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Assessment of ZnO and SiO_2 nanoparticle permeability through blood–brain barrier and their toxicity using Evans blue and TEM

Organization of research team for nano-associated safety assessment in effort to study nanotoxicology of zinc oxide and silica nanoparticles

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Needs: assessing toxicity of nanoparticles

Diverse commercial products with nanoparticles on the market

(나노처리된 강황을 코팅한 강황쌀)	(나노 칼슘제)	(나노기술 적용한 두통약)	
Nanoparticle curcumin rice	Nanoparticle Calcium supplement	Nanoparticle Pain medicine	
(나노기술 화장품 '나노시스')	(나노 샴푸)	(나노 실버 젖병)	(나노 치약)
Nanoparticle cosmetics	Nanoparticle shampoo	Nanoparticle Baby bottle	Nanoparticle Tooth paste

Objectives

ZnO & SiO_2 nanoparticles

ZnO & SiO_2 nanoparticles

ZnO & SiO_2 NPs
20nm (+) charged
20nm (-) charged
100nm (+) charged
100nm (-) charged

Characterization of NPs

➢Selection of NPs by TEM images

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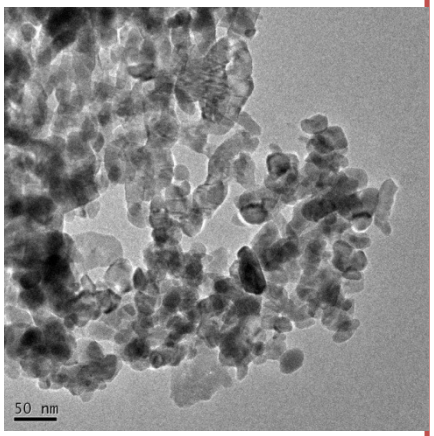

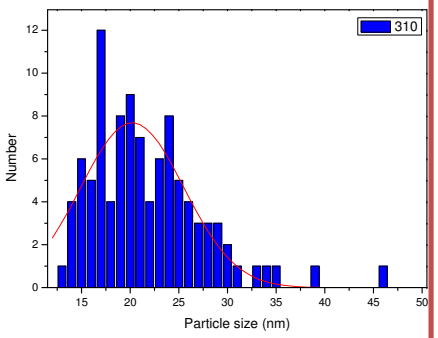

21.20±5.72nm

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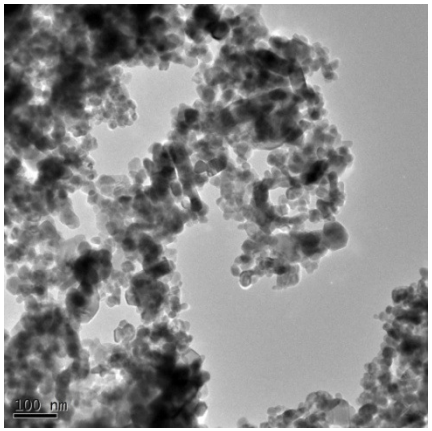

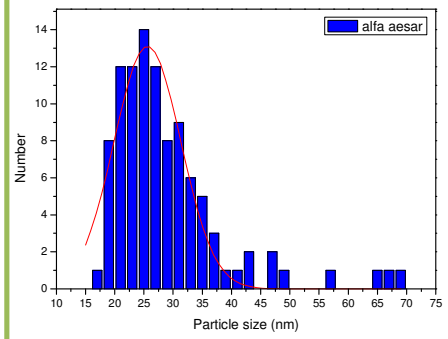

28.03±9.83nm

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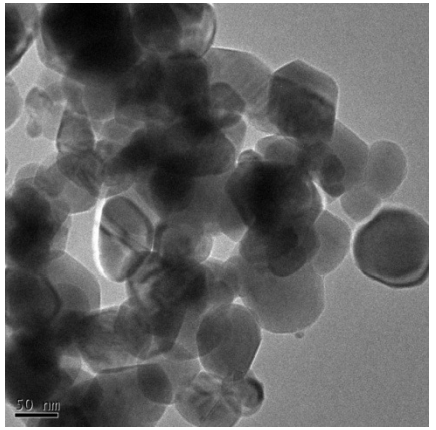
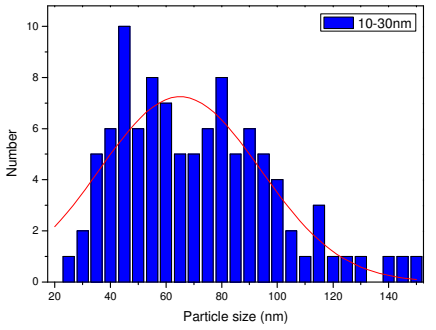
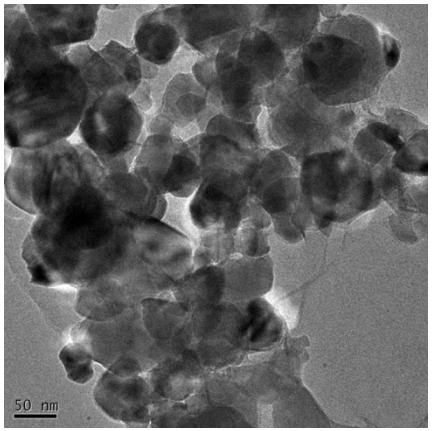
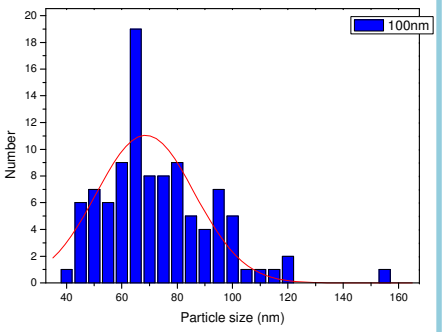




68.90±27.67nm

AE 100





70.60±19.45nm

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Preparation of NPs

➢ Preparing (-)charge NPs

Candidates for (-)charge preparation:
PAA [Poly (acrylic acid)], **Citrate** [Sodium citrate]

pH selection :
pH6, pH6.5, pH7

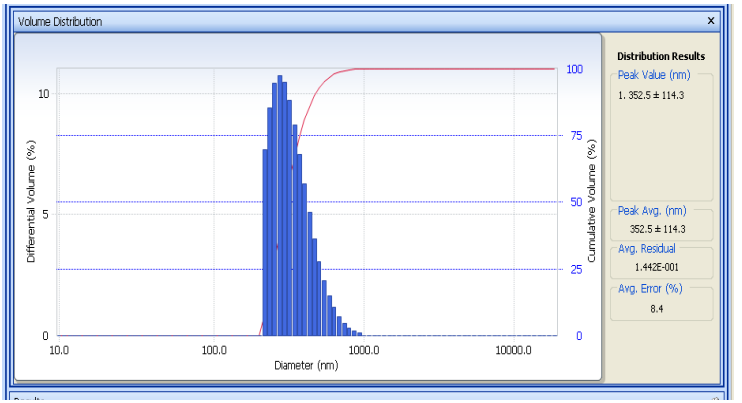
Concentrations of Citrate :
Citrate buffer 1%, 2%, ZnO concentrations 10%, 20%, 100%

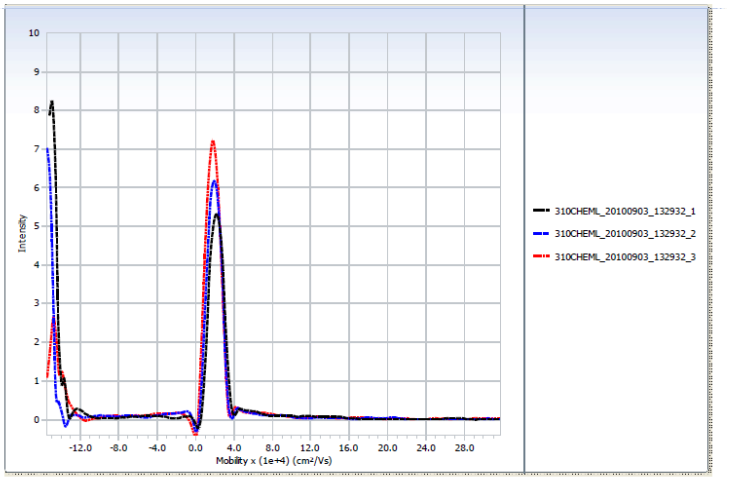
Dispersion, Distribution and Z-test

- Dispersion of Serine treated
- ZnO NPs (HEPES pH6)

No ligand

352.5±114 nm





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Average					25.46	1.986e-004	16.30

+ 25.46 mV

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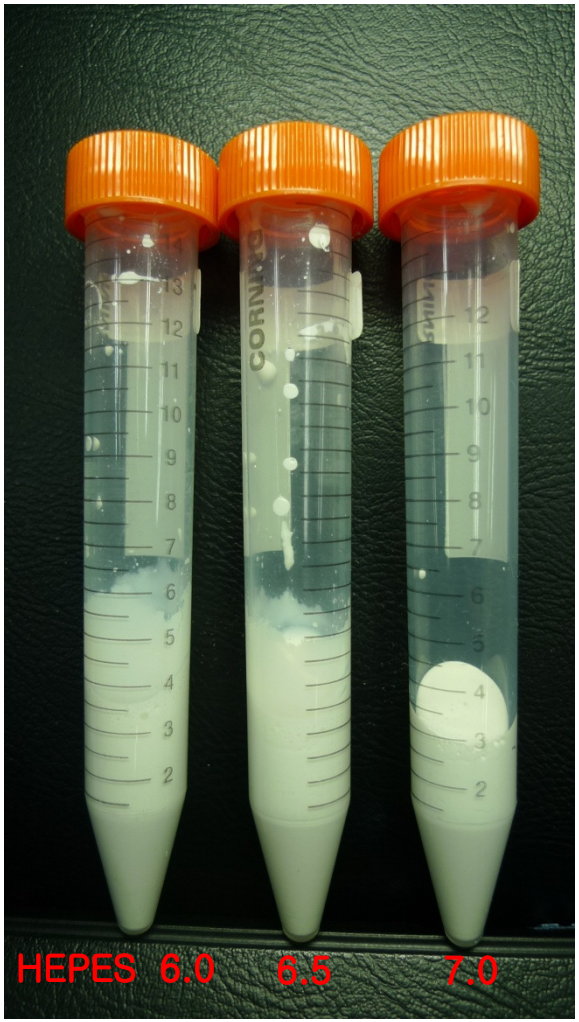
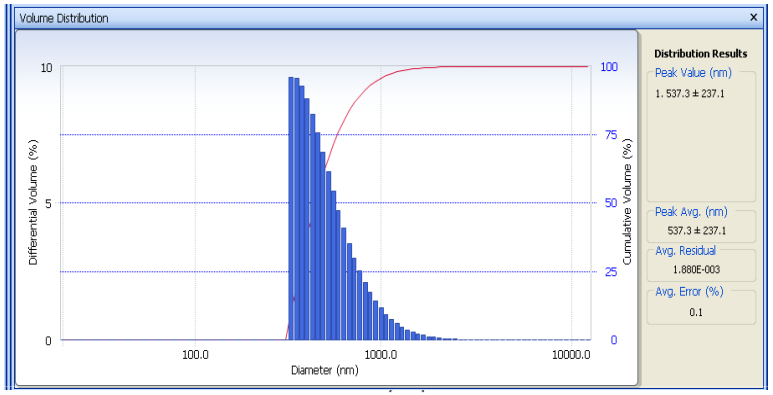
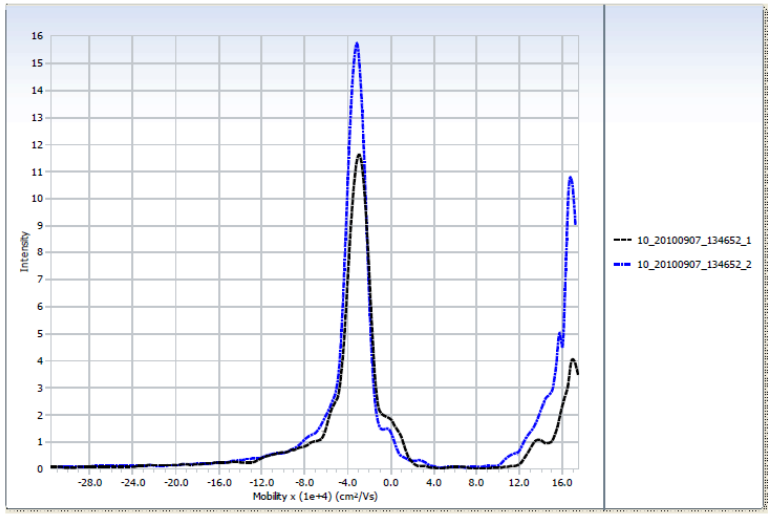
Dispersion, Distribution and Z-test

➢ ZnO: citrate(10:1), ddH2O, voltex 30s, No sonication,10min for settlement



537.3±237 nm





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Average					-39.64	-3.091e-004	-16.31

-39.64 mV

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Preparation protocol

- (+)charged NPs

Candidates for (+)charging:

No ligand,

TREN [Tris (2-aminoethyl) amine], **PAH,** [Poly (allylamine hydrochloride)], **PDAC**, **DETA** [Diethylenetriamine], **Thiamine, Arginine, Lysine,** Serine

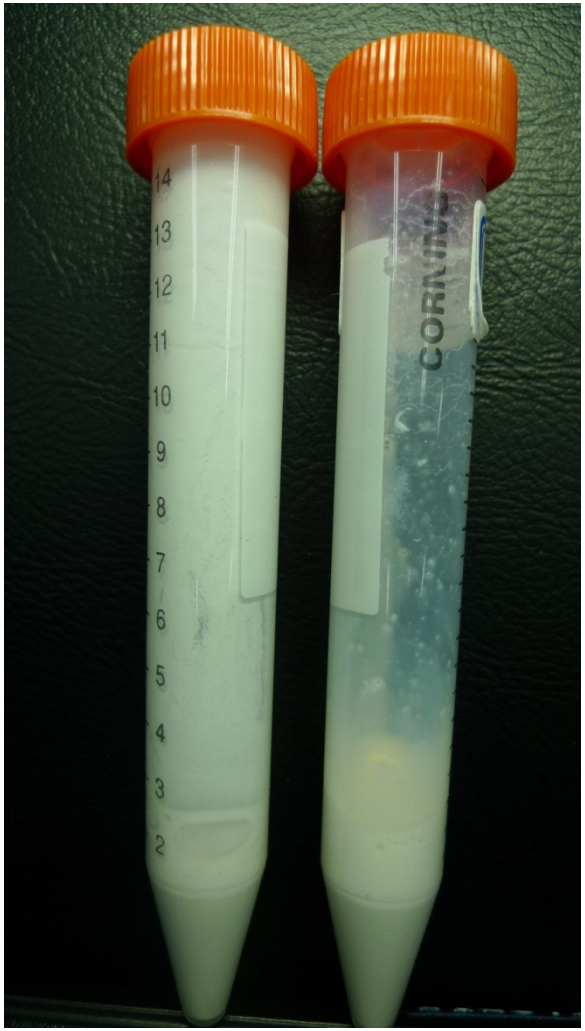
pH selection:
pH6, pH6.5, pH7

Concentrations of Serine:
Serine buffer: 1%, 2%, ZnO concentrations: 10%, 20%, 100%

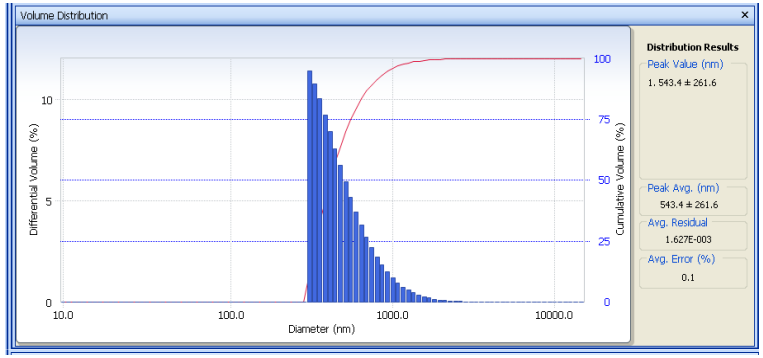
Dispersion, Distribution and Z-test

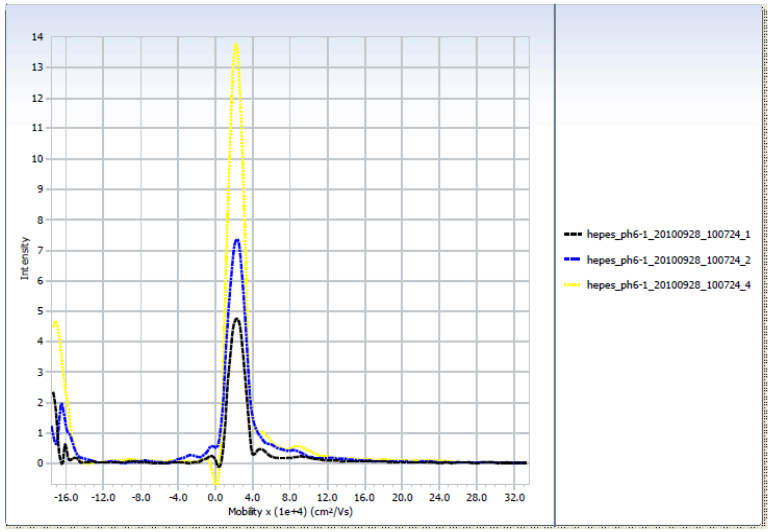
1% serine HEPES pH6

+ Serine



543.4±261 nm





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4	hepes_ph6-1_20100928_100724	4	10:07:24	NA	28.50	2.222e-004	15.43
Average					29.09	2.268e-004	15.42

