

Nanotoxicology - its chronic aspects

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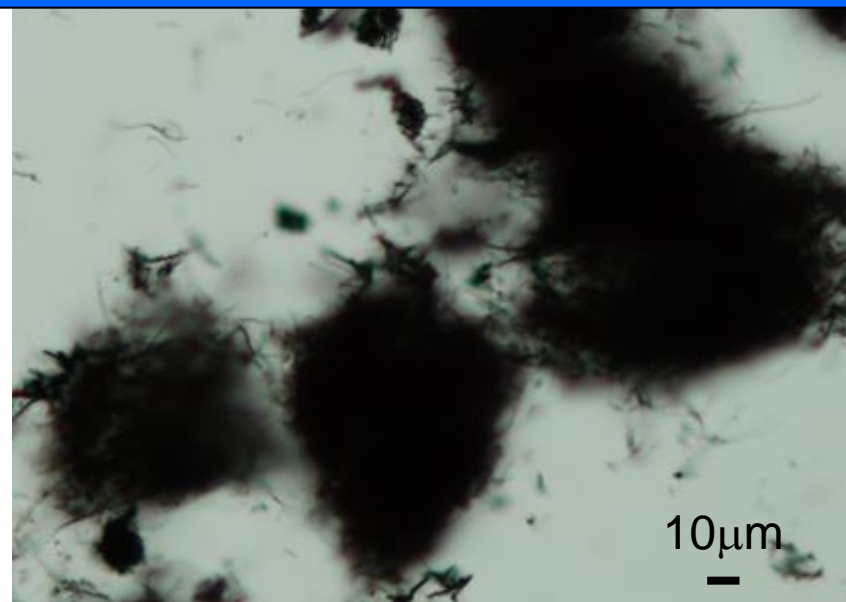
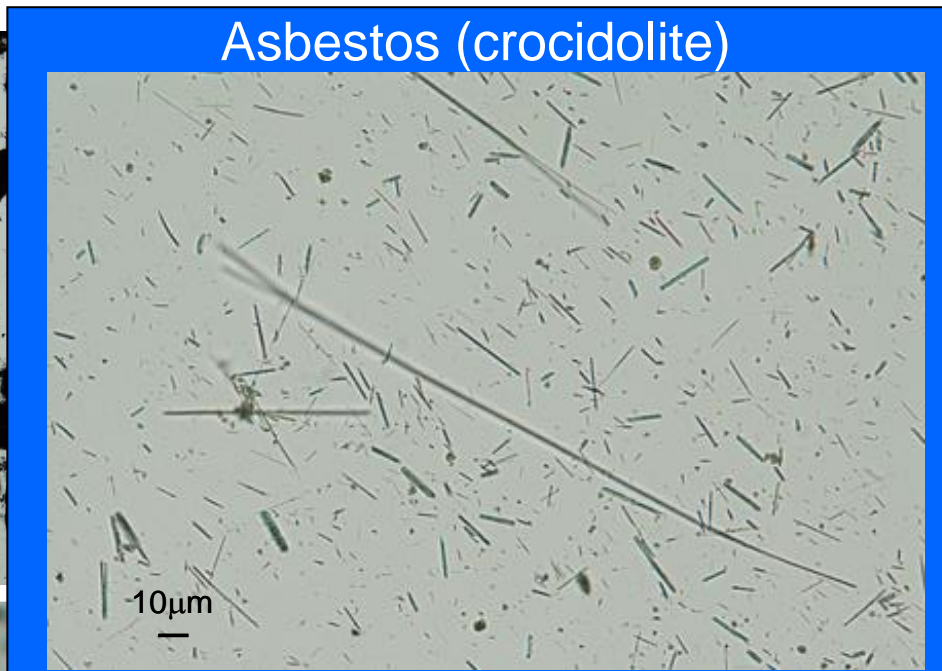
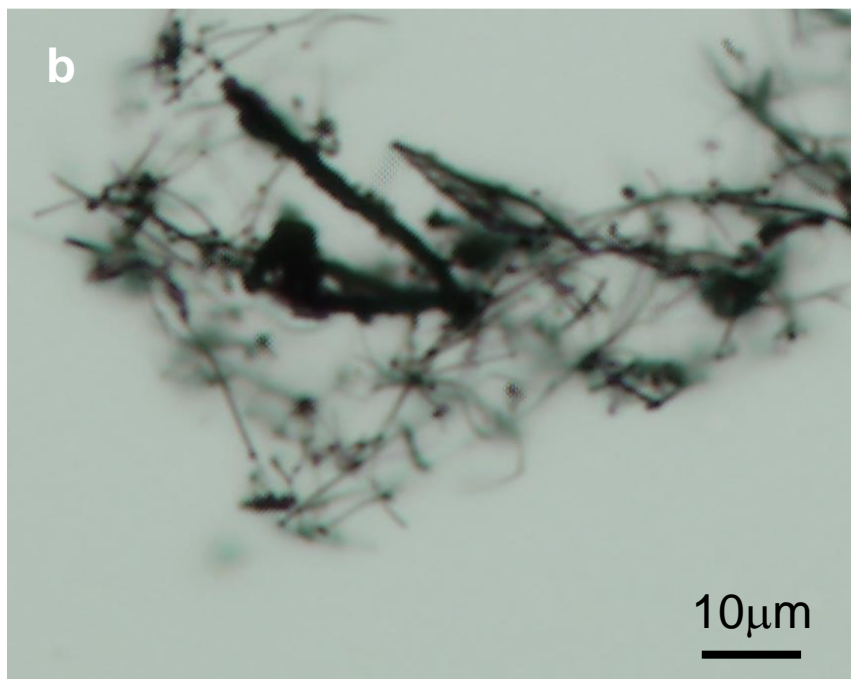
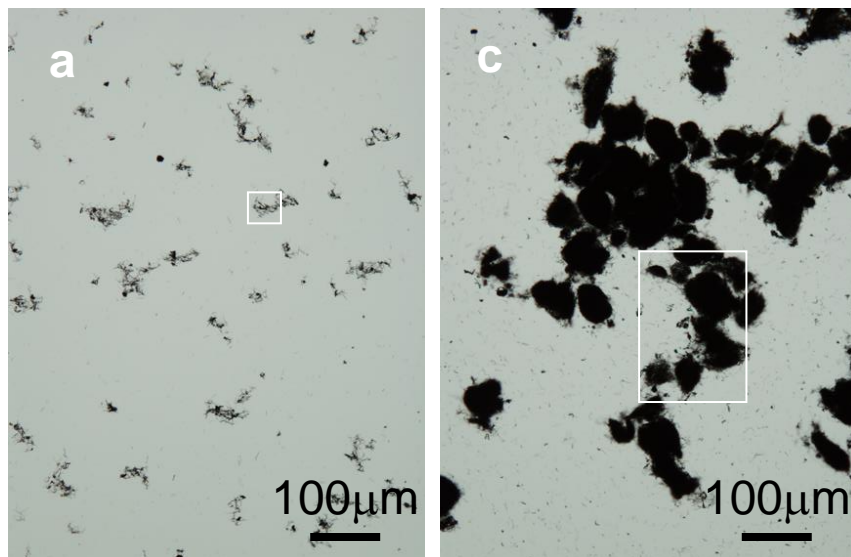
Human Examples of Chronic Particulate Matter Toxicity

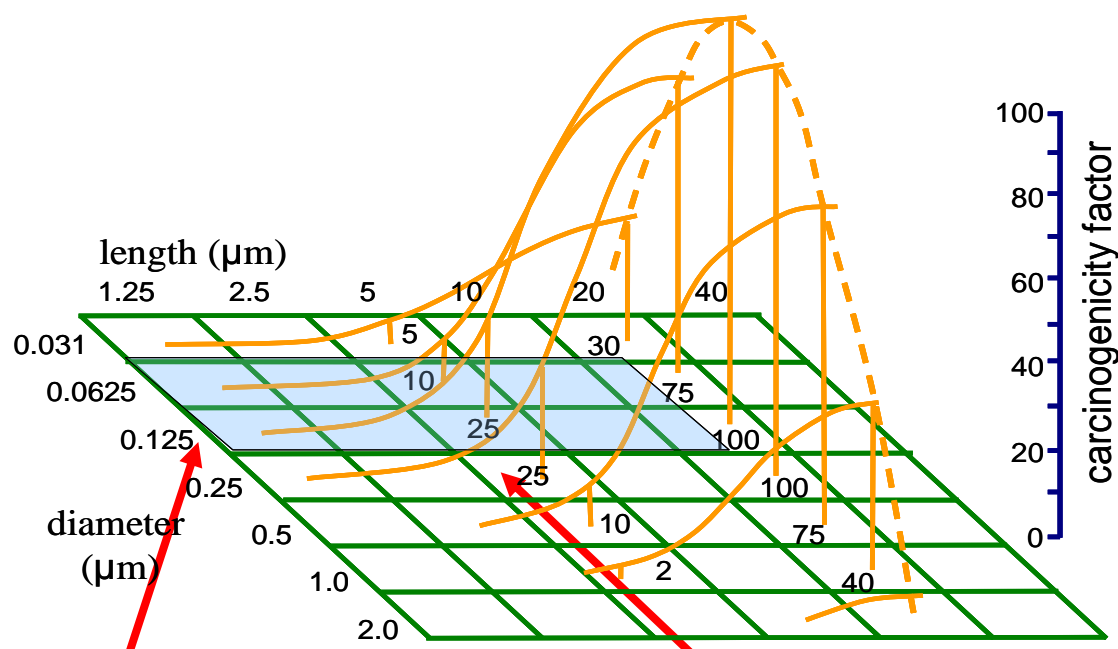
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- **Thorotrast** (3-10 nm-sized biopersistent thorium dioxide particles; reticuloendothelial system (RES) deposition with *in vivo* half life of 22~400 years)
- (**Welding** fume and cardiovascular diseases)

Current status

- Knowledge of asbestos has facilitated the analysis on biological effects of μm -MWCNT.
- Thorotrast foretells entrapment of biopersistent nanoparticles by the reticuloendothelial system for a very long time period.
- Biopersistent nanoparticles may show low acute toxicity, but could show chronic toxicity.
- Study protocols should be set in a case-by-case basis, at least for the moment.

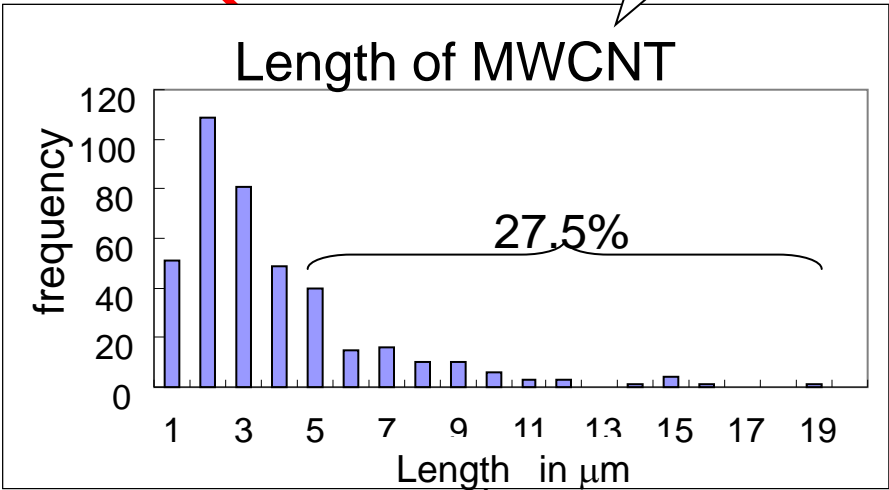
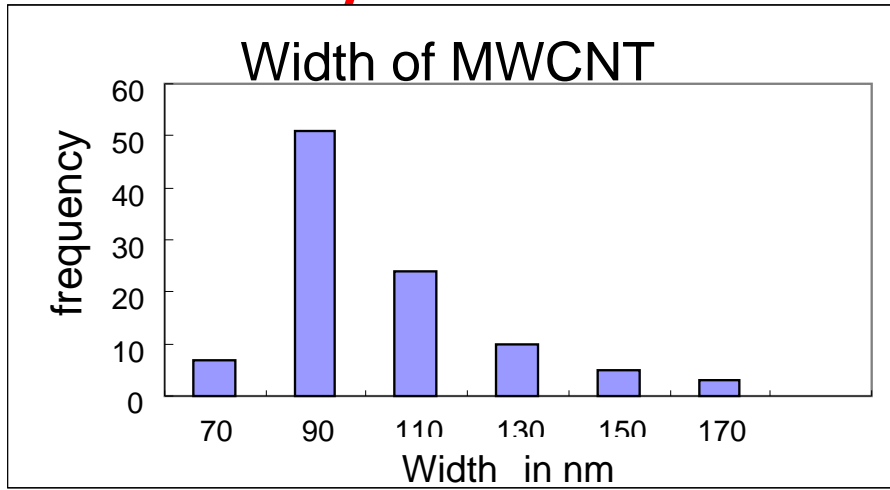
MWCNT (Mitsui)



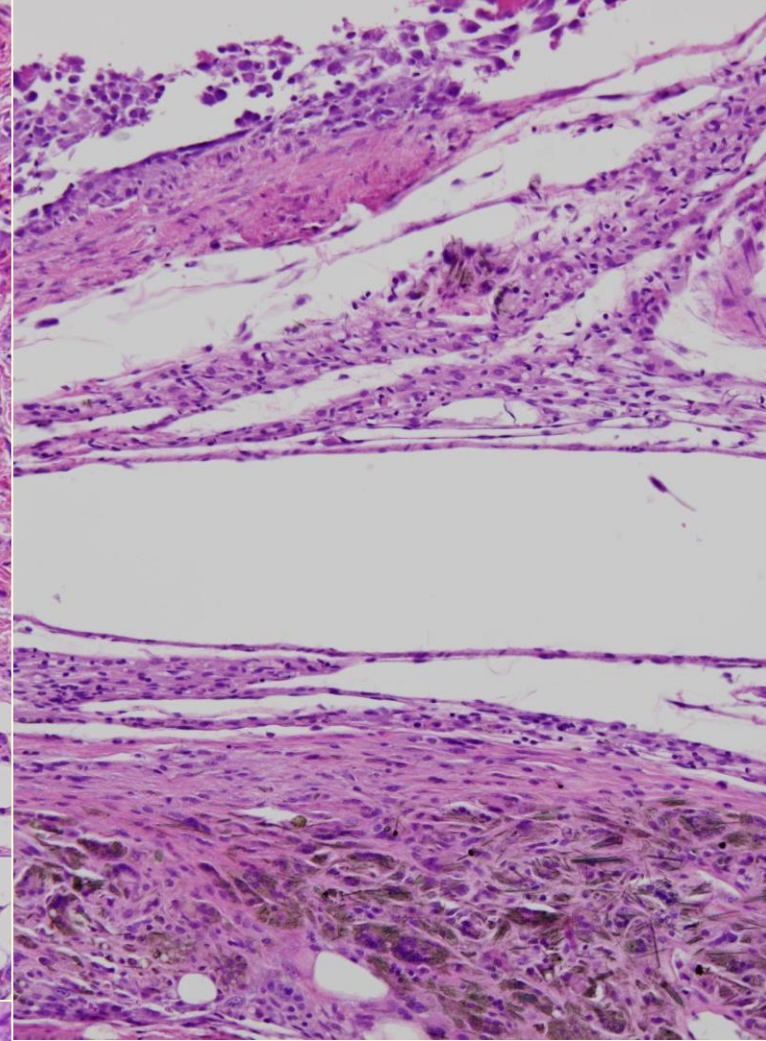
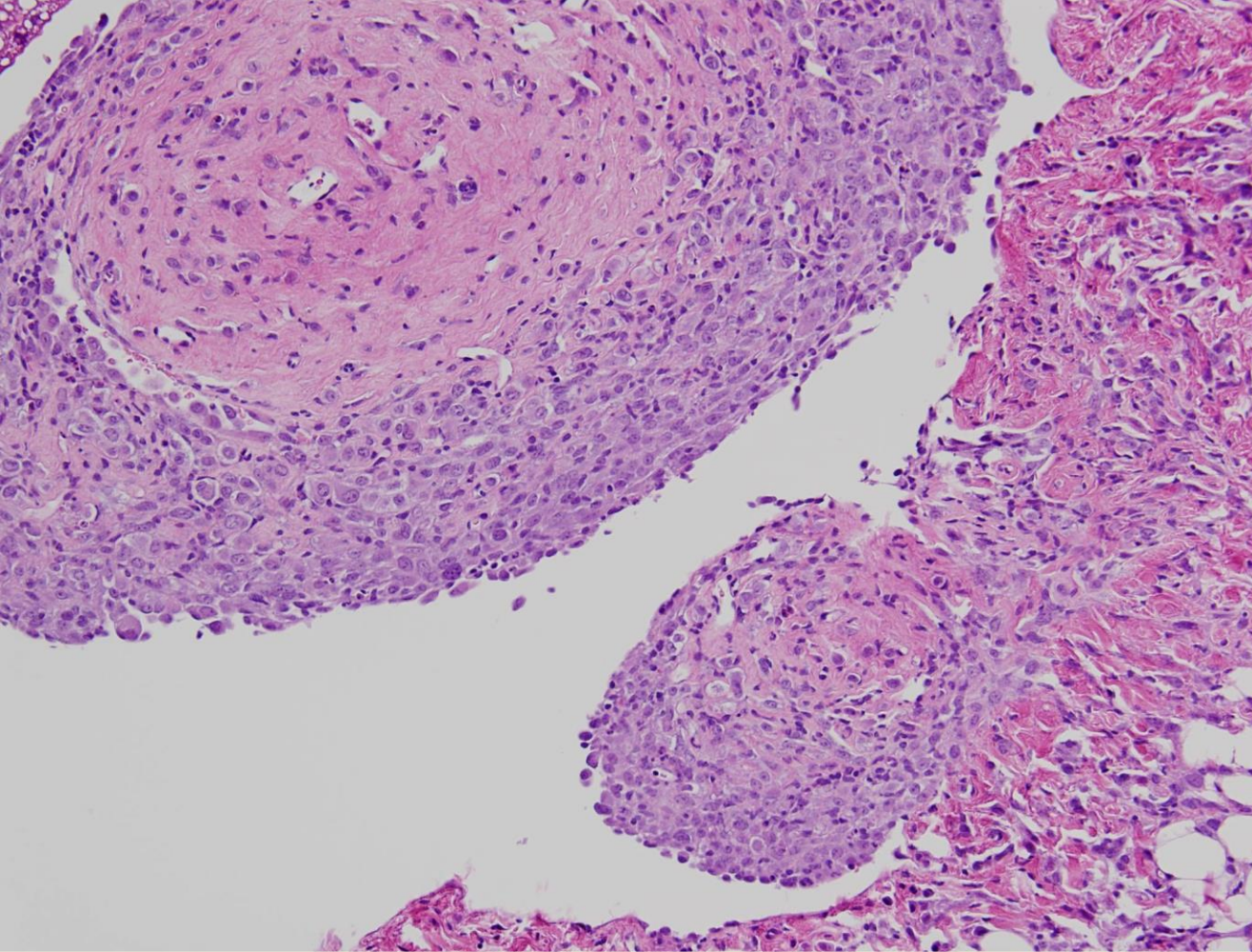


Hypothesis on the carcinogenic potency of a fibre as a function of its size with some data on "carcinogenicity factors". From: Pott (1978).

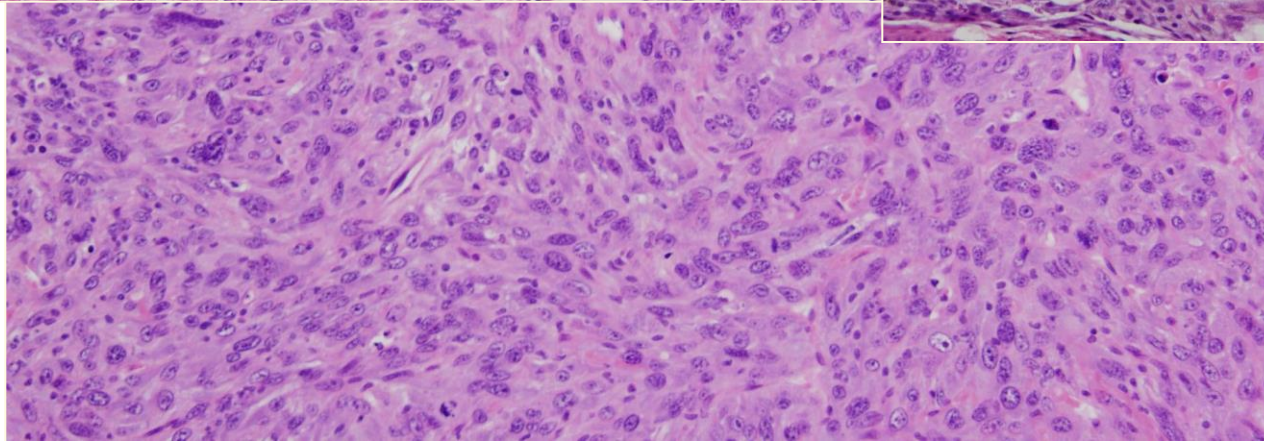
Measured at the Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Public Health



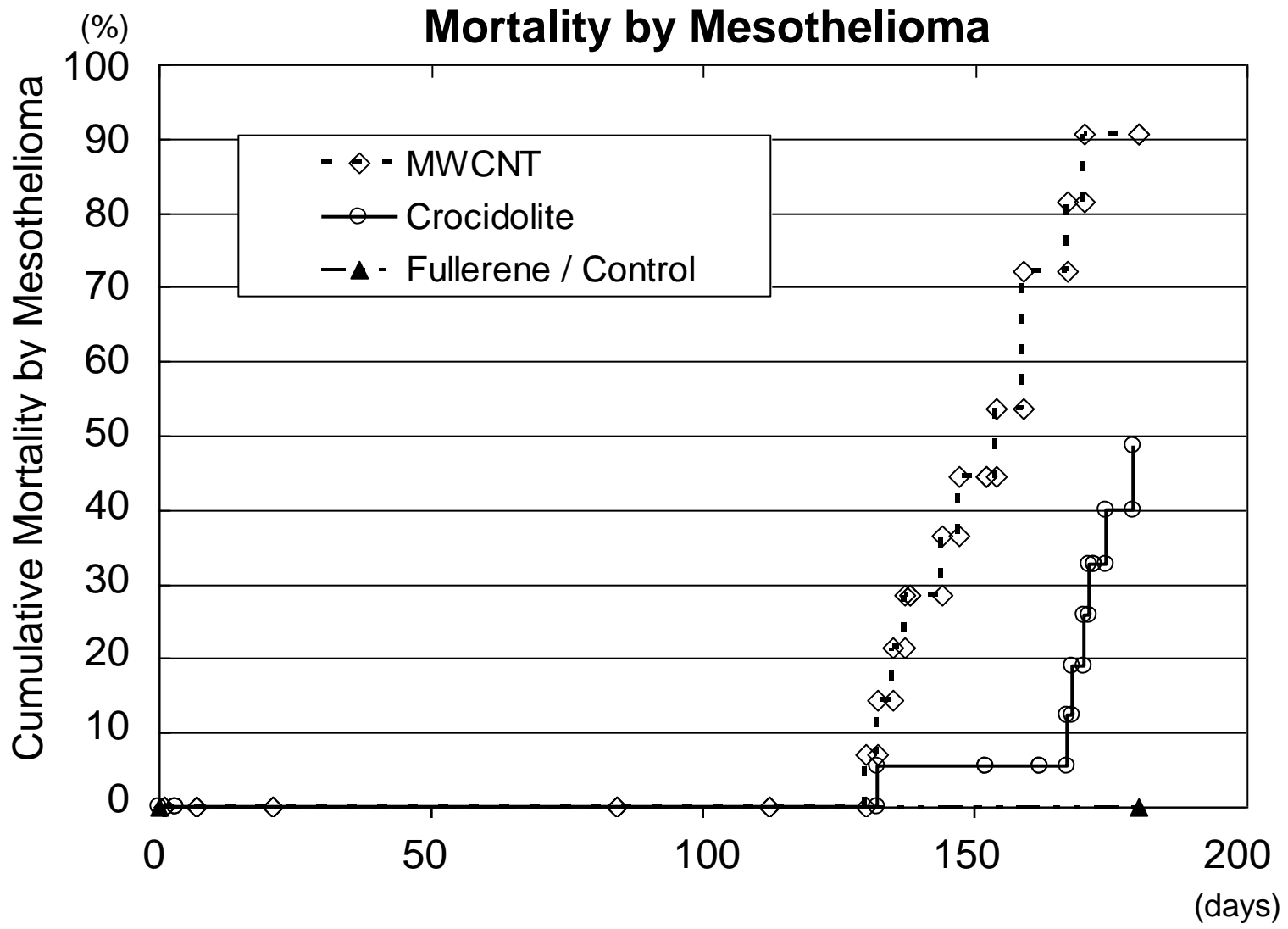
MWCNT : 3mg/animal = 1.06 X10⁹ fiber/mouse = 1.86 X10⁸ WHO fiber/mouse)



crocidolite



3,000 $\mu\text{g}/\text{animal} = 1 \times 10^9$ fiber /animal



Original Article

Induction of mesothelioma in p53+/- mouse by intraperitoneal application of multi-wall carbon nanotube

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The asbestos analogy revisited

Direct injection of long multiwalled carbon nanotubes into the abdominal cavity of mice produces asbestos-like pathogenic behaviour. What does this finding mean for nanotube safety?

