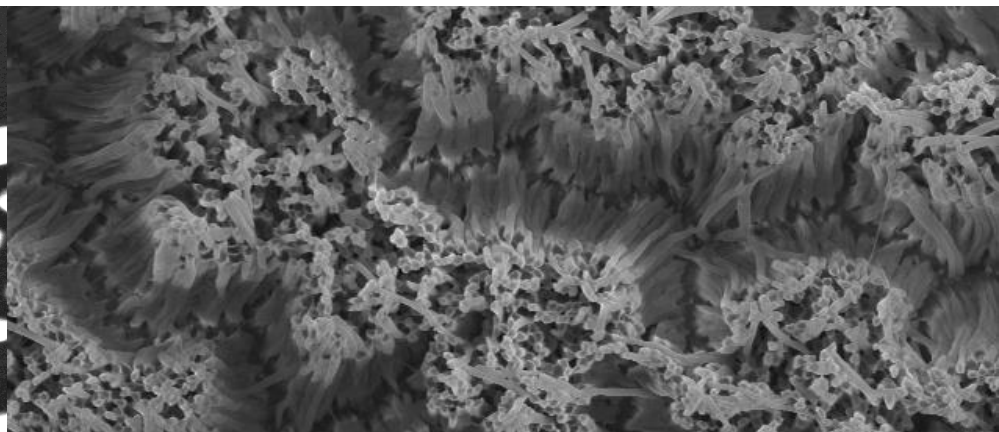
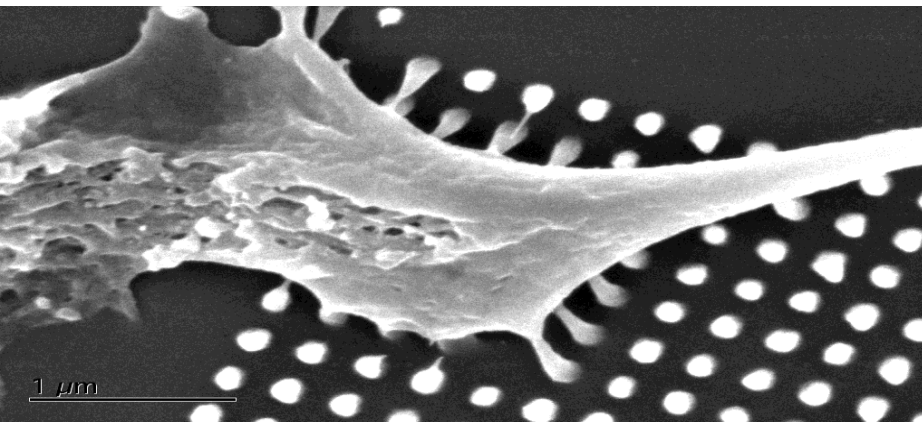


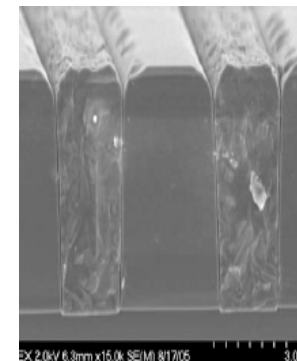
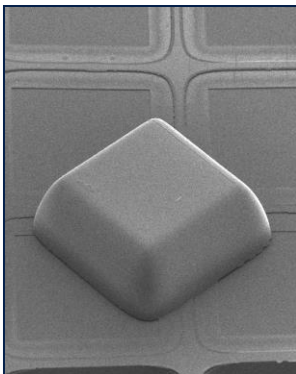
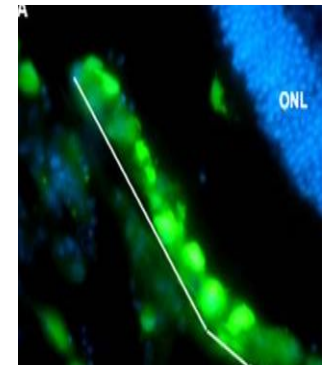
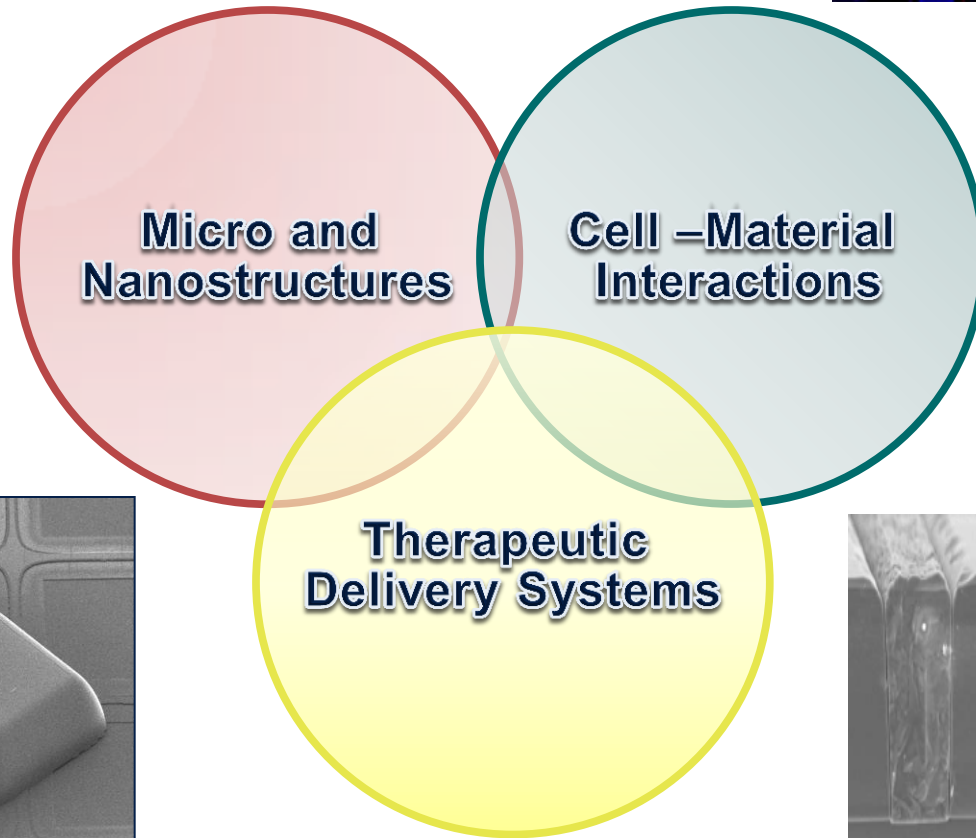
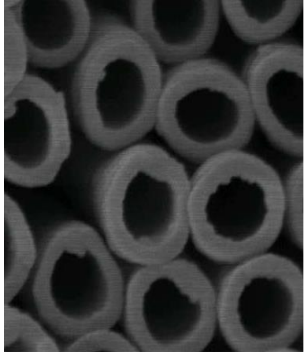
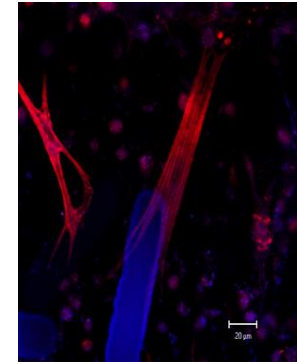
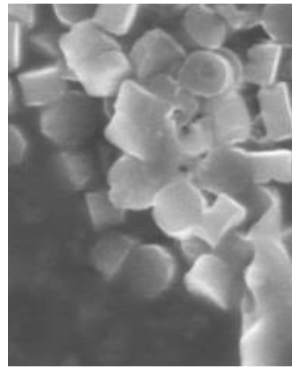
Using Nanostructured Materials to Modulate the Immune System



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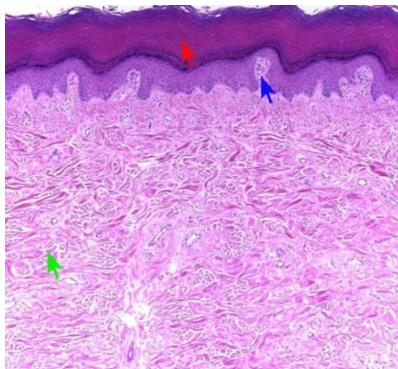
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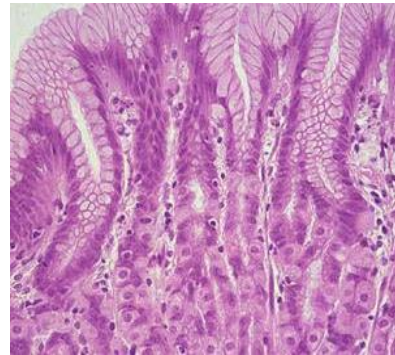


How can material structure modulate cellular function for therapeutic purposes?

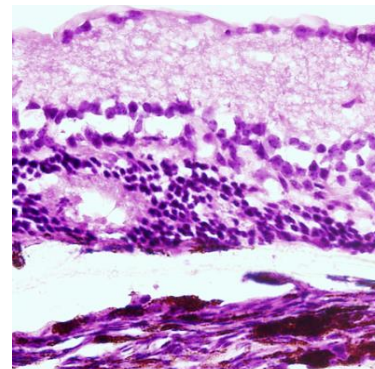
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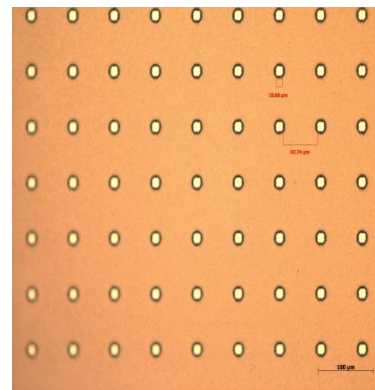
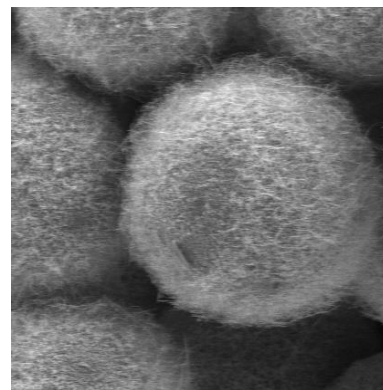
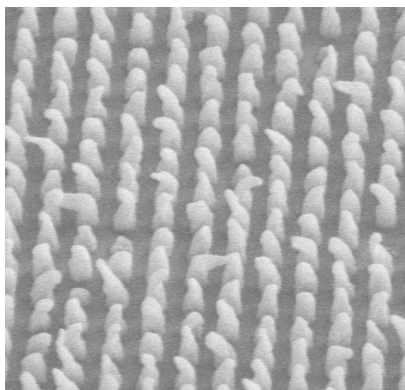
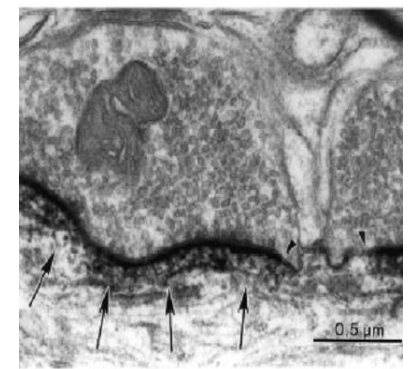
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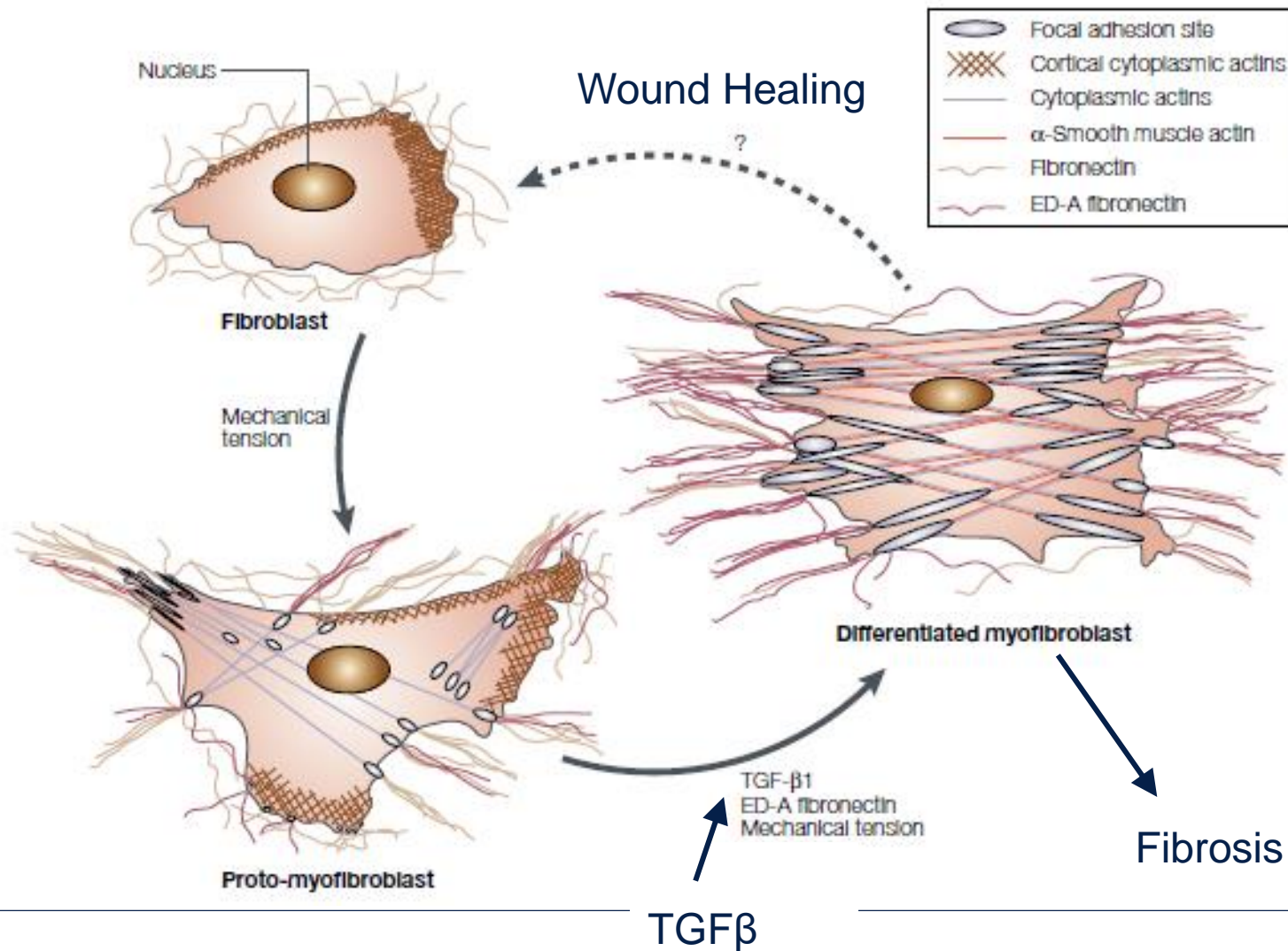


