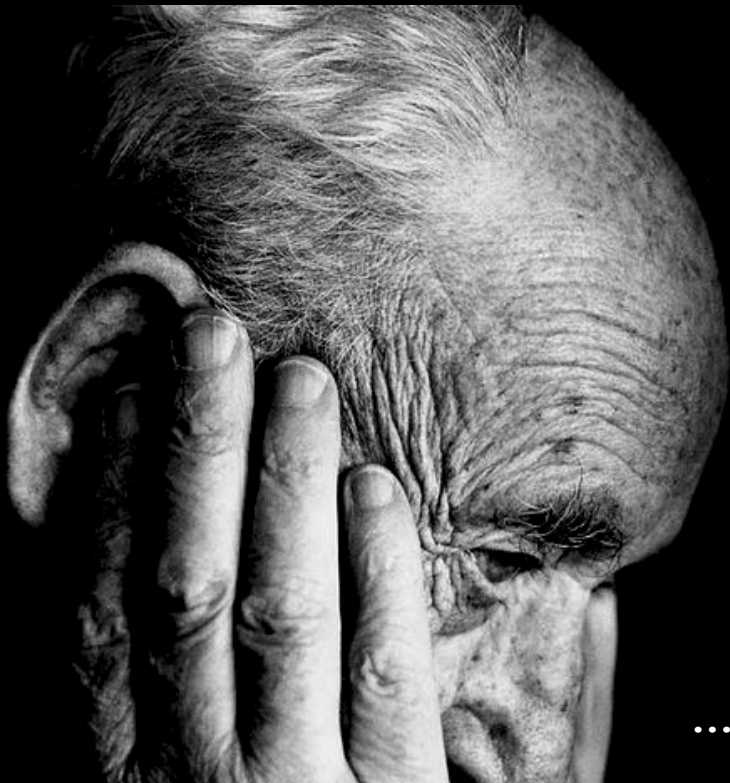




Antibody-conjugated PEGylated cerium oxide nanoparticles for specific targeting of A β aggregates modulate neuronal survival pathways

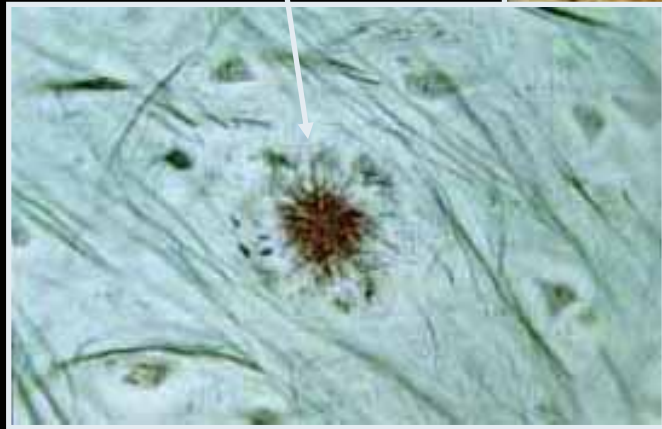
Alzheimer...
...the Search for New Treatments!



*...No one knows what causes AD to begin, but we do know a lot
about what happens in the brain once AD takes hold...*

Alzheimer's Disease

β -amyloid plaques



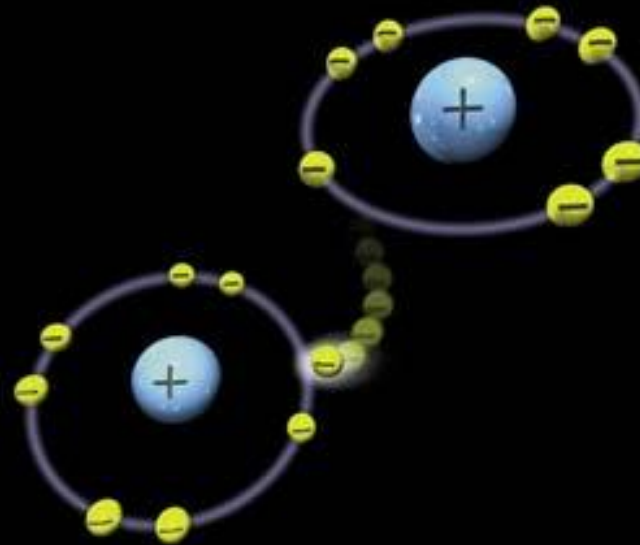
Neurofibrillary tangles

Oxidative stress

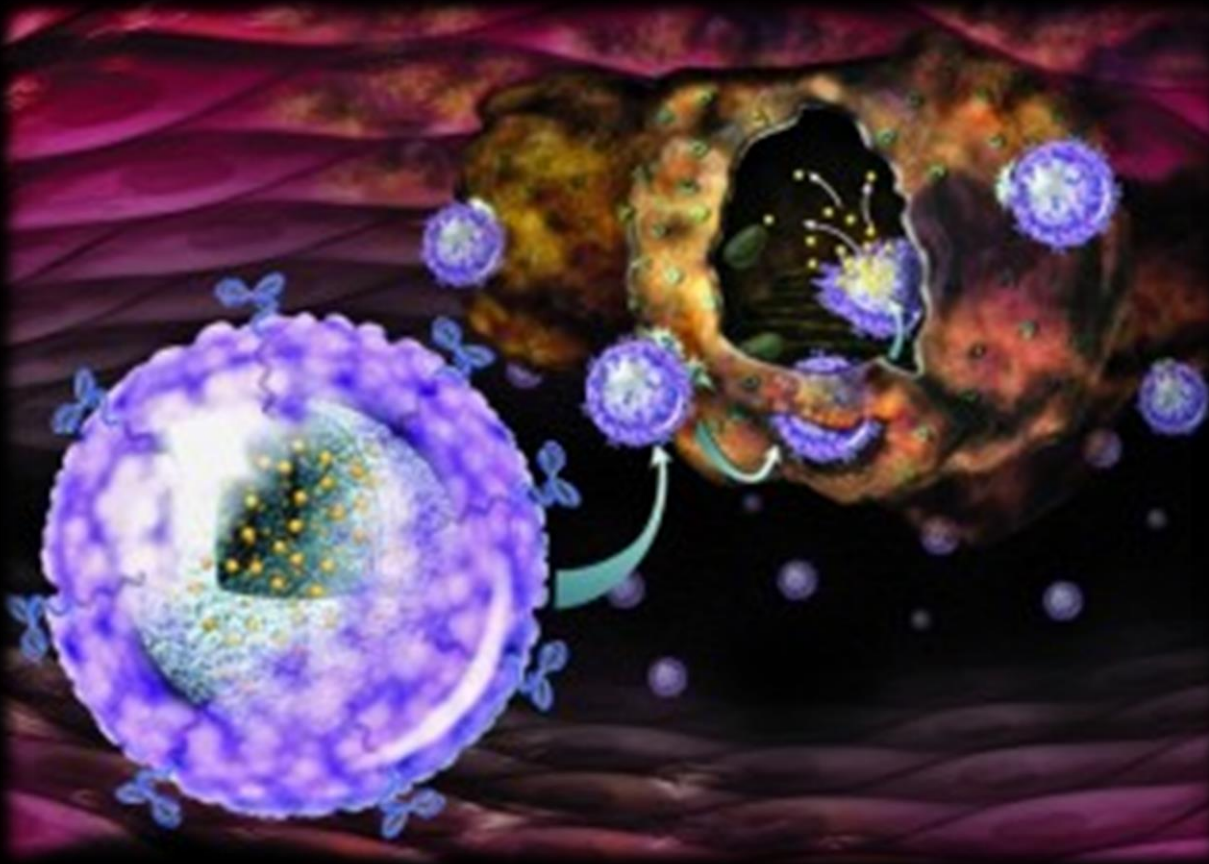
“An imbalance in pro-oxidants and antioxidants with associated disruption of redox circuitry and macromolecular damage”

Antioxidant

“ A substance that, when present at a low concentration compared with that of an oxidizable substrate, inhibits oxidation of the substrate”



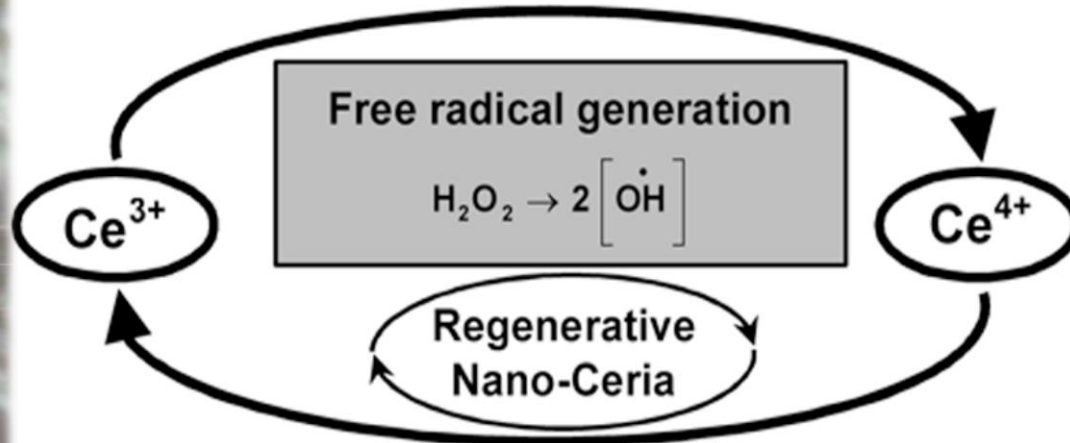
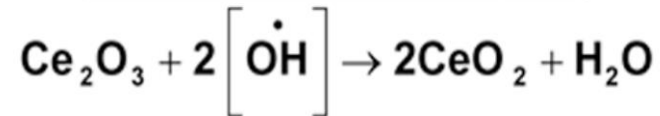
Free radicals are molecules that have at least one unpaired electron and then go around just taking electrons from other healthy molecules causing damage (oxidative stress).



