

## RNA Nanotechnology: Targeted Chemo and Radiotherapy in Cancers

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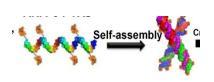
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# RNA NANOTECHNOLOGY PLATFORM DESIGNS



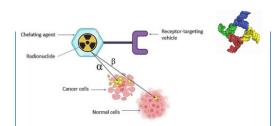
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# **4WJ RNA Nanoparticles + Click Chemistry**

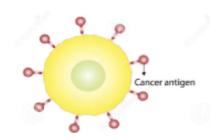
- Enhance its cancer cell targeted delivery efficiency to > 5%, vs traditional nanotechnology < 0.7%
- Extraordinary PK profiles and low accumulation to VITAL ORGANS
- Increased solubility of chemical drugs, e.g.,
   Increased Paclitaxel solubility by 32,000 folds

# CURRENT FOCUS



# 4WJ RNA Nanoparticles for Radiation Therapy

 Conjugate chemical drugs to RNA nanoparticles to enhance the solubility and reduce the toxicity, include RNAi drug and an alpha emitting radioisotope in the complex for complete cytotoxicity to cancer cells



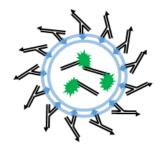
#### **4WJ Cell Therapy**

- Ex vivo delivery of regulatory RNAs to T cells or stem cells
- RNA nanoparticles as immune-cell targeting agents (like nanoparticleguided CAR-T)
- Enhancing tumor infiltration of immune cells via co-administered nanoparticles
- RNAi-based modulation of checkpoint pathways



#### **4WJ Bispecifics**

- Dual targeting of two aptamers or ligands to bind to tumor + T cell receptor or two tumor antigens for enhanced specificity
- Therapy + Immune engagement to target tumor antigen and immune stimulant or checkpoint inhibitor RNAi.



#### **RNA/Exosome**

- Display RNA on exosome to make it negatively charged, minimize nonspecific binding
- Display aptamer or chemical ligand onto exosomes for efficient targeting
- Delivers siRNA to cell's cytoplasm to escape from endosome trapping

# SECONDARY PLATFORM

# **Engineering 4 Way Junction RNA Nanoparticles for Precision Oncology**



# Radioisotope Module Targeting Ligand Module Targeting Ligand Module Targeting Ligand Module

Targeting Ligand – Aptamer sequences engineered into module

Therapeutic Module – RNA and or Nucleoside Drugs engineered into module

Radioisotope Module –

Radioisotopes attached via proprietary ligand technologies

#### **Currently Manual Via OSU Sponsored Research:**

- Target cancer and identified, Literature Search, Manual Layout of Drugs
- High-affinity aptamer(s) chosen or identified via Literature and testing
- Best-fit therapeutic payload(s) selected by public availability:
  - RNAi, microRNA, Chemo, Radiation
- Click chemistry sites and best linkers selected for each drug payload
- Stabilizing modified nucleosides placed for serum durability
- Drug cleavage points ranked and mapped to linker chemistry
- Chelators selected for radioisotope integration (if used)
- Aptamer surface orientation and density optimized
- Drugs Synthesized. Screened in Cell Culture and on to Animal Testing

#### Al End-to-End System Architecture

- Target module: Literature + trial mining → aptamer targets.
- Design module: Generative LLM for aptamers + 4WJ scaffolds.
- Simulation module: Folding, docking, DAR prediction.
- Payload module: siRNA + miRNA optimizer.
- Integration module: Multi-objective RL engine.
- Feedback module: Wet lab loop for retraining.
- Drugs Synthesized. Screened in Cell Culture and on to Animal Testing

Cycle time: Weeks instead of months

# **Engineering RNA Nanoparticles with AI In Silico Tools**



#### Step 1. Target Cancer Selection

- Inputs: Tumor type, prevalence data, unmet need.
- Al tool: Natural-language mining model (PubMed/clinical trials ingestion)
  - that ranks aptamer-accessible biomarkers
- Output: Shortlist of high-prevalence targets + % expression and validated aptamer sequences.

#### Step 2. Aptamer & Scaffold Generation

- Generative Al: Transformer models fine-tuned on SELEX aptamer libraries propose candidate sequences.
- AI Filter: ViennaRNA / NUPACK / Rosetta-RNA compute folding  $\Delta G$ , discard unstable junctions.
- Output: Dozens of stable 4WJ scaffold candidates with aptamer(s) positioned.

