
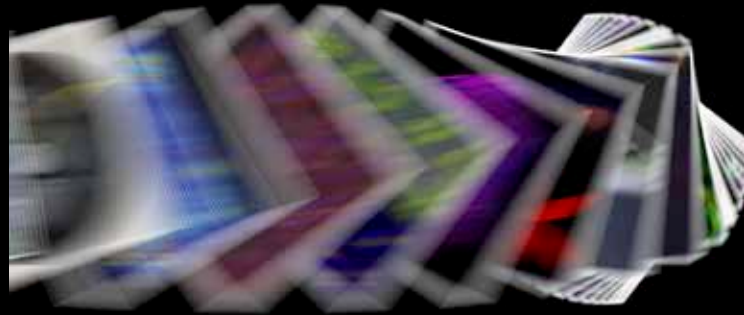


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# Biologically Inspired Engineering: The Next Technology Wave

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# our Mission

*To transform healthcare and the environment  
by emulating the way Nature builds*





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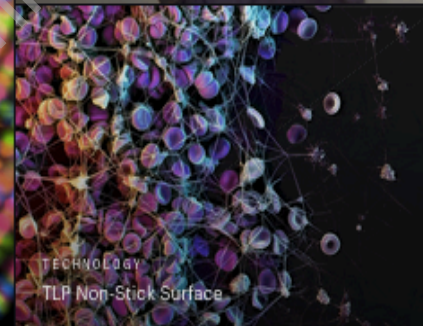
### Wyss Institute launches ReadCoor

The new startup company will commercialize 3D in situ gene sequencing technology



NEWS

Rapid Zika test named "Best of What's New"



TECHNOLOGY

TLP Non-Stick Surface



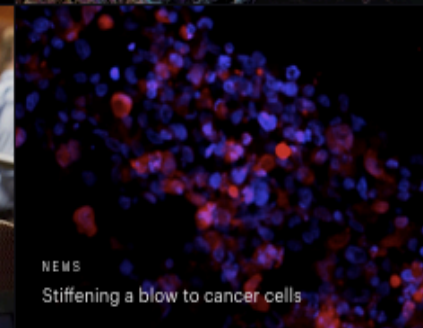
NEWS

Towards building functional human tissues



EVENT

Embracing the Environment



NEWS

Stiffening a blow to cancer cells

**Breakthrough discoveries  
cannot change the world if they  
do not leave the lab**

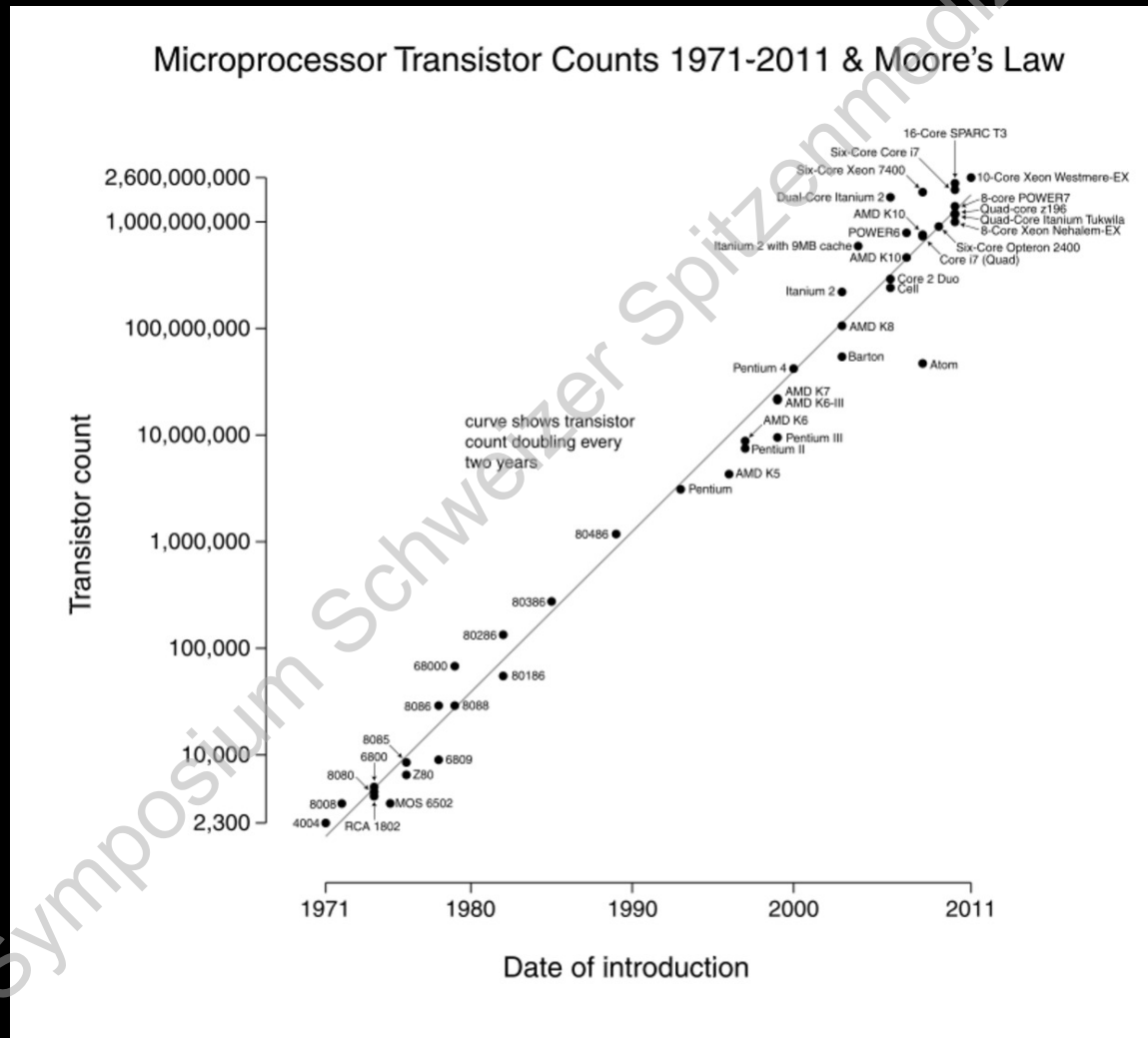
# THE BIG CHALLENGE: Current Drug Development Model is Broken



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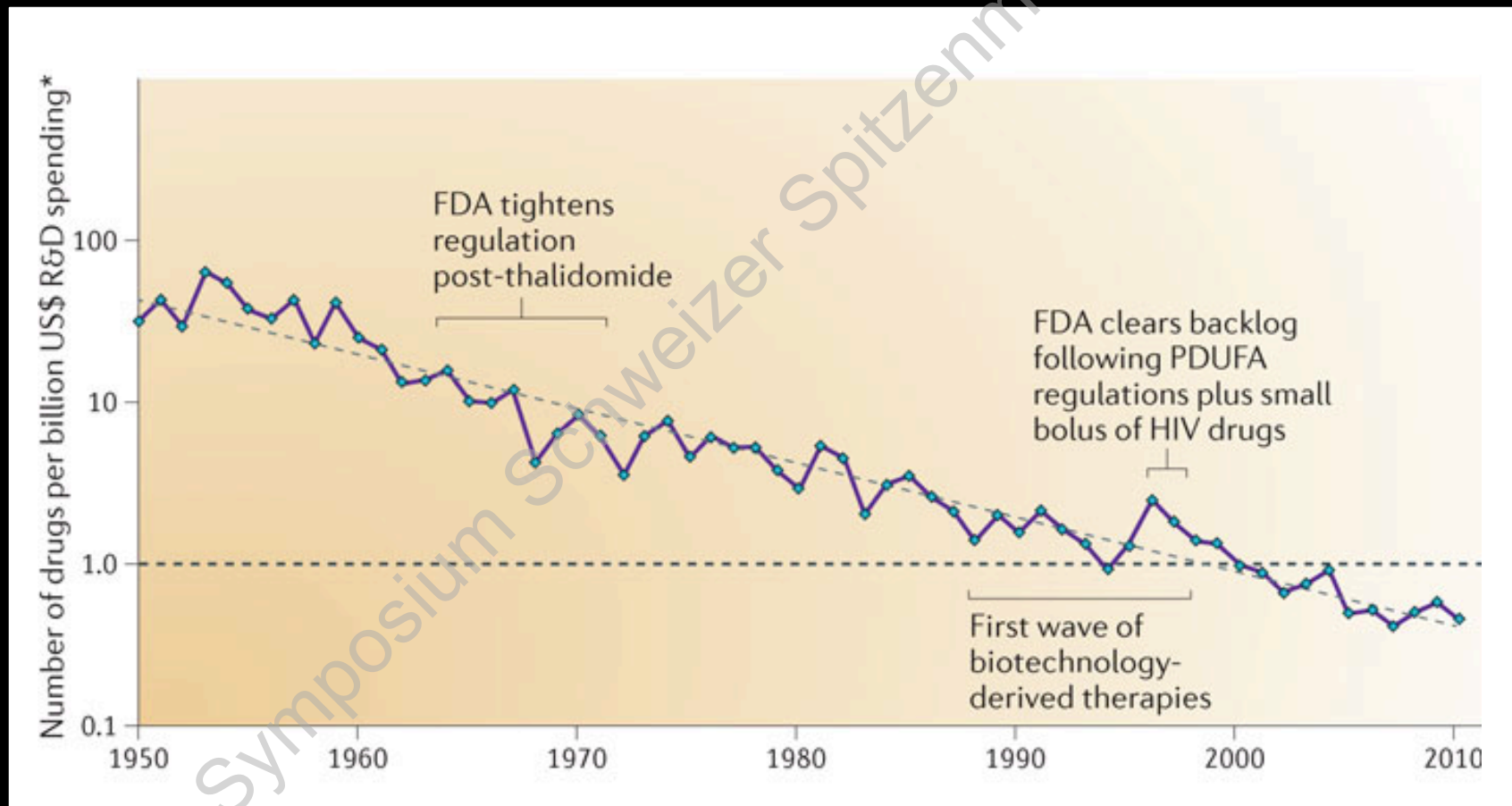
# Computer Power Doubles Every 18 Months

## Moore's Law



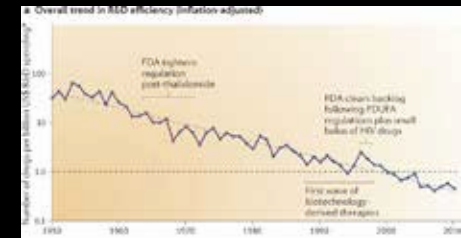
# Number of Medicines Invented HALVES Every 9 Years

Eroom's Law (Moore's law backwards)



# The Drug Development Model is Broken

- Cost to develop & approve a new drug > \$2.6 Billion
- Cells cultured in dishes don't function like in our bodies
- Animal studies take years to complete
- Innumerable animal lives are lost
- Results often don't predict clinical responses!
- Lack of new drugs reaching patients



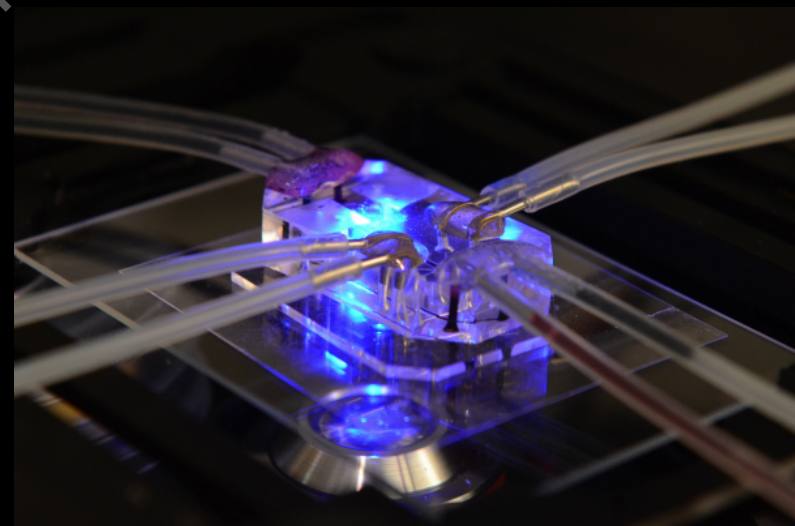
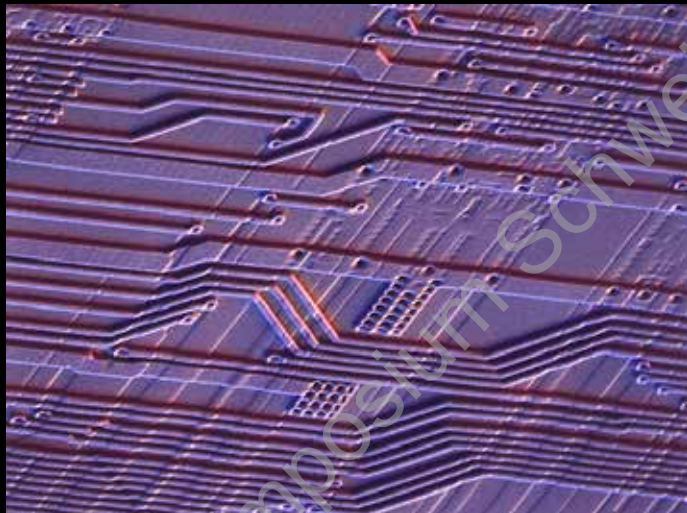
***Need better lab models that mimic whole human organ function***



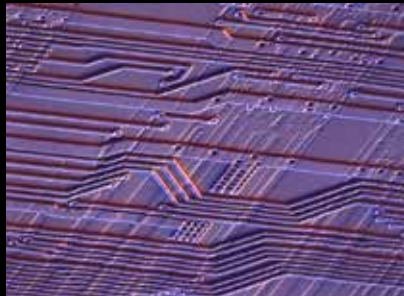
# Biomimetic Microsystems



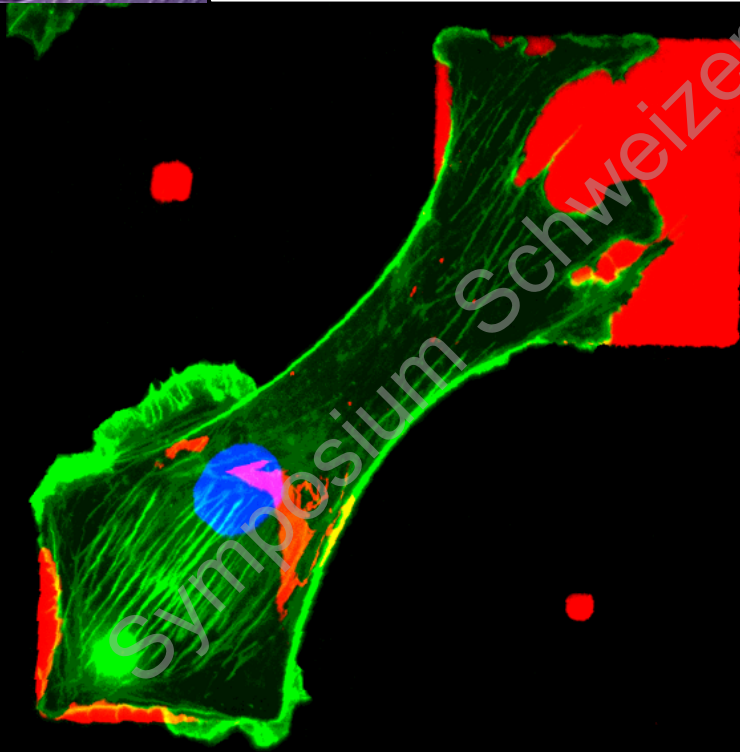
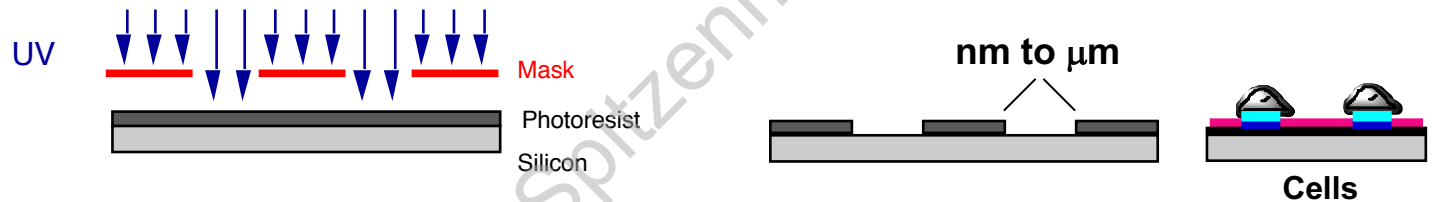
- Engineer microchips containing living human cells that reconstitute **organ-level functions**
- **ACCELERATE drug development & REPLACE animal testing**



# Microchip Manufacturing offers control of features at same size scale of living cells



## Photolithographic Etching:

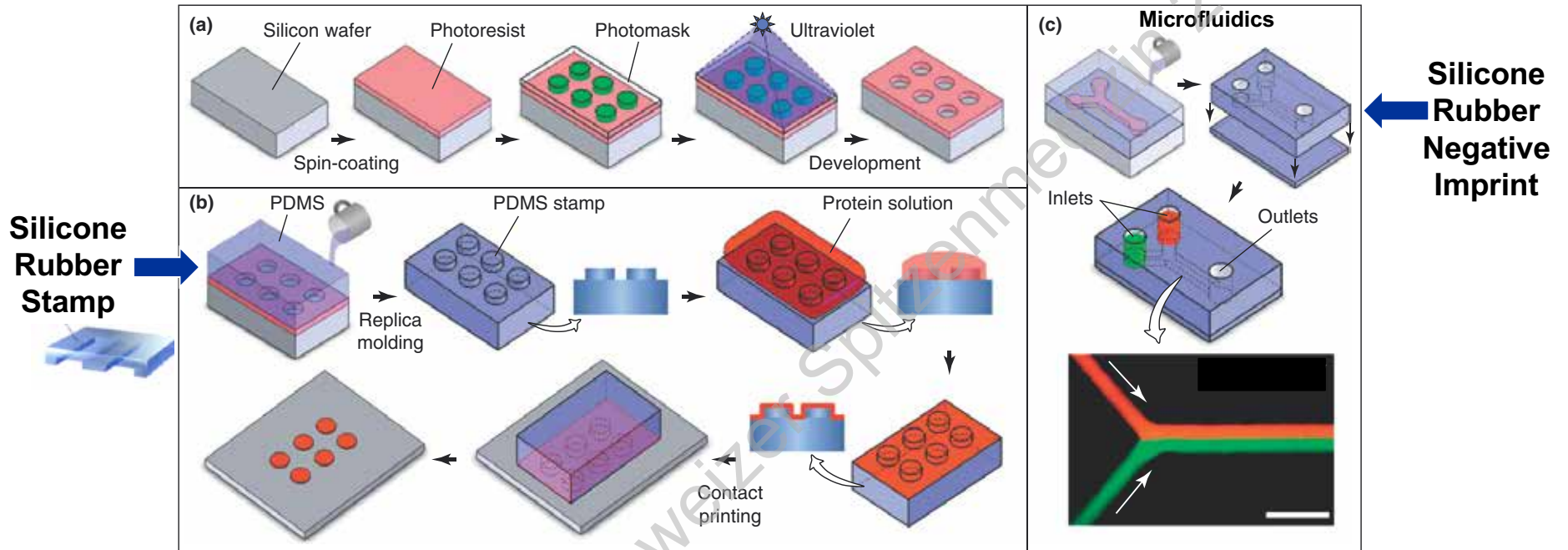


*1 nanometer is to 1 meter  
as a Blueberry's width is to the Earth's*

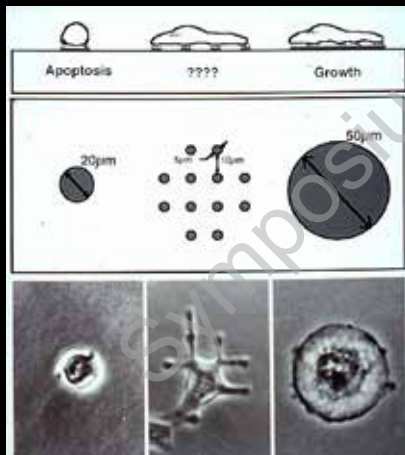


# 'Soft' Lithography Produces Surface Replicas

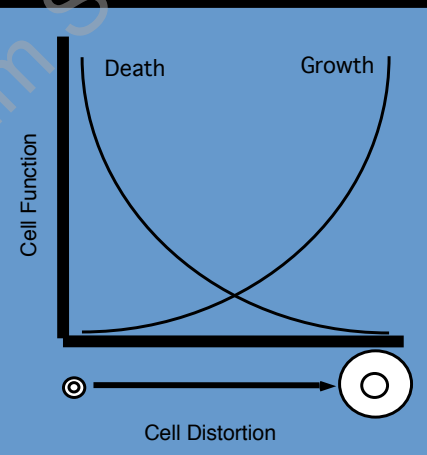
(developed with George Whitesides)



## Control Cell Shape & Function



(Chen et al., Science 1997)

