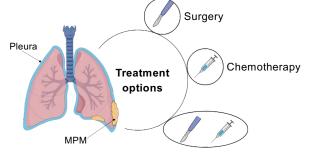




Cisplatin-loaded hyaluronan film for loco-regional chemotherapy: from technological development to preclinical evidence of activity

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MALIGNANT PLEURAL MESOTHELIOMA (MPM): UNCURABLE RARE CANCER



Surgery + loco-regional chemotherapy

OUR STRATEGY FOR NOVEL ORPHAN MEDICINES: to

repurpose approved drugs by innovative delivery systems!



- Novel orphan medicinal product, consisting in a hyaluronan (NaHA) film loaded with cisplatin (cisPt), for loco-regional drug delivery in MPM.
- Implanted in thorax during surgery for primary tumor resection to prevent or delay local metastases.

cisPt SOLUTION

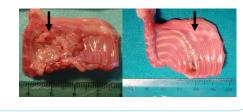


HYALCIS MILESTONES

Film technology Composition: 1% cisPt, NaHA, PVA, sorbitol, PEG 200 and PEG 1000 stearate. <u>Characteristics:</u> thickness, tensile strength, solid state (DSC, X-Ray),drug content, *in vitro* cisPt release.

1st preclinical study on rats with MPM HYALCIS applied on pleural cavity after MPM resection WAS EFFECTIVE compared to cisPt solution administered intravenously and intrapleurally.

Local metastases volume was reduced with no cisPtrelated hematological toxicity!



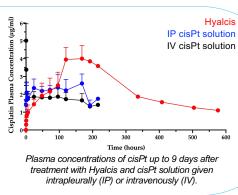
HYALCIS

2nd preclinical study on healthy sheep for PK and toxicity assessment

HYALCIS prolonged cisPt release and

plasma concentration was high compared to intravenous and intrapleural cisPt treatment. Despite such high concentration, there were no cisPtrelated hepatic and renal toxicity. Hence, **HYALCIS WAS SAFE!**

> Was Hyalcis safety due to a circulating complex formed between cisPt and NaHA?



THE FUTURE OF HYALCIS

- Detect the circulating complex in blood.
- Clinical development for MPM.
 - cisPt/NaHA complex application in sensitive tumors (e.g. melanoma) in new dosage forms.

cisPt/NaHA (NANO)COMPLEX investigation

PROOF OF COMPLEX

- ✓ Complex formation during film manufacturing and detection by HPLC.
 ✓ cisPt complexation by NaHA slows down its release
- from film (prolonged effect).
- cisPt/NaHA complex has the form of nanoparticles (123.3 \pm 3.4 nm), possibly enabling lymphatic uptake *in vivo*.