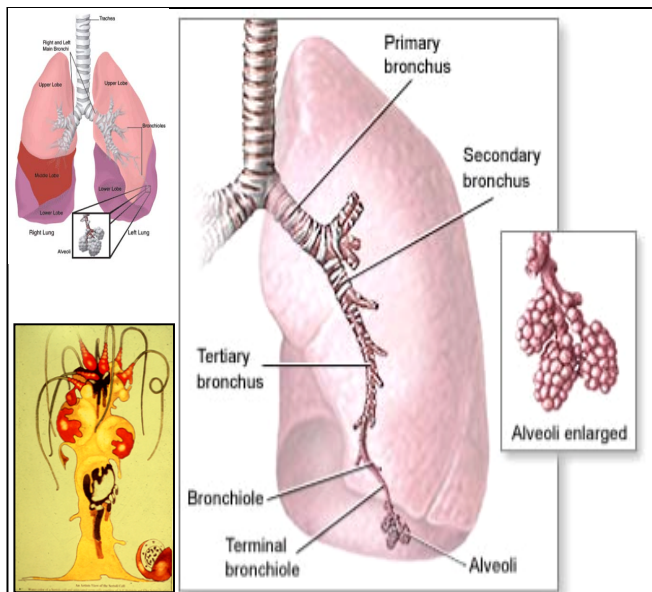


# New Horizon Session #3

# Nanomedicine Applications for Allergy and Vaccines



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- Co-founder & Chairman of the Board (Consultant)
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# Lung Disease Burden

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- Lung Cancer (2011): Estd New cases: 221,130; Deaths: 156,940
- An estd 24 million US adults have COPD
  - 12 million physician-diagnosed and 12 undiagnosed.
  - Past Year Morbidity: chronic bronchitis : 9.9 million emphysema: 4.9 million
  - Past year Mortality: bronchitis- 667, emphysema- 12,790 other chronic lower respiratory diseases (excluding asthma): 111,020
- An estd. 23 million individuals have asthma
  - 12 million of them experienced at least one asthma attack during the survey year.
- Approx. 30,000 people have cystic fibrosis
  - 1 in 3,000 babies are born with the disease;
- ~40,000 infants and 150,000 adults have respiratory distress syndrome
- ~ 12 million persons have obstructive sleep apnea

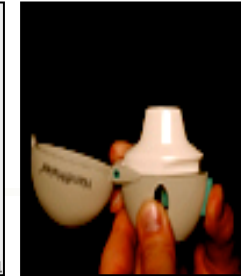


# **What is Nanomedicine?**

# Challenges in drug delivery to the lung



MDIs



DPIs

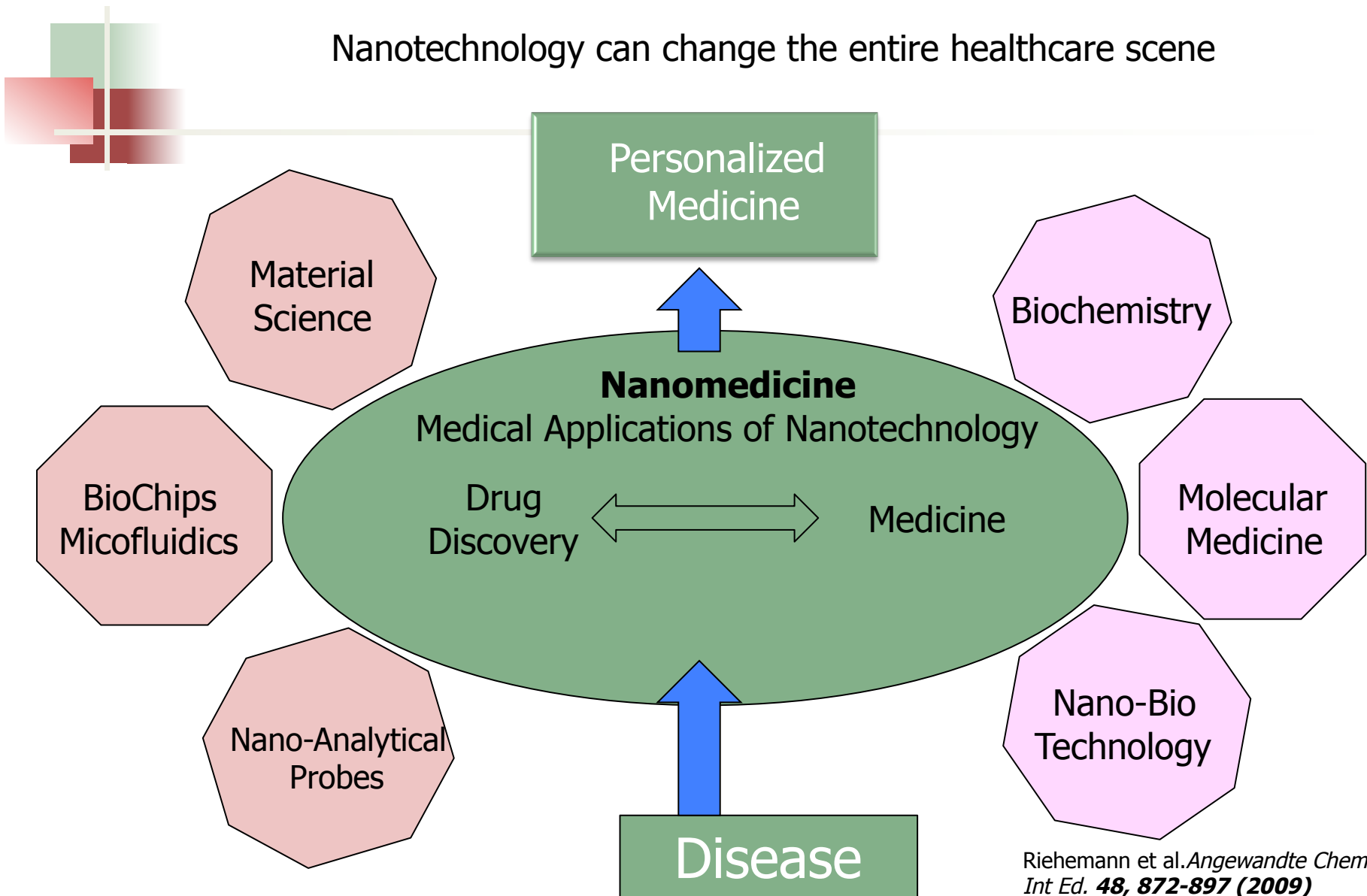


Ultrasonic Nebulizers

- **Lungs expel materials** reducing efficiency
- **Patients need to inhale correctly**
- **Drugs need to get into deep lung** which they do not
- **Payload versatility** needs to be increased
- **Particles should range from 1-3  $\mu\text{m}$**  for optimal deposition/delivery
- **Aerosol systems deliver only 10-30% of the dispensed drug**
- **Aerosol systems deliver <100  $\mu\text{g}$  of drug per puff** (mg/dose needed)
- **Inhalers often impart a stigma to the user** (especially young people)

# Nanomedicine

Nanotechnology can change the entire healthcare scene



Riehemann et al. *Angewandte Chemie Int Ed.* **48**, 872-897 (2009)



