

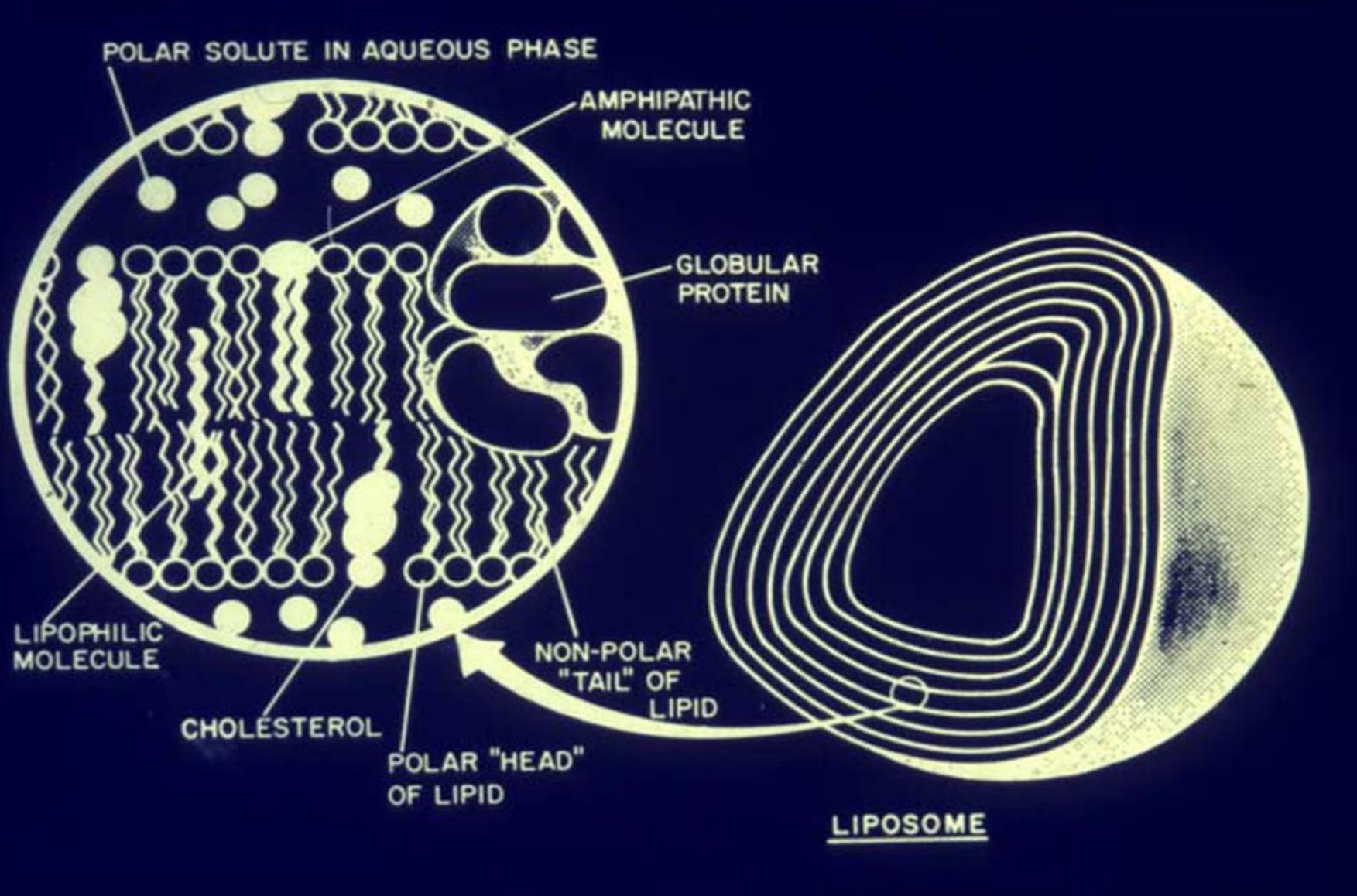
# Liposomes

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# THE liposome does not exist.....

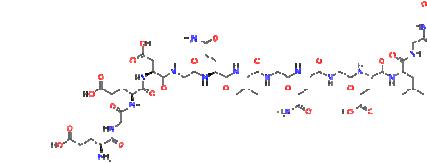
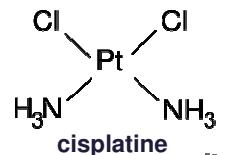
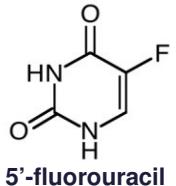
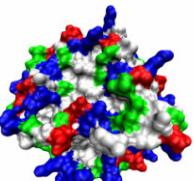
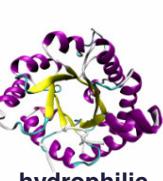
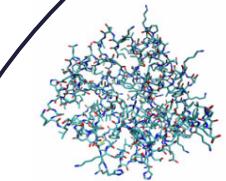