+ 29.09 mV

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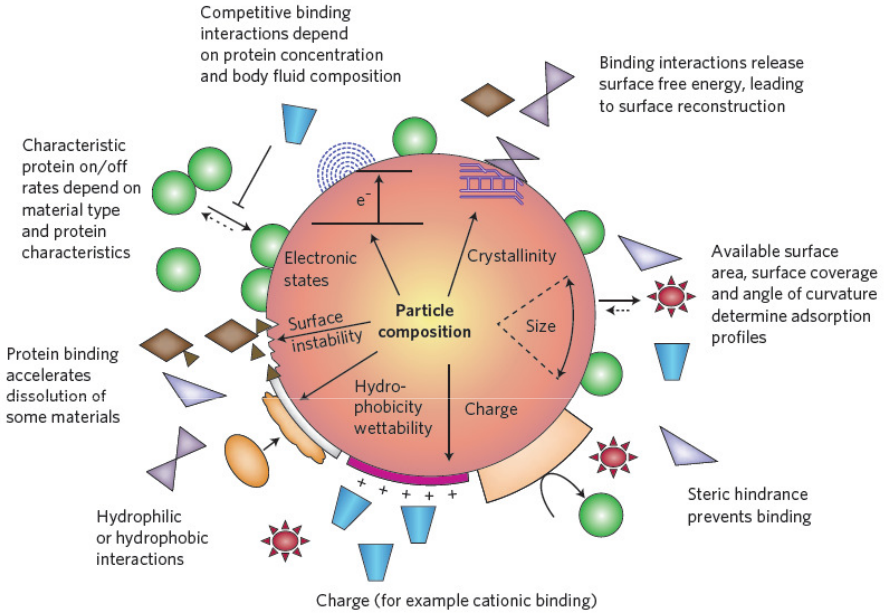
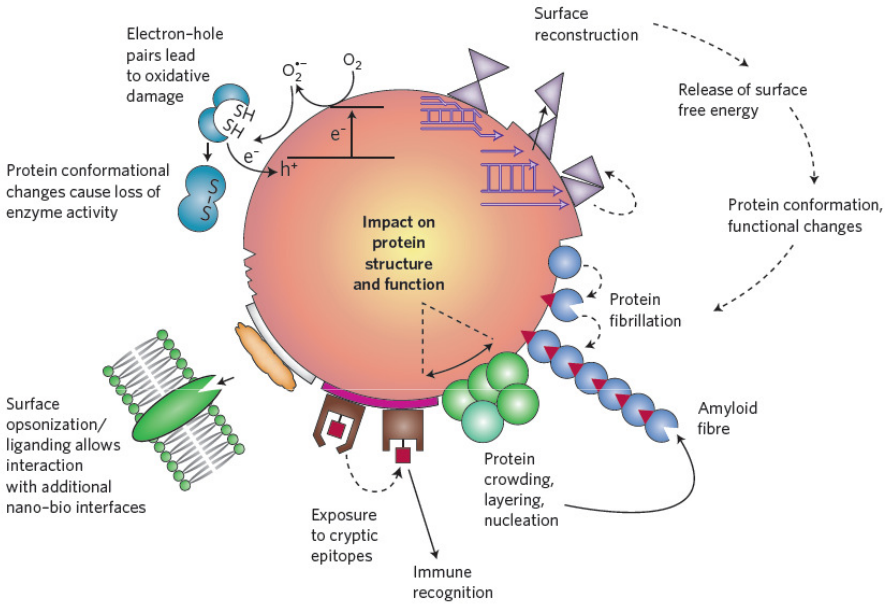
Nanoparticles & Protein Corona





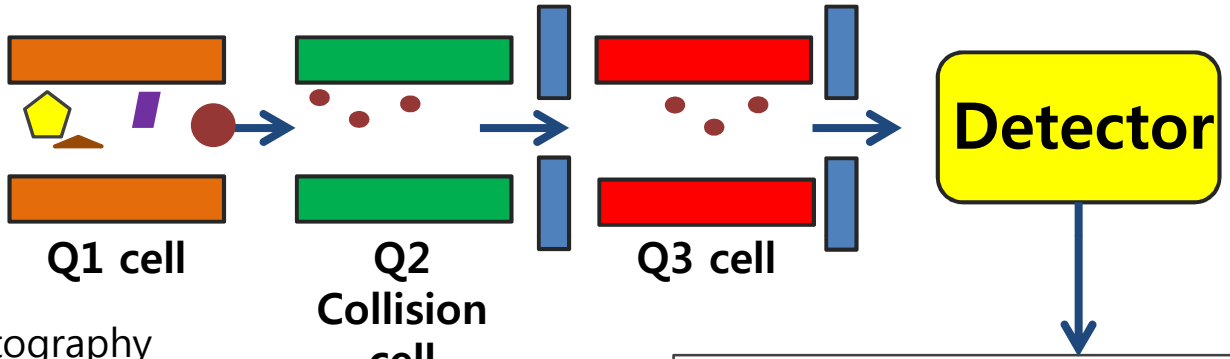
- Protein corona is likely to determine the fate of the nanomaterials *in vivo* (Cedervall *et al*, 2007).
- proteins can potentially interact with a nanomaterial to control its access to specific compartments, mark it for efficient removal by tissue-resident macrophages, and promote undesirable inflammation, thrombosis, and anaphylaxis (Peppas *et al*, 2006).

LC-MS/MS method

Sample
After trypsin digestion

SDS-PAGE & LC column

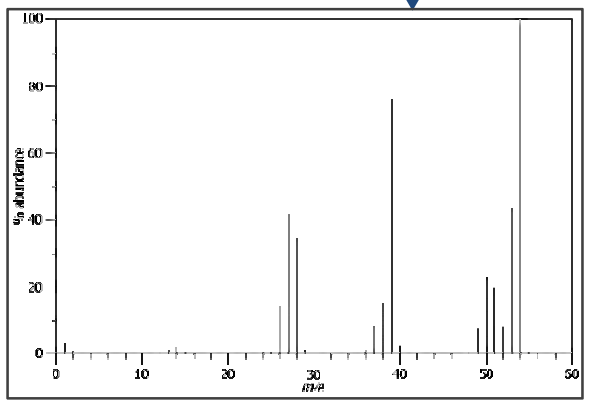
① Physical separation of samples



② Mass analysis

1. SDS-PAGE & Liquid Chromatography
   -Separate digested peptides for high resolution
2. Ionization
   -Convert solution phase ions into the gas phase
3. Mass Analyze
   -Measures the mass-to-charge ratio of charged particles
   -Determining the elemental composition of a sample
4. Detect & Data Collection
   -Elucidating the chemical structure of molecule
   -Qualitative and quantitative data

MS/MS Spectrum



③ Data collection

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Protein corona SiO_2& ZnO NPs (- 20/100 nm)

Samples	Total (ZnO)	Total (SiO_2)	Common
20 nm in plasma	58	48	9
100 nm in plasma	44	36	9
20 nm in BH	294	125	48
100 nm in BH	339	145	77

Unique plasma and BH proteins between SiO_2 20 & 100 NPs

Plasma		Brain Homogenate	
20 nm	100 nm	20 nm	100 nm
hemopexin precursor, C4b-binding protein alpha chain, lipopolysaccharide-binding protein precursor, glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase, inter-alpha-trypsin inhibitor heavy chain H3 precursor, T-kininogen 2 precursor, alpha-1-inhibitor 3 precursor, Serine protease inhibitor, ceruloplasmin precursor, Kallistatin, mast cell protease 9, serine protease inhibitor A3N, protein AMBP precursor, complement component C8 beta chain	Plasminogen, selenoprotein P precursor, vitronectin, alpha-1-antiproteinase precursor, plasma kallikrein precursor, kininogen-1 isoform 1, plasma protease C1 inhibitor precursor, apolipoprotein C-I precursor	calcium/calmodulin-dependent protein kinase, serine/threonine-protein phosphatase, histidine-rich glycoprotein, ATP-dependent RNA helicase A	pre-mRNA-processing-splicing factor 8, AP-2 complex subunit alpha-1, band 4.1-like protein 3, polyadenylate-binding protein 4, ADP-ribosylation factor 1, cytoplasmic dynein 1 heavy chain 1, kinesin heavy chain isoform 5C nucleolin

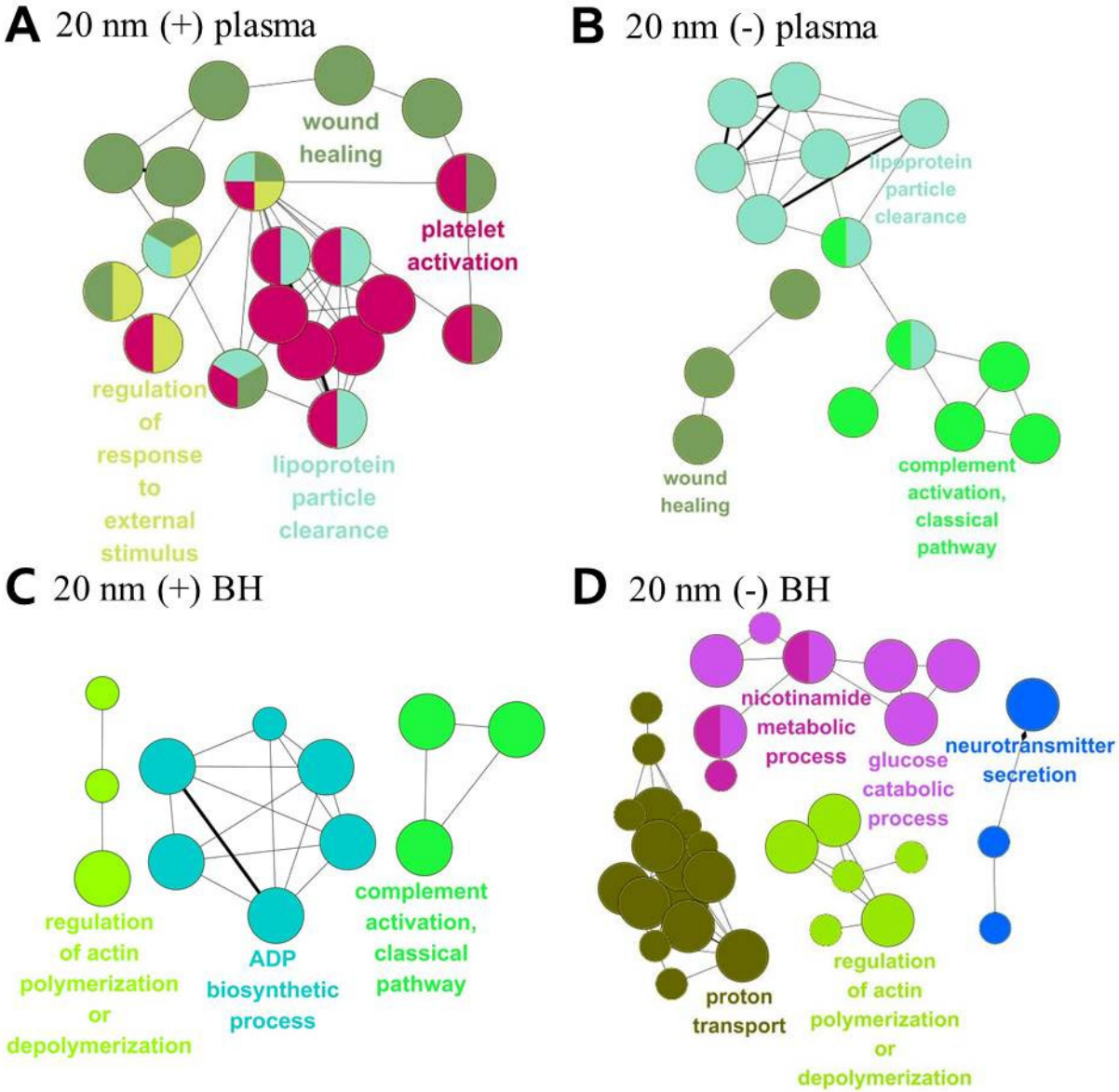
Correlated plasma and BH proteins between SiO_2&ZnO NPs

Plasma		Brain Homogenate	
20 nm	100 nm	20 nm	100 nm
apolipoprotein B-100 precursor complement C3 complement component C9 apolipoprotein E precursor complement C4 precursor fibronectin precursor PREDICTED: histidine-rich glycoprotein-like PREDICTED: hypothetical protein PREDICTED: complement component 5 anionic trypsin-1 precursor PREDICTED: histidine-rich glycoprotein-like	apolipoprotein B-100 precursor complement C3 apolipoprotein E precursor PREDICTED: histidine-rich glycoprotein-like complement C4 precursor inter-alpha-inhibitor H4 heavy chain vitronectin fibronectin precursor plasma protease C1 inhibitor precursor PREDICTED: complement component 5 PREDICTED: histidine-rich glycoprotein-like	tubulin beta-3 chain, tubulin alpha-1A chain, clathrin heavy chain 1, synapsin-1 isoform b, glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase, tubulin beta-2B chain, ATP synthase subunit alpha, mitochondrial precursor, dynamin-1, ATP synthase subunit beta, mitochondrial precursor, actin, aortic smooth muscle, heterogeneous nuclear ribonucleoprotein K, vesicle-fusing ATPase, elongation factor 1-alpha 2, V-type proton ATPase catalytic subunit A, actin, cytoplasmic 2, AP-2 complex subunit beta	tubulin beta-3 chain, tubulin alpha-1A chain, syntaxin-binding protein 1, vesicle-fusing ATPase, clathrin heavy chain 1, synapsin-1 isoform b, tubulin beta-2B chain, microtubule-associated protein 1B, glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate, ehydrogenase, ATP synthase subunit alpha, mitochondrial precursor, actin, aortic smooth muscle, 6-phosphofructokinase type C, 6-phosphofructokinase, muscle type, elongation factor 1-alpha 2, 2',3'-cyclic-nucleotide 3'-phosphodiesterase, ATP synthase subunit beta, mitochondrial precursor

Unique plasma and BH proteins between SiO_2&ZnO NPs

Plasma		Brain Homogenate	
SiO2	ZnO	SiO2	ZnO
serum albumin precursor, histidine-rich glycoprotein, kininogen-1 isoform 2, apolipoprotein A-I preproprotein	fibrinogen gamma chain, fibrinogen beta chain precursor, gelsolin precursor	T-complex protein 1, 6-phosphofructokinase	pyruvate kinase isozymes M1/M2, alpha-internexin, phosphoglycerate kinase 1

Implicated biological processes by ZnO



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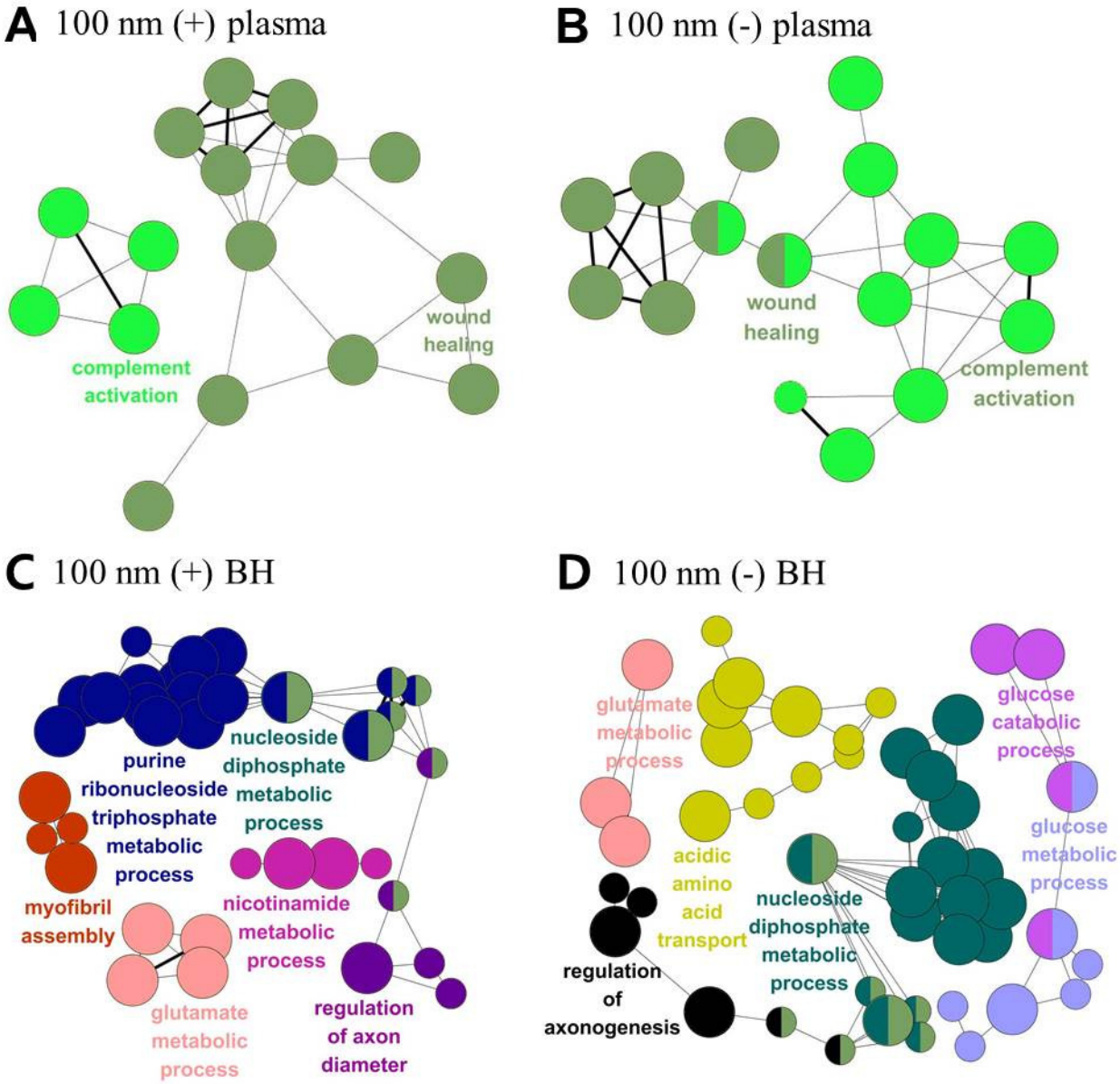

