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# Nano pathology

The Role of Micro  
and Nanoparticles in  
Biomaterial-Induced  
Pathology

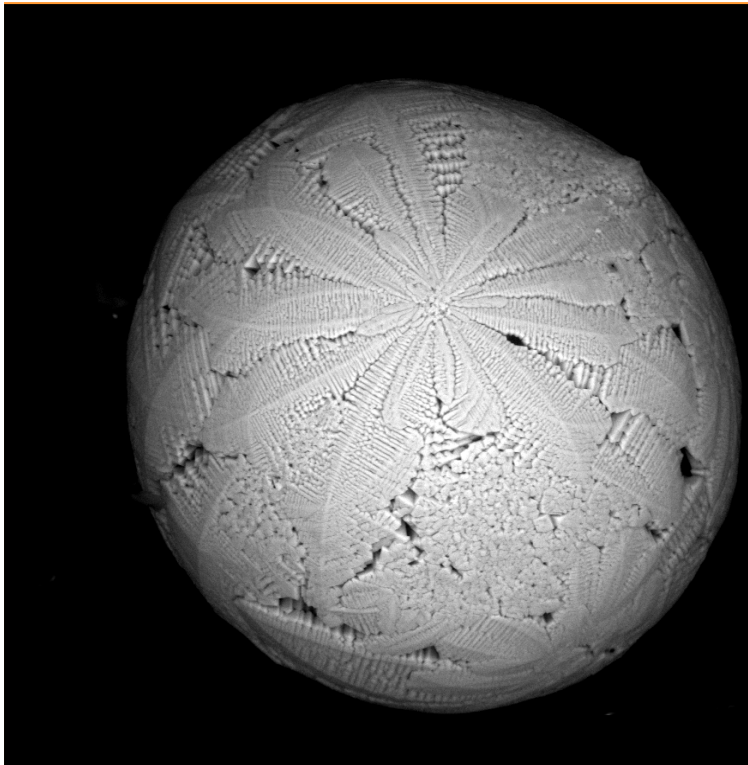
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# Nanopathology

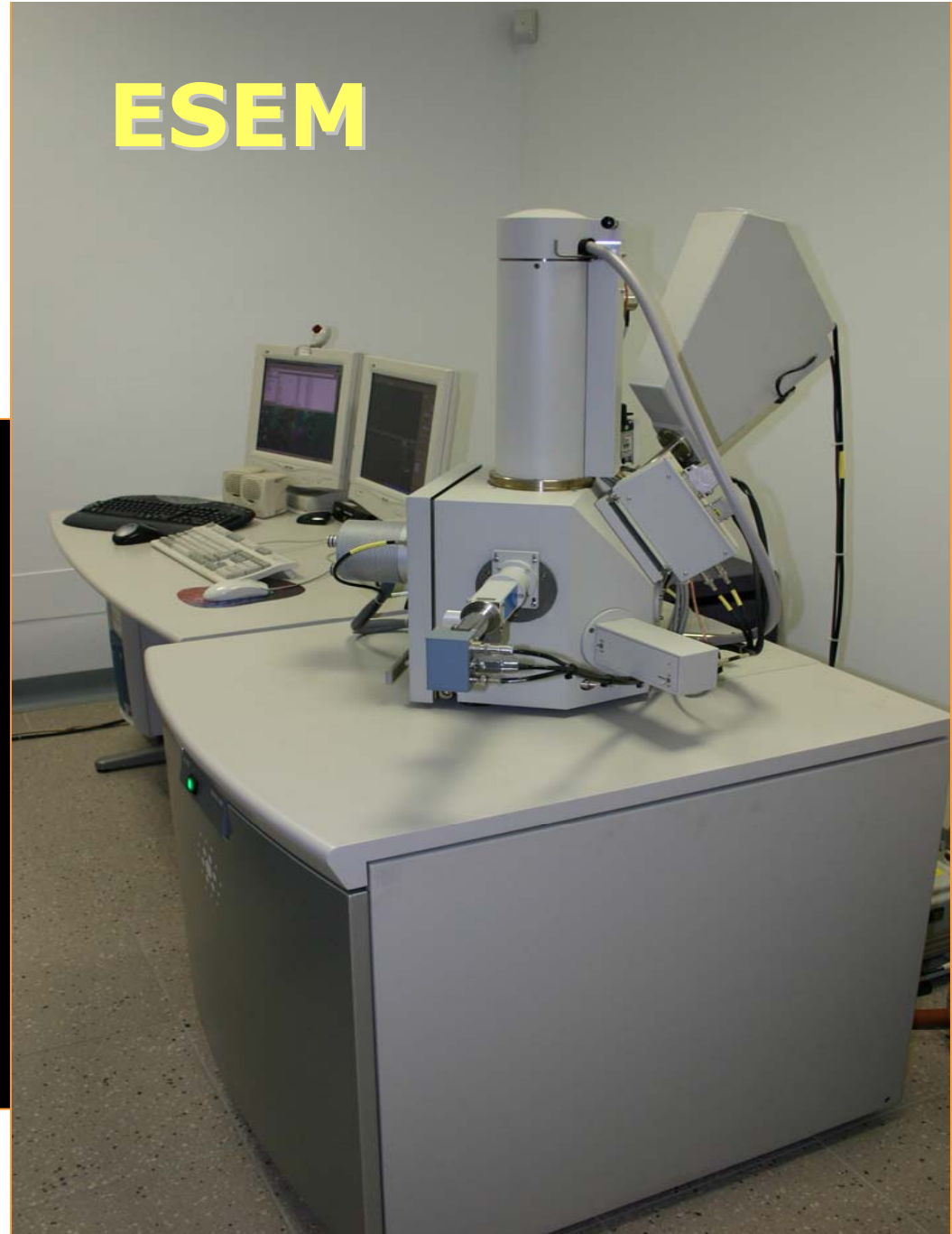
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is the branch of learning that deals with how the organism reacts to the presence of micro- and nano-particles

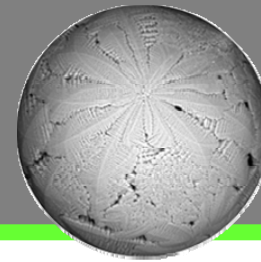
# Environmental Scanning Electron Microscope



# ESEM



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**Development of an  
Integrated Platform for Nanoparticle  
Analysis to verify their possible  
toxicity and the eco-toxicity**

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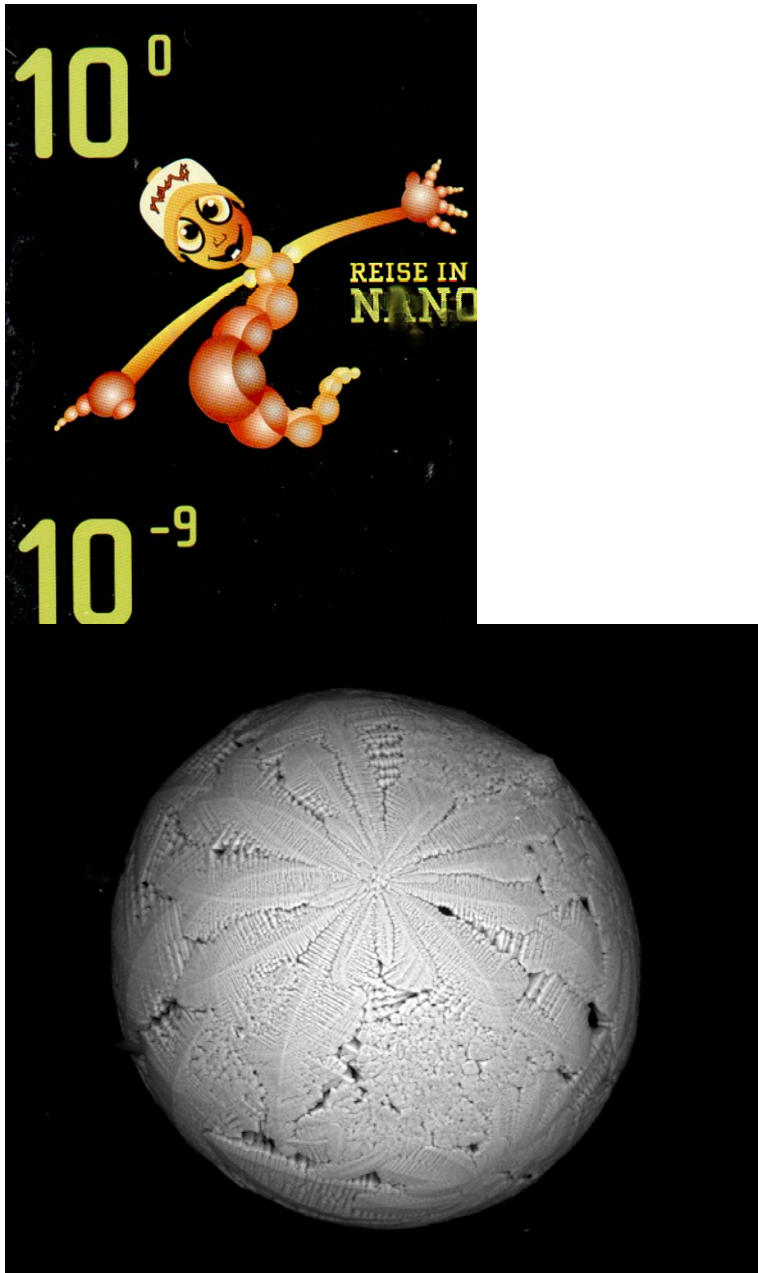
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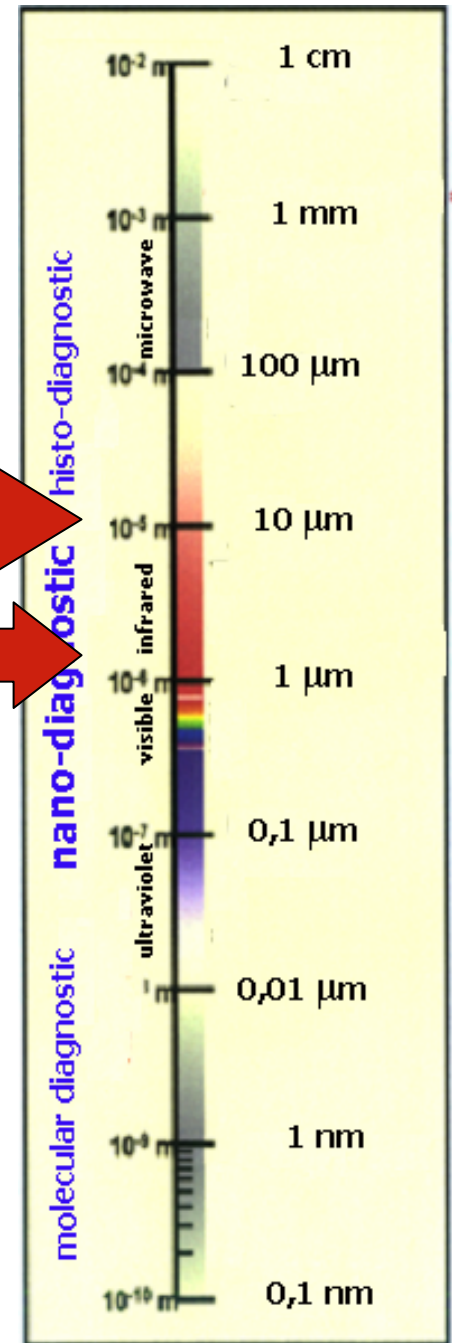
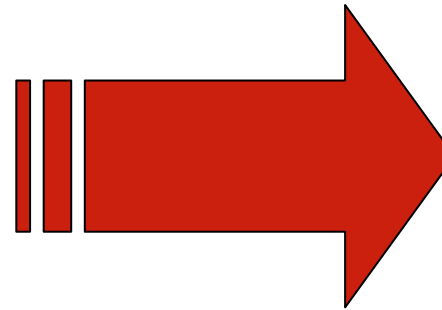


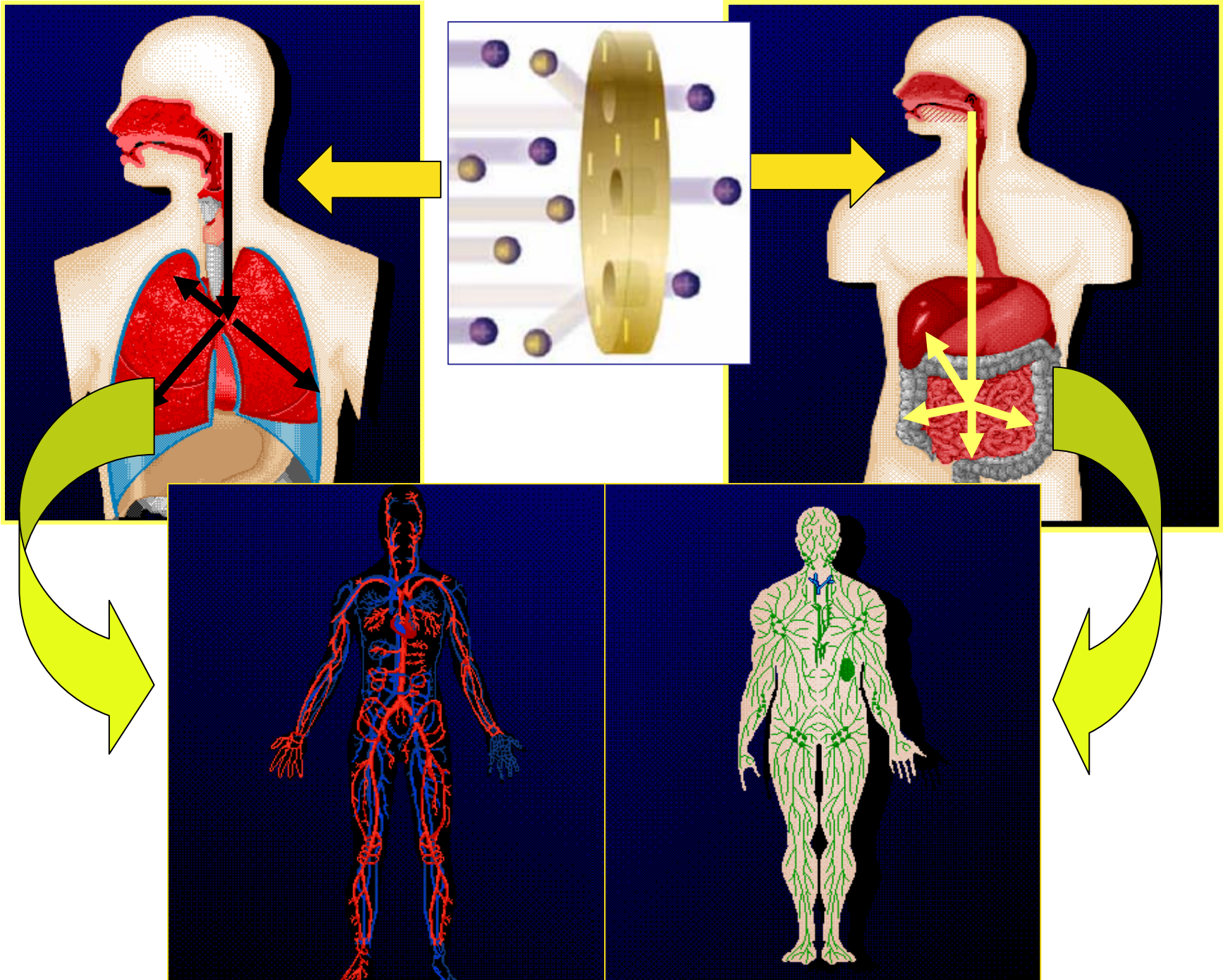
**Field Emission Gun-  
Environmental Scanning  
Electron Microscope**



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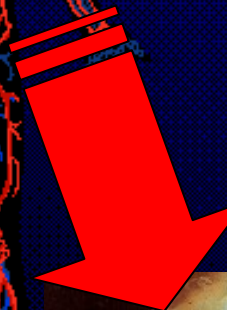
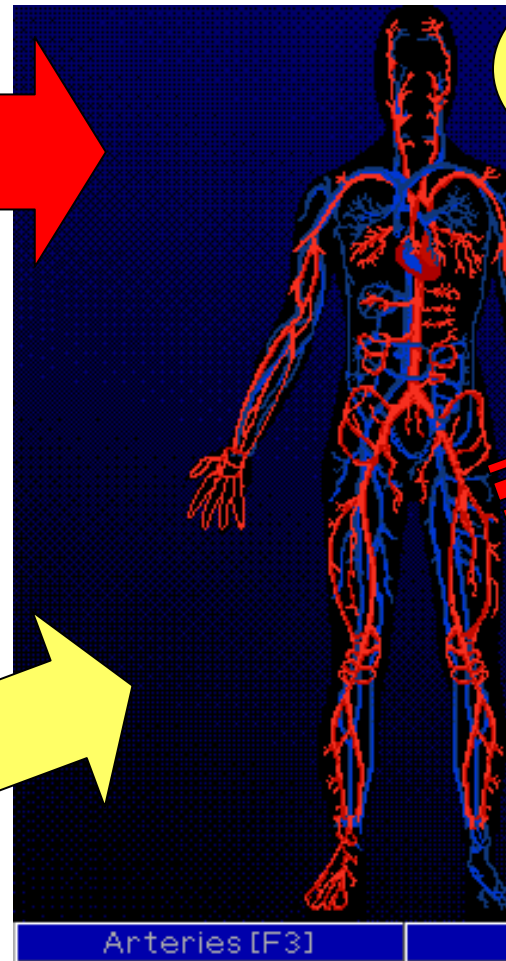
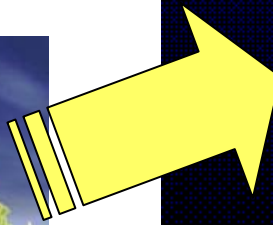
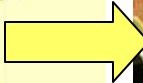
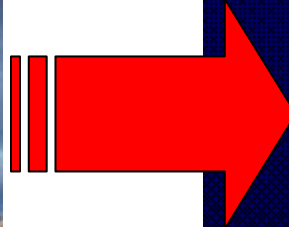






