

Drug Loaded Spacers for LDR Prostate Brachytherapy

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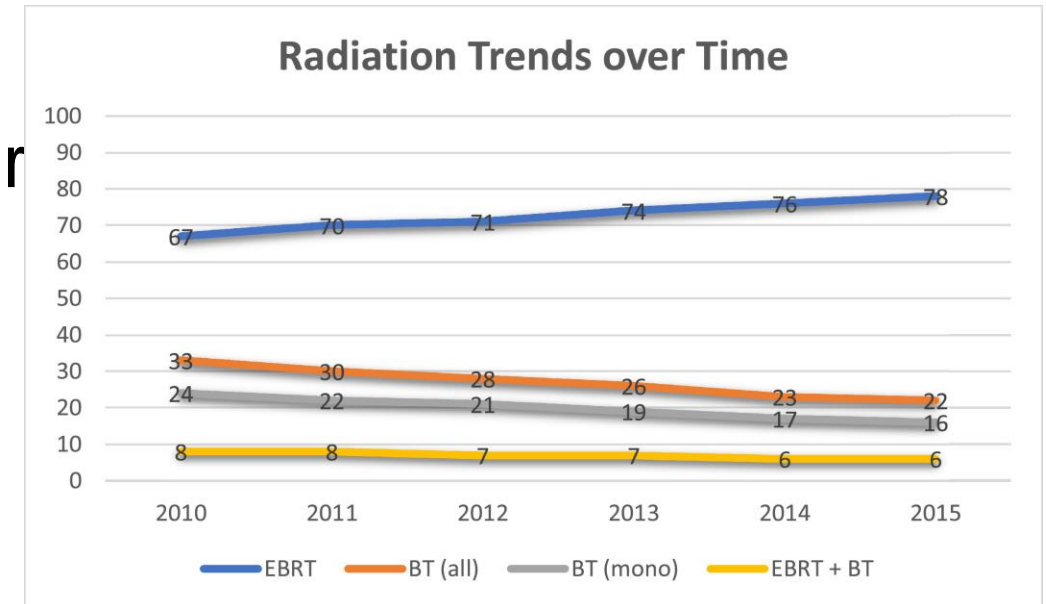
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Background

- LDR brachytherapy is an effective treatment for prostate cancer
- Not sufficient as single-treatment for high risk disease
- Main toxicity is urinary retention
- Utilization has decreased due to SBRT and EBRT technology advances
- Advantages of brachytherapy: normal tissue sparing, logistics etc remain



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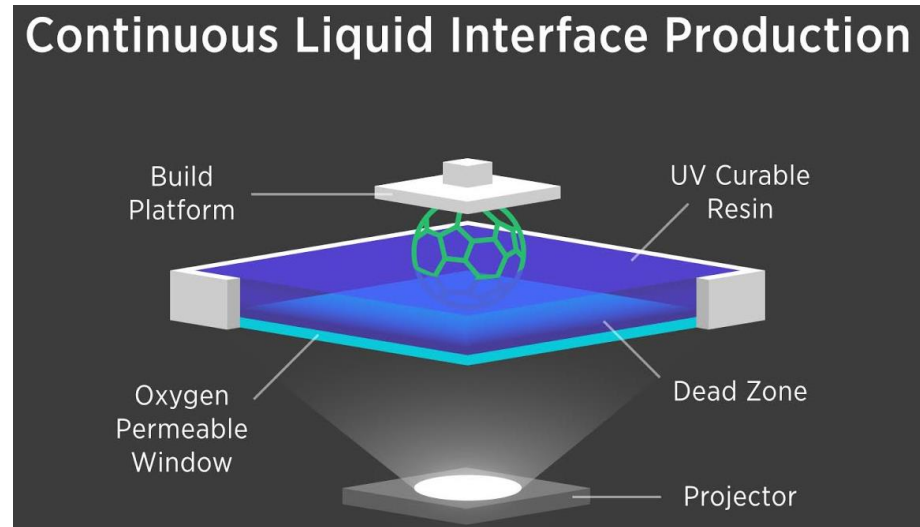
- “Systemic agents” such as ADT, enza/apalutamide, docetaxel can improve treatment outcome in PCa
- Steroids can be used to reduce swelling associated with brachytherapy
- But these systemic agents have significant toxicity/side effects
- Spacers in LDR (not to be confused with SpaceOAR) can be used for drug delivery

