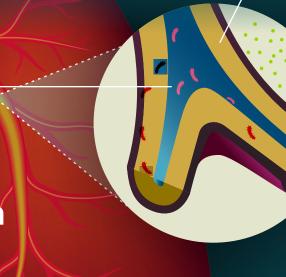
## **Anionophores: In Search** of a General Treatment for Cystic Fibrosis

Cystic fibrosis (CF) is caused by dysfunction of anionic channels important for salt and water transport across epithelia

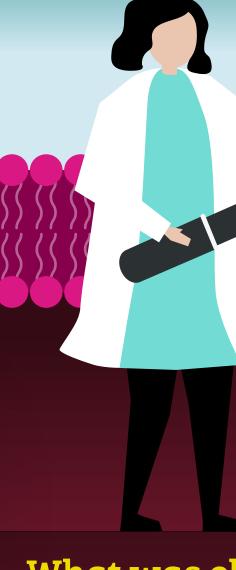


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Bacteria can colonize, eading to infections

## Anionophore

Can ion-carrier molecules (anionophores) that mimic the anion channel be used for CF therapy?





Molecules with tweezer-like structure transport anions through cystic fibrosis cell membranes



- High efficacy in combination therapy
- Cell deliverable
- Robust ion transport
- Low toxicity

By facilitating ion transport, anionophores pose as promising candidates for cystic fibrosis therapy



Anion carriers as potential treatments for cystic fibrosis: transport in cystic fibrosis cells, and additivity to channeltargeting drug Li et al. (2019) DOI: 10.1039/C9SC04242C

