO organised the conference in Geneva
- 1995** First phase 1 human trials
- 1996** FDA „Points to Consider“, (first US patent, VICAL, San Diego,CA)
- 1998** HIV-1, malaria, influenza, herpes, and hepatitis B in human trials

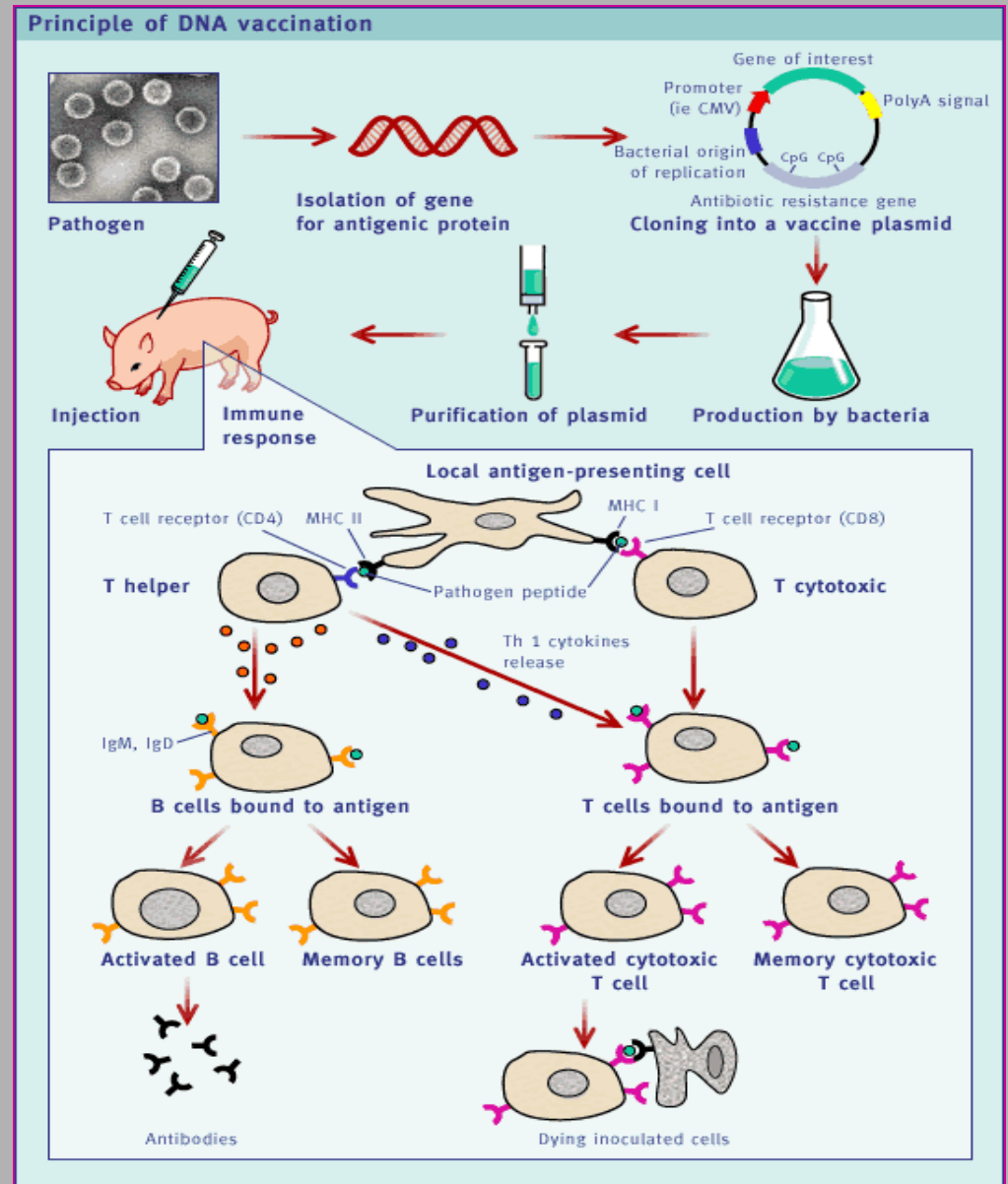
Principle of DNA Vaccination

Selection of antigen and construction of plasmid

Production of plasmid in industrial scale

Formulation of plasmid, development of carrier system, industrial scale production

Clinical trials



FROM GENE TO PATIENT

FERMENTATION

CELL RECOVERY

microfiltration, centrifugation

- CELL LYSIS - lysozyme, NaOH and SDS treatment

- CLARIFICATION AND CONCENTRATION

Ammonium-acetate ↓ PEG ↓

Potassium-acetate ↓

Isopropanol ↓ Selective ↓
(spermidine, polycations)

membrane processes

miF, UF, diaF

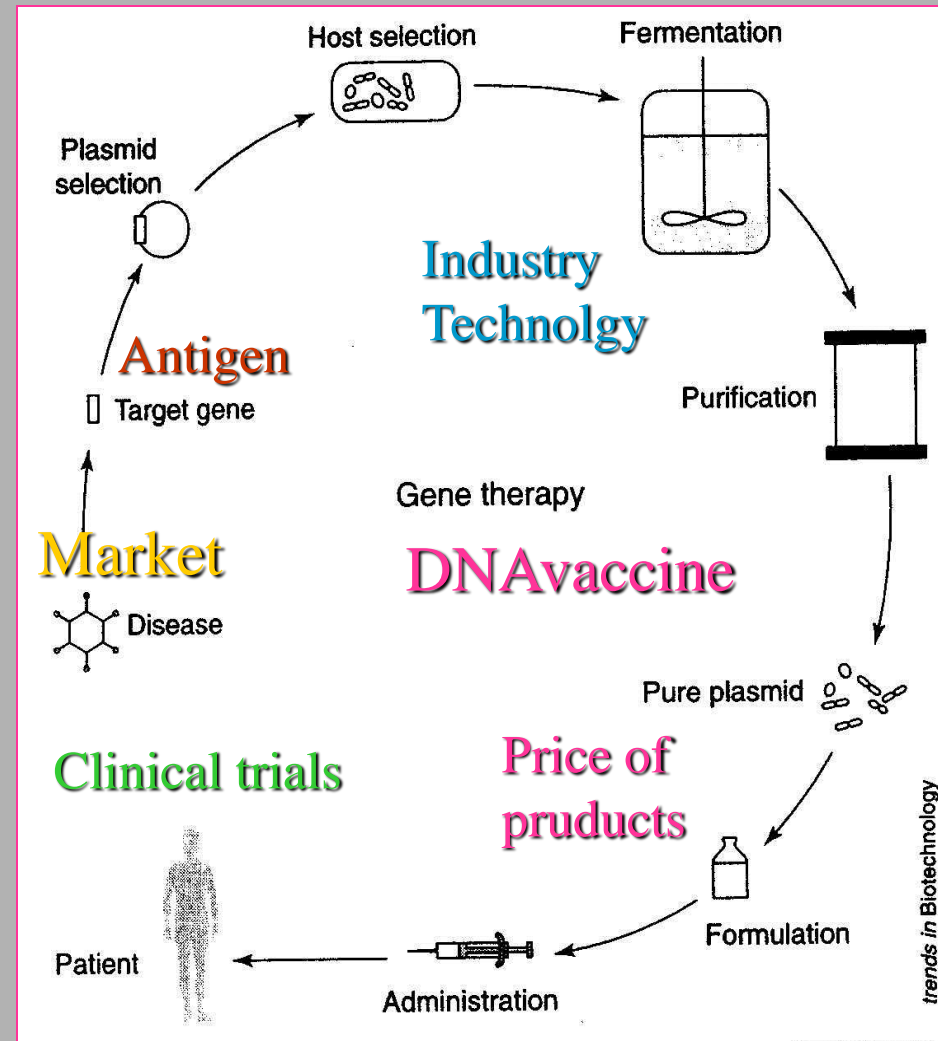
CHROMATOGRAPHY

Size exclusion, Ion exchange

HIC (Hydrophobic interaction chromatography)

RPC (Reversephase chromatography)

PURE PLASMID



Plasmid Vector

Adjuvant Unit

Transcription Unit

(No mamalian origin) Col E1

Origin

CMV, RSV

Promoter

CpG Motifs

CpG Motifs

Antigen Targeted AG,

Cytokine

ILs (2,4,12,15,18),
GM-CSF,IFN- γ ,
MIP-1 α

CD86 (B7-1)

Heat Shock
Proteins

CpG Motifs

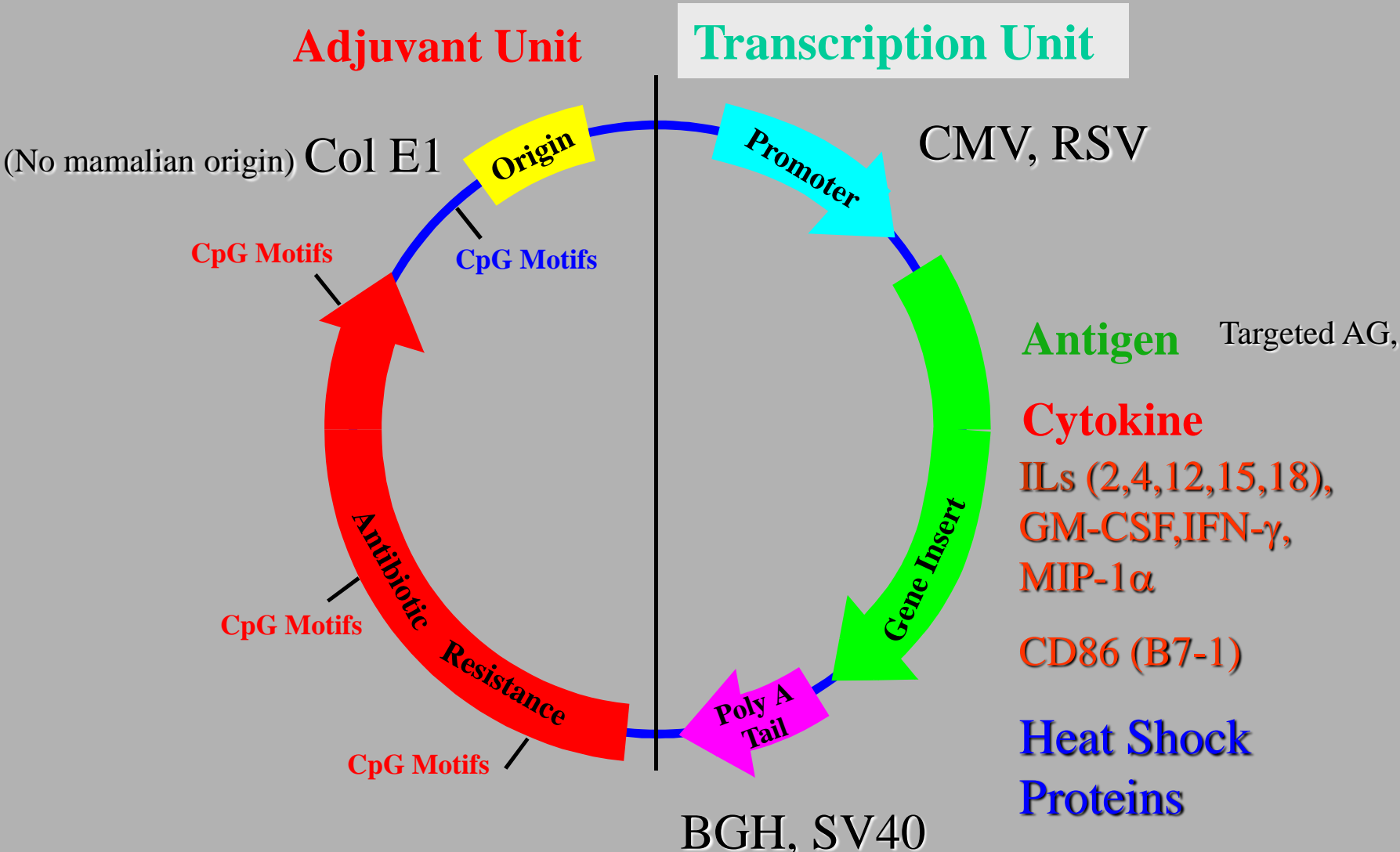
CpG Motifs

Antibiotic
Resistance

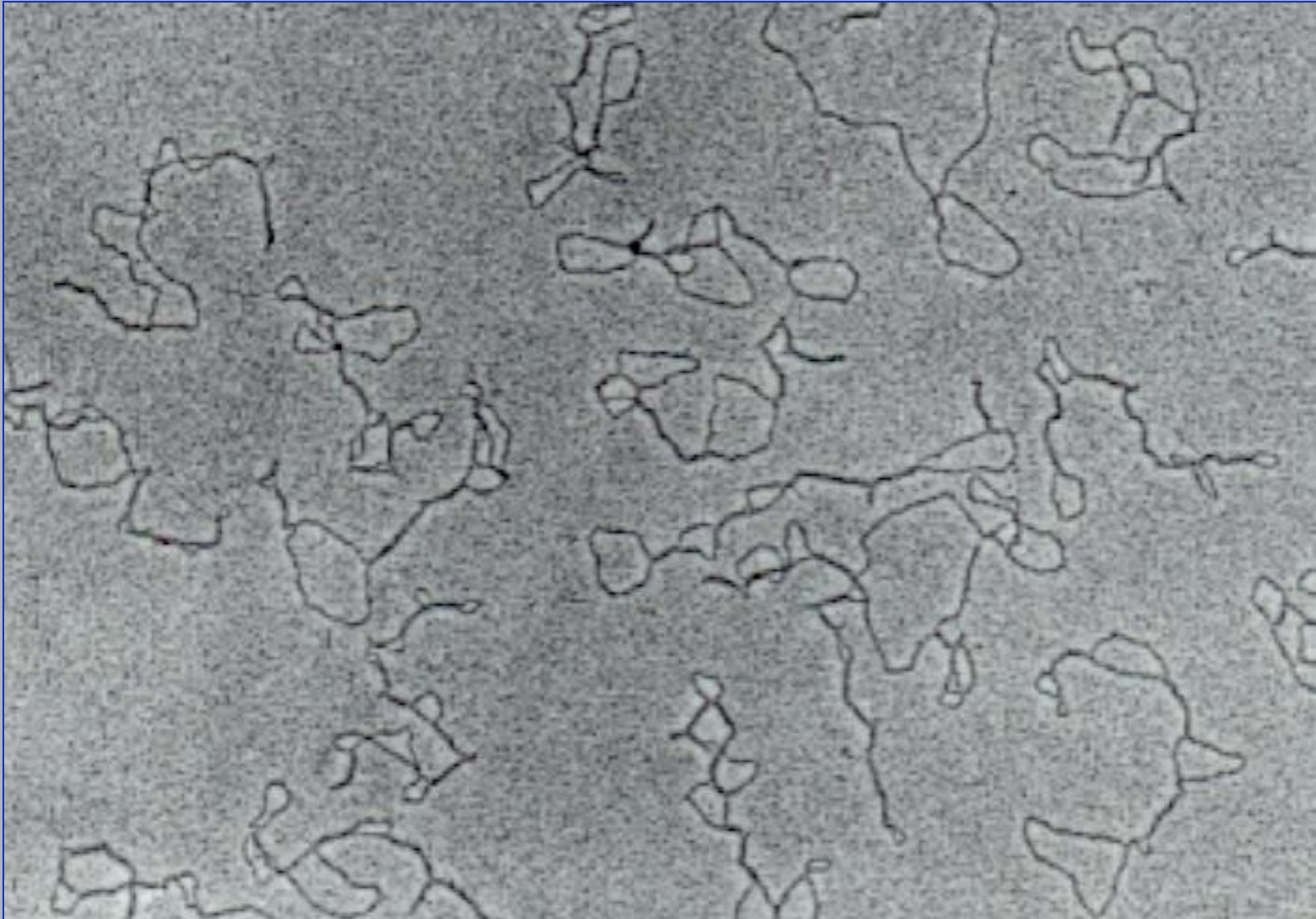
Gene Insert

Poly A
Tail

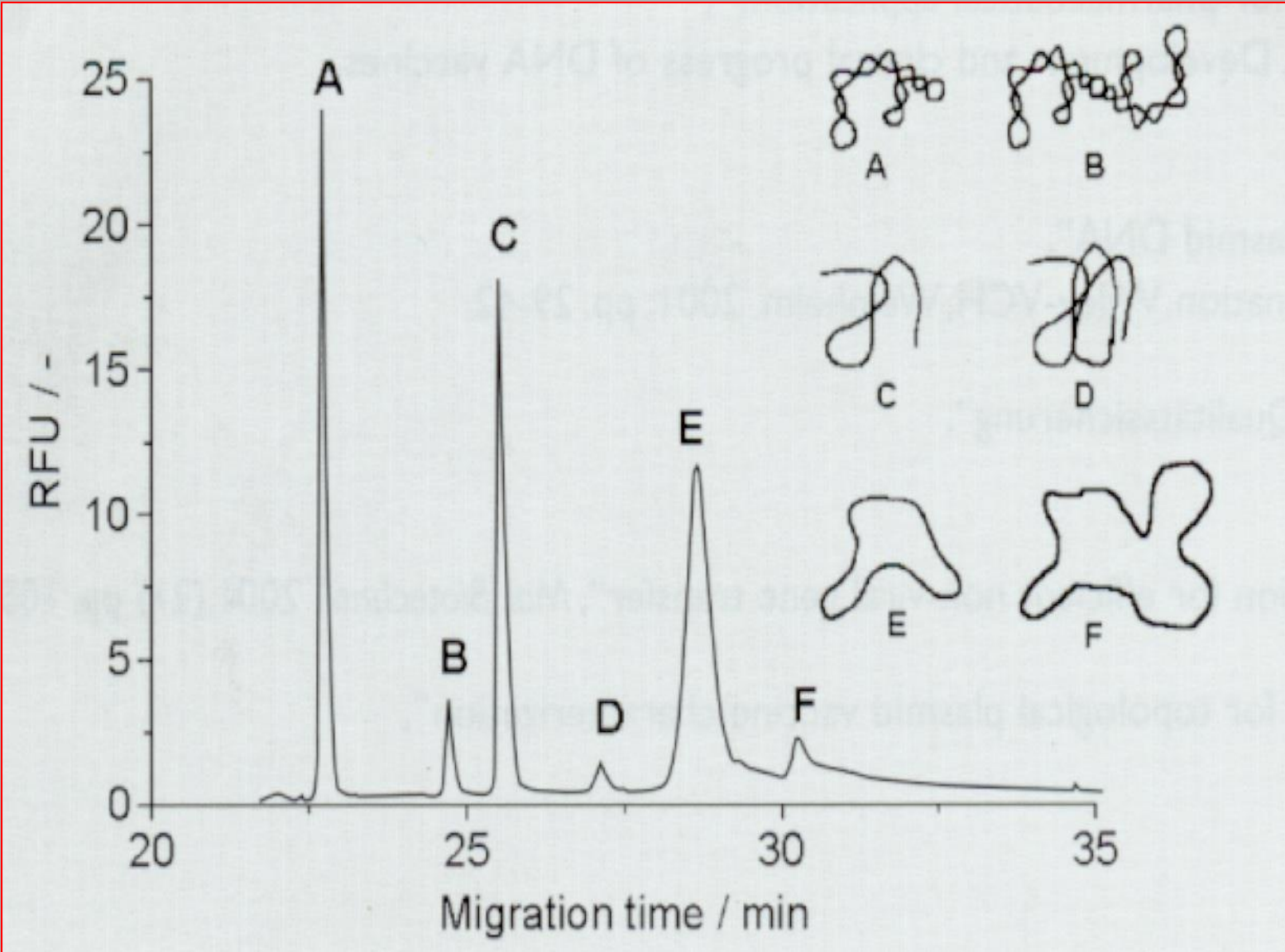
BGH, SV40



Electron micrograph of supercoiled plasmid



HP-CGE analysis of plasmide topologies



Optimalisation of a pDNA fermentation process





Plasmid

The market for gene therapy products could exceed 45 billion USD by 2010,

A typical dose size (patients with melanoma) is 0,3 µg but full treatments could require milligram quantities
(a role for suitable carriers)

Large scale processes for plasmid preparation

Criteria of plasmid purity required for human application

Bacterial gDNA < 10ng per dose (< 10 ng gDNA/ µgcDNA)

Bacterial proteins < 10ng per dose (undetectable by BCA assay)

RNA non seen on agarose gel or HPLC

Endotoxin unit < 0.1EU per µg plasmid

Residual antibiotics !?.

Manufacturers

Cobra BioManufacturing UK

Fit Biotech Finland

Althea

Qiagen (Germany, USA)

Boehringer Ingelheim Austria

Fermentas Lithuania

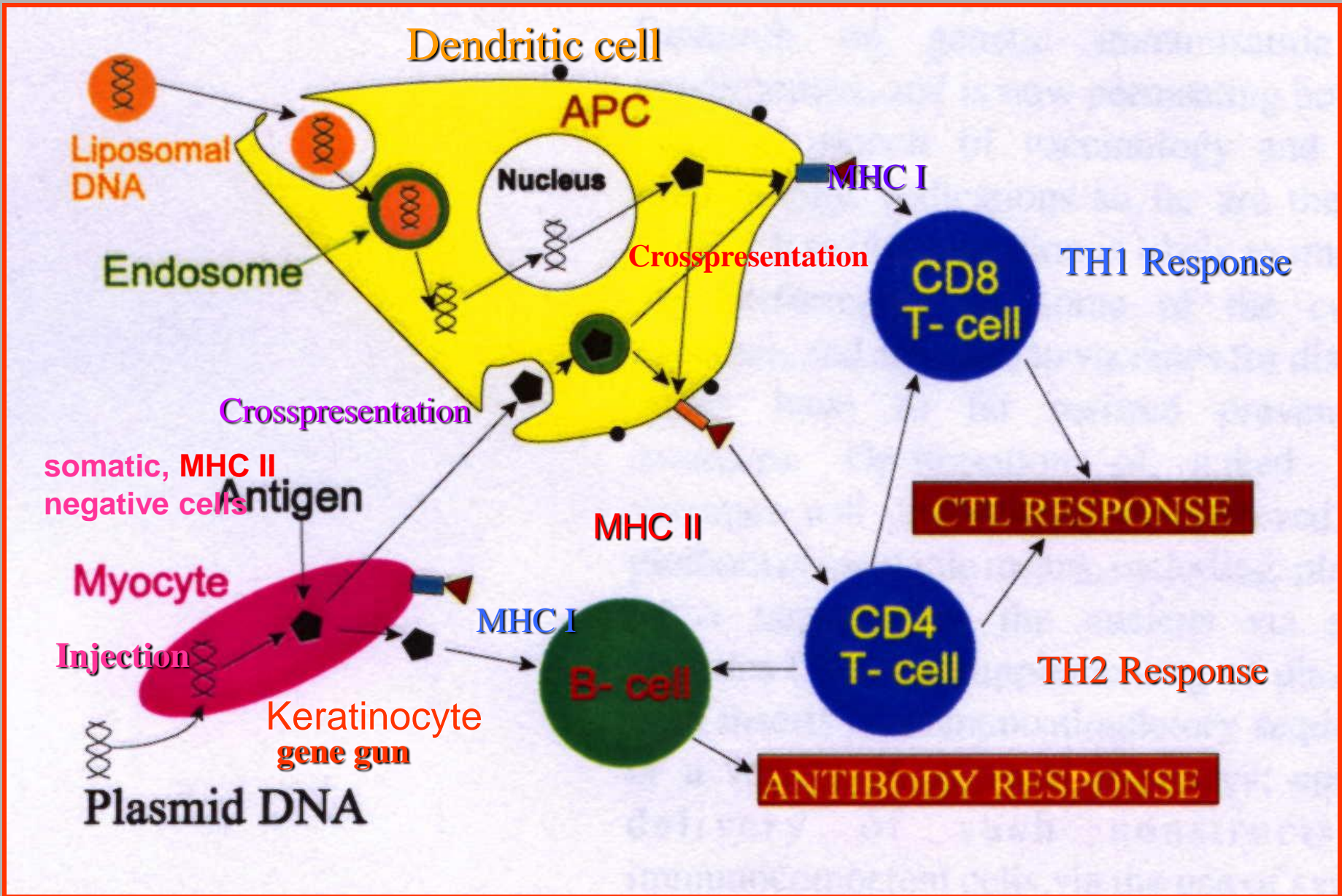
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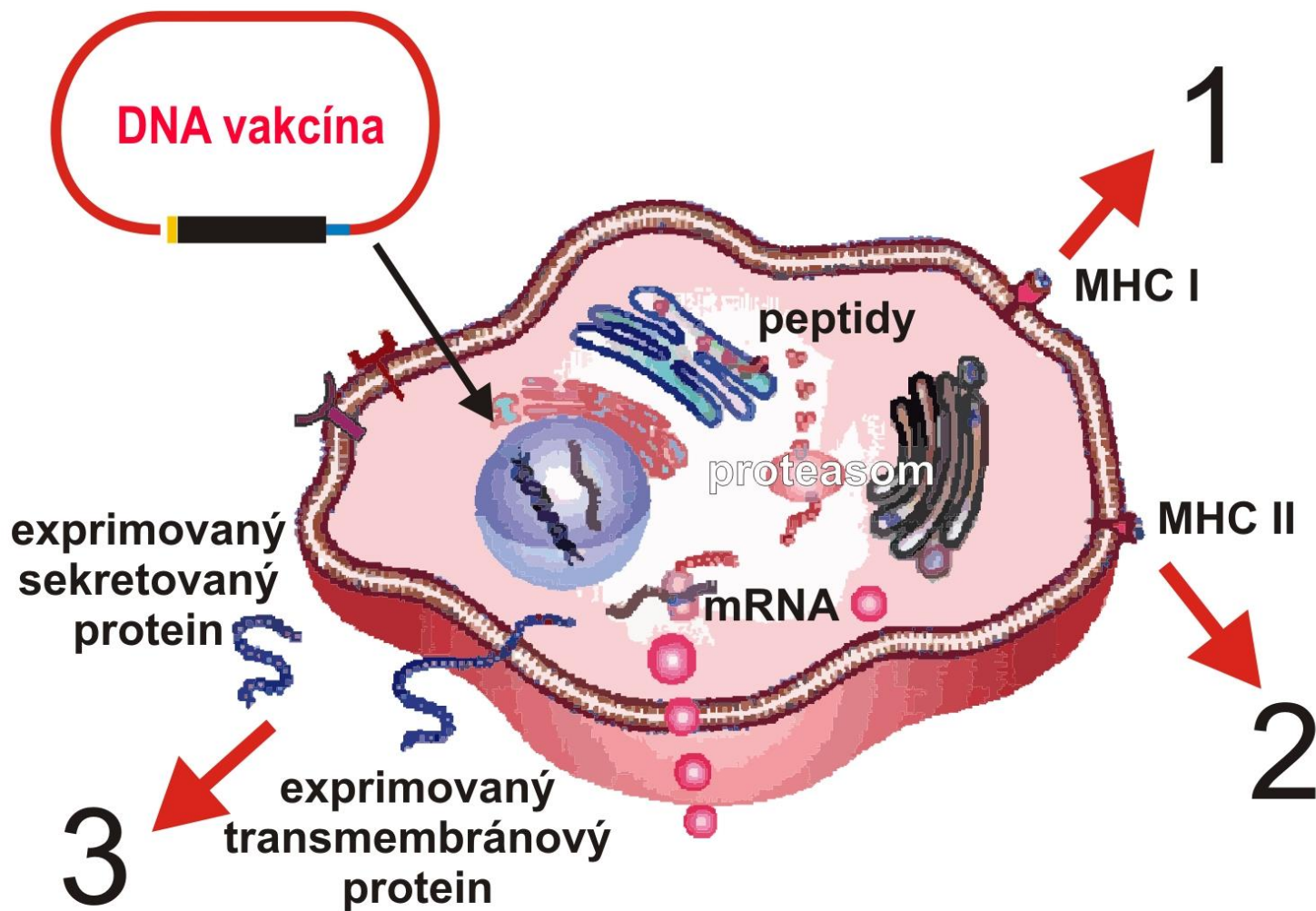
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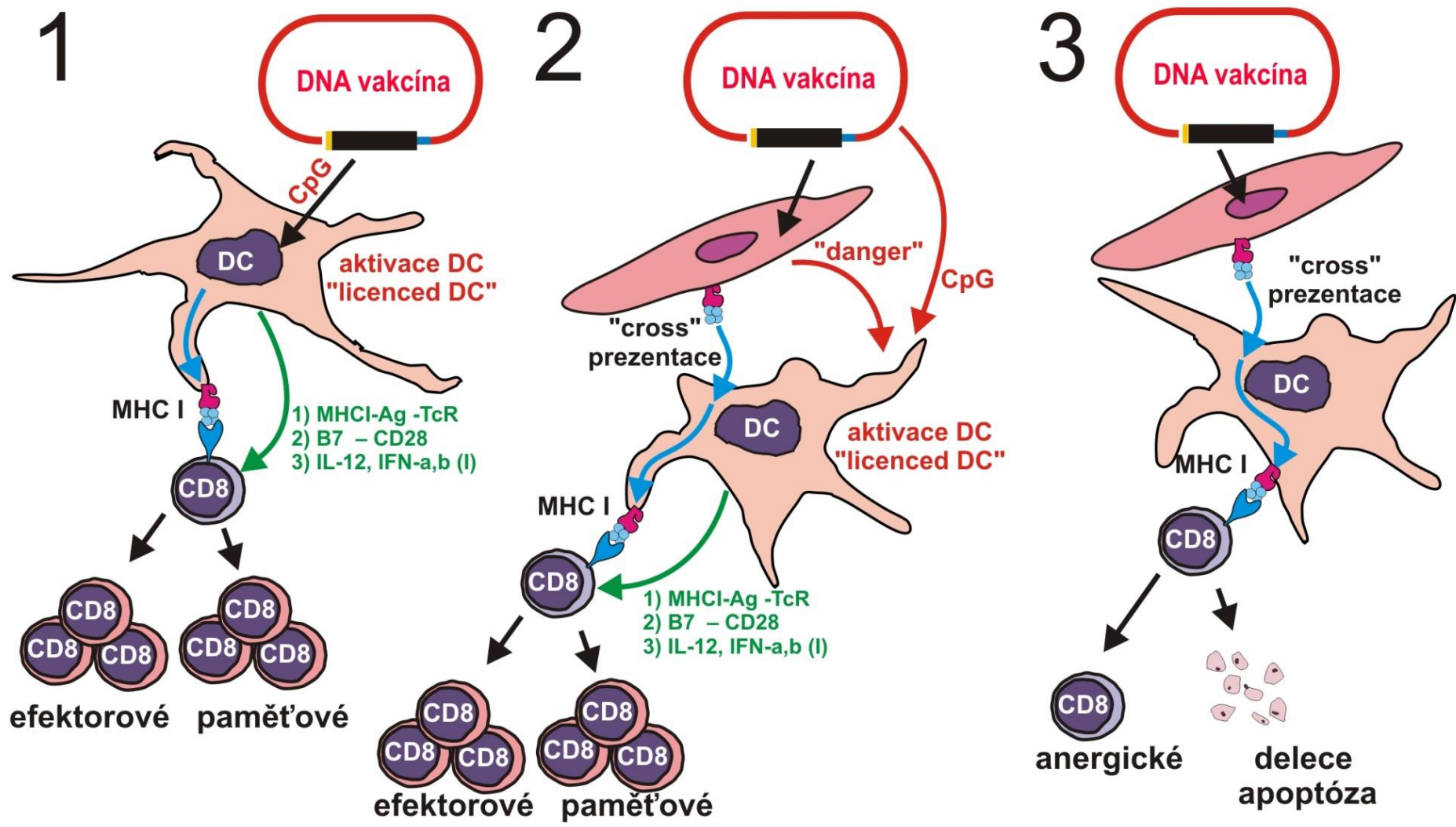


- 1. Snadná a rychlá příprava plasmidu**
- 2. Snadná izolace, kontrola a skladování**
- 3. Možnost rychlé modifikace**
- 4. Neobsahuje složky s neznámým efekty**
- 5. DNA není imunogenní – možnost opakované aplikace**
- 6. V základní formě indukce Th1 odpovědi**

