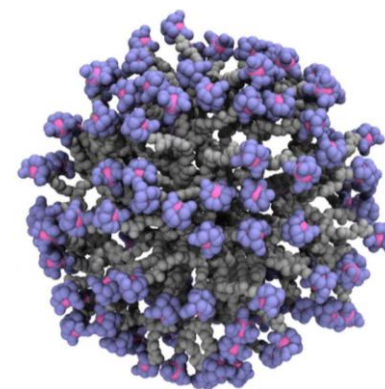


# Complexation properties of glycodendrimers towards nucleotides

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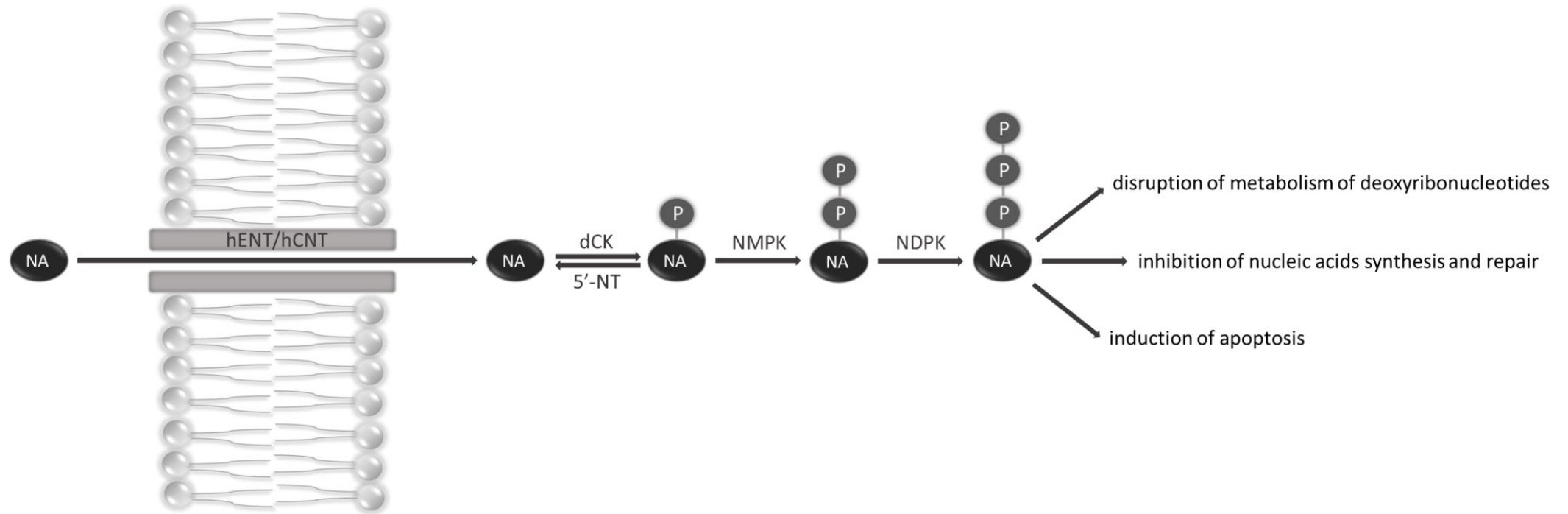


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## Nucleoside analogues – mechanism of action



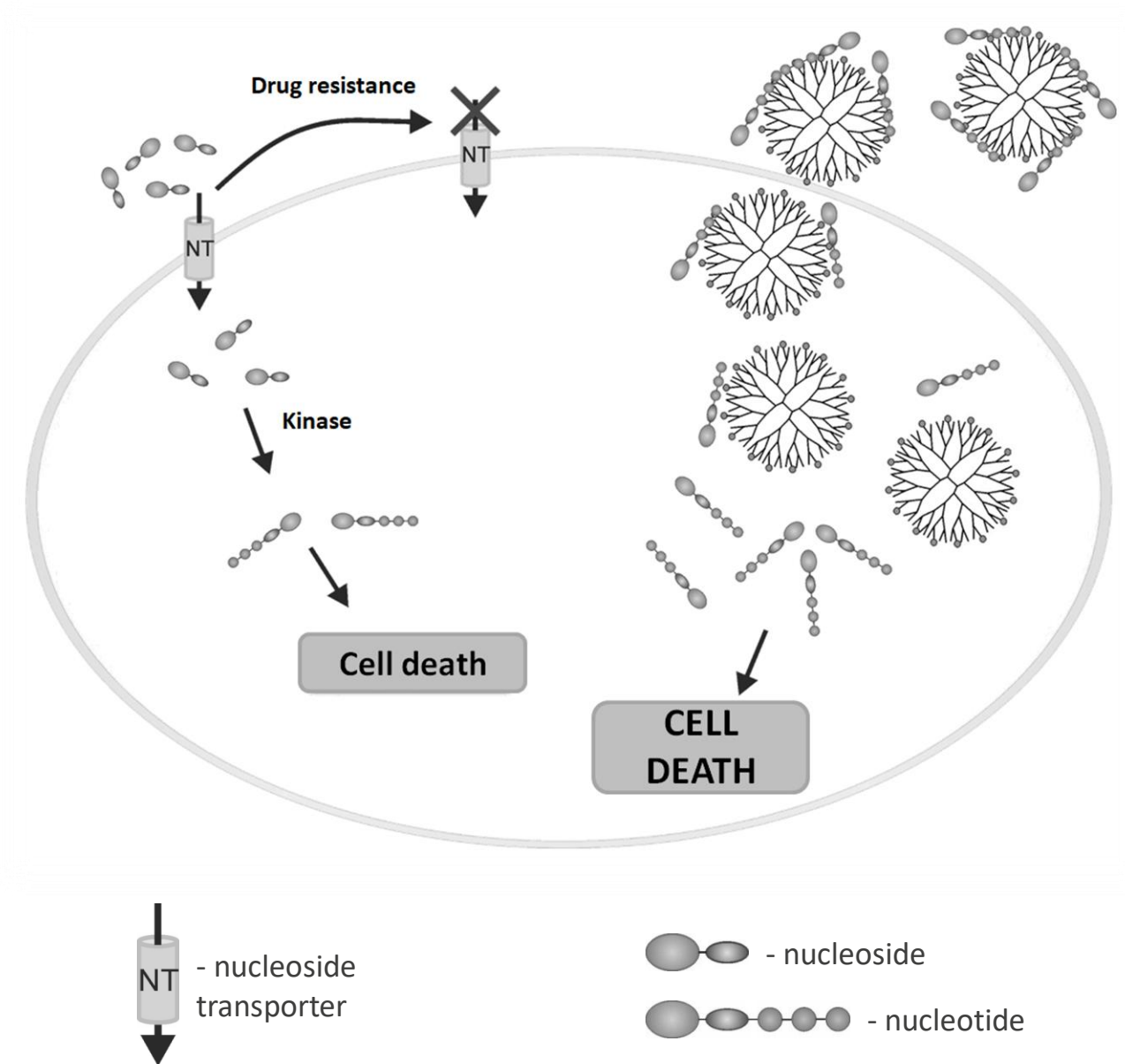
### *Metabolism and mechanisms of action of nucleoside analogues*

