

# Polysaccharides modified with attenuated cationic lytic peptides: Formation of microparticles and their use in cytosolic antibody delivery



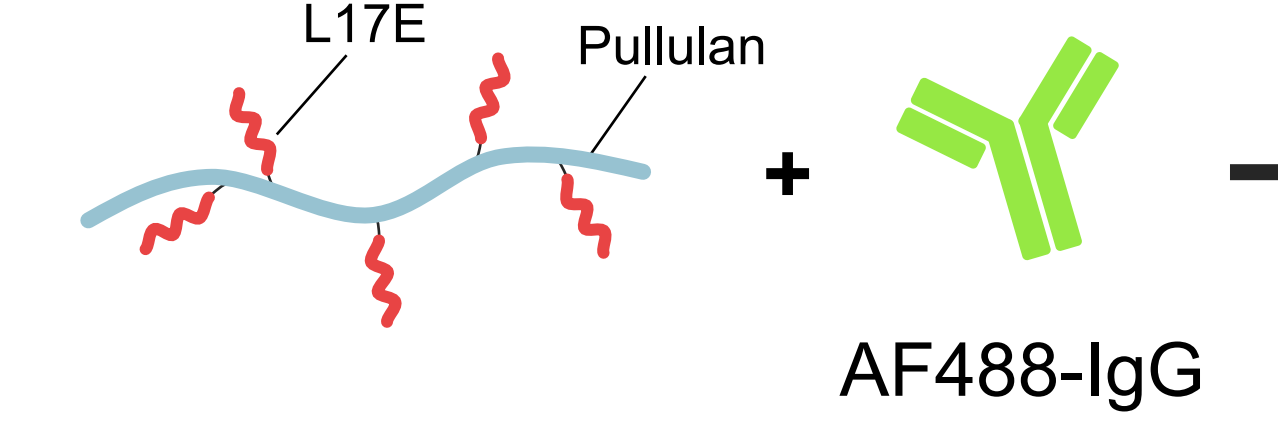
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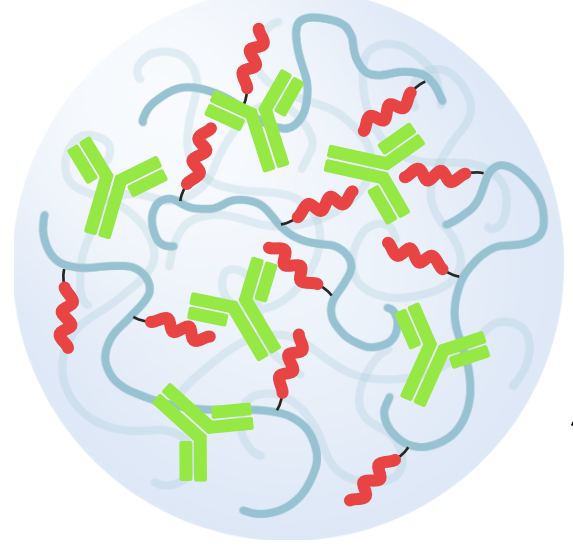
## Summary

L17E Bearing Pullulan (LBPs)



