Reference: C.I.04/2017

Position title: Researcher

Group: Polymer Therapeutics Laboratory

Job description (function and tasks):

The objective of the ERC-Consolidator grant-MyNano is to engineer tumor targeted polymer-based combination therapies specifically designed to treat metastatic breast cancer in a patient personalized manner. Therefore, novel multicomponent polymer conjugates with precise control over size, shape, solution conformation, multifunctionality, and bioresponsiveness will be obtained while in parallel their structure activity relationships (SAR) to underlying proposed mechanisms of action in clinically relevant models will be studied. Polyglutamates obtained by controlled NCA polymerization and self-assembly strategies will be the carriers. Primary breast cancer patient tissue will be used to generate cell and in vivo tumor models representing different molecular subtypes. MyNano will also investigate new combination strategies using current treatments together with drugs interfering on tumor-derived exosome release pathways, phenomenon arose as related to many metastasis triggers as well as tumor drug resistance mechanisms.

The aim is to provide a novel reiterative methodological approach that would allow to optimize the design of the next generation nanoconjugates for the treatment of specific metastatic cancer clinical subtypes. MyNano will be a breakthrough as it introduces a paradigm shift in the strategy to design nanomedicines in areas of unmet clinical need.

The tasks associated to this position with a chemistry/pharmaceutical background will be the rational design, synthesis and exhaustive physico-chemical characterization of polyglutamate-based combination conjugates with controlled self-assembly behaviour, bioresponsiveness and therefore controlled drug(s) release kinetics.

Research Center description:

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Basic requirements of the position:

- The candidate must hold studies related to biomedical sciences
- High level of English both spoken and written
- Experience in research within the Polymer Therapeutics field
- Knowledge of organic synthesis and characterization techniques.
Merits:

- Dr in chemistry, pharmacy, biotechnology
- Experience in cell culture would be an advantage
- Experience on Material sciences will be valued
- Experience will be valued in the biological evaluation of nanopharmaceutics
- Good communicator, assertive and ability to work in a multidisciplinary team
- Ability to supervise students

Contract

- Professional category: Research Collaborator I
- Salary Level: (Salary level as stipulated in the Convenio de Sanidad Privada de la Provincia de Valencia)
- Funding Source/Project: 648831MyNano
- Duration: 2 years (renewable upon evaluation up to grant end)
- Starting date: 8th January 2018
- Working day: Full
- The deadline for receipt of resumes will be open until 15th October 2017

How to present your candidacy?

Interested candidates should send their CV, cover letter and references only by email to the following address: selection@cipf.es.

In order to comply with Law 15/1999 of December 13, for The Protection of Personal Data, we inform you that the personal data contained in your resume will be included in a personal data file owned by the Foundation Prince Felipe Research Centre, CIPF, to enable you to participate in our recruitment process, and if appropriate, it may be used for processing appropriate aid, grants and funding to enable this recruitment.

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