



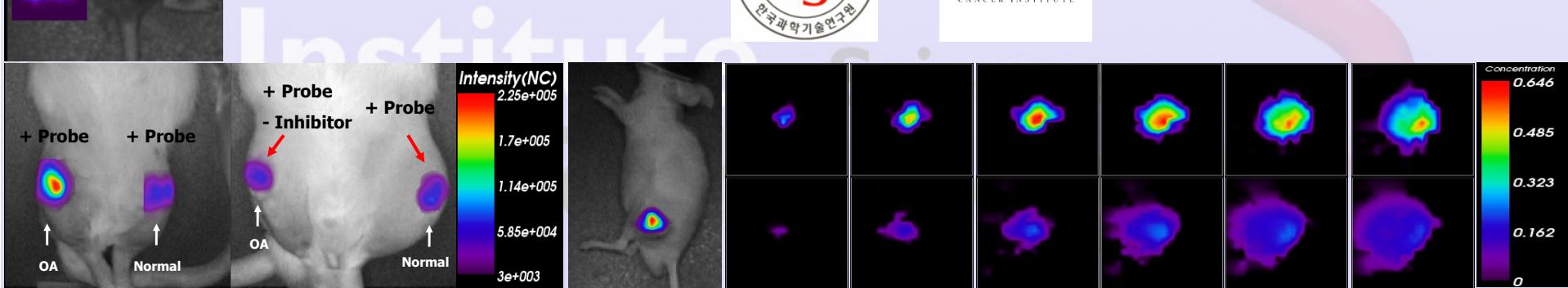
# Activatable Molecular Probes for Optical Imaging

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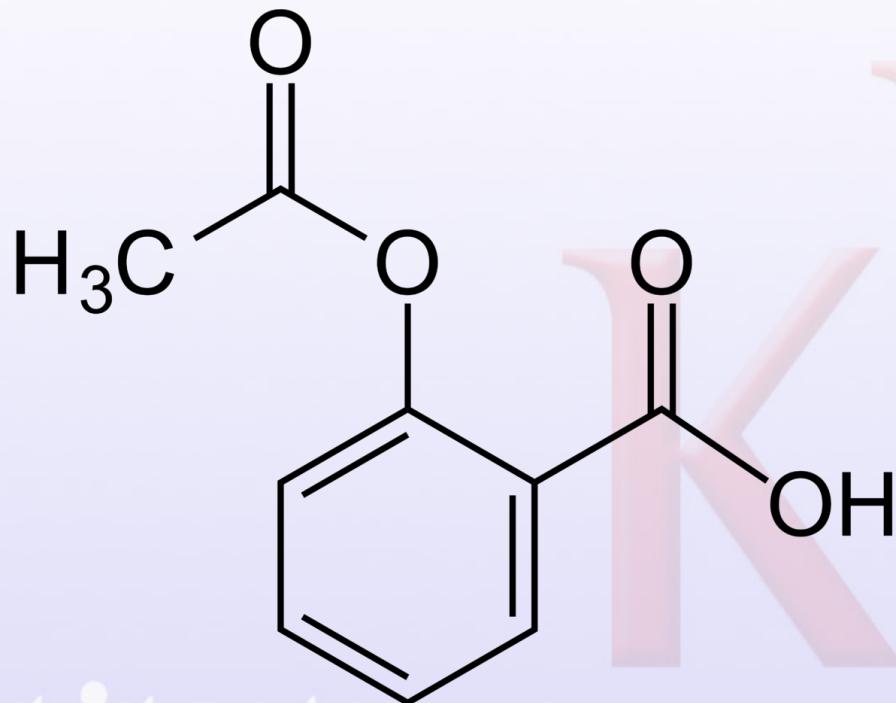
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# Therapeutic Effect



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**Aspirin**  
cox (cyclooxygenase) inhibitor

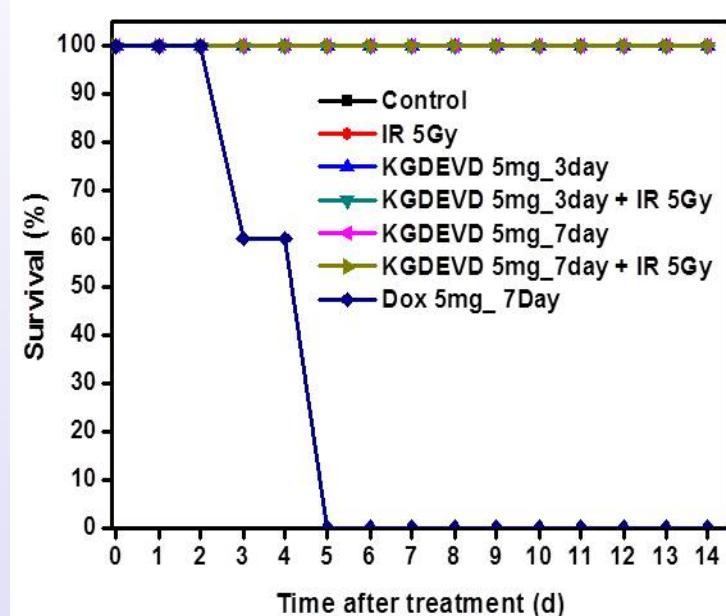
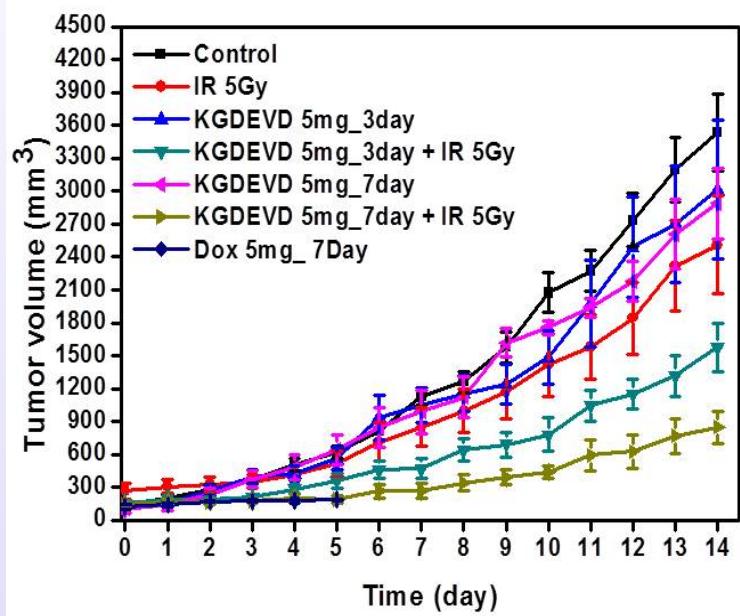
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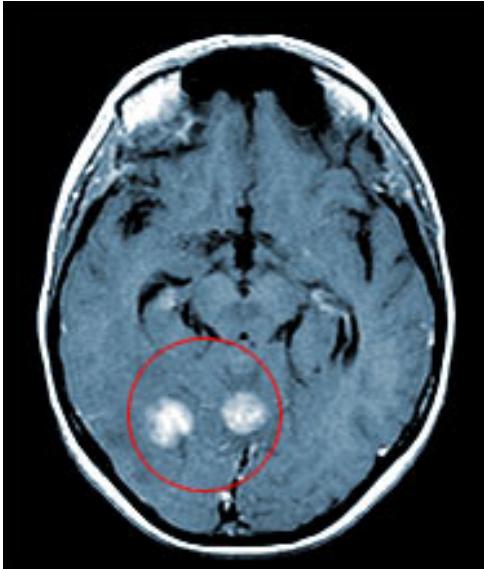


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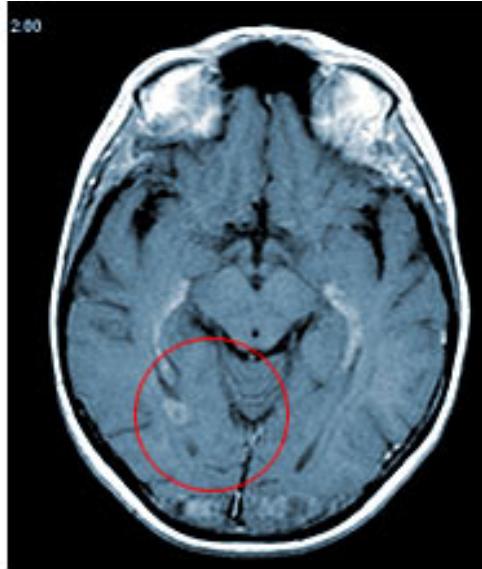
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# Evaluation of Therapeutic Efficacy





before cyberknife treatment



4 weeks after cyberknife treatment

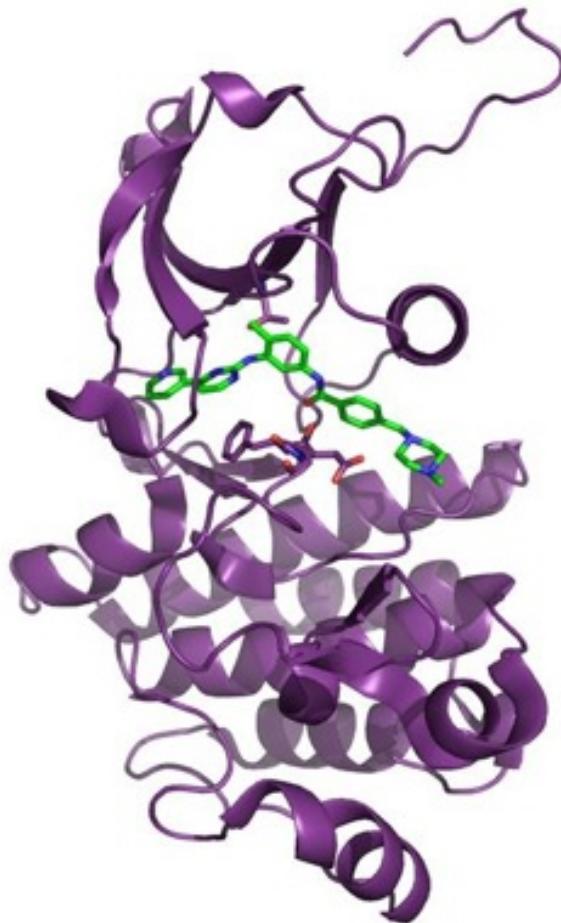
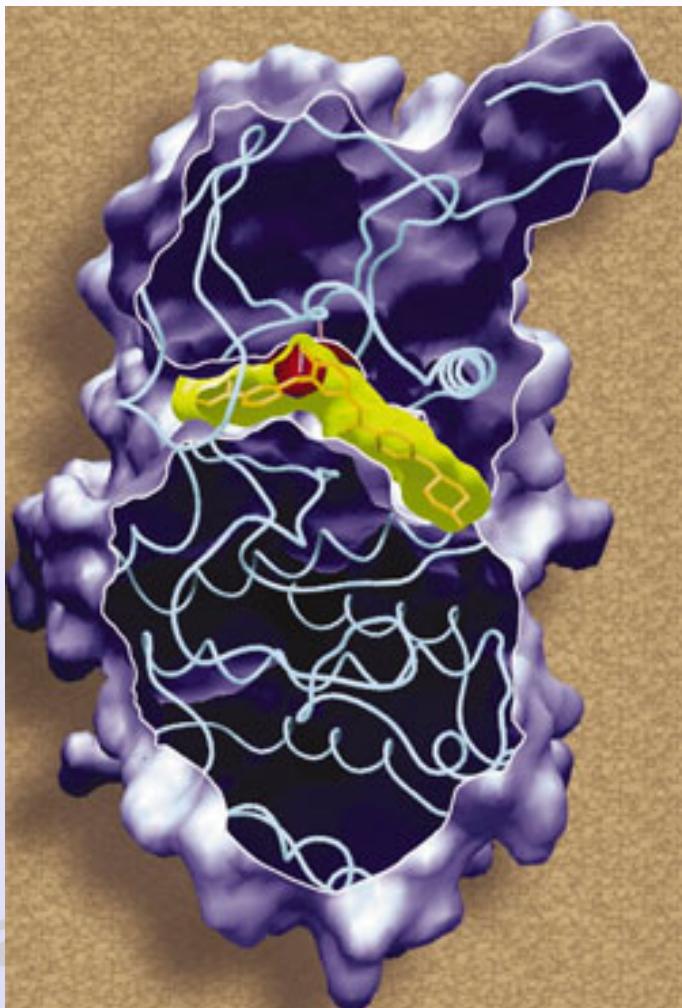
The left image shows MRI scans of a patient harboring 2 brain metastases of a lung carcinoma. Both tumors were treated in a 1 hour treatment session using Cyberknife radiosurgery. The right image shows the first MRI control 4 weeks after treatment. Both tumors are completely eliminated.



The left image shows a tumor of the lung before Cyberknife treatment. A small (5 mm) fiducial was implanted for real time breath triggered robotic treatment. The right image shows the result 2 weeks after the single session Cyberknife procedure. The tumor is already reduced in size and shows a central necosis.

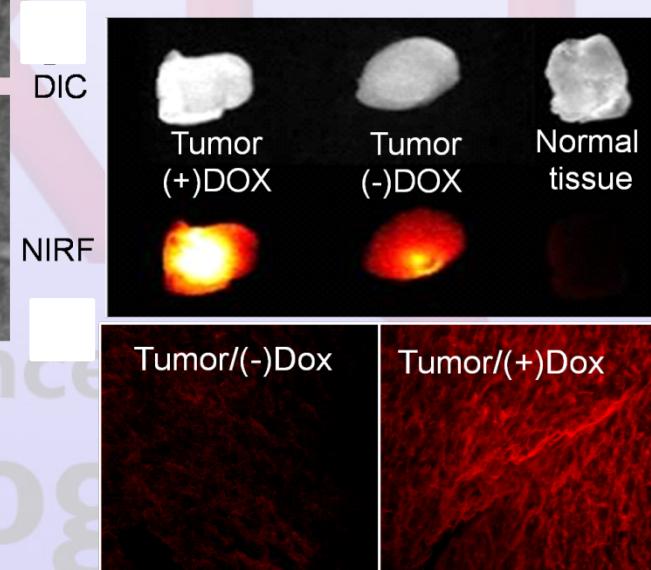
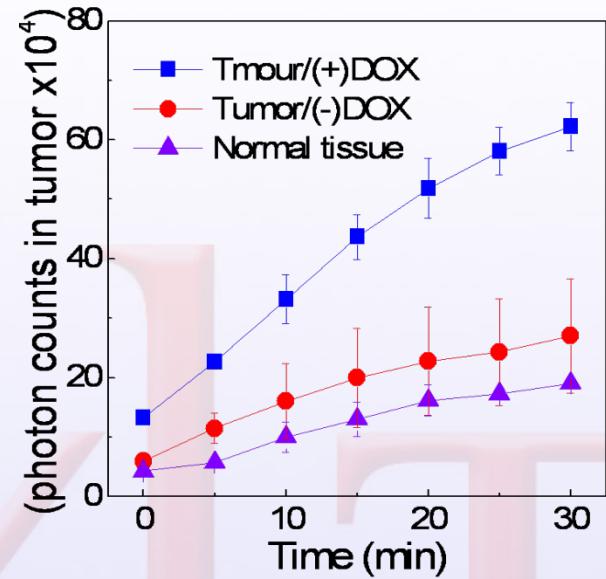
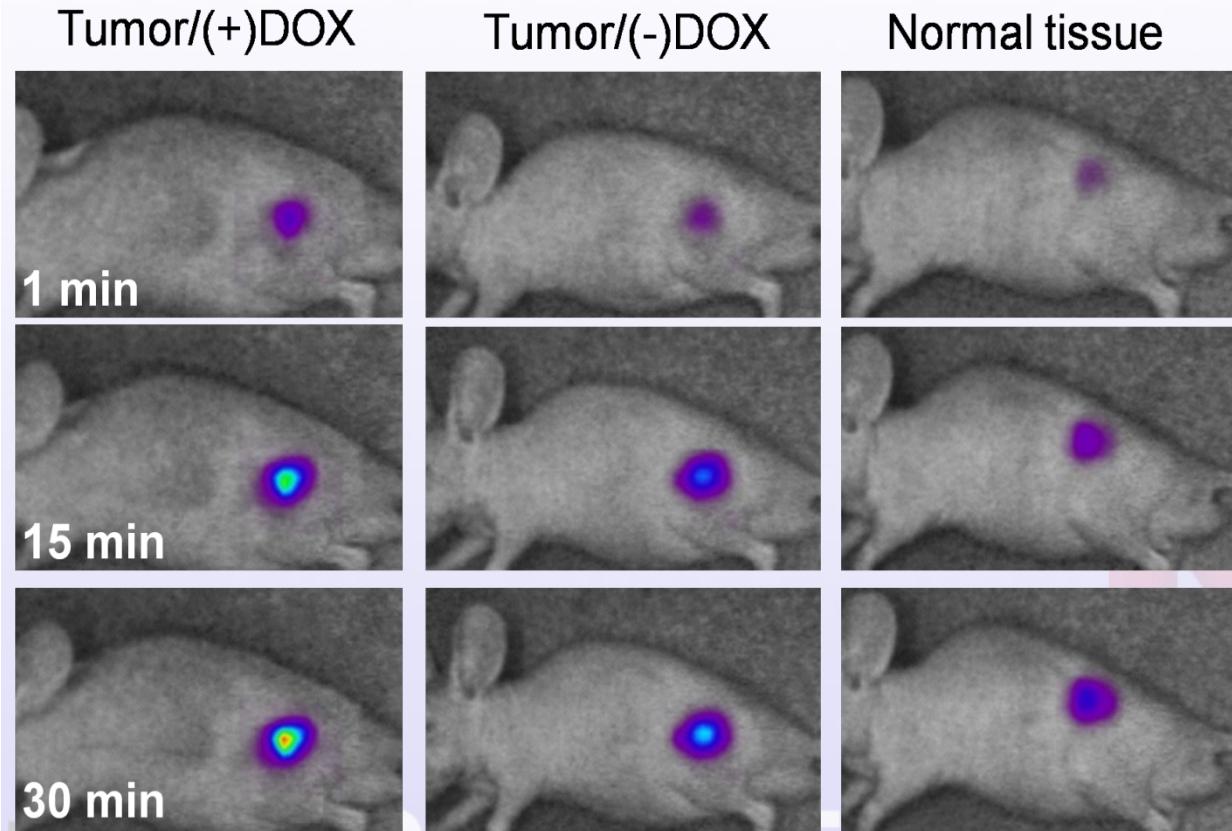
# Molecular Medicine