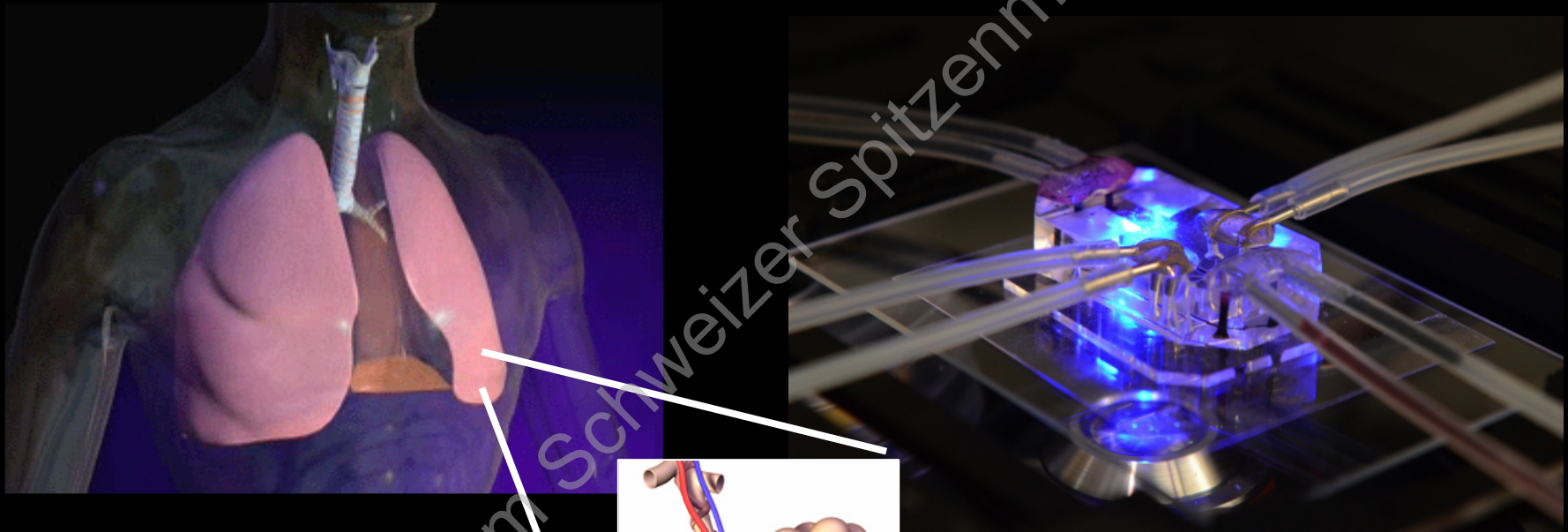


## Fluidic Flow at Cell Scale

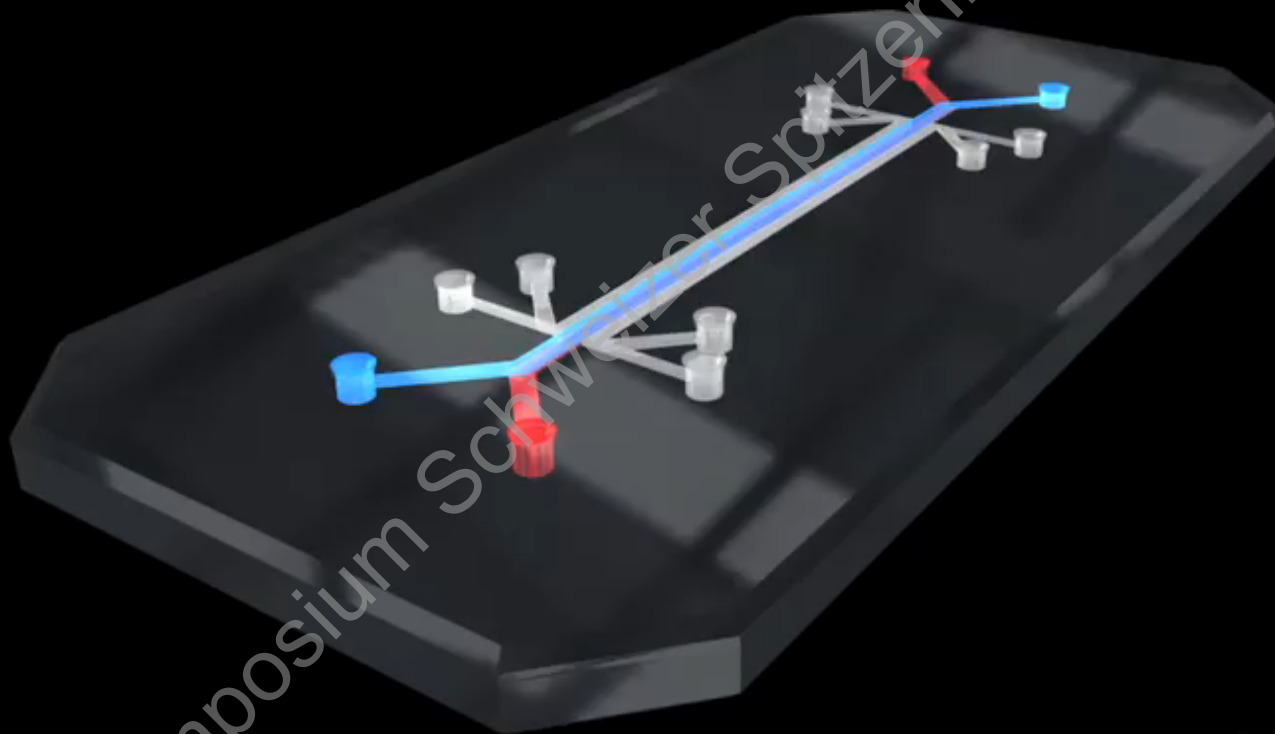


# A Human Breathing Lung-on-a-Chip

(Dan Huh, Wyss Institute; Huh et al., *Science* 2010)

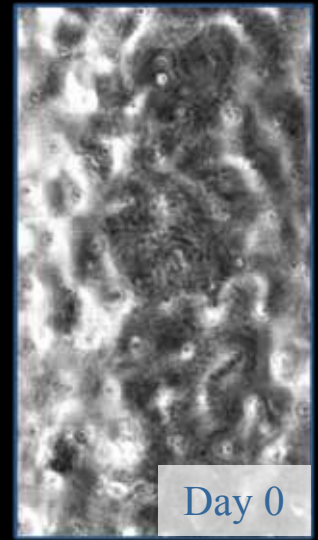
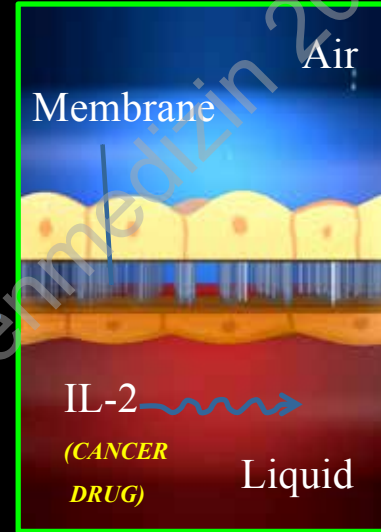
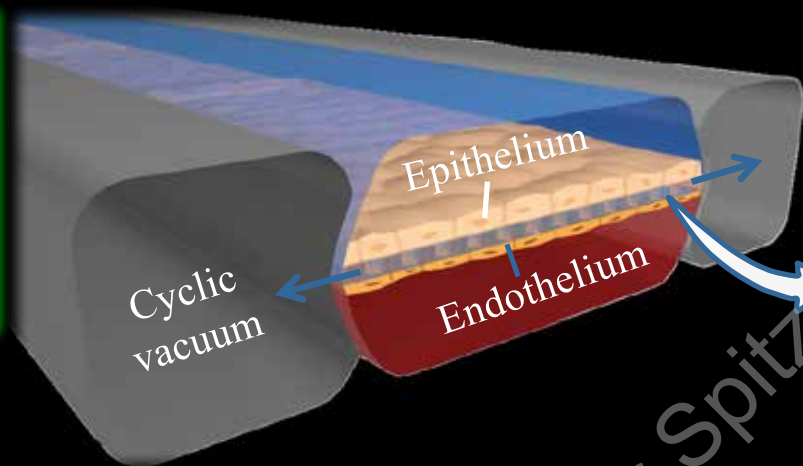


Alveoli (air sacs)

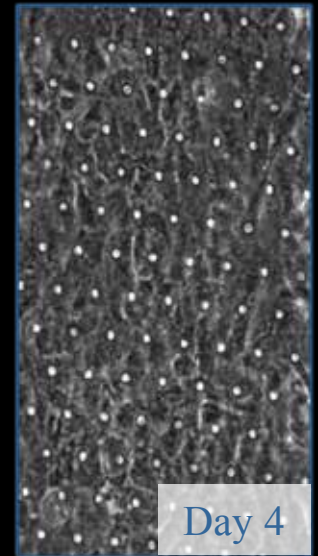
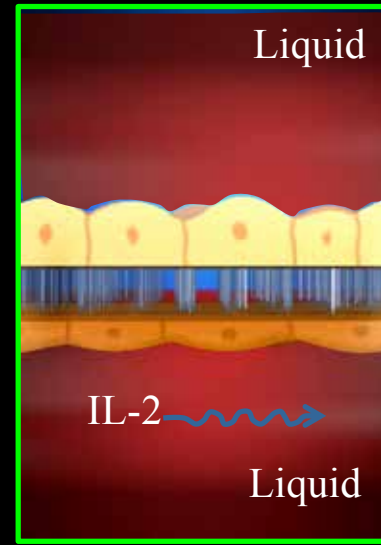
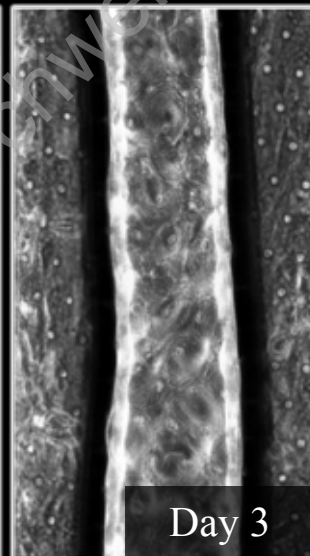
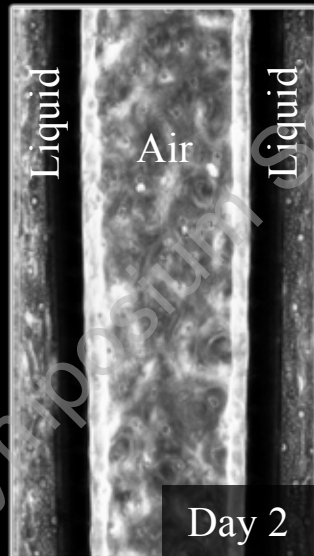
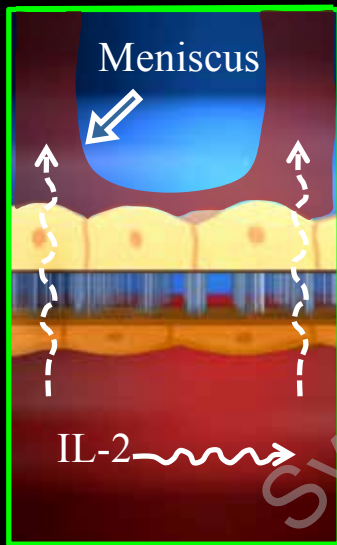


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# Human Disease Model: Pulmonary Edema ('Fluid on the Lungs')-on-a-Chip

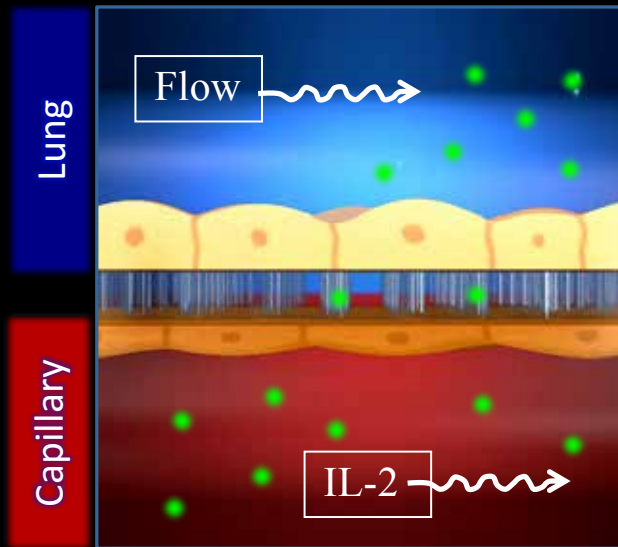


(Huh et al. *Sci. Trans. Med.*, 2012)

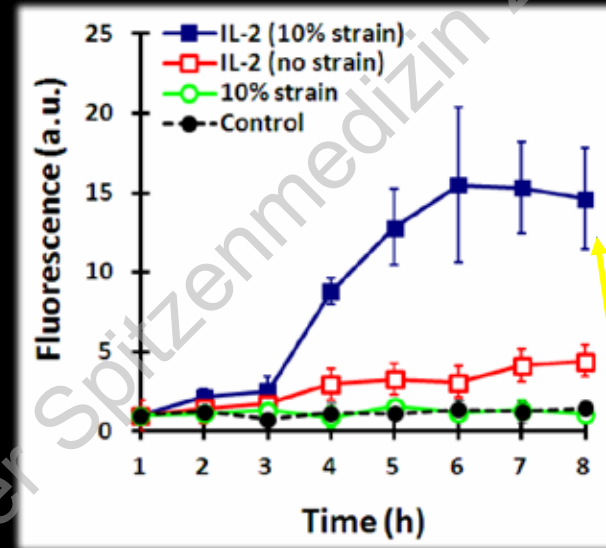


# Effects of IL-2 Cancer Drug on Lung Permeability (with GSK)

Vascular Leakage Model

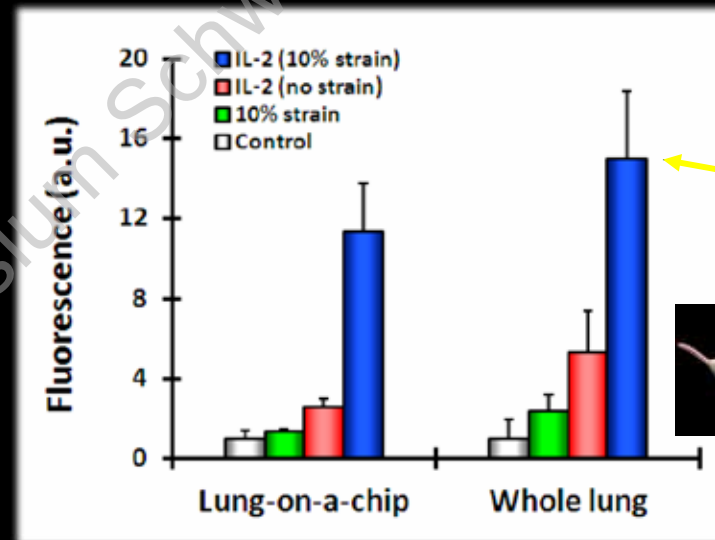


● FITC-inulin



On-Chip

Prediction  
Confirmed  
*In Vivo*

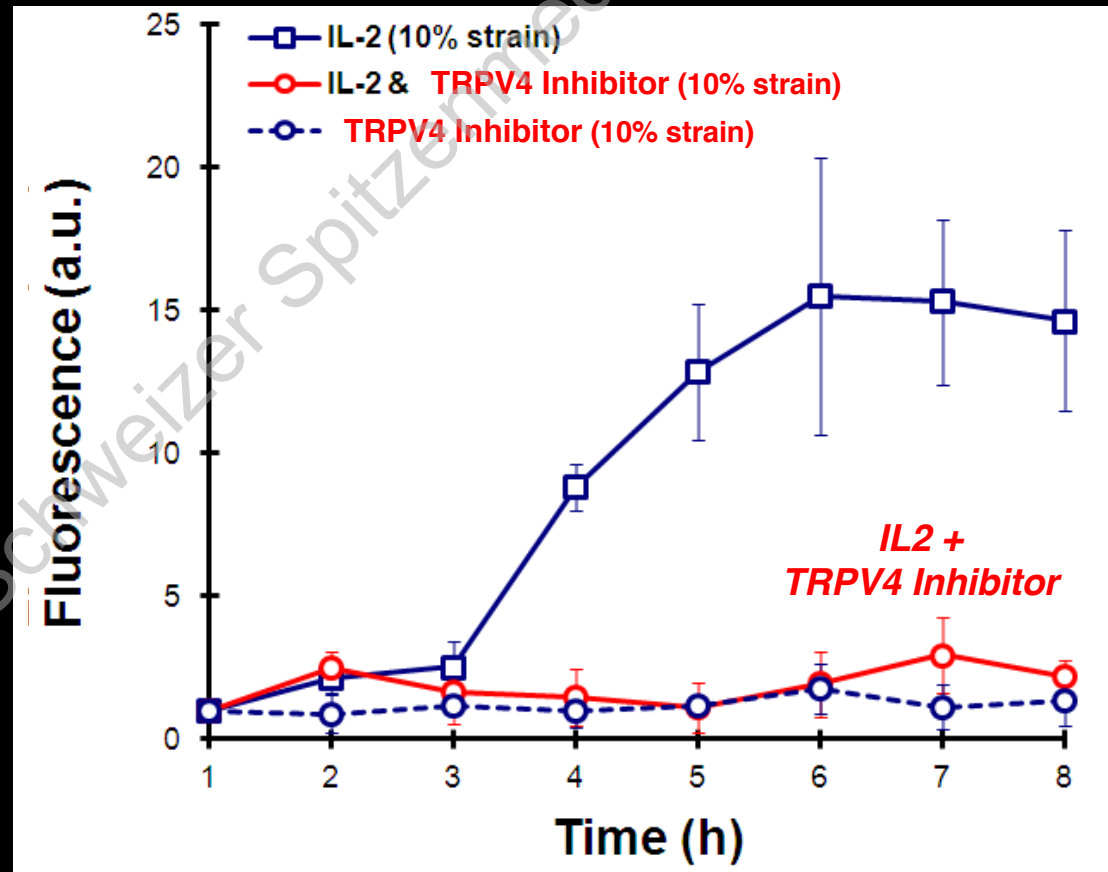
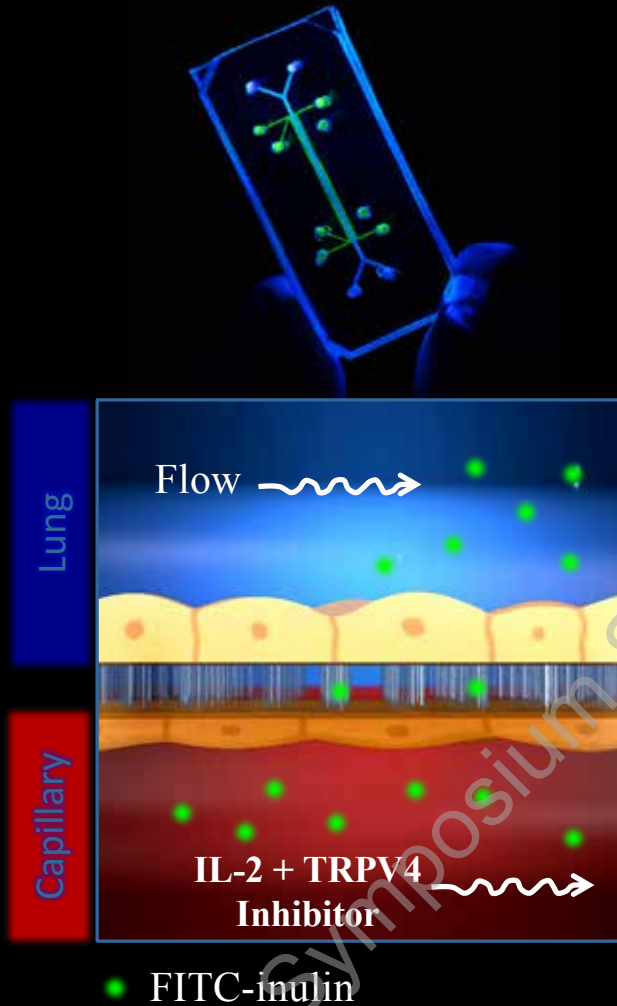


Breathing Motions  
Increase Drug  
Toxicity



# Predicting Drug Efficacy and Toxicity

## + Discovery of a Mechanotherapeutic

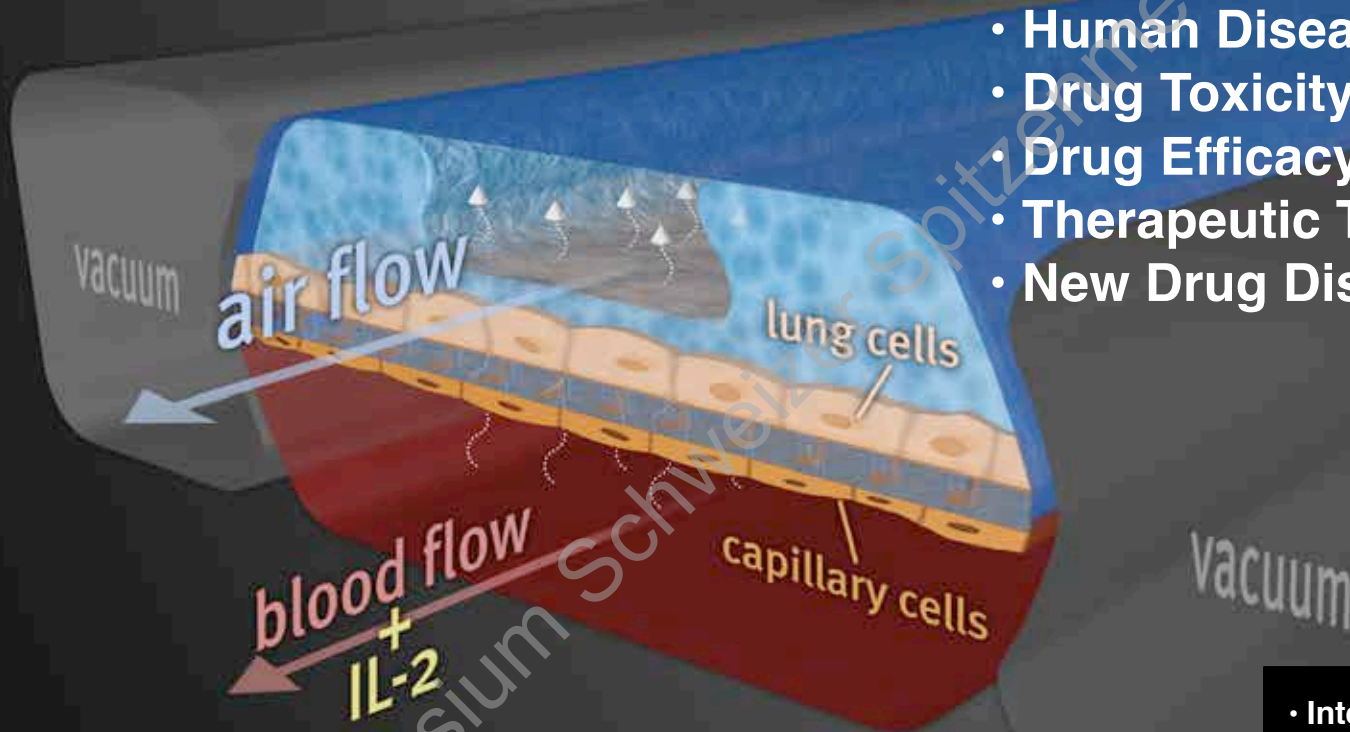




# Human Lung Alveolus Chip

Demonstrated PROOF-OF-PRINCIPLE for:

- Human Disease Model
- Drug Toxicity Model
- Drug Efficacy Model
- Therapeutic Target Discovery
- New Drug Discovery



