

# Imaging lipids using lipid-binding toxins

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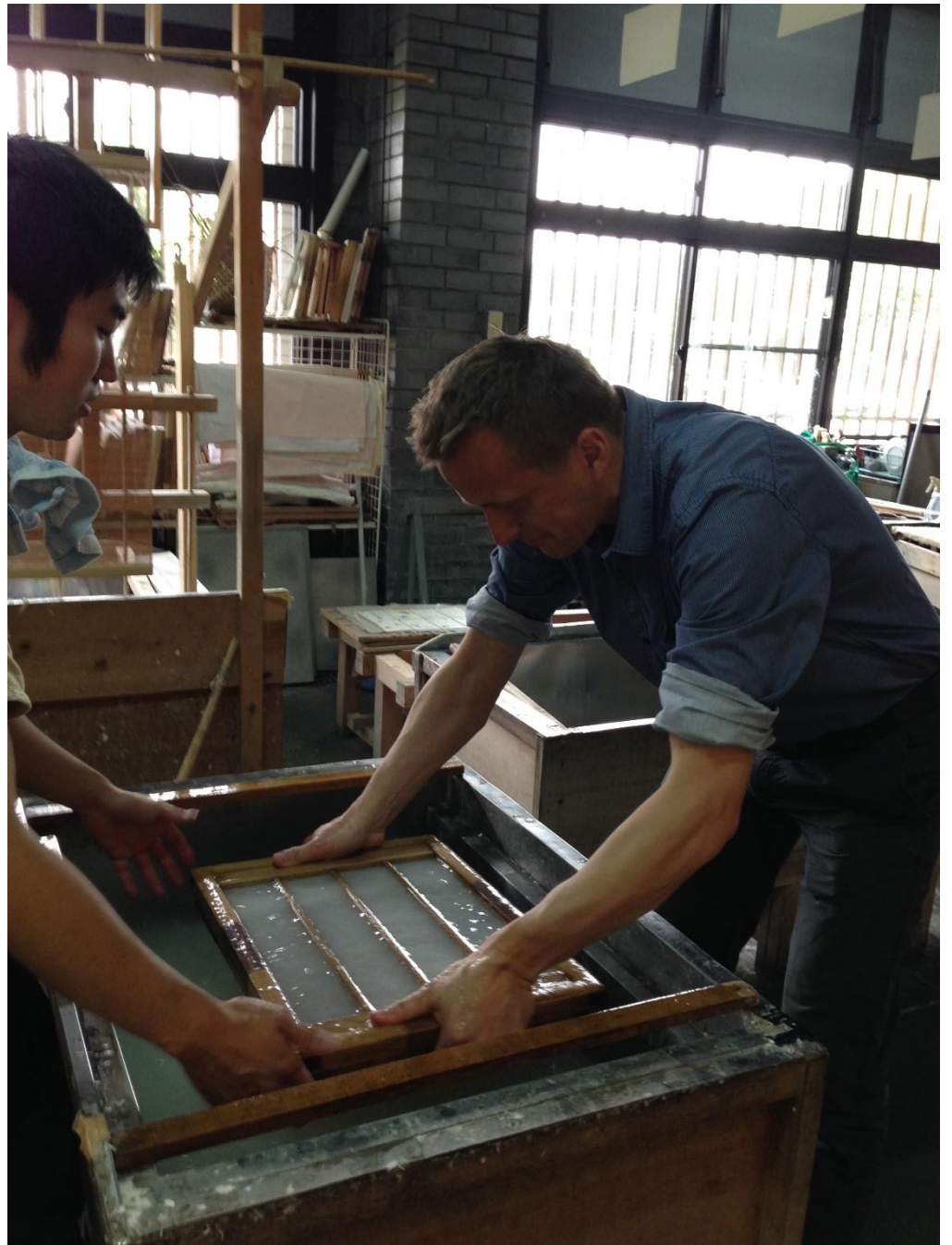
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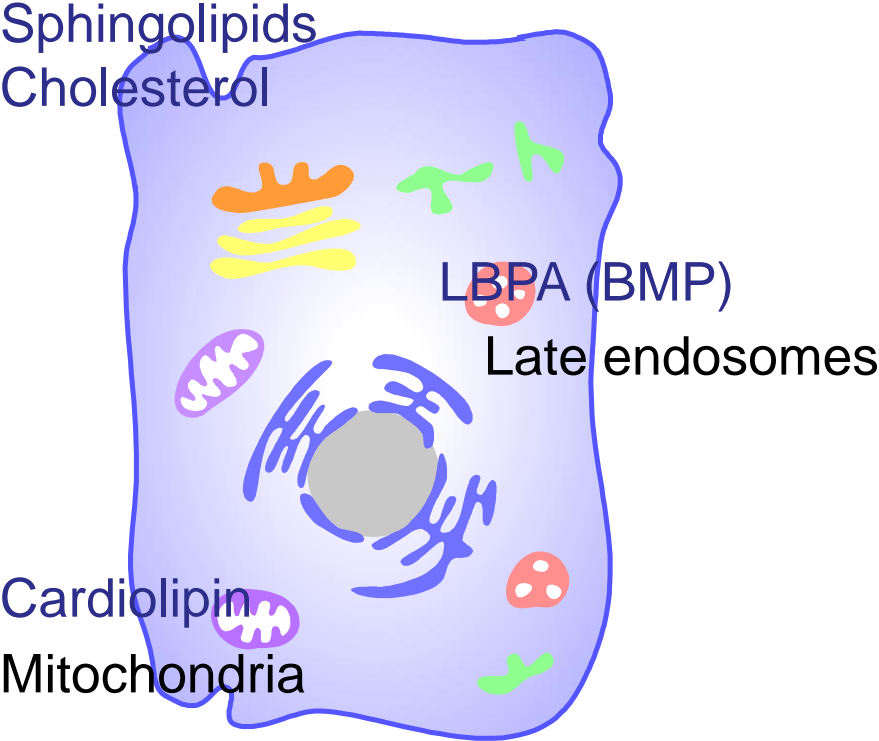
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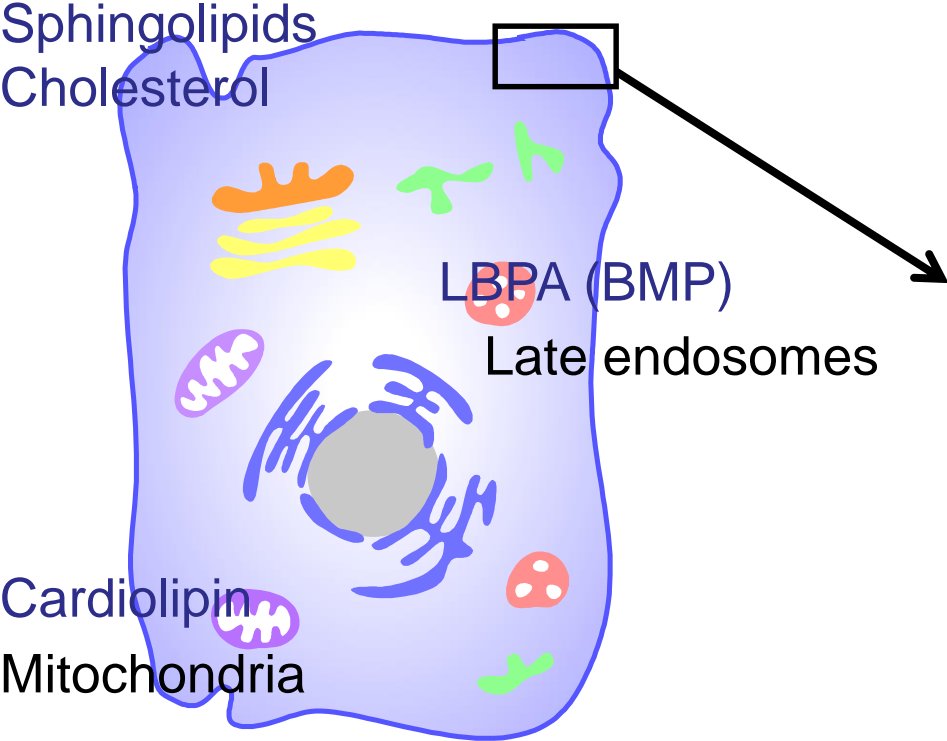
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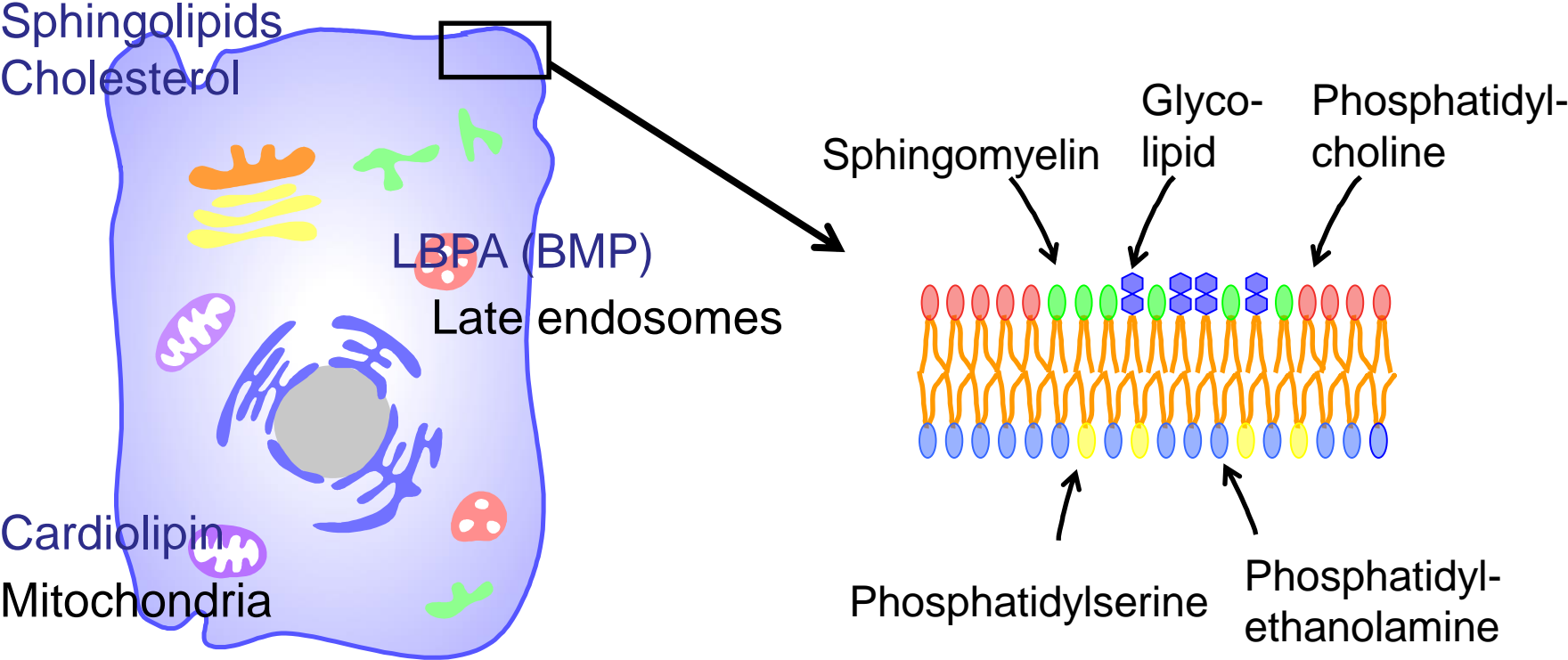
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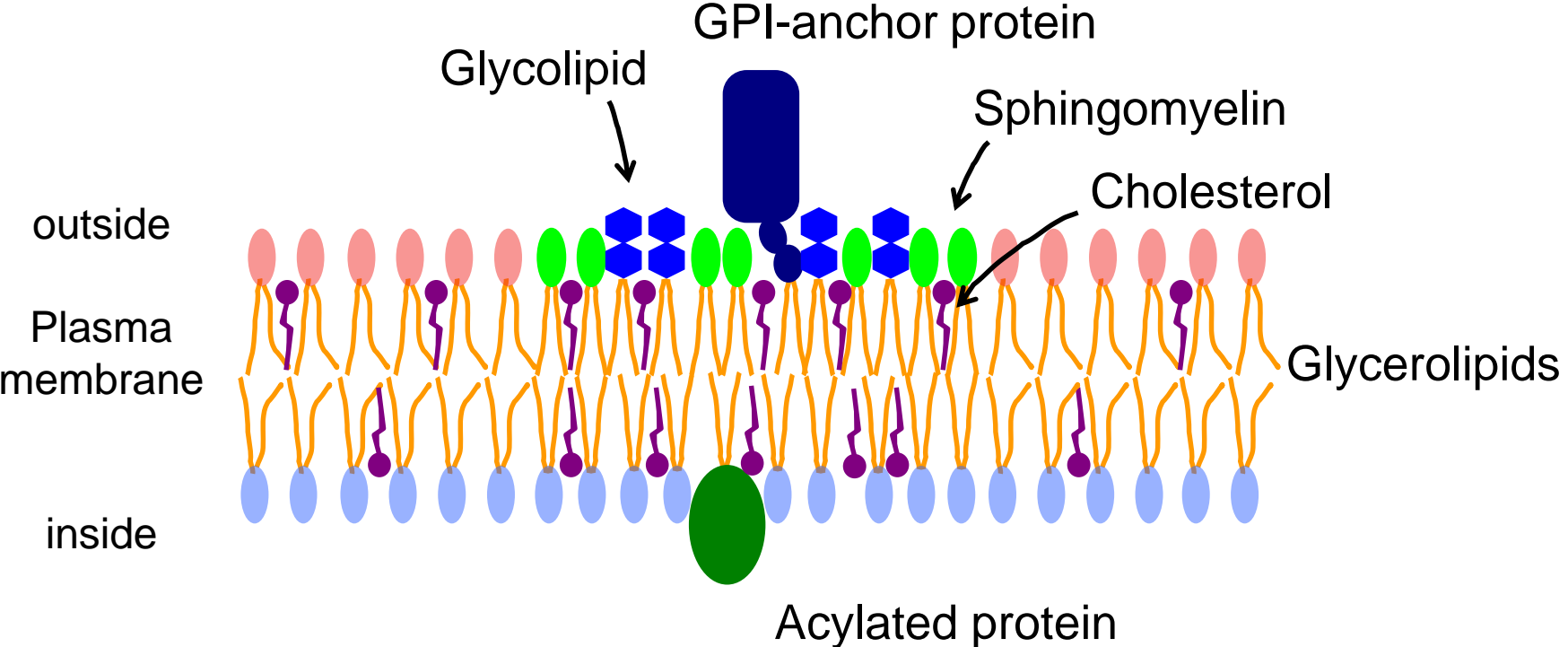
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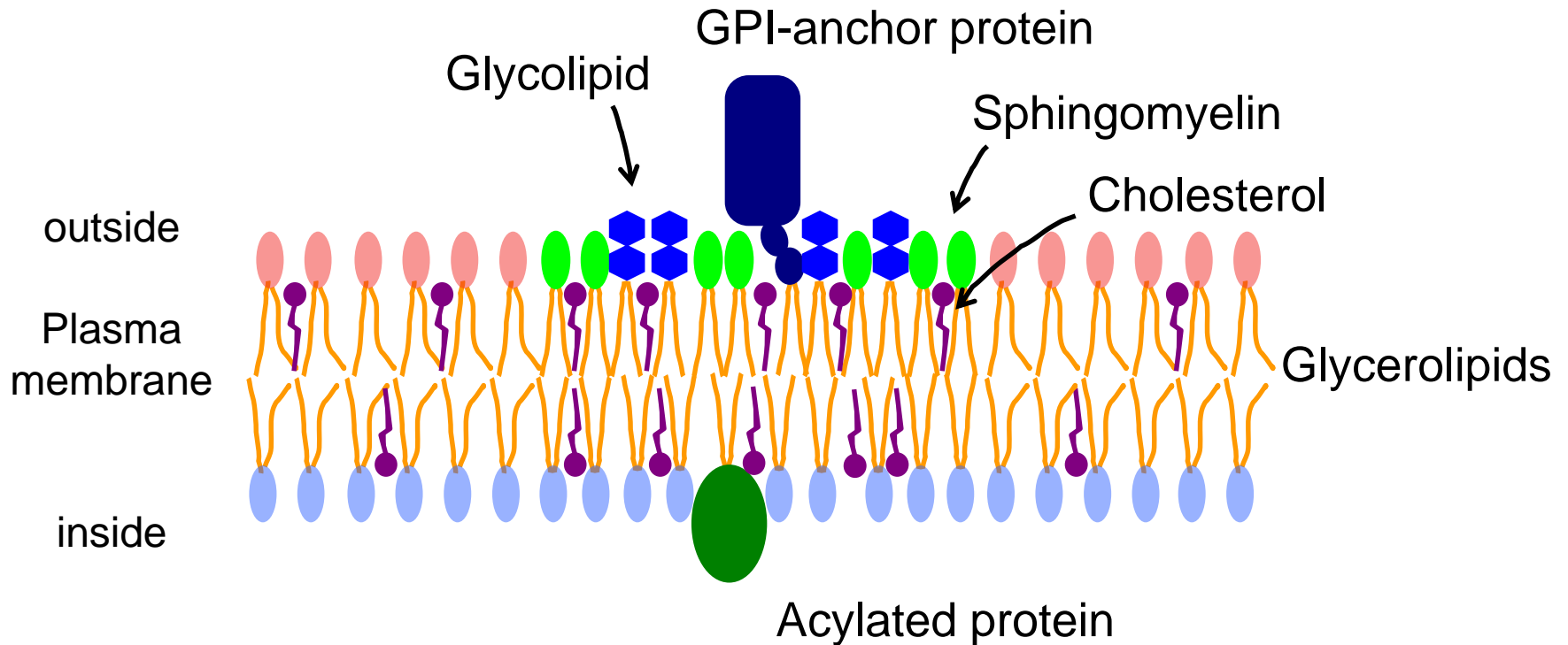


# Lipid raft hypothesis



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Proposed function:  
Signal transduction  
Membrane traffic  
Virus and bacteria infection

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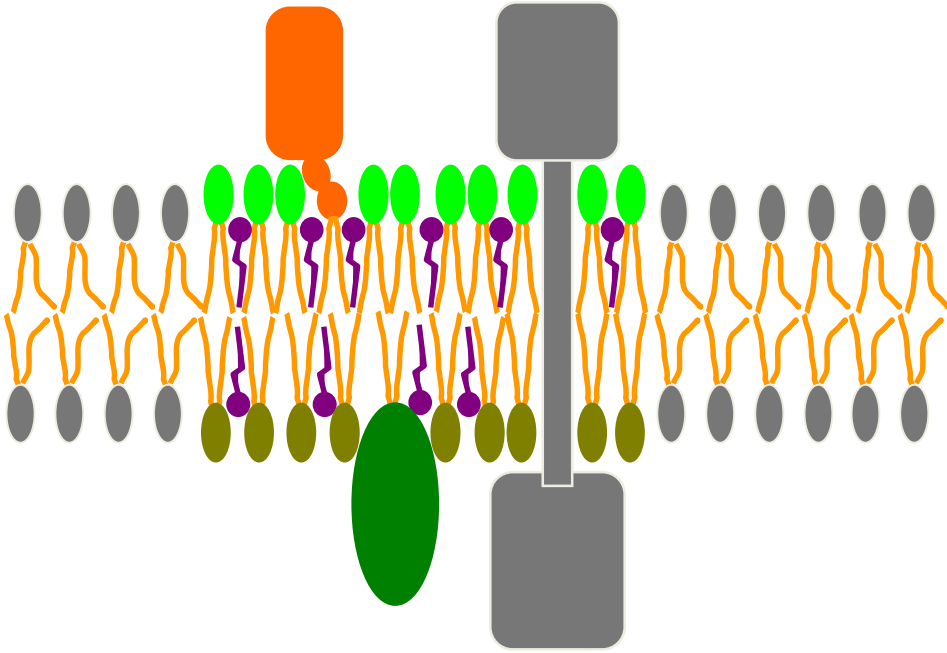


# Our goal

Understanding the function of lipids  
and lipid domains by imaging them

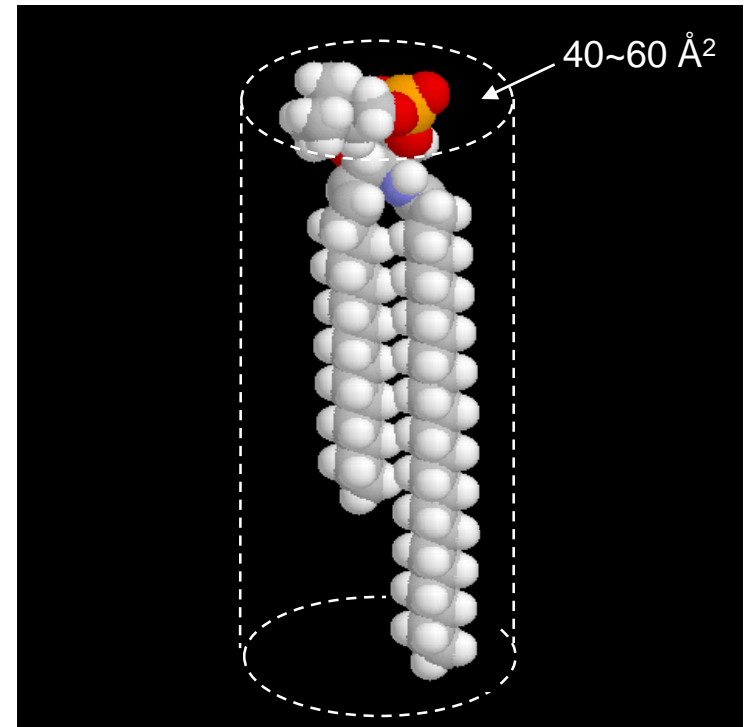
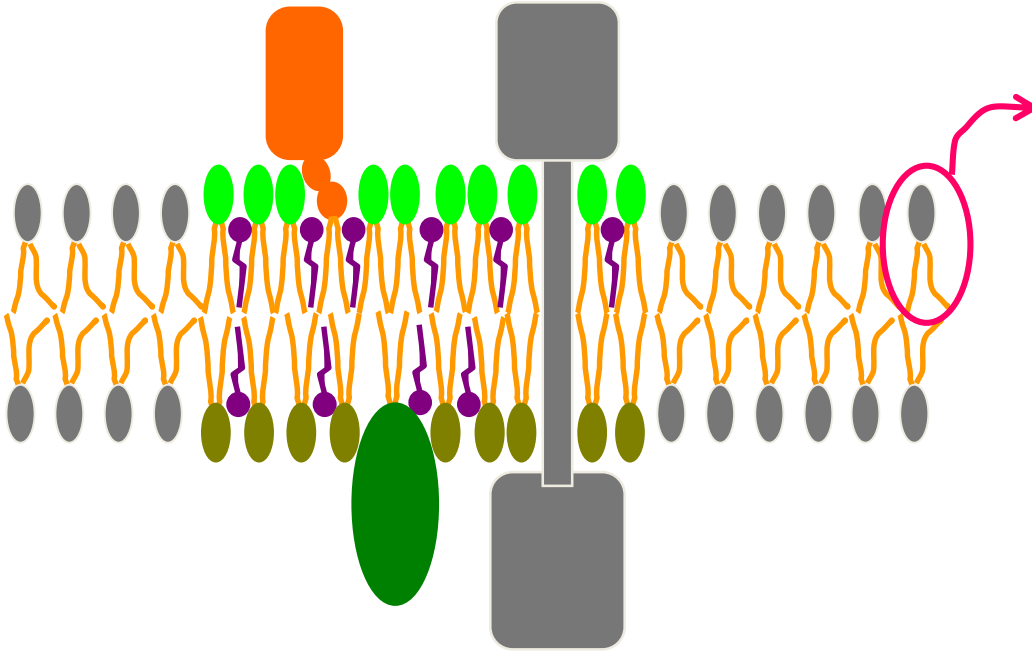
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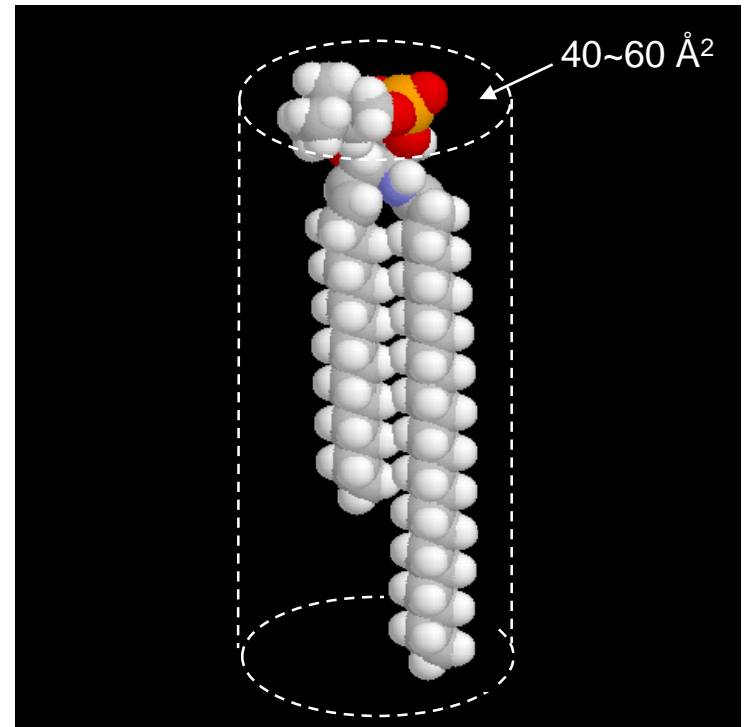
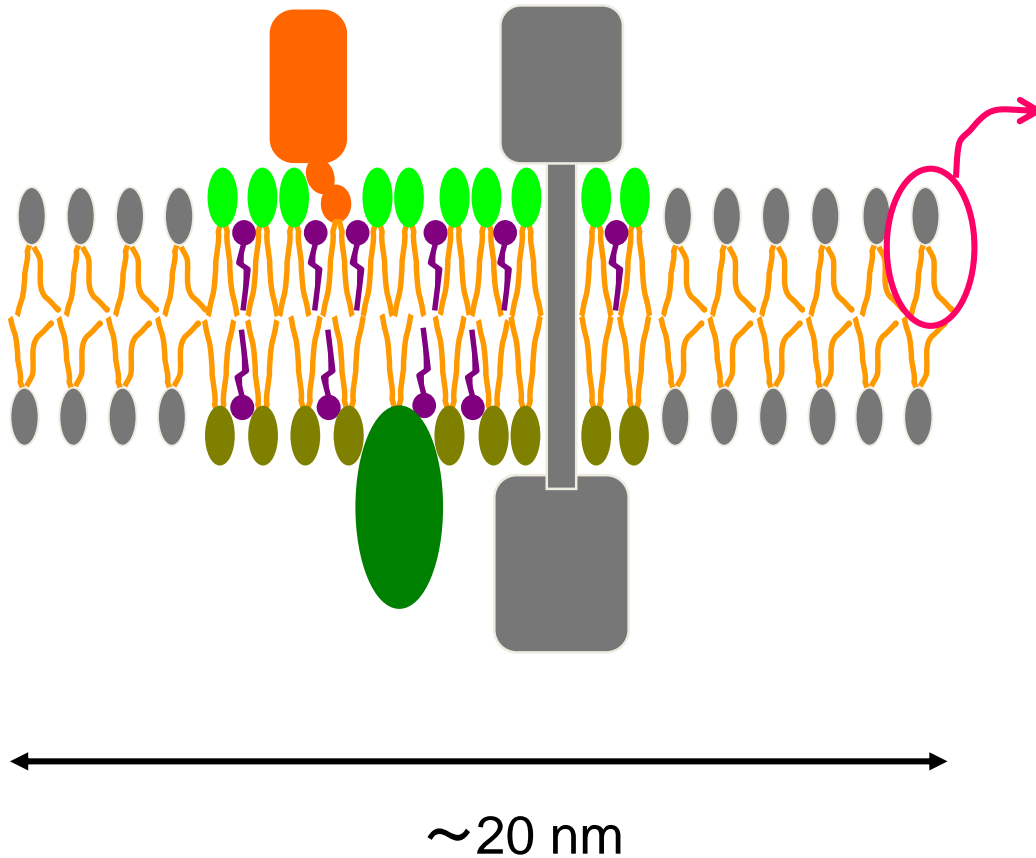


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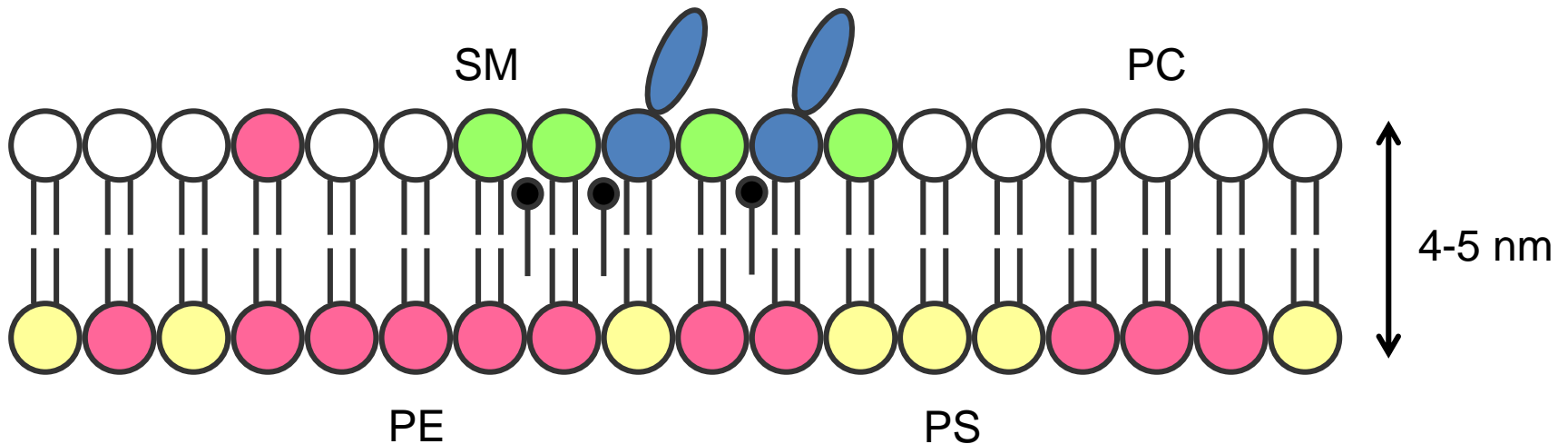


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## 2. Asymmetric distribution between outer and inner leaflet of the membrane



Sphingolipids are distributed in the outer leaflet of lipid rafts.

Lipid distribution of the inner leaflet of lipid rafts is not well understood.

# Our attempt

1. Developing and characterizing lipid-specific probes.
2. Introducing state-of-the-art imaging techniques.

[A toxin-based probe reveals cytoplasmic exposure of Golgi sphingomyelin.](#)

Bakrac B, Kladnik A, Macek P, McHaffie G, Werner A, Lakey JH, Anderluh G.

J Biol Chem. 2010 Jul 16;285(29):22186-95. doi: 10.1074/jbc.M110.105122. Epub 2010 May 12

[Tracking cholesterol/sphingomyelin-rich membrane domains with the ostreolysin A-mCherry protein.](#)

Skočaj M, Resnik N, Grundner M, Ota K, Rojko N, Hodnik V, Anderluh G, Sobota A, Maček P, Veranič P, Sepčič K.

PLoS One. 2014 Mar 24;9(3):e92783. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0092783. eCollection 2014.

Imaging sphingomyelin



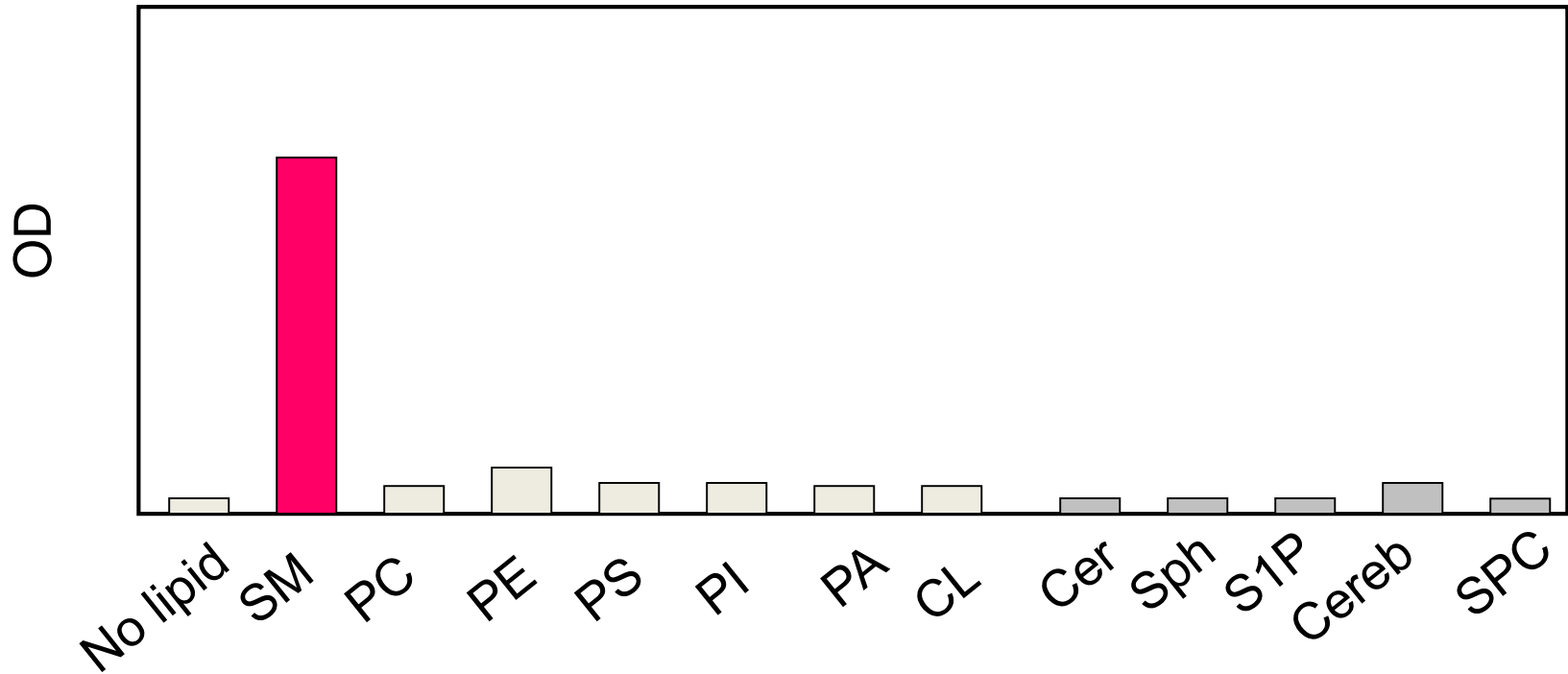
# Lysenin

1. is an earthworm toxin.
2. is 41kDa protein.
3. causes contraction of vascular smooth muscle.
4. specifically recognizes sphingomyelin.
5. induces hemolysis and cell death.

