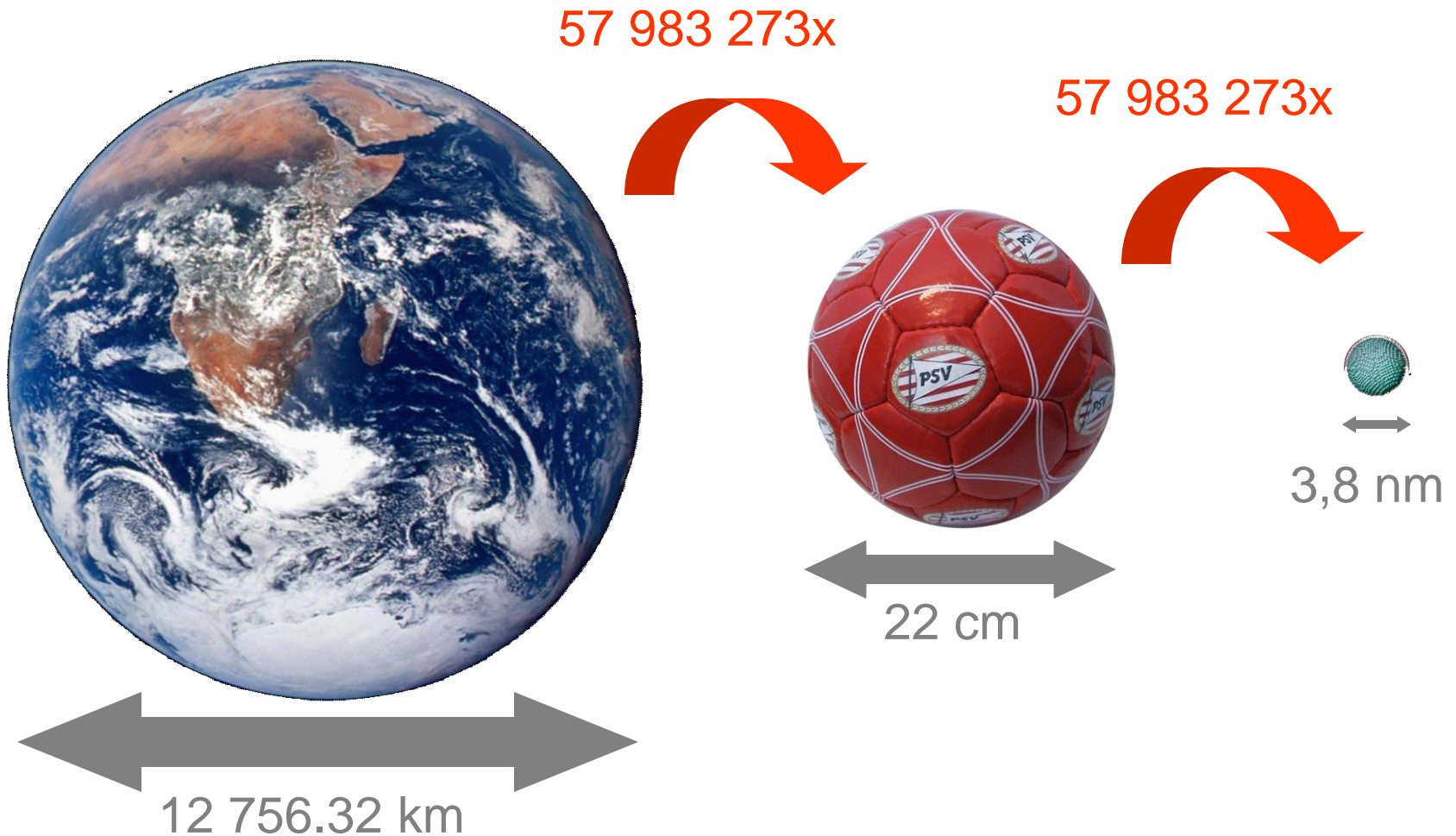


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# Nanomedical strategies for atherosclerosis

# Nanometer ( $10^{-9}$ meter)



# Nanotechnology!

Nano =  $10^{-9}$  nanus=νανοζ=dwarf



Nanotechnology deals with structures sized between 1 nm to 100 nm in at least one dimension

What is special about nano?

- Fundamental properties of materials change
- Large surface to volume ratio
- Multifunctionality

Gold nanoparticles





# Nanomedicine

- Wikipedia definition
  - Nanomedicine is the **medical application of nanotechnology**.  
Nanomedicine ranges from the medical applications of nanomaterials, to nanoelectronic biosensors, and even possible future applications of molecular nanotechnology. Current problems for nanomedicine involve understanding the issues related to toxicity and environmental impact of nanoscale materials.
- NIH definition
  - Applications of nanotechnology for treatment, diagnosis, monitoring, and control of biological systems.

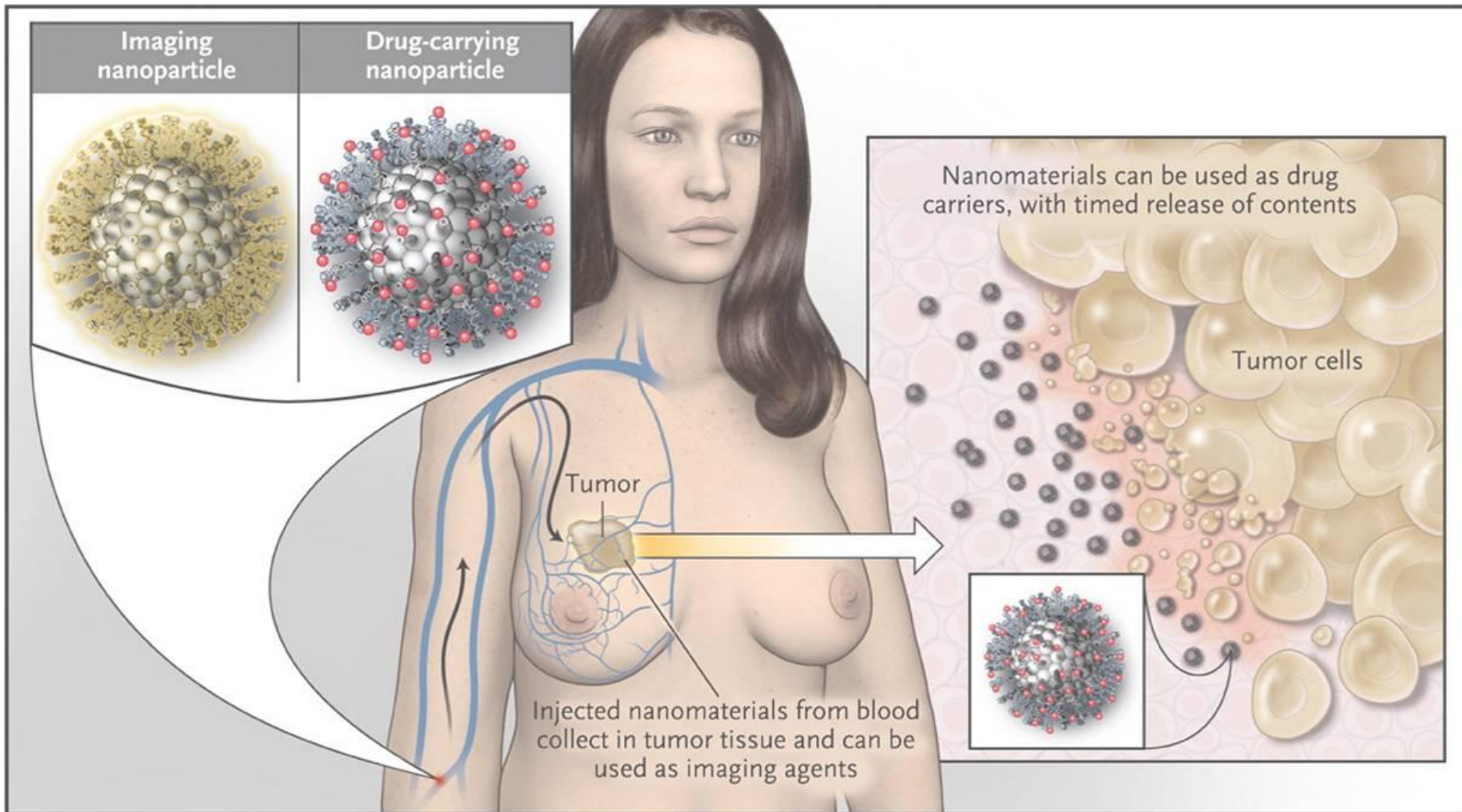
# Applications of nanomedicine

**Drug delivery.** Nanoscale particles/molecules developed to improve the bioavailability and pharmacokinetics of therapeutics. Examples are liposomes (and virosomes), polymer nanoparticles, nanosuspensions and polymer therapeutics. Drugs in which a protein is combined with a polymer nanoparticle or chemical nanostructure to improve its pharmacokinetic properties would be classified as nanomedicine-based drug delivery.

**Drugs and therapy.** Nanoscale particles/molecules used in the treatment of diseases that according to their structure have unique medical effects and as such differ from traditional small-molecule drugs. Examples include drugs based on fullerenes or dendrimers.

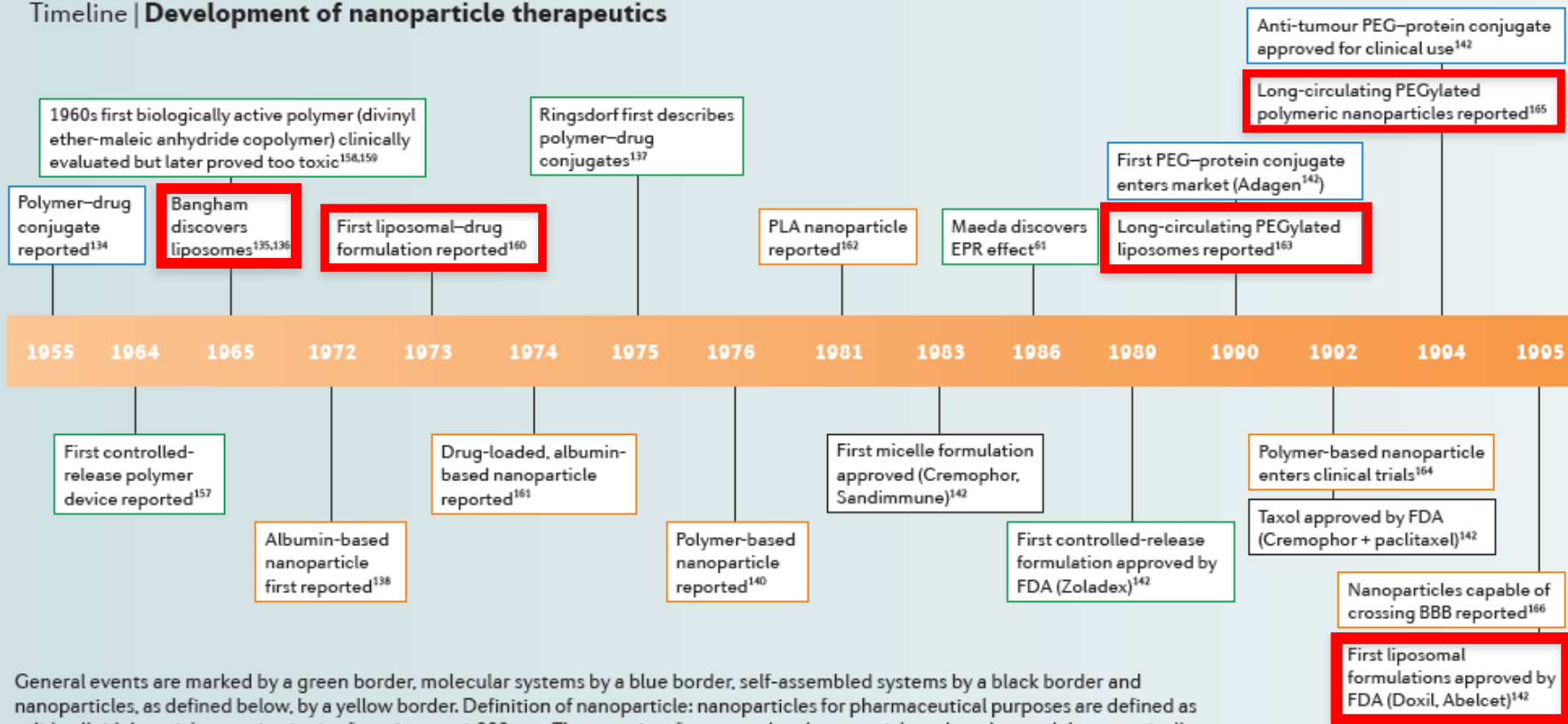
***In vivo* imaging.** Nanoparticle contrast agents, particularly for MRI and ultrasound, that provide improved contrast and favorable biodistribution. For example, superparamagnetic iron oxide nanoparticles for use as MRI contrast agents.

# Applications of nanomedicine



# History of nanoparticle therapeutics

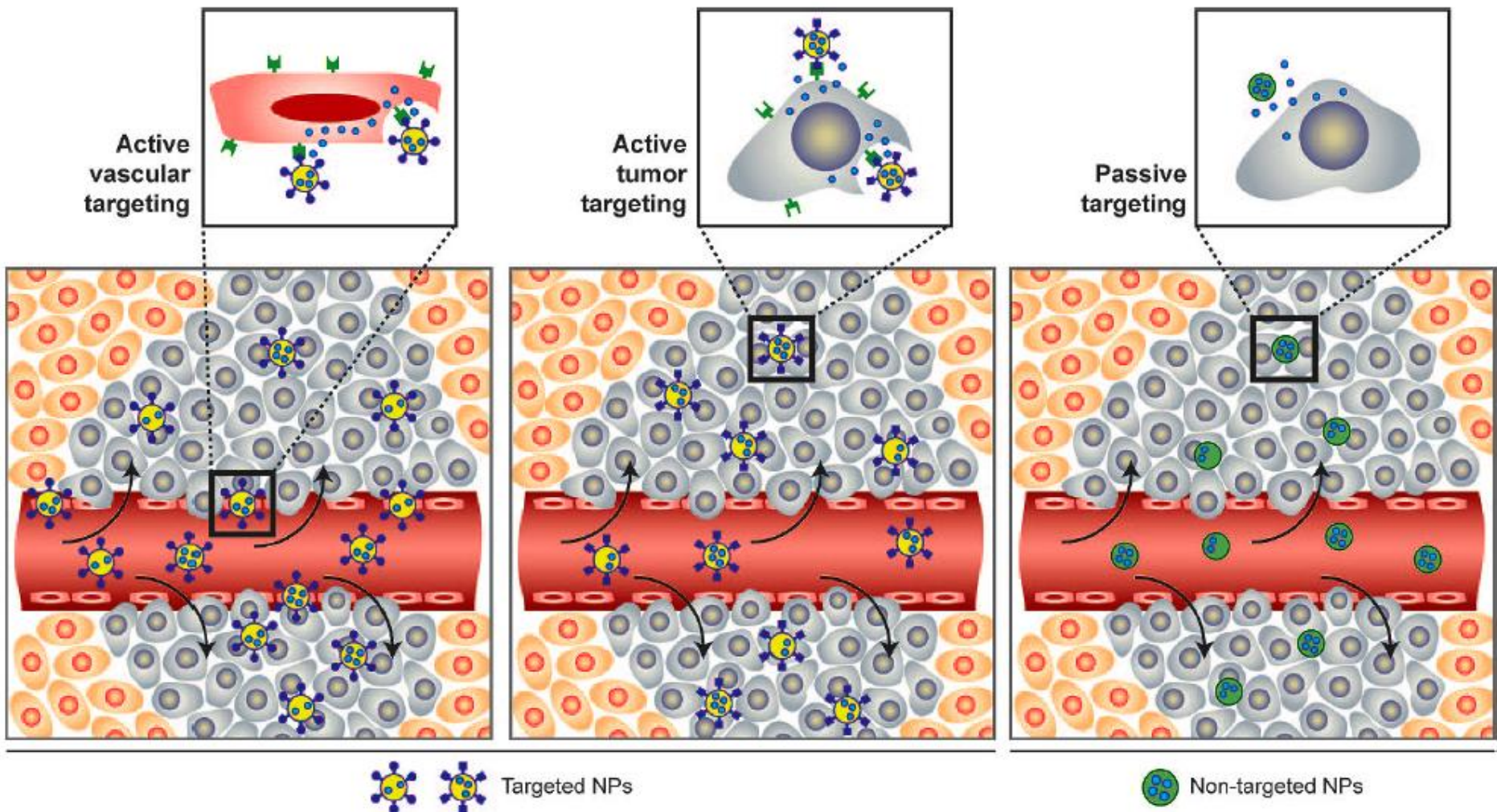
## Timeline | Development of nanoparticle therapeutics



General events are marked by a green border, molecular systems by a blue border, self-assembled systems by a black border and nanoparticles, as defined below, by a yellow border. Definition of nanoparticle: nanoparticles for pharmaceutical purposes are defined as solid colloidal particles ranging in size from 1 nm to 1,000 nm. They consist of macromolecular materials and can be used therapeutically as drug carriers, in which the active principle (drug or biologically active material) is dissolved, entrapped or encapsulated, or to which the active principle is adsorbed or attached. Abraxane, paclitaxel protein-bound particles for injectable suspension (Abraxis/AstraZeneca); Adagen, PEG-adenosine deaminase (Enzon); BBB, blood-brain barrier; Copaxone, glatiramer acetate for injection (Teva Pharmaceuticals); Cremophor, polyoxyethylated castor oil (BASF); EPR, enhanced permeability and retention; FDA, US Food and Drug Administration; Gliadel, polifeprosan 20 with carmustine implant (Eisai); PEG, polyethylene glycol; PLA, polylactic acid; Sandimmune, cyclosporine injection (Novartis); Zoladex, goserelin acetate implant (AstraZeneca).

