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#### **PNPHO chemical composition, molecular weight, polydispersity and Thermal characterization**

PNPHO is an abbreviation for Poly(N-isopropylacrylamide-co-(N-acryloxysuccinimide)-*co*- (Polylactide/-Hydroxy methacrylate)-co-(Oligo (ethylene glycol). Monomers and macromonomers were reacted in Dimethyl formamide (DMF) under a nitrogen blanket at 70 ºC. By assessing the fraction of unreacted monomers and the initiator in the reactant solution at different time points, it was concluded the reaction was complete after 18 hours. The resulting polymer solution in dimethyl formamide was purified in pre-warmed water for injection at 30 °C as an anti-solvent. The use of organic solvents, e.g., diethyl ether as an antisolvent was intentionally avoided to reduce the amount of organic solvent residues in the final product as well as ensure production scalability by mitigating the need for costly and flammable solvents. In addition, water for injection was used, as opposed to distilled water, for the purification of PNPHO polymer to control the endotoxin levels in the final product.

The impact of purification in water in relation to the SEC chromatogram of the polymer and the polydispersity of PNPHO are shown in Figure. S1A. The polydispersity of the polymer solution in DMF was reduced by nearly 2-fold after purification in water from  $\sim$ 3.5 to 1.7 (Mw/Mn). After purification, the chemical composition of PNPHO polymer was assessed via  ${}^{1}$ H-NMR; the associated characteristic peaks of the polymer to calculate the stoichiometry of its composition is shown in Figure. S1B. The final molar concentrations of building block of PNPHO polymer were calculated based on the integration of the

characteristic peaks; NIPAAm molar composition is equal to the integration of (b), NAS is equal to (e)/4, PLA/HEMA is equal to (h)/lactate number (4 to 6, calculated based on  ${}^{1}H$ -NMR of PLA/HEMA) and OEGMA is equal to  $(m)/3$ . In the current formulation of TX140, PNPHO chemical composition includes 81 mol% NIPAAm, 7 mol% PLA/HEMA, 7 mol% NAS and 5 mol% OEGMA. SEC method showed that PNPHO weight average molecular weight (Mw) is 23  $+/-$  2 kDa, number average molecular weight (Mn) 16  $+/-$  2 kDa. The production process of PNPHO polymer is validated in accordance with ISO13485:2016 requirements in relation to the chemical composition, molecular weight and polydispersity.



**Figure. S1. Chemical analyses of PNPHO polymer.** Chemical composition of PNPHO polymer, 1H-NMR characteristic peaks associated with each building block.

Thermal stability and degradation of PNPHO were assessed to confirm the compatibility of the polymer and resulting final product (TX140) with standard terminal sterilization techniques. The thermal stability and degradation of PNPHO were studied by thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) under nitrogen atmosphere, and the thermogravimetric curve and its derivative are presented in Figure. S2. The mass loss plot showed three main processes occurring within the tested temperature range evidenced by the first derivative curve. A dehydration process was observed between 50-100 ºC, resulting from the loss of sample moisture. The calculated water content was 1%. Besides dehydration, two degradative processes were observed, attributed to the two main components of the PNPHO. The first

degradation was at 287ºC, followed by a second degradation step with the largest weight loss, with a maximum at 401ºC. The calculated residue at 600ºC was 8% of the initial weight.



**Figure. S2. Thermogravimetric analysis of PNPHO** (A) TGA thermal curve of PNPHO recorded at  $10^{\circ}$ C.min<sup>-1</sup>, under a nitrogen purge. (B) First derivative of the weight loss curve for PNPHO.

#### **Clinical injectability of PNPHO polymer solutions**

PNPHO concentration has a determining impact on the viscosity of the final product as preliminary studies confirmed that the addition of Thymosin ß4 has no significant impact on the viscoelasticity and flowability of the final product. In the context of clinical usability, the flowability of the polymer solution through 22G needle was identified as a critical requirement to ensure that the final product is amenable to both superficial- and deep-tissue administration  $[41,42]$ . Therefore, PNPHO solutions with different polymer concentrations were formed and injectability assessment was carried out by three independent clinicians to determine the optimized PNPHO concentration. PNPHO polymer solutions with a polymer content of less than 70 mg.ml<sup>-1</sup> fails to form cohesive hydrogels upon the increase of temperature to 37  $^{\circ}$ C and thus 70 mg.ml<sup>-1</sup> was used as the lower limit for this investigation. The polymer content was further increased by 1.5X to 4X with 0.5X intervals. Accordingly, a range of PNPHO solutions in phosphate buffer saline (PBS) with polymer concentration in the range of 70 mg.ml<sup>-1</sup> to 280 mg.ml<sup>-1</sup> were formulated. The results from the extrudability study are presented in Table S1. The results showed that PNPHO solution with the concentration of 140 mg ml<sup>-1</sup> can be extruded conveniently through a 22G needle by using a standard polypropylene syringe.

