

# DRUG DEVELOPMENT UNIT

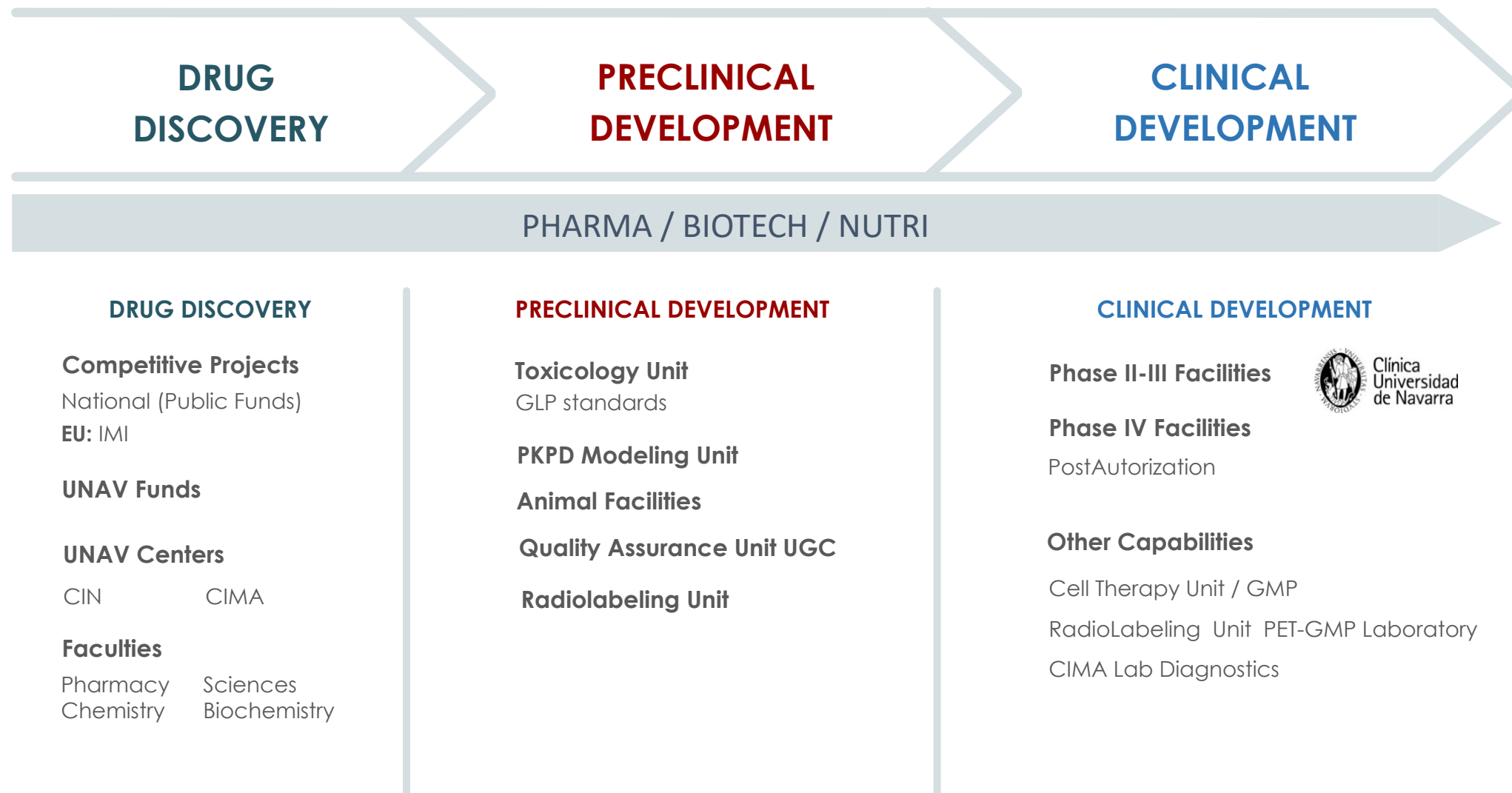
**DDUNAV**



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# DDUNAV: Drug Development Unit



