



A Therapy to Eliminate Certain Tumors Without the Collateral Damage of Chemo, Radiation or Surgery

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Sona Has Engineered the Right 'Gene Pool' to Pursue Its Cancer Therapy



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- Capital markets professional
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- Developer of Targeted Hyperthermia Therapy



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Head of R&D

- Co-Developer of CTAB-free gold nanorods



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Head of Quality and RA

- Quality control & quality assurance expert



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Head of Diagnostics

- 17 years' experience with nanoparticle diagnostics



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Chief Financial Officer

- Extensive public company experience

Advisors



Dr. Catherine J. Murphy

- Inventor of gold nanorods



Dr. Swarna Balasubramaniam

- Colorectal surgeon & entrepreneur



Dr. Gerry Marangoni

- Co-Developer of CTAB-free gold nanorods



Glenn Kanner, B.Eng., MBA

- Medical device product development consultant

Sona Nanotech at a Glance



Sona's Proprietary Technology

- Patented*, biocompatible, proprietary gold nanorod manufacturing technology

Used to Develop:

Therapies

- Developing 'Targeted Hyperthermia Therapy' to eliminate colorectal tumors without collateral damage

Diagnostics

- Developer of novel lateral flow assay rapid tests for concussions and animal disease

Which are then licensed to commercialization partners

Sona's Gold Nanorod Advantages

✓ Uniquely Biocompatible:

Sona surfactant uses no toxic CTAB**

- Equally as effective at heat transfer as CTAB-based GNRs.
- Potentially more suitable for use in the body: inert and biocompatible

✓ Functional:

Gold nanorods are functional:

- Variety of lengths and widths to increase surface area
- Aspect ratio control permits tuning to specific wave lengths
- Long shelf life and stable surface properties

✓ Validated:

- **Vetted by NCL:**
- NCL was established by the FDA & NCI to accelerate the progress of nanomedicine by providing testing and characterization of nanoparticles.
 - Neither endotoxins nor microbial contamination were detected