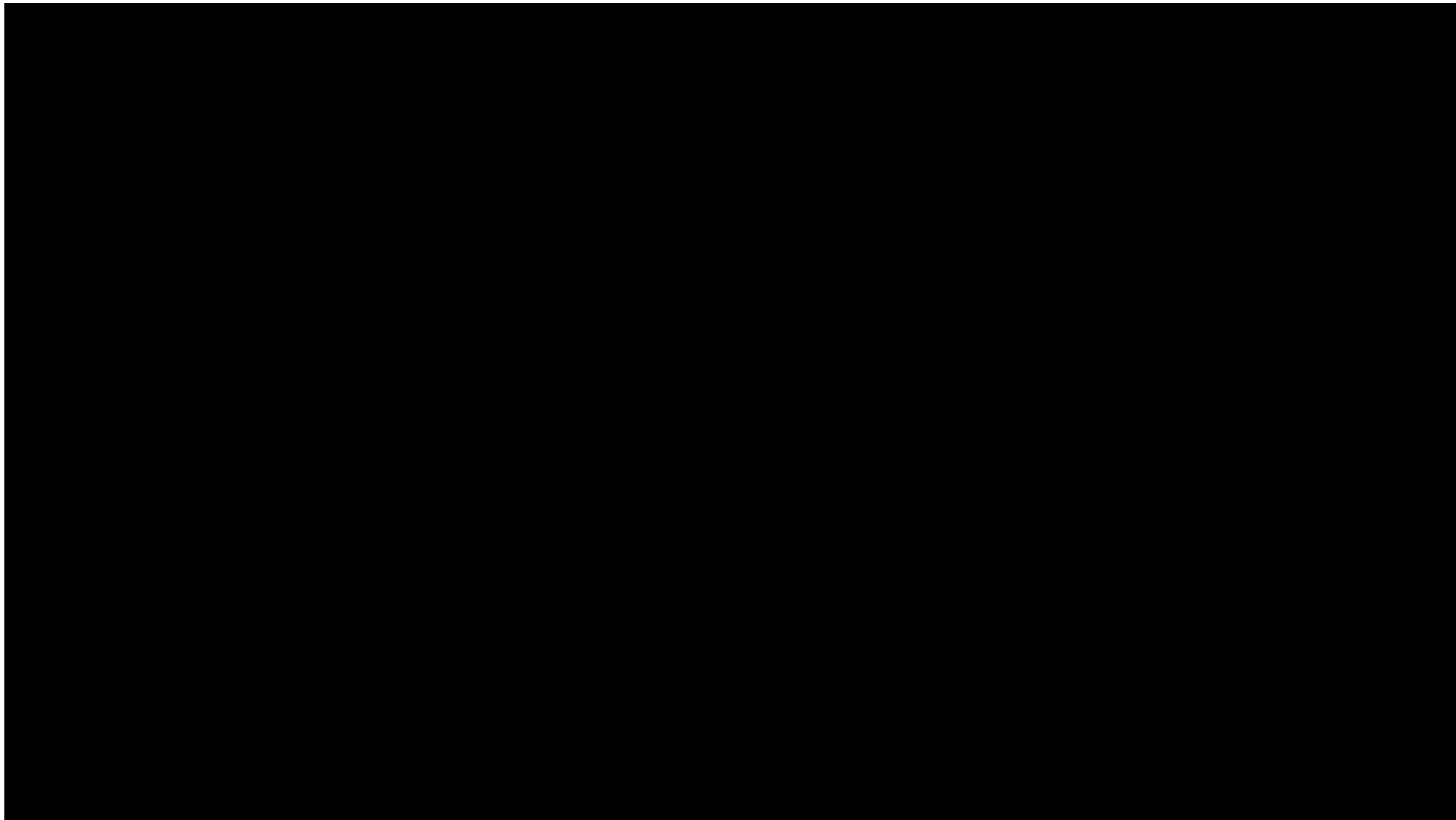
Considerations of local drug delivery

- Material: Biocompatible/biodegradable with ability to delivery multiple types of therapeutics
- Shape: Controlled release over long periods of time
- Formulation/manufacturing: easy to engineer

