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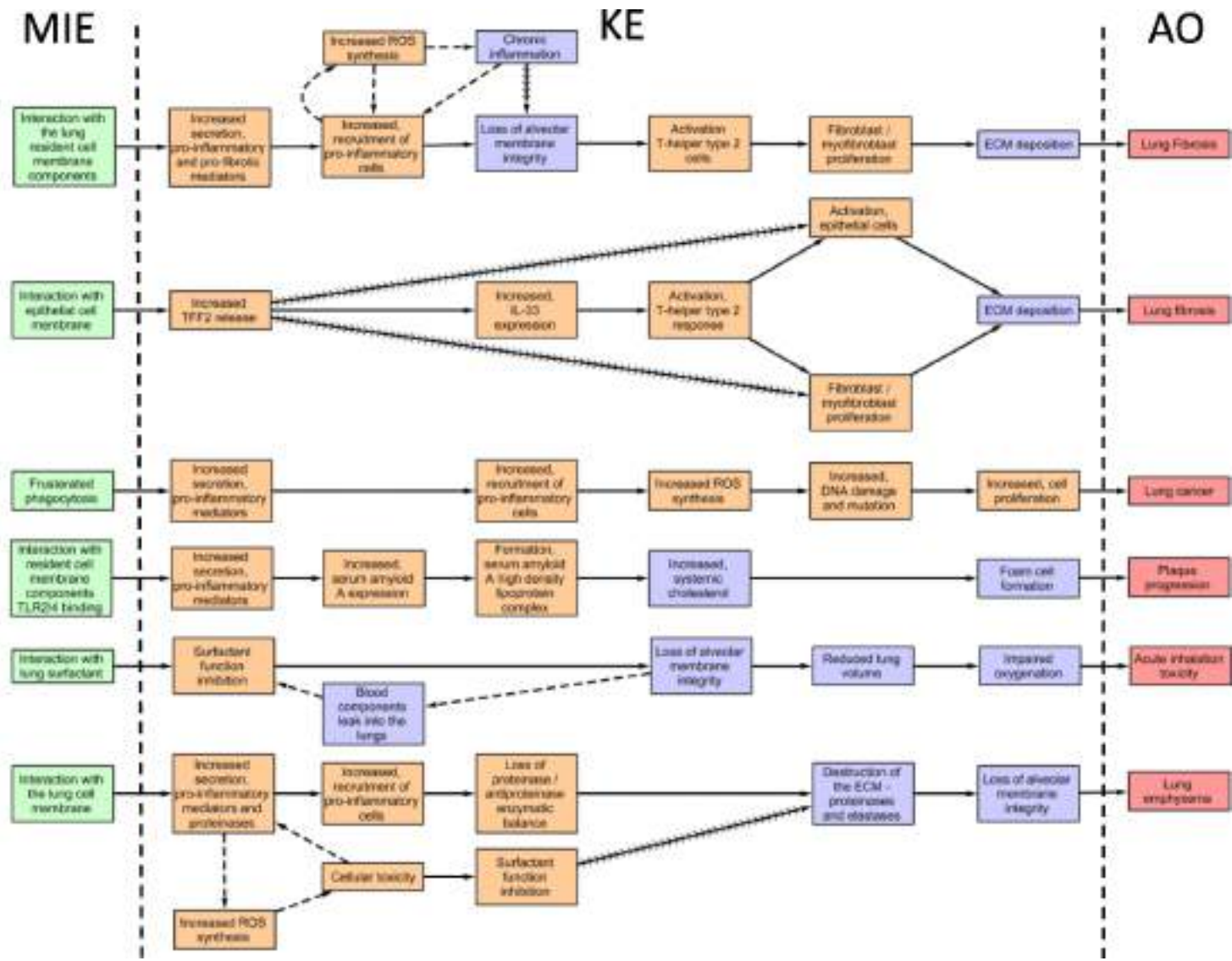
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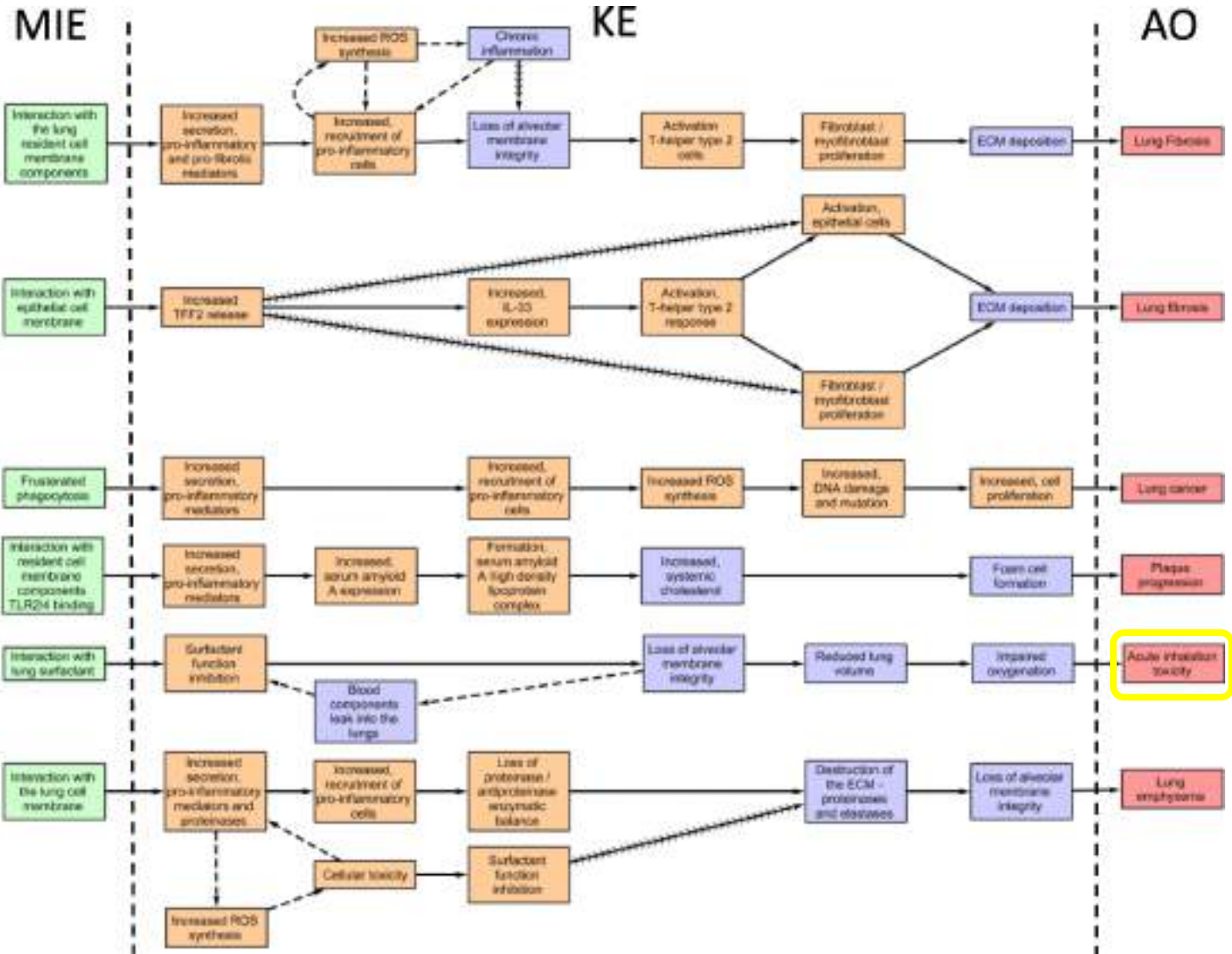
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Upstream of 'cellular interaction': "Surfactant interaction"

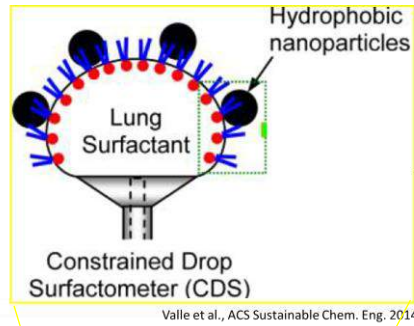


Lung surfactant inhibition, in vitro (Jorid B. Sørli, NRCWE)

