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Nanomedicines for targeted cancer-specific delivery

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Theranostec Overview



- Focus on precision nanomedicines
 - Improves both therapeutic delivery and tumor penetration
- Combination of diagnostic and therapeutic activities
 - Image-guided diagnosis and surgery improves tumor removal
 - Additional trimodal therapeutic activity eliminates remaining tumor
- Pursuing Head and Neck Cancers as lead indication
- Lead compound TheraPhD shows positive *in vivo* activity in animal models
- Strong patent protection for nanoparticle technology
- Raised 300k in non-dilutive SBIR funding
- Seeking \$20M for IND-enabling studies and phase I clinical trials



Conventional Chemotherapy

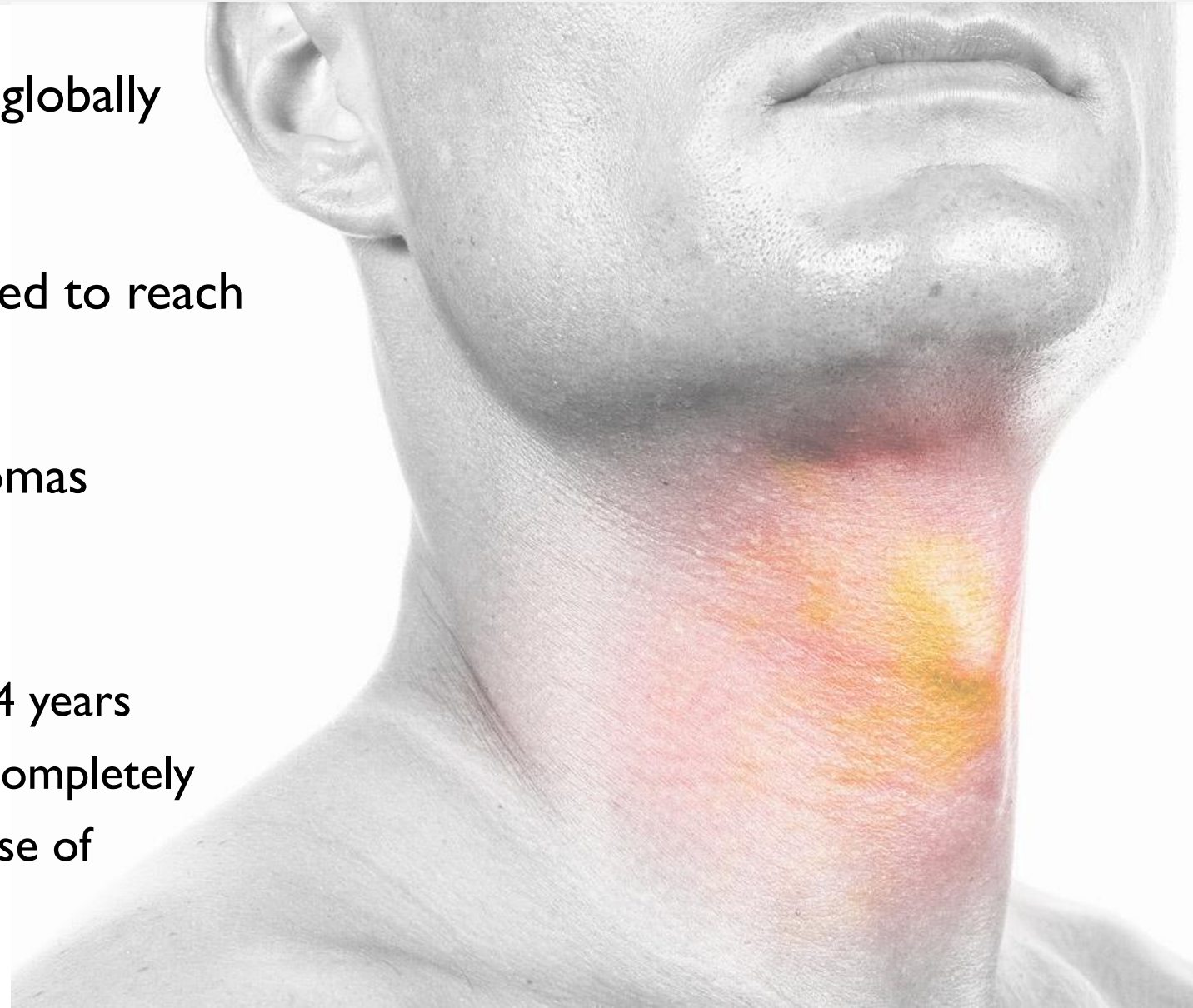


Targeted Nano-therapy

Head and Neck Cancers Are an Increasing Threat



- **550,000** new cases every year globally
- **6th** most prevalent cancer
- Market valued at **\$1.3B**, projected to reach **\$2.3B** by 2025
- **90%** are Squamous Cell Carcinomas (HNSCC)
 - 2015 5-year survival rate: **62.3%**
 - Survival rate **unchanged** over 24 years
 - Tumors are difficult to remove completely
 - Tumor recurrence is leading cause of death



Current Standard of Care is Inadequate

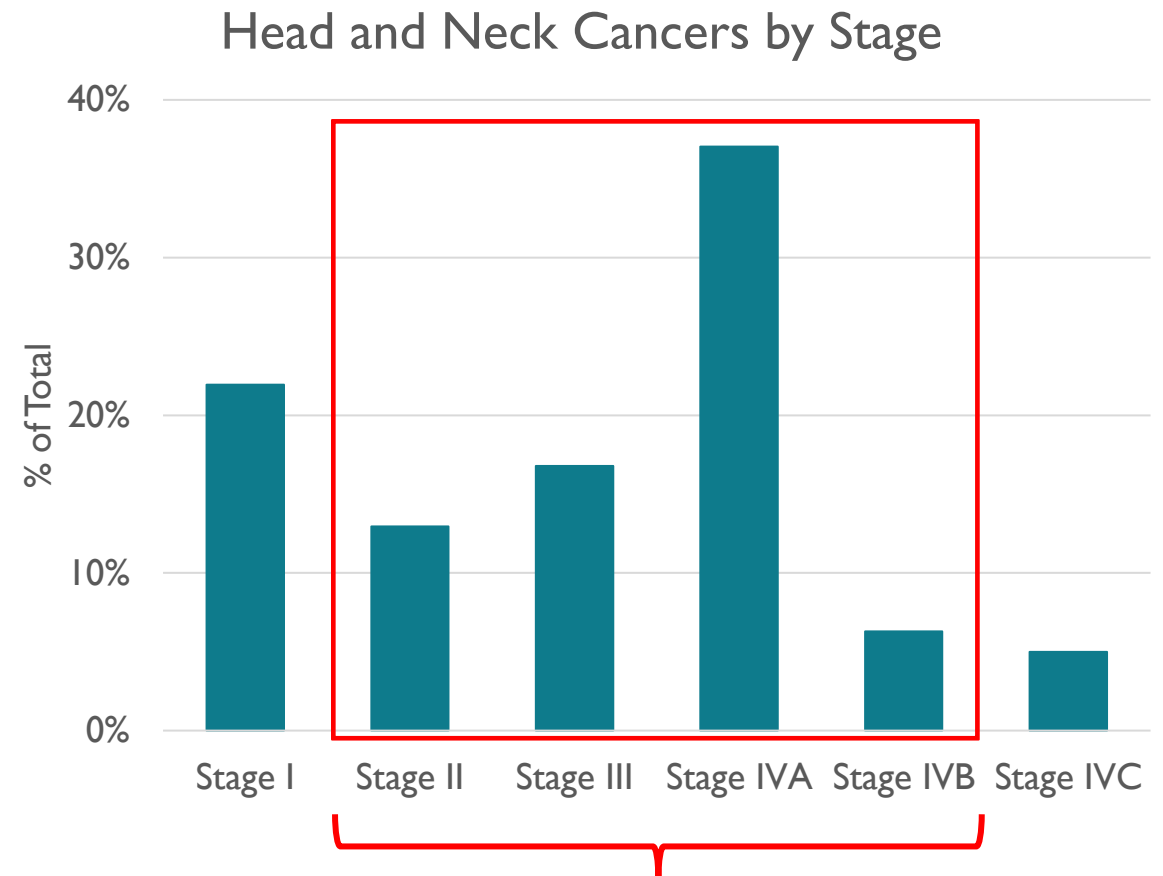
Surgery:

- Difficult to remove due to location
- Doesn't fully remove margin

Chemotherapy:

- Significant **off-target activity** and **side-effects** due to toxicity
- Lack efficacy – inefficient at eliminating tumors completely

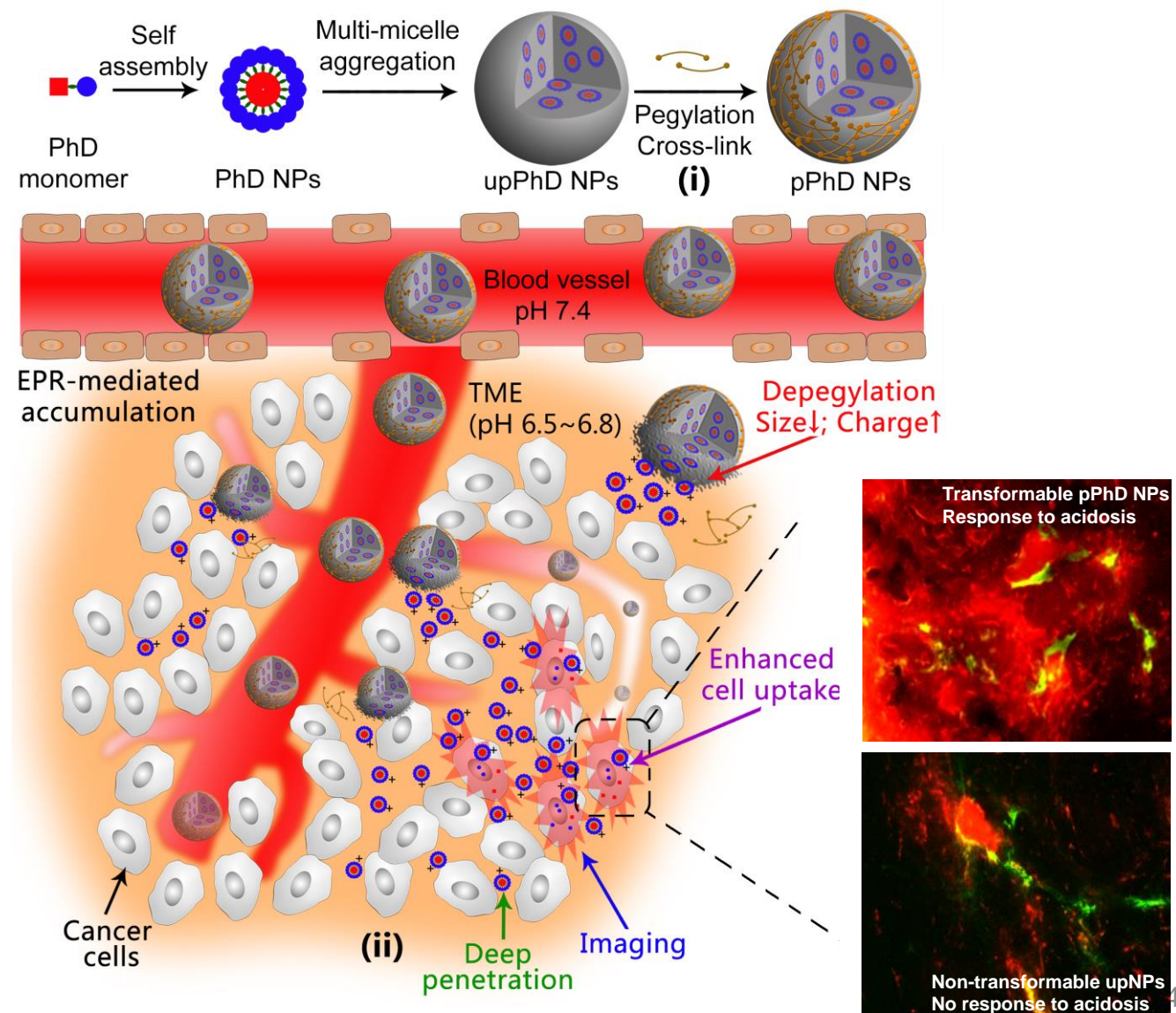
No current agent has both diagnostic and therapeutic activities