## Molecular Therapy



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# Visualize Apoptosis



# Molecular Imaging

- **Visualization of biological process**
- **Molecular events at molecular and cellular level**
- **In living systems**
- **Using remote imaging detectors**

“The characterization and measurement of biological processes in living animals, model systems, and humans at the cellular and molecular level by using remote imaging detectors”

Lucker GD and Piwnica-Worms D *Acad. Radiol.* 2001;8:4

# In vivo molecular target assessment of matrix metalloproteinase inhibition

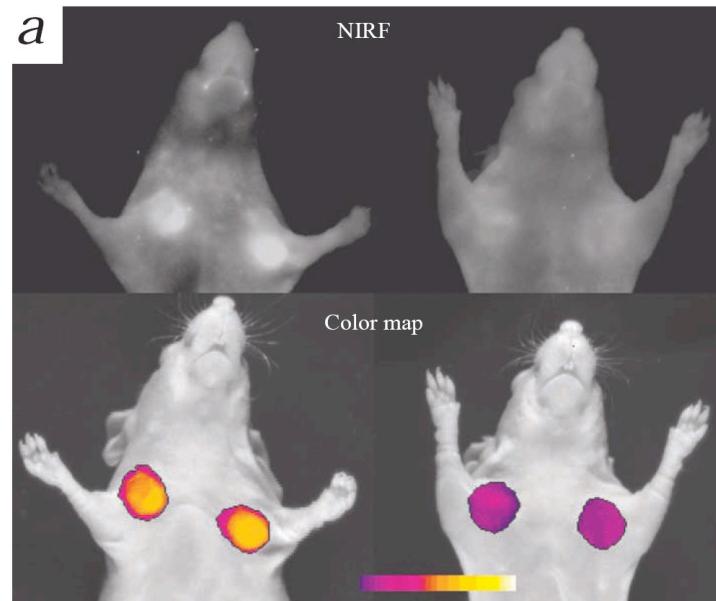
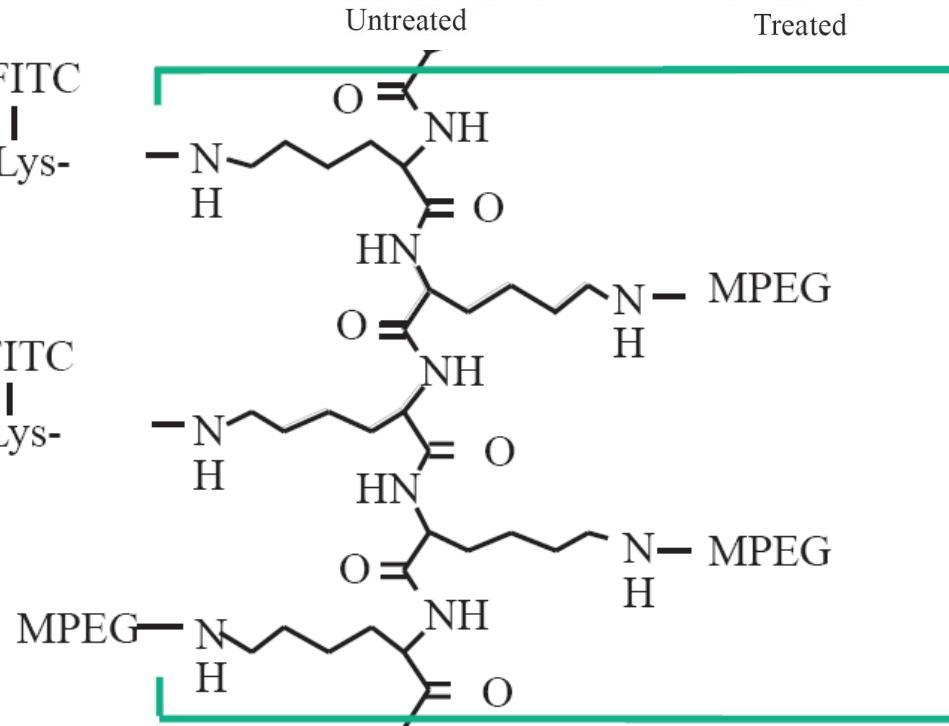
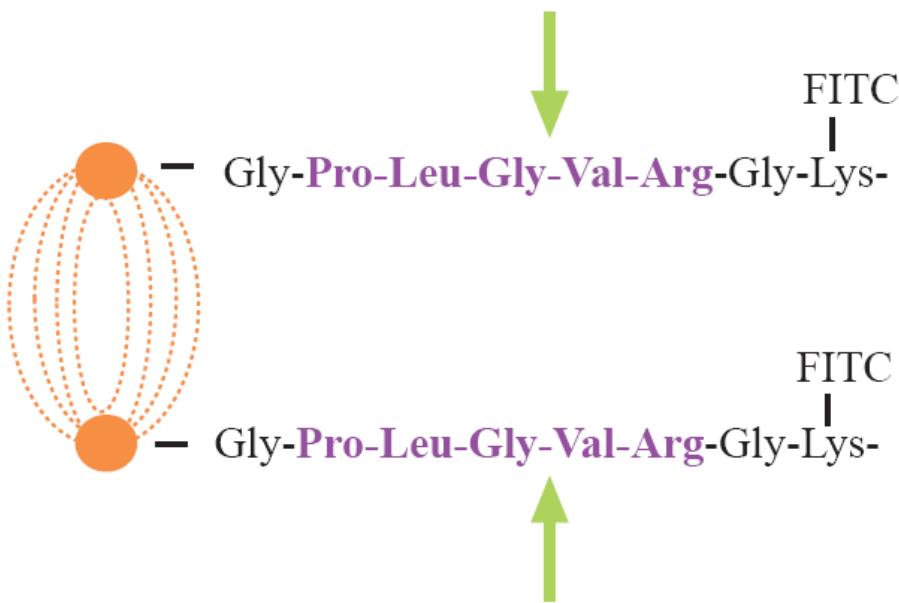
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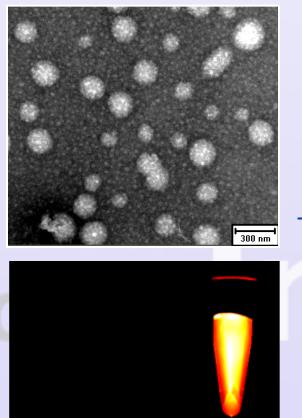
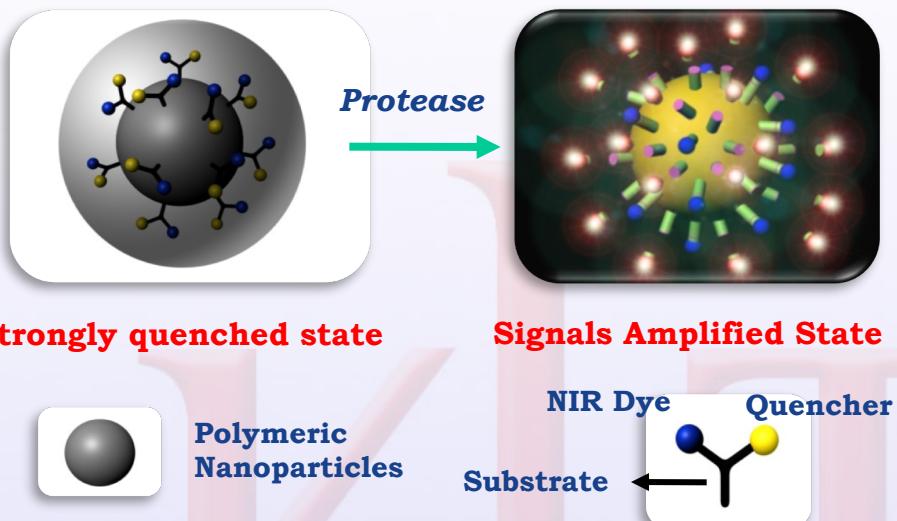
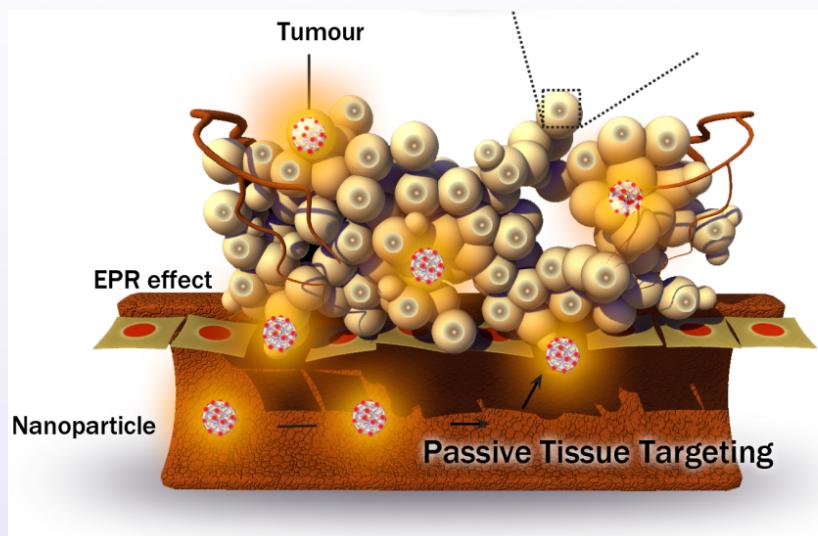
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Fluorochrome

Peptide substrate

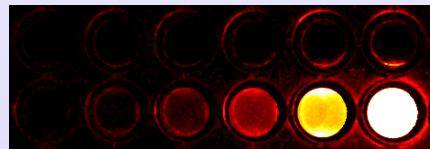


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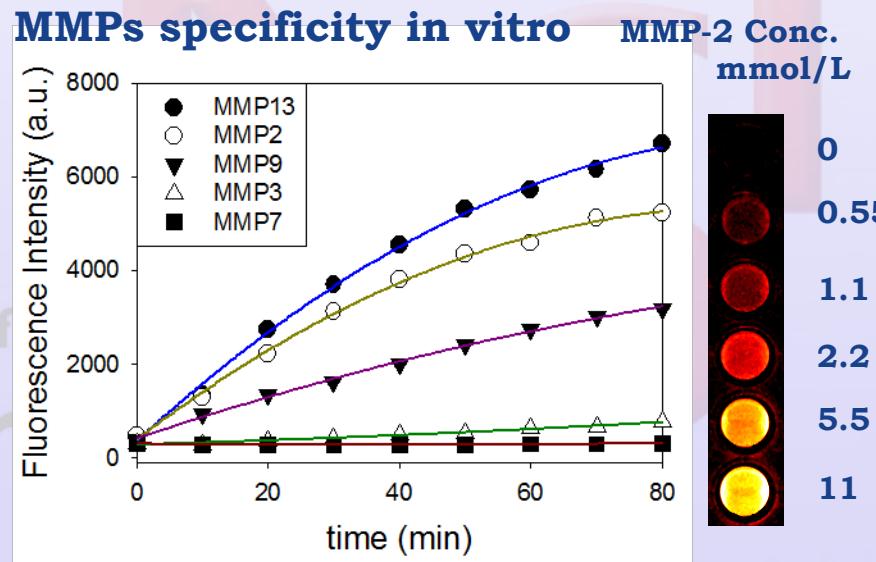


Quenching properties

- MMP  
+ MMP

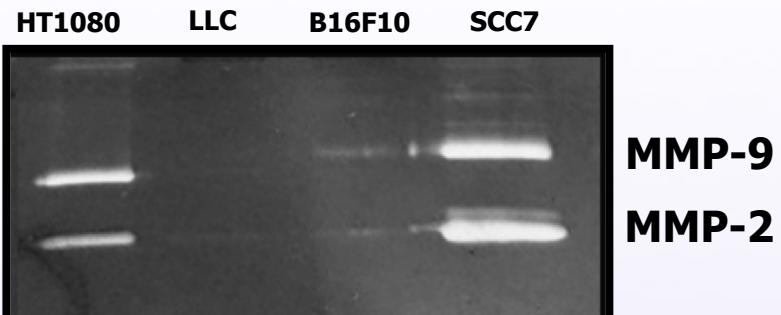
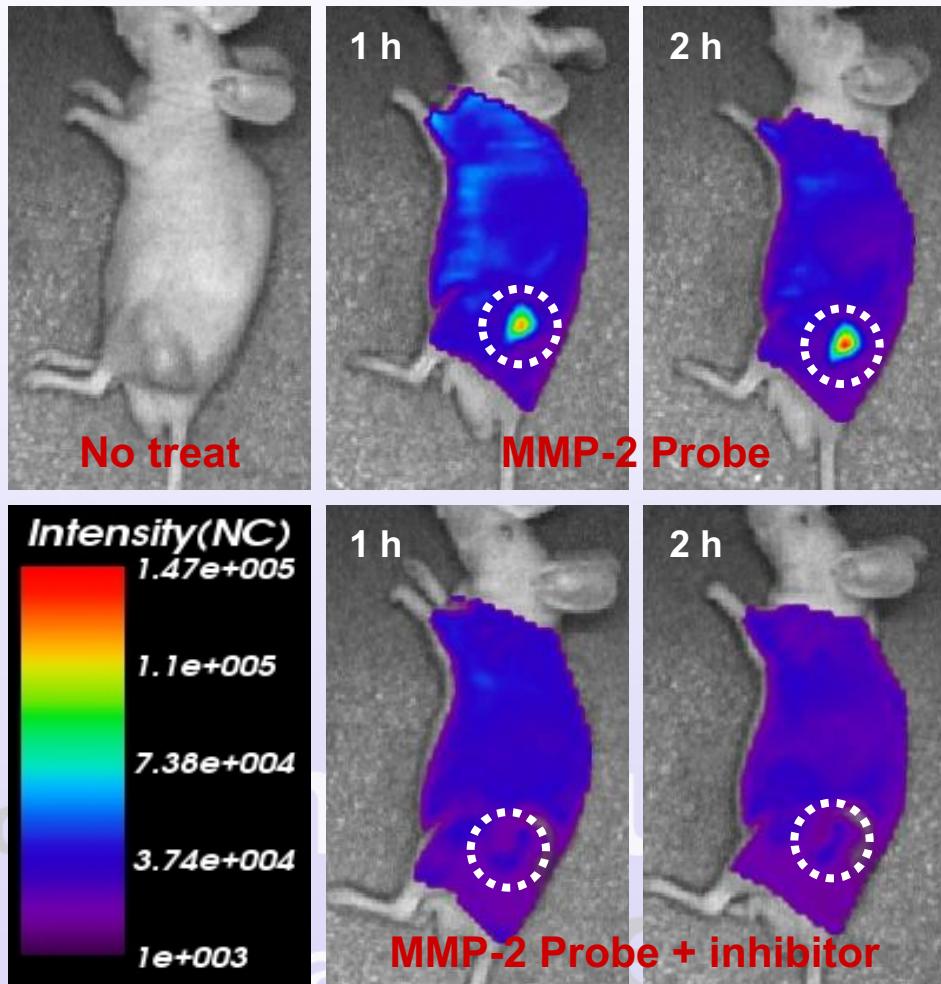


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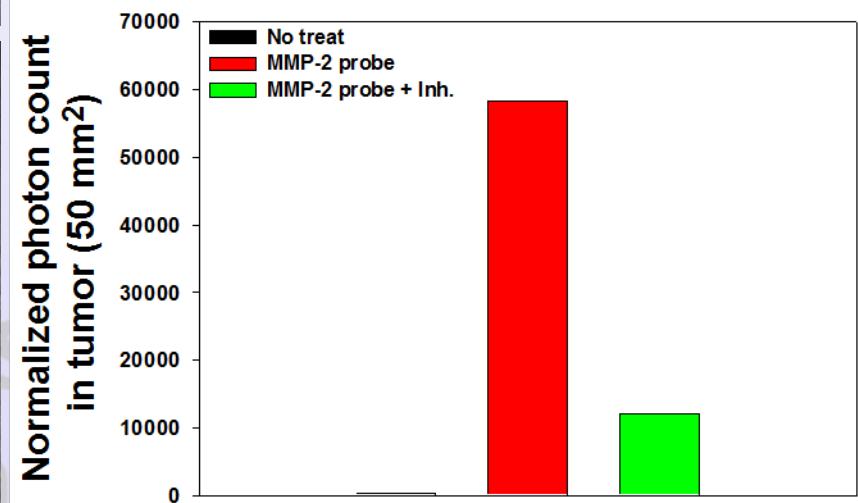


