

Intracellular drug delivery: aiding cross presentation of subunit vaccines

Last Time: basic vaccine concepts

Today: Using synthetic biomaterials to enhance cytosolic delivery of molecules

Reading: Wang et al. 'Molecularly engineered poly(ortho ester) microspheres for enhanced delivery of DNA vaccines,' *Nat. Mater.* **3** 190-196 (2004)

Supplementary Reading:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COURSE EVALUATION NEXT TUESDAY 5/16

Particle-stimulated cross presentation

ER-PHAGOSOME FUSION
MODEL!

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INTRACELLULAR DRUG DELIVERY AND VACCINES:

- ① BOOST CROSS PRESENTATION OF PROTEIN ANTIGENS
- ② CYTOSOLIC DELIVERY OF DNA IS A STEP ON PATH TO NUCLEUS

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Please see: Vijayanathan, et al. 2002.

ENDOSOMAL ESCAPE:

Enhancing cross presentation
cytosolic delivery of large macromolecules

- (1) 'proton sponge' effect
- (2) pH-activated polymers
and peptides

INTRACELLULAR VS. EXTRACELLULAR ENVIRONMENT

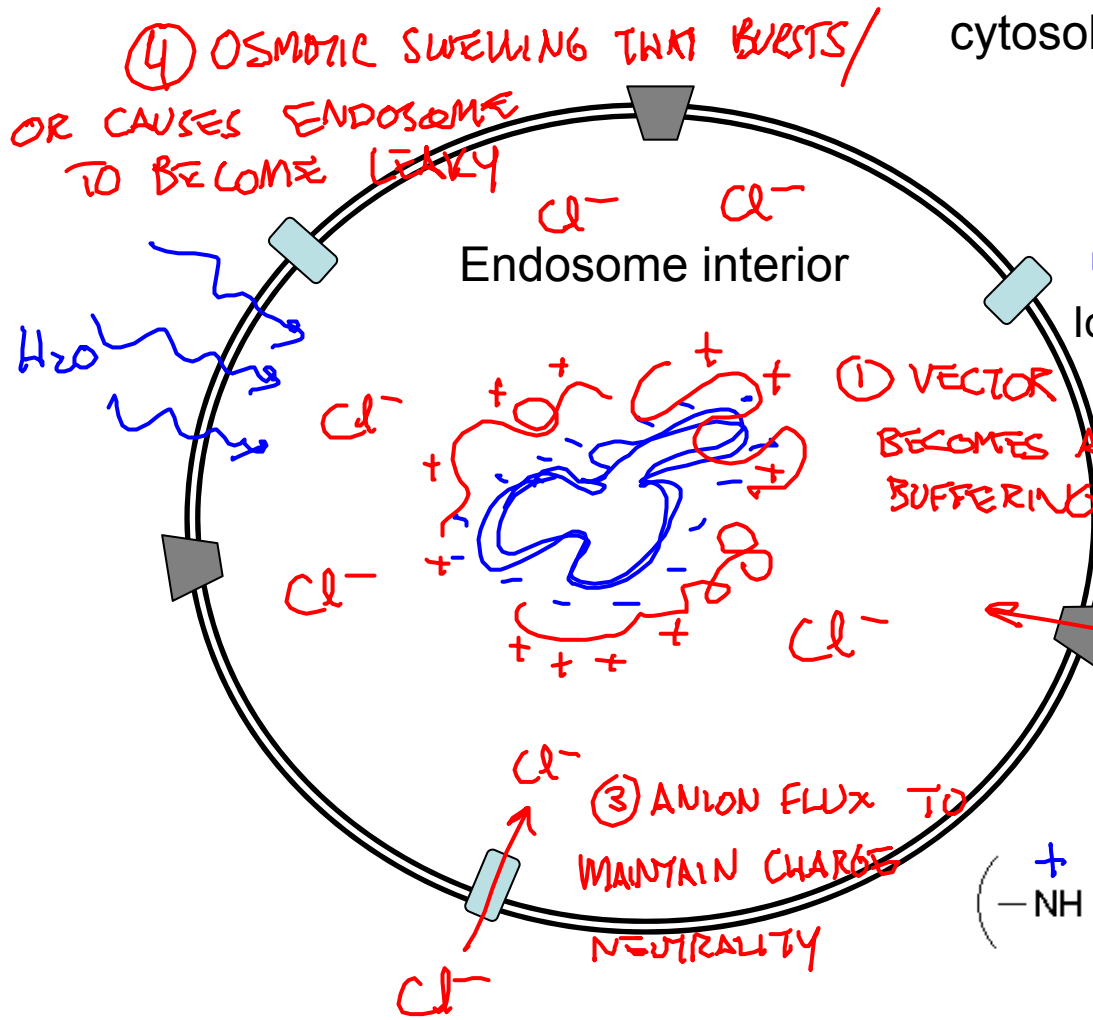
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**ENDOSOMAL ESCAPE:
'PROTON SPONGES'**

