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#### **Professional:**

ICMR Emeritus Scientist (2021-Present), IISER Kolkata Raja Ramanna Fellow (2018-2021), IISER Kolkata Chief Scientist (2010-2018), CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT), Hyderabad Sr. Principal Scientist (2007-2010), CSIR-IICT, Hyderabad Principal Scientist (2003-2007), CSIR-IICT, Hyderabad Sr. Scientist (1999-2003), CSIR-IICT, Hyderabad Scientist (1999-2003), CSIR-IICT, Hyderabad Scientist (1994-1999), CSIR-IICT, Professor of both Chemical and Biological Sciences (2010-2018), Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research (Ac-SIR), CSIR-IICT, Hyderabad Research Associate (1991-1994), Department of Biological Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology,Harvard Medical School, Boston Institute Fellow (1982-1985), Department of Chemistry, Bose Institute, Calcutta

#### **Qualification:**

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD, 1991), Rutgers University, New Jersey Master of Science (MSc, 1980) with Organic Chemistry Major, University of Calcutta. Bachelor of Science(BSc, 1978) with Honors in Chemistry, University of Calcutta.

#### **Honors and Distinctions:**

• Selected as Government of India's ICMR Emeritus Scientist (2021-present)

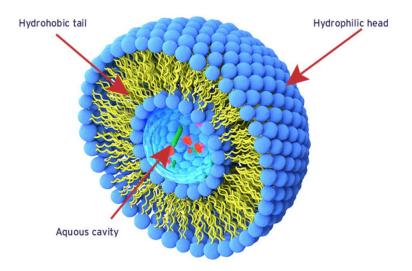
- 2018Professor J. N. Mukherjee Memorial Award from Indian Chemical Society
- Selected as Government of India's *Raja Ramanna Fellow*(2018-2021)
- Elected as one of the four Vice-Presidents of the Chemical Biology Society-India (2018-present)
- Elected Fellow of theRoyal Society of Chemistry (FRSC) since 2017
- Elected Fellow of the Indian Academy of Sciences (FASc) since 2008
- Elected Fellow of the Indian Chemical Society since 2019
- 2007Ranbaxy Research Award in Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Served as a Co-opted Member of the PAC on Organic Chemistry, SERB, New Delhi (2015-2018)
- Advisory Editorial Board Member, Biomaterials Science (RSC Journal) since 2015
- Editorial Board Member, Critical ReviewsTM in Therapeutic Drug Carrier Systems since 2012
- Received the Honor of serving as the "Convener" of the "International Conference on Chemical Biology: Disease Mechanisms and Therapeutics (ICCB-2014)" jointly organized by the Chemical Biology Society (CBS) of India and CSIR-IICT, Hyderabad.
   Member of the Task Force on "Drug, Drug Delivery, Biosimilar, Stem cells Vaccines and Clinical trials" DBT-BIRAC since 2017.

# **Our Research Interests**

"Chaudhuri Group" addresses the challenges of translational medical science by applying principles of both chemistry and biology. We enjoy working at the interface of chemistry and biology.

# Our work in the area of Targeted Cancer Therapy:

According to the WHO report published on February 3, 2022, cancer is a leading cause of death worldwide, accounting for nearly 10 million deaths in 2020, or nearly one in six deaths. Intravenously administered cytotoxic anti-cancer drugs/genes, in addition to reaching cancer cells/tissues, reach non-canceroushealthy body tissues too resulting in adverse side effects. Tothis end, liposomes, spherical vesicles consisting of one (as shown in the cartoonbelow) or more concentric lipid bilayers enclosing discrete aqueous spaces, are finding increasing applications for tumorselective delivery of anti-cancer drugs/genetic materials.



Unilamellar liposome containing an inside aqueous core enclosed by a lipid bilayer.

