Challenges in Nanotechnologies for Health and Food Applications

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Dynamic biosensor platform



Static multi-analyte biochip



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Challenges Nanomedicine Researchers Seek to Overcome

- Diagnostics
 - High sensitivity comparable to or exceeding PCR, ELISA
 - Speed, multiplexing, portability, and decreased cost
 - Application of ultra high sensitivity systems in the clinic for improved disease diagnosis
- Imaging
 - Non-invasive monitoring of disease occurrence and progression
- Therapeutics
 - Improved specificity for drug delivery
 - Enabling nucleic acids and biologics for therapies
- Regenerative Medicine
 - Architectures that induce tissue regeneration as well as bone and organ repair



Point Of Care Diagnostic Platforms





1-d) Spotting biological targets on the biosensing platform



1 μM Oligo solution, Cy5 labeled 200 pL droplets

Disposable biochip

Snip2Chip Lisbon meeting



Application: Cell-free DNA as cancer biomarker?

- **Cell-free DNA:** DNA that can be found outside of cells in blood circulation. Results mainly from dying cells (apoptosis or necrosis)
- The cfDNA found in cancer patients is qualitatively different from what is found in healthy people:



Universal cancer biomarker in therapy follow-up?



2-Multiplexed detection of ischemic stroke (ICTUS) biomarkers

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Selected biomarkers (detection in blood)

Cellular Fibronectin

Stroke. 2004; 35: 1671-1676

Elevated plasma levels of cellular fibronectin (c-Fn) reflect vascular damage, so c-Fn might be a marker of secondary bleeding risk in cerebral ischemia.

Neuroimmunomodulation. 2010;17(4):223-8.

Serum IL-10 was significantly higher in patients with severe neurological impairment; predictive of combined major adverse clinical outcomes.

Endotelina 1

IL-10

Endothelins are proteins of 21-amino acid that constrict blood vessels and raise blood pressure.

Metaloprotease 9 – MMP-9

J Stroke Cerebrovasc Dis. 2011 Jan-Feb;20(1):47-54.

Related to blood-brain barrier disruption, vasogenic edema formation, and hemorrhagic transformation

PDGF-CC

Atherosclerosis. 2013 Jan;226(1):165-71

Increased PDGF-CC levels after tPA treatment is associated with hemorrhagic transformation

<u>Neuroserpin</u>

Primarily secreted by axons in the brain, and preferentially reacts with and inhibits tissuetype plasminogen activator

Probe antibody automated spotting



Proof-of-concept detection of IL-6



FOOD QUALITY CONTROL

ANALYTES TO DETECT AND CONTROL IN FOOD



A SINGLE PLATFORM MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS: FOOD



A spintronic-based platform was used in combination with bacteriophages to detect Salmonella cells



The phage-based MR chip was able to distinguish Viable from VBNC and Dead Salmonella cells



Micro-immunoassays applied to detection of OTA for food safety

Need:

- a simple and inexpensive way of testing on site the presence of toxins in foodstuffs
- can be used as a screening tool to decide on further testing

PDMS disposable capillary biochip integrated with thin-film silicon photosensors for multi-toxin detection in the food production chain

Research for SMEs FP 7 projects OTASENS and DEMOTOX







В

Socket for photodiode PCB

Bottom

Top

Teensy 3.0 µC

P. Novo, G. Moulas, D.M.F. Prazeres, V. Chu, J. P. Conde, "Detection of ochratoxin A in wine and beer by chemiluminescence-based ELISA in microfluidics with integrated photodiodes", Sensors and Actuators B: Chemical 176, 232-240 (2013).

µFluidic

pinning system

P. Novo, V. Chu, J.P. Conde, "Integrated optical detection of autonomous capillary microfuidic immunoassays: a hand-held point-of-care prototype", Biosensors and Bioelectronics 57, 284-291 (2014).