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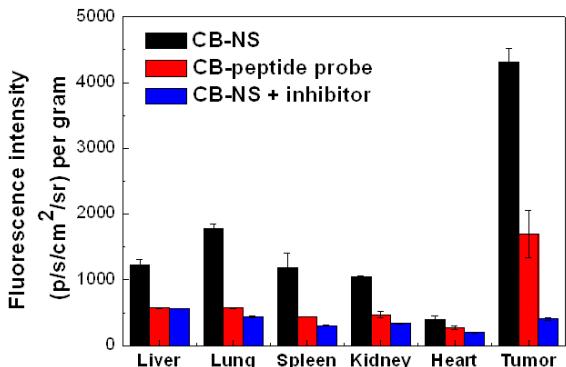
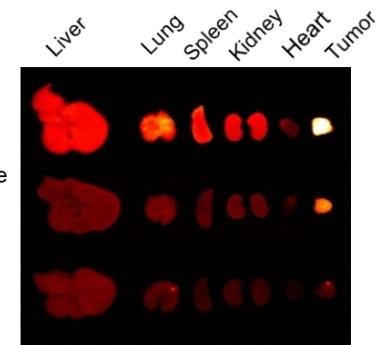
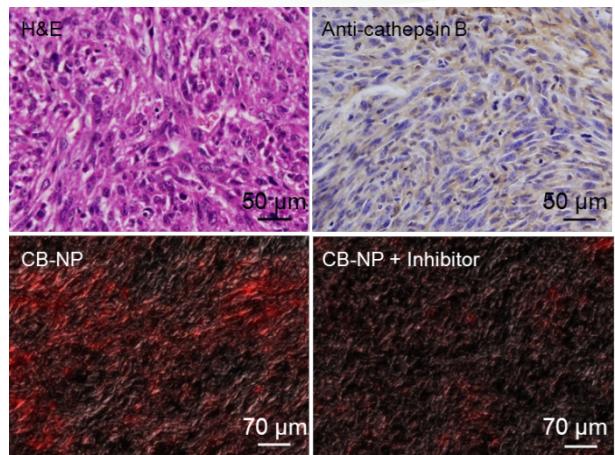
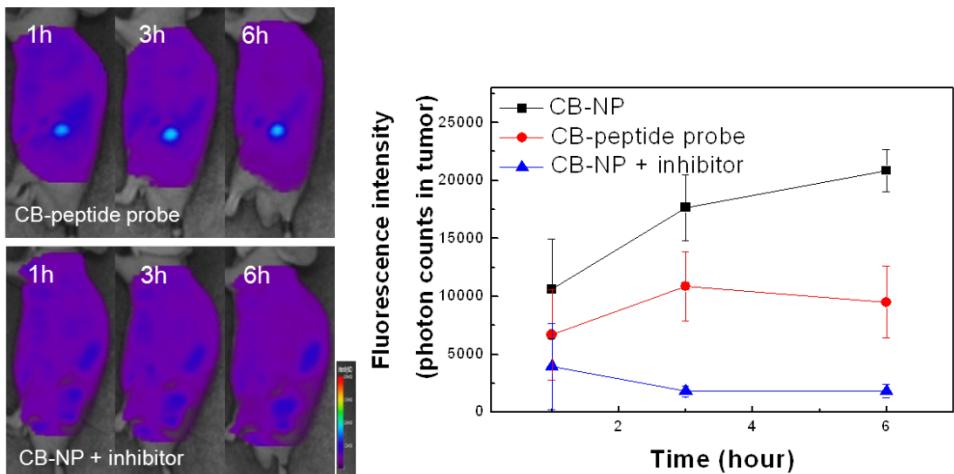
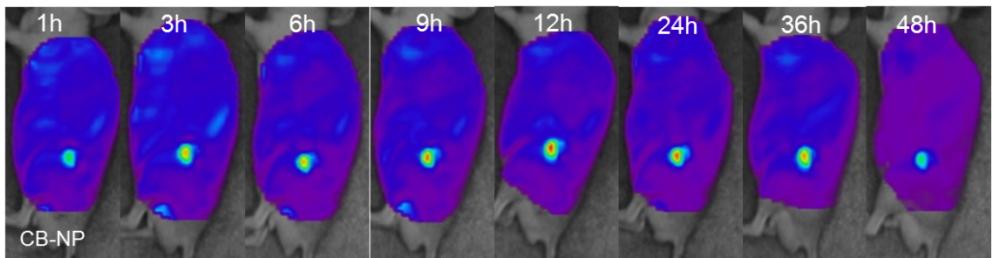
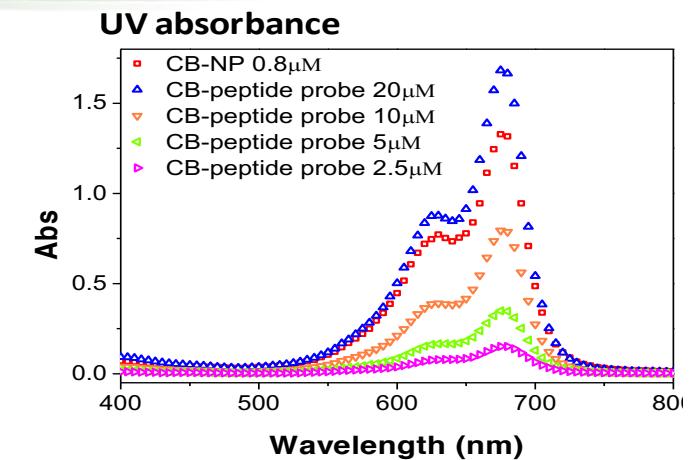
## In vivo image (eXplore Optix)



- 1: Tumor: SCC7
- 2: MMP-2 probe: 5 mg/kg
- 3: MMP-2 inh.: 100  $\mu$ g/kg

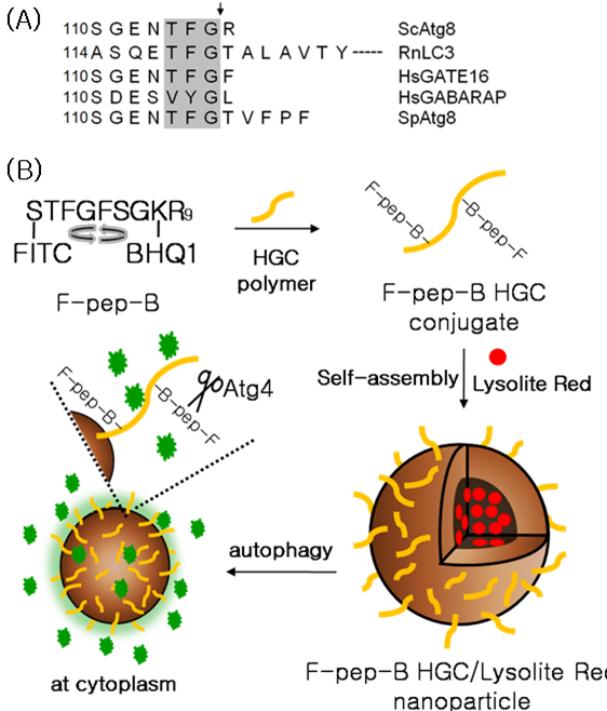


# Cathepsin B-specific nanoprobe (CB-NP) for cancer

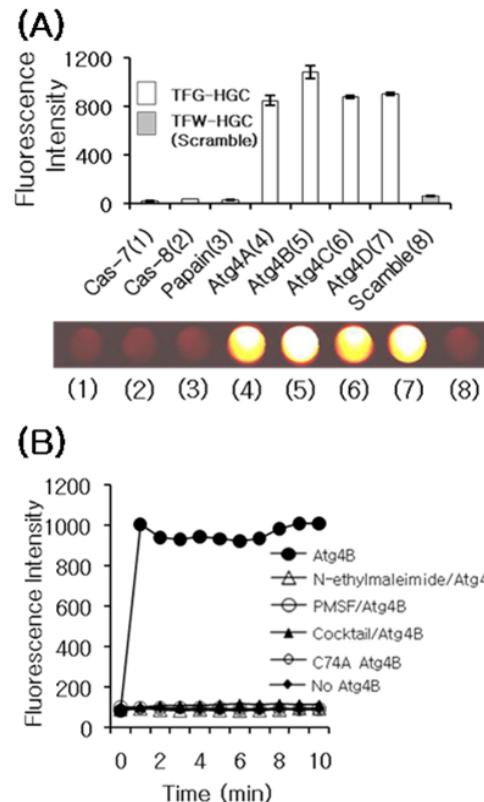


# Real-time imaging of autophagy in living cells

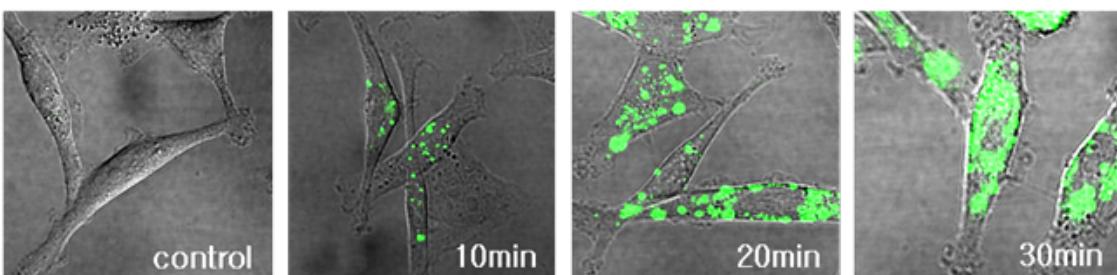
## Design of activatable probe



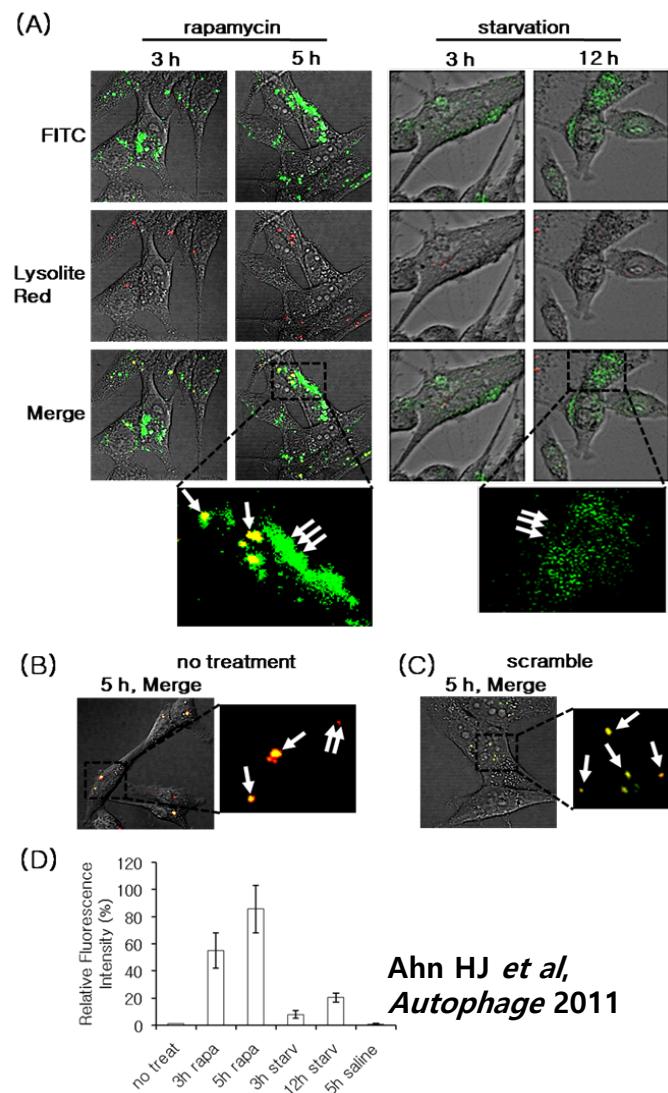
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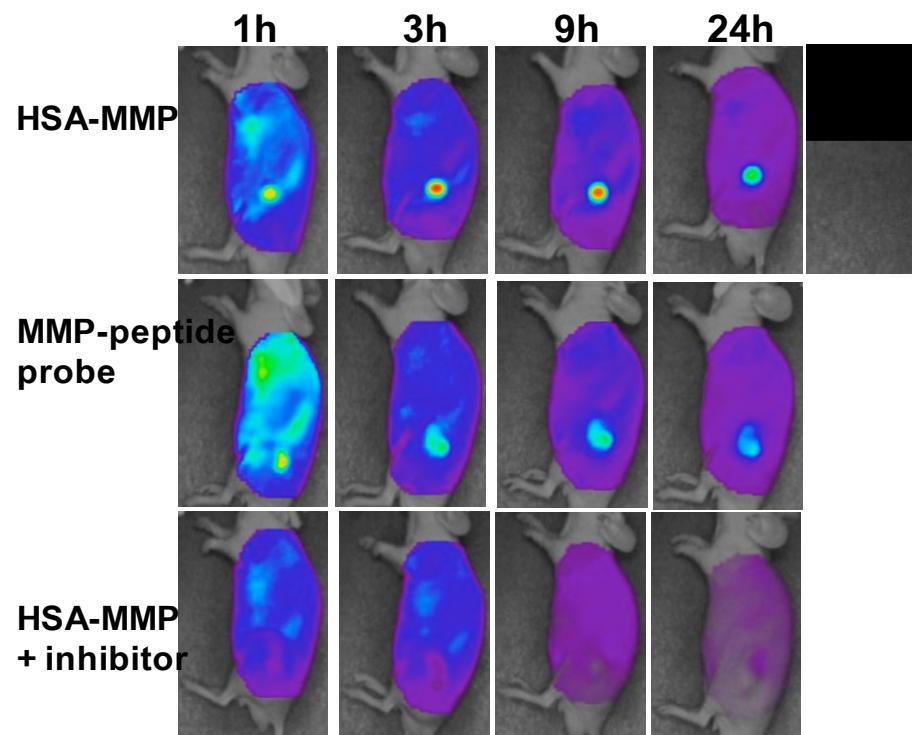
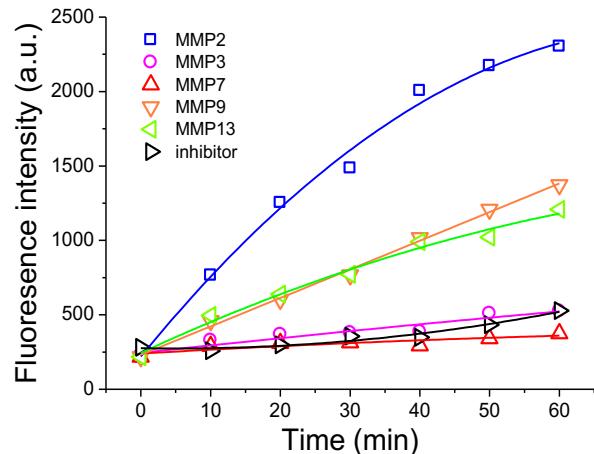
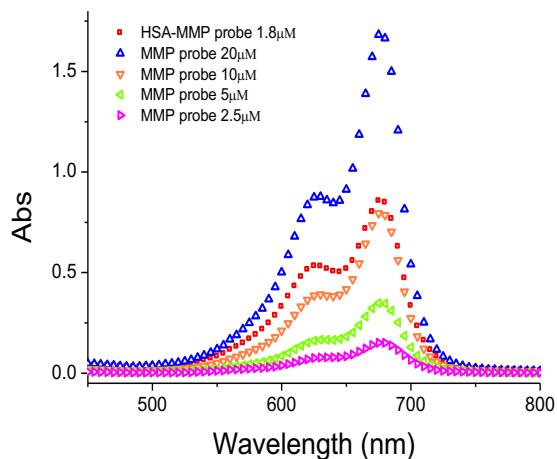
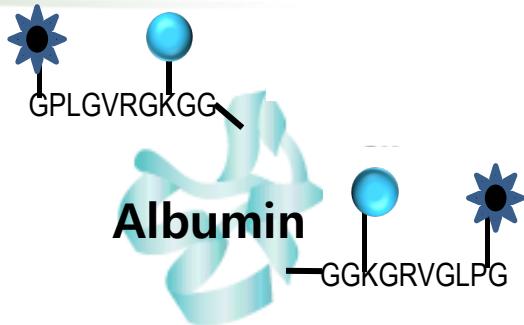
## Cellular uptake of FITC-labeled probe



## Fluorescence microscopy under autophagy condition induced with rapamycin or starvation



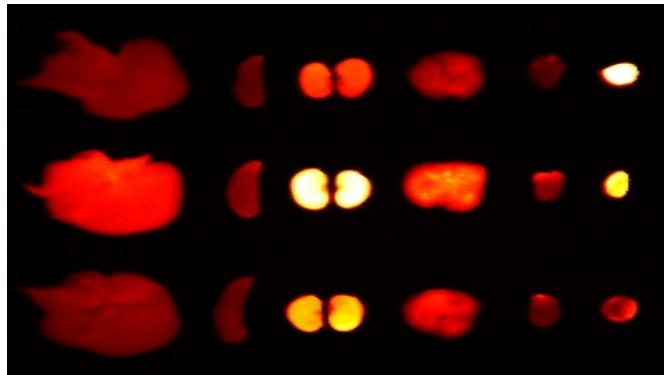
# Albumin-conjugated MMP nanoprobe for cancer