# Polymeric Nanoparticles: Vehicles for Drug Delivery

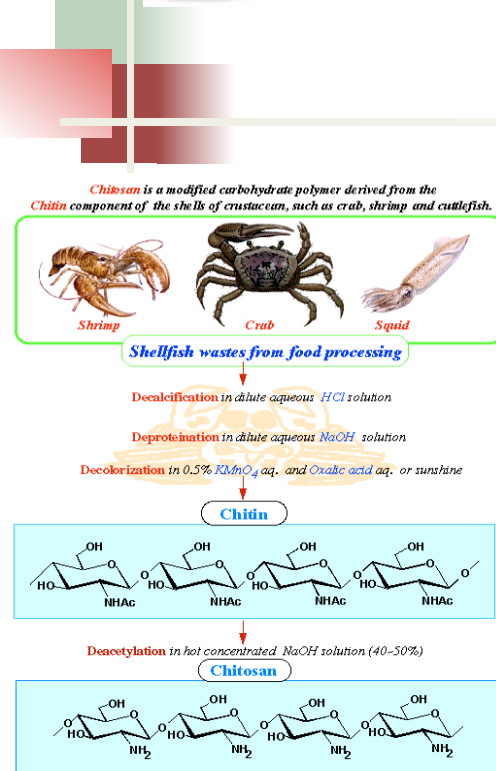
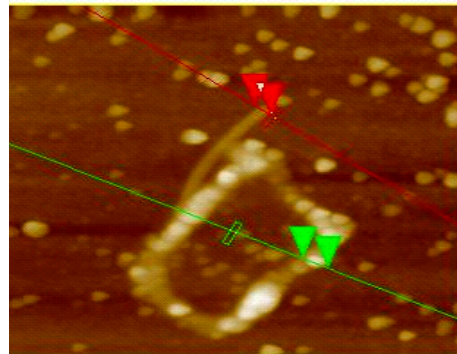


Fig. 2. Preparation of chitin and chitosan

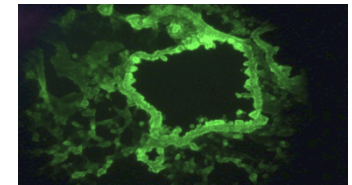
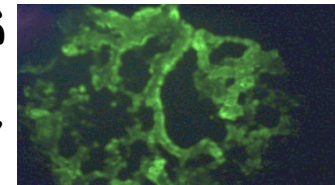
- Targeted delivery
- Lower dosage
- Non-invasive
- Long shelf-life
- Cost-effective

AFM

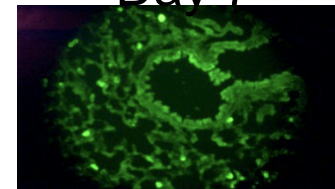


Intranasal (Lung)

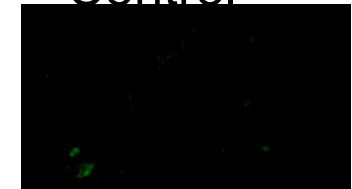
Lung Sections  
Day 1      Day 3



Day 7



Control



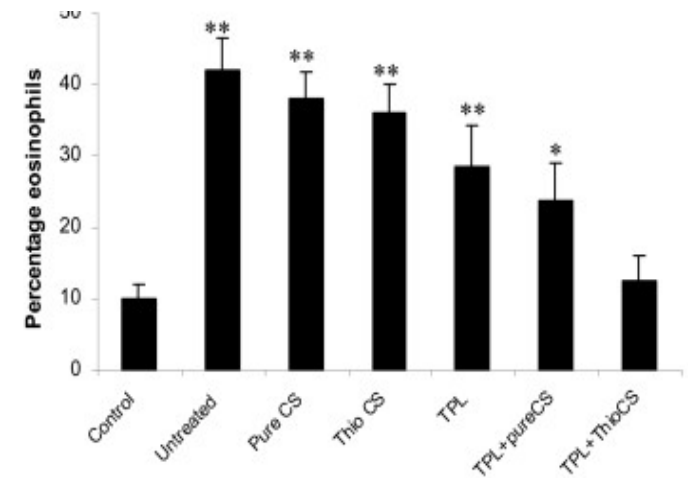
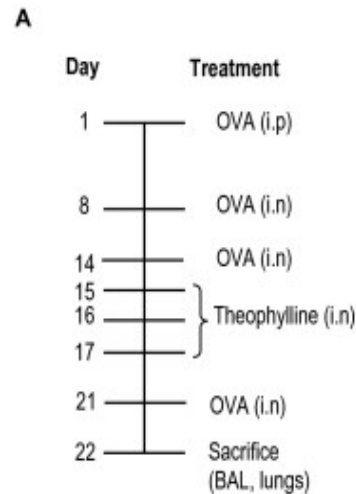
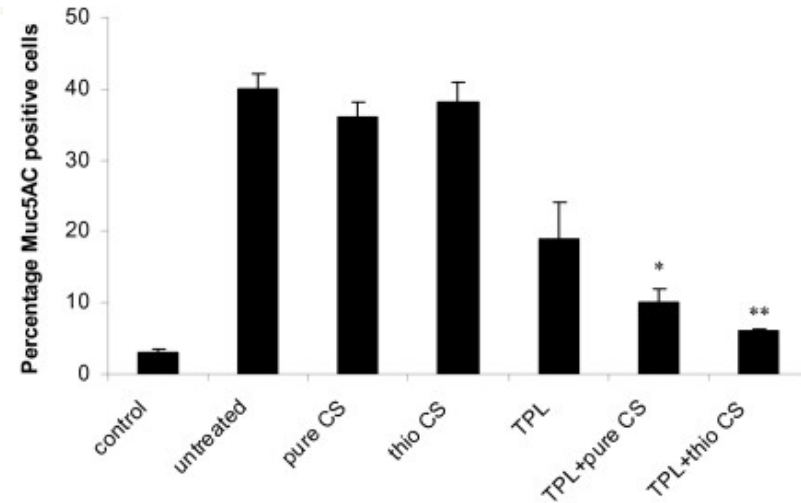
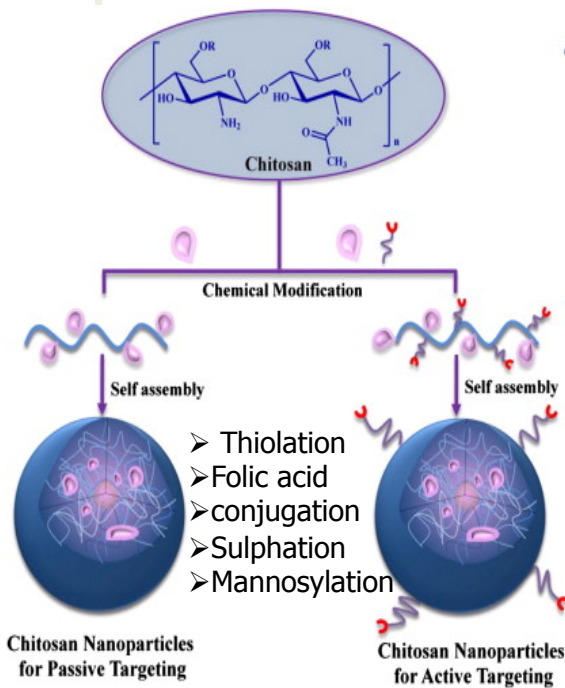
- A natural biocompatible cationic polysaccharide from crustacean shells,
- Slowly biodegradable & Nuclease resistant
- Increases transcellular and paracellular transport across mucosal epithelium (mucosal gene delivery)
- Immunostimulatory & Anti-microbial
- Anticoagulant & wound-healing
- Non-toxic, non-hemolytic & Safe
- Cost-effective



