

Nanosystems as biomimetic interfaces: a new strategy to predict drug candidate biophysical profile

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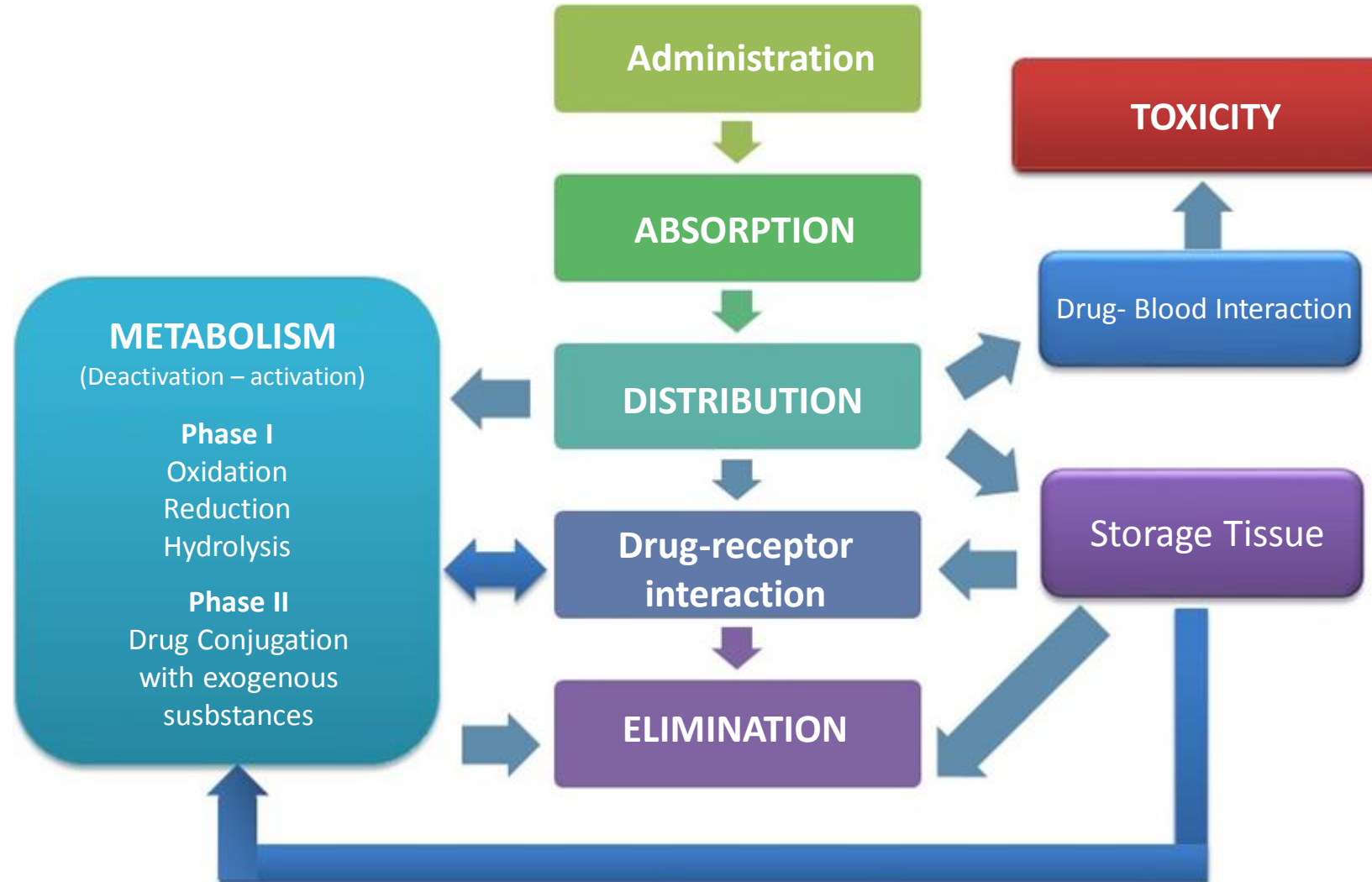


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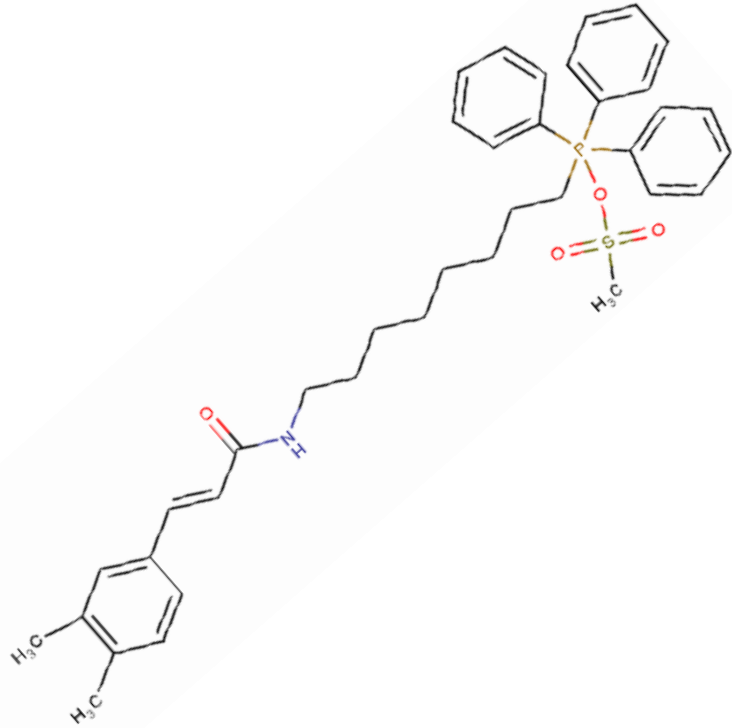


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Parcerias para o Crescimento

PHARMACOKINETIC DRUG-PROFILING



MITOCIN-3 PROFILE

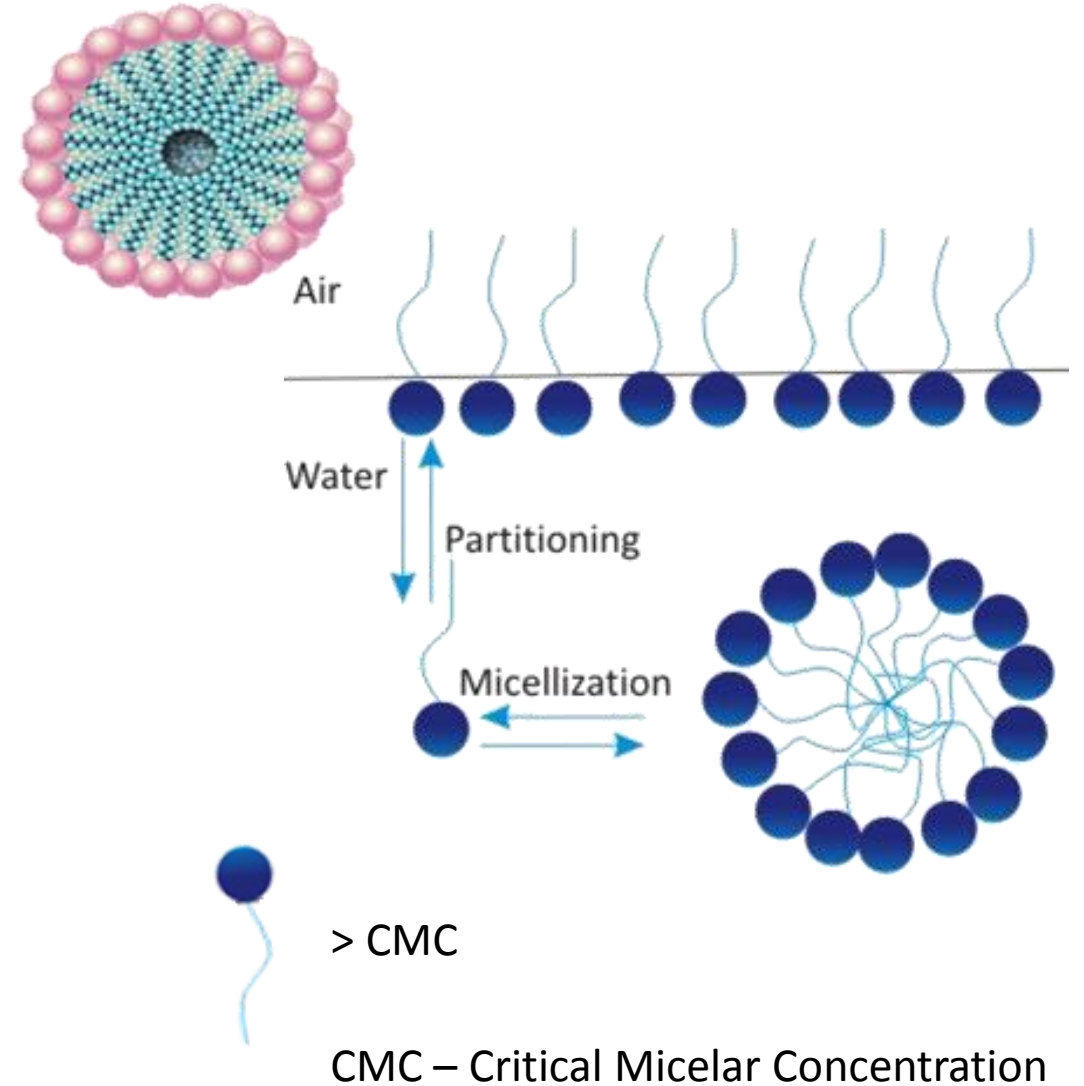
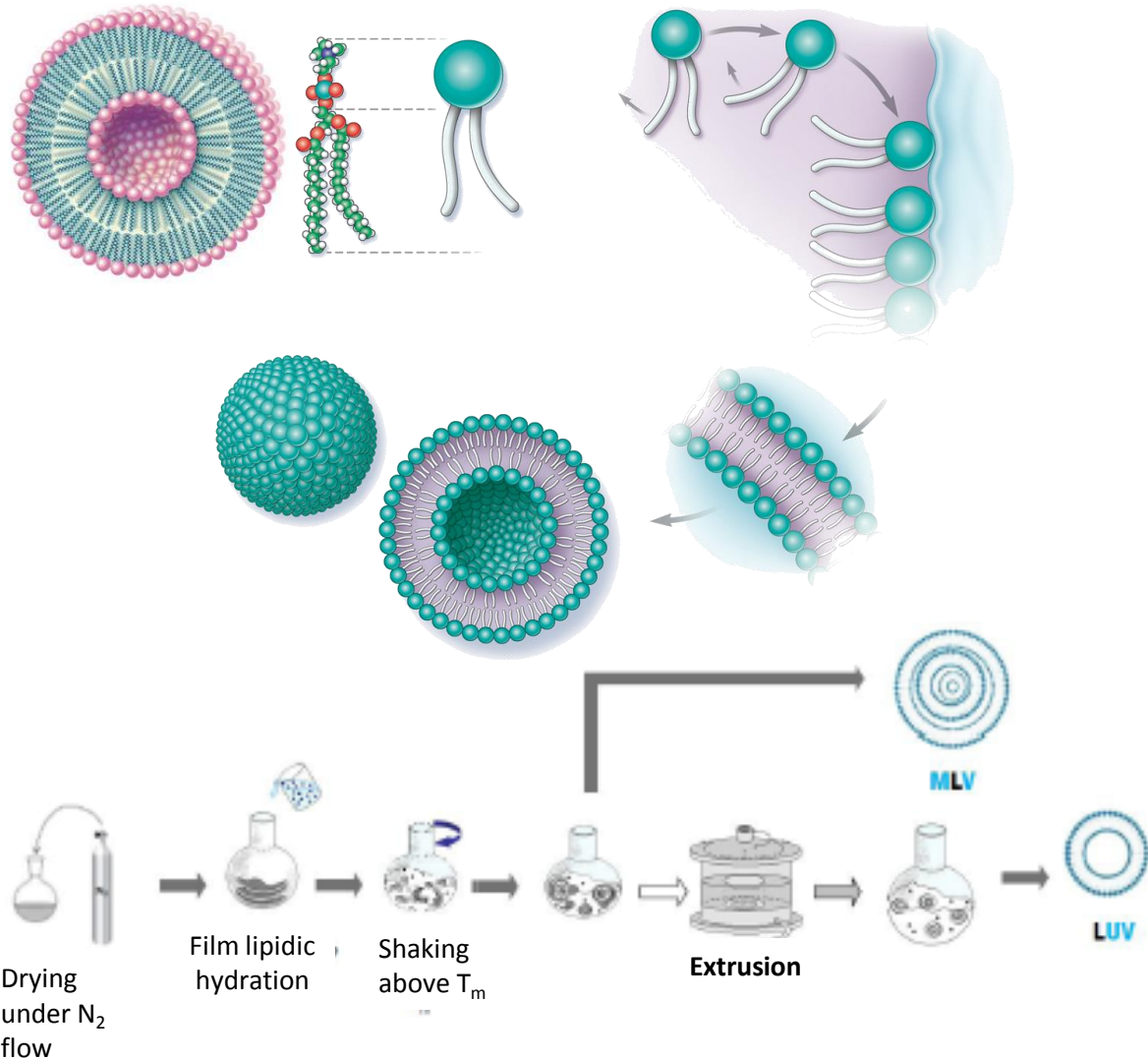