NA: nucleoside analogue; P: phosphate group; hENT/hCNT: human equilibrative/concentrative nucleoside transporter;  
dCK: deoxycytidine kinase; NMPK: monophosphate kinase; NDPK: diphosphate kinase; 5'-NT: 5'-nucleotidase

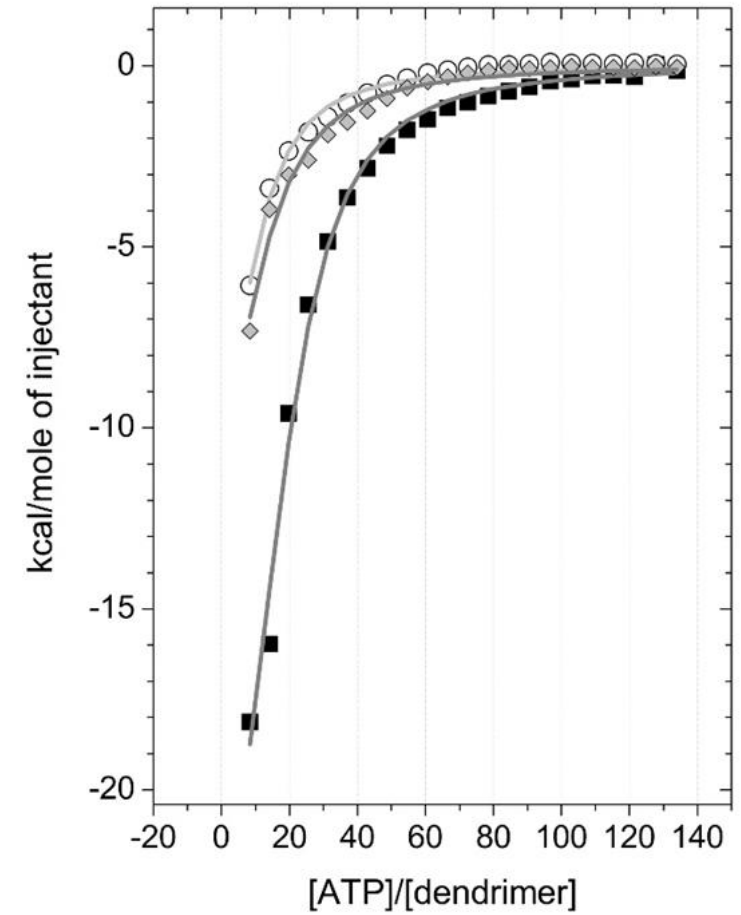
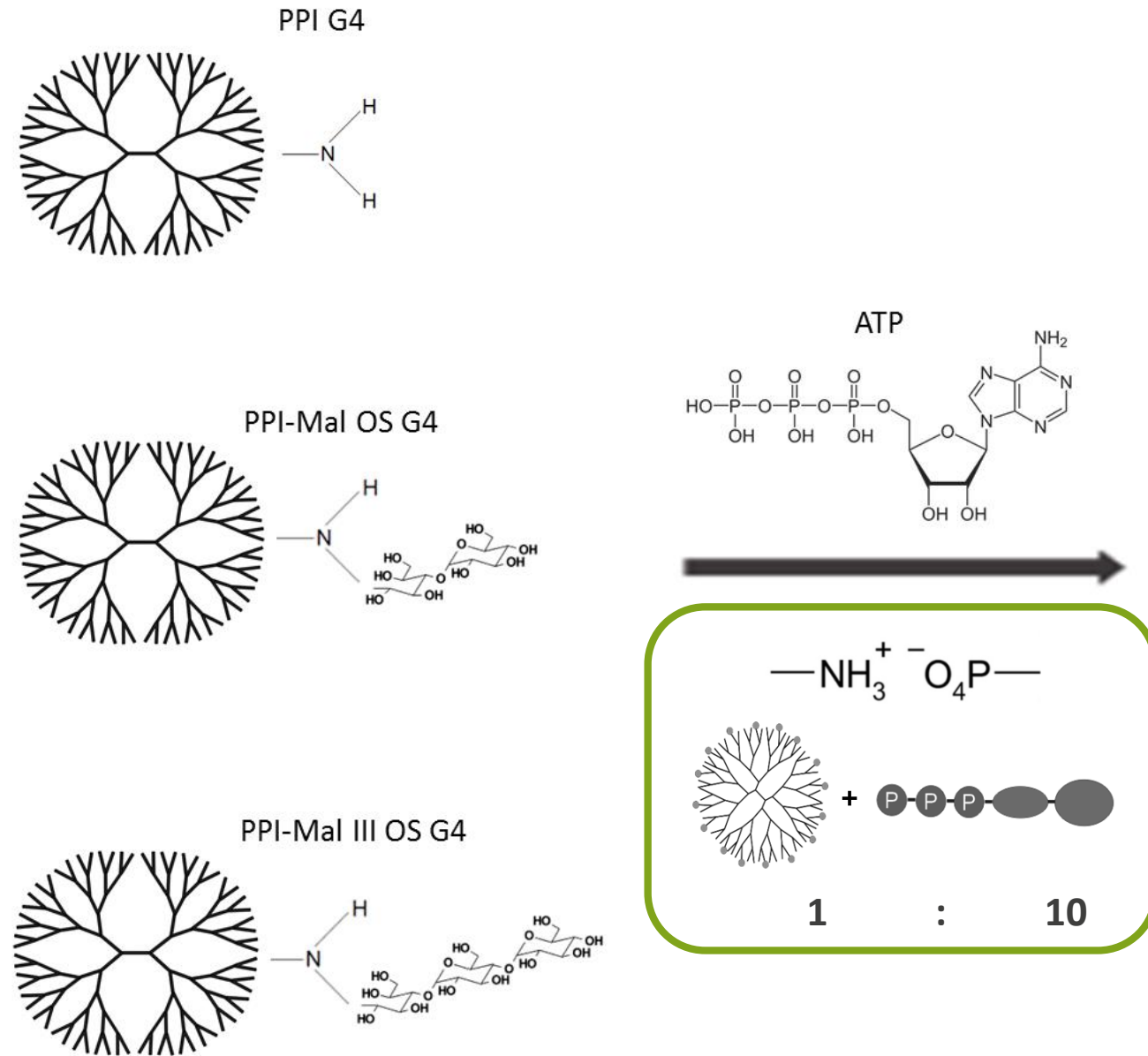
## Purpose of work and research hypothesis

