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A Six-Month Inhalation Study in ApoE-/- Mice to Investigate Cardiovascular and Respiratory Exposure Effects of E-Vapor Aerosols Compared with Cigarette Smoke

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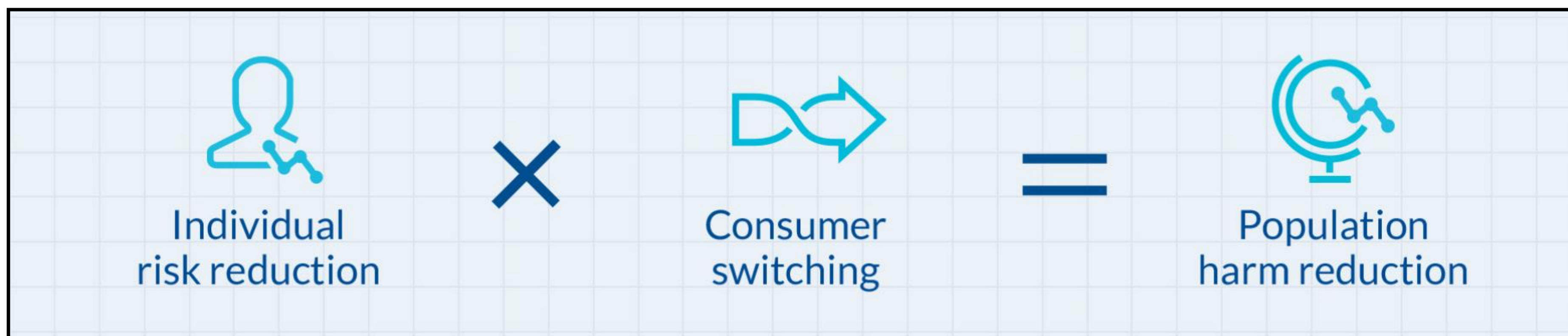
Aim

**Assessment of Cardiovascular Effects
following E-vapor and Conventional Cigarette
Smoke Exposure in the ApoE^{-/-} Mouse Model**

What Is the Objective of Harm Reduction?

- Smoking is addictive and causes a number of serious diseases
- Worldwide, it is estimated that more than **1 billion people** will continue to smoke in the foreseeable future*
- Offering smoke-free alternatives to adult smokers is a sensible, complementary addition to existing tobacco control strategies

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Successful harm reduction requires that current adult smokers be offered a range of Reduced-Risk Products they can fully switched to, should they decide not to quit.

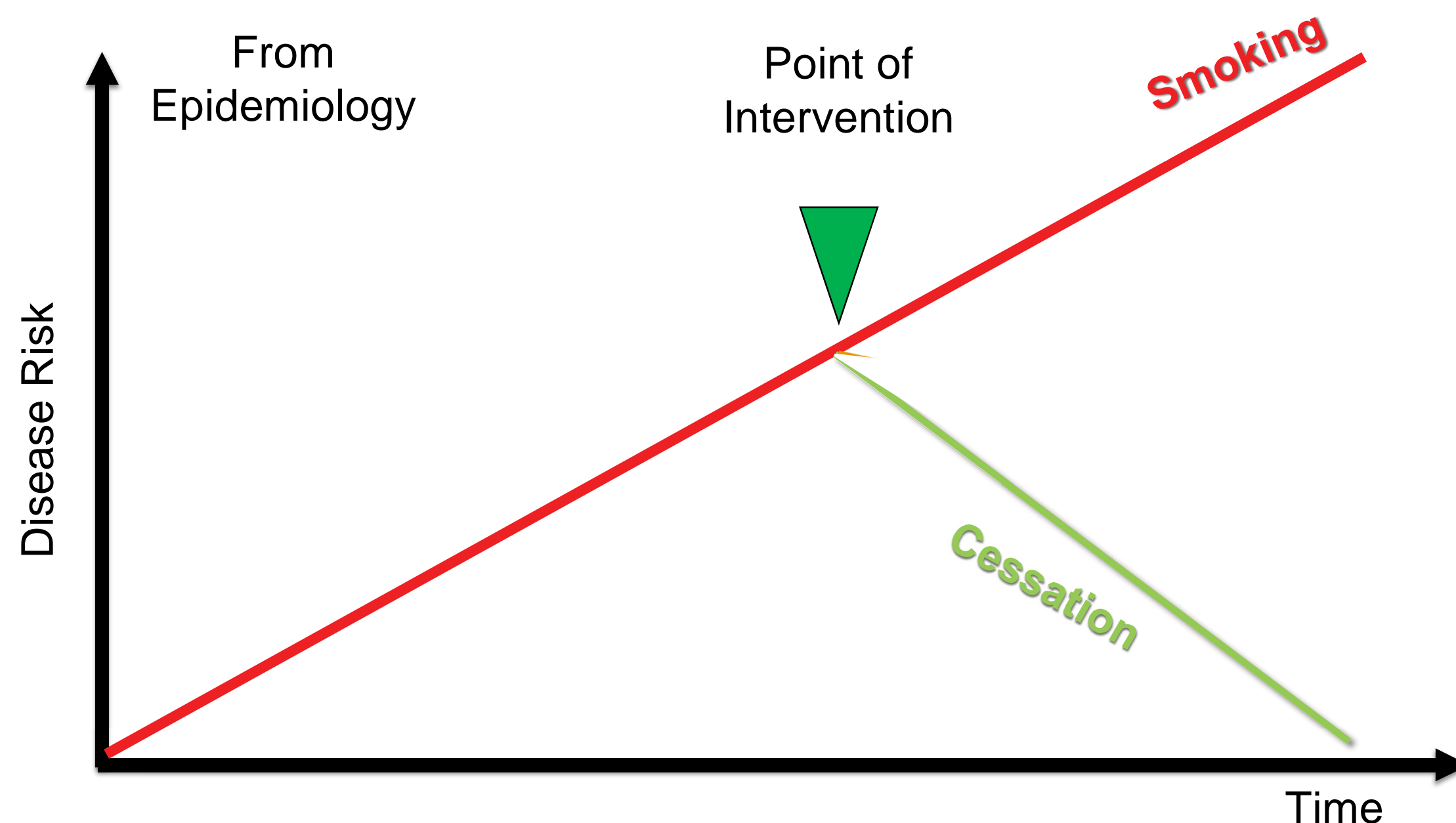
* <http://www.who.int/tobacco/publications/surveillance/reportontrendstobaccosmoking/en/index4.html>

Figure adapted from Clive Bates presentation to E-Cigarette Summit (19 Nov 2013)

Note: Reduced Risk Products ("RRPs") is the term PMI uses to refer to products that present, are likely to present, or have the potential to present less risk of harm to smokers who switched to these products versus continued smoking.

PMI's Scientific Assessment Approach

Assessment Framework



The assessment framework integrates what is known about combustible cigarette (CC) smoking and incorporates both epidemiological and mechanistic evidence to define the assessment approach.

Assessment steps	Levels of evidence
7. Post-Market Studies & Surveillance	5. Reduced Population Harm
6. Consumer Perception and Behavior Assessment	
5. Clinical Trials	4. Reduced Exposure & Risk
4. Systems Toxicology Assessment	3. Reduced Risk in Laboratory Models
3. Standard Toxicology Assessment	2. Reduced Toxicity in Laboratory Models
2. Aerosol Chemistry and Physics	
1. Product Design and Control Principles	1. Reduced Formation of HPHCs

These assessment steps are designed to provide five levels of evidence as the assessment program is completed.

Background

E-CIGARETTE



Electronic cigarettes are gaining popularity as a potential alternative to conventional cigarettes.

Most e-cigarette formulations contain vehicle (**propylene glycol (PG)** and/or **vegetable glycerin (VG)**), **nicotine** and **flavor ingredients**.

In contrast to 3R4F cigarette smoke (CS), e-cigarettes deliver nicotine without smoke constituents that arise from the combustion of tobacco.

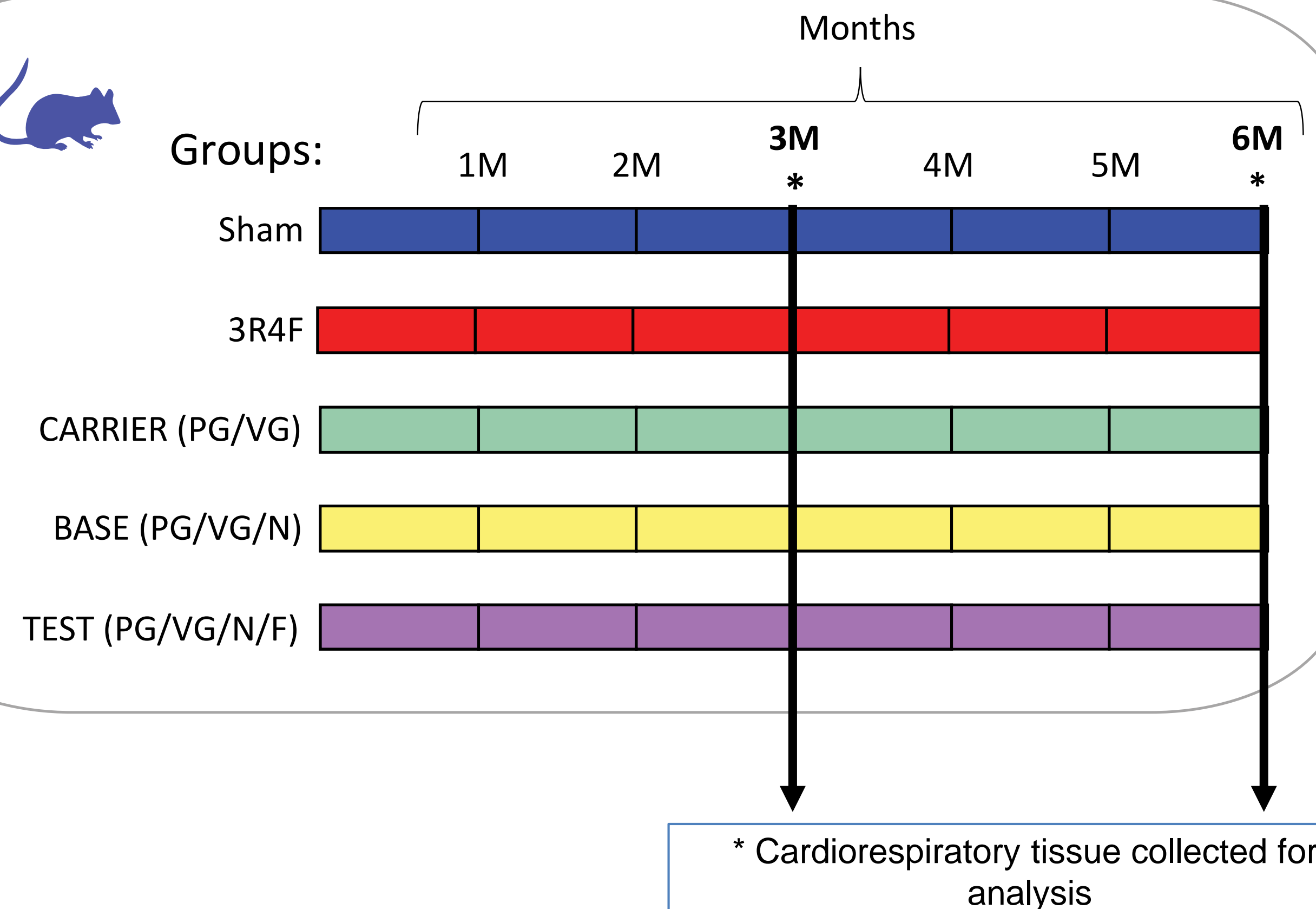
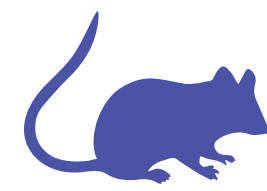
Currently, there are limited data on the safety profile of e-cigarette usage in terms of **safety toxicology or disease risk assessment** as compared with that of conventional cigarette use.



To support comprehensive assessment of exposure effects, the impact of PG/VG, nicotine as well as flavor constituents will be evaluated on the respiratory and cardiovascular systems of ApoE^{-/-} mice.

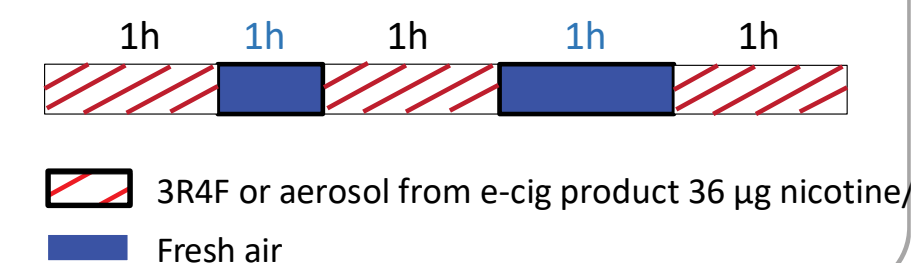
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EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN



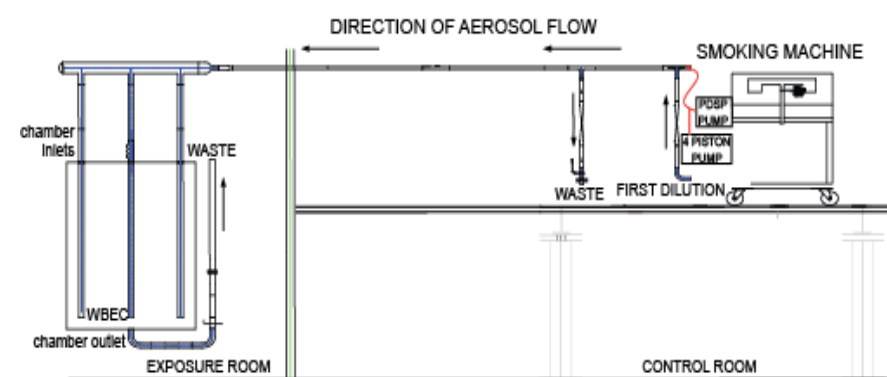
- Female ApoE^{-/-} mice (12-14 weeks at initial dosing) were exposed to air (Sham), 3R4F cigarette smoke (CS), or E-vapor aerosols generated from CARRIER (PG/VG/water), BASE (CARRIER plus 4% nicotine), and TEST (BASE plus flavors) using CAG (capillary aerosol generator) system.
- ApoE^{-/-} mice were exposed via whole body inhalation system for up to 3 hours/day, 5 days/week for 6 months.
- Fresh air breaks in-between 1h exposure

Exposure:



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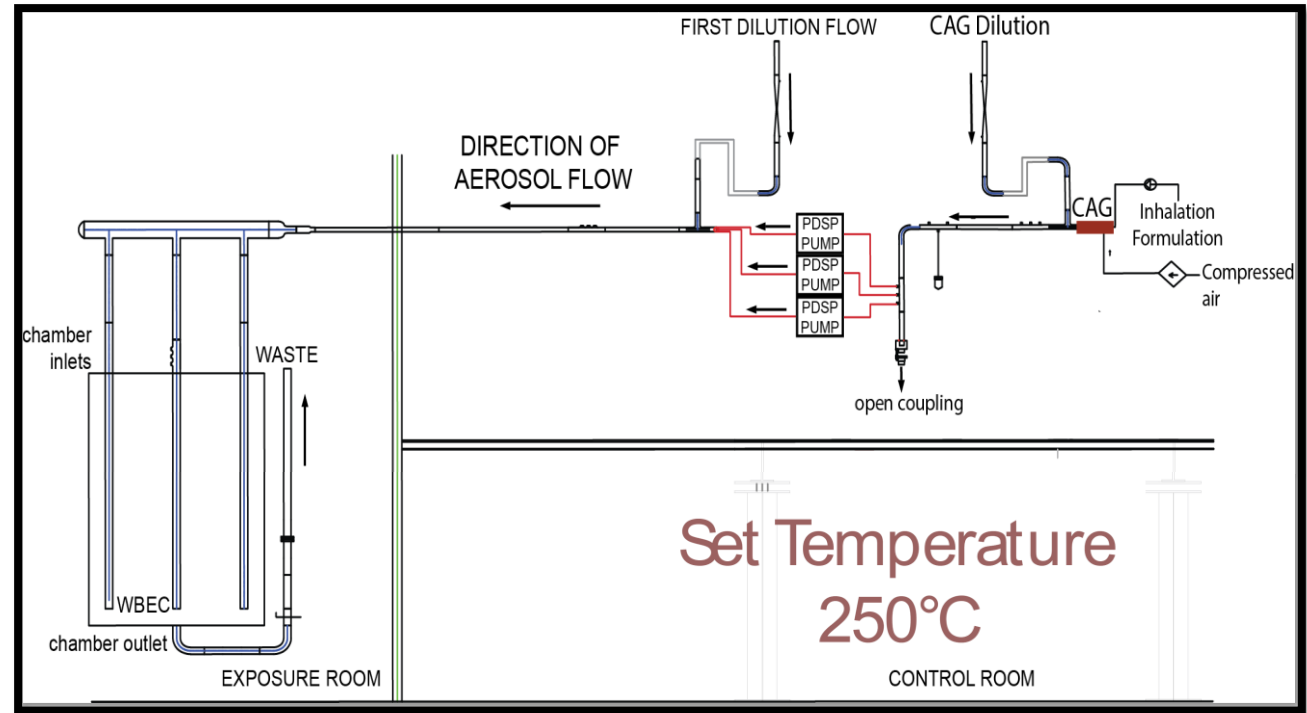
SMOKE MACHINE TO GENERATE CS FROM 3R4F



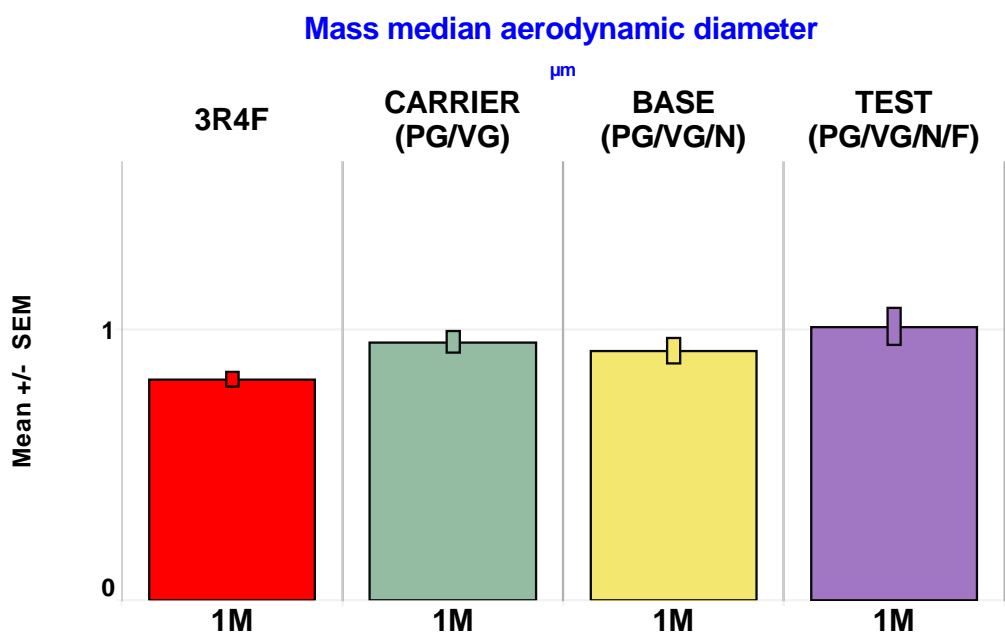
The 3R4F cigarettes were smoked according to the **Health Canada Intensive Smoking Protocol (Health_Canada, 1999)**.

CAG (capillary aerosol generator) SYSTEM TO GENERATE E-VAPOR AEROSOLS

CAG system was successfully set up to generate and consistently deliver respirable E-Vapor aerosols to whole body mouse exposure system.



		CARRIER (PG/VG)	BASE (PG/VG/N)	TEST (PG/VG/N/F)
CAG temperature	6M °C	250.03 (+/-) 1.7588	249.19 (+/-) 2.4670	249.74 (+/-) 1.6527



CAG was used to generate e-vapor from various e-liquids: “CARRIER” containing PG/VG alone, “BASE” containing PG/VG and 4% nicotine, and “TEST” containing PG/VG, 4% nicotine and flavors.

