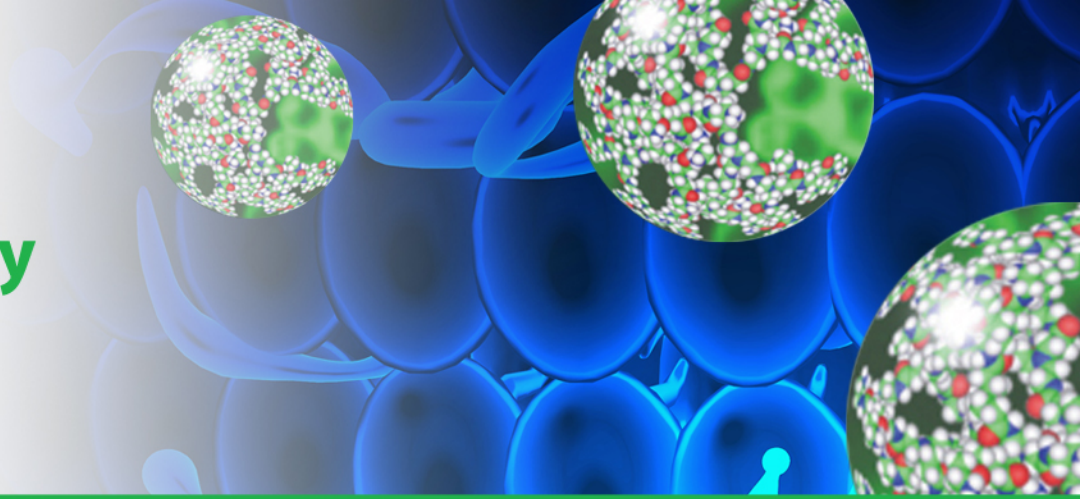


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## NanoWG - Introduction

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## Research Background

- Graduate Research, Johns Hopkins University (Dr. Peter Searson): **Development of an *in vivo* benchmarking protocol for cancer nanomedicines and informed creation of a novel stealth nanomedicine for passive accumulation in solid tumors**
- Undergraduate Research, Stanford University (Dr. Robert Sinclair): **Electron microscopy of nanoparticles in biological samples**
- Undergraduate Research, Freie Universitaet (Berlin, Germany): **Synthesis and functionalization of gold nanoparticles**

## Nanoparticle Background

- Synthesis of...
  - Liposomes
  - Gold nanoparticles
  - Quantum dots
  - Silica nanoparticles
  - Silver nanoparticles
  - Graphene Oxide/Nano-diamonds
  - \*Peptides
- Characterization of...
  - All of the above
    - PCC, *in vitro*, and/or *in vivo*
  - Magnetic nanoparticles
  - Polymeric nanoparticles
  - Micelles
  - Cell membrane vesicles
  - Antibody-drug conjugates
  - Peptide-drug conjugates
  - Thin films