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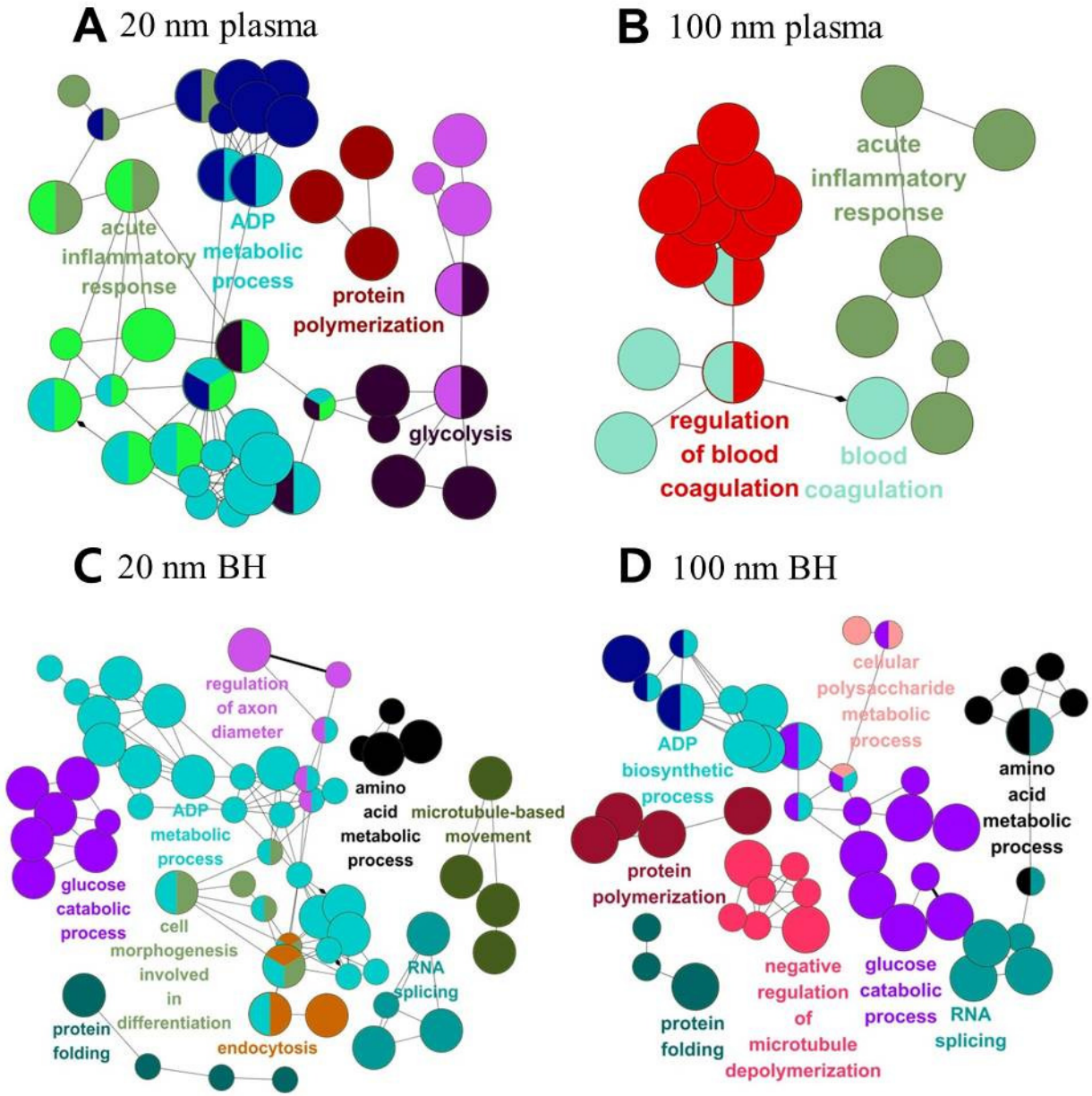

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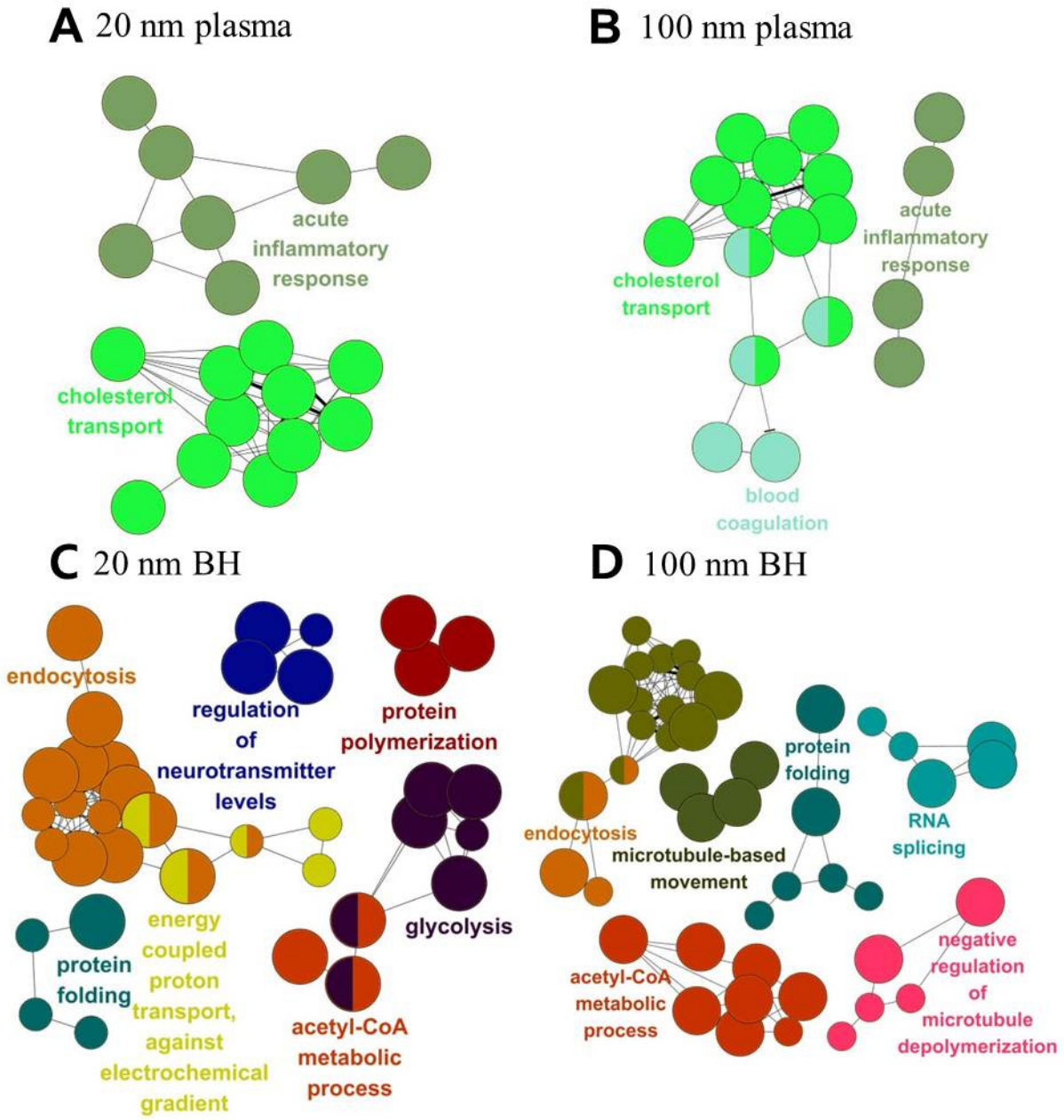

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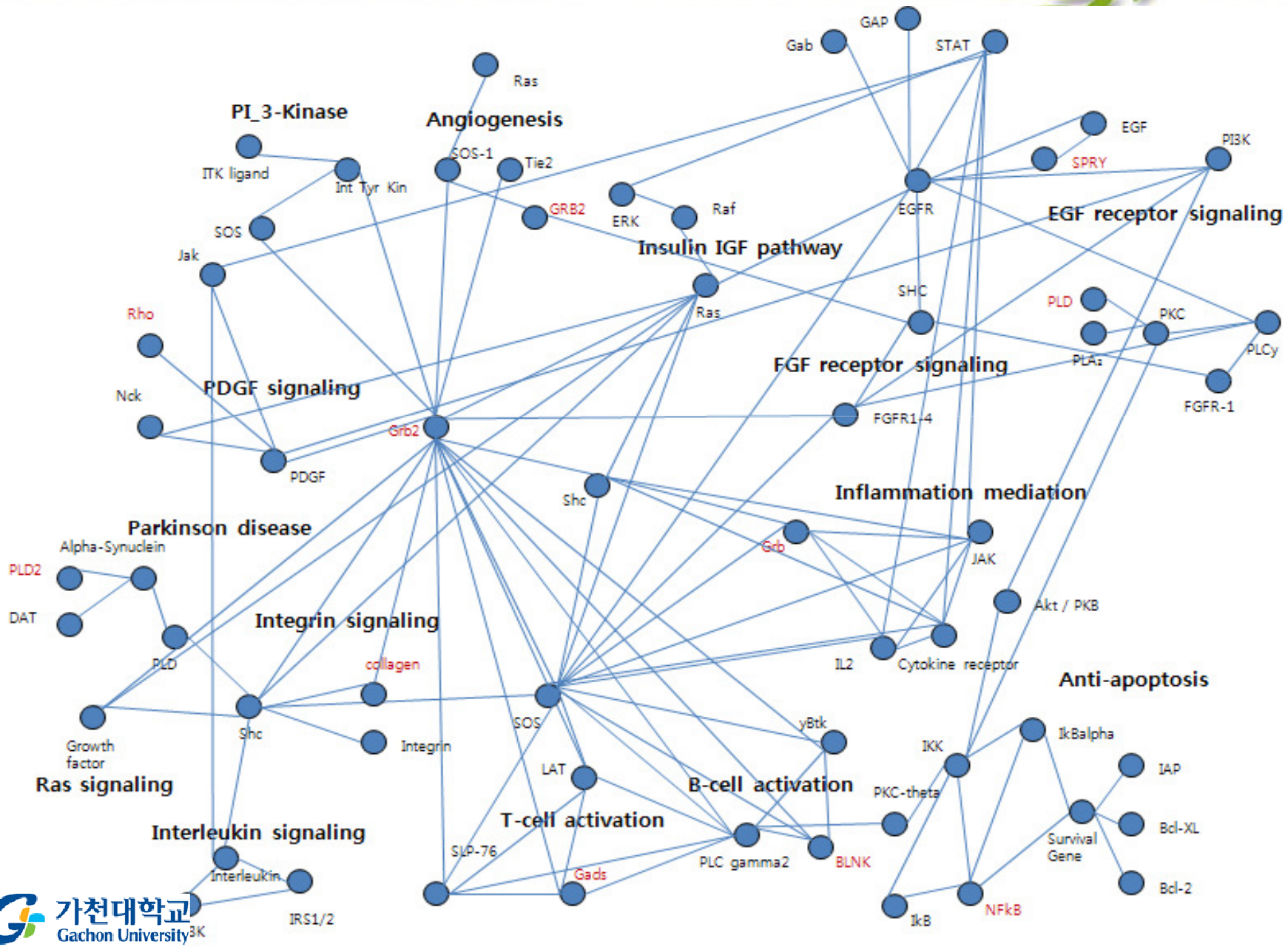
NF-κB implicated network



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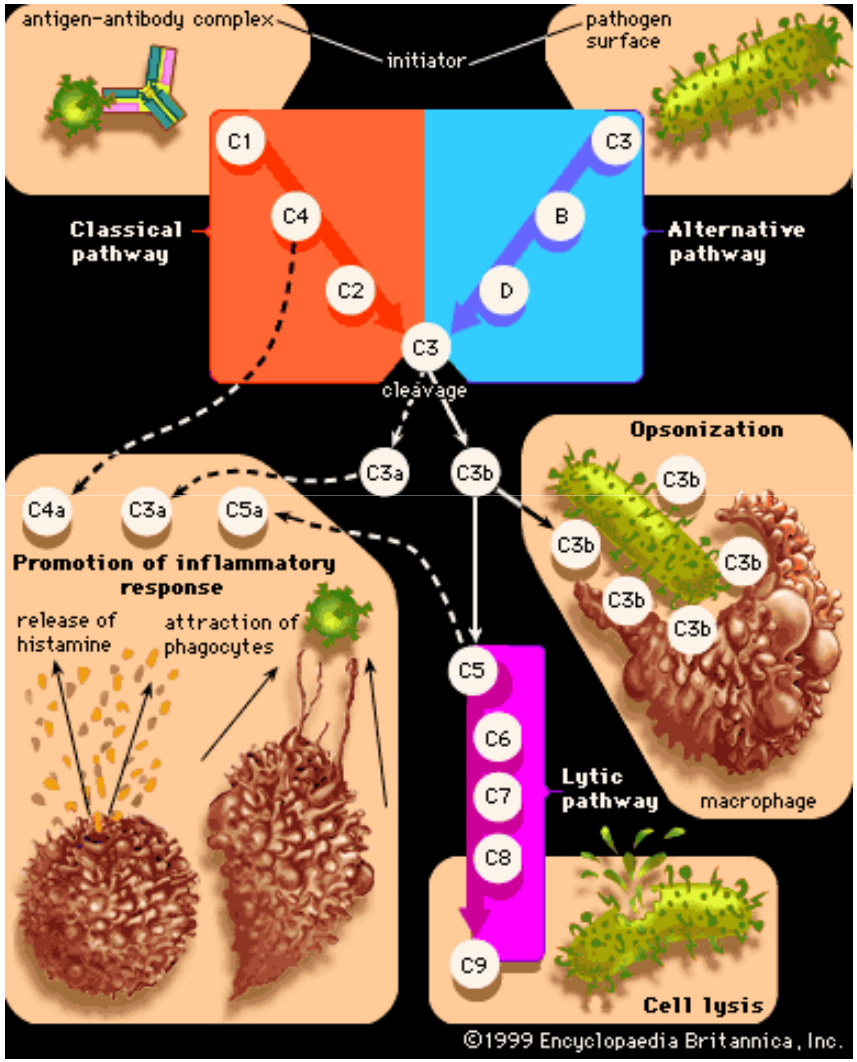

