#### Way to the future Intersection of Nanotechnology and Healthcare

Nanomedicine Translational Think Tank

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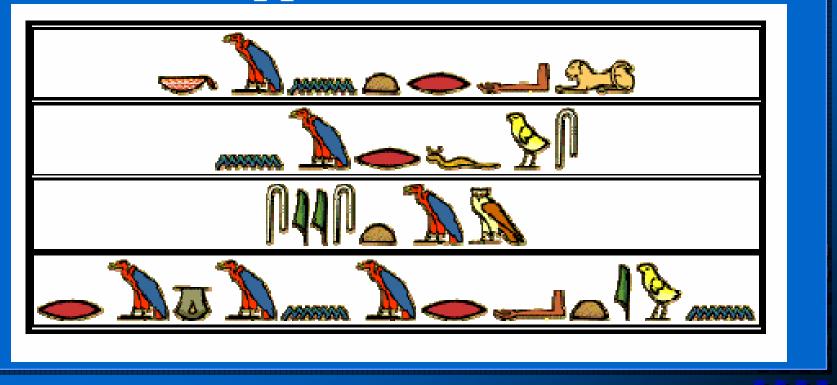
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  - Arch Therapeutics
  - Shareholder in 3D Matrix Japan
  - Patents at MIT and HKU



CNS Regeneration translated to Hieroglyphics inspired by the Edwin Smith Papyrus approx 3000B.C.



## **Topics**

- Intersection of nanotechnology and healthcare
- Safety of nanomedicines
- Challenges in translational development
- Bottlenecks in regulation



### FDA Guidelines Effective June 3-2010

- CENTER FOR DRUG EVALUATION AND RESEARCH MAPP 5015.9
- Originator: Office of Pharmaceutical Science
- Reporting Format for Nanotechnology-Related Information in CMC Review
- It is a great start and allows for flexibility



#### Areas that have a component of nanotechnology

- **Biopharmaceutics** 
  - Drug delivery
  - Drug encapsulation
  - Functional drug carriers
  - Drug discovery
- Implantable Materials
  - Tissue repair and replacement
  - Implant coatings
  - Tissue regeneration scaffolds
  - Structural implant materials
  - Bone repair
  - Bioresorbable materials
  - Smart materials
- Implantable Devices
  - Assessment and treatment devices
  - Implantable sensors
  - Implantable medical devices

- Sensory Aids
  - Retinal implants
  - Cochlear implants
- Surgical Aids
  - Operating Tools
  - Smart Instruments
  - Surgical robots
- **Diagnostic Tools** 
  - Genetic testing
  - Ultra-sensitive labeling and detection technologies
  - High throughput arrays and multiple analyses

- Imaging
  - Nanoparticle labels
  - Imaging devices

# Adaptable materials for uses in living organisms vs. non-living

- One product many uses
  - i.e. Dendrimers with different active groups
- Self assembling materials
- Disassembling materials
- Warming / cooling
- Protective at different temperatures
- Hydrating versus dehydrating
- Chelating in mining operations
- Recoverable / recyclable
- Consumable
  - Human, Plant, cell ?

### Medical devices

#### Macro

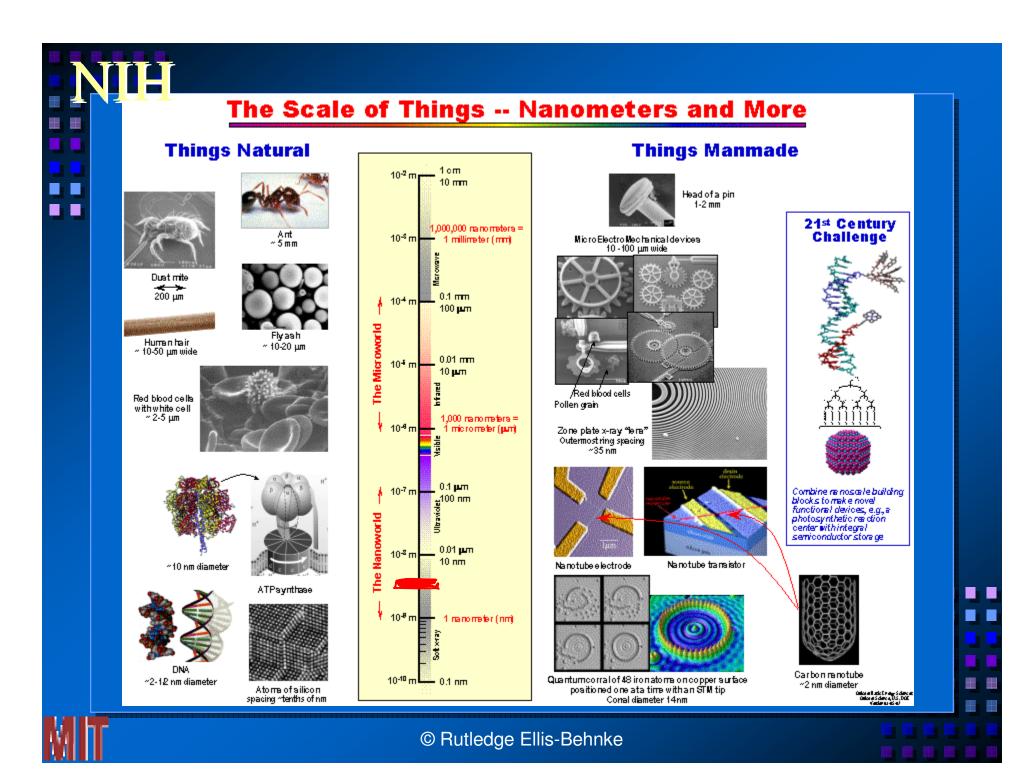
- Implantable defibrillators, help prevent, diagnose, treat and monitor
- Nano
  - Implantable structure that will allow for dynamic reconfiguration during use, breakdown when finished, and be excreted



### Nanotechnology

Using molecules as building blocks to build structures





### Nanotechnology

- Materials Dendrimers / Chips
- Imaging Grin Lenses
- Delivery Coatings
- Manipulation AFM
- Forces Van der waals
- Structures Self assembled
- Old is now new Size and localization really matters

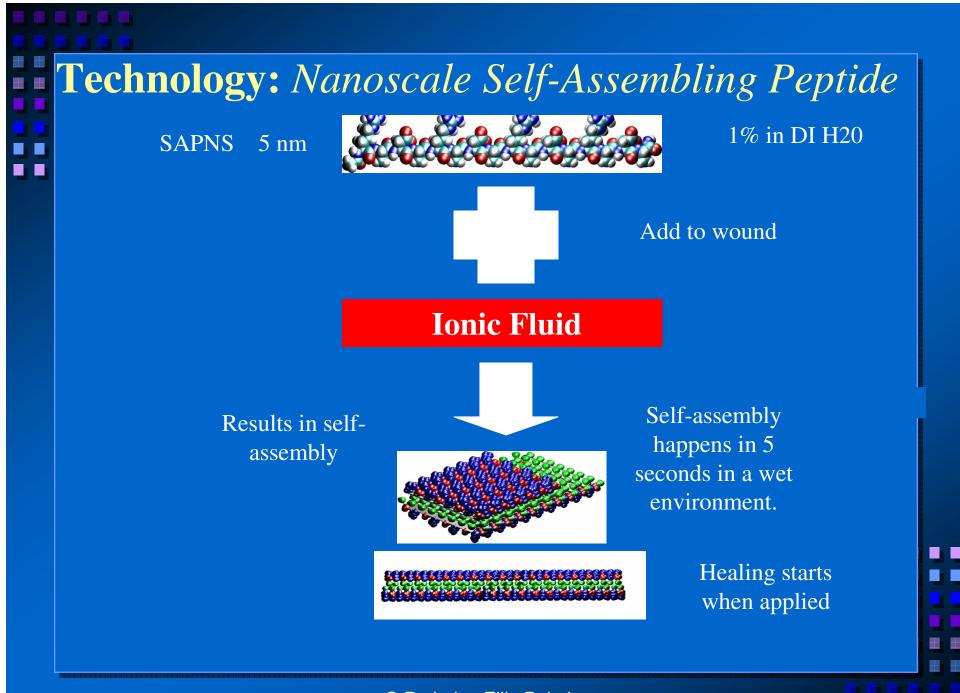


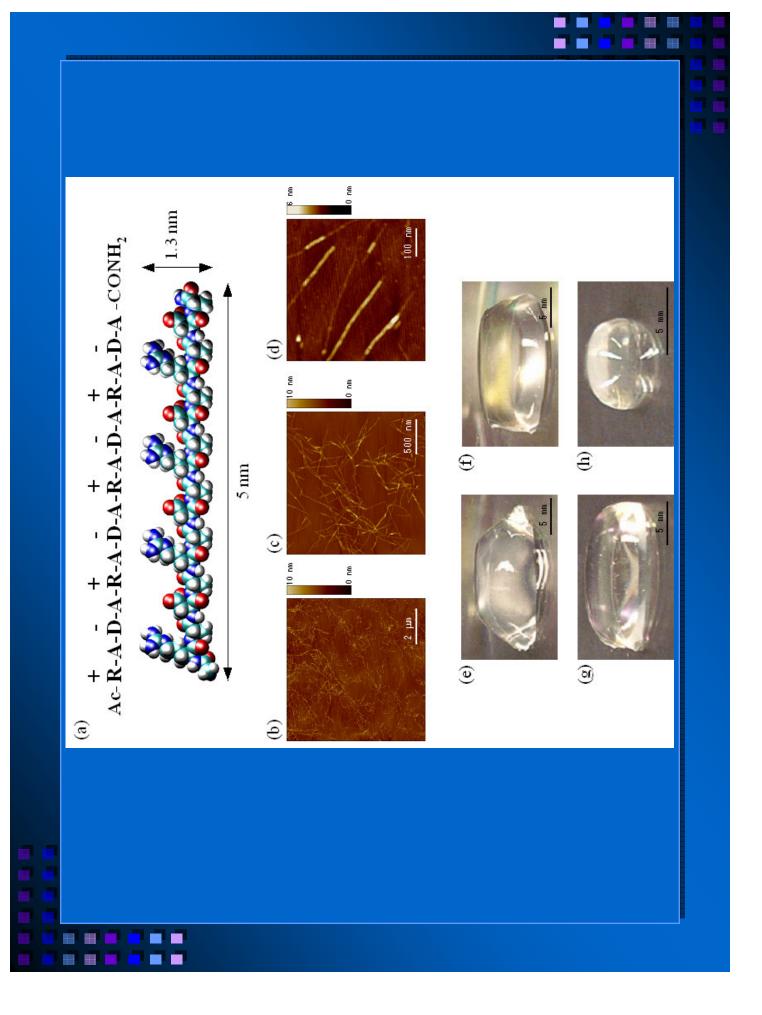
# Building Structure with molecules

The structure that is built

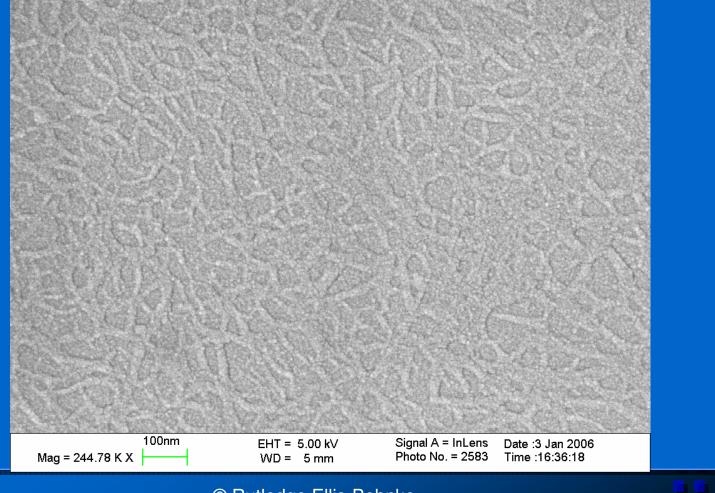
- is self assembled
- It is not causing secondary signaling
- It allows for healing and CNS regeneration





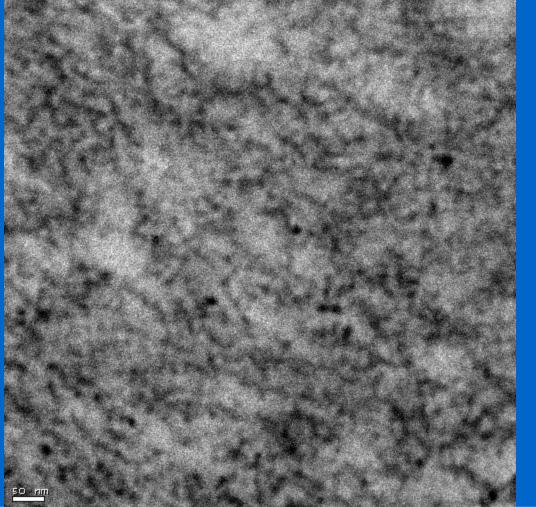


### Environmental SEM 3% material assembled

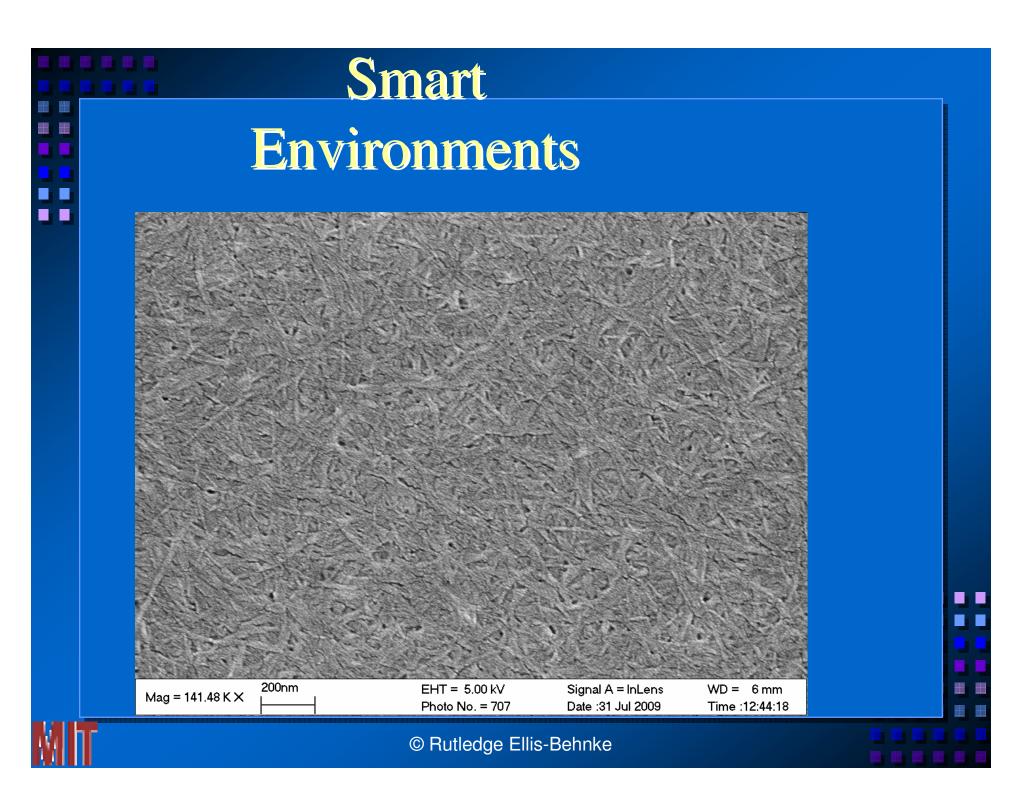


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### EM of 3% SAPNS in-vivo cortex



50 nm Scale



### **Bamboo Scaffolding**





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## Intersection of nanotechnology and healthcare

- Can a molecule be a medical device but not a drug?
- Is physical restriction a drug, therapeutic, neither, or both?



