

NANO-THERANOSTICS WITH PLASMONIC NANOPARTICLES - GOD EXISTS IN THE SMALL DETAILS



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Group research

Diagnostics: Spectrally and Time resolved encoded imaging

- Diffusion Reflection
- Spectral imaging
- Phase retrieval
- Time resolved fluorescence imaging

Therapy: Surface Plasmon Resonance

- Arterial Vascular Disorders
- Cell & tissue manipulations



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- **New imaging techniques based on plasmon coupled probes for medical applications;**
- **Perspective;**
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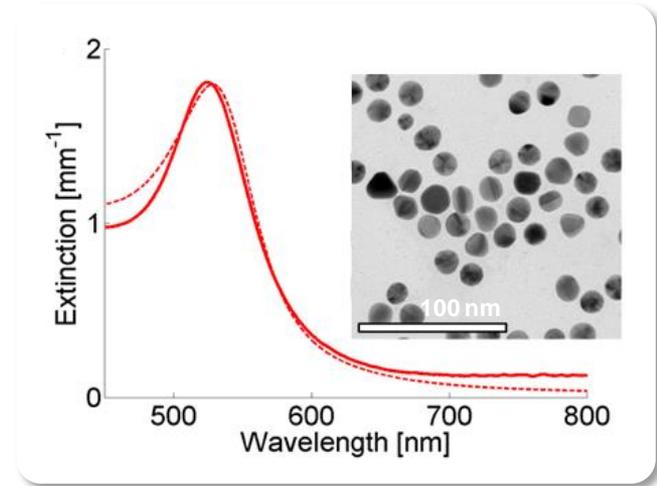
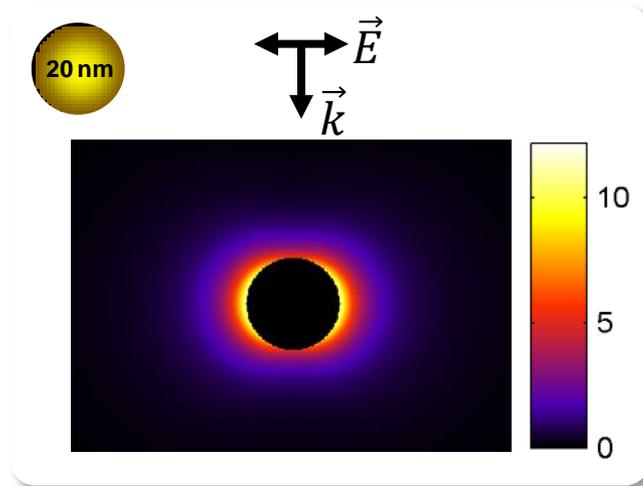
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Laser-tissue interaction

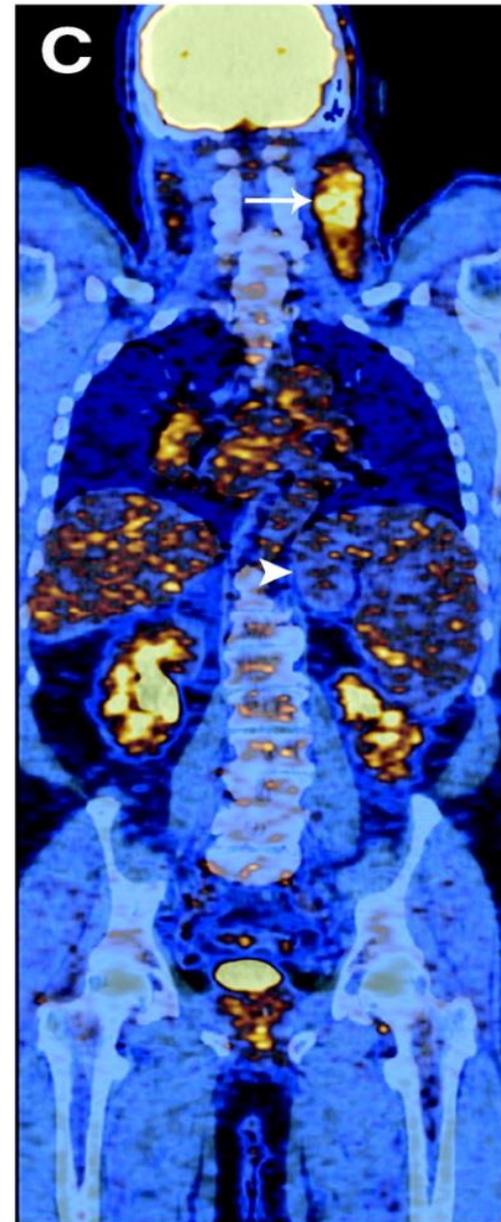
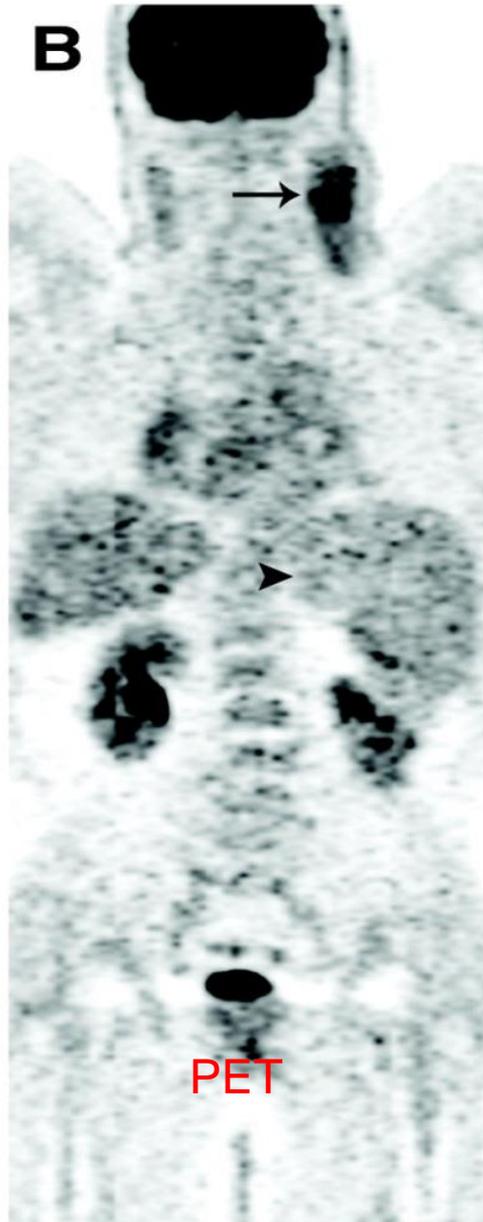
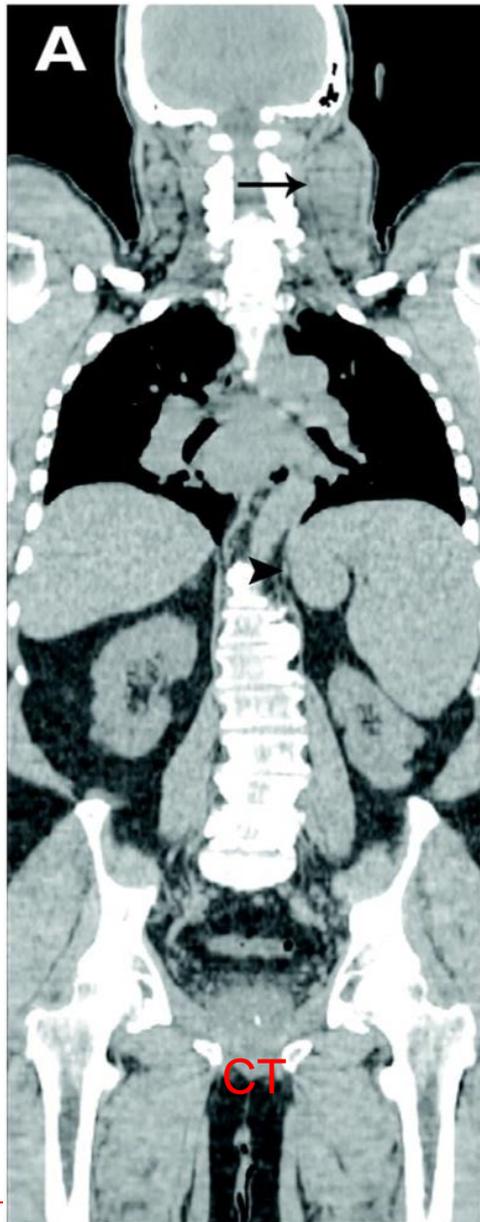
- Scattering and fluorescence → visibility → diagnosis
Contrast agents: stains, fluorophores, quantum dots

- Absorption → heat/chemistry → therapy

Mediating agents: photosensitizers, gold nanoparticles

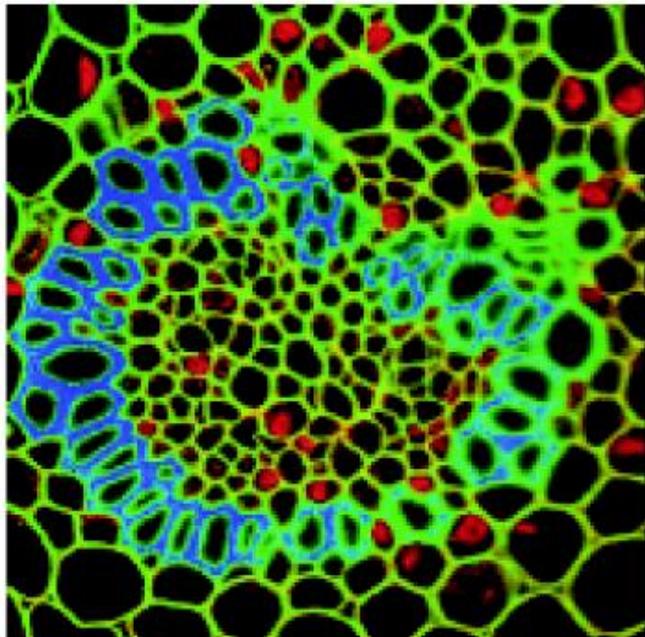


Structural and Functional Molecular Imaging

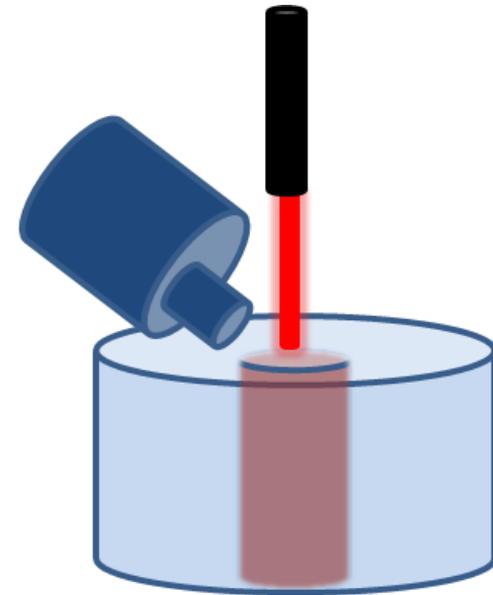


Structural and Functional Imaging

Fluorescence
Lifetime Imaging
Microscopy
(FLIM)



Diffusion
Reflection
(DR)



Goal

Manipulate cells and tissue on a nanometric scale for theranostic applications

Approach

Localized area of interest using gold nanoparticles and Fluorescence Lifetime imaging