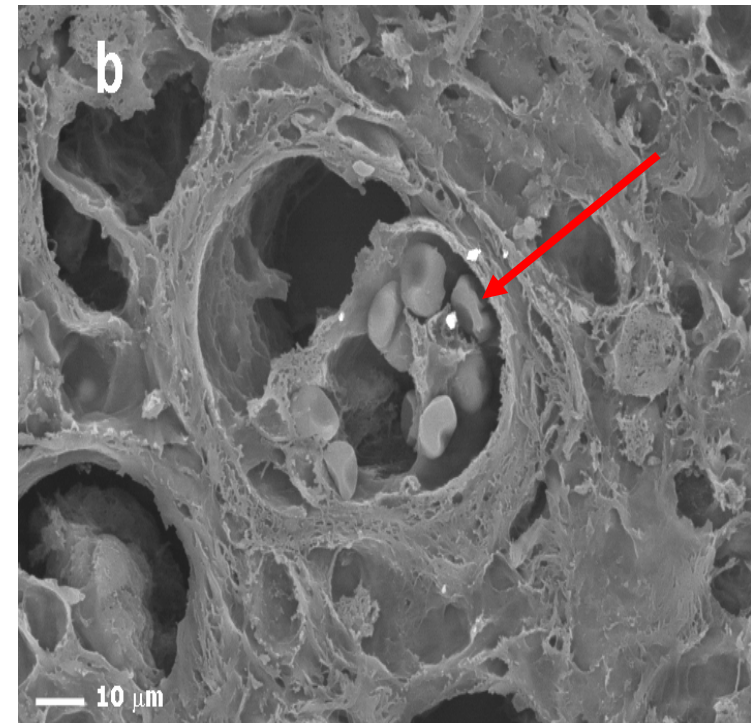
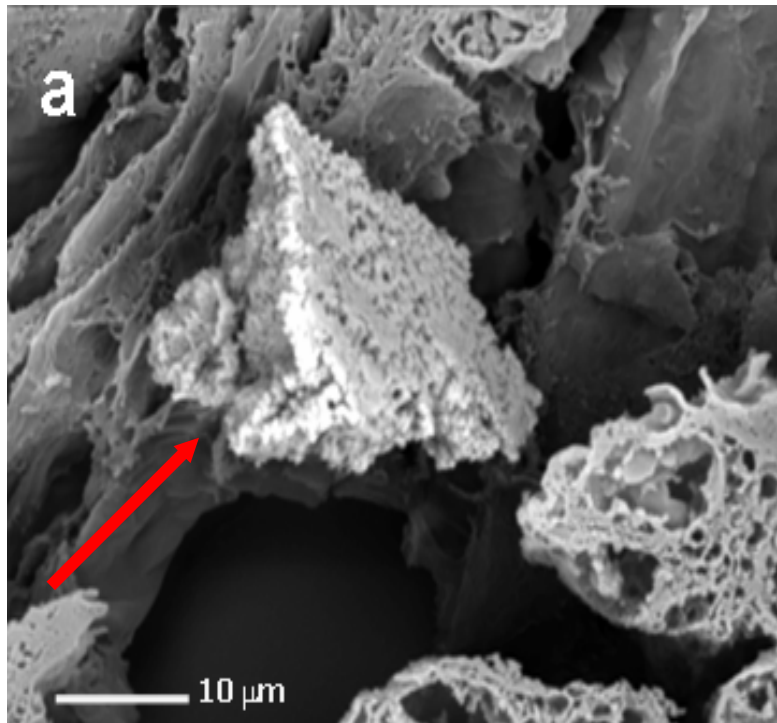


# Impact of the environmental nanopollution



# Lung

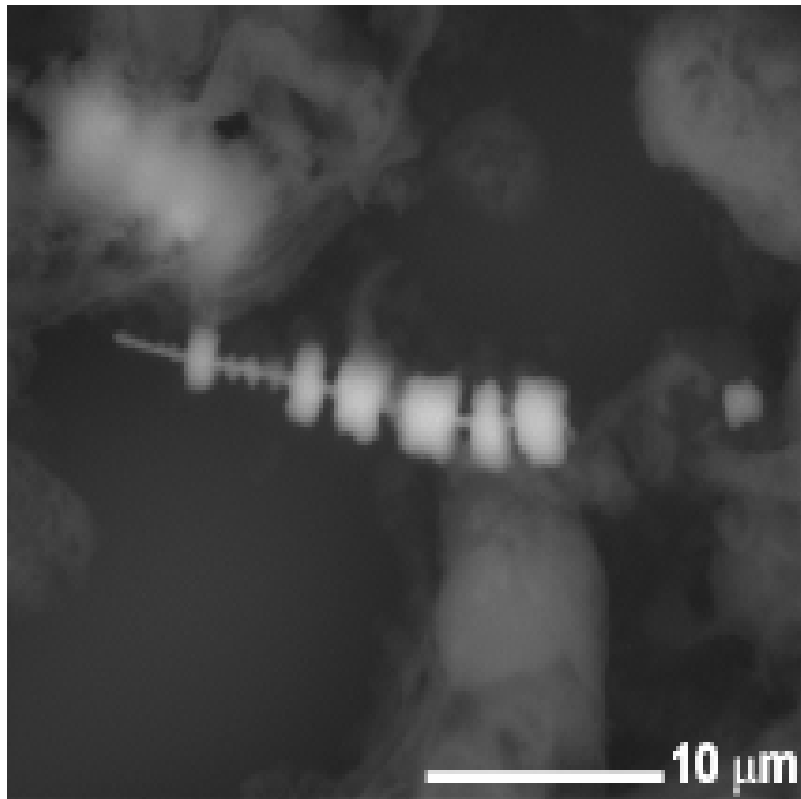
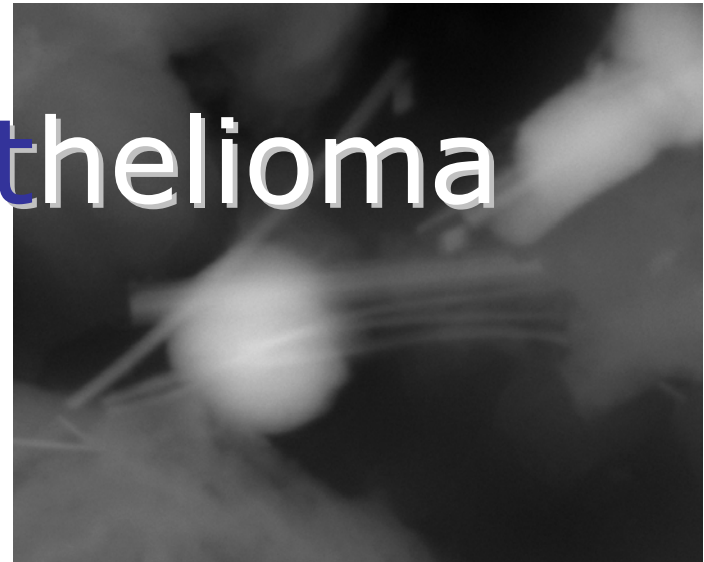
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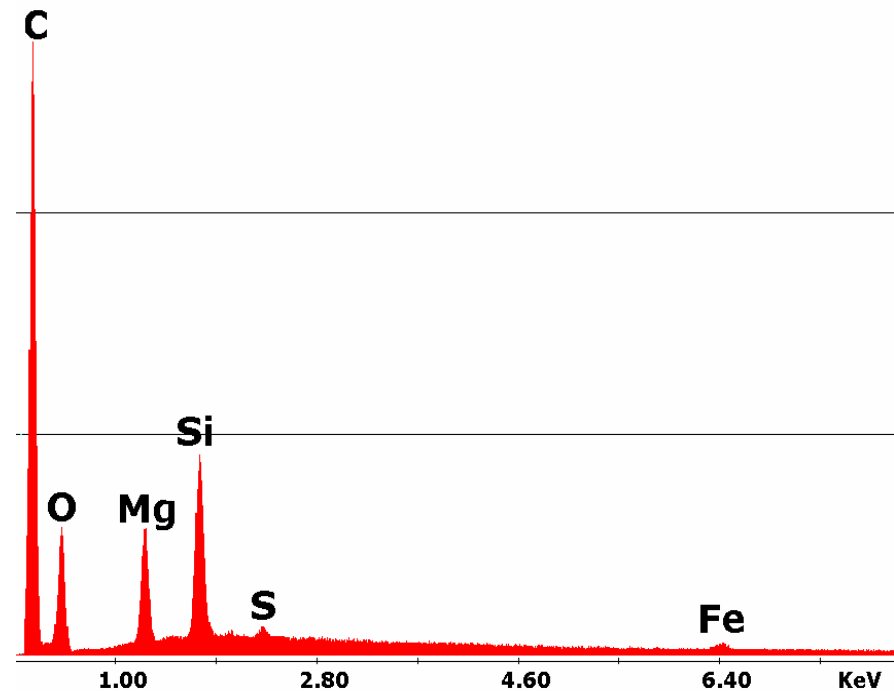
*Nemmar et al.: Circulation 2002, 105:411*

*Passage of 100nm sized particles in the blood and in the liver*

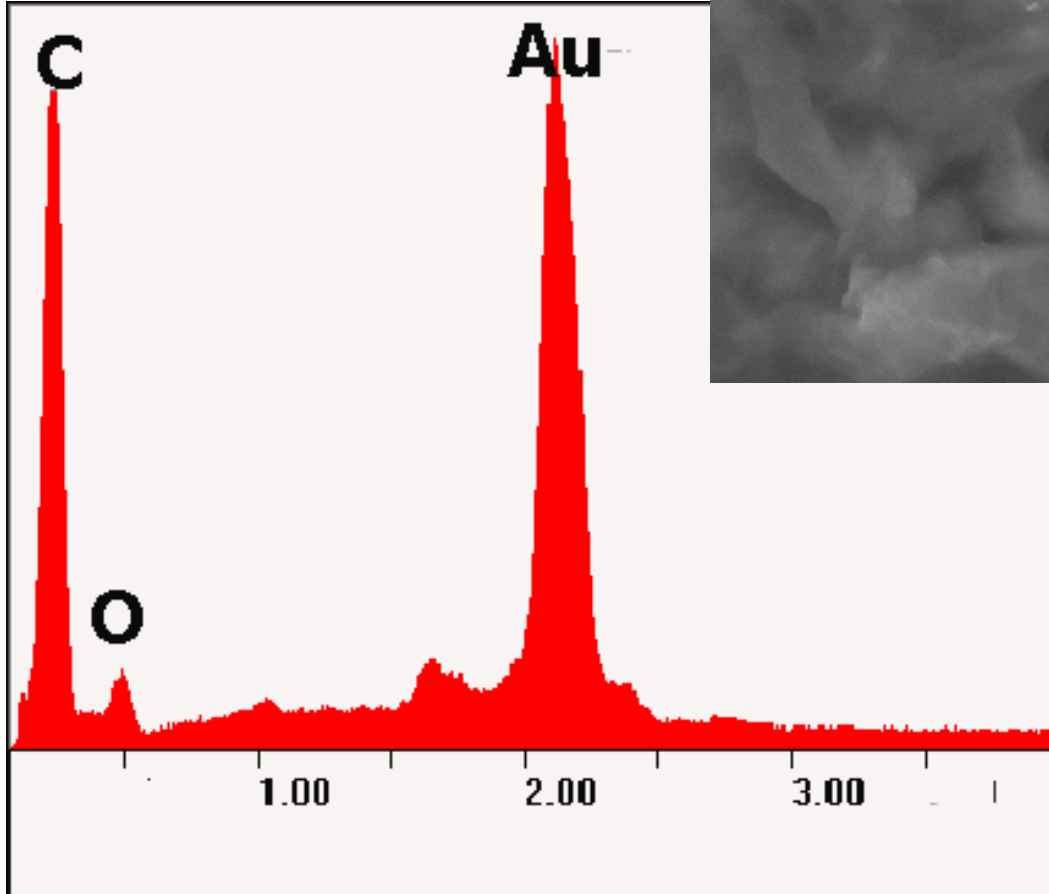
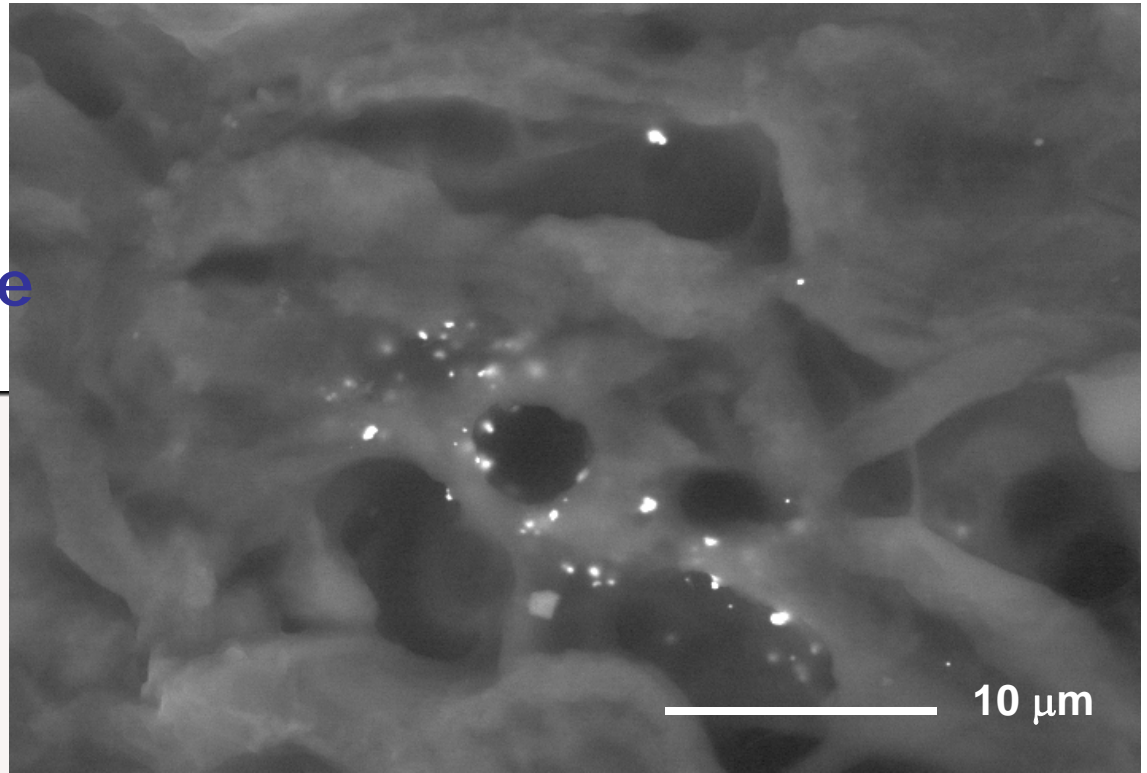
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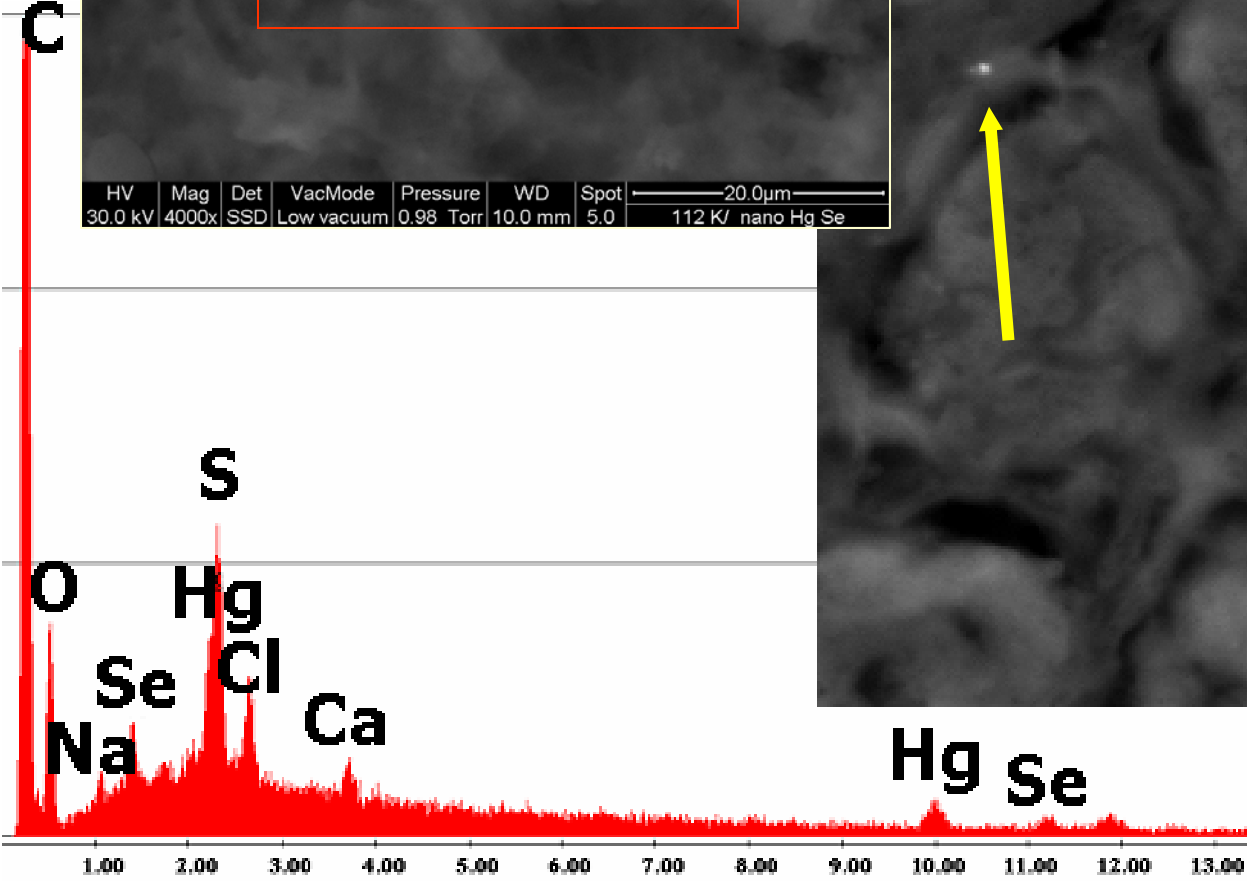
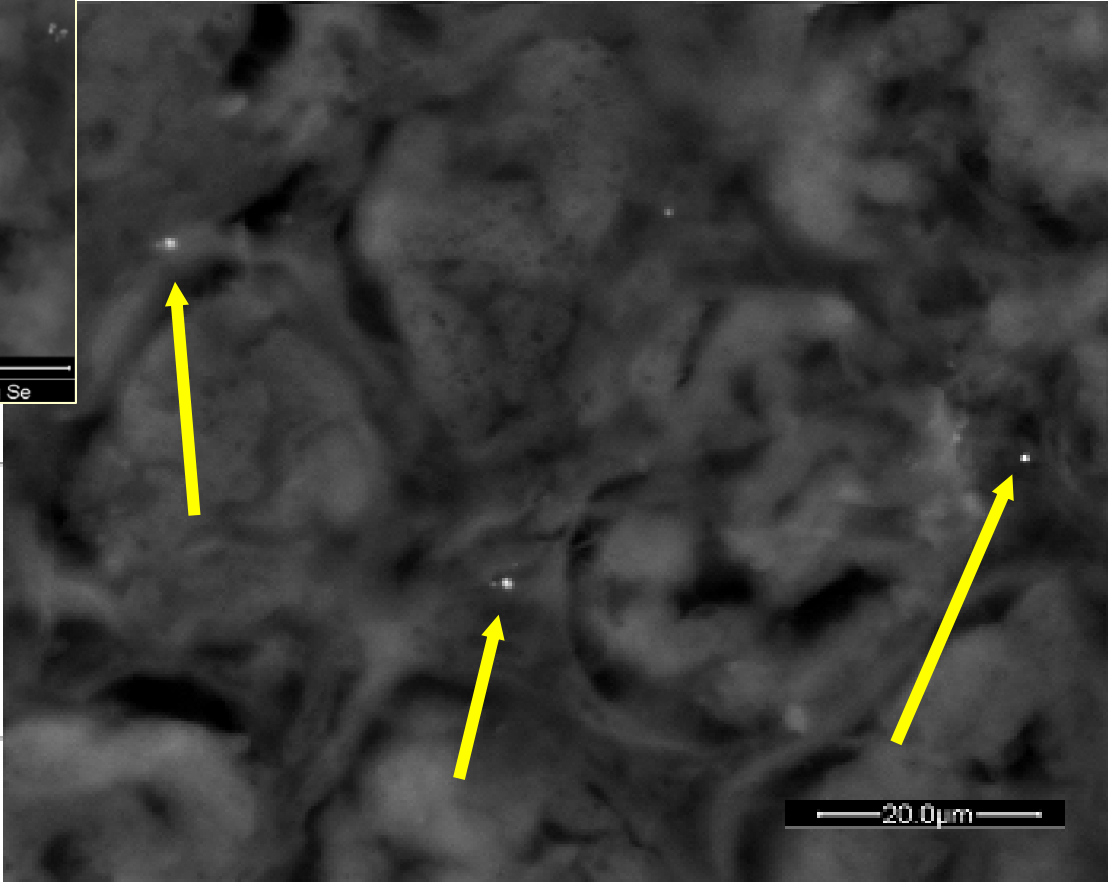
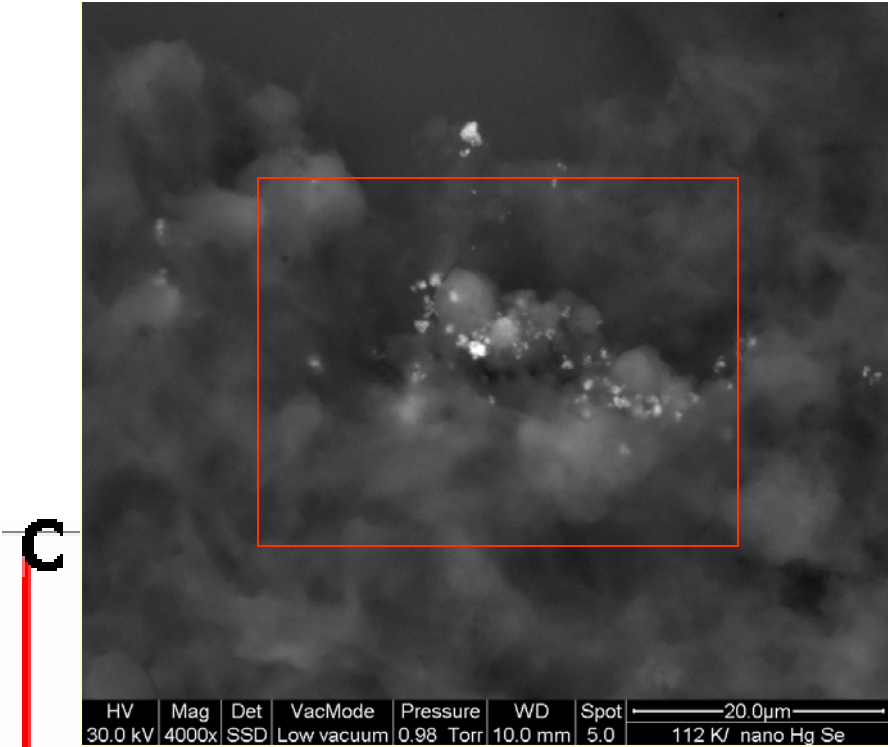
Asbestos fiber