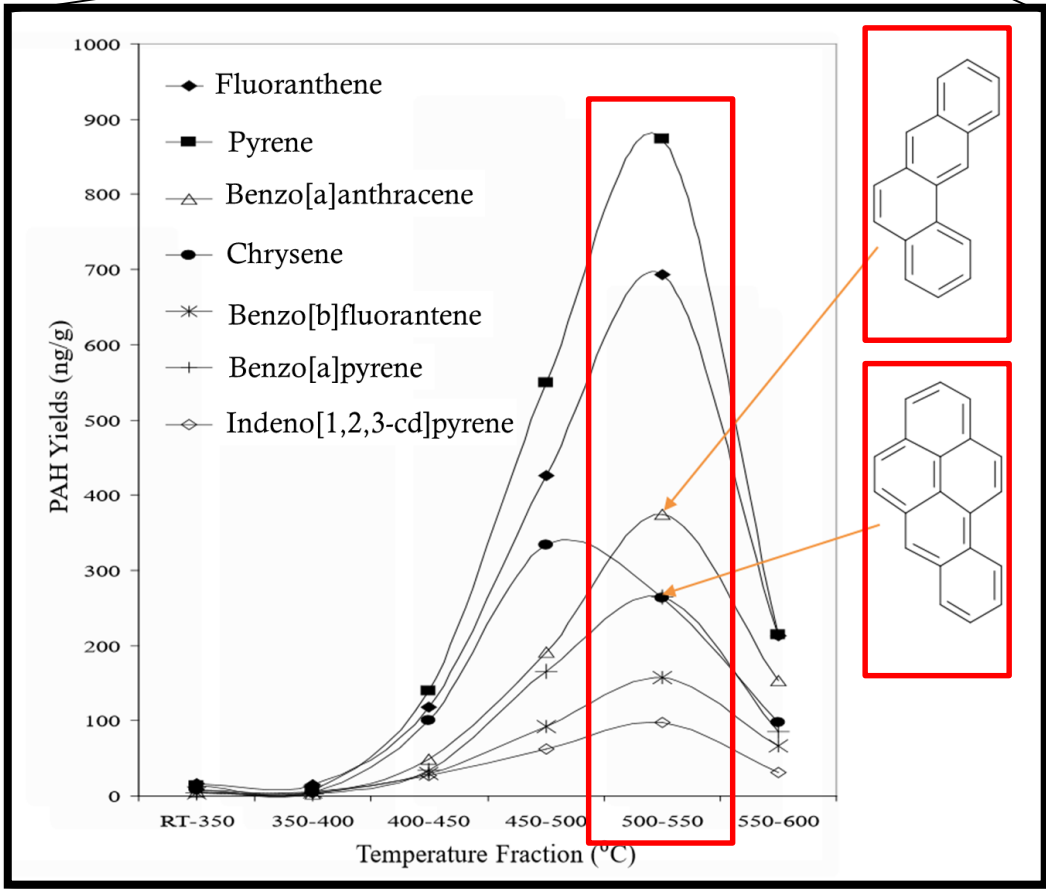
- ❑ -Target **TPM 600 $\mu\text{g/L}$** , for the 3R4F group.
- ❑ -PG/VG/N and PG/VG/N/F at matching nicotine concentration to 3R4F **35 $\mu\text{g/L}$** .

		Sham	3R4F	CARRIER (PG/VG)	BASE (PG/VG/N)	TEST (PG/VG/N/F)
Nicotine	$\mu\text{g/L}$	<LOD	35.15 (+/-) 4.8	<LOD	35.53 (+/-) 4.9	35.73 (+/-) 5.6
Total particulate matter	$\mu\text{g/L}$	-5.93 (+/-) 7.2	562.43 (+/-) 84.8	1 093.11 (+/-) 150.9	1 103.23 (+/-) 181.4	1 083.40 (+/-) 178.7

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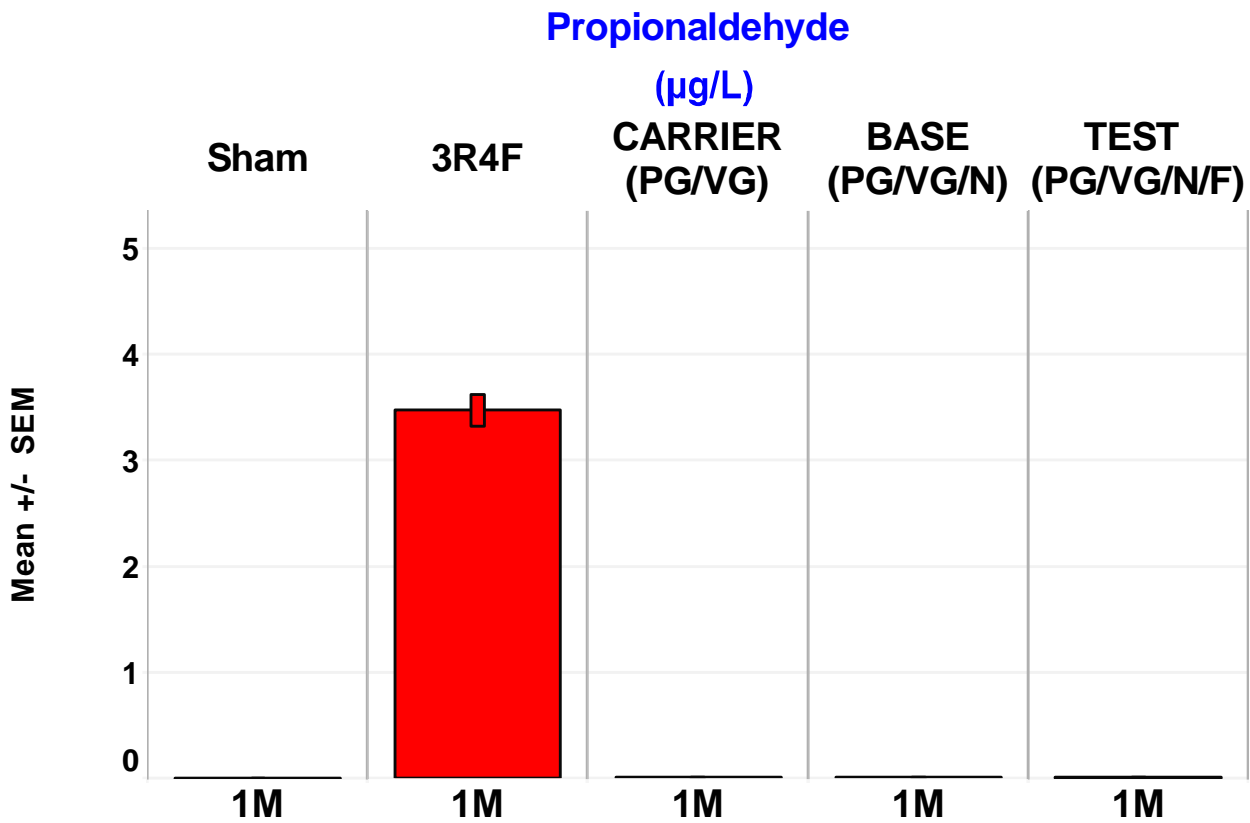
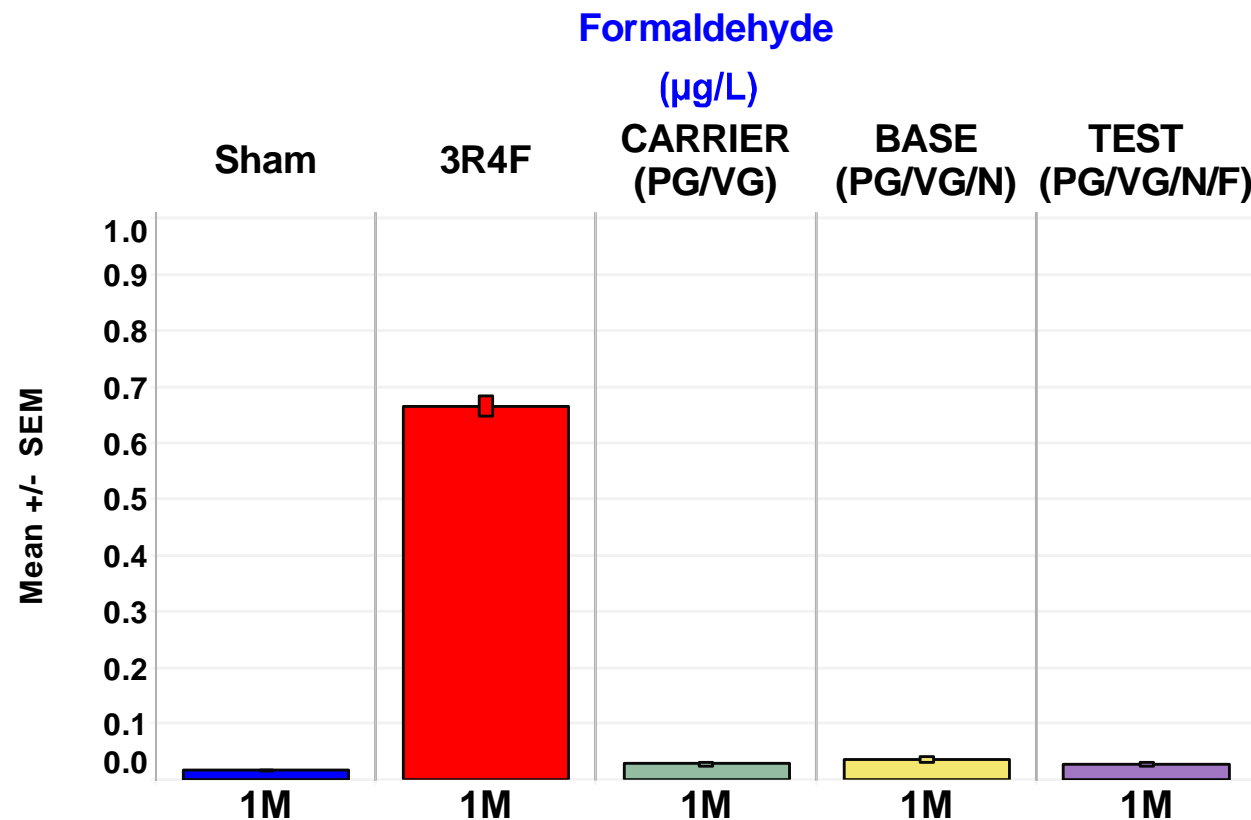
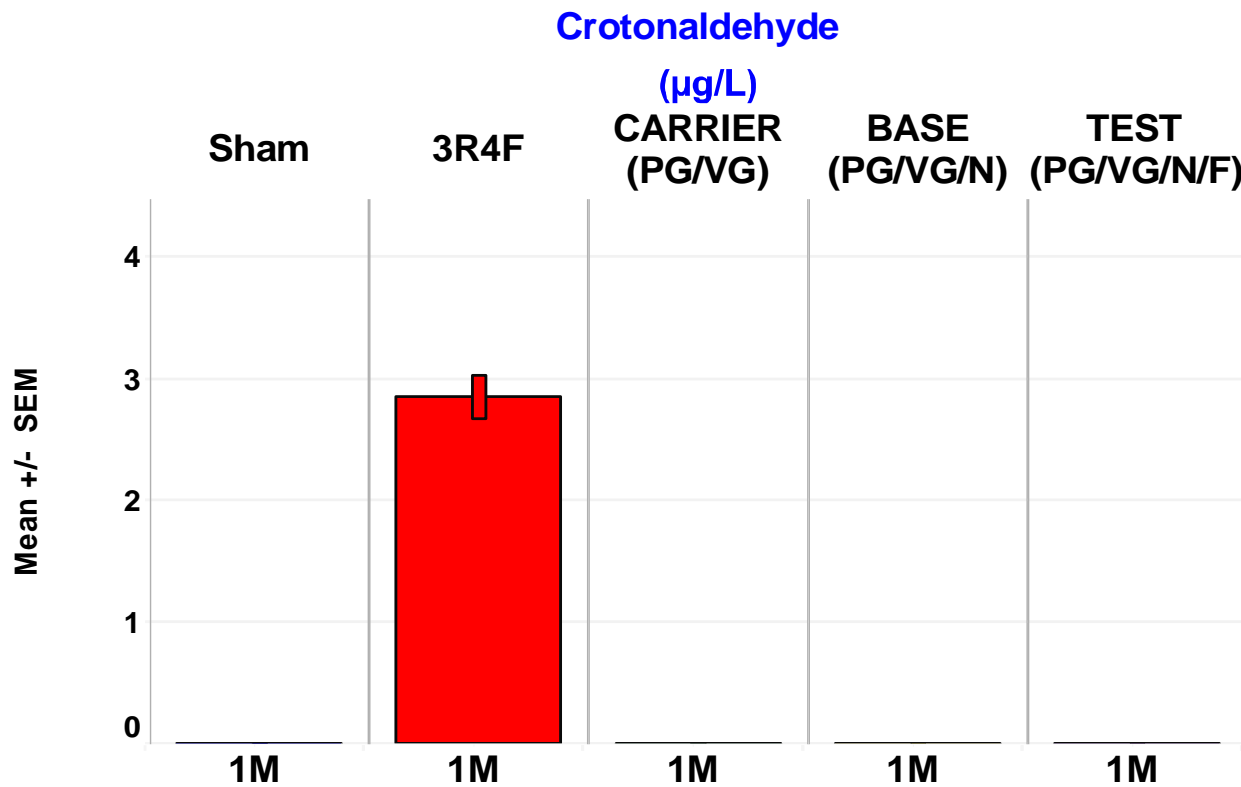
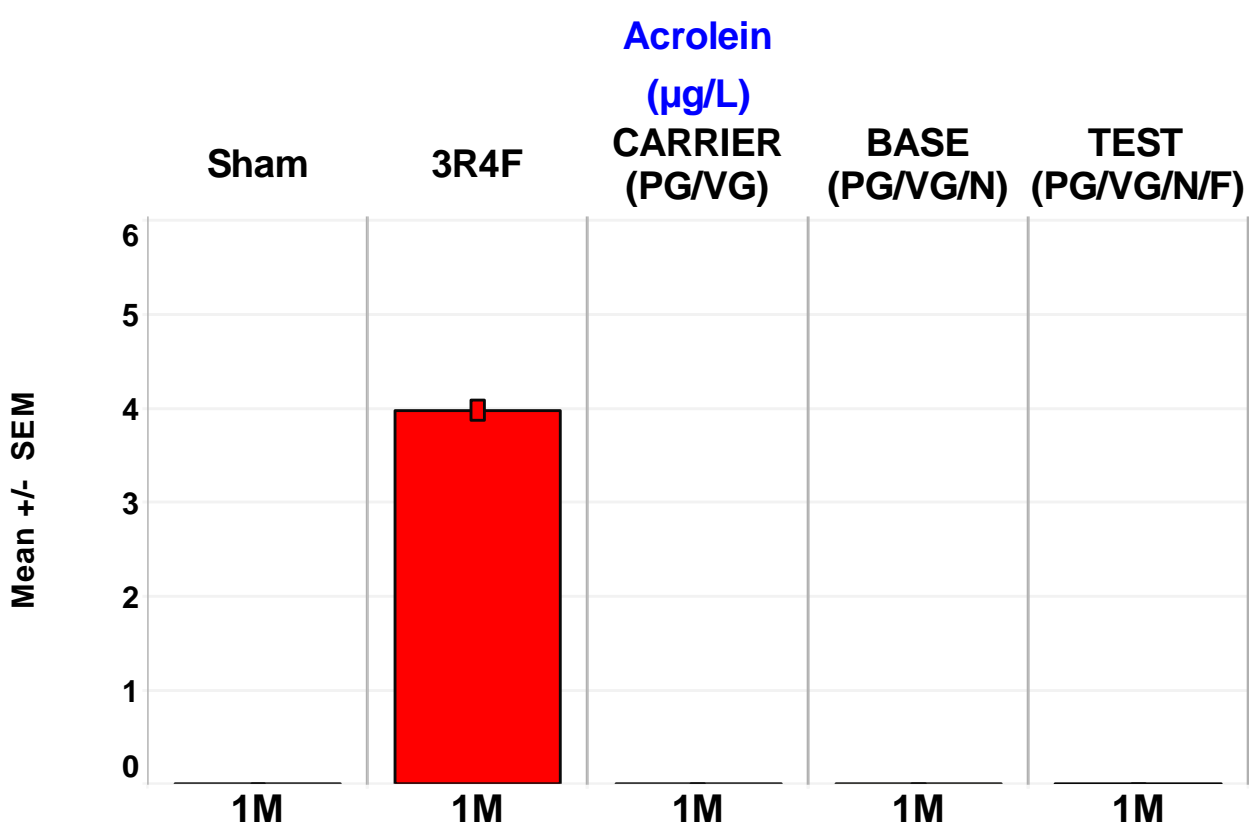
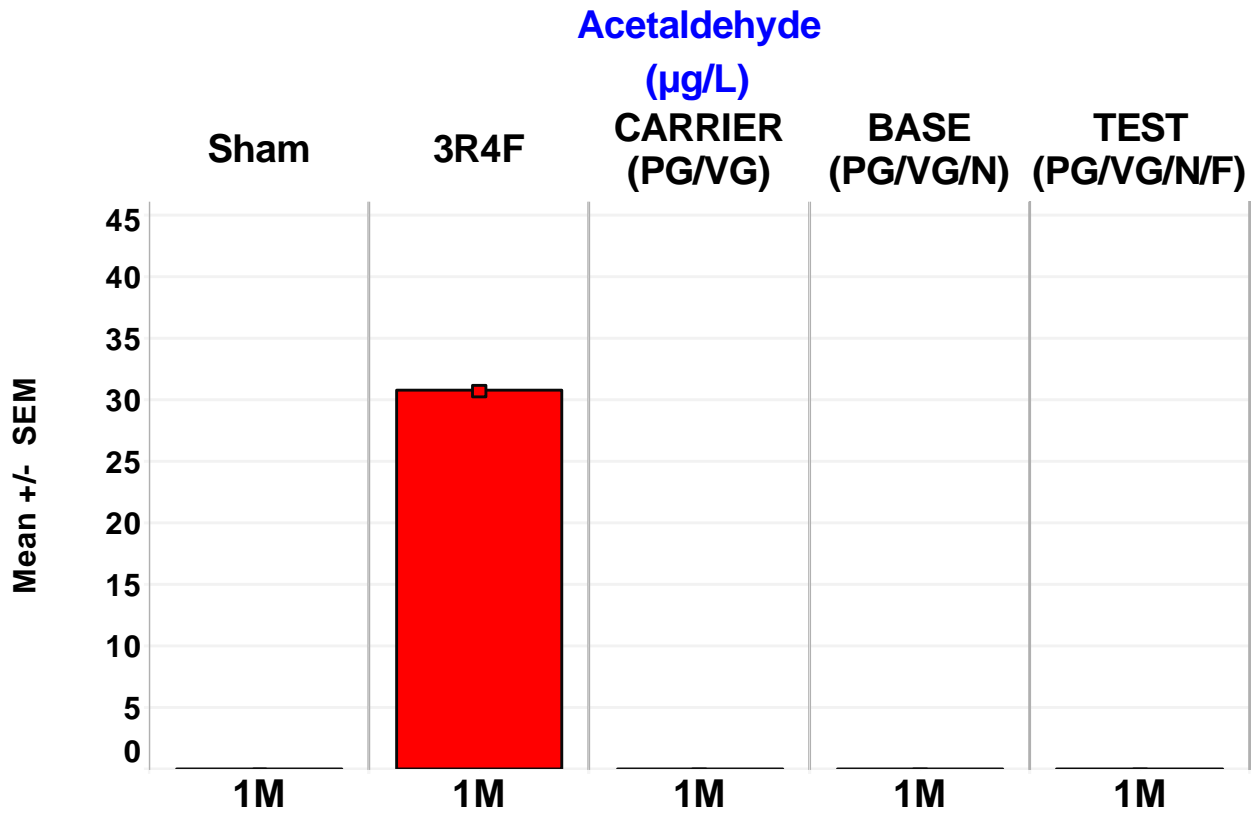
COMBUSTION IS A KEY

Scientific studies have shown that as the temperature of tobacco increases, the levels of harmful potentially harmful chemicals formed increases



Source: McGrath, T.E., Wooten, J.B., Chan W.G. and Hajaligol, M.R., 2007, Formation of polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons from Tobacco: the "Link" between Low Temperature Residual Solid and PAH Formation, Food and Chemical Toxicology, 45,6,1039-1050

AEROSOL CONSTITUENTS IN TEST ATMOSPHERE

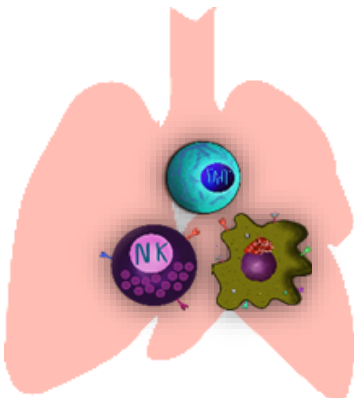


Compared with cigarette smoke, the E-Vapor aerosol (CARRIER, BASE and TEST) present a lower level of harmful smoke constituents in the atmosphere.

