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9:00 – 9:15

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**SESSION 1**

**Chair: Prof. Emilija Janevik Ivanovska**

**Co-chair: Ass. Prof. Elena Drakalska**

9:15 – 9:35

**Ass. Marija Darkovska Serafimovska**  
Macedonian agency of drug and medical devices, Director  
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Republic of Macedonia

*Step forward of Macedonian agency for medicines and medical devices, establishment and strategic plan for development*

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**Assoc. Prof. Zorica Arsovska Sarafinovska**  
Institute of Public Health of the Republic of Macedonia, Skopje,  
University Goce Delcev Stip  
Republic of Macedonia

*Adherence to Therapy: A Modern Pharmacotherapeutic Approach*

9:55 – 10:15

**Prof. Biljana Gjorgjeska**  
University Goce Delcev Stip  
Republic of Macedonia

*Use of disinfectants and antiseptics in selected health institutions in Republic of Macedonia*

10:15 – 10:35

**Assoc. Prof. Bistra Angelovska**  
University Goce Delcev Stip  
President of Pharmaceutical Chamber of Macedonia. Republic of Macedonia

*Code of Ethics for Pharmacists – Pharmaceutical Chamber of Macedonia*

10:40 – 11:10

**Coffee break**

**Poster presentation**

**Chair: Prof. Milka Zdravkovska**  
**Co-chair: Ass. Prof. Darinka Gjorgieva Ackova**

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**Prof. Neven Zarkovic**  
Rudjer Boskovic Institute, Croatia

*4-Hydroxynonenal – major bioactive marker of lipid peroxidation*

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**Assoc. Prof. Tatjana Ruskovska** University Goce Delcev Stip Republic of Macedonia

*Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide biosynthesis and consumption in dysfunctional white adipocytes*

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*New insights into the chemistry and functions of Coenzyme Q*

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*Genetically modified systems to study muscular dystrophies*

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**Chair: Assoc. Prof. Cena Dimova**  
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14:40 – 15:00	<b>Prof. Elizabeta Zisovska</b> Agency for Quality and Accreditation of Healthcare Institutions, Skopje, Republic of Macedonia	<i>The endless potential of the umbilical cord blood for investigation, research and treatment</i>
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**Chair: Assoc. Prof. Darko Bosnakovski**  
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# Achievements and perspectives in formulation of stable immunoconjugate of the HER2-targeting trastuzumab – potential for rapid labelling with Gallium-68

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## **Abstract**

**Objectives:** To synthesize and evaluate the immunoconjugate of the HER2-targeting trastuzumab with Galium – 68 using already established method of freeze dried kit formulation.

**Introduction:** Trastuzumab (Herceptin®) is a humanized IgG1 monoclonal antibody which is approved for therapy of HER2 positive breast cancer. Good clinical results and improvement of the patient's general condition makes it interesting for further conjugation, in order to increase the therapeutic effect of trastuzumab.

With the development of radiopharmacy many efforts are made for formulation of stable conjugates with various bifunctional chelators, further labelled with radioisotopes ( $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  emitters). According to the literature, successful conjugation of trastuzumab is achieved with DOTA (1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclododecane-1,4,7,10-tetraacetic acid), DTPA (diethylenetriaminepentaacetic acid), TCMC (1,4,7,10-tetra-(2-carbamoyl methyl)-cyclododecane), HYNIC (succinimidyl-6-hydrazino-nicotinamide) and DTPA derivate 1B4M-DTPA (2-(4-isothiocyanatobenzyl)-6-methyl-diethylene-triaminepentaacetic acid). Significant radiopharmaceuticals based on peptide and antibody for diagnostic and therapeutical purpose used different radioisotopes (<sup>99m</sup>Tc/<sup>188</sup>Re, <sup>67</sup>Ga, <sup>177</sup>Lu, <sup>90</sup>Y, <sup>131</sup>I). Several studies have shown that already existing radiolabeled formulations, using beta and alfa emitters (<sup>90</sup>Y-DTPA-trastuzumab, <sup>86</sup>Y-DTPA-trastuzumab, <sup>177</sup>Lu-DOTA-trastuzumab, <sup>227</sup>Th-DOTA-p-benzil-trastuzumab, <sup>225</sup>Ac-trastuzumab) are potent against HER2 positive breast cancer.

Our already **obtained and published results** related to the method for ready to use production of freeze dried kit formulation of Rituximab immunoconjugates for labeling with Lu-177 and Y-90 including preclinical assessment of three immunoconjugates (p-SCN-Bn-DOTA, p-SCN-Bn-DTPA and 1B4M-DTPA ) including chemical characterization, animal imaging, biodistribution and toxicological studies, were good reason to have an indication to introduce the same approach for labeling HER2-targeting trastuzumab using <sup>68</sup>Ga<sup>3+</sup> under mild conditions without subsequent purification for PET imaging.

## **Work progress towards objectives and achievements**

Progress results and research outcomes critical to work progress and achievements are listed under our project milestones, and referenced to project aims.

**Milestone 1:** Standardize previously established method used for freeze dried kit formulation of Rituximab immunoconjugates for HER2-targeting trastuzumab immunoconjugates.

**Milestone 2:** Conjugation of bifunctional chelators to targeting for HER2-targeting trastuzumab, and radiolabeling with Ga-68 (define the most appropriate immunoconjugate).

**Milestone 3:** In vitro characterization and in vivo biodistribution of  $^{68}\text{Ga}$ -labeled conjugates.

**Significance:** Already established method for freeze dried kit formulation of conjugated Rituximab antibody ready for labeling with Lutetium-177, Yttrium-90 for therapeutic purpose that is under the final phase of the evaluation provide good information to introduce the same method for labeling of for HER2-targeting trastuzumab.

The simplicity and efficiency of labelling and the possibility of kit-based  $^{68}\text{Ga}$  tracer production without complex automated synthesis typical of multistep PET radiochemistry will greatly increase  $^{68}\text{Ga}$  PET access to hospitals, expanding the use of the  $^{68}\text{Ga}$  generator.

At the same time, this is an opportunity to work on the same or similar kit formulation using with Lu-177 for therapy.

**Keywords:** bifunctional chelators, breast cancer, immunoconjugates, radioisotopes, trastuzumab.