**Goal:** characterization of complexes of adenosine nucleotides with sugar-modified poly(propyleneimine) (PPI) dendrimers of the 4<sup>th</sup> generation and evaluation of the possibility their application as carriers of anticancer nucleoside analogues.

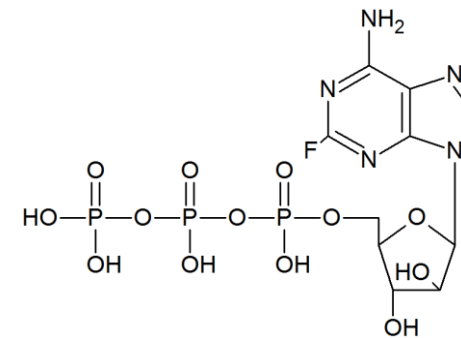
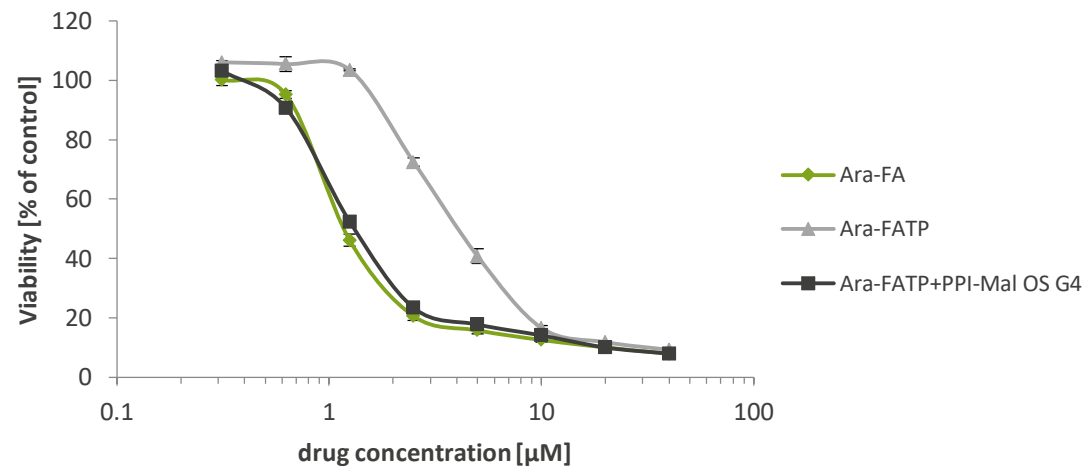
**Research hypothesis:** PPI dendrimers can effectively interact with therapeutic nucleotides and transport active, triphosphate forms of drugs directly into the cells, thus increasing their effectiveness and enabling the overcoming of resistance mechanisms.



