

Fluorescent Probes to Study Tubular Metabolism and Microvascular Function

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Acute Kidney Injury

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graph TD; AKI[Acute Kidney Injury] --> MI[Microvascular injury]; AKI --> TI[Tubular Injury]; MI --> IF["Impaired Flow<br/>↑ Leukocyte Adhesion<br/>↑ Permeability"]; IF --> CI[Continued Ischemia]; IF --> I[Inflammation]; CI --> I; I --> TI; I --> MI; TI --> LCI["Lethal Cell Injury<br/>Apoptosis<br/>Necrosis"]; TI --> SLCI["Sublethal Cell Injury<br/>Disruption of cytoskeleton"]; LCI --> LCP["Loss of Cell Polarity<br/>Shed Cells & Cellular Debris"]; SLCI --> LCP; LCP --> AVT["Altered Vectorial Transport<br/>Tubular Obstruction<br/>Backleak"]; AVT --> DGR[DECREASED GFR];
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Microvascular injury

Impaired Flow
↑ Leukocyte Adhesion
↑ Permeability

Continued Ischemia

Inflammation

Tubular Injury

Lethal Cell Injury
Apoptosis
Necrosis

Sublethal Cell Injury
Disruption of cytoskeleton

Loss of Cell Polarity
Shed Cells & Cellular Debris

Altered Vectorial Transport
Tubular Obstruction
Backleak

DECREASED GFR

Outline

- Tubular metabolism
 - Glucose uptake
 - Oxidative phosphorylation
- Microvascular function
 - Permeability
 - Flow
 - Leukocyte trafficking
 - Thrombosis



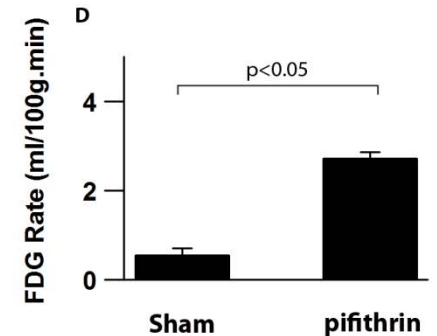
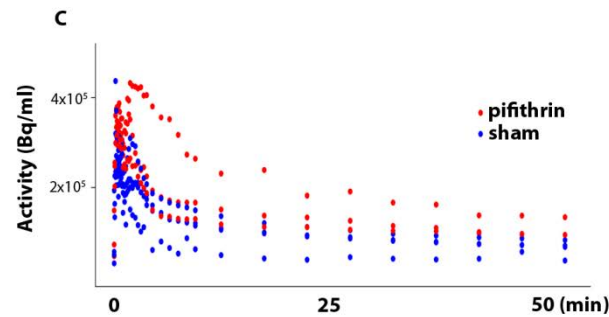
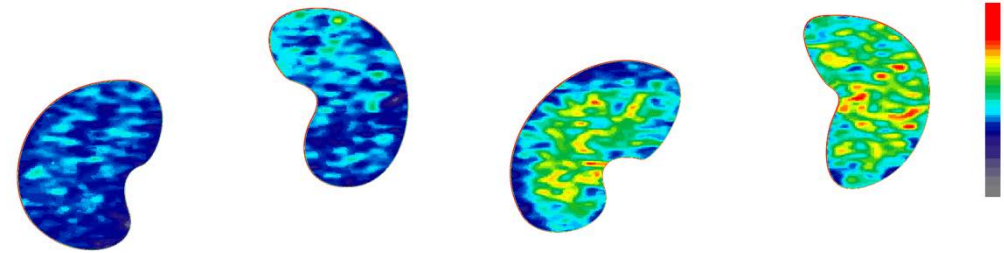
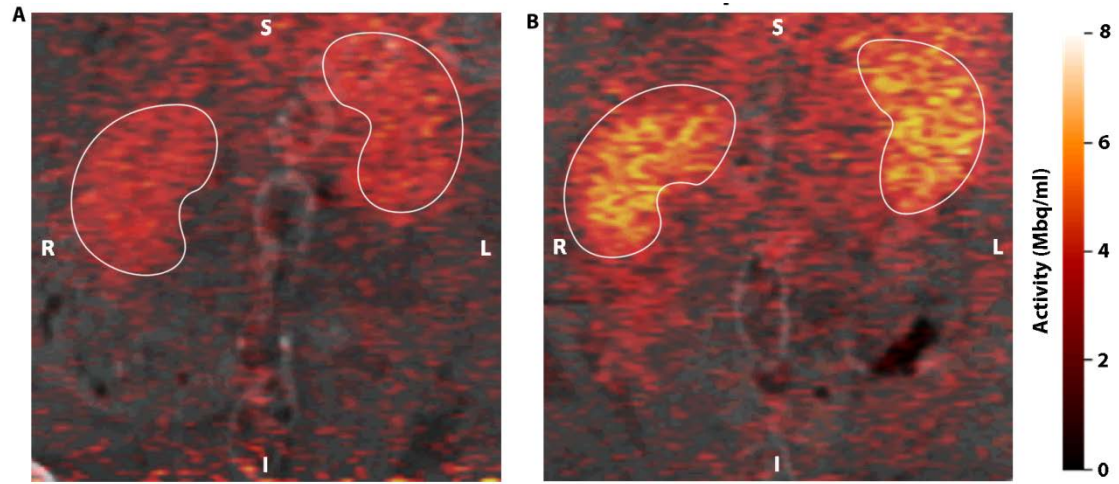
Tubular Metabolism

- *Glucose uptake*

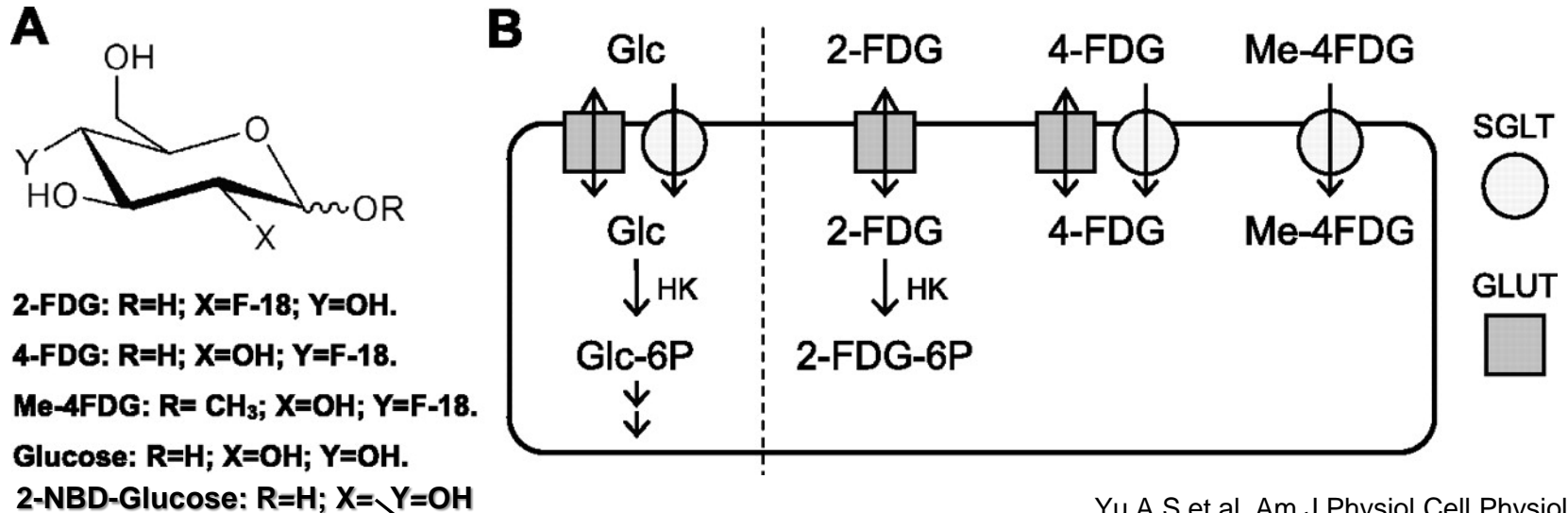


Positron Emission Tomography (PET)

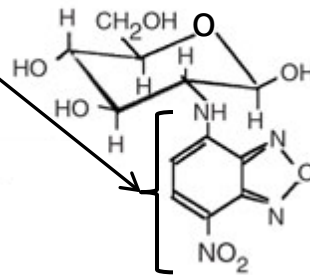
- Frequently used clinically to detect neoplastic tumors based on preferential uptake of glucose (Warburg effect)
- 2-¹⁸F deoxyglucose
- Application of PET to study of the kidney not widely utilized
 - Dissection of tissue signal from filtered load
 - Relative affinity of 2-FDG for GLUT vs. SGLT



Glucose transporter imaging probes and their transport cascades into cells



Yu A S et al. Am J Physiol Cell Physiol 2010

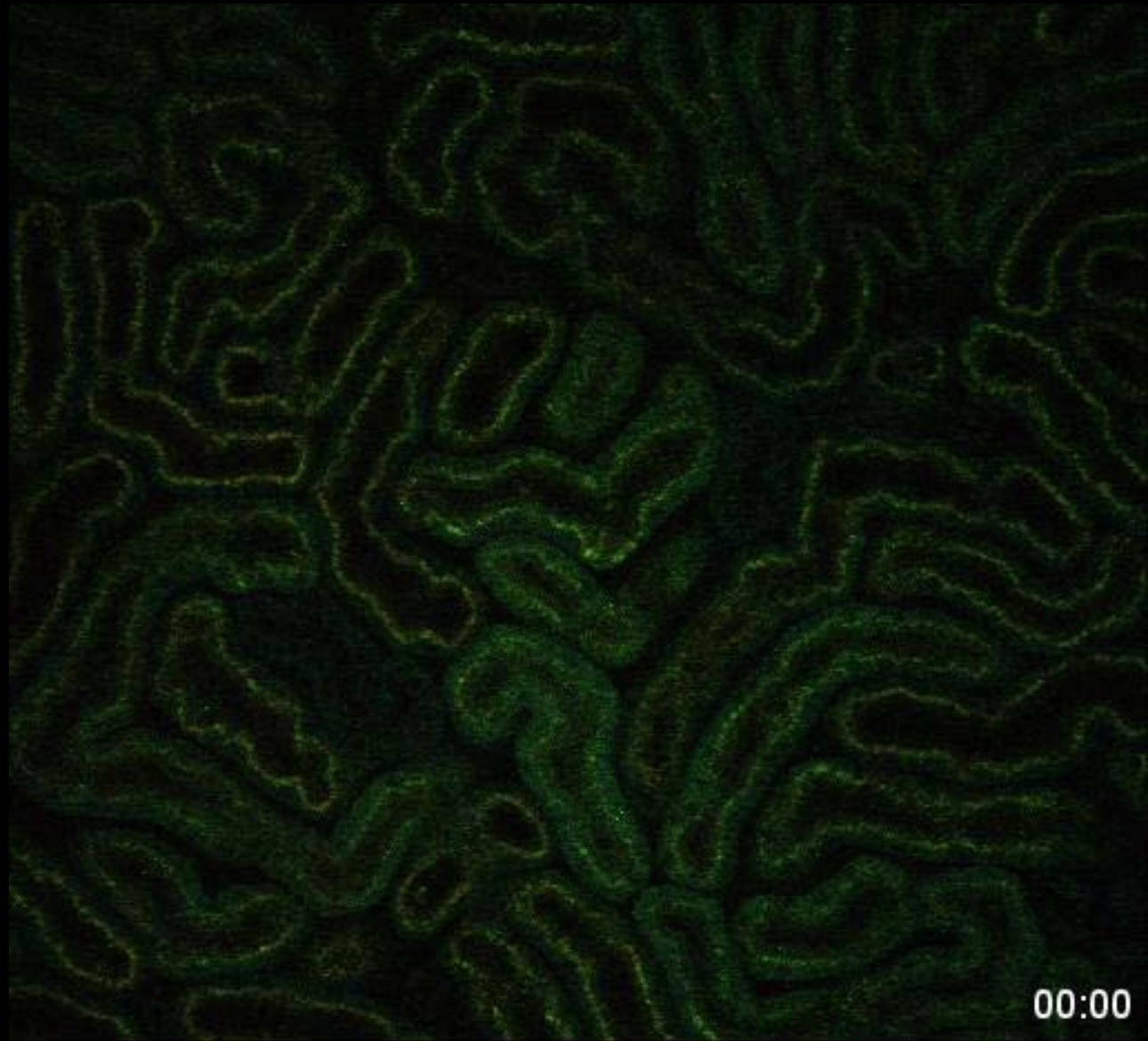


2-[*N*-(7-nitrobenz-2-oxa-1,3-diazol-4-yl)amino]-2-deoxy-D-glucose
 excitation/emission maxima of ~465/540 nm



