

### Our experience with NIHR i4i Connect Grant

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#### About MediSieve



#### 2015-16:

- Company spun-out from University College London
- £350k of seed investment
- £200k grants (Wellcome Trust and Innovate UK)
- Clinical prototyping

#### 2017:

- Move into own facilities
- Start animal trials
- £200k of grants (NIHR & EU)

#### 2018:

- £1.75M equity funding
- Completed animal trials
- First-in-man clinical trials (Q4)





#### Innovate UK











## About Us





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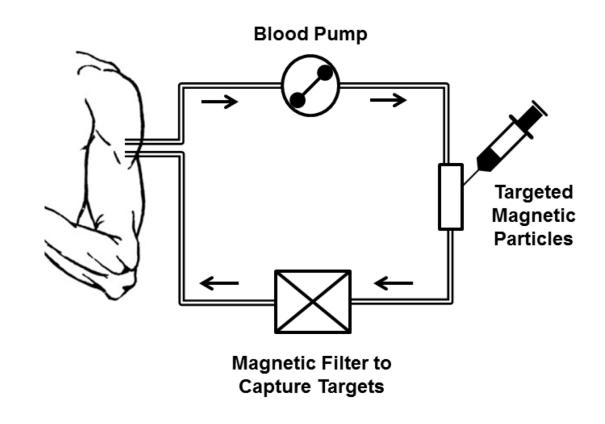
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# Technology

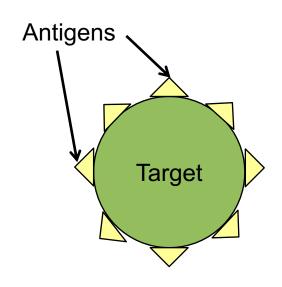




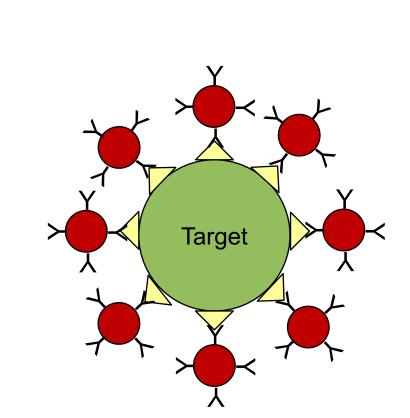
## MAGNETIC BLOOD FILTRATION

## Magnetic Labelling





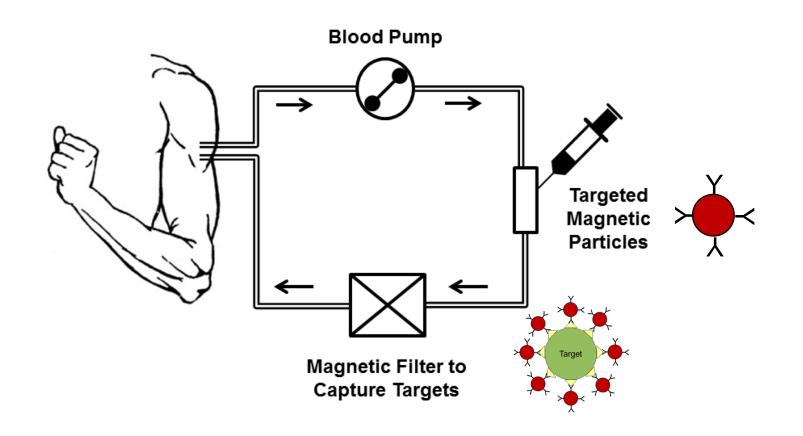
Magnetic particle + Antibody = Targeted magnetic particle



Magnetically labelled target

## Magnetic Blood Filtration





- ✓ One-off treatment for severe cases
- ✓ Treatment time 3-4hrs
- ✓ Treat any patient
- ✓ Cost-effective
- ✓ Integrates with standard hospital equipment

## Platform Technology



Anything that can be magnetically labelled can be removed

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# Biomedical applications of high gradient magnetic separation: progress towards therapeutic haemofiltration