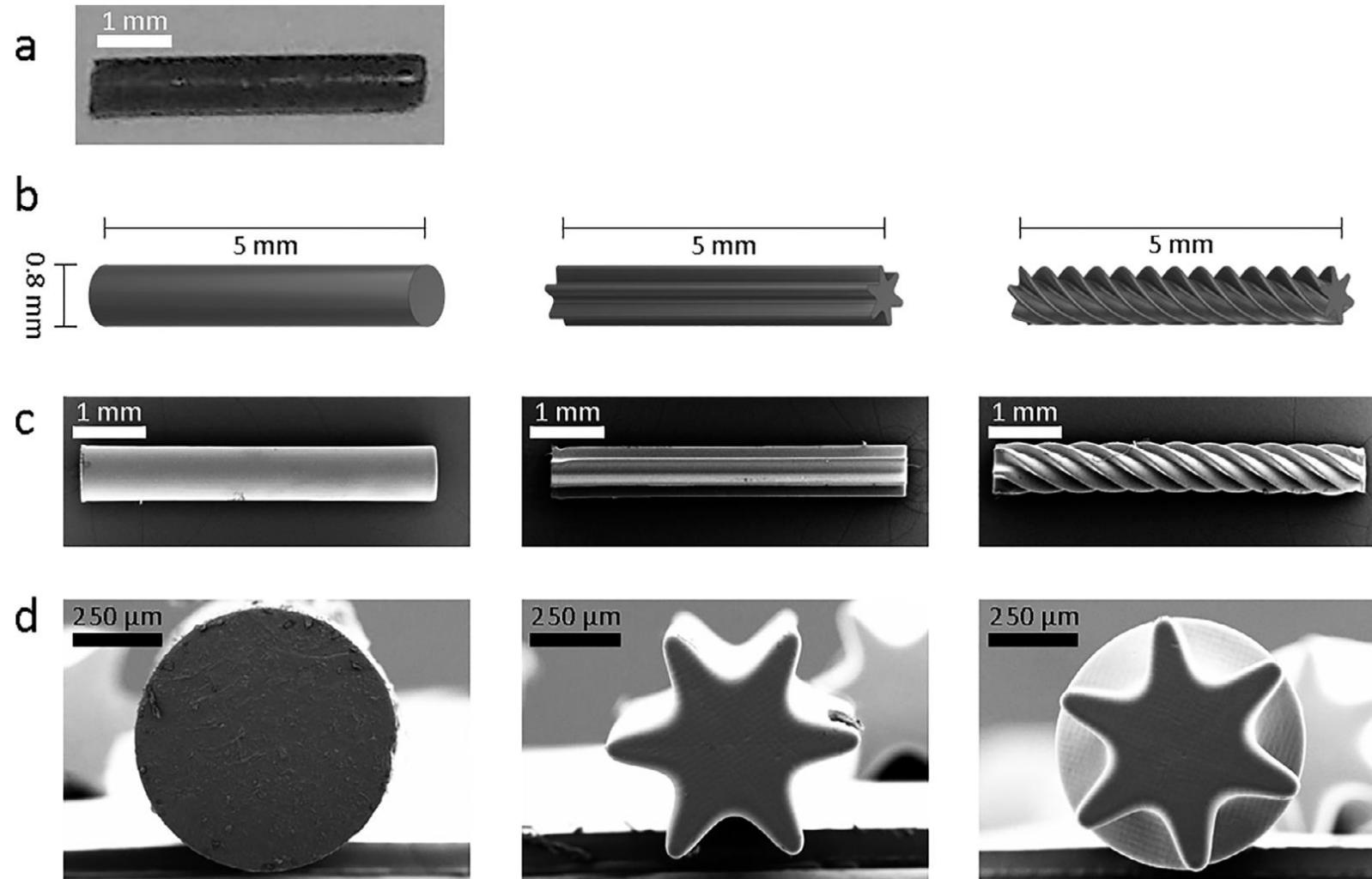
Continuous liquid interface production (CLIP) 3D Printing

