

Particulate air pollution and health

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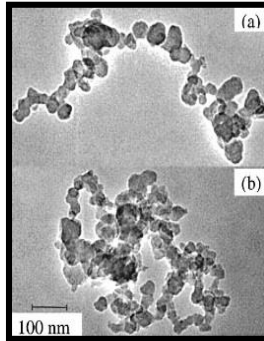
Ambient air pollution



London smog 1952:

**Increased hospital admissions with
>4,000 of premature deaths.**

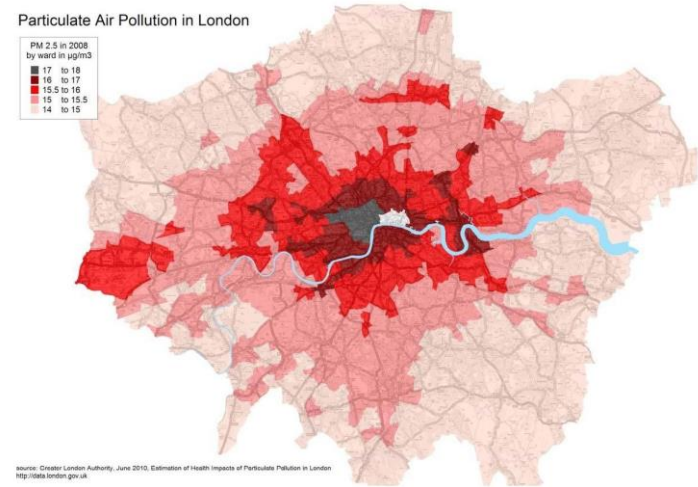
Clean air act 1956 “solved” the problem



**TODAY - PM10, PM2.5, gases etc,
due to urban traffic, industry,
combustion...**

**DEP: <100nm diameter; high
particle number concentration/m³
and /unit mass**

Air pollution in London today – effect on cardiopulmonary health involves fine and ultrafine (nanosized) particles



- **PM2.5 caused 4.2 million deaths/year globally in 2015, compared to 3.5 million in 1990;**
- **5th highest ranking mortality risk factor**

Deaths associated with fine ambient particulate matter (PM_{2.5}):

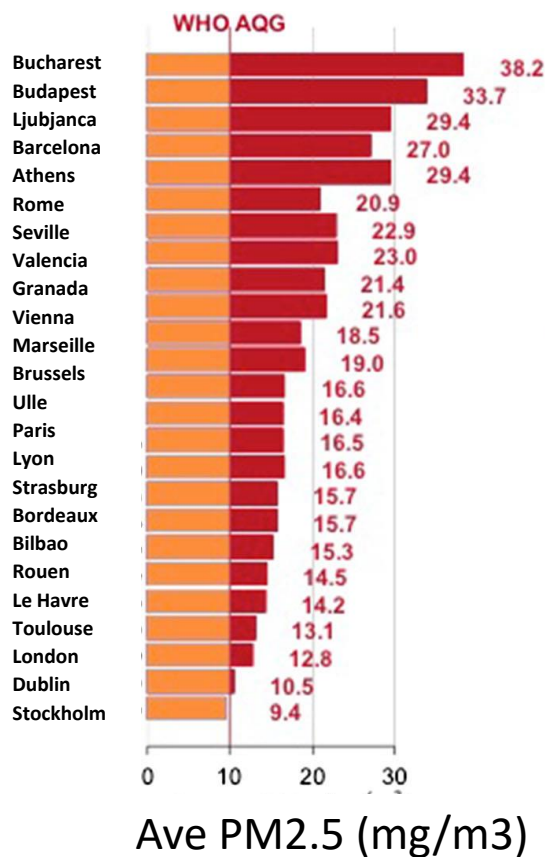
- Cardiovascular (~48%; ischaemic heart disease and stroke),
- Respiratory conditions (~35%; asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, cystic fibrosis).
- Lung cancer (~9%)

Particulate air pollution was classified as a carcinogenic agent by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) in 2013

WHO; Global Burden of Disease; European Environment Agency.

AJ Cohen et al. Lancet 2017; 389:1907-1918

Ambient PM2.5 levels in cities across Europe



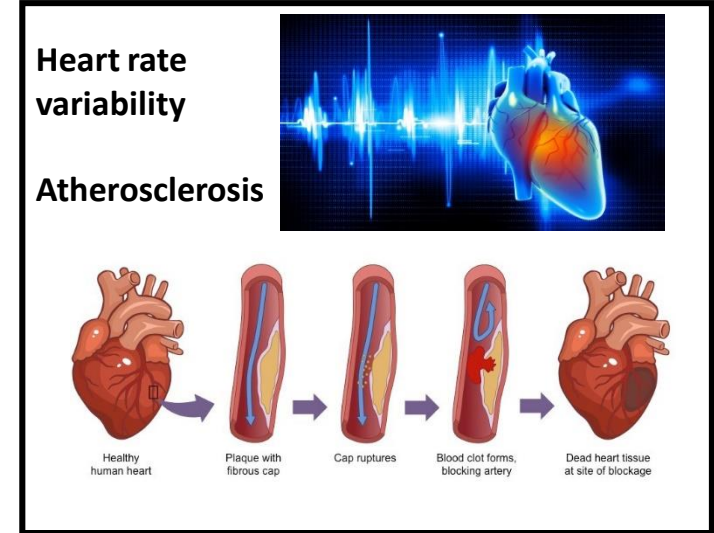
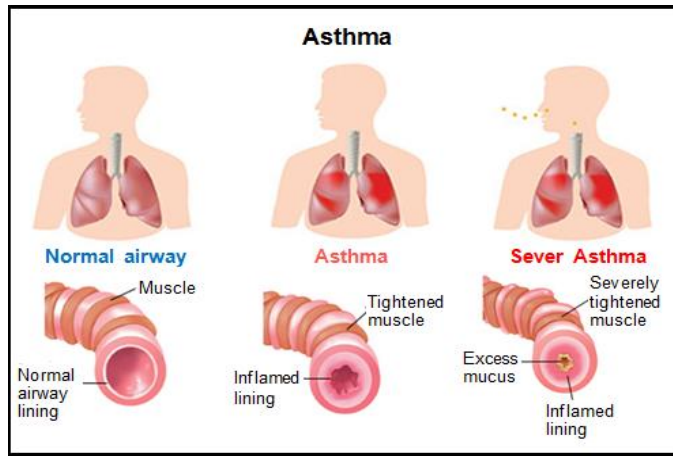
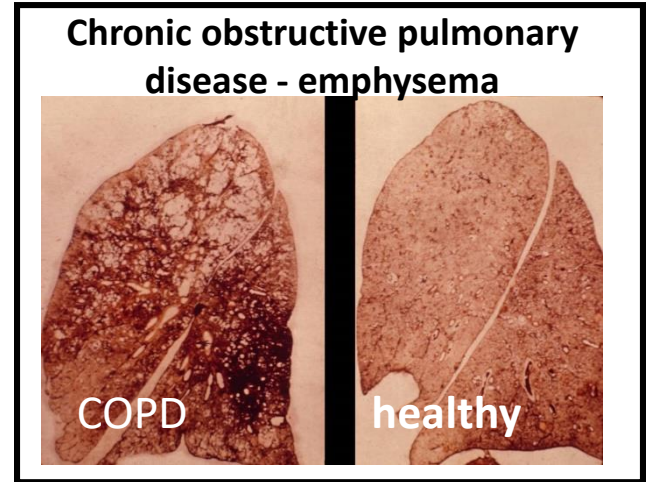
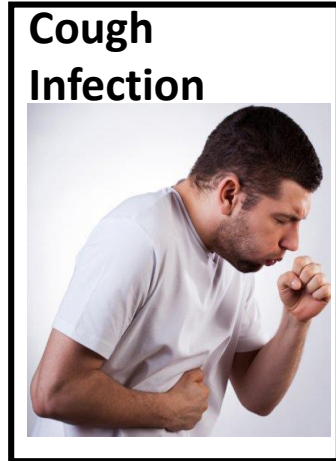
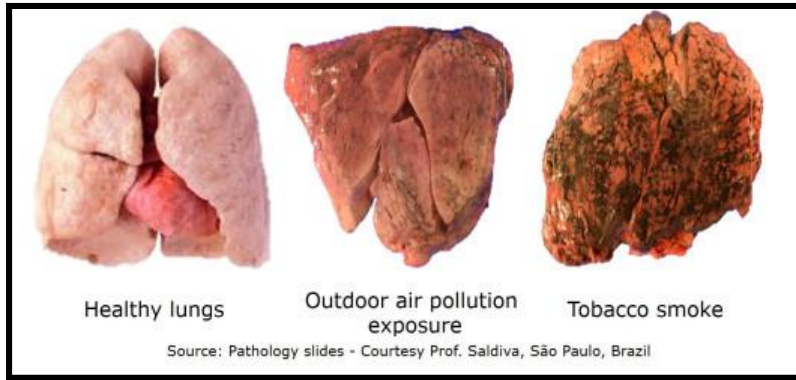
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Improving knowledge and communication for decision making on air pollution and health in Europe.

Aphekom. (2011).

Summary report of the Aphekom project 2008–2011.

Respiratory effects of air pollution



Respiratory effect:

- Increased respiratory mortality
- Increased incidence and exacerbation of chronic pulmonary diseases:
 asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, cystic fibrosis
- Increased pulmonary infections – compromised, young and elderly
- Increased symptoms: cough, phlegm, wheezing, breathlessness
- Increased lung cancer
- Reduced lung function/growth in childhood which affects adult health

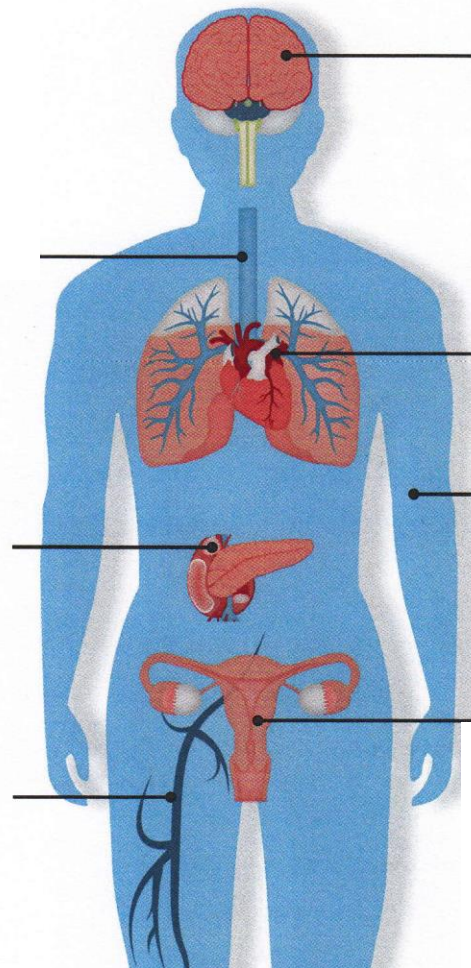
Health effects of air pollution

Respiratory disease –
COPD, asthma,
infection, lung cancer

Reduced lung growth
Reduced lung function

Type 2 diabetes
Type 1 diabetes
Liver toxicity
Renal disease
Altered bone metabolism

High blood pressure
Endothelial dysfunction
Increased blood clotting
Systemic inflammation
Thrombosis
Atherosclerosis



Strokes
Neurological development
Mental health
Neurodegenerative disorders

Cardiovascular disease –
myocardial infarction, cardiac
arrhythmia, cardiac failure