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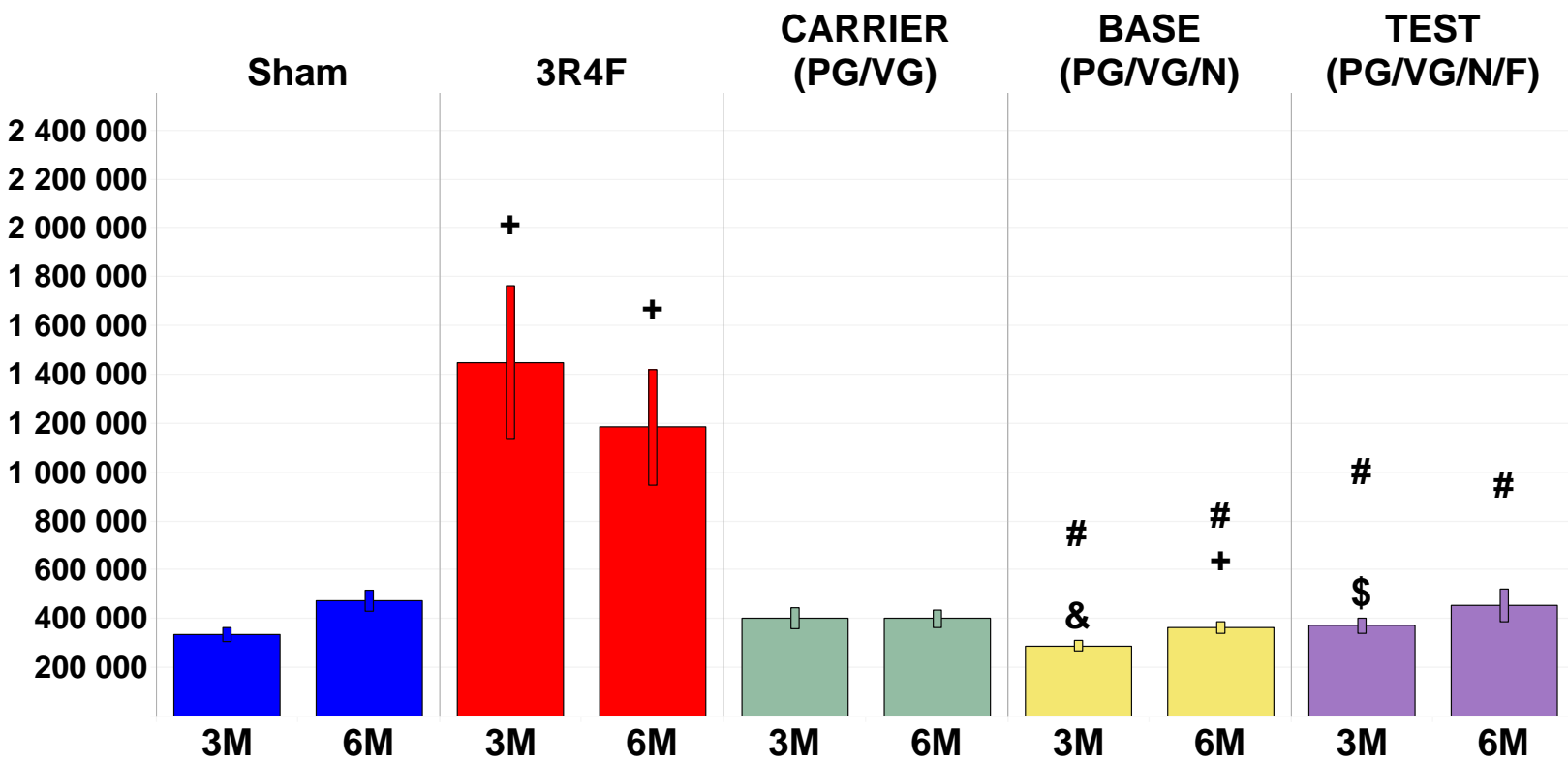
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LUNG INFLAMMATION



Cell-free BALF supernatants were analyzed using a multiplexed bead array

Total cells



+ p<0.05 significant versus Sham
p<0.05 significant versus 3R4F
& p<0.05 significant versus PG/VG

Compared with cigarette smoke, exposure to E-Vapor aerosols resulted in lower number of inflammatory cells in lung BALF.

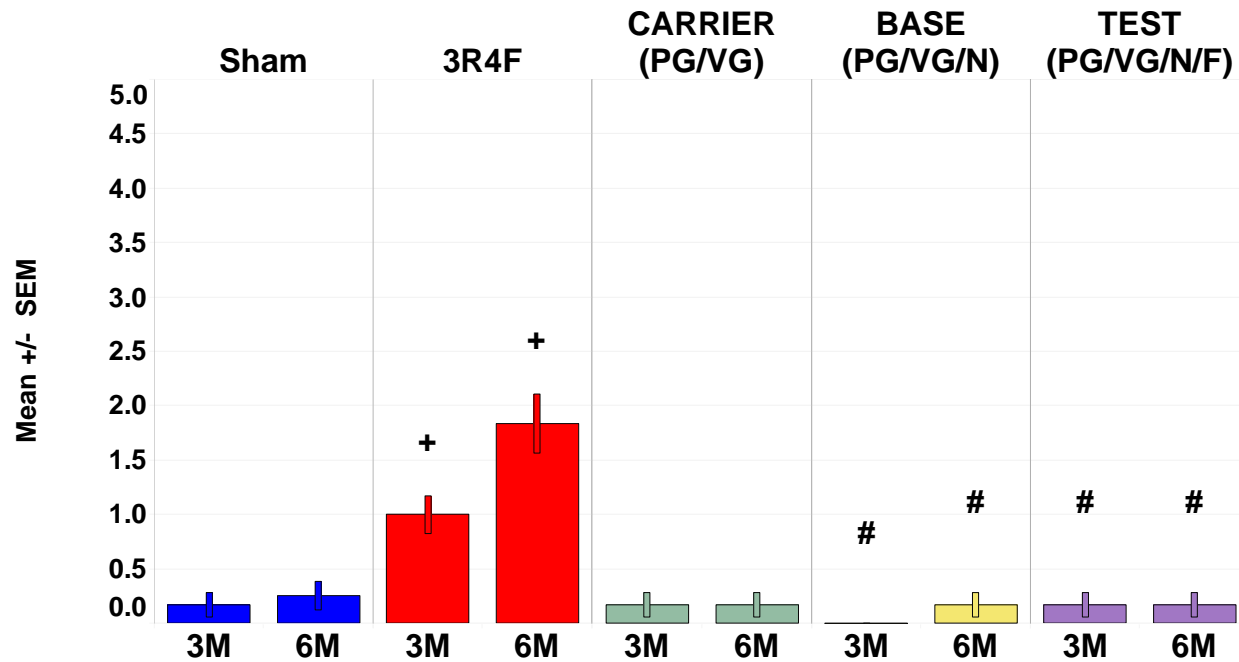
Endpoint_Name	3R4F		CARRIER (PG/VG)		BASE (PG/VG/N)		TESTMIX (PG/VG/N/F)	
	3M	6M	3M	6M	3M	6M	3M	6M
G-CSF	3.59	2.72	0.74	0.50	0.82	0.52	0.78	1.09
GM-CSF	2.14	1.57	0.98	0.78	1.99	0.83	2.18	1.06
IFN-g	0.84	1.26	0.79	2.89	0.95	1.67	0.54	1.91
IL-1a	0.54	0.53	1.22	1.47	0.93	1.32	0.89	1.24
IL-1b	1.03	0.94	0.75	0.77	0.84	0.88	1.11	0.95
IL-2	0.49	0.68	1.05	1.29	0.92	1.11	0.79	0.98
IL-4	1.22	0.96	0.60	1.52	1.07	1.54	0.89	1.30
IL-5	1.68	0.87	1.30	2.01	0.93	0.98	1.24	0.83
IL-6	3.88	4.84	2.32	2.77	0.50	1.72	0.82	1.46
IL-7	0.52	0.74	0.97	0.69	0.92	1.07	1.05	0.56
IL-9	0.93	0.84	0.98	1.87	1.09	1.14	0.82	1.14
IL-10	0.32	0.29	1.05	1.04	0.70	0.94	0.63	0.72
IL-12	1.24	3.36	0.62	1.93	0.57	1.33	0.90	0.95
IL-12b	0.60	0.58	0.90	1.29	0.96	1.16	0.69	0.93
IL-13	0.63	0.85	0.70	2.06	0.96	1.25	0.77	1.28
IL-15	0.93	1.03	0.87	1.20	1.55	0.88	0.72	0.68
IL-17	1.79	2.70	0.58	1.55	0.49	0.65	0.56	2.11
IP-10	3.48	3.66	0.82	1.47	0.88	1.12	0.81	1.23
KC	4.99	8.20	0.66	1.09	1.02	0.61	0.61	1.73
MCP-1	6.15	4.77	1.05	0.62	1.04	0.88	1.30	0.60
MIP-1a	2.28	2.70	0.86	0.94	1.02	1.04	0.98	0.71
MIP-1b	10.52	12.82	1.02	0.90	1.39	1.57	0.80	1.48
MIP-2	1.06	0.85	0.91	1.25	0.95	0.88	1.04	1.09
MMP total	1.70	2.19	1.10	0.96	0.98	1.04	0.98	1.00
PECAM-1	1.24	1.07	1.09	0.88	0.83	1.01	0.74	1.04
pro-MMP-9	61.87	17.54	1.93	0.50	0.98	0.29	1.07	0.51
RANTES	0.55	0.79	0.65	1.69	0.77	0.91	0.83	0.96
sE-Selectin	1.04	0.88	0.84	2.66	0.92	0.91	0.89	1.01
sICAM1	2.23	2.13	1.08	0.98	0.97	0.93	1.05	0.89
sP-Selectin	0.94	1.04	0.89	1.26	0.92	0.98	1.18	0.86
Thrombomodulin	1.90	2.34	0.91	1.09	0.86	0.95	0.95	1.06
TNF-a	2.10	2.77	0.71	1.45	0.82	1.17	1.12	0.97
Total PAI-1	2.54	2.60	0.97	0.95	0.92	1.00	1.15	1.14

Compared with cigarette smoke, exposure to E-Vapor aerosols resulted in lower level of inflammatory mediators.

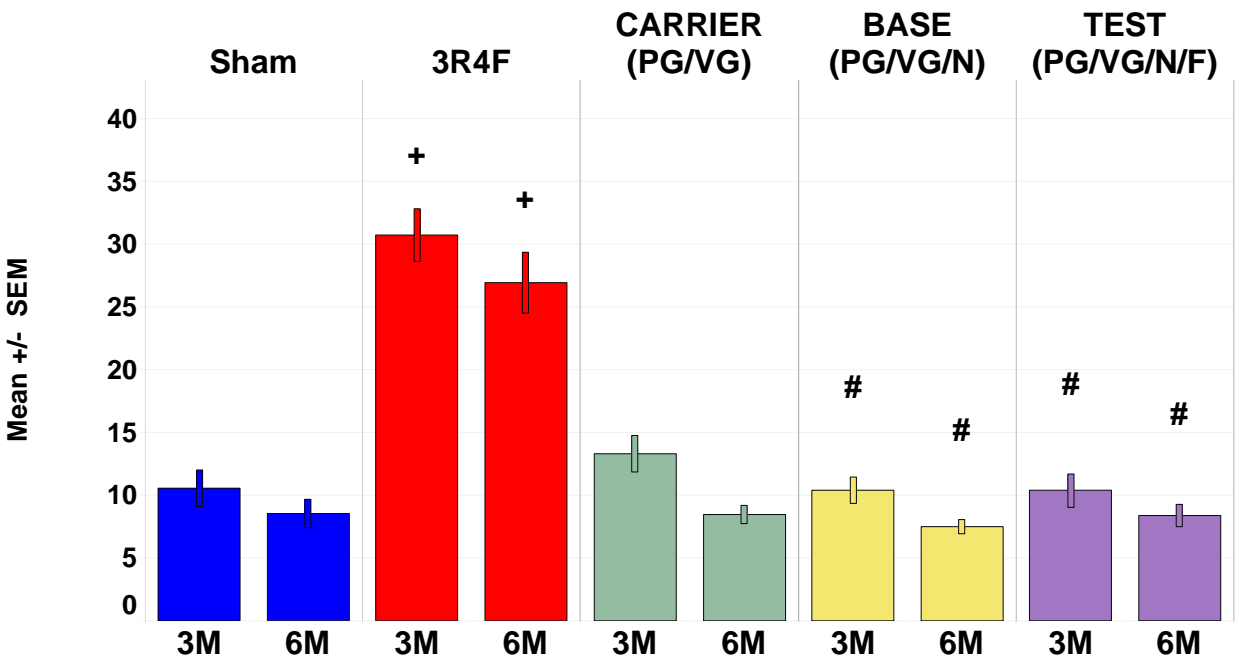
LUNG STRUCTURAL DAMAGE



Emphysema Score



Destructive index %

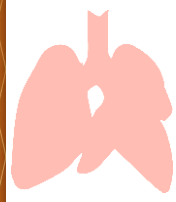


Compared with cigarette smoke, histopathological semi-quantitative scoring shows that exposure to E-Vapor aerosols resulted in lower emphysematous changes in lung.

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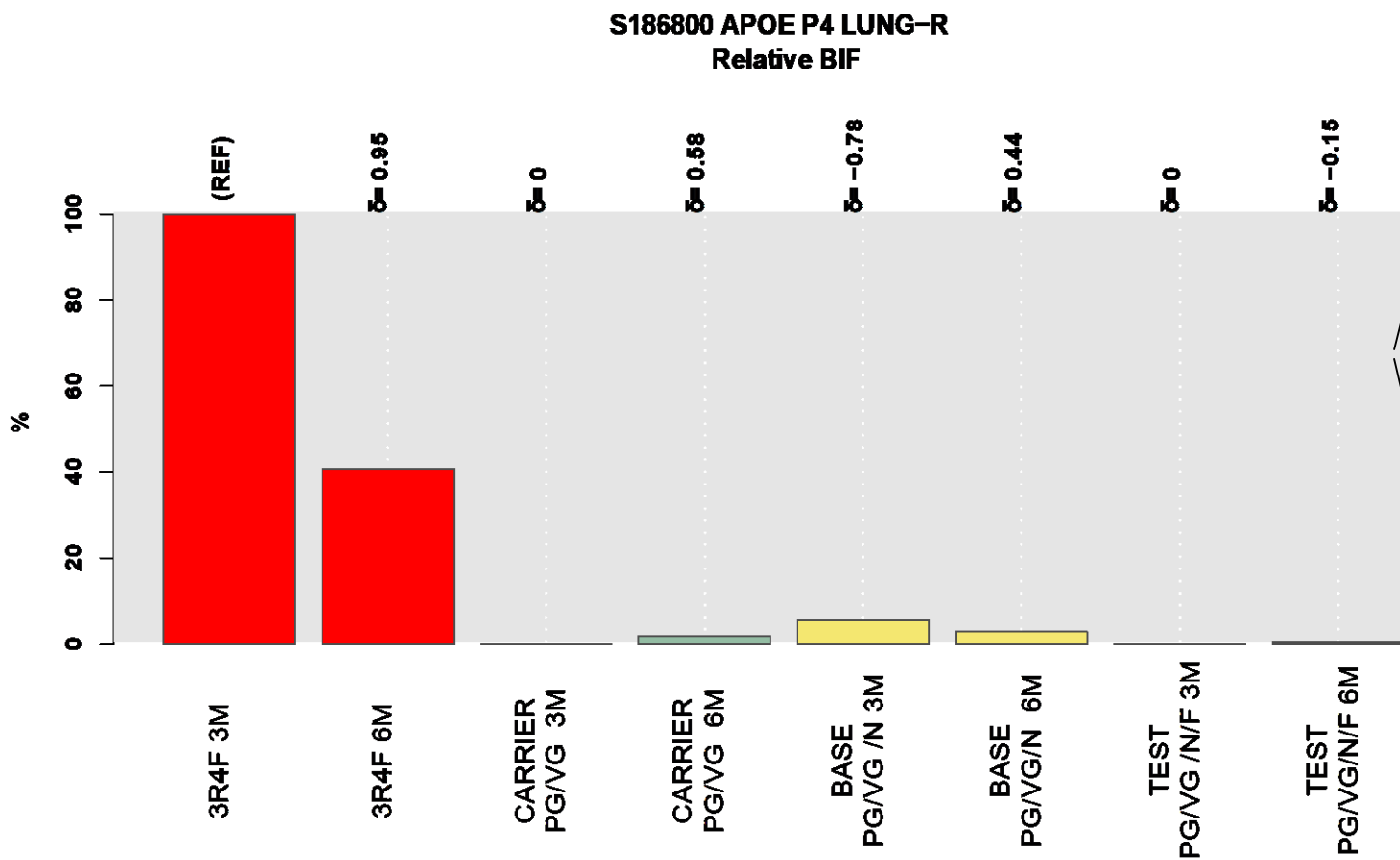
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LUNG MOLECULAR CHANGES

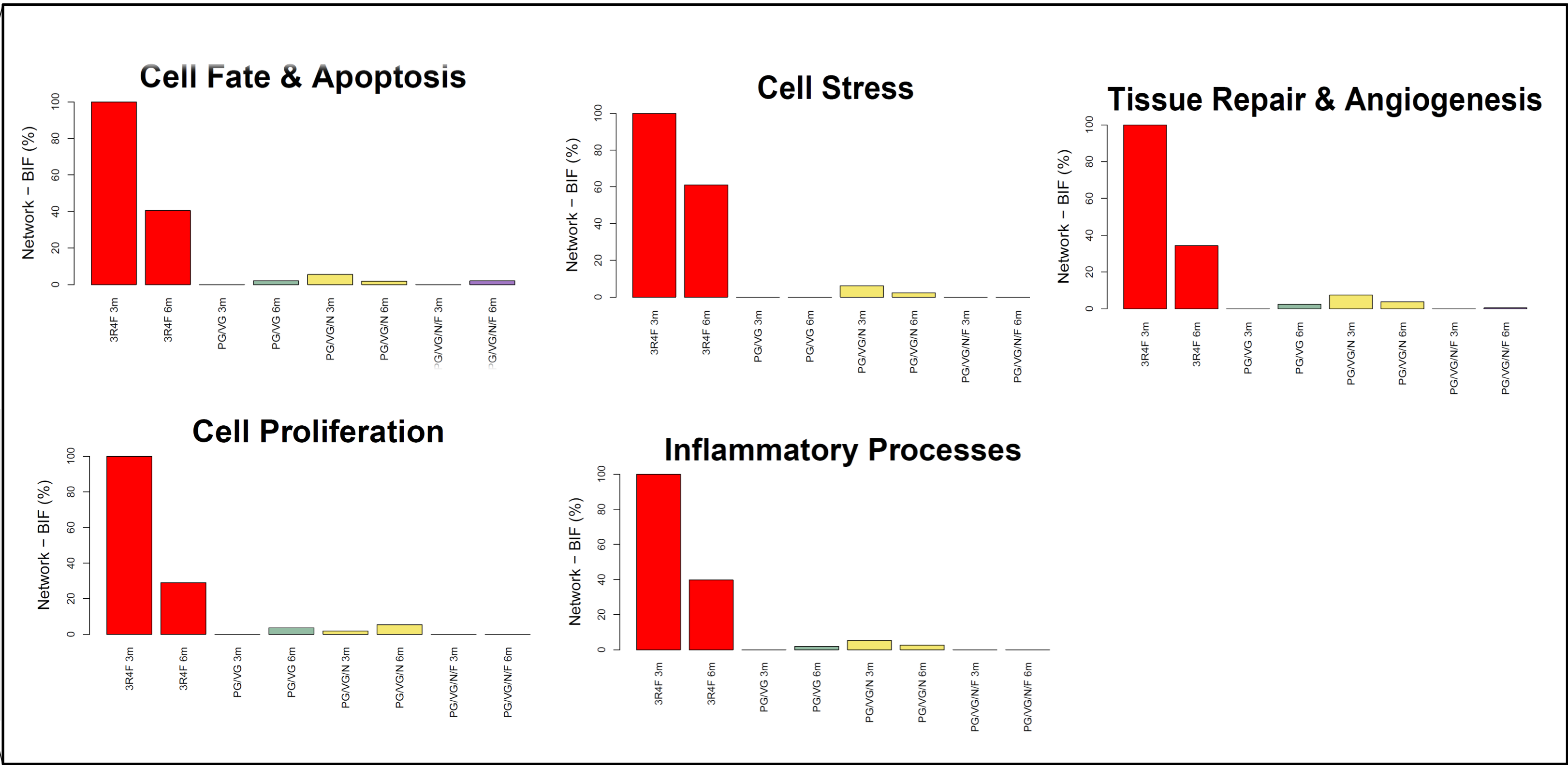


Differentially expressed genes in lung

Target	Group of Mice		3R4F		PG/VG		PG/VG/N		PG/VG/N/F	
	Tissue	TimePoint	3	6	3	6	3	6	4	6
	LUNG-R	Up	848	351	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Down	477	93	0	0	0	0	0	0



Compared with cigarette smoke, exposure to E-Vapor aerosols resulted in lower molecular changes in lung tissue.