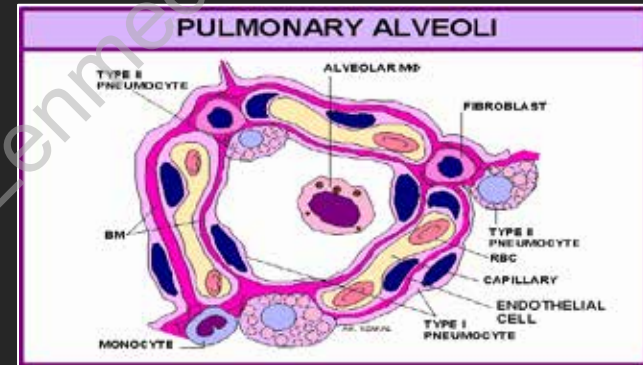
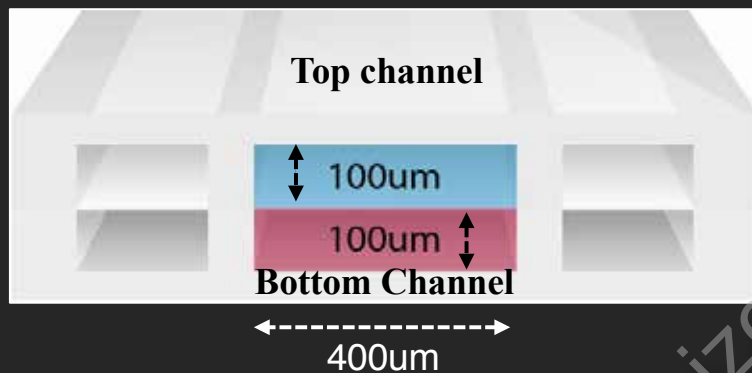
- International Design Award (London Design Museum) 2015
- Museum of Modern Art NY (MoMA- acquired for permanent collection) 2015

(Huh et al., *Science* 2010 & *Sci. Trans. Med.* 2012)

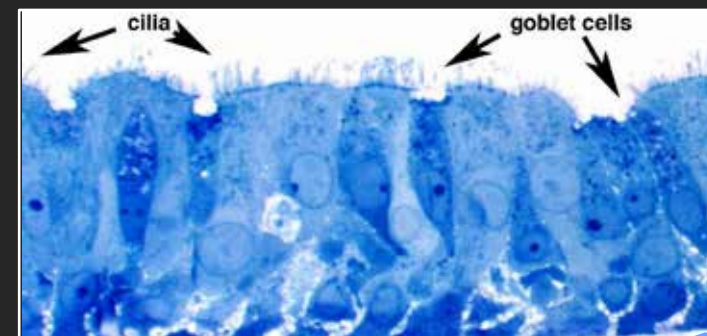
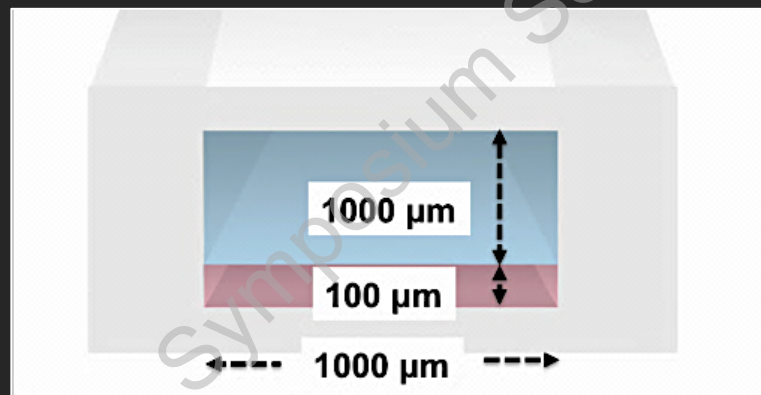
# Small Airway-On-A-Chip

(Benam et al., *Nature Methods* 2015 & *Cell Systems* 2016)

## 'Classic' Lung (Alveolus)-On-a-Chip



## Small Airway-On-a-Chip



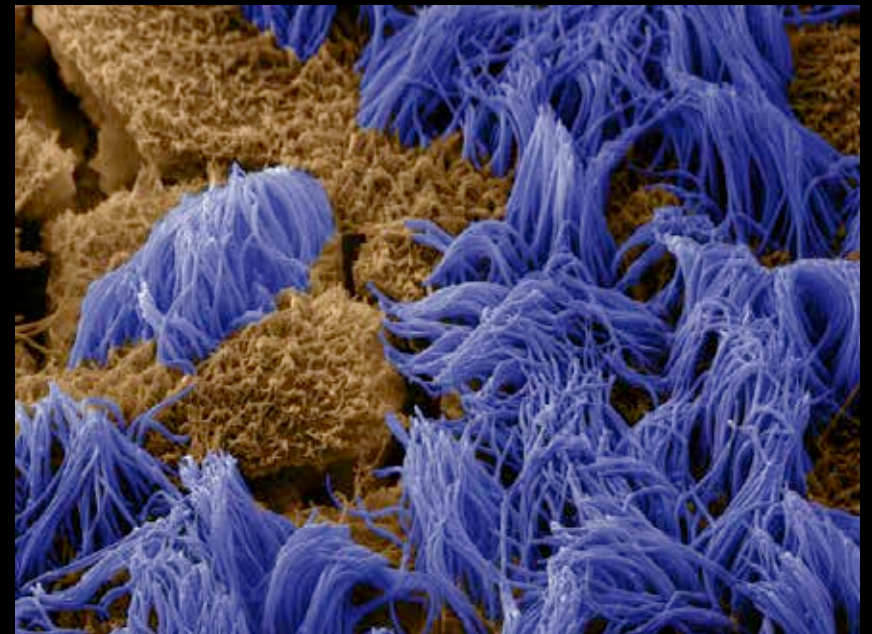
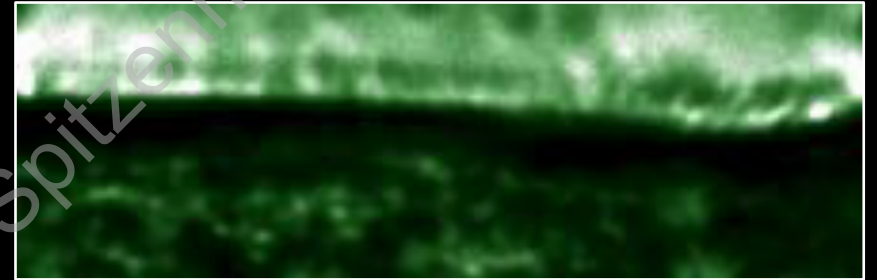
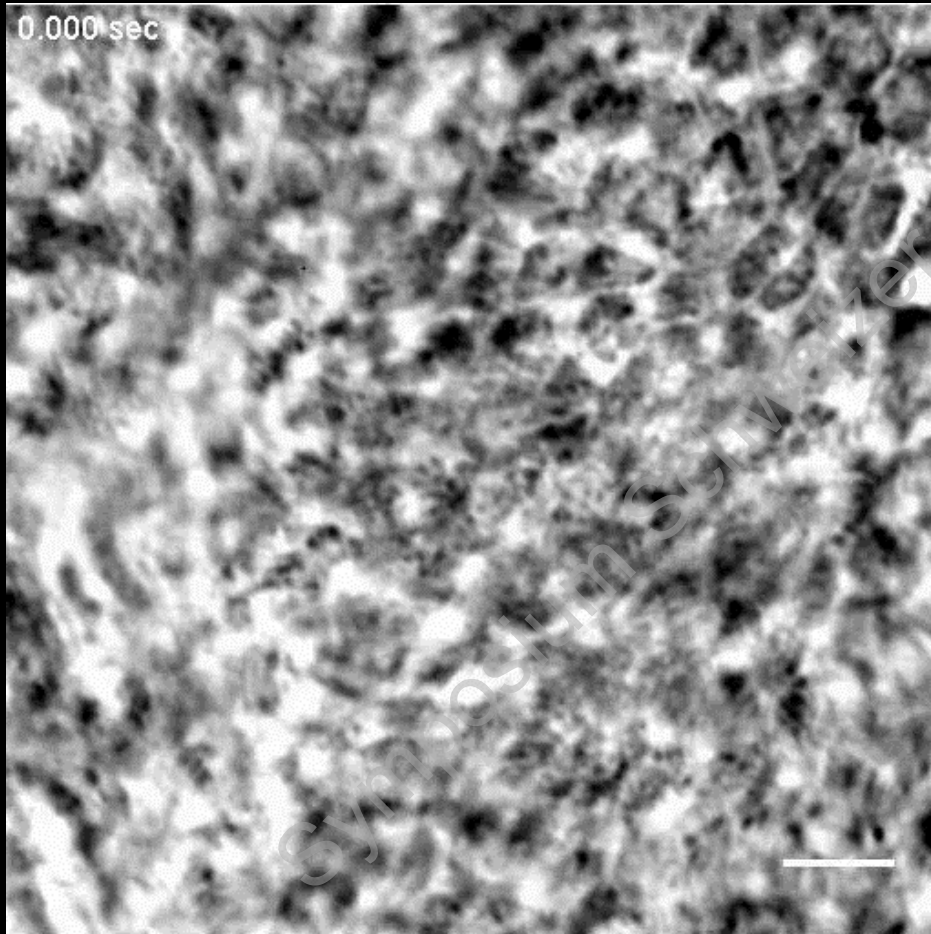
Small Airway:  
Diameter < 2 mm

# Beating Cilia in the Airway-on-a-Chip

*(time-lapse at 1/7<sup>th</sup> normal rate)*

Top View

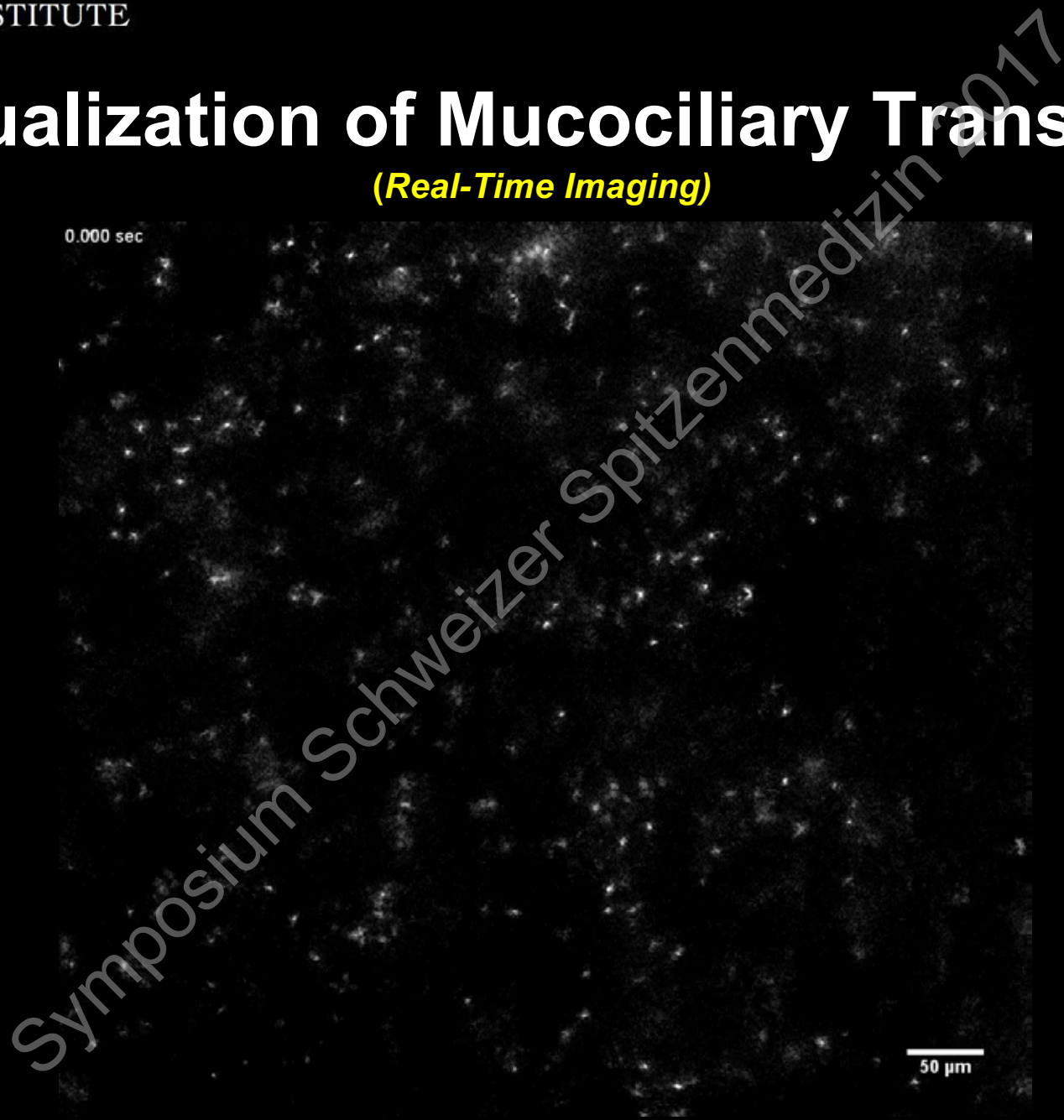
Side View



# Visualization of Mucociliary Transport

*(Real-Time Imaging)*

0.000 sec



50 µm

# Influenza Virus Infection-on-a-Chip

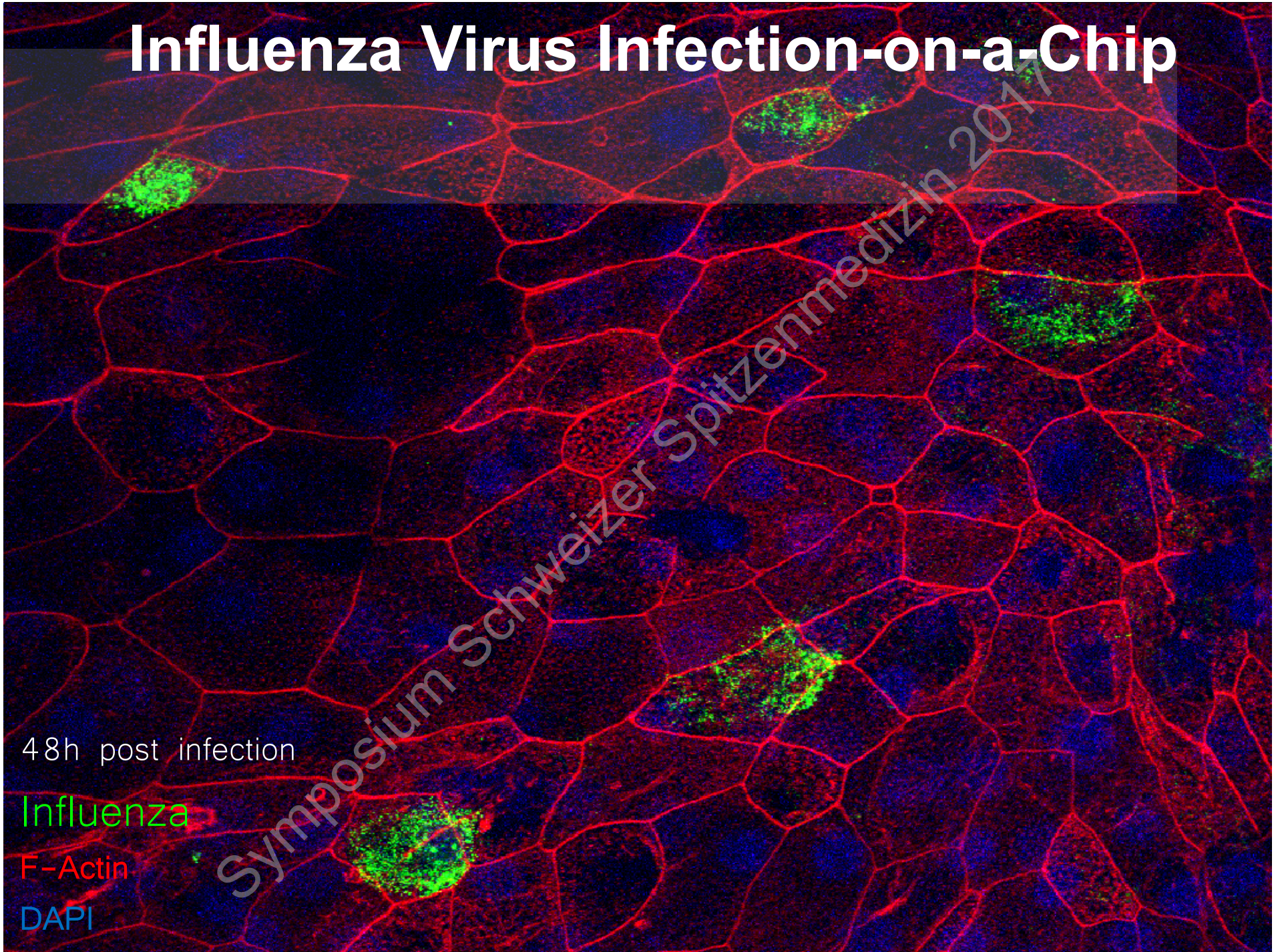
48h post infection

Influenza

F-Actin

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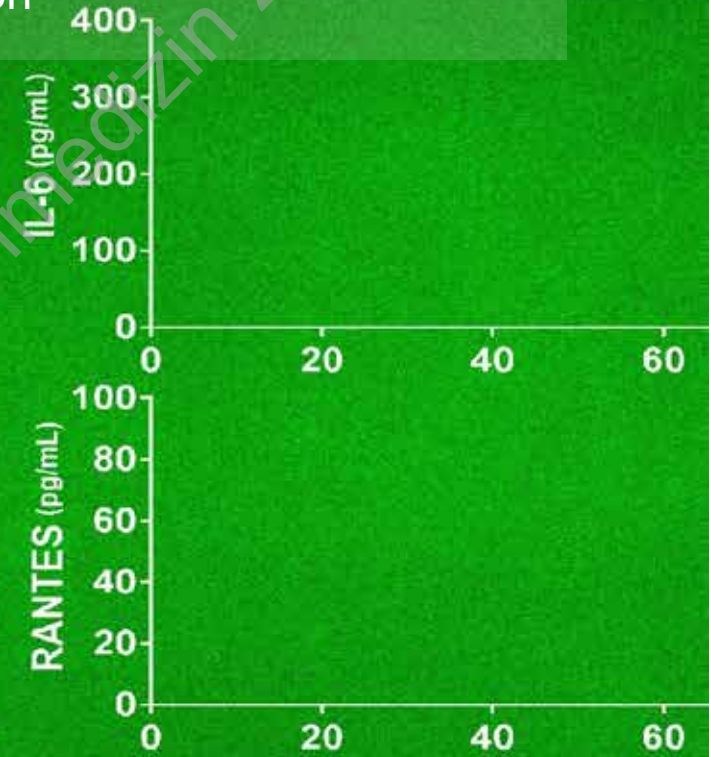
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# Infectious Disease Platform (sendai-GFP)

Real time imaging and high resolution cytokine titration

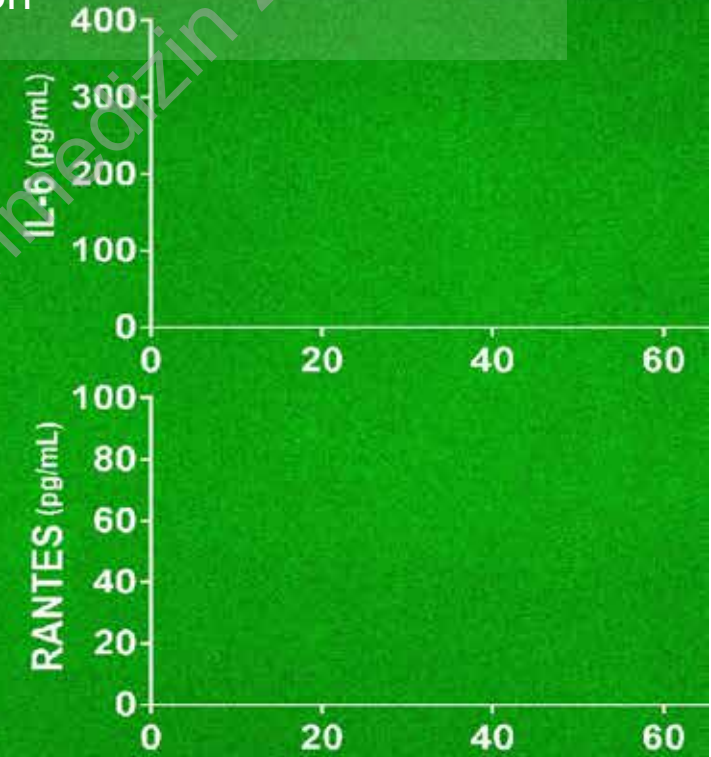


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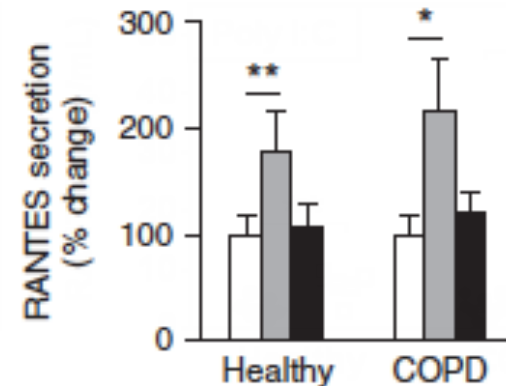
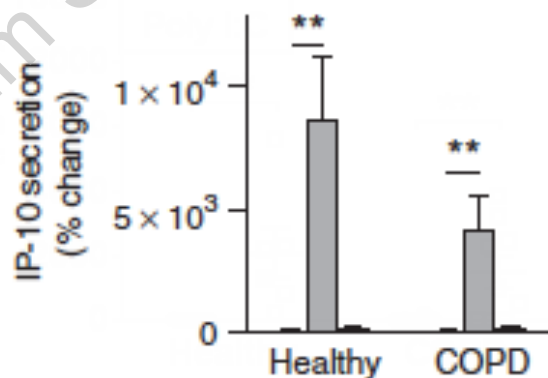
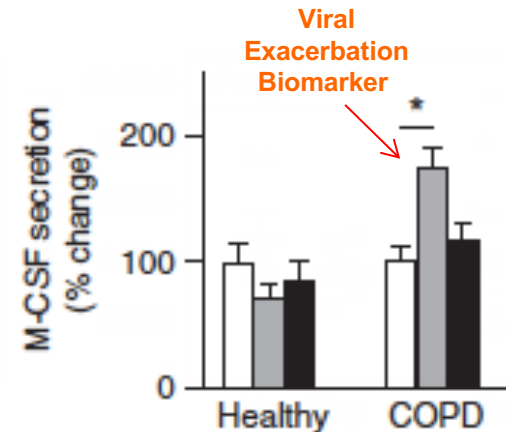
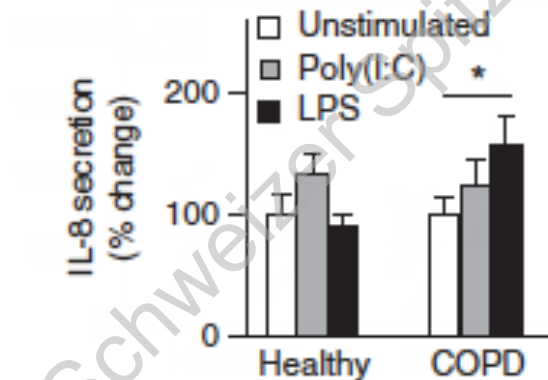
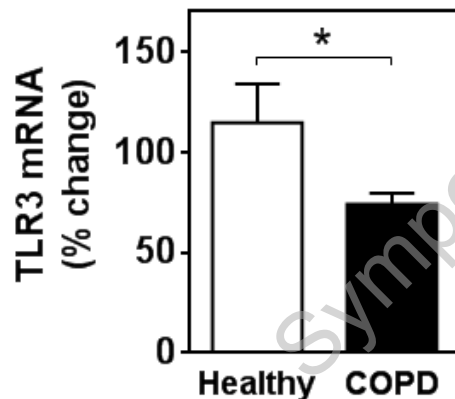
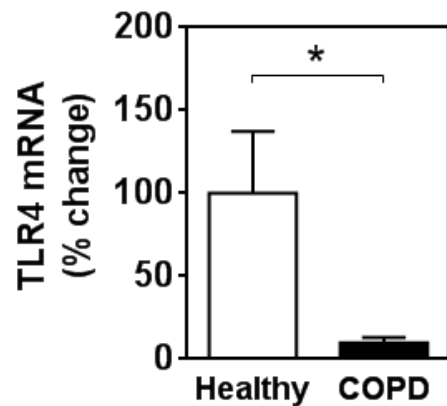
Real time imaging and high resolution cytokine titration