Accelerated aging
Autoimmune
rheumatic disease

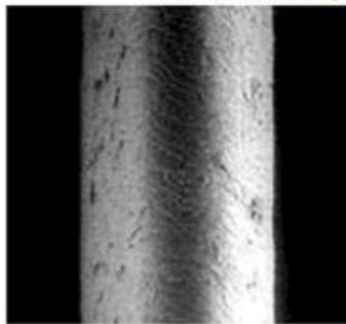
Premature birth
Low birth weight
Reduced/delayed foetal growth
Lower sperm quality, infertility
Preeclampsia

Respirable PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}

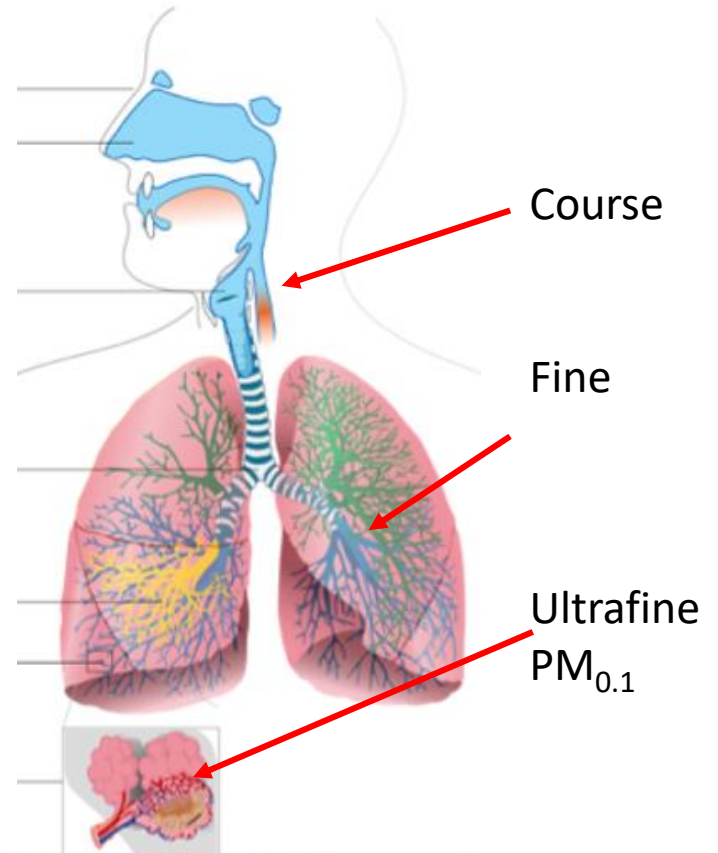
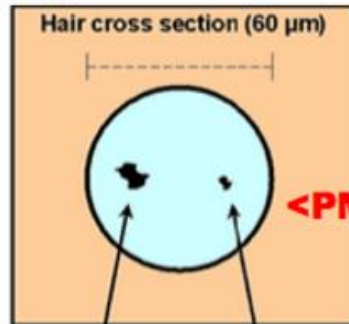
PM_{2.5} enters the gas exchange region of the lungs



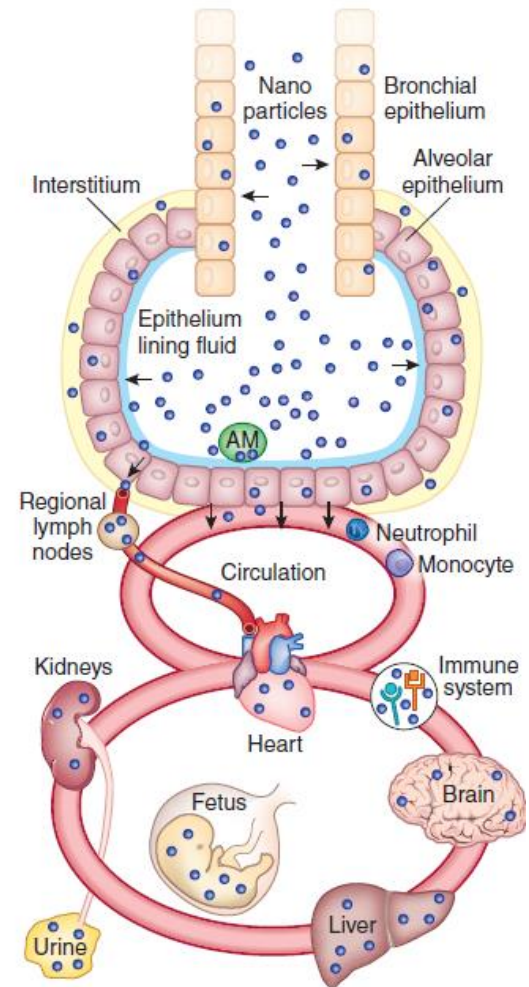
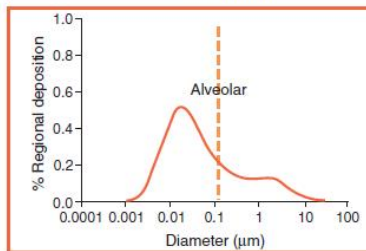
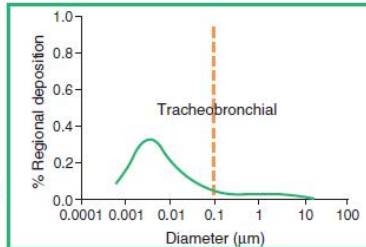
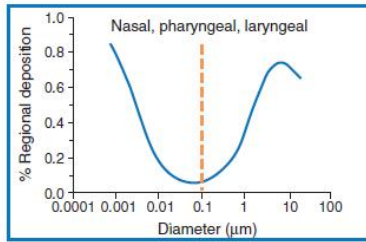
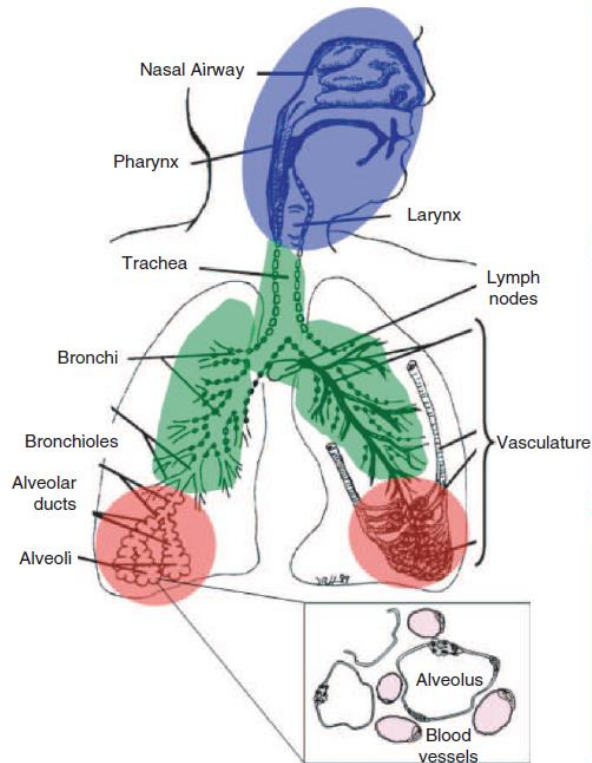
Ref: <http://www.epa.gov/research>



Human Hair
(60 μm diameter)

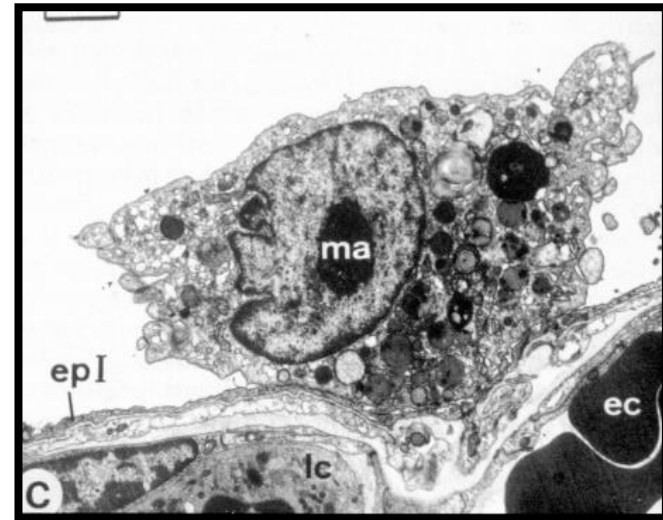
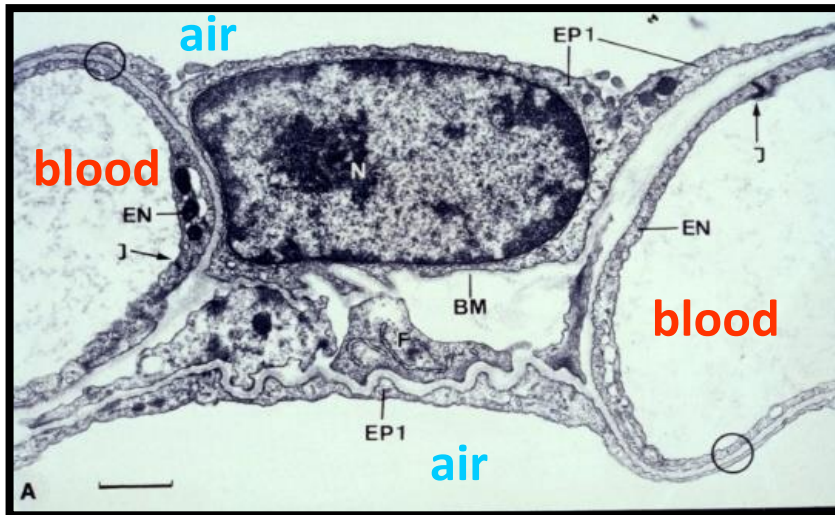
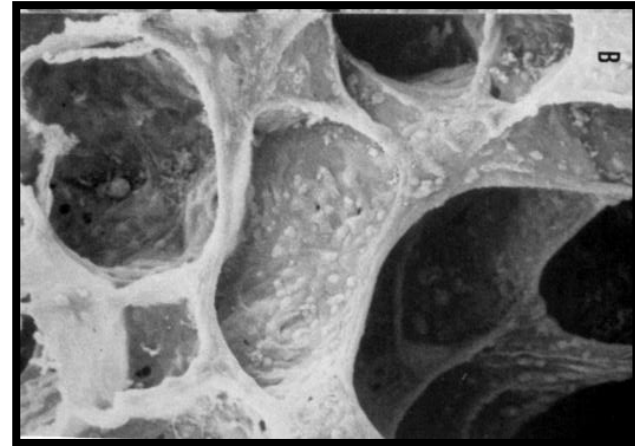