Compared with cigarette smoke, exposure to E-Vapor aerosols induced significantly less molecular changes related to stress responses, cell proliferation and inflammation in lung tissue.

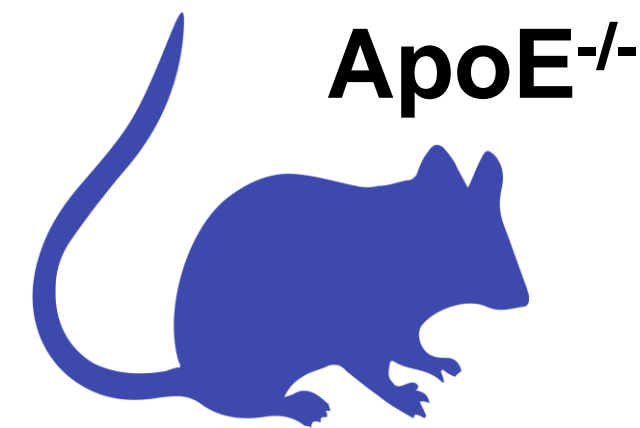
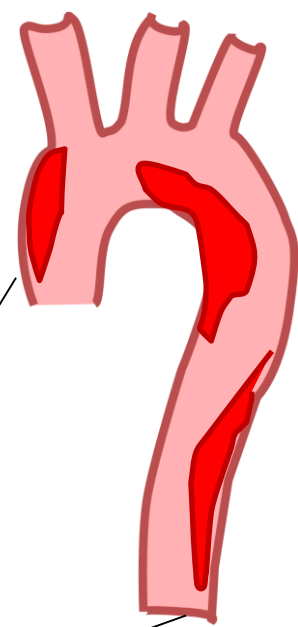
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Cardiovascular Disease

- ❑ Atherosclerosis is an inflammatory disease characterized by the accumulation of lipoprotein and leucocytes as plaque in the arterial layer. Uncontrolled, it can lead to coronary heart disease (CHD) and underlying clinical events such as heart attack or angina.
- ❑ Development of CHD is accelerated by a variety of risk factors, including male gender, smoking, dyslipidemia, elevated blood pressure, physical inactivity, obesity and diabetes.
- ❑ Patients with COPD have increased cardiovascular morbidity and mortality.

Aortic Arch



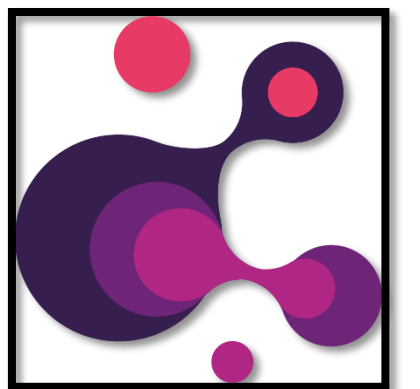
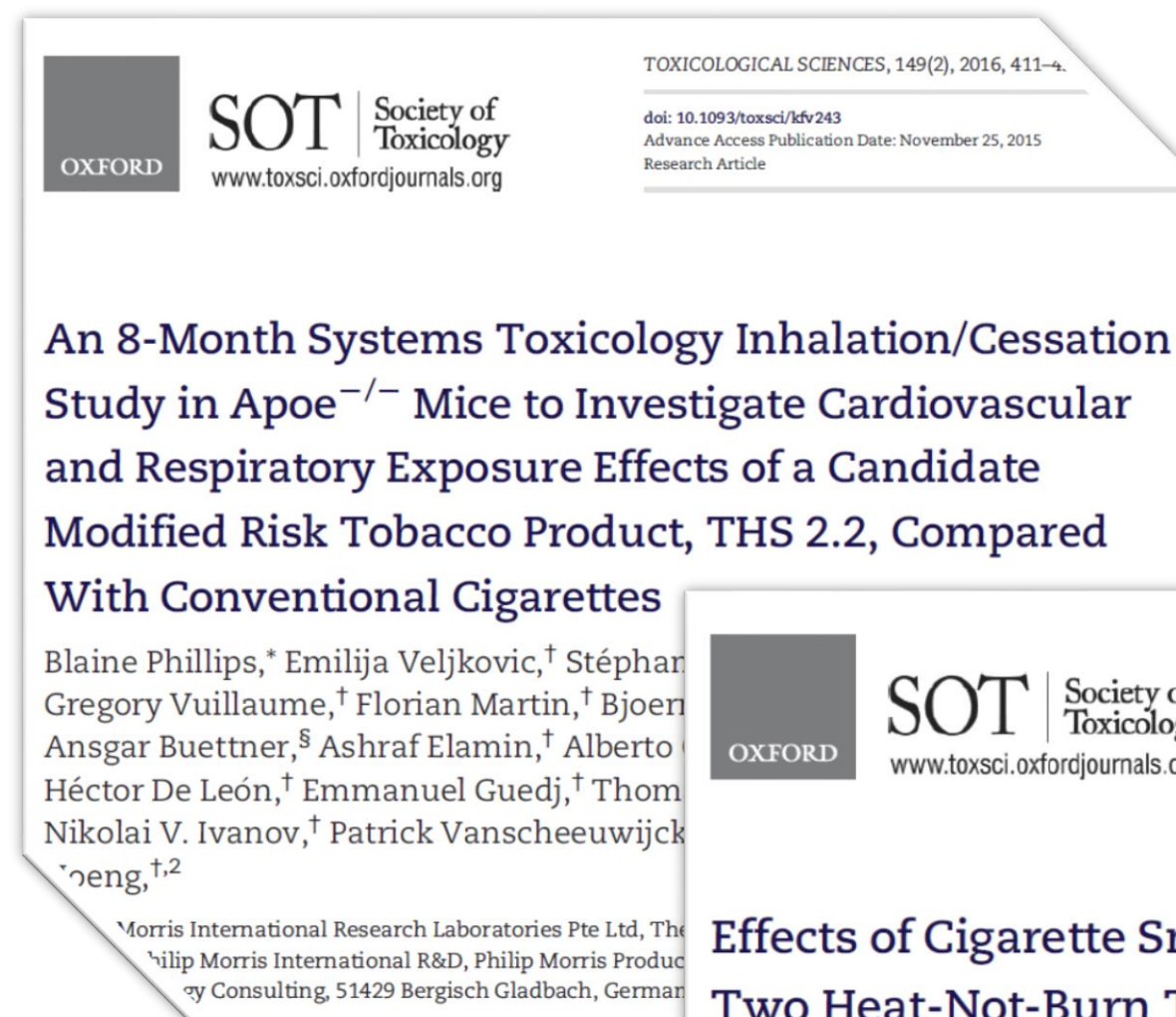
The ApoE^{-/-} mouse model permits the concomitant evaluation of:

Emphysema (COPD)

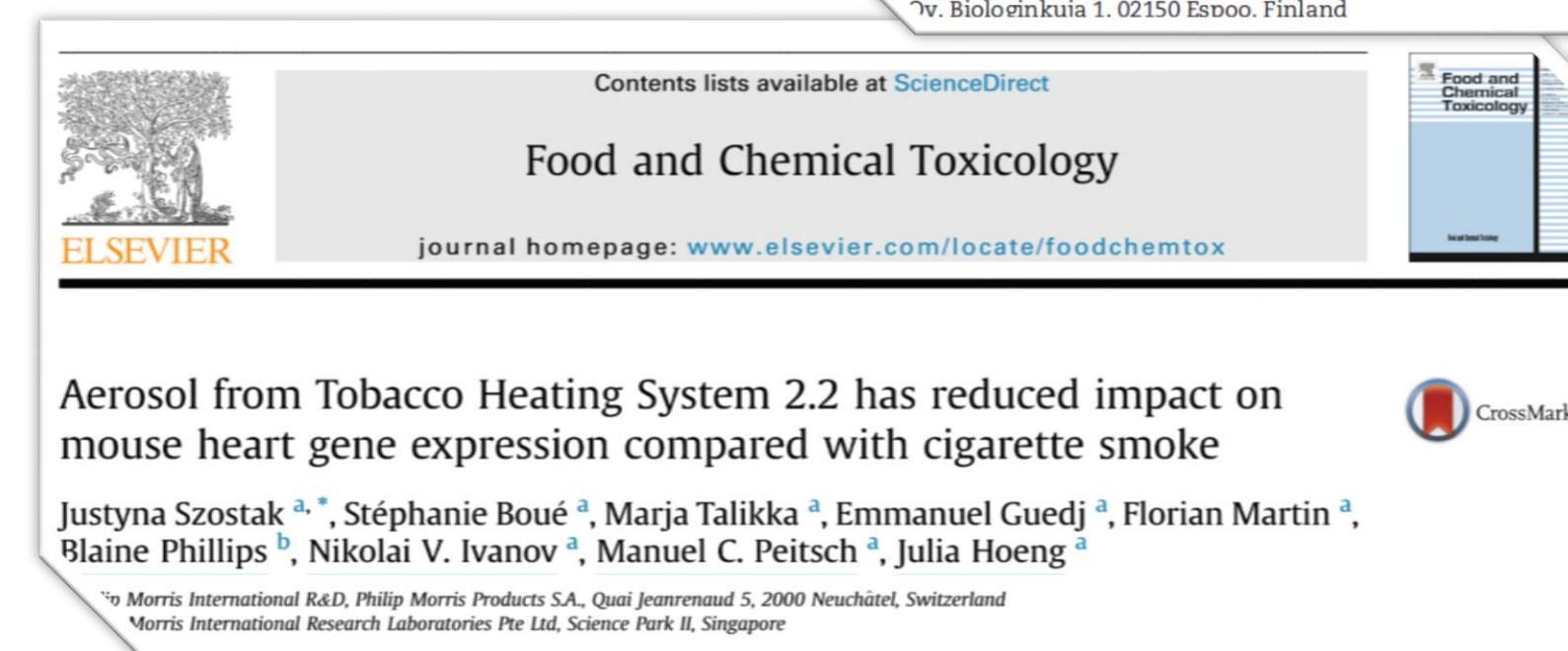
- Lung function
- Pulmonary inflammation
- Pathology

Cardiovascular disease

- Clinical chemistry
- Plaque development



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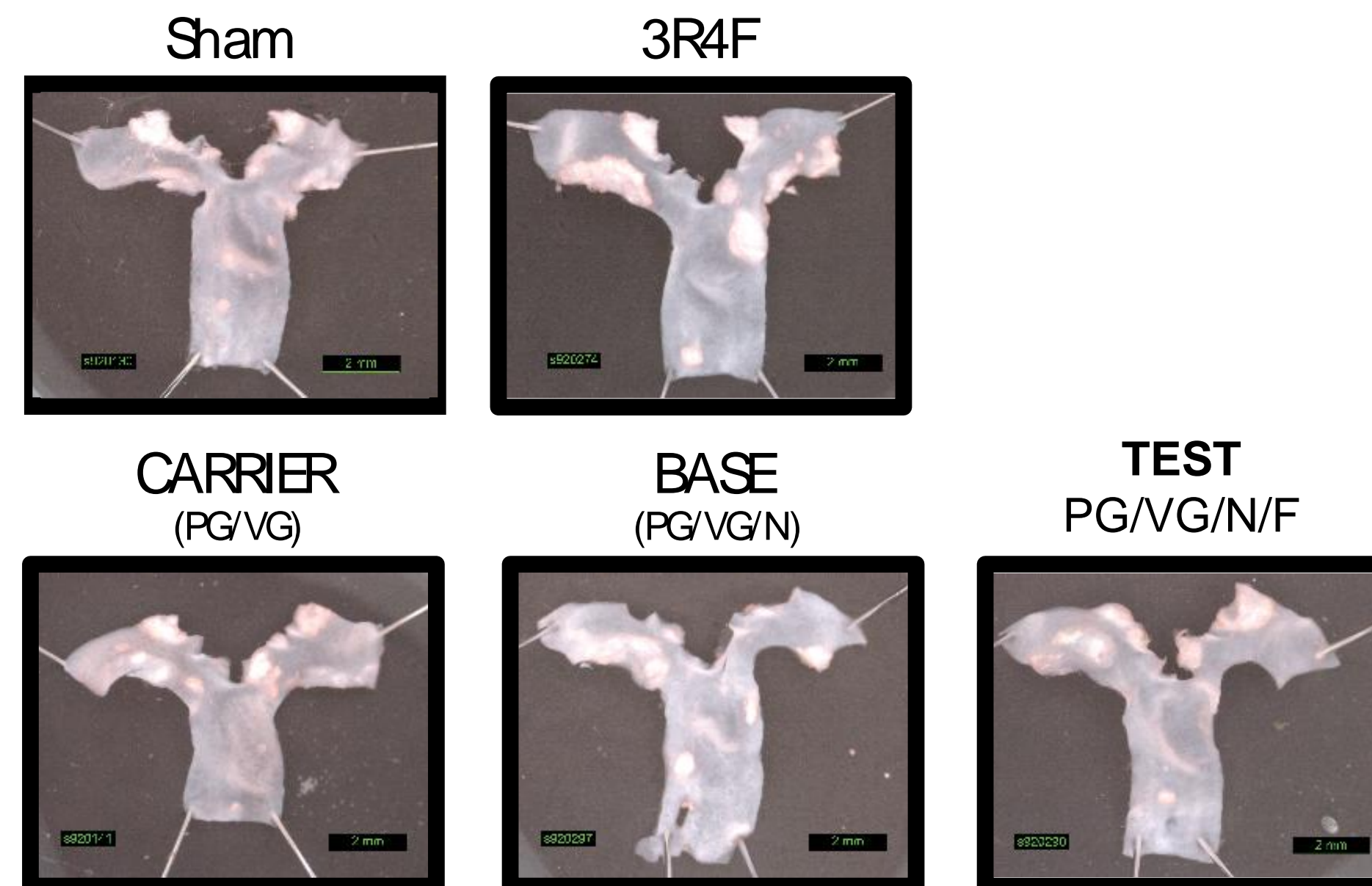
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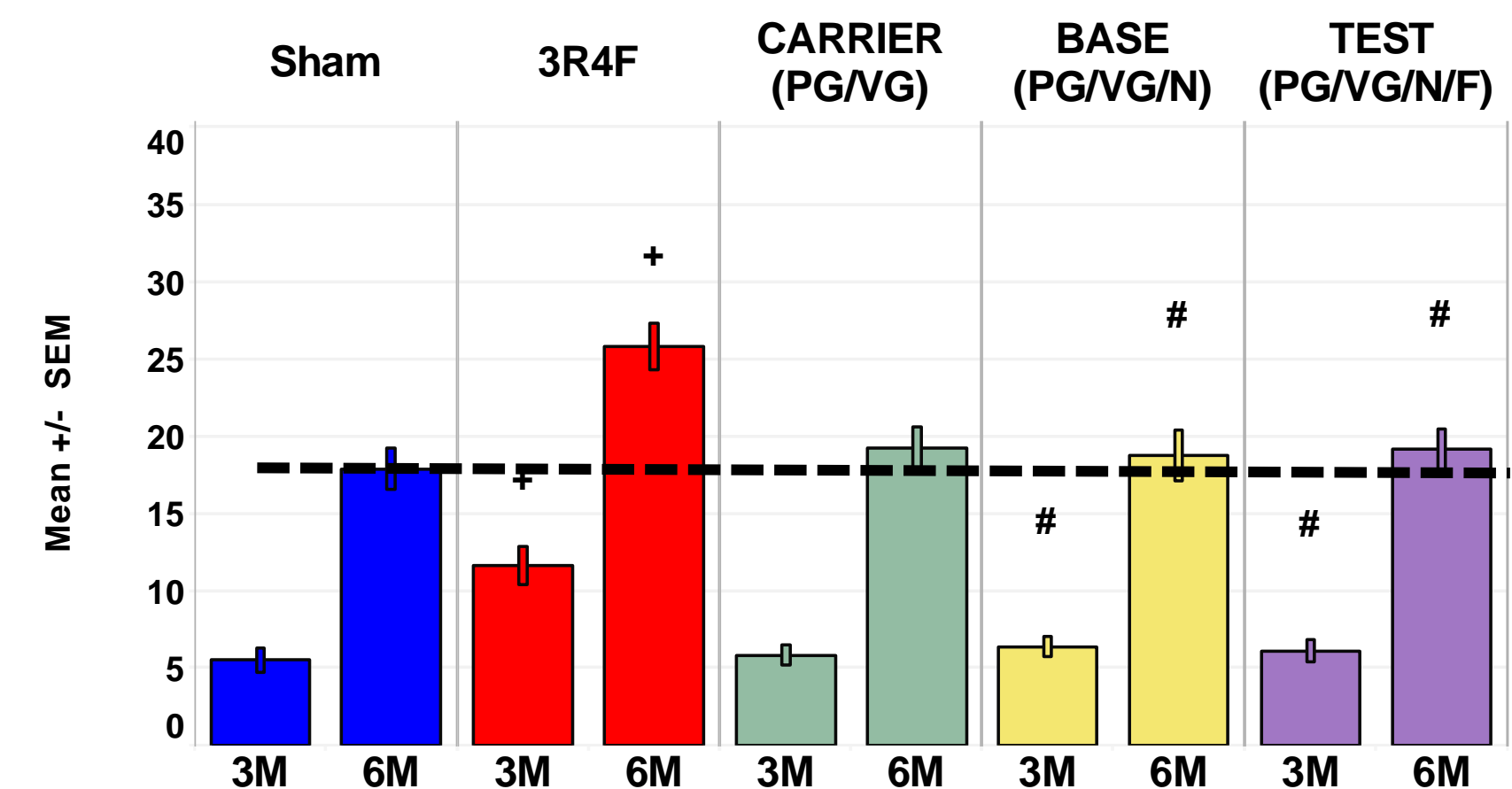
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STRUCTURAL DAMAGE

6 Months



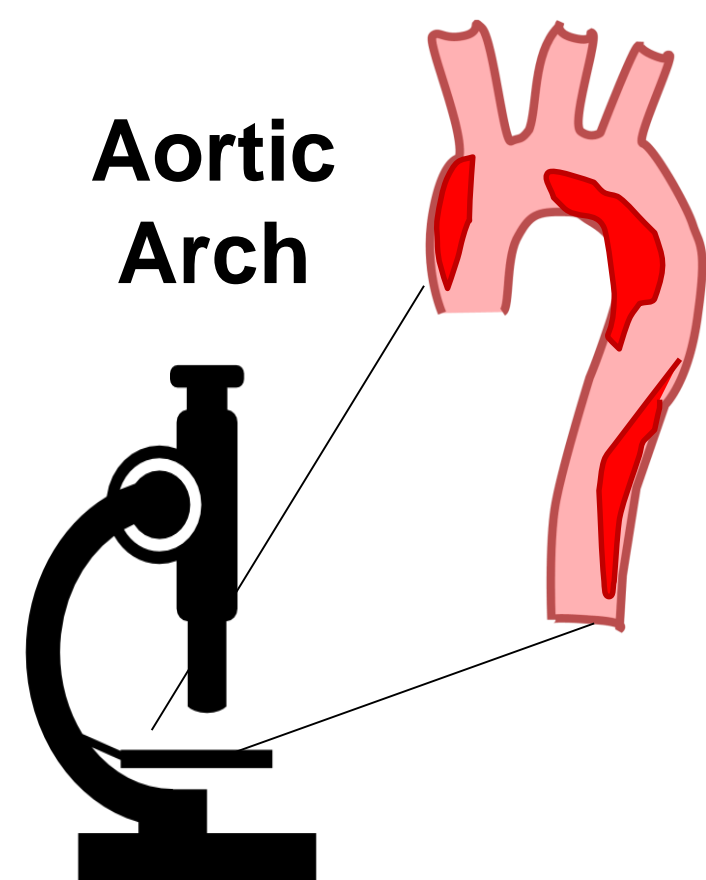
Percentage of plaque (%)



+ p<0.05 significant versus Sham
p<0.05 significant versus 3R4F

Compared with cigarette smoke, exposure to E-Vapor aerosols (CARRIER, BASE and TEST) induced lower atherosclerotic plaque formation.