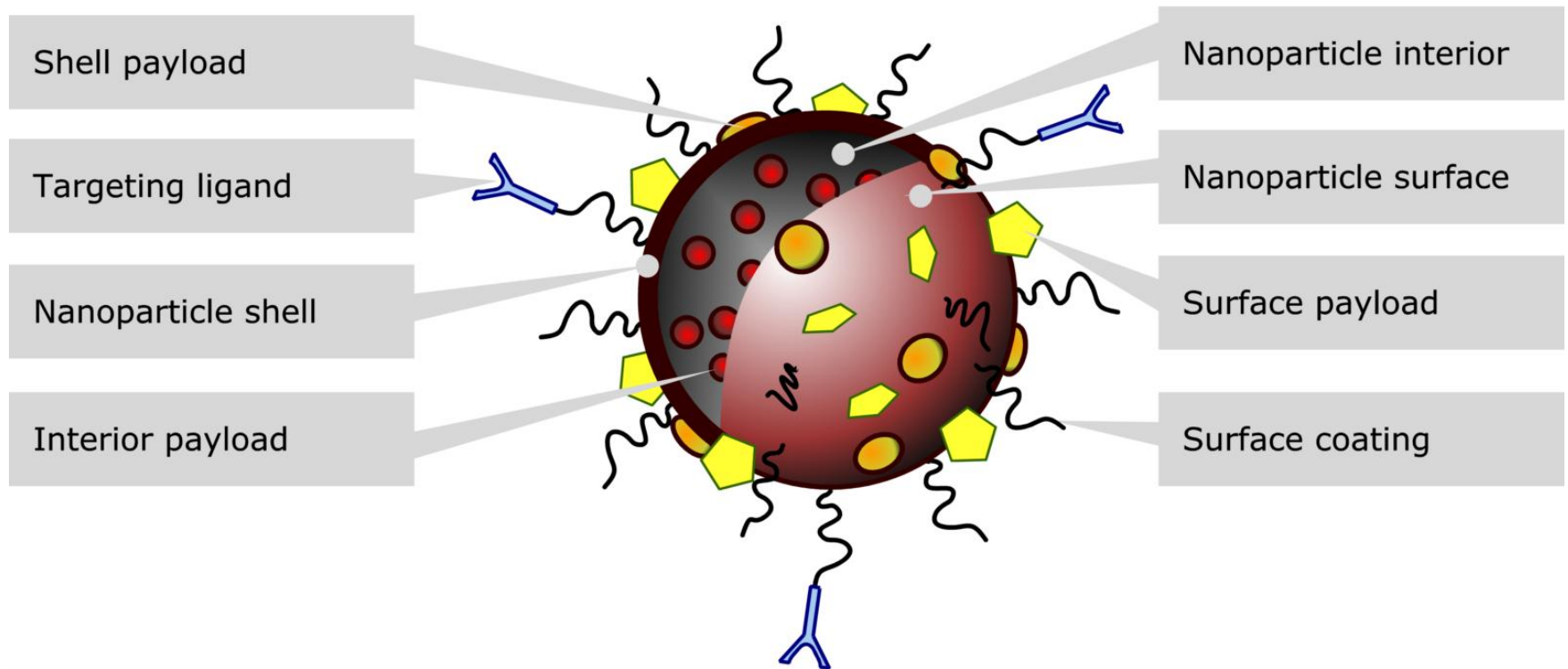


# Nanoparticle targeting





# Nanoparticle schematic



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# Making nanostructures

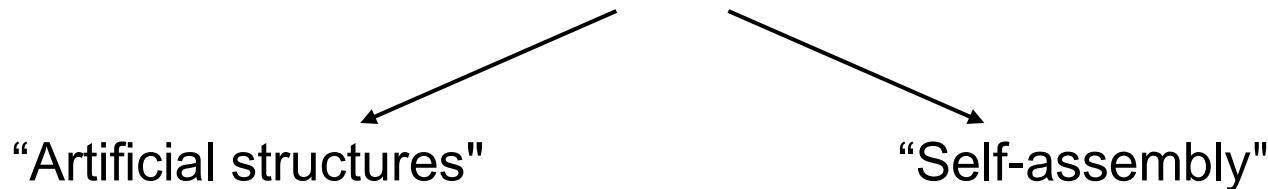
Distinguish between two strategies:

## Top-down

Start with a homogeneous substrate and remove material until the desired nanostructures are formed

## Bottom-up

Start with molecules or atoms and let them react until nanostructures are grown

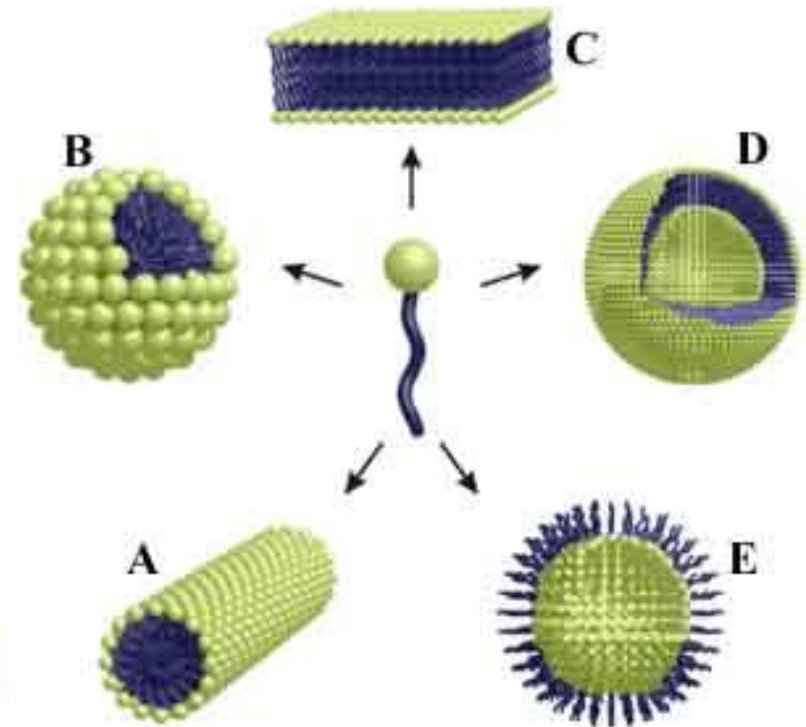
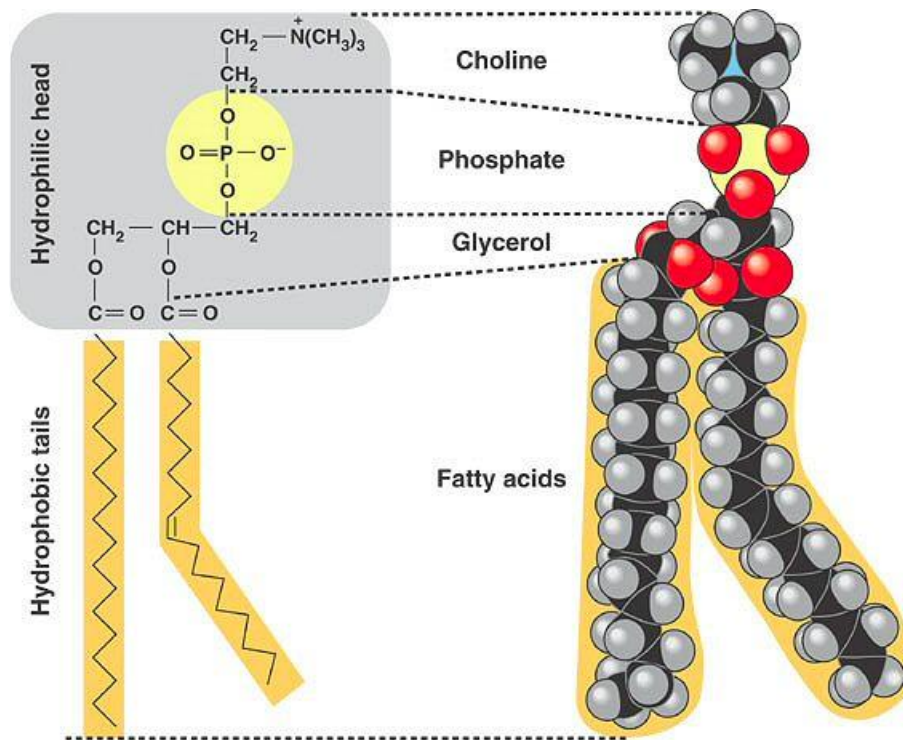


# Self-assembly and amphiphiles

## Amphiphile

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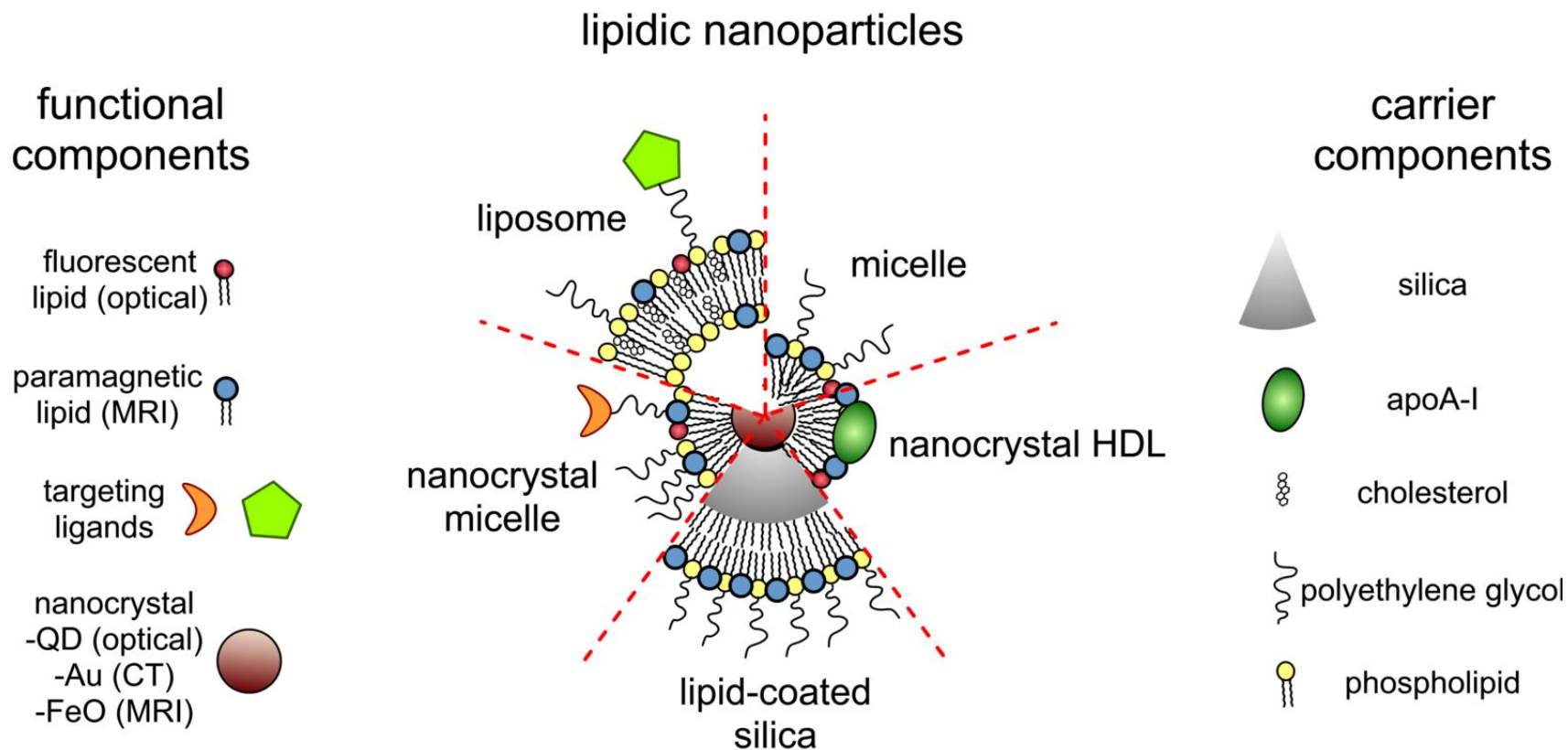
**Amphiphile** (from the [Greek](#) ἀμφίς, amphis: both and φιλία, [philia](#): love, friendship) is a term describing a [chemical compound](#) possessing both [hydrophilic](#) (*water-loving*) and [lipophilic](#) (*fat-loving*) properties. Such a compound is called *amphiphilic* or *amphipathic*. This forms the basis for a number of areas of research in chemistry and biochemistry, notably that of [lipid polymorphism](#). Organic compounds containing hydrophilic groups at **both** ends of a [prolate](#) molecule are called [bolaamphiphilic](#). Common amphiphilic substances are [soaps](#) and [detergents](#).





## Nanoparticulate Assemblies of Amphiphiles and Diagnostically Active Materials for Multimodality Imaging

### CON SPECTUS



# Outline

## Classes of nanoparticles to be discussed

- Micellar nanoparticles
  - Collagen imaging in atherosclerosis and AAA
  - Apoptosis imaging in atherosclerosis
- High density lipoprotein nanoparticles
  - Nanocrystal HDL: HDL-cell biology → In vivo imaging
  - HDL statin delivery as anti-atherosclerosis therapy
- Multimodal liposomes
  - Theranostics of atherosclerosis

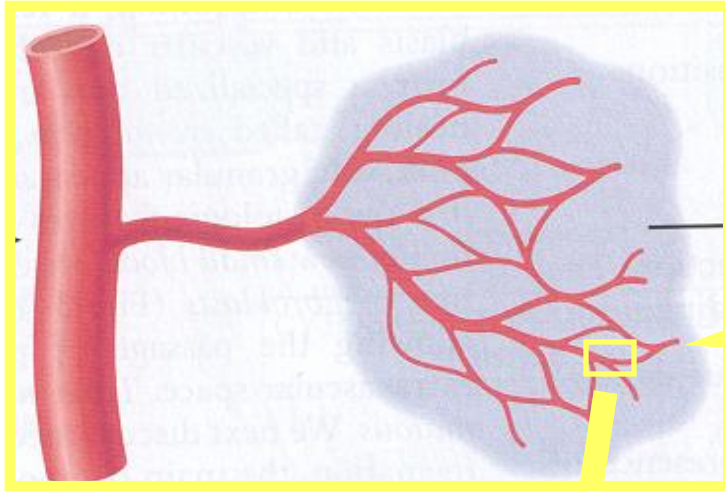
Molecular imaging

Theranostics

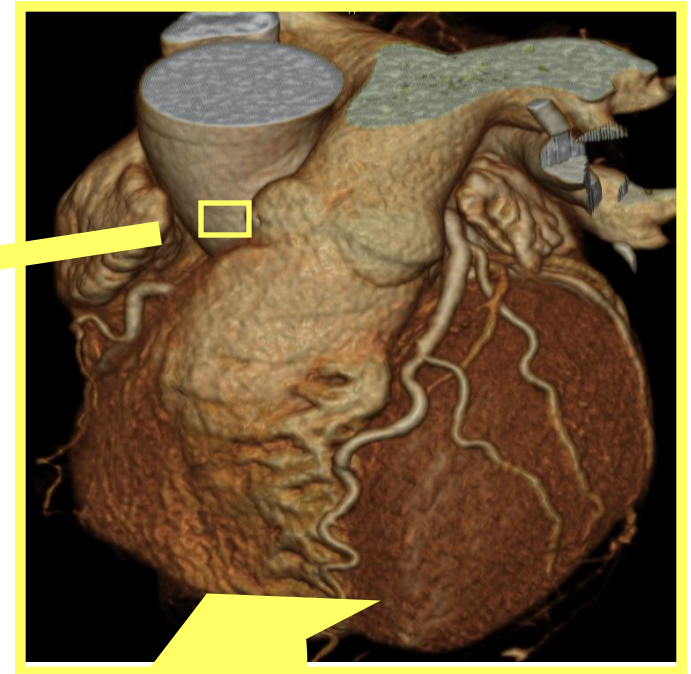
Multimodal imaging

# Anatomical to molecular imaging

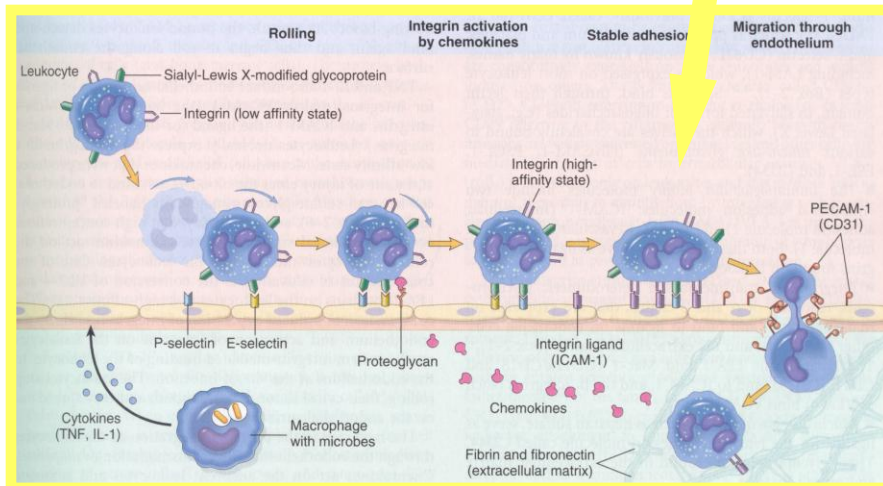
Tissue level (e.g. myocardial perfusion)



Anatomical level



Cellular and molecular level

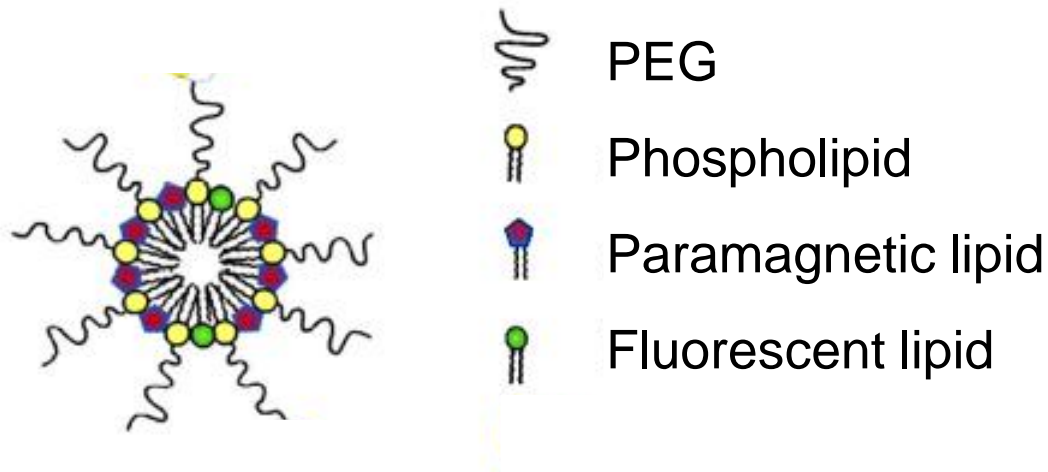


Nanoparticles!



