

# Nano-Size Complex Products In Vitro Release Testing (IVRT)

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# Outline

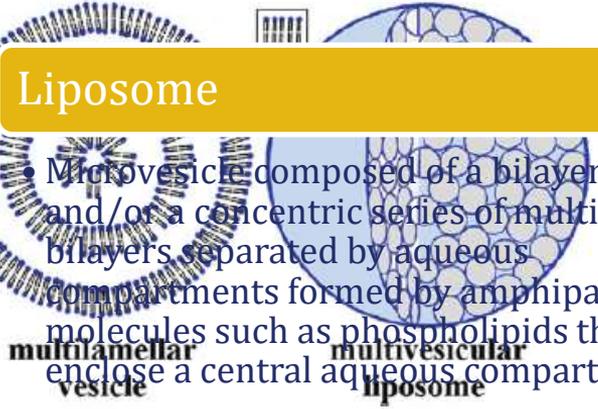
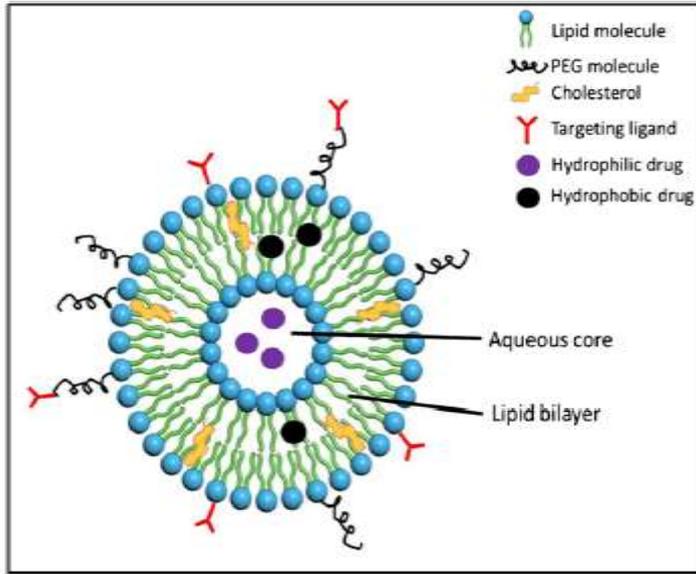
- Drug product containing nanomaterials
- Liposome and liposome drug products
- IVRT of complex products containing nanomaterials and challenges
- Innovative methods for IVRT

# Complex Products Containing Nanomaterials



- Complex products: Drugs that are characterized by complex active ingredients, formulations or routes of delivery (MAPP 5240.10).
- Drug product containing nanomaterials: Submicron-sized particles with one or more therapeutic agents that are dispersed, adsorbed, or covalently bound in encapsulated vesicles, capsules, or polymer matrices
  - liposomes, polymer nanoparticles, protein nanoparticles, Emulsions, ion colloids

# Liposome and Liposome Drug Products



## Liposome

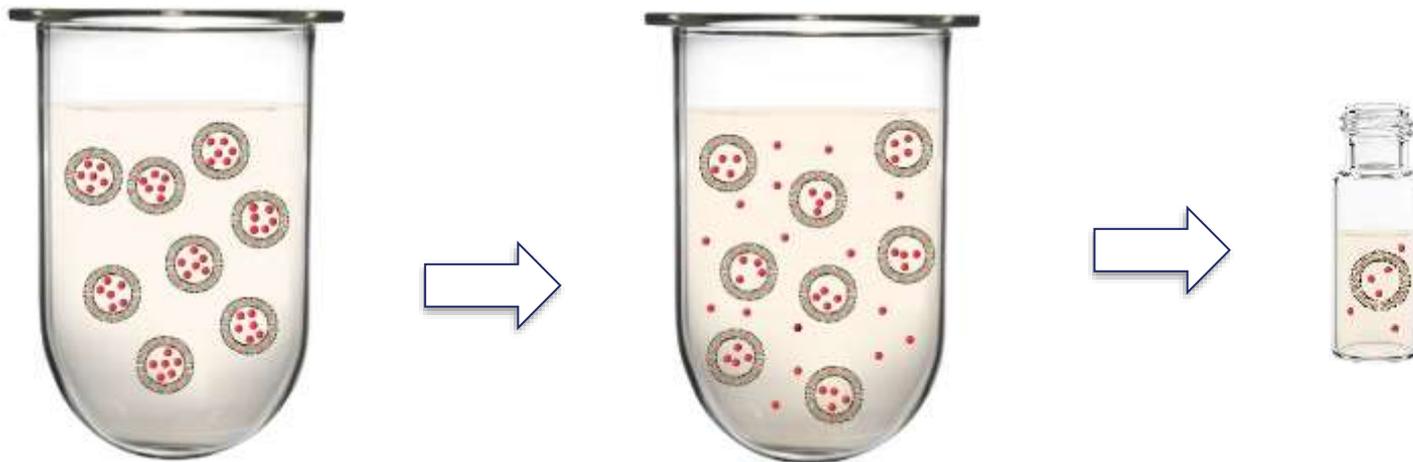
- Microvesicle composed of a bilayer and/or a concentric series of multiple bilayers separated by aqueous compartments formed by amphipathic molecules such as phospholipids that enclose a central aqueous compartment