**Nanoparticles of Gold in a liver granuloma.  
The patient was treated with colloidal gold particles for knee arthrosis**

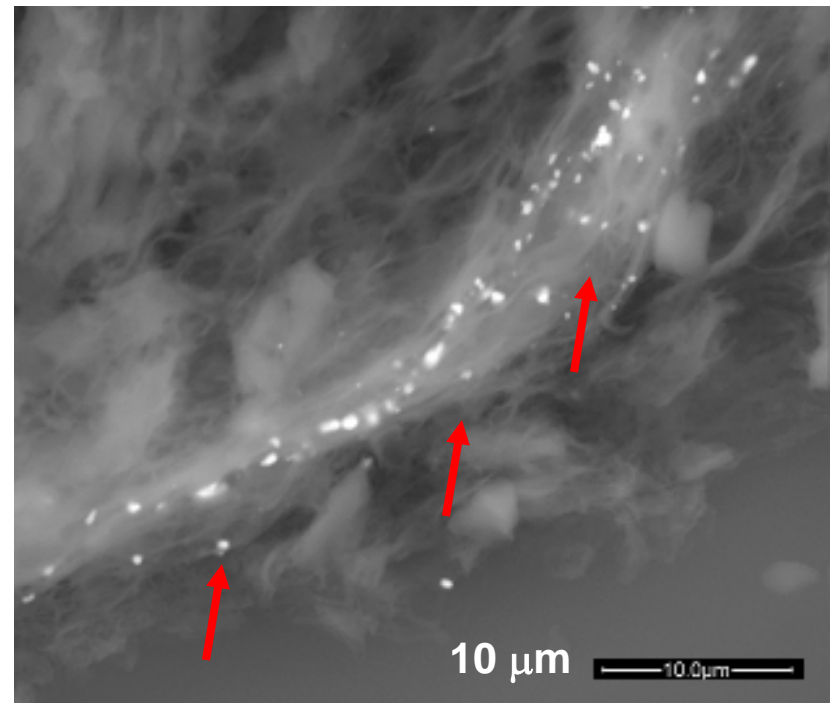
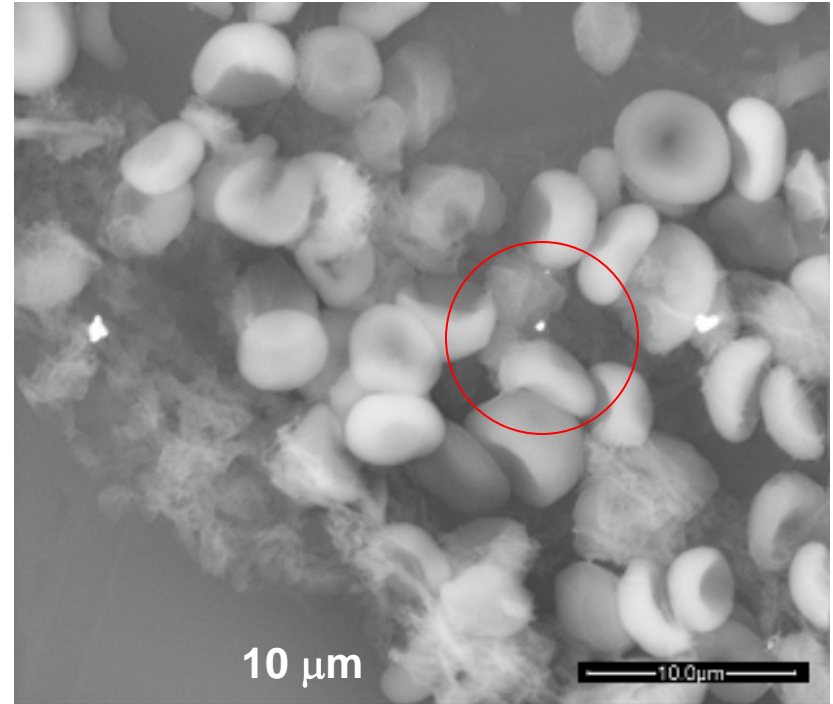
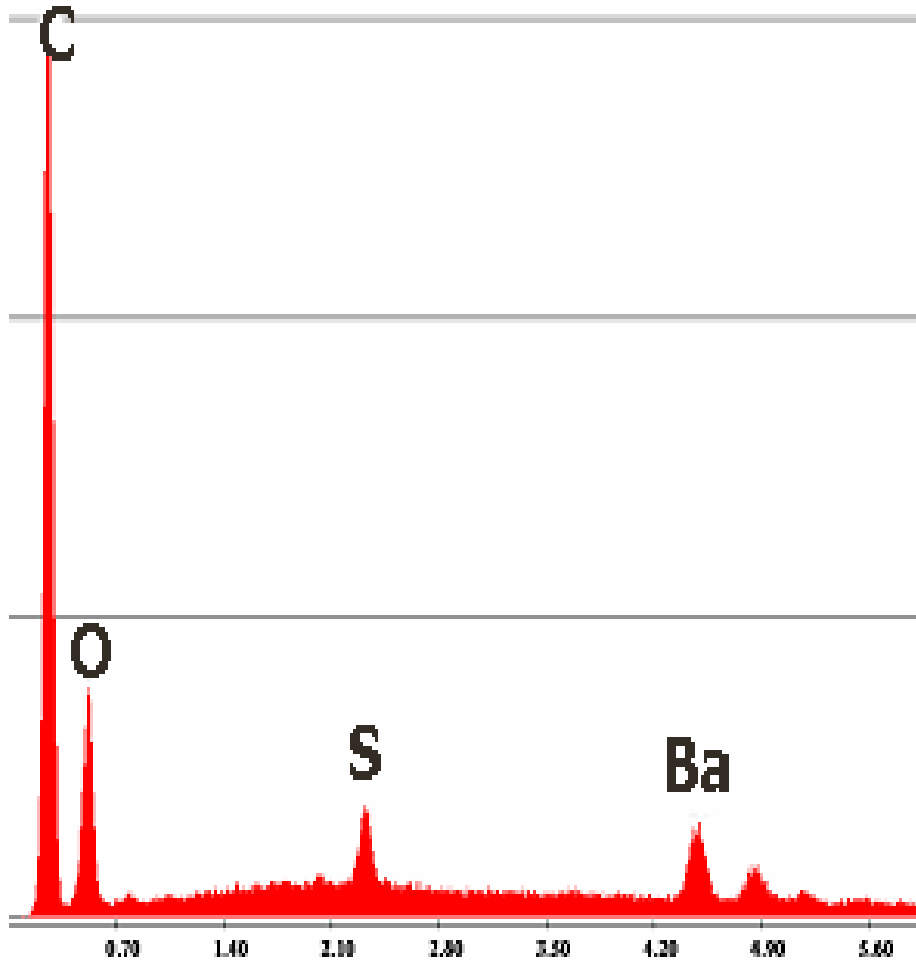


# Gulf-War kidney



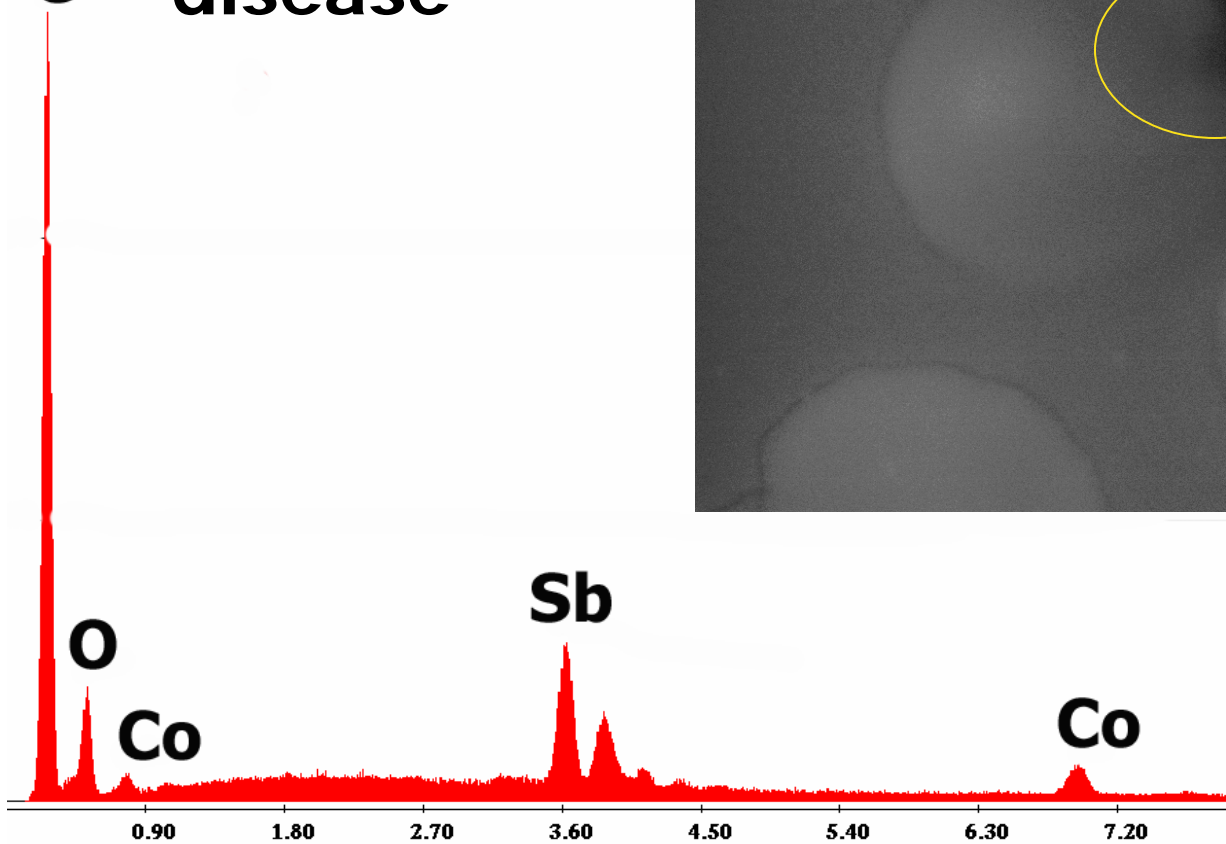
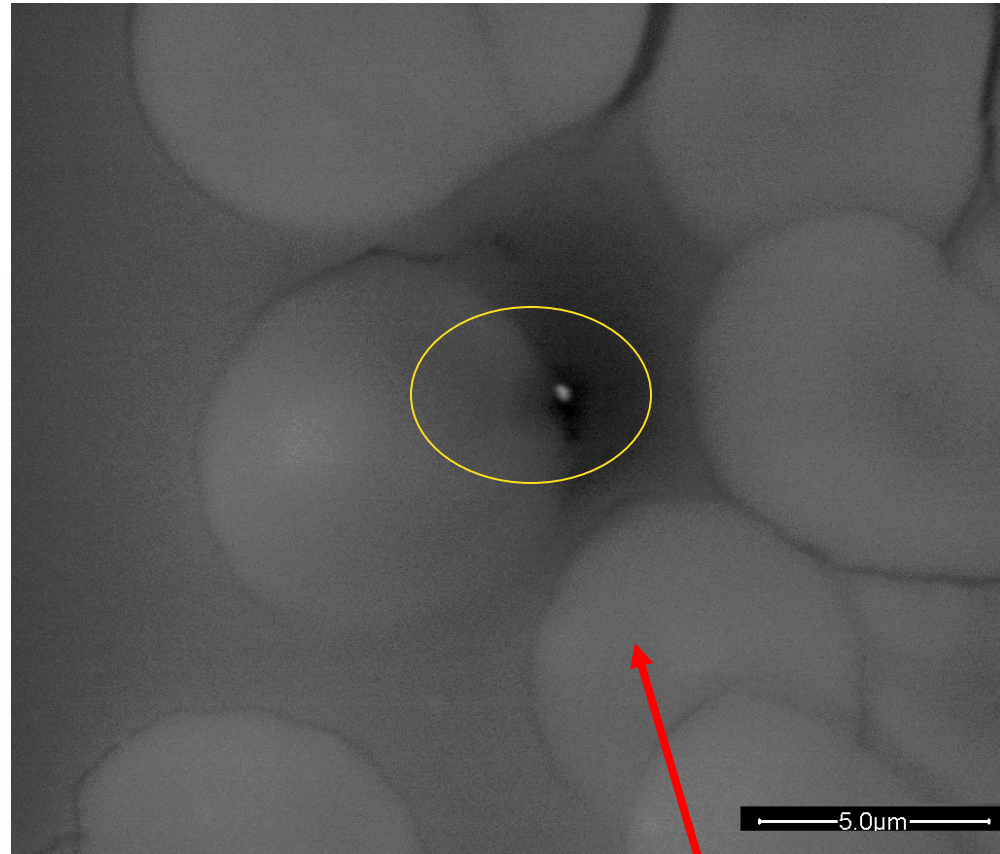
Cluster of nano Hg-Se

