

Welcome to the pitching session on: Strengthening the European ecosystem for Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products (ATMPs) and other innovative therapeutic modalities for rare diseases

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10	Lorenzo	Moroni	Professor	Maastricht University - MERLN Institute for Technology-Inspired Regenerative Medicine	Netherlands

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Tuesday, December 13, 2022

10:00 - 11:30	Info Session - Preparing the financial plan Info Session Room - 3
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14:30 - 15:30	Matchmaking time - Topic: Strengthening Advanced Therapy Medicinal Product therapeutic modalities for rare diseases
15:30 - 16:30	Pitching Session - Topic: Strengthening Advanced Therapy Medicinal Product therapeutic modalities for rare diseases Pitching Session Room 2

6	BioMérieux	Félix	Montero Julian	Director Pharma Quality Control	bioMérieux	France
7	ERD2: European Research and Development Ecosystem for Rare Diseases	Michael	Linden	Head Gene Therapy Research Platform	UCB	Belgium
8	Neuroprotective Glaucoma Treatment	Alperen	Acemoglu	CTO	GlaucoT Teknoloji AS	Turkey
9	Rare disease human in vitro preclinical testing with patient-specific iPSC line derived neuronal, neuroimmun and cardiac cell types	Andras	Dinnyes	director	BioTalentum Ltd	Hungary
10	A Biofabrication Toolkit to improve ATMPs for rare diseases	Lorenzo	Moroni	Professor	Maastricht University - MERLN Institute for Technology-Inspired Regenerative Medicine	Netherlands

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- Strengthening the European ecosystem for Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products (ATMPs) and other innovative therapeutic modalities for rare diseases

AAV gene therapy development & manufacturing

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Challenges and objectives

9.1 million Euro invested by European Commission (RRF) in AAV GT facility

What is it?

State-of-the-art **facility** enabling **preclinical development, base process development** and **AAV manufacture innovation**

Challenge?

Full alignment with **industrial practise, end-to-end GT development**

Solution?

Acces to network of biotech and pharma partners with relevant expertise

Impact?

Cost-effective, integrated GT development for rare diseases

AAV discovery research Vector design & manufacturing

What is it?

Tackling off-target toxicity, longevity of transgene expression and manufacturing yield

Challenge?

Access to regulatory, CMC and complex data analysis

Solution?

Acces to network of biotech and pharma partners with relevant expertise

Impact?

Safer, cost-effective and long-lasting AAV gene therapy products

Main activities

9.1 million Euro invested by European Commission (RRF) in AAV GT facility

AAV production (adherent & suspension) up to 50L

Process development

- base process
- early CMC

Manufacturing innovation

- plasmid/alternative DNA technology
- additives
- cell line development

Preclinical studies

starting from solid POC

AAV discovery research
Vector design & manufacturing

Off-target delivery: protein engineering, early CMC, in vitro & in vivo modelling, POC in disease models

Viral epigenetics: vector design, in vitro & in vivo modelling, HT sequencing & bio-informatics

AAV manufacturing: molecular virology, multi-omics, mathematical modelling and synthetic biology

Expertise and resources offered



Expertise: AAV biology & vector design, process development and research-grade manufacturing, preclinical development, protein engineering



Infrastructure: newly built GT research facility (> 1000 m²) & core facilities



Team: skilled scientists, business development & IP



Partners: academia, clinicians, biotech and pharma



Expertise requested

- Pharma partners with experience in all aspects of AAV GT development
- Biotech companies providing complementary technologies
- Academic partners providing complementary expertise

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- **Strengthening the European ecosystem for Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products (ATMPs) and other innovative therapeutic modalities for rare diseases**

BIO-INSPIRED CELL EXPANSION PLATFORMS TO PROMOTE THE FEASIBILITY OF AUTOLOGOUS TRANSPLANTATION FOR BONE MARROW FAILURE SYNDROMES (BMFS)

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- <https://ihi-call-days.ihi.b2match.io/participations/203006>

Challenges and objectives

○ THE PROBLEM:

- Allogeneic bone marrow (BM) transplantation (HCT) is unfeasible for patients lacking a suitable HLA-matched donor compromising BMFS treatment
- Autologous HCT has been challenging due to reduced numbers of hematopoietic stem/progenitor cells (HSPC)

○ PROPOSED SOLUTION:

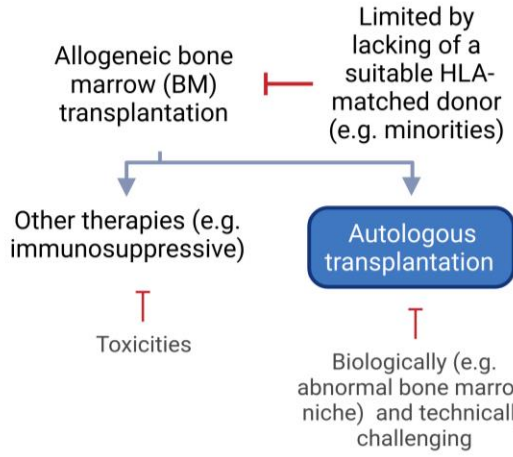
- Deciphering the molecular and cellular differences in the defective bone marrow microenvironment in a BMFS context towards the establishment of a **bio-inspired cell expansion device** able to recreate the elements of a functional niche to *ex-vivo* expand autologous HSPC

○ EXPECTED IMPACT:

- ✓ Improve the feasibility and widen the application of **autologous HCT as a first-line therapy** for patients in which allogeneic transplantation is unfeasible
- ✓ Personalized *ex vivo* approach to **identify new orphan drugs** or **optimize therapeutic regimens** of currently administered drugs
- ✓ **Commercialization potential**, also considering other potential applications (*i.e.* cell expansion device to surpass sub-optimal cell doses in autologous *ex-vivo* gene therapy settings, cord blood transplantation)

Main activities

Bone marrow failure syndromes (BMFS)



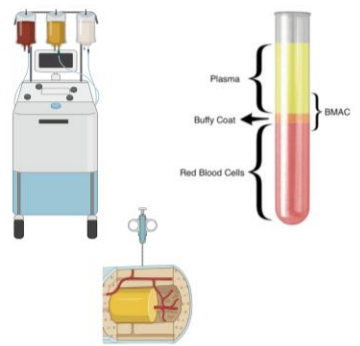
Develop an ex-vivo cell expansion platform of human hematopoietic stem/progenitor cells in a co-culture setting with mesenchymal stromal cells (MSC)

Prototype comprising key components of a healthy BM osteoblastic niche cultured onto a biomimetic BM scaffold

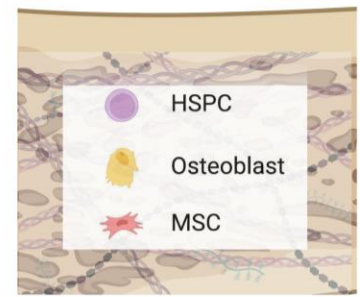
Generation of clinically meaningful numbers of functional hematopoietic stem/progenitor cells (HSPC) in a scalable culture system

To widen the therapeutic application of autologous HCT for BMFS

Bone Marrow/Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells

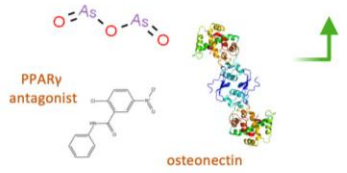
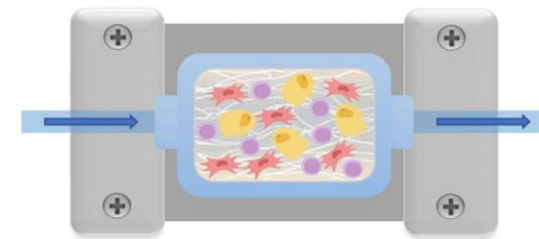


Dysfunctional BM niche characterization - cellular and molecular compartments



Omics - transcriptomics, proteomics

Perfusion chamber for HSPC expansion AND culture modulation (e.g. small molecules/drugs/BM niche elements)



BMFS Autologous transplantation



Expertise and resources offered

“IST is well positioned to be an international leader in research and training programs in the field of biomanufacturing”

(International Assessment of Research in Biological Engineering and Manufacturing reports (NSF, NIH))

- **Expertise:** (i) isolation and characterization of human HSPC and MSC; ii) GMP-compliant xeno(geneic)-free cultivation of human HSPC and MSC; iii) 2D and 3D co-cultures of human HSPC-MSC; iv) development of bioreactor platforms for stem cell cultivation; v) development of biomimetic ECM-based scaffolds.
- **Facilities:** two fully equipped cell culture labs, a bioengineering and analytical lab, a CRISPR – Cas9 lab
- **Clinical partner:** Pediatric Hematology Unit of Hospital D. Estefânia, Centro Hospitalar de Lisboa Central (CHLC) (Head: Paula Kjöllnerström MD, National coordinator for the European Working Group of Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS) and Severe Aplastic Anemia (SAA) in children and adolescents)

Expertise requested

- **Fundamental research centers** dedicated to Hematopoiesis and Hematopoiesis Stem Cell Biology (expertise with humanized mouse models for hematopoietic reconstitution, Advanced Bioimaging & Flow cytometry, ...)
- **Multionics Bioinformatics**
- **Clinical research centers**
- **Advanced cell therapy SME**
- **Scientific and Regulatory Affairs** consultant
- **Patient associations**

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- Strengthening the European ecosystem for Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products (ATMPs) and other innovative therapeutic modalities for rare diseases