# Preclinical Development: Toxicology Unit

## Capabilities

### – General Toxicology

- Single dose studies
- Repeated dose studies
- Maximum tolerated dose studies

### – Specific Toxicology

- Local tolerance studies
- Skin & Eye irritation/corrosion studies
- Phototoxicity studies
- Immunogenicity studies
- Mutagenicity genotoxicity
  - ✓ Ames Test
  - ✓ *In vitro* and *in vivo* Micronucleus Test
  - ✓ *In vitro* and *in vivo* Comet Assay

### – Pharmacokinetic/ Toxicokinetic Studies & Biodistribution Studies

### – Development of Animal Model Disease

- Oncology studies: breast cancer, melanoma, colon cancer, etc.

### – Efficacy Studies: *in vitro/in vivo* models

### – Cytotoxicity Assays

### – Biocompatibility studies of medical devices

## Experimental Models

Rat	Rabbit
Hamster	Macaque
Mouse	Others

## Administration Routes

Oral	Dermal	Intramuscular
Subcutaneous	Rectal	Ocular
Intraperitoneal	Intravenous	Intravitreal
Vaginal	Other...*	

*\*Other complex administration routes in collaboration with CUN and CIMA researchers*

**GLP Certification**

# Preclinical Development: Pharmacometrics / PKPD Modelling

## Capabilities

- **In vitro/in vivo correlation:** predicting *in vivo* pharmacokinetic based on early data
- **PBPK Models:** early prediction of human pharmacokinetics
- **PK/PD Modeling:** link between drug concentration and bio- and/or surrogate makers
- **PK/PD population analysis:** models to describe the clinical outcome with clinical data
- **Drug Development Optimization:** statistical considerations and *in silico* simulations of the optimal scenario for future experiments/studies
- **Personalized medicine:** choosing the right drug and dose for each patient

Development mechanistic models "**IN SILICO**".

Describing and predicting the time-course of disease progression and drug action at every step during the development of a new drug

## Participation in:

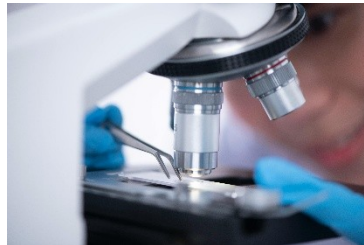


# Preclinical Development: Microbiology Studies

## Capabilities

- **Studies on bactericidal and fungicidal efficacy**  
(determination of MIC and MBC, antibiograms)
- **Preservative efficacy studies**
- **Validation of microbiological control methods** in pharmaceutical products
- **Microbiological testing of pharmaceutical products**  
(stability studies)
- **Validation of culture media productivity** used in microbiological control of pharmaceutical
- **Microbiological control** of water for injectable preparations
- **Sterility testing** of pharmaceutical products

The laboratory operates under a quality system in compliance with the ISO 17025 standard and Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) certification for the performance of microbiological studies on antibiotic efficacy, fungicidal efficacy, preservative effectiveness, and stability studies.



# Preclinical Development: Animal Facilities

**Universidad de Navarra, User Center ES/3120100000132.** Authorized center for the housing of rodents (mainly rats and mice), rabbits, non-human primates (*Macaca fascicularis*) and farm animals (pigs and sheep)