Deposition and impact of inhaled $PM_{2.5}$ and $PM_{0.1}$





Structure of the lung



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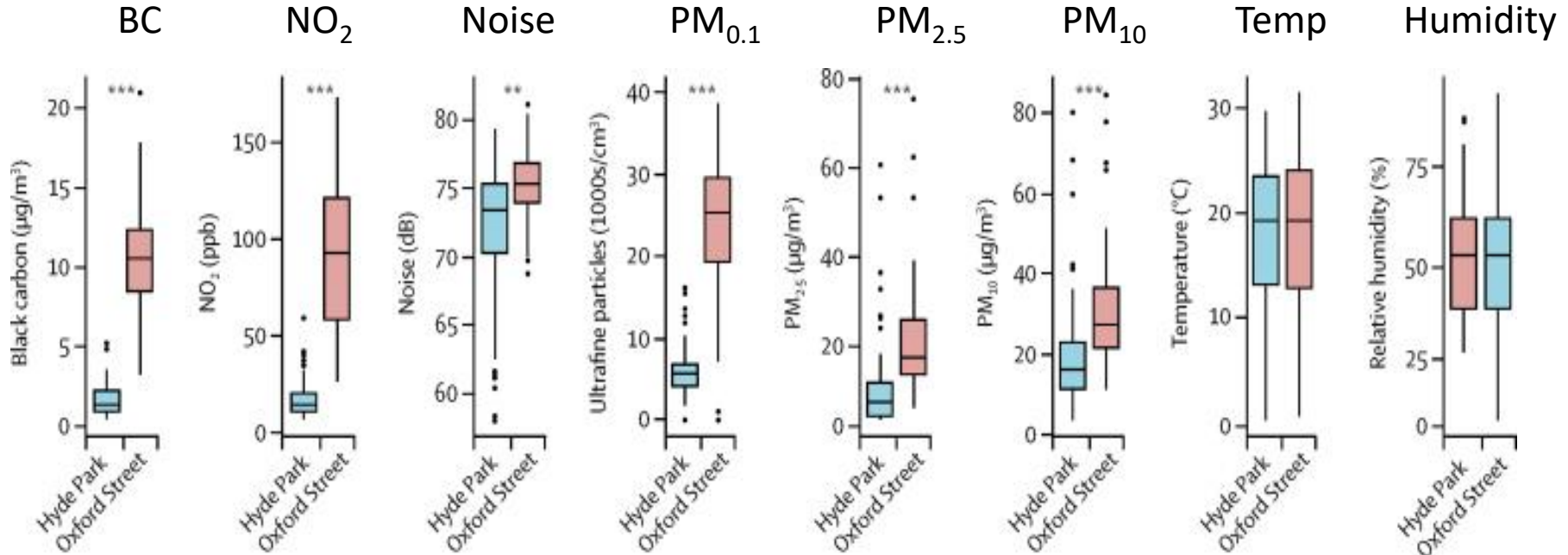
Respiratory and cardiovascular responses to walking down a traffic-polluted road compared with walking in a traffic-free area in participants aged 60 years and older with chronic lung (COPD) or heart disease (IHD) and age-matched healthy controls: a randomised, crossover study.

Sinharay et al. Lancet 2018;391(10118):339-349



OXFORD STREET II STUDY

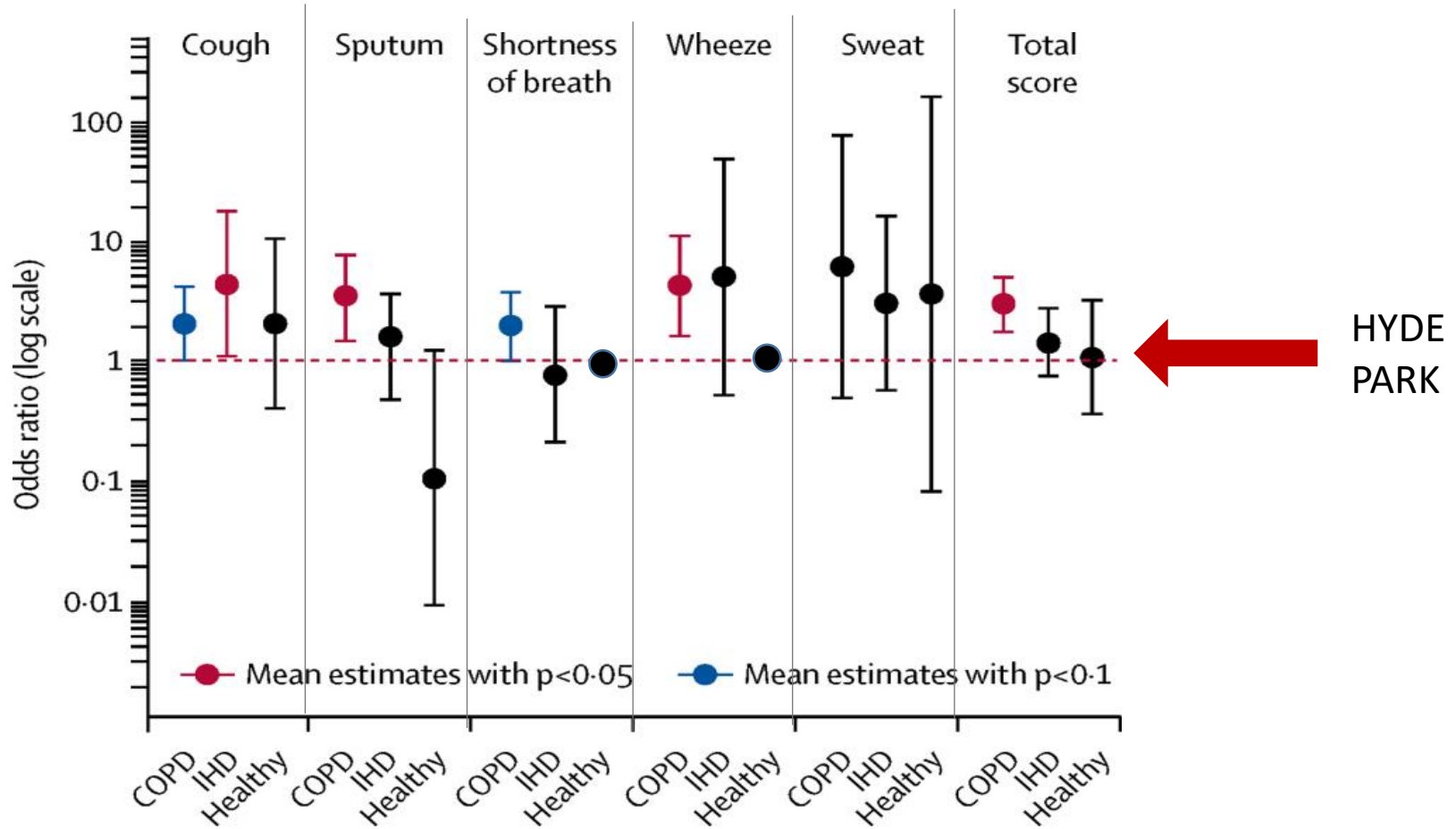
Distribution of black carbon, nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), noise, ultrafine particles, PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ concentrations, temperature, and relative humidity on the visit days to Oxford Street or to Hyde Park – *Sinharay et al. Lancet 2018, 391:339*



Box plots with 95% CIs. PM=particulate matter.
** $p < 0.01$. *** $p < 0.001$.

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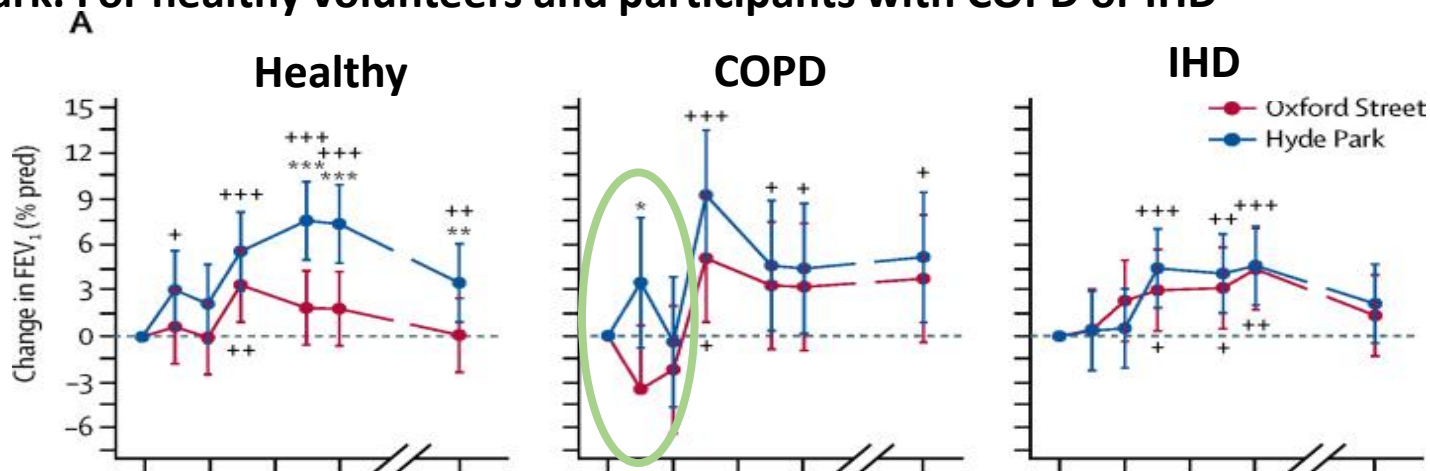
Odds ratio of getting worse symptoms of cough, sputum, shortness of breath, wheeze, sweat, and total scores for all these symptoms at Oxford Street versus Hyde Park for healthy volunteers and participants with COPD or IHD – *Sinharay et al. Lancet 2018, 391: 339*



COPD=chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.
IHD=ischaemic heart disease.

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Change in FEV₁ % of predicted value (A), and FVC % of predicted value (B) from the time 0 and at intervals after the start of the 2 hour walk in Oxford Street or Hyde Park. For healthy volunteers and participants with COPD or IHD



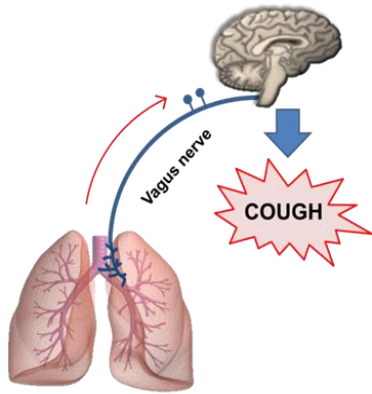
FEV₁=forced expiratory volume in the first second. FVC=forced vital capacity.

* $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$, comparing Oxford Street with Hyde Park.

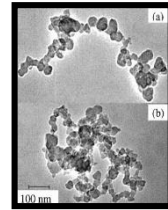
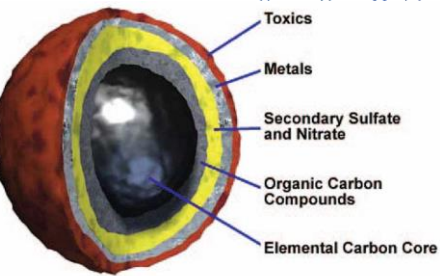
+ $p < 0.05$, ++ $p < 0.01$, +++ $p < 0.001$, compared with time point 0.

- Symptoms, including cough and wheeze increased in Oxford Street
- Reduced lung function in COPD subjects was related to levels of NO₂, ultrafine PM_{0.1} and fine PM_{2.5} particles.
- Cardiovascular changes, including increased arterial stiffness in Oxford Street, were seen in healthy and COPD subjects and related to NO₂ and ultrafine particles.
- Cardiovascular medication prevented the effects of air pollution on (increased) arterial stiffness in subjects with heart disease

Diesel exhaust particles (DEP) activate guinea pig and human airway sensory nerves- involvement in cough?



