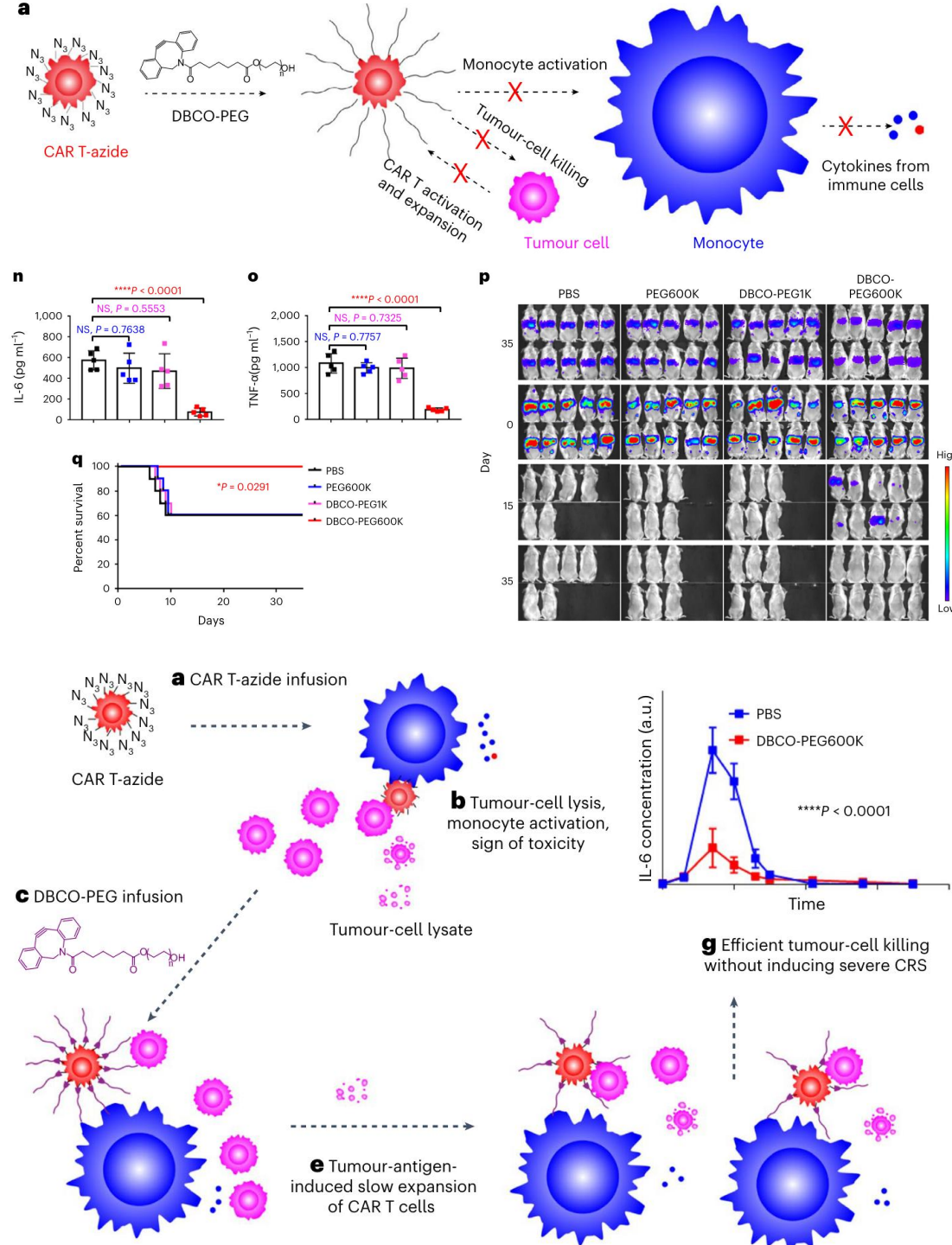
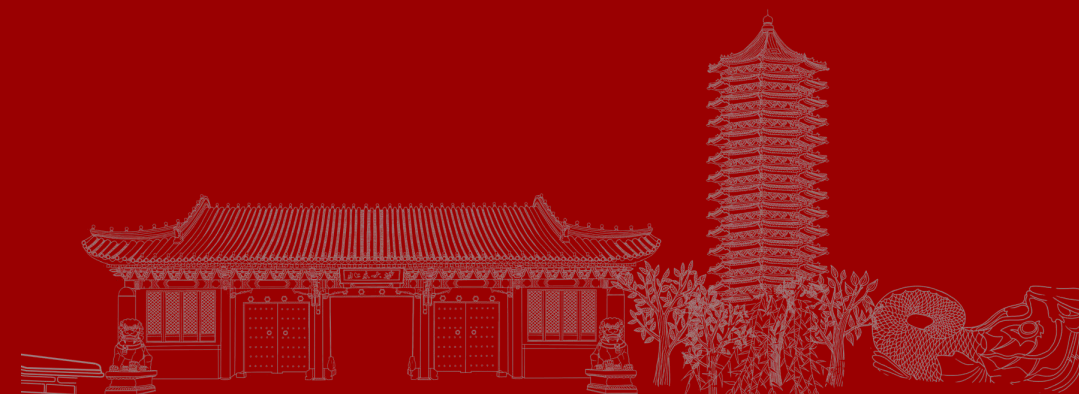