Oral Administration

Blood Brain Barrier Penetration

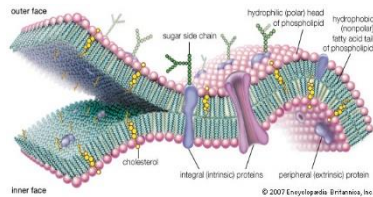
Non-toxic to mitochondrial membranes

LIPID-BASED NANOSYSTEMS



CELL MEMBRANE

What happens *in vivo*?



Composition:

PL (40-70%; inner: PS, PE; outer: PC, SM)

CHOL (0-50 %)

GL (0-26%)

RAFTS:PC:SM:CHOL (1:1:1)

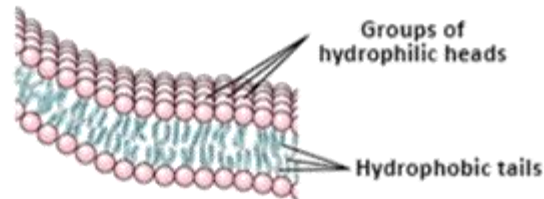
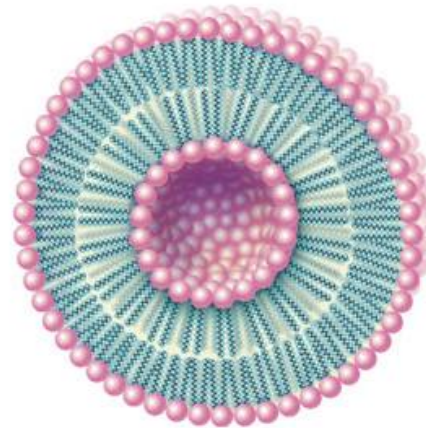
Lipid phase:

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L_{β} phase in oxidized membranes

pH = 7,4

How we mimic it?



LUVs made of DMPC

What we measure?

ABSORPTION

Lipophilicity

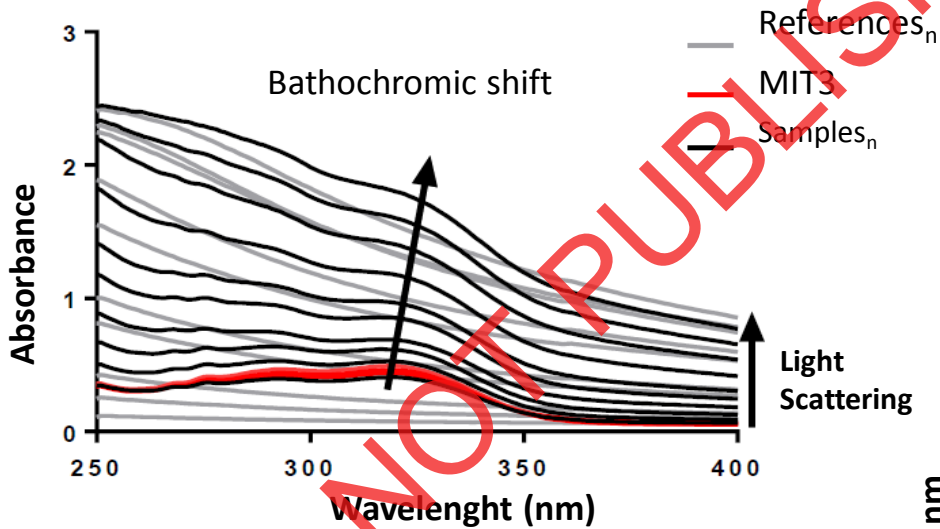
Membrane Permeability

How we measure?

Derivative Spectroscopy

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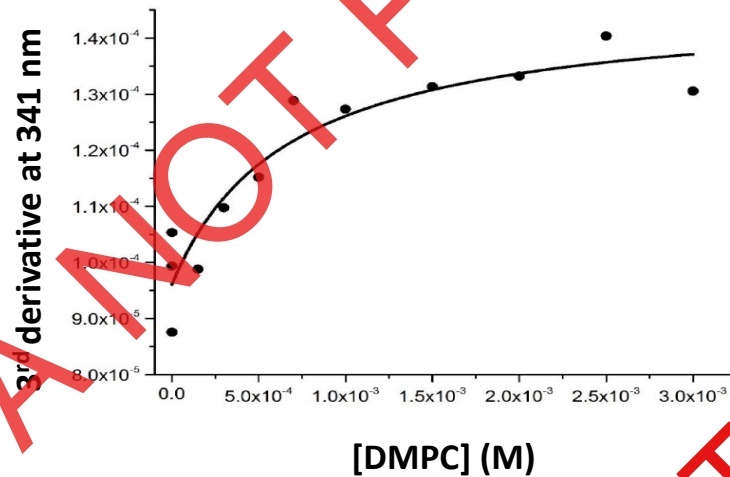
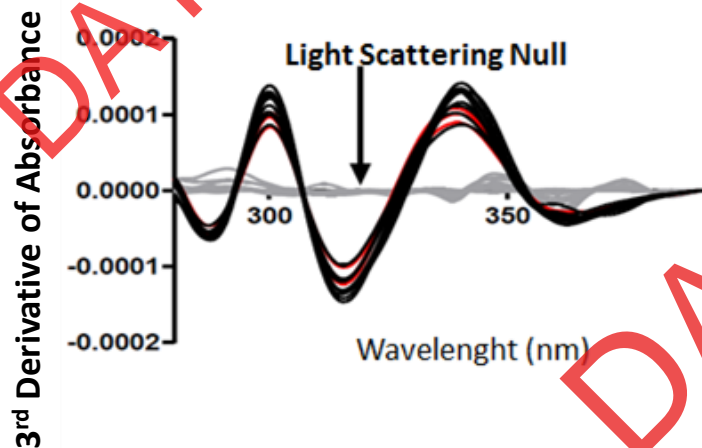
PARTITION COEFFICIENT IN CELL MEMBRANE MODEL



$$\text{Log } K_p = 3.34 \pm 0.02$$

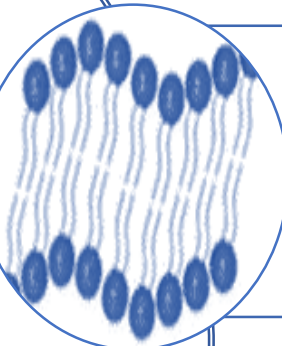
$$D = D_w + \frac{(D_m - D_w)K_p[L]V\phi}{1 + K_p[L]V\phi}$$