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The possibility that carbon nanotubes would show asbestos-like behaviour in the human body was raised ten years ago with a call for appropriate research¹. Exposure to asbestos is known to cause mesothelioma — cancer of the lining of the lungs (pleura) and abdominal cavity (peritoneum). The nanotube and asbestos analogy relies on several points of material similarity: small fibre diameter, long length and chemical stability in physiological environments (biopersistence). There are also differences between these two fibrous materials, such as their chemical composition and surface properties, so the validity and usefulness of the nanotube and asbestos analogy have been unclear. Two recent studies provide important new insight into the possibility that carbon nanotubes may indeed induce mesothelioma — a disease that is rare

in unexposed populations and is thus a sensitive marker for asbestos exposure.

On page 423 of this issue², Ken Donaldson of the MRC/University of Edinburgh and co-workers in the UK and US report that long multiwalled carbon nanotubes (MWNTs) injected directly into the abdominal cavity of mice induce inflammation, formation of nodular lesions called granulomas and early fibrosis or scarring in the mesothelial lining. Shorter nanotubes had much less of an effect, as did carbon black nanoparticles used as a non-fibrous reference material. A seven-day exposure did not induce mesothelioma, but the distribution and severity of these early inflammatory and granulomatous lesions are similar to those induced by long fibres of brown asbestos (amosite), which is known to induce significant toxicity and carcinogenicity in longer-term animal studies.

Another recent study³ by Jun Kanno of the National Institute of Health Sciences in Japan and colleagues from the Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Public Health shows that MWNTs, also injected into the abdominal cavity of

mice, induce malignant mesotheliomas in p53+/- heterozygous mice — a common genetically engineered mouse model. These mice are a useful laboratory model because they are sensitive to asbestos and can rapidly develop malignant mesothelioma following repeated exposure to asbestos fibres.

Using commercial MWNTs from the same suppliers as Donaldson and co-workers, the Japanese team observed granulomas and fibrosis in the mesothelial lining as well as tumours in 88% of the MWNT-treated mice after 25 weeks, in comparison with 79% in mice injected with crocidolite, a particularly potent form of asbestos. Minimal mesothelial reactions and no mesotheliomas were produced by the same mass dose of (non-fibrous) C₆₀ fullerene. The authors conclude that asbestos fibres and MWNTs may have similar carcinogenic potential on the basis of their fibrous geometry, biopersistence and ability to generate tissue-damaging free radicals.

Both of these reports identify key physical properties of carbon nanotubes that may be relevant for potential toxicity

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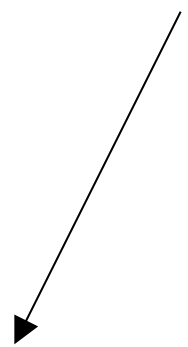
In the case of carbon nanotubes and other engineered nanoproducts, we are still within a ‘window of opportunity’ to develop safe material design and manufacturing strategies before commercialization becomes widespread.

Dose-dependent mesothelioma induction by intraperitoneal administration of multi-wall carbon nanotubes in p53 heterozygous mice

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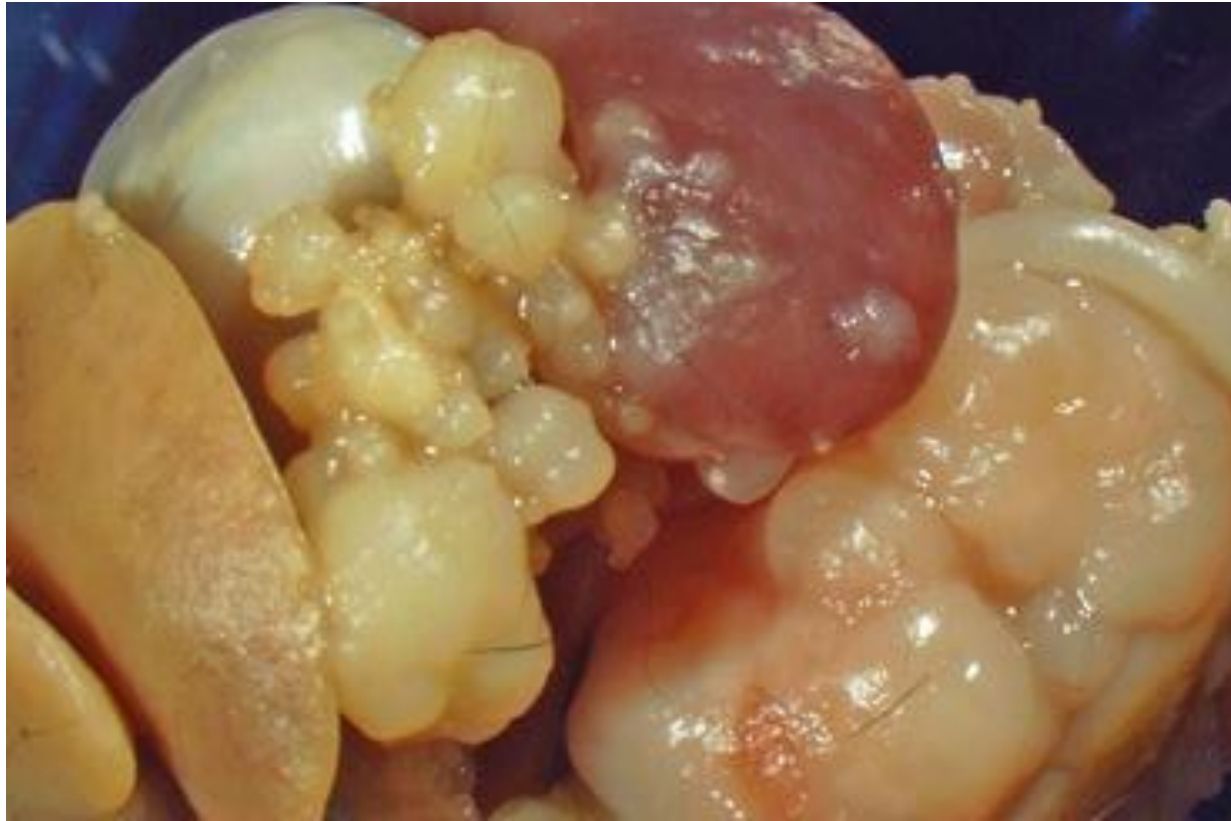
Three doses

- 300 μg/animal = 1x10⁸ fiber /animal
- 30 μg/animal = 1x10⁷ fiber /animal
- 3 μg/animal = 1x10⁶ fiber /animal



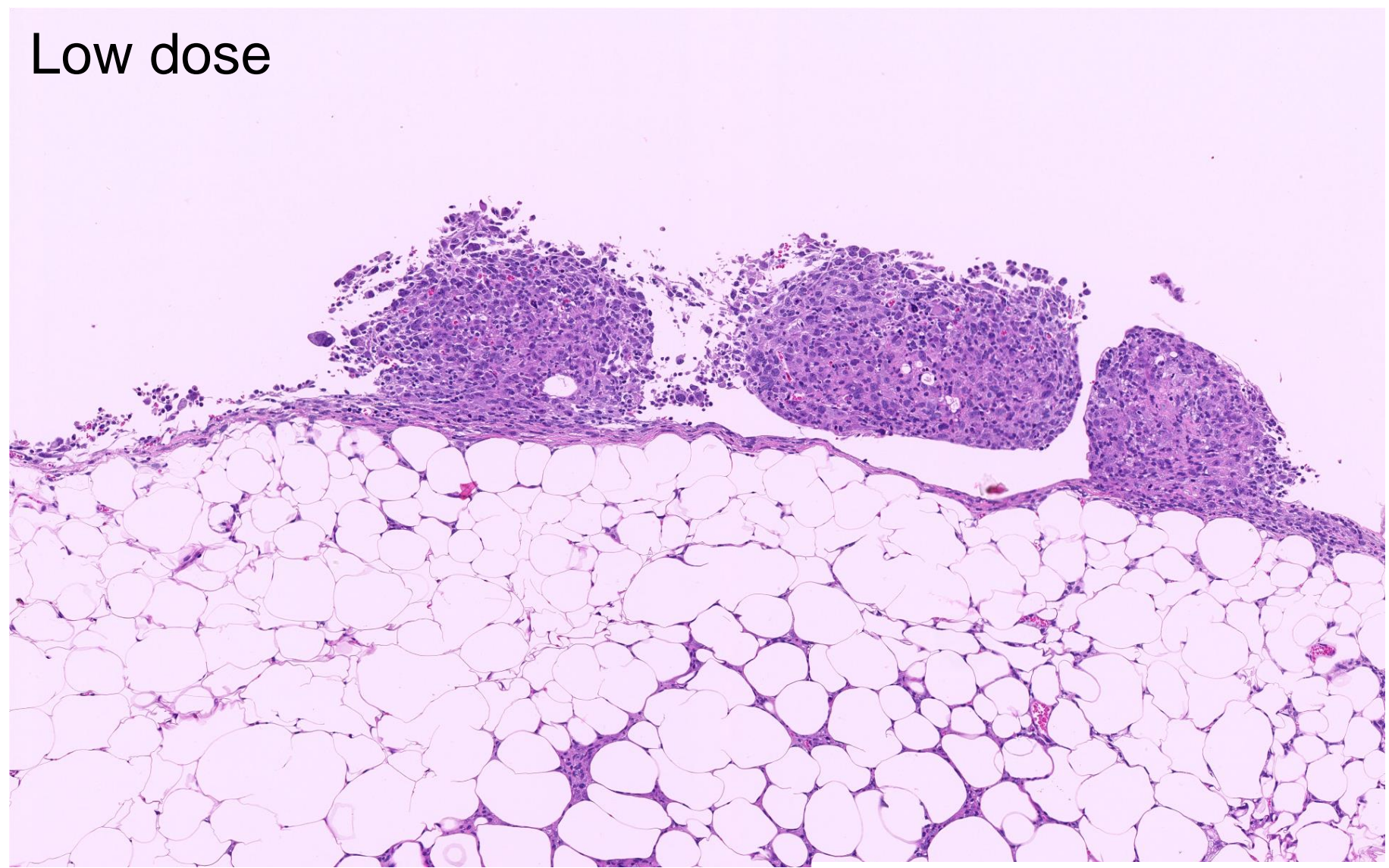
Low dose group #19

3 $\mu\text{g}/\text{animal}$ = 1/1,000 of the first study



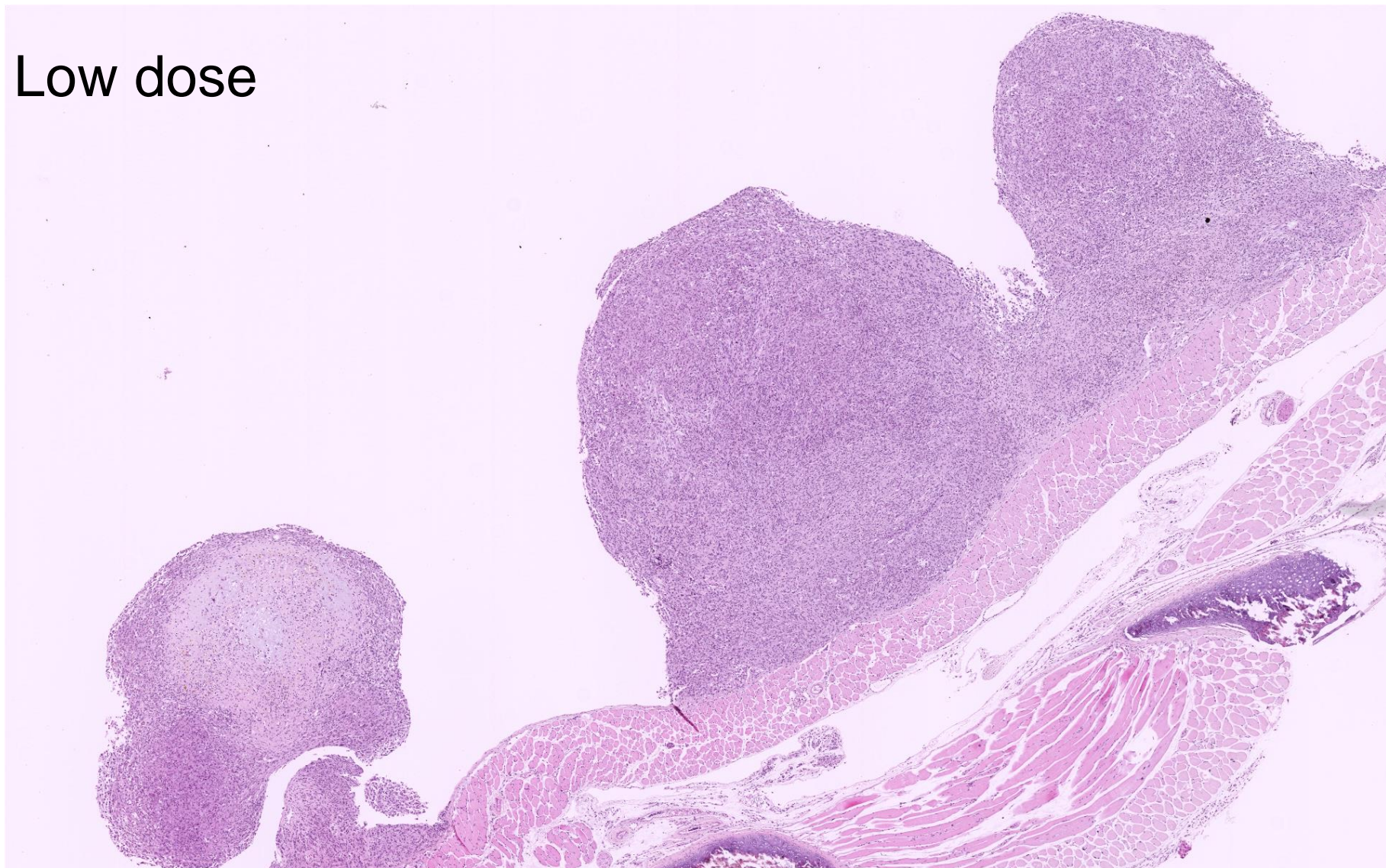
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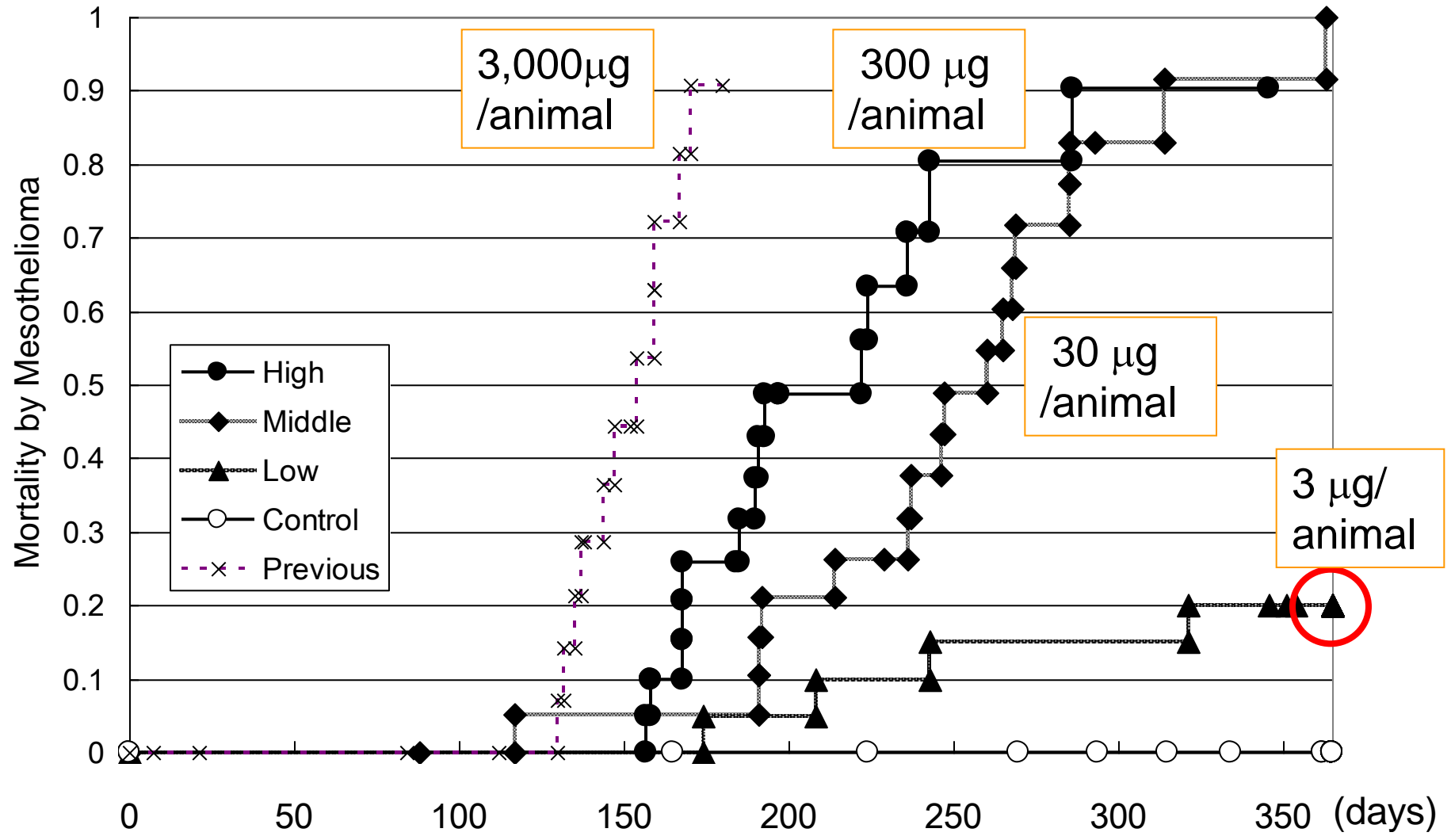
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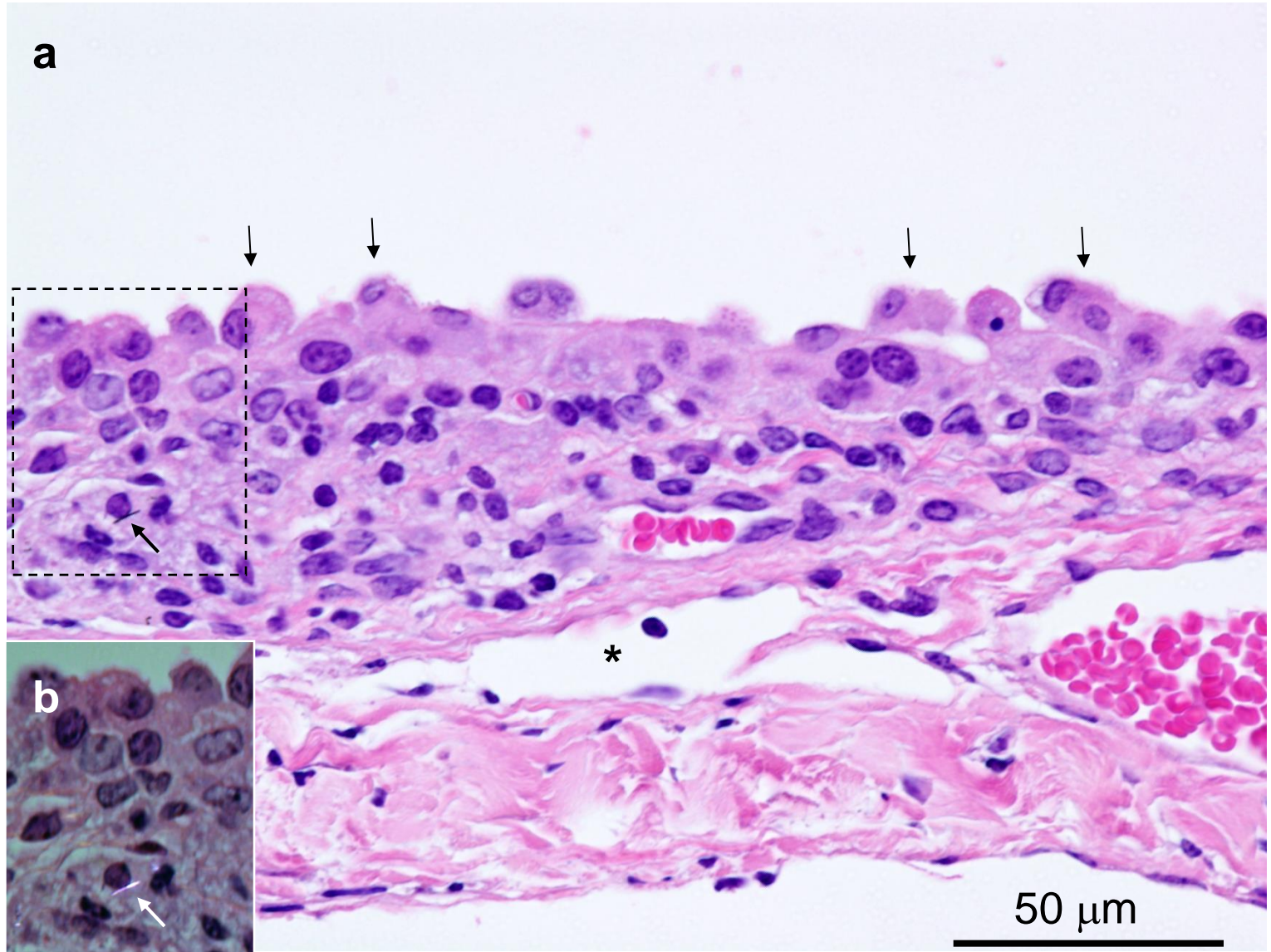
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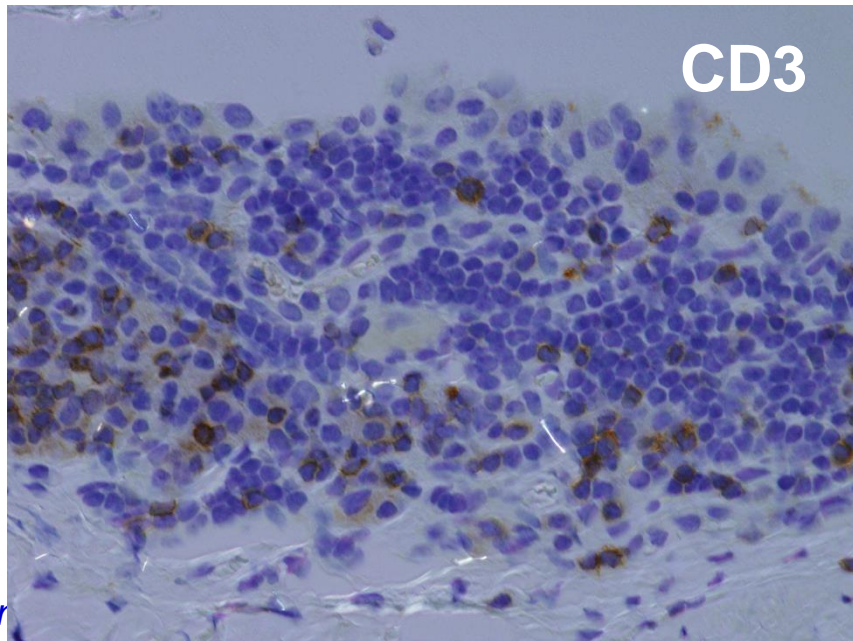
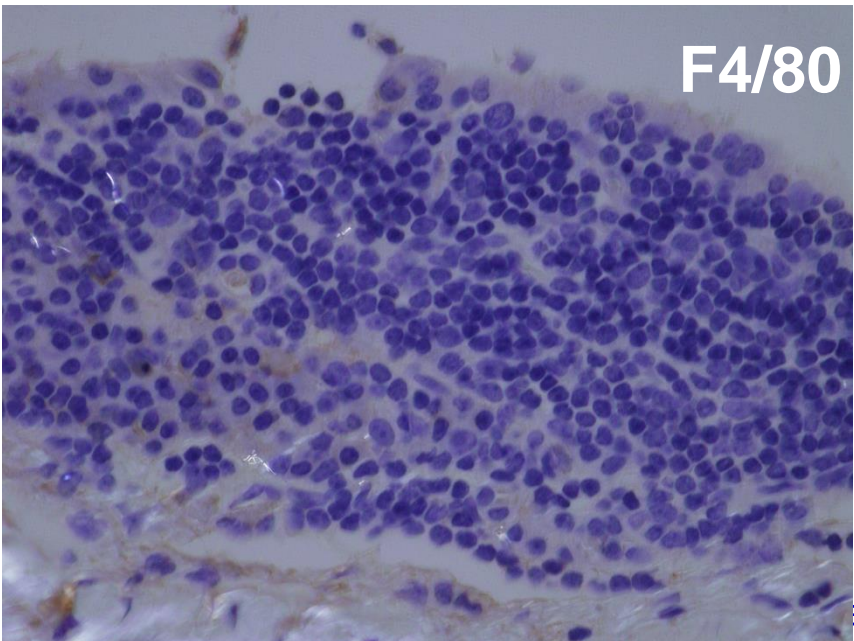
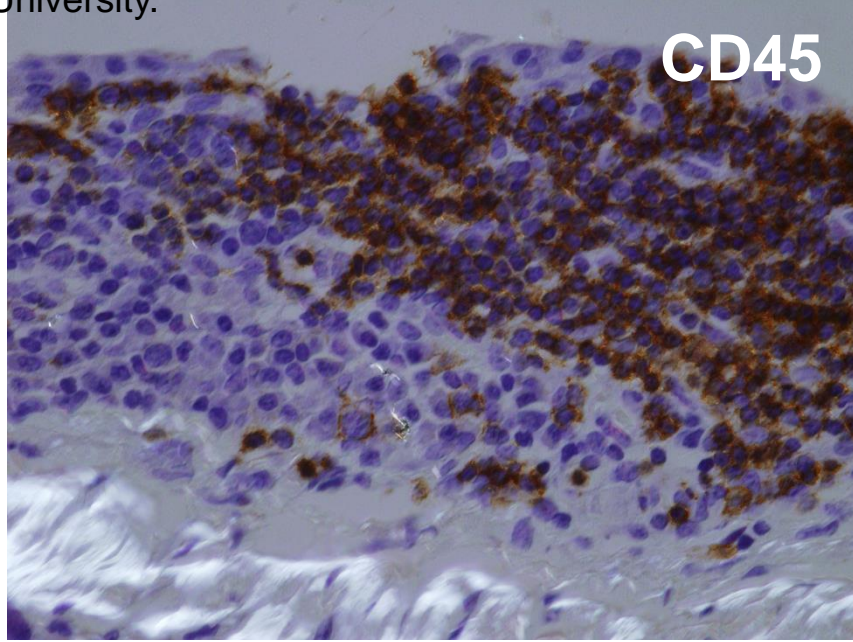
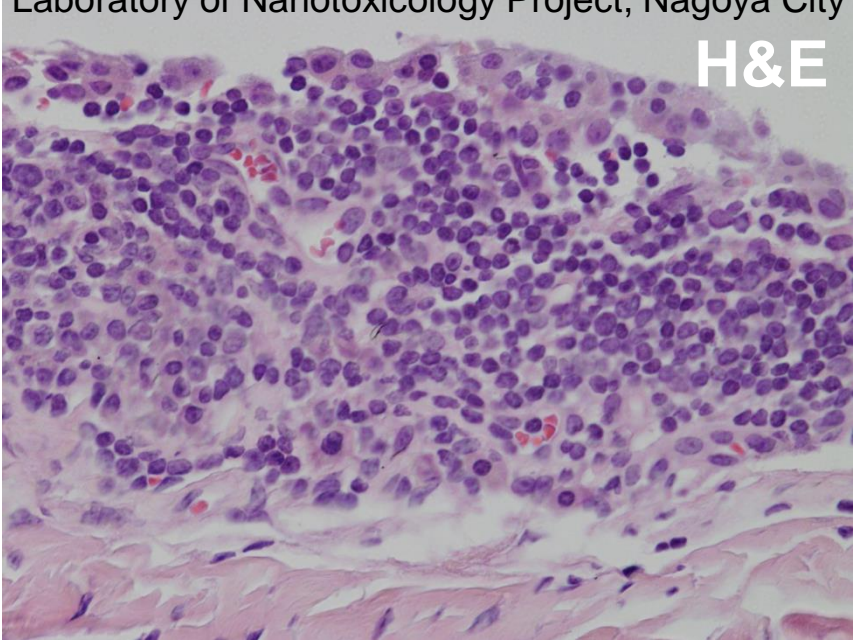