Mechanism of DNA immunisation



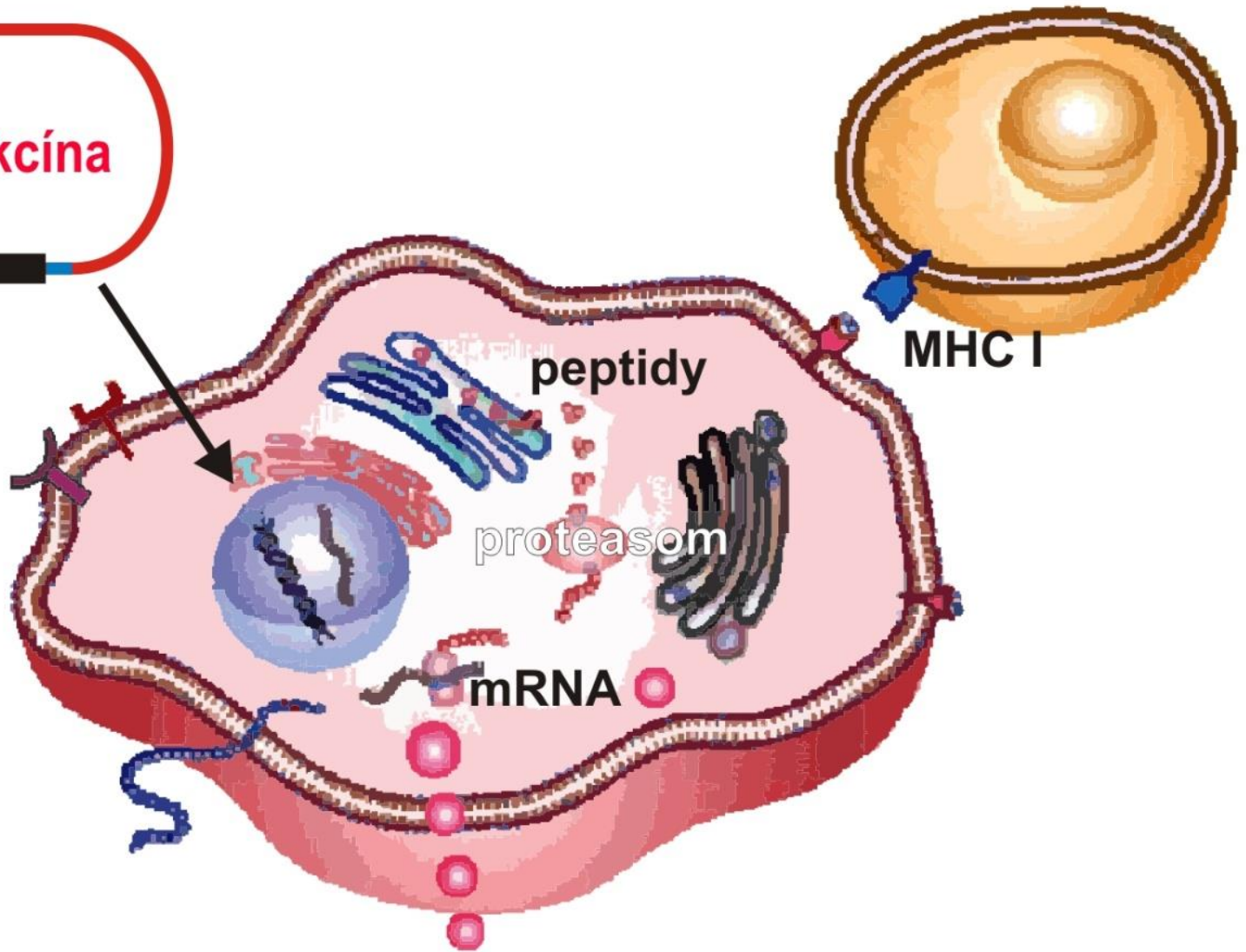


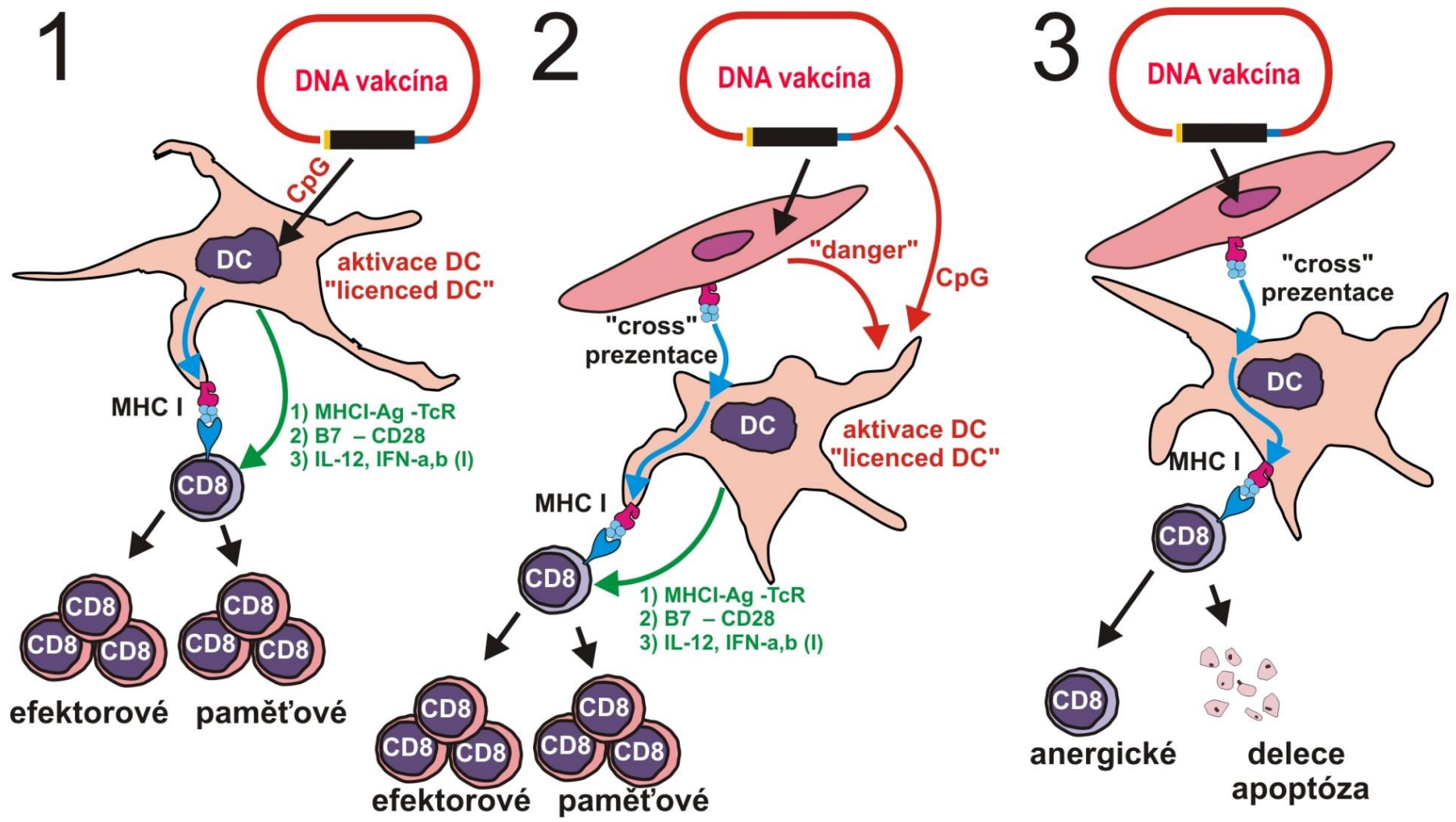


Mechanismus aktivace CD8 T lymfocytů

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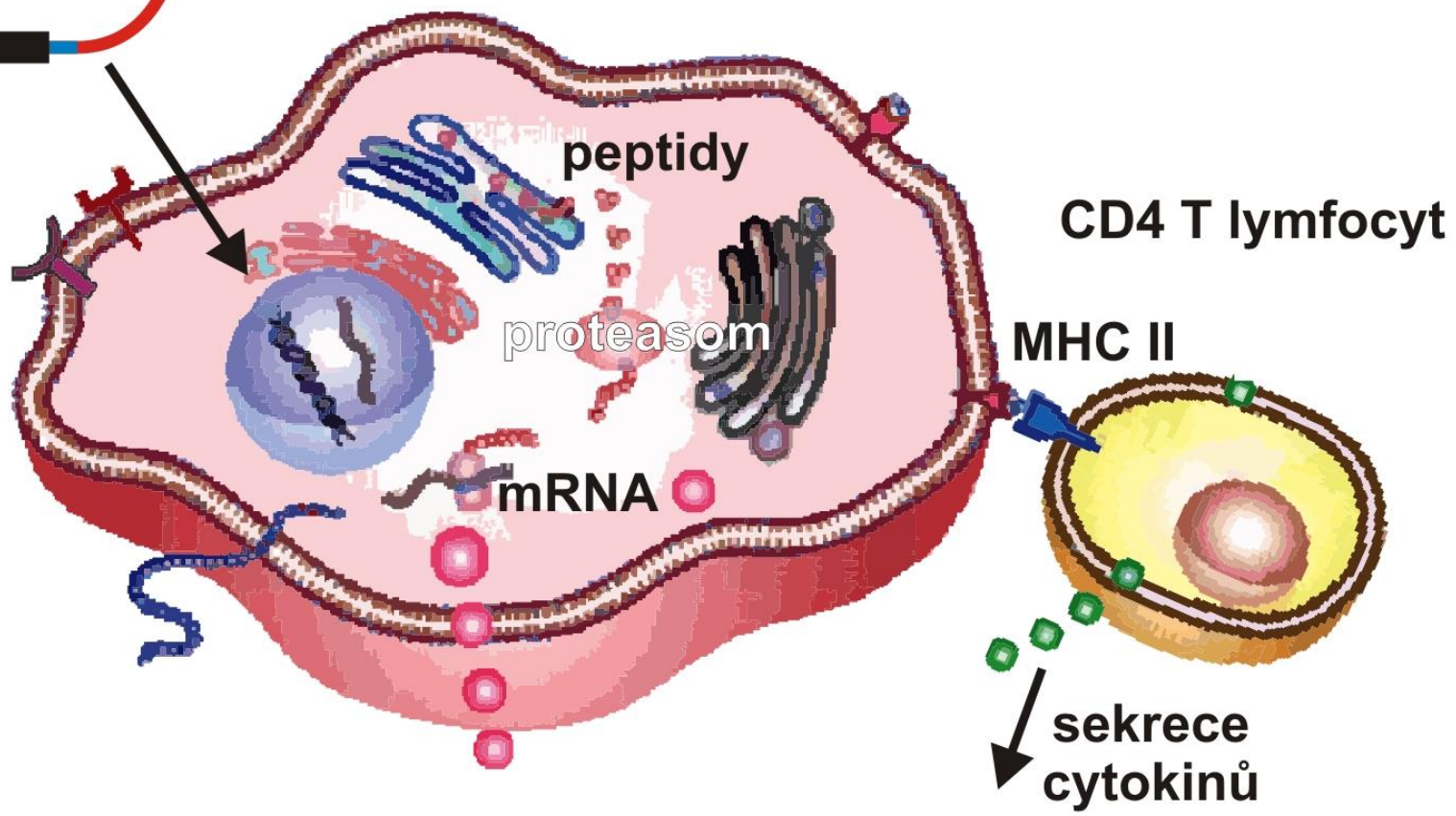
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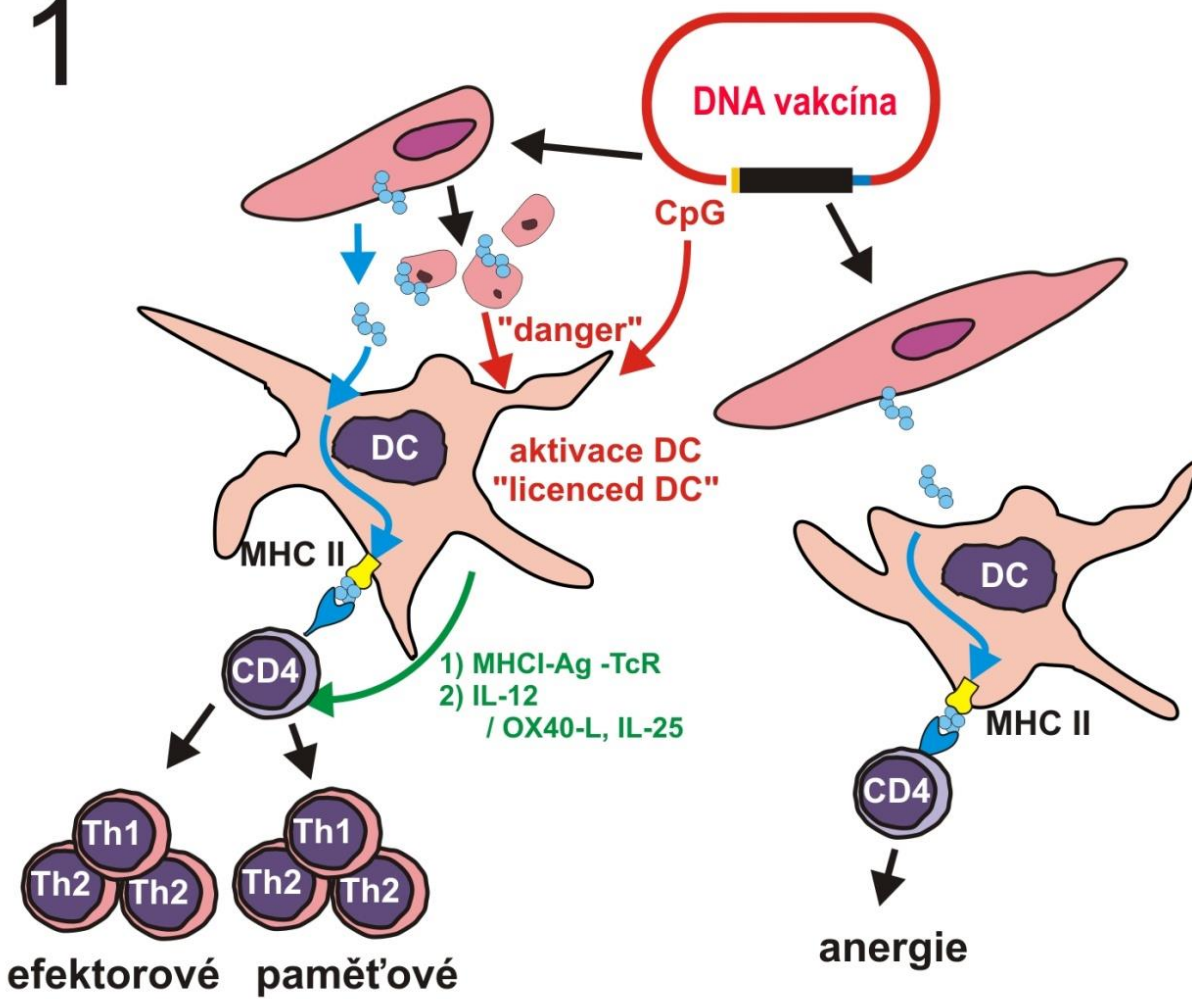


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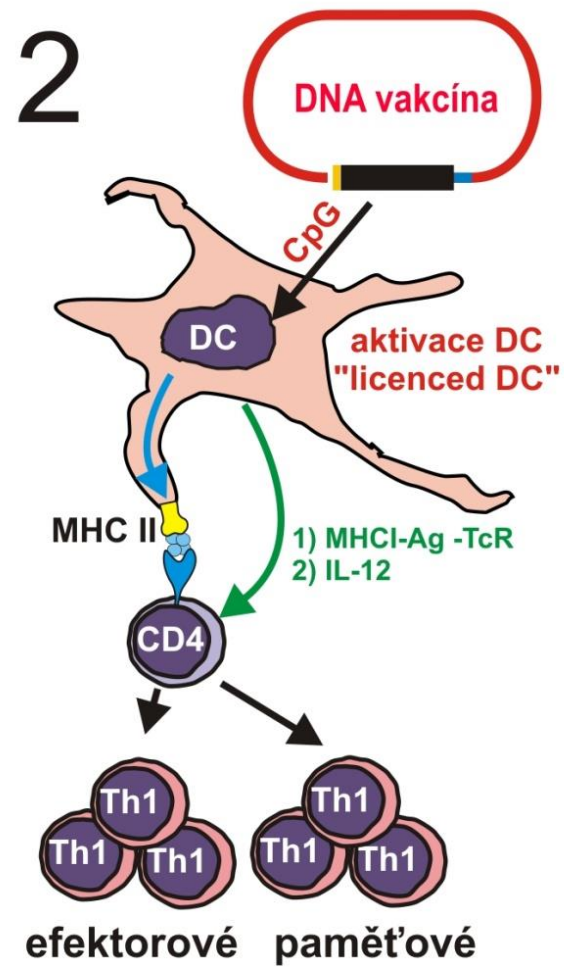
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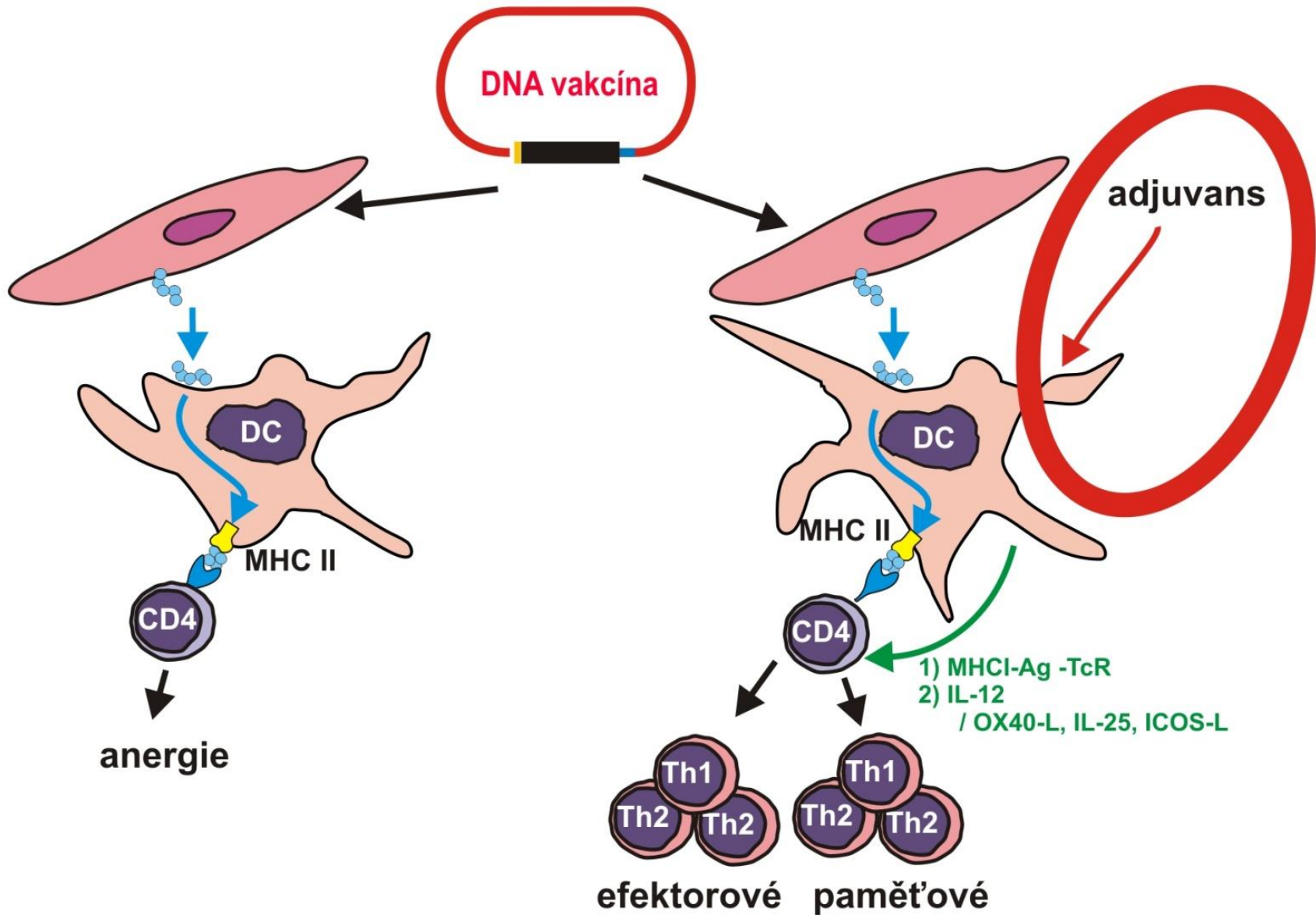


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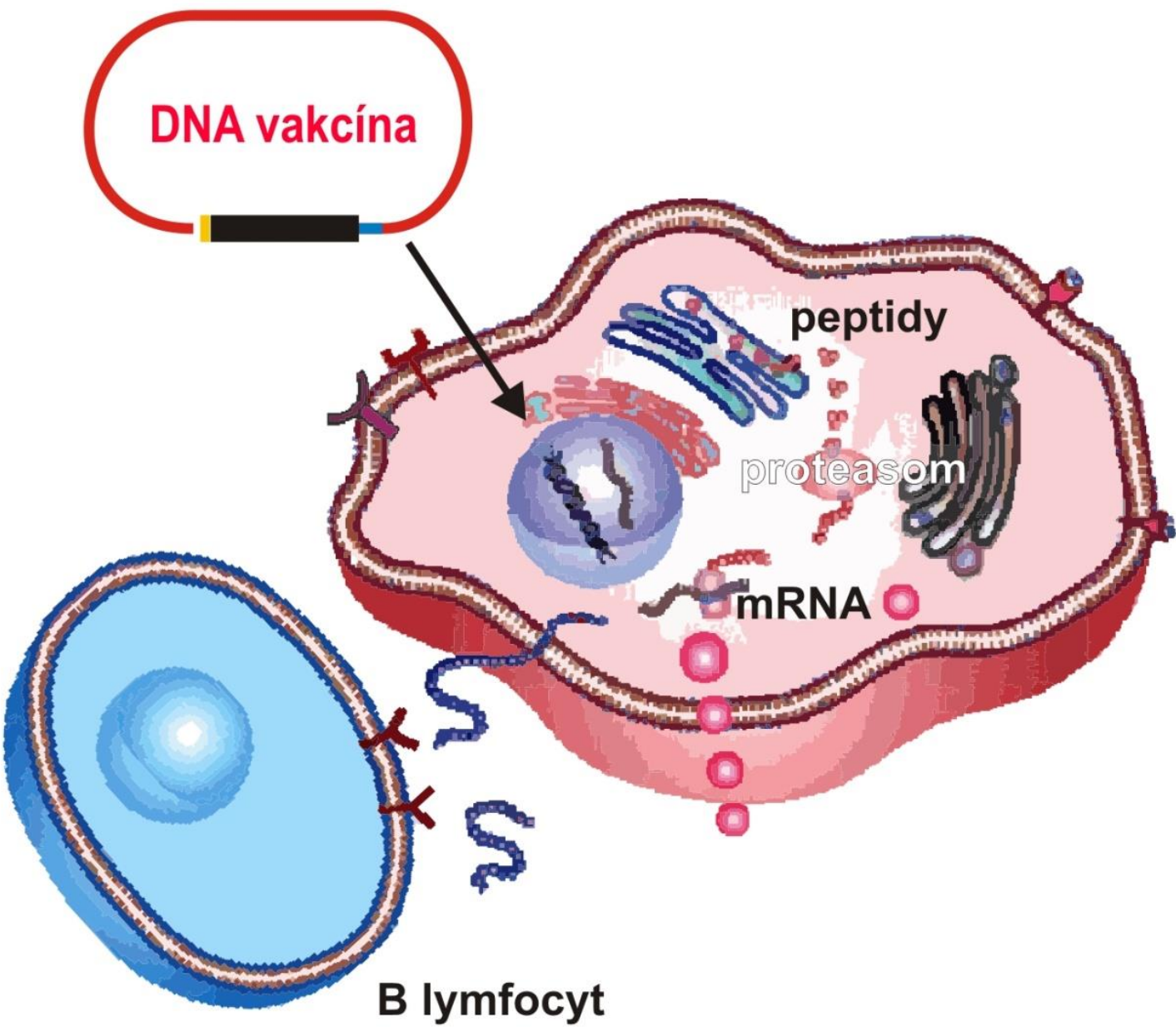


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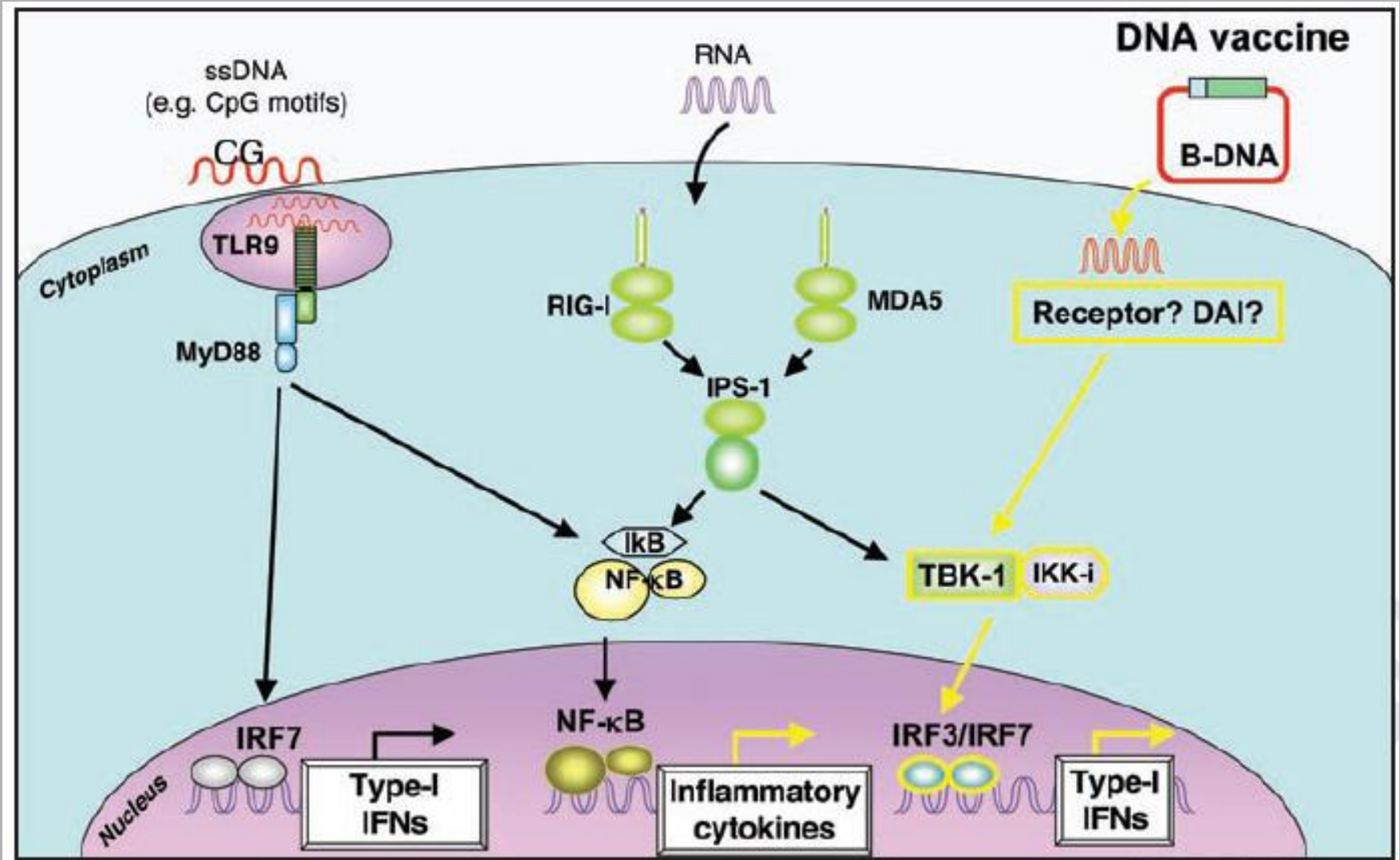




**DNA vakcinace aktivuje
B lymfocyty k tvorbě
specifických protilátek**



Adjuvantní působení DNA



Mechanismus indukce imunitní CD8 T lymfocytární odpovědi na „exogenní“ antigen

Přenesená „cross“ prezentace

Přenesená prezentace „cross“

1. TAP závislá

a) korpuskulární antigen - fagosom (NOX2) – proteasom

b) solubilní antigen – receptor – časný endosom
- proteasom -ER

- proteasom – TAP na endosomu – MHC I

vazba antigenu na scavengerové receptory – MHC

II

2. TAP nezávislá (vakuolární)

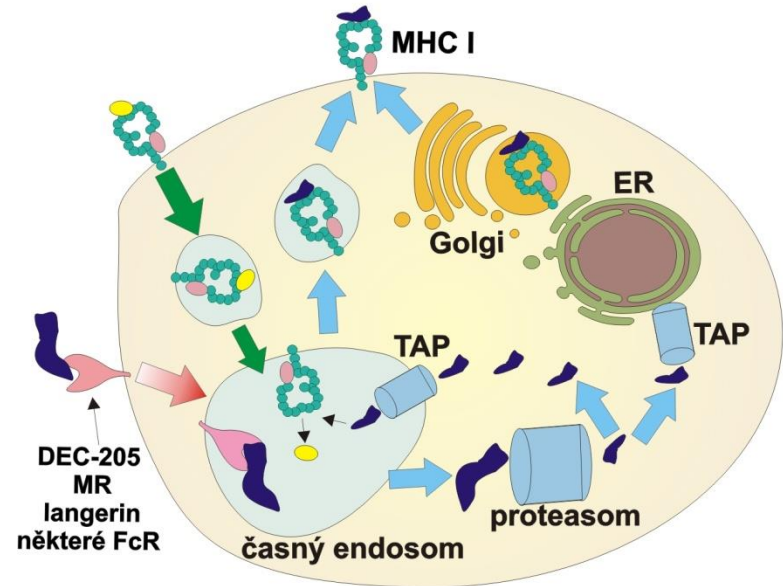
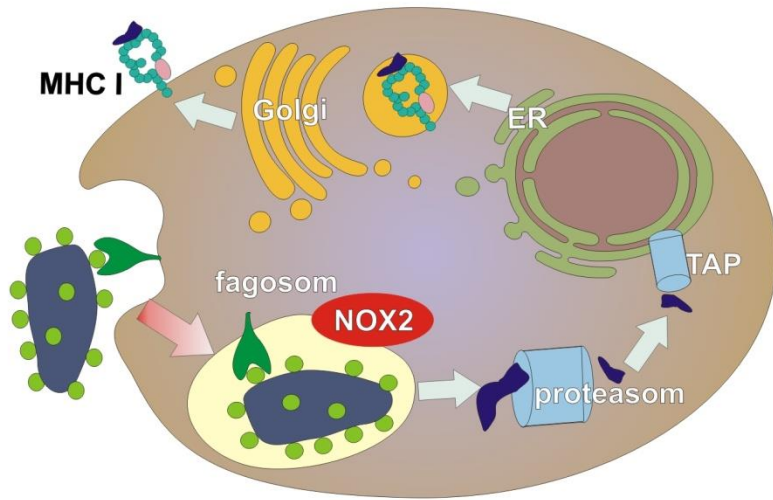
endosom – štěpení katapsin S - záměna peptidů MHC

