



#### WEBINAR: MICROFLUIDIZER: A POTENTIAL TOOL FOR PROCESS DEVELOPMENT TO MANUFACTURE NANOTETRAC FOR PHARMACEUTICAL APPLICATIONS



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### **COMPANY PROFILE**

- Microfluidics was founded in 1982 to produce **high shear** fluid processors using **interaction chamber** technology.
- Headquartered outside of Boston, MA with localized support in 47 countries. Over 4000 processors sold to 2000 companies.
- Acquired by IDEX Corporation (NYSE: IEX) and grouped with Quadro Engnineering, Fitzpatrick and Matcon to form the Materials Processing Technologies Platform.
- Microfluidizer Processors are used for R+D and manufacturing of active pharmaceutical ingredients, vaccines, inkjet inks, coatings, nutraceuticals and cosmetics.
- Microfluidics has vast applications and machine design experience.
- Our customer's success is our success.





### WHAT WE DO BEST

- Nanoemulsions
- Cell disruption
- Polymer nanoparticles
- Liposomes
- Particle size reduction
- Deagglomeration
- MW weight reducution





M-110EH-30

pilot scale processor

M-110P "plug n' play" benchtop lab model





M-700 series production machine



"The overall satisfaction which we experienced with our laboratory model Microfluidizer processor eliminated the need to consider other equipment when it was time to scale up to production capabilities."

#### **Amylin Pharmaceuticals**



Fixed-geometry interaction chambers



#### **MICROFLUIDIZER SCHEMATIC**



- Continuous Processing
- Can process tricky materials with:
  - High solid content
  - High viscosities
- Can work with a wide range of temperatures
- Cooling occurs quickly



### FIXED GEOMETRY INTERACTION CHAMBERS

- **Consistent processing** Fixed geometry with no moving parts
- Long-wearing Made from diamond or ceramic materials
- **Ease of maintenance –** Clean-in-place and steam-in-place
- Many options available Variable shape and size



#### **SCALE UP**

Identical shaped microchannels ensure:

- The same shear rate
- The same impact force
- The same particle size reduction







### BENEFITS OF MICROFLUIDIZER PROCESSORS

- How Microfluidics Technology is
   Unique
  - > Constant Pressure Processing
  - > High Potential Processing Pressures
  - > Fixed Geometry Interaction Chambers
  - > Multi-Slotted Interaction Chambers
- Resulting Benefits
  - > Very small particle size potential
  - Very consistent processing resulting in very narrow particle size distributions
  - > Guaranteed scale-up from lab scale to production scale





#### **DIVERSE PRODUCT PORTFOLIO**

Whatever your batch size, utility, and regulatory requirements, we have a model to suit your needs.







Microfluidizer: A potential tool for process development to manufacture Nanotetrac for Pharmaceutical Applications

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### **Outline of the Presentation**

Introduction to nanotechnology/Nanomedicine
Nano-conjugated angiogenesis inhibitor
Scale up of the nanofomulations
In vitro efficacy study
In vivo efficacy study
Summary

## Why Nano?

#### **Advantages of Nanocarriers**



**Dhruba J. Bharali**, Imtiaz A. Siddiqui, Vaqar M. Adhami, Jean Christopher Chamcheu, Hasan Mukhtar, and Shaker A. Mousa Nanoparticle Delivery of Natural Products in the Prevention and Treatment of Cancers: Current Status and Future Prospects, **Cancers** 2011, 3, 4024-4045

## **THE CONCEPT:**

## Thyroid Hormone

### Major Advantage:

In cancer Patients Lowering thyroid hormone L -T3 (or perhaps the use of thyroid antagonist) improve survival rate (breast cancer, lung, glioblastoma & many others)

### Major Disadvantage:

Can exert genomic effects due to its nuclear binding capabilities

Hypothesis: Nanoparticles can restricts it from entering nucleus, while retaining anticancer activities