## Complex formation – ITC and zeta potential measurements

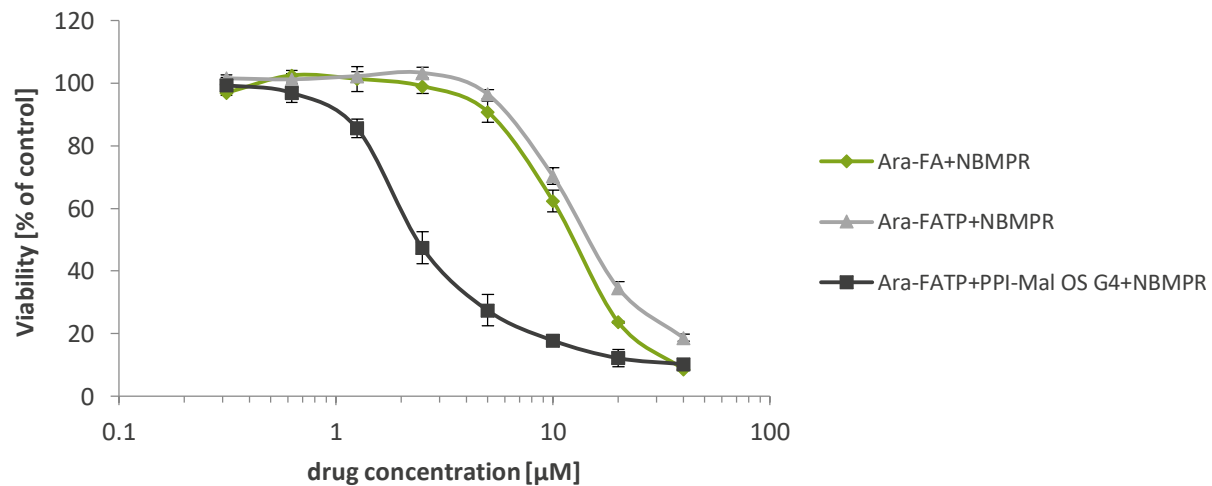


## PPI-Mal OS G4 dendrimer as nanocarrier for Ara-FATP

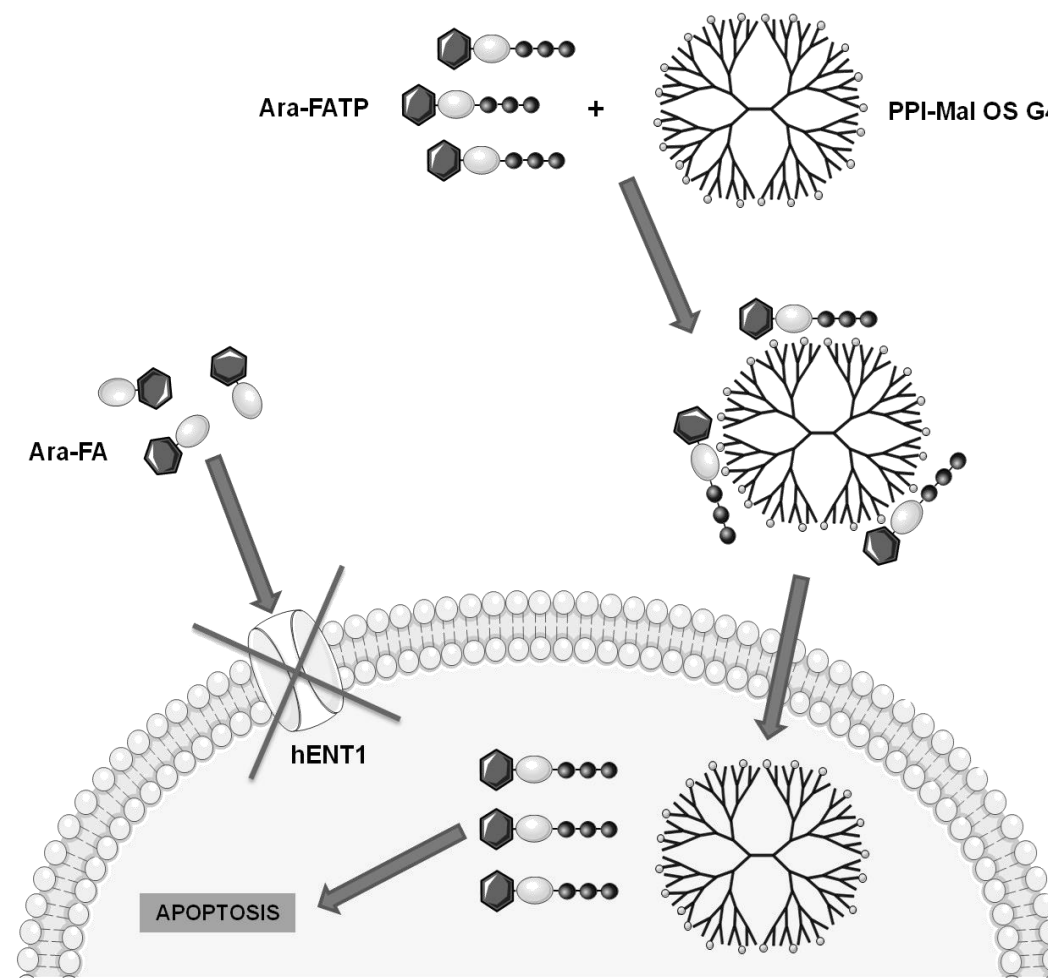


Chemical structure of fludarabine triphosphate (Ara-FATP)