Cardiac



Can we tune material
structure to modulate
fibrosis?

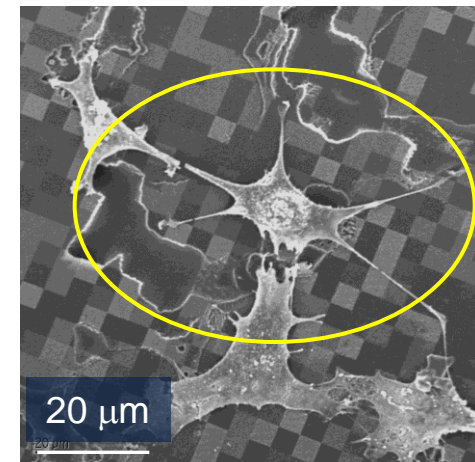
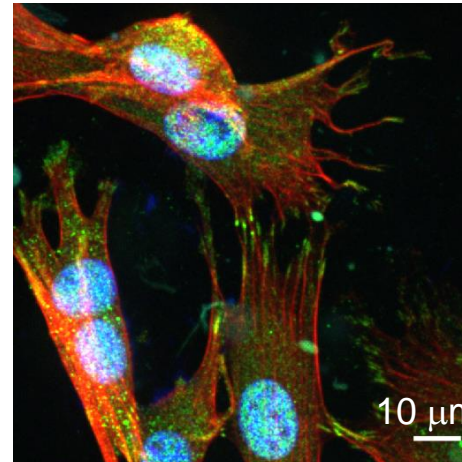
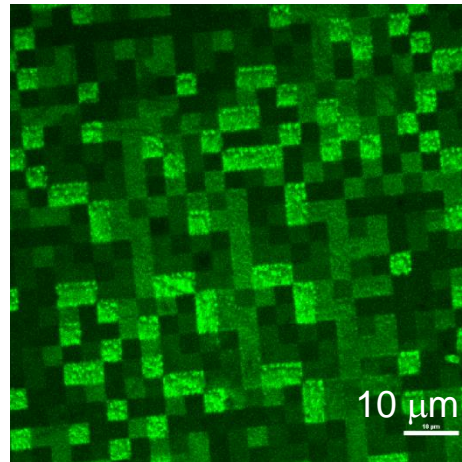
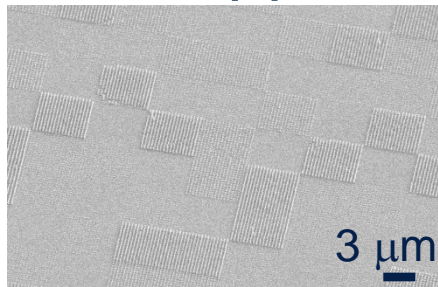
Fibrosis: Fibroblasts Activated by Aberrant Mechanical Tension and TGF β



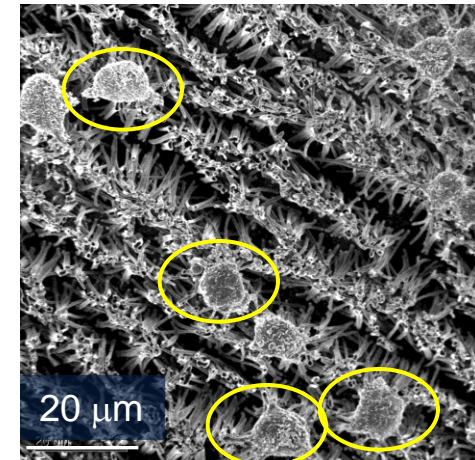
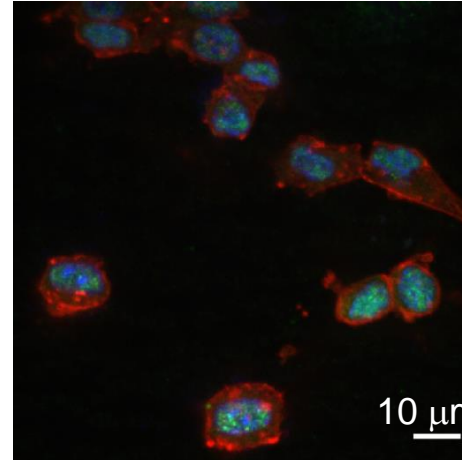
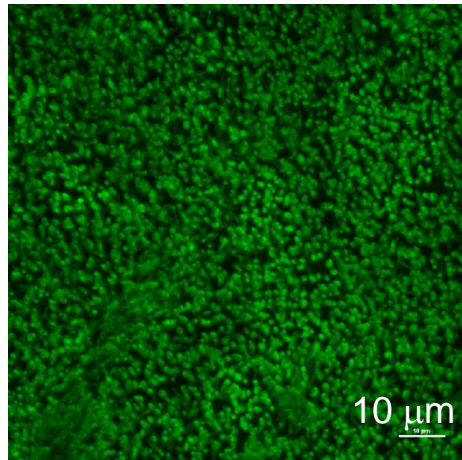
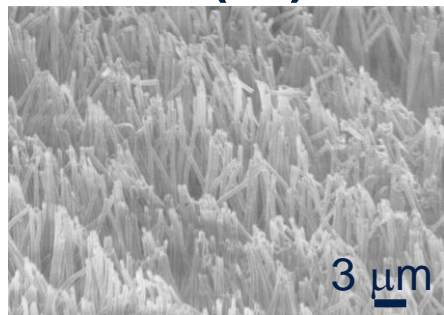
High Aspect Ratio Features Provide Anti-fibrotic Signals

