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Development of molecular imaging strategies for in vivo animal model phenotyping of human pathologies. Translational extension to patients

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Objectives of the IMAFEN project:

To develop preclinical strategies in order to achieve **MR-based non invasive phenotyping of tumoural and neurodegenerative (Alzheimer) pathology of the brain.**

- For this we will develop *funcionalized nanoparticles* in order to obtain specific contrast enhancement with MRI.
- We will also investigate the *endogenous contrast* caused by reversible perturbation of the metabolomic pattern of the tissue and its detection by magnetic resonance spectroscopy (MRS) maintaining the spatial information (*Chemical Shift Imaging, CSI*).

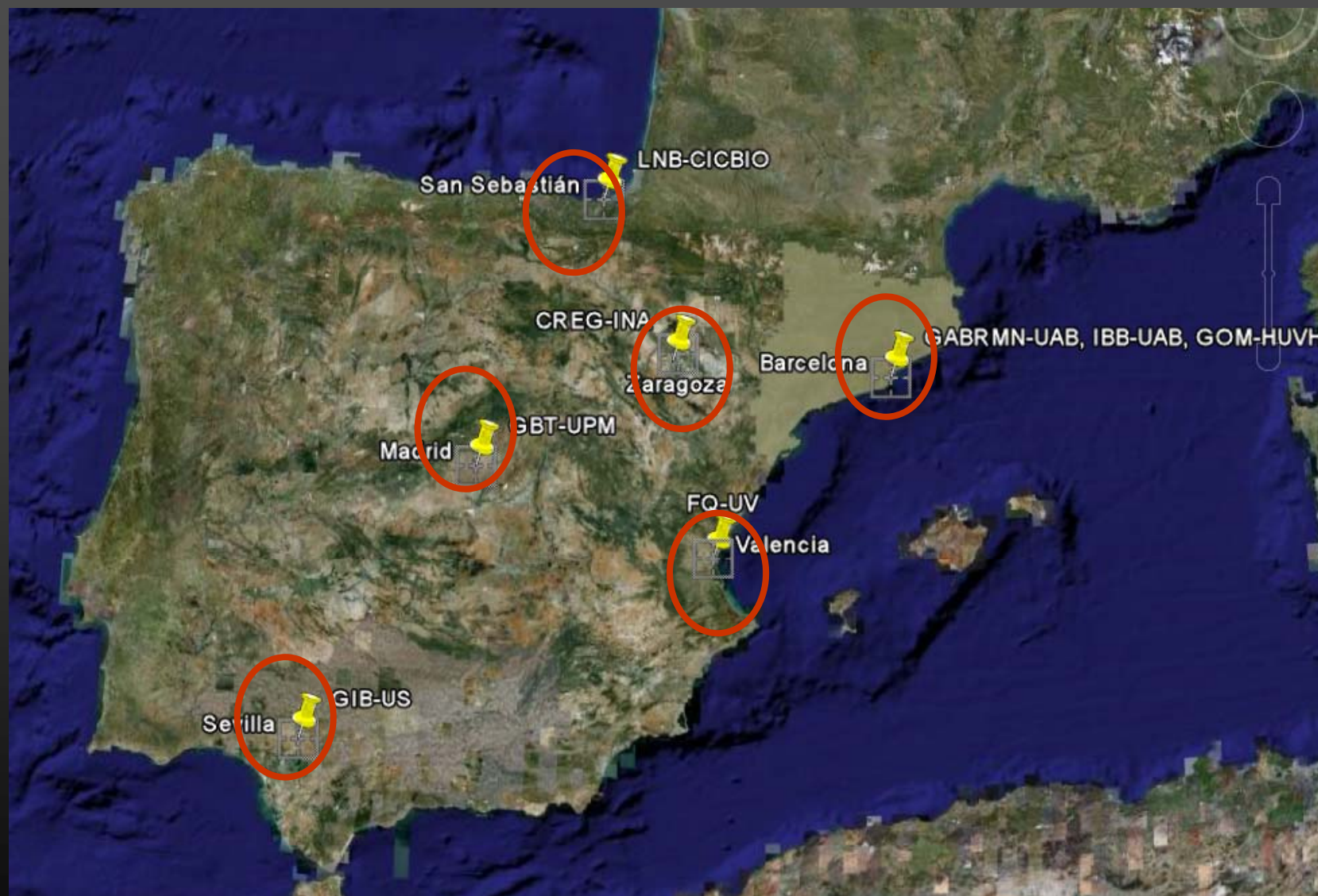
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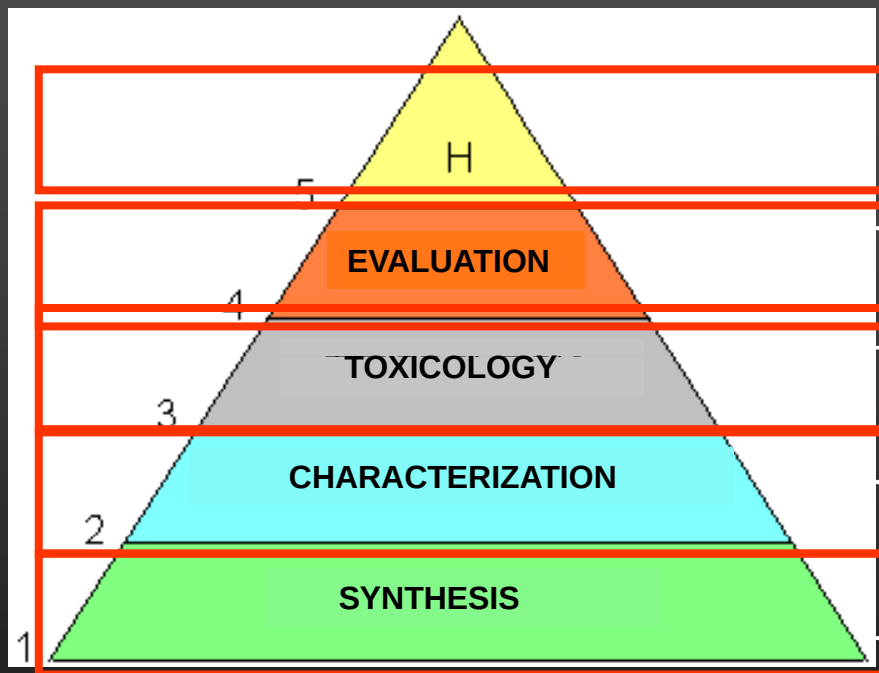
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Summary of the steps in the research of new contrast agents and antitumoral agents based in nanoparticles