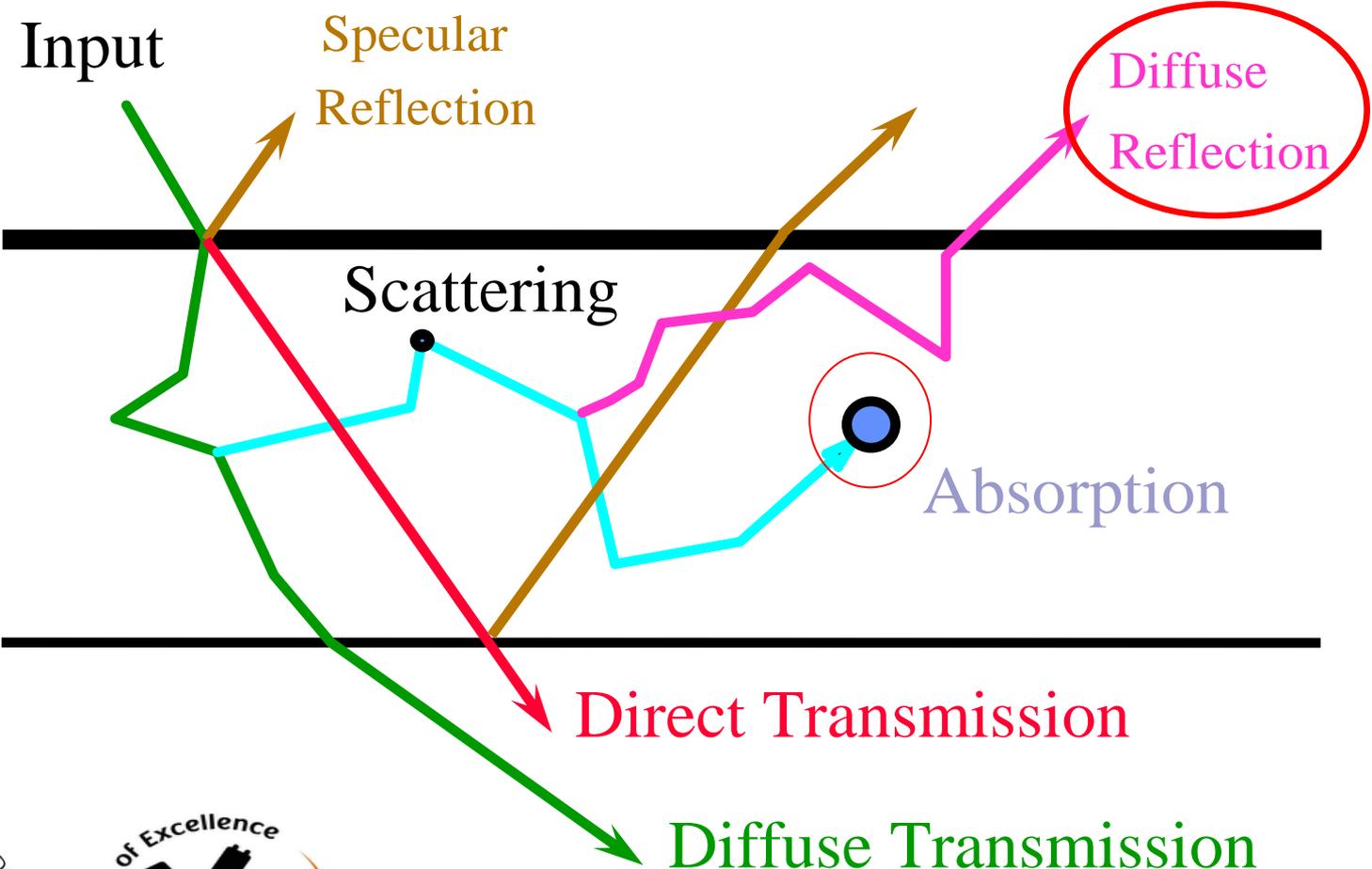
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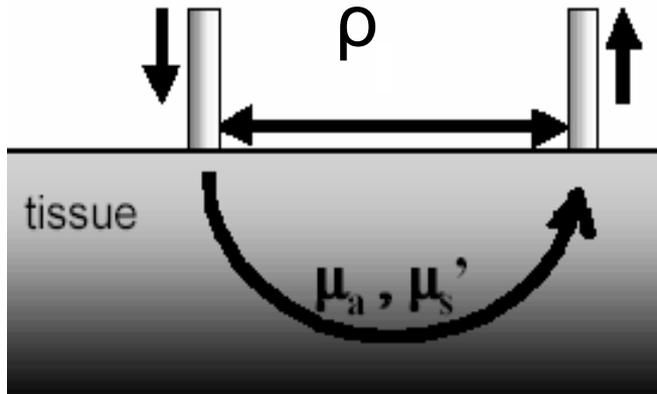
“Fantastic Voyage” Isaac Asimov (1966)



Light Interaction with a Turbid Medium



Light Path in Irradiated Tissues



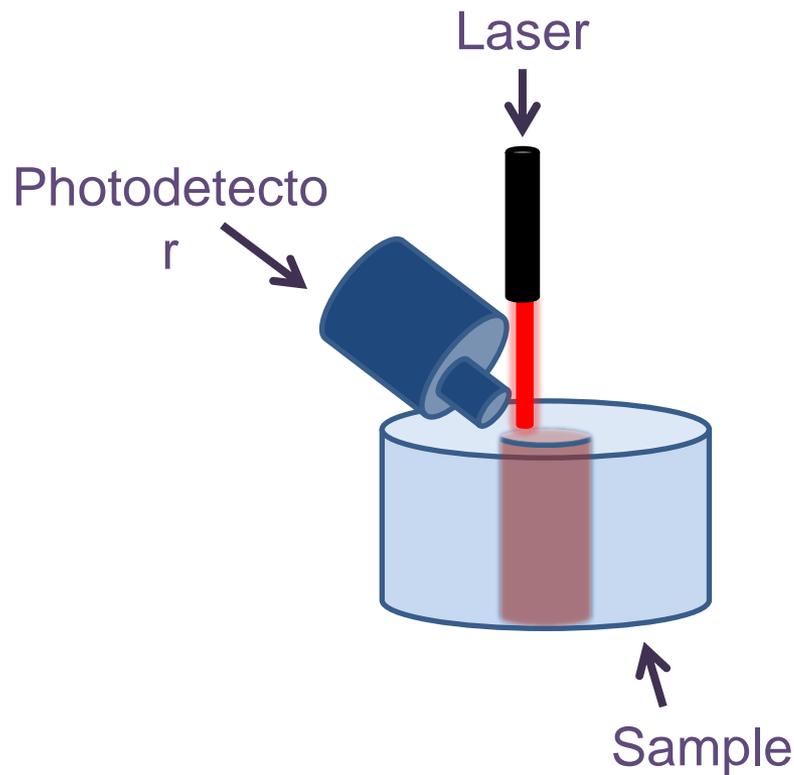
$$\Gamma(\rho) = \left(\frac{c_1}{\rho^m} \right) \exp(-c_2 \rho)$$

$\rho < 1$ mm \longrightarrow $m=0.5$, *Groenhuis et al., 1983*

$\rho > 1$ mm \longrightarrow $m=1$, *Schmitt et al., 1990*

large ρ \longrightarrow $m=2$, *Bonner et al., 1987*

Diffusion Reflection (DR)



Intensity \rightarrow

$$I(\rho) = \frac{c_1}{\rho^2} e^{-\mu\rho}$$

Spectral Properties \rightarrow

Separation Distance \rightarrow

$$\ln[\rho^2 I(\rho)] = c_2 - \mu\rho$$

Surface plasmon resonance

When a nanoparticle is much smaller than the wavelength of light, coherent oscillation of the conduction band electrons is induced by interaction with an electromagnetic field. This resonance is called **Surface Plasmon Resonance (SPR)**.

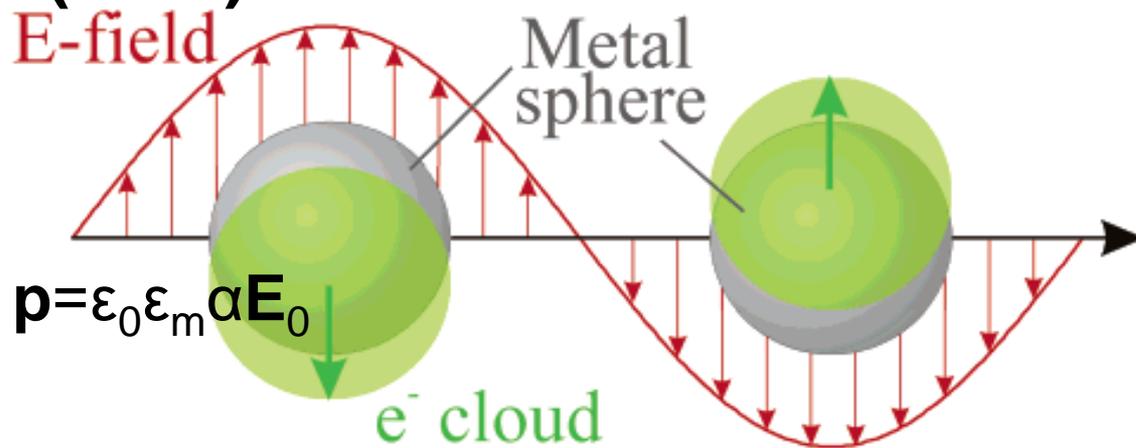
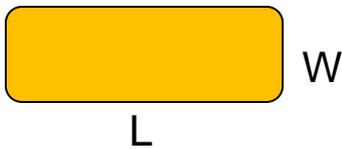


Figure: Schematic of plasmon oscillation for a sphere, showing the displacement of the conduction electron charge cloud relative to the nuclei.

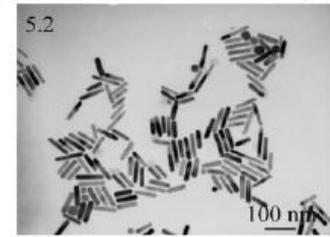
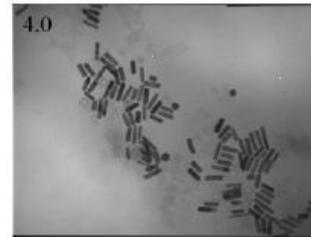
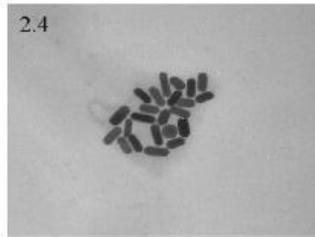
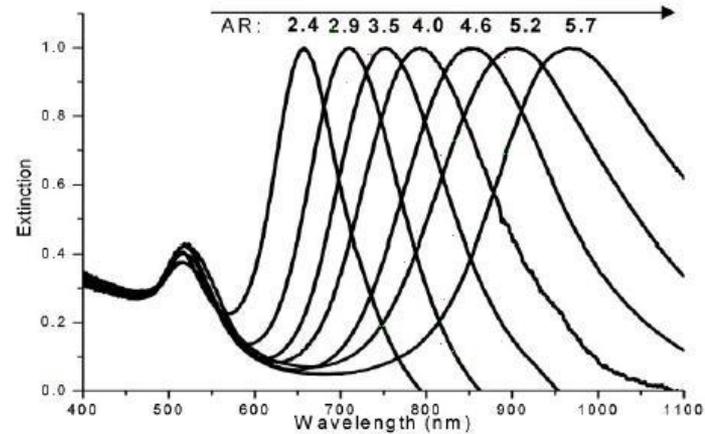


Optical Properties of Gold Nanorods

Gold nanorods have shape and size-dependent optical properties originating from an **anisotropic shape** and **tunable aspect ratio**.