# Barium-sulphate nanoparticles found inside a thrombus



# BLOOD

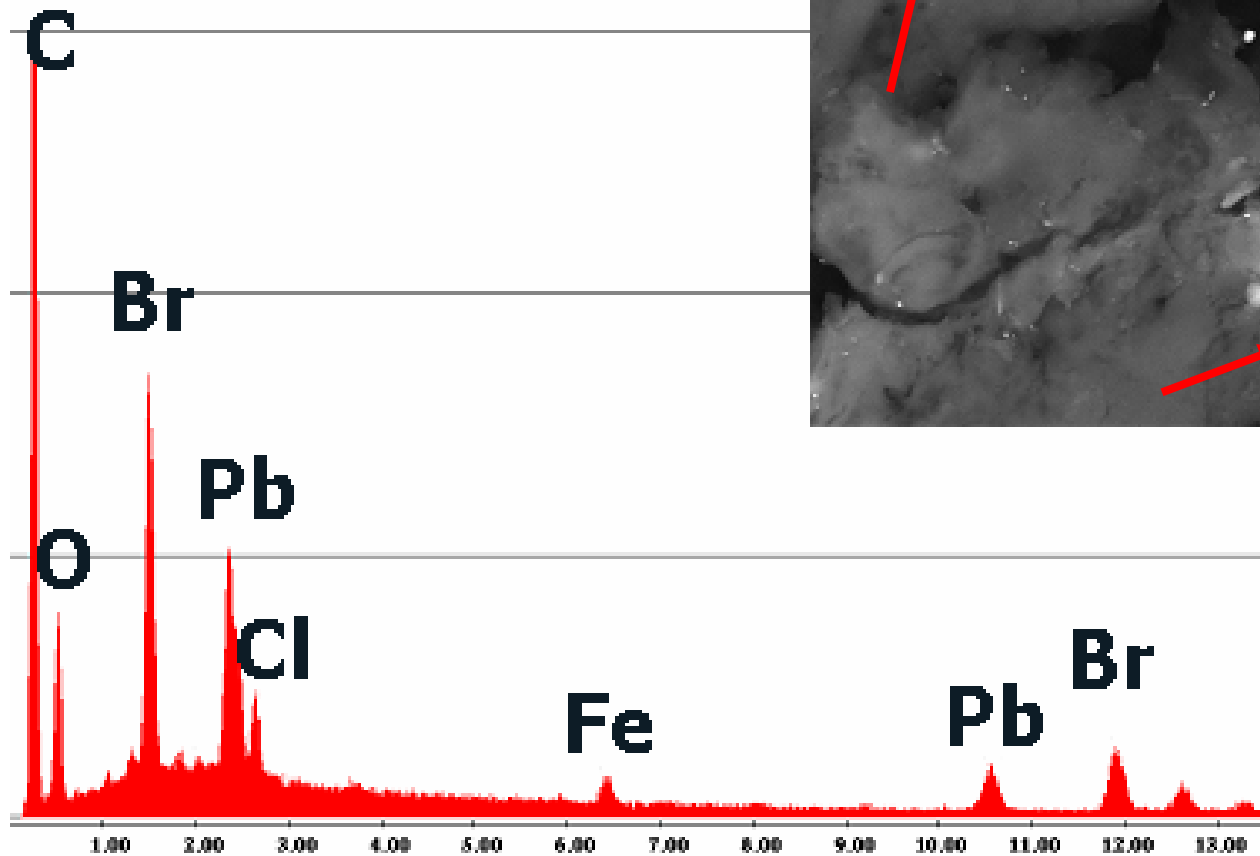
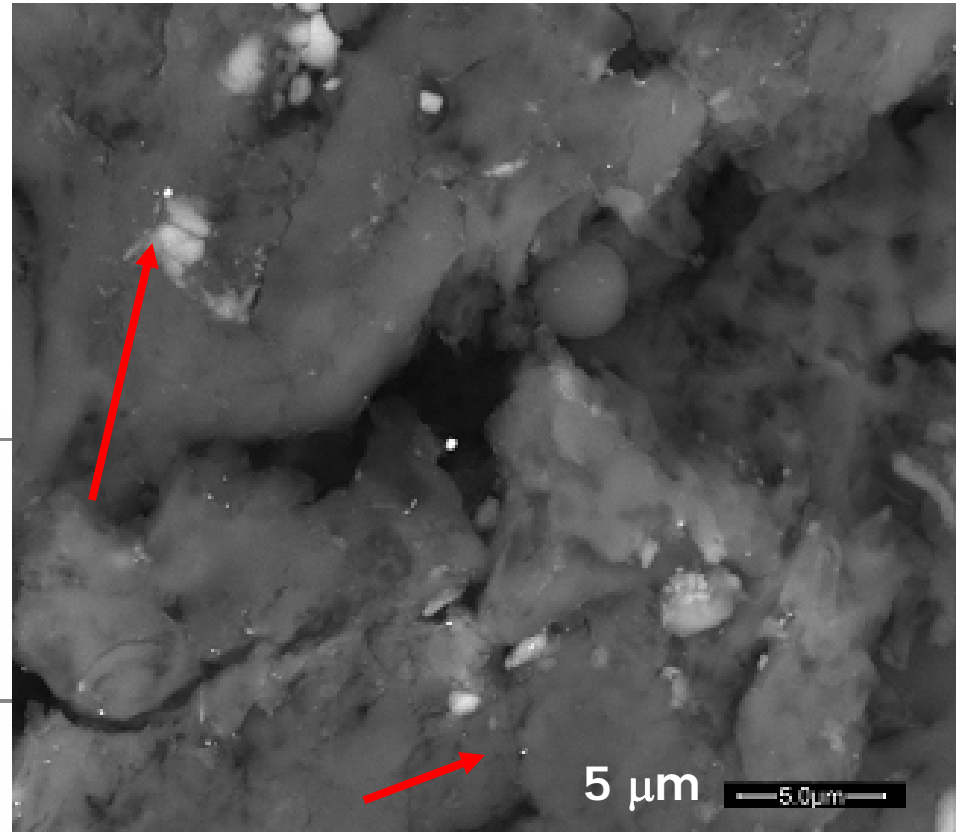
Soldier's wife  
affected by  
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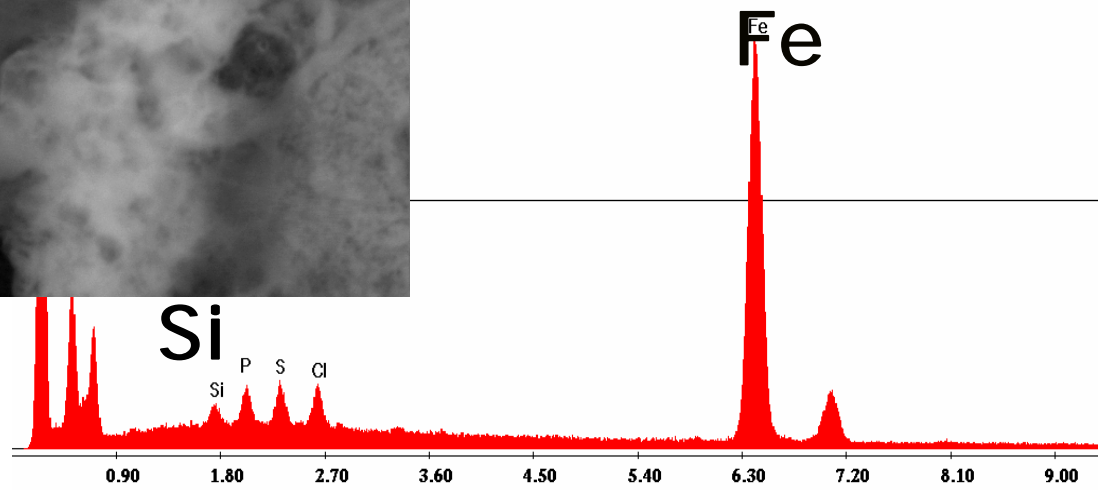
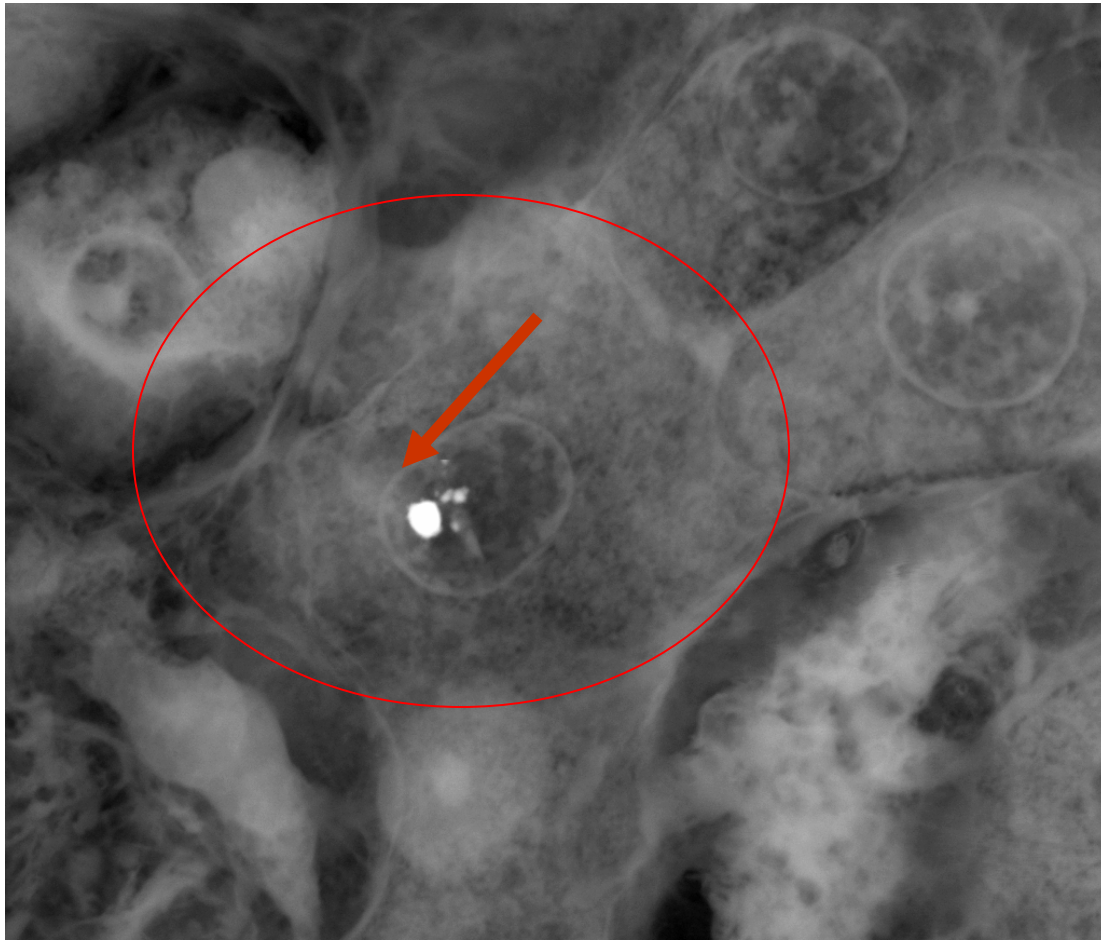
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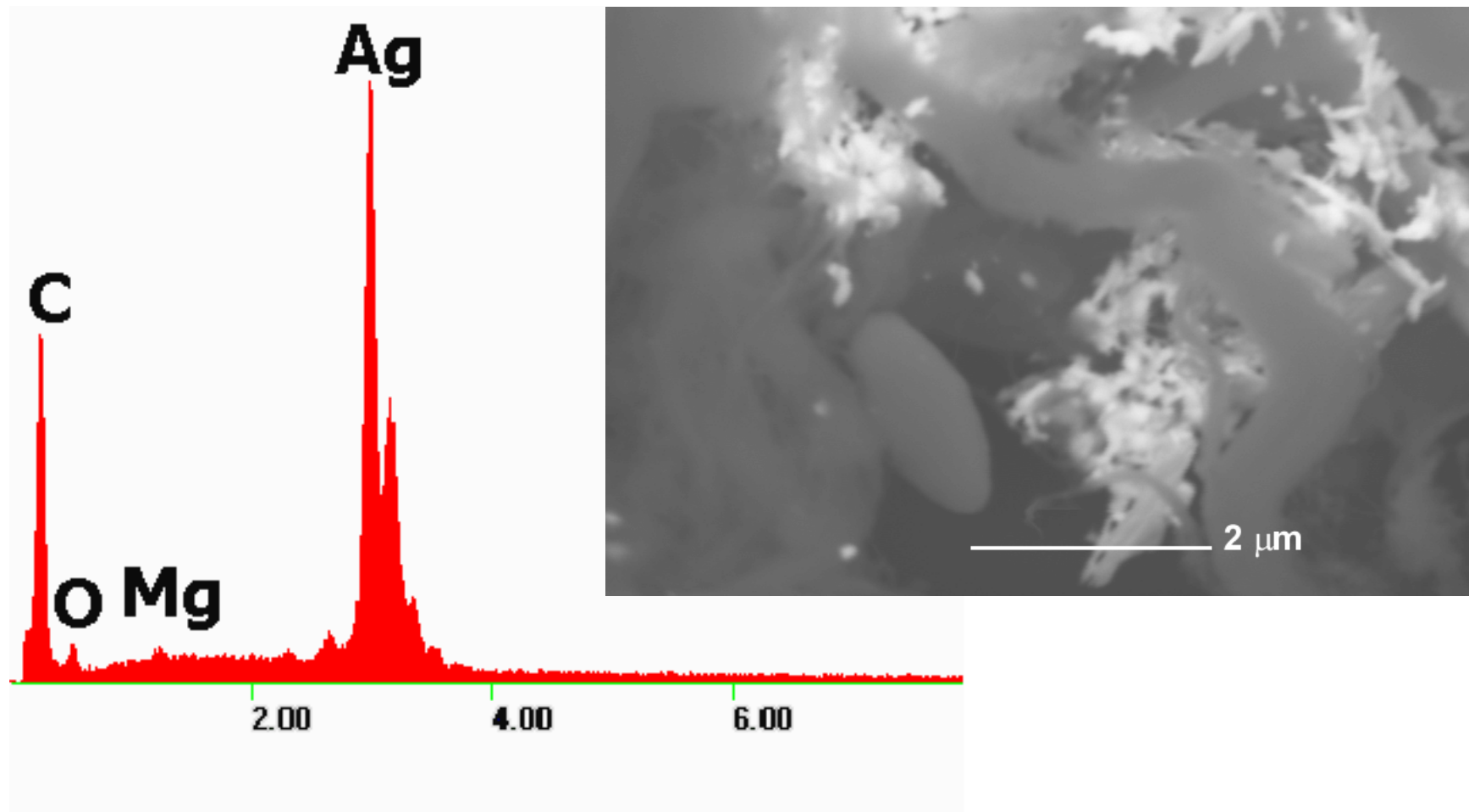
Section of a lymph node in a civilian of Sarajevo affected by Hodgkin Disease (FEG-ESEM)



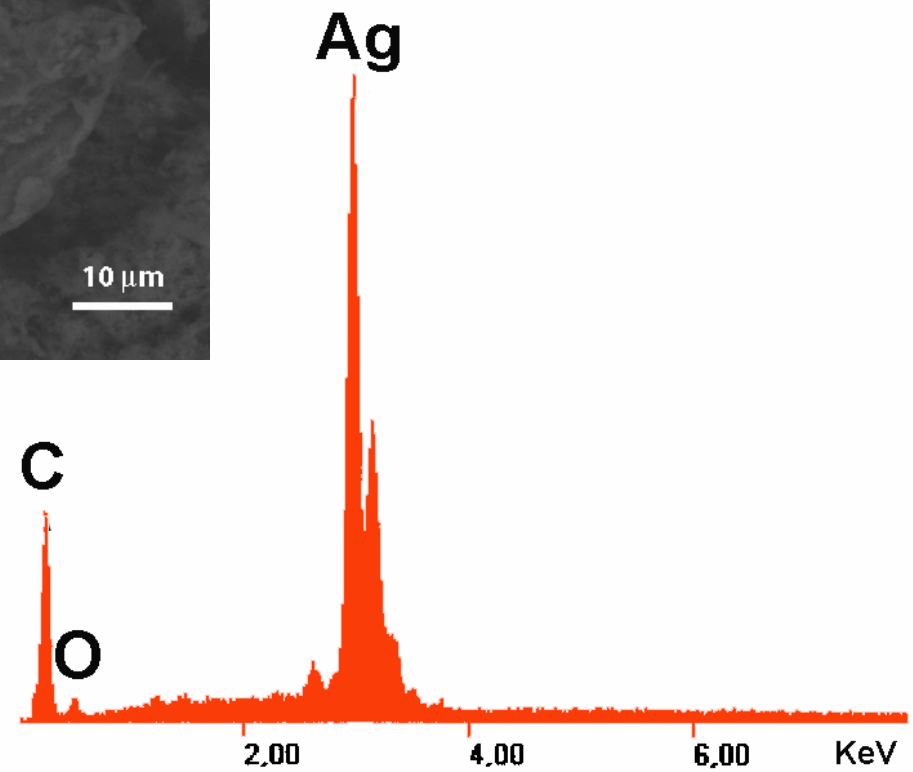
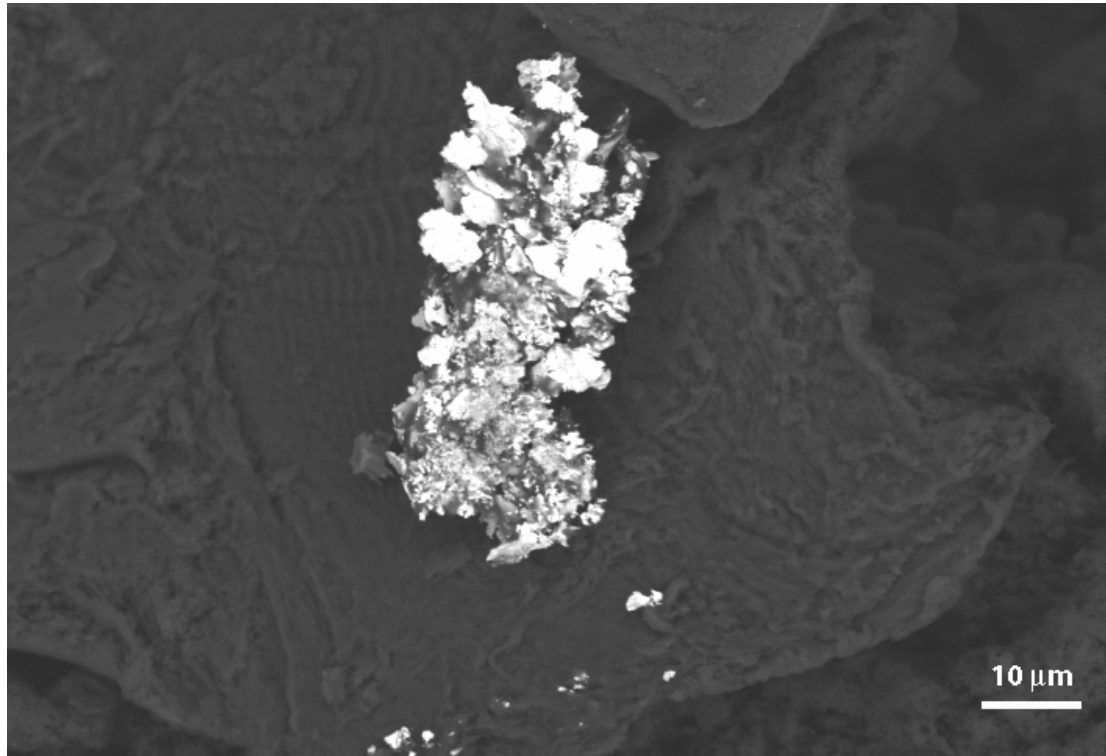
# Liver cancer