L17E: attenuated cationic lytic peptide

LBP/AF488-IgG coacervate



HeLa Cell

Coacervate uptake

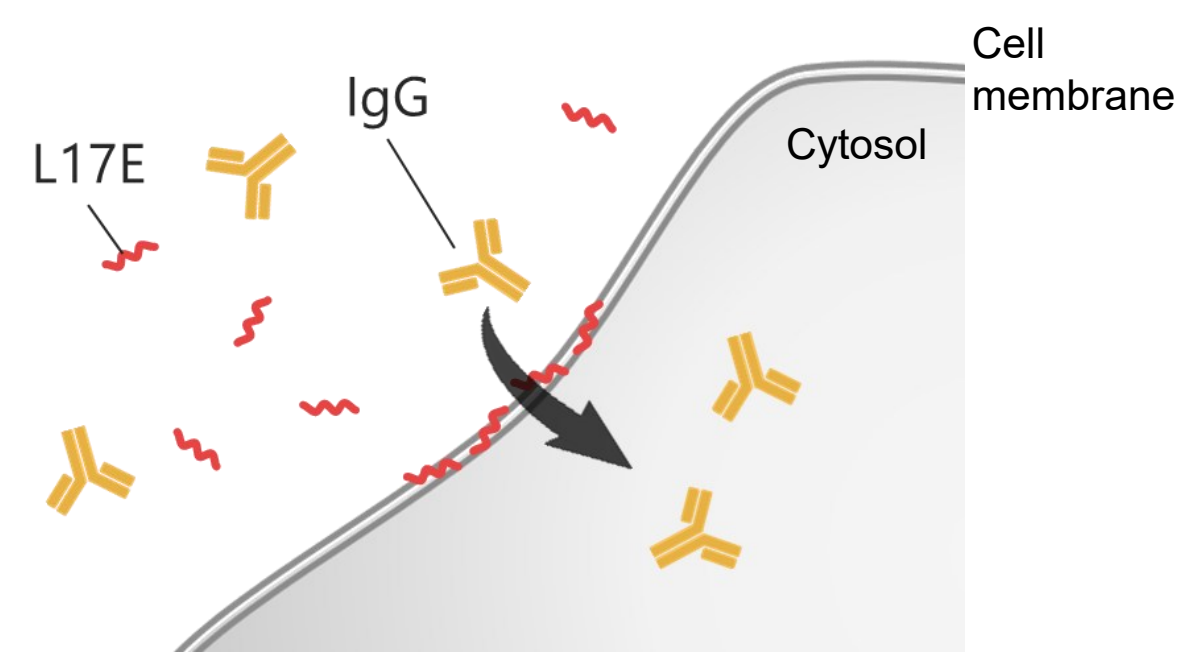
IgG influx

IgG diffusion

## Background

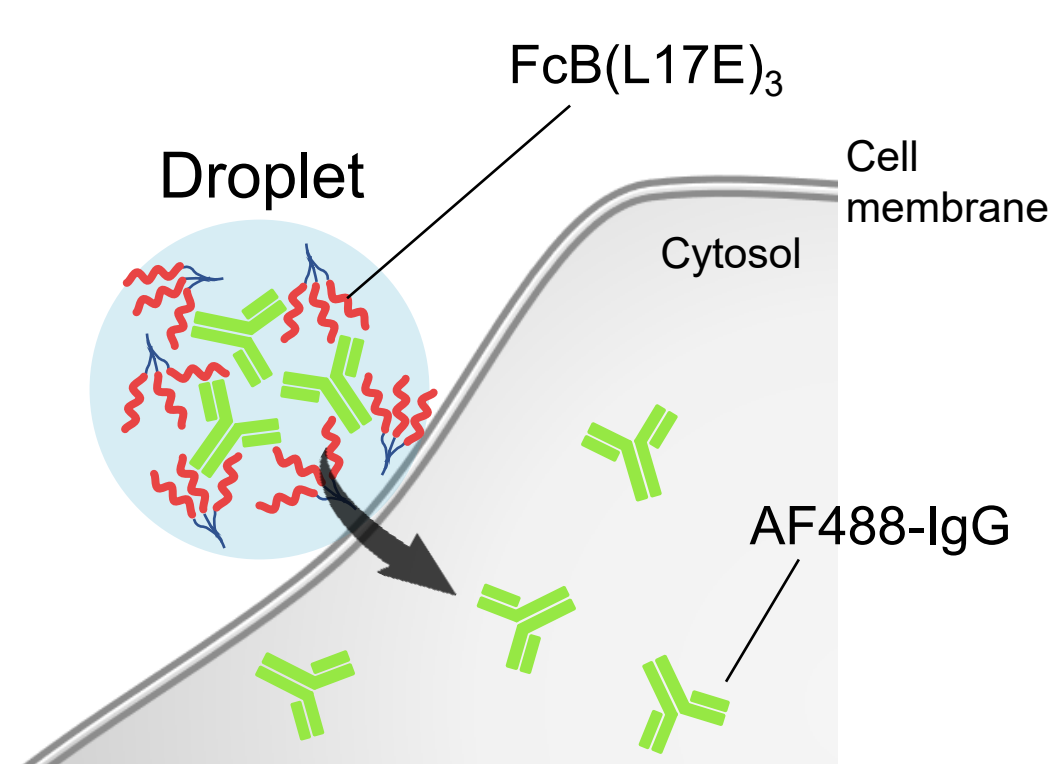
- IgG does not penetrate cell membrane.
- With L17E, IgG can move into cytosol → but not efficient enough

L17E: IWLTKLFLGKHAAKHEAKQLSKL-NH<sub>2</sub>  
Akishiba, M. *et al.* (2017) *Nat. Chem.* 9, 751-761.