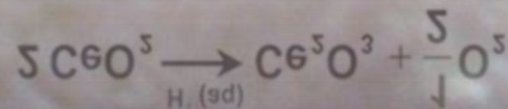
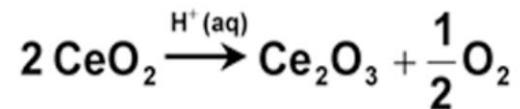
Specific targeting of
nanoceria
for Alzheimer therapy

Cerium oxide

Free Radical Scavenging

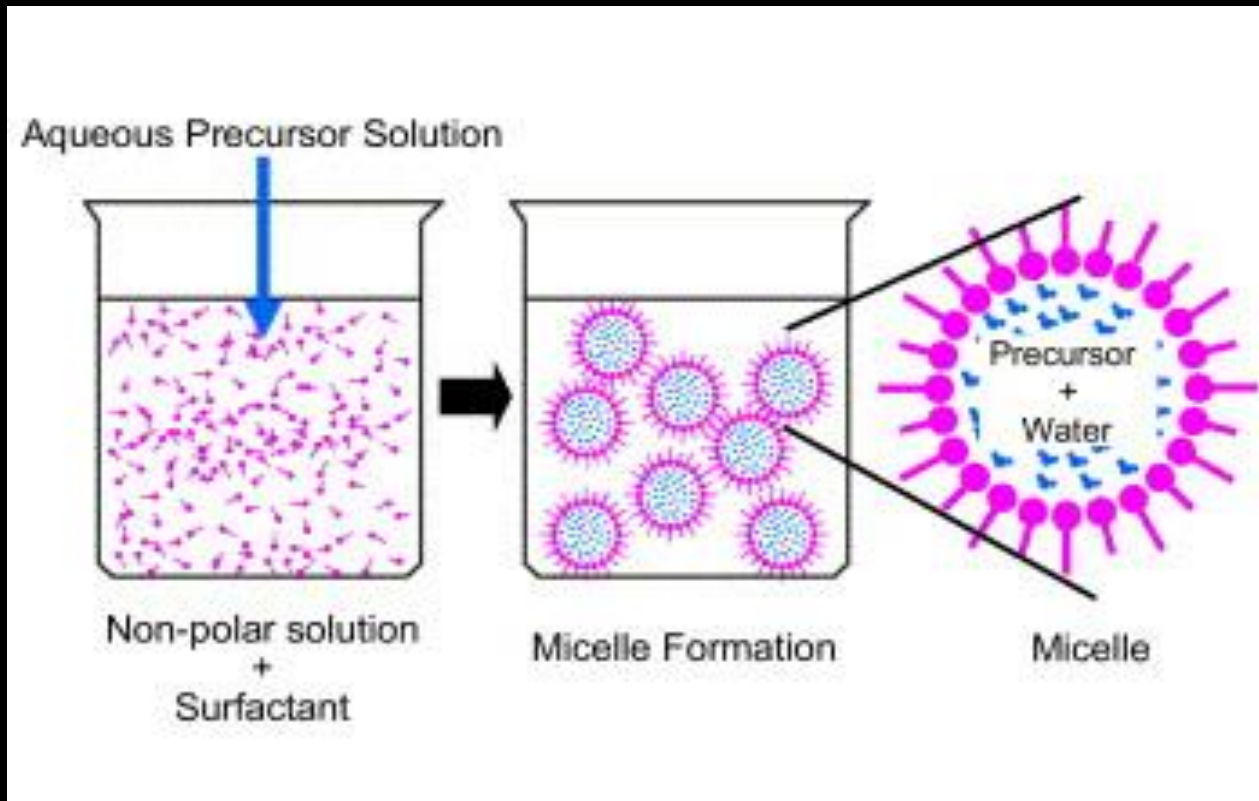


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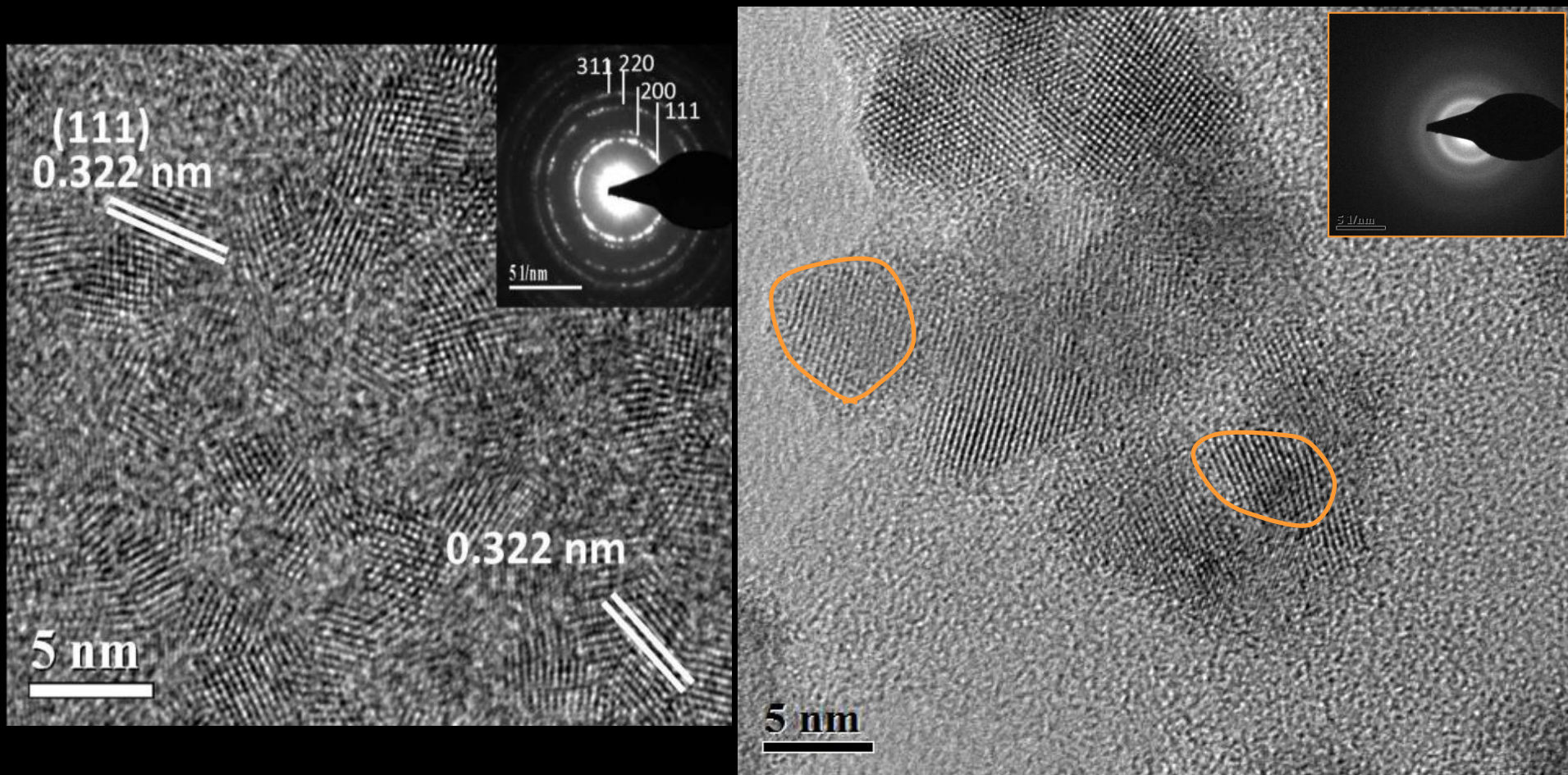