There are a number of distinguishing therapeutically advantageous features of liposomal drug/gene Delivery systems (**Figure 1**). Liposomes can simultaneously entrap both lipophilic and hydrophilic drugs/genes.Hydrophobic drug molecules get happily solubilized into the non-polarhydrophobic tail regions of liposomes while the hydrophilic drugs/genetic materials get entrapped in their aqueous interiors. T Cell/tissue selective delivery of liposomally entrapped anti-cancer drugs/genesare accomplished by covalent grafting of high-affinity ligands (e.g. mono-clonal antibody, small molecules, peptides, etc.) for receptors over expressed on tumor cell surfaces.Functional groups in the polar head-group regions of liposomes can be covalently conjugated to circulation enhancing polymers, cell selective high affinity peptides/small molecule ligands of receptors over expressed on cell surfaces, proteins, etc. To this end,

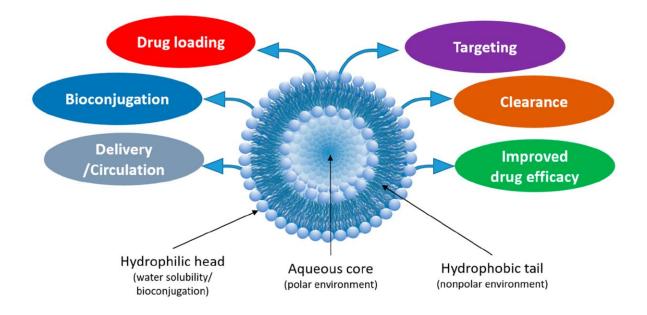


Figure 1. Therapeutically advantageous features of liposomes

we have designed a number of receptor-selective ligand-decorated nanometric liposomal systems to target the liposome-associated anti-cancer drugs/siRNAs selectively to mouse tumors and/or mouse tumor endothelial cells. Using appropriate mouse tumor models, we have demonstrated therapeutic efficacies of our tumor-selective liposomal drug/gene carriers.

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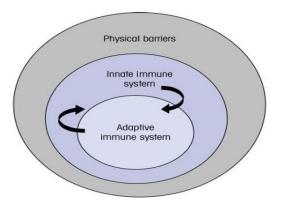
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### Our work in the area of Dendritic Cell based Cancer Immunotherapy:

Cancer immunotherapy is arguably the fastest emerging approach for combating cancerin which body's immune cells are turned on tokill cancer cells. Before we delve with our therapeutic approaches in this promising field of dendritic cell based cancer immunotherapy, let us briefly review the working principles of our immune systems.

The world around us is filled with endless pathogenic microorganisms ranging from bacterial to virus to fungi that make us sick. Despite suchdangerous neighborhood-thanks to our exquisite immune systemswe manage to stay healthy. Our immune systems consist of essentially three layers of defenses.



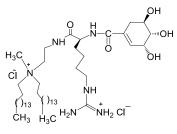
Three layers of vertebrate immune system

When invading pathogens succeed in breaching one layer, the next layer takes over. As depicted in the cartoonabove, the first line of defense consists of physical barriers namely, our skin, the mucosal linings of our respiratory tract, tears, sweat, saliva, etc. all are parts of this physical barriers. These first line of defense mechanism can eliminate some pathogens before they reach our inner body tissues or blood. When, due toour carelessness, we cut our fingers while chopping vegetables with a knife in our kitchen, we open the access doors to the bacteria and other pathogenic microorganisms surrounding us for entering our innerbody tissues or blood. It is at this point, the second line of defense of our immune systems namely, our innate immune systems take over. This second layer of defense mechanisms consist of cells and proteinsthat attack invaders non-specifically. Stated differently, irrespective of the nature of pathogens, the same cells and proteins of our innate immune systems areat work24x7 to protect us from intruders. Cells of innate immunity consist of phagocytes (such as macrophages and neutrophils). They destroy theforeign invaders in our body by phagocytosis. A macrophage first identifies and binds to the invader, engulfs it and destroys the invading microorganism by breakingit down to small pieces intheir lysosomes(loaded withdegradative enzymes). In addition, macrophages also sound an alarm (by producing proteins called cytokines) to recruit other types of white blood cells(including neutrophils, eosinophils and basophils) foreliminating the invader.

