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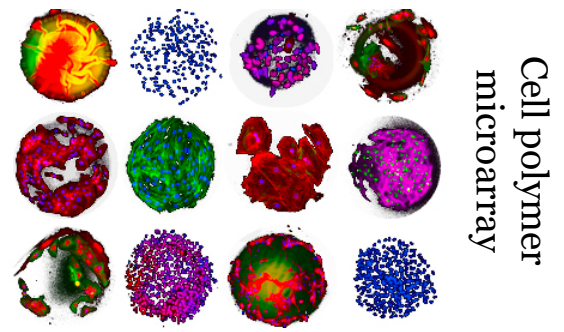
**Novel Insights into skin
biology and
permeation of actives
using ToF-SIMS and 3D
OrbiSIMS.**

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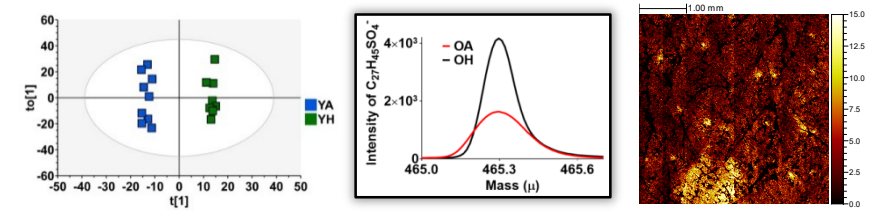
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Materials for Healthcare



Discovery, design and development of novel materials and devices.

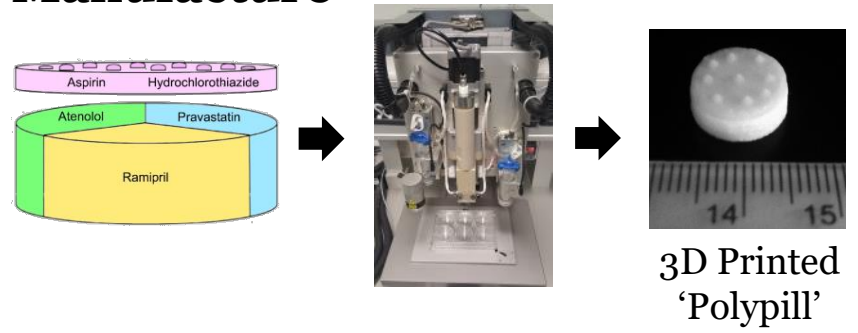
Advanced Analysis



Lipid variations in skin aging

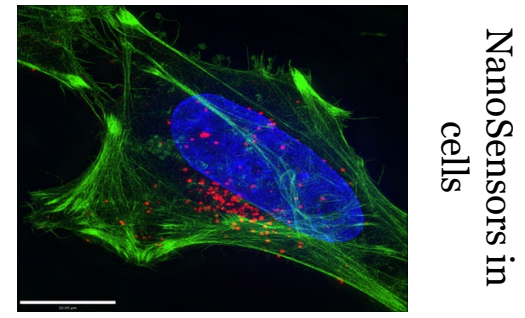
Nano and micro- scale imaging, spectroscopy, mass spectrometry analysis.

New Methods for Medicines Manufacture



Accelerating scale-up of medicines for the most pressing needs of global healthcare.

Diagnostic Technologies



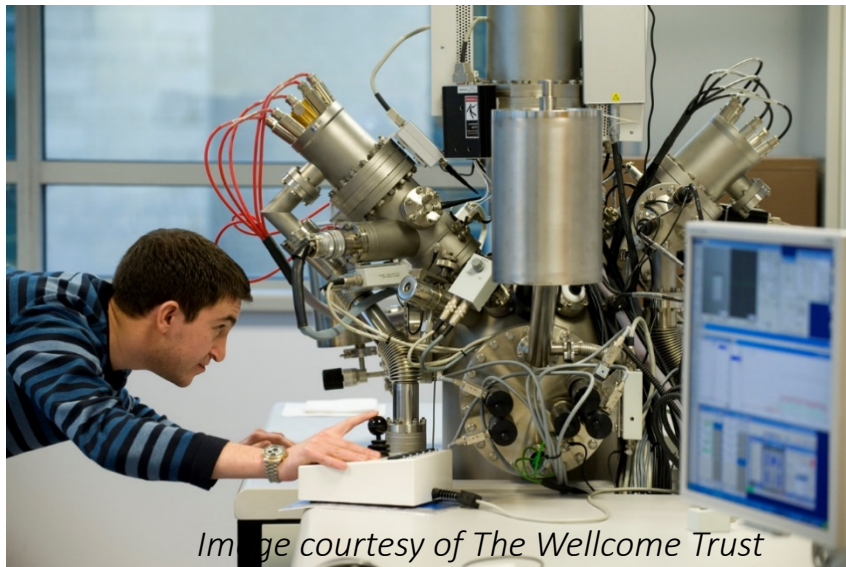
Tools to discover new devices and biomarkers for diagnostic applications in healthcare.



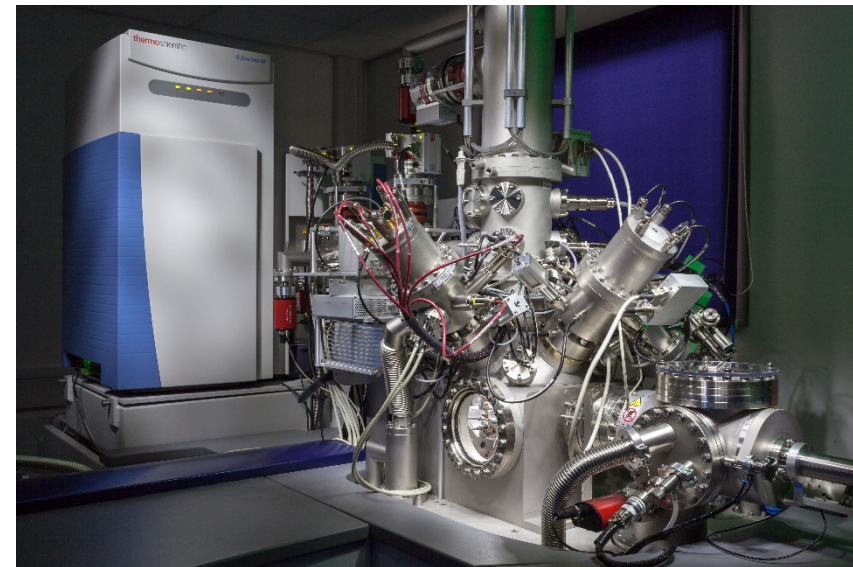
Time of flight (ToF) secondary ion mass spectrometry (SIMS)

- Highly surface sensitive (1 -3 nm) label free imaging Spectrometry.
- Developed for semi-conductor industry with applications now spanning most disciplines.

ToF-SIMS



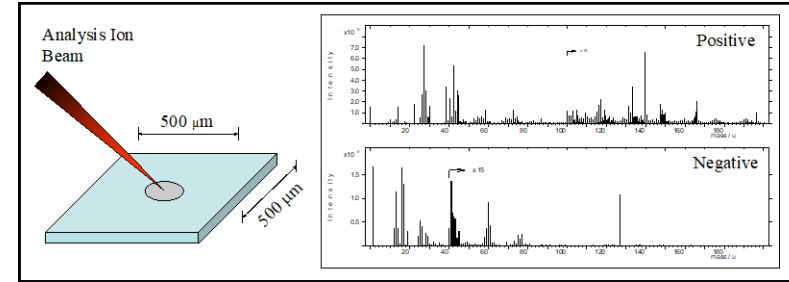
3D OrbiSIMS (HybridSIMS)



1. Surface Spectrometry (static SIMS)

Application of very low primary ion dose densities

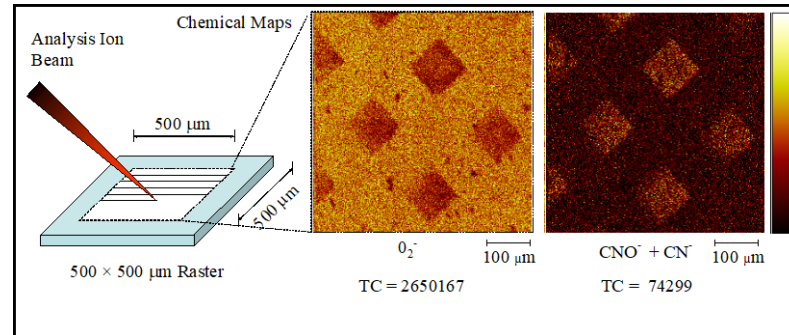
- quasi non-destructive surface analysis



2. Surface Imaging (static SIMS)

Rastering of a finely focussed ion beam over the surface

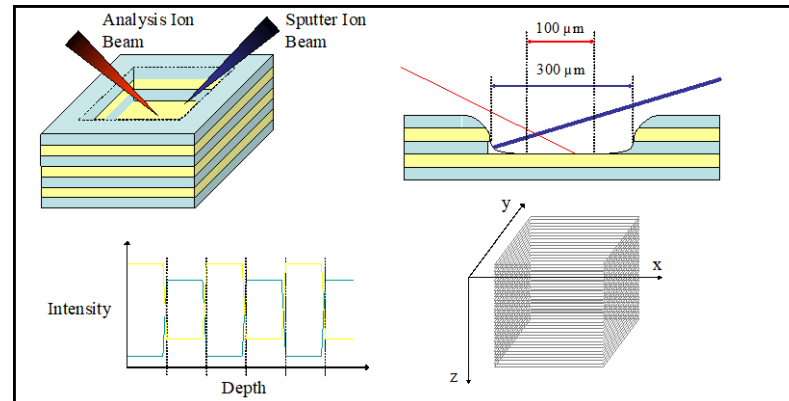
- mass resolved secondary ion images (chemical maps)



3. Depth Profiling (dynamic SIMS) & 3D Rendering

Application of high primary ion dose densities

- successive removal of top surface layers
- elemental in-depth distribution





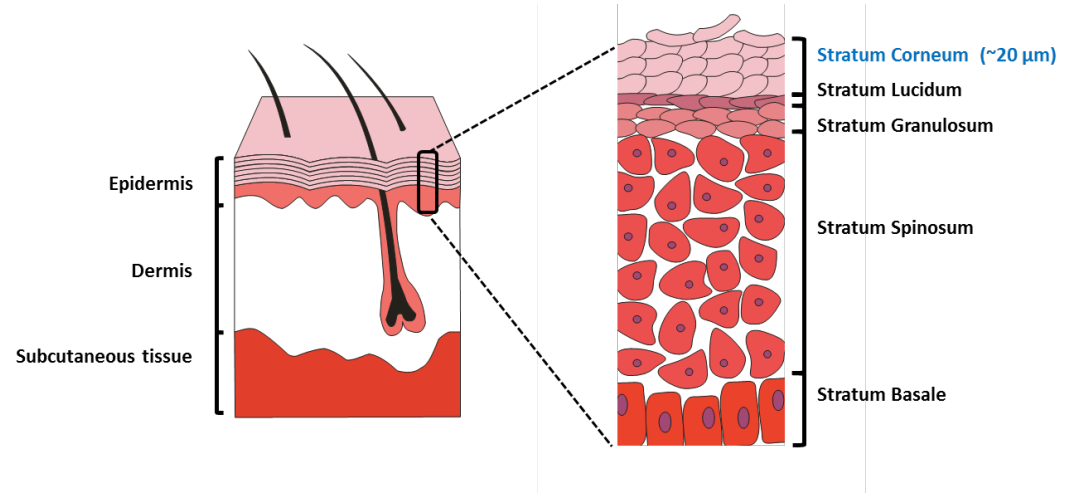
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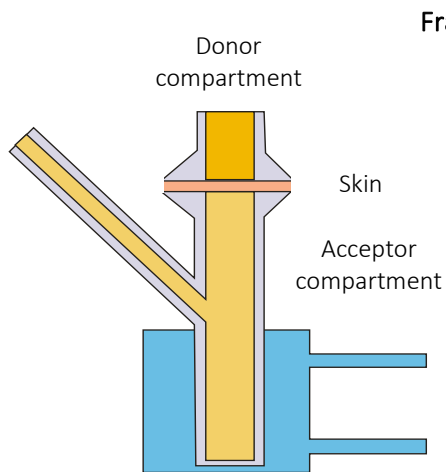
Permeation of actives using ToF-SIMS

Topical applications include:

1. Antibacterial
2. Pharmaceutical
3. Cosmetic



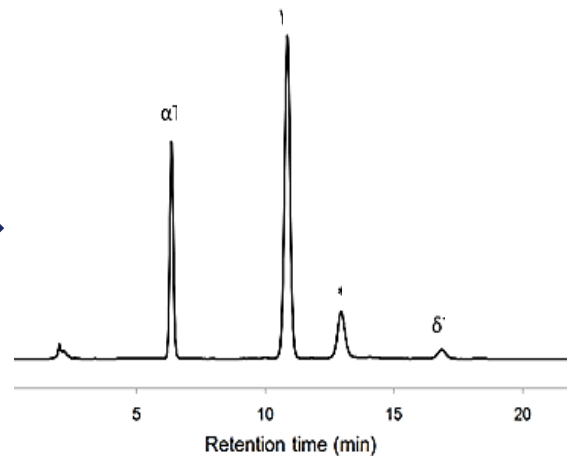
HPLC currently the 'gold standard' skin permeation analysis



Franz Cell



HPLC analysis



- No permeation analysis in the upper layers.
- Relies on extraction of actives from the tape strips/remaining skin tissue.
- No information on spatial distribution.

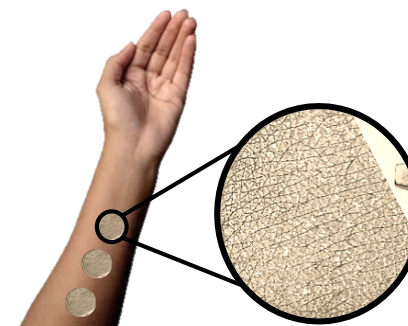
Imaging:

- Raman
- CARS / SRS
- MALDI
- ToF-SIMS

Skin sampling

In vivo sampling

- ✓ Tape stripping
- ✓ Simple
- ✓ Minimally invasive
- ✓ Safe to use on human volunteers



In vitro sampling (by-product of food)

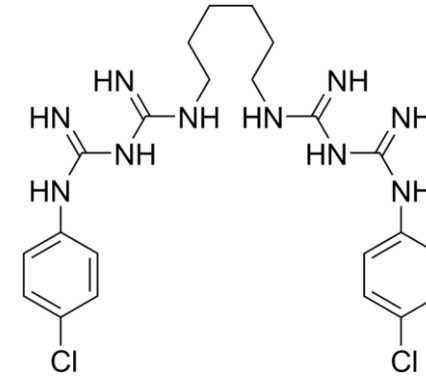
- ✓ Porcine skin
- ✓ Ear tissue
- ✓ Easily removed from cartilage
- ✓ Used in Franz cell testing



Chlorhexidine is a chemical antiseptic effective on both Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria.

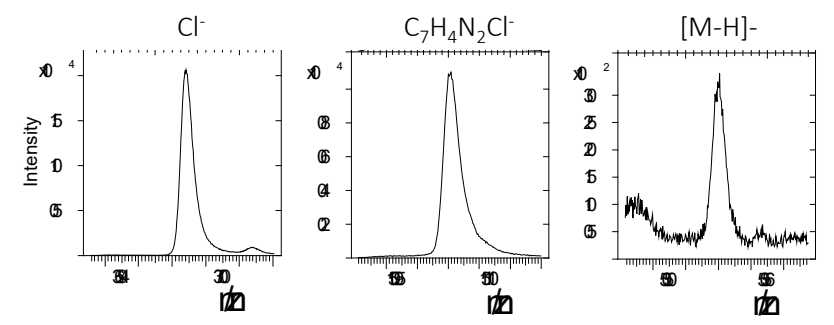
Found used safely in low concentrations in many products, such as:

- Mouthwash
- Contact lens solutions
- Pre-surgery skin cleansers

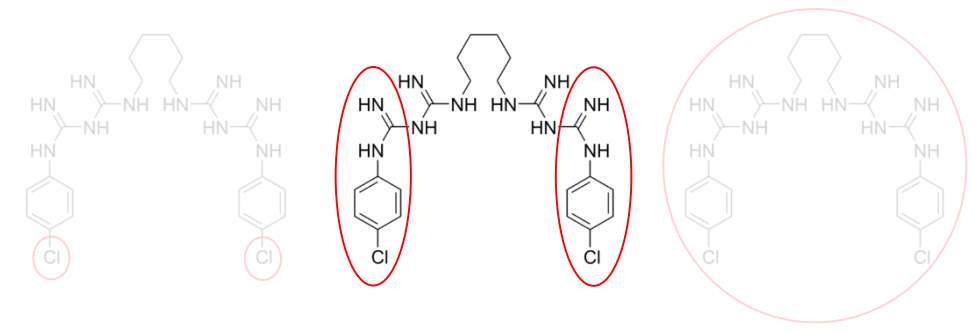


** Sufficient tissue Permeation vital, insufficient = bacterial re-colonisation*

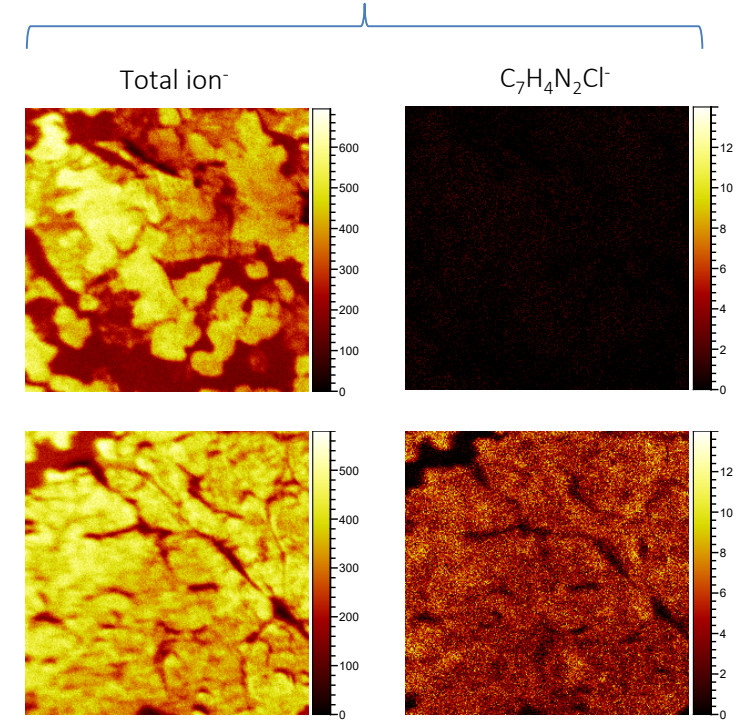
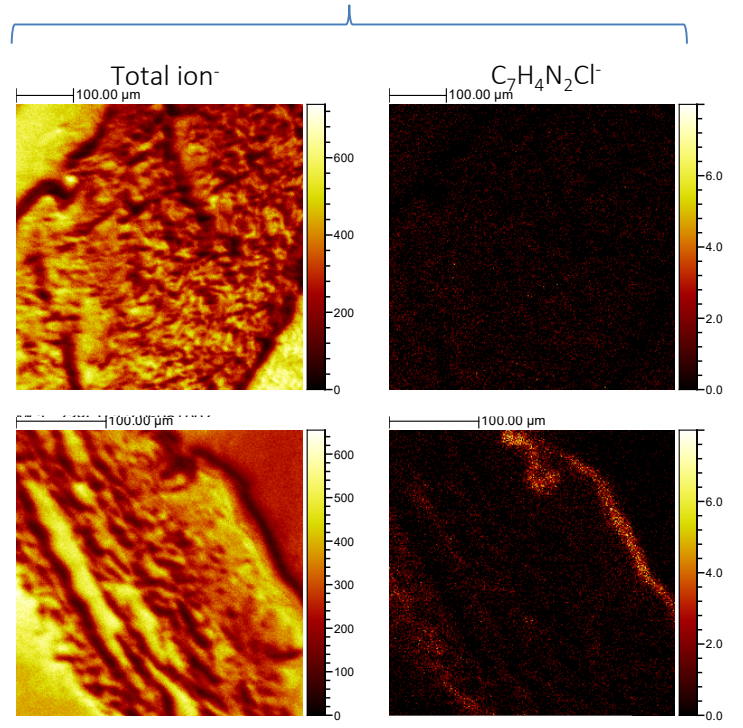
Antibacterial



Tissue Cross-sections



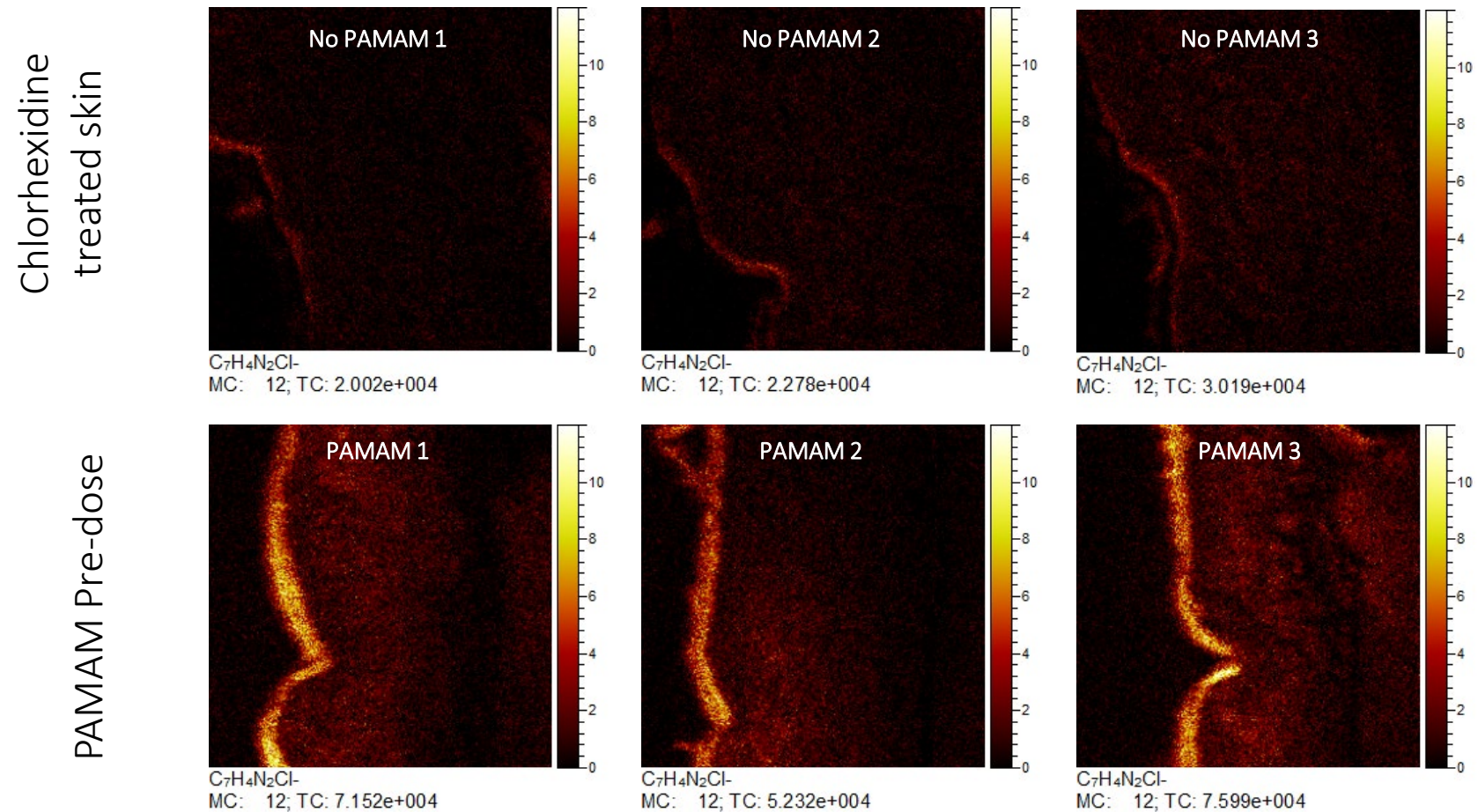
Tape Stripped Tissue



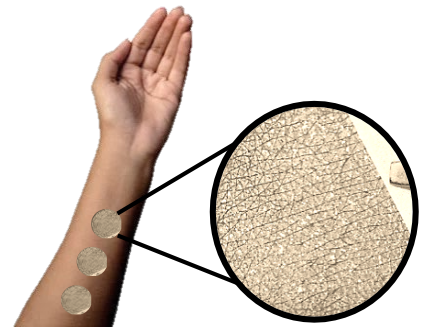
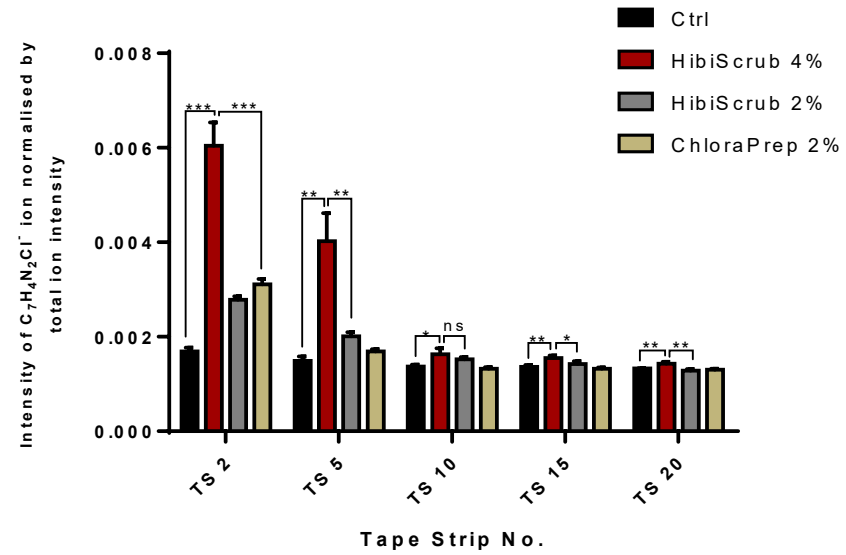
Negative Control

Controlled Dose

Use of polyamidoamine (PAMAM) dendrimers to enhance topical delivery of chlorhexidine to improve antimicrobial efficacy



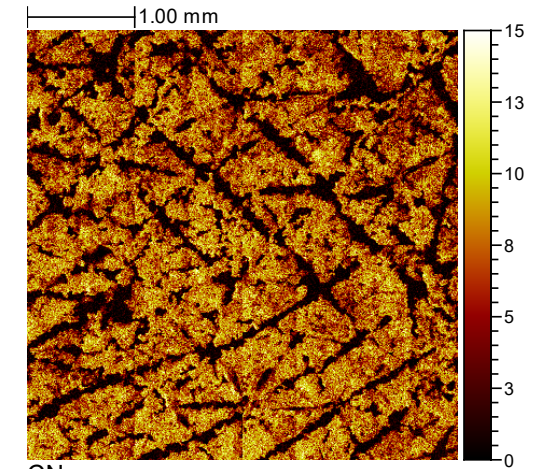
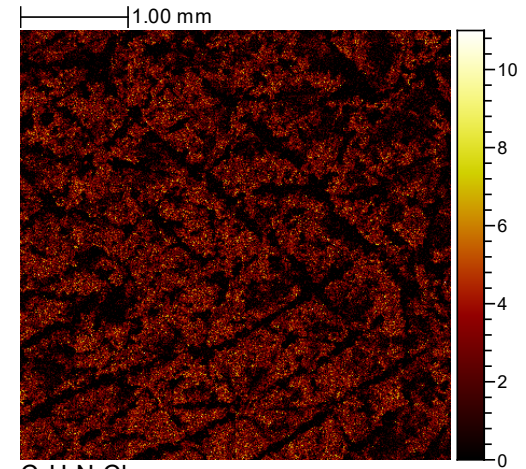
In Vivo (Conc. & vehicle)



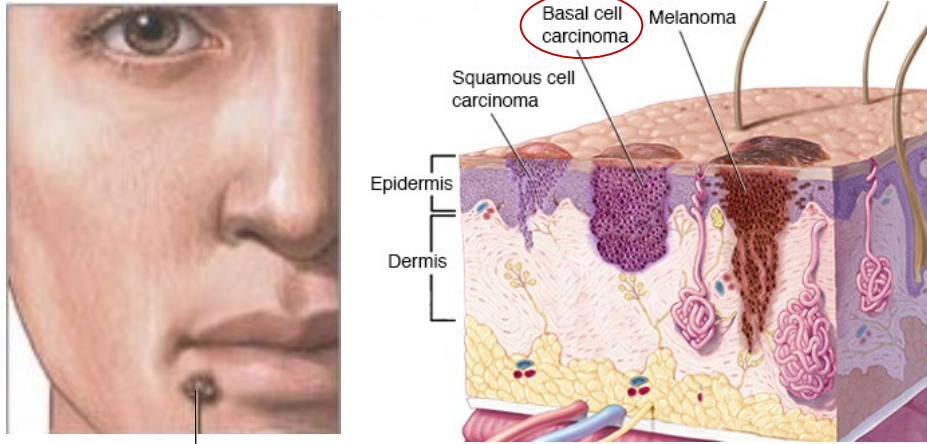
water



isopropyl alcohol

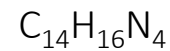
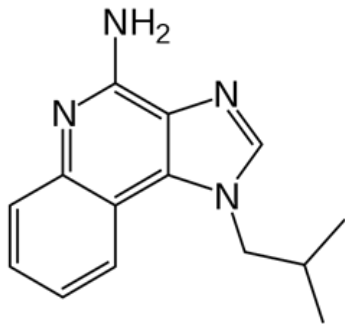


Basal cell carcinoma (BCC) is the most common type of skin cancer which develops from the lowest epidermal layer.



Basal Cell Carcinoma

Source: [Mayo Foundation for Medical Education & Research].



Molecular weight = 240

Partition coefficient = 2.74

Practically insoluble in water

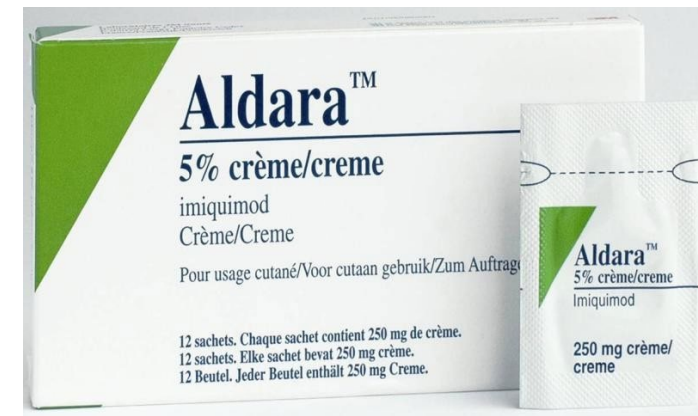
Soluble in DMSO & oleic acid

Types of BCC:

- Superficial - without penetration into the dermis.
- **Nodular** - with deeper penetration.

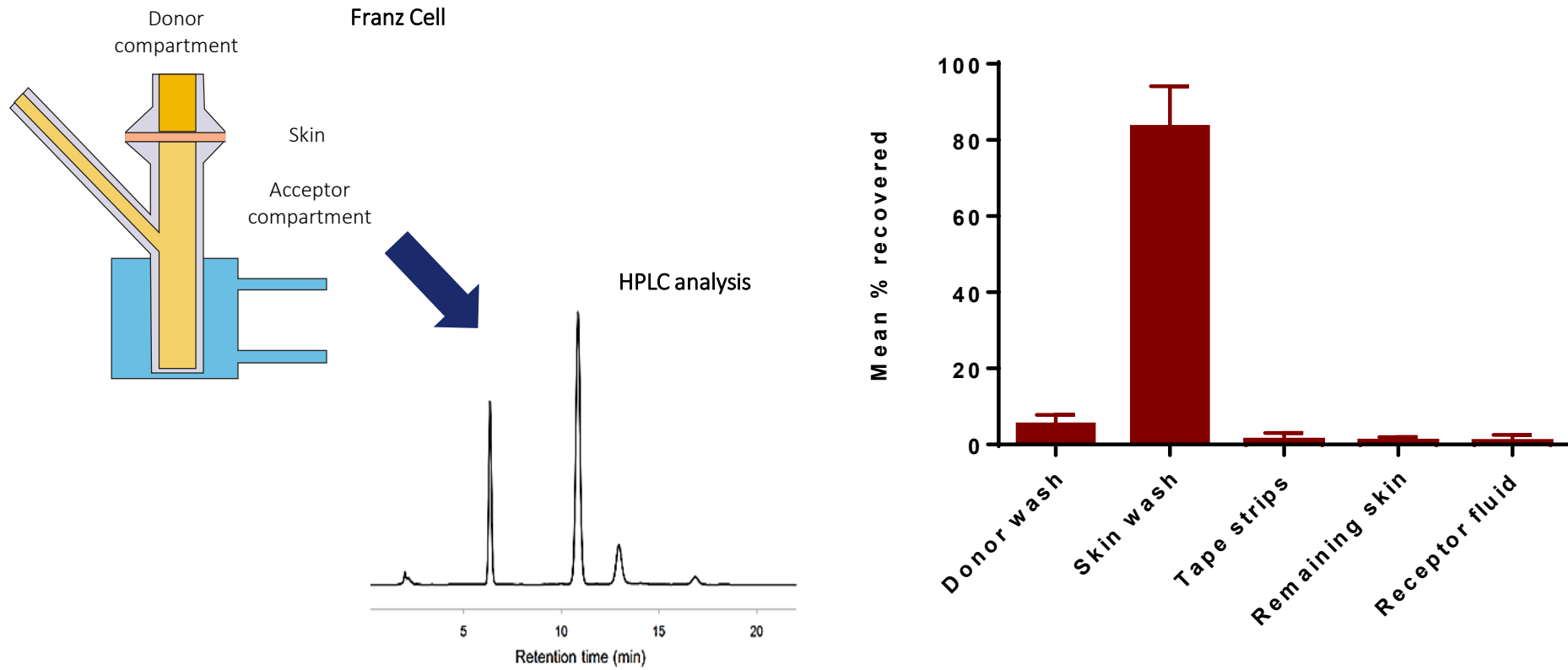
Treatment options:

- Surgery for nodular lesions
- Topical with Aldara™ (imiquimod) for the treatment of **superficial lesions**.