TAP – závislá „cross“ prezentace

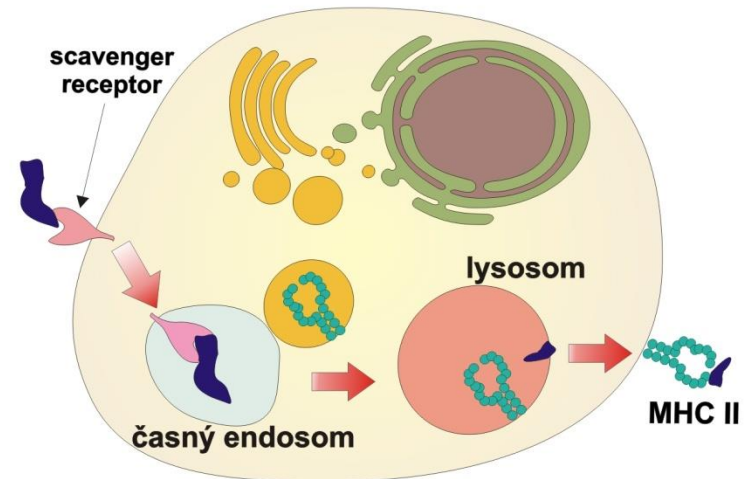
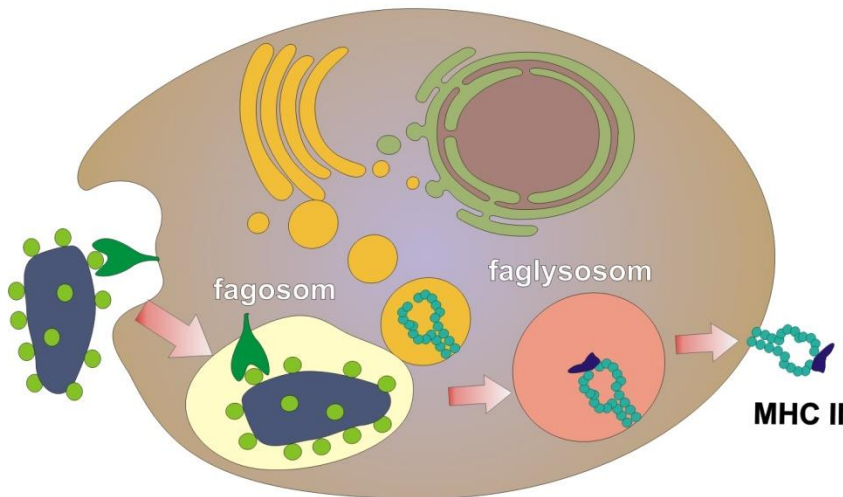
korpuskulární antigen

solubilní antigen

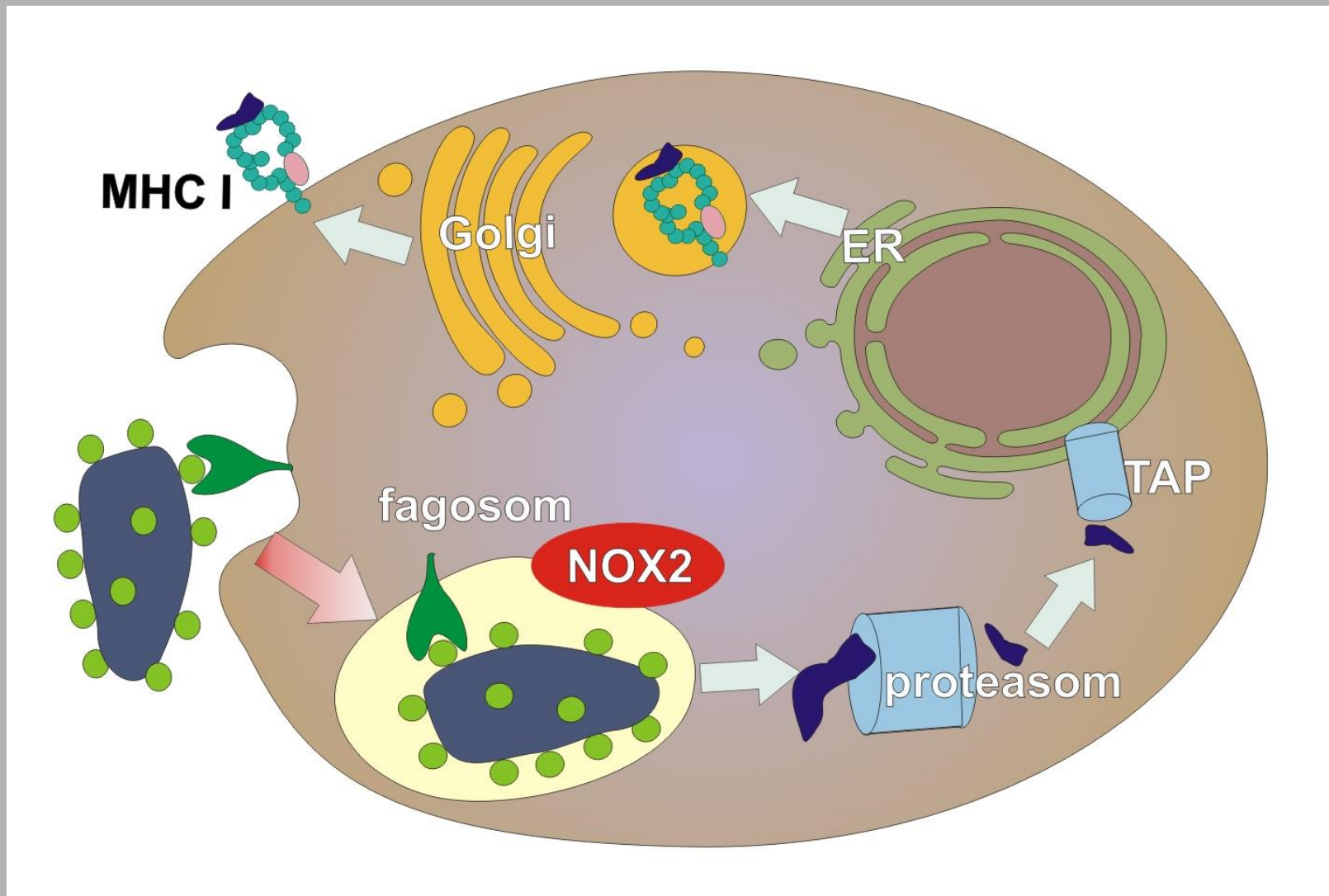
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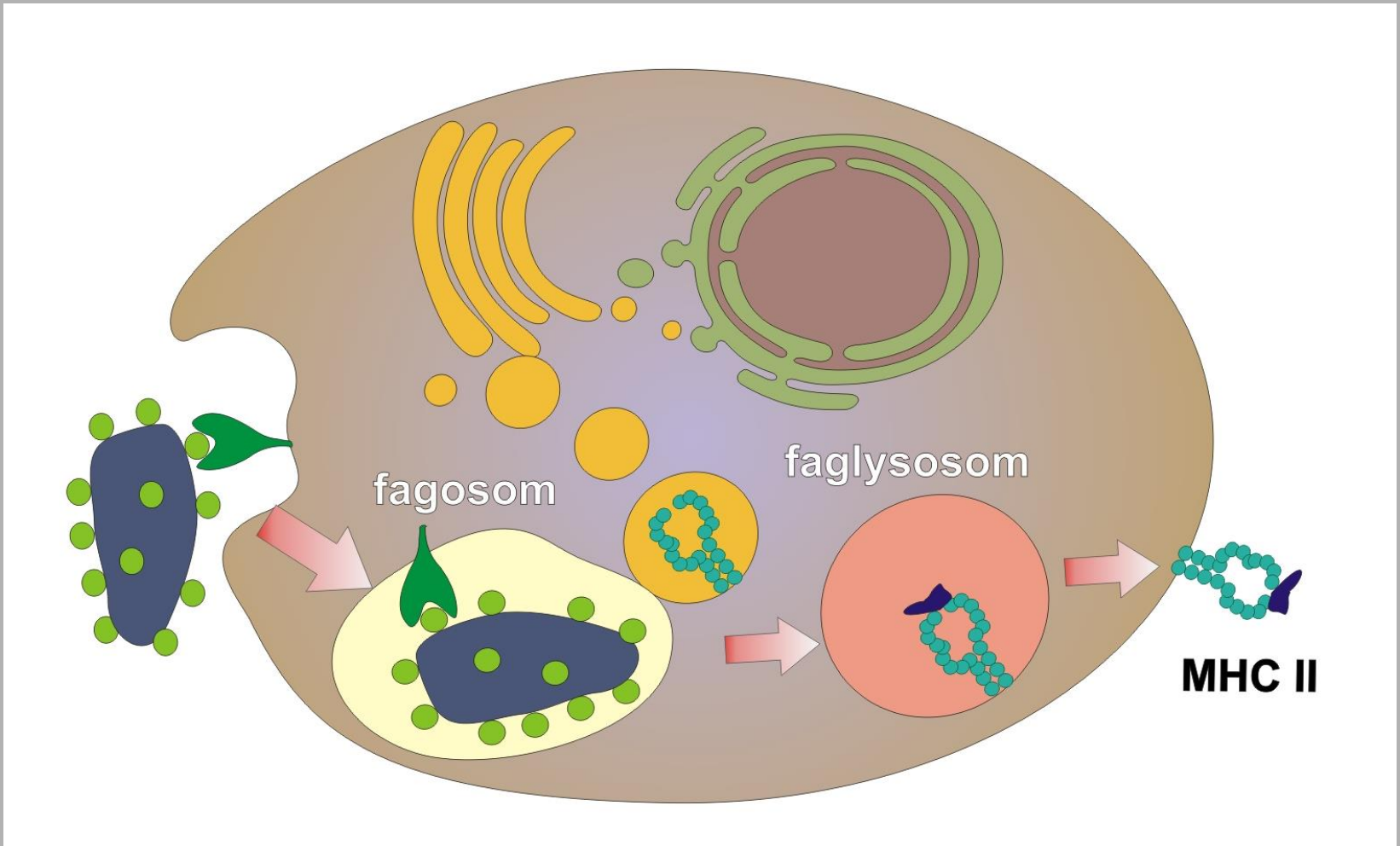
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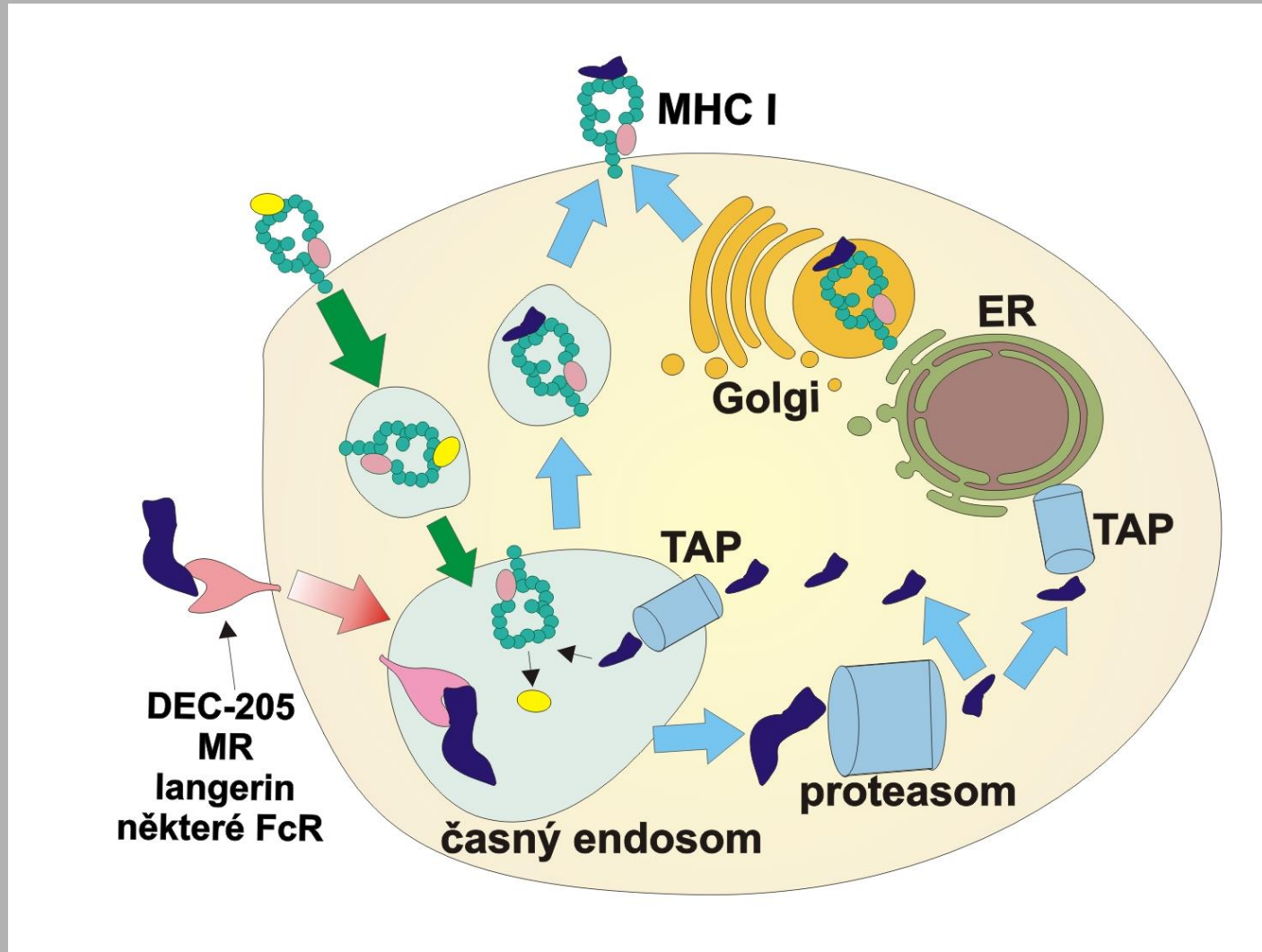
TAP závislá „cross“ prezentace – korpuskulární antigen



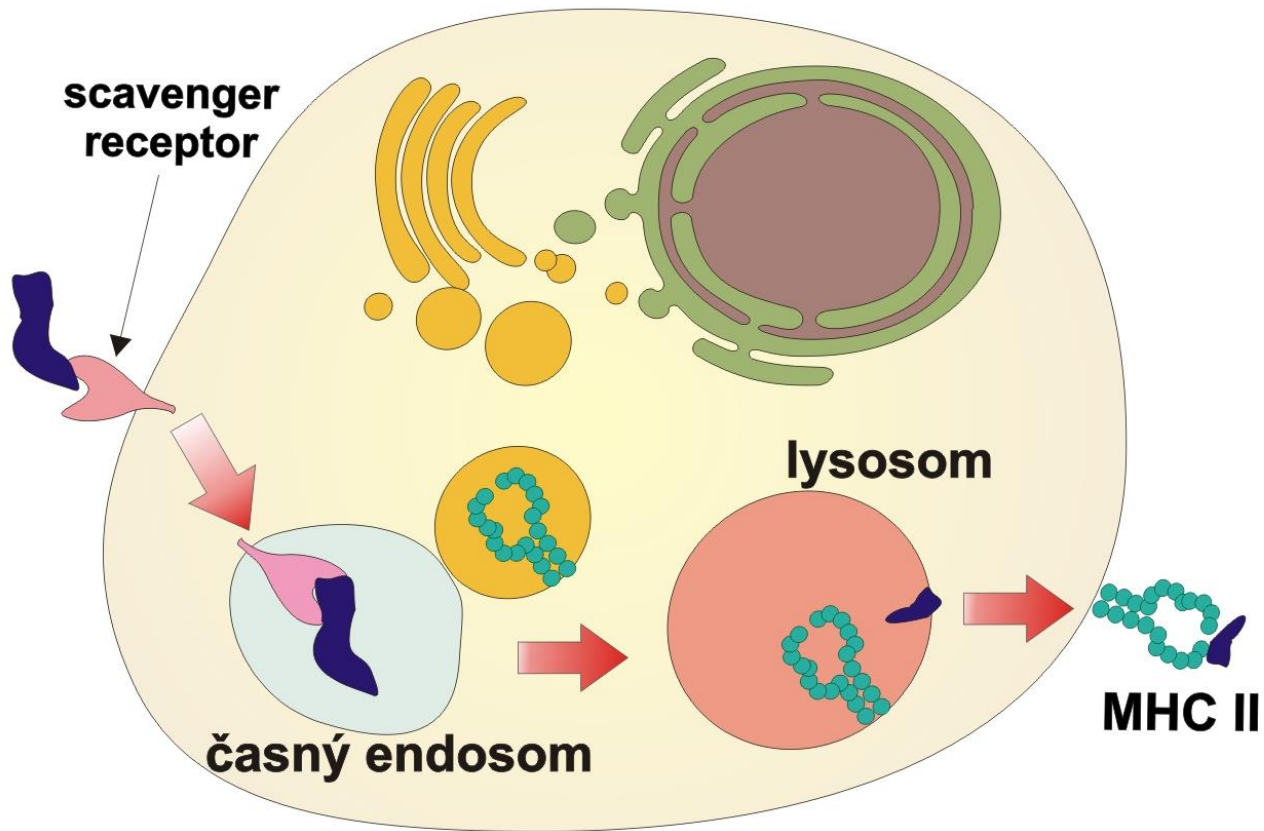
Pro srovnání prezentace korpuskulárního antigenu na MHC II



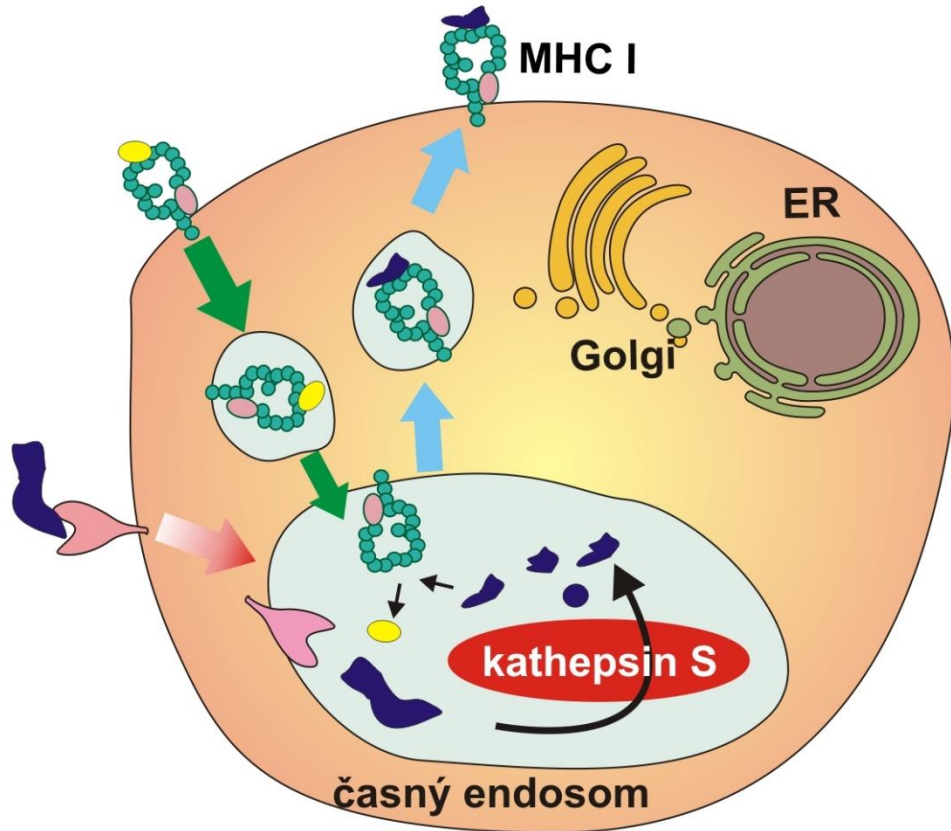
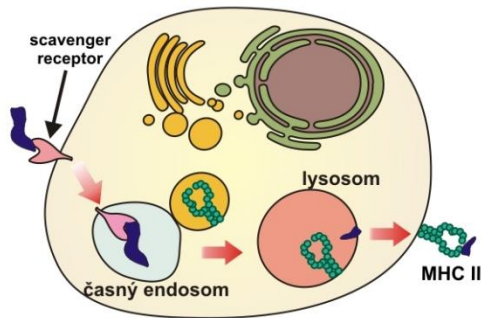
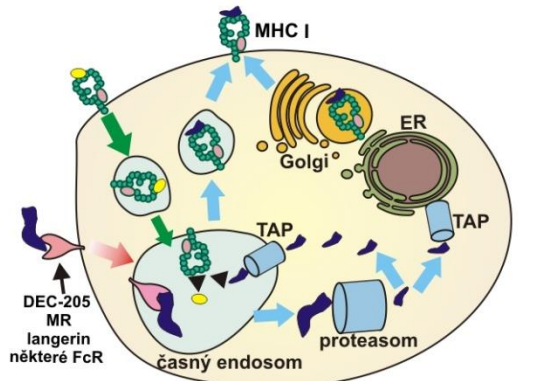
TAP závislá „cross“ prezentace – solubilní antigen



Pro srovnání prezentace solubilního antigenu na MHC II



TAP - nezávislá „cross“ prezentace



**U člověka „cross“ prezentují
solubilní i korpuskulární antigen
konvenční DC (mDC-2)**

typizované CD141⁺ (BDCA-3), CD11c⁺

u myši konvenční DC CD8⁺, CD11c⁺

DNA Vaccine Carriers

Naked DNA (i.m., unprotected against degradation)

Pneumatic Jet Injection (particle free, mm-cm below the skin surface, strong shearing forces)

Needle (modified tattoo instrument), Electroporation

Gene Gun Delivery of Genes (epidermal, gold particles) TH2 response

Micro-Organisms: (Attenuated and genetically modified bacteria - Shigella, Salmonella, or Listeria) (mucosal immunisation, incorporation of pDNA into genome)

DNA-Containing Cochleates (oral)

Liposomes (all routes)

Polymers (biodegradable particles, mucosal, oral)

Dendritické buňky

Obtížná transfekce

I vitro lipofekce velmi málo účinná

Účinnost in vitro elektroporace kolem 10-15% pro Langerhansovy buňky nebo DC odvozené z progenitorů; DC odvozené z periferních monocytů jsou resistantní k transfekci

Rychlá degradace pDNA v dendritických buňkách, vrozená resistance k intracelulárním patogenům (viry, bakterie), výjimka HIV-1

Některé virové promotory mohou být i signálem pro ohrožení, snaha používat somatické promotory (promotor cytoskeletálního proteinu fascinu)

Svalové buňky

Poměrně dobře transfekovatelné – častý cíl pro genovou terapii (dlouhodobá transfekce, dlouhá doba života)

Nevirové vektory nejsou příliš účinné (na rozdíl od dobré účinnosti např. na transfekci jater nebo plic)

U myší transfekce svalových vláken volným plasmidem v rozmezí 2-5 týdnů (**inhibiční efekt extracelulární matrix na penetraci pDNA**, použití hyaluronidázy, rychlá degradace pDNA, 90% během prvních minut po aplikaci)

Způsoby přenosu DNA do buněk

Volná DNA

Virové vektory

retrovirové vektory

adenovirové vektory

adeno-asociované viry

Nevirové vektory

kationické liposomy

polymery

Fyzikální metody

gene-gun, jet-device

elektroporace

sonoporace

vektory odvozené od
herpes simplex virů
hybridní virové
vektory

Faktory ovlivňující úspěšnost DNA vakcinace

immunogennost antigenu patogena

frekvence a způsob podání, forma DNA
vakuíny

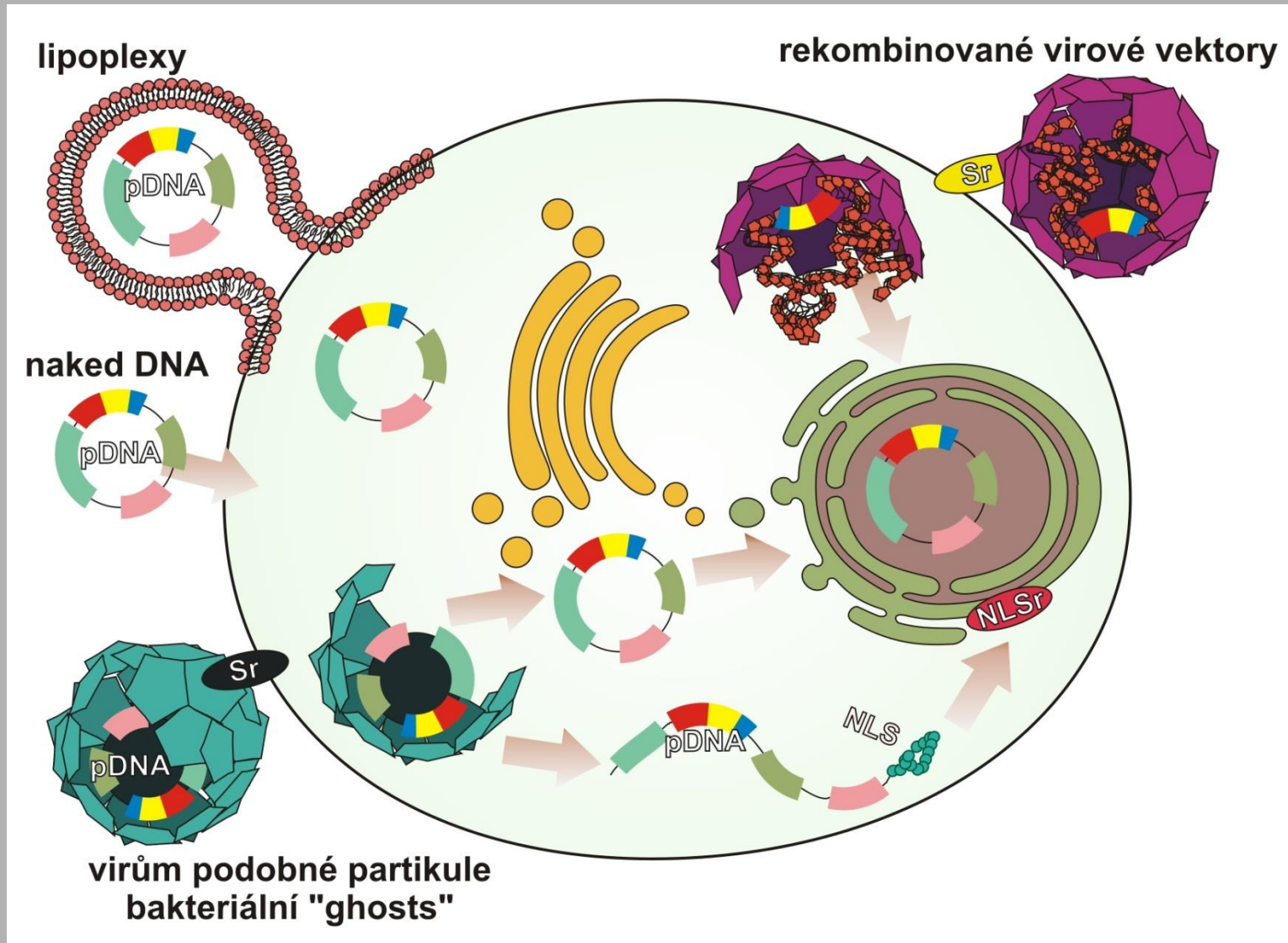
dávka pDNA

lokalizace antigenu (sekretovaný,
membránový nebo cytoplasmatický)