# Collagen-targeted paramagnetic micellar nanoparticle

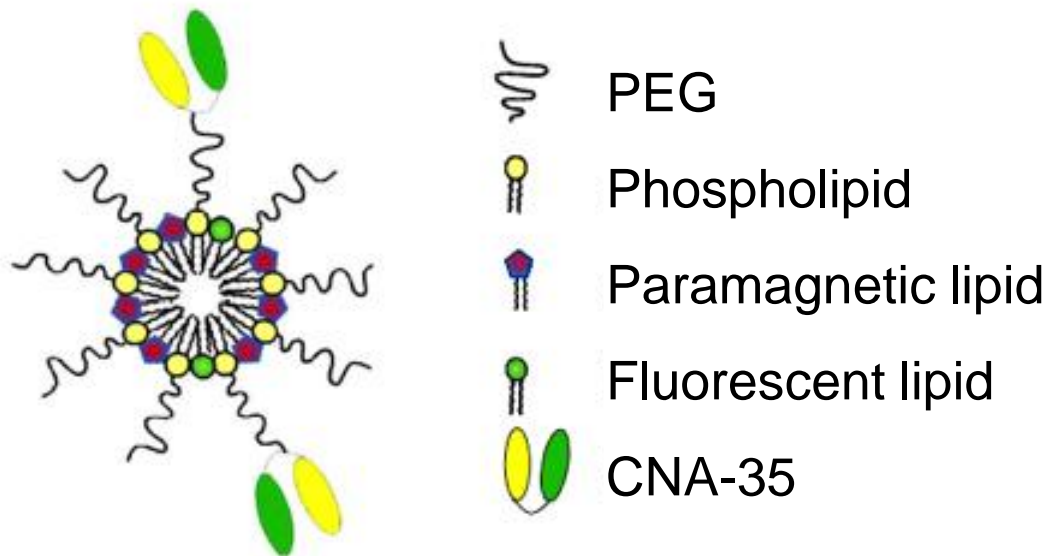
## Paramagnetic micelle



~ 70 lipids / micelle  
~ 25 nm diameter  
1-2 CNA35 / micelle  
 $K_d_{\text{CNA35}} = 0.5 \mu\text{M}$

# Collagen-targeted paramagnetic micellar nanoparticle

Paramagnetic micelle conjugated with CNA-35, a 35 kDa collagen-specific adhesion protein



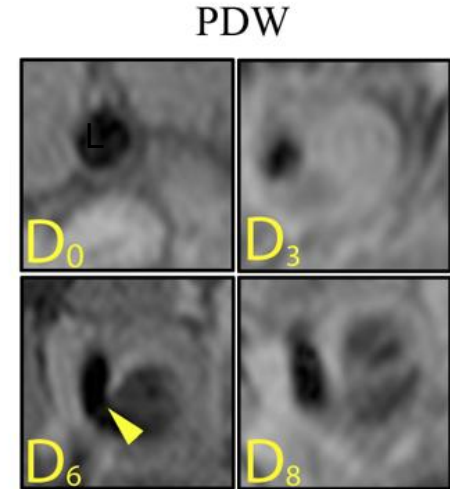
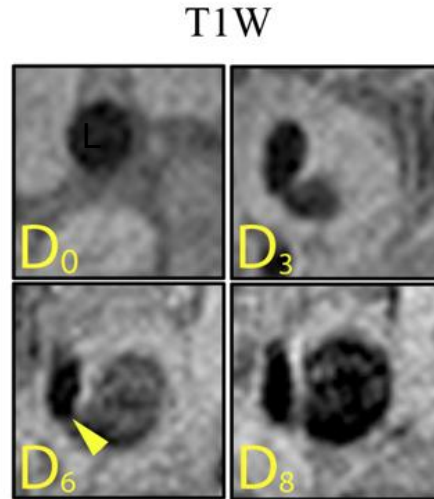
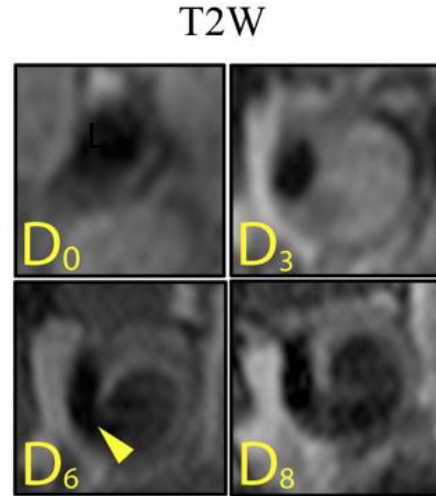
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CNA35

binds type I  
but also II/III/IV

# MRI of abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA)

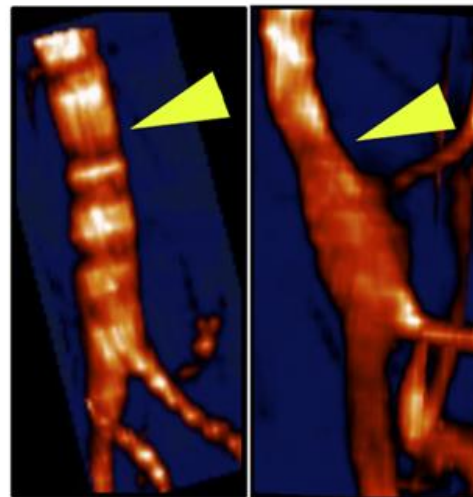


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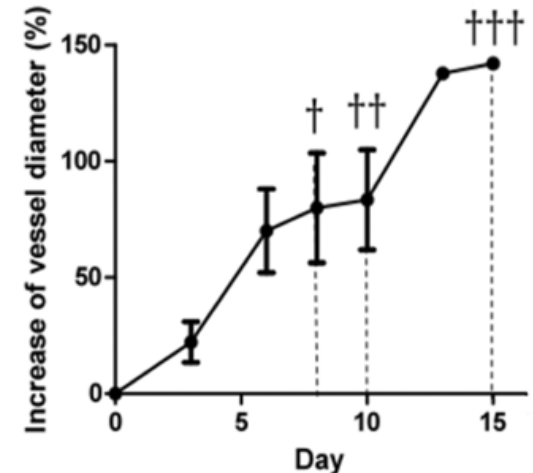


Control

AAA



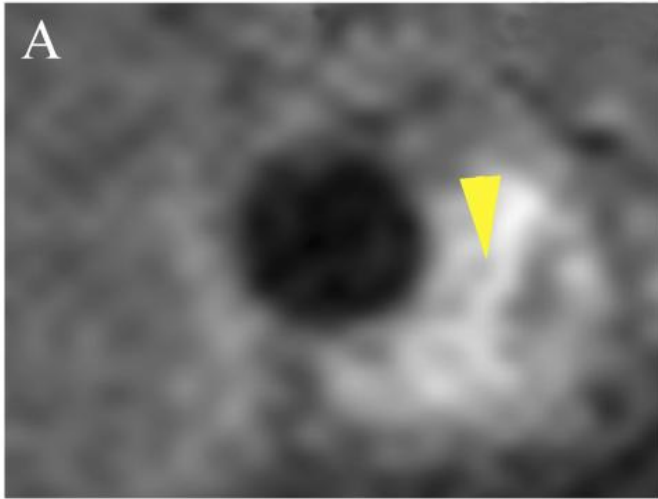
## Aortic diameter



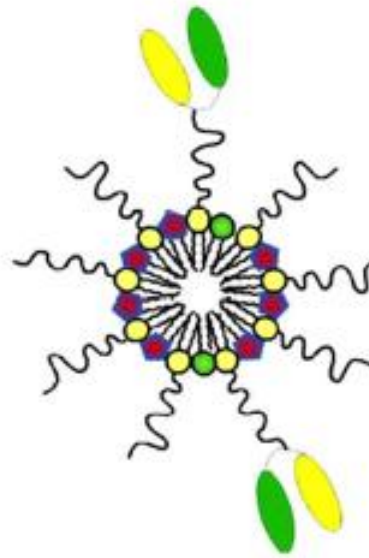
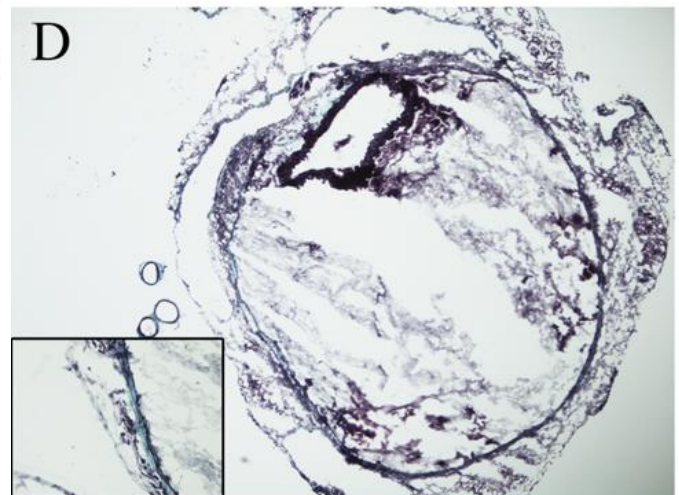
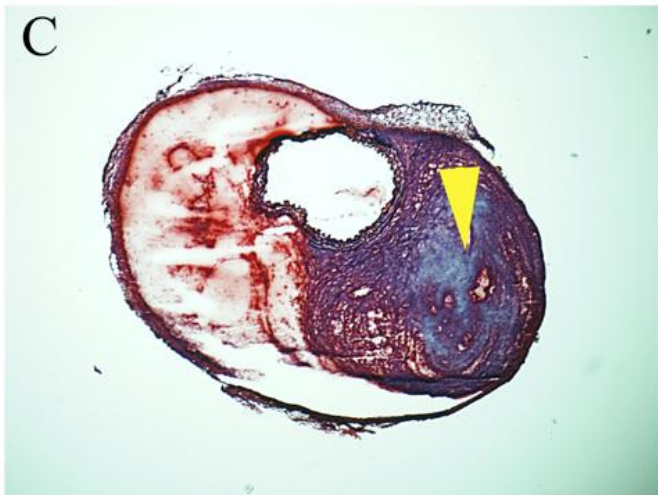
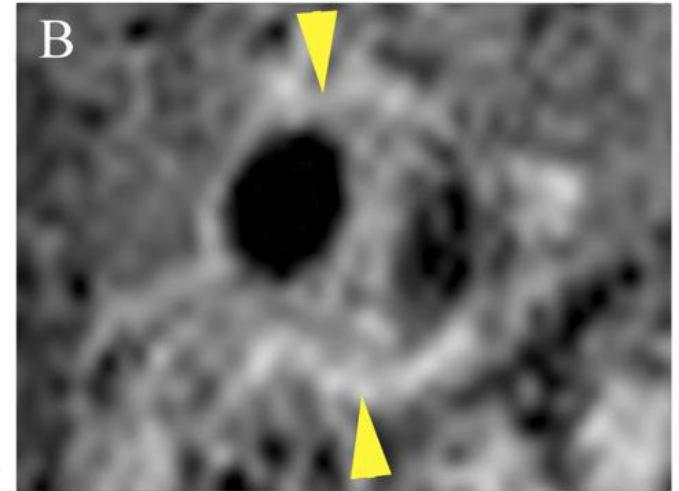


# Molecular MRI of collagen

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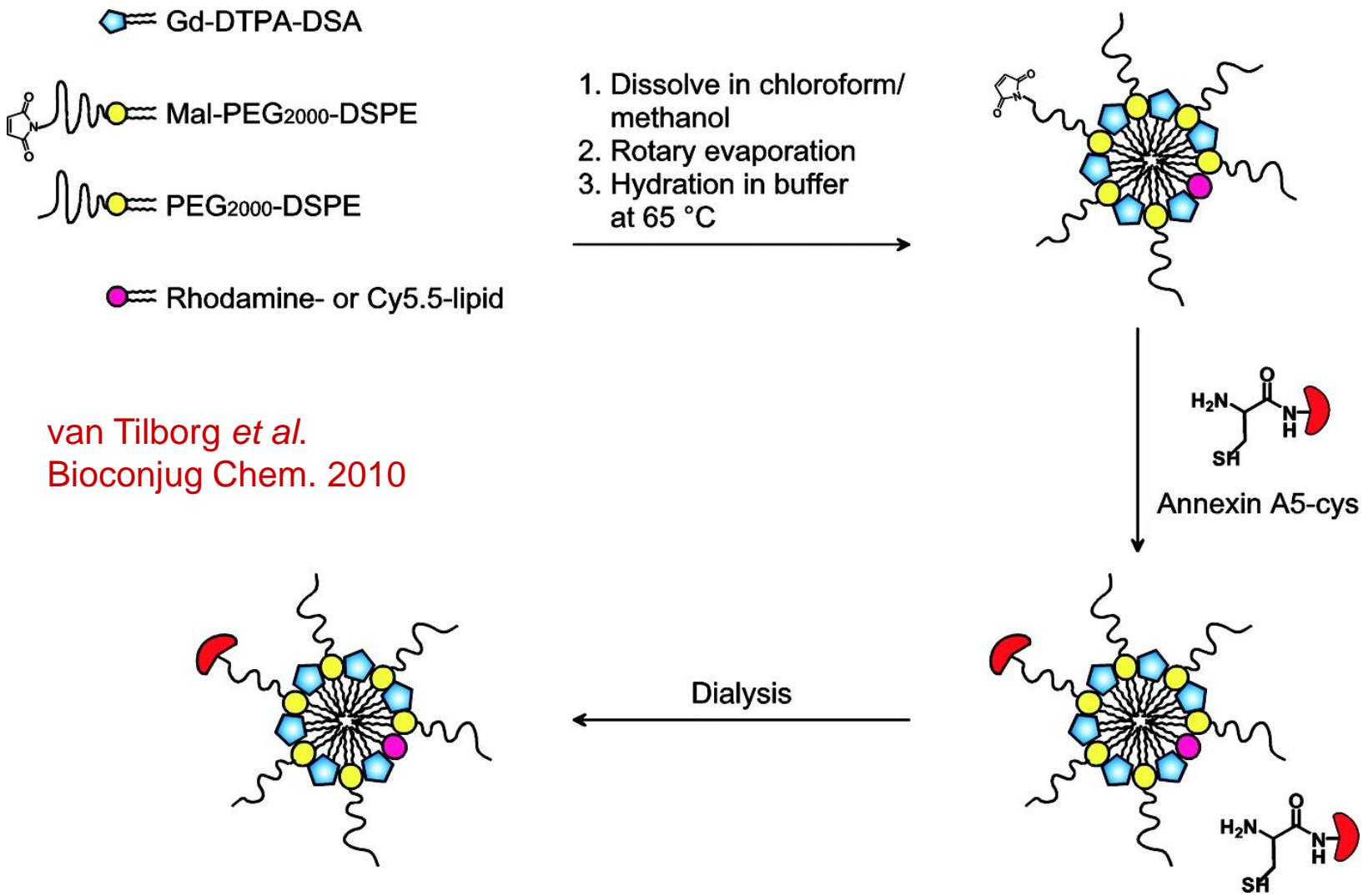


