



# Sol-Gel

Advanced Topical Therapy

## Sol-Gel's Technology

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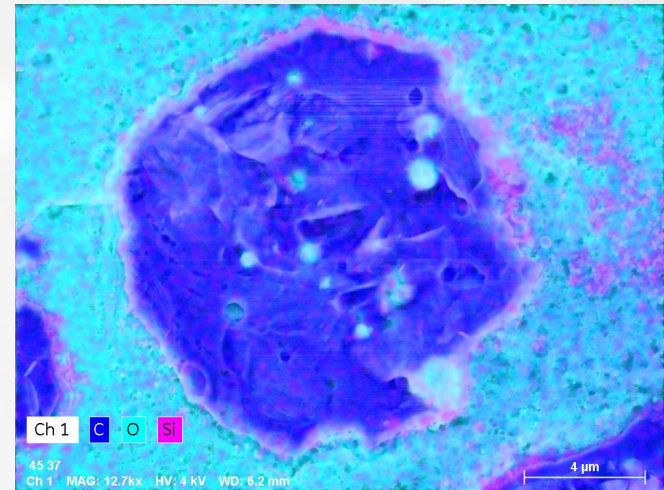
# The Sol-Gel Microencapsulation Platform

*Silica-based microencapsulation delivery system  
allows to develop drugs that have the potential to be more effective and tolerable  
than existing drugs without the need to introduce new chemical entities*

Particle size and release rate are precisely tuned to allow efficient delivery of the entrapped API

Core/shell structure is designed to boost tolerability

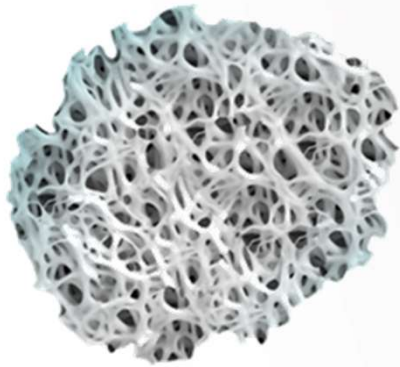
High encapsulation efficiency (>99%) allows improved stability



Cryo-SEM pictures of silica-based microcapsules

# Sol-Gel Microencapsulation vs. Microsponge®

## Microsponge®

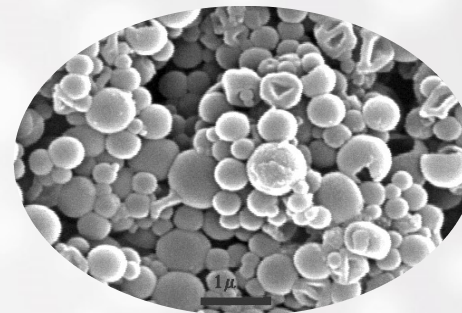


Tunnel structure of microsponge® delivery system

- Only one encapsulation delivery technology, Microsponge®, approved by the FDA for topical drug products
- This was for Retin-A Micro® in 1997\*, requiring the approval of a novel organic excipient (methyl methacrylate/glycol dimethacrylate cross-polymer porous microspheres)

\* Three years later Carc® was approved using the same technology

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Core-shell structure of Sol-Gel's delivery system

- Unlike Microsponge® for which the approval of a novel excipient was required, silica is approved by the FDA as a safe excipient for topical drugs
- The core-shell structure of Sol-Gel's delivery system allows a high load of drug substance and its modular construction enables a high degree of flexibility in tuning the drug's release rate