

# Fabrication and evaluation of calcium polyphosphate-based graft materials for spinal fusion

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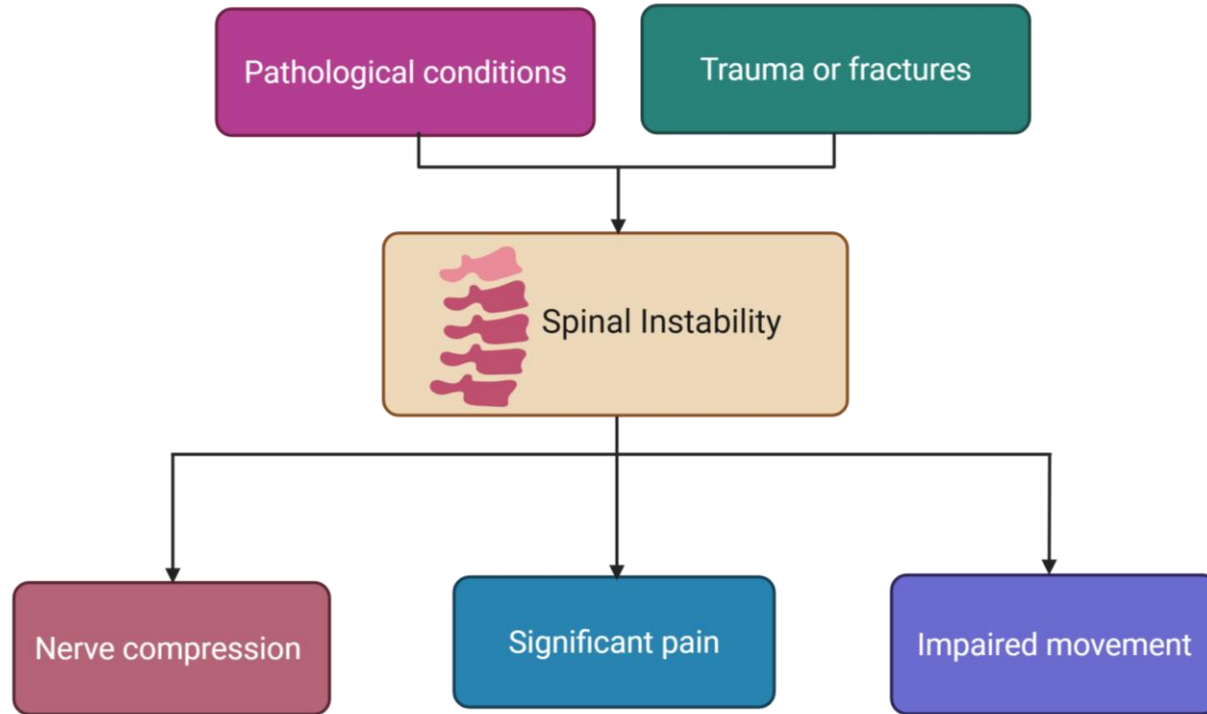
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