The modulus of the biomaterial must be matched to the tissue

- The tissue modulus may change with injury
- How will different densities affect the growth of cells?



### Tensegrity

- based on a synergy between balanced tension and compression components.
- Don IngberInternal





## Growth and survival of PC12/neural precursor/stem cells in three dimensional cultures

#### Questions that need to be answered

- What happens when you change the physical or chemical environment?
  - 1% SAPNS with and without serum
  - 2% SAPNS with and without serum
  - 3% SAPNS with and without serum
- Does it mimic the natural ECM?
- Bone vs. neural tissues
- What shape are the neurons in natural tissue?



### PC12 cells

#### In vitro

- They divide/grow to confluence and then stop
- Contact inhibition
- What happens when you put them in different environments?



### **3D Cultured PC12 cells SAPNS**

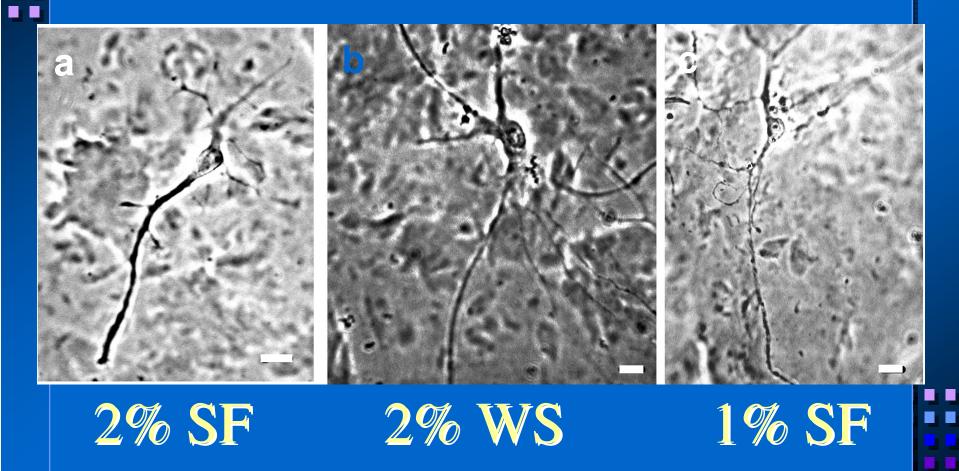


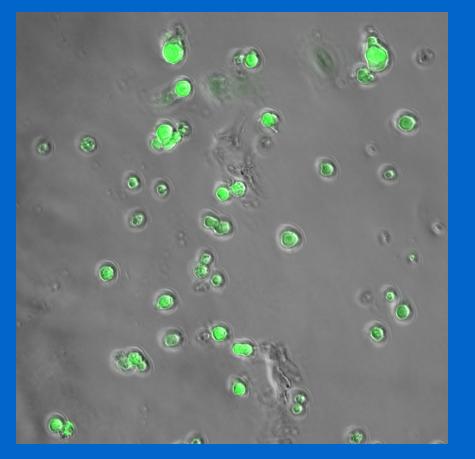
Fig.1

# Primary cell 3 dimensional cultures

- What seeding density is needed?
- How high can you go?
- Do you get the same morphological changes?

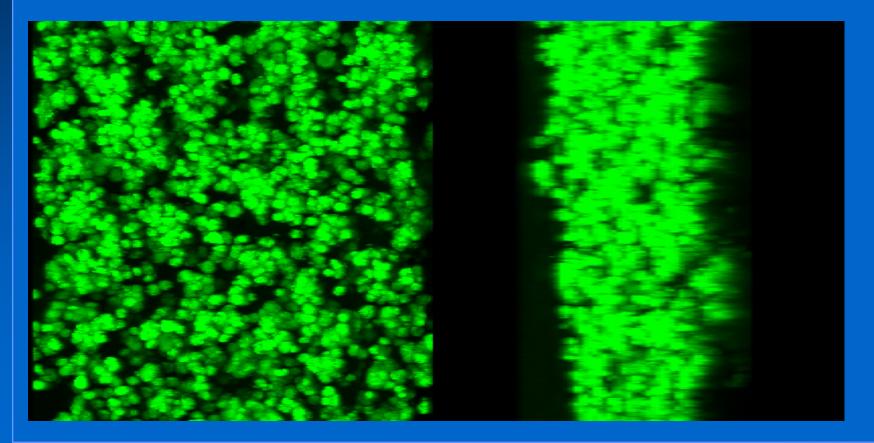


# Primary cells seeded at low density in 1%





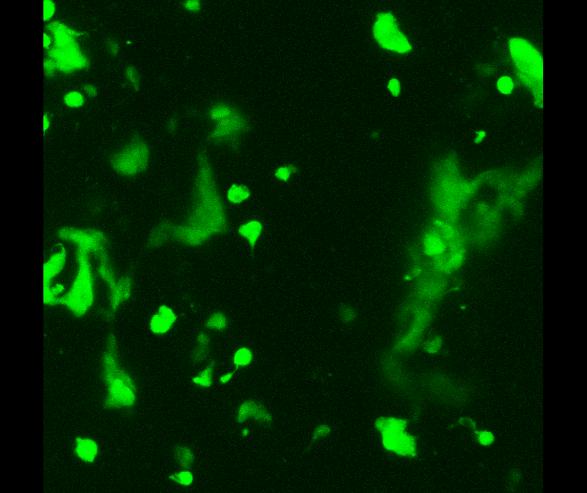
## Stem cell culture in artificial ECM 10 million cells in 1% SAPNS Day Zero



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### Stem cell culture in artificial ECM 3 day 1% SF







2% WS

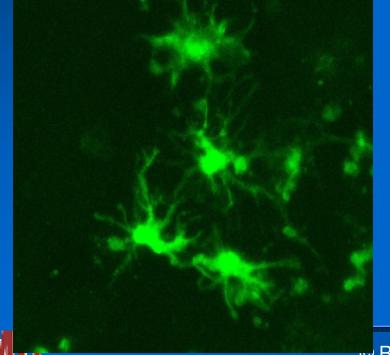
3% WS⇒

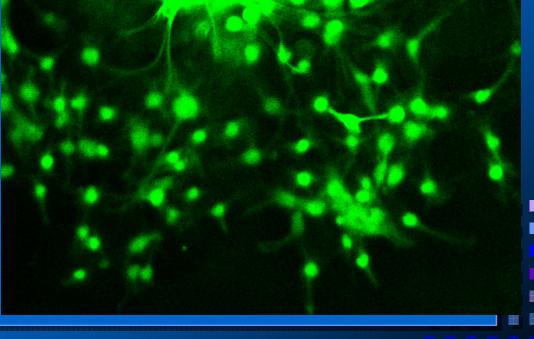
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### Stem cell culture in artificial ECM Day 15 1%

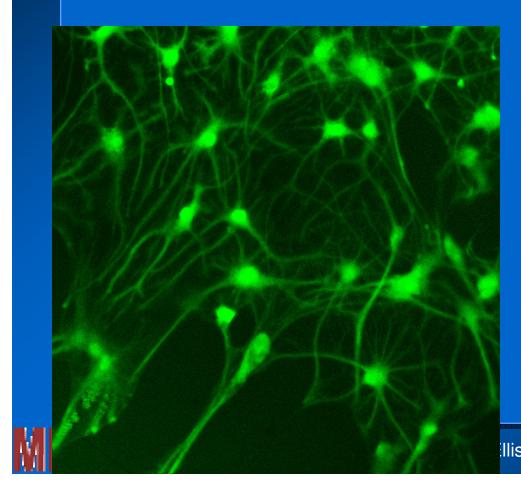


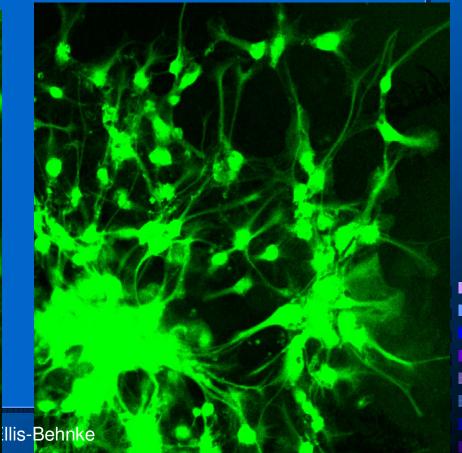






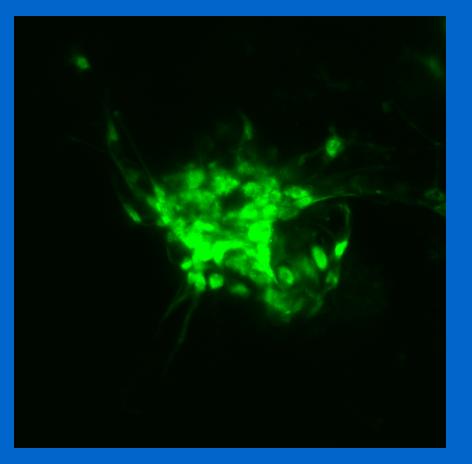
### Stem cell culture day 15 3% SAPNS WS SF





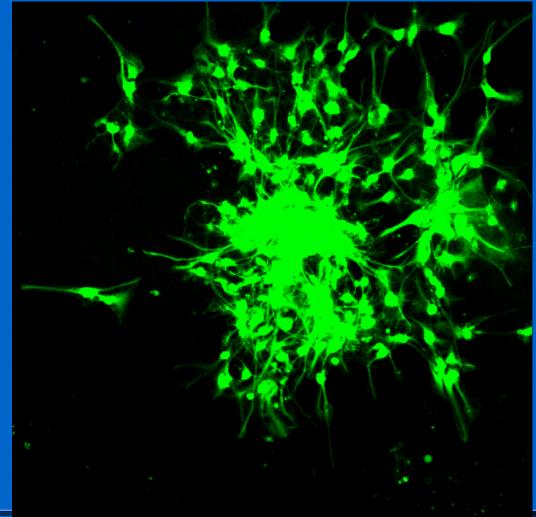
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### Stem cell culture in artificial ECM 1 month 2% SF



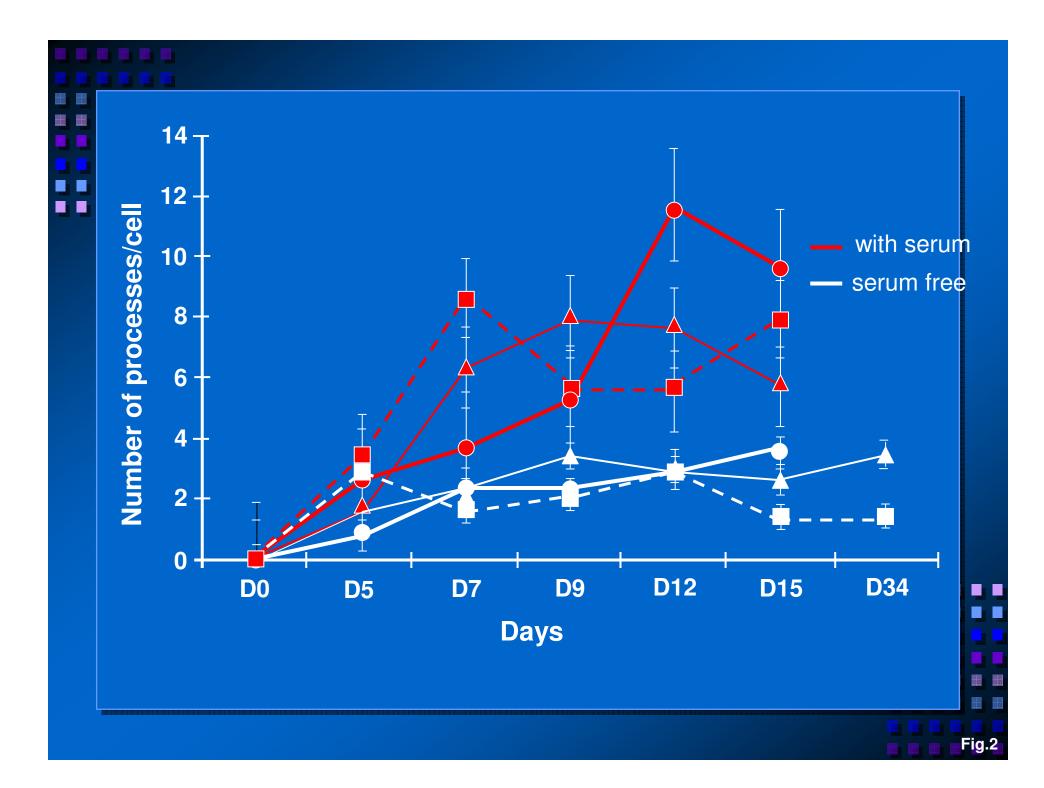


## Stem cell culture in artificial ECM 1 month serum free

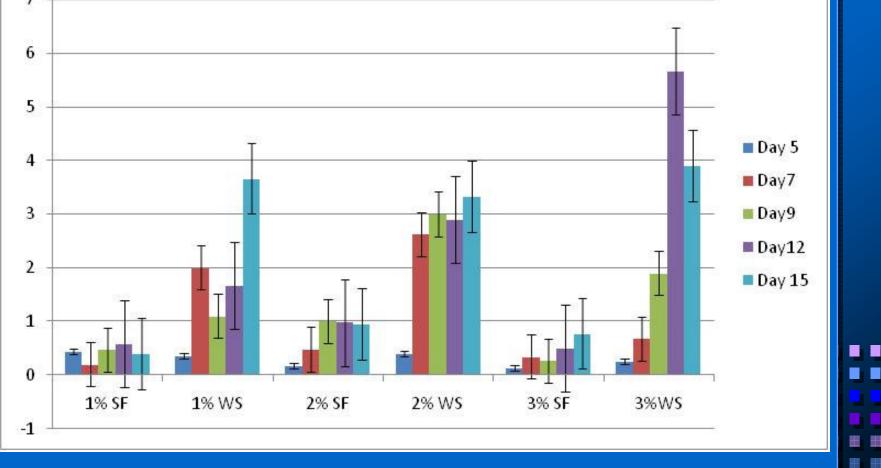




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# Number of branches per process



