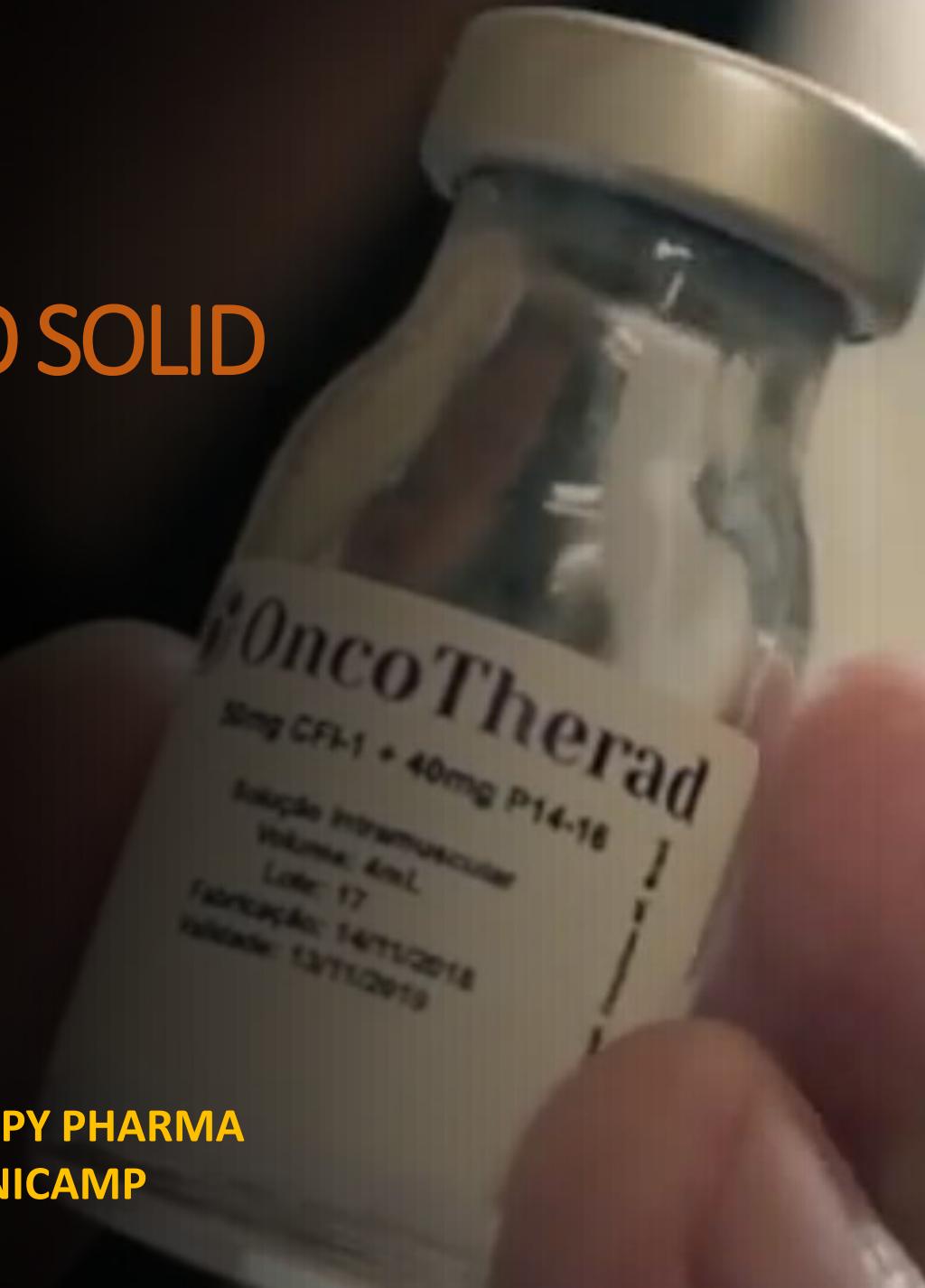


MRB-CFI-1: NEW IMMUNOTHERAPY TO SOLID TUMOR TREATMENT



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Há 15 anos, pesquisadores da UNICAMP vêm realizando pesquisas visando o desenvolvimento de medicamentos e novas plataformas terapêuticas para o tratamento de tumores sólidos.
O resultado dessas pesquisas foi o desenvolvimento do OncoTherad®, a primeira molécula de Imunoterapia totalmente criada e desenvolvida no Brasil