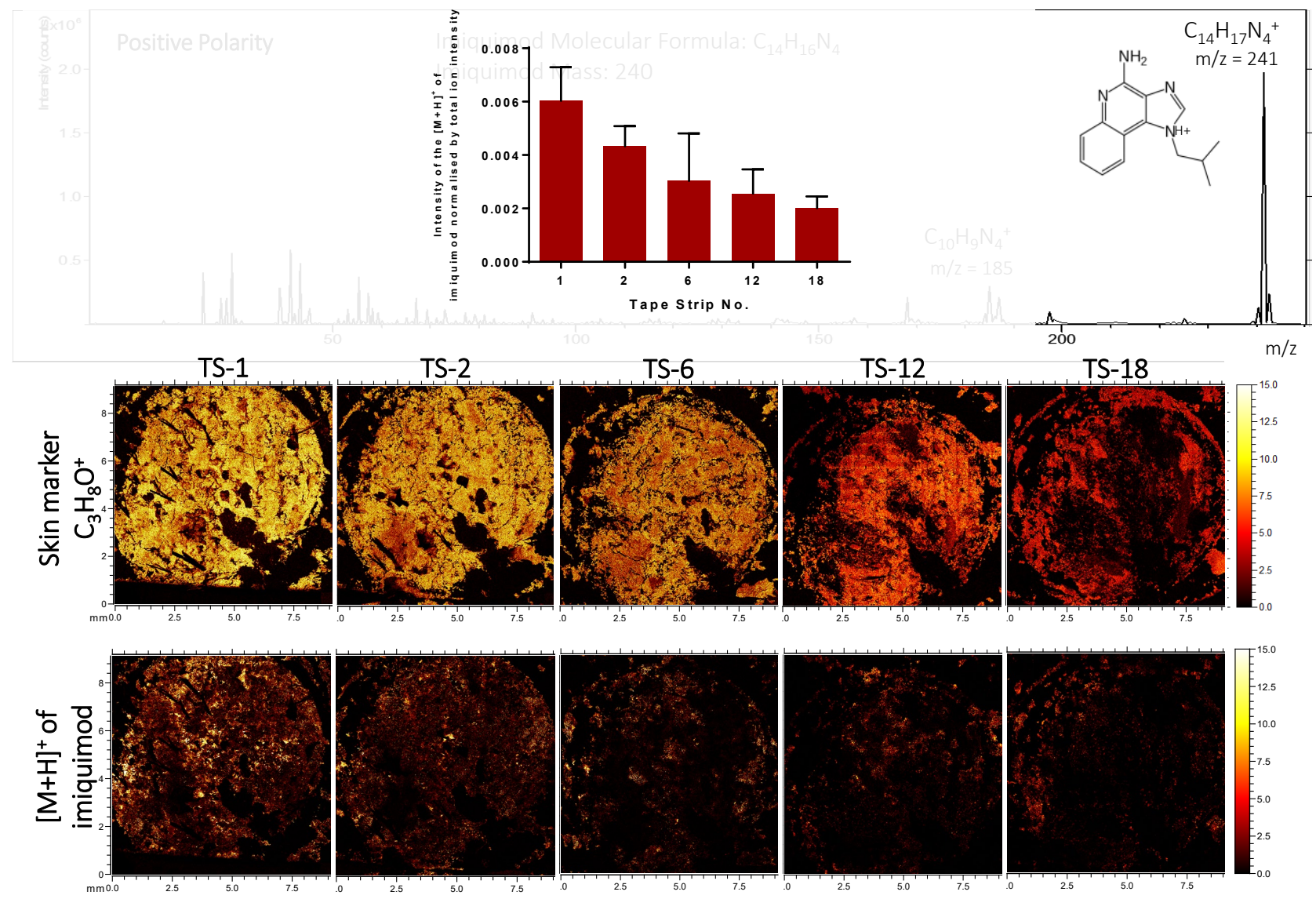


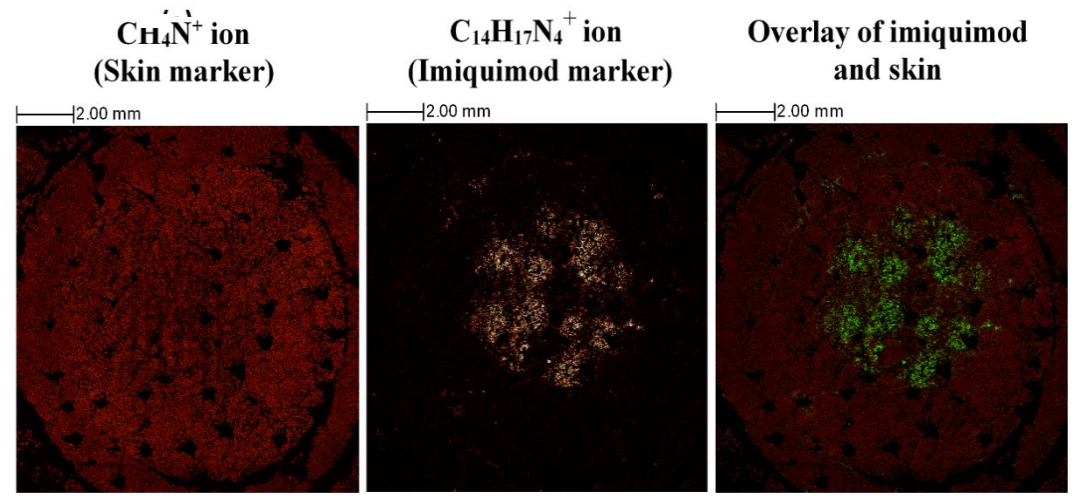
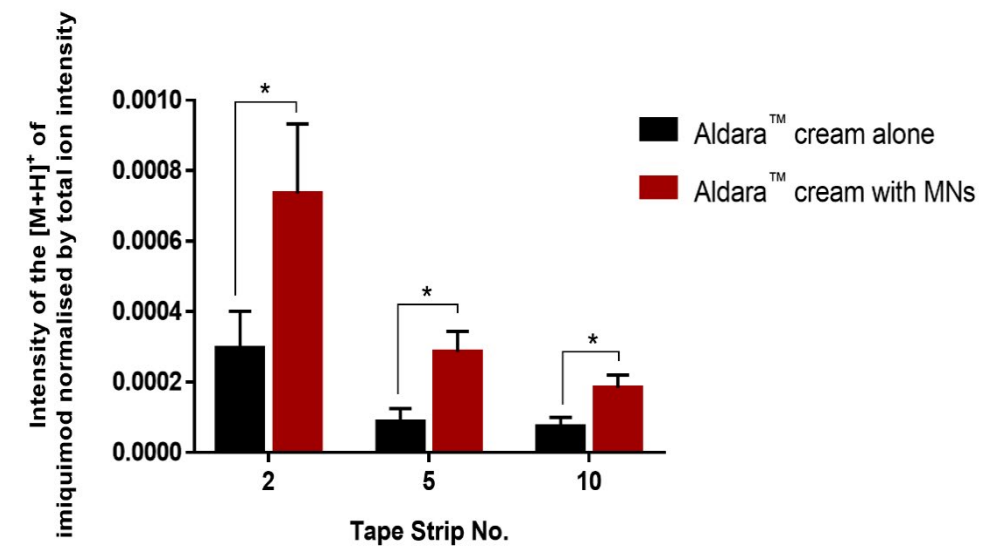
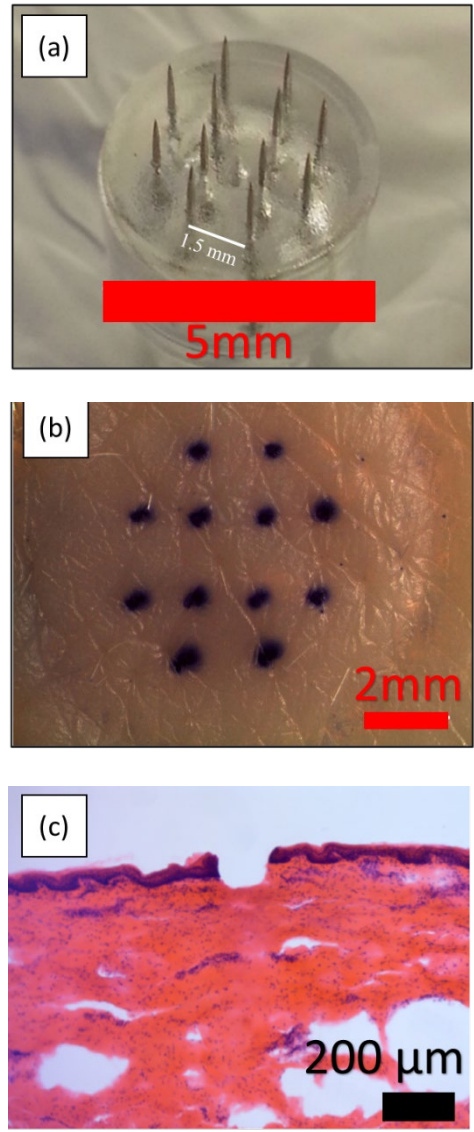
Permeation study of Aldara™ cream

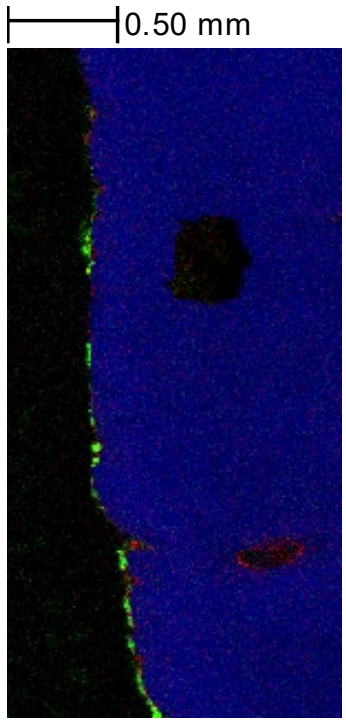
Determination of imiquimod amount recovered from different samples by HPLC



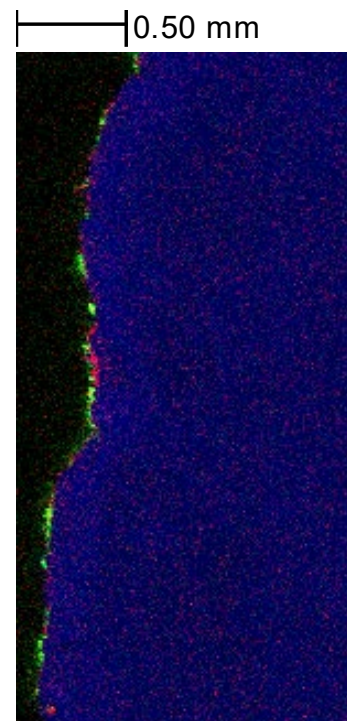
- Most of imiquimod was recovered from the skin wash with a little amount recovered from the remaining skin.



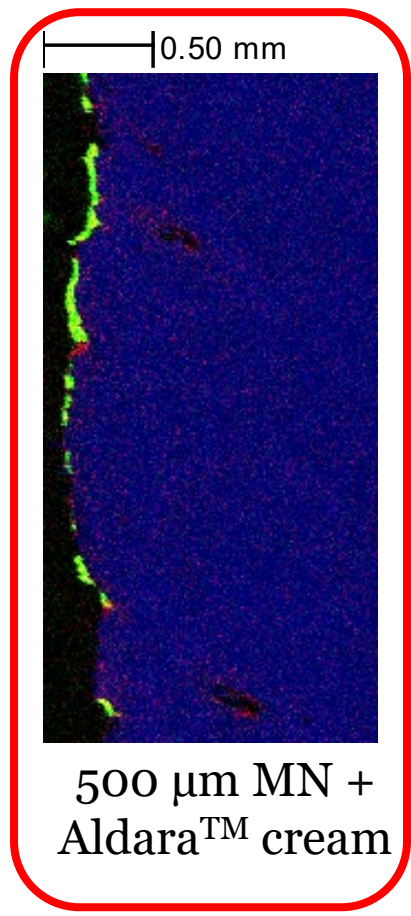




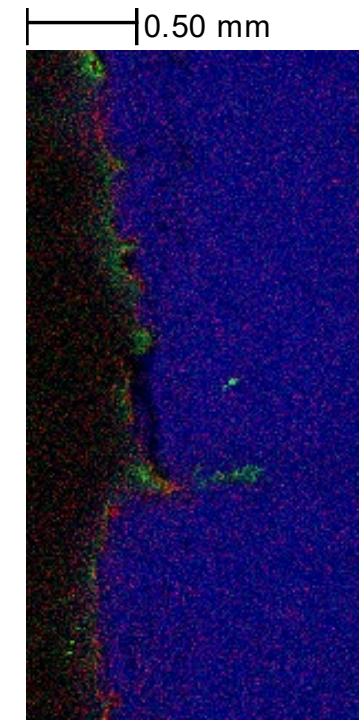
Aldara™
cream only



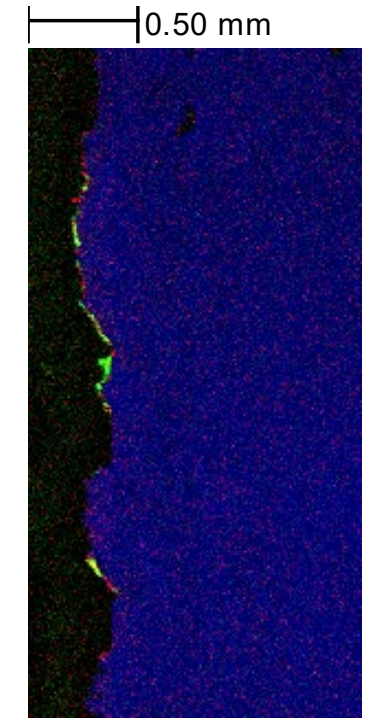
250 μm MN
+ Aldara™
cream



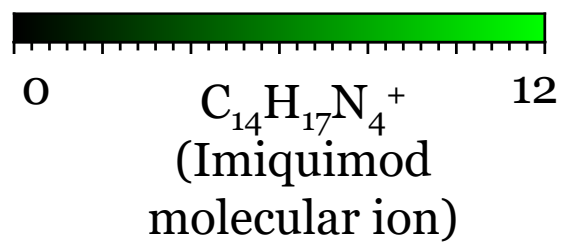
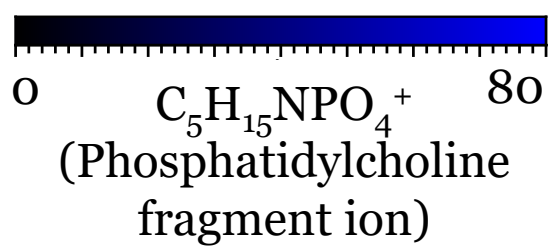
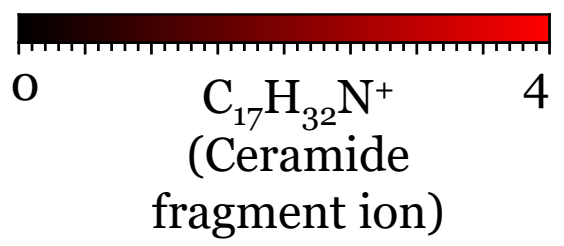
500 μm MN +
Aldara™
cream



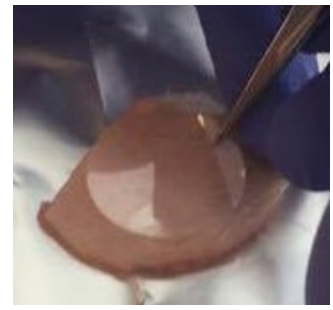
750 μm MN
+ Aldara™
cream



1000 μm MN
+ Aldara™
cream

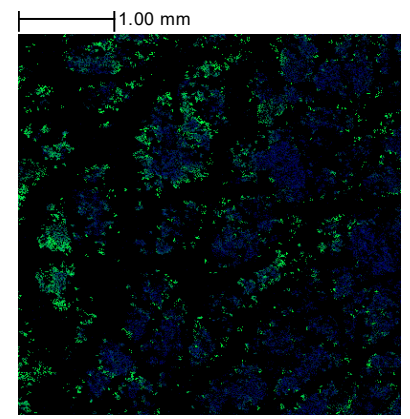


Microneedle Enhanced Drug delivery

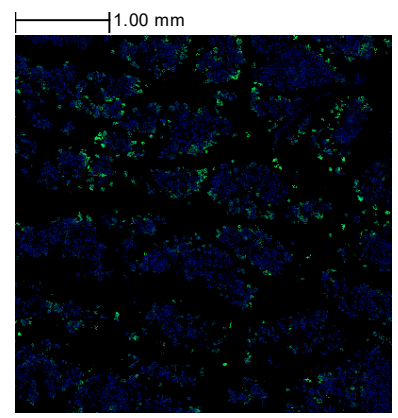


Tape strips

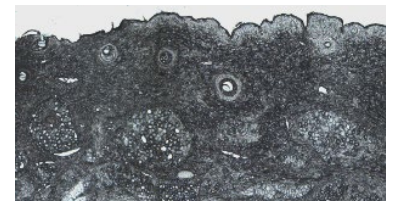
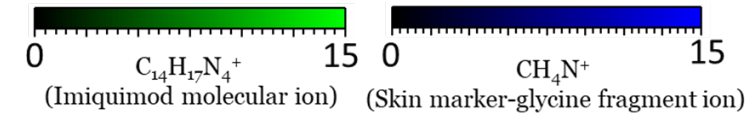
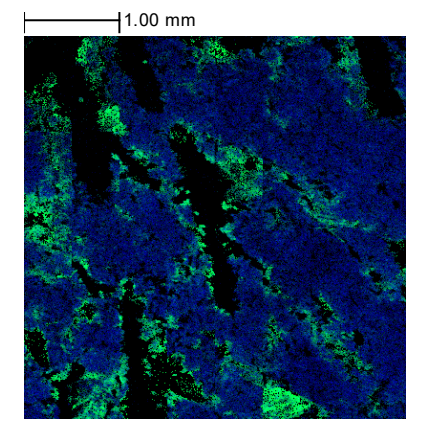
Cream only