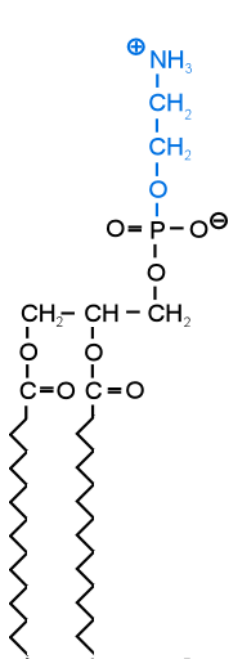


Yamaji A, Sekizawa Y, Emoto K, Sakuraba H, Inoue K, Kobayashi H, Umeda M  
Lysenin, a novel sphingomyelin-specific binding protein  
J Biol Chem. 273, 5300 (1998)

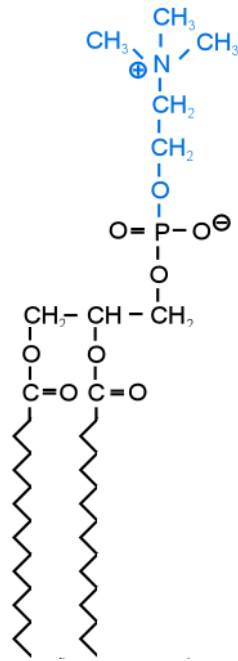
# MBP(Maltose-binding protein)-Lysenin specifically recognizes sphingomyelin in ELISA



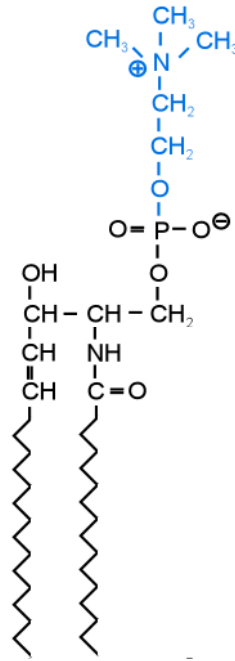
# Structure of Membrane Lipids



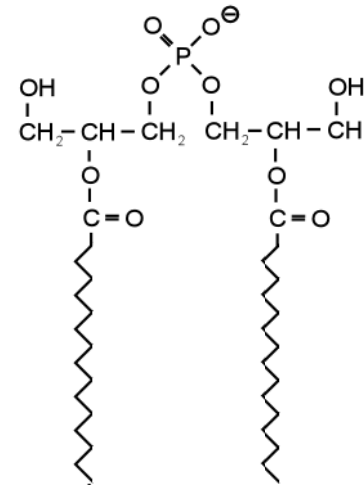
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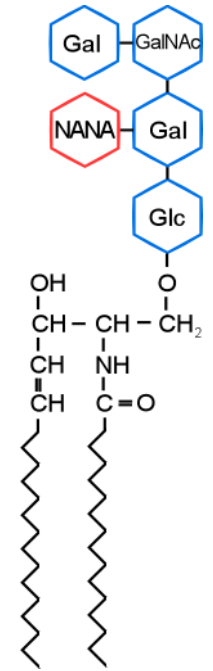
Phosphatidyl-choline



Sphingomyelin

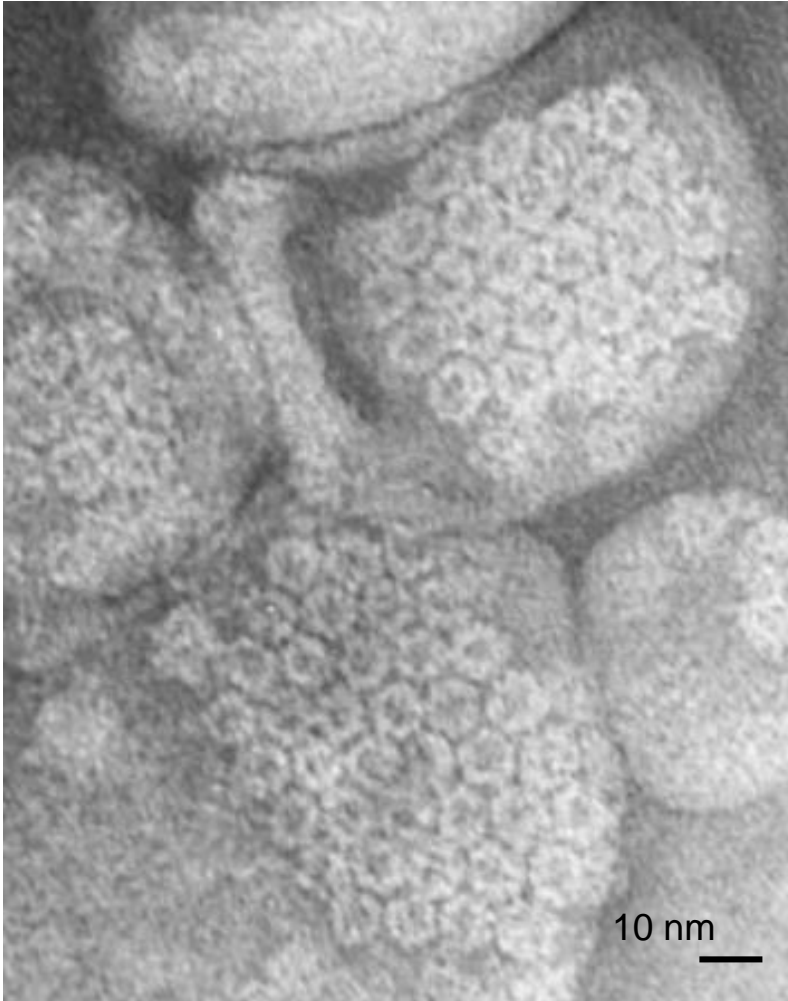


Lysobisphosphatidic acid

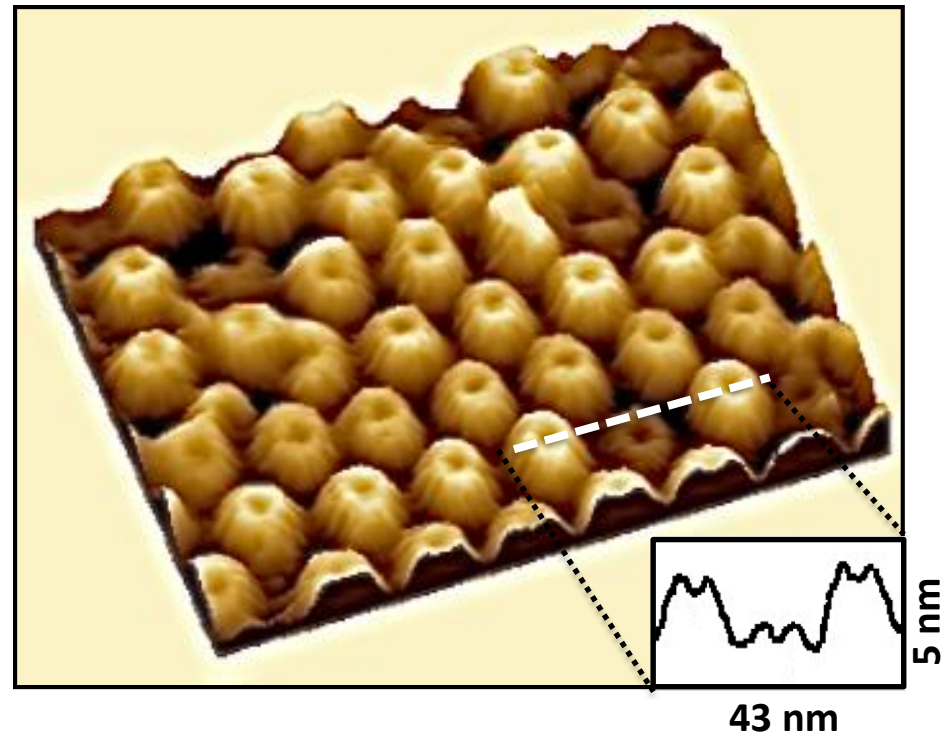
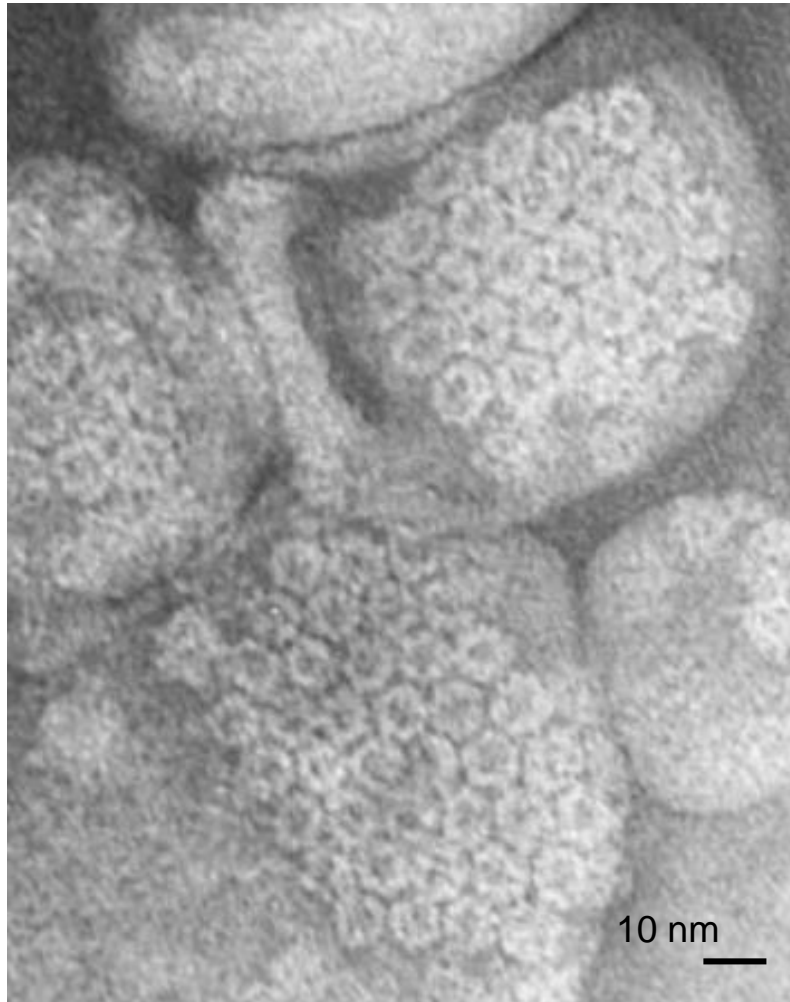


Ganglioside (GM1)

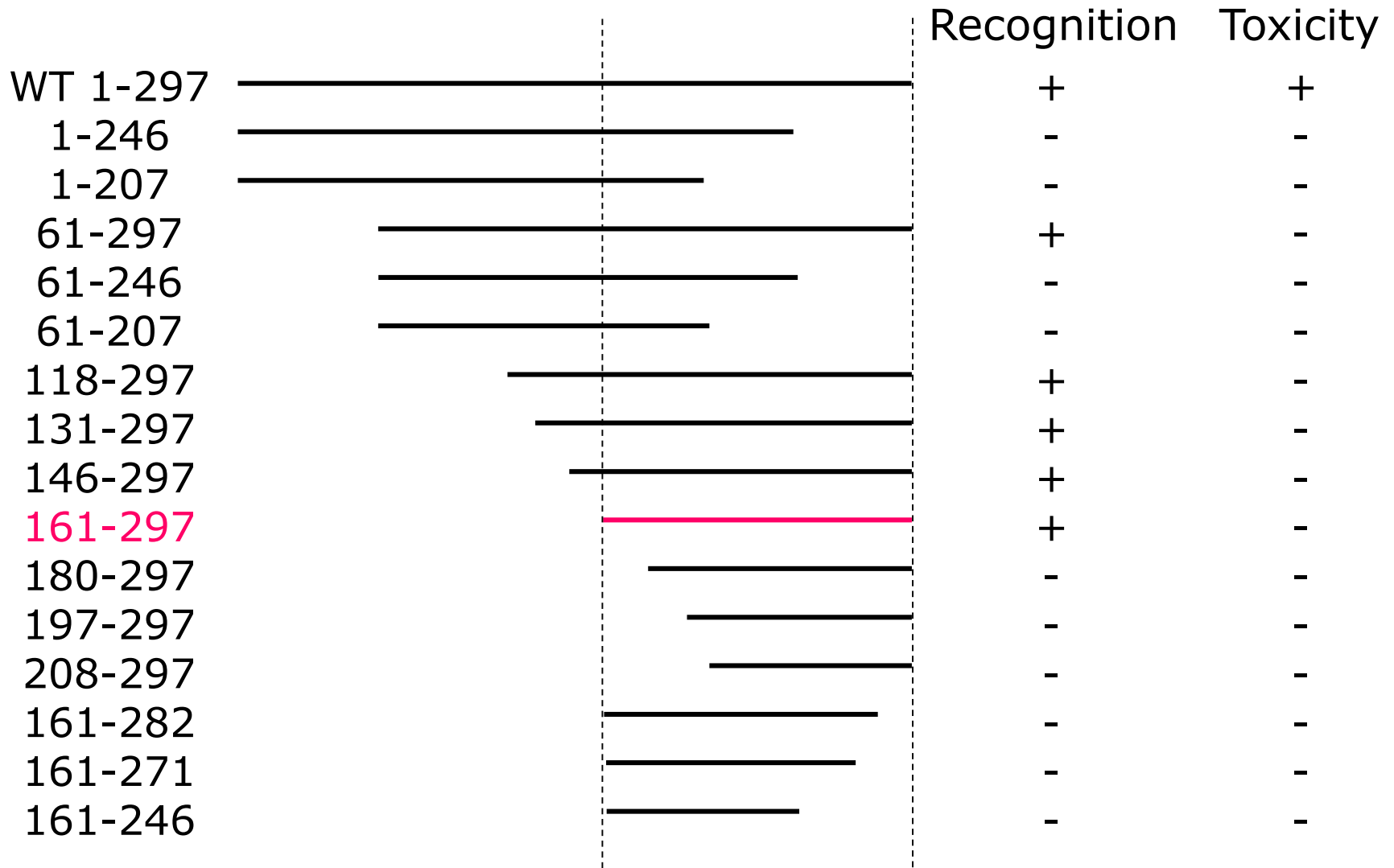
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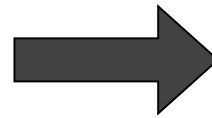
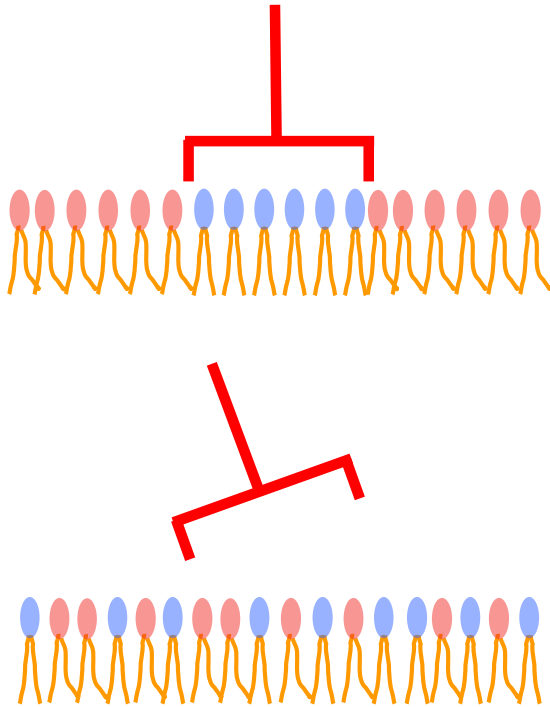
# Recognition of sphingomyelin by lysenin mutants



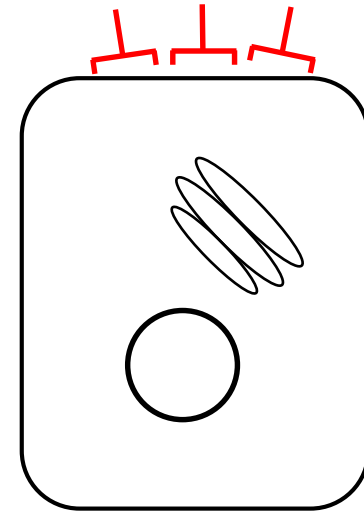
# Detection of sphingomyelin clusters by lysenin

## Model Membrane

Lysenin specifically binds sphingomyelin clusters



## Cell Membrane



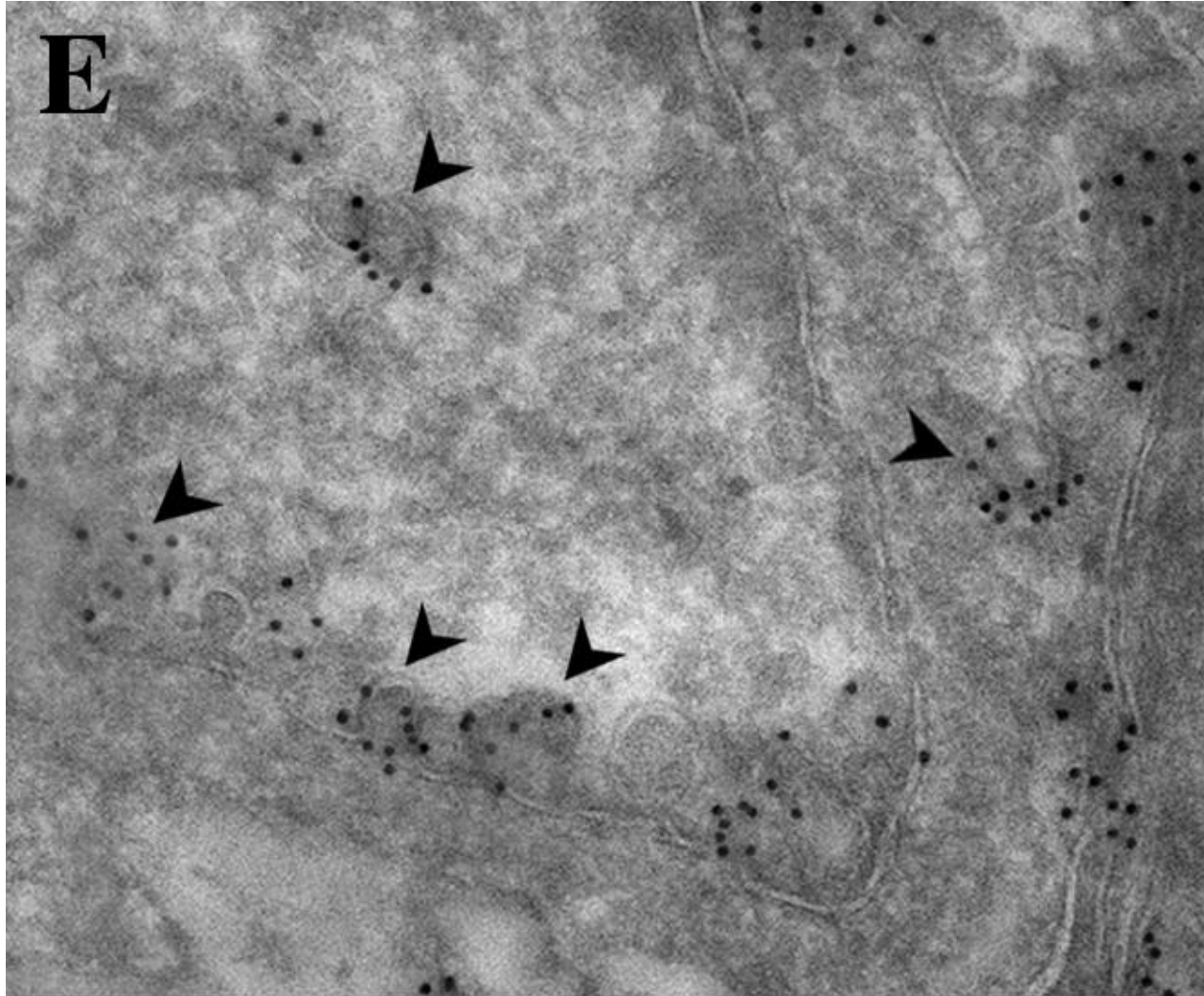
**Binding means**



**Existence of the domain**

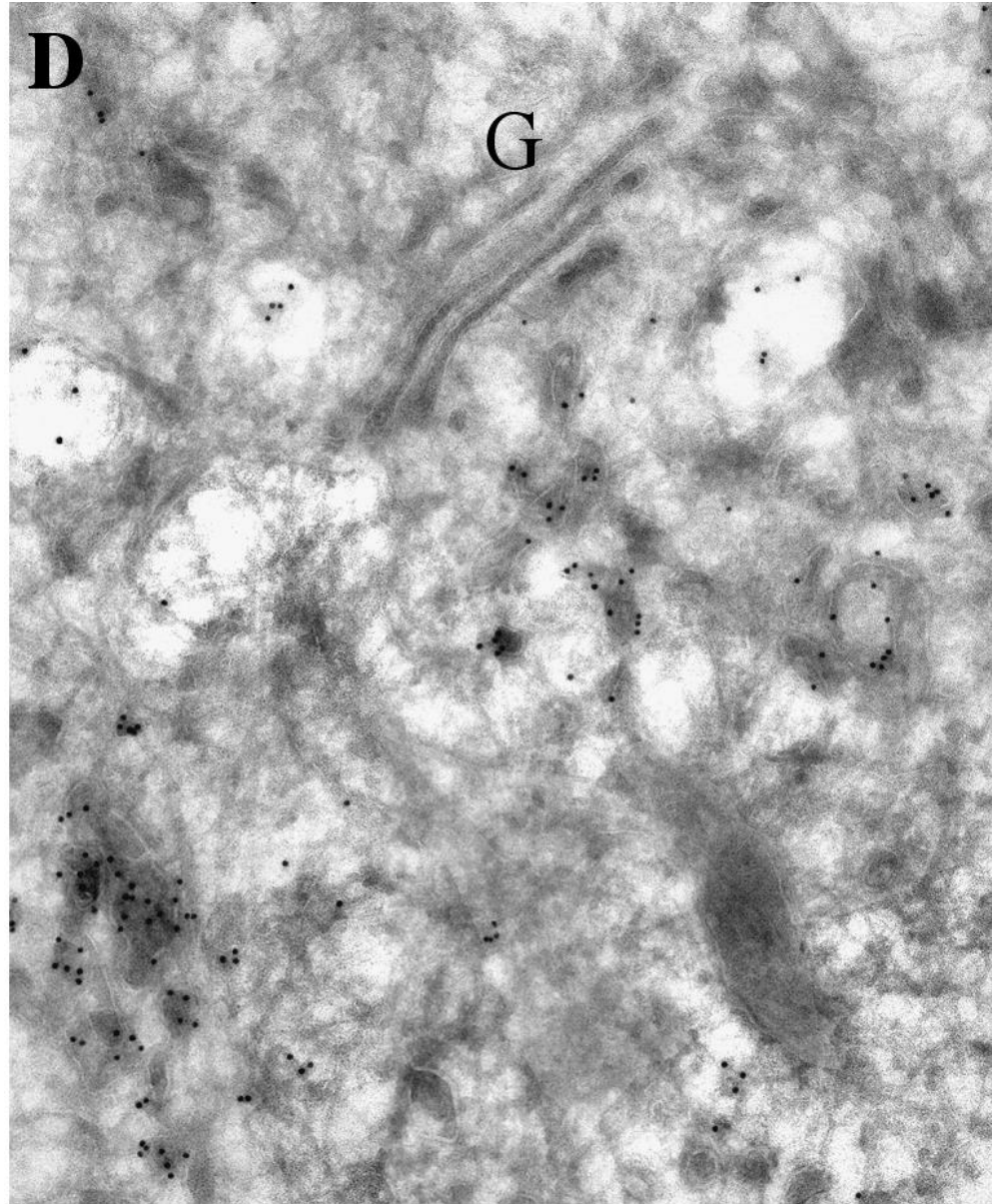


# Sphingomyelin-rich domain localizes in caveolae

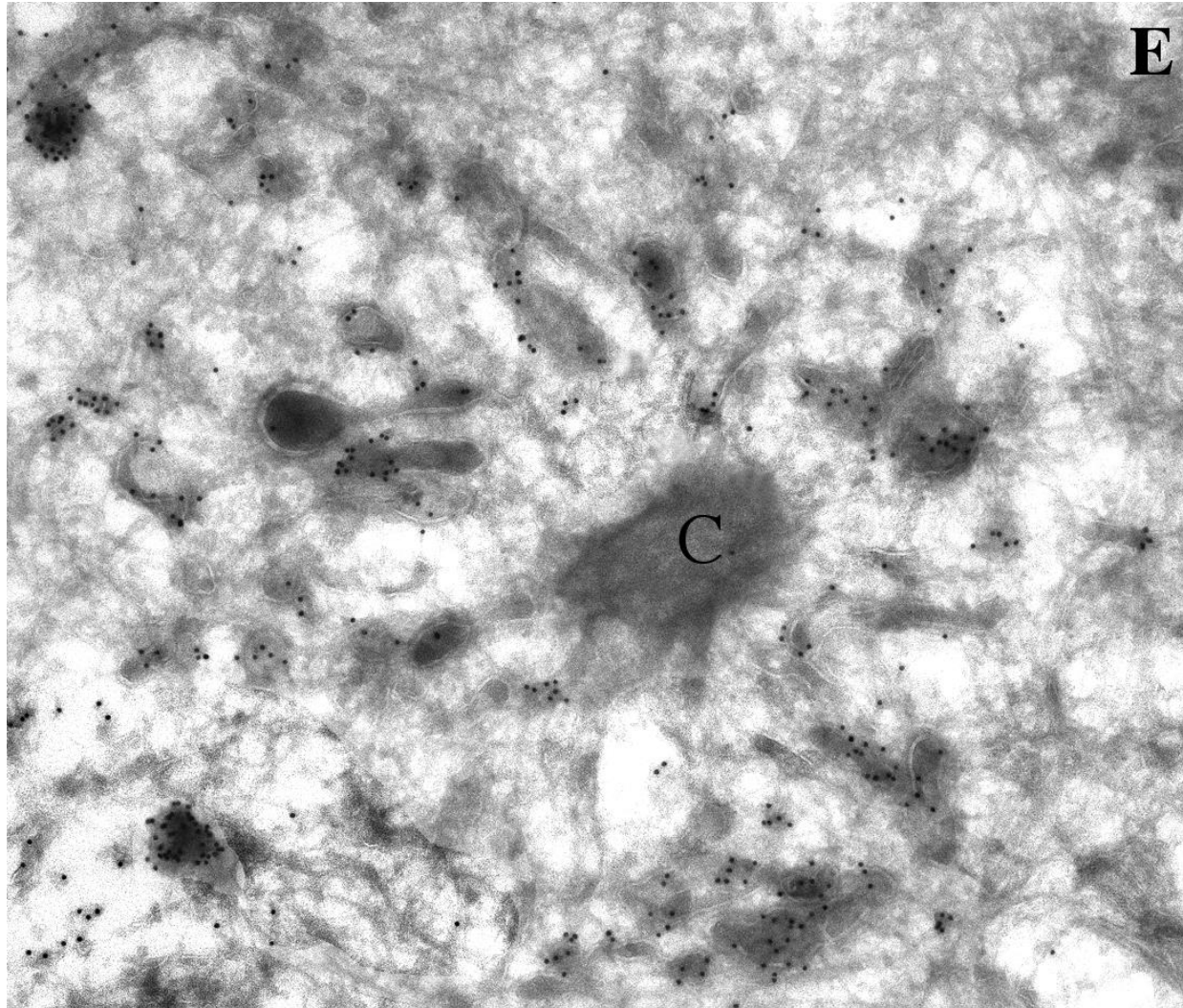


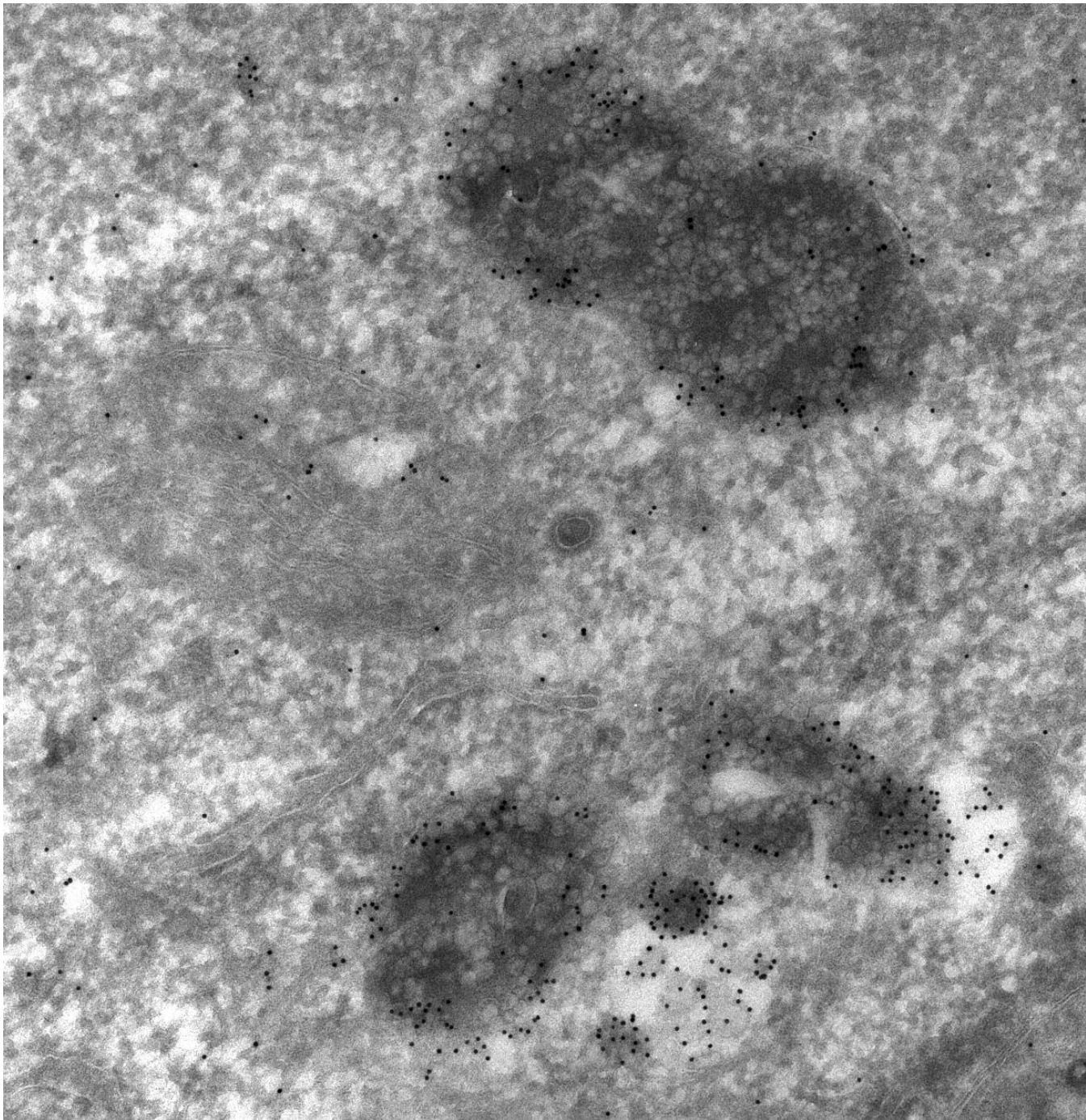


# Sphingomyelin-rich domain does not localize in the Golgi apparatus



# Sphingomyelin-rich domain localizes in pericentriolar endosomes





# List of membrane lipid probes used

Sphingomyelin (SM) - Lysenin, SM-specific toxin

(Kiyokawa E. et al., J Biol Chem. 280, 24072 (2005))

Phosphatidylethanolamine (PE) – Duramycin, PE-specific toxin

(Iwamoto K. et al., Biophys J. 93, 1608 (2007))

Phosphatidylcholine (PC) – anti-PC antibody

(Nam K. S. et al., Biochim Biophys Acta. 1046, 89 (1990))

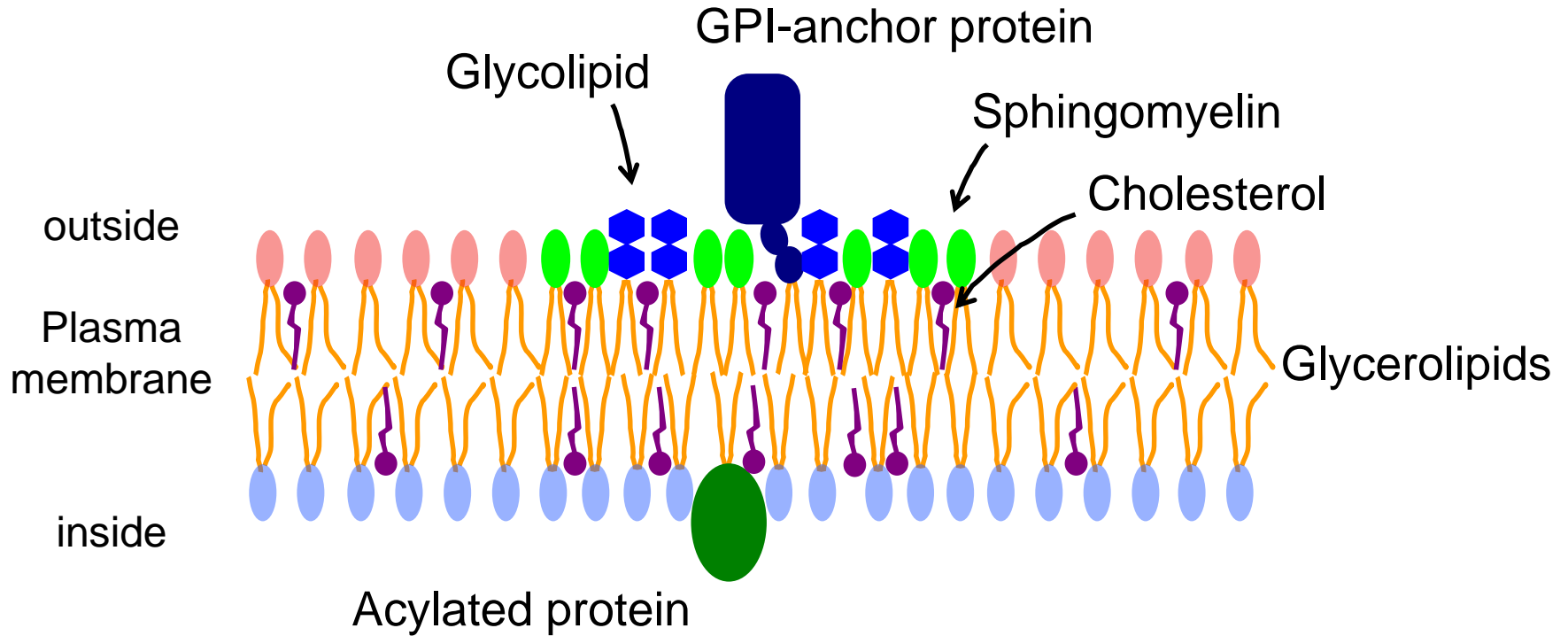
Phosphatidylserine (PS) + Phosphatidylinositol (PI) – anti-PS antibody

(Commercially available; Upstate Biotechnology, Lake Placid, NY.)

