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Role of pathology in biomedical research

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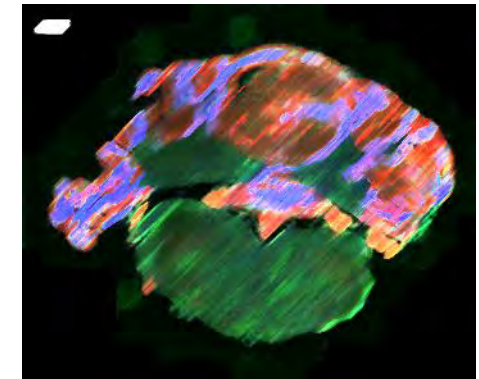
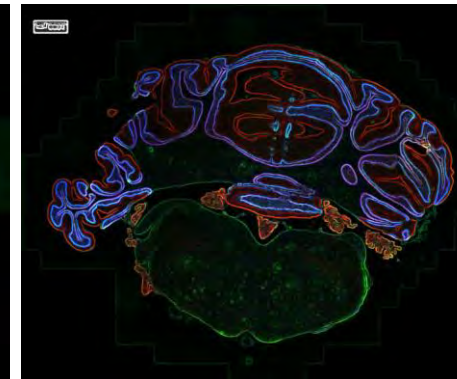
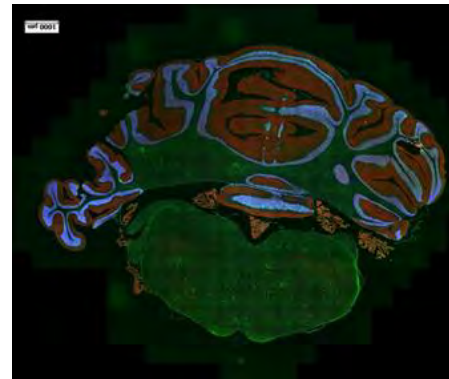
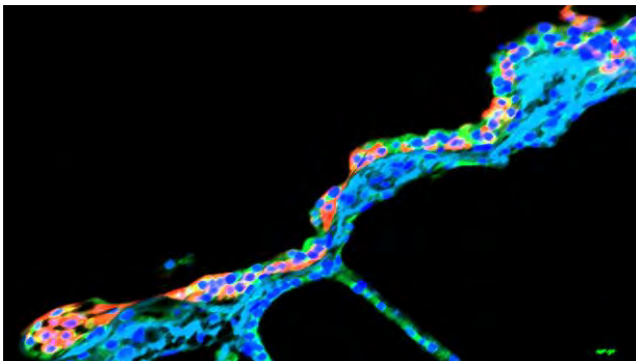
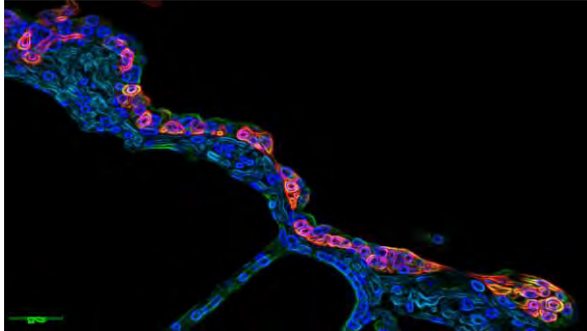
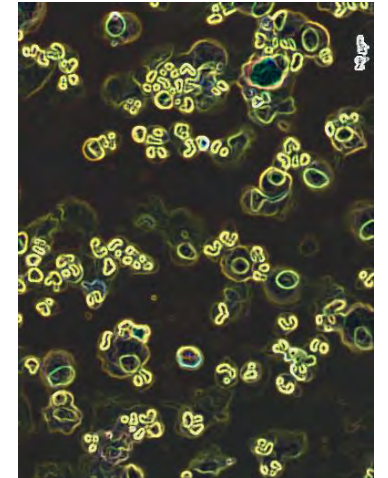
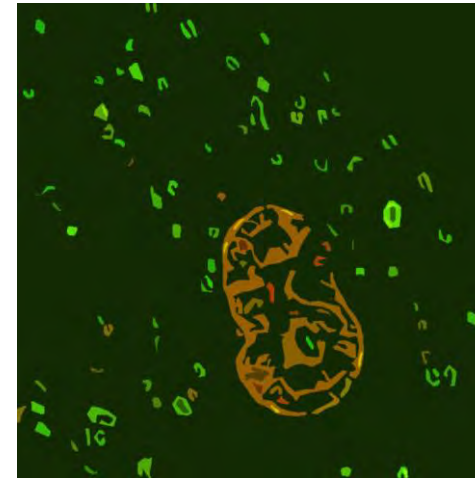
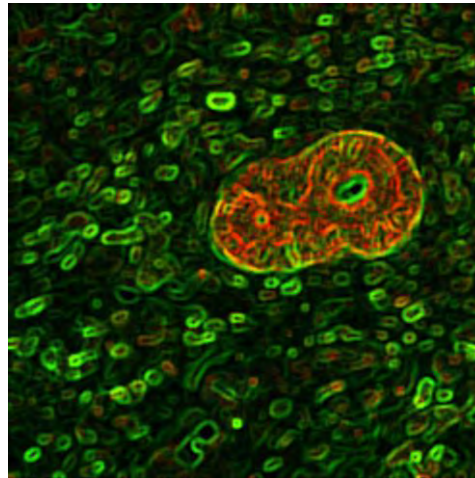
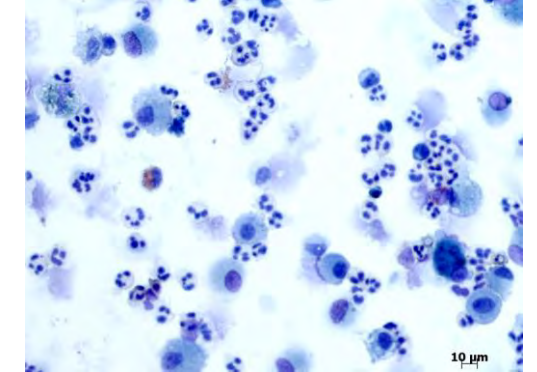
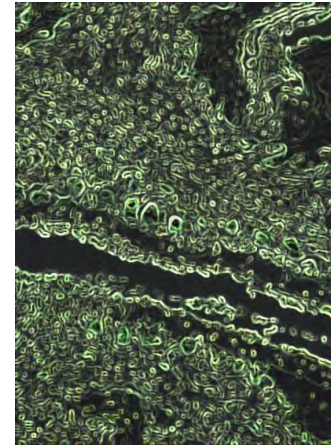
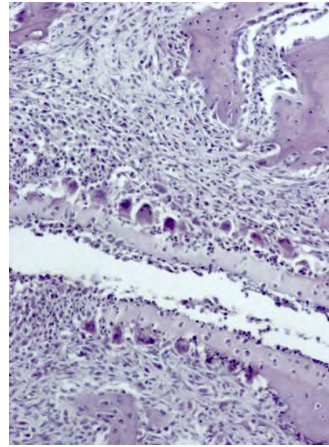
Aim of the lecture

Present the role of pathology in drug research conducted on:

Laboratory animals

Human tissue samples

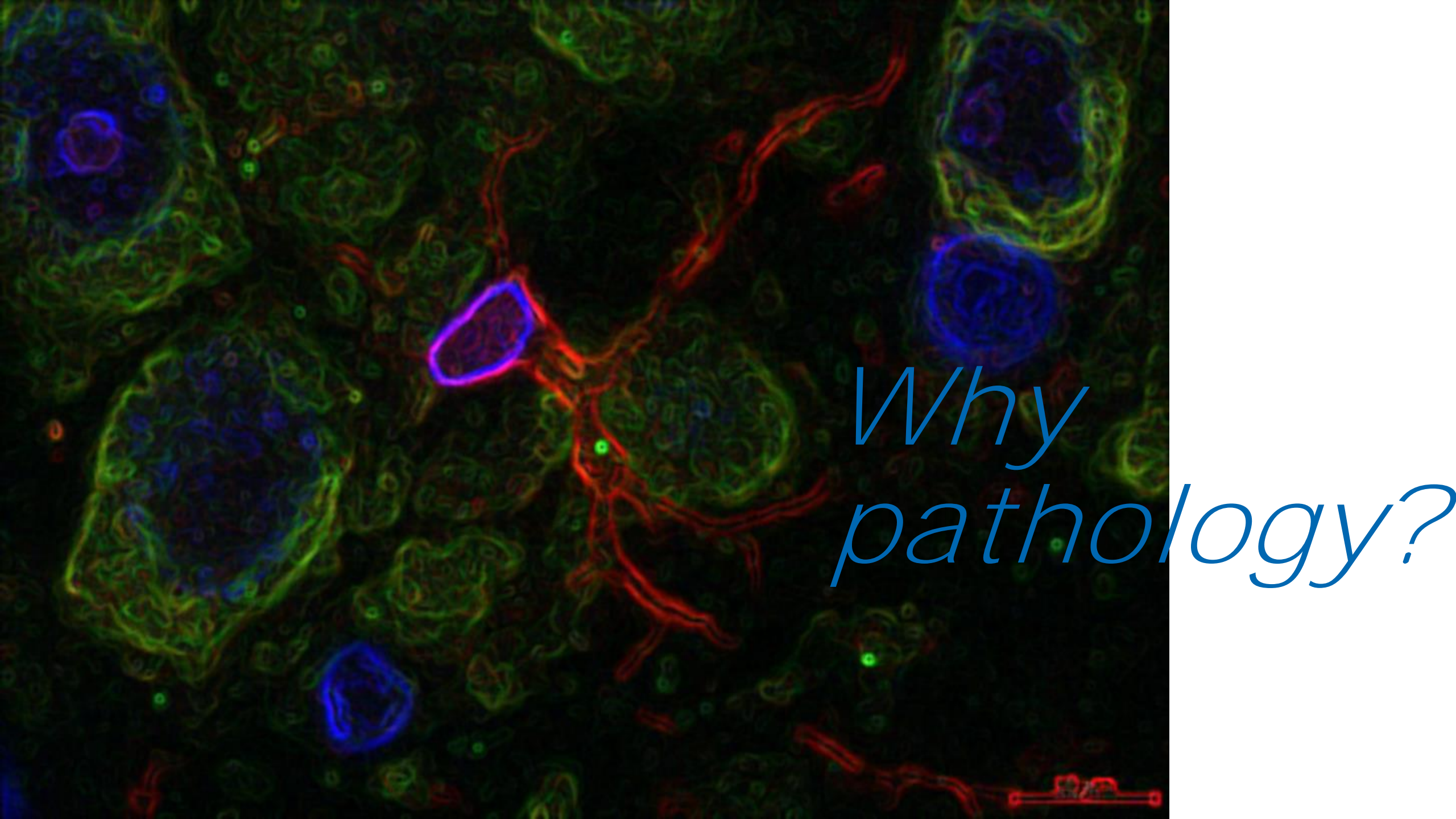
Tissue/cell lines grown *in vitro*



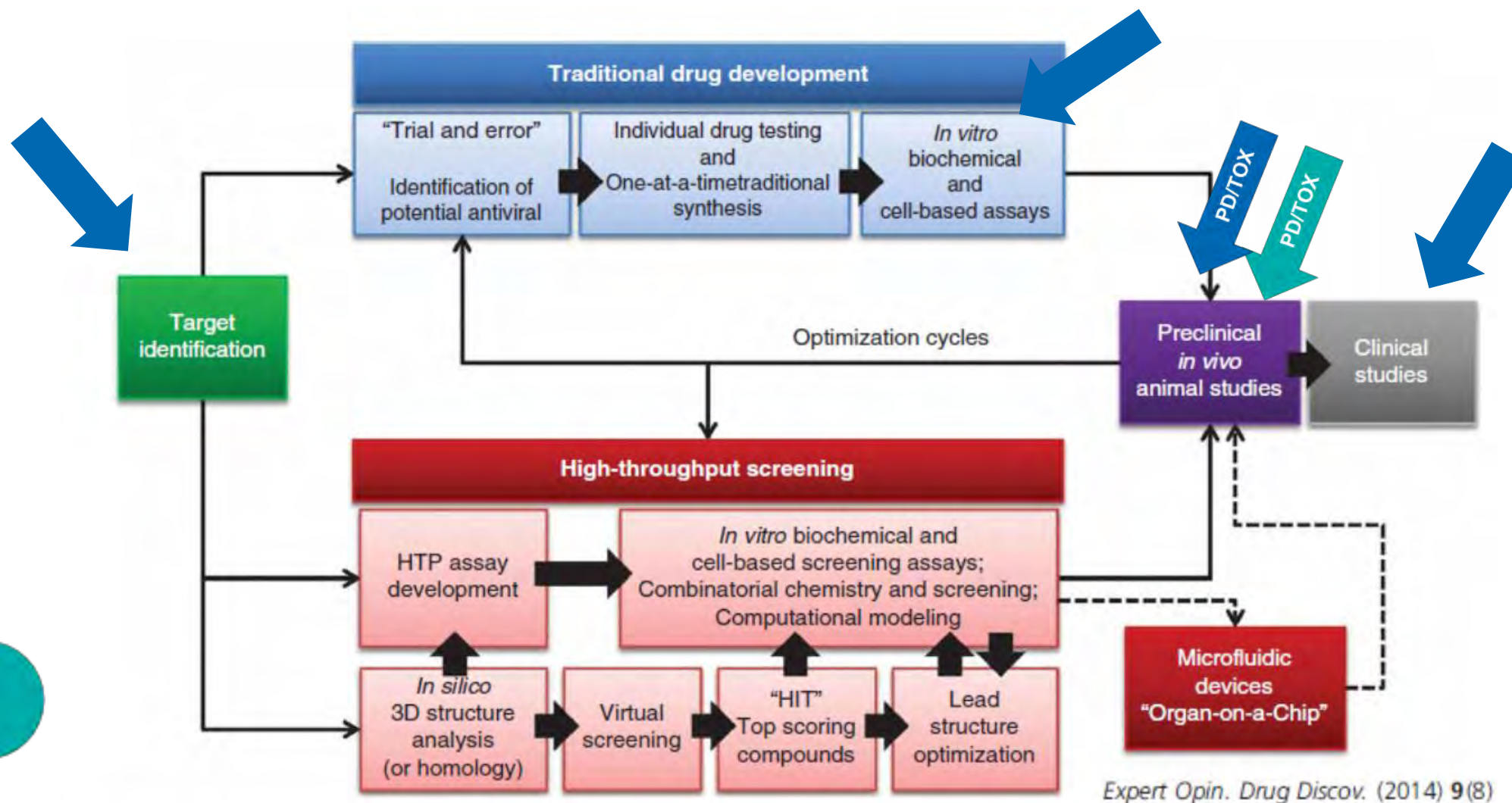
What has changed?





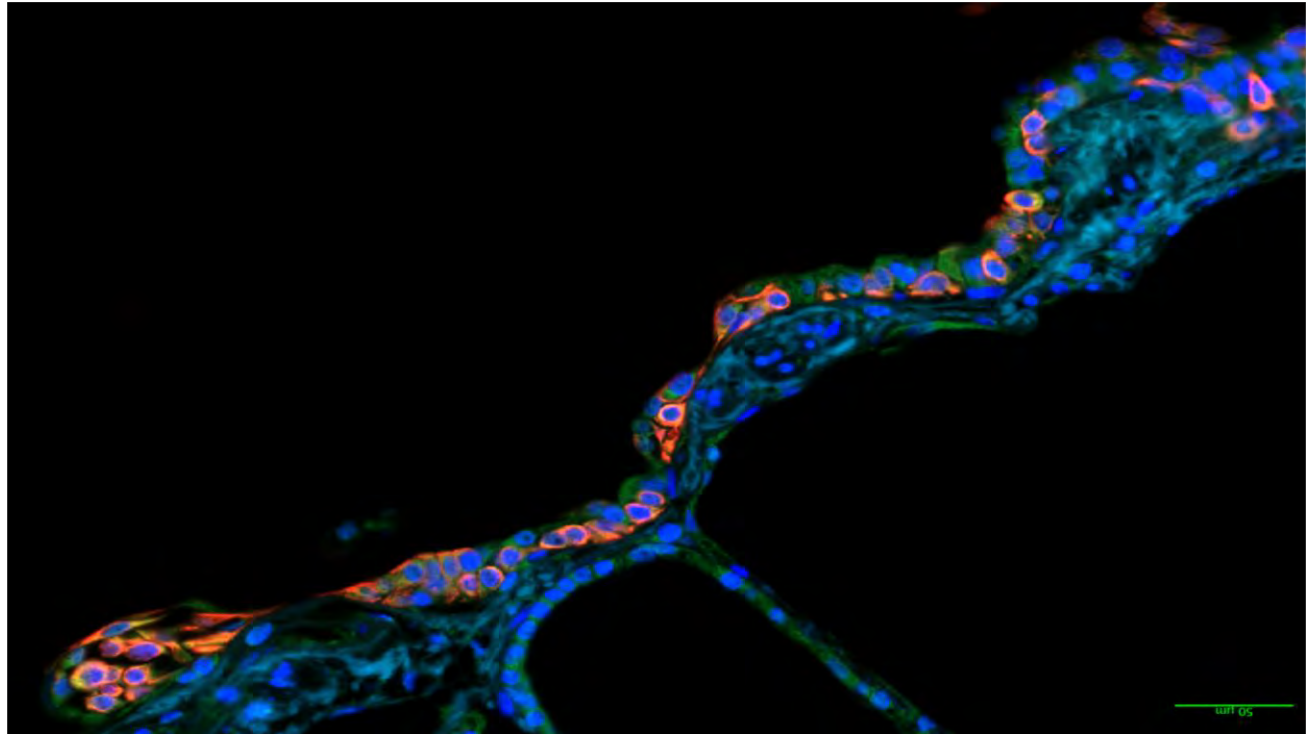
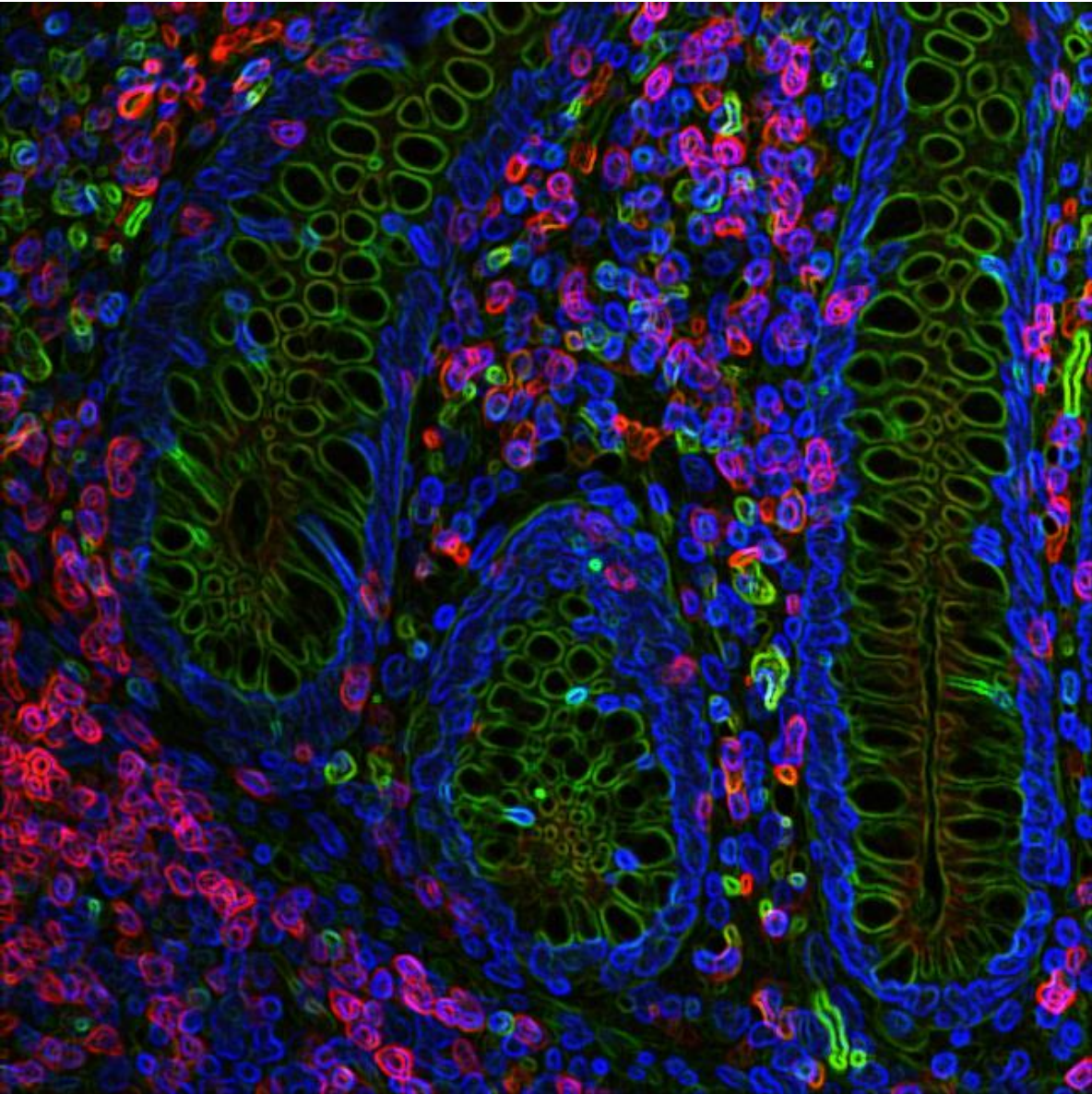