Theranostec Addresses 75% of Cases

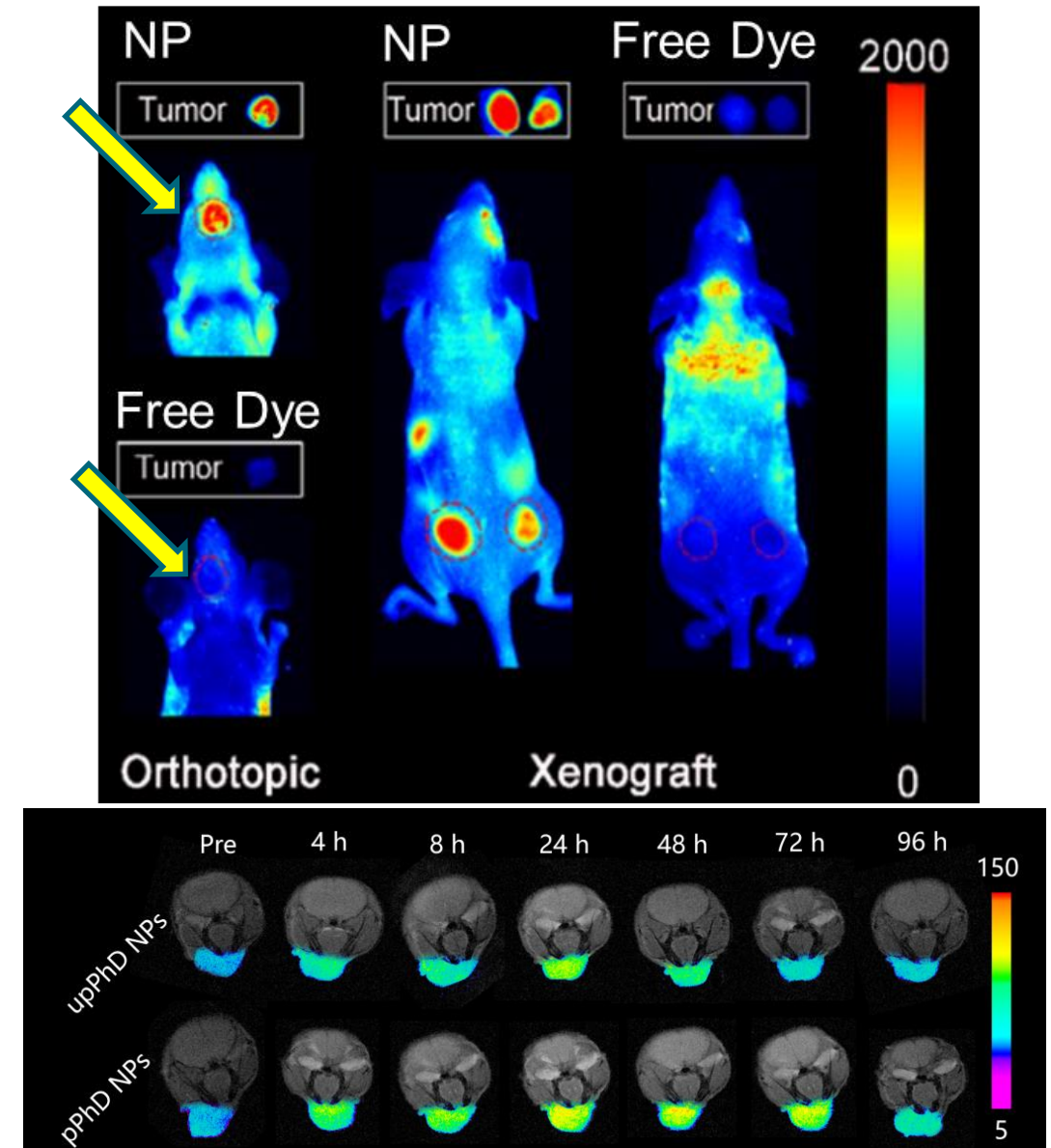
Solution: Nanovehicles with Trimodal Therapeutic Activity

- “Trojan-Horse” nanovehicles made of cross-linked, self-assembling nanoparticles
 - High drug content
 - Excellent stability
- **Unique trigger mechanism releases active compounds only in the presence of the tumor**
 - Enhanced tumor accumulation & penetration
 - Reduced toxicity
 - Widened therapeutic window