HSA-MMP

MMP-peptide probe

HSA-MMP + inhibitor



MMP-2

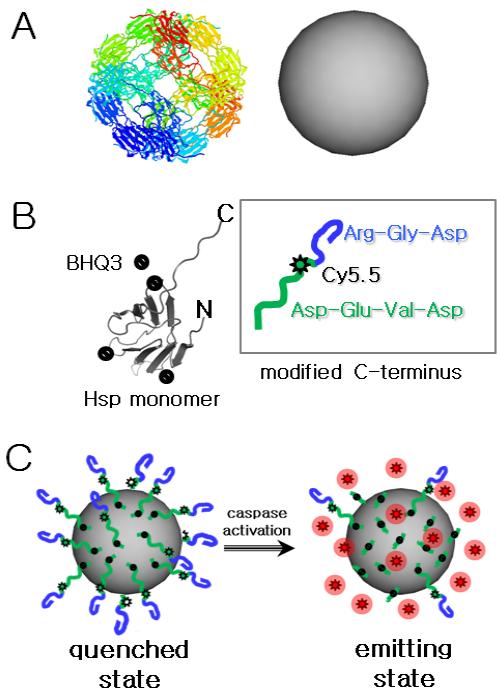
Fluorescence (Cy5.5)

-Inhibitor      +Inhibitor

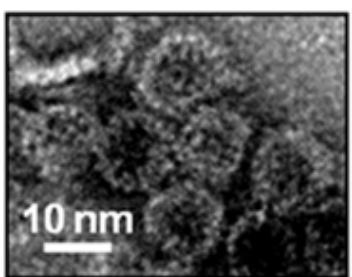
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# Biomimetic Cage protein for Apoptosis Imaging

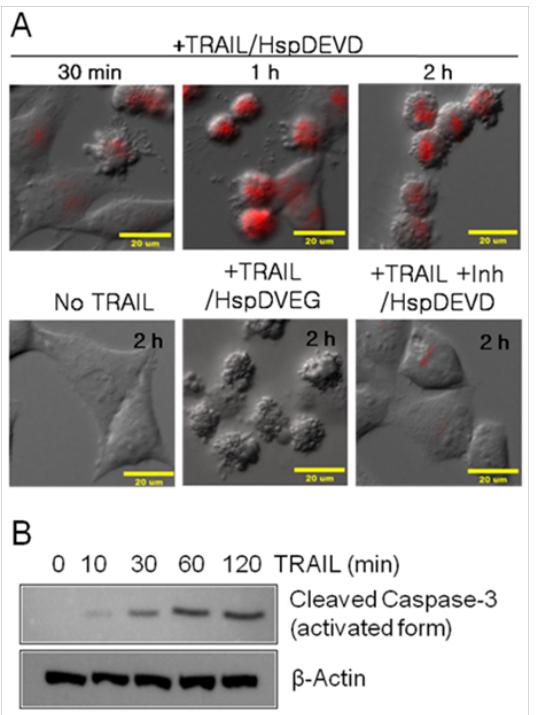
## Design of Cy5.5-HspDEVD-BHQ3



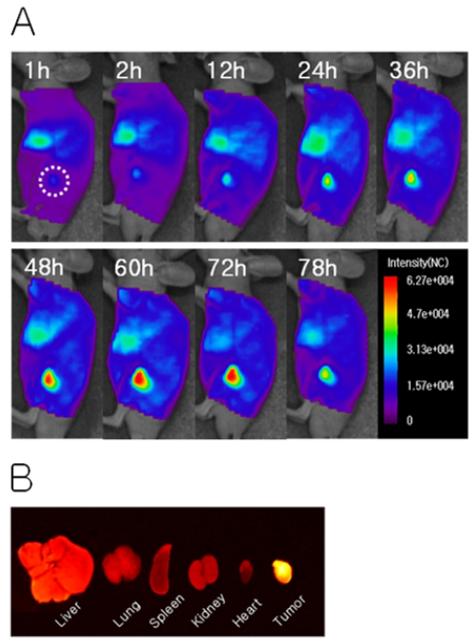
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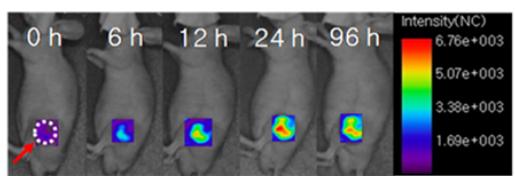
## Apoptosis imaging using cage probe



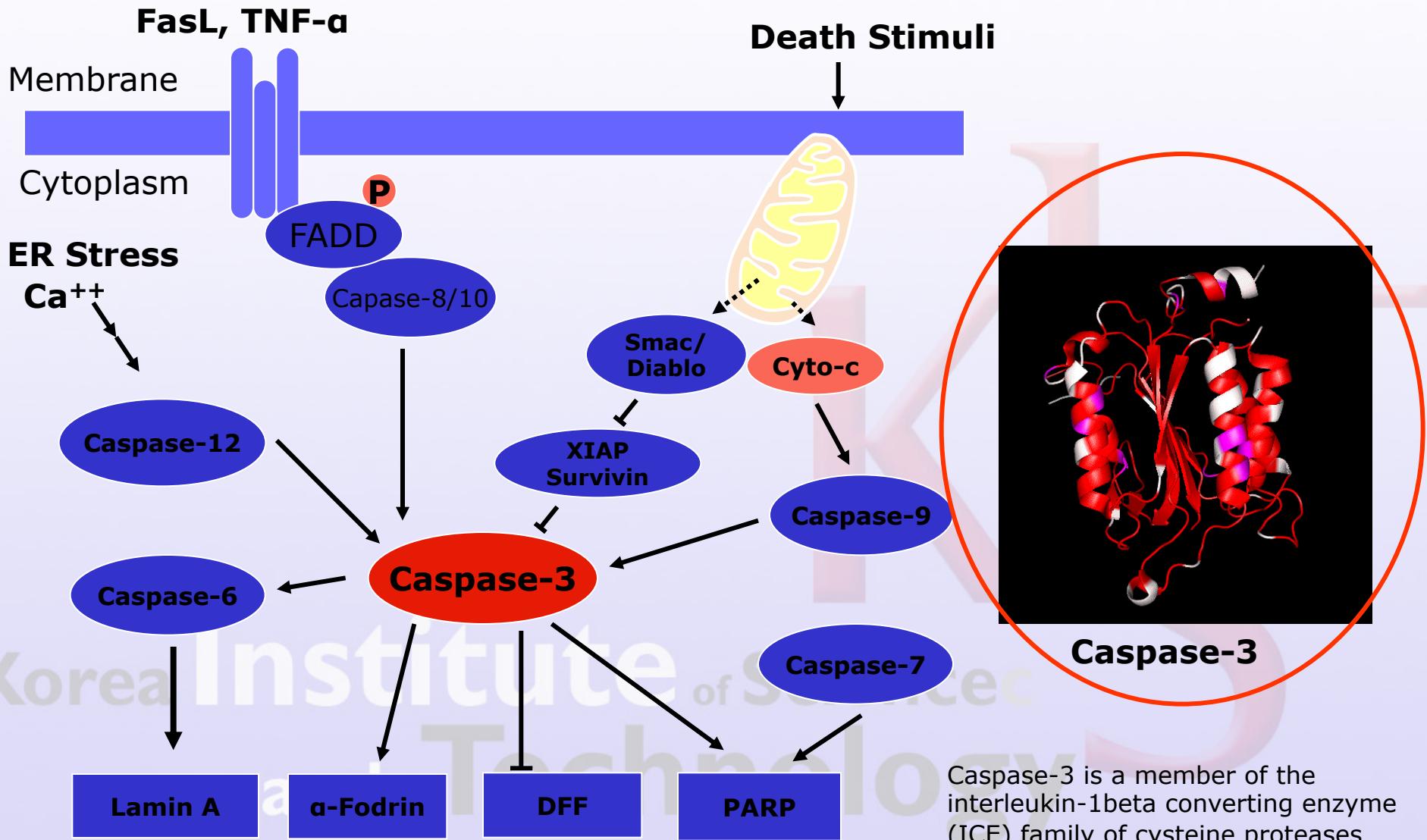
## In vivo biodistribution of cage probe



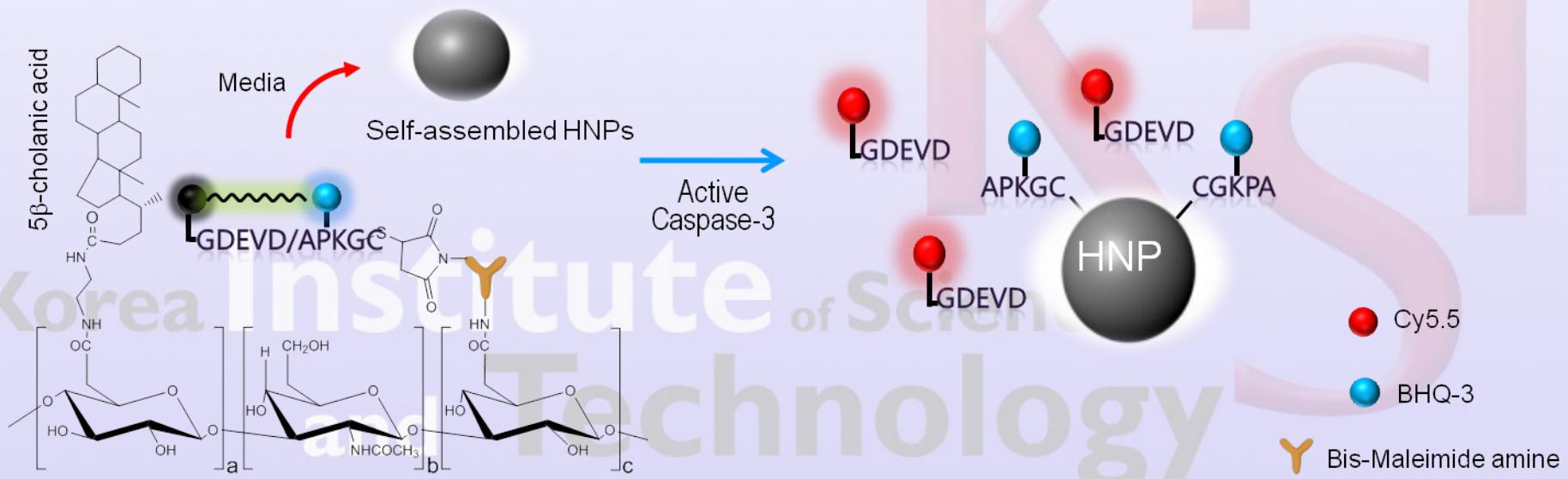
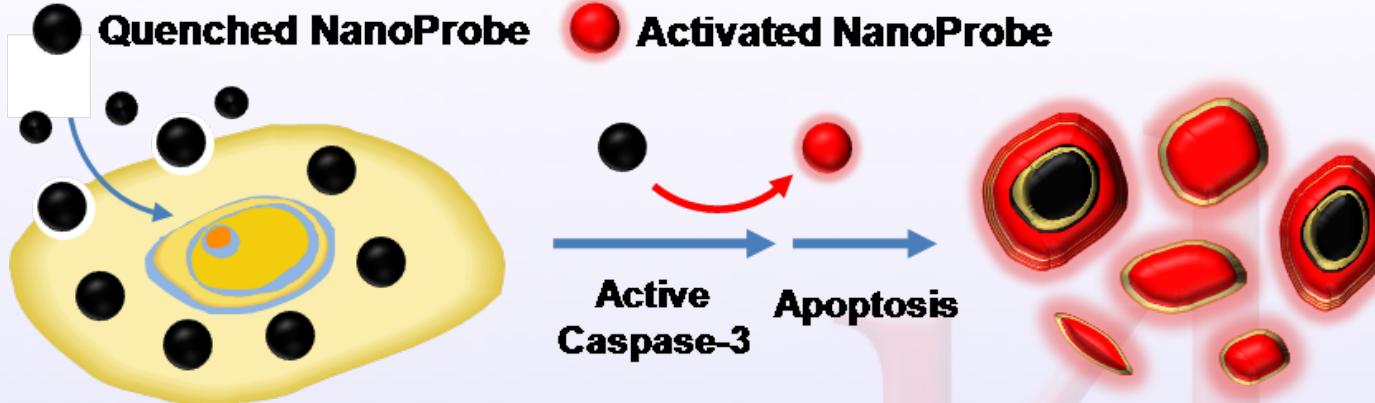
## Therapeutic evaluation of anticancer drug using cage nanoprobe



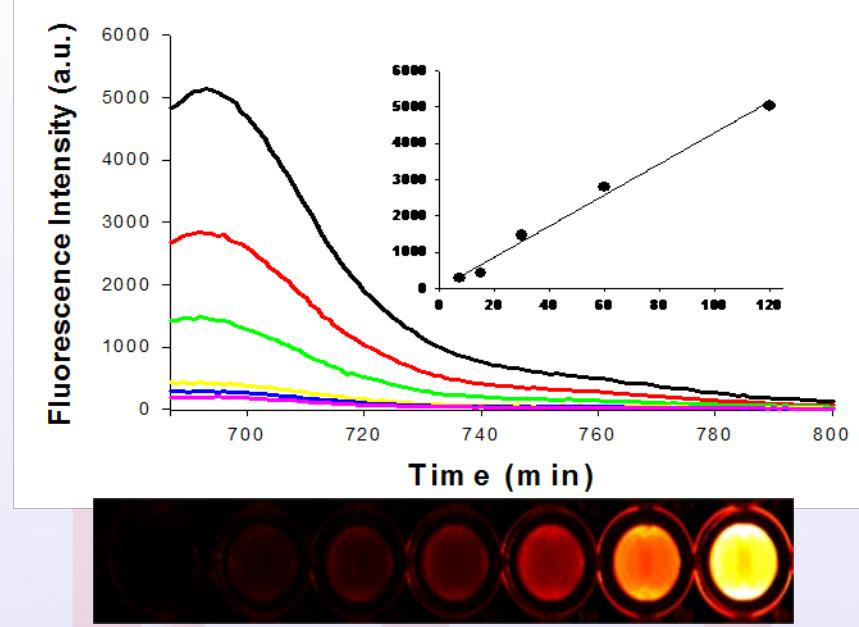
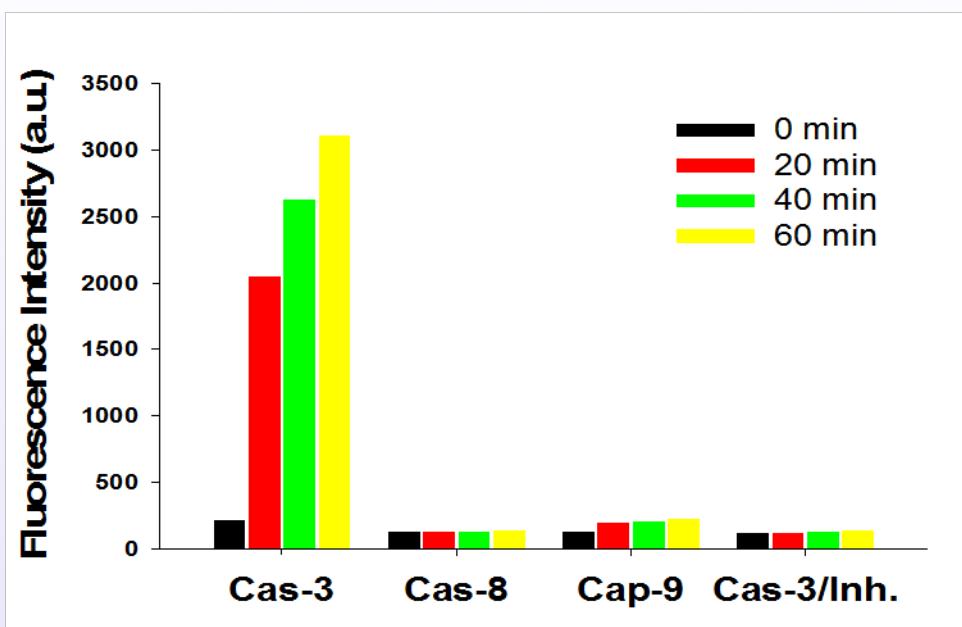
# Target Protein for Apoptosis