**Maximum capacities** (according to Directive 2010/63/EU)

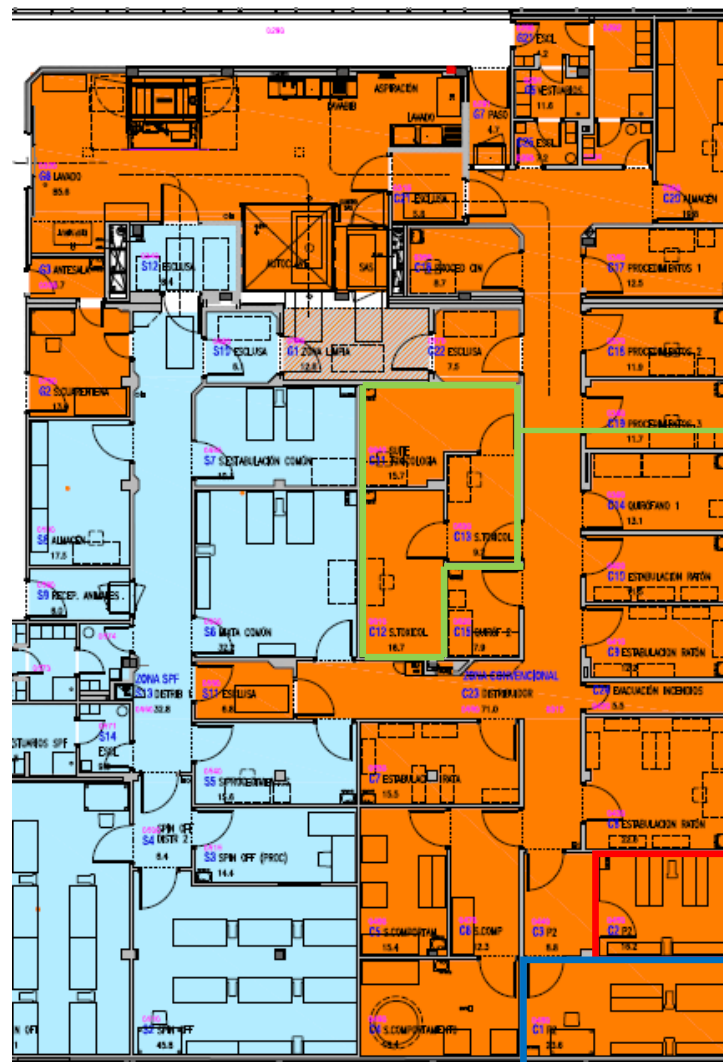
- Rat/mouse → 10.000
- Rabbit (< 3 Kg) → Up to 75
- NHP, Macaques (< 3 years) → Up to 200
- Farm animals:
  - Pigs (< 100 Kg) → 40 per room\*
  - Sheeps (< 35 Kg) → 40 per room\*
- 4 rooms available for housing these species