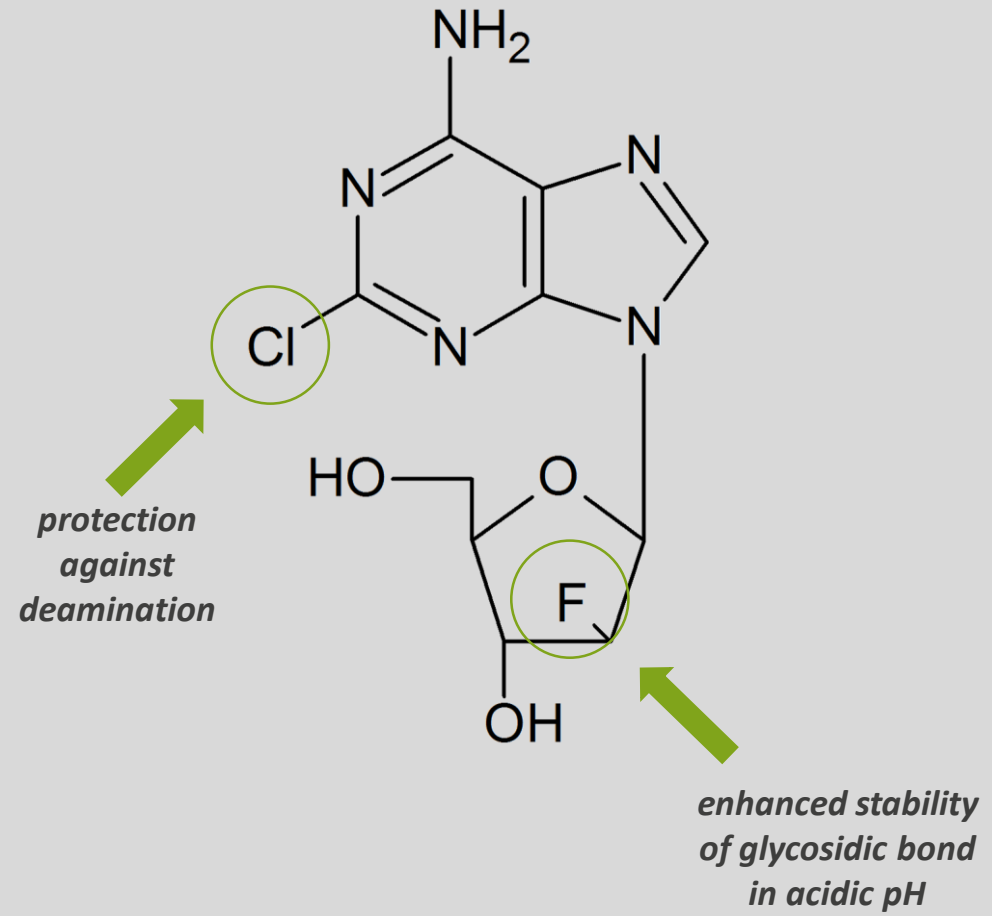
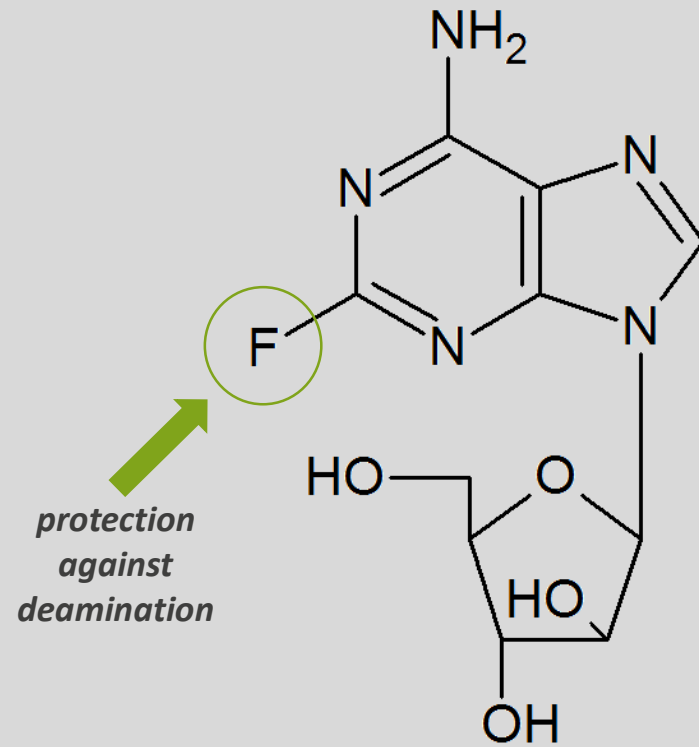
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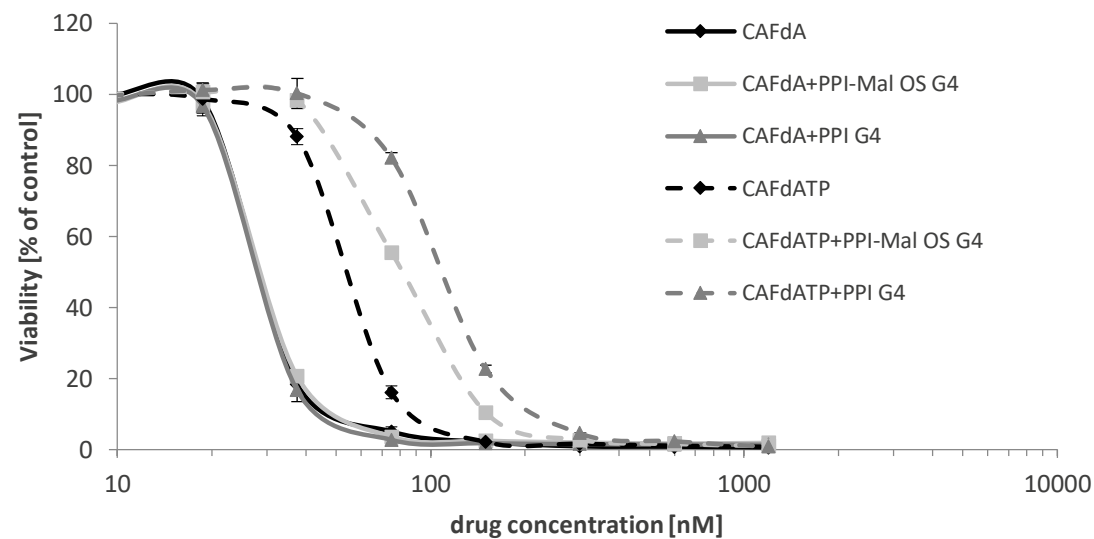
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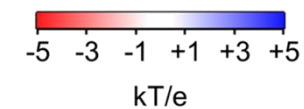
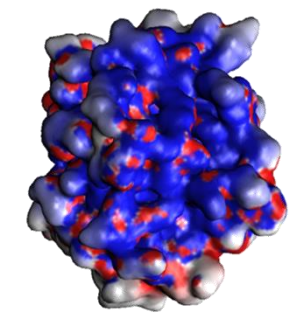