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Figure 3

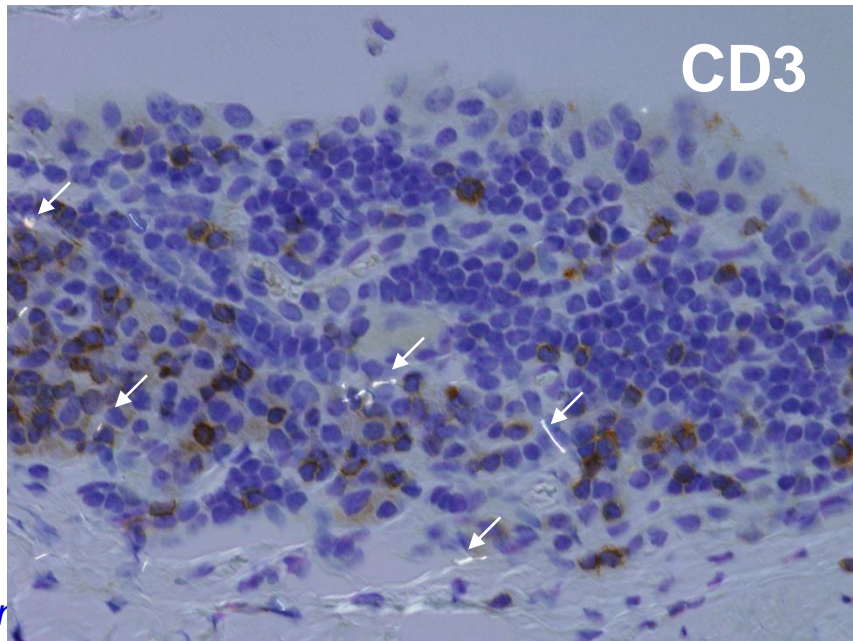
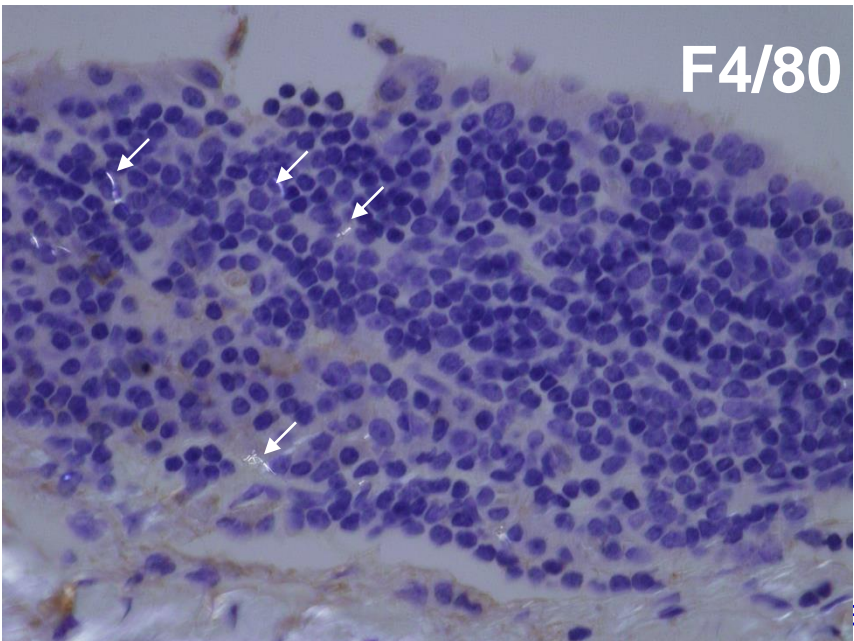
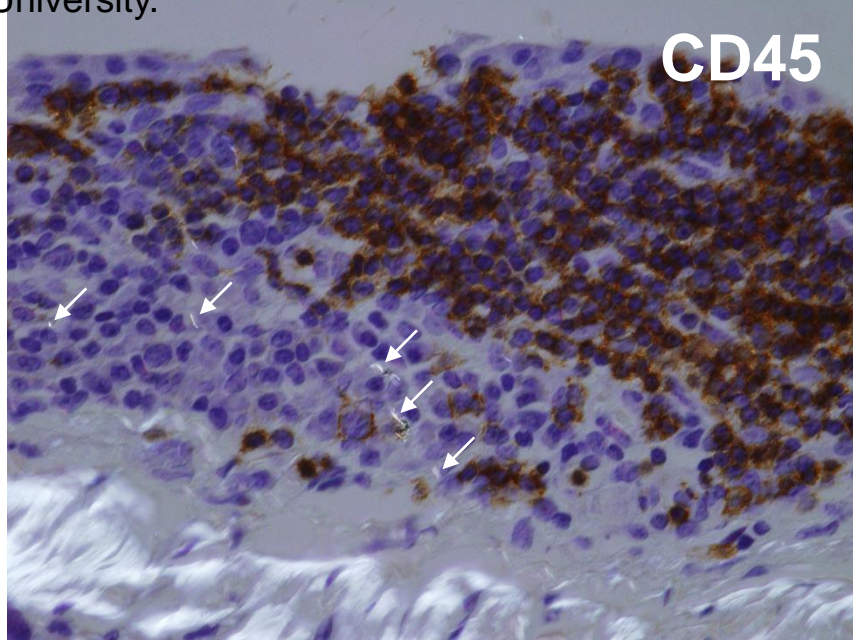
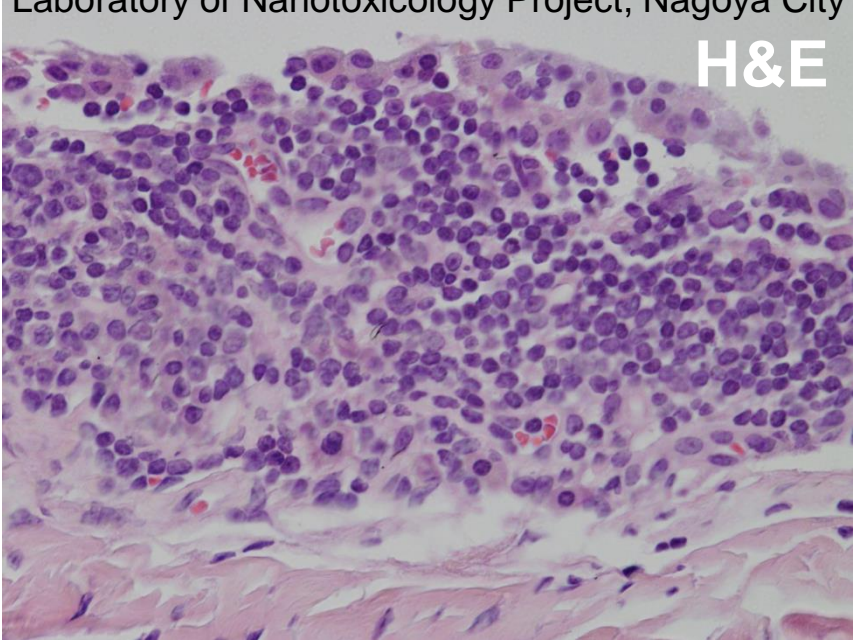


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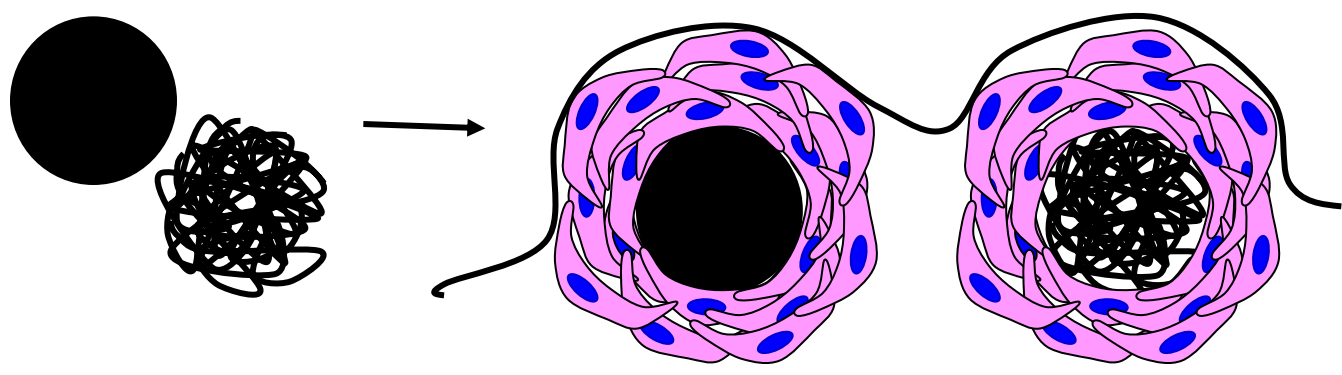
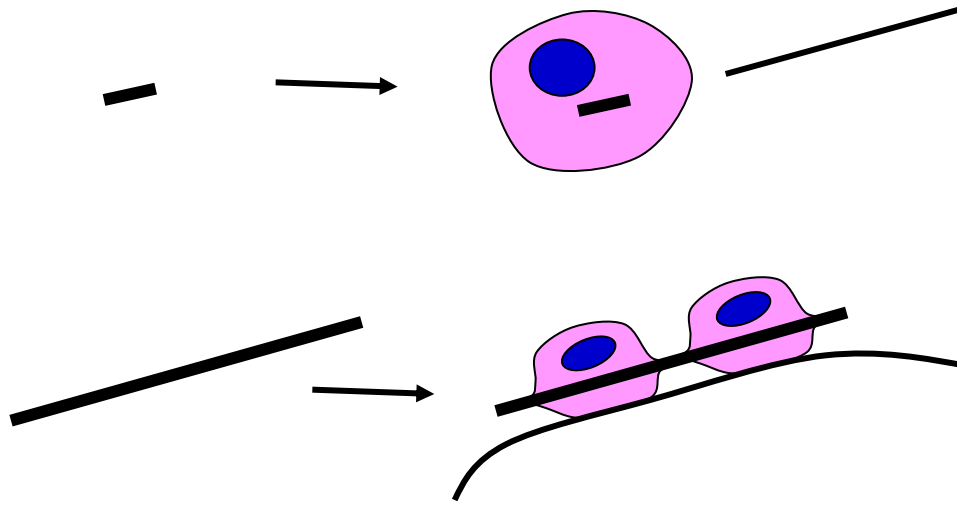
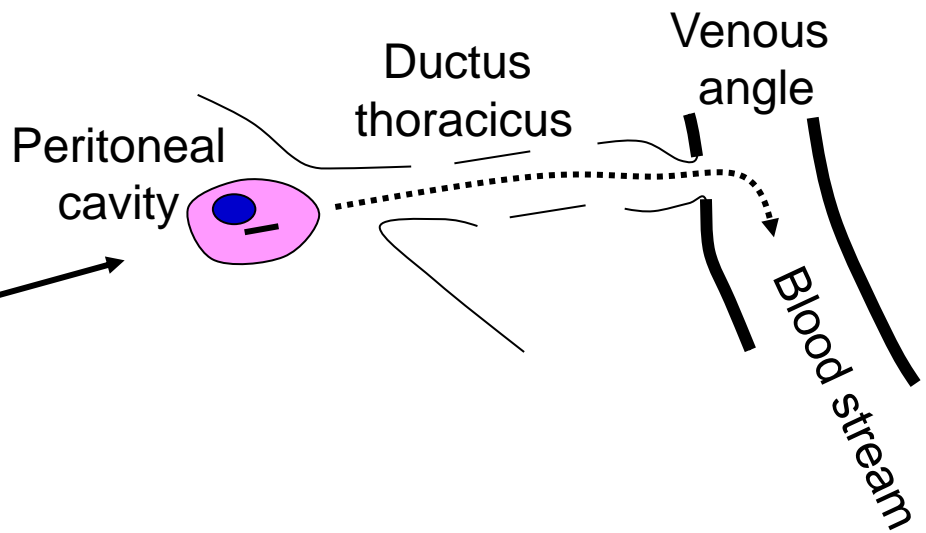
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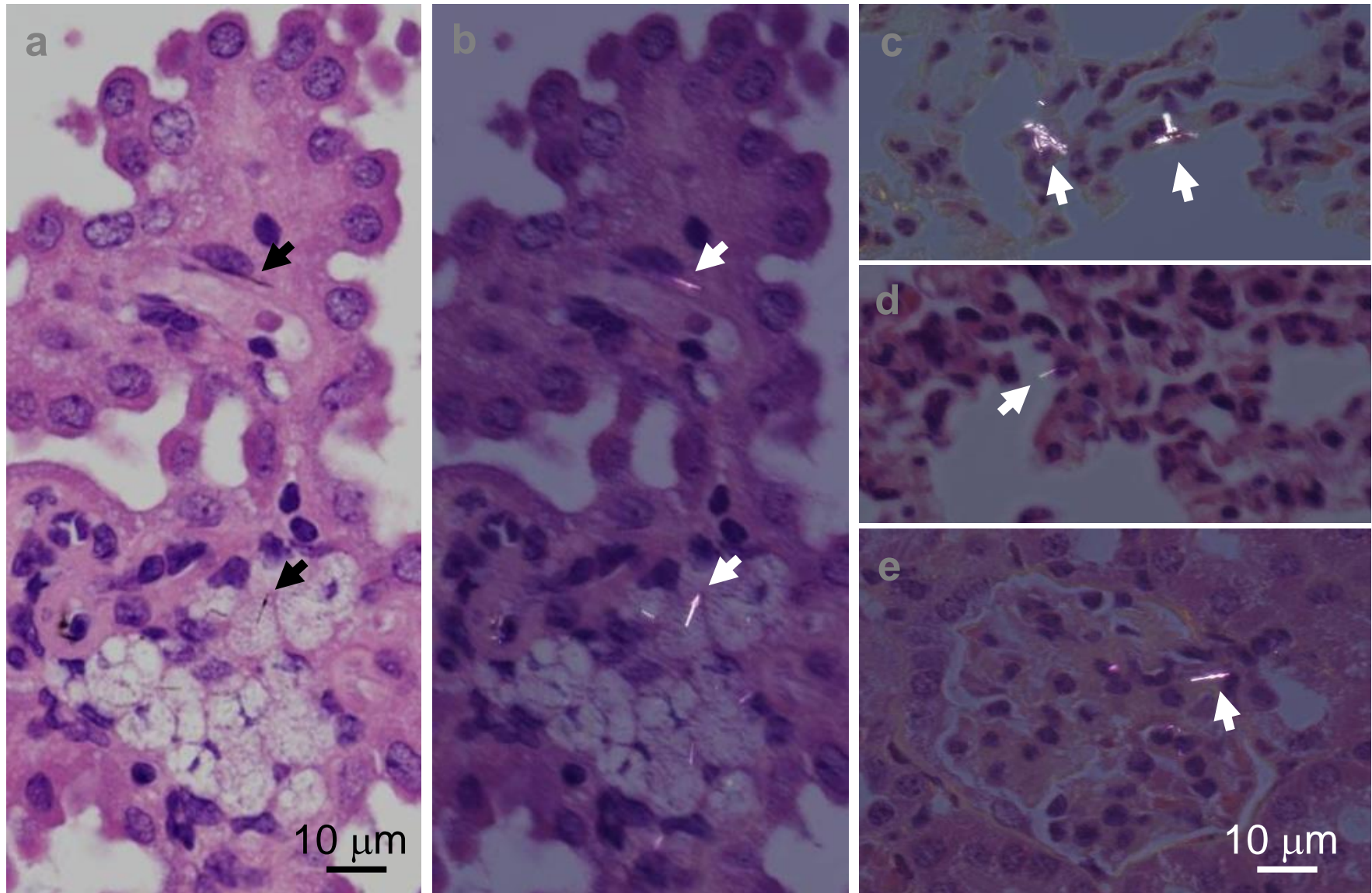
i.p. study seems valid for the detection of fiber mesotheliomagenesis



Mesotheliomagenesis

- Morphology-based speculation
 - A persistent chronic inflammatory lesion on/ near the surface of mesothelium consisting of fiber-laden macrophage and mononuclear cell accumulation is important
 - Foreign body giant cells, epithelioid cell granuloma, and scar formation are not directly related to mesotheliomagenesis (segregation mechanism).
 - Narrow definition of Frustrated Phagocytosis; persistent single cell phagocytosis that does not lead to giant cell formation, epithelioid cell granuloma formation nor local scar formation.

Unknown (not fully tested yet) is the Chronic Toxicity of Systemic MWCNT Dissemination.



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Biodegradation of C₆₀ Fullerene Nanowhiskers by Macrophage-like Cells

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Cell culture insert hanged on a culture well

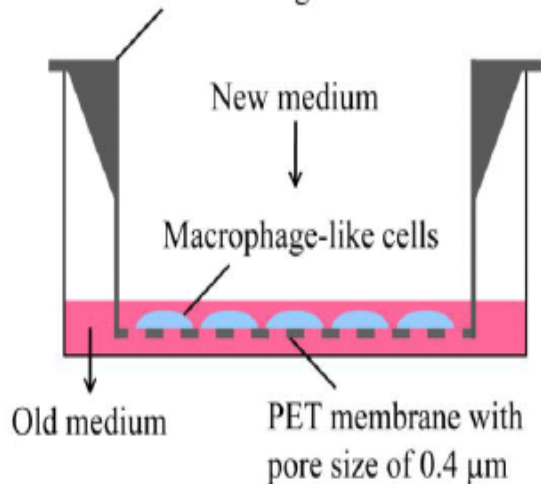


Fig.1. Macrophage-like cells were cultivated on a PET membrane with C₆₀NWs.