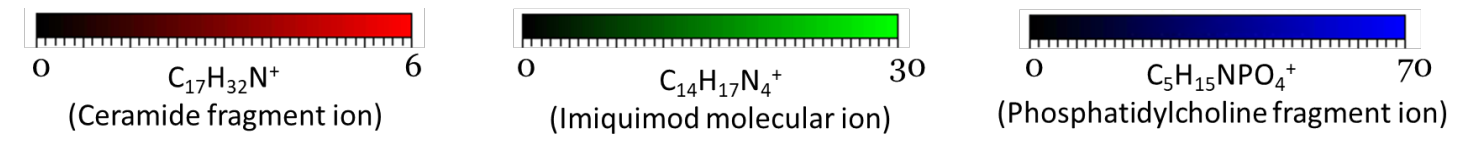
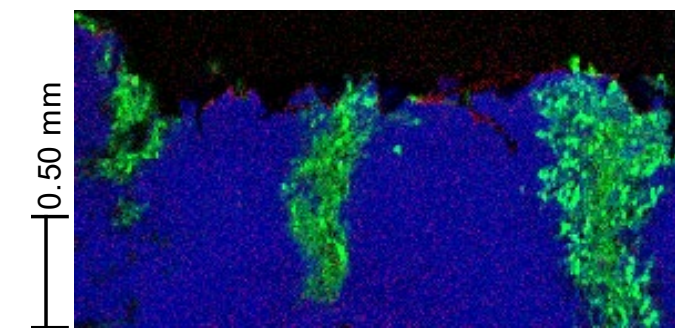
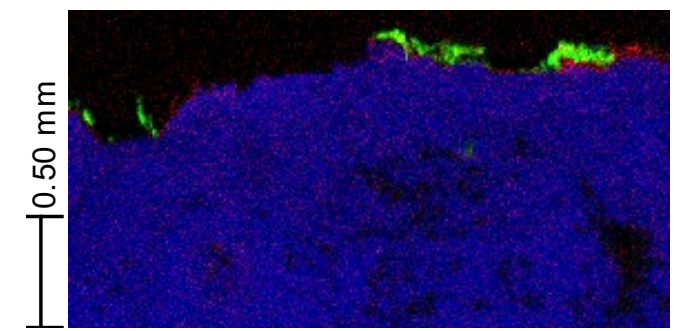
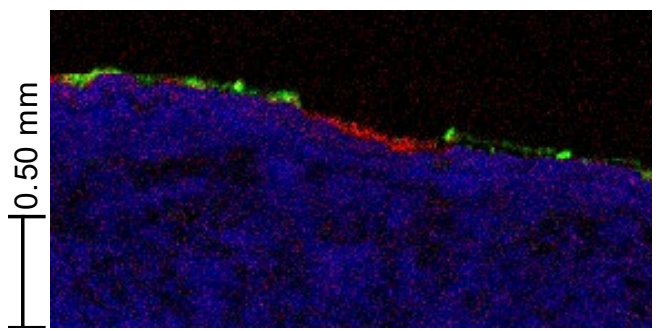
“Poke and patch”



“Patch and poke”

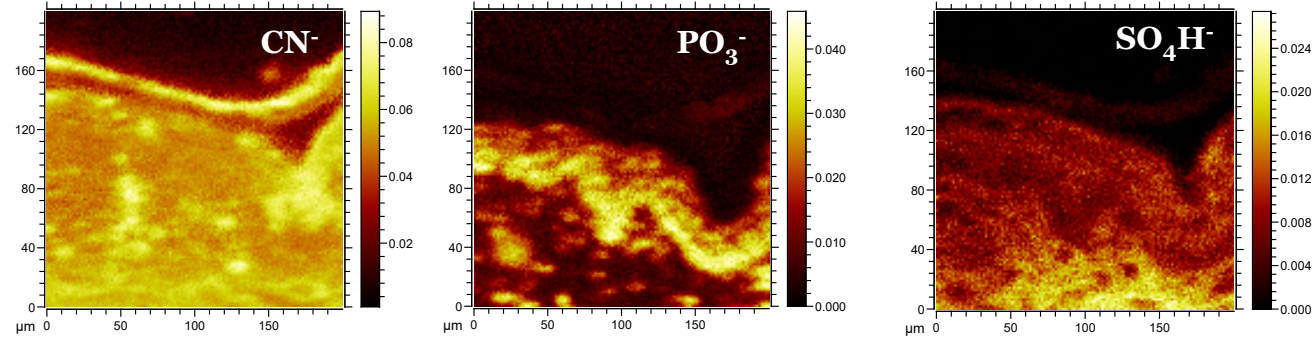


Cross sections

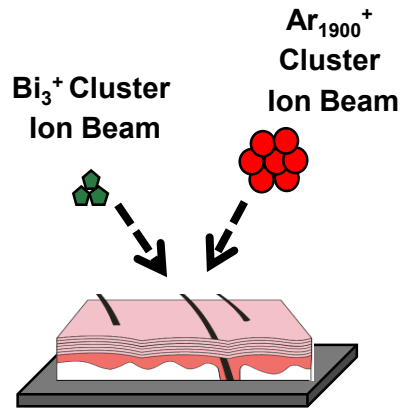


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Poster Presentation
(PW34)

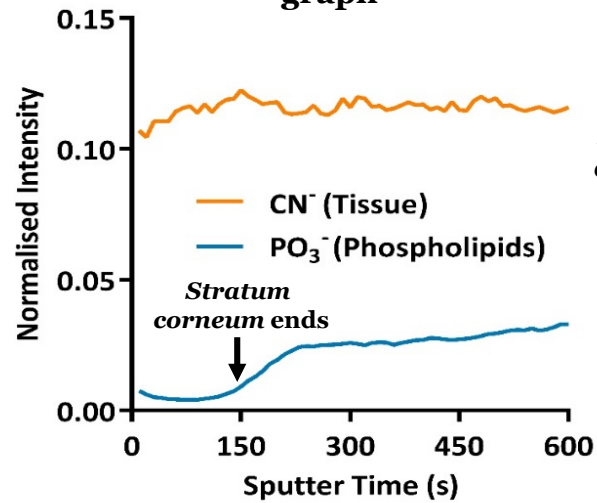
Native tissue cross-section



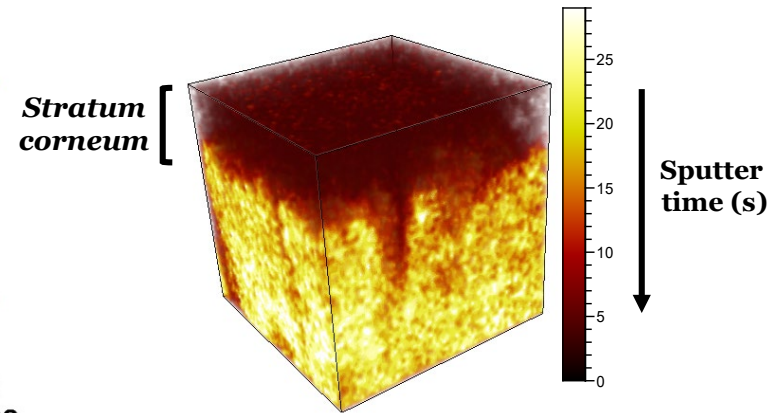
Depth profile - native tissue

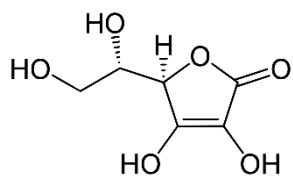


Depth profile graph

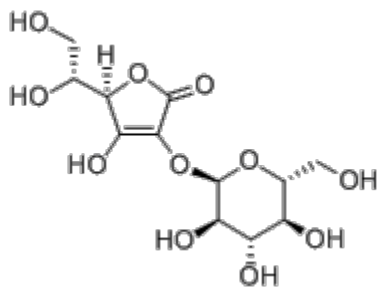
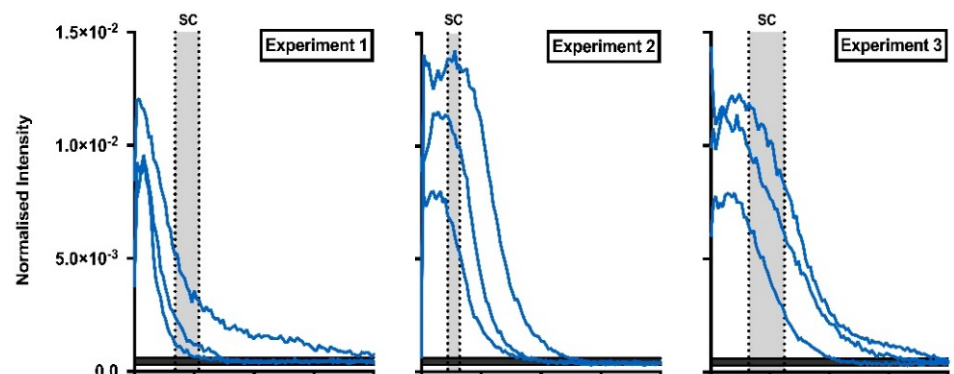
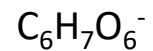


3D distribution map (PO_3^-)

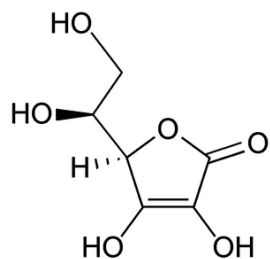
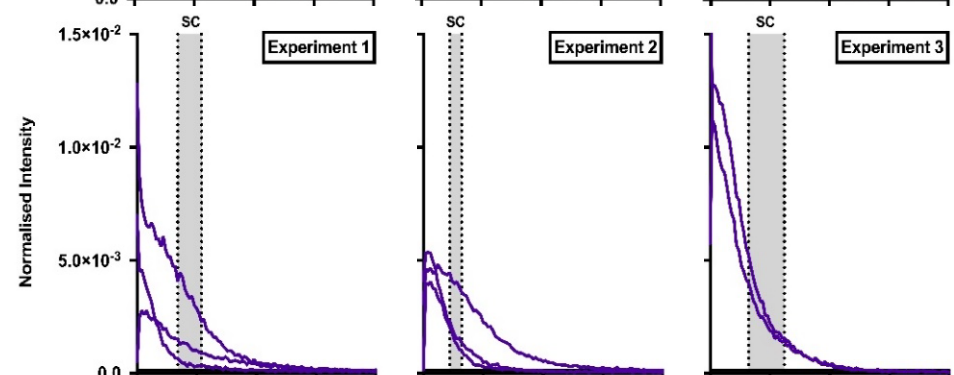
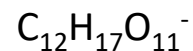




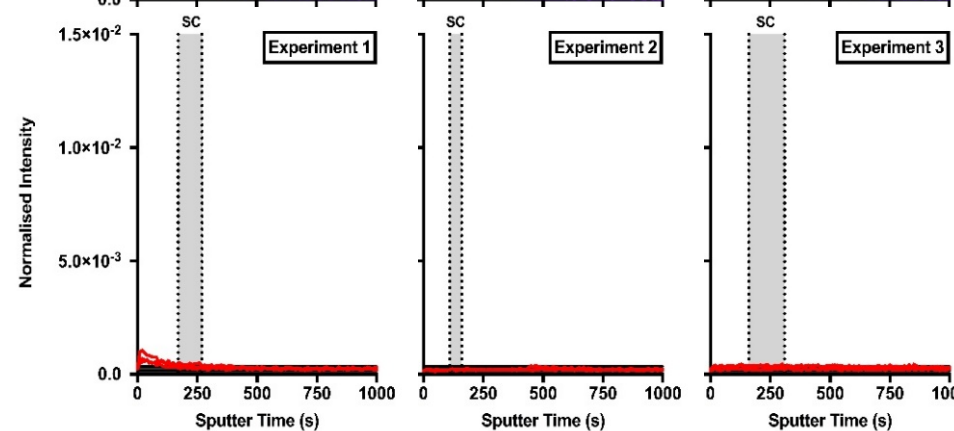
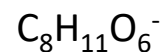
**Ascorbic
Acid**



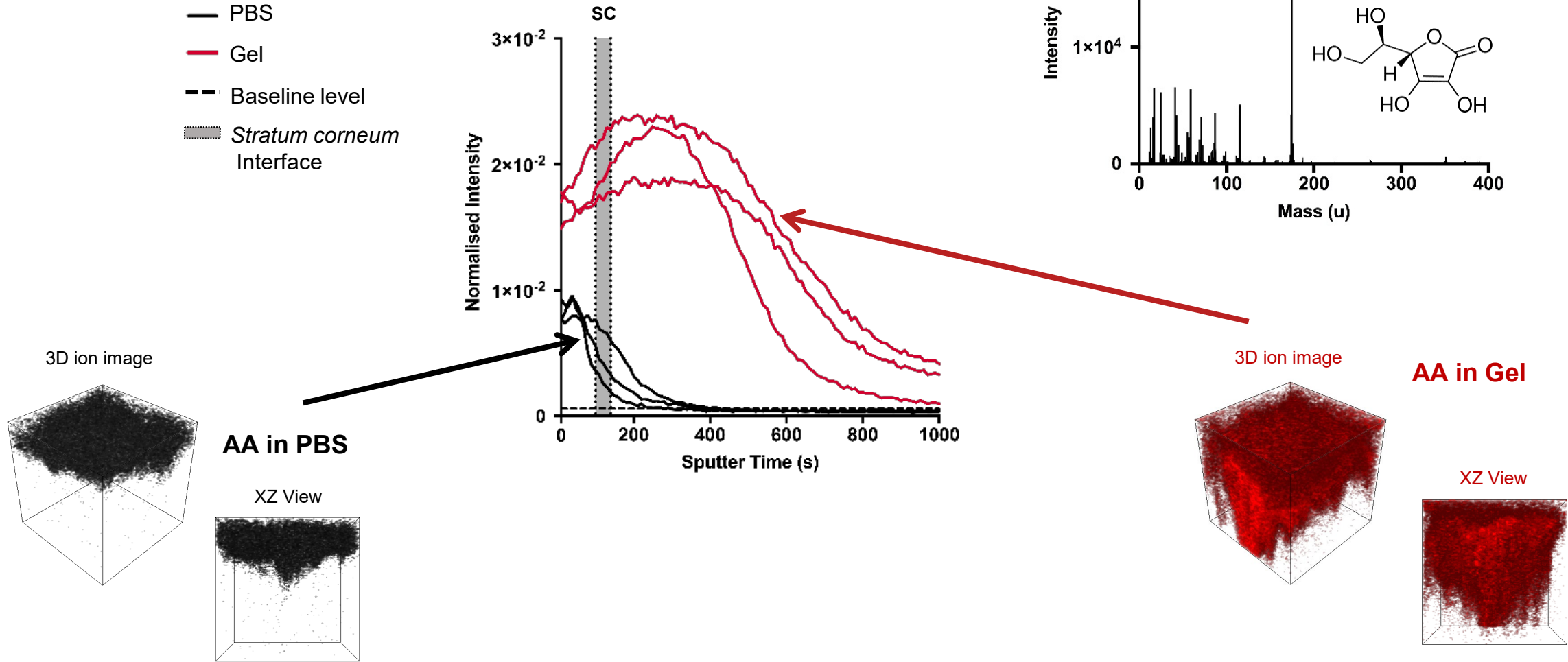
**Ascorbyl
Glucoside**

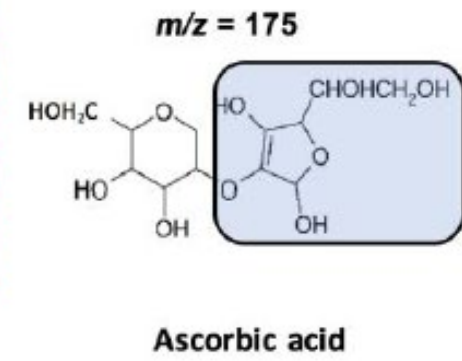
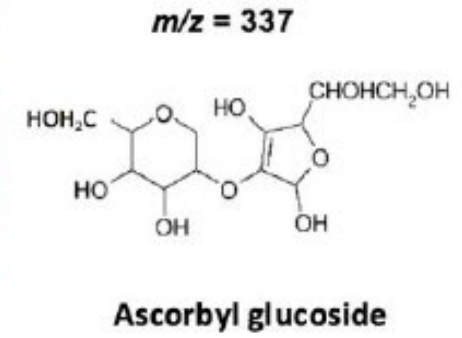
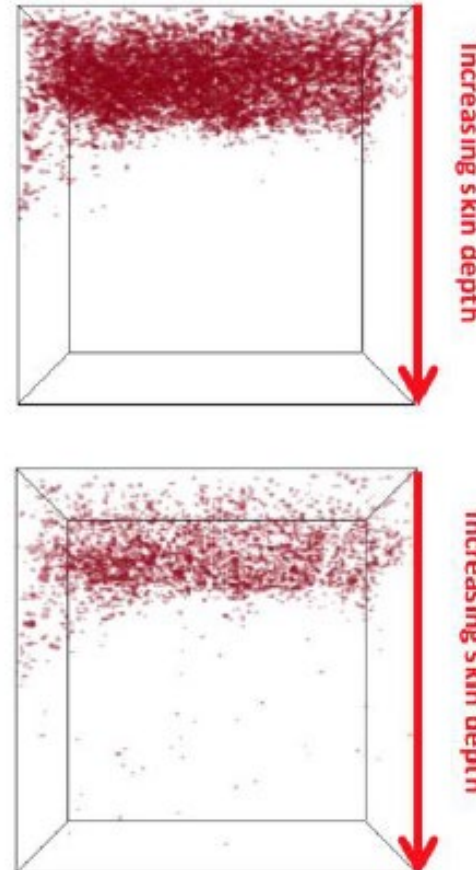
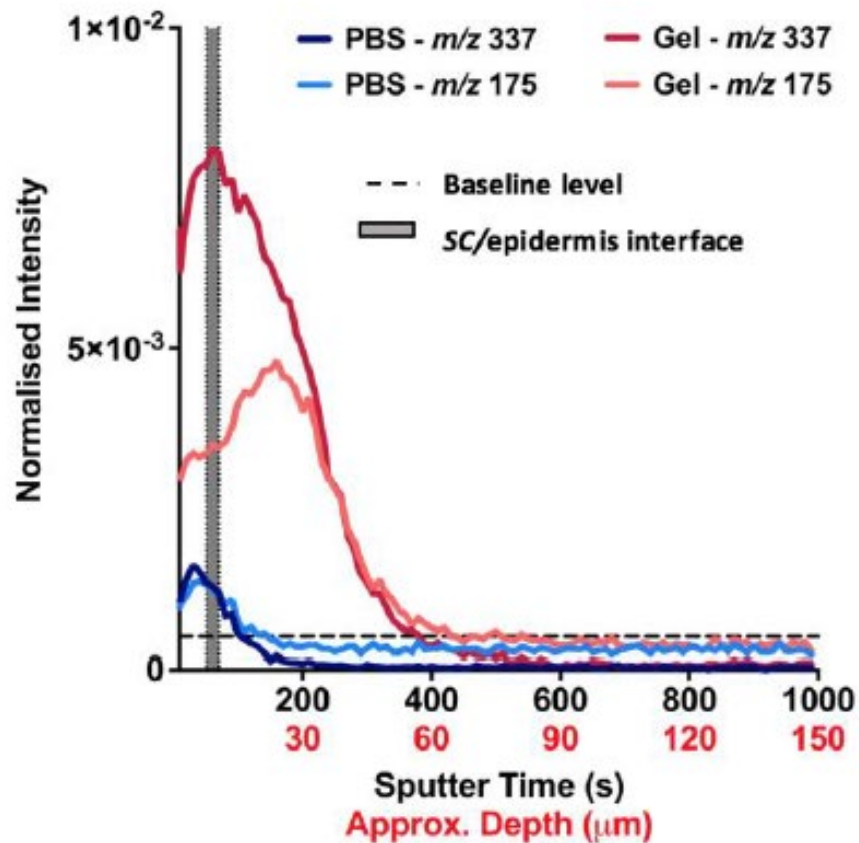


