

*Supplementary Information*

# Effects of Drug Physicochemical Properties on In-Situ Forming Implant Polymer Degradation and Drug Release Kinetics

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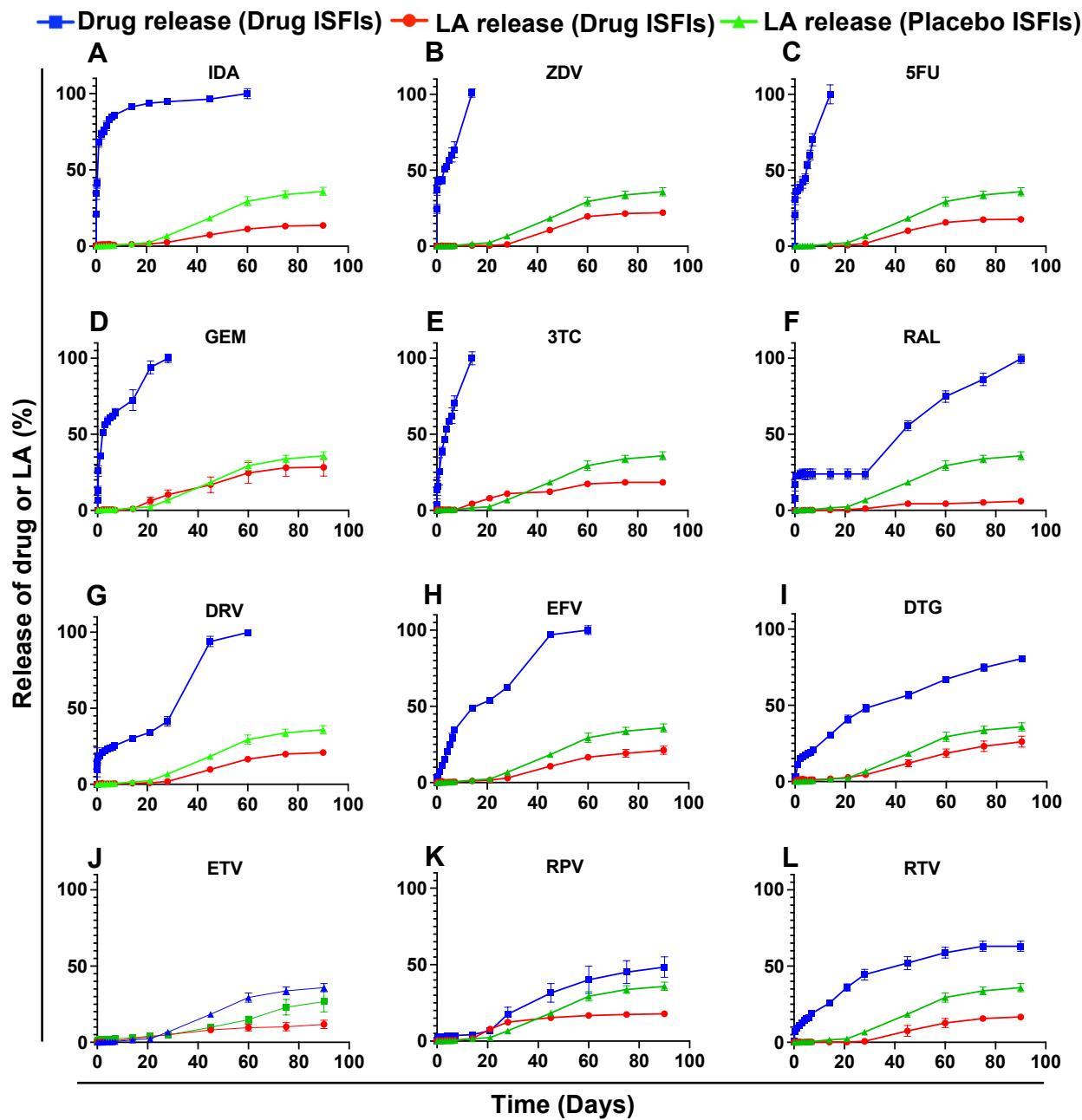
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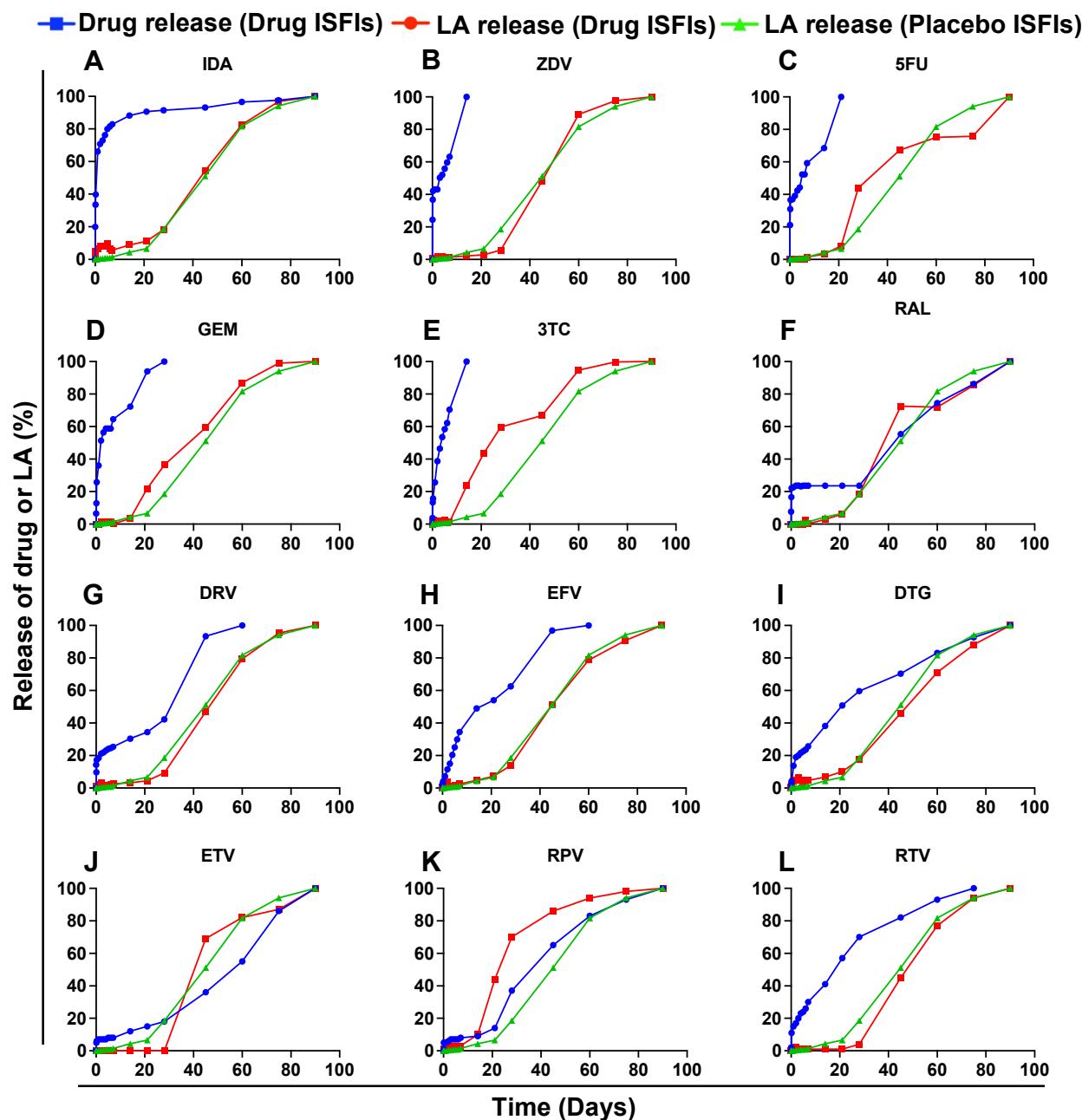
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**Supplementary Table S1.** Summary of various ISFI formulations investigated to study the effects of drug physicochemical properties on drug release kinetics and polymer degradation over 90 days incubation in PBS at 37°C. Drug concentration in ISFI formulations (mg/g) and in each depot (mg) injected into PBS was determined by HPLC analysis.