Collagen Poor



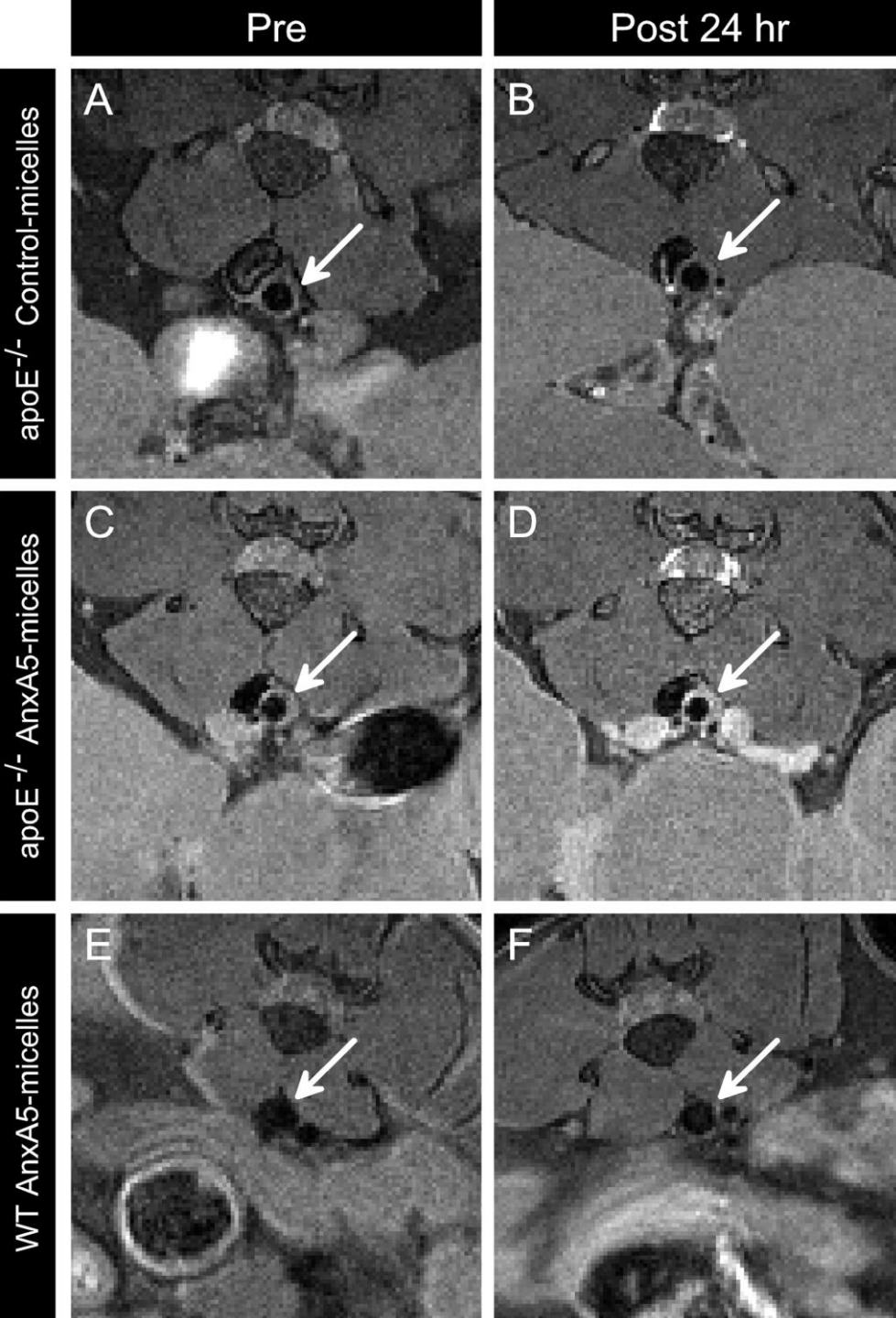
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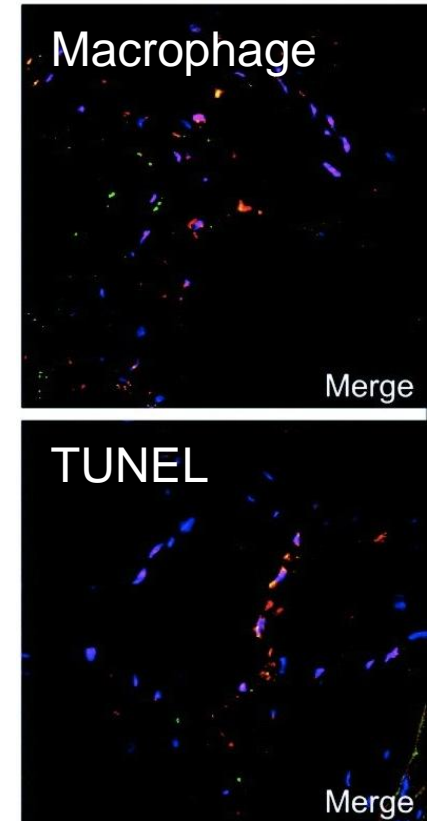
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# MRI signal enhancement

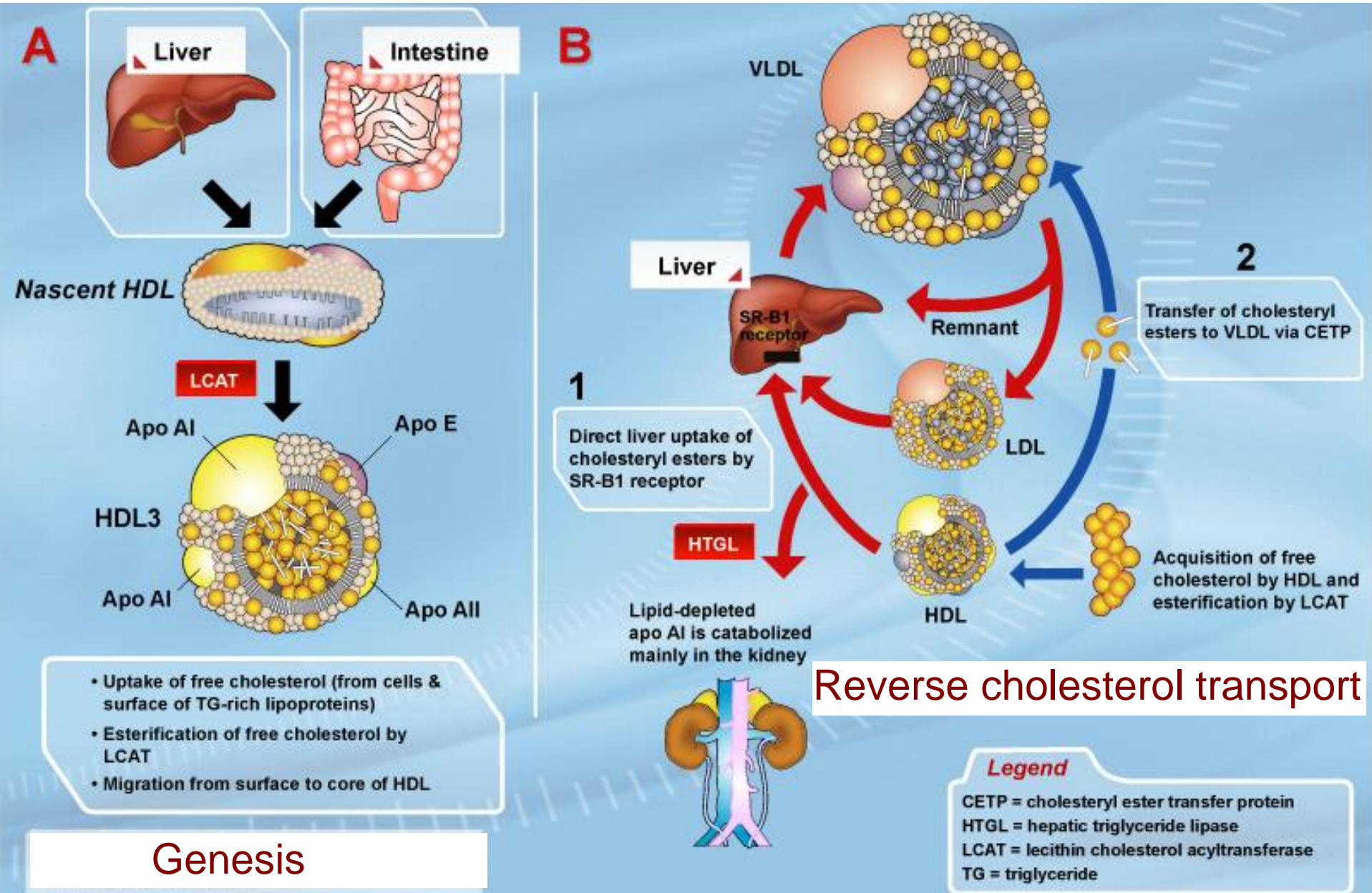
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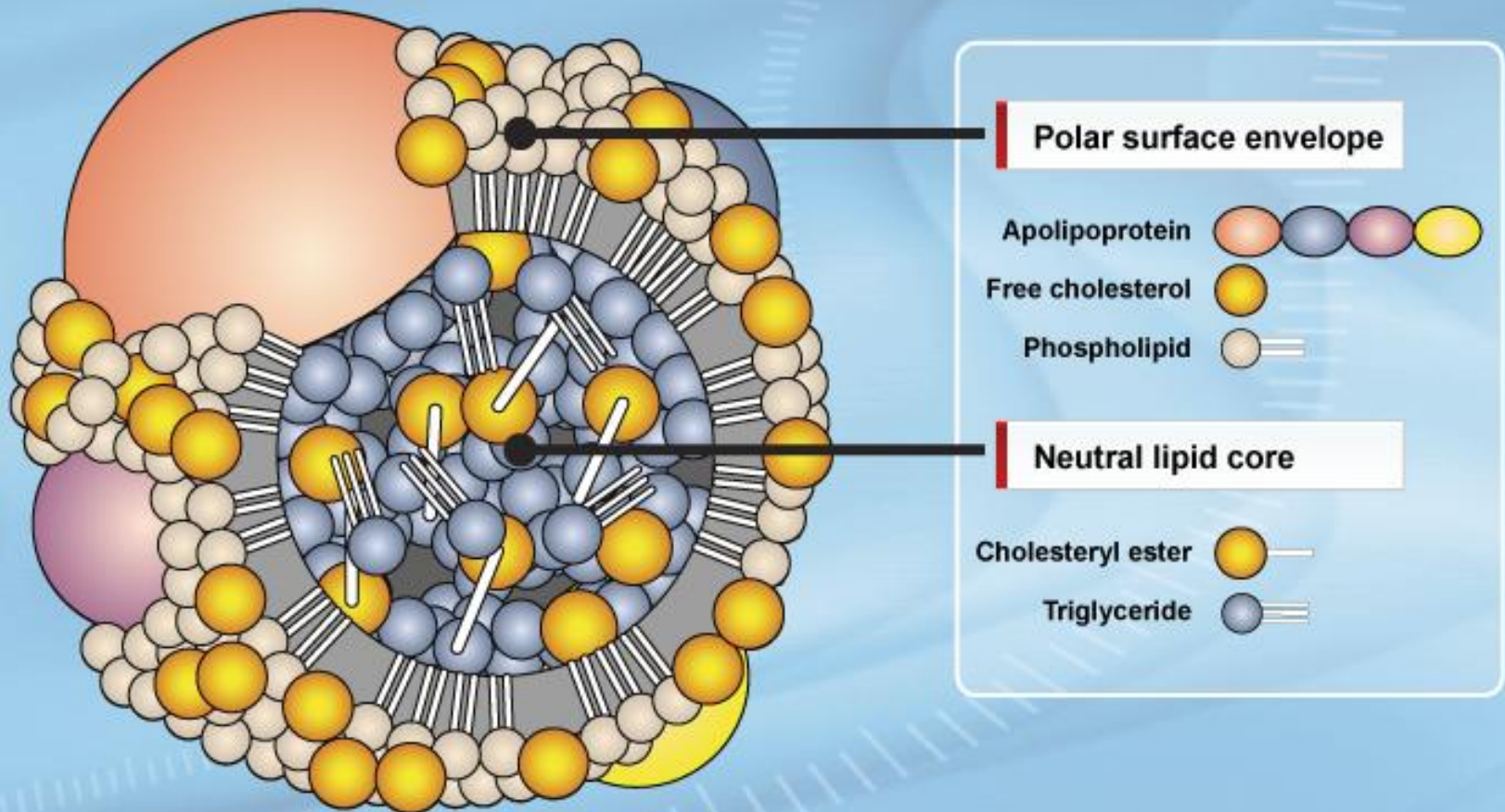
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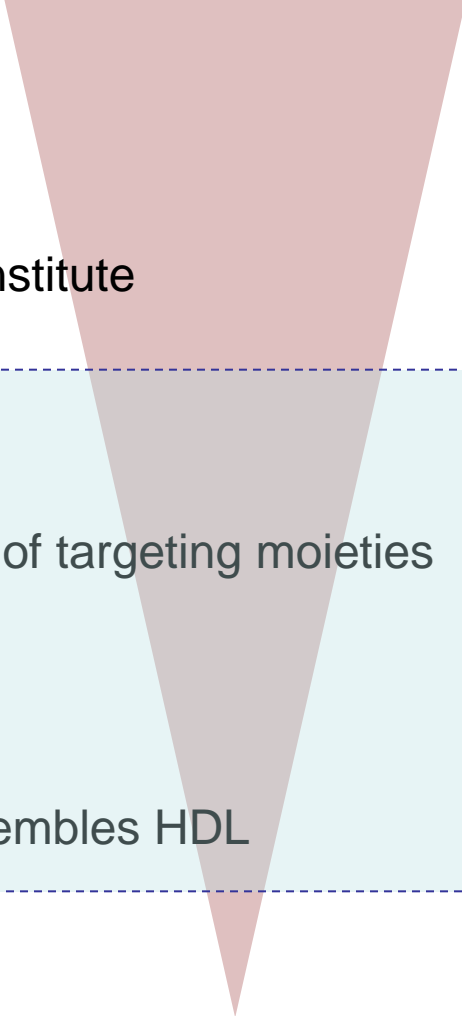
# HDL: “good cholesterol”



# Architecture of HDL



# How to use HDL to create multimodal agents

- Isolate HDL from blood and (post) insert labels
  - Isolate HDL from blood, disassemble, add labels and reconstitute
- 
- Isolate apoA-I and reconstitute from lipids and labels
  - Redirect HDL-like particle to new target by the conjugation of targeting moieties
  - Synthesize peptides derived from apolipoproteins
  - Synthesize a lipidic particle of which the overall design resembles HDL

Lowest resemblance



# Nanocrystal Core High-Density Lipoproteins: A Multimodality Contrast Agent Platform

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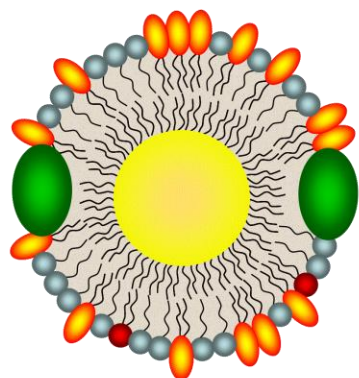
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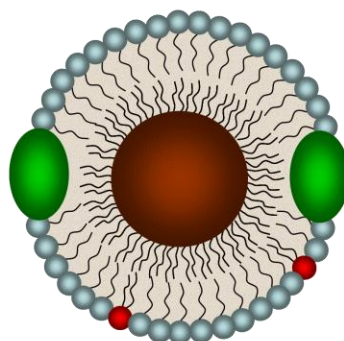
# Multimodal inorganic core HDL

Nanocrystals with hydrophobic coatings replaced the triglyceride and cholesterol ester core of native HDL



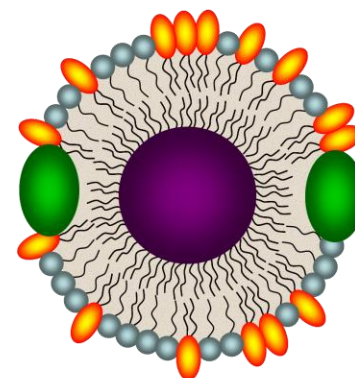
**Au-HDL**

CT, T1-weighted MRI,  
fluorescence



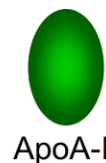
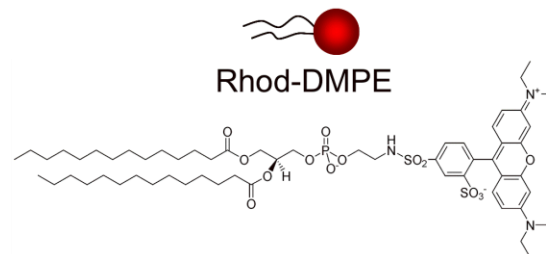
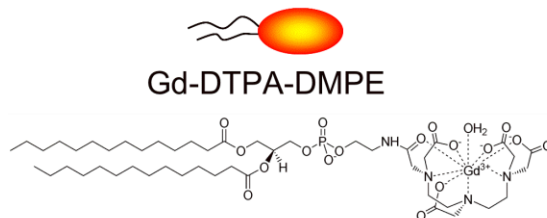
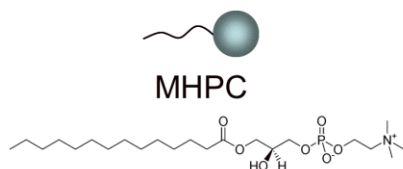
**FeO-HDL**

T2(\*)-weighted MRI,  
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**QD-HDL**

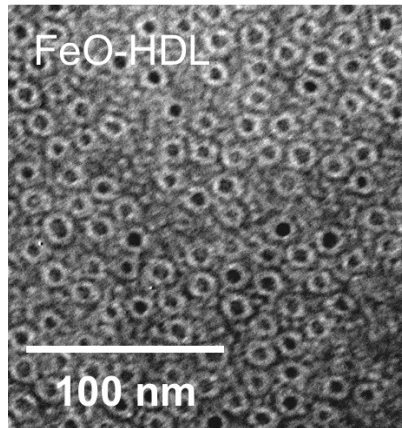
T1-weighted MRI,  
enhanced fluorescence



Nanocrystal HDL

# Particle characterization

## Physical properties



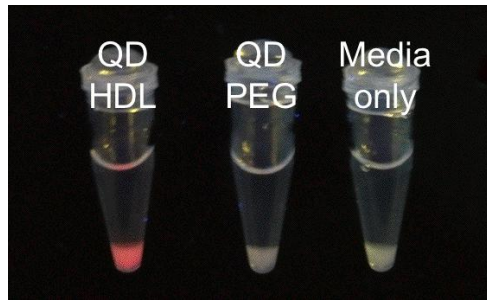
Property (units)	Au-HDL	FeO-HDL	QD-HDL
$r_1$ ( $\text{mM}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ )	$13.1 \pm 0.3$	$8.9 \pm 0.3$	$11.7 \pm 0.4$
$r_2$ ( $\text{mM}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ )	$16.8 \pm 0.5$	$94.2 \pm 6.8$	$14.8 \pm 0.5$
Number of apoA-I molecules per particle	3.0	3.9	3.1
Core diameter (nm)	$5.6 \pm 1.0$	$6.3 \pm 1.0$	$6.5 \pm .08$
Diameter: TEM (nm)	$9.7 \pm 1.4$	$11.9 \pm 1.2$	$12.9 \pm 1.4$