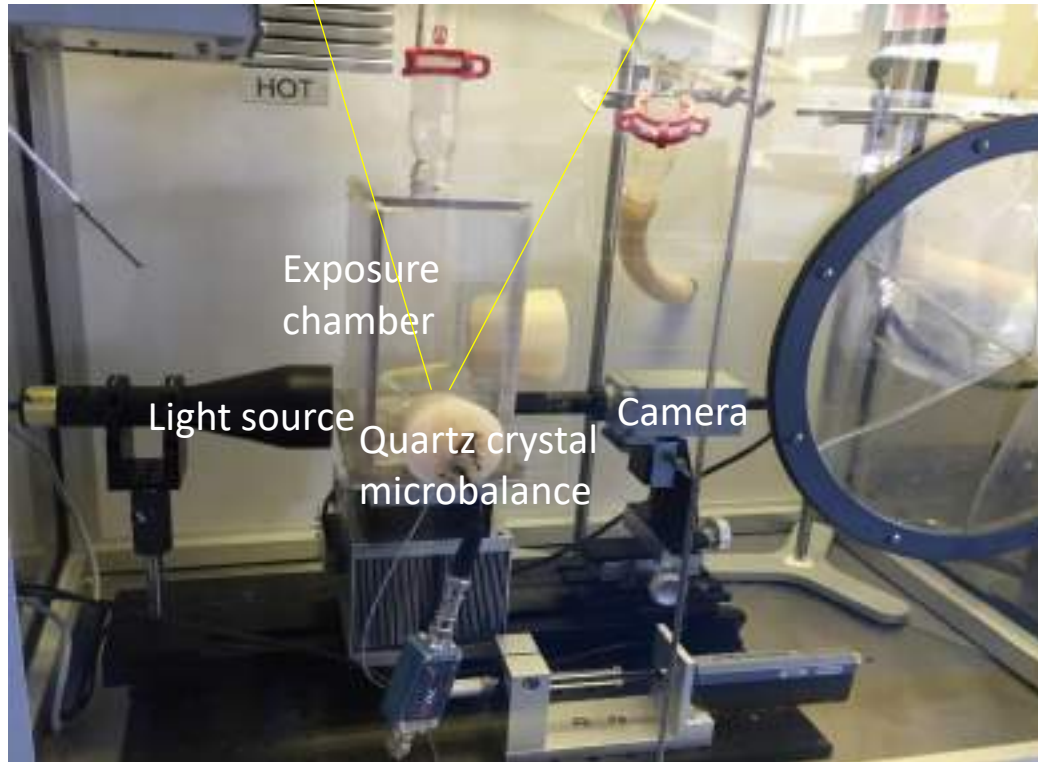


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Sørli et al., AJRCMB. 2016

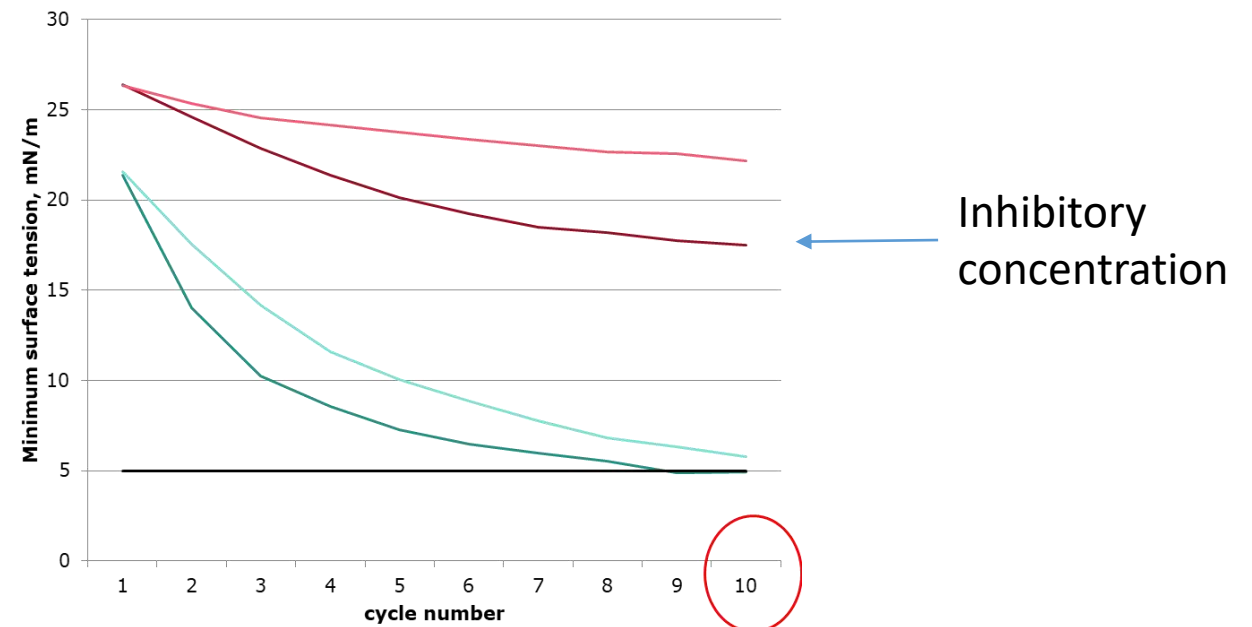


Constrained Drop Surfactometer to test lung surfactant activity and inhibition under physiologically relevant conditions by in vitro simulation. Breathing is simulated by cycles of compressing and expanding the droplet using a motorized syringe.



Constrained Drop Surfactometer (BioSurface Instruments)

Test material and lung surfactant mixed, and function measured during first 10 cycles



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Material	Highlighted results
Quartz DQ12	
NM-200: Synthetic amorphous silicon dioxide	
NM-402: MWCNT	
NRCWE-051: SWCNT	
Printex90: Carbon black (14nm)	
Flammruss 101: Carbon black (95nm)	
NRCWE-058: graphene oxide	only carbon material affecting LS function
NRCWE-059: reduced graphene oxide	
NRCWE-001 , rutile TiO ₂	
NRCWE-002, rutile TiO ₂	
UV-Titan L181, rutile TiO ₂	
NM-101, anatase TiO ₂	least inhibitory of TiO ₂
NM-110, ZnO	most inhibitory of all tested materials
NM-111, ZnO coated triethoxycapryl silane	coating eradicate inhibitory effect of NM110
NRCWE-018, Fe ₂ O ₃	

➔ **1st fully developed Smart Assay for 'Acute Inhalation Toxicity'**

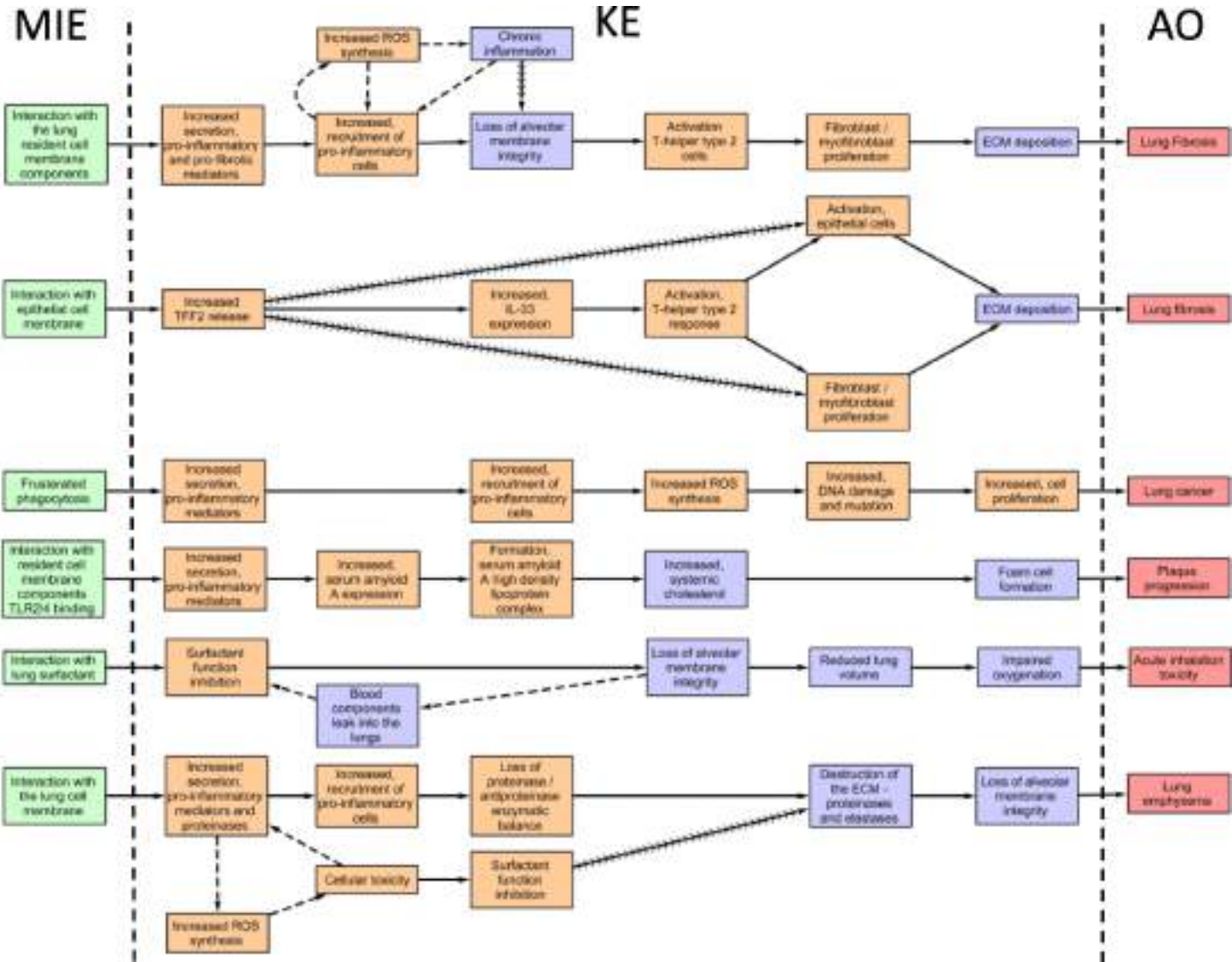
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'Frustrated phagocytosis'
(material too long so that it cannot be fully internalized)