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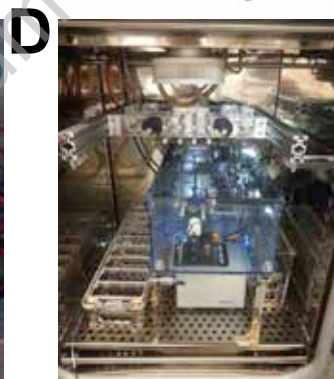
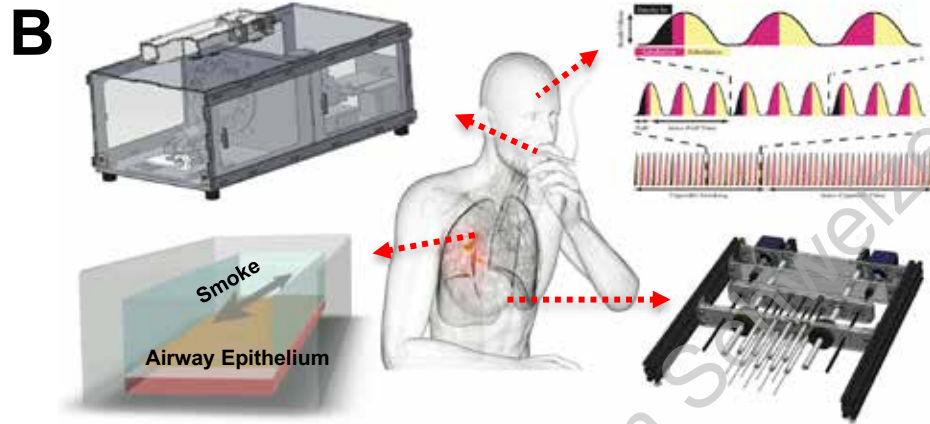
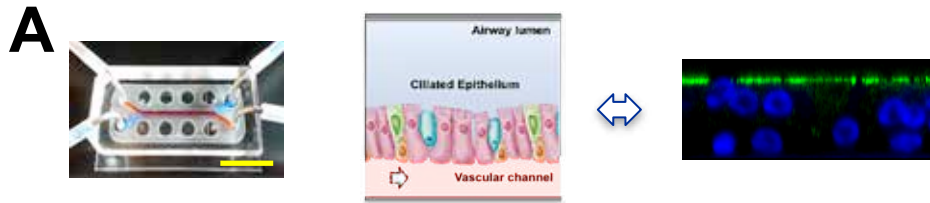
# Human COPD Lung Response & Exacerbations are Recapitulated On-Chip





# Testing Effects of Cigarette Smoke on Lung Chips

(Benam et al. *Cell Systems* 2016)

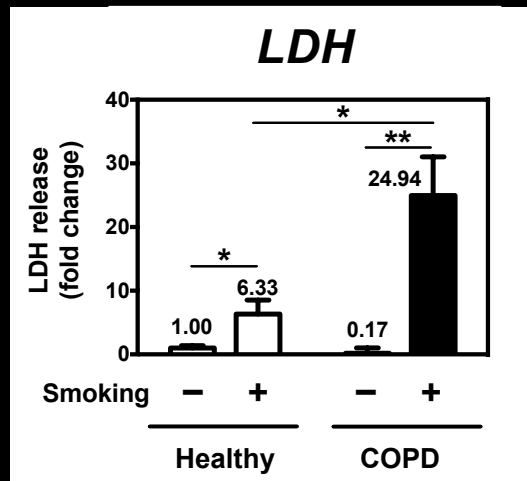




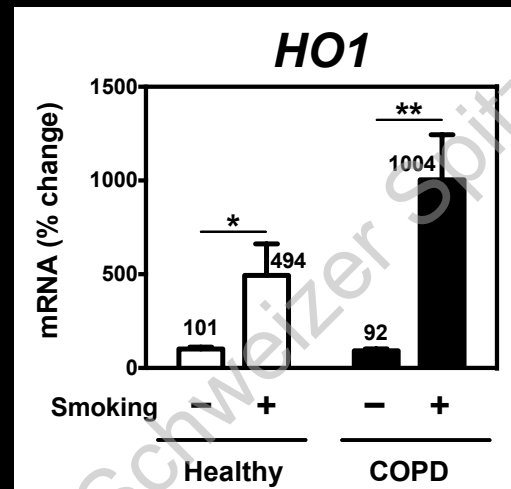
# Cigarette Smoke: Matched Comparative Modeling in Lung Chips

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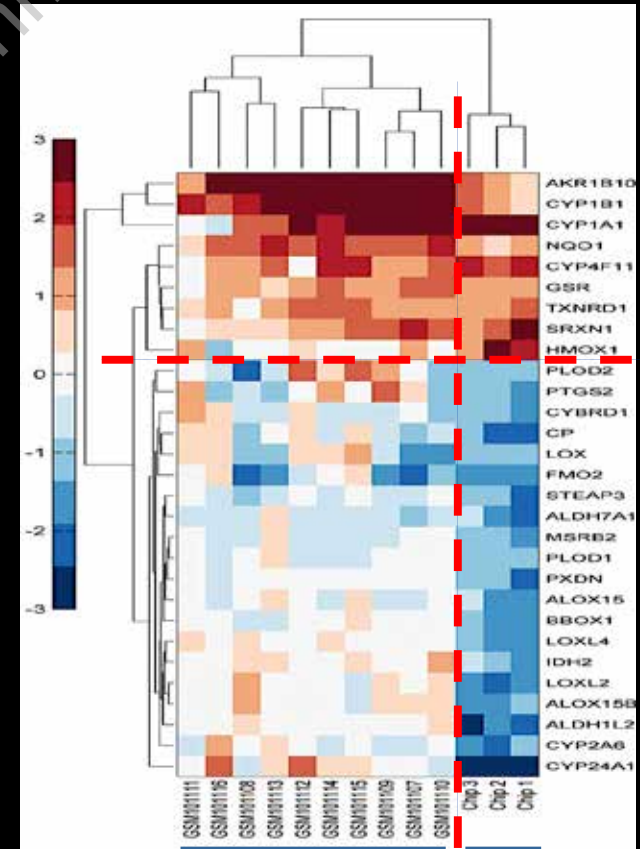
## Cytotoxicity



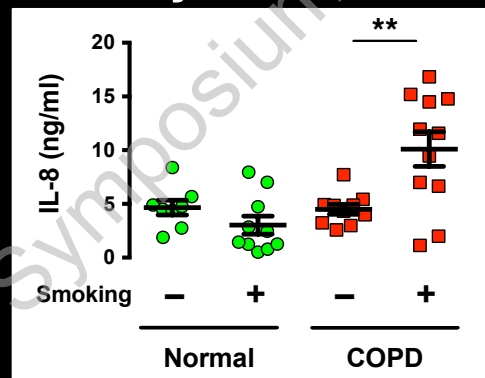
## Cell Stress



## Gene Microarrays



## Cytokines

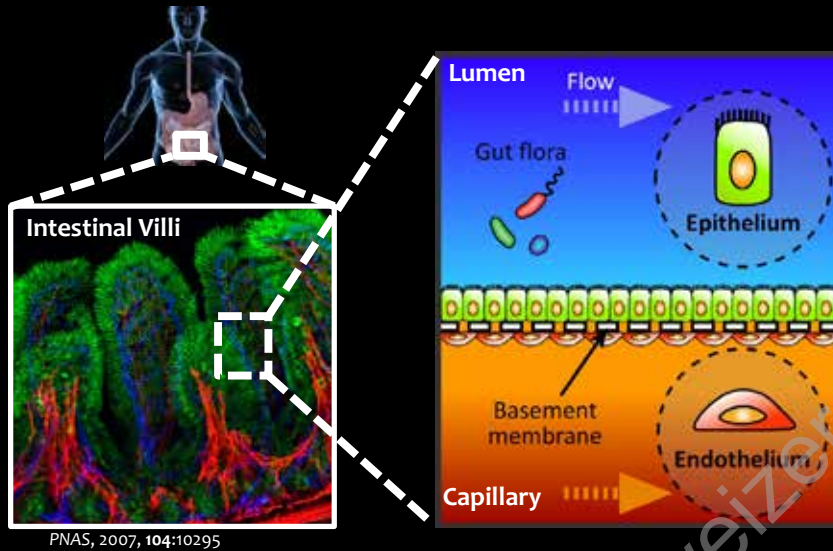


Normal smokers      Smoking chips

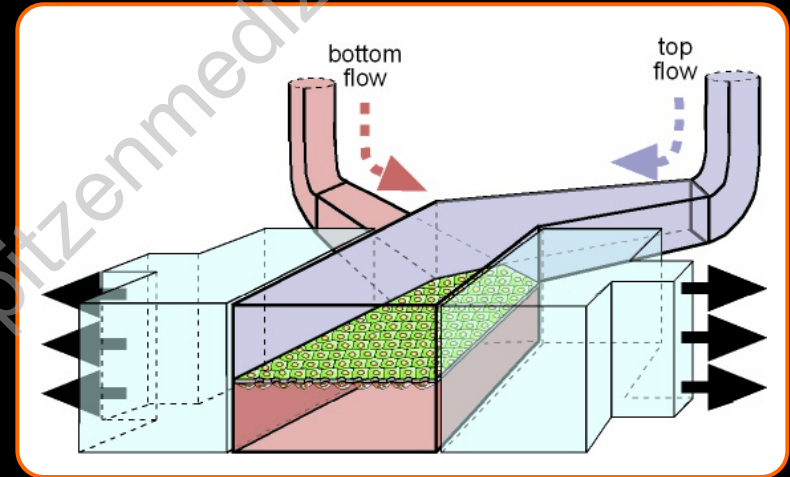
# Peristaltic Human Gut-on-a-Chip

(Kim et al., *Lab Chip* 2012, *Integ. Biol.* 2013, *PNAS* 2016)

## Human Intestine

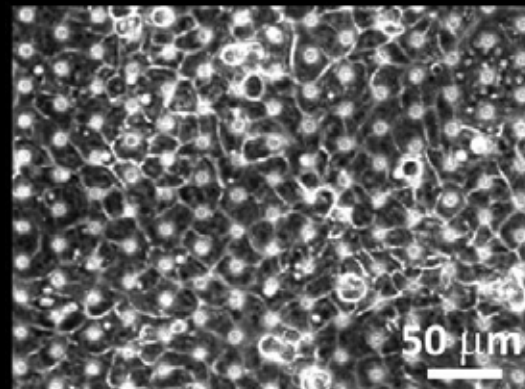
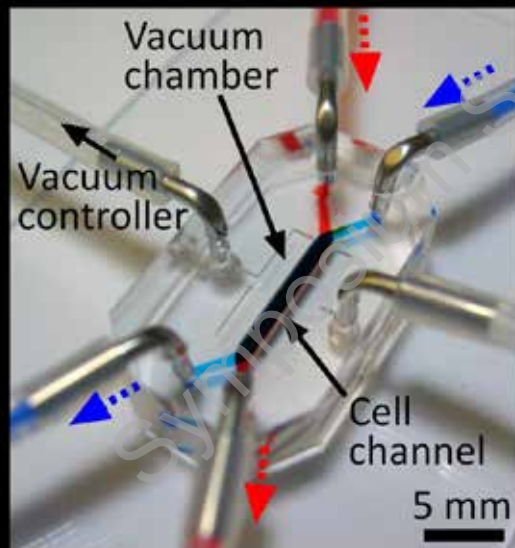


## Microfluidic Platform

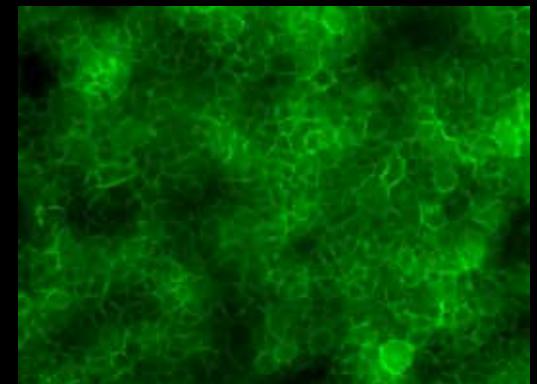


## Human Gut Epithelium (Exposed to Flow + Cyclic Deformation)

## Gut Chip

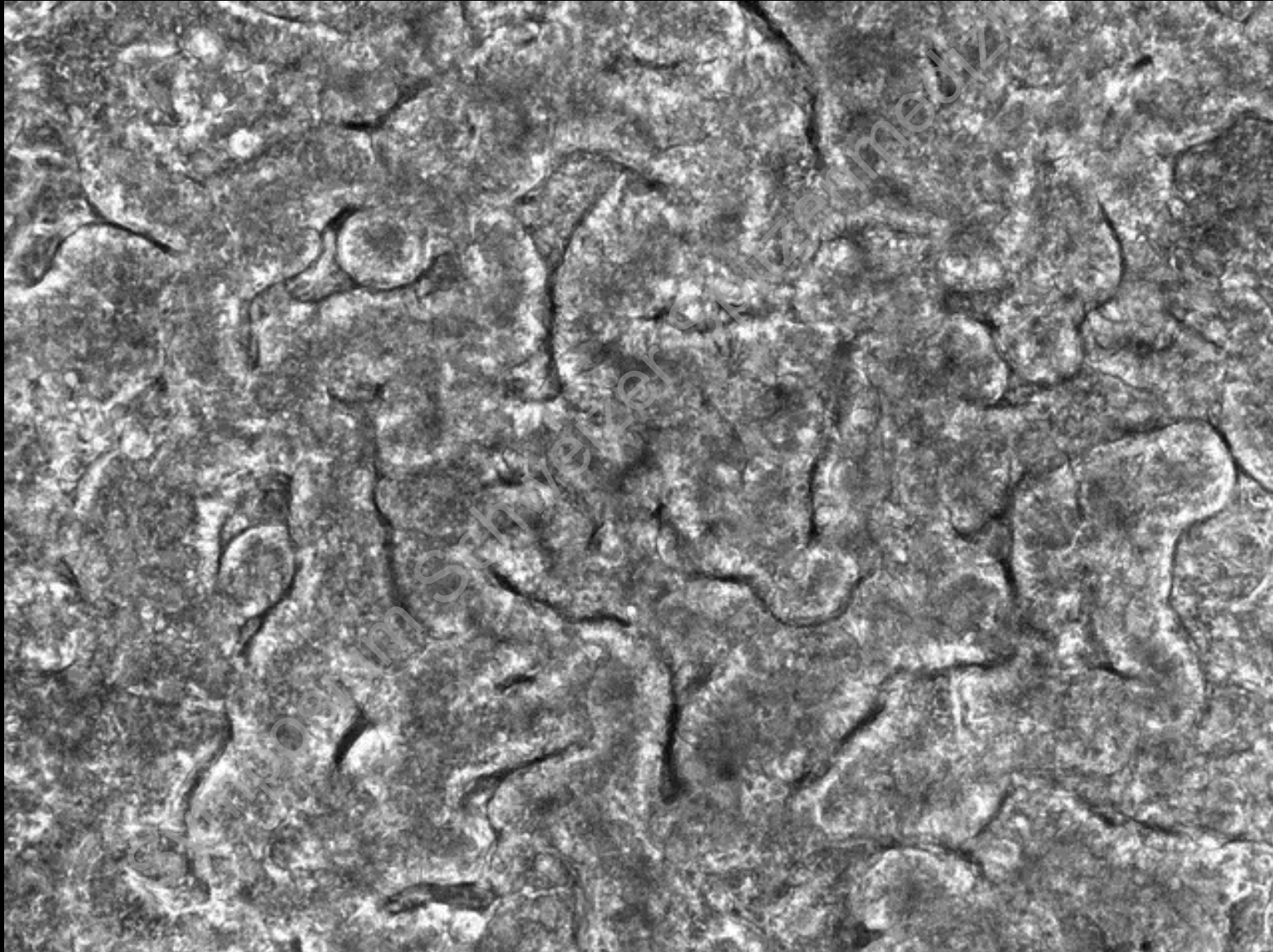


24 hr after seeding

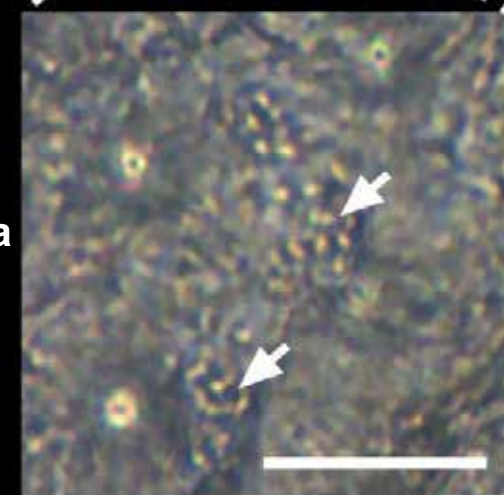
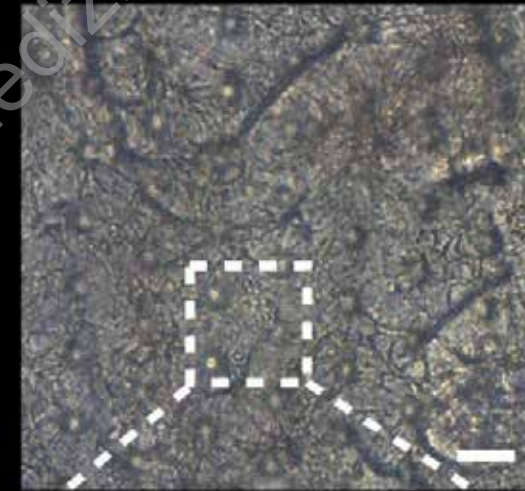
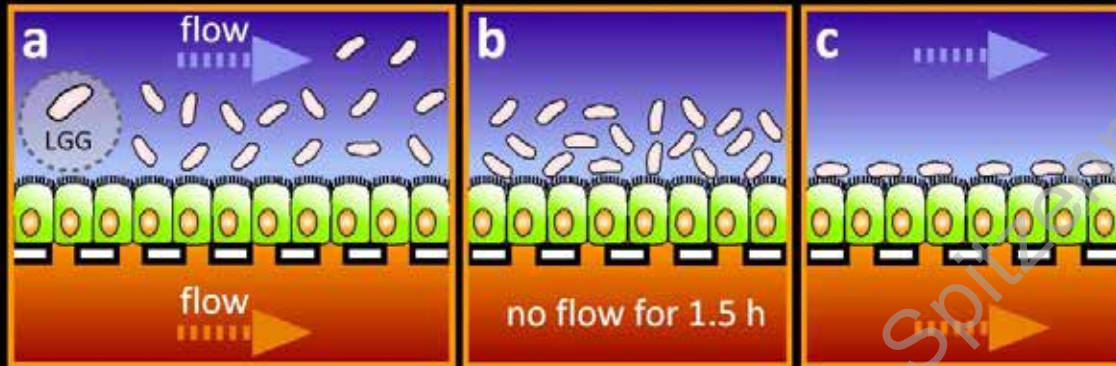


+ Peristaltic-like motions

# Induction of Intestinal Villi Formation

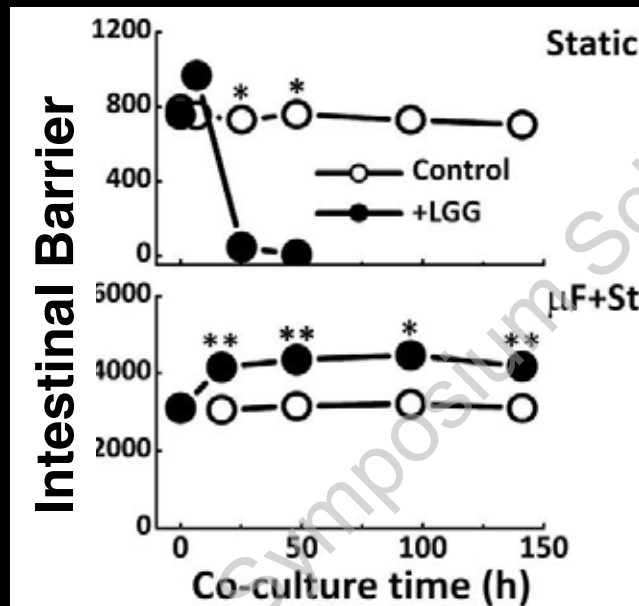


# Co-Culture with Intestinal Microbiome



Probiotic Bacteria  
(Lactobacillus GG)