# Graduate Work - Main Research Thrusts

## • Overview and Analysis of the field of Cancer Nanomedicine

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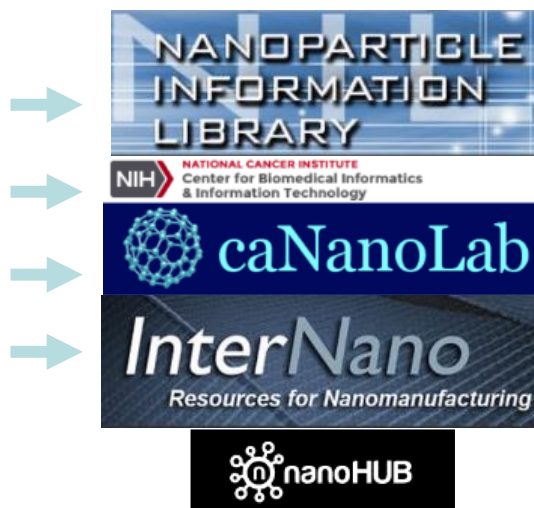
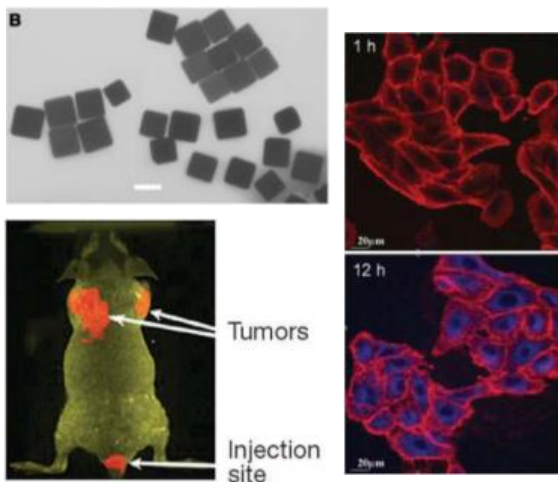
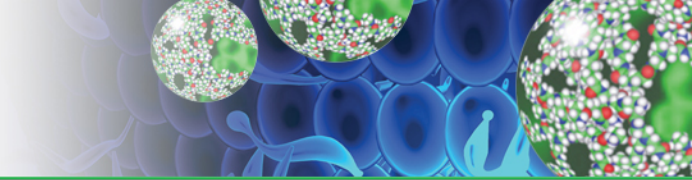
## • Nanoparticle Characterization

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- Mukherjee, A., Kumar, B., Hatano, K., **Russell, L. M.**, Trock, B. J., Searson, P. C., & Lupold, S. E. (2016). *Development and Application of a Novel Model System to Study “Active” and “Passive” Tumor Targeting*. *Molecular Cancer Therapeutics*, 15(10), 2541-2550.

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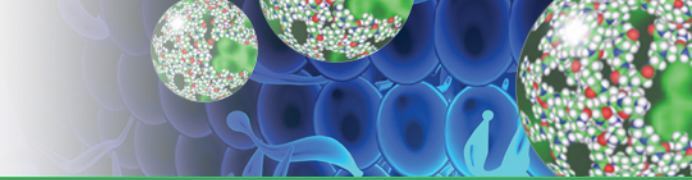


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Design rules to increase tumor accumulation



# Simplified Informatics Framework



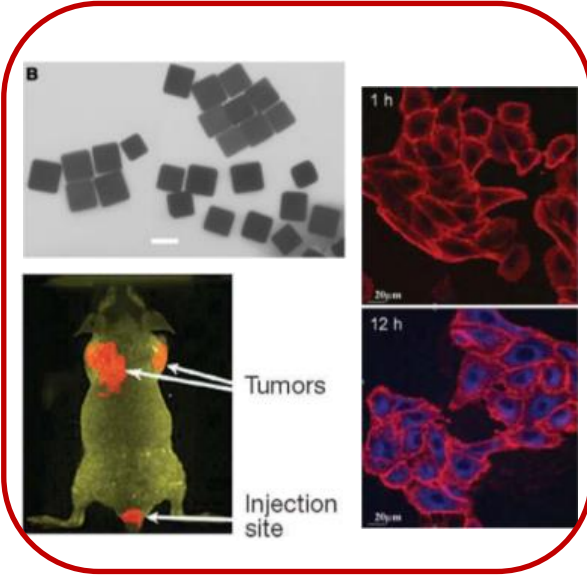
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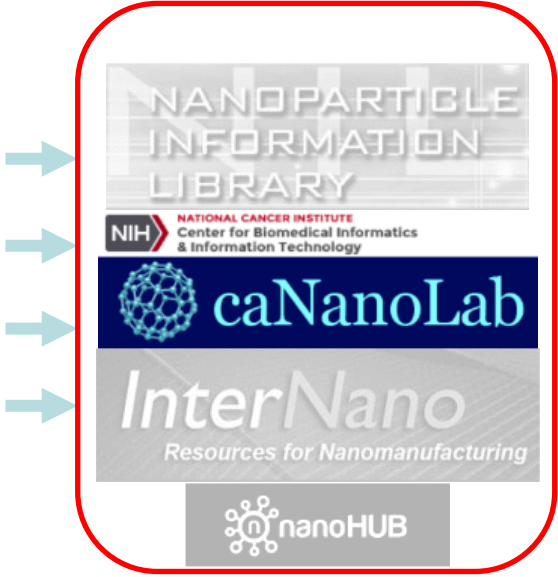
Data Collection/  
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Outcomes