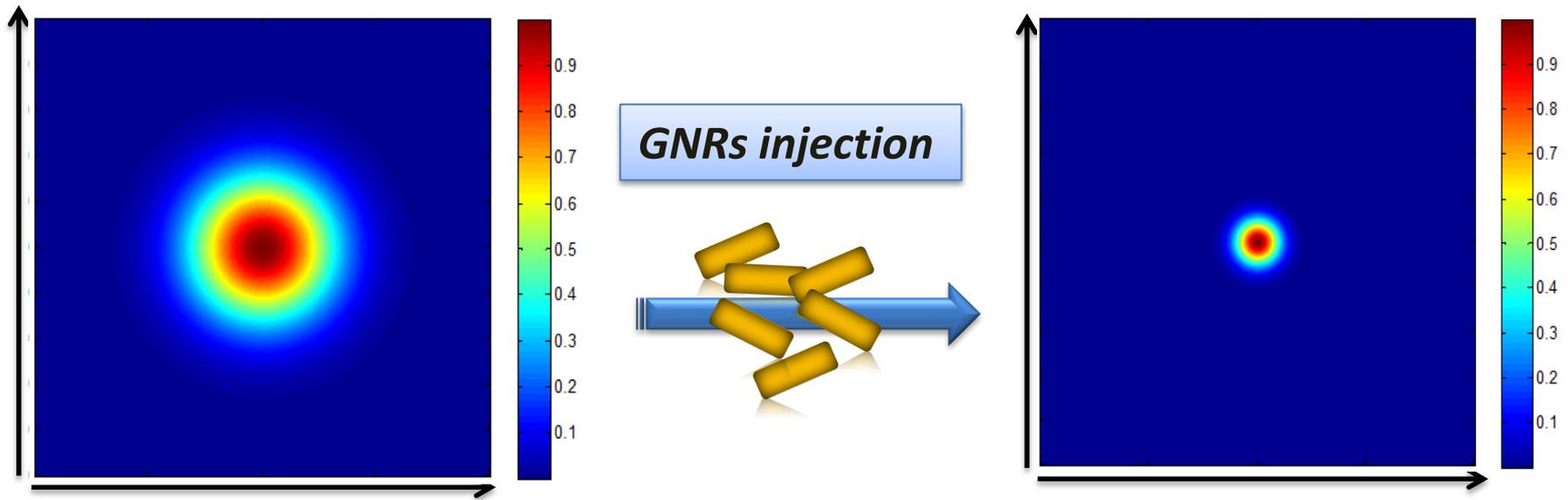
$$\text{Aspect Ratio (AR)} = L/W$$



The concept

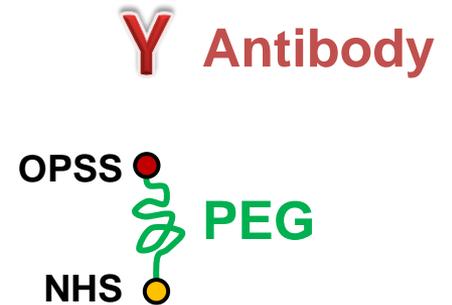
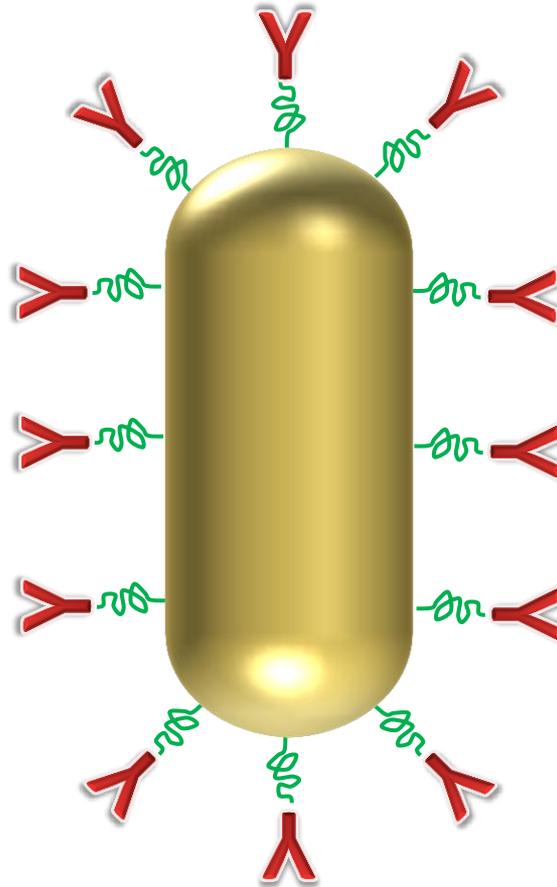


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Protocol

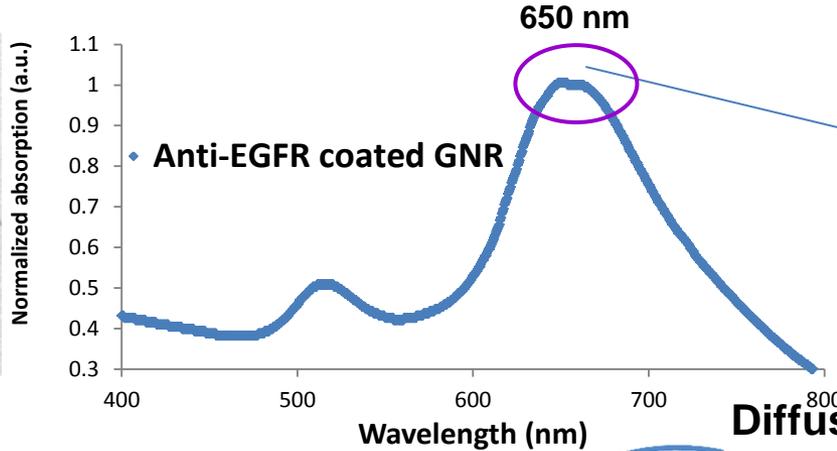
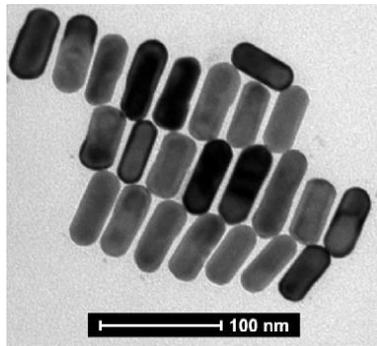
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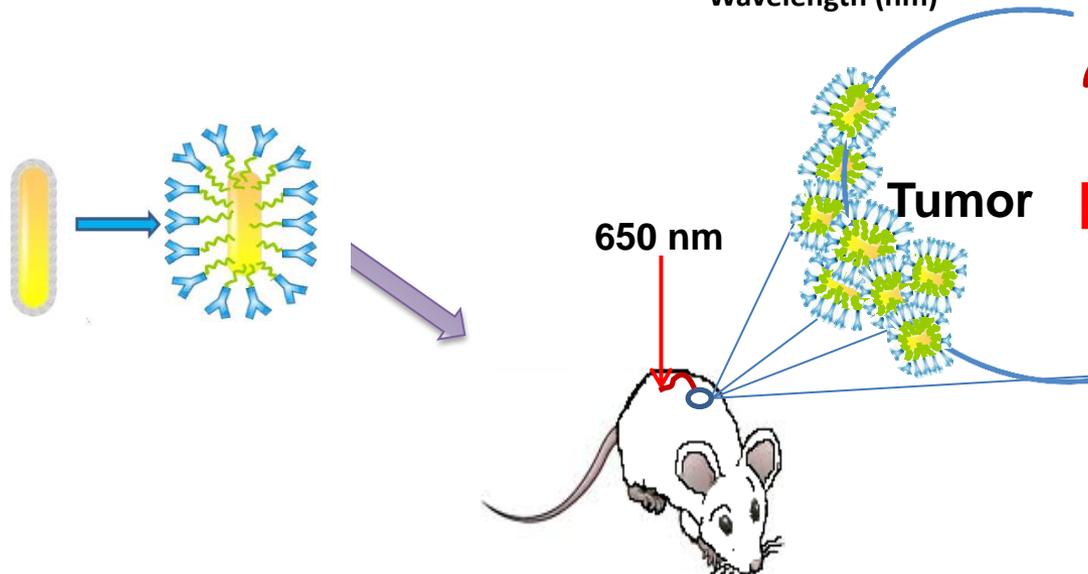
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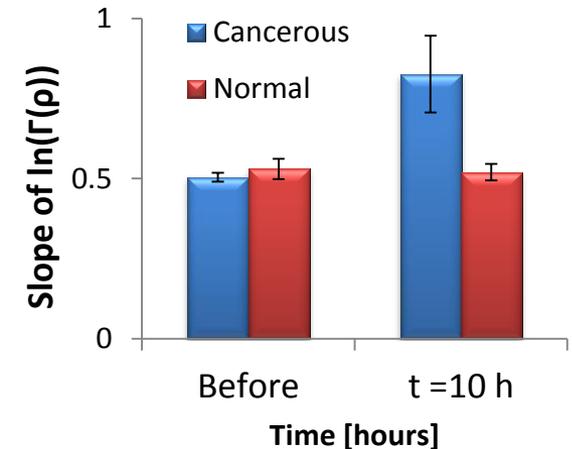
Tumor detection based on DR measurements of targeted gold nanorods (GNR)



Enhancing the tumor *absorption coefficient* by EGFR labeled GNR injection.



Diffusion Reflection measurements



Fixler; A New Skin Surface Subcutaneous gold nanorod detection, *J. of Biomedical Optics* 18(6), 2013.

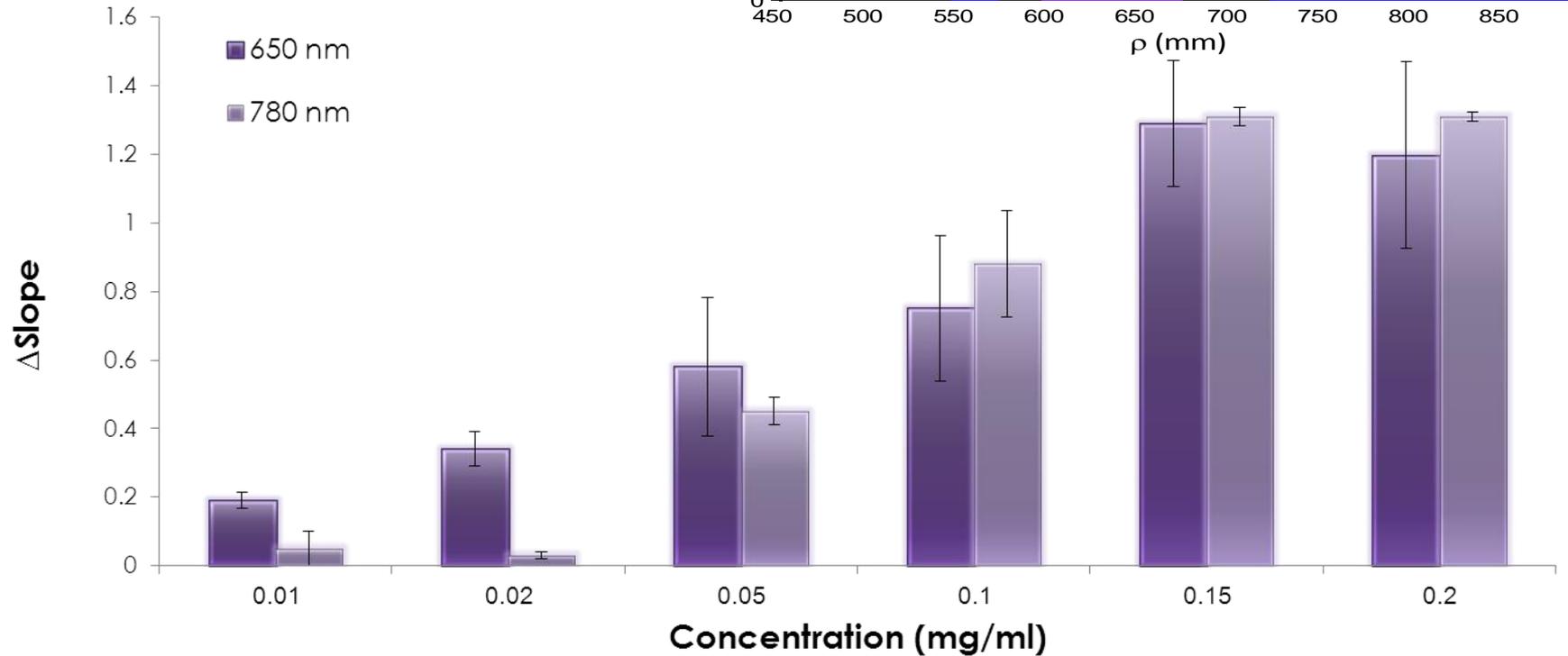
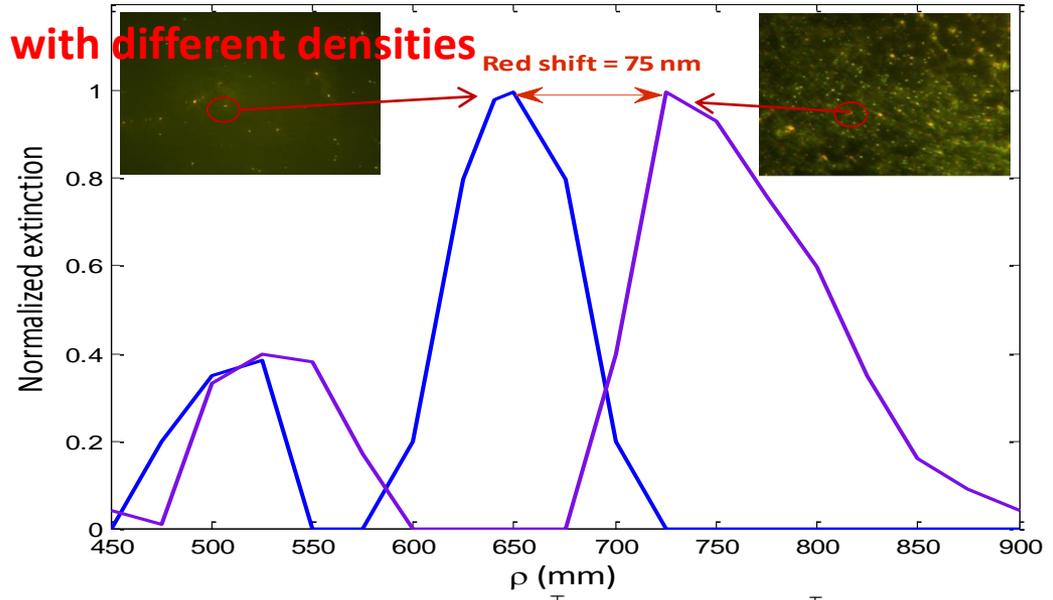
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3. Irradiation