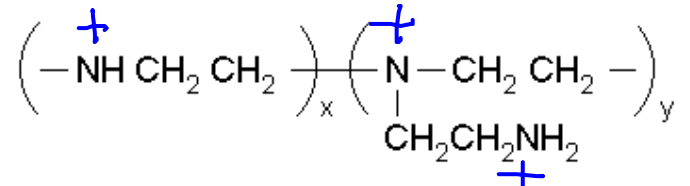
Proton sponge effect

CAVEATS:
POLYCATIONS/CATIONIC LIPIDS TEND TO BE TOXIC AT HI DOSES



① VECTOR BECOMES A 'PROTON SINK' - HIGH BUFFERING CAPACITY

② PROTON PUMPS TRY TO KEEP PH CONSTANT



polyethyleneimine
PEI

Role of additional structural features of PEI in efficient endosomal escape:

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Please see: Dubruel, et al. *Biomacromolecules* 5 (2004): 379-388.

ENDOSOMAL ESCAPE: PH-RESPONSIVE POLYMERS

Endosomal escape by direct membrane interactions

Both polycation and polyanion headgroups with pK_a s = 5-7 can promote endosomal escape:

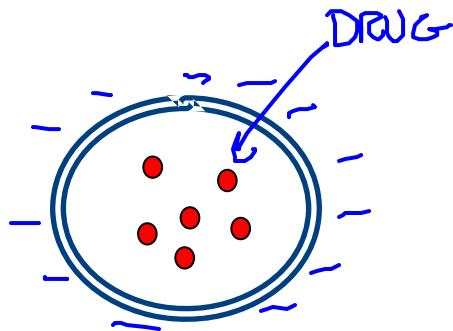
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PHASE TRANSITIONS
DRIVEN BY:
CONCENTRATION, TEMP,
pH

PHASE TRANSITION
CAUSES FUSION w/ VESICLE
MEMBRANE
PROTONATION/
UNCHARGING

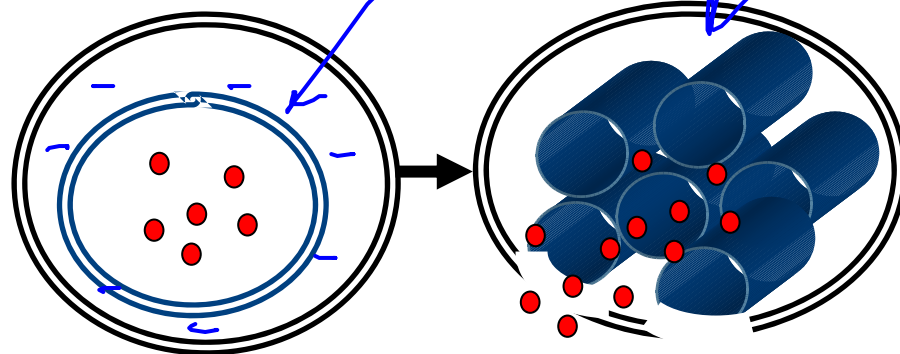
pH:

7.4



Polyanionic liposome

5.0



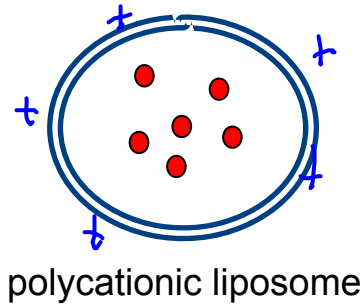
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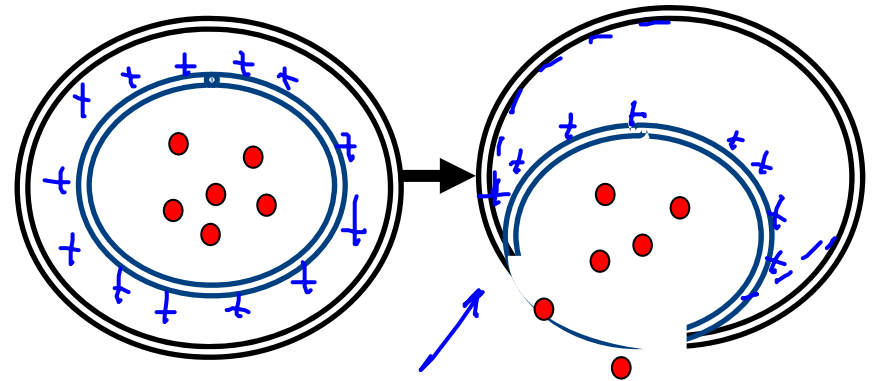
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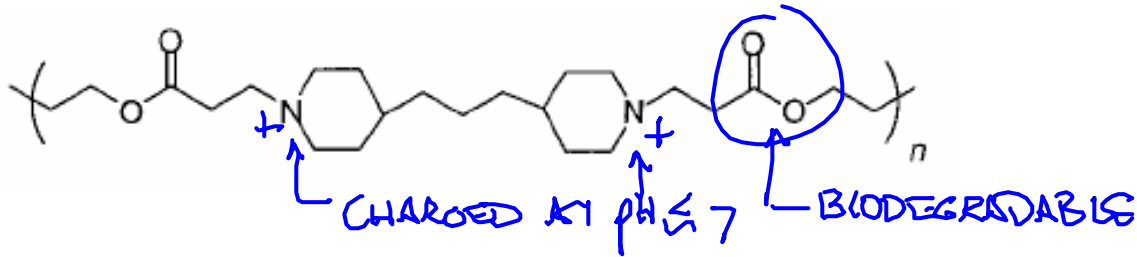
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**ENDOSOMAL ESCAPE:
PH-RESPONSIVE POLYMERS**

**STRATEGIES FOR CUED 'BURST' RELEASE
OF CARGO COINCIDENT WITH
ENDOSOMAL ESCAPE**

POM (β -AMINO ESTERS)



PBAE MICROSPHERE
LOADED W/ DRUG



RAPID + TOTAL RELEASE
OF DRUG

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ENDOSOMAL ESCAPE: PH-RESPONSIVE POLYMERS