# Colon cancer with clusters of Silver nanoparticles

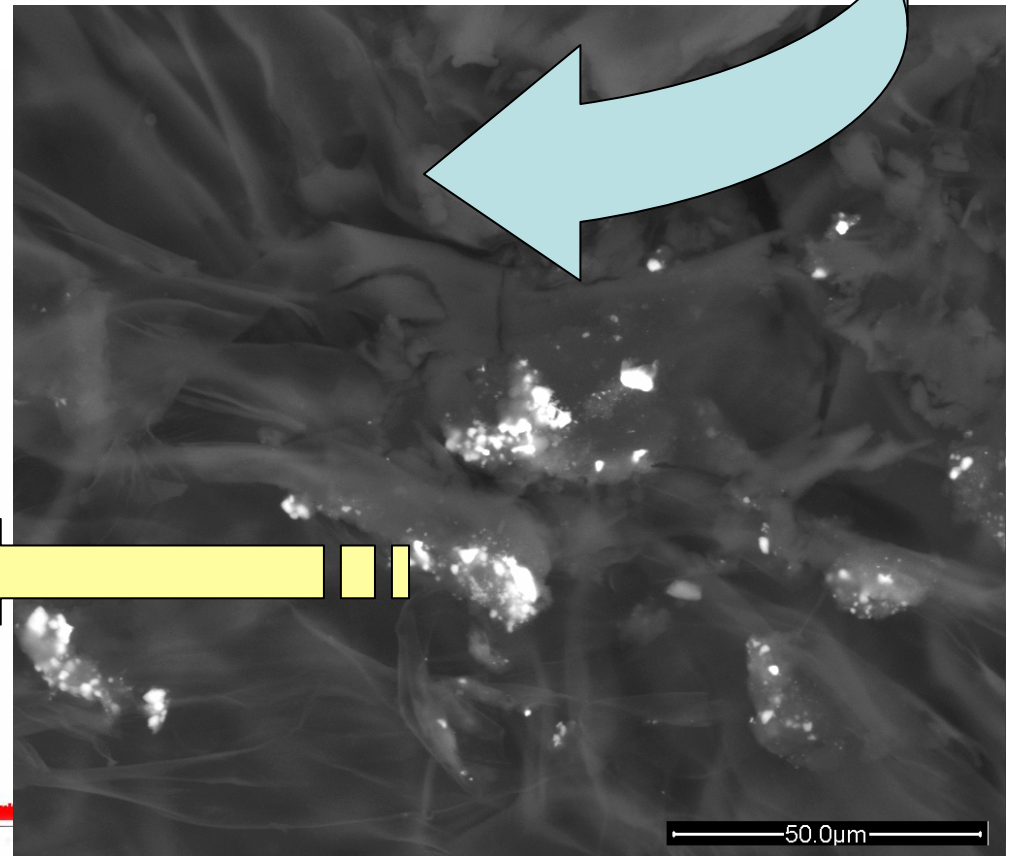
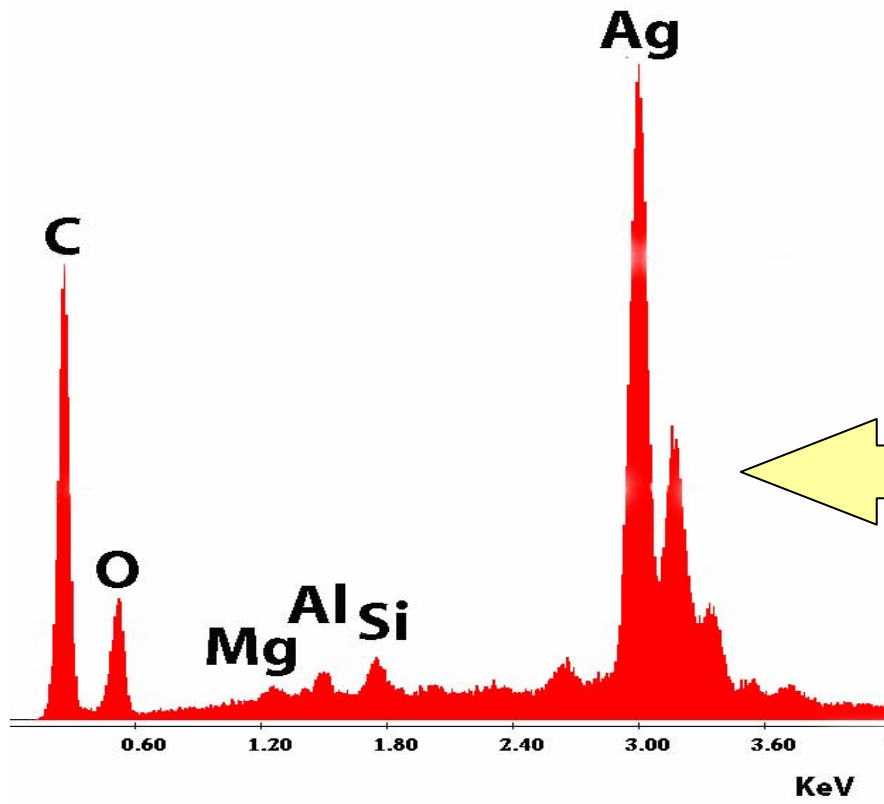
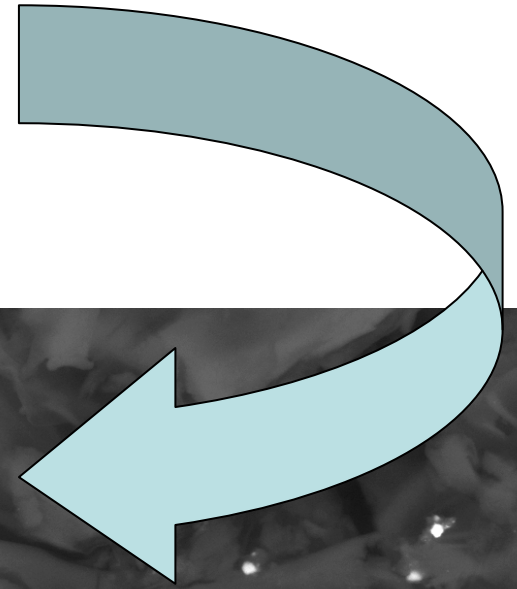


# Industrial Hamburger

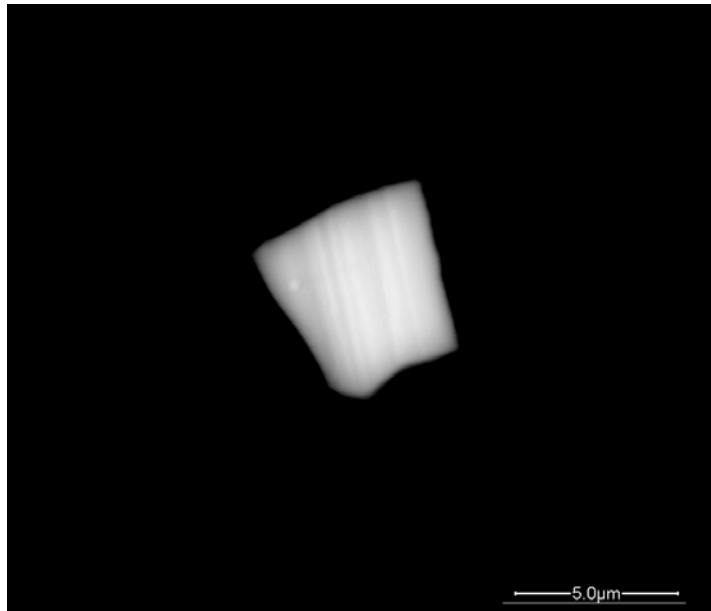




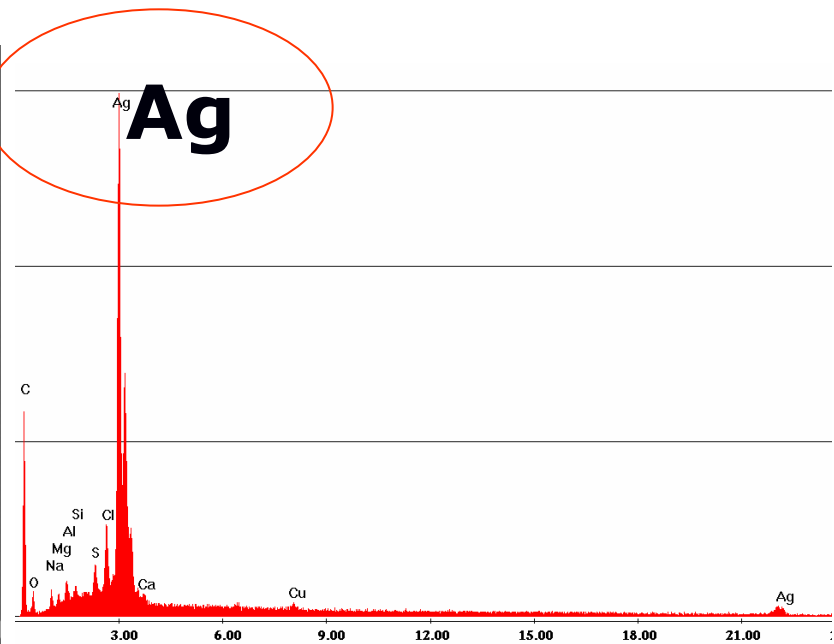
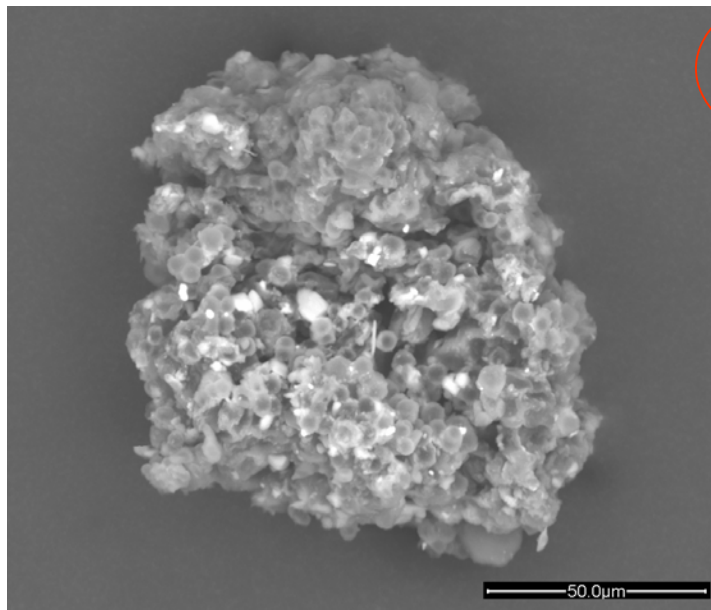
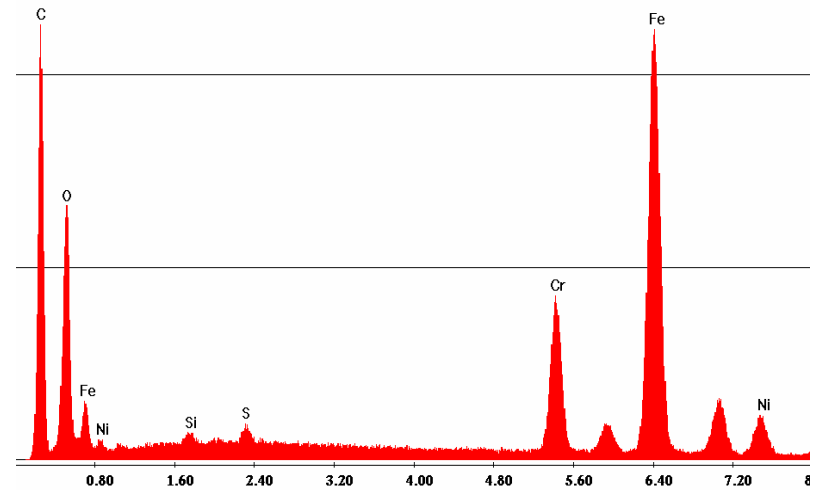
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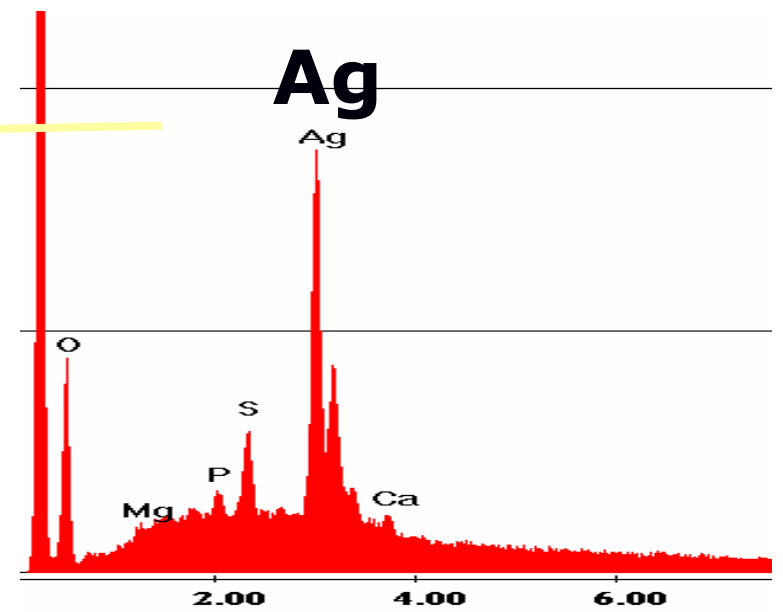
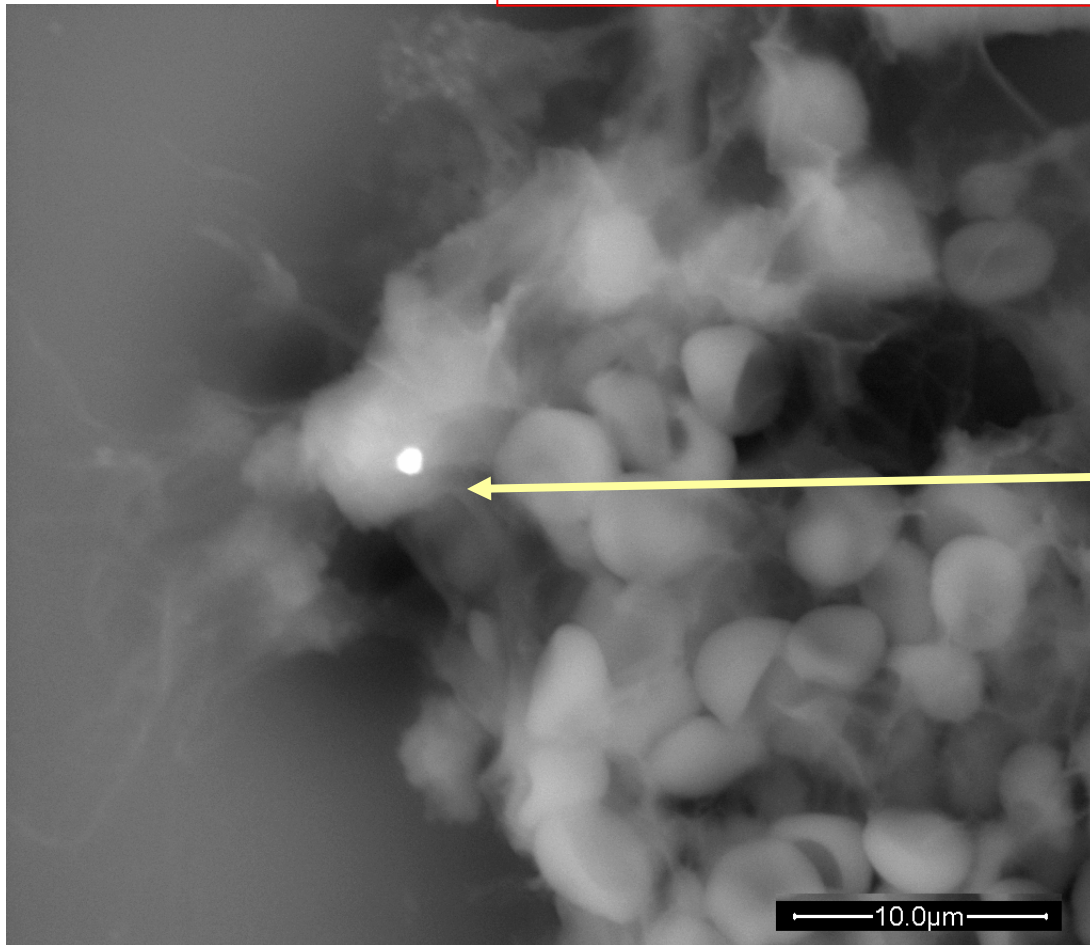
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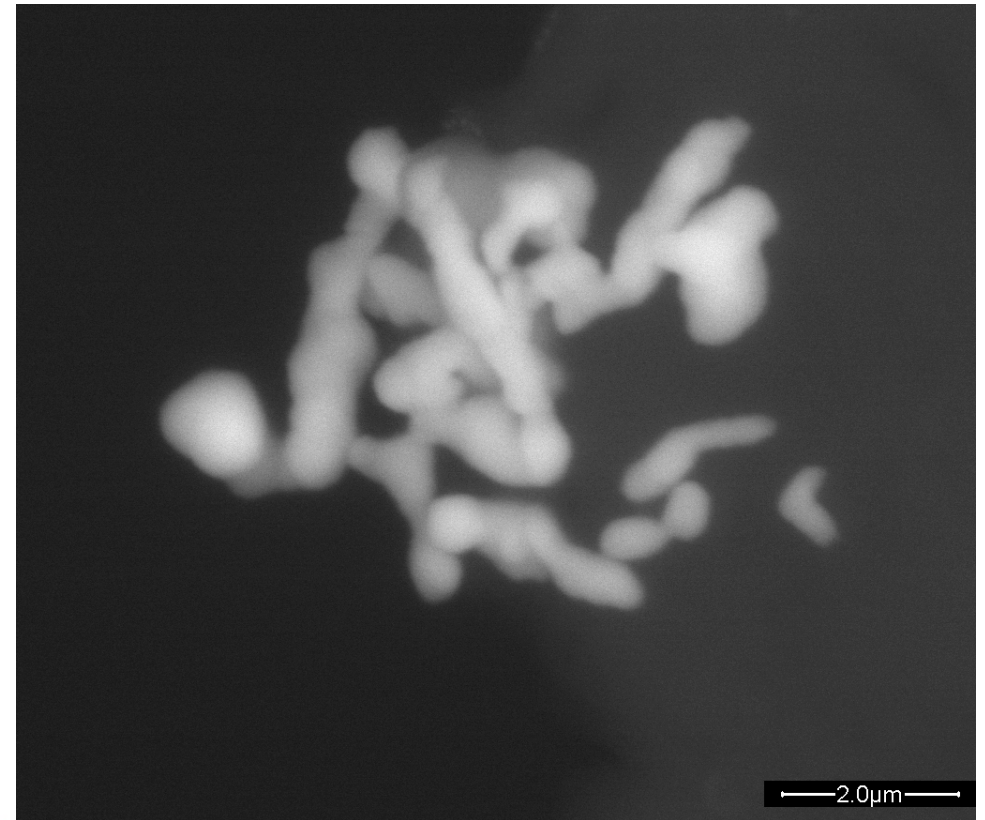
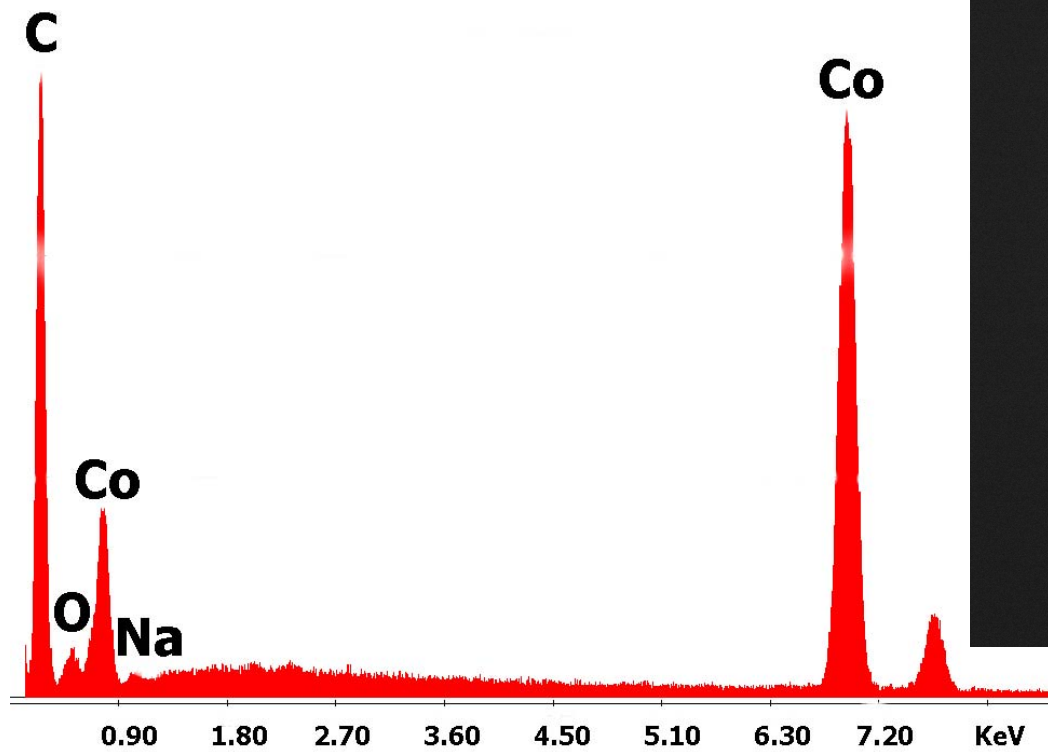
**CrFeNi**