#### Step 3. Payload Docking & Chemistry

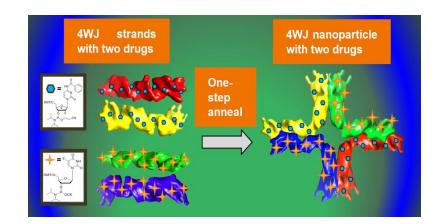
- Al docking (DiffDock, EquiBind): Simulate payload–RNA handle interactions.
- Payload library: Generics (SN-38, paclitaxel, gemcitabine, doxorubicin) + licensed classes (DXd, duocarmycin, PBD).
- Multi-objective optimization: DAR, linker stability, steric fit with aptamer folding.
- Output: Ranked list of compatible payload-handle designs per scaffold.

#### Step 4. RNAi & microRNA Integration

- siRNA design Al: siRNAoff / GuideScan-Al → screens all ABC transporters (ABCB1, ABCG2, ABCC5) and resistance genes (RRM1, TUBB3, AR-V7).
- microRNA design Al: miRDB + ML predictors → propose tumorsensitizing mimics/antagomirs (miR-34a, miR-145, miR-200c, antimiR-21).
- Output: Candidate duplexes scored for potency, off-target risk, manufacturability.

#### ♦ Step 5. Multi-Objective AI Optimizer

- Reinforcement learning engine: Balances aptamer affinity, NP stability, payload DAR, RNAi/miRNA efficacy, and predicted toxicity.
- Reward function: ΔIC50 vs parent drug, tumor vs normal selectivity, manufacturability (oligo length/mods <60 nt).
- Output: Optimized drug designs per cancer type.



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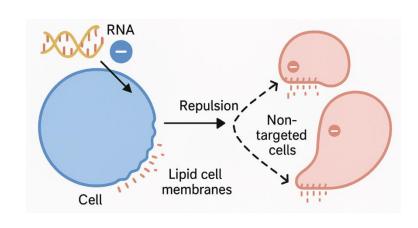


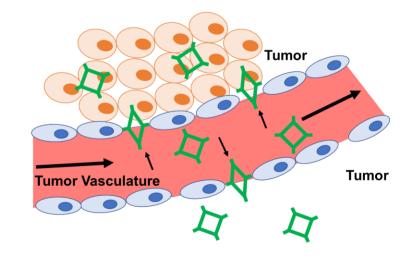
# INTRINSIC 4WJ RNA NANOPARTACLE PROPERTIES

# **ENABLE PRECISE DEAP TUMOR PENETRATION**









The amoeboid rubbery property of RNA nanoparticles make them penetrate more efficiently into tumors as they can easily clear the 5nm glomerulus kidney filter intact

The negative charge of RNA prevents entry into non-targeted cells or accumulation in vital organs.

Combined result is greatly enhanced tumor targeting and accumulation in solid tumors as compared to significantly larger ADCs.

**Aptamers Also Confer Precise Recognition of Tumor Cells- Ensuring Minimal Uptake by Healthy Tissues** 

# **ADC's VS 4WJ RNA Nanoparticles**



	ADCs	4WJ RNA Nanoparticles	
Targeting specificity	X Off-target risk	✓ Programmable precision	
Payload versatility	Limited (mainly cytotoxics)	Multiple payload types (siRNA, miRNA, drugs, imaging)	
Size & tumor penetration	X Bulky, limited diffusion	Small, tunable, better penetration	
Manufacturing	Complex antibody + conjugation	Self-assembling, reproducible	
Circulation stability	4 4	Chemically stabilized RNA	
Immunogenicity	Potential immune activation	☑ Low immunogenicity (engineered)	
Controlled release	X Linker-dependent	Smart release (pH, enzymes, miRNA triggers)	
Cost & scalability	X Expensive biologics	V Low-cost, scalable synthesis	

#### **4WJ RNA Nanoparticle Key Advantages**

- Engineering Simplicity 4WJ RNA nanoparticles avoid antibody discovery and conjugation, allowing faster iteration by simply changing RNA sequences. This makes the platform more agile than ADCs.
- Tumor Penetration & PK (Size) Size is decisive: ADCs (~10-20nm) struggle to penetrate solid tumors, while 4WJs (functionally <5nm and clear glomerulus) diffuse throughout tumor tissue, improving therapeutic reach.
- Immunogenicity Unlike ADCs, which can trigger immune responses, 4WJs with modified nucleosides show minimal immunogenicity, supporting repeat dosing.