DR measurements of high concentrations of GNR- a Red shift is observed

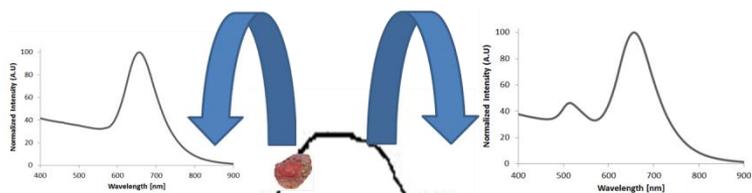
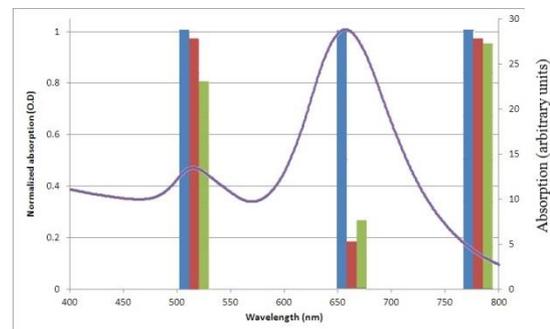
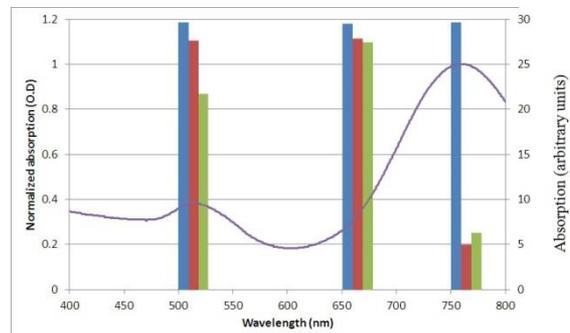
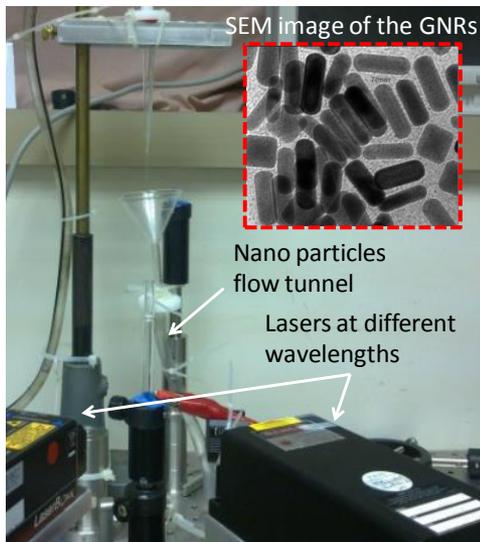
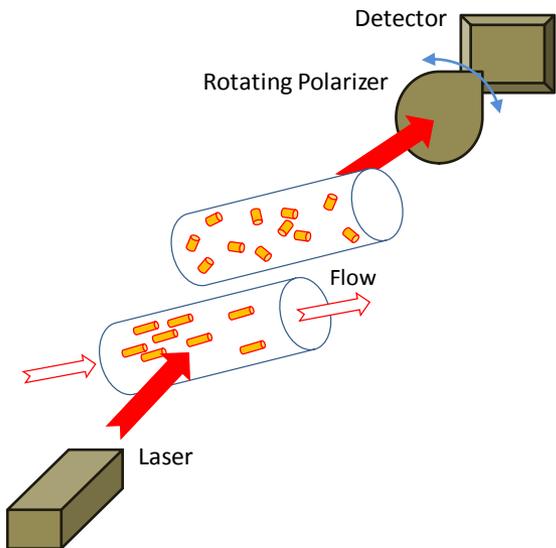
Dark field Microscopy:

GNR with different densities



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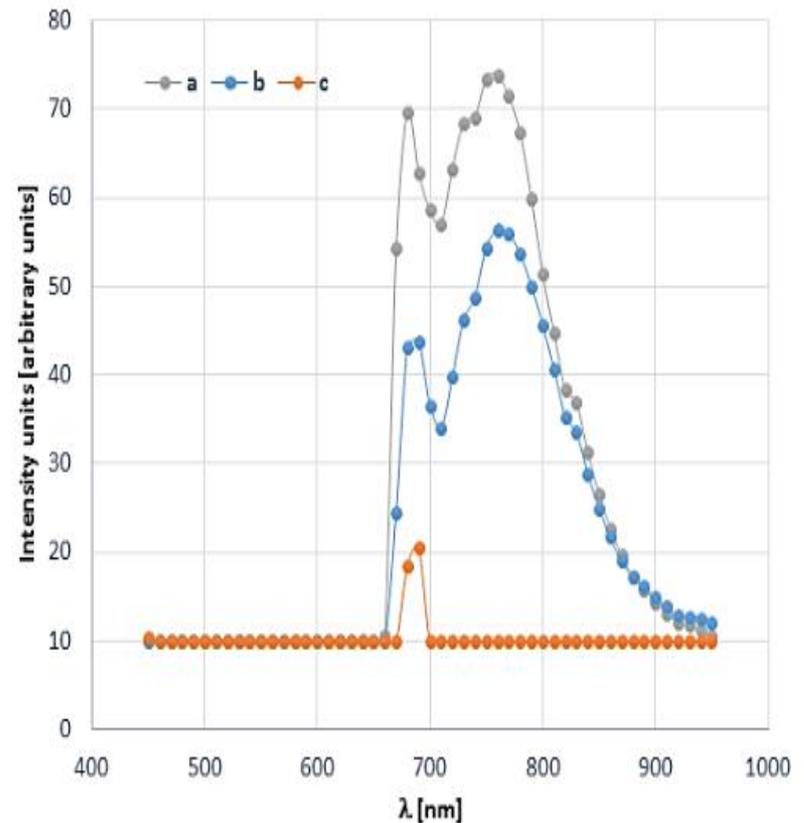
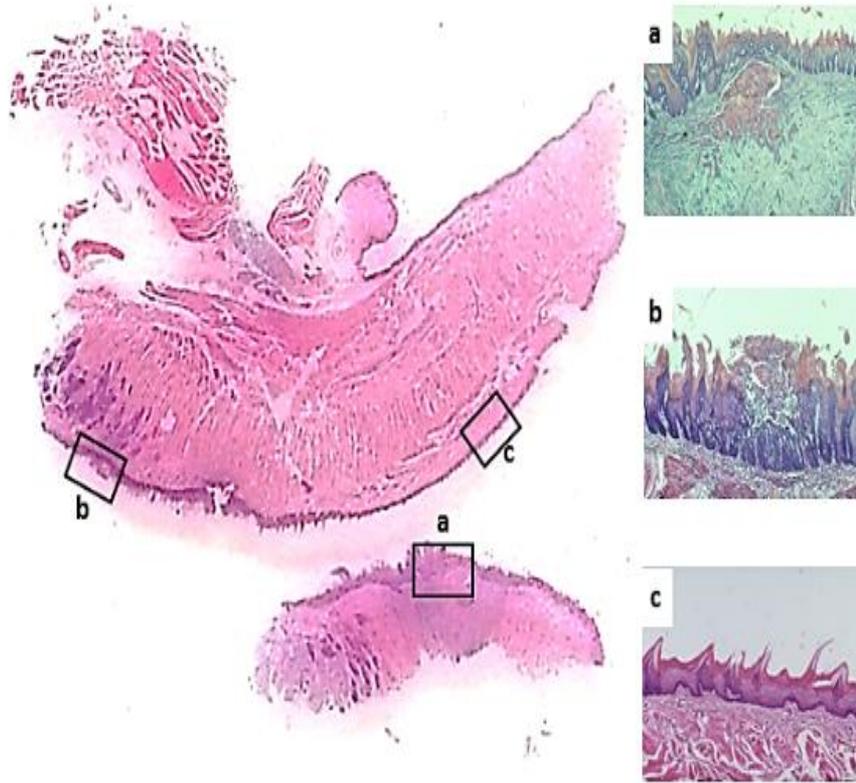
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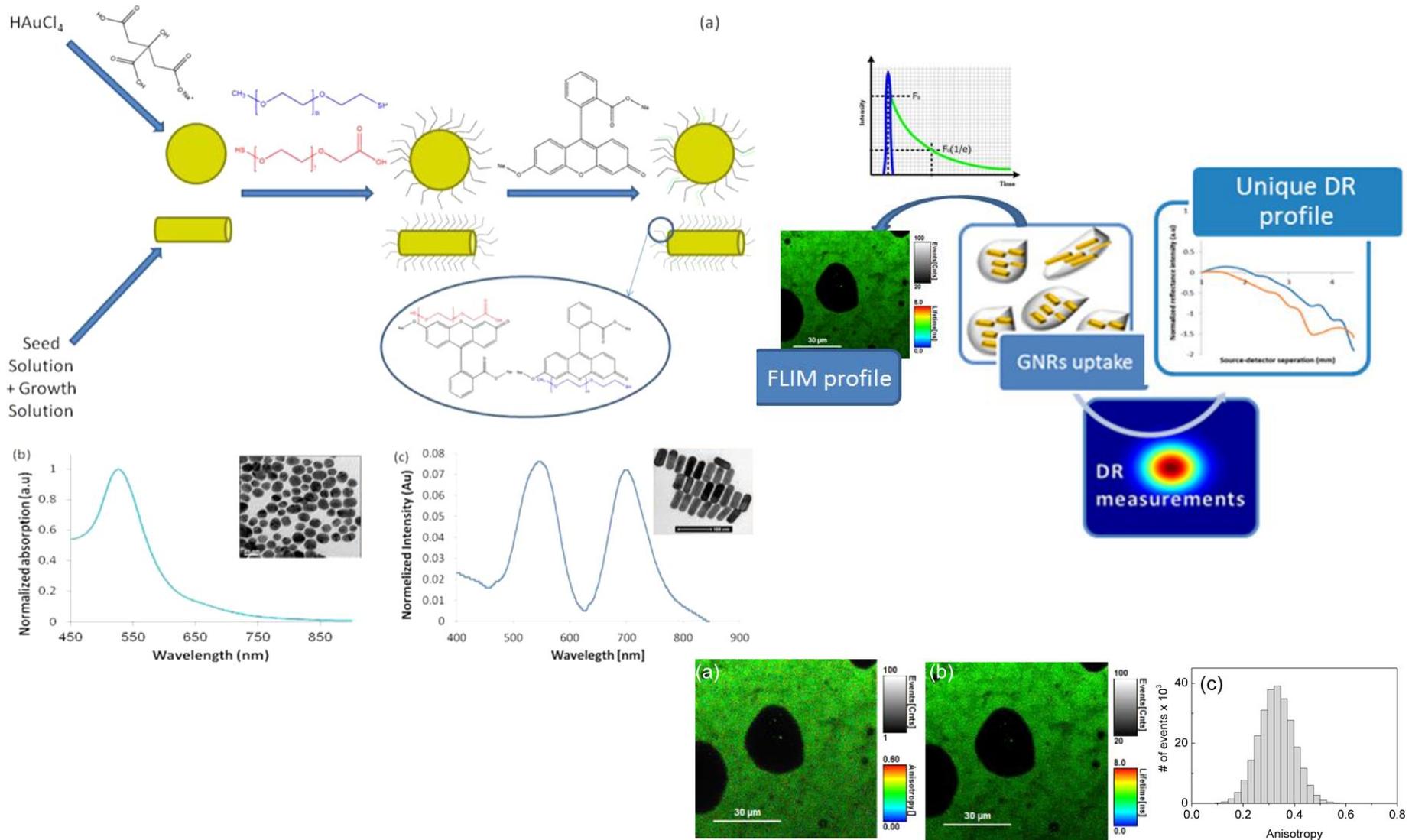
A novel method for early detection of oral cancer



Reflectance spectra and the corresponding histology of the experimental rat tongue at week 37. The area of normal epithelium (area c) lacks the reflectance spectrum at 780nm, the same as in the control rats. High reflectance at 780nm was found in the area identified histologically as squamous cell carcinoma (area a) and moderate reflectance in the area of carcinoma in-situ (area b).

