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Targeted Auger Radiotherapy A new drug class for glioblastoma



Value proposition and Field of application

New approach, AUGER RADIOTHERAPY (ART) to kill brain infiltrating cancer cells. Our concept rely on targeted ART compounds infused by Convention Enhanced Delivery (CED) to combat Glioblastoma Multiforme. We are developing two therapeutic strategies to achieve this.

Background and Technological description



Auger electrons emission

HOW IT WORKS:

- → Radioactive atoms emit showers of short-range Auger electrons
- \rightarrow Must be internalized
- → Auger electrons destroy target cell DNA

Internalization



Ideal for killing infiltrating cancer cells

OUR CONCEPT

After surgery, targeted ART compounds are infused by **Convection Enhanced Delivery** (CED).

ART compounds destroy infiltrating cancer cells in most of brain

✓ Avoids the blood brain barrier
✓ Covers a large volume
✓ CED is an established technique



STRATEGY 1*: MODE OF ACTION

- ^{123/125}I-UdR is a nucleoside labeled with iodine-123/125
- Nanocarriers secure wide distribution and sustained release
- Is inserted into the DNA of dividing cells → effective killing



PROOF OF CONCEPT

¹²⁵I-UdR combination with adjuvant- and chemotherapy **cured** all glioblastoma-bearing rats!



Highly Effective Auger-Electron therapy in an orthotopic glioblastoma xenograft model using convection-enhanced delivery, H Thisgaard, B Halle, et al. Theranostics 6 (12), 2278

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*STRATEGY 2: receptor-targeting approach with other Auger radionuclides

Current state of development

Program is in late-preclinical phase.

- \checkmark PoC of efficacy in glioblastoma animal model of the active therapeutical compound
- ✓ Formulation as a nanocarrier pro-drug proves wide distribution & sustained release in pig brain
- ✓ In vitro efficacy of nanocarrier pro-drug

Team



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13 years of experience in radiopharmaceutical research, drug delivery & nanomedicine, radionuclide therapies. Co-founder & CEO of TetraKit Technologies



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16 years of experience in Auger radiotherapy research, radionuclide production and preclinical glioblastoma models



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16 years of experience in the clinical management of glioblastoma, & research in CED and glioblastoma

Intellectual property rights

1. Auger electron therapy for glioblastoma, US Patent (US10,583,210) and EP application (EP3157576)

2. Priority patent application, in preparation

Business opportunity and Call to action

We are looking for investment to our planned spin-out company to take the development through the remaining pre-clinical and clinical development. Regulatory professional and Business Developer is needed.

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