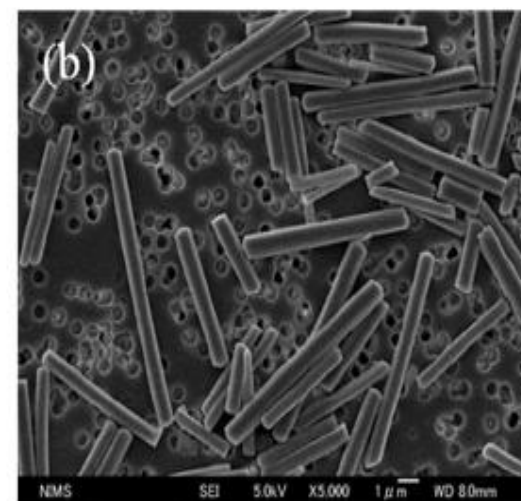
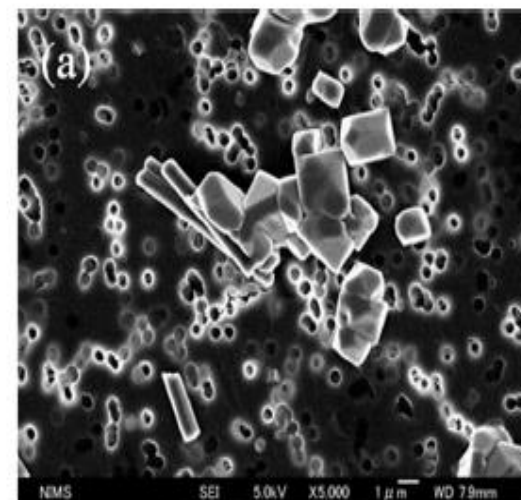
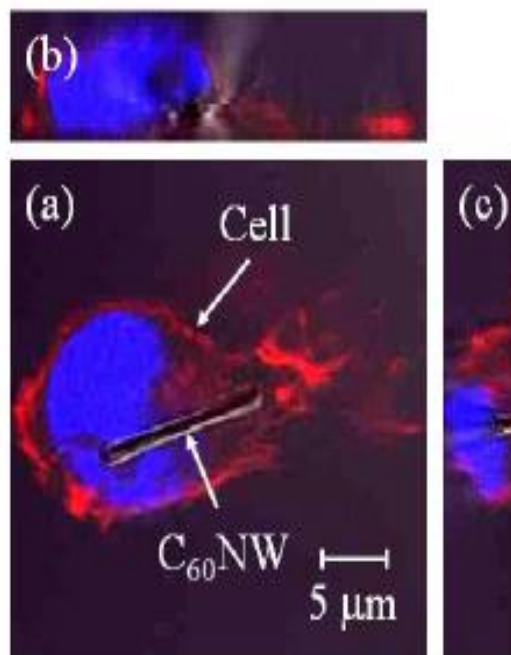
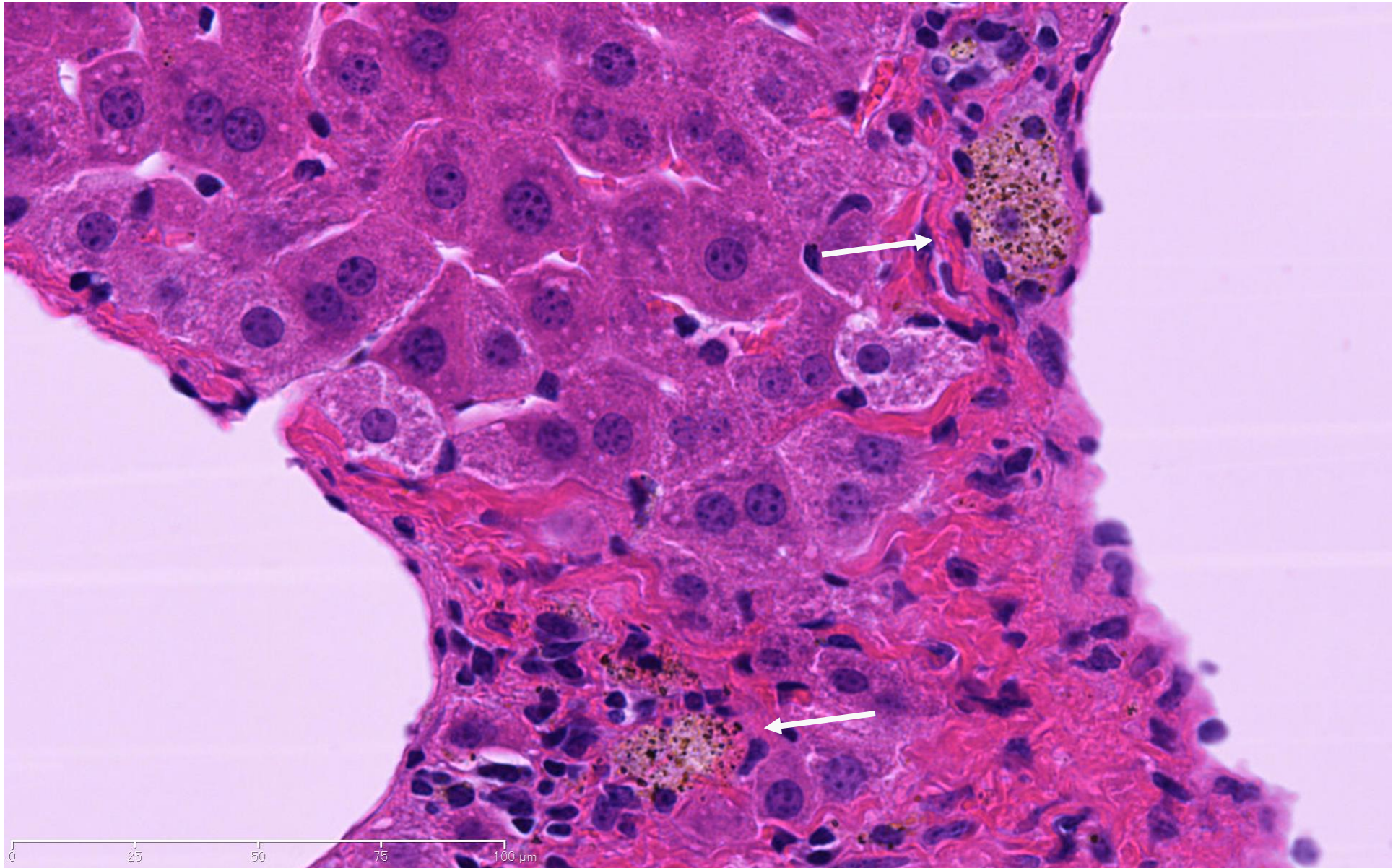
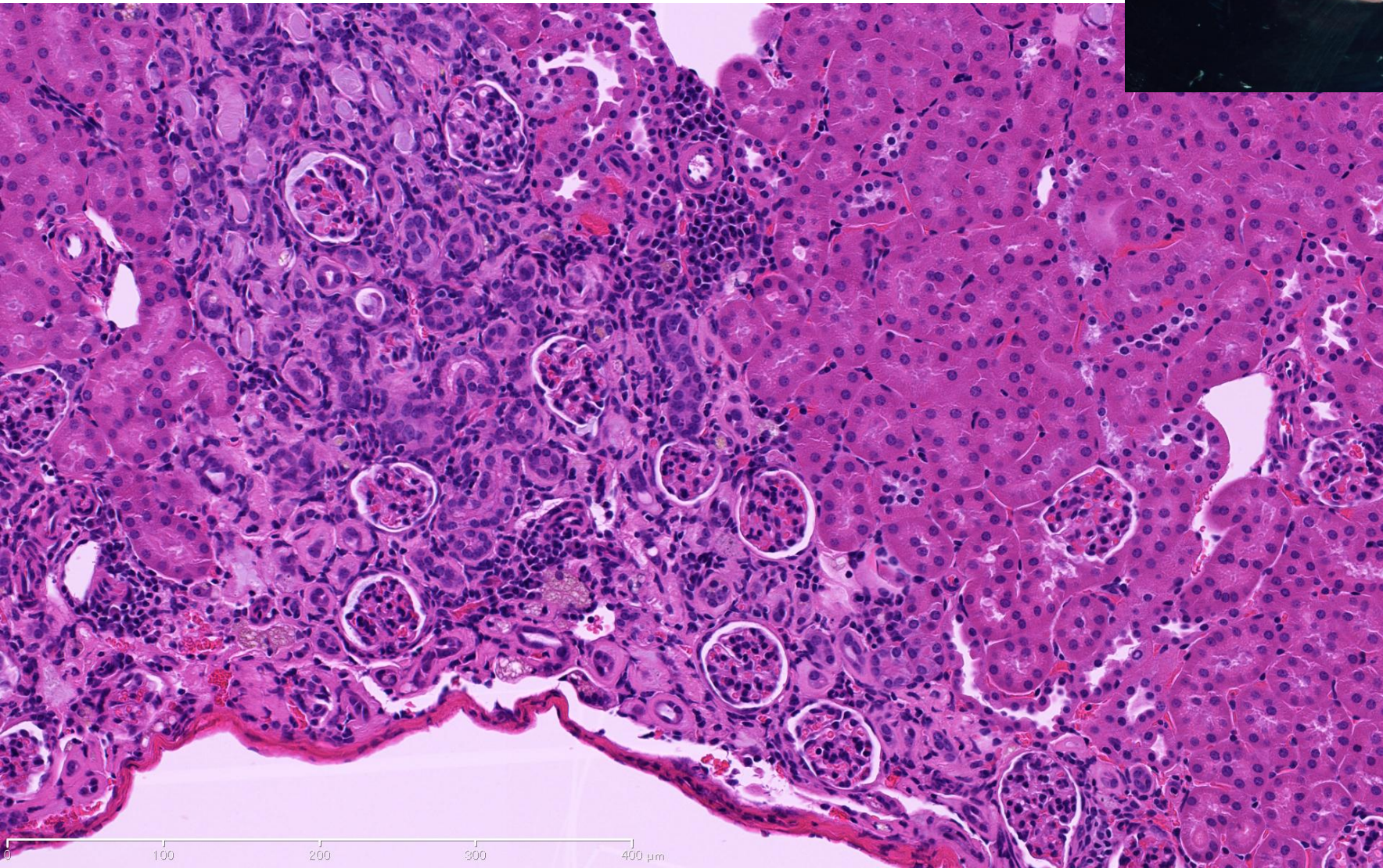
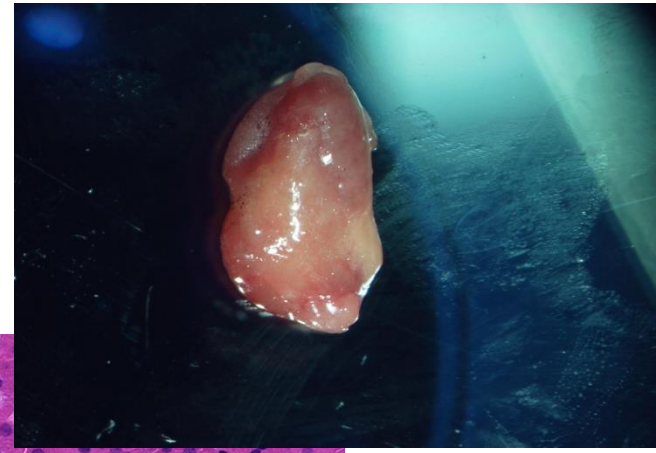


Fig.7. SEM images of the substances on the cell culture insert after the 28 days' exposure of (a) the macrophage-like cells and (b) the culture medium to C₆₀NWs.



Enhanced renal toxicity: Renal toxin (methyl cellulose) + C₆₀



Unpublished data

Proposed study direction

1. Known mechanism

- fiber carcinogenesis - intraperitoneal injection model
- systemic distribution - i.p. model = i.v. with a filter

2. Unknown mechanism

Animal experiment using human relevant route of exposure*

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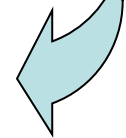
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Case study: MWCNT (MWNT-7)

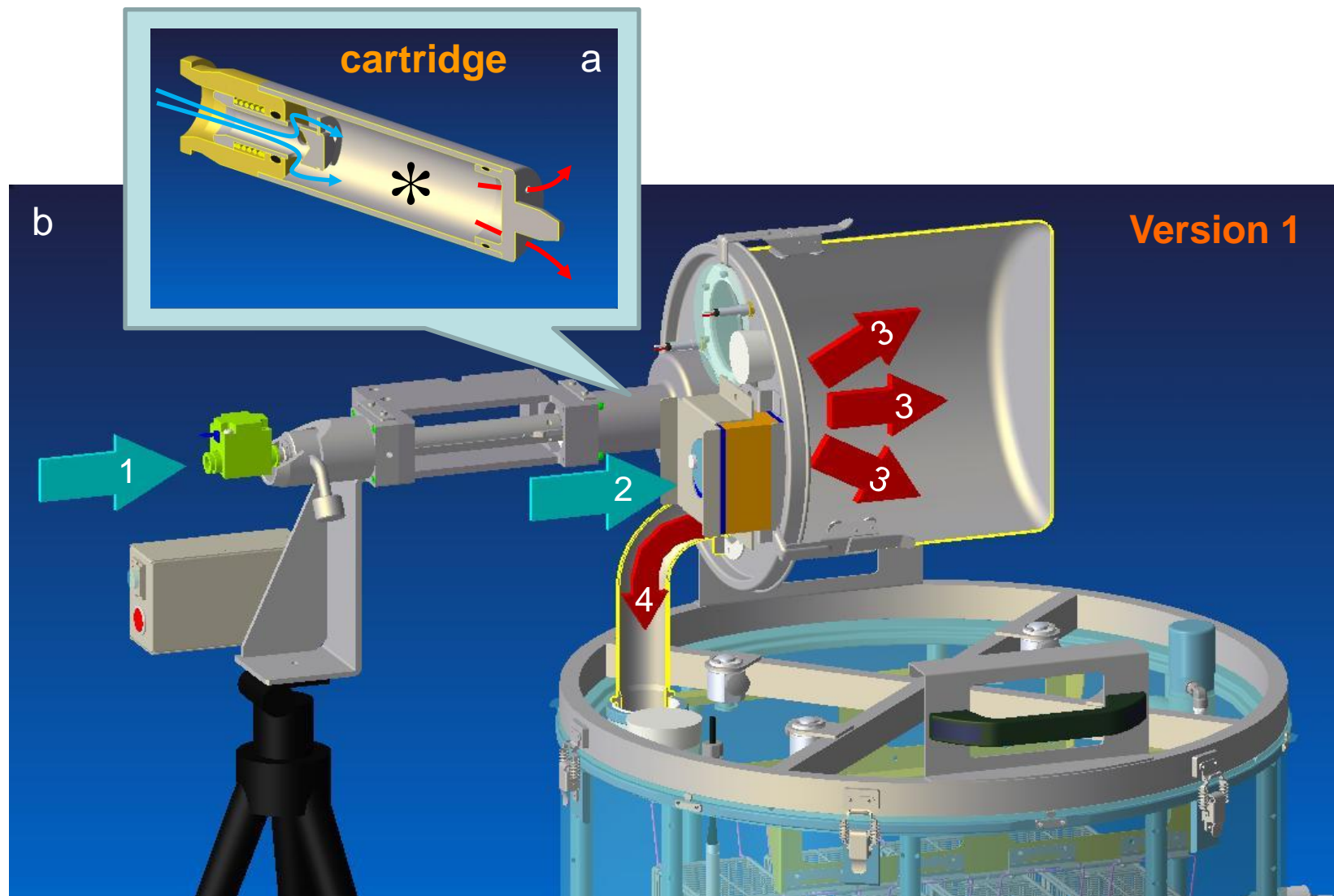
- Human environment allows to inhale dispersed single fibers
 - Low wind in human environment compared to constant rigorous agitation of air in animal chamber
 - Human upper respiratory tract is much longer than rodents'
- Alveolar lesions are important
 - In earlier rodent studies, aggregates/agglomerates induced lesions at proximal segments; masking distal lesions
- Preparing well-dispersed single fiber aerosol
 - Without dispersant
 - No change is size (length and width) of single particles

Taquann method (outline)

Based on two idea of

- Liquid phase dispersion and filtration using volatile dispersant.
- Critical point drying to avoid aggregation by surface tension.

Highly dispersed single MWCNT fibers can be produced in precise aliquots.



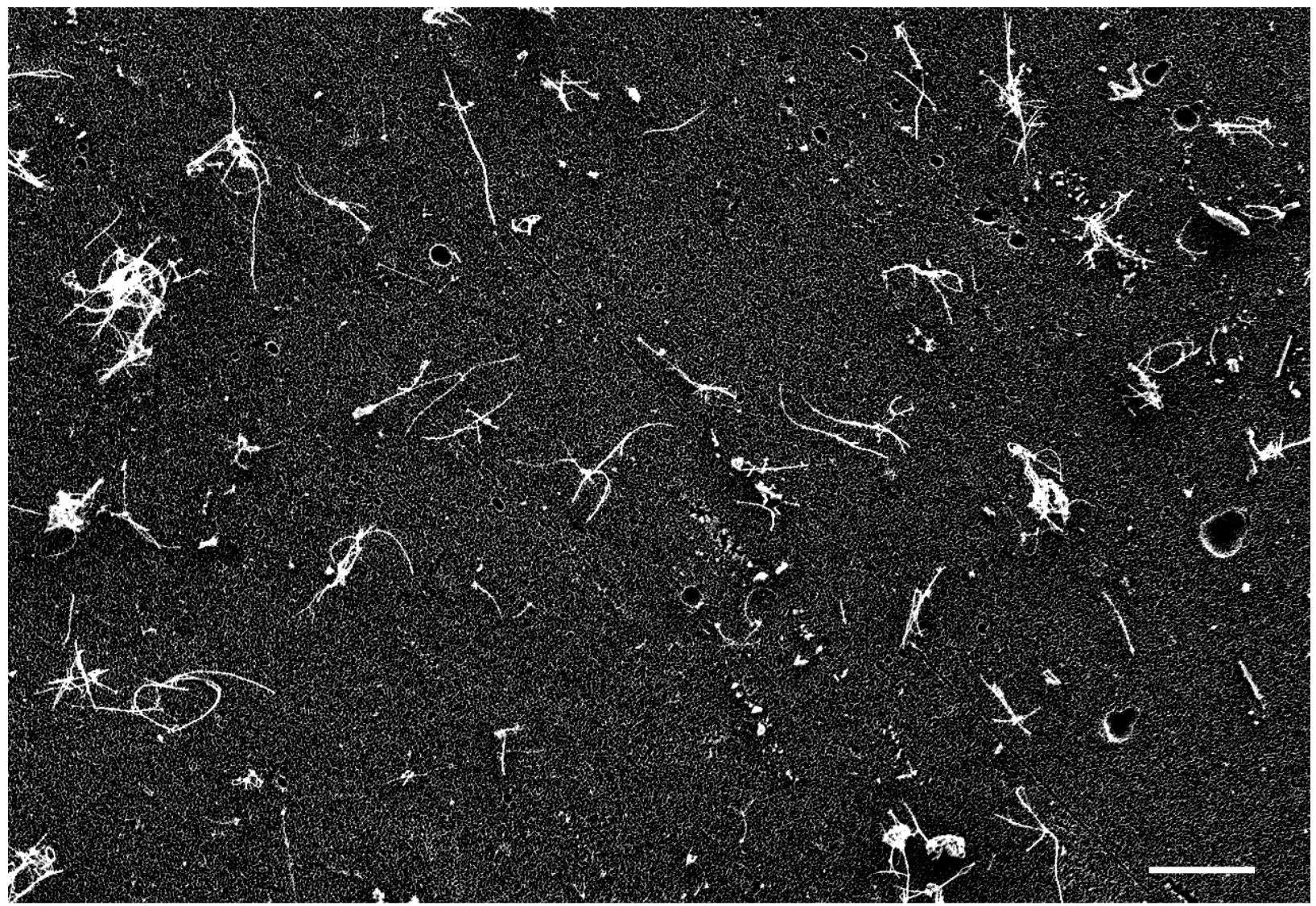
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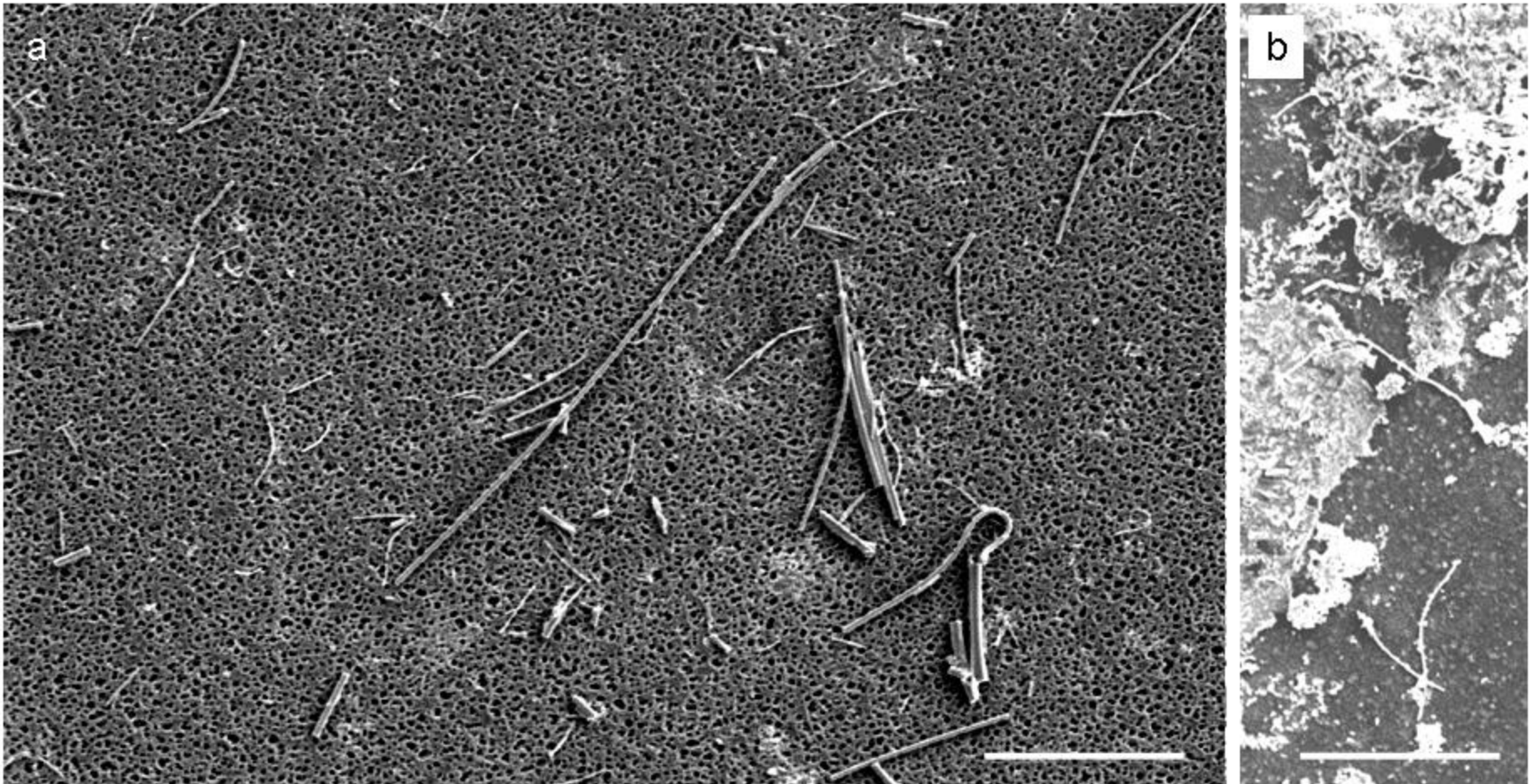
Chamber air sample

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5L/min for 3 minutes SEM x1,000 (scale bars are 10 um).