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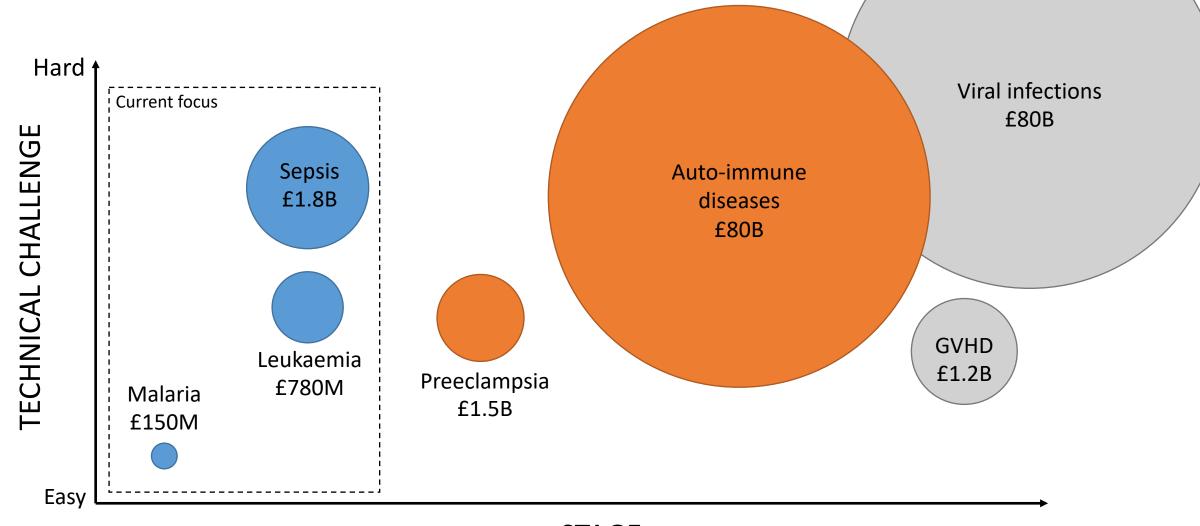
**Abstract:** High gradient magnetic separation is a well-established technology in the mineral processing industry, and has been used for decades in the bioprocessing industry. Less well known is the increasing role that high gradient magnetic separation is playing in biomedical applications, for both diagnostic and therapeutic purposes. We review here the state of the art in this emerging field, with a focus on therapeutic haemofiltration, the key enabling technologies relating to the functionalisation of magnetic nanoparticles with target-specific binding agents, and the development of extra-corporeal circuits to enable the *in situ* filtering of human blood.

magnetic dipoles, this force is given by  $F = (m \cdot \nabla)B$ , where  $B = \mu_o(H + M)$  is the magnetic flux density in the particle,  $\mu_o$  is the permeability of free space, and  $M = m/V = \Delta \chi H$  is the magnetisation of the particle, where  $\Delta \chi$  is the difference in magnetic susceptibility between the particle and the surrounding medium (which in most cases is water) [80].

HGMS has a similarly long history of application in the bioprocessing industry, particularly in the field of protein purification [28, 31, 47, 70]. Here the approach is different, in that biochemically functionalised magnetic particles are added to the fermentation broth (or another such crude bioprocess fluid) to act as an adsorbent species that can then be conveniently separated out by passing the broth through an HGMS filter. This is known to be a highly efficient way to achieve the same sort of purifica-