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GNR-Based Therapies

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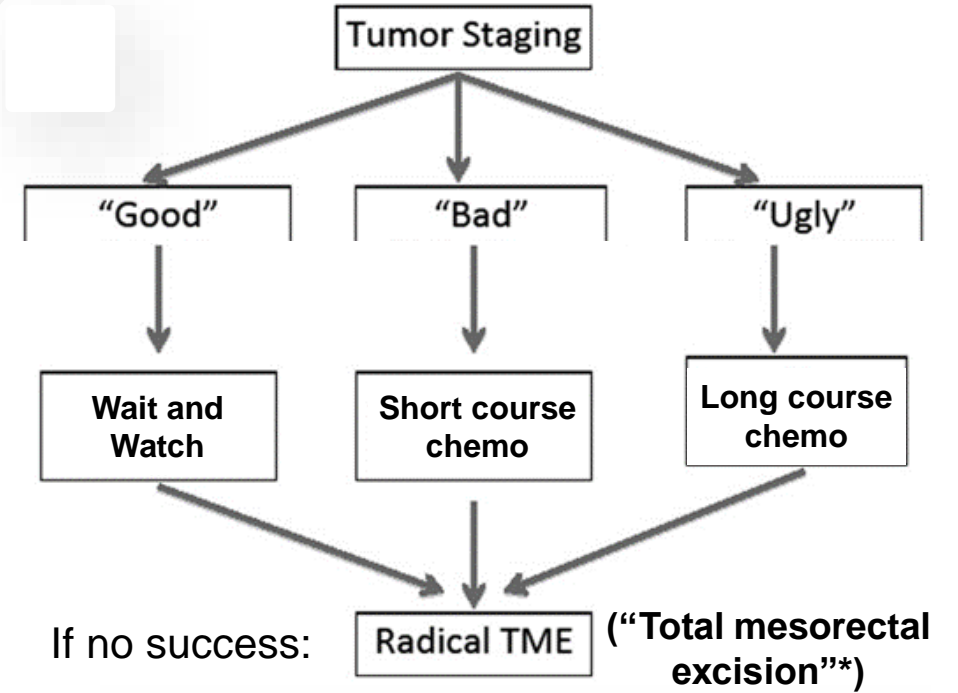
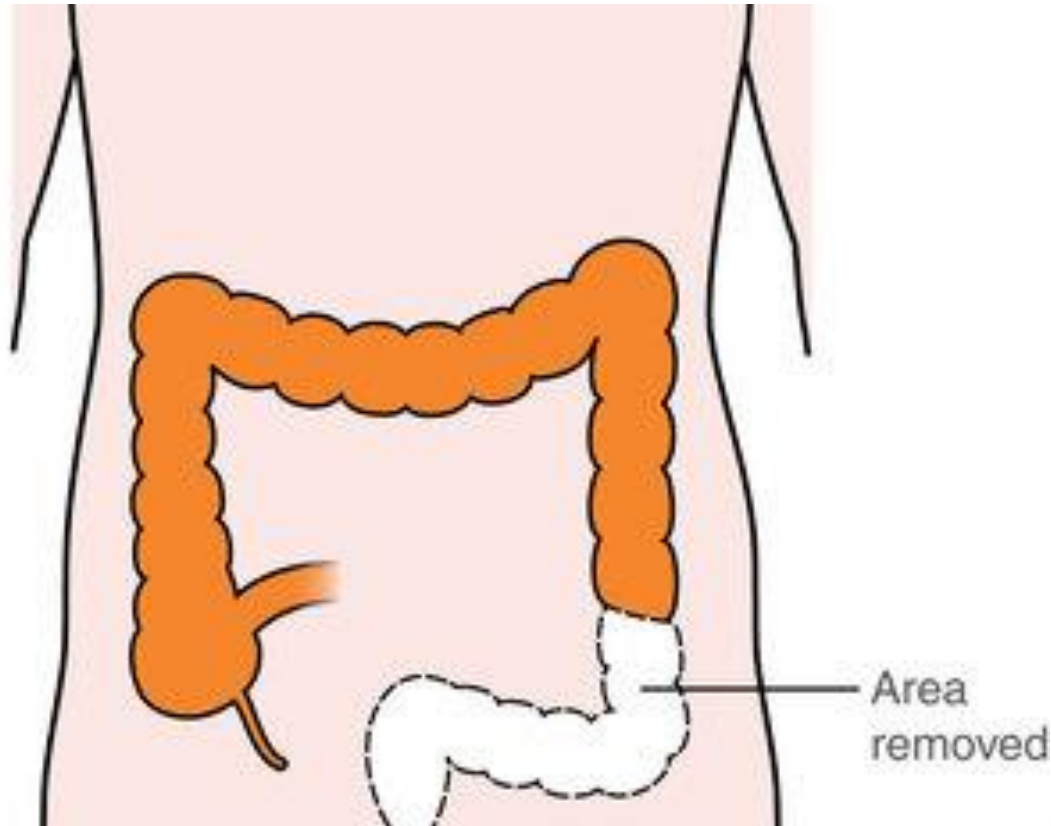
Sona Gold Nanorod ("GNR") Technology

Uniquely biocompatible

Unlocking of in-vivo medical applications potential
by developing 'Targeted Hyperthermia Therapy'

Treatment for Rectal Cancer is Often Limited to Risky Surgery, Resulting in Side Effects Leading to Poor Quality of Life