FITC-IgG Adsorption **Vinculin**, **F-Actin**, **DAPI**

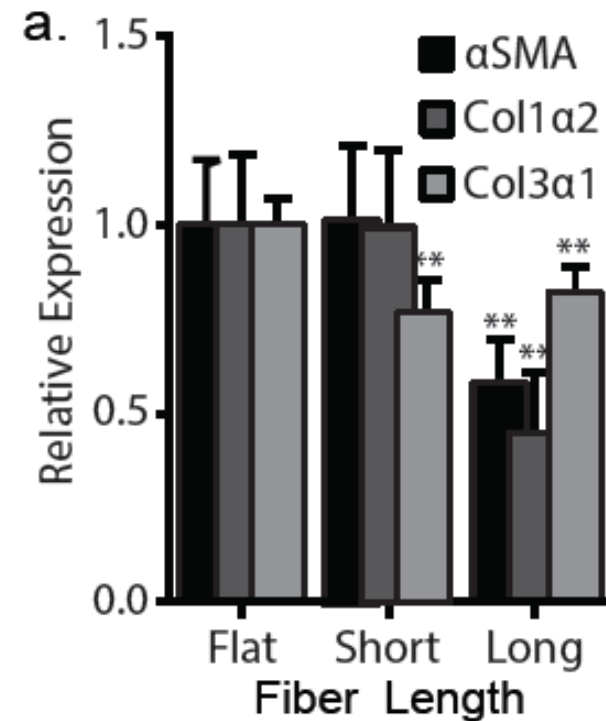
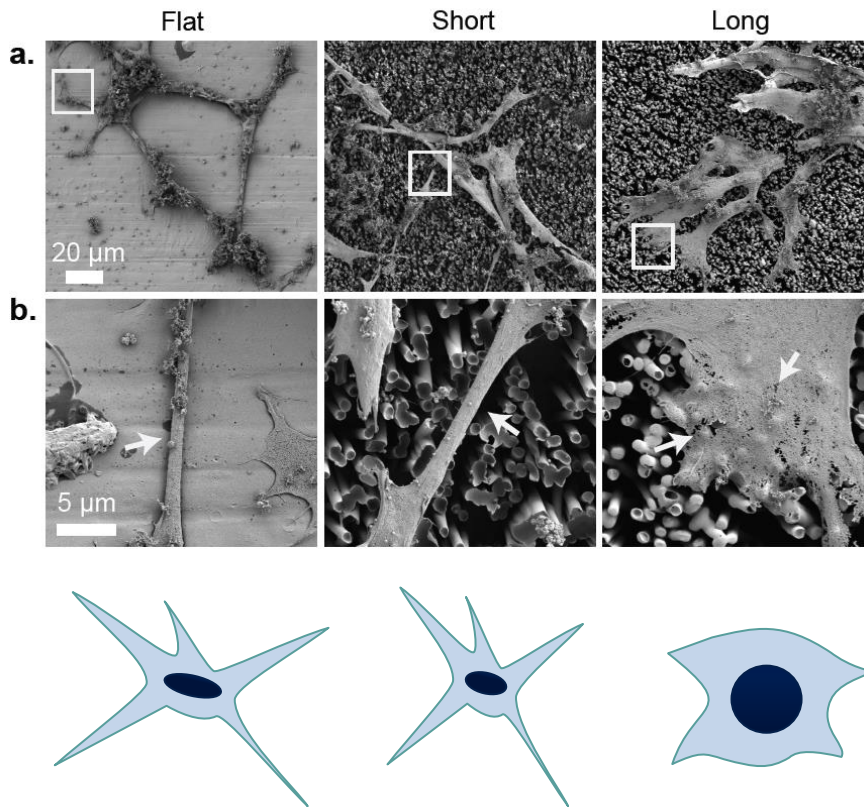
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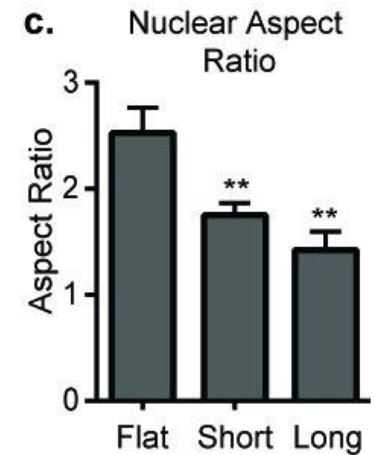
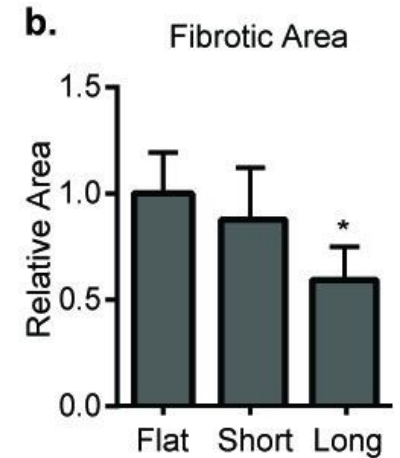
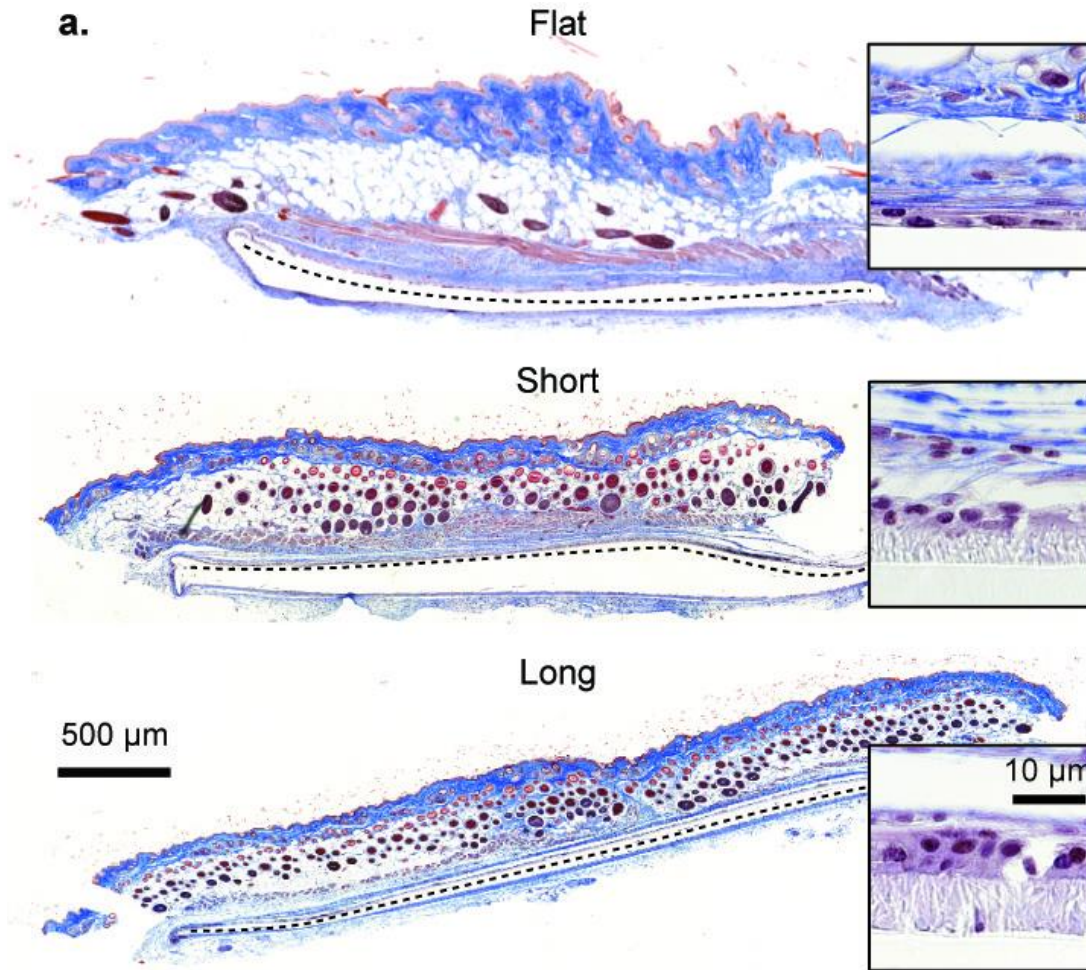
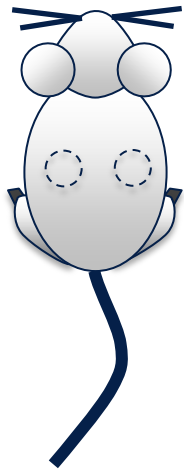
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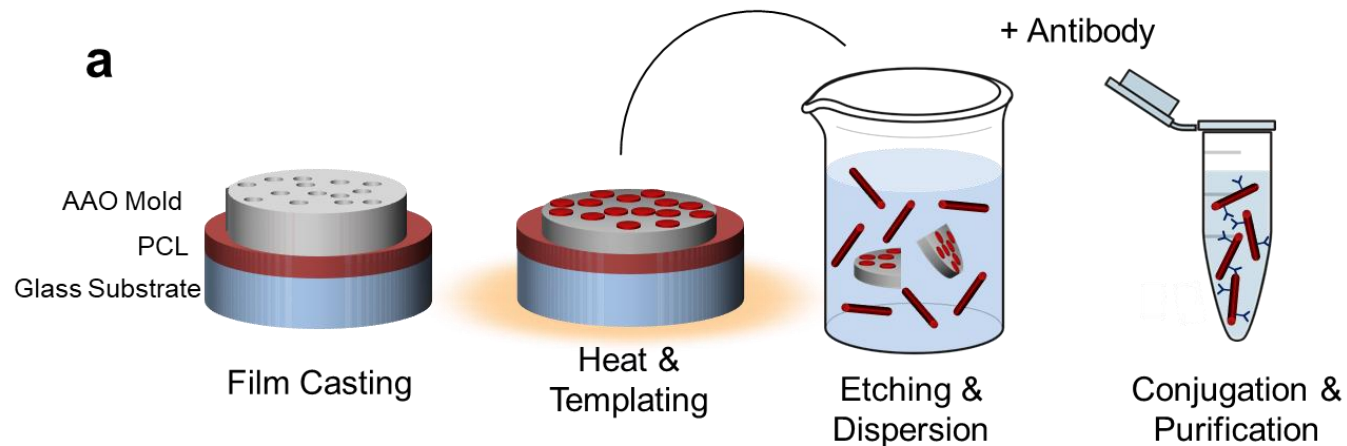
Long aspect ratio structures inhibit fibroblast activation *in vitro*



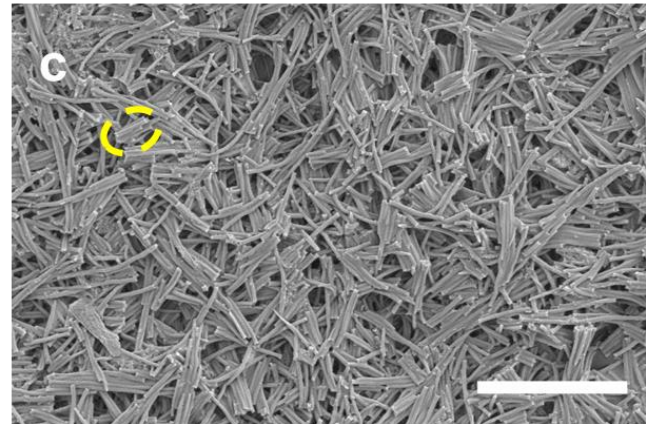
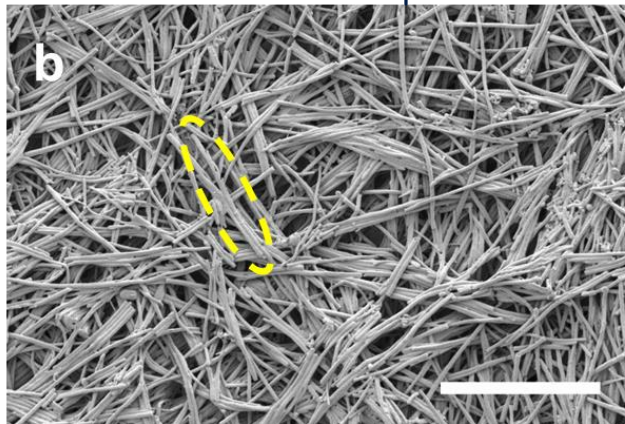
Long Structures Decrease Fibrotic Response *in vivo*



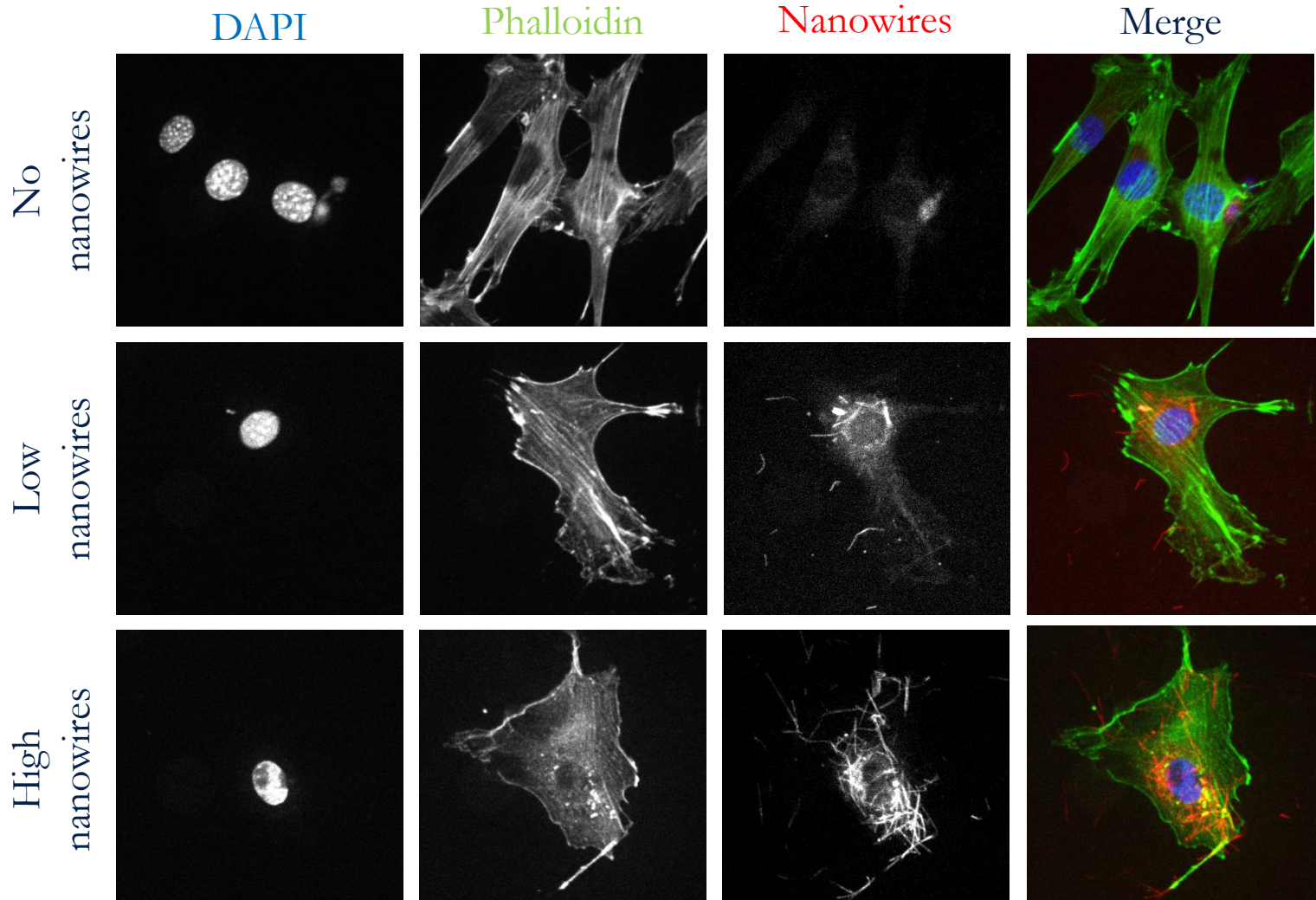
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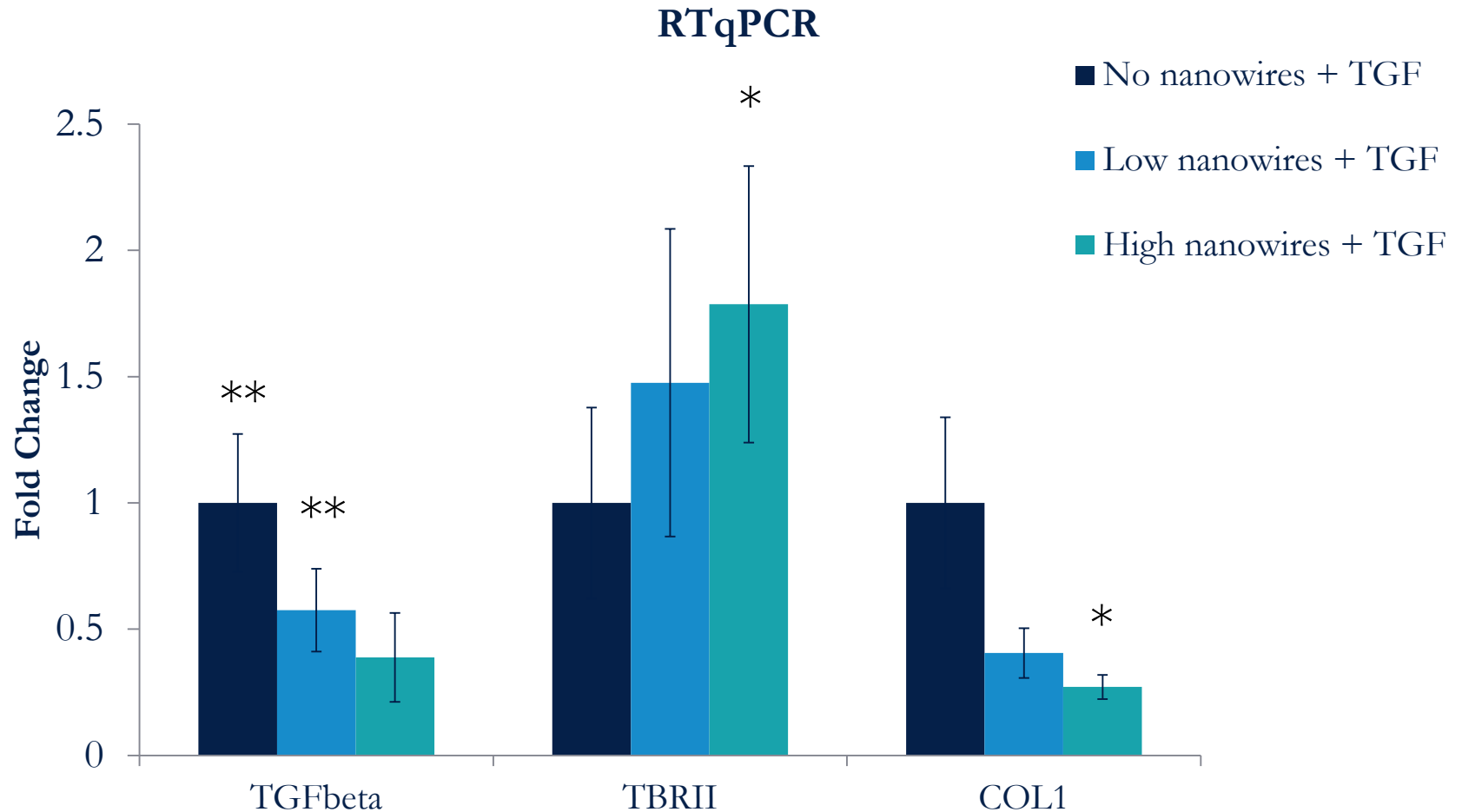
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Nanowires alter cellular morphology and actin cytoskeleton