#### **Blocking Thyroid hormone from entering nucleus**





Confocal Imaging of Alexa flour labeled Thyroid Hormone (HDMEC cell) Confocal imaging of Alexa flour labeled Thyroid Hormone conjugated nanoparticles (HDMEC cell)

Bharali, D. J., Yalcin, M., Davis, P. J., and Mousa, S. A. (2013) Tetraiodothyroacetic acid-conjugated PLGA nanoparticles: a nanomedicine approach to treat drug-resistant breast cancer, *Nanomedicine* 8, 1943-1954

# Synthesis of PLGA Nanoparticles: The Conventional Approach



Schematic Diagram showing the synthesis of PLGA nanoparticles

### Thyroid hormone Conjugated Nanoparticles for Cancer treatment



Chemical reactions showing the Conjugation of Tetrac to PLGA nanoparticle

Yalcin M, Bharali DJ, Lansing L, Dyskin E, Mousa SS, Hercbergs A, Davis FB, Davis PJ, Mousa SA.. Anticancer Res. 2009 Oct;29(10):3825-31

### Thyroid hormone Conjugated Nanoparticles for Cancer treatment



Analysis of T-PLGA-NPs by A) dynamic light scattering and B) TEM (Transmission Electron Microscope)

Dhruba J Bharali, Murat Yalcin, Paul J Davis PJ, Mousa SA.. Nanomedicine (Lond). 2013 Dec;8(12):1943-54.

### **CANCER TREATMENT**

- a) Non-small cell lung cancer cells
- b) Human follicular thyroid cell carcinoma
- c) Medullary carcinoma of the thyroid
- d) Renal cell carcinoma
- e) Pancreatic cancer
- f) Prostate cancer
- g) Drug resistant breast cancer cell (MCF7-Dx)

#### **PUBLCATIONS:**

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### NOW WHAT ??



Scale up of the nanoformulations for pre-clinical / clinical Studies/manufacturing ??

Let's synthesize nanoparticles containing 100 g Tetrac equivalent





Volume 10 L T-eq.= 150 mg Volume 0.5 L T-eq.= 7.5 mg Volume 10ml T-eq.= .15 mg

For 100g T-eq. We need a Volume of 6666L

### BACK TO WORKAGAIN!!!!



# THE MACHINE USED to SYNTHESIS NANOPARTCLES



Development of Technique to Synthesis of Tetrac conjugated PLGA Nanoparticles (NDAT) in large scale.



### **THE COMPARISON**

Original Methods Need a volume around 6666L

NEW **Methods** Need a volume around **85L** 

# Characterization of Nanotetrac prepared by using Microfluidizer

### **Technique Use to Characterize Nanotetarc**

- 1. Analysis of Tetrac equivalent by UV-spectrophotometer
- 2. Size analysis by TEM
- 3. In vitro cellular efficacy
- 4. In vivo efficacy animal tumor model
- 5. IVIS Imaging
- 6. LC/MS

### Size Measurement of Nanotetrac





Record 69: Nanotetrac-post TFF



Size measurement by

	<b>Z-Ave</b>	
NanoTetrac	(d.nm)	PdI
a)Post microfluidzer	144.5	0.046
b)Post TFF	143.9	0.036
c)Post lyophilization	138.8	0.052



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### A Trip to Microfluidics Laboratory at Boston, MA

Trip1: Proof of concept of feasibility of synthesis of Nanotetrac particles using LM10 Microfluidizer

Trip 2: Feasibility of scalability of the process (using different type of Microfluidizer)

#### Synthesis of nanoparticles at microfluidics facility using Microfluidizer (Model M-110EH-30K)





Different parameters that effect the Synthesis of Nanotetrac

Number of Pass
Pressure
Type of chamber

# Synthesis of Nanotetrac using in different Type of Microfluidizer

Amount of Starting materials	Total liquid volume (batch size)	Type Microfluidizer used	Size in (nm)
1g	30ml	LM10	~150
2g	60ml	LM10	~150
5g	150ml	LM10/M-110EH- 30K	~150
10g	300ml	LM10/M-110EH-30	~150
20g	600ml	LM10	~150
100g	3L	LM10/M-110EH-30	~150