Moderate to high lipophilicity
Good balance between solubility and permeability



Good oral absorption
Absorption by transcellular route
Greater distribution in peripheral tissues than in liver

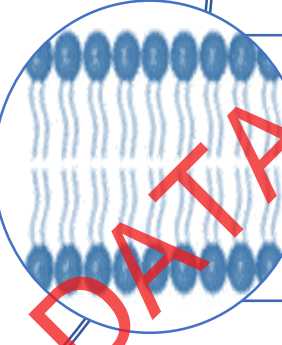
THERMODYNAMIC PARAMETERS OF PARTITION



$$\Delta H = -14.9 \text{ KJmol}^{-1}$$

$$T\Delta S_{\text{average}} = 3.68 \text{ KJmol}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta G_{\text{average}} = -19.72 \text{ KJmol}^{-1}$$

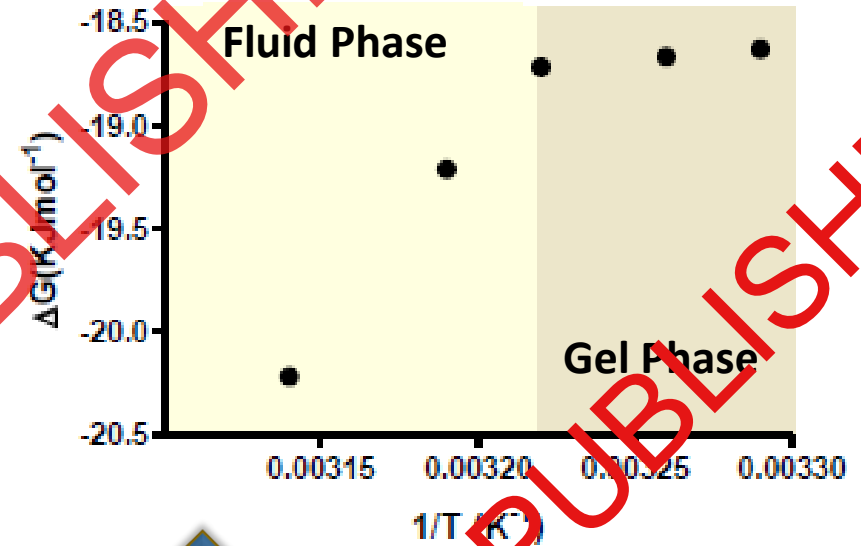


$$\Delta H = 43.9 \text{ KJmol}^{-1}$$

$$T\Delta S_{\text{average}} = 63.1 \text{ KJmol}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta G_{\text{average}} = -18.67 \text{ KJmol}^{-1}$$

$$\ln(Kp) = -\frac{\Delta H}{RT} + \frac{\Delta S}{R}$$



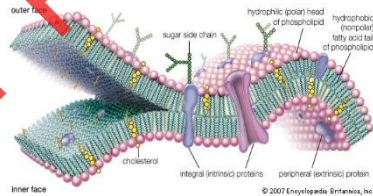
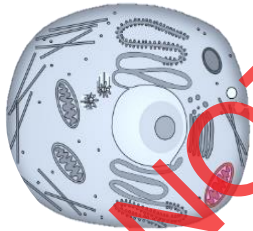
↑ Temperature
Greater drug penetration

↑ ΔS, ΔG, ΔH

Van der Waals interactions
Spontaneous process

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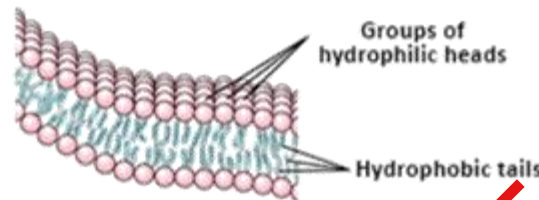
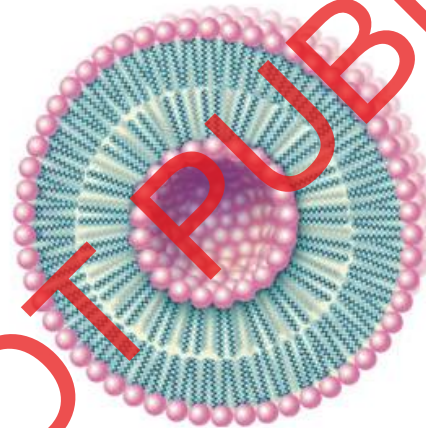
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(labelled with *n*-AS probes)

What we measure?

DISTRIBUTION

Membrane Location

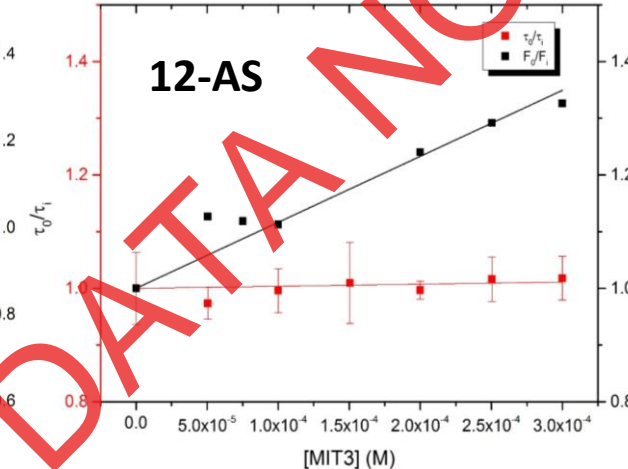
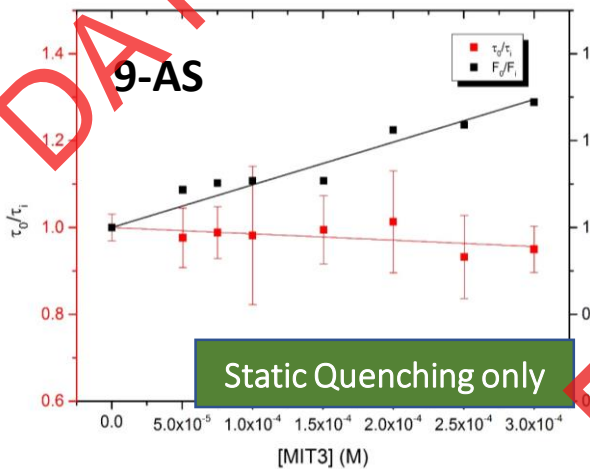
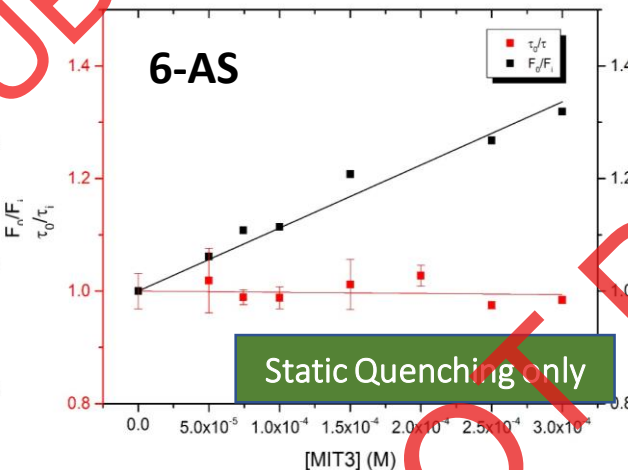
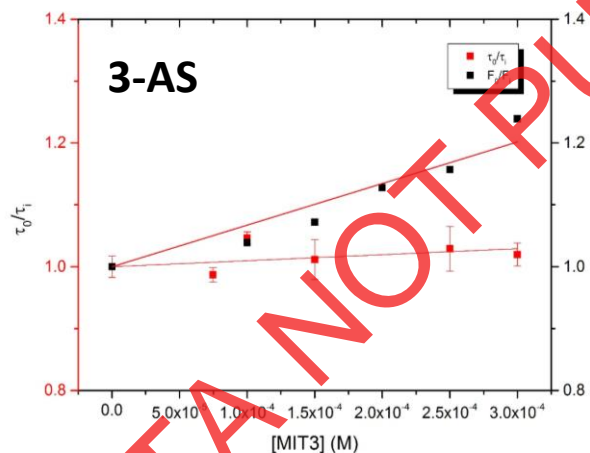
How we measure?

Time resolved fluorescence (TCSPC)

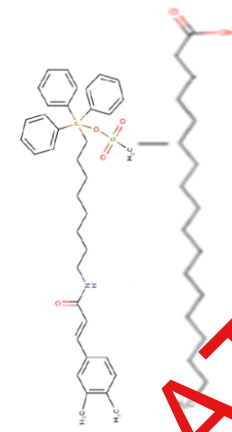
Steady state fluorescence

MEMBRANE LOCATION

$$\frac{F_0}{F} = 1 + k_q \tau_0 [MIT3] = 1 + k_D [MIT3]$$



Constant Probe	K_D (M^{-1})	K_S (M^{-1})	K_q ($M^{-1} s^{-1}$)
3 - AS	97,48	575,1	$1,03 \times 10^{11}$
6 - AS	0	1120,4	$4,2 \times 10^{11}$
9 - AS	0	983,1	$1,28 \times 10^{11}$
12 - AS	37,00	1127,4	$1,17 \times 10^{11}$

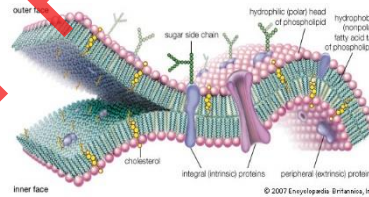
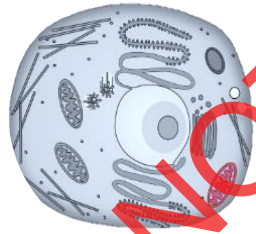


$K_q > 1 \times 10^{10} M^{-1}s^{-1}$ for all probes
Greater quenching in C6

Ubiquitous location in the lipid bilayer
Deactivating groups near C6

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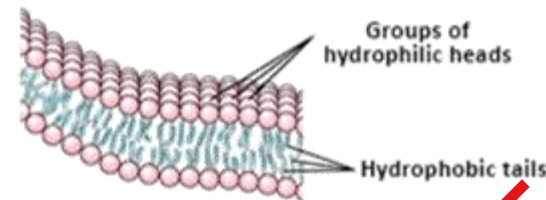
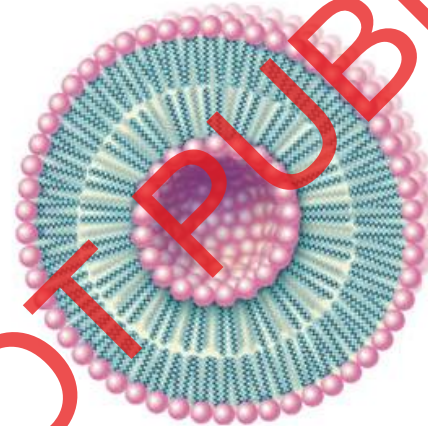
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LUVs made of DPPC

What we measure?

