





Lipid-Based Nanoparticles: LNP and Liposome Case Studies Following Industry Innovations

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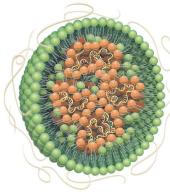
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Nanoparticle solutions for advanced drug development

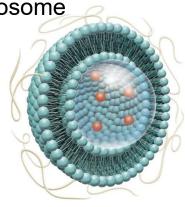
Lipid Nano Particle(LNP)



Ionizable lipid and anionic nucleic acid nanocomplex particles

mRNA delivery for vaccines, therapeutics in vivo and ex vivo cell therapies

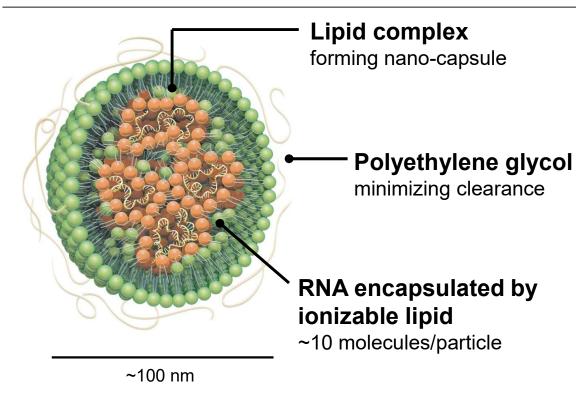




Lipid nano capsule

- Encapsulating small middle molecule in the lipid capsule
- Stable capsule accumulates in cancer tissue and releases API in the site

What is Lipid Nanoparticle (LNP)?



LNP formulation is expected to provide

- Protect mRNA from degradative enzymes.
- Regulate in vivo distribution.
- Deliver mRNA to the cytoplasm through endosomes.

Clinically proven modality

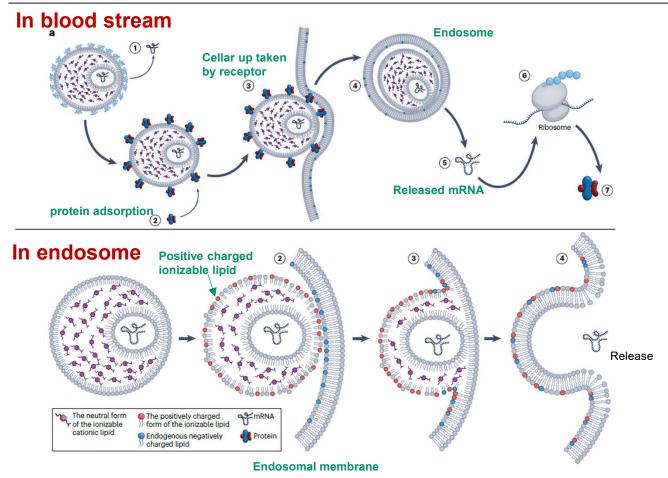
- 5 approved products in prophylactic vaccines
- Developed in new field
 - Cancer vaccines: Intramuscular injection
 - Hepatic delivery: Intravenous injection
 - Extrahepatic delivery: Intravenous injection

Key material is ionizable lipid

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The mechanism of mRNA delivery into cytosol by LNP

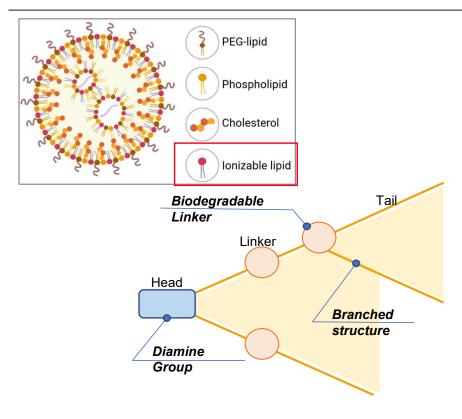


Key features:

- Specific protein adsorption (Apo E) for cellular uptake.
- pH-dependent positive charged ionizable lipid open the endosomal membrane.

Adapted: Cullis, P.R., Felgner, P.L. Nat Rev Drug Discov 23, 709-722 (2024).

Efficiency of LNP varies greatly depending on the structure of ionizable lipids

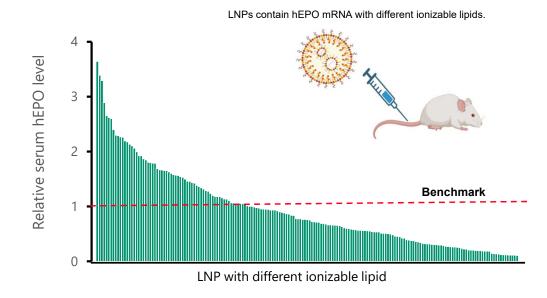


Fujifilm 500+ proprietary ionizable lipids

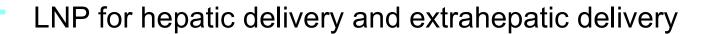
Optimized through:

- -In vivo screening (Rodents, NHPs)
- -Medicinal chemistry approach
- -Computational chemistry (MD simulation etc.)