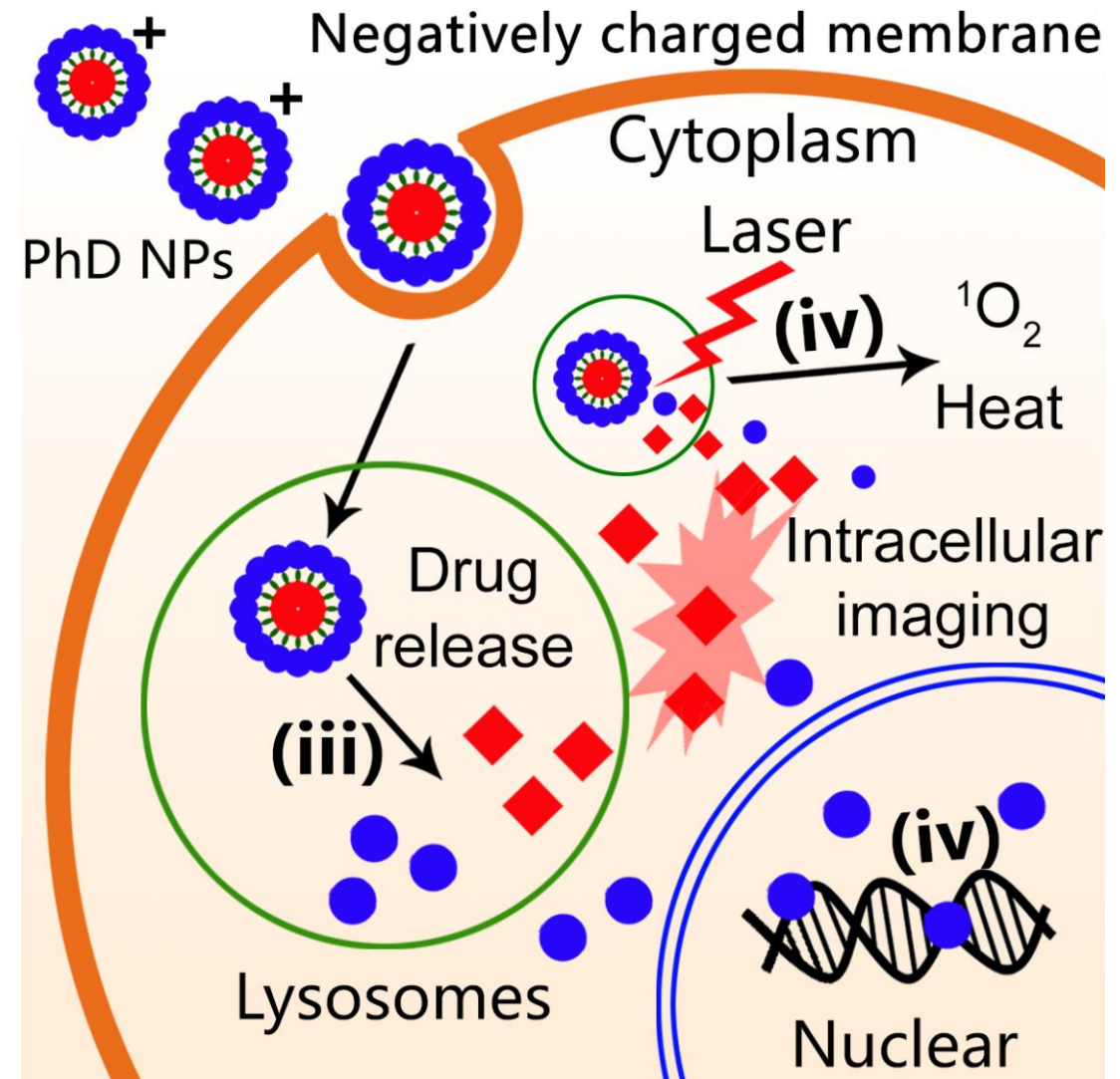
Improved Surgery Through Imaging-guidance

- **TheraPhD** can also be used as a tumor imaging agent
- **Can be used to more easily delineate the tumor from healthy tissue**
 - Increasing surgical precision
 - Reducing chance of tumor recurrence
- **TheraPhD** capable of dual imaging modalities
 - Near-infrared fluorescence imaging (NIRFI)
 - Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)