- FcB(L17E)<sub>3</sub>, trimer of L17E, can deliver IgG into cytosol more efficiently by forming microdroplets with Alexa Fluor 488 labeled IgG (AF488-IgG).

Iwata, T. *et al.* (2021) *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.* 60, 19804-19812.



➔ Develop more stable coacervate for future therapeutic application

## Strategy

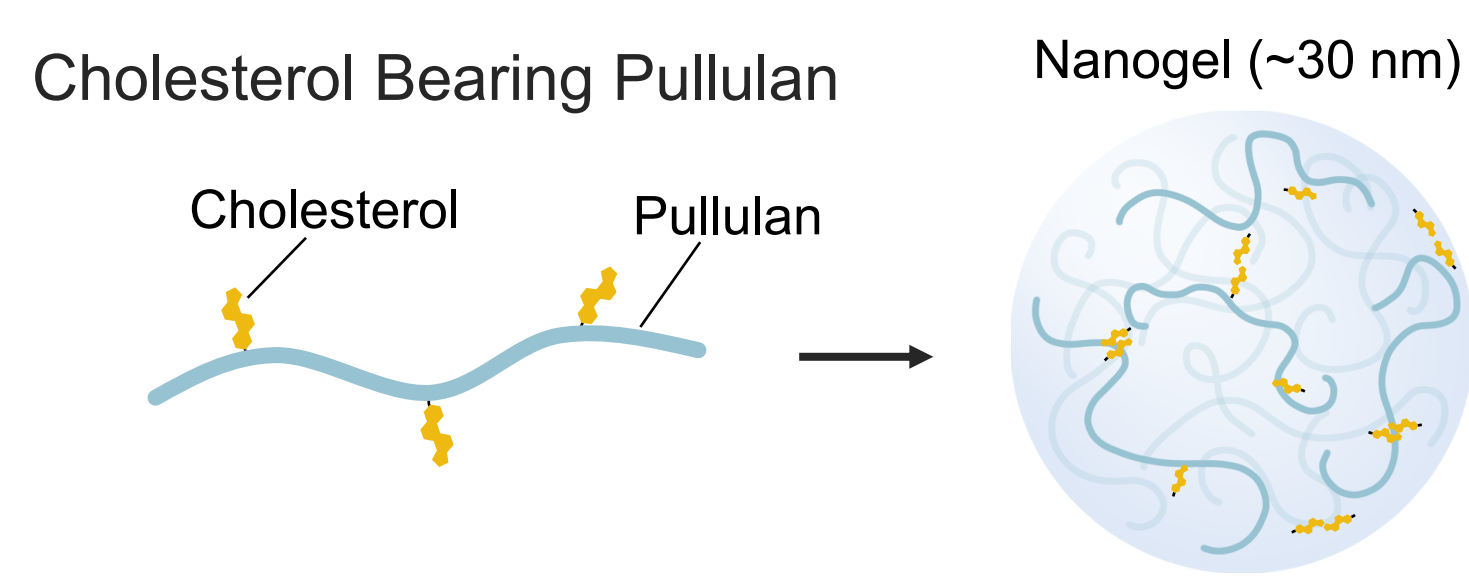
- Pullulan, a kind of polysaccharide, was used.

- Cholesterol bearing pullulan forms nanogel.

Akiyoshi, K. *et al.*, (1997) *Macromolecules.* 30, 857-861.