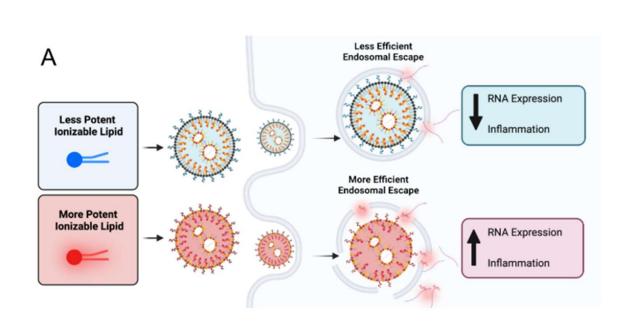
In vivo ionizable lipid screening in mice:

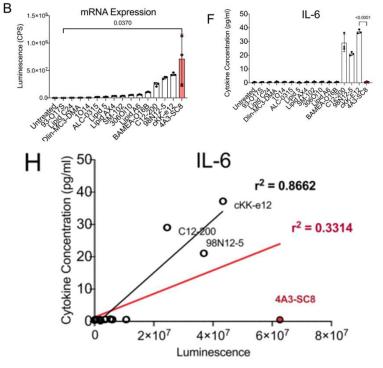


Delivery efficiency differs between different ionizable lipids.



Challenge on hepatic delivery





lonizable lipids open the endosomal membrane, releasing mRNA but simultaneously allowing the endosomal contents to leak into the cytoplasm.

The expression of mRNA correlates with inflammation.

Omo-Lamai S, et al. 2024 Apr 18:2024.04.16.589801. doi: 10.1101/2024.04.16.589801.

Challenge on achieving both safety and efficiency: Safety margin issue

Status of LNP development for hepatic delivery in clinical (2025)

Table 1. Characteristics of included clinical trials on intravenous LNP-mediated mRNA therapies.

	mRNA therapy name	Disease or condition	Dose groups	Number of mRNA doses	Sample size	Female proportion	Age (range)
Intellia _ Lp-01	NTLA-2001 (gene editing)	transthyretin amyloidosis	0.1 mg/kg 0.3 mg/kg	one-time dose	6	0.33	46-64
	NTLA-2002 (gene editing)	hereditary angioedema	25 mg, 50 mg, and 75 mg per individual	one-time dose	10	0.4	26–73
	Nexiguran ziclumeran (gene editing)	ATTR cardiomyopathy	0.7 mg/kg 1 mg/kg	one-time dose	36	0.03	46–90
Moderna SM-86	mRNA-3927 (protein replacement)	propionic acidemia	0.3 mg/kg 0.45 mg/kg 0.6 mg/kg 0.9 mg/kg	repeated administrations	16	0.5	1.3–26.8
SIVI-00	mRNA-1944 (vaccine)	Chikungunya virus	0.1 mg/kg 0.3 mg/kg 0.6 mg.kg	one-time dose repeated administrations	38	0.53	20–50
	Autogene cevumeran (vaccine)	pancreatic cancer	25 μg per individual	repeated administrations	16	0.5	55–80

The doses mentioned above are all RNA doses.

Moderna's SM-86 LNP showed no DLTs up to a dose of 0.9 mg/kg Q2W²).

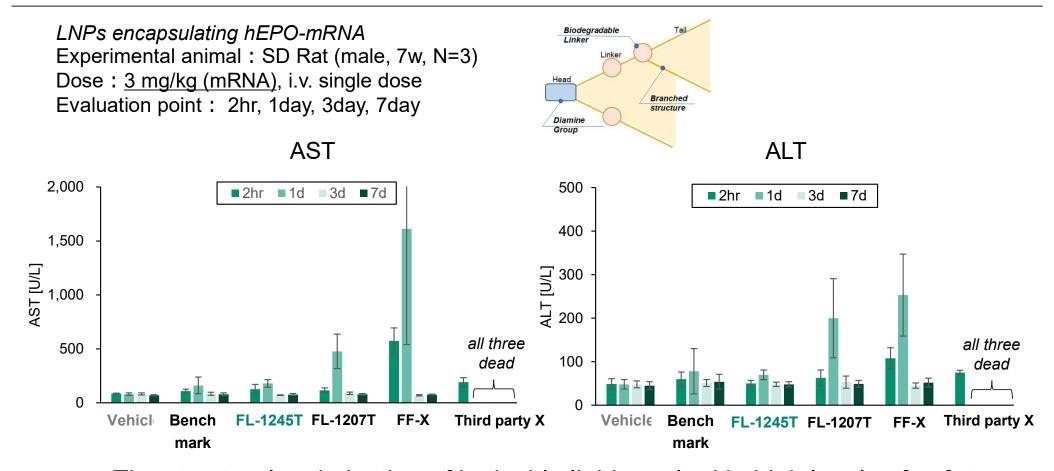
→ SM-86 can be considered one of the most well-established ionizable lipids in terms of safety margin.