# **4WJ RNA NANOPARTICLE BIODISTRIBUTION**

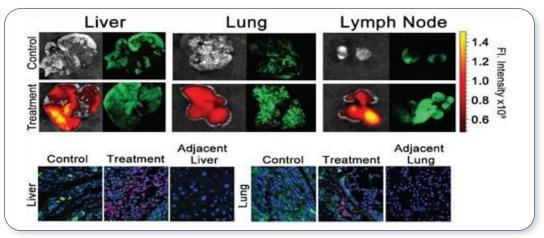


RNA nanoparticles circulate well upon injection Nanoparticles are cleared within 4 hours in blood

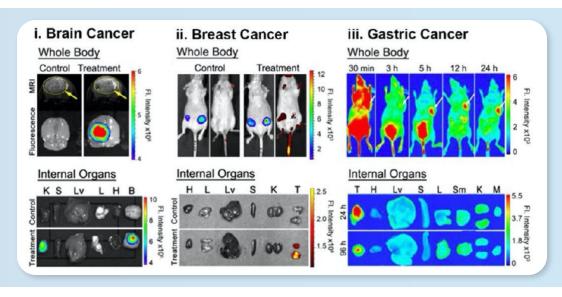
Have high tumor retention for better therapeutics

RNA nanoparticles with ligands tested

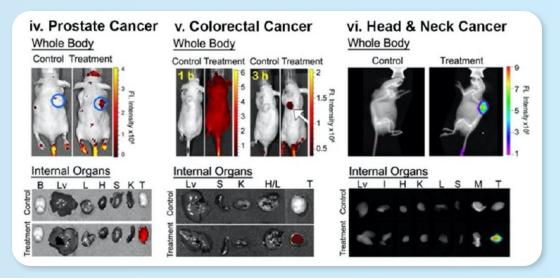
Allows for tumor targeting without accumulation in organs



Colorectal Cancer Metastases to Liver and Lung, Lymph Node



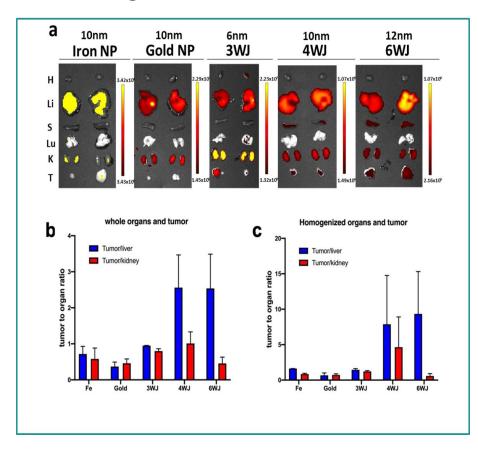
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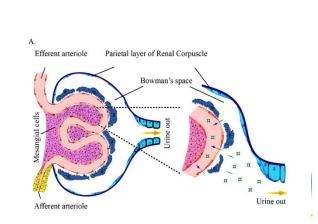
# **4WJ RNA NANOPARTICLES EXIBIT NO ORGAN ACCUMULATION**

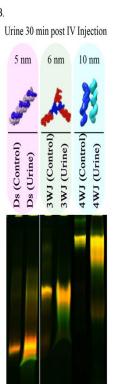


Versatile 4WJ structure combinations allow for rapid and efficient intra-tumor penetration without organ accumulation.



RNA Nanoparticles quickly clear non tumor accumulated drug through the kidney's 5 nm Glomerular Filtration Barrier and excreted in the urine al.





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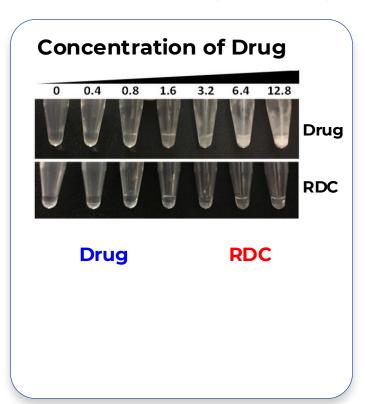
Li X., et al. & Guo P. Advanced Drug Delivery Reviews. 2022

# **4WJ RNA NANOPARTICLE CONJUGATES**

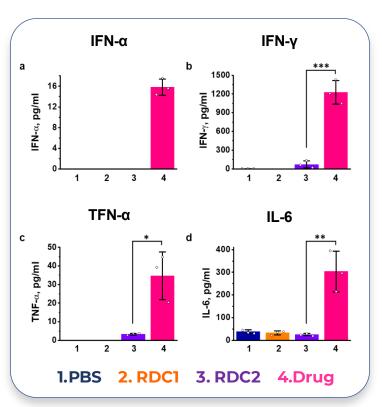


Anticancer drug is conjugated to RNA Nanoparticles to target and kill cancer cells while sparing healthy cells. The linkers are engineered to release drug payloads within the cells only.