*Why
pathology?*



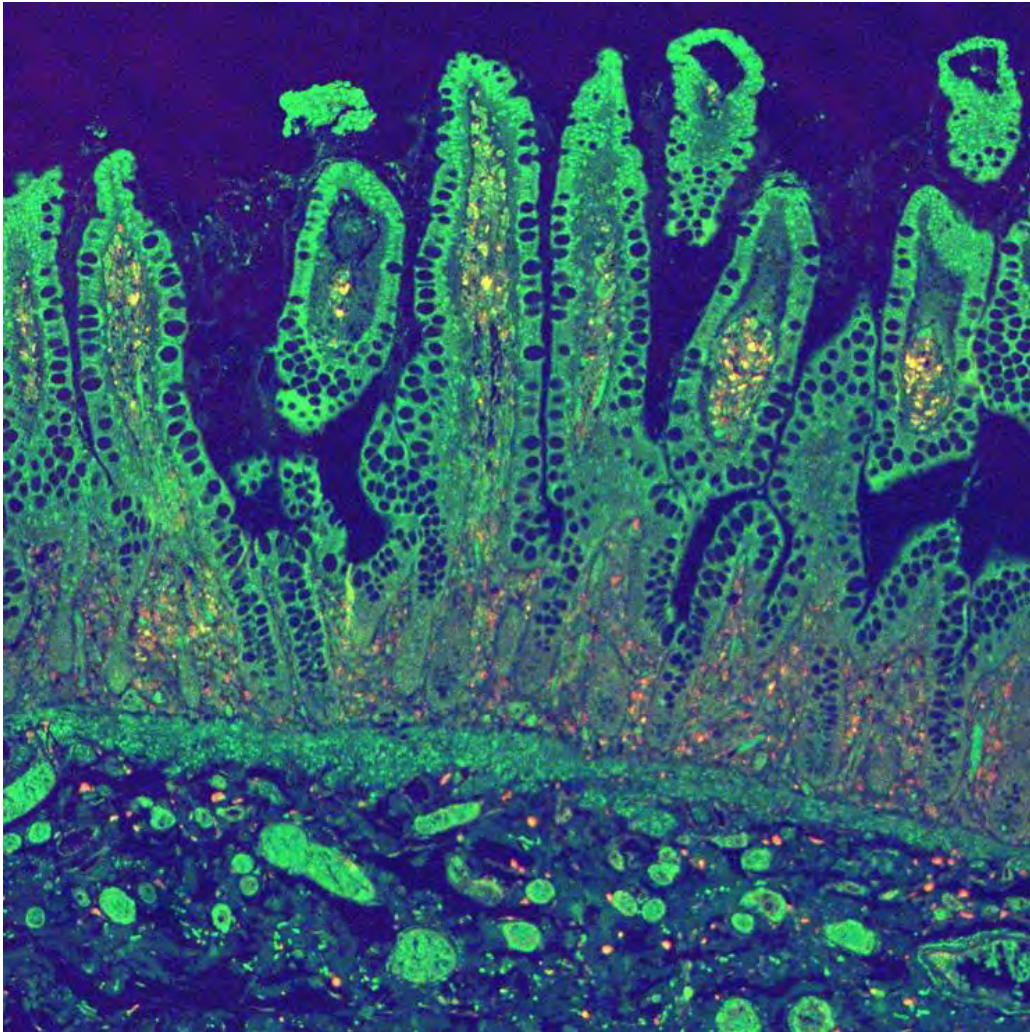
Target /Pathway validation

In vivo, In vitro



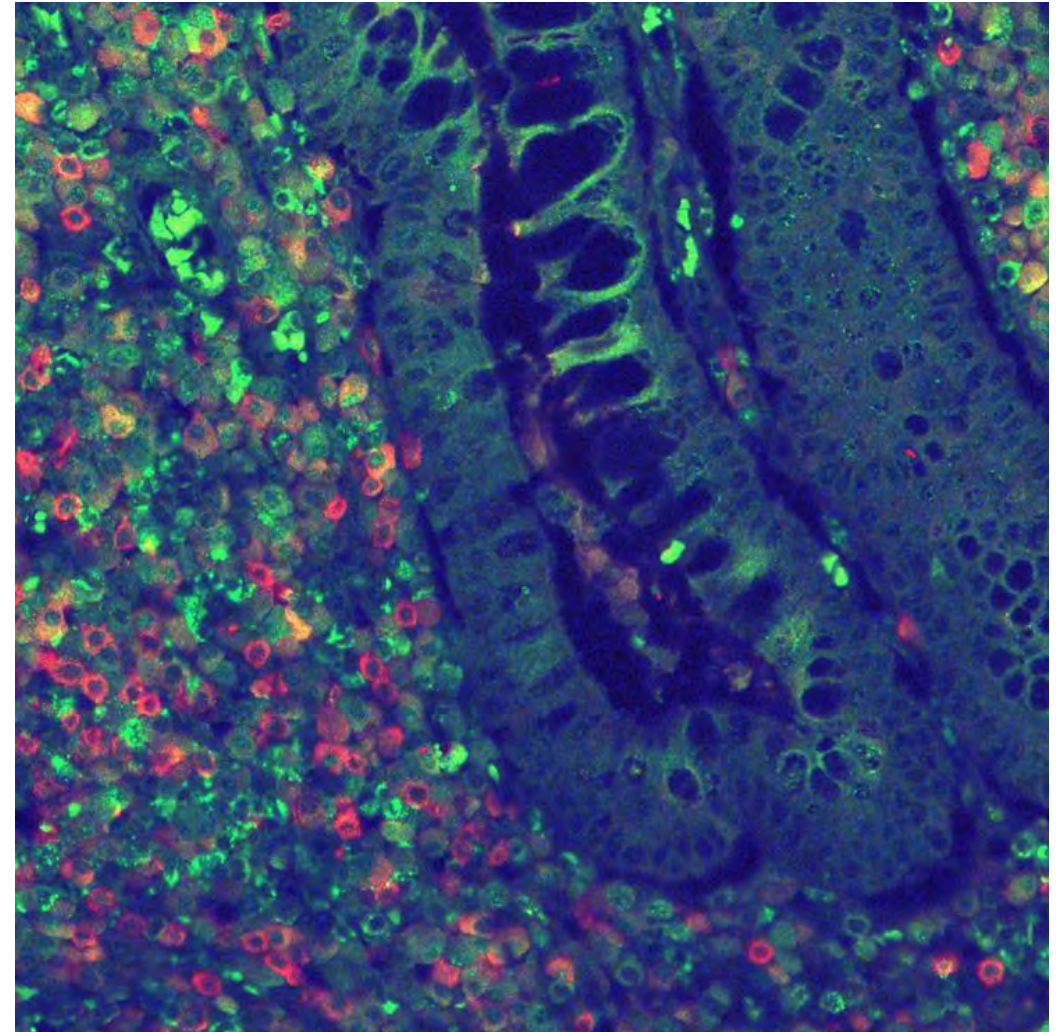
Target validation: Human disease

Human, non-IBD



TargetCD-marker

Human, IBD

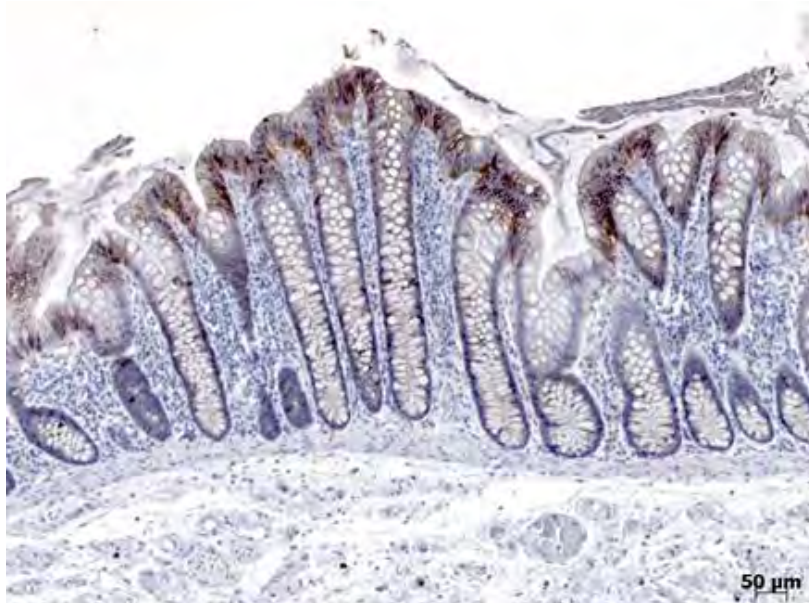


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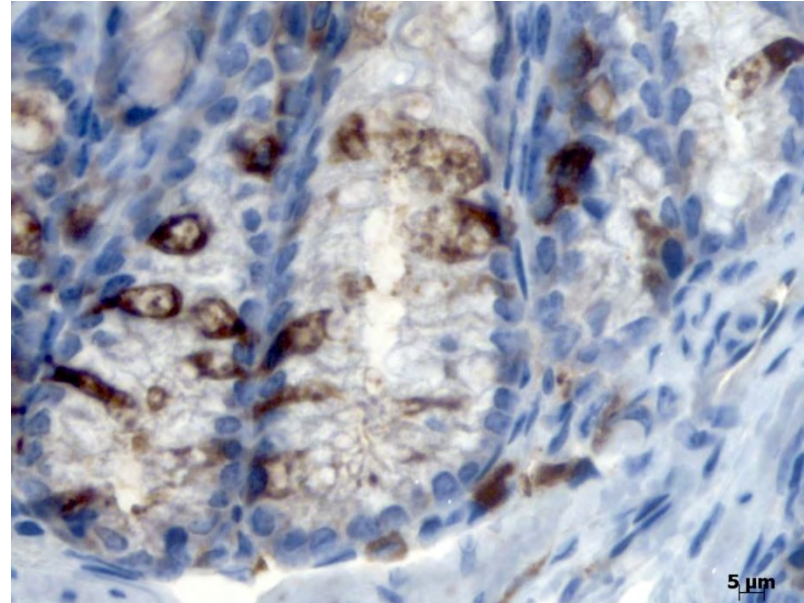
Target validation: Translational pathology

Human vs. animal tissue

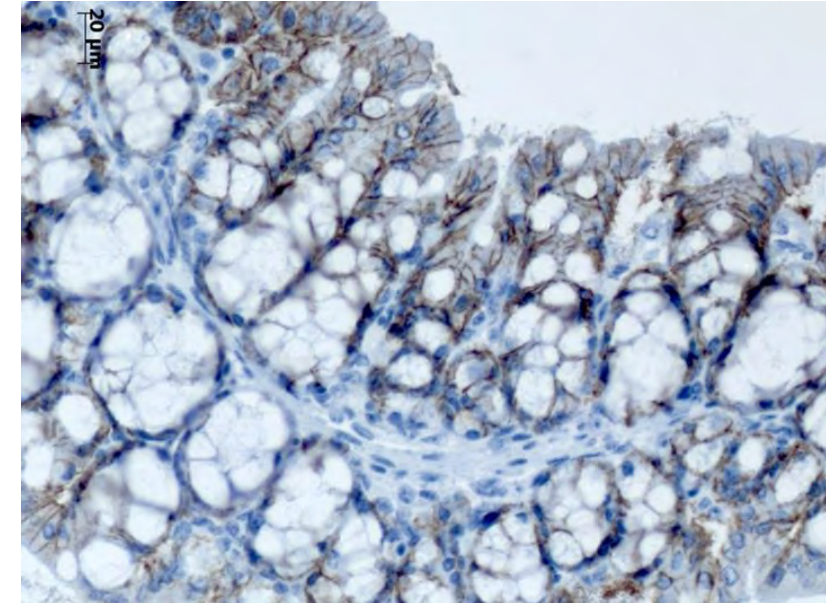
Claudin-1 expression in colon



Homo sapiens



C57Bl/6



SCID



Claudins: Beyond Tight Junctions in Human IBD and Murine Models

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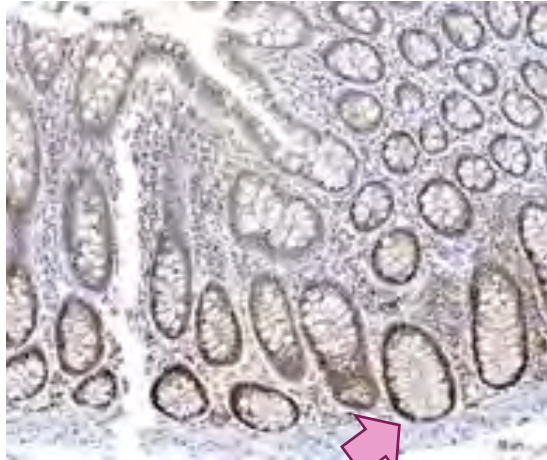
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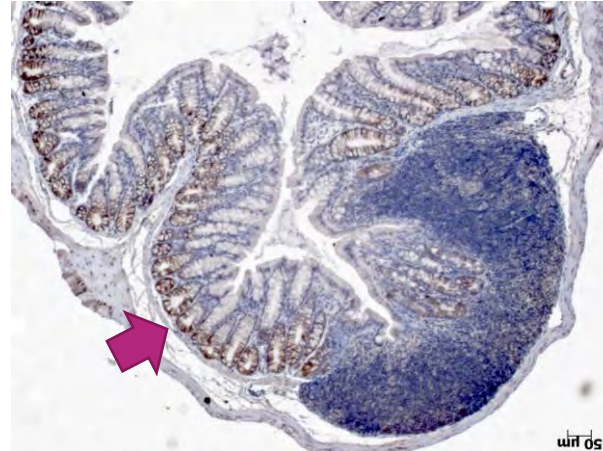
Target validation: Translational pathology

Human vs. animal models

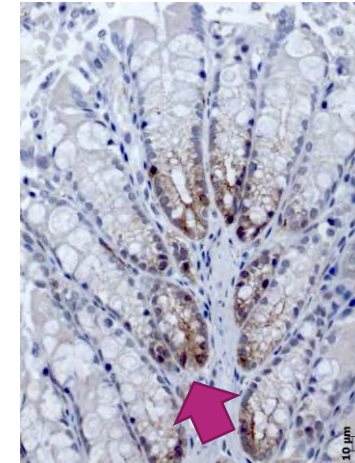
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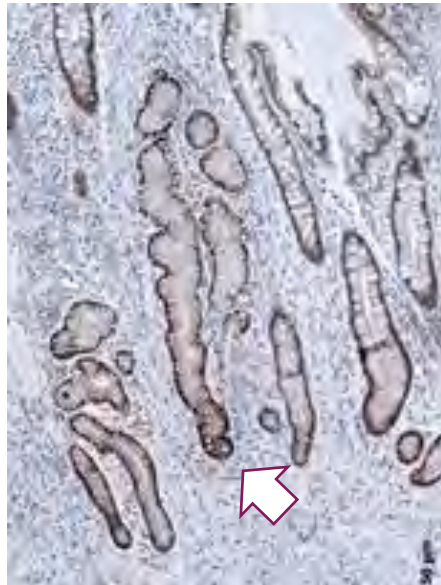
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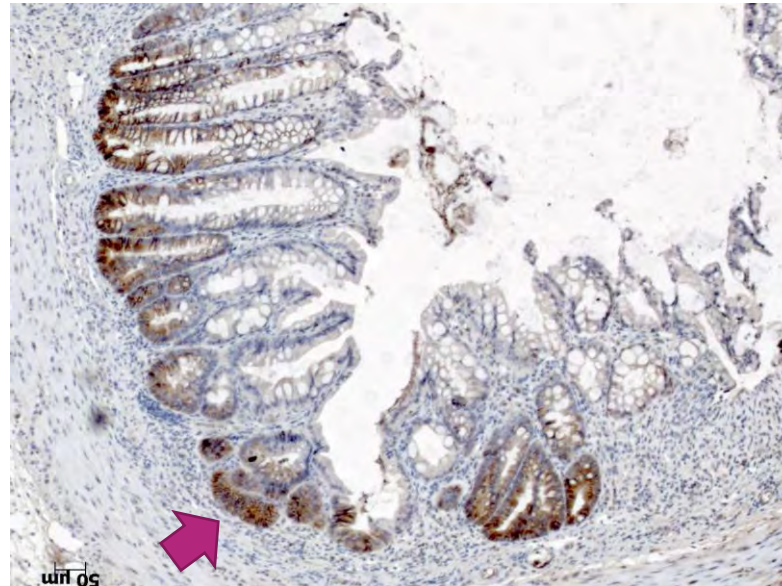
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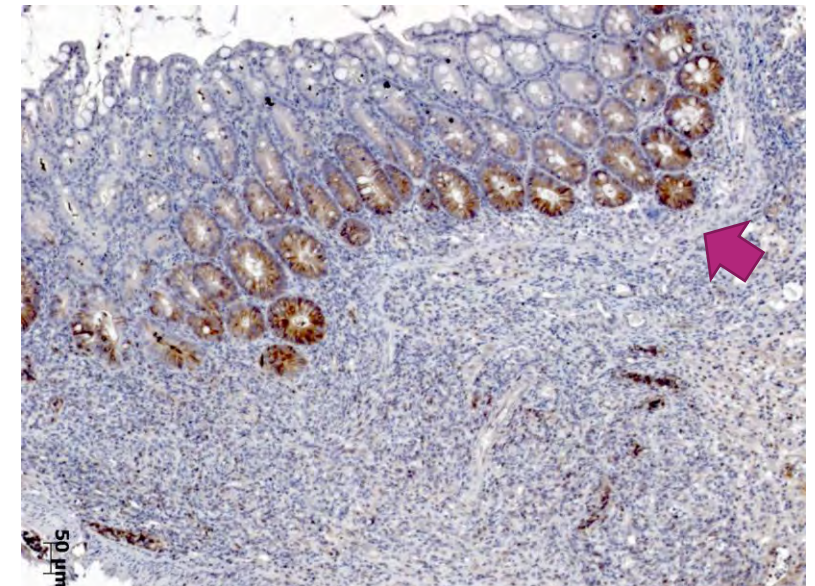
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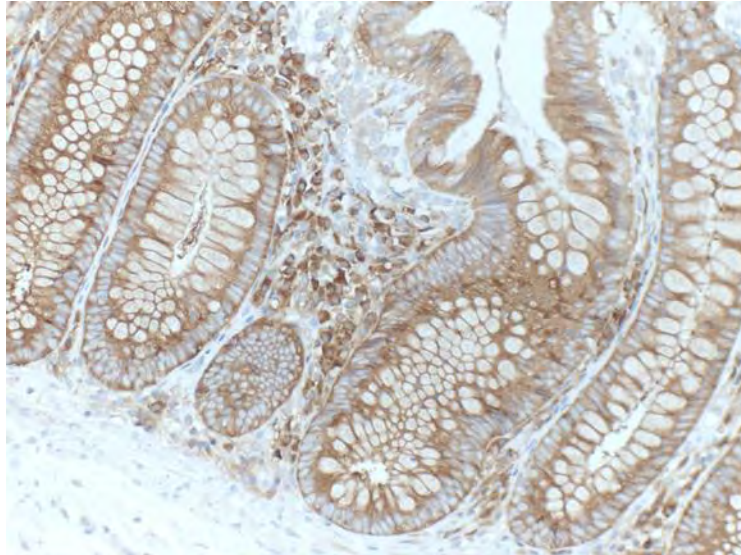
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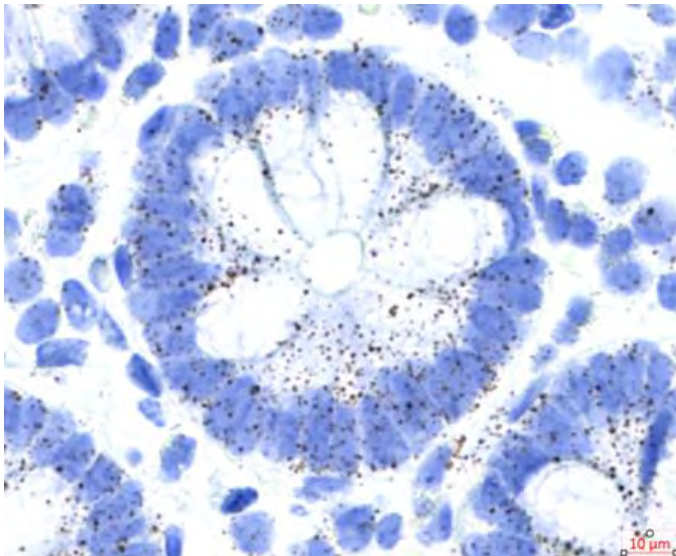
Adoptive transfer

Target validation: *Human vs. in vitro models*

Target expression in human colon; IHC/ISH

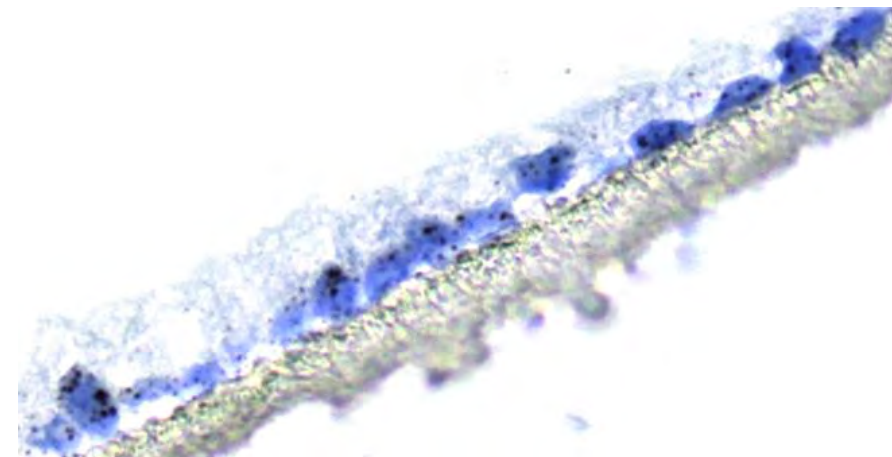
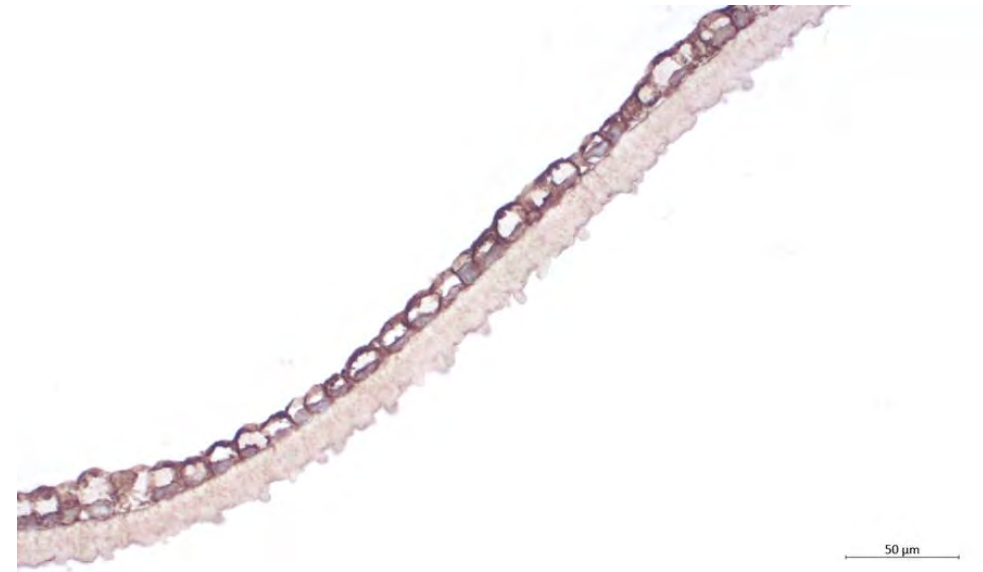


Protein, IHC

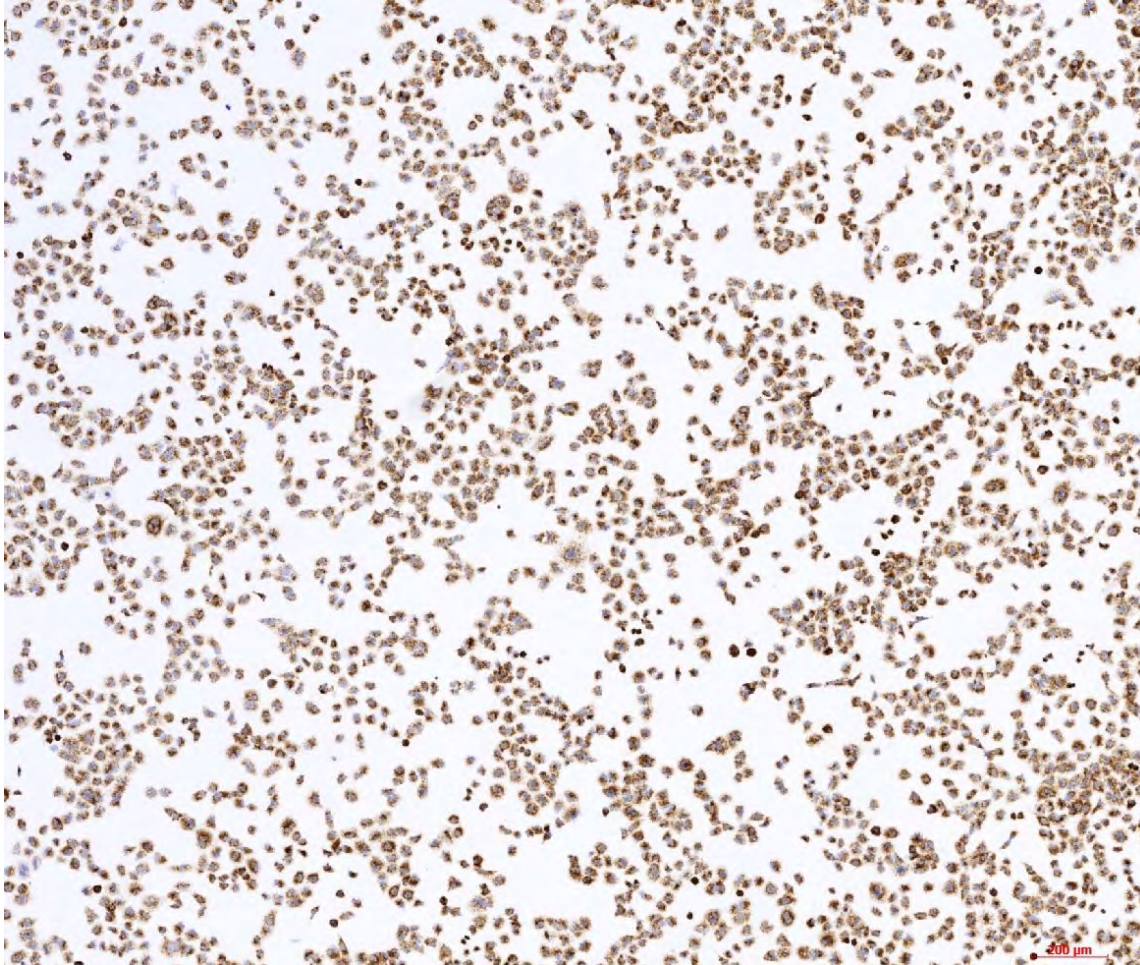


mRNA, ISH

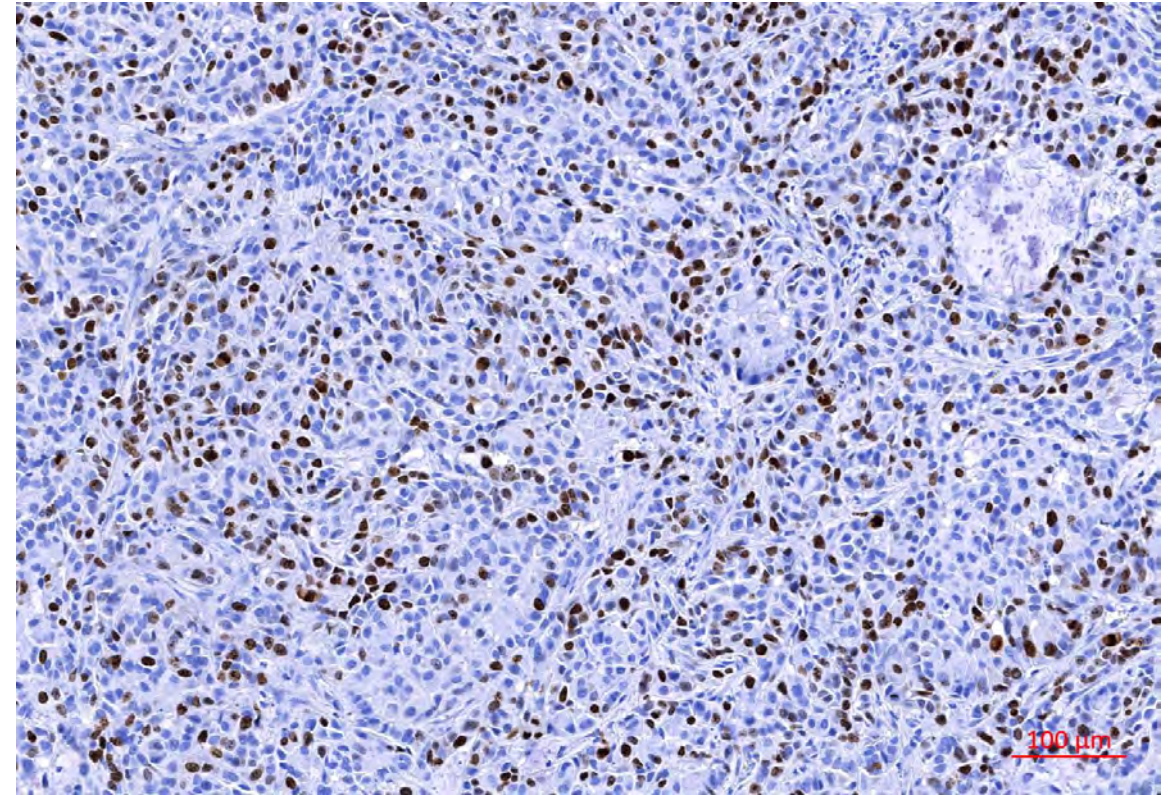
Target expression in Caco2 cell line; IHC/ISH