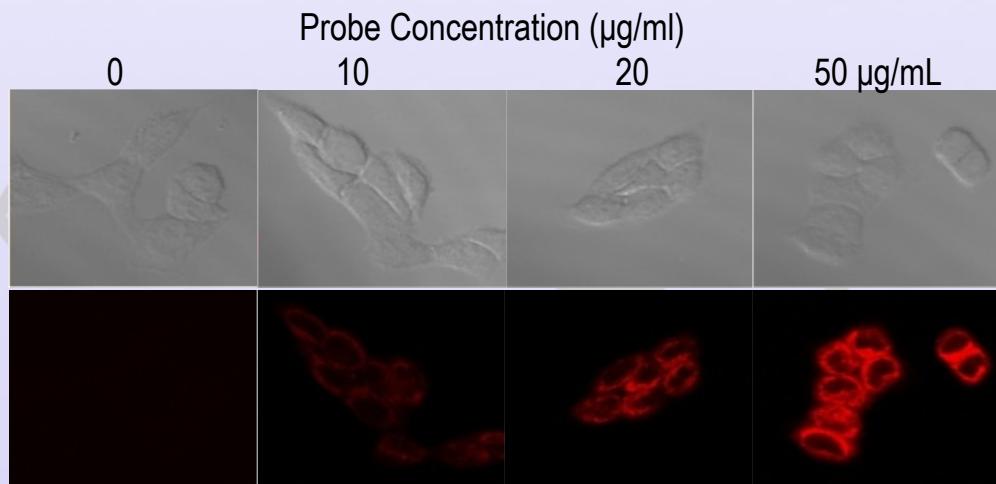
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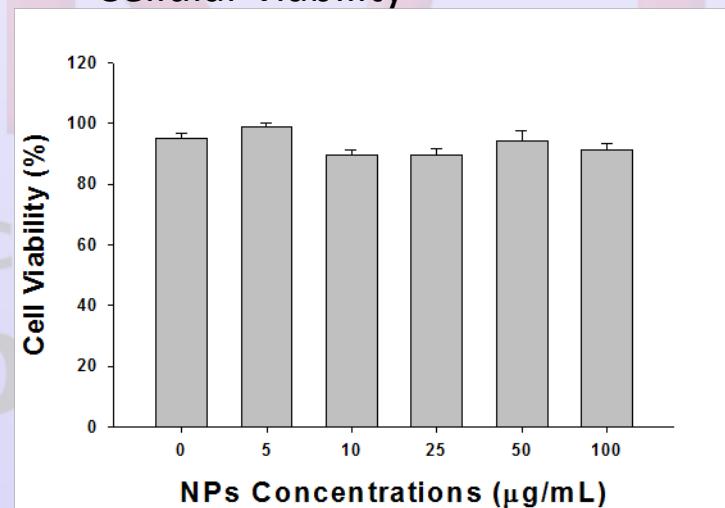
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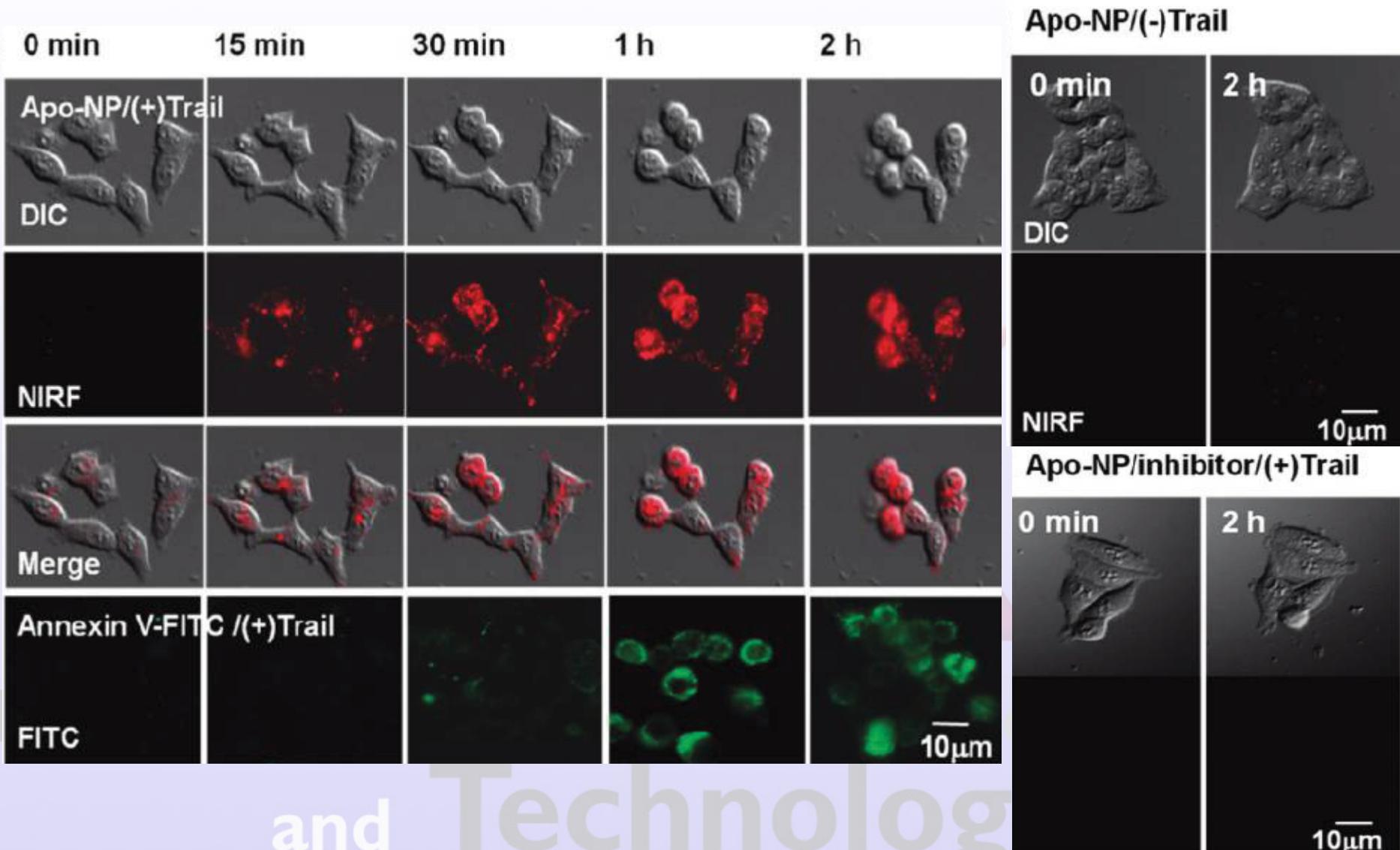
- Cellular uptake



- Cellular viability

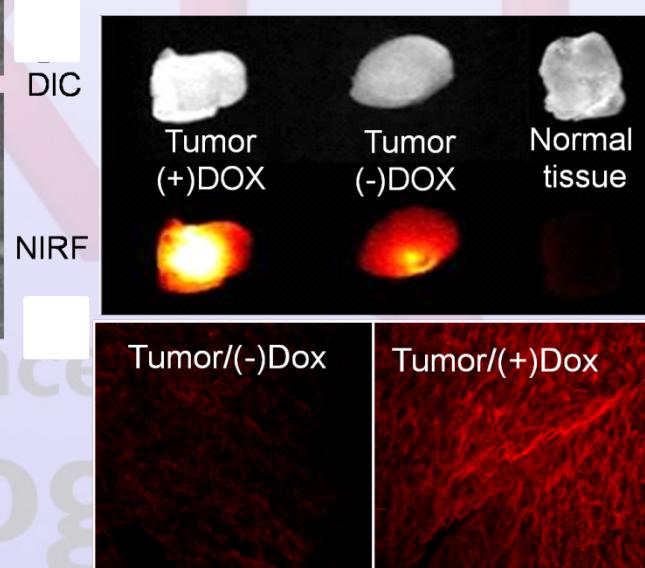
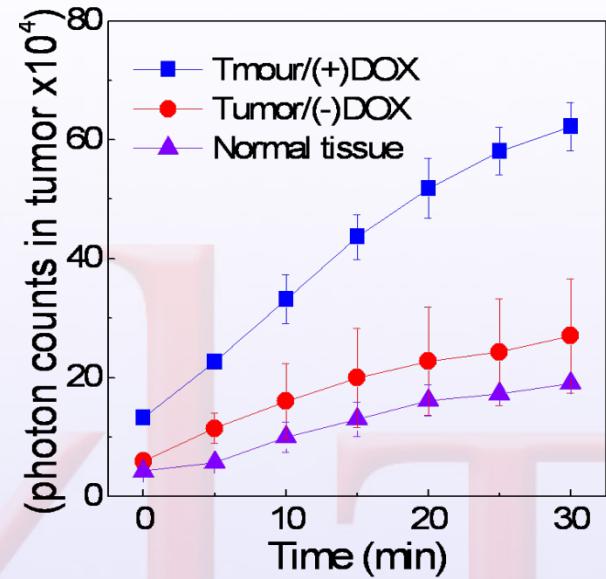
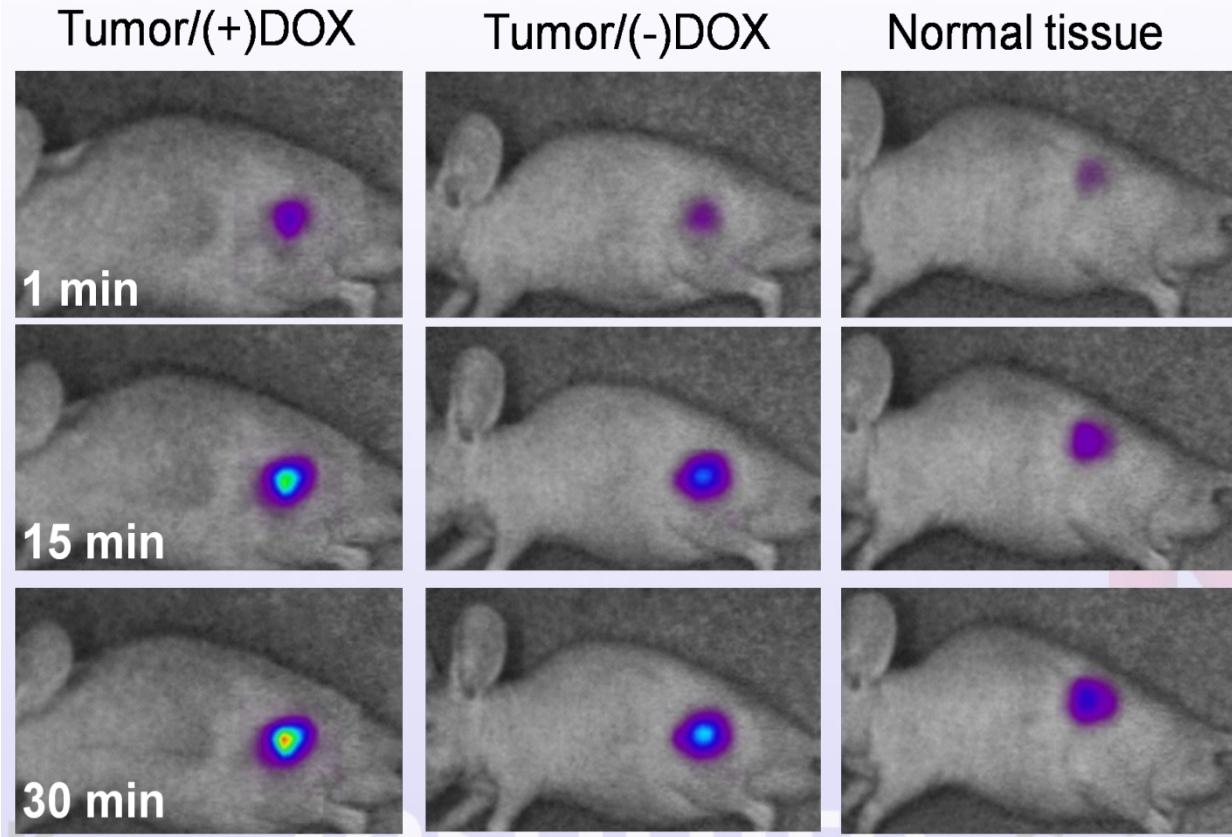


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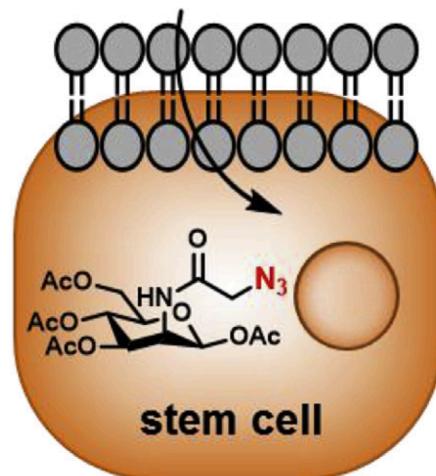
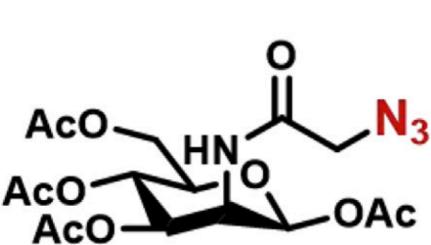


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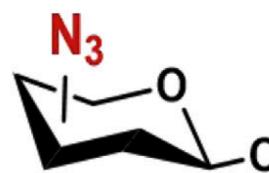
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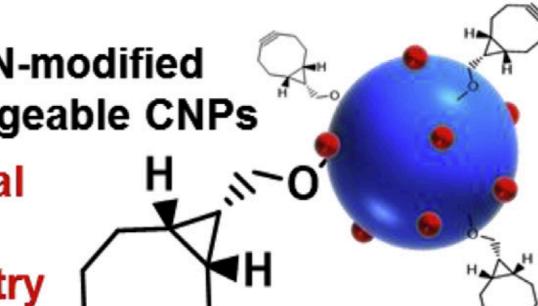
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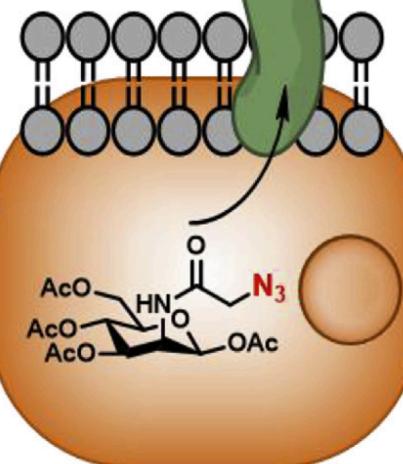
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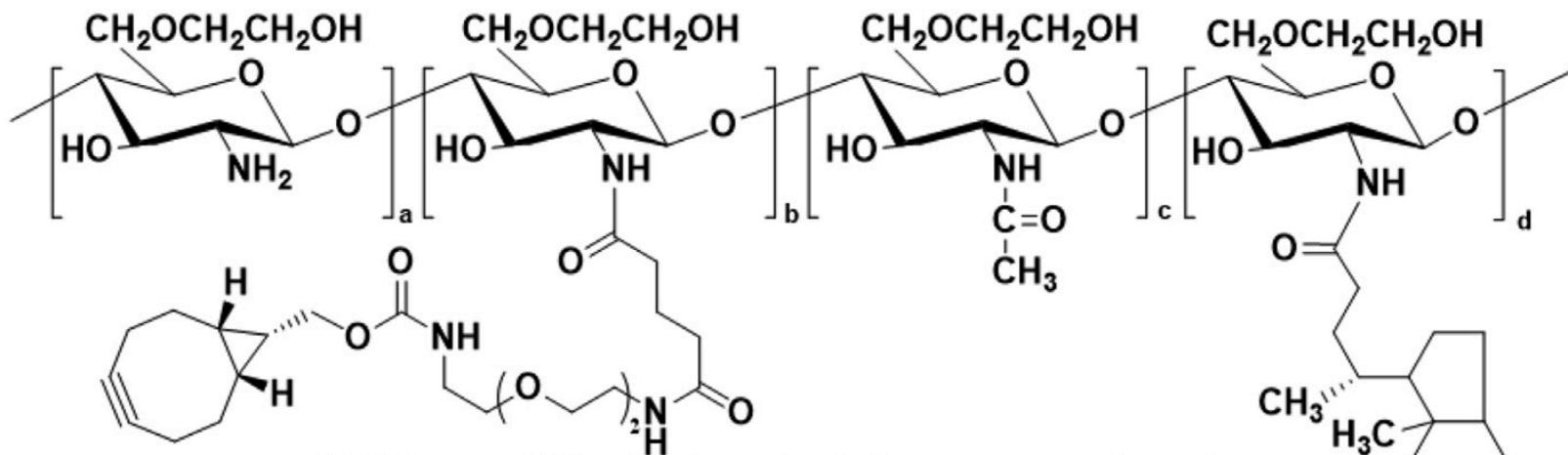
membrane  
turn-over



sialic acid biosynthetic pathway

rapid cellular uptake of imageable CNPs

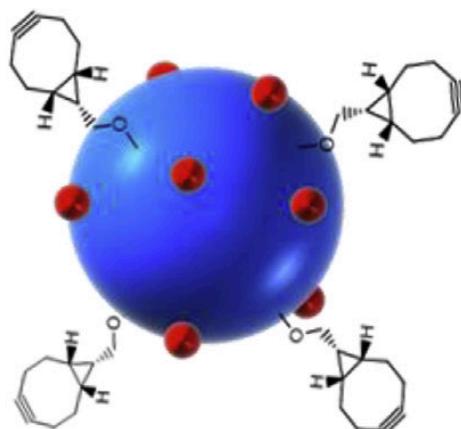
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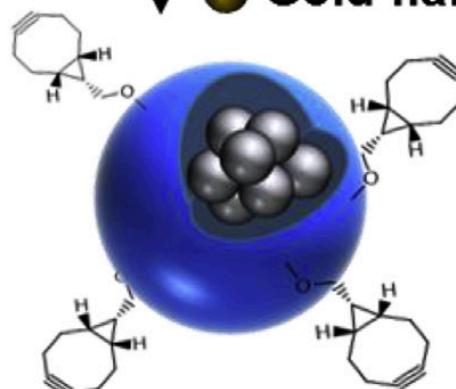
**BCN-modified glycol chitosan conjugate**

**Self-assembled nanoparticles  
in aqueous condition**

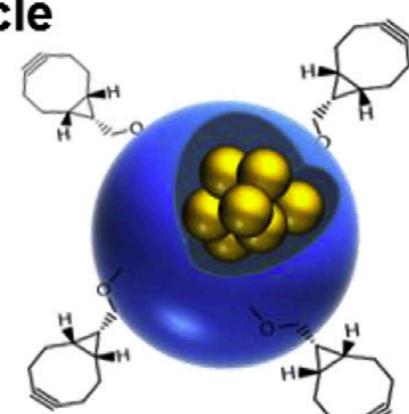
- Cy5.5  
● Iron oxide nanoparticle  
● Gold nanoparticle