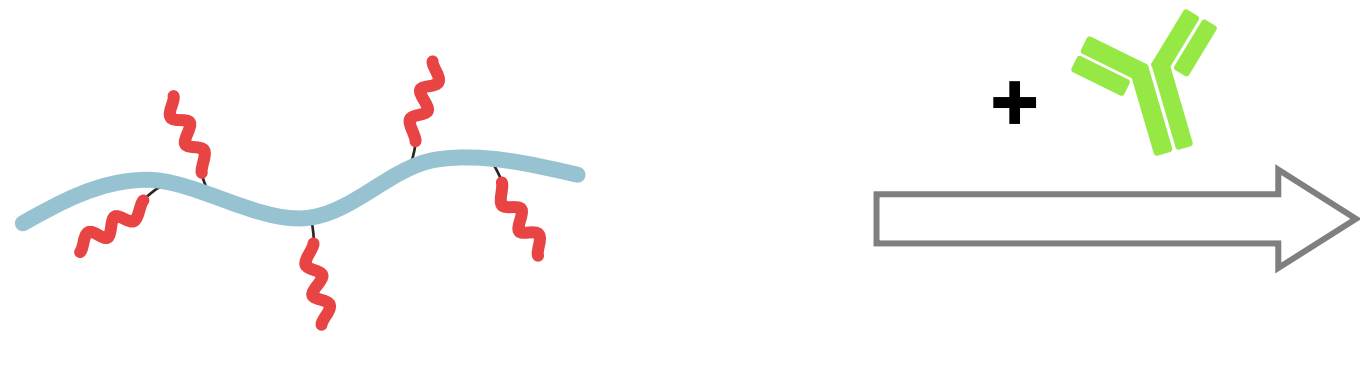
- Pullulan nanogel is hydrophilic and low toxic.

Kawasaki, R. *et al.*, (2021) *Adv. Healthc. Mater.* 10, e2001988.

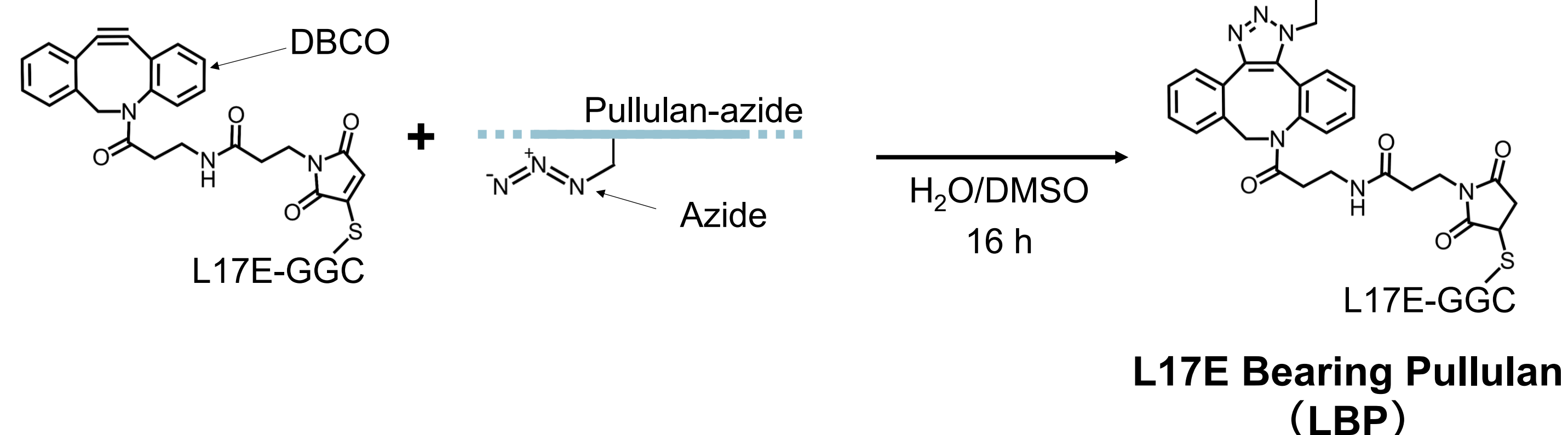
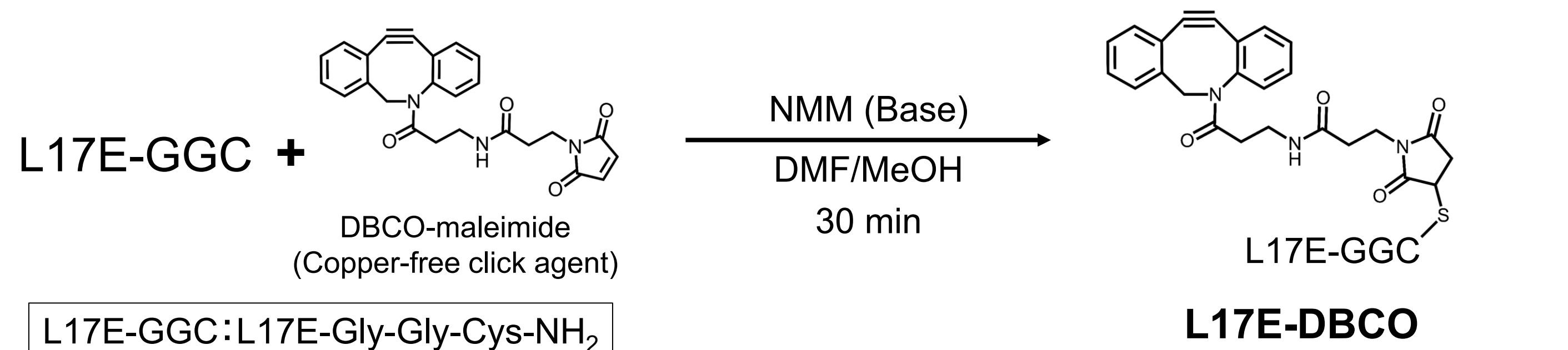