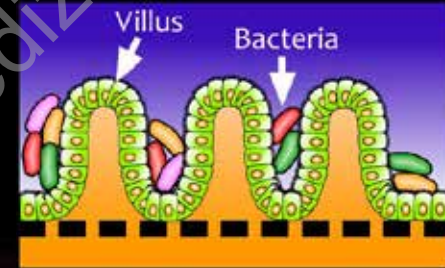
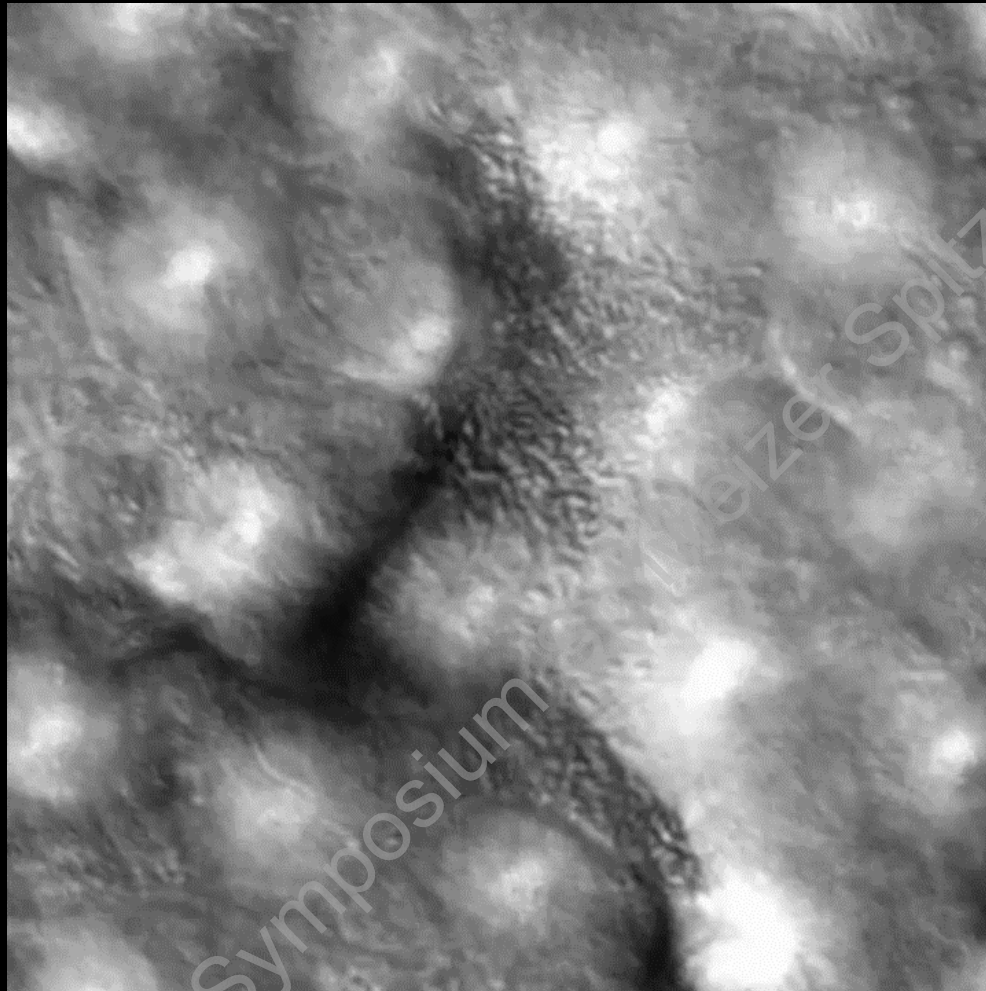
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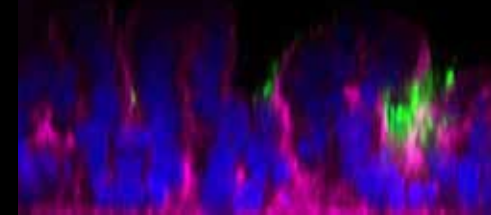
(Kim et al., *Lab Chip* 2012)

# Gut-on-a-chip with Normal Microbiome

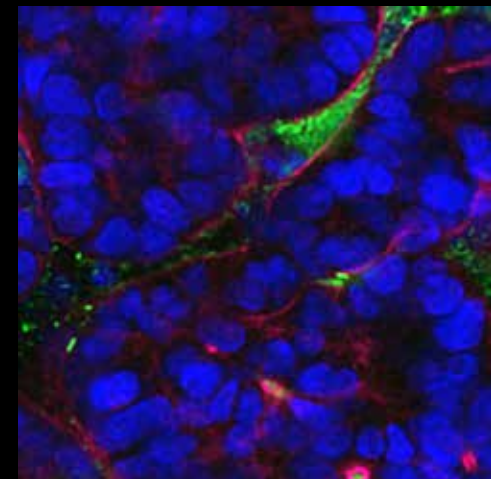
(8 different probiotic strains)



Side view



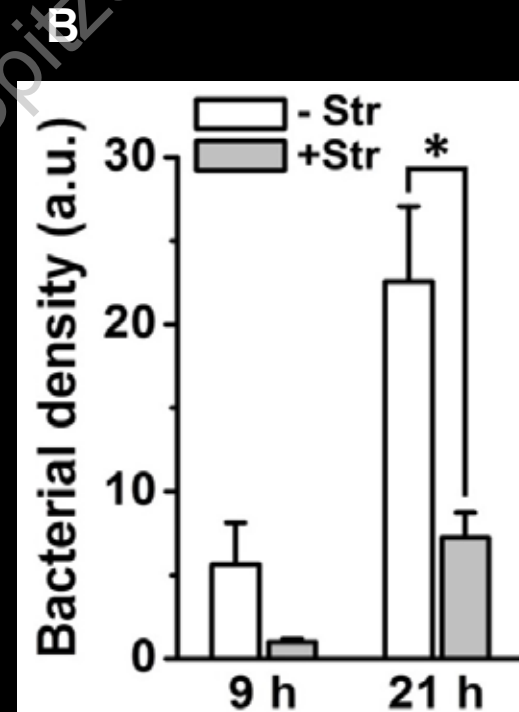
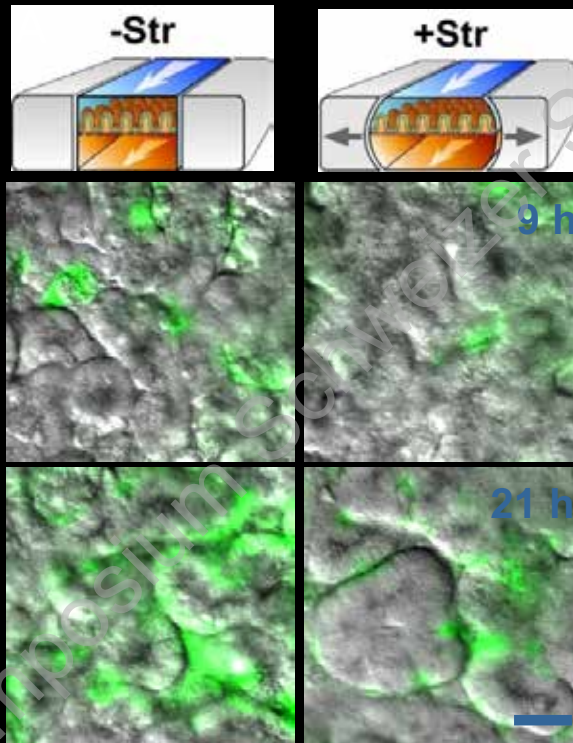
Top view



GFP-*E. coli*, F-actin Nuclei

# Overgrowth of Commensal Bacteria is caused by a change in Mechanics

(similar to patients with 'Ileus')

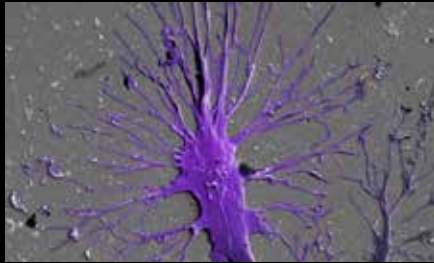


# Human Kidney Glomerulus-on-a-Chip

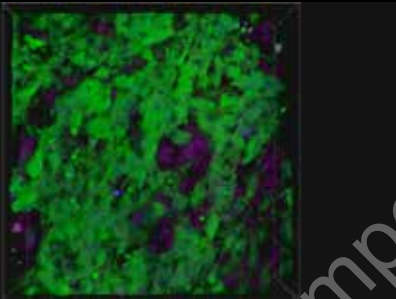
(Musah et al., *Nature Biomed. Engin.* 2017)

## Organ Chip Lined by:

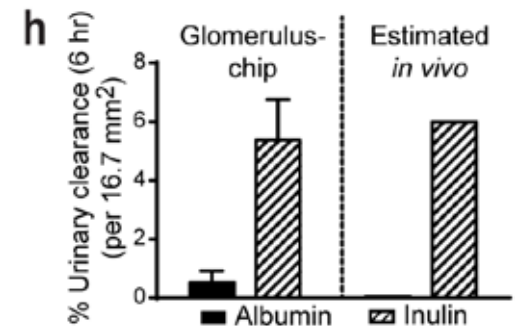
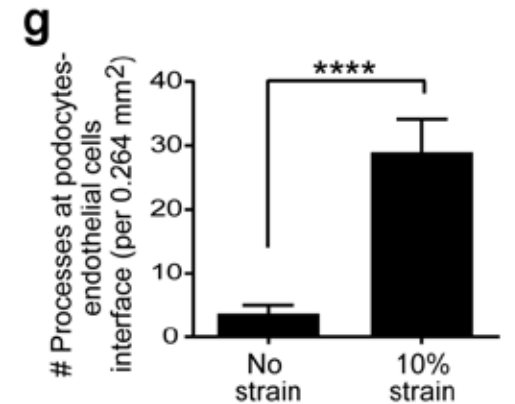
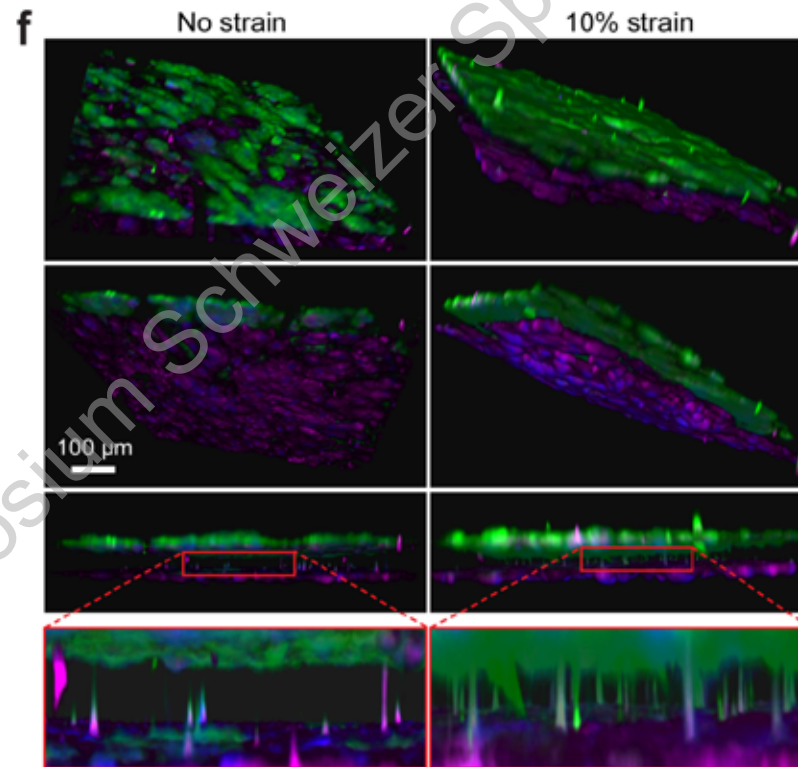
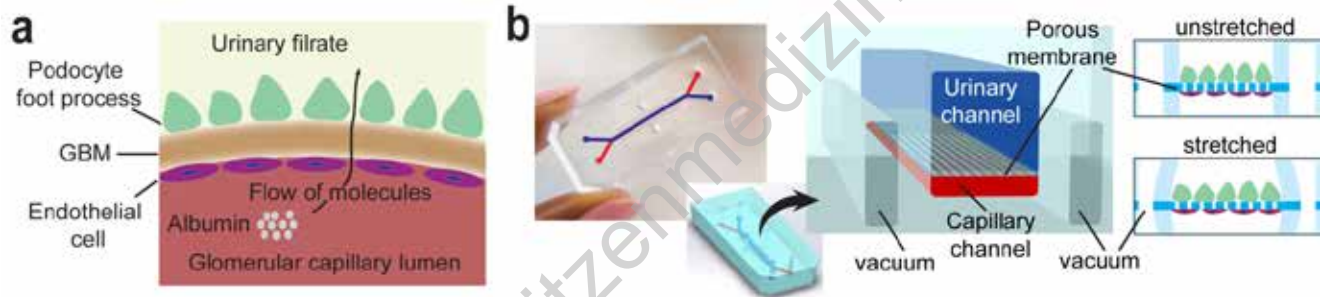
Human iPS-derived  
Kidney Podocytes  
+  
Human Glomerular  
Microvascular Endothelium



Mature iPS-derived Podocyte



Podocyte  
Foot Process  
Extensions



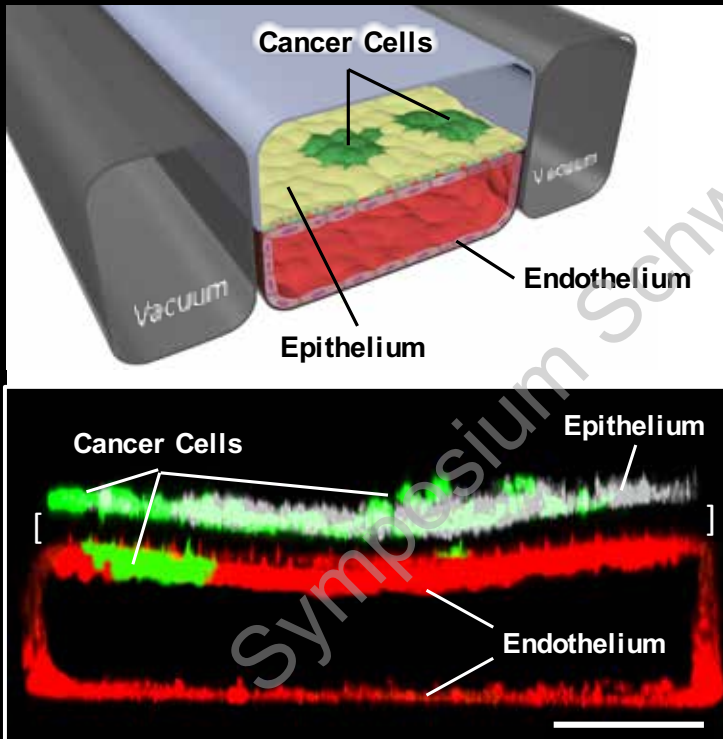


# Human Orthotopic Lung Cancer Chips

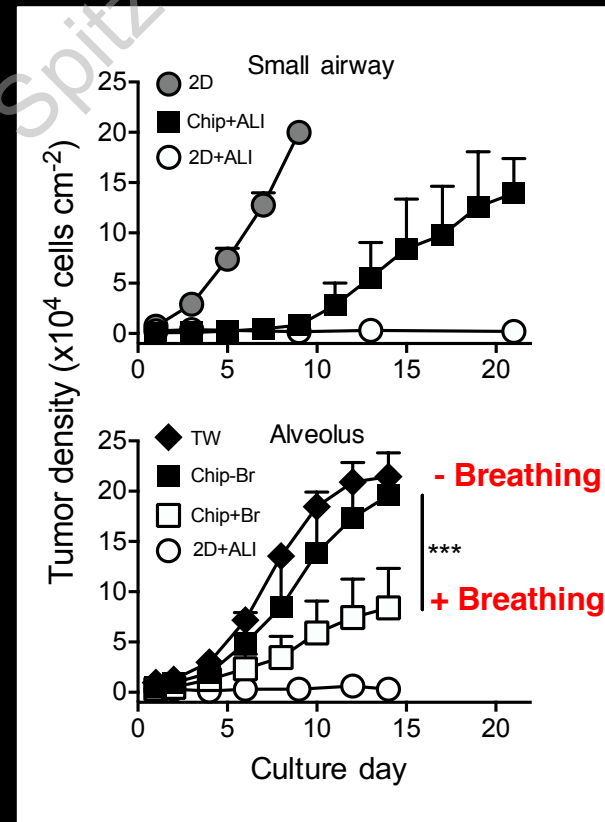
(Hassell et al., *Cell Reports*— in press)

## Human Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC) 'adenocarcinoma'

*Emerges in distant bronchiole but preferentially grows in alveoli in vivo*



GFP-H1975  
NSCLC cells

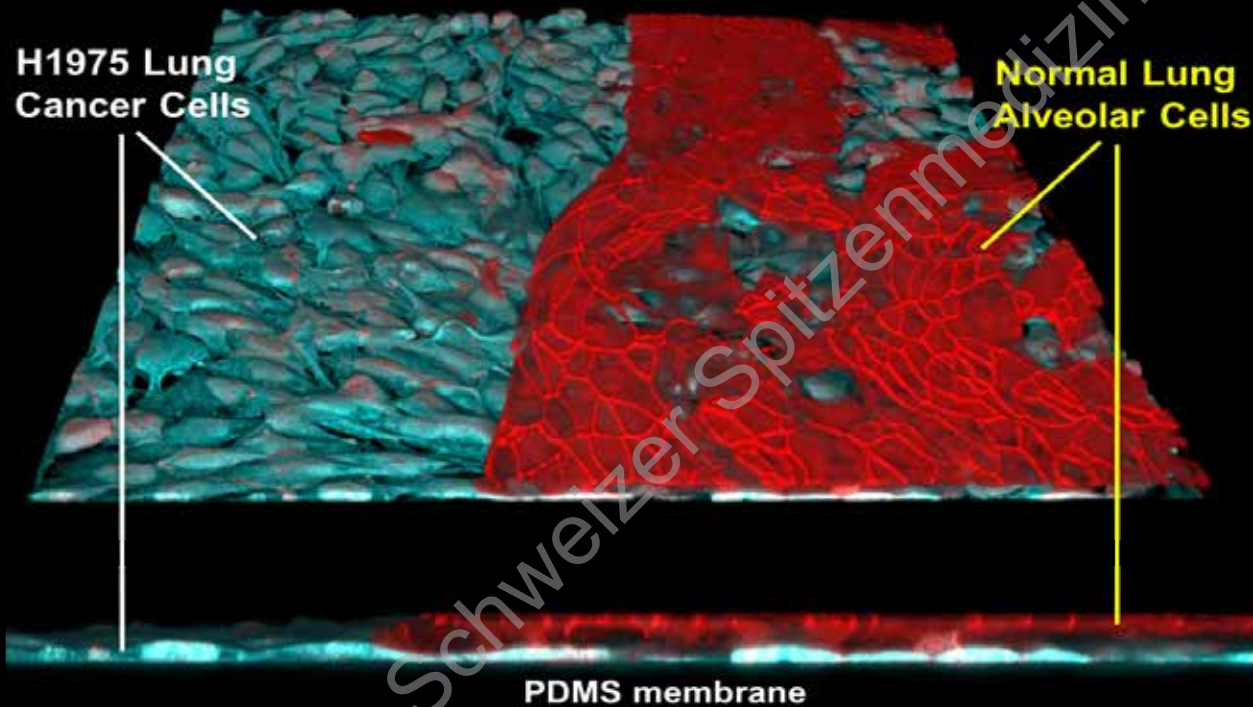


*Recapitulates  
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Growth Patterns  
in vitro*

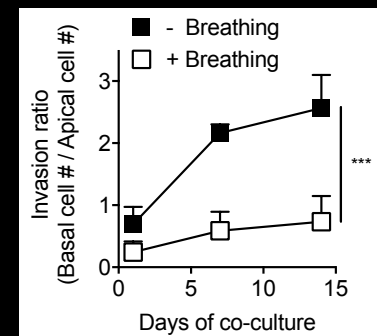
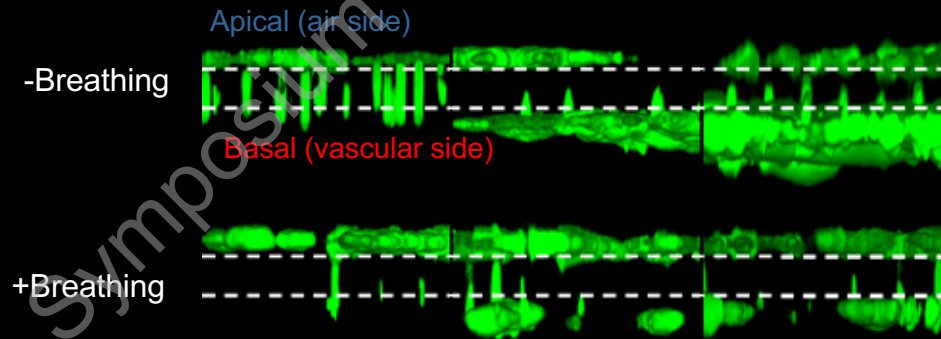
+

*Breathing  
Motions  
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Lung Cancer  
Growth*

# NSCLC Adenocarcinoma in Lung ALVEOLUS Chip



**Tumor  
Invasion  
On-Chip**

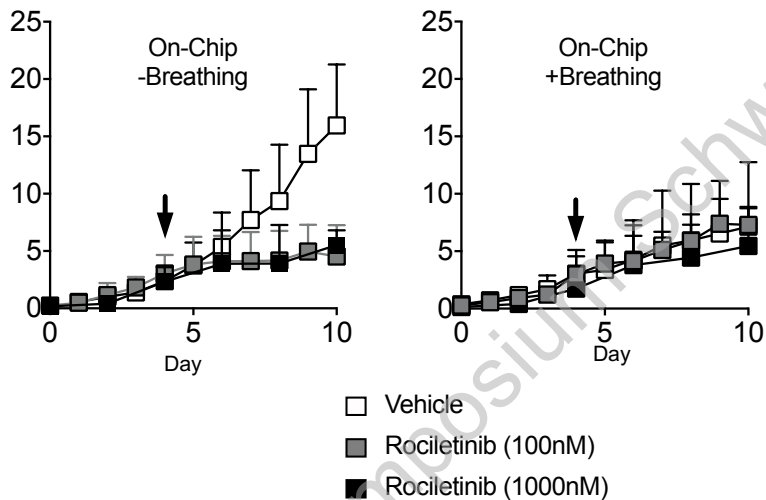


**Breathing  
Inhibits  
Invasion**

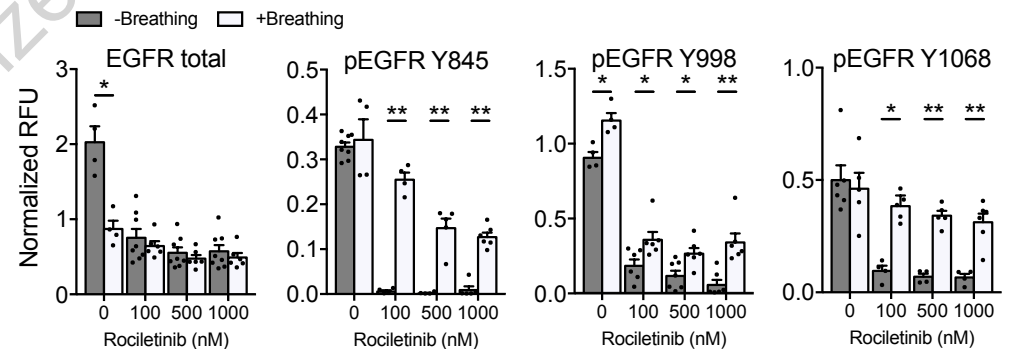
# Tumor Cells are LESS Responsive to Therapy in Orthotopic Chips with Breathing