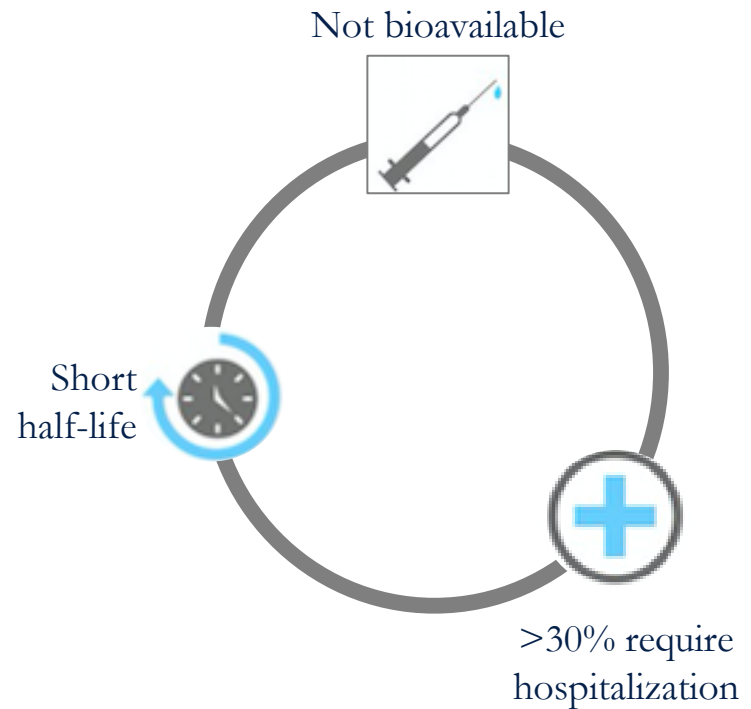
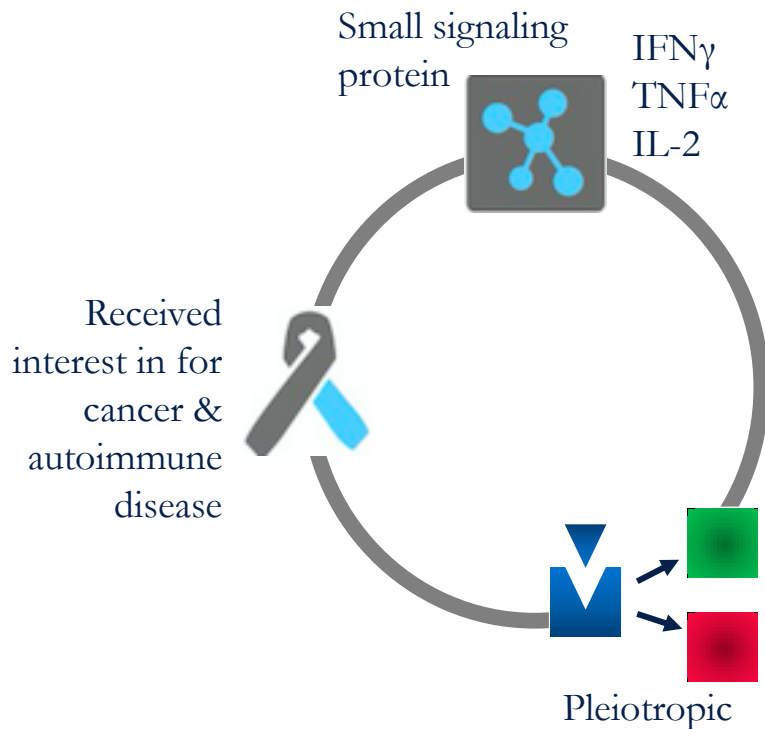
Nanowires decrease TGF β and collagen transcription



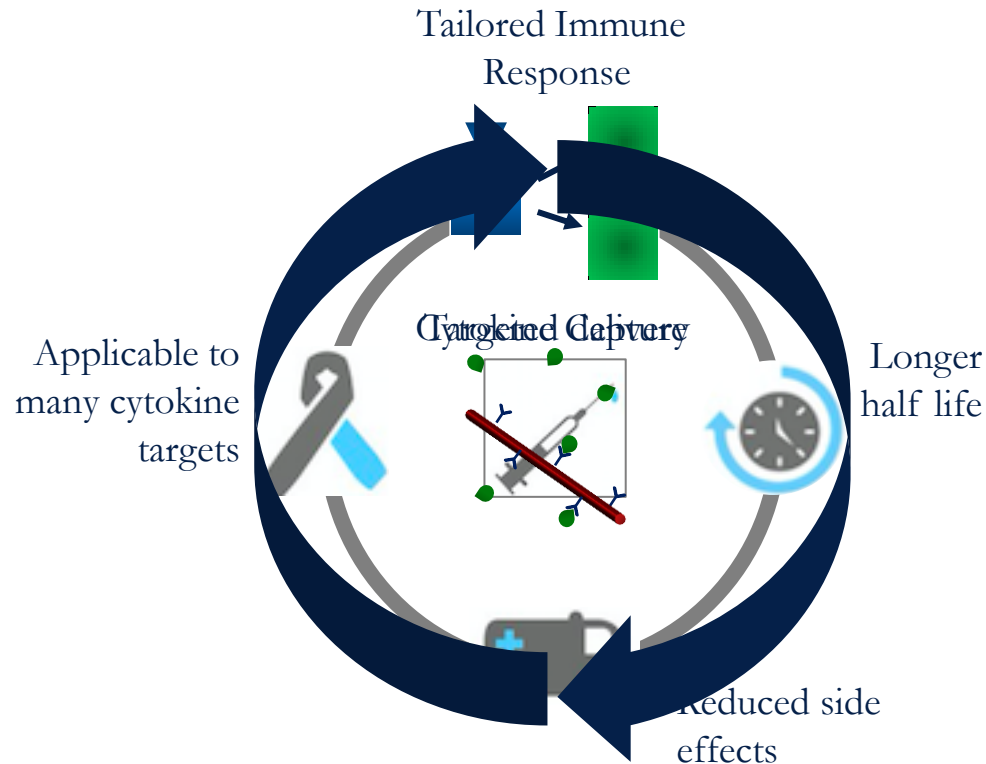
Can we use
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Systemic Cytokine Therapy

Features vs. Challenges

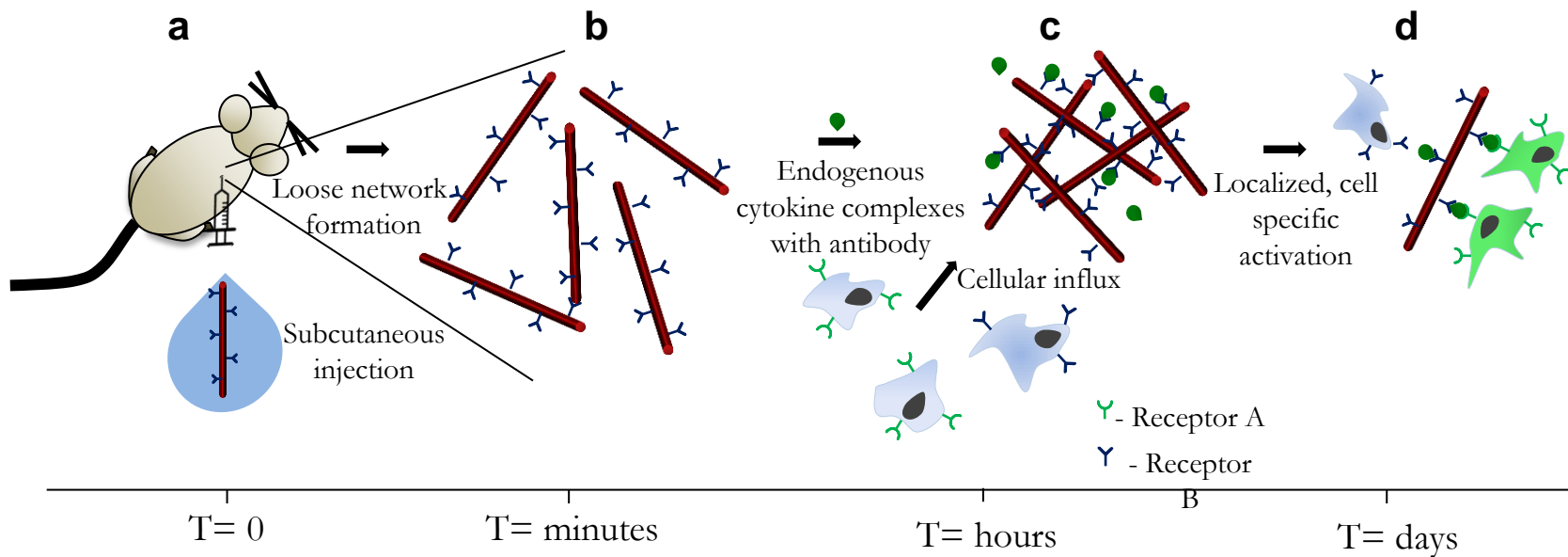


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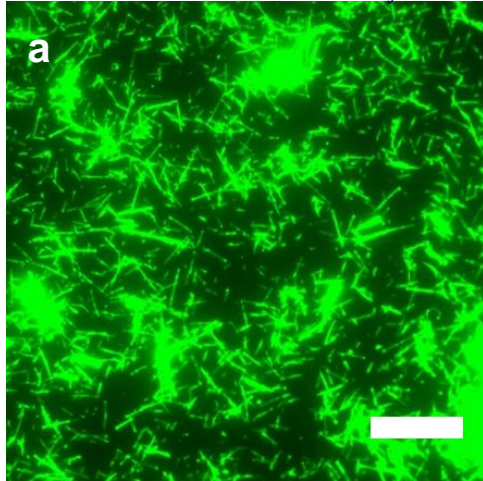
Endogenous cytokine capture for prolonged & localized immune activation