Nanotetrac has been designated by FDA as Orphan Drug Designation for the following cancer

Glioblastoma
 Pancreatic Cancer

### In vitro uptake study of the dye labeled Nanotetrac



# Proof of our concept: Blocking Tetrac from entering to the nucleus





Nanotetrac Labled with Cy5

Tetrac Labeled with Cy5

Figure: Confocal Imaging showing the uptake of Tetrac and Naotetrac Labeled Cy5 in U87 cells

#### Activity of Nanotetrac Against Preclinical Models of Glioblastoma



**Figure:** Effect of daily s.c. Nanotetrac on human U87MG glioblastoma xenograft volume and weight after 10 days of treatment.

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# Effect of single dose Nanotetrac vs. tetrac on human U87MG-luc xenograft luminescent signals of implants in nude mice after 16 days.



Nanotetrac at 10 mg/implant approximates 10<sup>-7</sup> M tissue tetrac equivalent drug concentration.



Figure: Induction of necrosis by daily s.c. Nanotetrac in U87MG glioblastoma xenografts x10 days

#### Effect of Nanotetrac on apotosis and necrosis



Daily s.c. Nanotetrac treatment increases apoptosis and necrosis and decreases cell density and vasculature in U87 xenografts.

### Effect of Nanotetrac on Pancreatic Cancer mice tumor model

#### **Control (PBS)**

#### Nanotetrac (0.1



Figure: Intra-tumor treatment effect on Pancreatic xenograft (MPanc96-luc) after 3 injections *IVIS images* 

### NEXT STEP ???

## **TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TO A GMP Facility for manufacturing is**

**IN PROGRESS!!!** 

Targeted delivery of chemotherapeutic agents to solid tumors via systemic Nano-diamino-tetrac

- 1. Cisplatin
- 2. Doxorubicin
- 3. Paclitaxel
- 4. Temozolomide

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# Effect of NDAT (nanotetratc) encapsulating cisplatin in Bladder Cancer



Thangirala Sudha, Dhruba J. Bharali, Murat Yalcin, Noureldien H. E. Darwish, Melis Debreli Coskun, Kelly A. Keating, Hung-Yun Lin, Paul J. Davis, Shaker A. Mousa Targeted delivery of cisplatin to tumor xenografts via the nanoparticle component of nano-diamino-tetrac", Nanomedicine (Lond) 2017 Feb;12(3):195-205

**Effects** on tumors of urinary bladder 253.IBV cancer cell xenografts of daily s.c. administration of control (PBS), cisplatin, void PLGA, PLGAcisplatin (1 mg/kg b.w. cisplatin adsorbed **PLGA** to nanoparticles, without tetrac), low dose NDAT (0.3 mg/kg b.w. tetrac equivalent, with empty compartment), pavload and NDAT (0.3 mg/kg b.w. tetrac equivalent)-cisplatin (1 mg/kg **b.w.**). (A) Tumor volumes. Volumes were estimated from caliper **(B)** measurements. Tumor weights. (C) Cisplatin uptake by bladder tumors in response to administration of control (PBS), cisplatin, PLGAcisplatin, and NDAT-cisplatin with LC-MS/MS. measured **NDAT-cisplatin** resulted in tumor drug content 5-fold that of cisplatin alone and 2.5-fold that of PLGA-cisplatin.

### Summary

- A method for the large scale of synthesis of Tetrac-conjugated nanoparticles (nanotetrac) was developed using Microfluidizer.
- 2. This method is in the process of Tech transfer to contract development and manufacturing organization (CDMO).
- 3. In Mice tumor (glioblastoma, pancreatic cancer) model Nanotetrac effectively reduced tumor volume/weight and widely induced necrosis and apoptosis.

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