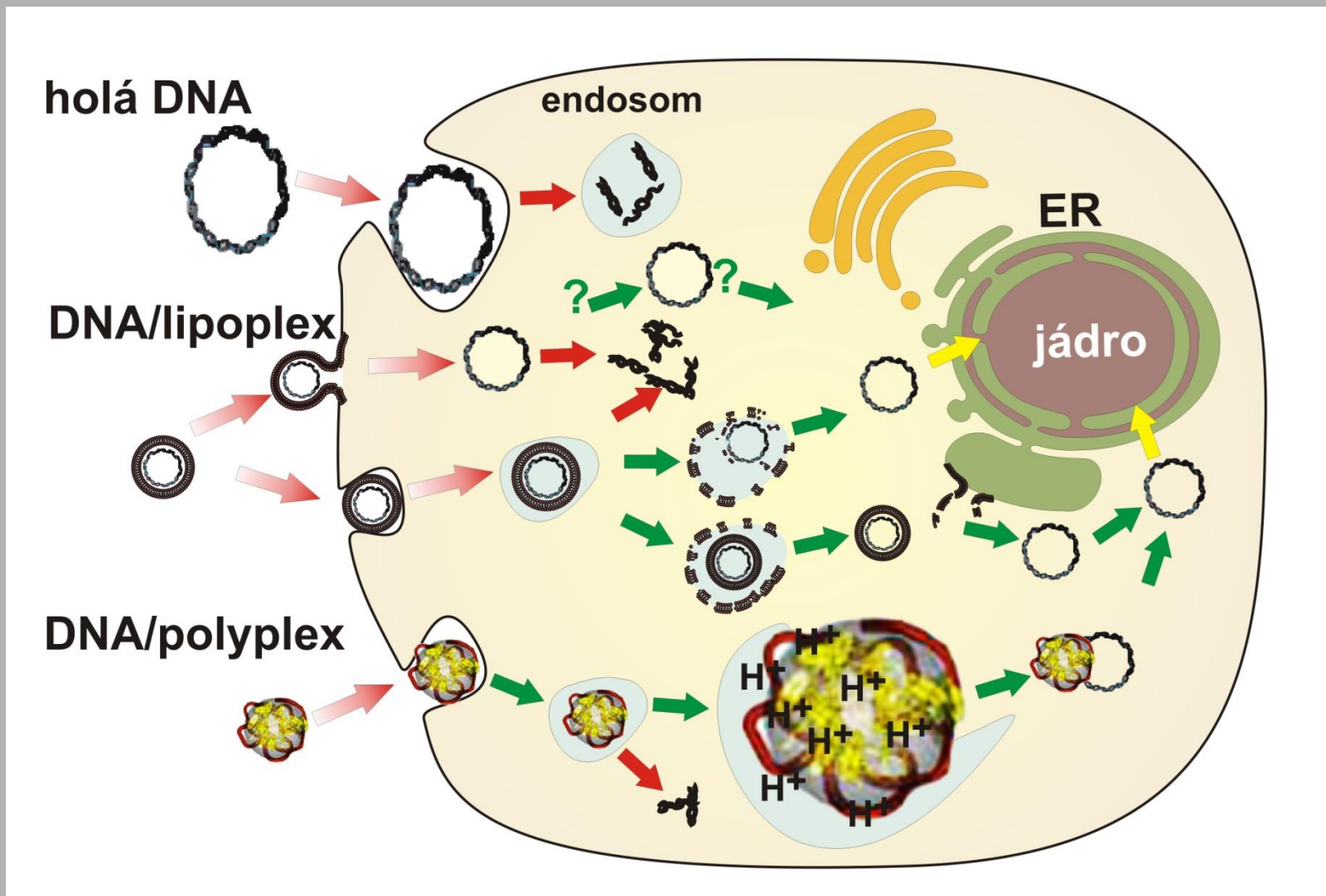
věk, zdravotní stav

živočišný druh

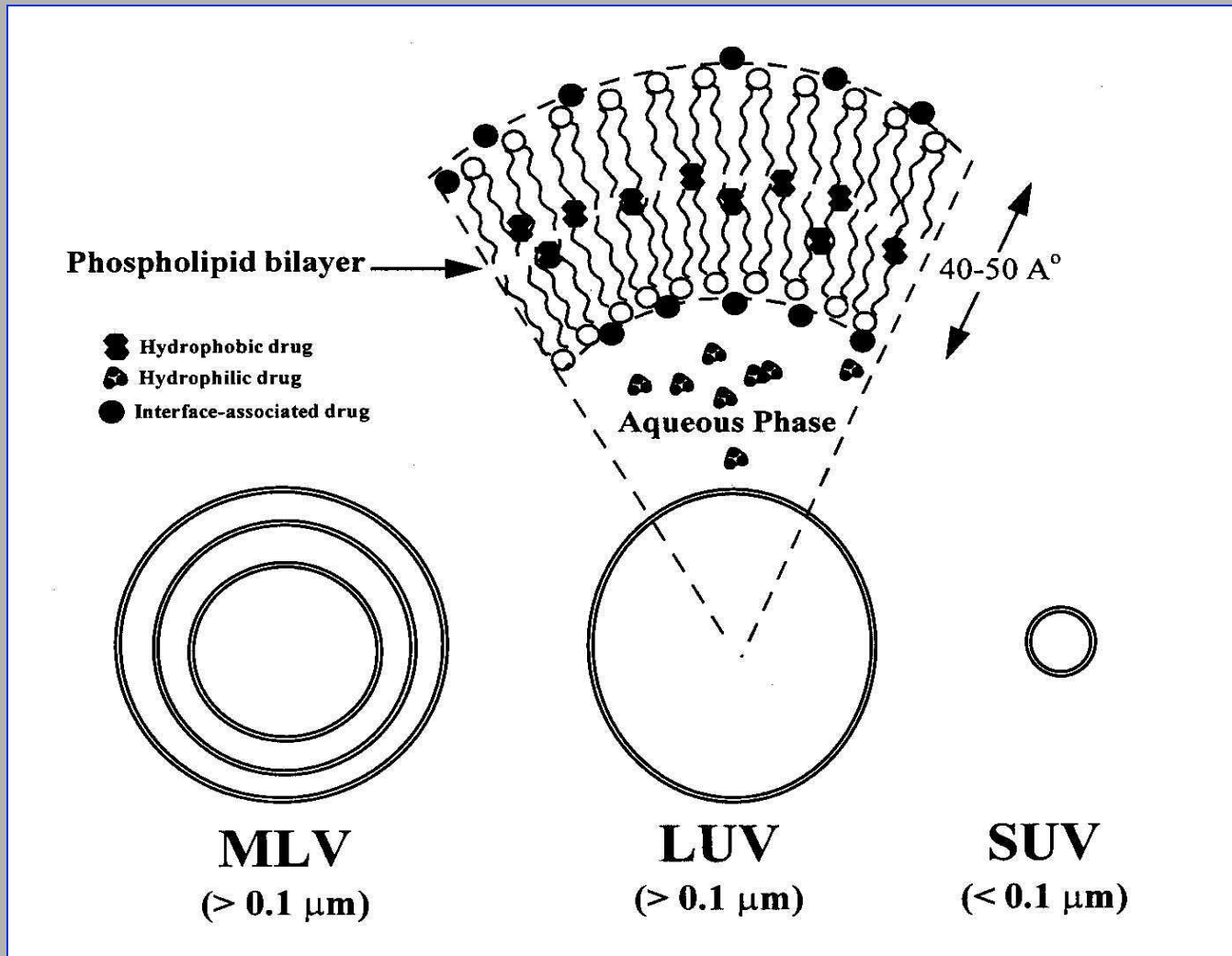
Formy aplikace DNA vakcín



Osud DNA v závislosti na použitém chemickém systému

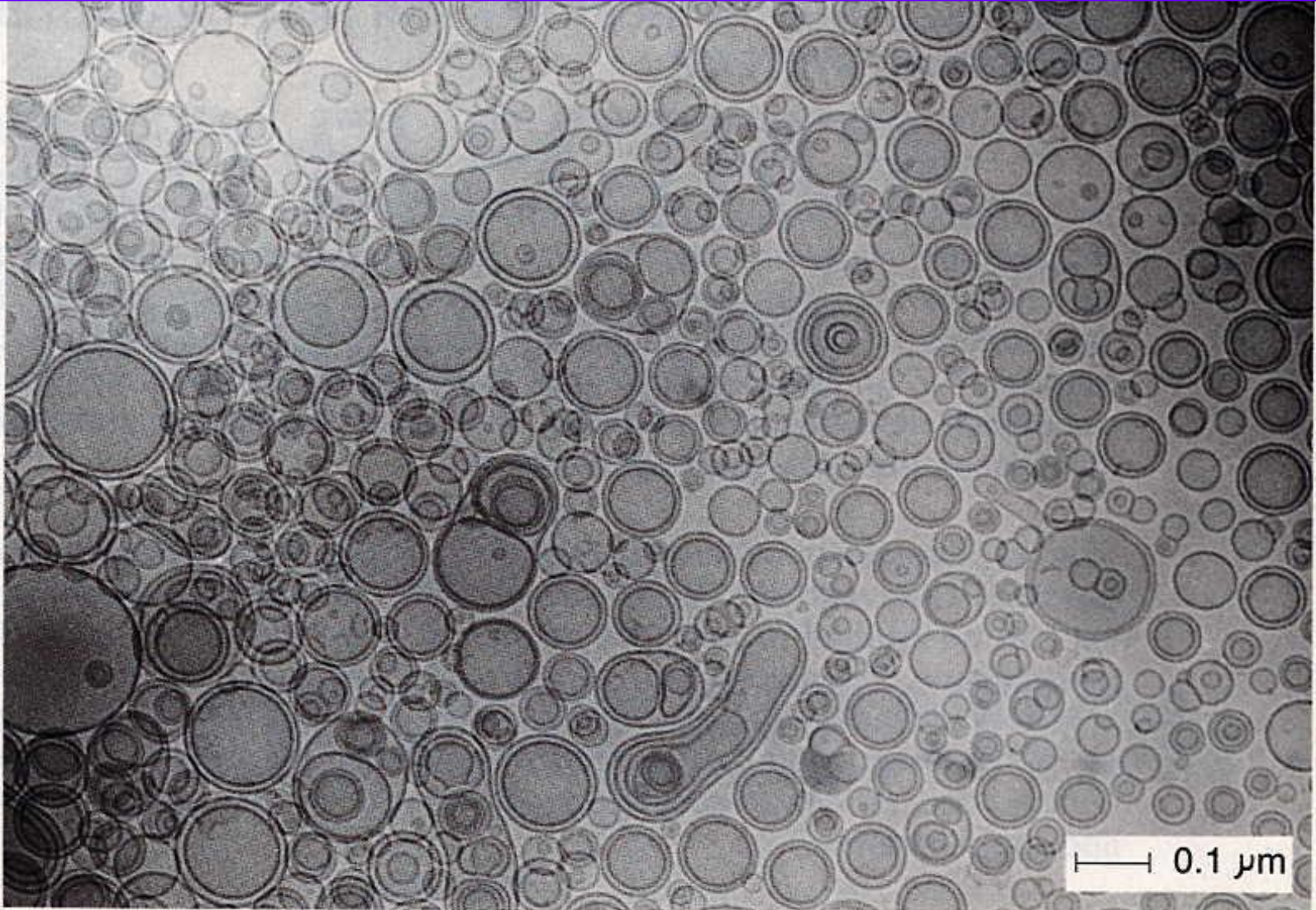


Classification of liposomes



Morphology of liposomes

Viewed by cryoelectron microscopy



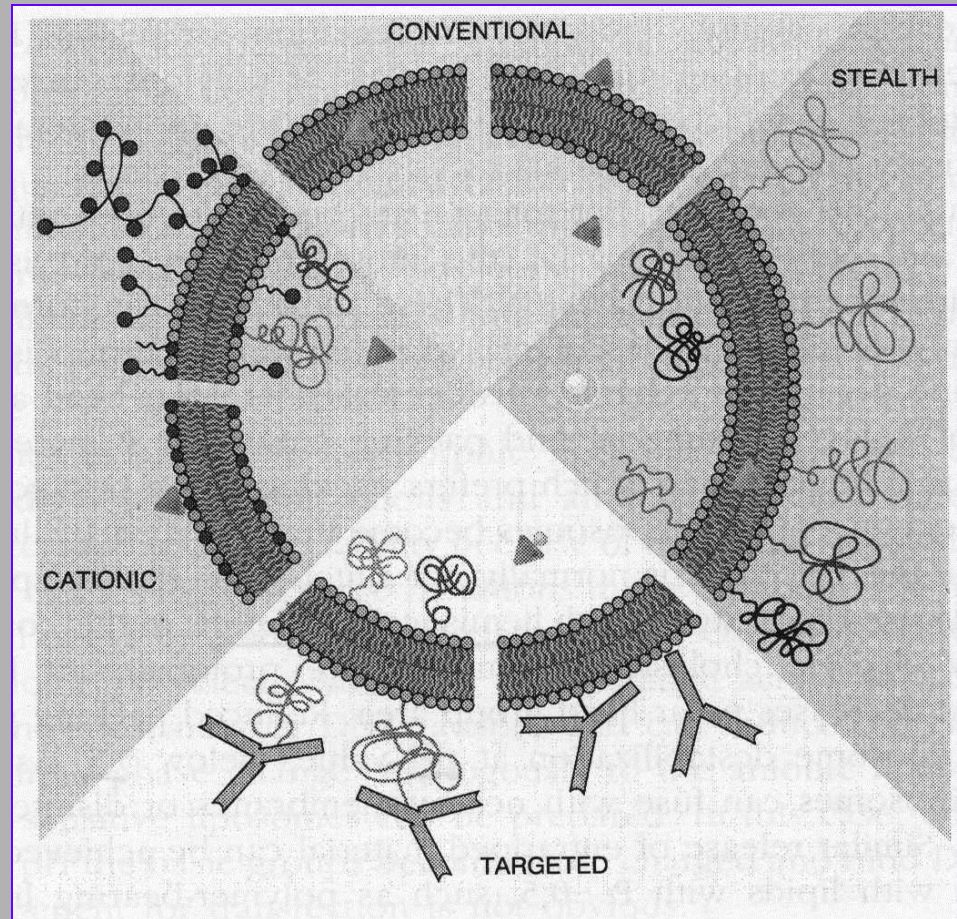
Classes of liposomes based on their functionality

Conventional liposomes
nonspecific interaction with milieu

Stealth liposomes *sterically shielded, low non-specific interactions, long circulating*

Targeted liposomes *specific interaction via coupled ligand*

Polymorphic-Cationic
change their phase upon interaction with specific agents, pH or temperature sensitive



Artificial Virus

- Fully synthetic particles

- Deletion of undesirable structures

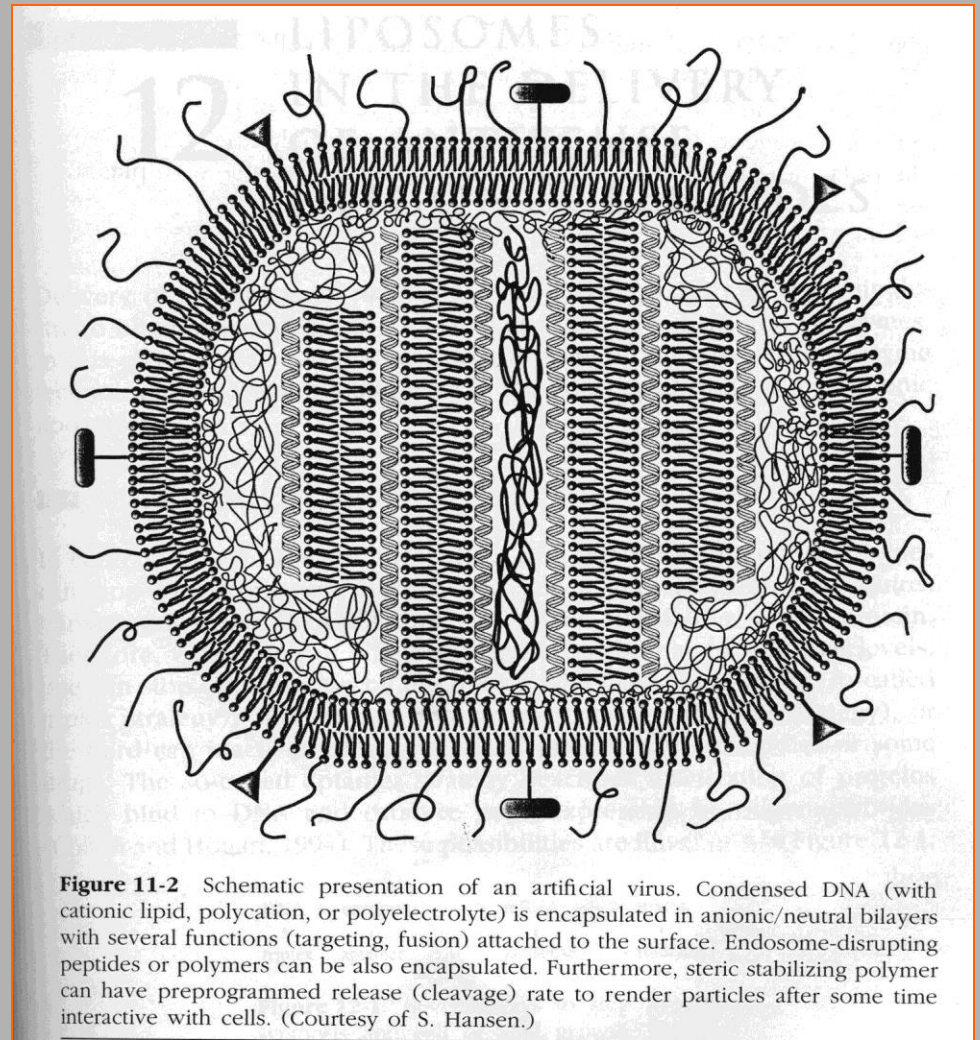
- Immunosuppressors

- Crossreacting antigens

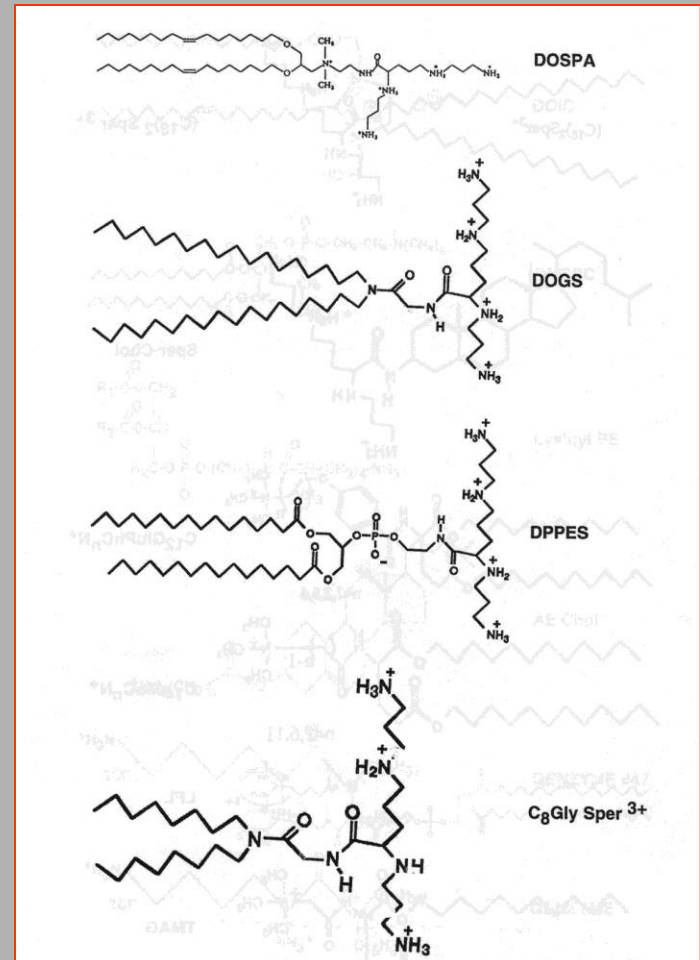
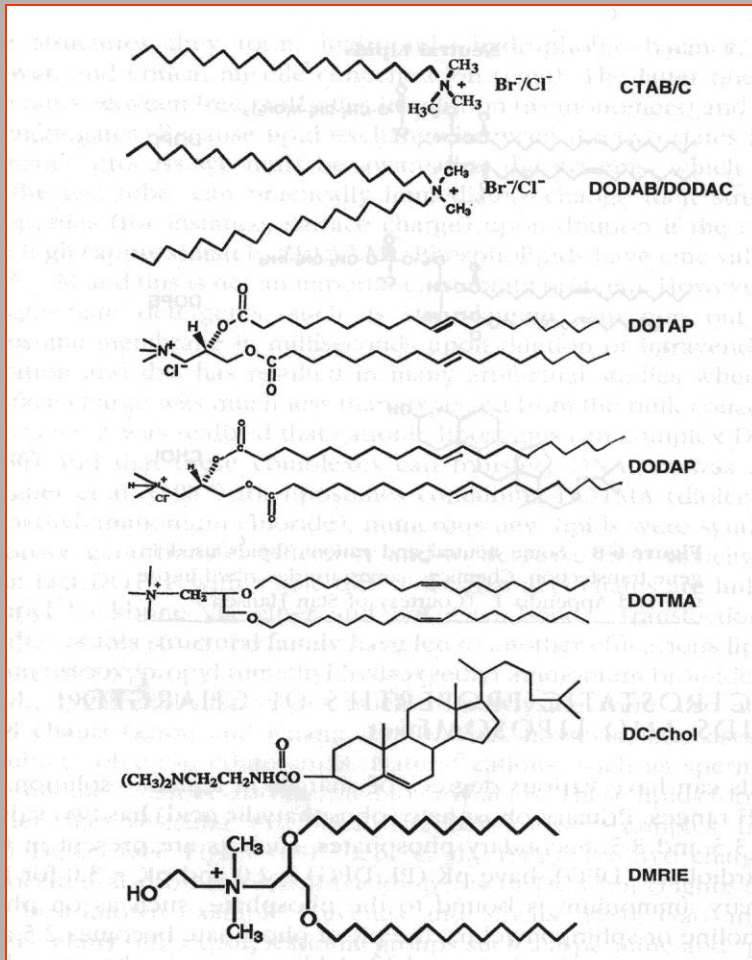
- Selective targeting

- Production in cell free system

- Resembles a live attenuated vaccine



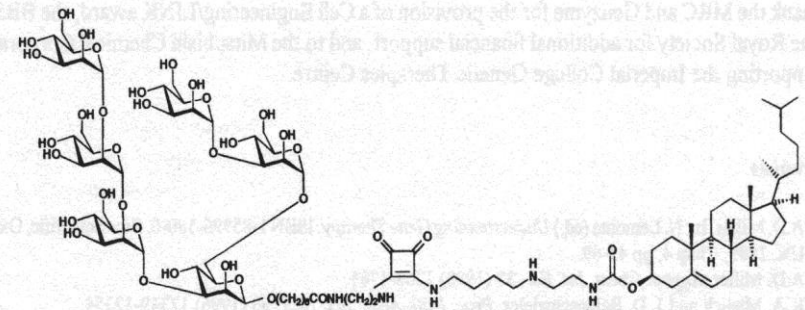
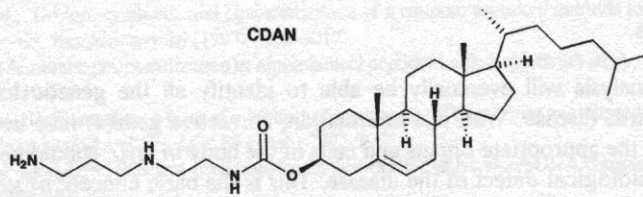
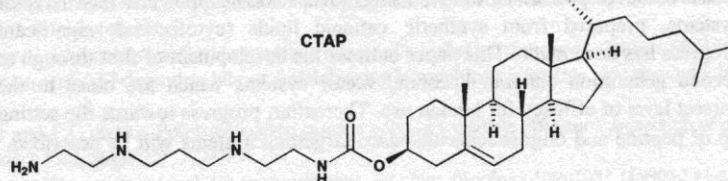
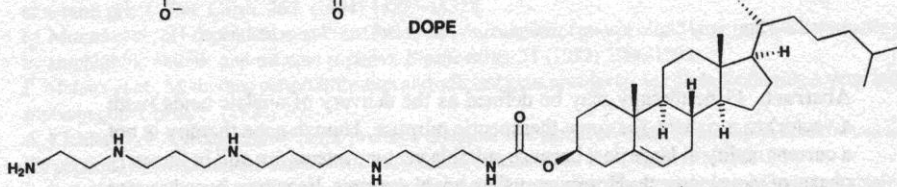
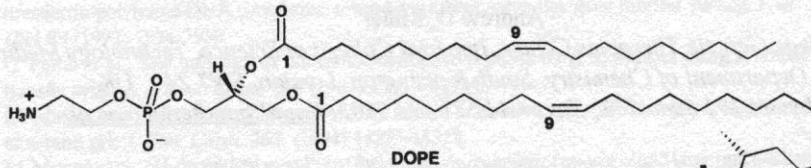
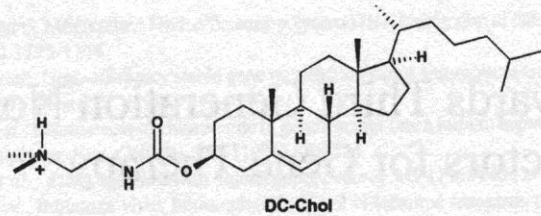
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Cataionic lipids - Imperial College

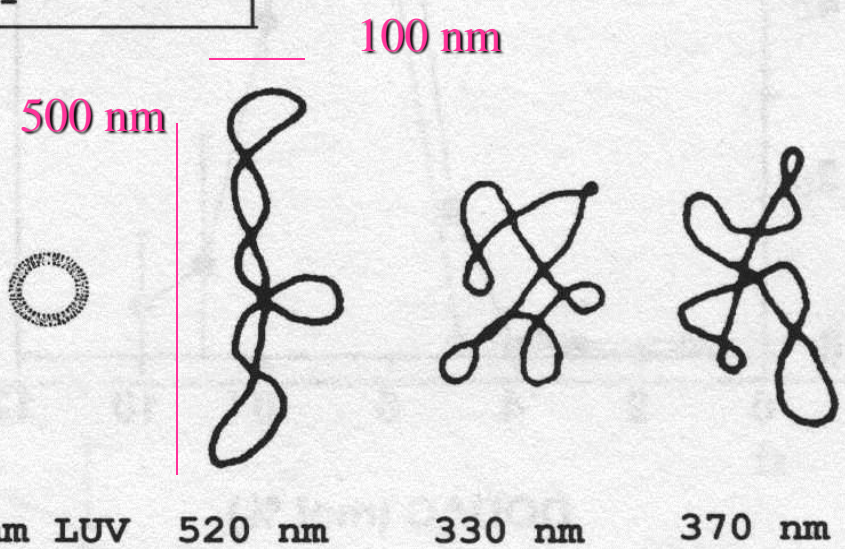
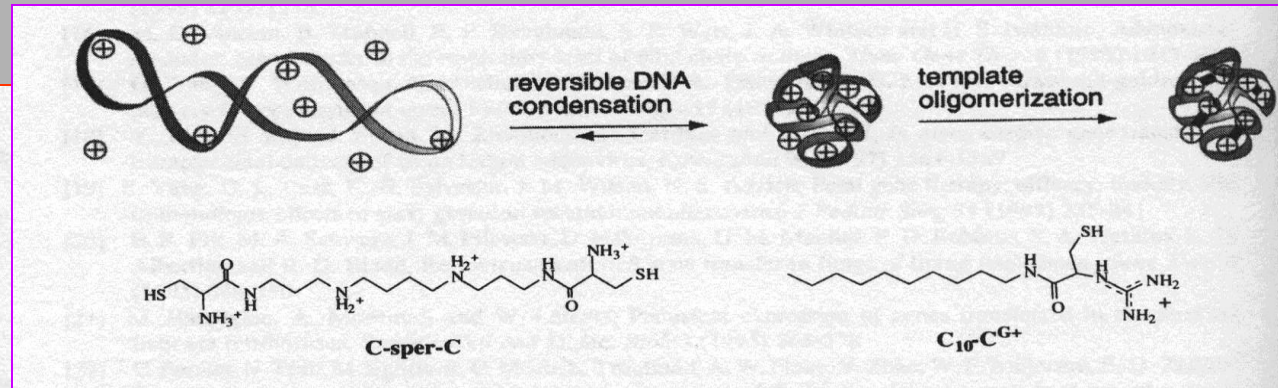
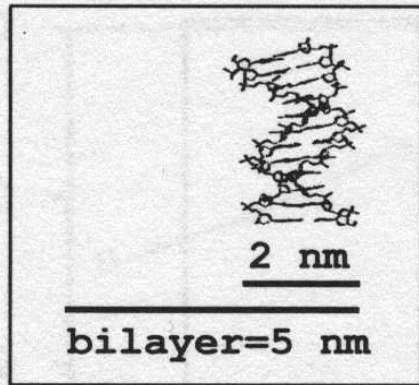
Cataionic lipids of the 3rd generation

Targeting groups: peptides or saccharides



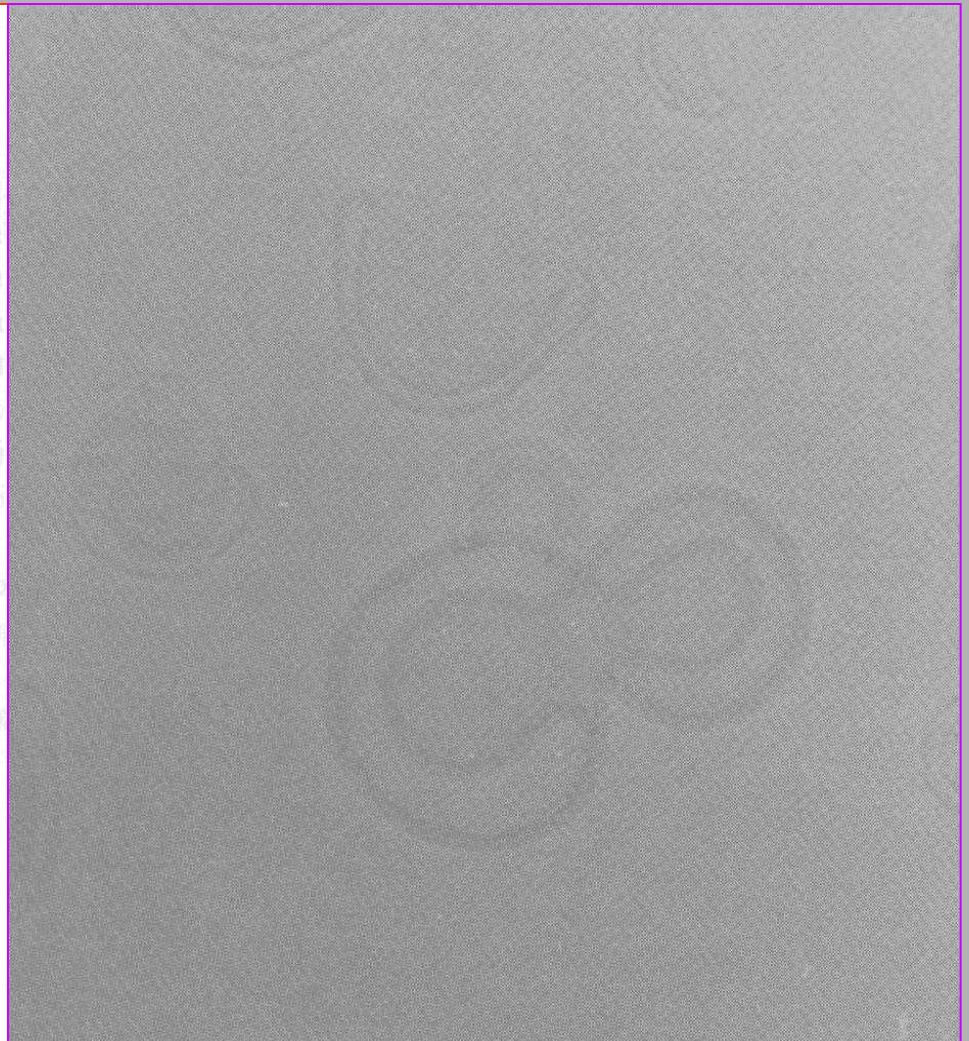
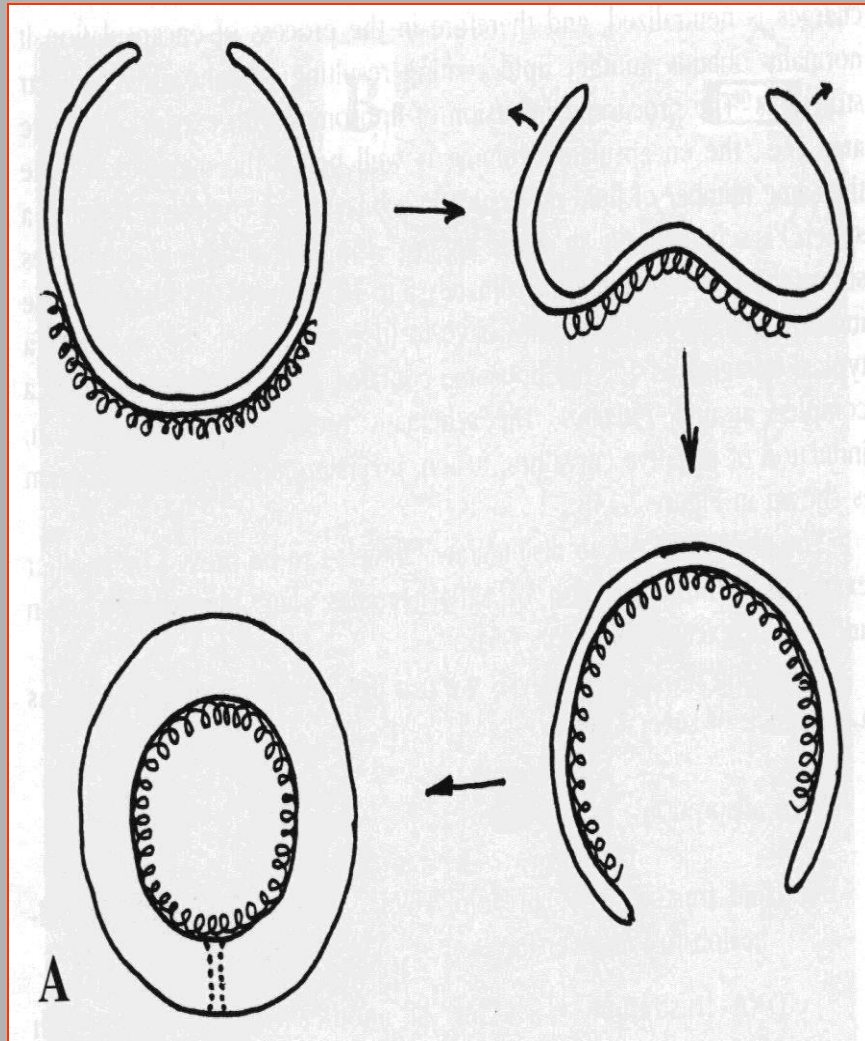
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Encapsulation of plasmids into liposomes



100 nm LUV

Interaction of cationic liposomes with DNA



Routes of Application

Intramuscular

Intraepidermal

┌ Mucosal: Oral, Nasal, Vaginal, Rectal,
Lung, Sinovial

Intravenous

Intraperitoneal

┌ Subcutaneous

Aplikace DNA vakcíny do svalů

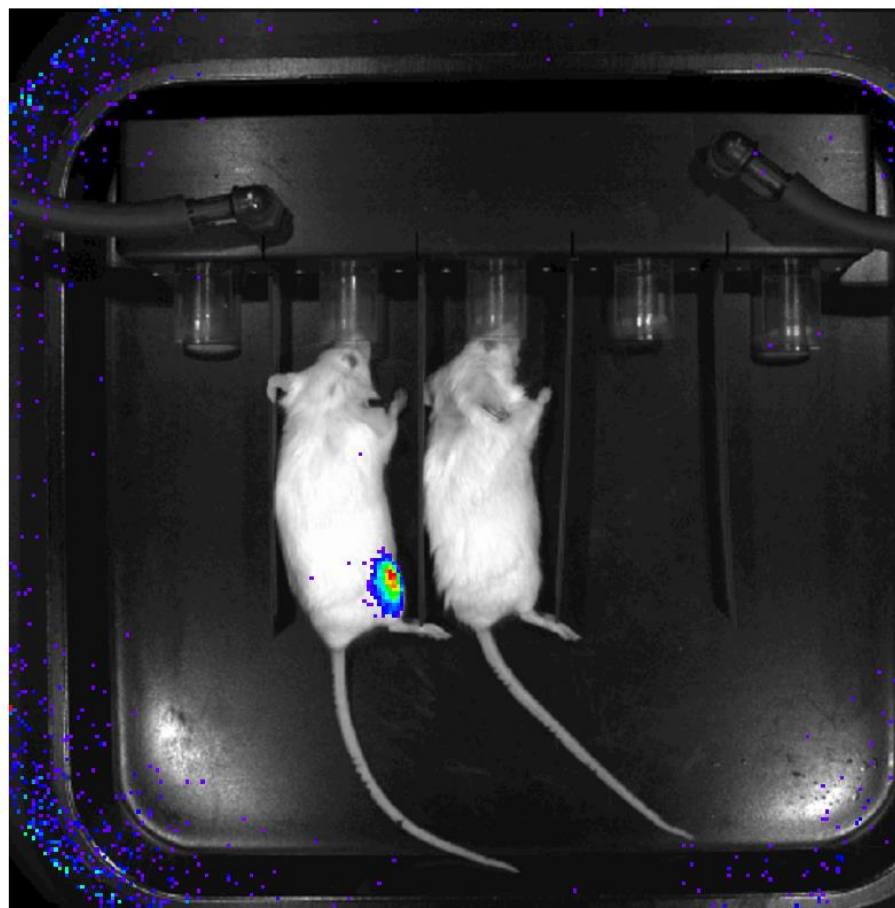
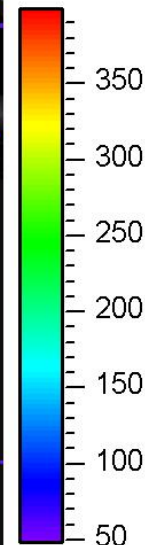