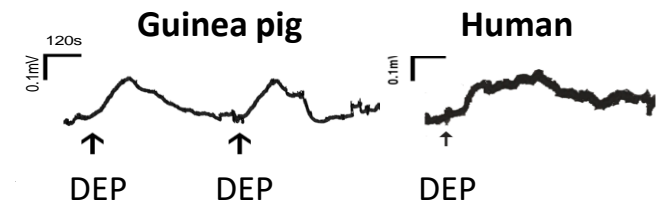
SPECIALIST PRE-CLINICAL MODELS



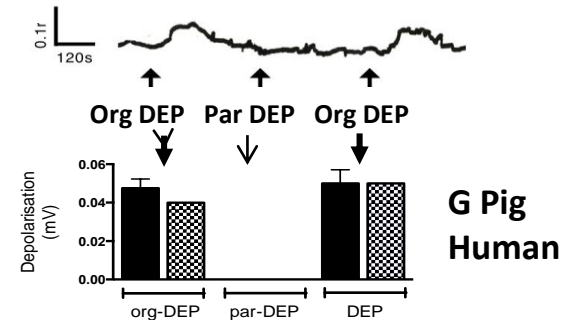
Introduction of DEP into the airways caused airway nerve activation in a guinea pig model



DEP caused activation of isolated guinea pig and human vagus nerve



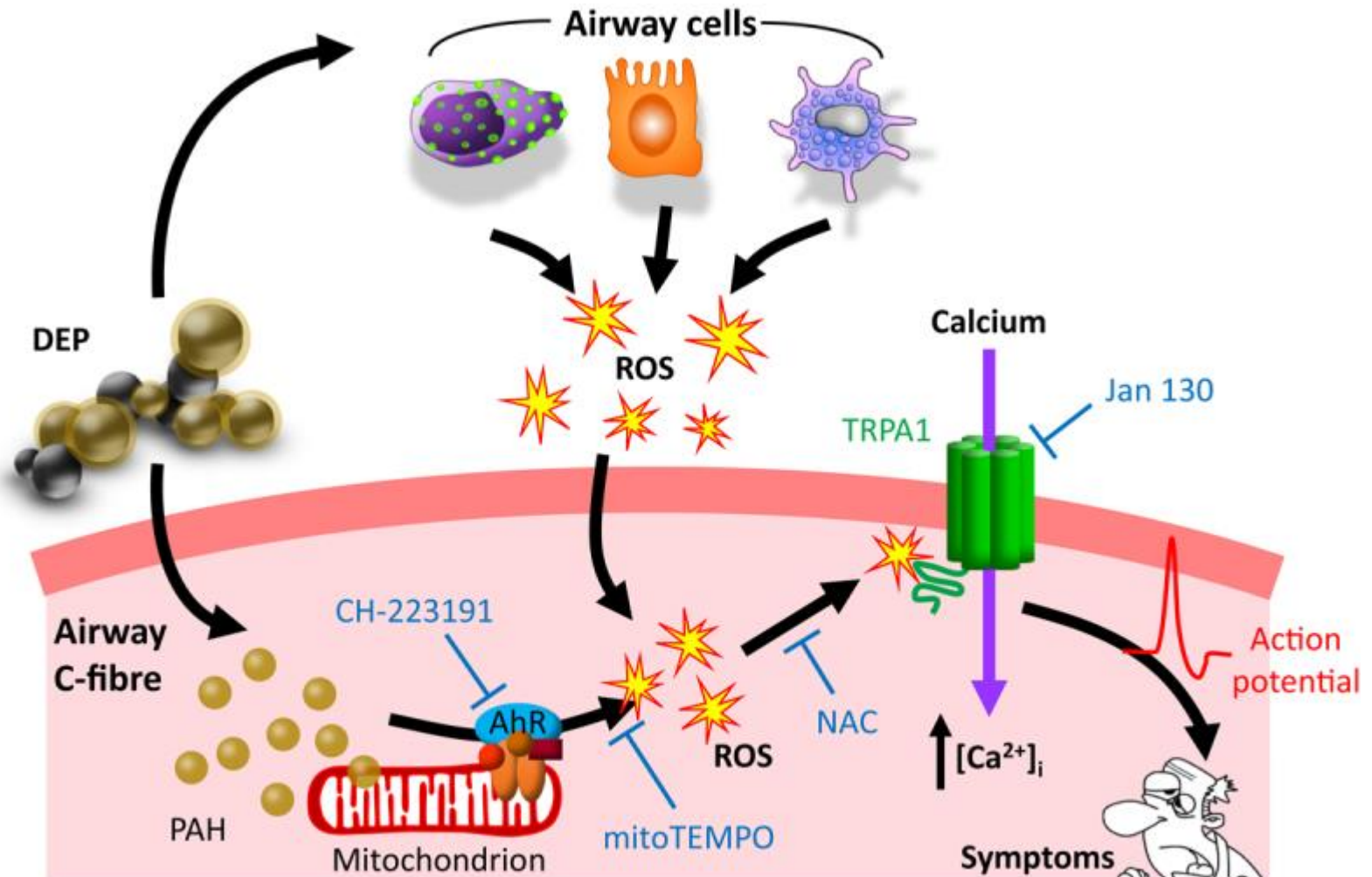
The organic soluble component, not the carbon core, caused guinea pig and human afferent vagal nerve activation



Mechanistic link between diesel exhaust particles and respiratory reflexes. Robinson et al. *J Allergy Clin Immunol.* 2018; 141(3): 1074–1084

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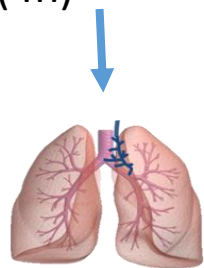
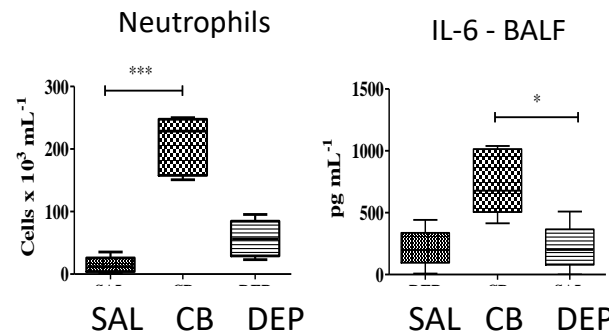


DEP: Diesel exhaust particles; TRPA1: transient receptor potential Ankyrin-1;
PAH's: Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons; ROS: Reactive oxygen species.

Effect of intratracheal instillation of DEP and carbon black (CB) on lung inflammation and pulmonary vascular platelet activation (thrombosis) in mice (4h).

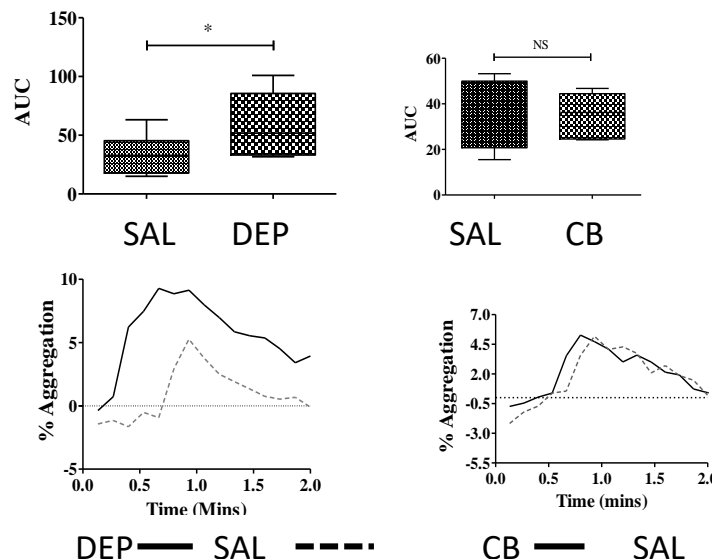
Introduce 25 μg DEP or carbon black into lung (4h)

Intratracheal instillation of **CB**, but not DEP, causes marked **pulmonary inflammation** in mice



Track and localise labelled platelets

Intratracheal instillation of **DEP**, not CB, causes significantly **greater vascular pulmonary platelet aggregation** in mice in vivo that is slow to resolve



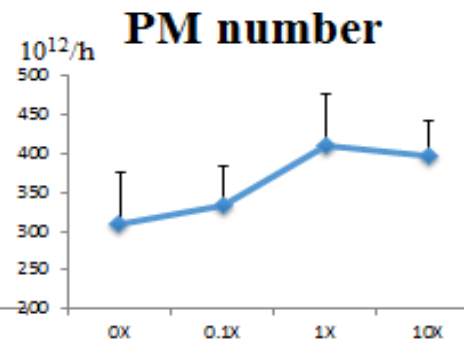
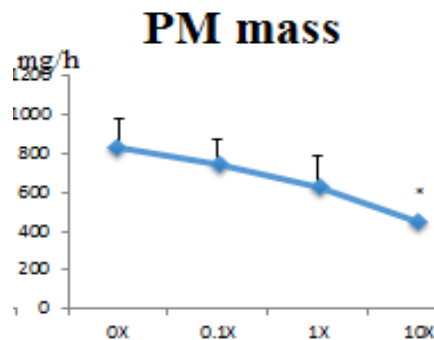
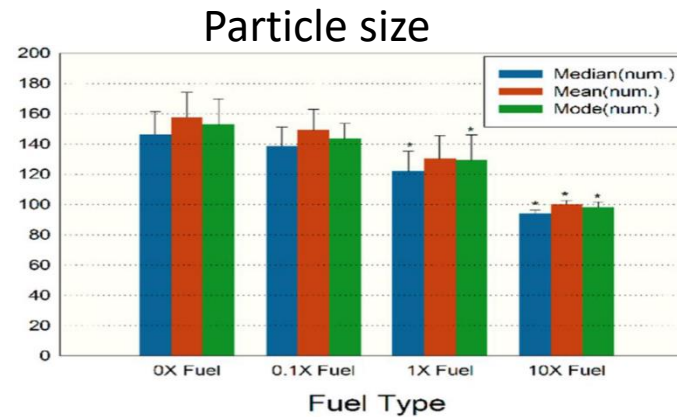
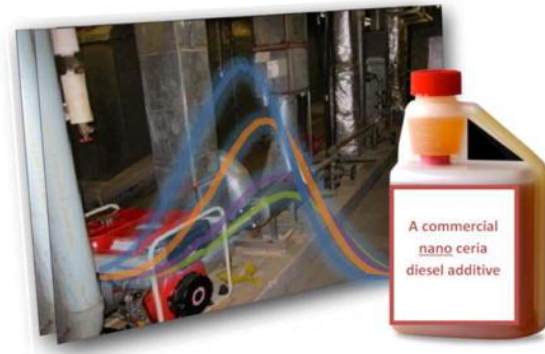
Influence of inflammation and nitric oxide upon platelet aggregation following deposition of diesel exhaust particles in the airways.
 Smyth et al. *Br J Pharmacol.* 2017 Jul;174(13):2130-2139

How does addition of Envirox/nanoceria to diesel fuel affect the DEP-induced inflammatory response within the respiratory unit?