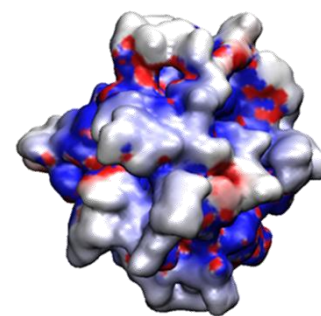
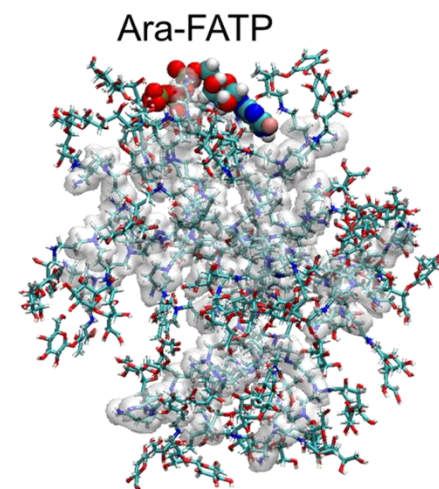
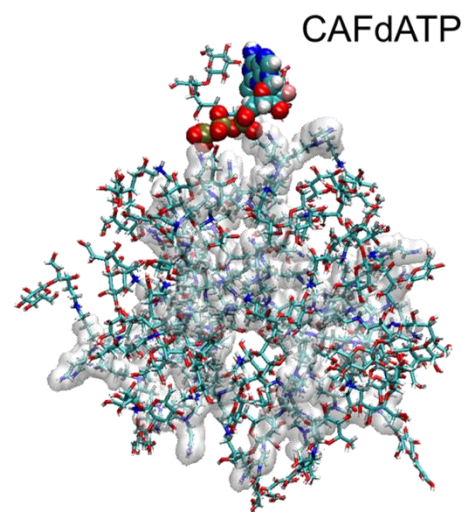
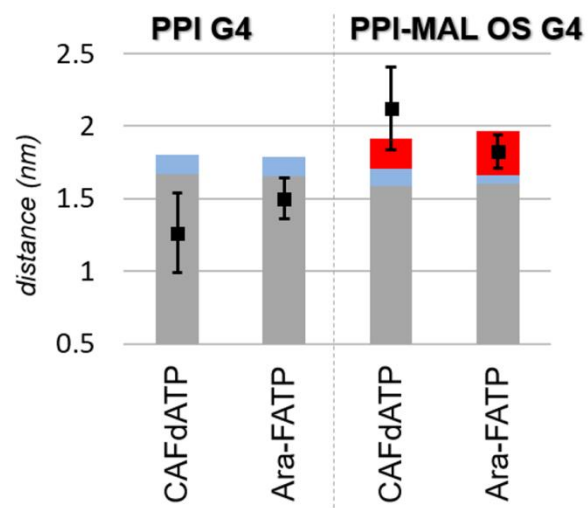
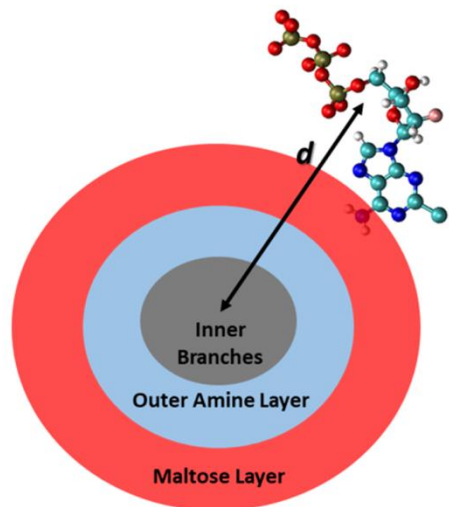
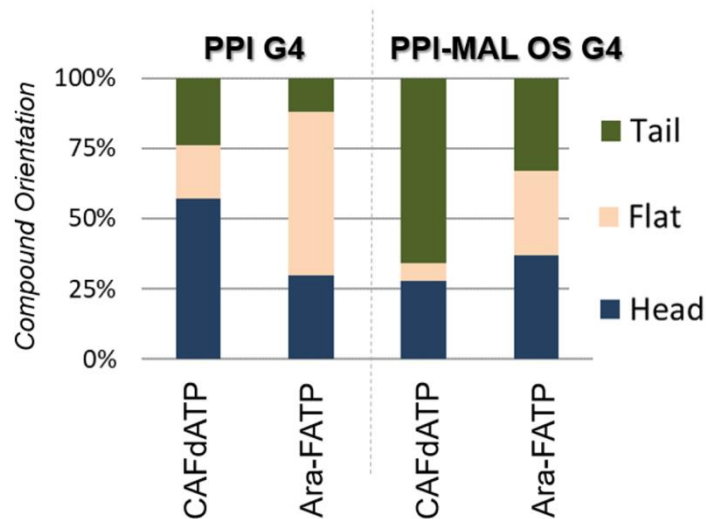
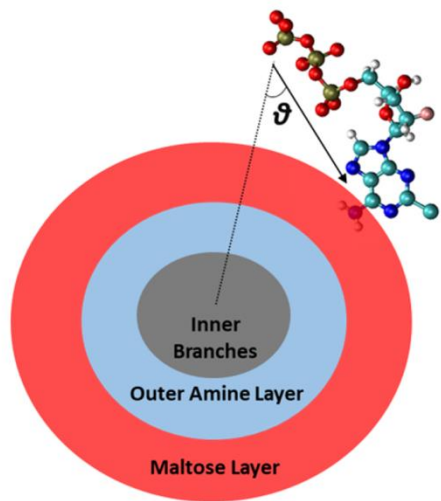