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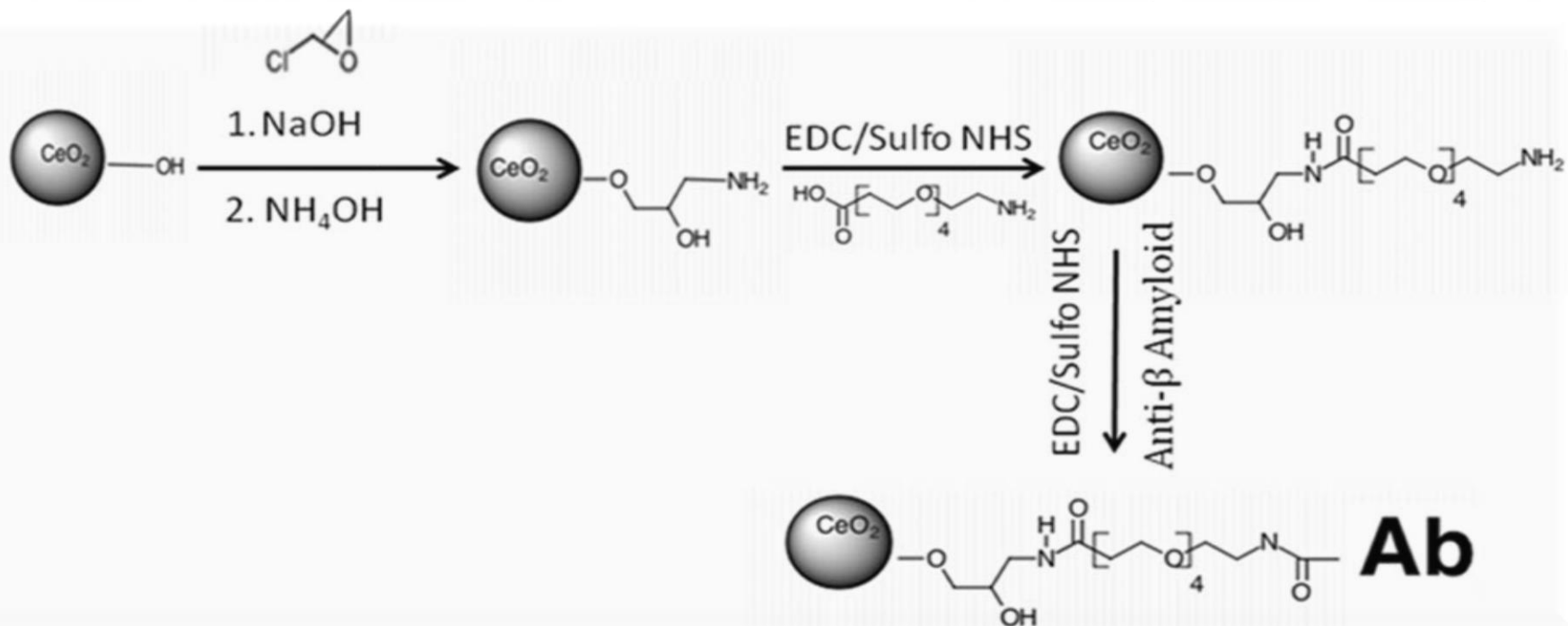
Synthesis and characterization of cerium oxide nanoparticles



TEM image of microemulsion nanoparticles showing controlled particle size distribution
(5 nm)



FUNCTIONALIZATION NP-EPICHLOROHYDRIN



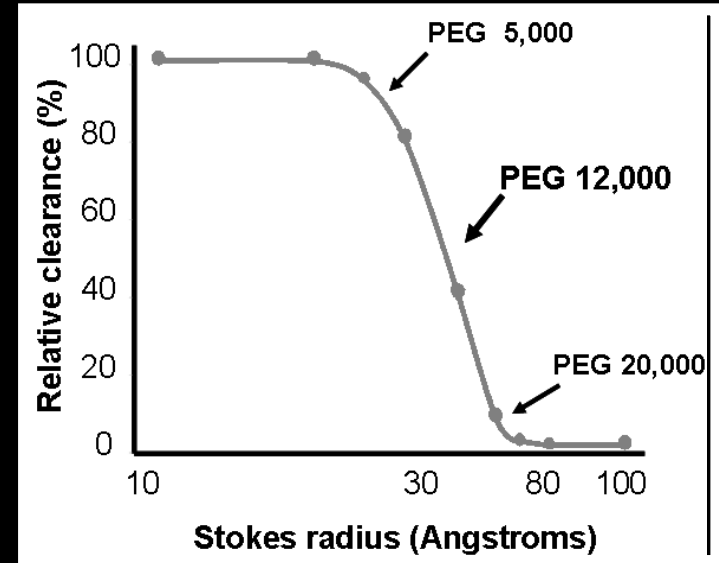
CONJUGATION NP- POLYETHYLENEGLYCOL

For its excellent physical, chemical and biological characteristics the PEG is the polymer of choice for the modification of therapeutic proteins:

- neutral
- biocompatible
- not-biodegradable
- not-toxic
- not immunogenic
- soluble
- low cost
- FDA approval



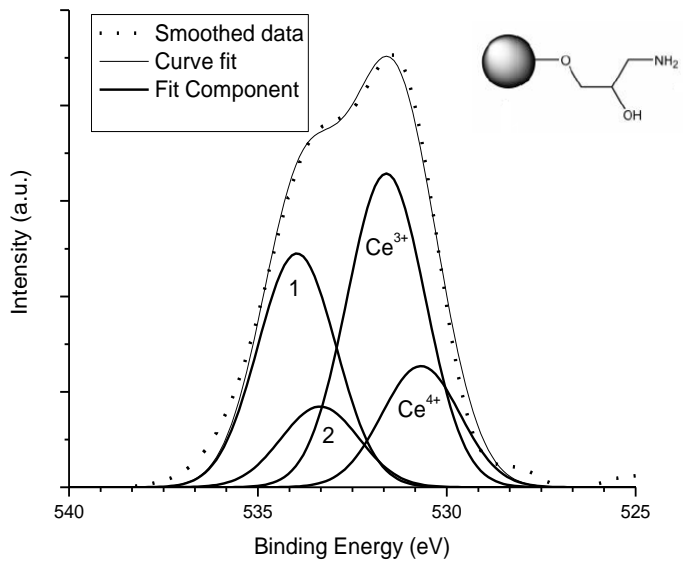
Although it is not biodegradable, it can be rapidly eliminated via the renal and liver without undergoing structural changes. Both deletions renal and hepatic depend on the molecular weight of the polymer. PEG to below 20 kDa are freely filtered at the glomerulus, while polymers with higher molecular weights are removed from the circulation more slowly.



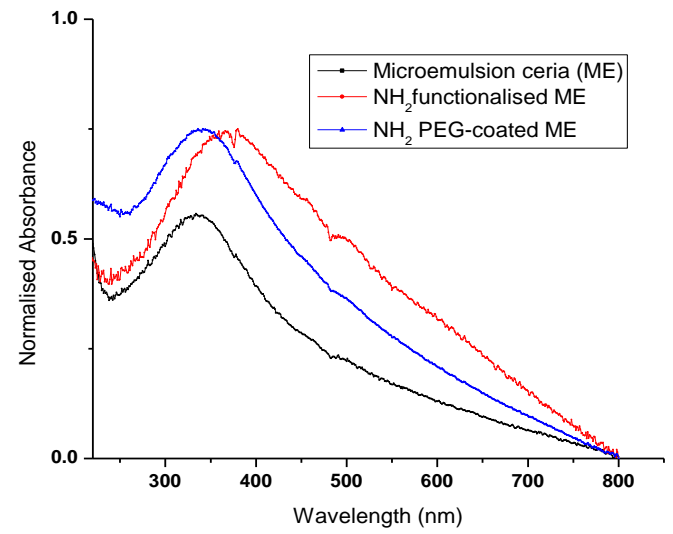
Renal Clearance of polyethylene glycol as a function of molecular weight .

[Yamaoka T. Tabata Y, Ikada Y. 1994].