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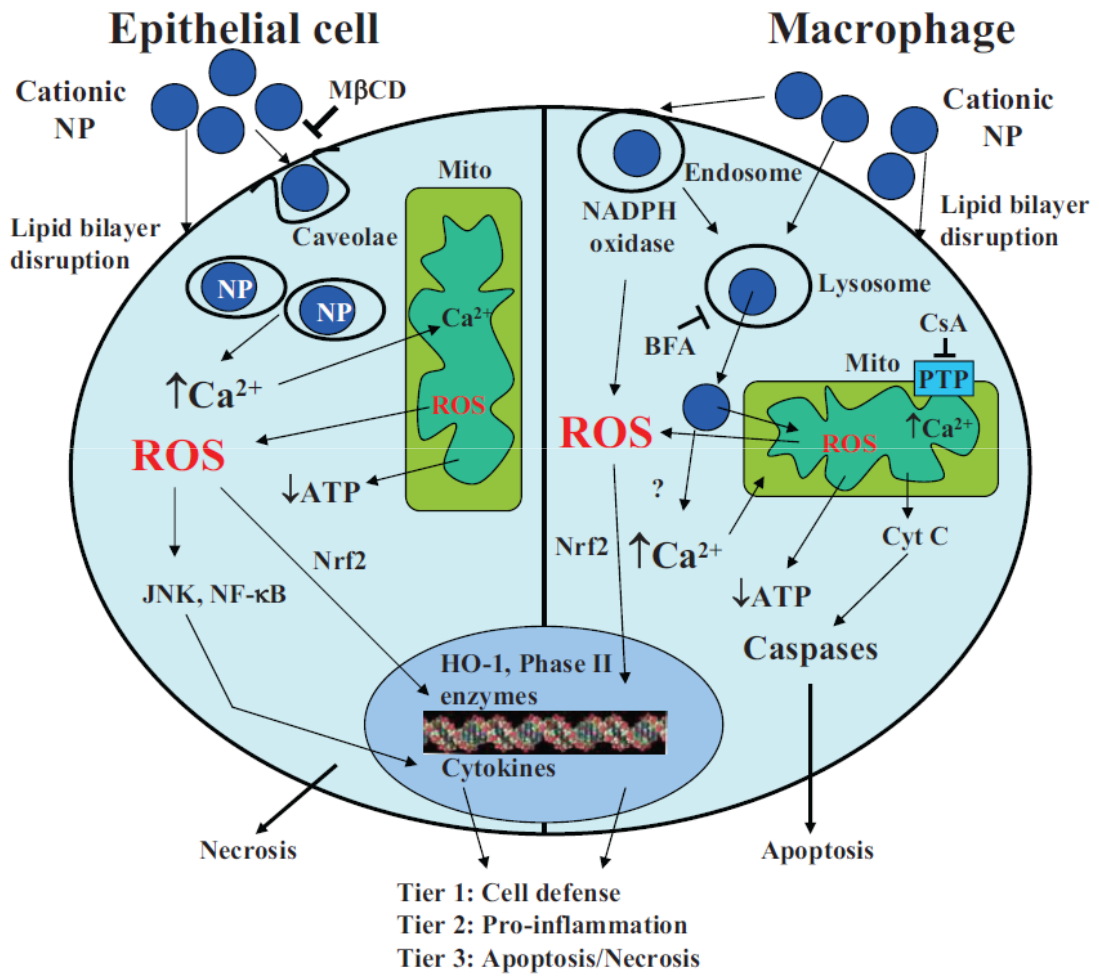
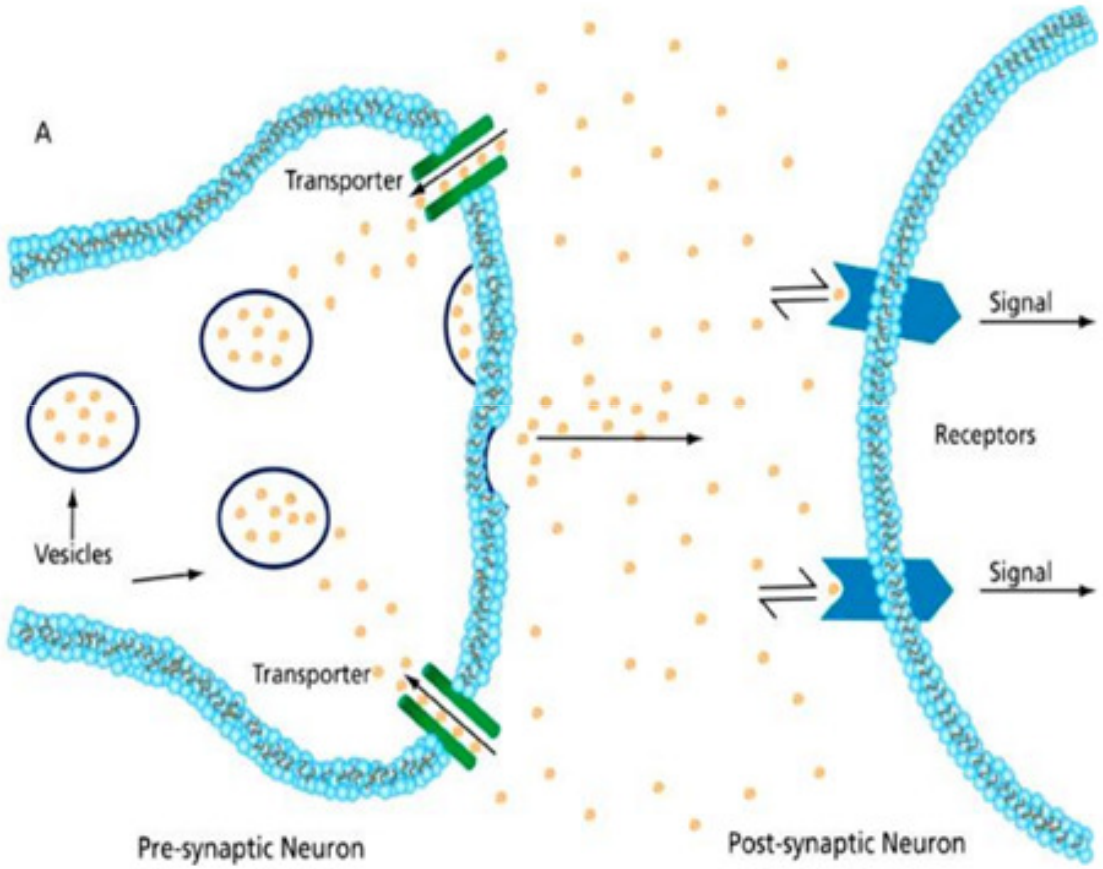
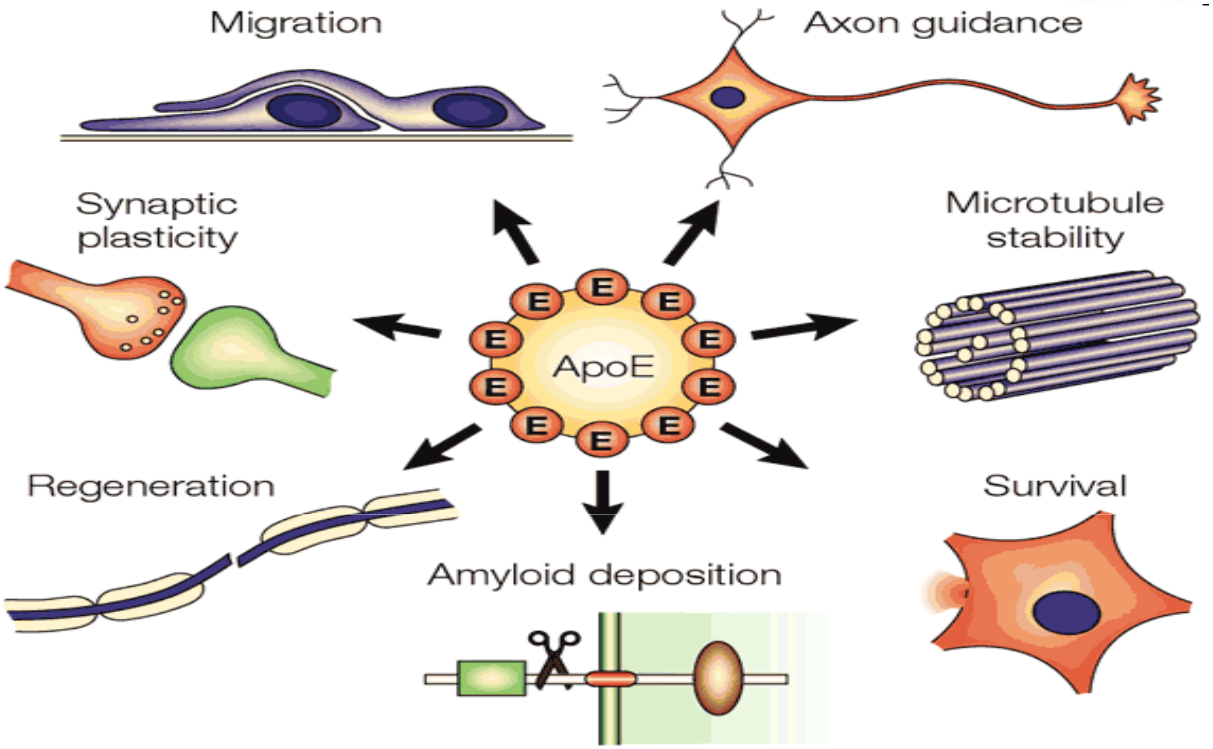


Nanotoxocity based neurotransmitter



APOE and brain development



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Abnormal function

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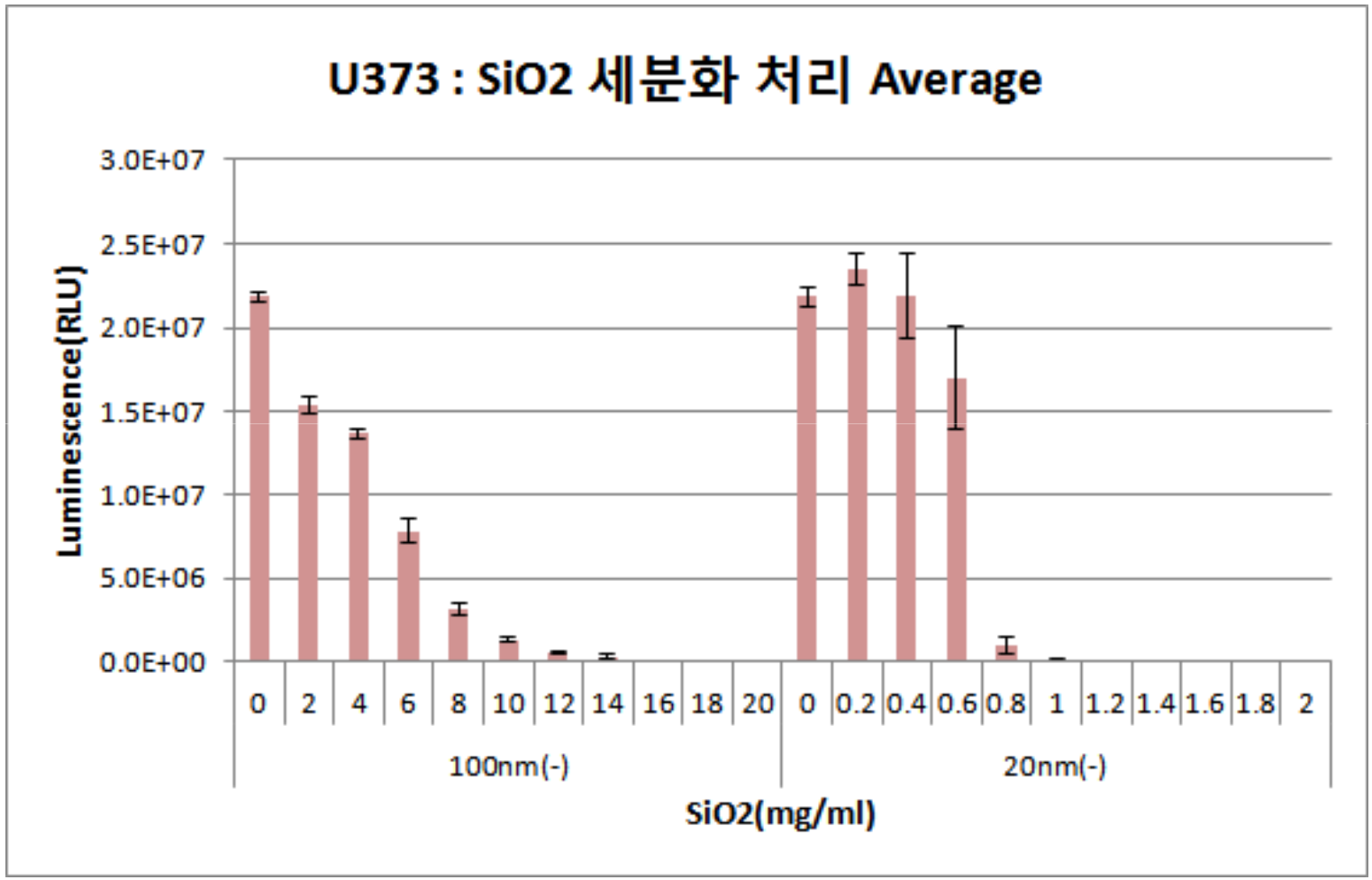
in vitro studies

SiO_2, 20/100 nm, (-) in vitro Study

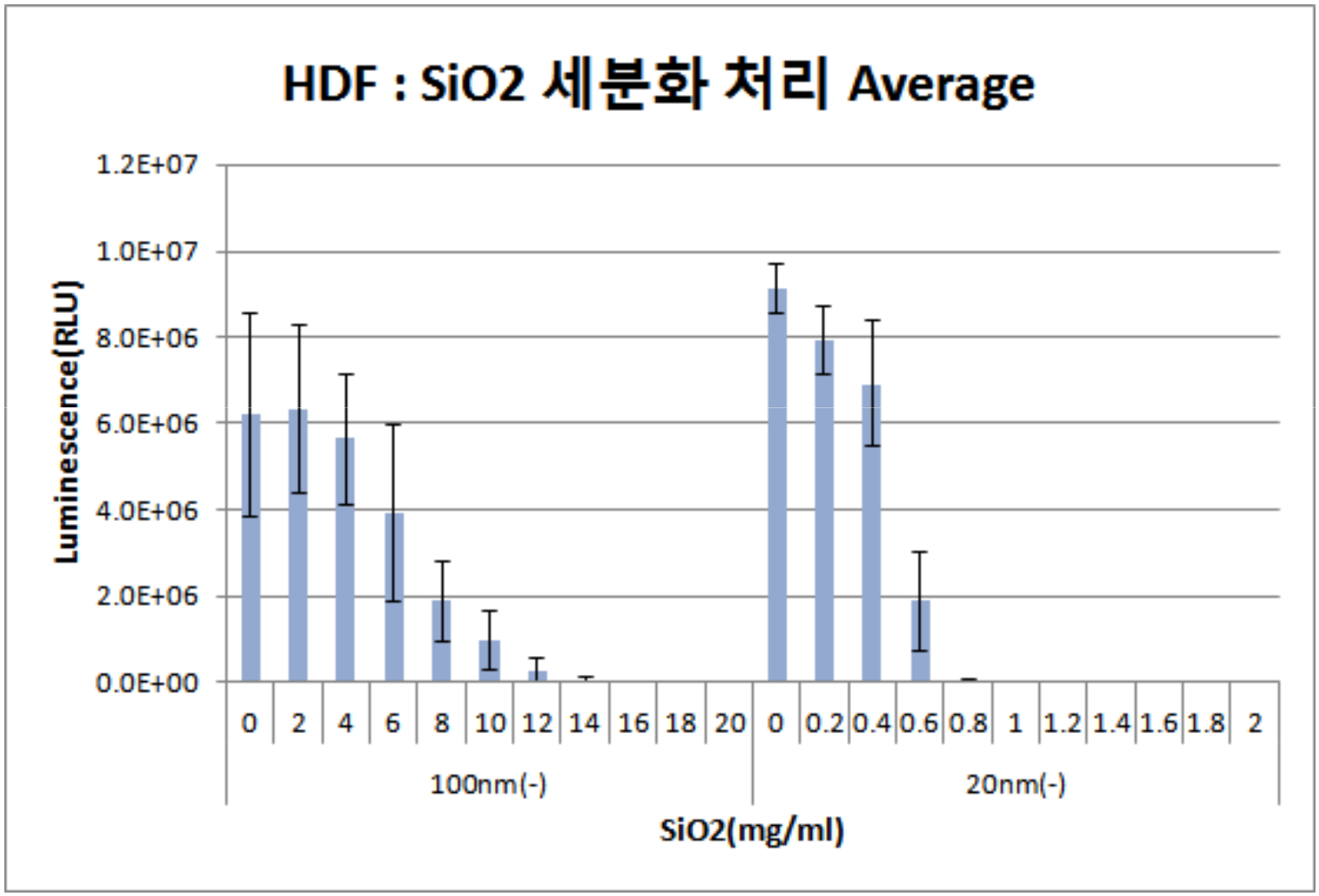
- **Cytotoxicity of SiO_2 with cell types as below**
  - in vitro cellular models for Neuron, skin, GI tract were selected.
  - skin model: HDF human Dermal Fibroblast
  - neuronal model: U373 human astrocyte/glioblastoma cell line
  - GI tract model: HCT116 human colon carcinoma cell-line

- **Method**
  - Measuring cell viability after 24 hrs from treating cell with varying concentrations of $SiO_2^{20,(-)}$ & $SiO^{100,(-)}$
  - Concentrations of ATP were measured for cell viability with luminescence-based assay, Cell-titerglo assay (Promega).