Target validation: *in vitro* vs. *in vivo* models



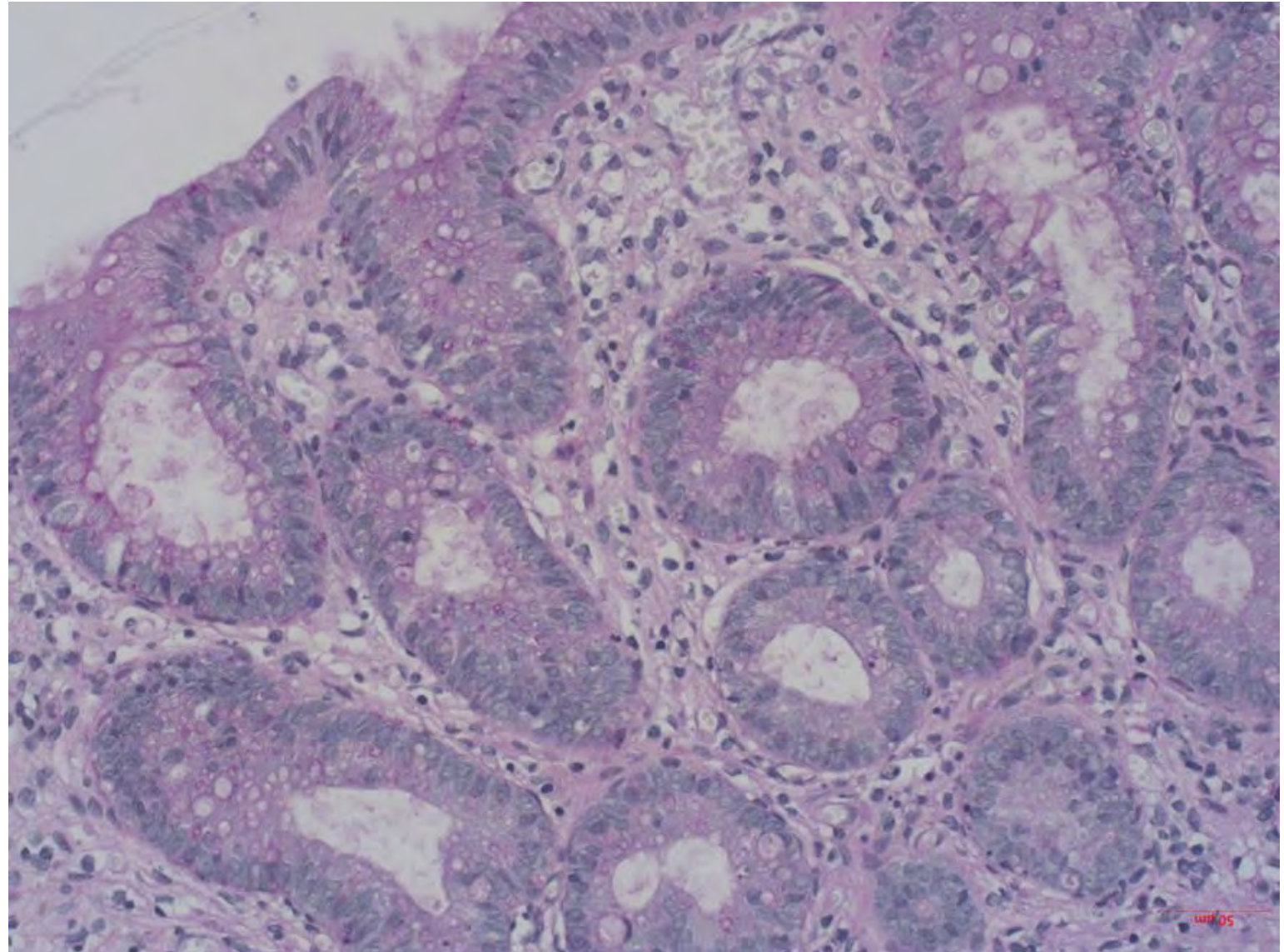
A549 cell-line grown on a slide, mRNA, ISH



A549 xenograft, protein, IHC

In vitro assays

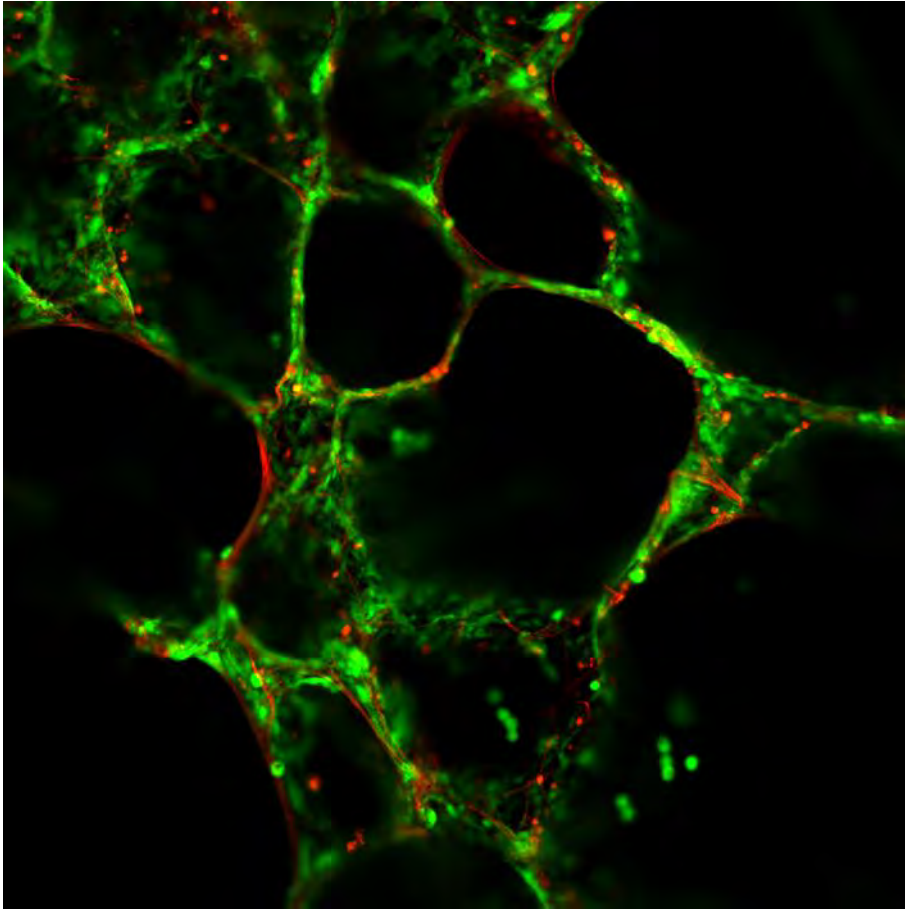
**Are results gained in
in vitro assay affected
by tissue alterations?**



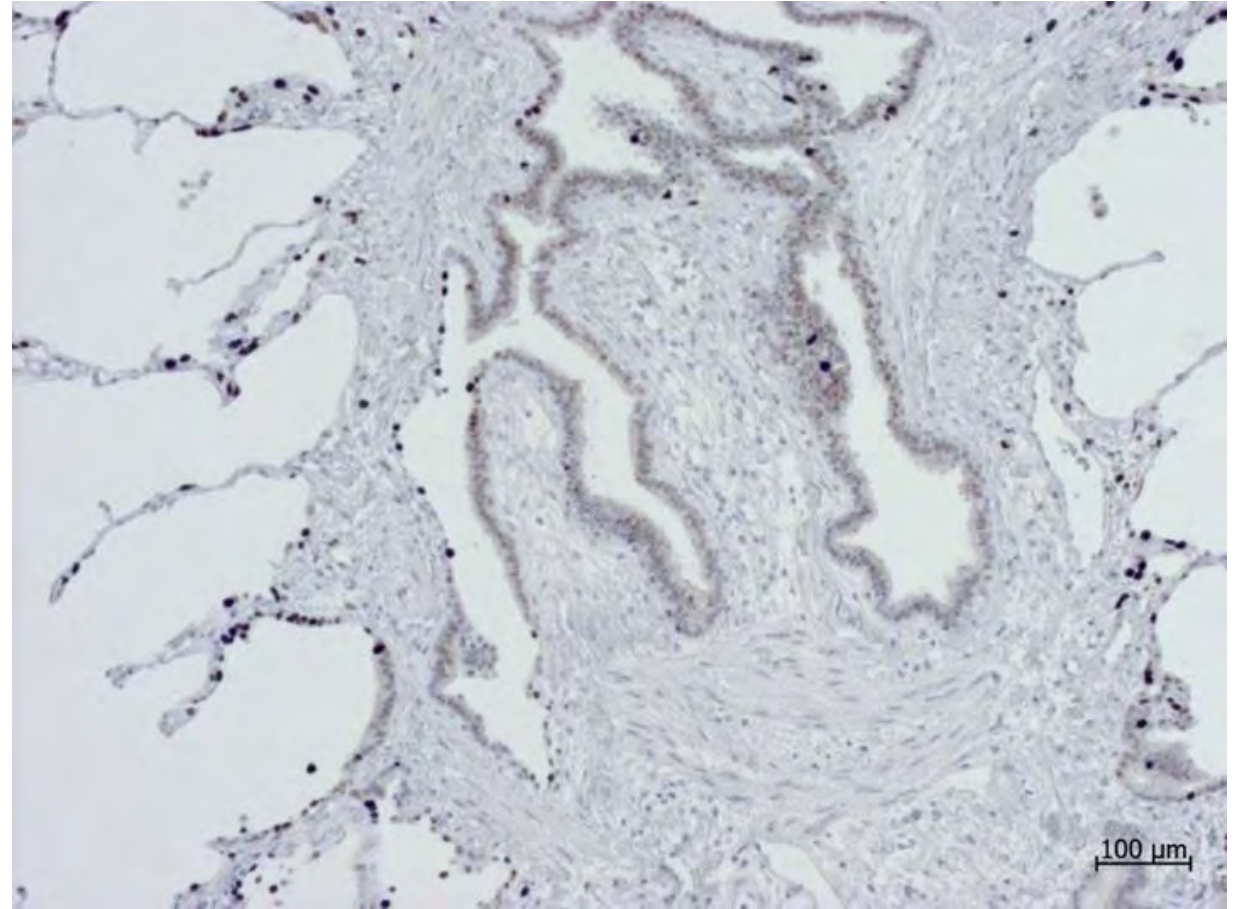
IBD, Colon biopsy at D1 in culture



COPD, Precision cut human lung slices at D3 in culture



Propidium iodideSYTO9

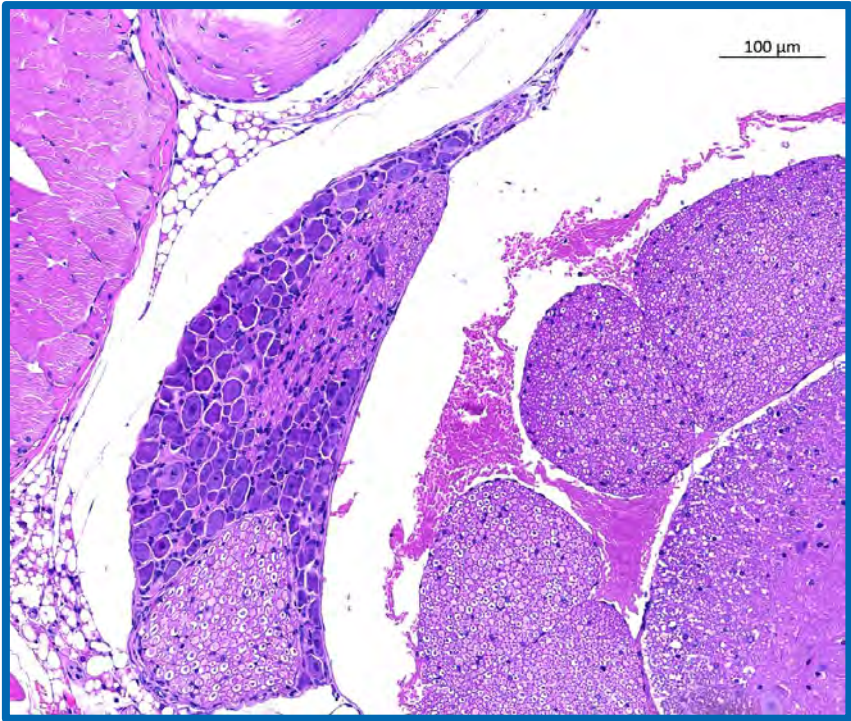
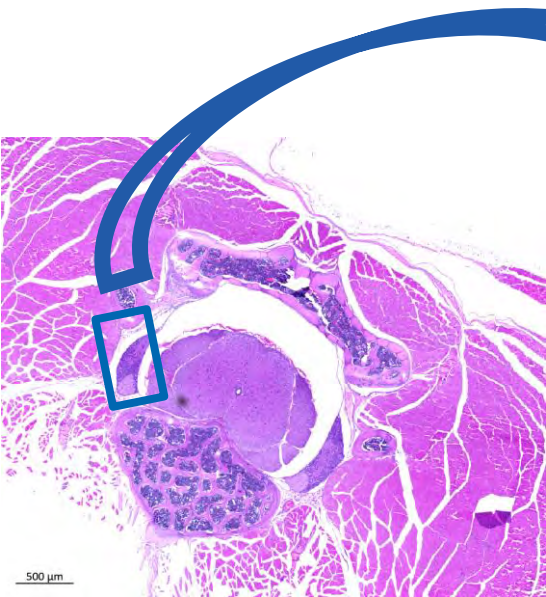


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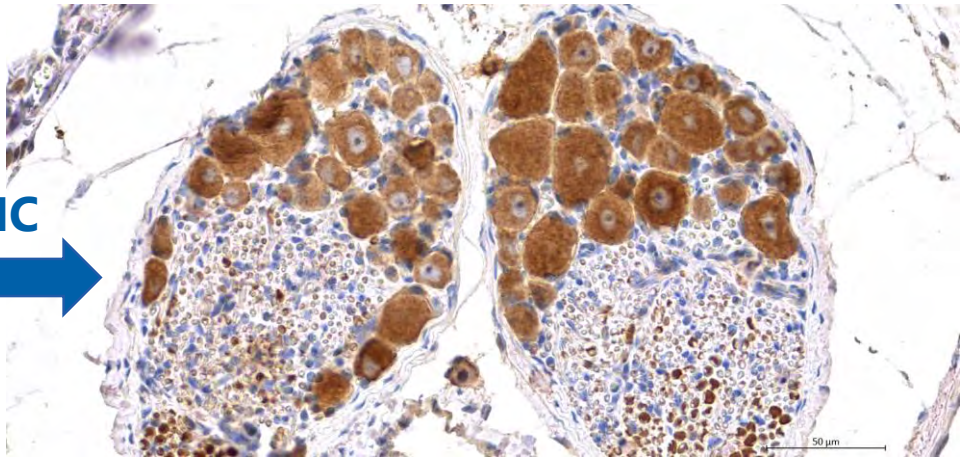
Animal studies



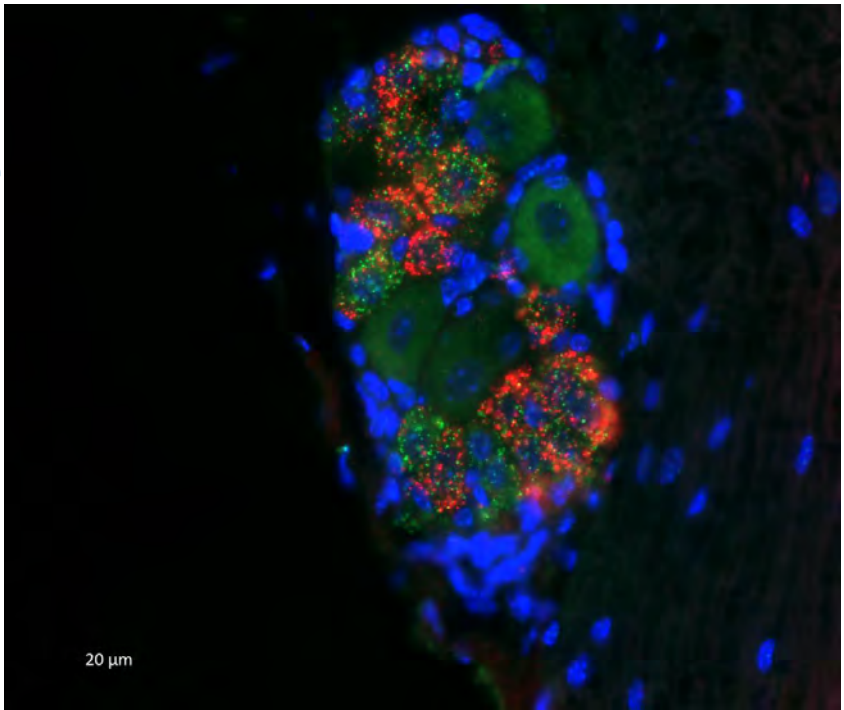
Animal model: Target(s) validation



IHC



Double
ISH



Mouse
Dorsal Root Ganglion

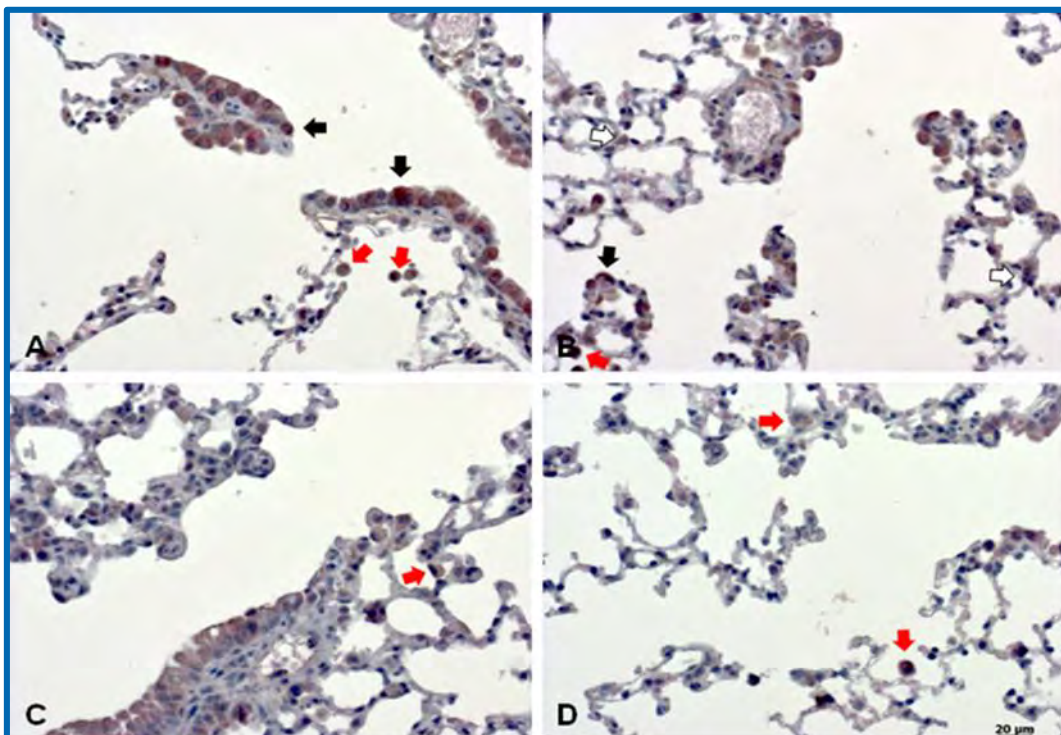


FIGURE 19.—Nitrotyrosine in sham exposed lungs (A) and after smoke exposure (B-D). Nitrotyrosine in sham exposed lungs (A) was present in the cytoplasm of alveolar macrophages (red arrow) and Clara cells (blue arrow). One day after exposure to smoke from 3 x 2 cigarettes for 2 consecutive days, cells lining alveolar ducts (black arrow) (B) and AEC-II (white arrow) (C) stained positive. Alveolar macrophage staining increased in comparison to that in sham-exposed lungs (red arrow) (C). At day 7 postexposure (D), only alveolar macrophages (red arrow) stained with variable intensity.

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Club cells are the source of Wnt3a in a mouse model of bleomycin induced lung fibrosis

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Introduction

Wnt proteins are secreted glycoproteins with multiple functions in cell proliferation and migration as well as in tissue organization. Generally, they are divided into two categories as "canonical" and "non-canonical", based on their involvement in beta-catenin pathway. Wnt3a, a member of "canonical" wnt/beta-catenin pathway, is constitutively expressed by bronchial epithelial cells in humans and idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (PLoS ONE (2008) 3: e2142).

Objectives

Bleomycin induced lung fibrosis in mice is commonly used model to mimic idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis disease in humans. The aim of this study was to identify Wnt3a expressing bronchial cells in the naive and fibrotic murine lungs.

Methods

Mice were divided into naive control and bleomycin challenged group. Lung tissue was sampled on days 7, 9, 14 and 21 following intranasal bleomycin challenge. Formalin fixed, paraffin embedded lung tissue sections were stained by immunohistochemistry (Wnt3a; Biorbyt, orb49054) and double immunofluorescence (Wnt3a/CC10; Santa Cruz Biotechnology, sc-9772). Histology slides were scanned with AxioScan.Z1 digital slide scanner (Zeiss).

Results

A strong Wnt3a expression was detected in a CC10-positive subset of bronchial epithelial cells of naive mice, identifying them as club cells (Figure 1). Bleomycin induced club cell damage and depletion. Wnt3a content within morphologically preserved club cells decreased (Figure 2). Despite subsequent recovery of the club cell population in large bronchi by day 21 post-bleomycin, almost complete absence of Wnt3a was observed (Figure 3). At the same time, club cells within small bronchi, as well as within areas of pathological bronchiolization (honeycombs), were Wnt3a positive (Figure 4).

Conclusion

In this study it was shown that club cells are secretory source of Wnt3a in naive animals as well as in bleomycin challenged mice where Wnt3a content within club cells of large bronchi gradually decreased over post-bleomycin observation period. Furthermore, club cells within honeycombs became additional source of Wnt3a.

