

# Improving localized and systemic therapeutic protein delivery

In vivo applications

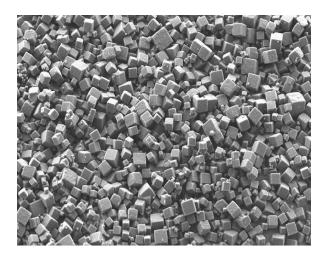
Powered by PODS® technology



# Drug Delivery within Therapeutic Research

## Why use PODS®?

The instability of conventional recombinant proteins hampers their deployment as therapeutics. POlyhedrin Delivery System (PODS®) technology addresses this problem by placing proteins within a protective sub-micron scale protein crystal lattice. This stabilizes cargo proteins, even at elevated temperatures and over long periods of time.



## What is PODS® technology?

PODS® are protease-responsive matrix microparticles, about 0.2-5 microns across, that provide the sustained release of encapsulated therapeutic proteins such as cytokines.

PODS® addresses the problem of protein instability by capturing fully folded proteins within microscopic protein crystals to provide a robust sustained release depot formulation.

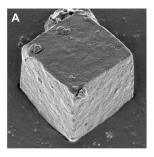
PODS® crystals have been used in applications ranging from cancer immunotherapy to implanted cell survival.

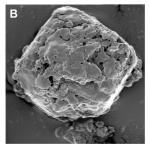
Sustained-release, steady-state bioavailability

## How do they work?

PODS® technology exploits the natural properties of the polyhedrin protein which forms crystals when expressed in a cell.

PODS® crystals are formed when a tagged protein of interest (cargo protein) is co-expressed with the *Bombyx mori* cypovirus polyhedrin protein. The polyhedrin protein forms regular, cubic crystals within which a cargo protein specifically binds via a short protein tag. The PODS® crystals slowly release cargo through pores that form in the crystal as it is degraded by resident proteases.





PODS® proteins (A) are degraded by resident proteases, sustainably releasing cargo proteins (B).

## **Key Benefits of PODS® Proteins**

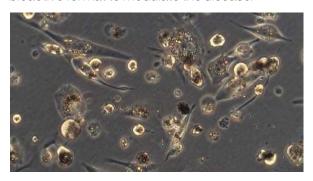
- Sustained-release: maintain zero-order release kinetics over extended periods
- Non-inflammatory: no macrophage or neutrophil activation
- **Biodegradable:** 100% protein
- Highly stable: retains >70% cargo bioactivity after 1 month's use
- Various administration routes tested:
  vein, bone, joint, back of eye, inner ear, brain, and muscle

## Validated Disease Models

#### Cancer

## Development of Trojan horse immunotherapy strategies to treat cancer

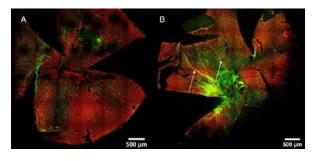
PODS® are readily phagocytosed by mononuclear phagocytes such as macrophages. These immune cells are recruited to inflamed tissues including cancer. The cargo proteins within PODS® crystals are then secreted from these cells in a bioactive format to modulate the disease.



## Age-Related Macular Degeneration

## Improving the quality of retinal ganaglion cells used in cell therapy

PODS® crystals containing BDNF and GDNF improve engraftment and maturation of transplanted retinal ganglion cells implanted into eyes generating greater survival and neurite outgrowth.

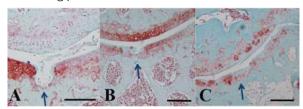


A wide variety of PODS® proteins are available at affordable prices. Custom products can be made on request. Visit www.cellgs.com for more information.

## **Osteoarthritis**

## Delivery of the rapeutic proteins sustainably locally to the knee

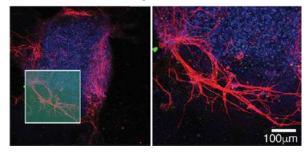
PODS® crystals containing bone morphogenic protein (BMP) addresses the limitations of conventional growth factors by delivering therapeutic efficacy at lower doses of BMP over long periods of time.



## **Cochlear Implant Integration**

## Development of artificial niche for stem cell replacement therapy

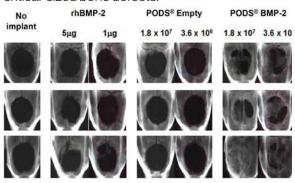
PODS® containing neurotrophic growth factors can be used to establish a gradient that enables engraftment and maturation of otic neuronal precursor cells with the goal of improving cochlear implant integration.



## **Bone Regeneration**

## **Advancing bone regeneration therapy**

PODS® providing sustained availability of BMP-2 over several weeks enable superior healing of critical-sized bone defects.



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#### **Growth Factors**

- Conventional (unformulated)
- PODS® Sustained release

#### **Exosomes**

- Exo-spin<sup>™</sup> Purification
- ExoLISA™ ELISA-like detection
- Instant Exosomes<sup>™</sup> purified and characterized
- NTA Service
- Freeze drying service

#### **PeptiGel®**

 Tunable self-assembling peptide hydrogels

## Other products and services

- Small Molecules
- Softwell™ 2D hydrogel (Europe only)
- Orangu™ Cell counting reagent
- LipoQ™ Lipid quantification assay
- Primary Hepatocytes

#### Cytogenetics

- Karyotype Analysis
- Array Hybridization

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