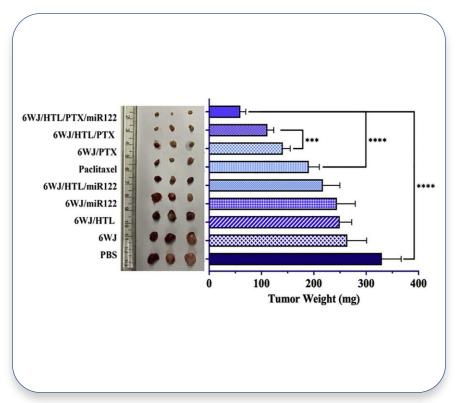
#### A. Enhanced Drug Solubility



#### **B.** Reduced Immunogenicity



#### C. Enhanced Tumor Suppression



### RNA NANO-PARTICLES FOR TARGETED RADIATION THERAPY

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Global targeted radiotherapy market projected to exceed \$15B by 2030

# RNA NanoMed (Aug 2025) published proof-of-concept for targeted radiotherapeutics using modular RNA nanoparticles

Platform Highlights:

4WJ RNA nanoparticles retain chemical & targeting behavior of 3WJ core

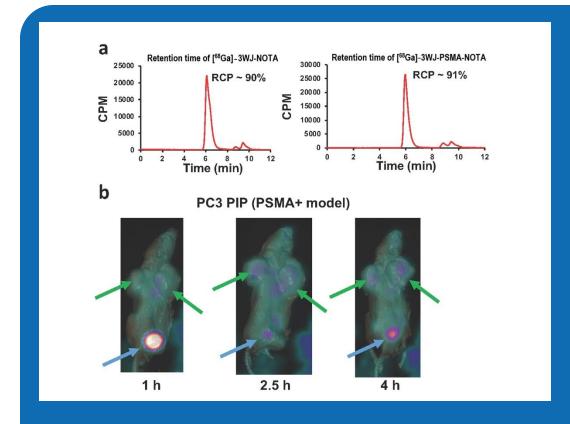
- Rapid tumor uptake: 1–4 h; rapid clearance from non-tumor tissues
- Plug-and-play design: swap targeting ligand & chelator strand without altering core
- Diagnostic <sup>68</sup>Ga easily replaced with the rapeutic  $\alpha/\beta$  emitters
- Single GMP & regulatory backbone supports multiple products

#### Alpha Emitter Priorities

- <sup>212</sup>Pb / TCMC strand Best PK match; clean drop-in for therapy
- <sup>225</sup>Ac / DOTA or macropa strand Straight substitution; manage daughter recoil

#### Theranostic Options

- Therapeutic: <sup>212</sup>Pb, <sup>225</sup>Ac, <sup>211</sup>At
- Diagnostic: <sup>68</sup>Ga, <sup>18</sup>F, <sup>64</sup>Cu



<sup>68</sup>Ga-Labeled RNA Nanoparticle (3WJ-PSMA-NOTA) for Medical Imaging Proof of Concept

**Green Arrow - Tumor** 

Blue Arrow – Bladder (showing excretion)

## **URGENT AND UNMET MEDICAL NEEDS**



Cancer is the leading cause of death worldwide. For patients diagnosed with metastatic disease, the diagnosis is often a sudden and devastating turn - one that redefines futures, upends families, and begins a race against time.

#### **COLORECTAL CANCER**

#### \$12B WW Today Project to \$20B 2033

- Leading cause of cancer death in men <50 years</li>
- Fastest-rising cancer in women <50 years
- Most deaths occur after metastasis to the liver and lungs
- 5-year survival rate drops to under 15%.
- Standard care is toxic, non-specific, and ineffective.

#### TRIPLE NEGATIVE BREAST CANCER

#### **\$11B WW Today Project to \$20B 2033**

- Breast cancer is a leading cause of cancer death in women
- Notably aggressive breast cancer subtype
- High recurrence rate
- Low 5-year survival compared to other subtypes
- Significant lack of targeted therapies

Patients and families aren't waiting for incremental change - they're waiting for a breakthrough. One that doesn't just delay the inevitable...but...redefines the possible.