From Gregoriadis, 1979

# Liposomes: which actives?

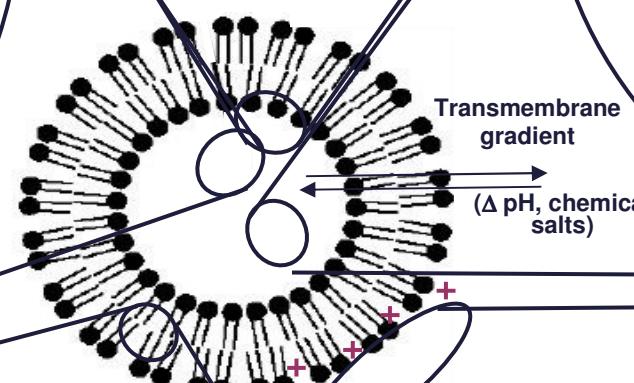


## Hydrophilic molecules

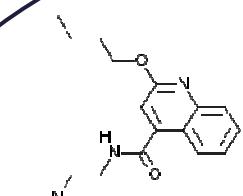


## Amphiphilic molecules

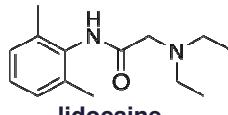
Depending on the partition coefficient  
Covers a wide range of molecules



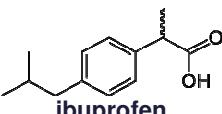
## Hydrophobic molecules



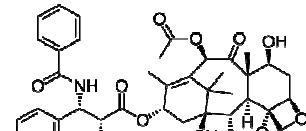
dibucaine



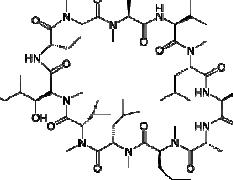
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ibuprofen

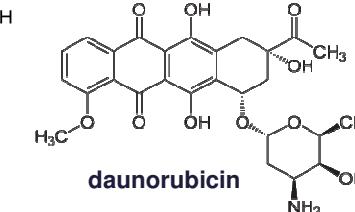
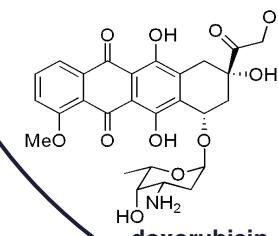
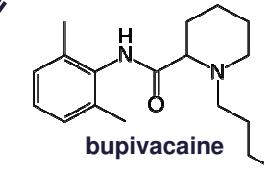


paclitaxel



cyclosporin

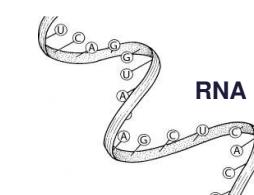
## Weak bases and weak acids



## Nucleic acid based-drugs



DNA



RNA

## Approved ‘Liposome’-based Drug Products\*\*

Product	Year Approved	API	Sparingly Soluble	Revenue
Visudyne®	2000	Verteporfin	Yes	90 M \$*
DOXIL/Caelyx®	1995	Doxorubicin	No	550 M \$*
AmBisome®	1990	Amphotericin B	Yes	400 M \$*
ABELCET®	1995	Amphotericin B	Yes	
Definity®	2001	Octafluoropropane	Yes	
Myocet®	2001	Doxorubicin	No	
DepoCyte®	2002	Cytarabine	No	
DepoDur®	2004	Morphine	No	
Daunoxome®	1996	Daunorubicin	No	
Octocog alfa®	2009	Factor VIII	No	



# What is in the pipeline?

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<b>liposomal Alzheimer's disease ...</b>	(ACI-24)
<b>liposomal Bcl-2 (lymphoma/soli...</b>	(BP-100-1.02)
<b>liposomal CTL/CpG vaccine (can...</b>	(HPV E7 cancer vaccine (liposomal...))
<b>liposomal EphA2 siRNA</b>	
<b>liposomal GW-1843-U89 (cancer)...</b>	(OVI-237)
<b>liposomal Grb-2 modulator (can...</b>	(BP-100-1.01)
<b>liposomal IL-2, Biomira</b>	(interleukin-2 (liposomal), Onc...)
<b>liposomal KSA vaccine, IDM Pha...</b>	
<b>liposomal NDDP</b>	(AR-726)
<b>liposomal PGE-1, Endovasc</b>	(liposomal prostaglandin E-1, E...)
<b>liposomal Raf-1 siRNA (antican...</b>	(Raf-1 LE-siRNA)
<b>liposomal SOD (Peyronie's dise...</b>	(Lipoxyisan)
<b>liposomal SOD (wound healing),...</b>	(Lipoxyisan)
<b>liposomal T4 endonuclease V, A...</b>	(T4N5 liposome lotion, AGI Derm...)
<b>liposomal adjuvant system</b>	(TLC A-60)
<b>liposomal adjuvant, Statens Se...</b>	(CAF-01)

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PVP-I <b>liposomes</b> , Mundipharma	(PVP-ILH liposomes, Mundipharma)
PVP-ILH <b>liposomes</b> , Mundipharma	
ciprofloxacin <b>liposomes</b> (STEAL...)	
heat-sensitive <b>liposomes</b> (doxo...)	(doxorubicin (heat-sensitive li...))
non-phospholipid <b>liposomes</b> , No...	(BCTP)
E1A/DC-cholesterol <b>liposomes</b> , ...	(tgDCC-E1A)
111In-VNB-pegylated <b>liposomes</b> ...	(NanoVNB)
CKD-602 (injectable <b>liposomes</b> ,...	(AP-30)
vincristine sulfate <b>liposomes</b> ...	(vincristine sulfate (liposomal...))
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anti-her2 doxorubicin <b>liposome</b> ...	(doxorubicin-her2 antibody frag...)
belotocan (injectable <b>liposome</b> ...	(AP-30)
111Indium-VNB-pegylated <b>liposo...</b>	(NanoVNB)
docetaxel (heat-sensitive <b>lipo...</b>	
carboplatin (heat-sensitive <b>li...</b>	
doxorubicin (heat-sensitive <b>li...</b>	