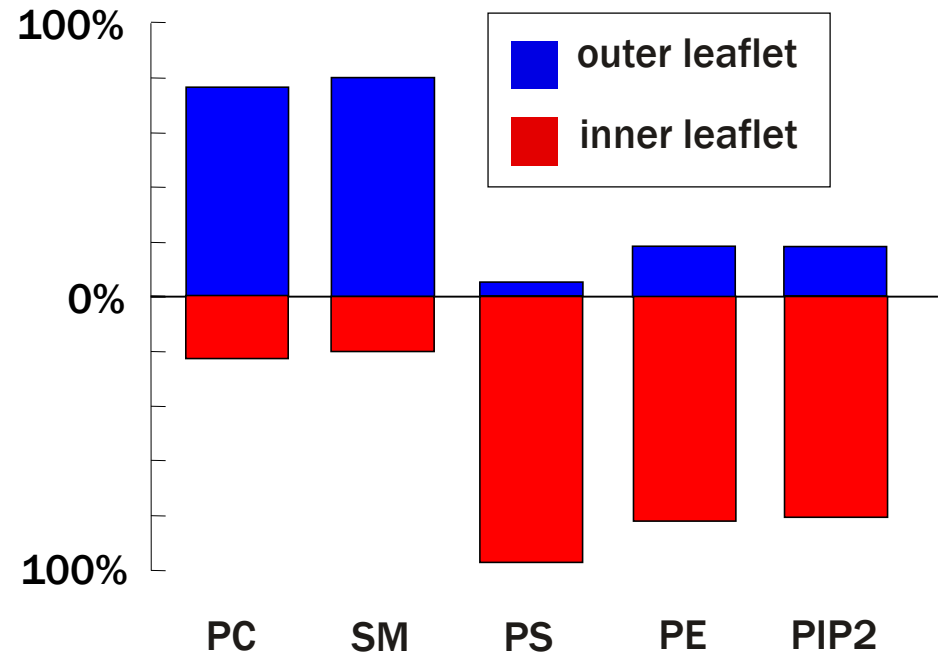
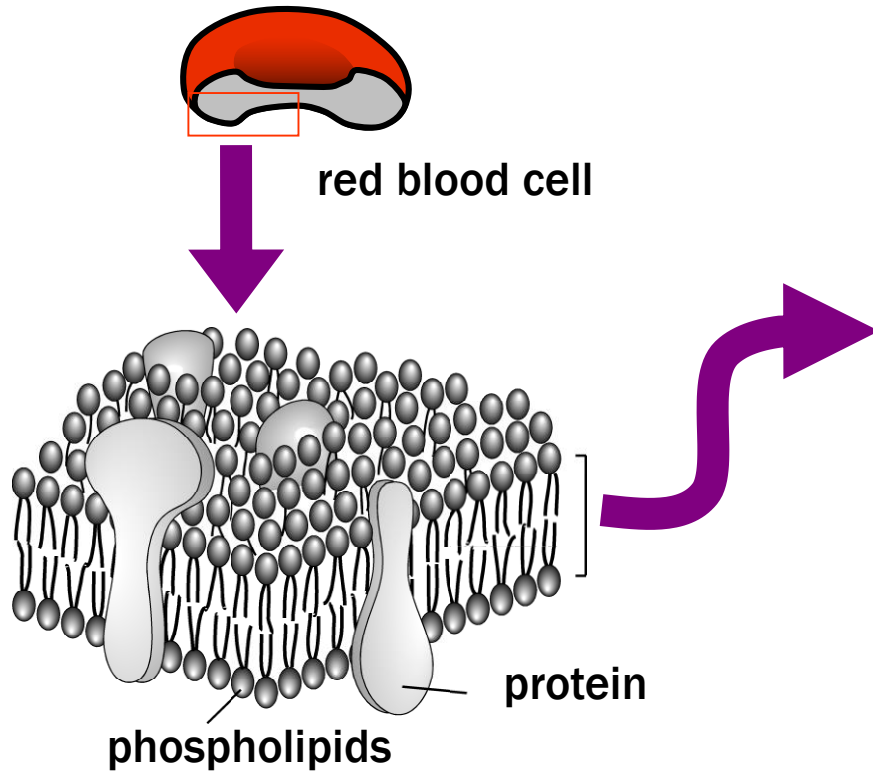
Phosphatidylinositol-4, 5-diphosphate (PIP<sub>2</sub>)– anti-PIP<sub>2</sub> antibody

(Miyazawa A. et al., Mol. Immunol. 25, 1025 (1988))

# Imaging Lipid Asymmetry

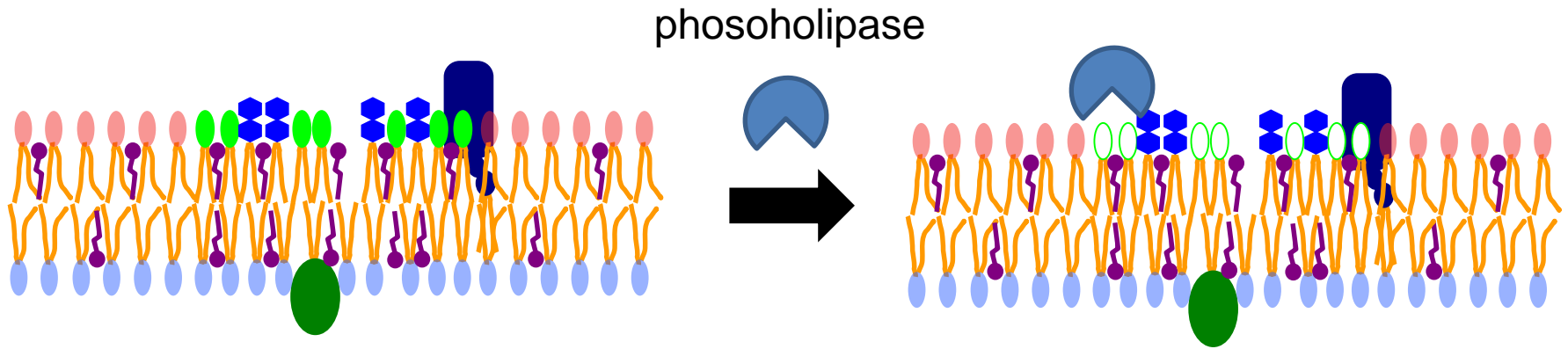


# Asymmetric distribution of lipids in plasma membrane



Zachowski A. *Biochem. J.* 294: 1-14. '93.

Gascard P. et al. *Biochim. Biophys. Acta.* 1069: 27-36. '91.

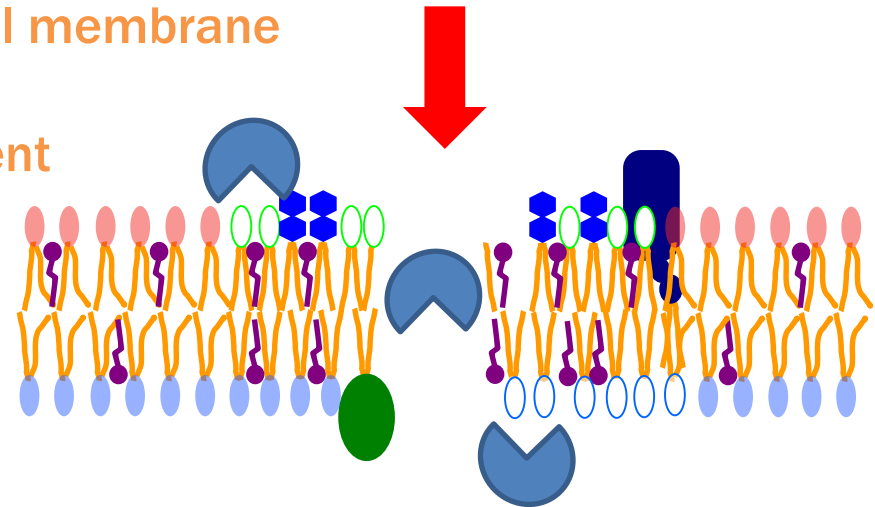


### Problems of the biochemical method

Only outer leaflet lipids are hydrolysed when the membrane is intact

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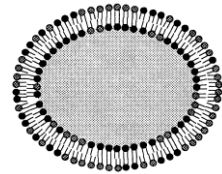
1. re-organization of lipids during treatment
2. only average value is obtained



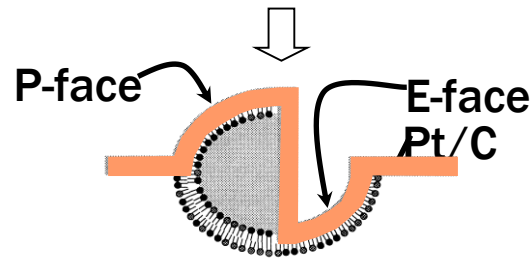
Inner leaflet lipids are hydrolysed when the membrane is broken

# SDS-digested Freeze-fracture Replica Labeling (SDS-FRL) method

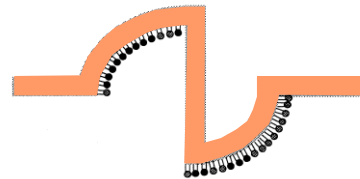
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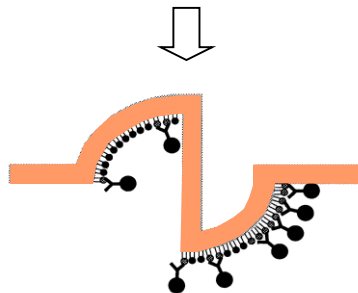
2. fracturing and metal coating



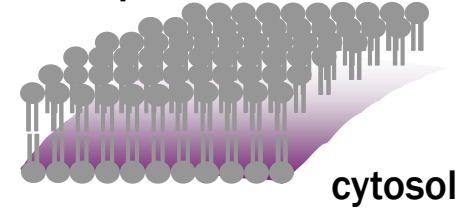
3. digestion by SDS



4. labelling by a specific probe

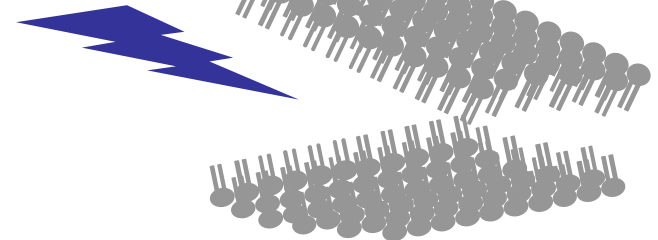


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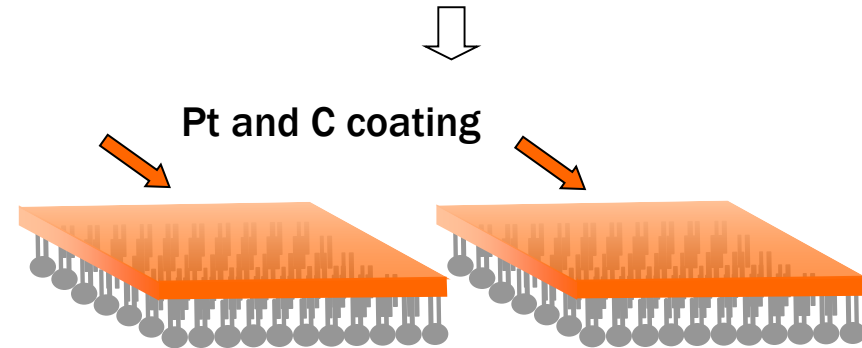


cytosol

fracturing



Pt and C coating



inner leaflet

outer leaflet

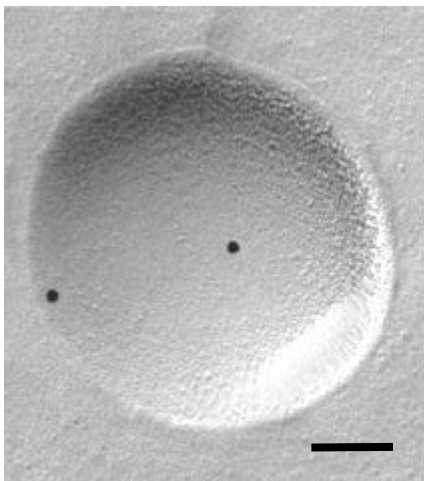
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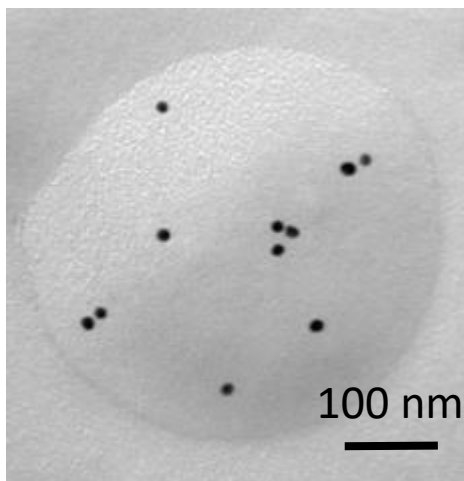


# Characteristics of SDS-FRL method in lipid biology

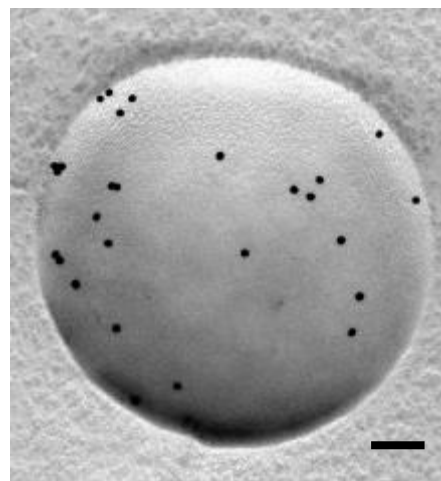
1. Minimal re-organization of lipids during sample preparation.
2. Information from individual cell is obtained.
3. Lateral distribution is demonstrated, in addition to transmembrane localization.



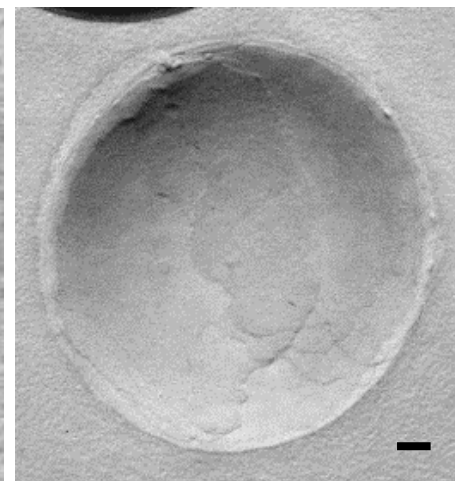
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(0.1:99.9)



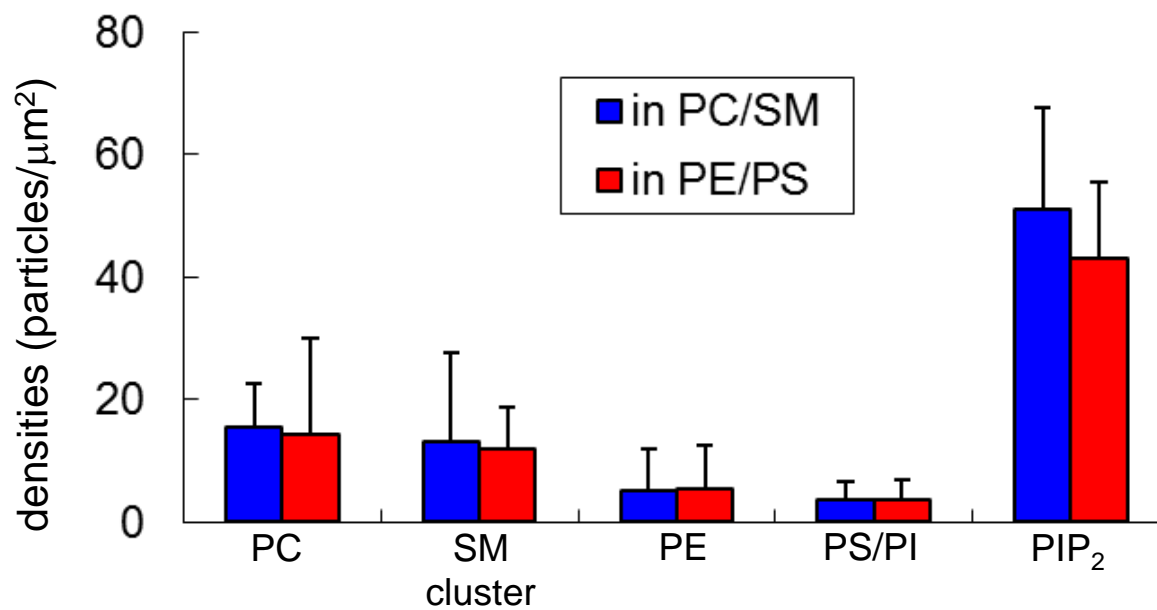
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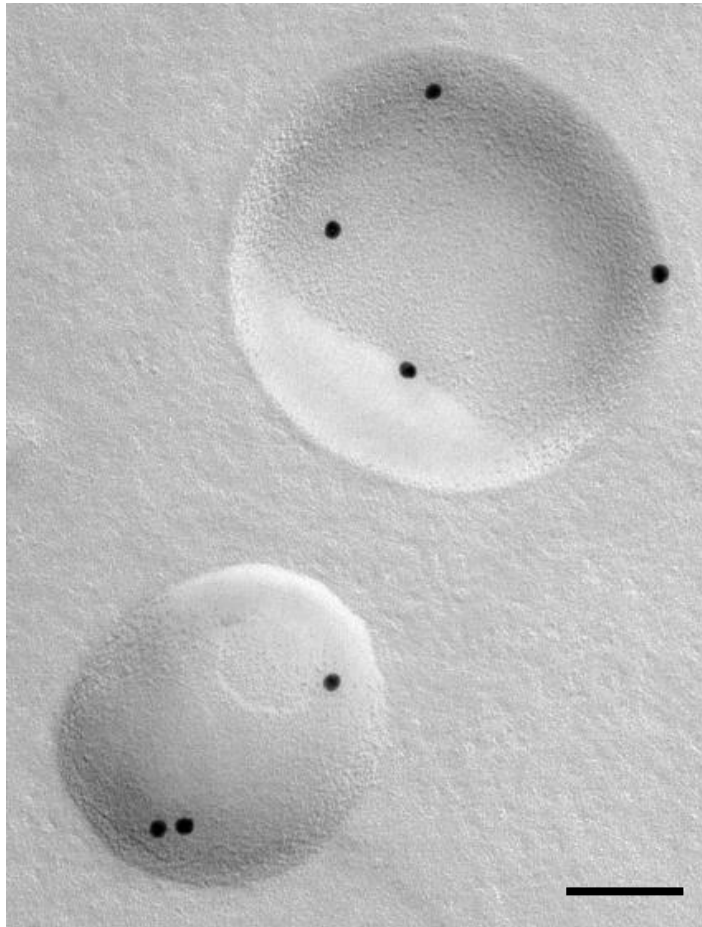
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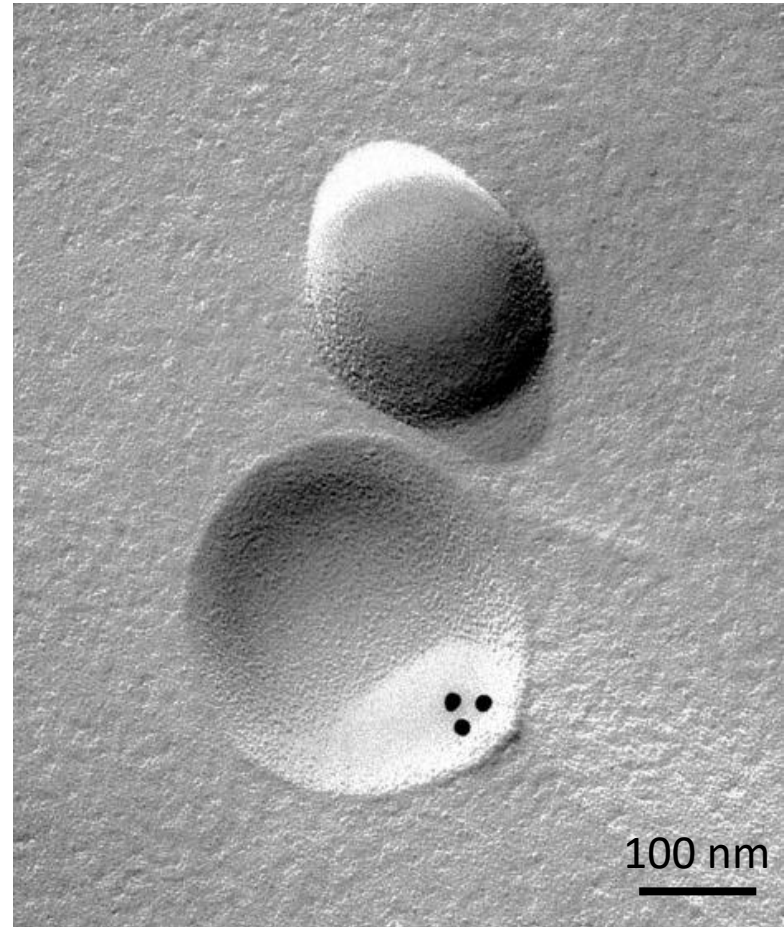
PS/PC  
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# Lipids are not scrambled during sample preparation



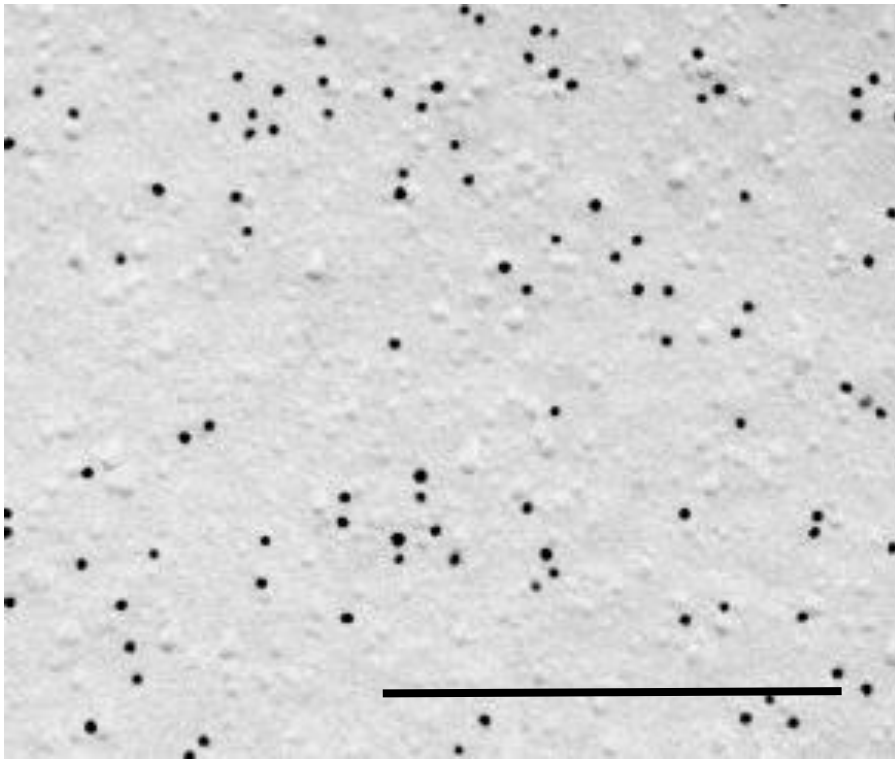
Lyso PE in outer and inner leaflet



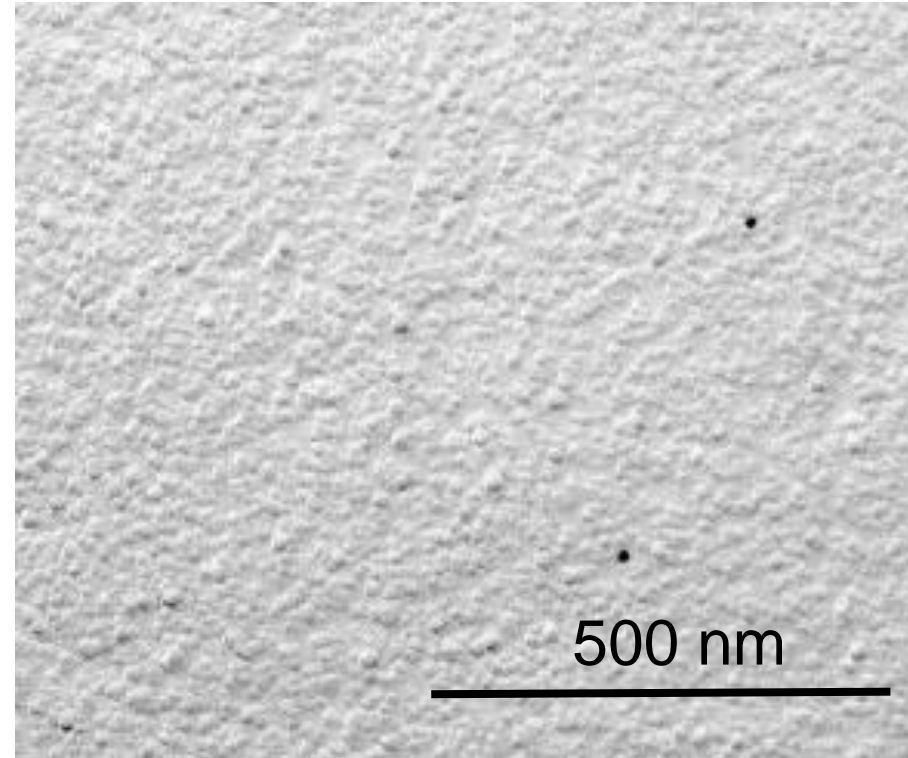
Lyso PE only in outer leaflet

# Sphingomyelin (SM) labeling in human erythrocyte membrane

E-face (outer leaflet)

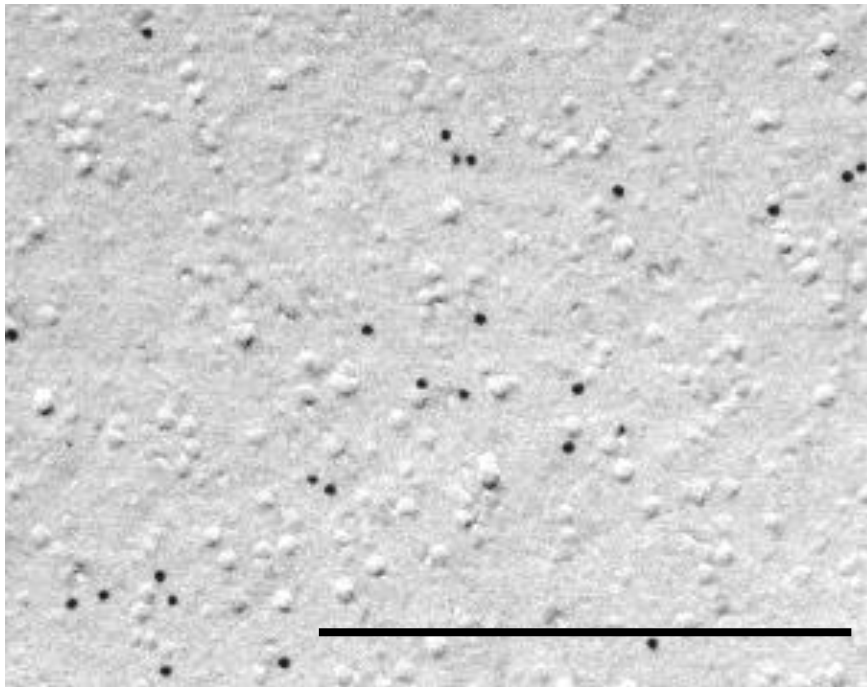


P-face (inner leaflet)

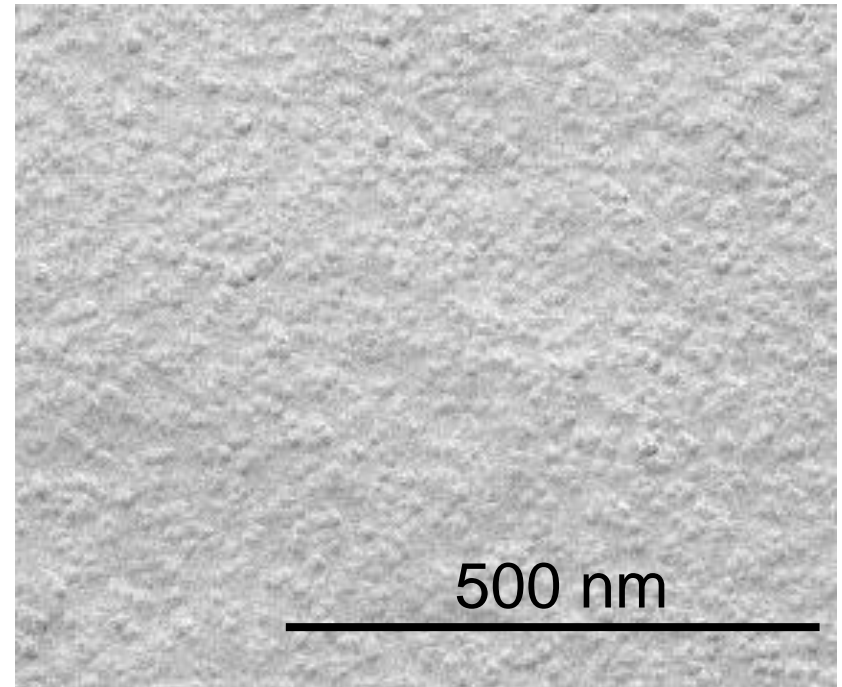


# Phosphatidylcholine (PC) labeling in human erythrocyte membrane

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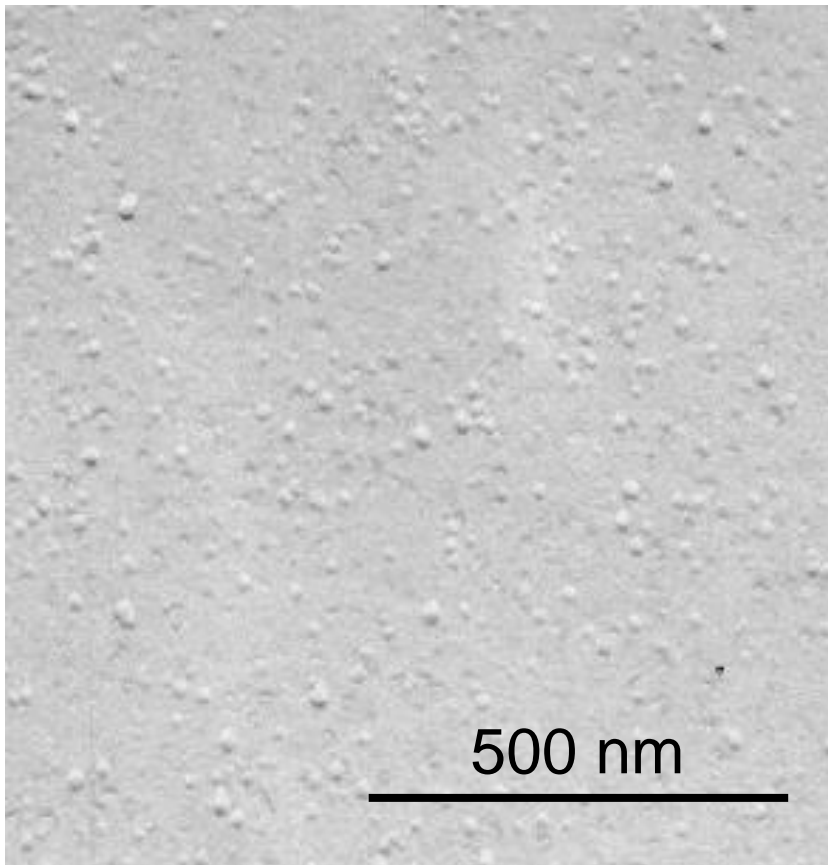


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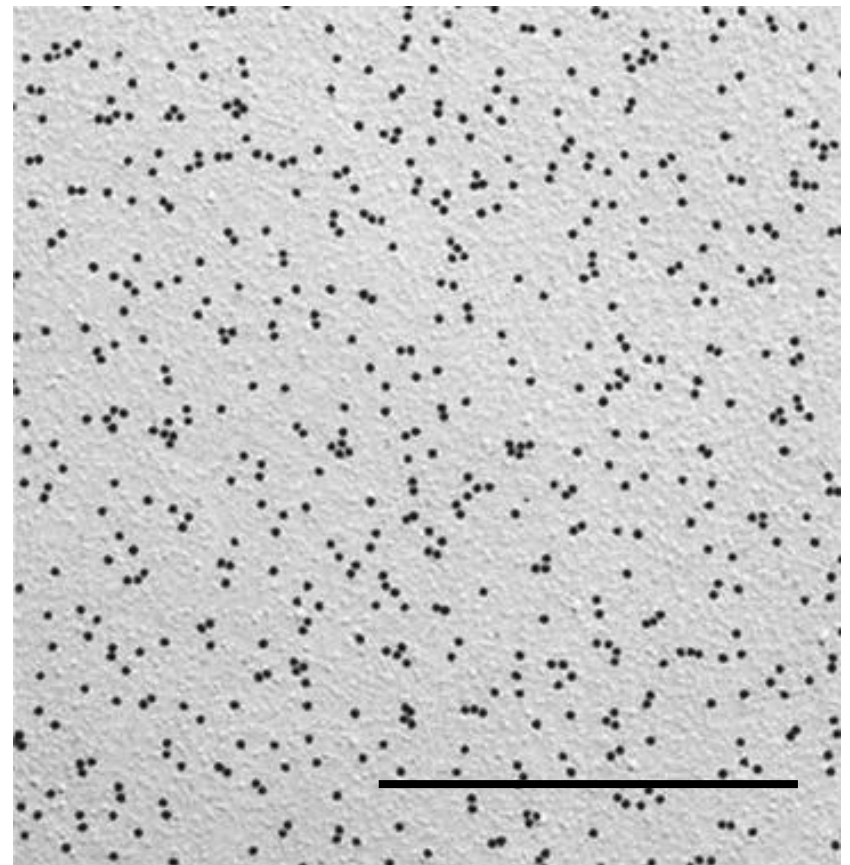


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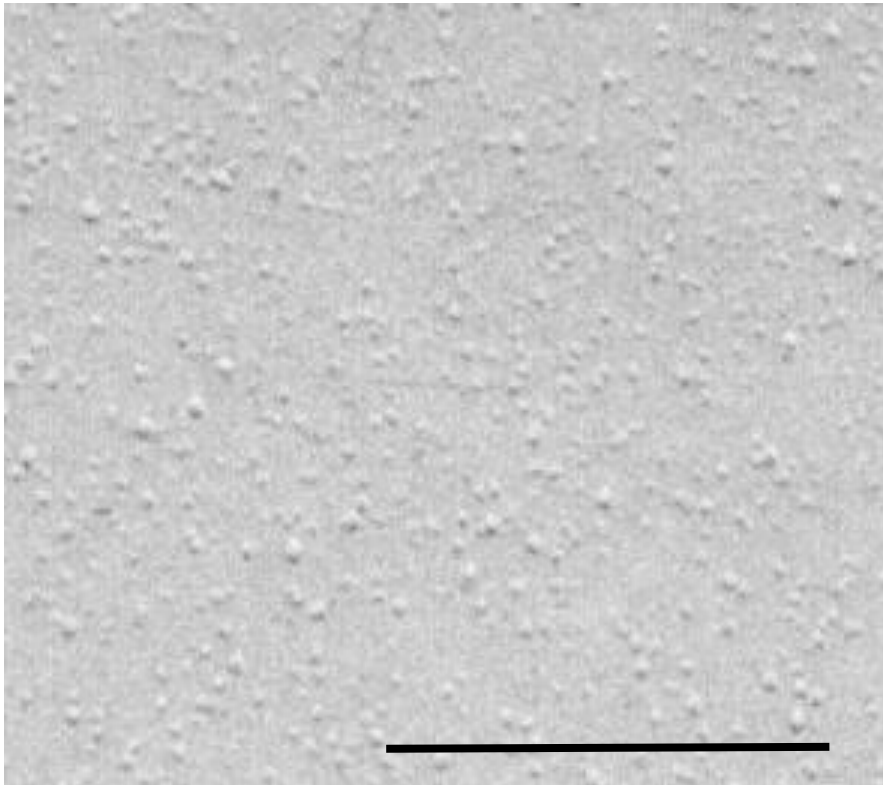