**Ethyl
Ascorbic
Acid**



Ascorbic acid (AA) permeation







Anderson *et al.* **2004**
Nature Biotech

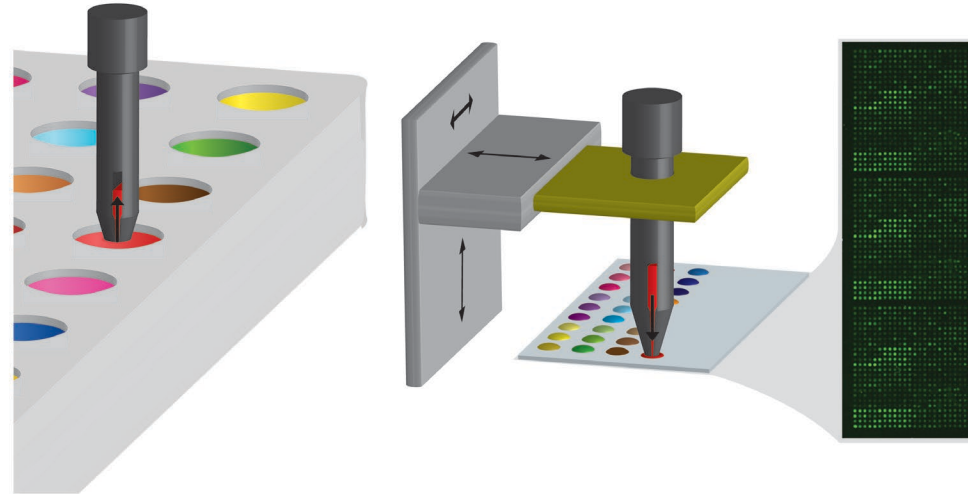
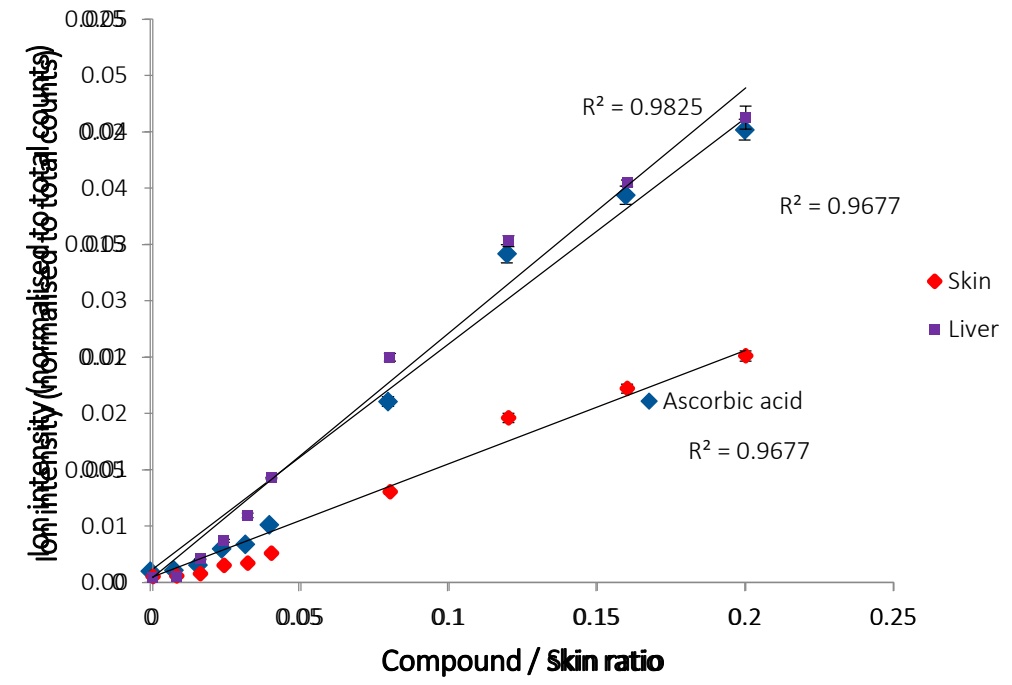
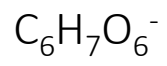
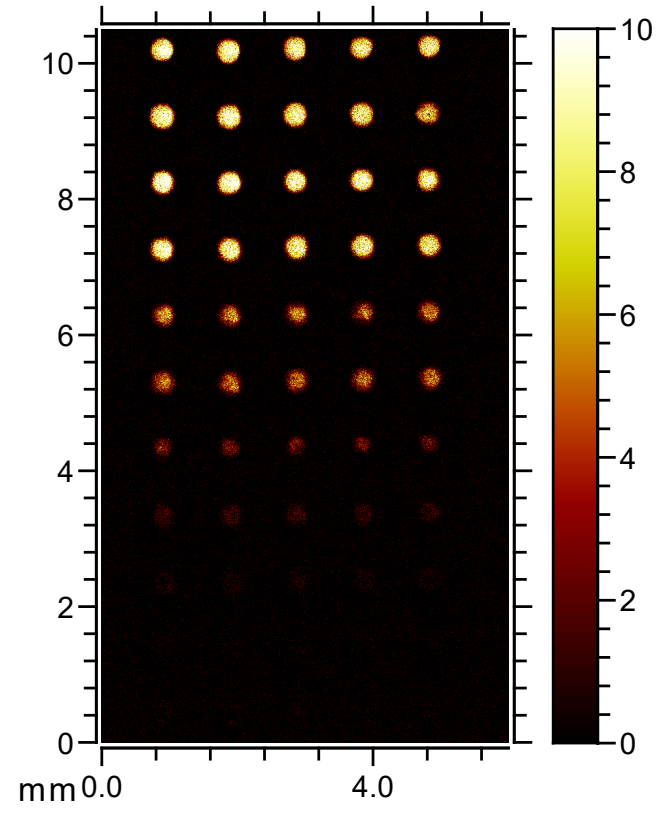
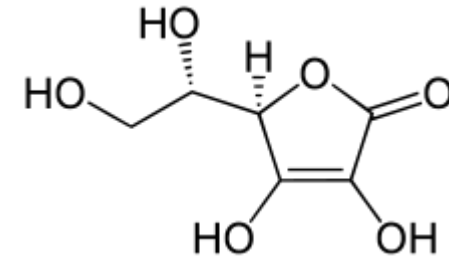
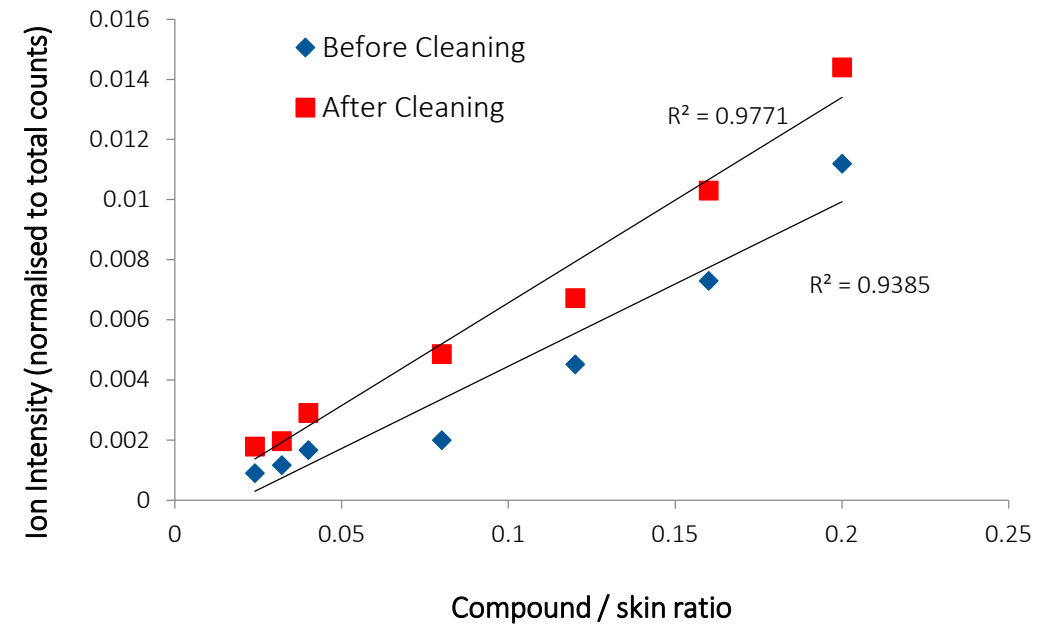
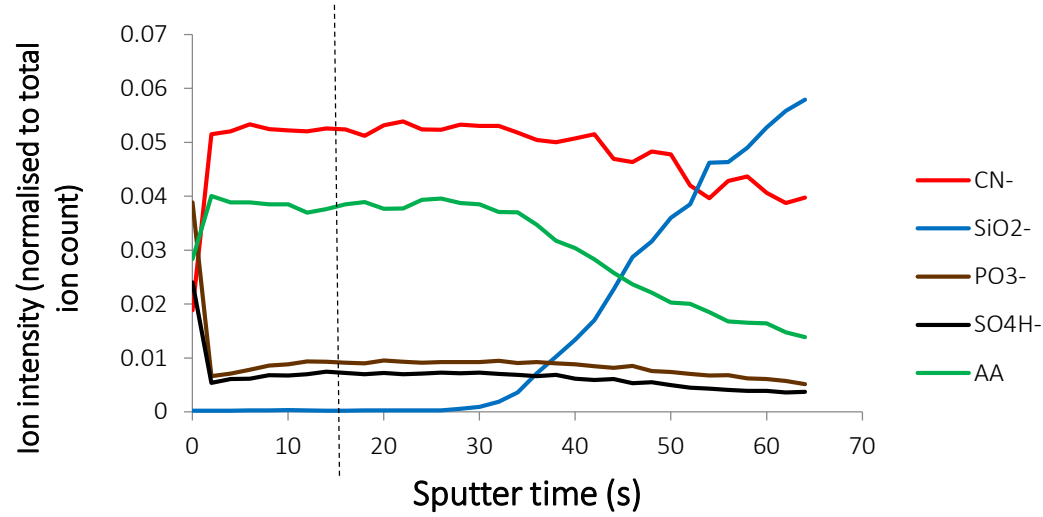


Image courtesy of Andrew Hook

- Requirement to better understand multicomponent systems e.g biological systems
- Key enabling technology for high throughput (HT) materials screening
- Created by contact or inkjet printing = thousands of unique materials on a glass slide







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Novel insights into skin biology using ToF-SIMS and 3D OrbiSIMS

Chemical composition of the skin

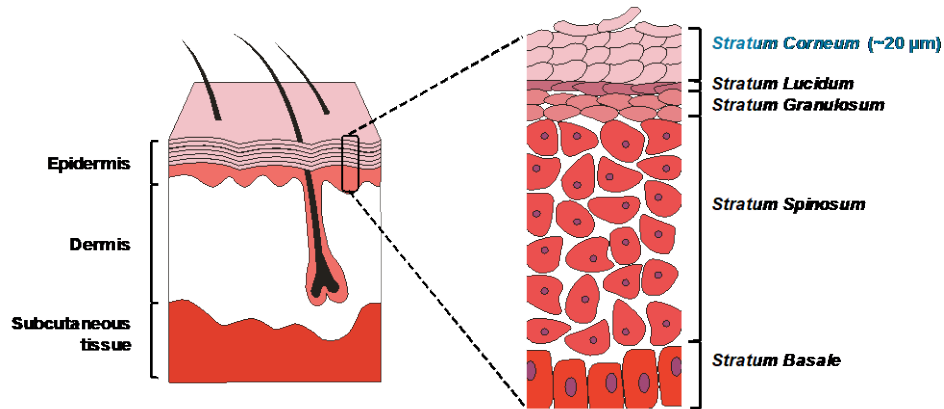


TABLE 2. Composition of total phospholipids in epidermal cells of pig, human, and rat

	Pig (5) ^a	Human (4)	Rat (6)
% of total phospholipids			
Diphosphatidylglycerol (cardiolipin)	3.4 ± 0.6	3.6 ± 0.7	4.7 ± 1.7
Phosphatidic acid	1.3 ± 0.5	2.4 ± 0.8	4.2 ± 1.6
Phosphatidylethanolamine	17.7 ± 1.5	19.1 ± 1.5	15.5 ± 3.2 ^b
Ethanolamine plasmalogen	2.4 ± 1.1	2.1 ± 0.5	2.1 ± 0.5 ^c
Phosphatidylserine	10.0 ± 4.7 ^b	7.9 ± 2.9 ^b	7.9 ± 2.9 ^b
Serine plasmalogen	0.45 ± 0.1 ^a	0.4 ± 0.1 ^c	0.4 ± 0.1 ^c
Phosphatidylinositol	2.2 ± 0.5	2.3 ± 0.5	2.2 ± 0.5
Phosphatidylcholine	38.5 ± 2.7	38.5 ± 2.7	33.4 ± 7.4 ^b
Choline plasmalogen	1.2 ± 0.5	1.5 ± 0.5	1.5 ± 0.5 ^c
Sphingomyelin	4.2 ± 2.0	20.8 ± 2.7	19.6 ± 4.0
Phospholipid PL-X	1.3 ± 0.5	2.4 ± 0.8	4.2 ± 1.6
Phospholipid PL-Y	tr ^d	1.9 ± 0.7	tr

Lipid compositions of cells isolated from pig, human, and rat epidermis
G. M. Gray and H. J. Yardley, *Journal of Lipid Research*, 1975, 16, 434-440

TABLE 1. Distribution of polar and nonpolar lipids in pig, human, and rat epidermal cells

	Pig	Human	Rat
% (by weight) of total lipids			
Nonpolar (neutral) lipids ^a	30.2 ± 7.8 (5) ^b	35.5 ± 4.0 (4)	64.2 ± 8.5 (6)
Polar lipids			
Phospholipids ^c	62.3 ± 9.7 (5)	53.0 ± 4.0 (4)	34.7 ± 8.5 (6)
Glycosphingolipids (glucosylceramide) ^d	7.3 ± 1.5 (3)	9.5 ± 0.5 (2)	ND ^e
Cholesteryl sulfate	0.3 ± 0.06(2)	1.0 ± 0.14(2)	1.12 ± 0.04(3)

TABLE 3. Fatty acid composition of phospholipids and glycosphingolipids in pig and human epidermal cells

Fatty Acid	Pig										Human	
	PE	PI	PS	CL	PA	PL-X	PC	SP	GSL	SP	GSL	
14:0	tr	2.7	2.4	4.4	3.6	0.8	14.7	1.7	tr	2.6	5.1	
15:0	tr	2.0	2.7	2.3	1.8	1.0	1.2	1.0	tr	1.1	3.4	
16:0	11.5	18.5	11.3	15.4	11.9	11.0	26.4	22.5	9.4	14.6	8.2	
16:1	5.5	3.6	3.9	6.8	4.5	5.6	6.4	tr	tr	tr	tr	
17:0	tr	tr	2.5	0.5	1.2	tr	tr	tr	tr	2.0	2.4	
18:0	16.3	25.2	16.5	7.4	13.5	12.9	7.5	4.2	2.7	6.4	4.3	
18:1	24.6	13.3	17.4	21.6	19.7	31.5	19.1	4.2	24.7	2.8	17.9	
18:2	34.4	14.9	20.7	34.2	22.9	21.0	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	
18:3	7.7	0.8	2.1	3.5	3.5	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	
20:0	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	24.6	15.8	11.6	7.7	
20:1	tr	3.3	5.9	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	
20:2	tr	1.7	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	
20:3	tr	1.5	tr	tr	tr	3.3	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	
20:4	tr	7.2	tr	tr	tr	4.1	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	
21:0	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	0.8	tr	1.3	1.7	tr	
22:0	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	8.1	9.8	8.9	4.3	tr	
23:0	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	1.0	1.6	1.6	1.7	tr	
24:0	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	3.1	14.4	14.5	18.8	10.0	tr	
24:1	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	10.5	2.6	9.5	2.0	tr	
25:0	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	0.8	tr	2.0	5.2	tr	
26:0	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	2.8	9.0	5.8	5.4	tr	
28:0	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	7.8	0.7	5.9	tr	
24:0:OH	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	2.6	tr	
26:0:OH	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	tr	5.6	tr	
NI	1.8	2.9	1.6	12.5	1.9	1.8	4.2	2.1	10.3	8.6	tr	

TABLE 4. Sterol content of pig, human, and rat epidermal cells

	Pig (4) ^a	Human (2)	Rat (6)
nmols of sterol/cell			
Cholesterol	270 ± 22	350 ± 200	350 ± 200
Cholesteryl esters	22 ± 14	6 ± 14	330 ± 190
Cholest-7-ene-3β-ol	tr	tr	74 ± 37
Cholest-7-ene-3β-ol esters	tr	6 ± 2	126 ± 22

TABLE 5. Composition of nonpolar (neutral) lipids in epidermal cells of pig, human, and rat

	Pig	Human	Rat
% (by weight) of total nonpolar lipids			
Hydrocarbons	8	6	tr
Squalene	tr	tr	tr
Cholesteryl esters	3	tr	11 ^a
Wax esters	tr	tr	26
Triglycerides	tr	25	19
Free fatty acids	tr	25	tr
Cholesterol	tr	25 ^a	18 ^a
Ceramide	3	3	ND
Unidentified	11	13	22

Current research focuses

Skin Diseases Associated with the Depletion of Stratum Corneum Lipids and Stratum Corneum Lipid Substitution Therapy

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Skin Pharmacol. Physiol., 2015, 28, 42-55

Table 1.2 A summary of the detected changes to stratum corneum lipids associated with skin disorders. Adapted from van Smeden et. al, *J. Invest. Dermatol.* (2014) ⁵⁶.