- Fan Chung and Terry Tetley ICL
- Jim Zhang Duke University



Generated DEP: single-cylinder, four-cycle diesel engine following addition of Envirox (catalyst cuts fuel use/costs) to the fuel at 0.1x, 1.0x, 10x recommended levels [1x = 0.5ml/9 μ g Envirox/L fuel]

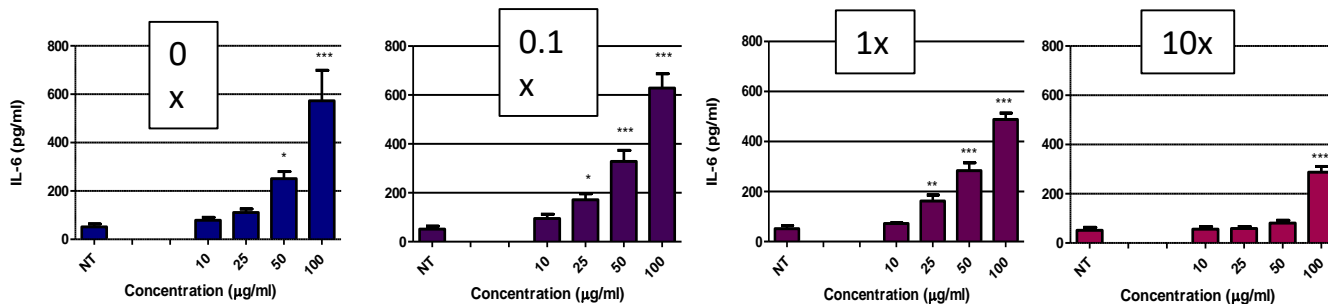


Zhang...Mainelis et al. Environ Sci Technol 2013, 47:13077

Percentage contribution of carbon, cerium, nitrogen and other components to DEP +/- Envirox

Fuel	Carbon	Hydrogen	Cerium	Nitrogen	Other
0X	91.84	2.23	0.3	0.23	5.4
0.1X	91.81	2.12	0.48	0.25	5.34
1X	89.63	2.12	0.73	0.35	7.17
10X	79.4	2.43	6.52	0.61	11.04

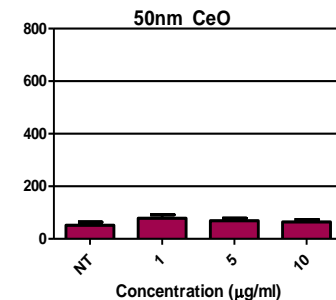
IL-6 mediator release from human lung respiratory epithelial cells following 24 hour exposure to DEP/Envirox



- DEP induces elevated release of an important pro-inflammatory mediator, IL-6
- DEP generated after addition of Envirox/ceria subdues the DEP-induced increase in IL6 release

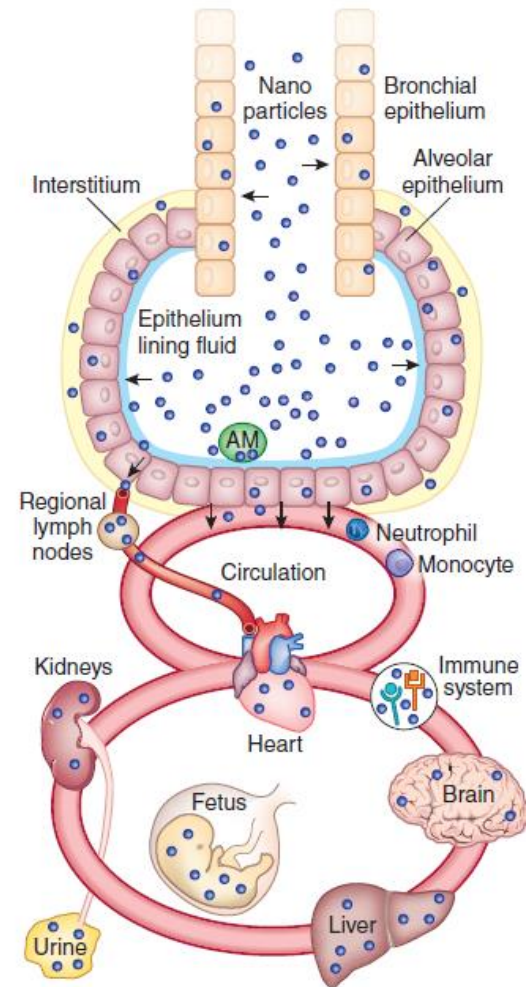
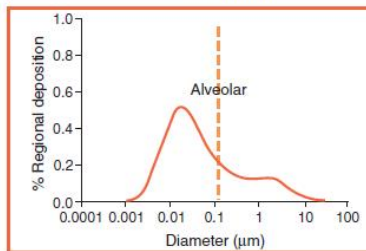
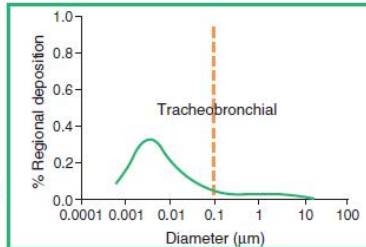
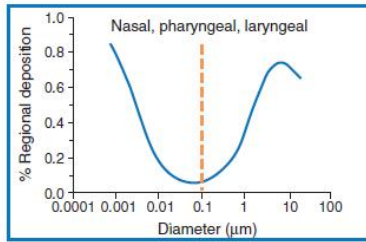
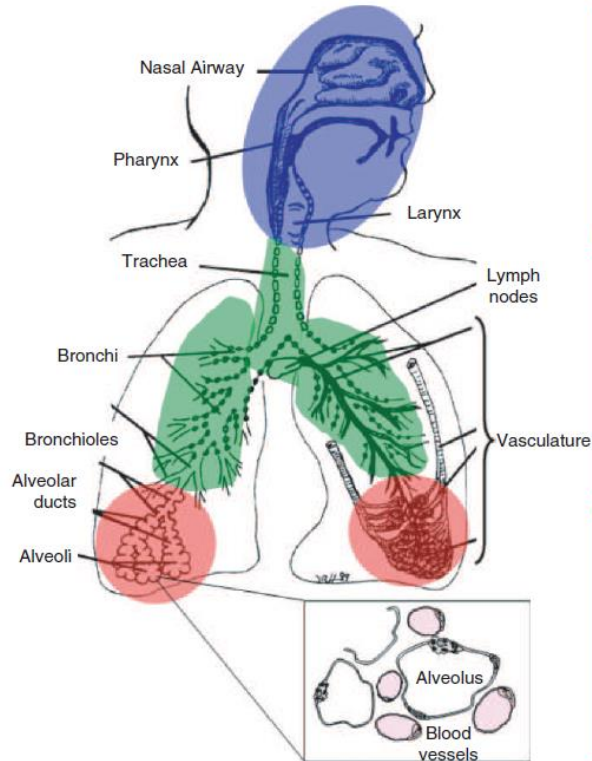
Prenatal and early life diesel exhaust exposure disrupts (brain) cortical lamina organization: Evidence for a reelin-regulated pathogenic pathway induced by interleukin-6

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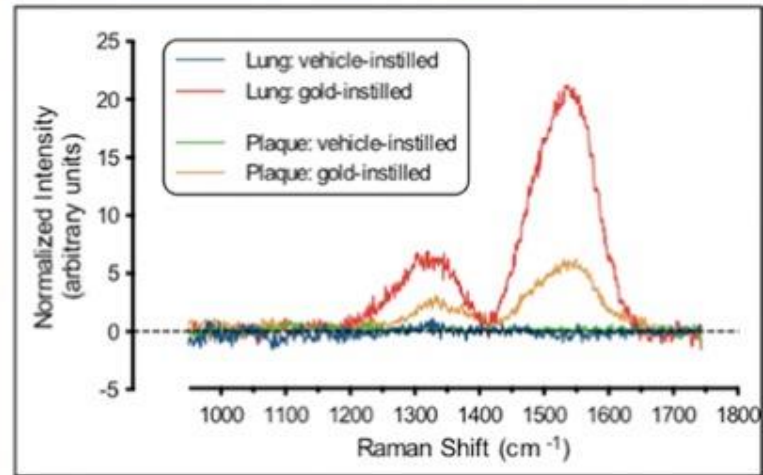
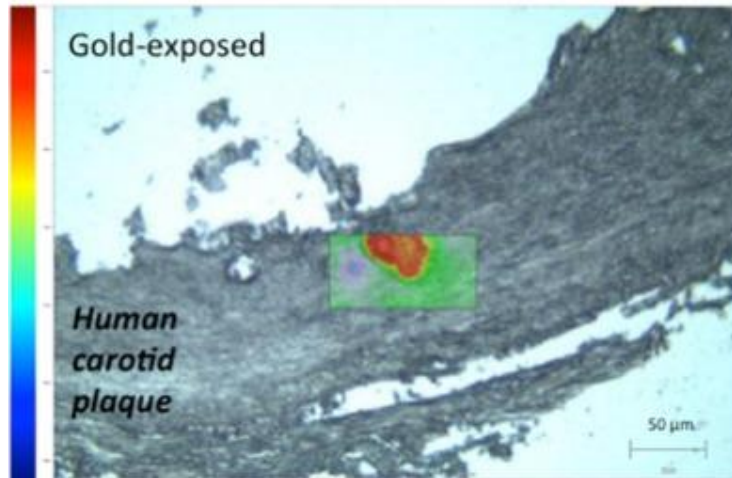
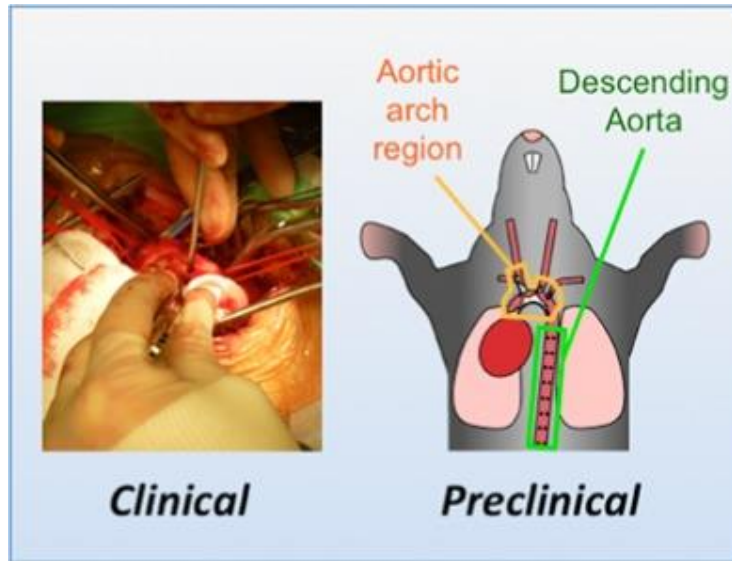
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Deposition and impact of inhaled $PM_{2.5}$ and $PM_{0.01}$