→ Diameters confirmed by DLS and gel electrophoresis. Native HDL 7-13 nm

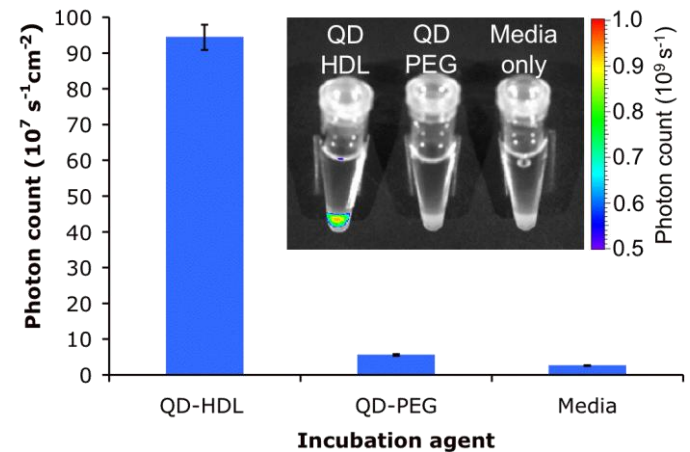
# QD-HDL: Macrophage cell incubations

2 hours incubation time  
0.02 mM Gd dose

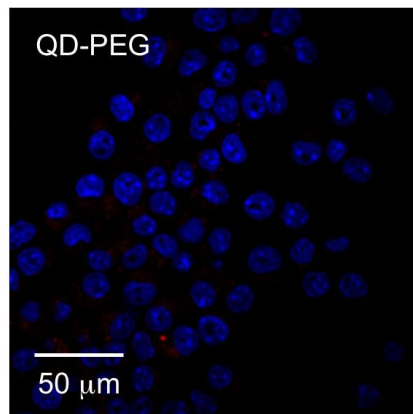
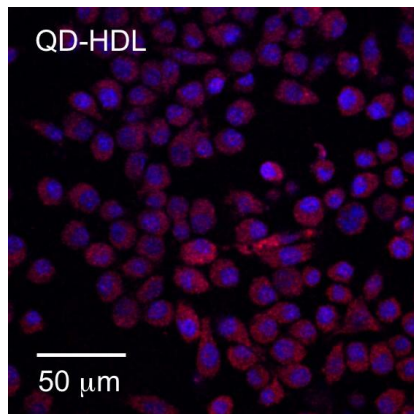
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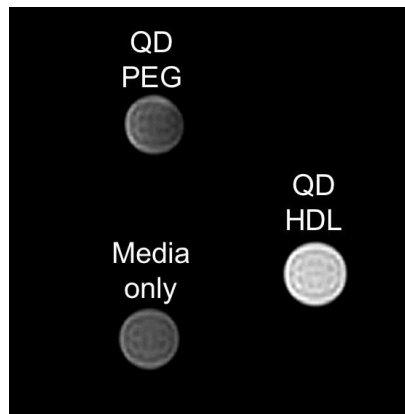
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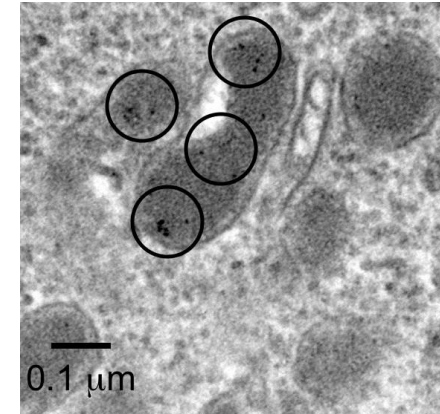
**Confocal microscopy**



**T1-weighted MRI (9.4T)**

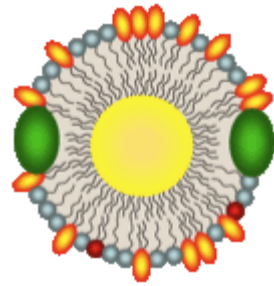


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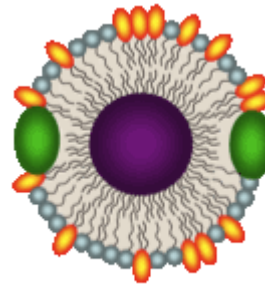


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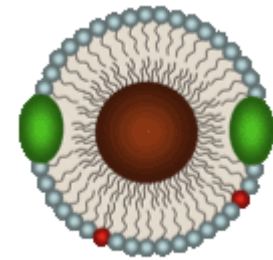
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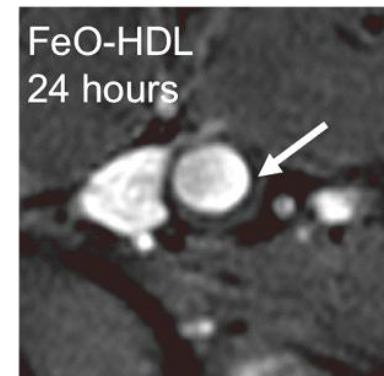
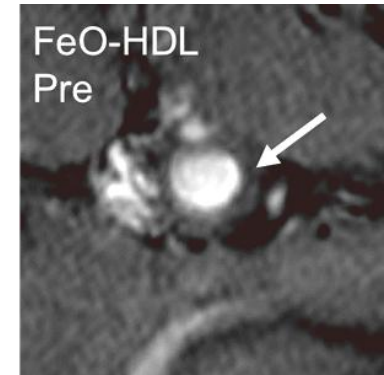
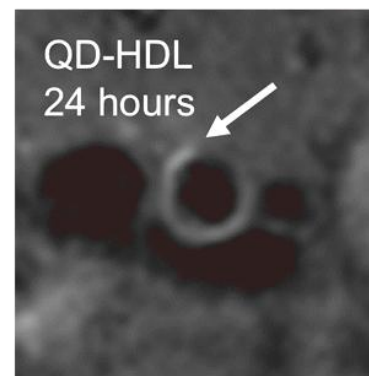
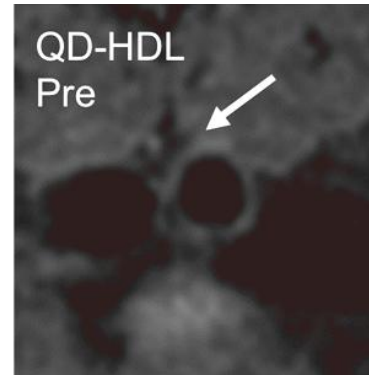
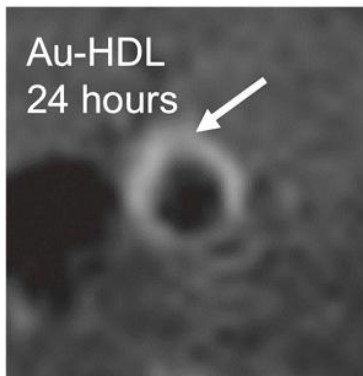
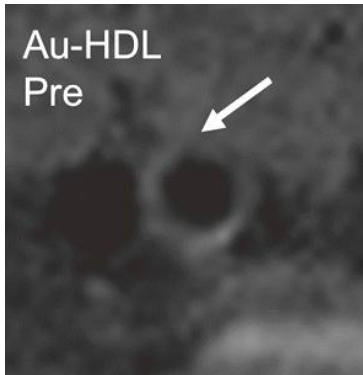
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**QD-HDL**



**FeO-HDL**



Spin echo

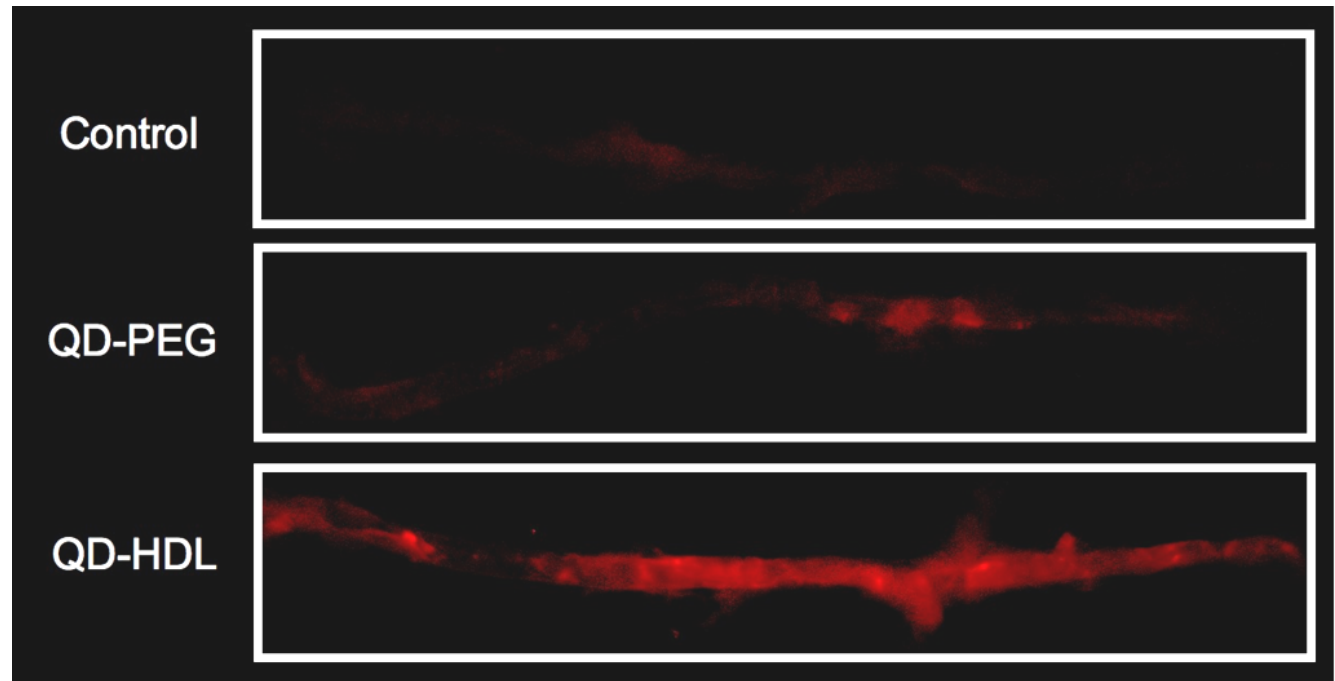
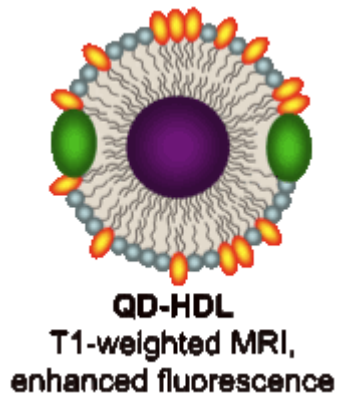
Gradient echo

Nanocrystal HDL



# *Ex vivo* fluorescence imaging

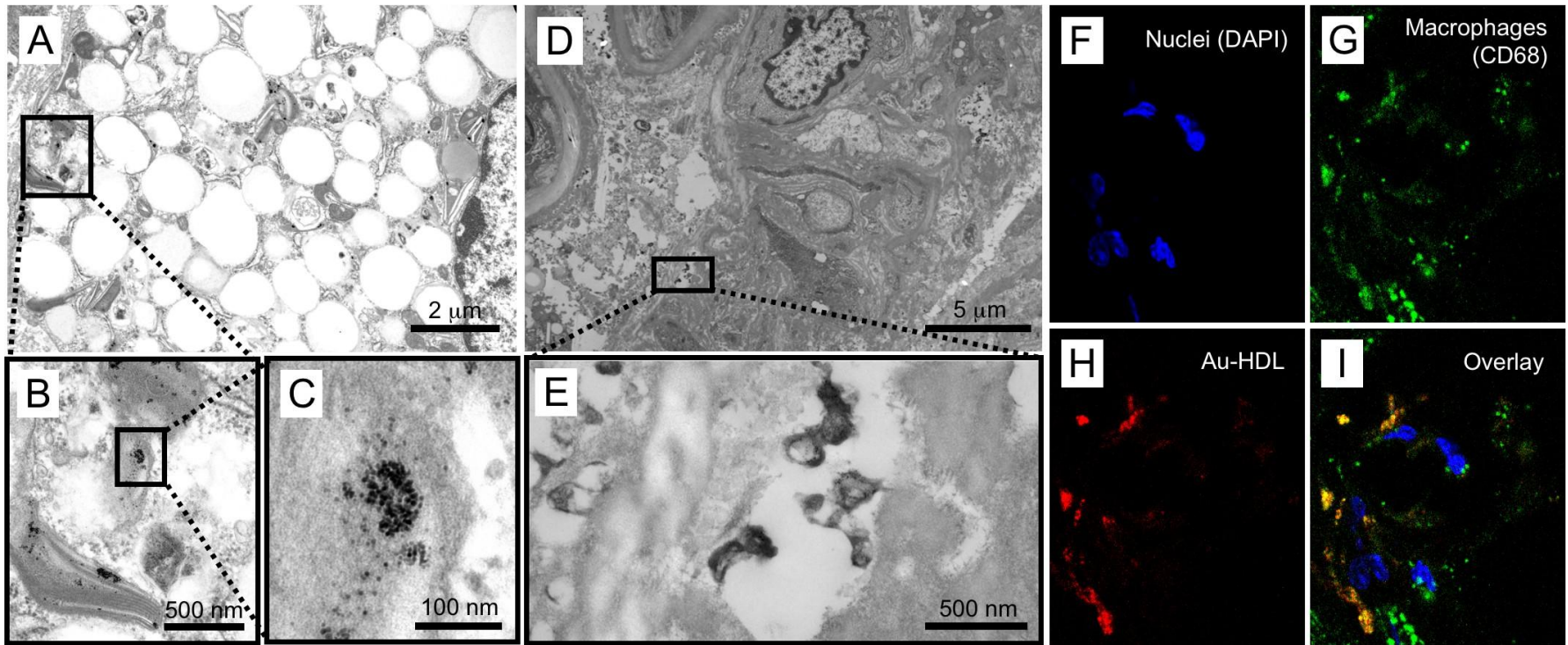
Excised aortas imaged using Maestro fluorescence imaging



# Microscopy of the aorta

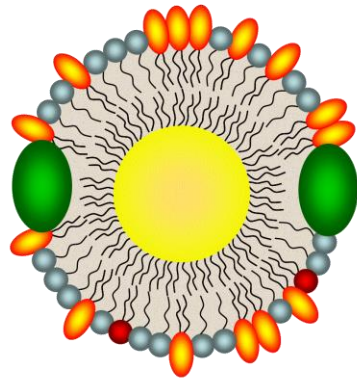
Macrophage

Other regions of the aorta



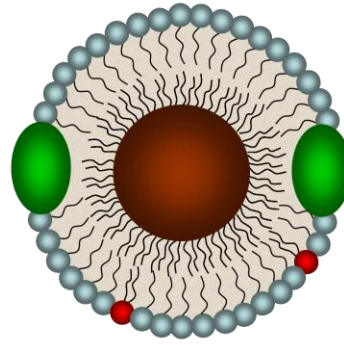
Nanocrystal HDL were found almost exclusively in the macrophages

# Inorganic core HDL - new directions



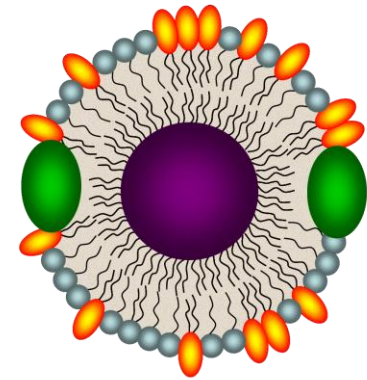
**Au-HDL**

Multi-color CT



**FeO-HDL**

An HDL mimick?