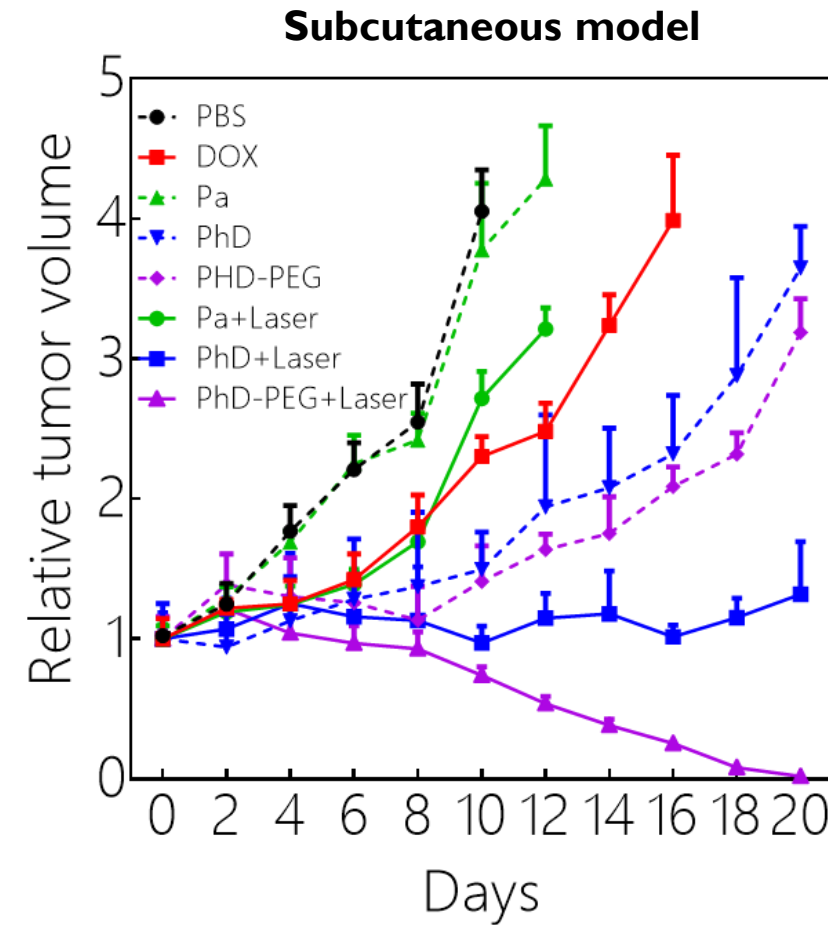
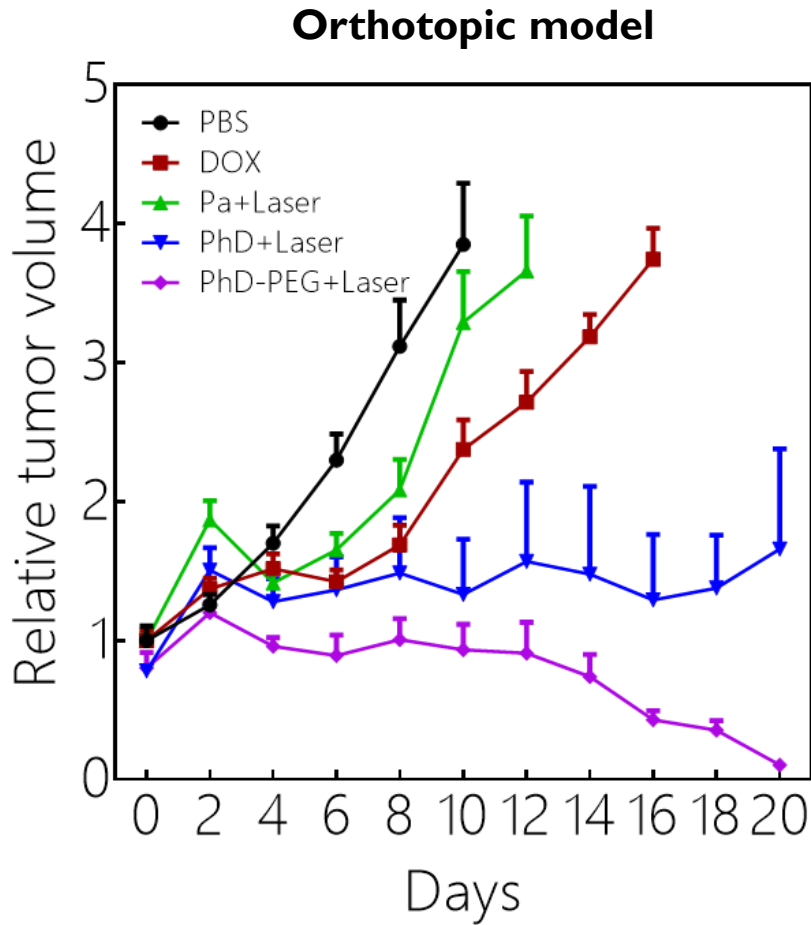