There was no difference in plaque area in animals exposed to CARRIER, BASE and TEST aerosol for six months compared to the fresh air-treated animals.

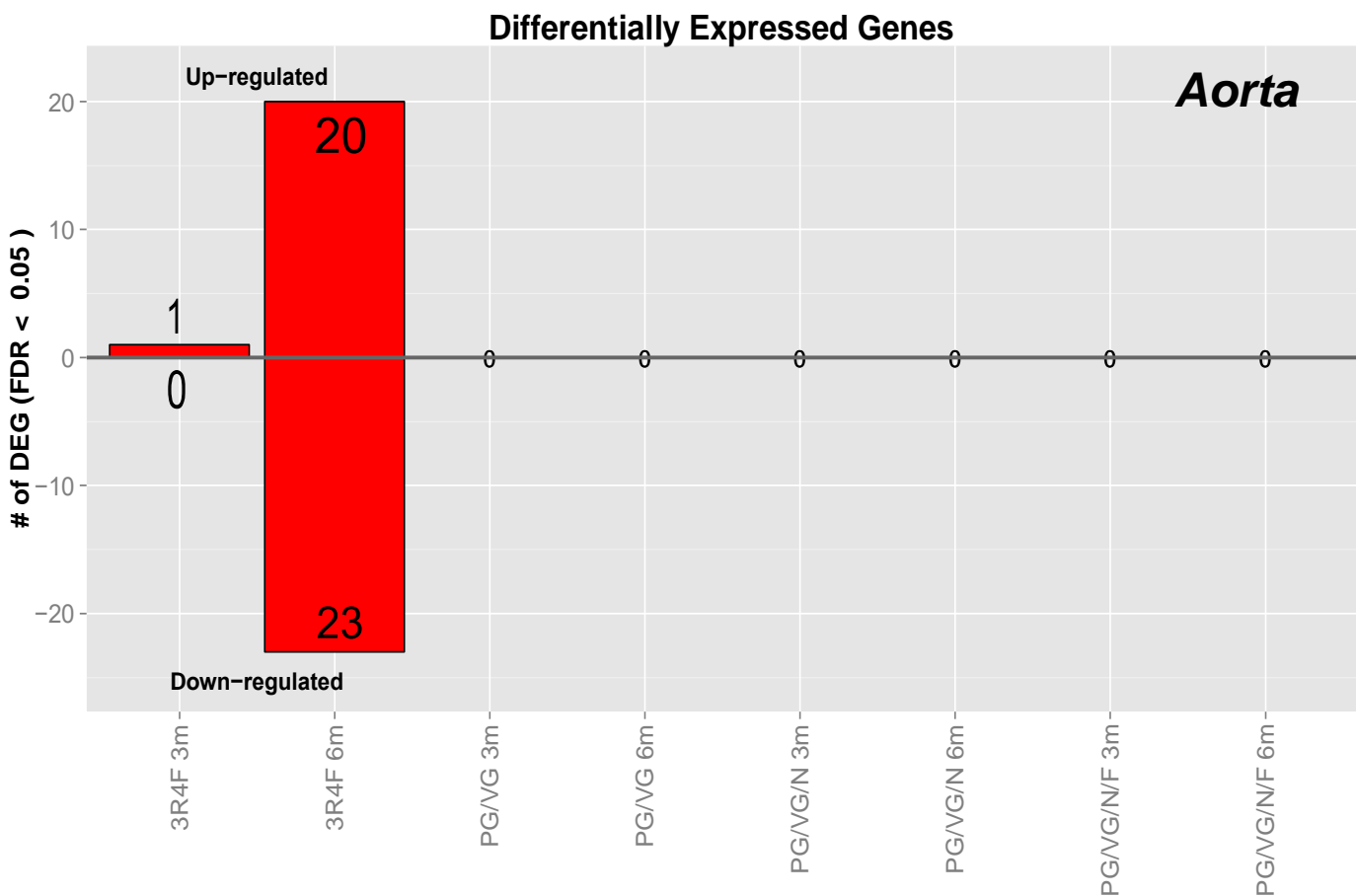
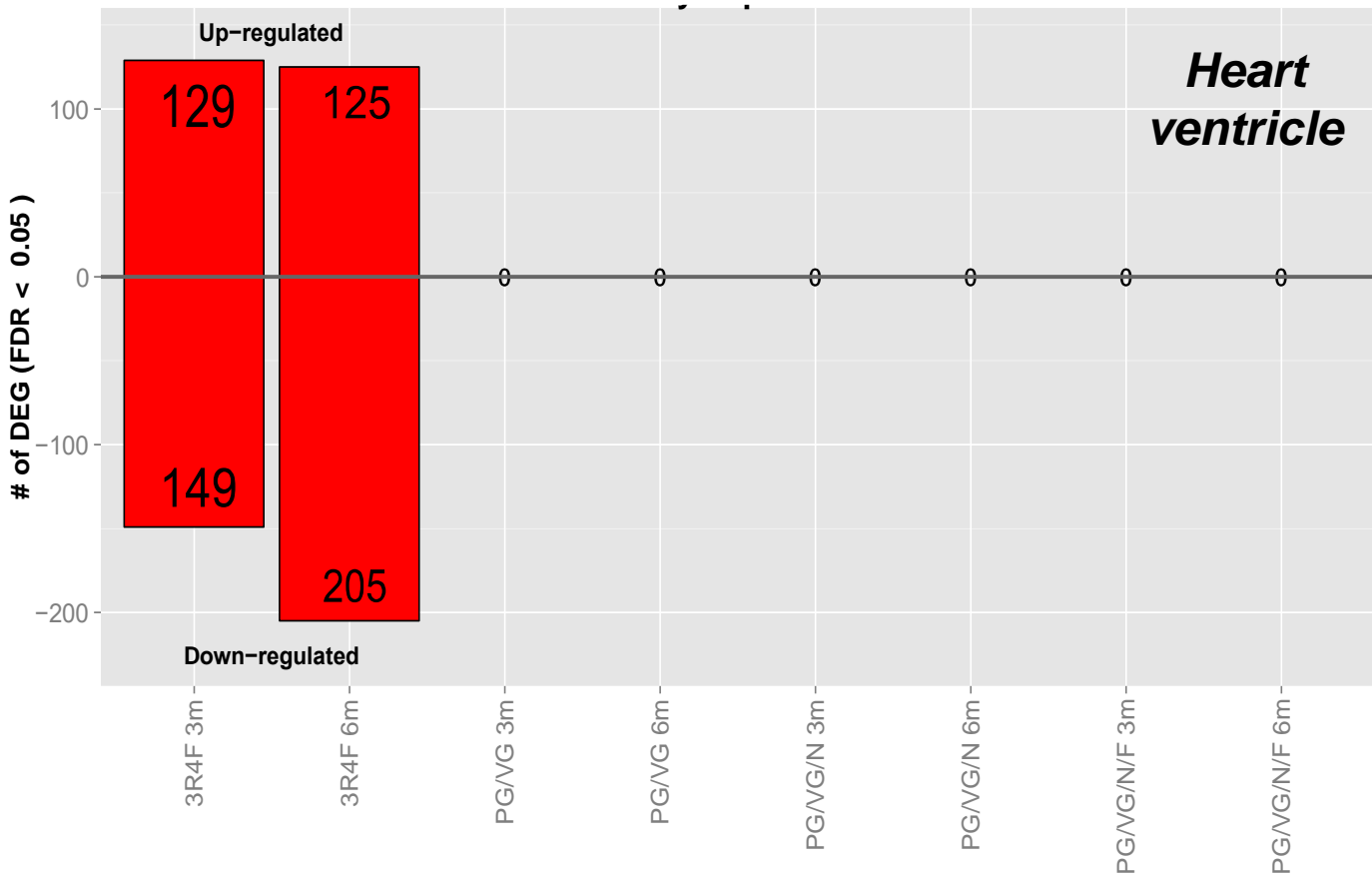


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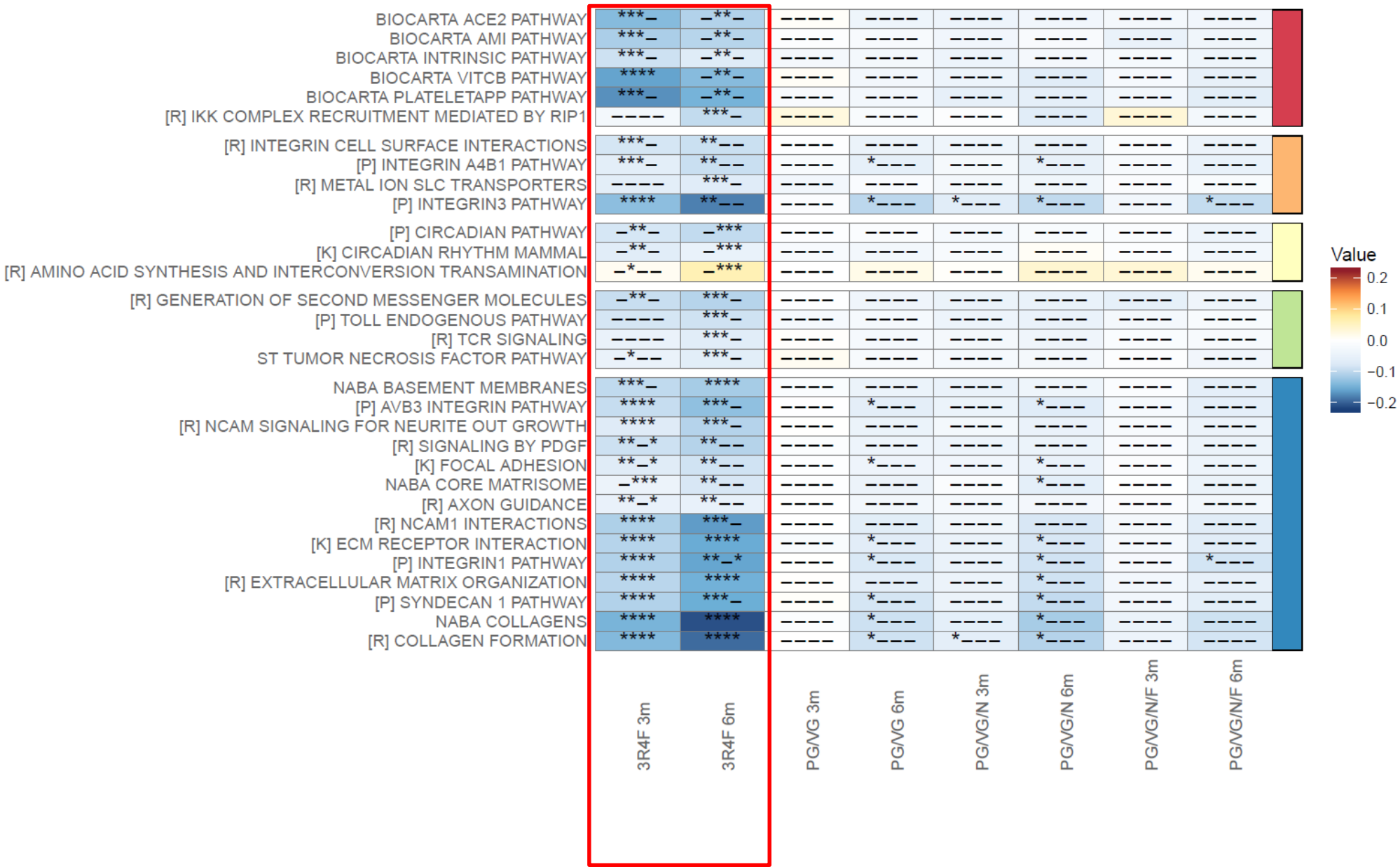
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MOLECULAR ANALYSIS

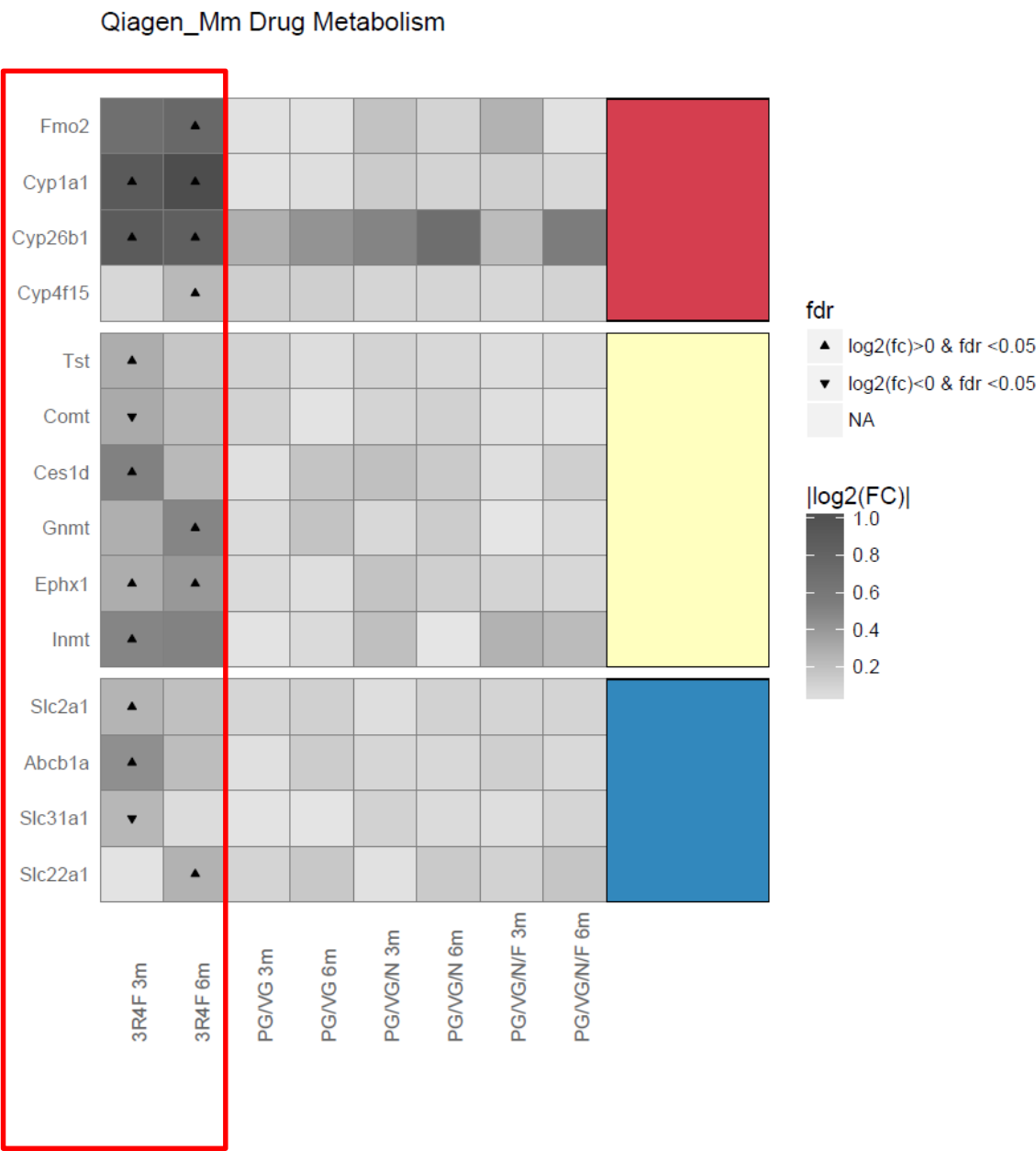
Differentially expressed genes



ECM RECEPTOR INTERACTION



DRUG METABOLISM



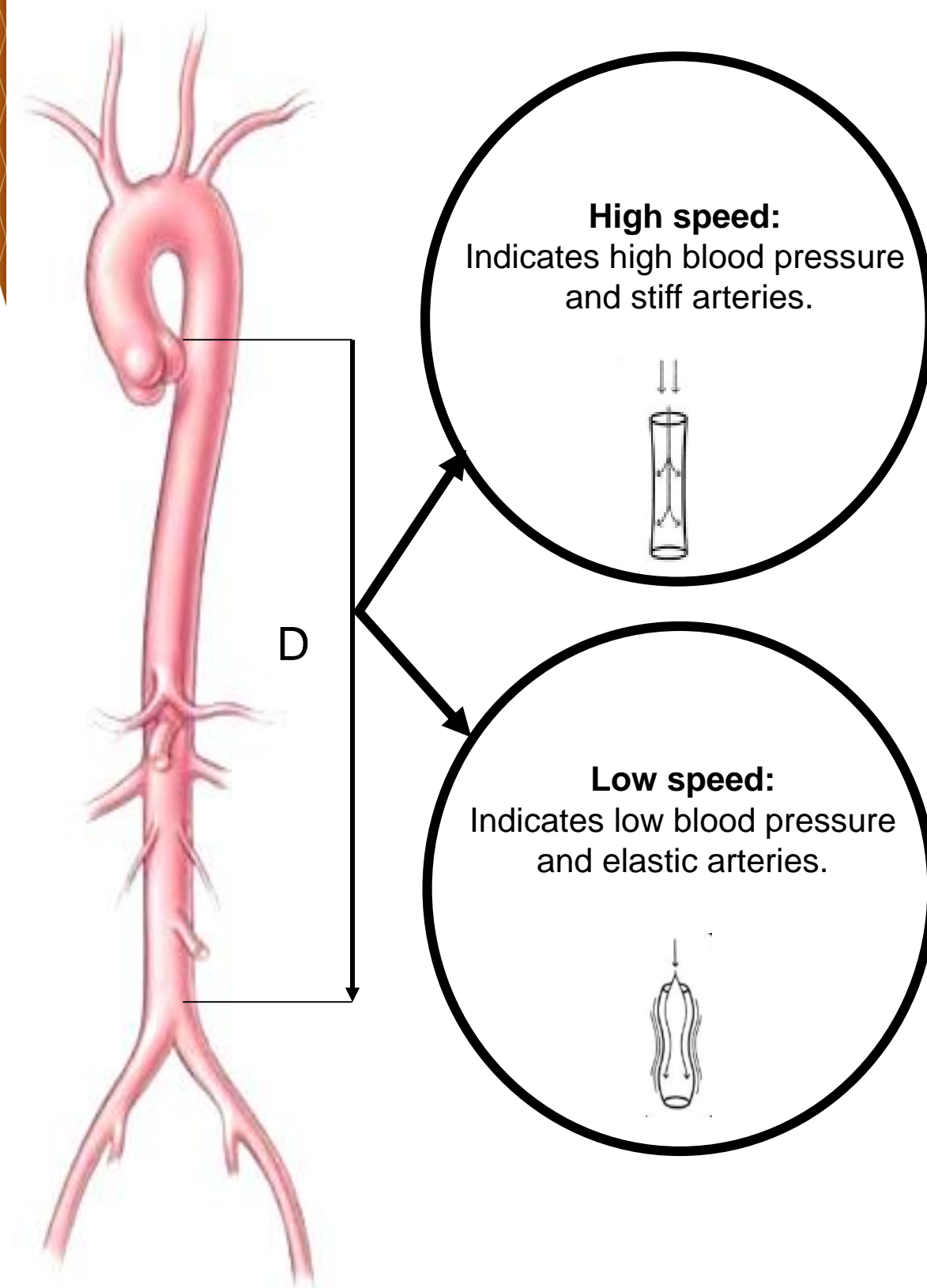
Compared with cigarette smoke, exposure to E-Vapor aerosols (CARRIER, BASE and TEST) lower molecular changes in aorta and heart tissue (e.g., including mechanisms reflecting stress responses and those linked to the extracellular matrix).