The above-mentioned body's second line of defense mechanismis often good enough toeither fully contain theinvading microorganisms, or to significantly limit their spread to other body parts. For instance, the bacteria thatenter through accidental cut on our fingerusually do not spread further into our other body tissues. However, there are situations whenour innate immune system is not enough. At times, the

number of bacteria entering our body could be overwhelmingly high or they may proliferate inside our body too fast. That's whenour adaptive immune systems, body's third line of defense mechanism, come to our rescue. This third level of body's defense mechanism consists of cells tailor-made to get rid of the specific microorganismsthat have succeeded in evading body's second line of defense mechanism. A special type of cells, called dendritic cells (DCs), act as the liaison (point of communication) between innate and adaptive immunity. When macrophagessound alarms by producing cytokines, DCs plays a central role. They crawl to the site of infection, phagocytose the pathogen, tear it apart into small fragments, and thereafter, present these small antigenic fragments in complexation with the major histocompatibility complex I & II to their cell surfaces. Such activated (matured DCs), finally after crawling to the nearby lymph nodes, present the MHCI & II bound small antigenic fragments to the cells of adaptive immunity namely, B-cells and T-cells.

In the still emerging field of dendritic cell (DC)based cancer immunotherapy, effective humoral and cellular immuneresponses againstumors are mounted by *in vivo* targeting of distinct tumor antigen encoded mRNA/DNA vaccines (i.e. genetic immunization using either DNA or mRNA vaccines) to dendritic cells (DCs), body's most potent antigen presenting cells. To this end, we have developed novel mannose receptor (over expressed on the DC-surface) selective liposomal DNA vaccine carriers. The liposomes were prepared from a cationic amphiphile (**lipid 1**) containing both transfection enhancing guanidine functionality and mannose-mimicking shikimoyl functionality in its polar head-group region. Theliposomes of **lipid 1** were found to be effective in mounting anti-tumorimmunse response by delivering DNA vaccines directly to dendritic cells under *in vivo* conditions.



Lipid 1 Chemical Structure of our *in vivo* DC-targeting cationic lipid

In addition, we have developed a number of efficient liposomal carriers for *ex vivo* and *in vivo* targeting of tu antigen encoded DNA vaccines to dendritic cells for use in DC-based cancer immunotherapy

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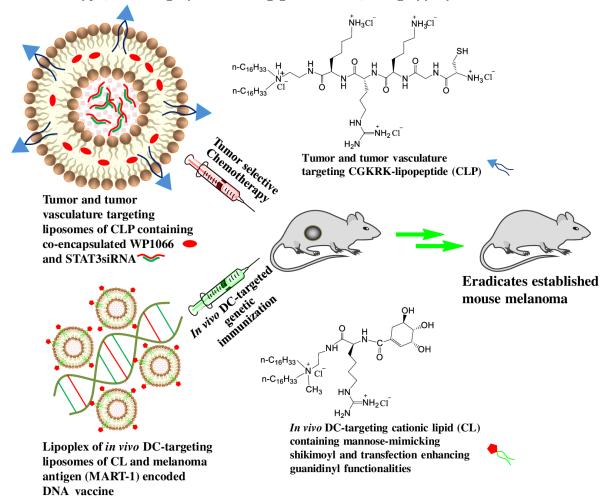
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## **On-going Research on Dendritic Cell based Cancer Immunotherapy:**

We have been currently evaluating the therapeutic promises of a potentially platform strategy for Treatment of cancer. In our combination approach (shown schematically in the cartoon below for combating melanoma), we are combining *in vivo* DC-targeted genetic immunization withtutor-selective chemotherapy (both using liposomal drug/gene carriers) using appropriate mouse tumor models.