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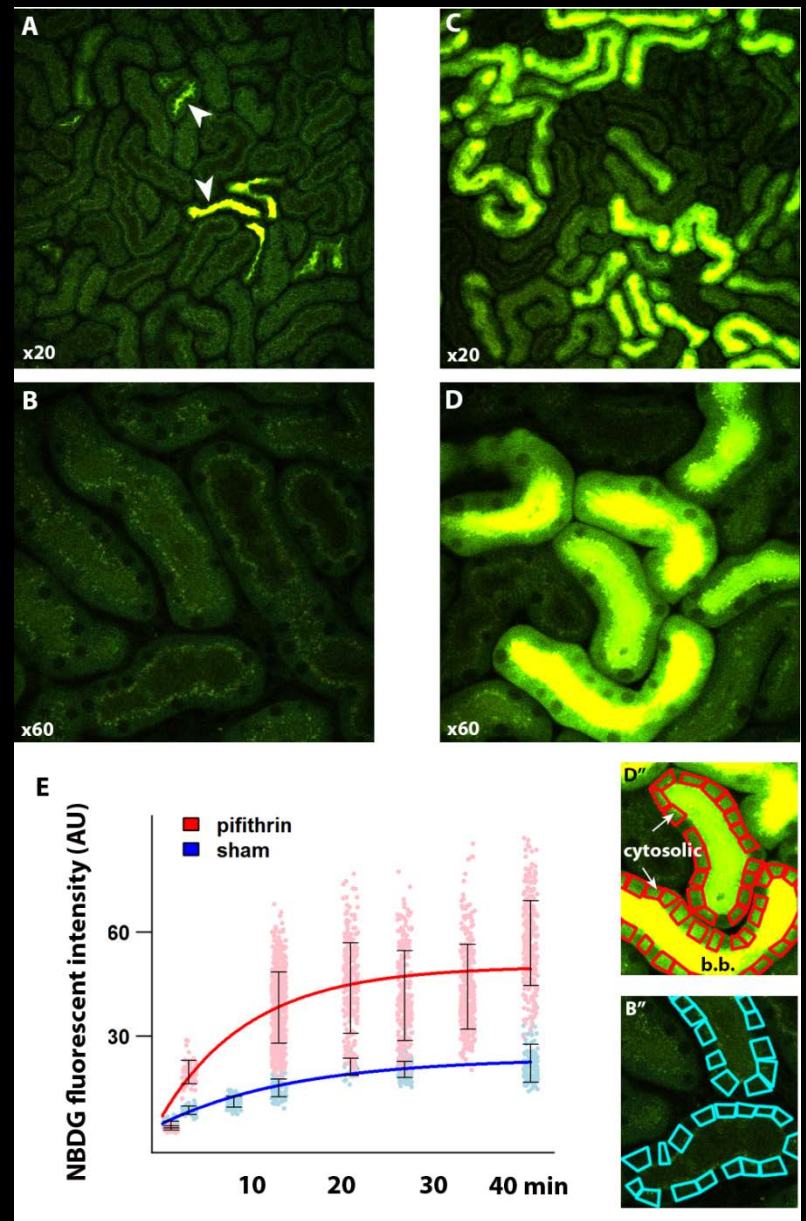
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Quantitation of NBD-glucose uptake



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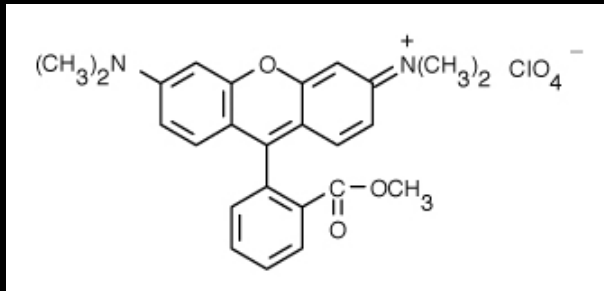
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Tubular Metabolism

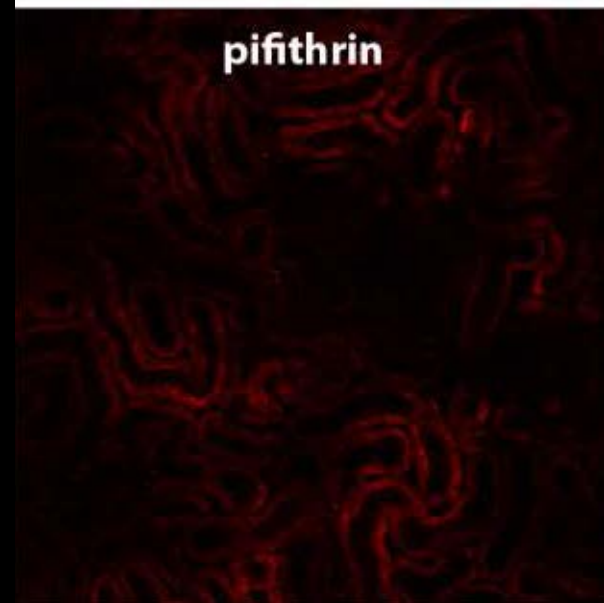
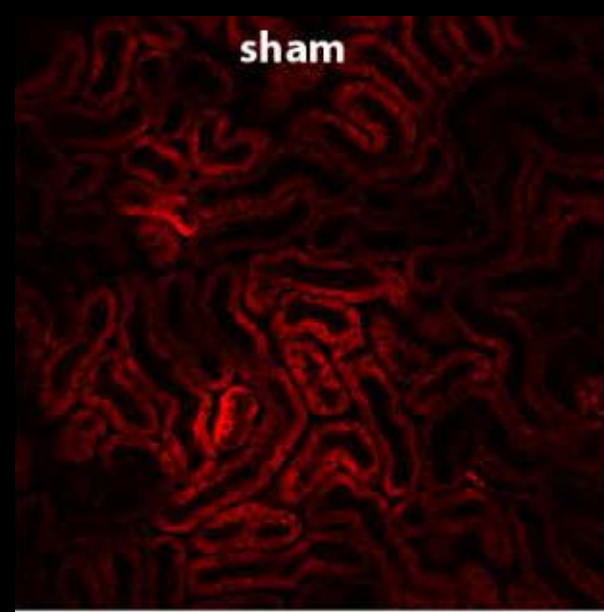
- Glucose uptake
- **Oxidative phosphorylation**



Tetramethyl rhodamine methyl ester



- Lipophilic cationic fluorophore
- Rapidly and reversibly taken up by live cells
- Accumulation in mitochondria driven by mitochondrial membrane potential ($\Delta\Psi_m$)



Microvascular Function

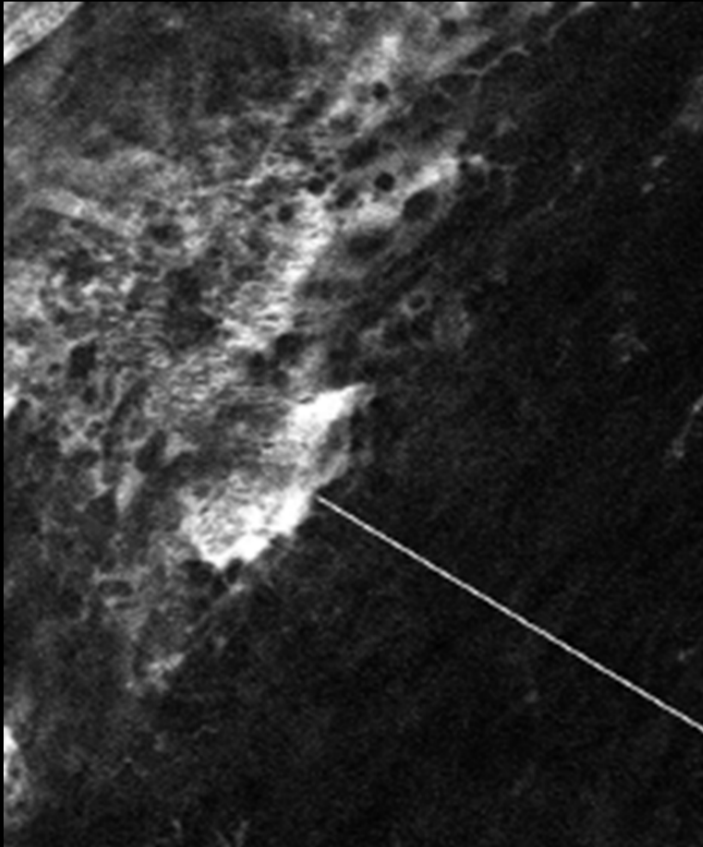
- *Permeability*



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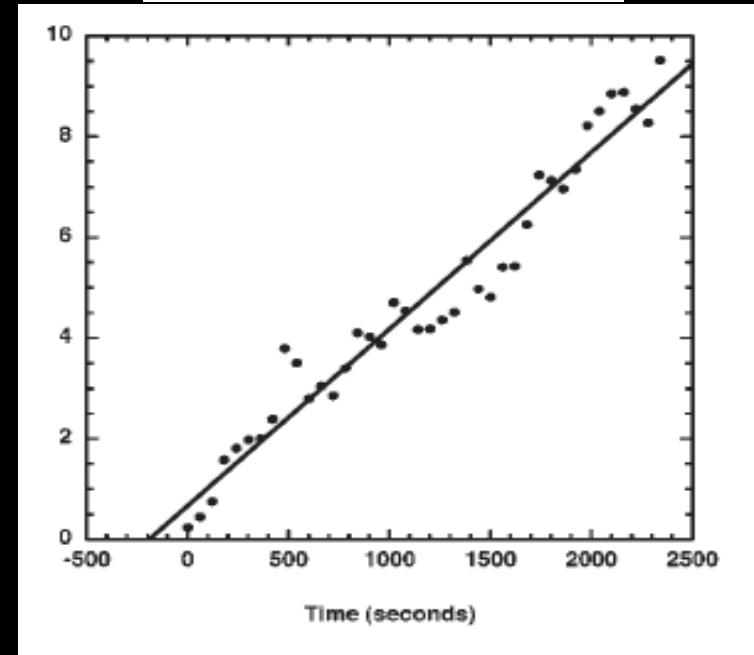
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Permeability of Tumor Vessels



Brown E. et. al. Nature 2001; 7: 864-868

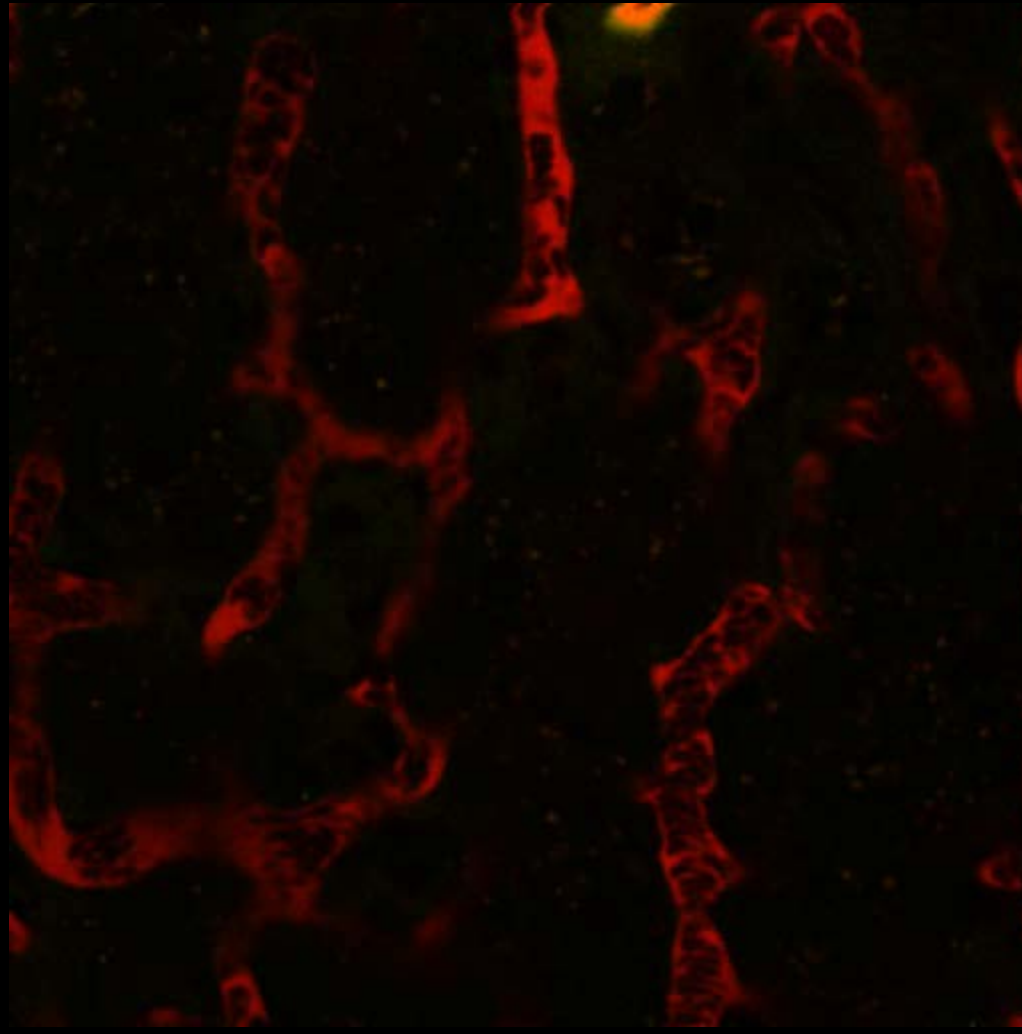
$$P = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta}{\delta t} \frac{\int_{r=R}^{\infty} F(r) r dr}{(E_v - F_v) R}$$