Pullulan modified with L17E instead of cholesterol

Coacervate formation?



## Synthesis

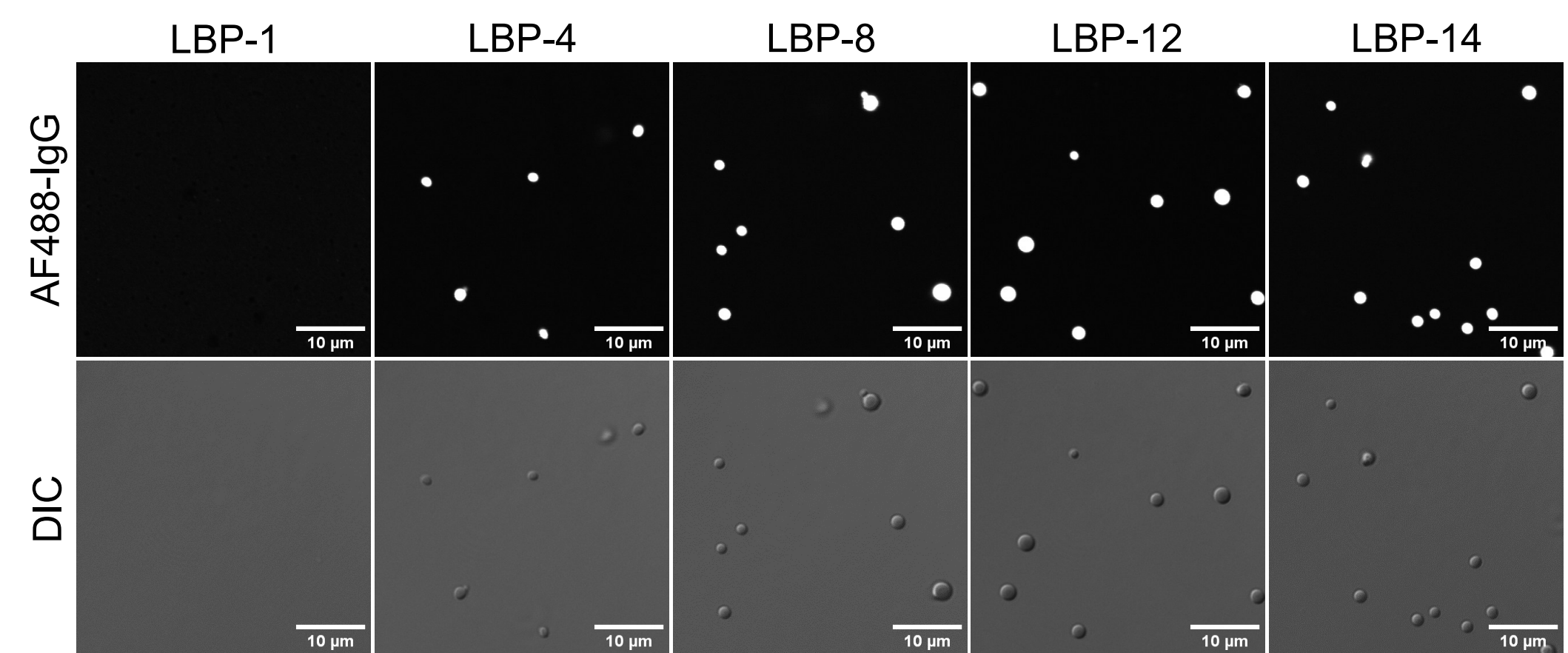


	Equivalence of added L17E-DBCO to 100 glucose units	Actual modification ratio to 100 glucose units
LBP-1	1	0.66
LBP-4	4	3.5
LBP-8	8	7.4
LBP-12	12	11.4
LBP-14	14	12.2