Nanostructures as an injectable cytokine trap

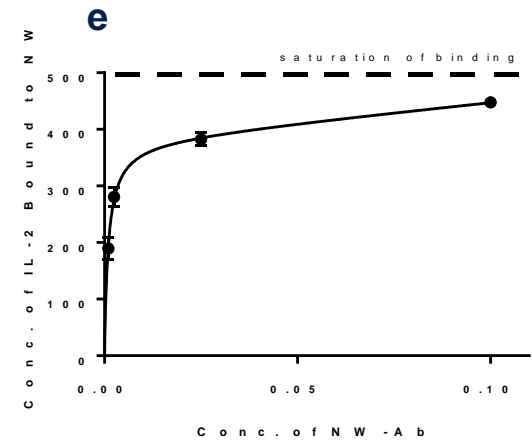
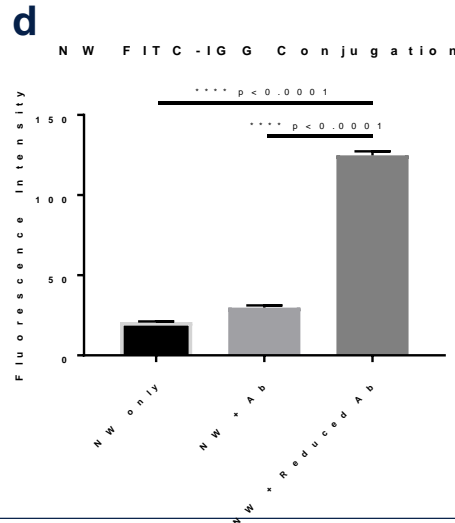
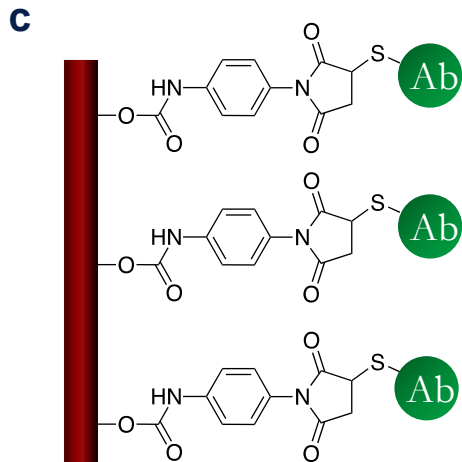
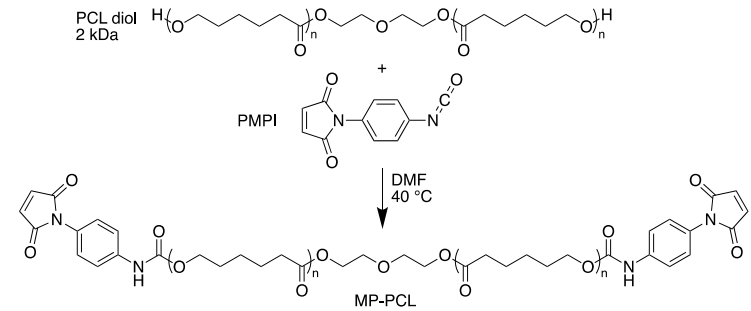
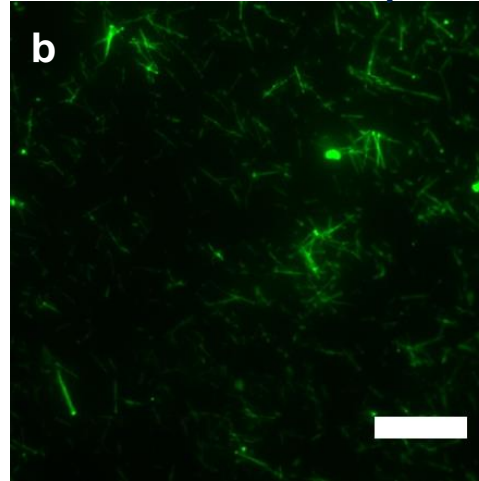


Nanowires can conjugate to IgG species and sequester cytokines

Reduced Antibody



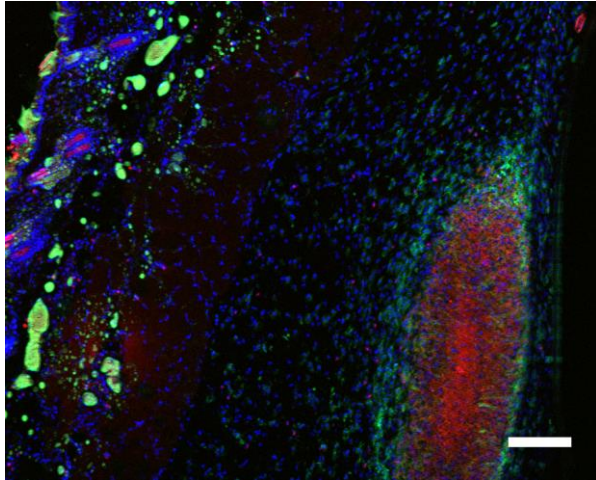
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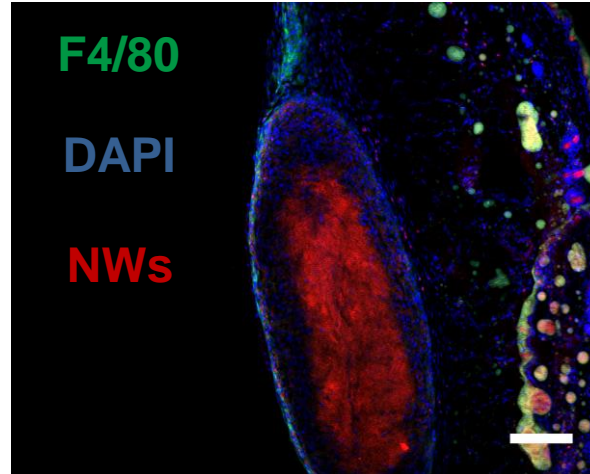
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Nanowires persist *in vivo* for >6 weeks

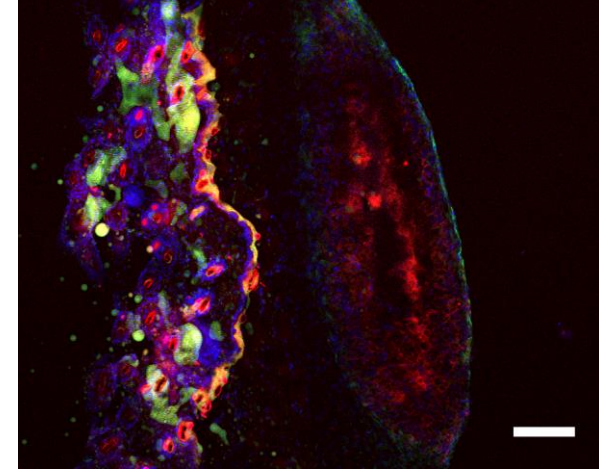
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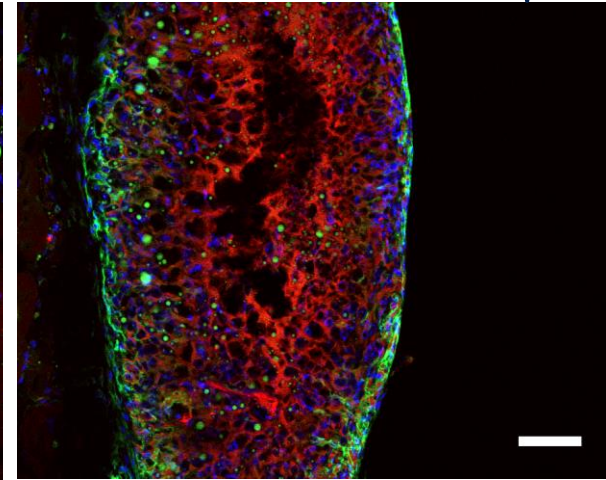
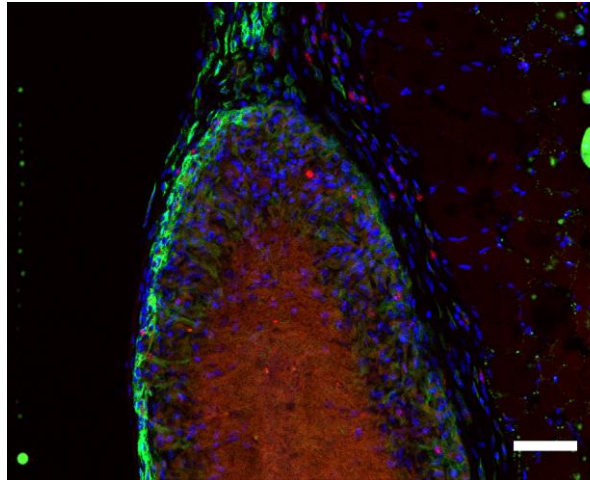
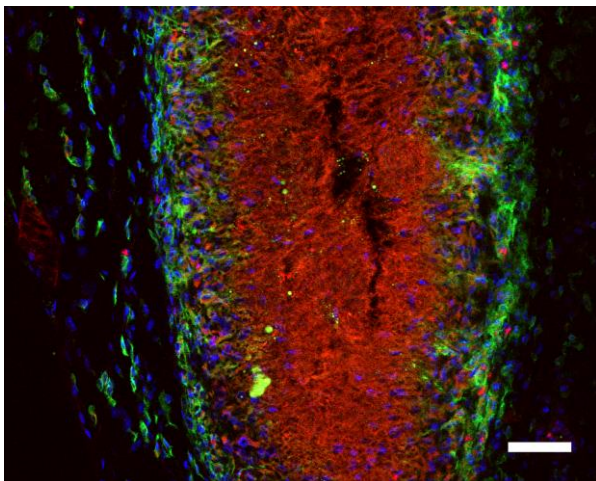
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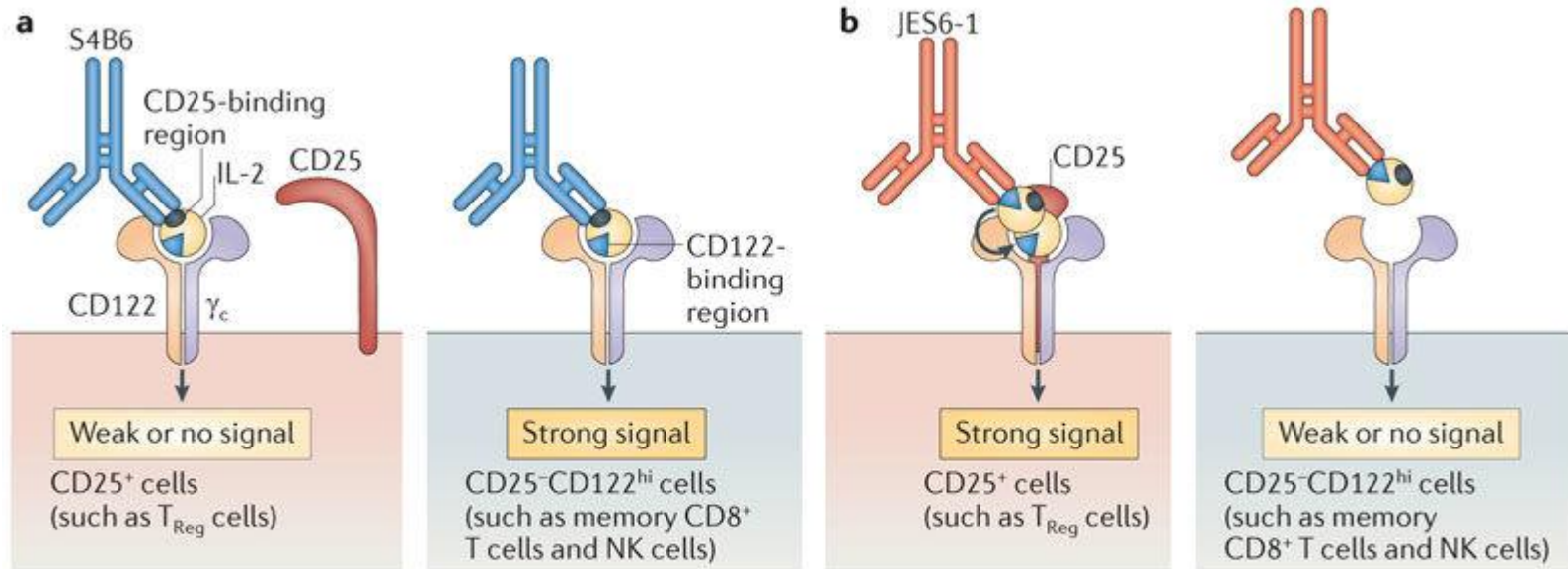
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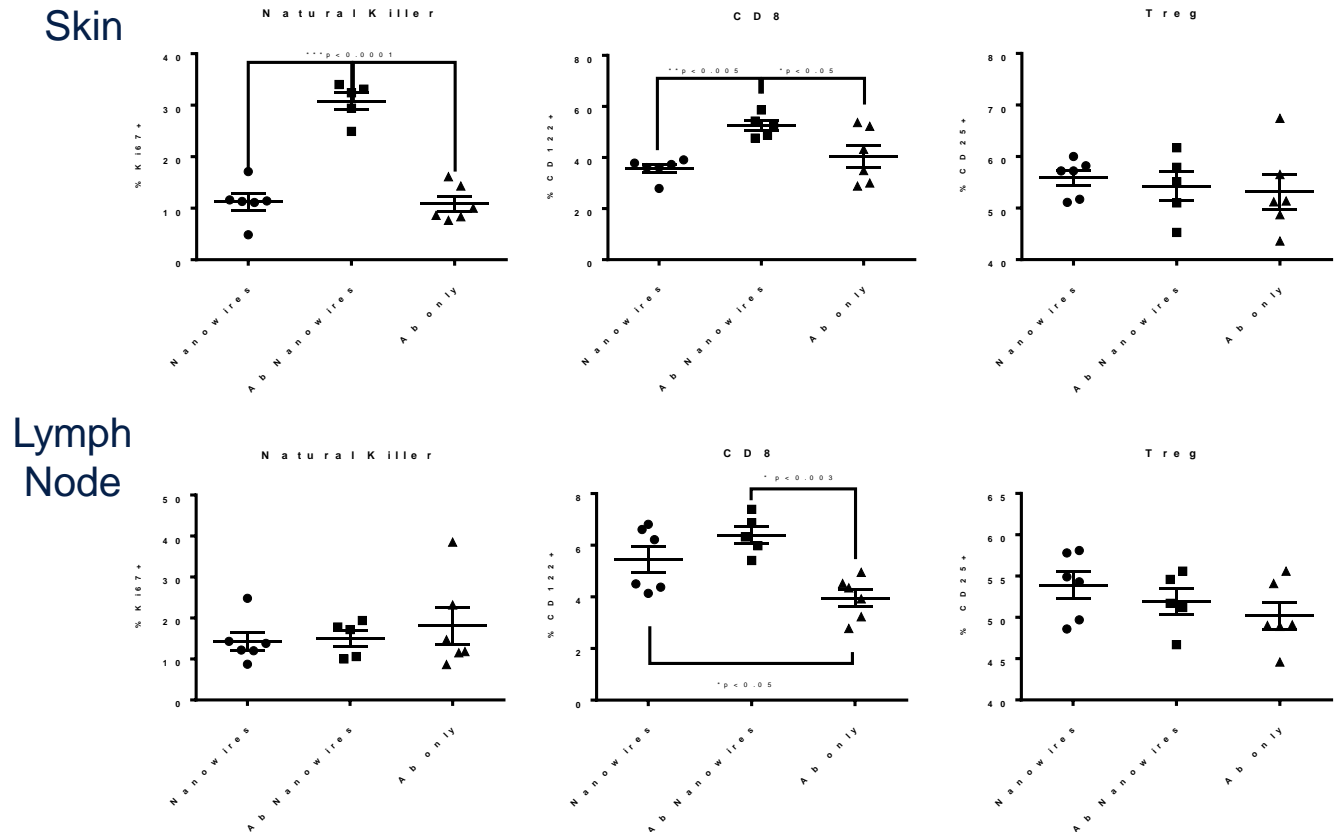
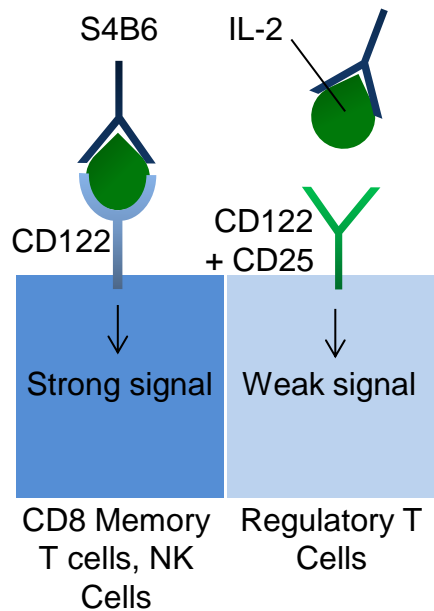