# **Potential Applications**

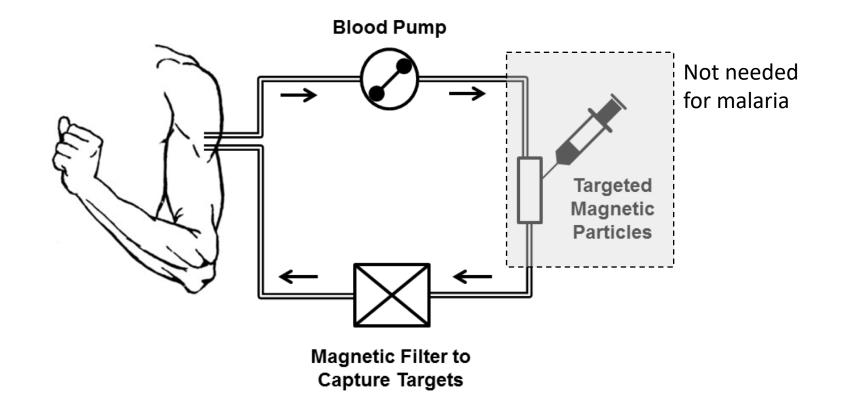




# Why Malaria?



## Infected cells are naturally magnetic



#### Products









#### MediSieve Magnet™

→ Same for each application

MediSieve Filter™

→ Same for each application

MediSieve Particles™

→ Different for each application

Tested in i4i project

Consumables – drive revenue

# Regulatory Strategy





#### Filter & magnet:

- ✓ Class IIa medical device
- ✓ Passed ISO10993 biocompatibility testing



#### Magnetic particles:

- ✓ Class III medical device
- ✓ Extracorporeal only

- First CE mark, then FDA
- Regulatory consultants:
  - Medical Device Management (CE mark)
  - Isca Healthcare (MHRA approvals for trials)

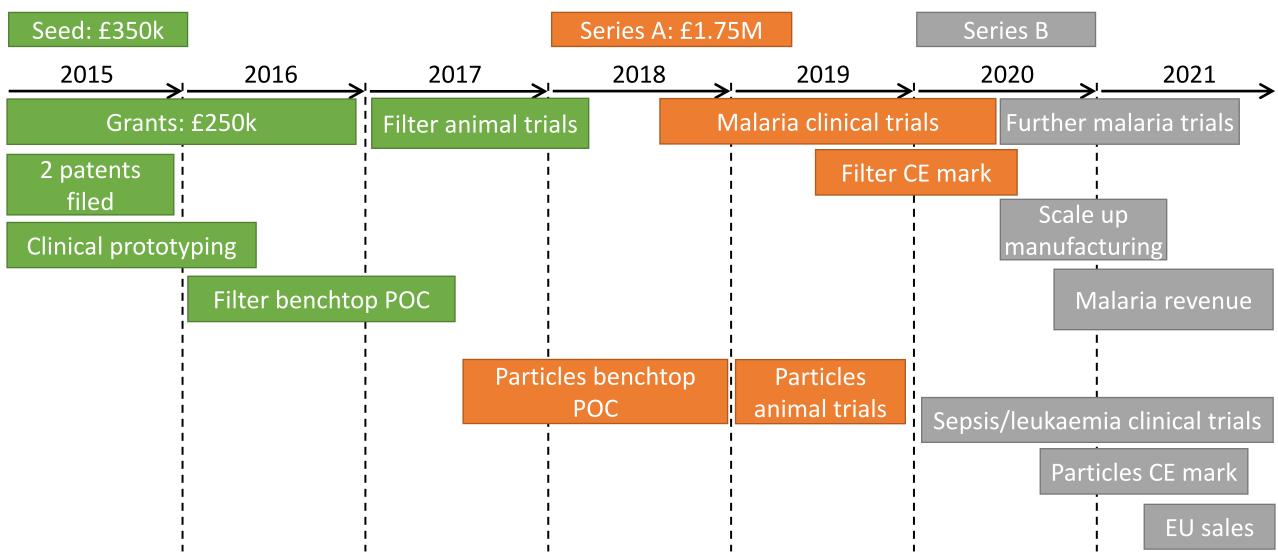






#### Milestones





## NIHR i4i Connect Project



#### Aim: Perform first-in-man safety clinical trials of magnetic filter

Milestone 1: Finalise regulatory documentation for MHRA

Milestone 2: Make IRAS submission for approval to perform trials

Milestone 3: Clinical safety trial with n=10 health volunteers

**Project duration: 12 months** 

Budget: £150,000

## Challenges



- 1. Managing the "unknown unknowns"
- 2. Clinical trials site and partners
- 3. Scale of MHRA submission, even for simple trial
- 4. Managing timelines and costs



# Magnetic Blood Filtration

- ✓ Platform technology with large potential market
  - ✓ First target: severe Malaria
- ✓ NIHR grant supporting first-in-man clinical trials

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