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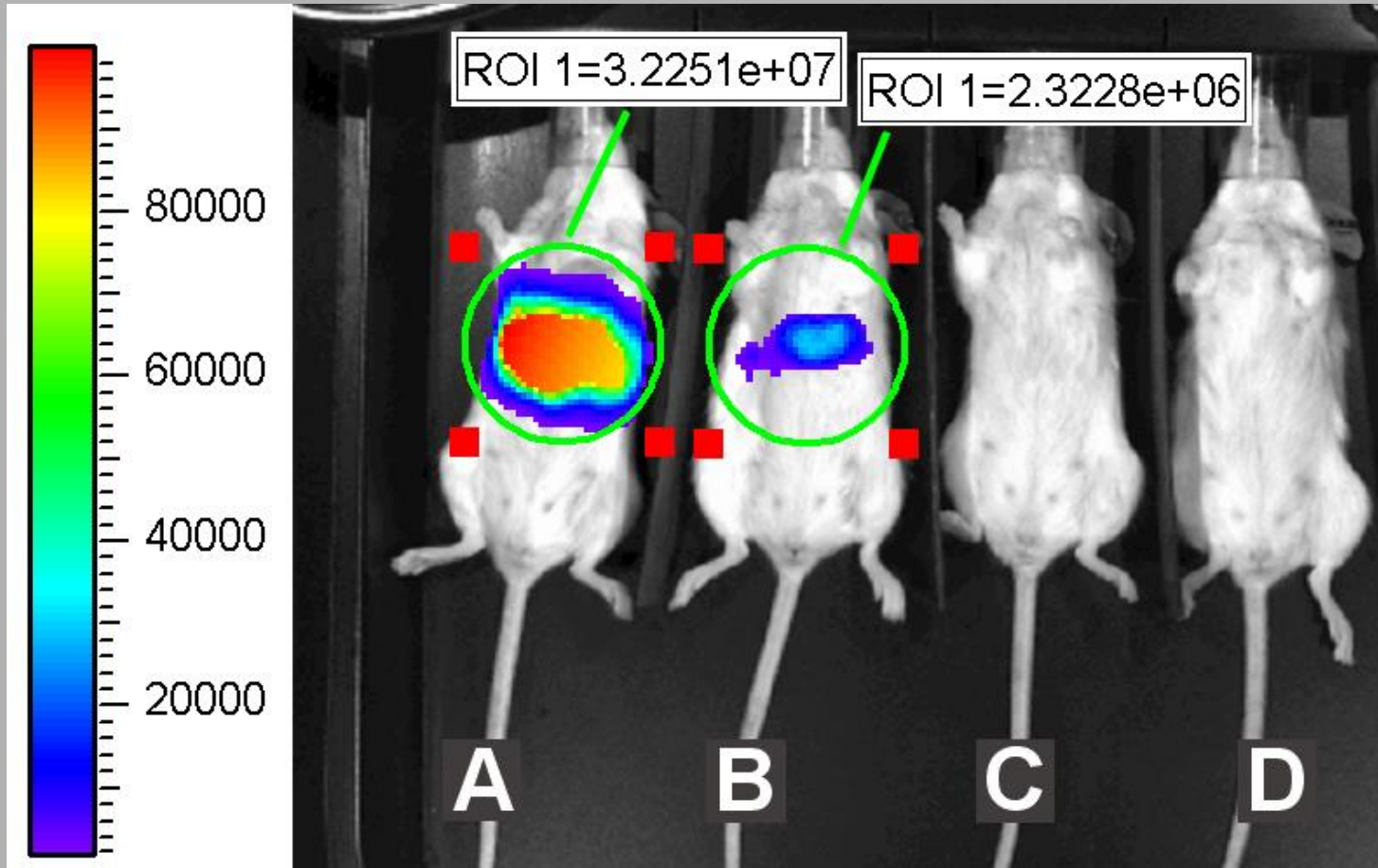
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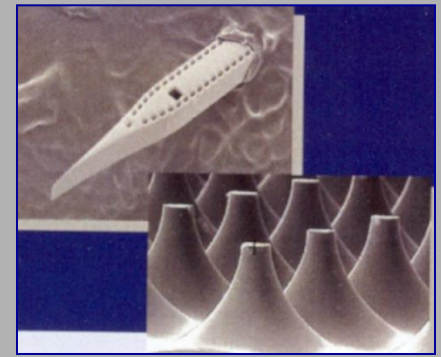
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Aplikace DNA vakcíny do jater



Microenhancer Arrays



- Solid frusto-conical microprojections
- Designed to disrupt skin barrier function
- Enables delivery of DNA vaccines to epidermis

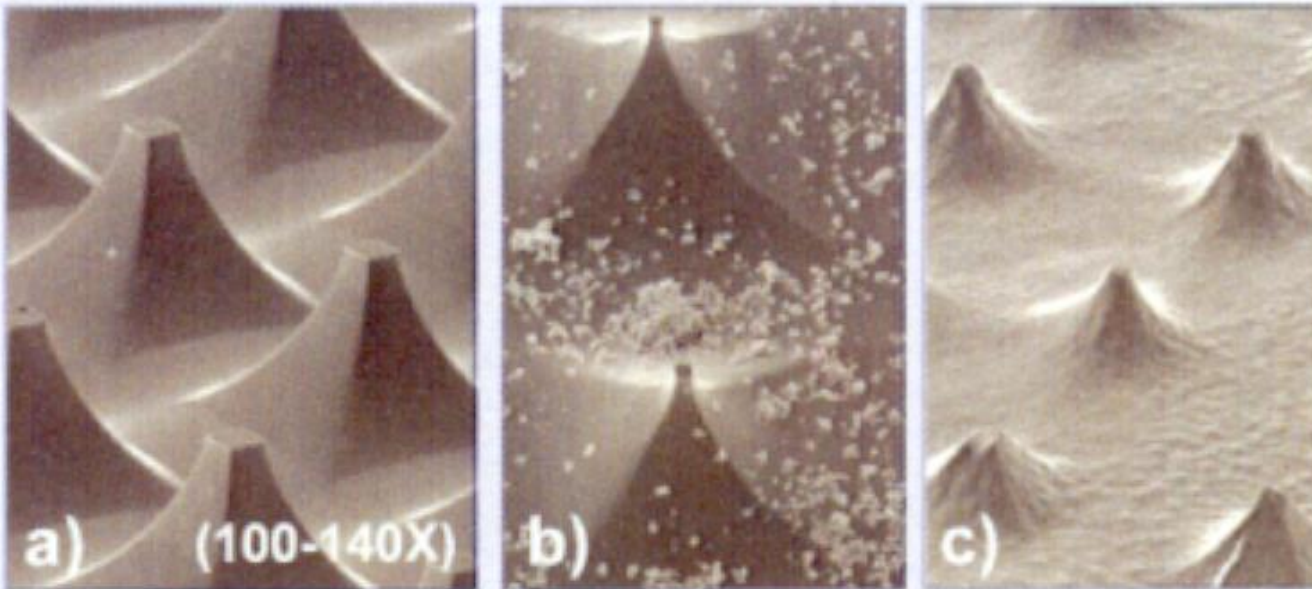


Figure 3. Electron micrographs of uncoated (a), powder-coated (b), or evaporative film-coated (c) MEAs.

Epidermal application

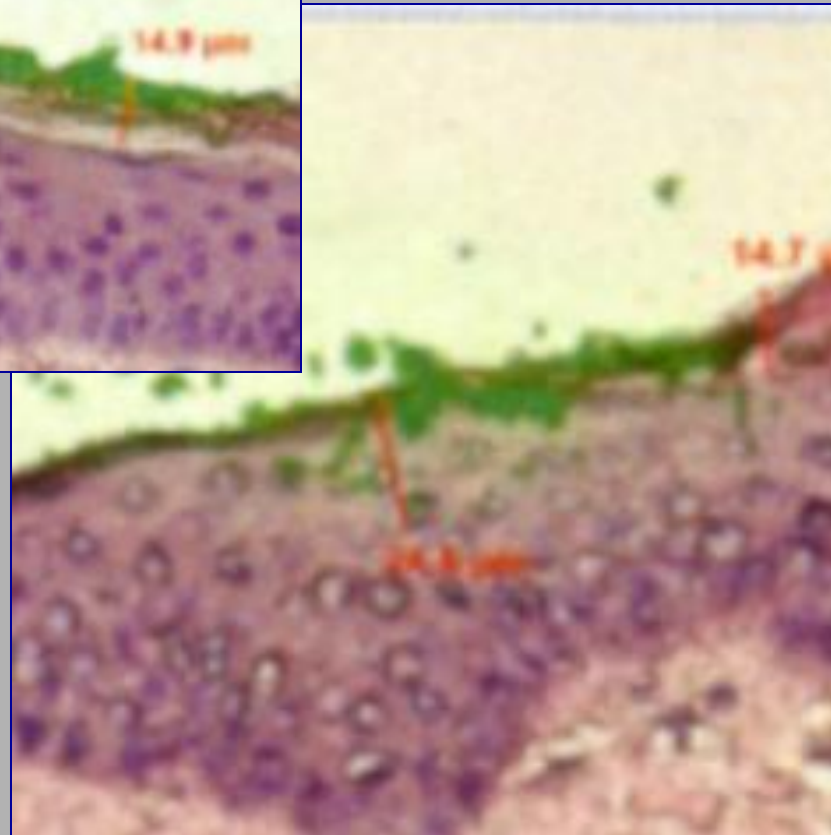
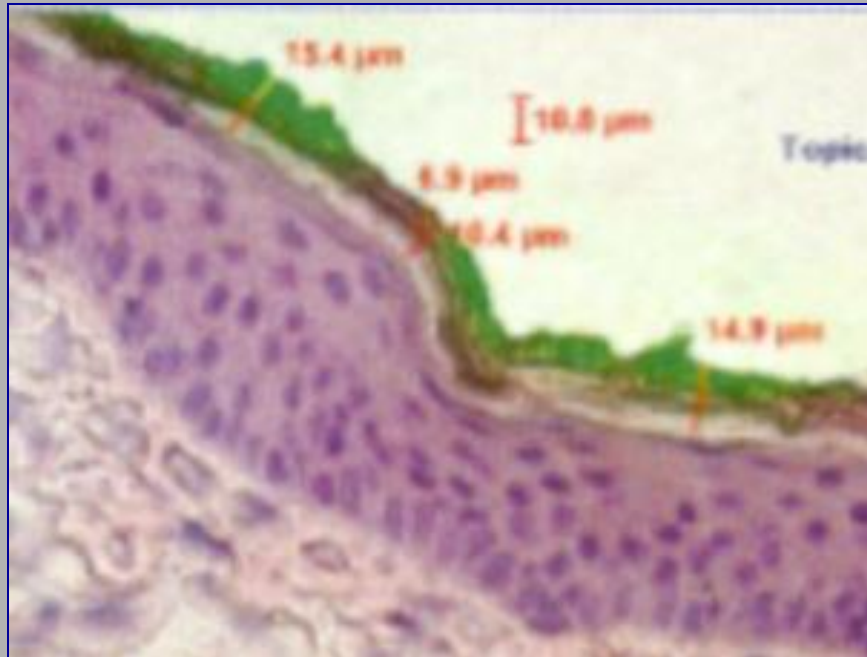
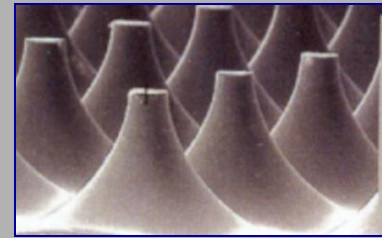


Figure 4. Tissue distribution of fluorescent microspheres applied to Yorkshire swine (Fig. 4a, b) or excised human cadaver skin (Fig. 4c,d) via 4 to 6 lateral MEA passes or unassisted topical application.

- MEAs disrupt stratum corneum allowing microspheres to access epidermis.
- Stratum corneum prevents access of topically applied microspheres to epidermis.

Intradermal application

Devices and Histology

MICRONEEDLES –

- Hollow microcannula
- Minute and minimally-invasive
- Needle length designed to restrict DNA vaccine delivery to the dermis



Figure 1. Microneedle penetrating swine dermis. (*Electron microscopy by H. Sugg, BD Technologies*)



Figure 2. Delivery of fluorescent microspheres to the dermis by microneedle.

Intranasal delivery

BD Dry Powder Nasal Delivery Platform

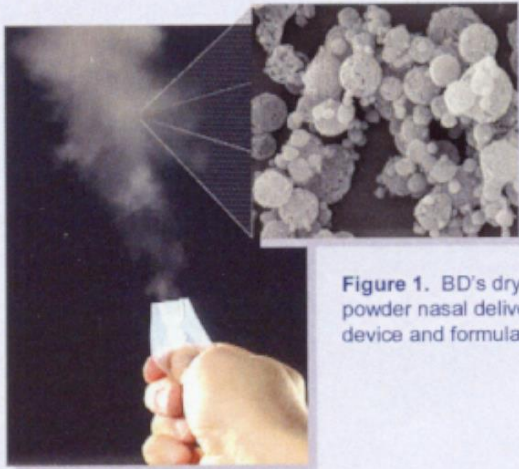


Figure 1. BD's dry powder nasal delivery device and formulation.

- Human device
- Dry powder vaccine or drug is packaged in proprietary pressure capsule
- Dry powder vaccine or drug is delivered by 'popping' blister

Nasal Delivery Device for Rat Experiments

- Same driving force as human device
- Exit diffuser narrow
- Bulb at end of exit port to help locate device within the nasal cavity reproducibly



Figure 2. Nasal delivery device modified for use in rats.



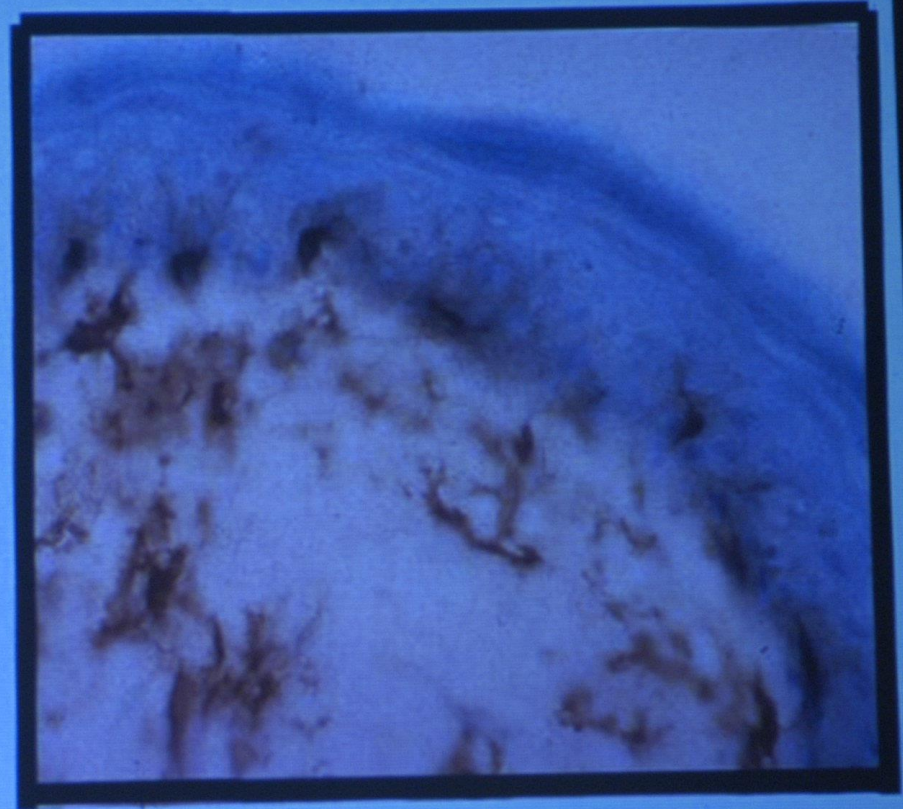
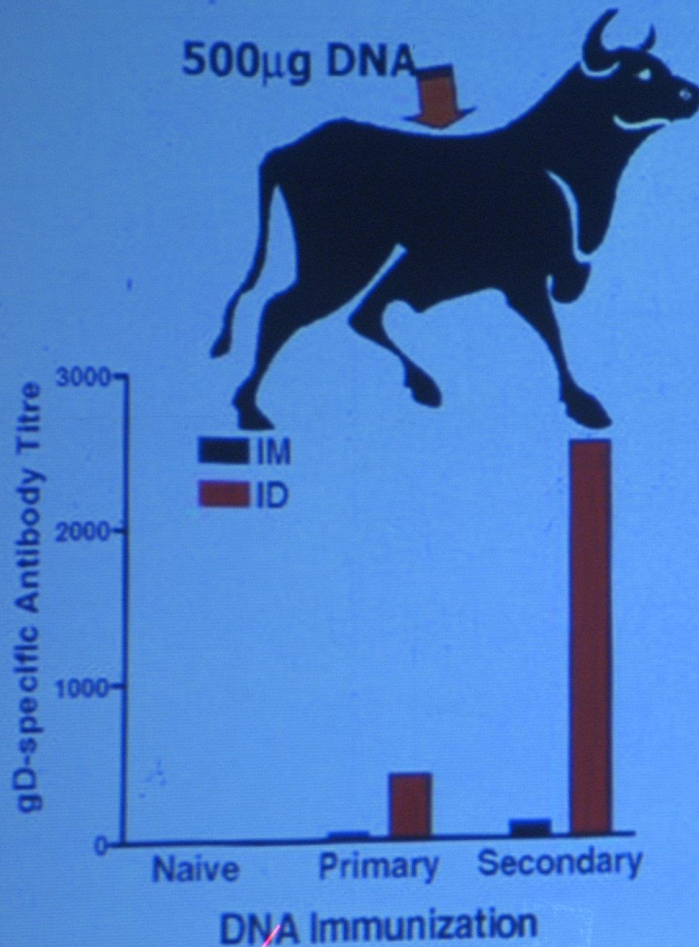


TRANSCUTANEOUS VACCINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS

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Solutions through research

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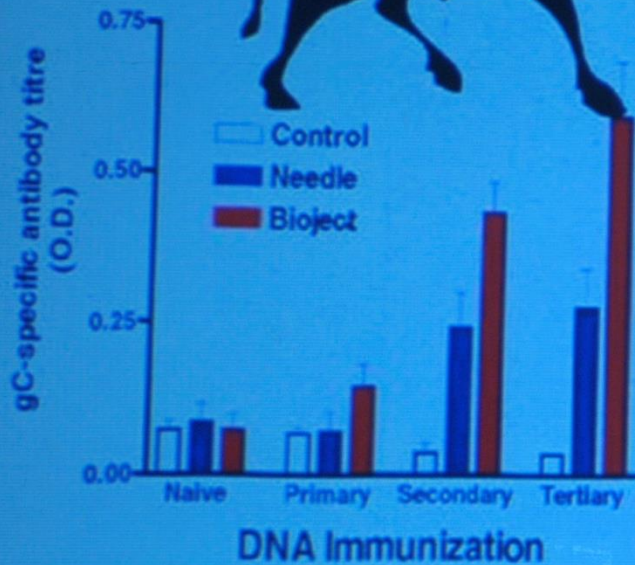
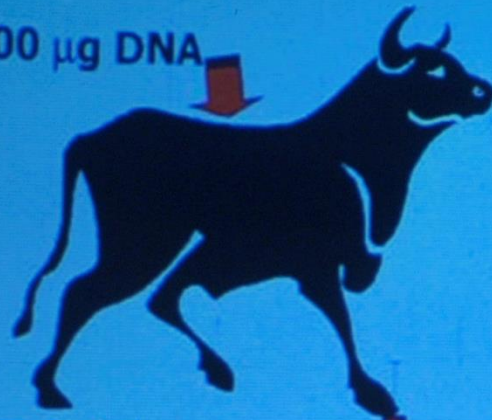


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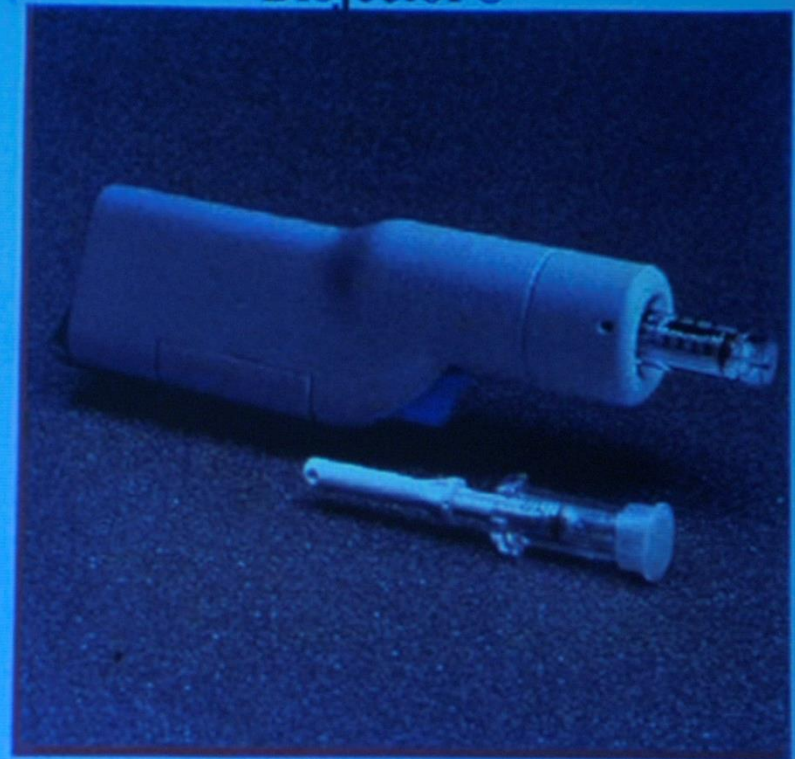
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500 μ g DNA



Biojector®

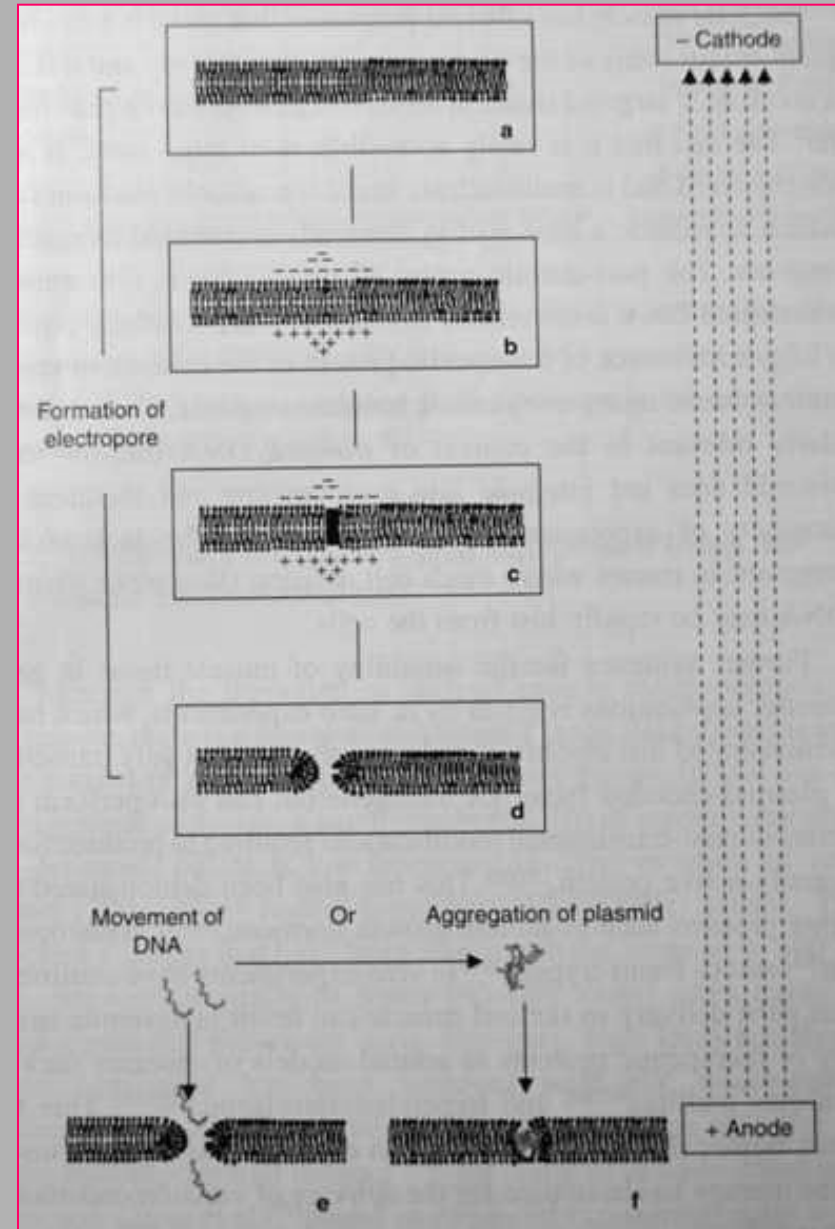
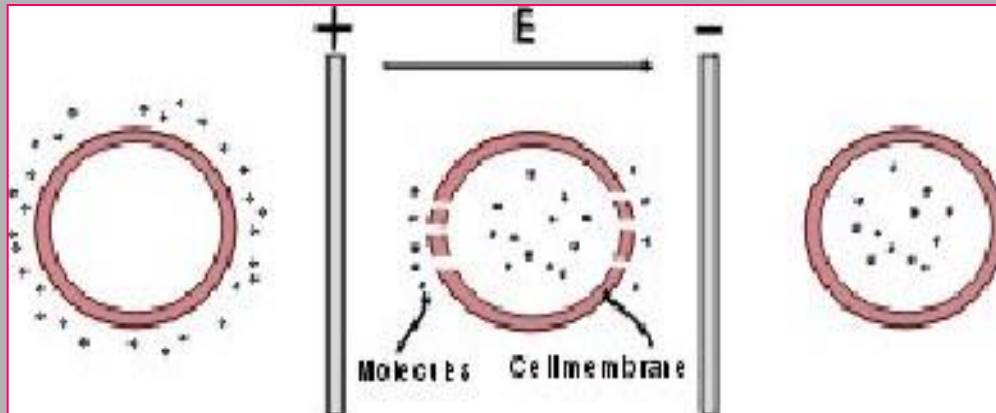


Elektroporace

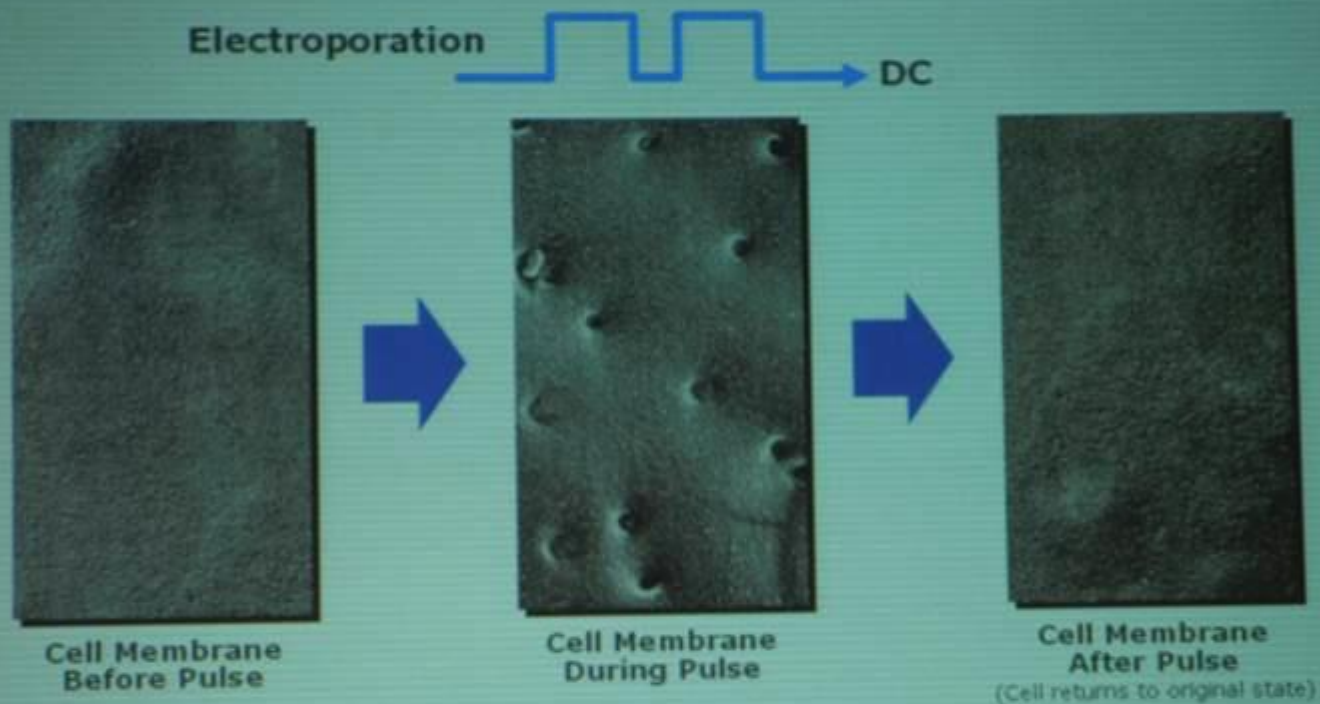
Princip elektroporace

při aplikaci elektrického napětí dochází ke změnám transmembránového potenciálu, po dosažení kritické hodnoty se membrána stává permeabilní, dochází k tvorbě hydrofilních pórů

průchod extracelulárních molekul do buňky



Therapeutic Platform Based on Electroporation



Electroporation applies brief electrical pulses, inducing pores to open in the cell membrane and dramatically increasing uptake of useful drugs, genes & DNA vaccines

A simple and effective system of delivering drugs or genes into cells

GENETRONICS
BIOMEDICAL
CORPORATION

Využití elektroporace

Vnášení farmakologicky významných molekul (hydrofilní povahy) do buněk

Genová terapie a DNA vakcíny - In vivo a in vitro transfekce buněk (antigeny, růstové faktory, cytokiny, enzymy) vnášení DNA do buněk pro účely genové terapie

Protinádorová elektrochemoterapie - zvýšení selektivity a účinnosti chemoterapeutik (bleomycin)

Elektroporace *in vivo*

Vliv na účinnost elektroporace

velikost, tvar a morfologie buněk

viskozita a vodivost extracelulární tekutiny (struktura extracelulární matrix)

Elektrické parametry

nízký počet (2-10) středně dlouhých (1-50 ms) pulsů při nízké frekvenci (1-2 Hz)

série velmi krátkých (200-500 μ s) pulsů při vysoké frekvenci (10-1000 Hz)

Typy elektrod

ploché elektrody, přiložené zevně ke svalu nebo kožnímu lemu

jehlovité elektrody pro intramuskulární aplikaci

Needle array – multielektrodové aplikátory s rotujícím elektrickým polem

Srovnání účinnosti elektroporační transfekce pomocí šestielektrodového a dvouelektrodového aplikátoru