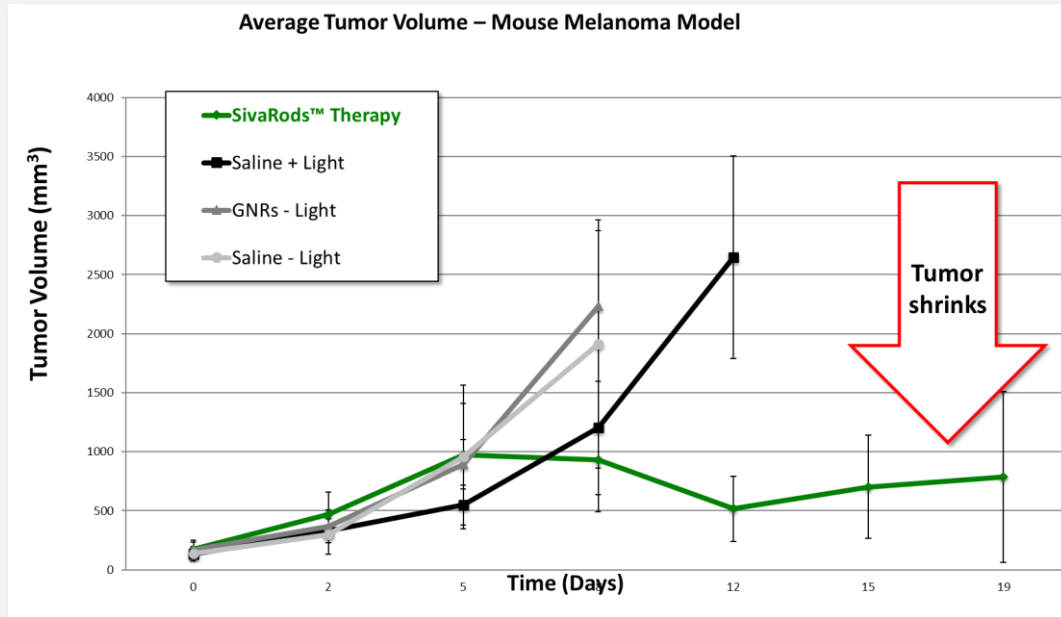
Total Mesorectal Excision



Too often, there is no choice but excision of a section of the bowel

Current 'standard of care' involves poisoning, burning or cutting

Sona is Developing a Therapy to Shrink Tumors Without Surgery, Chemo or Radiation with Positive Results to Date



Day 0
Immediately after treatment,
large multi-lobed tumor



Day 19
Tumor mass gone



Day 59
“Durable cure”
(same mouse in all images)

Popp, M.K., Oubou, I., Shepherd, C., Nager, Z., Anderson, C. and Pagliaro, L. (2014) **Photothermal therapy using gold nanorods and near-infrared light in a murine melanoma model increases survival and decreases tumor volume.** Journal of Nanomaterials.

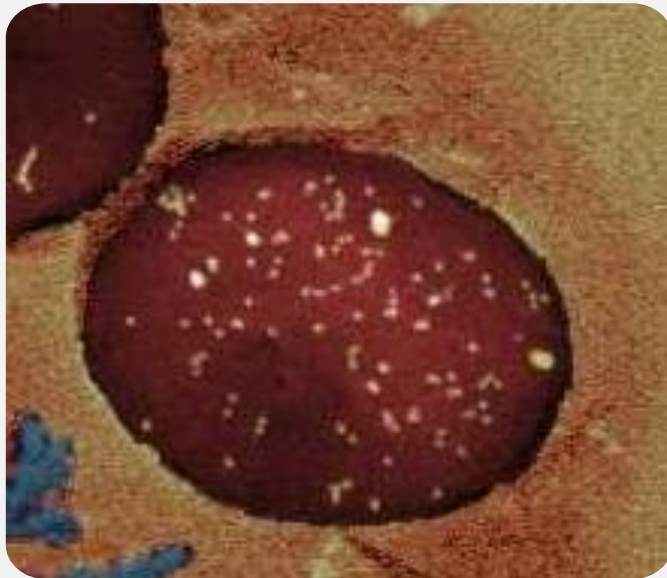
Sona's THT therapy resulted in significant tumor shrinkage and longer life

'Targeted Hyperthermia Therapy ("THT") Will Use Current Technology to Apply Infrared ("IR") Light to Nanorod-Saturated Tumors