From the lysed lung



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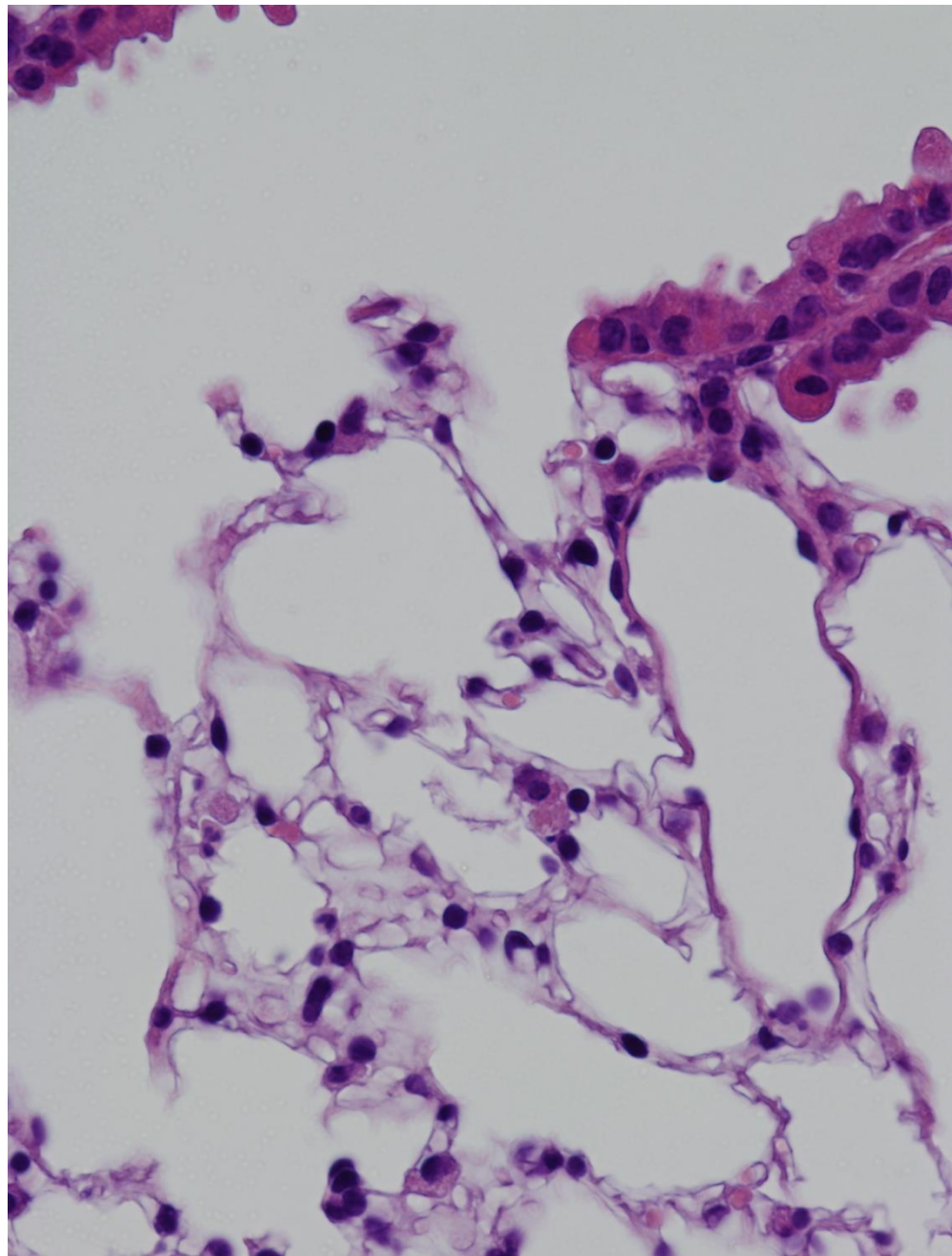
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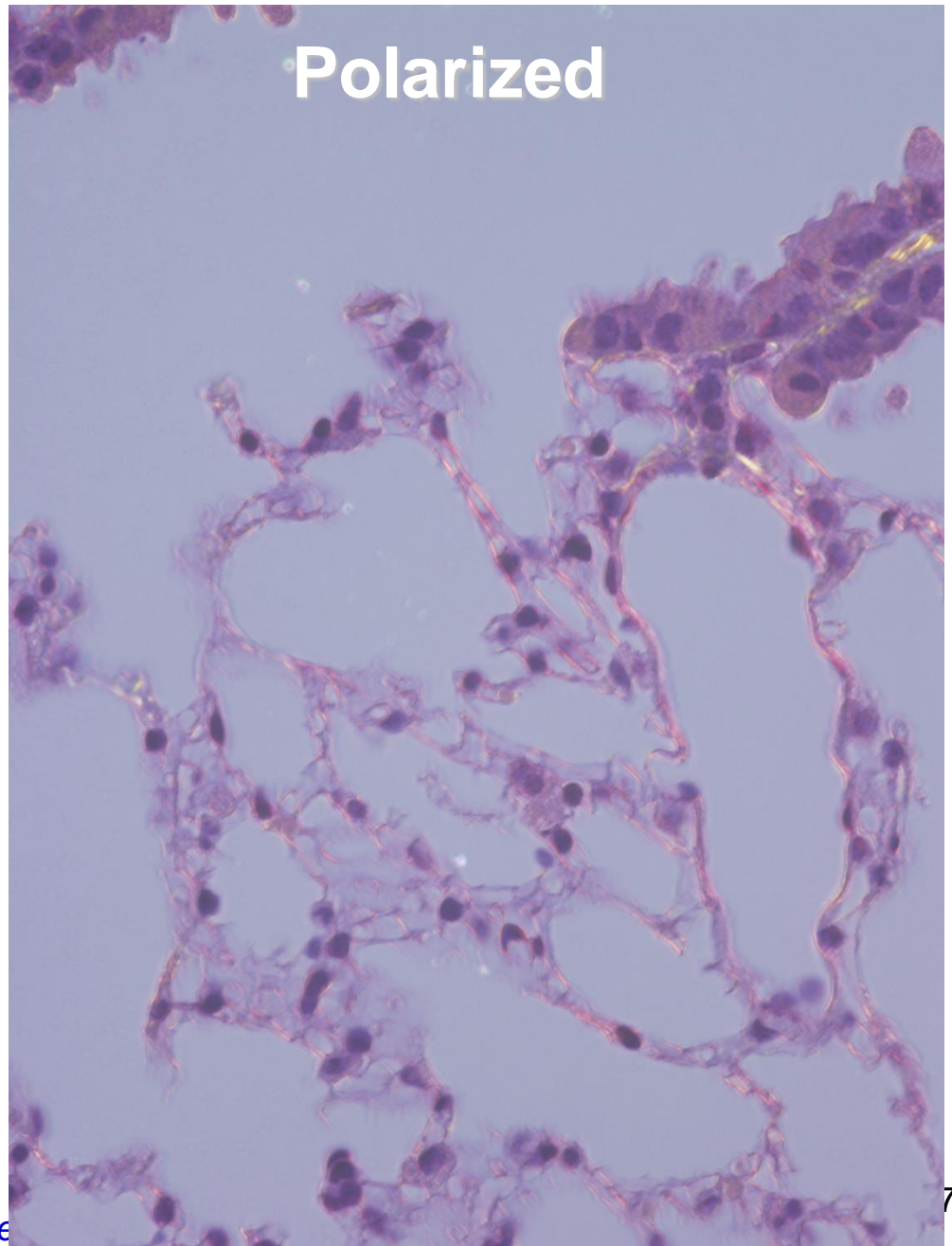
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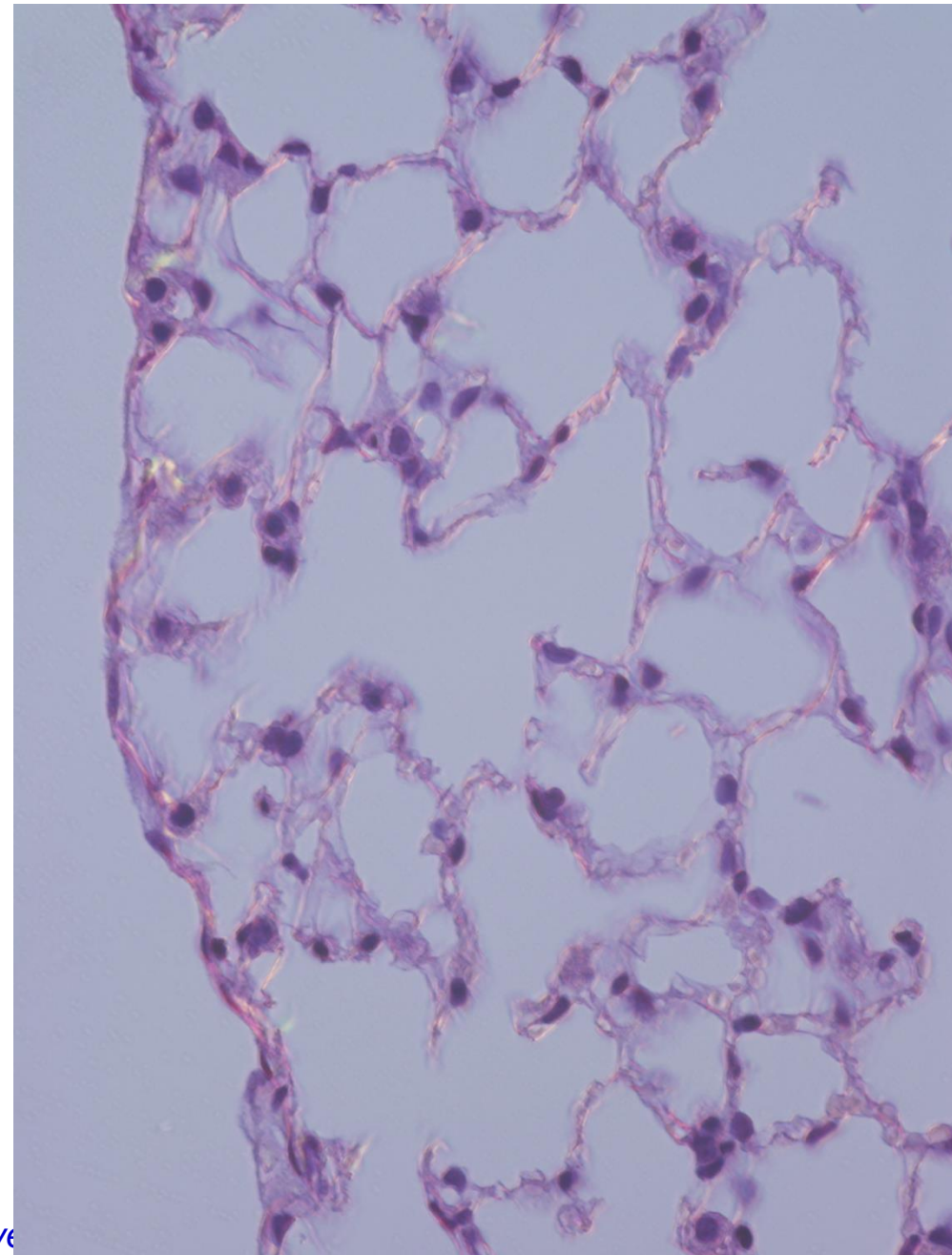
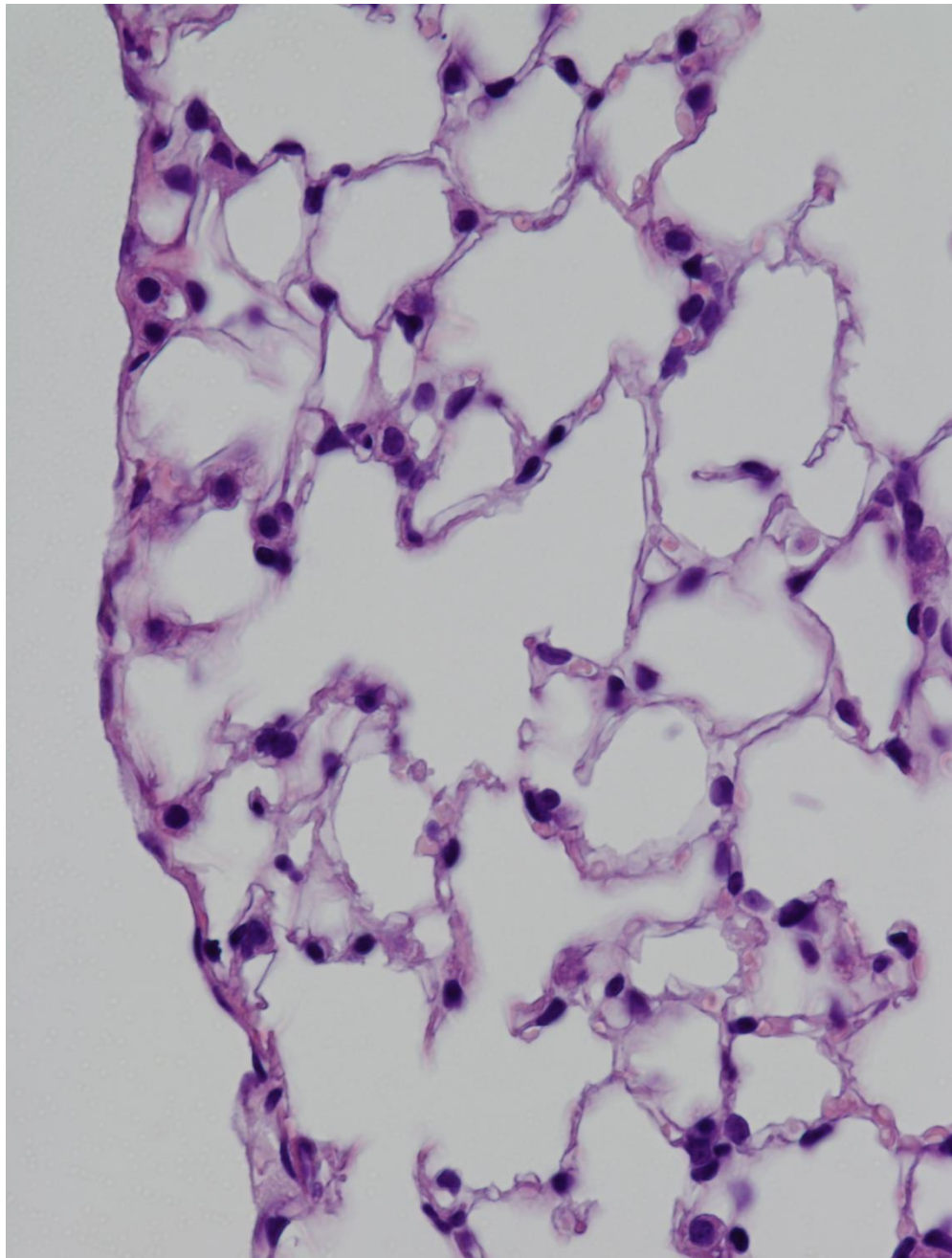
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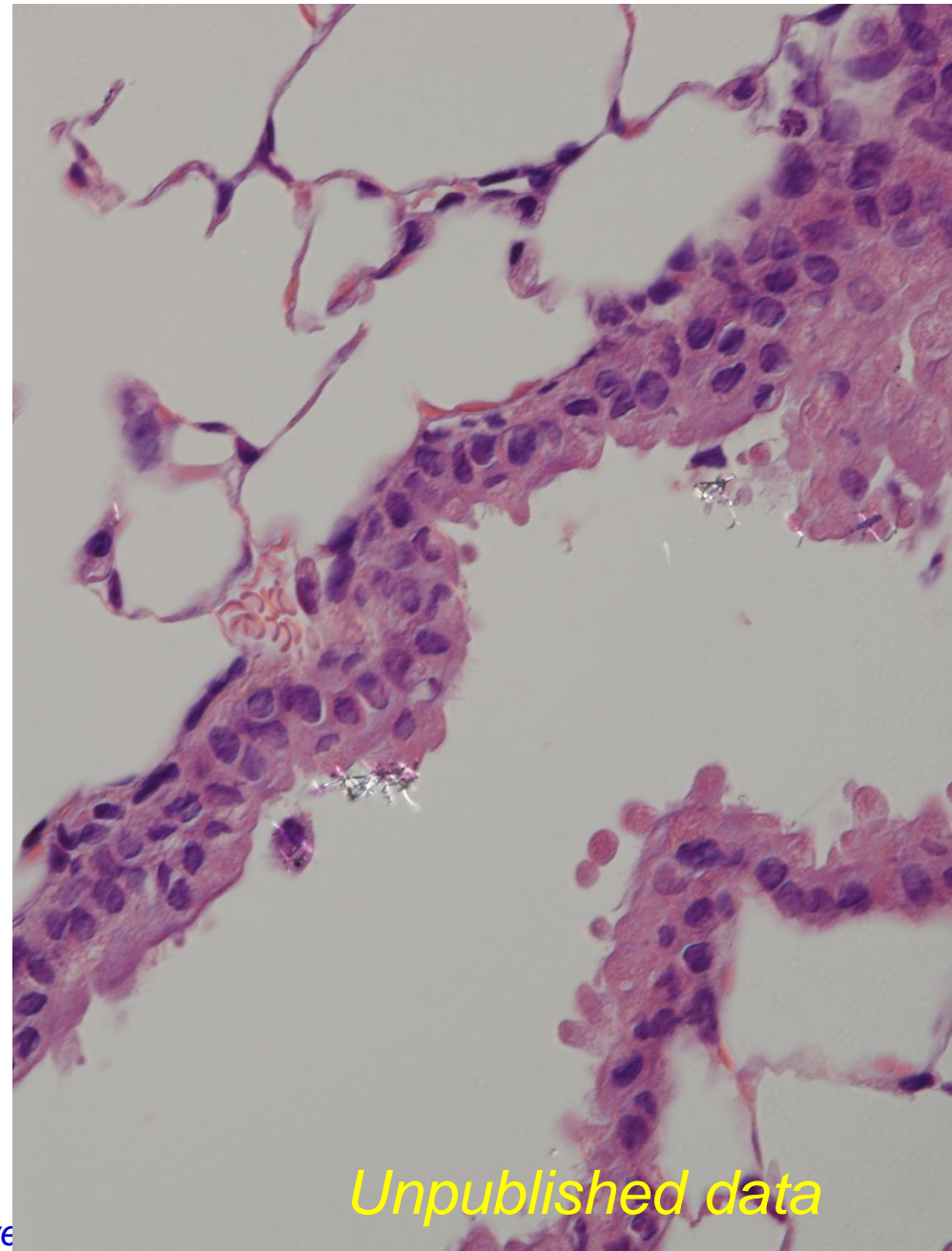
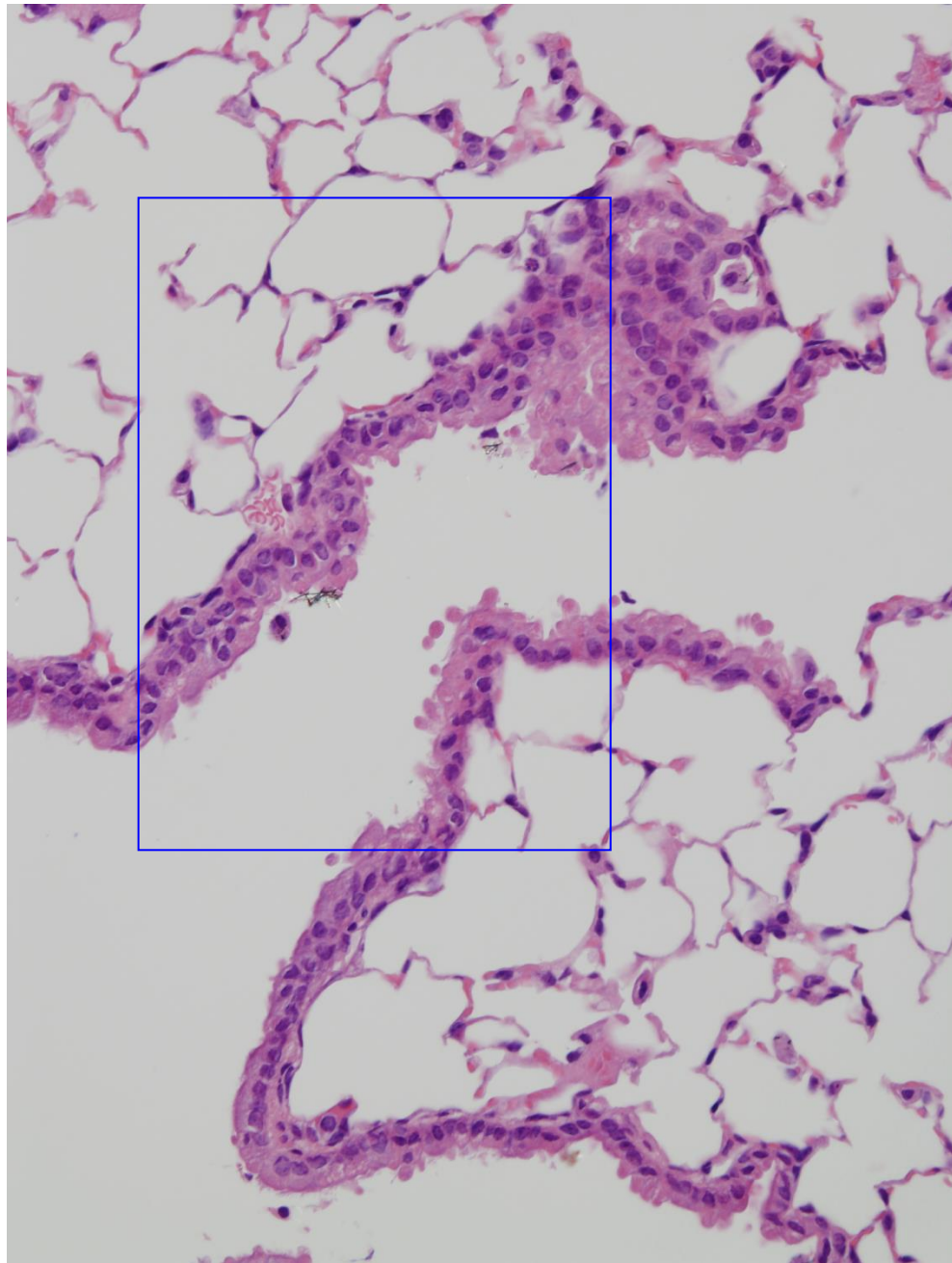
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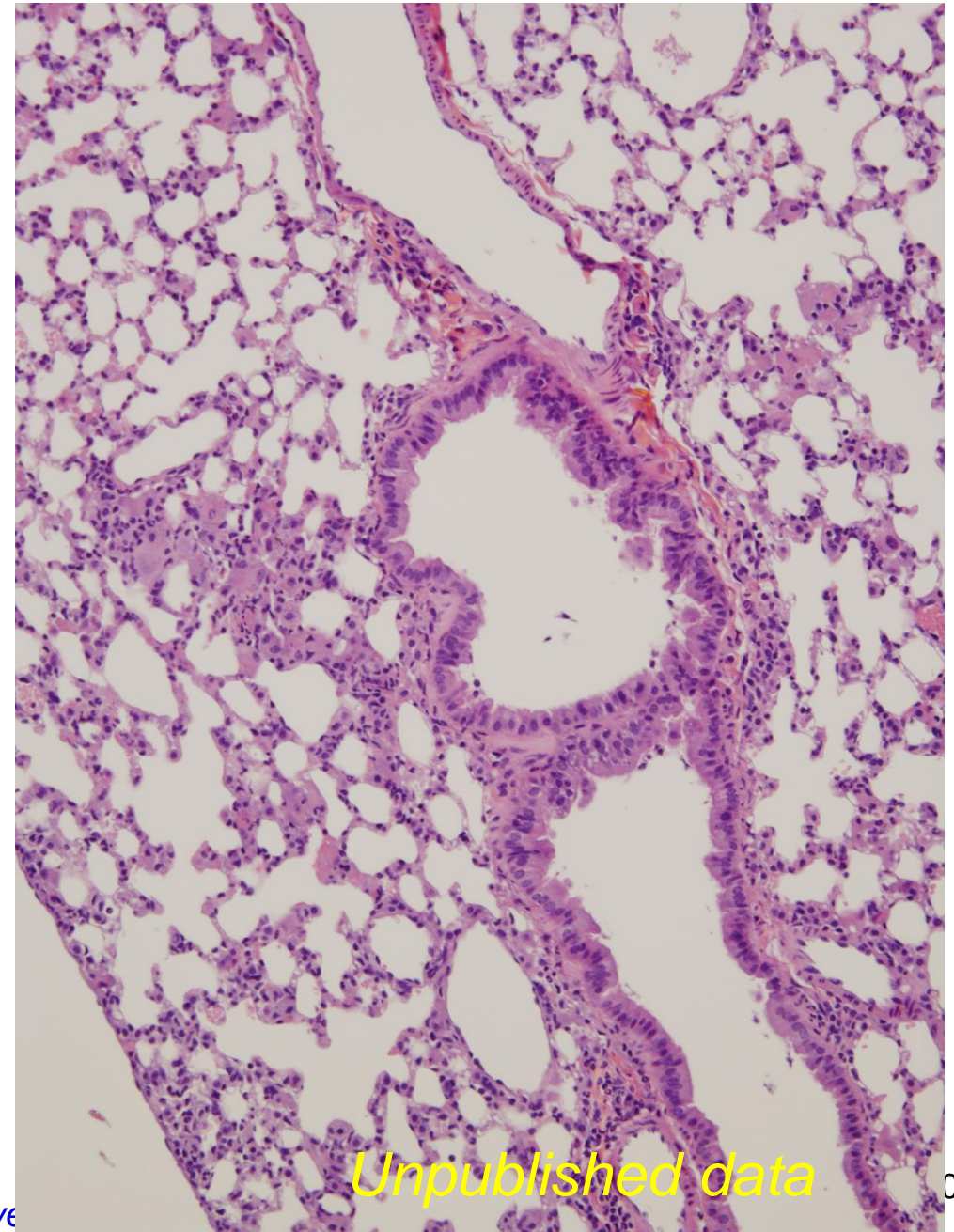
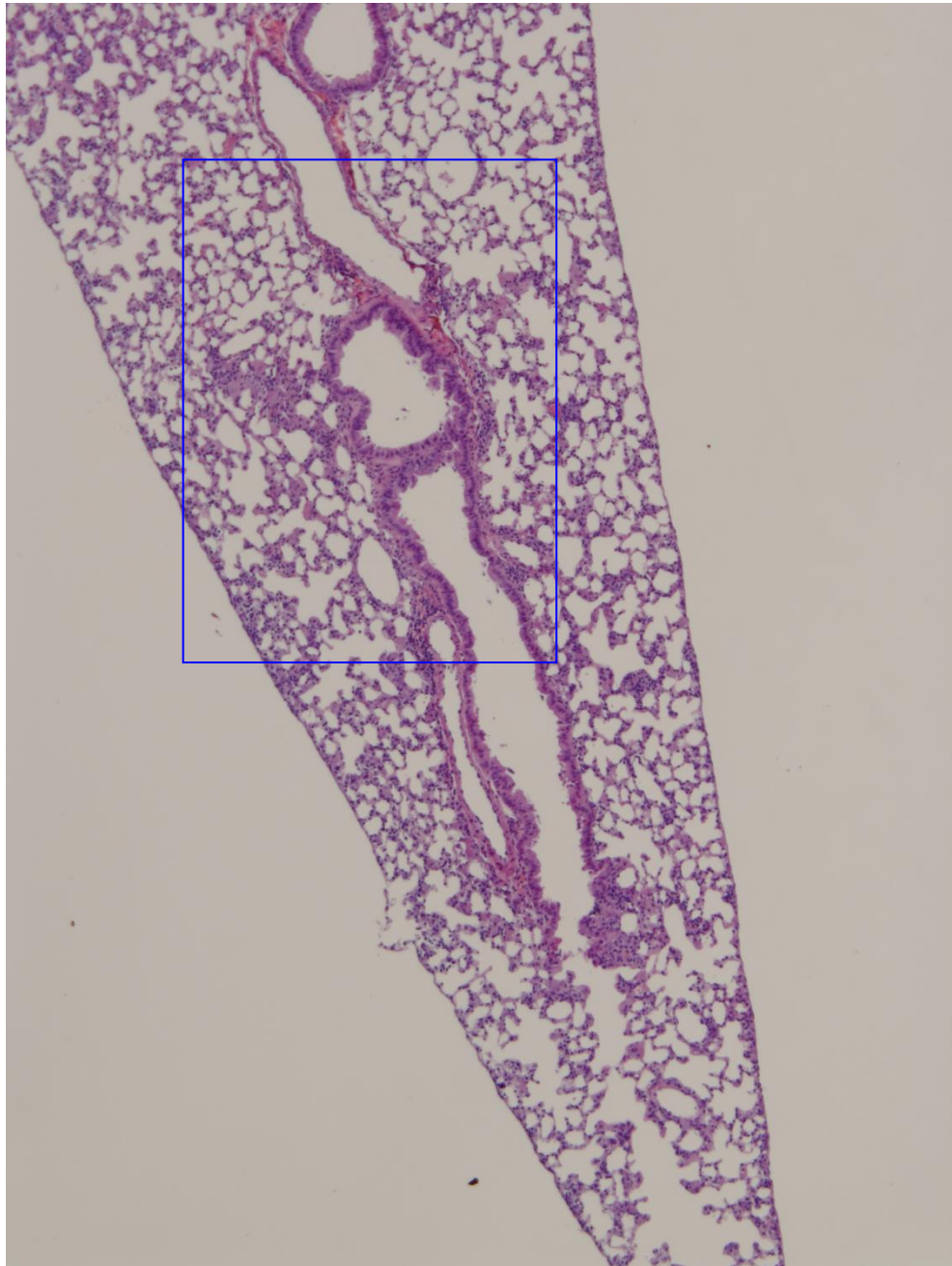