## Liposome Drug Product

- A drug product in which the active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) is contained in liposomes

Guidance for Industry. Liposome drug products, chemistry, manufacturing, and controls; human pharmacokinetics and bioavailability; and labeling documentation. U.S. Food and Drug Administration. <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/drugs/guidancecomplianceregulatoryinformation/guidances/ucm070570.pdf> (2018)

# IVRT of Products Containing Nanomaterials



Drug release conditions

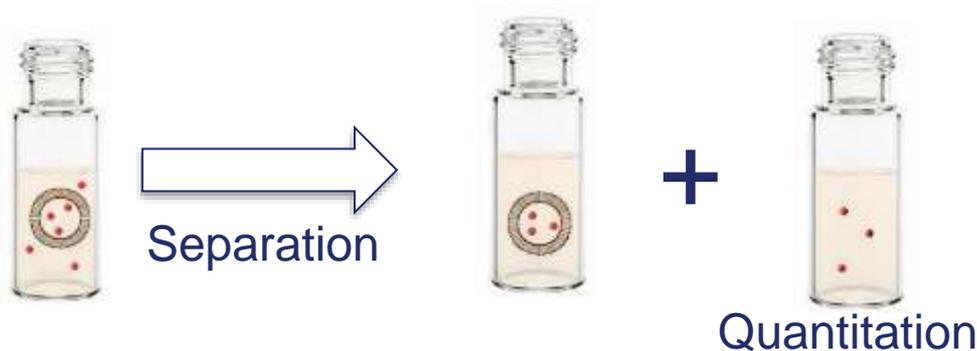
- pH
- Temperature
- Release media composition

Time correlated sampling

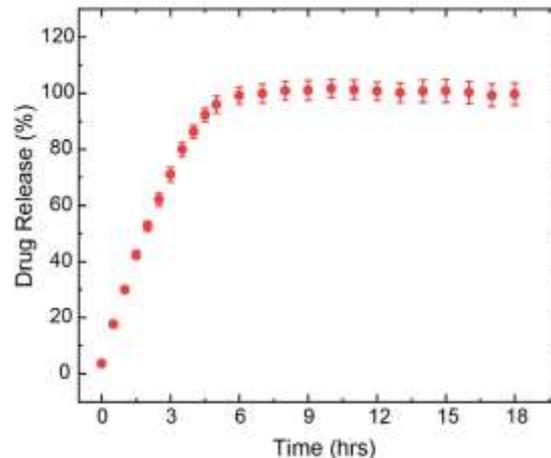
# IVRT of Products Containing Nanomaterials



Analysis (separation and quantitation)



Generating drug release profile



## Challenge

- Both nanoparticles and released APIs are in same size scale
- Difficult to separate by conventional methods
- Nanoparticle has delicate structures

# Separation Methods and Challenges

## Sample and separation

- Filtration: API Binding to membrane, disintegration of nanoparticles
- Centrifugation: Difficulty in separating nanoparticles

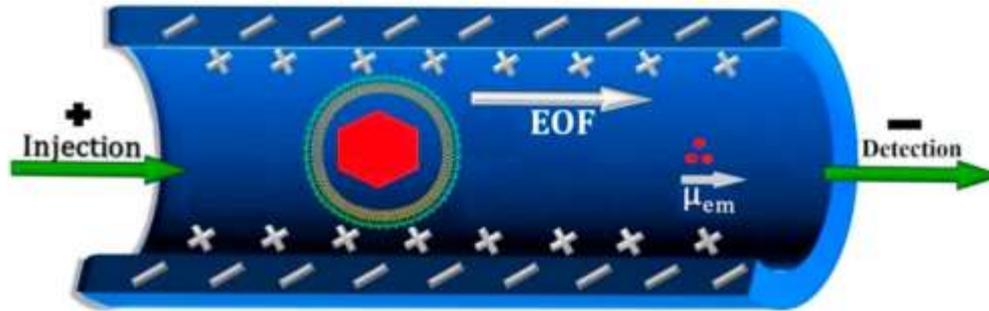
## Membrane diffusion method

- Dialysis sack: API binding to membrane, non-sink conditions
- Dialysis sack with continuous flow: API binding to membrane, non-sink conditions