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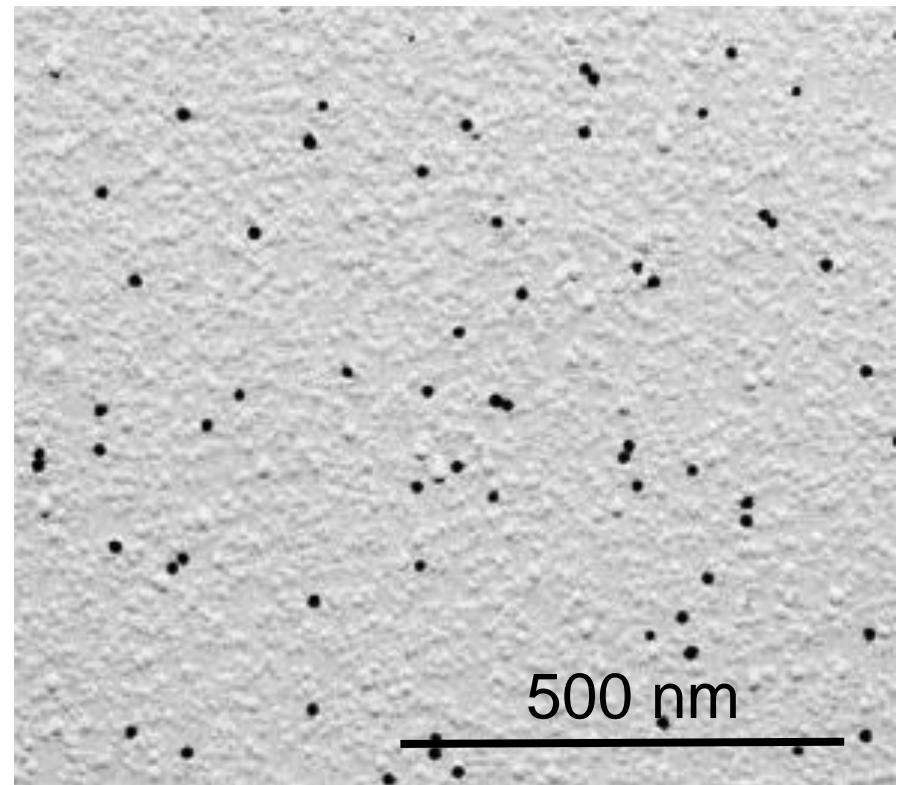


# Phosphatidylserine (PS)/ phosphatidylinositol (PI) labeling in human erythrocyte membrane

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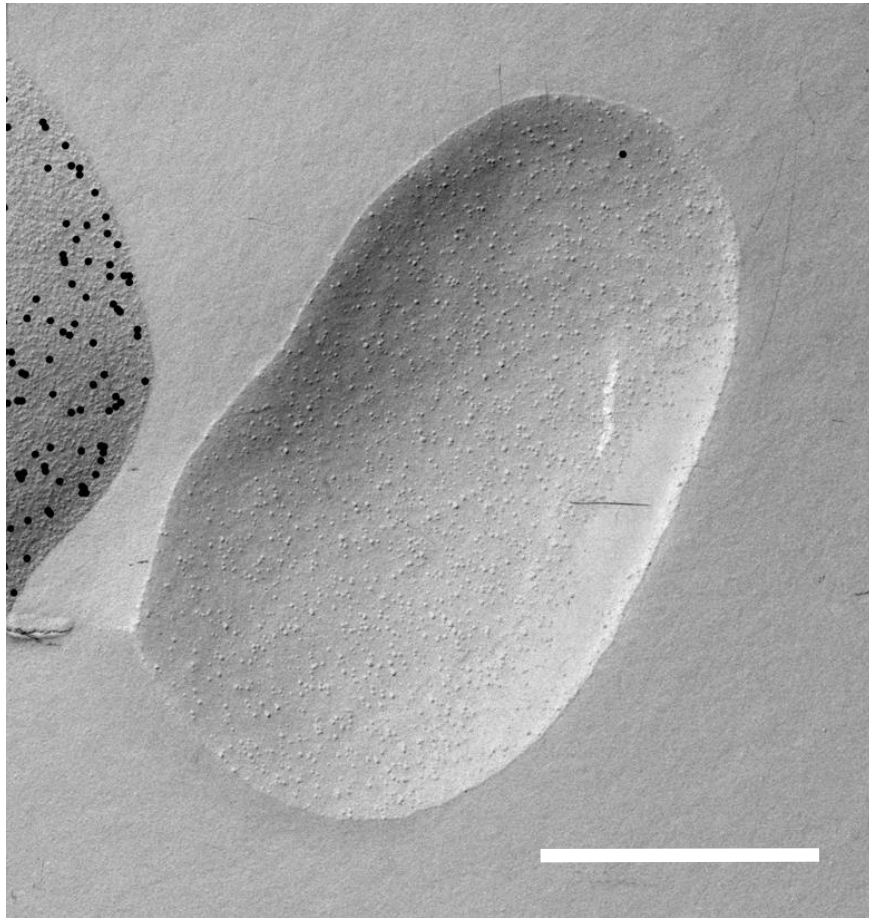


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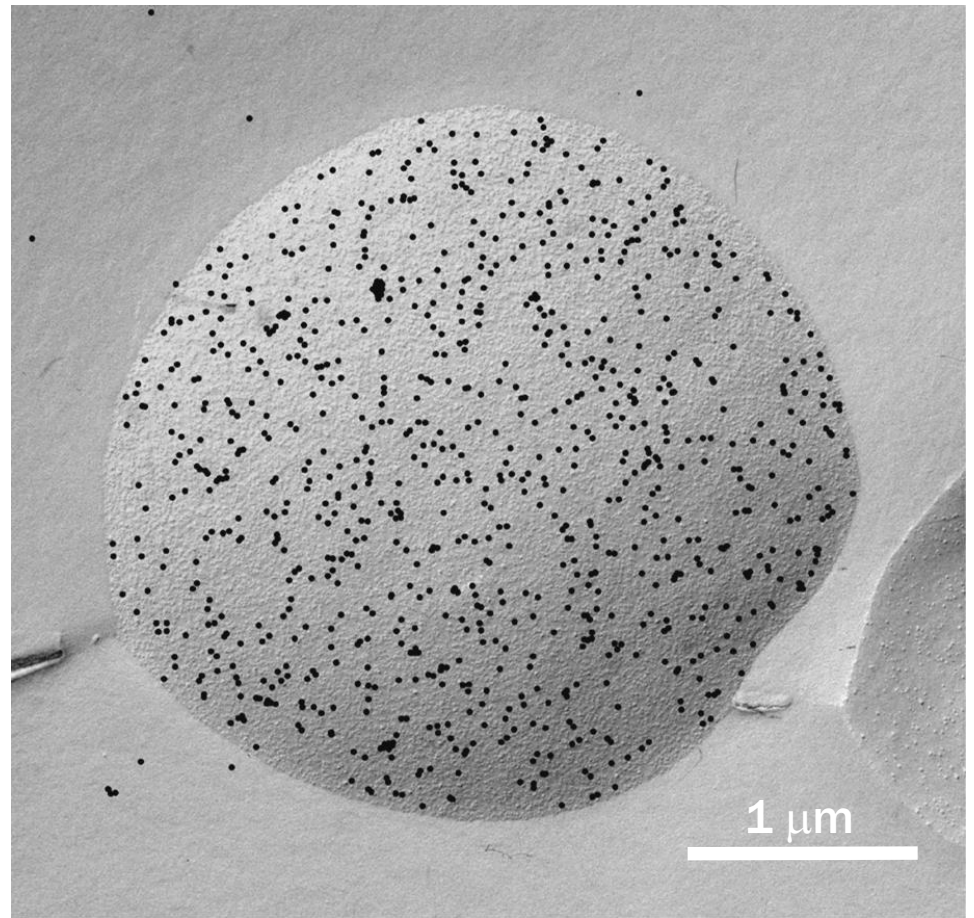


# Phosphatidylinositol- 4,5-bisphosphate (PIP<sub>2</sub>) labelling in human erythrocyte membrane

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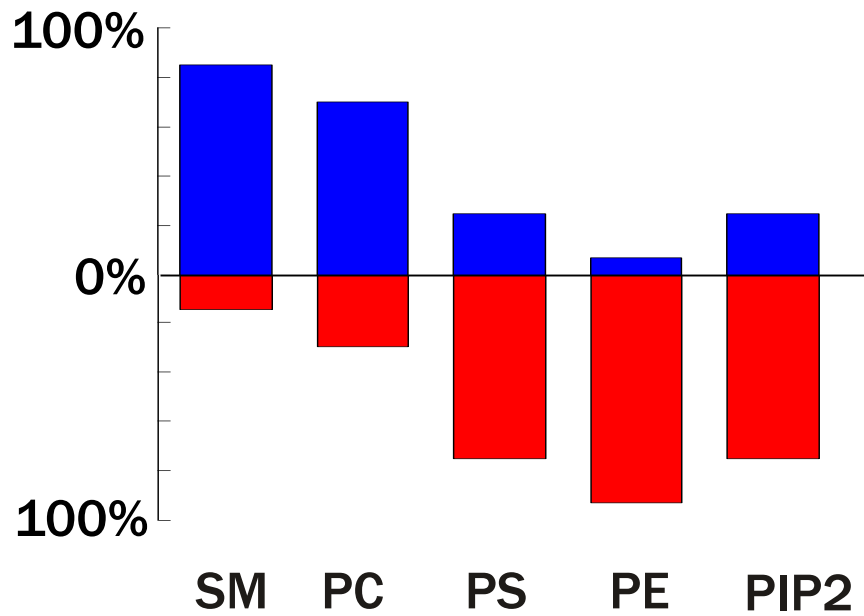
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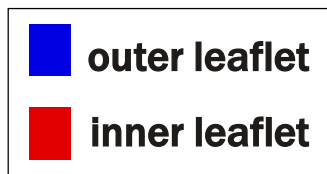
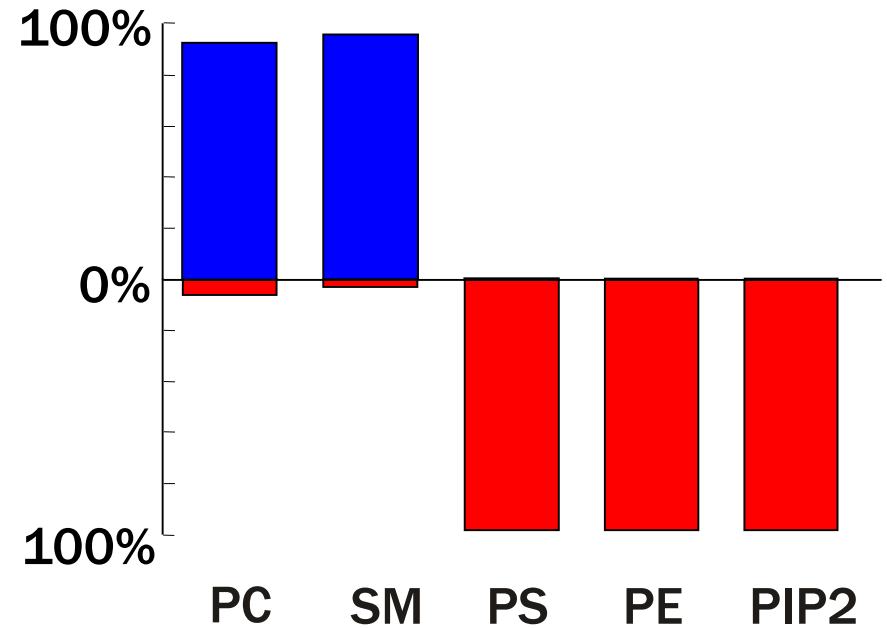


# Revisiting asymmetrical distribution of phospholipids in the human erythrocyte membrane

## Textbook

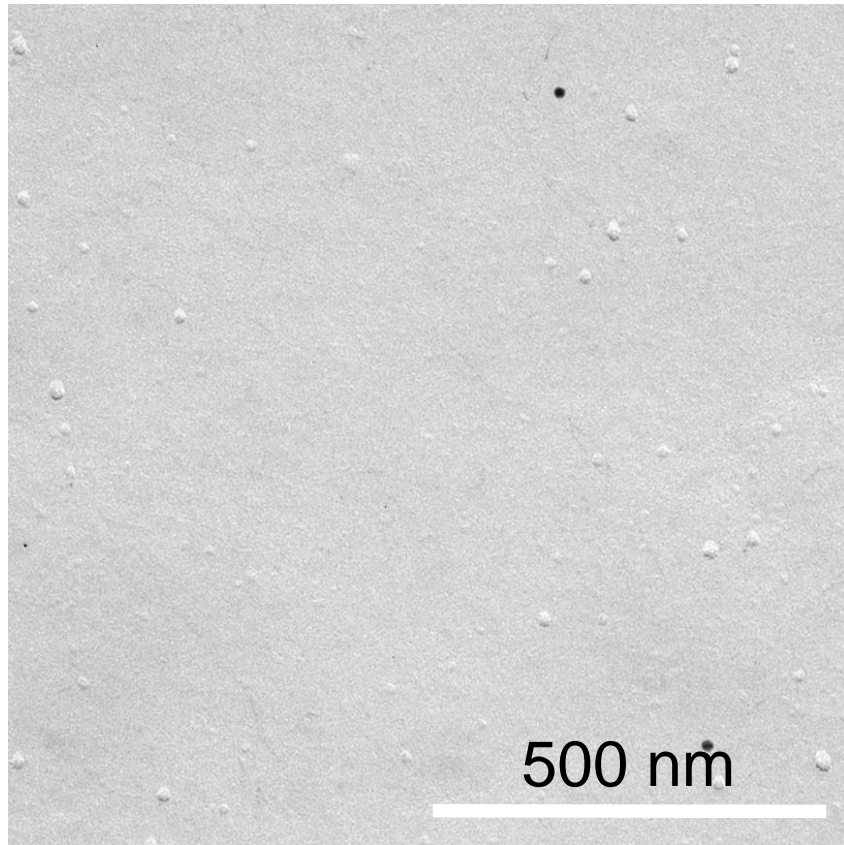


## Our result

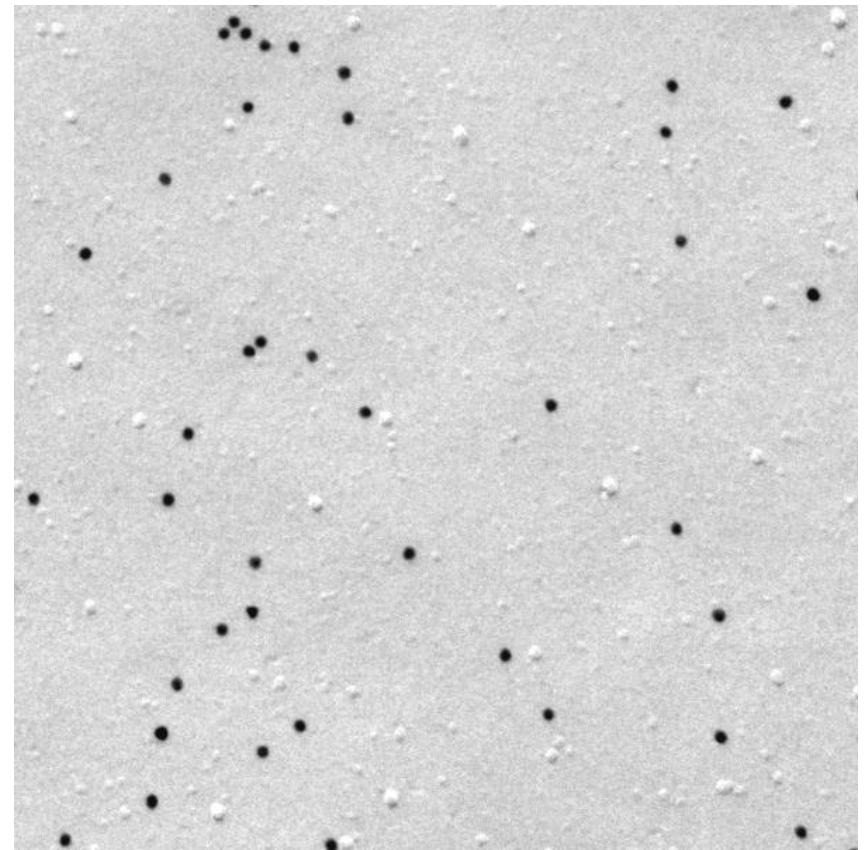


# Distribution of phosphatidylethanolamine in the plasma membrane of fibroblast

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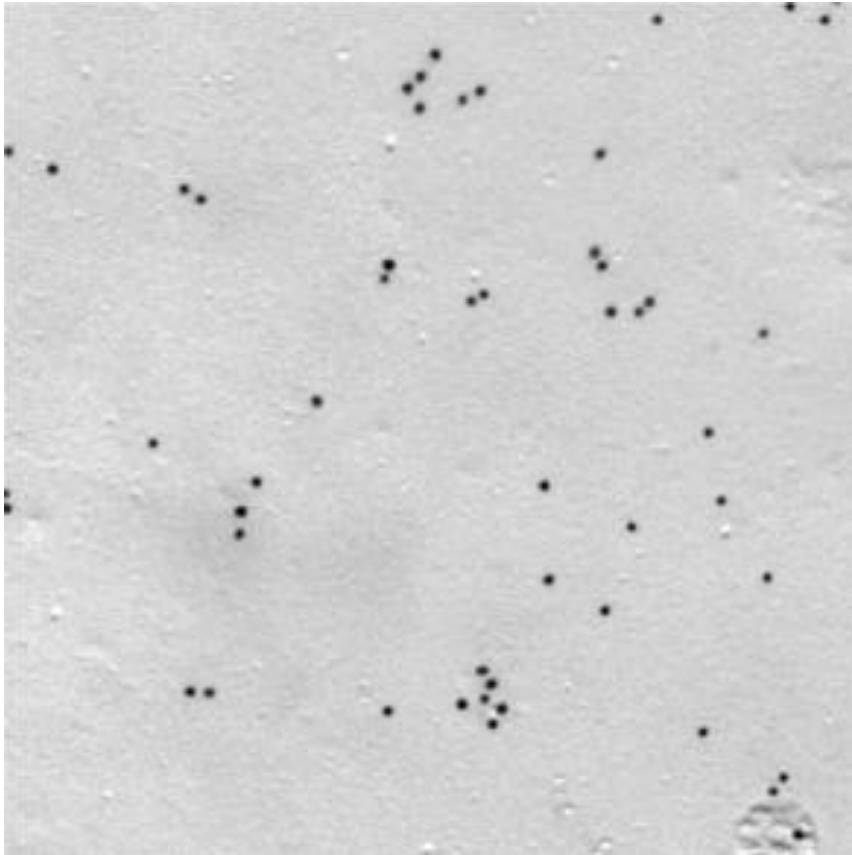


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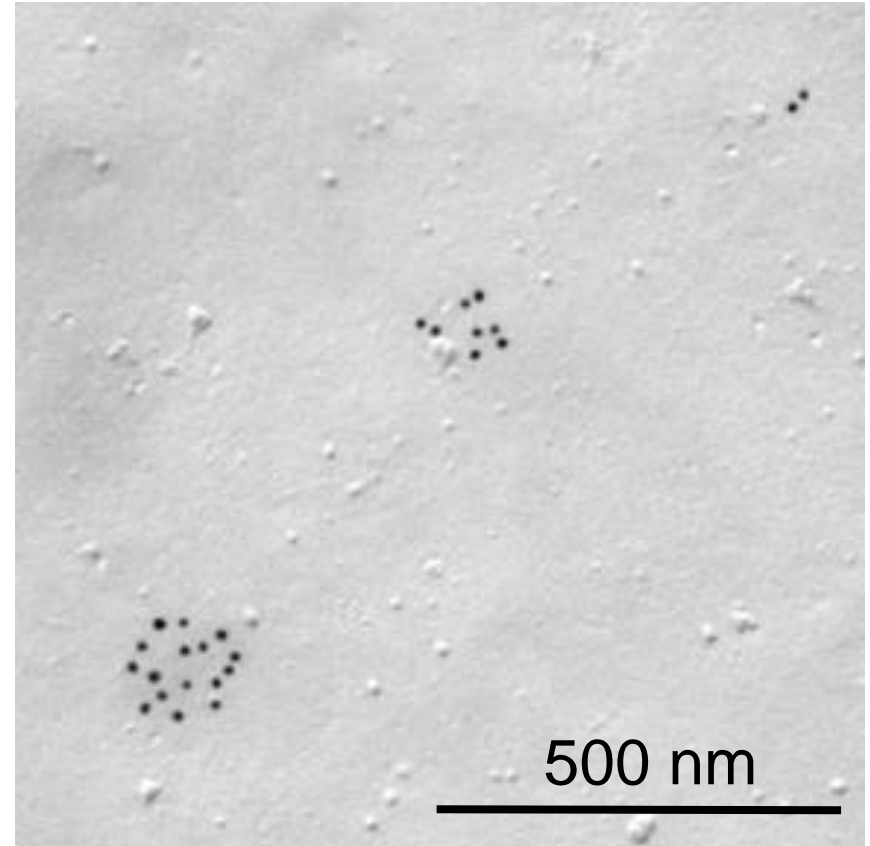


# Distribution of sphingomyelin in the plasma membrane of fibroblast

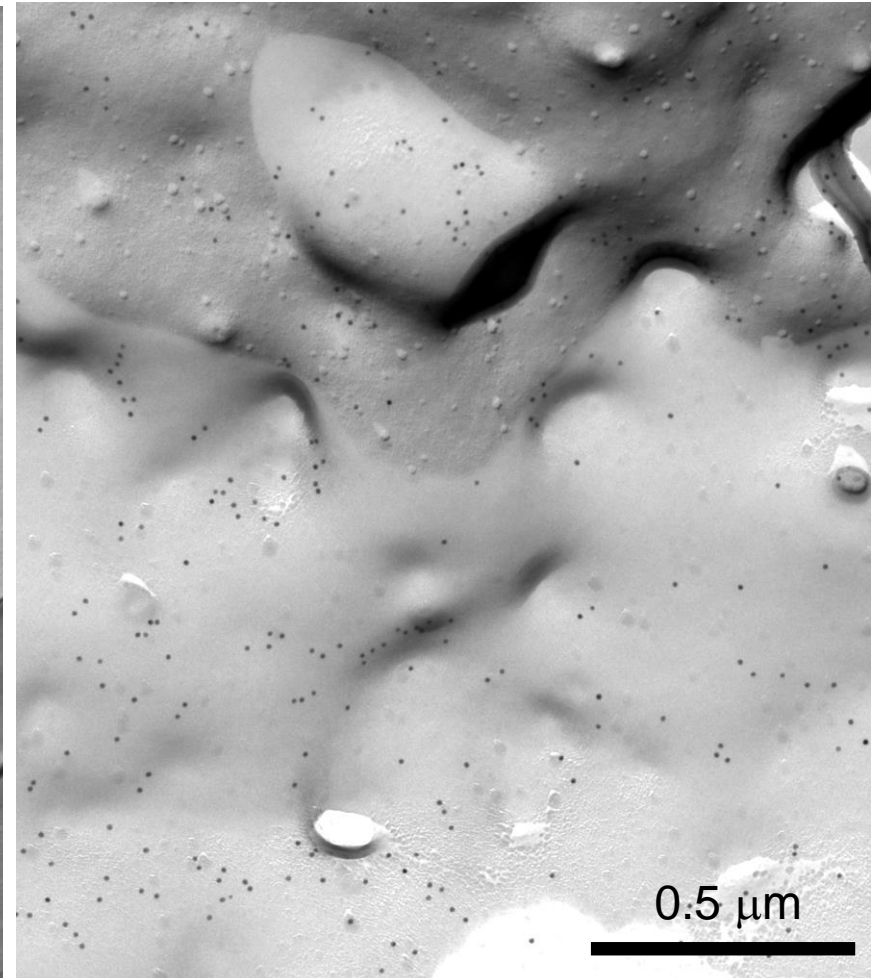
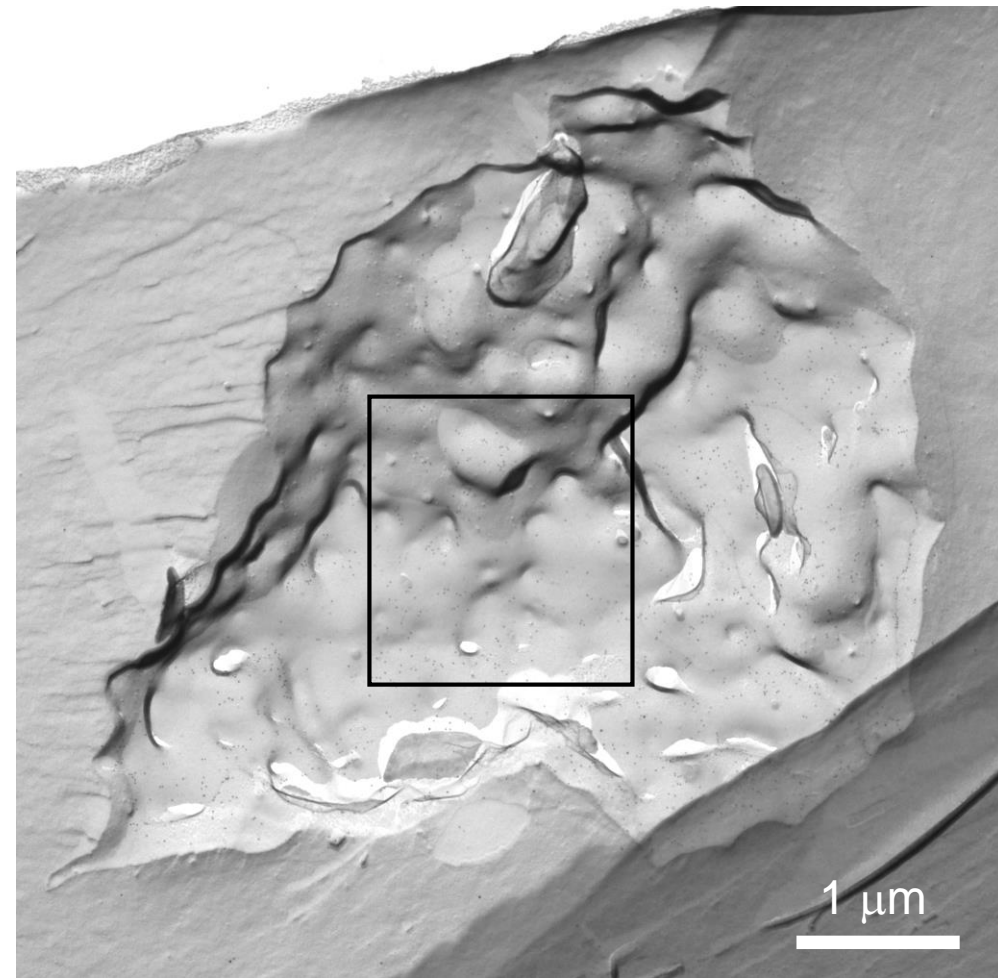
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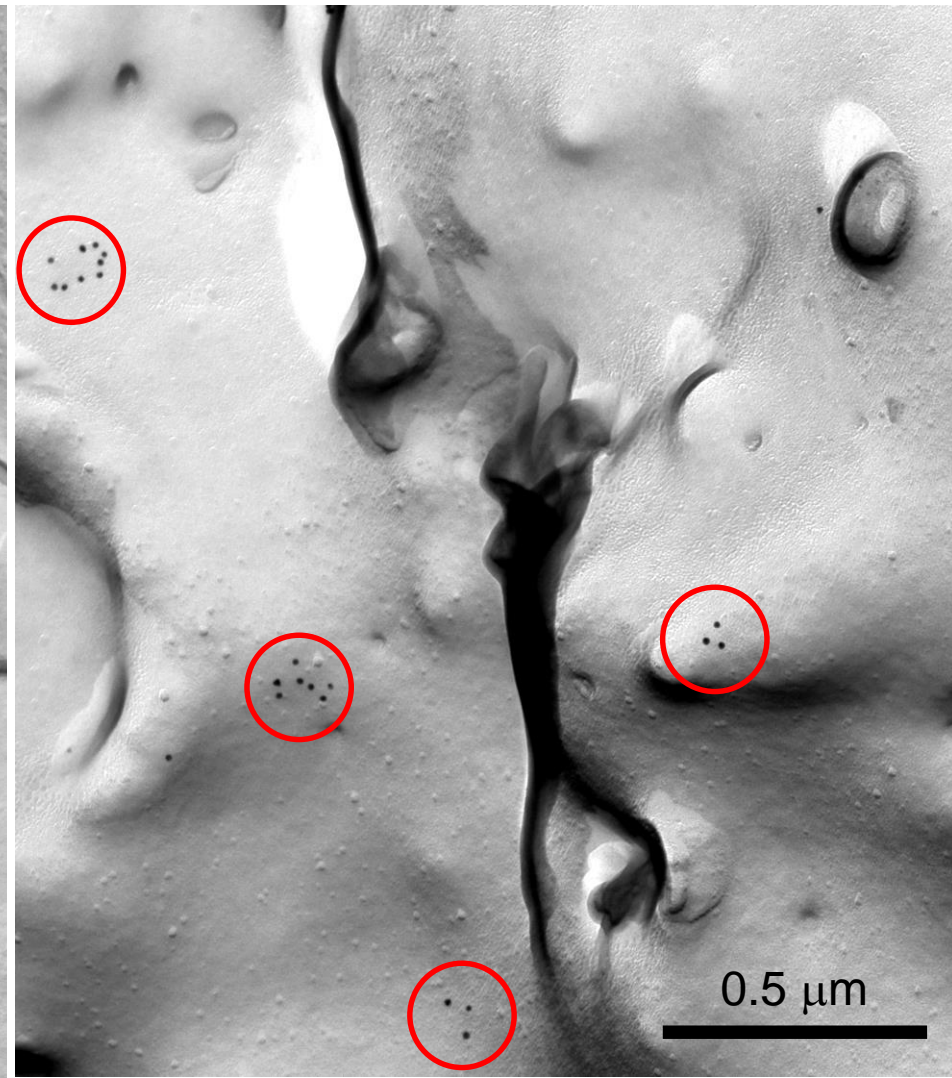
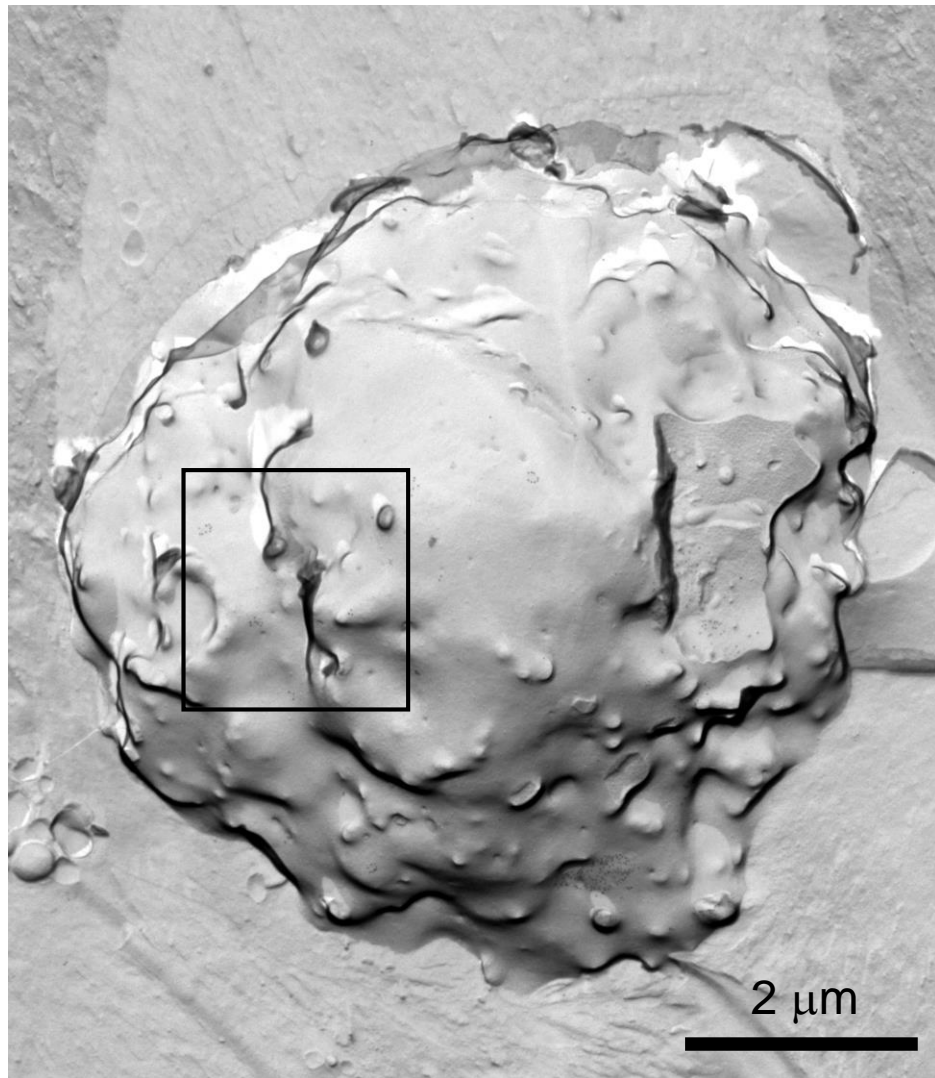
P-face (inner leaflet)



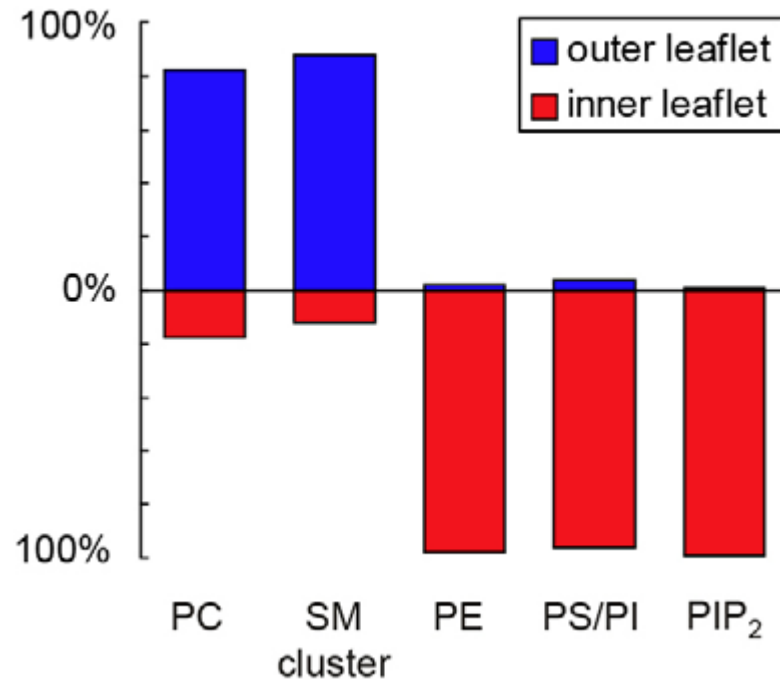
# Distribution of sphingomyelin in the plasma membrane of neutrophils (E-face (outer leaflet))



# Distribution of sphingomyelin in the plasma membrane of neutrophils (P-face (inner leaflet))



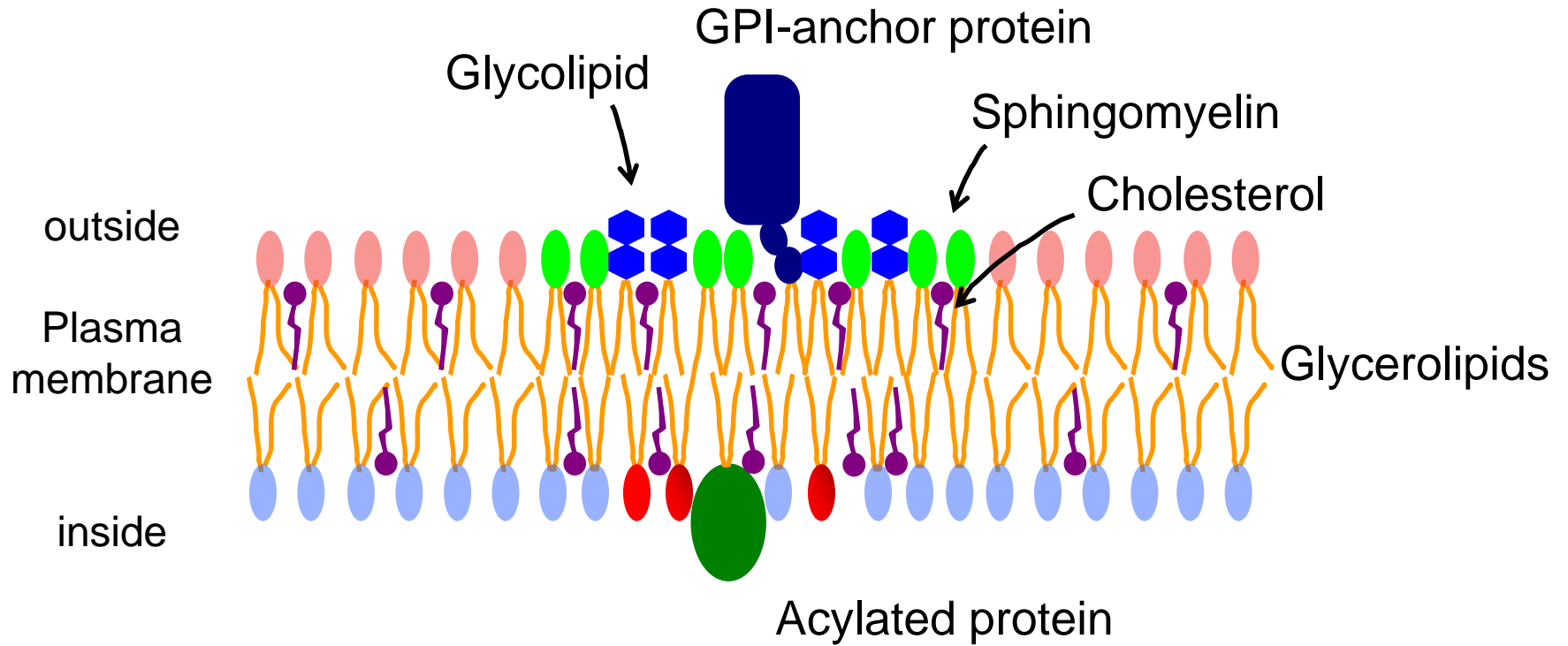
# Distribution of phospholipids in the plasma membrane from human skin fibroblasts



# Summary 1

- In red blood cells, most lipids are distributed exclusively in outer or inner leaflet.
- In nucleated cells, sphingomyelin is distributed both in outer and inner leaflet.
- Sphingomyelin forms clusters in the inner leaflet of the plasma membrane of nucleated cells.
- Platelet microparticles are released from the membrane domain where lipid asymmetry is abolished.