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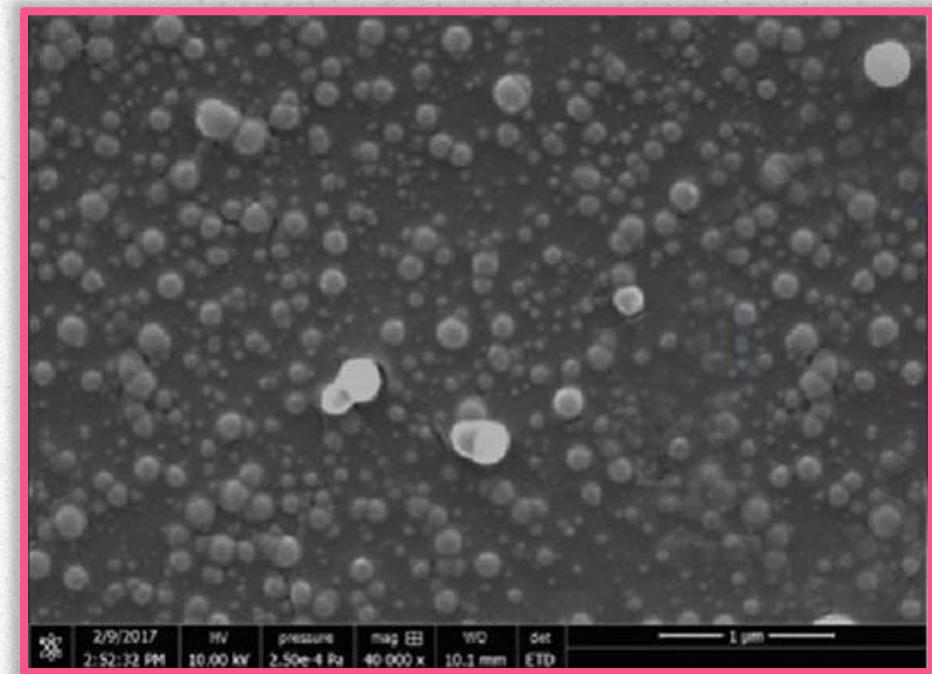
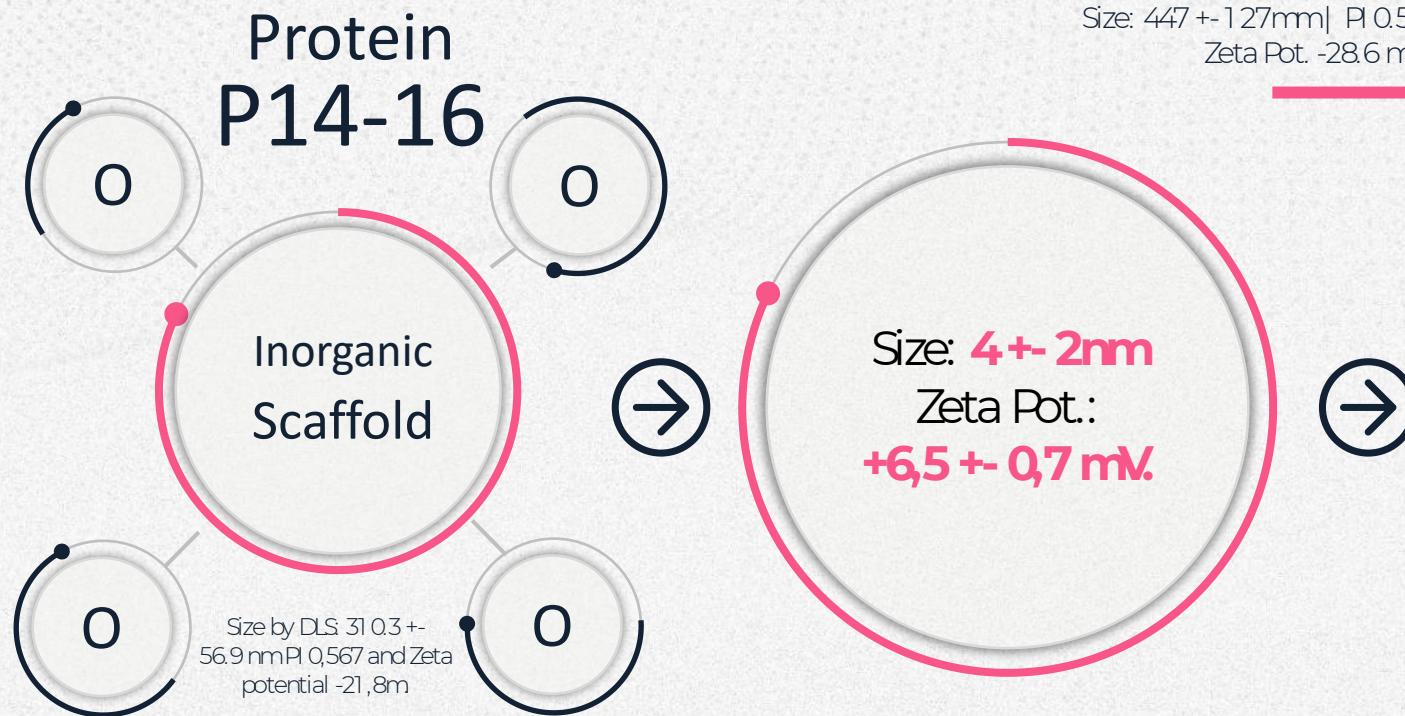