Toxicity

Biophysical Changes in Biomembranes

How we measure?

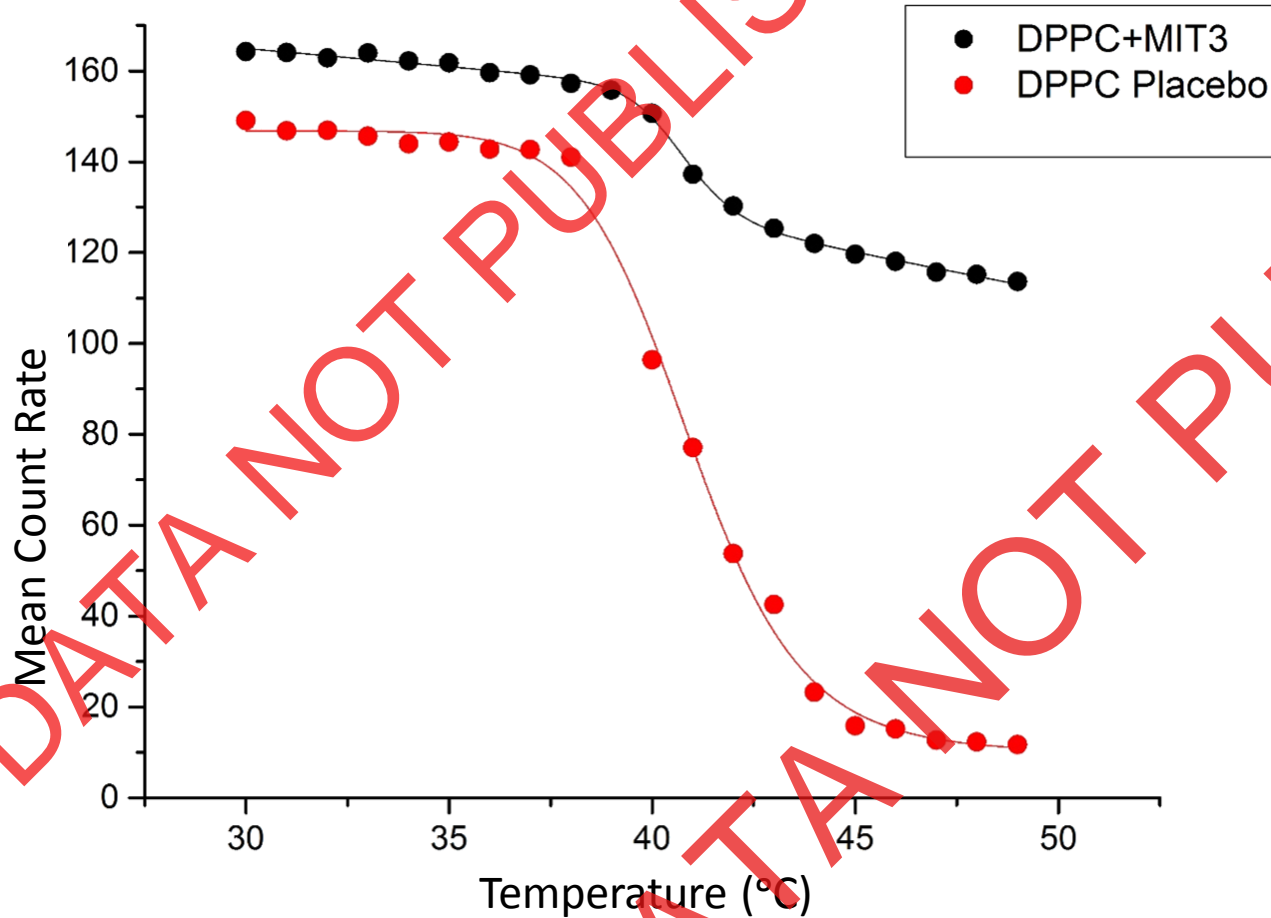
Differential Scanning Calorimetry

Small-angle X-Ray Scattering

Wide-angle X-Ray Scattering

Dynamic Light Scattering

BIOPHYSICAL CHANGES IN BIOMEMBRANES



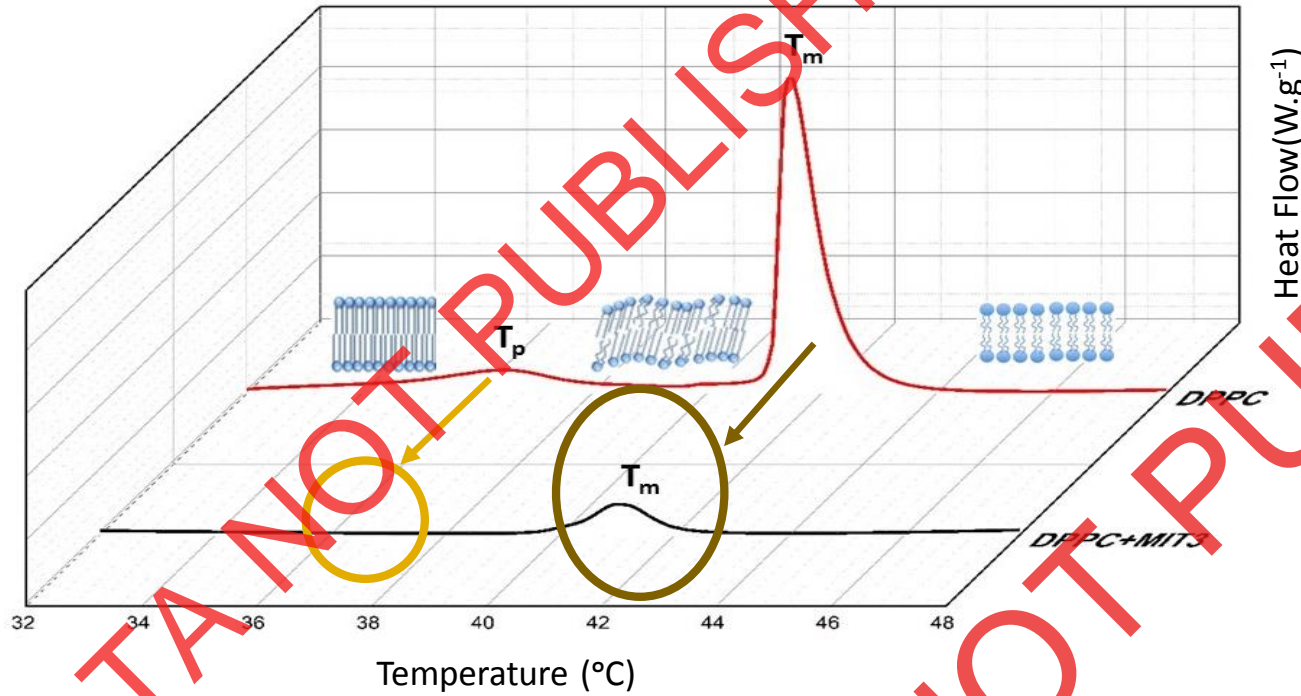
$$MCR = r_{s1} + p_1 T + \frac{r_{s2} - r_{s1} + p_2 T - p_1 T}{1 + 10^{\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{T_m}}}$$

System	Cooperativity	T_m (°C)
DPPC placebo	855.82	41.28
DPPC+MIT3	661.52	41.12

$\Delta T \approx K$
 ↓ Cooperativity

No membrane disruption at low concentrations

DIFFERENTIAL SCANNING CALORIMETRY STUDIES (DSC)