- Fast
- Layerless
- High resolution

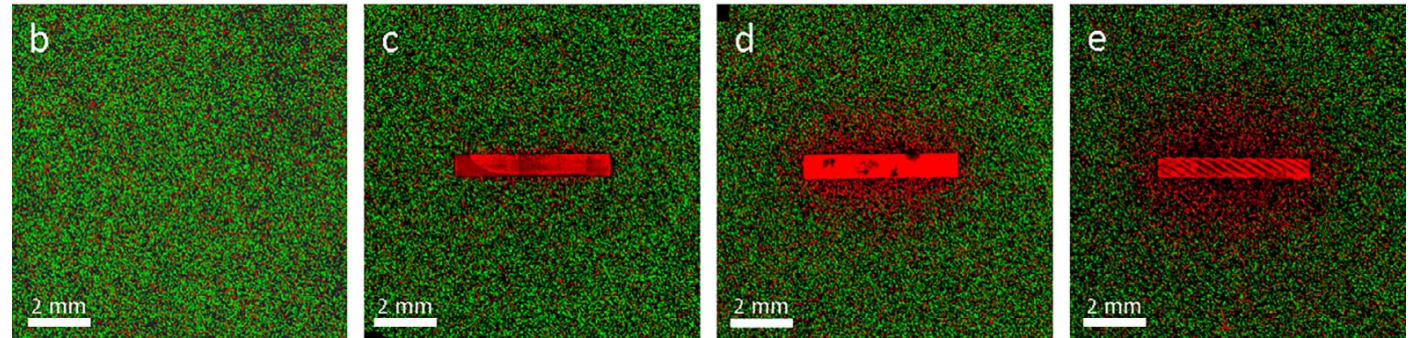