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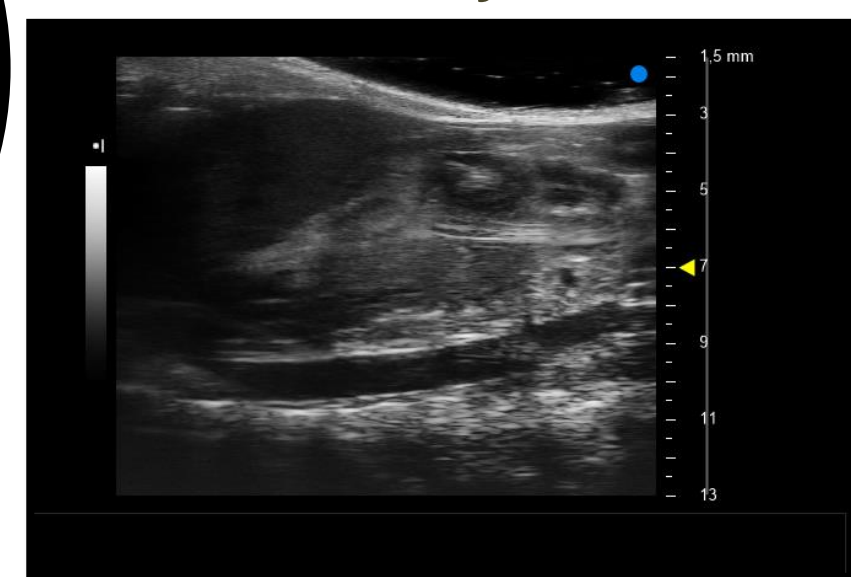
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ASSESSMENT OF ARTERIES FUNCTION

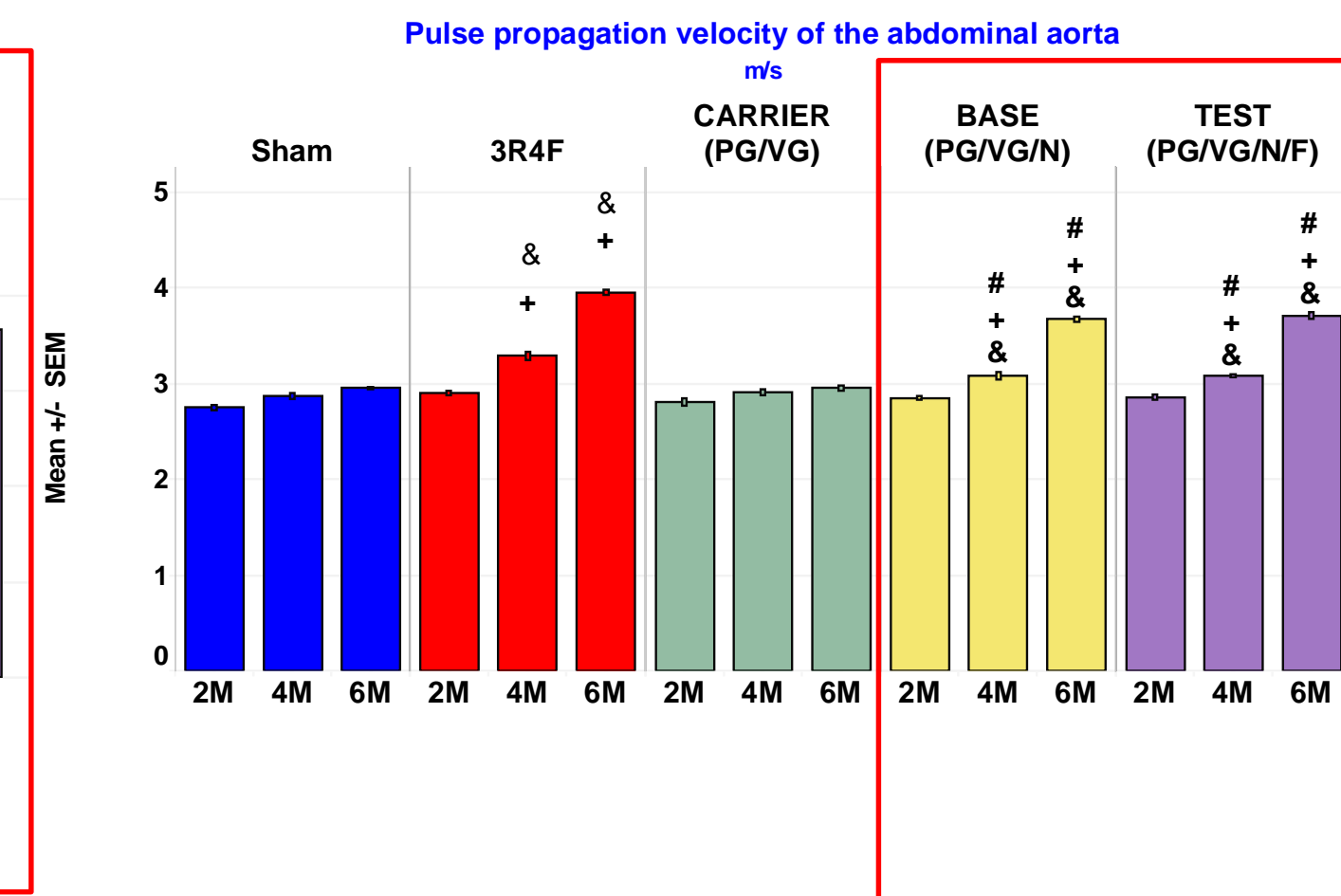
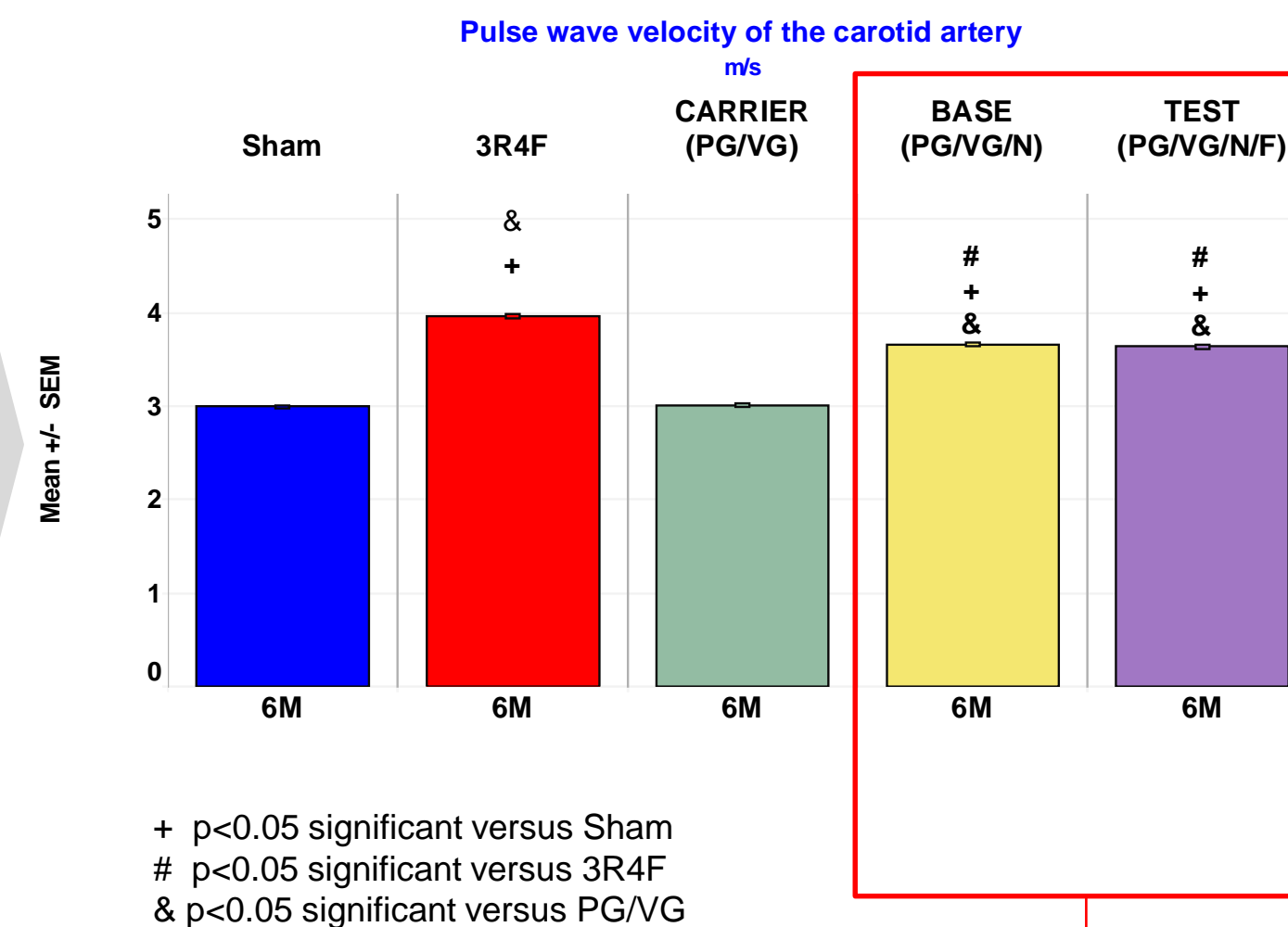
PWV= Distance/Time



ULTRASOUND VEVO
3100 system



Pulse Wave Velocity (PWV) is depending on physical properties of the vessels, and especially on their STIFFNESS.



Nicotine

The nicotine-containing liquid aerosols induce significantly less arterial stiffness than cigarette smoke.

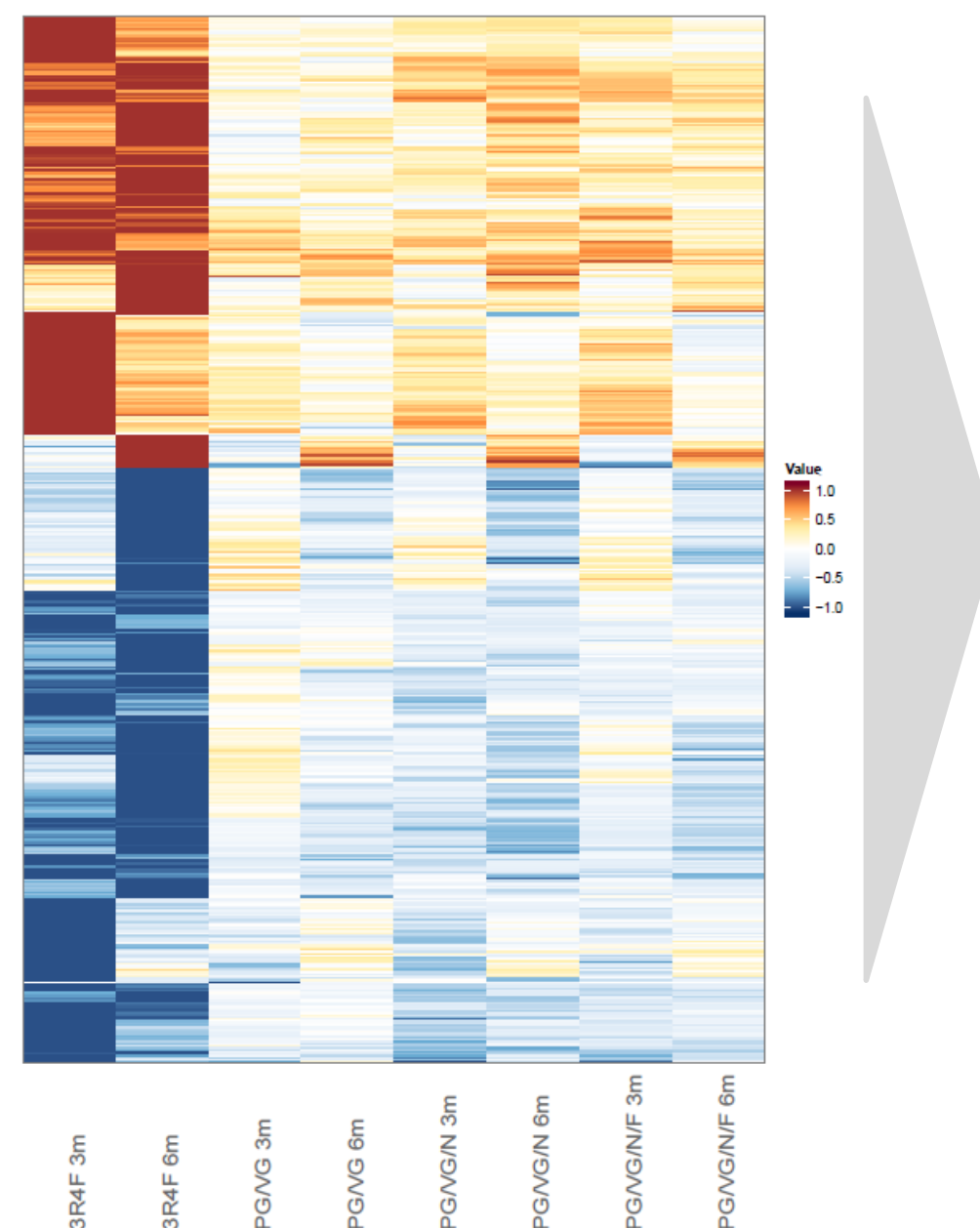
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The effect of 3R4F CS and E-Vapor aerosols on heart

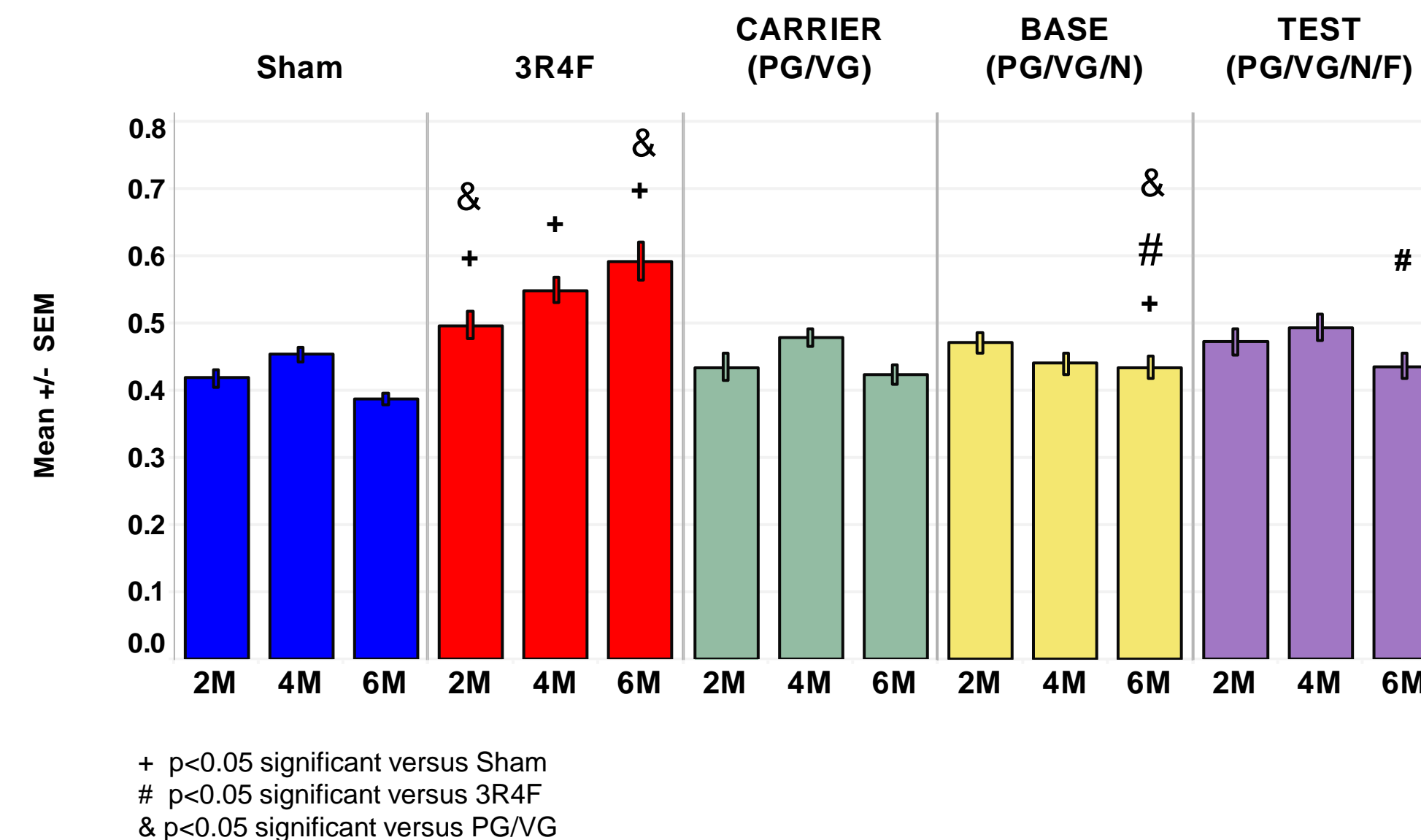
ASSESSMENT OF HEART FUNCTION

Molecular changes in the heart

Normalized Fold-changes (log2)