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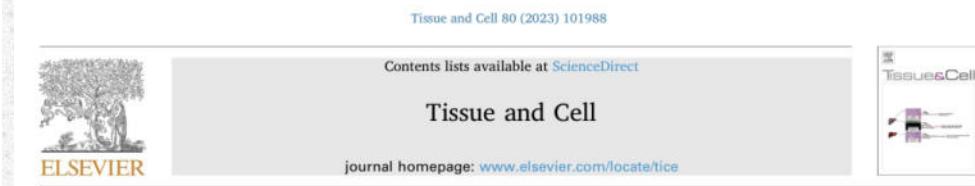
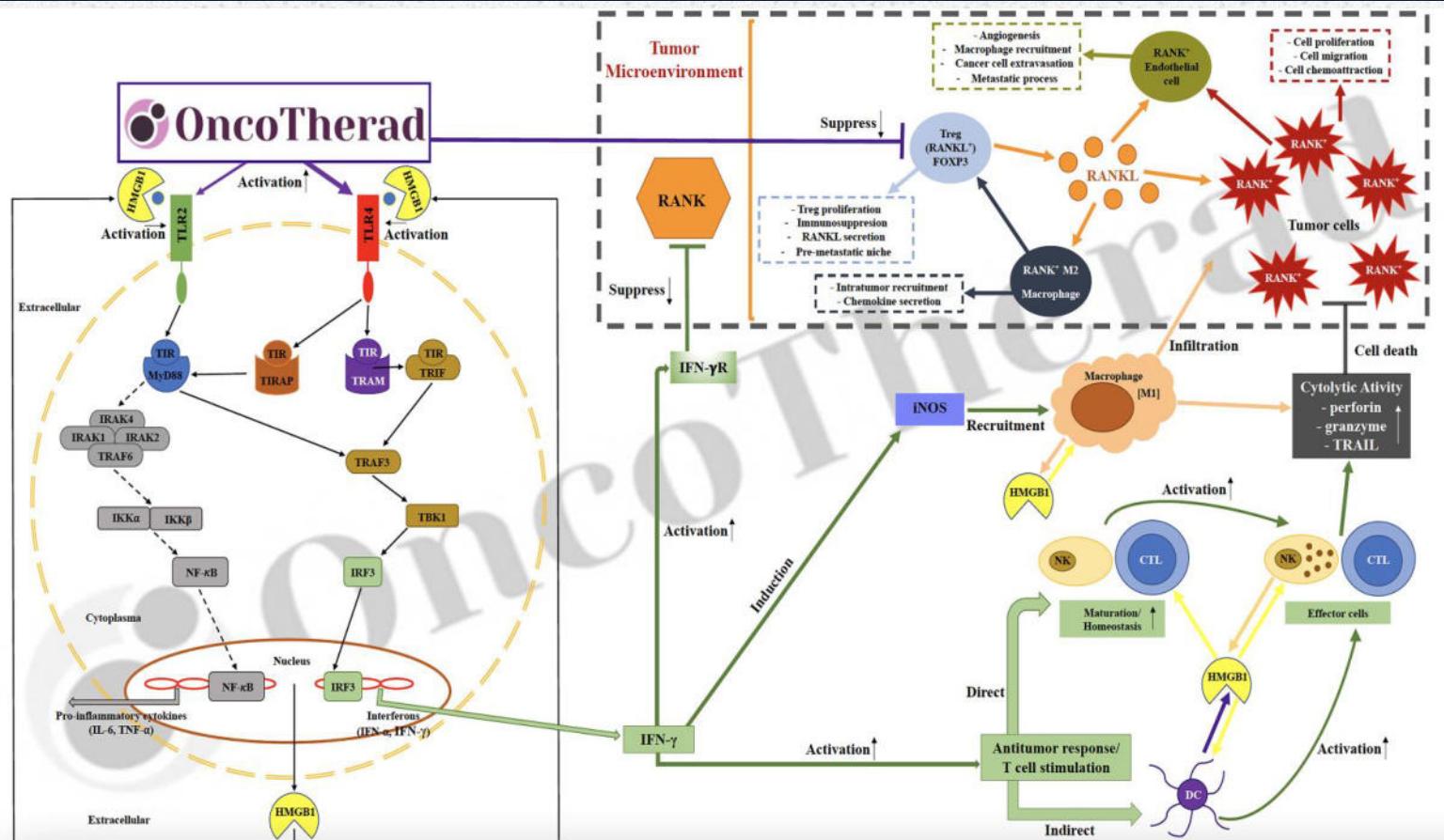


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New synthetic nano-immunotherapy (OncoTherad®) for non-muscle invasive bladder cancer: Its synthesis, characterization and anticancer property

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ABSTRACT

Bacillus Calmette-Guérin (BCG)-based intravesical immunotherapy has been applied as gold standard treatment for high-risk non-muscle invasive bladder cancer (NMIBC) for almost half a century. However, several patients with high-risk disease experience relapse, including those whose condition has worsened and who failed to respond to BCG. Non-significant therapeutic options have been developed for these at-risk patients, for many years. Immunotherapies have shown promising outcomes for bladder cancer treatment. Accordingly, our research group developed the OncoTherad® (MRB-CFI-1) immunotherapy, which has shown positive outcomes in NMIBC treatment. The aim of the current study is to describe, in details, the physicochemical features and potential action mechanisms of OncoTherad® nano-immunotherapy, based on toll-like receptor 4 (TLR4)-mediated interferon and RANK/RANKL signaling pathways, in animal model with NMIBC. Based on the current findings, OncoTherad® nano-immunotherapy did not have genotoxic effect on the investigated model and did not show signs of limiting local and/or systemic toxicity at therapeutic doses. OncoTherad® nano-immunotherapy was more effective than the BCG treatment, since it reduced by 70% the malignancy rate. Furthermore, it was possible identifying an important action mechanism of OncoTherad®, which was based on the modulation of TLR4-mediated interferon and RANK/RANKL signaling pathways that, altogether, were essential to reduce malignancy rate. OncoTherad® mechanisms in these pathways helped preventing tumor recurrence.