# Communication between outer and inner leaflet





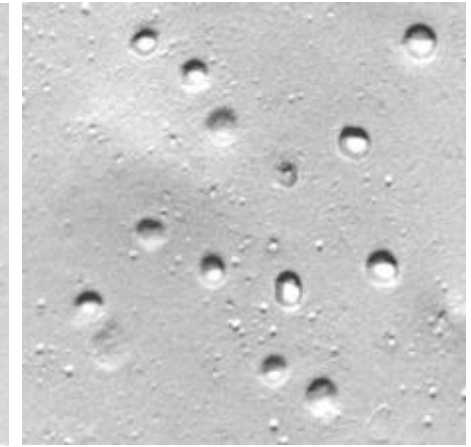
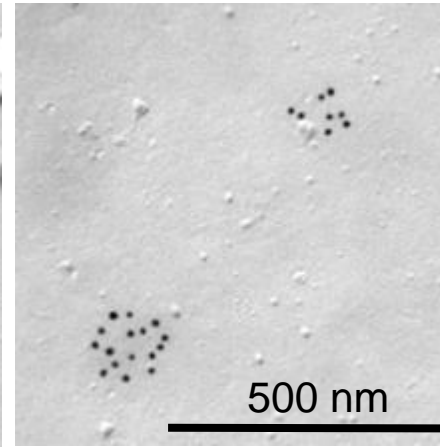
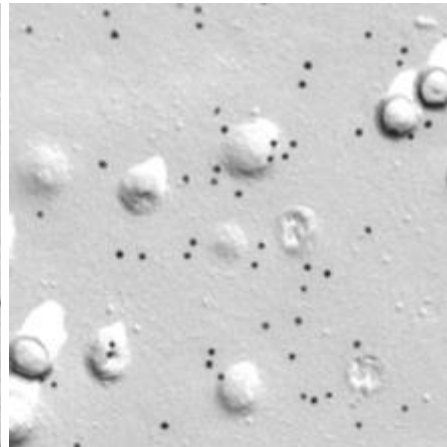
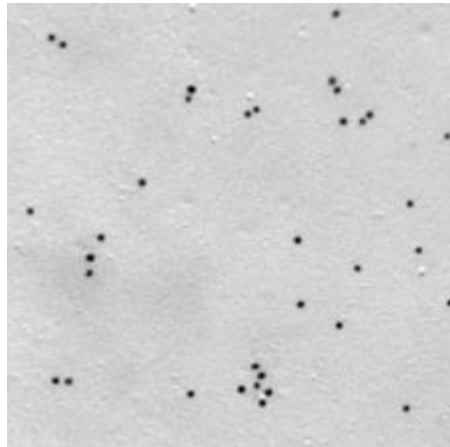
# Outer leaflet sphingomyelin and inner leaflet sphingomyelin do not co-localize

Outer leaflet

Outer leaflet

Inner leaflet

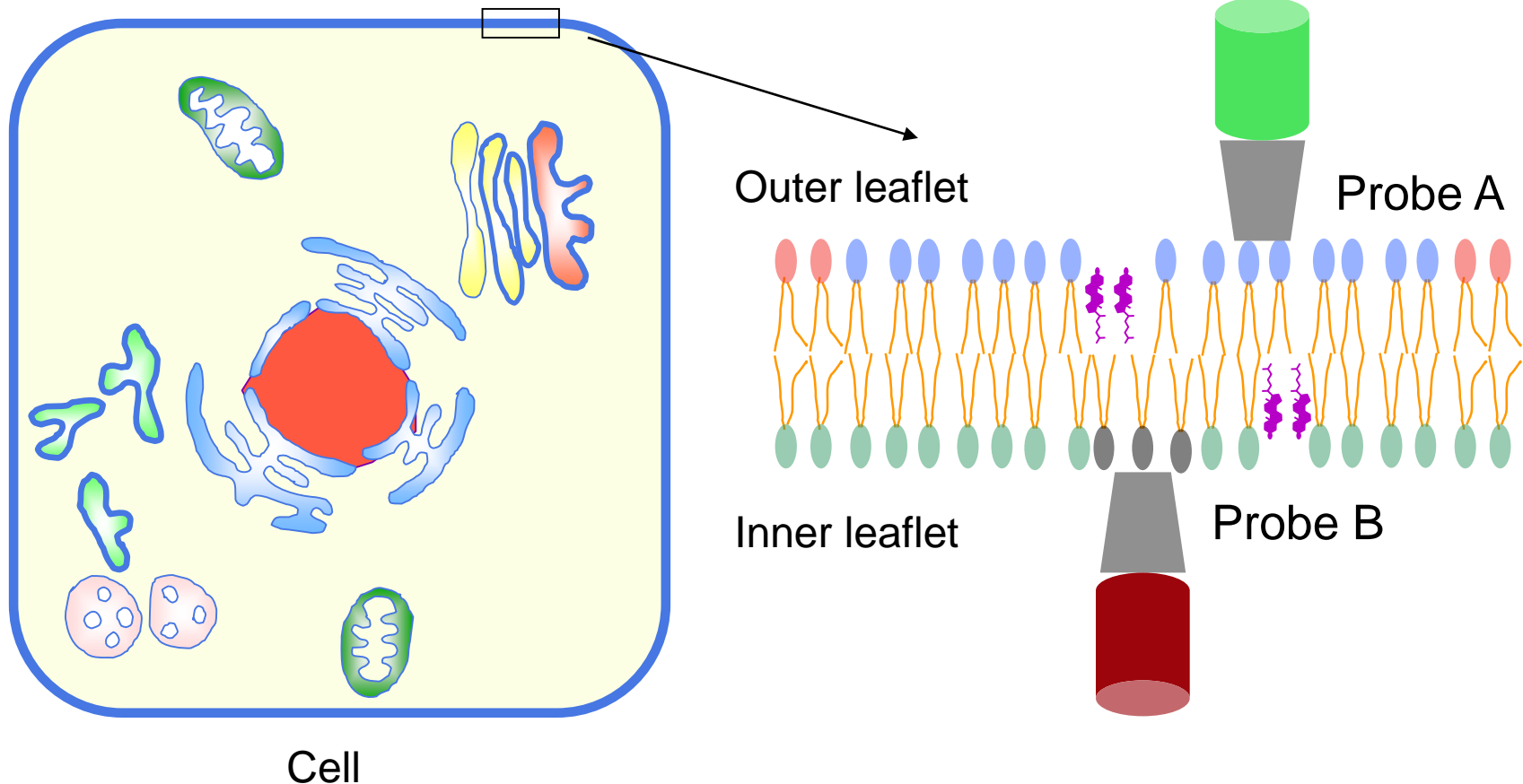
Inner leaflet



Caveolae-rich region

Caveolae-rich region

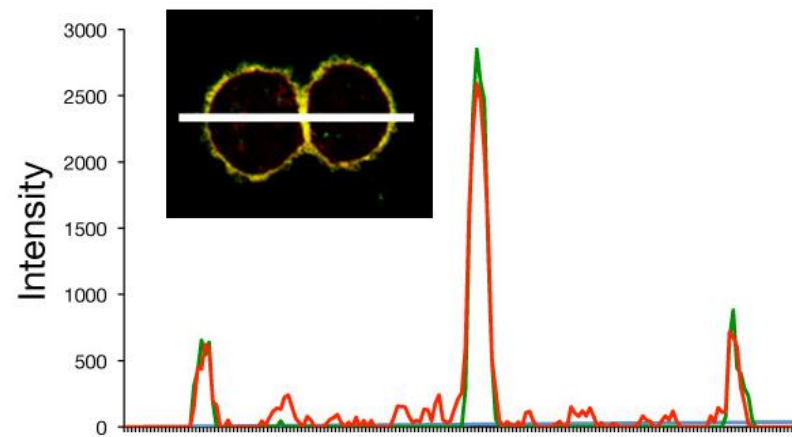
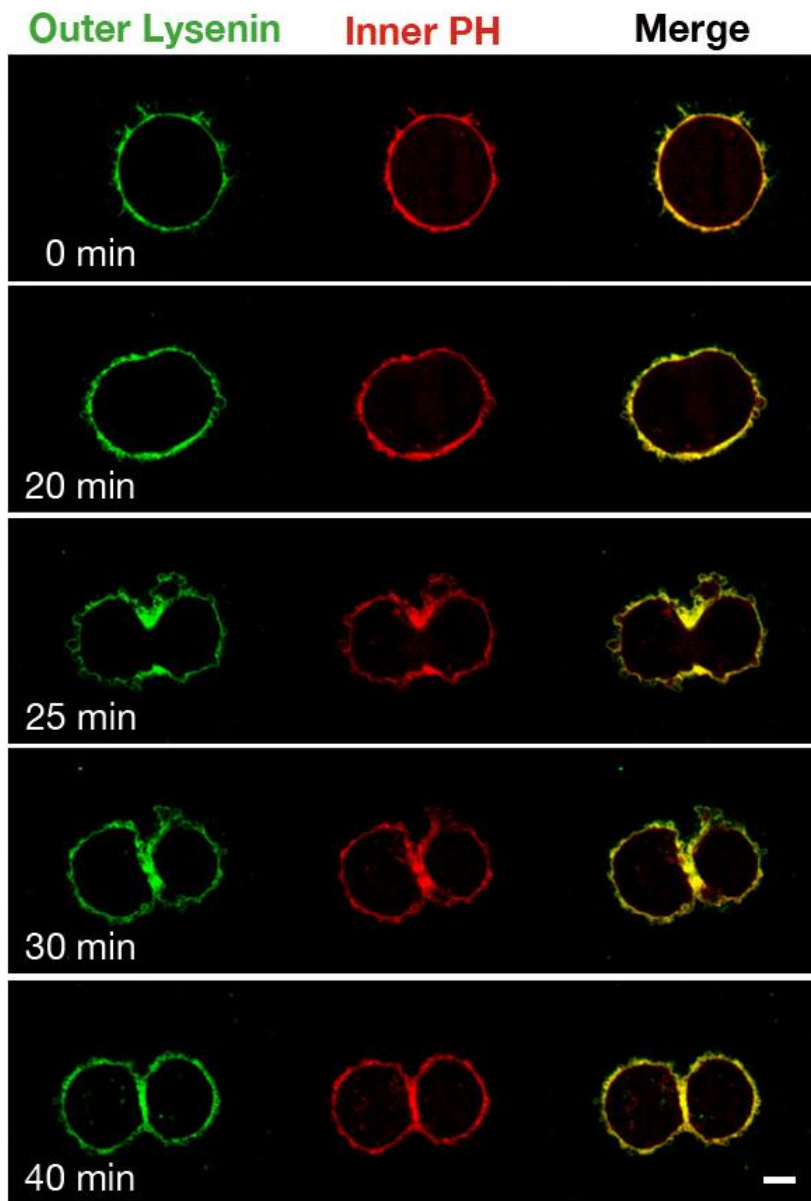
# Simultaneous observation of inner leaflet and outer leaflet lipids



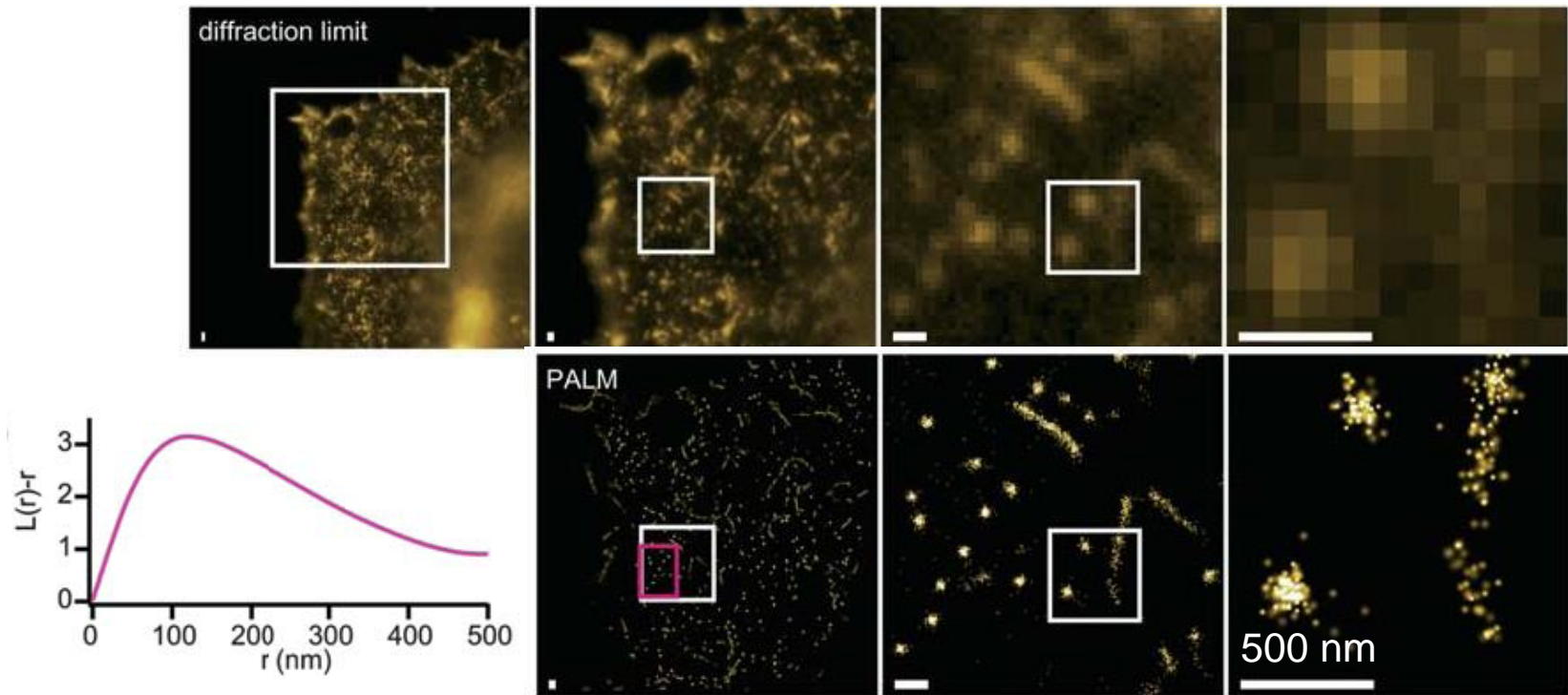
Probe A expressed and purified from *E.coli*

Probe B expressed in cells

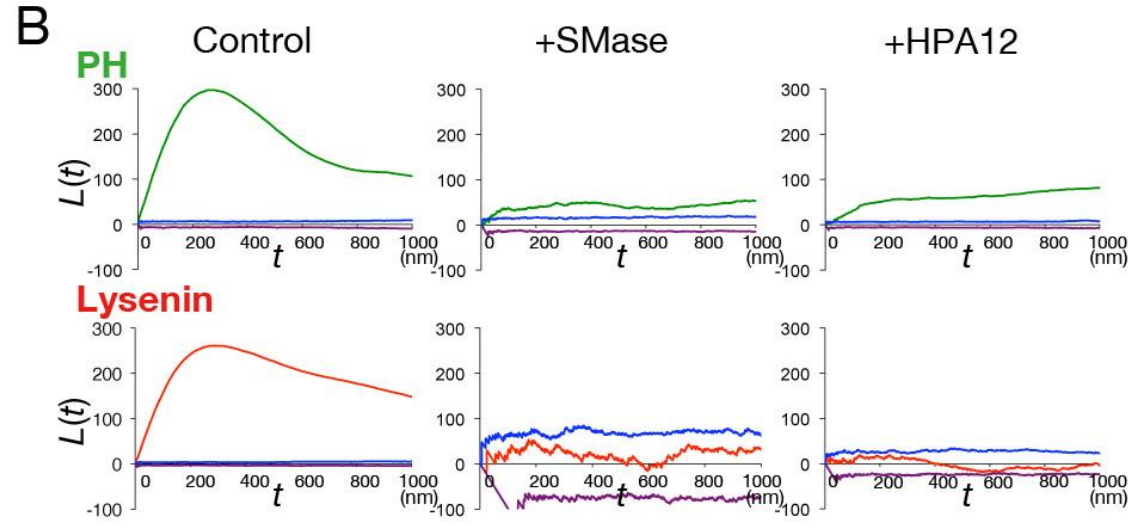
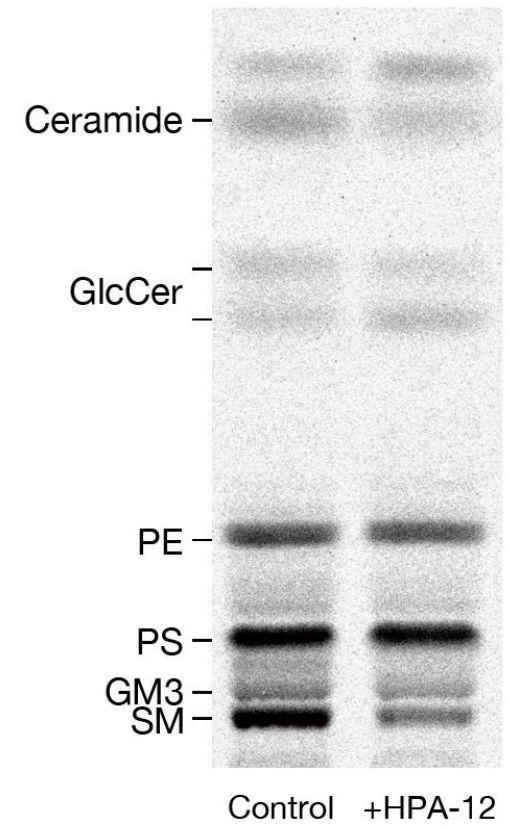
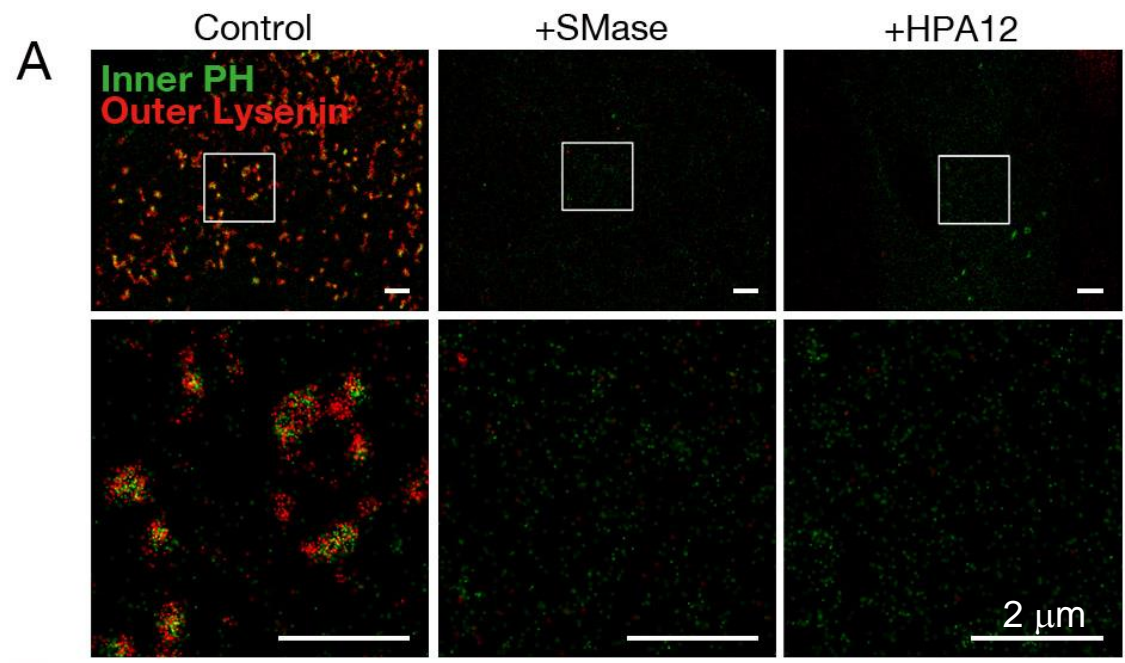
# Colocalization of sphingomyelin and PIP<sub>2</sub>



# Photoactivation localization microscopy (PALM) image of cholesterol-rich membrane domains



# Sphingomyelin-rich domains colocalize with PIP<sub>2</sub> and are required to maintain PIP<sub>2</sub> domains

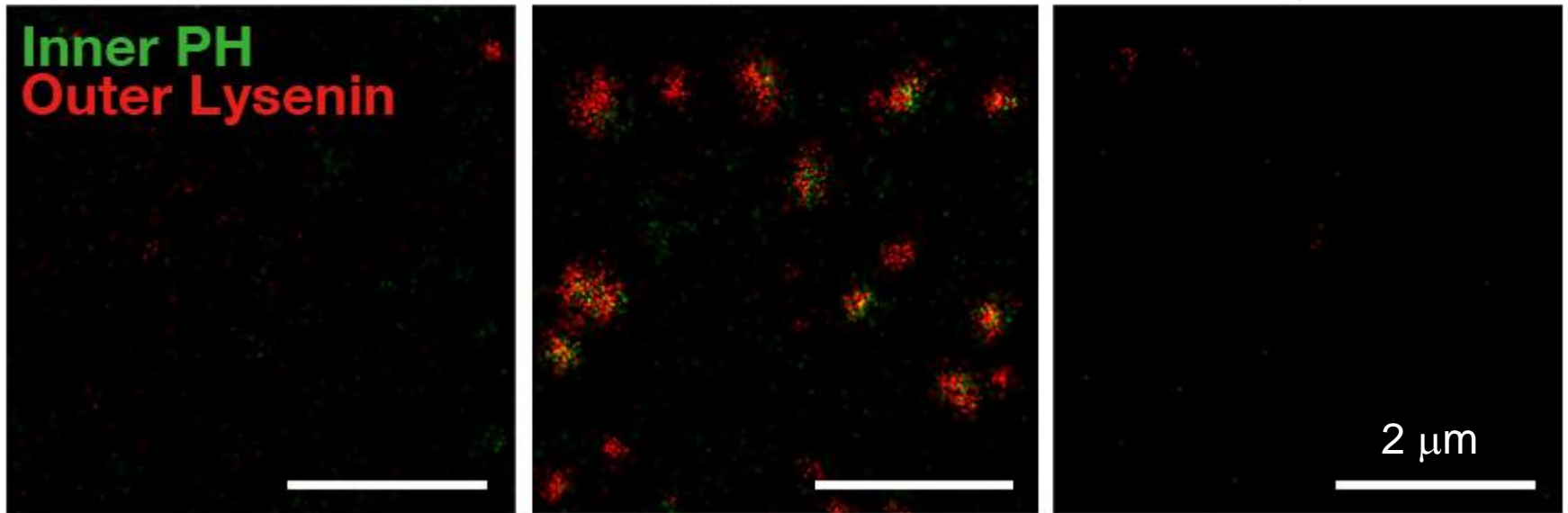


# Addition of exogenous sphingomyelin restores the PIP<sub>2</sub> domain in sphingomyelinase-treated cells

+SMase

+SMase  
+SM

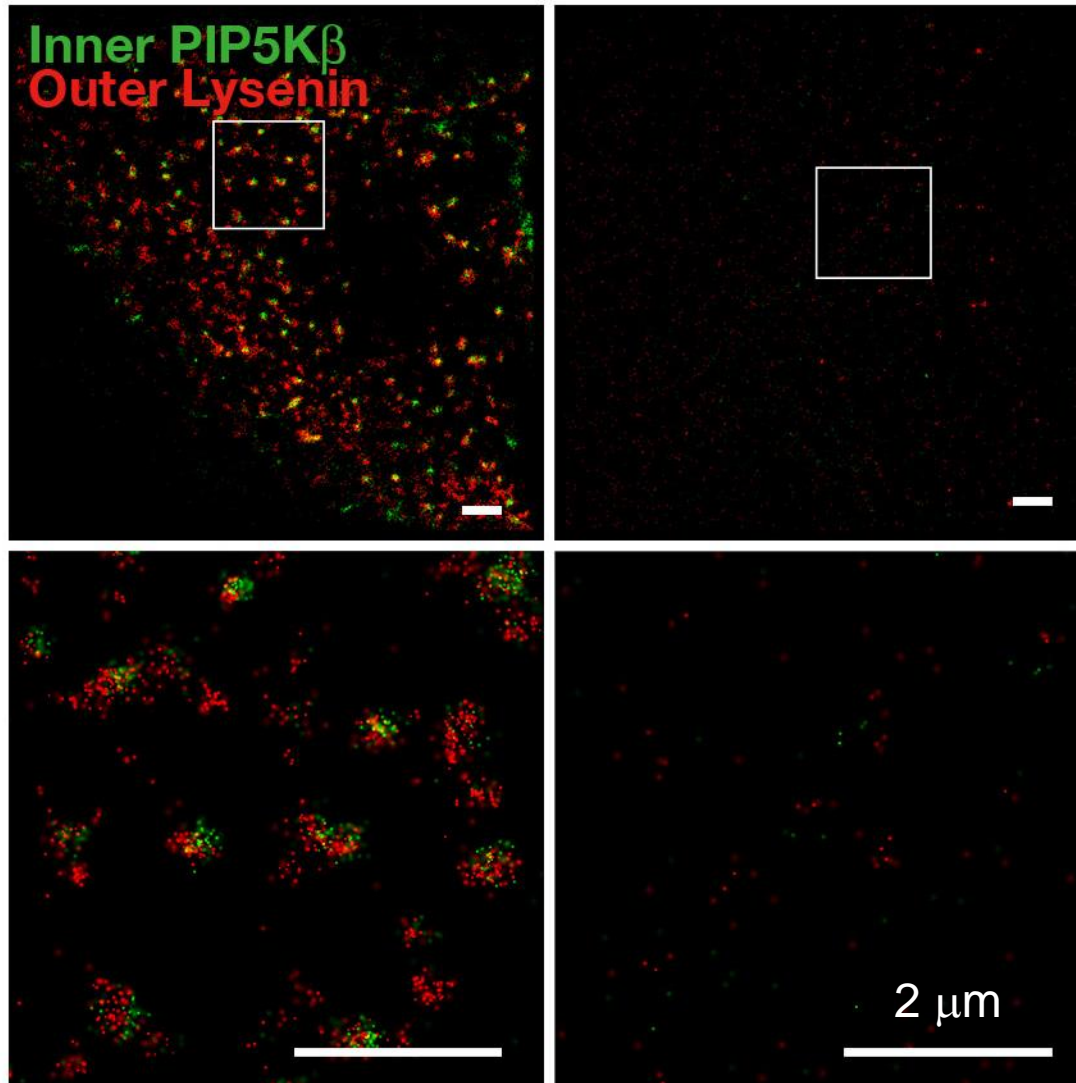
+SMase  
+PC



# Transbilayer colocalization of sphingomyelin-rich domain and PIP5K $\beta$

Control

+SMase



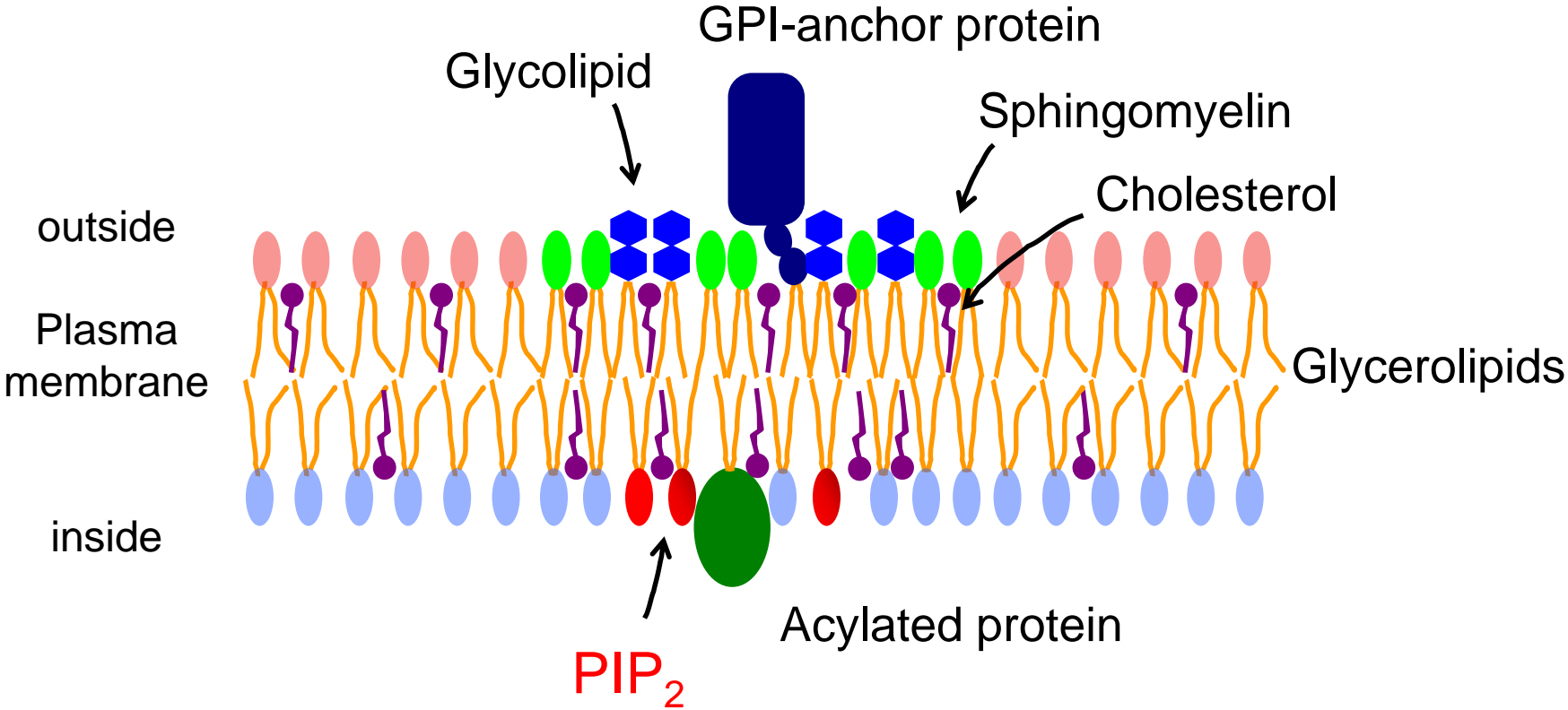
# Summary 2

-PIP<sub>2</sub> domains are located to the opposite side of sphingomyelin-rich domains.