Thomson-Pharma, 2010

## Factors controlling the fate of liposomes *in vivo* after intravenous administration:

- size of the liposomes (0.03 - 20 µm)
- type (morphology) (unilamellar, multilamellar, multivesicular)
- charge of the bilayer (negative, neutral, positive)
- rigidity of the bilayer (gel/fluid state)
- route of administration

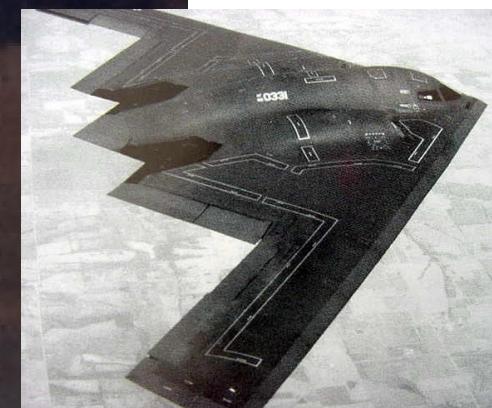
**Liver and spleen (macrophages) are major ‘consumers’ of liposomes.....**



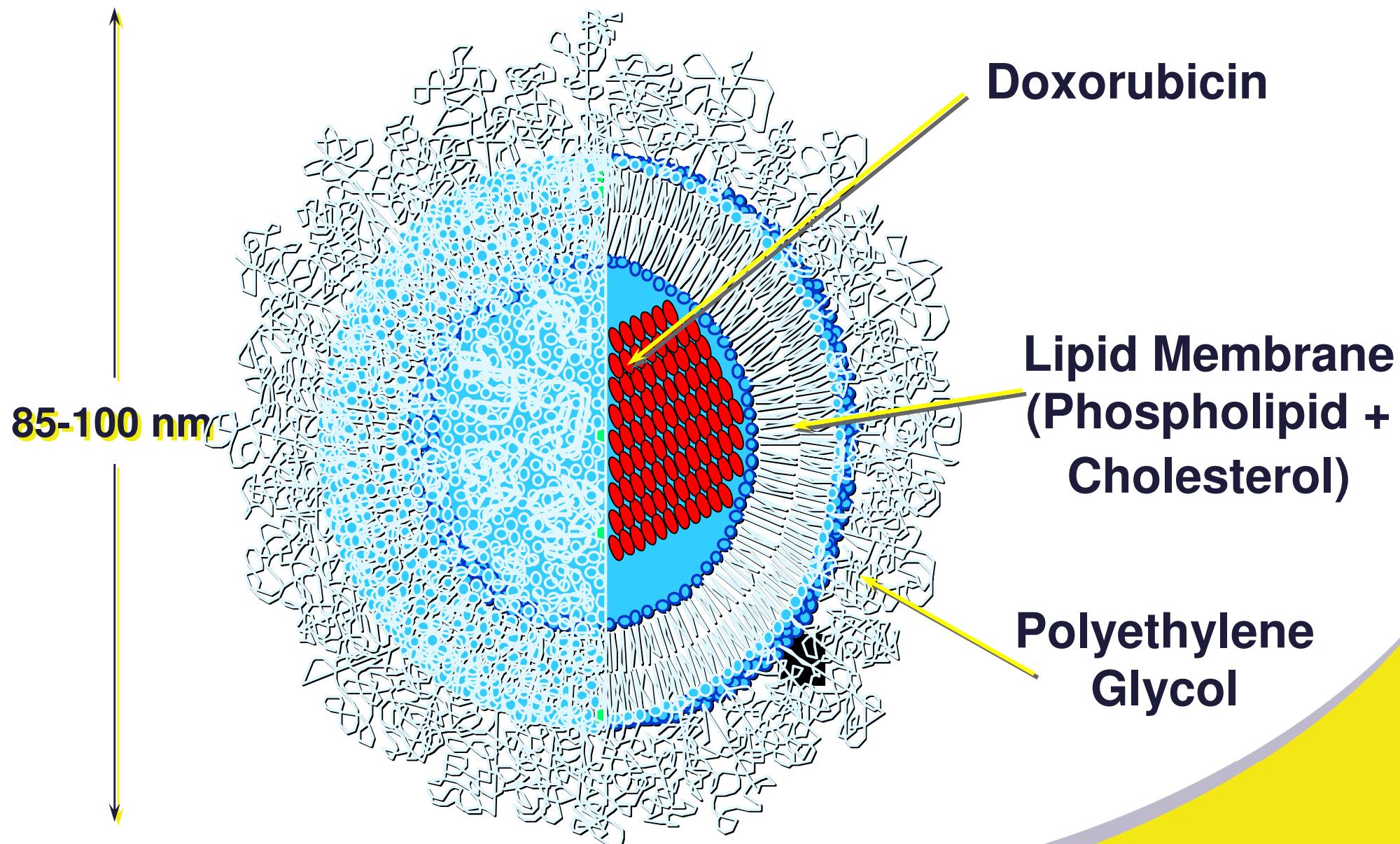
# Reduction of 'non-target site uptake'