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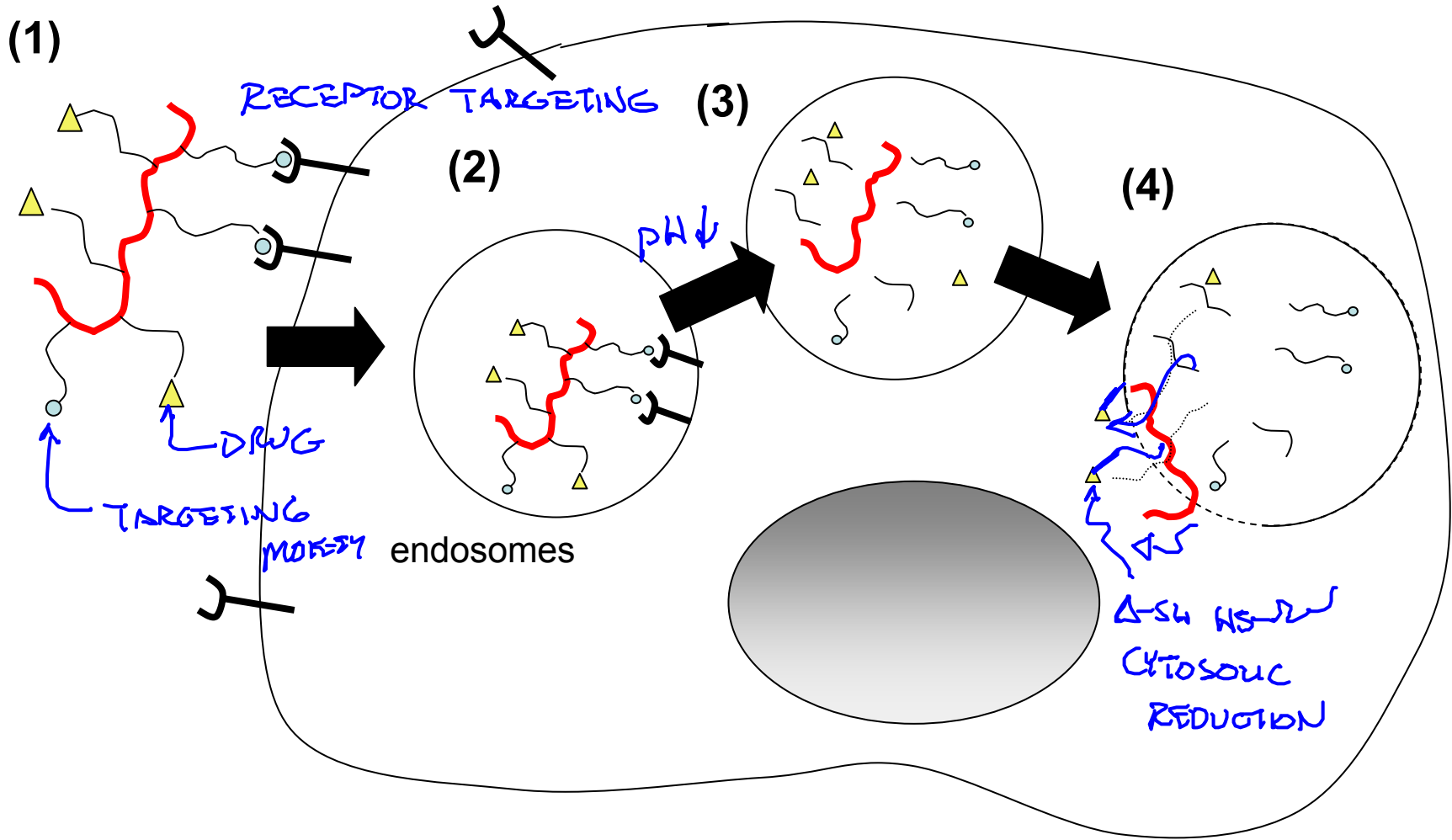
Approaches to endosome escape:
'encrypted' polymers

**Multi-function molecular
carriers:**

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Bioconjug Chem 14 (2003): 412-9.