(mediated by altered EGFR Phosphorylation)

## Breathing Regulates Therapeutic Response



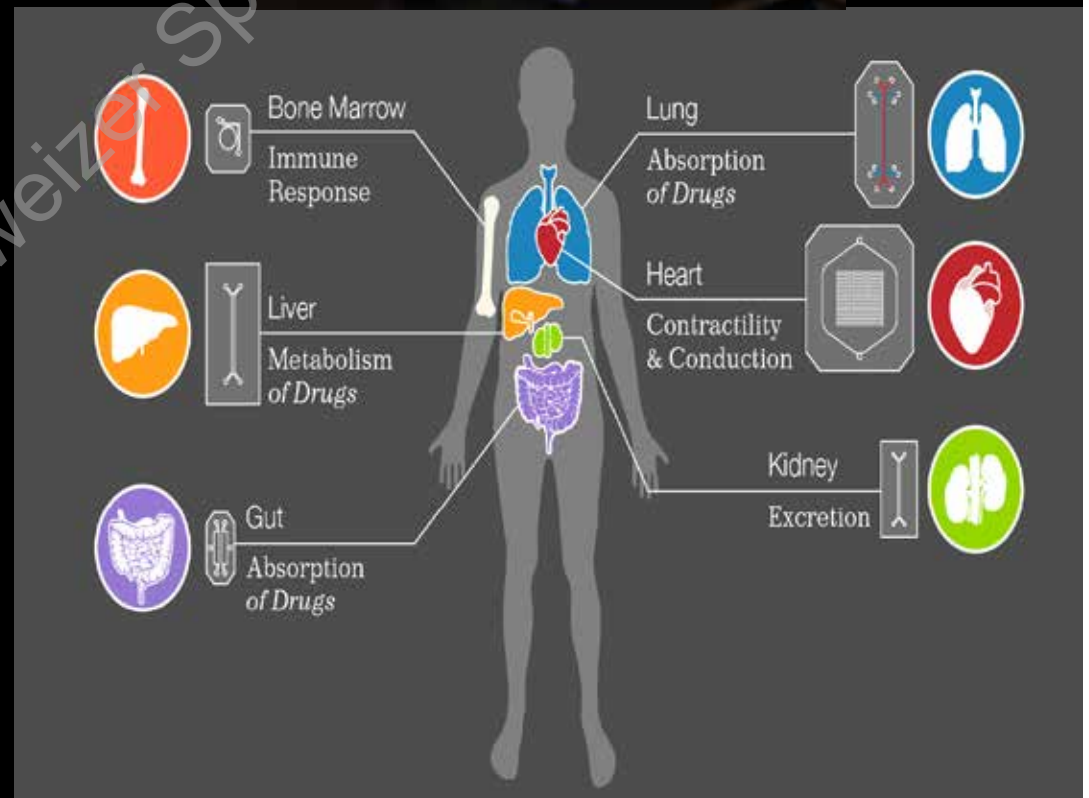
## Breathing Regulates EGFR Signaling



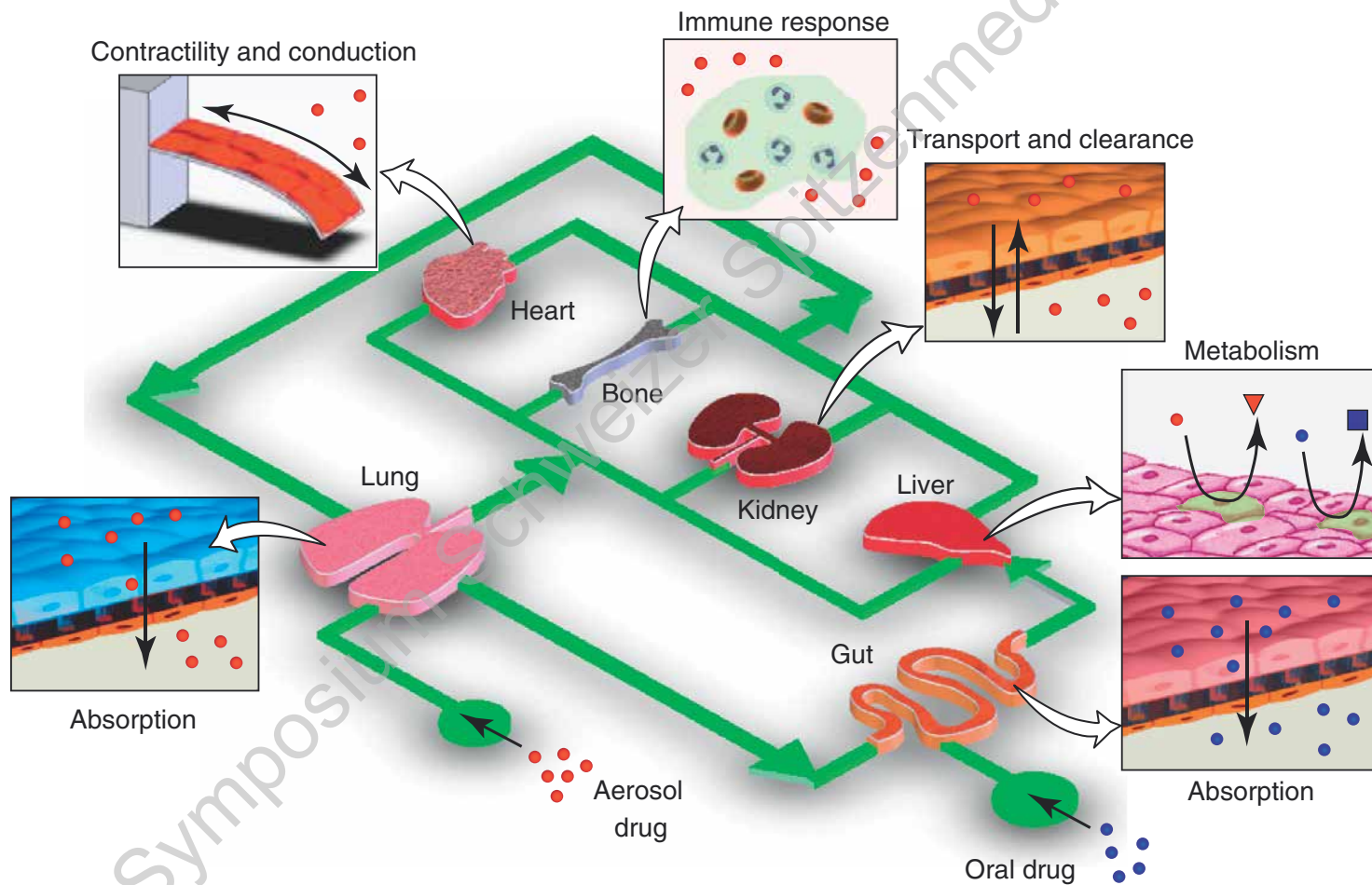
# Organ-on-Chip Technology Pipeline

- **Ongoing projects**

- Lung Alveolus
- Lung Small Airway
- Liver
- Small Intestine
- Large Intestine
- Kidney Proximal Tubule
- Kidney Glomerulus
- Bone marrow
- Skin
- Blood-Brain Barrier
- Orthotopic Cancers
- Heart (*Kit Parker's group*)
- Placenta (*Dan Huh's group*)
- .....



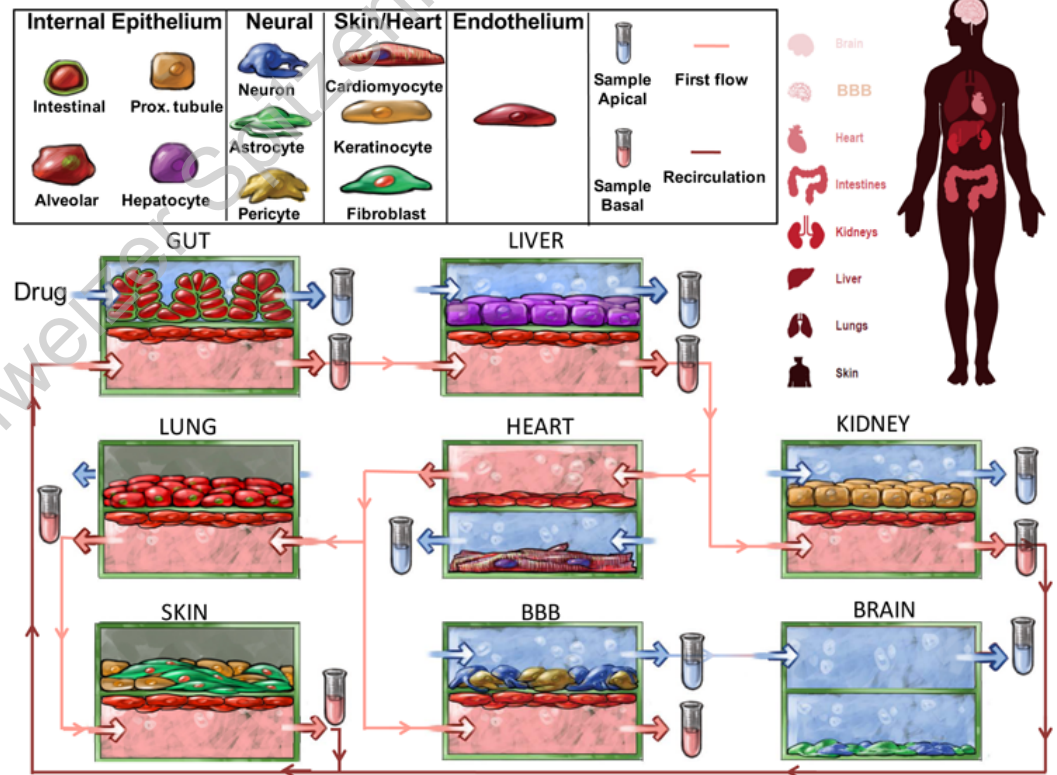
# Integrated Human Body-on-Chips



# Automated Coupling of 8 Organs for 3 Weeks



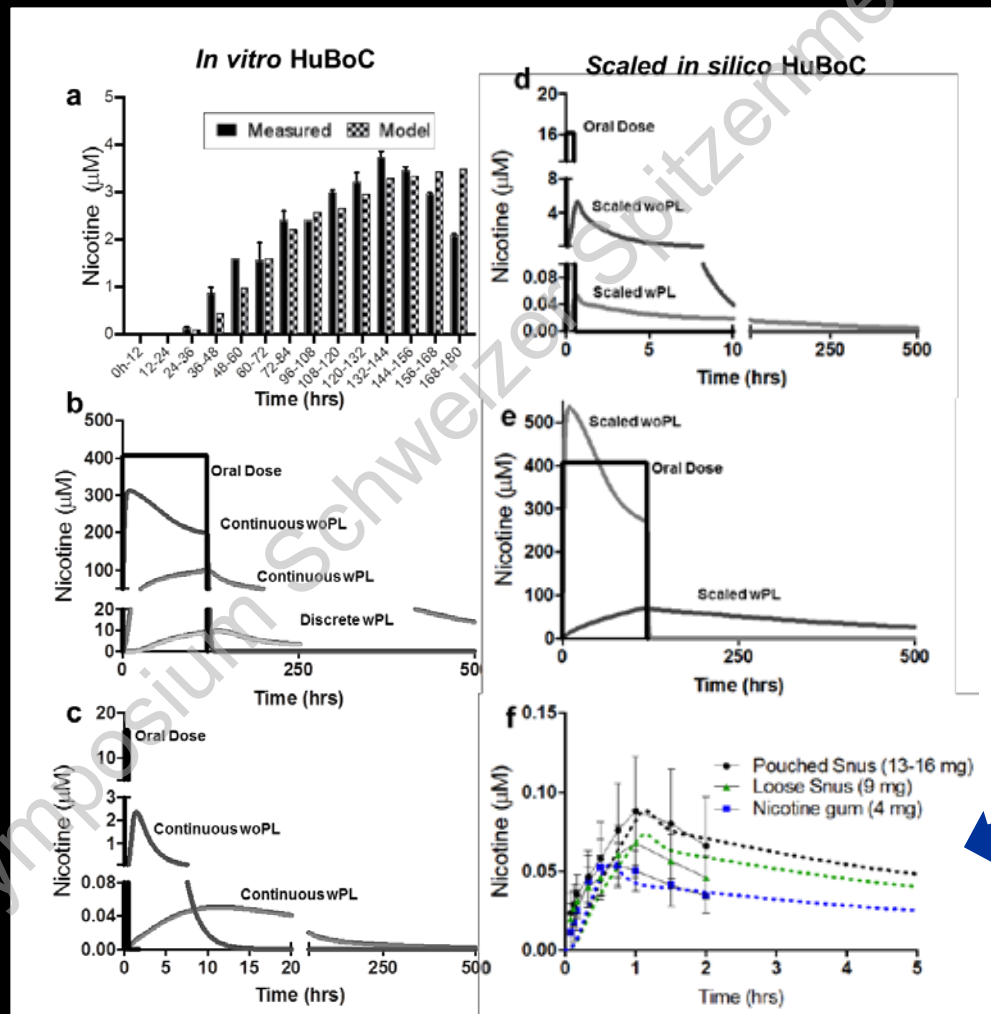
Figure 1 Vascular coupling of 8 Organ-on-chips



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# In Vitro-to-In Vivo Extrapolation (IVIVE) using the Human Body-on-Chips

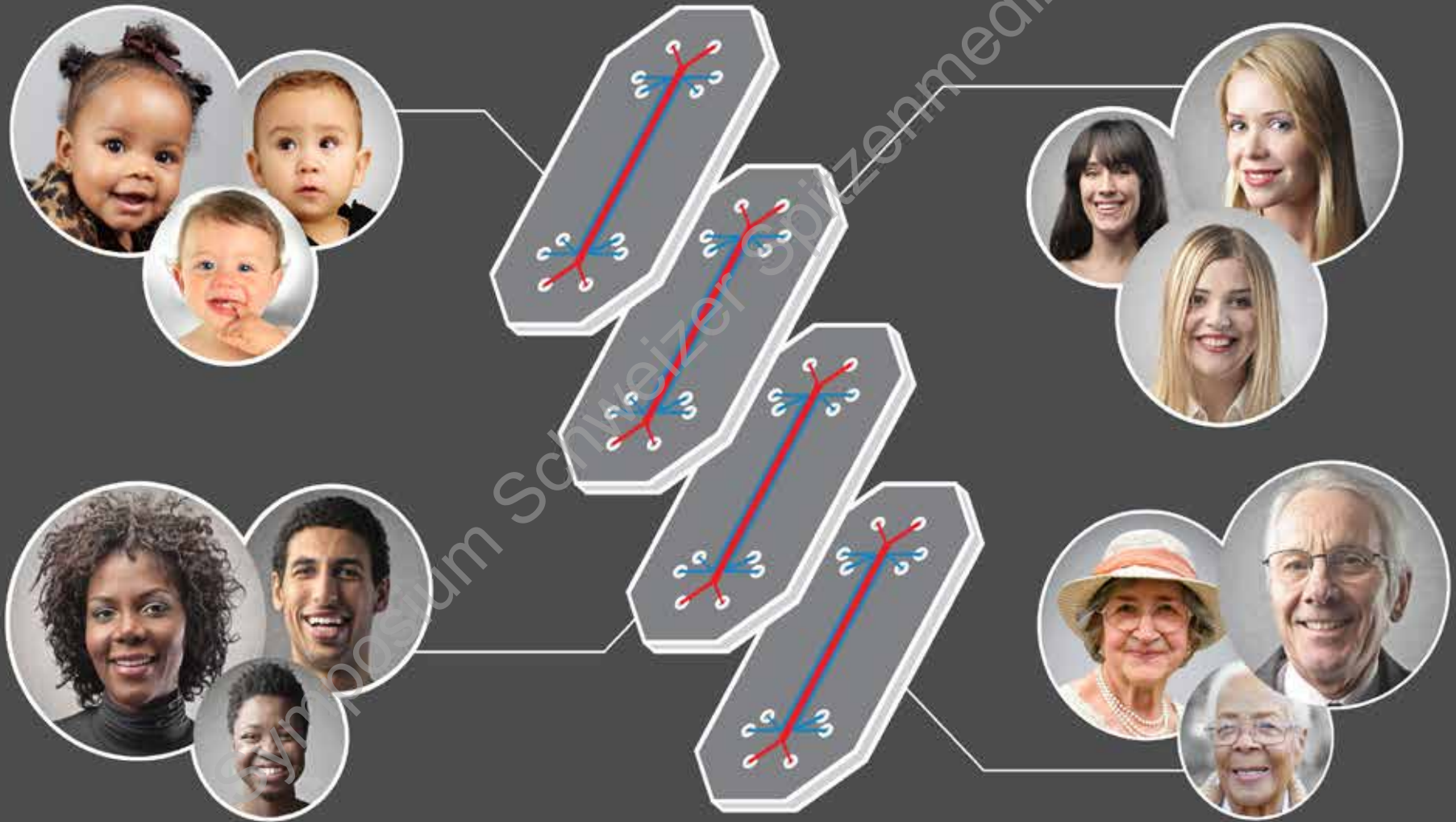
(Herland et al., - in review)



**Predictions of  
Human Body Chip Model  
vs. Clinical Data**

# Personalized Organs on Chips

*(from individuals to populations)*





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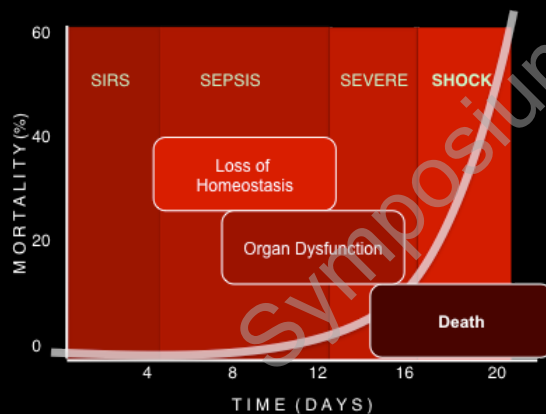
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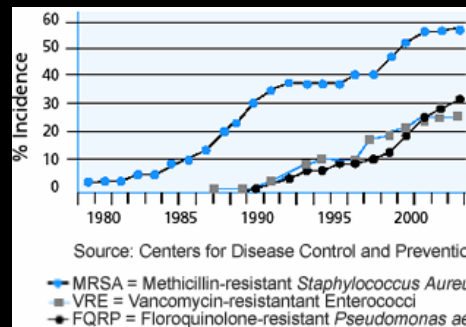
# SEPSIS CHALLENGE

- A major killer worldwide with few treatment options
- >30% mortality even with best antibiotic therapy and ICU care
- Bloodstream infections occur in ~10 % percent of hospital patients, but *cause of ~50% of all U.S. hospital deaths* (May 18, 2014/Drugs.com)
- More than \$19B spent in U.S. on treatment

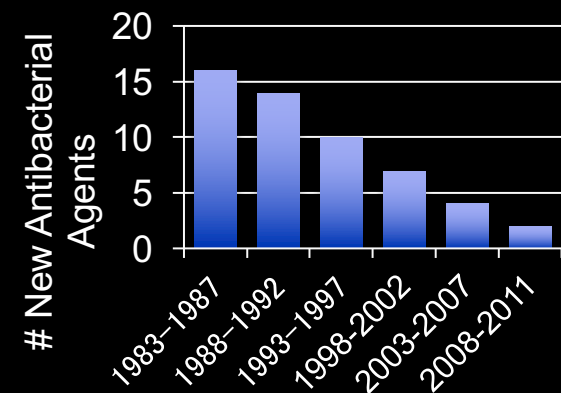
Rapid Disease Progression



Increasing Resistant Microbes



New Antibiotic Approvals

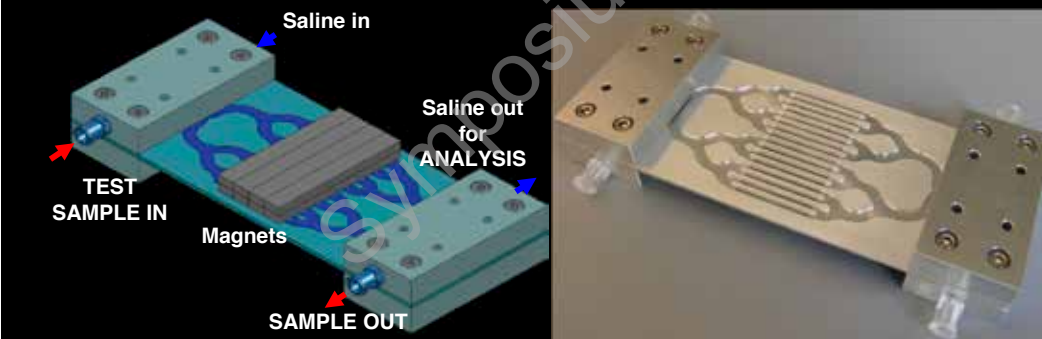
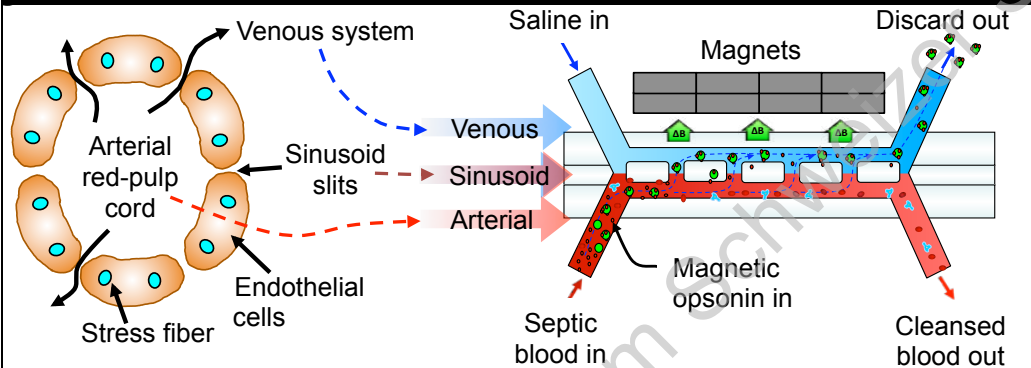
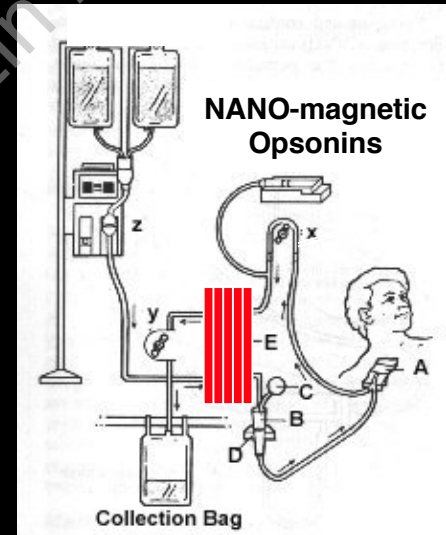
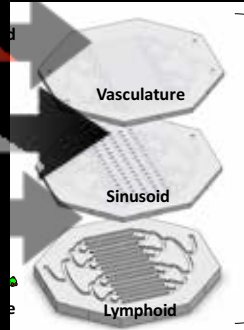