A novel therapeutic strategy for non-muscle invasive bladder cancer: OncoTherad® immunotherapy associated with platelet-rich plasma

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ABSTRACT

Patients with non-muscle invasive bladder cancer (NMIBC) that are unresponsive to *Bacillus Calmette-Guérin* (BCG) have historically had limited treatment options. A new perspective is represented by OncoTherad® (MRB-CFI-1) immunotherapy, a nanostructured inorganic phosphate complex associated with glycosidic protein, developed by the University of Campinas in Brazil. Previous studies have shown that Platelet-Rich Plasma (PRP) also acts on immune activation and exerts antitumor effects. This study characterized the effects of the OncoTherad® associated with PRP in the treatment of NMIBC chemically induced in mice. When treated intravesically with PRP only, mice showed 28.6% of tumor progression inhibition rate; with OncoTherad® 85.7%; and with OncoTherad®+PRP 71.4%. Intravesical treatments led to distinct activation of Toll-like Receptors (TLR) 2 and 4-mediated innate immune system in the interleukins (canonical) and interferons (non-canonical) signaling pathways. OncoTherad® isolated or associated with PRP upregulated TLR4 and its downstream cascade mediators as well as increased interleukins 6 (IL-6) and 1β (IL-1β), and interferon-γ (IFN-γ). In this way, the NMIBC microenvironment was modulated to a cytotoxic profile correlated with the IL-1β increase by stimulating immune pathways for IFN-γ production and consequent cytotoxic T lymphocytes (as CD8+ T-cells) activation and regulatory T-cells (Tregs) reduction. In addition, PRP did not trigger carcinogenic effects through the biomarkers evaluated. Considering the possibility of personalizing the treatment with the PRP use as well as the antitumor properties of OncoTherad®, we highlight this association as a potential new therapeutic strategy for NMIBC.

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Effects of combined OncoTherad immunotherapy and probiotic supplementation on modulating the chronic inflammatory process in colorectal carcinogenesis

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ABSTRACT

This study evaluated the effects of combined OncoTherad immunotherapy and probiotic supplementation on colorectal carcinogenesis chemically induced with 1,2-dimethylhydrazine (DMH) in mice. The animals were randomized in five groups. Control group received any treatment. DMH + OncoTherad received weekly LPS (Intraperitoneal injection) and probiotics. Bifidobacterium longum and bifidobacterium lactis and DMH + Probiotic + OncoTherad received the same treatment than the previous group. After ten weeks of treatment, the tumor growth was analyzed by caliper and histological analysis of the Mycotox-NF-κB (TRIF, TLR3, TIRF, IFN-γ, IL-6, IL-10, and TGF-β). For statistical analysis, the variance analysis (ANOVA) and Tukey's test were used to measure local stimulate the canonical signaling pathway TLR3/TRIF (MyD88-dependent), reduce the tumor size, and stimulate the production of IL-6 and TGF-β cytokines. Thus, the association of OncoTherad and probiotic supplementation has shown important immunomodulatory effect and could be considered a potential new therapeutic approach for colorectal cancer after further investigation.

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ABSTRACT

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RESEARCH

OncoTherad® is an immunomodulator of biological response that downregulate RANK/RANKL signaling pathway and PD-1/PD-L1 immune checkpoint in non-muscle invasive bladder cancer

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Abstract

Introduction Bladder cancer is the second most common urinary tract cancer. Above 70% of the occurrence of bladder cancer is superficial (pTis, pTa, and pT1), non-muscle invasive tumor (NMIBC), and the incidence of invasive disease is occasional. Treatments for NMIBC consist of transurethral resection (TUR) and subsequently intravesical immunotherapy with *Bacillus Calmette-Guérin* (BCG), intending to prevent tumor progression and decrease recurrence. However, 20–30% of these tumors have progression, and 70% have a recurrence after exclusive TUR treatment. The immunomodulator of biological response, OncoTherad®, is an attractive potential to revolutionize cancer therapy. In our previous studies with mice, the results showed that treatment with OncoTherad® reduced 100% of tumor progression in NMIBC through the activation of Toll-Like Receptors' non-canonical pathway.

Materials and Methods In the present study, 36 female C57BL/6J mice were divided into 6 groups ($n=6$ /group): Control, Cancer, Cancer + BCG, Cancer + OncoTherad® (MRB-CFI-1), Cancer + P14-16 and Cancer + CFI-1. NMIBC was chemically induced and the treatments were followed for 6 weeks. A week after the last dose of treatment, animals were euthanized, the bladder was collected and routinely processed for immunohistochemical analyses of RANK, RANKL, FOXP3, and PD-1/PD-L1, such as PD-1/PD-L1 western blotting.

Conclusion The immunohistochemical results showed that OncoTherad® reduced RANK and RANKL immunoreactivities compared to the cancer group, which indicates a good prognosis. Immunohistochemical and western blotting analyses confirmed that OncoTherad® modulated PD-1/PD-L1 immune checkpoint.

Keywords Immune checkpoint · Cancer treatment · Immune system · RANKL · FOXP3

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OncoTherad® (MRB-CFI-1) nano-immunotherapy reduced tumoral progression in non-muscle invasive bladder cancer through activation of Toll-like signaling pathway