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(CLEAVAGE OF SIDE CHAINS:

a Membrane-disruptive backbone is "masked" "Unmasked" backbone is membrane disruptive

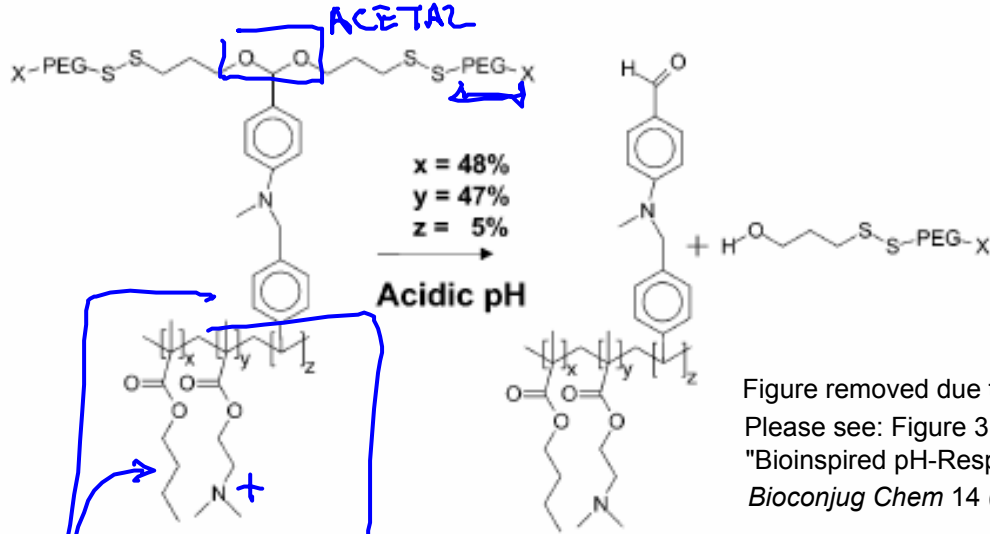


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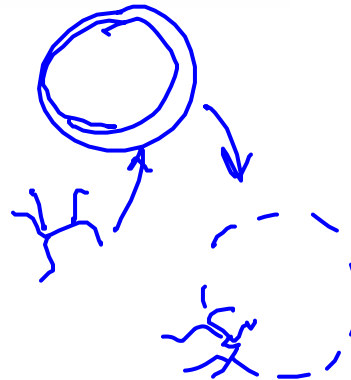
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BACKBONE
HYDROPHOBIC

Polymer E1: X = Methoxy
Polymer E2: X = Lysine₃-Mannose₃

RED BLOOD
CELLS



Results with peptide delivery by encrypted polymers

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Example vaccine results: pH-responsive gels as
vaccines

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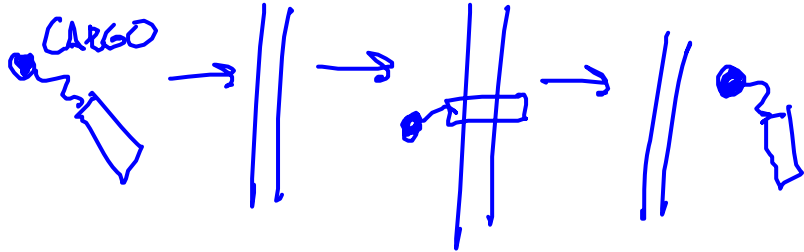
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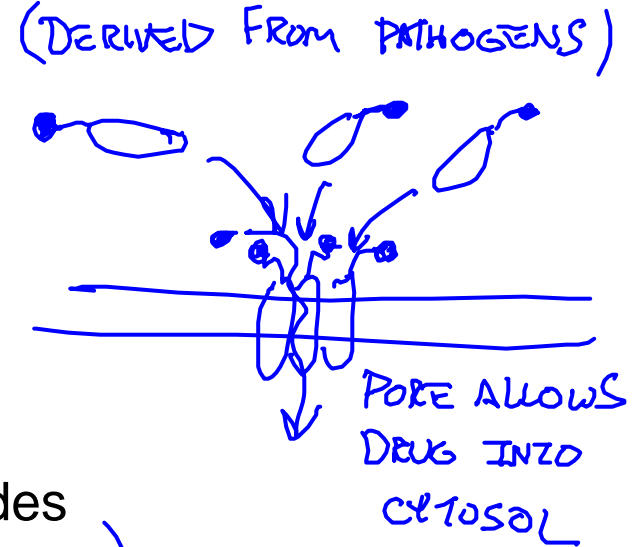
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DIRECT ENTRY TO THE CYTOSOL