Graduate Focus



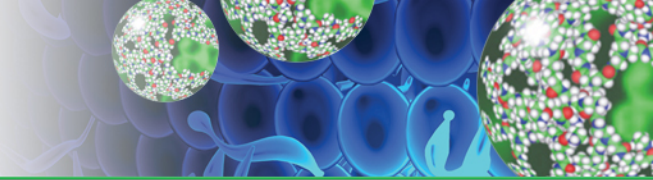
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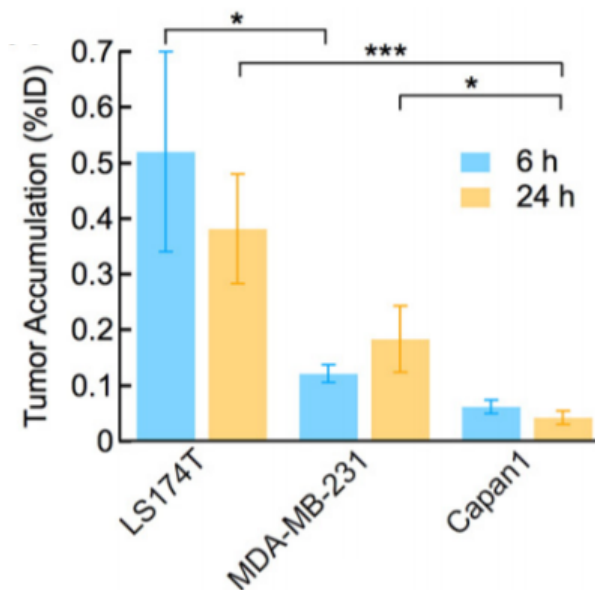
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# Trouble with nanomedicine databases – Incomparable data



## Consider tumor accumulation...

- Variability in controls
- Mouse model
- Dose
- **Tumor type (35 types in 68 studies)**
- Quantitative measurement of tumor accumulation
- Inconsistent reporting