#### **Table S1. Injectability assessment of PNPHO solutions.** Extrudability of different PNPHO

polymer solution through different needle gauge size

size



#### **Rheological characterization and injectability quantification**

The required forces to extrude PNPHO solution with the polymer concentrations of 105 mg.ml<sup>-1</sup>, 140 mg.ml<sup>-1</sup>, 175 mg.ml<sup>-1</sup> and 210 mg.ml<sup>-1</sup> were measured with Instron. The polymer solutions were loaded into standard polypropylene syringe syringes and fitted with a 22G needle. The forcing pressure was measured to be able to fully extrude 1ml of the solutions within 12 seconds (selected as a clinically relevant injection duration). The results showed that the injection force of solutions with PNPHO concentrations of 105 mg.ml<sup>-1</sup> and 140 mg.ml<sup>-1</sup> can be fully extruded through a 22G needle with injection force less than 5N which was significantly lower than solutions formed with  $175 \text{ mg.m}$ <sup>1</sup> and  $210 \text{ mg.m}$ <sup>1</sup>. Viscosity-shear rate characteristics of PNPHO solutions formed with PNPHO concentrations at 37 ºC is shown in Figure. S3A. The decreasing trend of viscosity with shear rate is indicative of shear-thinning behavior. Shear stress increases linearly with strain in Figure. S3B. The results showed the elastic region, followed by an abrupt decrease in stress, representing network rupture at the yield point. As expected, the shear stress at the yield point increases with polymer concentration. These results further endorse the findings from clinical injectability assessments and showed that PNPHO solution with  $140$  mg.ml<sup>-1</sup> polymer

concentration exhibits the optimum characteristics to ensure easy and effective administration of the product. In addition, the adhesion strength of solutions with different polymer concentration were evaluated and shown in Figure. S3C. To this end, a tack test was performed using a rheometer (Anton Paar, MCR 302, USA). A 25 mm diameter torque measurement system was used to measure hydrogel tackiness. After injecting hydrogels at a low temperature (4  $^{\circ}$ C), the temperature was raised to 37  $^{\circ}$ C, and samples were left for thermal stabilization for 10 min. Next, a vertical motion profile at 0.5 mm/s displacement rate was implemented to the samples from the initial gap size of 1 mm. The result showed that the solution formed with 140 mg.ml<sup>-1</sup> displayed adhesion force of 72  $+/-$  10 mN. The magnitude of adhesion force increased with the concentration of the polymer solutions due to the increase in the density of interfacial interactions as well as cohesion in hydrogels.



**Figure. S3. Rheological and adhesion characterization of prepolymer solutions.** (A) Viscosity-shear rate characteristics of aqueous solutions at 37 ºC. The decreasing trend of viscosity with shear rate is indicative of shear-thinning behavior. (B) Variation of shear stress versus shear strain in oscillatory rheological tests. Shear stress increases linearly with strain in the elastic region, followed by an abrupt decrease in stress, representing network rupture at the yield point. Shear stress at yield point increases with polymer concentration. (C) Analysis

of adhesion force measured through a tensile adhesion setup (tack test) following a gelation process at 37 ºC.

#### **LCST via 1H-NMR and Thymosin-β4 concentration optimization**

The LCST of PNPHO polymer solution conjugated with different amounts of Thymosin-ß4 is driven by the chemical composition of PNPHO, Thymosin-ß4 and the ratio between hydrophilic to hydrophobic groups in the molecular structure of the conjugated system. In accordance with the method developed by Kimhi and Bianco-Peled  $[43]$ , the coil to globe transition behavior of the temperature responsive matrices at their LCST or higher, immobilizes hydrogen ions, causing a reduction in the integration of characteristic peaks (b), (n), (m) or (h), which reflected in the increase of  $D_2O/(b)$ ,  $D_2O/(m)$ ,  $D_2O/(n)$ ,  $D_2O/(h)$ . Accordingly,  $D_2O/(b)$ ,  $D_2O/(m)$ ,  $D_2O/(n)$  and  $D_2O/(h)$  at different temperatures were plotted to identify the most accurate method to identify the LCST measurement.  $D_2O/(m)$  was the best representation of the acquired due to the baseline and unsymmetric nature of the peaks at (n), (b) and (h). Upon the increase of temperature, the  ${}^{1}H\text{-NMR}$  signal of hydrogel drops, thus increasing the value of  $D_2O/(m)$ ; accordingly, the LCST of the system was identified from the intersection of a line drawn through the baseline and the leading edge of the curve.