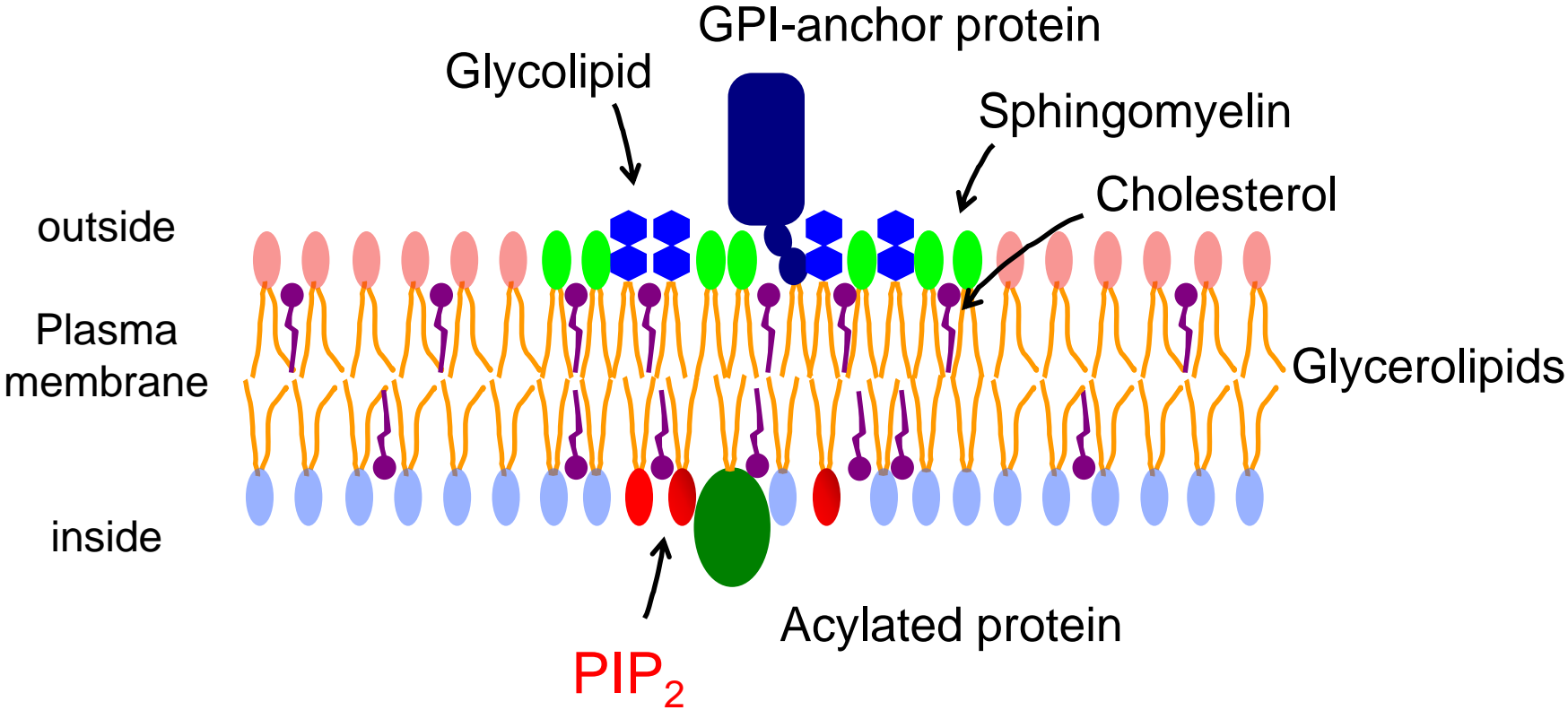
-Sphingomyelin domains are required for the formation of PIP<sub>2</sub> domains.



# Interbilayer co-localization of sphingomyelin and PIP<sub>2</sub>



# Interbilayer co-localization of sphingomyelin and PIP<sub>2</sub>



Physiological significance?

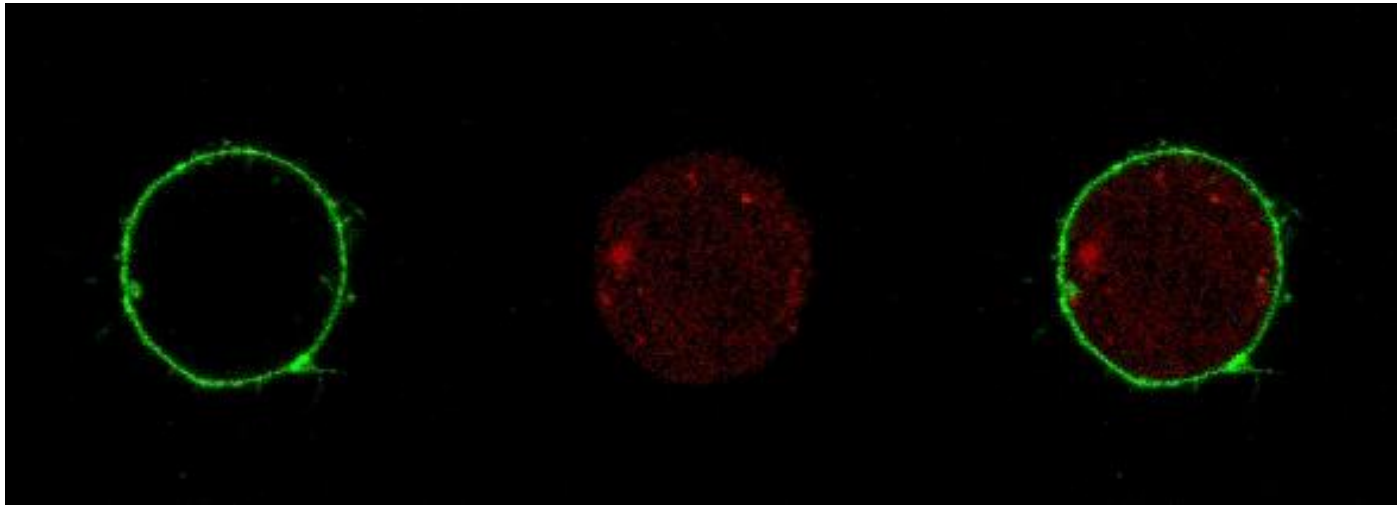
# Role of sphingomyelin in cell division

# Sphingomyelin is accumulated to the cleavage furrow during cytokinesis

Outer leaflet

Inner leaflet

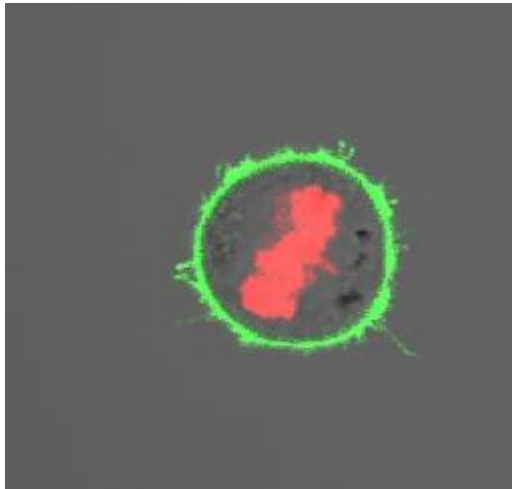
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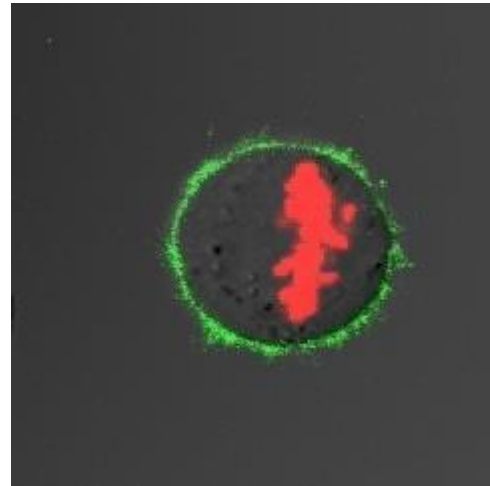
Sphingomyelin is accumulated to the outer leaflet of the cleavage furrow.

# Sphingomyelinase treatment inhibits the completion of cytokinesis

Control



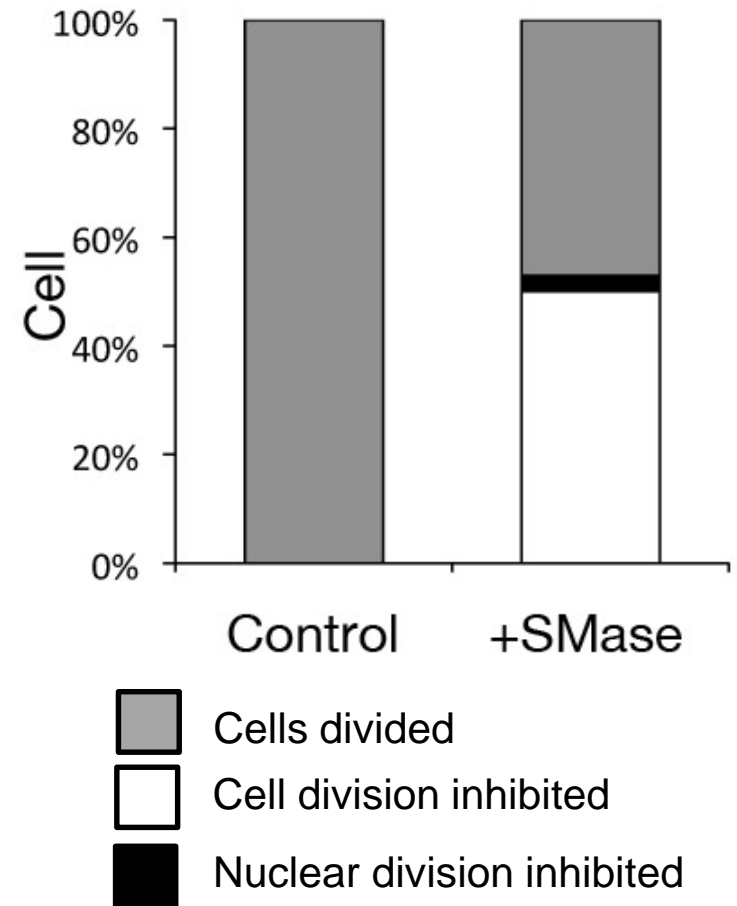
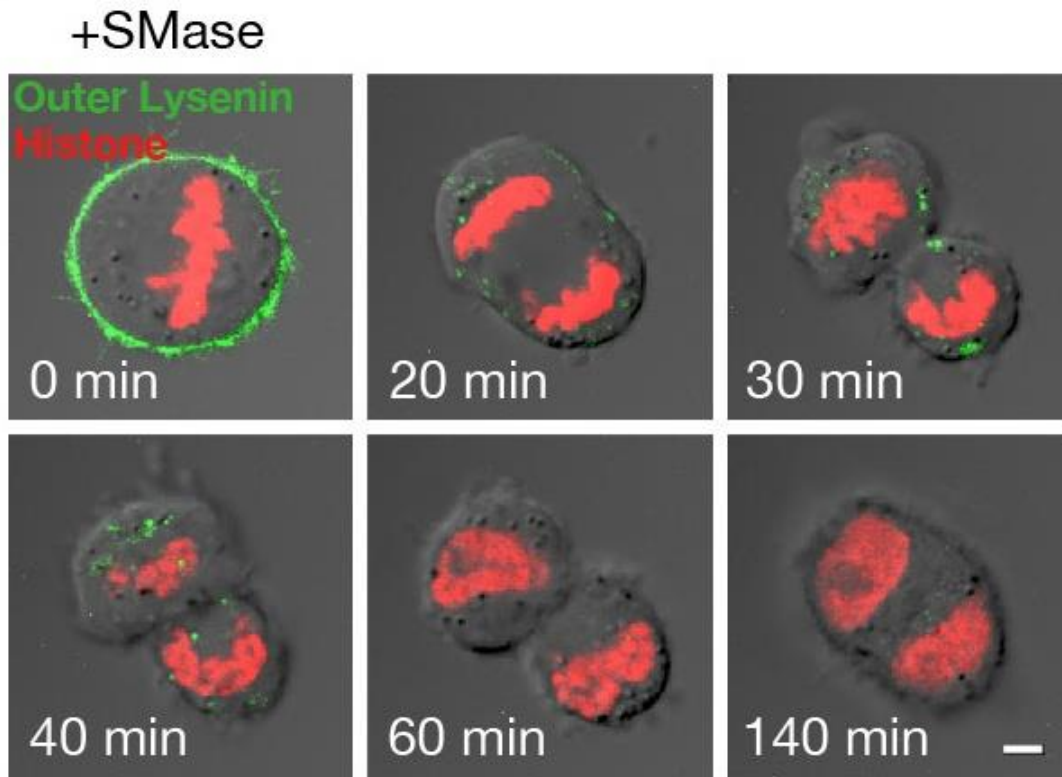
Treatment with sphingomyelinase, which degrades sphingomyelin



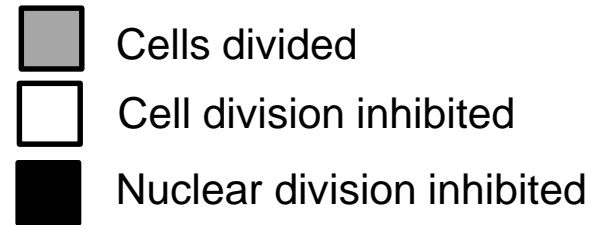
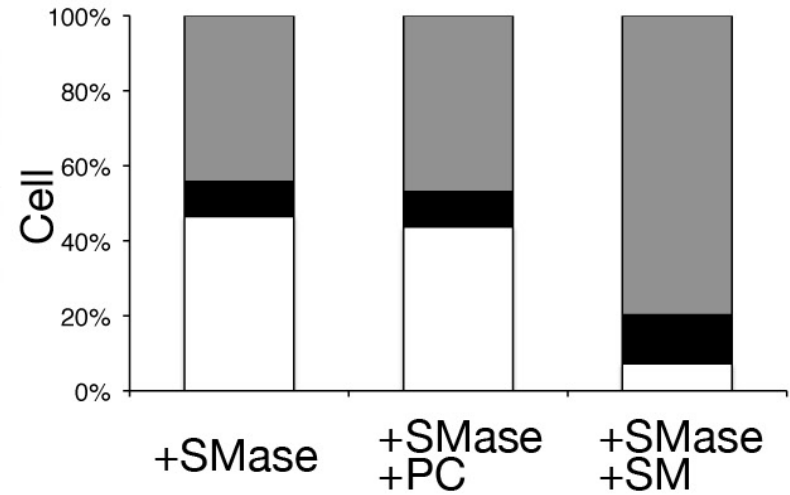
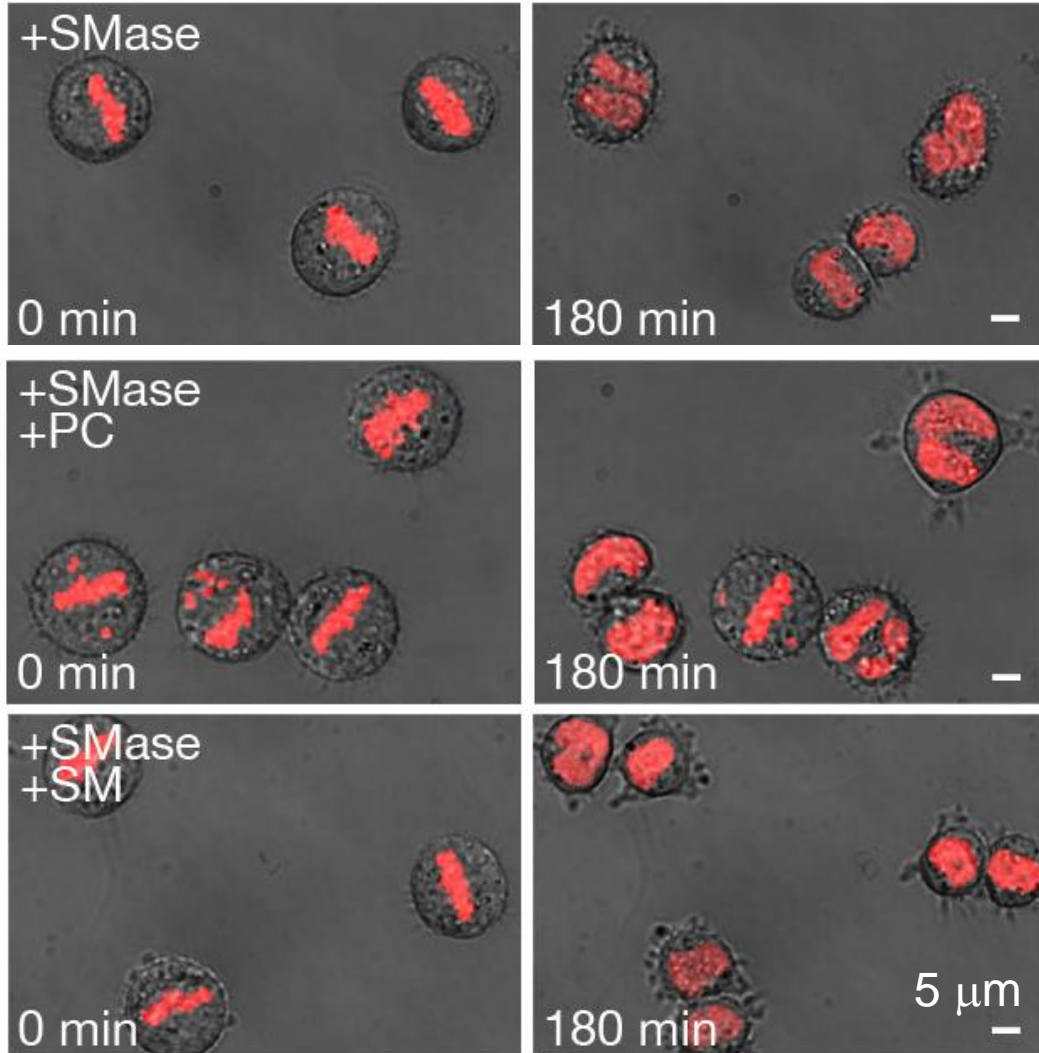
Sphingomyelin, DNA

Cleavage furrow is formed but regressed.

# Sphingomyelinase treatment results in the inhibition of the completion of cytokinesis



# Addition of exogenous sphingomyelin restores cell division in sphingomyelinase-treated cells



Sphingomyelin is accumulated to the cleavage furrow during cell division.

Cell surface sphingomyelin is required for cell division.



# Accumulation of phosphatidylinositol 4,5-bisphosphate to the cleavage furrow is crucial for cytokinesis

Yoshida S, Bartolini S, Pellman D

Mechanisms for concentrating Rho1 during cytokinesis

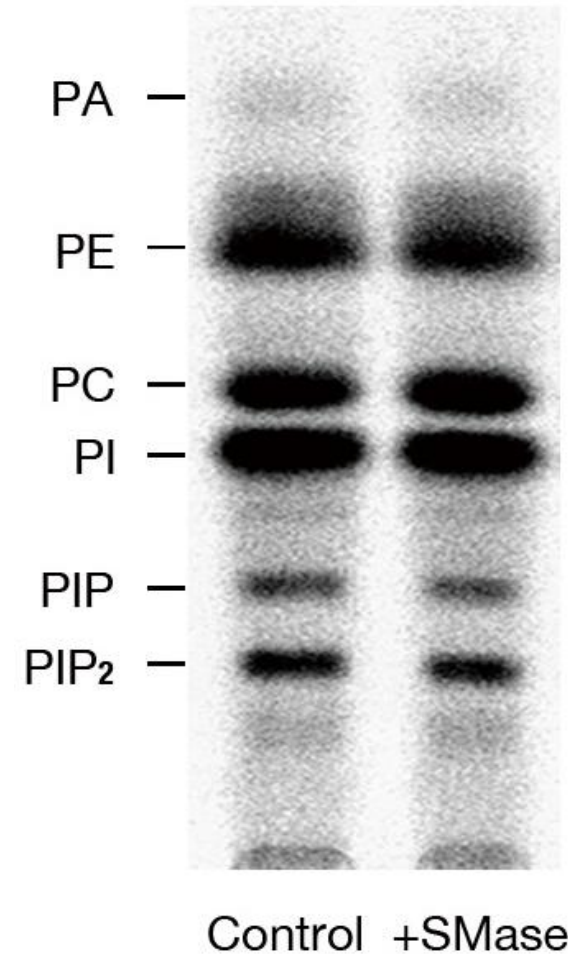
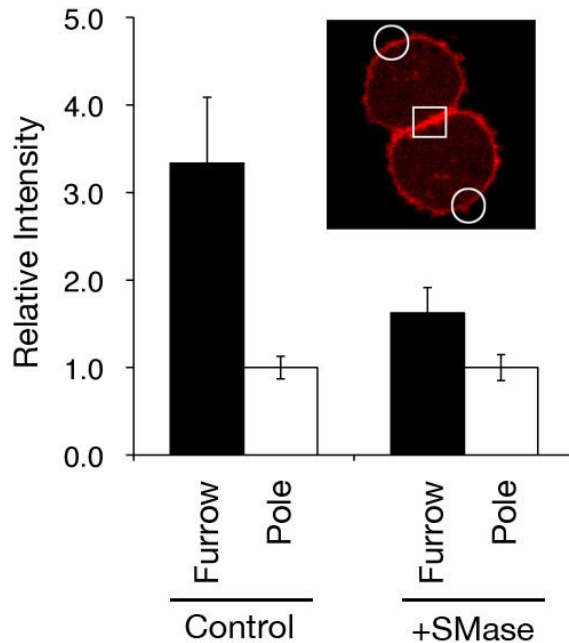
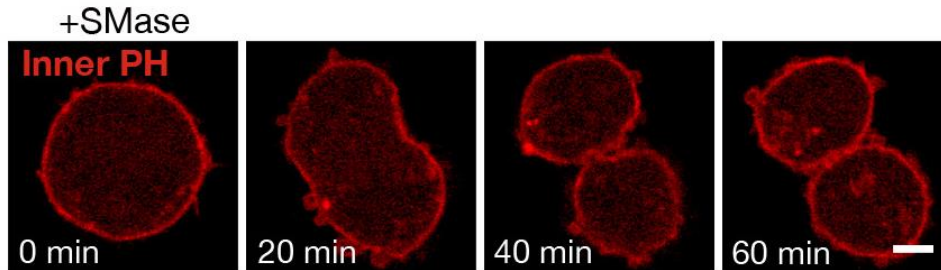
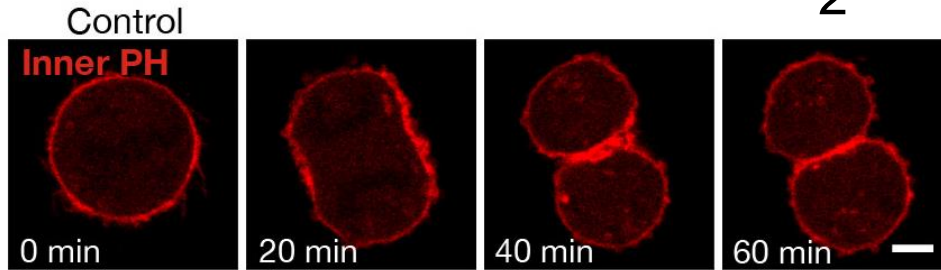
Genes Dev, 23, 810-23 (2009)

Field SJ, Madson N, Kerr ML, Galbraith KA, Kennedy CE,  
Tahiliani M, Wilkins A, Cantley LC

PtdIns(4,5)P<sub>2</sub> functions at the cleavage furrow during  
cytokinesis

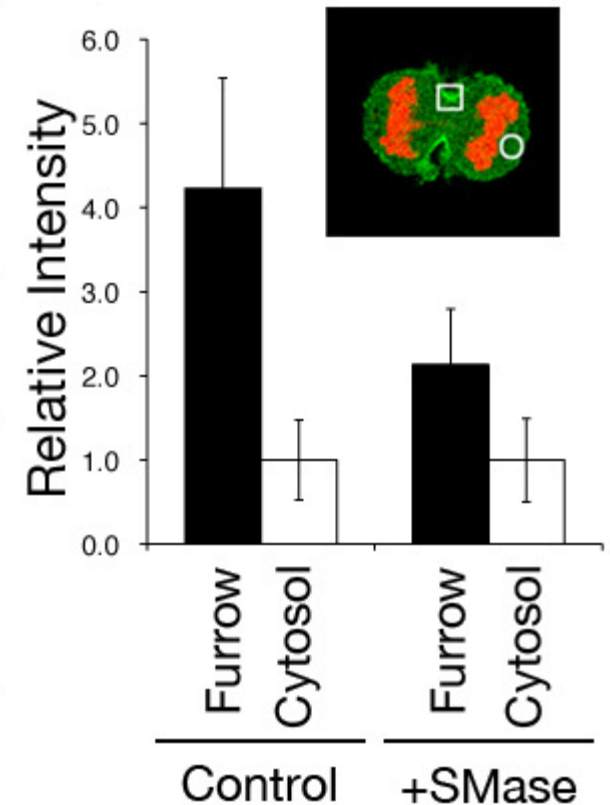
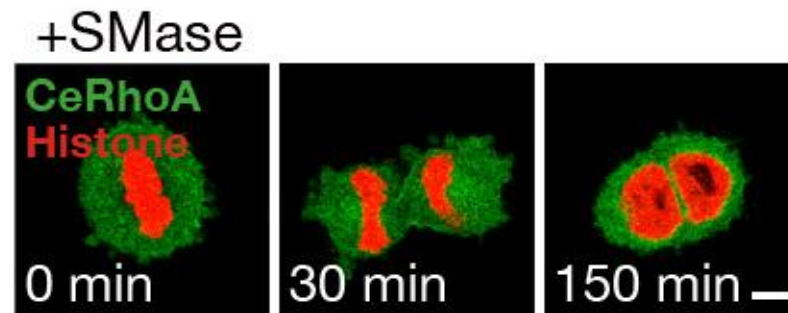
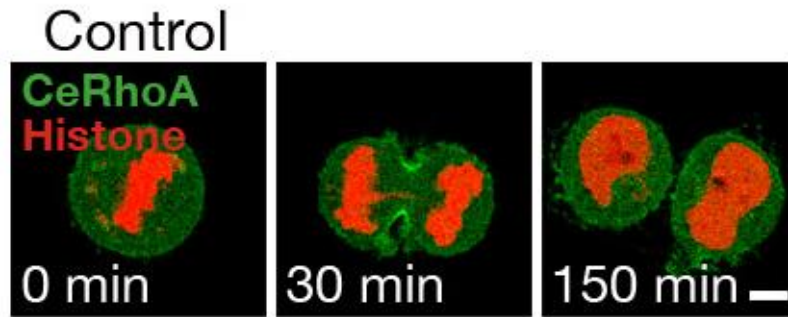
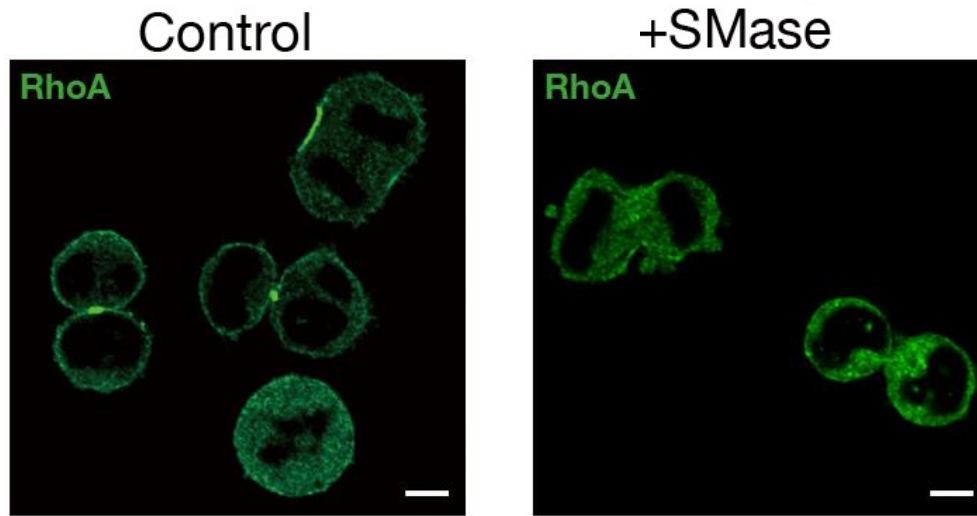
Curr Biol, 15, 1407-12 (2005)

# Sphingomyelinase treatment abolishes the accumulation of PIP<sub>2</sub> to the cleavage furrow



[<sup>33</sup>P]phosphate labeling

# Sphingomyelinase treatment abolishes the accumulation of RhoA to the cleavage furrow

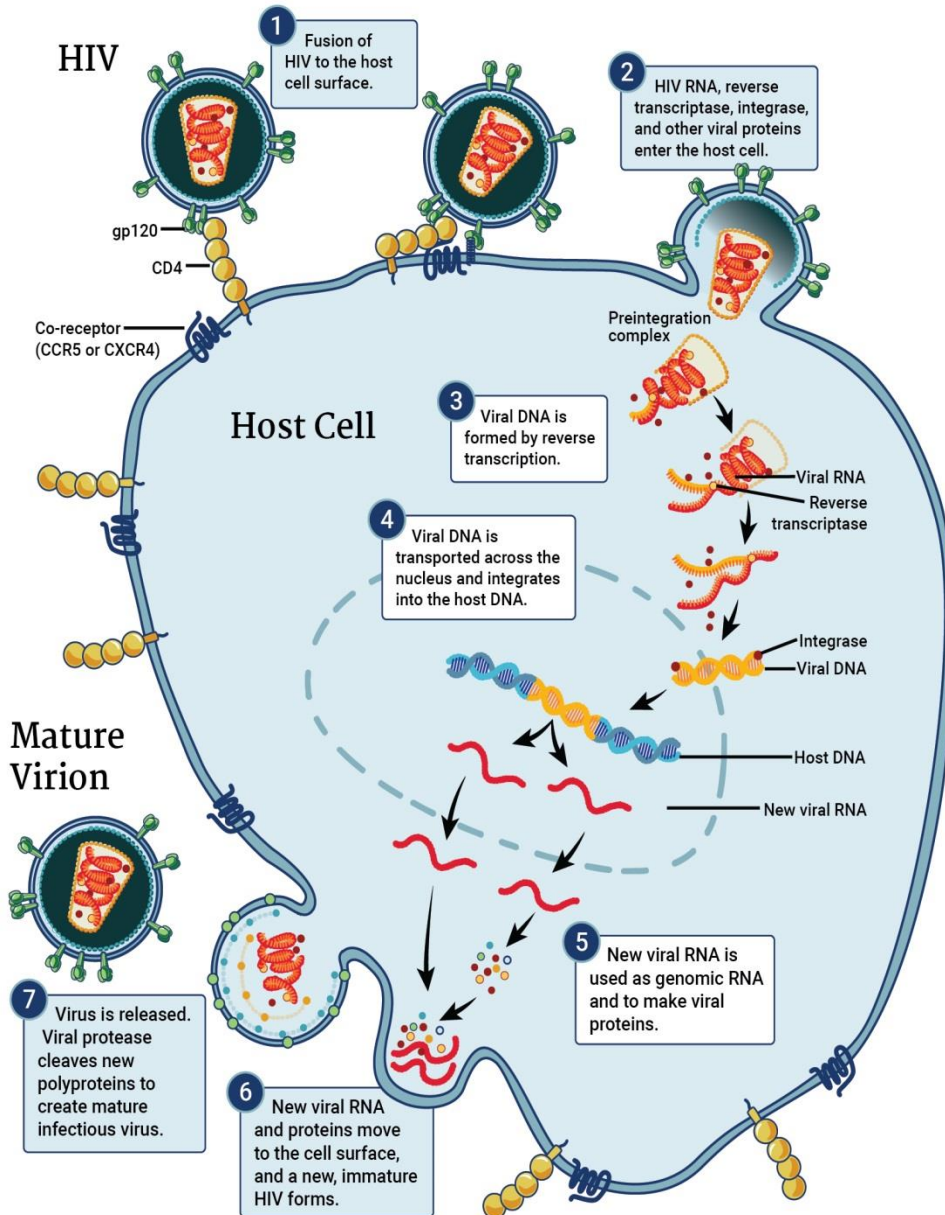


# Summary 3

- Sphingomyelin-rich membrane domains are accumulated to the cleavage furrow during cytokinesis.
- Cholesterol is required for the formation of sphingomyelin-rich membrane domains in mitotic cells.
- Sphingomyelinase treatment inhibits cytokinesis by inhibiting the formation of PIP<sub>2</sub> domains.

# Role of sphingomyelin-PIP<sub>2</sub> interaction in virus budding

# HIV-1 (human immunodeficiency virus type 1)



HIV-1 is a retrovirus that causes HIV infection. AIDS is the most advanced stage of HIV infection.

- Number of people living with HIV is 37 million in the world.
- 1 million people died from AIDS-related illness in 2016.
- People newly infected with HIV is 1.8 million.

UNAIDS 2017 report

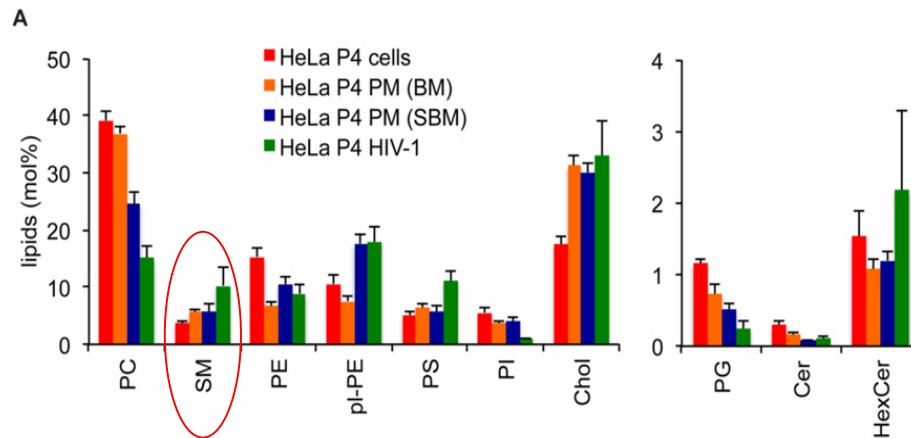
HIV still remains a threat for human.