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Microvascular Permeability

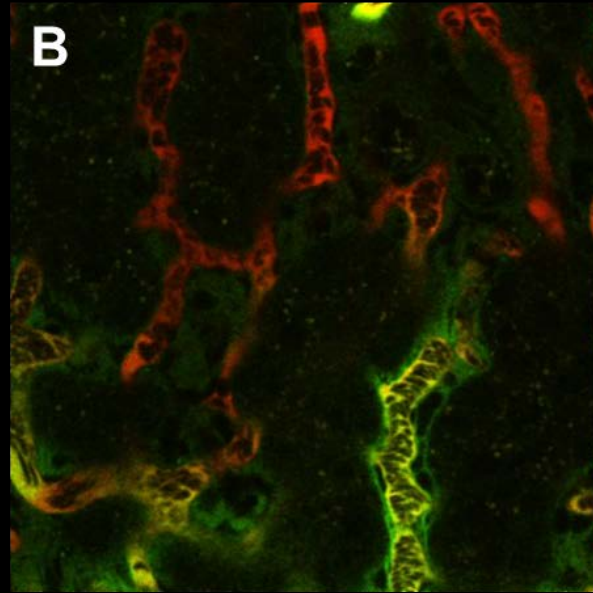
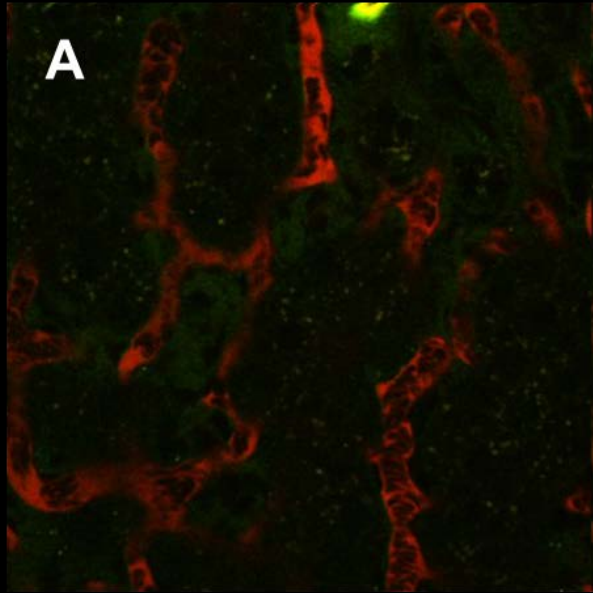


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3K dextran

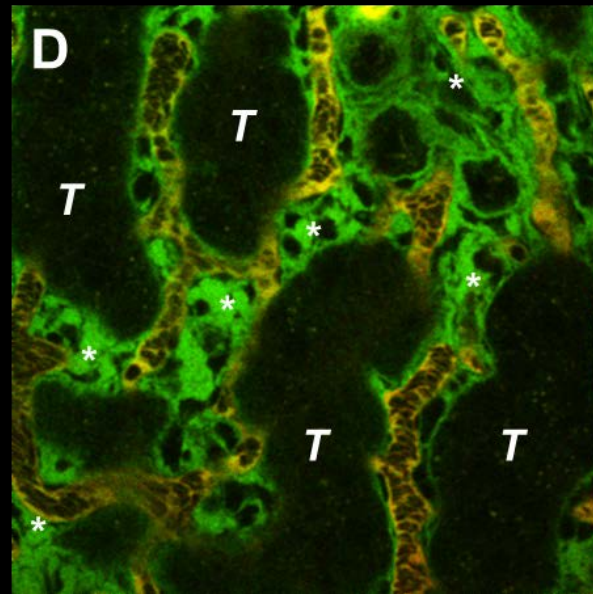
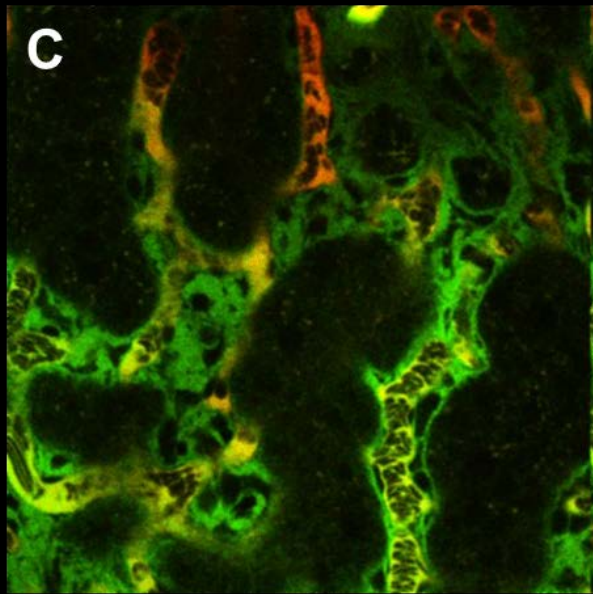


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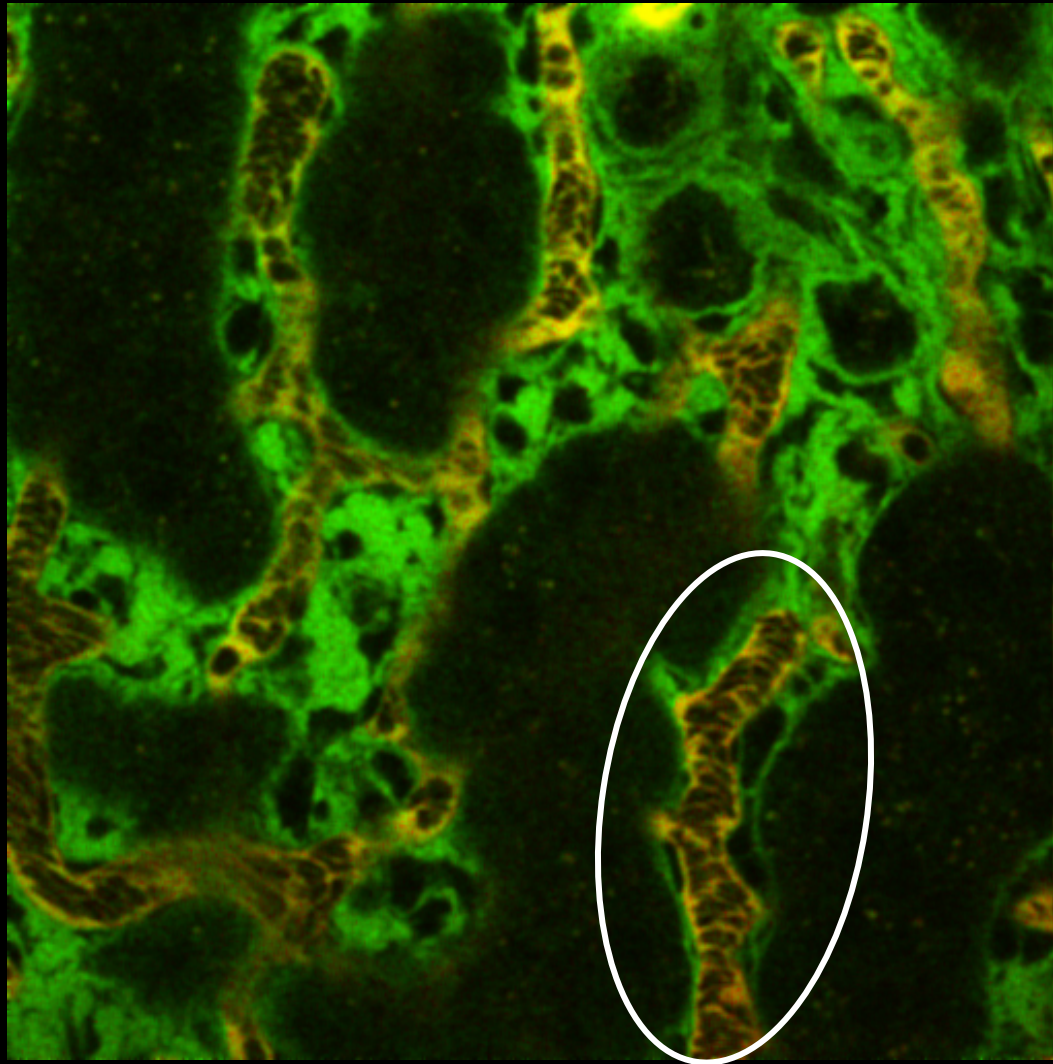
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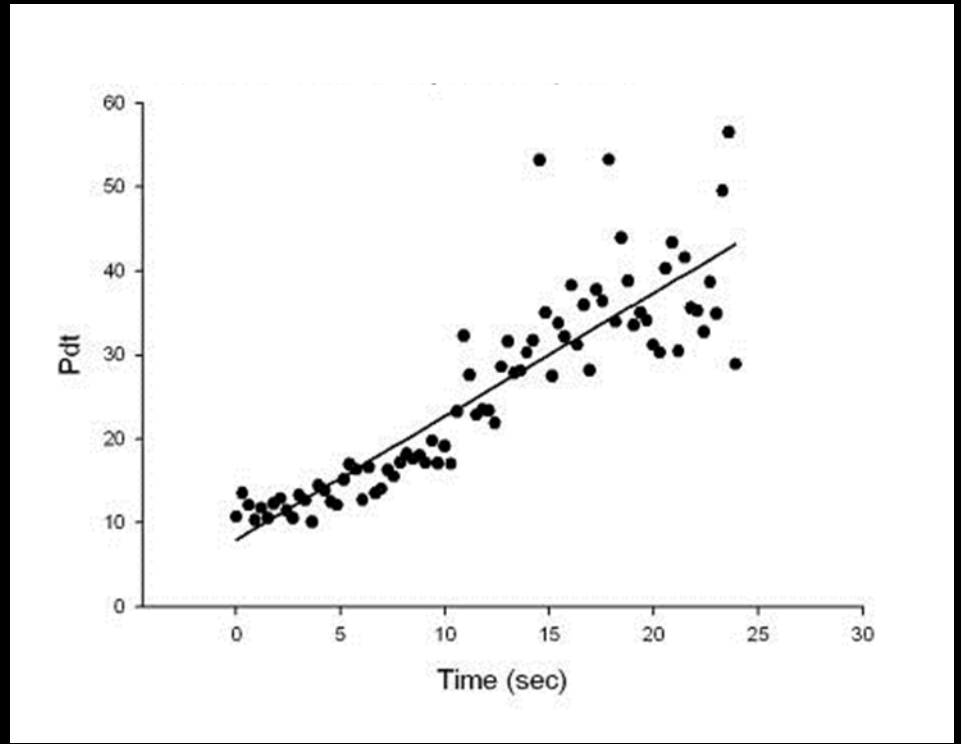
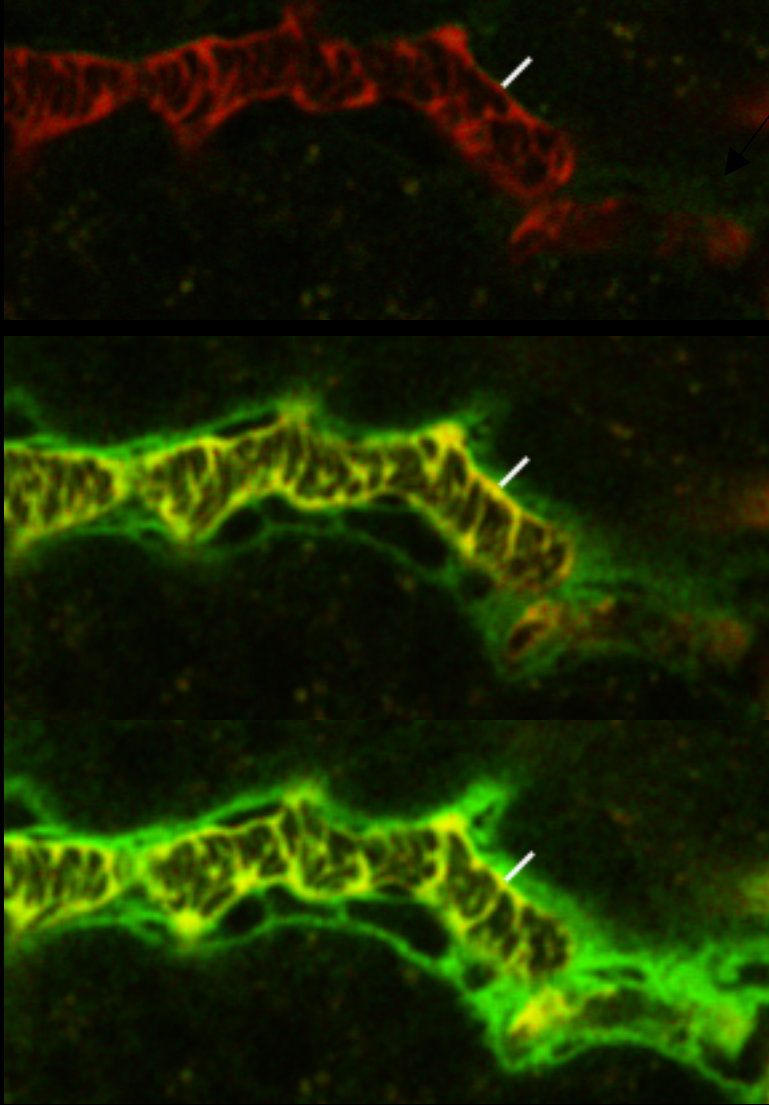
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Microvascular Permeability