Addapted: Wenhan Wu & Ziwei Wang (11 Jun 2025): Adverse effects of intravenous LNP-mediated mRNA therapy in clinical trials: a systematic review and meta-analysis, Expert Opinion on Drug Delivery, DOI: 10.1080/17425247.2025.2517363

Koeberl, D., Schulze, A., Sondheimer, N. et al. Interim analyses of a first-in-human phase 1/2 mRNA trial for propionic acidaemia. Nature 628, 872-877 (2024). https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-024-07266-7

Toxicity in Rats (i.v.)





The structural optimization of ionizable lipid resulted in high levels of safety.

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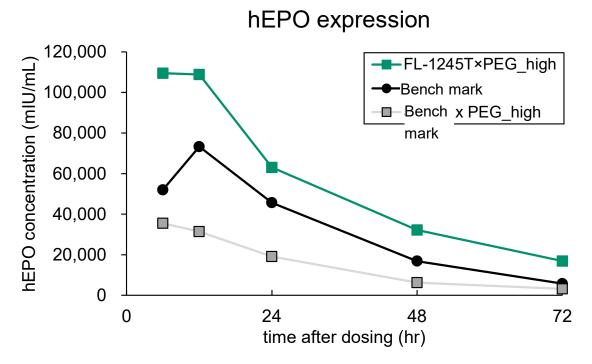
Protein expression in NHP (i.v.)



LNPs encapsulating hEPO-mRNA

Experimental animal: Cynomolgus monkey (male, 3y, N=3)

Dose: 0.05 mg/kg (mRNA), 1hr infusion, i.v.



Structurally optimized lipid (FL-1245T) achieved high delivery efficiency with good safety margin.

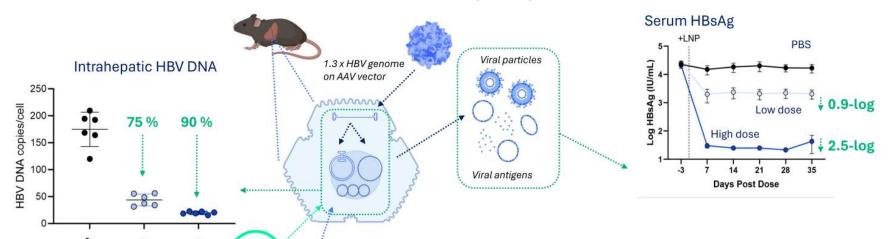
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Application to Cas9 mRNA and sgRNA delivery in HBV model mice

Efficient gene excision using Cas9 mRNA and dual sgRNA in mice

Ionizable lipid:FL-0207T

Hepatitis B virus (HBV) DNA excision in HBV-model mice

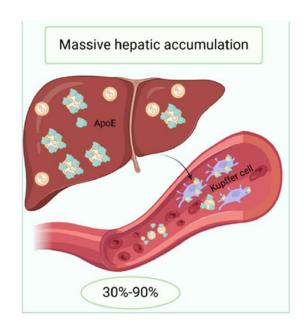


- Low dose: 1.0 mg/kg
- High dose: 2.2 mg/kg



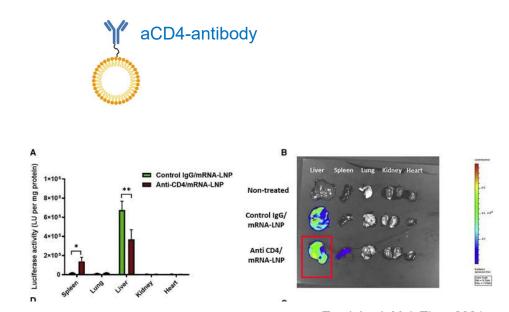
Challenges in extrahepatic delivery

By LNP nature, major accumulation in liver:



Bai, Ying, et al. Bai, Ying, et al. Molecular Pharmaceutics 22.8 (2025): 4474-4493.