CIFA

Edificio de Experimentación



## CIFA – roents stabling (500 m<sup>2</sup>)



Dedicated area for  
GLP-compliant studies

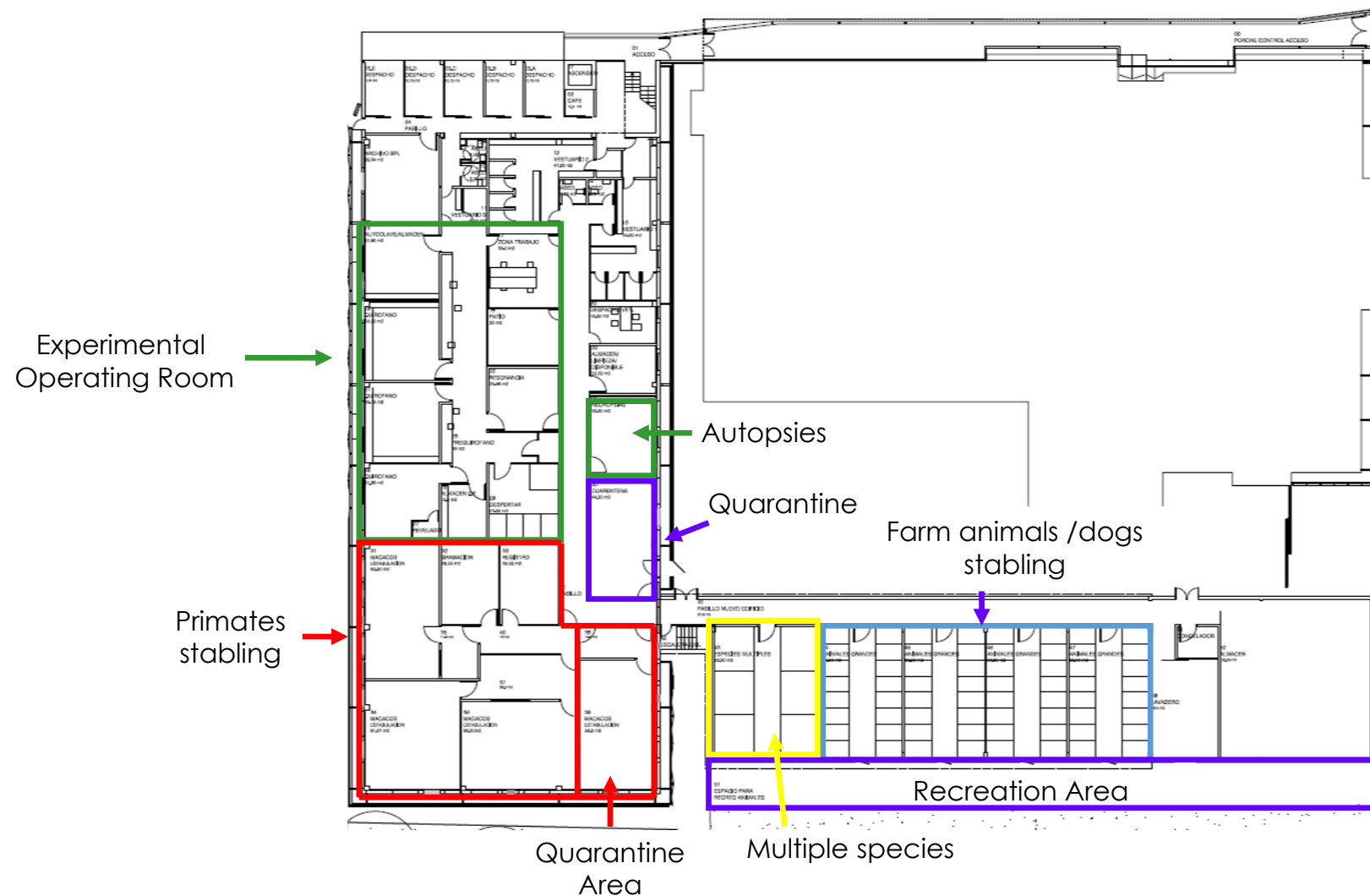
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## GMO breeding



# Preclinical Development: Animal Facilities

## Edificio de Experimentación – big animals stabling (2000 m<sup>2</sup>)





# Preclinical Development: Experimental Operating Room

## Facilities

Facilities authorized by the Government of Navarra as a user center, with the following distribution:

- **Pre-operating area** (66 m<sup>2</sup>)
- **3 multipurpose operating rooms** (35 m<sup>2</sup> each)
- **Sterilization and storage room** (32 m<sup>2</sup>)
- **Multipurpose working room** (34 m<sup>2</sup>)
- **2 recovery rooms with monitoring**
- **Equipment storage area** (11 m<sup>2</sup>)



## Equipment

- **Surgical Equipment**
  - ✓ 2 Laparoscopy towers
  - ✓ 2 Interventional radiology systems
  - ✓ 1 Cardiac mapping navigation system (NOGA)
- **Anesthesia & Monitoring**
  - ✓ 5 Anesthesia stations
  - ✓ 1 Vascular blood flow monitoring system
- **Diagnostic Imaging**
  - ✓ 2 Diagnostic ultrasound systems