Can we use this strategy to activate T cells *specifically* and *locally*?

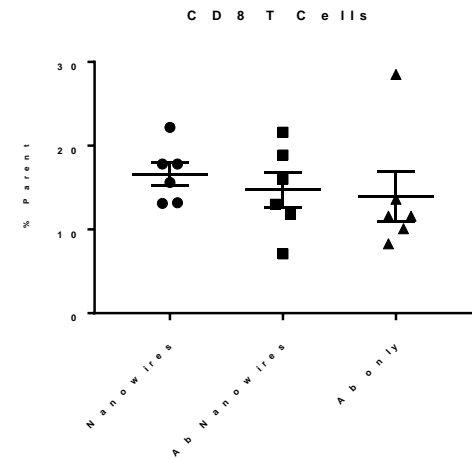
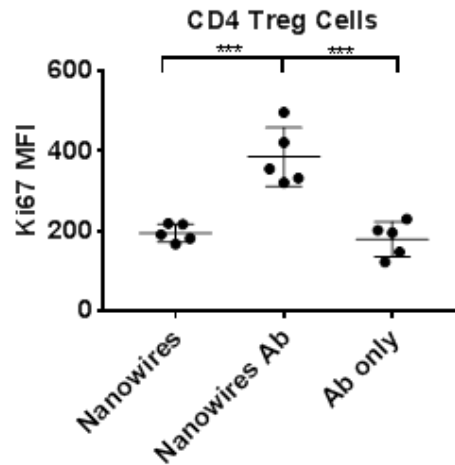
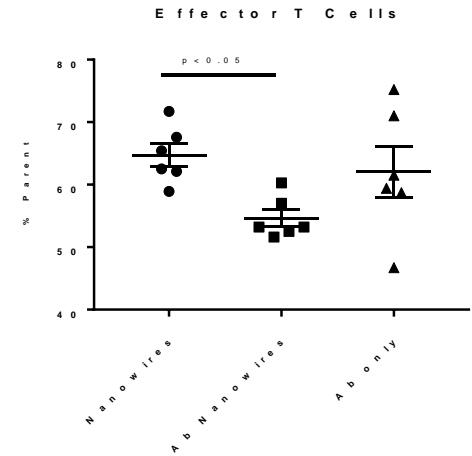
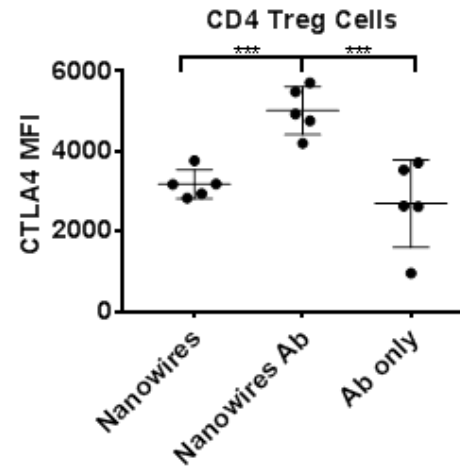
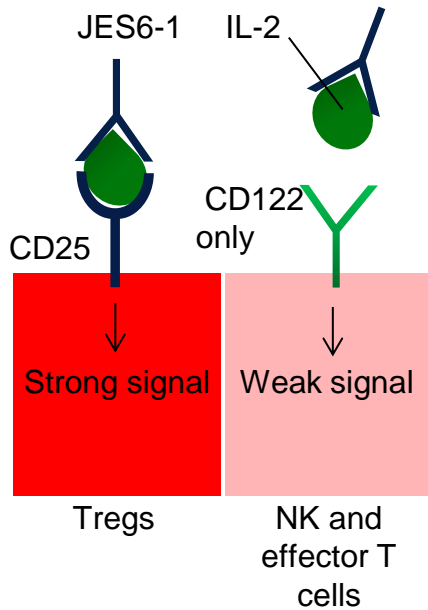


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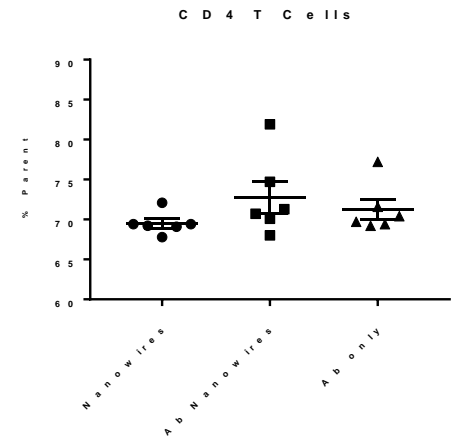
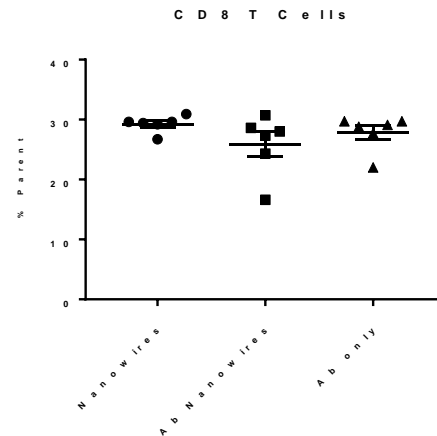
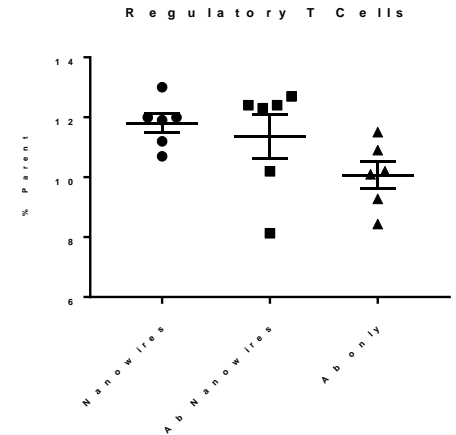
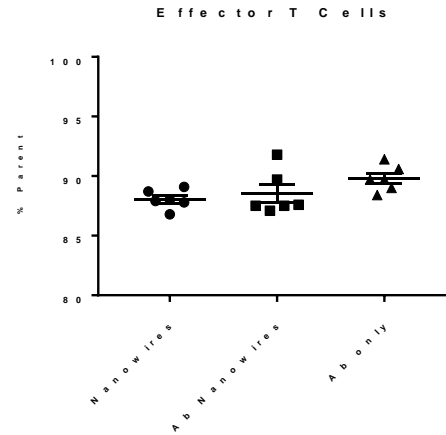
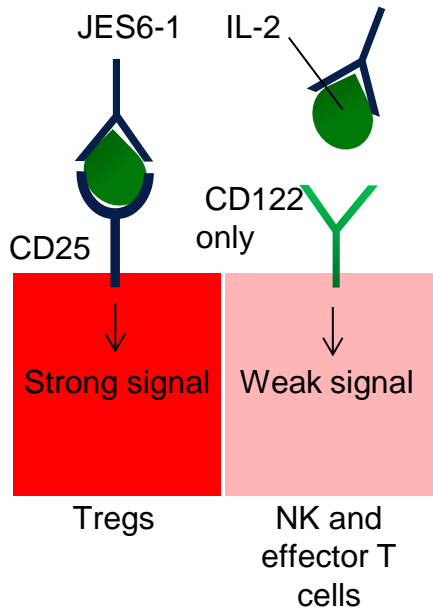
S4B6 antibody-conjugated wires locally activate NK and CD8 Cells *in vivo*



JES6-1-NWs locally activate Tregs and inhibit Teffs in the skin



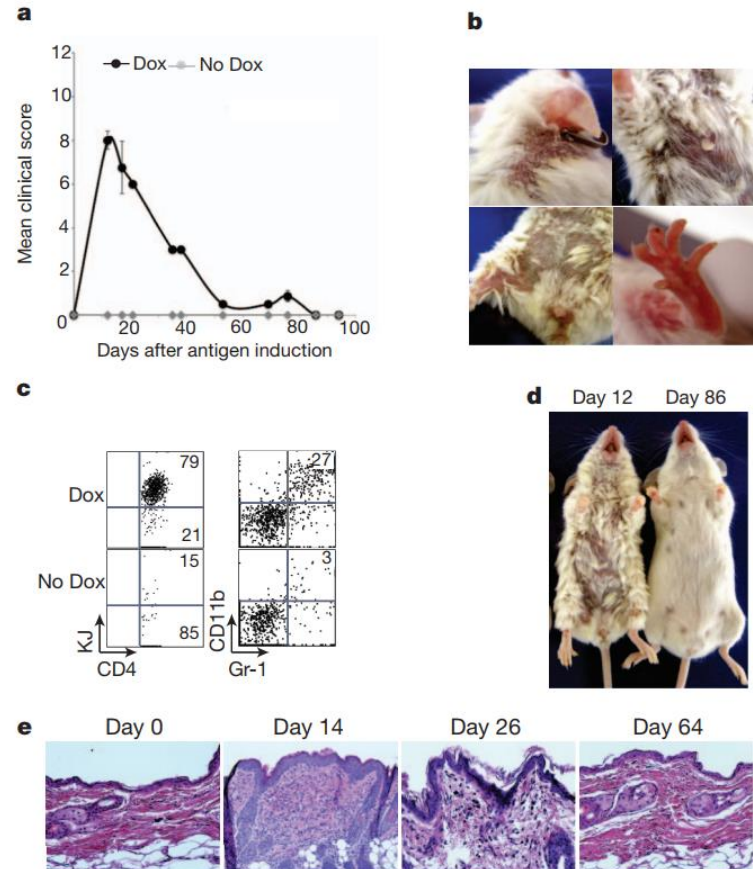
JES6-1 NWs have little effect in the draining lymph nodes