# **CURRENT DRUGS IND SUBMISSION TIMELINES\***



	Target	Payload Cancer Type Ready to Initiate IND Program		Planned IND	
1	EpCAMapt	4WJ-SN38	mCRC – Liver/Lung	<b>✓</b>	2026
1A	Solid tumors	4WJ-SN38-GEM	4П - Breast Cancer	(secondary combination asset)	2026
2	EGFRapt	4WJ-X-24PTX-anti-miR21	Triple Negative Breast Cancer	✓	2027
3	HTLs	4WJ-GalNex-Paclitaxel.miR122	Liver Cancer	Animal data	2027
4	PSMAapt	4WJ-anti-mRNA21-LNA	Prostate Cancer	Animal data	2029

- Several Additional Drug Candidates Identified by Al for: Gastric/GEJ, Ovarian, Pancreatic, Endometrial, Lymphoma,...
- Drug Potencies May be Enhanced by In-licensed Chemo Agents such as: Exotecans, Duocarmycin prodrugs,
   PBD dimers,...

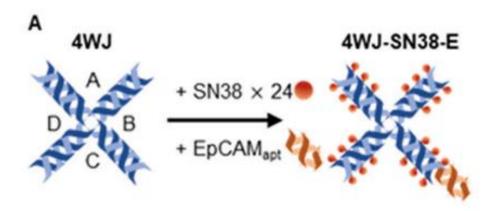
<sup>\*</sup> Priorities/dates may be re-ranked based on new data and review. Platform related work can continue until priority decision.

# **4WJ-SN38 DESIGN WITH TARGETING EPCAM APTAMER**

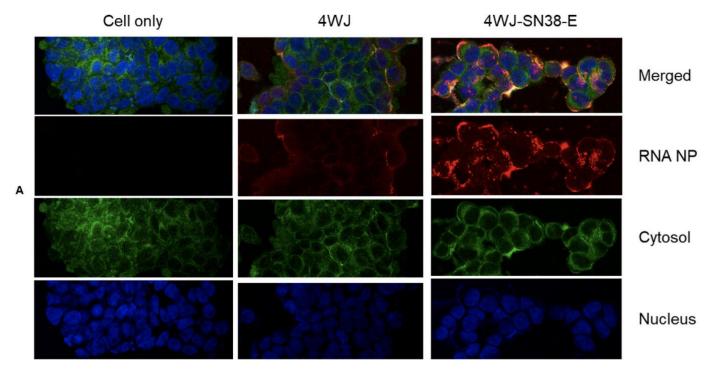


4WJ is comprised of 4 helixes that each contain a core domain to control the structure formation and a payload domain that is used for functionalization

Construction of functionalized thermostable 4WJ RNA nanoparticles with SN38 and EpCAMapt for tumor-specific targeting, covalently bonded via click chemistry.



EpCAM is overexpressed **(70-90%)** in numerous cancers and is a biomarker and cell surface receptor for targeting of RNA nanoparticles EpCAMapt displaying RNA nanoparticles specifically bind to EpCAM-overexpressed tumor cells and are further internalized into the cells efficiently by receptor-mediated endocytosis



# PRECLINICAL POC DATASET 4WJ EpCAM SN38



Key Requirement	RNA NanoBiotics Result	Benchmark Met
Drug Loading Efficiency	24 SN38 molecules per 4WJ-RNA nanoparticle	<b>✓</b>
In Vitro Apoptosis / Cytotoxicity	31.6% apoptosis in HT29 cells (4WJ-SN38-EpCAM)	<b>✓</b>
In Vivo Tumor Volume Reduction	85–90% tumor volume reduction at 2 mg/kg SN38 (x5 doses)	<b>✓</b>
Targeting Benefit over Non-Targeted NP	20.4% greater tumor reduction with EpCAM-targeted NPs	<b>✓</b>
Maximum Tolerated Dose (MTD) Margin	No observable toxicity at effective dose; safe at 2 mg/kg × 5 doses	<b>✓</b>
Systemic Toxicity (weight, organs)	No weight loss, no histopathologic changes in liver, kidney, spleen, heart, lung	<b>✓</b>
Cytokine Induction (e.g., TNF-α, IL-6)	No significant TNF- $\alpha$ or IL-6 elevation at 100 nM (comparable to PBS control)	<b>~</b>
Hemolysis / Plasma Compatibility	<5% hemolysis, no platelet aggregation, complement activation, or abnormal coagulation	<b>✓</b>
Biodistribution / Clearance	Tumor-targeted accumulation; fast renal clearance; undetectable off target accumulation	<u> </u>
RNA Nanoparticle Stability	  Stable >12 hrs in human serum; maintains shape and function	<b>✓</b>