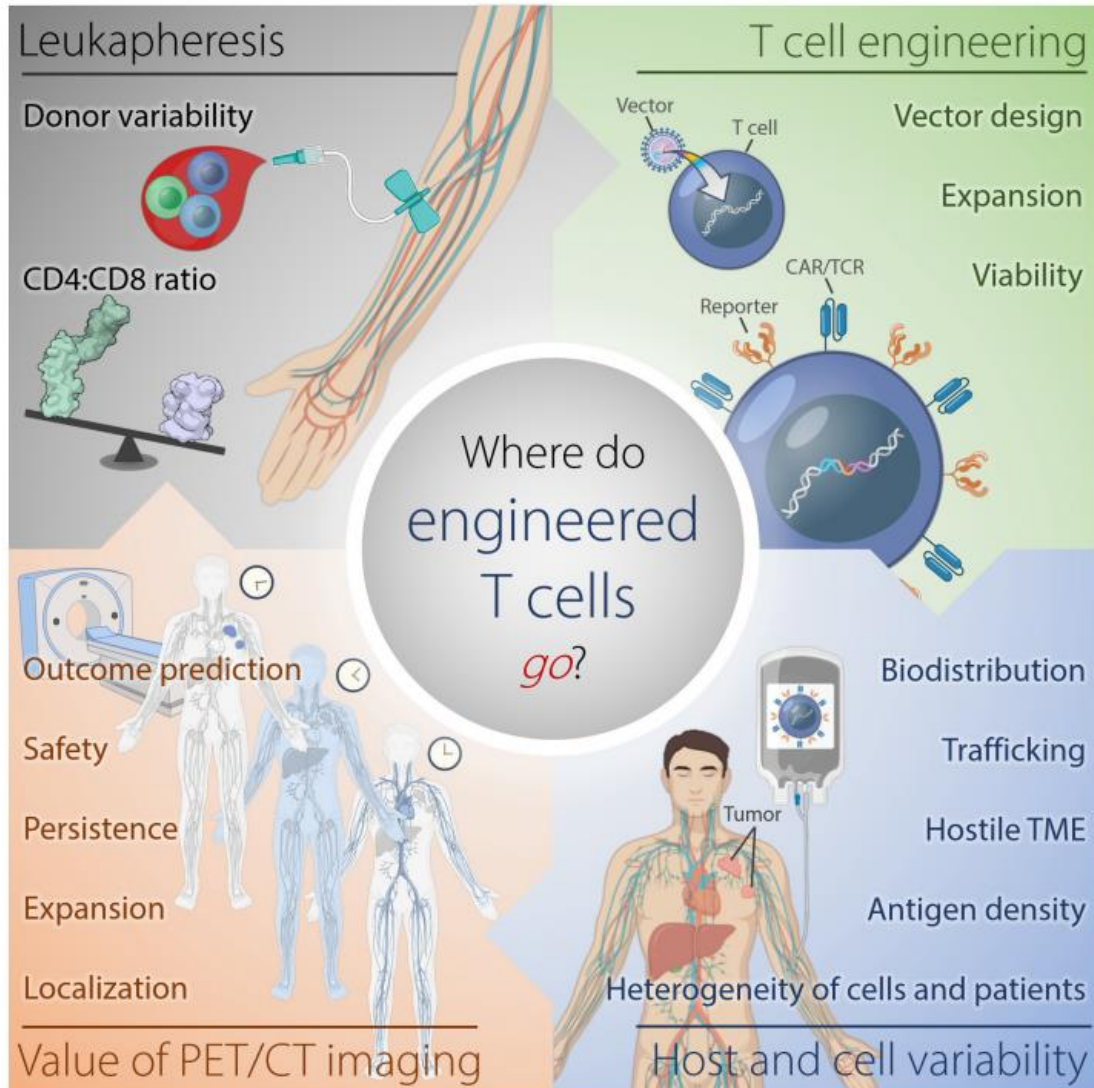
PET-Imaging of ATMPs using a novel Reporter Gene

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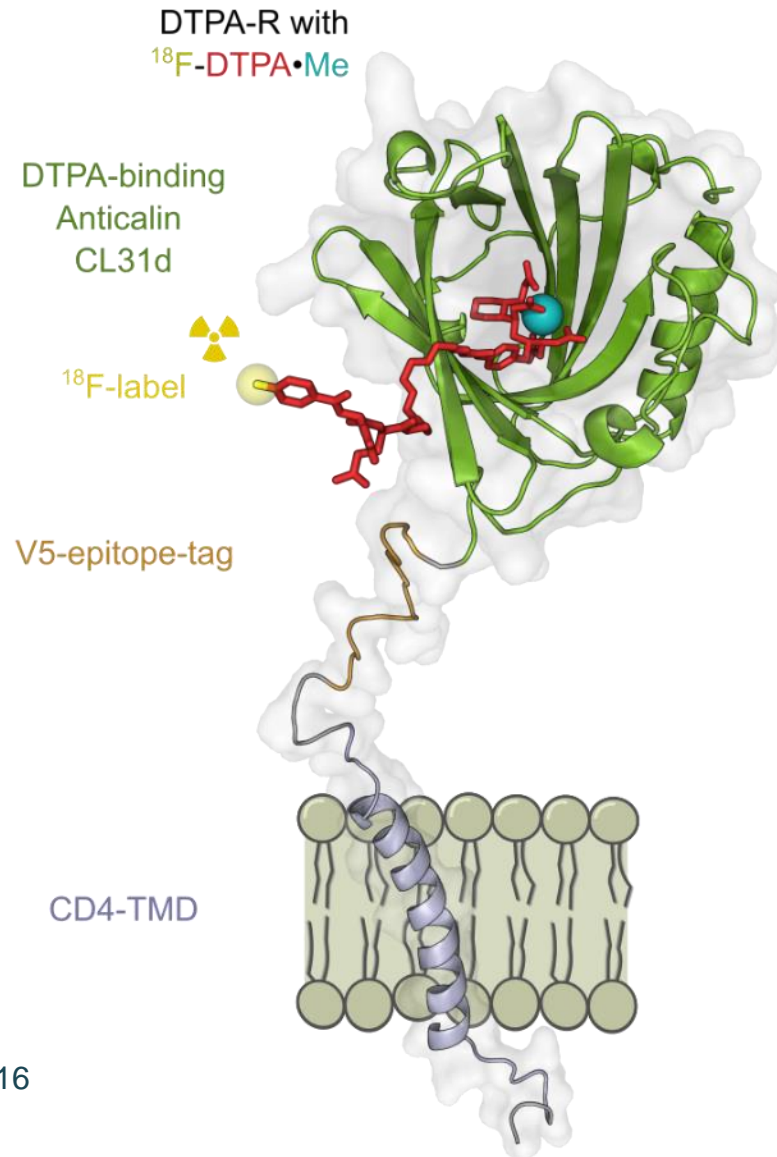
Challenges and objectives



- ATMPs (e.g. cell therapies) are non classical drugs that are difficult to monitor *in vivo* in animals and patients.
- We would like to contribute our expertise in Molecular Imaging and our services to analyze the ATMP, which is to be developed during the IHI project.

Krebs et al., 2020 (10.3389/fonc.2020.577773)

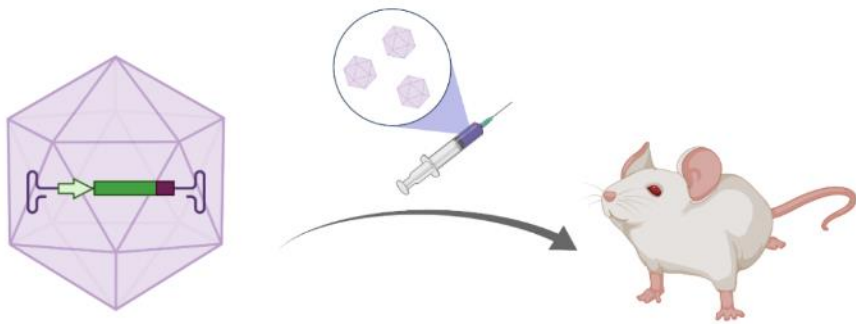
Reporter Gene Enables ATMP Imaging



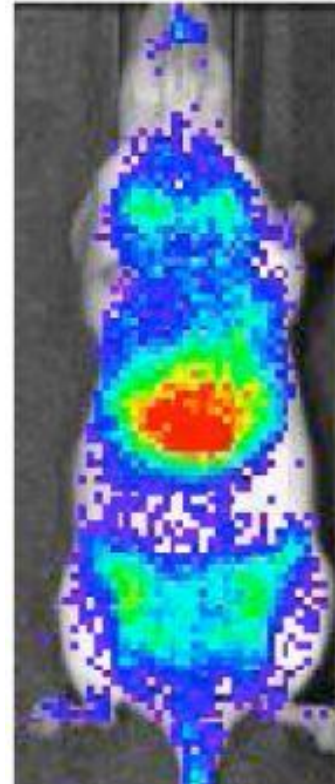
- We have developed a novel and proprietary reporter gene technology. Please see [WO2022101492A1](#) for further information.
- This reporter gene system is based on a membrane bound binding protein and an ^{18}F -labeled small molecule ligand.
- The reporter gene is called **DTPA-R**.
- DTPA-R offers **highest sensitivity and specificity** in class.