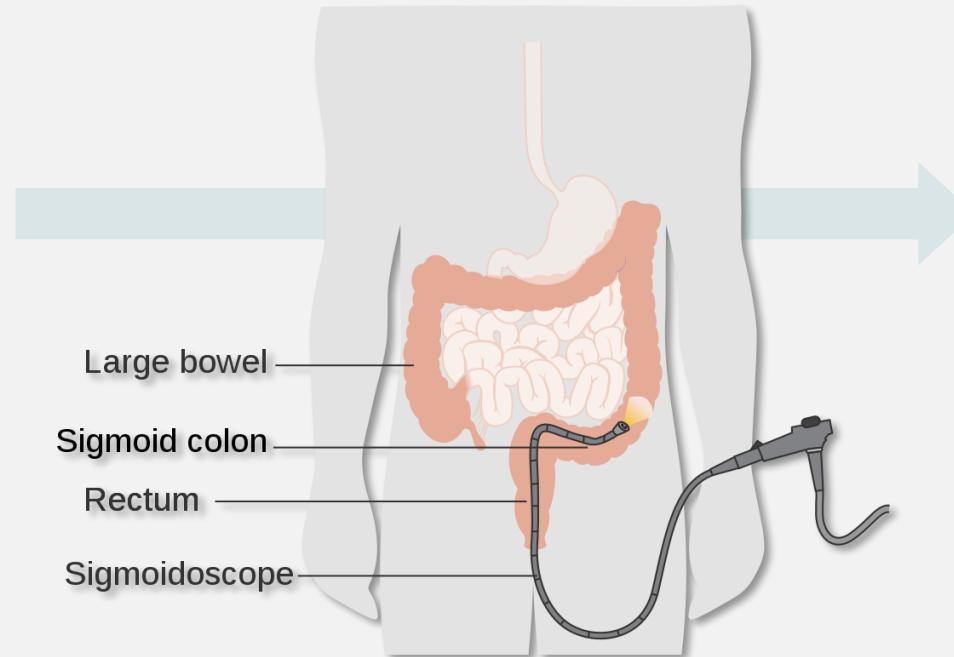
A Two-step Therapy

Step 1.

Inject Biocompatible Gold Nanorods

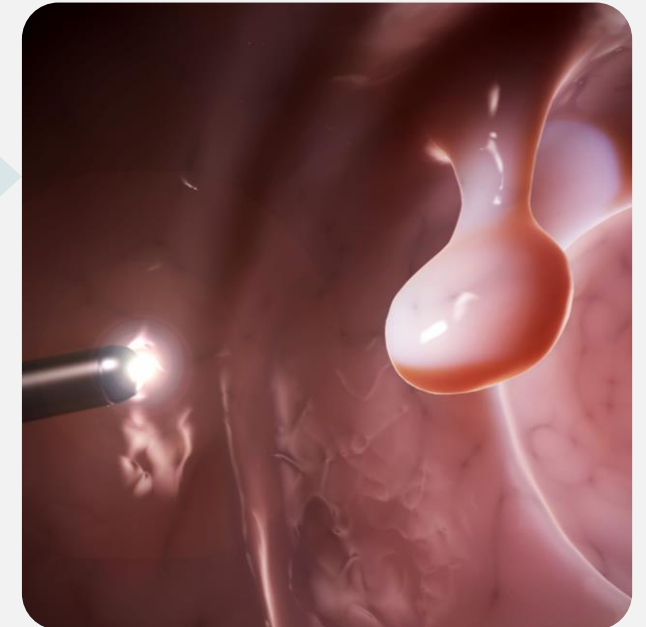


Nanoparticles shown in a red blood cell



Step 2.

Shine IR Light Tuned to 850nm on tumor



Sona's light device applied to tumor saturated with Sona nanorods

Shrinking tumors from the inside-out

THT's 'Hyperthermia' Approach is Designed to Kill Cancer Cells While Not Harming Healthy Tissue

Steak As An Analogy For Human Tissue

Current Approach:
"ABLATION"
($> 55^{\circ}\text{C}$)