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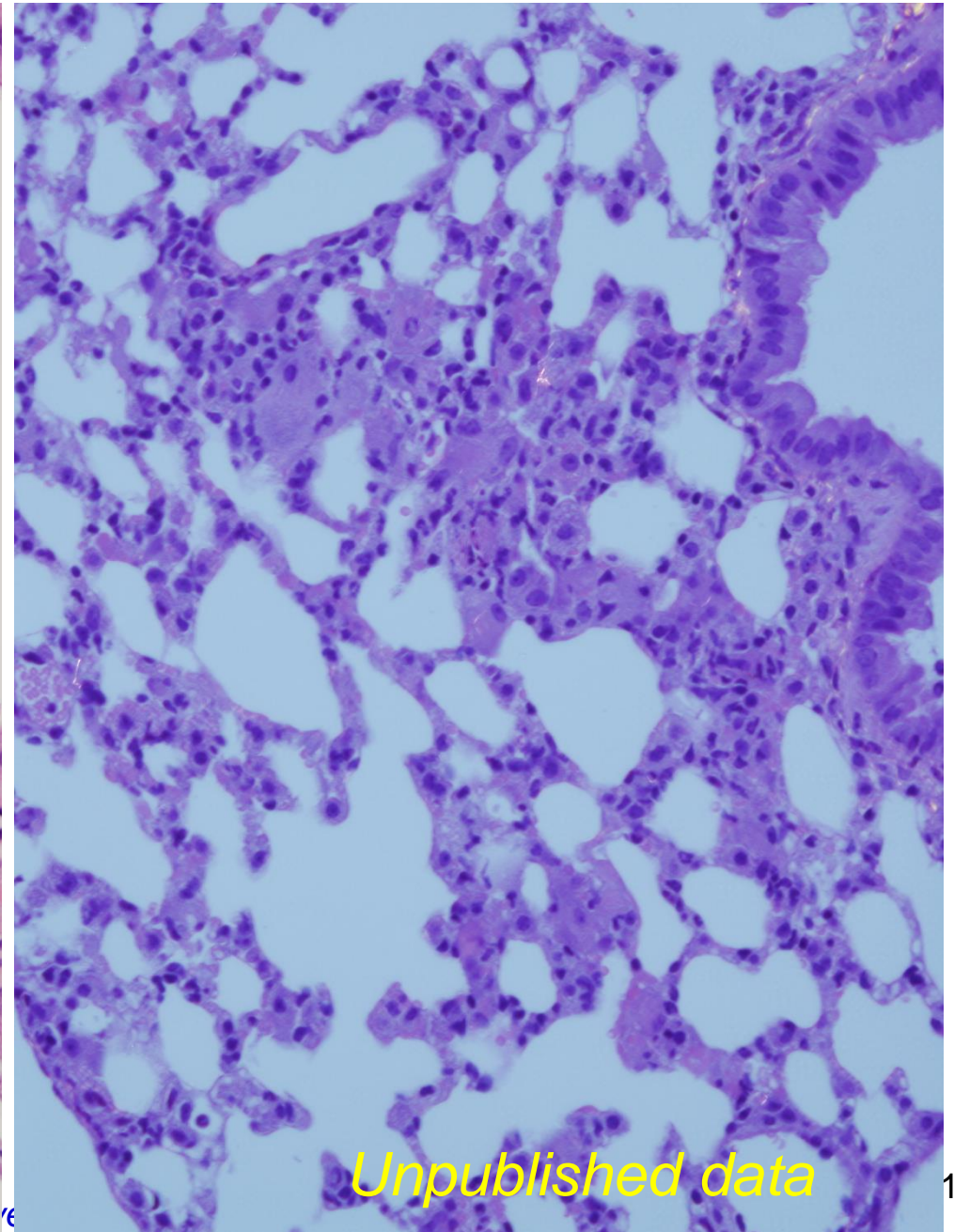
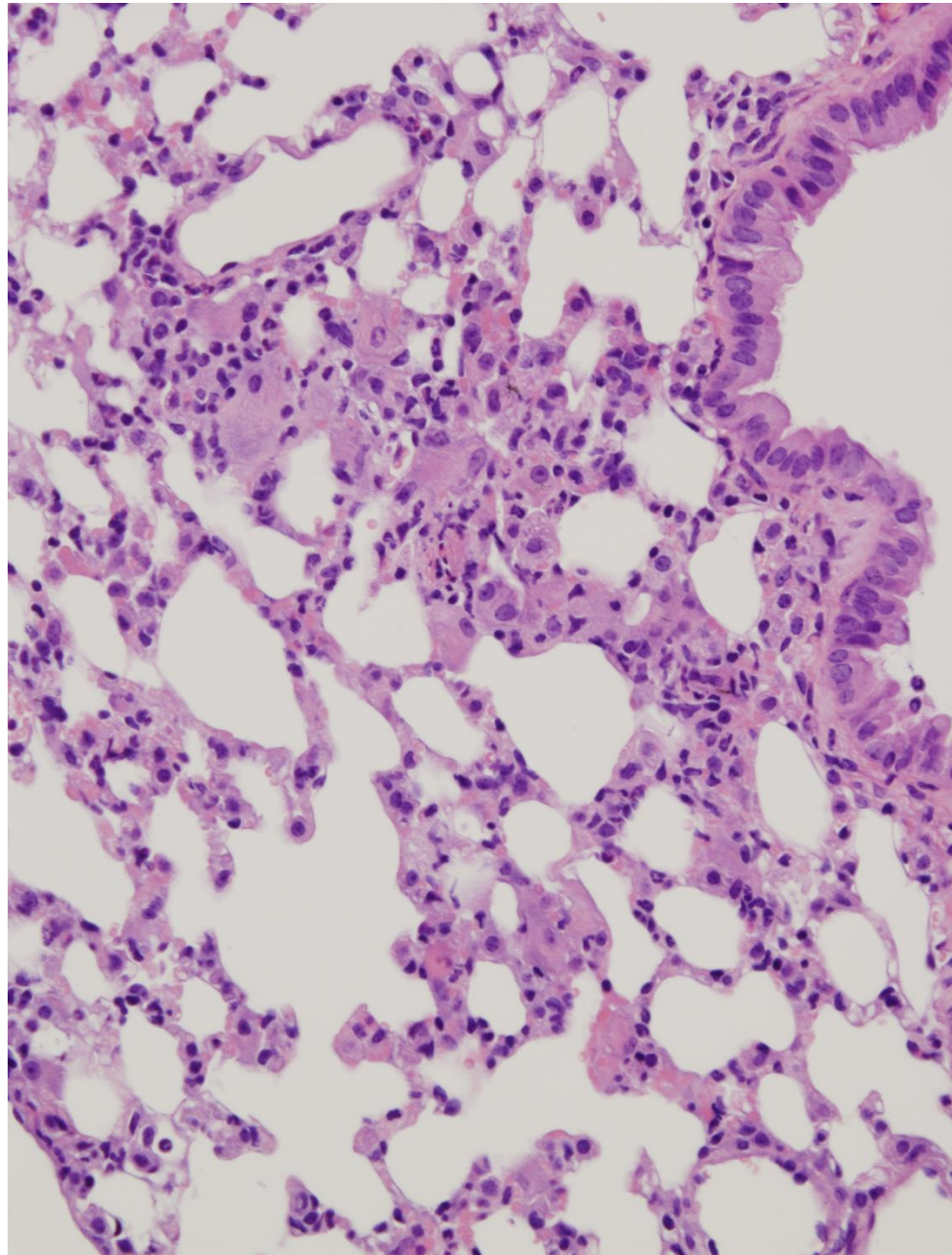
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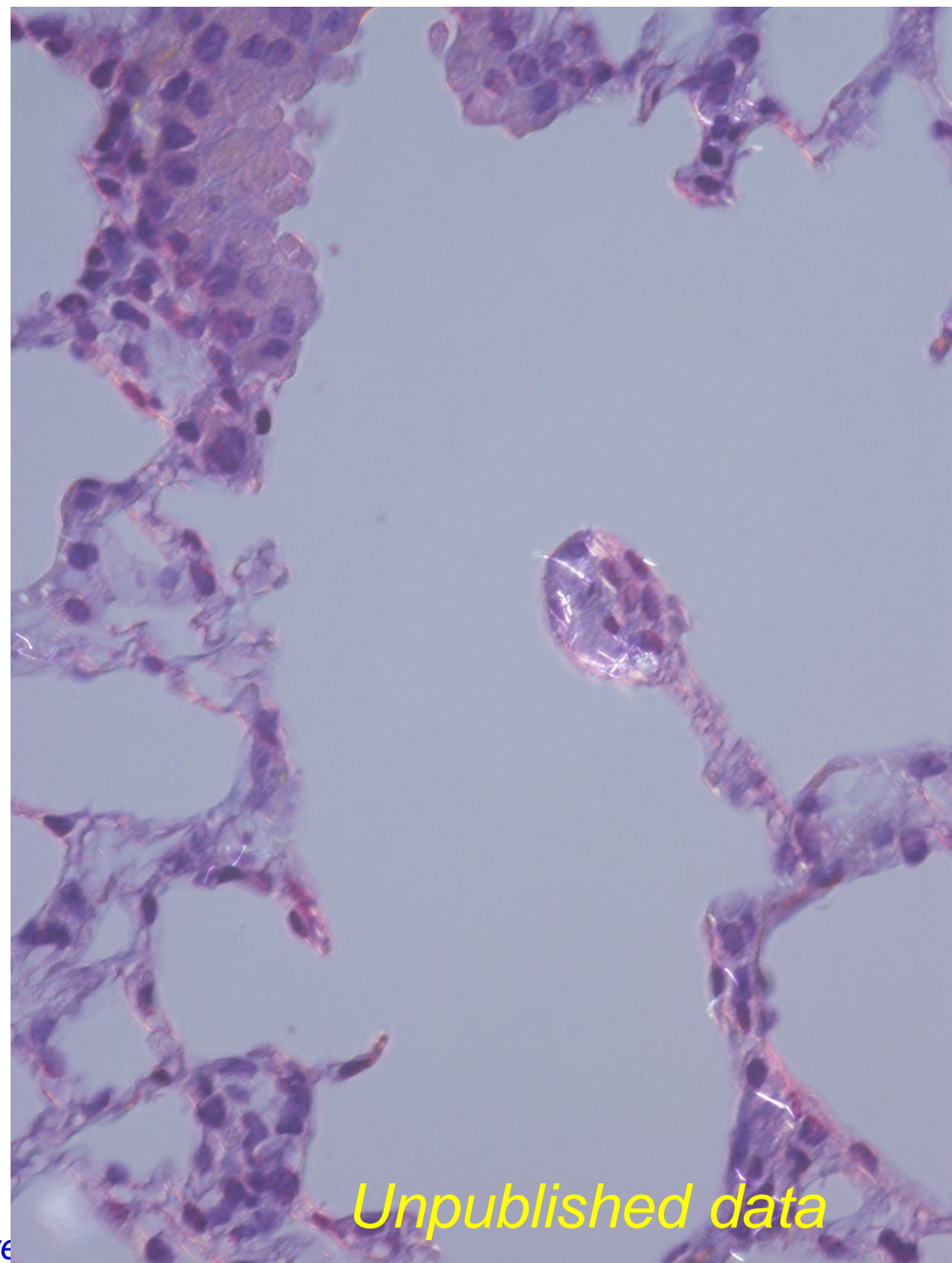
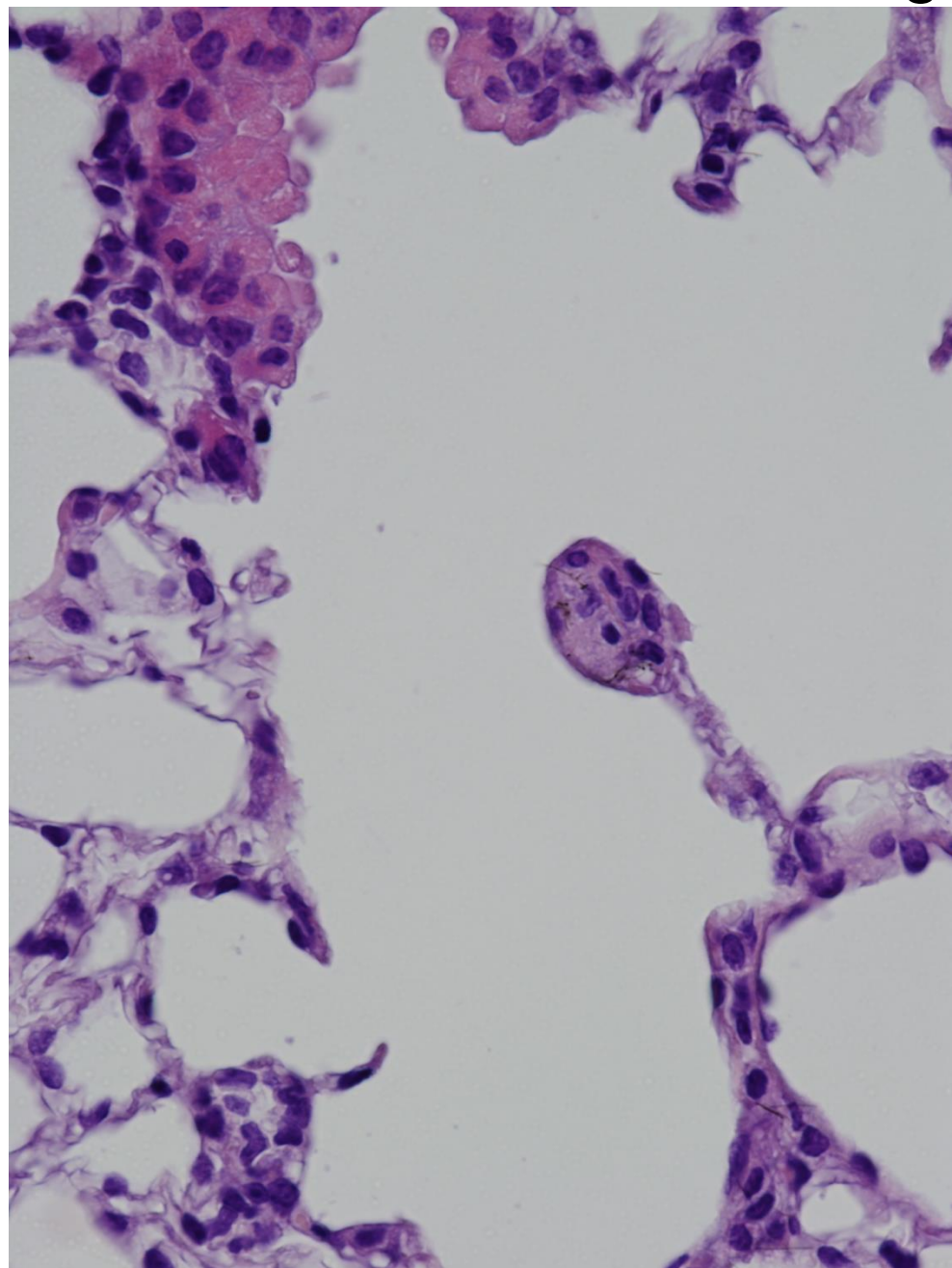
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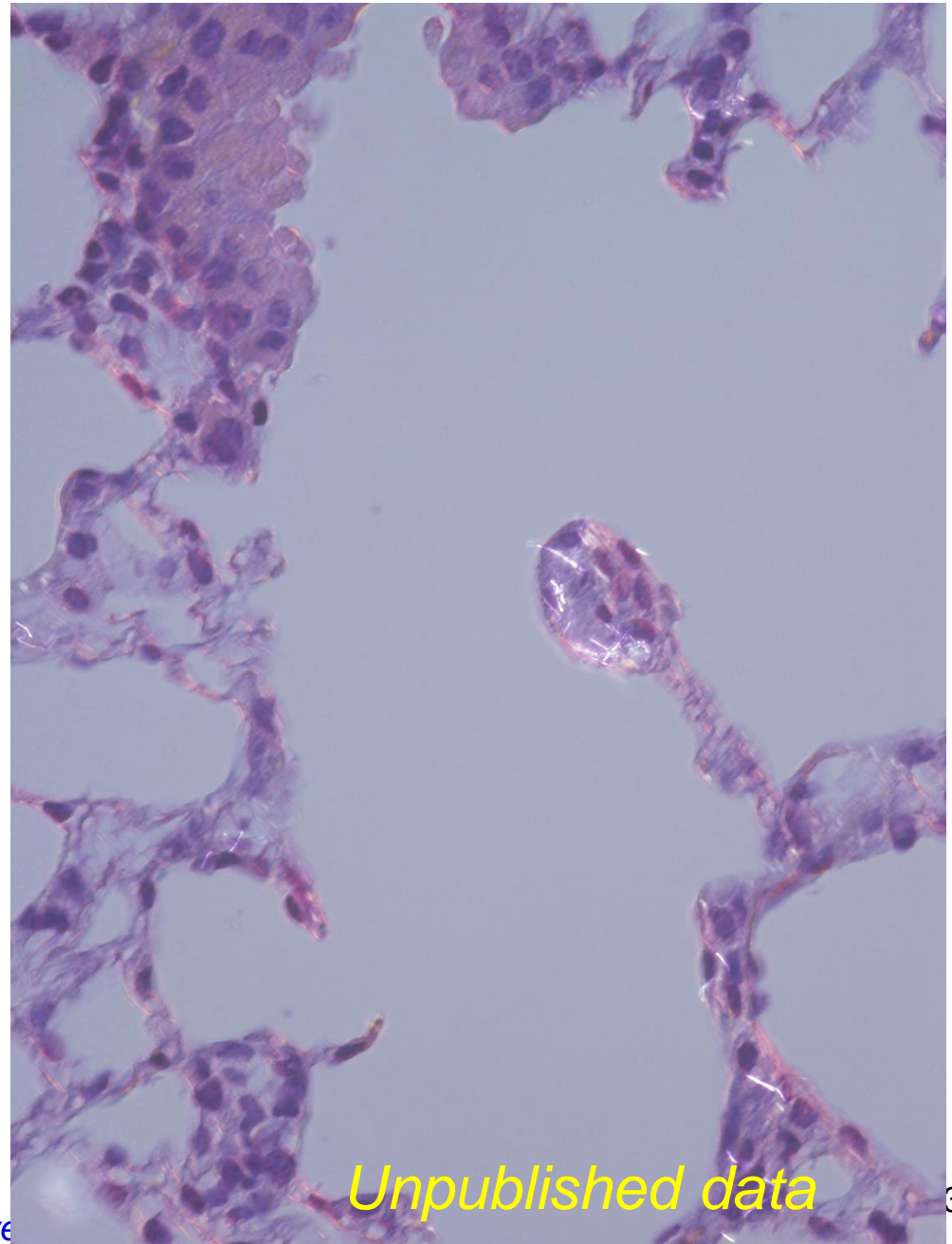
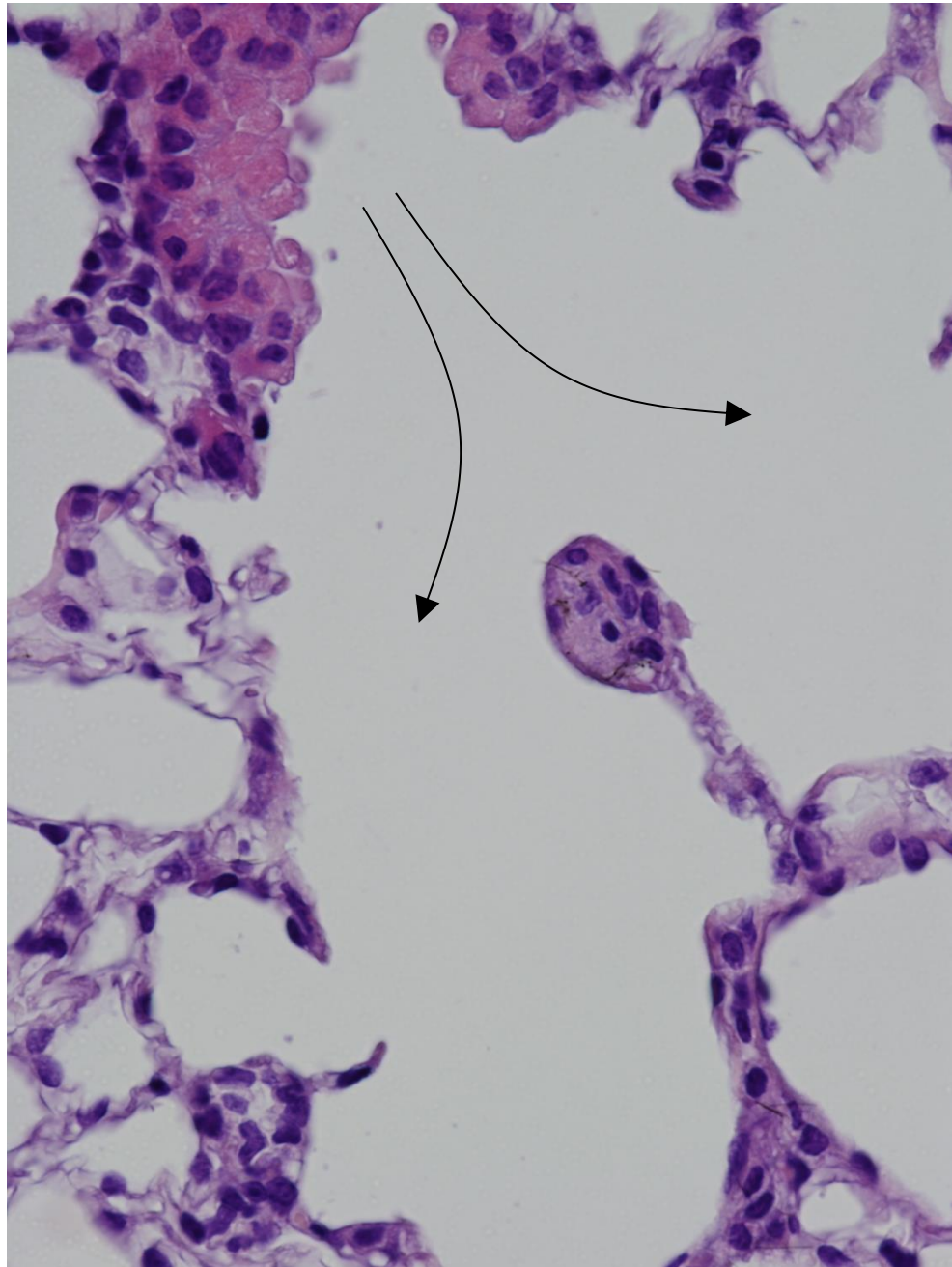
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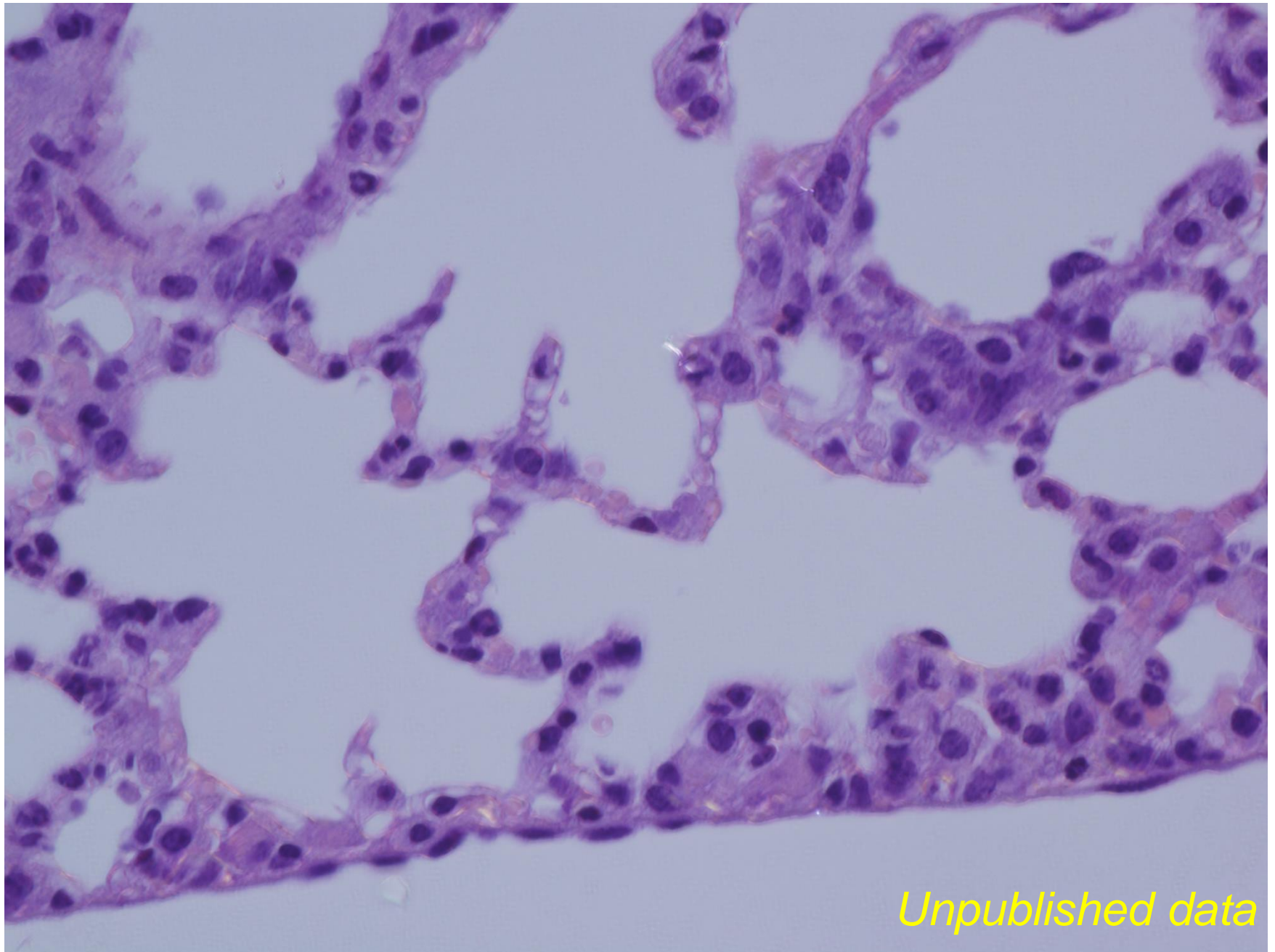