Reduce the risk of CAR-T cell therapy with click chemistry

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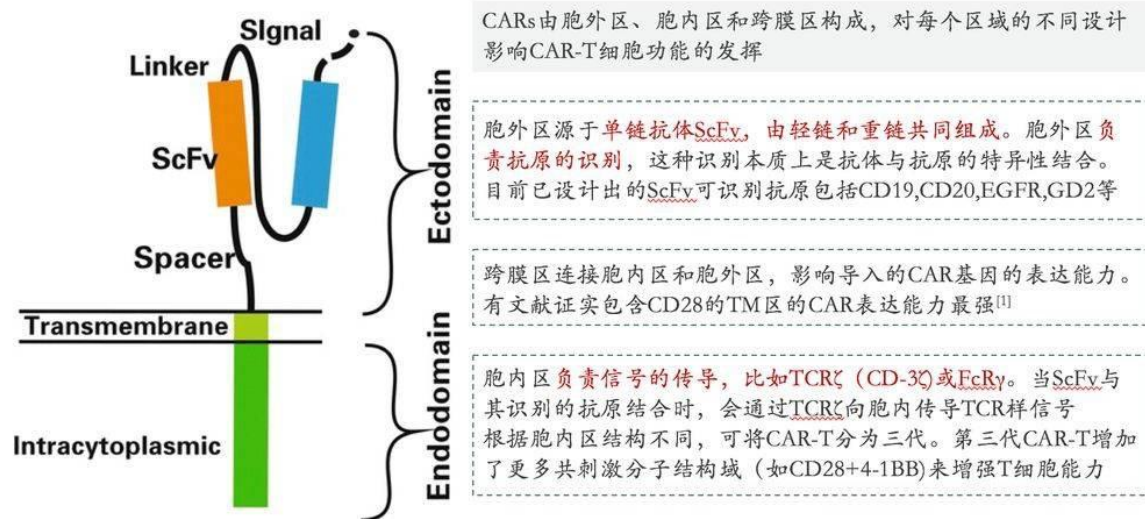
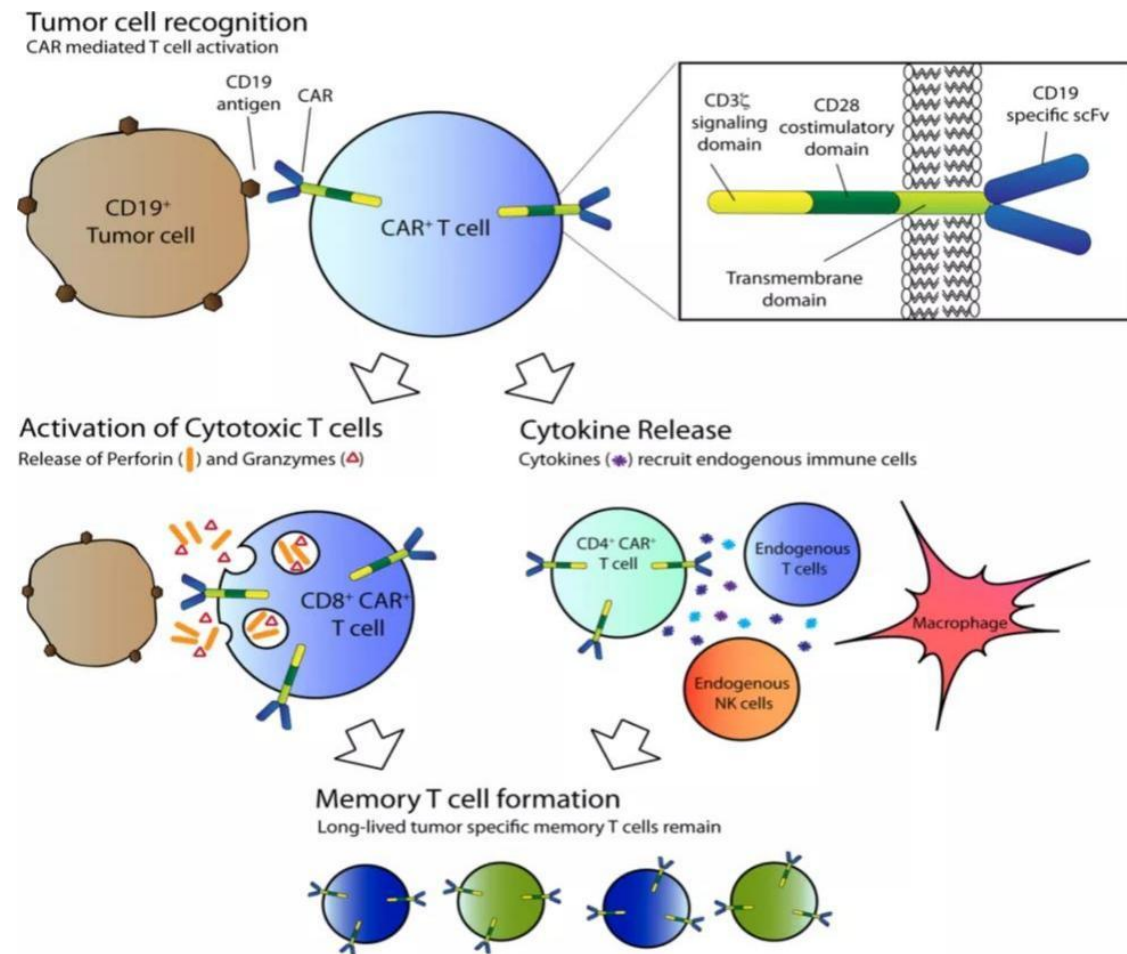
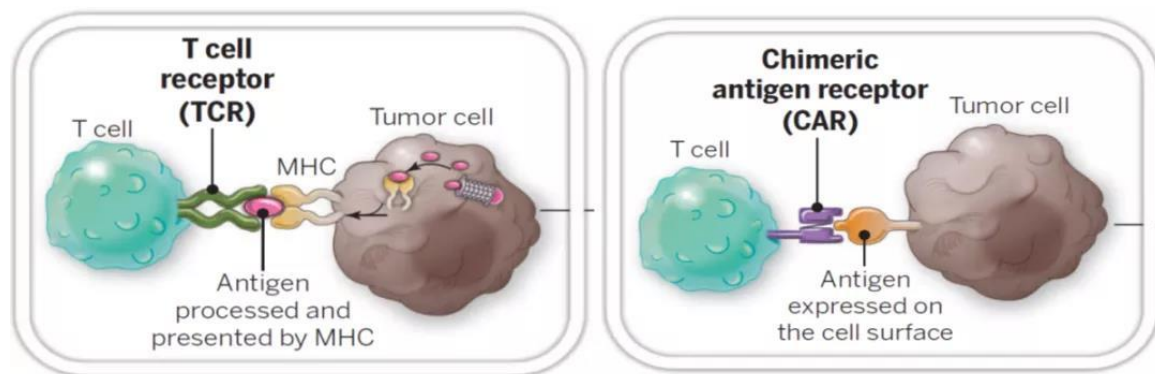


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Background



1.1 CAR-T cell therapy



1.2 Treatment risk

- 脱靶效应 (off-target toxicity)

正常组织毒性指基因修饰T细胞对同样表达其靶点的正常组织的毒性。脱靶效应是指基因修饰T细胞对不表达这些靶分子的正常组织或器官的毒性。

- 细胞因子风暴(cytokine release syndrome, CRS)

当CAR-T细胞被回输至体内，细胞治疗过程中会释放的大量细胞因子，包括 IL-6、 $\text{TNF}\alpha$ 和 $\text{IFN}\gamma$ ，这些炎性介质促发急性炎症反应诱导上皮及组织损伤，导致微血管渗漏等机体多种免疫炎症反应。

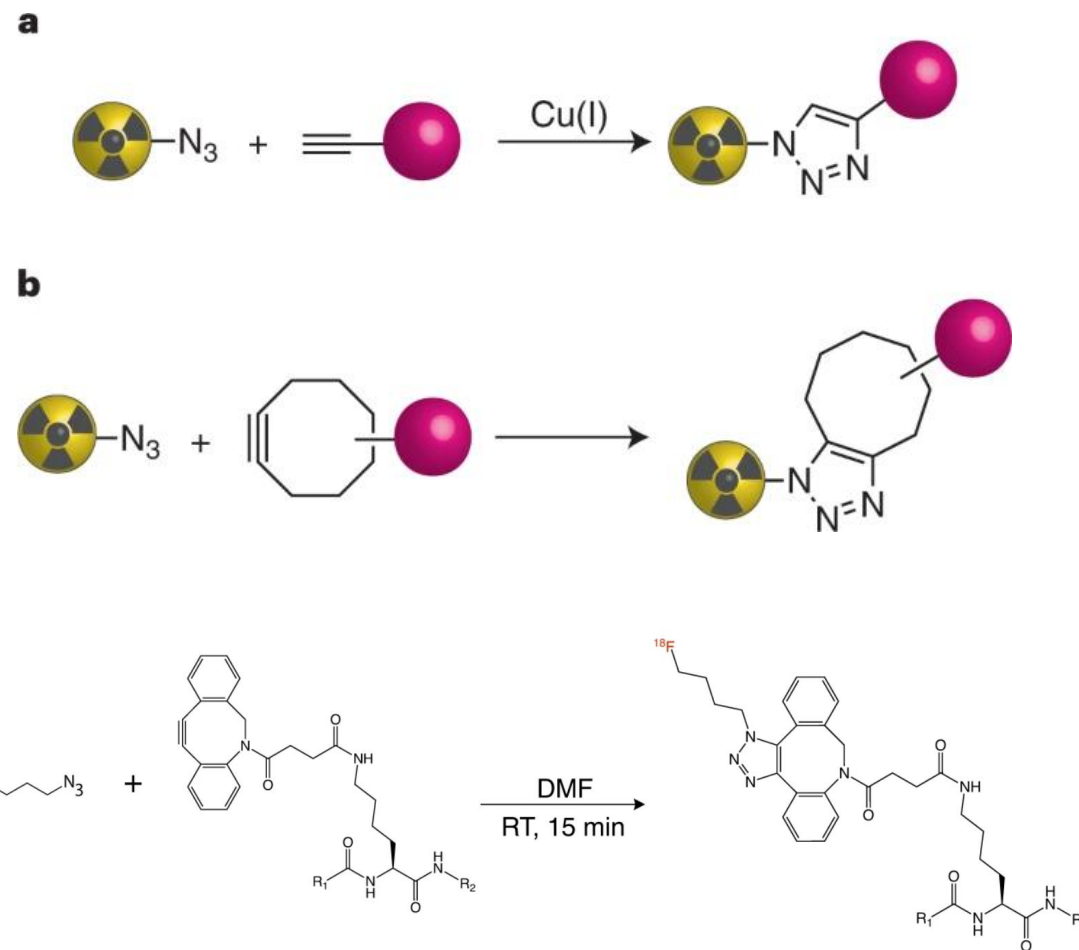
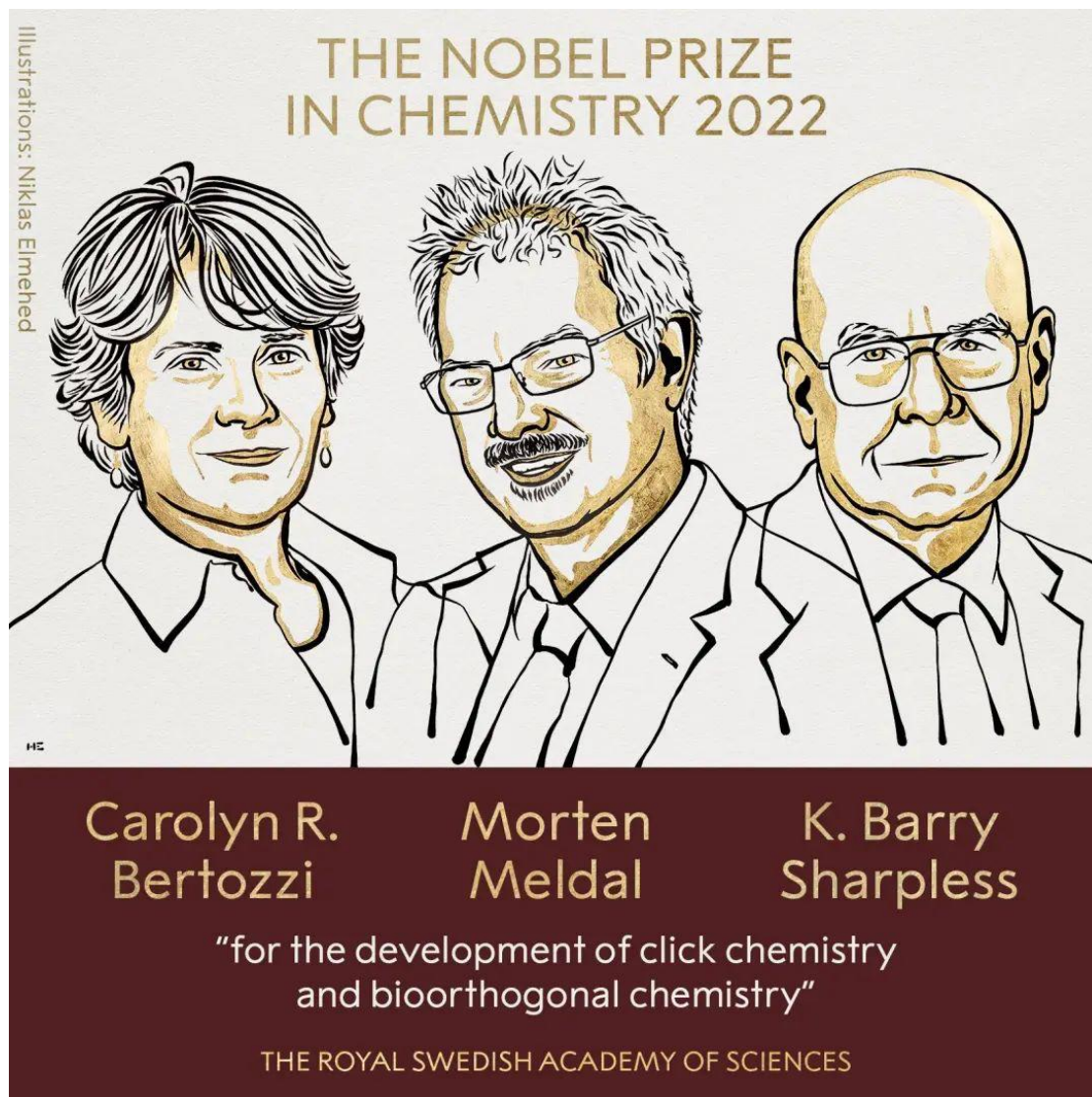
- 神经毒性 (neurotoxicity)