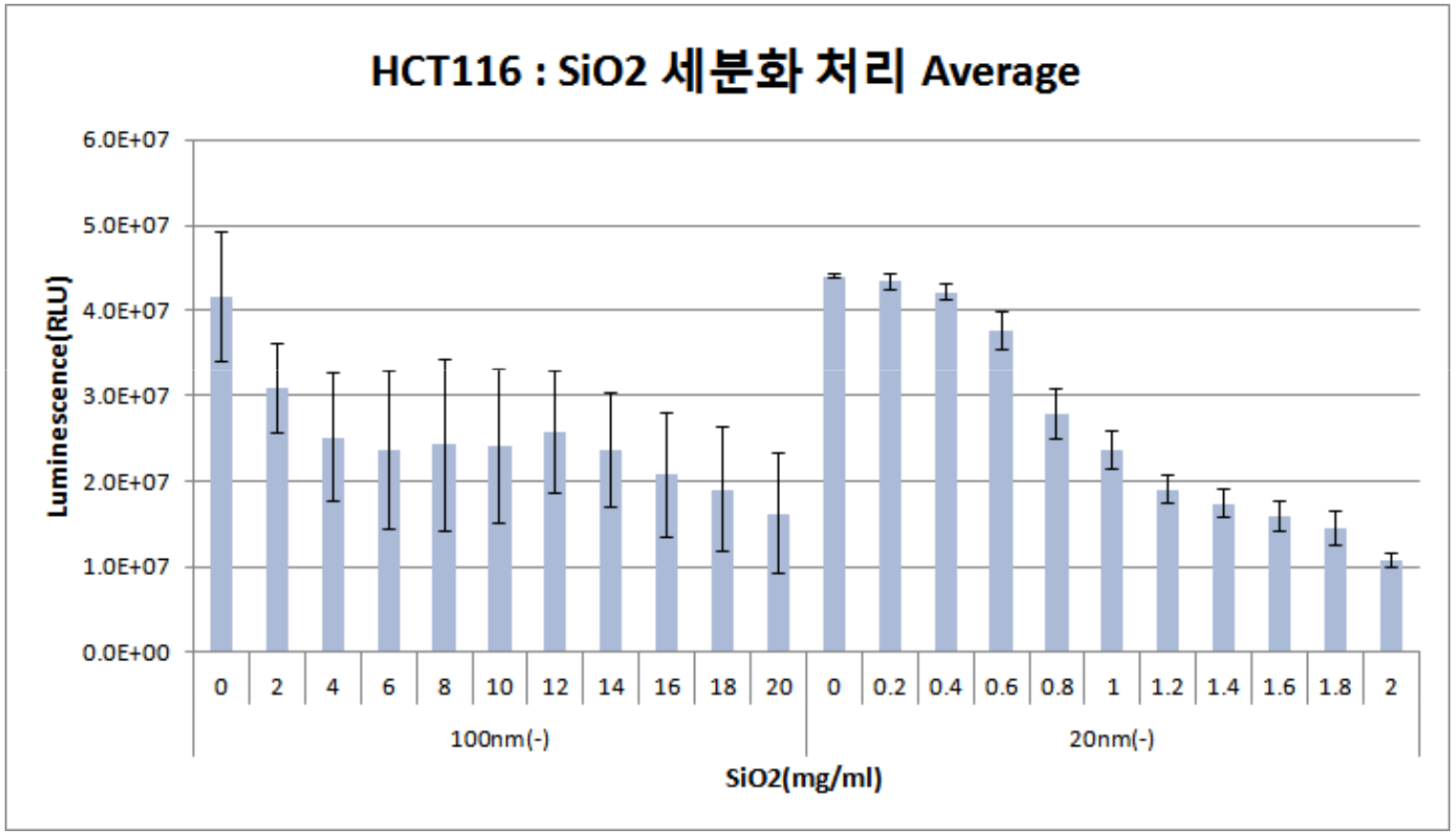
Cellular viability of Neuronal model



Cellular viability of skin model



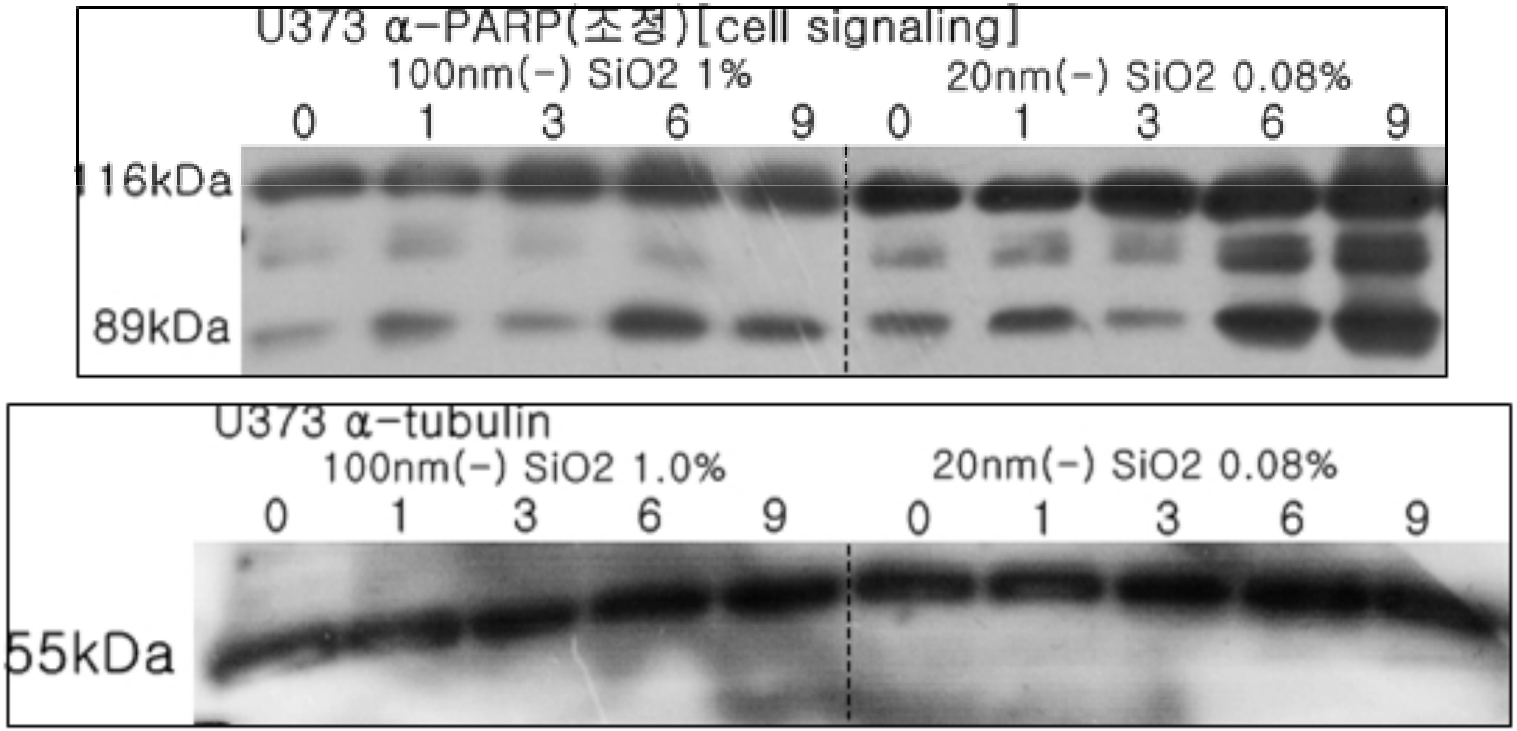
Cellular viability of GI tract model



in vitro analysis of apoptosis

Poly (ADP-ribose) polymerase (PARP) cleavage

- Based on the results from celltiter-glo assay, predetermined and administered $SiO_2^{100,(-)}$ 및 $SiO_2^{20,(-)}$ and measured the cleavage of PARP from full-length 116kD to 89kDa (or 85kDa) at 0, 1, 3, 6, 9 hrs, with Anti-PARP antibody(cell signaling, Promega). Western Blot analyisis

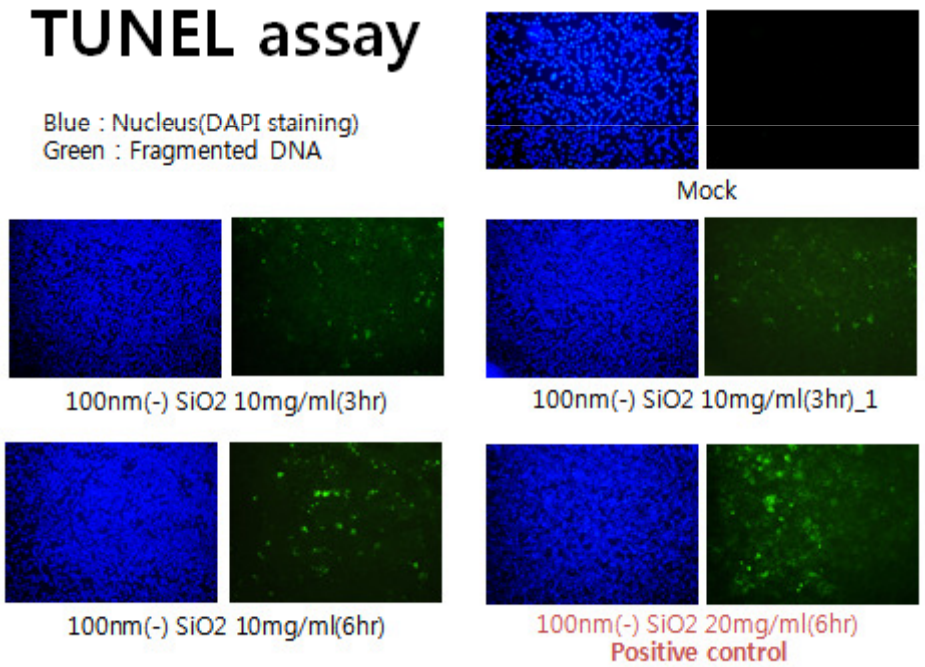


in vitro analysis of apoptosis

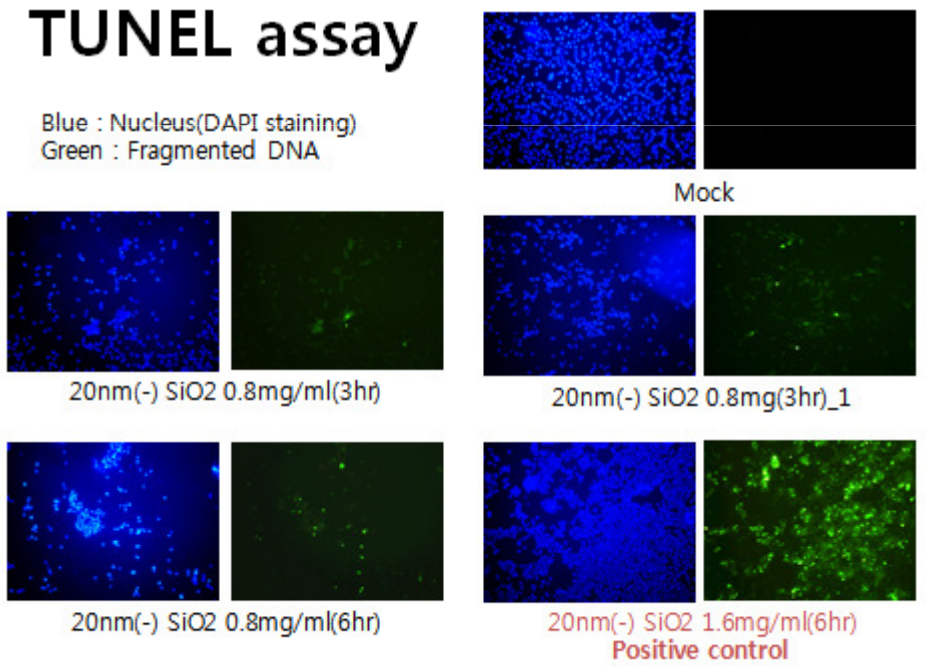
DNA fragmentation : U373

- DNA fragmentations were analyzed by labeling fluorescence-labeled dUTP to the end of DNA with Terminal deoxynucleotidyl transferase.

- Method: DeadEnd™ Fluorometric TUNEL System assay kit (Promega)

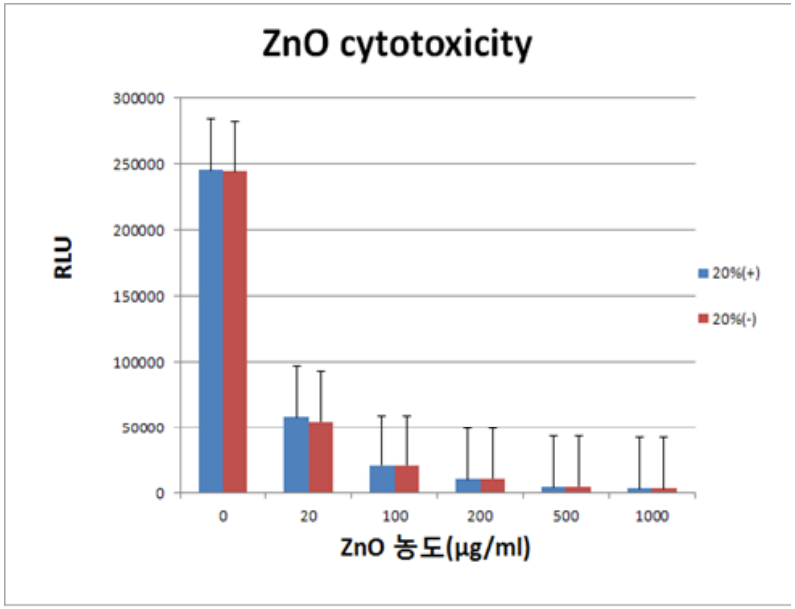


DNA fragmentation analysis by $SiO_2^{100,(-)}$에



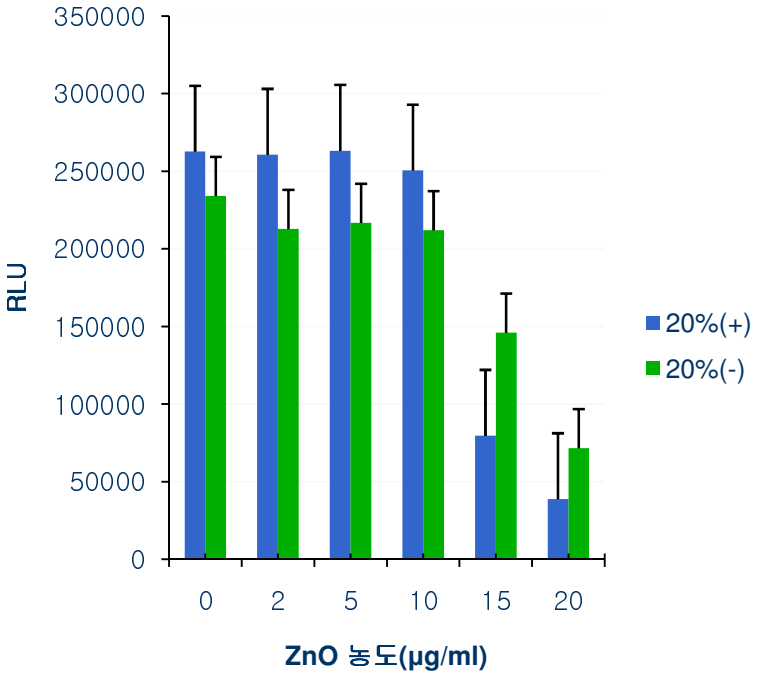
DNA fragmentation analysis by $SiO_2^{20,(-)}$

in vitro study



Neuroblastoma U373 cell viability was measured after 48 hrs from treatment with cell-titerglo assay.