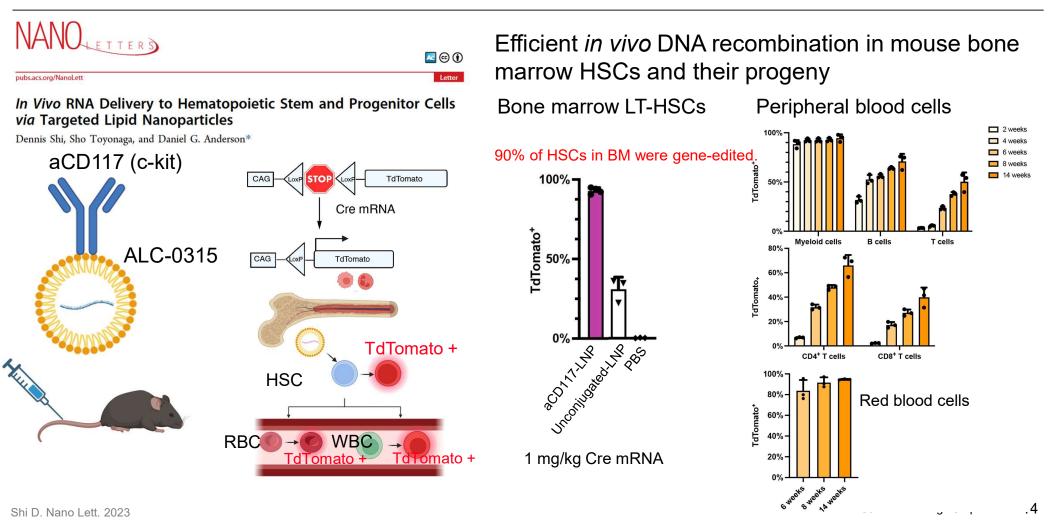
A T-cell-targeted LNP mainly accumulated in the liver



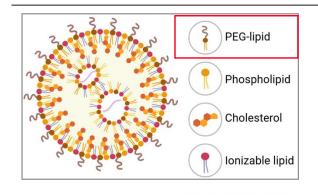
Tombácz I. Mol. Ther. 2021

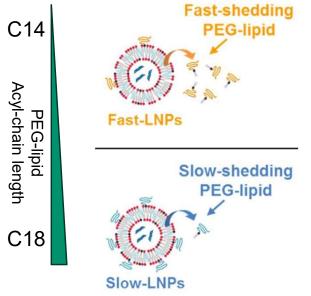
Significant off-target liver delivery and expression are the challenge.

antiCD117-LNPs demonstrated efficacious RNA delivery to bone marrow HSCs



Liver de-targeting strategy | 1. Long acyl-chain PEG lipids

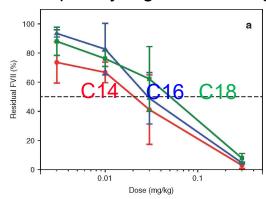




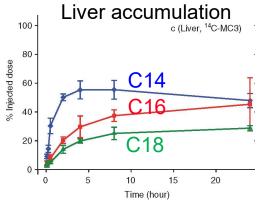
Adapted from Suzuki T. Int. J. Pharm. 2020

Reduced potency in hepatocyte

Hepatocyte gene silencing



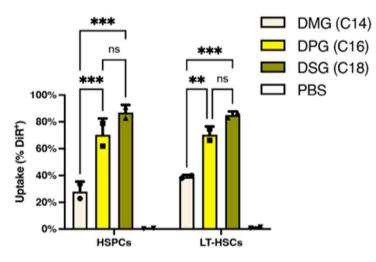
Lower liver accumulation



Adapted from Mui B.L. Mol. Ther. Nuc. Acids. 2013

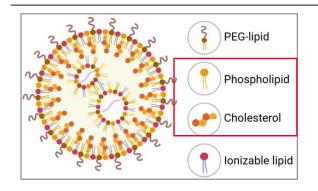
Higher uptake in bone marrow HSCs

aCD117-LNP uptake in BM-HSCs in mice



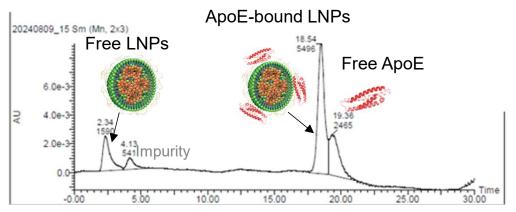
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Liver de-targeting strategy | 2. Reduced ApoE binding by lipid ratio optimization

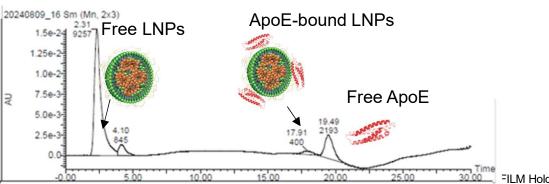


Heparin-ApoE affinity chromatography

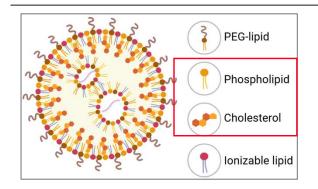
Ionizable lipid for hepatocyte (FL-1252T), **High ApoE** binding formulation



Ionizable lipid for hepatocyte (FL-1252T), Low ApoE binding formulation



Liver de-targeting strategy | 2. Reduced ApoE binding by lipid ratio optimization