### Summary

- As concentration of SAPNS increases the size of the process increases WS and SF.
- As the concentration of SAPNS increases the response to serum is delayed.
- Serum Free environments have significantly lower numbers of processes
- Structure appears to change the cellular response to growth



## We have only changed the environment

- Should this have additional regulation?
- Should a bandage?
- Probably not





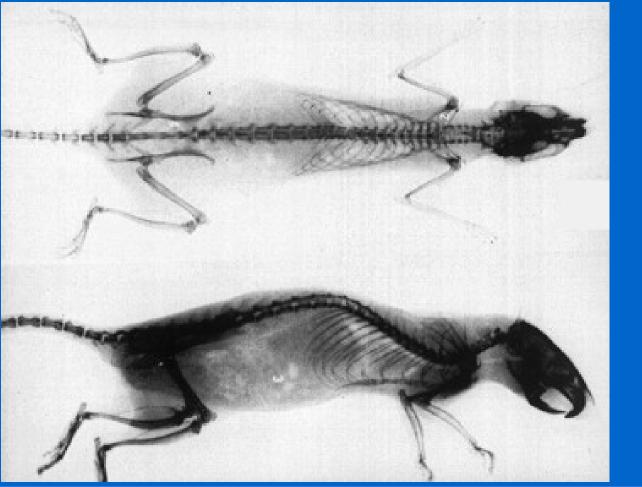
## **Spinal Cord Repair**



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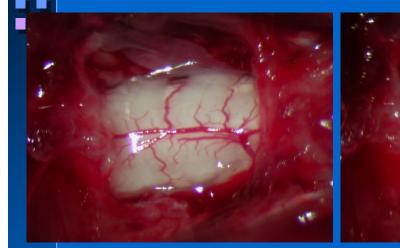
### X-ray of rat skeleton location of hemi section

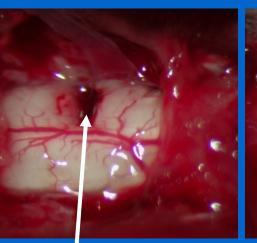


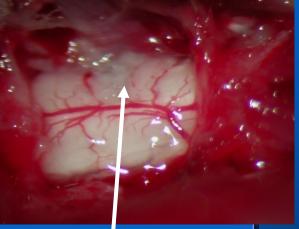


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### Hemi section model and transplantation



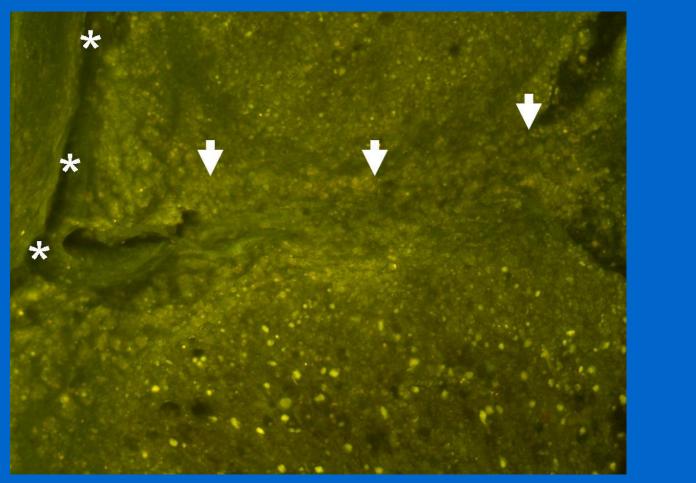




Hemi section The gap is 1.5mm Mixture of NHS-1 in the cavity of hemi section

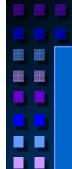
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## **Spinal healing**





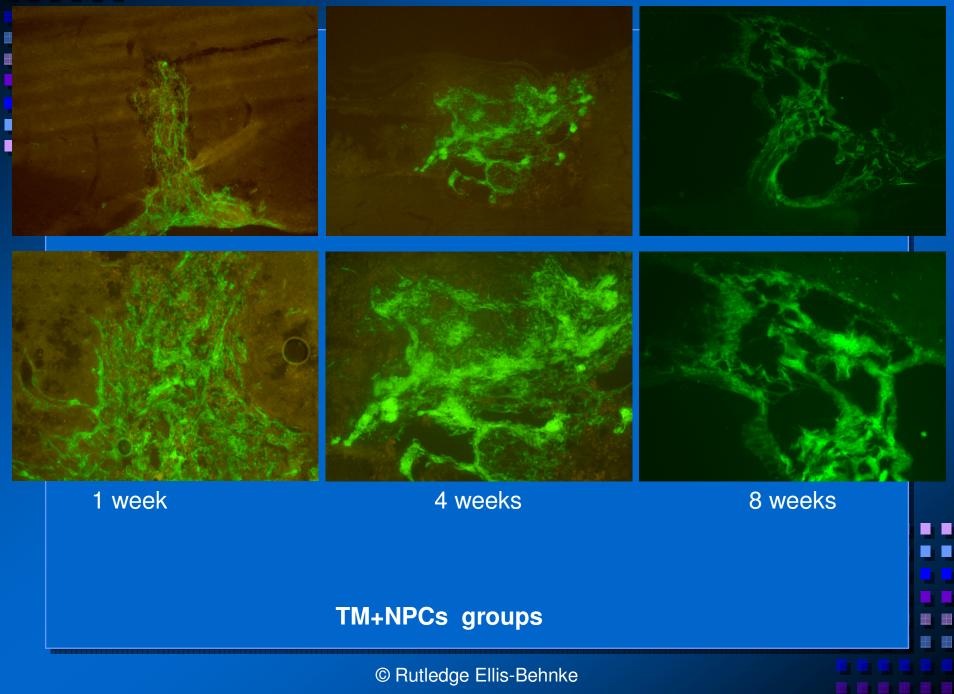
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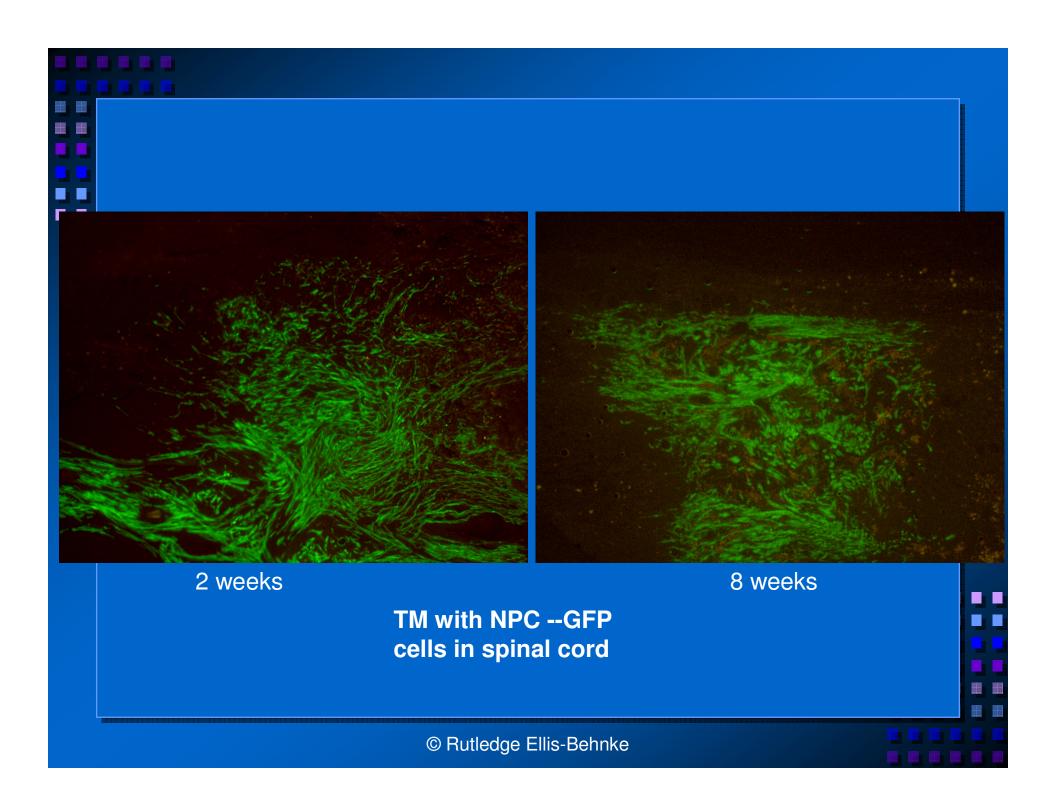


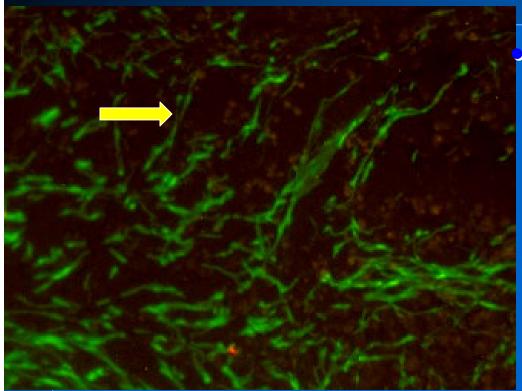
### Can we add cells?



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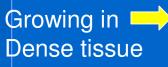


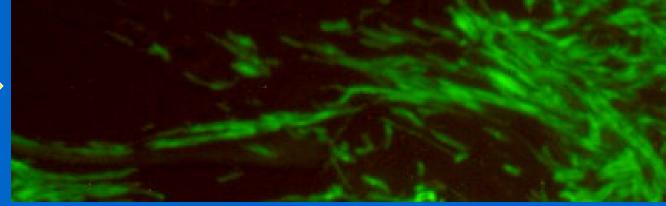




Neurons growing in environments with different modulii

Growing in tissue





## Is controlling regeneration the same as controlling aging?



### Will this work for cancer?

Using self-assembled nanomaterials to inhibit the formation of metastatic prostate cancer stem cell colonies in vitro

(in Press) Cell Transplantation(2010)



Environment engineering Prostate cancer stem cells

- Can we restrain the development?
- Can we block the movement away from the tumor?
- Chemotherapy: are we treating the Prostate Cancer Stem Cell (PCSC)
- Will the modulus be different in a tumor?