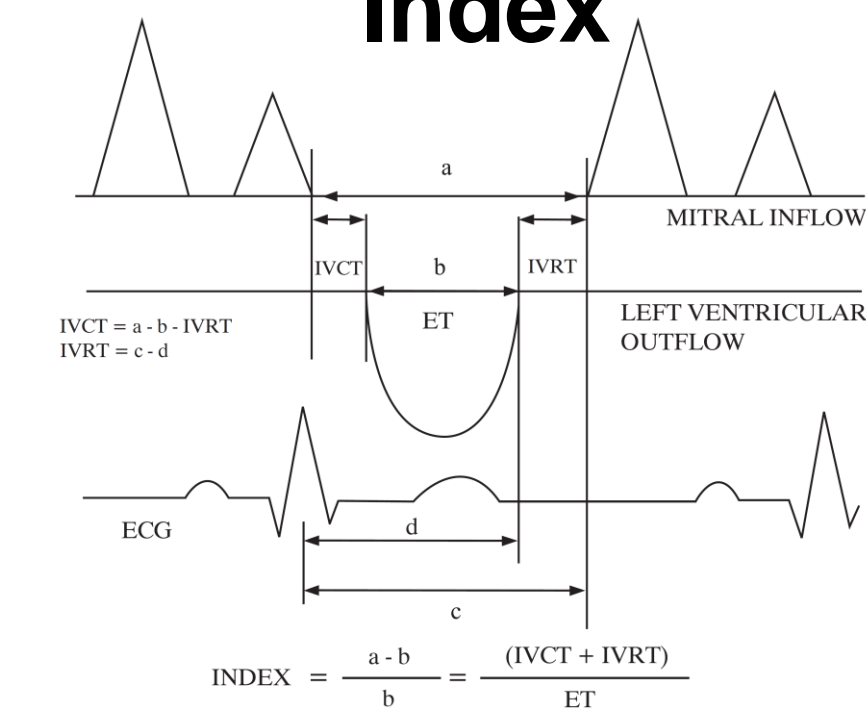


Myocardial performance index



MPI

Myocardial Performance Index

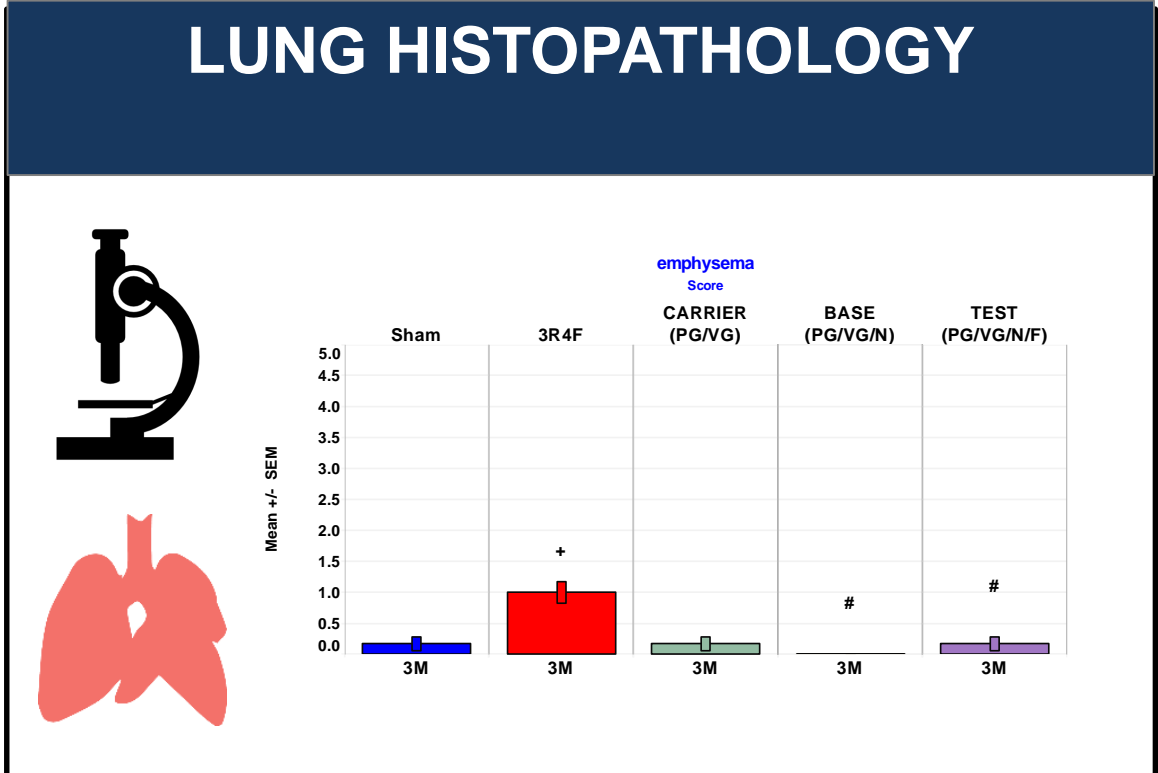
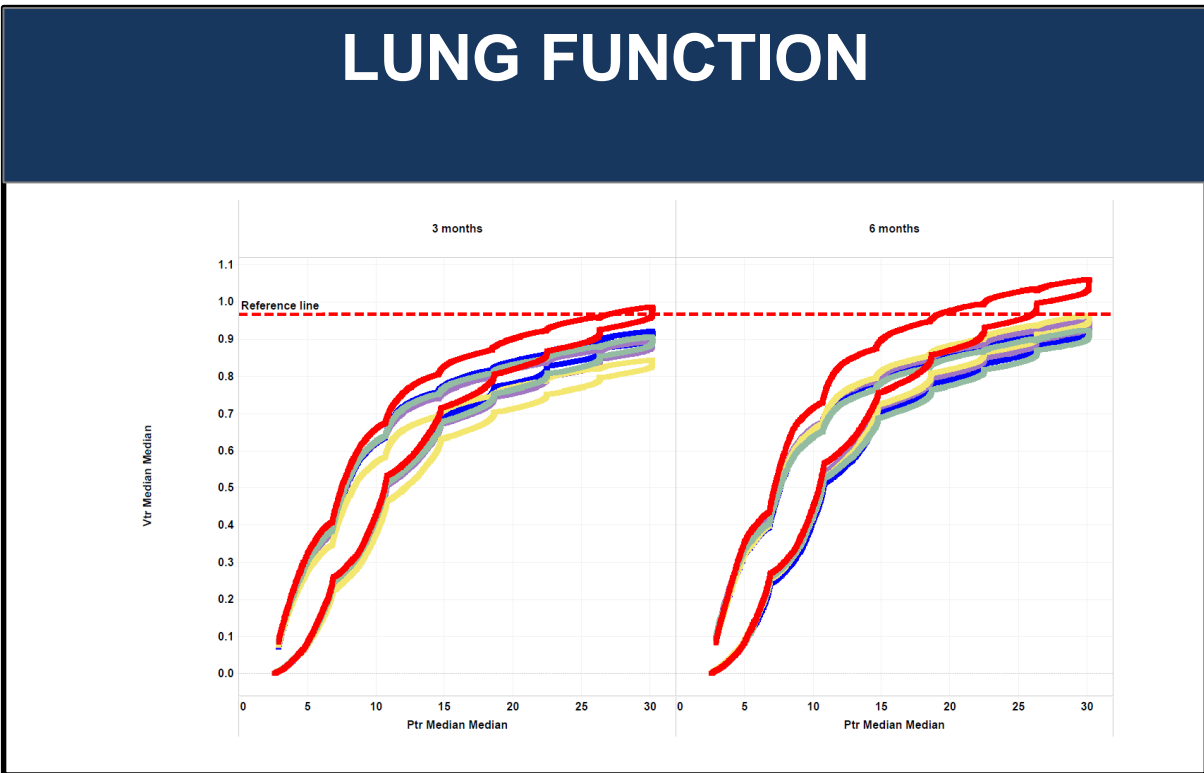
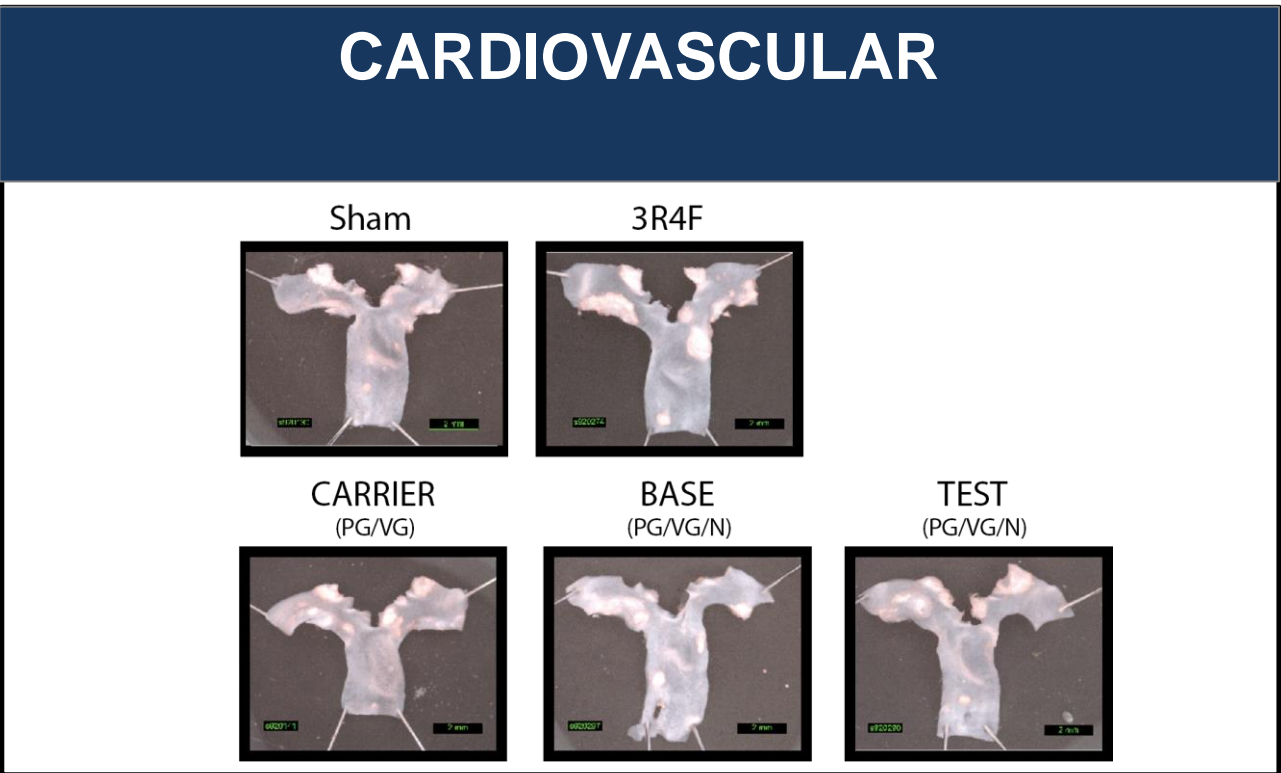
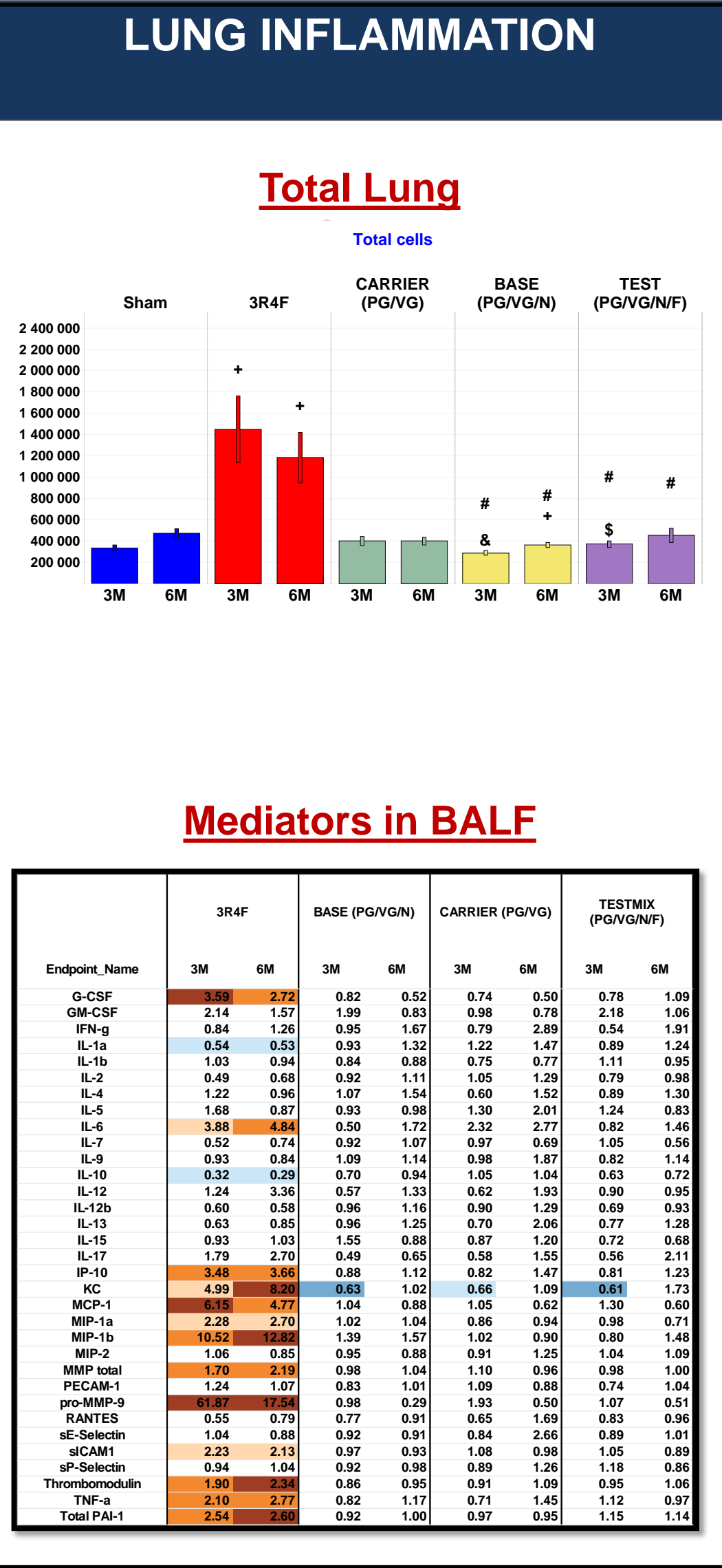


Detects early alterations of LV systo-diastolic performance

Compared with cigarette smoke, exposure to E-Vapor aerosols resulted in less effects on Myocardial Performance Index, which detects early alterations of systo-diastolic performance of left ventricle

Summary

Compared with cigarette smoke, exposure to E-Vapor aerosols resulted in:



Biomarkers/Endpoints		CARRIER (PG/VG)	BASE (PG/VG/N)	TEST (PG/VG/N/F)
HPHC	Acrolein	↓	↓	↓
	Acetaldehyde	↓	↓	↓
	Formaldehyde	↓	↓	↓
	Propionaldehyde	↓	↓	↓
	Crotonaldehyde	↓	↓	↓
	4-(methylnitrosamino)1-(3-pyridyl)-1-butanone	↓	↓	↓
	N-Nitrosornicotine	↓	↓	↓
	The rate of atherosclerotic plaque growth	↓	↓	↓
Cardio vascular disease	Transcriptomics analysis of the aorta - molecular dysregulation	↓	↓	↓
	Red blood cells - Hematocrite level	↓	↓	↓
	Platelets level	↓	↓	↓
	Pulse wave velocity (carotid artery)	↓	→	→
	Transcriptomics analysis of the heart ventricle - molecular dysregulation	↓	↓	↓
	Systolic-Diastolic dysfunction -Myocardial performance index	↓	↓	↓
	Lung inflammation-inflammatory cells in BALF	↓	↓	↓
	Lung inflammation-inflammatory mediators	↓	↓	↓
Respiratory disease	Lung function measured using FlexiVent system	↓	↓	↓
	Lung emphysematous changes	↓	↓	↓
	Transcriptomics analysis of the lung -molecular dysregulation of xenobiotic metabolism, inflammation, hypoxia apoptosis, cell proliferation.	↓	↓	↓
	Transcriptomics analysis of the RNE -molecular dysregulation of xenobiotic metabolism, inflammation, hypoxia apoptosis, cell proliferation.	↓	↓	↓
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In comparison to 3R4F cigarette smoke e-vapor aerosols:

- ✓ Lower the level of inflammatory cells and mediators
- ✓ Lower atherosclerotic plaque formation
- ✓ Lower emphysematous changes in lung

This study suggests that E-Vapor aerosols induce significantly lower biological responses associated with smoking-related cardiovascular and pulmonary diseases.