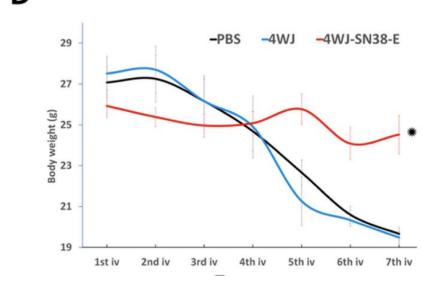
# 4WJ-SN38-EpCAM UNDETECTED TOXICITY OR



IMMUNOGENICITY

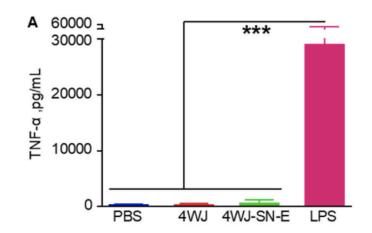
Rapid Renal Clearance:

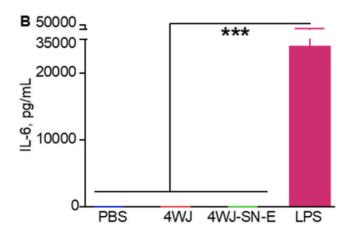
 Fast clearance documented with no body weight loss or systemic toxicity



Undetectable Toxicity & Immunogenicity:

ELISA shows cytokine levels
 comparable to untreated controls

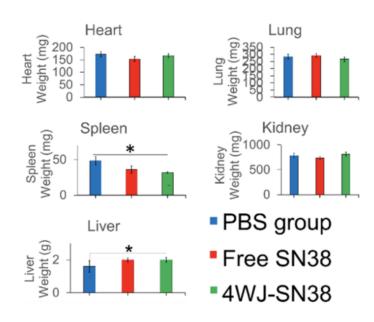




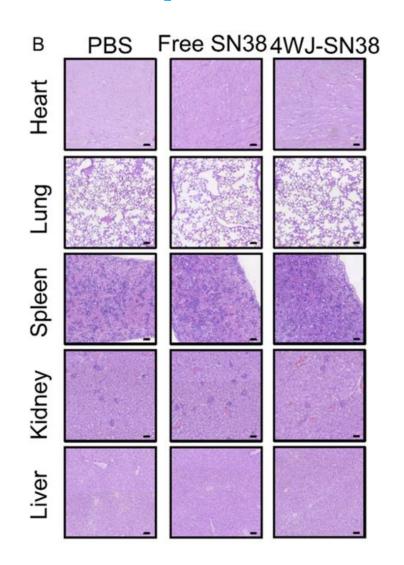
# PATHOLOGY & SAFETY OF 4WJ-SN38-EpCAM



No significant toxicity, side effects or immune responses.



- Repeated IV injections up to 30mg/kg do not result in toxicity
- PK (T  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) 5 to 10 hours vs 0.25-0.76 hr for siRNA itself
- Avoidance of antibody induction (as protein free)

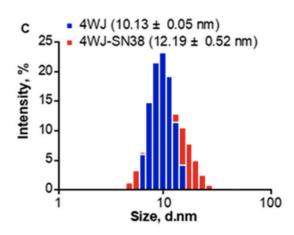


# **4WJ-SN38-EpCAM EFFICACY**



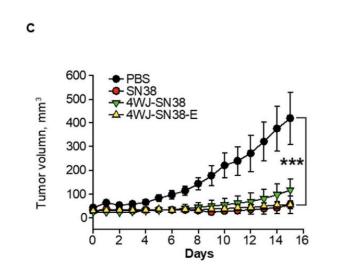
#### High Tumor Accumulation:

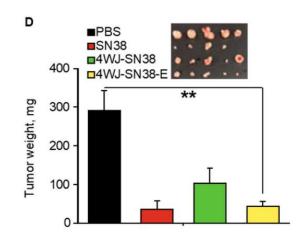
 Small size; Deformable and hydrophilic properties aiding EPR effect-based penetration



#### No Organ Accumulation:

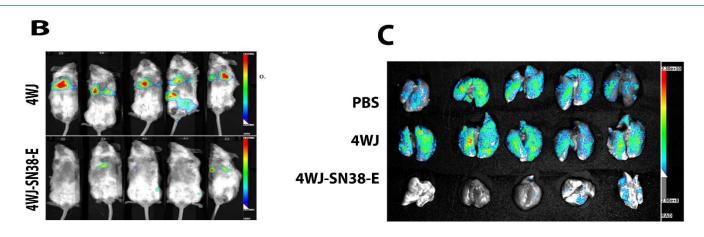
• No visible accumulation in liver, spleen, or lungs