Disease	Change in lipid composition
Lamellar ichthyosis	CER [NP] [EOS] ↓
Psoriasis	CER [NP] [EOS] [AP] ↓ CER [AS] [NS] ↑
Netherton	CER [EOS] [EOP] [EOH] [EOds] [NP] ↓ Short chain lipids ↑ Unsaturated lipids ↑
Atopic dermatitis	CER [EOS] [EOP] [EOH] [EOds] ↓ CER [AS] [AH] [AP] [AdS] ↑
Chanarin - Dorfman	Acyl-CERs ↓ TAG ↑
X-linked ichthyosis	↑ cholesterol sulfate

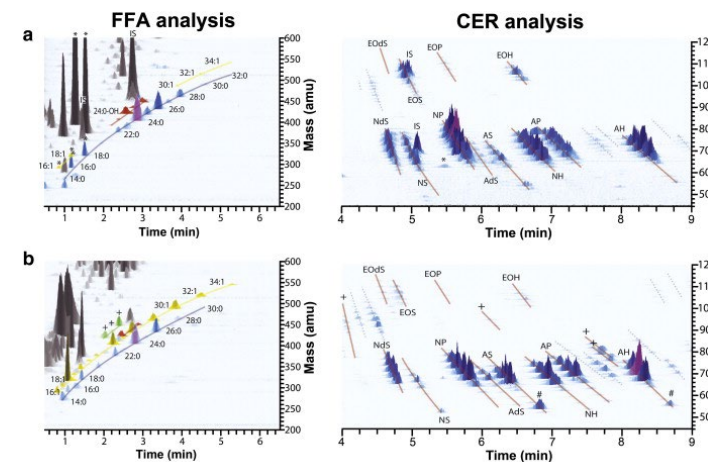
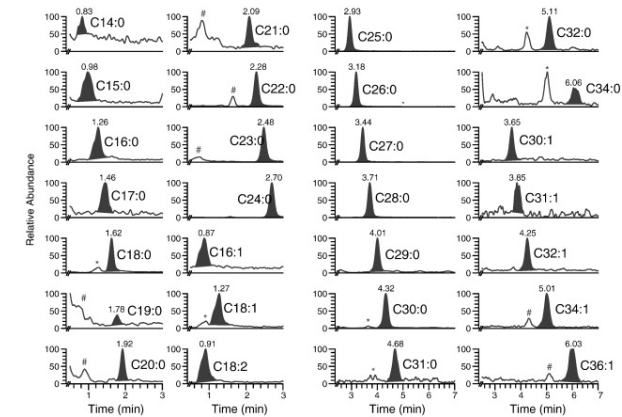
Age and skin structure and function, a quantitative approach (II): protein, glycosaminoglycan, water, and lipid content and structure

Jeanette M. Waller, Howard I. Maibach

Skin Research and Technology, 2006, 12:3, 145-154

Combined LC/MS-platform for analysis of all major stratum corneum lipids, and the profiling of skin substitutes

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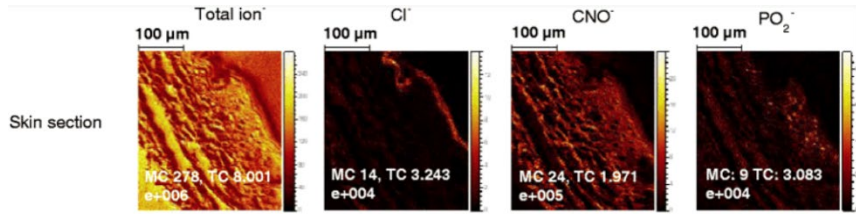


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RESEARCH PAPER

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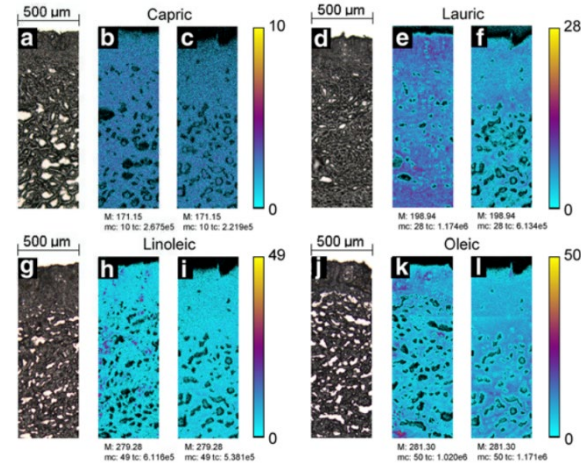
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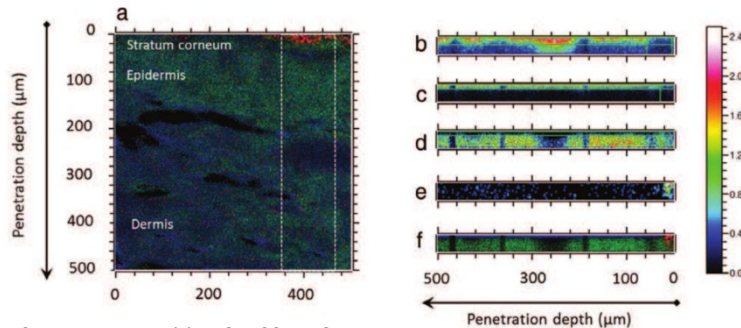


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Imaging mass spectrometry for novel insights into contact allergy – a proof-of-concept study on nickel

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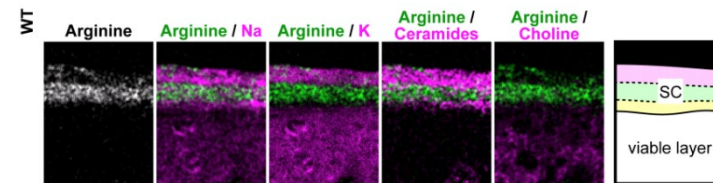
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Contact Dermatitis, 78, 109-116

The stratum corneum comprises three layers with distinct metal-ion barrier properties

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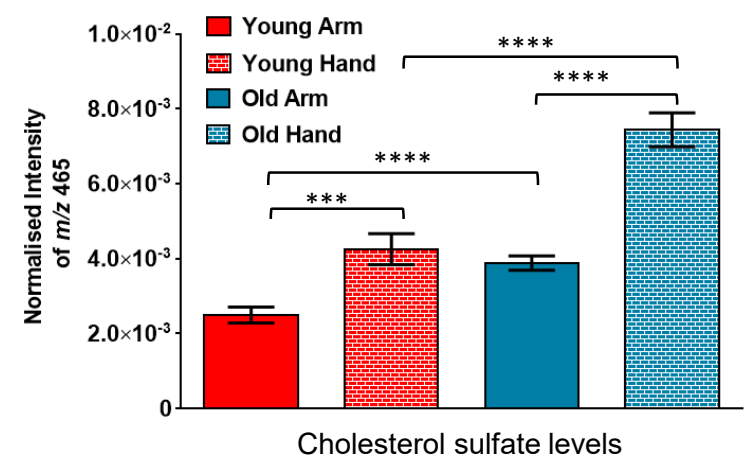
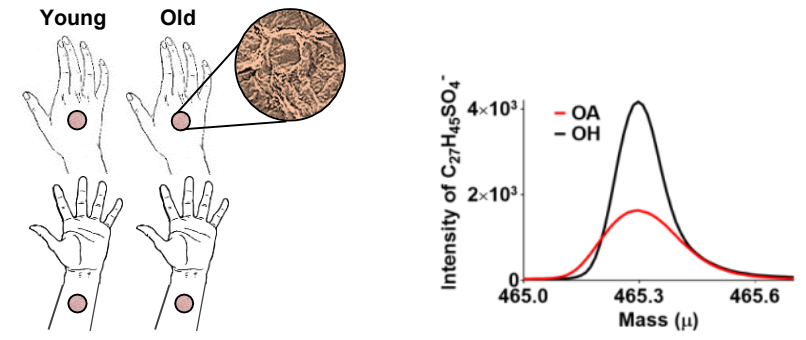
Native skin analysis at University of Nottingham



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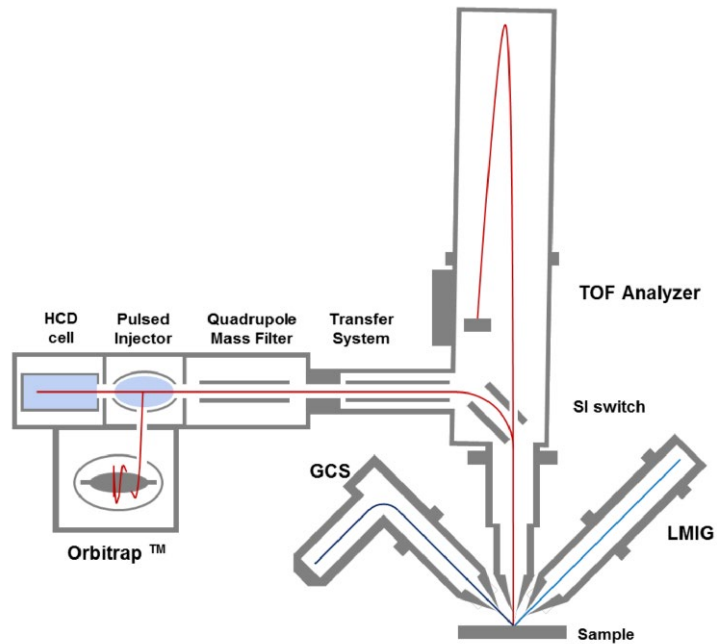
Age-Related Changes to Human Stratum Corneum Lipids Detected Using Time-of-Flight Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry Following in Vivo Sampling

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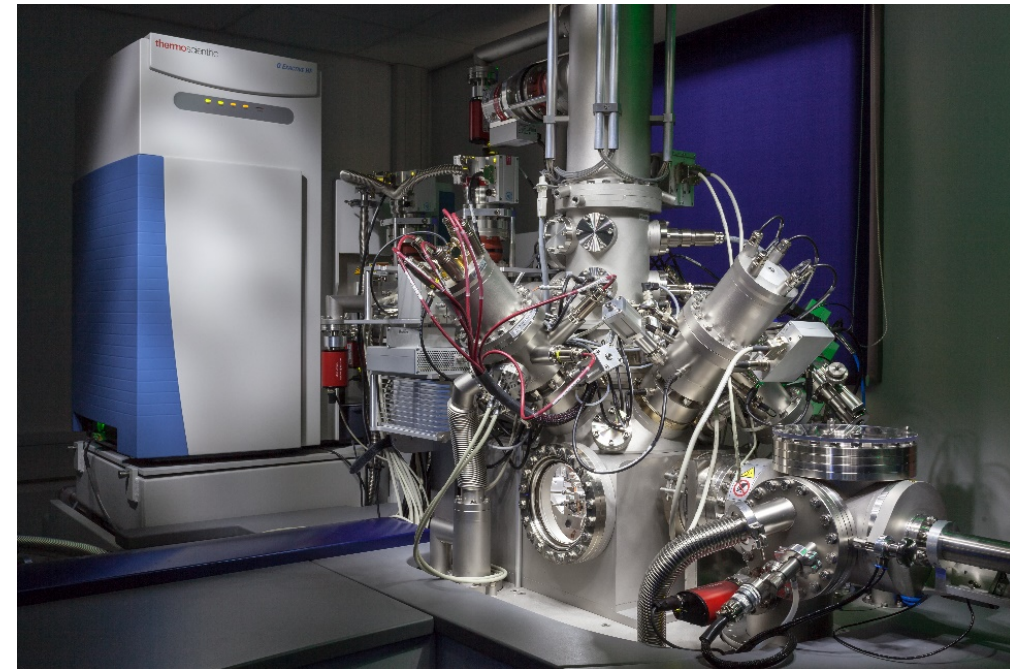
3D OrbiSIMS (HybridSIMS)

"Surface analysis meets organic mass spectrometry"
IONTOF



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- ❖ Mass resolution > 240,000
- ❖ Mass accuracy < 1 ppm
- ❖ High resolution cluster SIMS imaging

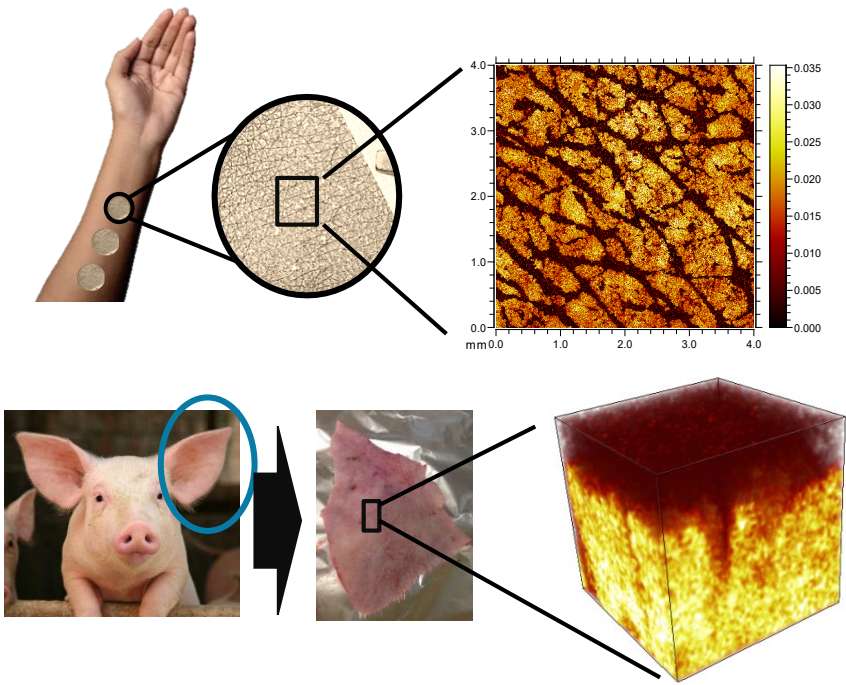


- ✓ Unambiguous peak identification
- ✓ MS/MS capabilities

In vivo and *ex vivo* analysis methods

In vivo sampling → surface analysis

- ✓ Human volunteers
- ✓ Individual layers of SC



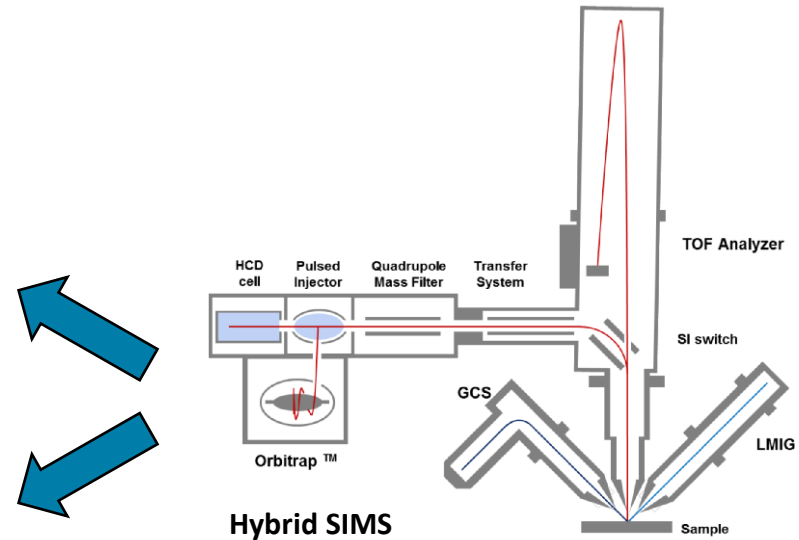
Ex vivo sampling → profiling

- ✓ Porcine or human (less used)
- ✓ 3D analysis

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Number of peaks with intensity value > 10³ for Hybrid SIMS = 9791