在成功利用托珠单抗治疗CRS之后，神经毒性已成为CAR-T治疗过程中的主要生命威胁事件，其发生机制仍有待探索。多项临床试验曾报道包括脑梗死、谵妄、意识不清、抽搐、神经麻痹、视野缺损、共济失调、言语障碍在内的多种神经系统异常症状。

- 其他毒副作用

CAR-T尚有某些其他的毒副作用，如出血功能障碍、B细胞发育不良等。当CAR-T应用于实体瘤治疗时，还可能造成CAR-T细胞归巢和免疫抑制肿瘤微环境等问题。

1.3 Click chemistry



David et.al, *Nature*, 2023



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Research



2.0 Brief

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In situ PEGylation of CAR T cells alleviates cytokine release syndrome and neurotoxicity

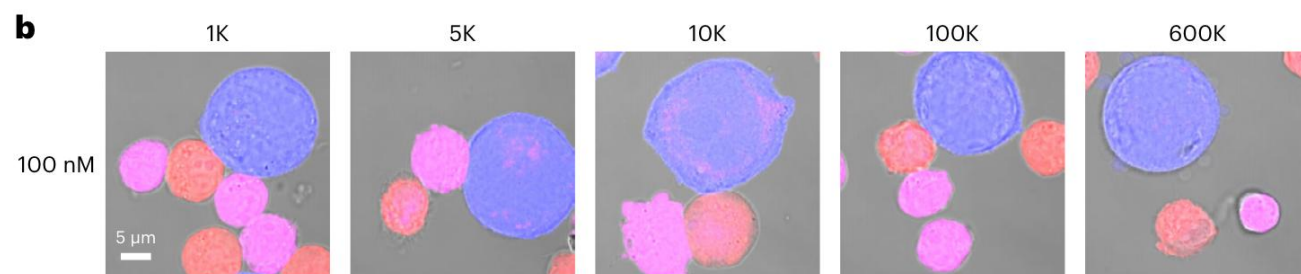
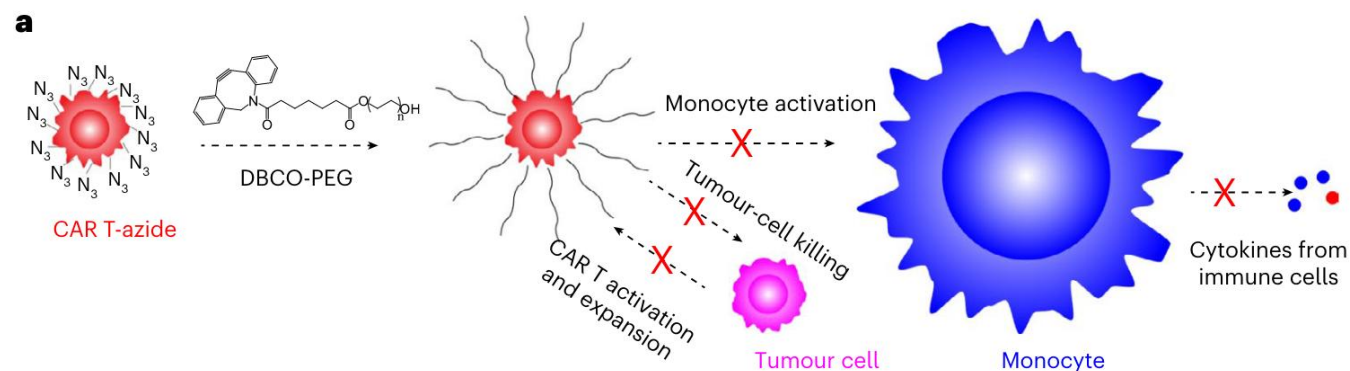
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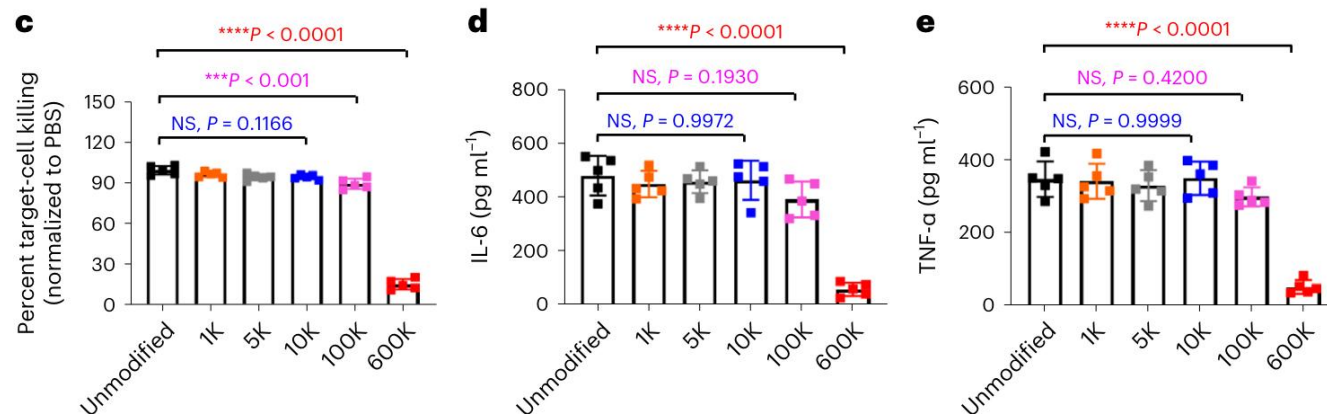
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2.1 In vitro interaction



