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Combined Molecular Microscopy for
Therapy and Personalized Medication
in Rare Anaemias Treatments





Mission

- Anaemia affects 1.6 billion individuals worldwide. Approx. 10% of these individuals suffer from rare anaemia (RA).
- As the pathophysiology of the majority of these RA is poorly understood, the appropriate treatment is often ineffective or even lacking.
- Therefore, there is a current demand for new tools for improved diagnosis and monitoring of disease progression.
- CoMMiTMeNT contributes to the goal of the International Rare Diseases Research Consortium (IRDiRC) to deliver novel diagnostic modalities and 200 new therapies for rare diseases by 2020.





Objectives

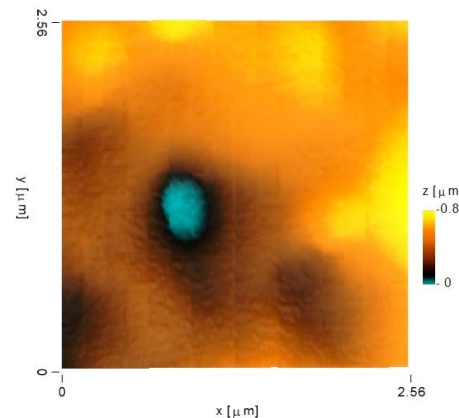
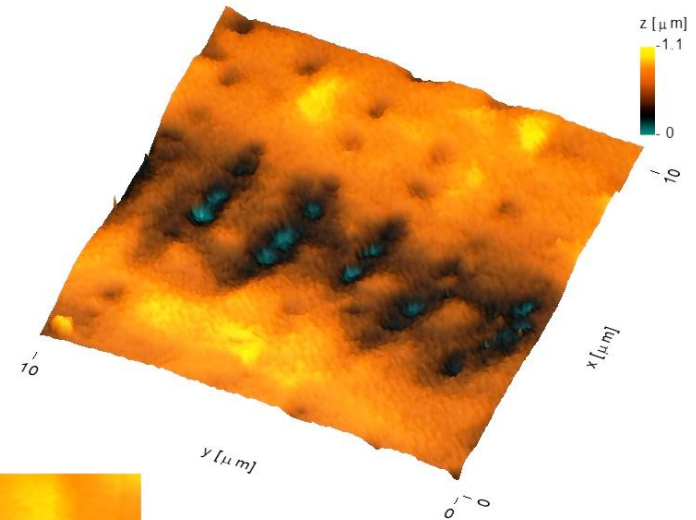
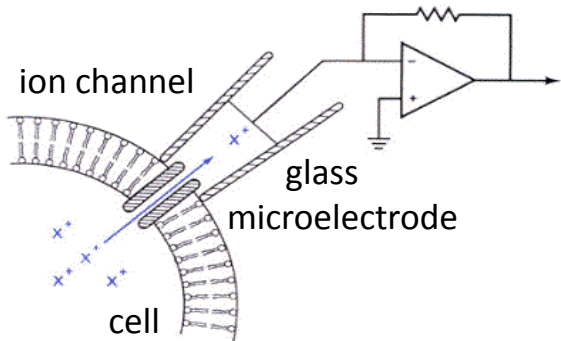
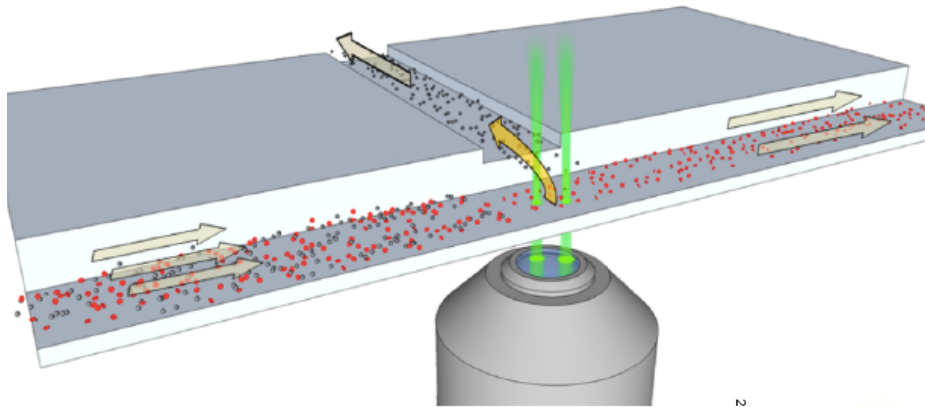
- To develop and validate the technologies of optofluidic microscopy and scanning ion conductance microscopy as novel methods to be combined in a synergistic device.
- To allow for the identification and probing of the molecular players that underlie rare anaemia (e.g. channelopathies).
- To provide
 - a novel diagnostic tool,
 - a better understanding of the underlying pathophysiology of rare anaemia,
 - and the possibility for the development of (personalised) treatments for this group of established, emerging, and as yet undiscovered RBC disorders.





Technology

- Imaging technologies will be complemented by microfluidics and image analysis tools
- The goal is to see cells in action!





Team

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