

Purpose

Develop a **multiscale** pharmacokinetic model to determine **nanoparticle biodistribution** in 7 organ tissues **over time** to ultimately....

1. Aid experimentalists
2. Determine critical nanoparticle design aspects

Nanoparticle Targeting

Nanoparticle Composition

1. Drug
2. Shell (Polymeric)
3. Coating (I-CAM Antibody)

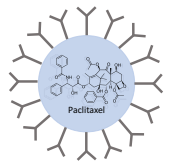


Figure 1. Example Nanoparticle Composition

Determination of Endothelial Cell Binding Constants

Ramakrishnan (2016) developed a static model to predict %idg for I-CAM antibody coated nanoparticles (NPs) after using NP translation and rotation dynamics, membrane receptor flexure, and Monte-Carlo membrane mechanics. From this multi-scale model, we can determine the binding constants of NPs to the endothelial cell surface receptors.



Figure 2. Nanoparticle Rotation/Translation

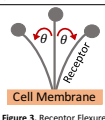


Figure 3. Receptor Flexure

Ramakrishnan 2016 Model

$$\%idg = \left\{ K_{EC} K_{EC} C_{out} + \frac{\phi_{EC} K_{EC} C_{out}}{D_{EC}} \right\} \times \frac{L_{cap}}{L_{ECB}} \times \frac{1}{2}$$

$$+ \left\{ \frac{\phi_{EC} K_{EC} L}{D_{EC}} C_{out} \times \frac{L_{cap}}{L_{ECB}} \right\} \times \frac{1}{2}$$

1) Targeted Uptake
2) Macrophage Uptake

System of Linear ODEs

Cardiovascular Model Equations

$$V_{ven} \frac{dC_{out}}{dt} = \sum_i C_i^{out} Q_i^{out} - C_{out} Q$$

Δ [NP] in veins over time Total exiting organ compartments Exiting venous compartment

$$V_{art} \frac{dC_{in}}{dt} = Q C_{out} - \sum_i Q_i C_{in}$$

Δ [NP] in arteries over time Entering arterial compartment Total entering organ compartments

Cellular Model Equations

$$V_i^{bl} \frac{dC_i^{out}}{dt} = Q_i C_i^{in} - Q_i C_i^{out} - K_i^{on} V_i^{EC} C_i^{out} + K_i^{off} V_i^{EC} C_i^* - K_{NS} V_i^{EC} C_i^{out} - K_i^{deg} V_i^{bl} C_i^{out}$$

Δ [NP] in bloodstream over time Total entering Total exiting Bound to EC Unbound from EC Non-specific uptake Degraded in blood

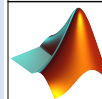
$$V_i^{EC} \frac{dC_i^*}{dt} = K_i^{on} V_i^{EC} C_i^{out} - K_i^{up} V_i^{EC} C_i^* - K_i^{off} V_i^{EC} C_i^* - K_i^{deg} V_i^{EC} C_i^*$$

Δ [NP] bound to EC over time Bound to EC Endocytosed Unbound from EC Degraded in EC

$$V_i^T \frac{dC_i^T}{dt} = K_i^{up} V_i^{EC} C_i^* + K_{NS} V_i^{EC} C_i^{out} - K_i^{deg} V_i^T C_i^T$$

Δ [NP] in organ tissue over time Endocytosed Non-specific uptake Degraded in tissue

Solving System



MATLAB
ode23tb ODE Solver

Model Parameterization

Physiological Parameters	Binding Constants	Variable Parameters
Blood Flow Organ Volume Previous Studies	Binding Rate Unbinding Rate Ramak. 2016	Degradation Rate Uptake Rate Sensitivity Analysis

General Model Validation

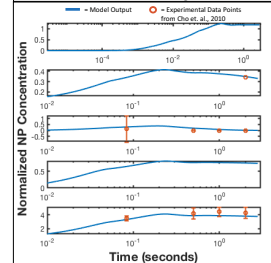
Sensitivity Analysis

Local Sensitivity Analysis was used to determine values of K_i^{up} , K_{NS} , K_i^{up} , that result in model output that most **closely match experimental data**.

Validation with Experimental Data

- Cho et. al., 2010
- 100 nm PEG coated gold nanoparticles in murine model
- Four data points from 0 - 200 hours used to compare with model

Model Output



Conclusions

General Model

A seven organ compartment model **successfully created**

- Model output is consistent with experimental data provided by Cho et. al., 2010

Arterial Branching

A single element branching model was **successfully created**

- Mass was conserved in the single element model

ARDS and COVID-19

A four-lobed lung model was **successfully created**

- Model output and sensitivity analysis parameters consistent with data in Brenner 2017

General Model Development

Cardiovascular Scale Model

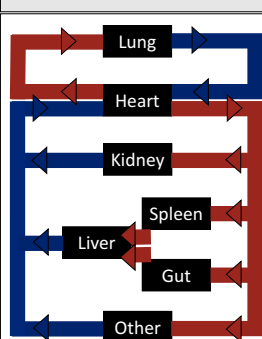


Figure 5. Schematic of Cardiovascular Scale Model

Cellular Scale Model

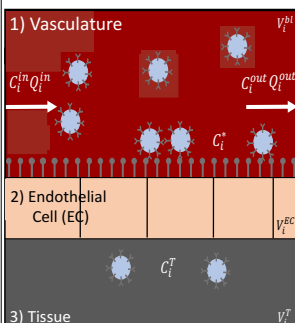


Figure 6. Schematic of Cardiovascular Scale Model

Incorporating Arterial Branching

Rationale

Branching elements were incorporated into arteries and veins to create a **more physiologically relevant** model

Model Alteration

- Q_i determined for each branching generation
- Total surface area of branches at each generation determined
- Resulting in altered V_i^{EC} and Q_i

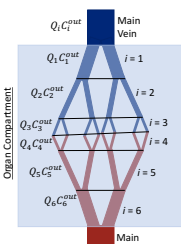


Figure 5. Single Branching Architecture

Model Output

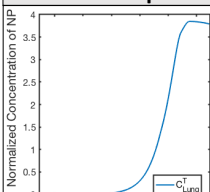


Figure 5. Single Branching Element Output

Applications to ARDS and COVID-19

Rationale

ARDS is major cause of respiratory failure in **COVID-19 patients**. Experimentalists are exploring the use of **targeted NP therapies** to inflamed lung regions.

Model Alteration

- Development of four lobed lung model
- Validated with data and parameters from Brenner et. al., 2017

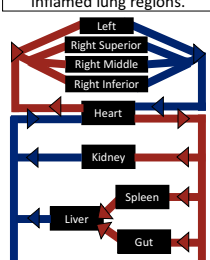


Figure 5. Schematic of ARDS Model

Model Output

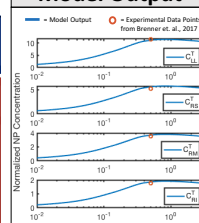


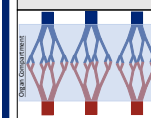
Figure 5. ARDS Model Output

Future Directions

Prediction of Experimental Data

Use dynamic model to predict experimental data with nanoparticles of different compositions, different experimental models, or different organ targets.

Branching in General Model



Incorporate **multiple branching elements** into each organ compartment to create a complete, **more physiologically relevant** model

Rapid Equilibrium Assumptions

Reduces the number of linear ODEs in the system by assuming some reaction is infinitely fast

Utilize HPC

Run more variations of the model in parallel



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