Donaldson et al., Part Fibre Toxicol. 2010



Macrophage fusion as surrogate for 'Frustrated phagocytosis'

May–Grünwald–Giemsa stain (light microscopy x400)

Exposure of NR8383 rat alveolar macrophages to 12µg/mL of NRCWE 006 for 24h

Blue arrows: CNT

White arrows: macrophage syncytia (macrophage fusion)

(Comparison with long and thin CNT (NM 401) in progress)



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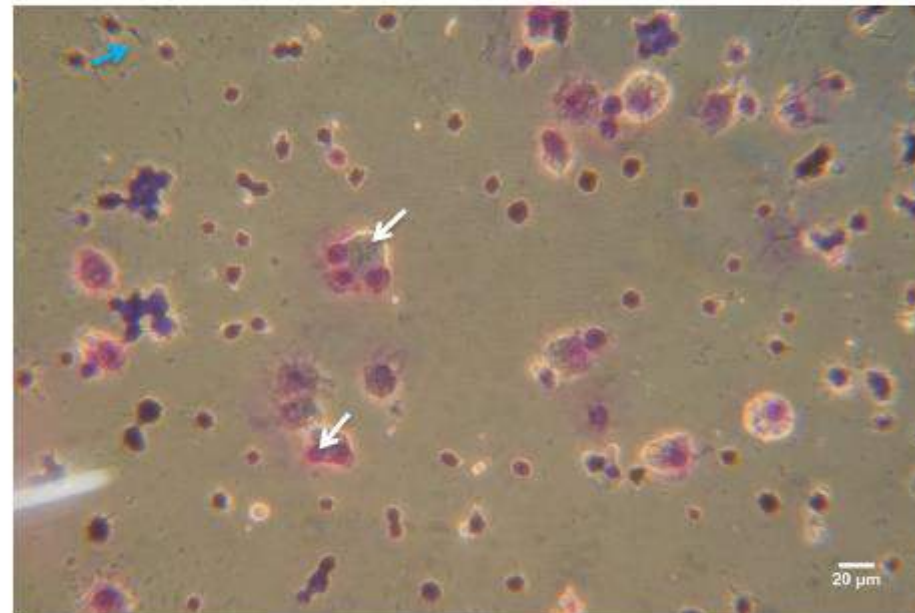
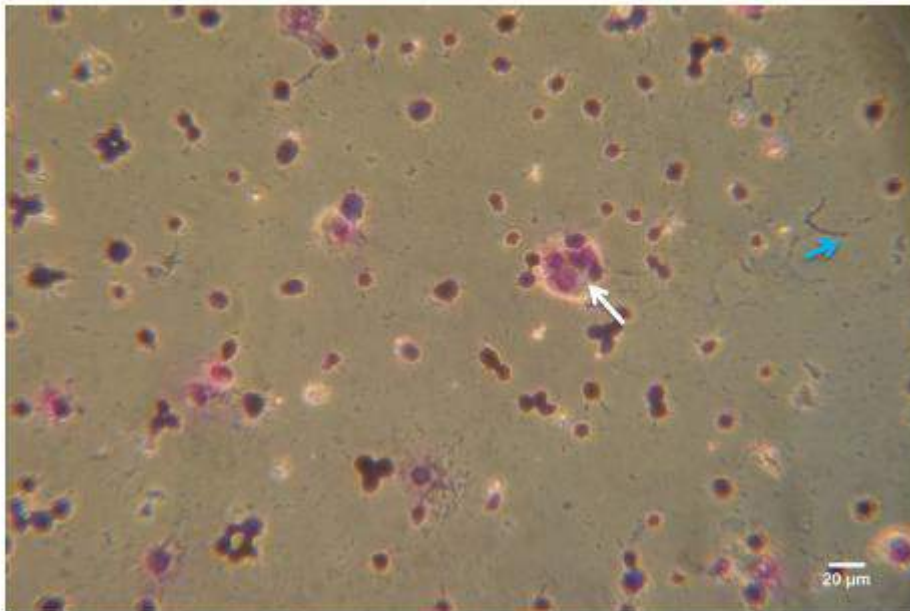


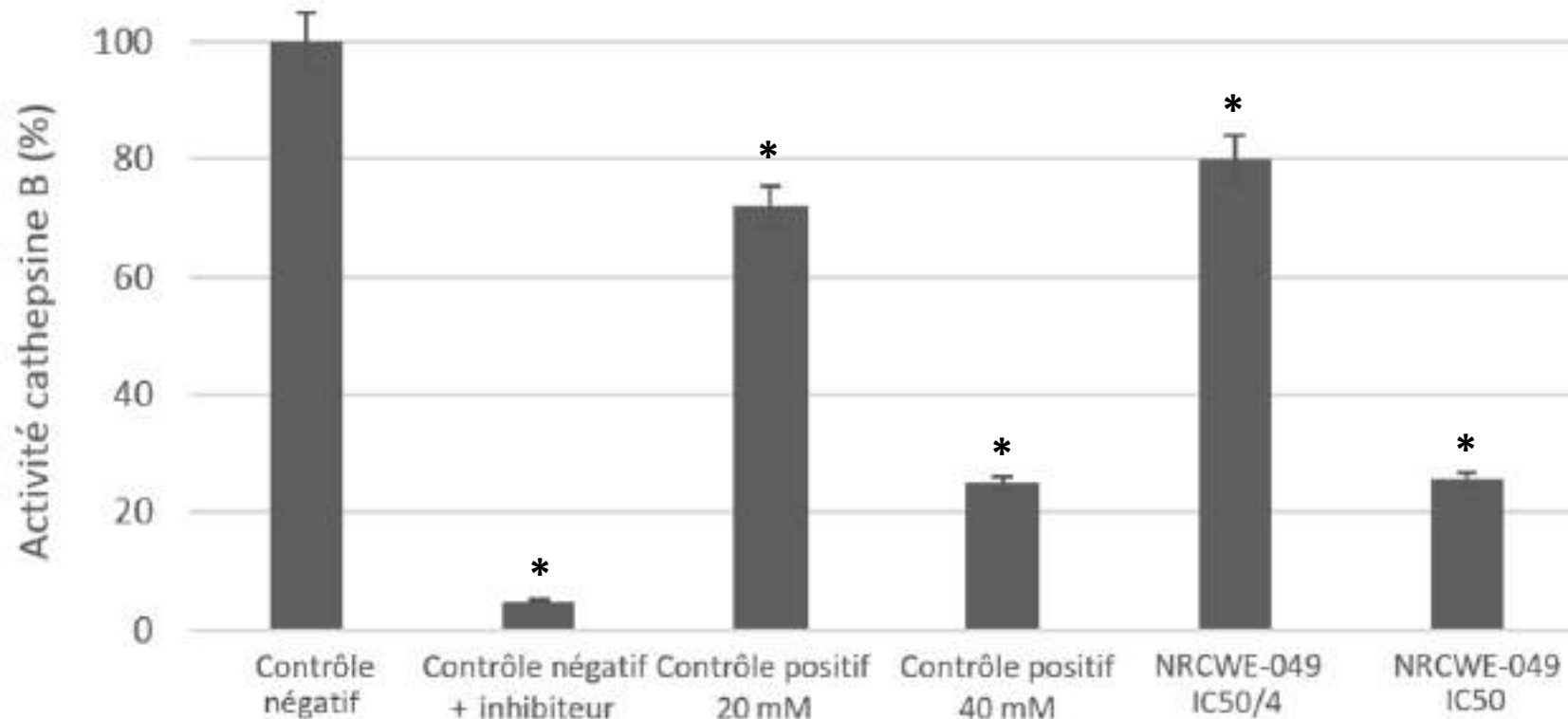
Figure 15 : Photographie de microscopie optique (X400) de macrophages NR8383 après traitement de 24h à NRCWE-006 à 12µg/ml. Les cellules déposées sur une lame de verre ont été fixées et colorées selon la technique de Giemsa. On peut observer les CNT (flèches bleues). Parmi les cellules vivantes on peut observer également la présence de syncytia (flèches blanches).