Thymosin- $\beta$ 4 concertation was varied in the range of 0 to 60 mg.ml<sup>-1</sup> and the LCSTs of the resulting solutions comprising of  $140$  mg.ml<sup>-1</sup> of PNPHO (fixed amount) were identified by acquiring <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra at different temperatures.  $D2O/(m)$  measurements at different temperatures ranged from 16 ºC to 26 ºC for PNPHO-*co*- Thymosin-β4 solutions formulated with 140 mg.ml<sup>-1</sup> of PNPHO and different concentrations of Thymosin-β4 are depicted in Figure. S4. Results showed that the LCST of PNPHO polymer is 24 ºC. However, crosslinking of PNPHO polymer with 20 mg.ml<sup>-1</sup> and 30 mg.ml<sup>-1</sup> of Thymosin-β4 decreases the LCST from 24 ºC to 22 ºC and 21 ºC respectively. The LCST of PNPHO-*co*–Thymosin $β$ 4 solution plateaus with 30 mg.ml<sup>-1</sup> of Thymosin- $β$ 4 at 21 °C; a further increase of Thymosin- $\beta$ 4 concentration to 40 mg.ml<sup>-1</sup>, 50 mg.ml<sup>-1</sup> and 60 mg.ml<sup>-1</sup> had no impact on the LCST of the solution. To this end, it was concluded that 30 mg.ml<sup>-1</sup> of Thymosin- $\beta$ 4 was ideal to crosslink 140 mg.ml<sup>-1</sup> of PNPHO in TX140.



**Figure. S4. LCST of PNPHO-co-Thymosin-ß4 formed with different Thymosin-ß4 concentration.** D2O/(m) at different temperature for solutions with  $140$  mg.ml<sup>-1</sup> of PNPHPO and **(A)** 0 mg/ml<sup>-1</sup> of Thymosin B-4; **(B)** 10 mg/ml<sup>-1</sup> of Thymosin B-4; **(C)** 20 mg/ml<sup>-1</sup> of Thymosin B-4; **(D)** 30 mg/ml<sup>-1</sup> of Thymosin B-4; **(E)** 60 mg/ml<sup>-1</sup> of Thymosin B-4 and **(F)** D2O/(m) of all solutions at different temperature ranges.

#### *Biological effects of undiluted PNPHO, TX140, and Thymosin- 4 extracts in healthyderived bronchial cells*

The biological effects of PNPHO,  $TX140$  and Thymosin- $\beta$ 4 on Beas-2B cells were evaluated by cell viability, IL-6 levels, and Live/Dead staining after the exposure to the extracts diffused through the membrane of a cell culture insert for 24h. No cytotoxic effects were observed on Beas-2B cells for PNPHO and TX140 hydrogels, respectively (Figure. S6A). The pro-inflammatory effects of the extracts showed that PNPHO and TX140 did not induce any IL-6 increase on the basal levels whereas Thymosin- $\beta$ 4 peptide significantly decreased the IL-6 basal levels (Figure. S6B). An additional LIVE/DEAD viability assay was conducted after exposure to the extracts, by staining the live cells with calcein-AM (green) and dead cells with EthD-1 (red). Nuclei were stained with Hoechst and are depicted in blue. The representative microphotographs in Figure. S6-C show similar live (green) cell densities per optical field across test samples and between the extracts and control (media only). These results further support that both hydrogel formulations are not toxic to healthy-derived bronchial cells.



**Figure. S5**. **Biological effects of the undiluted extracts.** (A) Cell viability expressed as percentage of the negative control (media only) and (B) IL-6 levels of healthy-derived bronchial cells (Beas-2B) after exposure to the extracts of PNPHO,  $TX140$  and Thymosin- $\beta$ 4 for 24h. Statistical differences between control and treatments were evaluated by an unpaired t-test using GraphPad Prism software  $(*p<0.01; **p<0.001; ***p<0.0001)$ . (C) Representative images (10x magnification) of Beas-2B cells after exposure to the extracts for

24h and stained with Calcein-AM (green), EthD-1 (red), Hoechst (blue) and overlay of the 3 channels. Scale bar – 100  $\mu$ m.

#### *Ex vivo* **test for assessing injectability, gelation, and adhesive property of TX140**

A medial femoral condyle osteochondral defect in cadaveric sheep hindlimbs was formed to investigate the usability, injectability, gelation and adhesive properties of TX140 hydrogel in a simulated physiological condition. A protocol was generated with predefined acceptance criteria for TX140 injectability, gelation and adhesion as listed in Table S2. The tissues were placed in a water bath to maintain the temperature at  $\sim$ 37 °C to simulate a live animal model. Six medial femoral condyles (MFC) of cadaveric sheep hindlimbs were used to assess the *ex vivo* injectability, gelation and adhesivity of TX140. All limbs were disarticulated from the body at the coxofemoral joint and placed in a water bath at 37 ºC for 1 hour before further testing. A standard arthrotomy to access the MFC of the femur was made on each limb whilst inflexion. A 6 mm diameter and 6 mm deep defect was drilled through the central weightbearing aspect of the MFC and flushed with saline at 40 ºC. Six (6) defects were filled with TX140 and allowed for temperature induced gelation. Once gelation was confirmed, the stifle was taken through a standard range of motion 20 times and the filled defect assess for any movement of the fabricated hydrogel system. If no movement was detected, then the stifle went through another extra 20 range of motions and the evaluation continued for up to 100 range of motions in total (see Table S2).