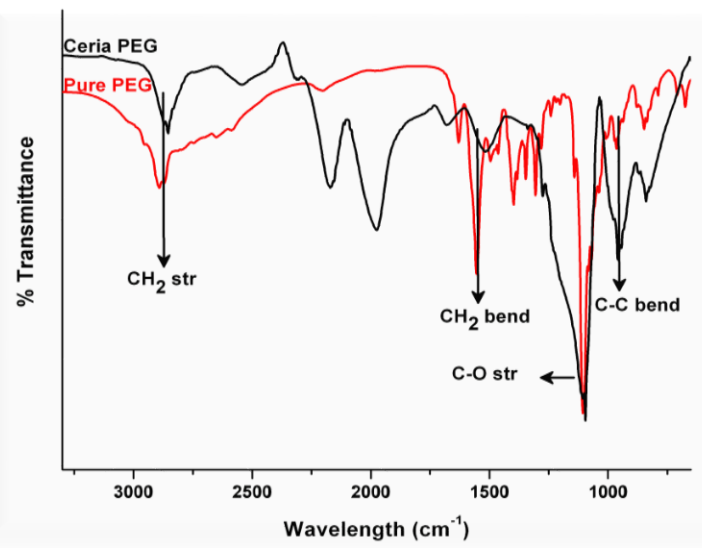
X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy



Ultraviolet-visible spectroscopy



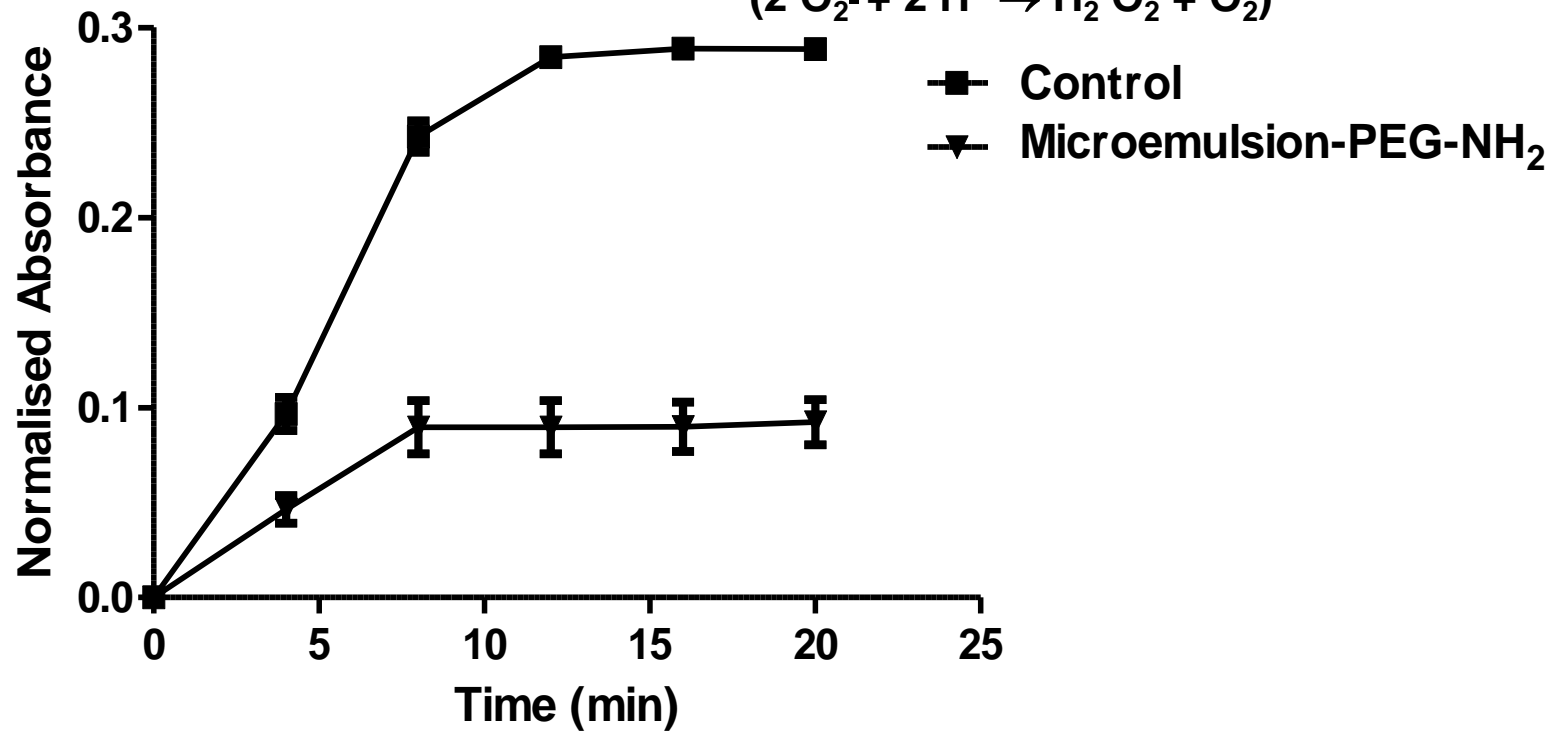
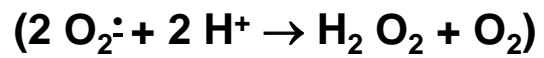
Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy



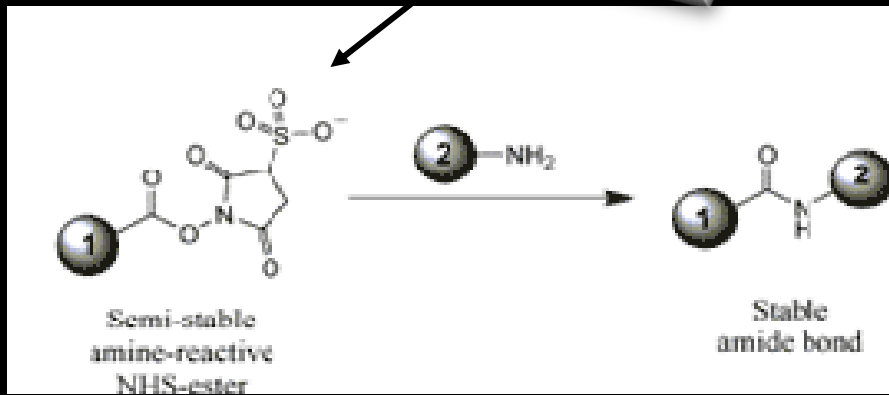
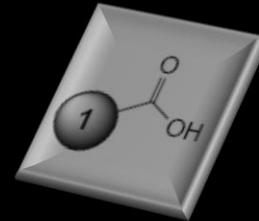
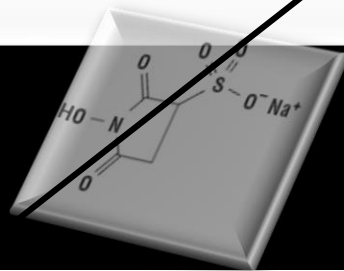
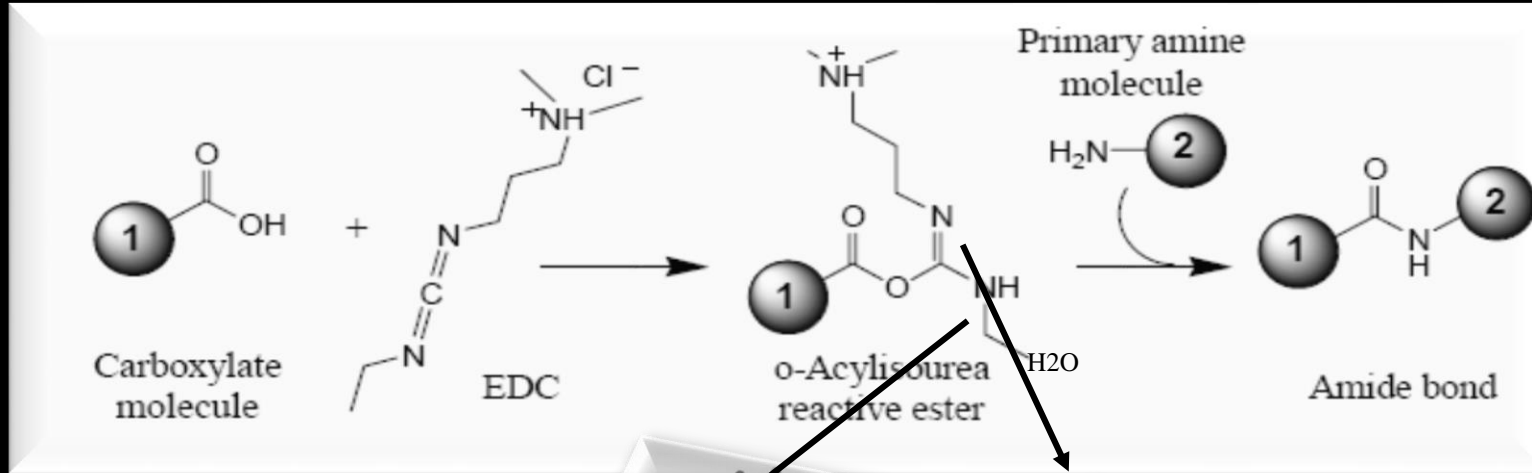
ZETA POTENTIAL:

Ceria micro-emulsion	-32.8	-31.9
Ceria micro-emulsion NH₂ (functionalised)	-10.3	-10.7
Ceria micro-emulsion NH₂- PEG-NH₂	-37.7	-37.8

