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nanoparticles, tumor stroma

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# **IMPORTANCE, AIMS AND POSSIBLE OUTCOME OF RESEARCH**

Nowadays many people are affected by some kind of cancerous disease. Tumorcells are able to change their microenviroment, thereby creating the ideal conditions to multiply, migrate and become malignant. In this process stromal cells have a major role. These are altered functioned, cancer associated fibroblasts and immune cells. Targeting these cells is a potential therapeutic method. Nanoparticles can be used in the treatment of tumors, and they have several beneficial impacts, in contrast with the traditional cytotoxik molecules. In our research group we examine the anti-tumor effects of metal nanoparticles on stromal cells. Our goal is to get a better understanding of the communication between the cancer cells and their microenviroment, and recon the cellular and molecular events behind this process. This could provide relevant information in the fields of cancer research, and give the opportunity to develop new diagnostic techniques and treatments.

# **AMBITIONS AND CAREER GOALS**

During my studies I would like to acquire the skills that will be really useful in my future work. I find it important to deepen my knowledge, and get a first-hand experience about what it is like to work in a laboratory and be part of a research group. My primary goal is to become a researcher and take part in the development of novel therapeutic strategies.

### **HONORS AND PRIZES**

# PUBLICATIONS