**BCN-CNP-Cy5.5**

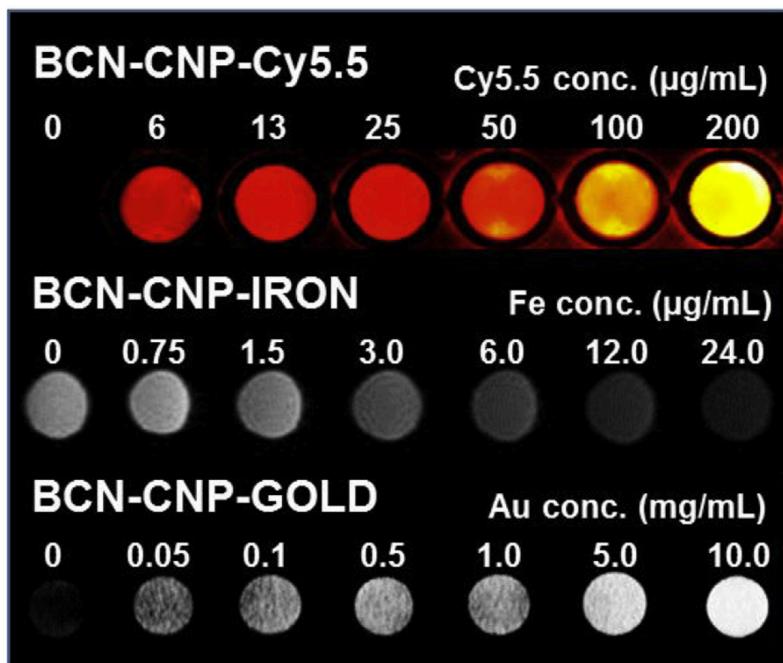
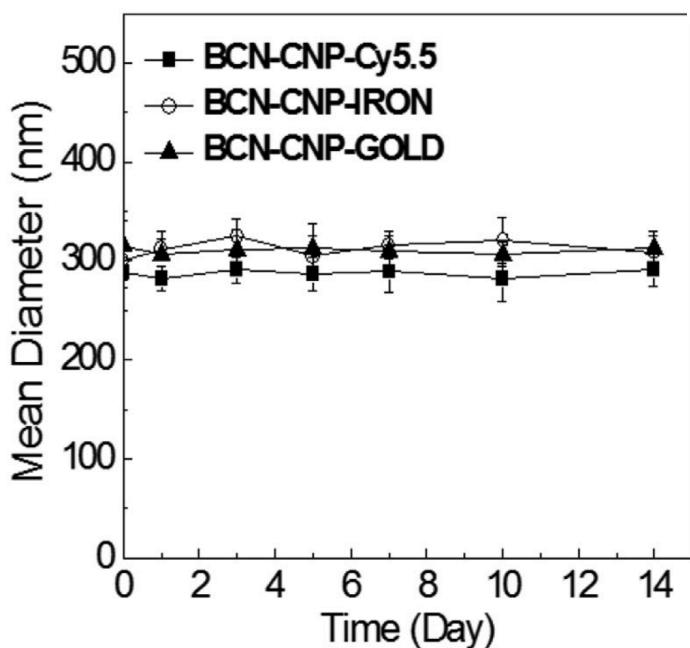
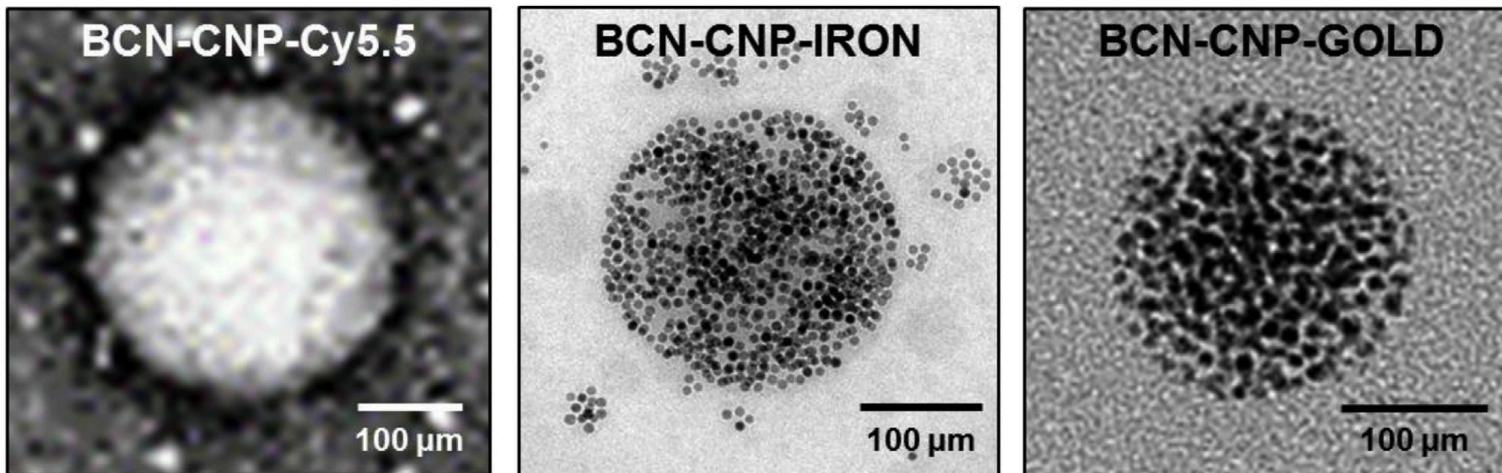


**BCN-CNP-IRON**

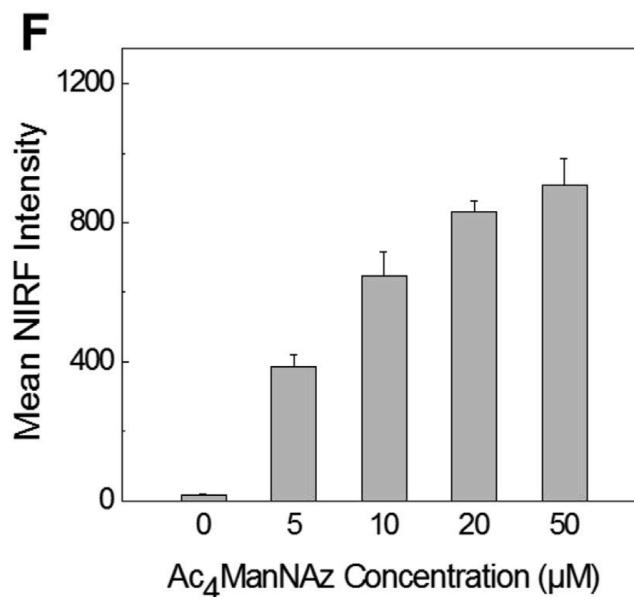
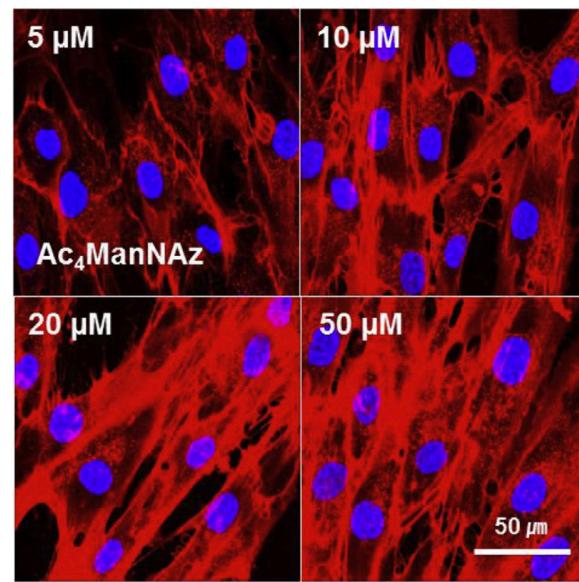
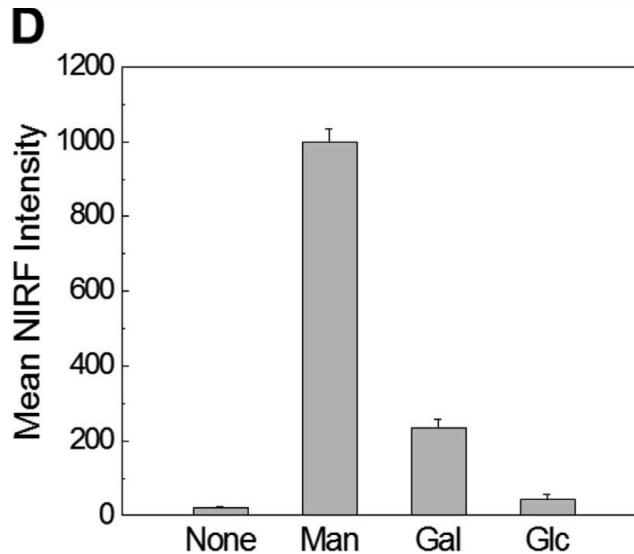
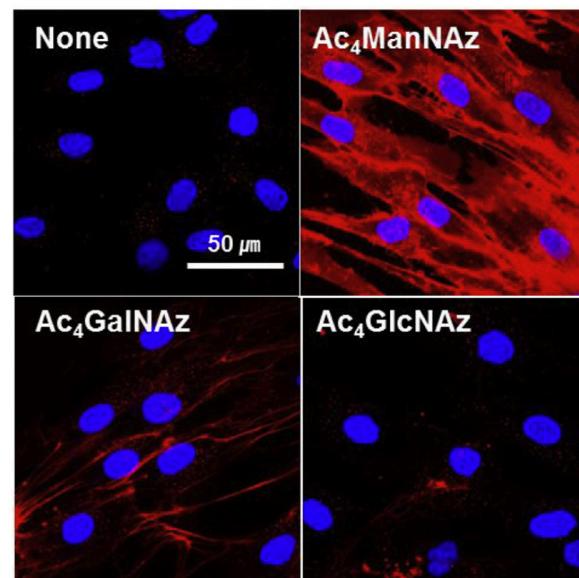


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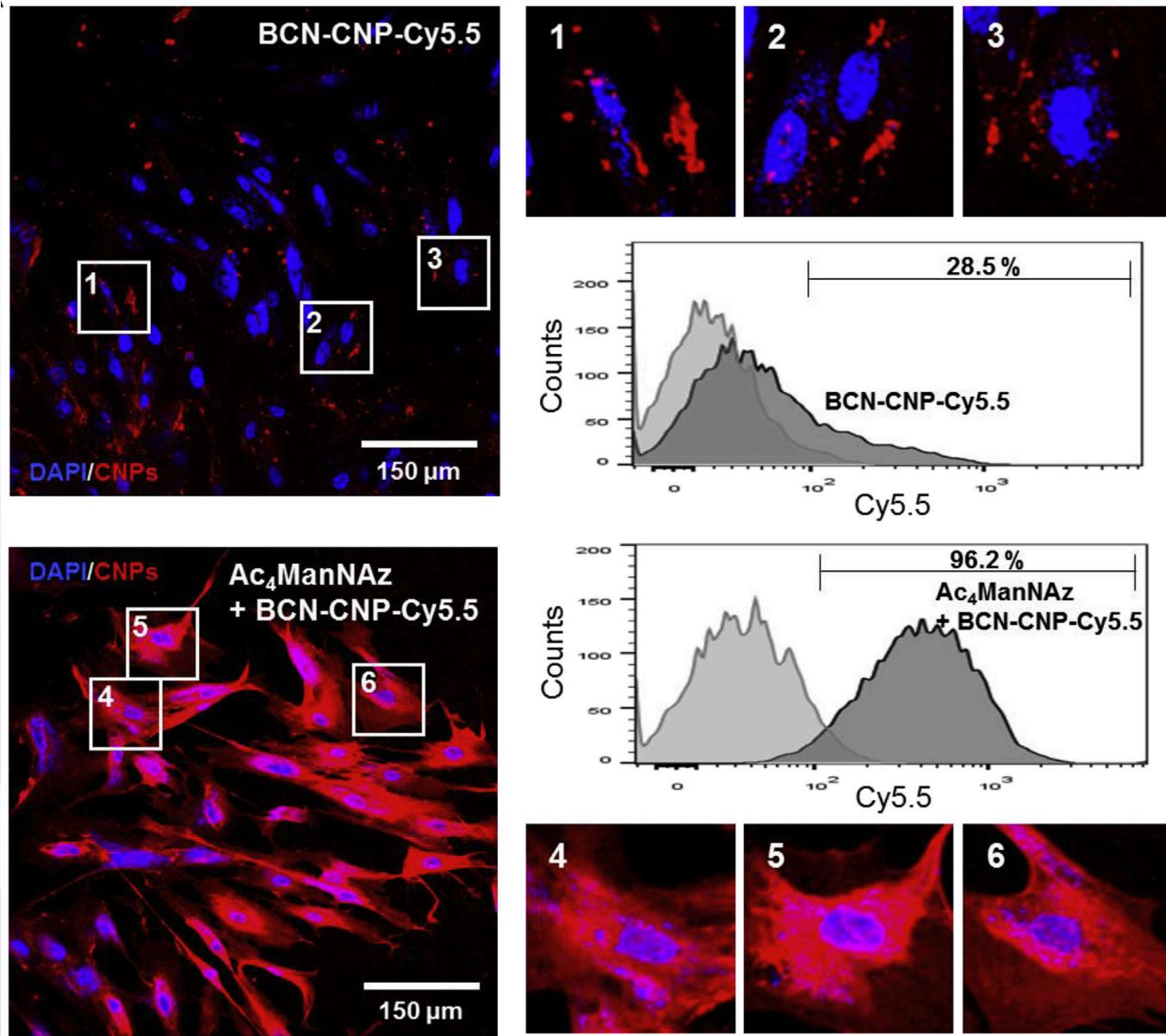
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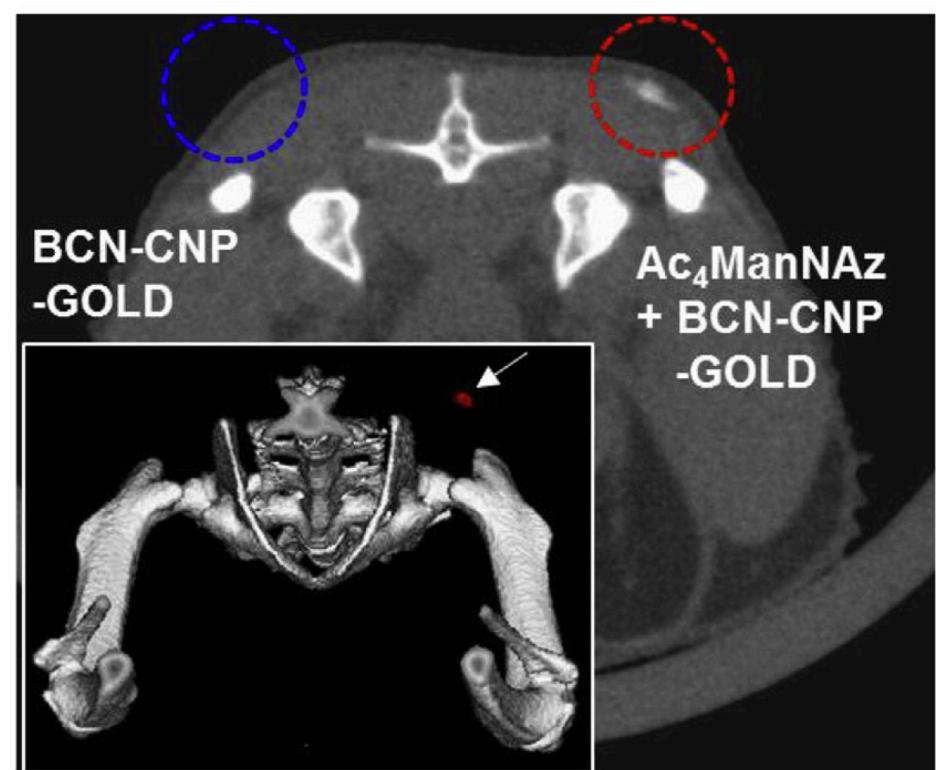
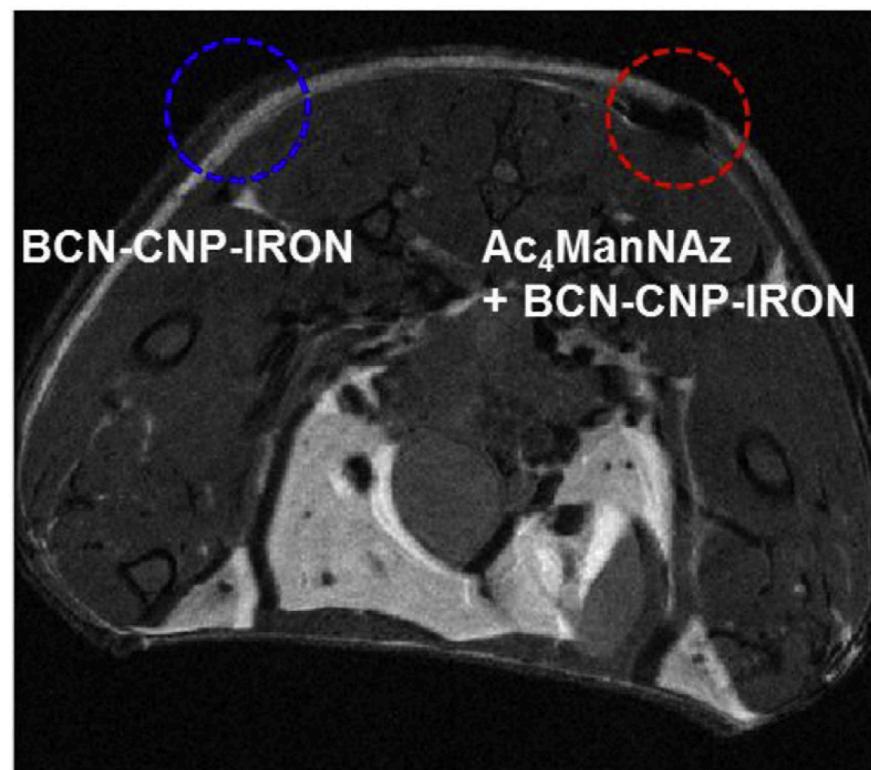
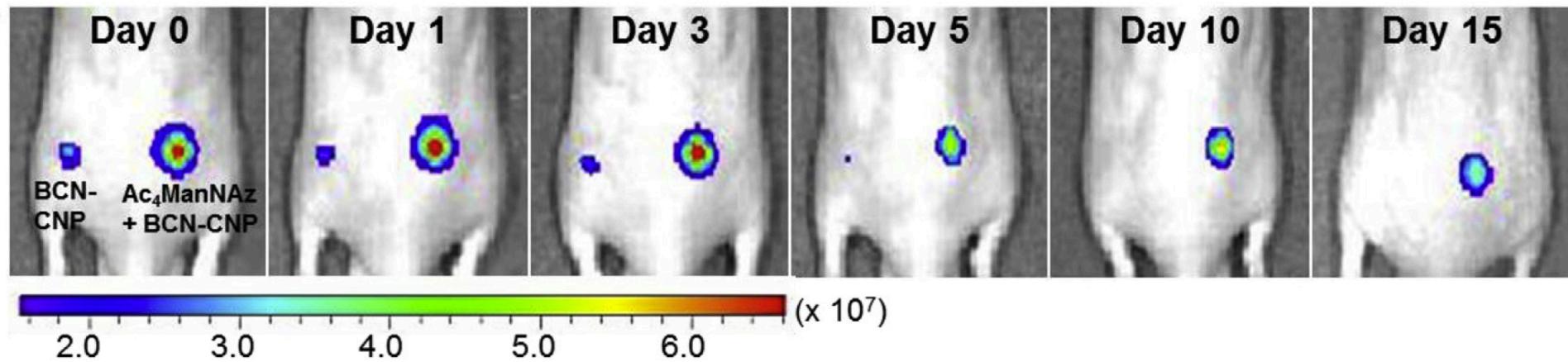
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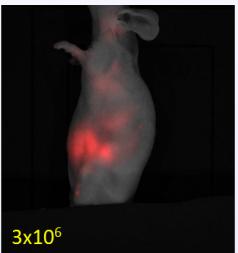
# Biodistribution of Cy5.5 labeled splenocytes *in vivo*

