Molecular Imaging and Therapy with Perfluorocarbon Nanoparticulates: Environmental Impact.

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## **GENERALIZED TARGETING PARADIGM**



(MAb, aptamers, small peptides, peptidomimetics, polysaccharides, etc)

## **Perfluorocarbon Biomedical Applications**





#### **Liquid Ventilation**

Vitreous Replacement Fibrin Imaging

Scanning EM

clot labeled with fibrin targeted nanoparticles

Ultrasound contrast enhancement of fibrin clot in vitro using conventional clinical scanner (7.5 MHz)

#### **Before**

#### After





#### **Control Thrombus Targeted Thrombus**

## Targeted Nanoparticles Support Enormous Paramagnetic Payloads

|  | $\alpha_{v}\beta_{3}$ Targeted | NonTargeted |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Gd<sup>+</sup>lons / Particle</b>           | 94,400                         | 92,400      |
| r <sub>1</sub> (s*mM) <sup>-1</sup> [Gd]       | 19.1                           | 21.1        |
| r <sub>2</sub> (s*mM) <sup>-1</sup> [Gd]       | 22.9                           | 24.6        |
| r <sub>1</sub> (s*mM) <sup>-1</sup> [Particle] | 1,800,000                      | 1,950,000   |
| r <sub>2</sub> (s*mM) <sup>-1</sup> [Particle] | 2,160,000                      | 2,270,000   |

#### **Detection of Angiogenesis in the Vx-2 Model**



## Masses Seen By MRI Were Not Always Vx-2 Tumors

#### T<sub>2</sub>-Weighted MRI



After avB3-Nanoparticles



#### Histology Revealed Rejected Tumor Infiltrated with Inflammatory Cells

# No Molecular Imaging of Angiogenesis for Tumors in Rejection



#### Histology Revealed Rejected Tumor Infiltrated with Inflammatory Cells

Melanoma Angiogenesis: Detection With  $\alpha_v \beta_3$ Integrin-Targeted Paramagnetic Nanoparticles Mouse Imaging @ 1.5T





#### Angiogenesis around 2 mm melanoma tumor



Time course

## **Time course of MRI Contrast Enhancement**



# **Site-Targeted Drug Delivery** Target Cell 1. Load with drug 3. Drug effect D D D 2. Particles bind to cell surface **Targeting Element**

## Novel Mechanisms Of Drug Delivery: "Contact Facilitated Drug Delivery\*"



#### **Target Cell Membrane**

\*Lanza GM, Wickline SA et al: Targeted antiproliferative drug delivery to vascular smooth muscle cells with magnetic resonance imaging nanoparticle contrast agent: implications for rational therapy of restenosis. *Circulation* 2002; 106:2842-2847

GFP-linked endocytotic markers rab5 and rab7 in transfected C32 melanoma cells

#### Antiproliferative Effects of Free versus Tissue Factor - Targeted Paclitaxel Nanoparticles on Vascular Smooth Muscle Cells



#### **Rejection of Mouse Melanoma 7d following** ανβ3**-Targeted,** DXR, Paramagnetic Nanoparticles





Control 3/3

α<sub>ν</sub>β<sub>3</sub>–DXR-NP (4/4)

# **Proton and Fluorine Imaging**



#### **Proton Imaging**

#### **Fluorine Imaging**

#### **Dosimetry of Targeted Nanoparticle Levels**

#### **15:5 Crown-Ether**



#### **PFOB**





### **Typical Pharmaceutical Emulsification Process**





# Alliance Pharmaceutical Oxygent Production



**President Bush:** reduce the greenhouse gas intensity of the U.S. economy by 18% over the next ten years.

Perfluorocarbons have 10,000 times the global warming impact of carbon dioxide

**Major PFC applications:** 

- electronic insulators
- aluminum smelting
- refrigerants
- subsurface barrier testing

# EPA suggested four options for its formal definition of "leak rate." :

- "annualizing" method.
- "rolling-average" method
- the higher calculated leak rate.
- consistent method

Non-VOC with no significant participation in ozone formation in ambient air.

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