**What are some of the examples of potential applications to allergy and asthma?**



# Thiolated chitosan nanoparticles enhance anti-inflammatory effects of intranasally delivered theophylline



Kumar et al. *Human Gene Therapy* 2002;  
 Kumar et al. *Gen Vacc & Ther*, 2003;  
 Zhang et al *Nature Medicine*, 2005;  
 Lee et al, *Respiratory Res*, 2006,  
 Lee et al, *J Nanosci & Nanotech*, 2006  
 Lee et al, *Pharm Res* 2007,

# How can NANOTECHNOLOGY help develop novel vaccine for therapies to decrease severity of RSV?

## ■ Vaccines

- Live-attenuated
- Subunit
- **DNA Vaccines** (*Kumar et al. 2002*)

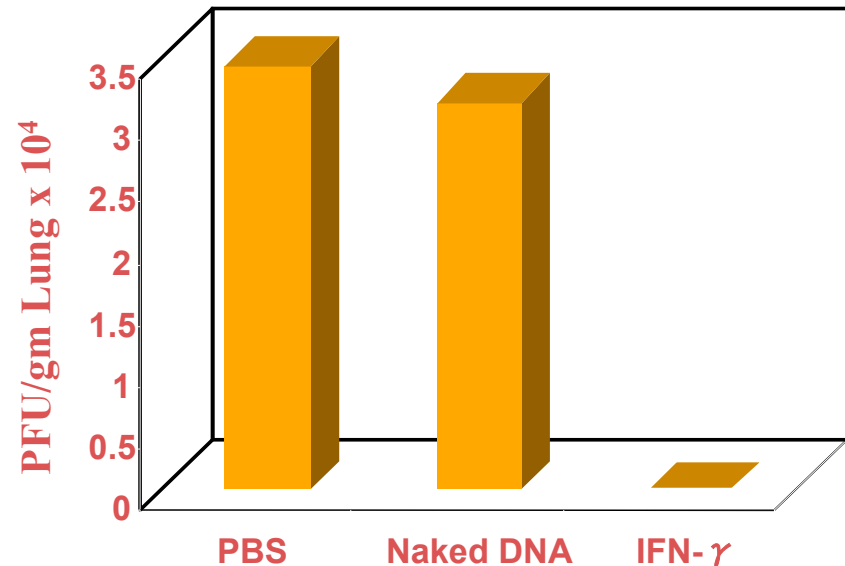
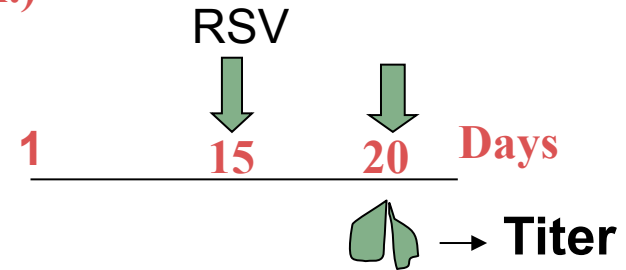
## ■ Prophylactics

- **IFN-gamma** (*Kumar et al. 2000*)
- **2-5 OAS** (*Behera et al. 2002*)
- **si-RNA** (*Zhang et al. 2005, Kong et al 2007*)

## ■ Anti-Inflammatory

- **LTRAs** (*Behera et al. 1997*)
- **FP/ Salmeterol** (*Singham et al. 2006*)

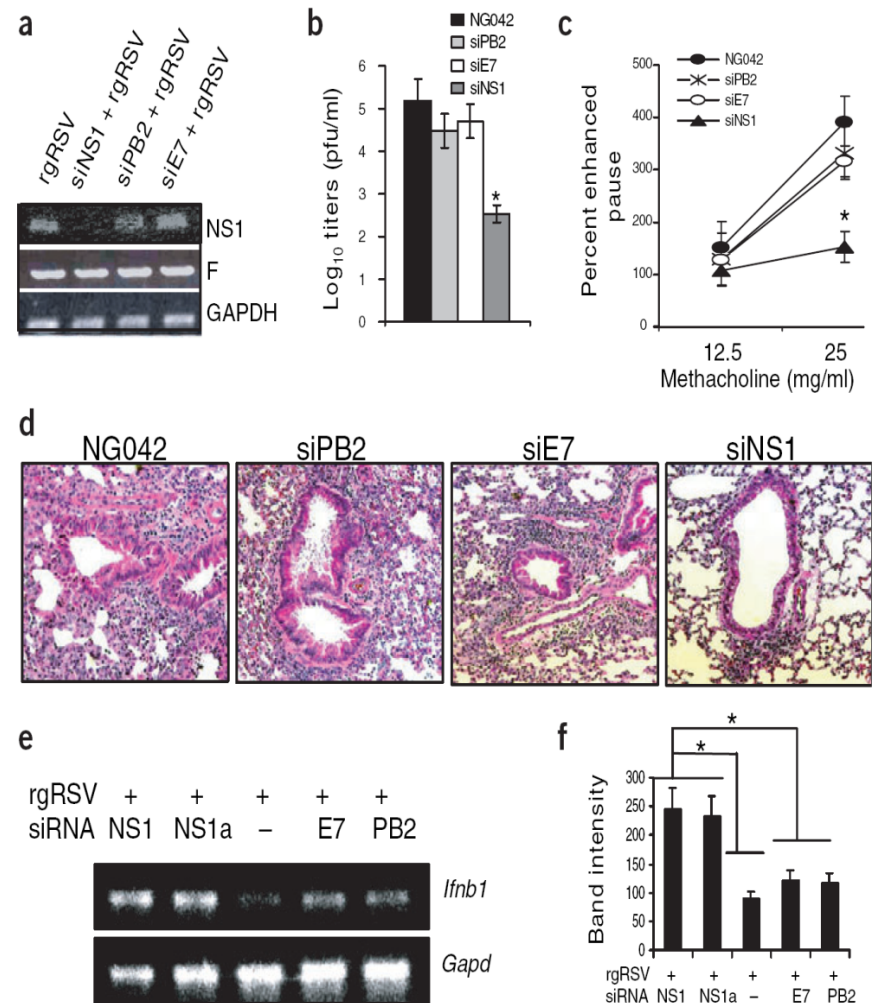
Chitosan + pIFN- $\gamma$   
Naked IFN- $\gamma$  pDNA  
(i.n.)



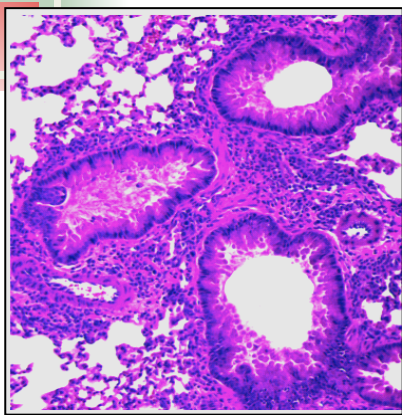
# Nanoparticle-complexed siNS1 Exhibits Antiviral Activity In Vivo

Zhang et al, Nature Medicine 2005

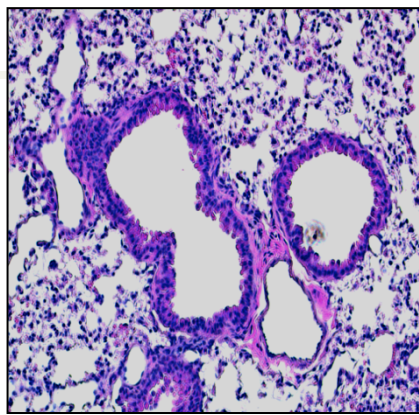
- siNS1 Nanoparticles
  - Reduced RSV replication
- Rx with siNS1 nanoparticles before or after infection with RSV showed
  - decreased virus titers
  - decreased inflammation and AHR.
- human dendritic cells, upon RSV infection, produced
  - elevated type-1 IFN and
  - induced differentiation of naive CD4+ T cells to T helper type 1 (TH1) cells.