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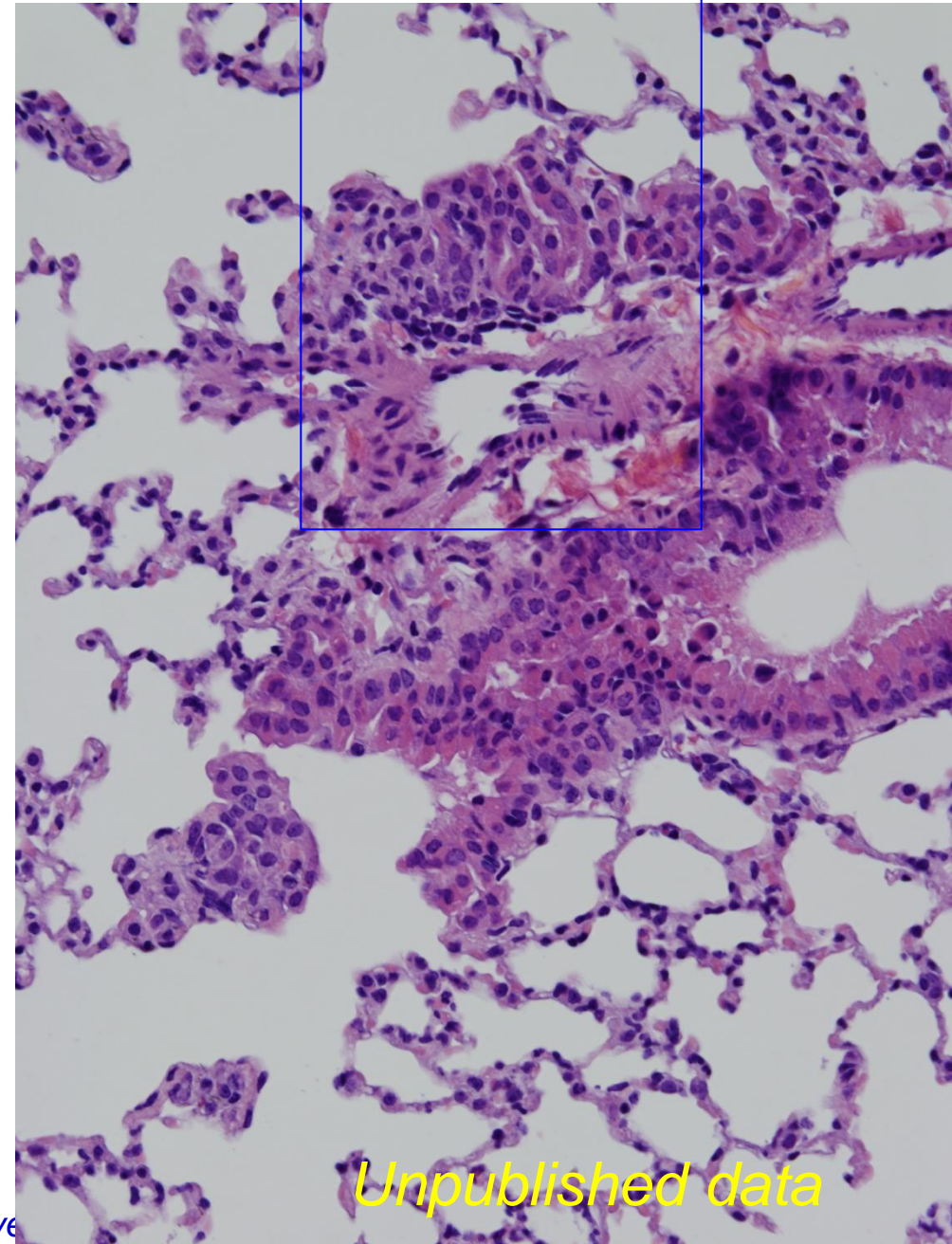
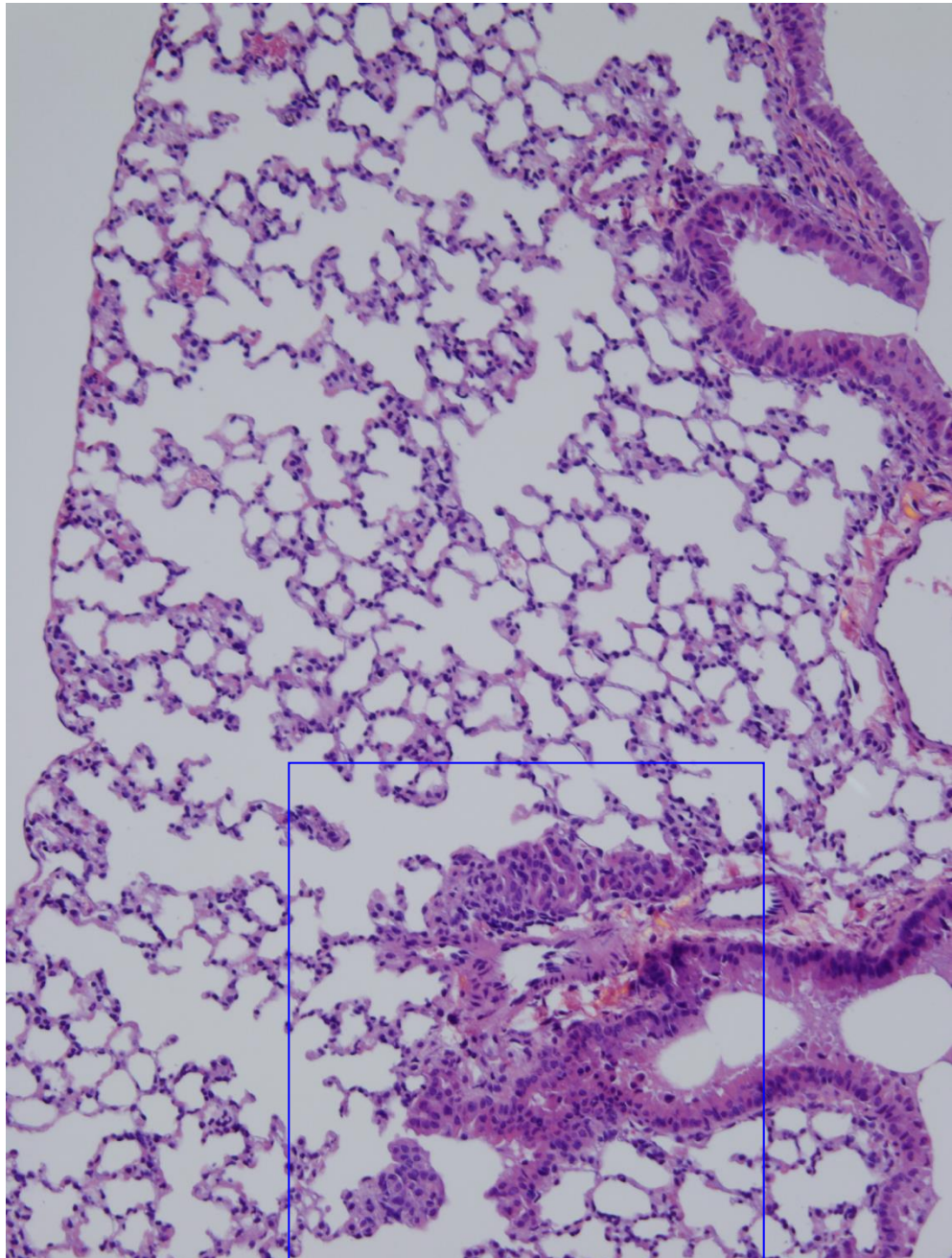


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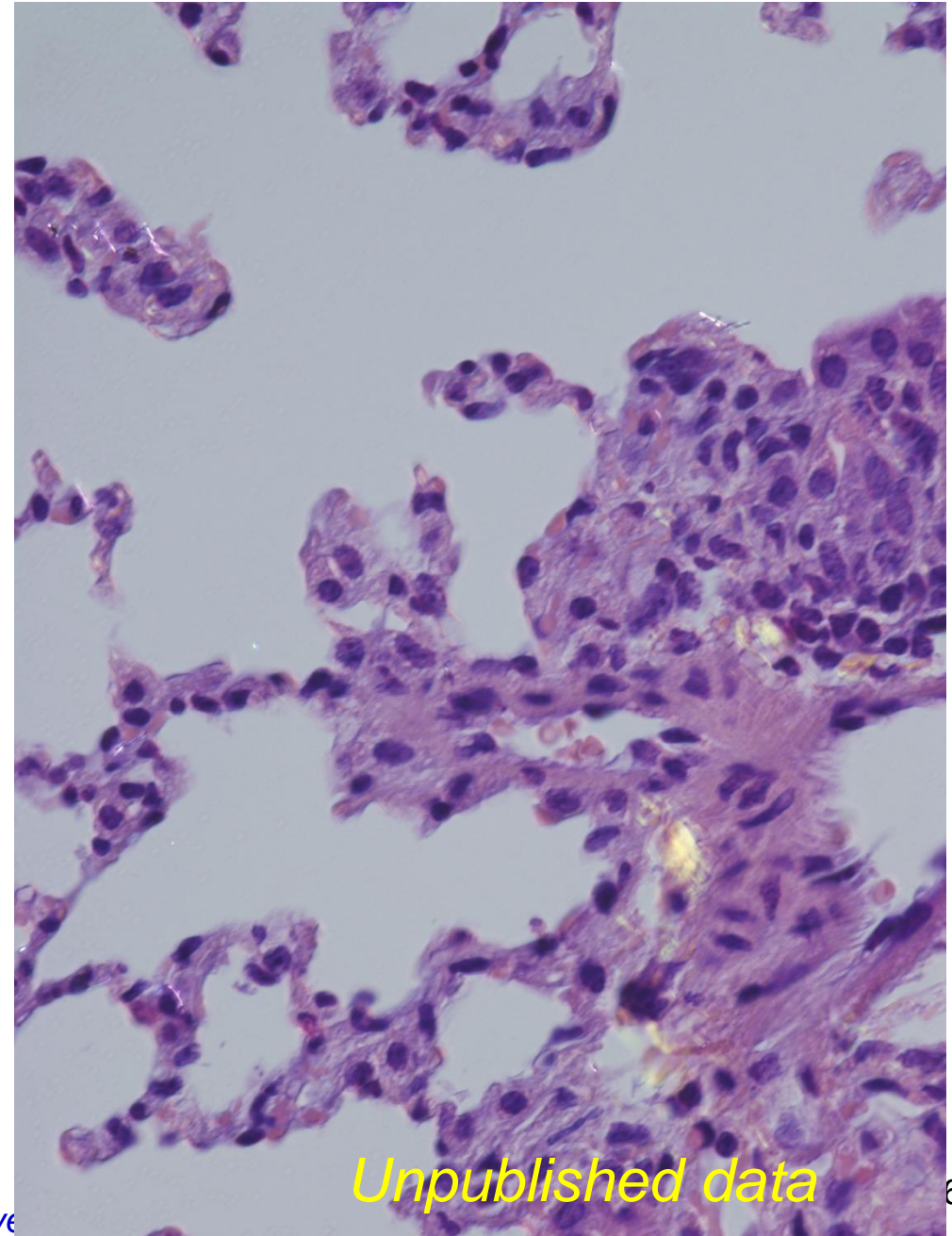
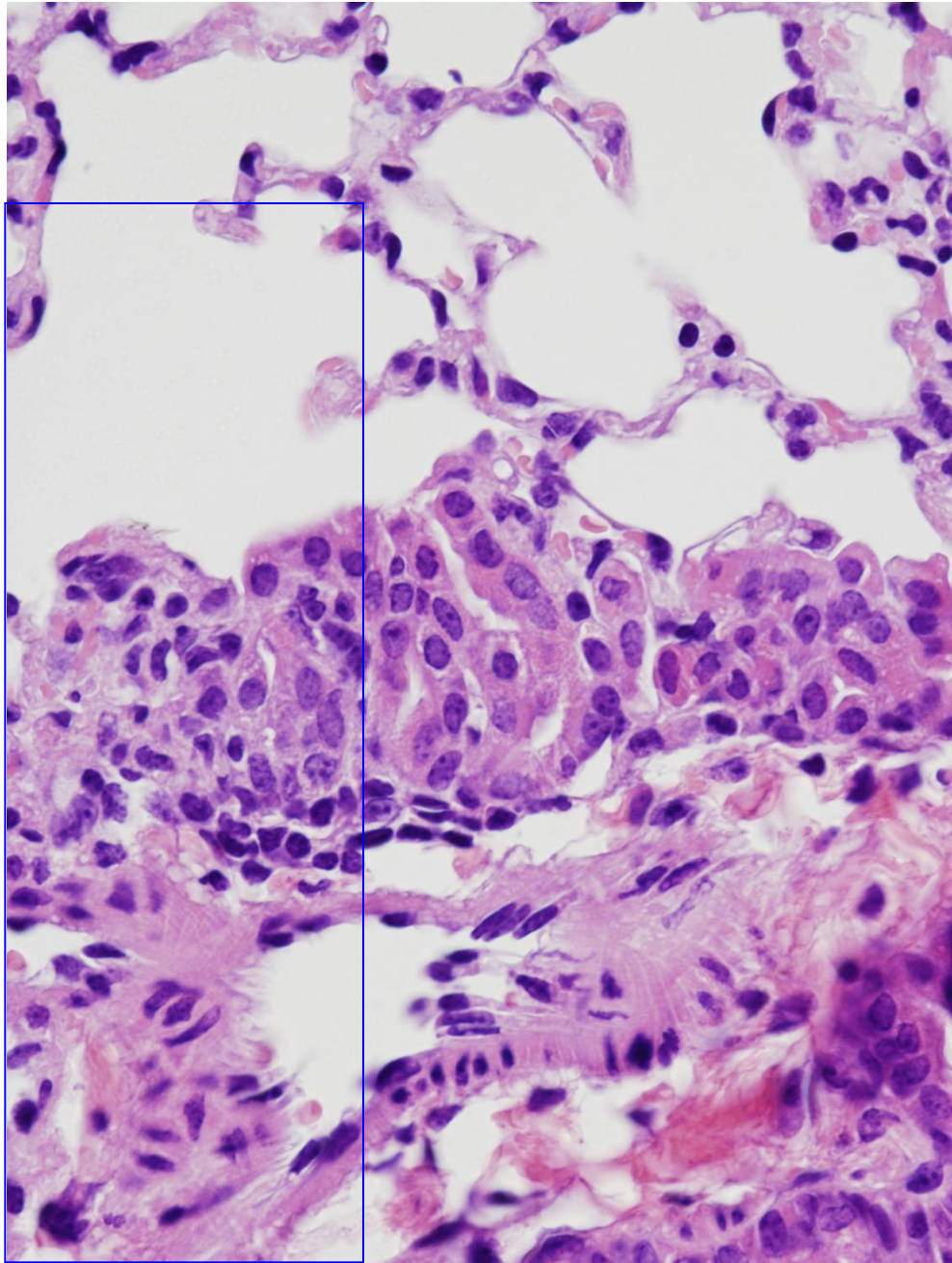
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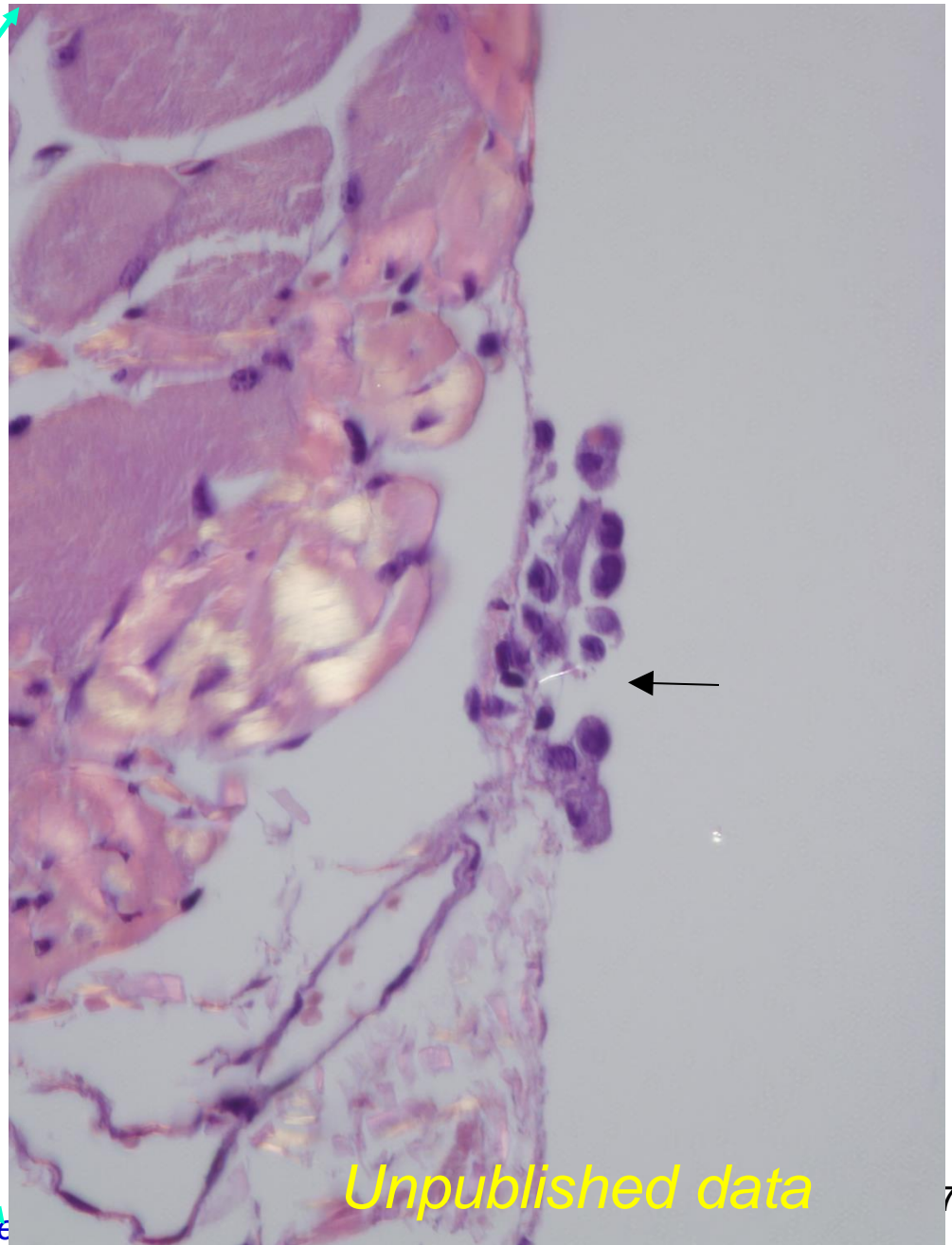