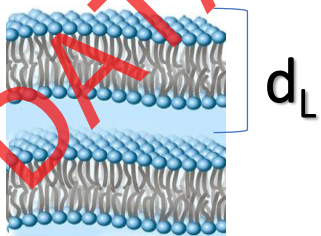
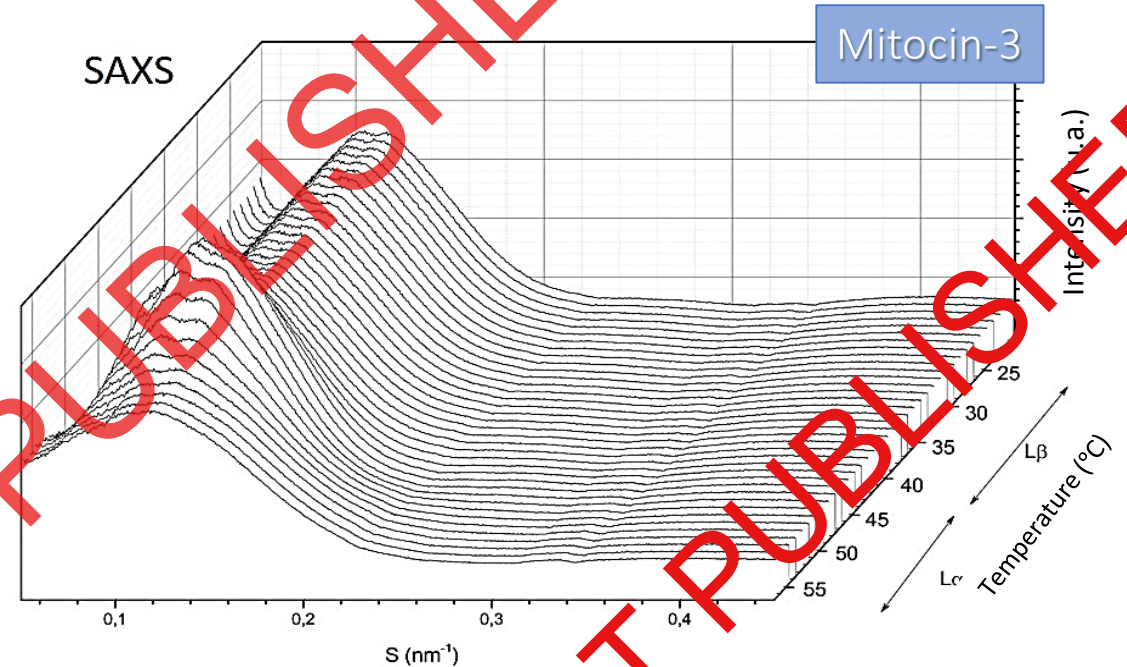
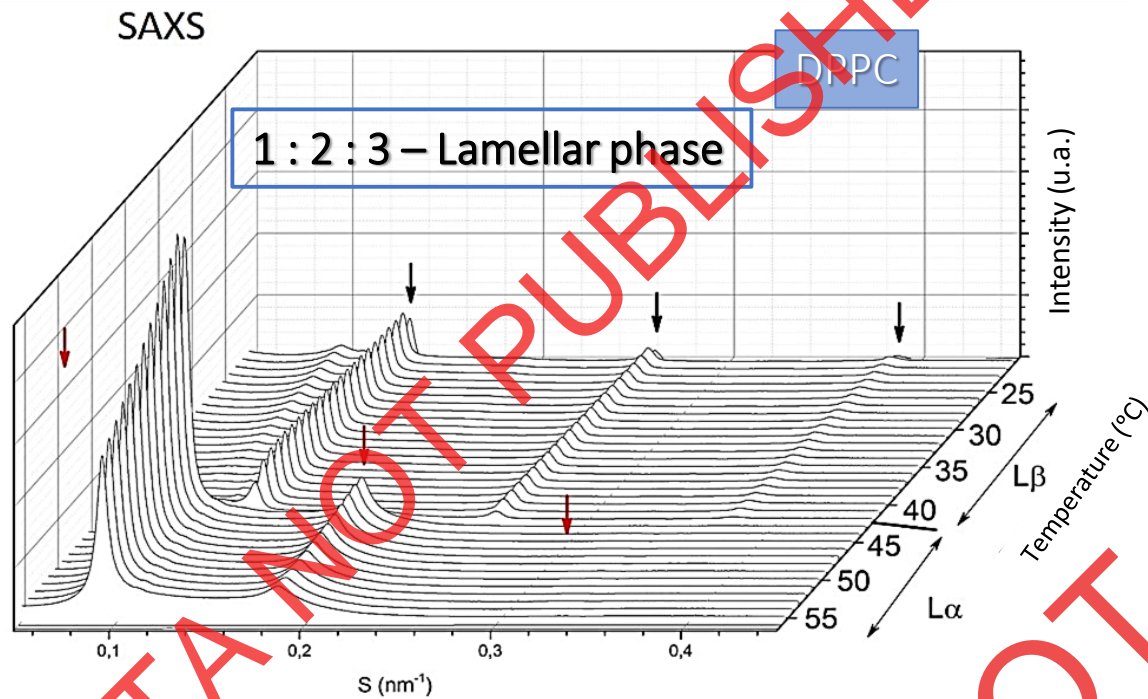


$T_m \approx K$
↓ Cooperativity
↓ ΔH

Influence at headgroup region (C1 to C8)
Major perturbations of biophysical parameters
Hydrophobic Interactions



SMALL-ANGLE X-RAY SCATTERING (SAXS)

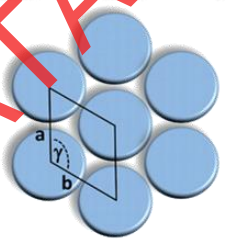
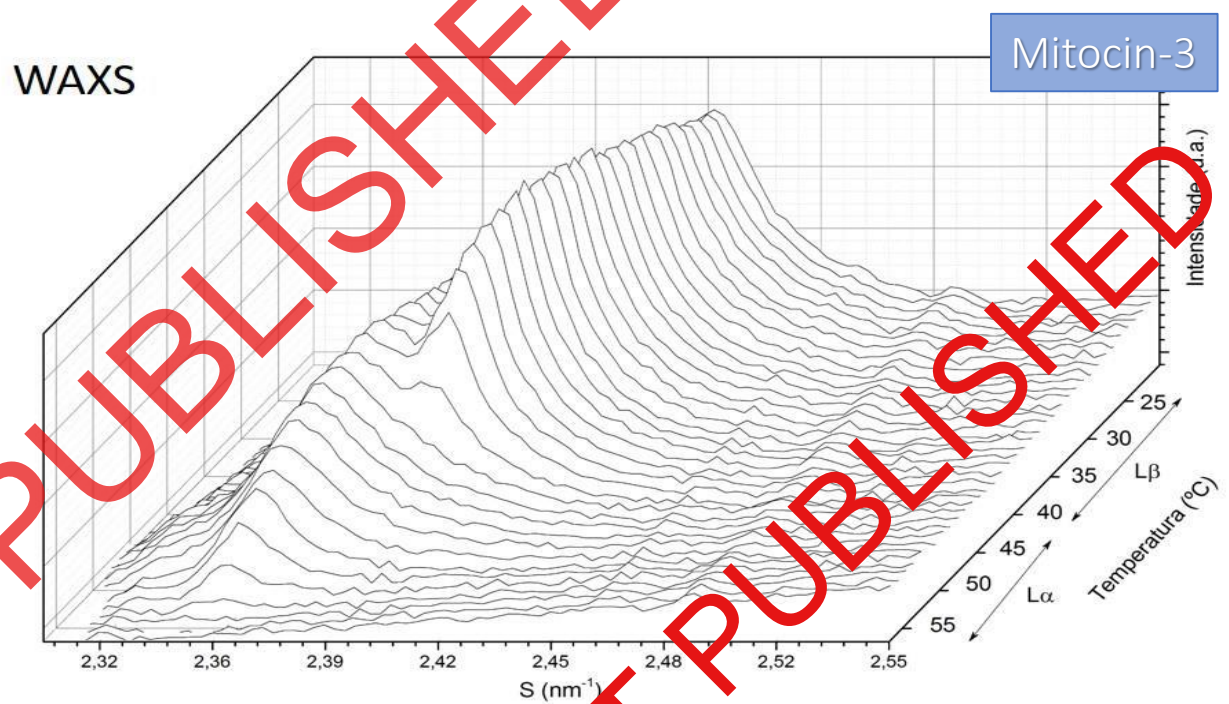
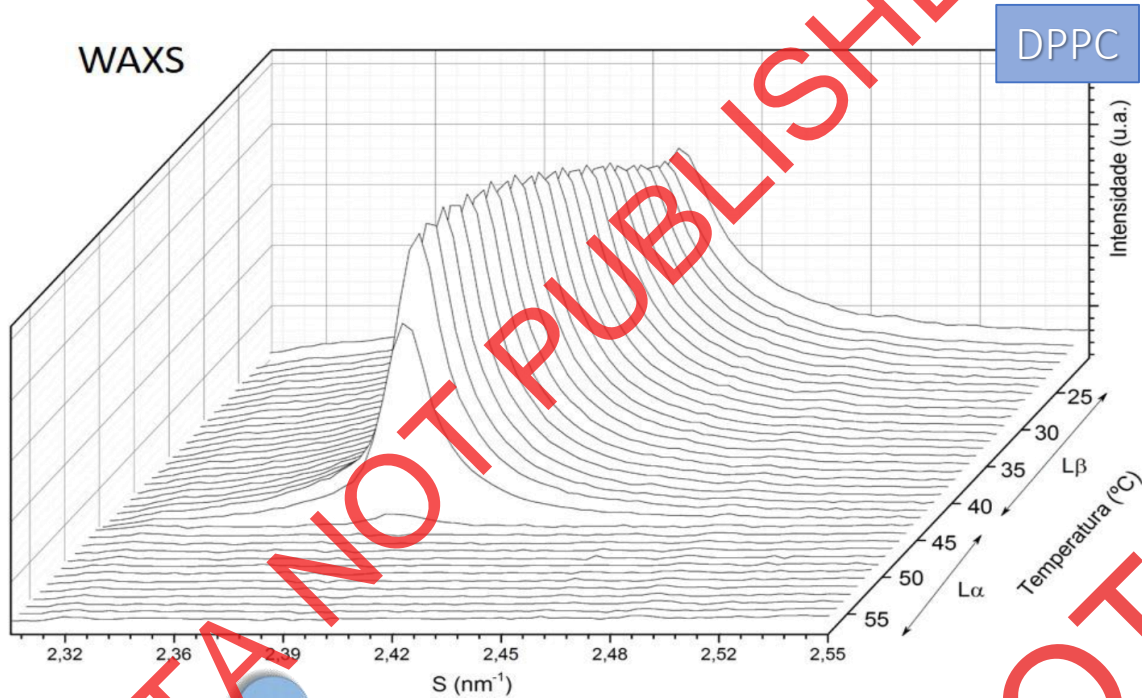