NM interaction with lysosome membranes - Cathepsin B assay



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Cytoplasmatic Cathepsin B activity as indicator for lysosomal membrane destabilization



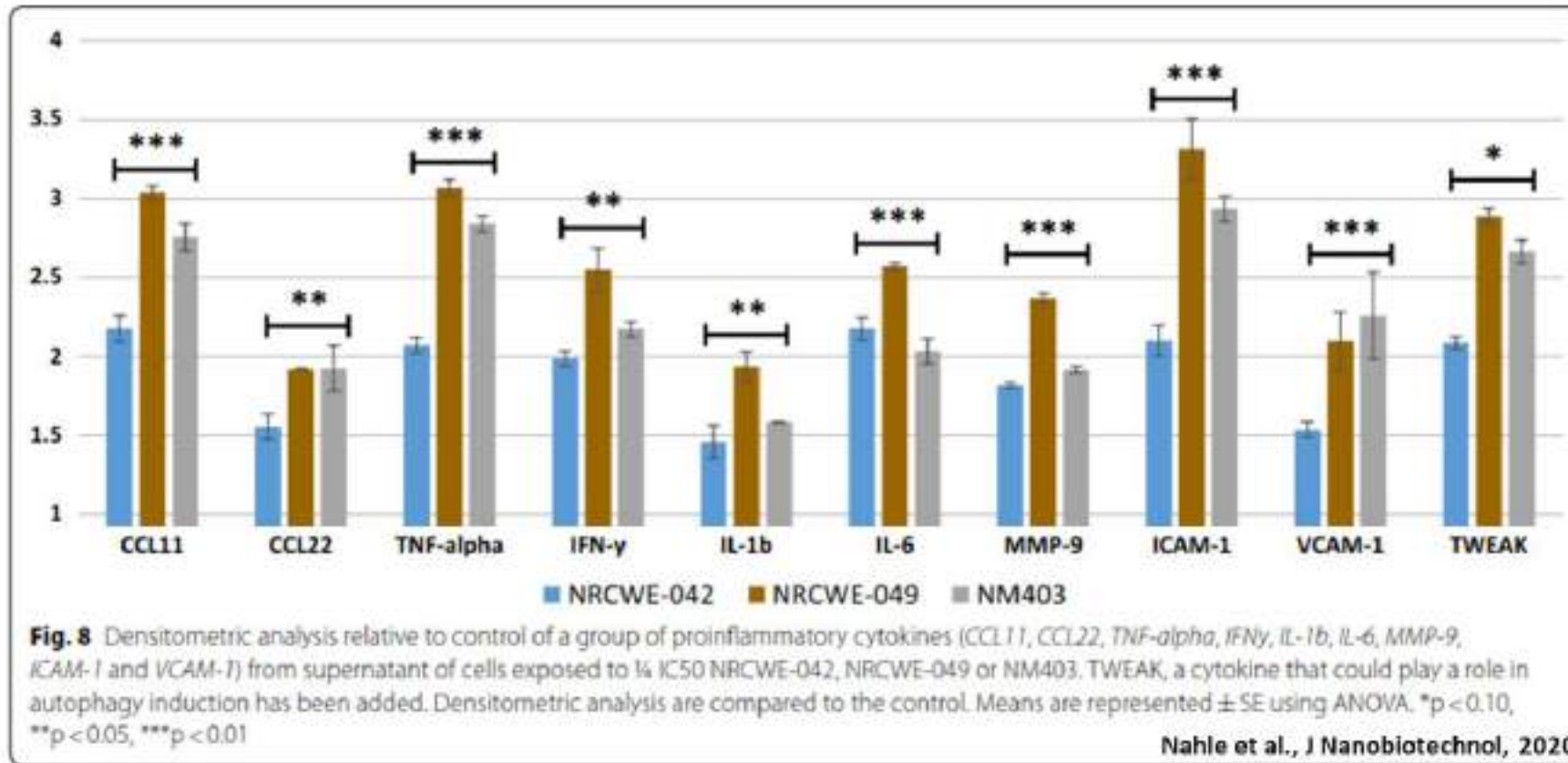
→ CNT-NH2 seem able to permeabilize lysosomal membranes

Cytokine profiling to detect 'secretion of inflammatory mediators'



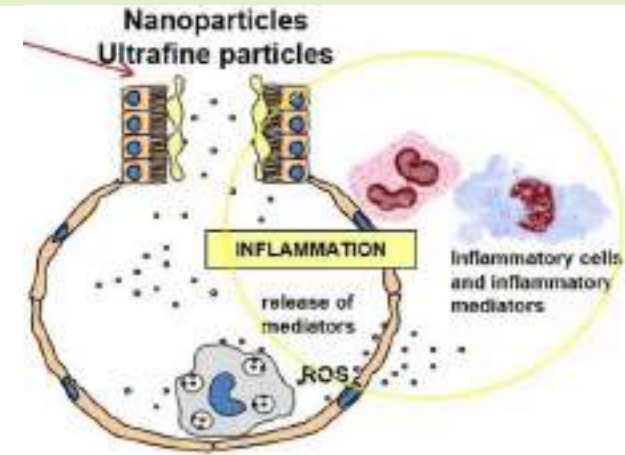
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Protein supernatant levels of NR8383 rat alveolar macrophages exposed to different CNTs at doses of $\frac{1}{4}$ IC50 (*metal oxides in progress*)



Secretion of pro-inflammatory mediators from lung cells

? Question : Which cell type is initiating the *Molecular Initiating Event* (MIE) or Executing the *Key Event* (KE) to start the inflammatory response?
Which cell type has to be used for the *Smart Assay*?



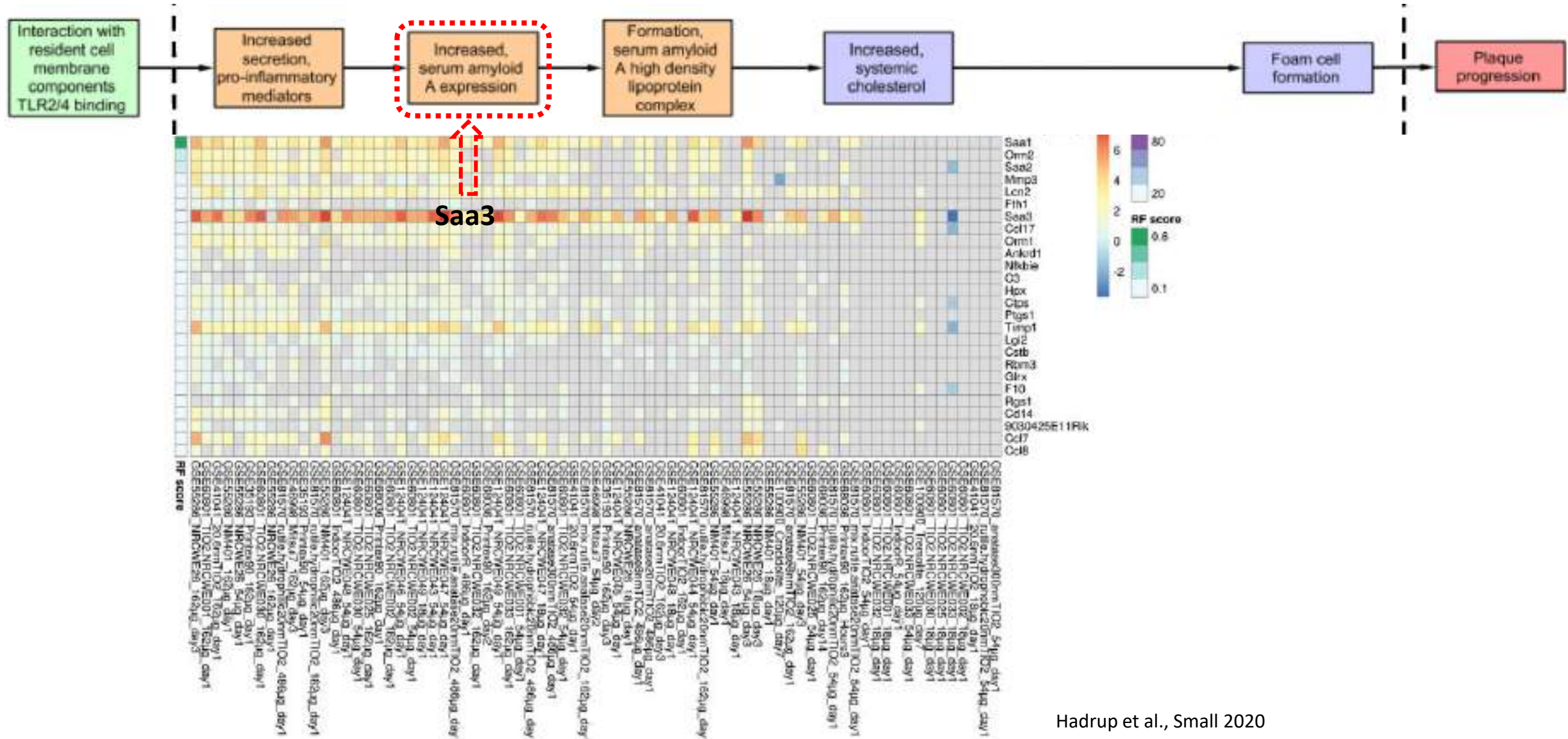
Mouse *in vitro* results:

In murine alveolar epithelial cells (LA4) and alveolar macrophages (MHS) and at doses up to IC₅₀ the NMs: **DQ12, ZnO/NM110, MWCNT/NM401, MWCNT/Mitsui7, DWCNTs** and **CB/Printex90** failed to cause a significant release for any of the cytokines: **CXCL1, -2, -5, TNF α , IL-1 β and IL-33**

In murine bone marrow derived macrophages (Ana1) doses of 60% viability **NO inflammatory signature** (Affymetrix, >2fold) is detected 3h, 9h and 24h after exposure to **CB/Printex90** and only a very moderate one for **DWCNTs** (Mmp12: x7, Il1rn: x4, Rgs1 x3). However after 30min treatment, ROS (cellular DCFH) and MAPK-signaling (p38, ERK1/2) are significantly induced.