## PEGylation:

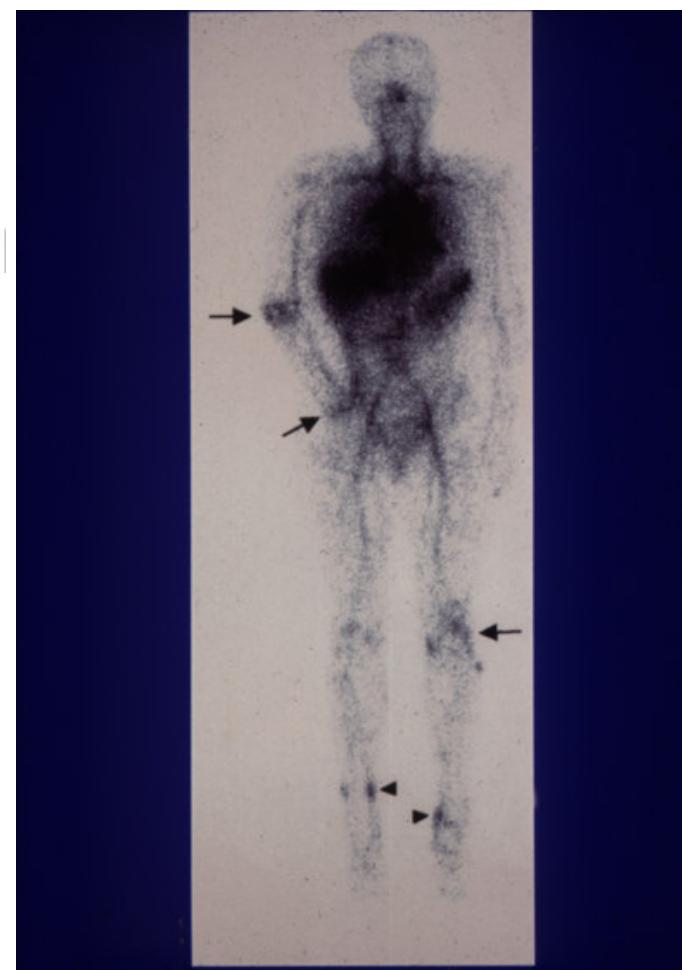
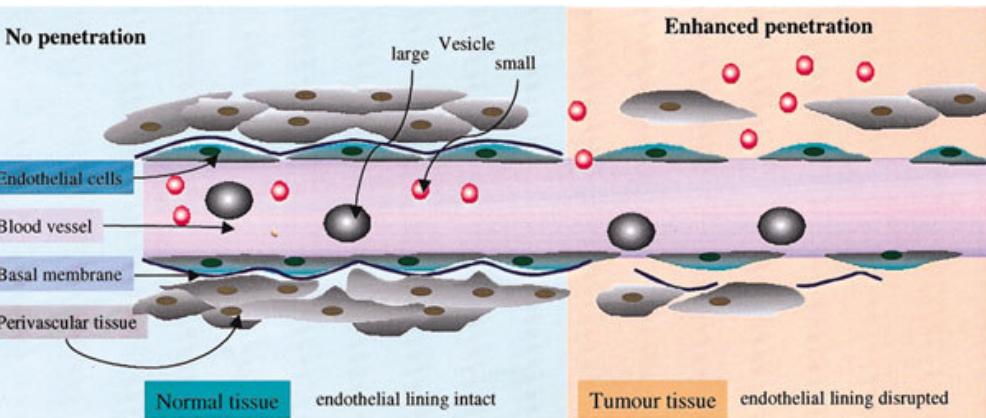
- Masking uptake-receptor sites
- Reducing clearance by glomerular filtration
- Reducing immunogenicity (?)



# Structure of Doxil®



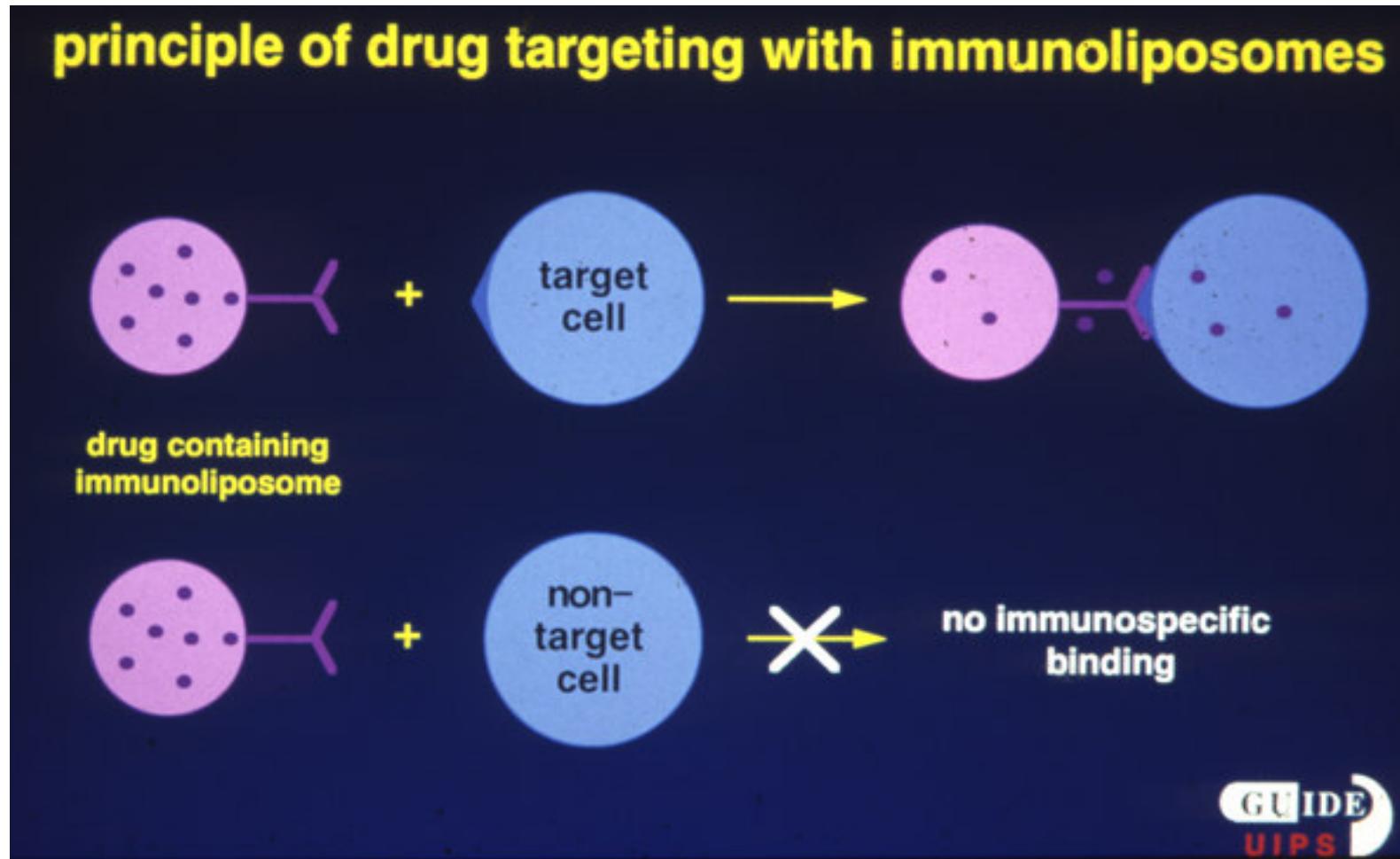
# Enhanced Permeation and Retention Effect (EPR)