Cytotoxic effect of CAFdA, CAFdATP and their complexes with PPI G4 and PPI-Mal OS G4 dendrimers on U937 cells (resazurin assay, average  $\pm$  S.E.M.,  $n = 3$ )

IC50 $\pm$ S.E.M. [nM]	
CAFdA	31.05 $\pm$ 2.66
CAFdA+PPI-Mal OS G4	32.81 $\pm$ 2.50
CAFdA+PPI G4	30.69 $\pm$ 1.67
CAFdATP	54.45 $\pm$ 1.48
CAFdATP+PPI-Mal OS G4	78.70 $\pm$ 1.39
CAFdATP+PPI G4	107.40 $\pm$ 4.74



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*Scheme of the nucleotide-dendrimer interaction mode with focus on nucleotide orientation and nucleotide distance from the dendrimer core*

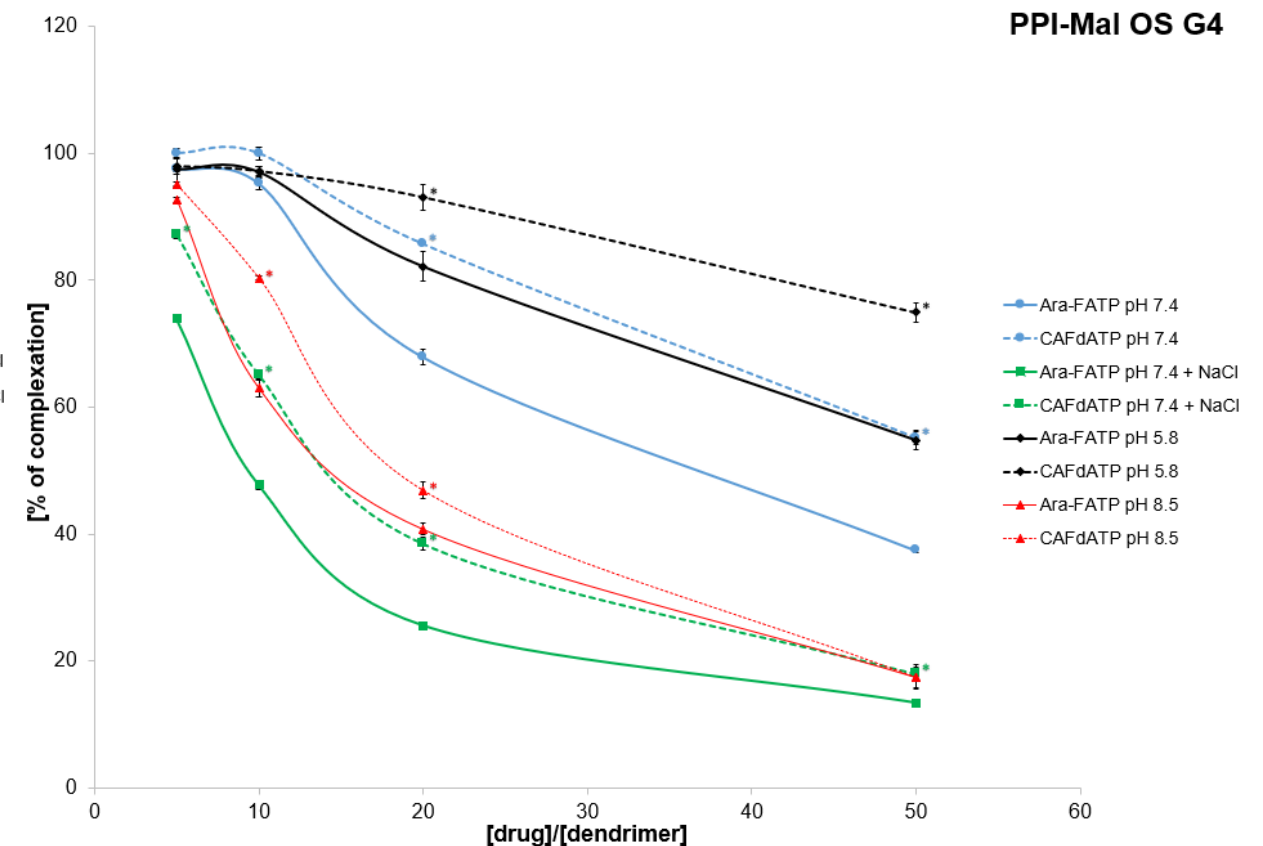
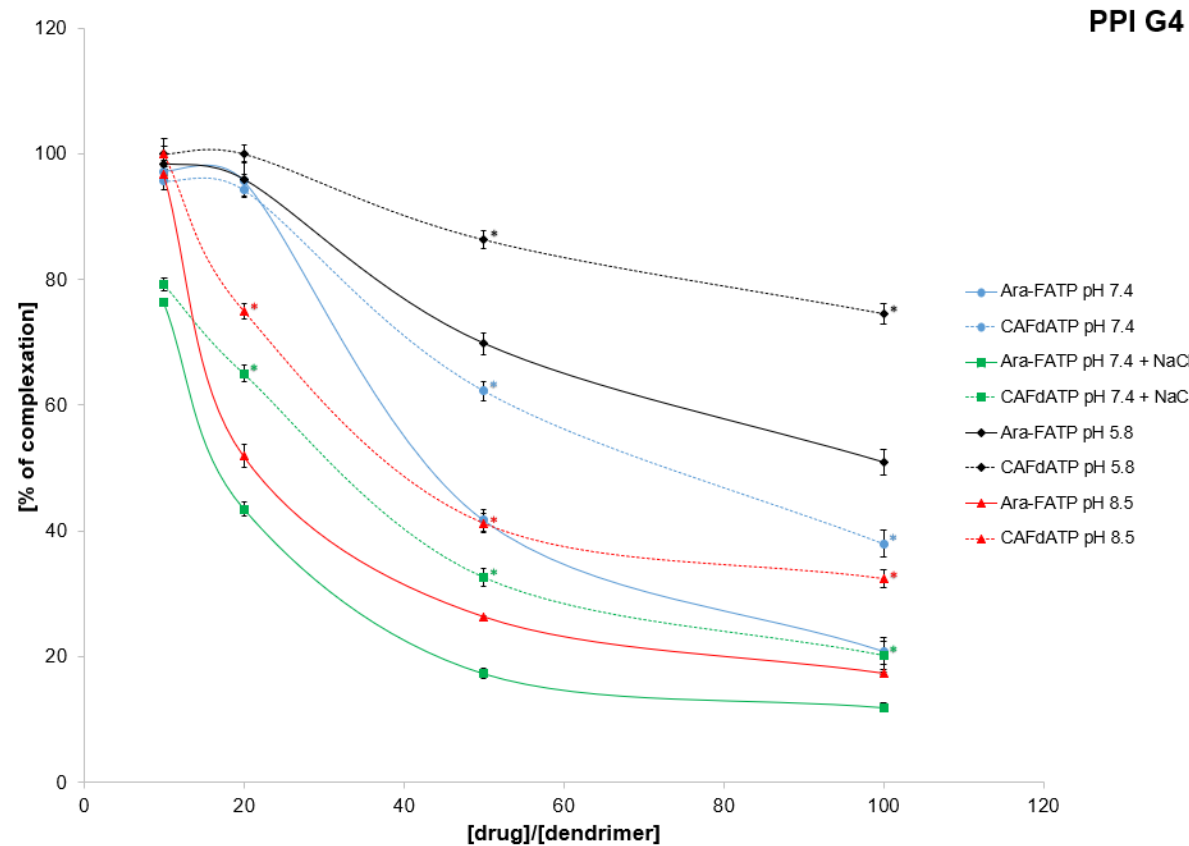
*Representative snapshots of nucleotide-dendrimer configurations (1:1 ratio, upper panel) and electrostatic maps for nucleotide-dendrimer complexes (10:1 ratio, lower panel)*



*Zeta potential of PPI dendrimers and nucleotide-dendrimer complexes, presented as mean  $\pm$  SD, n = 9.*

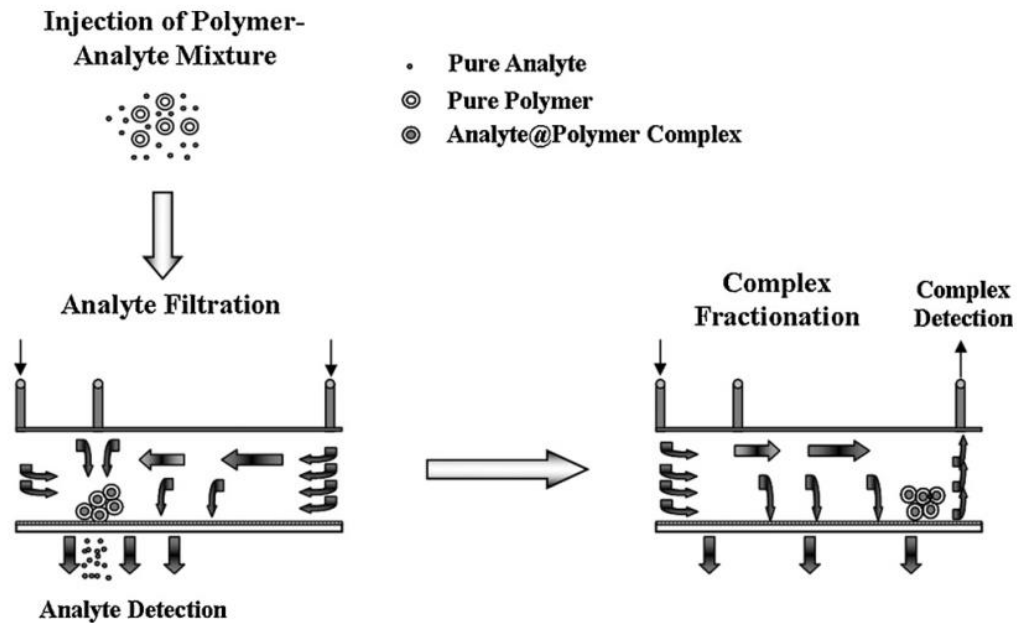
*<sup>a, b, c</sup> Statistically significant difference between samples at  $p < 0.05$*