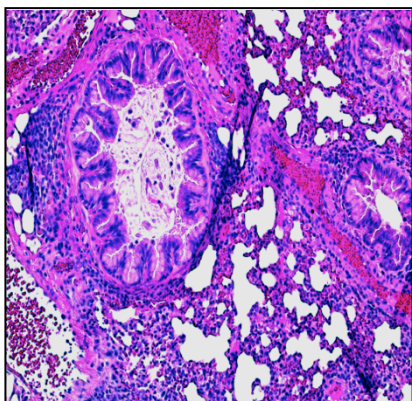
# NPRA Signaling: A New Target for anti-inflammatory Target



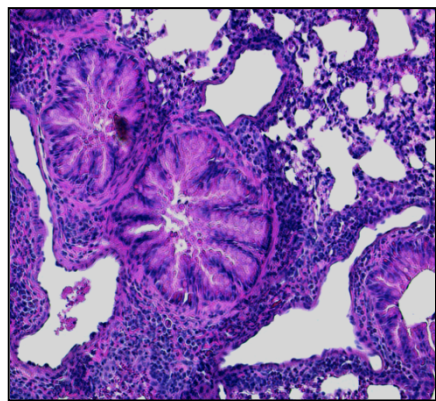
WT (+/+)



NPRA -/-



WT (+/+)



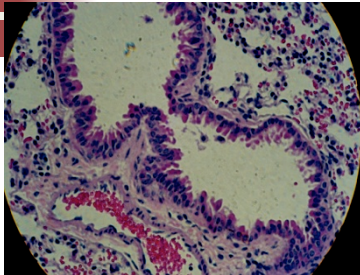
NPRC -/-

- DNAs:
  - pNPRAi (pNP73102)
  - siNPRA/psiNPRA
- Peptide:
  - KP73-102
  - VD
  - Anantin
- Small molecule:
  - Isatin
  - Isatin-derivatives

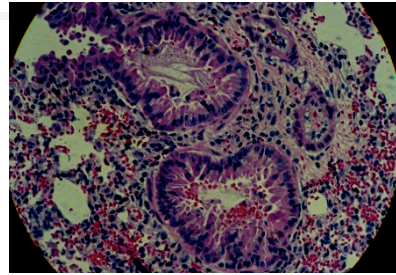
Wang et al Mol Cancer. 2011; Zhang et al. GVT. 2011; Kandasamy et al Int Immunopharmacol. 2010; Wang et al Respir Res. 2009; Wang et al GVT. 2008; Kong et al Cancer Res. 2008; Mohapatra SS. Can J Physiol Pharmacol. 2007; Mohapatra SS et al J A C I. 2004;

# Decreased NPRA Expression/Signaling: an Approach to Treat pulmonary inflammation

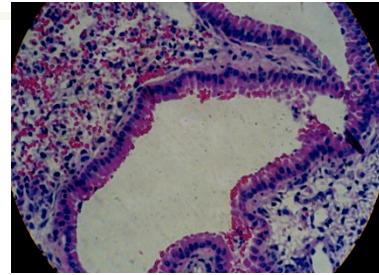
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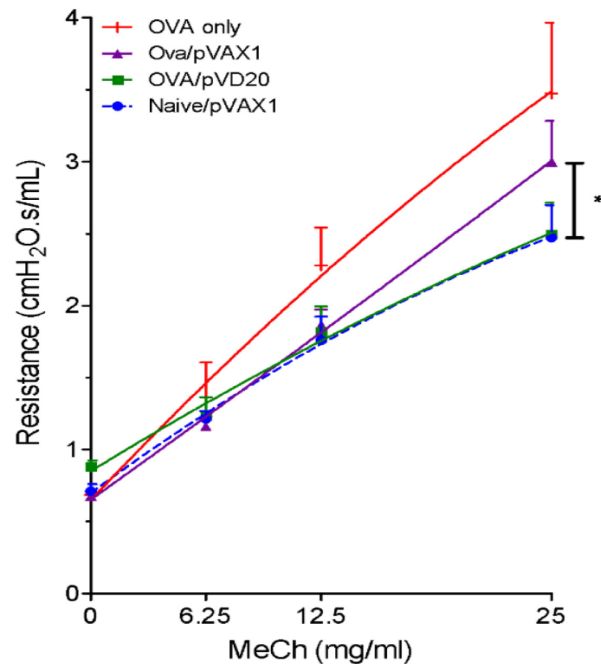
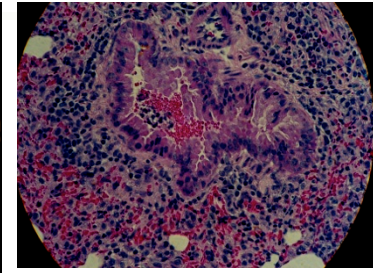
OVA



Ova+siNPRA9



Ova+Scram



✓ Intranasal or oral Administration of KP73-102 or pKP73-102 protects from Ovalbumin-Induced AHR and Eosinophilia.

✓ Nano-siNPRA Cream modulates eosinophilia and Inflammation in Asthma (Wang et al GVT 2008)

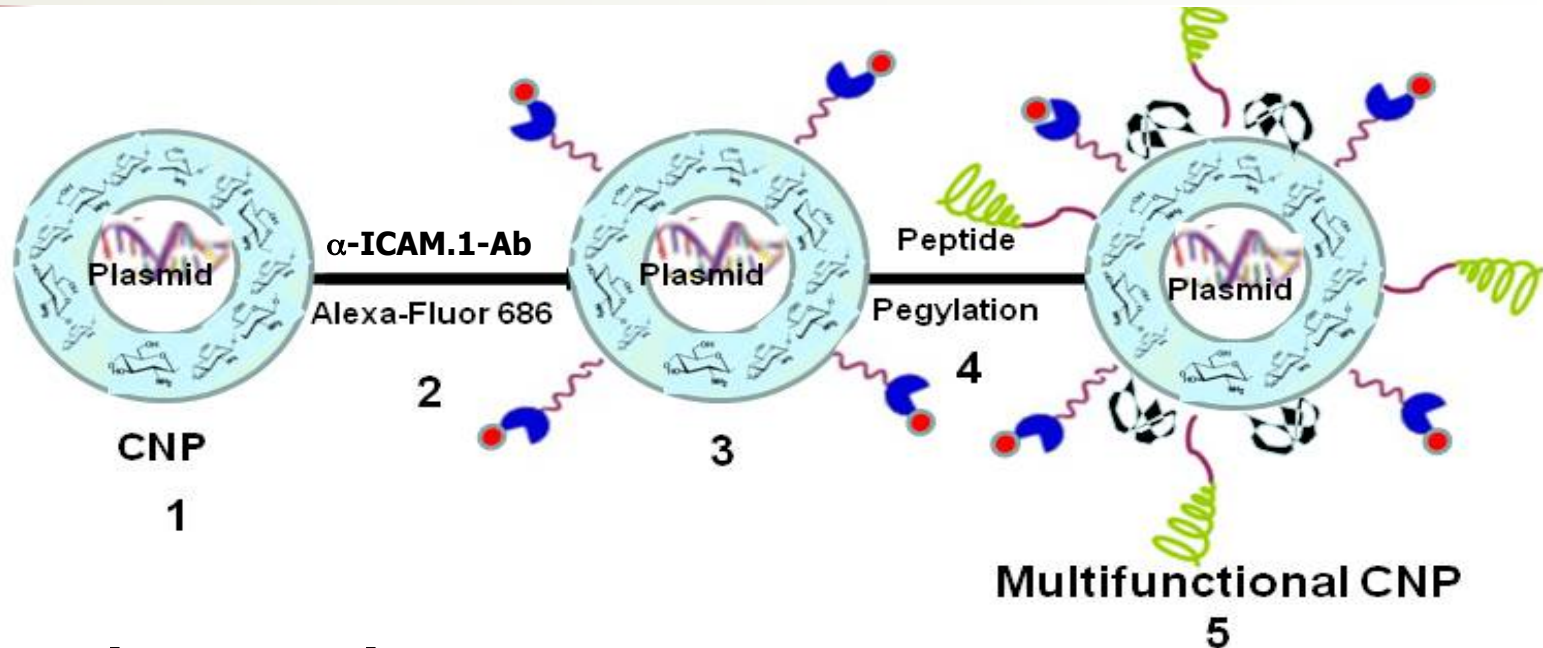
✓ Vessel Dilator decreases lung resistance and inflammation in the lung in Ovalbumin – induced asthma model (Wang et al Res Res 2009)