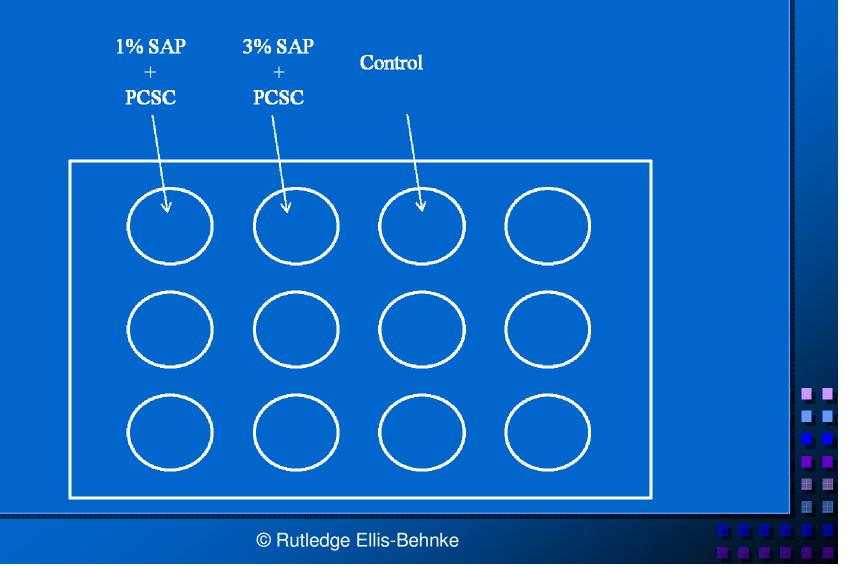


### In vitro assay

- Prostate cancer stem cells
- Self assembled material (RADA)4
- prostate cancer cells (DU145, ATCC) 400 cells per 1µl
- Implanted into the material



## Preparation of the culture plate



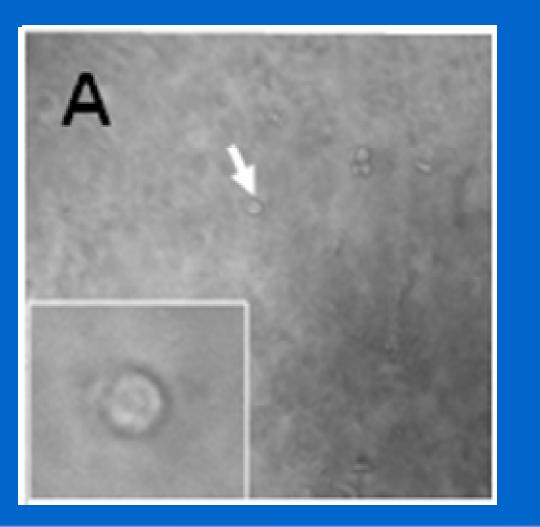


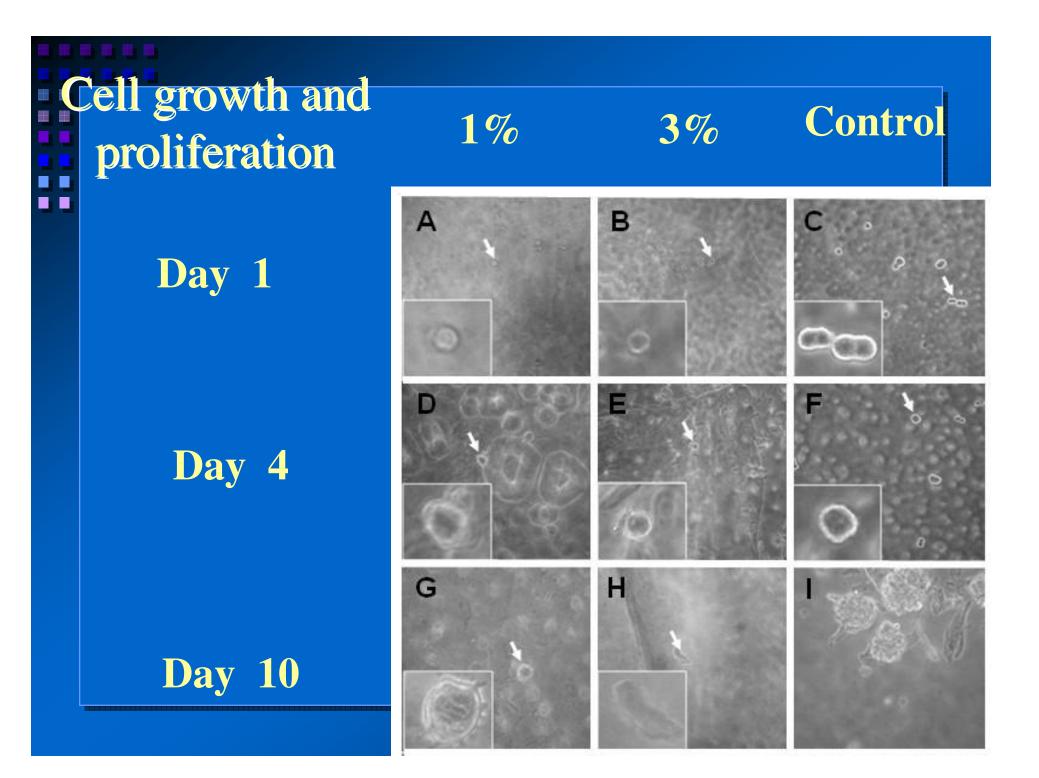


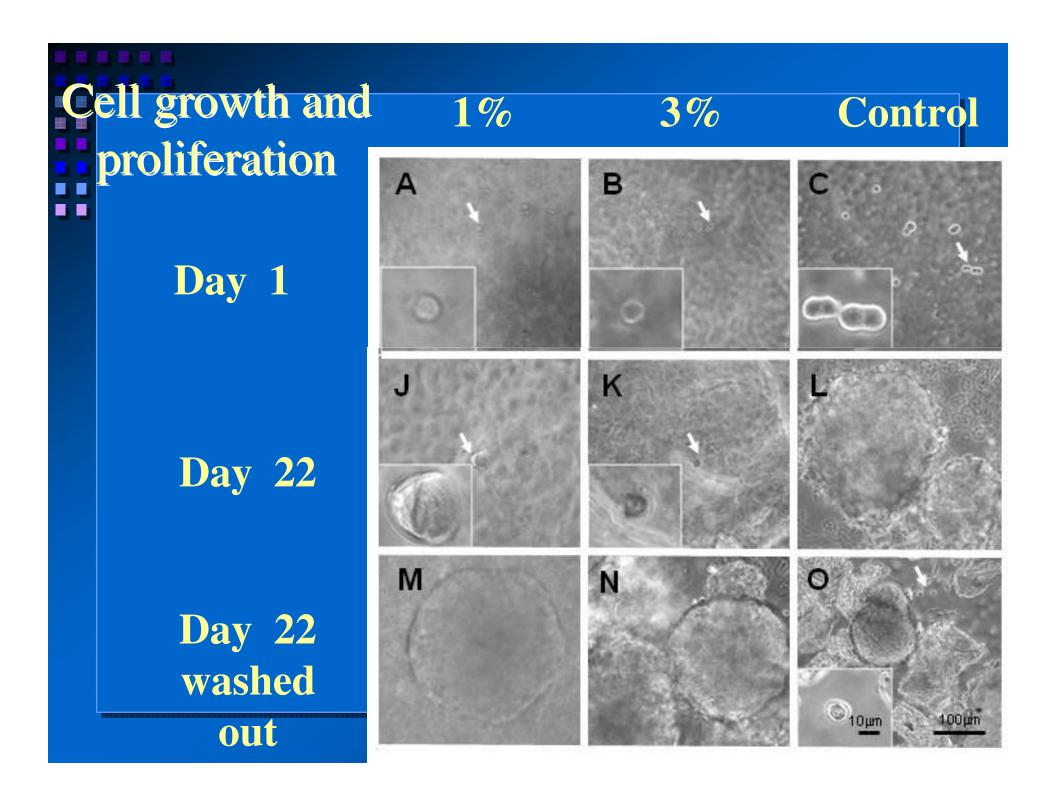
## **Prostate cancer stem cells (PCSC) in culture and nanomaterial**

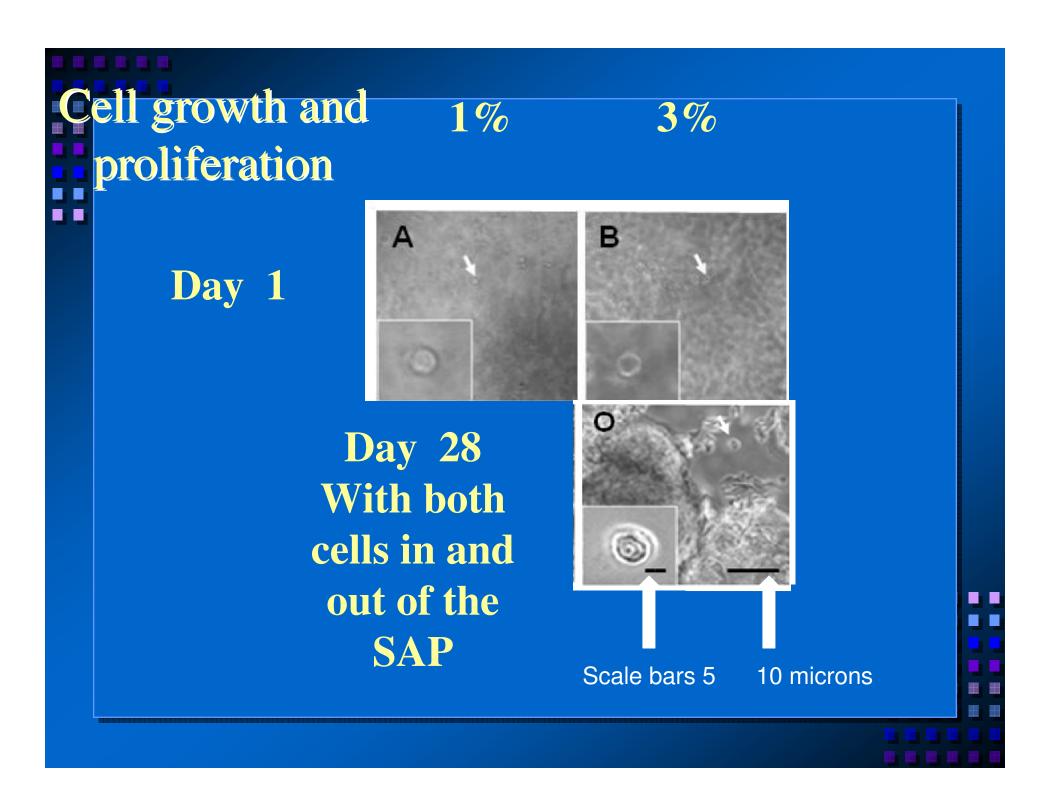
Day 1 The inset has an enlarged cell

Indicated by the arrow









## Can we treat slow growing cancers like this?

- Injecting the material directly into the tumor
- It might be possible to stop the spread of metastatic cells before or during resection.
- Load SAP with chemotherapeutic agents
- The localized treatment could potentially be increased due to the increased contact time.

### **Biopsy metastases**

- In breast biopsy there are cells found in the fine needle biopsy track
- Could we use some of these materials to stop this ?



## Intersection of nanotechnology and healthcare

- Molecular manipulation
  - Nanomaterials are delivered as specific and deliberate molecular structures
  - Delivered directly to the site
  - Require a much smaller dose



Nano Neuro Knitting peptide nanofiber scaffold (SAPNS) for brain repair and axon regeneration with functional return of vision: *In-vivo* experiment on developing brain and adult mammals

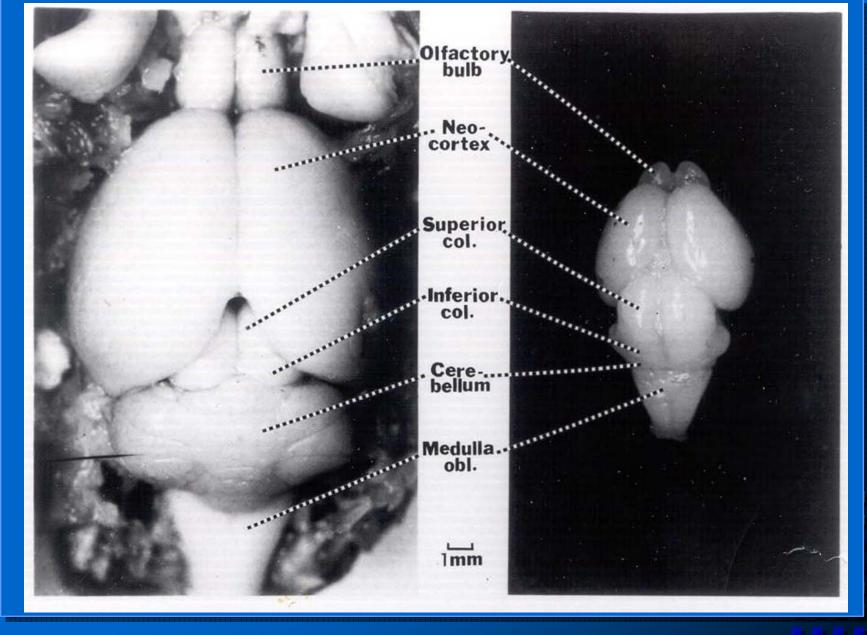
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In vivo experiments
Developing brain P(3)
Adult mammals





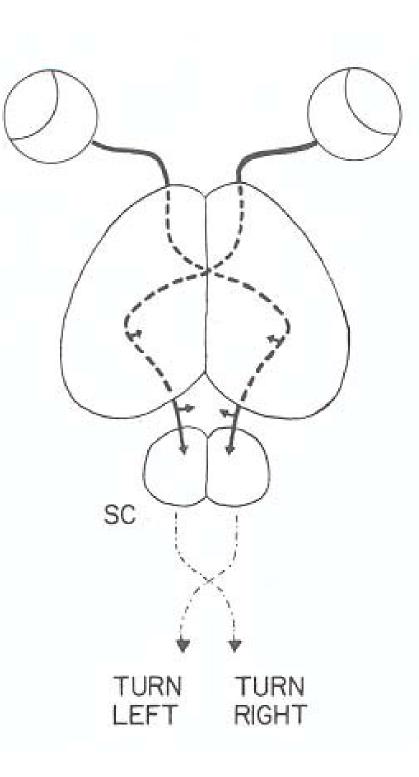
### Adult and PO Hamster Brains Schneider 73 Brain



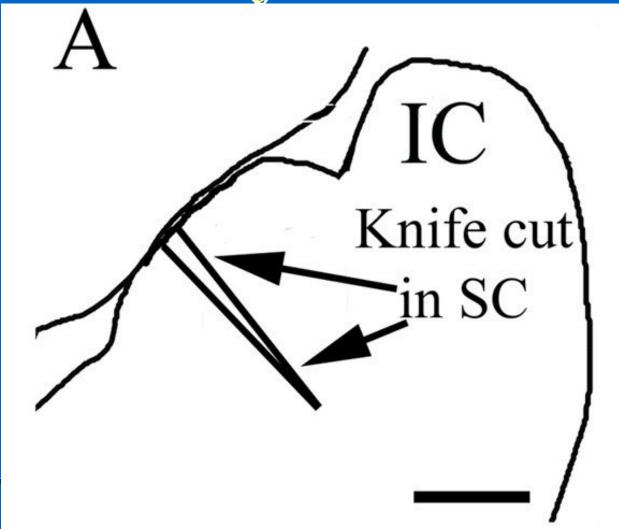
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## Normal Animal

### Retina to Contralateral SC



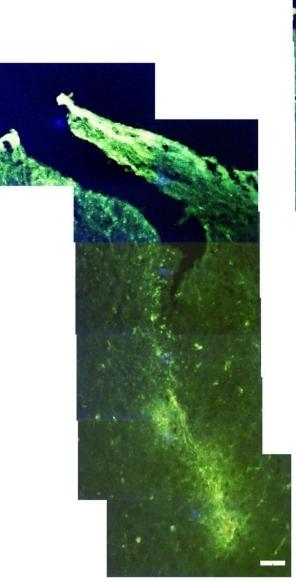
## Location of surgery and SAPNS injection