Medium-well

Ablation 'cooks' healthy tissue

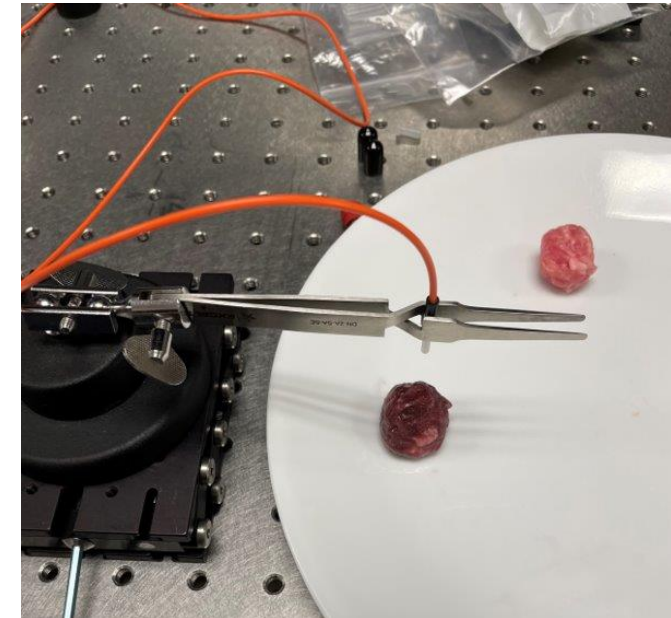
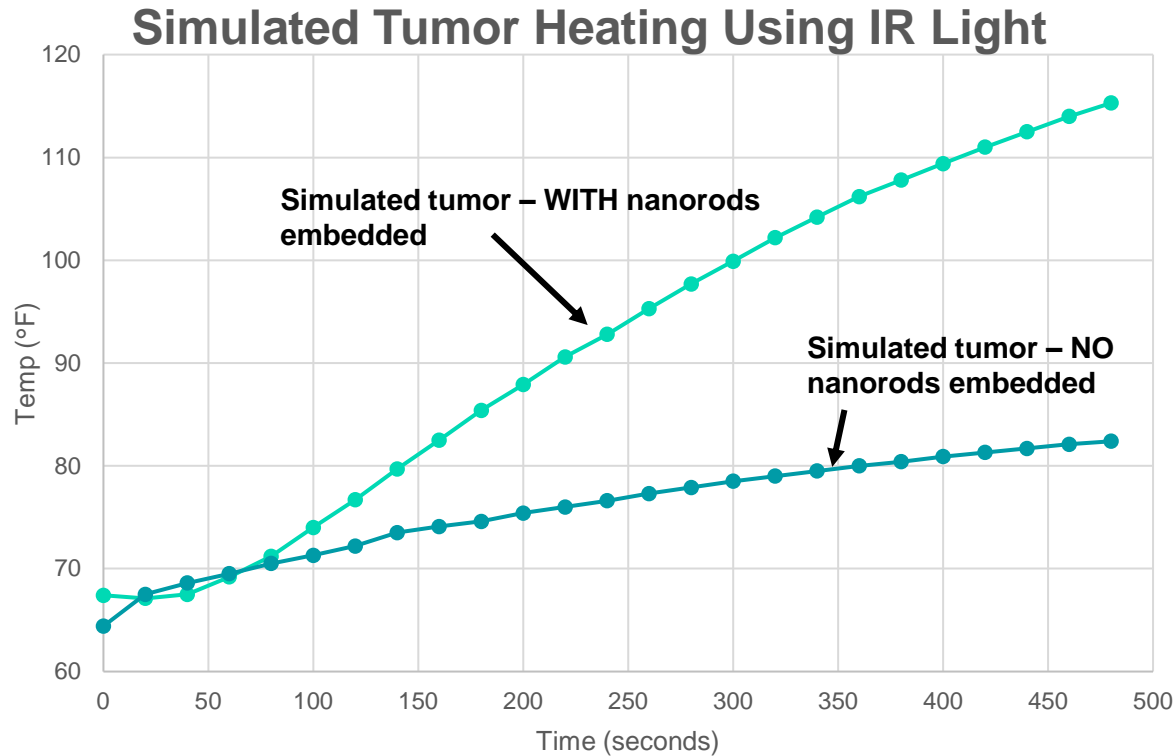
Sona's THT Approach:
"HYPERTHERMIA"
($\sim 44^{\circ}\text{C}$)



Blue Rare

Hyperthermia leaves healthy tissue
remains 'uncooked'