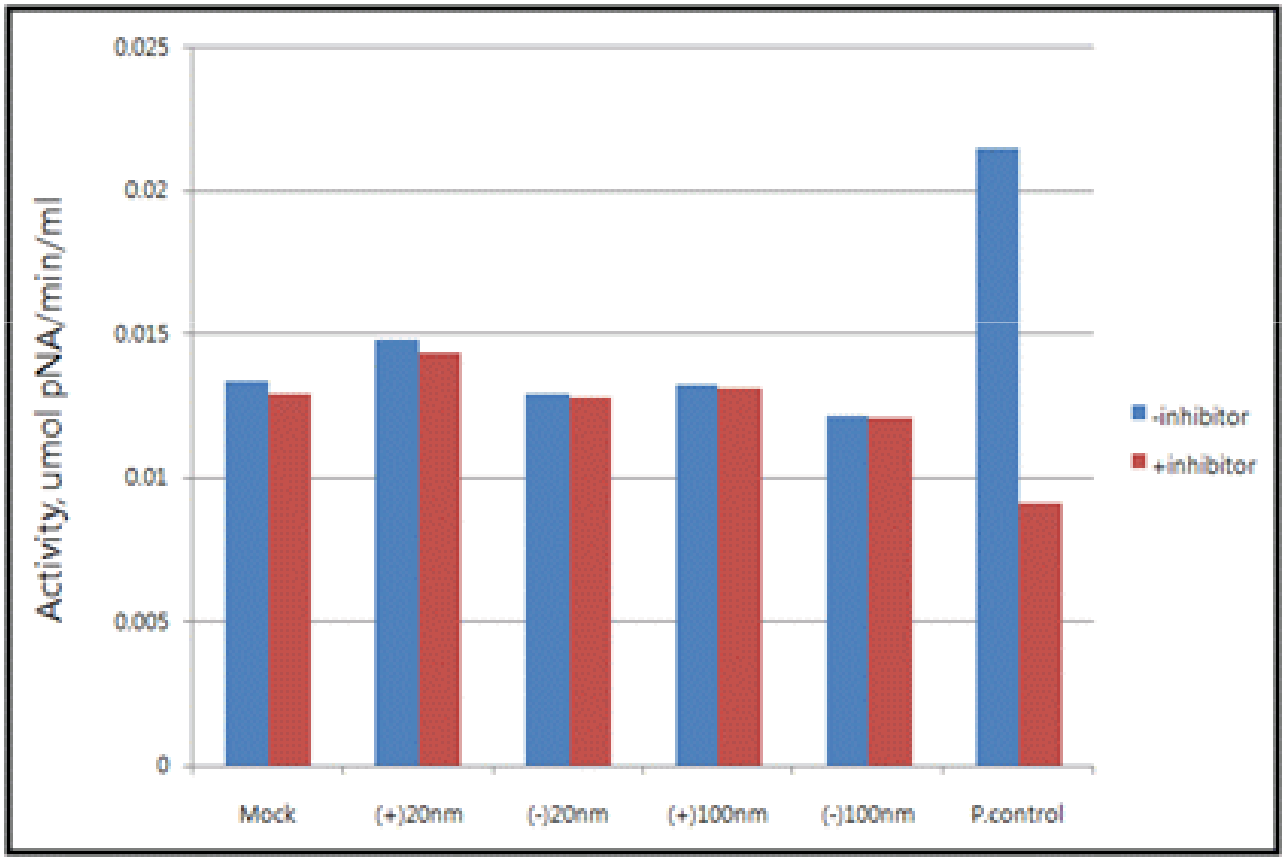
80% of cell death were observed at 20ug/ml.



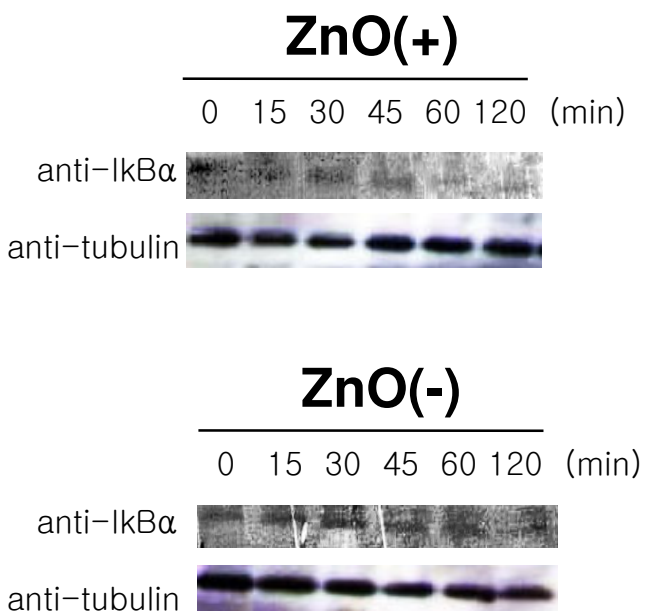
농도의 처리시 각 70%, 40% of cell death were observed from 15 ug/ml of ZnO (+) 또는 ZnO (-), respectively.

in vitro study

Caspase 3 after ZnO exposure to U373



Activation of NF-κB by ZnO



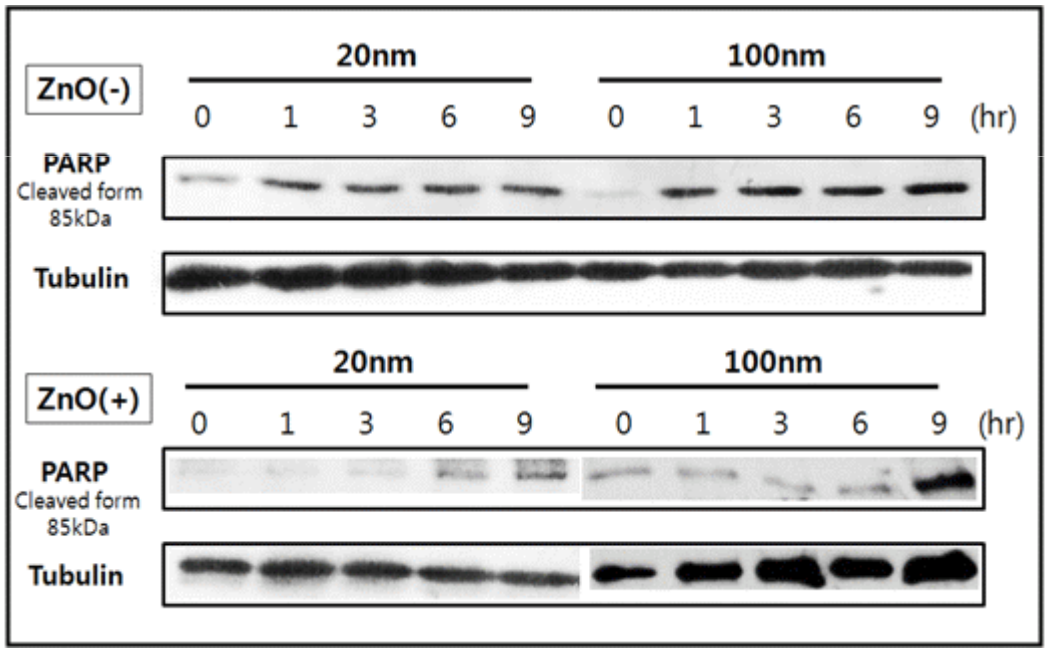
After treating U373 cells with 20% (+) charged ZnO or 20% (-) charged ZnO. western blot analysis was performed to see the activation of NF-κB through IκBα

After 15-30 min from treatment with ZnO (+), activation of IKK cause the lysis of IκBα.

45 min for ZnO (-) treatment.

in vitro study

Poly (ADP-ribose) polymerase (PARP) cleavage analysis after ZnO treatment on U373 cells



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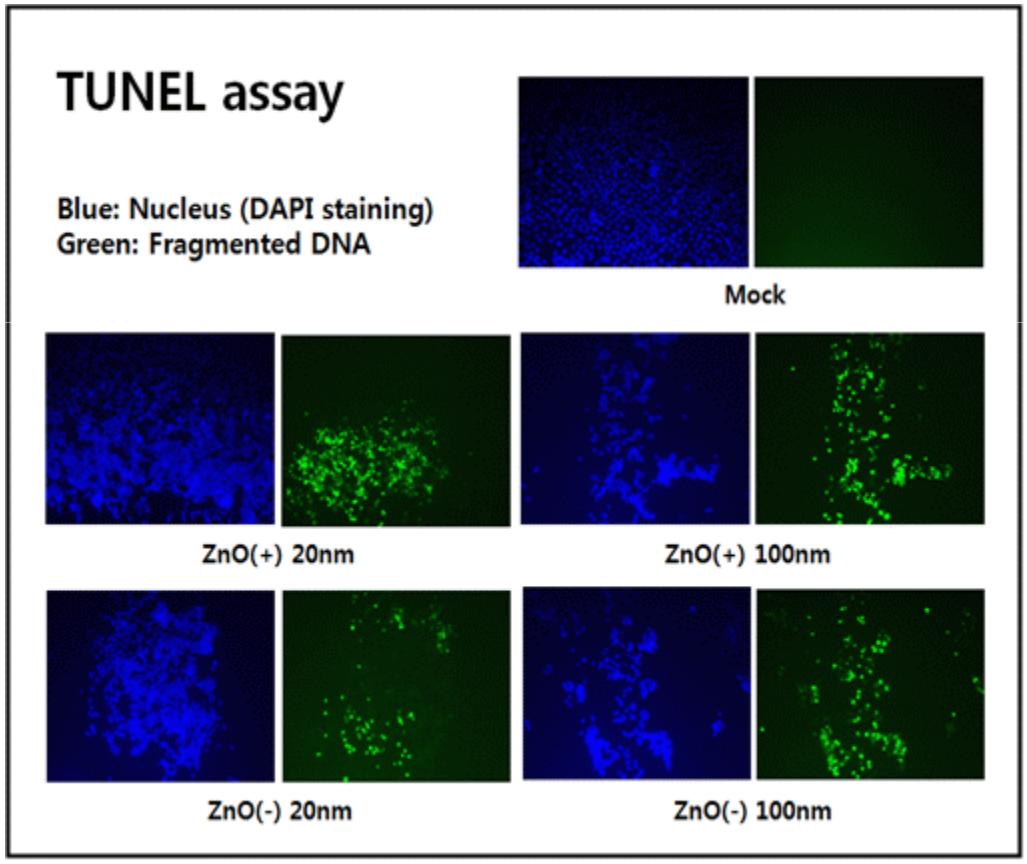


DNA fragmentations in U373 cells from ZnO treatment

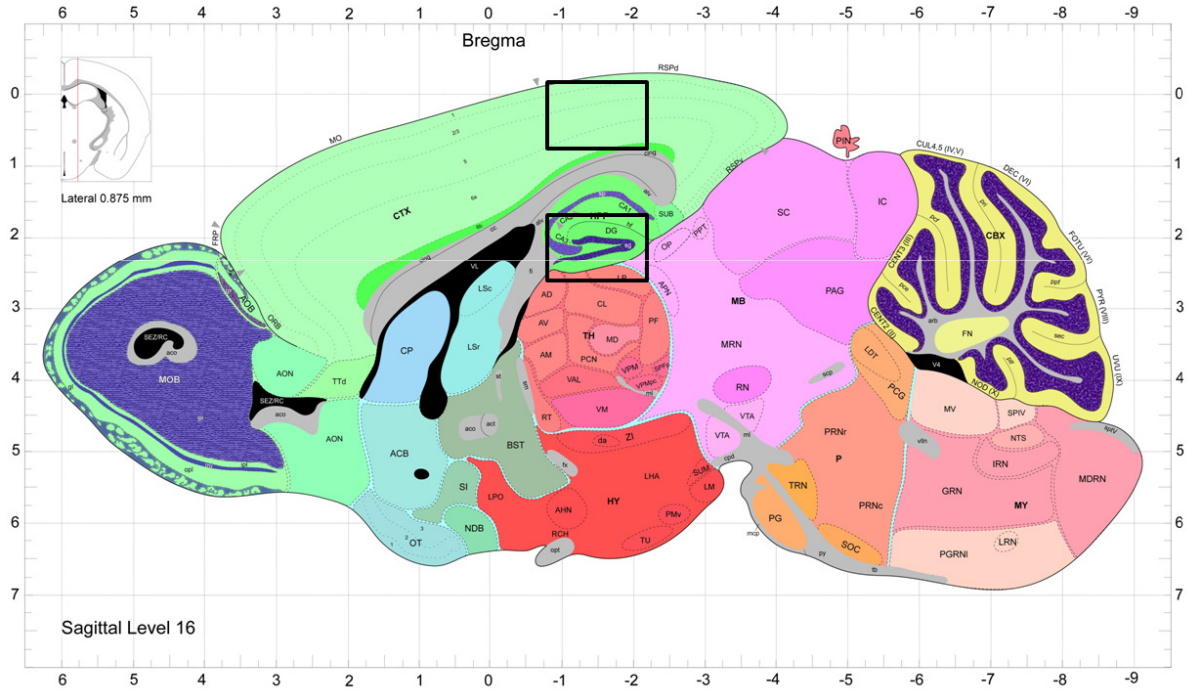
in vivo study

28 days of repeated oral administration ($ZnO^{20,(+)}$, $ZnO^{20,(-)}$, $SiO_2^{20,(-)}$, $SiO_2^{20,Arg}$)

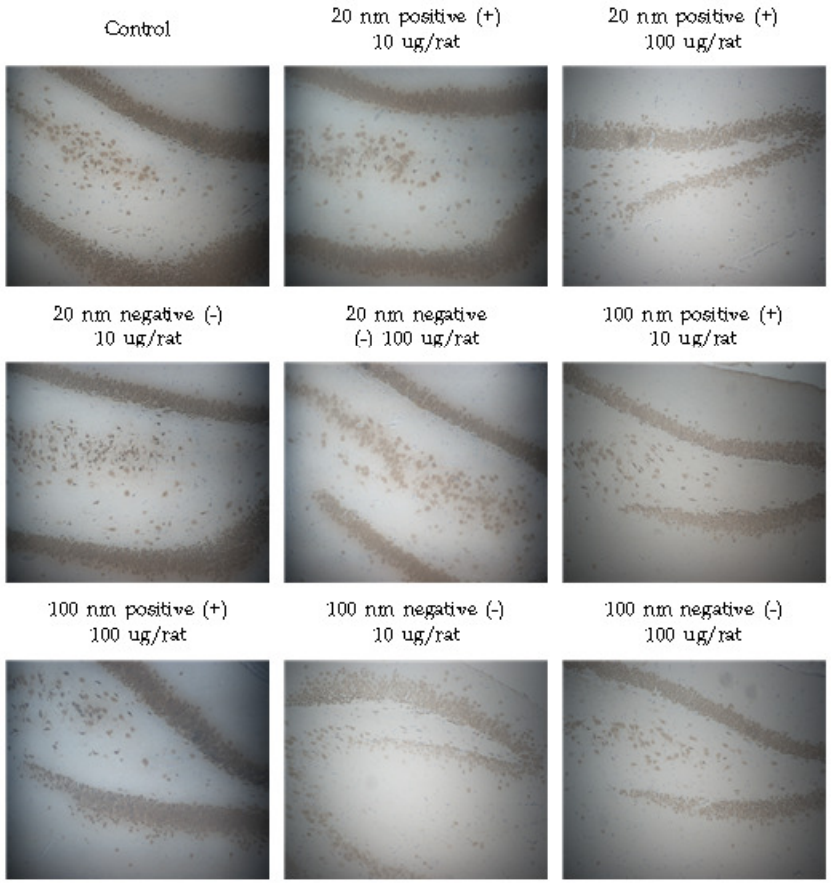
samples	NPs	sex	# animals	disage (mg/kg)	Conc. (mL/kg)
1 control	ddH2O	female	5	0	10
2. Buffer control	HEPES-Citrate Buffer	female	5	0	10
3 buffer control	HEPES-Serine Buffer	female	5	0	10
4 A.A control	L-arginine	female	5	0	10
5 High Conc.	$ZnO^{20,(-)}$ (20nm, - charge)	female	5	500	10
6 High Conc.	$ZnO^{20,(+)}$ (20nm, + charge)	female	5	500	10
7 High Conc.	$SiO_2^{20,(-)}$ (20nm, - charge)	female	5	2000	10
8 High Conc.	$SiO_2^{20,Arg}$ (20nm, - charge)	female	5	1000	10

in vivo study

NeuN expression in Rat brain



in vivo study: Neurotoxicity



Hippocampus: staining for NeuN, DAB^{+}

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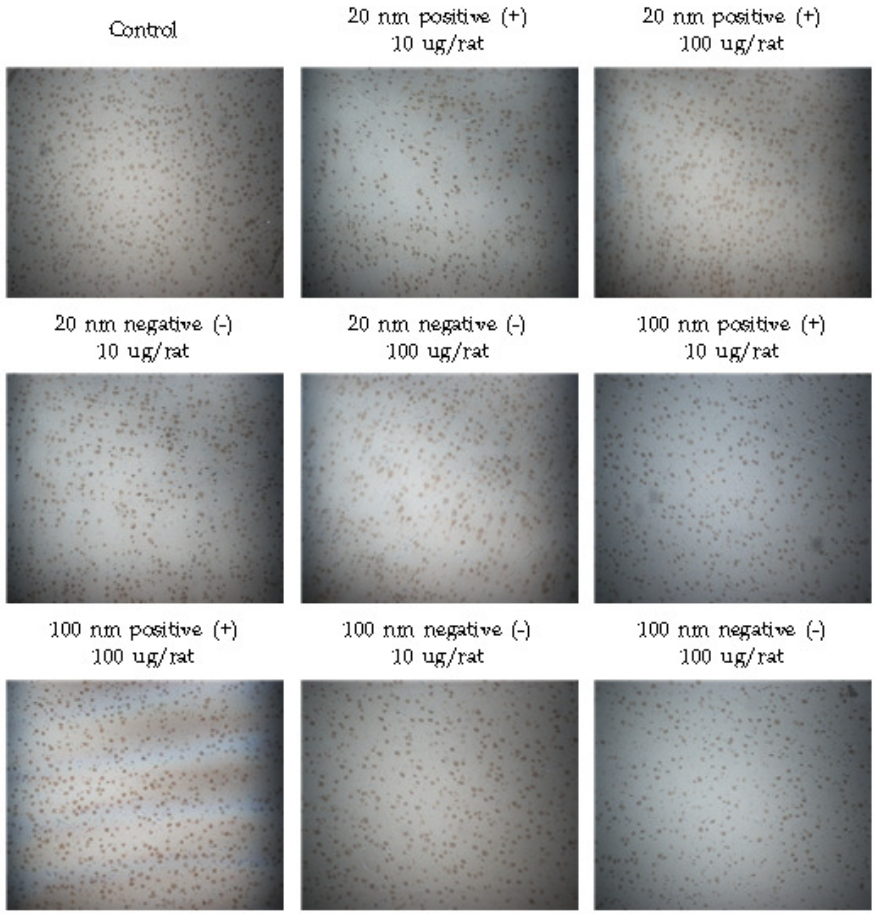