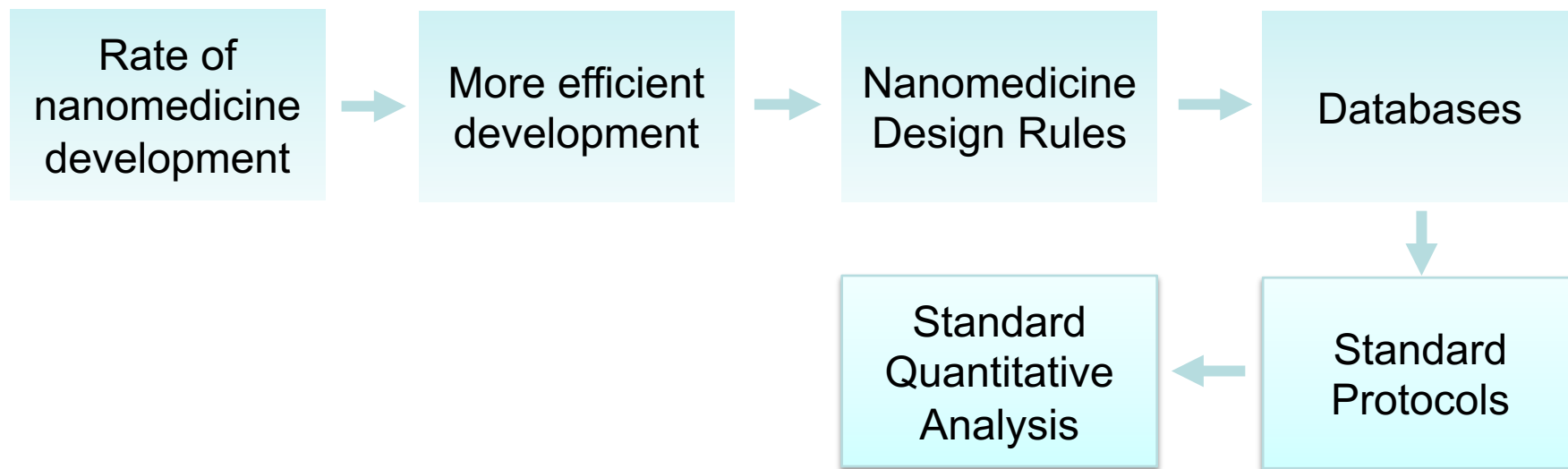


**LS174T:** colorectal adenocarcinoma, high EPR

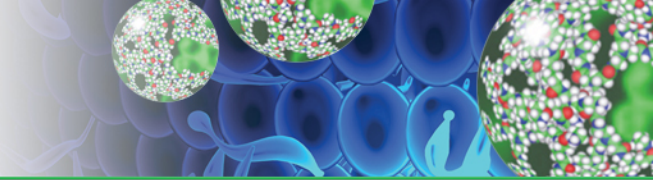
**MDA-MB-231:** breast cancer, medium EPR

**Capan1:** pancreatic cancer, low EPR

# Critical need for new tools

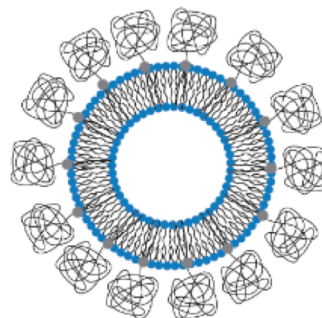


# Proposed standardized experiment for benchmarking

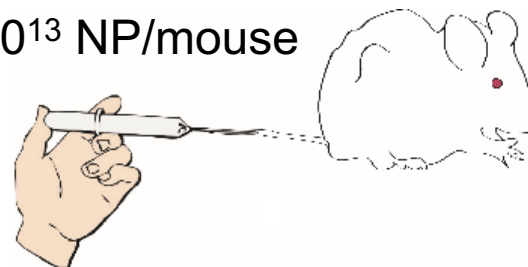


## Physicochemical properties:

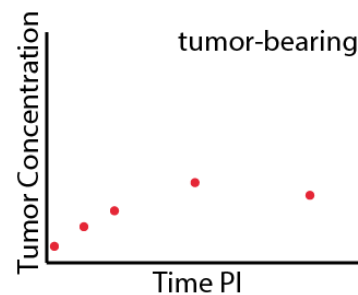
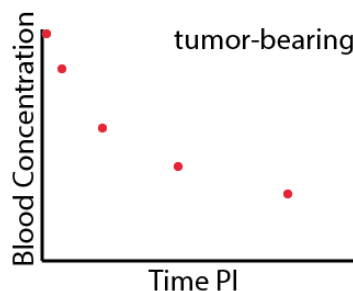
- Size (nm)
- Shape
- Composition
- Surface chemistry



Dose:  
 $10^{13}$  NP/mouse



*Animal model:*  
Athymic nu/nu mice  
LS174T xenografts  
8-10 mm  
Report weight/  
diameter of tumor