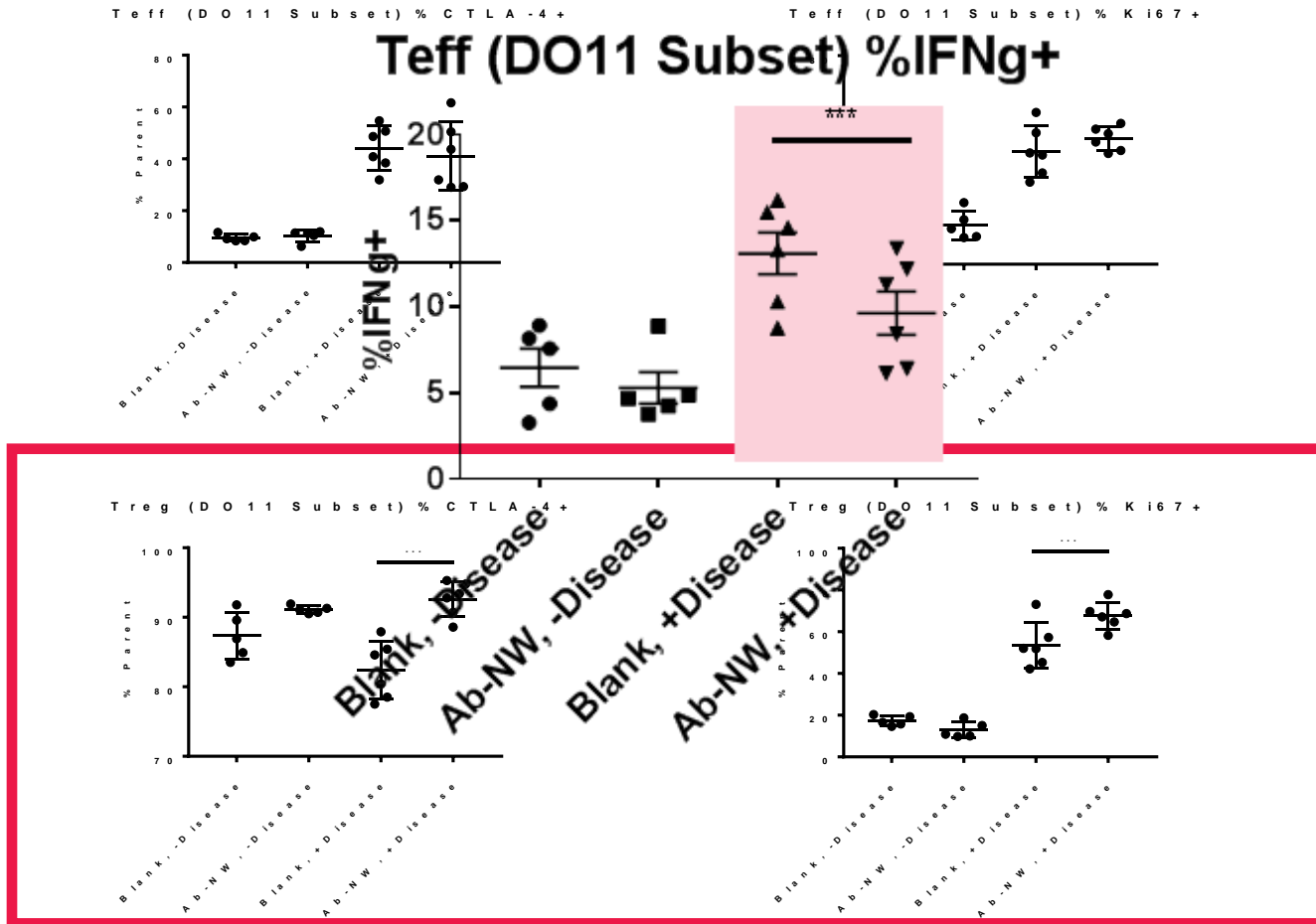
Disease Model –K5-TGO-DO11 Autoimmune Skin Disease

- K5-TGO-DO11 transgenic mouse that exhibits antigen specific immune response to OVA
- OVA under control of tetracycline promotor in keratinocytes,
- Leads to acute dermatitis and influx of CD4's into the skin

Hypothesis – local augmentation of Treg activation before antigen is turned on will ameliorate disease phenotype



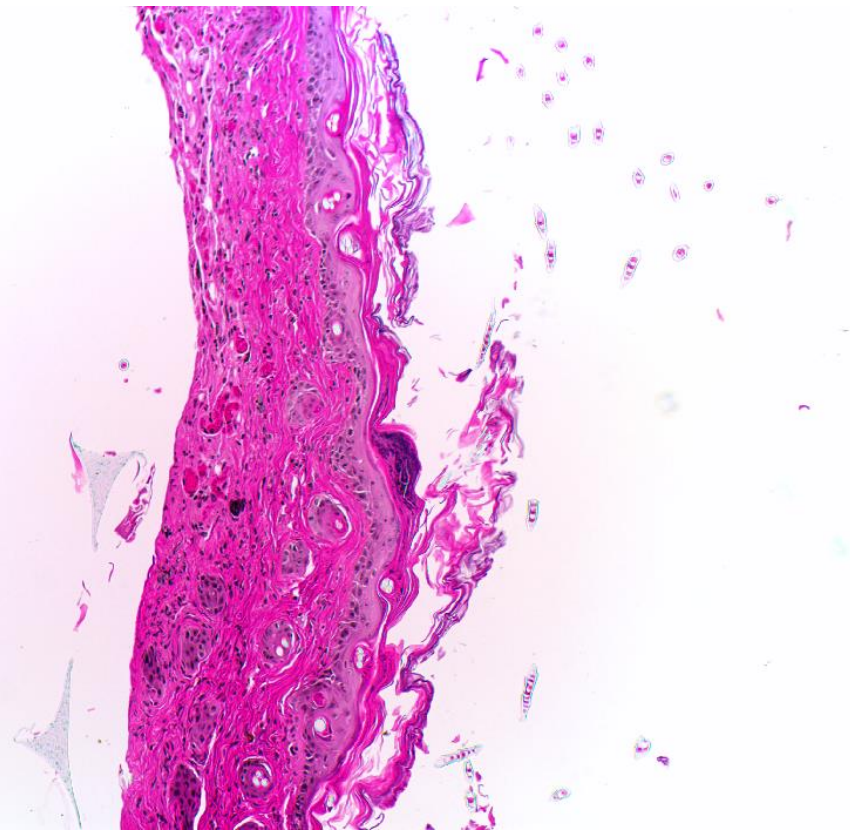
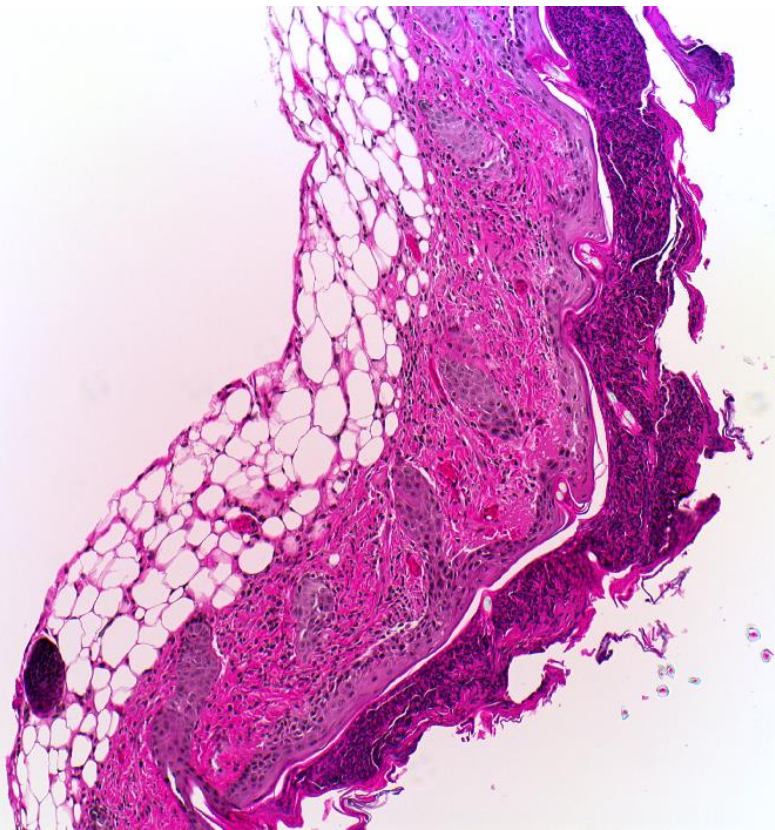
Ab-NWs selectively activate antigen specific Tregs - but not effector cells - in the skin



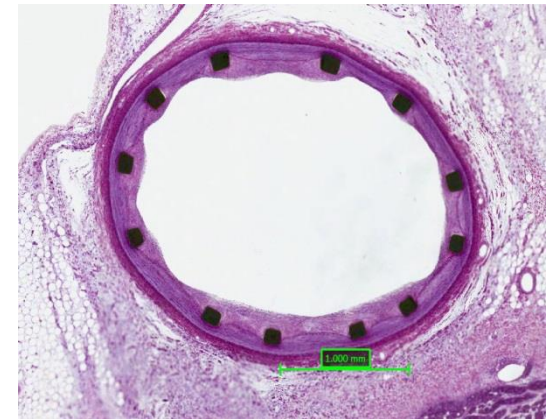
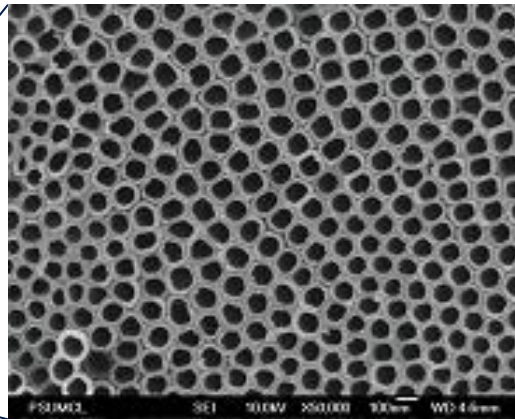
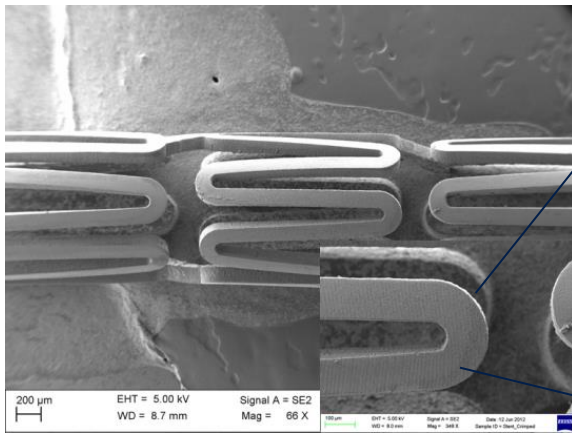
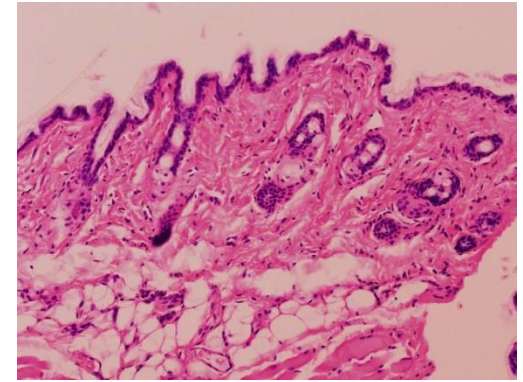
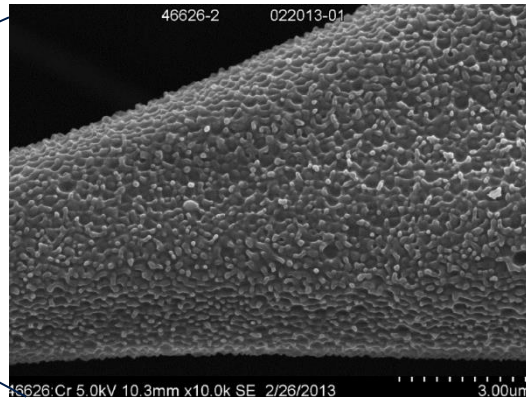
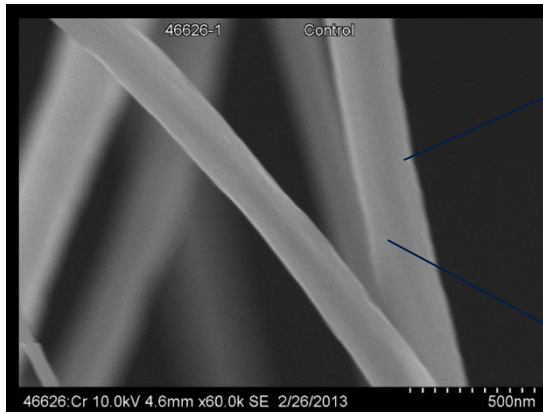
Decreased epithelial hyperplasia and myeloid infiltrate observed in vivo