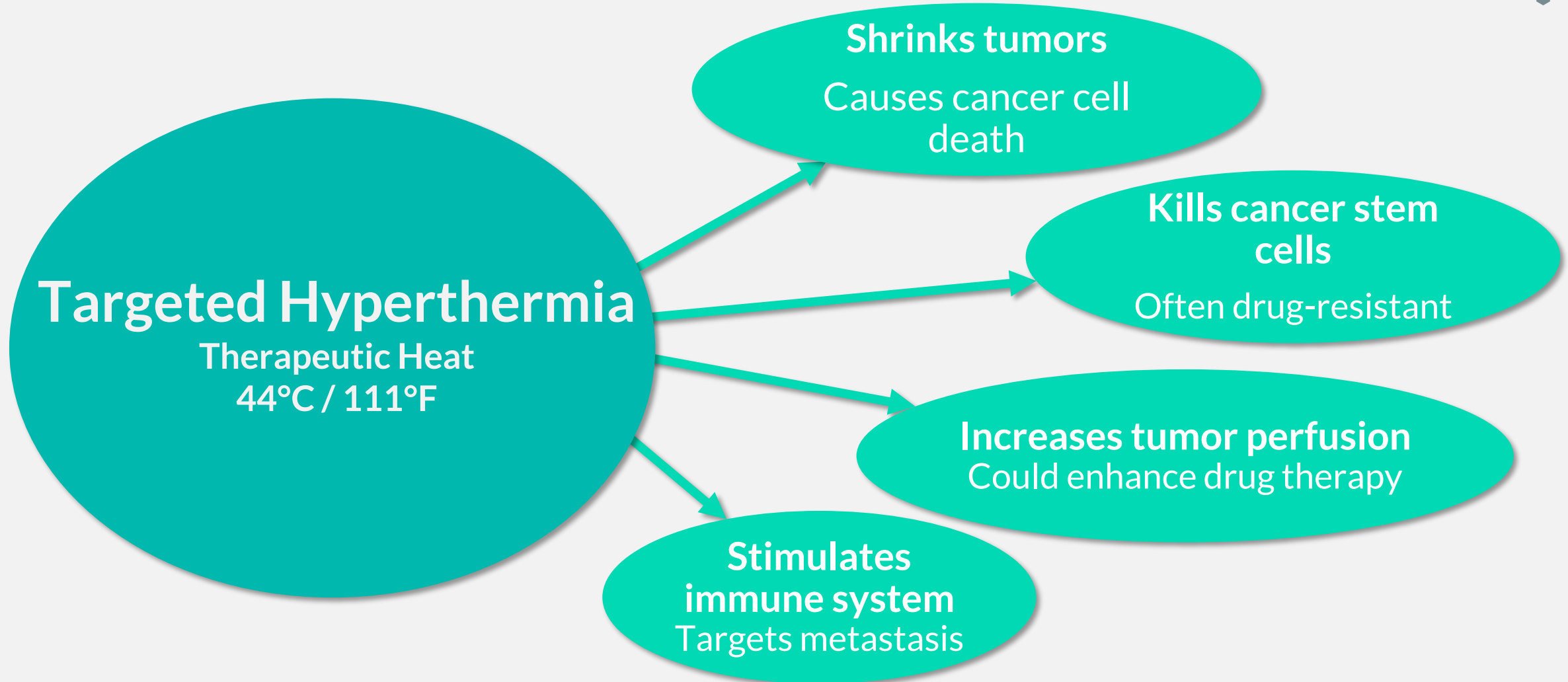
Gold Nanorods are Highly Efficient at Converting Harmless IR Light Energy into Heat Which Can Be Used to Kill Cancer Cells



An IR Light Shining on a Simulated Tumor Saturated with Nanorods

Simulated tumor reaches 'hyperthermia' (i.e., ~111°F) with nanorods

Plus, 'Hyperthermia' Brings Multiple, Incremental Physiological Benefits



Goal to ‘Steal’ Market Share From Chemo, Radiation and Resection Surgeries for Rectal Cancer

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
Cancer Stage Characteristics	Local	Regional	Lymph Node	Metastatic
Current Standard of Care	Watch and wait/CRT	CRT/Resection	CRT/Resection	CRT/Resection
Targeted Hyperthermia Therapy Applicable?	Expected	Expected	Possible, for early stage 3 cancers	Not applicable

Start with rectal cancer, but then extend to other cancers

The Risks of the Commercialization of THT May Be More Operational than Science Related

Previously Done/Approved:

- ✓ Using heat to kill cancer cells
- ✓ Photothermal treatment using infrared light devices
- ✓ FDA has approved nano particles for injection for human clinical trials
- ✓ THT efficacy and safety in small animals demonstrated in peer reviewed scientific journal

Sona To Do:

1. Deliver infrared light device that can monitor temperature in real time
2. Preclinical studies to demonstrate safety and efficacy
3. Preclinical studies to determine optimal dosage of GNRs
4. Preclinical studies to determine optimal treatment duration
5. Develop intellectual property protection