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Combining GNRs and Fluorescence



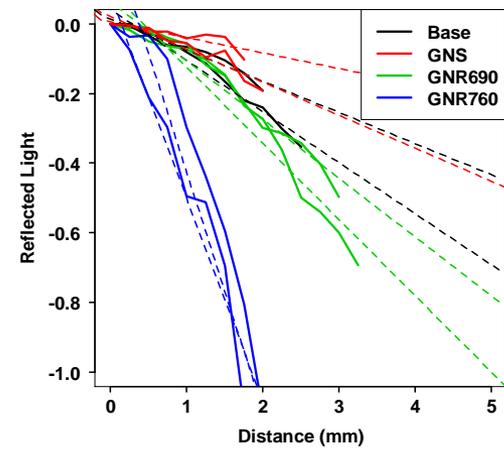
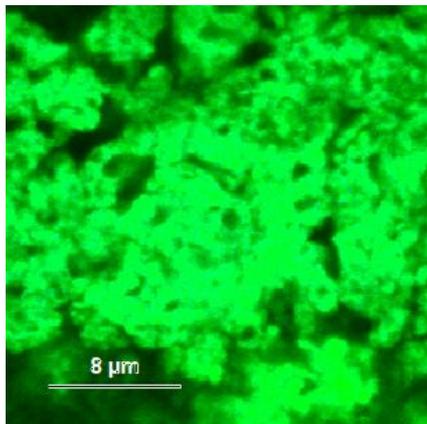
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Set Up

FLIM

DR

MEF



Metal-Enhanced Fluorescence (MEF)

Research Article

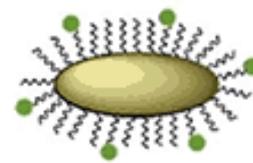
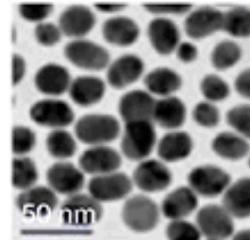
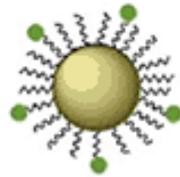
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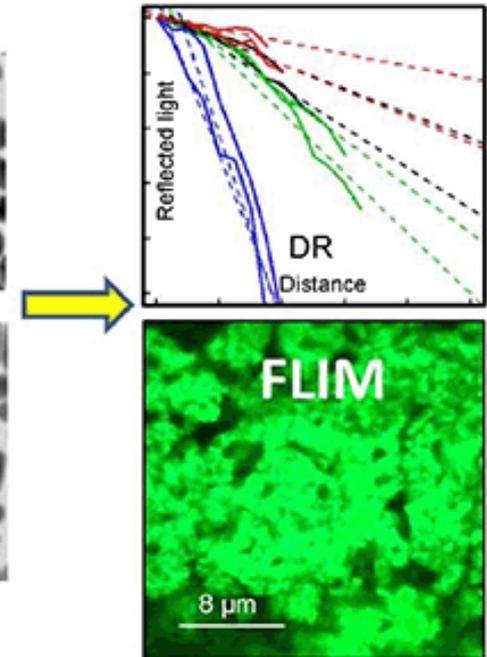
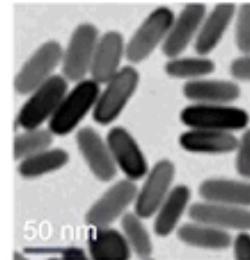
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GNS-fluorophore



GNR-fluorophore



An ultra-sensitive dual-mode imaging system using metal-enhanced fluorescence in solid phantoms

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The resolution issue

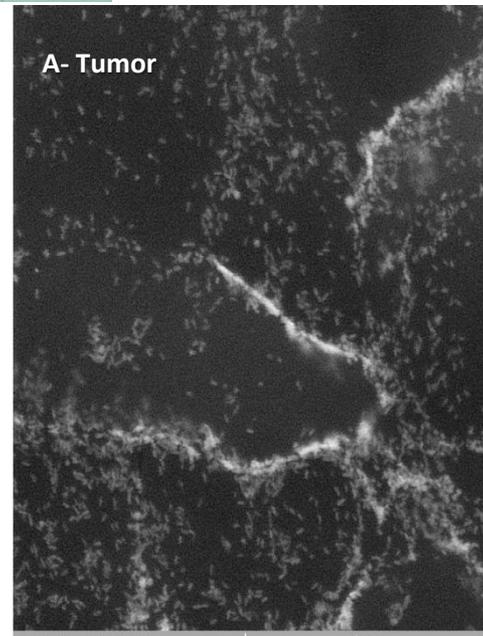
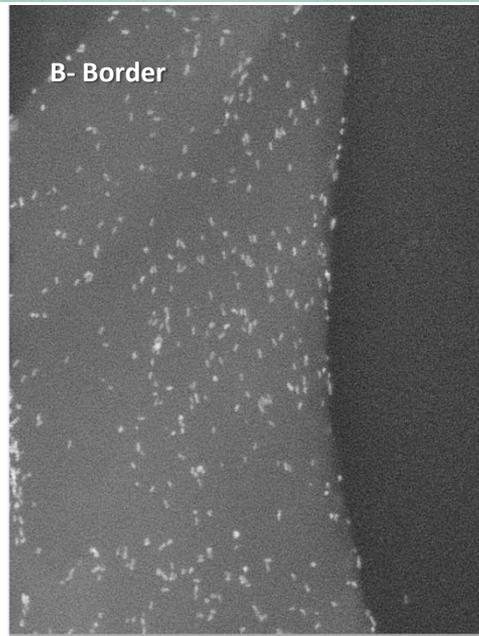
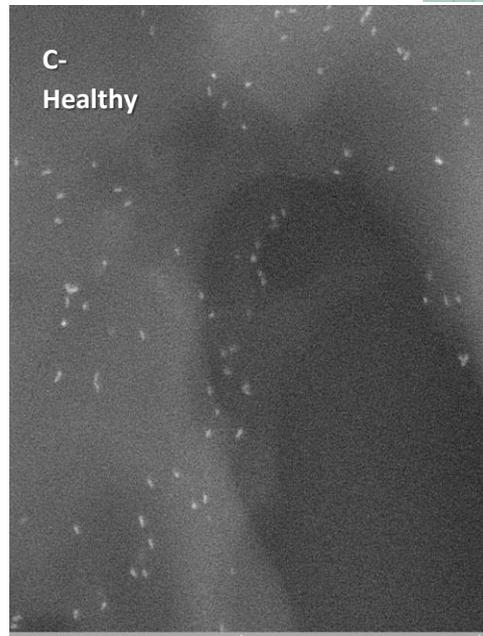
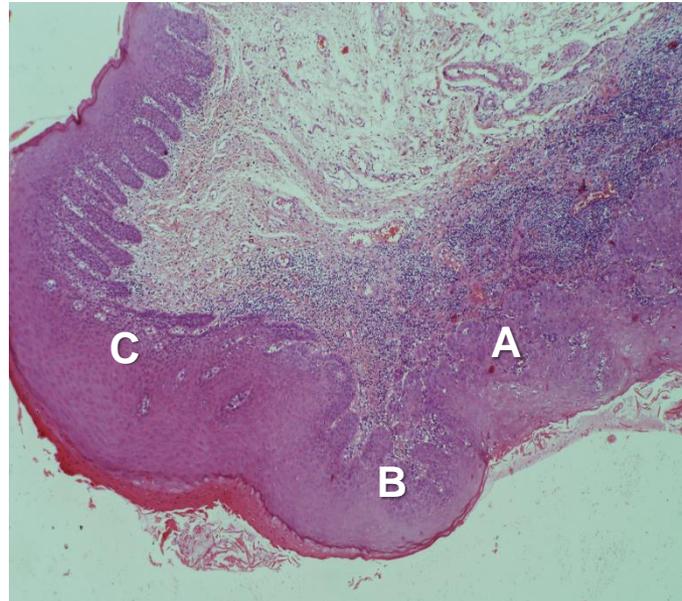
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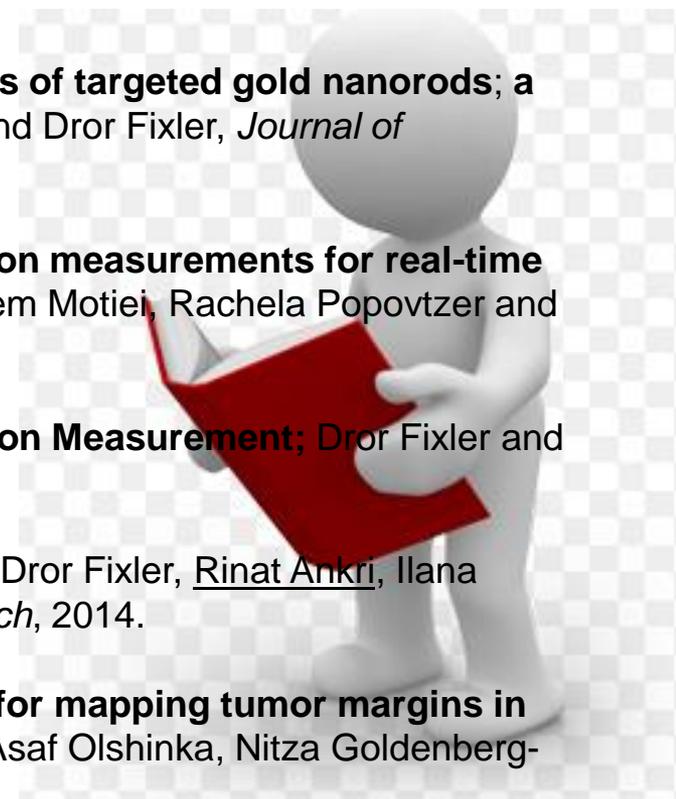
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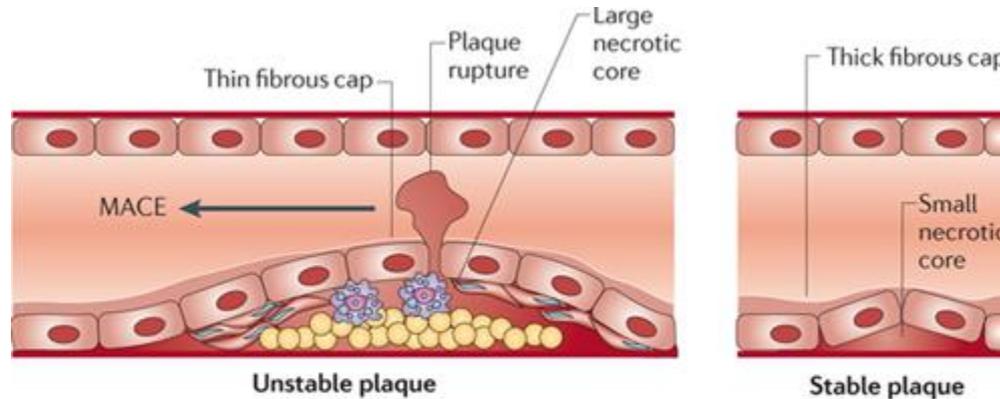


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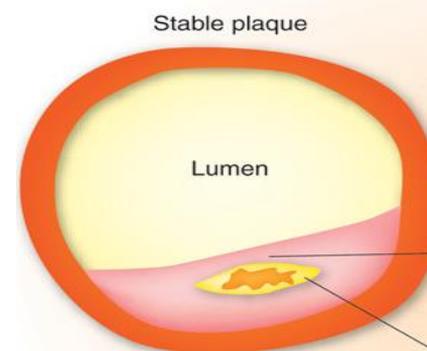
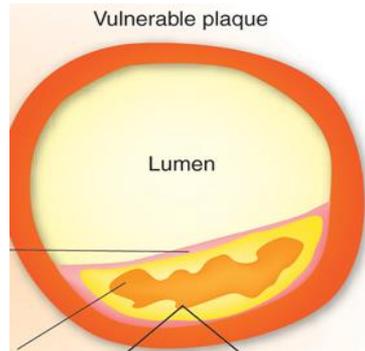


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Stable vs. Unstable (vulnerable) Plaques