# Conditions for New Methods

- Eliminate manual separation
- Avoid artifact associated with disruption of nanoparticles
- Automation
- Real-time sampling and analysis

# Capillary Electrophoresis (CE)-based IVRT

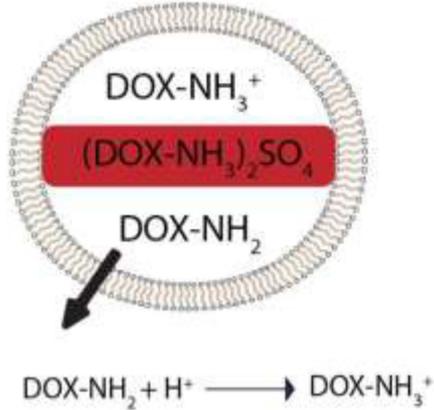


- Automated drug release profiling
- Liposome compatible analysis media
- Small sample volume
- Simultaneous sampling, separation and quantitation

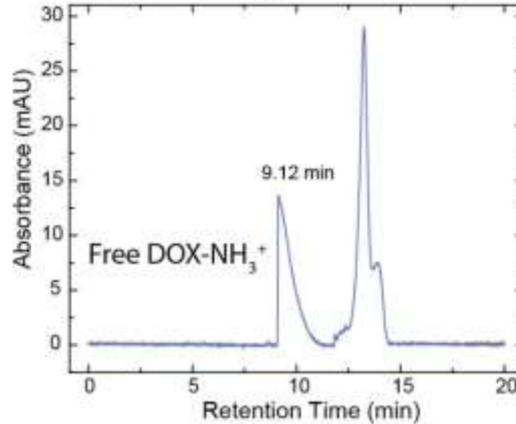
# CE-based IVRT for Liposomal Doxorubicin