	DPPC PLACEBO		DPPC+MIT3	
	d_L (Å)	ξ (Å)	d_L (Å)	ξ (Å)
GEL PHASE	76.52	10971	90.24	249
FLUID PHASE	77.60	11170	91.24	449

$\uparrow d_L, \downarrow \xi$

Increased hydration layer

WIDE-ANGLE X-RAY SCATTERING (WAXS)



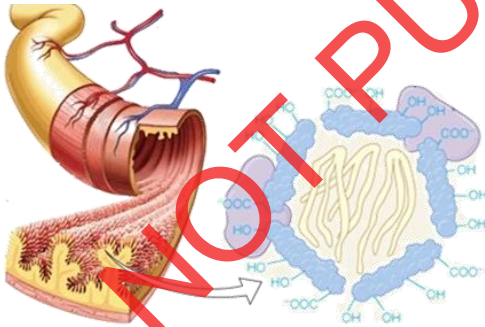
	DPPC PLACEBO		DPPC+MIT3		
	d_c (Å)		d_c (Å)		
GEL PHASE	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.1	Pseudo-hexagonal Packing
FLUID PHASE			4.2		Hexagonal Packing

$$d_c \approx K$$

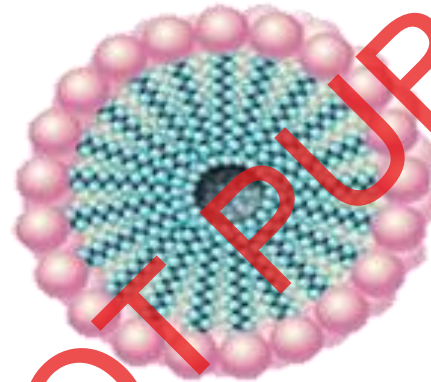
No disruption of lipid packing

BILIAR SALTS

What happens *in vivo*?



How we mimic it?



What we measure?

Absorption

Lipophilicity
Intestinal Permeability

How we measure?

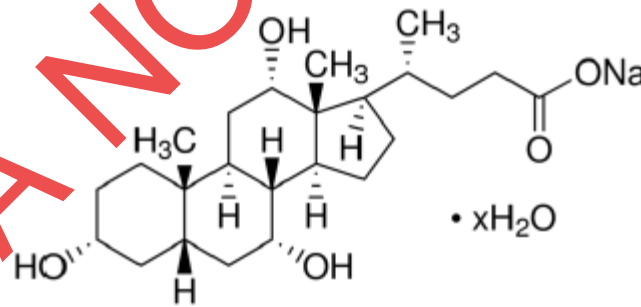
Spectrophotometry

Composition:

Bile salts (glycholate, deoxycholate)

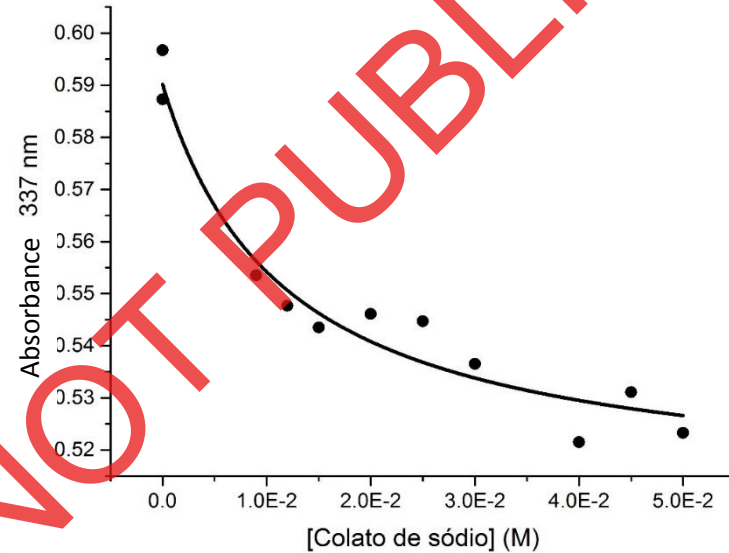
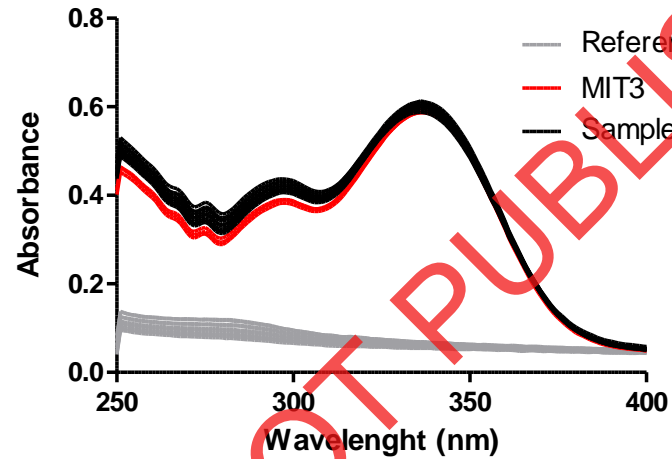
Lipase

Tryglicerides



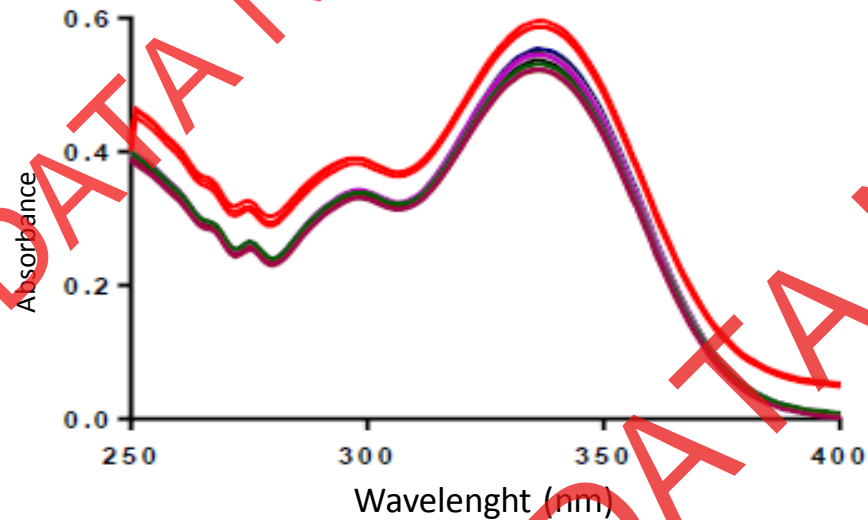
Micelles made by sodium cholate

PARTITION COEFFICIENT IN BILIAR SALTS MICELLES



$$\text{Log}K_p = 2.31 \pm 0.08$$

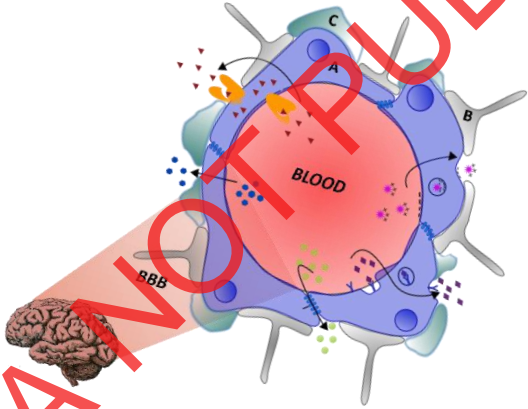
Log P > 0
Permeation by transcytosis



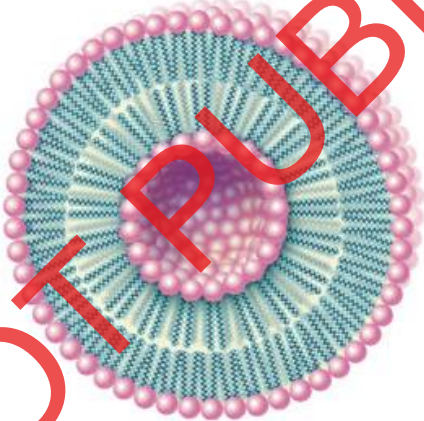
Tendency for **good intestinal absorption** of the compound

BLOOD-BRAIN BARRIER

What happens *in vivo*?



How we mimic it?



LUVs made by Porcine Brain Extract

What we measure?