SOD activity



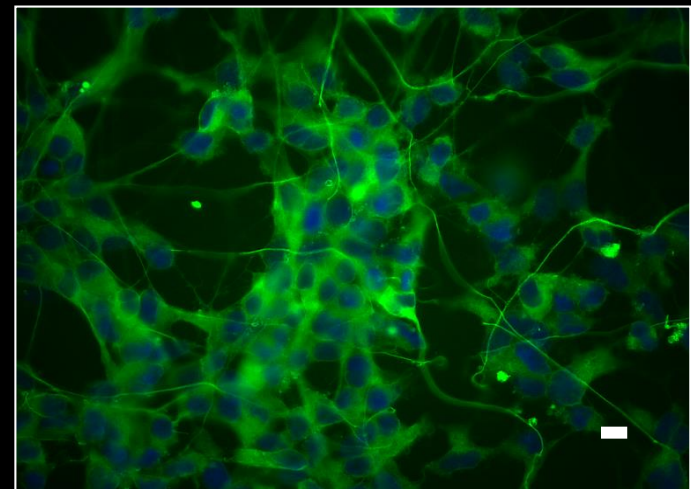
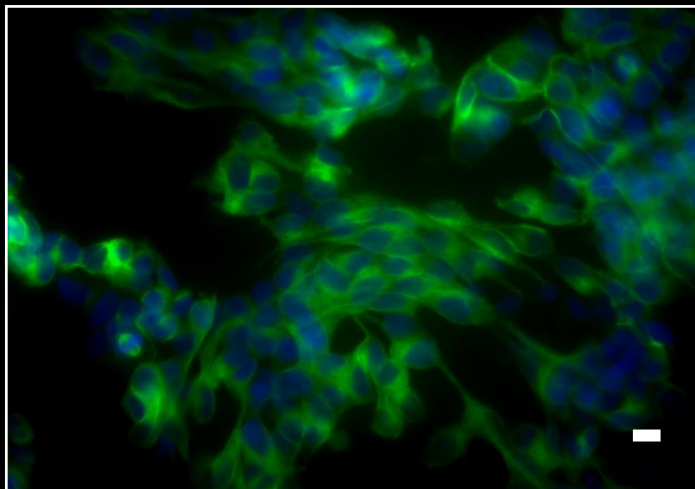
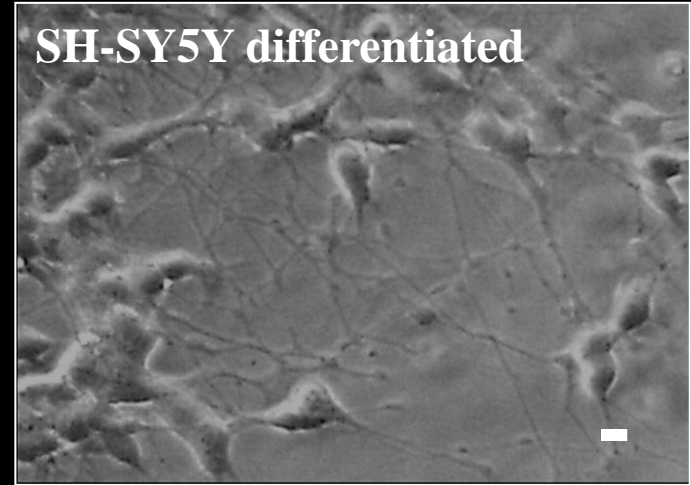
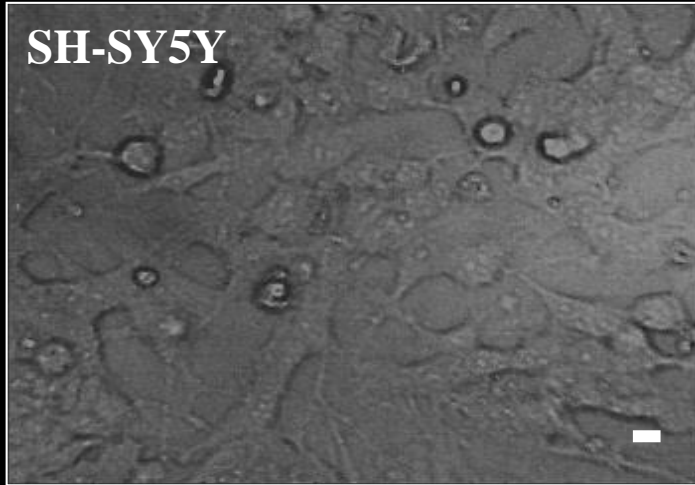
CONJUGATION NP-PEG-Ab BY EDC (Ethyldiethylaminopropylcarbodiimide) & Sulfo-NHS (N-Hydroxysuccinimide)



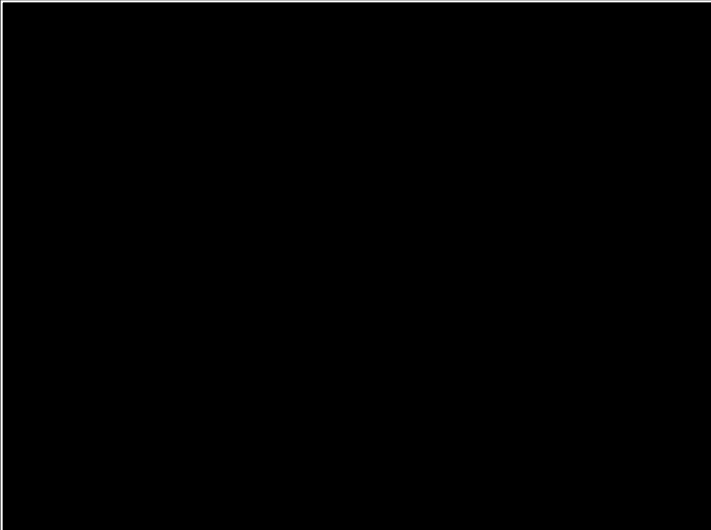
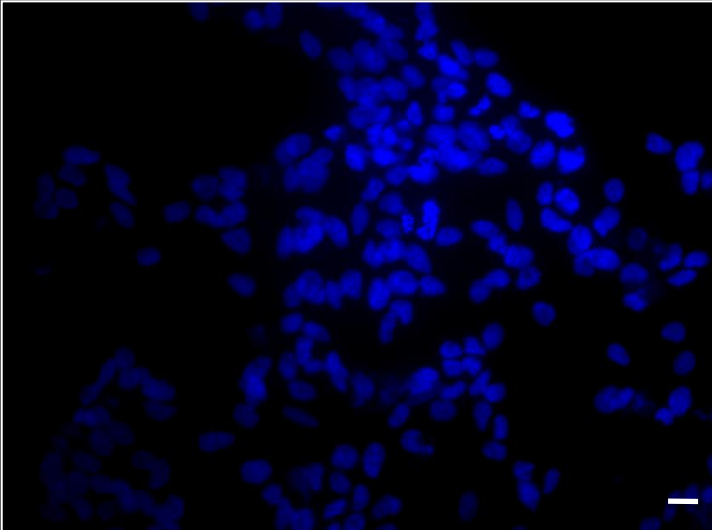
Samples	Ceria NH ₂ -Ab	Ceria-PEG-NH ₂ -Ab
Amount of Protein conjugated	140ug-protein/ml	549.01ug-protein/ml