## Our combination approach has:

Substantially enhanced (by 350-500%) overall survivability of mice bearing orthotopically established mouse glioblastoma&pancreatic tumors and has eradicated established mouse melanoma

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Mechanistic studies aimed at understanding the observed dramatic synergy between the *in vivo* DC-targeted genetic immunization (using tumor antigen encoded DNA vaccines) and chemotherapy encapsulated within tumor selective liposomes are currently under progress.

In another majorcurrently on-going projects sponsored by Covaxin Pioneer Bharat Biotech InternationalLimited, Hyderabad, we are designing up-scalable self-assembling lipid nanoparticles to target DNA/mRNA vaccines to dendritic cells under *in vivo* settings for combating infectious diseases.

## Our earlier work in the area of non-viral gene delivery:

During the last two decades The Chaudhuri Group has developed a number of efficient lipid-based gene delivery systems for use in the field of non-viral gene therapy. The molecular structures of cationic transfection lipids consist of a positively charged polar head-group functionality and a non-polar hydrophobic region (usually two aliphatic hydrocarbon chains or a cholesterol unit) covalently tethered by a linker functionality such as ester, amides, ether, carbamates, etc (**Figure 2**).

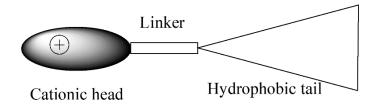


Figure 2. Cartoon for the general structure of cationic amphiphiles.

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# **Alumni and Their Current Affiliations:**

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#### **Conference Volume**:

Patra C. R. and Chaudhuri, A. Chemical Biologists Meet at ICCB-2014, the First Annual Conference of the Newly Born Chemical Biology Society of India, at the City of Pearls. *ACS Chem Biol* **2014**, *9*, 1224-1229.<sup>#</sup> <sup>#</sup>Coverage of **International Conference on Chemical Biology** (**ICCB-2014**) jointly hosted by Chemical Biology Society of India and CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology during February 6-8, 2014 at CSIR-IICT, Hyderabad. **Invited Book Chapters**:

1. Authors: Banerjee, R.; Das, P. K.; Srilakshmi, G. V.; Rao, N. M.; Chaudhuri, A.

Title of the Book: Adsorption and Aggregation of Surfactants in Solution.
Chapter 28, page 603-618.
Chapter Title: Novel Cationic Transfection Lipids for Use in Liposomal Gene Delivery.
Editors: K. L. Mittal and Dinesh O. Shah
Publisher: MARCEL DEKKER, INC New York, NY 10016, USA. (published on November 6, 2002).

2. Authors: Majumder, P; Chaudhuri, A.

**Title of the Book**: "<u>Integrins in Pharmacology</u>" in the book series Methods in Pharmacology and Toxicology pp 1-24(Published on April 8, 2016). **Book Chapter Title**: Integrin mediated targeting of liposomally bound siRNAs to tumor vasculatures; **Guest Editor**: Eleonora Patsenker, PhD **Publisher**: Springer Science (www.springer.com)

3. Authors: Sukanya Bhunia\*; Arabinda Chaudhuri

**Title of the Book**: "*Brain Tumors*", PUBLISHED on April 20, 2022; DOI 10.5772/intechopen.94814; ISBN 978-1-83969-804-0; COPYRIGHT YEAR 2022; Academic Editor: Amit Agrawal, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi **Title of the Book Chapter:** Crossing Blood-Brain Barrier with Nano-drug Carriers for Treatment of Brain Tumors: Advances and Unmet Challenges.