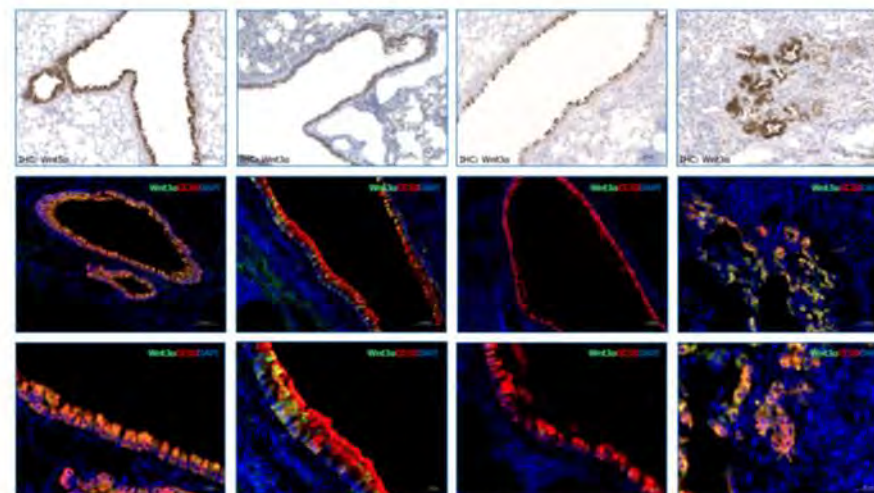


Figure 1 Mouse lungs. Naive control. Bronchial epithelium.

Figure 2 Mouse lungs. Bleomycin challenged group, day 7. Bronchial epithelium.

Figure 3 Mouse lungs. Bleomycin challenged group, day 21. Bronchial epithelium.

Figure 4 Mouse lungs. Bleomycin challenged group, day 21. Bronchiolization (honeycombs).

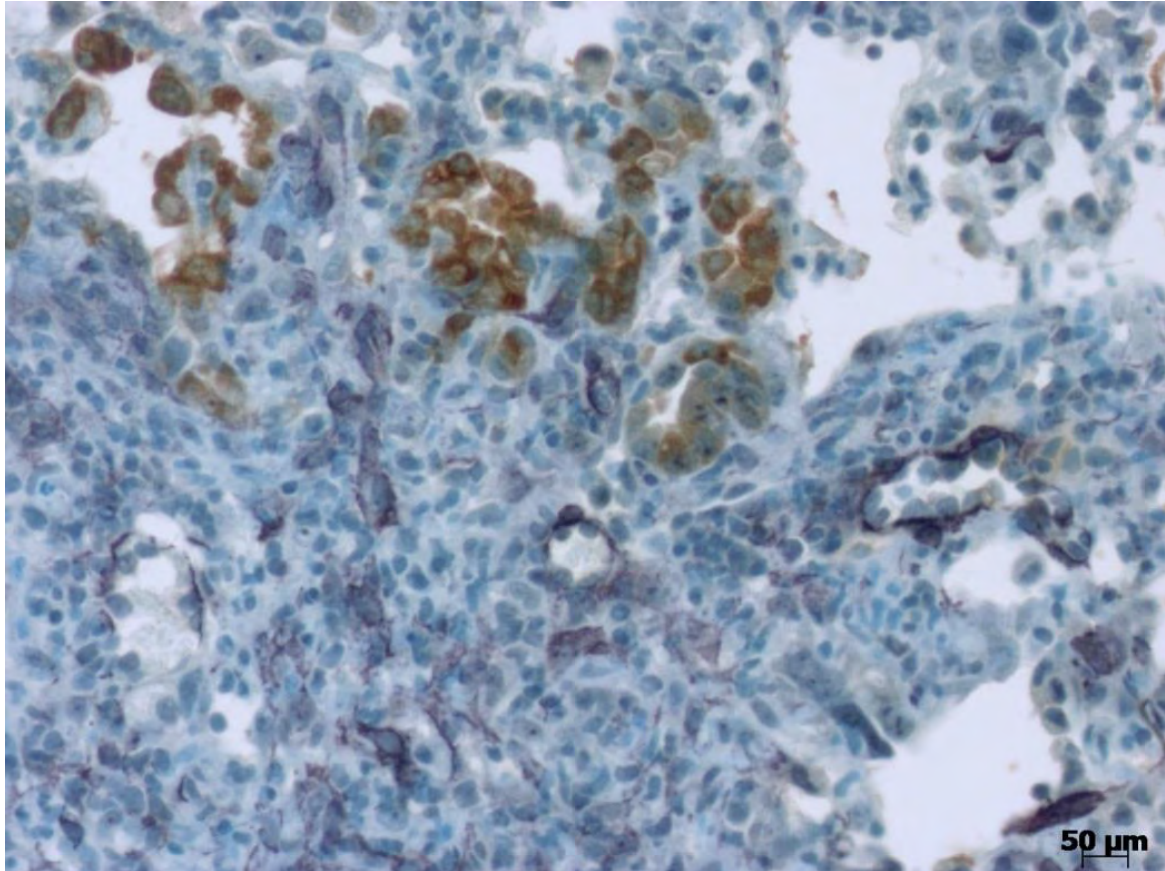
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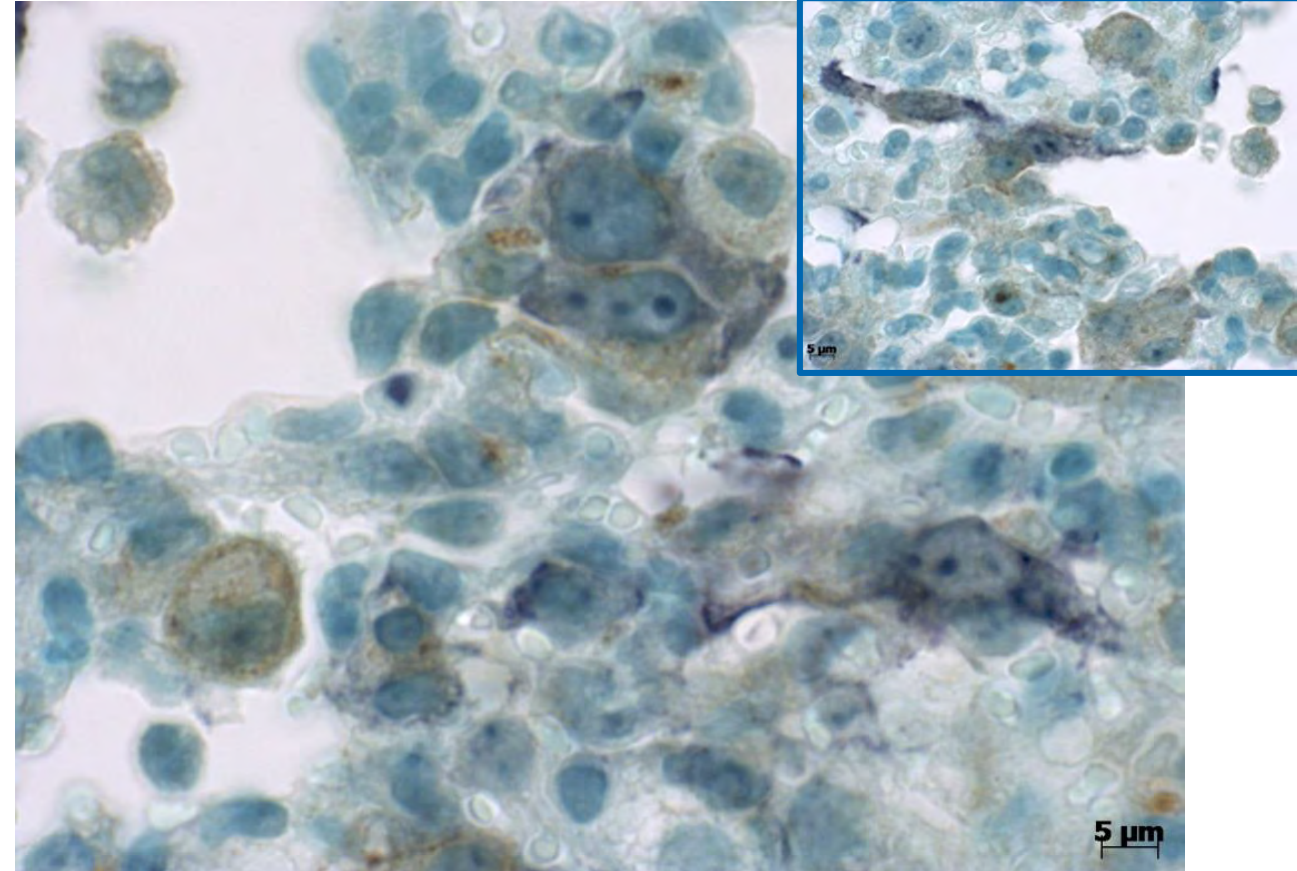
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Bleomycin induced pulmonary fibrosis, *Pathological cell trans-differentiation*



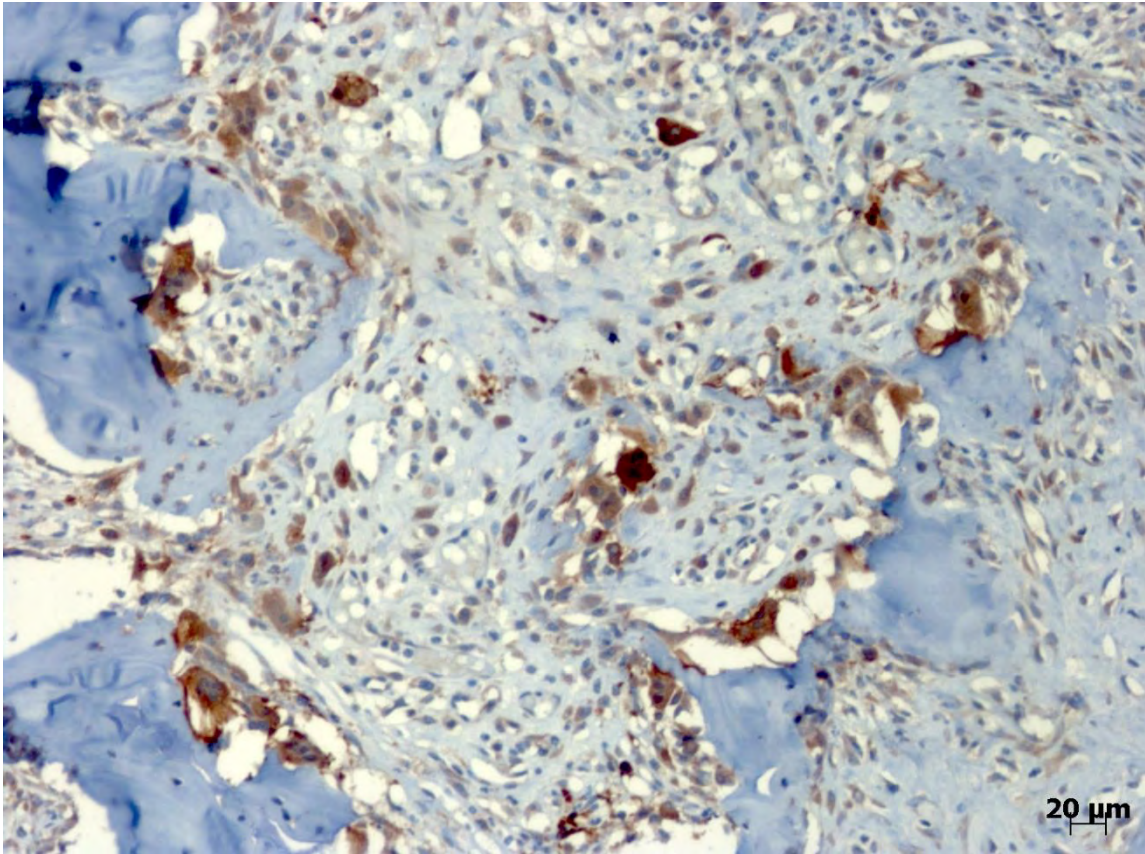
Club cells and myofibroblasts
Uteroglobulin/CC10 **aSMA**



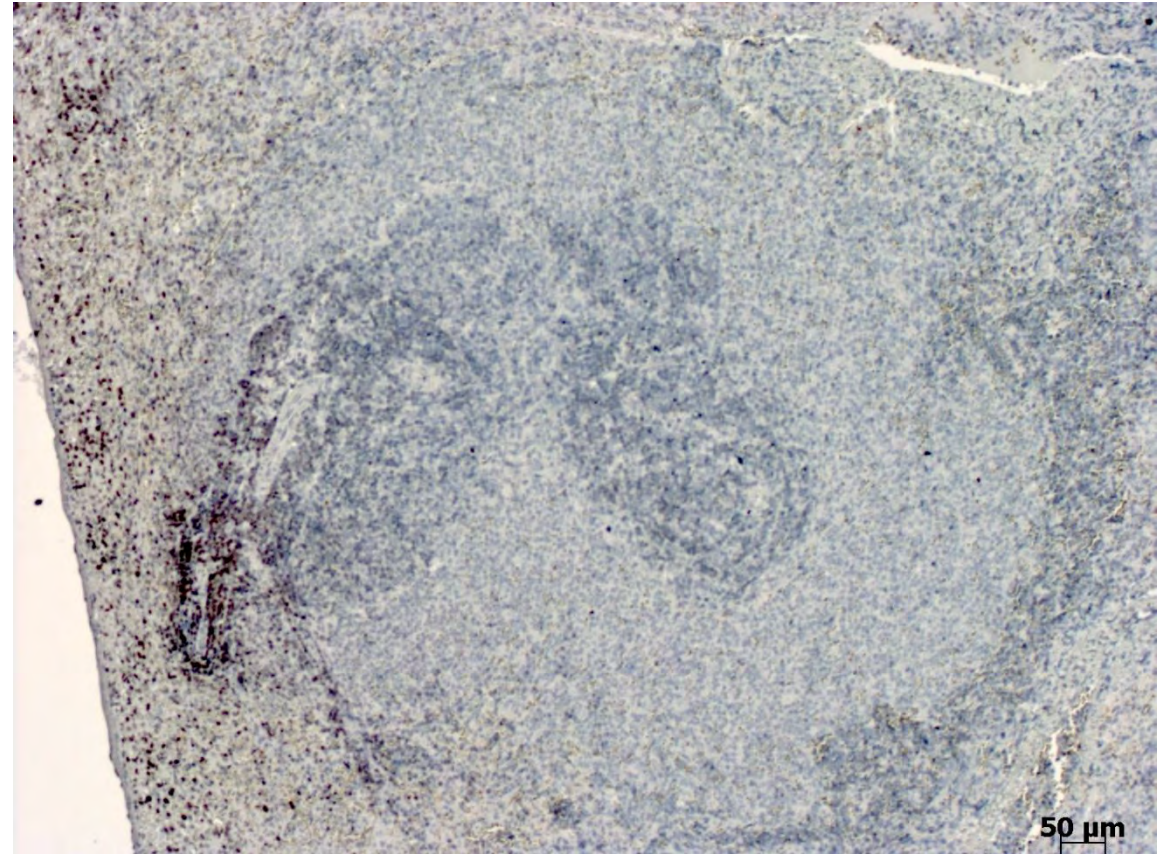
Epithelial-mesenchymal transition (EMT)
Integrin αV **aSMA**

Animal model: Pathophysiology beyond “target” organ

Structure/function alterations of one organ can result in structure/function alterations of other organ(s) and/or whole organism



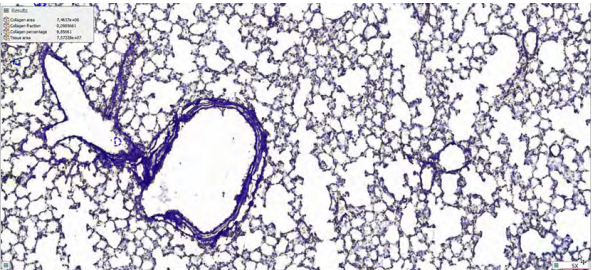
Collagen induced arthritis, bone, MMP3 IHC



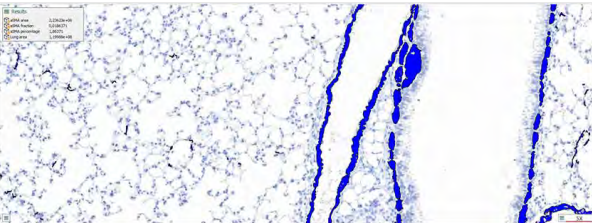
Collagen induced arthritis, spleen, target IHC

Analysis: Quantitative Digital image analysis (DIA)

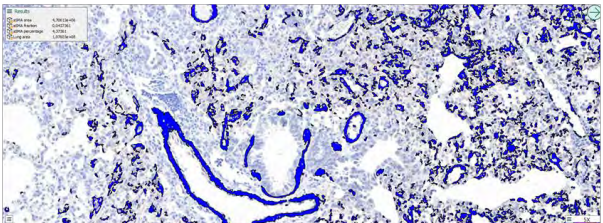
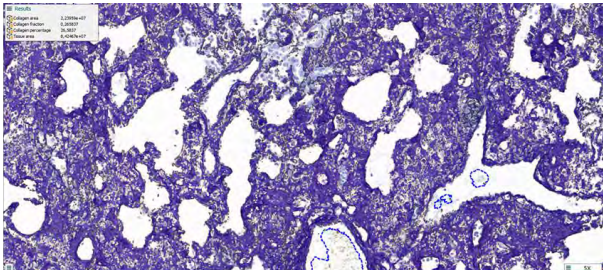
COL1A1, IHC



α SMA, IHC



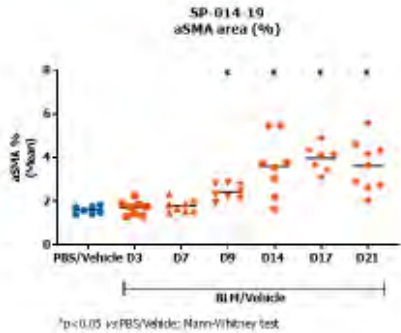
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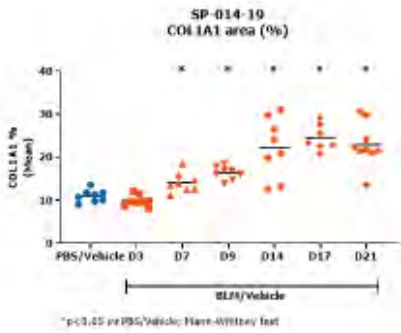
BLM+ vehicle group

Results
Visiopharm software

α SMA area



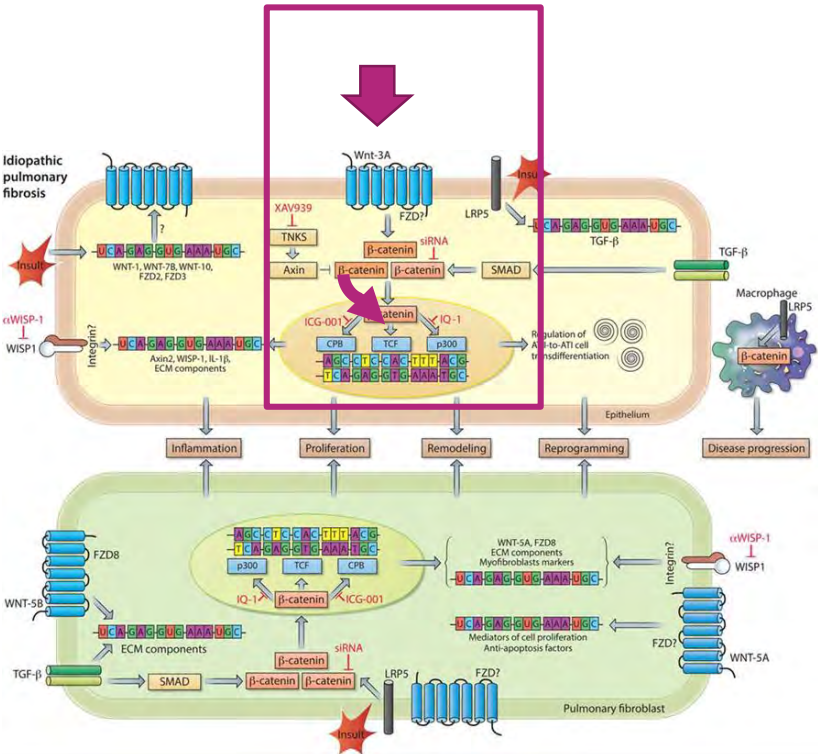
COL1A1 area



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Animal model: Pathway validation



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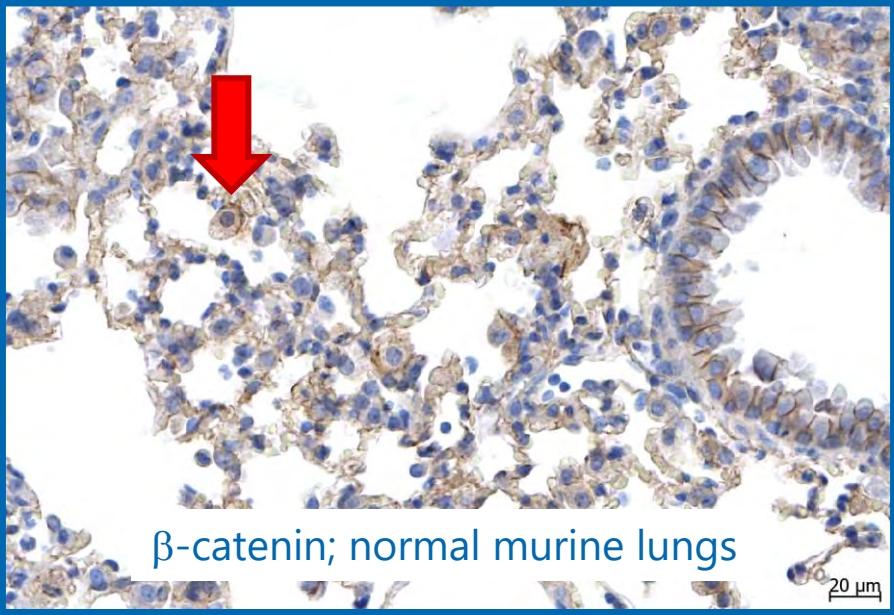
Digital Localization and Quantification of WNT-3A Signalling-edited Target Approach in a 21 Day Murine Model of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis

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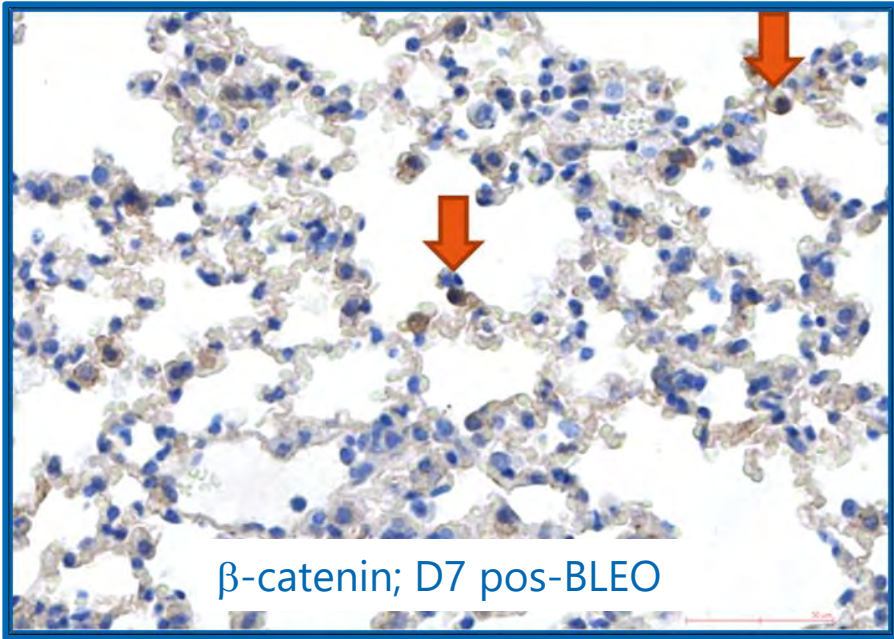
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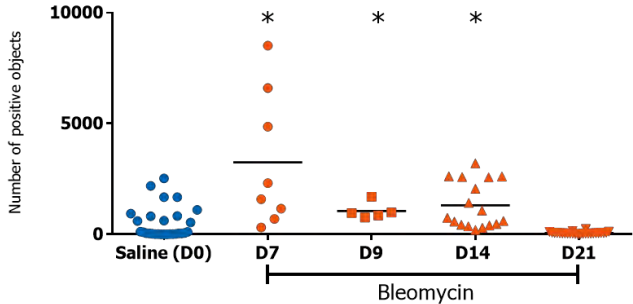


β-catenin; normal murine lungs



β-catenin; D7 pos-BLEO

Number of nuclear β-catenin positive cells per lungs through days



*p<0,05 vs D0; Mann-Whitney test



A translational value of pulmonary function tests in a mouse model of bleomycin-induced pulmonary fibrosis: effects of approved therapies Nintedanib and Pirfenidone

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Introduction

Pulmonary function tests (PFT's) routinely implemented in clinics are the first step in the diagnosis of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. Evaluation of PFT's in the mouse model of pulmonary fibrosis accompanied by histological readouts may improve clinical predictability of new therapeutic candidates. Forced expiration (FE) parameters are considered as the most predictive for restrictive pulmonary disorders. The aim of the study was to estimate the translational value of the PFT technique in the established mouse model by evaluating the effects of two approved therapies for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, Pirfenidone and Nintedanib.