Distribution

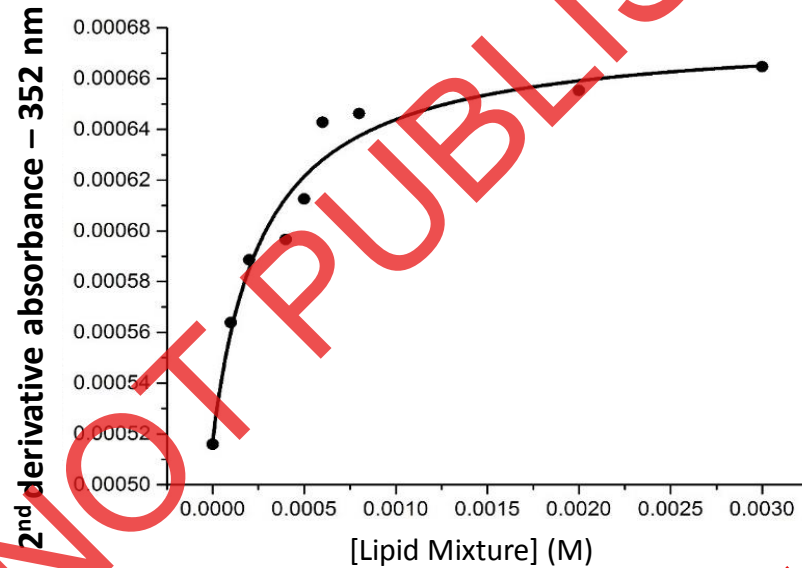
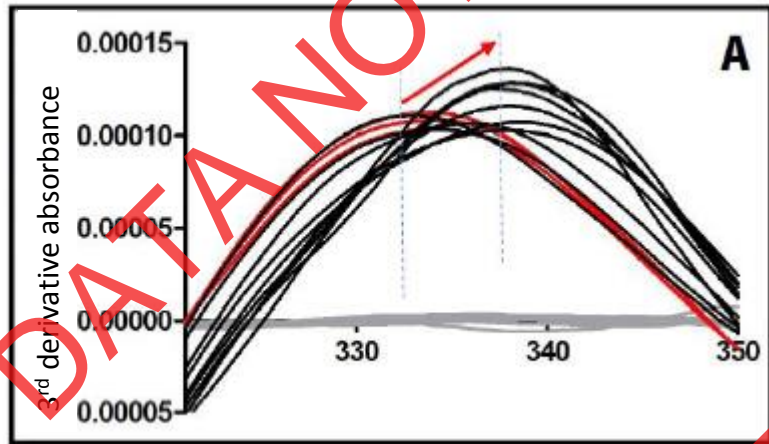
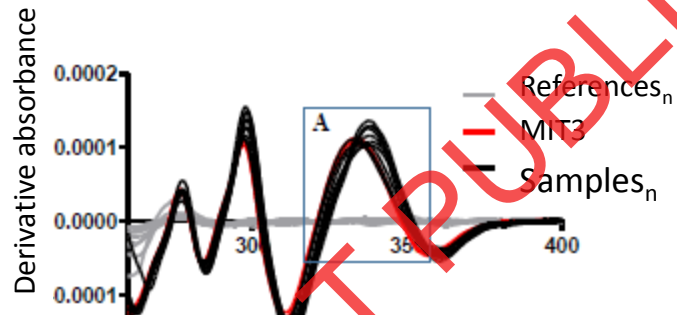
BBB Permeability

How we measure?

Derivative Spectroscopy

- Composition:
- PI (4,8 – 5,5%)
- PE 22,8 – (25,2%)
- PC 28,7 – (33,2%)
- PS (6,8 – 10,7 %)
- SM (33,4%)
- CHOL (20,8%)

BBB PERMEABILITY



$$\text{Log } K_p = 3.64 \pm 0,25$$

$$\text{Log } BB = \log \left(\frac{C_{brain}}{C_{blood}} \right)$$

$$\text{Log } BB = 2.77$$

Good penetration through BBB

PLASMA PROTEIN BINDING

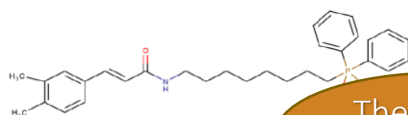
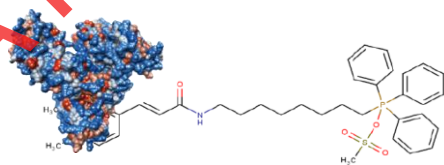
What happens *in vivo*?



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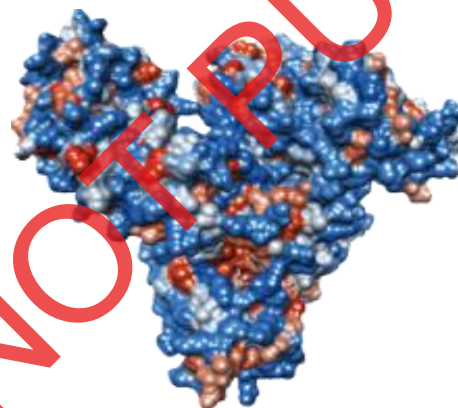
Human Plasma 55%

- 7% proteins (HSA - 60%)



Therapeutic effect

How we mimic it?



What we measure?

Distribution/Excretion

Plasma Protein Binding

How we measure?

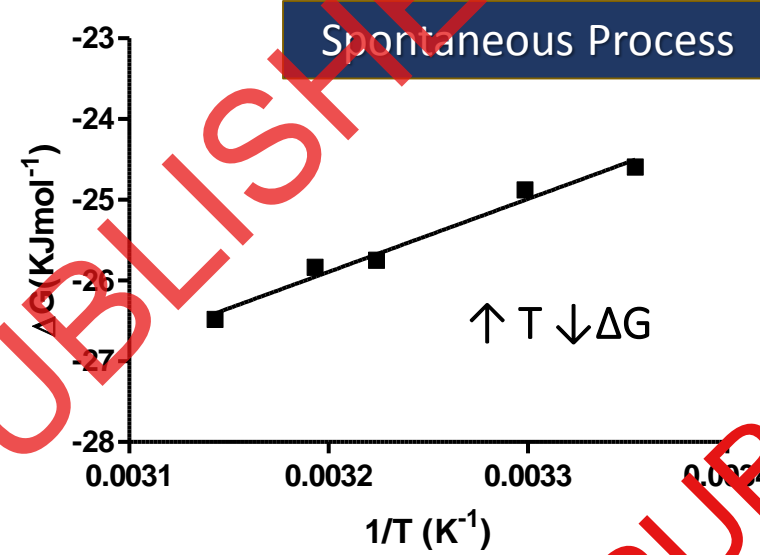
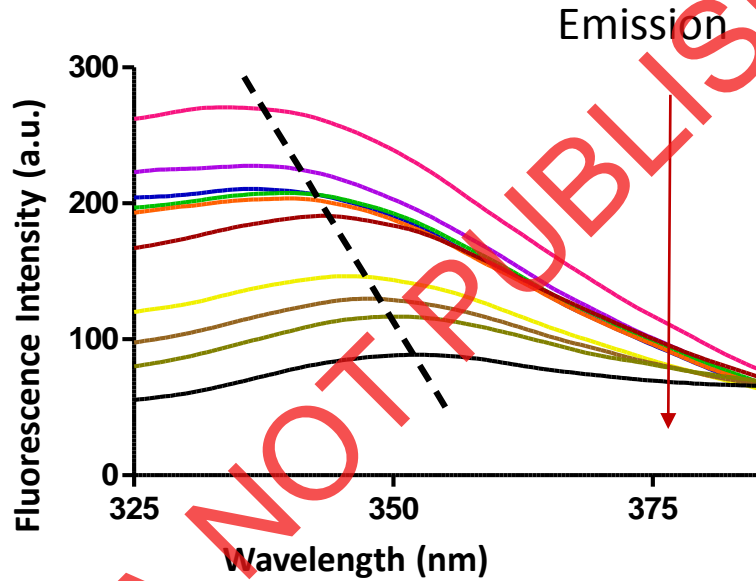
Fluorescence

Synchronous Fluorescence

DLS

ELS

FLUORESCENCE QUENCHING



T (°C)	n	K _D (M)
25	1	4.91 x 10 ⁻⁵
30		5.17 x 10 ⁻⁵
37		4.61 x 10 ⁻⁵
40		4.90 x 10 ⁻⁵
45		4.49 x 10 ⁻⁵

$K_D < 100 \mu\text{M}$

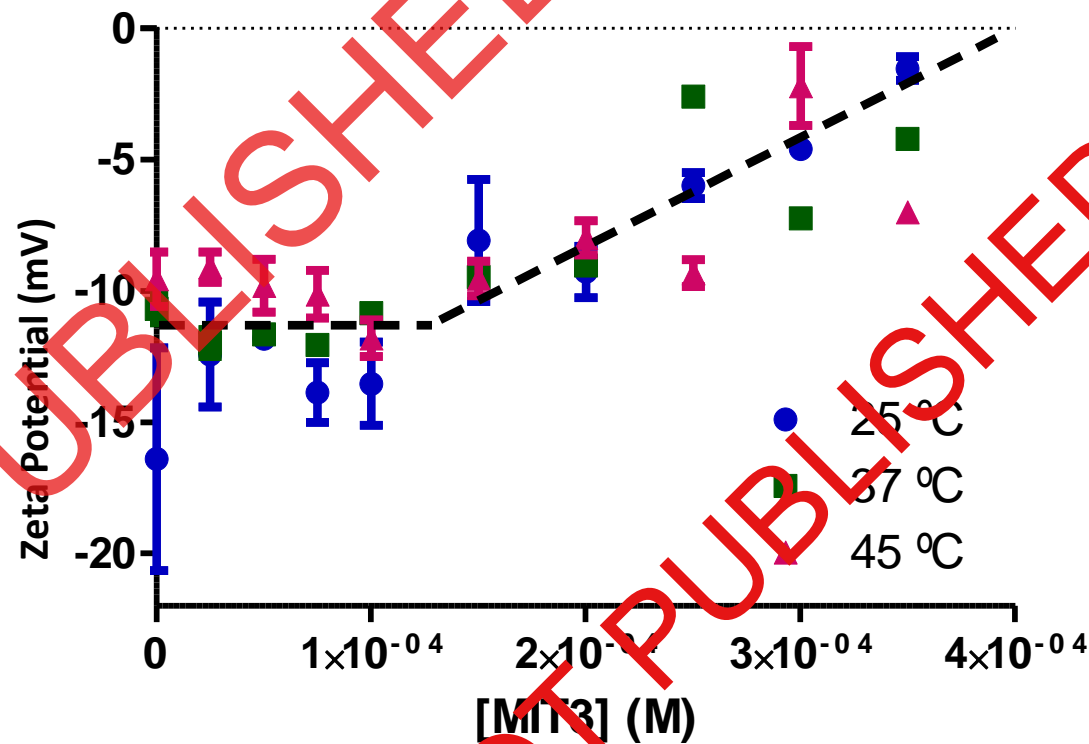
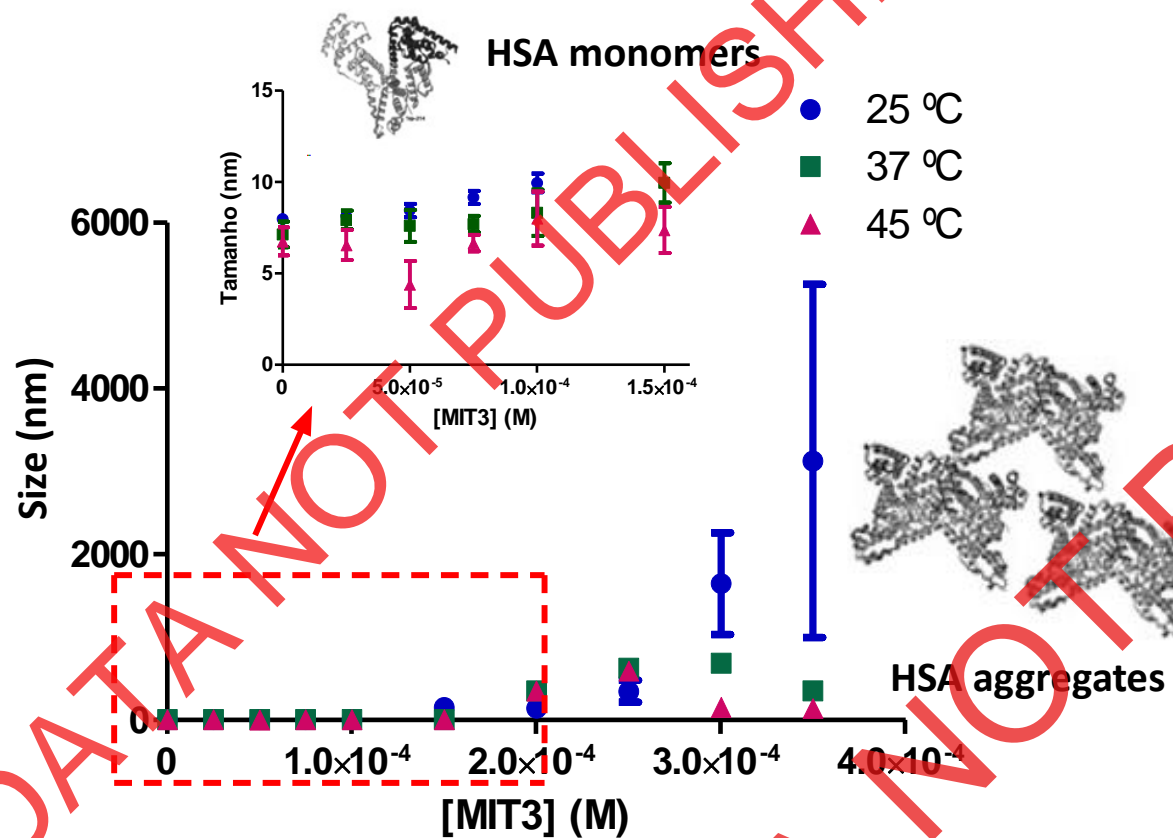
$\Delta H > 0$
 $\Delta S > 0$