AAV9 Gene Therapy

- AAV9 vectors encoding DTPA-R under the control of the CMV promoter were produced
- Nude mice were injected intravenously with up to 2.5×10^{12} vg)/mouse

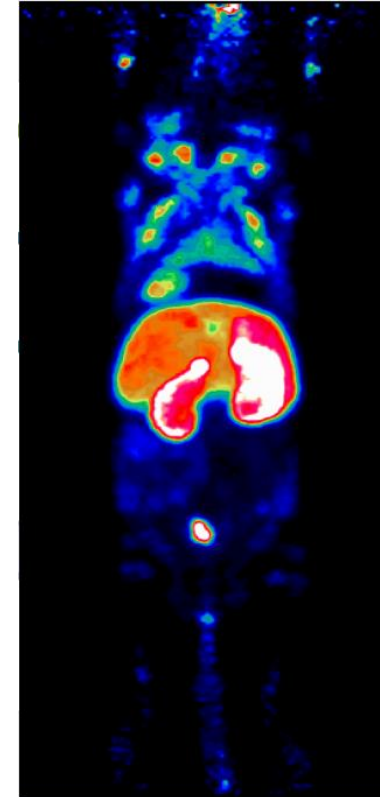


BLI imaging
of AAV9
transduction



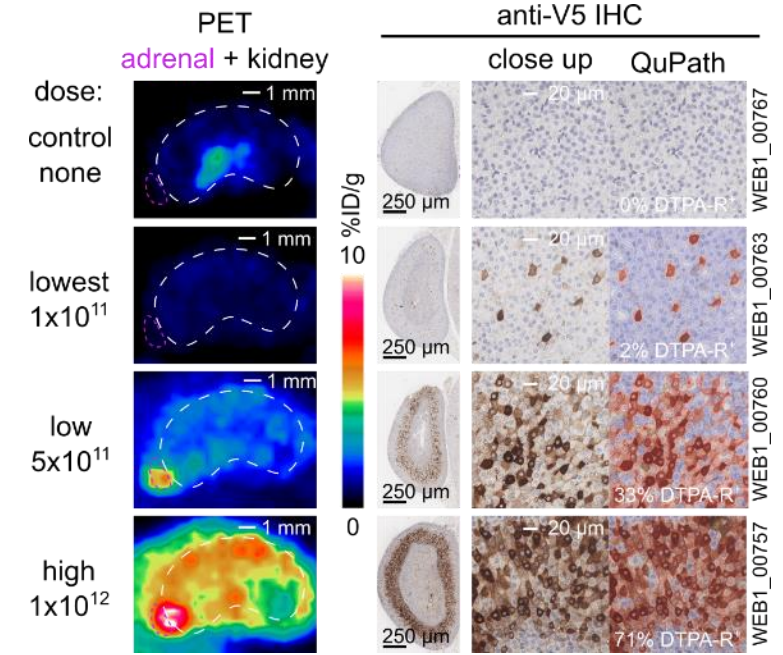
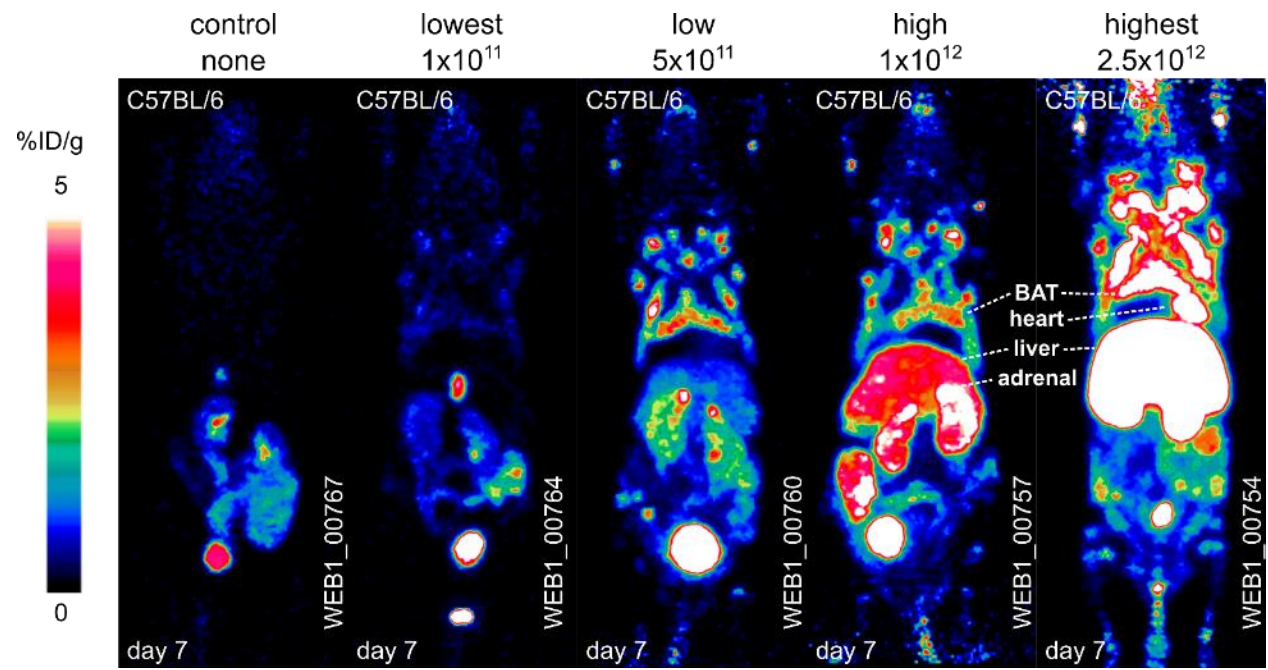
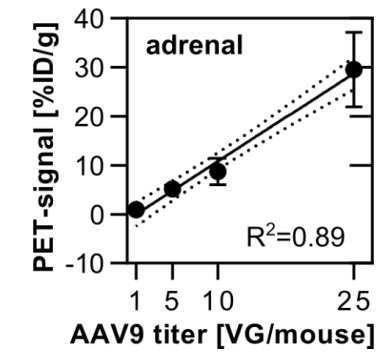
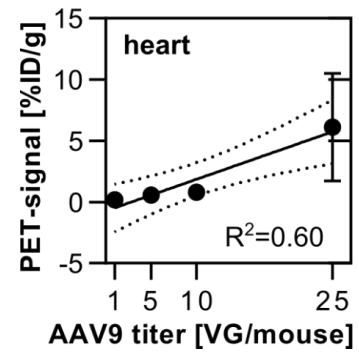
(Zincarelli et al., 2008)

PET imaging
of AAV9
transduction



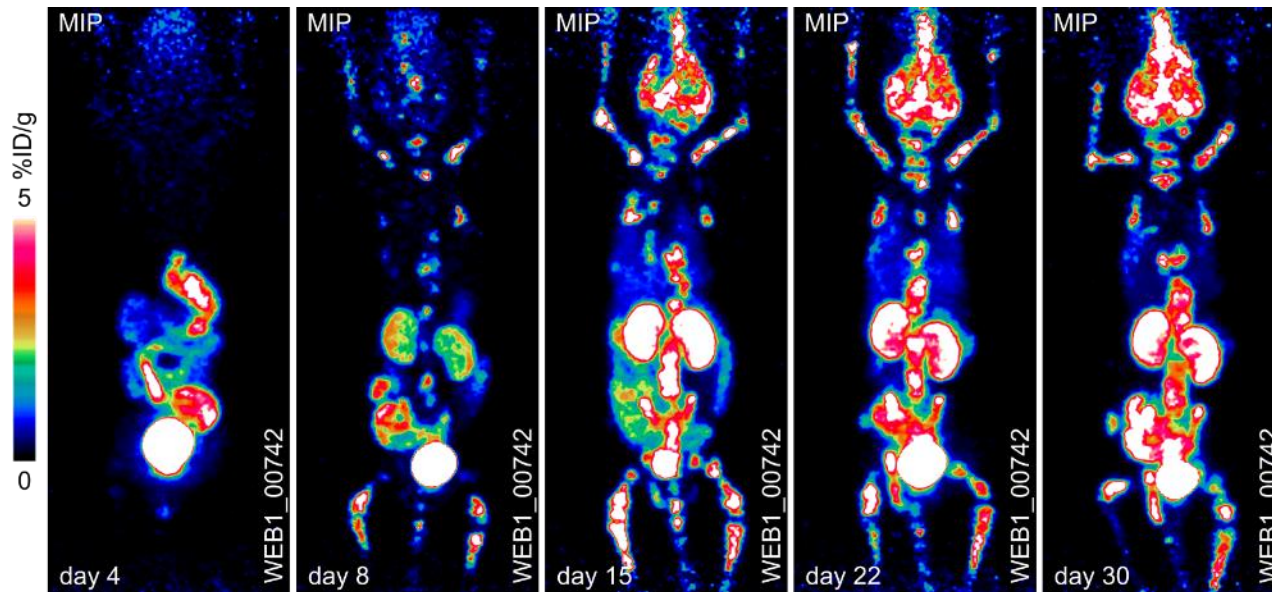
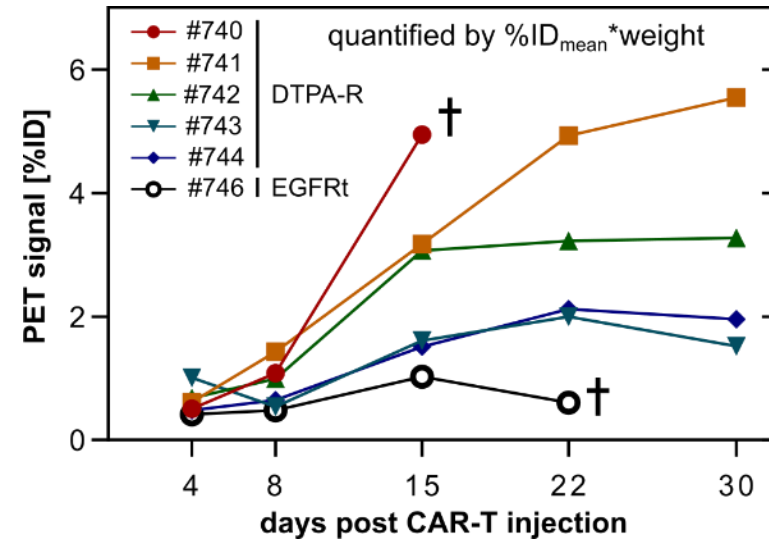
AAV9 Gene Therapy

- C57BL/6 mice were injected with 1×10^{11} to 2.5×10^{12} viral genomes / mouse.