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# **A new approach to delivering drugs to the deep lung**

# Multifunctional Chitosan Nanoparticles



## ■ Passive targeting

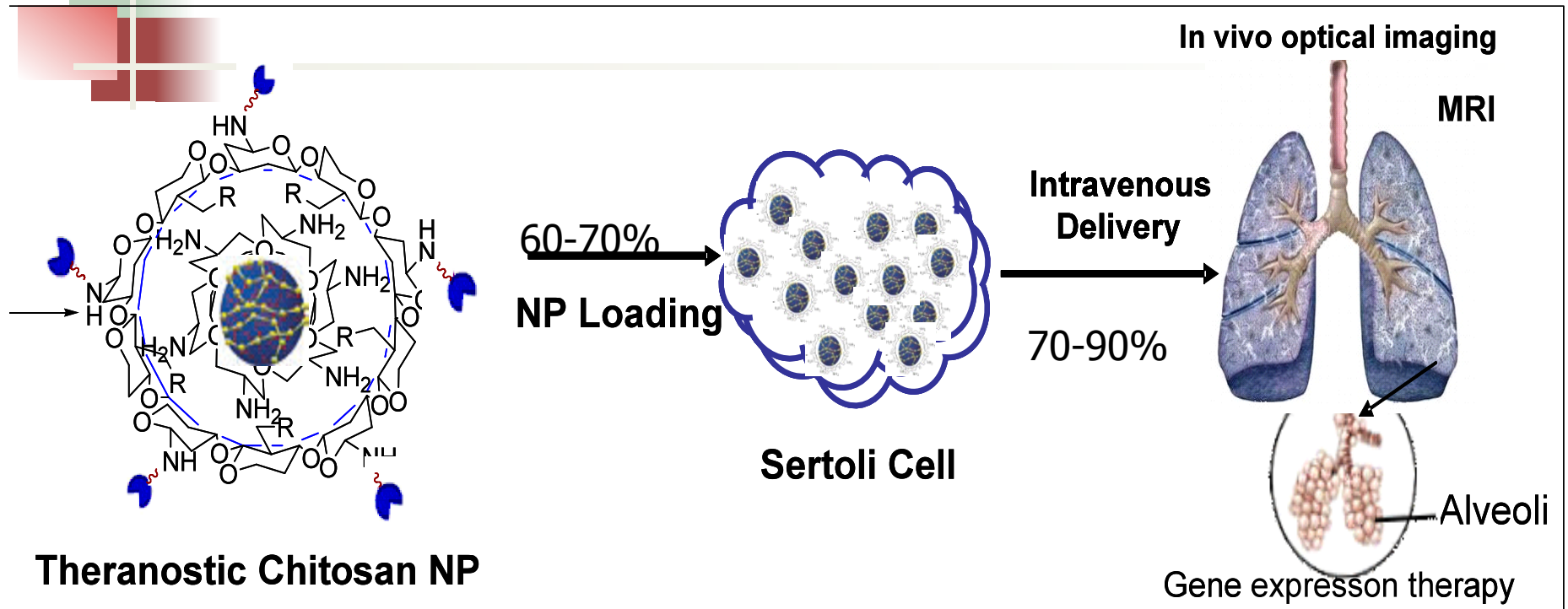
- use peptides such as PVGLIG, a substrate for MMPs, to target tumor vasculature
- increase retention in blood circulation by coating with polyethylene glycol