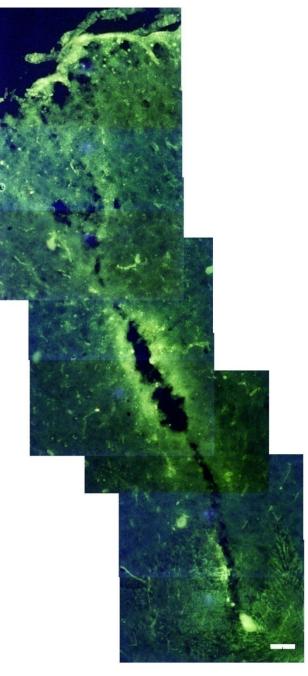


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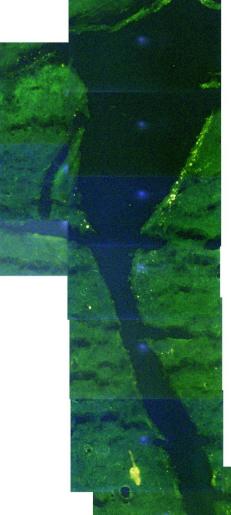
## Control (left) SAPNS

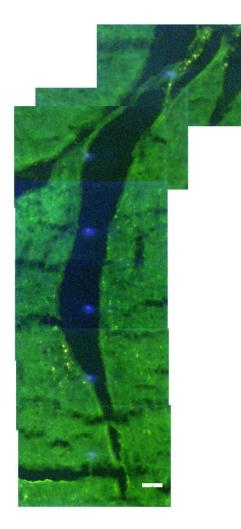
SAPNS alone (right) 24 hrs





## 1 month post lesion2 Controls2 SAPNS alone



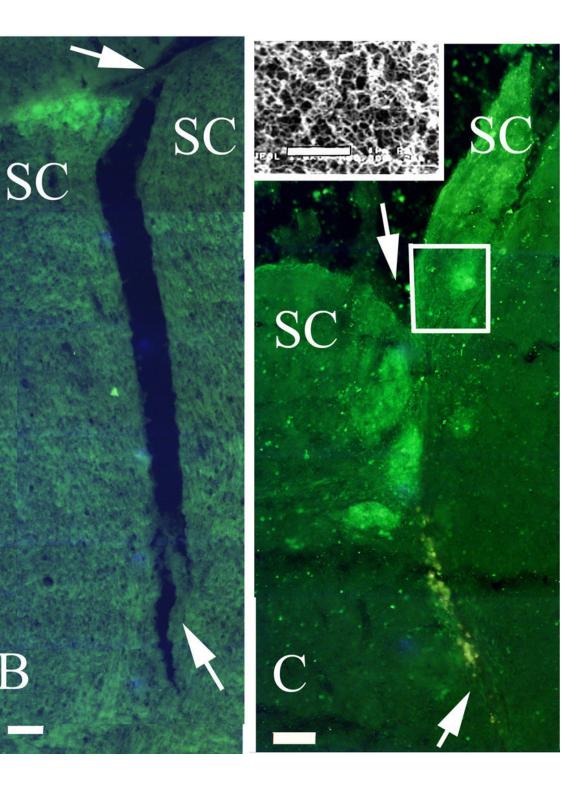






### **B:** Saline control injection **B**

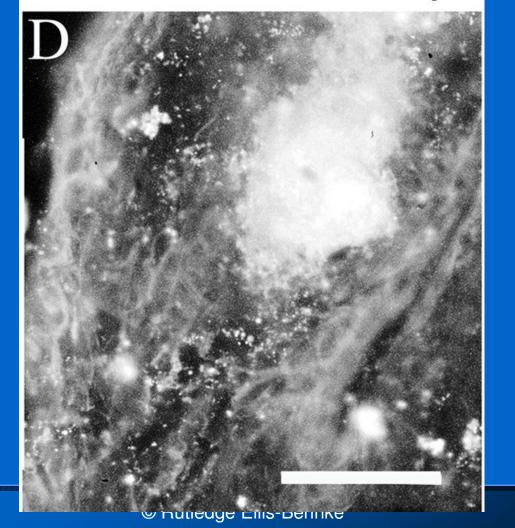
C: Repair of CNS lesion with **SAPNS** 



Scale Bars 500 microns

B

## Regenerated axons in area of dense termination



### **Adult Mammal**

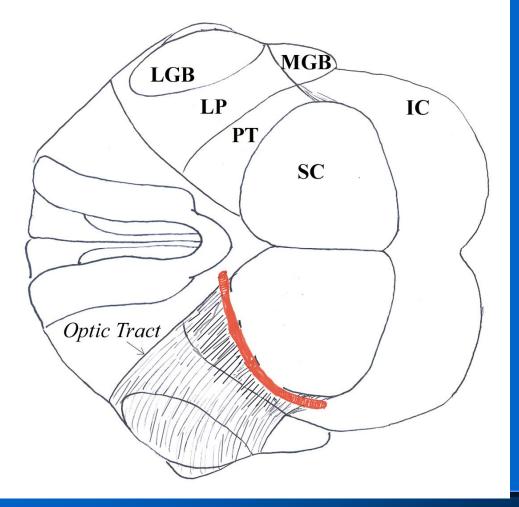
- Self-assembling peptide nano scaffold (SAPNS) treatment after complete transection of optic tract
- Behavioral testing of vision

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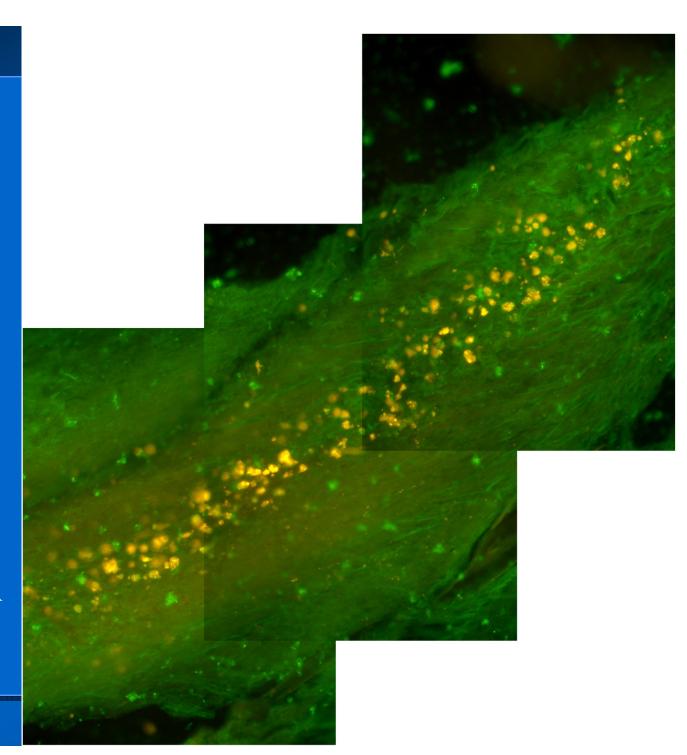
### **Brachium Transection**



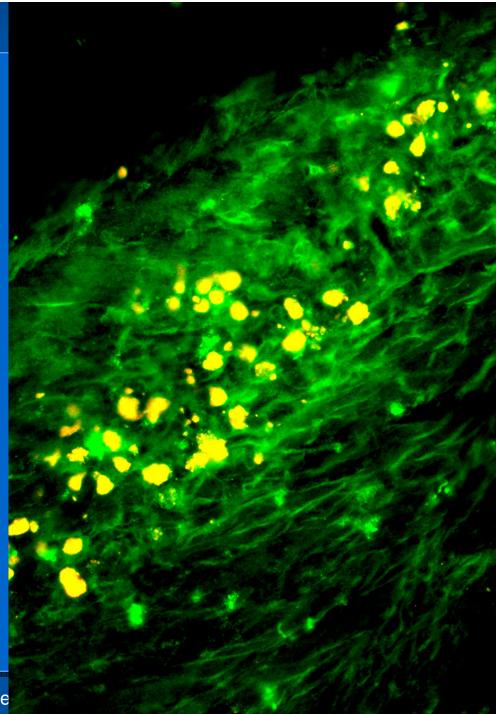
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SAPNS alone after functional return of vision

Adult animal



> Regenerated axons in the middle of the lesion site





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### Re-innervation of the SC by axons from retina

### **Blind Control**



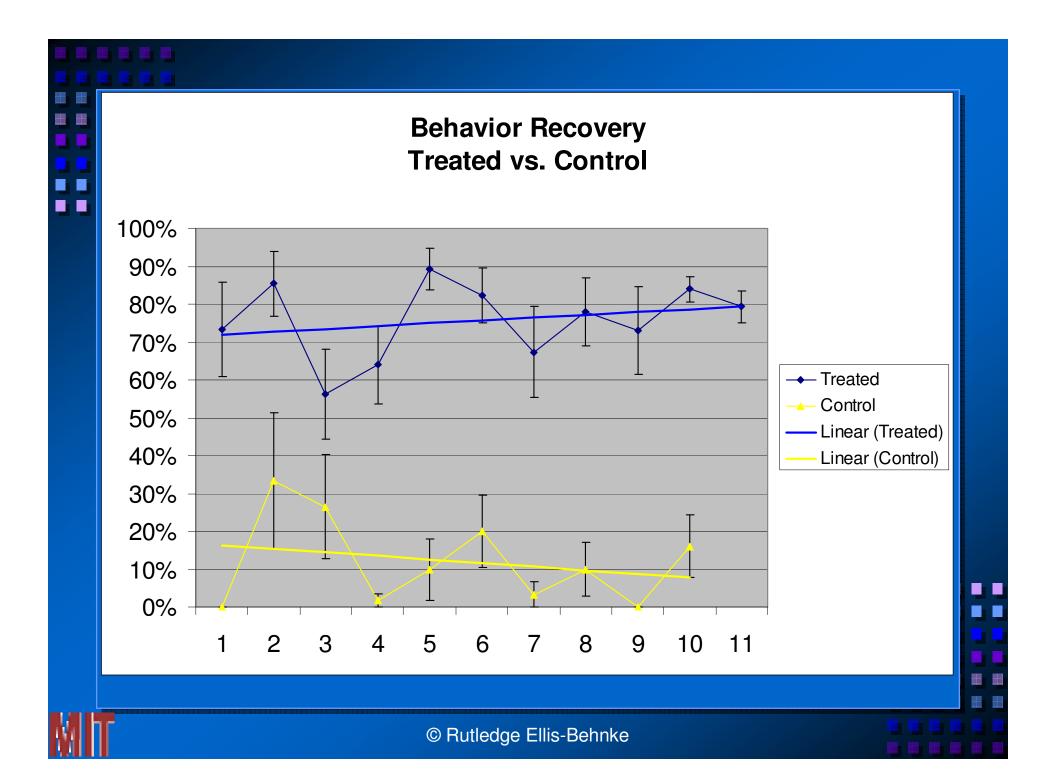
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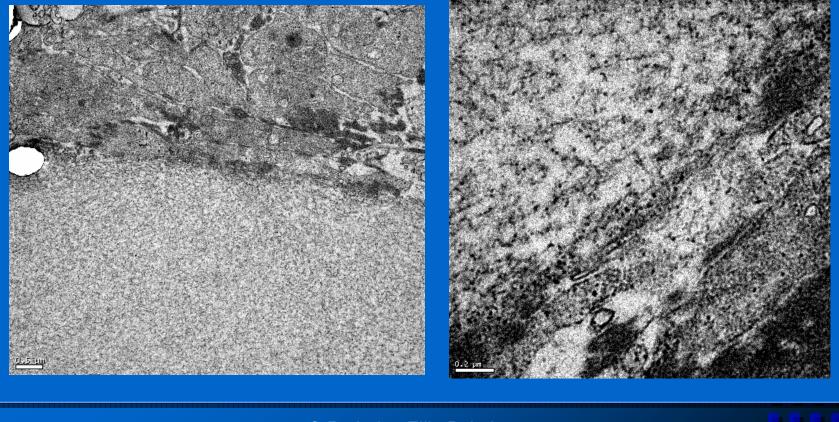
## **SAPNS Brachium Bridge Functional return of vision**



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# EM Pictures with 2 % SAPNS in cortex Time 5 minutes





# **CNS Summary**

- Reduces the cavitation at site of injury
- Treatments allow the tissue to construct bridging tissue
- The time for healing starts in the first 24 hours
- Axons regenerate across the lesion site
- Breakdown products of SAPNS can become building blocks for repair
- Functional return of vision is enabled



# Intersection of nanotechnology and healthcare

Rethinking tissue engineering

- Ability to influence an environment
- Additive
- Arrestive
- Manipulative



# In vivo monitoring of CNS regeneration

### Slow progression toward recovery

CNS regeneration after chronic injury using a self-assembled nano material and MEMRI for real time in vivo monitoring

(under review)

