# WellThera - Transforming Drug Delivery

BUS-DDS (Bubble Ultrasound mediated Durg Delivery System): Ultrasound-Activated Microbubble Platform

An innovative drug delivery platform combining lipid-coated microbubbles filled with perfluoropropane gas (Theranostic Bubbles, TB) with low-intensity ultrasound to transiently open biological barriers (Tumor Vessels and BBB) and enable highly efficient, targeted drug delivery.

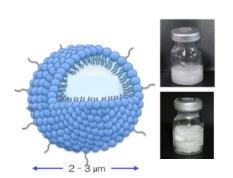
IV Administration of TB (Theranostic Bubbles)

Low power Ultrasound Irradiation and Microbubble Oscillation

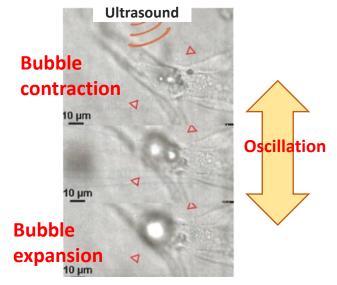
Transient Opening of Tumor Vessels /BBB

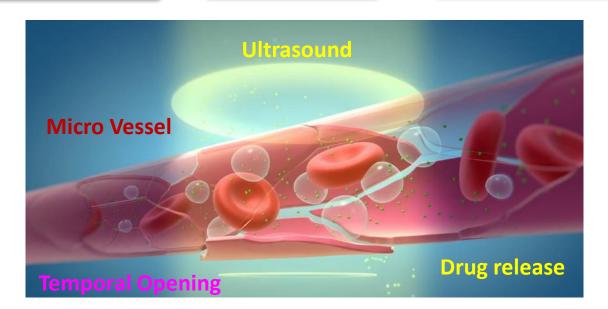
IV Administration of Drugs

Efficient Drug Delivery



Theranostic Bubbles (TB)







Microbubble oscillated in micro vessel (in vitro)

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- Broad therapeutic applicability: small molecules, liposomes, nucleic acids, antibodies, ADCs
- Clinically feasible: uses existing ultrasound diagnostic workflows
- Strong IP & partnerships: international patents secured; LOI signed with ultrasound device manufacturer
- Large market potential: Oncology + CNS diseases

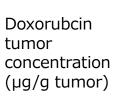
Indication	Combined Drug Type	Stage	Status
Pancreatic cancer	Established 1st-line anticancer drugs	Pre-clinical POC achieved	Manufacturing established Animal efficacy confirmed
Brain diseases (e.g. Parkinson's)	Nucleic acid drugs / Liposomes	POA achieved	BBB opening validation confirmed
Other cancers	Small Molecules/ Liposomes/ Antibody drugs / ADCs / ICIs	Discovery	Drug combination screening

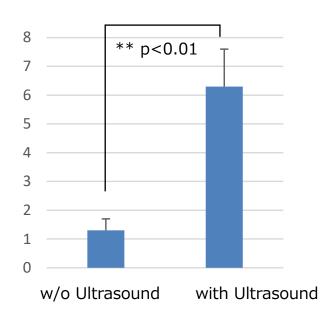


# **Oncology - Enhanced Drug Delivery and Anti-Tumor Efficacy**

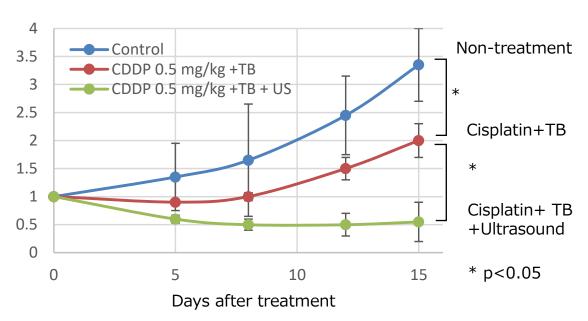
#### **Enhanced Drug Delivery to Tumor Tissues**

### **Enhanced Anti-Tumor Efficacy**





Tumor Size (Ratio)



In colorectal tumor-bearing mice, the concentration of Doxil® in tumor tissues **increased approximately 5-fold** 6 hours after +TB administration when combined with ultrasound irradiation (**p<0.01**).

In endometrial tumor-bearing mice, **cisplatin + TB + ultrasound** significantly **suppressed tumor volume growth** compared to cisplatin + TB alone (**p<0.05**).

Yamaguchi et.al, Cancer Science 2021; 00:1-11

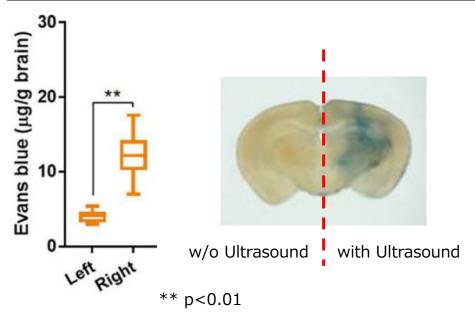
- Validated in various mouse tumor models: Pancreatic Cancer, Colorectal Cancer, Endometrial Cancer, Osteosarcoma, and Brain Tumors
- > BUS-DDS maximizes the therapeutic potential of existing drugs



(Detailed data available in partnering sessions)

# **CNS Therapeutics - Crossing the Blood-Brain Barrier (BBB)**

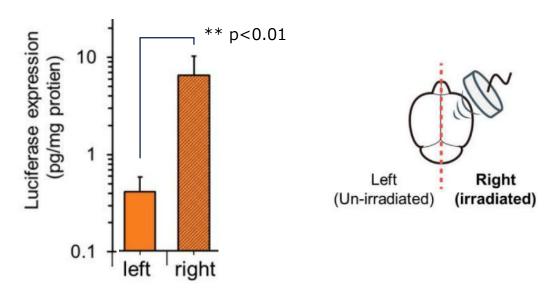
#### **Enhanced Penetration into Brain Tissues**



In mice injected intravenously with **Evans Blue dye** and TB, **ultrasound irradiation applied to the right hemisphere** led to **over a 3-fold increase in dye accumulation (p<0.01)**.

Omata et.al, J Control Release 311-312 2019, 65-73

### **Increased Gene Expression in Brain**



In mice IV administered mRNA-LNP encoding luciferase and TB, ultrasound irradiation applied to the right hemisphere resulted in over a 10-fold increase in luciferase expression (p<0.01).

Ogawa et.al, J Control Release 348 2022, 34-41

In addition, in mouse brain tumor models, BUS-DDS combined with Cisplatin showed improved drug delivery and prolonged survival (Hagiwara et al., Pharmaceuticals 2023, 16, 1599)

(Additional case studies available in partnering sessions)



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