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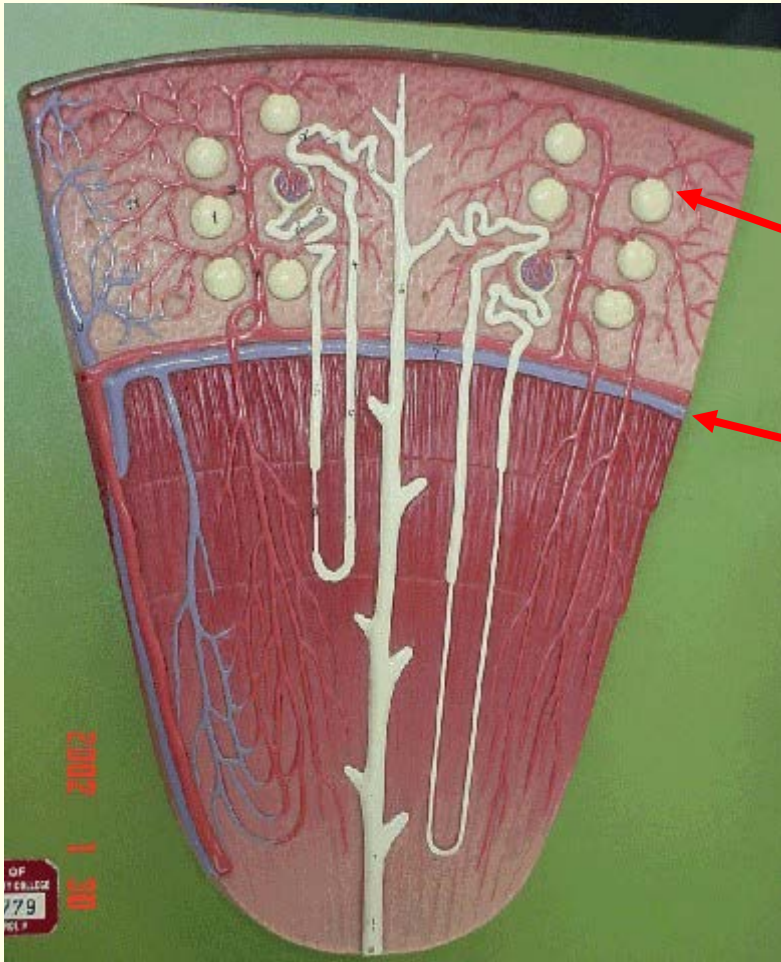
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Considerations



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Glomeruli of most rats, mice
400 microns deep

Corticomedullary boundary
2 mm deep



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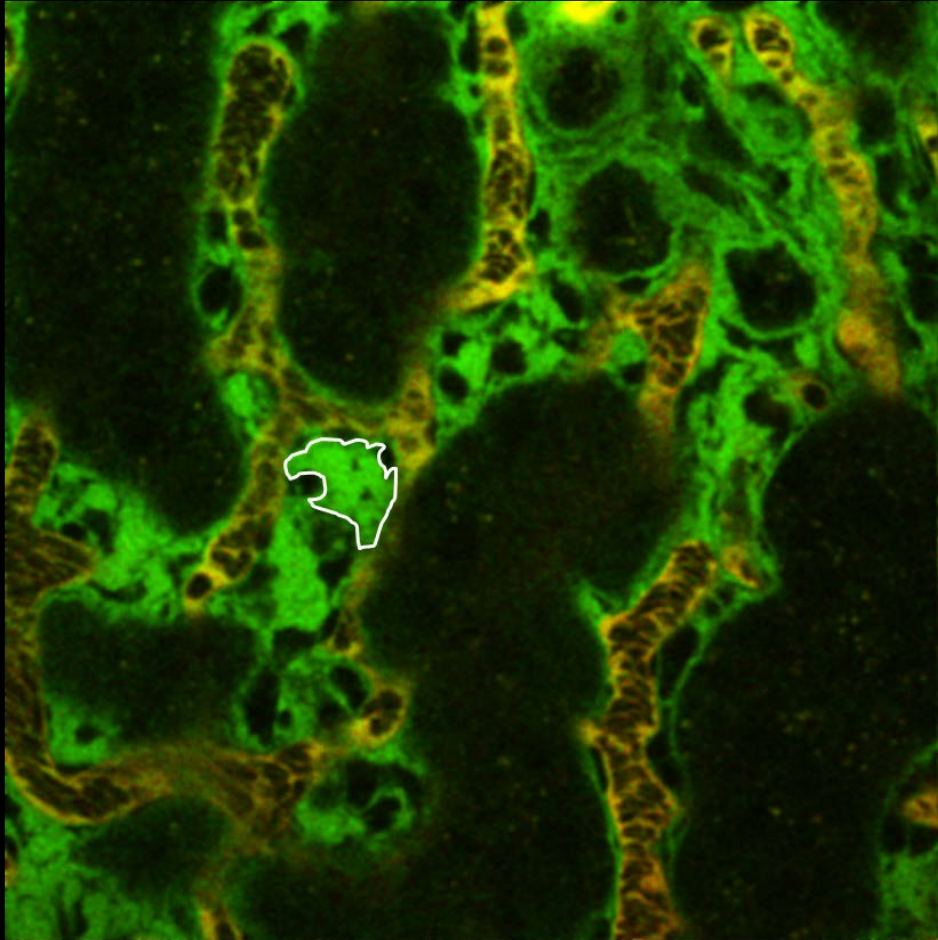
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Considerations

- General
 - Stochastic nature of permeability for larger molecular weight probes
 - Picking the correct MW probe for discerning the altered permeability to be studied
- Defining vessel wall limit
- Prep stability
- Limited number of measurements



Region Analysis

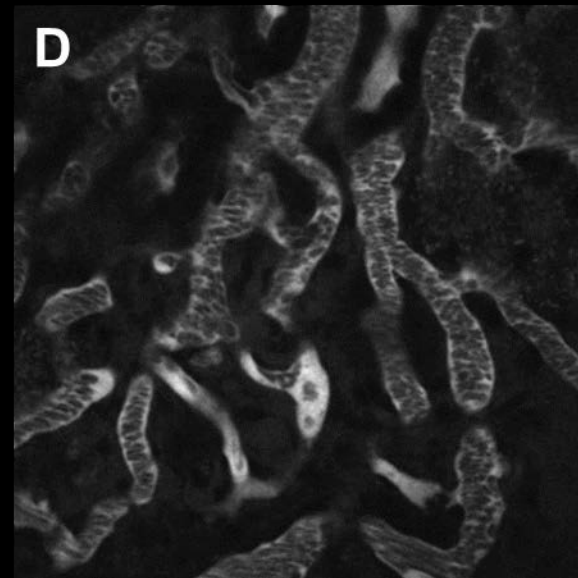
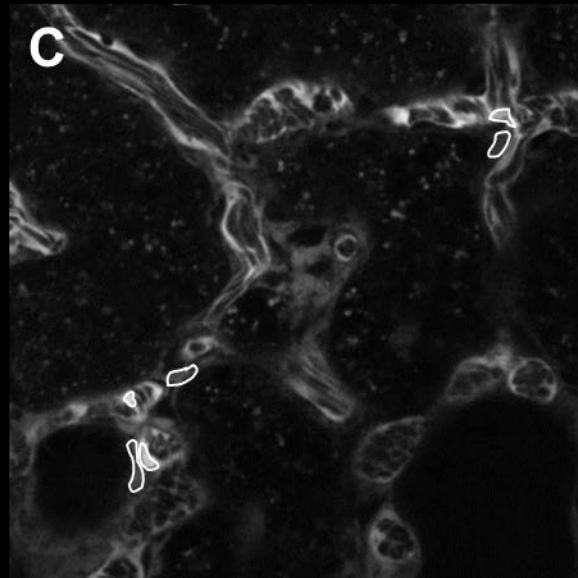
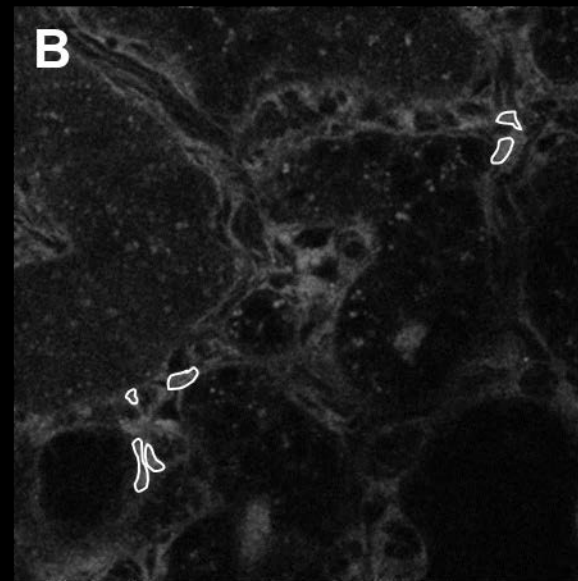
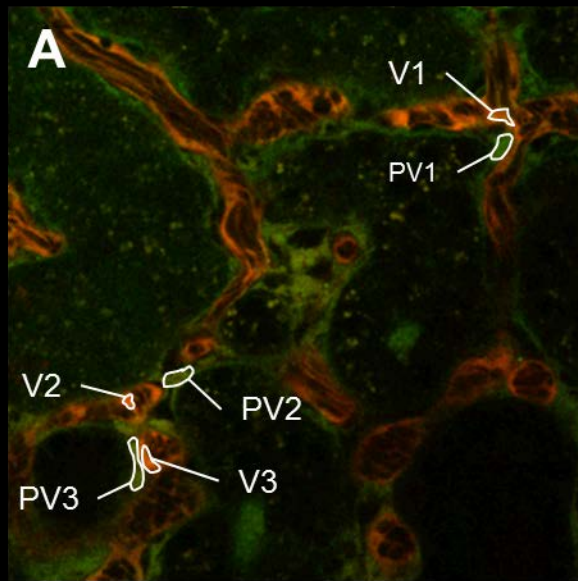


- Record average intensity inside region over time
- Ratio with average intensity of blood vessels over time