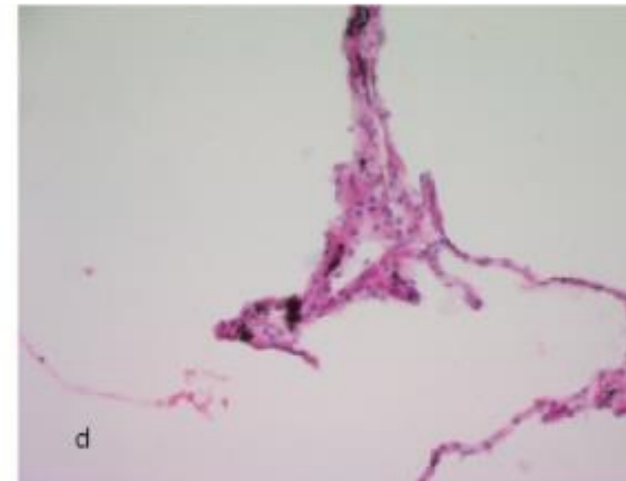
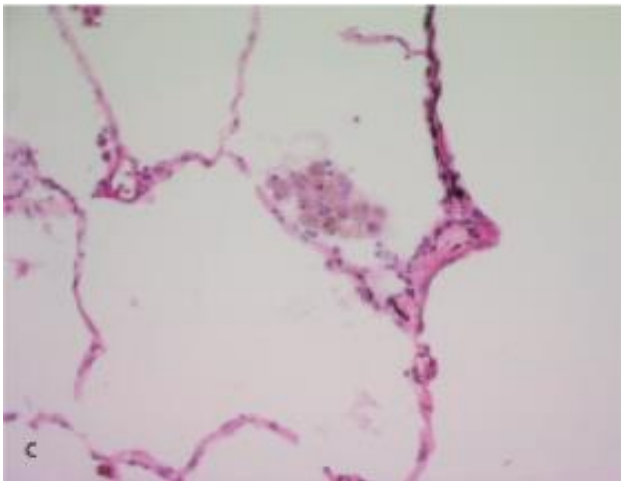
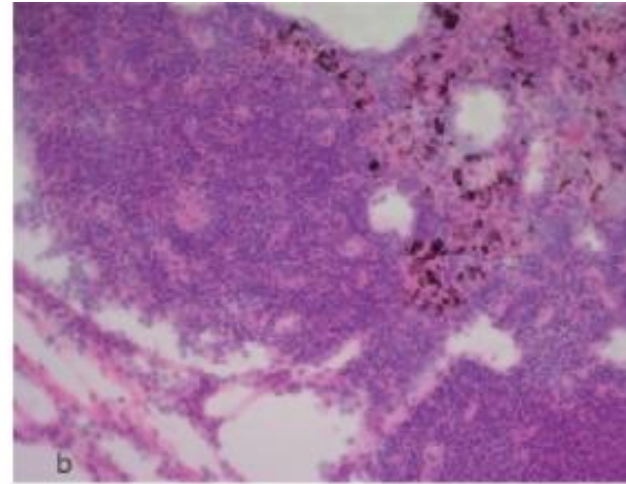
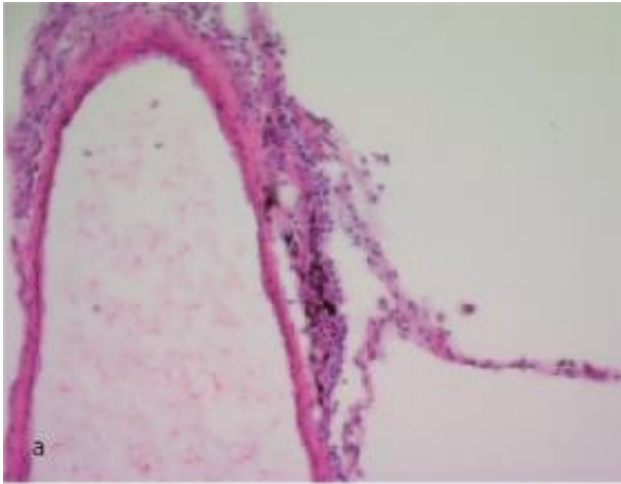
Inhaled Nanoparticles Accumulate at Sites of Vascular Disease.

Miller et al. ACS Nano. 2017
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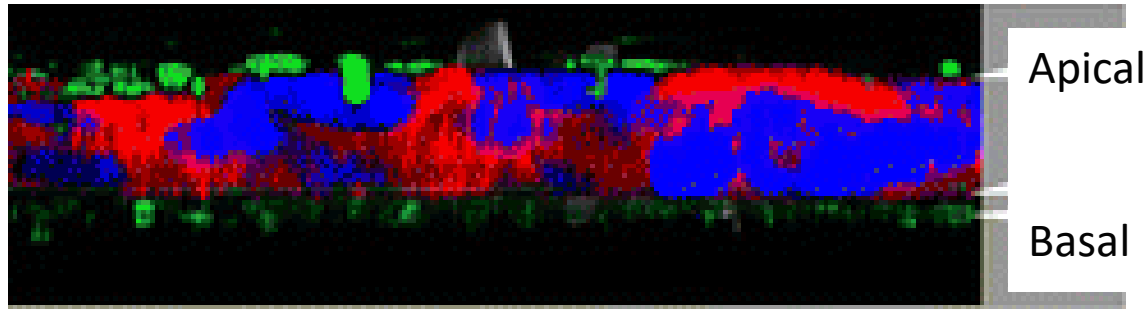
- 0.02% of inhaled nanogold ($\sim 20\text{nm}$ diameter) excreted in urine by healthy individuals after 2h exposure during exercise.
- Nanogold in human and mouse atherosclerotic plaques after 4h exposure.

Particles reach the interstitial tissues of the lung and can remain there



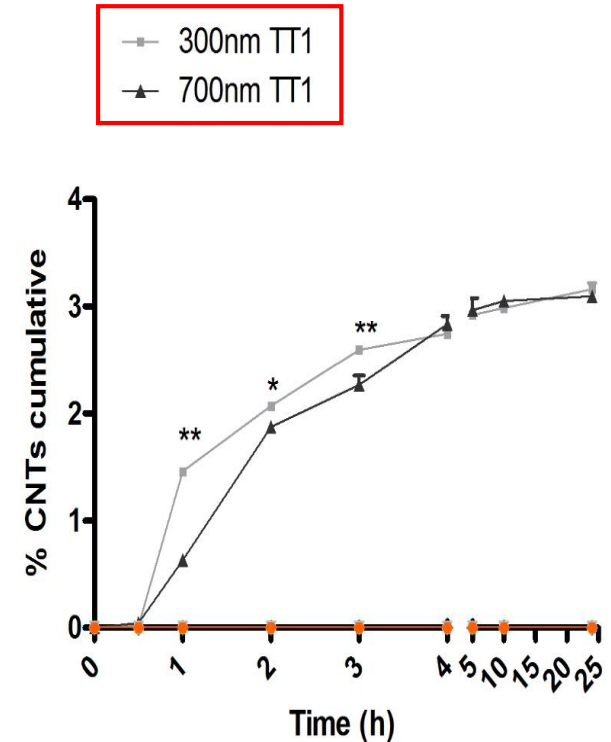
Uptake and translocation of MWCNTs by human alveolar epithelium

Alveolar epithelial type 1 cells exposed to MWCNTs



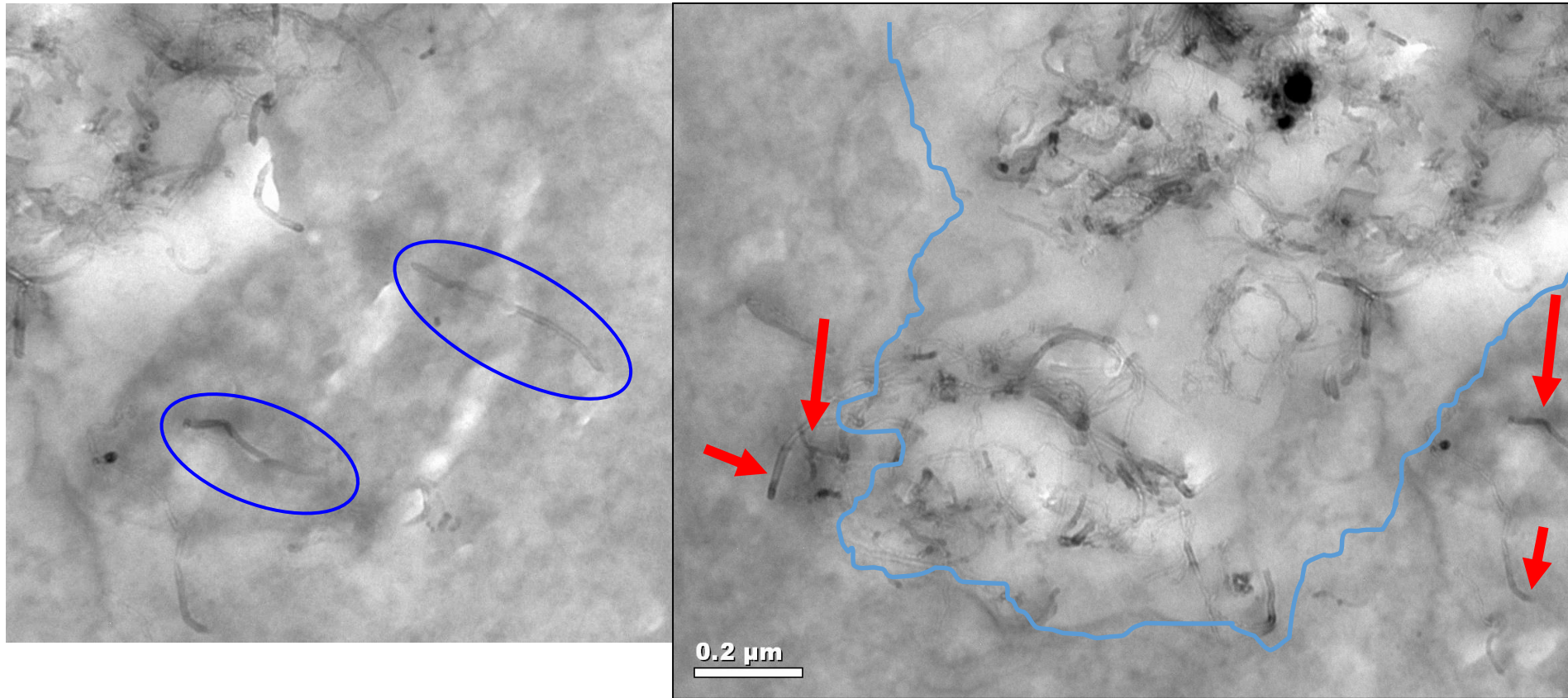
70-80% of 300nm CNTs (green) intracellular