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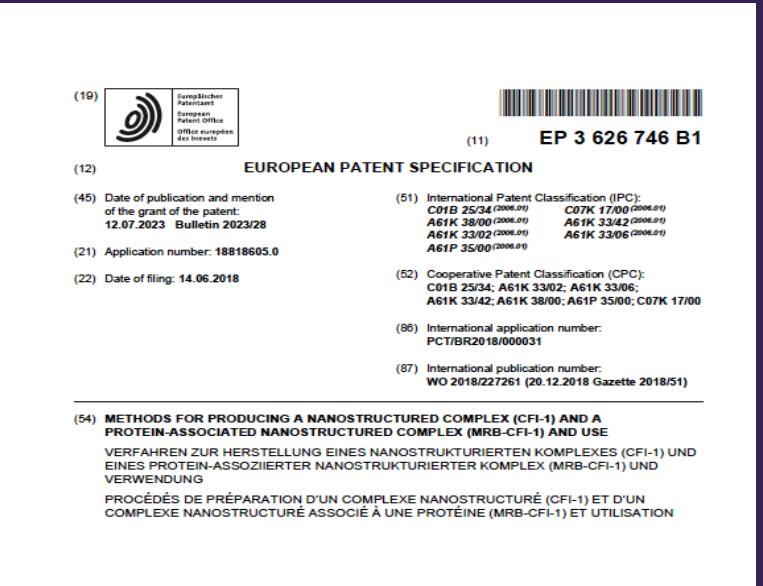
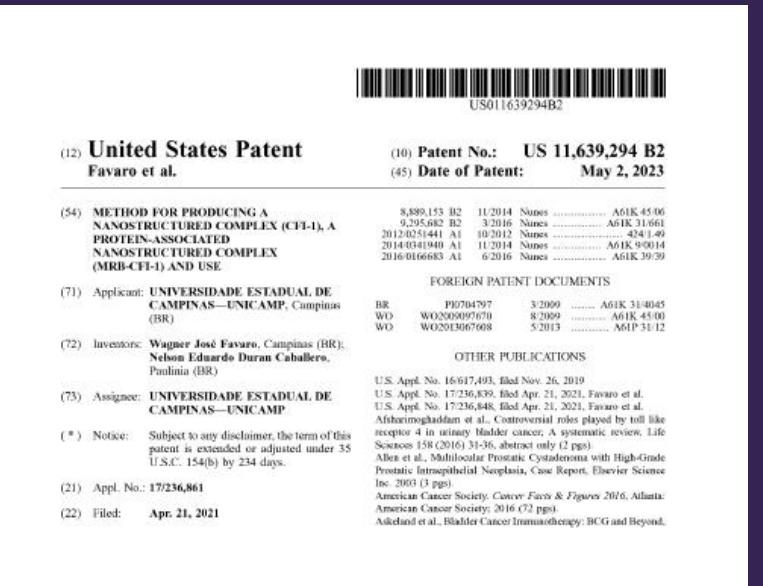
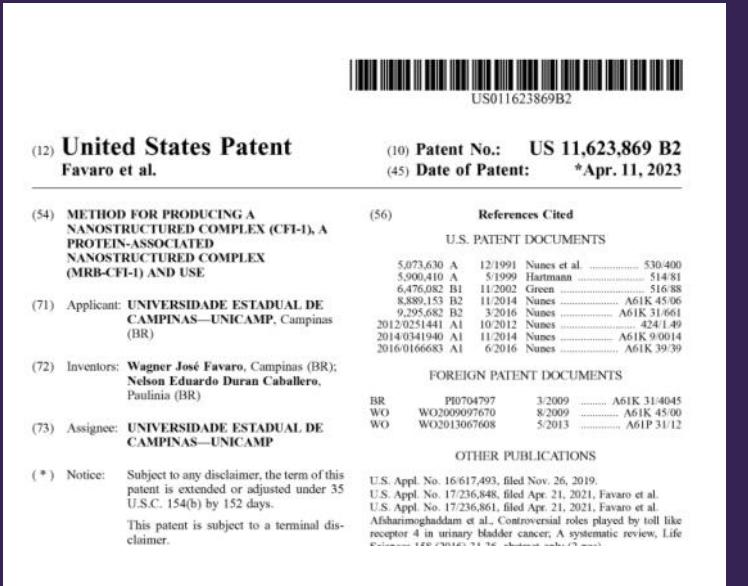
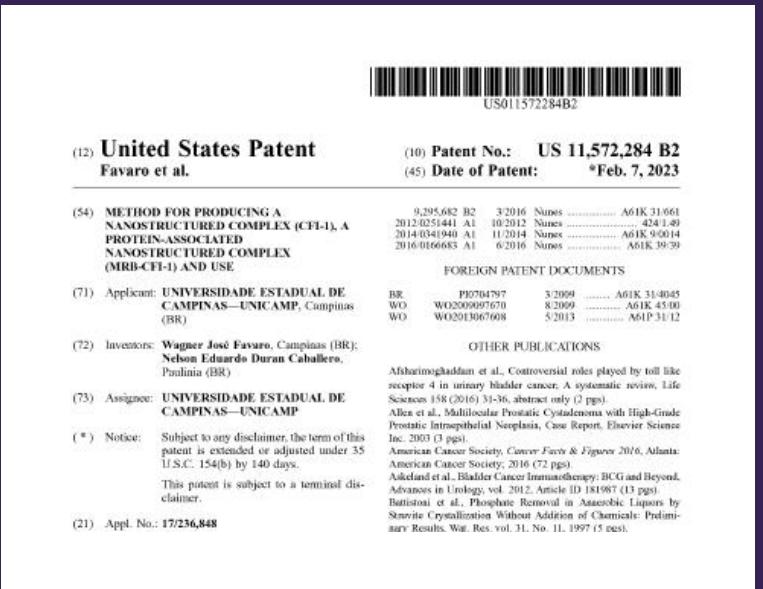
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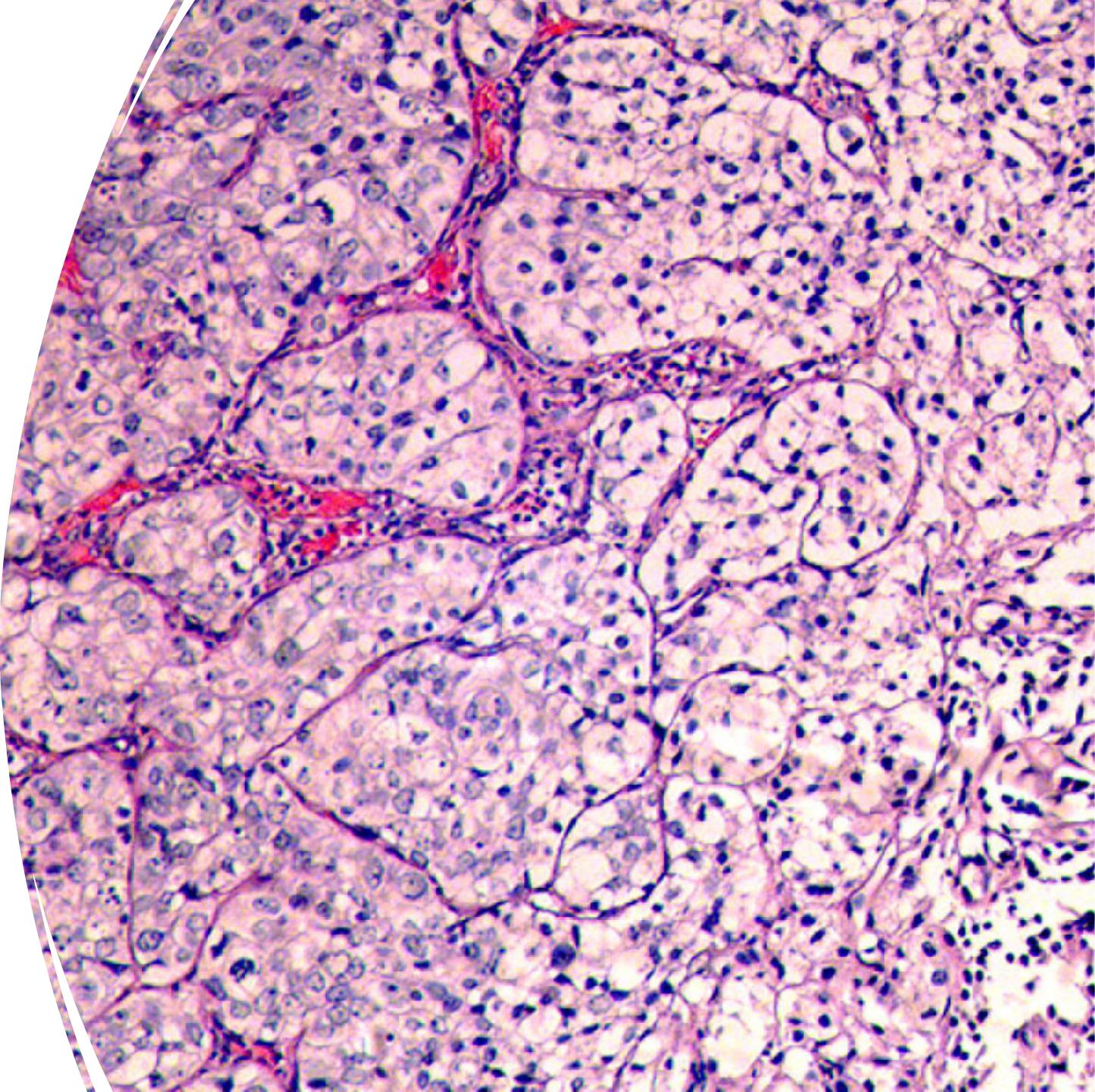
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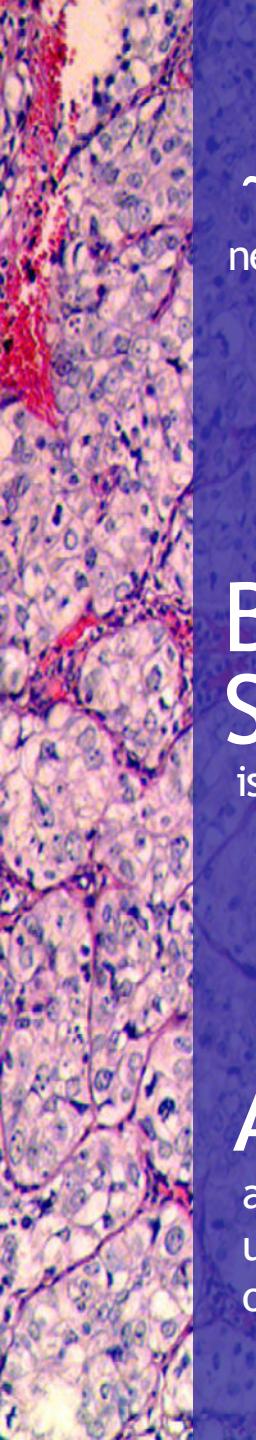
The new modalities for treating patients with high-grade non-muscle invasive bladder cancer (HGNMIBC) for whom *Bacillus Calmette-Guérin* (BCG) has failed or is contraindicated are currently increasing due to the development of new drugs. Since NMIBC is sensitive to immunotherapy, Toll-like receptors (TLRs) against compounds may represent a potential antitumoral protective approach. Our research group developed a synthetic compound, OncoTherad® (MRB-CFI-1) and its response (P14-16 and CFI-1). Thirty-six female C57BL/6J mice were divided into six groups ($n=6$): Control, Cancer, Cancer + BCG (20 mg/mL), Cancer + OncoTherad® (20 mg/mL), Cancer + P14-16 (20 mg/mL) and Cancer + CFI-1 (20 mg/mL). NMIBC was chemically induced (N-methyl-N-nitrosourea 50 mg/mL) and the treatments were followed for six weeks. The bladder was collected and routinely processed for immunohistochemical analysis of RANK, RANKL, FOXP3, and PD-1/PD-L1, such as PD-1/PD-L1 western blotting. OncoTherad® nano-immunotherapy did not have a positive effect on the investigated model and did not show signs of limiting local and/or systemic toxicity at therapeutic doses. OncoTherad® nanoimmunotherapy was more effective than the BCG treatment, since it reduced by 70% the malignancy rate. Furthermore, it was possible identifying an important action mechanism of OncoTherad®, which was based on the modulation of TLR4-mediated interferon and RANK/RANKL signaling pathways that, altogether, were essential to reduce malignancy rate. OncoTherad® mechanisms in these pathways helped preventing tumor recurrence.