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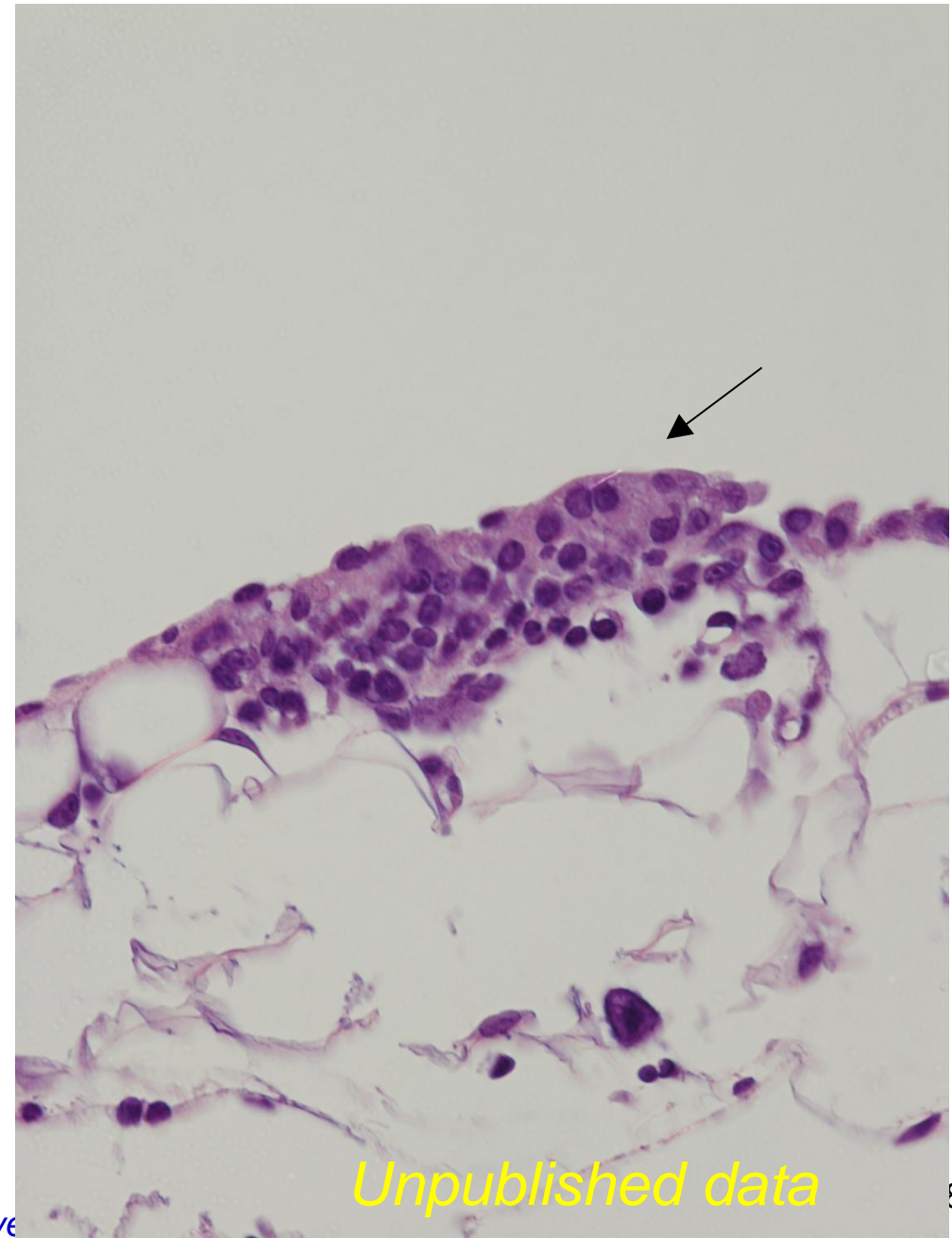
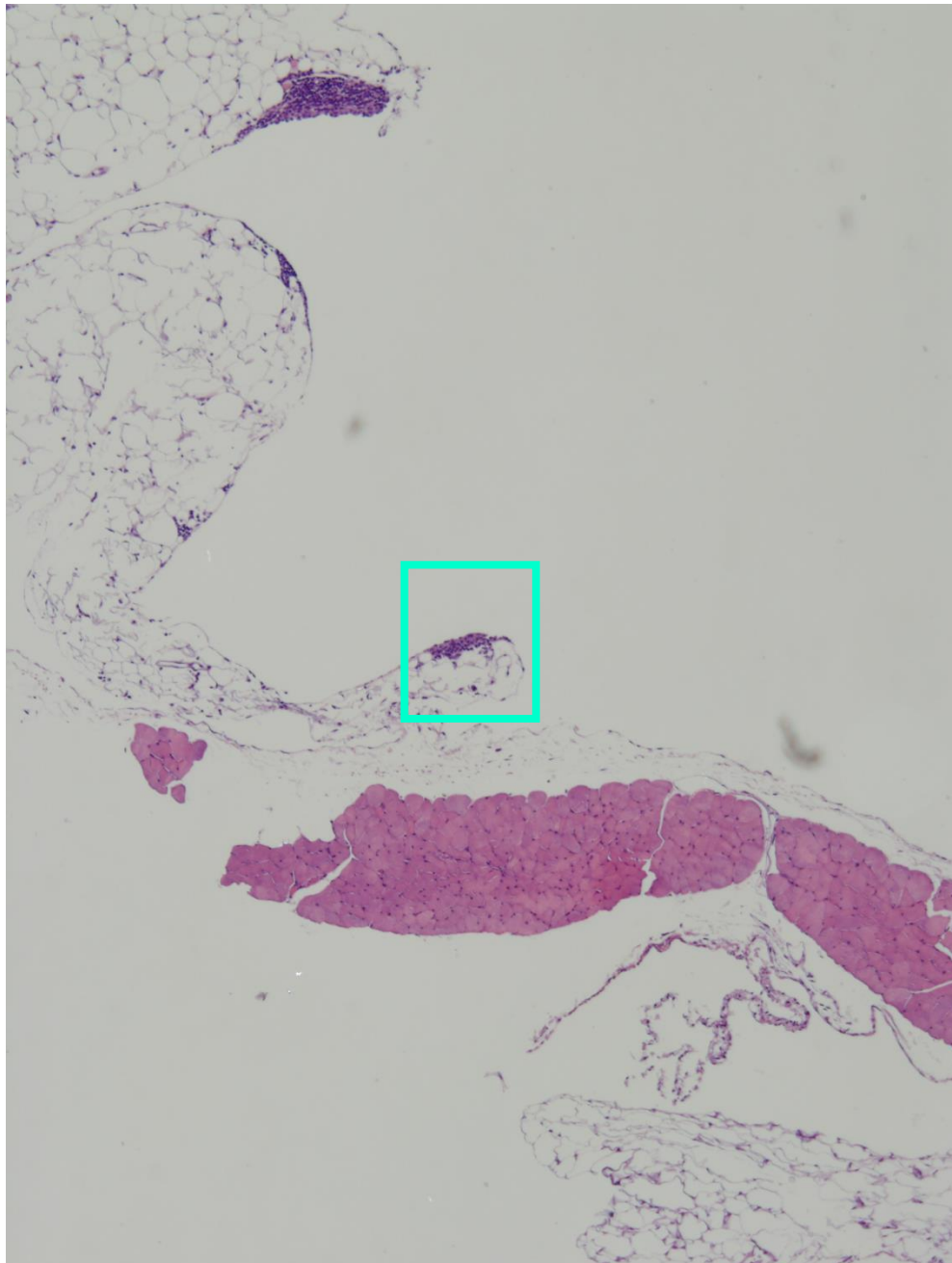
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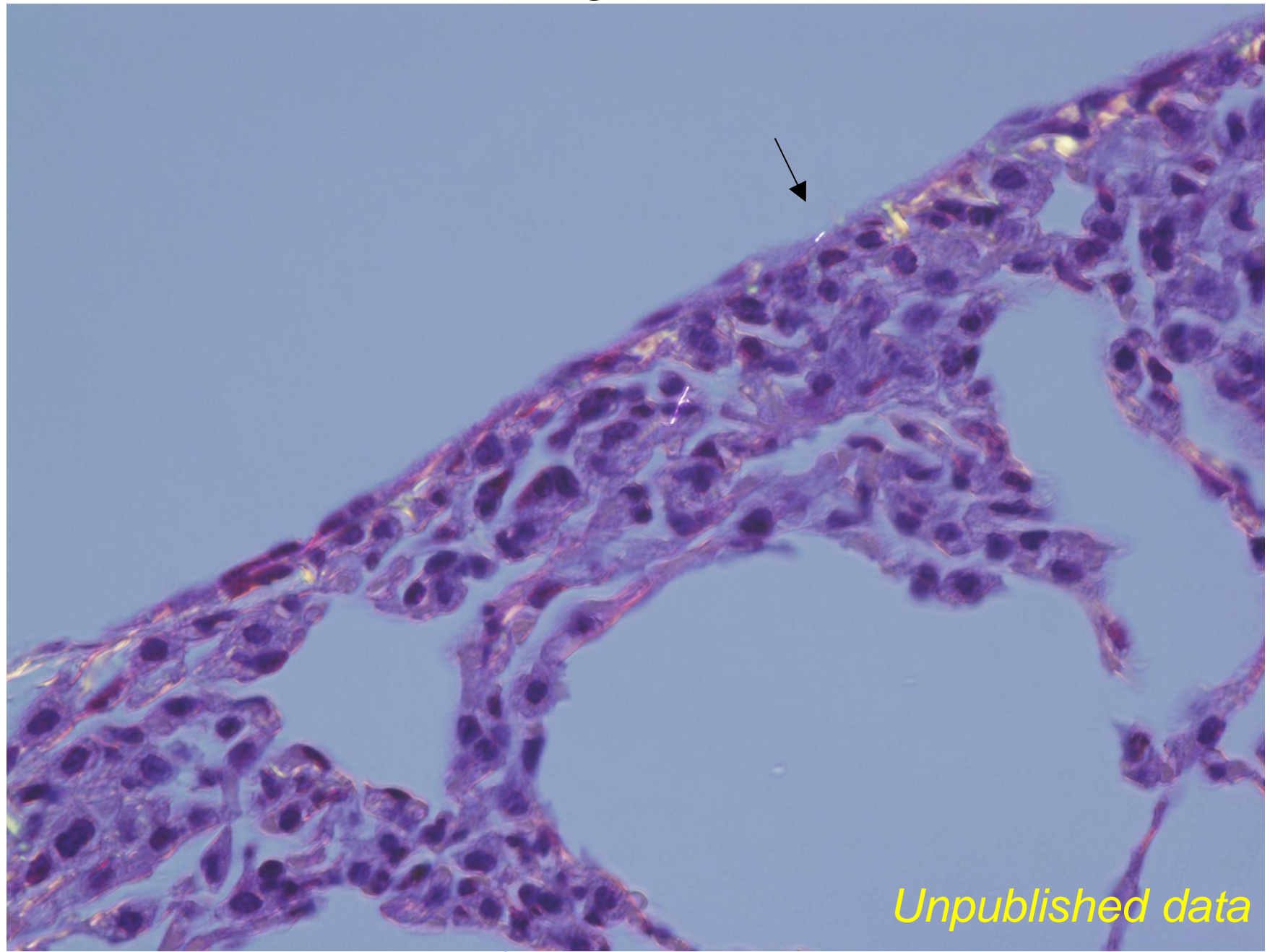


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Nanos to be tested

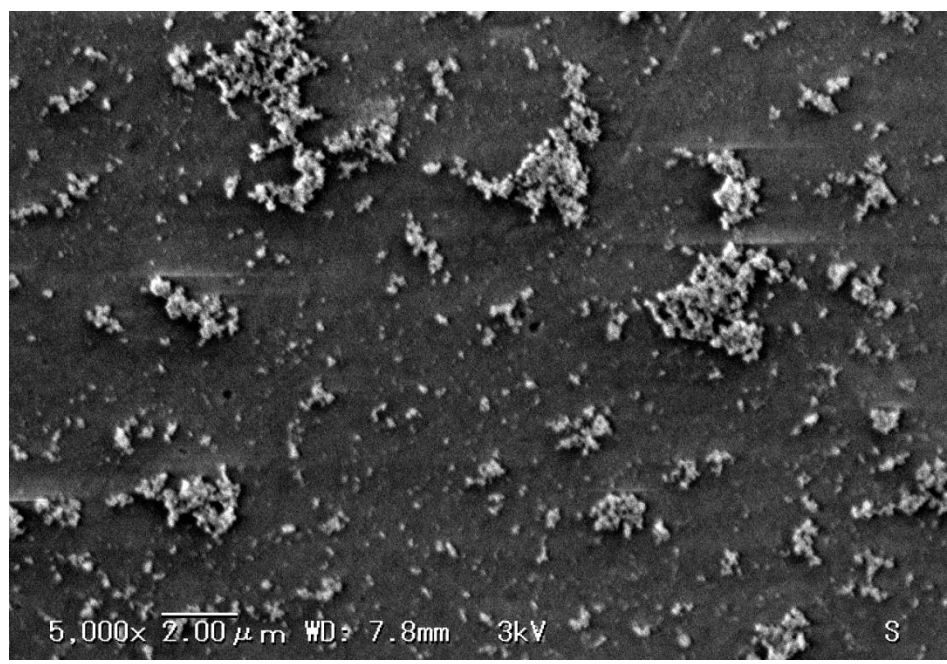
Application of Taquann System

- CNTs
- TiO₂
- ZnO
- C₆₀
- Ag, Au, Zn
- Graphen
- Nano-Cellulose
- others

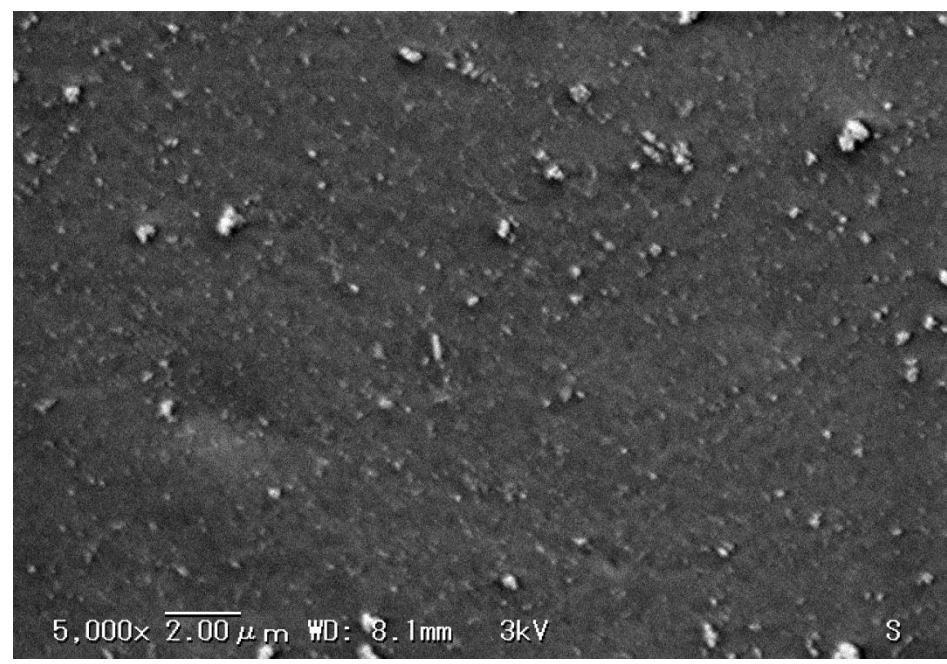
- NM with Specific Affinity
 - DNA/RNA
 - Protein
 - = enzyme inhibition
 - = antibody-like
 - = amyloid/ prion-like

Aptamer-conjugated

Taquann trial: TiO₂ (primary particle diameter; 35 nm)



Bulk
Suspension in water 5,000x



Taquann 5,000x

Taquann trial: C60

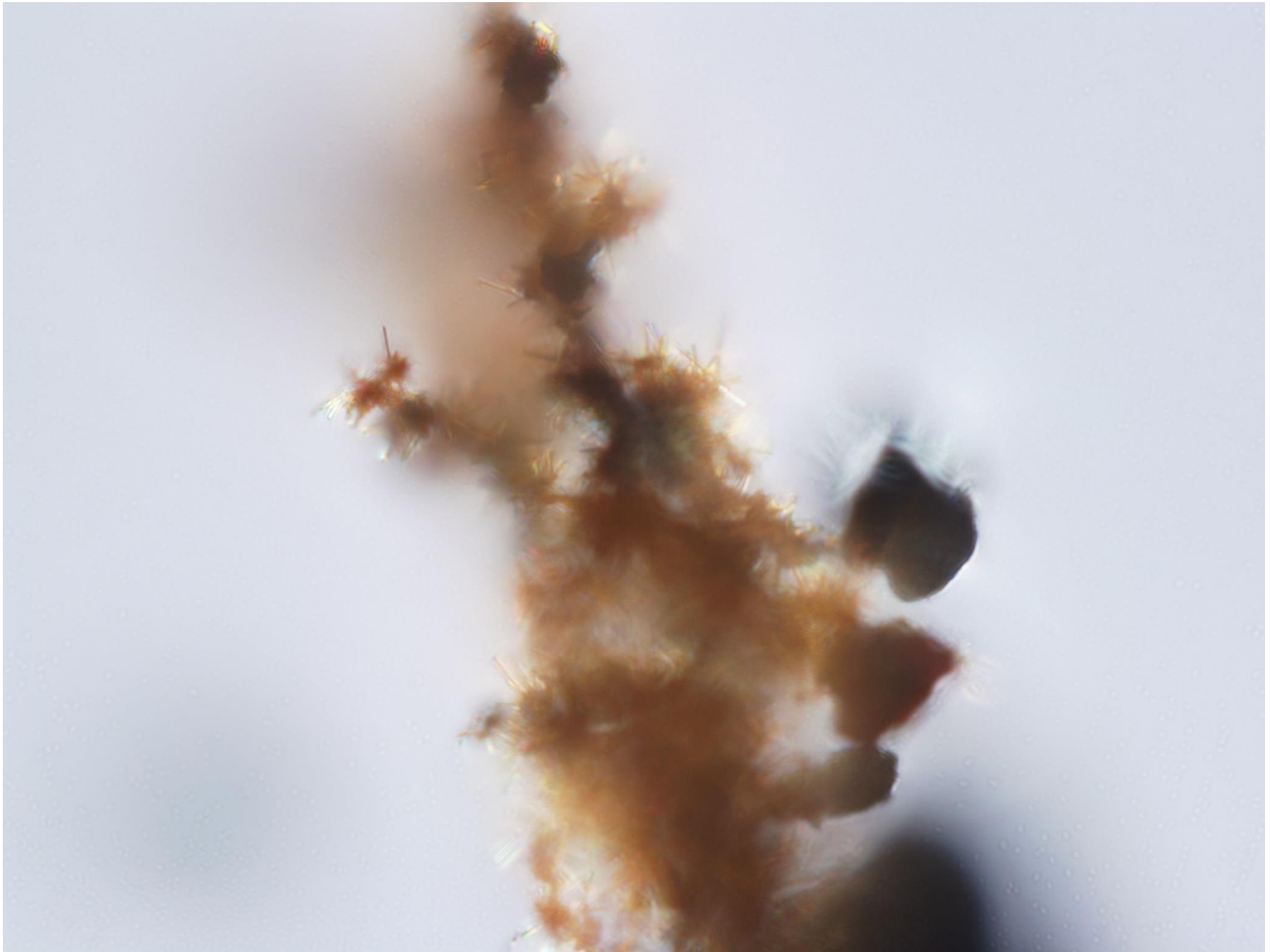
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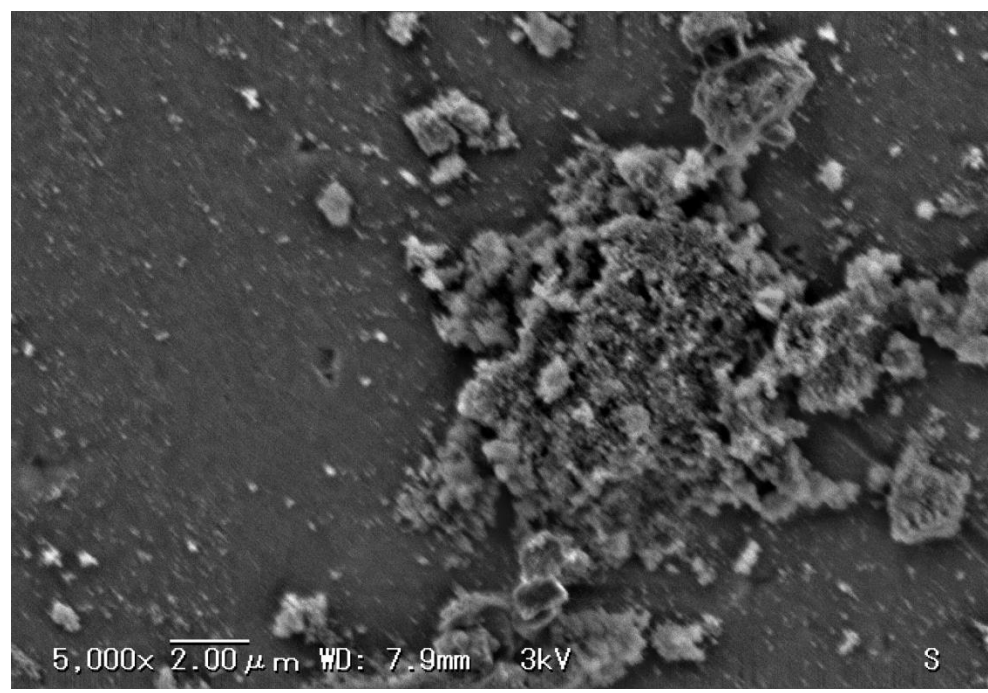
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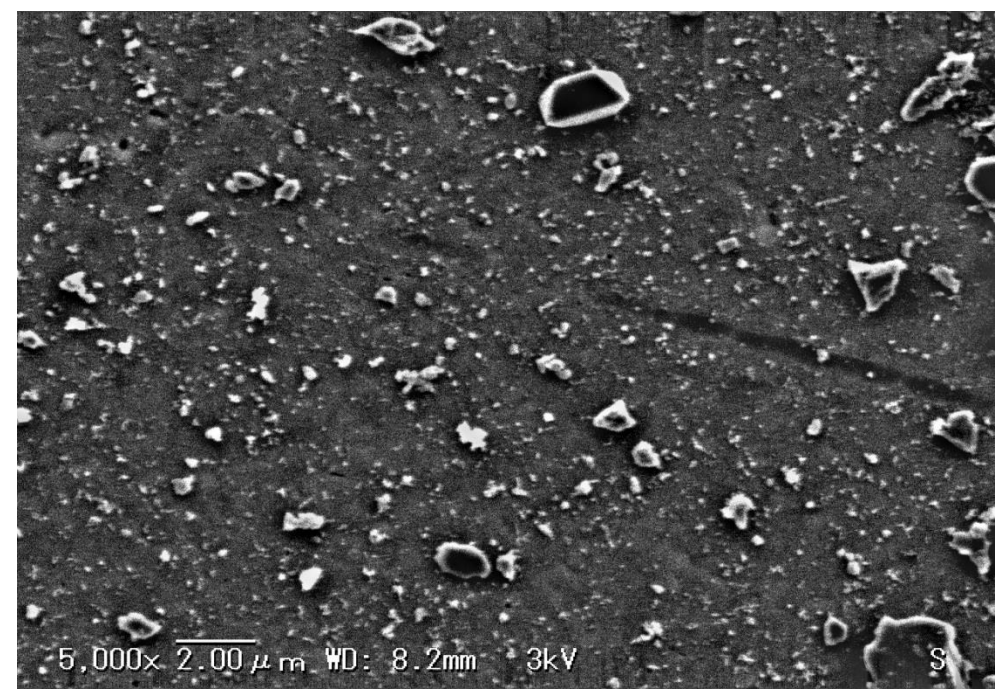




C60



Bulk 5,000x



Taquann 5,000x

Summary

- For the monitoring of general pulmonary toxicity (acute and chronic), a small scale inhalation system together with more universal dust generation system is developed.
 - This Taquann method generates well-dispersed MWCNT without aggregate/agglomerates and without dispersants.
 - The size of the single particle is not affected
 - Taquann + Cartridge-direct injection system keeps operator and room clean.
 - Pilot study showed single fibers reaching alveolar space without proximal lesions.
 - Can be used for other nanoparticles as long as insoluble to tert-butyl alcohol
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- Improved second version is under testing.

μm -MWCNT
Fullerene whiskers

Current study di

μm -MWCNT
 C_{60}
etc

1. Known mechanism

- fiber carcinogenesis - intraperitoneal injection model
- systemic distribution - i.p. model

2. Unknown mechanism

Animal experiment using human relevant routes

- hazard identification
- mechanism identification (assumption)
- dose-response data in experimental animals

TiO_2
 ZnO
 μm -MWCNT
Shorter MWCNT
Other CNT
Nano Metals
Fullerene
whiskers

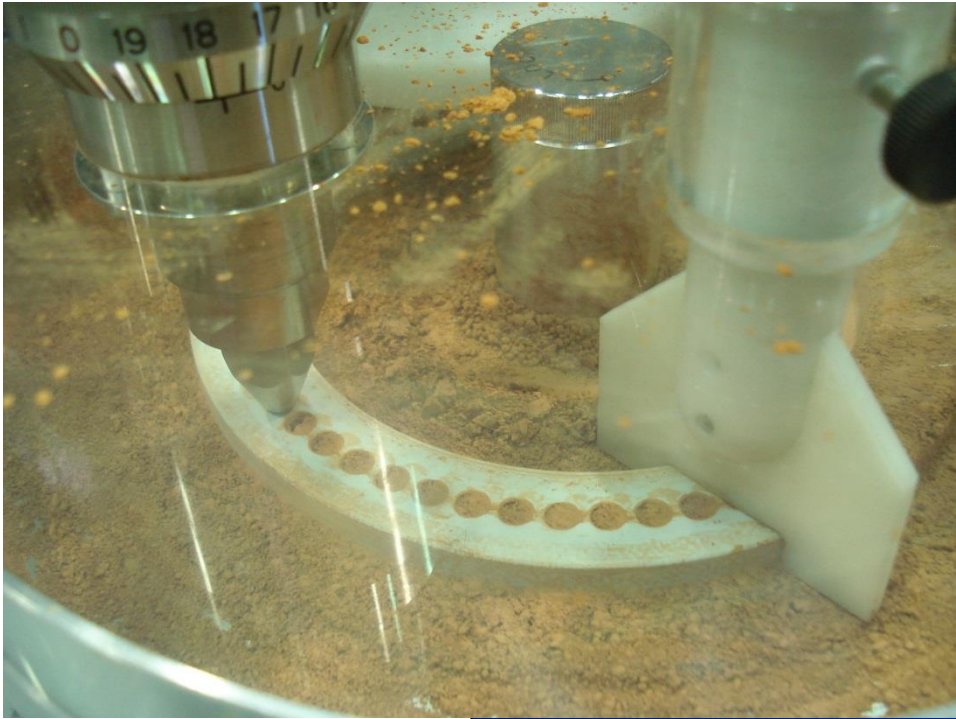
Etc.

Assumption of human toxicity and dose-response characteristics

* : inhalation (whole body, intratracheal), dermal, oral

Conclusion

- For the monitoring of general inhalation toxicity, both acute and chronic, an universal dispersion method is introduced; Taquann method.
- A small scale whole body inhalation system (Taquann-direct injection system) was made; the equipment is relatively cheap and ready for varieties of nanomaterial samples.
- The authors hope that these two methods/systems will facilitate inhalation toxicity studies for monitoring the unpredictable toxicity induced via whole body inhalation.



END