2-3% translocate to the basolateral compartment



Uptake of MWCNTs by human respiratory alveolar epithelial cells

700nm 4VP CNTs, T=24h

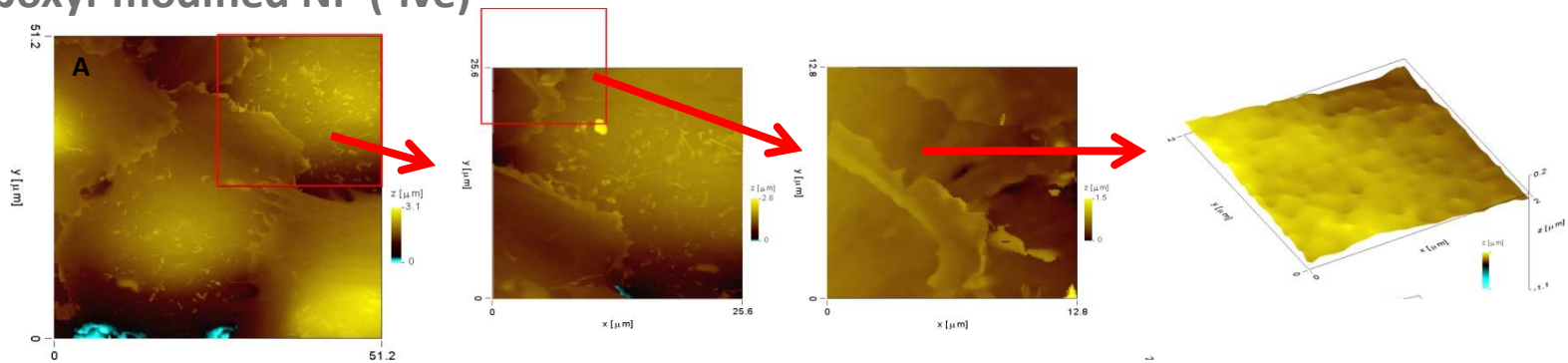


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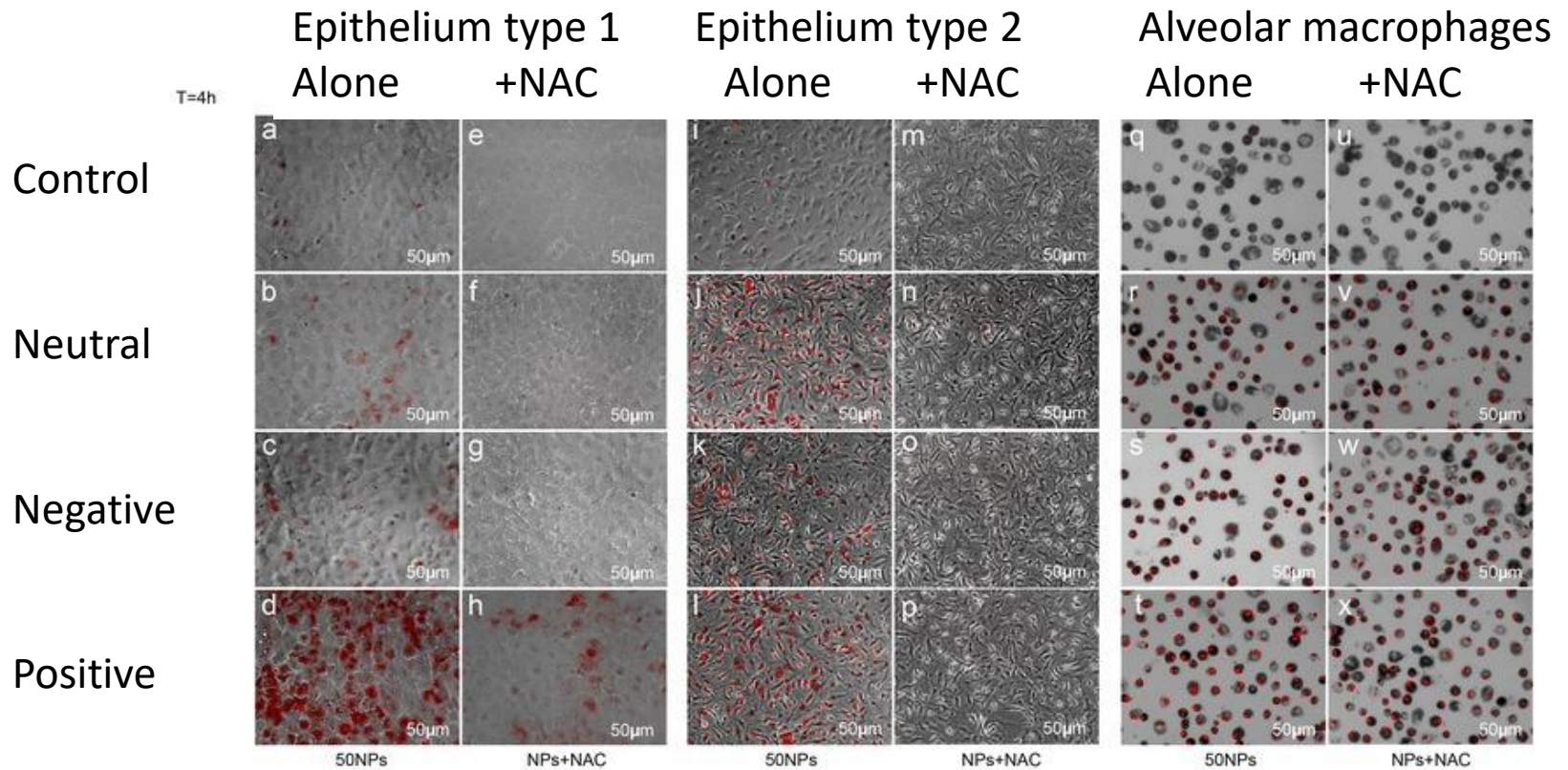
Hopping probe ion conductance microscopy of human respiratory alveolar epithelial cells exposed to carboxyl-modified and amine-modified particles for 4 hours.

Carboxyl-modified NP (-ive)

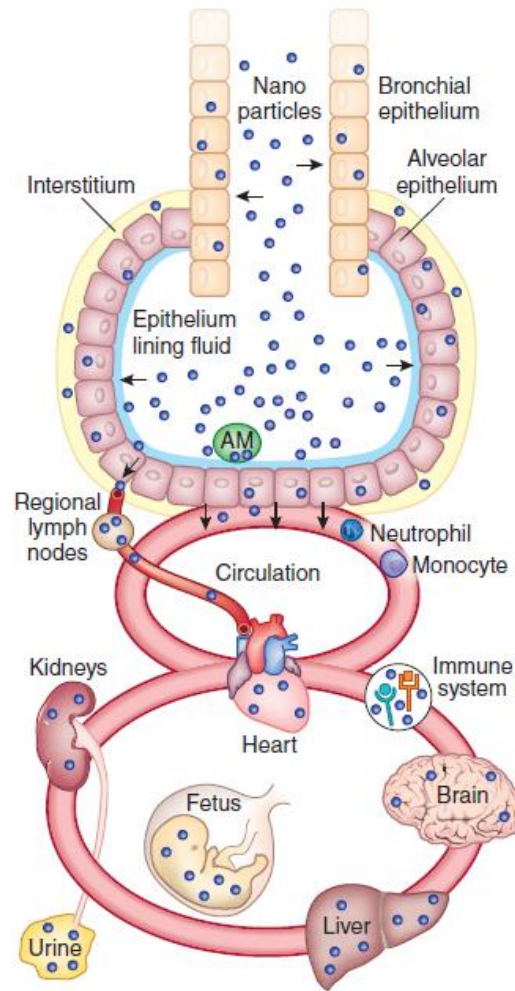


Ruenraroengsak et al. Respiratory epithelial cell cytotoxicity and membrane damage (holes) caused by amine-modified nanoparticles, Nanotoxicology 2012, 6:94-108

Nanoparticle-induced reactive oxygen species (ROS), importance of surface charge and protection by antioxidant treatment.



Systemic impact of inhaled PM_{2.5} and PM_{0.1}



Association between PM_{2.5} and constituents of PM_{2.5} and preterm delivery in California 2000-2006.

Basu et al. Paed. Perinatal Epidemiology, 2017; 31:424-434

231,637 births; 23,265 preterm births

50% PTB were 25-34 years old

PM_{2.5} data from 7 monitor sites, collected every 3rd or 6th day

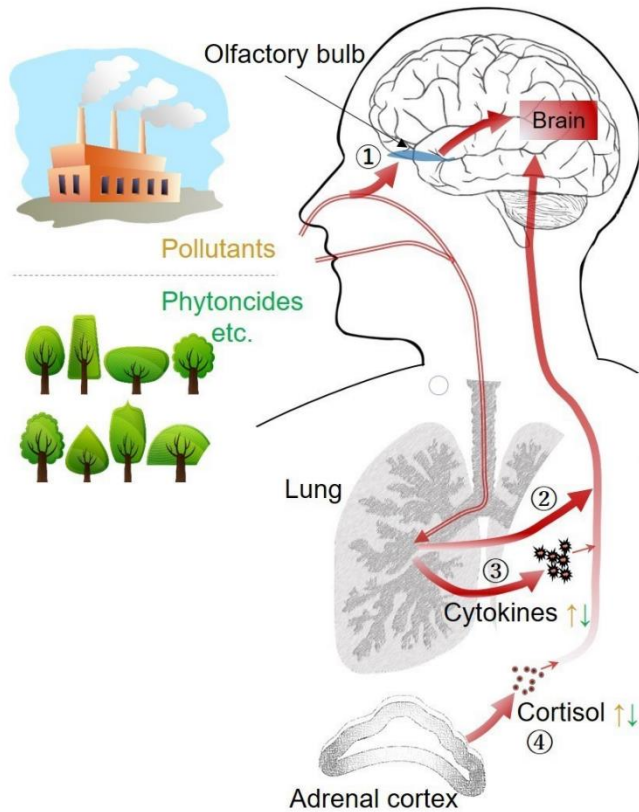
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Long term exposure

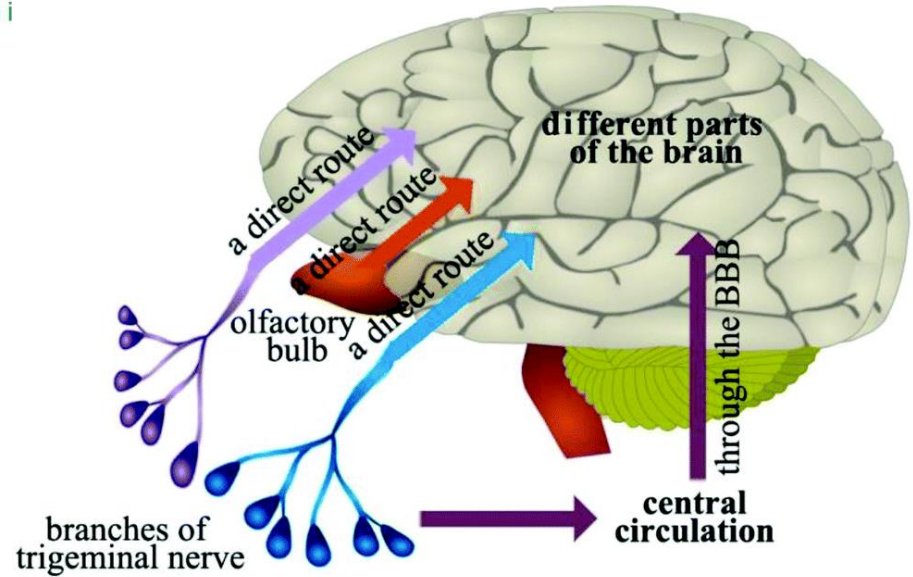
Hispanic and Asian background

<u>Constituent</u>	<u>overall % change</u>
Total PM_{2.5}	+16.4 (13.5-19.5)
NH₄⁺	+21.2 (17.1-25.4)
NO₃⁻	+18.1 (14.9-21.4)
Br	+16.7 (13.2-20.3)
Elem. Carbon	+10.9 (6.3-15.6)
Zn	+14.4 (10.3-18.6)
Cl	-8.2 (-10.3 - -6.0)
Na	-13.2 (-15.2 - -11.3)
Na⁺	-11.9 (-14.1 - -9.6)
V	-19.2 (-25.3 - -12.6)