## Pharmacokinetics/Tumor Accumulation:

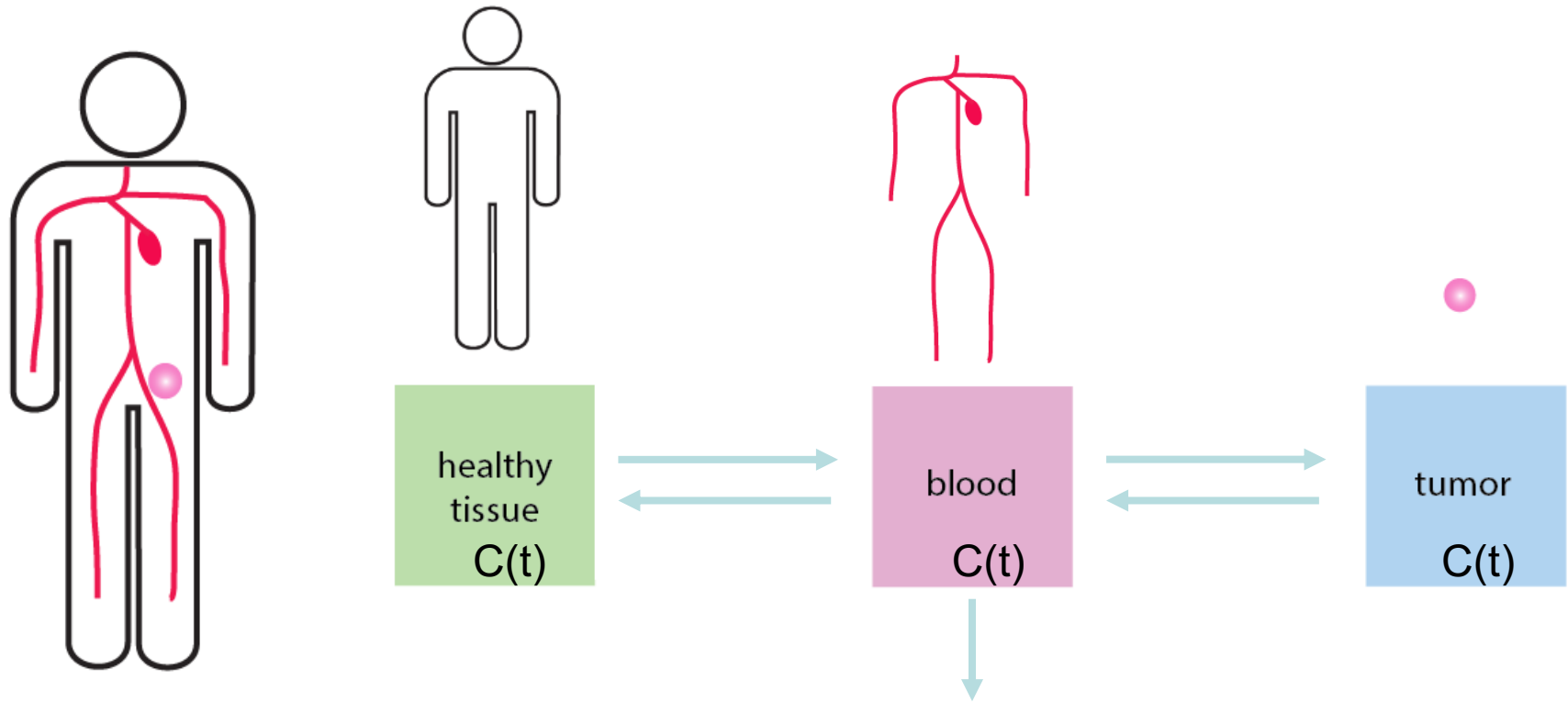
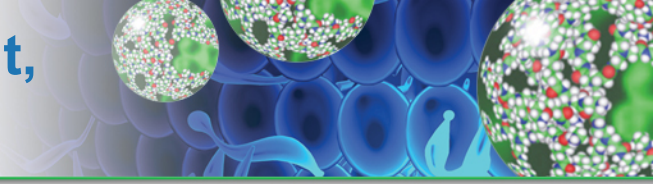
Time points: 6, 24, 48 h PI