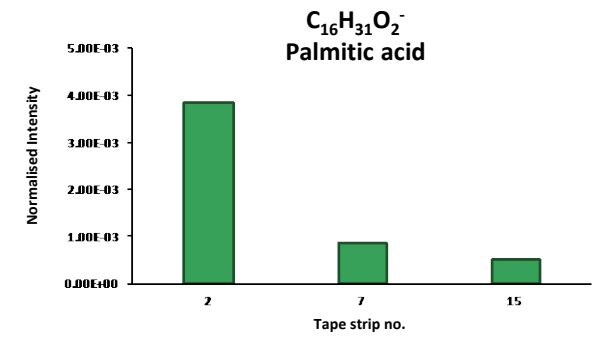
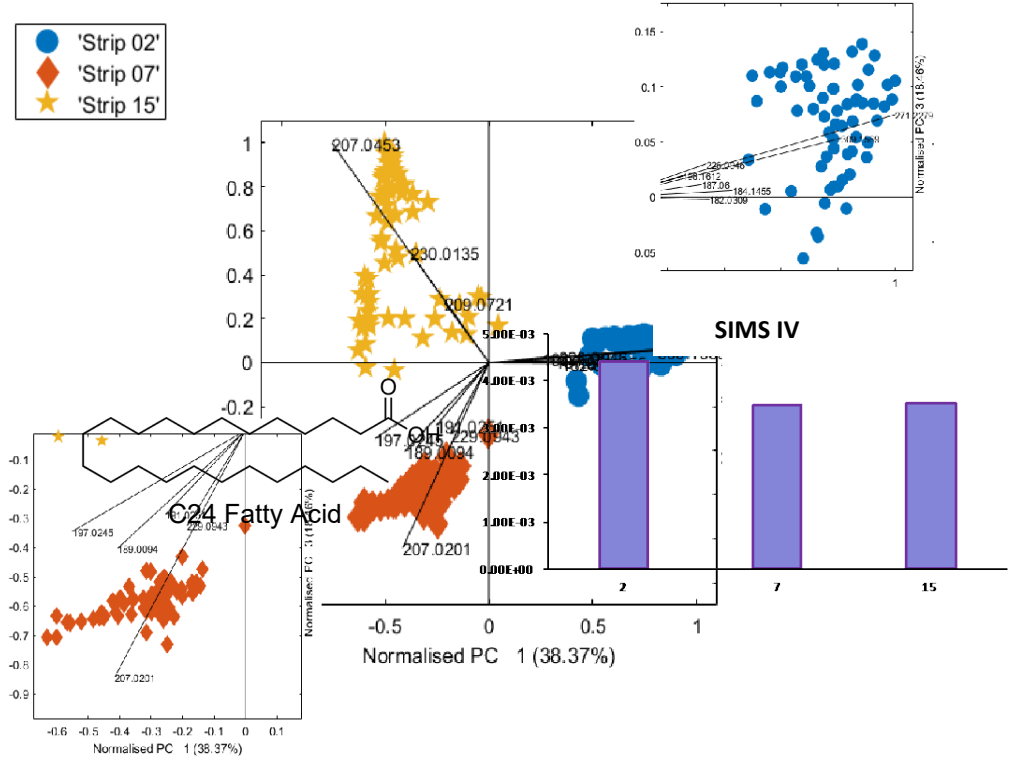
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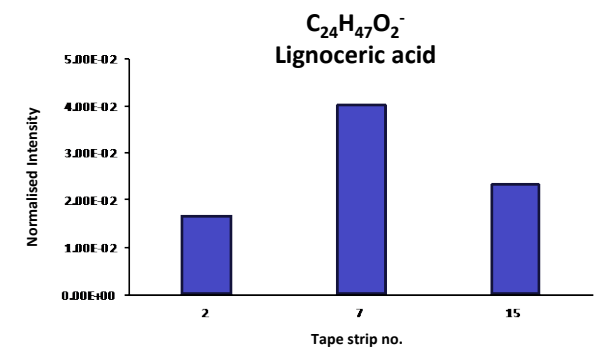
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Orbitrap SIMS single beam –
Single quasi-DC beam (Ar_n, n > 1000)

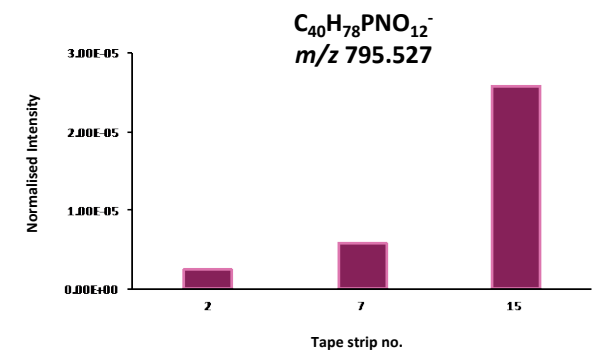
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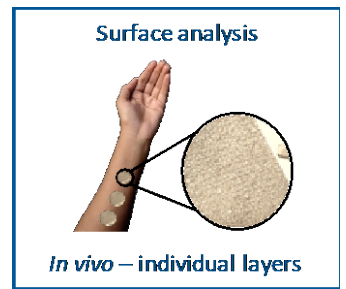
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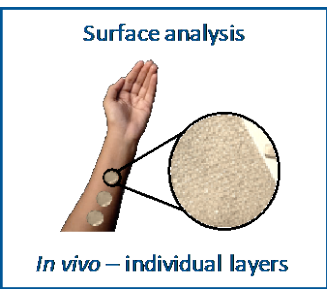
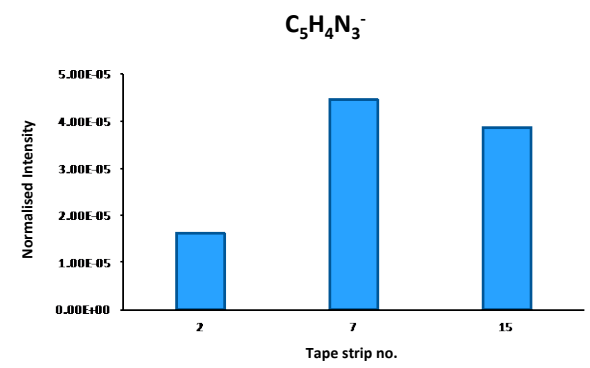
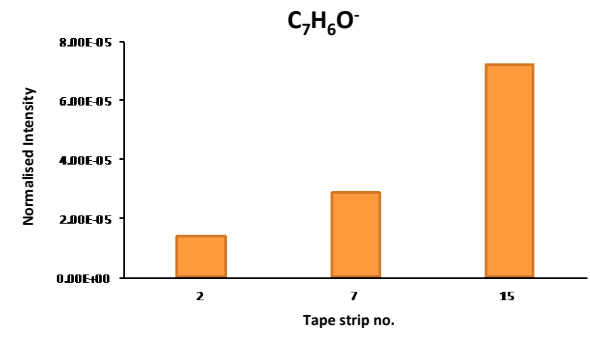
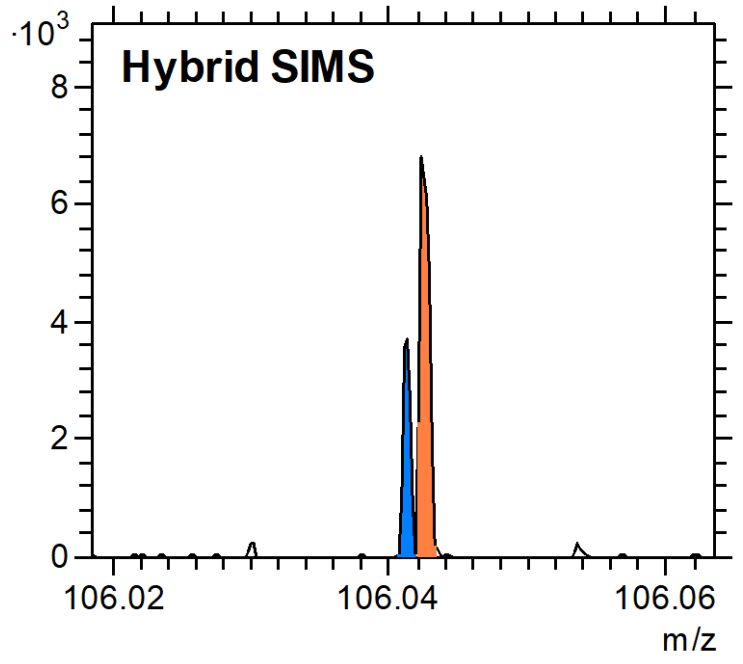
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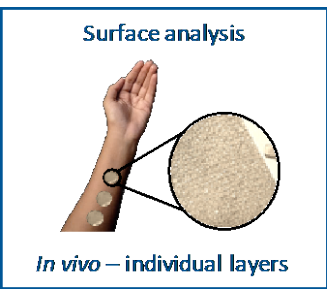
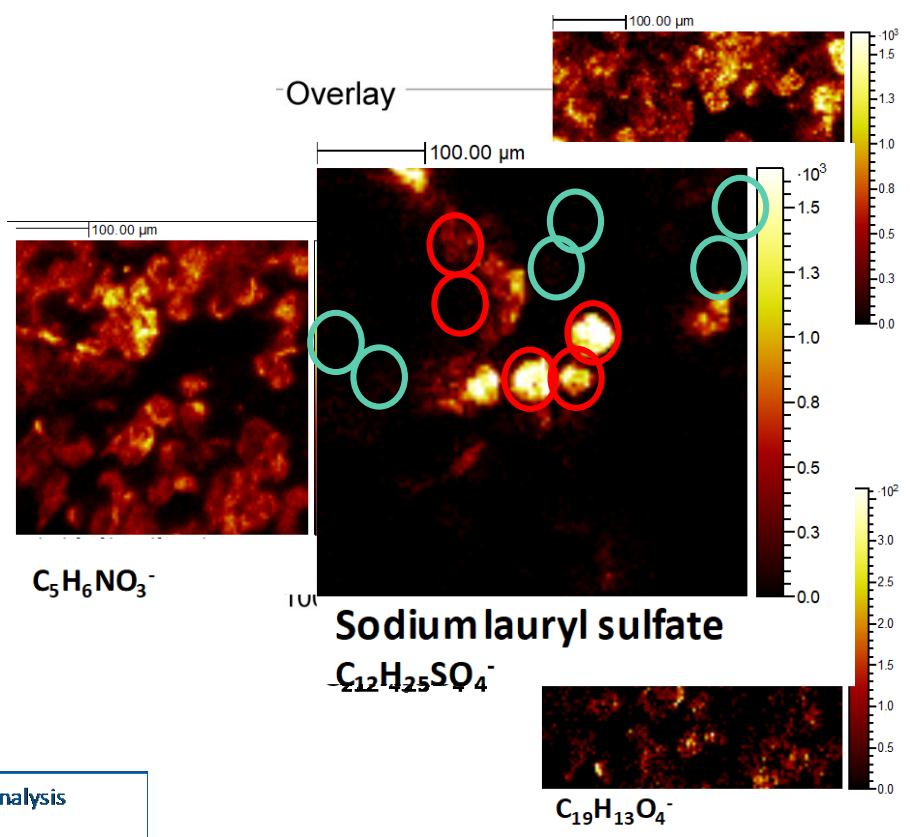
High in underlying epidermis



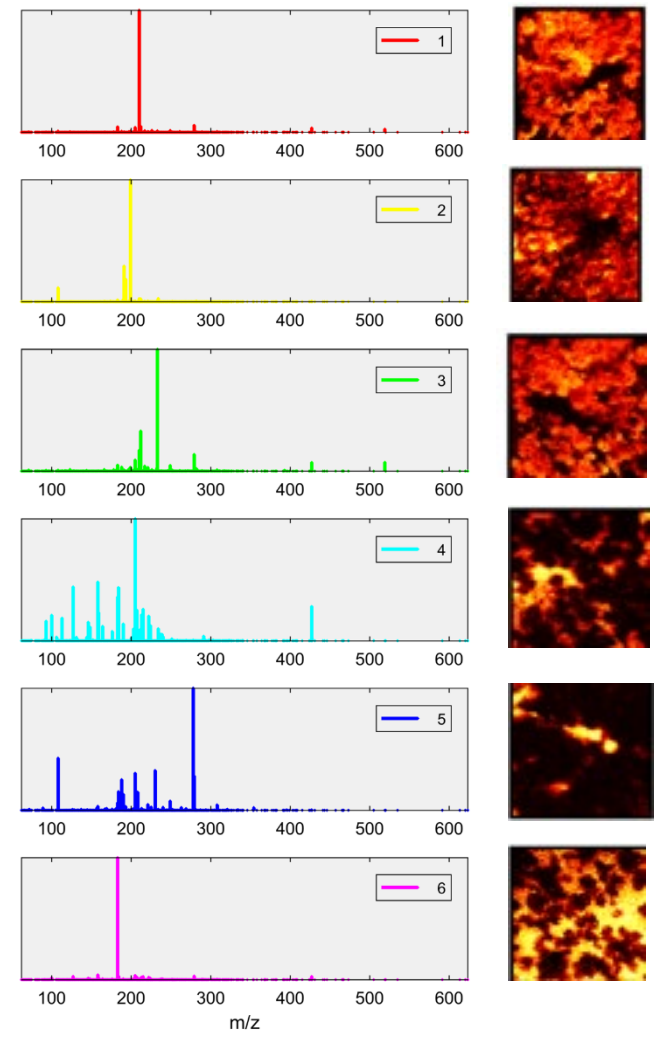
Stratum corneum gradients (Tape strips)



Chemical distributions (Tape strips)

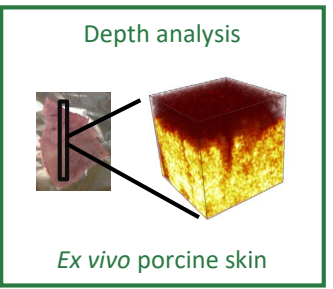
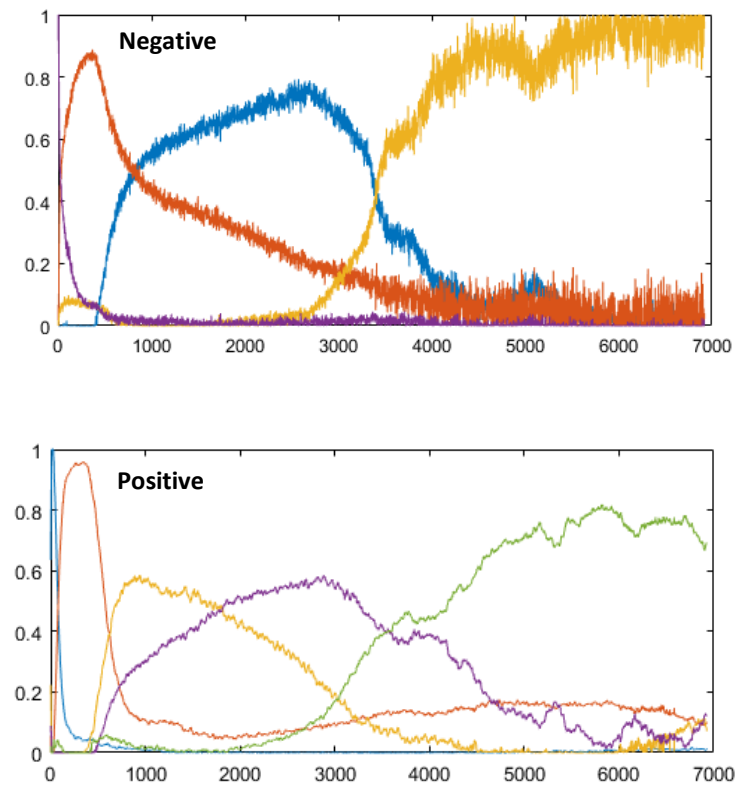


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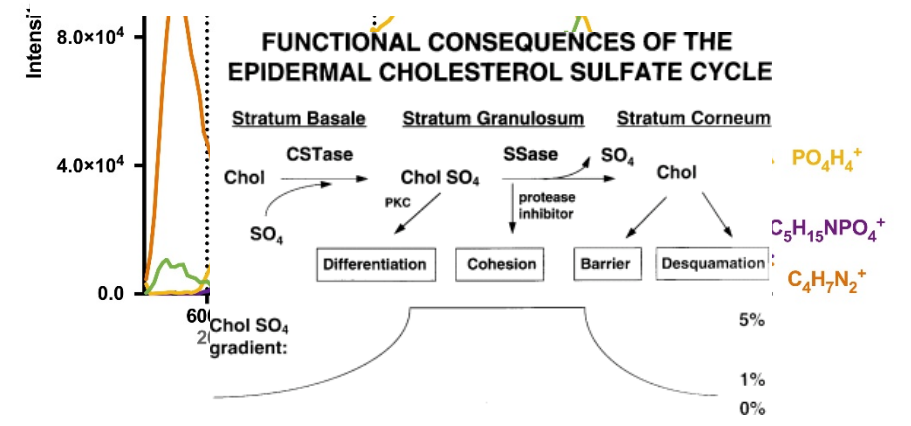
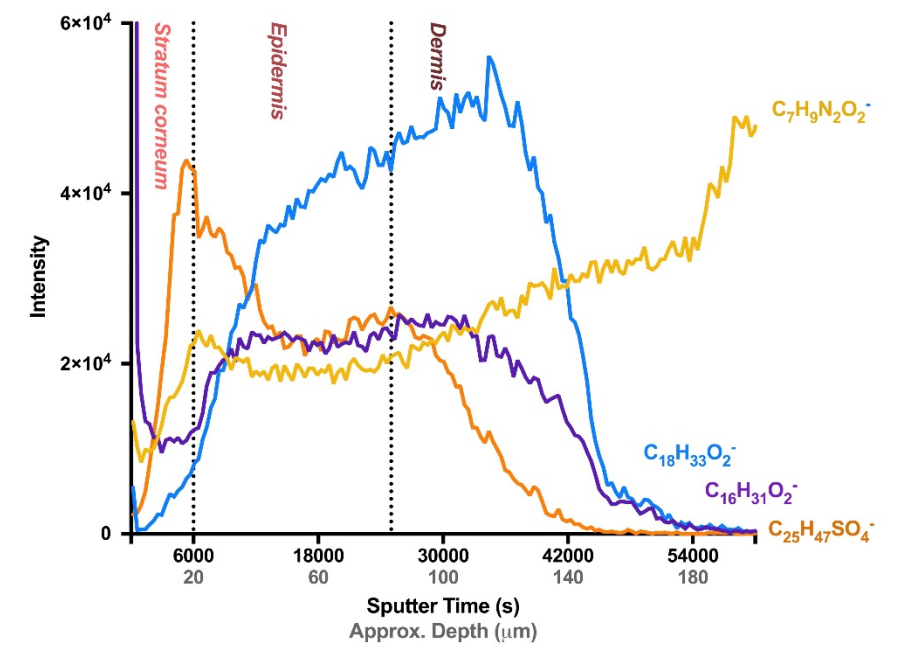


Depth profile analysis

Non-negative matrix factorisation analysis



Hybrid SIMS depth profile



- Exogenous compounds can be traced permeating through *in vitro* and *in vivo* skin using ToF-SIMS as demonstrated for:
 - Antibacterial
 - Pharmaceutical
 - Cosmetic
- The hybrid SIMS instrument was able to elucidate differences in lipid composition as a function of depth, previously unattainable using the SIMS IV instrument.
- Differences in the lateral distribution of lipid species could also be obtained, indicating that lipids with different chemistries, such as ceramides and fatty acid species are distributed differently within a single SC layer.