<b>Element</b>	<b>Acceptance Criteria</b>	Results*	Pass/Fail
Injectability	Complete extrusion of TX140 content	6/6	<b>PASS</b>
	condyle 22G needle through into osteochondral defect	injectable	
<b>Gelation</b>	Hydrogel formation of $TX140$ solution $6/6$ forms		<b>PASS</b>
	post extrusion through 22G needle at the	hydrogel	
	condyle osteochondral defect site at 37°C		
<b>Adhesivity</b>	Presence/ adhesion of the gelled TX140 at	6/6	<b>PASS</b>
	the condyle osteochondral defect site $(6 \times 6)$	adhesion	
	cm) after 100 range of motion		

**Table S2. TX140 usability assessment in a contained site under dynamic motion;** Injectability, gelation and adhesivity analyses of TX140 in a chondral defect mode.

\*: use +/- for confirmation of injectability, gelation and adhesivity

#### **TGA characterization of TX140**

DSC curves were obtained for the range of temperatures below the degradation steps (< 200ºC) for 3 heating/cooling cycles, depicted in Figure. S5A and Figure. S5B. A broad endothermic peak was observed in the first heating cycle due to dehydration. In the second and third heating cycles a glass transition process between 50- 100 °C ( $T<sub>g</sub>=61$  °C) was observed. No further processes were observed after multiple heating-cooling cycles. The thermal stability of TX140 was evaluated between 30 and 800 ºC, showing a dehydration and two degradation steps at 287 ºC and 401 ºC, with a residue of 8%. The DSC curves showed a glass transition, visible only after the first heating cycle, that occurred at 61 ºC.



Figure. S6. Thermal stability assessment of TX140. DSC curves under nitrogen atmosphere: **(A)** DSC curves for 3 heating cycles and **(B)** DSC curves for 2 cooling cycles.

#### **Gamma irradiation compatibility**

Sterilization of TX140 by gamma irradiation at  $25 - 40$  kGy at the Steritech NSW facility has been demonstrated to comply with relevant sections of ISO 11137-1, ISO 11137-2 and ISO 11137-3 and EN 556-1, and a SAL of  $10^{-6}$  has been established as required per EN 556-1 to designate TX140 as 'sterile' by gamma irradiation. In accordance with ISO11137-Part 2, the compatibility of the TX140 and its constituents on the maximum Gamma dose of 40 kGy was assessed by using a wide range of chemical analyses, benchtop testing as well as live *in vivo*  animal studies. The data presented in Table S3 underpins that gamma irradiation even at such a high dose of 40 kGy has no significant impact on the physico-chemical and biological properties of TX140.

**Table S3. TX140 compatibility with Gamma radiation for terminal sterilization.**  Assessments methods to confirm the compatibility of TX140 and its constituents with Gamma irradiation at 25-40 kGy based on predefined acceptance criteria.





#### **Organic solvent residues**

In the synthesis of PNPHO polymer dimethyl formamide (DMF) a USP-Class 2 solvent is used. The maximum allowed residues of DMF per ICH Q3C (R5) is 880 ppm in the final product. In the synthesis of subassembly PLA/HEMA, tetrahydrofuran (THF) and toluene (TOL,) are used; the maximum allowed residues for THF is 720 ppm and for TOL is 890

ppm, in the final product. In addition, for the purification of PLA/HEMA, ethyl acetate (EA) is used, which is USP Class 3; the maximum allowed EA residue is 5000 ppm in the final product. PNPHO concentration in the final product (TX140) is 14 wt/v% and thus the maximum allowed residues of organic solvents in PNPHO were calculated and presented in Table S4. In PNPHO, the maximum allowed residue for DMF is 6,286 ppm, for THF is 5,143 ppm, for Tol is 6,357 and 35,714 ppm for EA. The results showed that DMF residues in PNPHO polymer 110 +/- 45 ppm which is significantly less the maximum allowed in PNPHO (6,286 ppm).

**Table S4. The residues of organic solvents in TX140.** the amount of DMF, Tol, THF and EA in PNPHO, and the corresponding maximum allowable limit in TX140 based on ICH Q3C (R5) guidelines.



1: Maximum in subassembly PNPHO was calculated based on 14 wt/v% concentration of PNPHO in TX140.