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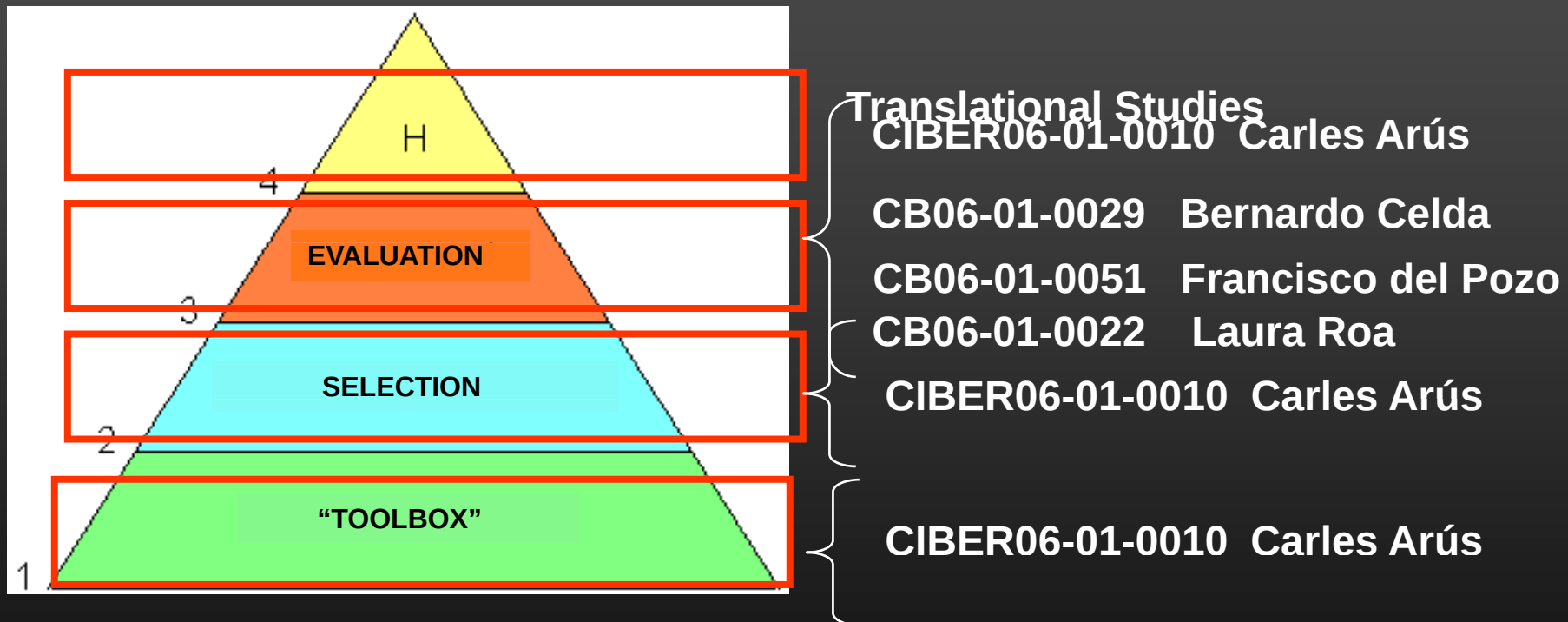
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Summary of the steps in the research of reversible perturbation of spectral pattern



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Nanoparticles and contrast type: which one? SYNTHESIS

T1 contrast agents



Paramagnetic GNP
(Gd incorporation)



Enhance signal in T1-weighted images
“positive contrast”



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T2 contrast agents



Magnetic nanoparticles
Fe or Fe+Au (core)



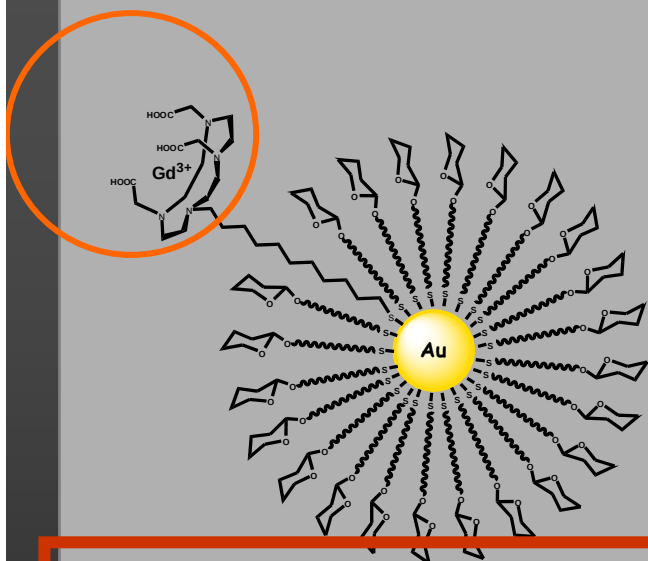
Signal drop in T2-weighted images
“negative contrast”



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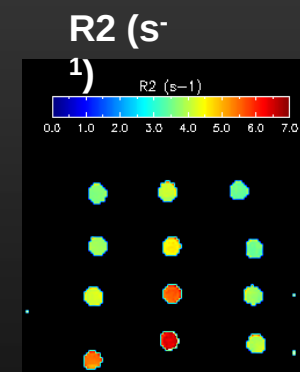
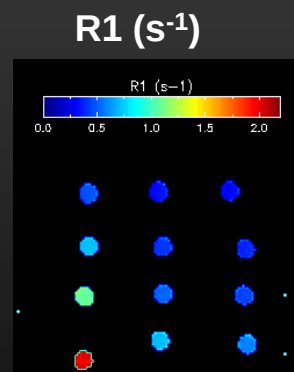
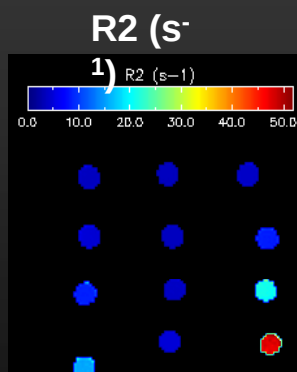
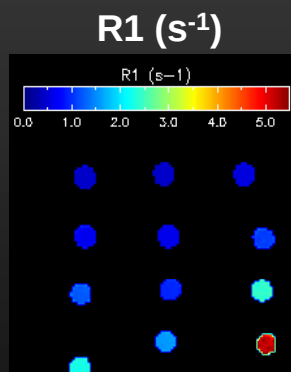
Paramagnetic Gold Glyconanoparticles

Relaxivity Values r_1 (longitudinal) and r_2 (transversal)