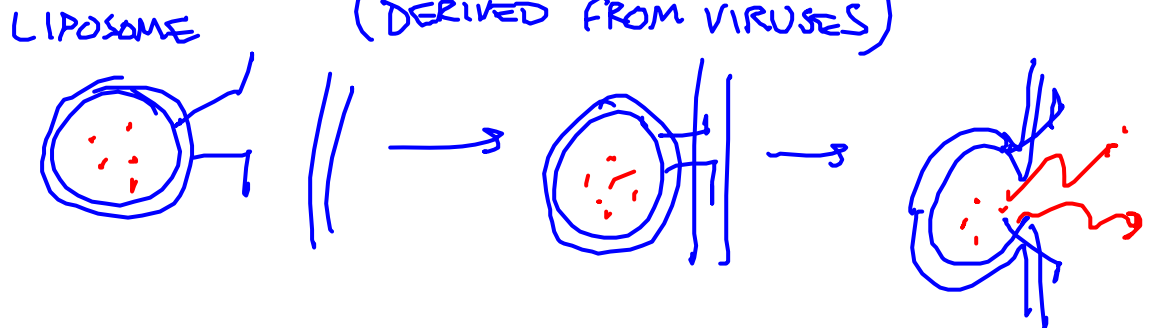
Membrane-penetrating peptides



Pore-forming peptides
(DERIVED FROM PATHOGENS)



Fusogenic peptides
(DERIVED FROM VIRUSES)



**DIRECT ENTRY TO CYTOSOL:
MEMBRANE-PENETRATING PEPTIDES**

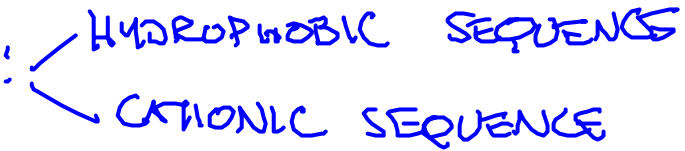
Cell-penetrating peptides (CPPs)
[aka Protein Transduction Domains (PTDs)]

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DIRECT ENTRY TO CYTOSOL: MEMBRANE-PENETRATING PEPTIDES

Sources and sequences

CIPPS TEND TO HAVE : 

CATIONIC: HIS (H) LYS (K) ARGinine (R)

HYDROPHOBIC: ALA (A) VAL (V) TRP (W) ...

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Models of membrane-penetrating peptide function

Penetratin:

Short peptide sequence from drosophila transcription factor protein Antennapedia

RQIKIWFQNRRMKWKK

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"Cell Internalization of the Third Helix of the Antennapedia Homeodomain is Receptor-Independent." *J Biol Chem* 271 (1996): 18188-93.

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Uptake of penetratin by primary neuronal cells:

CPP function in vitro

CAVEAT 1:

TYPICALLY CAN DELIVER
PEPTIDES UP TO 100 aa
IN LENGTH → ~60 kDa

REPORTED FOR PENETRATION

CAVEAT 2:

SOME QUESTION ABOUT
'UNIVERSALITY' - WORK IN ALL CELLS?

Protein delivery using HIV tat peptide:



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**ACTIVATION ON ENTRY TO THE
CYTOSOL**

Selective bond dissociation using
reversible disulfide linkages

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PORE-FORMING PEPTIDES**

Pore-forming proteins/peptides as a tool for membrane-penetrating drug carriers

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"Staphylococcal Alpha-Toxin, Streptolysin-O and Escherichia Coli Hemolysin: Prototypes of Pore-Forming Bacterial Cytlysin."

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FUSOGENIC PEPTIDES**

fusogenic peptides: using viral entry
strategies for drug delivery

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