## ■ Active targeting

- antibodies, peptides, ligands to target delivery specifically to cancer cells

# Schematic of "Nano-Cell" strategy: Development of polymer theranostics for lung

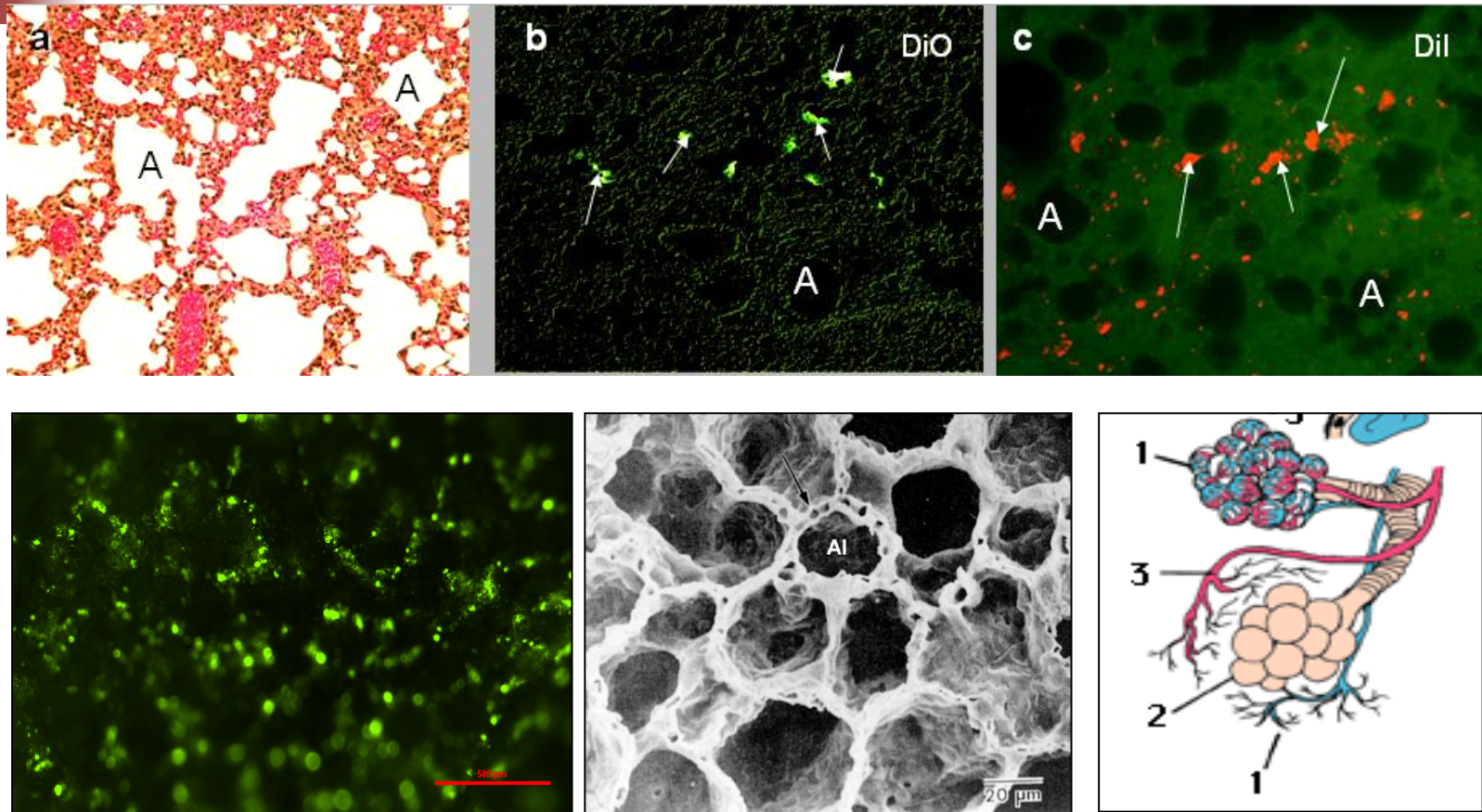
Mohapatra et al, Technol & Innov, 2011



- 1) avoid immune rejection: Inhibit cell-mediated immunity, target cell apoptosis and complement-mediated cell lysis
- 2) provide for the immunoprotection of allo- and xenogeneic cell transplants,
- 3) SCs (30-50  $\mu\text{m}$ ) appear to become entrapped in the pre-capillary vascular bed of the lung, where the lysed cells are cleared within 15 minutes from the system without deleterious effects to the individual. Mohapatra et al, Technol & Innov, 2011