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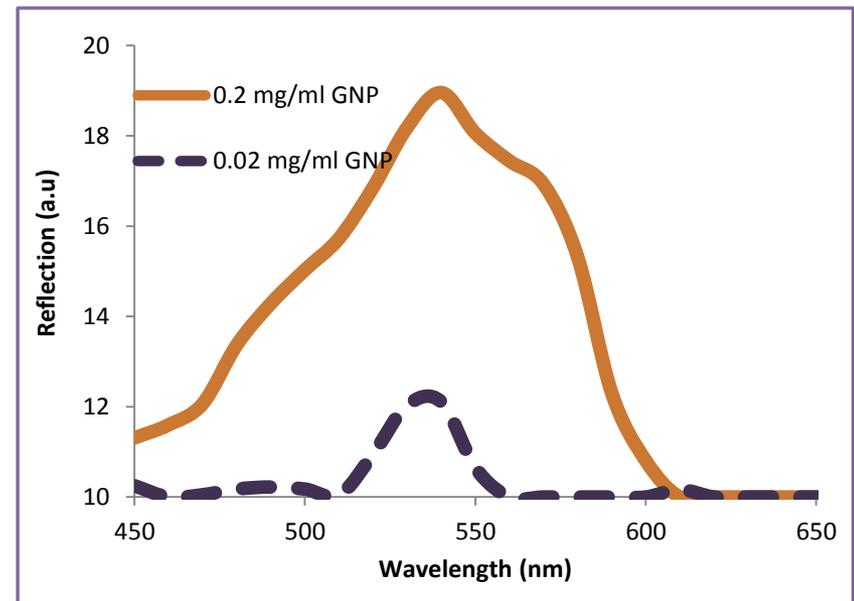
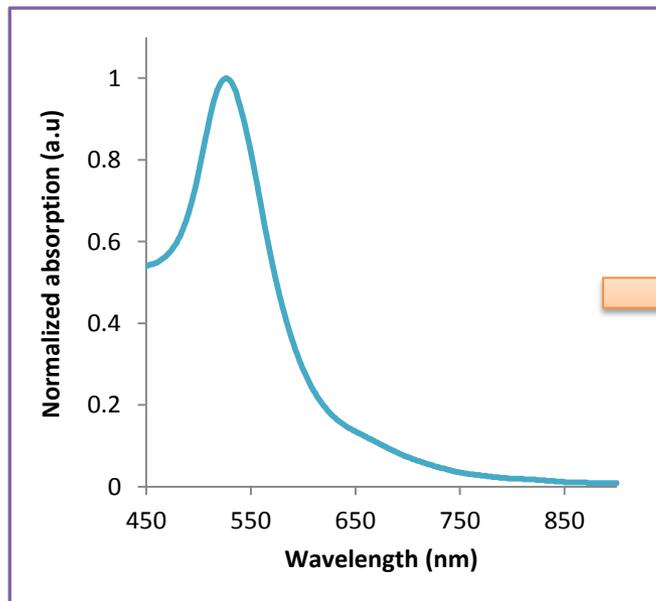
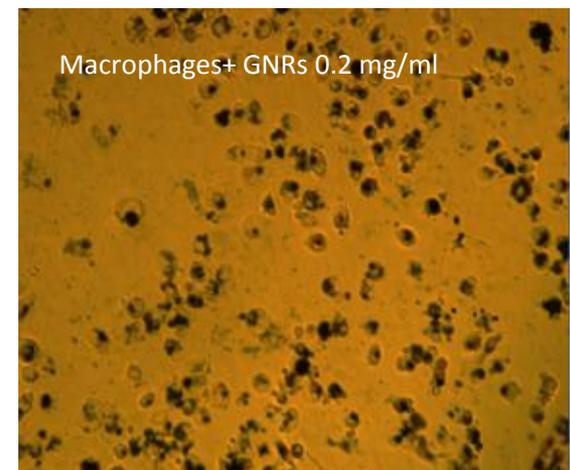
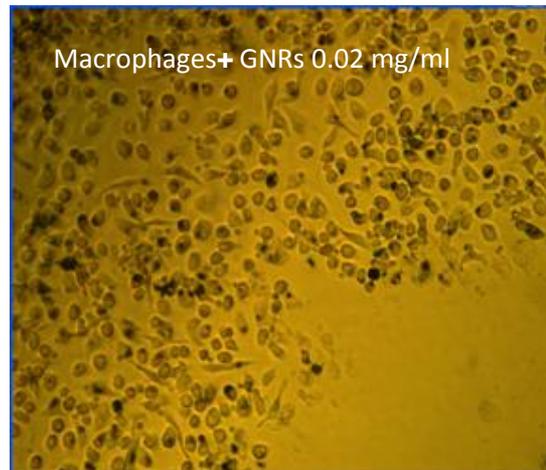
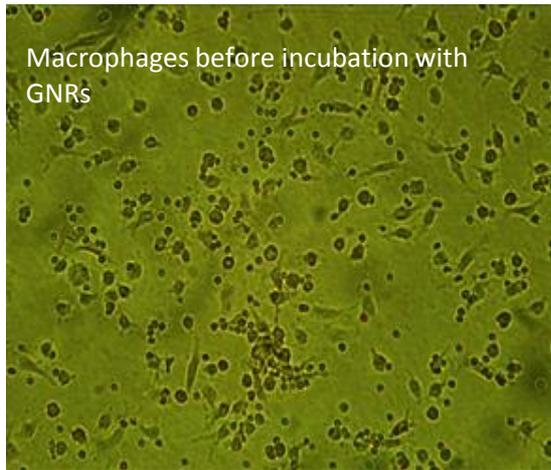


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Rich in macrophages, foam cells, inflammatory cells, thin fibrous cap

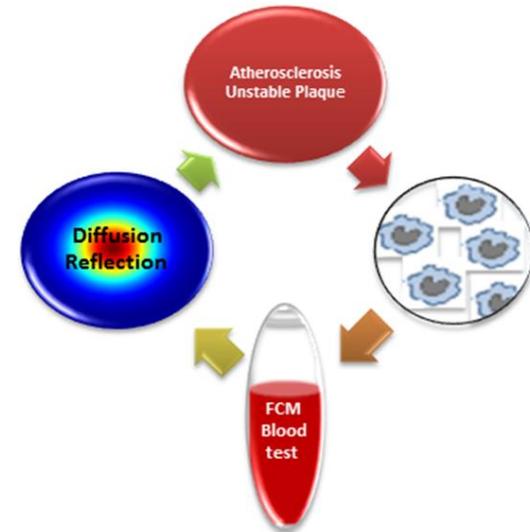
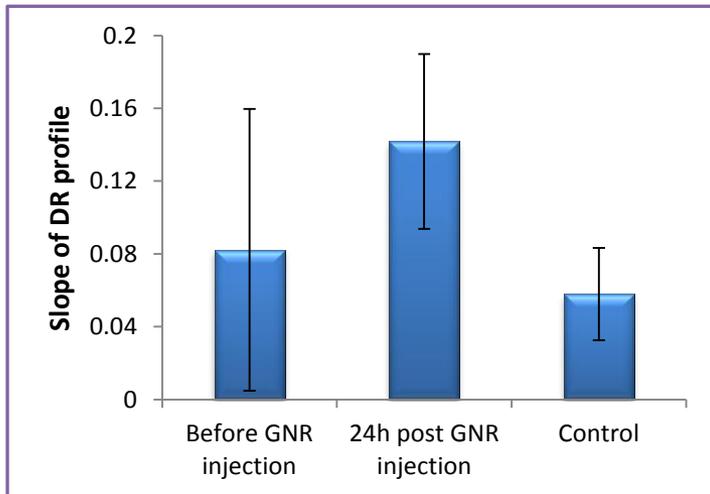
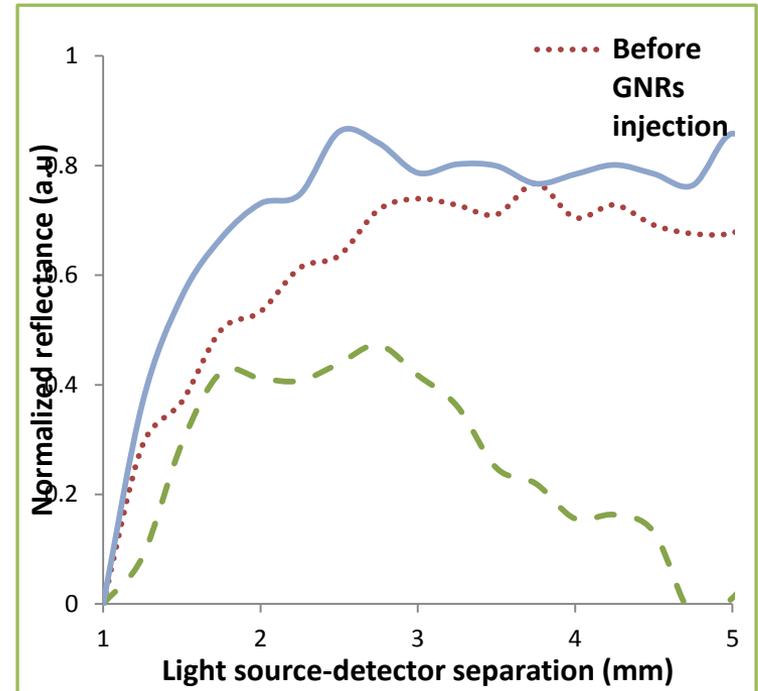
Rich in extracellular matrix smooth muscle cells, thick cap

GNPs uptake by macrophages

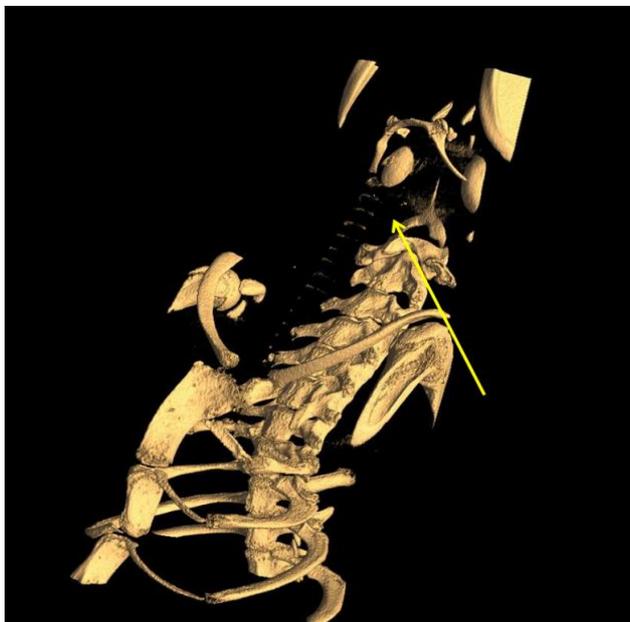


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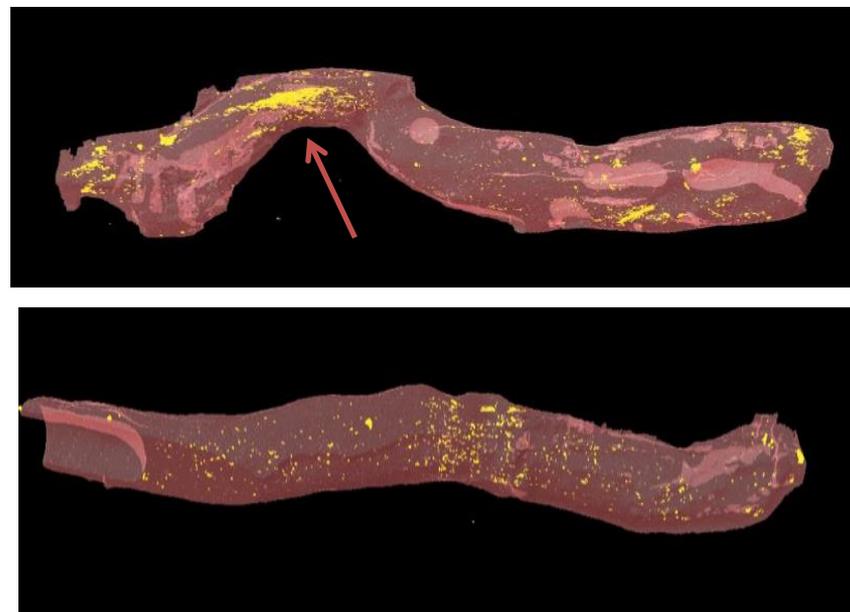
In vivo DR measurements of atherosclerosis with GNRs