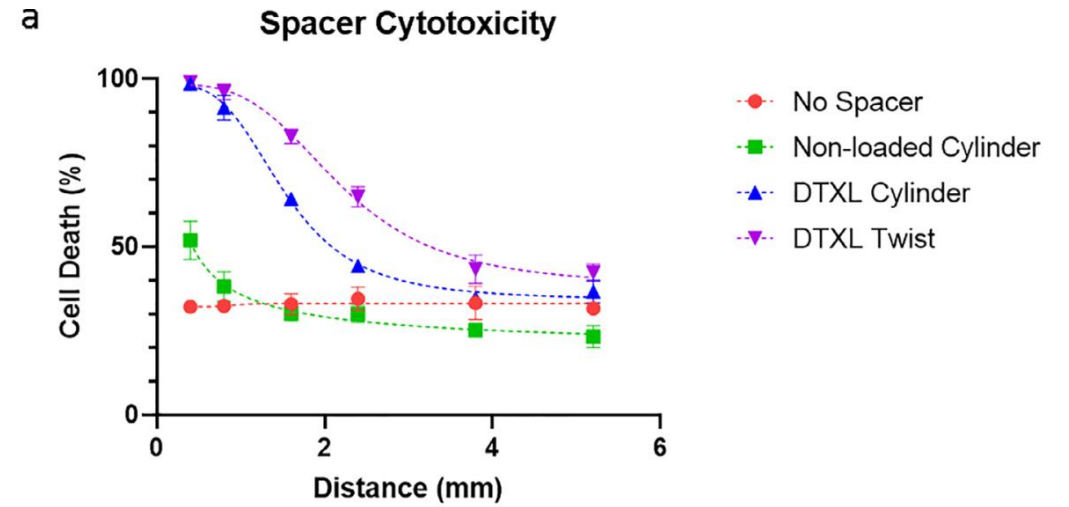
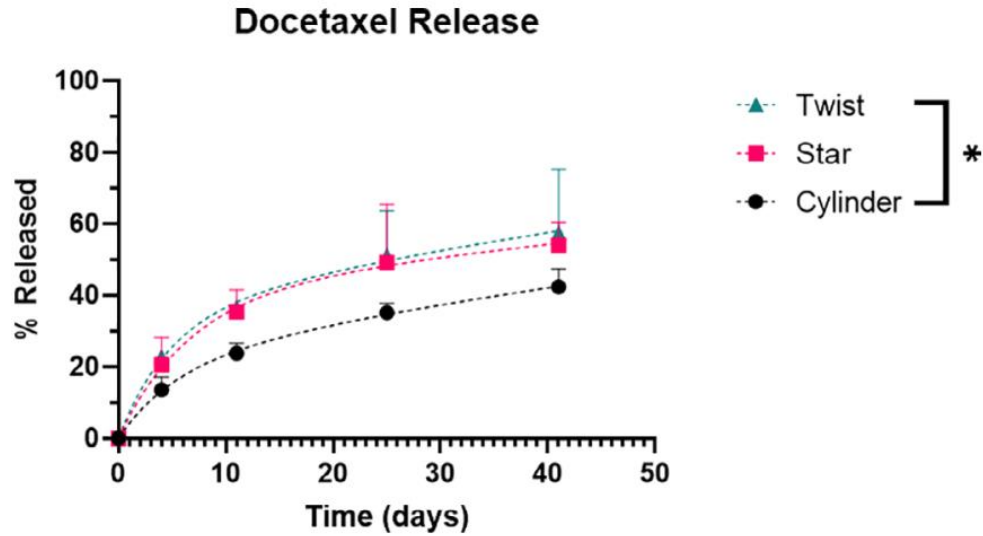