# Blood clot in vivo

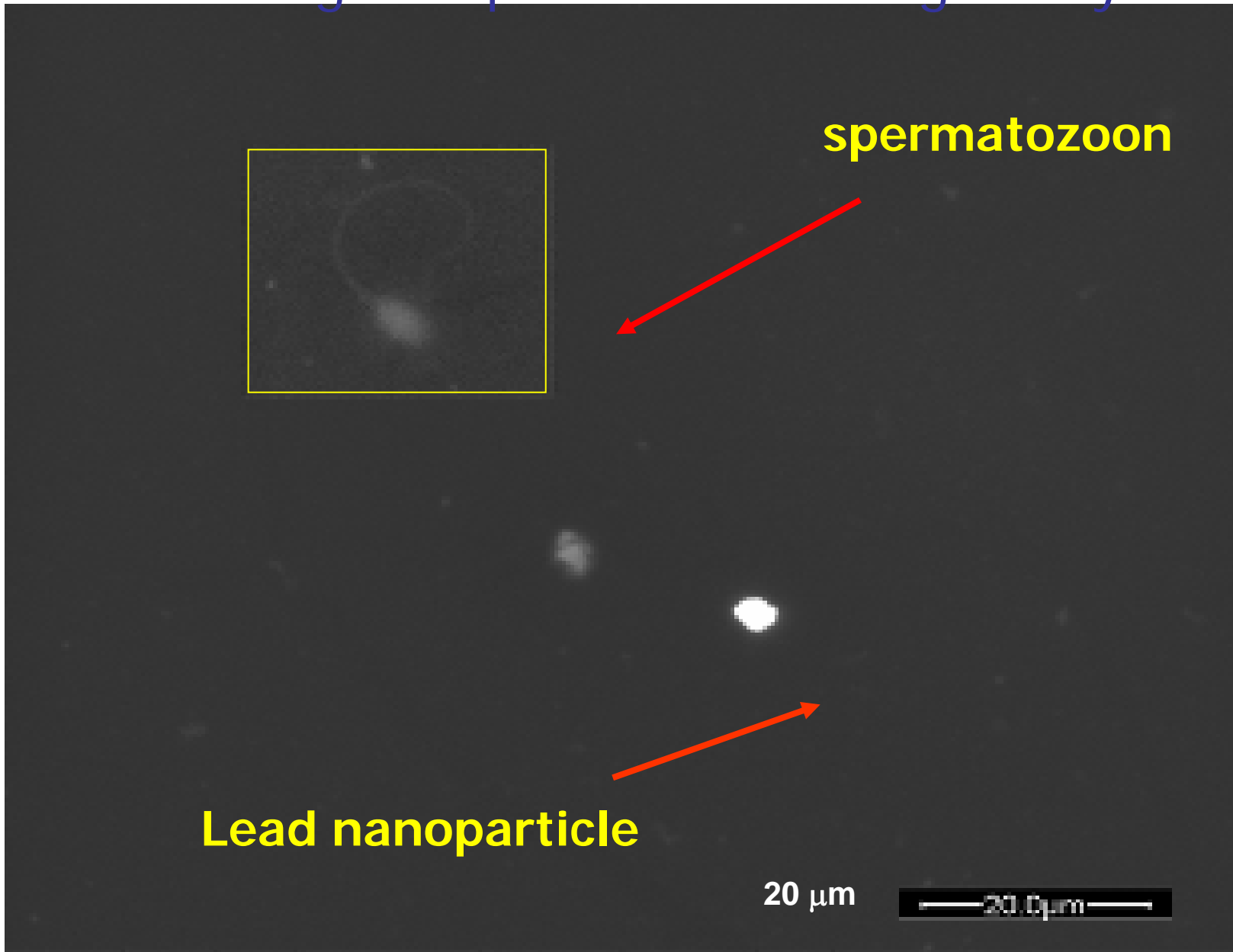


# Bladder Carcinoma in a mine-sweeper





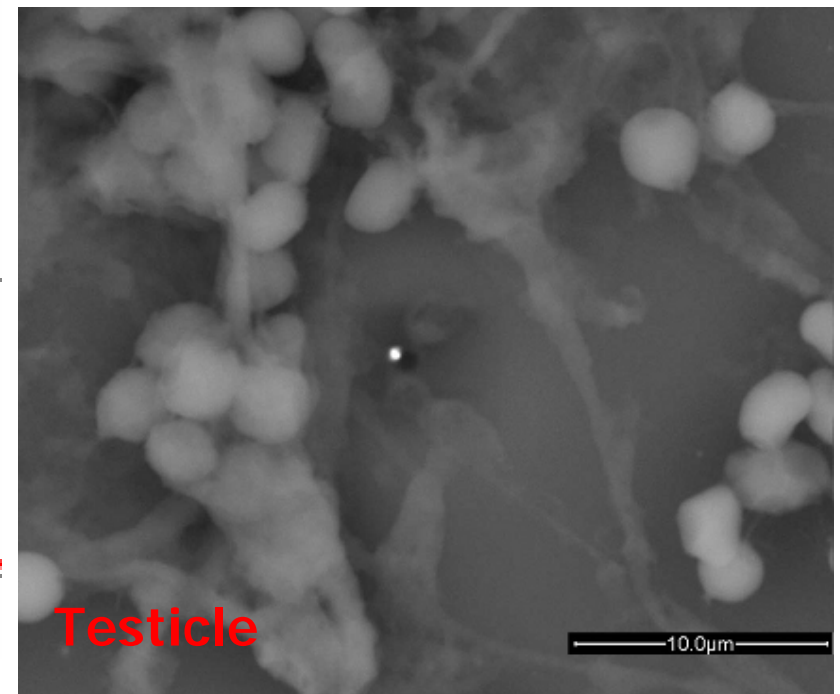
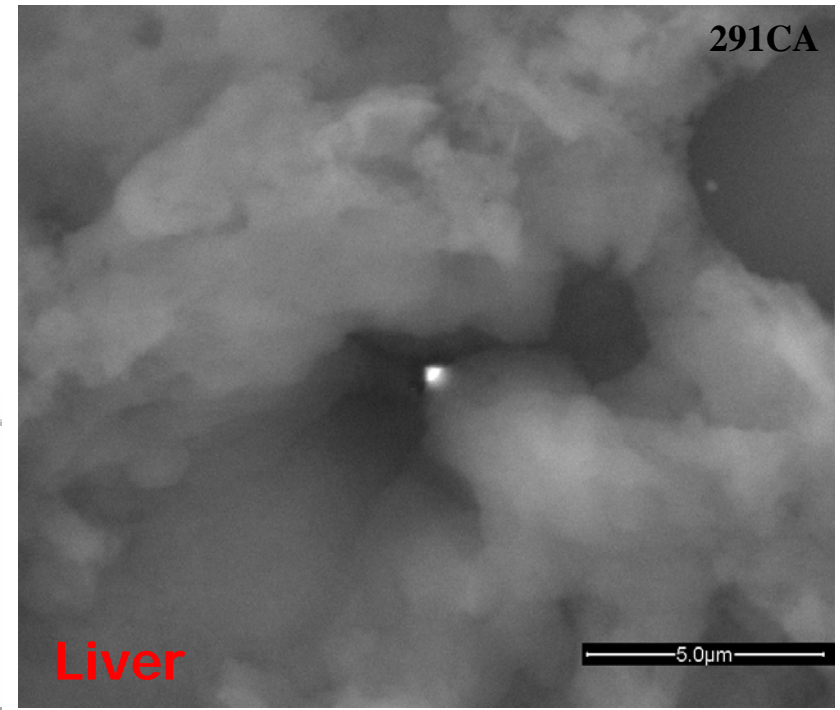
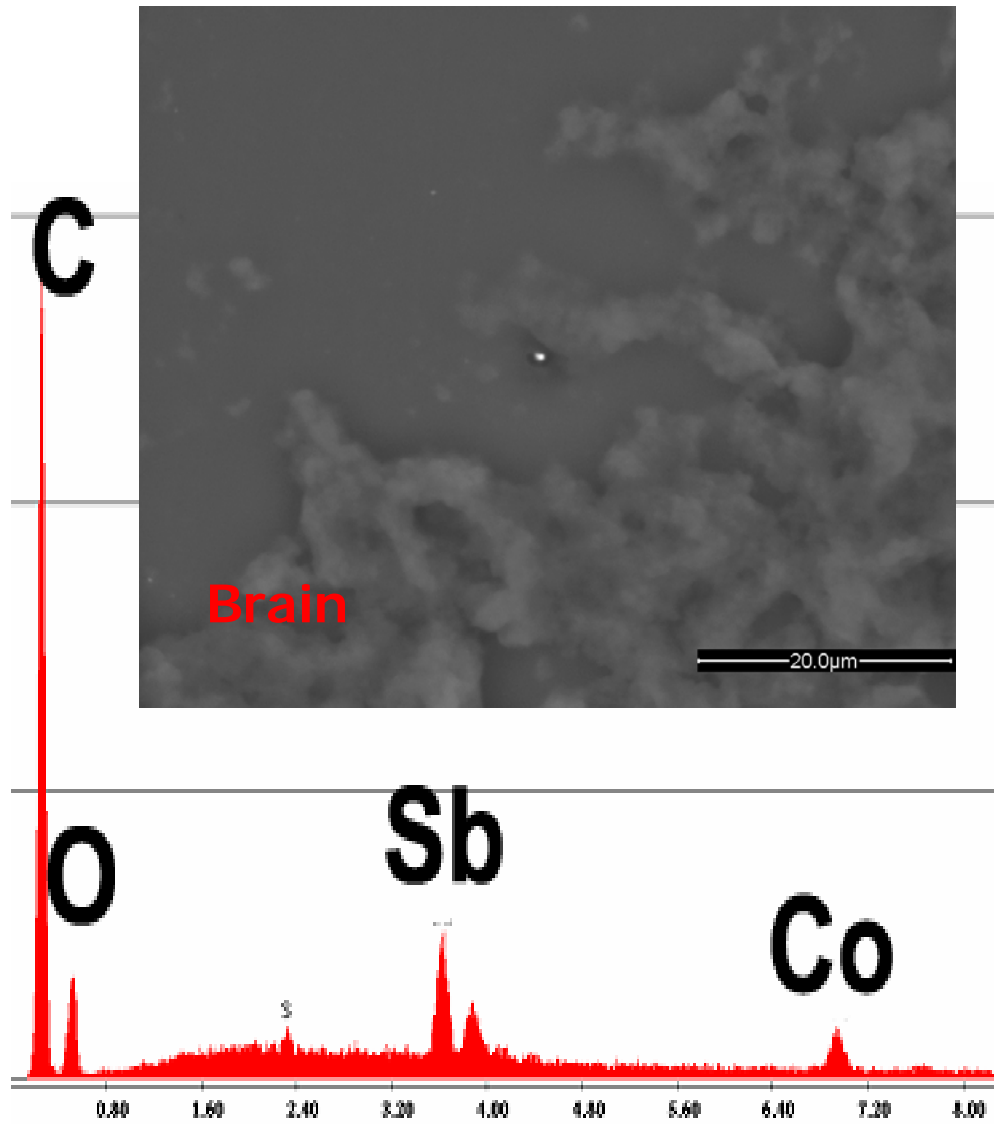
# ESEM image of sperm with a foreign body



Malformed lamb born inside a  
groundfire in Sardinia, 2003



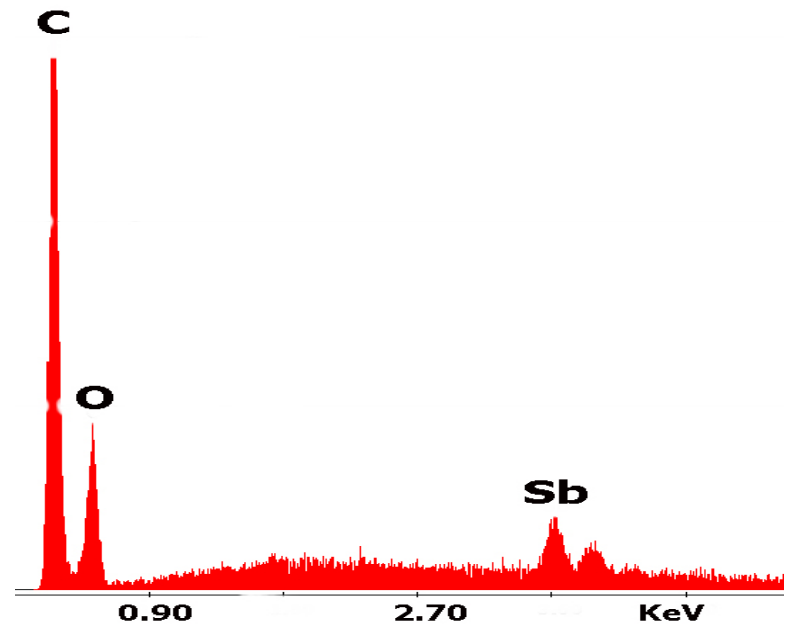
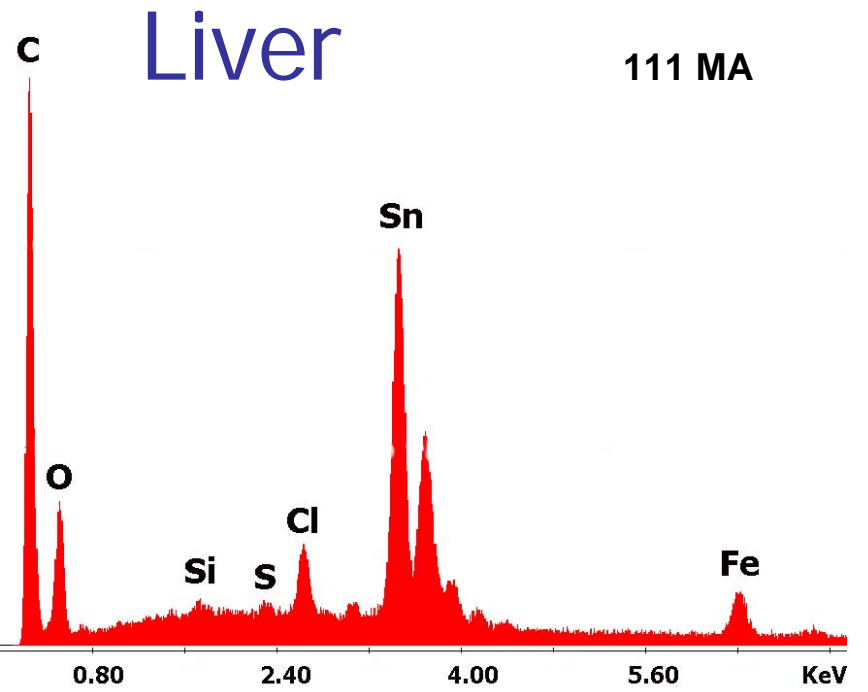
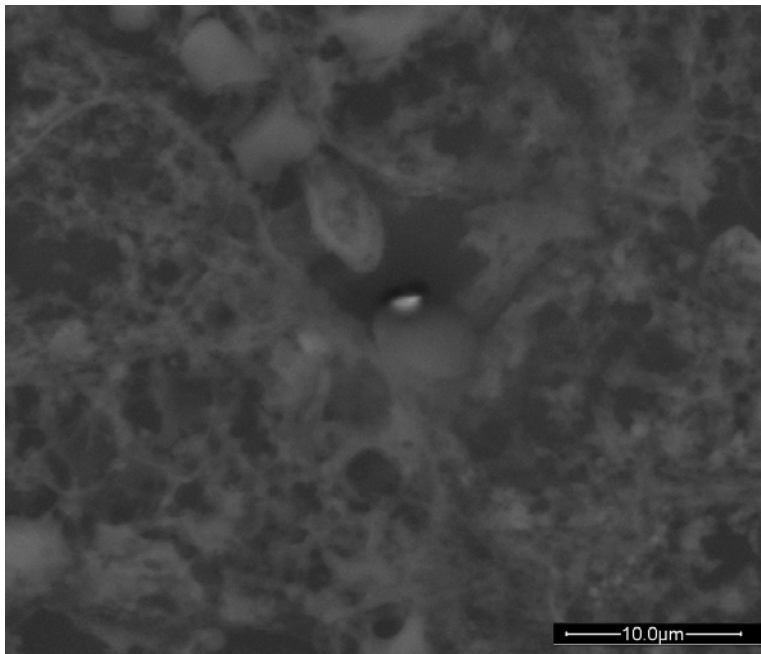
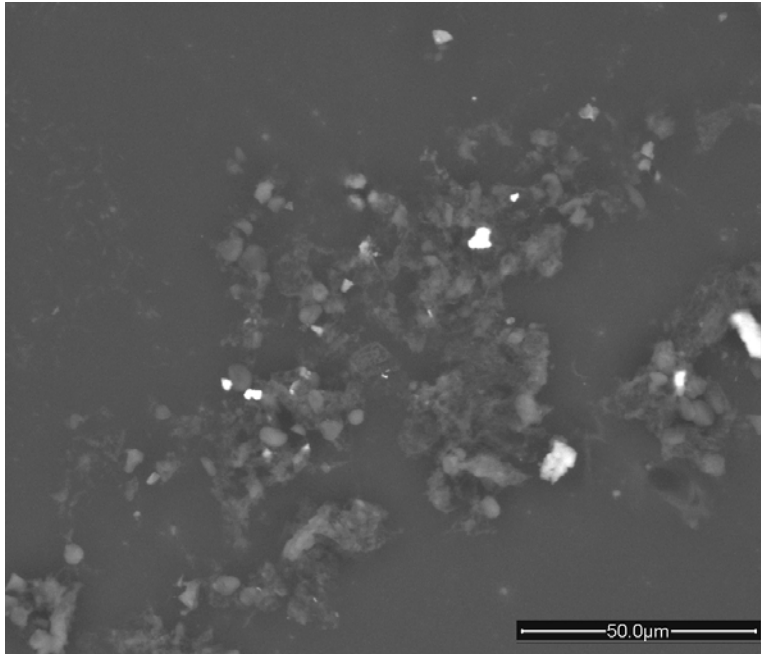
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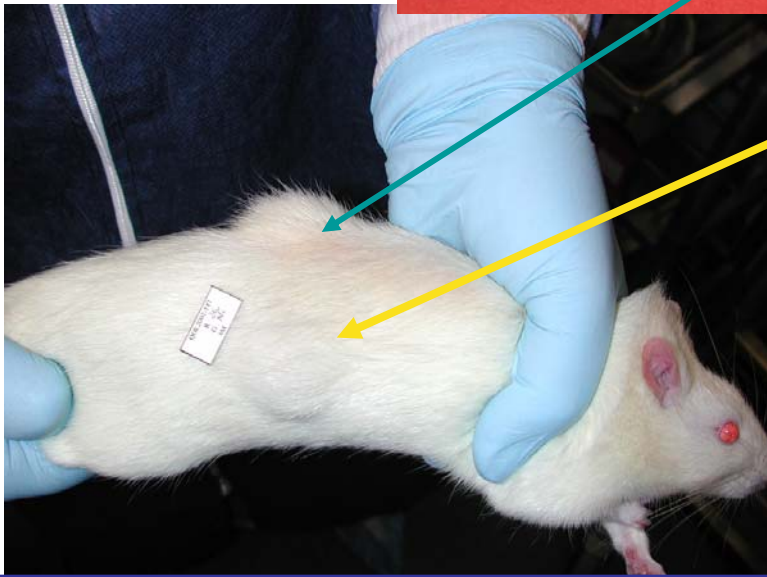
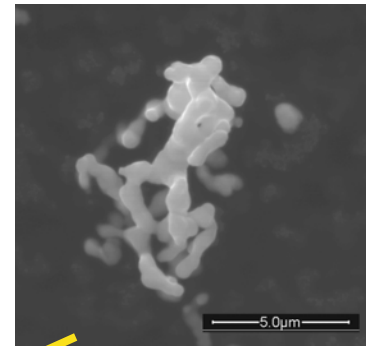
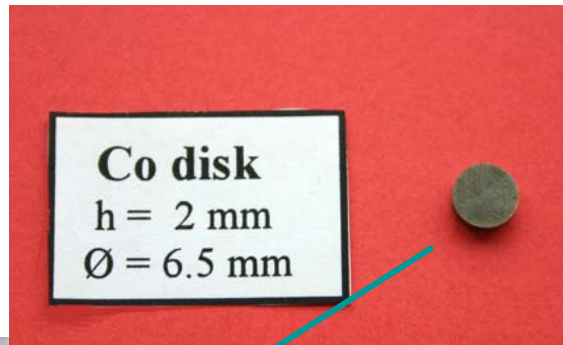