Materials & Methods

Bleomycin induced pulmonary fibrosis: Pulmonary fibrosis was induced in C57BL/6 male mice by intranasal application of 30 µg bleomycin. Both therapies were administered in preventive settings, from D0 till the end of experiment on D14. Nintedanib was administered at a dose of 60 mg/kg once daily, and Pirfenidone at a dose of 50 mg/kg twice daily. Fourteen days after bleomycin administration, pulmonary function measurements were performed and lungs were sampled for further pathohistological analyses.

Pulmonary function measurements: PFT's were assessed by using in vivo invasive lung function measurements system Buxco®- Forced Pulmonary Maneuvers®. Forced expiration tests (FE) were analyzed as main predictors of restrictive respiratory changes. Parameters as forced vital capacity (FVC), forced expiratory volume at 100 ms (FEV100) and peak expiratory flow (PEF) in combination with Pressure-volume and Flow-volume curves were the base of the interpretation.

Pathohistology: Paraffin embedded formalin fixed lung tissue were cut and stained according to Crossman. Masson modification of Ashcroft score (Eur Respir J (1999) 13:71-77) was used to evaluate fibrosis in lung specimens. Histology slides were scanned using Zeiss AxioScan.Z1 scanner. Myofibroblast (αSMA, IHC) accumulation and de novo collagen (COL1A1, IHC) deposition in lungs was assessed by digital image analysis (Colopix software, TRIBVN, France).

Statistical analysis: For all PFT's values, significance was analyzed in Buxco Fine-Points software, by applying unpaired t-test. To define statistically significant differences of Ashcroft scores between bleomycin/vehicle and PBS/vehicle group, the evaluation was performed by Wilcoxon Signed Rank Test. Comparisons for immunohistochemical analyses were performed using Mann-Whitney Test (GraphPad Prism version 8.2.1). The level of significance was set at $p < 0.05$ in all cases.

Conclusions

In contrast to Pirfenidone, Nintedanib treatment significantly improved PFT's parameters and Ashcroft score at day 14 post bleomycin challenge.

Significant correlation of functional tests and Ashcroft scores was confirmed.

Implementation of PFT, supported by the pathohistological evaluation could be a good platform to increase the translational value of the model.

Results

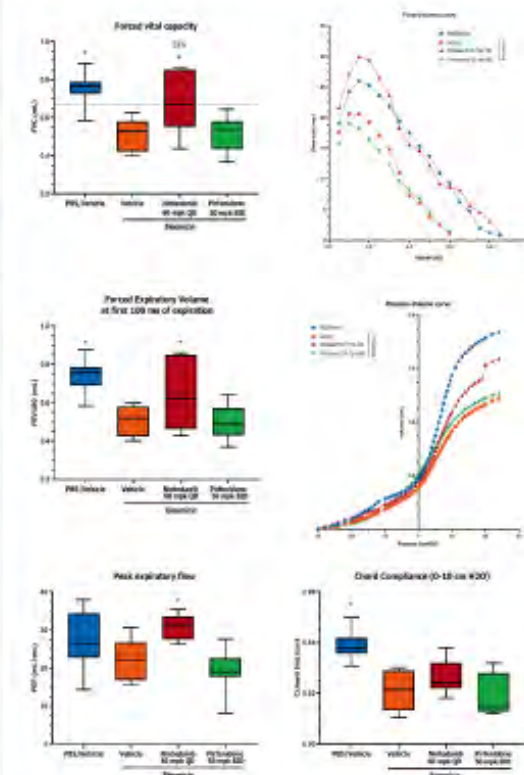


Figure 1. FE test curve with relevant parameters and P-V curve measured at D14 post BLM challenge. Significant improvement in group treated with Nintedanib in therapeutic regimen, observed at FVC (29% improvement over BLM/Vehicle), FEV 100, PEF supported by P-V and F-V curve trend.

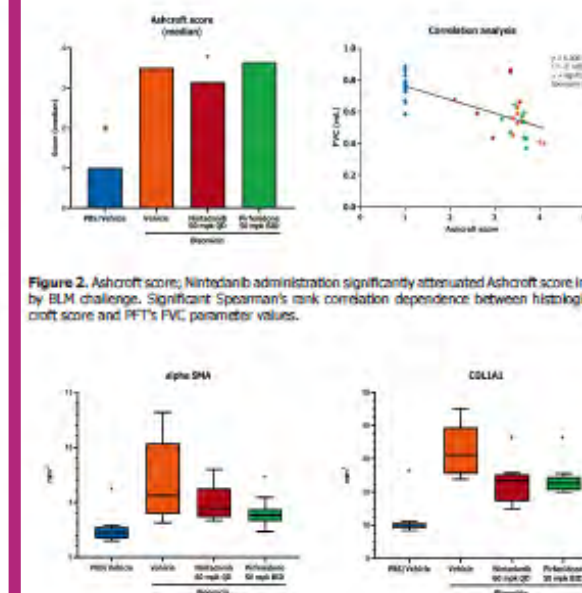


Figure 2. Ashcroft score; Nintedanib administration significantly attenuated Ashcroft score increased by BLM challenge. Significant Spearman's rank correlation dependence between histological Ashcroft score and PFT's FVC parameter values.

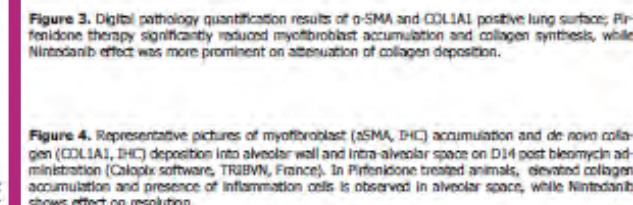


Figure 3. Digital pathology quantification results of α-SMA and COL1A1 positive lung surface; Pirfenidone therapy significantly reduced myofibroblast accumulation and collagen synthesis, while Nintedanib effect was more prominent on attenuation of collagen deposition.

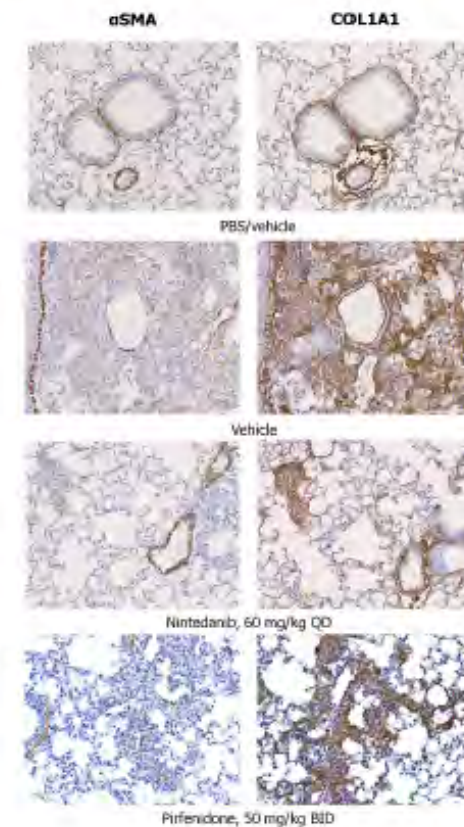
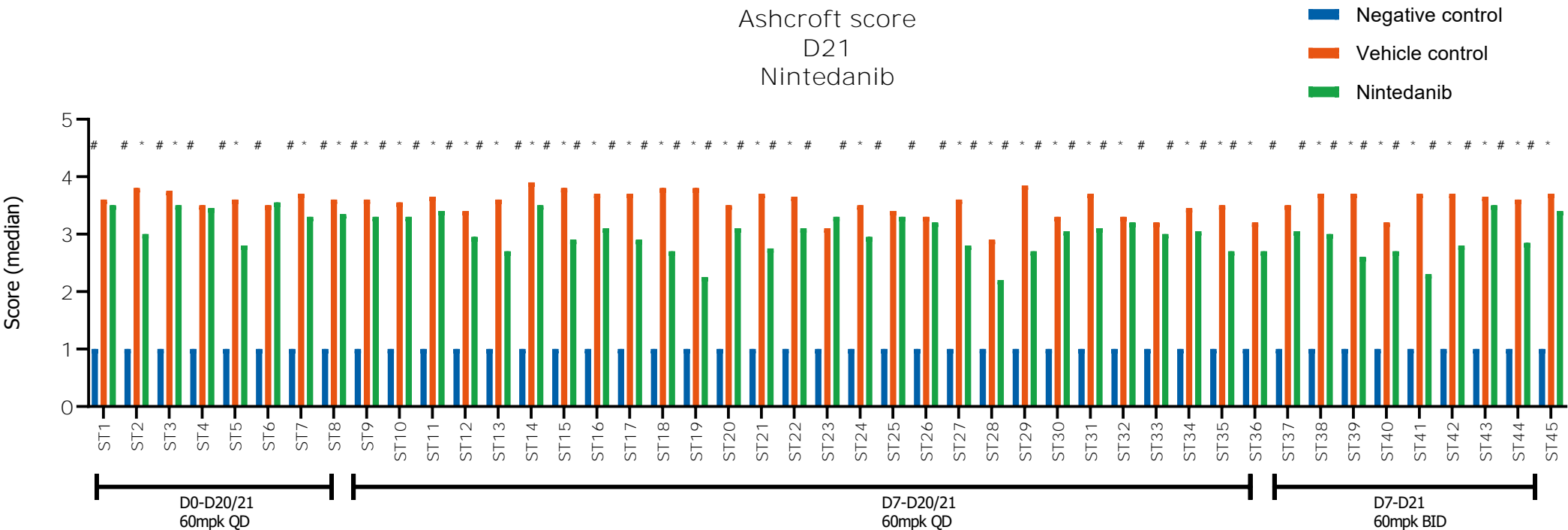


Figure 4. Representative pictures of myofibroblast (αSMA, IHC) accumulation and de novo collagen (COL1A1, IHC) deposition into alveolar wall and intra-alveolar space on D14 post bleomycin administration (Colopix software, TRIBVN, France). In Pirfenidone treated animals, elevated collagen accumulation and presence of inflammation cells is observed in alveolar space, while Nintedanib shows effect on resolution.

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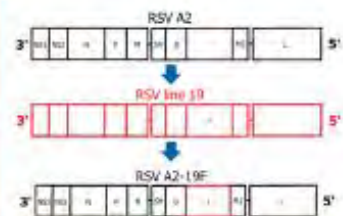
Bleomycin induced lung fibrosis: Ashcroft score



#p<0.05 vs Vehicle control; Wilcoxon Signed-Rank Test
*p<0.05 vs Vehicle control; Mann-Whitney Test

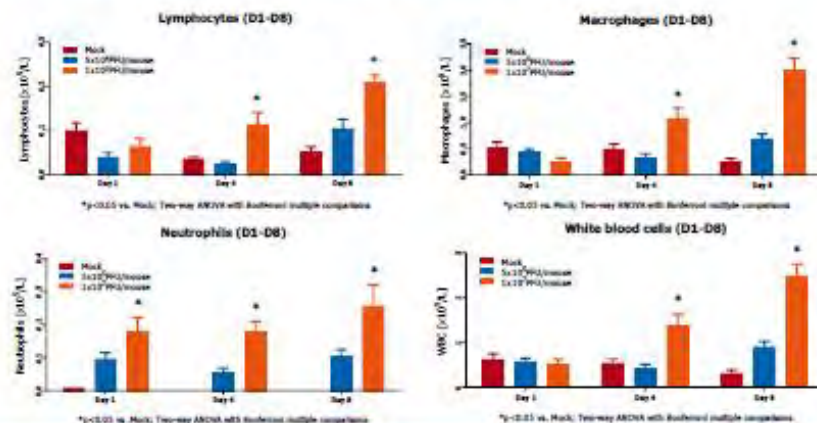
RSV A2-19F infection model in BALB/c female mice

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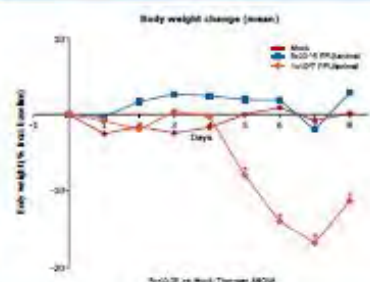
- Enhanced body weight change and clinical scores
- Enhanced inflammation and mucus production
- Enhanced bronchial and alveolar damage
- Enhanced airway hyperresponsiveness (AHR)
- Enhanced viral load

Bronchoalveolar lavage fluid (BALF) cell count

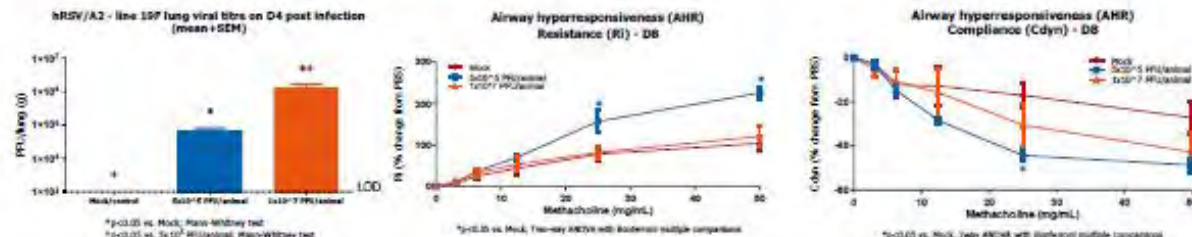


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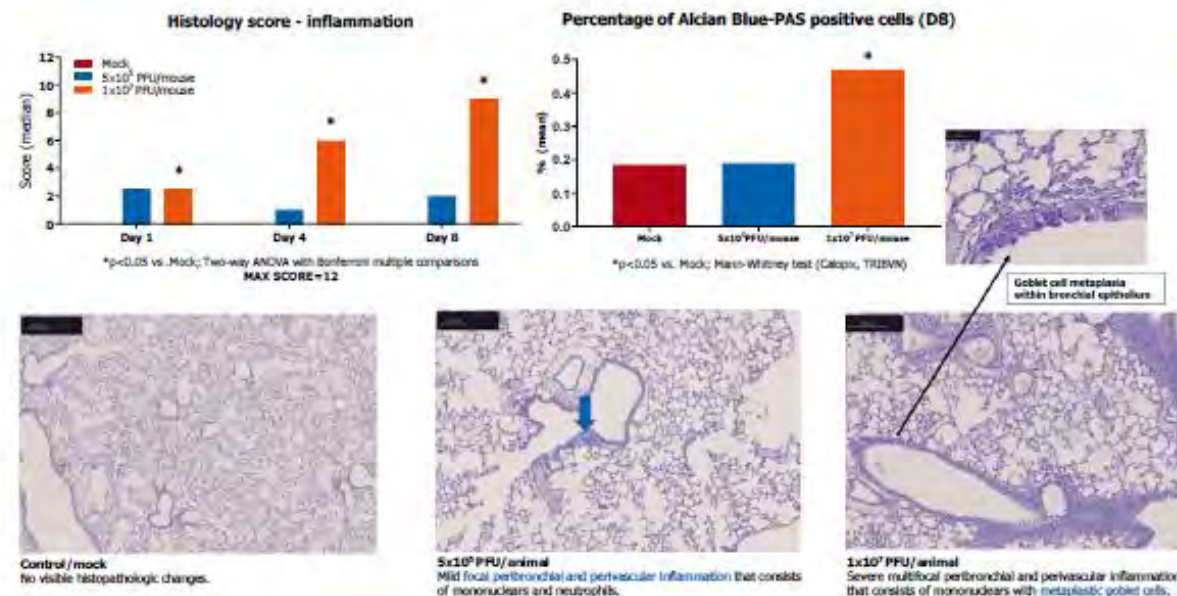
- Airway hyperresponsiveness (AHR)
- BALF cell count
- BALF cytokines
- Body weight change
- Clinical scores
- Histopathology
- Lung viral load



Lung viral load and airway hyperresponsiveness

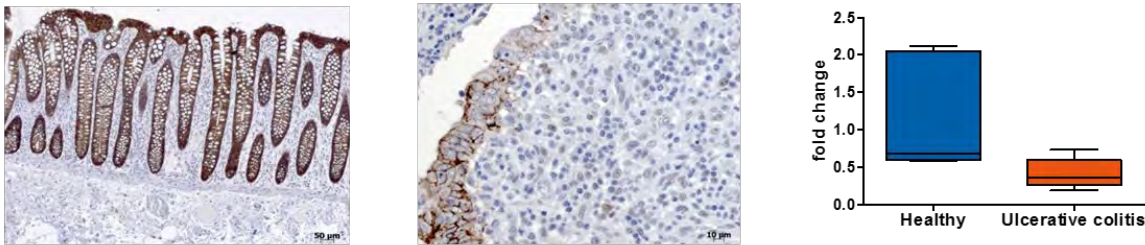


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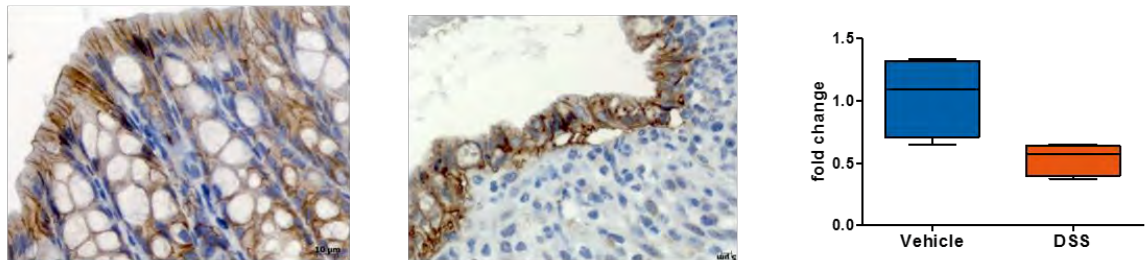


Claudin 3 – Healthy vs. IBD

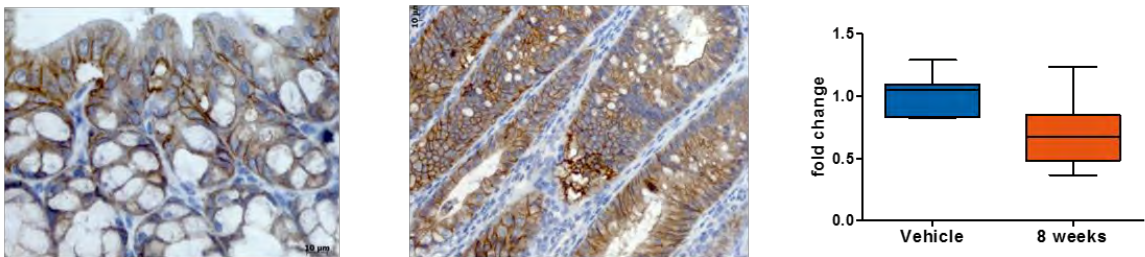
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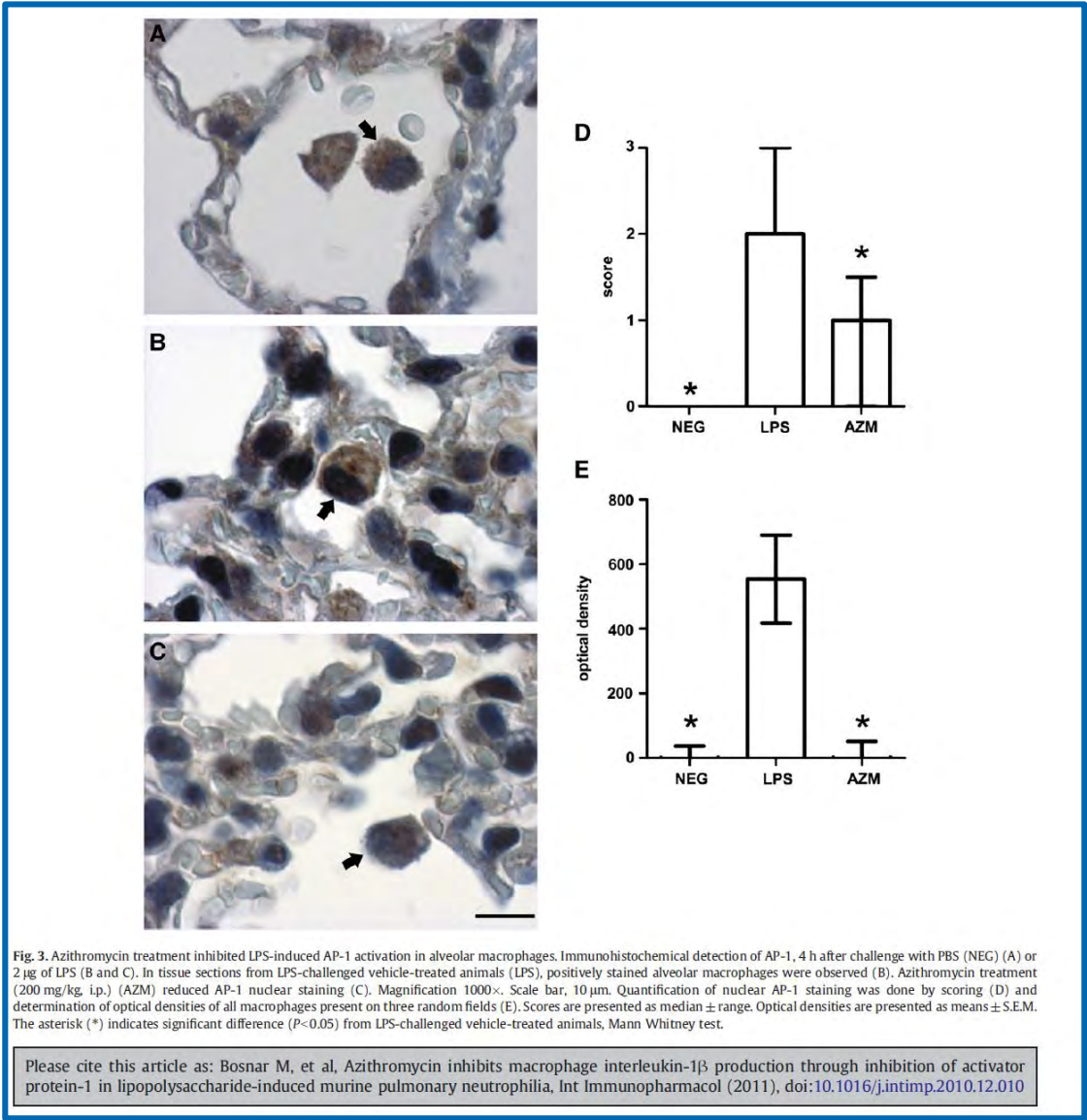


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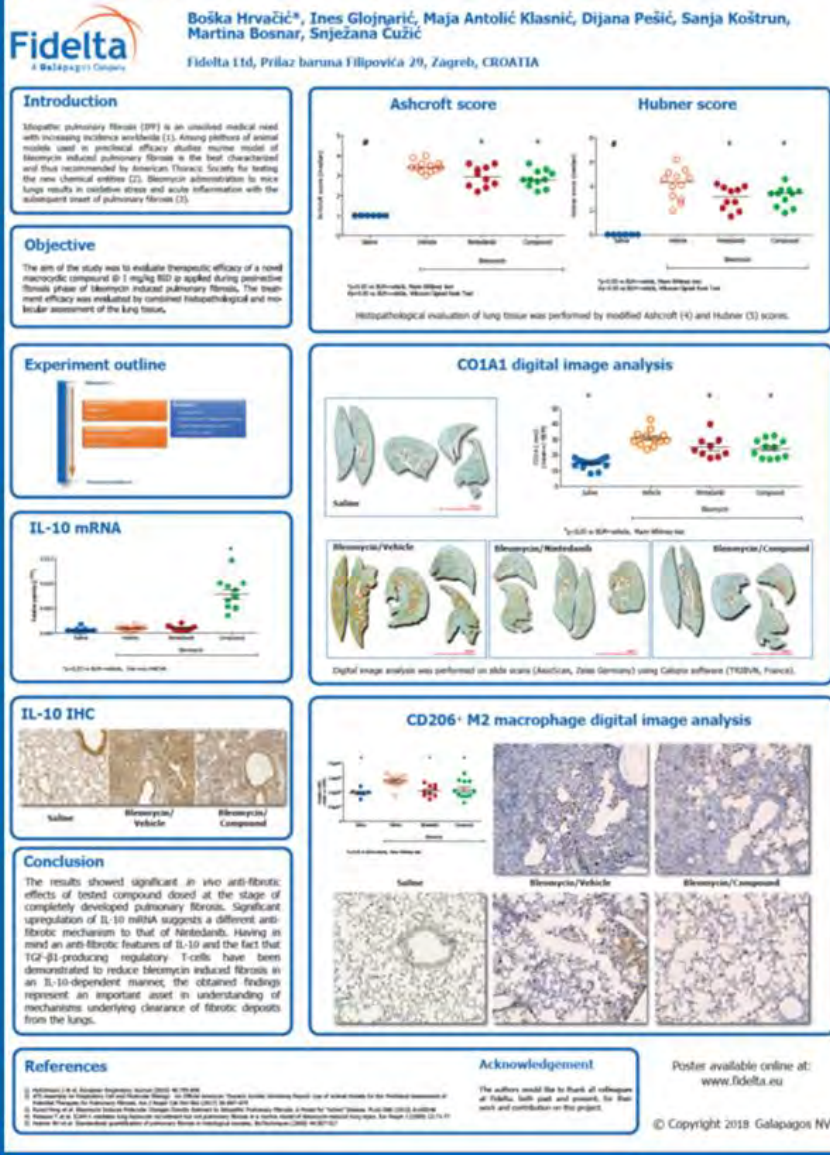
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Animal models: Mode of action