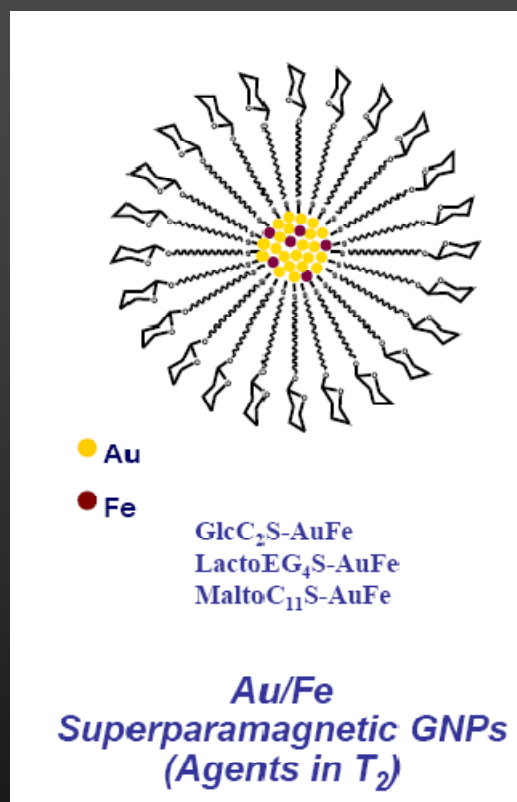
Contrast Agents in T1w sequences

GNPs and Commercial Contrast Agents	r_1 [s ⁻¹ mM ⁻¹]	r_2 [s ⁻¹ mM ⁻¹]
GlcC ₂ S-Au-SC ₁₁ DO3A-Gd ³⁺	1.4	2.1
GlcC ₅ S-Au-SC ₁₁ DO3A-Gd ³⁺	3.1	5.3
LactoC ₅ S-Au-SC ₁₁ DO3A-Gd ³⁺	25.2	40.7
GlcC ₂ S-Au-SC ₅ DO3A-Gd ³⁺	5.3	7.6
GlcC ₅ S-Au-SC ₅ DO3A-Gd ³⁺	2.1	4.5
LactoC ₅ S-Au-SC ₅ DO3A-Gd ³⁺	14.3	22.5
Magnevist®	3.4	3.8
Dotarem®	3.1	3.7



Magnetic Glyconanoparticles as Contrast Agents in MRI

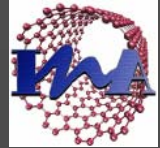
Gold Core Modification



Contrast agents in T2w sequences

D. Alcántara, J. de la Fuente, 2003

Magnetic nanoparticles as Contrast Agents in MRI



SiO₂
Drug delivery
Gene Therapy

Fe₃O₄@SiO₂
Antibody conjugation
hyperthermia
MRI

Vectorization

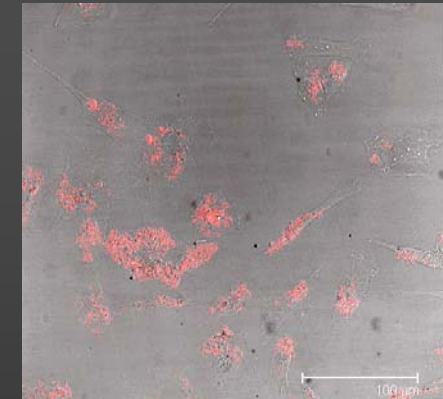
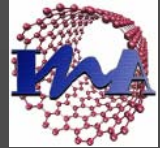
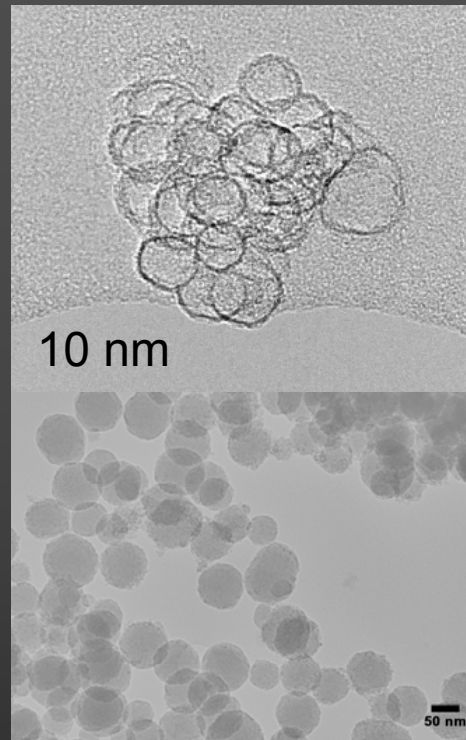
Fe₃O₄@Au
Antibody conjugation
hyperthermia
MRI

Fe₃O₄@SiO₂
Antibody conjugation
hyperthermia
MRI

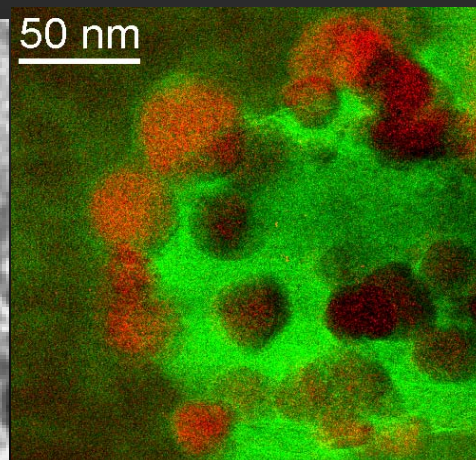
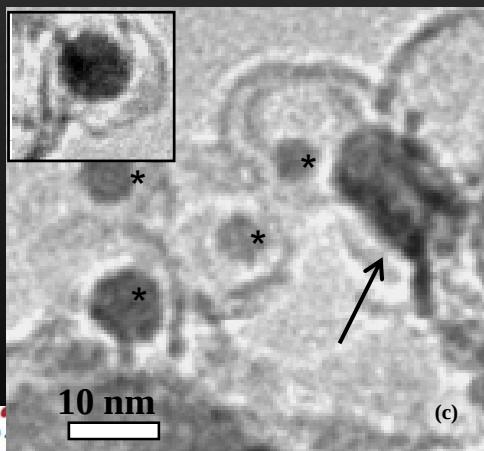
Contrast agents in T2w
sequences