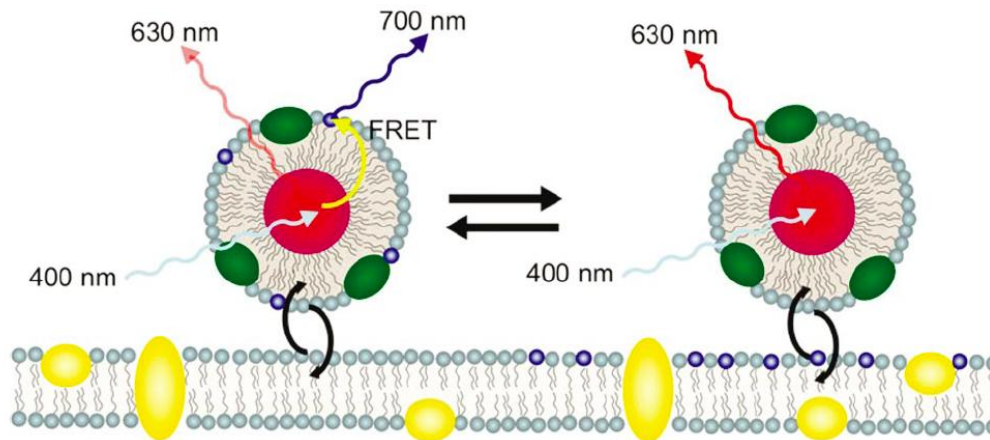


**QD-HDL**

FRET imaging

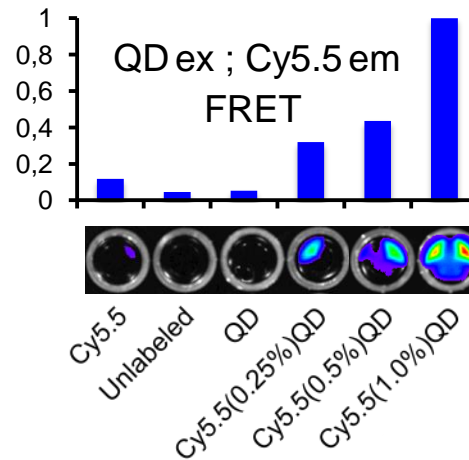
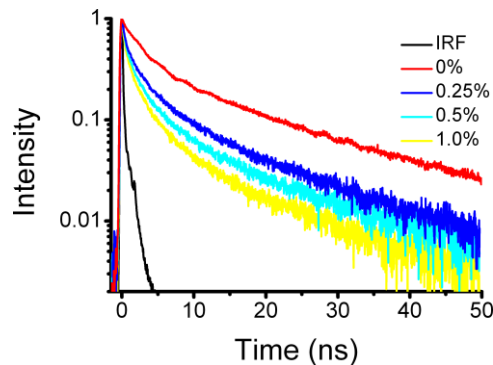
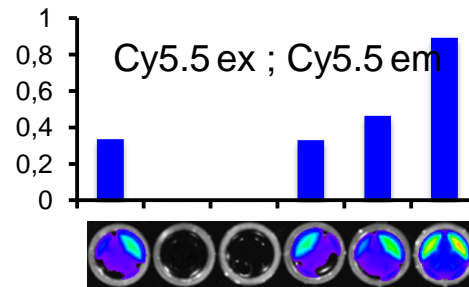
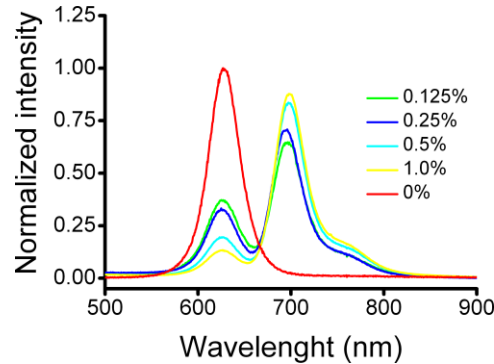
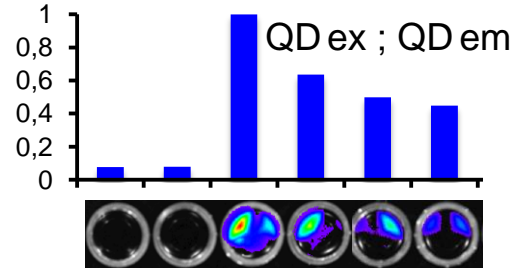
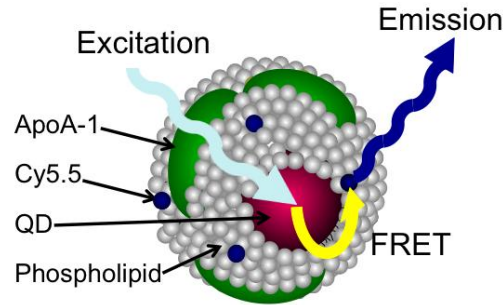
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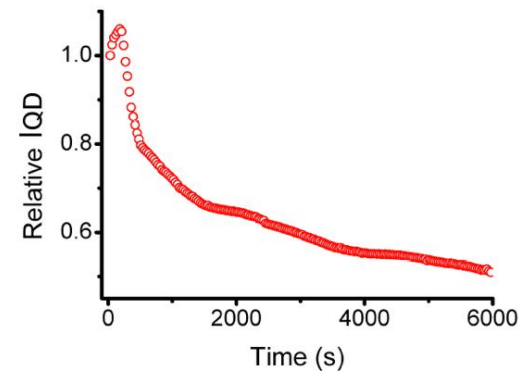
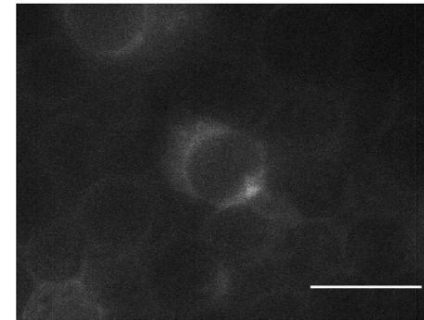
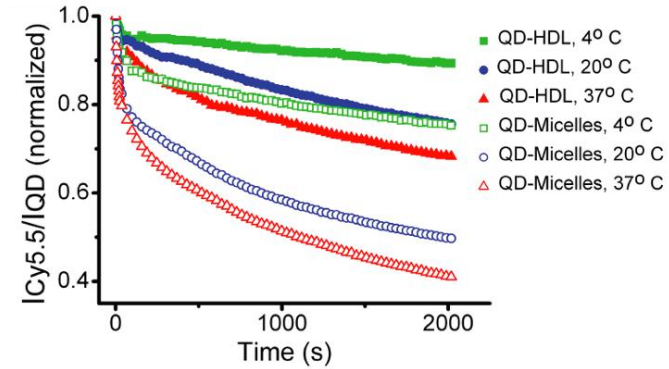
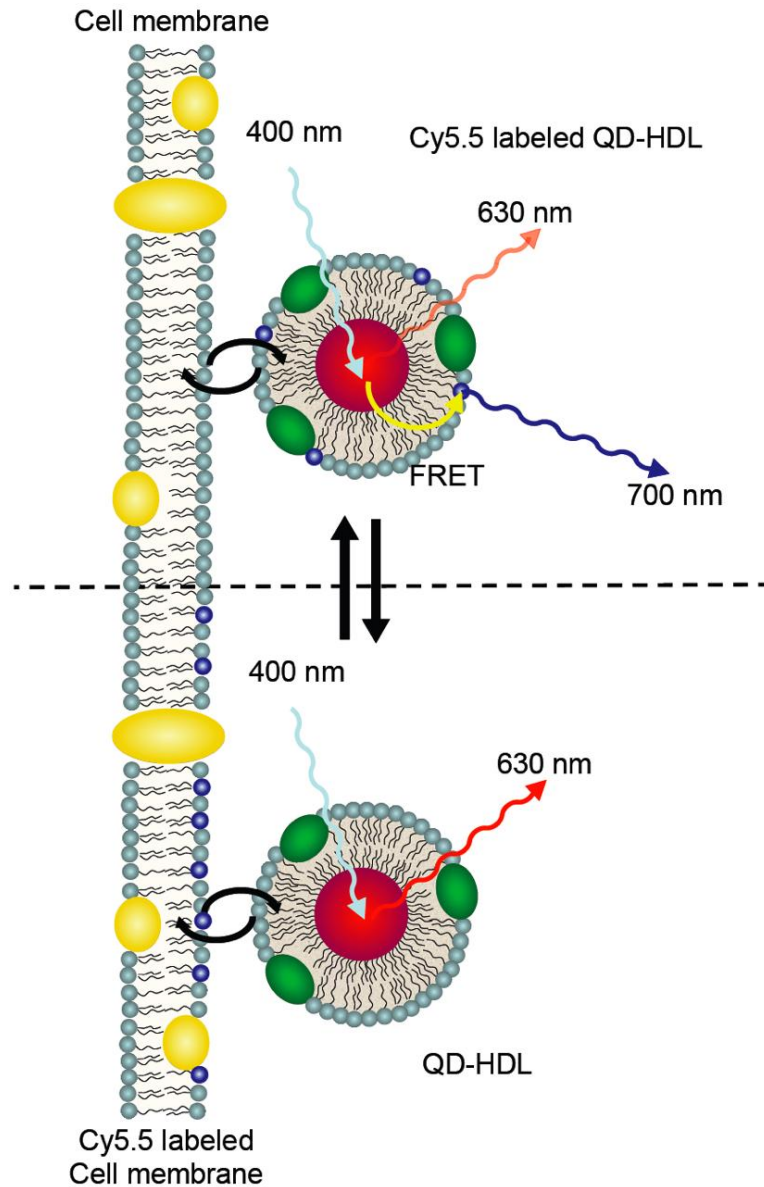




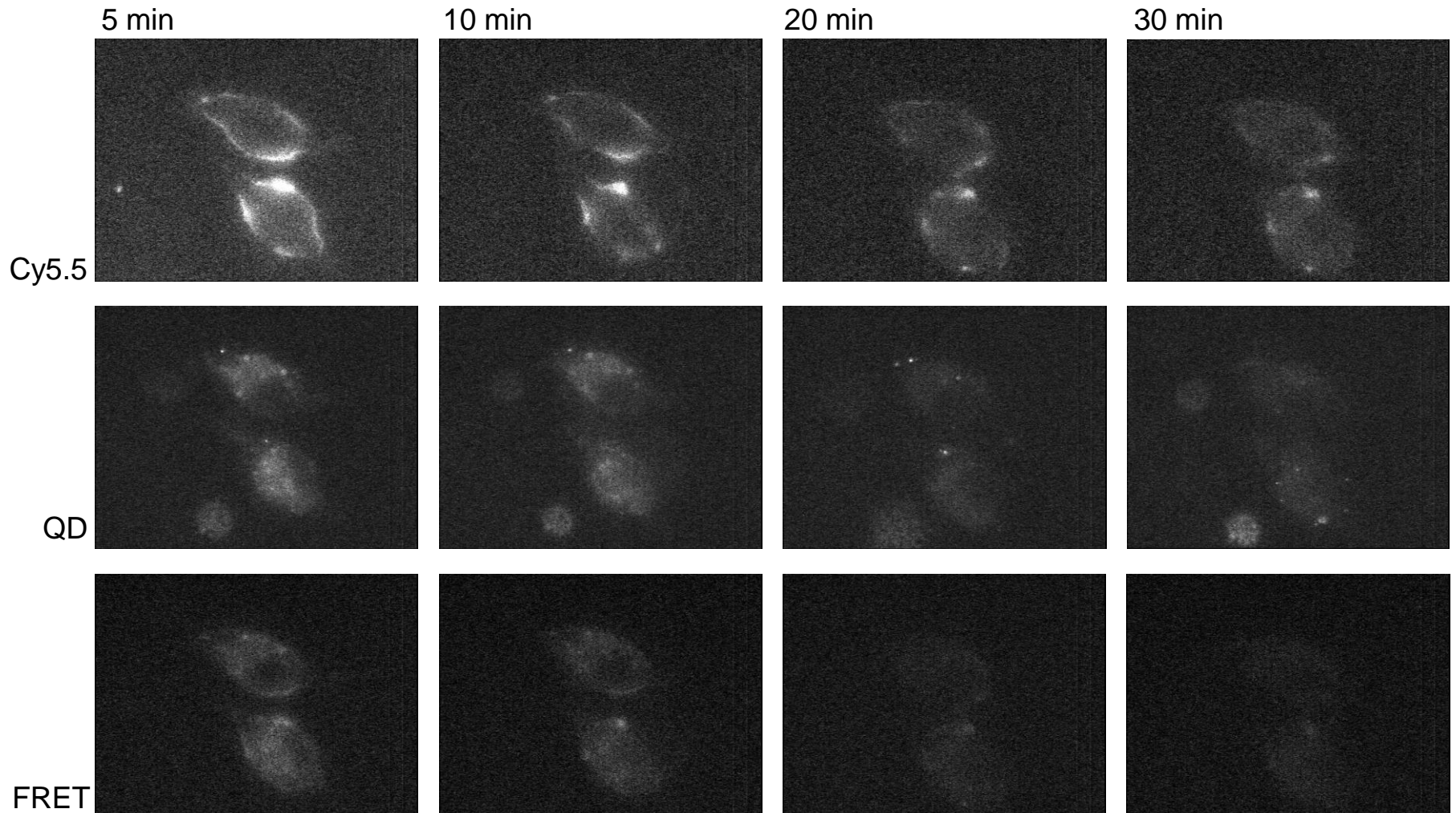
# Förster resonance energy transfer



# Interaction with cells



# FRET in live cell imaging



# Is FeO-HDL like HDL?

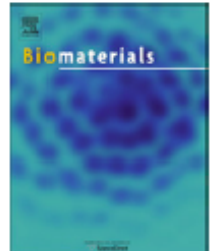
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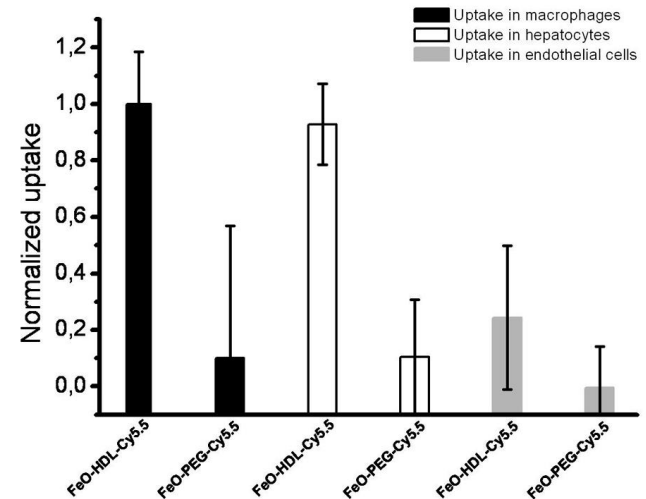
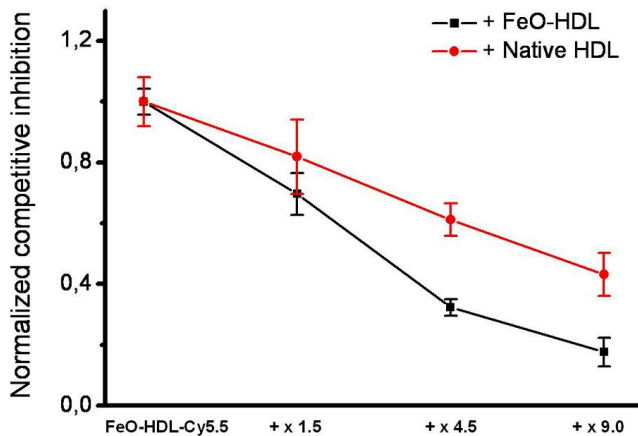
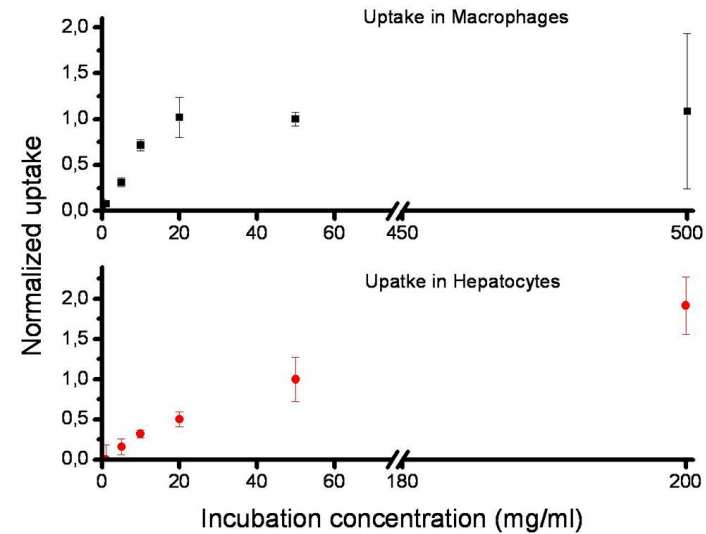
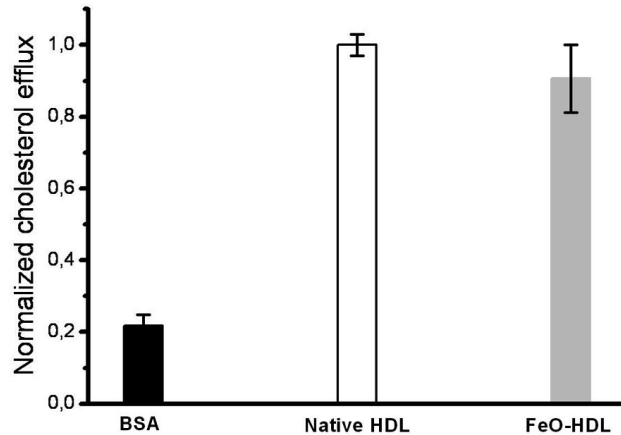
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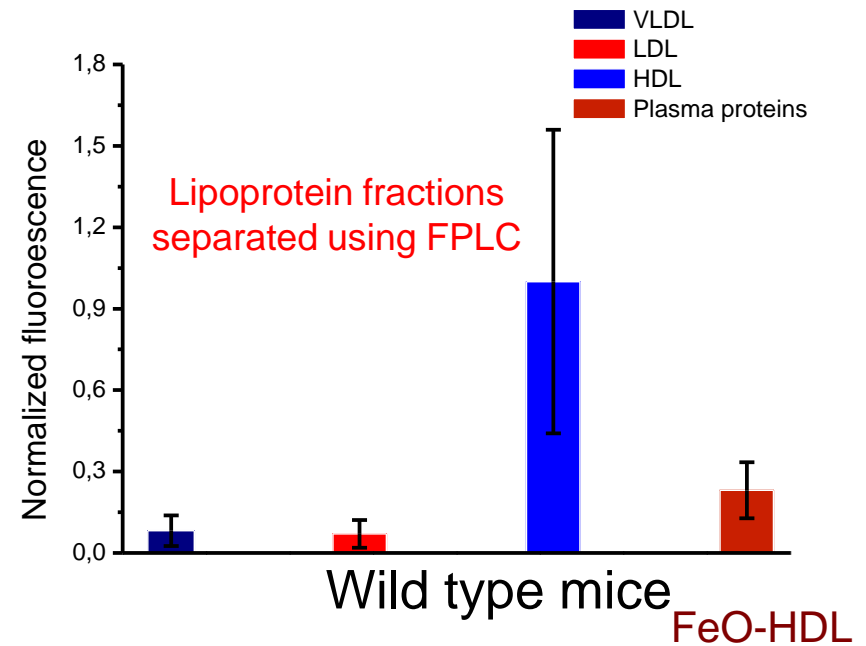
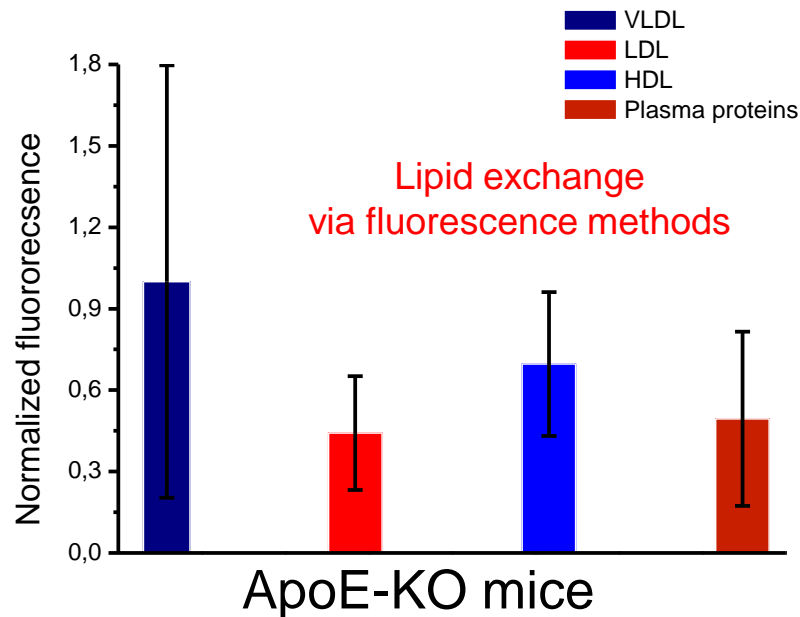
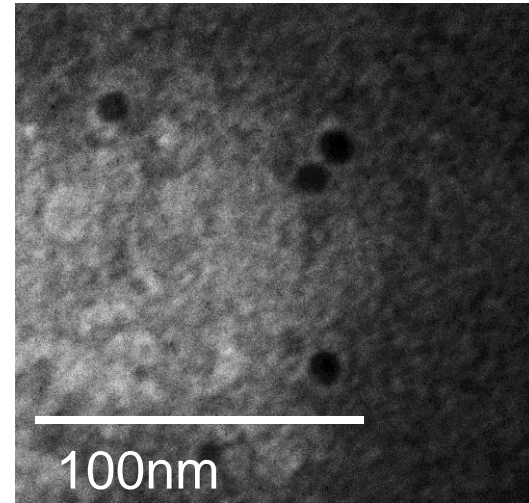
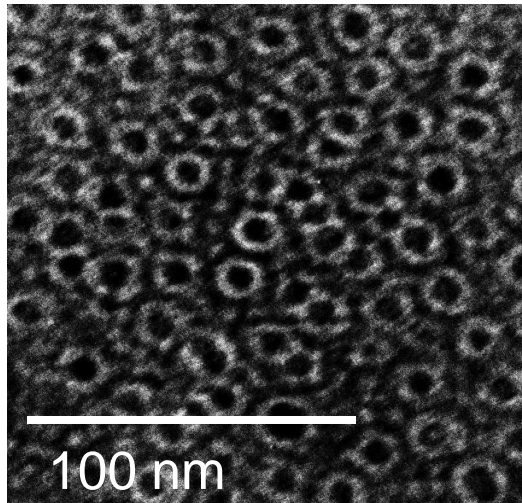
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# FeO-HDL interactions with macrophages