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scRNA sequencing of mouse lungs exposed to LPS, CB/Ptx90, MWCNT/Mitsui7 and DWCNT, 12h and 6 and 28days after exposure

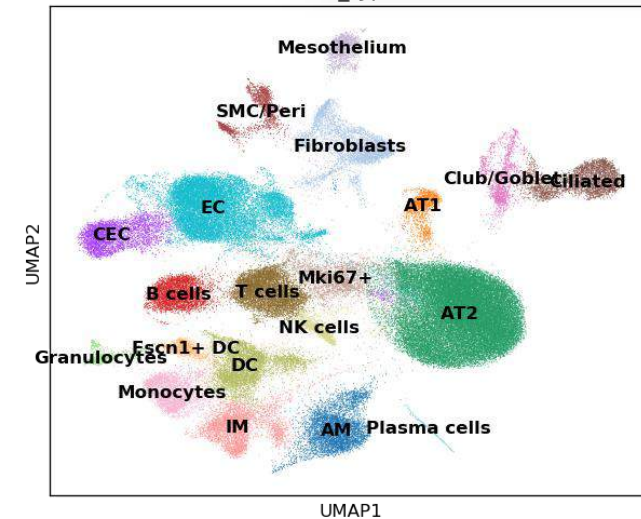
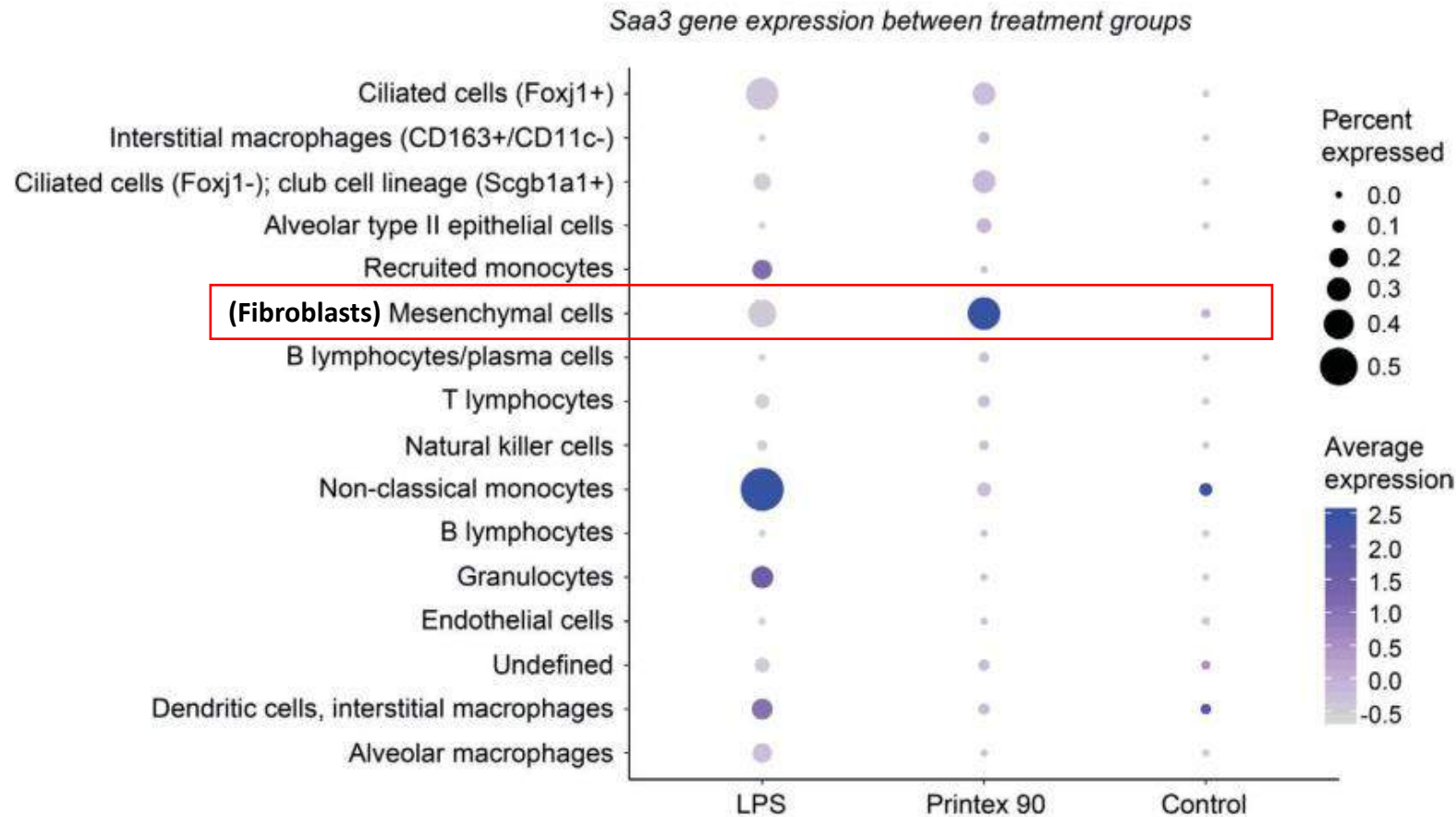
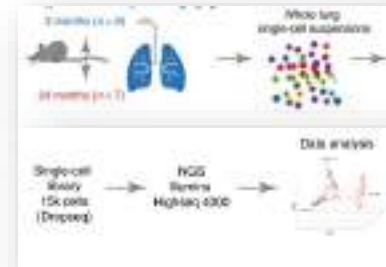


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Carola Voss Herbert Schiller



➔ Unexpected role for lung fibroblasts in the acute phase response to NMs

Secretion of pro-inflammatory mediators from epithelial lung cells

Chen et al. *Particle and Fibre Toxicology* (2016) 13:33
DOI 10.1186/s12989-016-0144-6

Particle and Fibre Toxicology

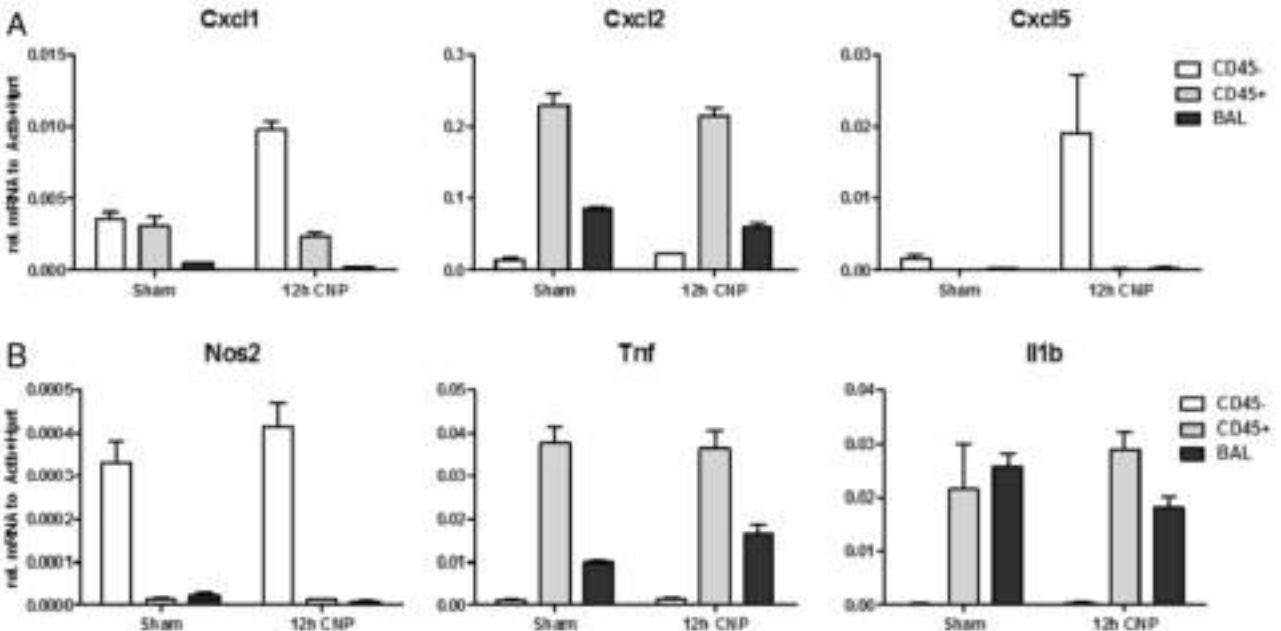
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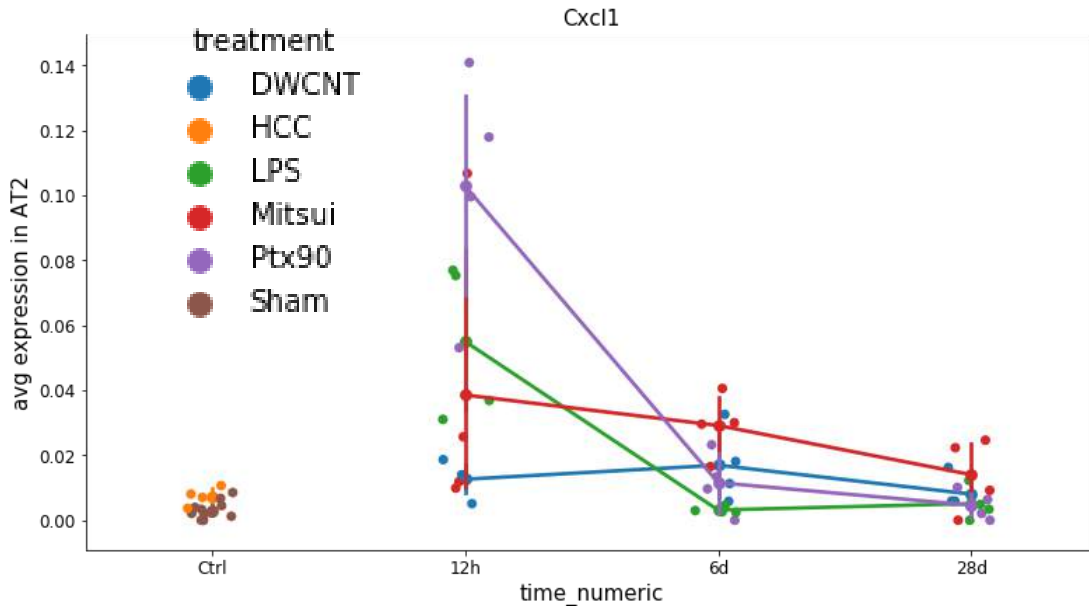