In vivo T-cell distribution (without Tumor)

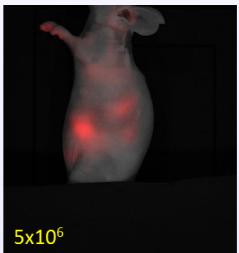
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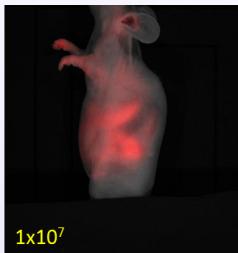
Control



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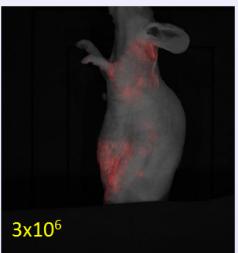


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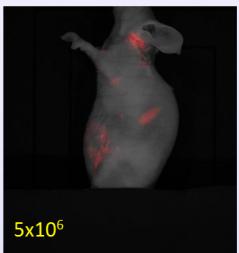
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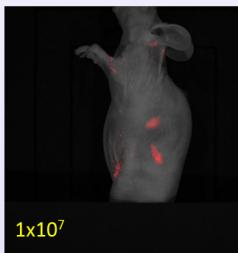
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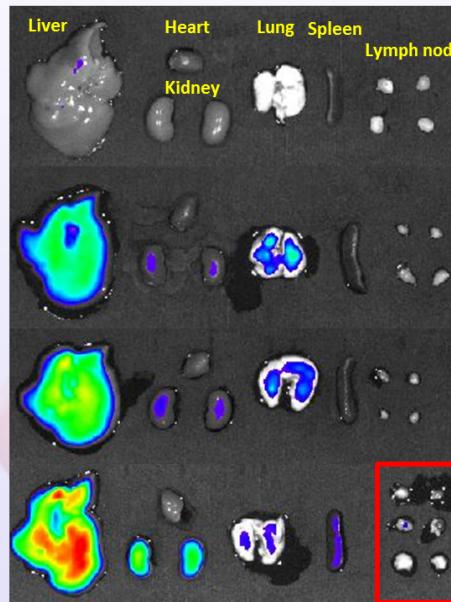
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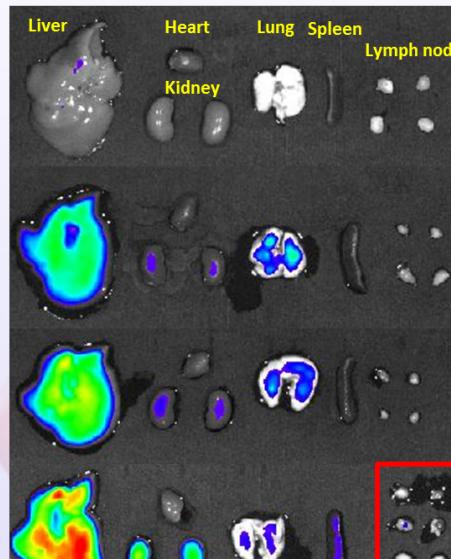
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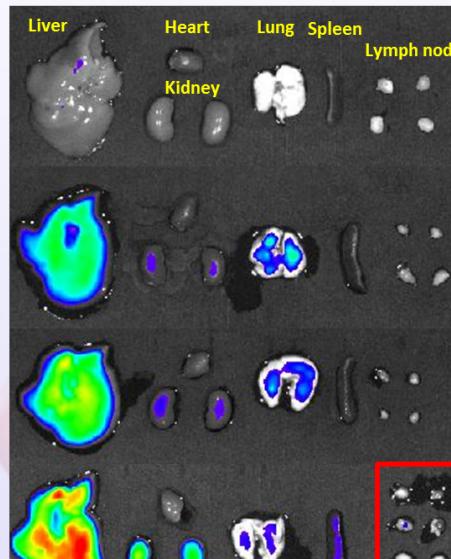
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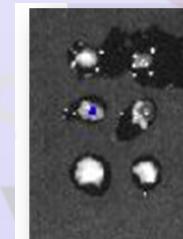
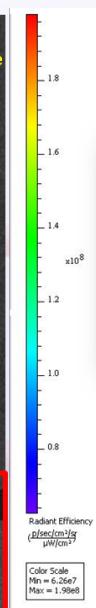
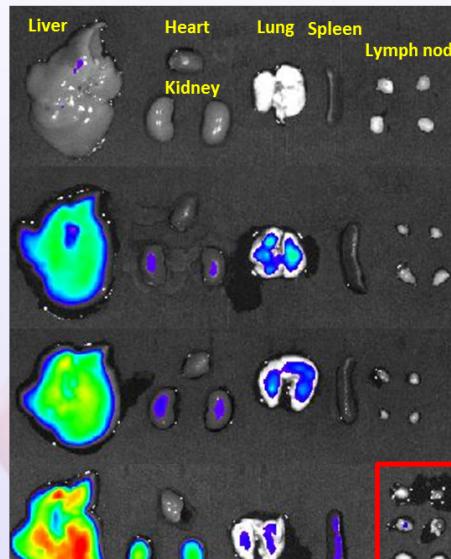
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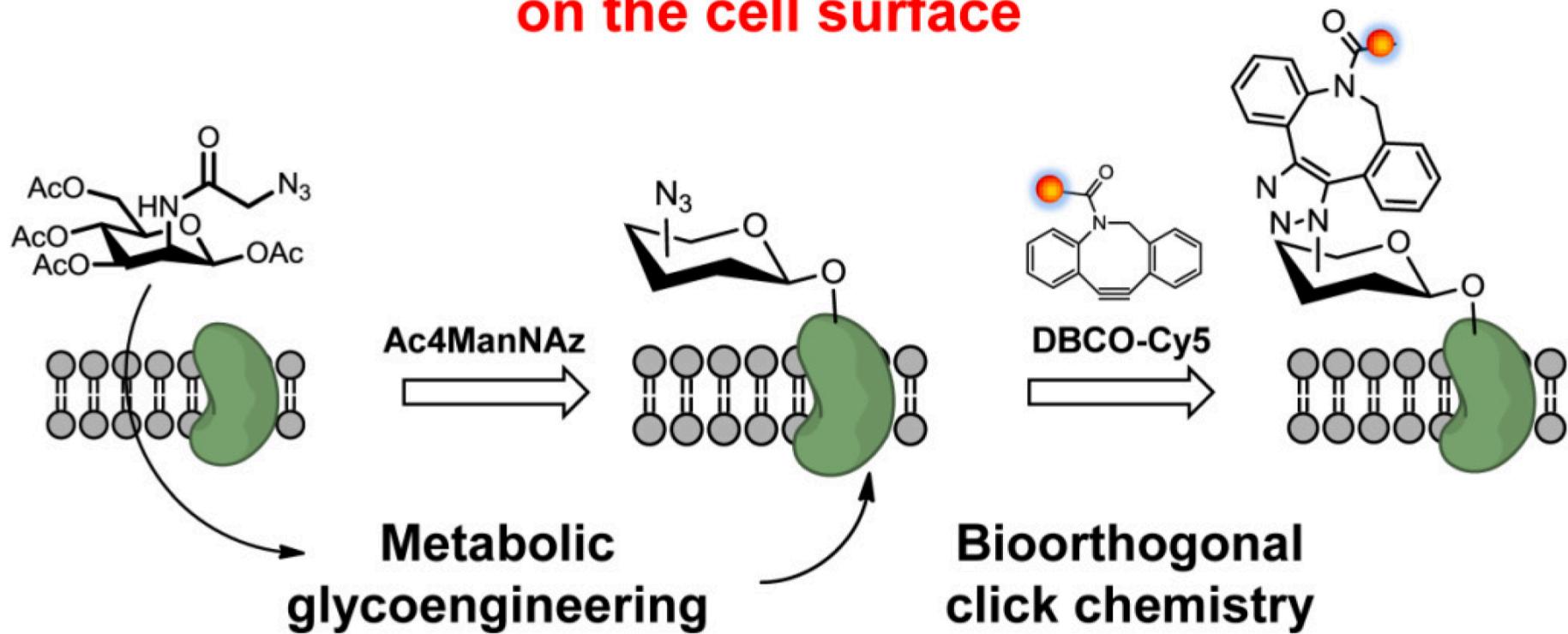
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Axillary  
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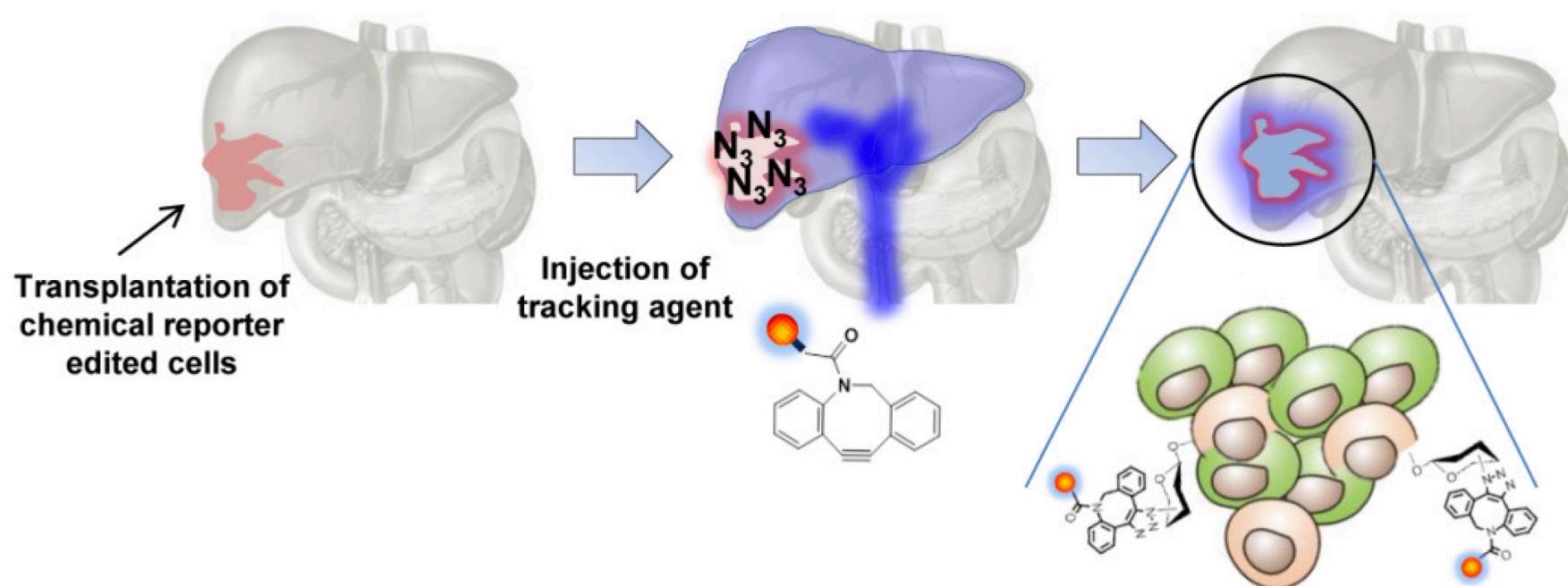
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and **Technology**