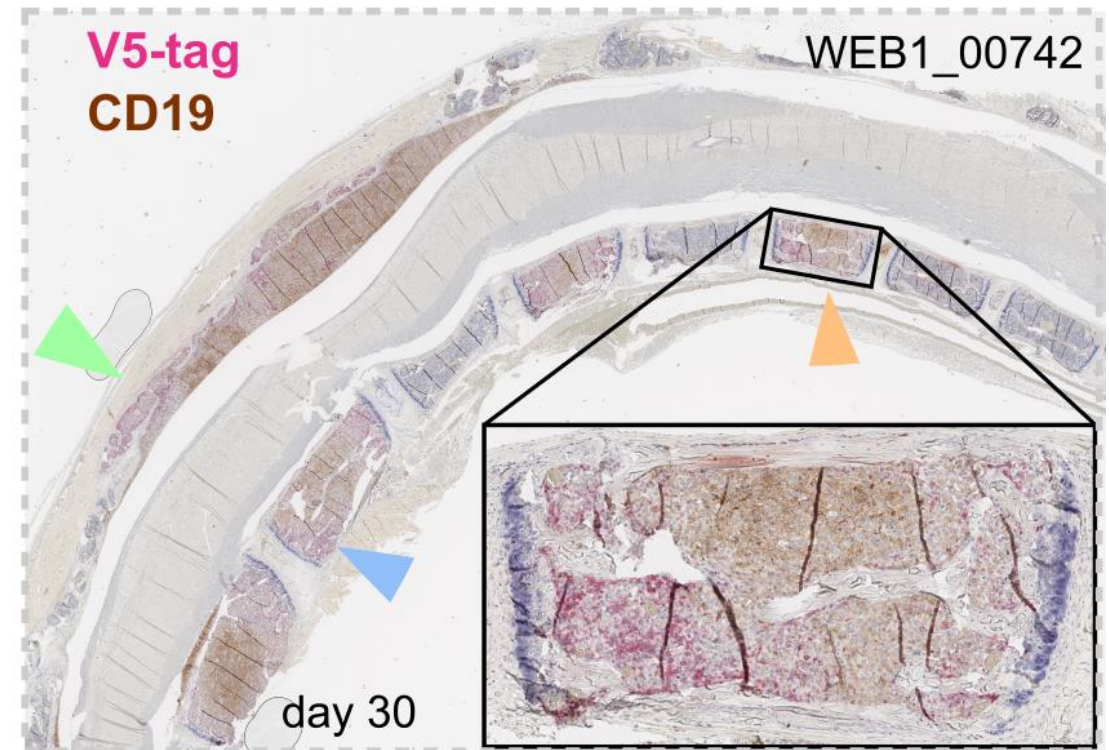
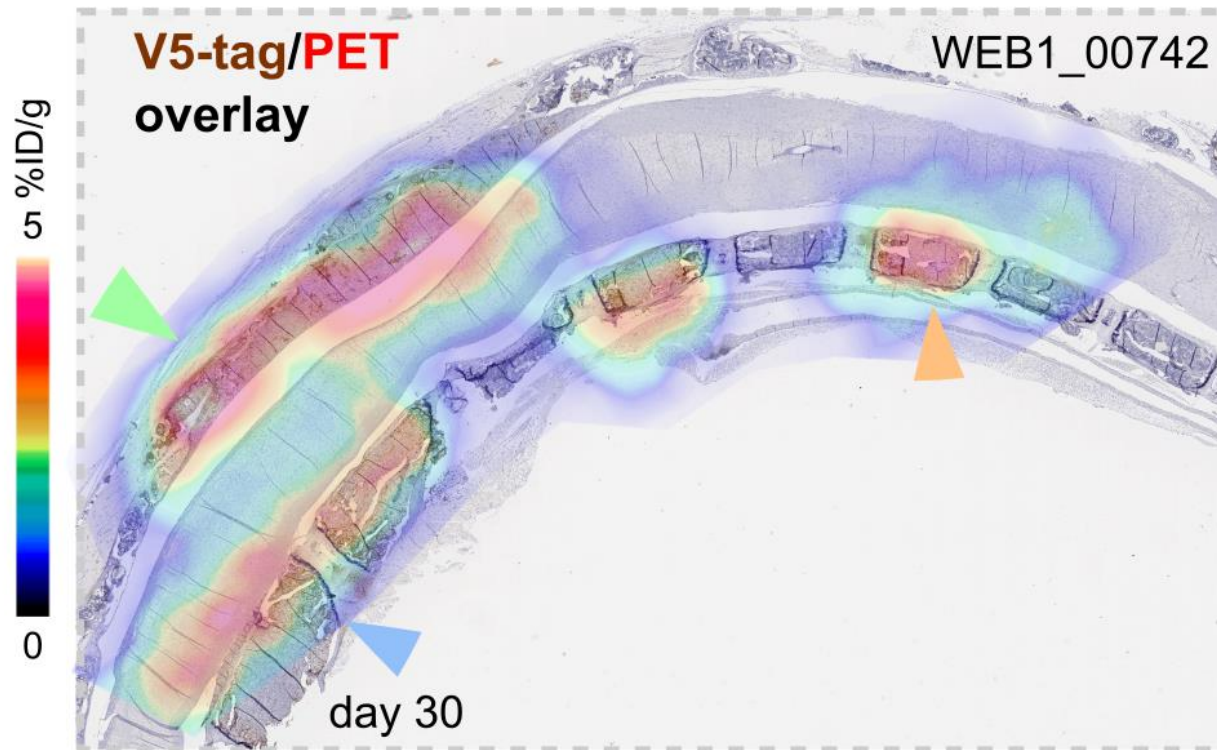
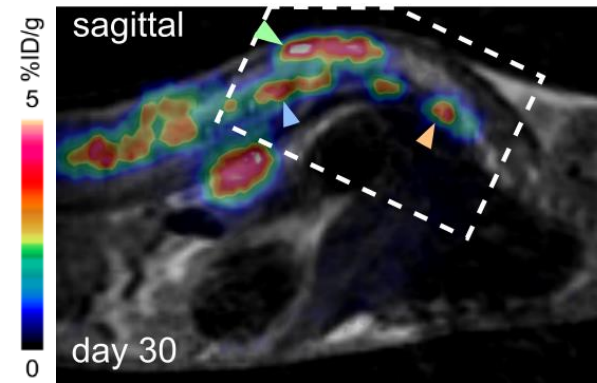
CD19-CAR-T Cell Therapy

- Immunocompromised NSG mice received an i.v. Raji xenograft & 2×10^6 α CD19-CAR-DPTA-R cells i.v.
- PET imaging was done on a weekly basis
- CAR T-cell expansion was quantified in upper body and hind legs



CD19-CAR-T Cell Therapy

- V5-IHC clearly identified vertebra with CAR-T infiltration
- Infiltration correlates with the PET-data



Animal models & 3Rs

- The 3 Rs stand for Replacement, Reduction and Refinement. Implementation of 3Rs is **required by law**.
- Molecular imaging (e.g. by PET) is one of the **best ways to reduce number of animals used in experimentation** and to refine the experiments by obtaining better quality data from every experiment.
- We are currently developing our **reporter gene technology supported by** the UK-based National Centre for the Replacement, Refinement and Reduction of Animals in Research (**NC3Rs**).



- PET/MR & PET/CT scanners are available for different size animals, ranging from mice to minipigs.
- American *Association for Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care* (**AAALAC**) **certified facilities for small and large animals, up to BSL-2.**



Minipig obtaining a PET/MR scan of the head

Expertise and resources offered

- Our flexible reporter gene platform allows imaging of various ATMPs (Cell-, Viro-, or Gene-Therapy) in different animal models.
 - Besides imaging of the ATMP (using a reporter gene) we can also image the disease by existing radioligands.
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Thank you for your attention!

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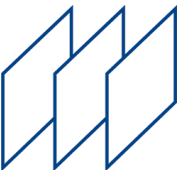


Innovation Platform

Exploiting 3Rs technologies



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DecoDerma – Transformative therapy for rare disease, epidermolysis bullosa

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Link to: <https://www.tuni.fi/en/research/decoderma>

- Marketplace opportunity: Therapeutic multi-functional recombinant protein for rare skin disease and beyond
- Participant profile: Interim CEO (Professor & Chief Surgeon)

Challenges and objectives

- Aim is to develop a multi-functional recombinant protein as a drug for rare disease called epidermolysis bullosa
 - What problem are you trying to solve? Lethal Rare disease
 - Is your project suitable for IHI? YES
 - Introduction of potentially life-saving drug for lethal rare disease w. high unmet medical need

Main activities

- Master cell bank (MCB) generation, recombinant protein expression & purification
- Pre-IND drug development
 - PK and Toxs studies in NHP
- Data package for IND approval
- Phase I & II clinical trials in EB

Expertise and resources offered

- Final drug product identified
- Efficacy demonstrated in disease models
- Proof-of-concept (PoC) *in vivo*-studies performed in the most representative disease model
- Orphan drug designation (ODD) awarded
- CDMO confirmed the viability/feasibility of recombinant protein production
- Leading academic institute recruited for the phase I&II clinical trials

Expertise requested

- Pharmaceutical companies as funding and research partner
- Research Institutes as research partners
- Experts on drug development to join the drug development team
- Patients advocates & organizations

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- ATMPs for rare diseases
Lipid-based nanomedicines