No involvement of alveolar macrophages in the initiation of carbon nanoparticle induced acute lung inflammation in mice

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Murine alveolar epithelial cells (AT2) show a unique inflammatory signature for CB/Ptx90

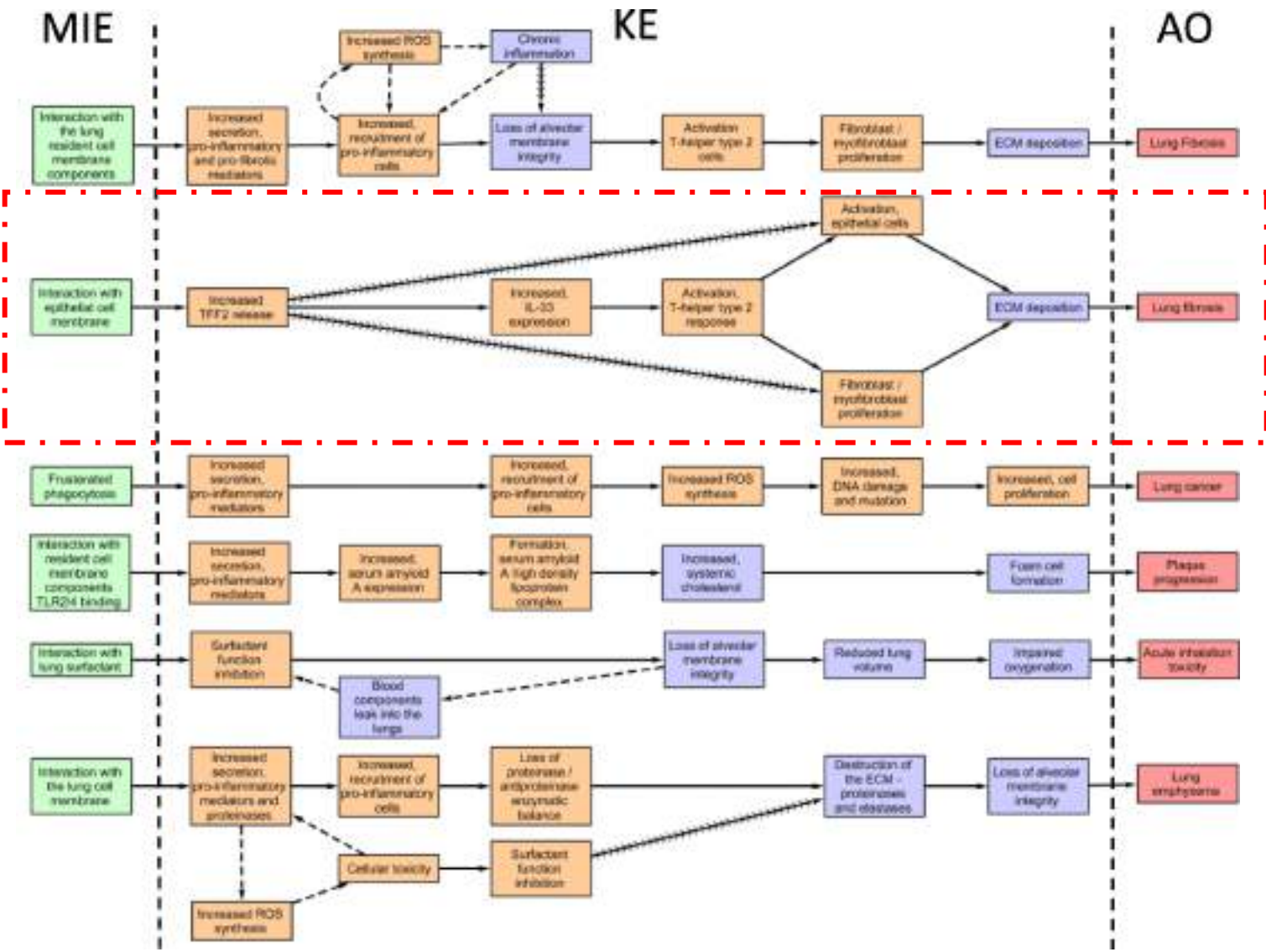


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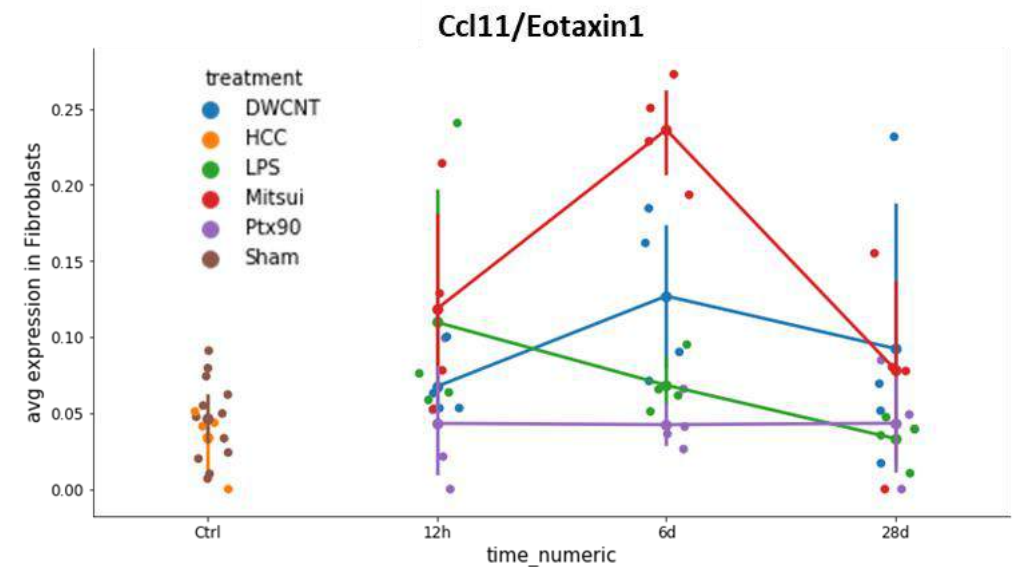
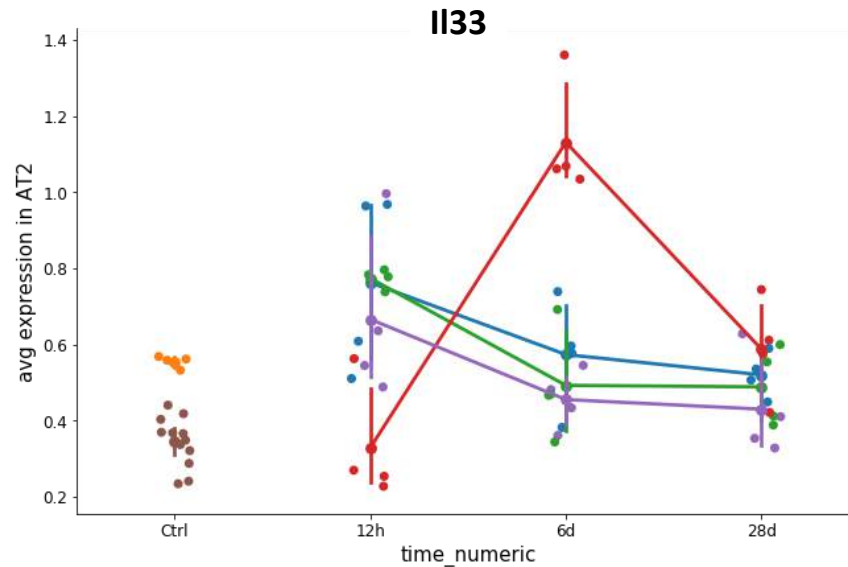
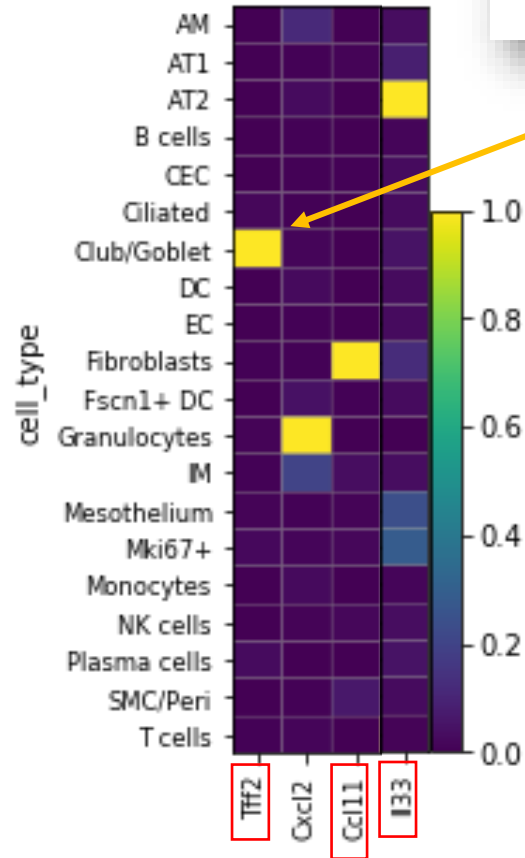
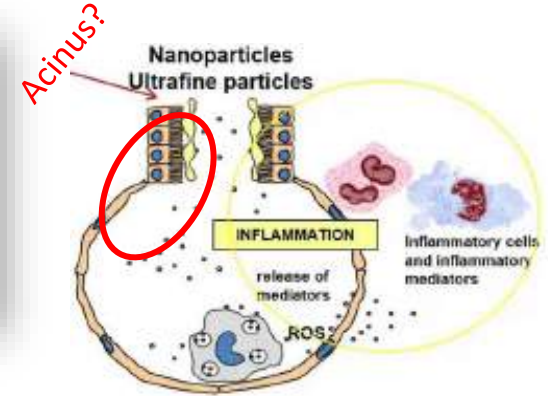