# Preclinical Development: Experimental Operating Room

## Capabilities

- **Experimental disease models** – large and small animals
- **Surgical procedures** – conventional and minimally invasive (laparoscopy, endoscopy, interventional radiology and cardiology)
- **Surgical support services:**
  - ✓ Anesthesia and monitoring
  - ✓ Postoperative care and sample collection
  - ✓ Euthanasia, necropsy and tissue collection
- **Technical-veterinary support and advice** in all procedures involving animals in the Experimental Surgery Area
  - ✓ Animal welfare guidance
  - ✓ Current legislation
  - ✓ Selection of appropriate animal models
  - ✓ Training in basic handling and surgical techniques
- **Diagnostic evaluation** – anatomical and functional assessment using non-invasive techniques
- **Functional, efficacy & safety evaluation** of medical devices, surgical devices and biomaterials

## Accredited Staff

- **1 veterinarian and 1 nurse**, officially accredited for:
  - ✓ Function B – animal euthanasia
  - ✓ Function C – carrying out procedures
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  - ✓ Function B – animal euthanasia
  - ✓ Function C – carrying out procedures
  - ✓ Function D – designing projects and procedures
  - ✓ Function E – taking responsibility for the on-site supervision of animal welfare and care
  - ✓ Function F – performing the duties of the designated veterinarian
  - ✓ Also serving as the Universidad de Navarra Welfare Advisor



# Clinical Development: Clinical Trials

## 1 SITE 2 LOCATIONS MODEL:

- Pamplona
- Madrid

## Phase II

Limited num. of patients

Preliminary data of safety / benefit of therapy

## Phase III

Increase of patients

Safety and Efficacy Studies

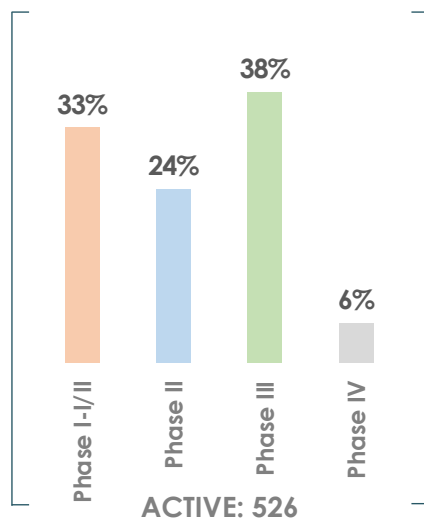
## Phase IV

Product on the market

Long-term effects

**27 Medical Departments of CUN**

## Clinical Trials Data



## Main Areas of Clinical Trials

Oncology  
Cardiology  
Neurology  
Haematology  
Ophthalmology  
Hepatology  
Dermatology  
OTL