➤ **Human in vitro model of Alzheimer's disease:**

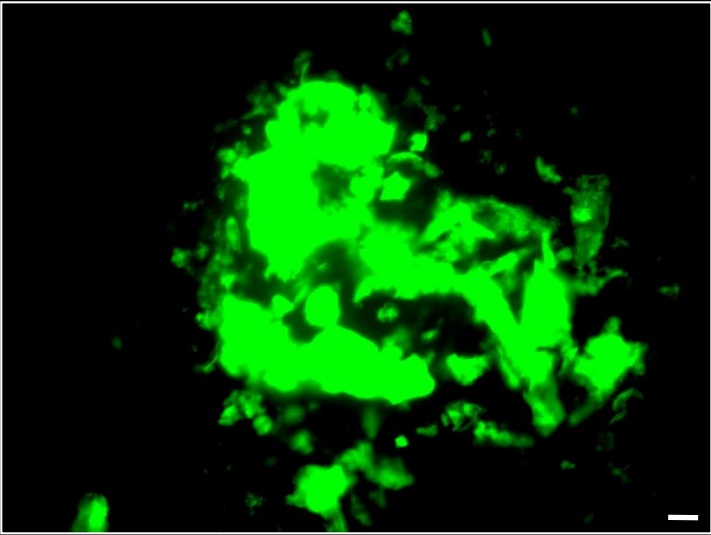
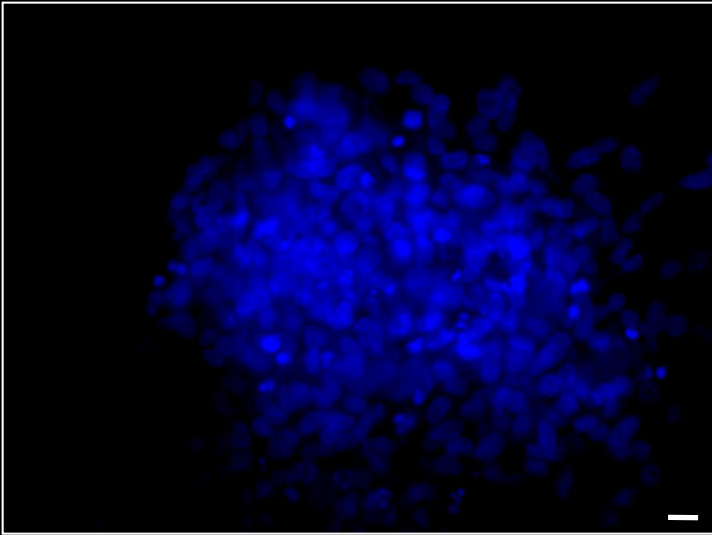
The SH-SY5Y neuroblastoma cells induced to neuronal differentiation are treated with an acute dose of A β (fragment 25-35).



PRESENCE OF PLAQUES:

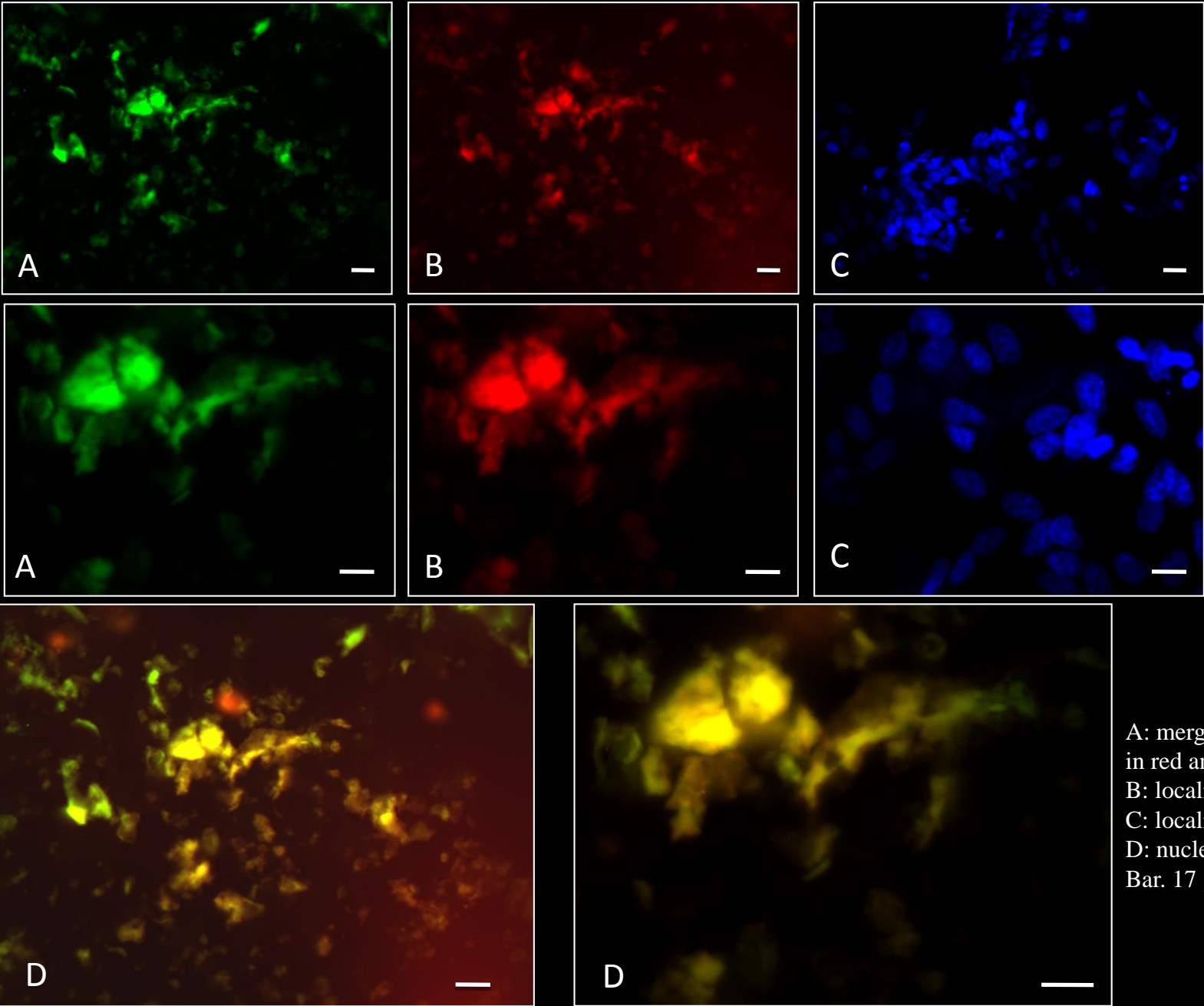


N2 differentiated cells



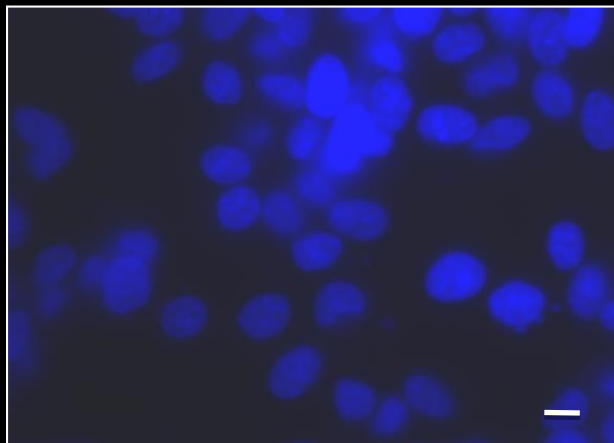
β -Amyloid treated cells

β -Amyloid + CeO₂ PEG_Ab

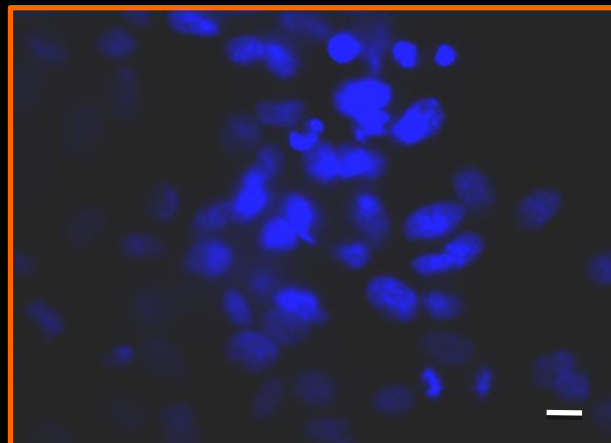


A: merge B and C (antibody in red and plaques in green);
B: localization of plaques;
C: localization of antibody;
D: nuclei stained with DAPI,
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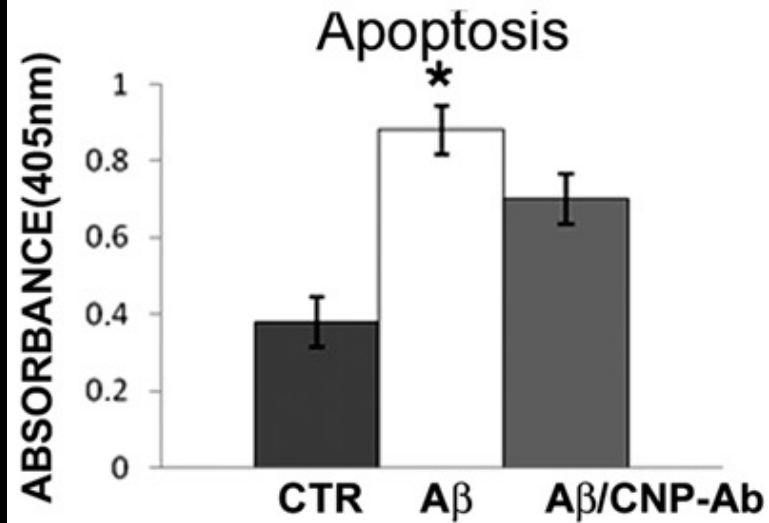
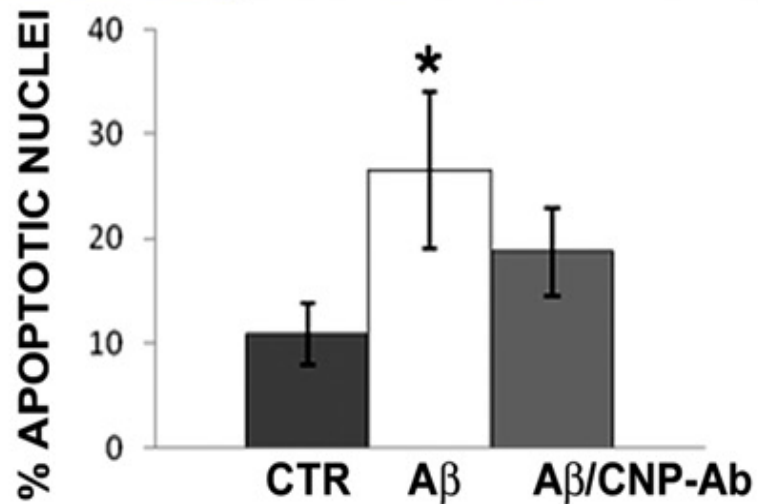
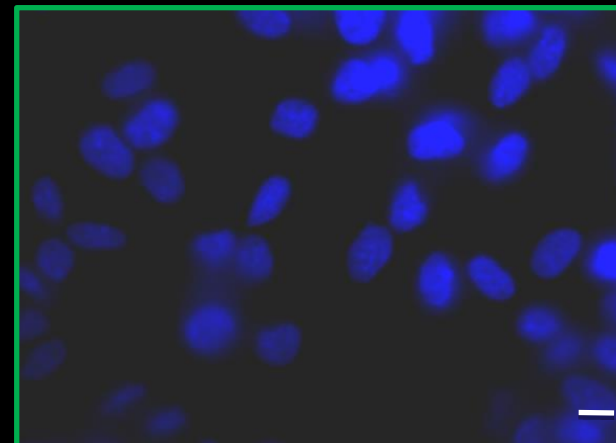
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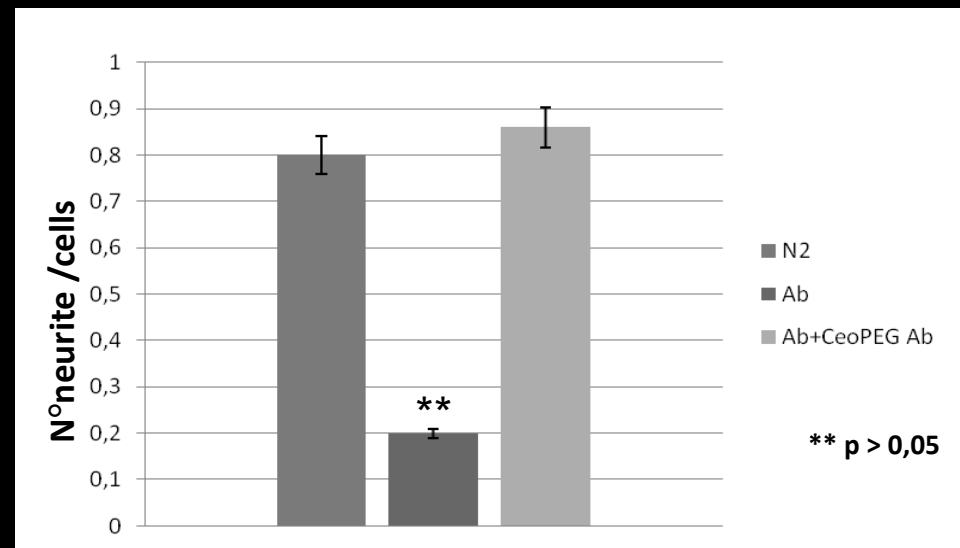
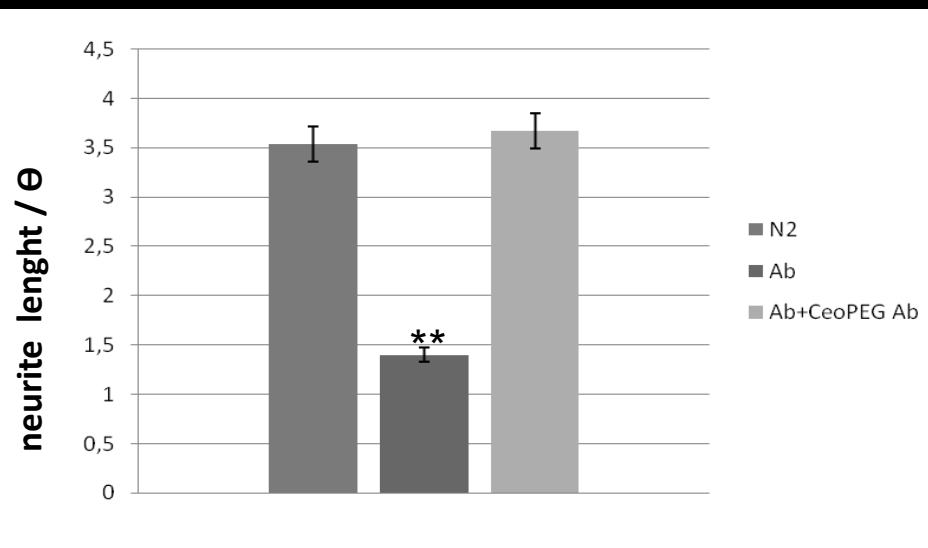
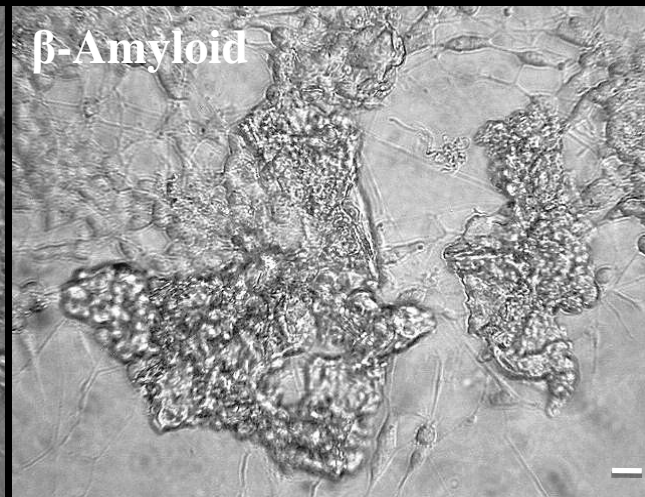
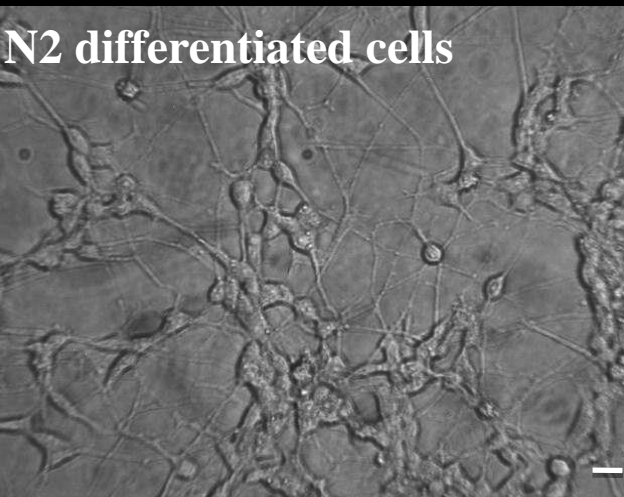


Amyloid beta



A β + CeO₂ PEG Ab

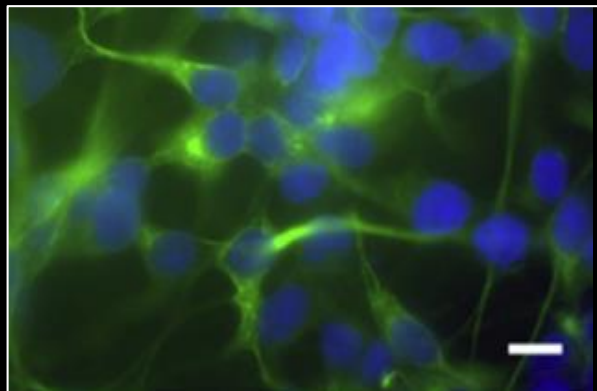




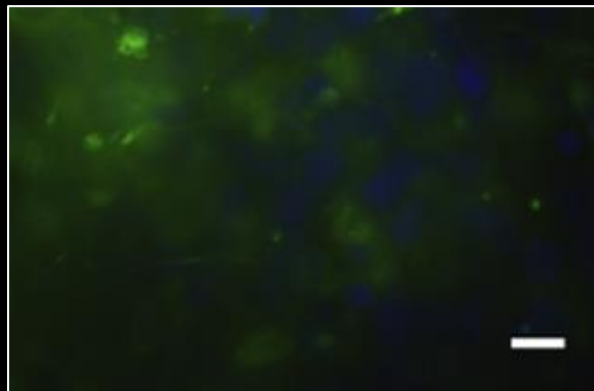
Quantification of the number and length of neurites in control cells and treated.