# Completed/ongoing Research Projects during the last ten years:

- "Self-assembled Up-scalable lipid-nanoparticles for *in vivo* targeting of mRNA vaccines to dendritic cells" Sanctioned budget: **Rs. 35 lac for 1 year** (Jan'1-Dec'31, 2022) for IISER Kolkata sponsored by the Covaxin (Covid 19 vaccine) Developer Bharat Biotech Pvt Ltd, Hyderabad, India.
- 2. Raja Ramanna Fellowship at IISER Kolkata (after Superannuation from CSIR-IICT, Hyderabad).Sanctioned Budget from Govt of India: **Rs. 54.9 lacs** (2018-2021).
- 3. Supra-Institutional Network Project "Advanced Drug Delivery Systems (**ADD**)" involving CSIR-IICT (**Nodal Lab**), CSIR-NCL, CSIR-CDRI, CSIR-CLRI, CSIR-IGIB, CSIR-IITR, IISc, IACS and KEM-Hospital, Mumbai. **Project Coordinators**: Dr. Arabinda Chaudhuri/Dr. Rajkumar Banerjee.Sanctioned Budget: **Rs. 15.7 Crore** (2012-2017).
- CSIR-Mayo Clinic, USA Collaboration for Innovation and Translational Research" on "Novel Delivery Systems for Targeting Lung Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer and Cancer Stem Cells".
   CSIR-IICT's Project Coordinators: Dr. Arabinda Chaudhuri/Dr. Rajkumar Banerjee

**CSIR-IICT's Project Coordinators**: Dr. Arabinda Chaudhuri/Dr. Rajkumar Banerjee Sanctioned Budget for IICT: **Rs. 1.5 Crore** (2012-2017).

 CSIR Network Project "Genome Dynamics in Cellular Organization, Differentiation and Enantiostasis" (GENCODE; BSC0123)" involving CSIR-IGIB (Nodal Lab), CSIR-IICT, CSIR-IICB and CSIR-NCL.
 Project Coordinators: Dr. Arabinda Chaudhuri/Dr. Rajkumar Banerjee. Sanctioned Budget for CSIR-IICT: Rs. 3.80 Crore (2012-2017).

## Selected Invited lectures delivered:

*Vaccines Summit Ohio* (on-line) held at Sheraton, Columbus Capitol Square, Columbus, USA during March 1-3, 2021.

Jadavpur University jointly organized by the Department of Chemistry, Jadavpur University and the Indian Society for Surface Science and Technologyon January 22, 2020.

"The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Cell and Gene Therapy Symposium" organized by Centre for Stem Cell Research (a Unit of inStem, Bangalore) at CMC Vellore during September 7-8, 2017.

"International Symposium on Chemical Biology and Drug Discovery (ISCBDD -2016)" jointly organized by Chemical Biology Society-India, National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research-Kolkata, and Bose Institute, Kolkata, during March 1-3, 2016 at Taj Bengal Hotel, Kolkata.

As Colloquium Speaker at Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science, Kolkata, on February 29, 2016.

"IUPAC's International Symposium on Bioorganic Chemistry (ISBOC-10)" held at IISER, Pune, India, during January 11-15, 2015.

"International Symposium on Chemical Biology Approach to Metabolomics, Chemical Genomics and Second Annual Meeting of Chemical Biology Society, India" held at University of Mysore, during February 18-19, 2015.

Center for Cancer Research, National Cancer Institute, NIH, Frederick, Maryland, on May'28, 2015.

Department of Microbiology & Immunology, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, on May'27, 2015.

International Conference on "Recent Advances in Research and Treatment of Human Diseases and 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Indian Academy of Biomedical Sciences" held at CSIR-IICT, Hyderabad during January 9-11, 2015.

International symposium on "Challenges in Chemical Biology" jointly hosted by CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Biology (CSIR-IICB), Kolkata and National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, Kolkata, during January 27-29, 2013.

International symposium on "Multidisciplinary Frontiers of Medicinal Chemistry: Synthesis, Molecular Biology and Technology" held at Department of Chemistry, SASTRA UNIVERSITY, Tanjavur, Tamil Nadu, India, during January 18-19, 2013.