# Lipids incorporated in HIV-1 particles

Table 1. Phospholipid composition of MT-4 cells and HIV-1

	MT-4 cells (mol % ± SD)	HIV-1 (mol % ± SD)
PC	43.0 ± 2.9	16.0 ± 1.0
SM + DHSM	10.4 ± 1.6	33.1 ± 1.2
PE	17.0 ± 1.5	8.2 ± 1.3
pl-PE	15.9 ± 0.5	27.0 ± 3.3
PS	7.4 ± 0.8	15.5 ± 2.2

Brugger et al (2006) PNAS



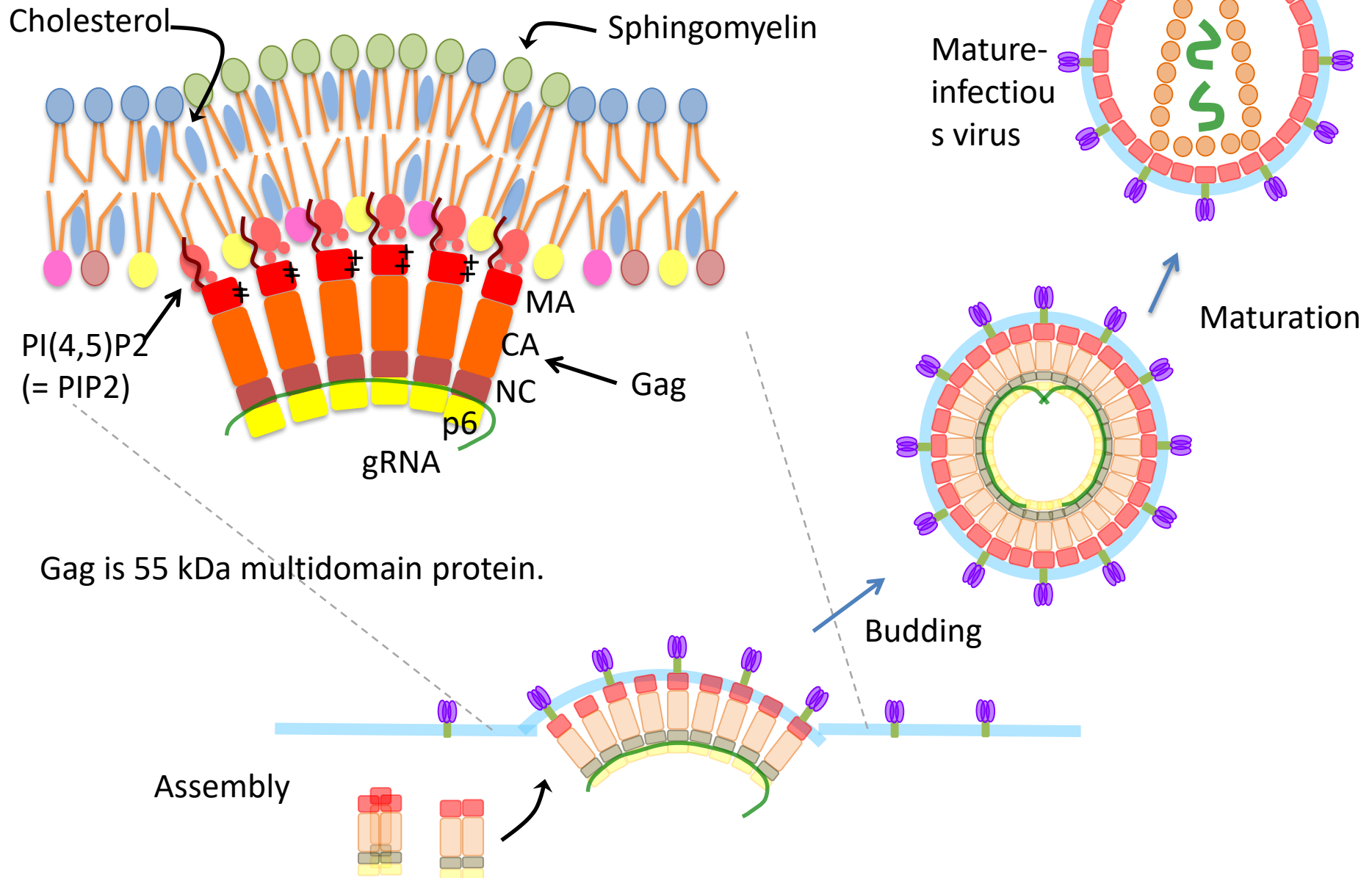
Lorizate et al (2013) Cellular Microbiol

B	This study		Brugger et al, 2006
	HIV	MLV	HIV
Virus	HIV	MLV	HIV
Cell Line	H9	REF	MT4
PS	2.8*	2.5*	2.1
PI	-0.4*	-0.1*	n/a
PIP	1.4*	1.2	n/a
PIP <sub>2</sub>	2.4*	5.9*	n/a
PE	1.6	-0.9	-0.5
pl-PE	2.2*	1.3	1.7
PC	-0.7*	-0.6*	-0.4
ePC	-0.3*	-0.6	n/a
SM	2.1*	1.8*	3.2
dhSM	2.5*	2.3*	
Cer	-0.3*	-0.3*	-0.3
Glu-Cer	-0.6*	1.2	2.6

Chan et al (2008) J Virol

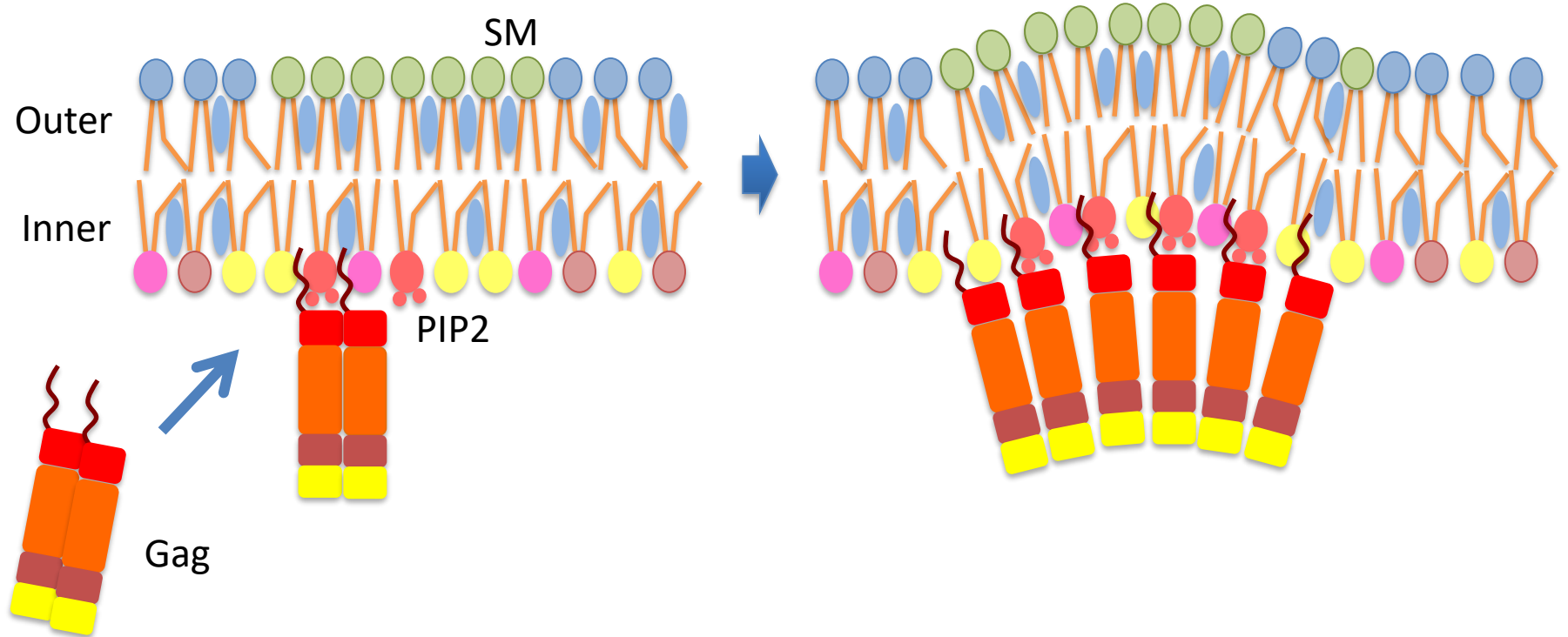
Lipidomic analyses revealed that HIV-1 viral particles are rich in SM and PIP<sub>2</sub>

# Gag protein in virus formation





# Gag assembly in plasma membrane



Expression of Gag is sufficient to promote the formation of virus-like particles.

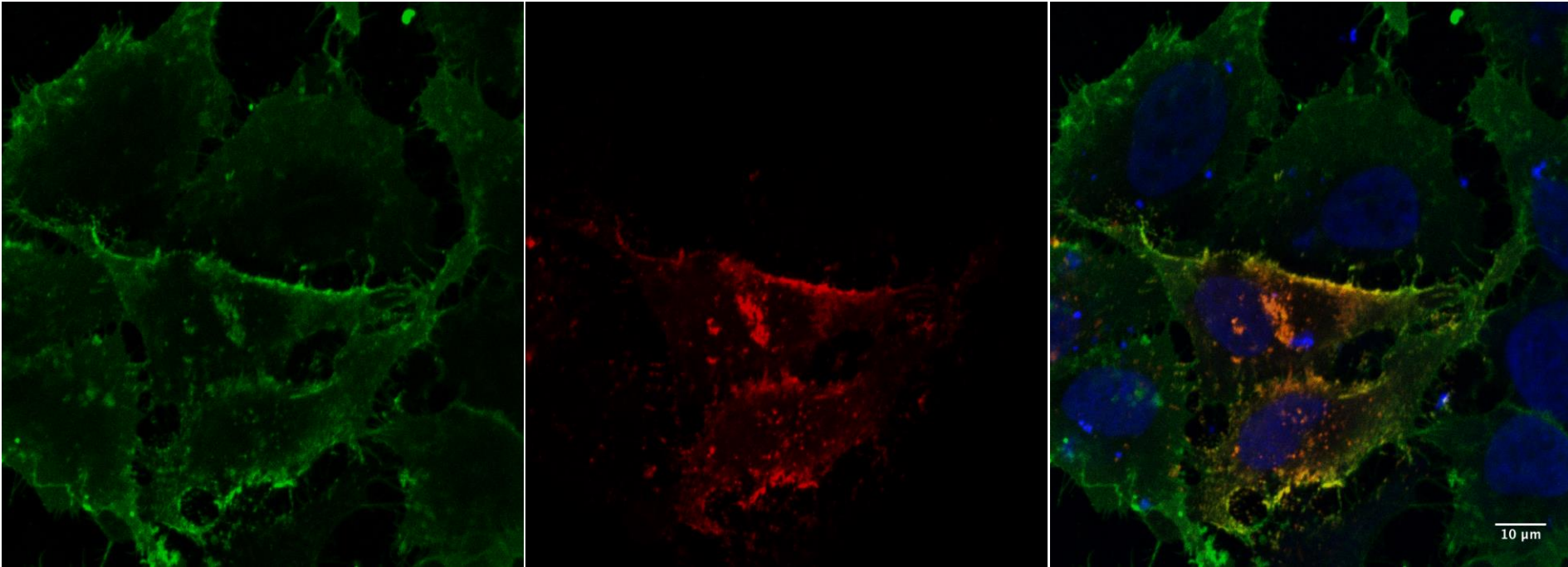
Recruitment of Gag to the plasma membrane requires negatively charged lipid, PIP2

Virus particle size: 100 – 150 nm

# EGFP-Lys and Gag-mCherry observed by confocal microscope

EGFP-NT-Lys

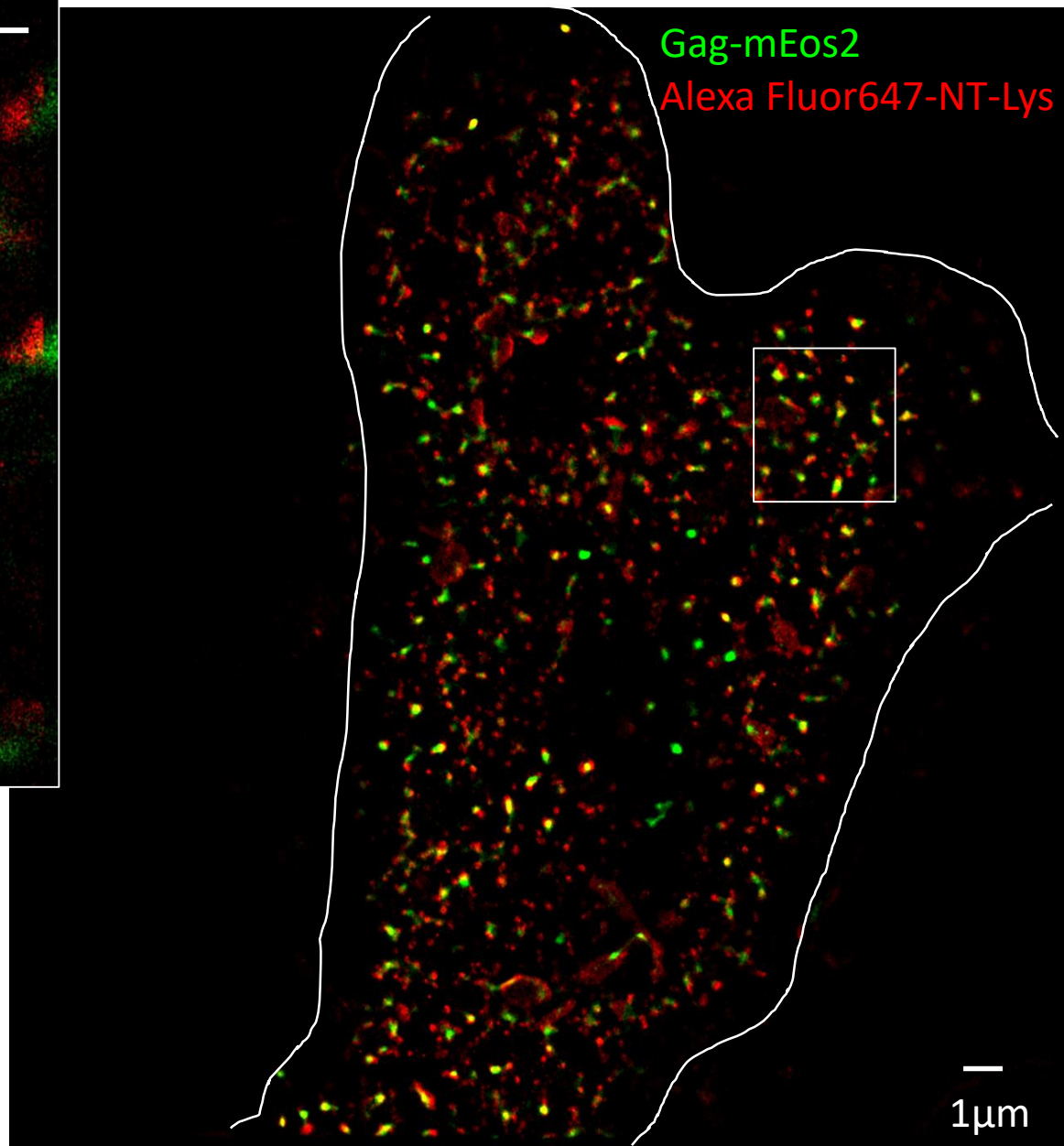
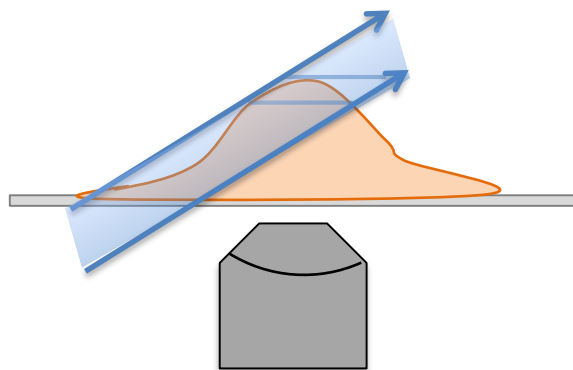
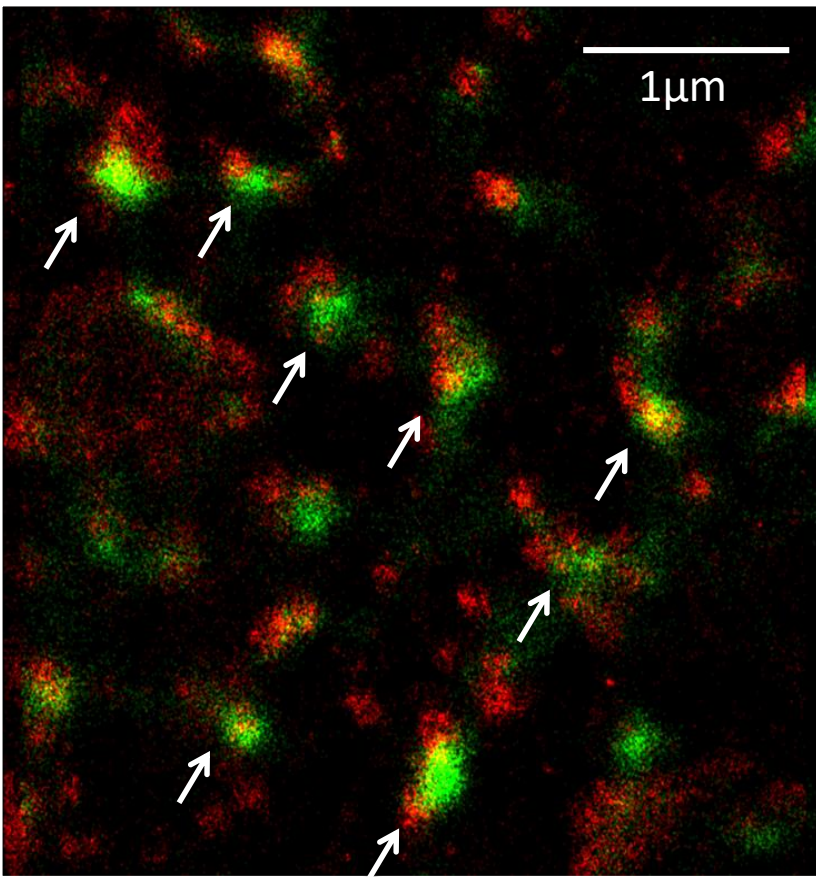
Gag-mCherry



Bar, 10 µm

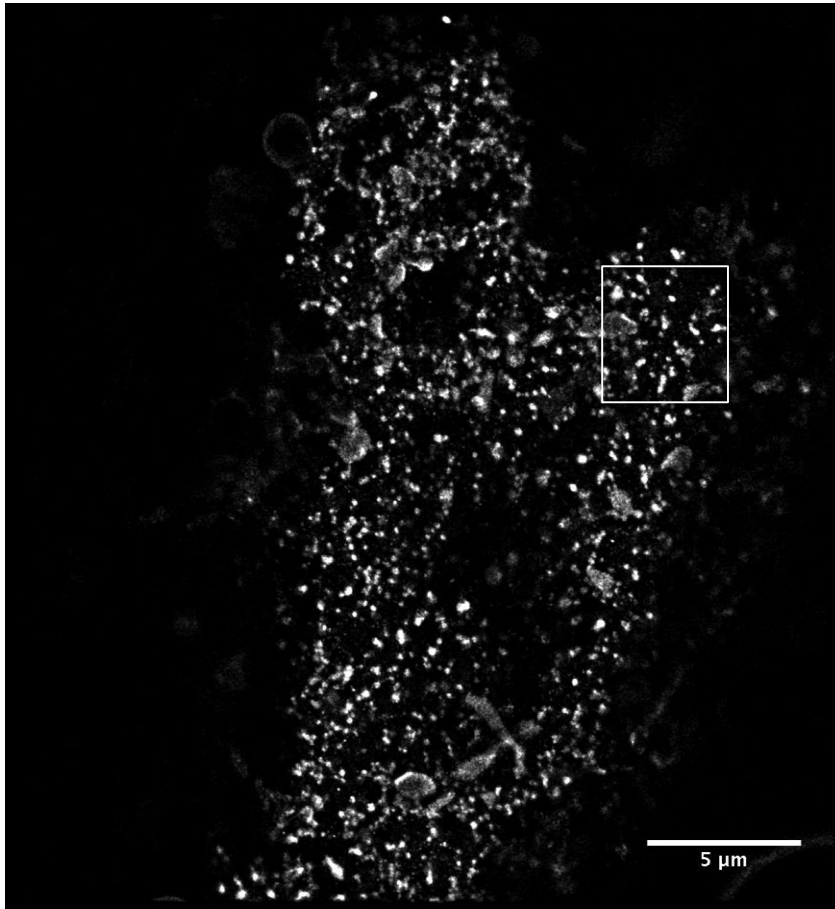
HeLa cells were labeled with EGFP-NT-Lys 24 h after transfection with Gag-mCherry and Gag-

# PALM/STORM image of Gag-mEos2 and Alexa Fluor647-NT-Lys

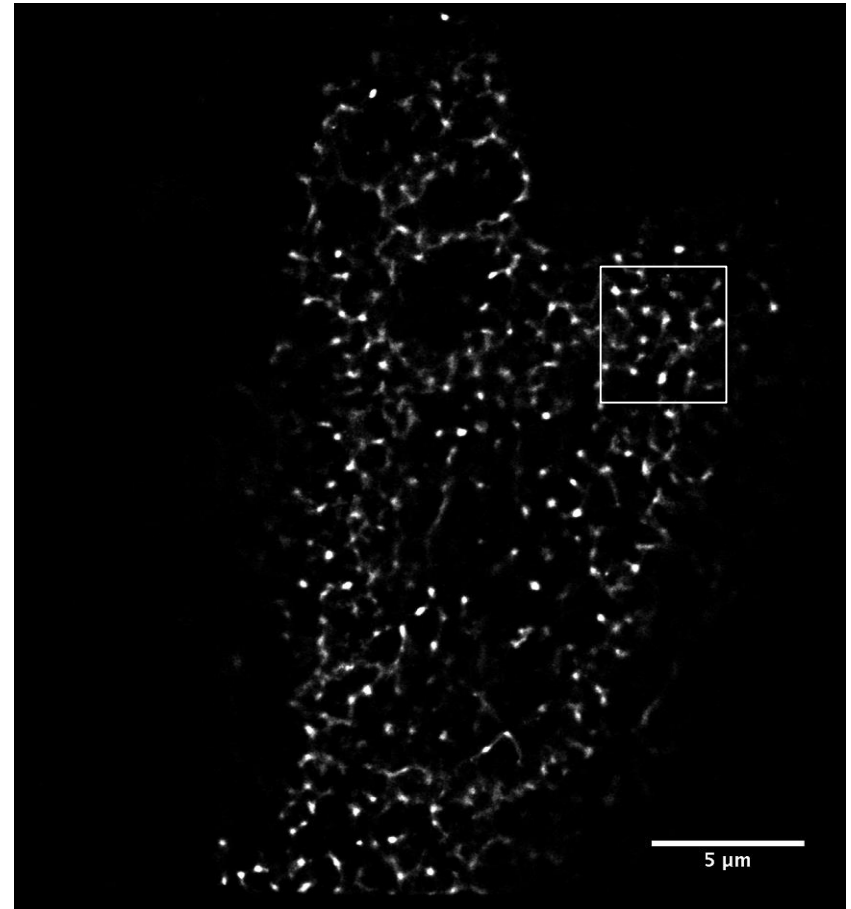


# Does the size of SM cluster change in the presence of Gag cluster?

AF647-NT-Lys



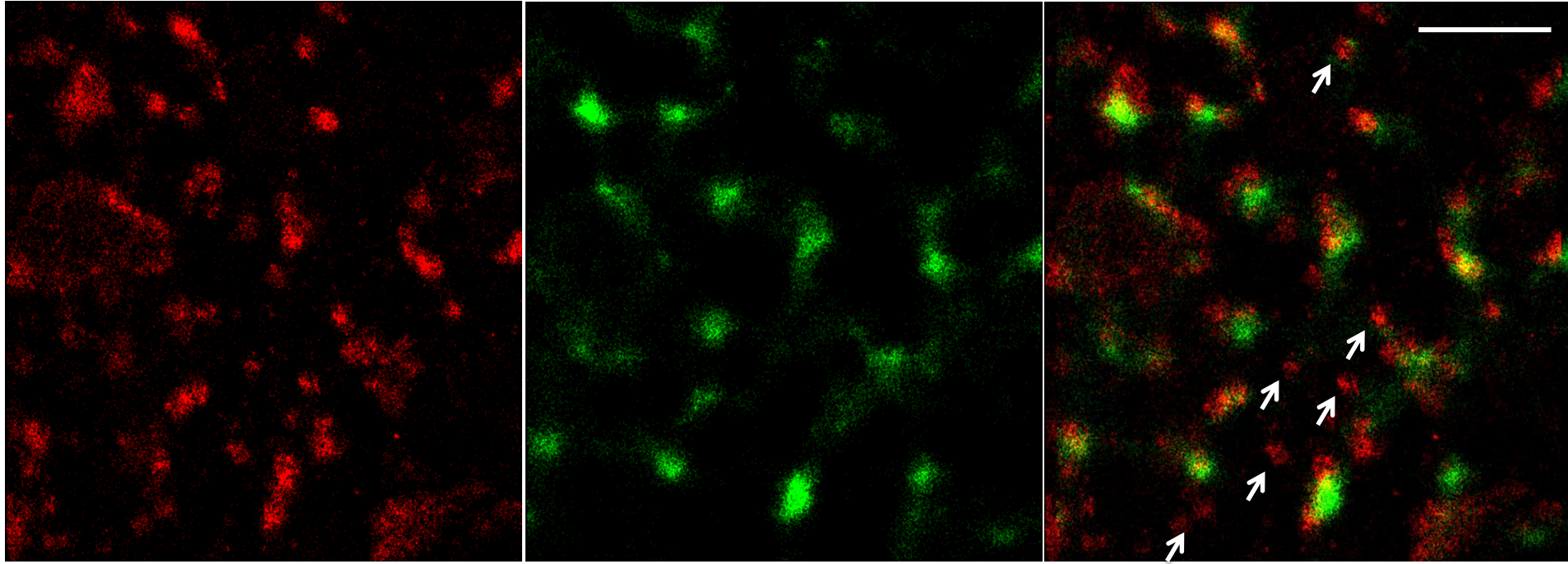
Gag-mEos2



# SM cluster in proximity of Gag cluster is larger than that without Gag cluster

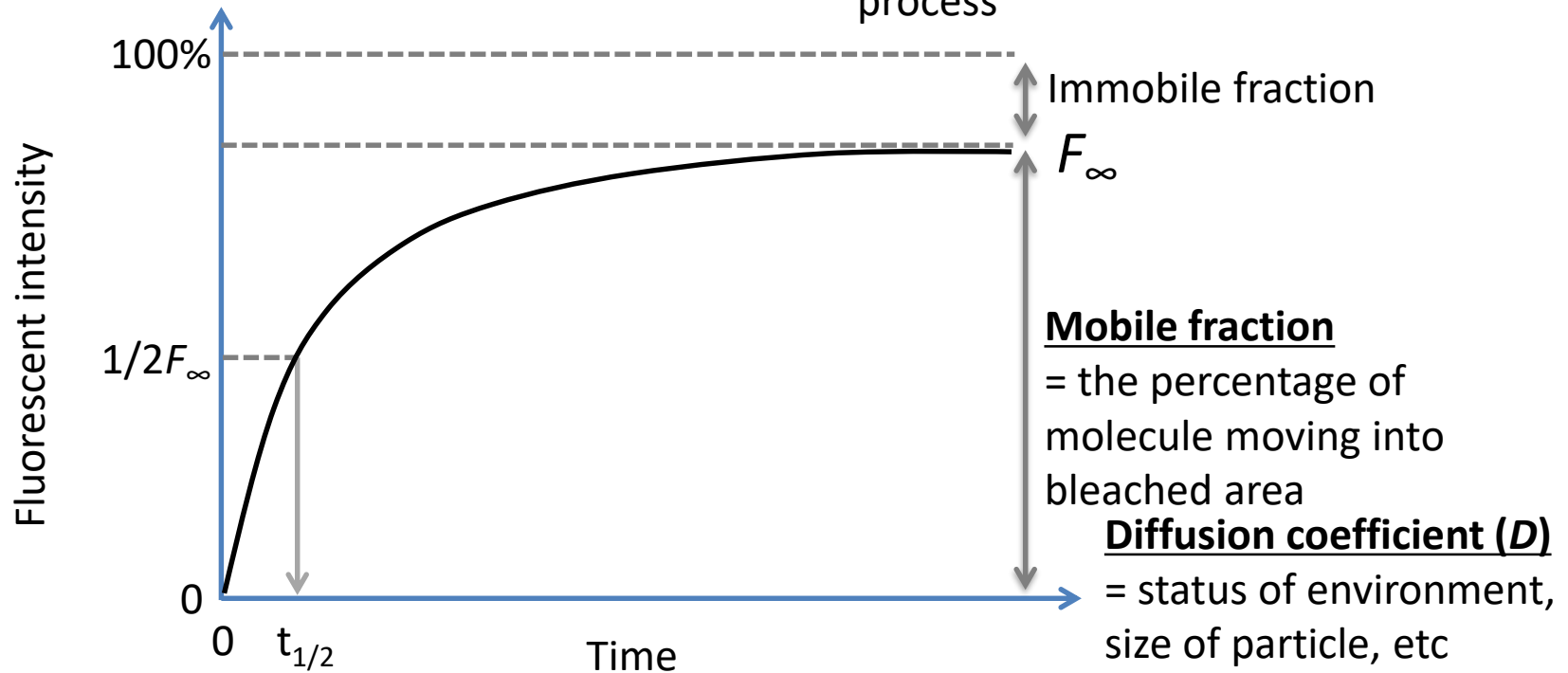
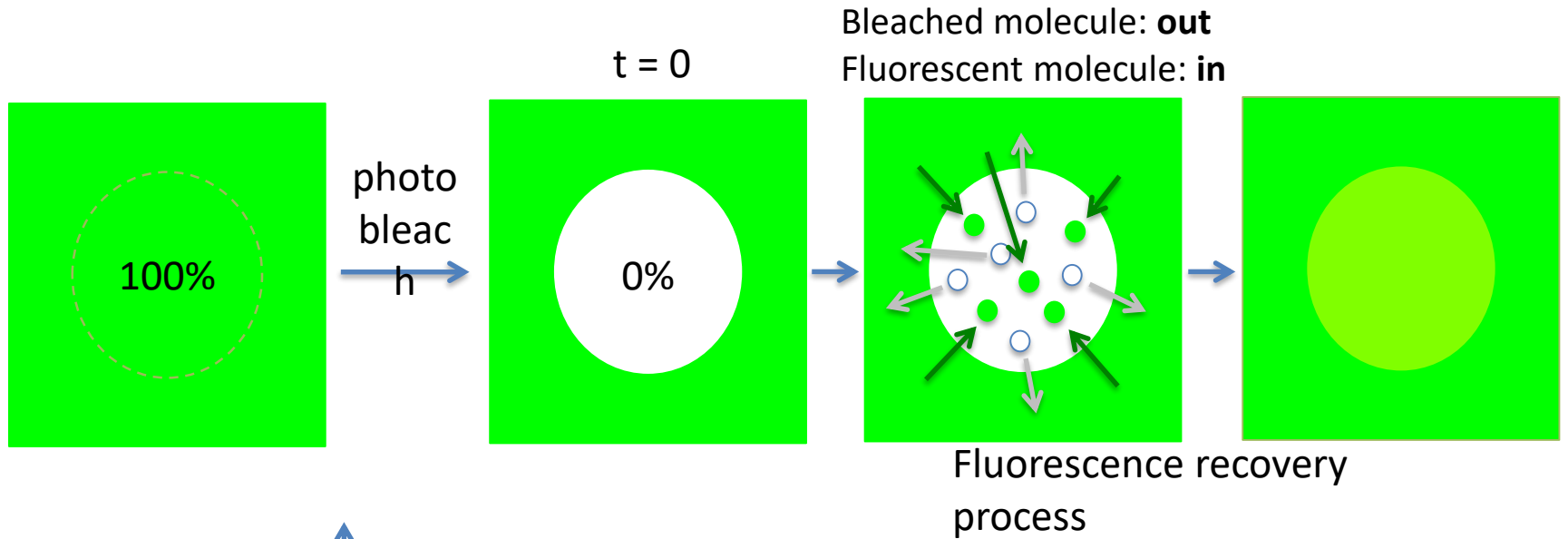
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Gag-mEos2

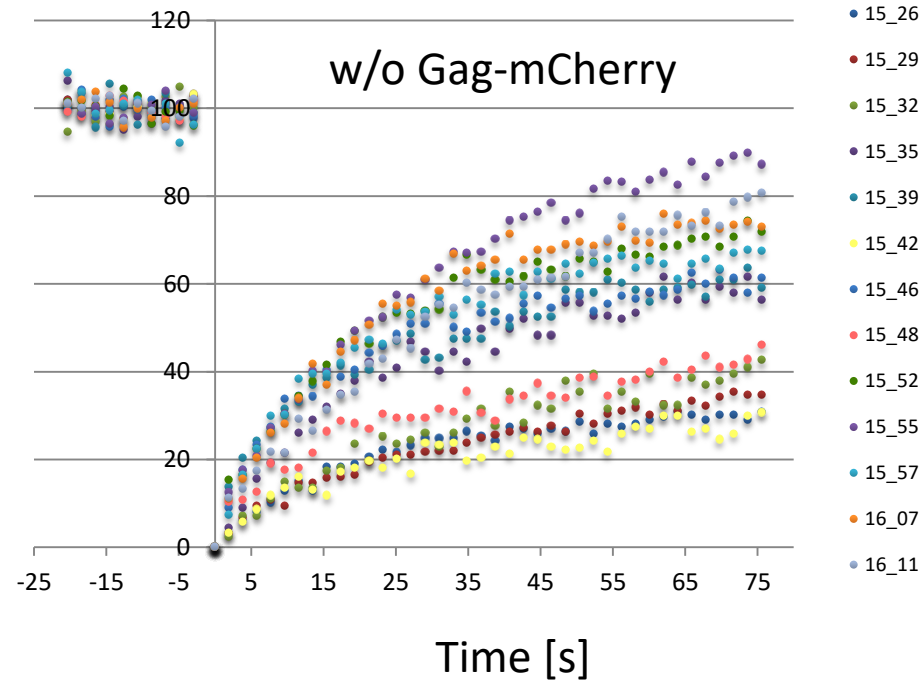
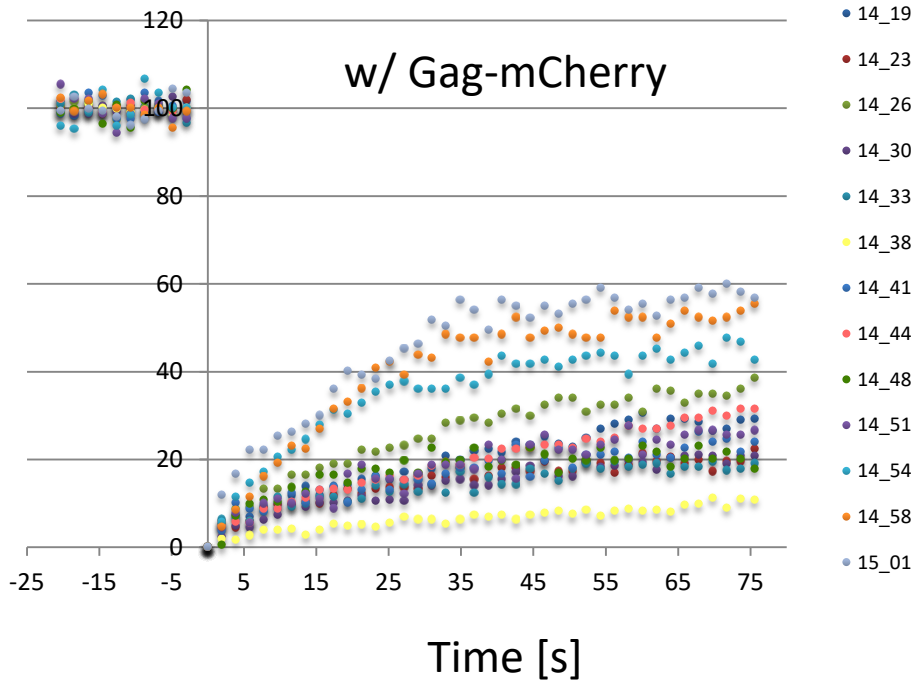


Gag cluster gathers SM domains?