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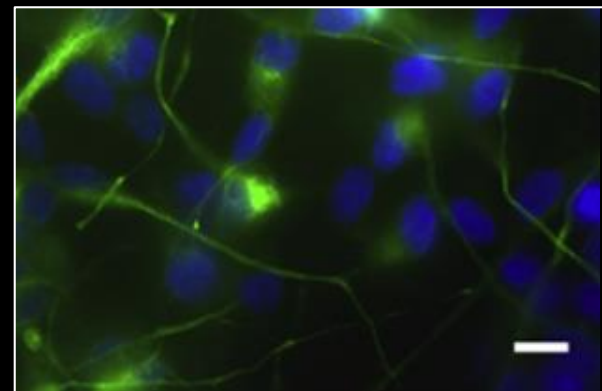
Control N2 differentiated cells



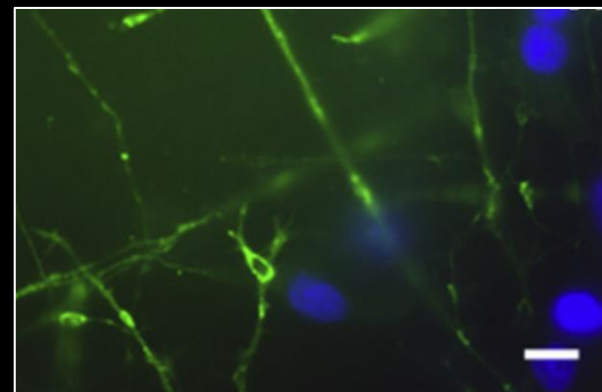
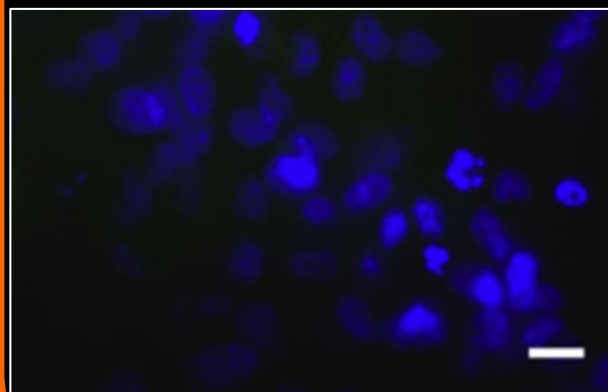
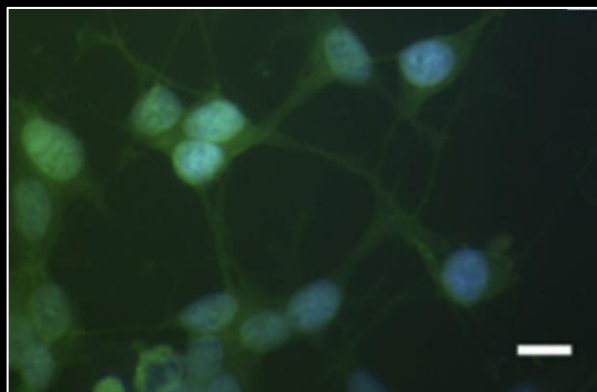
Amyloid beta treated cells



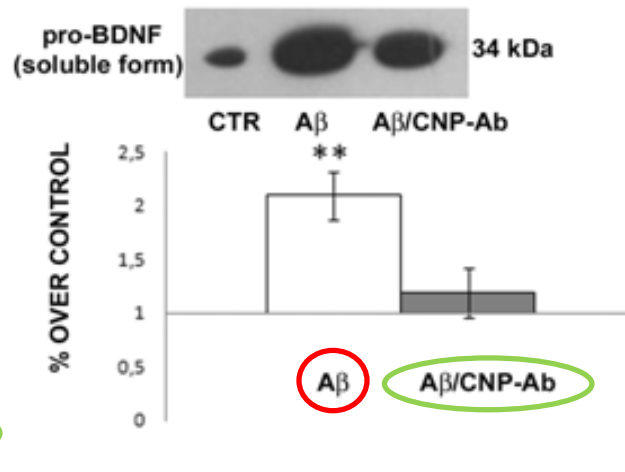
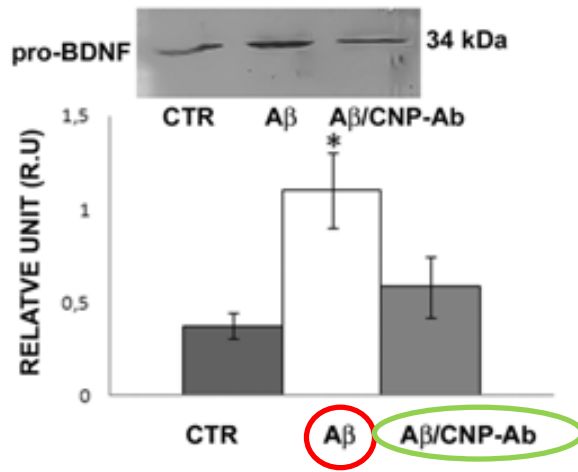
Amyloid beta treated cells + CeO2 PEG Ab



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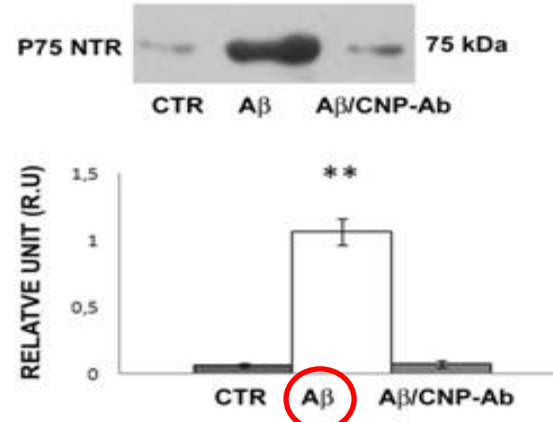
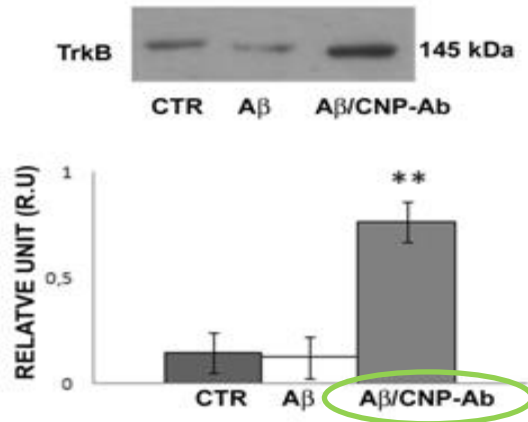


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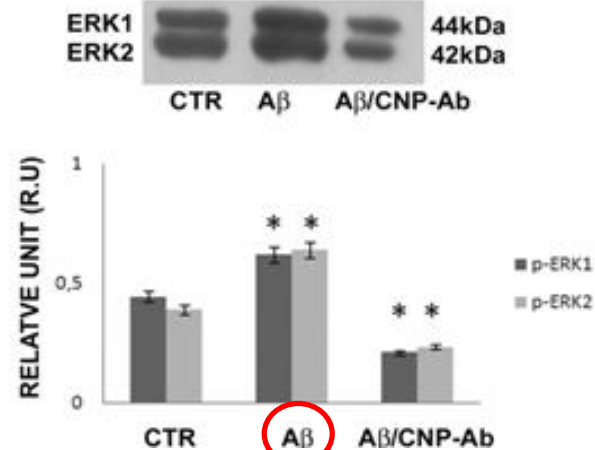
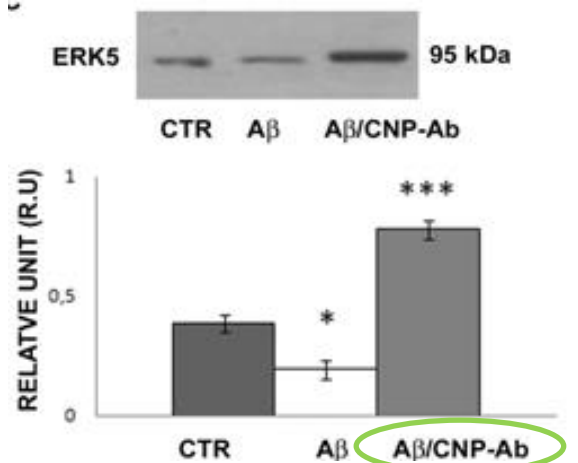
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