No Treatment (Blank wires)

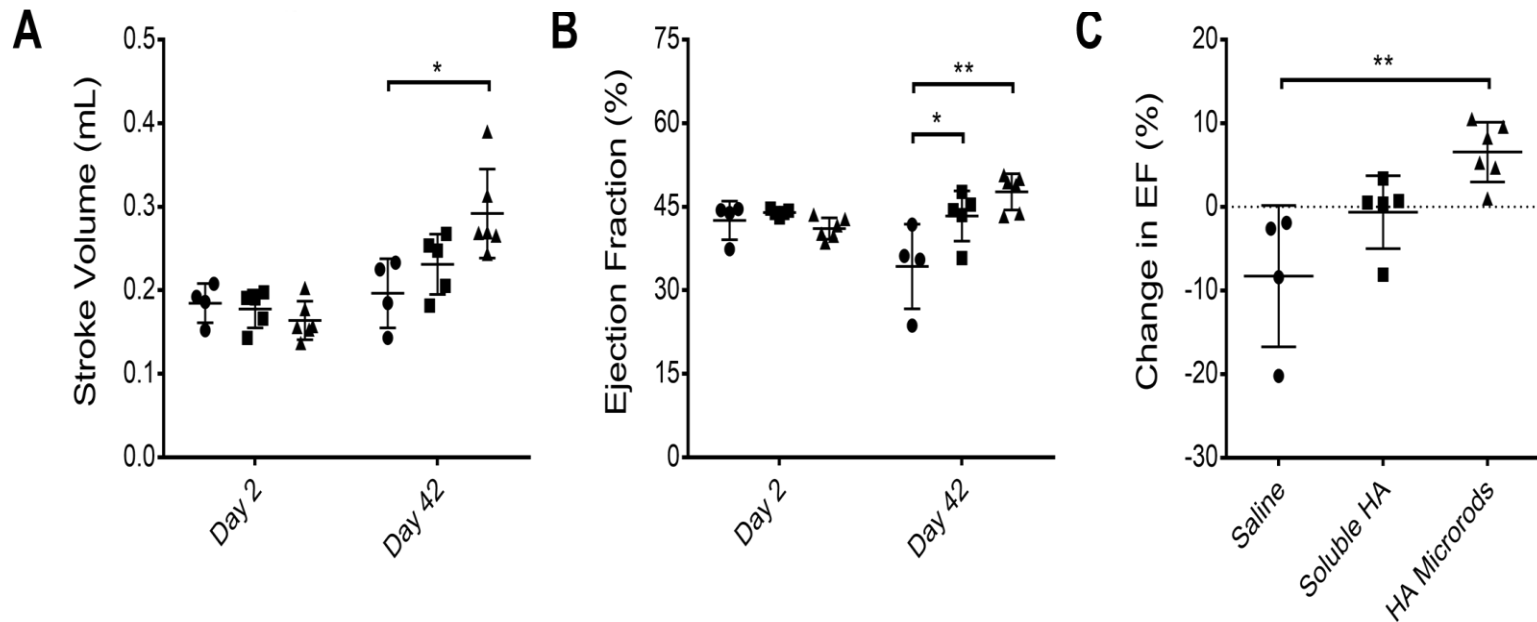
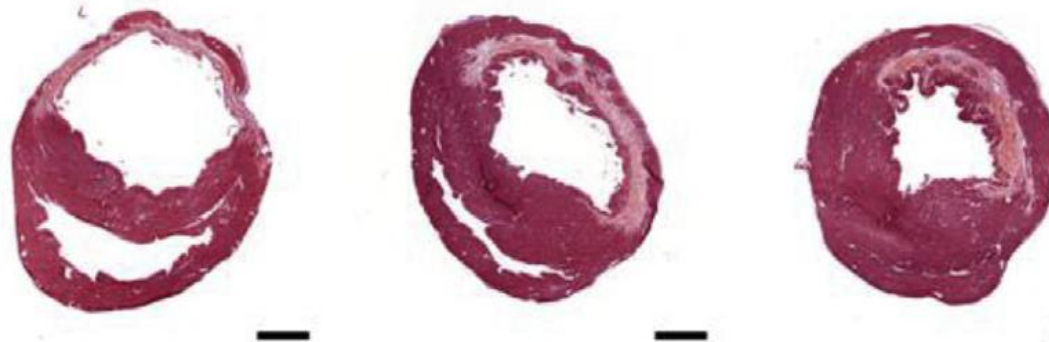
Treated (AB-NWs)



“Nanostructured” implants for improved wound healing: Stents and Vascular Grafts

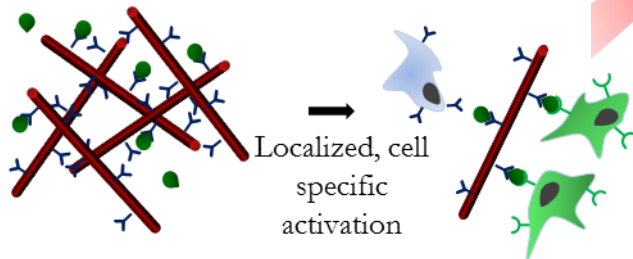
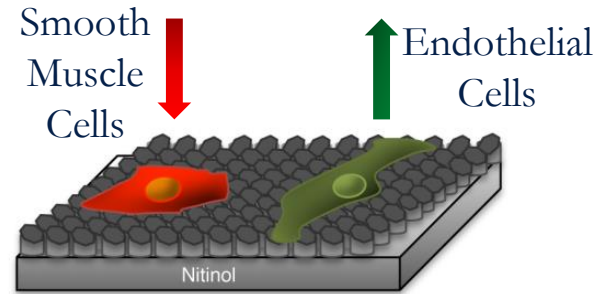
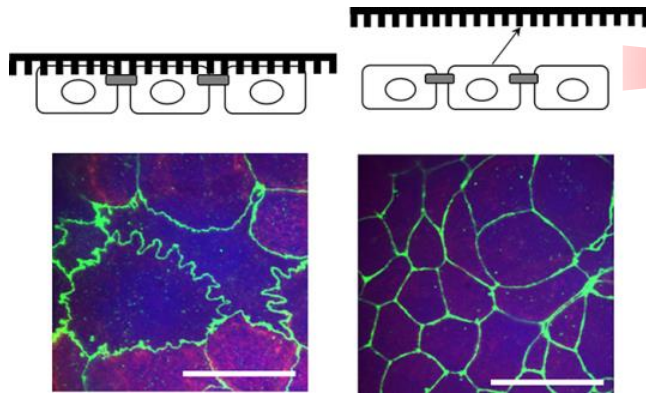


Injected Microstructures preserve *and* improve cardiac output after MI

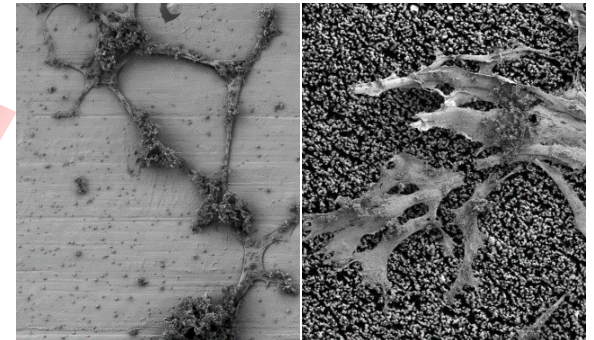


Harnessing micro- and nano-topographical cues for therapy

Epithelial Cells

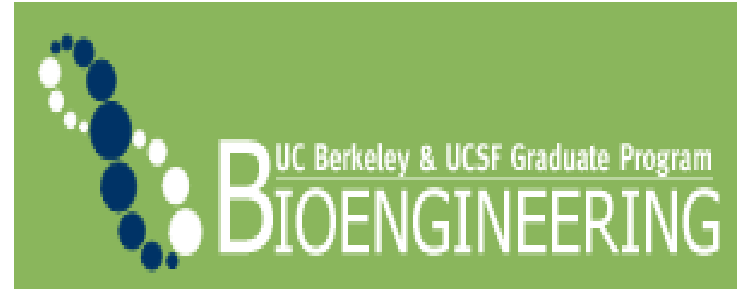


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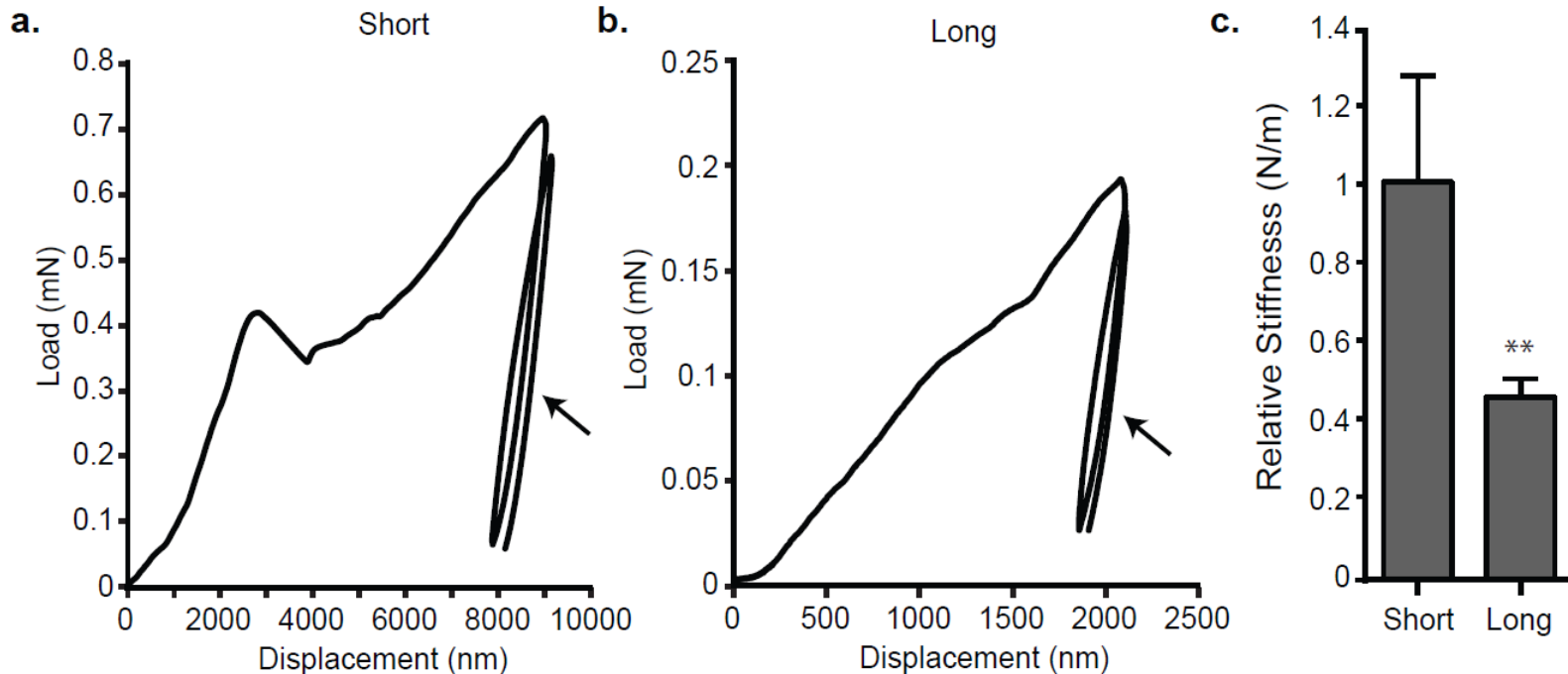
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Characterizing mechanics of fibers



Nanoindentation:

- 1590 N/m for short versus 750 N/m for long microfibers (** $p < 0.01$, $n \geq 12$)
- constant prescribed displacement rate of 10 nm/s