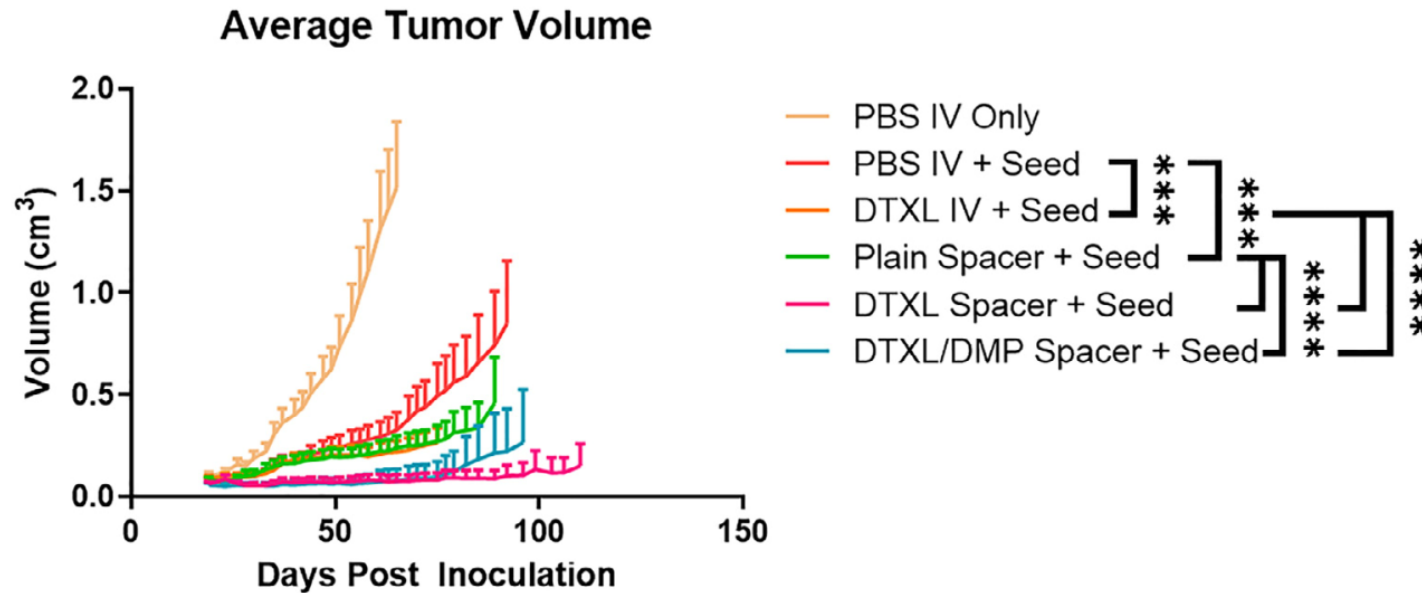
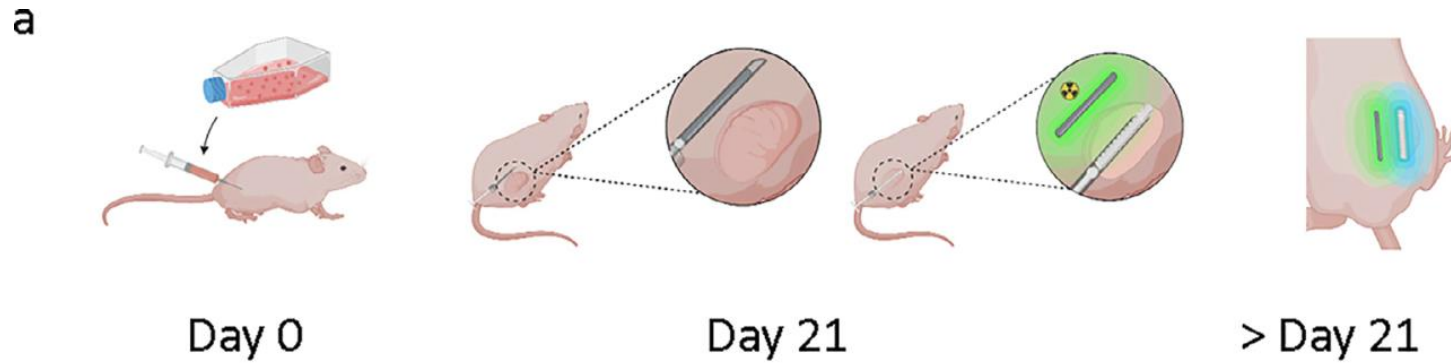
Spacer design