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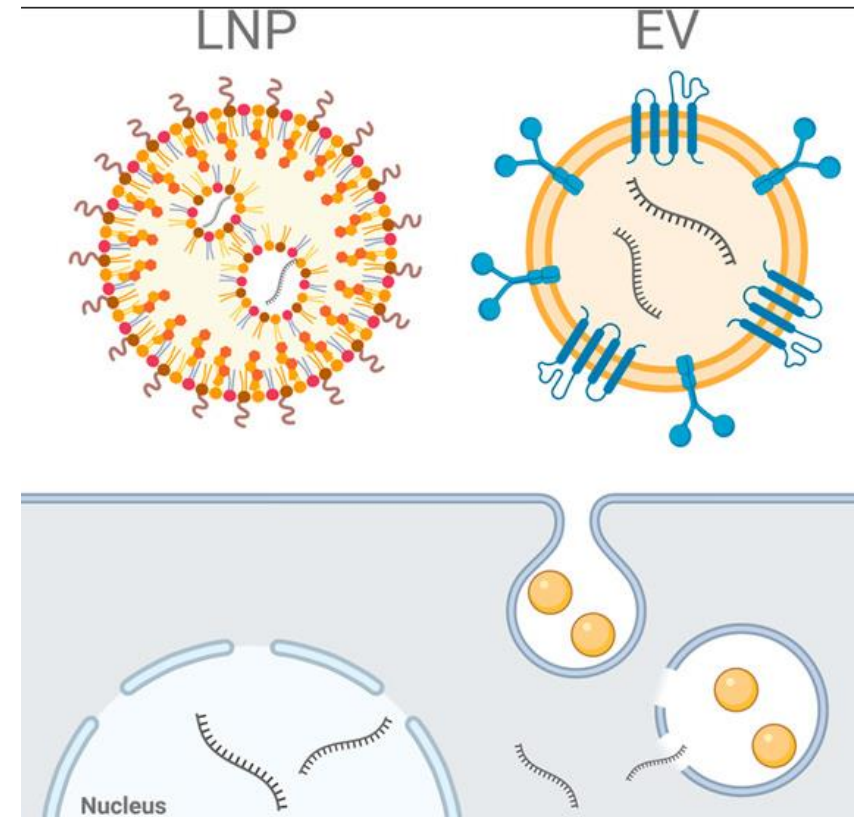
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Challenges and objectives

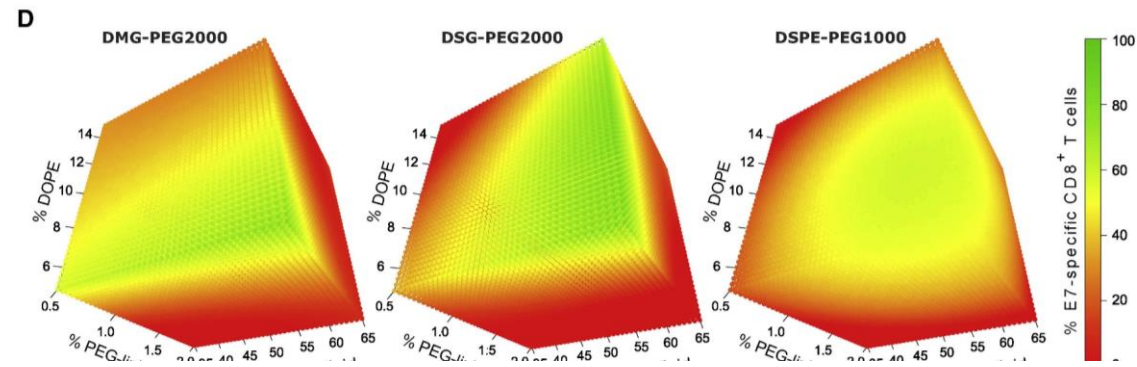
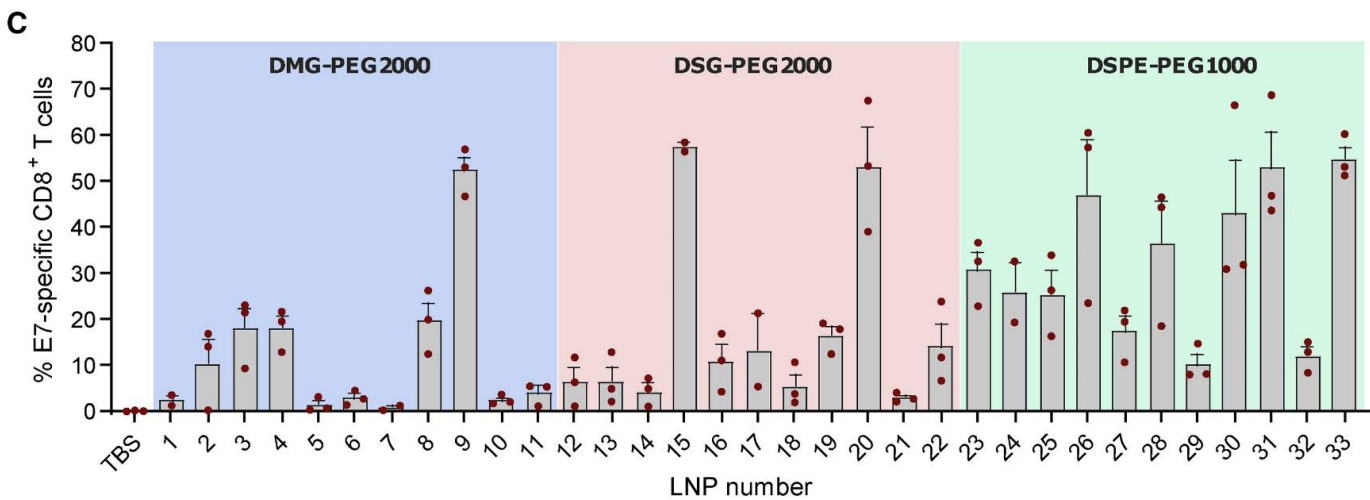
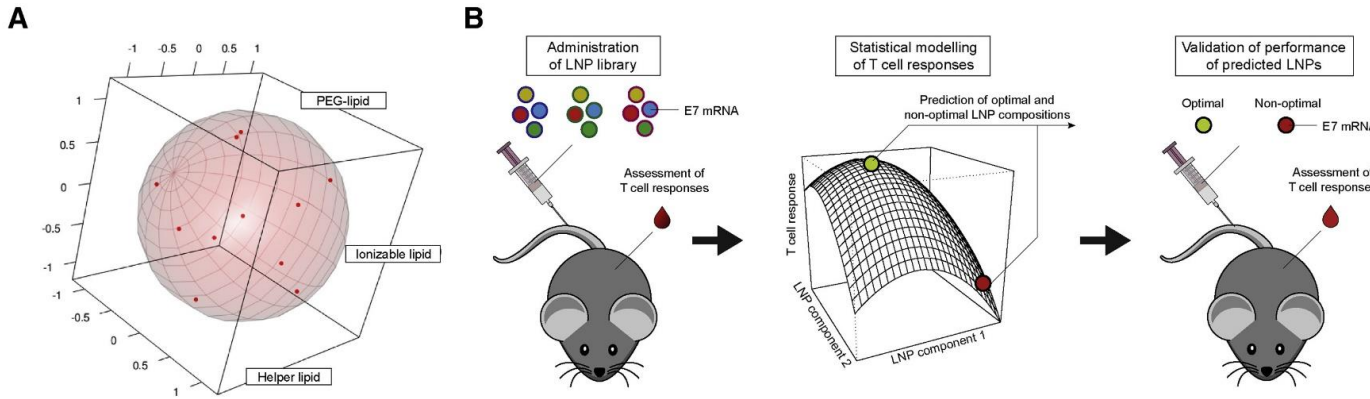
- Nucleic acid therapeutics face difficulties reaching intracellular site of activity
- Design/Make/Evaluate Lipid-based nanomedicines that functionally deliver nucleic acids therapeutics
- Natural (exosomes, extracellular vesicles)
- Synthetic (LNPs, passive and actively targeted)
- Hybrids