#### **Endotoxin level**

The endotoxin level in the final product was measured with a kinetic limulus Amebocyte Lysate (LAL) test in accordance with FDA guidance for industry, pyrogen and endotoxin testing, June 2012, USP<85> bacterial endotoxin and Test for Bacterial Endotoxins; British Pharmacopeia, Appendix XIV C. This part of the study was carried out by Eurofins ams Laboratories (New South Wales, Australia). The method validation for TX140 was successfully completed and the standard curve for the measurement was established by using 5 EU.ml<sup>-1</sup>, 0.5 EU.ml<sup>-1</sup>, 0.05 EU.ml<sup>-1</sup> and 0.005 EU.ml<sup>-1</sup>. The extraction from each TX140 syringe was diluted in 10 ml purified water at 37 ºC for 30 minutes. The result from the study for three consecutive batches of TX140 is summarized in Table S5. The results indicate that

the level of endotoxins in TX140 is  $\langle 0.100 \text{ EU.m} \rangle$  for all tested samples which was well within the acceptance criteria.

**Table S5. Endotoxin levels in TX140.** Endotoxin assessment of TX140 based on predefined acceptance criteria per USP<85>.



#### **Investigating the tolerability and acute toxicity of TX140** *in vivo* **(Hematology and Biochemistry of Acute Dose Study)**

The study to investigate the acute single dose toxicity of TX140 in rats was adapted from the International Organization for Standardization, International Standard ISO 10993-11 Biological evaluation of medical devices Part 11: Tests for systemic toxicity, 2nd edition, 2006 (2). Briefly, on completion of the acclimation period, the study was commenced with administration of the polar and non-polar extract formulations of TX140 (administration was staged between 0.1, 0.5 and 2.0 ml.kg-1 dose levels). The findings were assessed by comparison of outcomes with +Control groups which involve polar and non-polar solvents (with no TX140 extracts).

The hematology parameters such as hemoglobin, red blood cell count, hematocrit, mean cell volume, mean cell hemoglobin concentration, mean cell hemoglobin, reticulocyte counts (% and absolute), white blood cell count, differential white cell count with cell morphology such as Neutrophil, Lymphocyte, Monocyte, Eosinophil, Basophil, and platelet count were investigated. Results in Figure. S7 showed that there is no dose dependent variation in any of the tested hematology parameters and the outcomes were similar  $(p>0.05)$ among groups including +Control groups (polar and non-polar solvents).

The biochemistry parameters in serum samples such as sodium, potassium, chloride calcium, inorganic phosphorus glucose, urea creatinine, creatinine phosphokinase, total bilirubin, total cholesterol triglycerides, alkaline phosphatase, aspartate aminotransferase, alanine aminotransferase, total proteins, albumin/globulin ratio, Albumin, and Globulin were determined using a Beckman Coulter AU 680 analyzer. The results in Figure. S8 showed that

there is no dose dependent variation in any of the tested biochemistry parameters in serum samples.

It should be noted that there were findings in two rats at the injection site which were attributed to the injection procedure, including a minor scab and swelling at the injection site. This finding was correlated with the presence of an abdominal hernia and the presence of abdominal fat in the subcutaneous space and therefore not related to the dose injections. Also, there were necropsy findings of white deposits in the peritoneal cavities of rats treated with both non-polar vehicle and non-polar TX140 extracts which were attributed to the vehicle treatment (and therefore not related to TX140). There were also findings of red spots on the surface of the lungs of the rats treated with the mid and high dose of the polar and non-polar TX140 extracts and a single finding of white spots on the lungs in one rat treated with a middose of the non-polar TX140 extract. These findings were not associated with any microscopic findings and are considered incidental and unrelated to treatment. Other microscopic findings included minimal alveolar histiocytosis and minimal to moderate lymphohistiocytic interstitial inflammation which was not limited to one group or sex and were considered unrelated to treatment.



**Figure. S7. Hematology results in acute dose study.** Polar and non polar extracts are distinguished with closed ● and opened circles ◌, respectively. WBC, white blood cells;

RBC, red blood cells; MCH, mean cell hemoglobin; MCHC, mean cell hemoglobin concentration; HCT, hematocrit.



**Figure. S8. Biochemistry results in acute dose study**. Polar and non-polar extracts are distinguished with closed ● and opened circles ◌, respectively. ALP, alkaline phosphatase; AST, aspartate aminotransferase; ALT, alanine aminotransferase.

#### **Long term biocompatibility, internal organ assessments**

Each mouse was injected with up to 8% (v/w) of their body weight, distributed over two injection sites (up to 2 ml per mouse). The weight of each mouse was recorded at pre- and post-injection and day 1, day 2 and day 3 and every week following injection (Figure. S9). At time points 1 week, 2 weeks, 4 weeks and 6 weeks post injection, mice were ethically euthanized for collection of tissue biopsies to analyze local response and autopsies performed to analyze systemic toxicology. The results from the macroscopic and microscopic assessment of the sites showed that TX140 samples were fully resorbed within 2-4 weeks post administration. Blood samples were collected by cardiopuncture used for blood cell counting. Serum samples collected by centrifugation of blood were used for measuring serum levels of AST, ALPL creatinine, urea, and albumin by Elisa assays.