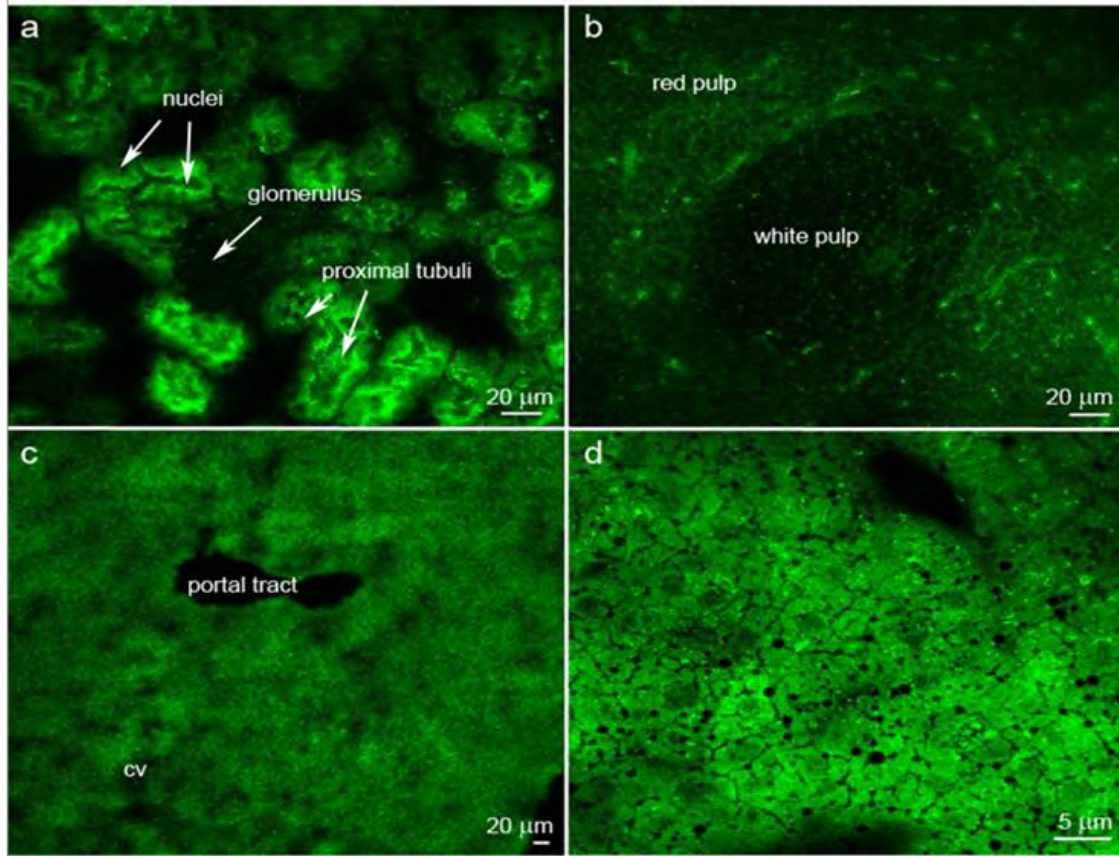
Analysis: Semi-quantitative; Score

A novel macrocyclic compound reduces fully developed pulmonary fibrosis in the mouse bleomycin model



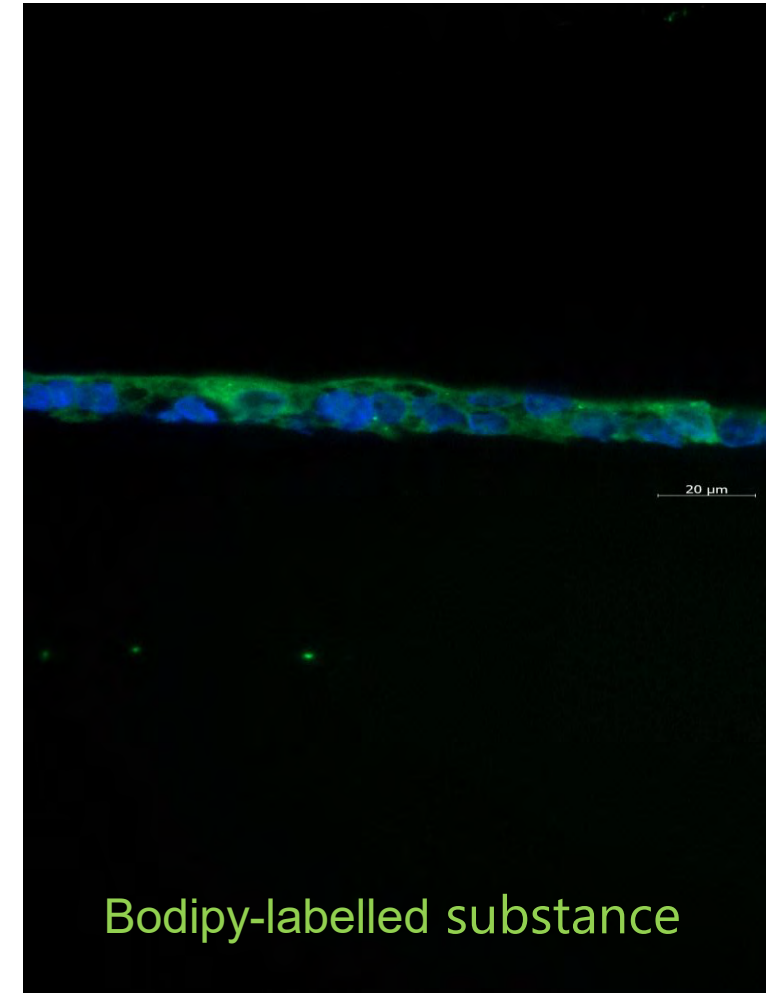
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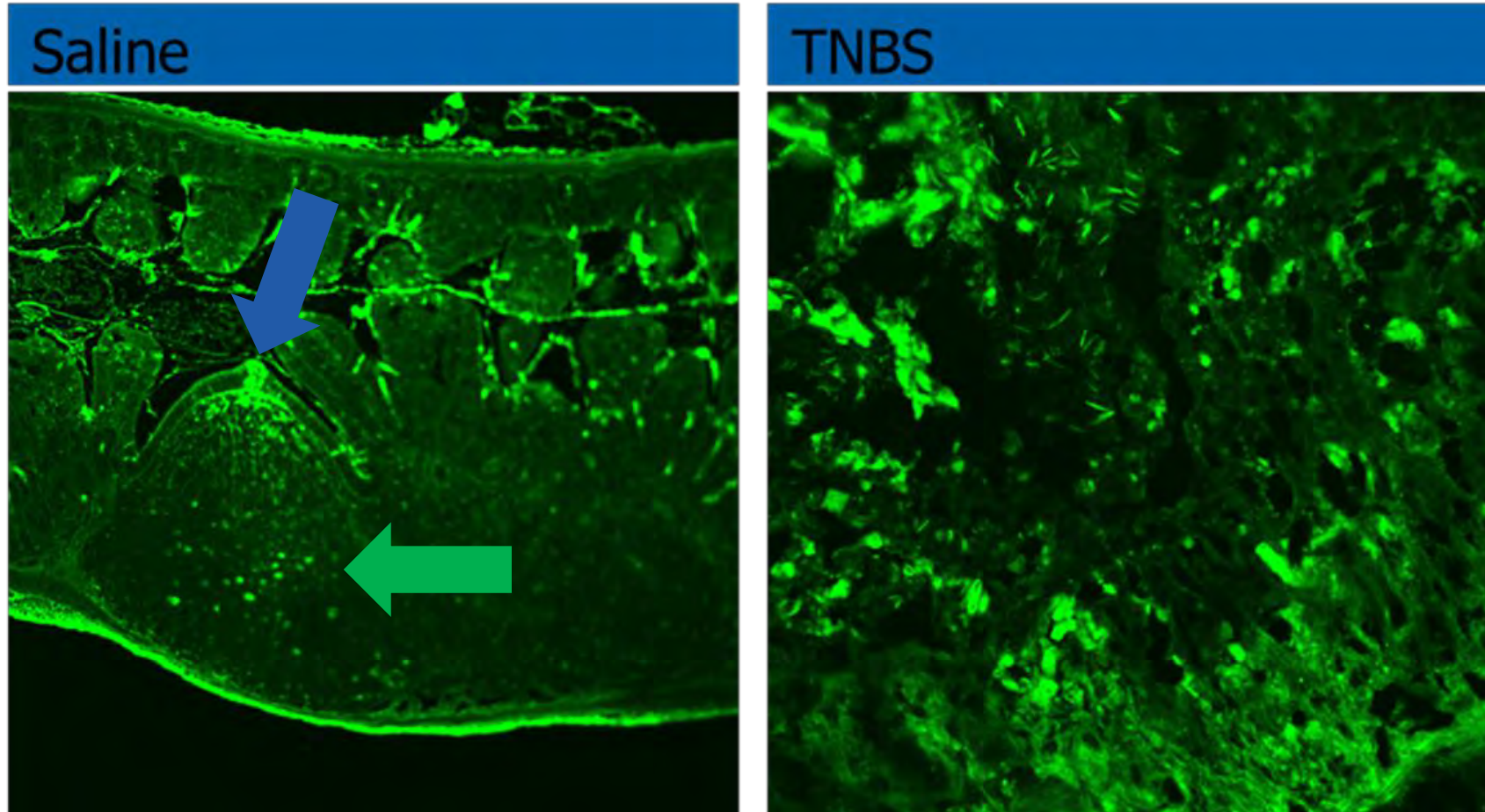
Drug distribution: Organ/tissue/cell type



Azithromycin in kidney, spleen and liver 2 hours after *iv* application

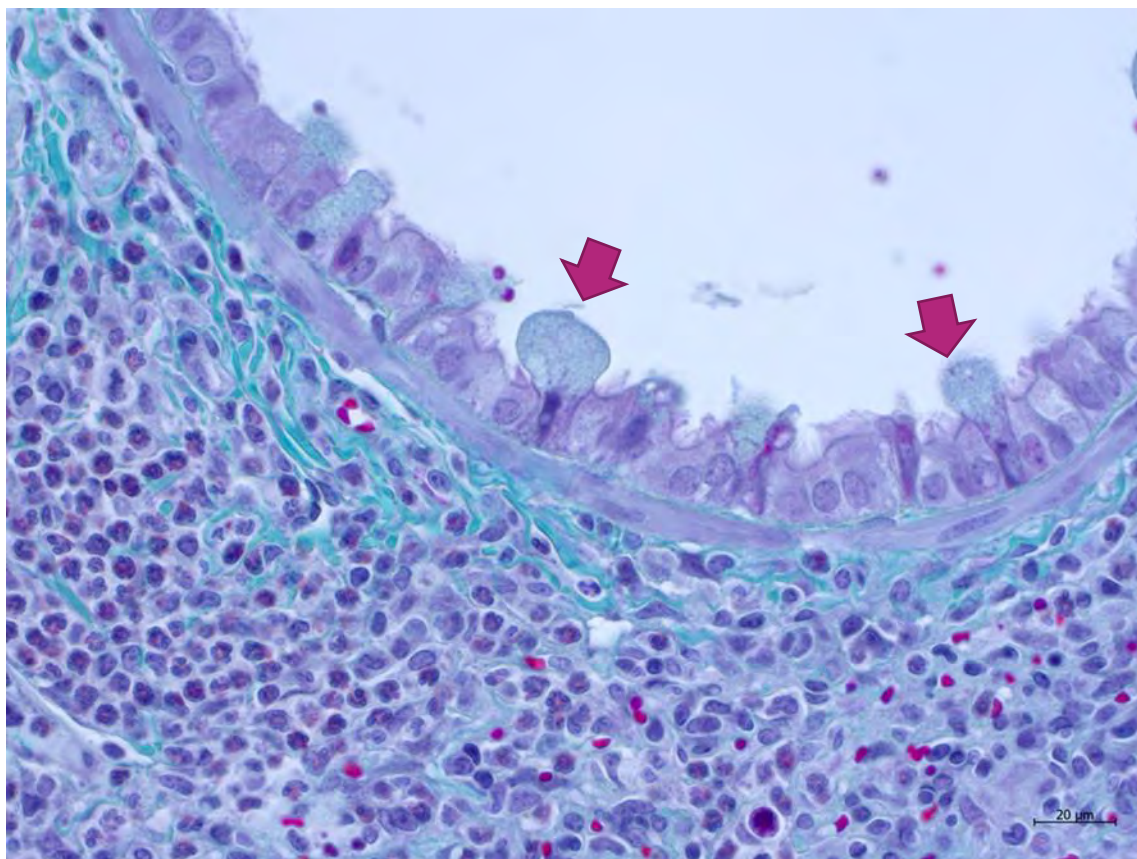
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Intestinal lymphoid tissue M-cells

Animal models: Adverse effects Vehicle & tested compounds



Evaluation of Hydroxypropyl-beta-Cyclodextrin (HPBCD) as formulation vehicle for use in general toxicity studies in mice

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Introduction

The standardization of vehicle use across the industry is hindered by the varied physicochemical properties of new chemical entities in development and tendency of a sponsor to use vehicles with which they have previous experience (1). Moreover, a survey of the pharmaceutical industry revealed highly divergent vehicle use (2). Since unexpected vehicle-related toxicities can be difficult to segregate from NCE-related toxicities, there is a need for critical assessment of the vehicle suitability prior to use in safety studies. HPBCD is a commonly used pharmaceutical excipient, well tolerated in humans and considered non-toxic following oral administration (3, 4). However, limited data is available to support use of HPBCD in toxicology studies in mice.

Objective

The aim of the present study was to evaluate the usefulness of HPBCD as a vehicle in repeat-dose preclinical safety studies in mice.

Materials and Methods

1000 mg/kg of HPBCD (Roquette, Italia S.p.A.) in purified water (10% w/v, pH3) has been administered by the oral route (gavage) to male CD1 mice for 5 days, UID or BID. Animals were sacrificed at D6.

Clinical Observations
On D1, between 30 and 90 minutes after administration, and on D5 the animals were submitted to a full clinical examination outside the housing cage, including functional and neurobehavioral tests. Animals were weighed on D1 and D5.

Clinical Biochemistry
Activity of alanine aminotransferase (ALT), aspartate aminotransferase (AST) and alkaline phosphatase (ALP), as well as concentrations of total bilirubin and total cholesterol were determined in serum using Olympus AU400 Clinical Chemistry Analyser.

Histopathology
Livers were weighed, fixed in formaldehyde, paraffin embedded and stained with hematoxyline-eosine.

Results

Clinical Observations

Mortality / Morbidity: No death occurred during the study
Clinical signs: No clinical signs were observed during the study

Results

Clinical Biochemistry
Formulations containing HPBCD induced severe increase in serum aspartate (AST) and alanine (ALT) aminotransferase activity compared to saline control. More pronounced effects were observed in animals dosed twice daily (40-fold increase in AST activity and 15-fold increase in the mean ALT activity). There were no changes in the mean total bilirubin and cholesterol concentrations in serum of animals treated with HPBCD as compared to saline control.

		Saline	HPBCD 1000 mg/kg BID	HPBCD 1000 mg/kg UID
ALT (U/L)	Mean	32.1	2380.3	498.7
	SD	37.9	2394.8	238.4
	n	5	5	5
AST (U/L)	Mean	123.8	1288.9	287.8
	SD	39.9	1476.9	80.4
	n	5	5	5
ALP (U/L)	Mean	85.2	85.1	86.8
	SD	17.6	16.5	26.8
	n	5	5	5
Total bilirubin (mg/dL)	Mean	4.14	5.20	4.32
	SD	0.83	0.84	0.43
	n	5	5	5
Cholesterol (mmol/L)	Mean	3.68	4.30	4.30
	SD	0.62	1.83	0.80
	n	5	5	5

^{***} p<0.05 (p<0.01 vs. saline) from Wilcoxon test

Histopathology

No significant increase in liver weight was observed. In both groups treated with HPBCD moderate to severe necrosis was noted in hepatic acinar zone 2 and acinar zone 3. Atrophic hepatocytes in acinar zone 2 were recorded in animals treated with HPBCD once daily.

Discussion

In order to evaluate the use of HPBCD as a pharmaceutical excipient, numerous toxicological studies on laboratory animals have been performed. It has been noted, that in laboratory rodents oral HPBCD administration at a dose of ≥1000 mg/kg/day can induce elevation of liver enzymes in plasma. In male CD1 mice receiving 1000 mg/kg HPBCD for 13 weeks, ALT activity in serum was elevated, but this finding was not accompanied by alterations in liver morphology (1). In rats, HPBCD applied orally for 7 days at a dose of 4500 mg/kg/day 45% w/v and 14 days at a dose of 2250 mg/kg/day 45% w/v, induced elevation of liver enzyme levels in plasma (ALT, AST, GLDH) without any histopathological changes (5).

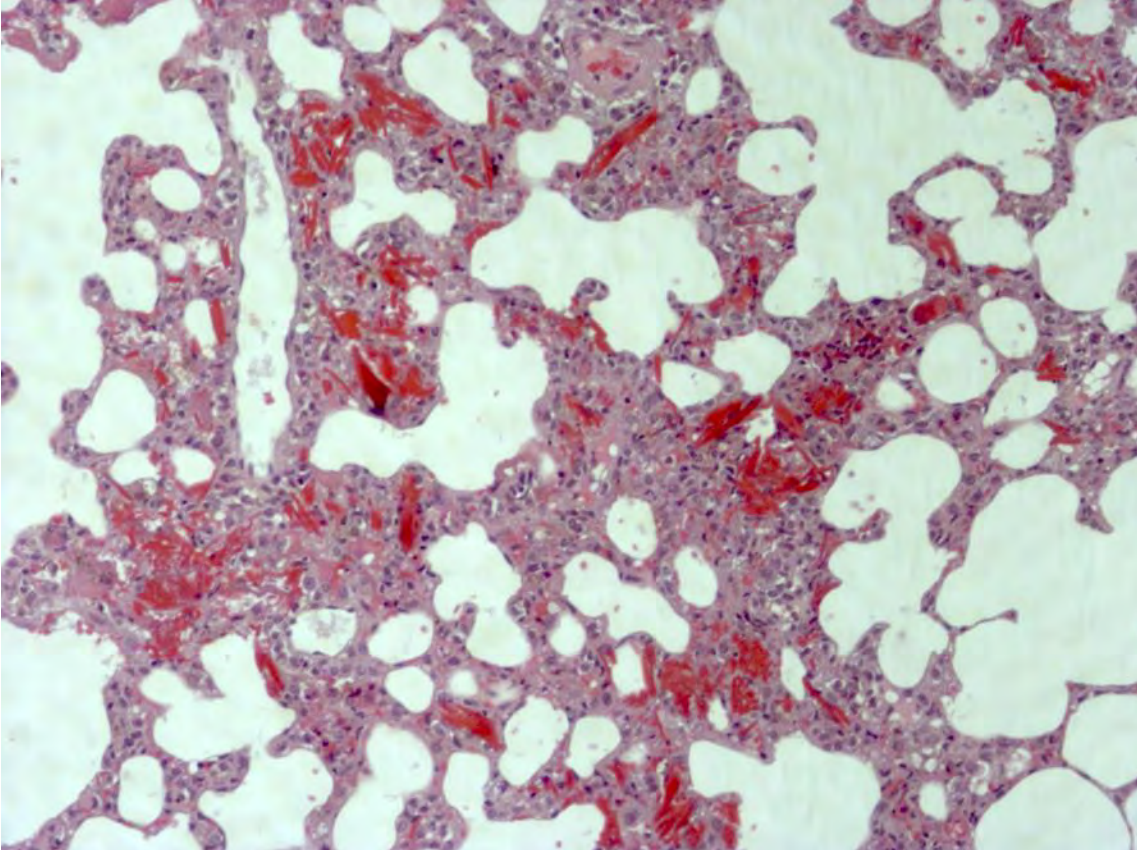
Conclusion

It is suggested, based on the presented results, that formulations containing HPBCD should be used with caution in mice since HPBCD may induce hepatocyte necrosis accompanied by severe elevation of serum transaminase activity. These findings could be of critical importance for interpretation of data in preclinical safety studies in mice.

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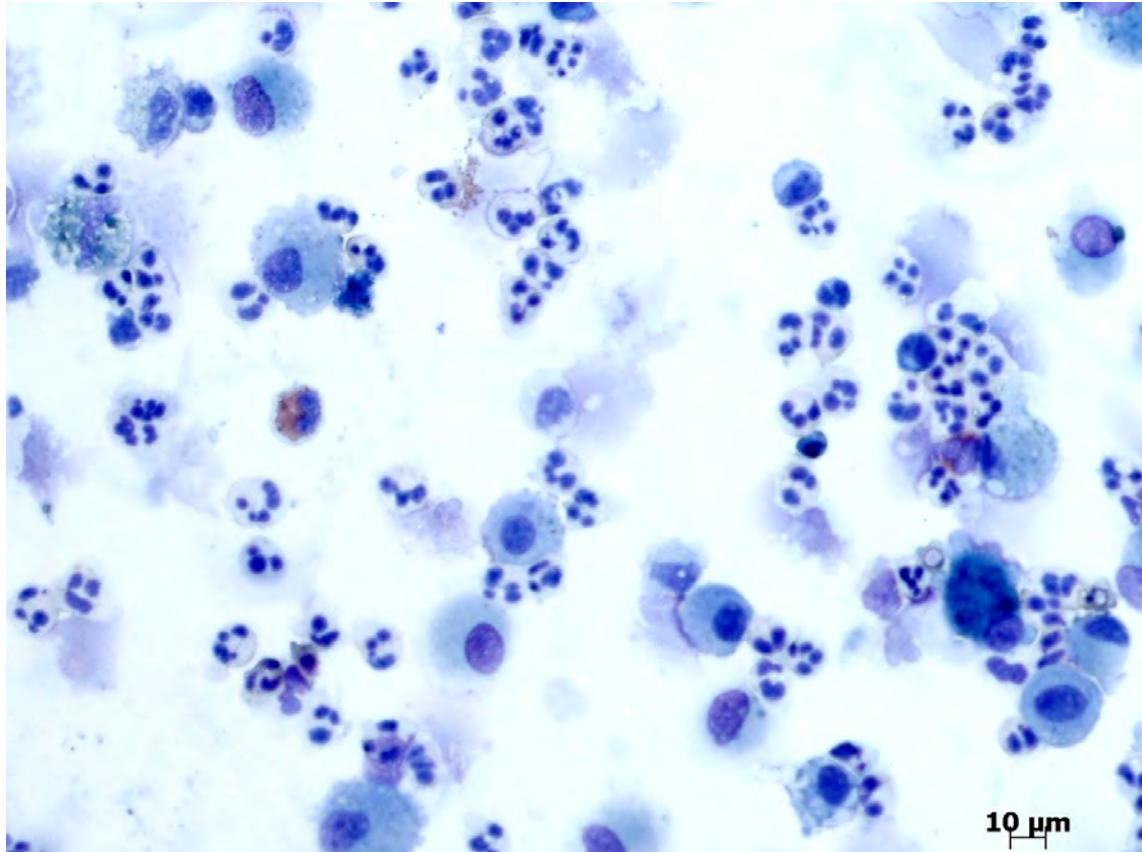
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Modulation of neutrophil and inflammation markers in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease by short-term azithromycin treatment