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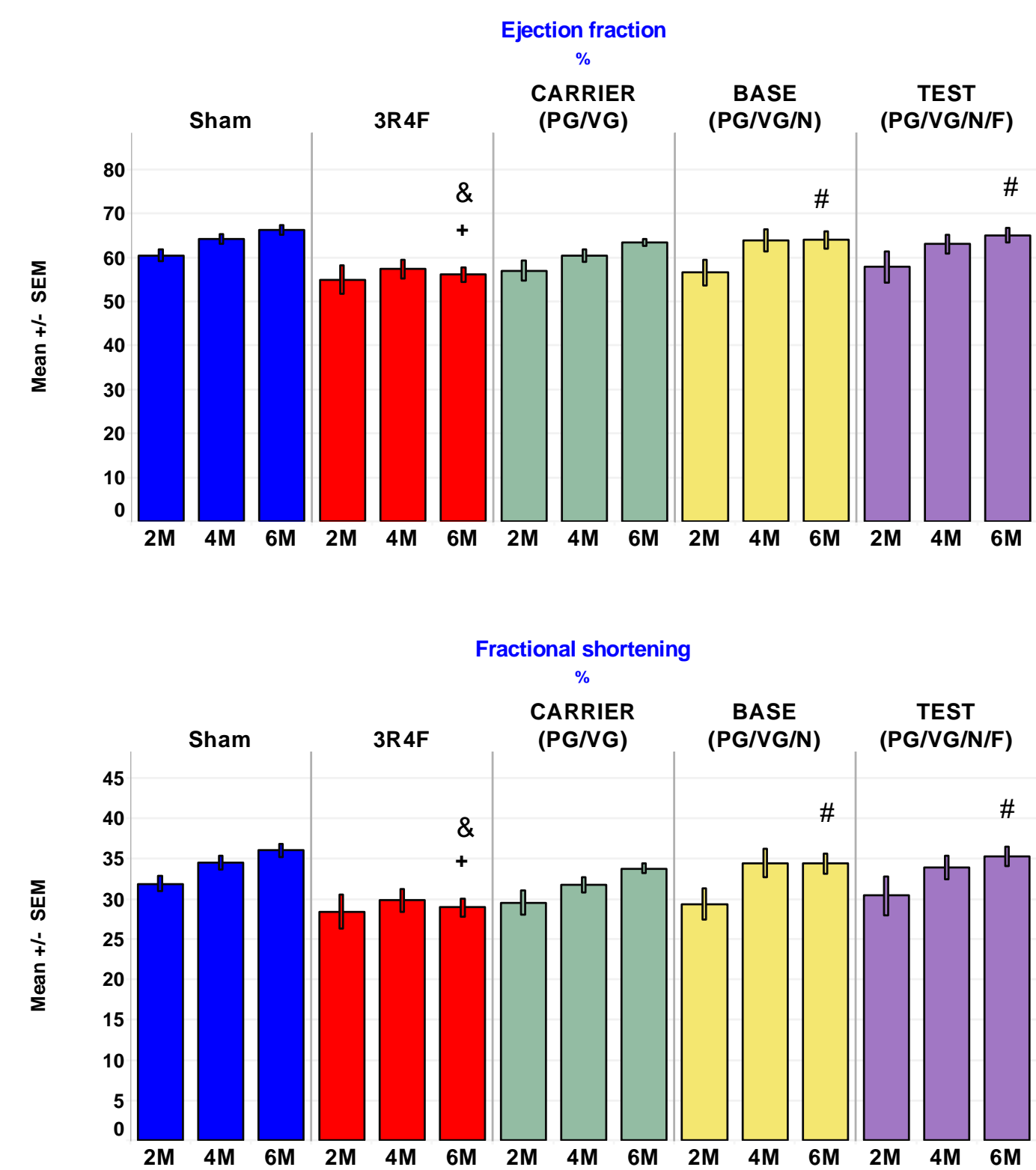
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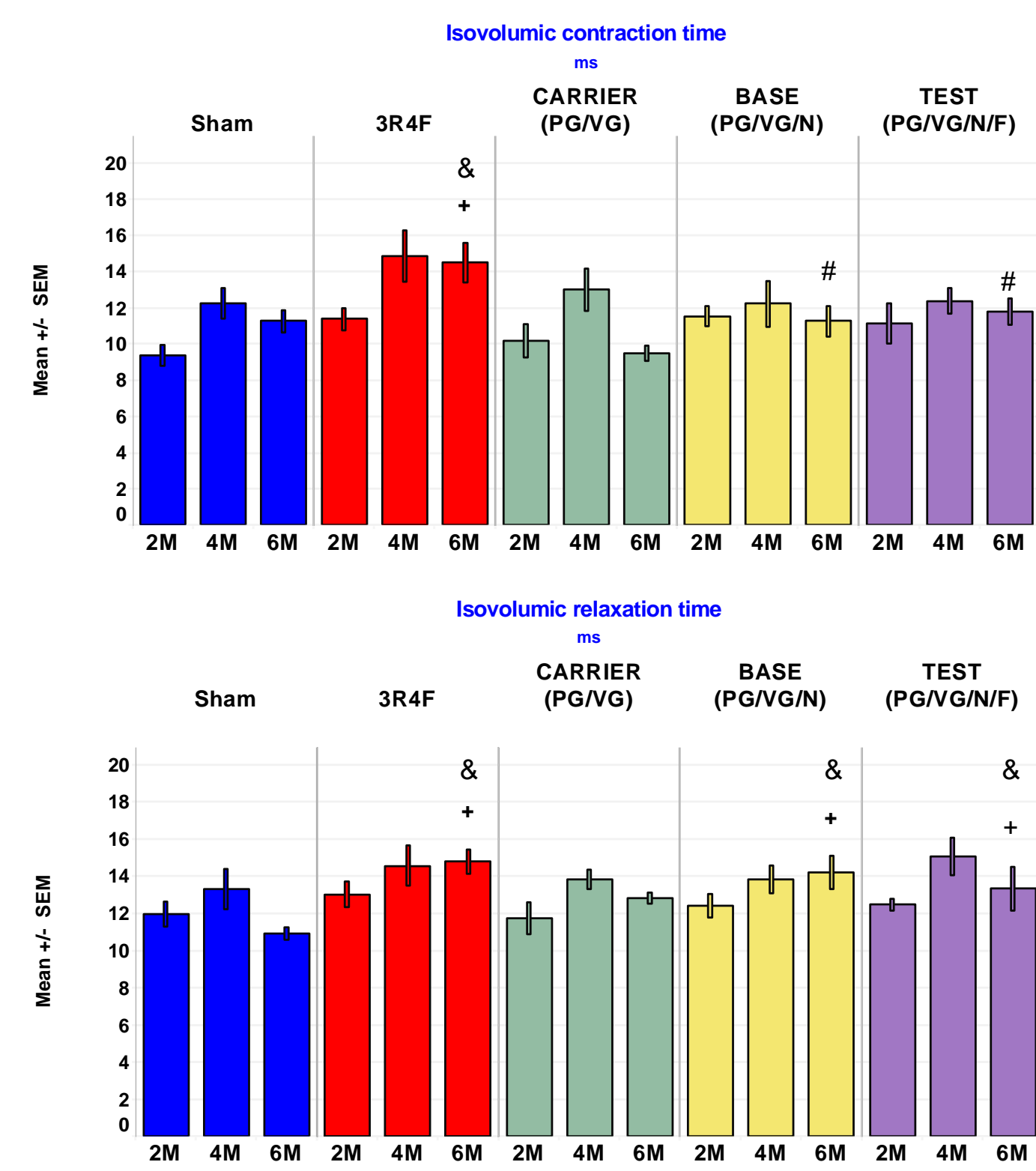
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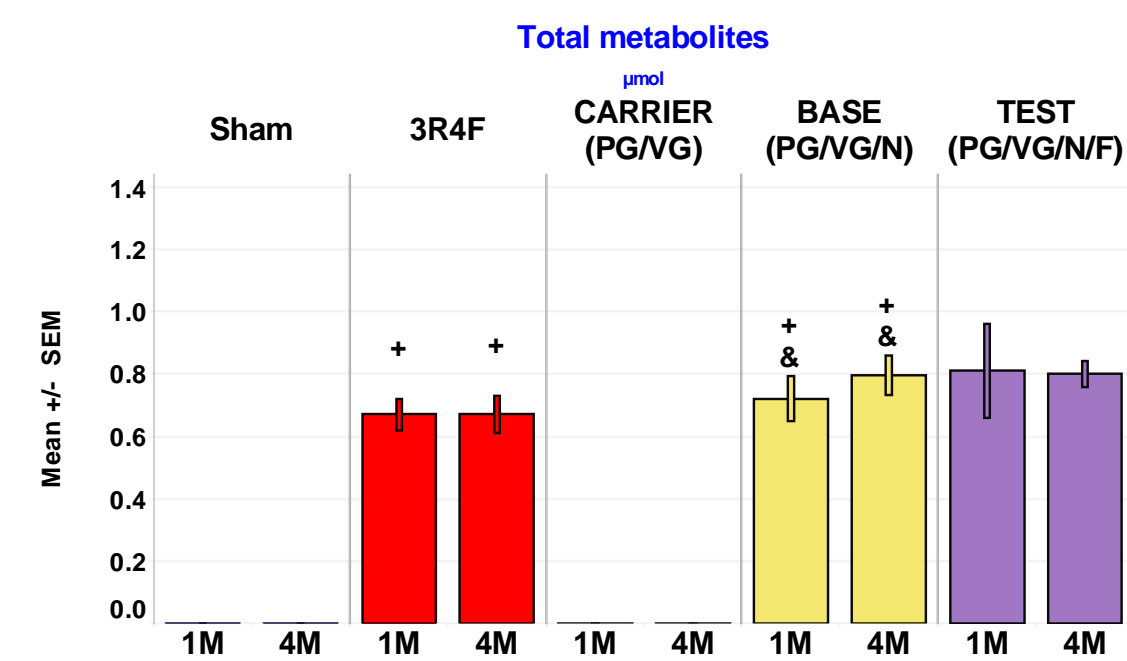
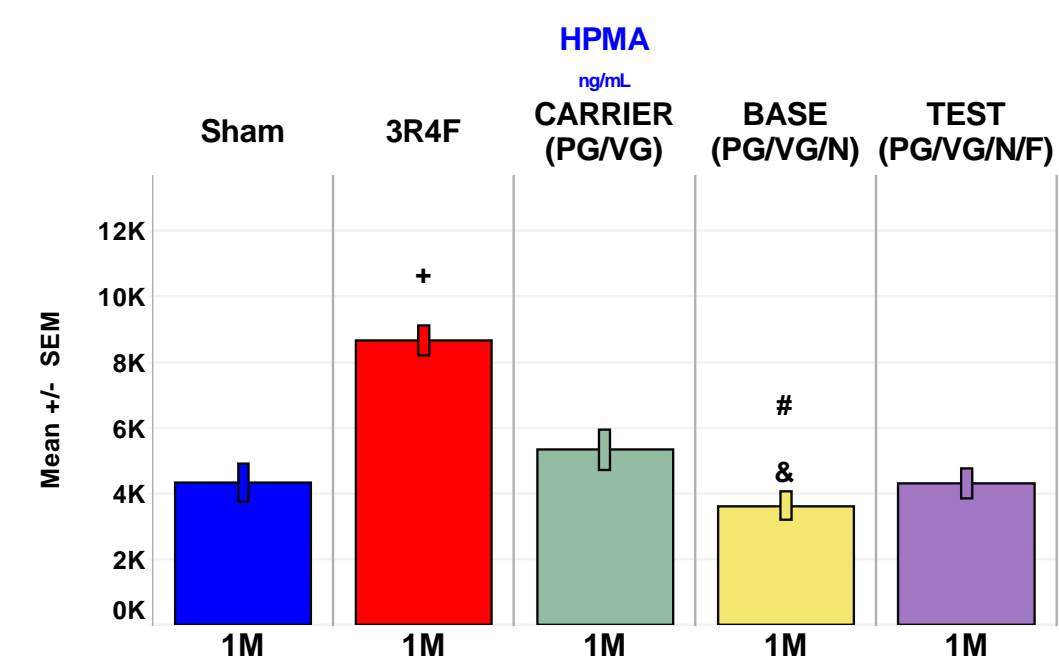
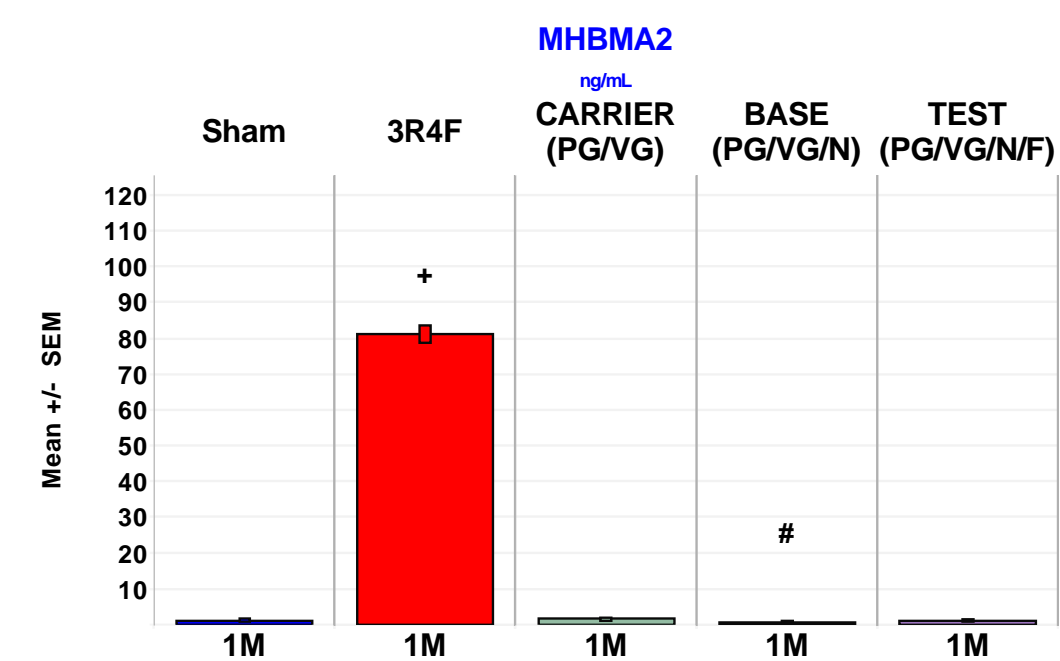
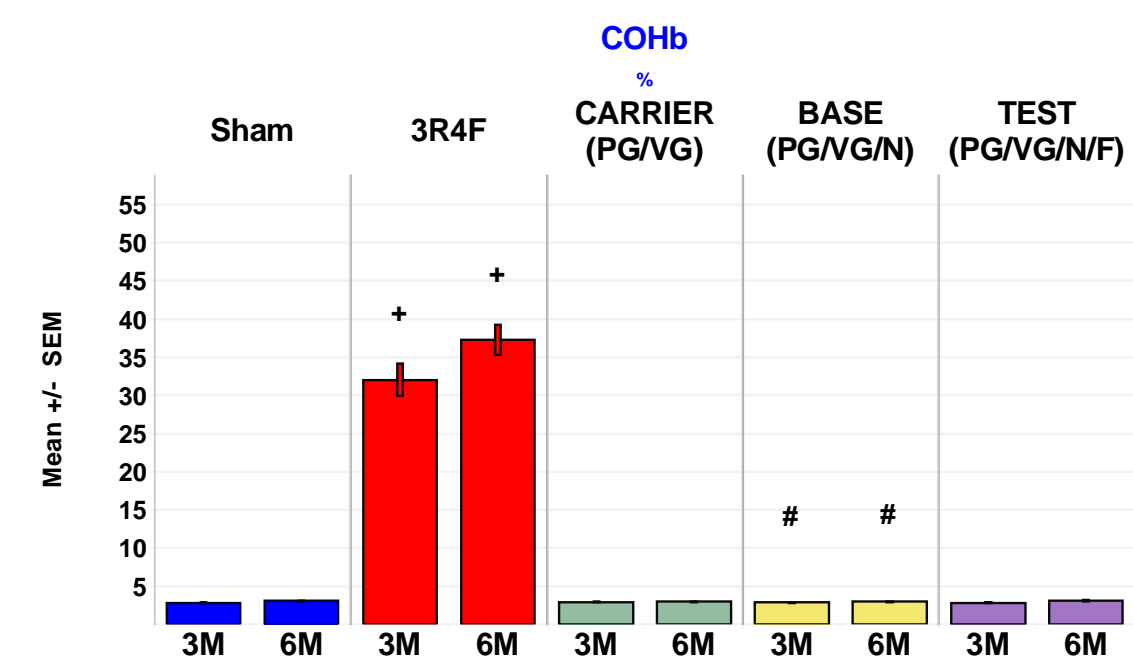
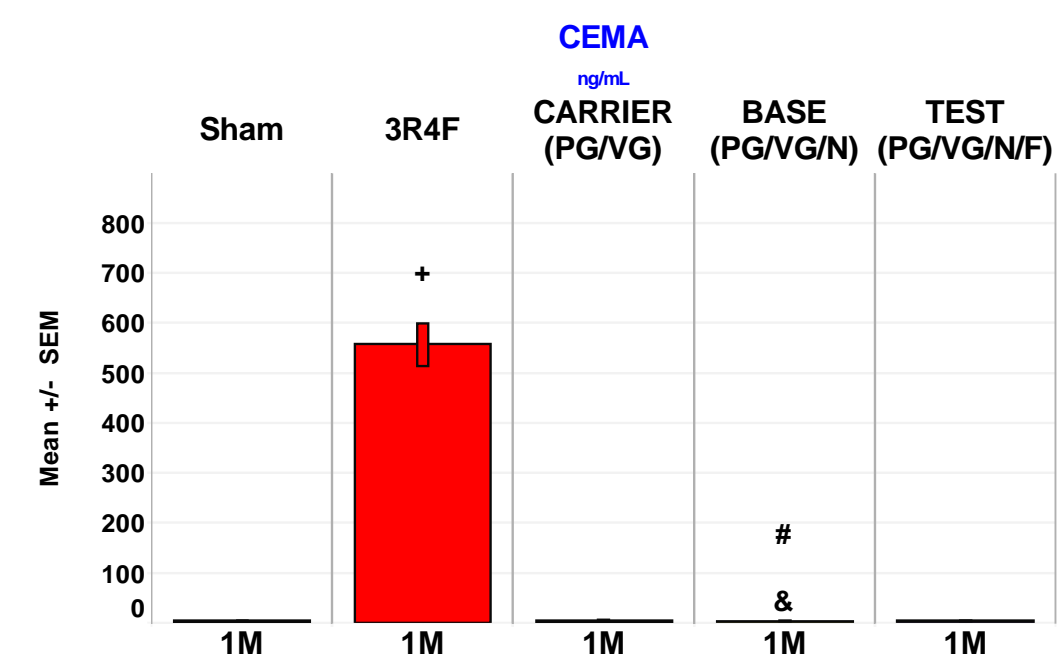
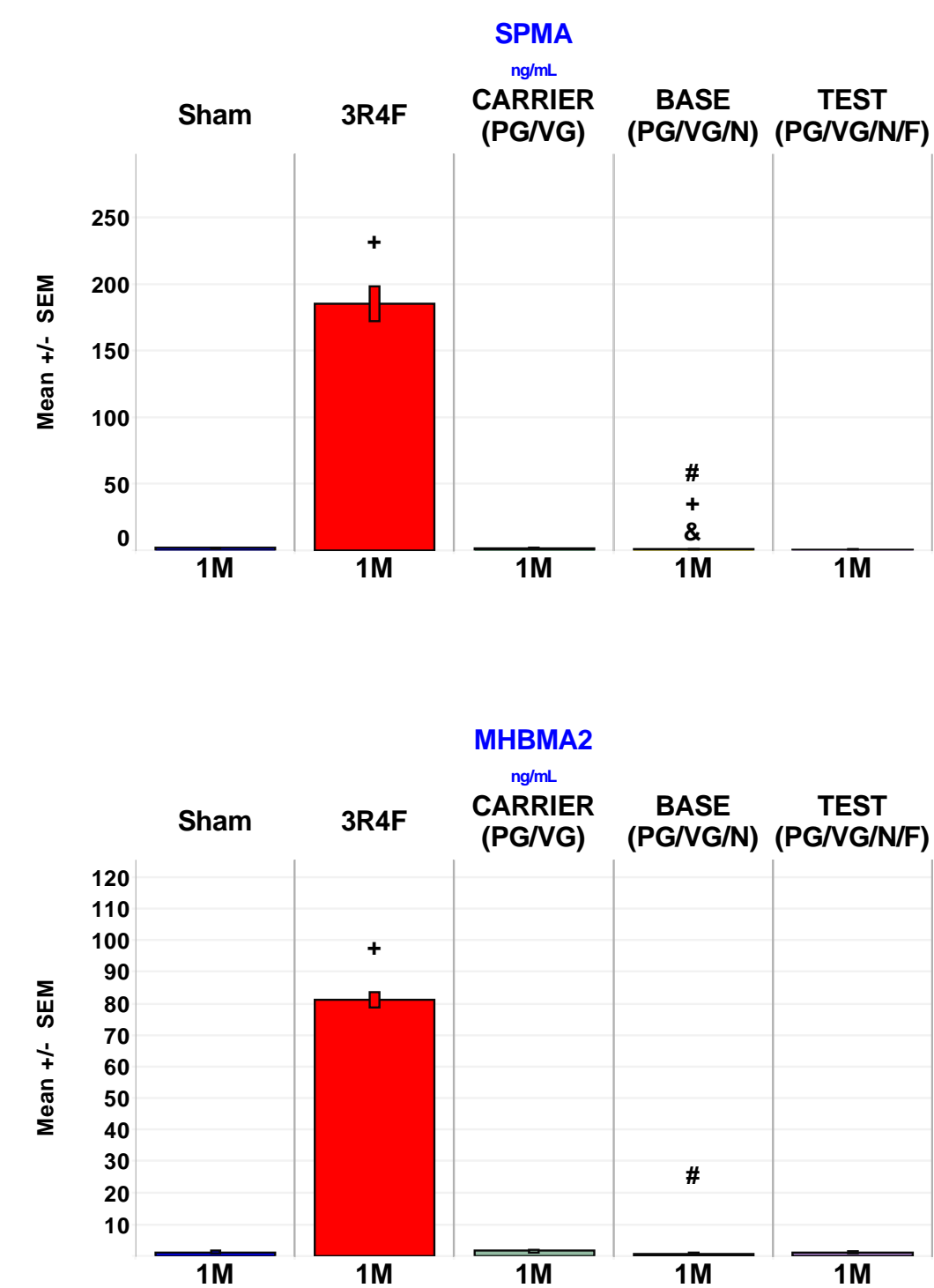


Compared with cigarette smoke, exposure to E-Vapor aerosols resulted in lower effects on:

- EF(Ejection fraction)
- FS (Fractional shorteneing)
- IVCT (Isovolumic contraction time)
- IVRT (Isovolumic relaxation time)

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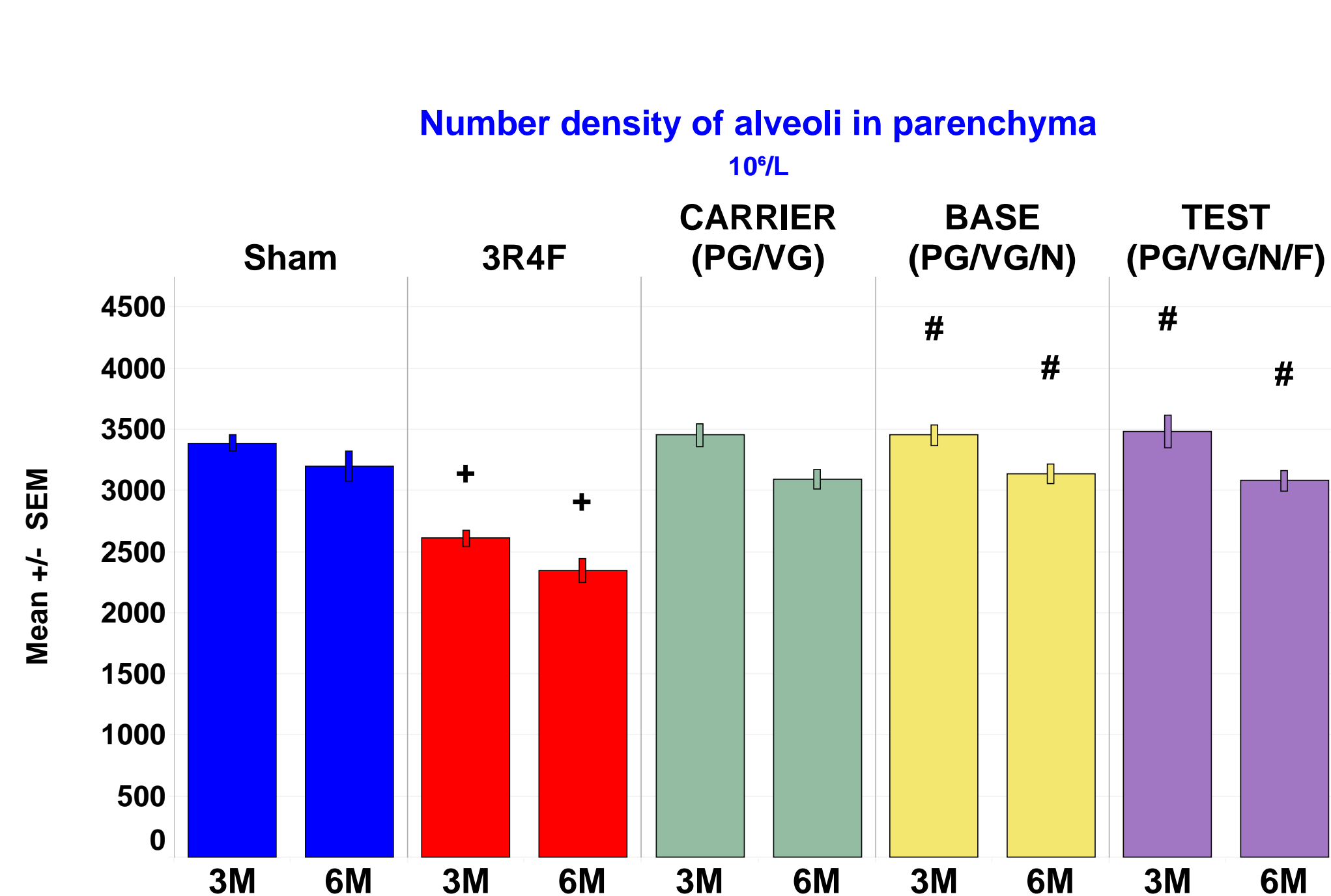
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