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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

O8 DRUG LOADING STRATEGIES FOR DISCOTIC AMPHIPHILE SUPRAMOLECULAR POLYMERS IN WATER

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BTA-based supramolecular polymers are interesting systems for medical applications because of their high dynamicity and stimuli responsiveness in water¹. Recently, IBEC developed a new class of BTA-based supramolecular polymers which showed responsiveness to temperature, salt concentration, pH, and light². This versatility makes this new class of self-assembled fibers appealing for drug delivery purposes.

In this work, we explored two strategies to incorporate different biologically active ligands into these polymers and demonstrate their employability as **light-driven drug delivery systems**.

In the first strategy, we used a **co-assembly approach** in which two **new discotic BTA-azo-monomers** assemble forming the final helicoidal supramolecular fibers. In the second one, we decided to cage **Photoiperoxo**³, a potent photoswitchable derivative of the mAChR agonist Iperoxo³. Here, the interaction is based on the **stacking** between the azobenzene units of the ligand and the monomers. From the first approach, we obtained satisfying co-assembly results which were evaluated by transmission electron microscopy.

Remarkably, the second system showed light-dependent biological effects in calcium imaging experiments on cells overexpressing M1 mAChRs. While caged Photoiperoxo did not evoke significant changes, UV pre-illuminated fibers caused an increase in intracellular calcium levels because of the activation of M1 mAChRs by the uncaged ligand. These results suggest that the new class of BTA-based supramolecular polymers² can potentially be used as light-driven drug delivery system for small, planar and amphiphilic drugs.

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