# 'Biospleen' Dialysis-Like Sepsis Therapeutic Device

(Kang et al. *Nature Medicine* 2014)



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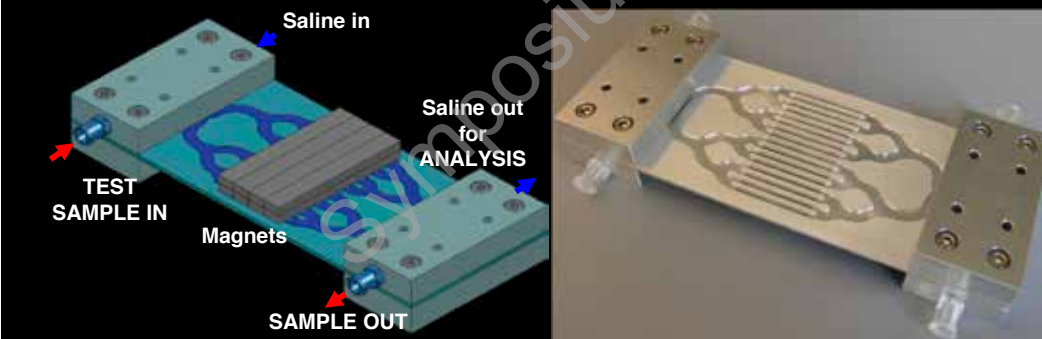
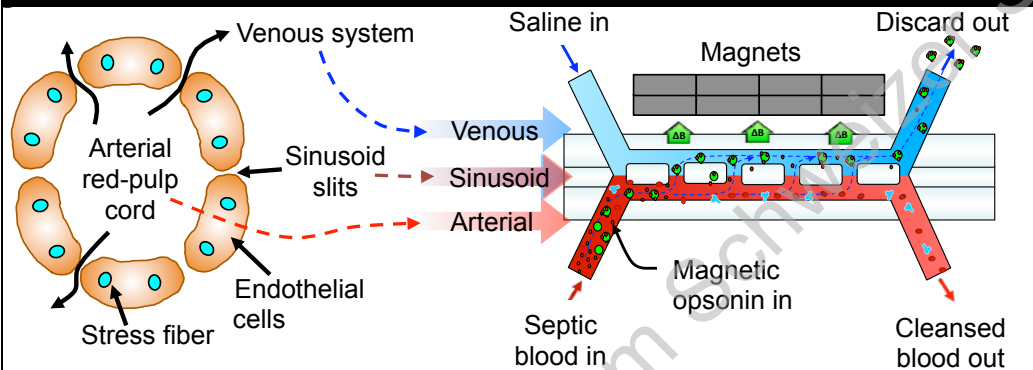
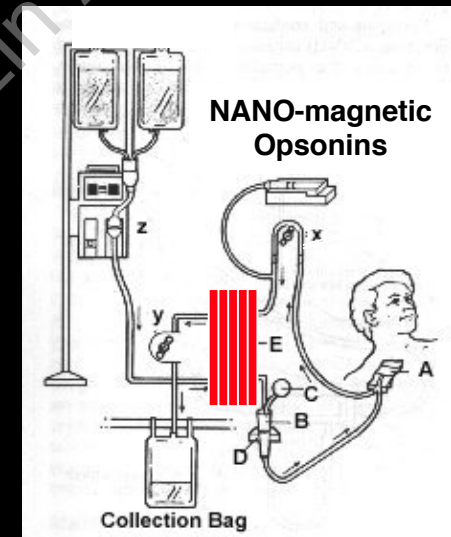
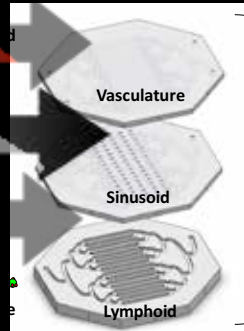


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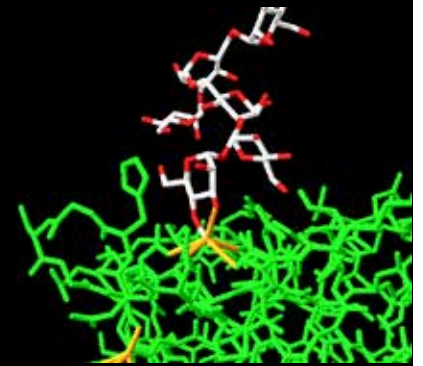
# Generic Pathogen Capture Technology

## ***Biological Inspiration: HUMAN OPSONINS***

- Natural blood proteins
- Molecular components of the Innate Immune system
- Many are LECTINS that bind to surface carbohydrates on pathogens that are not commonly found on human cells

## **Mannose Binding Lectin (MBL)**

- Binds to mannans on bacteria, fungi, viruses, parasites and toxins and thereby targets pathogens for phagocytosis & killing
- Activates complement via the lectin pathway
- Activates coagulation via a thrombin-like activity
- Acts as a multimer

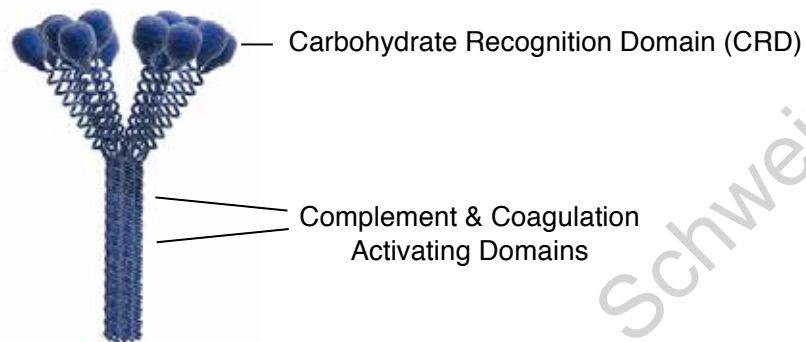


# Genetically Engineered *Generic Pathogen-Capture Protein*

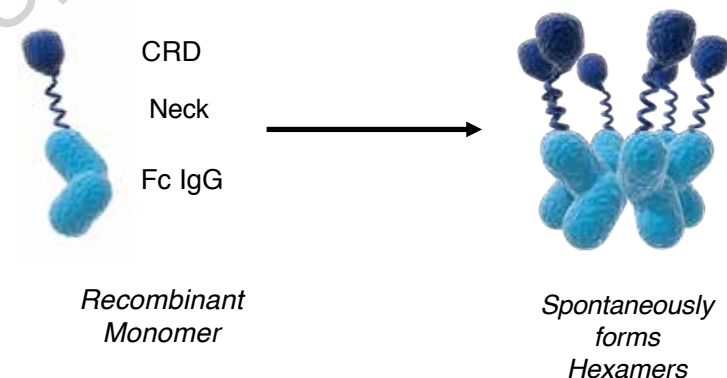
**Human Mannose Binding Lectin (MBL):**

**FcMBL:**

*Binds diverse pathogens, targets them for phagocytosis, stimulates immune response*



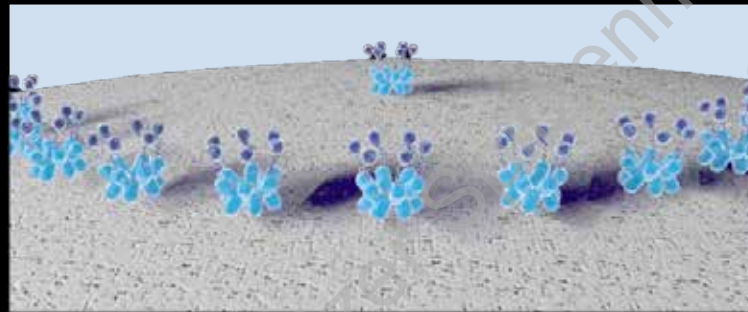
*Retains pathogen binding capability while eliminating immune-stimulating activities*



- 1. REMOVE BAD PARTS**  
(complement and coagulation activities)
- 2. ADD Fc ANTIBODY DOMAIN**  
(rapid, low cost purification)

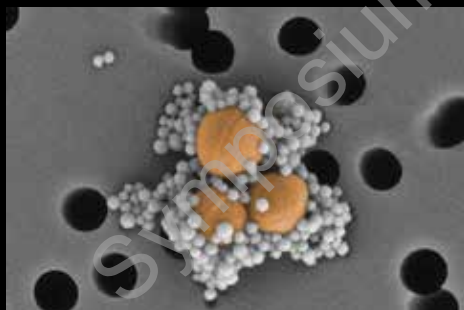
# FcMBL Binds Many Different Pathogens

FcMBL coupled to a magnetic nanobead



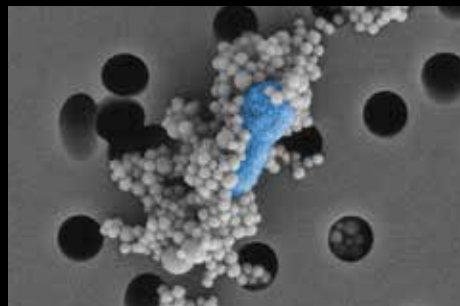
Binds a broad spectrum of pathogens and toxins

*S. aureus*



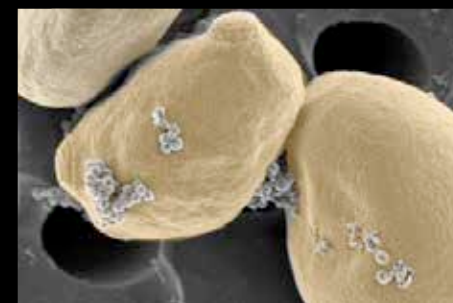
Gram Positive Bacteria

*E. coli*



Gram Negative Bacteria

*C. albicans*



Fungi

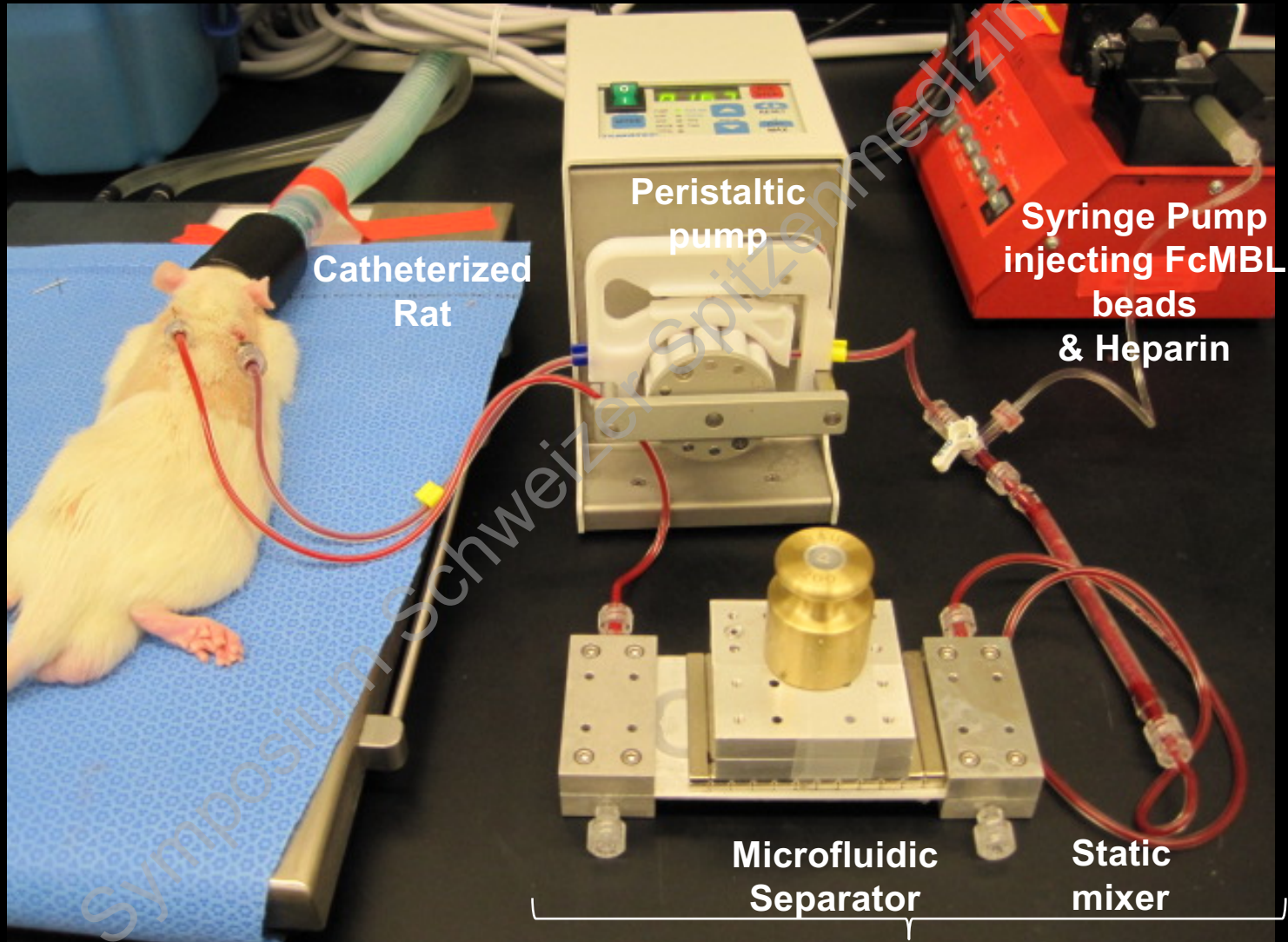
128 nm  
beads



# FcMBL Opsonin: Bind > 90 Pathogens + Toxins

Fungi	Gram negative	Gram positive	Viruses	Parasites
<p><i>Aspergillus</i> spp  <i>Blastomyces</i>  <i>Candida albicans</i>,  <i>glabrata</i>,  <i>guilliermondii</i>, <i>krusei</i>,  <i>parapsilosis</i>, <i>tropicalis</i>  <i>Cryptococcus</i>,  <i>Fusarium</i> spp.  <i>Mucor</i> spp.  <i>Saccharomyces</i>  <i>Pneumocystis jirovecii</i> (carinii)</p>	<p><i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i>  <i>Burkholderia cepacia</i>,  <i>Bacterioides fragilis</i>,  <i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i>,  <i>Citrobacter freundii</i>  <i>Escherichia coli</i>  <i>Enterobacter aerogenes</i>  <i>Enterobacter cloacae</i>  <i>Haemophilus inf b</i>,  <i>Helicobacter pylori</i>,  <i>Klebsiella oxytoca</i>,  <i>K. pneumonia</i> (MDR/CRE),  <i>Legionella pneumophila</i>,  <i>Neisseria meningitidis</i>  <i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i>,  <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>,  <i>Salmonella typhi</i>, <i>paratyphi</i>,  <i>typhimurium</i>  <i>Serratia marcescens</i>,  <i>Shigella flexneri</i>,  <i>Stenotrophomonas maltophilia</i>,  <i>Yersinia pseudotuberculosis</i></p>	<p><i>Bacillus subtilis</i>, <i>Clostridium neoformans</i>, <i>C. difficile</i>,  <i>C. perfringens</i>, <i>Corynebacterium</i> spp, <i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>,  <i>Enterococcus faecium</i>, <i>VRE</i>  <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>,  <i>Mycobacterium avium</i> ,  <i>M. tuberculosis</i>, <i>M. leprae</i>,  <i>Nocardia farcinica</i>,  <i>P. acnes</i>,  <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>  <i>MSSA</i>, <i>MRSA</i>  <i>S. epidermidis</i>, <i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i>  <i>Strep Group A</i>, <i>Group B</i> (agalactiae), <i>Group C</i></p>	<p>"Dengue",  "Ebola", EBV,  Hep B, C,  HIV, HSV 1,  2, CMV,  "Influenza A",  Marburg,  RSV, SARS-CoV,  West Nile</p>	<p><i>Cryptosporidium</i>,  <i>Leishmania</i>,  Malaria,  <i>Schistosoma</i>,  <i>Trypanosoma</i></p>
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Mycoplasma	Toxins			
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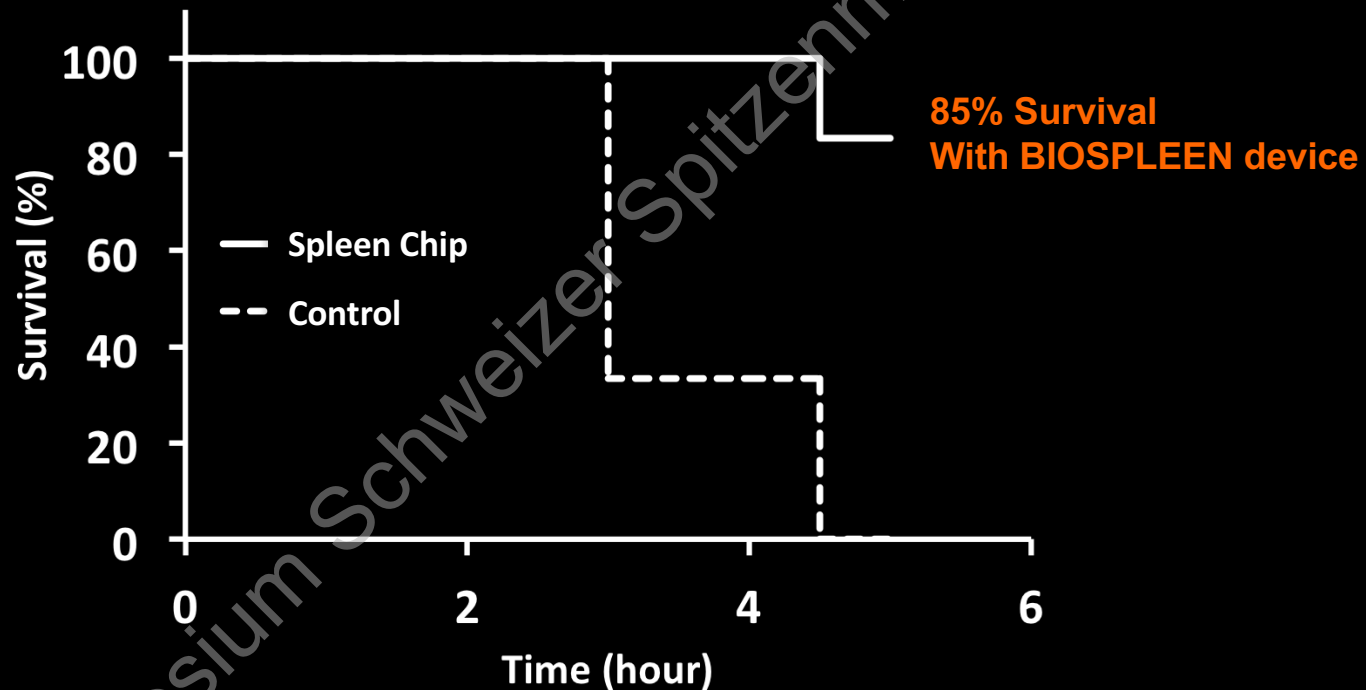
# Rat Sepsis Model



**Biospleen**

# Blood Cleansing Increases Survival in Rats with Endotoxemia

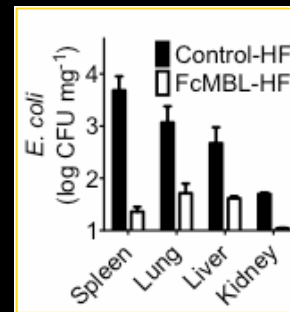
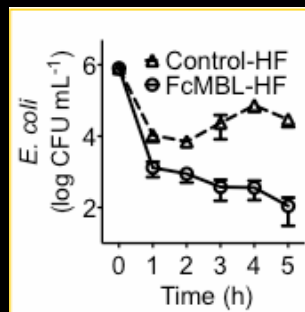
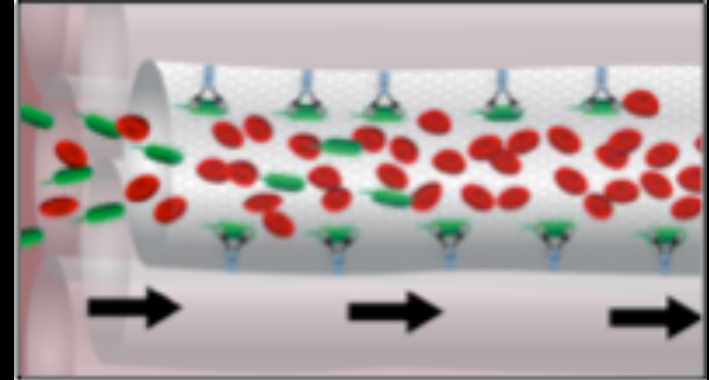
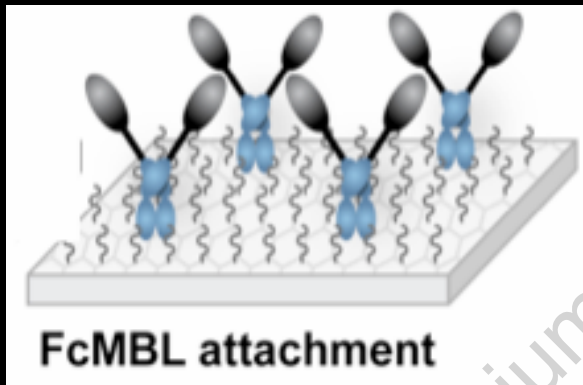
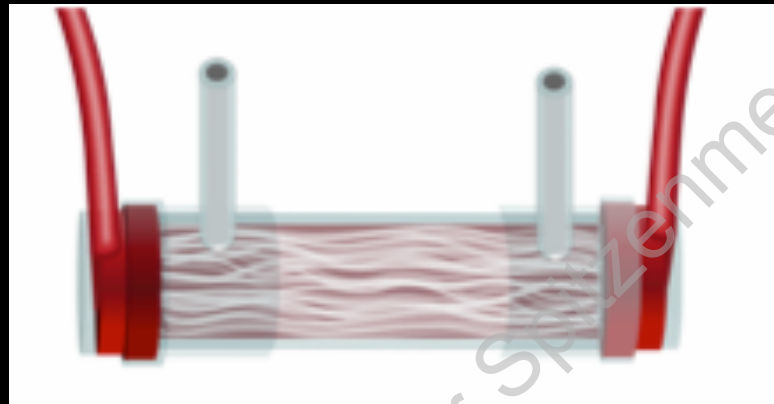
(Kang et al., *Nature Medicine* 2014)