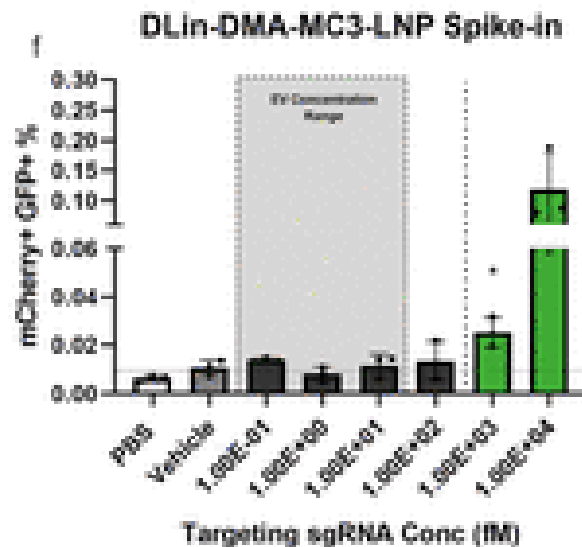
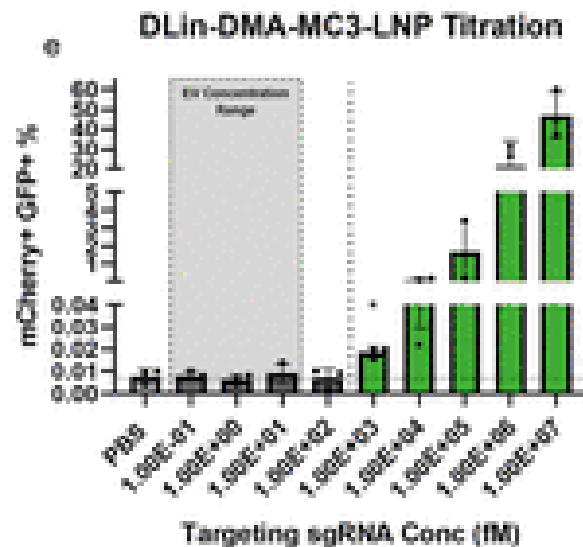
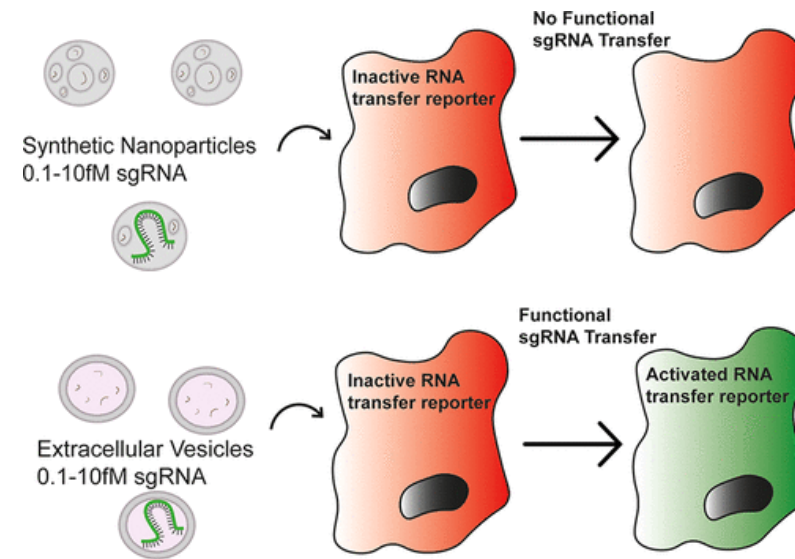
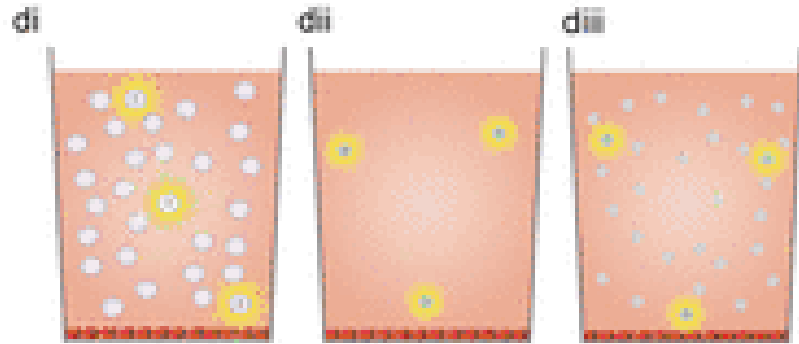
Main activities

- Design, synthesis, characterization of lipid based nanomedicines
- Evaluate performance in sensitive in vitro/vivo reporter systems (CRISPR/Cas; Cre/Lox based)
- In vitro/vivo therapeutic testing (campus network)
 - Metabolic diseases (e.g. MMA-L-CHAD, patient organoids, zebrafish/mouse)
 - Cardiac (e.g. PLN, patient organoids, mouse)
 - Rare tumors (e.g. GBM, patient organoids, microsectioned tissue, mouse)

Library design of LNPs to generate immune reactive T-cells



Head to head comparison in sensitive assays



Expertise and resources offered

- Local network, partners from EXPERT-consortium (<https://www.expert-project.eu/>), B-SMART consortium (<https://b-smart-project.eu/>)
- Fully equipped labs for chemistry, nanomedicine characterization, vitro/vivo testing, clinical partners,

Expertise requested

- Large companies



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● Topic 4: Strengthening the European ecosystem for Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products and other innovative therapeutic modalities for rare diseases

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Link to:

- [Marketplace opportunity](#)
- [Participant profile](#)

Challenges

The availability of relevant analytical tools is essential in ATMP manufacturing and process development, where they are used to control the product quality and safety, and to enable process improvement.

The development, manufacturing and commercialization of ATMPs products presents unique challenges to the whole ATMP ecosystem:

- An evolving **regulatory landscape**, rapid advances in **manufacturing technologies**, products with **complex mechanisms** of action (MOA) and inherent **variability** in starting cellular material, are just a few examples of these challenges.
- **Lengthy and complex** manufacturing processes and in some cases, **extremely short shelf lives** (e.g., days), **low production volumes**, complex raw materials
- Requires high **traceability**, **data integrity** and manage the **scalability** depending on patient demands.

bioMérieux' objectives and expected outputs

To develop and improve technologies/processes, analytic tools, methods and assays, needed for the development and production of ATMPs

These analytical methods, fully adapted to the ATMPs, must compensate the challenges described previously.

- **bioMérieux' contribution to the outcomes of the program shall encompass:**
 - Adding rapid and easy-to-use analytical technologies that bring overall efficiencies to the manufacturing process through simplified workflows -> to improve patient safety and access
 - Contributing to the making of a sustainable and accessible network of interconnected centres of excellence in ATMPs
 - Contributing to a legible regulatory landscape
 - Establishing standards

Expected outputs
suitable for IHI

Main activities as a IHI partner

- Identify the unmet needs in terms of analytical methods
- Select and test breakthrough technologies allowing their rapid implementation in ATMP's cell-based process
- Contribute to the scouting and networking of centres of excellence
- Contribute to developing standards and feed into the European regulatory landscape

Expertise and resources offered*

Experience in analytical methods design – MedTech and industrial applications

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MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

MICROBIOLOGY



CELLULAR BIOLOGY

* IKOP - in-kind contributions to operational activities

* IKAA - in-kind contribution to additional activities

TBD

Expertise and resources offered

- Improve technologies/processes, analytic tools, methods, assays
- Expertise in MedTech development - diagnostics
- Medical and pharmaceutical expertise
- Expertise in Immunomonitoring approaches
- Technologies for potency monitoring
- Expertise in regulatory aspects of analytical methods (ICH's Pharmacopeias, others)
- Experienced interactions with ecosystem stakeholders (ex, NIBRT, Catapult, NECSTGEN)
- Project management
- Project communications
- Contribute knowledge and expertise in legal, ethical and regulatory questions

Expertise requested

- bioMérieux is interested in joining an existing consortium as a partner and as such, will be looking for the following profiles within the consortium:
 - ATMP developers
 - Pharma industry
 - Biotech and MedTech
 - CRO
 - CDMO
 - Patient organizations
 - Academic centers of excellence in Cell and Gene therapy

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Topic 4: ERD²: European Research and Development Ecosystem for Rare Diseases

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ERD² Project Proposal

Vision: To establish strategically targeted networked centres of excellence that are focused on ATMP technologies, ultimately benefiting patients through an increased availability of effective and safe treatments for rare diseases.

Expected Outcomes

- **Sustainable networks of excellence** accessible by all involved in the development of ATMPs & represents the most promising & impactful technologies
- **Agreed standards**
- A **streamlined and more transparent regulatory pathway** to optimise and speed up the development and delivery
- **Improved technologies/processes, analytic tools, methods, assays**

Expected Impacts

- Development will be **streamlined thanks to enhanced scientific & technological processes.**
- **Europe becomes more attractive for developing ATMPs**
- Ability of networks of excellence to improve the development of specialised rare disease treatments is **anticipated to benefit a broader range of diseases beyond rare diseases.**

Main activities of the ERD² project

- **Identifying the science and technology barriers** that are limiting the rapid and cost-effective development of in-vivo approaches for ATMPs and other innovative therapeutic modalities to underserved rare disease patients.
- **Build a successful Network of Excellence model** for the European ecosystem.
- **Regulatory (EMA/FDA) input and engagement**
- **Test the functionality** of the networks of excellence and the utility of the fit-for purpose processes developed both within the consortium and through use cases external to the consortium.
 - ***Clinical trials are out of scope within the ERD² project. External use cases could potentially involve partners who are progressing their own clinical trials.***

Possible examples of challenges* to focus on within The Networks of Excellence

Regulatory Activities

- **Align on technology-specific but program agnostic stepwise criteria** for development of novel technologies
- **Identify what can be leveraged** from real examples to progress new technologies and shape guidance on best practice from concept through to full validation.
- Maximisation of regulatory science by engagement in Agency pilots and enhanced interaction programs.

mRNA

- **Enable Targeted Delivery**

Methods developed to target distribution to specific tissue sub-types

- **Increase the stability of synthetic RNA**

To improve delivery into pre-clinical models which will also enable RNA Medicines to be used in a broader range of indications and could also reduce dosing frequency

NanoParticles (NP)

- **Lipid NP delivery of RNA**

To allow greater available/usable RNA (e.g., could reduce dosing frequency etc.) with data and results agreed with regulators to allow solutions to be incorporated in pre-clinical programs

Gene Therapy/Editing

- **Platform for Vector Production & Design**

Establish a pre-competitive infrastructure that is robust, reliable, scalable and high yield

- **Framework for standardisation** for assays and analytical tools
- **Research parameters** for vector potency

*These are proposed themes. Final selection will be made by the consortium partners

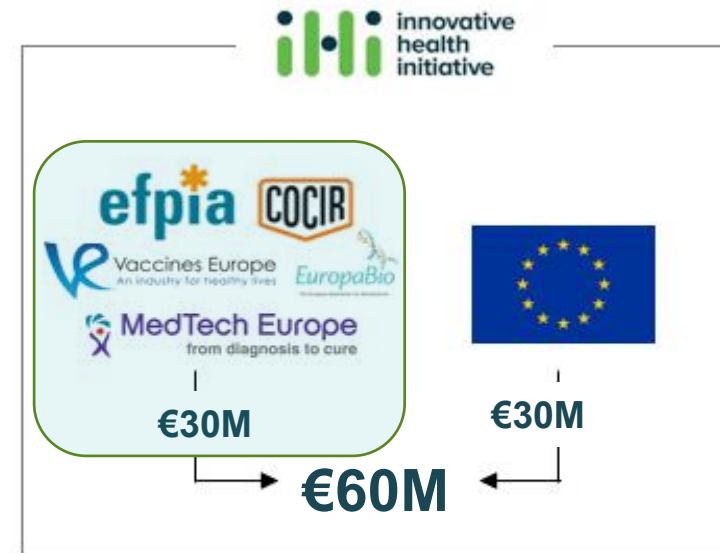
Anticipated to be in-vivo approaches only