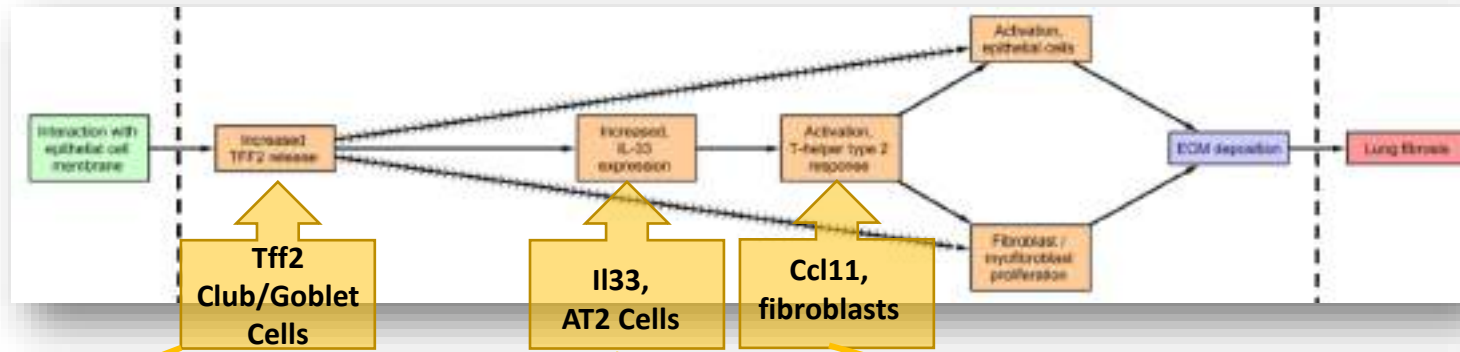
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Tff2-Il33-Th2
Fibrosis-AOP

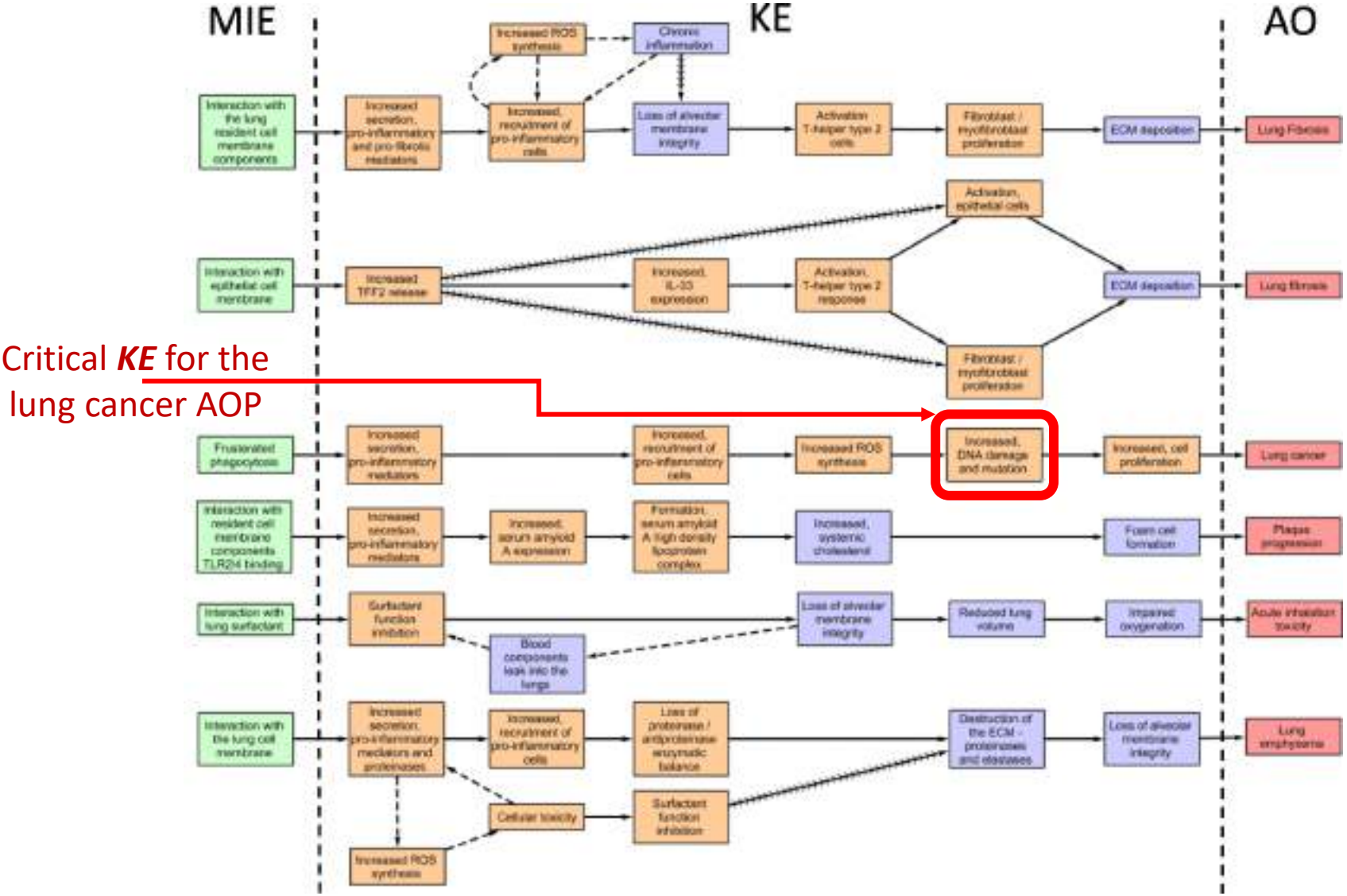


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Critical **KE** for the lung cancer AOP

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Rapid (one week) *in vitro* mutation detection screen

Murine or human benign lung epithelial cells were treated with NMs and environmental carcinogens for 8 hours, and cells were continuing cultured for 7 days, before analysis by RNAseq.