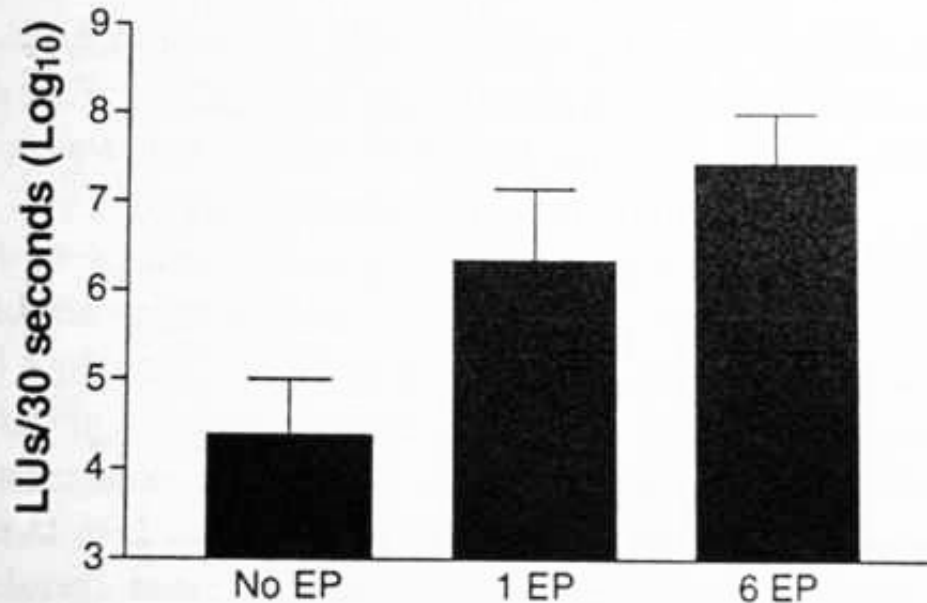
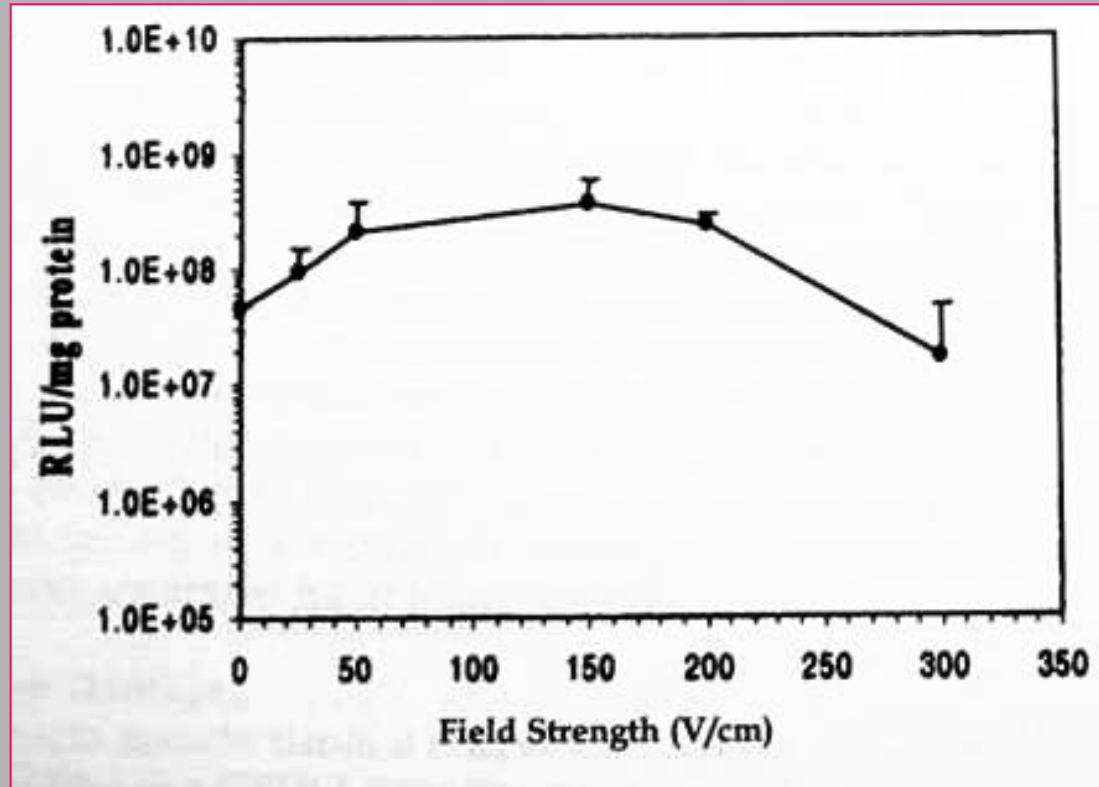


Fig. 1. Increase in gene expression in the muscle by electroporation. Porcine muscle was injected with 100 μ g of pMAS-luc in 500 μ l PBS at five different sites in the quadriceps muscle, followed by no electroporation, electroporation with a single-needle electrode (1 EP), or a six-needle array electrode (6 EP). Luciferase activity in the excised tissue was measured 24 h following administration of plasmid. No EP vs. 6 EP, $P < 0.05$ by one-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's multiple comparison test. Error bars represent S.E.M.

Vliv intenzity elektrického pole na účinnost transfekce



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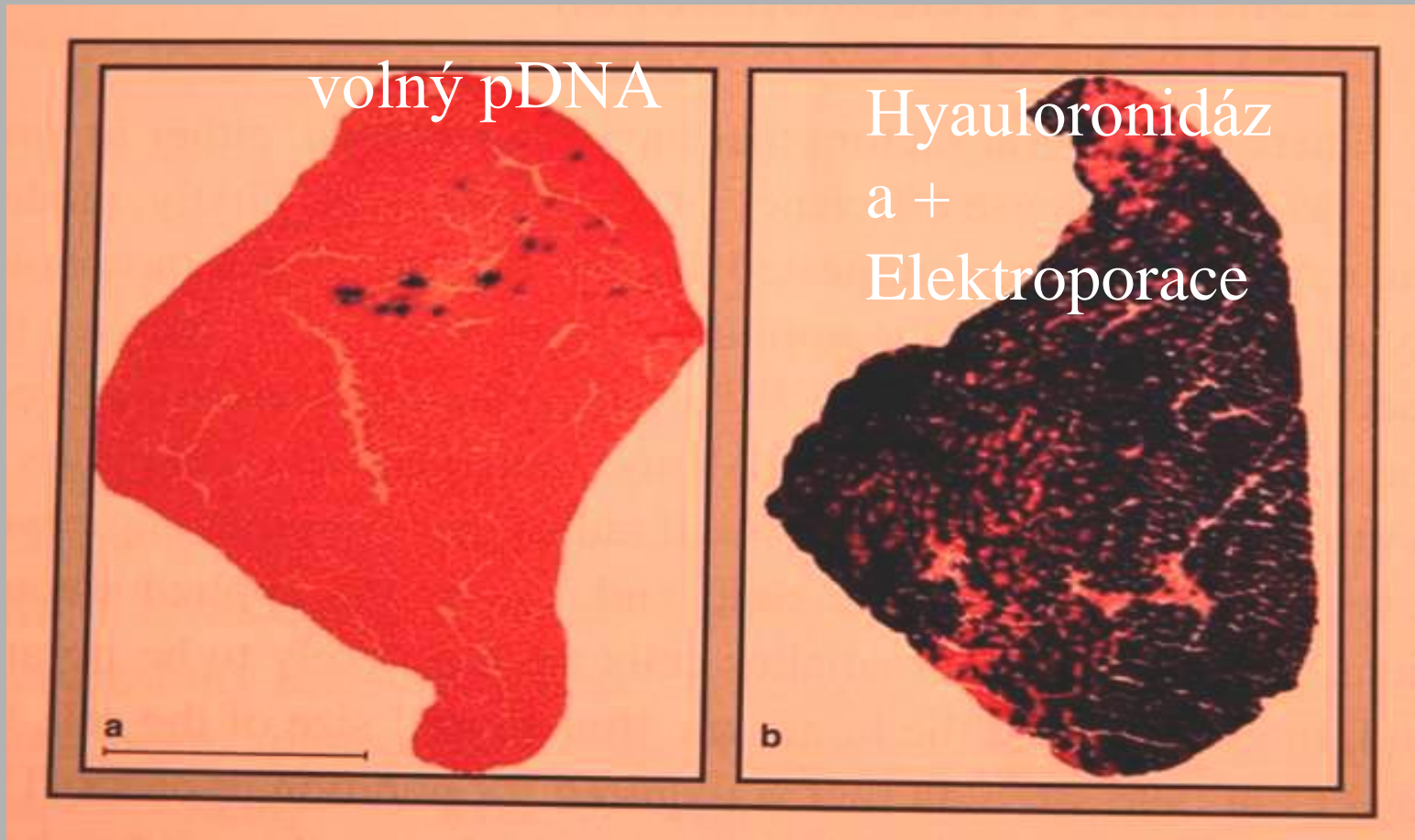
METHOD

A Syringe Electrode Device for Simultaneous Injection of DNA and Electrotransfer

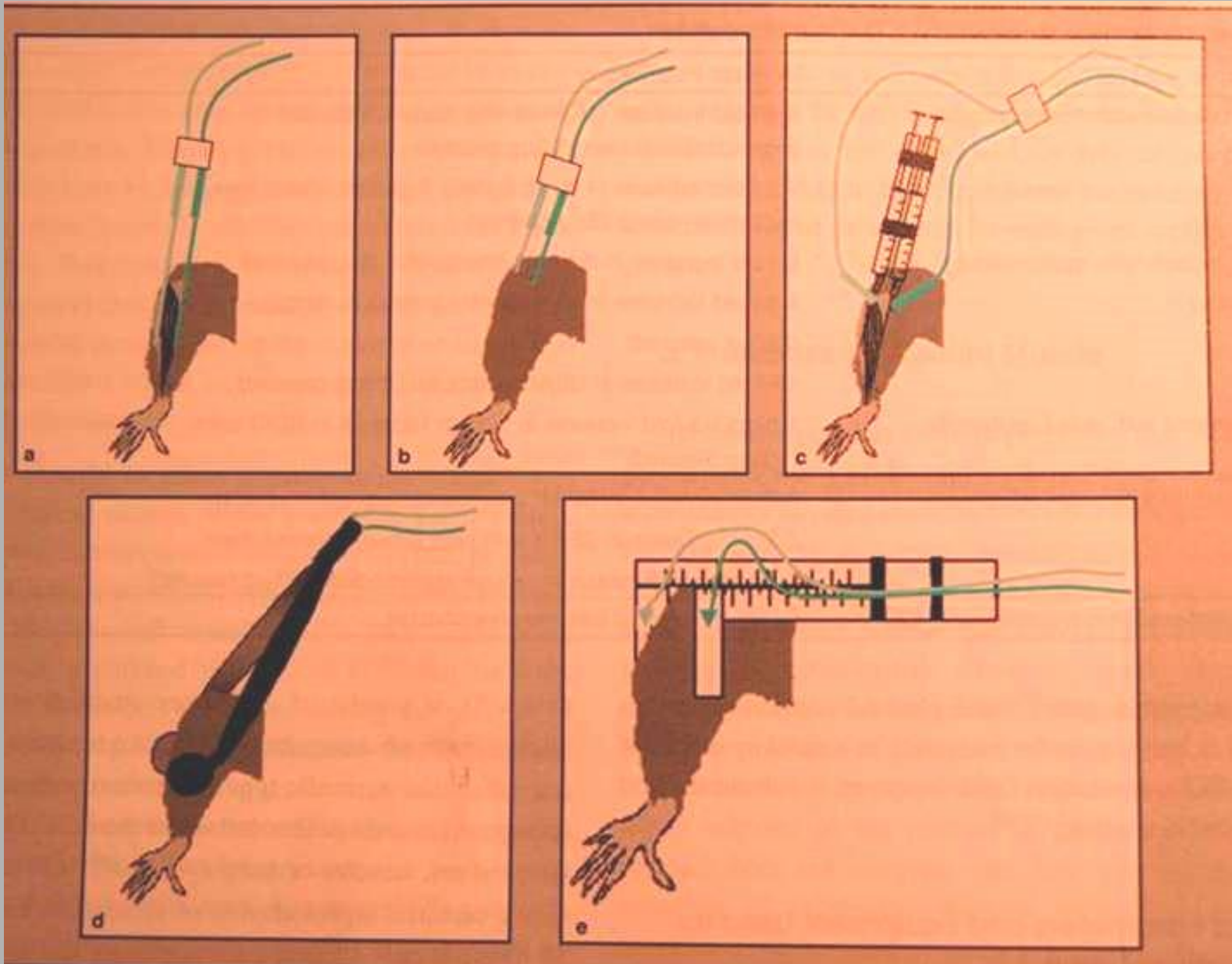
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Vliv extracelulární matrix na elektrotransfekci myšního svalu



Typy elektrod



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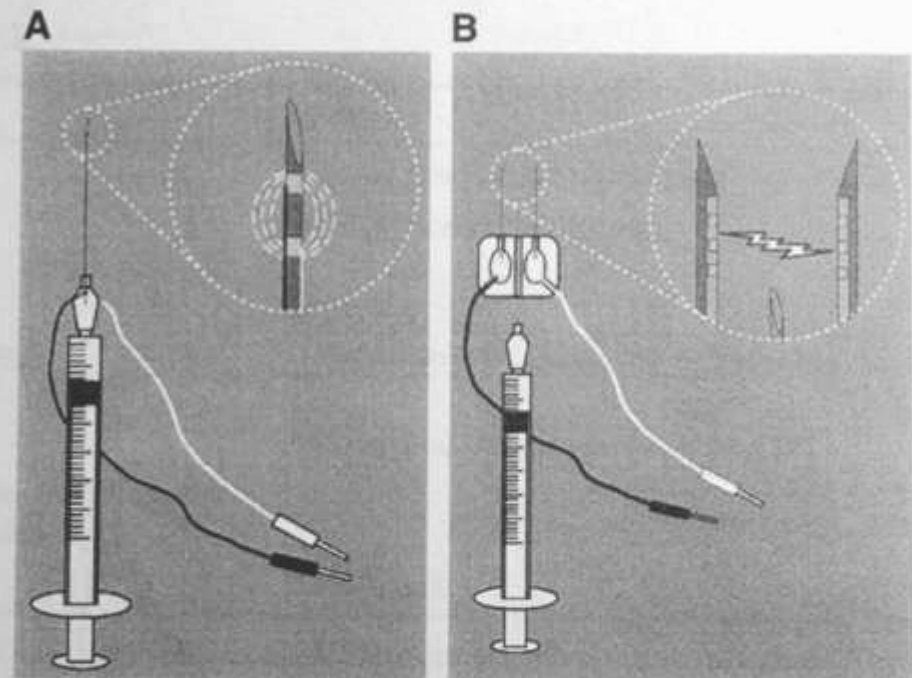
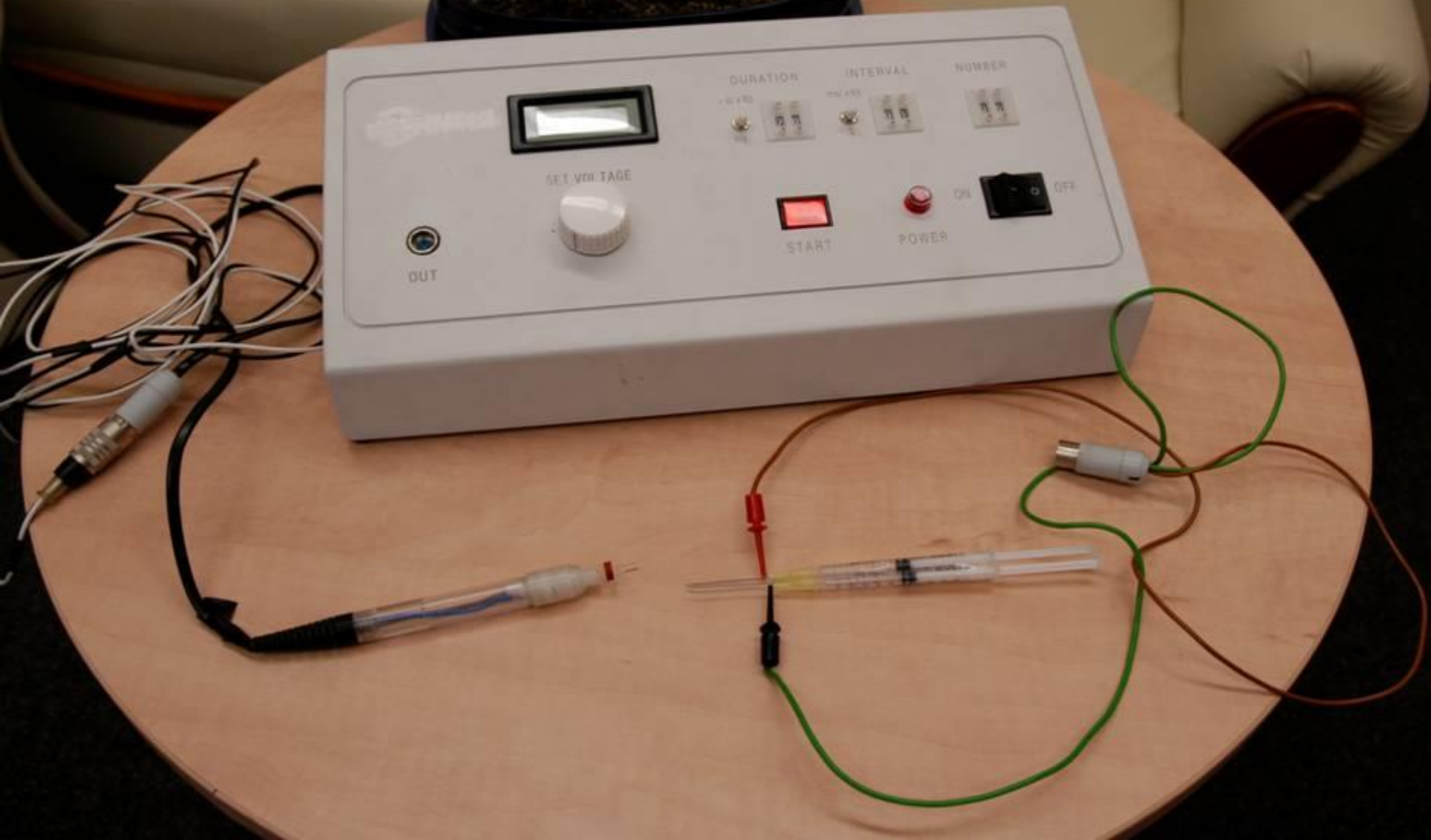
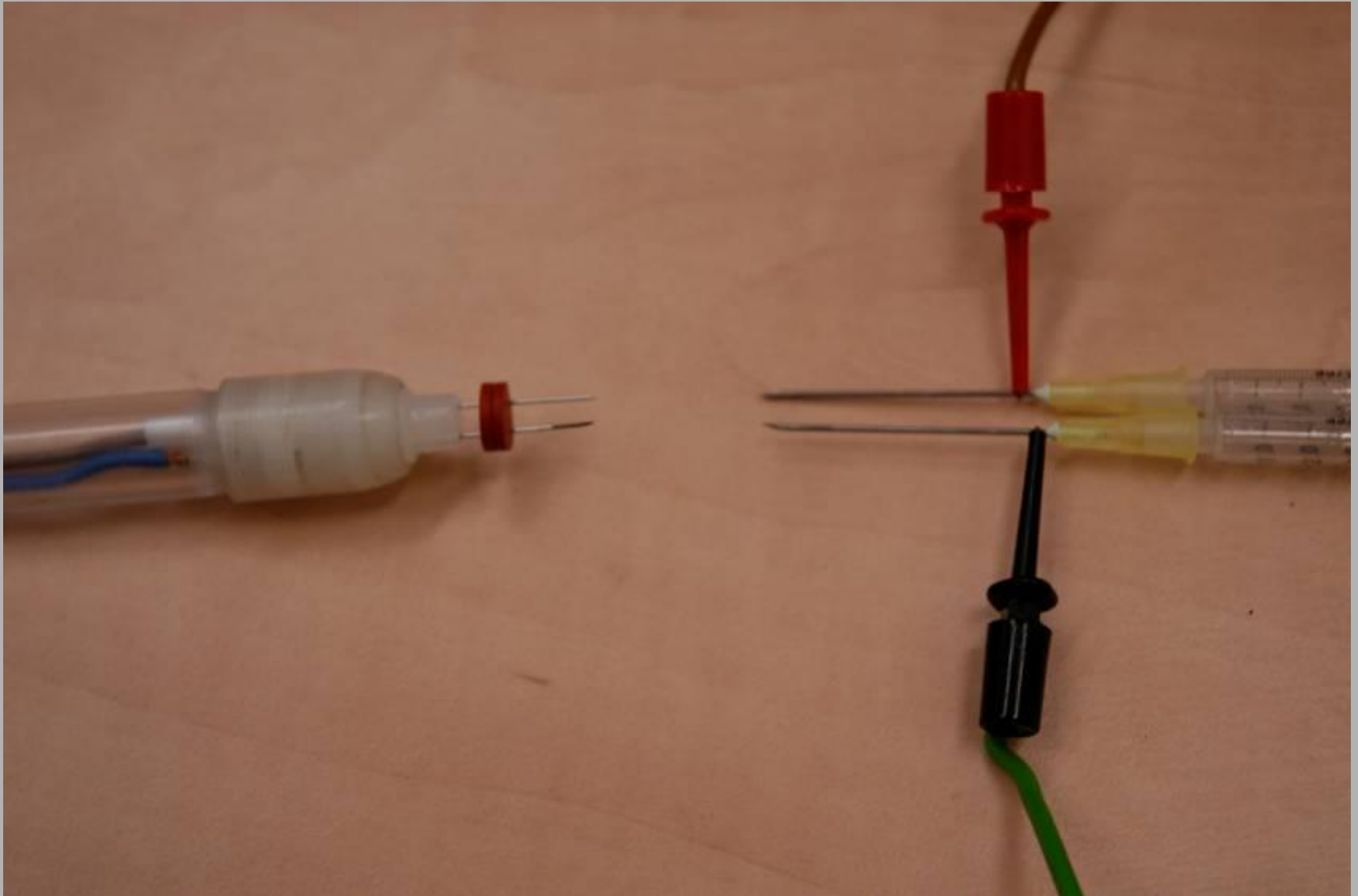


Figure 1 The electrodes used for DNA injection and electroporation. Panel A shows the electrode used in goats, a modified syringe for delivery of DNA, with two silver electrodes for generation of an electrical field. Panel B shows the electrode used in cattle, made of two syringes with gold electrodes for generation of an 'array-like' electrical field. The electrodes had fixed positions in polycarbonate, with a hole for injection of DNA through a standard syringe delivering the DNA at the right depth between the electrodes. The electrodes were connected to a Hear 6 bp stimulator (goats) or a generator made by INOVIO, Norway (cattle) for generation of the electrical field.

Electroporation



Aplicators



DURATION

μ s (x10)



ms



INTERVAL

ms (x10)



S



NUMBER

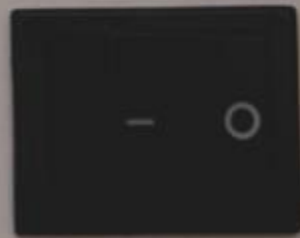


START



POWER

ON



OFF

DURATION

μ s (x10)



ms



SET VOLTAGE



OUT



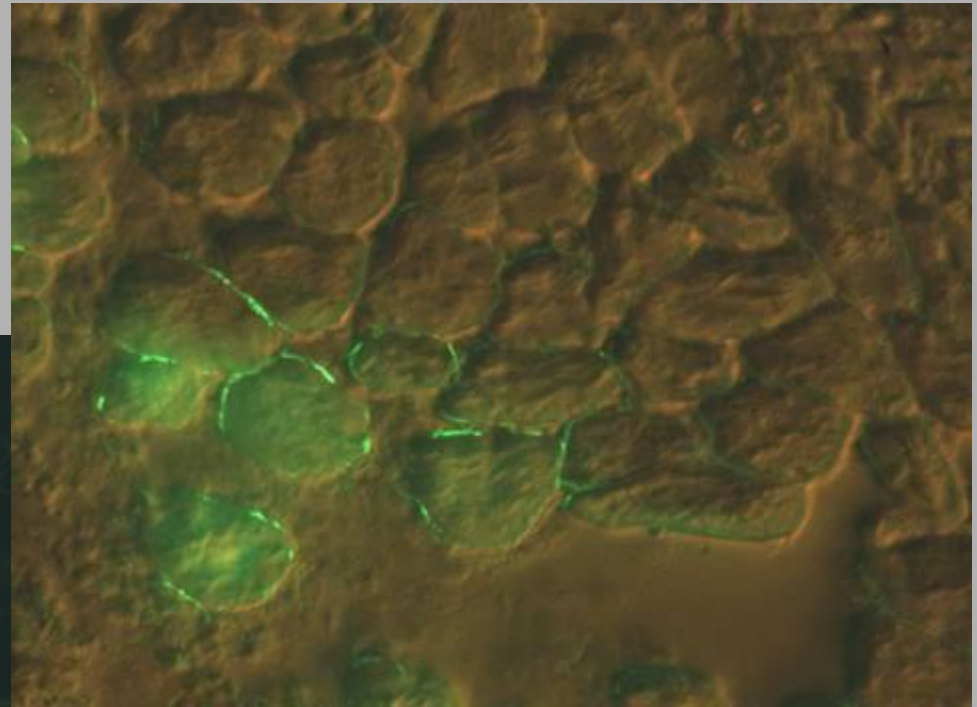
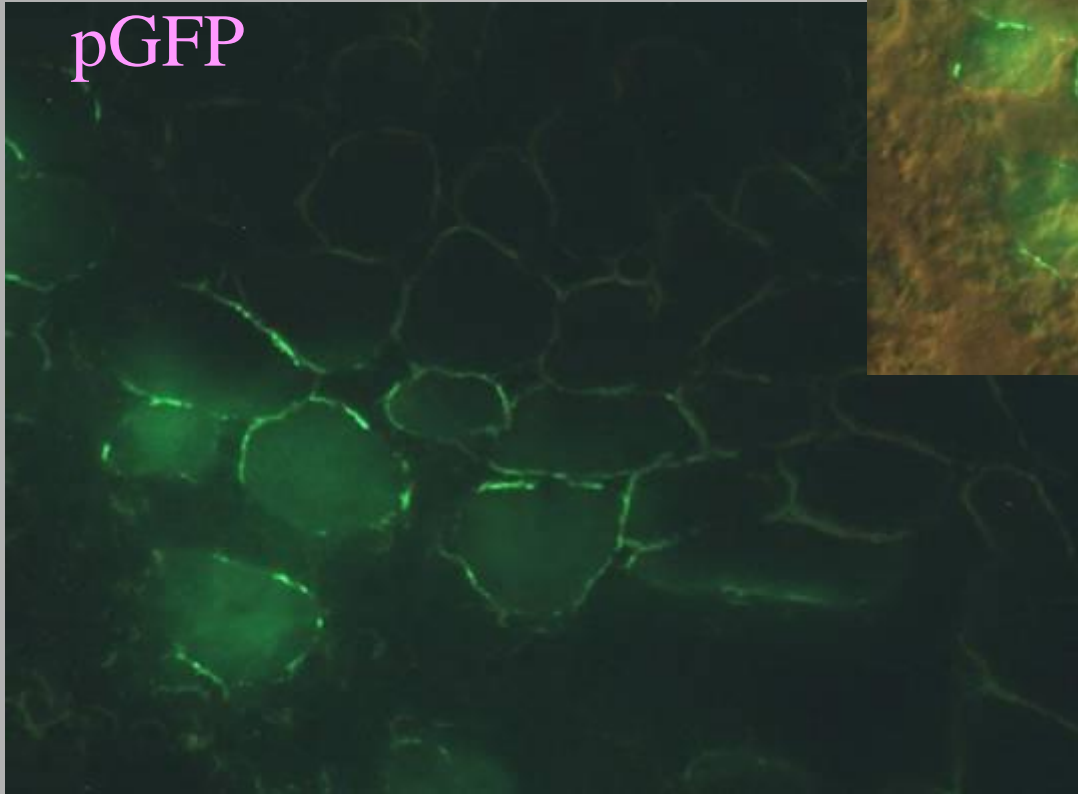
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Transfekce *in vivo* u myši

transfekce lýtkového
svalu myši pomocí
elektroporace

pGFP



Intenzita: 80 V/cm

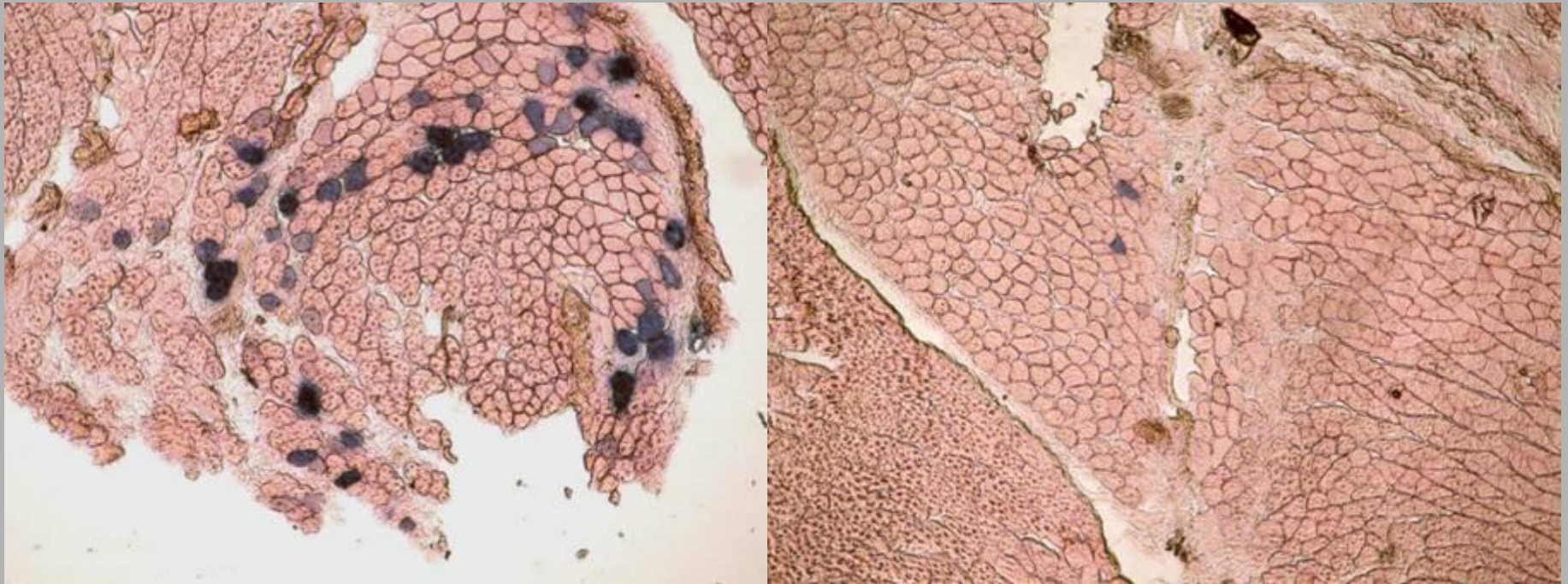
Doba pulzu: 20ms

Počet pulzů: 6

Frekvence: 1s

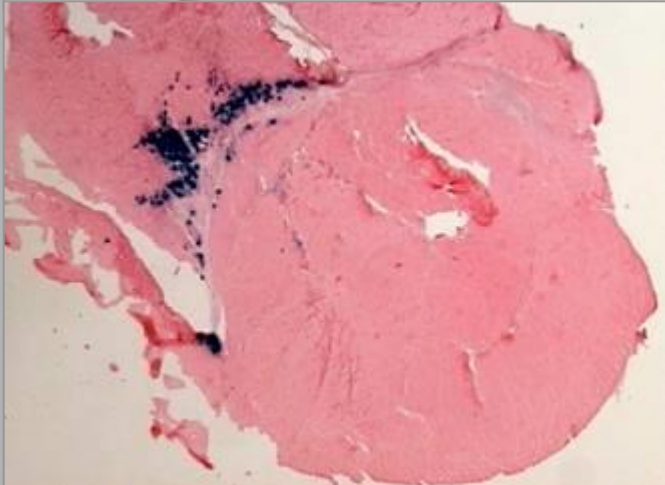
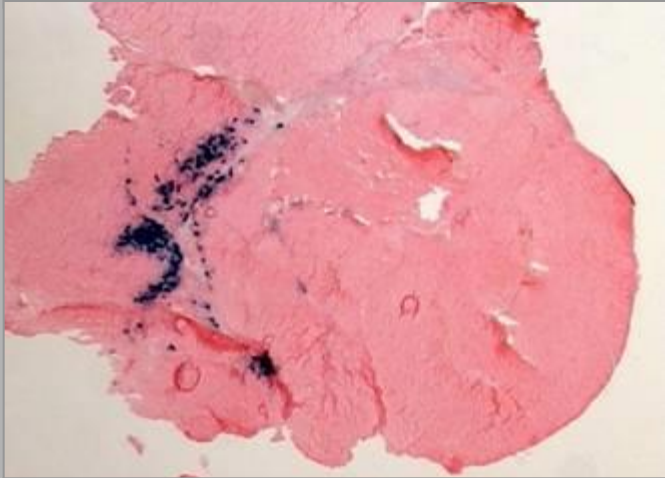
Transfekce *in vivo* u myši