NANODEM Project FP7 (2012-2015)



	Project Ranking	Drug	Plasma protein binding [%]*	Therapeutic range in whole blood	Therapeutic range without bound protein	Comments - mainly found
	1	Tacrolimus	99	5-25 ng/ml	0,05-0,25 ng/ml	intracellular
	2	Cyclosporin A	90	100-250 ng/ml	10-25 ng/ml	intracellular
	3	Sirolimus	92	12-20 ng/ml	0,96-1,6 ng/ml	intracellular
	4	Everolimus	74	3-8 ng/ml	0,78-2,08 ng/ml	intracellular
	5	Mycophenolic acid	83-97	2-5 µg/ml	60-150 ng/ml	Plasma
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Cardiovascular project

- With Coronary angiography
 - Detect the coronary artery responsible for the flow blockage
 - Other atherosclerotic plaques: vulnerable or stable?



Goal: In vivo analysis of plaque vulnerability through biomarker detection:



Molecular targets candidates: ICAMP-1, MCP-1, MMP-9, MPO



Imaging of human plaque inflammation with Utrasmall Superparamagnetic Iron Oxide (USPIOs) as a magnetic resonance contrast agent.



OCT detection: SiO2/Au NPs

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Interaction of polyacrylic acid coated and non-coated iron oxide nanoparticles with human neutrophils



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HIGHLIGHTS

- Polyacrylic acid-coated iron oxide nanoparticles increase neutrophils' apoptosis.
- Non-coated iron oxide nanoparticles prevent neutrophils' apoptosis.
- Both nanoparticles trigger neutrophils' oxidative burst by NADPH oxidase activation.



Magnetic Hyperthermia



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SPM-Iron oxide based ferrofluids





SPM iron oxide nanoparticles:

- Biocompatible and non-toxic
- Relatively high Ms
- No coercive forces or remanence
- Versatility



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Hyperthermia response



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http://www.magforce.de/en/home.html

1st company worldwide to receive European approval for a medical product using nanoparticles

17 billion iron oxide nanoparticles in just one milliliter of magnetic liquid



• NanoTherm® therapy in Charité-University hospital in Berlin

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Functionalization of iron-oxide nanoparticles for the treatment of glioblastoma with magnetic hyperthermia

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- Glioblastoma multiforme (GBM) is the most malignant and frequent primary brain tumor;
- Current standard therapy for GBM includes surgery, radio- and chemotherapy;
- Despite aggressive treatments, survival rate is around 12-14 months, less than 10% of patients are still alive 5 years after diagnosis;
- Magnetic hyperthermia has been approved in Europe for the treatment of brain tumors.





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First magnetic hyperthermia studies in cells





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INL and the NANOREG project

D2.10 Protocol(s) for size-distribution analysis of primary NM particles in air, powder and liquids

Aim(s) or Objective(s) of deliverable

- $_{\odot}$ Establish SOP to apply EC definition
 - · Quantitative size (and shape) analysis
 - Number-based: per particle
 - Primary particles of manufactured NM.
 - Validation on reference and representative nanomaterials for application for regulatory use
 - Methods include TEM, SEM, NTA, FFF, SP-ICP-MS, ...

Pieter-Jan De Temmerman, Jeroen Lammertyn, Bart de Ketelaere, Vikram Kestens, Gert Roebben, Eveline Verleysen, Jan Mast (2013) Measurement uncertainties of size, shape and surface measurements using transmission electron microscopy of near-monodisperse, near-spherical nanoparticles. J. Nanoparticle Res. Submitted September 2013





Goal: Examine the stability of NM-300K Ag nanoparticles on the grid by Analytical TEM

To Identify Ag oxides or Ag sulphides if present



TEM images and corresponding diffraction patterns of NM-300K particles, recorded immediately after preparation of the TEM specimen on 15/10/2013 (A and B) and recorded on 06/03/2014 (C and D)

Data – CODA-CERVA, Jan Mast

Other ongoing work

-POC NMR spectroscopy chip for food quality analysis (olive oil, ...)
-DNA and protein extraction from complex samples:
LOC for olive oil, and later wine

-Sample purification: filter based LOC for milk,oil, others

- -Sample purification: blood; immuno separation LOC (white cell removal)
- -Sample purification: wine, beer: phase separation LOC

Nuclear and aviation: NDT (defects on weldings, light molecule detection)





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