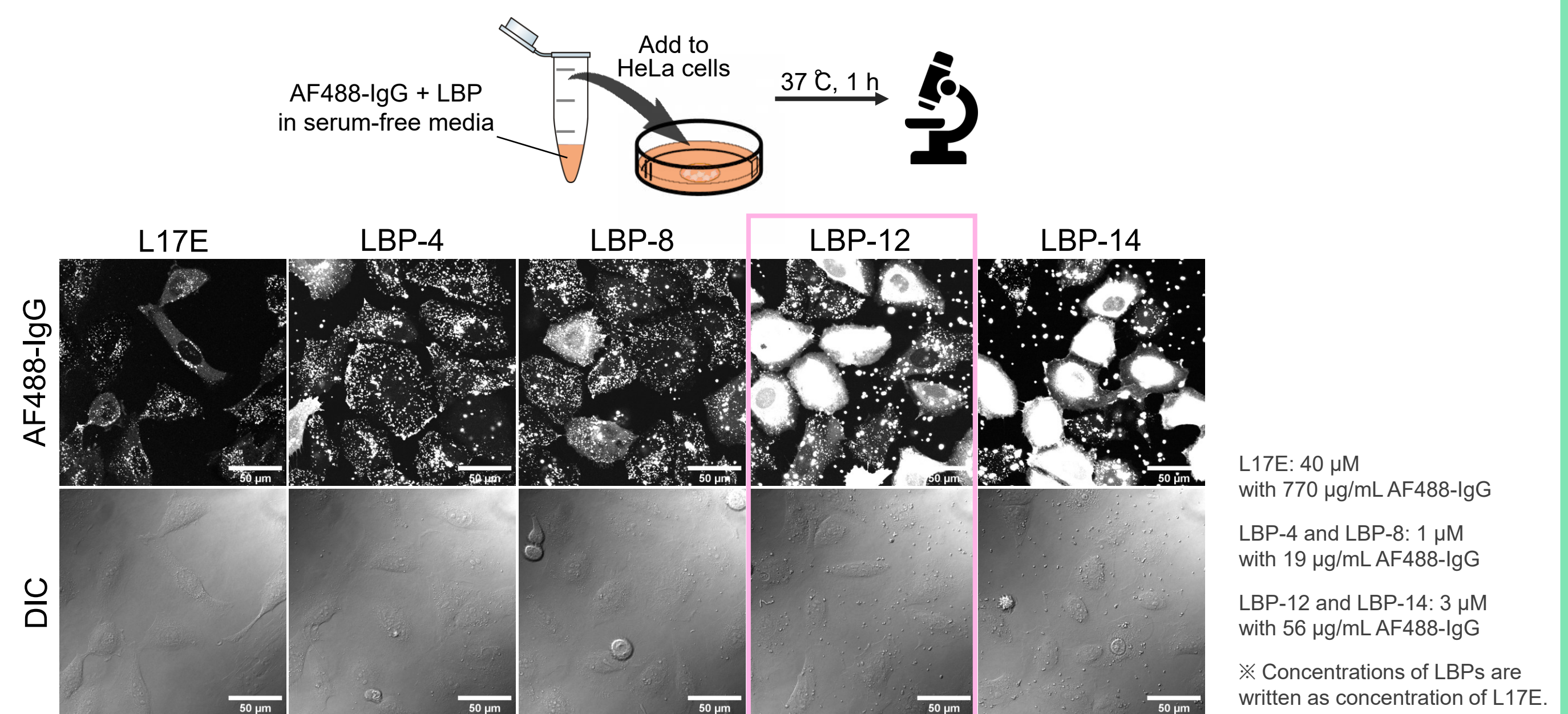
Actual modification ratio was measured by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