Balb/c, samice (stáří 8-9 týdnů), lýtkový sval 50 μ g pDNA (β -Gal), 48 h



Elektroporace

Bez
elektroporace



Transfekce *in vivo* s použitím elektroporace

Parametry elektroporace:

150 V/cm

6 pulzů

délka pulzu 20 ms

frekvence pulzů 1s

Zpracování svalu:

po 72 h. vypreparování lýtkového svalu

zmražení n-heptanem a nařezání 7 μm řezů

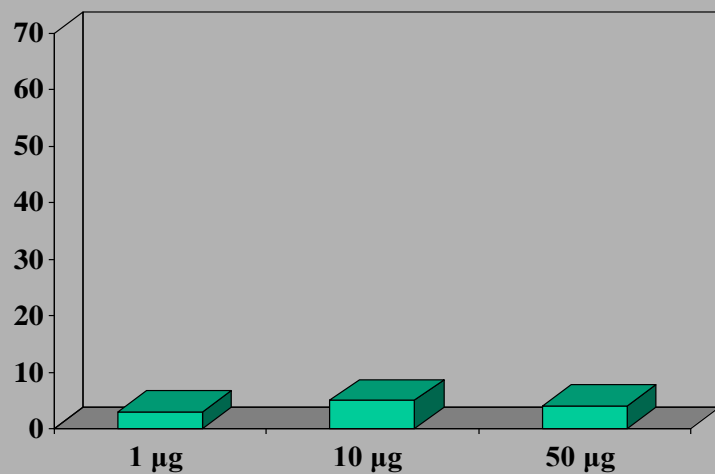
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detekce β -galaktozidázy pomocí X-gal

Transfekce *in vivo*

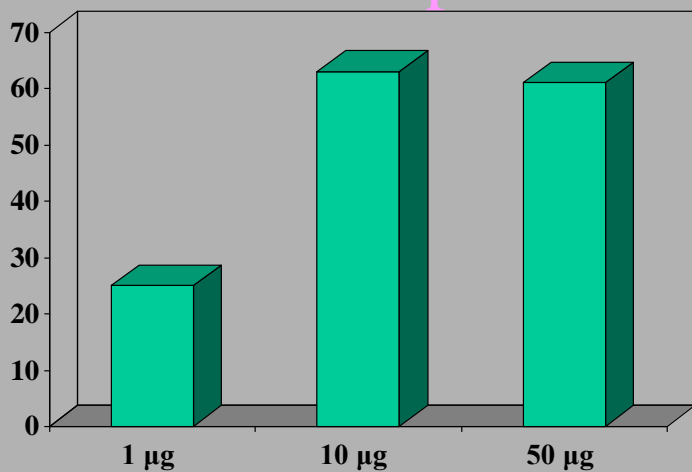
Volná DNA

Počet transfekovaných svalových vláken



Elektroporace

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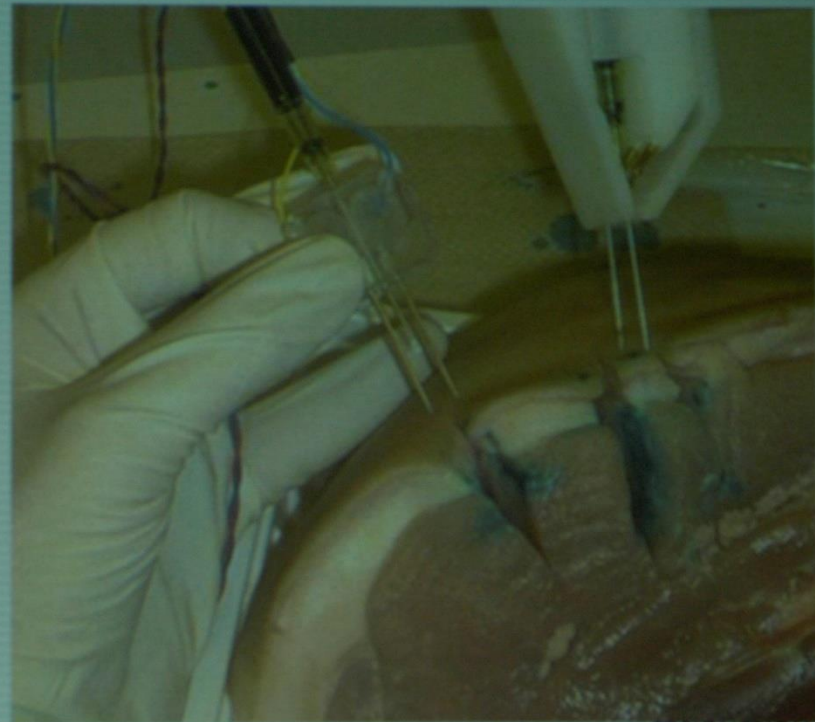
Dávka DNA

	+ elektroporace			- elektroporace		
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1 µg						
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g	16		72	-	-	5
h	-		24	-	-	2
i			-	-		-
j				-		

Prototype testing

Distribution of ink in muscle tissue following injection **between** two needles **after** insertion or injection **through** two needles **during** insertion

- Single needle injection results in distribution of injection volume around injection point
- Most of the injection volume is not located where the optimal electrical field is
- Controlled injection through two needles during penetration guarantees perfect distribution and ideal location between electric field and fluid



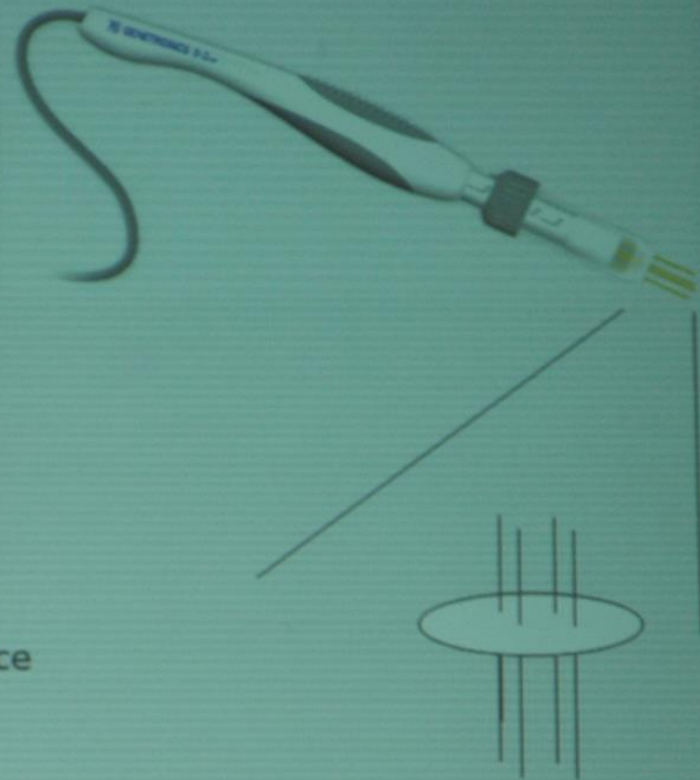
Genetronics' EPT Devices

EPT Gene Delivery

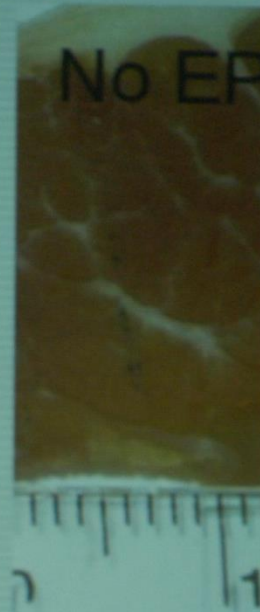


Renovo™

- Features same safety and performance characteristics as the Medpulsar®
- Generates pulses optimized for delivery of plasmid DNA molecules



Preliminary results from sheep



Each "needle path" has received 25 micrograms of DNA encoding β -gal encoding plasmid

Perfect match between electric field and injection of DNA

Motorized injection – and insertion, close to final



Aktuální situace u DNA vakcín

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Klinické studie s DNA vakcínami

•prevence infekcí

- HIV, SARS, HPV, hepatitida B, chřipka, hemoragická horečka Ebola, západonilská horečka ...
- malárie

•terapie nádorových onemocnění

- karcinom ledvin, pankreatu, prsu, prostaty, plic, močového měchýře, hepatocelulární karcinom,
- melanom

Počet klinických studií s DNA vakcínou přesahuje 500
(www.clinicaltrials.gov)

Závěr

Přenosný elektroporátor pro práci v terénu není dostupný (jsou ve vývoji)

Proces je do určité míry bolestivý (lokální nebo úplná anestezie)

Transfekce pomocí elektroporace vykazuje 10-1000 násobně vyšší účinnost ve srovnání s volným plasmidem

Stále není optimalizovaný proces, velká variabilita výsledků

Testovány aplikace i.m., i.n. a i.d.

Adjuvans for DNA vaccines

Aluminium and Calcium Salts (*i.m.*)

Liposomal lentinan (glucans) (*p.o.*)

Monophosphoryl lipid A (*i.m.*)

Muramyldipeptide analogues

Cytokines (induced, external or encoded by plasmid) Th1/Th2

CpG motifs (integral part of plasmide DNA)

Cholera toxin, HSP

8Br-cAMP - enhancer of CMV promoter

The role of CpG motive in DNA vaccines

CpG - frequency 1/16 in bacteria and 1/60 in vertebrates (methylated in vertebrate DNA)

Th1- like paterm of cytokine (IL-12, INF γ)

Induction of strong CTL response

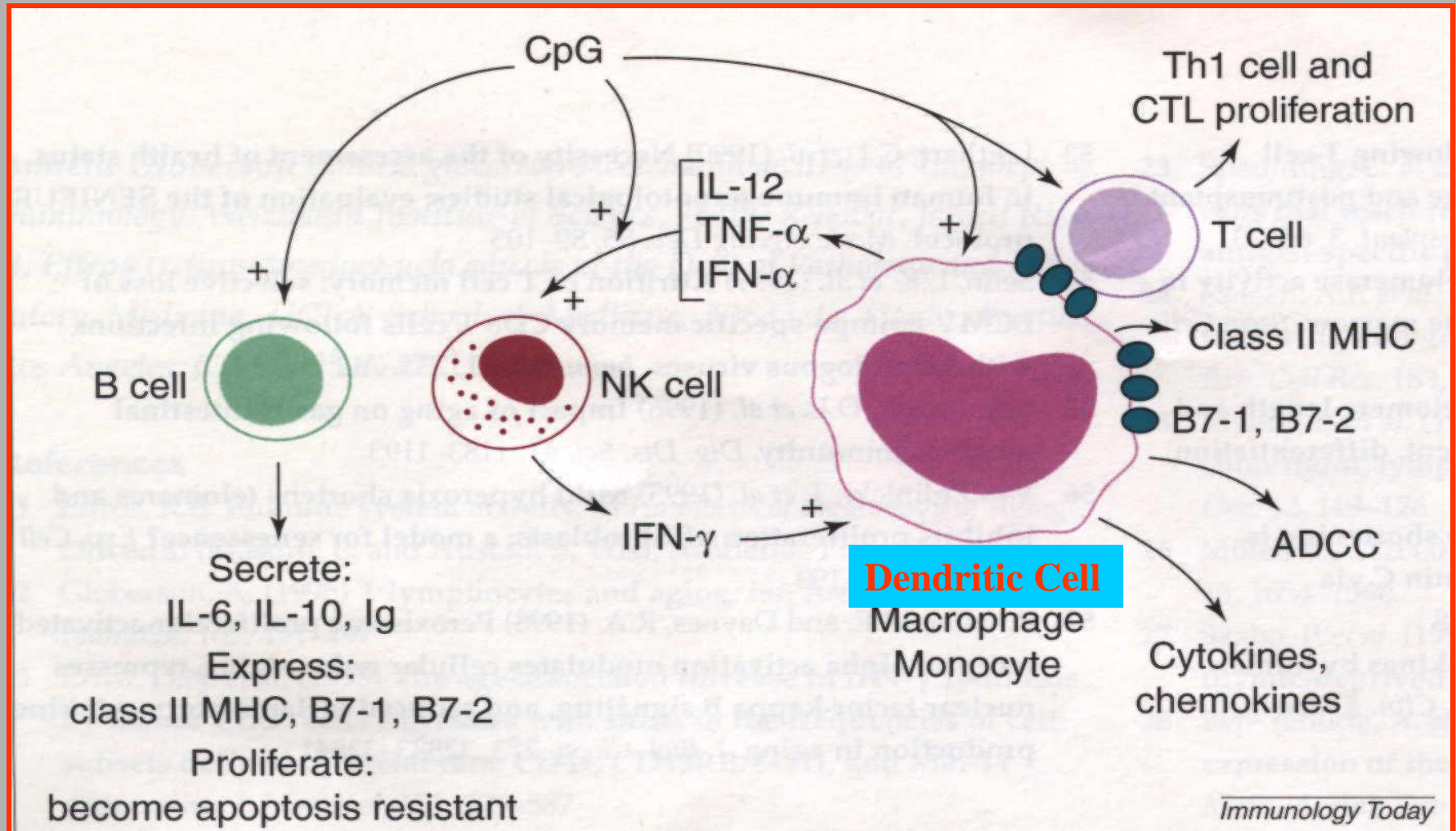
Immune response towards CpG - an evolutonary adaptation to augment innate immunity in response to bacterial infection

CpG DNA - T-cells independent and antigen nonspecific activation of **B-cells**, stimulation of B-cells to proliferate, secrete Ig, IL-6, IL-12, protection of B-cells from apoptosis, experession of MHCII and B-7

-direct activation of **monocytes** and **macrophages**

-activation of **dendritic cells** to secrete various cytokines and chemokines

Mechanism of immune stimulation by CpG DNA



Conclusion for DNA Vaccines

- CpG-DNA or CpG-ODN can be used as a vaccine adjuvants
- └ Two active parts of pDNA vaccine
 - └ 1. insert encoding the protein antigen (accessory protein - cytokines)
 - └ 2. CpG-S motifs directly stimulating B-cells and Th1 cytokine expression

Advantages of DNA Vaccines

Subunit immunisation with *no risk for infection*

Presentation by both MHC I and II

Ability to raise TH1 and TH1/2 response

Focused immune response

Immunisation of neonates (*colostral immunity*)

Easy of development (cloning of genes) and production

Stability of vaccine

Disadvantages of DNA Vaccines

Limited to protein immunogens

Potential for atypical processing of bacterial and parasite proteins

Lack of long term experience with use of DNA vaccines

Patents: VICAL (San Diego,CA) , Wistar Institute (PA)
University of Massachusetts (MA), GENEMEDICINE Inc.
(TX)

Safety Issues

Production of pDNA and its formulation according to Good Manufacturing Practice

WHO: Guidelines Assuring the Quality of DNA Vaccines, 1997, Tech Rep Ser No-17

Integration into host genome undetectable for naked plasmid (construction of plasmid, avoidance of the sequences possibly mediating chromosomal integration, retroviral, lentiviral) (effect of carrier - liposomes, bacteria)

Tolerance (neonates) only one case in mice immunised by MA

Autoimmunity risk no greater than that posed by live viral vaccines

Anti-DNA Antibodies (no evidence from the experiment with lupus-prone mice)

Effect of antibiotic resistance gene

Futre Promise

Preparation of monoclonal antibodies

New approach and precise tool for the study of immune responses

Screening of protective effect of multiple different microbial antigenes and their combination (*library immunisation*)

Development of new efficient vaccines (HIV, malaria, cancer, tuberculosis, influenza, ebola, hepatitis B)

Development of vaccines for veterinary application

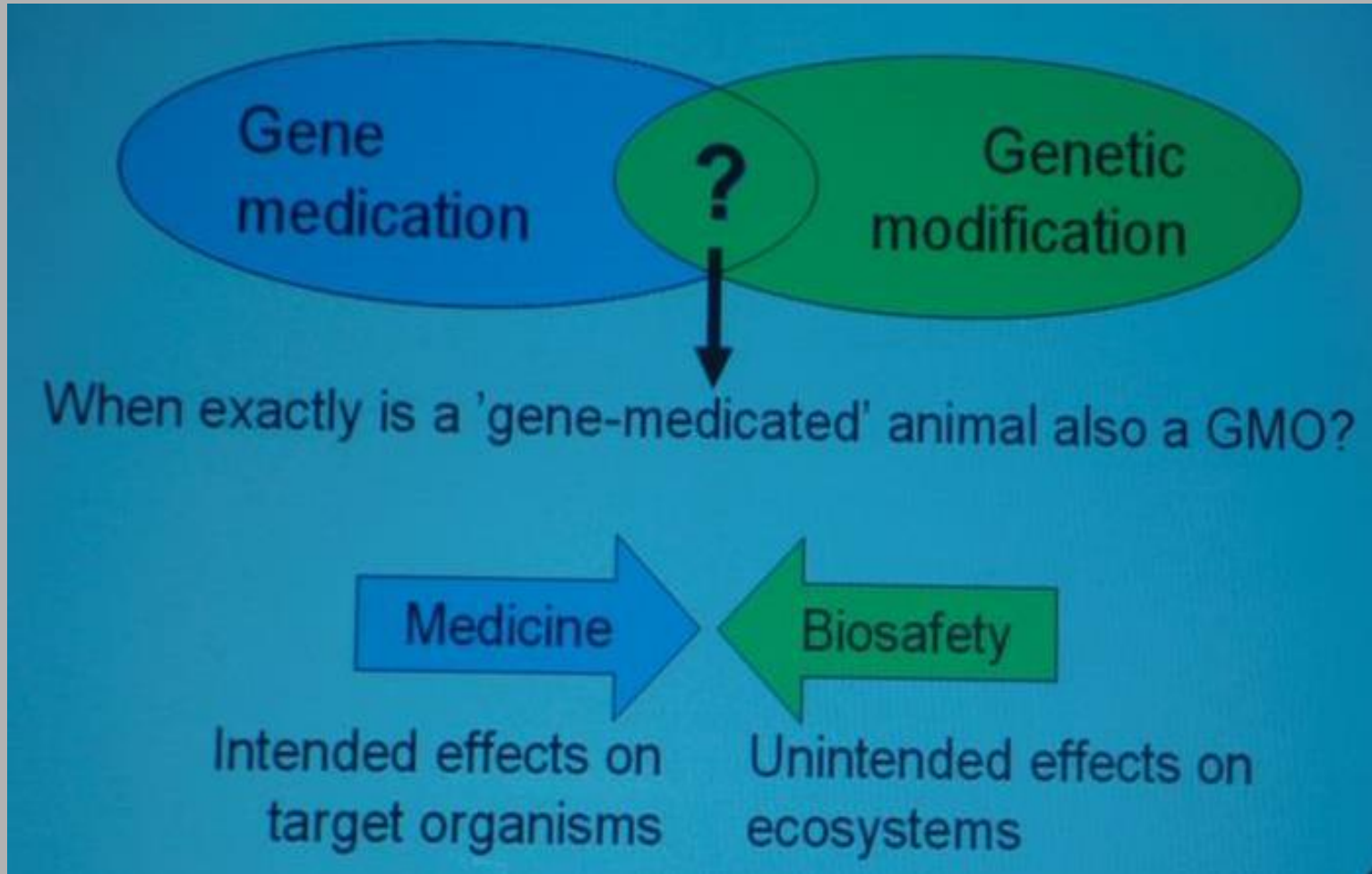


DNA Vaccines And Genetically Modified Organisms



DNA vaccines are not yet licensed in many countries, therefore national authorities are not experienced with this kind of product and do not differentiate between gene medication and gene modification. Within the EU two opposite points of view are maintained as regards DNA vaccinated animals.

Gene medication or genetic modification?



Different regulations and interpretations

The British Agriculture and Environment Biotechnology Commission (2003)

"The foreign DNA is not expected to integrate into the host's genome and so the vaccinated animal is not genetically modified"

Gene medication

Genetic modification

The Norwegian Directorate for Nature Management (2001)

A DNA-vaccinated fish is to be considered genetically modified for as long as the added DNA is present

Gene medication

Genetic modification

The US Food and Drug Administration (2003)

Genetic constructs used to create transgenic fish (and other animals) fall under the legal definition of drug

Gene medication

Genetic modification



The EU definition of GMO

GMO:

- "an organism, with the exception of human beings, in which the genetic material has been altered in a way that does not occur naturally by mating and/or natural recombination"
- "Genetic modification occurs at least through the use of techniques listed in Annex I A, Part 1"

EU Directive 2001/18/EC

The EU definition of genetic modification

Techniques of genetic modification:

- "1) recombinant nucleic acid techniques involving the formation of new combinations of genetic material by the insertion of nucleic acid molecules produced by whatever means outside an organism, into any virus, bacterial plasmid or other vector system and their incorporation into a host organism in which they do not occur naturally but in which they are capable of continued propagation;
- 2) techniques involving the direct introduction into an organism of heritable material prepared outside the organism including micro-injection, macro-injection or micro-encapsulation."

EU Directive 2001/18/EC, Annex I A



Is testing of the offspring needed to decide whether the added DNA was indeed heritable material?



DNA vaccines -Problems

Safety of DNA vaccines – proved

Efficacy – still real problem in large animals

Field experiments in large animals –
condemnation of cadavers – economical as
well as ethical problem

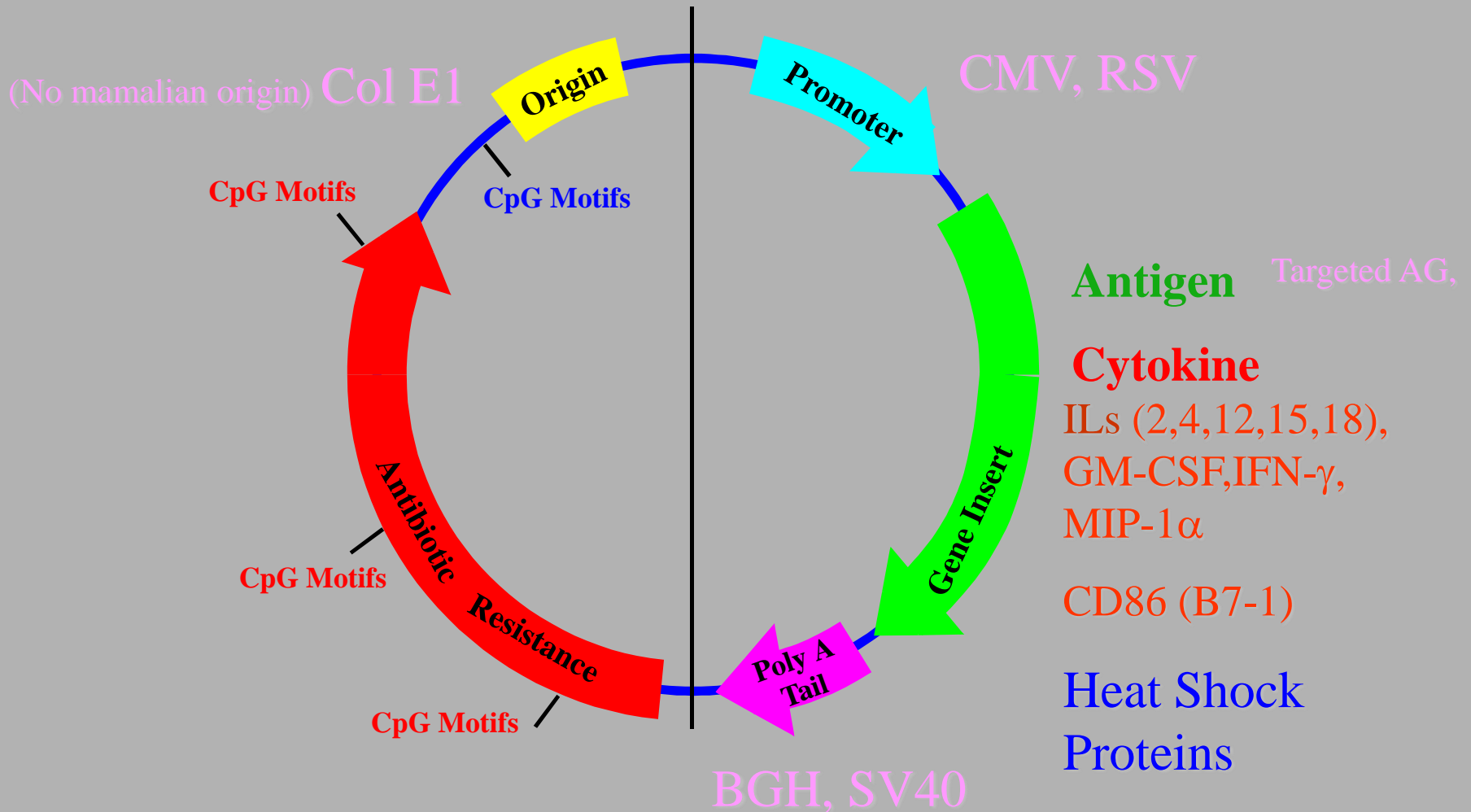
GMO – artificial problem (pig, broiler,
mule)

Food safety - ? *Consumption of residual
plasmid? Spreading of the antibiotics
resistance genes*

Plasmid Vector

Accessory and Adjuvant Unit

Transcription Unit - *minicircle*

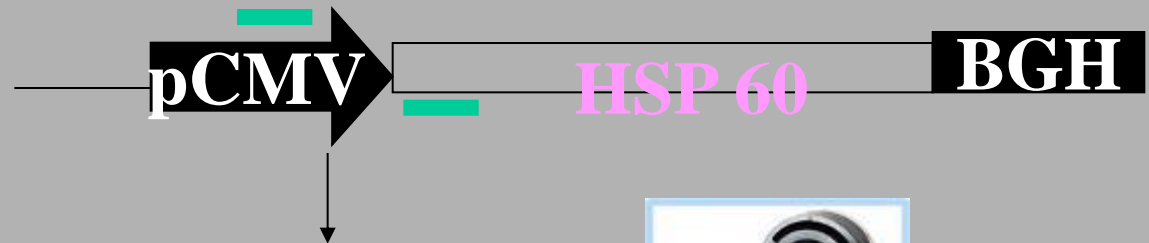
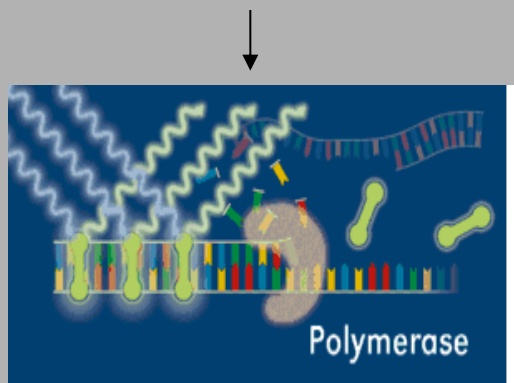
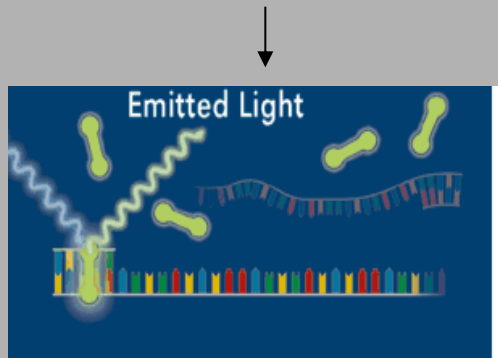
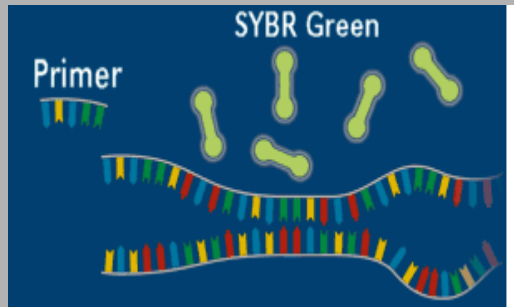


Risk and uncertainty

Risk = probability of event * consequences

- **GMO issues relevant for DNA vaccines:**
unintended spreading, uptake and integration
- **Questions raised:**
 - how adverse are the consequences?
 - which institutions should evaluate these potential GMOs?
 - should there be transparency?