# Neu-Laxova syndrome

*Neu-Laxova syndrome* is a rare congenital abnormality characterised by intrauterine growth restriction, microcephaly, facial dysmorphism, short neck, edema, scaly skin and perinatal death. Additional features such as spina bifida, cryptorchidism and shallow orbital cavities have been reported. Chromosomal analysis in reported cases has revealed a *normal karyotype* and an *autosomal recessive inheritance* has been postulated.

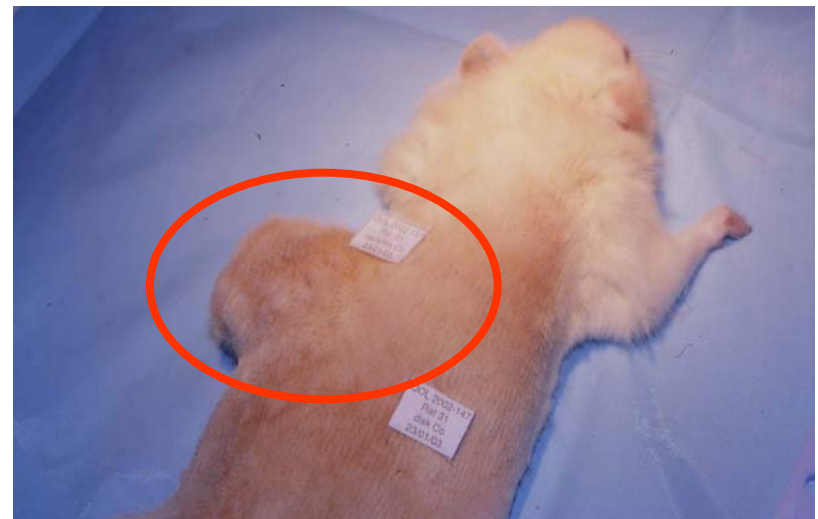


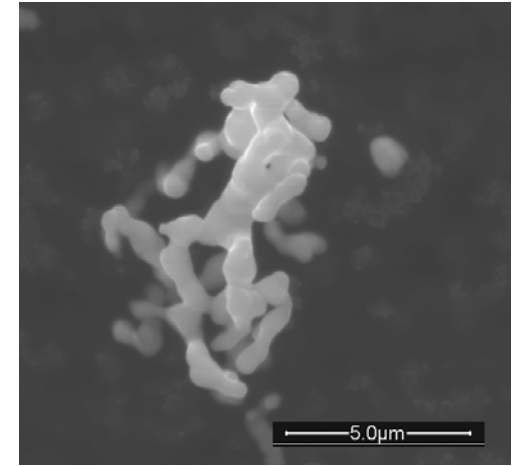




**Ni Group** :  
nodules observed on both  
sides (particles + bulk  
material) in all animals 6  
months after implantation

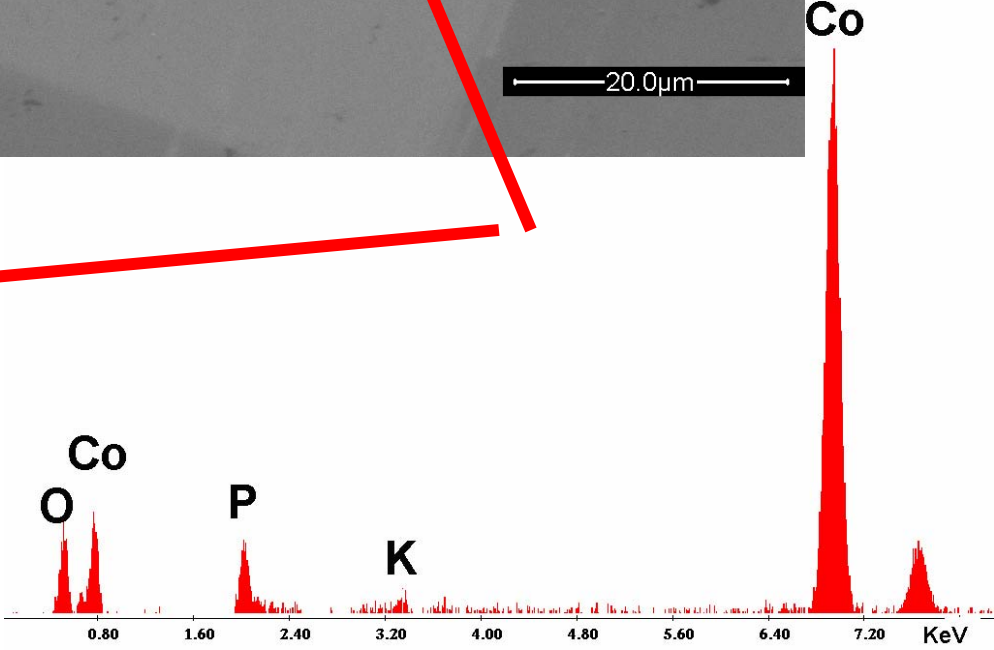
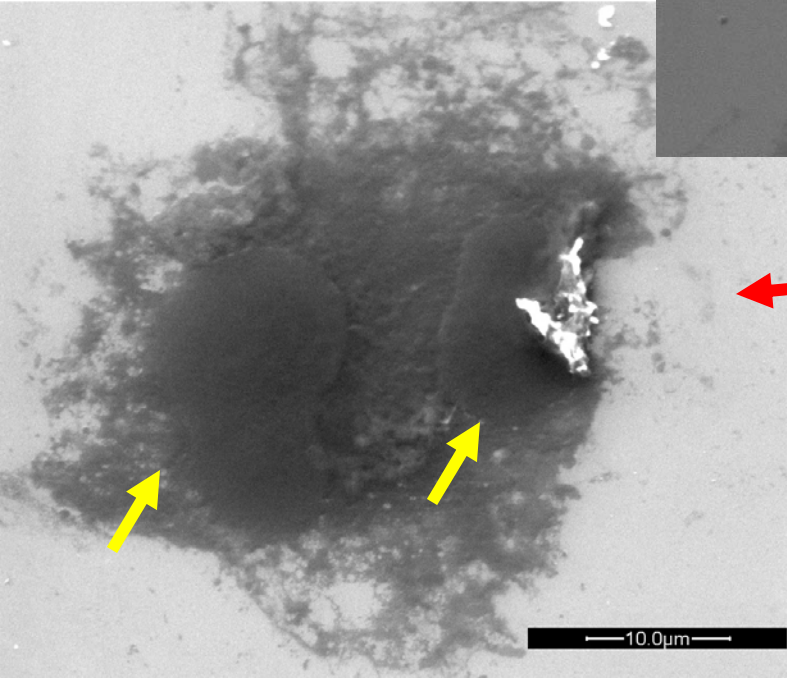
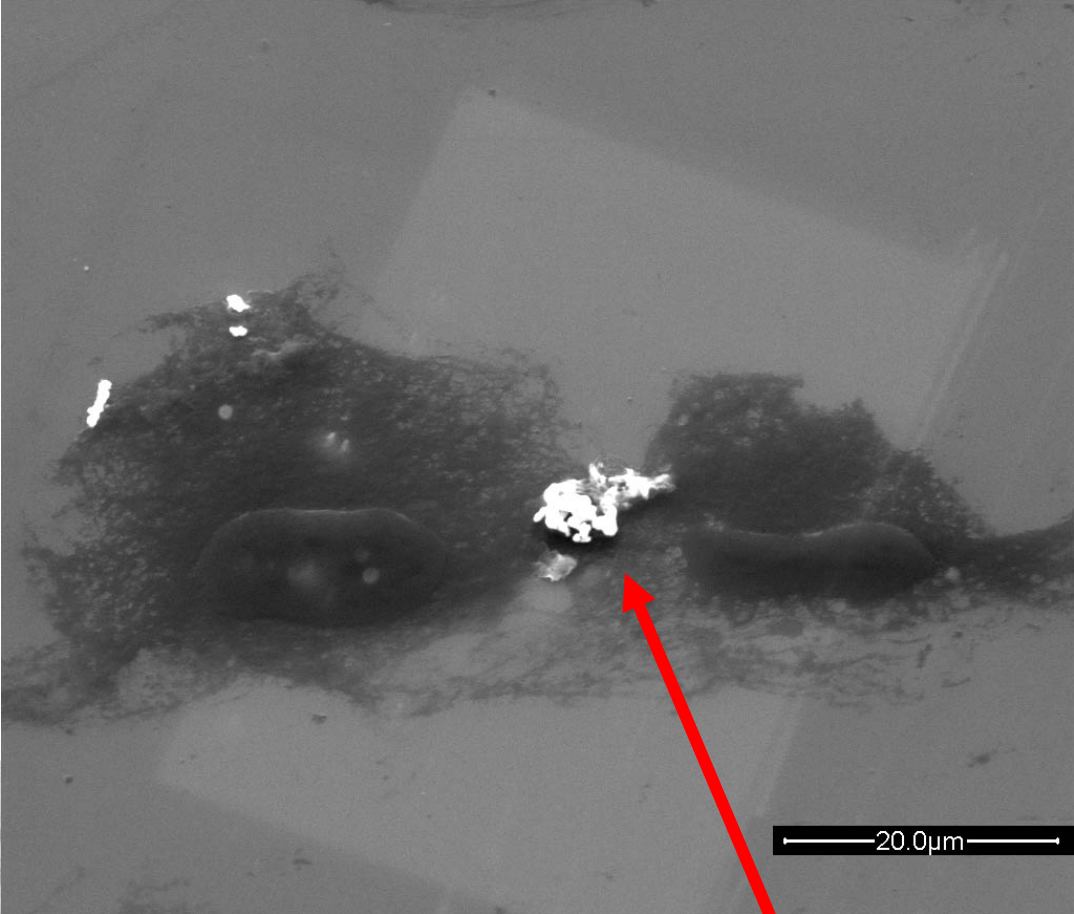
**Co Group** :  
Nodules observed on the left side  
(nanoparticles IM) in all cases 8  
months after implantation  
– nothing on the right side (bulk  
material implanted SC)





Nickel and Cobalt nanoparticles induced rabdomiosarcoma after 6-month implantation in rats, the bulk samples only fibrotic capsules or granulomas.

# 3T3 Cells with Co nanoparticles



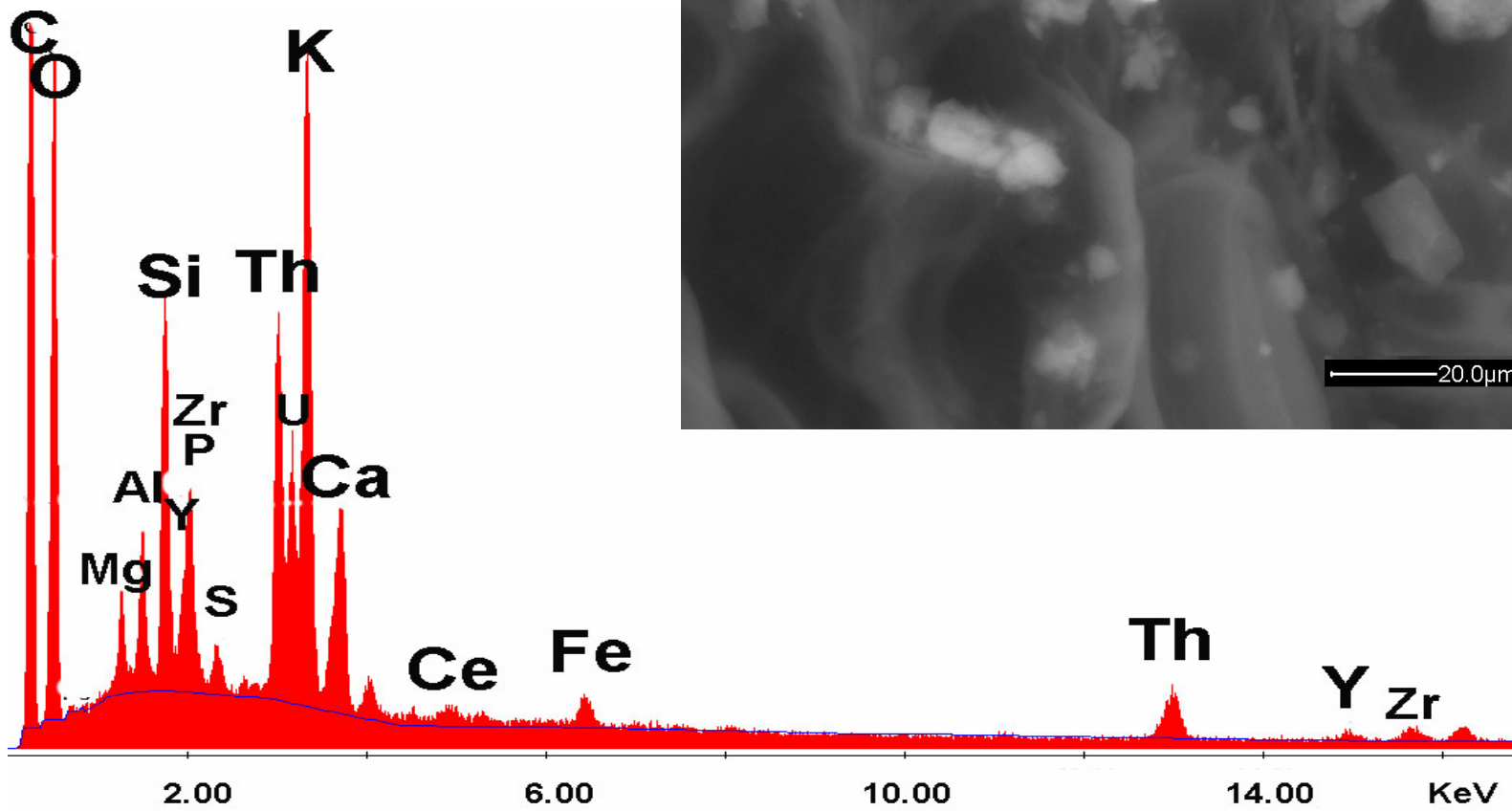
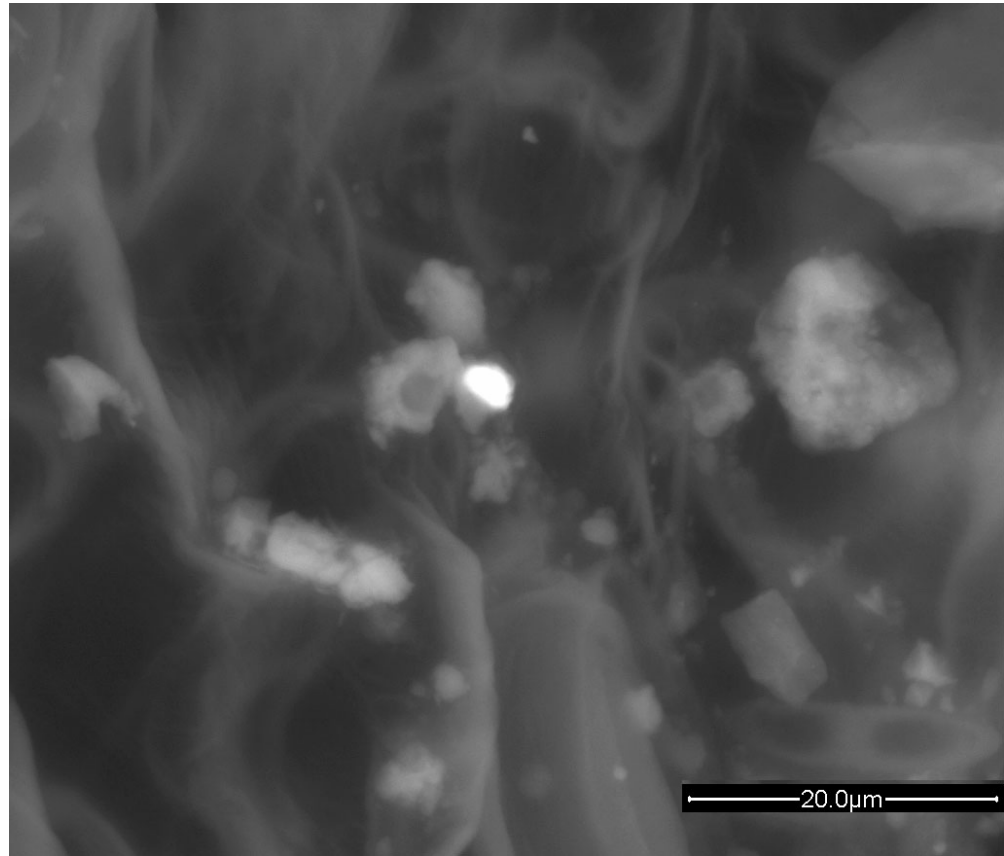