### Nano Contrast enhancement agents

- In vivo imaging
- To follow regeneration as it happens



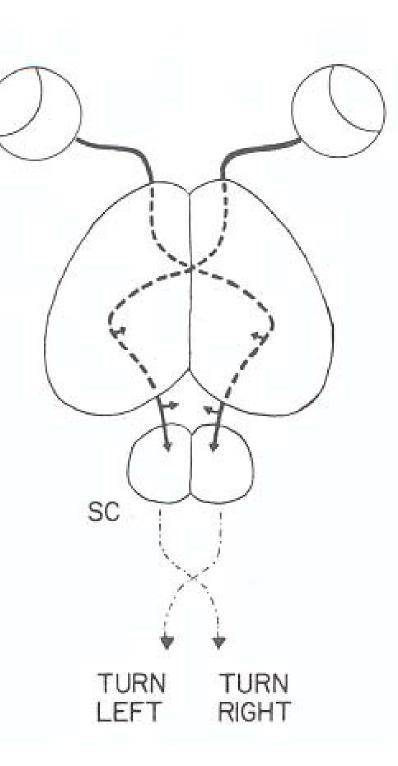
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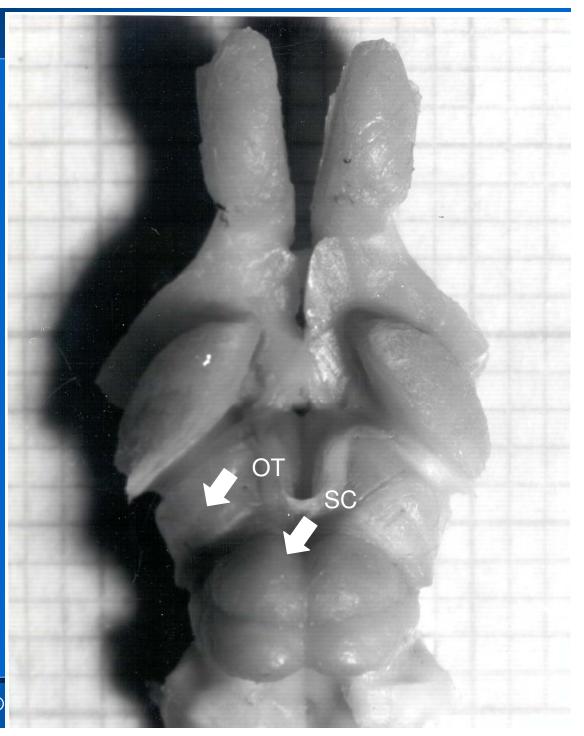
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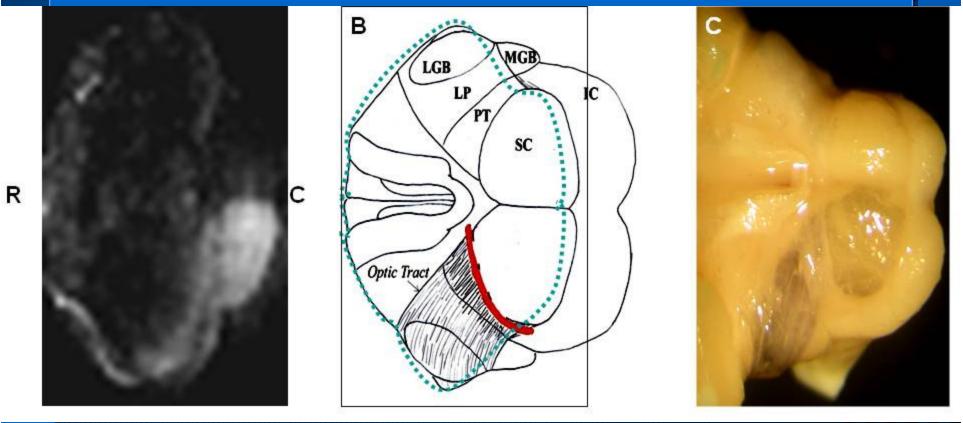
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Hamster Brain with the cortex removed

1 mm grid

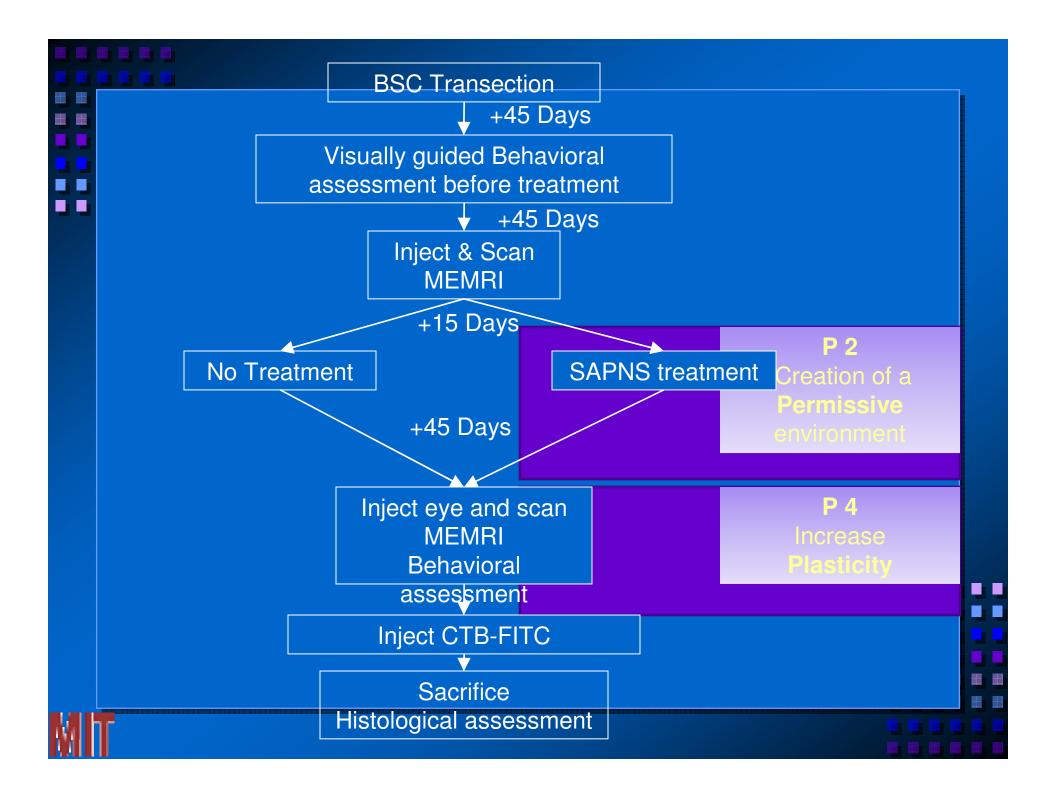


# MRI and HRP









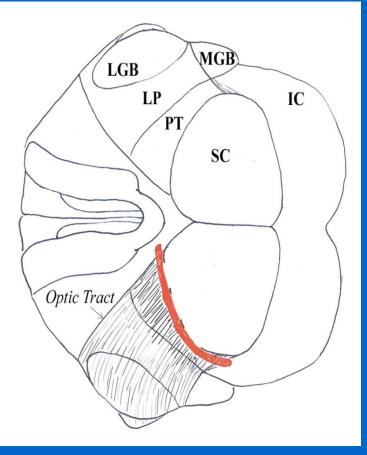
# **Experimental Timeline Chronic**

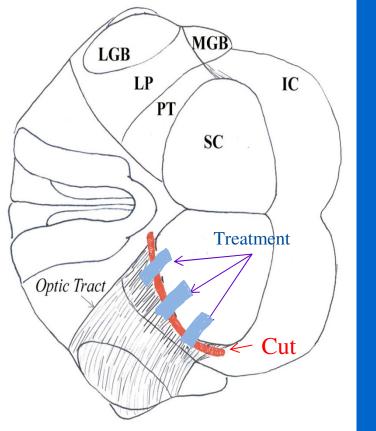
- Day 1 Inject eye and scan
- Day 8 Cut brachium of SC
- Day 97 Inject eye and scan
- Day 105 Re-operate and treat with SAPNS
- Day 170 Inject eye and scan

Using a 7 Tesla fMRI and nano contrast agent to visualize regeneration of axons in vivo after chronic injury in the hamster optic tract (2007) *Abstracts, SFN* 



### Cut and treated

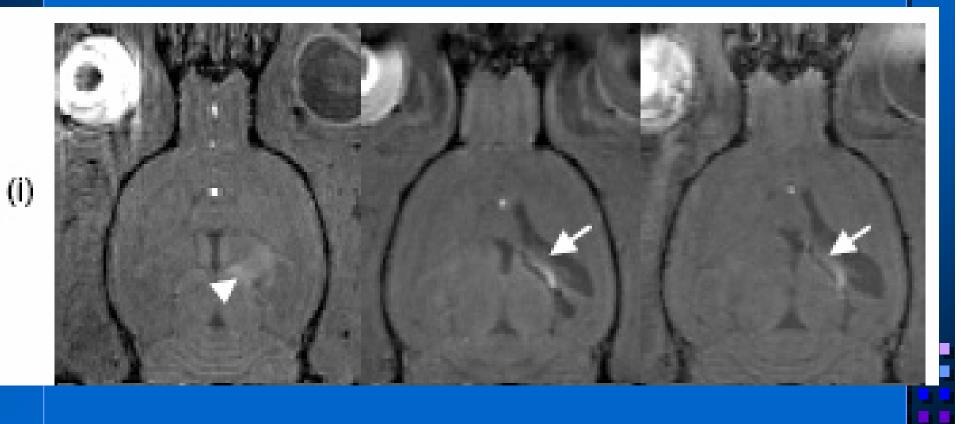




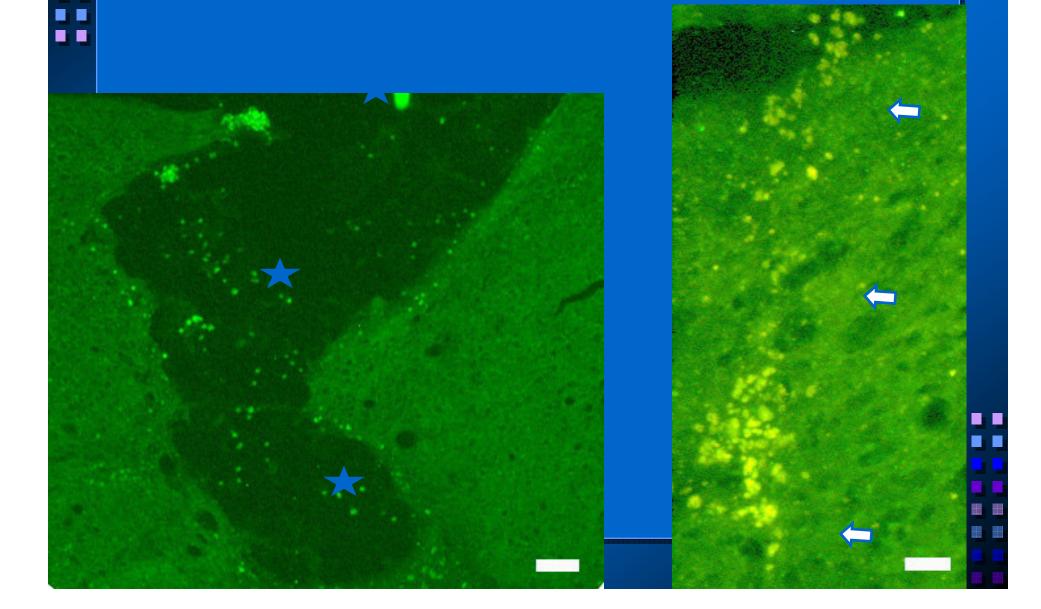




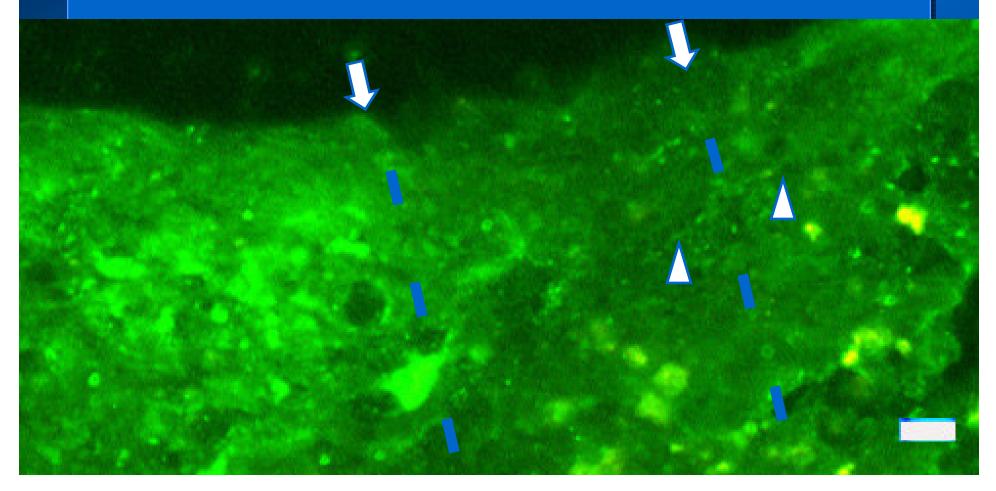
### Optic tract tracing and regeneration in vivo



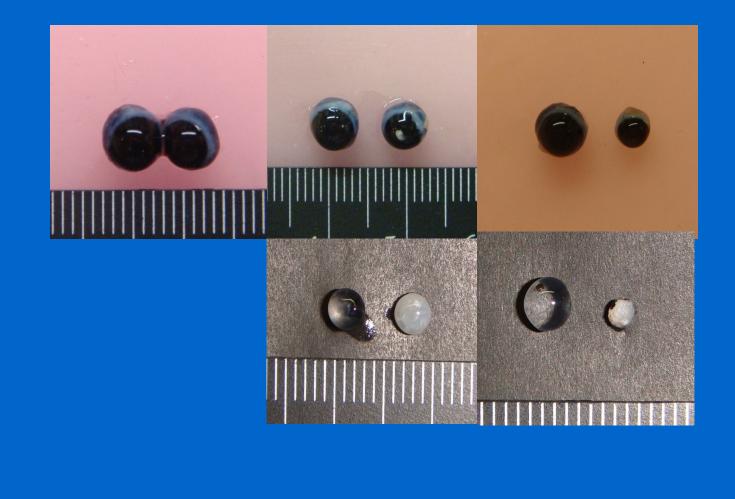
## Cut and treated







### Not all contrast agents are good



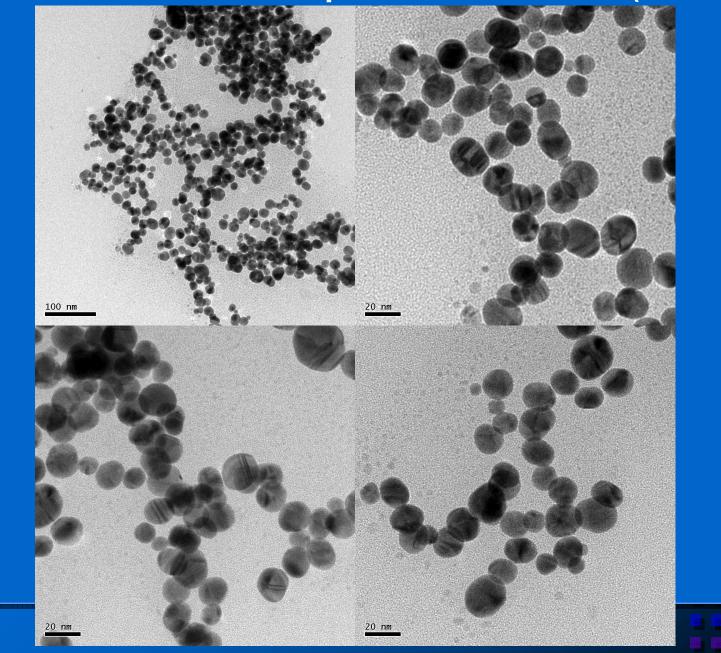
### 80% of RGCs died due to contrast agent and trauma to optic tract • 20% survived

- 15% regenerated 0



### New Agents to deal with the toxicity of current contrast agents

### **Contrast and Transport Particle (CTP9)**





# Nano contrast enhancement agents

- In vivo imaging
- To follow regeneration as it happens
- It allows for the testing of circuits in the brain
- Endpoint measures
  - Therapeutic relevance



### **Prescription of Rehabilitation** Goal

- Be able to write a prescription for rehabilitation
- Today
  - Physical therapy for 6 months reassess
- Future
  - Deficit indicates that the following rehabilitation is possible at the following times
    - Immediate : exercise muscle to maintain tone
    - 3 weeks left arm will show signs of movement and feeling proceed with training on motor feedback system

MRI to check progress of axon regrowth



# Regeneration Spinal cord injury / Stroke

- How long should you wait before you try additional patients?
  - If the treatment will take 5 years to be effective, however you can show progress with the MRI should you wait for five years on 100 patients before you treat the rest?
  - How about progress in glaucoma with DTI?