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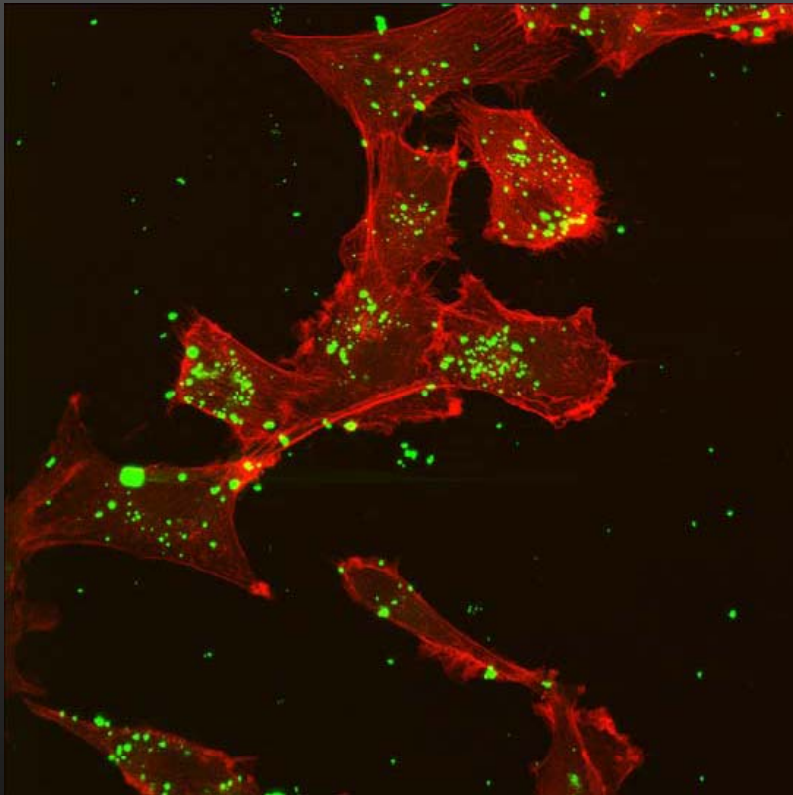
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Fe₃O₄@SiO₂
Antibody conjugation
hyperthermia
MRI

Magnetic nanoparticles as Contrast Agents in MRI

Initial studies



- *Magnetic nanoparticles (50nm, dextran coated)*
- *Using 1321n1 cell line (human brain glioma) → log phase*
- *100 µg NP /ml culture media*
- *Endocytosis of the MNP*

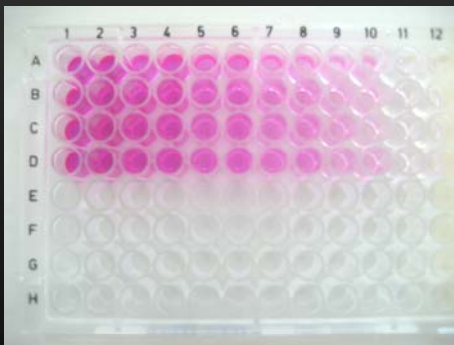
Contrast agents in T2w sequences

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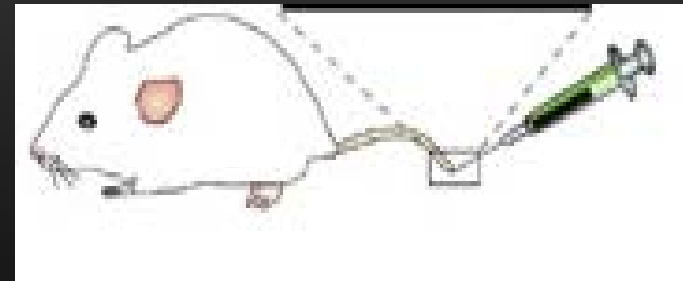
CHARACTERIZATION, TOXICOLOGY

- Characterization: in vitro relaxativity, solubility, aggregation...
- Ex vivo testing: mouse brain tissue
- Toxicology tests previous to in vivo testing

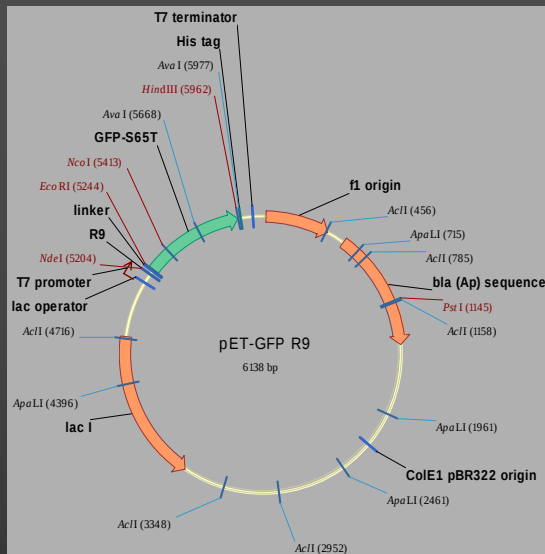
In vitro toxicity



In vivo toxicity

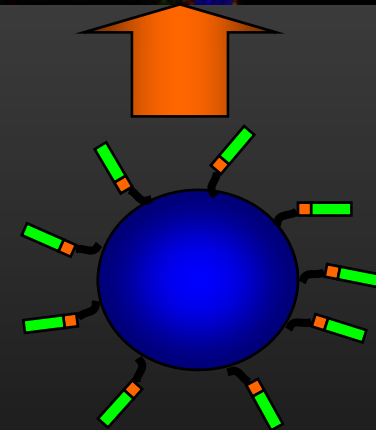
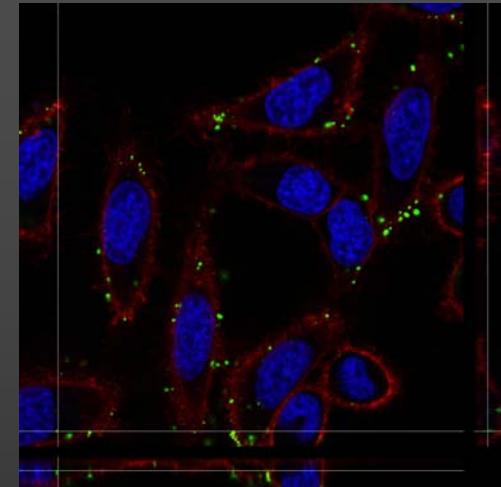


IMAFEN CROSSING INTACT BBB



New strategy #1: use of D-arginines
(Wender, P.A. et al PNAS 97(24): 13003-13008, 2000)

New strategy #2: use of Myristoylated arginines
(Pham W. et al Neuroimage 28: 287-292, 2005)



NMR facility for in vivo/ex vivo studies at UAB



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Biospec 7T

Avance 500
+ crioprobe →



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Avance 600

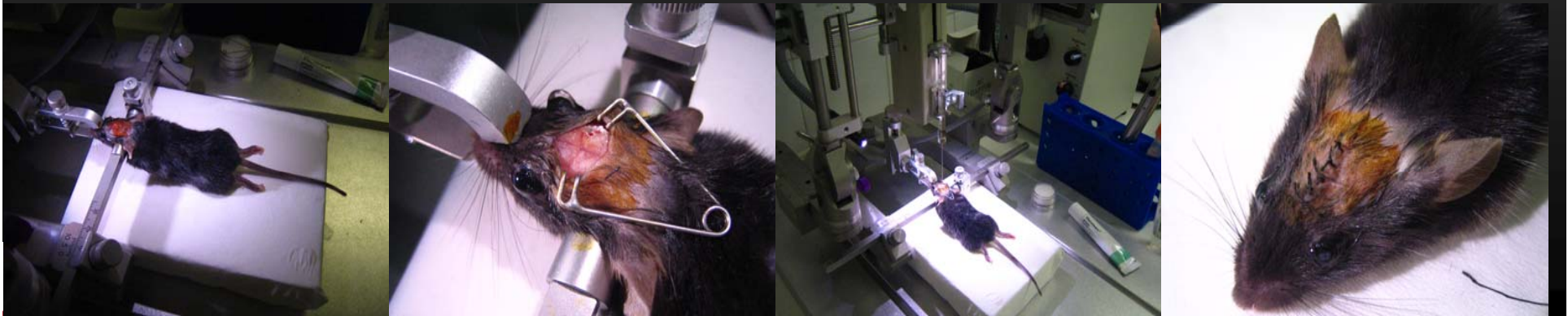
ARX400 HRMAS
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Animal models of cerebral tumours (UAB)