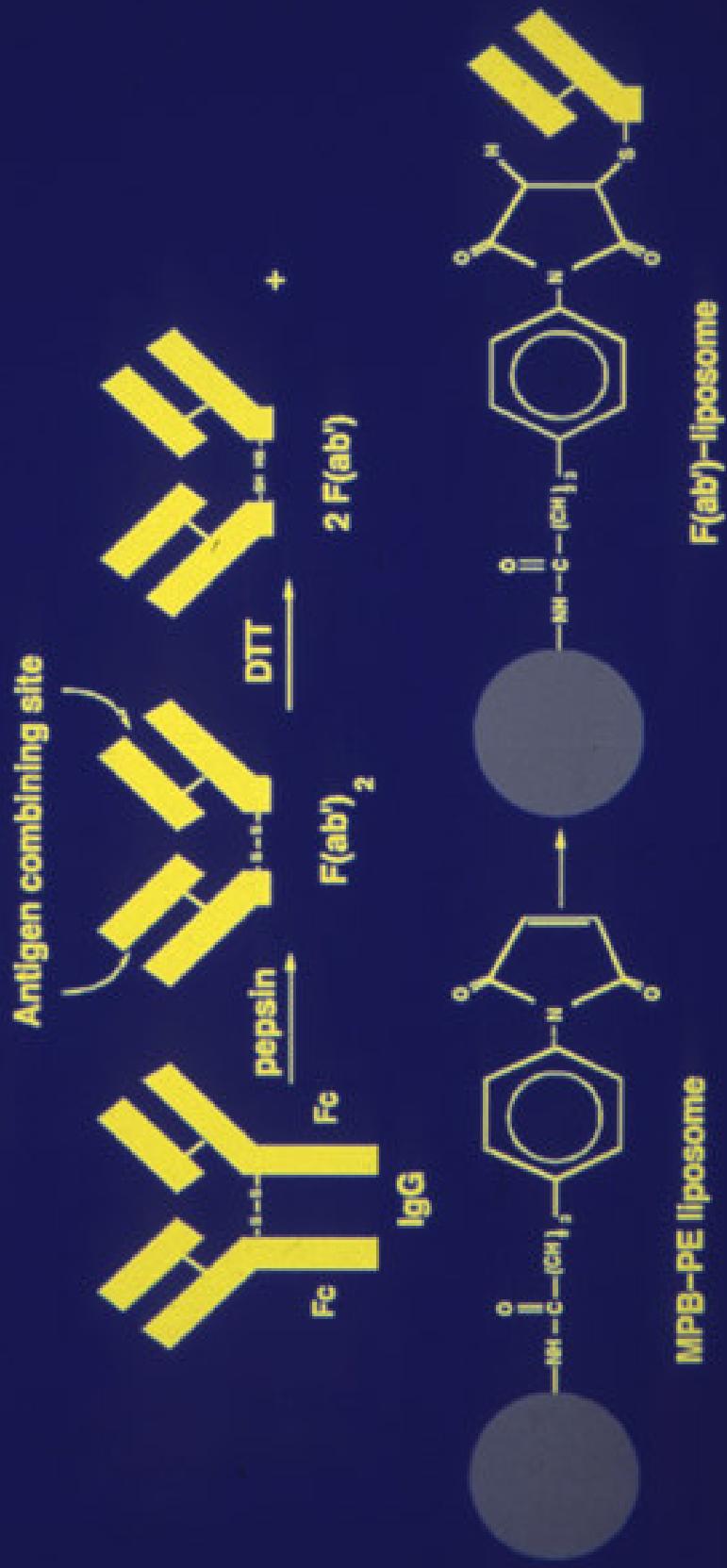
**Tc-liposomes,  
PEG type  
100 nm  
46 year female  
patient  
(Dams/Storm  
et al.)**