Suppression of hepatocyte delivery

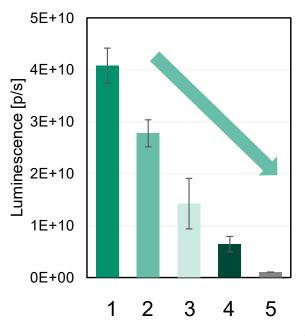
Luciferase expression in the liver (Core LNPs without ligand conjugation)

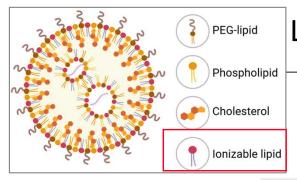
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		nm			
1	High ApoE-bindin	g 87	0.11	94%	
2		84	0.06	95%	
3		73	0.14	94%	
4		74	0.09	93%	
5	Low ApoE-binding	9 80	0.03	94%	



CD-1 mice 0.2 mg/kg fLuc-mRNA Analysis 6 hrs post injection

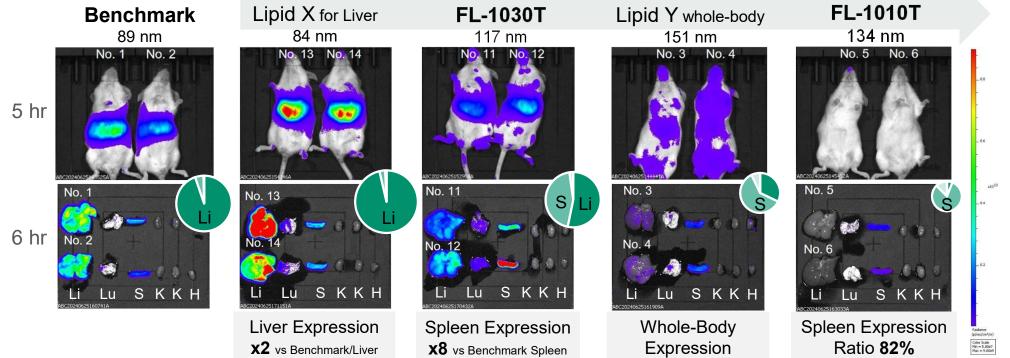




Liver de-targeting strategy | 3. Switching the ionizable lipid

FLuc-mRNA
ICR mouse (male, 5 wks, N=2)
0.2 mg/kg (mRNA), i.v.

Li: liver, Lu: lung, S: spleen K: kidney, H: heart Circle Size indicates the approximate amount of expression. Expression Ratio: Based on Total Flux [p/s]



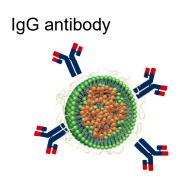
The structural optimization of ionizable lipids achieved liver de-targeting distribution

Targeting-LNP | Ex vivo PBMC

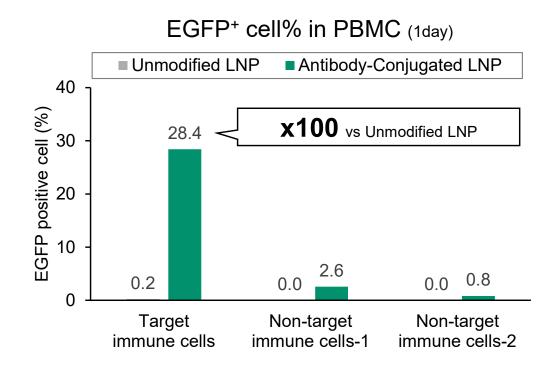
EGFP-mRNA

IgG antibody-conjugated LNP

Ex vivo PBMCs transfection ApoE (+)

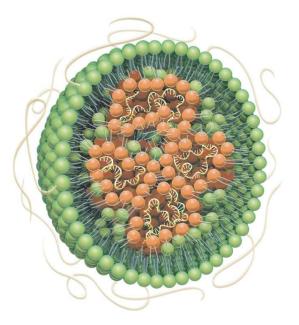


Ionizable lipid: FL-1779T



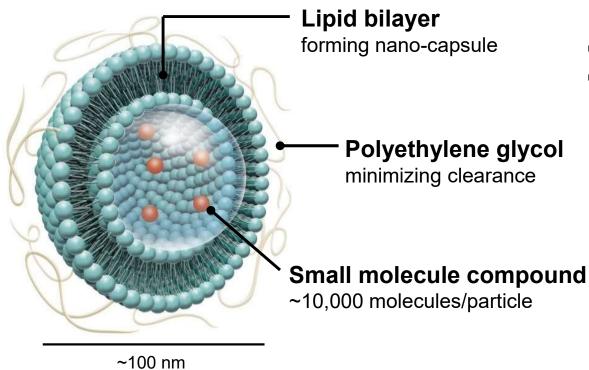
LNP conjugated with IgG showed immune cell selective delivery.