%ID, mg of drug

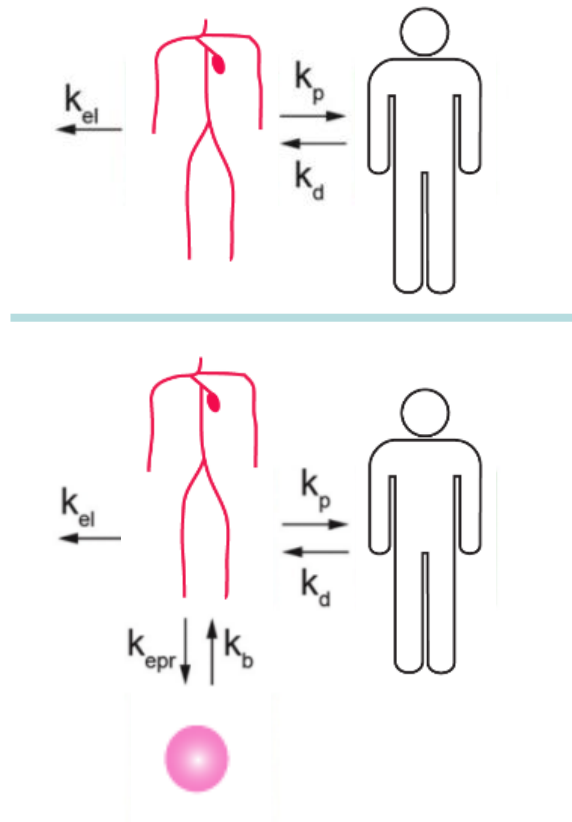
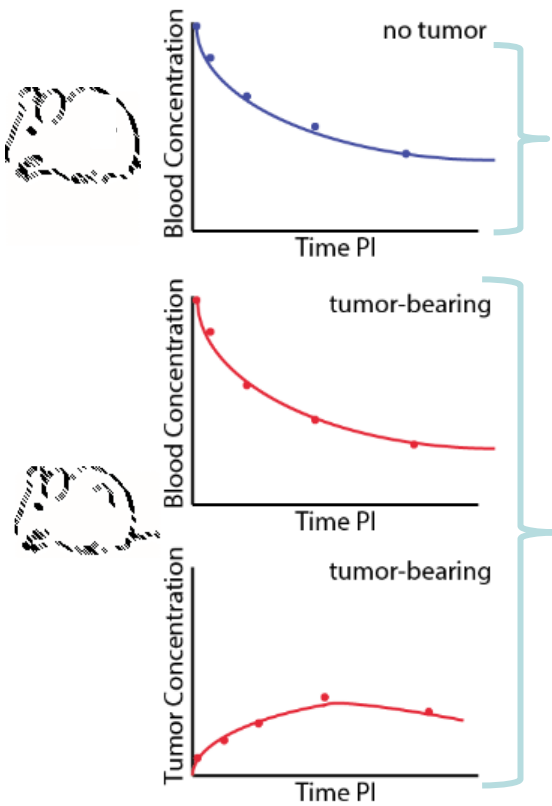
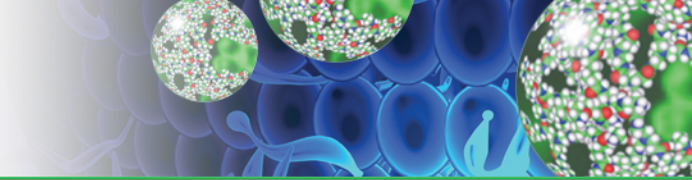
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# Novel Tool: *In vivo* standardized experiment, tumor accumulation kinetics



# Information we can use: Analytical Model



## Mass Balance Equations

$$\frac{dN_{bl}}{dt} = k_d N_p - k_p N_{bl} - k_{el} N_{bl} + k_b N_t - k_{ep} N_{bl}$$