Georgios Stathopoulos

Molecular Lung Carcinogenesis

<https://www.helmholtz-muenchen.de/ilbd/research/ilbdcpc-research-groups/molecular-lung-carcinogenesis-stathopoulos-lab/main-projects/index.html>



Sabine Behrend, Georgia Giotopoulou; Anne-Sophie Lamort; Mario Pepe



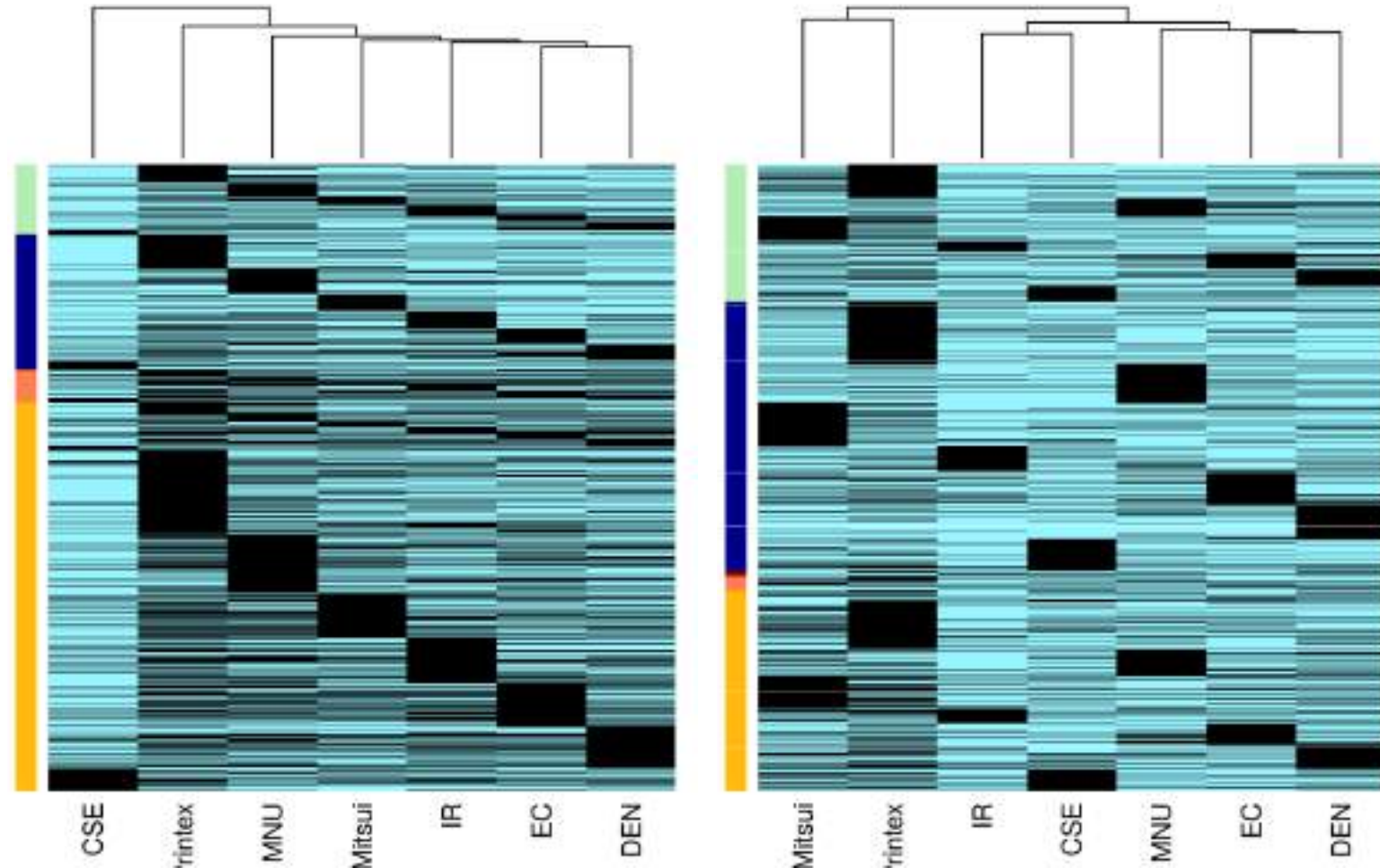
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Smart assay: *in vitro* mutation detection screen

Clustering of DNA polymorphisms detected in mouse and human lung epithelial cells

HBEC (human)

MLE12 (mouse)



RNA sequencing of human (16HBEo) and mouse (MLE12) lung epithelial cells 7d after a 7h NM exposure with CNP/Ptx90 and CNT/Mitsui7, and several lung carcinogens.

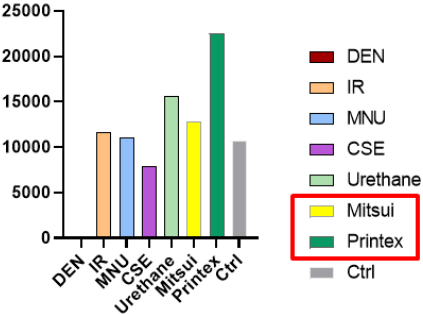
Cells cultured in 6 well plates (DMEM 10%FBS 1%P/S) treated for 7 hours with the doses for IC50, (1/3 IC50 and 3x IC50) daily changed the medium, cultured for 7 days.

CSE	Cigarette smoke extract
IR	irradiation, 4 gray)
EC	Ethylene carbonate
MNU	Methyl nitrosoarea
DEN	Diethylnitrosoamine

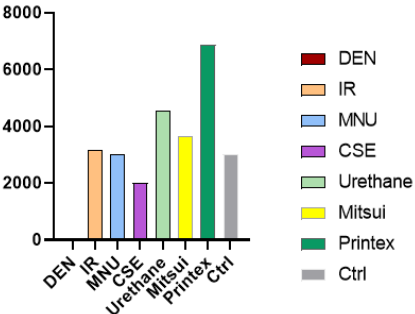
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MLE12

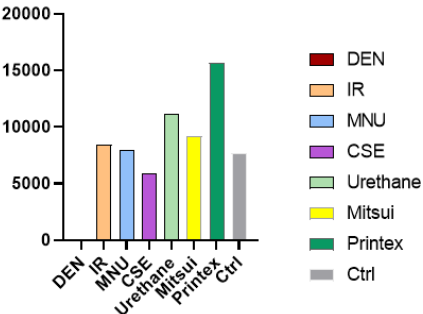
Total number of mutations



Total number of SNVs

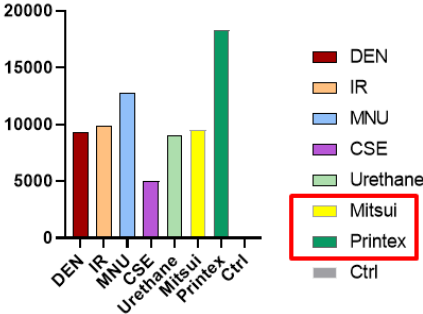


Total number of indels

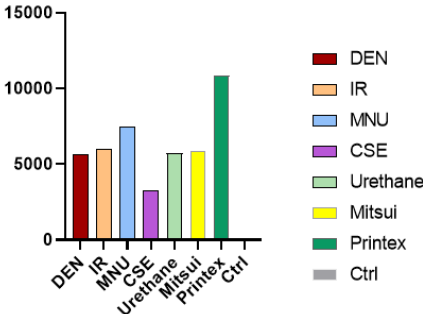


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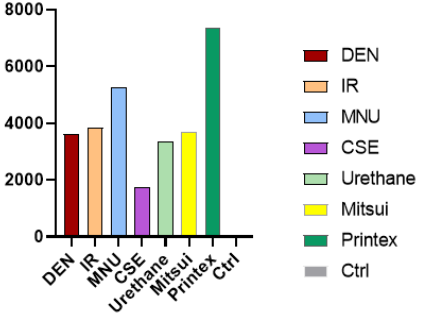
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➔ Very promising *in vitro* approach (Smart Assay) for testing the mutagenicity of new materials

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List of Smart Assays under development

no.	Smart tests	Lead	AOP
1	Surfactometer	NRCWE	Acute Inhalation Toxicity
2	AM cell irritation (Tox, LysoTr, MM)	UL/HMGU	Chronic Inflammation/Fibrosis/Cancer
3	AEC irritation (Tox)	HMGU	Chronic Inflammation/Fibrosis/Cancer
4	AEC cytokine release	UL/HMGU	Chronic Inflammation/Fibrosis/Cancer
5	AM cytotoxicity	UL/HMGU	Chronic Inflammation/Fibrosis/Cancer
6	AM frustrated phagocytosis	UL	Chronic Inflammation/Fibrosis/Cancer
7	Fibrobl. Acute Phase/ Saa3	HMGU/NRCWE	Acute Phase Reaction /CVD
8	PS/NMs aggregate formation	IJS	TiO2-induced CVD/atherosclerosis
9	TF/F3 quantification (apical/basal)	IJS/HMGU	TiO2-induced CVD/atherosclerosis
10	EC activation in AEC/EC coculture	IJS/HMGU	TiO2-induced CVD/atherosclerosis
12	cell(?) Th2 cytokine release	HMGU/FIOH	Eosinophilic Chronic Inflammation (HARN Injury)
13	AEC IL33/TFF2	HMGU/FIOH	Eosinophilic Chronic Inflammation (HARN Injury)
15	Multi-parameter phys-chem testing	UCD/HMGU	Acute inflammation (neutrophil/eosinophilic)
16	coronomics adsorption	UCD/HMGU	AOP grouping (neutrophil/eosinophil)

- **finalized**
- **in progress**
- **problematic**

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