- synovial  
lining  
elbow, wrist,  
knee, ankles

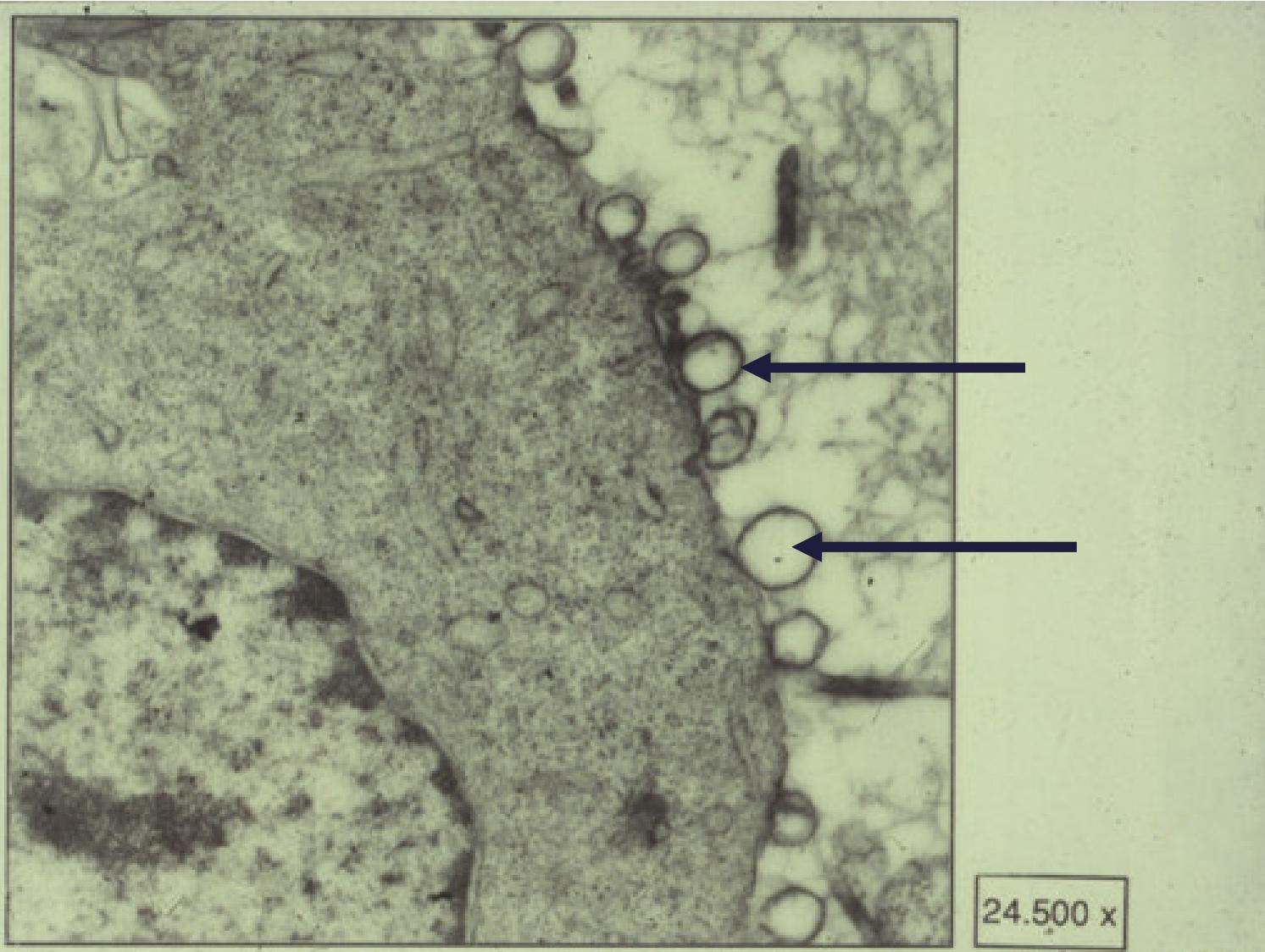
# Targeted delivery of drugs..... Can't we do better?