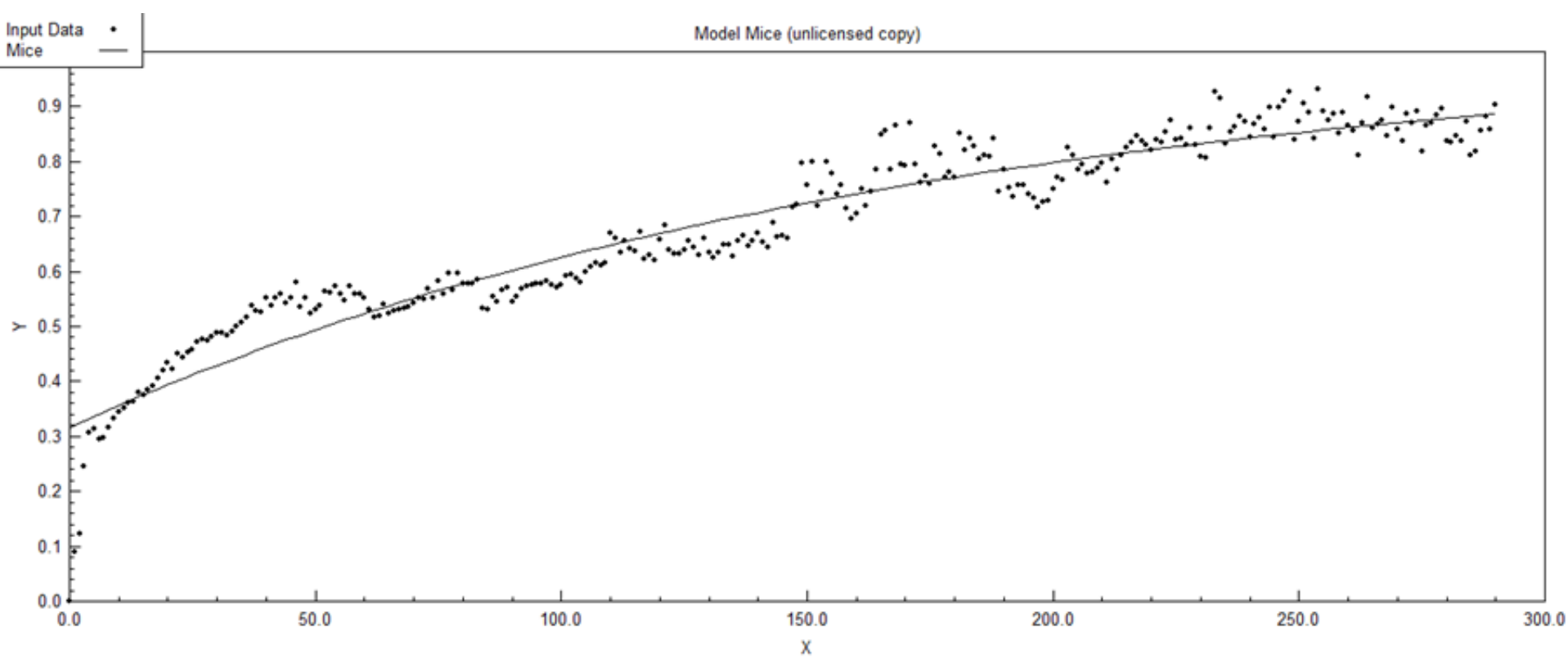
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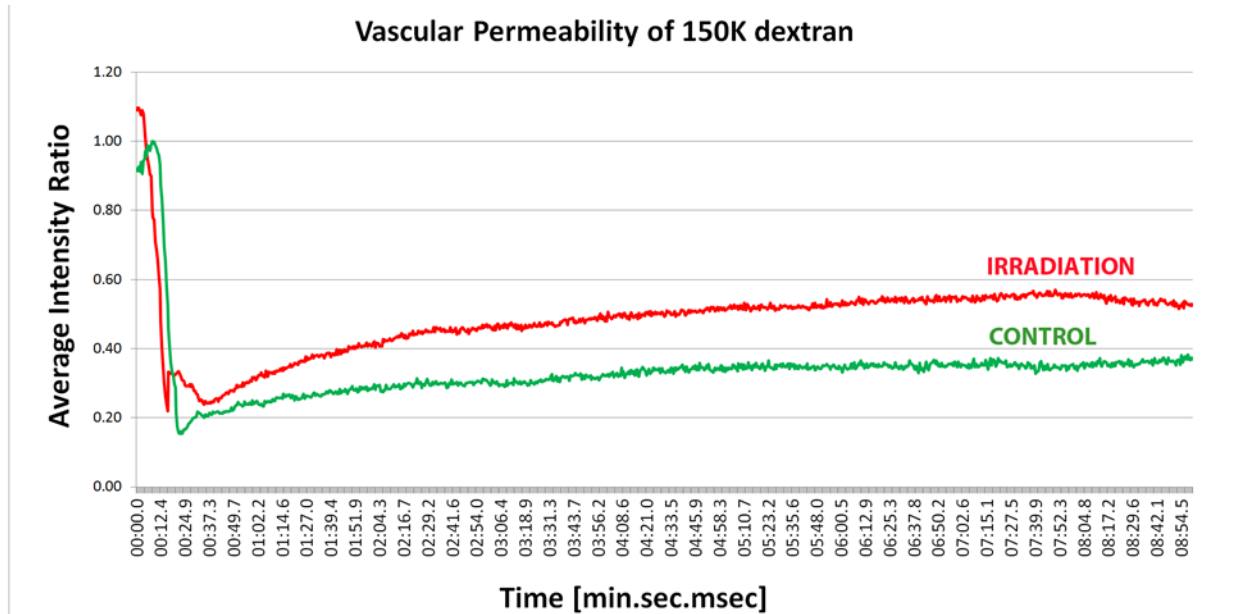
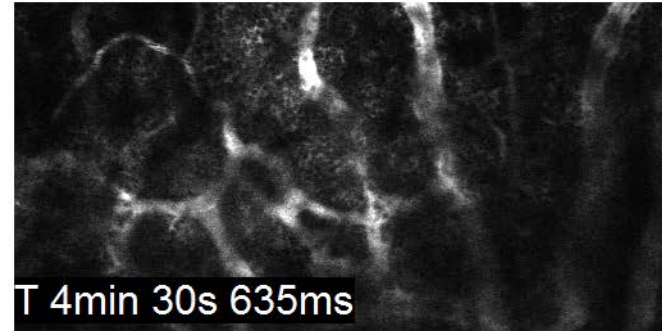
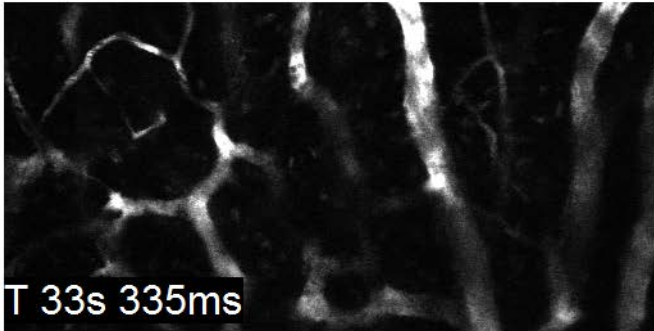


$$I_{avg} = a(1 - e^{-bt}) + c$$
$$b = 0.00589174536651423$$



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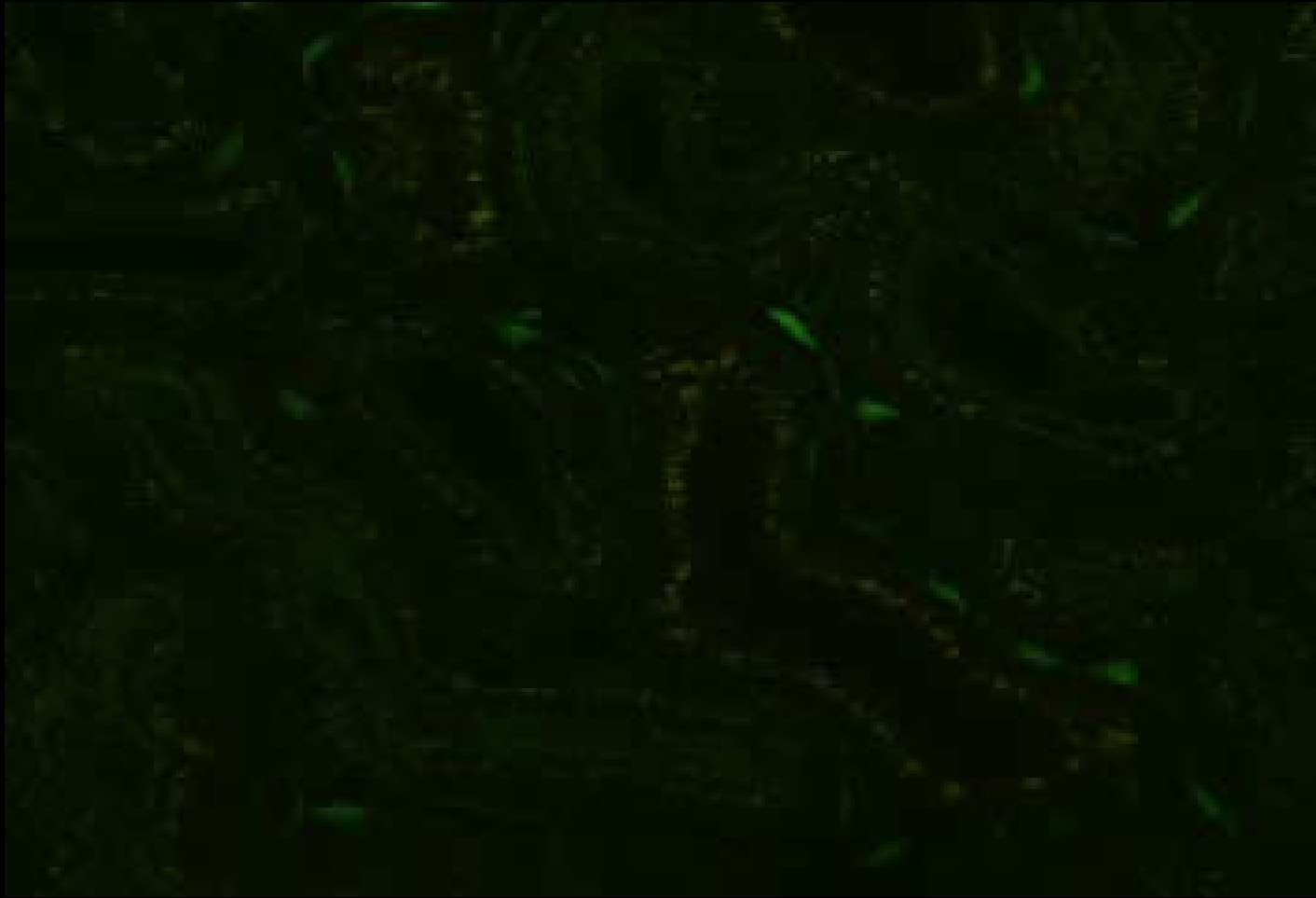
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Additional Considerations

- Limited perivascular space in kidney
- Balance between intravascular and extravascular signal

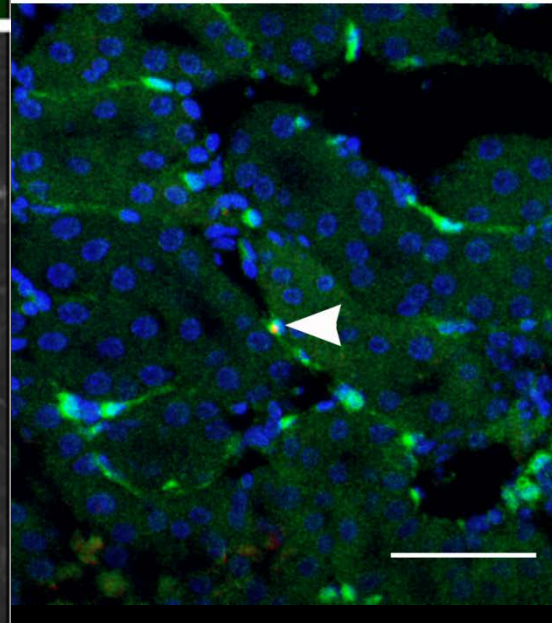
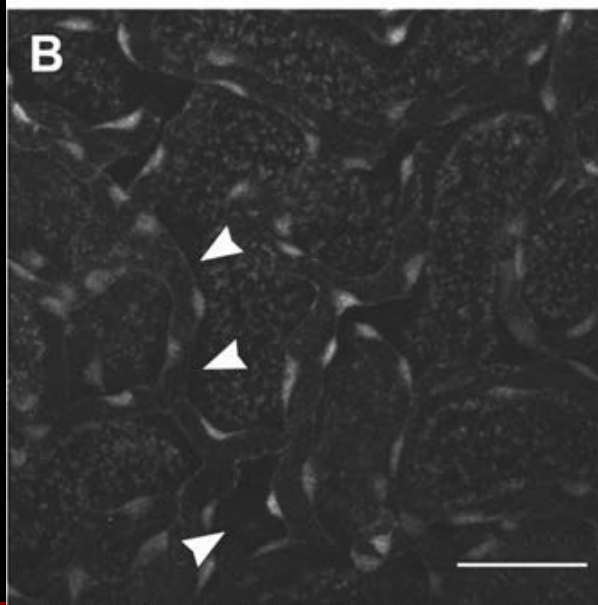
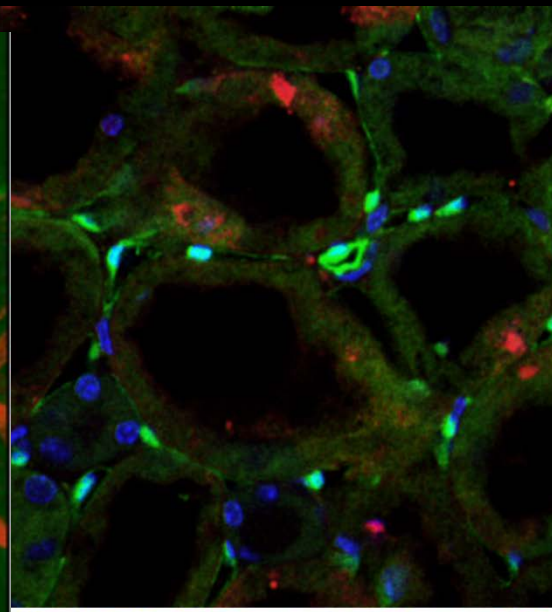
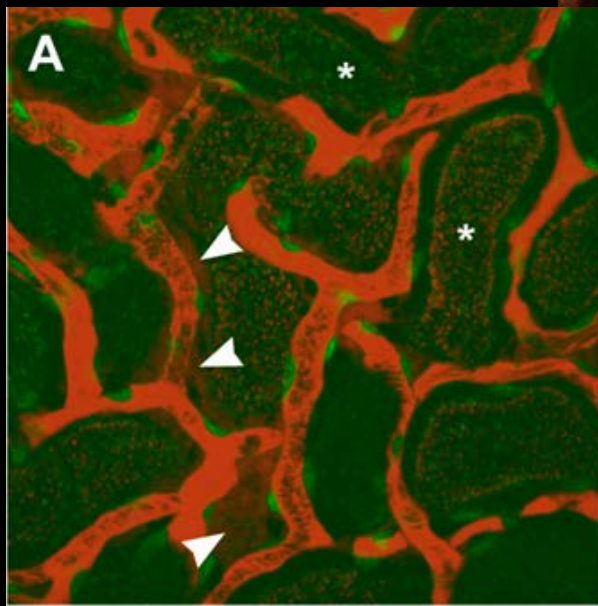