**Protocols for Human Use:
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IMMNOTHERAPY IN BCG-
UNRESPONSIVE NON-MUSCLE
INVASIVE BLADDER CANCER: AN
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PHASE 1/2 STUDY**





~430,000

new cases each year globally^{1,2}

BCG SHOR TAGE

is complicating patient care

AFTER BCG

a patient's only option is to undergo radical cystectomy or face cancer progression

Significant Unmet Medical Need in NMIBC

Bladder cancer is the 9th most prevalent cancer in the World, of which 75%-85% is NMIBC^{1,2,3}

Bladder cancer is the single most expensive (\$4 billion/year) cancer to treat in the US⁴

One of the worst patient experiences among common cancers

Survival rates for bladder cancer have decreased in recent years in the several countries, during which time there was also a BCG shortage⁴

¹ Siegel RL, et al. CA Cancer J Clin 2019; 69:7-34.

² American Cancer Society. <https://www.cancer.org/cancer/bladder-cancer.html>, 2020.

³ Lamm D., et al. J Urol 2014; 191:20-27

⁴ Bray F., et al. CA Cancer J Clin 2018; 68:394-424.

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CLINICAL PROTOCOL: PHASE 1/2 BCG- UNRESPONSIVE NON-MUSCLE INVASIVE BLADDER CANCER

- **Prospective, single-center (Municipal Hospital of Paulinia, São Paulo, Brazil), single-arm phase I/ II study in 44 (30 male, 14 female) consecutive patients with HGNMIBC-refractory or relapsed (≥ 1 previous course of BCG intravesical therapy);**
- **The schedule was initiated with weekly intravesical (120 mg/mL) and intramuscular (25 mg/mL) OncoTherad treatment for 6 weeks, followed by one every other week application for 3 months and, one monthly application until the end of the treatment (24 months);**
- **Follow-up was performed with systematic mapping biopsies of the bladder, cystoscopy and ultrasound;**
- **The primary endpoints were pathological complete response (pCR) and recurrence-free survival (RFS). The recurrence was defined as histology proven tumor recurrence (any grade) and monitored at 3-month intervals. Secondary endpoints were duration of response and safety.**

CLINICAL PROTOCOL: PHASE 1/2 BCG- UNRESPONSIVE NON-MUSCLE INVASIVE BLADDER CANCER

Primary and Secondary Endpoints: Results in our Phase 1/ 2 Clinical Trial

Endpoint	How Endpoint is Measured	Results
Pathological Complete Response Rate (pCRR) Primary Endpoint	Defined as the proportion of patients who show no evidence of high-risk disease, or disease progression	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 100% pCRR at 3 and 6 months• 97.7% pCRR at 9 months• 86.4% pCRR at 12 months• 77.3% pCRR at 18 months• 72.7% pCRR at 24 months
Recurrence-Free Survival (RFS) Primary Endpoint	Defined as the time from the date of first dose of study treatment to disease recurrence or death as a first event. The recurrence was defined as histology proven tumor recurrence (any grade).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Median is 21.4 months (at 24-month follow-up)
Duration of Response (DoR) Secondary Endpoint	Defined as the time from complete response to treatment failure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Median Duration of Response is 429 days (95% CI) (14.3 months)
Safety Secondary Endpoint	Full review of all safety data from Phase 1/2 (Adverse Events 1-2 Grades and 3-4 Grades)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 61.4% treatment-related Grade 1-2 Adverse Events• 11.4% treatment-related Grade 1-2 + Grade 3-4 Adverse Events• 27.2% no Adverse Events

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IMUNOTERÁPICO EFICAZ CONTRA CÂNCER DE BEIXIGA

Para além da indústria farmacêutica

Um medicamento 100% desenvolvido por pesquisadores da Universidade Estadual de Campinas (Unicamp) tem mostrado bons resultados no tratamento do câncer de bexiga avançado em pacientes já submetidos, sem sucesso, a tratamentos convencionais e que tinham indicação para retirada do órgão (a chamada cistectomia).

O primeiro ensaio clínico, realizado no Hospital Municipal de Paulínia (SP), teve início em 2018, acompanhando 44 pacientes (30 homens e 14 mulheres). Após dois anos, o tratamento experimental havia eliminado o tumor em 72,7% dos casos. Nos demais, o câncer voltou, porém, com tamanho bem menor

e menos agressivo. Nenhum paciente precisou retirar a bexiga nem morreu. Os resultados animadores foram apresentados no XXII Congresso Brasileiro de Oncologia Clínica, em novembro de 2021, e reconhecidos pela Sociedade Brasileira de Oncologia Clínica (SboC) com o Prêmio SboC de Ciência.