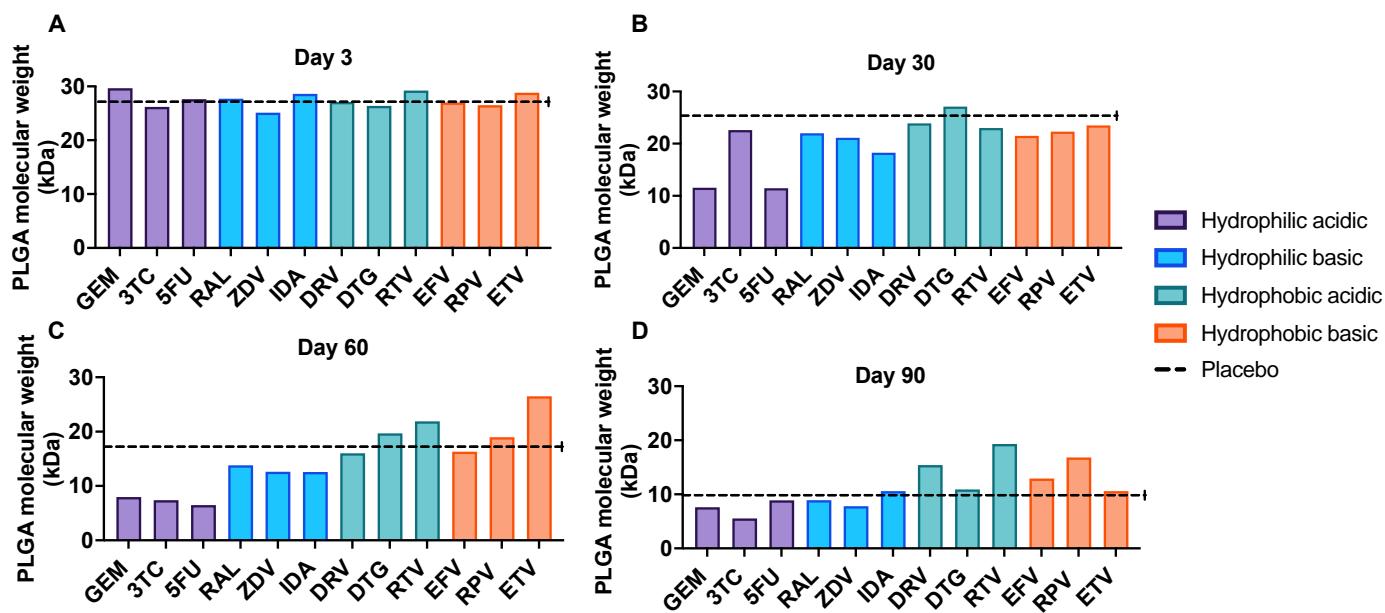
Drug	LogP	pKa	[drug] (mg/g)	Drug/depot (mg)
DRV	1.8	11.4	49.52 ± 2.78	1.28 ± 0.13
DTG	2.2	8.2	51.90 ± 5.1	1.21 ± 0.08
RTV	3.9	2.8	49.26 ± 3.71	1.51 ± 0.09
EFV	4.6	10.2	53.73 ± 3.96	1.72 ± 0.16
RPV	4.8	5.6	51.35 ± 3.04	1.73 ± 0.14
ETV	5.5	3.7	50.98 ± 1.87	1.60 ± 0.01
GEM	-1.4	3.4	50.10 ± 2.36	1.46 ± 0.04
3TC	-0.49	4.3	50.48 ± 3.18	1.57 ± 0.09
5FU	-0.89	8.02	51.77 ± 3.29	1.72 ± 0.13
RAL	-0.39	6.3	51.81 ± 2.79	1.61 ± 0.20
ZDV	0.05	9.7	53.44 ± 2.24	1.77 ± 0.15
IDA	0.2	9.5	51.20 ± 1.41	1.78 ± 0.08