# *In vivo* lipid transfer from FeO-HDL to circulating lipoproteins

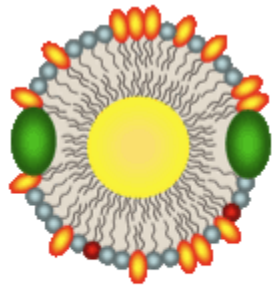


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# Atherosclerotic Plaque

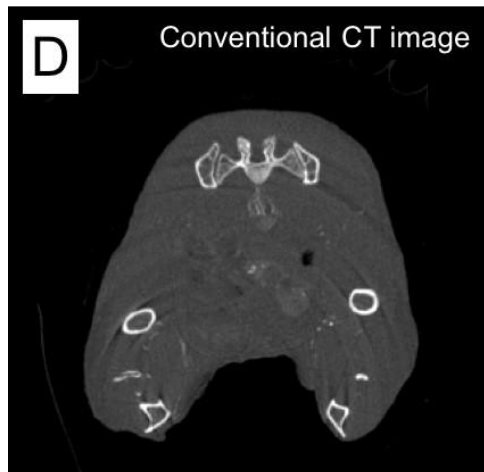
**Composition:** Analysis with  
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# Multicolor molecular CT imaging



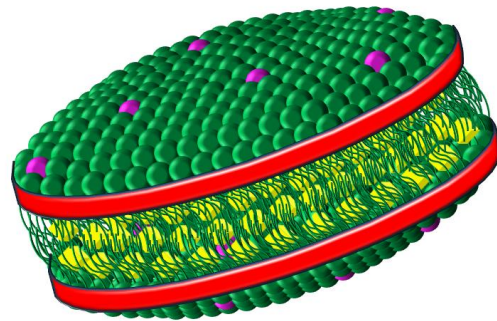
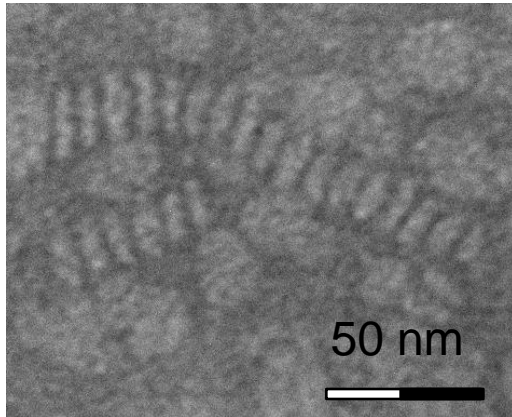
**Au-HDL**

CT, T1-weighted MRI,  
fluorescence

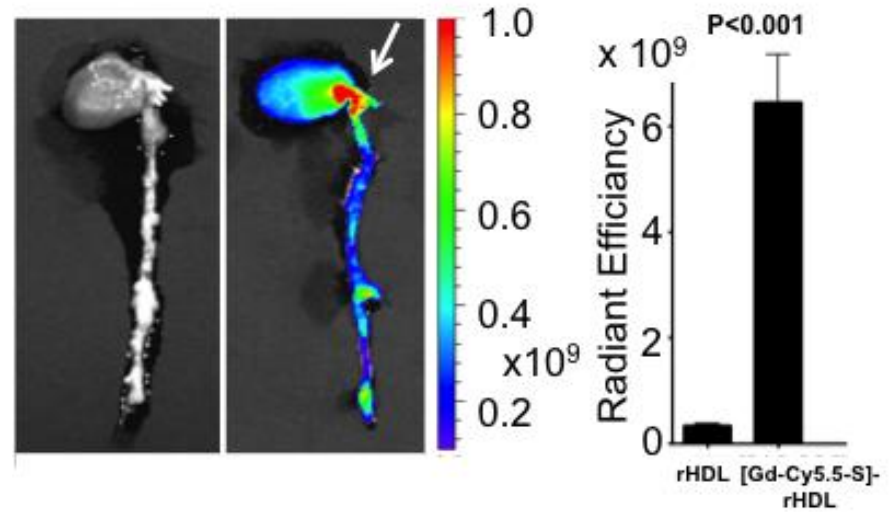




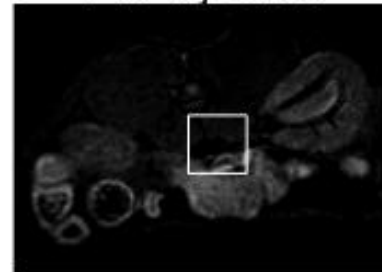
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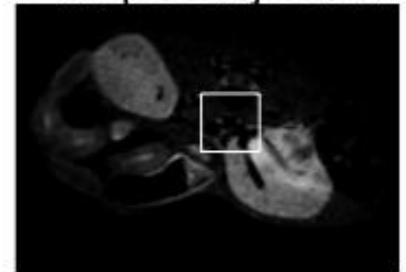
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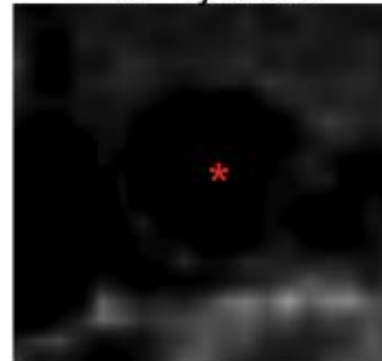
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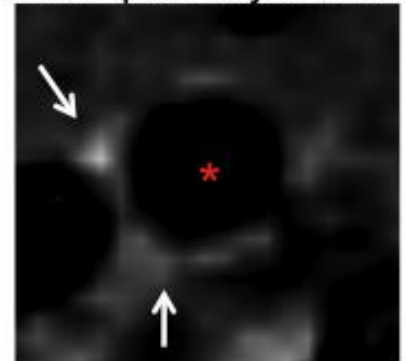
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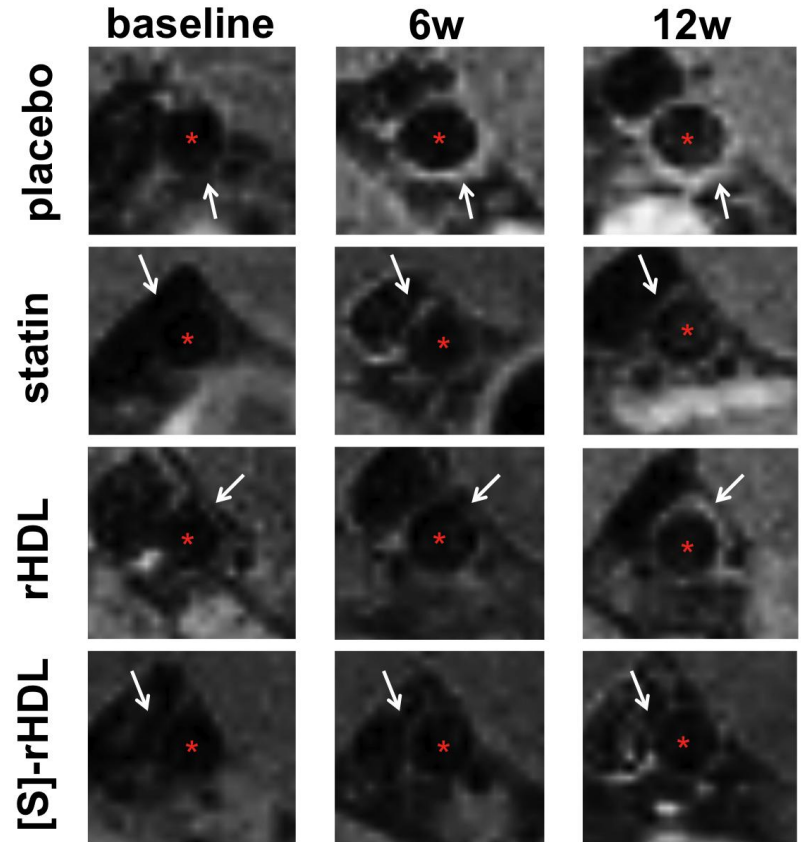
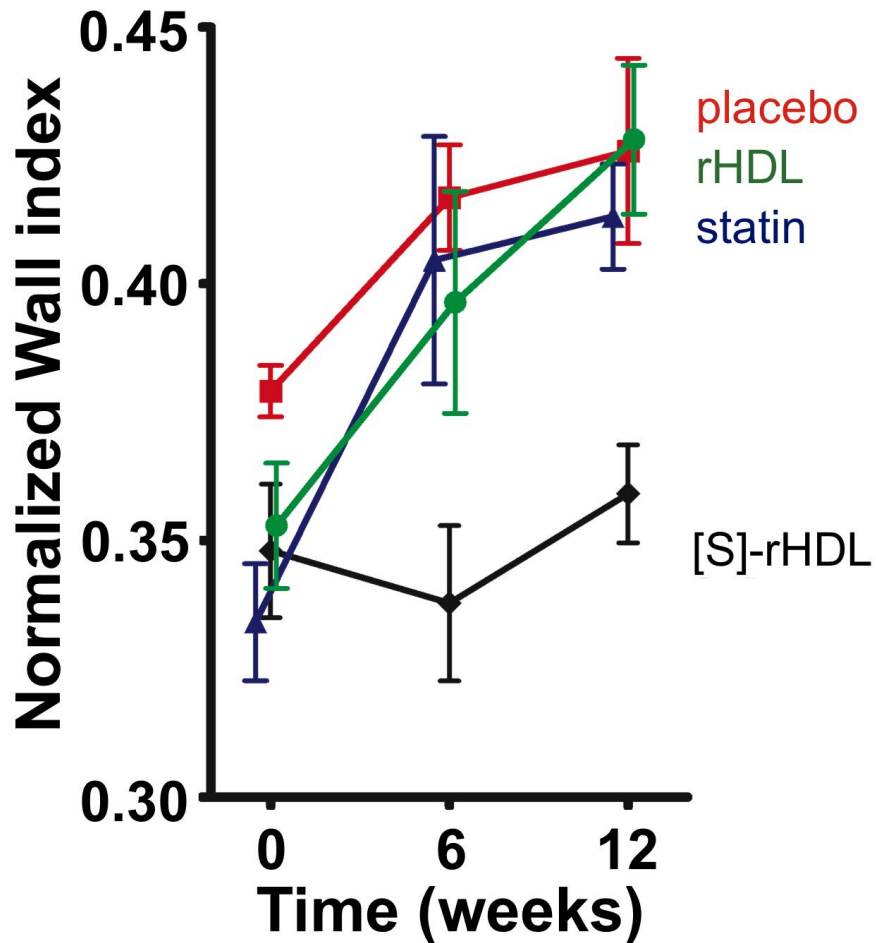


24h post-injection



HDL drug delivery

# MRI to assess therapeutic efficacy



# End of sneak preview

Mean Plaque Area (mm<sup>2</sup>)

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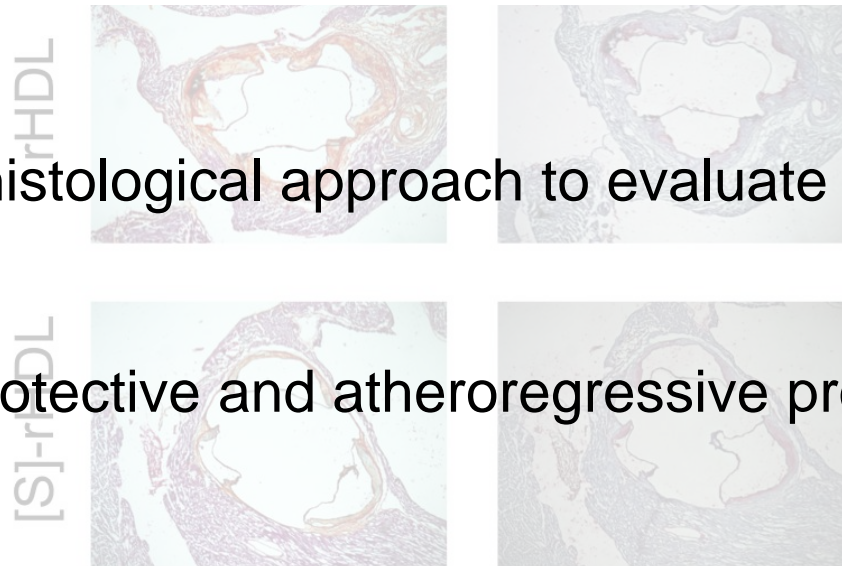
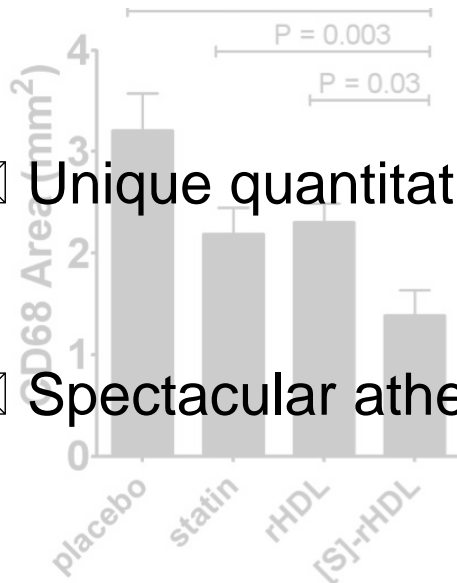
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☒ Unique quantitative histological approach to evaluate efficacy