Sona is leveraging significant prior third party research

Compelling Prospective Market and Potential to Save Thousands of Lives Annually



Cancer	Rectal	Colon	Esophageal	Head & Neck	Total
Cases Reported per Year	46,000	106,000	21,000	67,000	238,000
Expected to be Treatable by THT	28,000	40,000	9,000	30,000	106,000
Current Deaths Per Year	18,000	34,000	17,000	16,000	85,000

*USA data only

Colorectal data:
Siegel, RL, Wagle, NS, Cercek, A, Smith, RA, Jemal, A. Colorectal cancer statistics, 2023. *CA Cancer J Clin.* 2023; 73(3): 233- 254. doi:[10.3322/caac.21772](https://doi.org/10.3322/caac.21772)

Esophageal: <https://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/esoph.html>
Head & Neck: <https://www.cancer.net/cancer-types/head-and-neck-cancer/statistics>

Progress Updates:

Innovative Efficacy Study Secured With Medical School Laboratory

Goals:

- Evaluate the efficacy of Sona's Targeted Hyperthermia Therapy ("THT") technology in colorectal, breast, and melanoma tumor murine models in mice
- Assess ability to combine with immunology to facilitate systemic immune responses

The study posits that the combined utilization of Sona's gold nanorods via its Targeted Hyperthermia Therapy, alongside precise immune modulation, will result in elevated immune activation and anti-tumor responses within the mouse models of colorectal cancer, breast cancer, and melanoma.

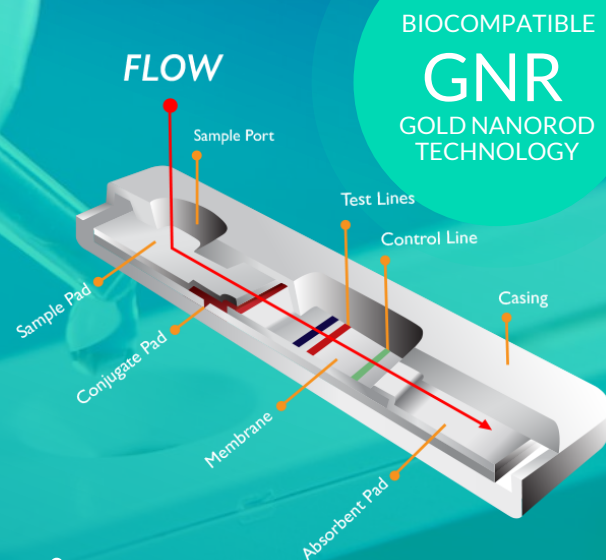
Principal Investigator:

Dr. Carman Giacomantonio, MD MSc FRCSC, Professor, Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

Dr. Giacomantonio's research focuses on the impact of surgical procedures, specifically biopsies on the tumor microenvironment and subsequent development of cancer metastases, and ways to mitigate this risk through targeted therapies. His lab is also studying the mechanism of action of interleukin-2 therapy in the treatment of melanoma and other cancers.

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GNR- Based Diagnostics



Lateral Flow Assays (LFA's) as diagnostic tools are:

- Simple
- Fast
- Low-cost
- Rely on nanoparticles

Can provide rapid results (e.g. at-home pregnancy tests) at point-of-care

How could Sona's GNRs make a difference?

- Multiple test lines per unit
- Easy-to-read results from one small sample
- Potentially greater sensitivity could detect trace amounts of biomarkers



Sona's Bovine Tuberculosis ("bTB") Test Prototype



17.7m

Annual bTB testing events in UK

Current Methods & Issues

Sona's Bovine Tuberculosis Solution

Time to results	<div>✗</div> No cost-effective early detection methods currently available <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A diagnosis through a skin test, turnaround of 48-72 hours¹• Post-mortem examination and tissue culture, can take up to 12 weeks²	<div>✓</div> Early detection at low cost without the need for test-and-slaughter <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blood sample taken for rapid lateral flow test• Associated app for tracking and reporting in minutes
Cost of Intervention	<div>✗</div> Once bTB is confirmed, all exposed animals in a herd may be destroyed <p>Estimated costs of bTB control in UK to top £1 billion over the next decade³</p>	<div>✓</div> Rapid screening of individual animals, no need to destroy healthy cattle
Accuracy	<div>✗</div> Skin test cannot distinguish between infected and vaccinated cattle	<div>✓</div> Next step of test development is to add ability to discern TB positive from TB inoculated cattle