Drug release and diffusion



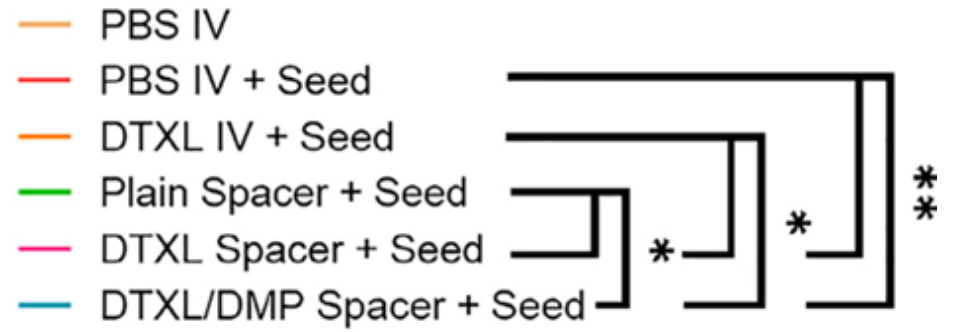
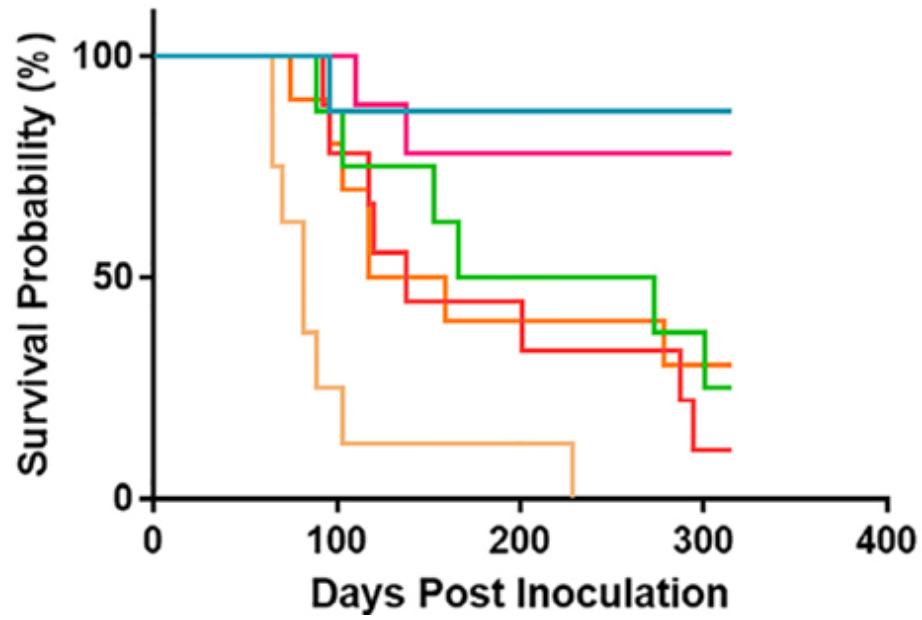
Drug-loaded spacer efficacy



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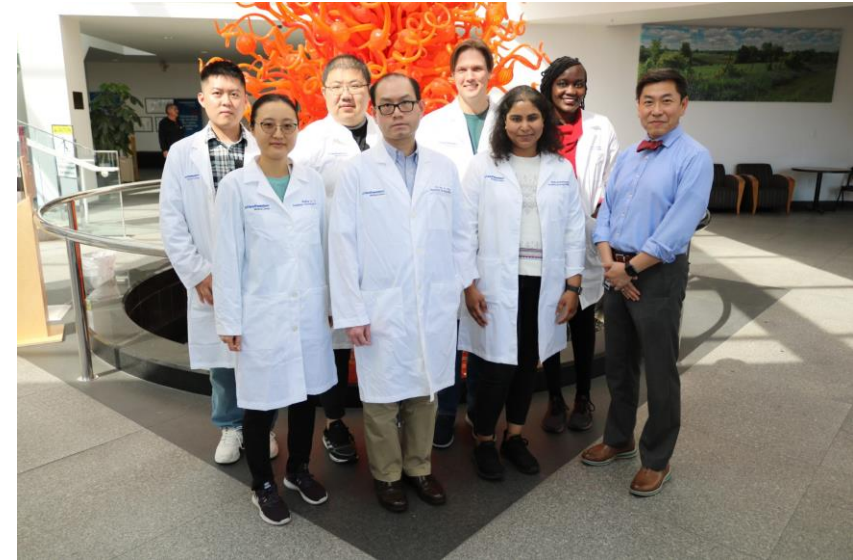
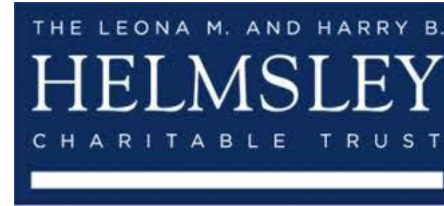
Summary

- **Spacers in brachytherapy can be loaded with therapeutics**
- **Drug release can be controlled through spacer design**
- **Drugs that are effective against PCa, such as docetaxel, can be encapsulated within spacers**
- **Addition of these therapeutics can improve efficacy**
- **Future directions:**
 - **Clinical translation**
 - **? Drug loaded spacers as solo treatment**

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