# Multidisciplinary environment

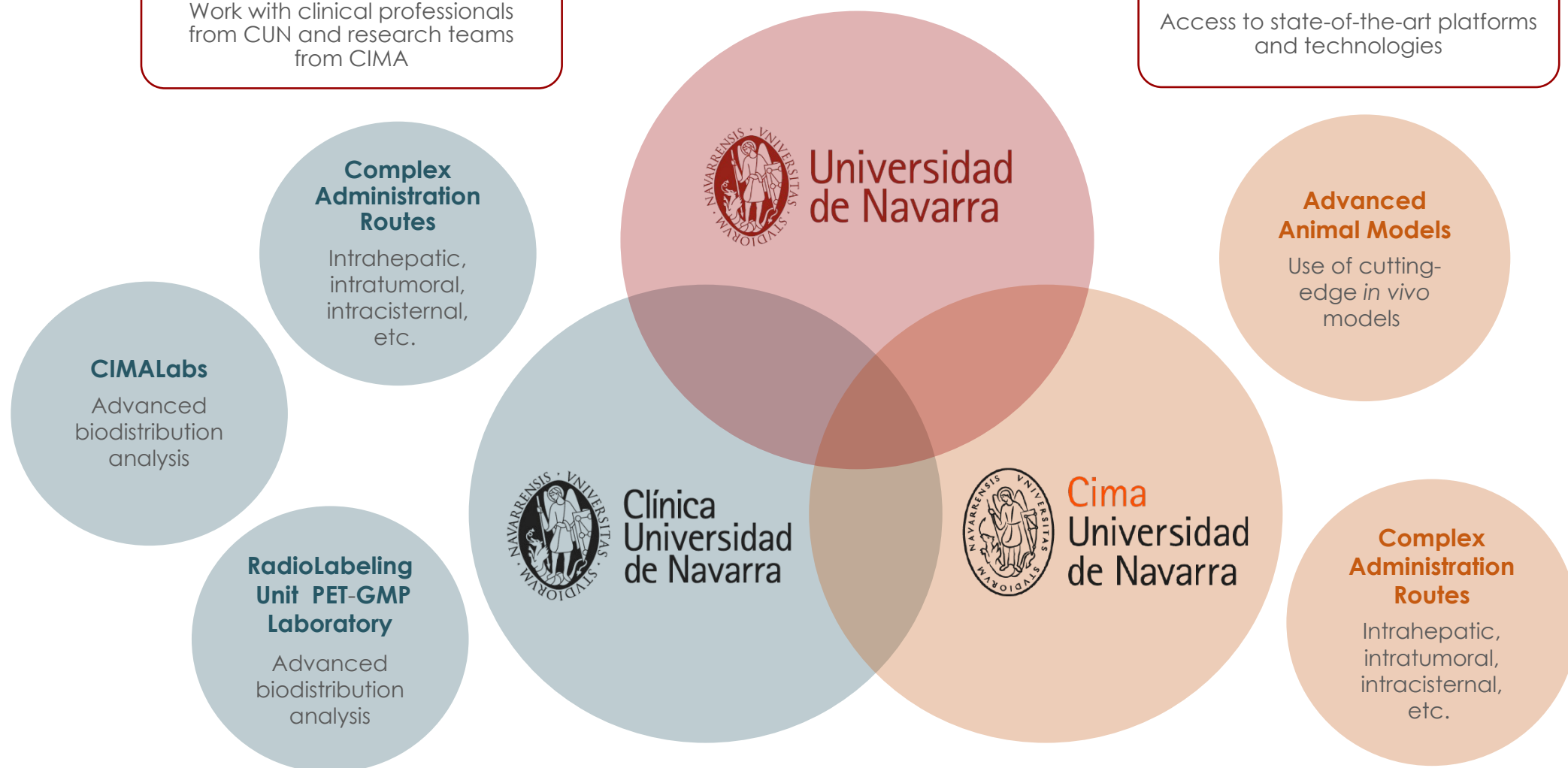
- ✓ Over 150 preclinical toxicology studies under GMP conditions

## Multidisciplinary Collaboration

Work with clinical professionals from CUN and research teams from CIMA

## Innovation & Infrastructure

Access to state-of-the-art platforms and technologies



# Added Value of DDUNAV

## One-Stop-Shop

One place to develop your project

## Flexibility

Flexible structure to adapt according to companies' needs

## Management

Each Project is managed by a scientific responsible and a manager

## Scientific Excellence

Each Project is designed to the highest scientific standards

## Drug Development

Experience in products from preclinical stage to Phase II approval

## Team

Multidisciplinary teams involved in each project

## BIOTECH ENVIROMENT



### DDUNAV Unit

Toxicology  
PKPD Modeling  
Animal Facilities  
UGC

### CUN

Phase II -III - IV  
Cell Therapy  
Radiolabeling  
CIMALab  
Diagnostic

### CIMA

Platforms and technologies

# Added Value of DDUNAV

## WHY COLLABORATE WITH US?

- 1 Extensive experience in complex preclinical studies
- 2 GLP-certified since 2012 (second center in Spain to achieve certification; conducting studies since 1986)
- 3 Academic and innovation-driven environment fostering synergies and access to a vibrant biomedical campus and shared resources
- 4 Strong commitment to securing competitive funding and collaborative research opportunities
- 5 Agile and efficient project management



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