■ Unmodified ■ 1K ■ 5K ■ 10K ■ 100K ■ 600K



- Activated **mononuclear macrophages** are known to produce cytokine **IL-6**
- Activated **CAR T cells** produce cytokine **TNF-α**

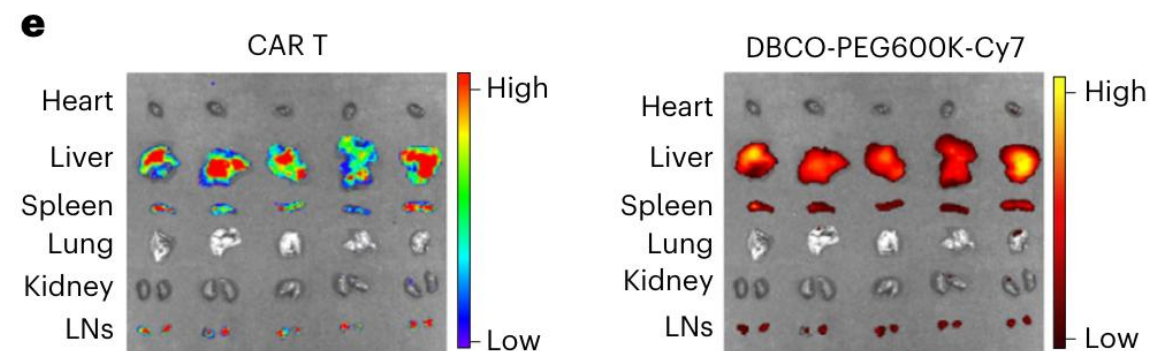
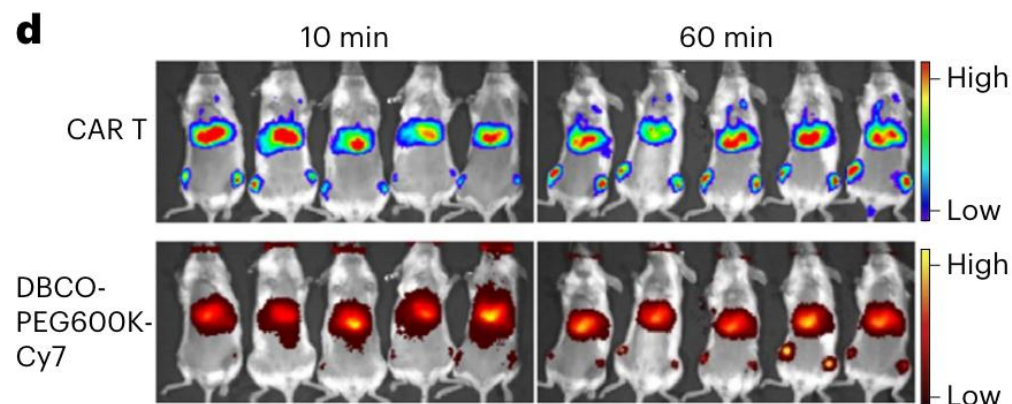
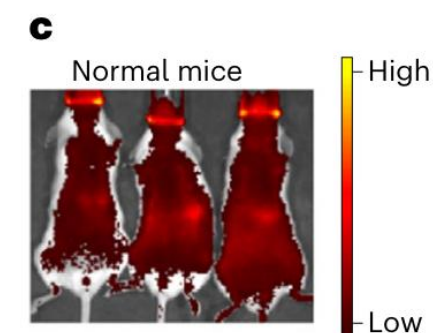
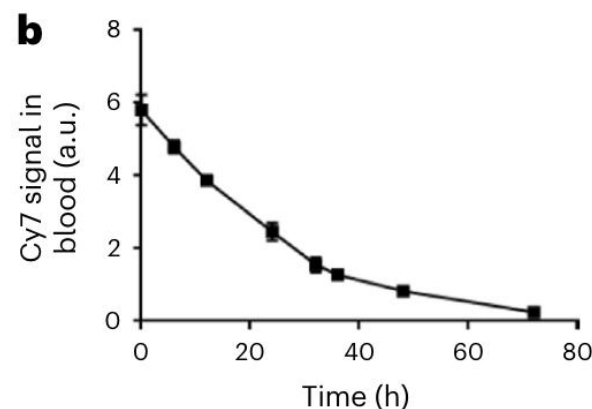
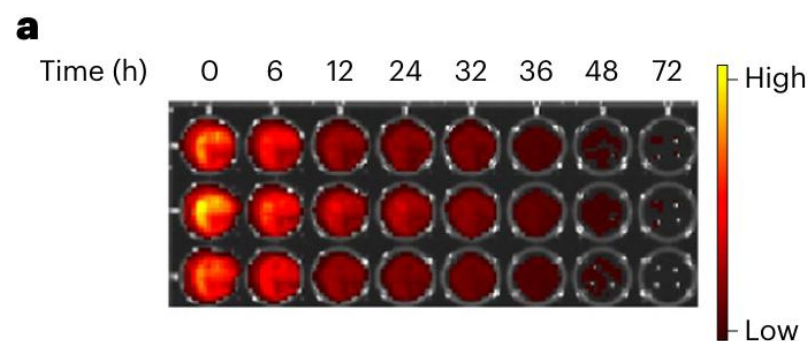
PEG MW600K CAR T cells significantly blocked all cell-cell interactions

2.2 Pharmacokinetics

DBCO-PEG600K-Cy7
was injected in vivo (a-c)

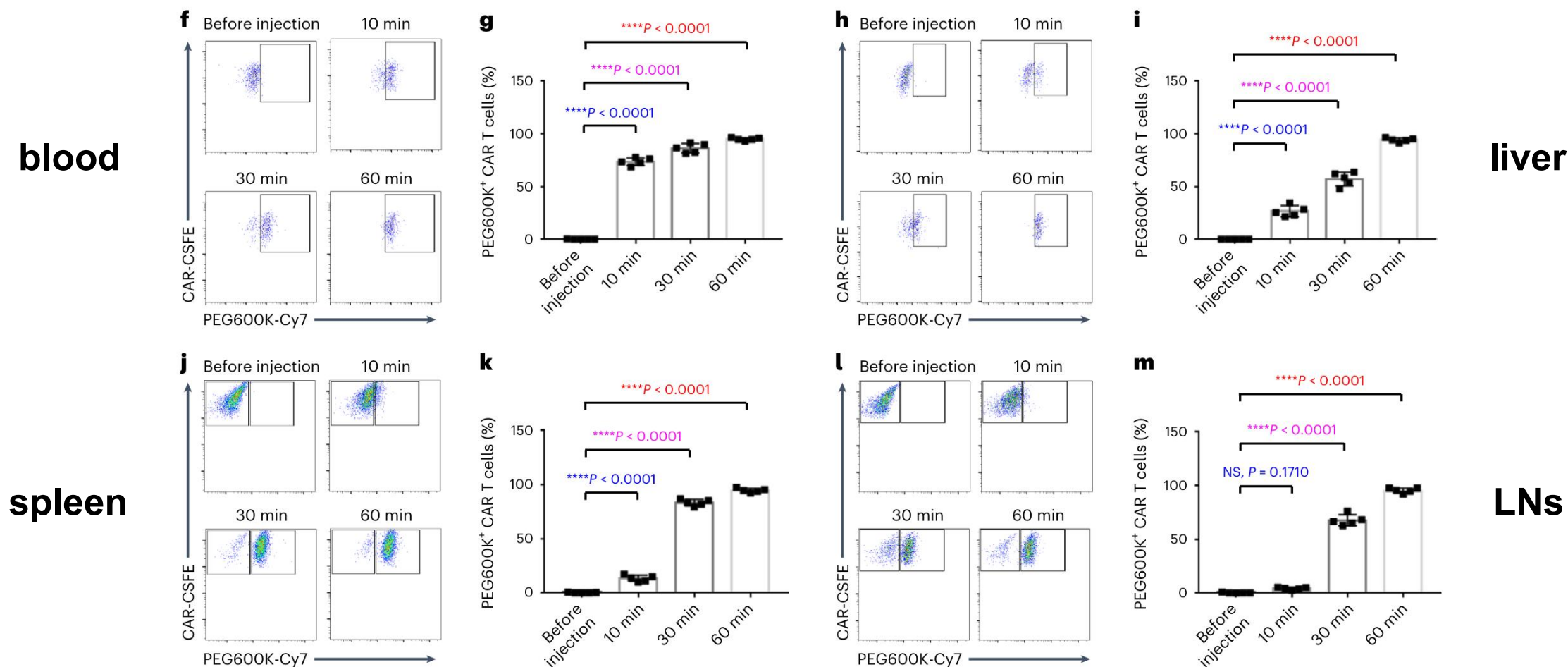
**The injection can spread
throughout the body**