Preliminary trial results correctly identified 24/30 positives and 29/30 negatives

"Bovine TB detection methods are often labor-intensive, and require further confirmatory tests, increasing costs and processing times needed for diagnosis. Using a rapid screening assay could help minimise that burden and assist with the goal of reducing and eradicating bovine TB infections in the UK. The initial results of the Sona rapid screening assay are very promising and if proven to be successful in the field, could be an excellent addition of the toolkit that vets and farmers can use in the fight against bovine TB".

Dr. Ben Swift, a lecturer in antimicrobial resistance at the Royal Veterinary College in the UK

Next Steps

- Validate clinical sample results
- Clinical trials

Near-Term Milestones Anticipated

1. Panel of leading EXCITE International expert advisors from top U.S. institutions and 'payors' to provide guidance
 - To ensure that Sona's product development is in line with what surgical oncologists are looking for, prior to FDA submission
2. Selection of pre-clinical study partner, plans and initial safety study results
 - Utilizing pre-existing research & advisory groups to conduct studies in the most cost-effective ways
3. FDA pre-submission meeting
 - Anticipating to hear back from FDA in the near-term
4. Gold nanorod manufacturing partner selection
5. Dalhousie Medical School study results
 - Expanding studies to measure Sona's technology effectiveness in mice for melanoma, colorectal and breast cancer
6. Confirmation of potential first-in-human overseas studies
 - Company exploring opportunities to accelerate human efficacy studies, once safety established

October 2023 Financing:

As of Oct 16, 2023

Market Capitalization

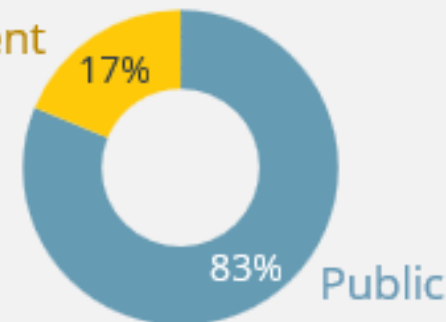
Share Price	C\$0.21
Market Cap.	C\$20M
52 Week High/Low	\$0.315/\$0.075

Capital Structure

Issued & Outstanding	95.1M
Options	5.5M
Warrants	0.8M

Ownership

Management
& Board



Private placement Equity Offering

Offering Details:

- Private placement of 3,750,000 Units
- Units consists of one common share and one-half warrant
- Warrant exercise price is \$0.30 for 24 months

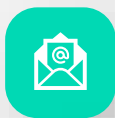
Offering Amount: \$750,000

Offering price: \$0.20 per Unit

Offering Conditions: Subscribers must be “accredited investors” or family, friends or business associates (as defined in National Instrument 45-106 Prospectus and Registration Exemptions).



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APPENDIX

Appendix A

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Appendix B

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Gold Nanorods

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[Fabrication of Gold Nanorods with Tunable Longitudinal Surface Plasmon Resonance Peaks by Reductive Dopamine](#)

[Gold Nanorods: The Most Versatile Plasmonic Nanoparticles | Chemical Reviews](#)

[Functionalized gold nanorods for nanomedicine: Past, present and future](#)

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[Spheres vs. rods: The shape of gold nanoparticles influences aggregation and deposition behavior –](#)

Targeted Therapies

[Functionalized Gold Nanorods for Tumor Imaging and Targeted Therapy – PMC](#)

[Nanomaterials | Free Full-Text | Potential of Polymeric Films Loaded with Gold Nanorods for Local Hyperthermia Applications](#)

[Effects of differently shaped TiO₂NPs \(nanospheres, nanorods and nanowires\) on the in vitro model \(Caco-2/HT29\) of the intestinal barrier | Particle and Fibre Toxicology | Full Text](#)

[Gold nanospheres and nanorods for anti-cancer therapy: comparative studies of fabrication, surface-decoration, and anti-cancer treatments - Nanoscale \(RSC Publishing\)](#)

Traumatic Brain Injury

[Injury in review, 2020 edition: Spotlight on **traumatic** brain injuries across the life course -](#)

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