Treating Residual Tumor Through Phototherapy & Trimodal Therapeutic activity with TheraPhD

- **Trimodal therapeutic activity combines chemo- and photo-therapeutic activities**
 - Chemotherapeutic, Photothermal, Photodynamic
- **Targeted laser phototherapy amplifies the anti-tumor efficacy and prevents off-target activity**
 - Phototherapy can be used to tune therapeutic effect to the desired level
 - Can be used post-surgery to clean up residual tumors



TheraPhD Has Extremely Positive *In Vivo* Activity



TheraPhD nanoparticles completely eliminated oral cancers in both models

Milestones & Funding



Development Stage	Preclinical POC	Pre-IND	Phase I
Funding Required	\$300k	\$2M	\$18M (Series A)
Milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ SBIR Phase I-funded ✓ Formulation Optimization ✓ Early In vivo evaluation ✓ PK/PD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efficacy/ Toxicity evaluation • GMP production • CMC section development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical Evaluation

Patents

- TheraPhD nanoparticle technology is currently under patent
- US Patent US2018/037895

Publications

- Recent results published in Nature Communications (2018, 9, 3653)

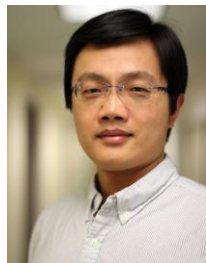
Funding

- Received SBIR Phase I grant to optimize activity/stability and evaluate the diagnostic and therapeutic activity *in vivo* (\$300k).
- A new NIH grant just awarded to the Dr. Li's lab at UC Davis to conduct studies in companion animals (3M).

Team and Advisors



Team



Dr. Yuanpei Li, PhD

Founder & CEO

- Associate Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Medicine at UC Davis
- Expert in nanotechnology and drug delivery



Dr. Cindy Lin, DVM, PhD

Founder & COO

- Research Associate Professor at UC Davis
- Expert in both *in vitro* and *in vivo* studies



Dr. Aaron Lindstrom, PhD

Principal Scientist

- Postdoctoral Scholar at UC Davis
- Expert in medicinal chemistry and drug design

Advisors



Dr. Gregory Farwell, MD

Chair of the Department of Head and Neck Surgery, UC Davis

- Expert in head and neck cancers
- 25 years experience as practicing surgeon



Dr. Rick Harkins, NIH CAP advisor

- Prior Principal Scientist at Bayer Healthcare
- 35 years experience in the managing partnerships with U.S. academic research institutions and emerging life science firms



Lloyd Kunimoto

CEO of Amfora, Inc.

- 25 years experience in successfully leading biotechnology and biopharmaceutical companies

Theranostec Pipeline Drives Growth Potential



PROGRAM	INDICATION	DISCOVERY and OPTIMIZATION	IN VIVO TESTING	GMP, IND-ENABLING STUDIES	IND	CLINICAL TRIALS
TheraPhD Doxorubicin/Porphyrin	HNSCC, TNBC	[Progress bar spanning Discovery and Optimization, In Vivo Testing, and GMP, IND-Enabling Studies]				
TheraNinja-V Vincristine	Pediatric Brain Cancer	[Progress bar spanning Discovery and Optimization and In Vivo Testing]				
TheraTaxel Paclitaxel	Ovarian Cancer	[Progress bar spanning Discovery and Optimization, In Vivo Testing, and GMP, IND-Enabling Studies]				
FUNDING		R01-SBIR	SBIR-Phase I	SBIR-Phase 2	Partnership/VC	



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Seeking \$20M in funding for IND filing and phase I clinical trials

- Completion of the GMP production of TheraPhD and IND-enabling Pharm/Tox Studies
- IND filing will follow completion of these results
- Phase I clinical trials in patients with solid tumors

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