DBCO-PEG600K-Cy7
and **CAR T-CSFE** cells
were injected in vivo (d-e)



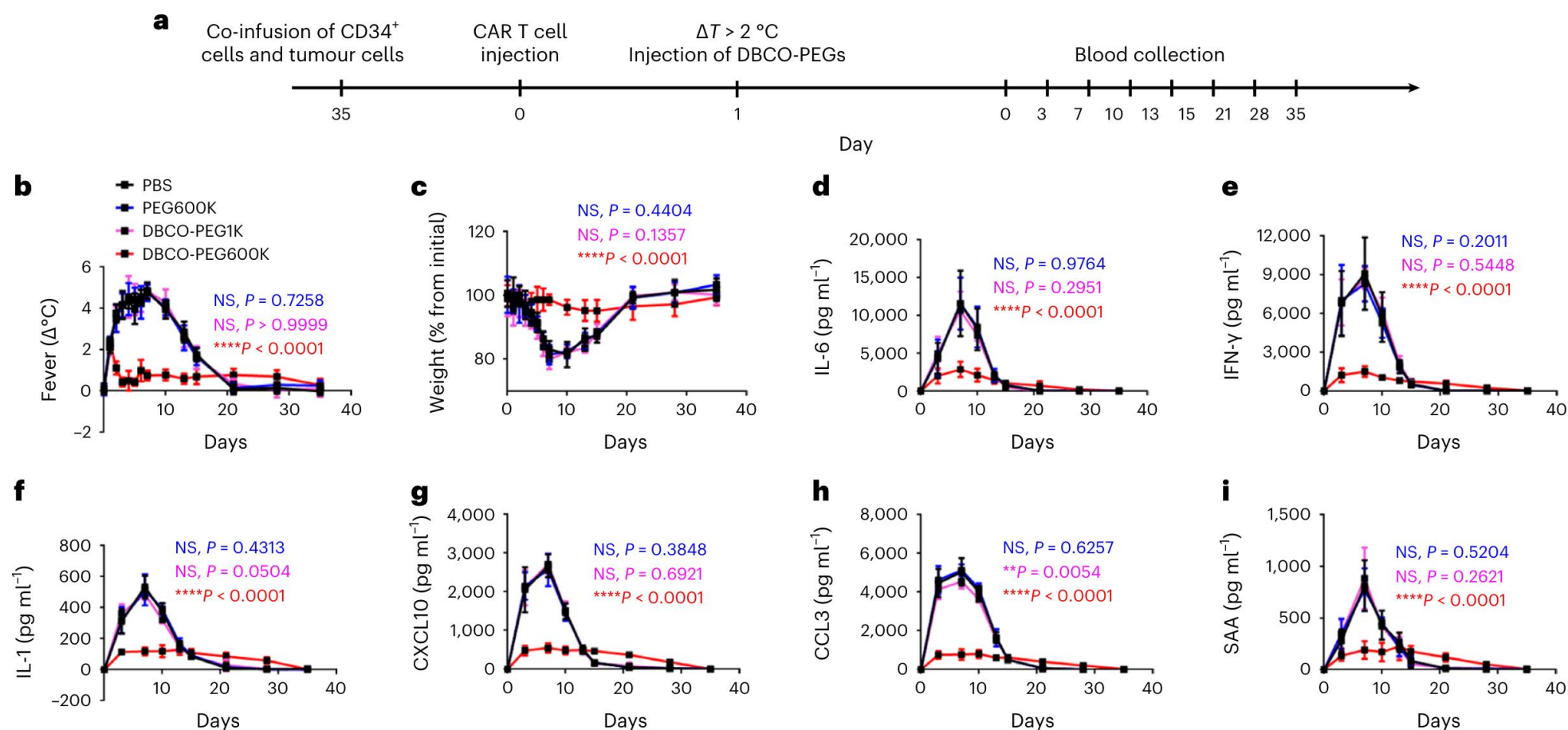
2.3 In vitro interaction

PEG-600K+ CAR T cells are enriched at tumor sites in vivo



2.4 Remission of CRS response

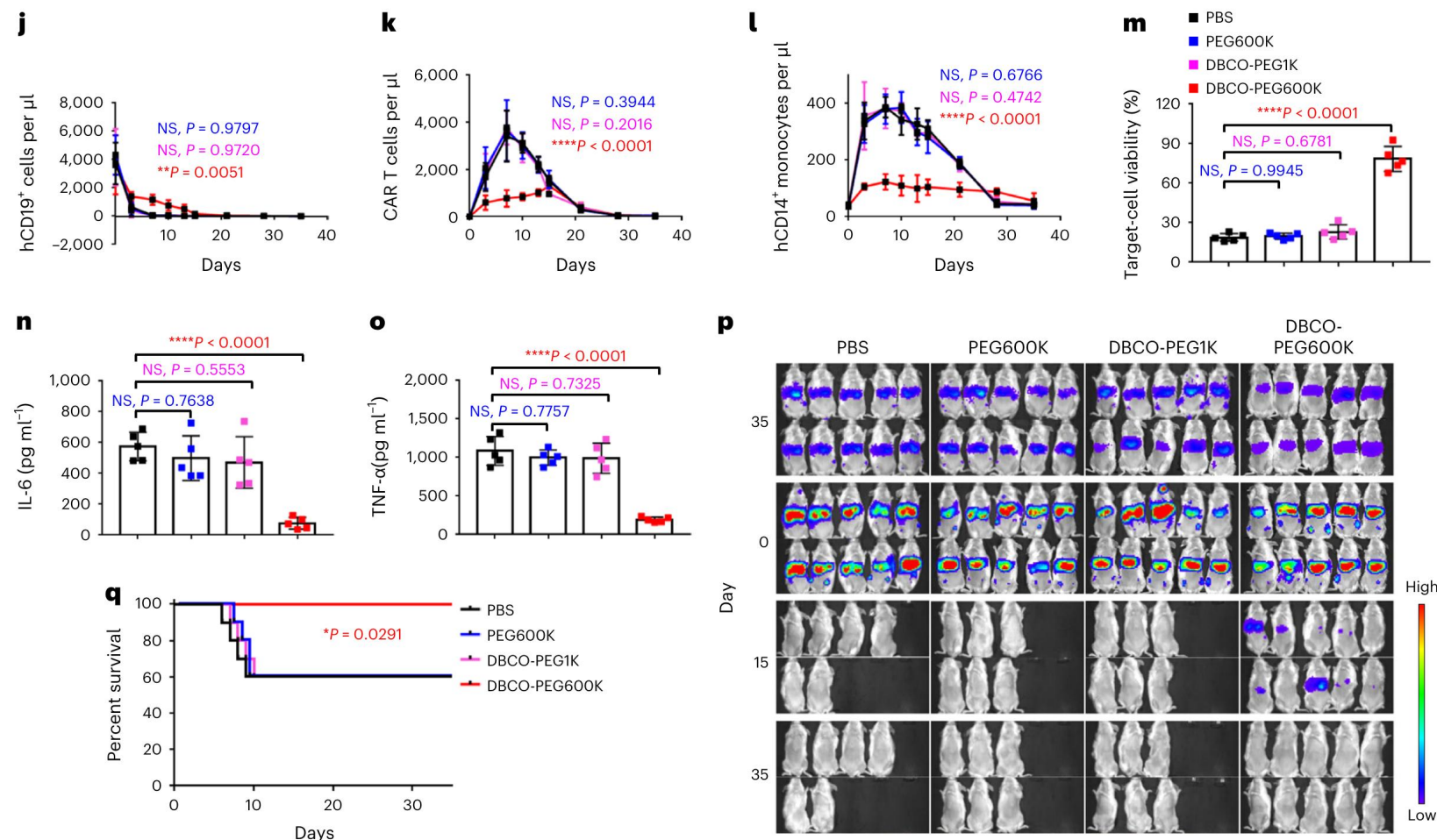
Treatment with DBCO-PEG600K dramatically reversed high fever (b), weight loss (c), and cytokine release (d-i)