Endothelial Structure-Function



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Microvascular Function

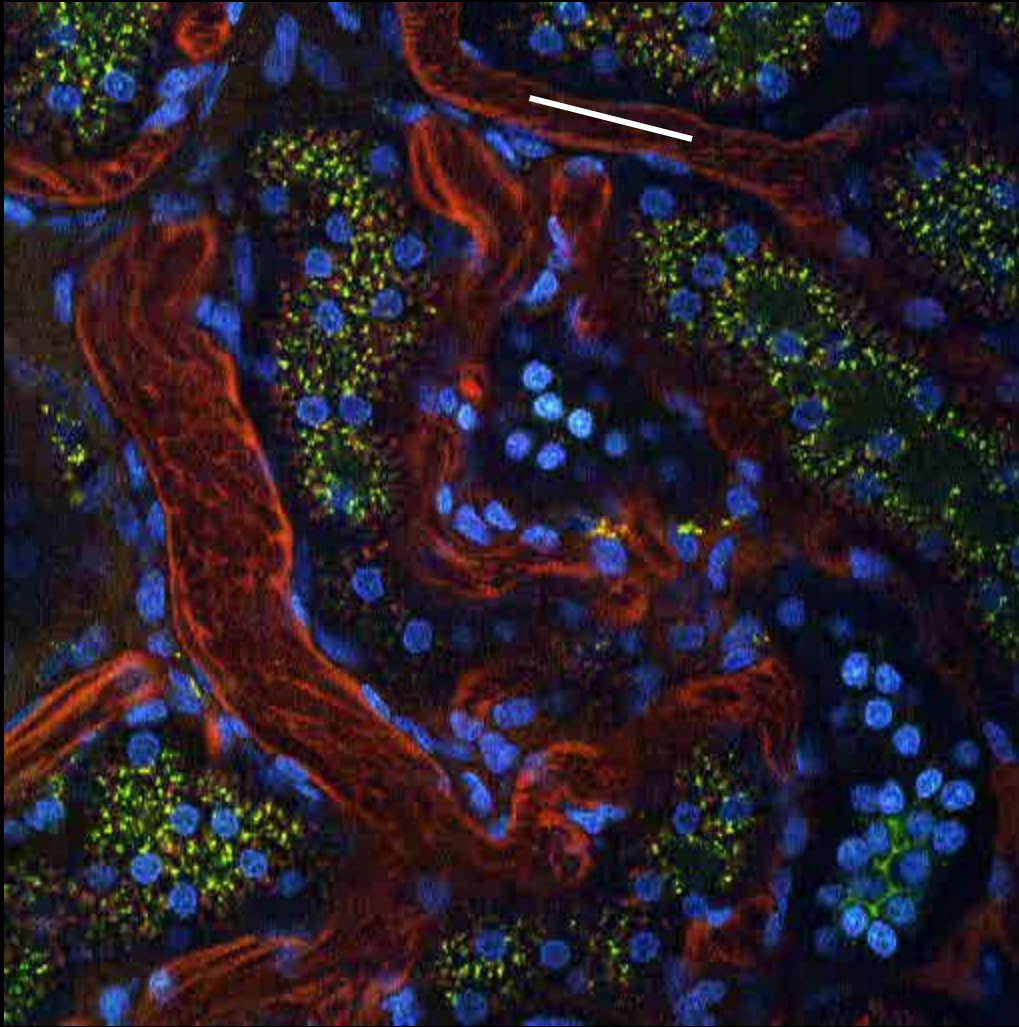
- Permeability
- **Flow**



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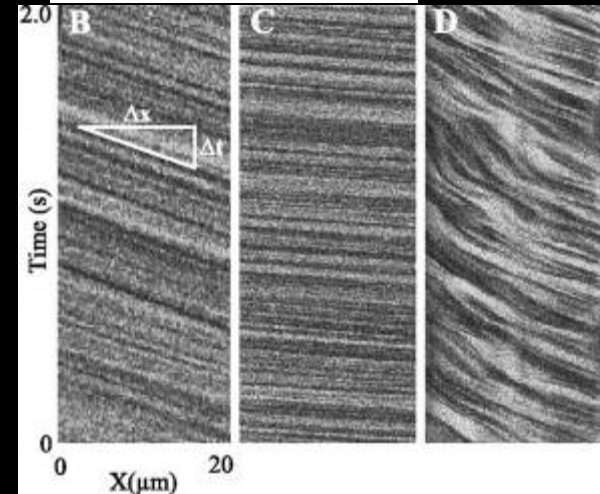
Microvascular Flow



Mean Flow (mm/sec)

4.7 ± 0.2

16.7 ± 0.4



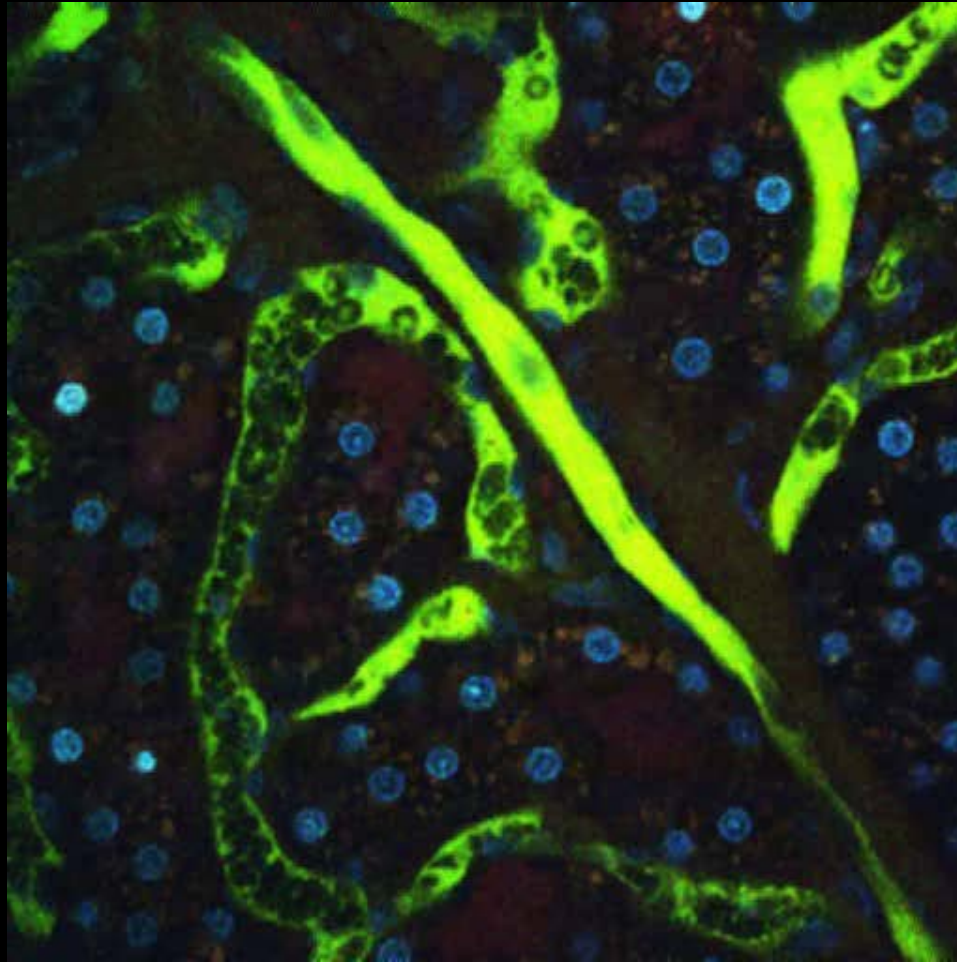
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Considerations



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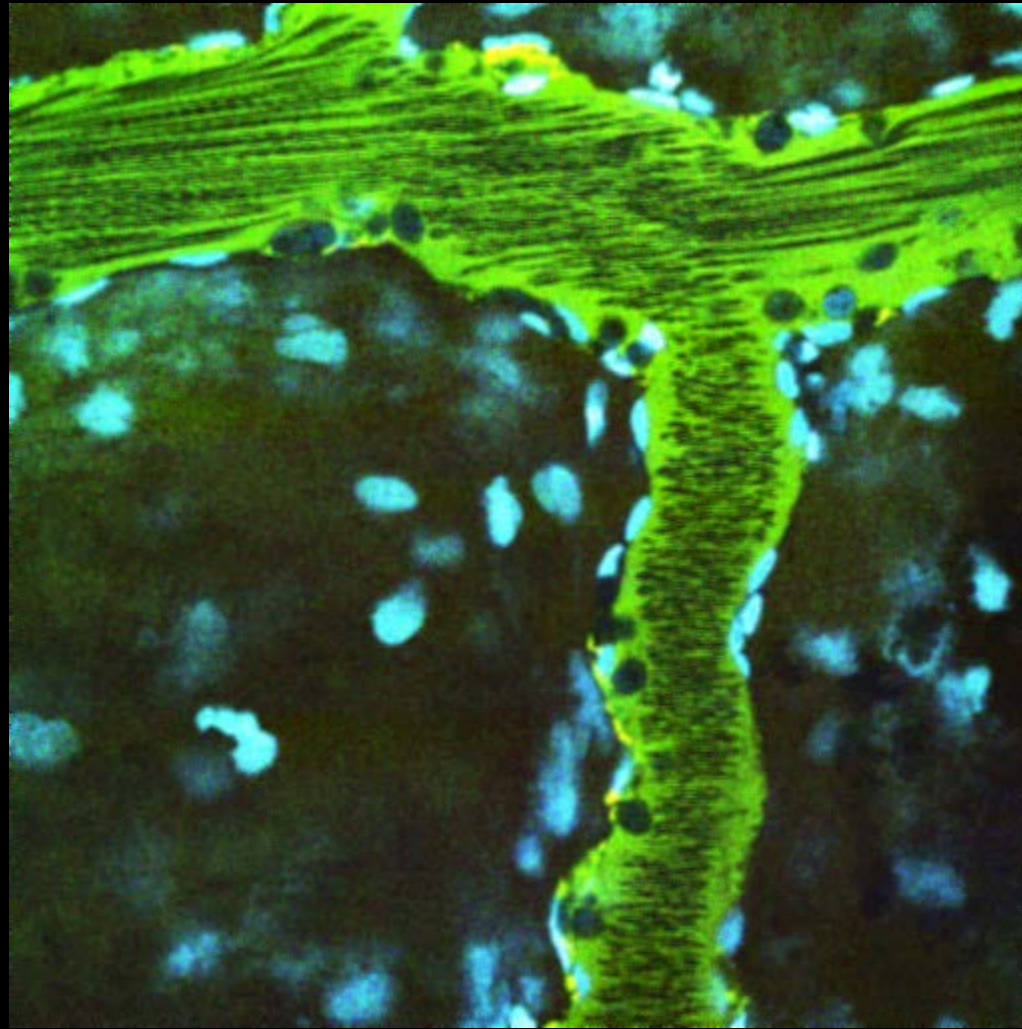
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Microvascular Function