Take home message



- Ionizable lipids are the essential materials.
- The delivery efficiency, safety margin and biodistribution of mRNA LNP can be controlled through the optimization of the structure of ionizable lipids and the tuning of formulations.

What is liposome?



Liposome formulation is expected to provide

- Prolonged plasma half-life
- Preferential distribution to tumor and inflamed tissues
- Improvement of safety and efficacy

Clinically proven modality

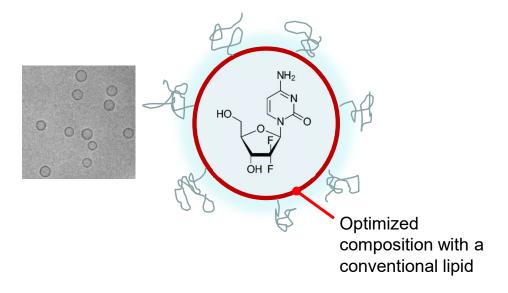
- 15 approved drugs mainly in oncology field
- Served as standard therapies
 - Onivyde for pancreatic cancer (1st line)
 - Vyxeos for some types of AML (1st line)
 - Doxil for platinum-resistant ovarian cancer

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Туре	Name	API		
Cancer therapy (Drug	Doxil®/	Doxorubicin		
formulation)	CaelyxTM	7		
	DaunoXome®	Daunorubicin		
	Onivyde®	Irinotecan hydrochloride trihydrate		
	Myocet®	Doxorubicin		
	Mepact®	Mifamurtide		
	Marqibo®	Vineristine		
	Vyxeos®	Daunorubicin+cytrabine		
	Zolsketil®	Doxorubicin		
Other application (Drug	AmBisome®	Amphotericin B		
formulation)	DepoCyt®	Cytarabine		
	Visudyne®	Verteporphin		
	DepoDur®	Morphine sulfate		
	Arikayce®	Amikacin		
	Exparel®	Bupivacaine		
J Pharm Biomed Anal., 2023	3, 236, 115751	FUJIFILM Holdings Corporation 21		

Fujifilm's liposome projects: A showcase

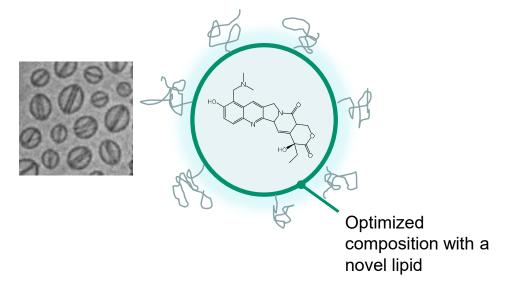
FF-10832 (liposomal gemcitabine)

- Phase 2a in the US
- FDA orphan drug designation for biliary tract cancer
- Liquid solution for intravenous dosing
- 3.5 years stability at the refrigerated condition



FF-10850 (liposomal topotecan)

- Phase 1 expansion part in the US
- FDA orphan drug designation for Merkel cell carcinoma
- Liquid solution for intravenous dosing
- 3 years stability at the refrigerated condition

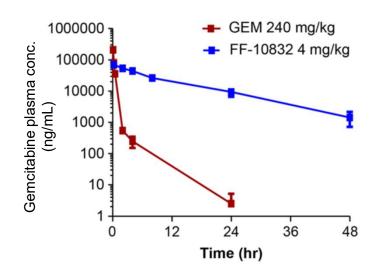


Non-clinical data of liposomal gemcitabine (FF-10832):

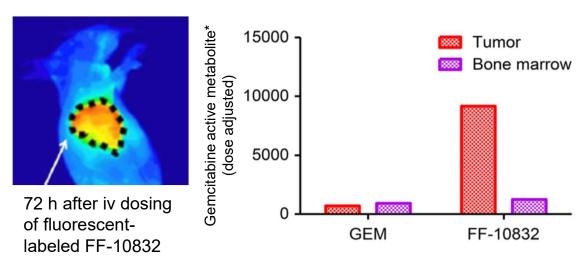
- Prolonged plasma half-life and preferential tumor exposure

Pharm Res. 2021, 38,1093-1106

Murine plasma PK



Preferential tumor exposure in mice



*AUC/dose of dFdCTP, active metabolite of gemcitabine (ng*hr/g)/(mg/kg)