Cortex: Stained for NeuN, DAB^{+}

in vivo study: Neurotoxicity

Evans Blue analysis after 28days of $ZnO^{20,(+)}$, $ZnO^{20,(-)}$ treatment

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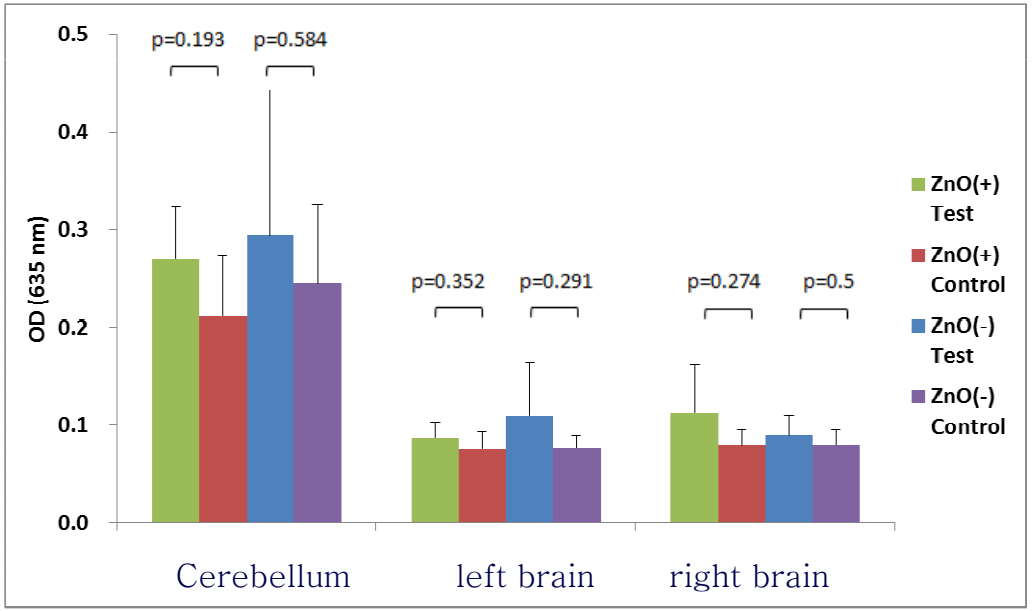

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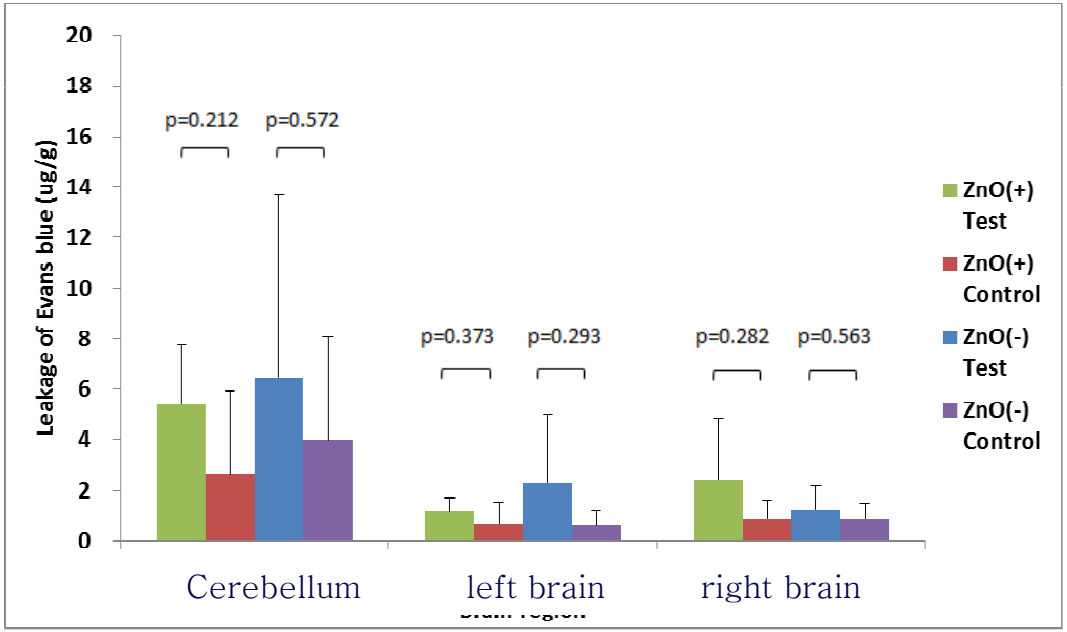


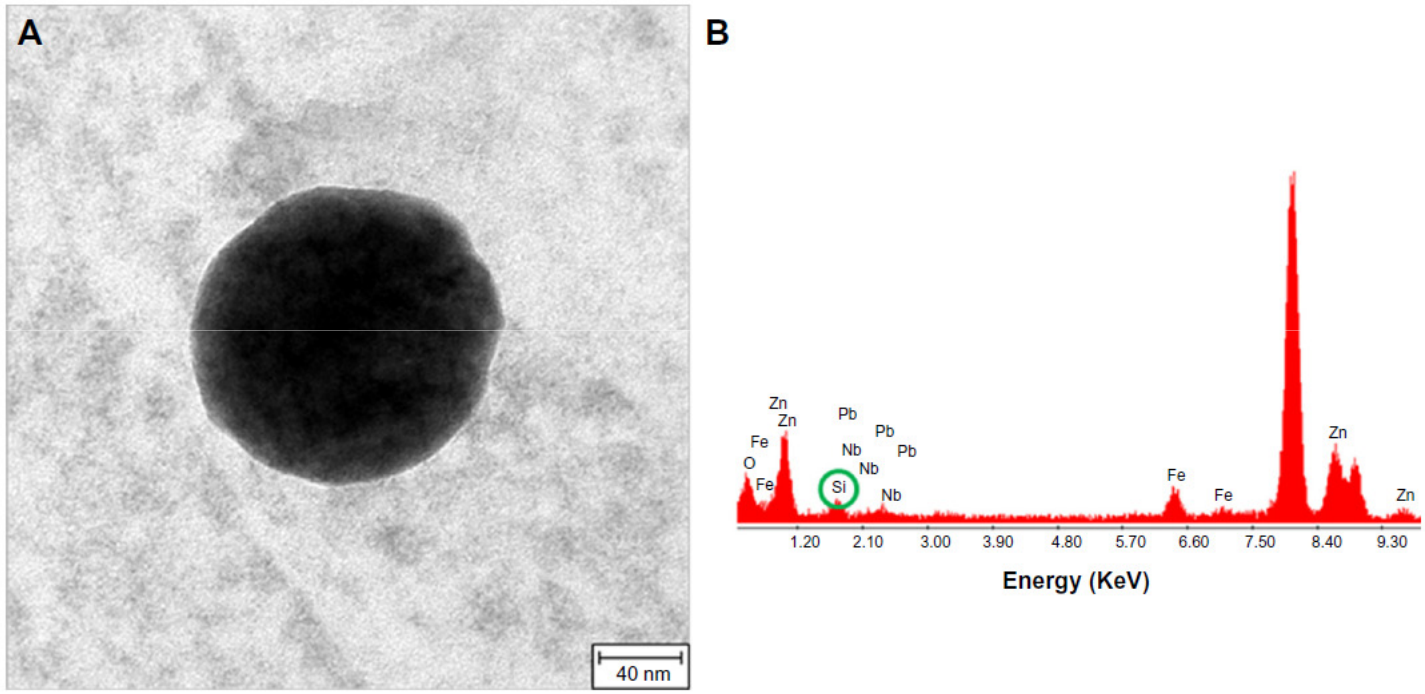
in vivo study: Neurotoxicity

After 90 days of repeated treatments

route	NPs	disage (mg/kg)	Conc. (mL/kg)
oral	$SiO_2^{20,Arg}$ (20nm, negative charge)	1000	10
	$SiO_2^{100,Arg}$ (100nm, negative charge)	1000	10
dermal	$SiO_2^{20,(-)}$ (20nm, negative charge)	2000	10
	$SiO_2^{100,(-)}$ (100nm, negative charge)	2000	10

in vivo study: Neurotoxicity

TEM analysis: control

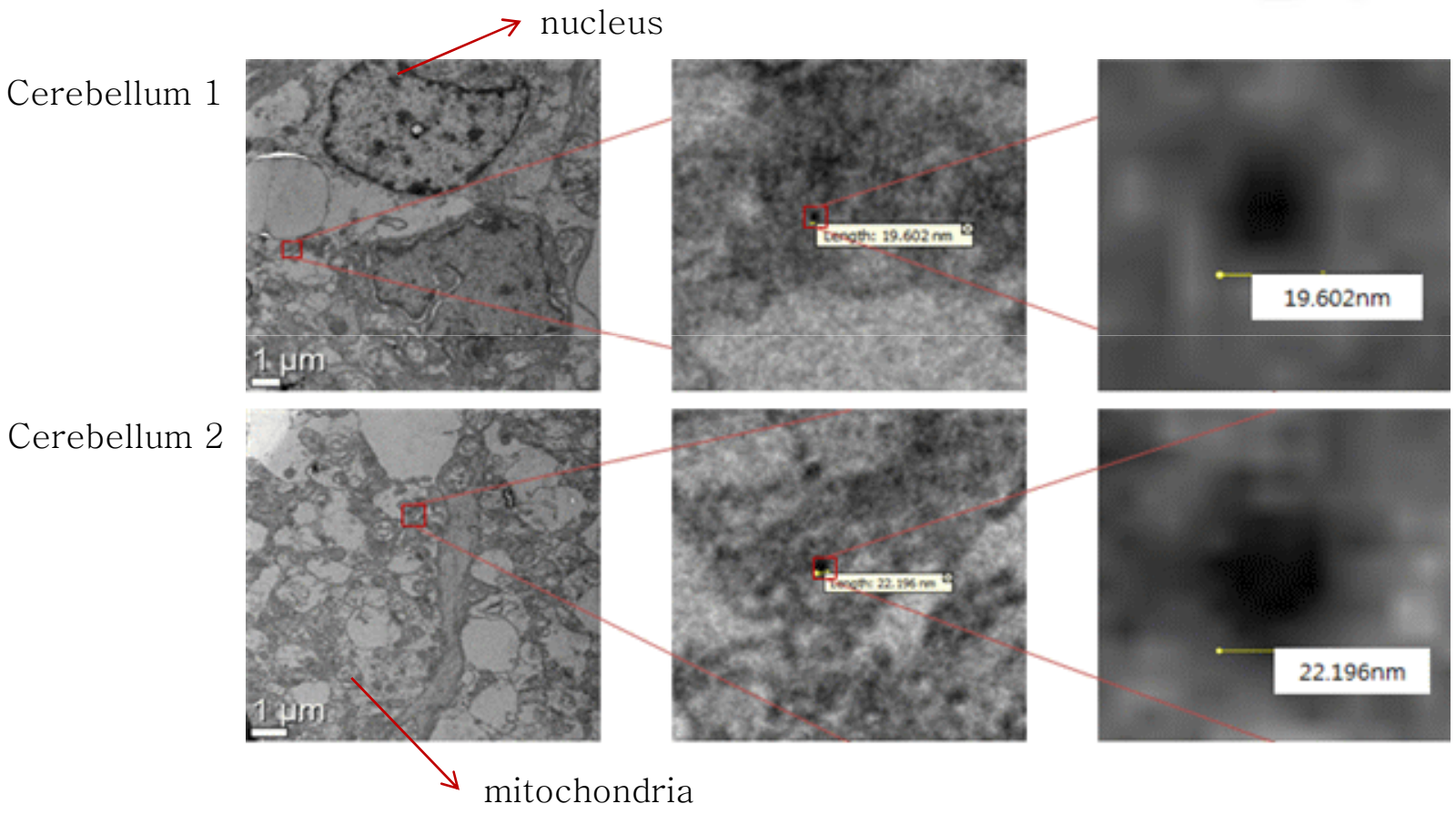


(A) SH-SY5Y neuroblastoma cells treated with SiO2ENB100,(–)

(B) graph of energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscope analysis.

in vivo study: Neurotoxicity

TEM analysis after 90 days of repeated SiO_2 [20,arg] [Cerebellum]



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TEM analysis after 90 days of repeated $SiO_2^{20,arg}$ [Hippocampus]

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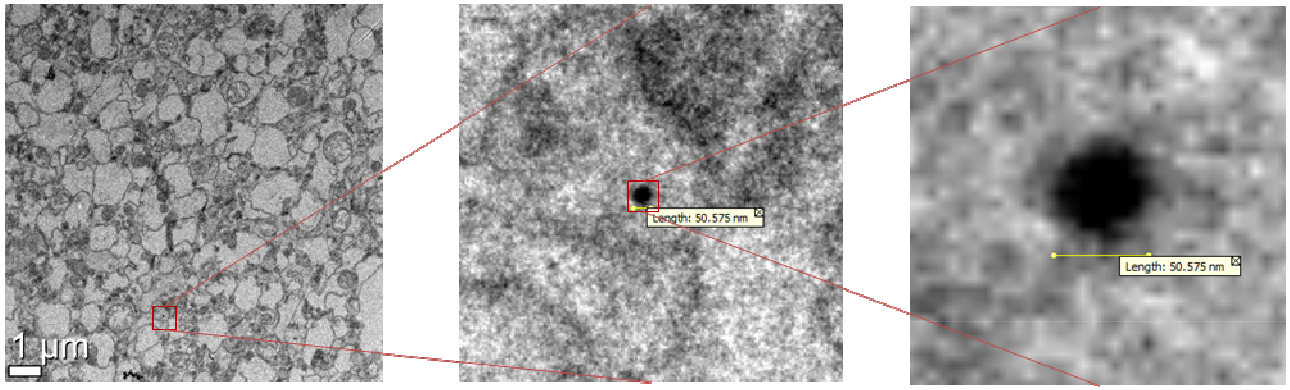

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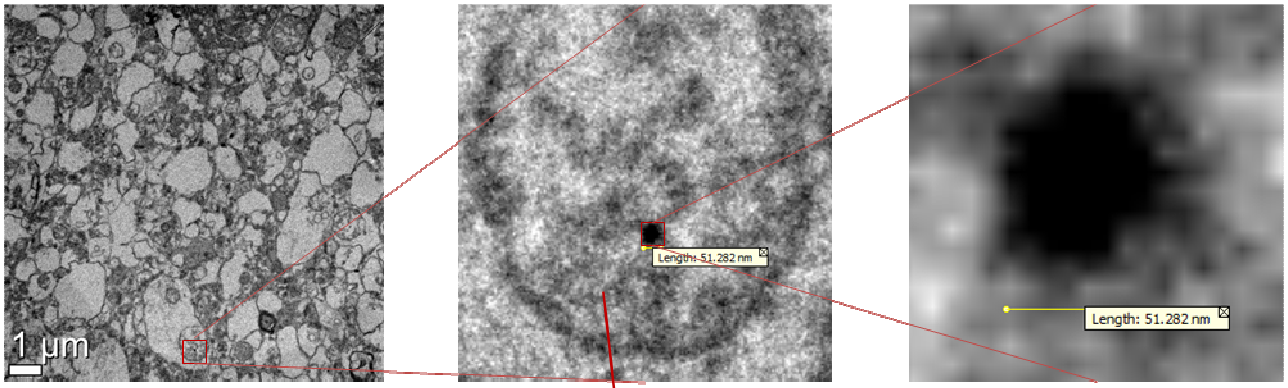

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in vivo study: Neurotoxicity

TEM analysis after 90 days of repeated $SiO_2^{20,arg}$ [Striatum]