- LPS ( $1.4 \times 10^7$  EU/mL) injected IV into rats ( $n=6$ )
- **100% of control animals die by 4.5 hrs vs. 85% survival with DLT Device therapy**

# Simplified Dialysis-Like Configuration

(Didar et al., *Biomaterials* 2015)



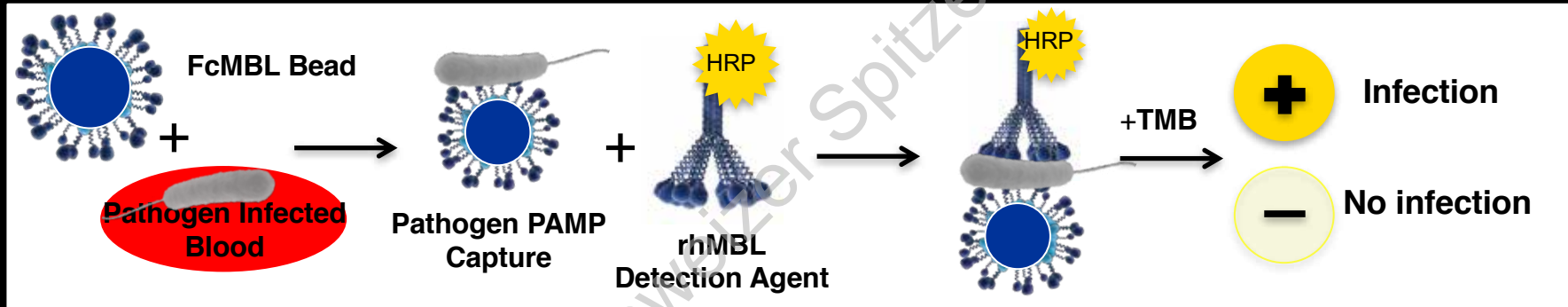
**+ Synergizes with Antibiotic Therapy**

# Rapid Infection Diagnostic

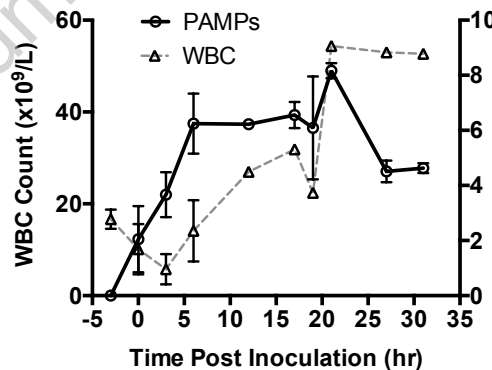
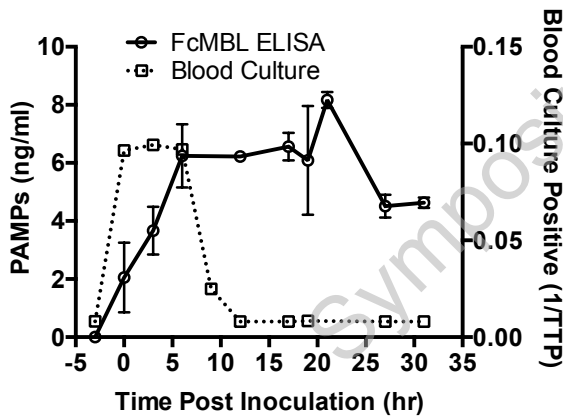
(Cartwright et al., *eBiomedicine* 2016)

## FcMBL ELISA measures cell wall Pathogen-Associated Molecular Patterns (PAMPs)

- Measures live pathogens + immunogenic toxins released from dead pathogens



### PAMPs ELISA tracks infection in *E. coli* pig model



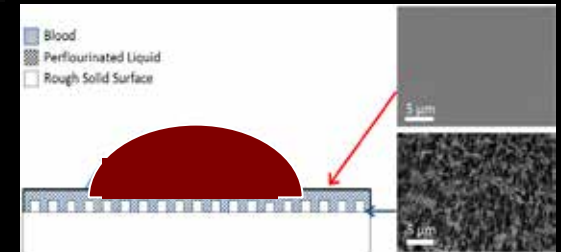
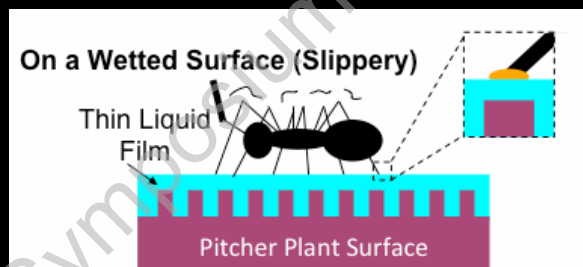
### PAMPs Correlate with Sepsis in Humans

Assay (Draw Time)	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)
PAMPs ELISA (0)	81	89
PAMPs ELISA (24)	85	89
Blood Culture (0)	18	92

78 Sepsis patients  
34 Non-Infected Controls  
52 Non-Infected Trauma patients

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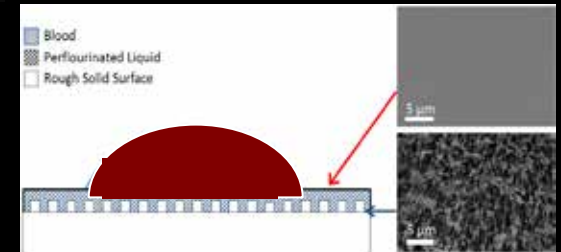
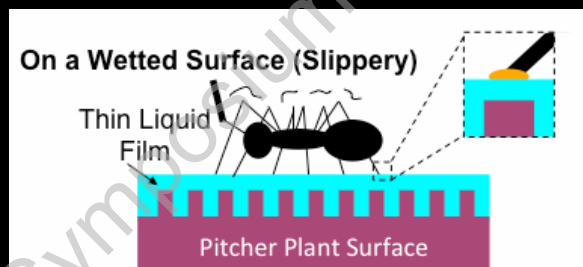


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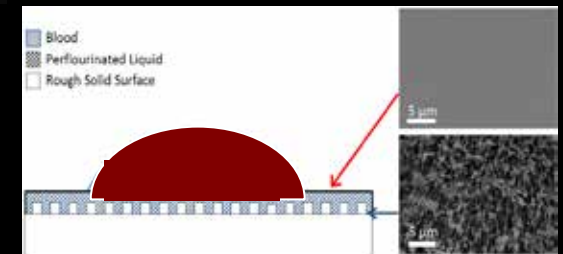
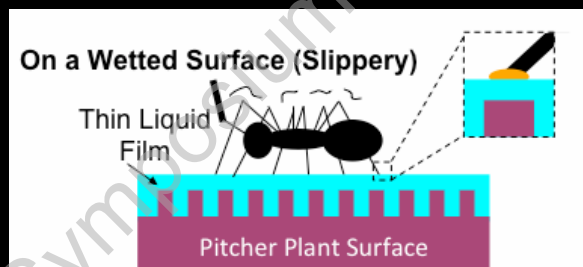
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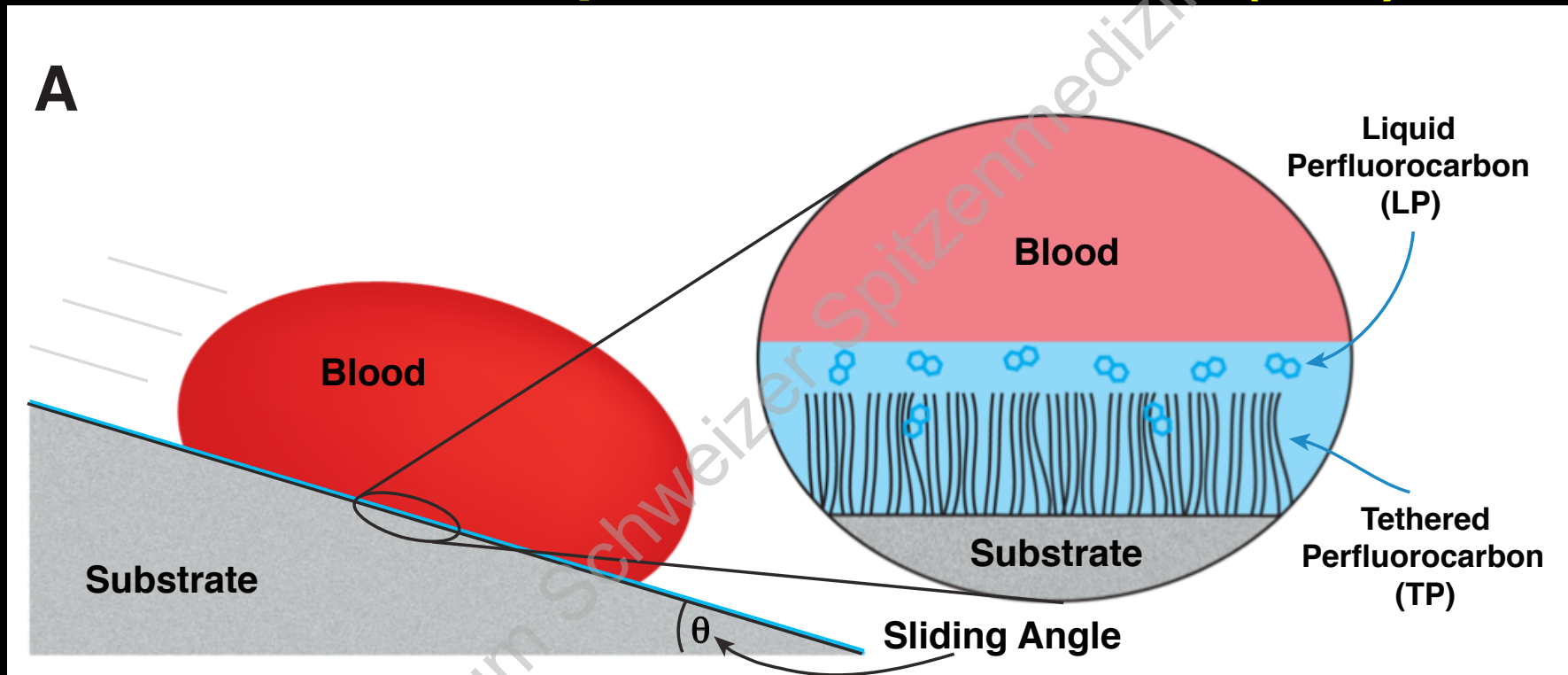


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# Medical SLIPS

## Tethered Liquid Perfluorocarbon (TLP)



1. FDA approved indwelling devices are silanized with Tethered Perfluorocarbon (TP), then sterilized and stored > 1 year
1. Prior to use, an FDA-approved Liquid Perfluorocarbon (e.g. Perfluorodecalin; PFD) is added
1. The TP retains the LP and repels blood

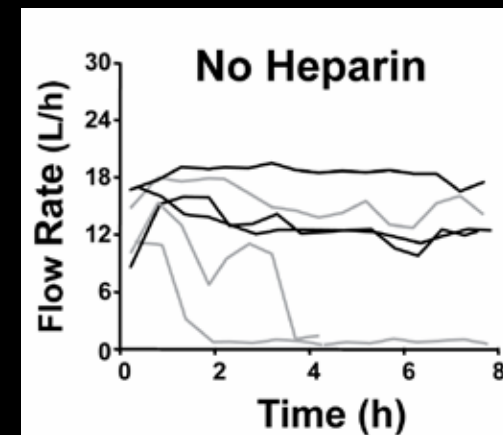
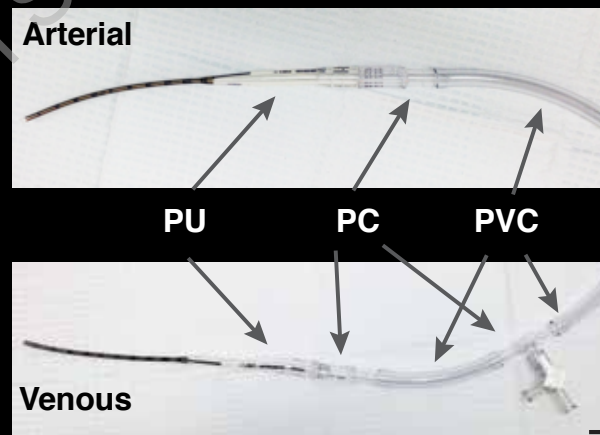
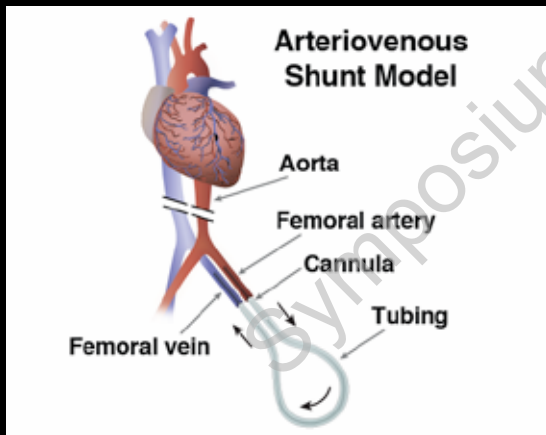
# TLP Coating for Medical Devices

(Leslie et al., *Nature Biotechnology* 2014)

- TLP works on **SMOOTH FDA-approved Medical Materials**



- TLP-treated arteriovenous (AV) shunt functioned for 8 hrs in a pig without heparin



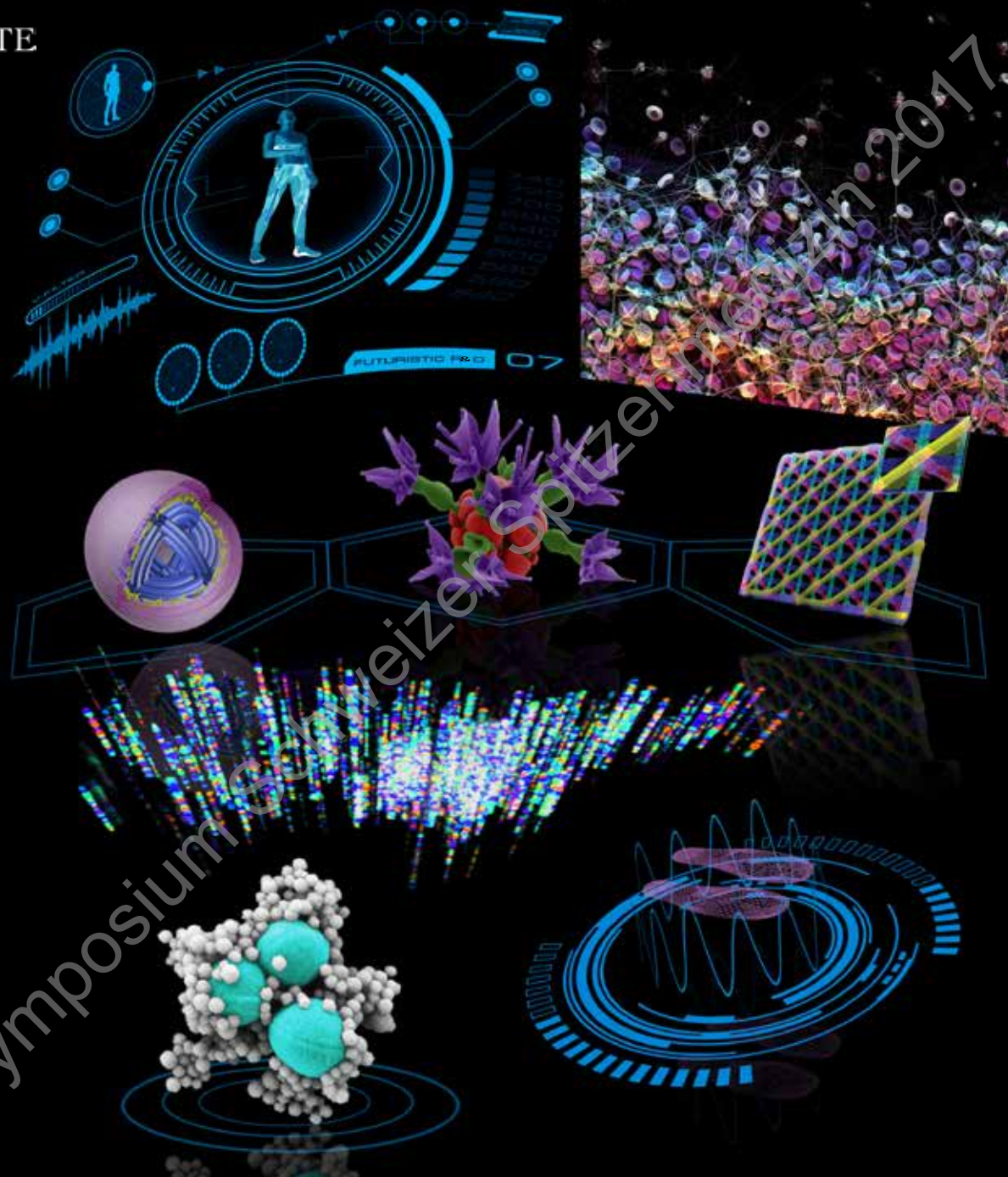
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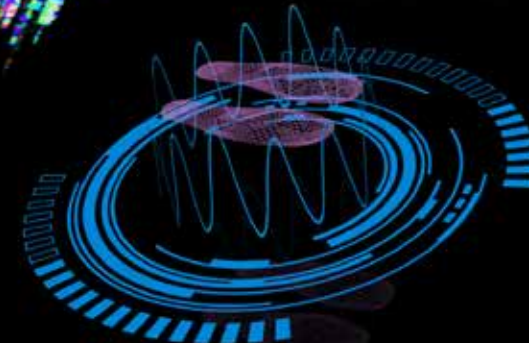
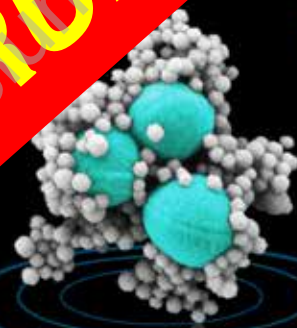
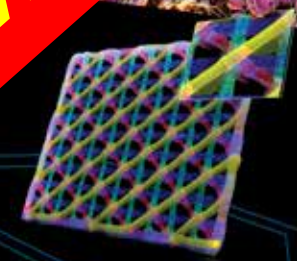
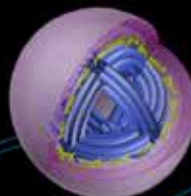
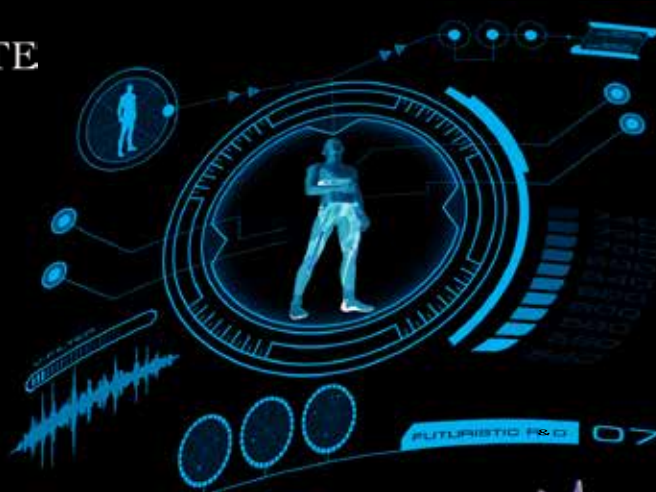


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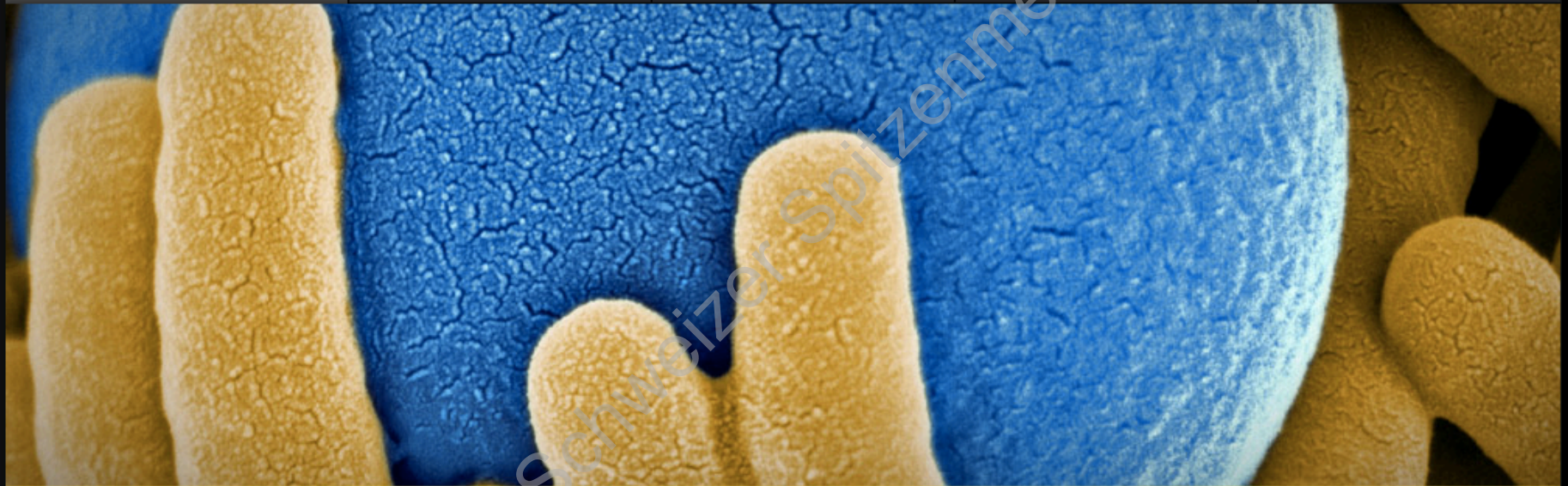
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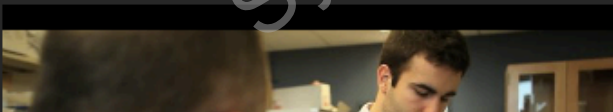


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