GEM colonies at SE-UAB

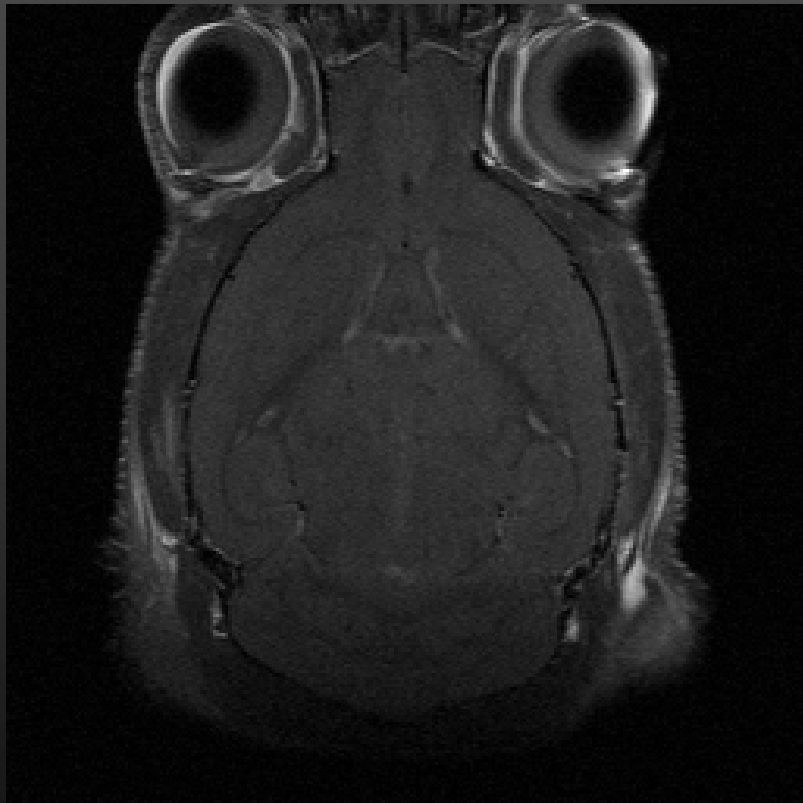
- *Nf1-Trp53*^(+/-) **N**
Astrocitoma (high incidence)
 - *GFAP-v-src* **G**
Astrocitoma (low incidence)
 - *s100β-v-erbB* **S**
Oligodendroglioma (low grade)
 - *s100β -v-erbB / Ink4a-Arf*(+/-) **S**
Oligodendroglioma (high grade)
- Low grade
↓
High grade

Intracerebral injection of GL261 cells



Contrast agents - MRI

Normal



GEM
(oligodendroglioma)



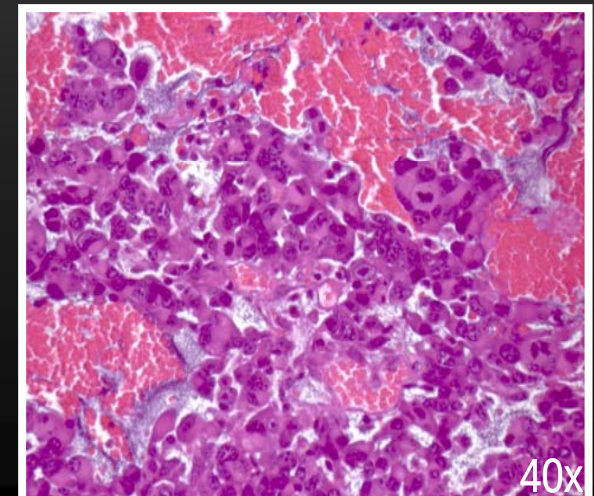
CE-T1

GL261 tumour size progression

MRI (T2-W)



Histopathology (H&E):



Effect of metabolome challenge in animal models of cerebral tumours:

Hiperglycemia in GL261 tumours

T2-W

GL261
tumor

2 mm

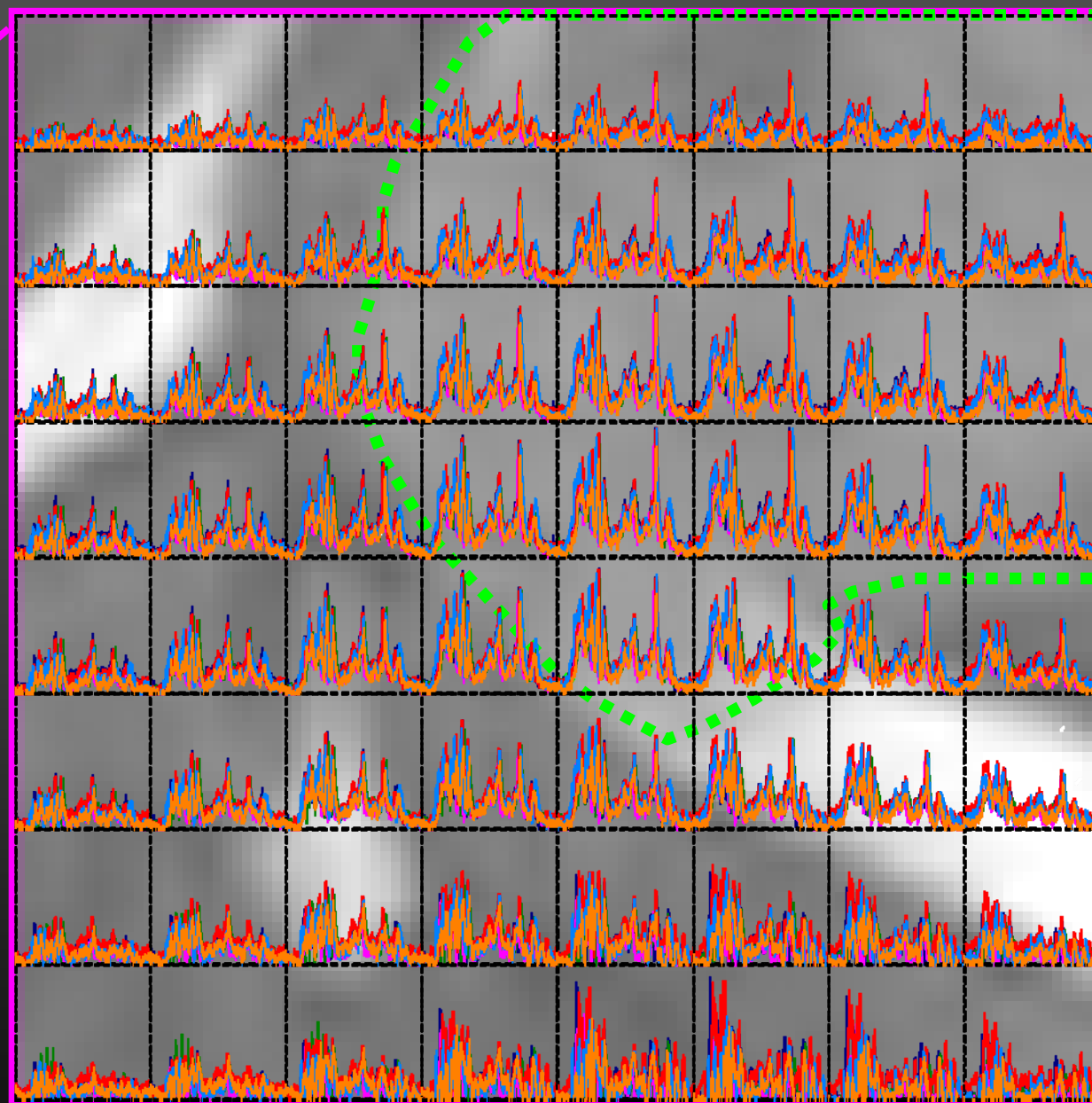
PRESS-CSI

acquisition-weighted

Nominal resolution: 2.5x2.5x1mm (6.25mm³)

TR/TE: 2500/12 ms

ACQ time: 21 min

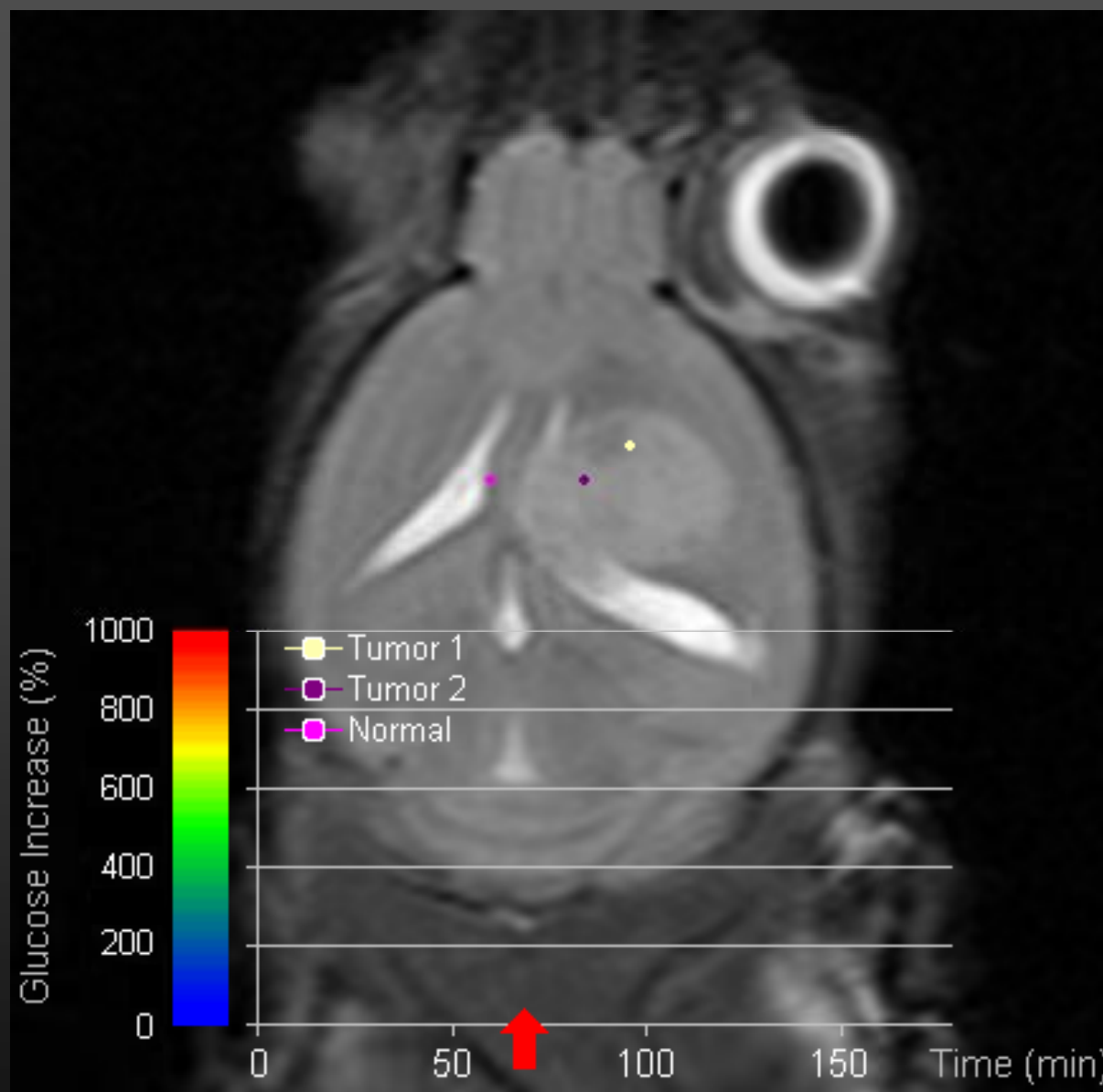
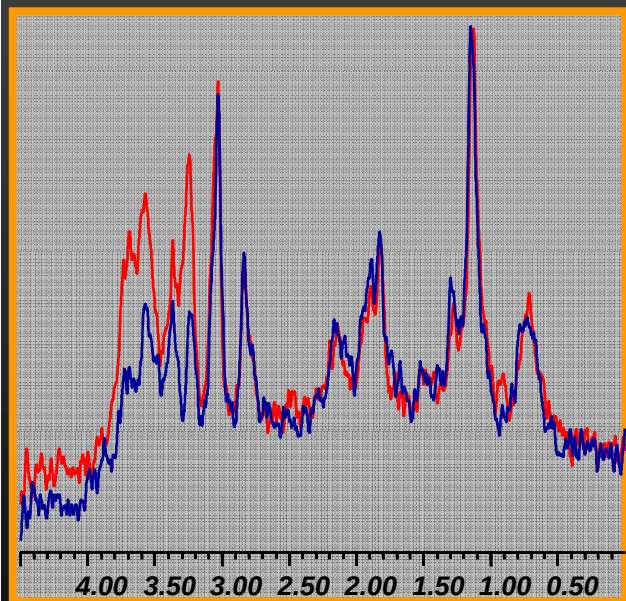