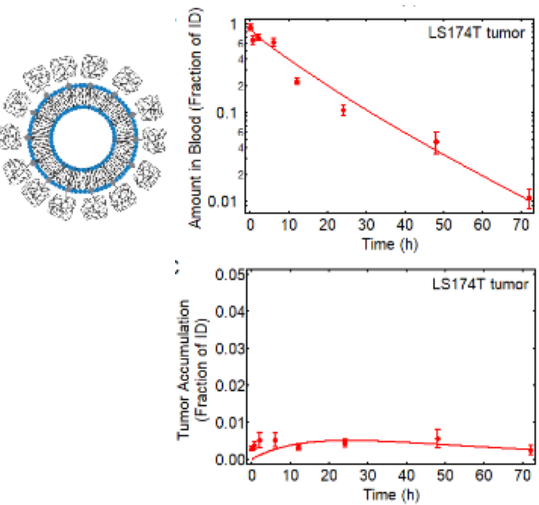
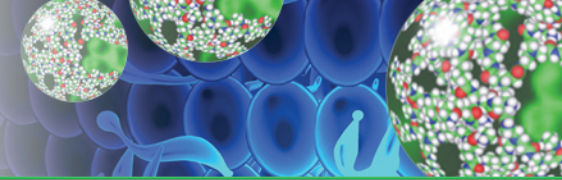
$$\frac{dN_p}{dt} = k_p N_{bl} - k_d N_p$$

$$\frac{dN_t}{dt} = k_{ep} N_{bl} - k_b N_t$$

$$\frac{d(N_{bl} + N_p + N_t)}{dt} = -k_{el} N_{bl}$$

Tumor-free	LS174T Tumor-bearing
$k_p$	
$k_d$	
	$k_{el}$
	$k_{ep}$
	$k_b$

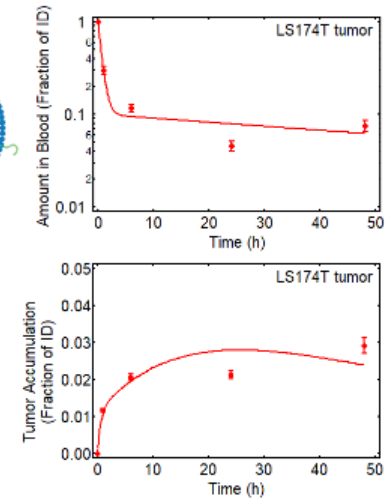
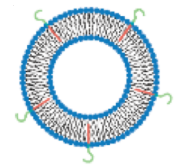
# A (very) small-scale nanoinformatics approach



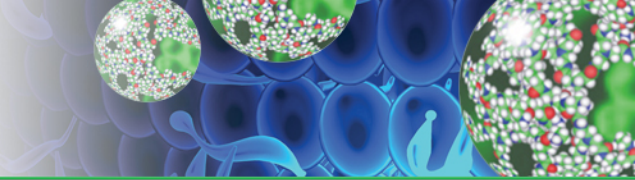
PEGylated liposome

Parameter	PEG
A	0.072
B	0.078
Alpha	5.6
Beta	0.05
$k_p$	2.62
$k_d$	2.94
$k_{epr}$	0.0011
$k_b$	0.022
$k_{el}$	0.124

