



Ultrasound and Photoacoustics for Breast Cancer Research

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Key Publications

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Niu, S. *et al.* Hollow Mesoporous Silica Nanoparticles Gated by Chitosan-Copper Sulfide Composites as Theranostic Agents for the Treatment of Breast Cancer. *Acta Biomater.* **126**, 408-420 (2021).

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Bachawal S V., Jensen KC, Wilson KE, Tian L, Lutz AM, Willmann JK. Breast cancer detection by B7-H3-targeted ultrasound molecular imaging. *Cancer Res.* 2015;75(12):2501-2509.

Zhu, Y. *et al.* Magnetic black phosphorus microbubbles for targeted tumor theranostics. *Nanophotonics* (2021).

FEATURED PUBLICATION SUMMARY

Bachawal, S., Bean, G. R., Krings, G. & Wilson, K. E. Evaluation of ductal carcinoma in situ grade via triple-modal molecular imaging of B7-H3 expression. *npj Breast Cancer* **6**, 14 (2020).

Research Question: *Can B7-H3-targeted contrast ultrasound and photoacoustics be used to evaluate aggressiveness of ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS)?*

- Increased expression of B7-H3 was shown through immunohistochemical staining to be associated with more invasive grades of DCIS
- A transgenic mouse model of breast cancer development was used
- Molecule ultrasound (US) imaging using targeted microbubbles was used to determine normal vs DCIS tissue for screening purposes
- Photoacoustic and fluorescence imaging using anti-B7-H3 antibody conjugated ICG dye was used to detect DCIS margins intraoperatively
- Contrast ultrasound differentiated DCIS from normal tissue with an AUC of 0.89.
- Photoacoustic (PA) imaging with targeted contrast agent showed high specificity and was able to differentiate small foci of DCIS (< 1mm) from normal tissue

Targeted B7-H3 imaging with US, PA and fluorescence was able to sensitively detect DCIS, posing strategies for potential clinical use.

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Fang, K. et al. Construction of Nucleolin-Targeted Lipid Nanobubbles and Contrast-Enhanced Ultrasound Molecular Imaging in Triple-Negative Breast Cancer. *Pharm. Res.* **37**, 1-13 (2020).

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Pham, E. et al. Preclinical efficacy of bevacizumab with CRLX101, an investigational nanoparticle-drug conjugate, in treatment of metastatic triple-negative breast cancer. *Cancer Res.* **53**, 1689-1699 (2016).

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