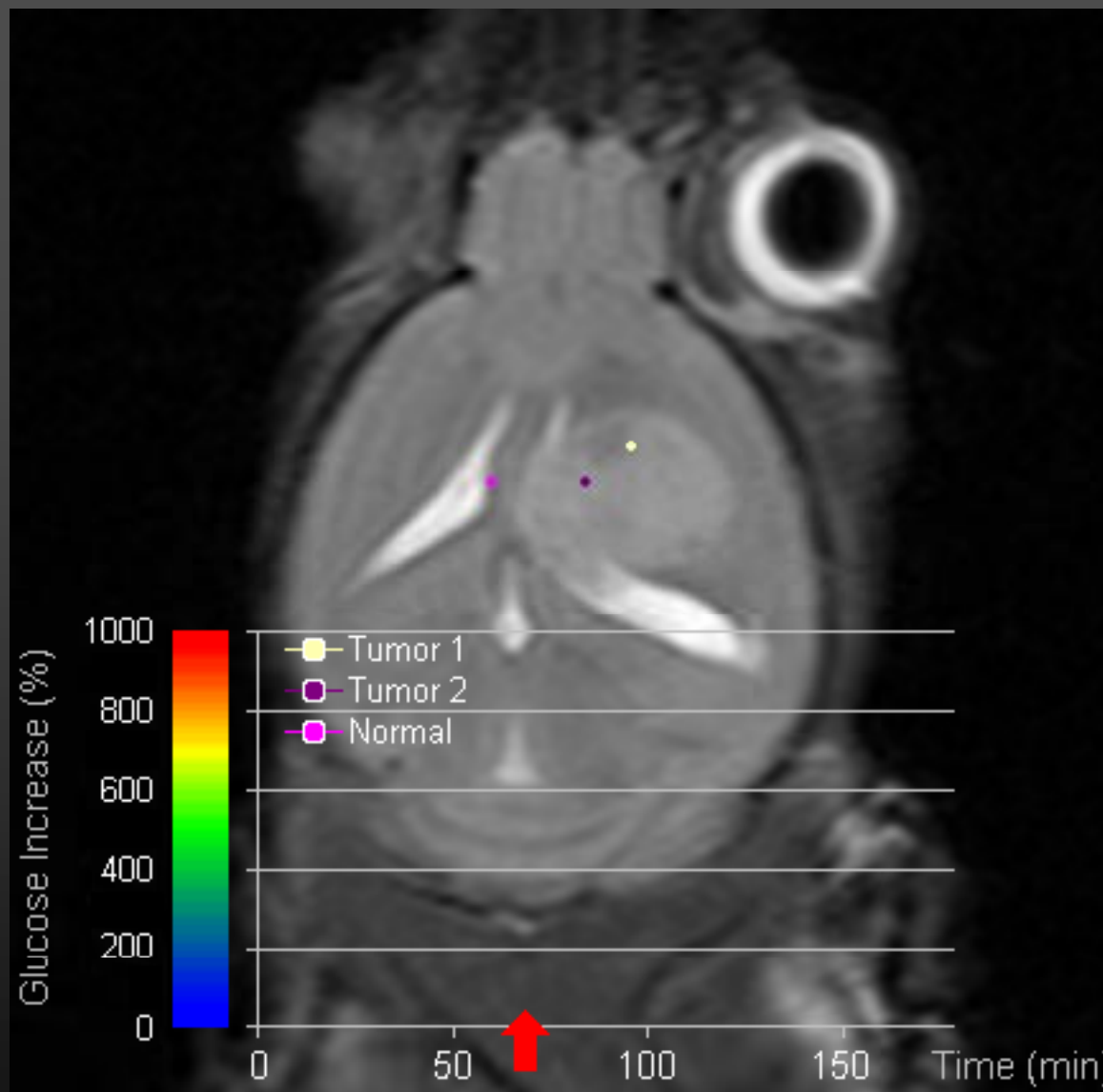
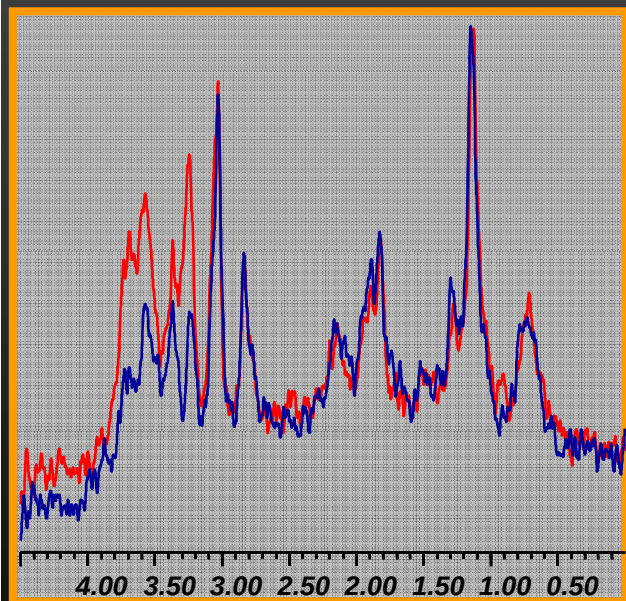
GLUCOSE

Hyperglycemia

Time PI glucose (min):