In-kind Expertise from Industry Partners (TBD)

Anticipated expertise contributions:

- Real-world expertise in RD therapeutic development
- Real-world evidence & expertise in regulatory aspects
- Experienced interactions with ecosystem stakeholders
- Medical expertise
- Digital medicine and diagnostics
- Project management
- Project communications
- Contribute knowledge and expertise in legal, ethical and regulatory issues

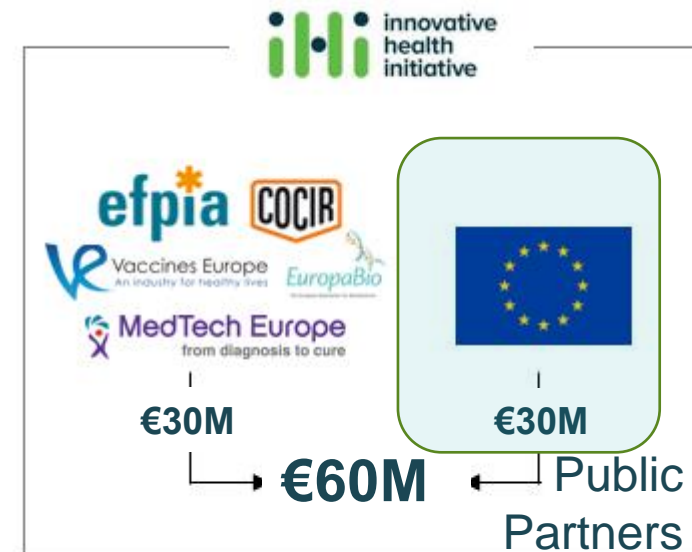
- 14 Medtech, EuropaBio and pharma companies in discussions, with 5 companies already providing indicative in-kind contributions.



Expertise Needed from EU Public-Sector Partners (TBD)

Clinical Trials activities are NOT the Focus

- **Expertise in Gene Therapy, mRNA, NP/LNPs**
 - Understand & ability to solve science and technology challenges
- **Expertise in Real World Evidence and Natural History (non-interventional / pre-interventional)**
 - Understand patient & unmet needs
- **European Rare Disease Ecosystem Expertise**
 - Stakeholders, networks & knowledge sharing
- **Regulatory Expertise**
 - Agency practical expertise in the development through to registration space, especially within ATMPs/other innovative therapeutic modalities for RD.
- **Project co-ordination, management and communication**
 - Experience with coordinating and managing multi-year, multi-million-Euro projects with many contributors; previous IMI experience essential
 - Proven leadership in project communication and dissemination



- Academic organisations
- Regulatory authorities
- EU Patient organisations
- Non-Profit Research organisations
- Health Care Providers



IHI Call Days | Call 3

Neuroprotective Glaucoma Treatment GlaucoT

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Link to:

- Marketplace opportunity:

<https://ihi-call-days.ihi.b2match.io/participations/196862/opportunities>

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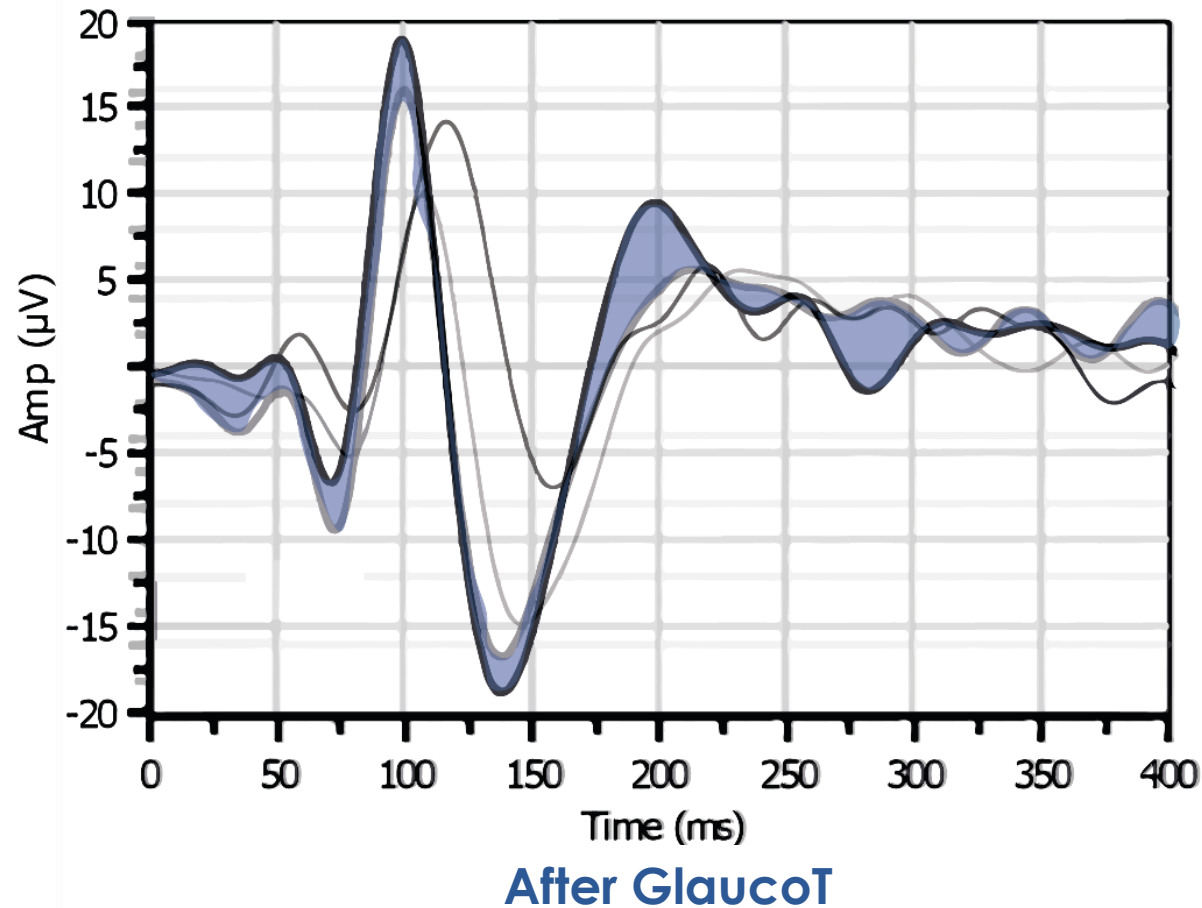
Challenges and objectives

- Glaucoma is a Neurodegenerative disease!
 - Even if the patients use today's gold standard treatment, 15% of the patients go blind. This blindness is **irreversible**.
 - IHI Call 3 Topic 1 or Topic 5
 - Our noninvasive neuroprotective treatment method provides increased electrophysiological activity in the entire visual path.



Clinical Data

Increased
Electrophysiological
activity



Main activities

GlaucoT

The World's First Neuroprotective
Wearable Glaucoma Treatment Device



- Our objective is to decrease the number of permanent blindness cases due to Glaucoma disease.
- In this project, our main activities will be
 - **Performing clinical trials** with the key opinion leaders for creating statistically significant data on larger patient populations.
 - **Wearable device developments** and improvements based on the feedback coming from the end users.
 - **Usability trials** of wearable glaucoma treatment device and the mobile application environment.



Expertise and resources offered

We have an expertise in

- medical device *development* and
- *manufacturing* capabilities with a cleanroom and a sterilization center.
- commercial activity in ophthalmology market

At the moment, we perform clinical trials in Ege University and Manisa Celal Bayar University in Turkey.

Expertise requested

- List profiles for desired partners, by category (SME, large companies, research institutes, other)
 - Clinical centers
 - Hospitals
 - Ophthalmology departments
 - KOL's in Glaucoma and/or neurodegenerative diseases.

IHI Call Days | Call 3

- Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products (ATMPs) for rare diseases

Rare disease human in vitro preclinical testing with patient-specific iPSC line derived neuronal, neuroimmun and cardiac cell types

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Link to:

- <https://ihi-call-days.ihi.b2match.io/marketplace/opportunities/UGFydGljaXBhdGlvbk9wcG9ydHVuaXR5OjU0MDk0>
- Participant profile: <https://biotalentum.eu>



Challenges and objectives

- Goal: providing an advanced tool for human in vitro testing of lead molecules or gene therapy prior to large animal preclinical or clinical studies
 - New innovative therapies might lead to costly failures in late preclinical and clinical stages.
 - Reliable small animal models often lacking for rare human diseases.
 - In the IHI risk mitigation for translational failures is an important issue.
 - The patient-derived iPSC-based in vitro platform, providing several organotypic models is a relevant proxy for the target patient population.