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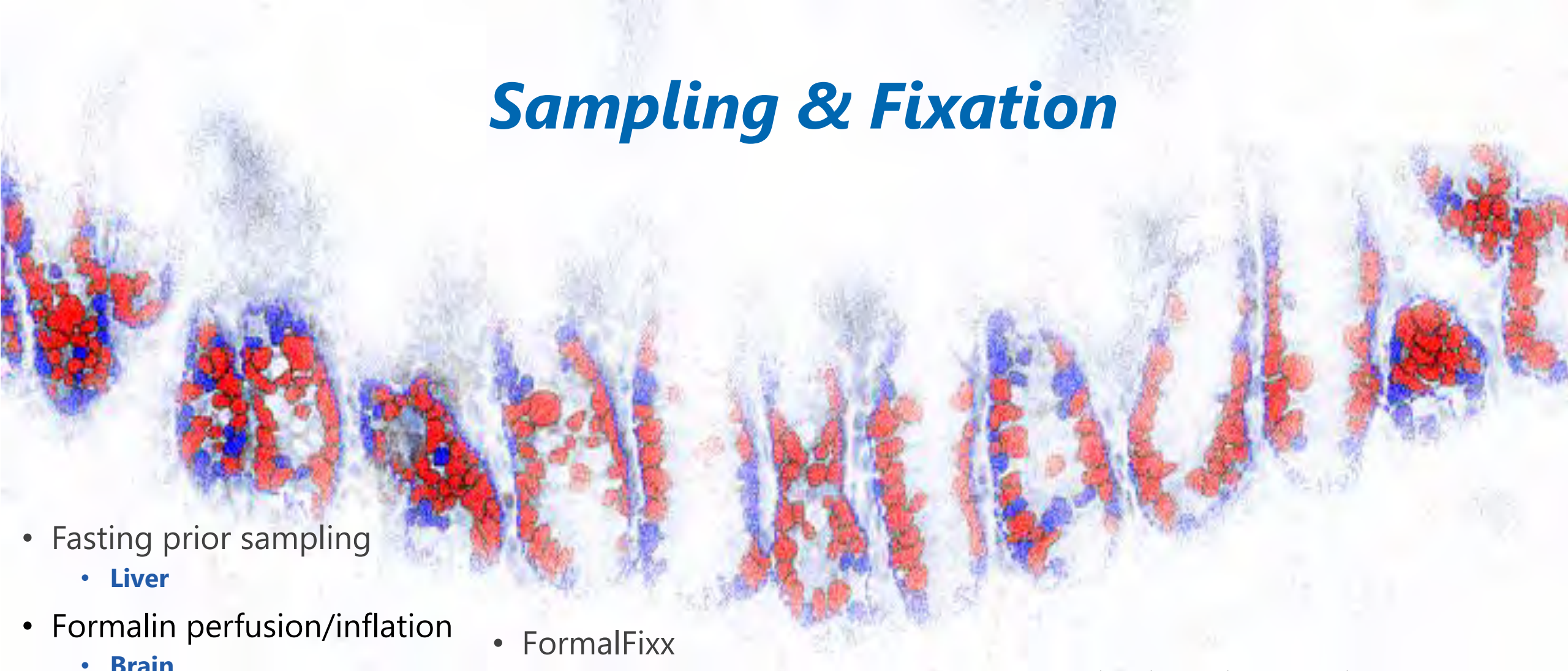
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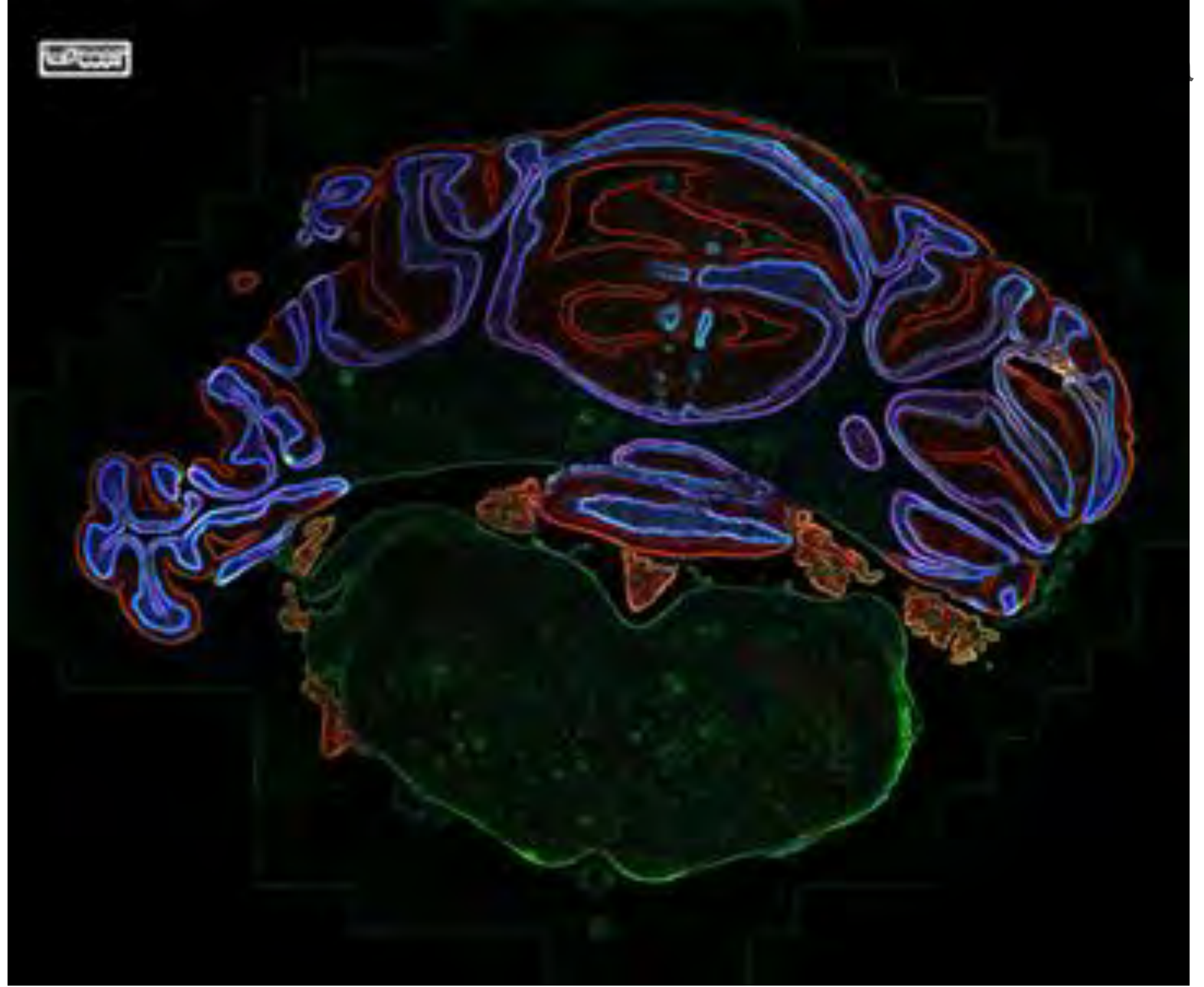
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Sampling & Fixation



- Fasting prior sampling
 - **Liver**
- Formalin perfusion/inflation
 - **Brain**
 - **Lungs**
- Sampling
 - **Time frame**
 - **Be gentle!!**
- FormalFixx
 - **Two parts formalin + eight parts of water**
 - pH < 6
- Specimen dimensions
 - **3-4 mm thick**
- Fixative : tissue ratio
 - Lowest acceptable ratio 20:1
 - **Target ratio 50:1**
- Duration of fixation
 - **Guidelines 24-72h in formalin**

Tissue staining methods used for patho-histological evaluation

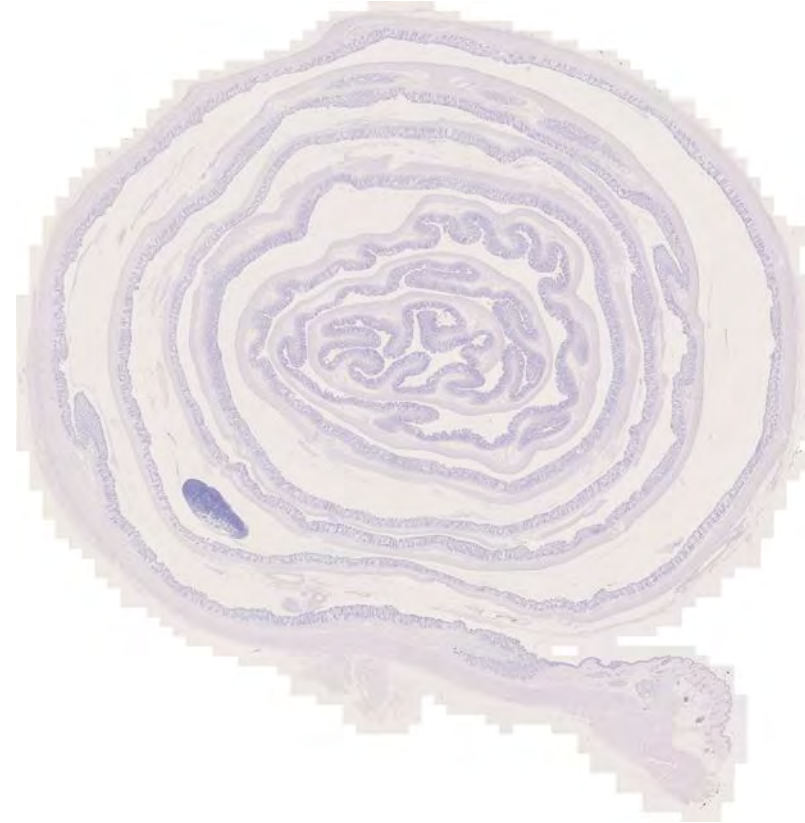


Tissue processing: Tissue sectioning

Brain, serial sections



Intestine, swiss-rolls



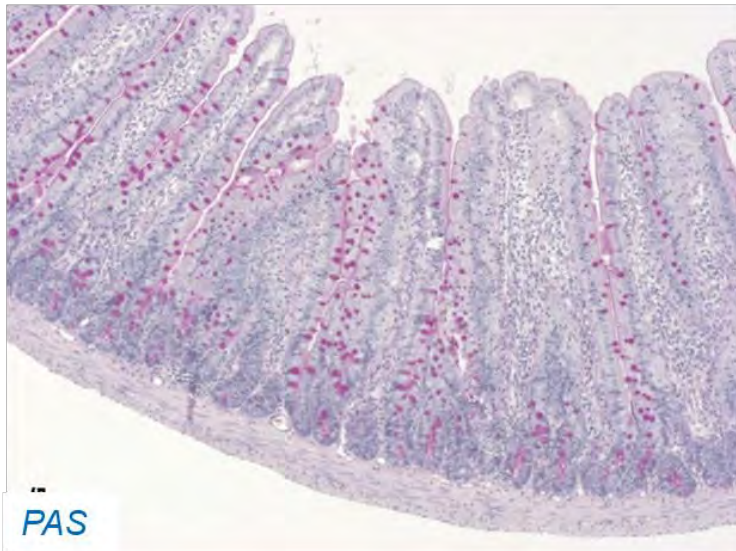
Histochemistry

Chemical reaction between chromogen and chemical entities in tissue

- salt formation

“Visualization” of

- Structural/functional molecules in tissue
 - Proteins, mucopolysaccharides, fat
- Cells/cell types by highlighting their “chemical” properties
 - Mastocytes, goblet cells, osteoclasts



Immunohistochemistry

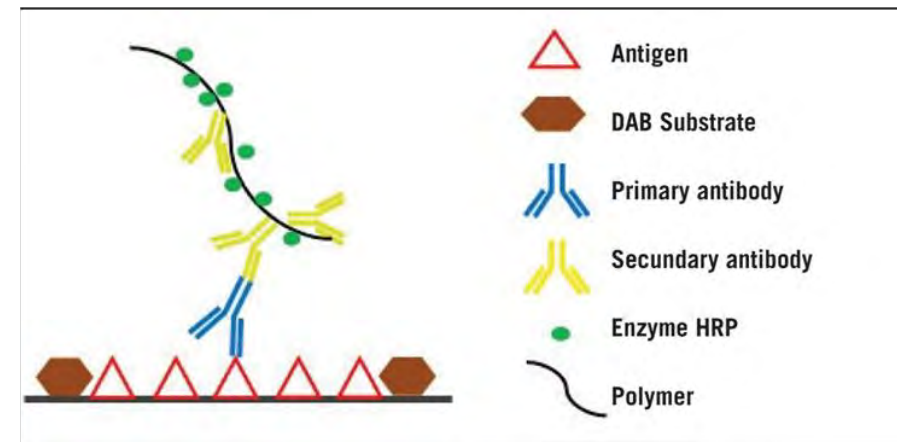
Reaction between specific antibody and antigen in tissue

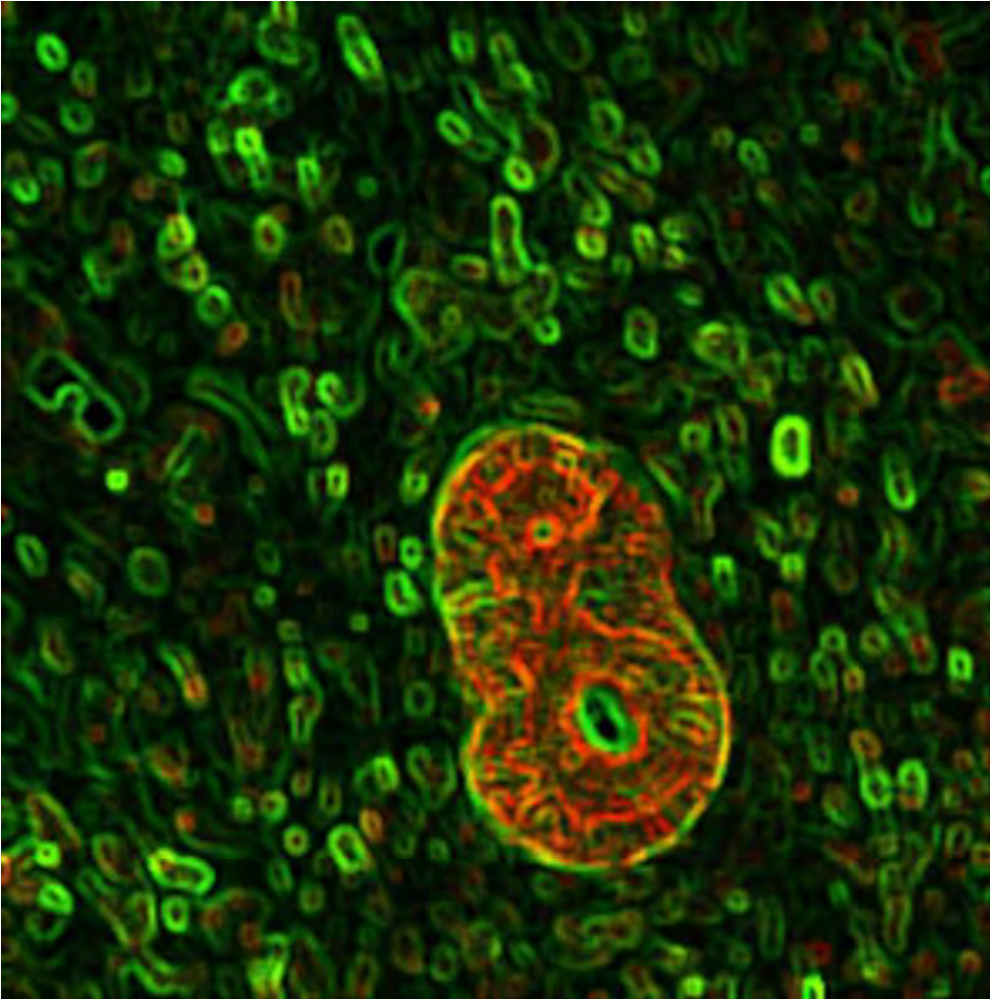
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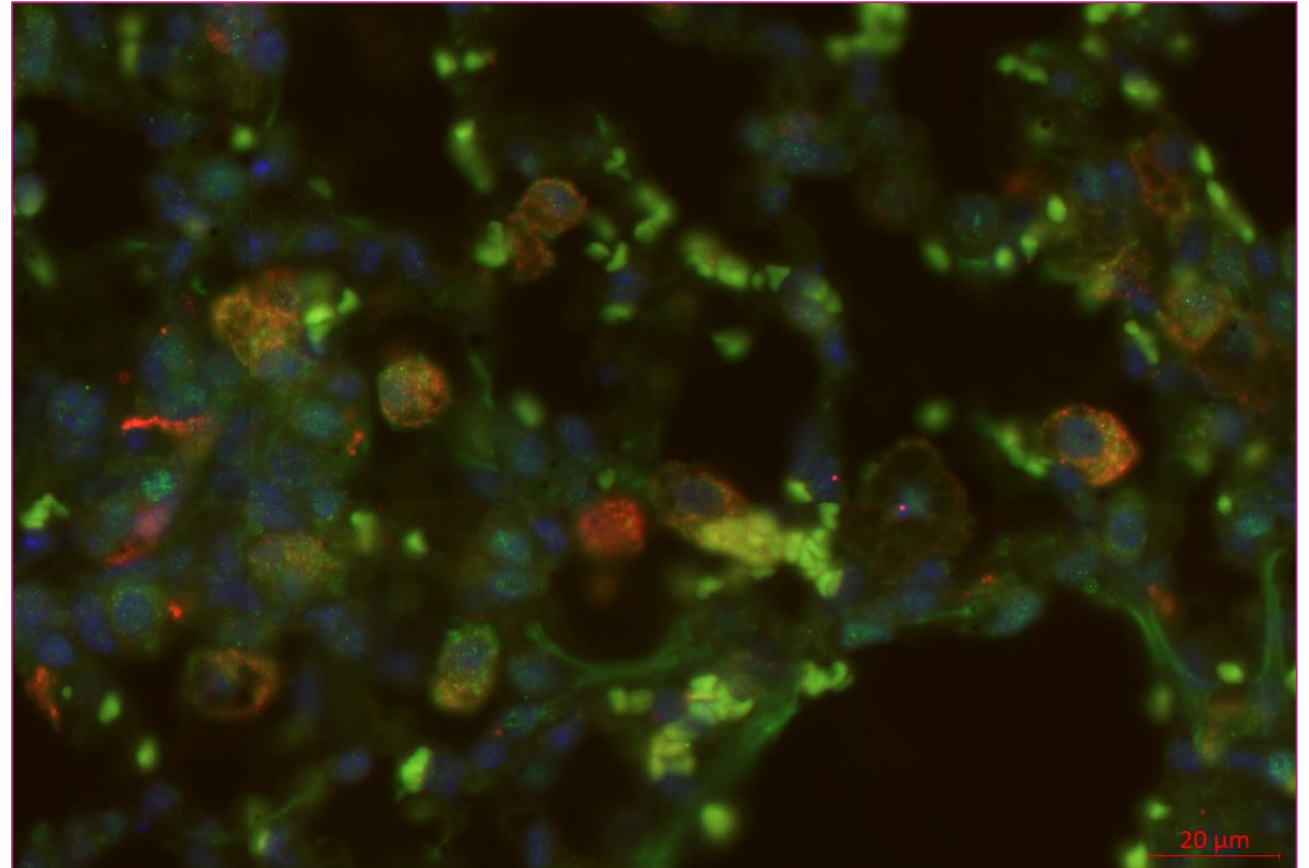
Accentuation of

- Certain cell-types
- Functional status of cells



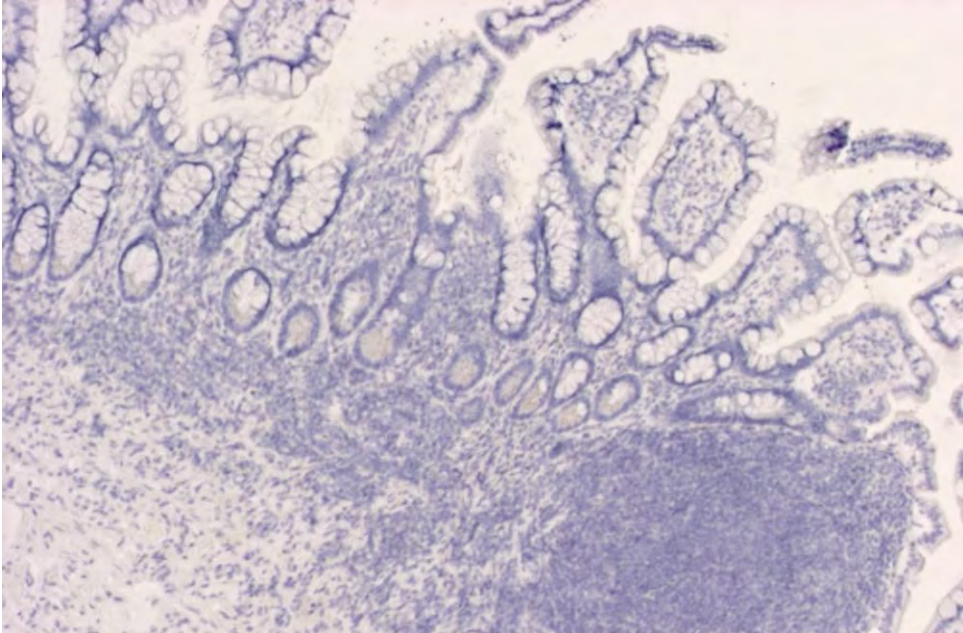
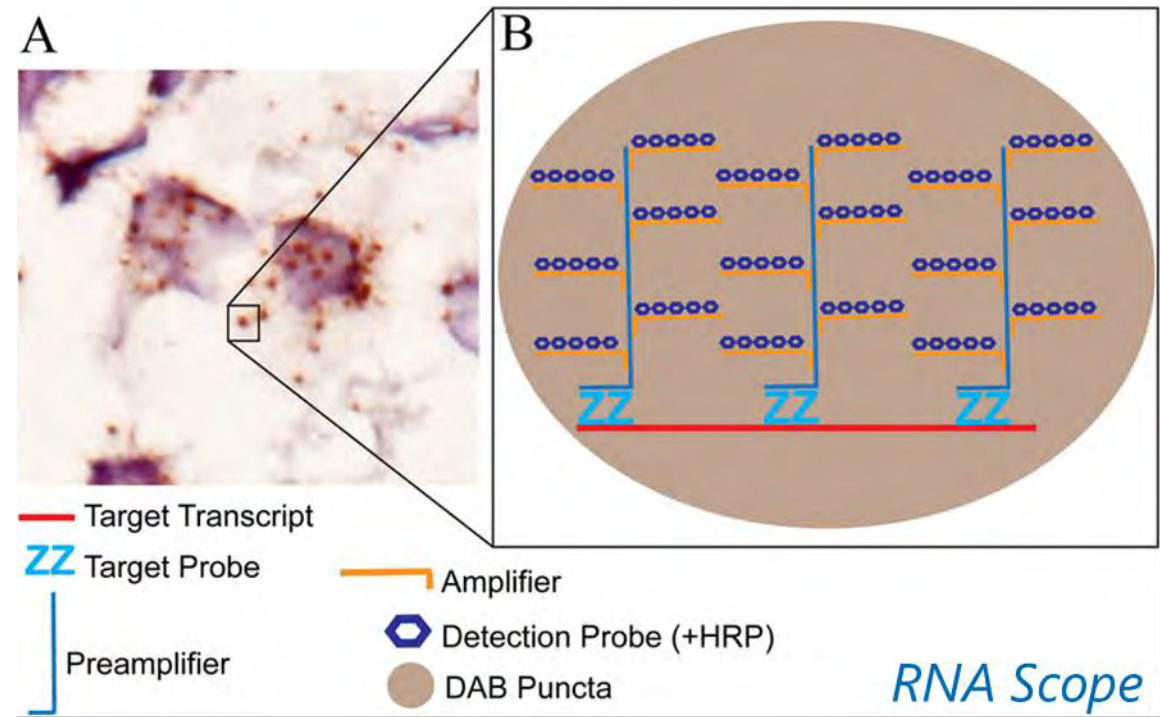


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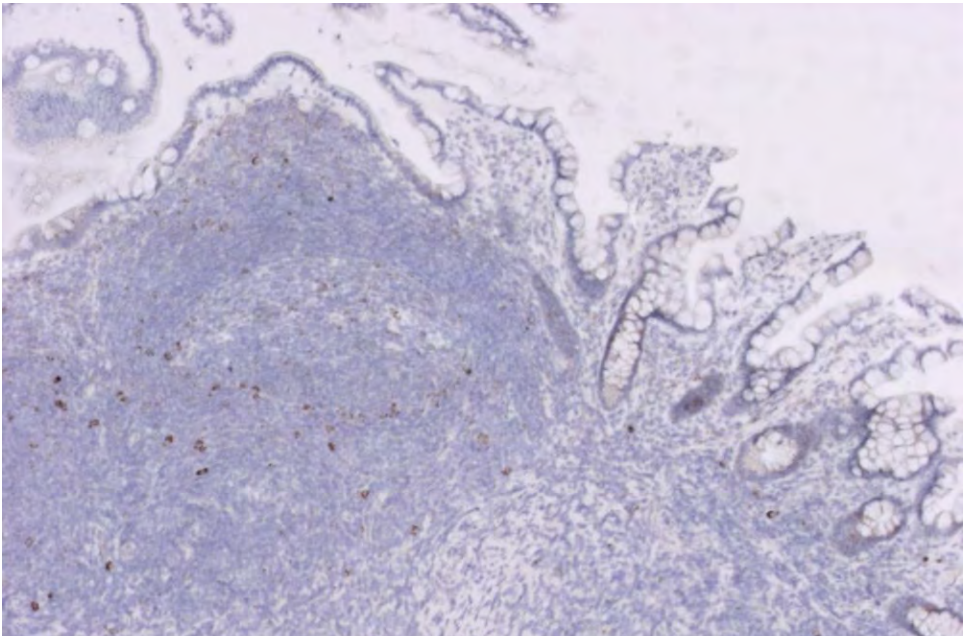