- Alleviating Symptoms
- What about reduction in the disease rate?



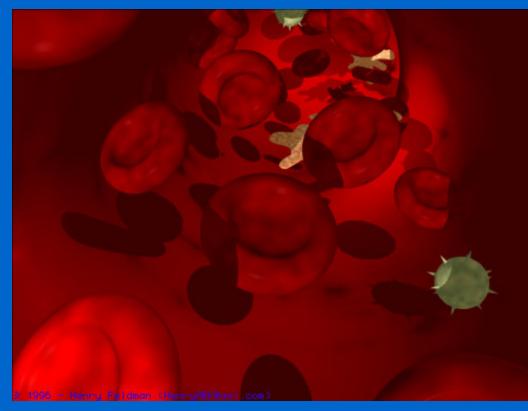
### Can we use an MRI for:

### • ADME?

- Dose localization?
- Side effect profile?
- What is the limit of the tool?
- Is MRSPECT allowed for diagnosis and treatment planning for Biochemical imbalances? Why not?



# Nano hemostat solution (NHS-1): Immediate hemostasis at the nanoscale



Ellis-Behnke, R. G., Y.-X. Liang, D. K. C. Tay, P. W. F. Kau, G. E. Schneider, S. Zhang, W. Wu and K.-F. So. Nano hemostat solution: immediate hemostasis at the nanoscale. *Nanomedicine: Nanotechnology, Biology, and Medicine.* 2: 207-15 (2006)



### **Blood** flow

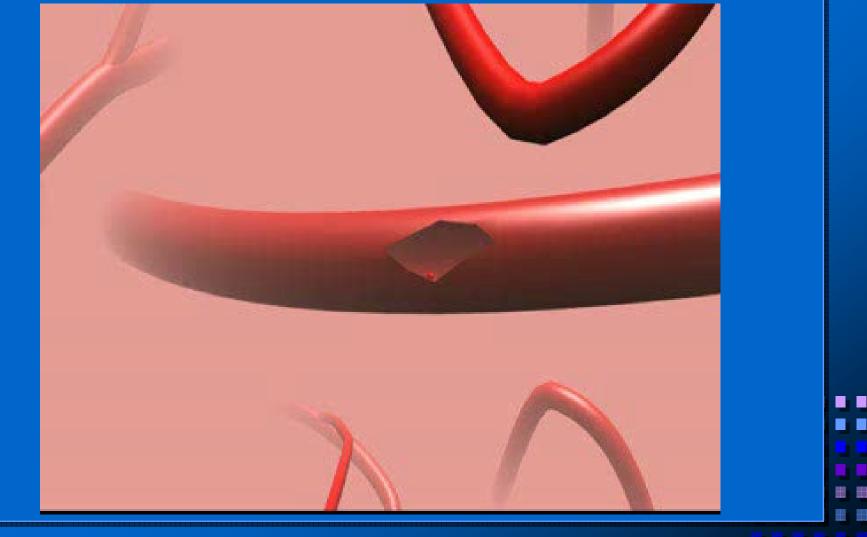
### How do you stop blood flow?

- Clot
- Block with Sponges / Bandages
- Clamp
- Pressure
- Cauterize (heat, electric, laser)
- Vasoconstriction (chemical)

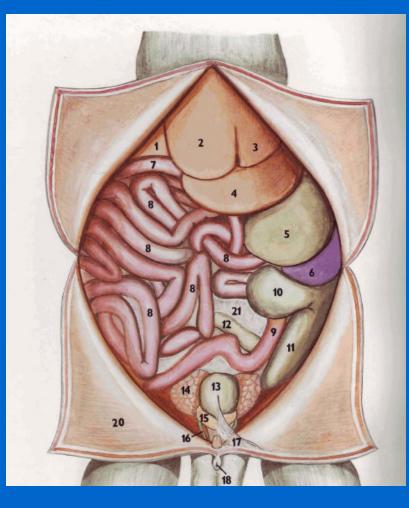


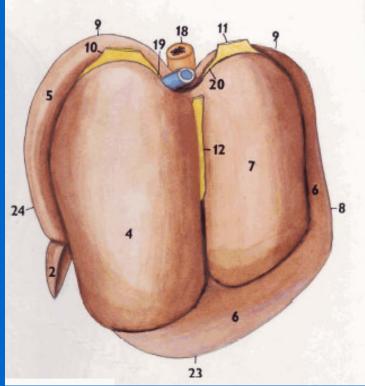


# Hemostasis



### Rat Liver



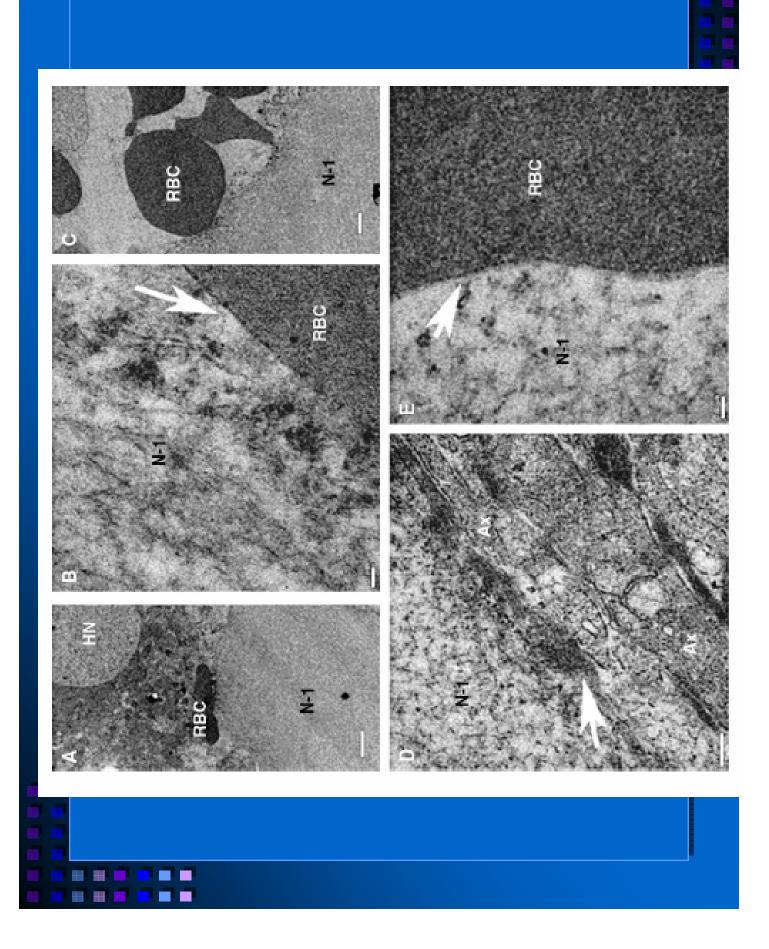


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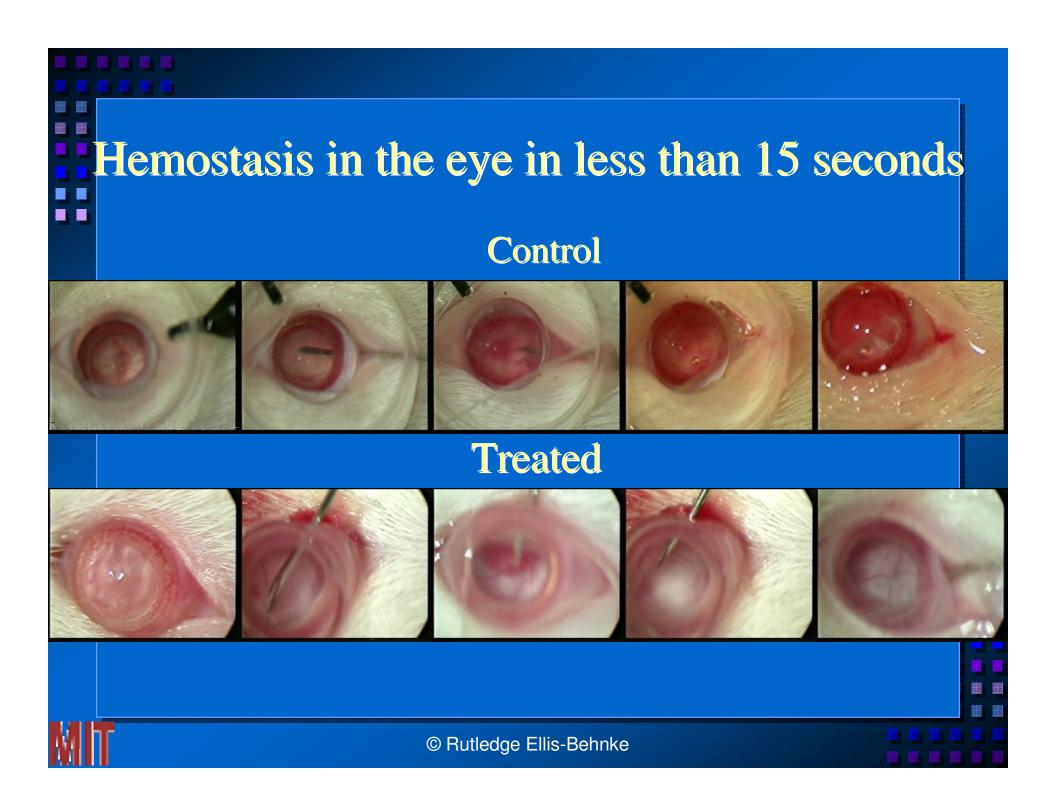
A color atlas of Anatomy of small laboratory animals volume 2 Popesko, Rajtova, Horak 2003











# Hemostasis without clotting

 Who said clotting is requirement for hemostasis?

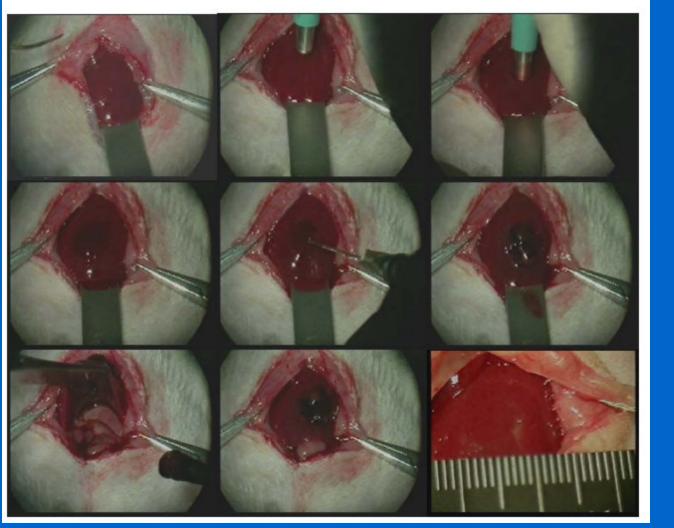


### Tissue regeneration in liver

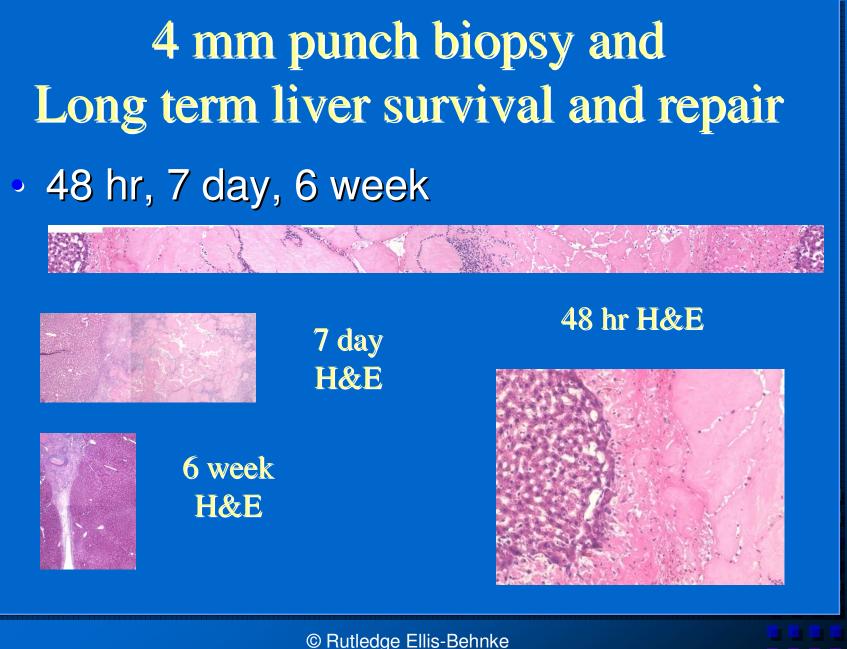


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### 4 mm punch biopsy 6 week survival