- Permeability
- Flow
- **Leukocyte trafficking**



Leukocyte Trafficking

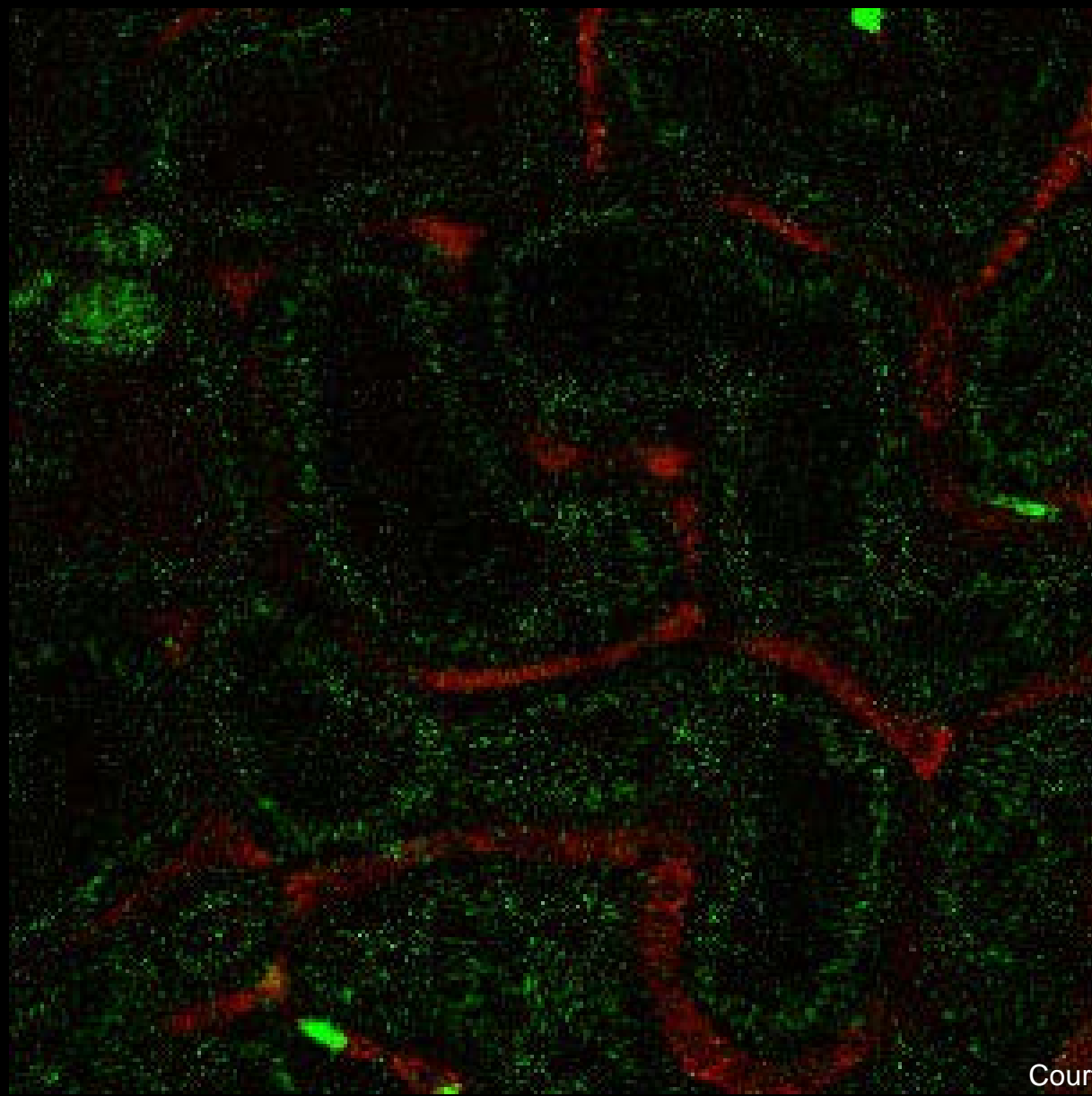


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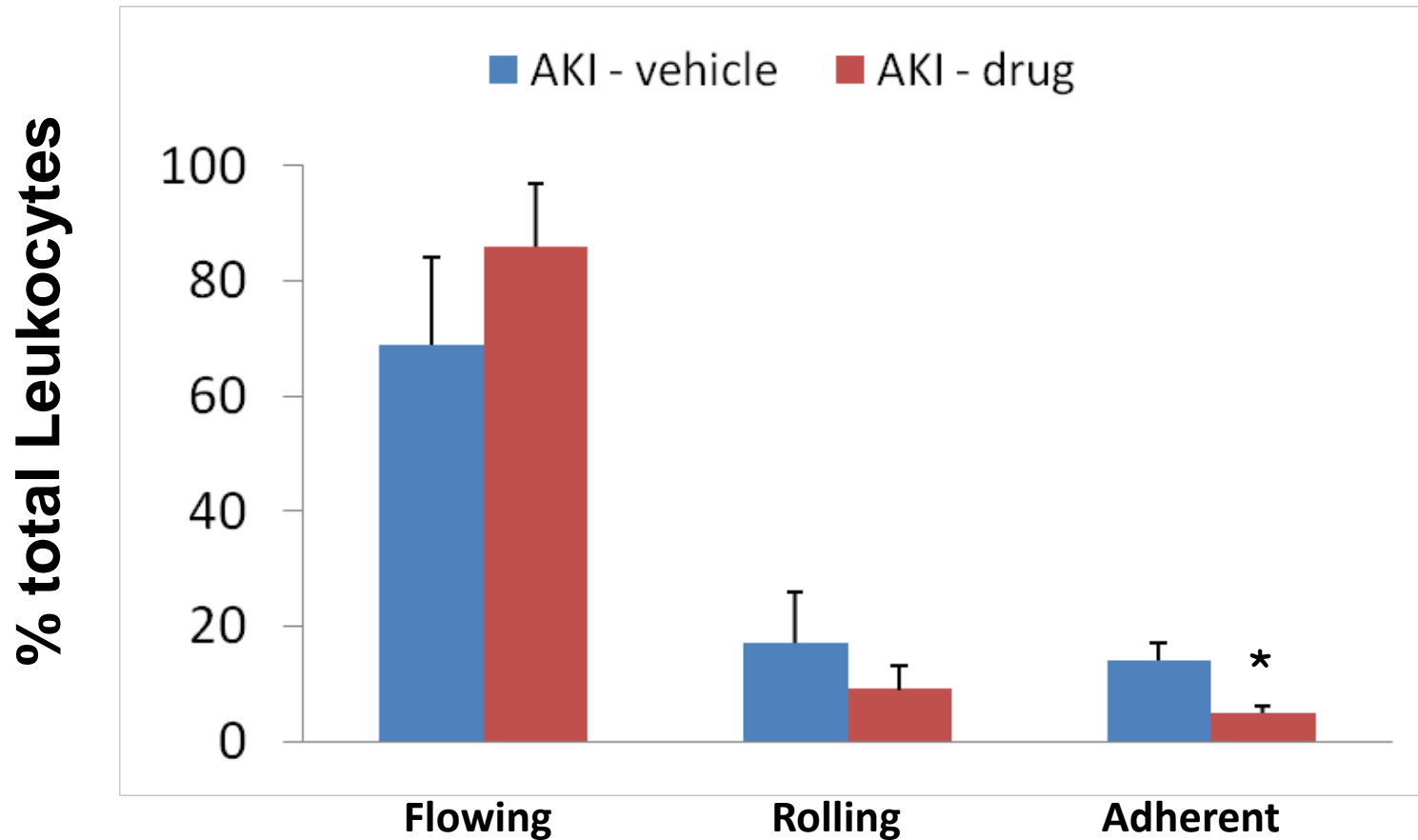
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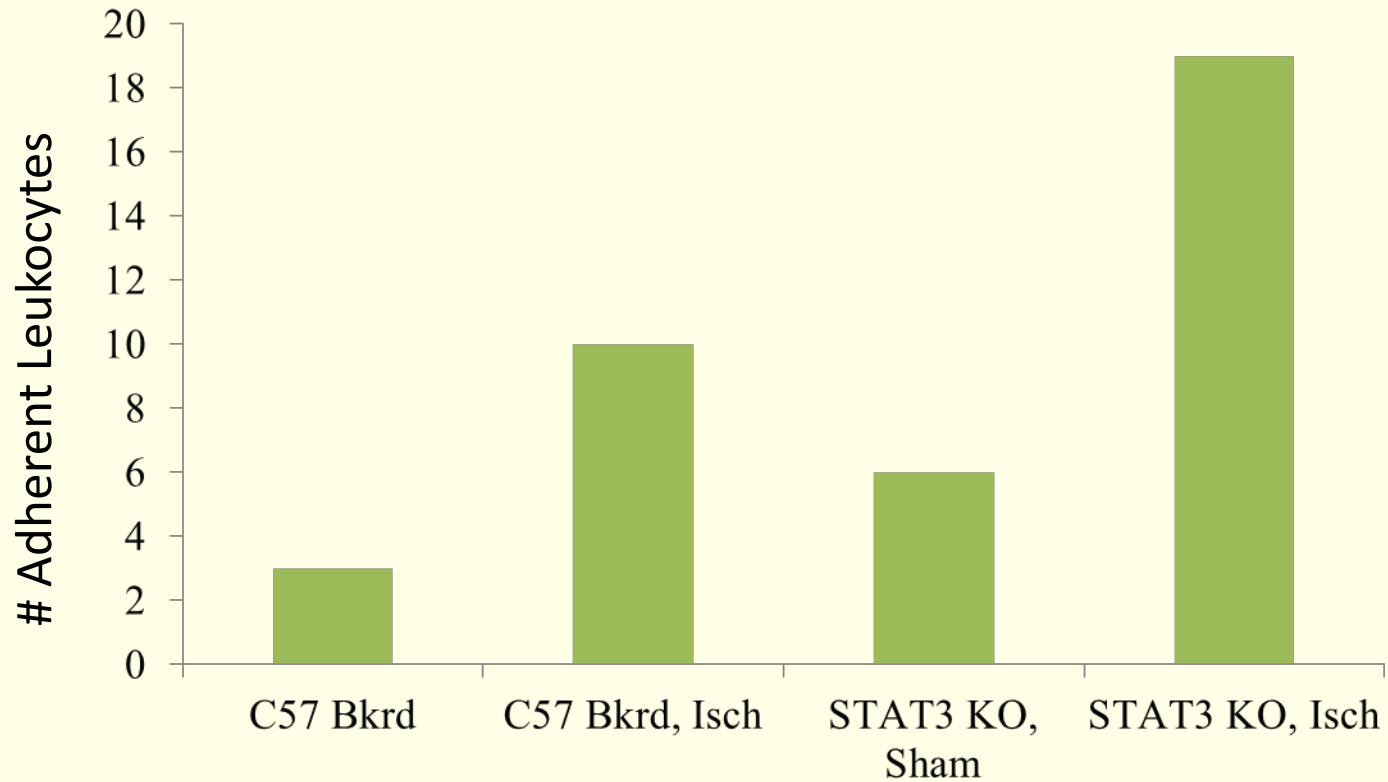
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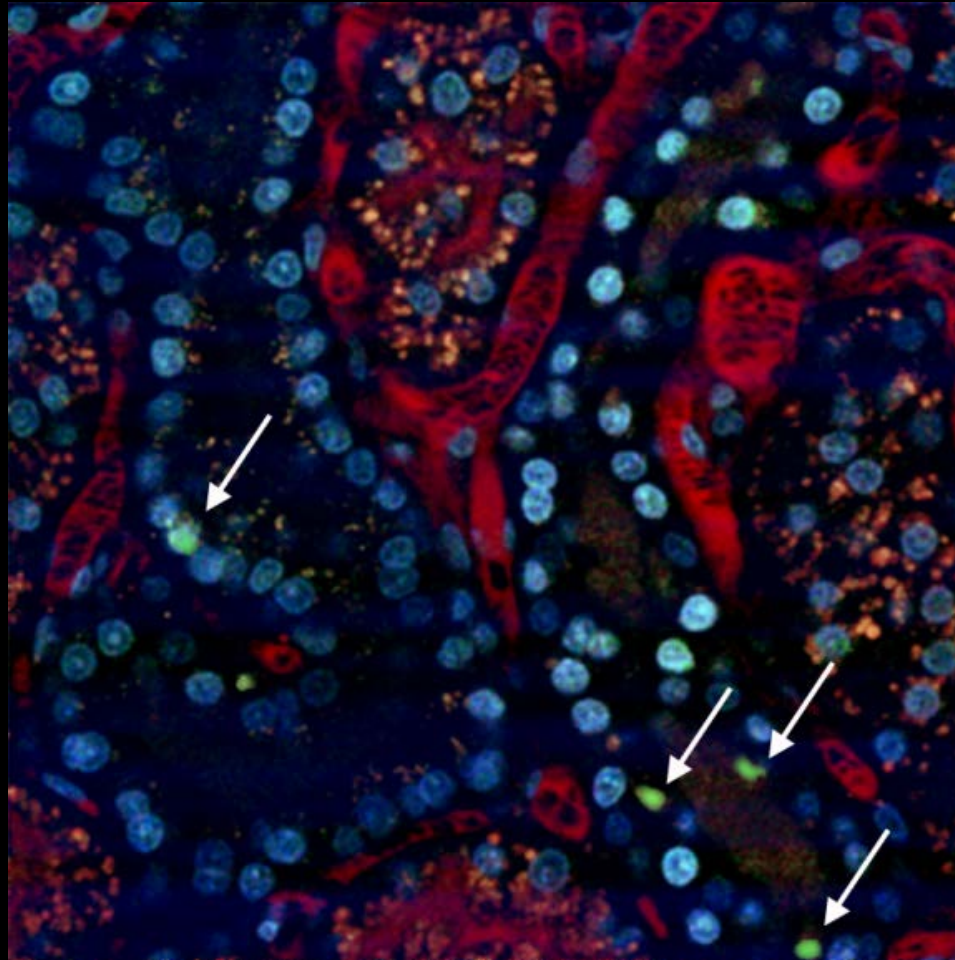
Anti-inflammatory Effect of Drug on Leukocyte Trafficking Following Ischemia