Bleomycin induced lung fibrosis; target/CD206

Staining methods: *In situ* hybridization



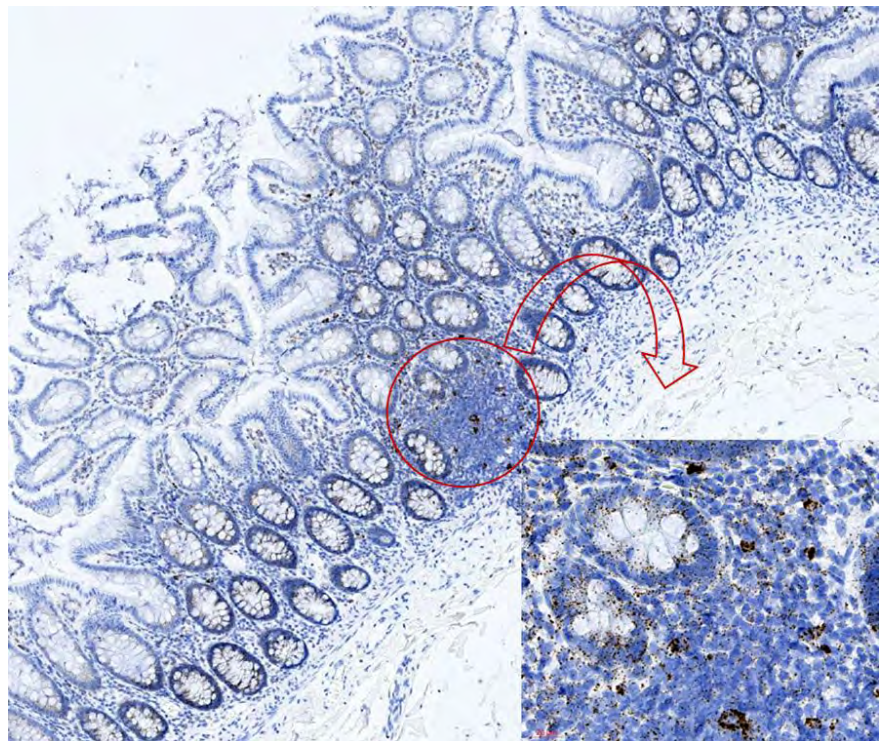
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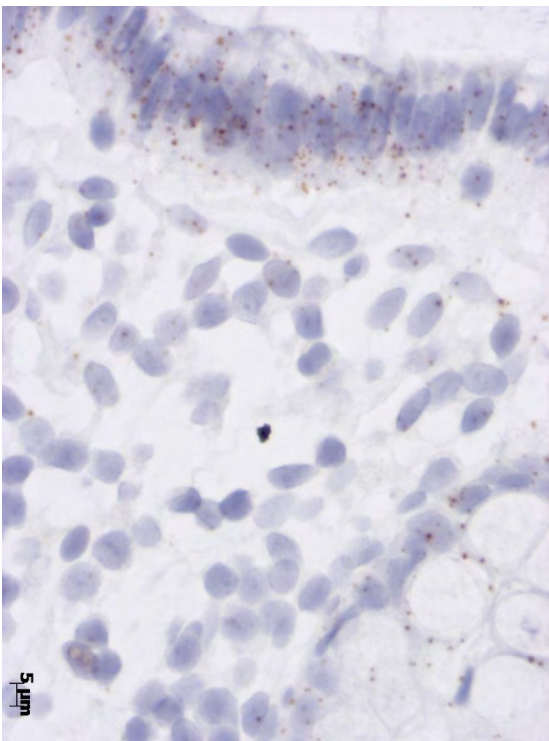
Positive control; PPIB-RNA

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Staining methods: *In situ* hybridization

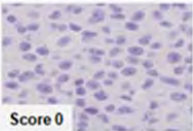
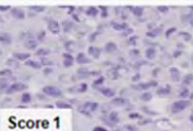
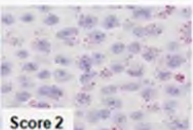
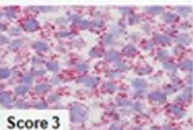
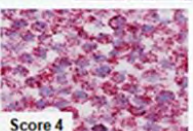


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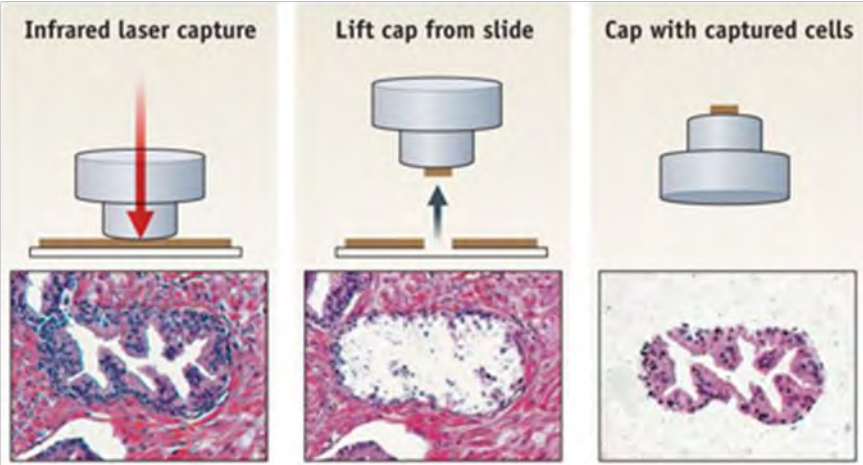


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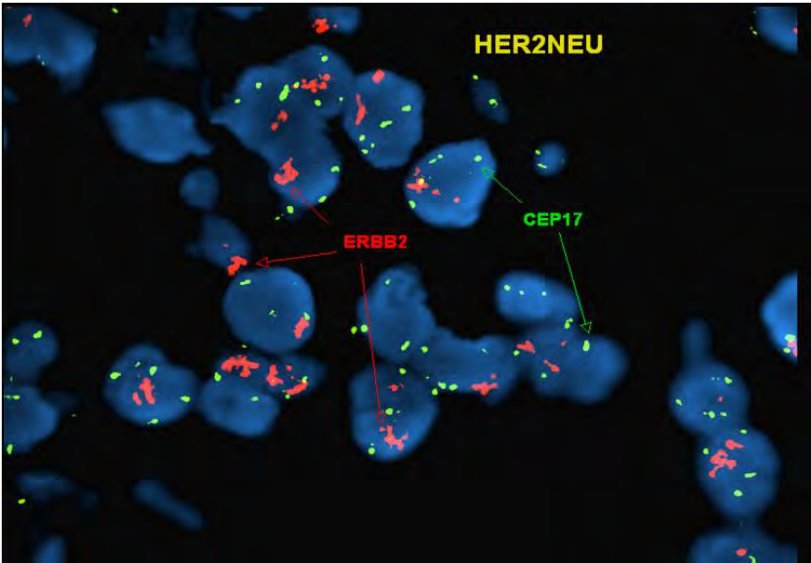
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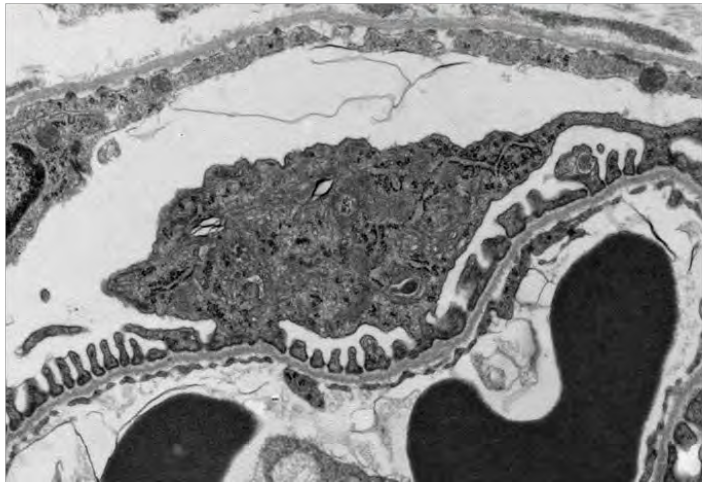
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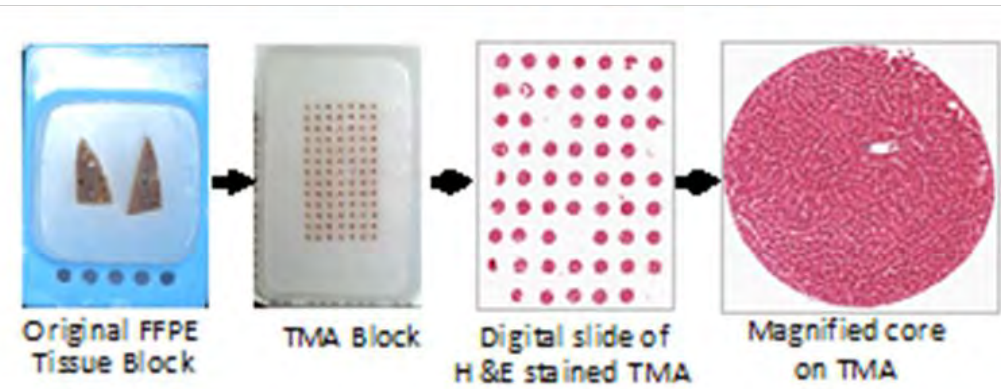
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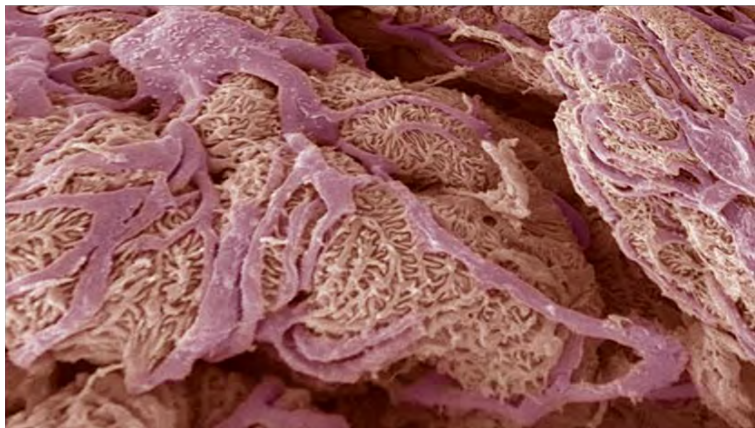
Electron microscopy, TEM



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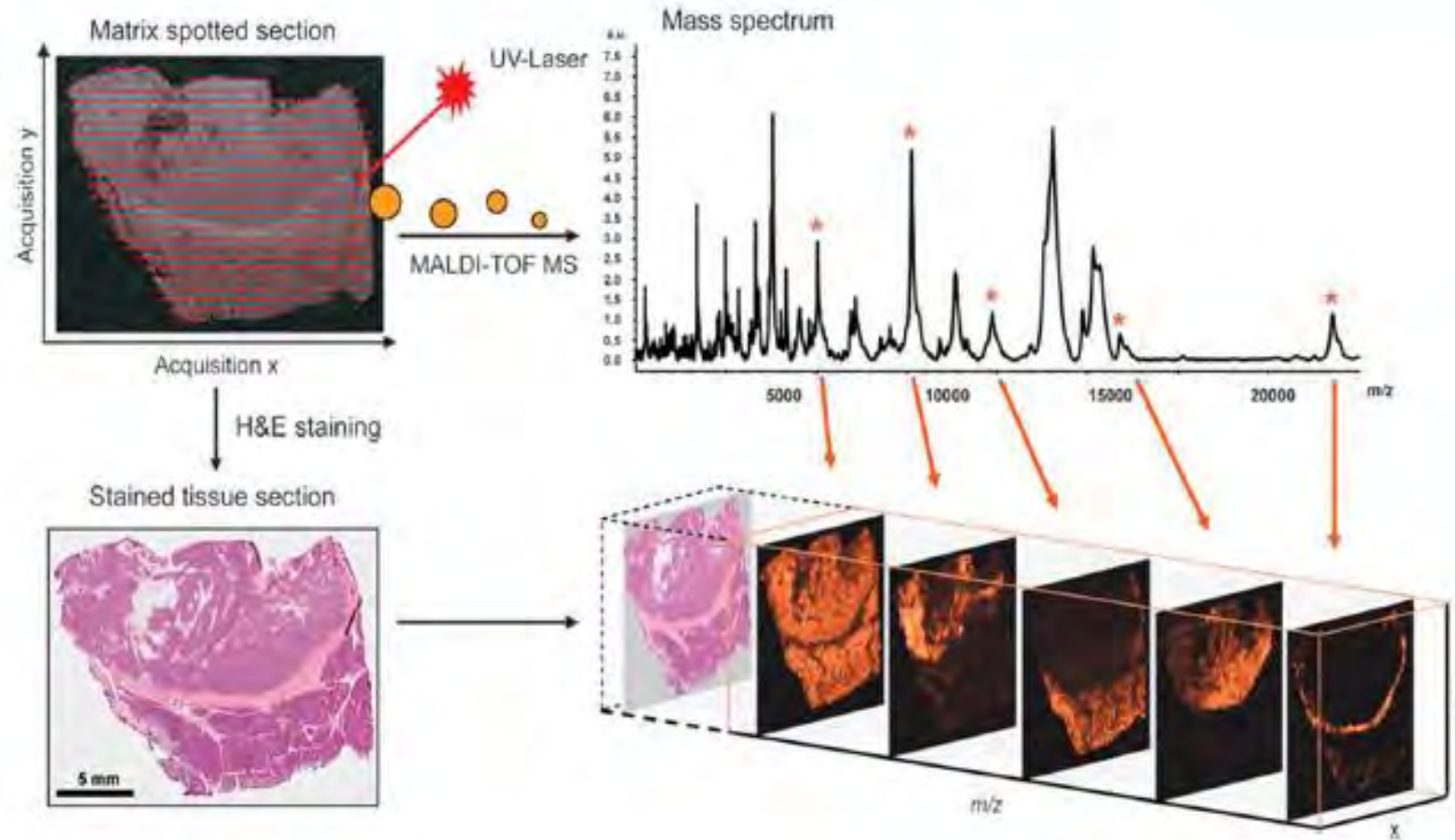


Electron microscopy, SEM



MALDI Imaging mass spectrometry
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PATHOBIOLOGY IN FOCUS





“Diagnostic”

- Toxicologic studies

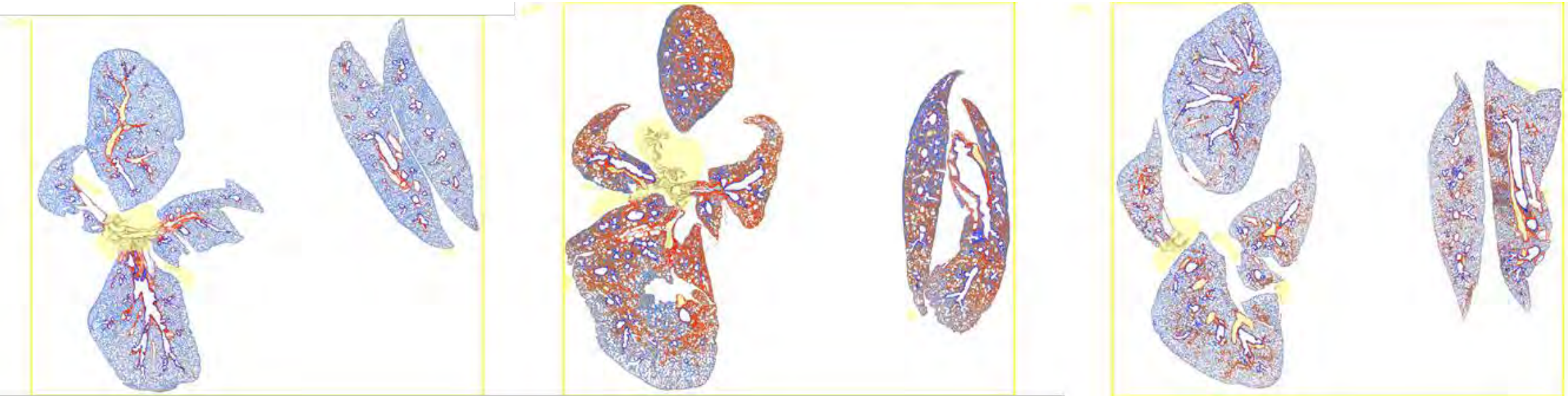
Descriptive: Where, what?

- Experimental pathology
- Toxicology studies

Semi-quantitative

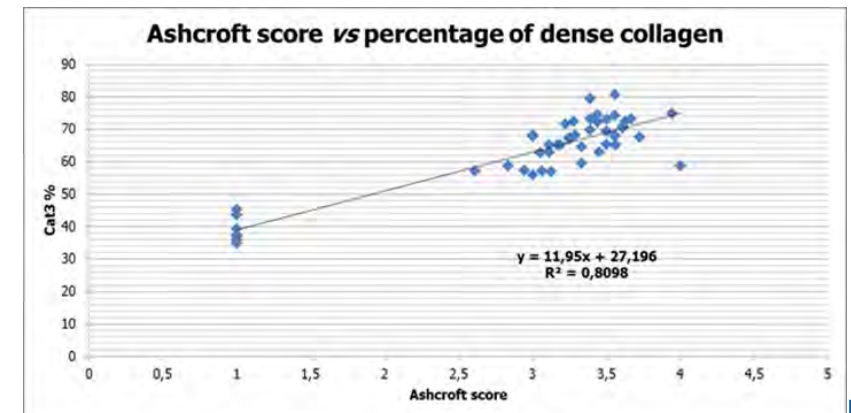
- Expression of results using predefined “categories”
 - “None-minimal-moderate-severe” for each category
- Median and range
- Non-parametric statistical methods

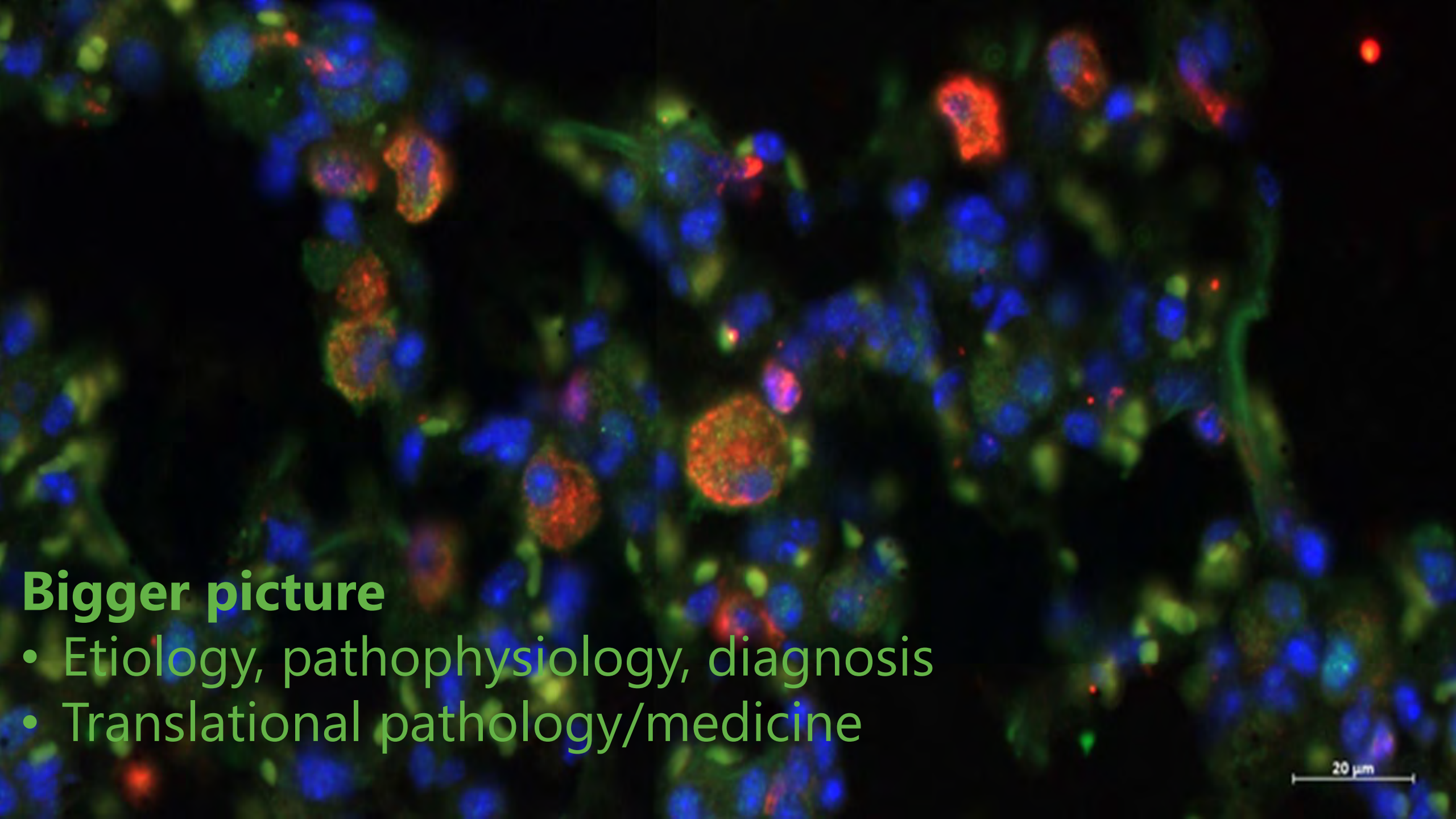
Analysis: What, where, how much, how many



Quantitative/Digital image analysis

- Numerical presentation of results
 - Number of mitoses/apoptoses, "positive" cells/ power field, mm², %
- Mean and standard deviation
- Parametric statistical methods





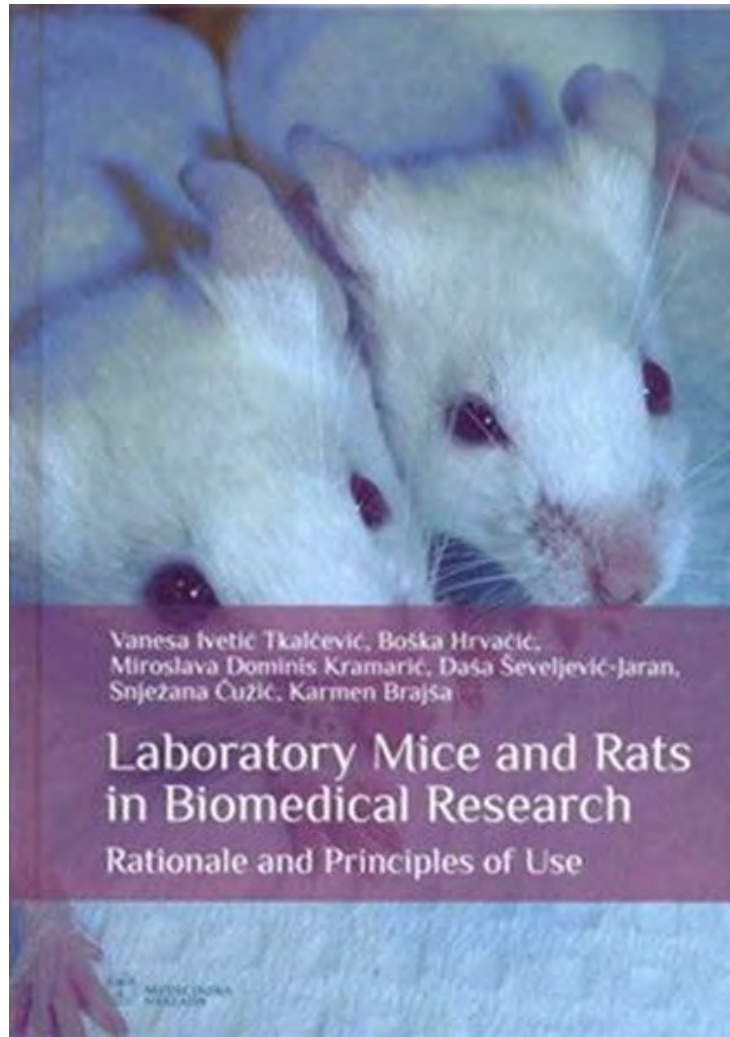
Bigger picture

- Etiology, pathophysiology, diagnosis
- Translational pathology/medicine

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Review

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