In vivo CT injured artery with GNRs



Ex vivo CT injured artery with GNRs



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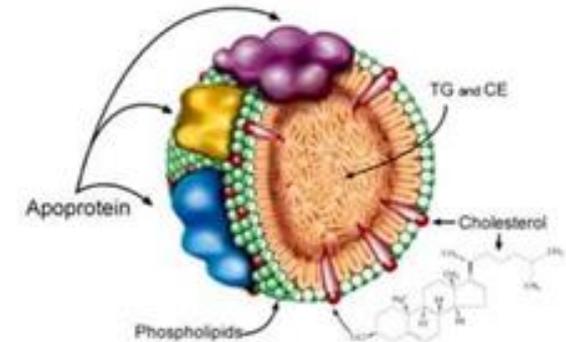
Gold Nanorods as Absorption Contrast Agents for the Noninvasive Detection of Arterial Vascular Disorders Based on Diffusion Reflection Measurements

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GNR for Atherosclerosis Theranostic

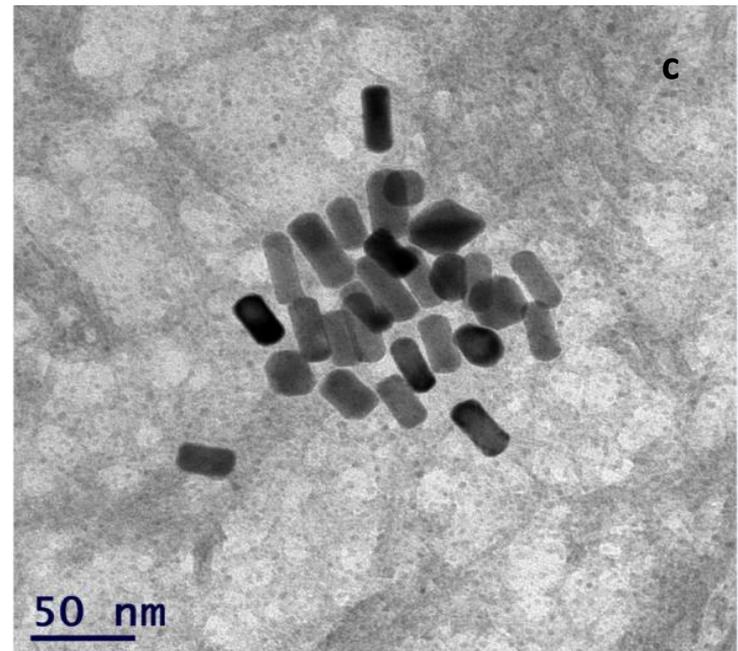
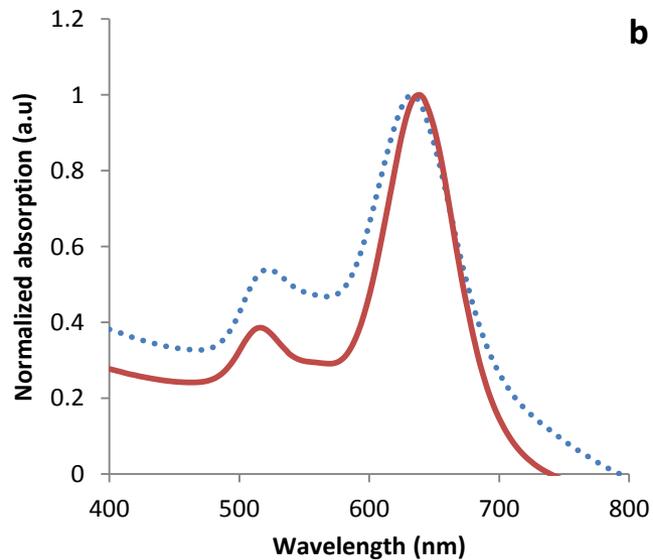
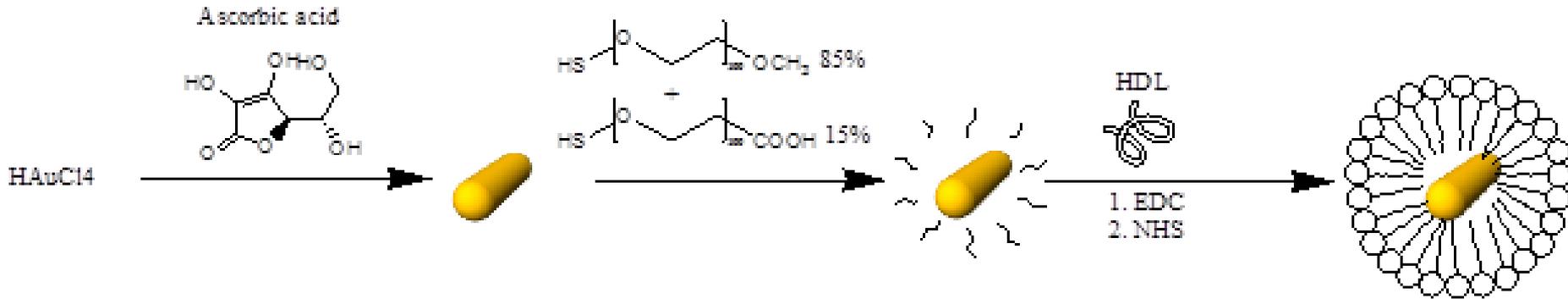
Anti-inflammatory therapy is considered to be a promising approach to treat ASVD. However, most anti-inflammatory therapeutic agents delay the progression of ASVD, rather than prevent its formation.

HDL exerts cardiovascular protection by promoting the reverse cholesterol transport (RCT) and other pleiotropic beneficial effects



We suggest to use GNR conjugated to high density lipoprotein (HDL) for AS theranostic

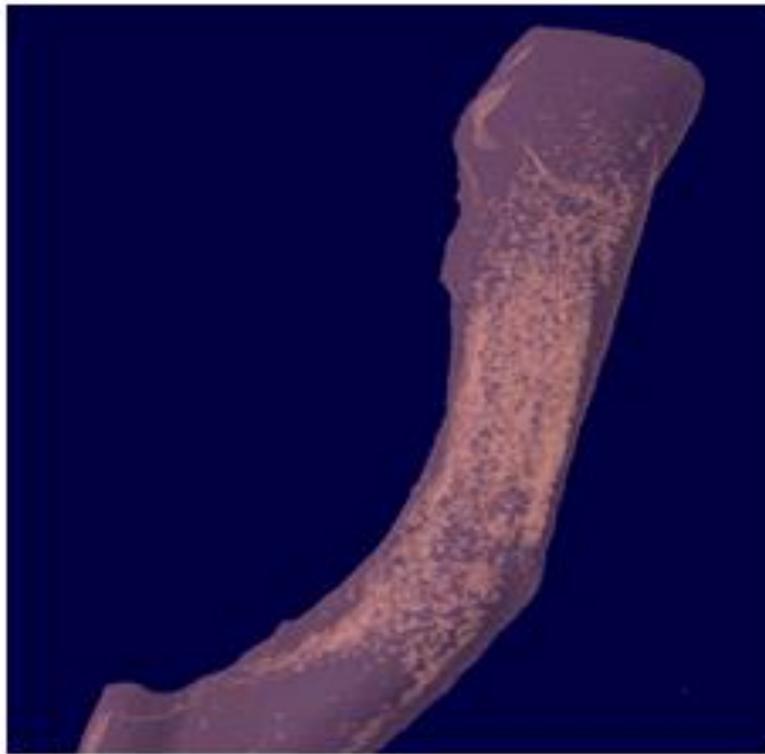
HDL coated GNR



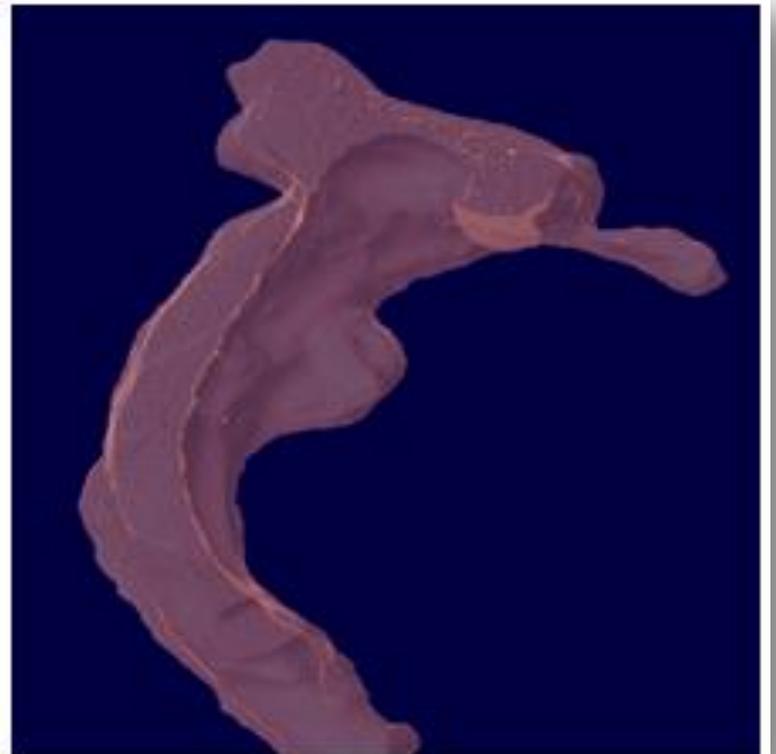
In vivo; Therapy

Carotids CT two weeks post GNR injection

GNR



GNR+HDL



Carotids histology 2 weeks post GNR injection

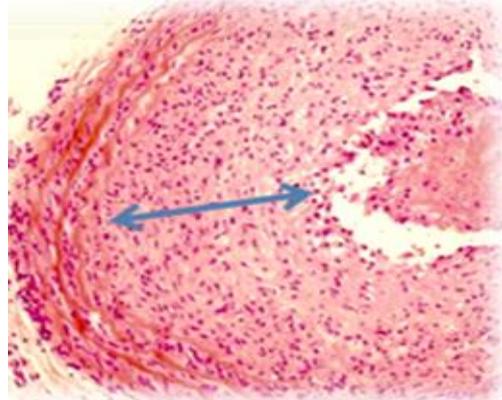
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Normal carotid

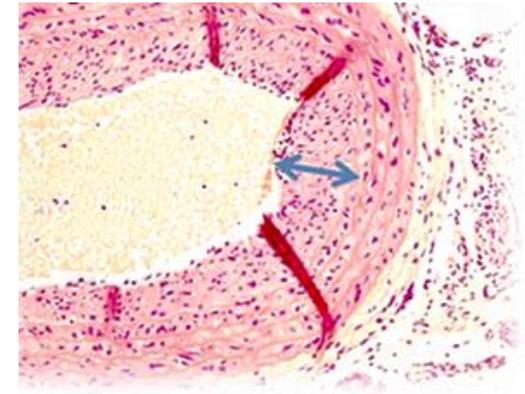


No GNR

Balloon-injured carotid artery

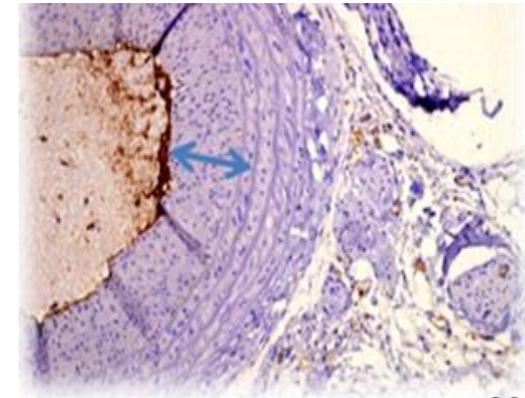
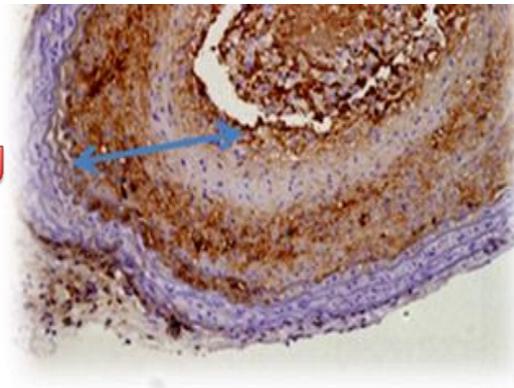