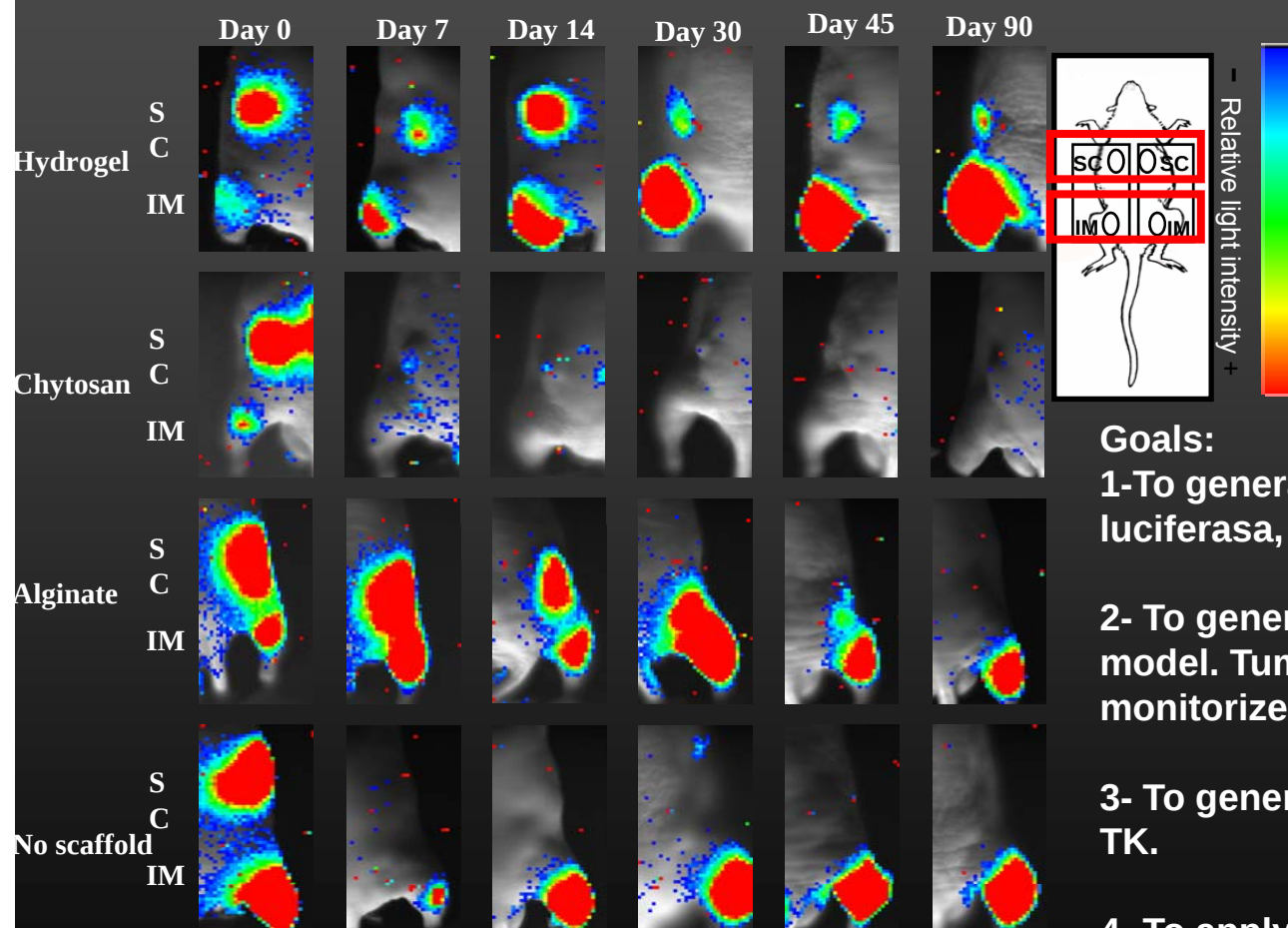
Extended IMAFEN

4 new research groups

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CB06-01-1031 GOA-HSCSP
CB06-01-1035 CSIC-ICCC
CB06-01-1044 BIT-UPM

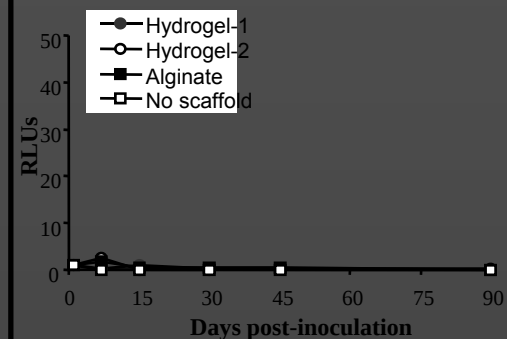
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Analysis of Progenitor Cell-Scaffold Combinations by In-Vivo Non-Invasive Photonic Imaging

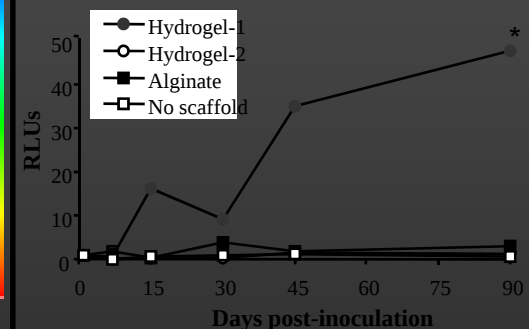


I. Román et al. Biomaterials. 2007

Normalized averages SC implantations



Normalized average IM implantations

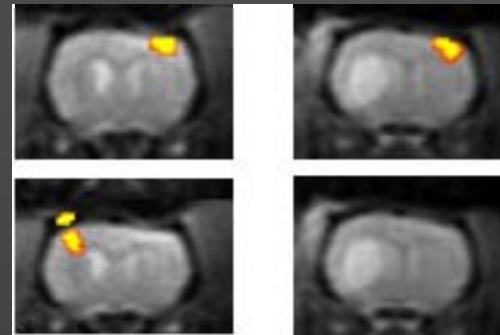


Goals:

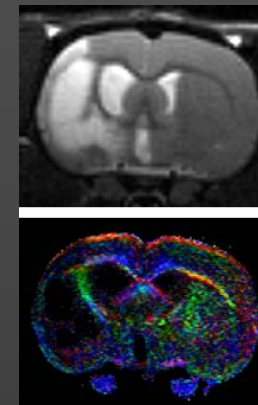
- 1-To generate a lentiviric vector expressing luciferasa, FE and TK.
- 2- To generate a murine cerebral tumour model. Tumour progression will be monitored by MR and or bioluminescence.
- 3- To generate MSCs tagged with LR, FE and TK.
- 4- To apply the antitumoural therapy by using Ganciclovir (TK substrate).



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Longitudinal fMRI



Diffusion tensor imaging

Multimodal Imaging

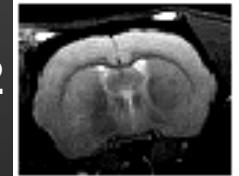
GOALS:

- To measure changes in multimodal MRI in an experimental model of cerebral ischaemia. To compare sequential images in the same animal in order to evaluate the damage and treatment effects. To improve postprocessing and co-registering.
- To acquire spectroscopic images and metabolite quantitation to better characterize the ischaemic penumbra.
- To quantify changes in cerebral perfusion by contrast injection, and to use new contrast agents to improve MRI enhancement. New contrast agents could be targeted against specific molecules to obtain molecular imaging in vivo.
- To visualize and track some specific cerebral cells, if the new contrast agents could target them.

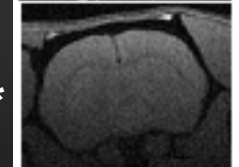
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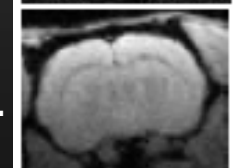
T2



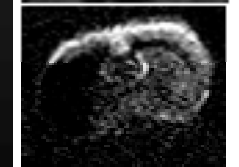
T2*



T1



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