**Figure. S9. Animal weight gain**. Treated with injected with ~2ml TX140 or 2ml saline after 6 weeks (n=24 animals in total, 6 sacrificed on day 14, 6 animals sacrificed on day 28 and 12 sacrificed at termination on day 42).

Internal organs including liver, lung, kidney and spleen were harvested, weighed, and histologically analyzed by two independent assessors at the Department of Pathology of Concord Repatriation General Hospital (New South Wales Australia). The results from the histopathological analyses of internal organs are summarized in Table S6. Focal and mild extramedullary hematopoiesis was found in both controls and TX140 injection study groups. Extramedullary hematopoiesis is the production of blood cells outside of the bone marrow and is normally observed in physiological processes in embryonic stages. As the extramedullary hematopoiesis was observed in both control (saline injection) and TX injection study groups, it is suggestive of a mouse colony related anomaly and not related to the TX140 injections. No granulomas or excessive hepatic inflammation was observed. The findings together with liver weight and AST and ALPL results, suggests no acute liver failure or pathology was present in treatment with TX140. No abnormality was observed in kidney histopathological analysis in control and TX140 treated animals. Granulomatous inflammation of the lungs was noticed which is defined by the presence of large groups of histiocytes in tissue. No abnormality was observed in the spleen histology of control and TX140.

<b>Animal</b> ID	Group	<b>Time</b> Point	<b>Assessor 1</b>			<b>Assessor 2</b>				
			Liver <sup>1</sup>	Lung <sup>2</sup>	Kidney <sup>3</sup>	S <sub>p</sub> leen <sup>3</sup>	Liver <sup>1</sup>	Lung <sup>2</sup>	Kidney <sup>3</sup>	Spleen <sup>3</sup>
$Con-1$	Saline	1 Week	<b>NAD</b>	$\theta$	<b>NAD</b>	<b>NAD</b>	$\boldsymbol{0}$	$\theta$	<b>NAD</b>	<b>NAD</b>
$Con-2$	Saline	1 Week	<b>NAD</b>	$\overline{0}$	<b>NAD</b>	<b>NAD</b>	$\overline{0}$	$\Omega$	<b>NAD</b>	<b>NAD</b>
$Con-3$	Saline	1 Week	$F-$	$\theta$	<b>NAD</b>	<b>NAD</b>	$F-$	$\theta$	<b>NAD</b>	<b>NAD</b>
			<b>EMH</b>				<b>EMH</b>			
$Con-4$	Saline	2 Week	<b>NAD</b>	$\theta$	<b>NAD</b>	<b>NAD</b>	$\theta$	$\theta$	<b>NAD</b>	<b>NAD</b>
$Con-5$	Saline	2 Week	<b>NAD</b>	$\theta$	<b>NAD</b>	<b>NAD</b>	$\theta$	$\theta$	<b>NAD</b>	<b>NAD</b>
$Con-6$	Saline	2 Week	<b>NAD</b>	$\overline{0}$	<b>NAD</b>	<b>NAD</b>	$\overline{0}$	$\Omega$	<b>NAD</b>	<b>NAD</b>
$Con-7$	Saline	4 Week	<b>NAD</b>	$\overline{0}$	<b>NAD</b>	<b>NAD</b>		$\Omega$	<b>NAD</b>	<b>NAD</b>
$Con-8$	Saline	4 Week	$F-$	$\overline{0}$	<b>NAD</b>	<b>NAD</b>	$F-$	$\theta$	<b>NAD</b>	<b>NAD</b>
			<b>EMH</b>				<b>EMH</b>			

**Table S6. Histological assessments of internal organs.** Summary of findings in relation to the histopathological assessment of internal organs by two blinded assessors.



1: Liver score; NAD: No abnormality detected, and F-EMH; focal extramedullary hematopoiesis

2: Lung score; 0: no granulomatous inflammation, 1: focal/mild inflammation, 2: moderate inflammation and 3: severe inflammation.

3: Kidney and spleen score; NAD: No abnormality detected

#### **Soft-tissue repair and angio-conductive properties of TX140**

A full thickness dermal mice model was used to assess the capability of TX140 to support soft tissue healing, cell infiltration, neo-vascularization and thus integration with soft tissue. The dorsum of each mouse  $(n=27)$  was shaved and two adjacent and identical full-thickness skin grafts of 1 cm<sup>2</sup> were surgically excised. The full-thickness wounds were covered with either TX140 or a collagen membrane (Integra, +C) followed by full-thickness skin grafts from the opposite site superimposed onto either  $TX140$  or  $+C$ . Skin grafts were sutured in place. At different time points, skin survival rate, blood vessel ingrowth, cell infiltration and angiogenesis within Integra and TX140 were analyzed and assessed based on pre-defined acceptance criteria. Summary of assessments, the pre-defined acceptance criteria and the outcomes are presented in Table S7.