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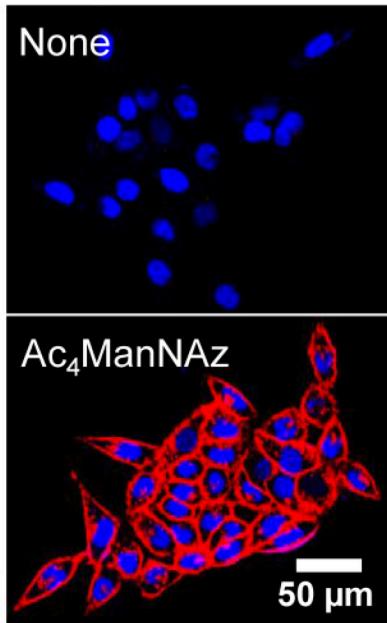
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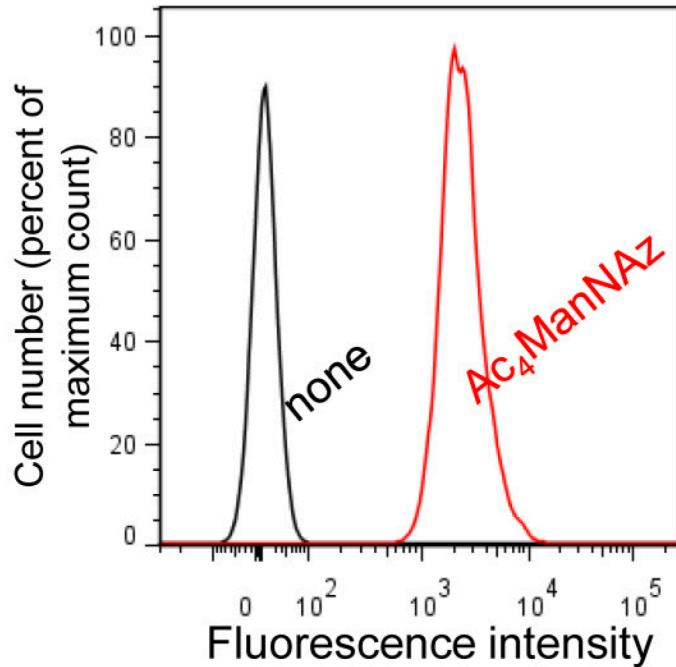
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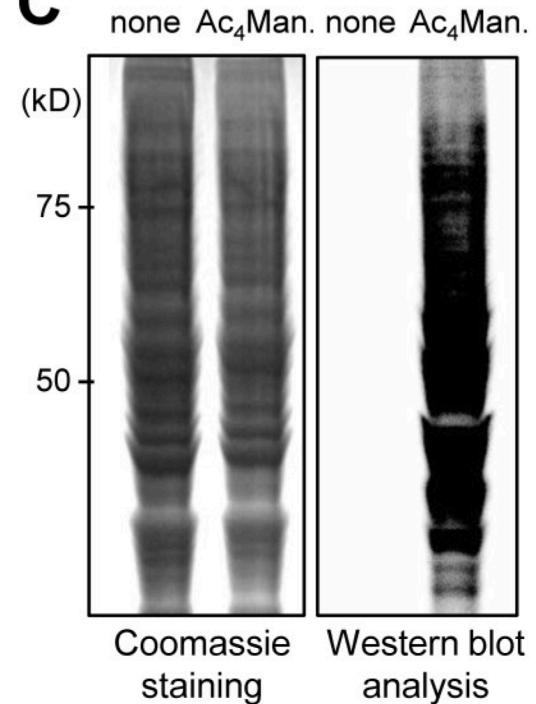
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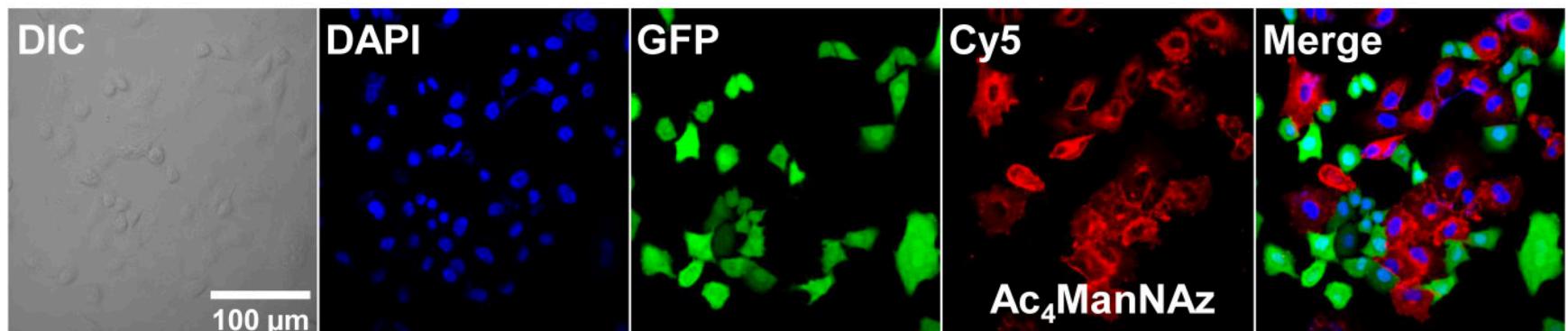
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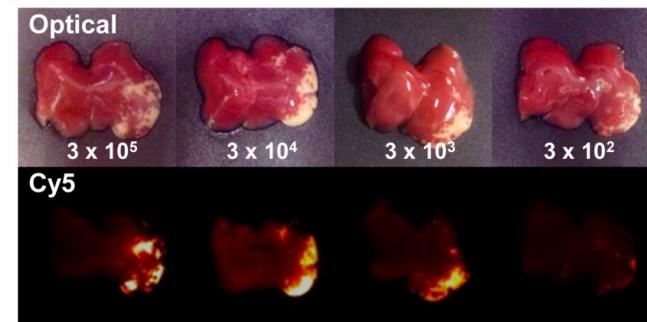
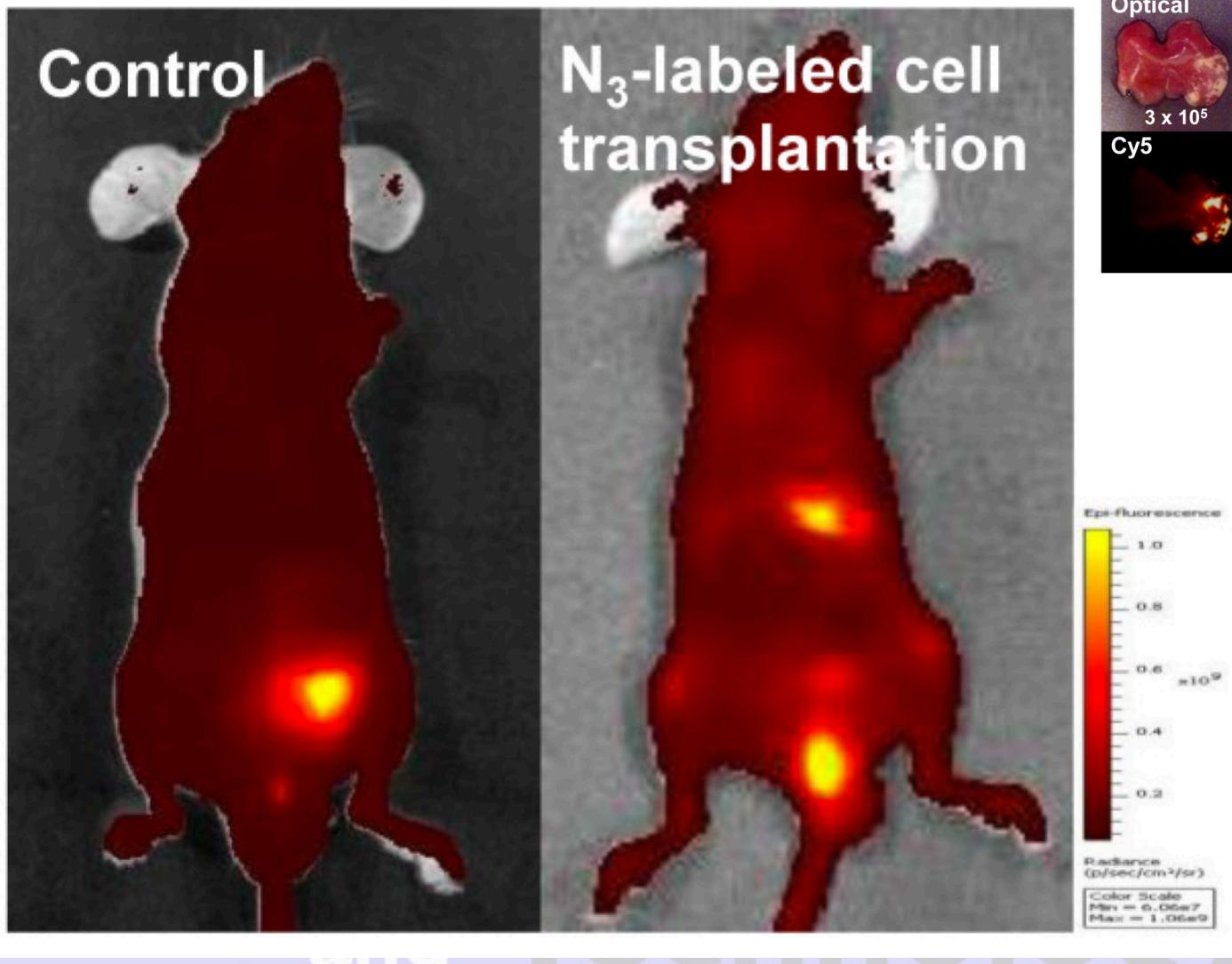
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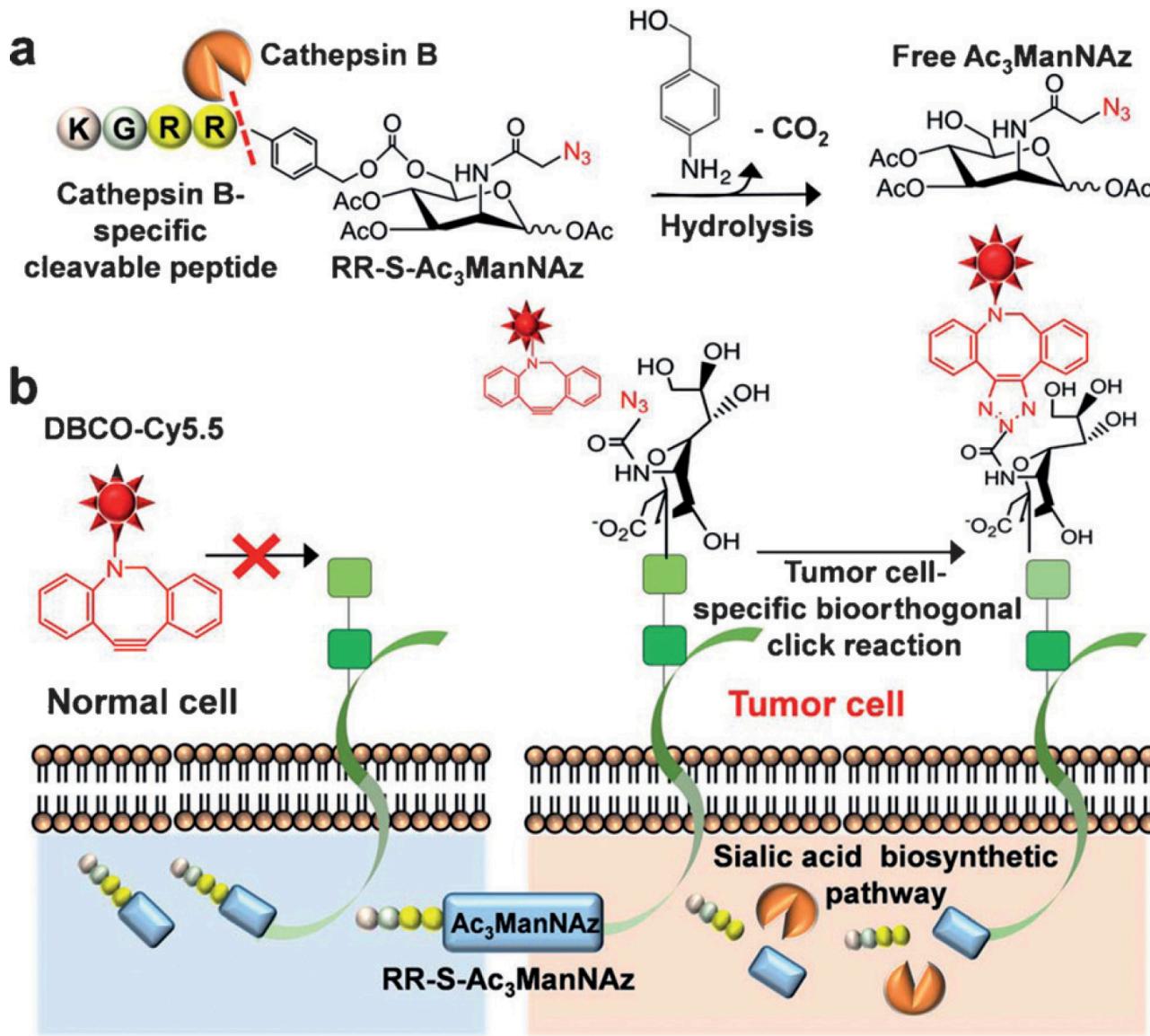
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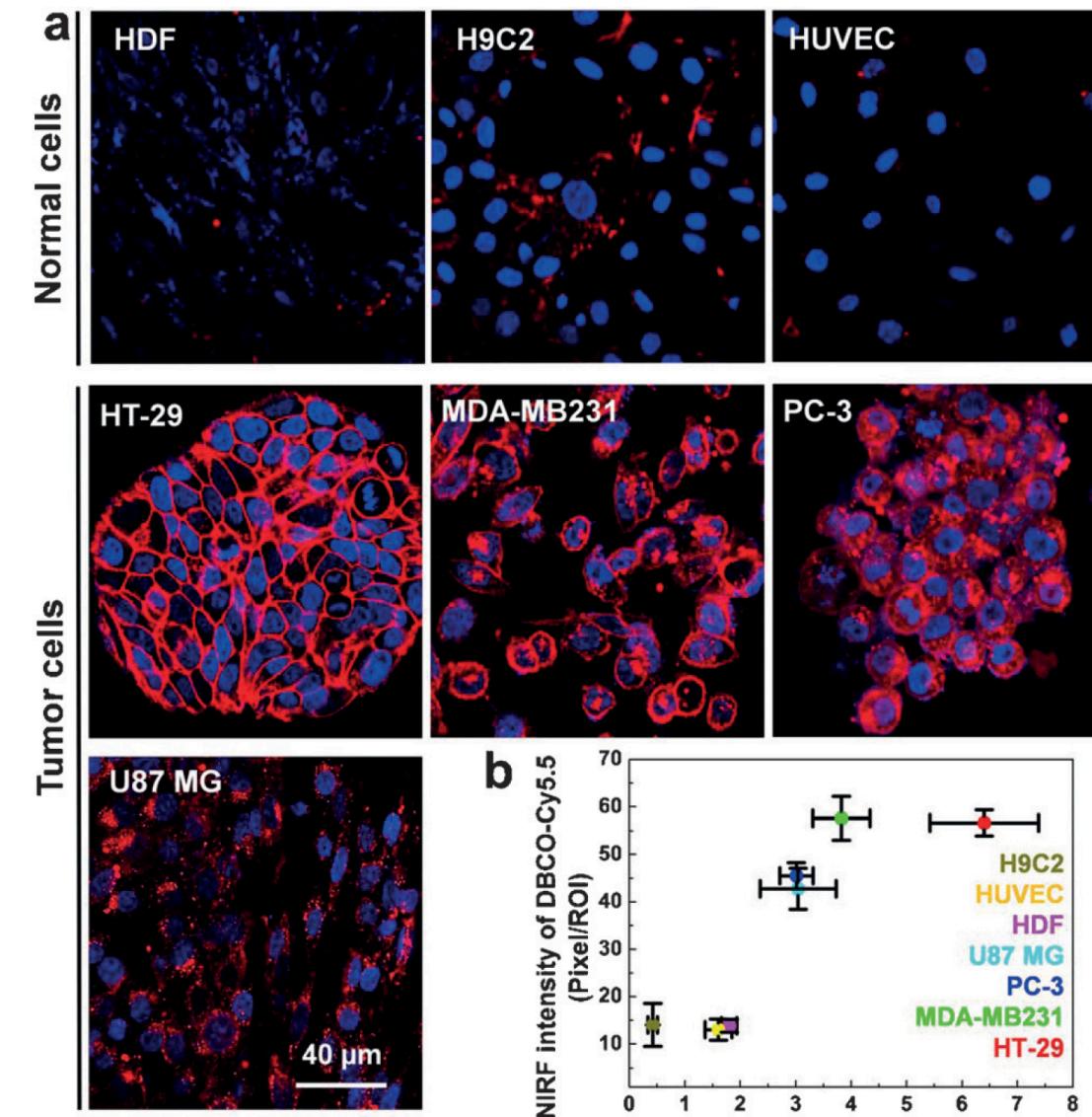
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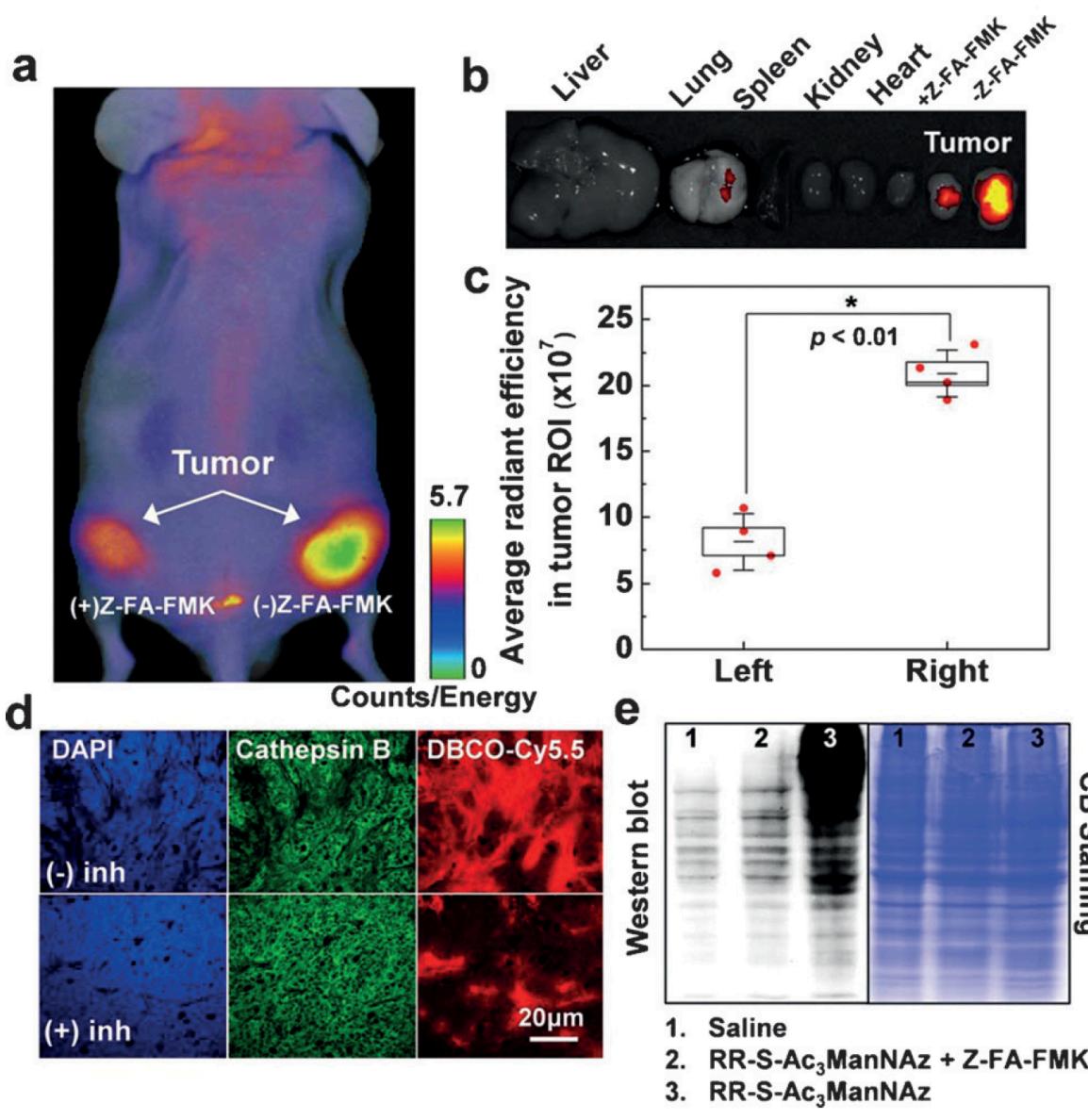


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