Particulate pollution can reach/affect the brain

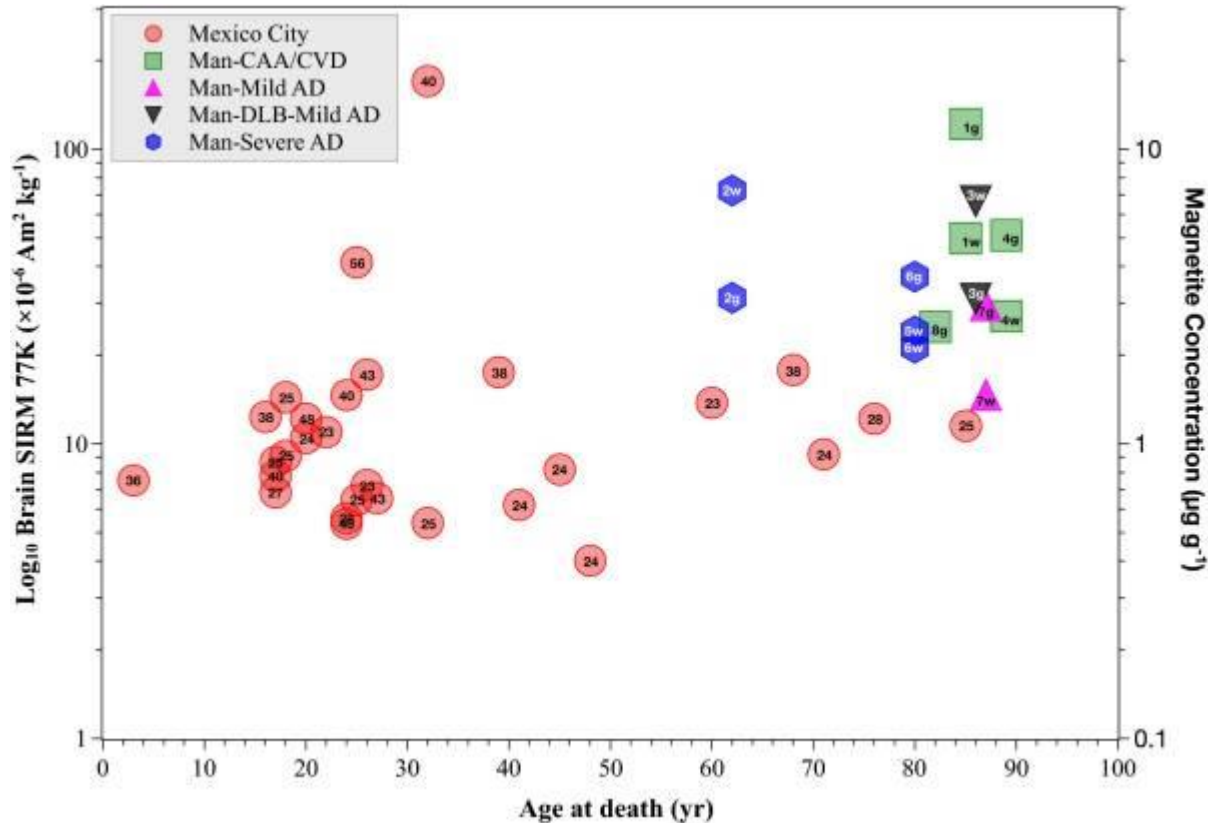


- Neuroinflammation \uparrow
- Cerebrovascular damage \uparrow
- PFC damage \uparrow **Pre frontal cortex**
- Cerebral volume \downarrow
- PFC activation at rest \downarrow
- Neural network efficiency \uparrow
- Volume i



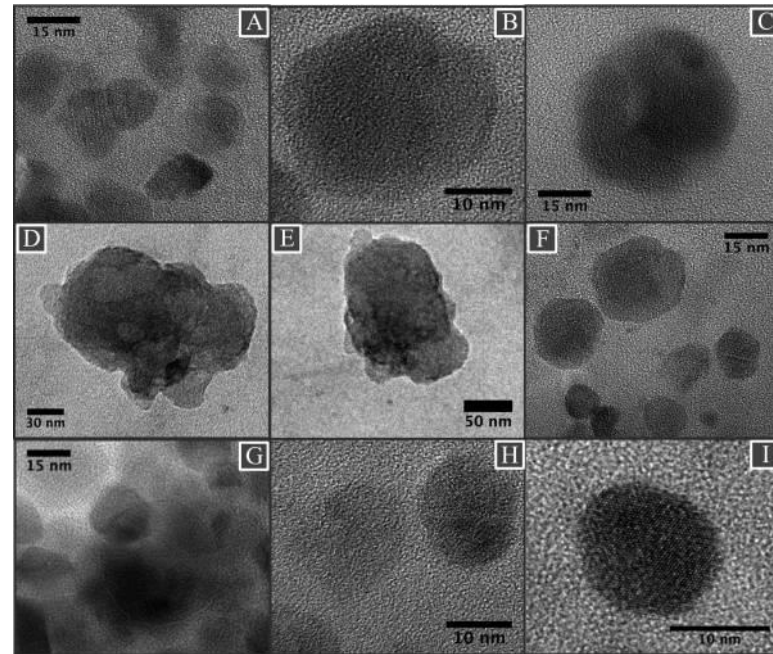
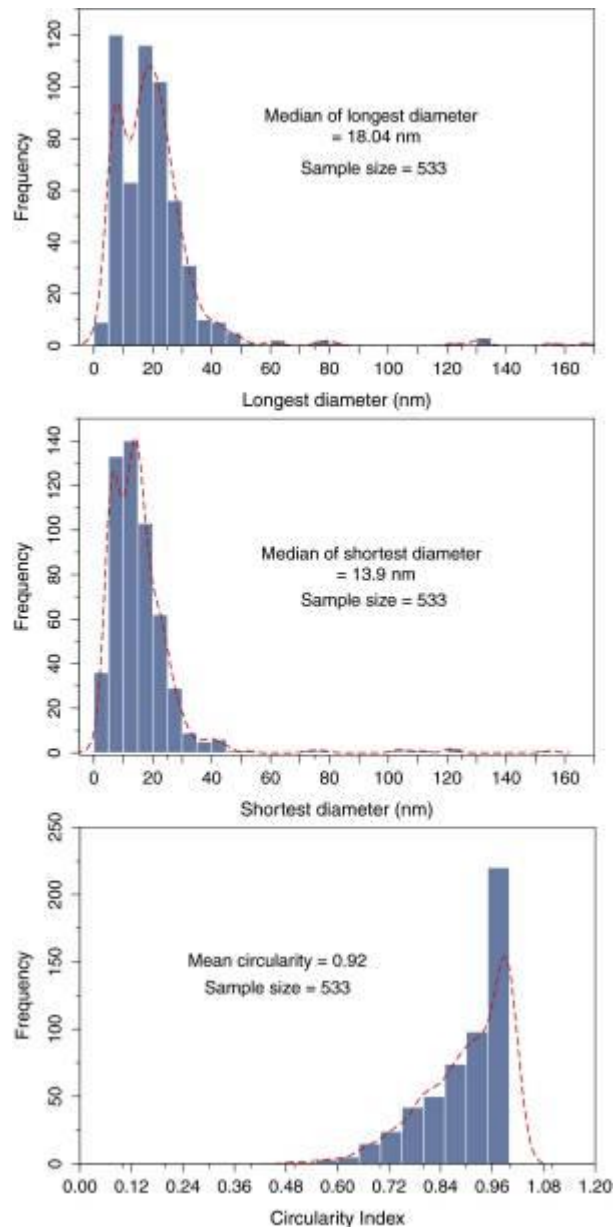
Magnetite pollution particles in the human brain

Maher BA et al Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A. 2016 Sep 27;113(39):10797-801



Magnetite concentration (micrograms per gram) for frontal cortex samples versus age at death, Mexico City and Manchester cases. The annual mean airborne PM_{2.5} concentration (micrograms per cubic meter) is given for the residence area of the Mexican cases (inside each data symbol); SIRM values for gray (g) and white (w) matter are given for the Manchester cases, together with their clinical diagnosis upon death (CAA, cerebral amyloid angiopathy; CVD, cerebrovascular disease; DLB, dementia with Lewy bodies)

Characteristics of magnetite isolated from brain tissues was that generated at high temperatures as in exhaust emissions



Effect of particulate air pollution on mental health

- Exposure in utero and during childhood is associated with delayed mental development, poorer cognitive abilities, and lower academic achievement
- Exposure in the elderly is associated with faster cognitive decline
- Short term acute exposure to PM_{10} and $PM_{2.5}$ is associated with increased suicide
- Increased $PM_{2.5}$ aggravates neuropsychiatric symptoms and related to impaired cognition/understanding

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- Brain tissue from 11 months to 40 years of age; 179 subjects
- Olfactory bulb tissues analysed for proteins and markers of Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease which were elevated in those exposed to chronic, high levels of PM, which were markedly different even in the second decade
- Those with APOE4 gene (susceptibility) exhibited far greater changes than those with APOE3 gene
- Those with APOE4 gene 5 times more likely to commit suicide

SUMMARY

- There are significant systemic health effects of ambient air pollution particles
- Size, chemistry and shape matters
- Susceptibility eg age, defence mechanisms, genetics, existing disease all play a part
- Mechanisms involved remain unclear

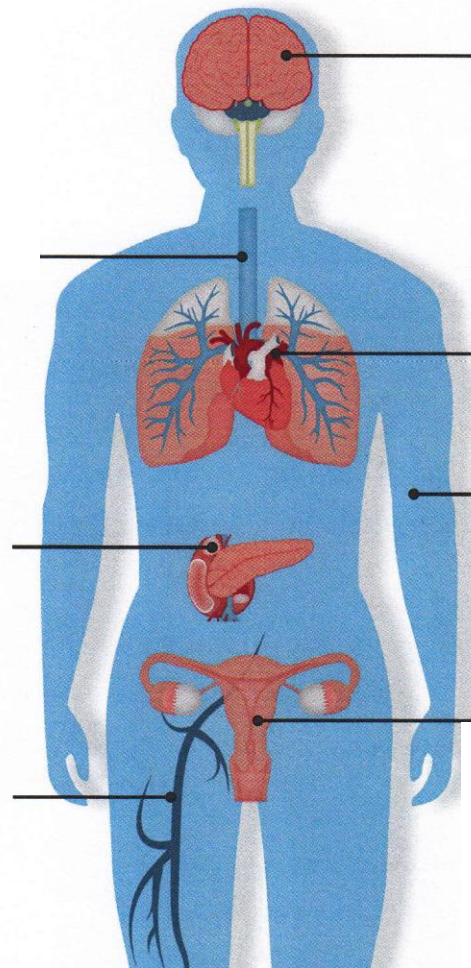
Health effects of air pollution

Respiratory disease –
COPD, asthma,
infection, lung cancer

Reduced lung growth
Reduced lung function

Type 2 diabetes
Type 1 diabetes
Liver toxicity
Renal disease
Altered bone metabolism

High blood pressure
Endothelial dysfunction
Increased blood clotting
Systemic inflammation
Thrombosis
Atherosclerosis



Strokes
Neurological development
Mental health
Neurodegenerative disorders

Cardiovascular disease –
myocardial infarction, cardiac
arrhythmia, cardiac failure

Accelerated aging
Autoimmune
rheumatic disease

Premature birth
Low birth weight
Reduced/delayed foetal growth
Lower sperm quality, infertility
Preeclampsia

THANK YOU

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Brain: Stroke, Dementia, Parkinson's Disease

Eye: Conjunctivitis, Dry Eye Disease, Blepharitis, Cataracts



Heart: Ischemic Heart Disease, Hypertension, Congestive Heart Failure, Arrhythmias

Lung: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Asthma, Lung Cancer, Chronic Laryngitis, Acute and Chronic Bronchitis



Liver: Hepatic Steatosis, Hepatocellular carcinoma

Blood: Leukemia, Intravascular Coagulation, Anemia, Sickle Cell Pain Crises



Fat: Metabolic Syndrome, Obesity

Pancreas: Type I and II Diabetes



Gastrointestinal: Gastric Cancer, Colorectal Cancer, Inflammatory Bowel Disease, Crohn's Disease, Appendicitis



Urogenital: Bladder Cancer, Kidney Cancer, Prostate Hyperplasia



Joints: Rheumatic Diseases

Bone: Osteoporosis, Fractures



Nose: Allergic Rhinitis

Skin: Atopic Skin Disease, Skin Aging, Urticaria, Dermographism, Seborrhea, Acne