2.4 Remission of CRS response

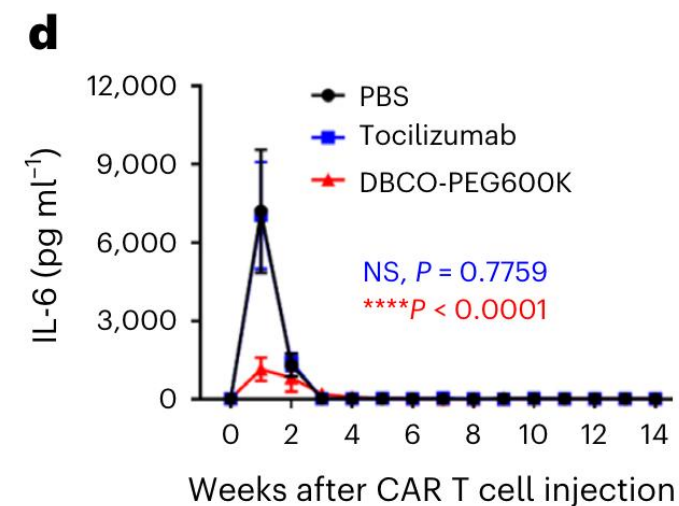
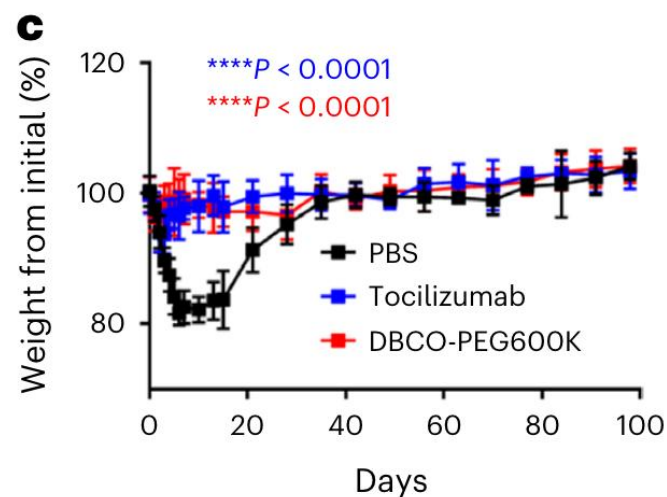
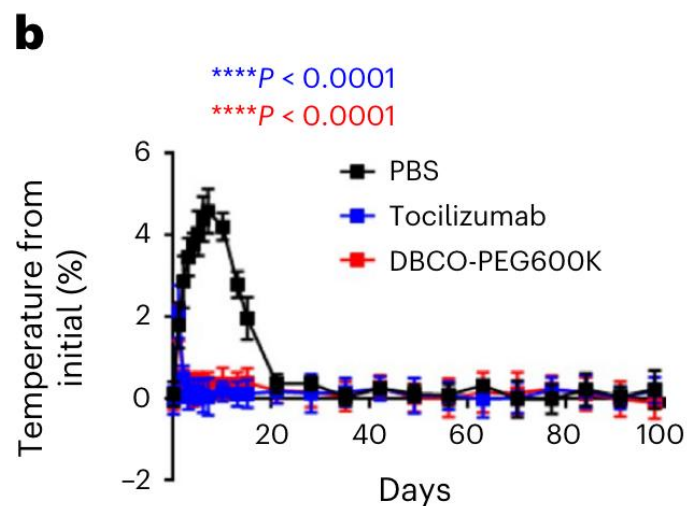
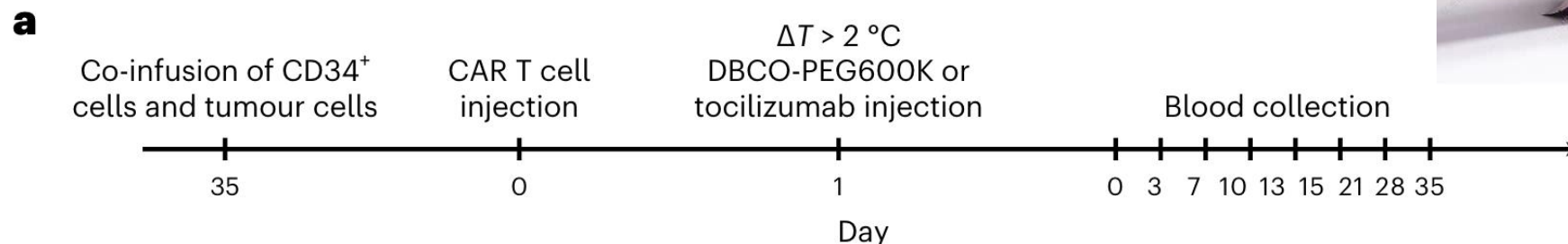
- hCD19⁺ : tumor cells
- hCD14⁺ : monocyte
- Tumor cell clearance was significantly delayed (j, p-q)
- CAR-T cell expansion was greatly reduced (k)
- Monocyte expansion was greatly reduced (l)
- Target cells were not highly killed (m)