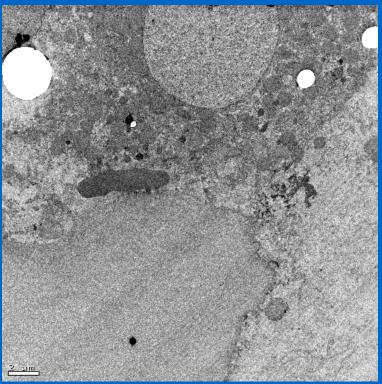


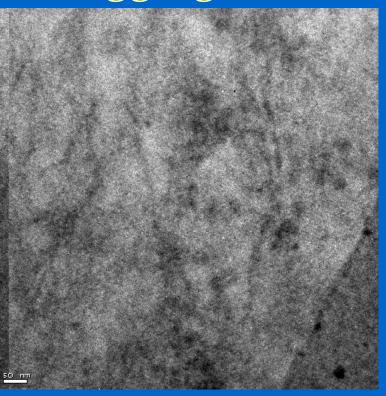
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### Electron microscope (EM) pictures of NHS-1 in liver No evidence of platelet aggregation



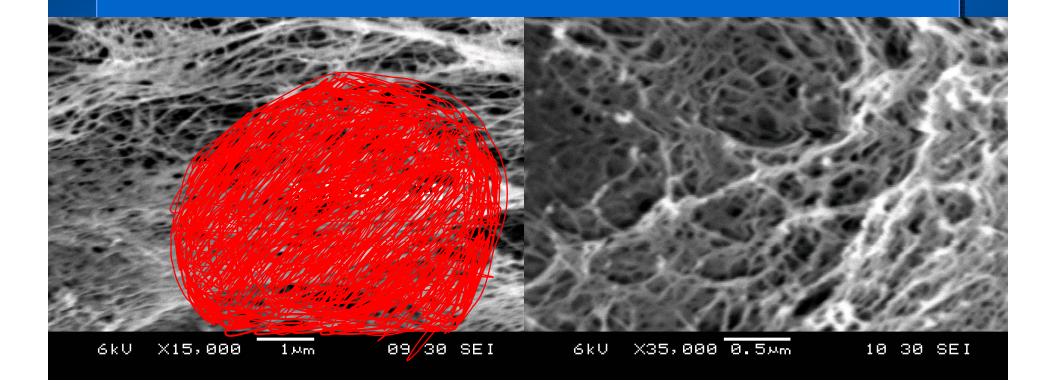




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# Self-assembling peptide nanofibers

With red blood cell drawn in





### **Crystal Clear Surgery**



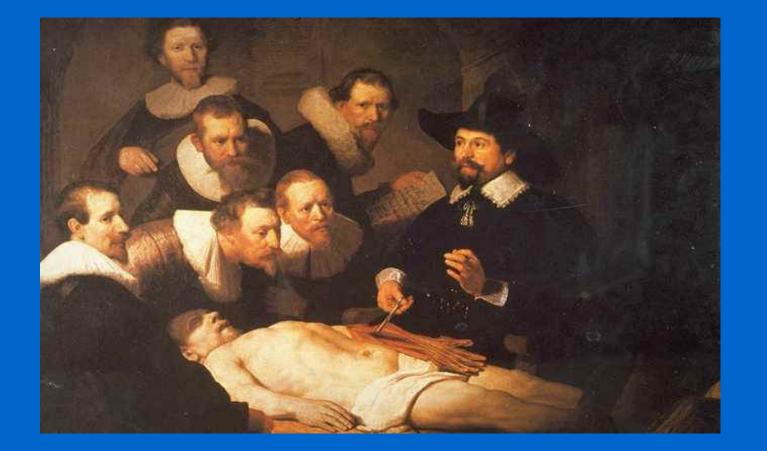
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## **Surgery History**

- Brain Surgery (Open air)
- Damage repair (In a shelter)
- Elective surgery
  - Anesthetics
  - Sterile procedures
  - Drapes
  - Tape



## Surgery / Anatomy





### Modern surgery







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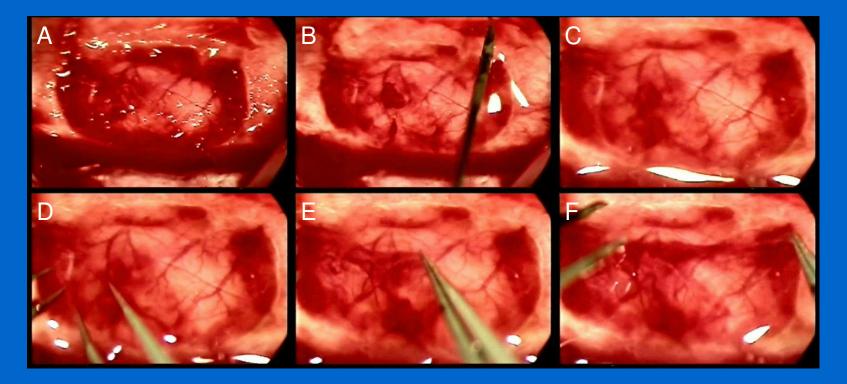
### **Crystal Clear Surgery**

- Operation through a clear barrier
- New approach to surgery
- 2<sup>nd</sup> order uses of self assembled nanomaterials
  - Brain (Clear surgery)
  - Limb
  - Tumor resection (Clear surgery)
  - Intraperitoneal cavity (Immobilization of gastrointestinal fluid)
    - Intestine
    - Liver

Ellis-Behnke, *et al* .Abs from 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Amer Acad Nanomedicine, *Crystal Clear Surgery*, Nanomedicine ,Sept 2005



Crystal Clear Surgery in brain removal of dura through 2 cm of SAP liquid on surgical site





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### Removal of dura under NHS Clear Brain Surgery





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### Safety of nanomedicines

 Lack of a way to measure amount and duration of drug delivery release

- Signaling molecules as response indicators
- Example: whole animal ADME



### **Excretion vs Breakdown**

Excretion of an intact material

- What will it do to the environment?
- Is it already in the environment?
- Breakdown and then excretion
  - What are the routes
    - Kidney, Liver, Breath
- Distinction needs to be made between intact versus component



### Safety of nanomedicines

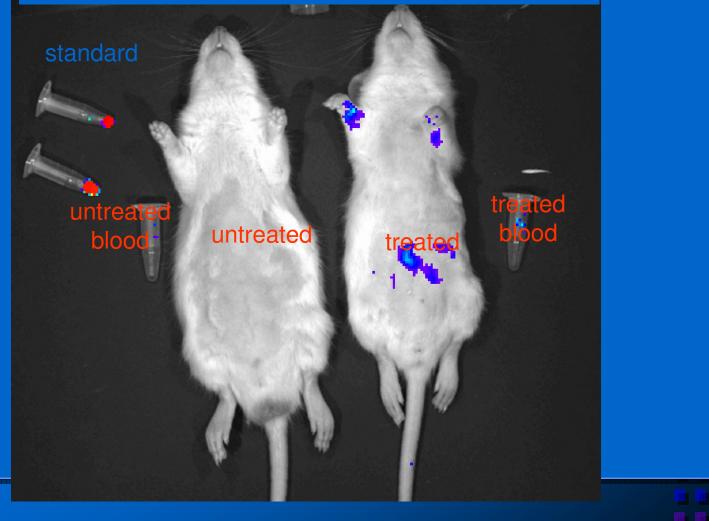
Whole animal ADME example



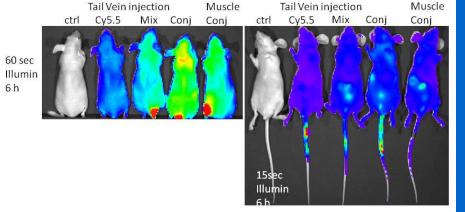
## IR images of internal organs

### Whole animal ADME Absorption, Distribution, Metabolism, and Excretion

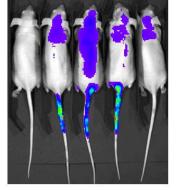
1 day following tail vein injected with Cy5 conjugated RADA



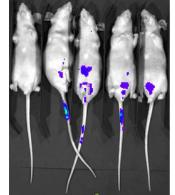
### Whole animal ADME Absorption, Distribution, Metabolism, and Excretion **Time to clearance** Day 15 11 Aug Injected 6 hour Muscle Tail Vein injection Muscle **Tail Vein injection** i.v. Muscle ctrl i.v. i.v. ctrl i.v.



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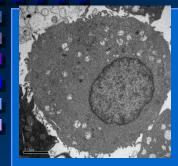


### Safety of nanomedicines

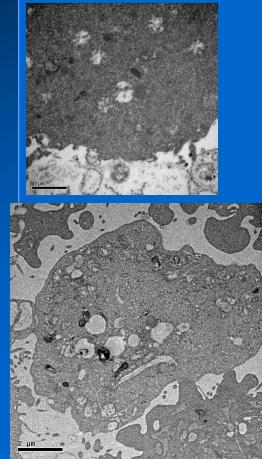
- Invisibility of Blood Brain Barrier to nanotherapeutics
  - Benefit
  - Concern

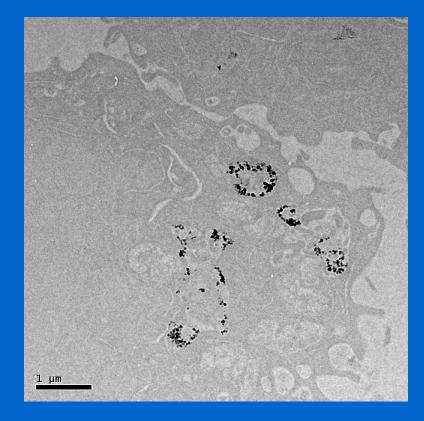


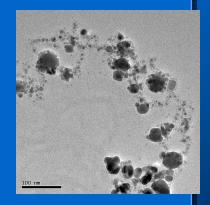
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## Sub-cellular ADME TEM









### Safety of nanomedicines

- Impacts
  - Patients
  - Pharmaceutical industry
  - Manufacturers



### **Challenges in translational development**

- Reversing blindness
- Repairing the brain and spinal cord
- Stopping bleeding in less than 10 seconds
- Controlling the differentiation and maturation of implanted cells
- Preventing human prostate cancer stem cells from metastasizing
- Combination devices for detecting and identifying infectious agents.



## **Bottlenecks in regulation**

### What happens when

- A device that is for diagnosis will give you information on presence or absence of 100 viruses and identify new strains that have not been seen before?
- How do you validate a test for a pathogen that has not evolved yet?
- Do you need to?
- The bar should be lowered to allow for diagnostics.
- With follow-up
- Pandemics don't wait for regulation should technology?



## FDA Authorizes TessArae's RM-Flu Chip for Emergency H1N1 Testing

Approval of a test device that will tell you something that is unknown to date.

www.genomeweb.com

TessArray® RPM-Flu 3.1 Testing for Respiratory Pathogens

- Turnkey solution from collection of original specimen to results
- 938,032 array probes interrogate 117,254 basepairs of pathogen gene sequences
- Simultaneous sequence detection and identification of multiple pathogens in single test
- Robust detection and identification of known and previously unknown variant strains (mutations)
- Sensitivity and specificity exceeding gold standard microbial cultures and molecular assay by RT-PCR



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Influenza B HA1

Influenza B HA2

Influenza B NA1

Coronavirus (229E) Coronavirus (OC43) Coronavirus (NL63) Coronavirus (SARS Urbani Cytomegalovirus (HHV-5) Enteroviruses: Coxsackievirus (5 types) Echovirus (8 types) Rhinovirus (27 types) Measles Virus Metapneumovirus (types A, B) Parainfluenza 1 Parainfluenza 2 Parainfluenza 3 Parainfluenza 4a Parainfluenza 4b RSV A RSV B **Rubella Virus** 

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Variola major Bacillus anthracis Francisella tularensis Yersinia pestis

TessArray<sup>®</sup> RPM assays can be customized for any combination of viruses, bacteria, plasmids, vectors, or recombinants for Identification (Can increase this format by a factor of three)



### Technology

- Is this diagnosis or discovery?
- If diagnosis then can't use it! But which country.
- If discovery it is ok?
- Woo PC, Ellis-Behnke RG, et al. Resequencing microarray for detection of human adenoviruses in patients with conjunctivitis. J Clin Virol. 2010 Mar;47(3):282-5.
- Woo PC, Ellis-Behnke RG, et al. Resequencing microarray for detection of human adenoviruses in patients with community-acquired gastroenteritis: a proof-of-concept study. J Med Microbiol. 2010 Jul 29. [Epub ahead of print]



## Resequencing microarray for detection of human adenoviruses in patients with conjunctivitis

- Among 38 patients with conjunctivitis during a 7-month period, bacterial culture was positive in 6 patients (Haemophilus injluenzae, n = 2; Streptococcus pseudopneumoniae, n = 2; Pseudomonas aeruginosa, n = 1; and Staphylococcus aureus, n = 1).
- For the 32 bacterial culture negative samples, every 4 or 5 samples were pooled and subject to resequencing micro array analysis. Four of these 7 pooled samples were positive for human adenovirus. No other virus or bacterium was detected. PCR and partial sequencing of the hexon genes of human adenovirus on the 38 individual samples showed that 3 and 4 samples contained human adenoviruses species D and B respectively.
- Change the setting to a waiting room full of patients? H1N1

 Knowing you don't have it is as important as if you do.





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