	Zeta potential [mV] $\pm$ SD
<b>PPI G4</b>	35.7 $\pm$ 5.7
Ara-FATP-PPI G4 (10:1)	26.8 $\pm$ 1.8 <sup>a</sup>
Ara-FATP-PPI G4 (20:1)	13.0 $\pm$ 0.3 <sup>b</sup>
CAFdATP-PPI G4 (10:1)	10.5 $\pm$ 0.9 <sup>a</sup>
CAFdATP-PPI G4 (20:1)	-1.4 $\pm$ 0.8 <sup>b</sup>
<b>PPI-Mal OS G4</b>	28.3 $\pm$ 3.3
Ara-FATP-PPI-Mal OS G4 (10:1)	13.2 $\pm$ 1.6 <sup>c</sup>
CAFdATP-PPI-Mal OS G4 (10:1)	4.0 $\pm$ 0.3 <sup>c</sup>

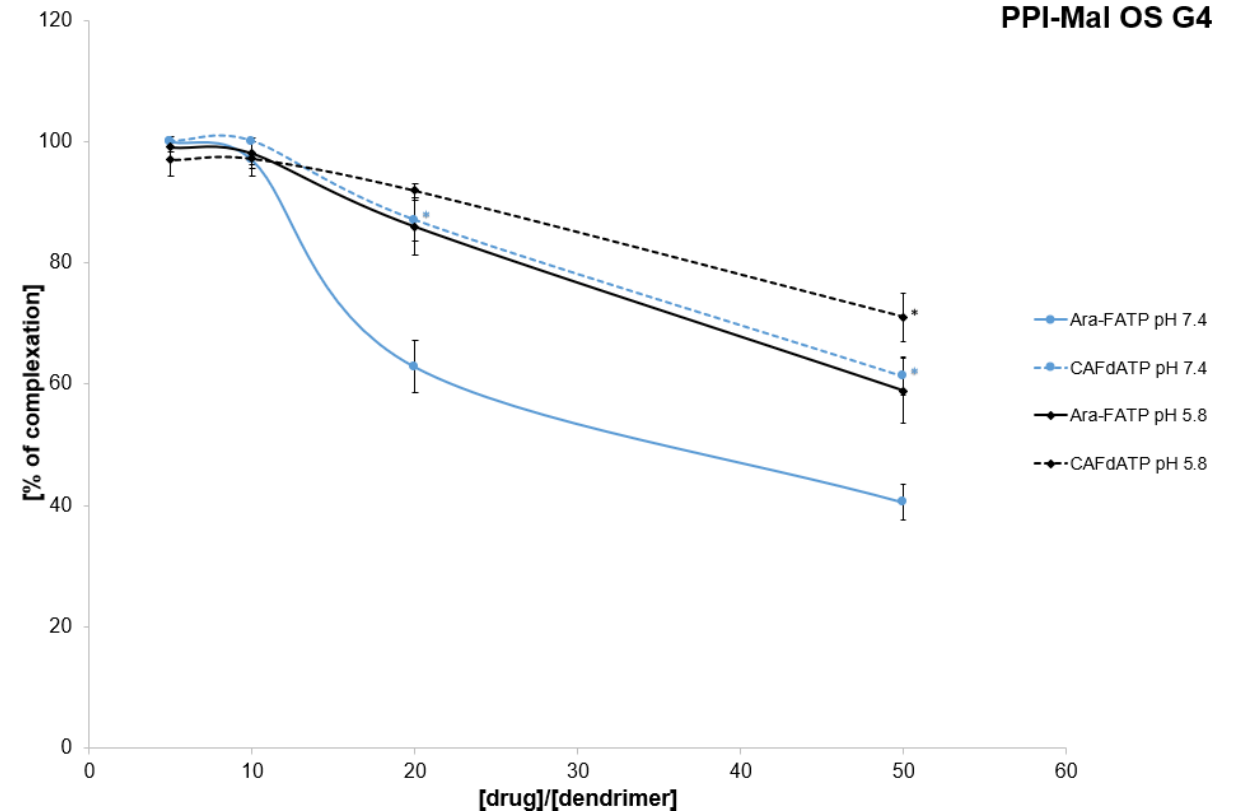


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*\* Statistically significant difference compared to Ara-FATP at  $p < 0.05$*



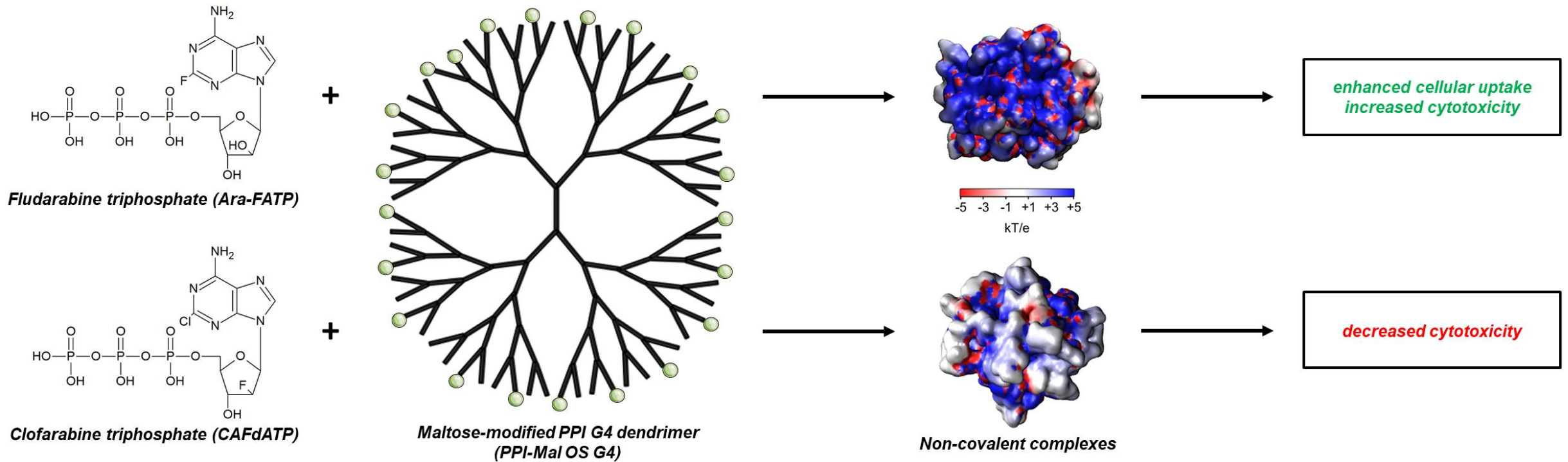
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Analysis of the stability of the complexes with the use of AF4. Results are presented as percentage of drug complexation efficiency, mean  $\pm$  SD,  $n = 8$ .

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## Conclusions



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