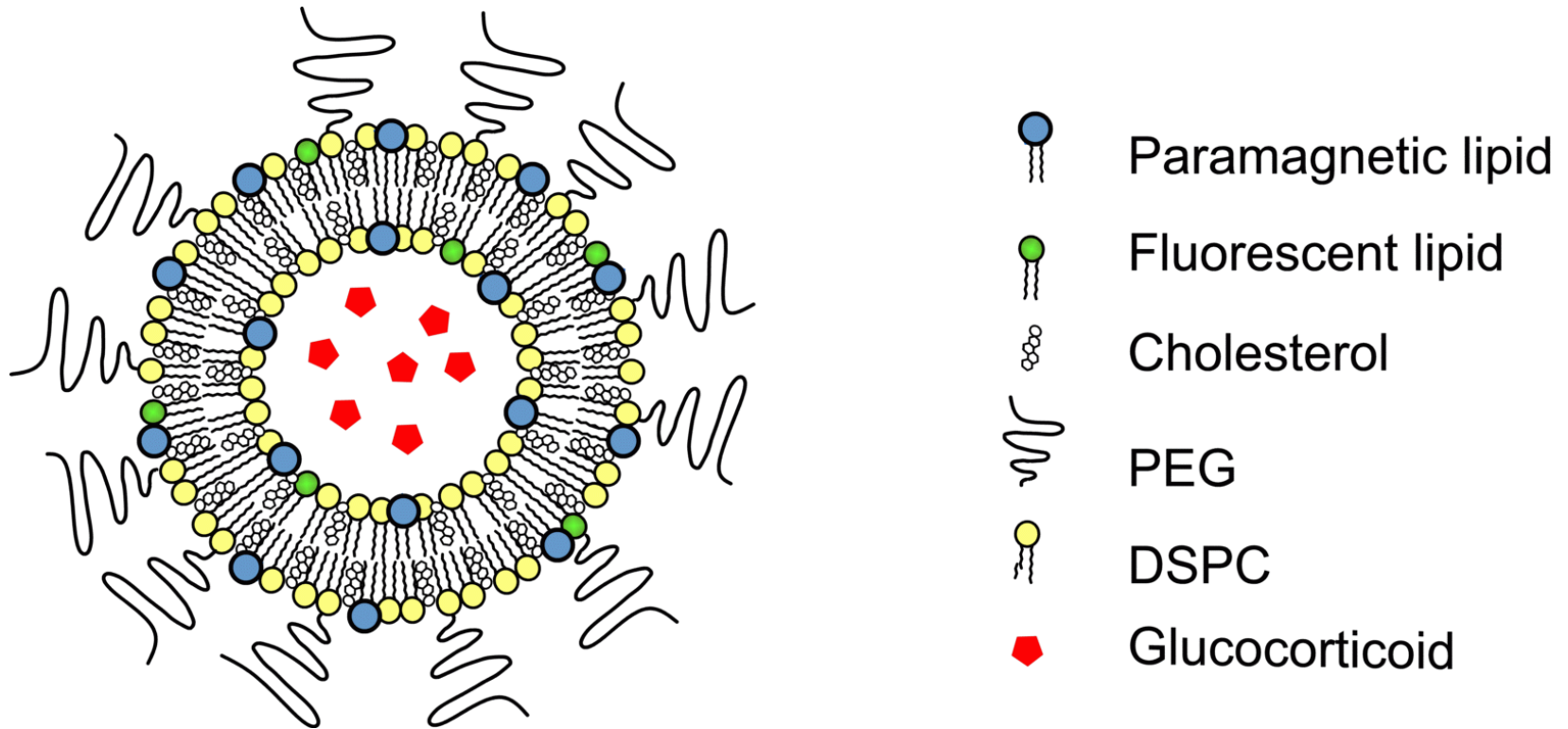
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HDL drug delivery

# Multimodal liposomes

## Diagnostics and therapeutics

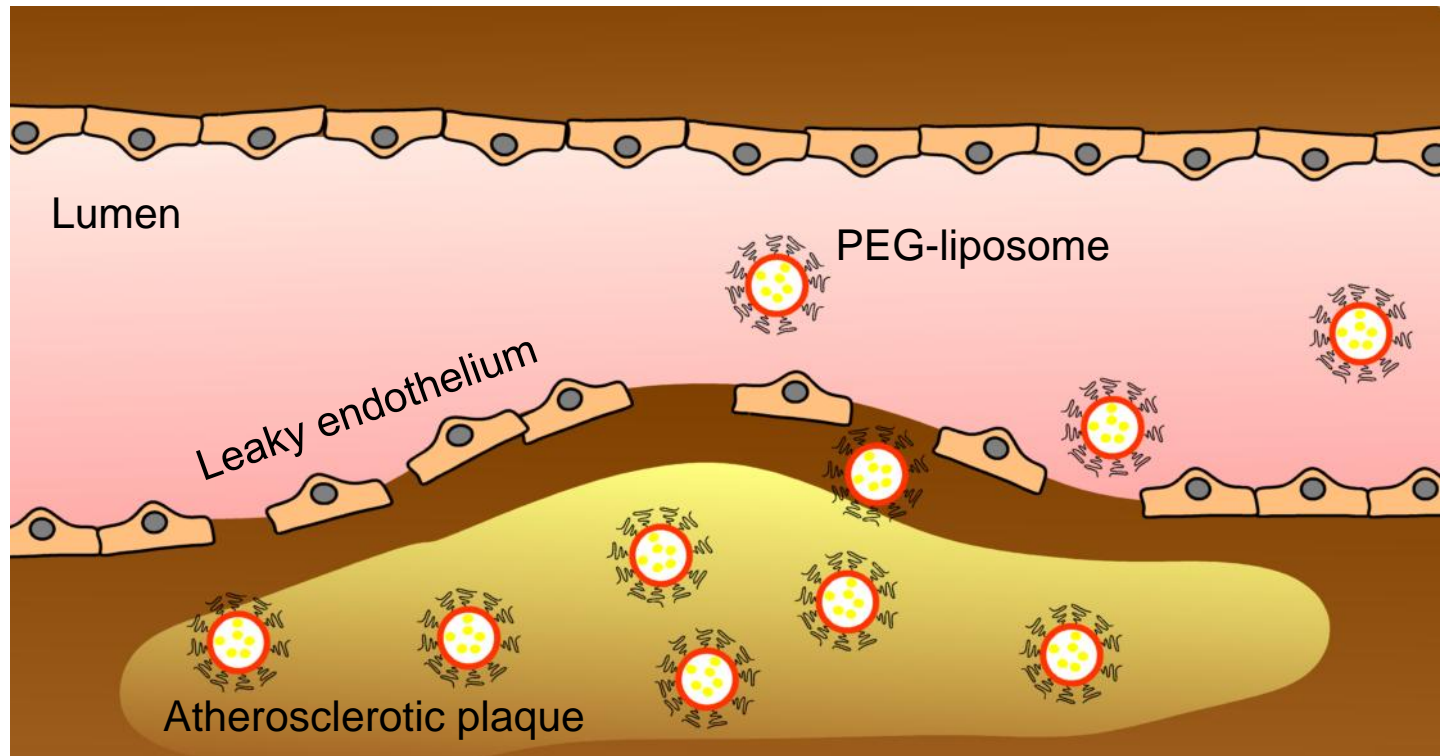




# Accumulation of PEG-liposomes in plaques

Vasa vasorum, neovascularization and EPR effect

Enhanced permeability and retention effect

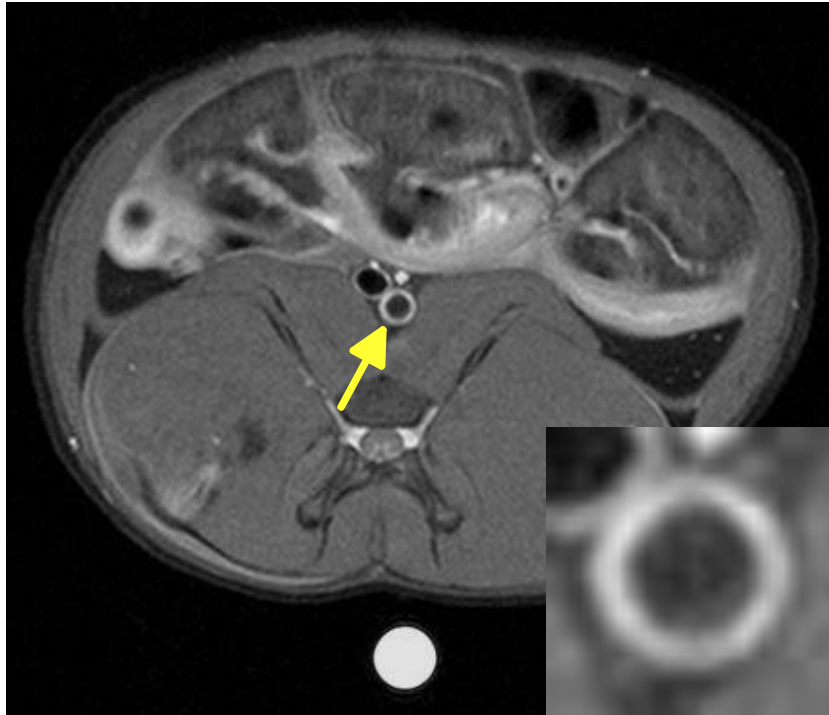


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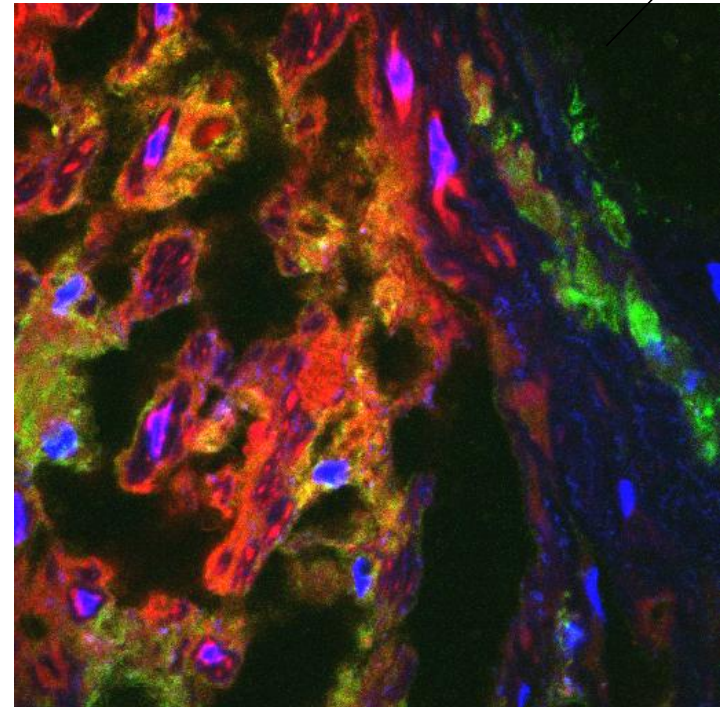
Liposomes

# Accumulation of liposomes in aortic plaques

MRI



Confocal microscopy



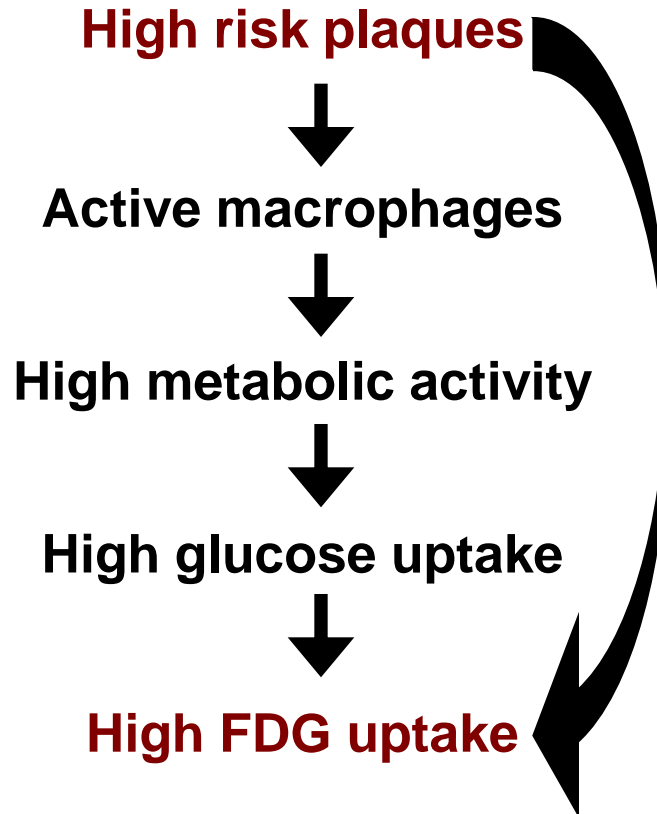
Liposomes  
Macrophages  
Nuclei

Quantitative analysis: 130  $\mu\text{g}$  liposomes per mg aortic tissue

Liposomes

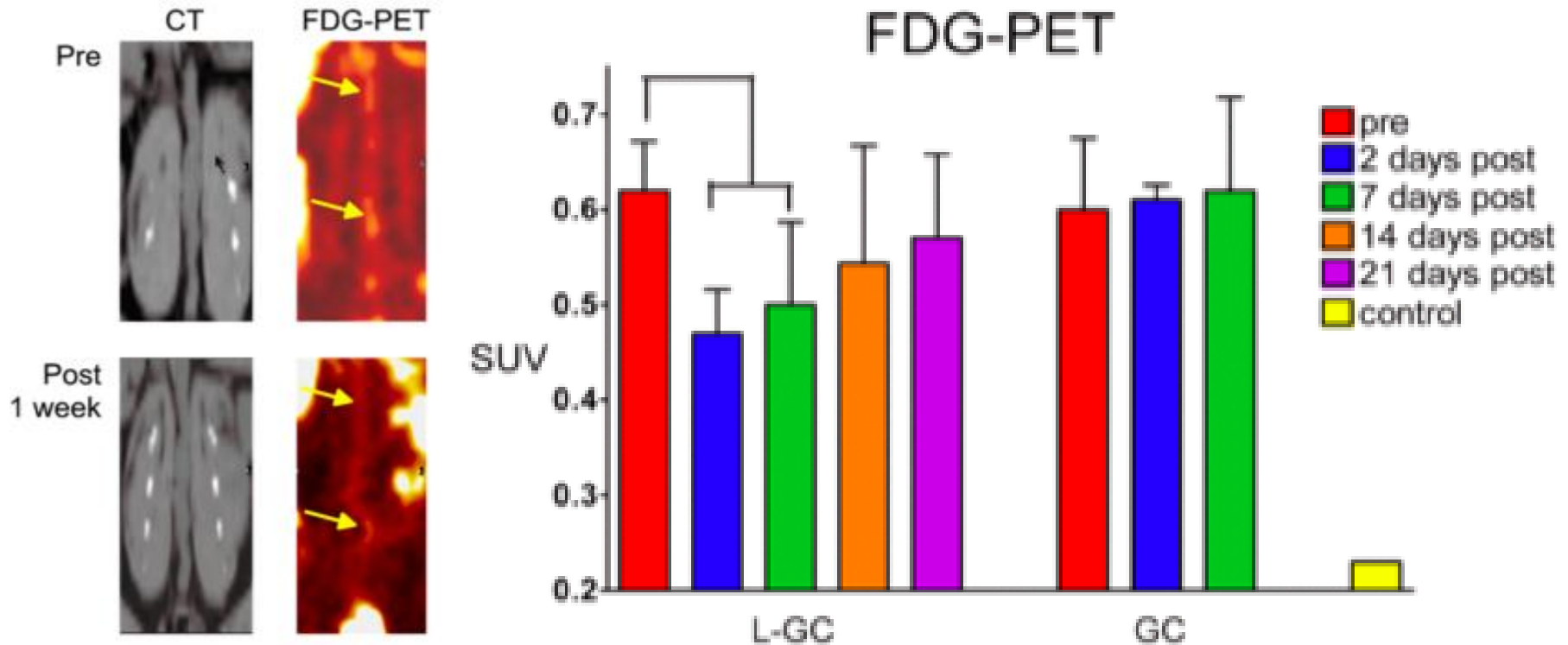
# FDG-PET/CT imaging of plaque

## Theory



- Imaging of glucose transport in vivo with PET and  $^{18}\text{F}$ -labeled 6-fluoro-6-deoxy-D-glucose (FDG), a tracer that is transported but not phosphorylated
- FDG (glucose analog) FDA approved

# Liposomes selectively reduce inflammation

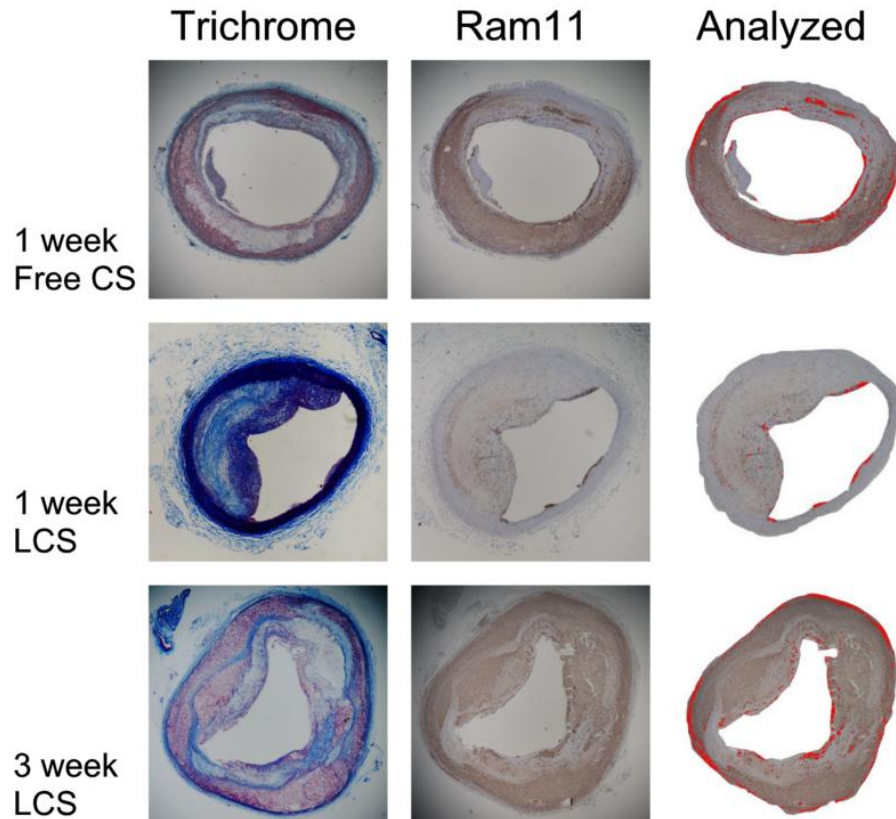


- Inflammation decreased significantly at 2 and 7 days after liposome injection
- Unprecedented therapeutic efficacy of a single treatment



# Results confirmed with histology

## Histology



## FDG-PET imaging