**DBCO-PEG600K CAR
T cells greatly relieved
the symptoms of CRS**



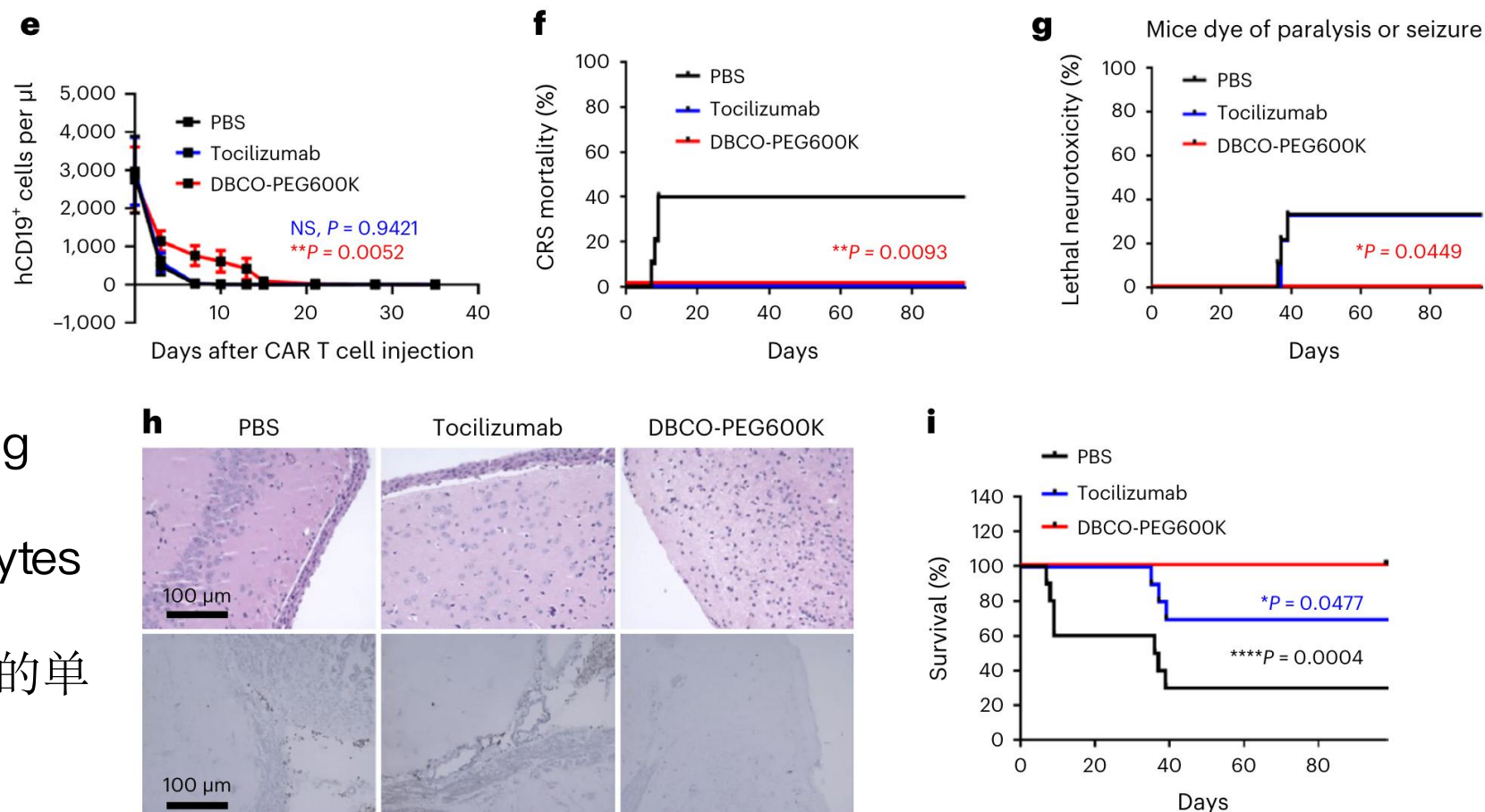
2.5 Remission of Neurotoxic

Both tocilizumab and DBCO-PEG600K can relieve the symptoms of CRS



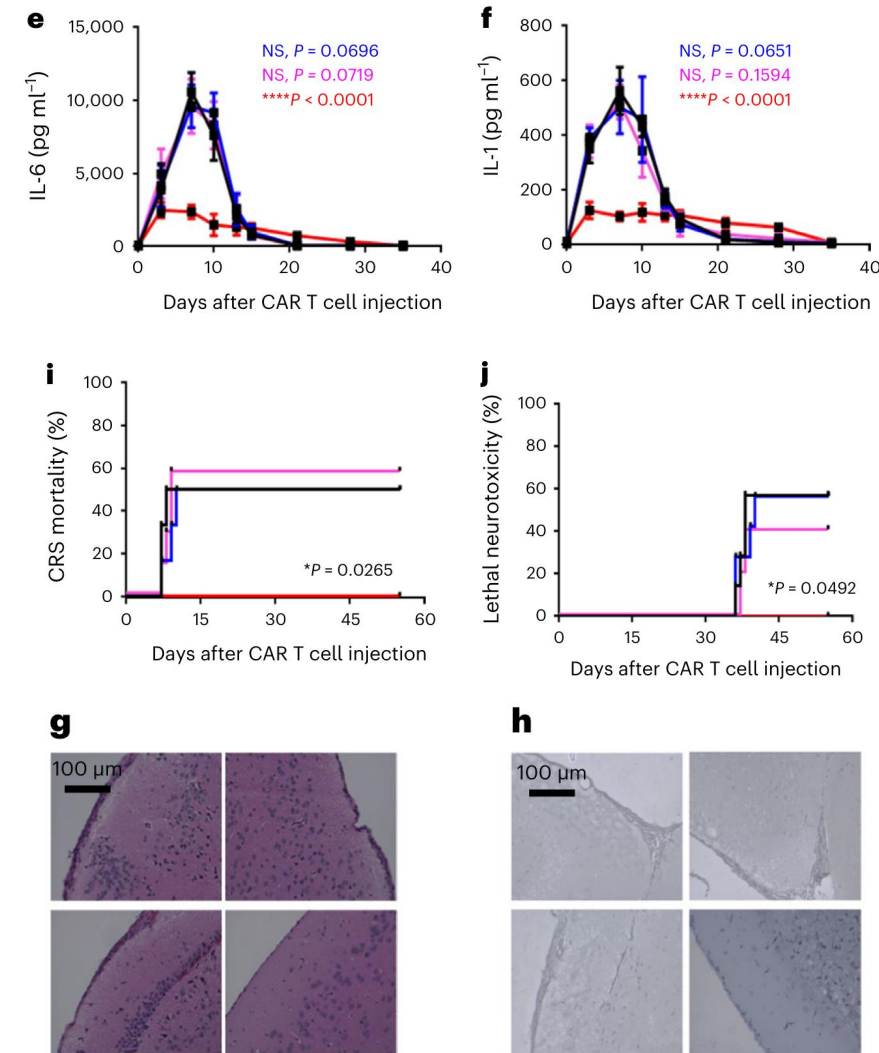
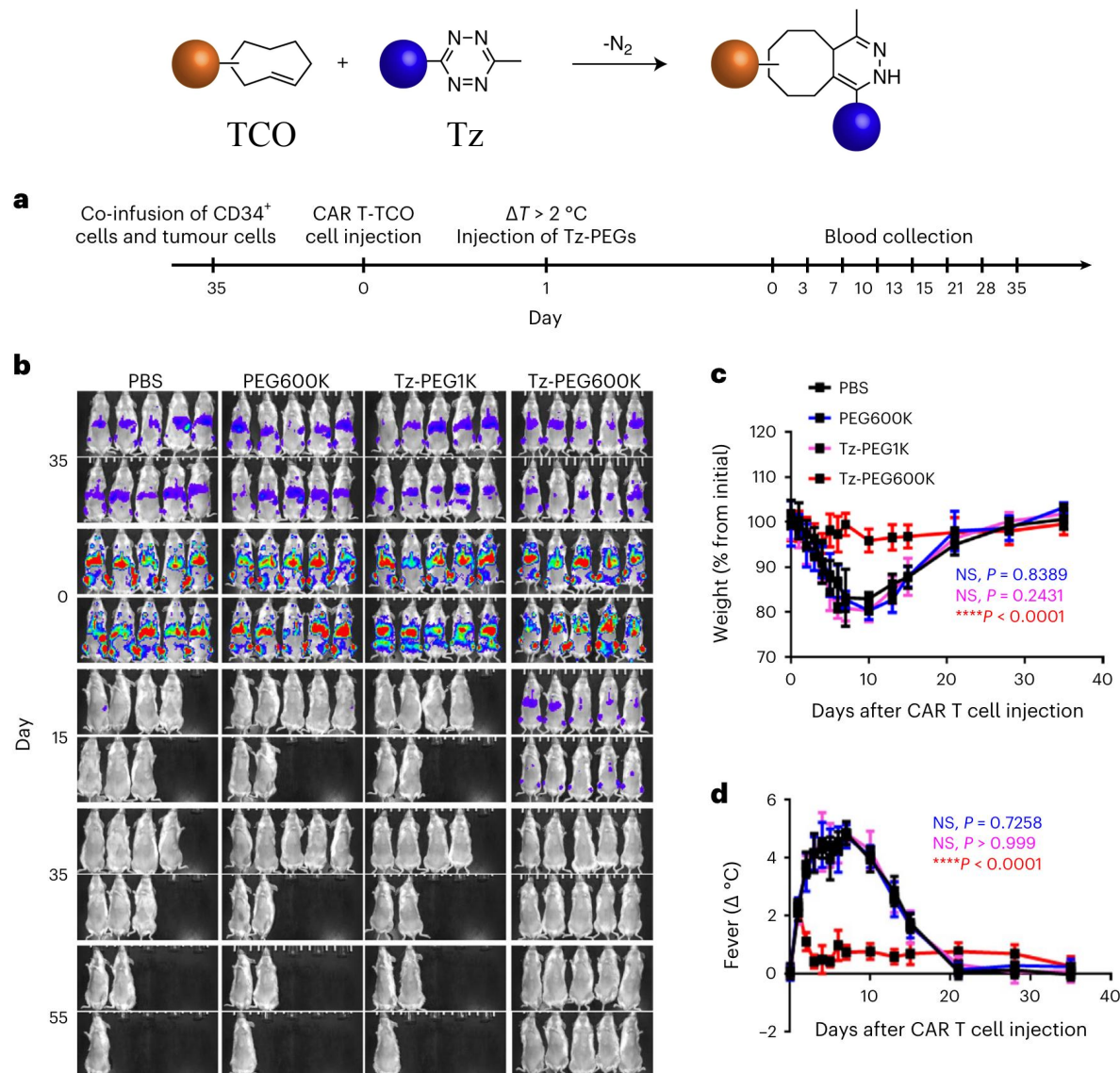
2.5 Remission of Neurotoxic

DBCO-PEG600K can protect mice from severe neurotoxicity that is not protected by tocilizumab



- Meningeal thickening (脑膜增厚)
- infiltration of monocytes in the subarachnoid space (蛛网膜下腔的单核细胞浸润)