Test(s) being <b>Performed</b>	<b>Acceptance Criteria</b>	<b>Results</b>	<b>Protocol</b> <b>Pass/Fail</b>
Skin graft	The survival rate of skin grafts in	100% survival for PNPHO-T $\beta$ 4	PASS <sup>1</sup>
survival rate	TX140 treated animals is equal	treated site;	
	or greater than that of in Integra	85% survival rate for Integra	
	treated site in animals alive at	treated site	
	different time points		
<b>Blood</b> vessel	Fluorescent illumination of the	Significantly higher (p<0.05)	<b>PASS</b>
ingrowth	skin graft site treated with	radiant efficiency of TX140 treated	
	$PNPHO-T\beta4$ (nul] is equal	sites compared to Integra after one	
	hypothesis with accepted	week post-surgery	
	$p<0.05$ ) than greater <b>or</b>	Significantly higher (p<0.01)	
	(significant) difference with	radiant efficiency of TX140 treated	

**Table S7. Soft tissue healing application of TX140.** Summary of performed tests, acceptance criteria, acquired results and the associated protocol pass/fail conclusion.



**1 PASS** – All individual test results HAVE MET the pre-defined acceptance criteria per the corresponding protocol (acceptance criteria include test results, failure mode acceptance, confidence intervals, upper and lower limits, etc., as appropriate.

#### **Hard-tissue repair with TX140**

A total of 6 adult sheep were used and 8 osteotomies, 8 mm in diameter and 10 mm deep were formed bilaterally proximal and distal humerus and femur on each animal. Three treatment groups were included in the study, osteoinductive iliac crest bone graft (+Control), empty/no treatment (-Control) and TX140 treated site. The treatment groups were randomly distributed to allow inter- and intra-animal comparison at 6 weeks and 12 weeks timepoints. At different time points, host cell interaction with TX140 and its capability to support bone

healing were assessed and compared with iliac crest (+Control) treated sites. Summary of assessments, the predefined acceptance criteria and the outcomes are presented in [Table.](#page-26-0) S.

H&E staining of the treatment sites after 6 weeks are shown in Figure. S10. TX140 demonstrated granulomatous inflammation mostly comprising foamy macrophages and multinucleate giant cells admixed with small foci of lymphocytes and plasma cells (arrows). Small pools of TX140 could be detected at the treatment sites, 6 weeks post implantation as the degradation rate of the product in bony defects is slower than that in subcutaneous/ dermal models. Sites treated with +Control had inflammatory infiltrates of foamy macrophages admixed with relatively higher numbers of lymphocytes and plasma cells (arrows) and numbers of multinucleate giant cells. Islands of new bone formation (asterisks in Figure. S11) and cellular non-ossified mesenchymal matrix with +Control. The sites treated with autologous graft displayed the highest percentage of new bone rimmed by plump osteoblasts and multinucleated osteoclasts (*i.e.* active bone remodeling).

<span id="page-26-0"></span>**Table. S8. Bone healing application of TX140.** Summary of performed tests, acceptance criteria, acquired results and the associated protocol pass/fail conclusion.







**Figure. S10. H&E assessment of bone sites after 6 weeks.** 20X magnification photomicrograph composite of Hematoxylin and Eosin (H&E)-stained, decalcified sections of lesion explants from (-Control, no treatment) in a-i and –ii, (TX140) in b-i and b-ii, and (+Control, iliac crest graft) in c-i and –ii. Islands of new bone formation (asterisks) and granulomatous inflammation mostly comprising foamy macrophages and multinucleate giant cells admixed with small foci of lymphocytes and plasma cells (arrows). Scale bars is 50  $\mu$ m.

H&E staining of the treatment sites after 12 weeks are shown in Figure. S11. TX140 sites contain residual inflammatory foci mostly comprising foamy macrophages with lymphocytes associated with small foci of partially hydrolyzed biomaterial. +Control sites contain mild inflammatory foci comprising lymphocytes (arrows) with occasional foamy macrophages. TX140 sites demonstrate proliferation of anatomizing woven bone trabeculae (WBT) interspersed by mildly inflamed fibrovascular tissue (asterisk) or well-differentiated medullary adipose. +Control (iliac crest autologous graft site) also contain abundant anatomizing woven bone trabeculae (WBT) interspersed by well-differentiated medullary adipose or well-organized fibrous connective tissue (FCT).