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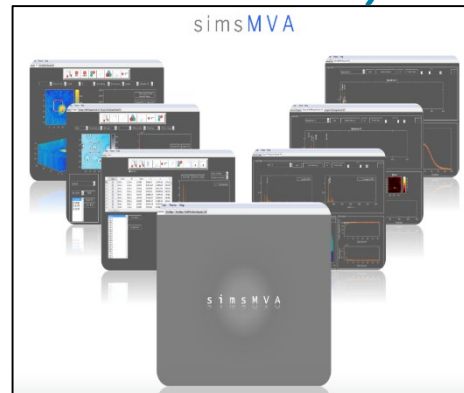
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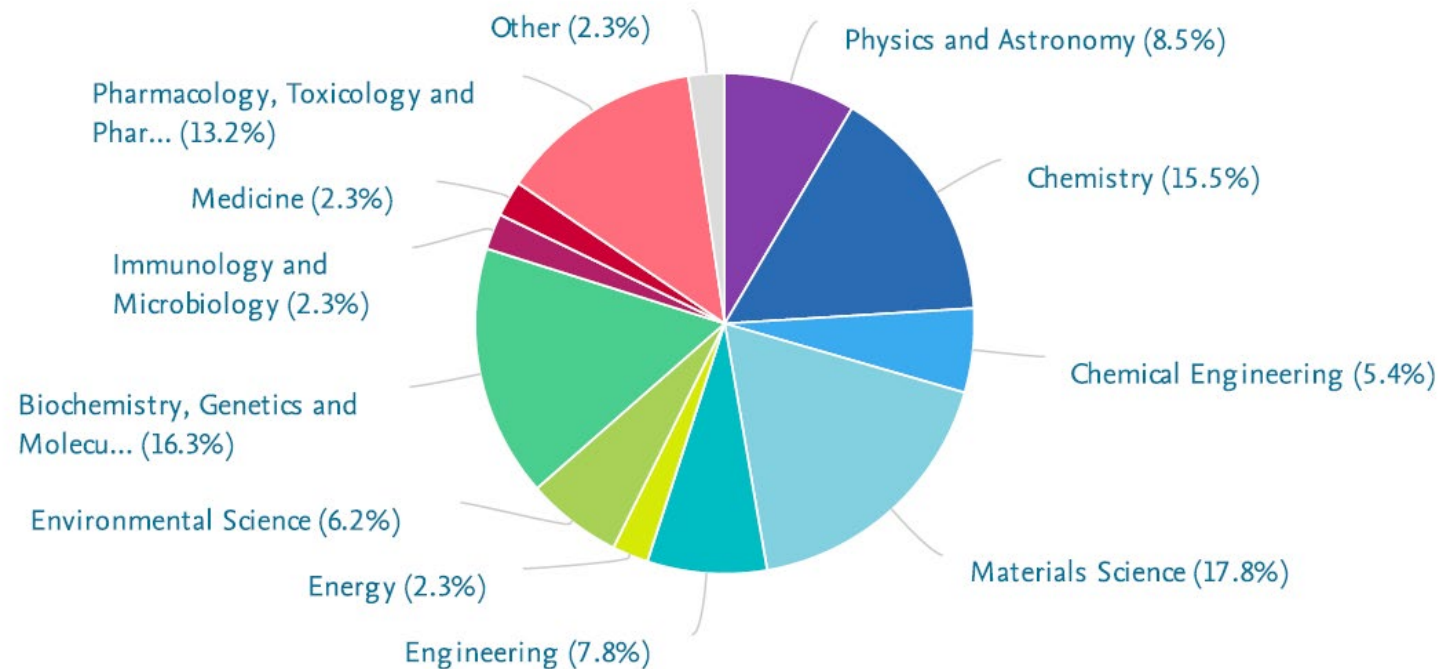
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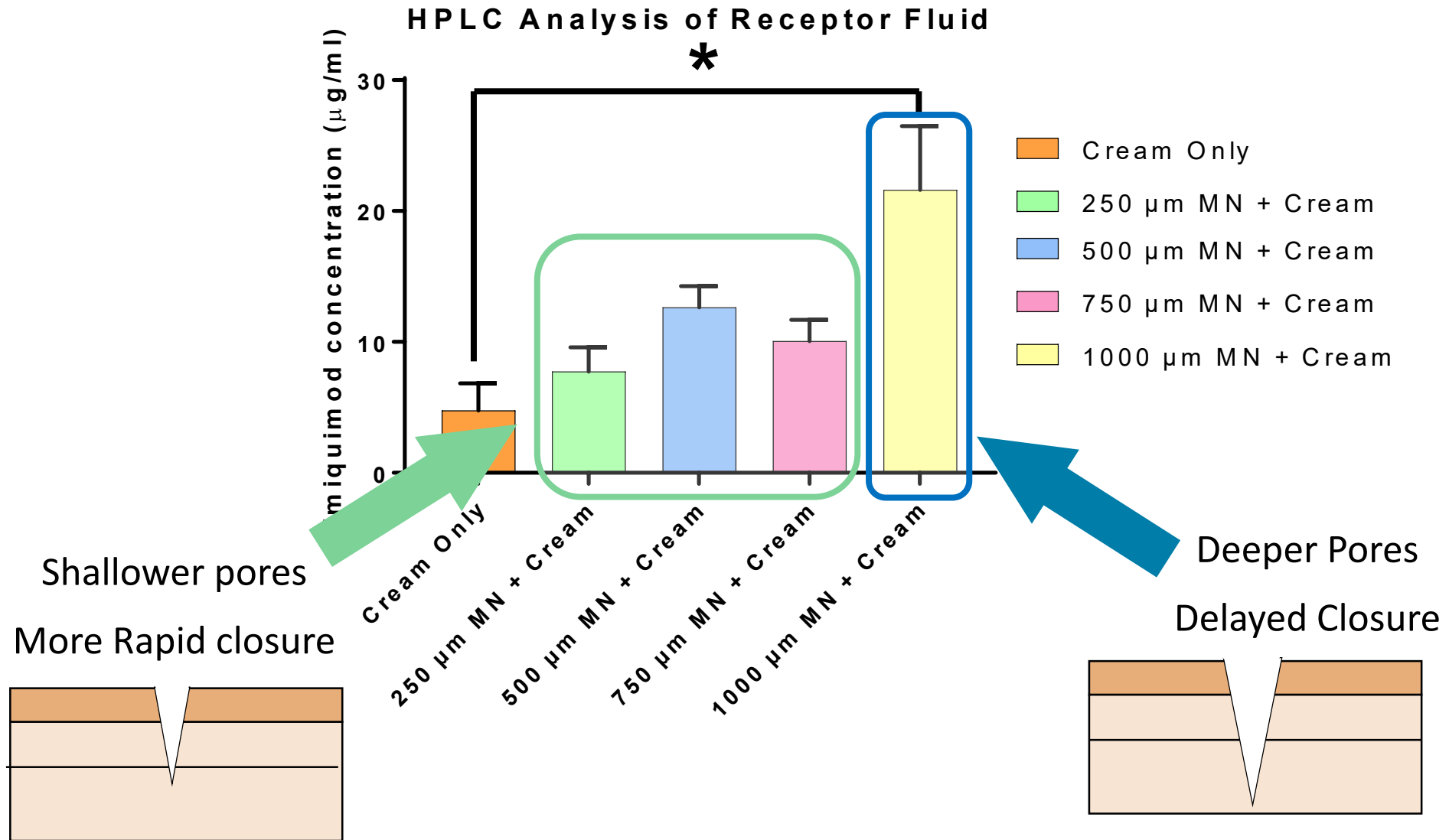


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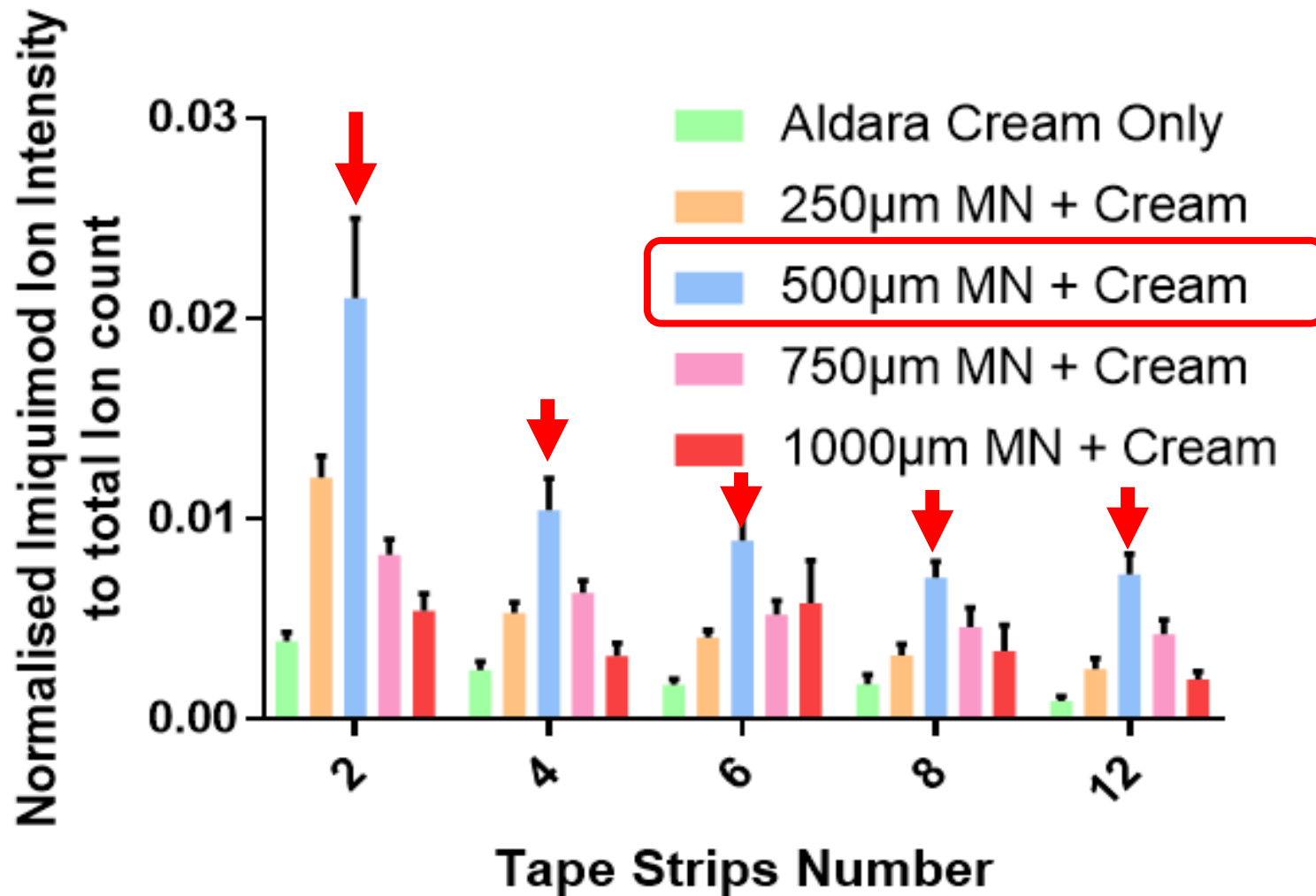


- *Skin permeation & chemistry*
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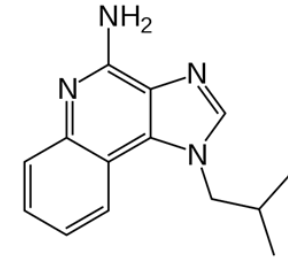
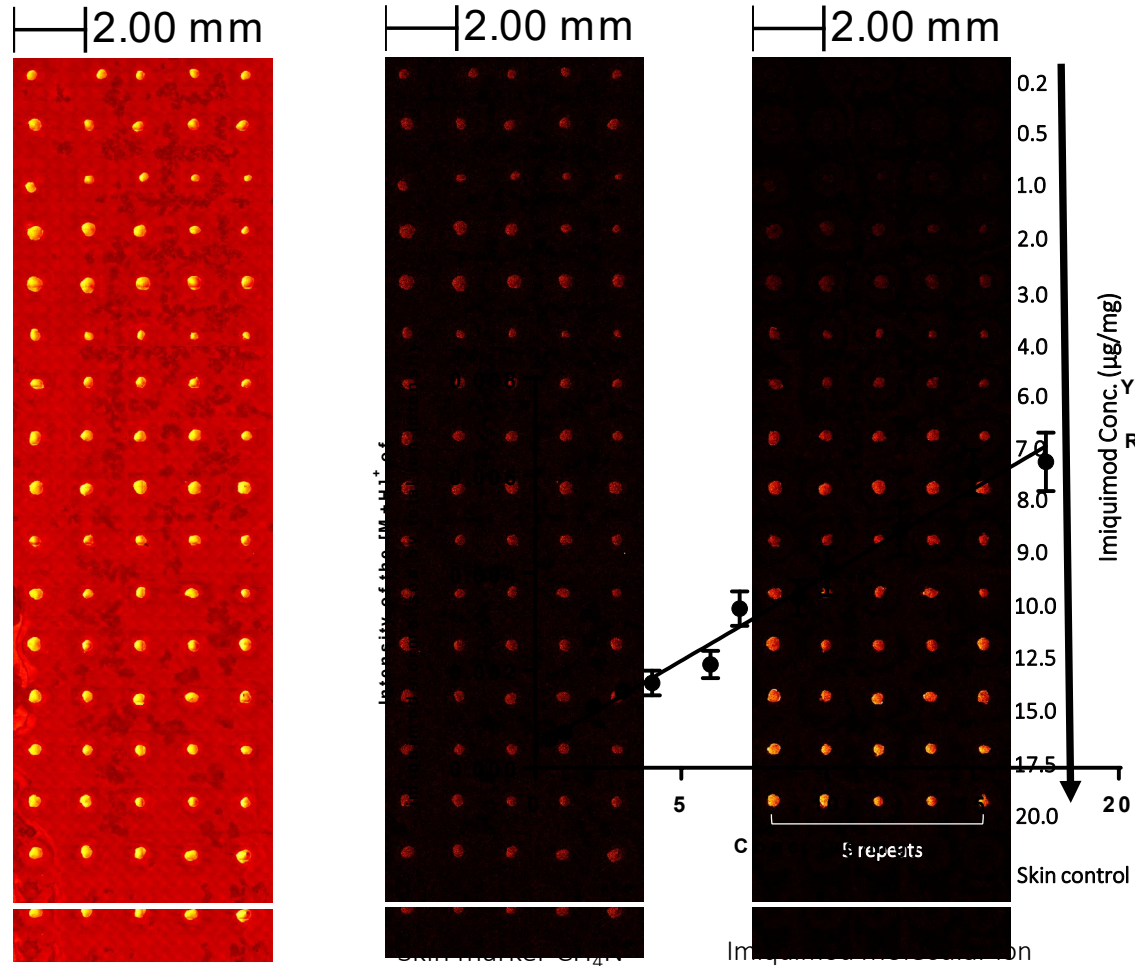


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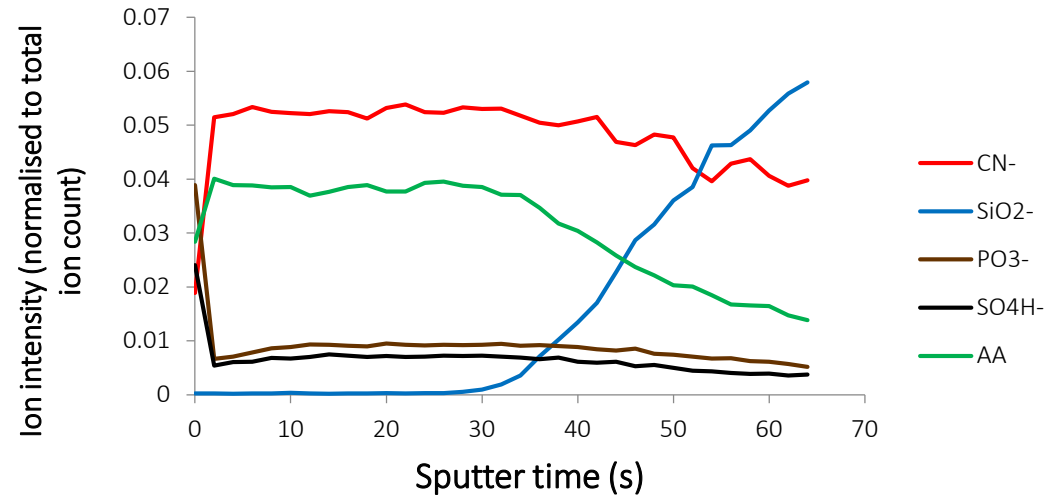
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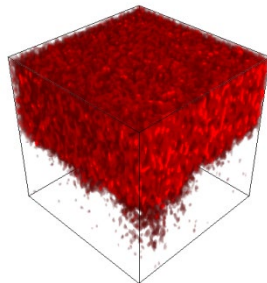
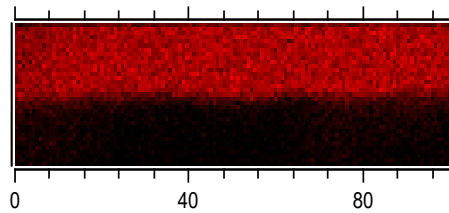


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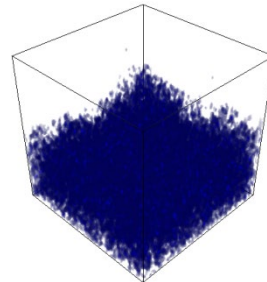
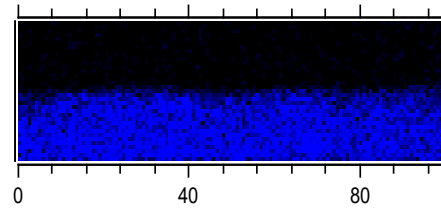
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Skin marker



SiO₂-
Substrate



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Ascorbic acid