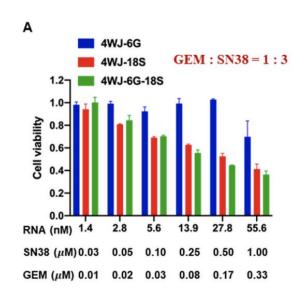
#### Safe uptake:

 Tumor suppression with-out offtarget effects



# SYNERGISTIC EFFECT 4WJ SN38+GEM POTENTIAL LEAD 1A

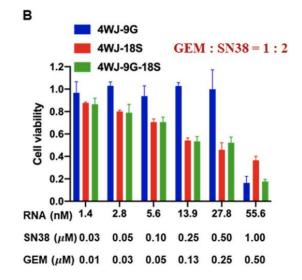


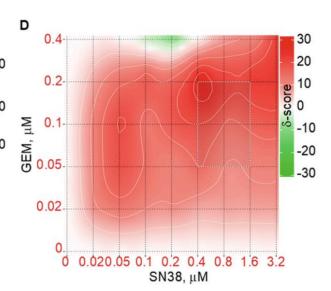


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Combination chemotherapy of SN38+GEM:

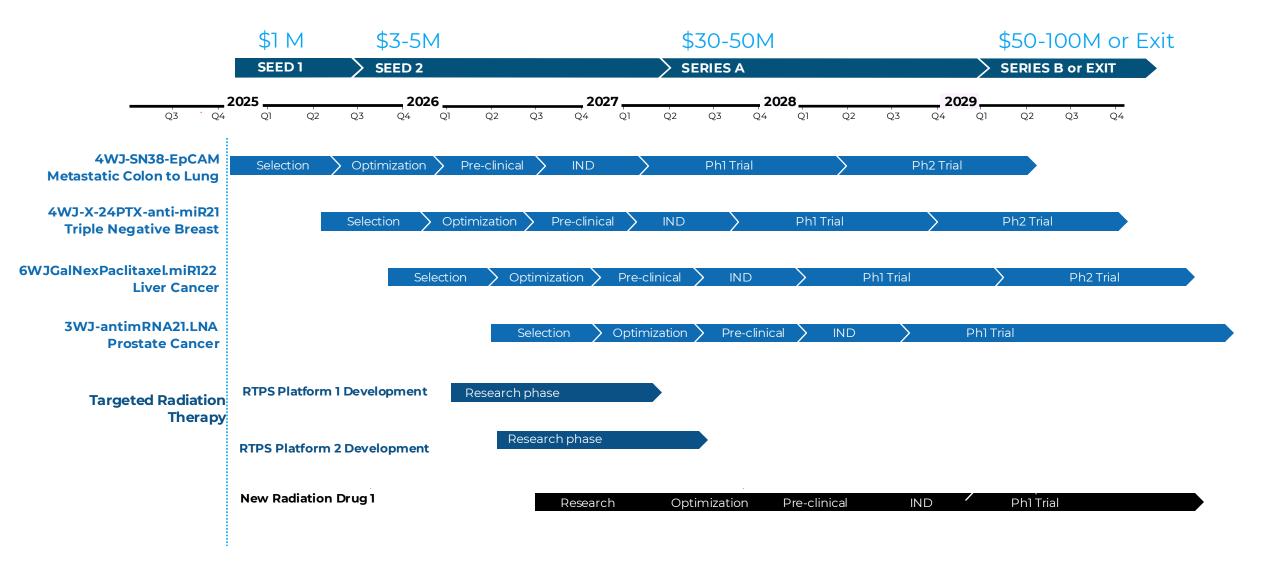
 Cytotoxicty with 1:3 and 1:2 ratios of GEM:SN38

Dose response matrix and HSA. Synergy map, score 11.7 (strong synergy).

