AN INJECTABLE THERMOSENSITIVE HYDROGEL LOADED WITH RETINAL TARGETED HYBRID NANOPARTICLES AGAINST INHERITED RETINAL DEGENERATION

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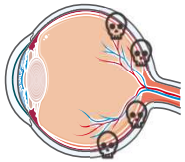
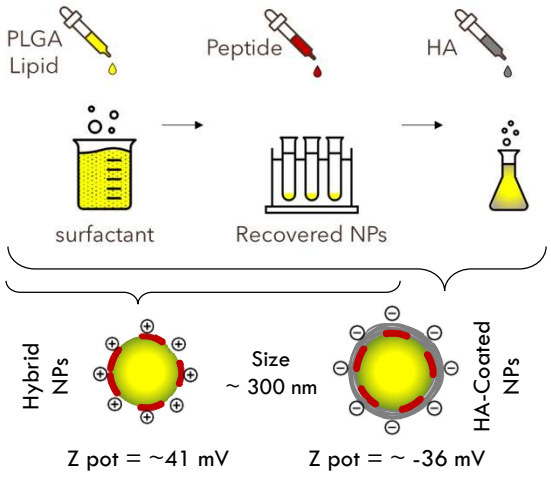
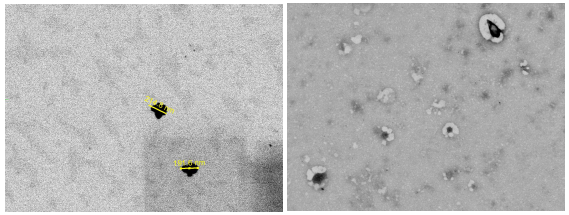
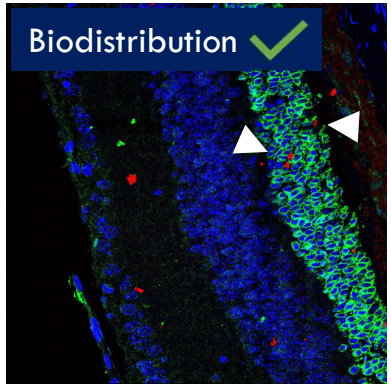


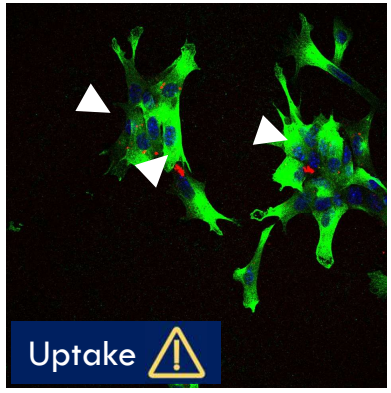
Inherited Retinal Degeneration: genetic condition
NEUROPROTECTIVE PEPTIDE
→ Reduce degradation + Prolong release

1) Formulation of the NPs







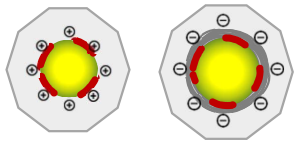


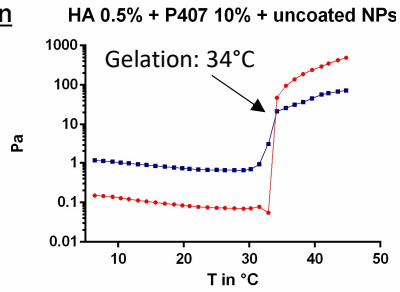
2) Formulation of the Thermosensitive Hydrogel

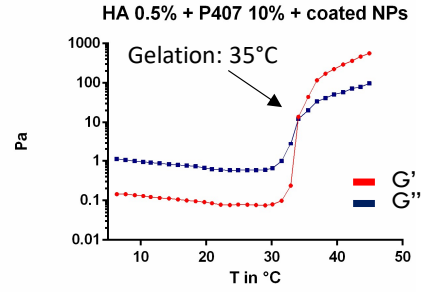
- Liquid at 4°C = injectable
- Solid at 35° = *in vivo*

Poloxamer 407 + Hyaluronic Acid Medium MW

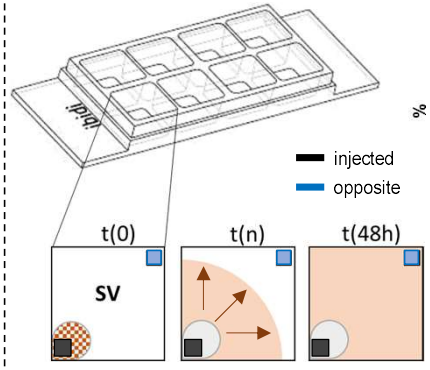
Rheological characterization

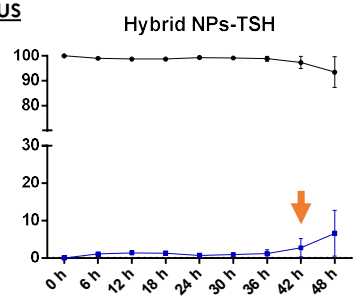


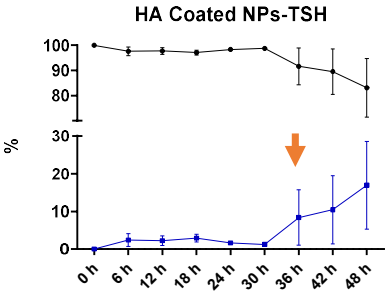




NP Mobility in Synthetic Vitreous







FUTURE WORK

Evaluation of the peptide release profile and mobility
In vitro and *ex vivo* efficacy of the formulations