# Preparation of immunoliposomes



# Immunoliposomes on human ovarian tumor cell (Nassander et al)



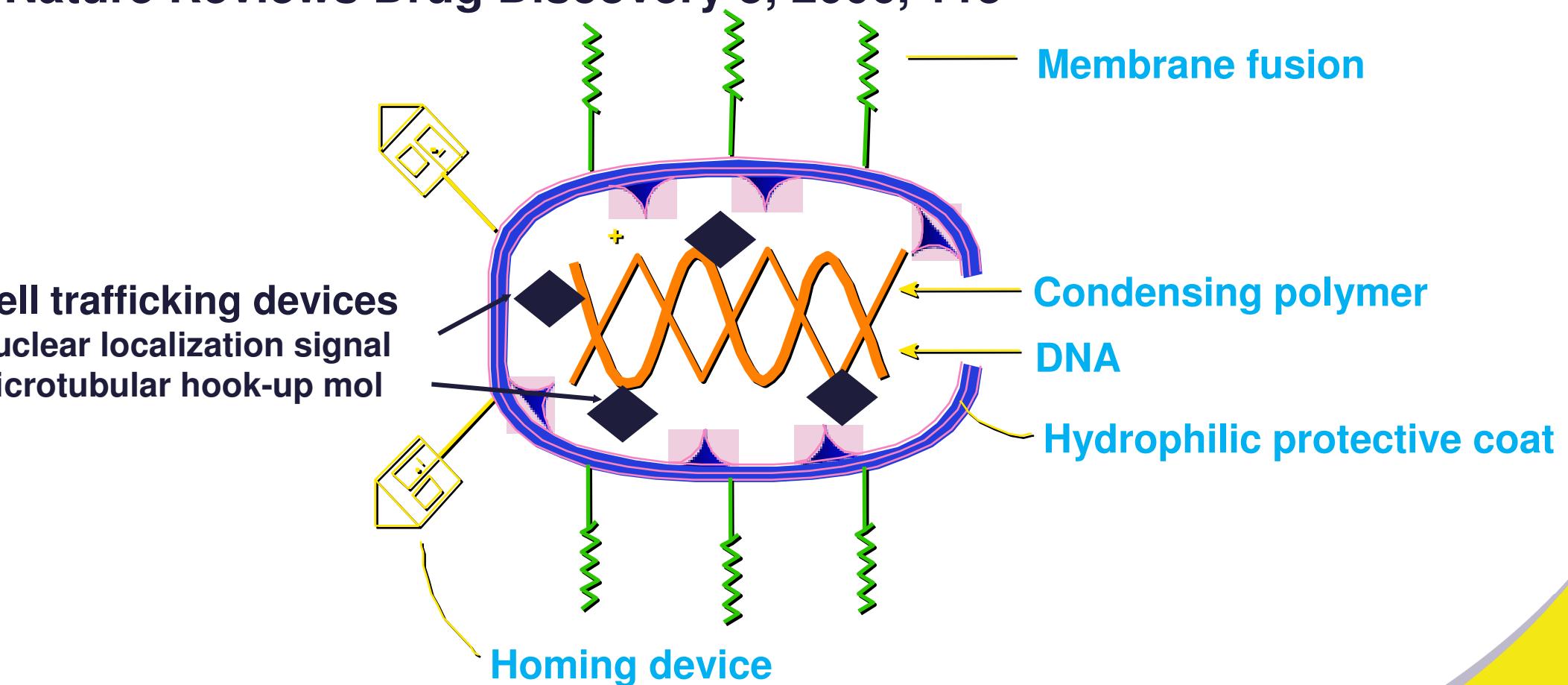
INNOVATION

## Artificial viruses: a nanotechnological approach to gene delivery

Enrico Mastrobatista, Marieke A. E. M. van der Aa, Wim E. Hennink and Daan J. A. Crommelin

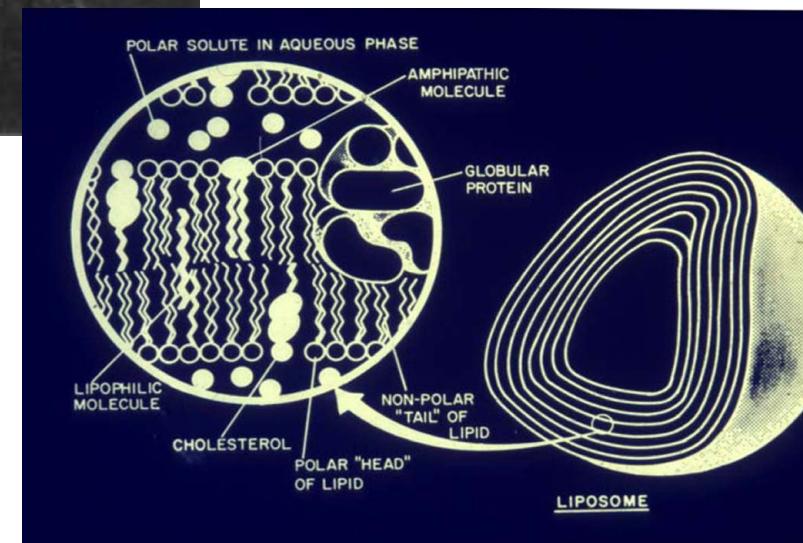
# Nanotechnology: for Perfect Delivery

Nature Reviews Drug Discovery 5, 2006, 115



The 'artificial virus' approach: U-t(r)ech(t)-nology

# KISS approach?



# Liposomal Drug Products: Detailed Characterization A Must!

composition and physicochemical  
characteristics



*in vivo* fate



efficacy and safety

# To assure the quality of liposomal formulations a number of evaluation tests are available:

## *Assay/ Characterization*

pH  
Osmolarity  
Phospholipid concentration  
Phospholipid composition  
Cholesterol concentration  
Drug concentration

## *Chemical stability*

pH  
Phospholipid peroxidation  
  
Phospholipid hydrolysis  
Cholesterol autoxidation  
Antioxidant degradation

## *Methodology/Analytical Target*

pH meter  
Osmometer  
Lipid phosphorus content/HPLC  
TLC, HPLC  
Cholesterol oxidase assay, HPLC  
.....

pH meter  
conjugated dienes, lipid peroxides  
FA composition (GLC)  
HPLC, TLC, FA concentration  
HPLC, TLC  
HPLC, TLC

## To assure the quality of liposomal formulations a number of evaluation tests are available:

- *Physical stability*

Vesicle size distribution  
submicron range  
micron range

DLS

Coulter Counter, light microscopy  
laser diffraction, GEC

Electrical surface potential, surface pH/zeta-potential measurements, pH  
sensitive probes

Numbers of bilayers

SAXS, NMR

Percentage of free drug

GEC, IEC, protamine precipitation  
retention loss on dilution

Dilution-dependent drug release

Relevant body fluid induced leakage GEC, IEC, protamine precipitation

### *Biological characterization*

Sterility

aerobic and anaerobic cultures

Pyrogenicity

rabbit or LAL test

Animal toxicity

monitor survival, histology, pathology

(Based on Barenholz and Crommelin, 1994)

SAXS = small angle X-ray scattering, DLS = dynamic light scattering, GEC = gel exclusion chromatography, IEC = ion exchange chromatography, LAL = Limulus Amoebocyte Lysate, NMR = nuclear magnetic resonance, SAXS = small angle X-ray scattering, TLC = thin layer chromatography.