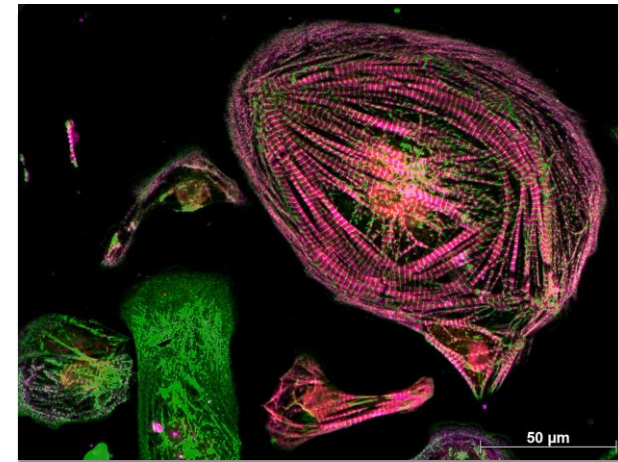
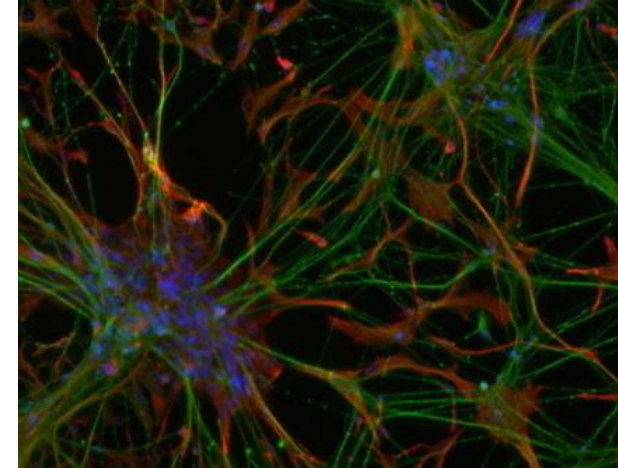
Main activities

- Using de novo or banked rare-disease patient hiPSC lines to generate the **relevant organotypic in vitro models** for the advanced therapy application.
- Characterize and analyze in depth the models and test the ATMP candidates on the models, providing feed back to the development process in preclinical stage, derisking the clinical translational steps.

Expertise and resources offered

Human in vitro 3D models

- BioTalentum Ltd (BIOT) is generating human iPSC lines and models since 2009.
- We have **coordinated** 13 EU FP6/FP7/H2020 projects scientifically. <https://biotalentum.eu/international-projects/>
- We have generated and validated complex **2D and 3D models for neurodevelopmental, neurodegenerative diseases**, including several rare diseases with CNS phenotype.
- We are experienced in **microglia-like cell** generation and their incorporation in the 3D CNS models.
- Furthermore, **2D and 3D cardiomyocyte models** are produced at BIOT.
- We have an ongoing hiPSC-derived **beta-cell/Langerhans islet** program for regenerative medicine also suitable for in vitro modelling.
- **Read outs: high-content imaging, functional Ca²⁺ signaling, multi-omics, electron microscopy etc.**



Expertise requested

- We are looking for a consortium which would be interested to incorporate the in vitro models and assays into the preclinical pipeline for rare-disease ATMP development.
- If needed, we are also offering project preparation support via BioTalentum Consulting branch, based on our extensive experience in EU project management. <https://biotalentum.eu/consulting/>

IHI Call Days | Call 3

- Strengthening the European translational research ecosystem for advanced therapy medicinal products (ATMPs) for rare diseases

A Biofabrication Toolkit to improve ATMPs for rare diseases

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Link to:

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Challenges and objectives

- Describe the main objectives of your proposed project / proposal and how they address the outcomes and impacts of the topic.
 - Delivery of multiple biological factors in a controlled/targeted manner in 3D
 - Examples of successful use of biofabrication in ATMPs:
 - Skeletal (both bone and cartilage)
 - Kidney
 - Lung
 - Thyroid
 - Cardiovascular
 - Intestine
 - Metabolic disease
 - Neural (both CNS & PNS)

Main activities

- Technology-centered
- Develop and characterize biological constructs able to deliver biological factors (e.g. mRNA, nucleotides, small molecules) in a control/targeted manner via controlling multi-material composition, architecture of final implant, for ATMPs.

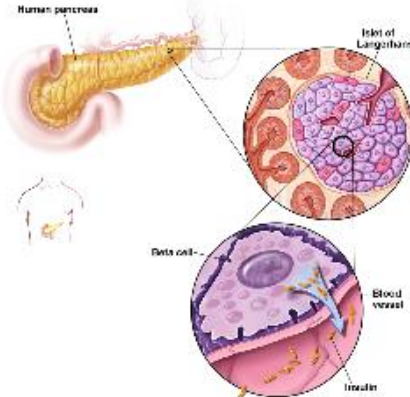
Expertise and resources offered

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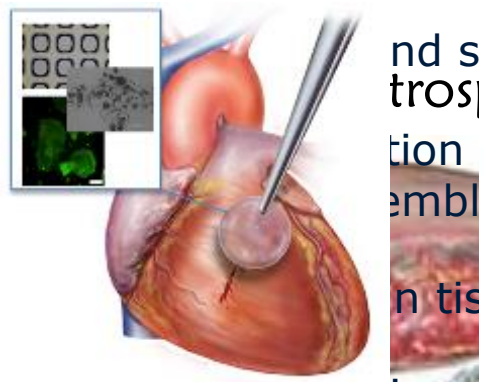
Cardiac tissue model

In vitro nephron

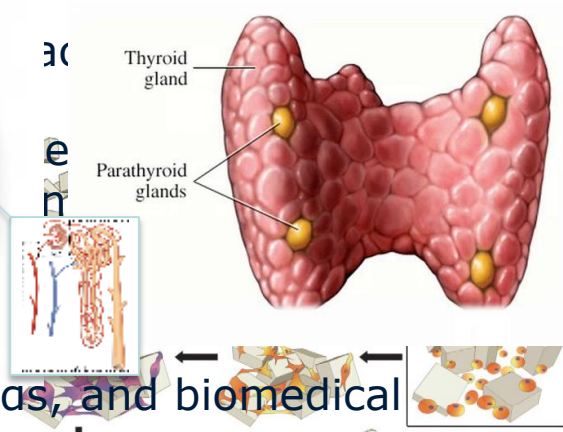
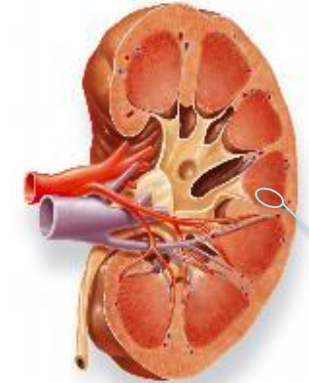
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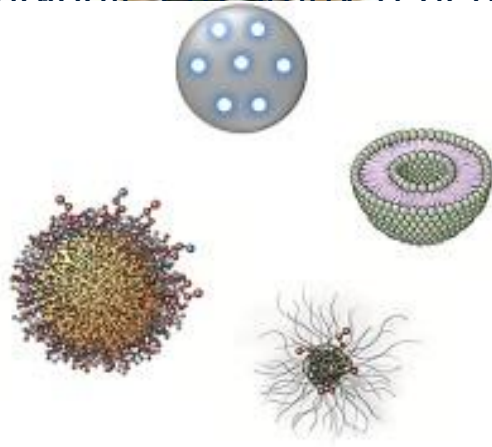
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- Apply biofabrication technologies to study regenerative and degenerative



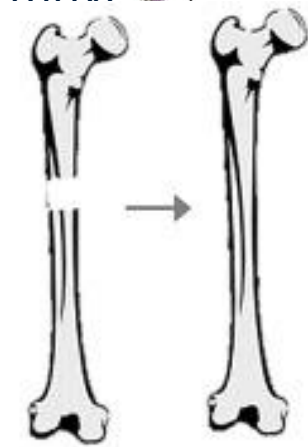
growth factors, small molecules, genetic material, peptides, etc.

load



polymeric, metallic, liposomal, HA, silica, etc. nanoparticles

release
(controlled/
sustained/dual)



bone regeneration

Expertise requested

- Biological Factors;
- ATMP application;
- Preclinical & clinical;
- Regulatory;
- Health Technology Assessment;
- GMP production;

Welcome to the pitching session on:

Strengthening the European ecosystem for Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products (ATMPs) and other innovative therapeutic modalities for rare diseases

Presentation order	First Name	Last Name	Job position	Organization	Country
1	Els	Henckaerts	Professor	KU Leuven	Belgium
2	Claudia	Lobato da Silva	Associate Professor	IBB - Institute for Bioengineering and Biosciences	Portugal
3	Volker	Morath	Scientist	Technical University of Munich	Germany
4	Tero	Järvinen	Professor & Chief Surgeon	Tampere University	Finland
5	Raymond	Schiffelers	professor of nanomedicine	University Medical Center Utrecht	Netherlands
6	Félix	Montero Julian	Global Scientific Director Pharma Quality Control	bioMérieux	France
7	Michael	Linden	Head Gene Therapy Research Platform	UCB	Belgium
8	Alperen	Acemoglu	CTO	GlaucoT Teknoloji AS	Turkey
9	Andras	Dinnyes	director	BioTalentum Ltd	Hungary
10	Lorenzo	Moroni	Professor	Maastricht University - MERLN Institute for Technology-Inspired Regenerative Medicine	Netherlands

How to contact the presenters?

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Tuesday, December 13, 2022

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13:00 - 14:30	Info Session - Topic : Strengthening Advanced Therapy Medicinal Product therapeutic modalities for rare diseases Info Session Room - 4
14:30 - 15:30	Matchmaking time - Topic: Strengthening Advanced Therapy Medicinal Product therapeutic modalities for rare diseases
15:30 - 16:30	Pitching Session - Topic: Strengthening Advanced Therapy Medicinal Product therapeutic modalities for rare diseases Pitching Session Room 2

6	BioMérieux	Félix	Montero Julian	Director Pharma Quality Control	bioMérieux	France
7	ERD2: European Research and Development Ecosystem for Rare Diseases	Michael	Linden	Head Gene Therapy Research Platform	UCB	Belgium
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