Real time PCR format – SYBER GREEN I



155 bp

Lightcycler (Roche)



Quantitech Syber Green kit (Qiagen)

Cycling condition

Initial activation 15 min. 95°C 20

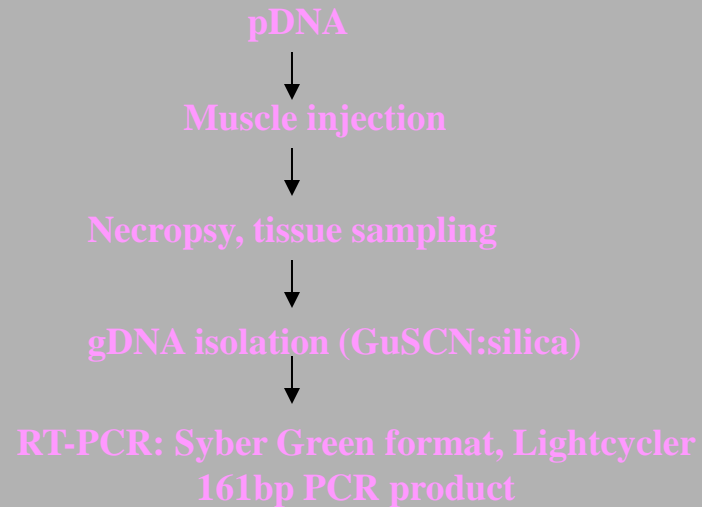
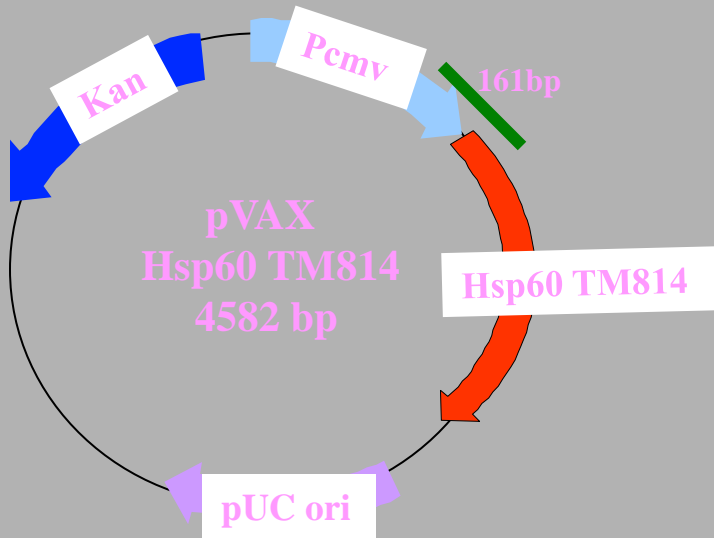
Denaturation 15 s 94°C 20

Annealing 25 s 55°C 20

Extension 10 s 72°C 20

45 cycles

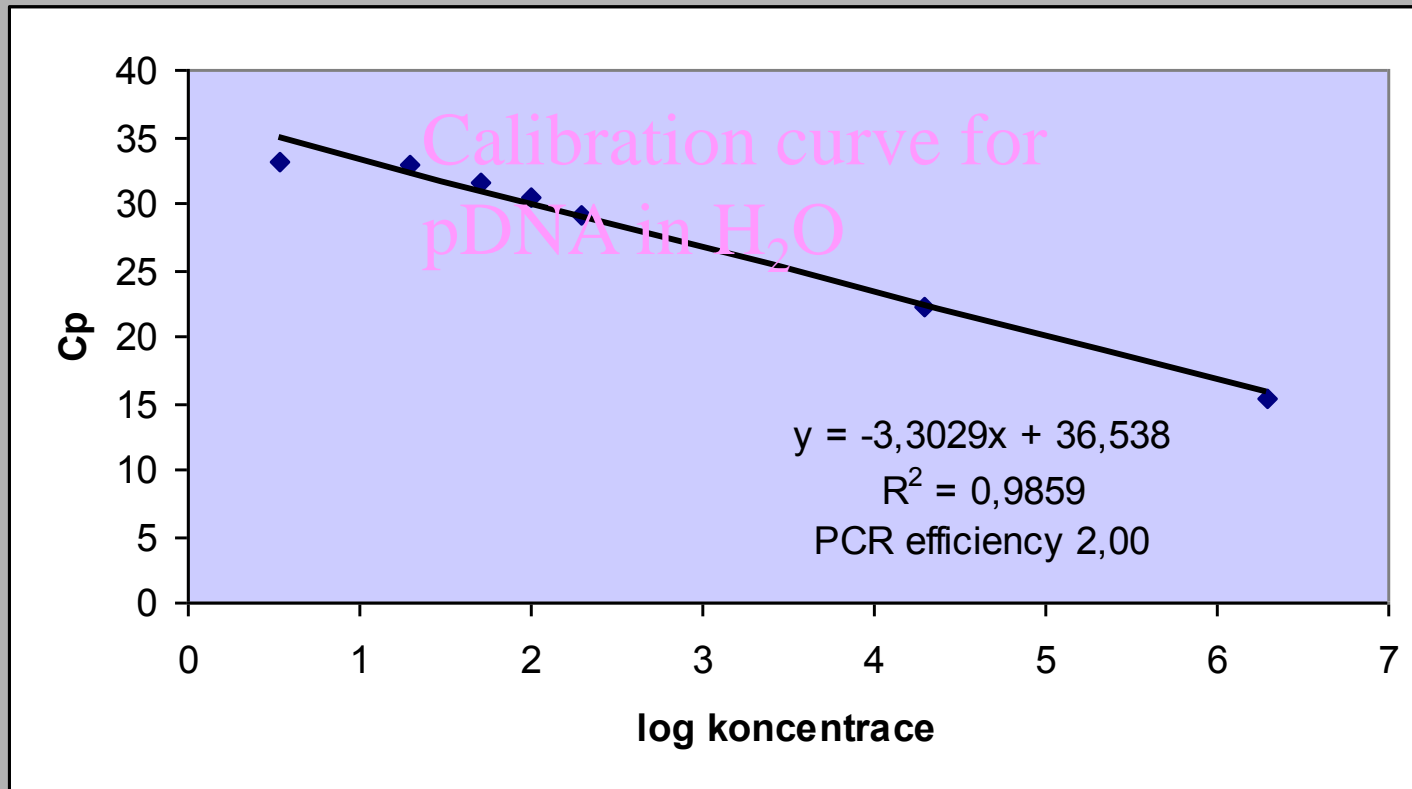
Plasmid pVAX Hsp60 TM814 (pDNA) persistence: Real Time PCR (RTPCR)



Validation RTPCR

- specificity – matrix inhibition, validation isolation method
- linearity (linear range) - 10^9 – 10^1 copies
- detection limit – 3 copies (≈ 7.5 ag) / 500ng gDNA

Quantification of the pDNA in bovine muscles by the means of Real Time -PCR

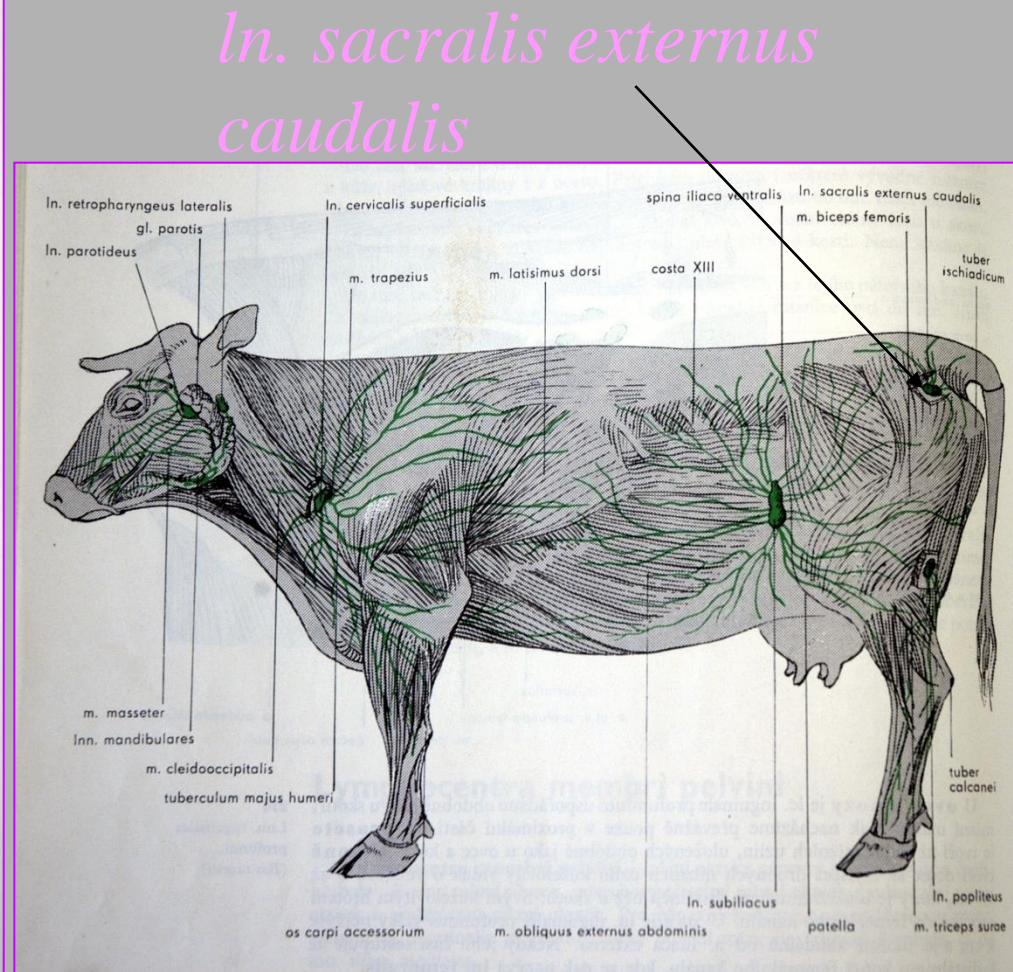
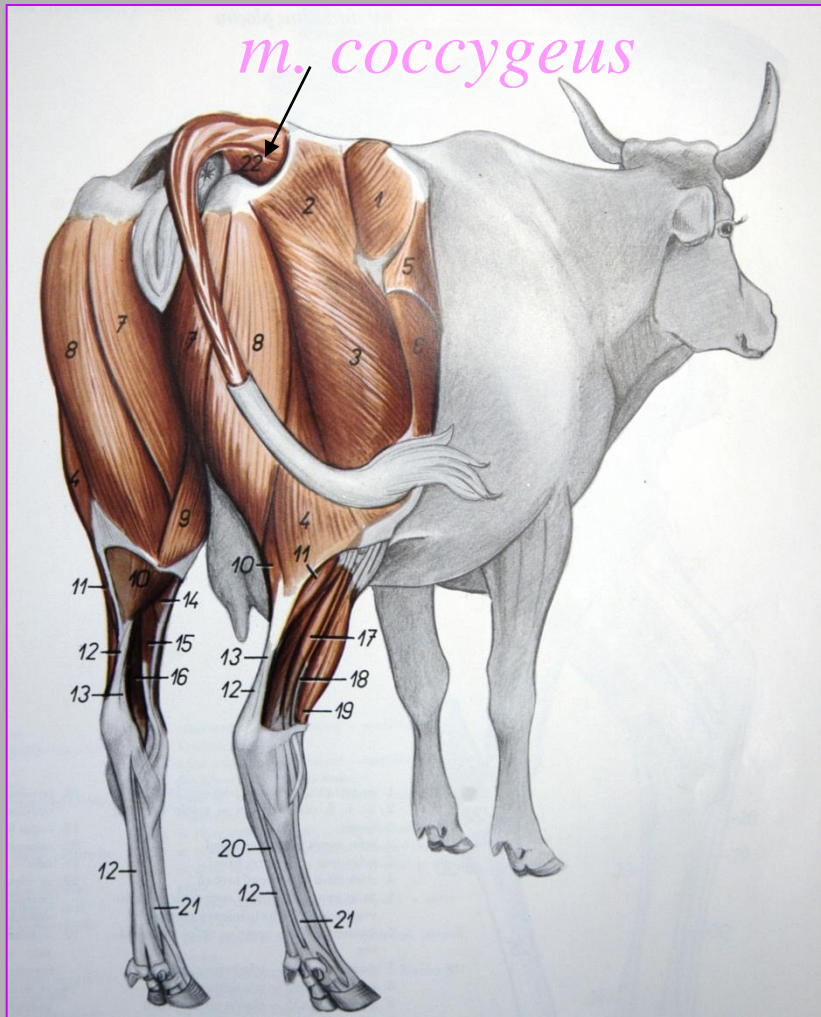


Detection limit in water: 2 copies/ μ l (per reaction)

LQL: value below linear limit of quantification (10 copies/reaction)

Detection limit in muscle tissue: (3 copies/ reaction) \approx 3 000

Site of pDNA vaccine application in cow



Vakccination of calves with the DNA vaccine
against ringworm (trychophytosis)
m. coccygeus



pDNA: 10 μ g - i.m (calf muscle)

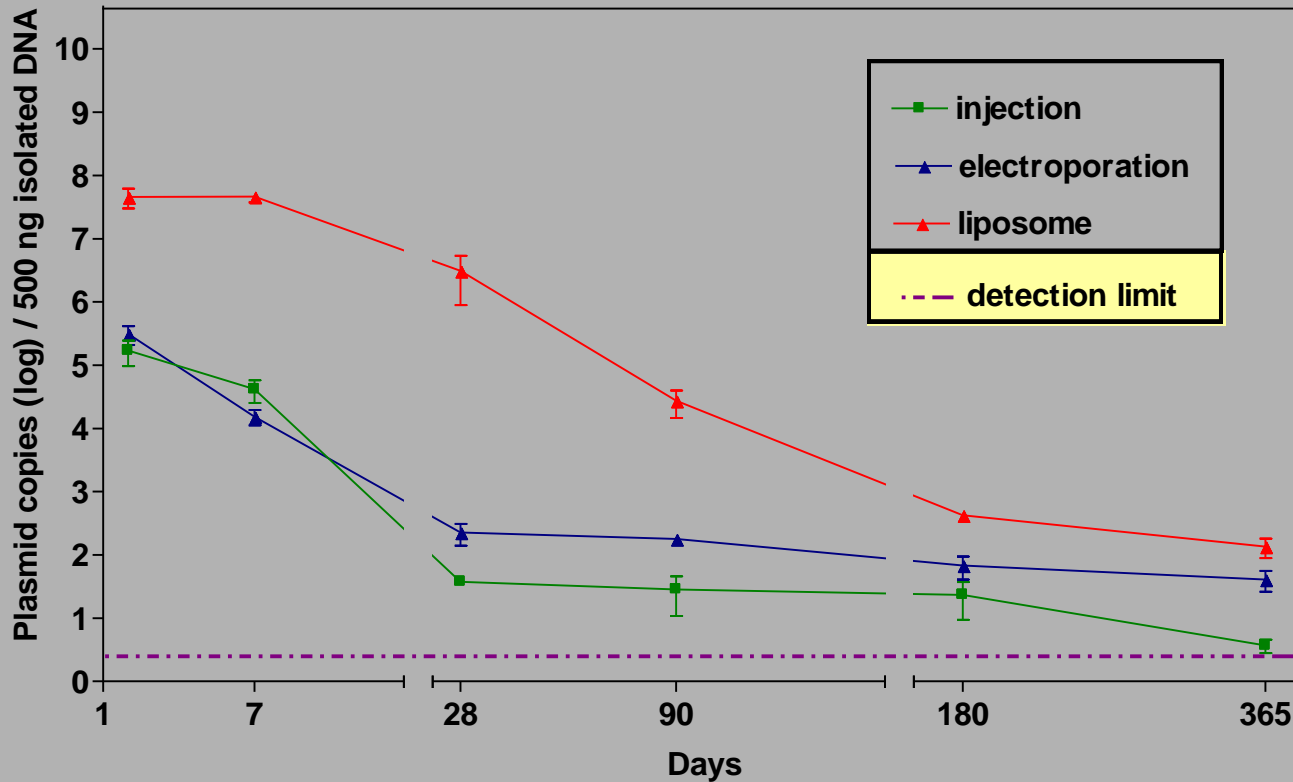
RTPCR: 500 ng gDNA - injection site

non-treated muscle -

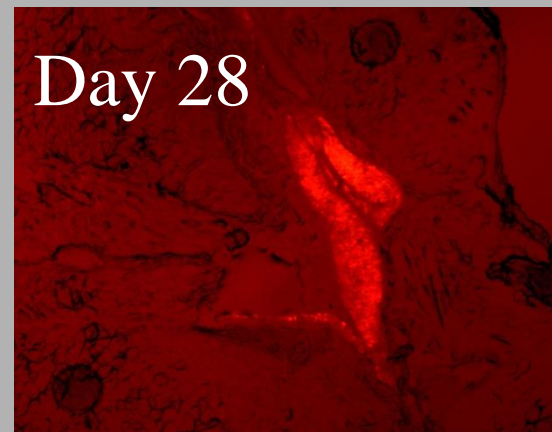
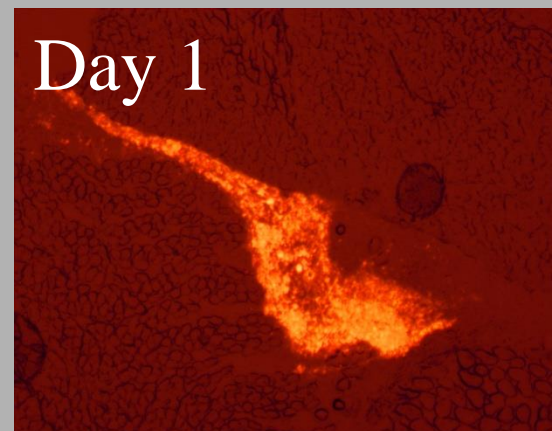
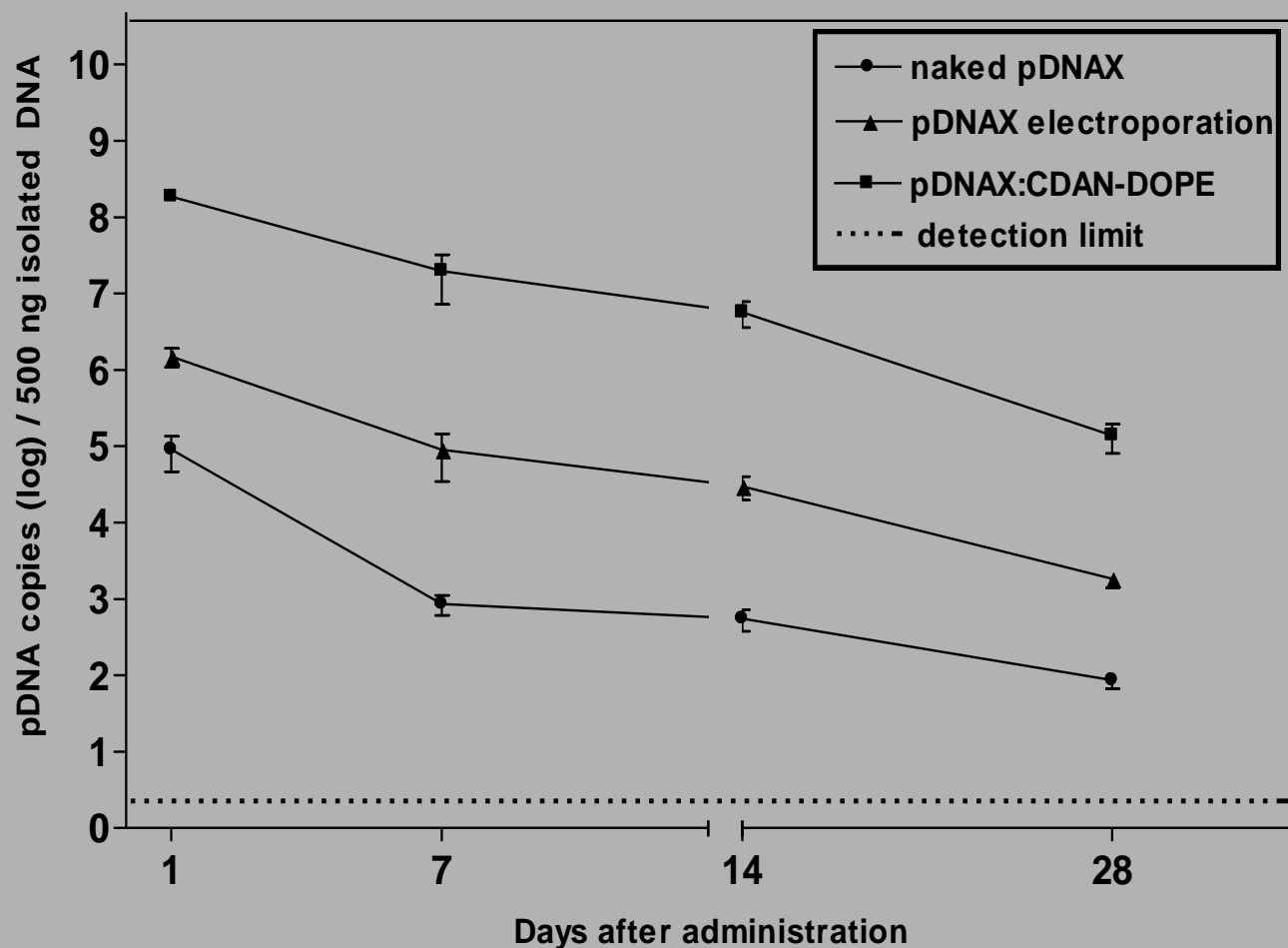
negative

non-treated animals -

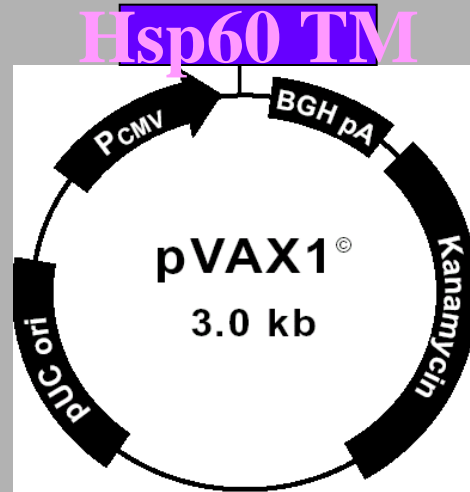
Persistence of pDNA at the injection site: 1, 7, 28, 90, 180, 365 days after injection



Plasmid levels in calf muscle (injection site) after administration of 10 μg pDNAX in 5 weeks old BalB/C mice.



Persistence of DNA vaccines in large animals



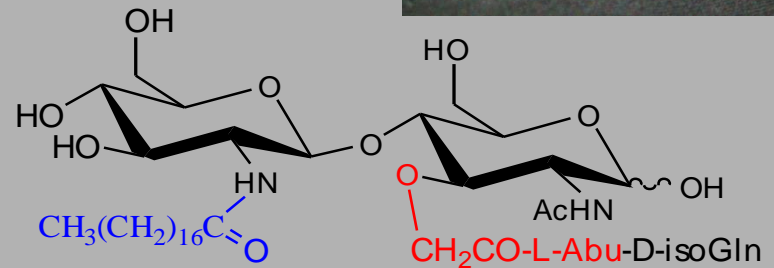
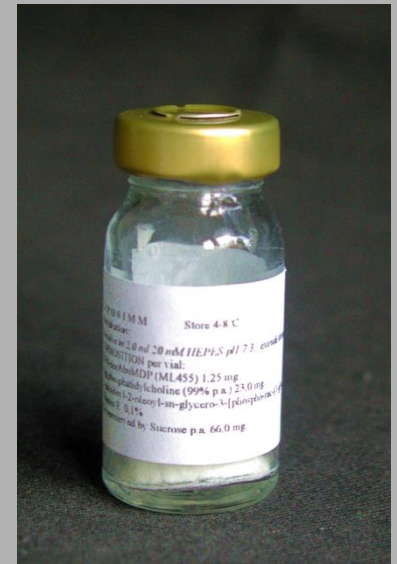
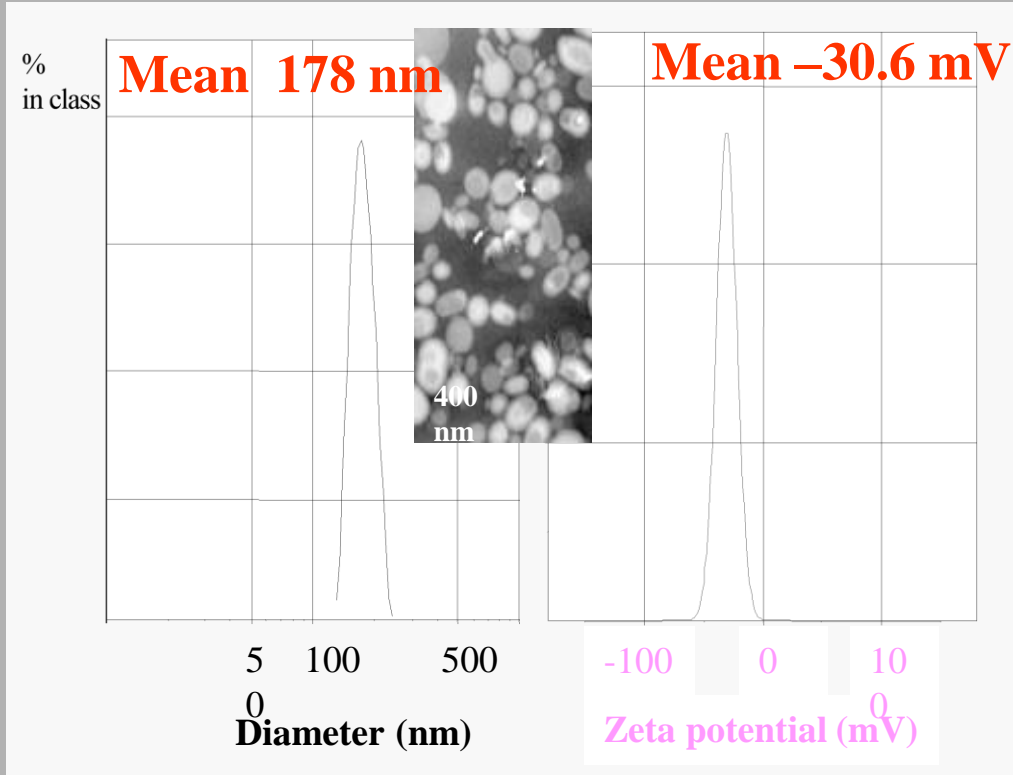
HSP 60 TM 814 pVAX

- heat shock protein 60 (Hsp60)
- Trichophyton mentangrophytes

Code	Group (3-4 bulls/each group)	1. immunisation	2. immunisation
1	500 µg DNA	400 µl	500 µl
2	500 µg DNA + 500 µg ML-455	400 µl	500 µl
3	500 µg DNA + 2.5 mg CDAN-DOPE	600 µl	800 µl

500 µg DNA – 1.21 x 10¹⁴ molecules → 7 months

LiposIMM-N-L18NAGMDP



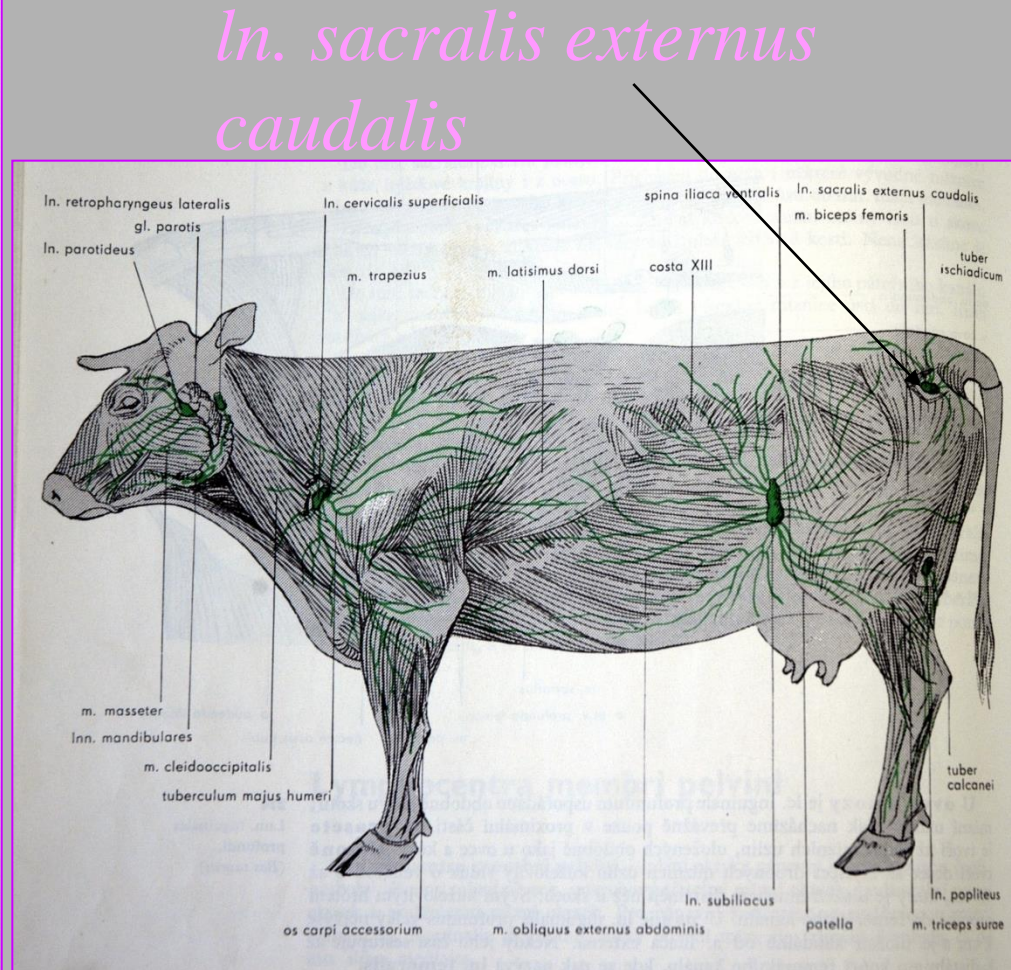
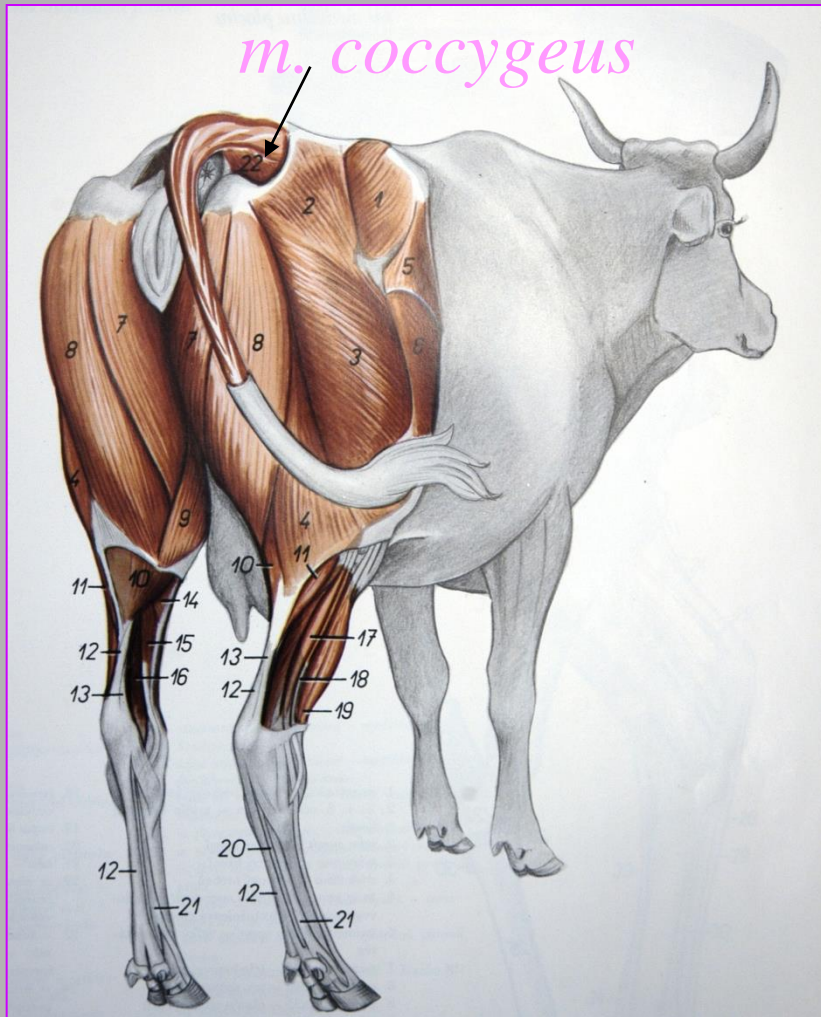
N-L18-norAbuGMDP

Applications:

Stimulation of innate immunity

(viral, bacterial, protozoal)

Site of pDNA vaccine application in cow



Persistence of pDNAX in beef after i.m. administration

Beef cattle groups	Interval between 2 nd immunisation and slaughter (days)	pDNA copies at the injection site copies/ 500 ng DNA (n=5)	pDNA copies opposite to- injection site muscle (n=4)	pDNA copies distant muscle (n=3)	pDNA copies DLN ^a total (n=6)
pDNA	242	<LQL (2); <DL (2); Neg. (1)	0/4	0/3	0/6
	277	74; 36; <LQL (2); <DL (1)	0/4	0/3	0/6
	284	<LQL (5)	0/4	0/3	0/6
DNA + B30-Nor- AbuMDP	242	20; 16; 15; <LQL (2)	0/4	0/3	0/6
	270	93; 29; 28; 92; 24; 24	0/4	0/3	0/6
	291	13; 13 ;11; <LQL (1); Neg. (1)	<DL(1/4)	0/3	0/6
DNA:cationic liposome complex	270	288; 220; 200; 30; <LQL (1)	0/4	0/3	0/6
	277	229; 170, 135; 39; 39	0/4	0/3	0/6
	291	149; 64; 46.; 19; 18	0/4	0/3	0/6
	298	<LQL (5)	0/4	0/3	0/6

The content of pDNA in bovine muscle tissue after 7 month from vaccination

Site of application(*M. coccygeus*)

: 0-3x10⁶ copies/g muscle tissue

Symetric non-vaccinated muscle: **0 copies**

M. coccygeus : **0 copies** (Muscle in the vicinity of the *M. coccygeus*)

Lymph node draining the site of vaccination: **0 copies**

Characterisation of the site of application: **no pathological changes in the muscle**, no signs of inflammation, (increased local temperature, oadema, pain, tail mobility)