Leukocyte Adhesion



“Structure”-Function



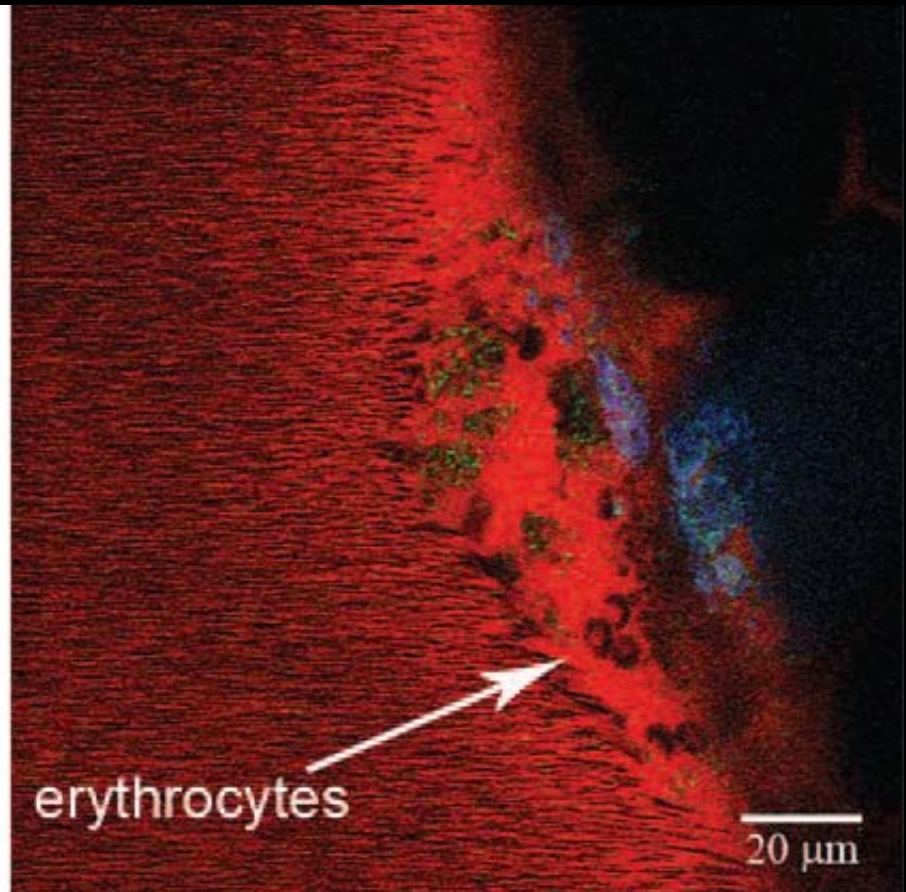
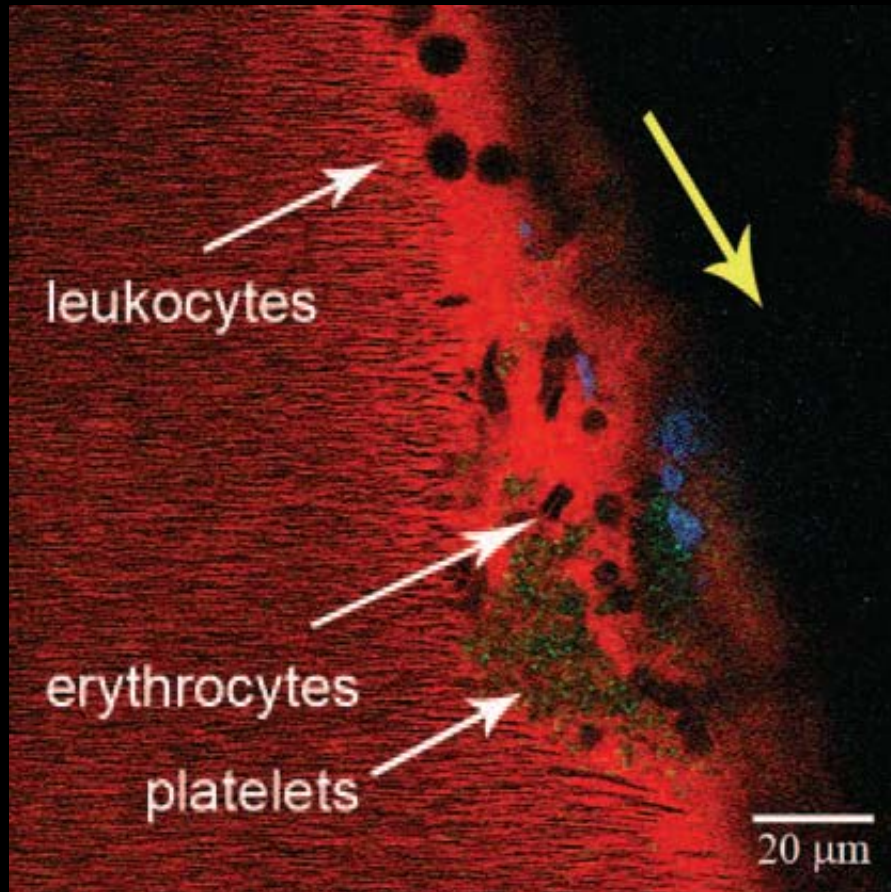
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Microvascular Function

- Permeability
- Flow
- Leukocyte trafficking
- **Thrombosis**





Platelets Fibrin Dextran

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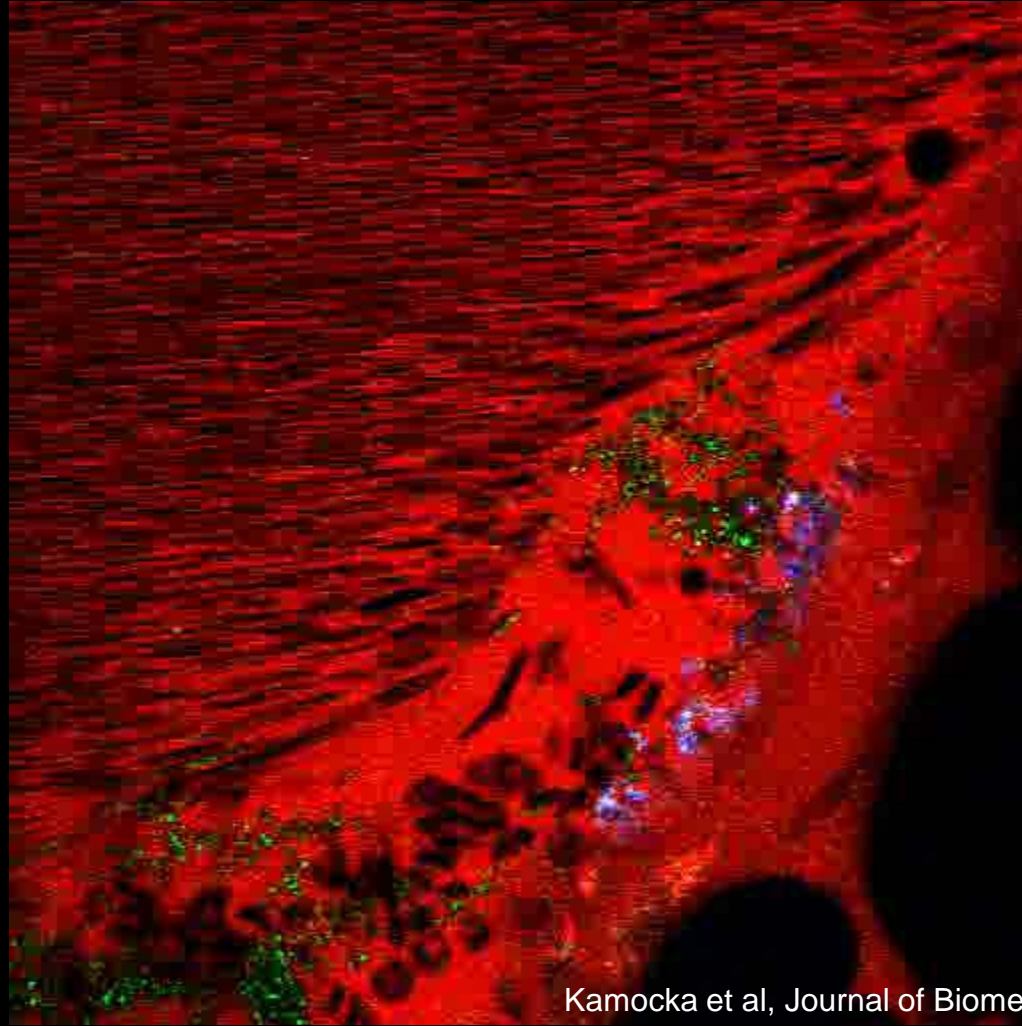
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Thrombus Formation



Platelets
Fibrin
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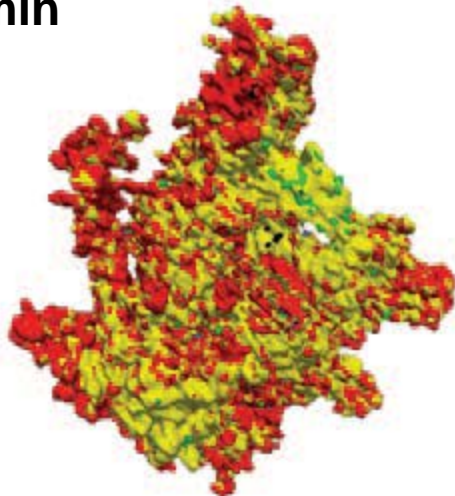
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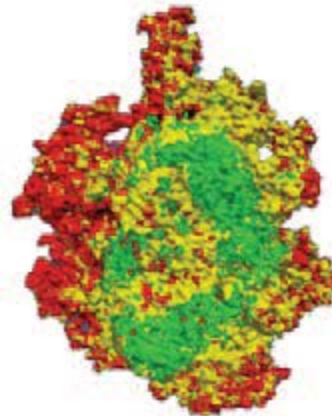
Fibrin-bound platelets

Fibrin

1 min



2 min



6 min



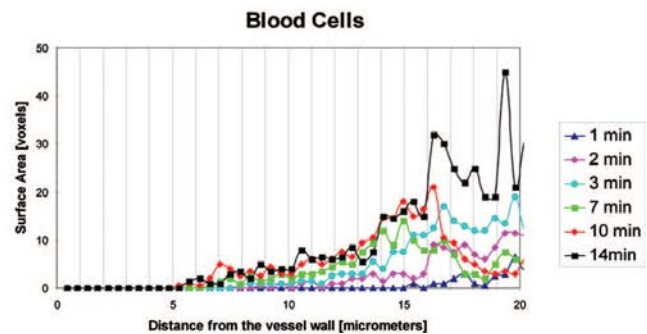
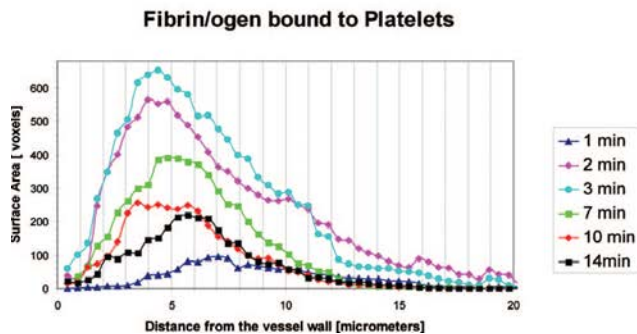
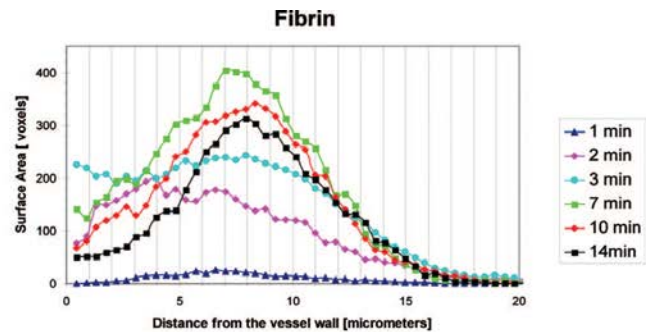
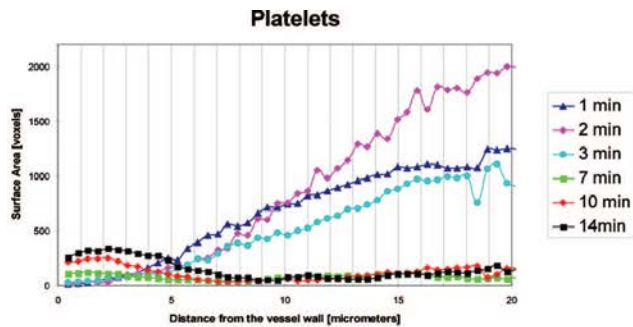
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Thrombus analysis



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