We live in a polluted world

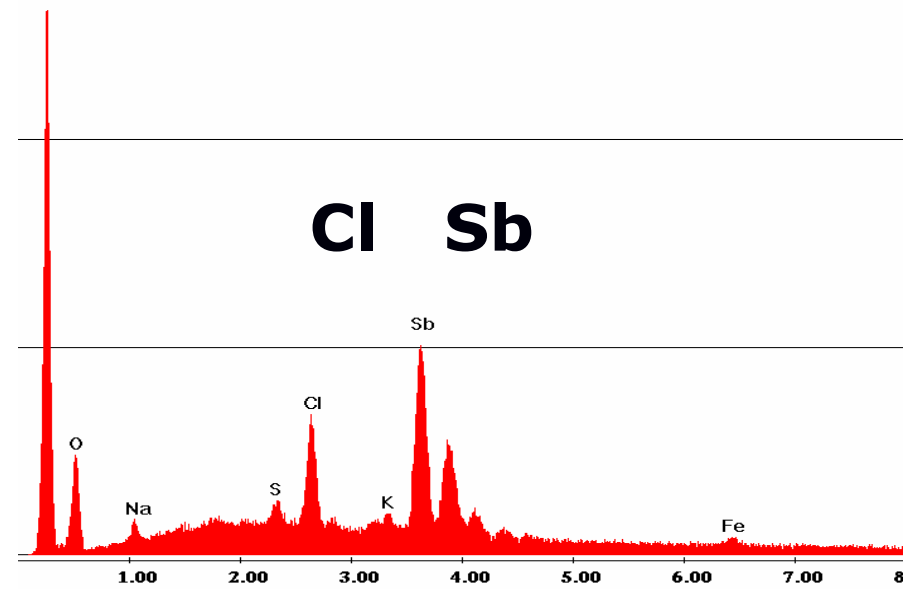
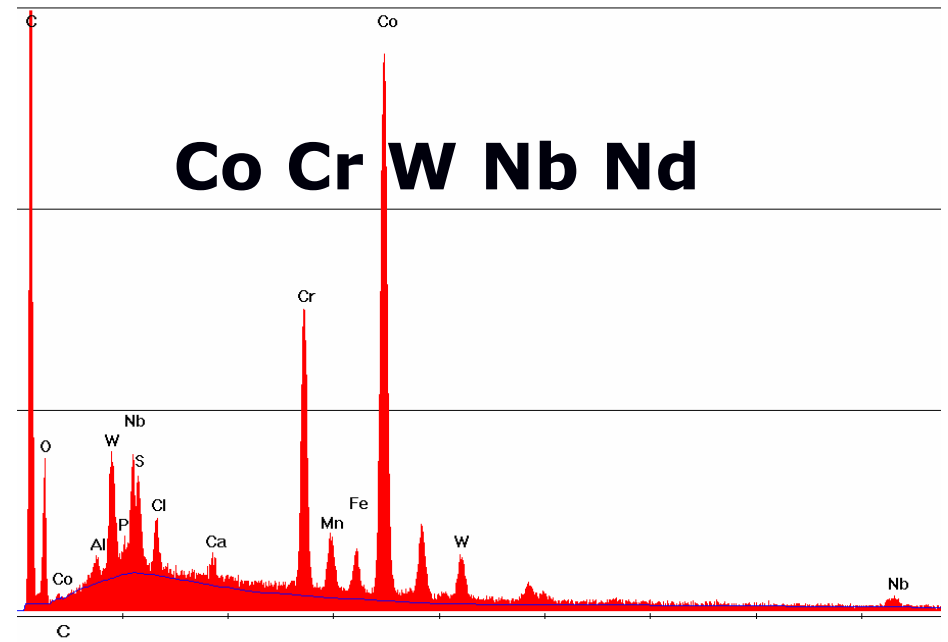
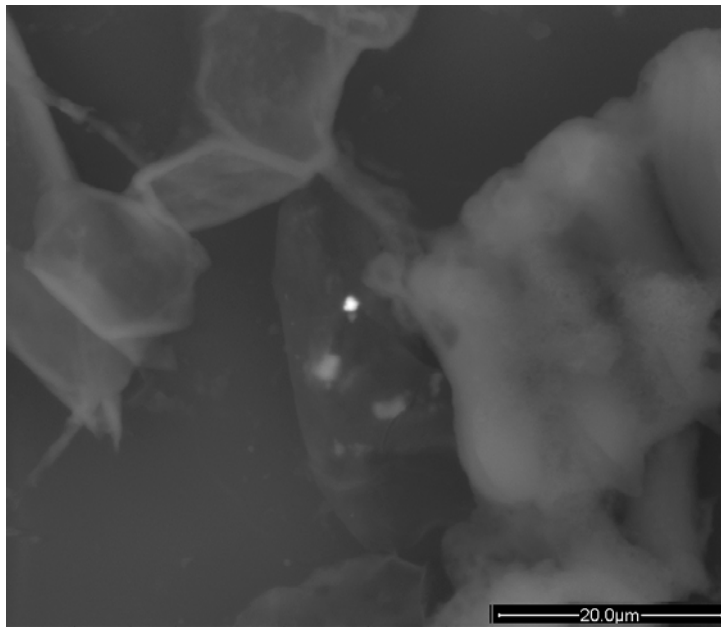
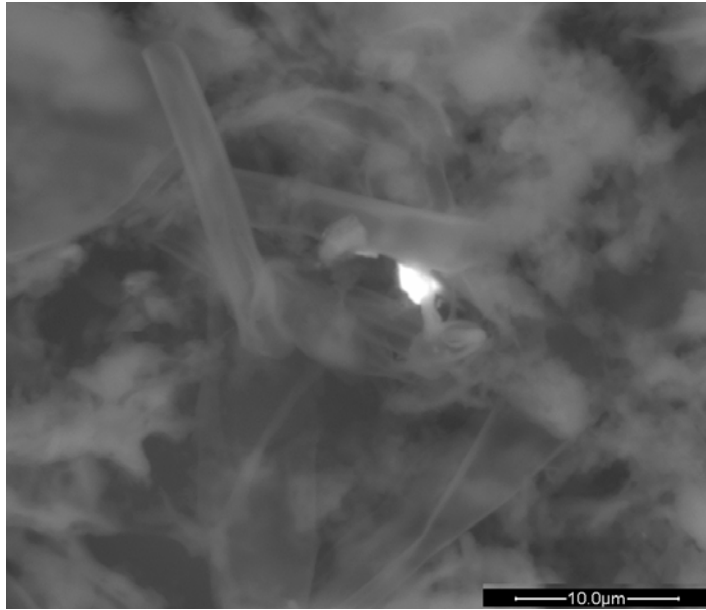
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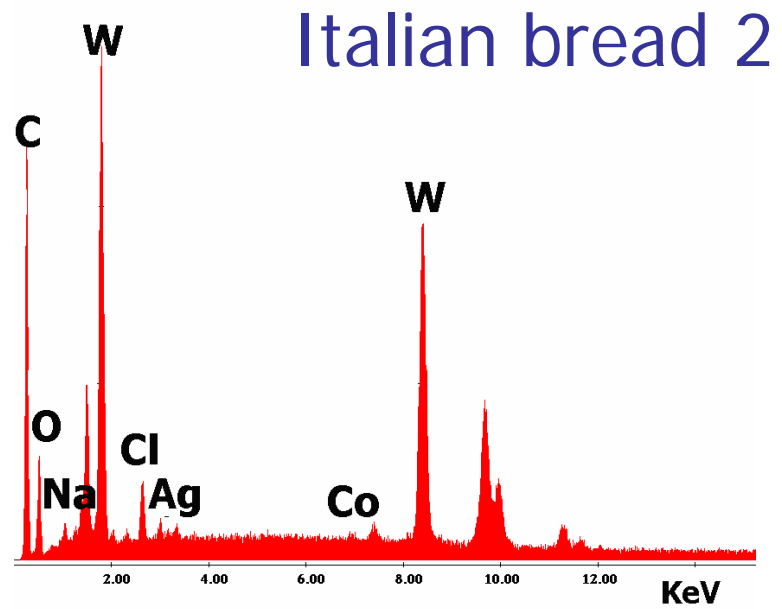
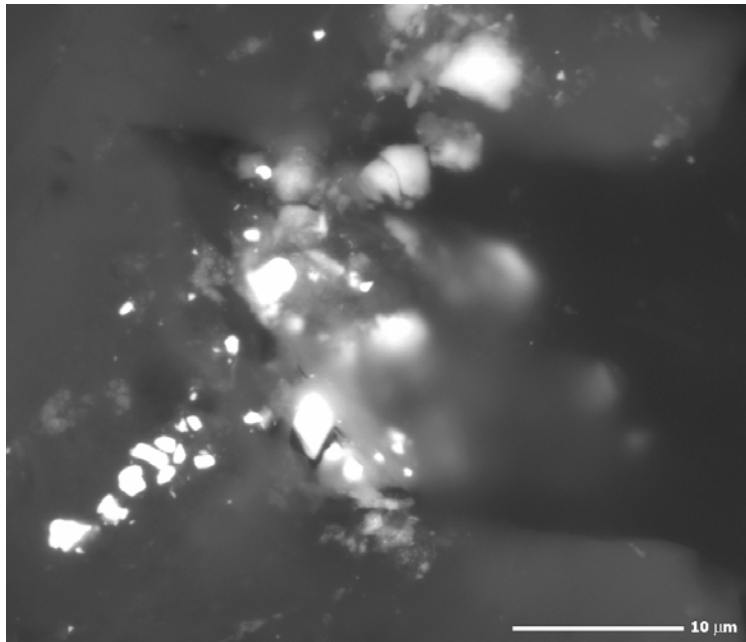
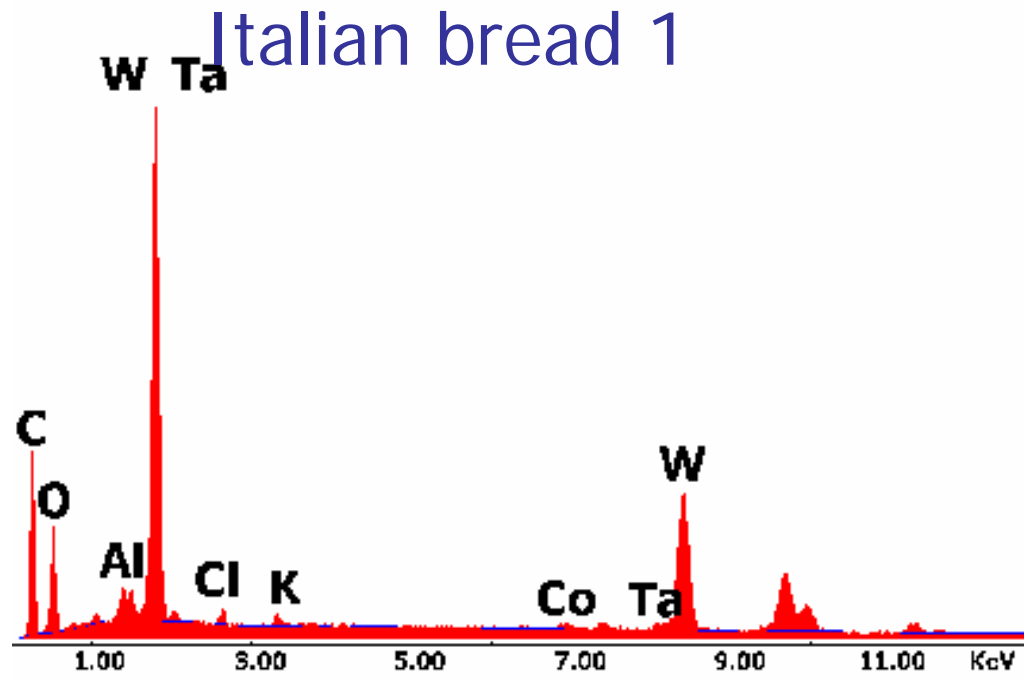
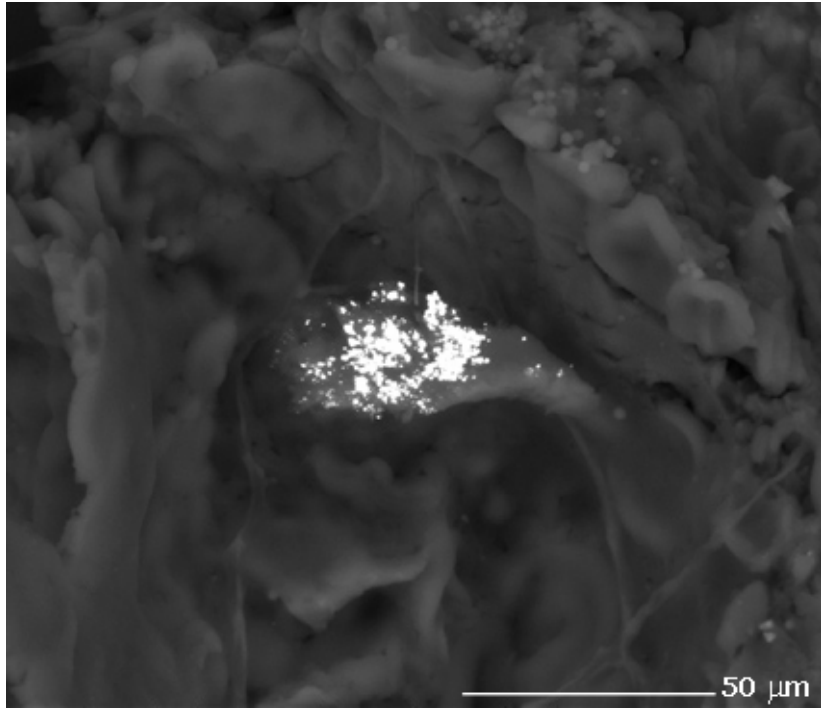
We have no defence against.....

# Cigarette from Baghdad

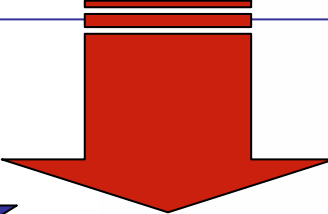


# Anchovy's liver from the Adriatic sea





# Factors influencing the pathogenicity of micro- and nanoparticles



★★★ **PHYSICAL**

Foreign body  
Size  
Shape  
Surface area  
Concentration  
Intake velocity  
Radioactivity



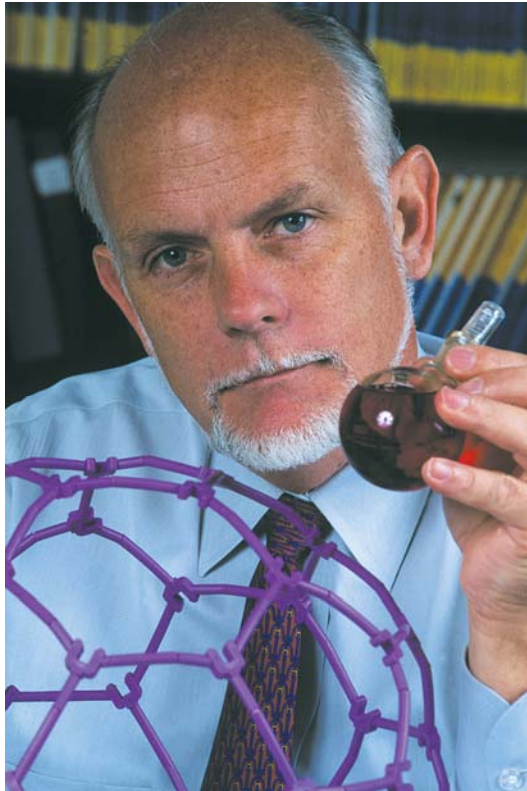
★★ **CHEMICAL**

Composition  
Corrodibility  
Speciation



★ **BIOLOGICAL**

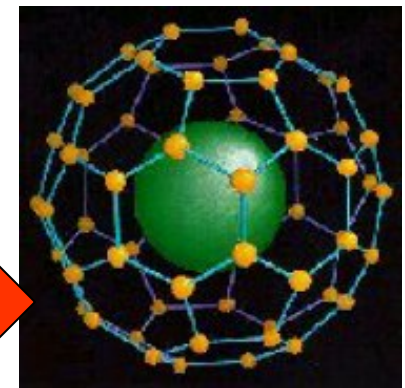
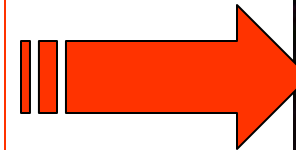
Organ (cell) involved  
Health condition  
Individual variability



Nobel Laureate Richard Smalley 1996 for the synthesis of fullerenes

Dead 31<sup>st</sup> October 2005.

**In laboratory the exposure to nano can (and must) be avoided**



# Partners for nanoP2

- University of Mainz – DE
- CNR of Italy- I
- University of Malta – UK
- University of Sarajevo - BiH



Thanks

*Memento quia pulvis es et in pulverem reverteris*