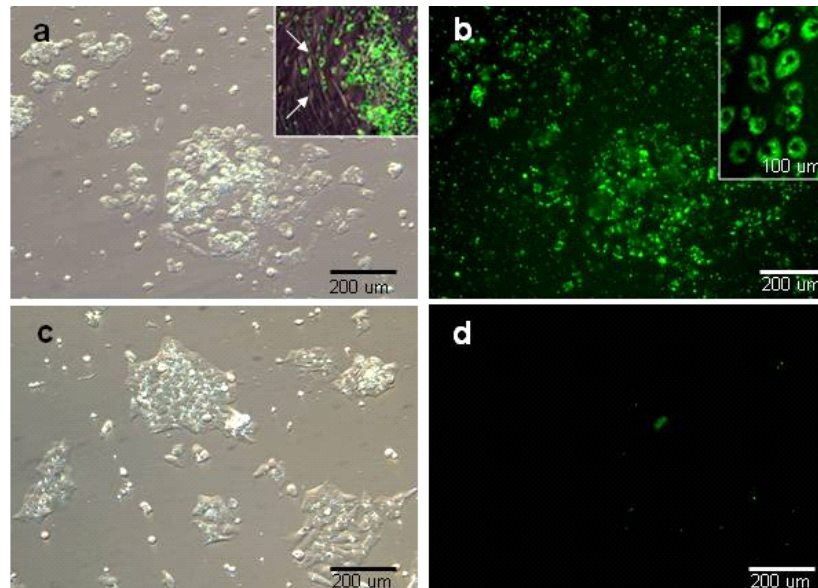


# Mouse lung 15 minutes after injection of DiO-labeled rat SCs

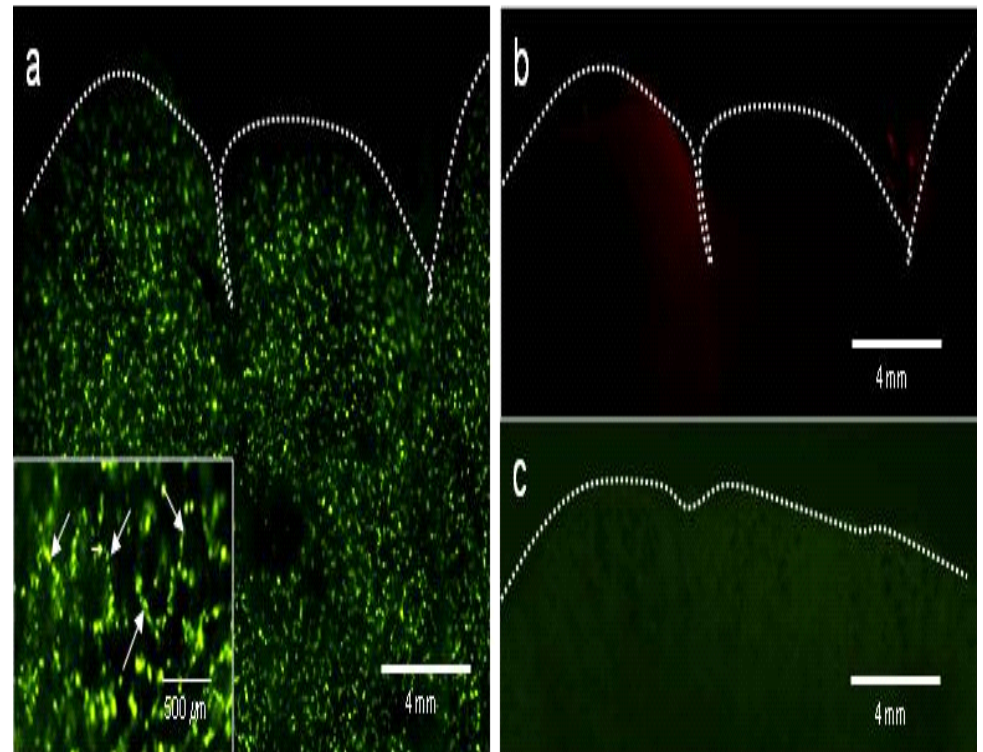


# SCs take up nanoparticles and they are seen mouse lung 15 minutes post-injection

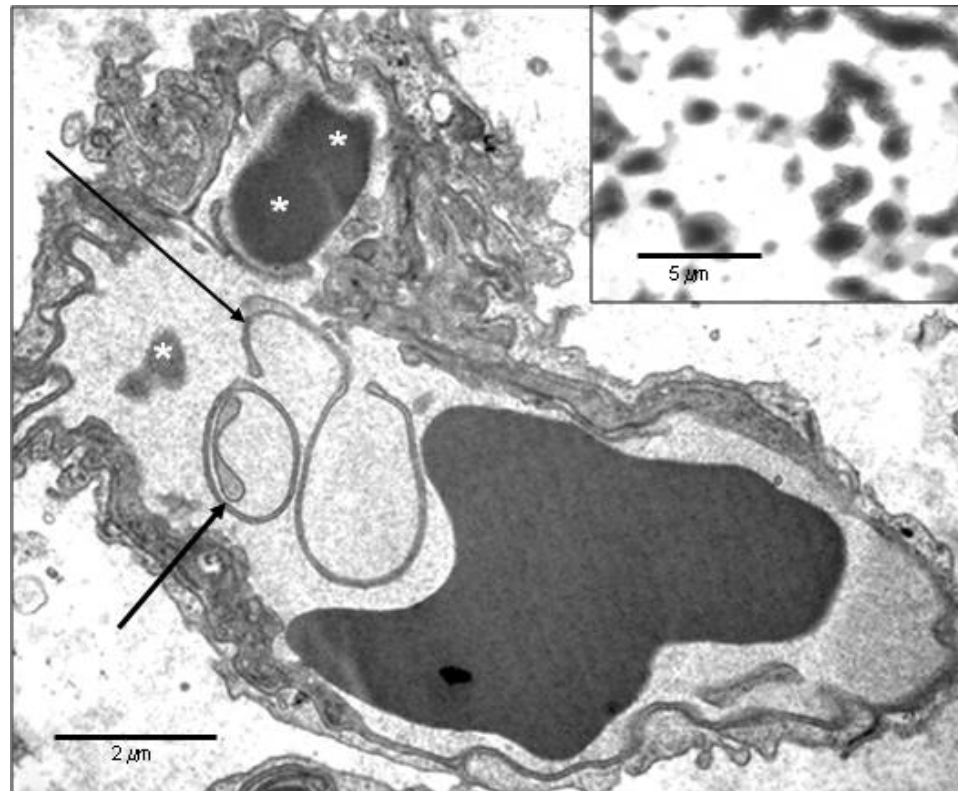
In Vitro



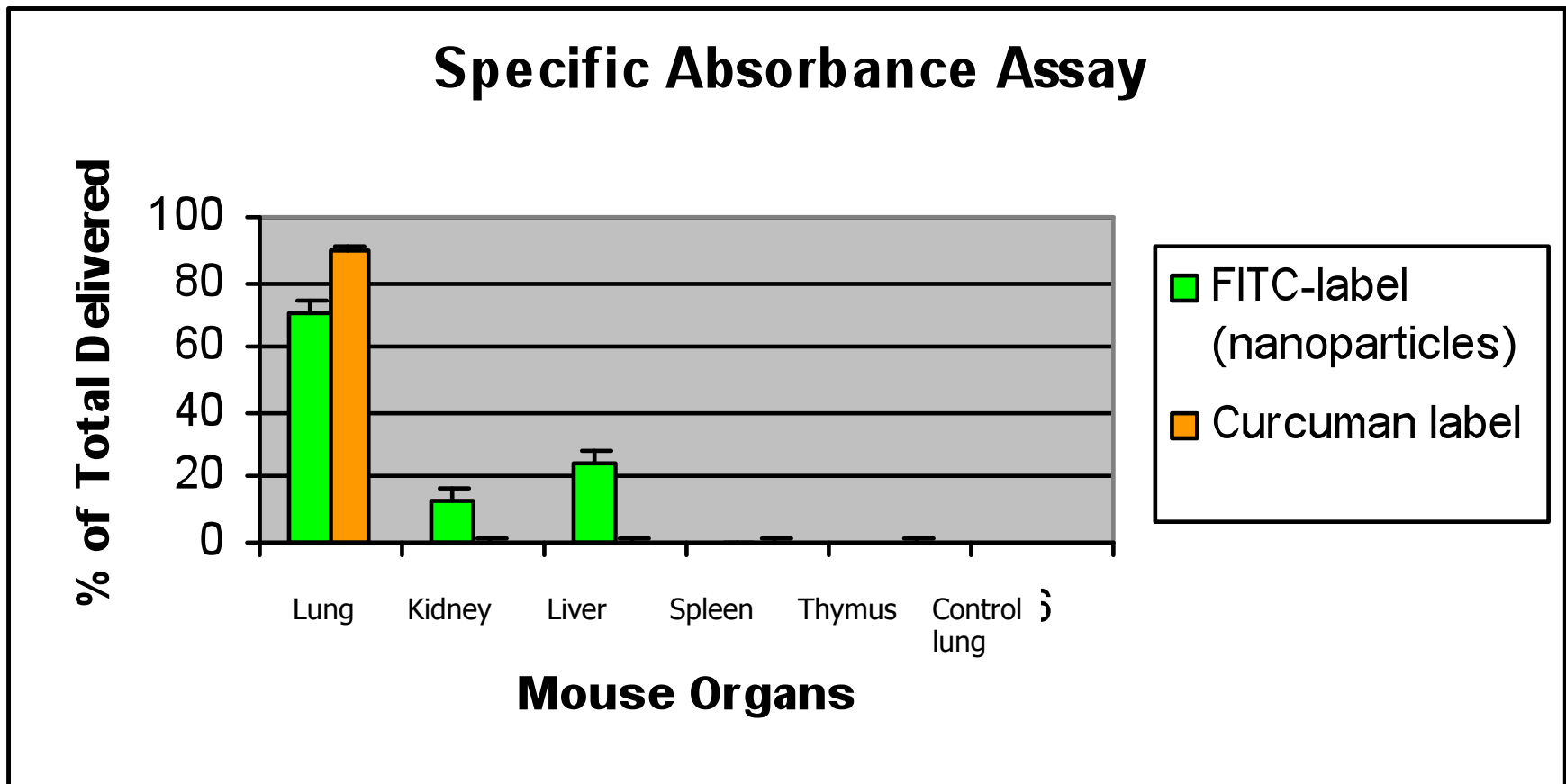
In Vivo



# Electron micrograph of mouse lung 1 hr after injection of pre-loaded, pre-labeled rat Sertoli cells



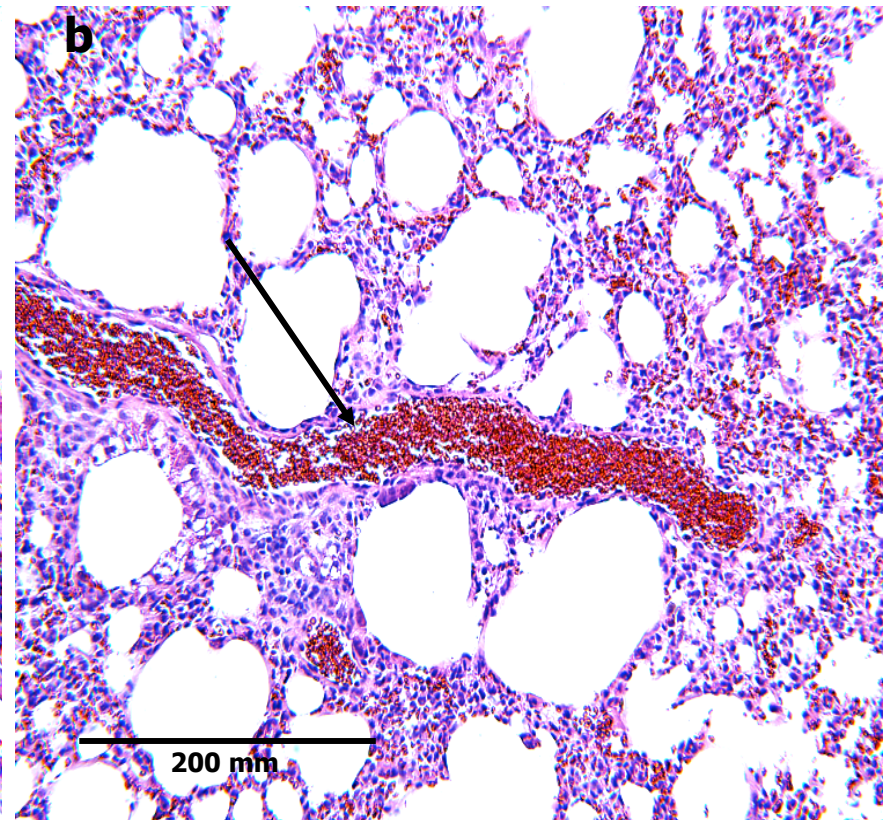
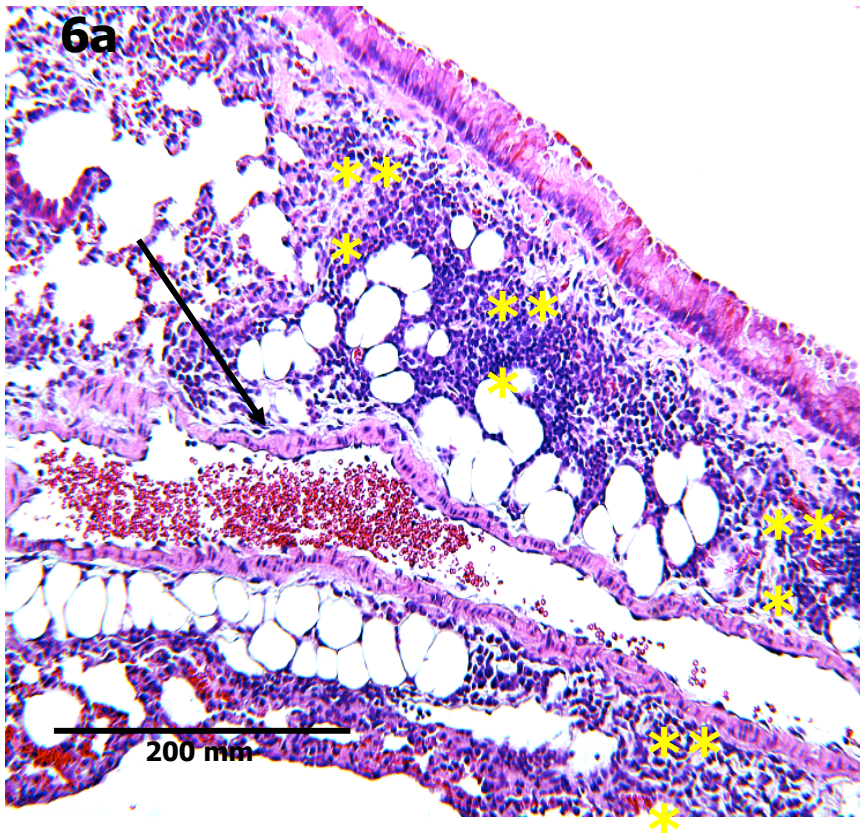
# Quantitation of FITC-labeled nanoparticles and Curcumin-labeled therapeutic drug in mouse organs 1 hr post-injection



# Histology of Lung Sections of Control and Mice treated with SNAP

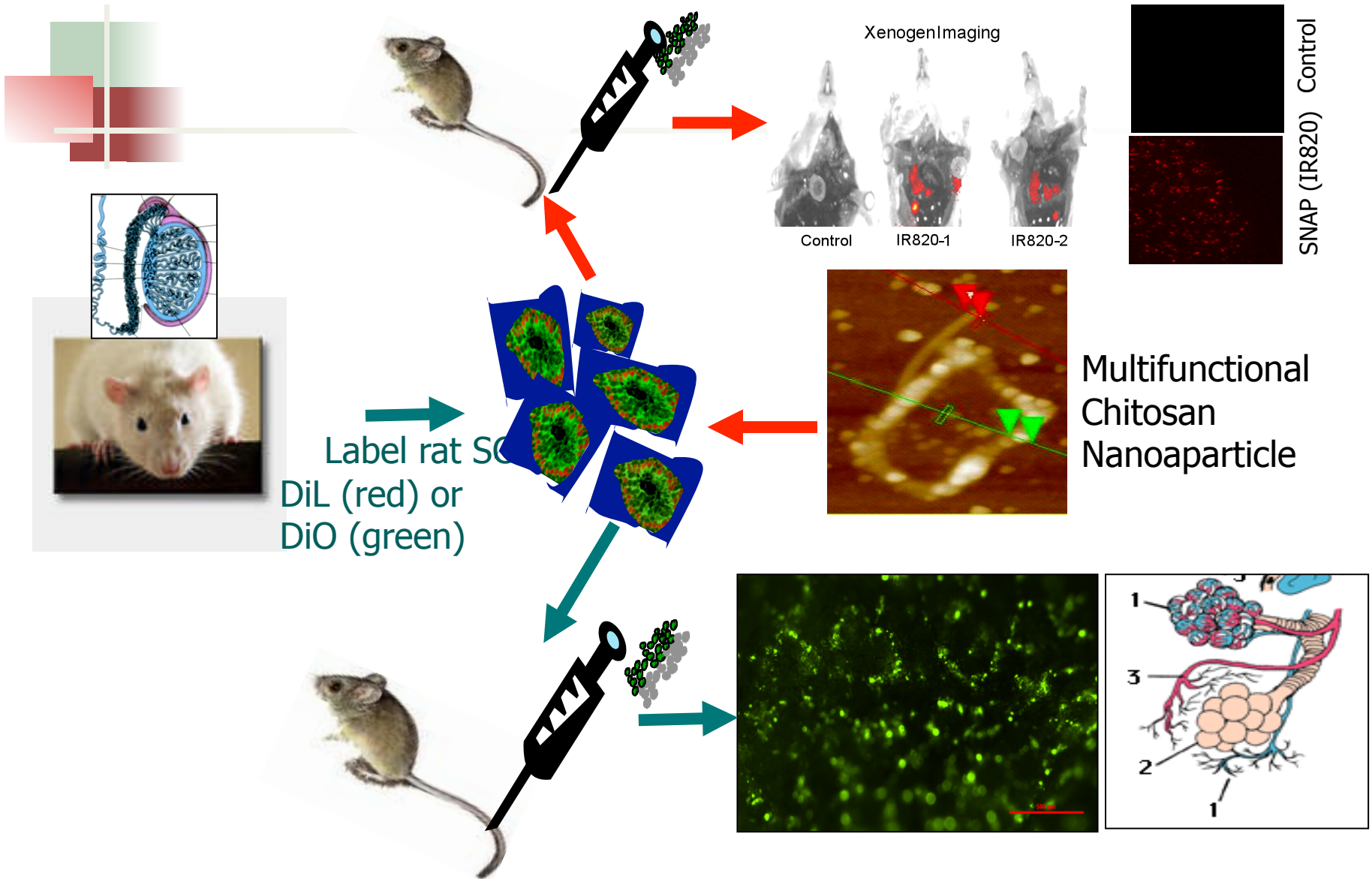
Asthma

Control



Ova-Induced Asthmatic Mouse

# SNAP THERANOSTICS: THE CONCEPT





## Summary and Concluding Remarks

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- **Nanomedicine provides solutions to delivering drugs to lungs more effectively.**
- **Targeted drug/gene delivery to diseased lung cells can increase effectiveness, be safer and less expensive.**
- **Pre-clinical studies have shown efficacy and safety in different models.**
- **IV injection of nanoparticle pre-loaded Sertoli cells (coupled with drug of choice) can provide a new approach to delivering drugs to the deep lung.**
- **Drugs get to deep lung, SCs deliver >80% of dispensed drug**
- **SCs are cleared from the system after delivering nanoparticle load in ~1 hour.**
- **No inflammation associated with injected or transplanted SCs.**