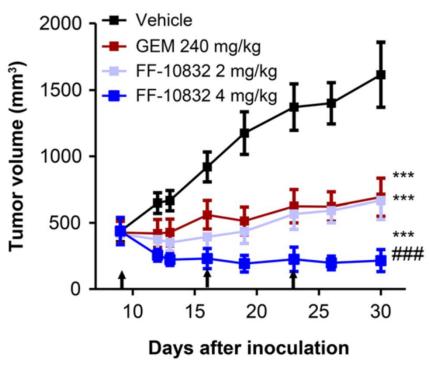
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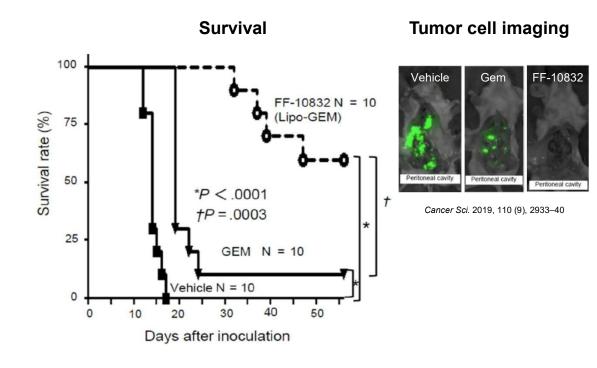
- Superior anti-tumor activity to gemcitabine with much less dose

Capan-1 subcutaneous model

Intraperitoneal disseminated model

(Luciferized Colon26 model)





Pharm Res. 2021, 38,1093-1106,

FDA granted orphan drug designations to Fujifilm's liposomes



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Liposomal gemcitabine (FF-10832) for biliary tract cancer

This week the #FDA has granted orphan drug designation to Fujifilm's FF-10832 an investigational liposomal formulation of gemcitabine — for the treatment of biliary tract cancers (BTC).



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Liposomal topotecan (FF-10850) for Merkel cell carcinoma

We are really excited to announce that FF-10850, liposomal topotecan, has been granted the FDA orphan drug designation for Merkel cell carcinoma, which is a highly aggressive skin cancer. We are actively enrolling Merkel cell carcinoma cohort in the expansion part of phase 1 study (NCT04047251).

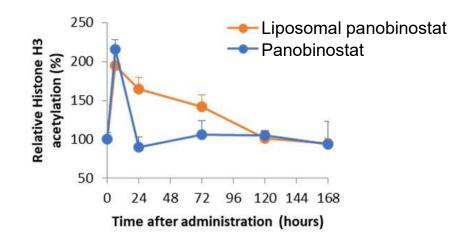
Liposome not only for chemo but also for molecular targeted drugs

Fujifilm internal experiences

- Liposomal panobinostat (pre-clinical candidate)
- Liposomal BET inhibitor (pre-clinical candidate)

3rd party pipeline

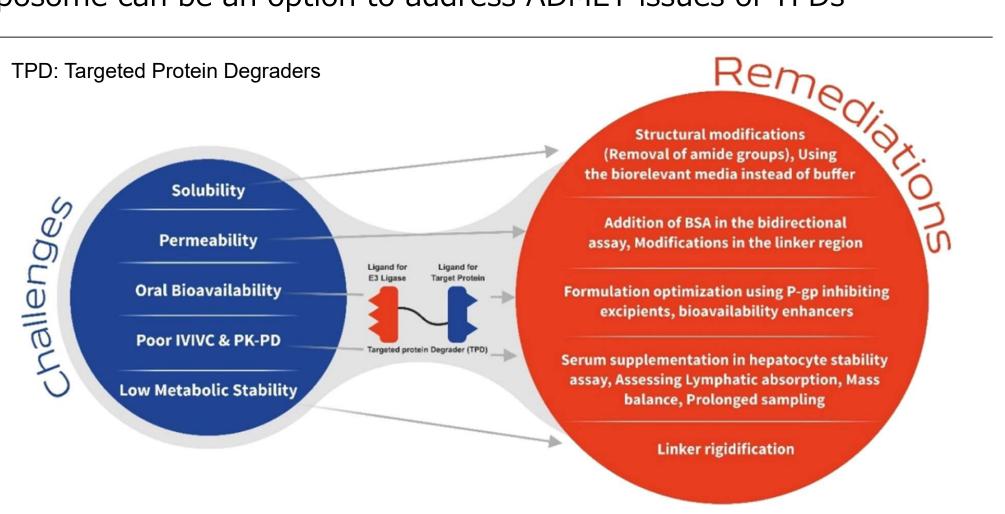
SMP-3124 (liposomal CHK1 inhibitor)





SMP-3124 is an injection, a liposomally encapsulated CHK1 (checkpoint kinase 1) inhibitor. CHK1 is activated by DNA damage response, then arrests the cell cycle, and induces DNA repair via serine-threonine kinase. CHK1 inhibition leads cancer cell with high replication stress to apoptosis by inducing further DNA damages. SMP-3124 is expected to strengthen the anti-tumor activity and weaken side effects by changing pharmacokinetics of the compound with liposomal nanomedicinal encapsulation.

Liposome can be an option to address ADMET issues of TPDs

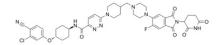


Can we encapsulate TPDs in liposome?