As pesquisas tiveram início há 15 anos. Um dos inventores do medicamento, o professor Wagner José Fávaro, do Instituto de Biologia da Unicamp, conta assimado: "iniciamos as pesquisas após a fusão de dois laboratórios: o meu, que já trabalhava com câncer, e o do professor Nelson Duran, do Instituto de Química, com experiência em nanotecnologia. Com a fusão, passamos

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é amplamente reconhecido pela
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The image shows two side-by-side screenshots of the Journal of Clinical Oncology website. Both screenshots feature a red header bar with the journal's name and a sub-header 'An American Society of Clinical Oncology Journal'. Below the header, there are search fields and navigation links for 'Newest Articles', 'Issues', 'Special Content', 'Authors', 'Subscribers', 'About', 'ASCO Publications', and 'Career Center'. The left screenshot displays a research abstract titled 'Single-arm phase I/II study of the safety and efficacy of OncoTherad immunomodulator in patients BCG-refractory or relapsed non-muscle invasive bladder cancer.' It includes author names (Wagner José Fávaro, Sonia Regina Jantos, Juliana Mattoso Gonçalves, Eduardo Augusto Rabelo Sozca, Nelson Duran, Athanase Billis, João Carlos Cardoso Alonso), their institutions (University of Campinas (UNICAMP), Campinas, Brazil; Hospital Pitanguerias (SOBAM), Jundiaí, Brazil), and a DOI: 10.1200/JCO.2019.37.15_suppl.e16000. The right screenshot shows another abstract titled 'Role of OncoTherad immunotherapy in the regulation of toll-like receptors-mediated immune system and RANK/RANKL signaling: New therapeutic perspective for non-muscle invasive bladder cancer.' It also includes author names (Wagner José Fávaro, Sonia Regina Jantos, Juliana Mattoso Gonçalves, Quella Cristina Dias, Tanny Brum Reis, Athanase Billis, Nelson Duran, João Carlos Cardoso Alonso), their institutions, and a DOI: 10.1200/JCO.2019.37.15_suppl.e16004.

The image shows a screenshot of the 'Expert Review of Anticancer Therapy' journal homepage. The header includes the journal title, ISSN (Print) (Online) journal homepage, and a link to the Taylor & Francis Group logo. Below the header, there is a featured article titled 'Evolution of immunotherapy in the treatment of non-muscle-invasive bladder cancer' by Niayi Lobo, Alberto Martini & Ashish M. Kamat. The article summary states: 'To cite this article: Niayi Lobo, Alberto Martini & Ashish M. Kamat (2022): Evolution of immunotherapy in the treatment of non-muscle-invasive bladder cancer. Expert Review of Anticancer Therapy, DOI: 10.1080/14737140.2022.2046466'. A link to the article is provided: <https://doi.org/10.1080/14737140.2022.2046466>. The publication date is listed as 'Published online: 01 Mar 2022'.

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7. Other agents

OncoTherad is a nanostructured inorganic phosphate complex associated to glycosidic protein developed by the University of Campinas/Brazil which exhibits immunomodulatory and anti-tumour properties [90]. In a phase I/II study of OncoTherad immunotherapy in 29 patients with BCG-unresponsive NMIBC (RBR-6swqd2), at a follow-up of 24 months, a complete response rate of 79.3% was observed with Grade 1 or 2 adverse events seen in 62.1% [91]. Further studies are needed to establish the safety and efficacy of OncoTherad immunotherapy in patients with NMIBC.

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When reviewing a request for orphan drug designation, FDA considers the mechanism of action of the drug to determine what distinct disease or condition the drug is intended to treat, diagnose or prevent. Whether a given medical condition constitutes a distinct disease or condition for the purpose of orphan-drug designation depends on a number of factors, assessed cumulatively, including: Pathogenesis of the disease or condition; course of the disease or condition; prognosis of the disease or condition; and resistance to treatment. These factors are analyzed in the context of the specific drug for which designation is requested. [1]



Dificuldades na Inovação Farmacêutica no Brasil

O Brasil é um ambiente altamente desafiador para empresas que queiram desenvolver e introduzir no mercado local inovações tecnológicas de um modo geral, e na indústria farmacêutica em particular:

- O Brasil carece de mecanismos de crédito para o desenvolvimento de novas drogas. Uma vez passada a fases de invenção/inovação, as fases posteriores como fabricação de lotes piloto e ensaios clínicos por exemplo, carecem de mecanismos oficiais de financiamento;
- O país ressente-se também de um ecossistema com infraestrutura mínima para serviços terceirizados, seja no desenvolvimento de novas drogas (CDMOs) seja no fornecimento de IFA ou condução de ensaios clínicos. Nosso setor farmoquímico é praticamente embrionário;
- A falta de tradição em pesquisa com novas moléculas também limita o desenvolvimento do mercado de financiamento privado à inovação nesta área (quer sejam investidores anjo quer sejam *private equity*);
- Muitas vezes os poucos Family Offices ou Fundos de *Private Equity* locais que investem na área, possuem política de só investir em novas startups, que tenham sede/operações nos EUA;

Assim, as novas empresas têm se esforçar muito e lutar para quebrar paradigmas em todas etapas do desenvolvimento de novos medicamentos: da fase da pesquisa científica, aos serviços terceirizados de projeto e produção, à procura de financiamento e a obtenção de aprovações regulatórias.

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