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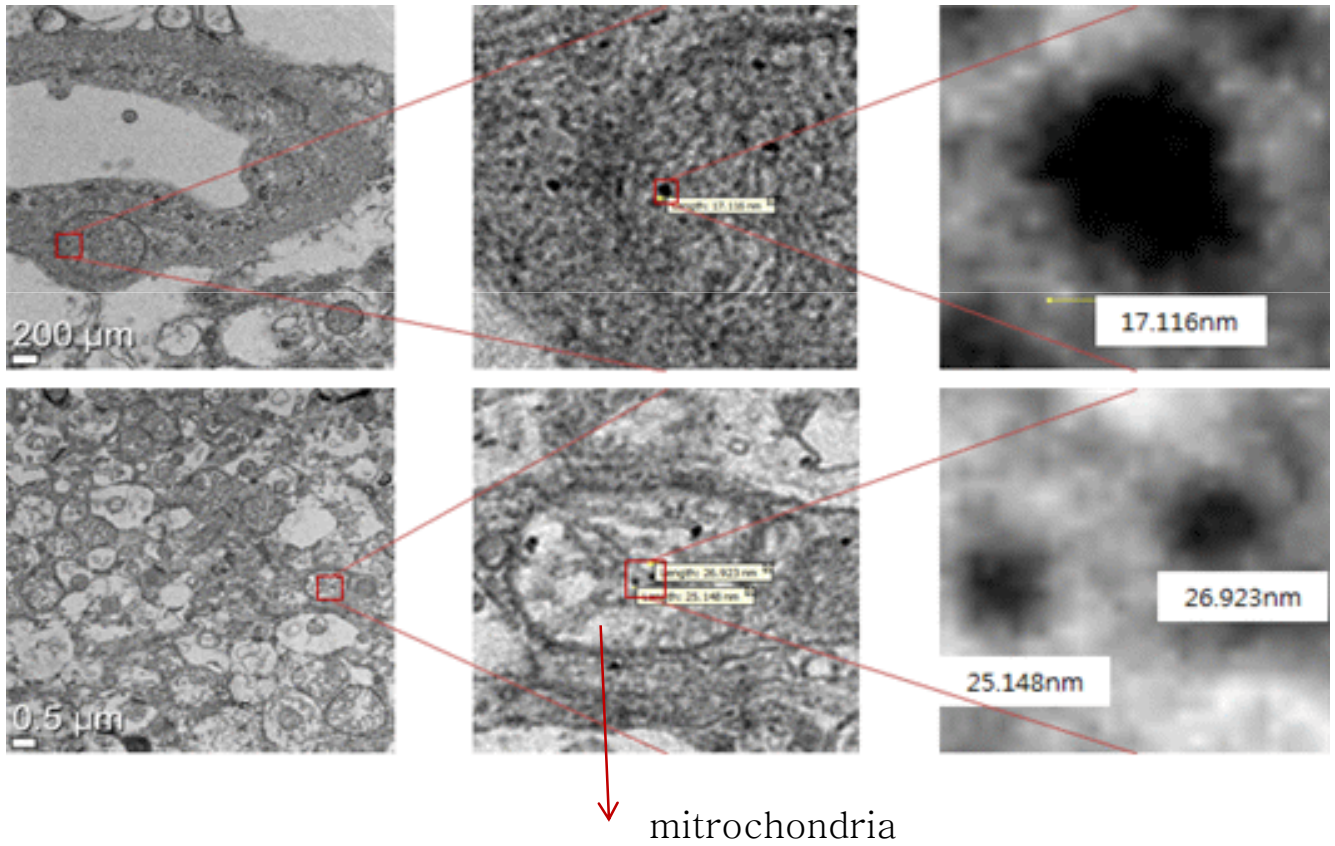

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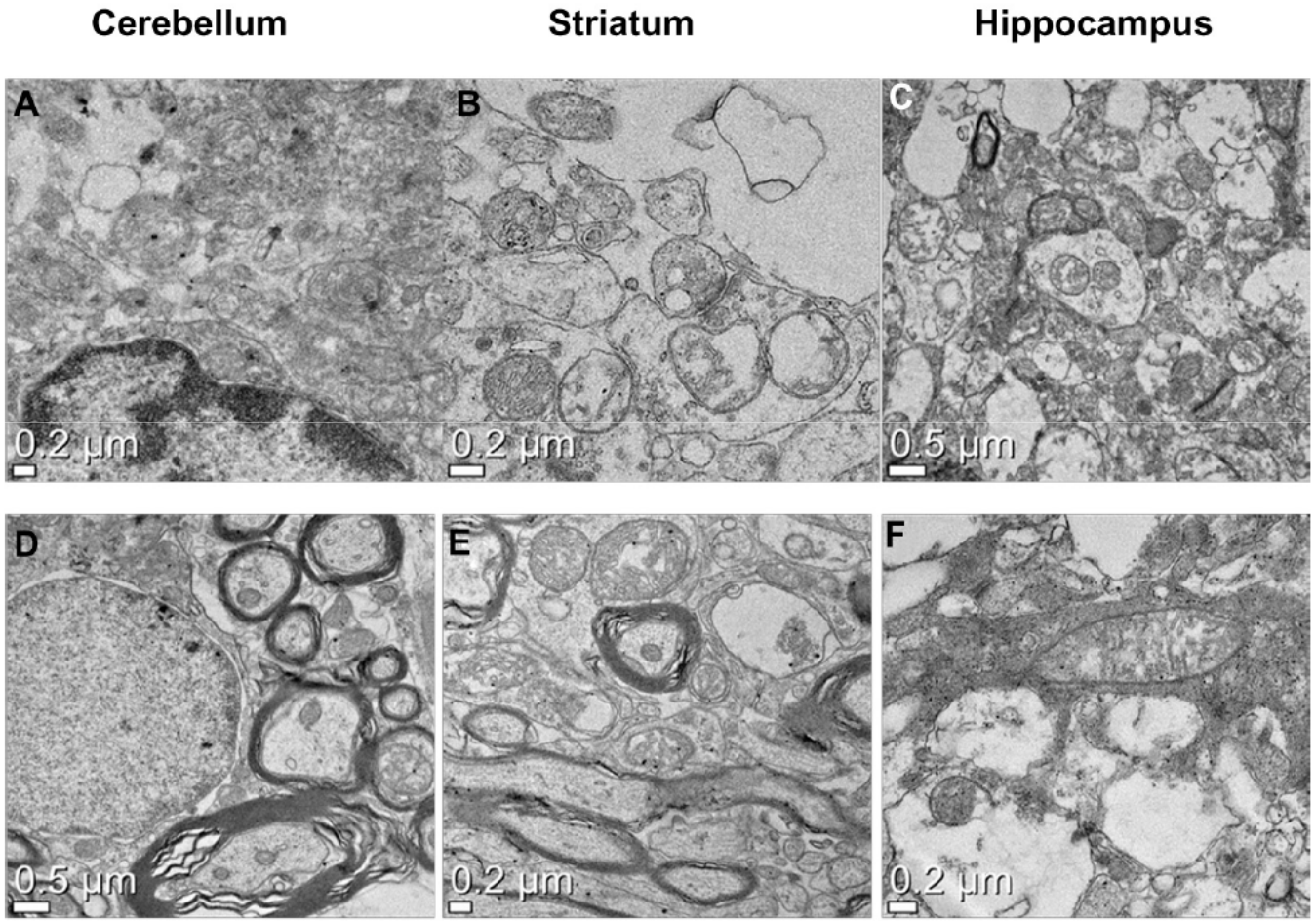

(A–C) Dermally administered SiO_2EN20(–)
(D–F) dermally administered SiO_2EN100(–)

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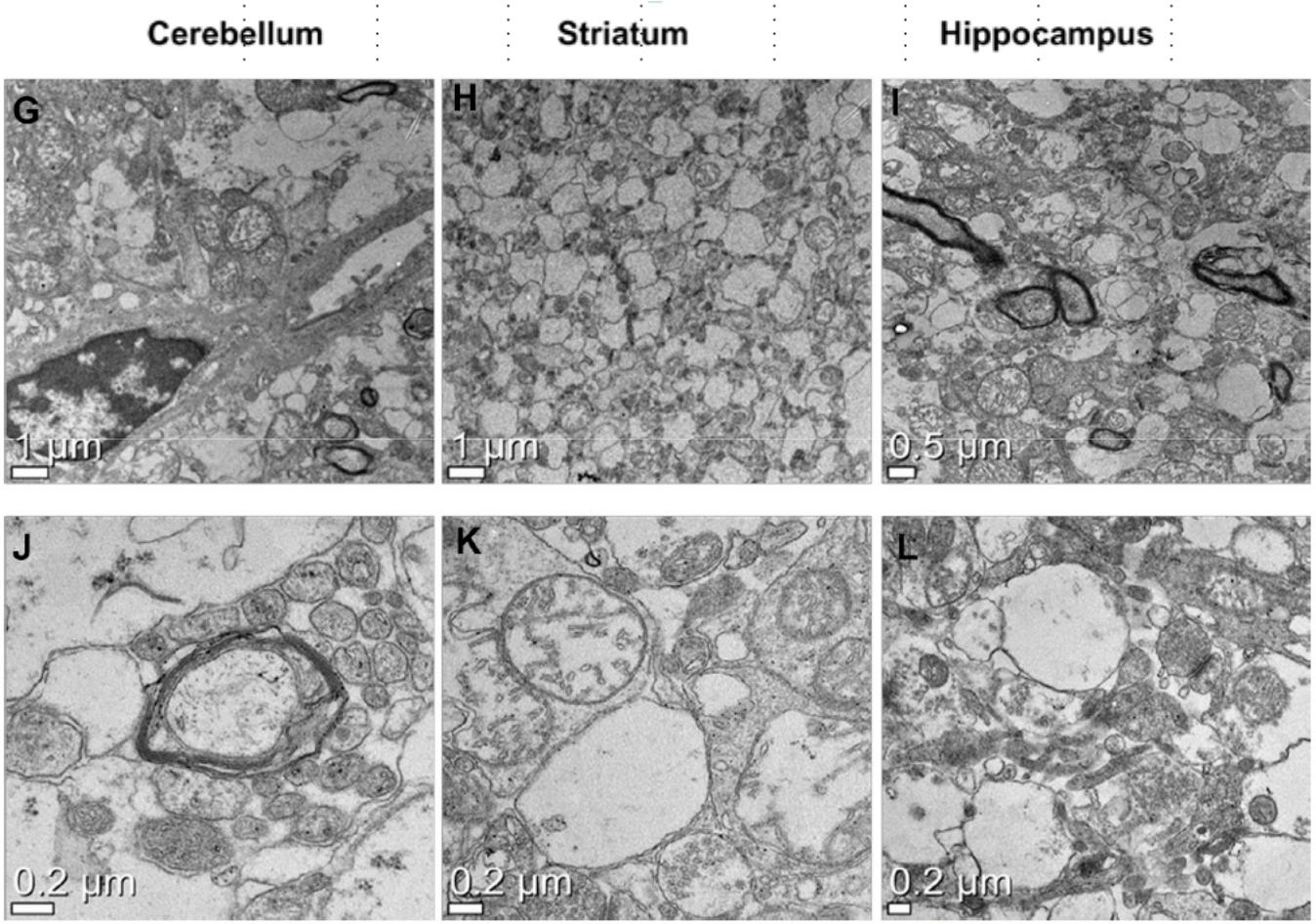
TEM analysis



(G–I) orally administered SiO_2EN20(R)
(J–L) orally administered SiO_2EN100(R).

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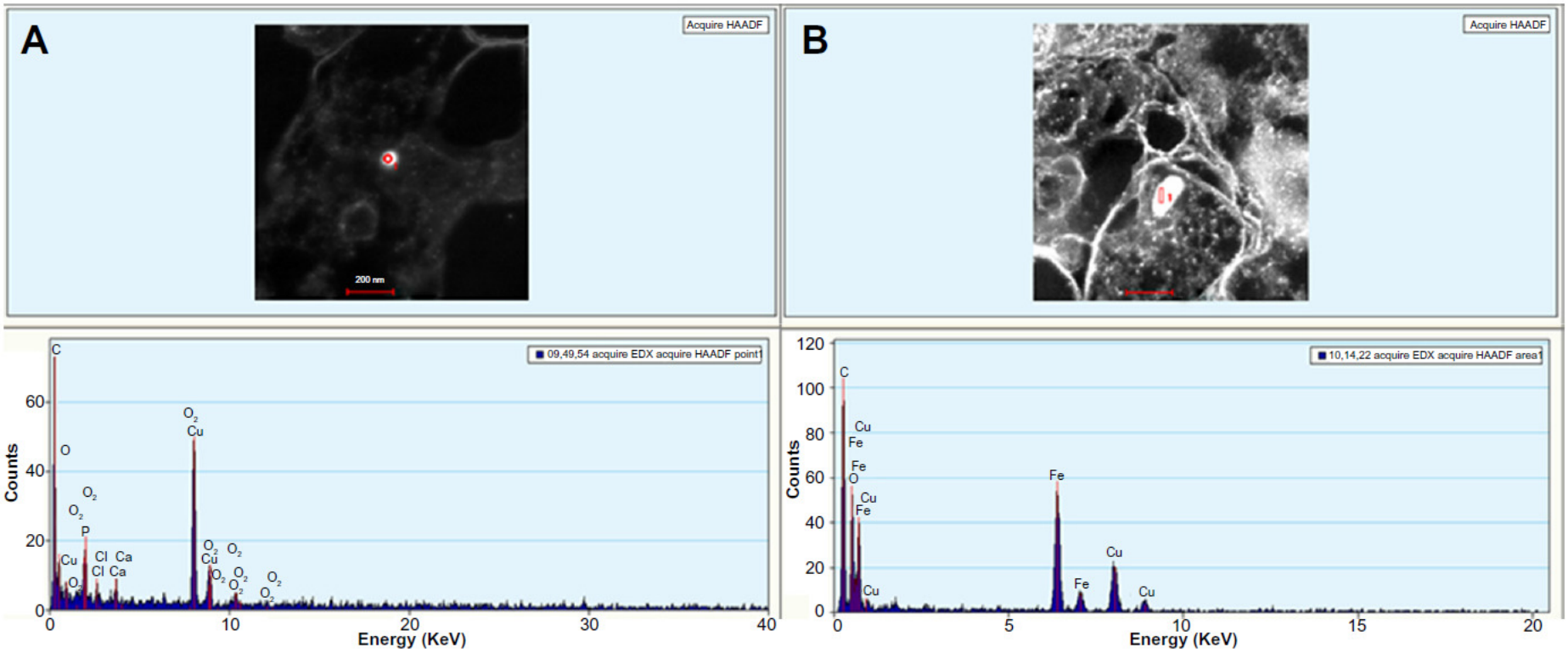
TEM analysis



The results of energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscope analysis of SiO_2EN20(.)-treated rat hippocampus via dermal administration.

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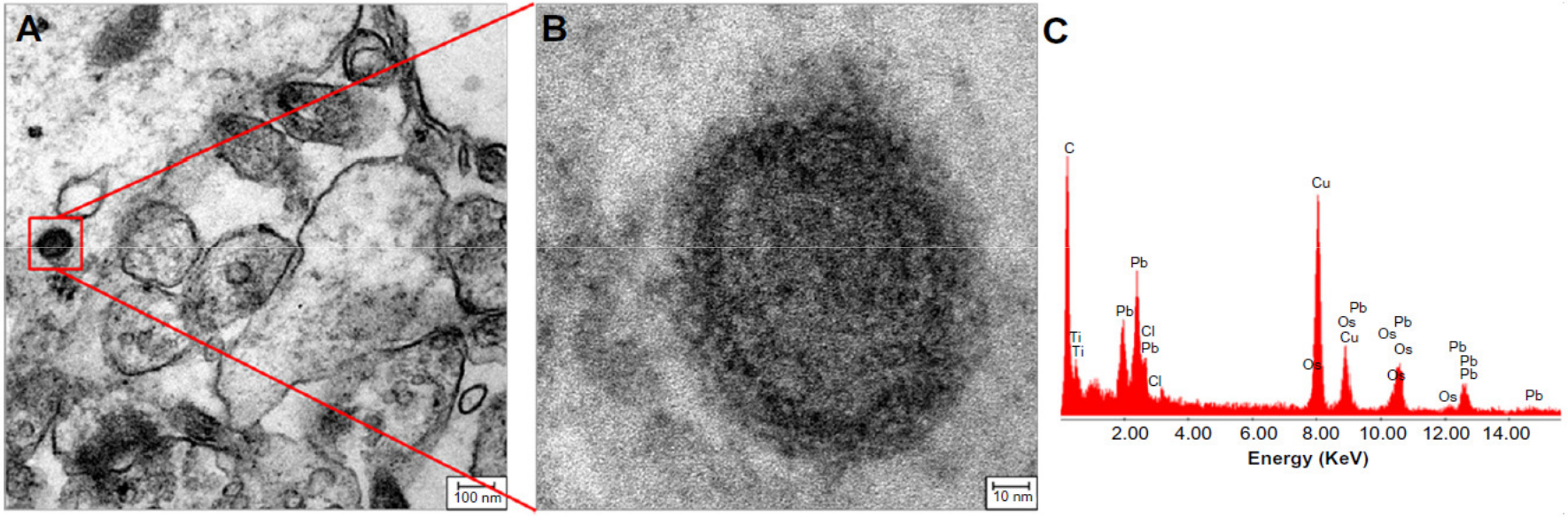
TEM analysis



(**A**) Transmission electron microscope image of hippocampus in $SiO_2$100(–) dermal administration group
(**B**) enlarged image of suspected substance
(**C**) graph of energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscope analysis.

Conclusion

- NPs need to be characterized prior to any experiments
- Diverse proteins were found in protein corona on NPs
- Smaller NPs revealed higher toxicity than the larger NPs
- NPs could cause apoptosis
- TEM imaging were used to search NPs in

  brain, hippocampus, striatum, and cerebellum
- BBB seemed to be intact.

Q & A

THANK YOU!