**Supplementary Figure S1:** In vitro drug release kinetics and PLGA degradation quantified by HPLC and lactic acid assay respectively over 90 days. % Drug release (blue), lactic acid release from drug-loaded ISFIs (red), and lactic acid release from placebo ISFIs (green). A) IDA ISFI (50 mg/g); B) ZDV ISFI (50 mg/g); C) 5FU ISFI (50 mg/g); D) GEM ISFI (50 mg/g); E) 3TC ISFI (50 mg/g); F) RAL ISFI (50 mg/g); G) DRV ISFI (50 mg/g); H) EFV ISFI (50 mg/g); I) DTG ISFI (50 mg/g); J) ETV ISFI 50 (mg/g); K) RPV ISFI (50 mg/g); L) RTV ISFI (50 mg/g).



**Supplementary Figure S2:** In vitro drug release kinetics and PLGA degradation quantified by HPLC and lactic acid assay respectively over 90 days. Drug release normalized to % release at day 90 (blue), lactic acid release from drug-loaded ISFIs normalized to % release at day 90 (red), and lactic acid release from placebo ISFI normalized to % release at day 90 (green). A) IDA ISFI (50 mg/g); B) ZDV ISFI (50 mg/g); C) 5FU ISFI (50 mg/g); D) GEM ISFI (50 mg/g); E) 3TC ISFI (50 mg/g); F) RAL ISFI (50 mg/g); G) DRV ISFI (50 mg/g); H) EFV ISFI (50 mg/g); I) DTG ISFI (50 mg/g); J) ETV ISFI 50 (mg/g); K) RPV ISFI (50 mg/g); L) RTV ISFI (50 mg/g).



**Supplementary Figure S3:** Molecular weight of PLGA (kDa) as measured by GPC analysis for each drug at (A) day 3 (B) day 30 (C) day 60 (D) day 90.