As Colloquium Speaker, Department of Chemistry, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Pune, on January 15, 2013.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> India-Korea Joint Workshop on "NanoBio and Emerging Healthcare Technology" held at Coex, Seoul, South Korea during August 16-17, 2012.

Department of Chemistry, Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, Kharagpur, on Jan'16, 2012.

Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, on Sept'19, 2011.

Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, on Sept'15, 2011.

CSIR- Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow, on July 19, 2010 on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee Year of the Institute.

The 239<sup>th</sup> American Chemical Society National Meeting held at Moscone Center, San Francisco, in honor of Professor Clifford A. Bunton on the occasion of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday during March 21-22, 2010.

The Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (BMB) seminar Series, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, Mayo Clinic, Minnesota during March 30, 2010.

Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan on March 29, 2010.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Chemical Research Society of India/Royal Society of Chemistry, London, joint Symposium in Chemistry held at National Chemical Laboratory, Pune, on February 5, 2009.

Center for Cancer Nanotechnology of Excellence, University of California, San Diego, Medical Center, Moores Cancer Center, on March 25, 2010.

The 19<sup>th</sup> Mid-Year Meeting of Indian Academy of Sciences, Bangalore held at Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore during July 4-5, 2008.

The 8<sup>th</sup> International symposium on "Biochemical Roles of Eurokaryote Cell Surface Macromolecules (ISCSM-2008)" held at Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad, during January 21-25, 2008.

The Indo-Europe Workshop on "Cationic Amphiphiles:DNA Interactions: Basics to Technology" held at Devvaya Resort, Goa during February 22-25, 2007.

International symposium on "Recent Trends in Surface and Colloid Science (ISSCS-2007)" held at Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Kolkata, during November 15-16, 2007 to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Year of Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Kolkata.

International Symposium on "Organic Chemistry-Today and Tomorrow" held at Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, during January 4-7, 2006.

International Symposium on "Advances in Organic Chemistry and Chemical Biology" jointly hosted by the American Chemical Society (ACS) and the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) held at Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT), Hyderabad, during January 11-12, 2006.

International Symposium on "Structure and Dynamics: From Micro to Macro" held at University of Calcutta, during December 15-17, 2006, to commemorate the Post Centenary Golden Jubilee Year of University of Calcutta.

The 14<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on "Surfactants in Solution" (SIS-2002) held at University of Barcelona, Spain, on June 13, 2002.

The 13<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on "Surfactants in Solution" (SIS-2000) held at University of Florida, Gainesville, USA, during June 11-16, 2000.

# Graduate Level Course taught at IISER Kolkata during 2019-2022:

Frontiers at the Chemistry/Biology Interface (CH4215, covering important emerging aspects at the interface of chemistry and biology including targeted cancer therapy, non-viral gene therapy, use of phage display techniques, cancer immunotherapy, etc.); Research Methodology (CH4207)

### **Manuscript Reviewing Experience:**

#### Reviewed manuscripts submitted to

J. Am. Chem. Soc., Adv. Mater., J. Med. Chem., Biomaterials, Adv. Functional Materials, Small, ACS Appl Mat Interfaces, J. Controlled Release, ChemComm, Nanoscale, Chem. Eur. J., Acta Biomaterialia, Advanced Healthcare Materials, J. Gene. Med., Biomacromolecules, Drug Discovery Today, Curr. Med. Chem., ChemMedChem, Bioconjugate Chem., J. Phys. Chem., ACS Omega, Biochim. Biophys. Acta., Lipids, Langmuir, J. Colloid. Int. Sci., Expert Opin. Drug. Delivery., Experts OpinTher. Patents., Biochimie, J. Agric. Food. Chem., J. Chemical. Sciences., J. Biochem. Eng., Ind. J. Biotechol., Aus. J. Chem., Int. J. Pharm., Current Science., J. Biosciences and Ind. J. Chem.