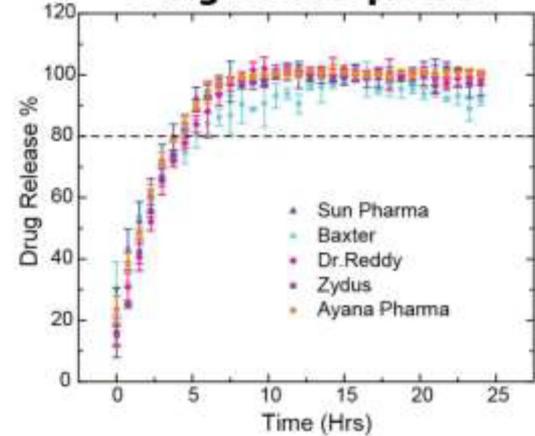
### Drug release



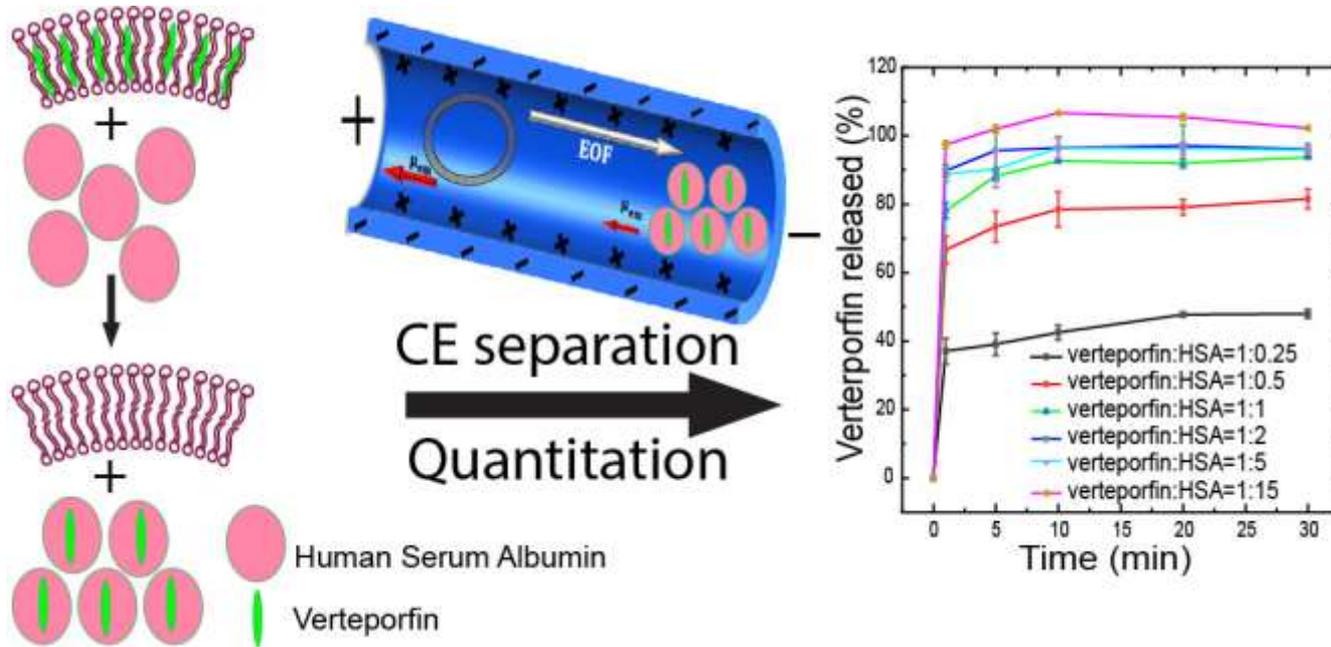
### Real time quantification



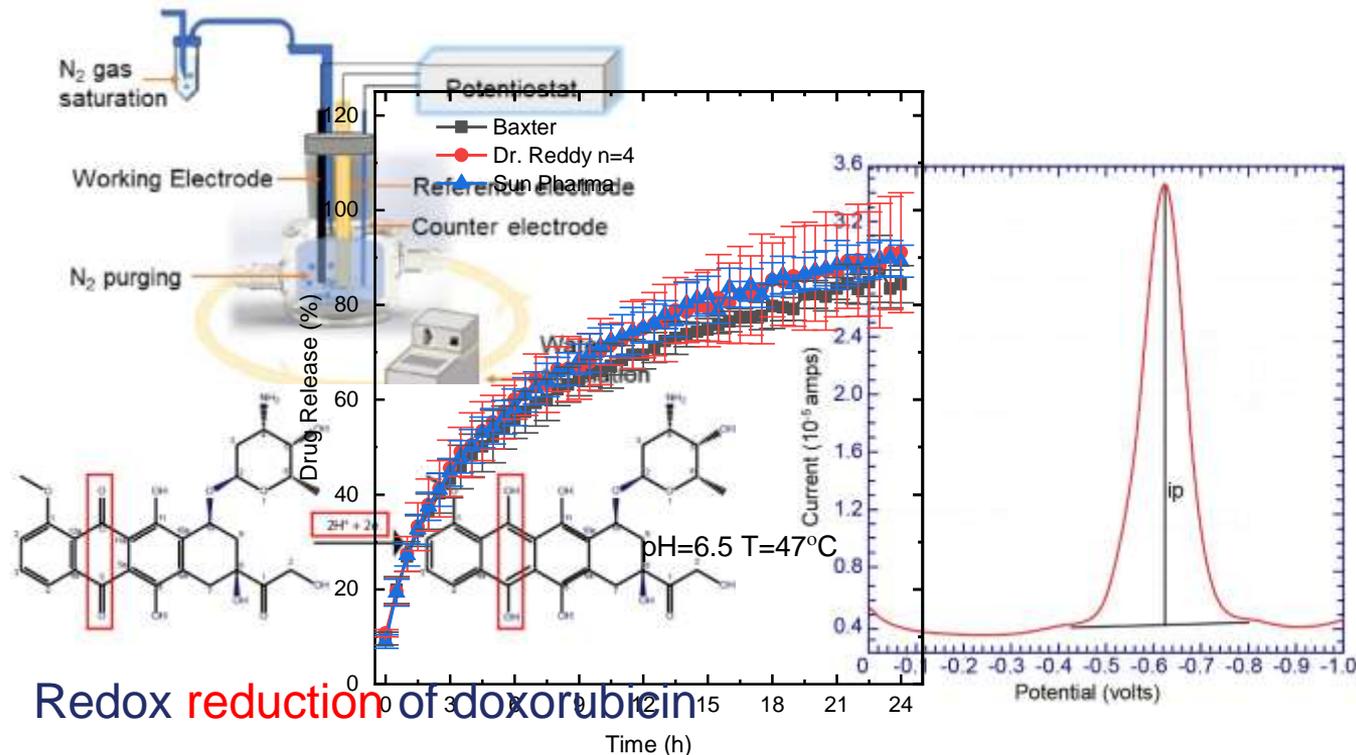
### Drug release profile



# CE-based IVRT for VISUDYNE<sup>®</sup> (verteporfin for injection)



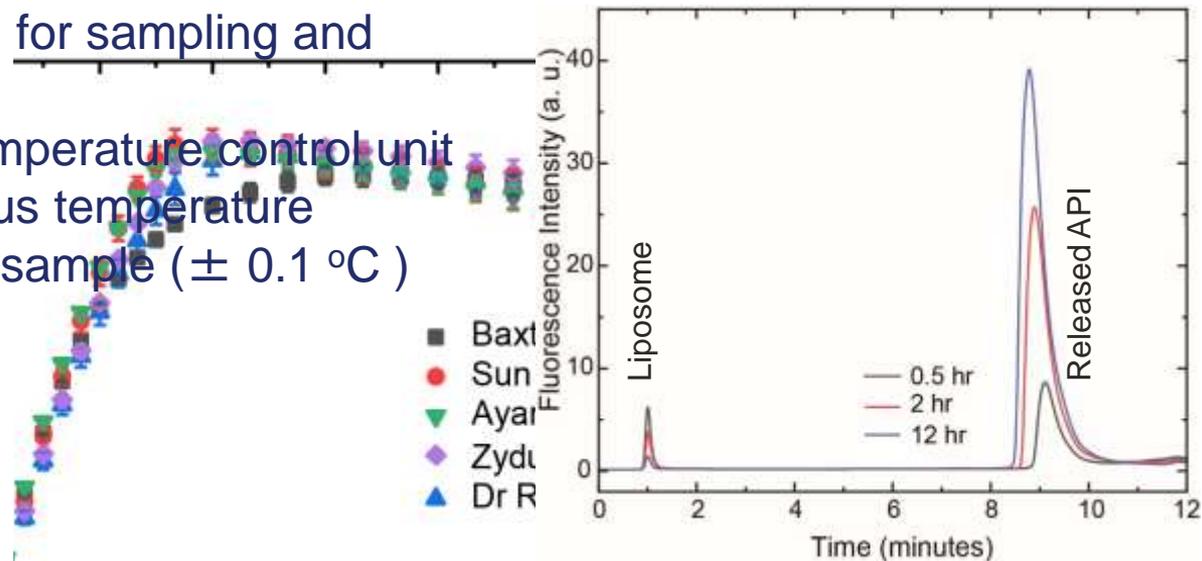
# Electroanalysis-based IVRT



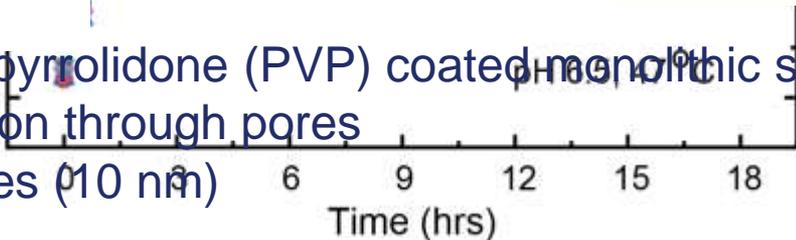
[Yurtsever et al, J. Pharm. Sci., 113\(2024\) 3, 791-797](#)

# Chromatography-based IVRT

- HPLC system for sampling and analysis
- Heated air temperature control unit with continuous temperature monitoring of sample ( $\pm 0.1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ )



- Polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP) coated monolithic silica column
- One micron through pores
- Mesopores (10 nm)



# Major Advantages and Limitations



Method	Advantages	Limitations
CE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Small sample volume</li><li>• Delicate separation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Need charged APIs</li></ul>
Electroanalysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No separation</li><li>• No sampling</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Works with electroactive APIs only</li></ul>
Chromatography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High accuracy</li><li>• Multiple detectors possible</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Requires specialized monolithic silica column</li><li>• Possibility of liposome rupture</li></ul>

# Summary

- Innovative IVRT methods were developed to achieve real-time sampling and analysis of liposomal products.
- API specific physical and chemical properties should be considered for selecting IVRT.
- These methods can be utilized for other liposomal products.



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