**Figure. S11. H&E assessment of bone sites after 12 weeks.** 20X magnification photomicrograph composite of Hematoxylin and Eosin (H&E)-stained, decalcified sections of lesion explants. Woven bone trabeculae (WBT), mildly inflamed fibrovascular tissue (asterisk), well-organized fibrous connective tissue (FCT). Scale bars is 50 µm.

#### **Clinical application of TX140 for soft and hard tissue repair**

Ten (10) patients were enrolled in this study. All participants were eligible to be a part of this clinical investigation in accordance with the inclusion and exclusion criteria outlined in the clinical investigation plan.

Inclusion criteria involve:

- Patients  $\geq$ 18 years of age
- Patients undergoing a planned tooth extraction at the centers included in this study
- Patients' willing to give written informed consent and willing to participate in and comply with the study.

Exclusion criteria involves

- Patients with chronic inflammation, out of range blood markers:
	- o Erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR) above 22 mm for male and 29 mm for female candidates.
	- o C-reactive proteins (CRP) above 5 mg/L.
- Patients with low liver function, as indicated by:
	- $\circ$  ALT and/or AST level  $> 1.5$  times the upper limit of normal (ULN).
	- o Alkaline phosphatase above 140 IU/L.
	- o INR below 0.8 or above 1.3
	- o Bilirubin above 1.2 mg/dL.
- Patients with low kidney function, as indicated by:
	- o Serum creatinine above 1.4 for both male and female (the norm for male is 1.4 and for female is 1.2).
	- $\circ$  Glomerular filtration rate (GFR) of below 60 ml/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>).
- Patients  $<18$  years of age.
- Pregnant or lactating women, or women of childbearing potential who are not willing to avoid becoming pregnant during the study.
- Patients who are concurrently enrolled in another clinical study or have received an investigational new drug within the past four (4) weeks.
- Patients with a history of a psychological illness or condition such as to interfere with the patient's ability to understand the requirements of the study.
- Patients unwilling or unlikely, in the Principal Investigator's opinion, to comply with the study follow-up.
- Patients with a history of disease(s) that is (are) likely to interfere with the normal post-op healing process or metabolism or excretion of the test medication.
- Patients with an American Society of Anaesthesiologists (ASA) physical status classification of > ASA 2.
- Patients with active infection at the target site or a surgical site located near infection.
- Patients in which the bone surrounding the target site is not viable or is incapable of supporting or anchoring the implant.
- Patients with abnormal calcium metabolic bone disease or immunological abnormalities.
- Patients who are undergoing or are to undergo an immunosuppressive therapy.
- Patients who are undergoing or are to undergo chemotherapy or radiation therapy at or near the implant site.
- Patients with active cancer.

Study participants was followed-up for three (3) months post tooth extraction and treatment with TX140. A summary of patient demographics is presented in Table S9.

**Table S9. Clinical trial participants' demographic**. Summary of participants' demographic in the clinical investigation.



There was no report of device malfunction throughout the clinical investigation. TX140 was provided in a ready-to-use format; this negates the need for pre-mixing and any

other preparation step by the clinicians prior to the operation. Results in Figure. S12 showed 100% successful rate in the application and gelation of TX140 for all 10 patients. Upon the application of TX140 in all 10 participants, the product form hydrogel within few seconds post injection, it adhered to the site and thus negated the need for primary closure, e.g., membrane or other physical containment.



Figure. S12. Sites treated with TX140 in the clinical trial. TX140 application post tooth extraction on 10 patients.

All 10 patients treated with TX140 returned for the first follow-up visit, one-week post operation. There was no report of pain or discomfort from any of the patients. During the oral examination (one-week post administration), there was no sign of infection or inflammation at the site. In addition, wound closure and soft tissue formation were examined by the Principle Investigator. In all ten patients, wound closure was noted and expedited soft tissue formation was detected.

Three months post tooth extraction and treatment with TX140, a CT-scan of the treatment site was collected and thereafter patients underwent implant placement procedure. At this point, biopsies were collected from the TX140 administered site. Samples were histochemically analyzed by an independent laboratory (Sonic Clinical Trials Pty LTD). Table S10 summarizes the findings from the safety point of view of TX140. In all analyzed samples, based on results from CT-scan and histological assessment of the treatment sites, there was no evidence of biological abnormality, necrosis, foreign body type giant cell or foreign body reactions.





1: Identification as Normal in the CT-scan results denotes the absence of inflammation, infection, necrosis, hypertrophic bone growth, hypertrophic fibrosis

Histochemical analyses showed the formation of interconnected viable bony trabeculae, a mixture of woven and lamellar bone as well as active osteoblasts and osteoclasts (Table S11). In all patients, active periodontal bone remodeling was noted.

**Table S11. Clinical efficacy of TX140 at the socket site.** Summary of findings from H&E and Masson's trichrome staining of TX140 tested sites.