TPD test set

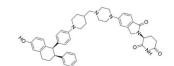
- Large molecular weight
- Low solubility

ARV-110



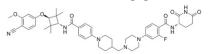
Androgen receptor degrader MW: 812.3

ARV-471



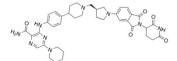
Estrogen receptor degrader MW: 723.9

ARV-766



Androgen receptor degrader MW: 808.0

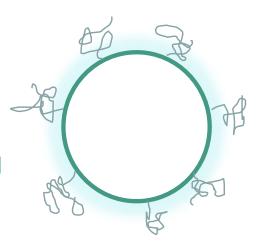
NX-2127



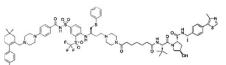
BTK degrader MW: 719.8

Fujifilm's established conditions for encapsulation

Fujifilm's proprietary versatile liposome formulation



DT2216



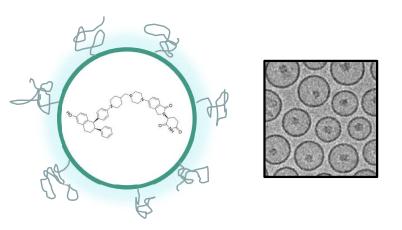
BCL-xL degrader MW: 1542.4

YES! - TPDs can be encapsulated by liposome

	ARV-110	ARV-471	ARV-766	NX-2127	DT2216
Molecular weight	812.3	723.9	808.0	719.8	1542.4
Yield	98%	96%	99%	>99%	46%
Encapsulation ratio	>99%	99%	99%	91%	88%
Particle size	108 nm	99 nm	105 nm	110 nm	118 nm
Morphology (TEM)					

Improved plasma exposure of ARV-471 by liposomal formulation

Liposomal ARV-471

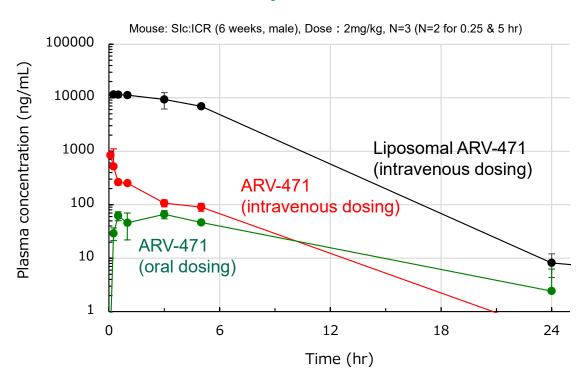


Particle size: 99 nm API concentration: 0.50 mg/mL

Encapsulation efficiency: 99%

Yield: 96%

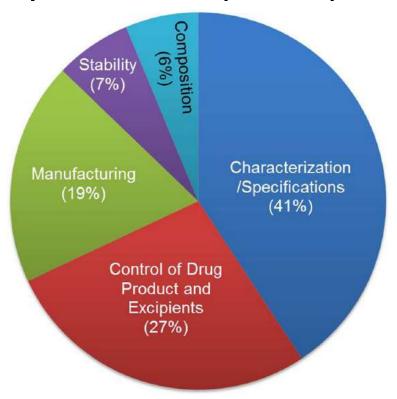
Mouse pharmacokinetics



Animal efficacy study is ongoing. Please stay tuned!

Quality Issues in Liposome Development

Quality issues that are liposome-specific



CMC Challenges

- Characterization/Specifications
- Control of Drug Product and Excipients
- Manufacturing
- Stability

Liposomal Drug Product Development and Quality: Current US Experience and Perspective. Kapoor Met al, 2017*AAPS J* 19(3):632-641..

One-stop services for liposome · LNP design and manufacturing

Through the internal liposome R&D and manufacturing experiences, Fujifilm has

- Proprietary versatile liposomal formulation
- Established analytical methods, manufacturing process, supply chain, GMP facilities and QMS
- Capable and experienced formulation scientists, analytical scientists, and manufacturing staff



Commercialization

Feasibility

 Proprietary formulation

Optimization

- Formulation
- Analysis

Development

- Processes





Versatile platform formulation



BSEL, Fujifilm R&D Center Formulation design & Analysis



CTM Preparation

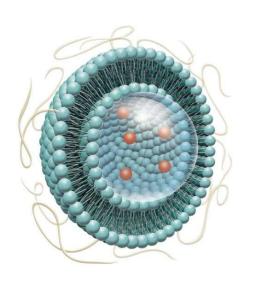
TRD. Pharmaceuticals R&D Center **Development & Tech Transfer**



701&702, GMP manufacturing factories CTM & commercial scale manufacturing

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Take Home Message



- Liposome is a clinically proven drug delivery technology using lipid-based nanoparticles encapsulating chemical compounds.
- Liposome can be an option to address challenges in PK, safety, and efficacy profiles.