## Result

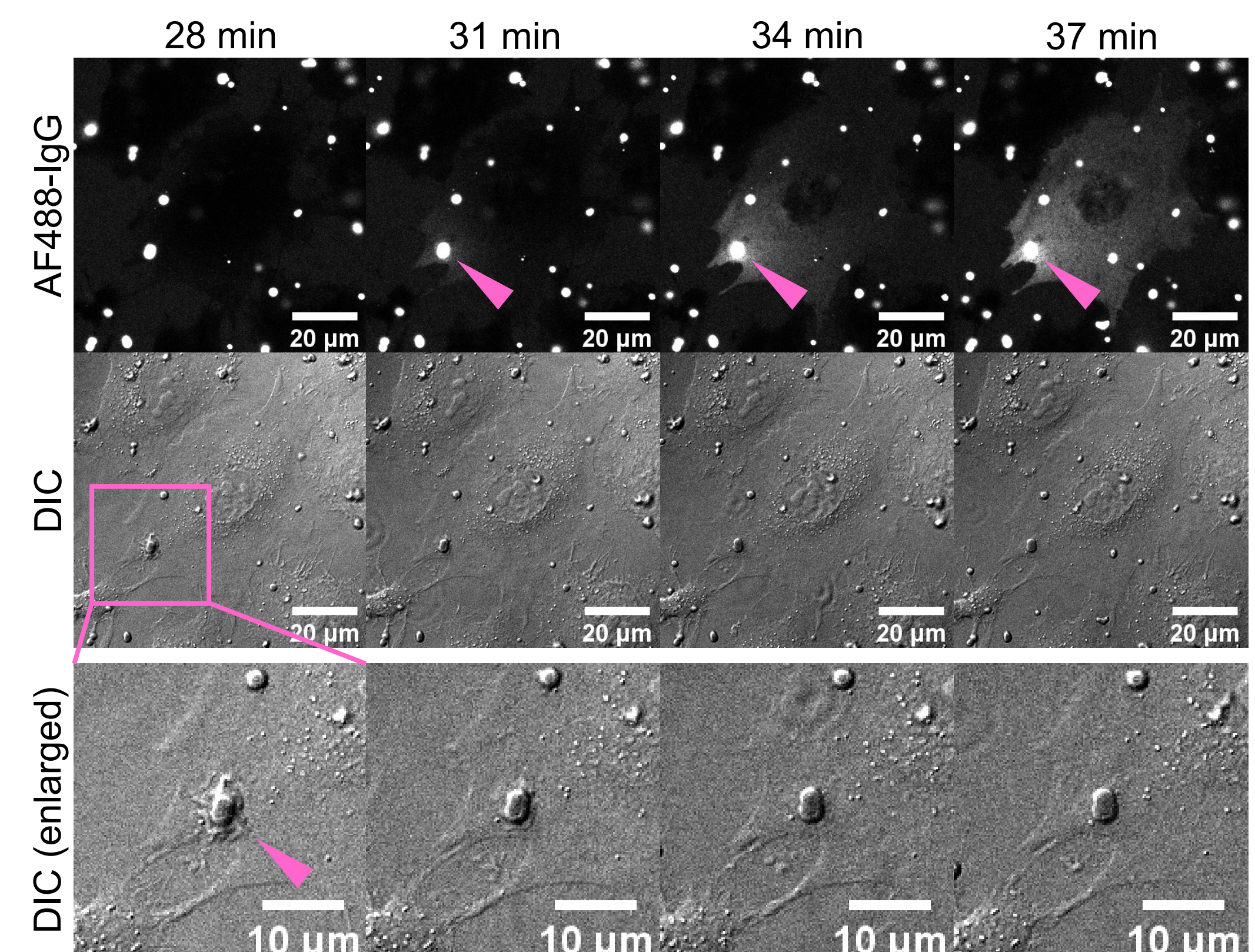
- LBPs can form 1-3 μm particles with AF488-IgG and multimerization of L17E is important for particle formation



- LBPs efficiently delivered AF488-IgG into cells



- AF488-IgG diffusion started from the particle and the particle induces the structural change of cell membrane



- The particle was inside the cell after delivery and it was wrapped by membrane

- Non-canonical or atypical mode of cellular uptake?