# Guidance for Industry

## Liposome Drug Products

### Submission of Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Controls, Human Pharmacokinetics and Bioavailability and Labeling Information

#### *DRAFT GUIDANCE*

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XXX, 2001**

**Mei-Ling Chen**

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## Draft Guidance on Doxorubicin Hydrochloride

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**Active ingredient:** Doxorubicin Hydrochloride

**Form/Route:** Liposome injection/Intravenous

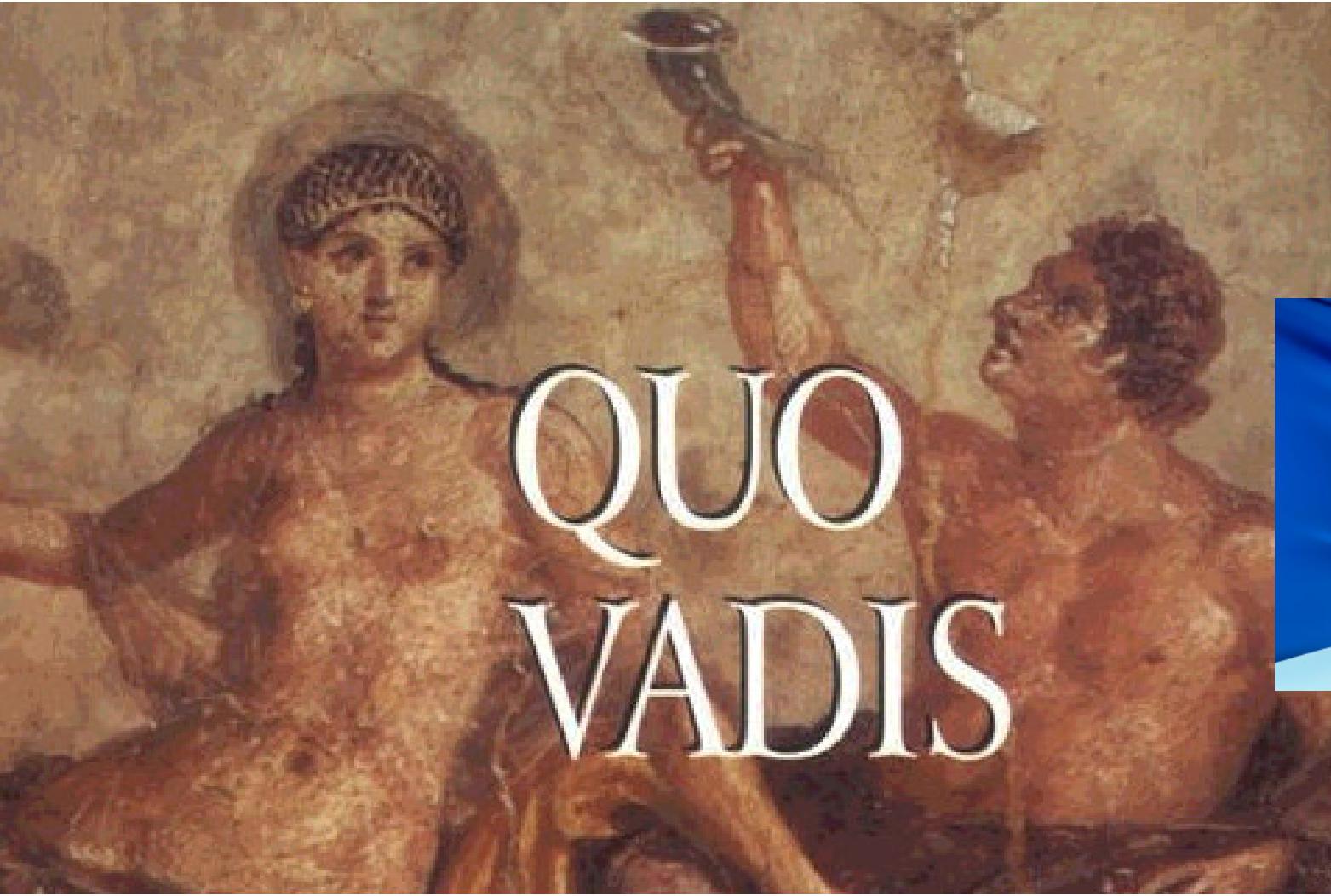
**Recommended studies:** 2 Studies

When the test and reference pegylated liposome products

- have the same drug product composition and
- are manufactured by an active liposome loading process with an ammonium sulfate gradient and
- have equivalent liposome characteristics including liposome composition, state of encapsulated drug, internal environment of liposome, liposome size distribution, number of lamellar, grafted

**February, 2010**

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM199635.pdf>



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