GNR



GNR-HDL

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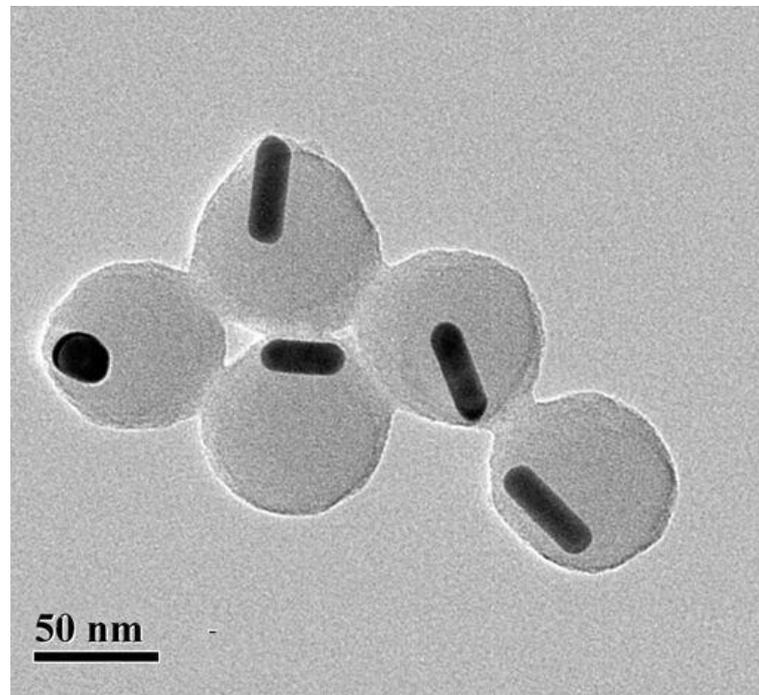
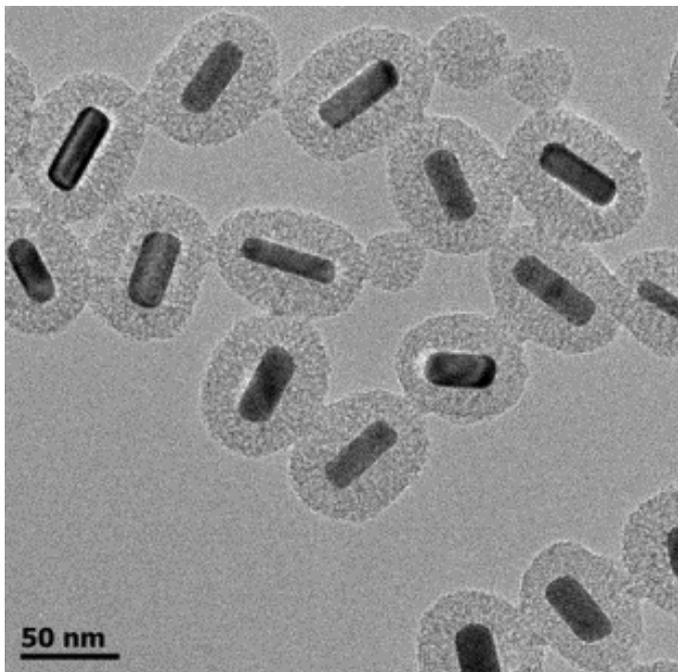
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Outline

- **Motivation – nanoparticle guided therapy;**
- **New imaging techniques based on plasmon coupled probes for medical applications;**
- **Perspective;**
- **Conclusions.**

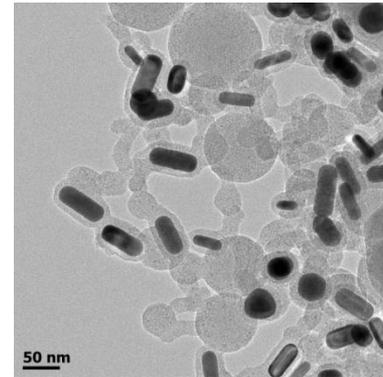
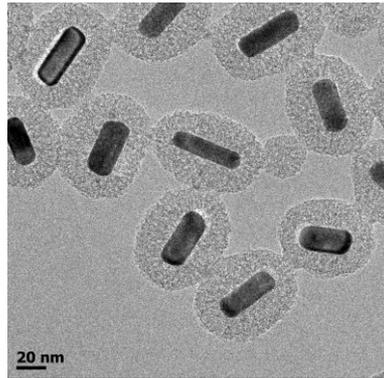
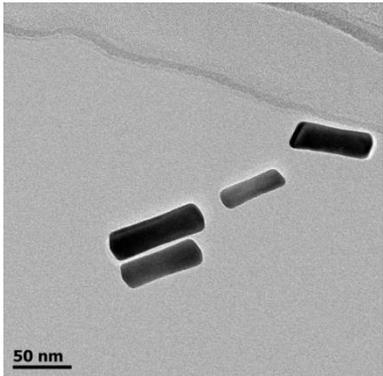
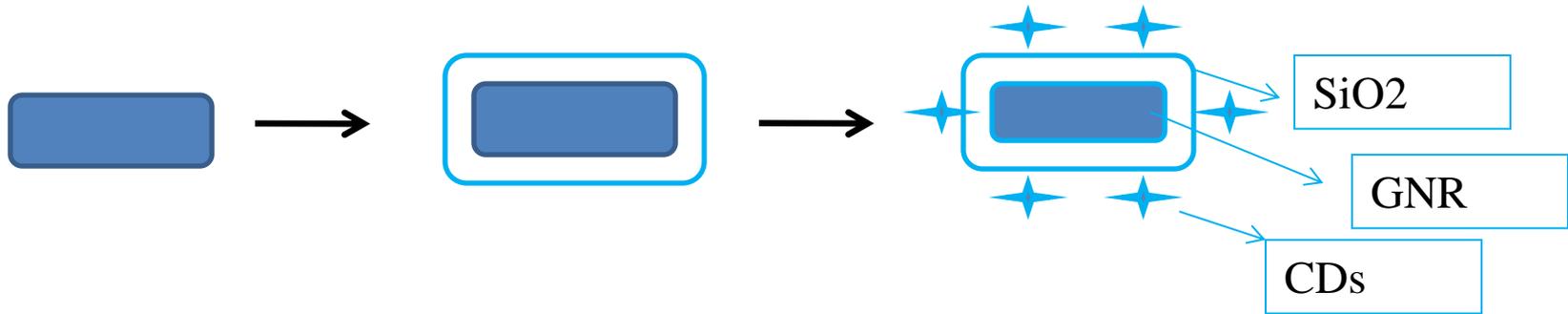


GNR@PEDOT/SiO₂@CDs



GNR@SiO₂

3 ml



GNR: 0.2 mg/ml (minimum)

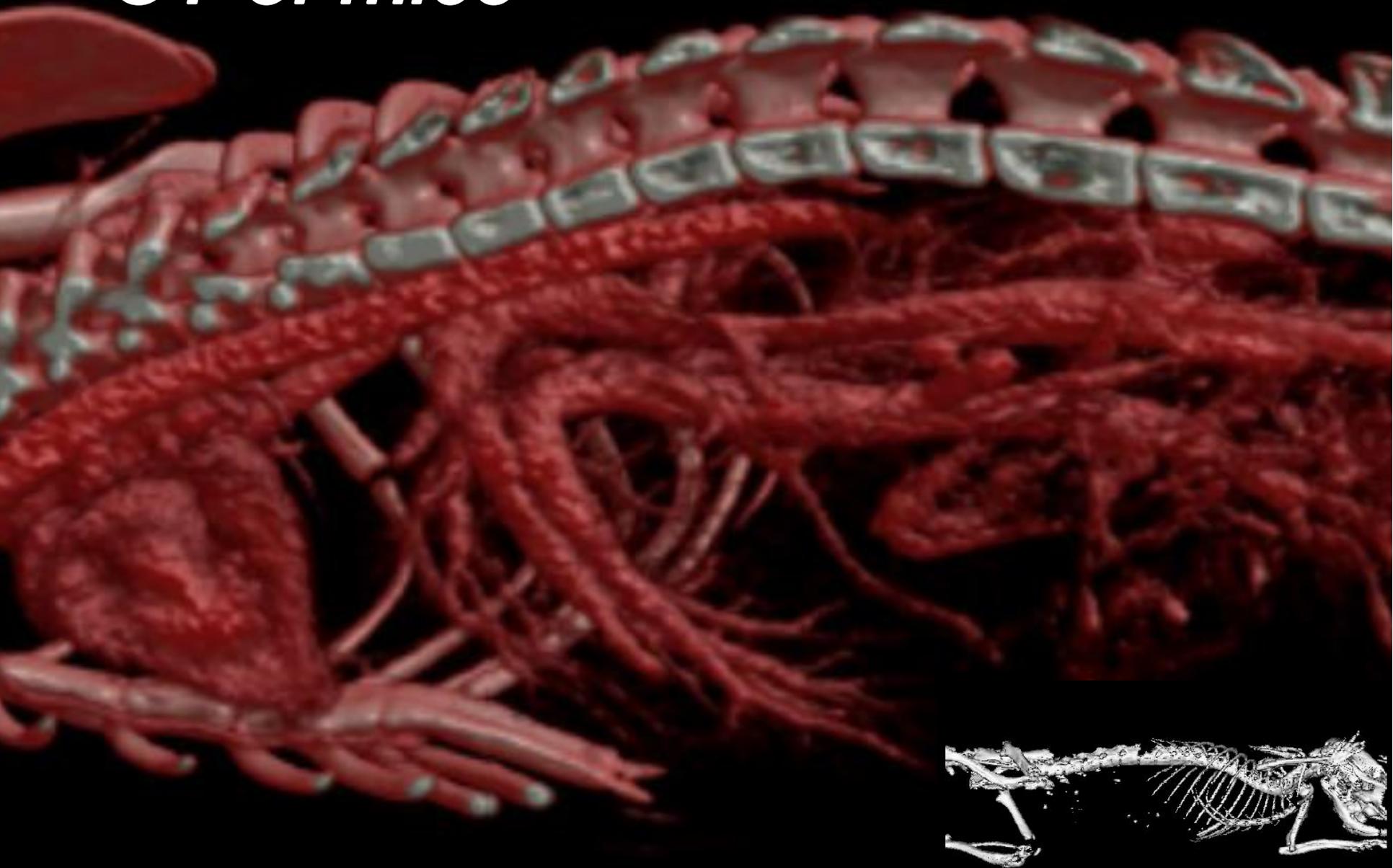
Where is God?



Hand with Ring (Wilhelm Röntgen, 1895)



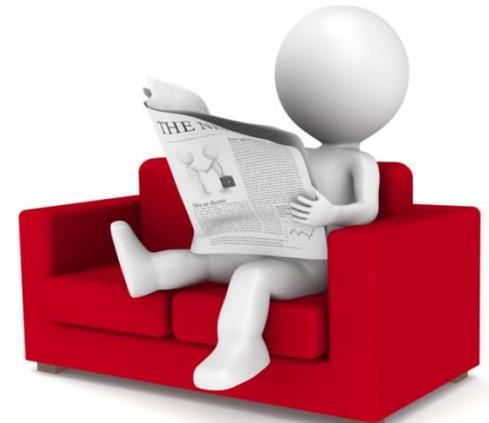
CT of mice



Summary

The diffusion reflection method is highly capable of revealing abnormalities in the tissue based on GNPs injection.

HDL-Au nanoparticles present a novel tool for theranostic of atherosclerosis.

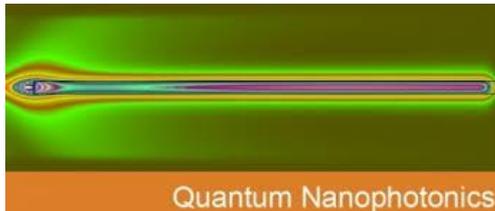


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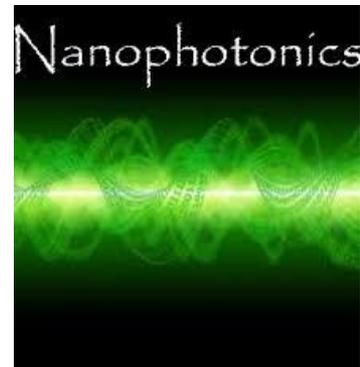
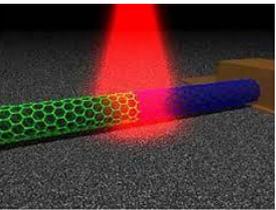
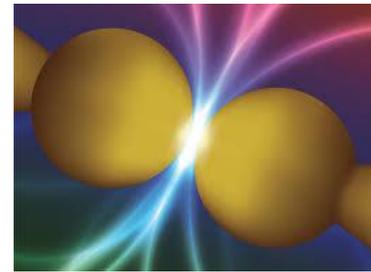
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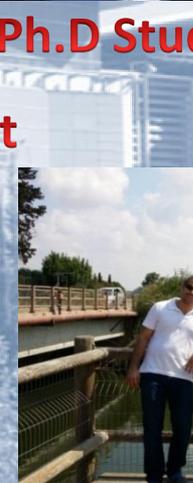
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