2.6 Model extension





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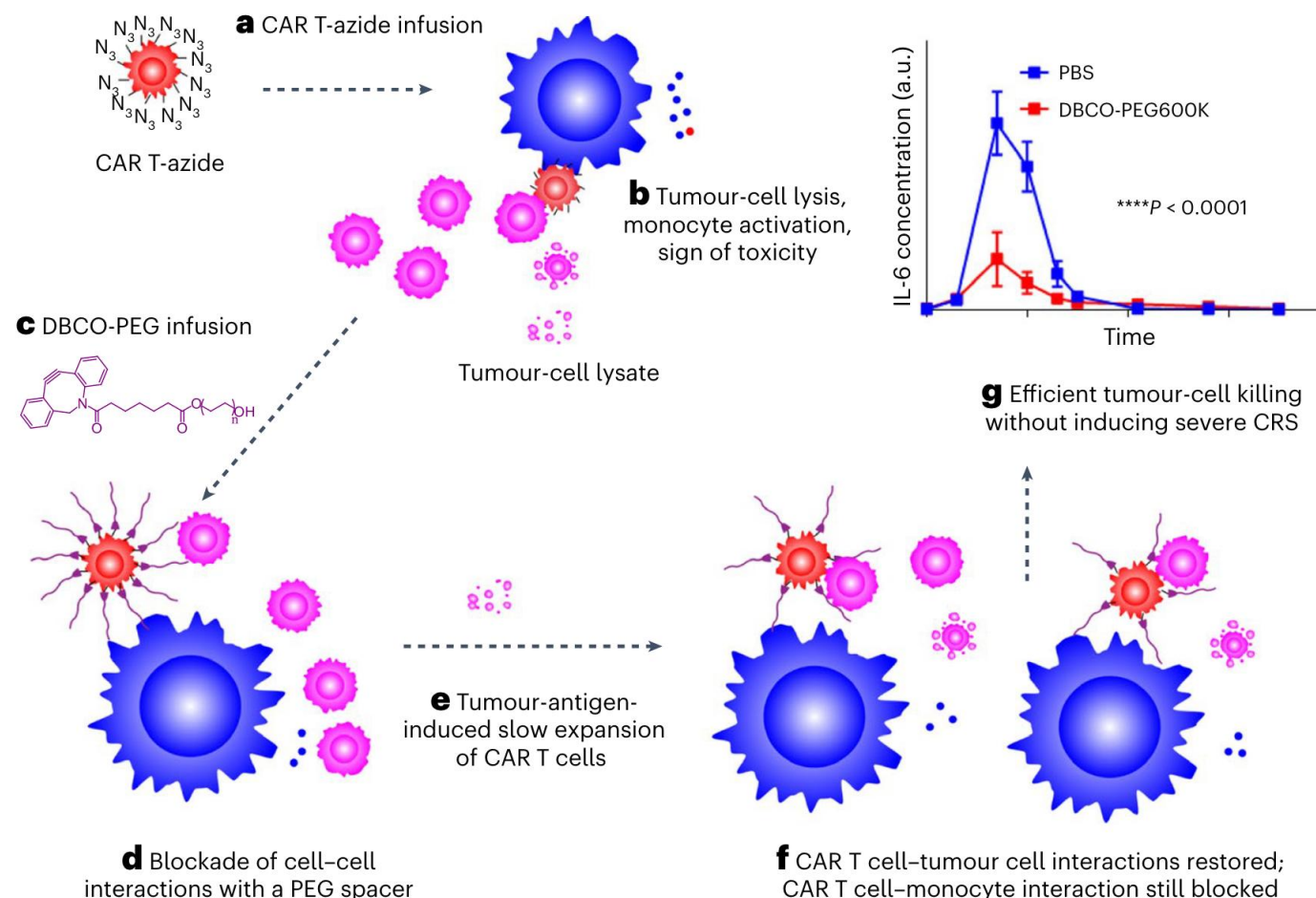
Discussion



Discussion

• Summary

本研究发现CAR-T细胞的**原位PEG化** (a-c) 创造了一个**聚合间隔物**，可以大大减少CAR T细胞、肿瘤细胞和单核细胞之间的相互作用，从而整体**降低CAR-T细胞的密集肿瘤细胞裂解和单核细胞过度活化** (d)，从而减少毒性细胞因子的分泌。随着时间的推移，CAR-T细胞缓慢扩张，PEG600K间隔层被稀释，逐渐恢复细胞间的相互作用 (e、f)。由于单核细胞较大，肿瘤细胞较小，**CAR-T细胞-肿瘤细胞相互作用比CAR-T细胞-单核细胞相互作用更早恢复**，为单核细胞过度激活之前的CAR-T细胞杀伤肿瘤打开一个治疗窗口。通过这种方式，CAR-T细胞完全清除肿瘤细胞，但**不会诱导过度的IL-6产生** (g)。与治疗性抗体托珠单抗治疗相比，**致命的神经毒性也较低**，这表明**CAR-T细胞的原位聚乙二醇化**为更安全的细胞免疫治疗提供一种新策略。



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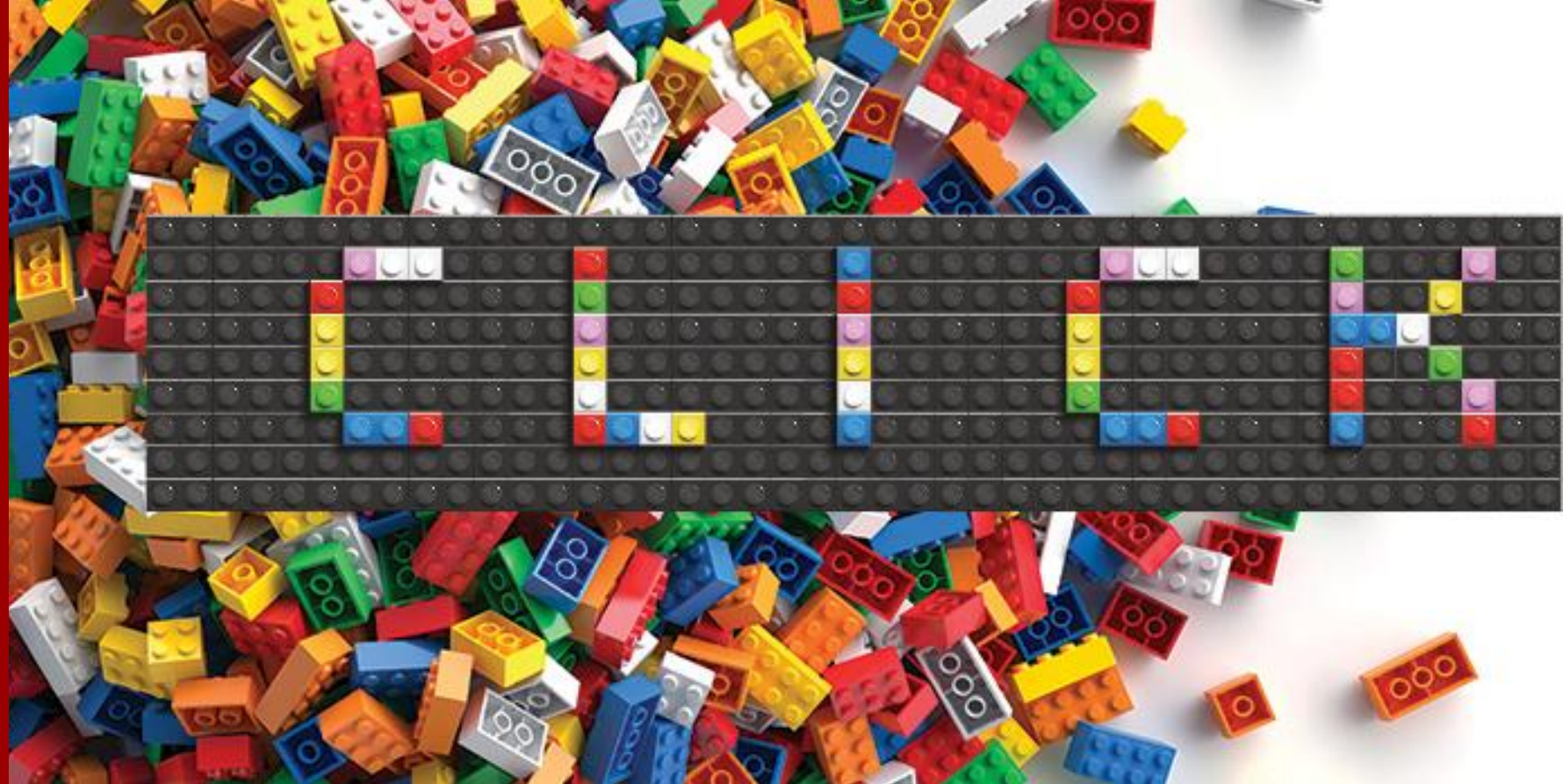


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