# FRAP (fluorescent recovery after photobleaching)



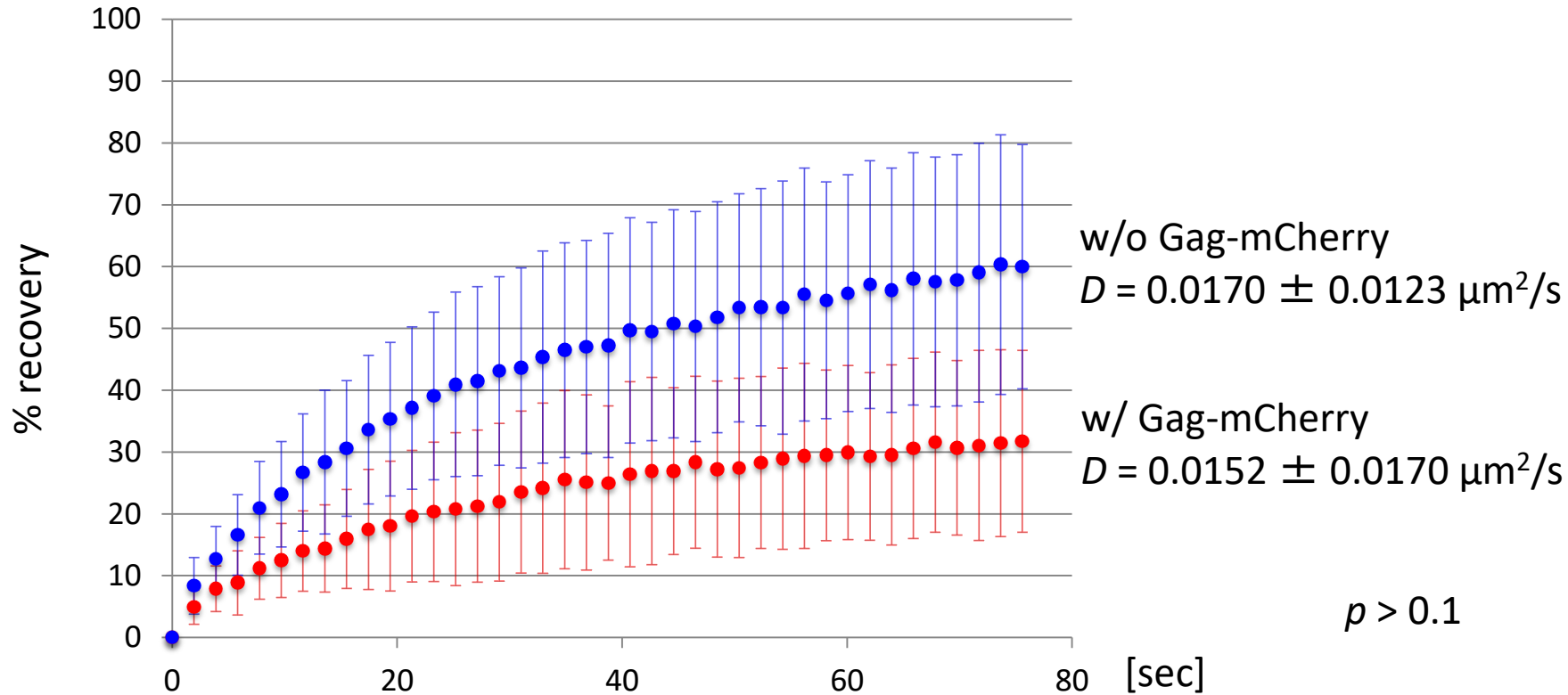
# FRAP experiment of EGFP-NT-Lys



## Experiment:

- Hela cells were labeled with EGFP-NT-Lys 20 hours after transfection w/ or w/o Gag-mCherry
- EGFP-NT-Lys was photobleached with 488 nm laser

# Summary: FRAP experiment of EGFP-NT-Lys



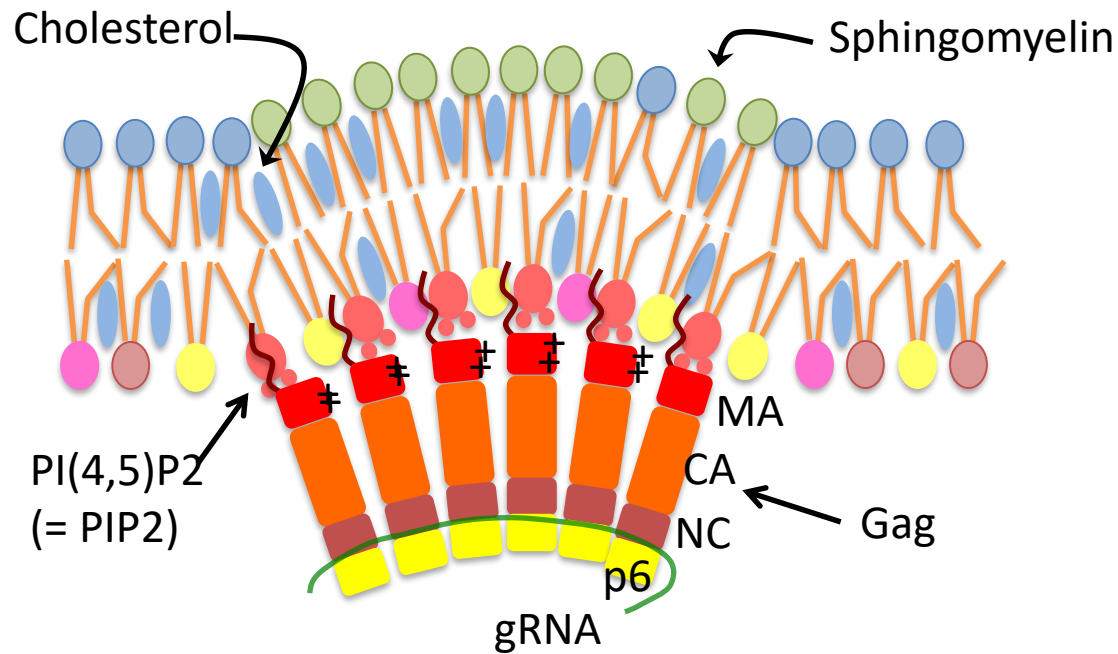
1. Diffusion coefficient of SM did not change in the presence of Gag
2. Presence of Gag increased immobile fraction of SM



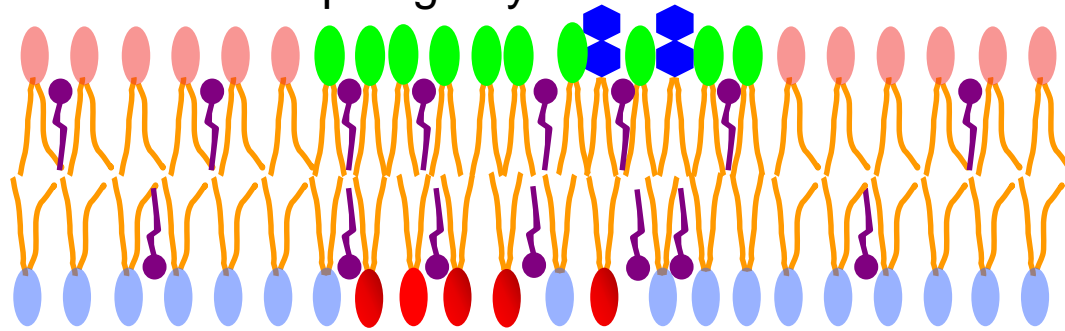
# Summary 4

- Expressed Gag in the inner leaflet colocalizes with sphingomyelin-rich domains in the outer leaflet.
- Gag increases the size of sphingomyelin domains.
- Gag alters the dynamics of the sphingomyelin domains.

# How does inner leaflet Gag affect outer leaflet sphingomyelin?

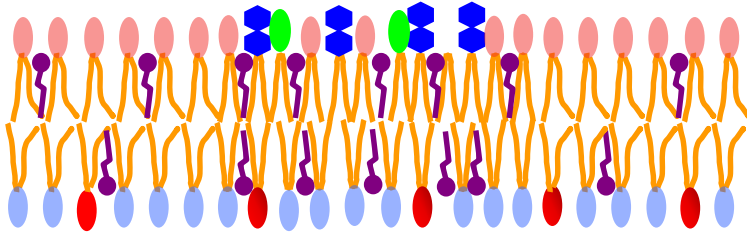


Sphingomyelin



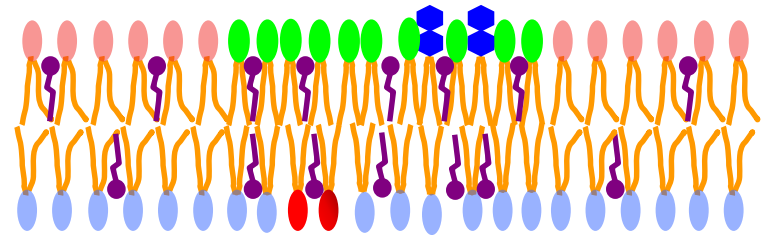
PIP<sub>2</sub>

-Decrease of sphingomyelin



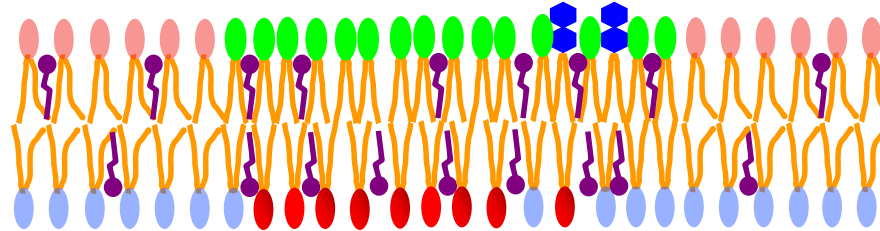
→ disperses PIP<sub>2</sub>

→ no change in sphingomyelin



-Decrease of PIP<sub>2</sub>

→ merges sphingomyelin domains

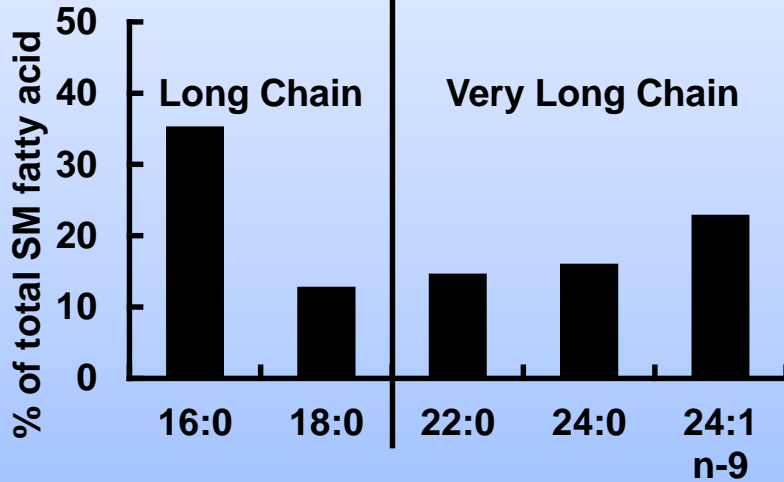


-Crosslinking PIP<sub>2</sub>

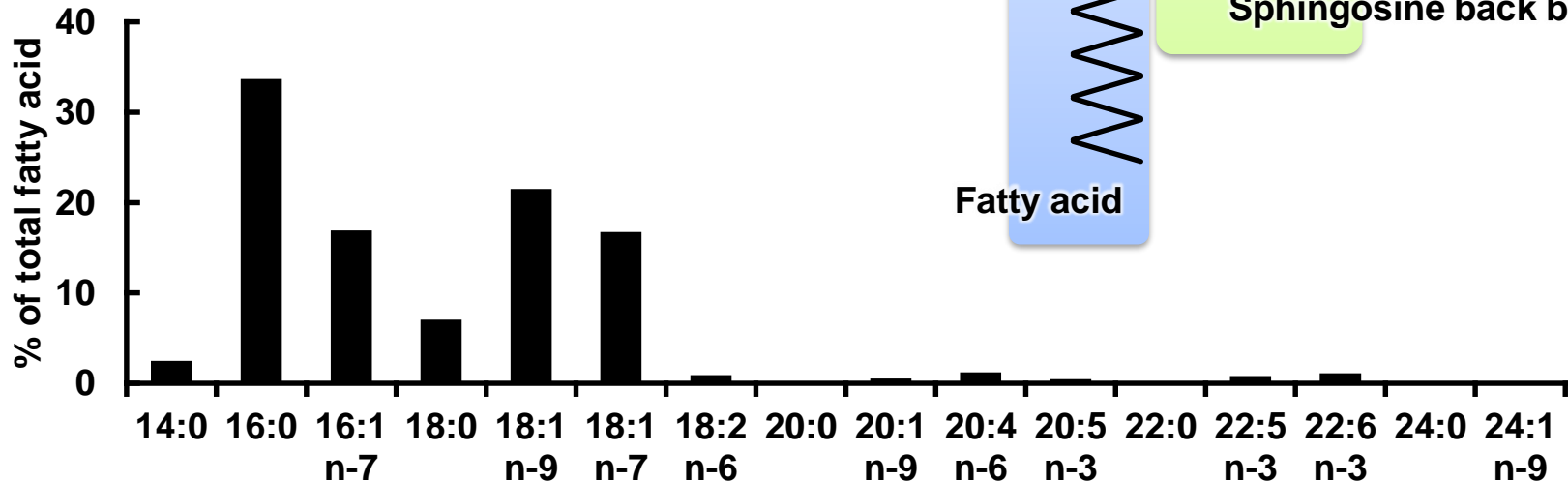


# Sphingomyelin has unique fatty acid composition

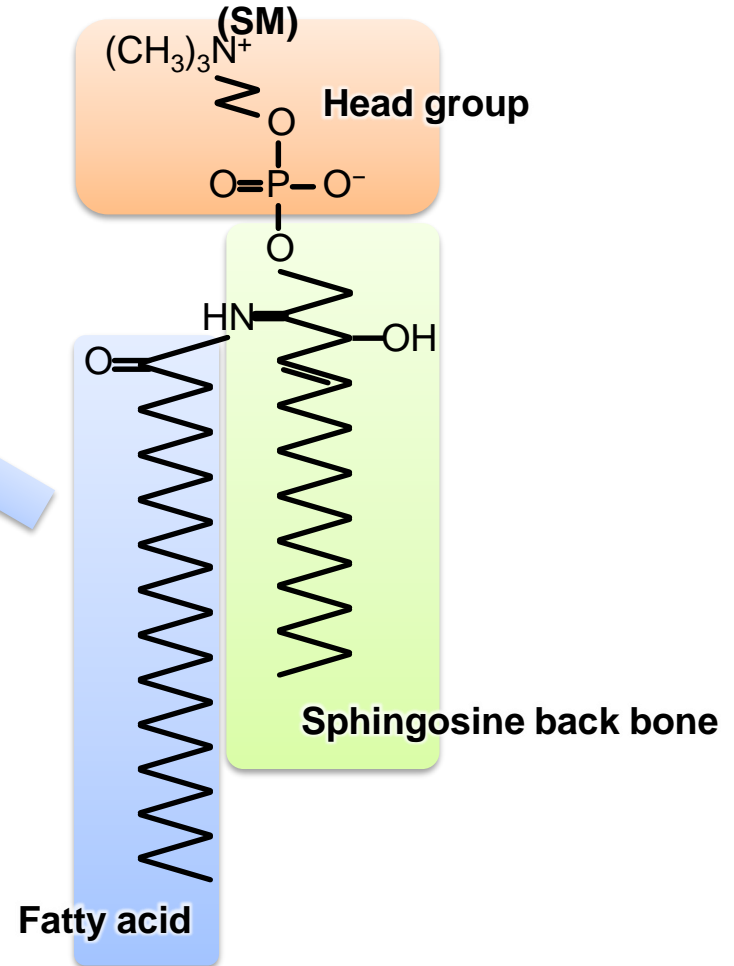
• Fatty acid composition of SM (HeLa)



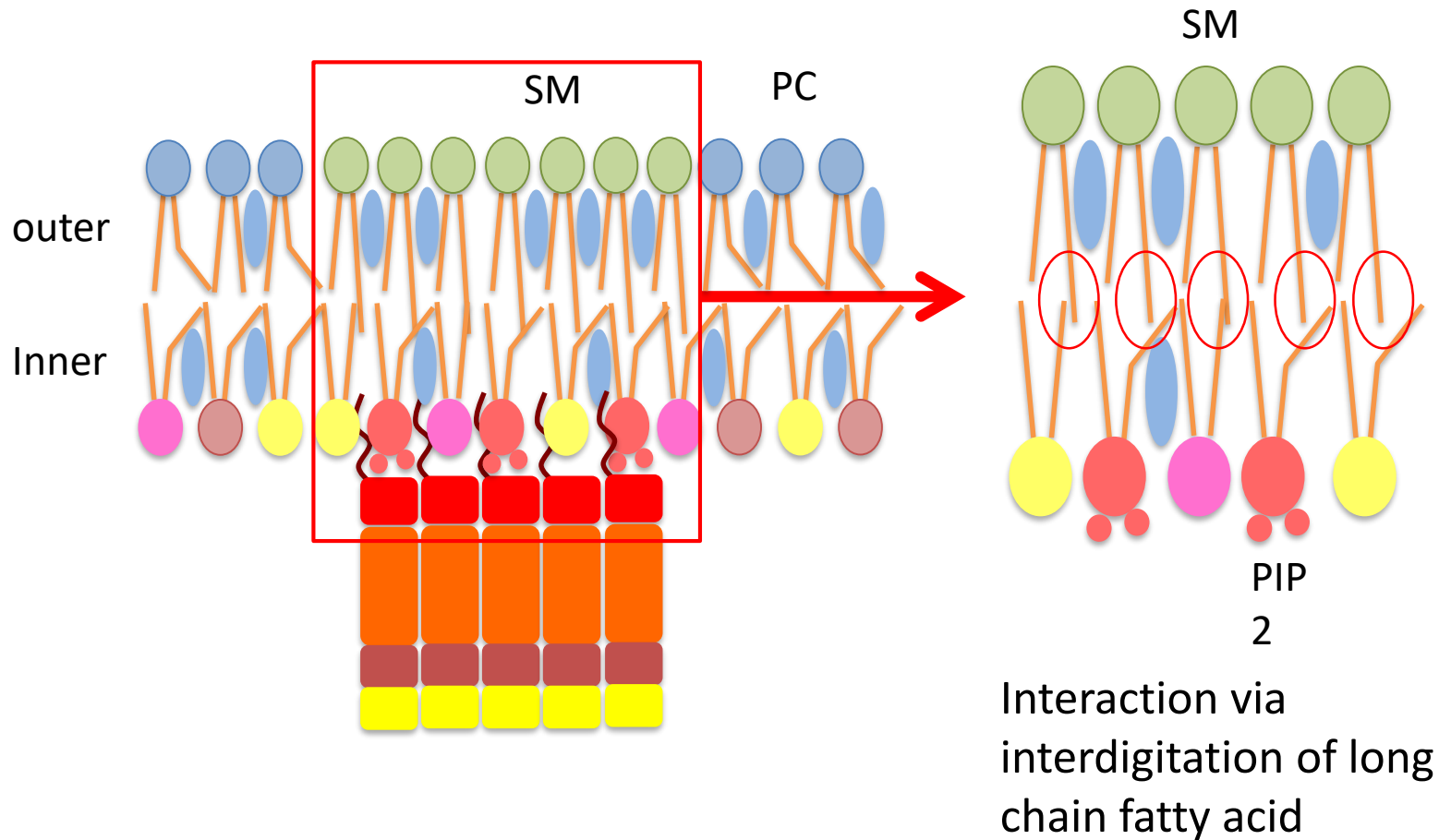
• Fatty acid composition of total lipid (HeLa)



C24 - Sphingomyelin

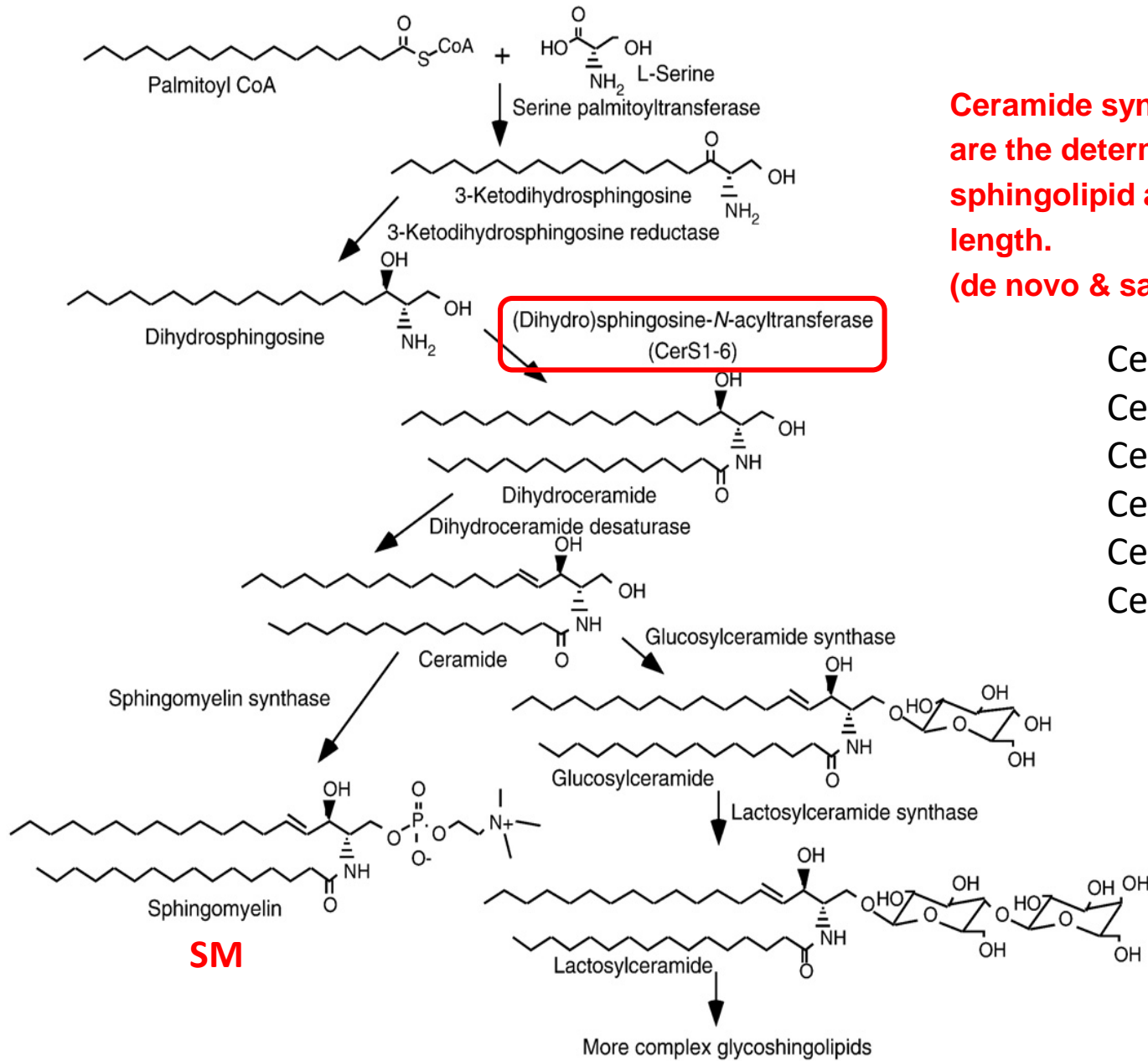


# Interdigitation of lipids could link inner leaflet lipids to the outer leaflet lipids



Effect of SM chain length on the Gag assembly?

# De novo synthesis pathway of sphingolipids



**Ceramide synthases (CerS) are the determinant factor of sphingolipid acyl chain length. (de novo & salvage pathway)**

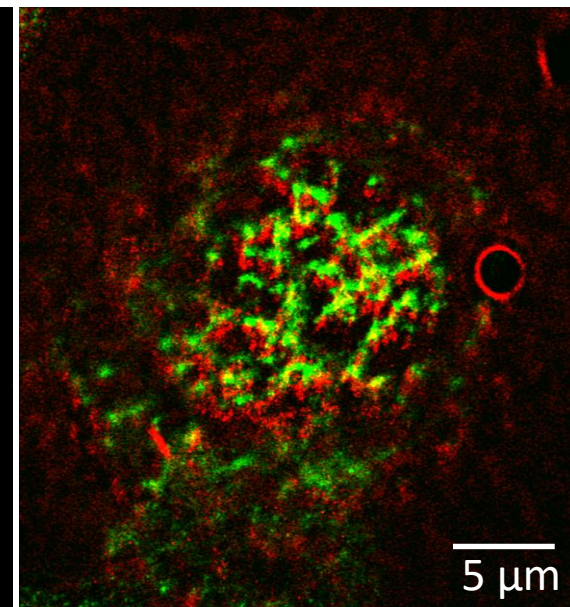
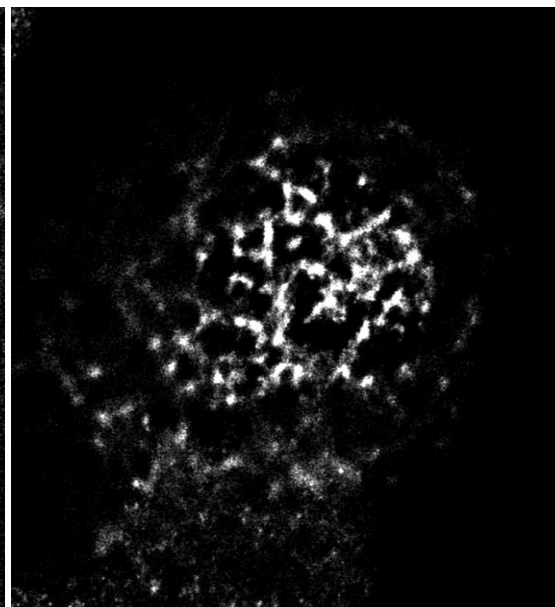
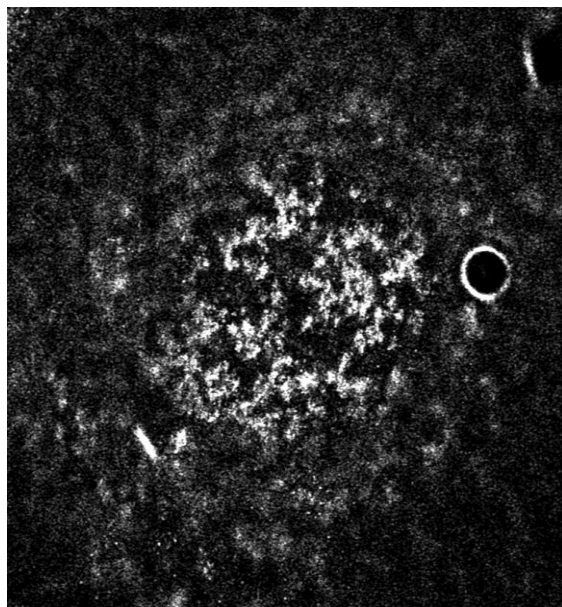
CerS1	C18
CerS2	C22-24
CerS3	C26
CerS4	C18-22
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CerS6	C14/C16

# PALM/STORM imaging of Gag and SM in CERS2 KO cells

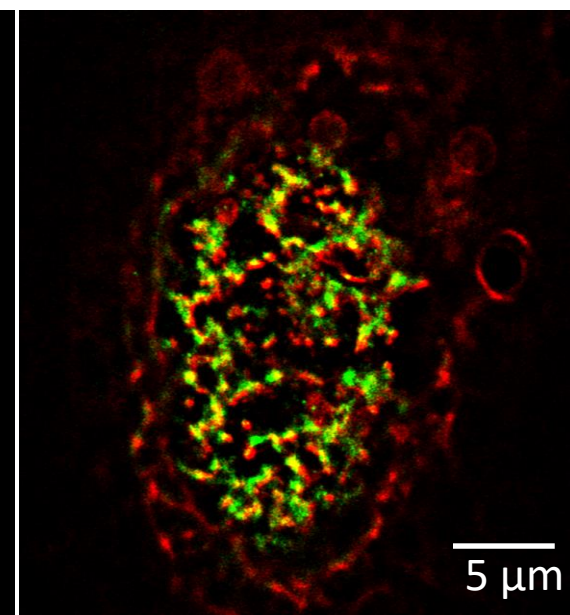
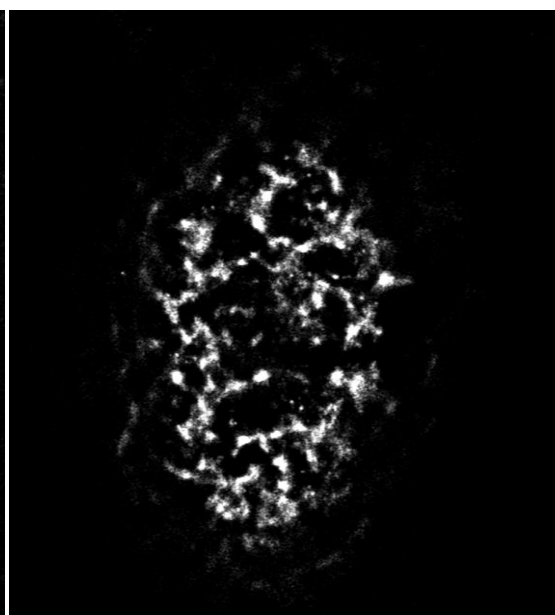
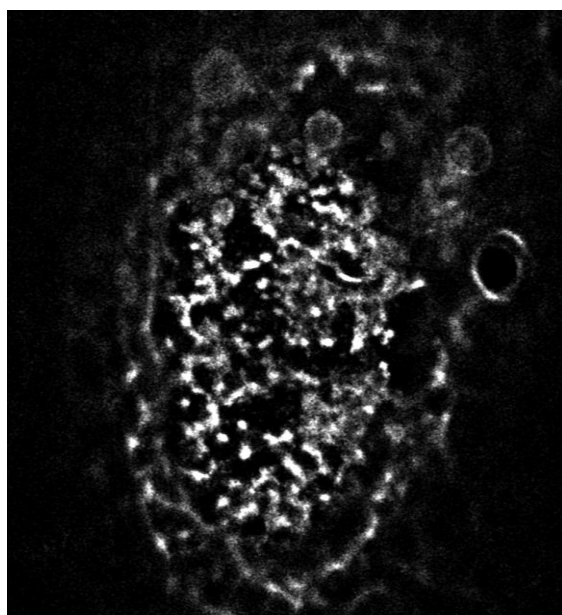
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Gag-mEos2

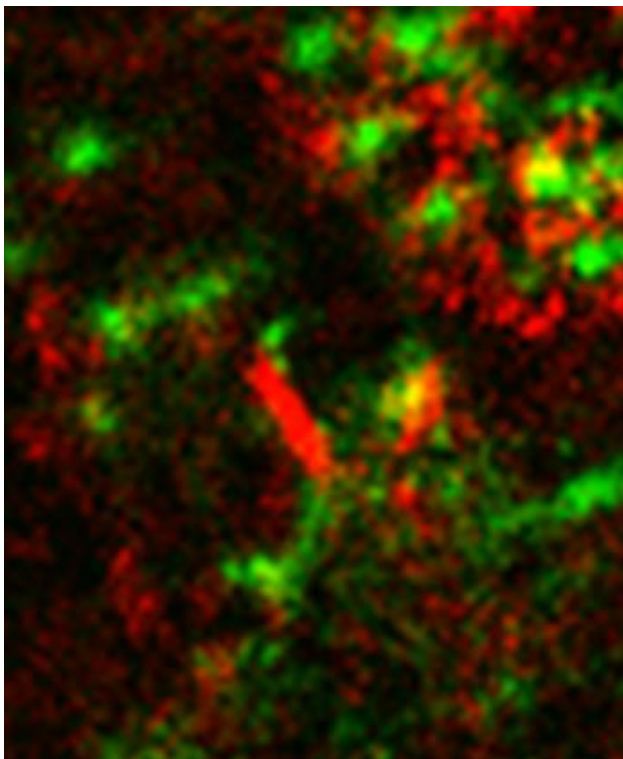
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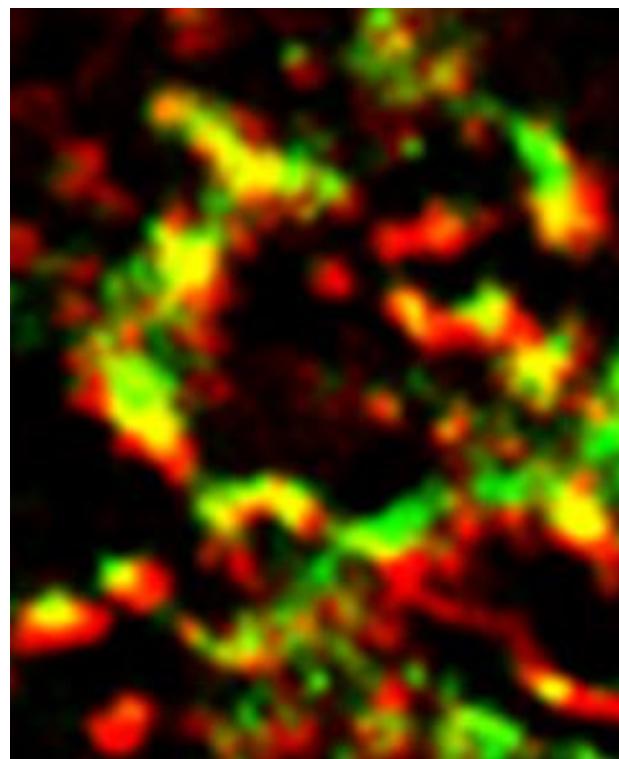
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+ CERS2



**CERS2 KO**



**CERS2 KO  
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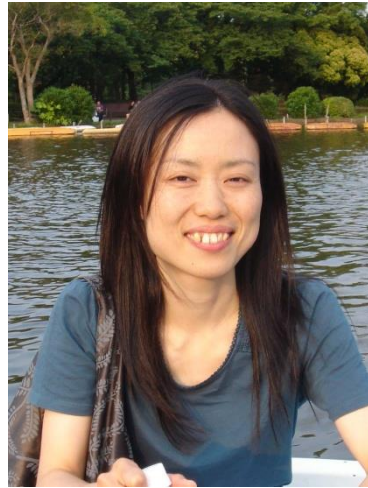


# Summary 5

- Outer leaflet sphingomyelin and inner leaflet Gag co-localize on the plasma membrane.
- Expression of Gag alters the lateral diffusion of cell surface SM.
- Co-localization seems to be dependent on the fatty acid length of sphingomyelin.



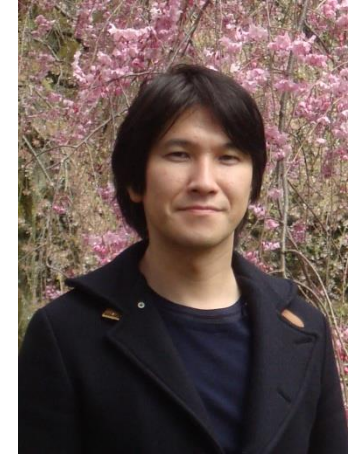
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