Lin X. et al.& Guo P. Biomaterials. 2024

# RNA NANOBIOTICS DRUG PIPELINE TIMELINES





Ongoing Research at OSU may present more advanced drugs that may lead to reprioritization (5+ papers to be published)

# **Strategic Partnering and Exit Landscape – Top Targets**



Company	Strategic Fit	Partnering Rationale	Relevant Deals / Why It Matters
Roche / Genentech	ADC leader; deep oncology presence	Aggressive dealmaker, proven external innovation appetite	Spark (\$4.3B, 2019); multiple ADC deals >\$1B; Entrada IPO \$570M
Pfizer / Seagen	Oncology & ADC strength; RNA interest	Large acquisitions; RNA expertise post-COVID	Seagen (\$43B, 2023); Array (\$11.4B, 2019); RayzeBio (\$4.1B, 2023)
Bayer (Radiopharma)	Radioligand leader (Pluvicto, Xofigo)	Active acquirer/licensor in radiopharma space	Ratio \$745M; Aktis \$175M raise; Noria/PSMA acquisition
Novartis (Radioligand Therapy)	Oncology powerhouse; radioligand expansion	Open to early partnerships; acquisitive	Mariana \$1B upfront (2023); Endocyte \$2.1B; AAA \$3.9B; Alpha9 \$175M

# FINANCIAL STRATEGY

Planned Series A for Clinical plus - \$40-\$60M (Equity) Late 2026-2027



Category	Q3 2025 → mid-2026	Mid-2026 → end-2026	
	Seed I – \$5.0M Note \$25M Cap, 20%	Seed II – \$5.0M Note \$38M Cap, 15%	
	Discount, 6% Interst	Discount, 6% Interst	
Drug Assets Readiness	Subtotal: \$3.2M	Subtotal: \$3.0M	
(EpCAM-SN38 + TNBC)	• \$2.4M – EpCAM–SN38 CMC transfer	• \$2.5M – EpCAM–SN38 GLP tox + GMP L	
	• \$0.8M – TNBC CMC prep	<ul><li>EpCAM-SN38 IND filed by end-2026</li><li>\$0.5M - TNBC IND-enabling</li></ul>	
Platform / Al Development	Subtotal: \$1.0M	Subtotal: \$1.2M	
(Radiopharma + synthesis, animals)	<ul> <li>Radiopharma in vitro proof</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Radi in vivo biodistribution + efficacy</li> </ul>	
	Al software + first hire	• Al expansion (1–2 candidates)	
	Early synthesis vendor setup	<ul> <li>Contract synthesis + animals</li> </ul>	
Overhead & Ops	Subtotal: \$0.8M	Subtotal: \$0.8M	
	Salaries, legal, license, G&A,	<ul> <li>Salaries, legal, License, G&amp;A,</li> </ul>	
Milestones	• Mid-2026:	• End-2026:	
	– EpCAM–SN38 + TNBC in IND-track	<ul><li>– EpCAM–SN38 IND filed</li></ul>	
	– Radiopharma chemistry validated	- TNBC close behind	
	– AI platform operational	– Radiopharma in vivo proof	
		– Al-designed candidates in animals	
Total	\$5.0M	\$5.0M	

Lead Investors: Wharton Alumni Angels, Think Inc., Wilson Sonsini

# **ONCOLOGY COMPETITORS:** Targeting & Differentiation



Company	Platform	Oncology Focus	Radioisotope?	Co-delivery?	Targeting Mechanism
RNA Nanobiotics	4WJ RNA NPs	Solid tumors	Yes (opt.)	Yes (RNA+chemo)	Aptamer-guided (EpCAM etc.)
Novartis (AAA)	Radioligand	Prostate, NETs	Yes	No	Small-molecule ligands (PSMA, SSTR2)
AstraZeneca (Fusion)	Radioconjugate	Prostate	Yes	No	Peptide ligands to tumor receptors
BMS (RayzeBio)	Actinium RLT	NETs, SCLC, HCC	Yes	No	Peptides/antibodies to tumor receptors
Eli Lilly (POINT)	Radioligand	Prostate	Yes	No	Small-molecule ligand (PSMA)
Telix	Theranostics	Prostate, Kidney	Yes	No	Ligands (PSMA, CAIX, FR $\alpha$ )
Convergent Tx	Radio-Ab	Prostate	Yes	No	Monoclonal antibody (PSMA)
Abdera Tx	Radiopharma	DLL3 SCLC	Yes	No	Antibody (DLL3)
EnGenelC	EDV™ minicells	Solid tumors	No	Yes (RNA+chemo)	Antibody-decorated minicells
Transcode Tx	RNAi NPs	Oncology (miR-10b)	No	No	Ligand/iron-oxide conjugates
Nanobiotix	Radio-enhancer	Head & neck	No	No	Local intratumoral injection
Sirnaomics	RNAi (PNP, GalNAc)	Skin, cholangio	No	No	GalNAc hepatocyte targeting (not tumors)

# THANK YOU!



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