$\Delta G < 0$
 $K_D < 100 \mu\text{M}$

Hydrophobic Interaction

Spontaneous and Stronger interaction

DLS E ELS



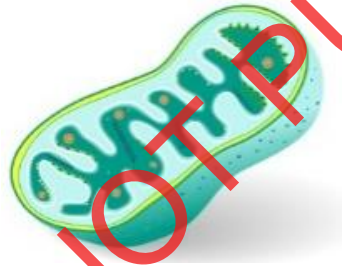
Saturation at HSA 2x10⁻⁴ M

Formation of aggregates and neutralization of surface charge

Interaction confirmed

INNER MITOCHONDRIAL MEMBRANE

What happens *in vivo*?



Composition of i.m.m.

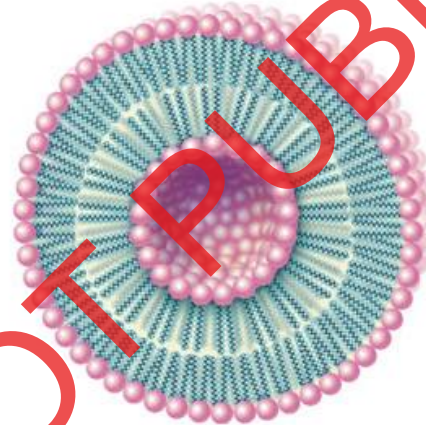
PC:PE:CL (1:1:1)

Lipid phase:

$L_{\alpha} + H_{II}$

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How we mimic it?



MLVs made by mixture:

DSPC:DOPE:CL

What we measure?

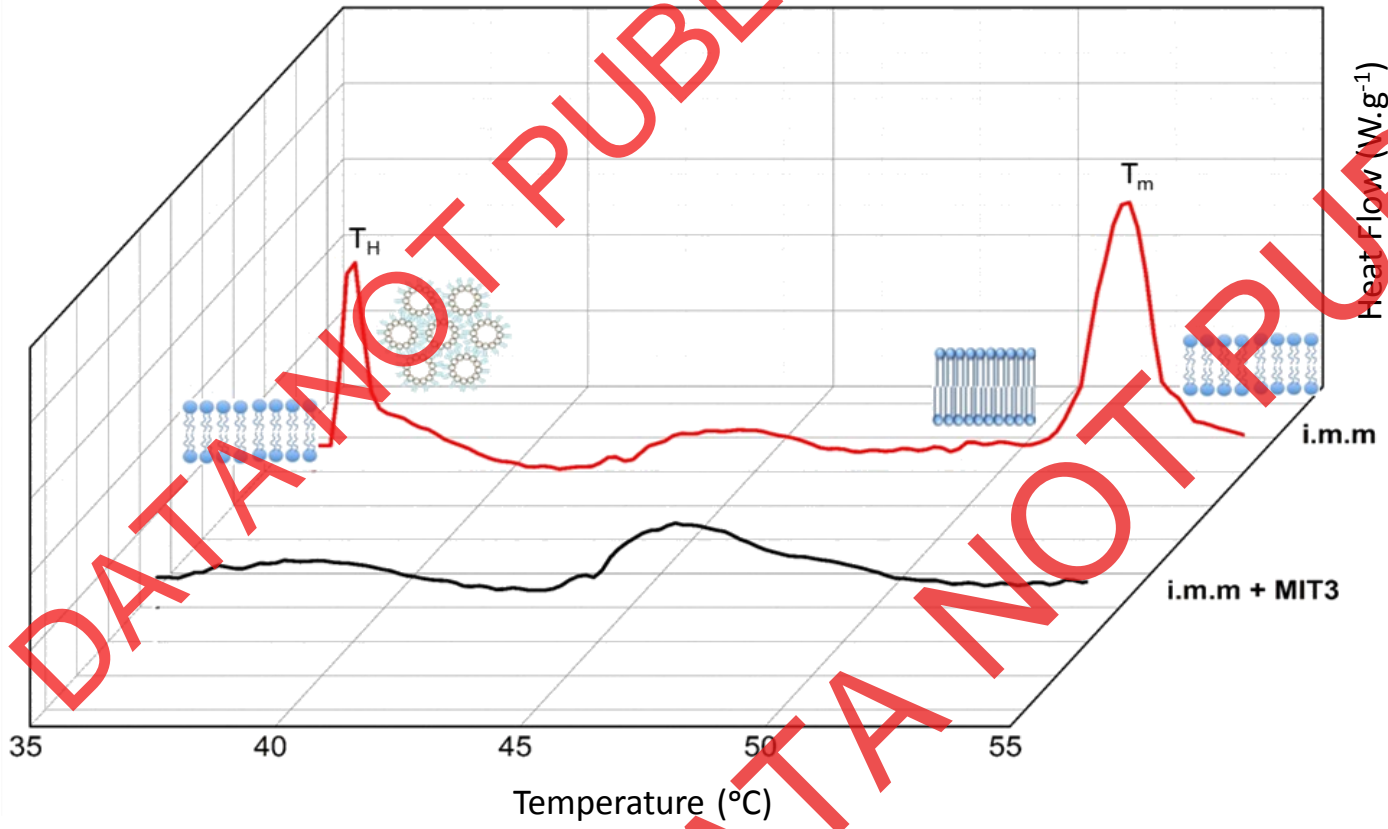
Toxicity

Biophysical Changes in
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How we measure?

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DIFFERENTIAL SCANNING CALORIMETRY STUDIES (DSC)

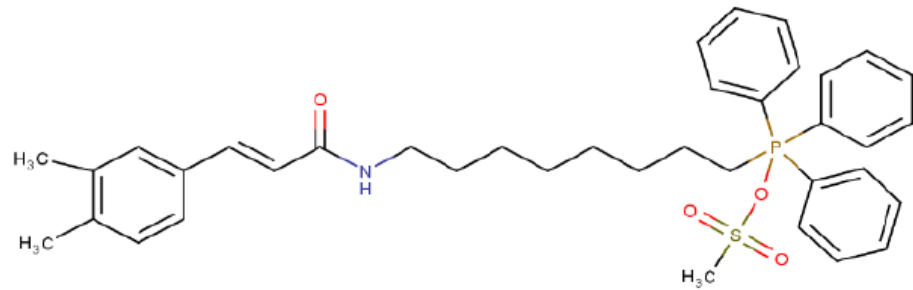


Single Endotherm
No thermodynamic changes

Homogenization of lipid components

Not correlated with i.m.m toxicity

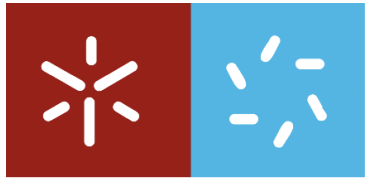
CONCLUSIONS



MITOCIN-3

- GOOD MEMBRANE PERMEABILITY
- OFF-TARGET DISTRIBUTION
- MEMBRANE TOXICITY IN HIGH CONCENTRATIONS
- GOOD INTESTINAL ABSORPTION
- BIOACCUMULATION
- GOOD PENETRATION AND DISTRIBUTION AT THE TARGET

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