Rate constants in  $h^{-1}$

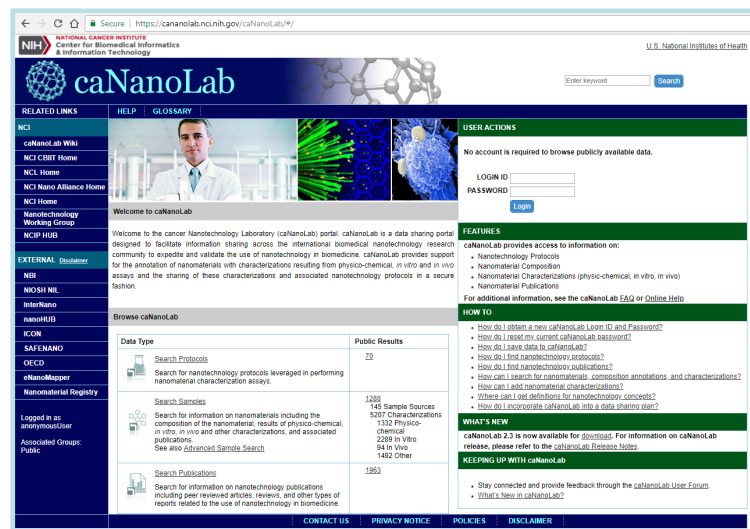


**Newly Developed:**  
CD47\*-functionalized liposome



## caNanoLab Goal

To provide a nanotechnology resource that facilitates data sharing in the community to expedite and validate the use of nanomaterials in biomedicine



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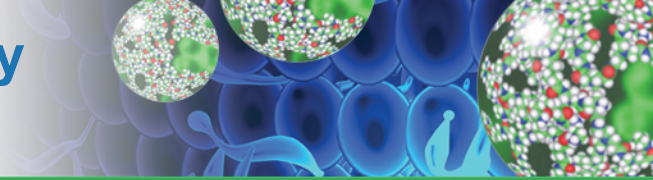
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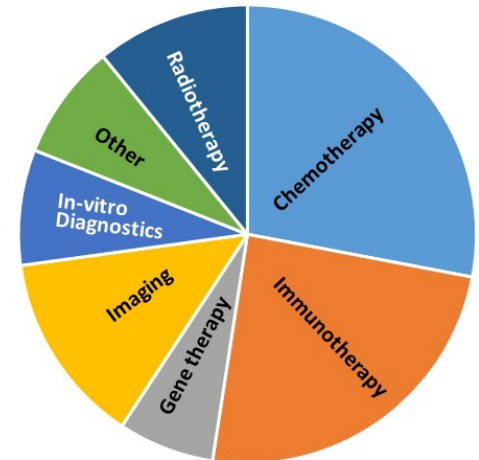
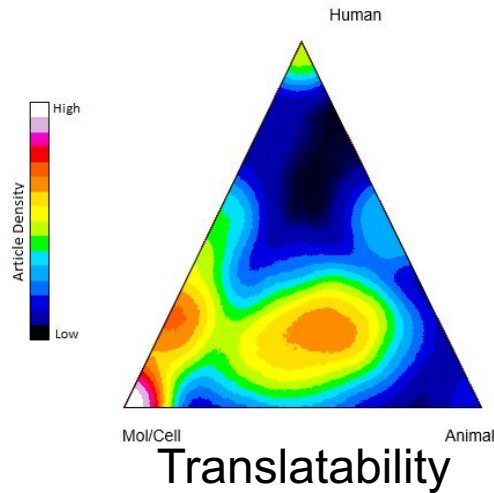
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# Current Focus: Alliance for Nanotechnology in Cancer



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Shifting Focus in the field



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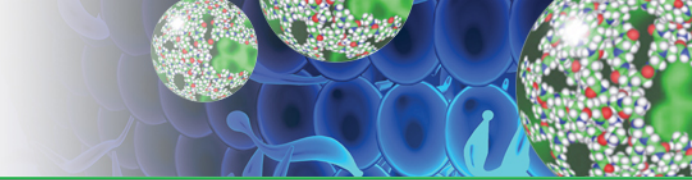
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<http://www.cancer.gov/sites/nano>

# My Focuses Looking Forward

- Keep focus on concerted efforts in nanoinformatics across fields, with emphasis on *nanomedicine* and *nanomaterial development through informatics*
  - *Emphasis on cancer relevance*
- Bring together efforts in nanoinformatics to advance them all
  - Catalogue of existing databases and tools
  - Continued development and expansion of the NPO and ISA-TAB Nano
  - Develop realistic requirements for data and metadata collection
  - Enable global collaborations across databases and tools
- Bring together nano fields – Nanomedicine and nanotoxicology
  - Much to learn from each other, not just from a informatics perspective
  - Acknowledge individual needs of each field while finding a fundamental base

# Questions?



*Thanks everybody!*