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A Liquid Biopsy 'hub': integrating nano-technologies to improve cancer diagnosis and therapy

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Liquid Biopsy





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Monitoring T-DM1 treated patients by liquid biopsy



Allegretti, M. ... and Fabi, A. 2019, in preparation

Liquid biopsy reveals new vulnerabilities not present in archival tumor tissues



- Tumor vulnerabilities only seen in blood
- Tumor vulnerabilities not present at the beginning of T-DM1 treatment

Liquid Biopsy by Nanophotonics





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- ULTRAPLACAD: <u>ULTRA</u>sensitive <u>PLA</u>smonic <u>CA</u>ncer <u>D</u>iagnosis



Nano-therapy





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TOOLBOX: modular objects for step-wise nano-therapy







- ferritin is a **natural** non-toxic **protein** selected during evolution to be stable in body fluids and pass body barriers
- Made of 24 subunits (H and L chains), it is produced in recombinant form as HFt (24 heavy chains)
- HFt (heavy chains only) is produced in high yields (5 g/L) in E. Coli, it is stable at 75 °C and at pH=2.0
- HFt **entraps** more **drug** molecules inside its cavity (**30-200** mol depending on the drug) as compared to albumin (HSA) or ADCs.
- HFt is actively uptaken through its natural **receptor** (**CD71, the transferrin receptor**). This is adaptively **over-expressed** (<u>10-100</u> fold) in cancer cells

– Recombinant HFt in vivo ·

nano-caging Innovative industrial 1. spectrum Bacteria 5g/L Cisplatin **Autoassembly** process Doxorubicin Double drug loading surface Up to >100 drugs/molecule **Doxorubicin analogues** Shelf-life MMAE lyophilization **Mitoxantrone** 18000 **Topoisomerase inhibitors** 16000 14000 (a.u.) 3. Wide spectrum of 12000 rescence intensity 4. Favorable PK potential tumor targets 10000 -8000 Pancreas adenocarcinoma 6000 HFt Melanoma 4000 **Breast Carcinoma 3N** 5. Therapeutic drug Sarcoma efficacy **Colorectal Carcinoma** 18 20 22 24 10 16 14 Head & Neck time (h) 3500,000 Ferritin mAb 3000,000 no drug post-2500,000 HT-1080 doxo synthesis & 2000,000 human naked drug recombinant 1500,000 sarcoma HFt-caged drug 1000,000 500,000 0,000 6. derivatization 8 1 2 7

2. Wide Drug



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A 'Precision Oncology open day'

- To be held in Rome Q1 2020.
- Co-supported and co-sponsored by the *ICPerMed* recognition prize award
- The purpose will be to raise awareness about the new *mutational oncology model* and the precision oncology potential
- Target audience: *specialists and non-specialists*, e.g. surgeons, medical oncologists, radiologists, pathologists etc, science writers and journalists, patients and patient advocacy organizations, entrepreuners, the general public, policy makers and the Italian and EU Institutions
- Short introductory talks for both specialists and non-specialists about genome-driven oncology, its tools (molecular diagnosis report, the Molecular Tumor Board, off-label treatment), and relevant financial, regulatory, deontological, and ethical issues
- **Duet-talks** by patients and their physicians: exceptional responders, liquid biopsy therapy assignee, Lazarus responders etc seen by **the Regina Elena MTB**.

Final agenda to be assembled: *ICPerMed, the Italian Ministry of Health, and the local Health Autorities in Rome*