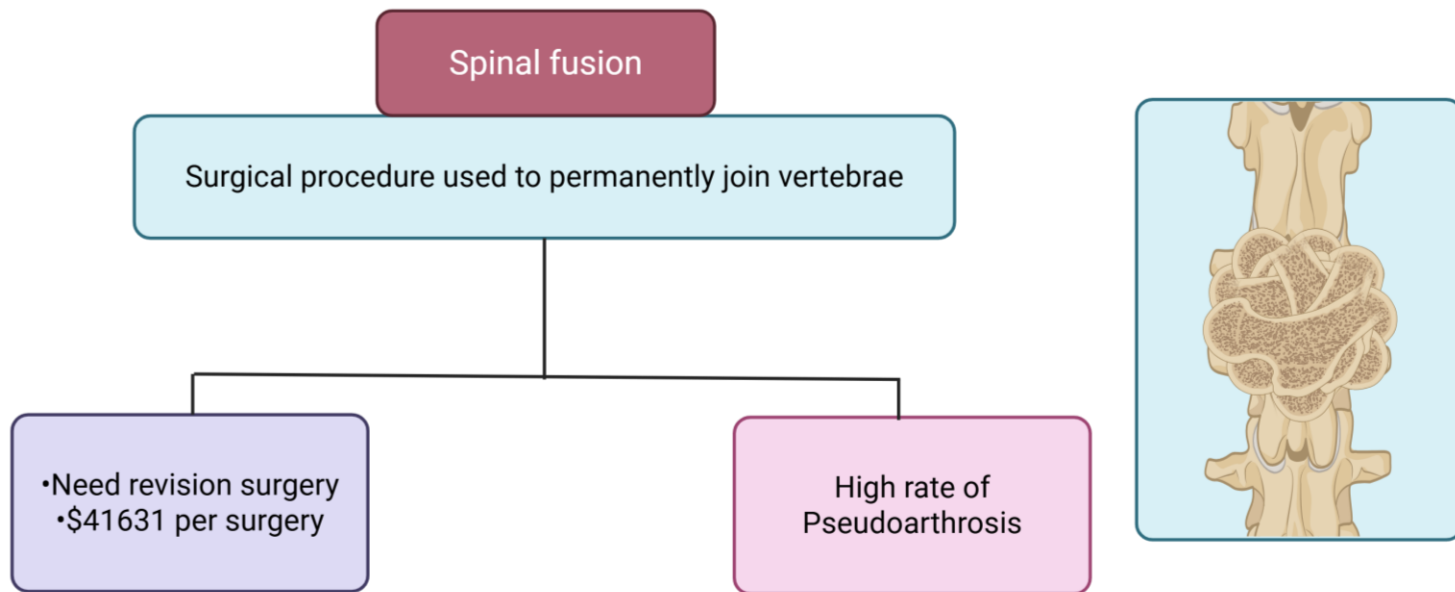
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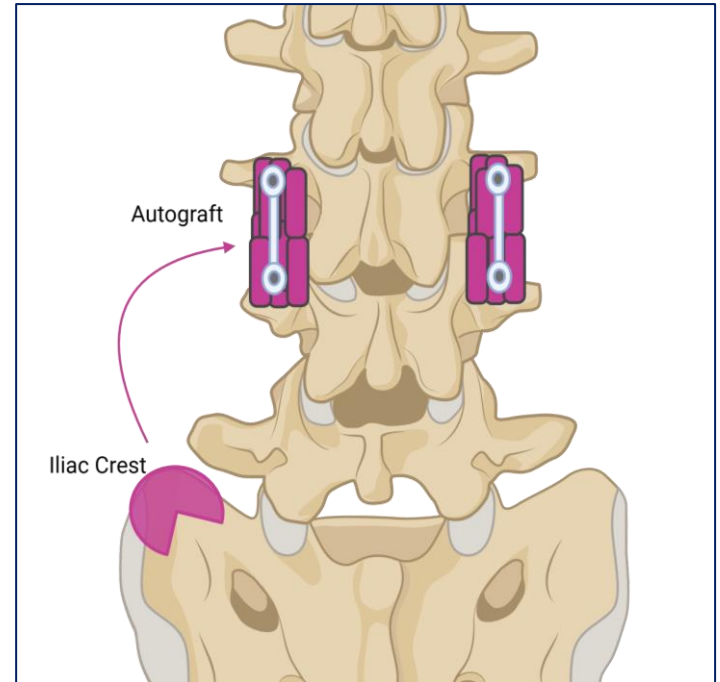
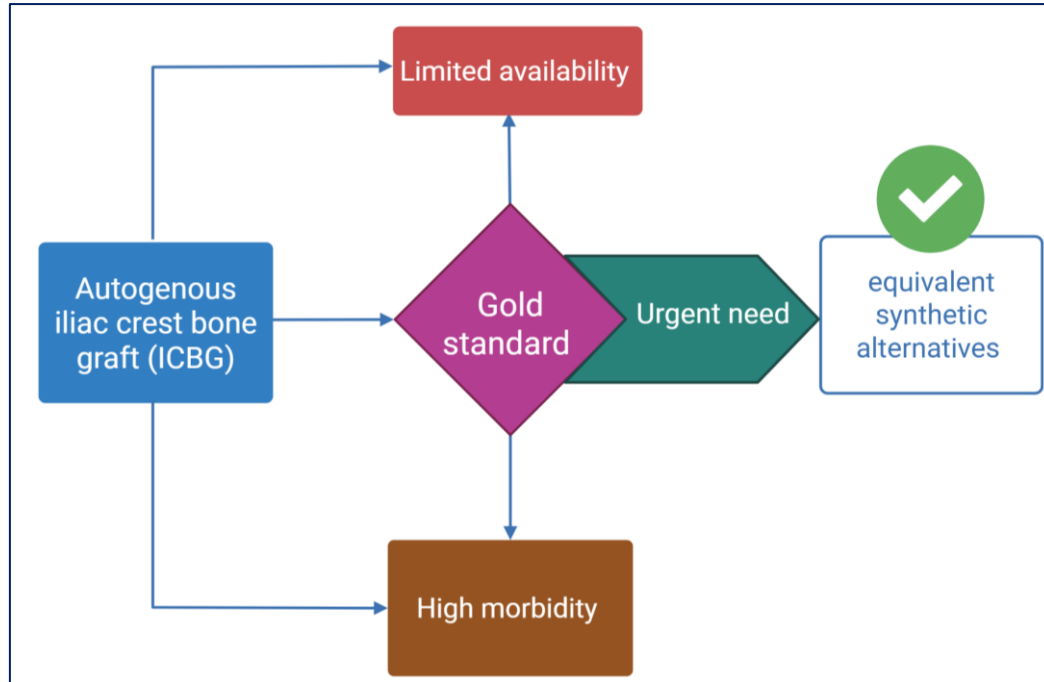
# Spinal instability



# Spinal fusion

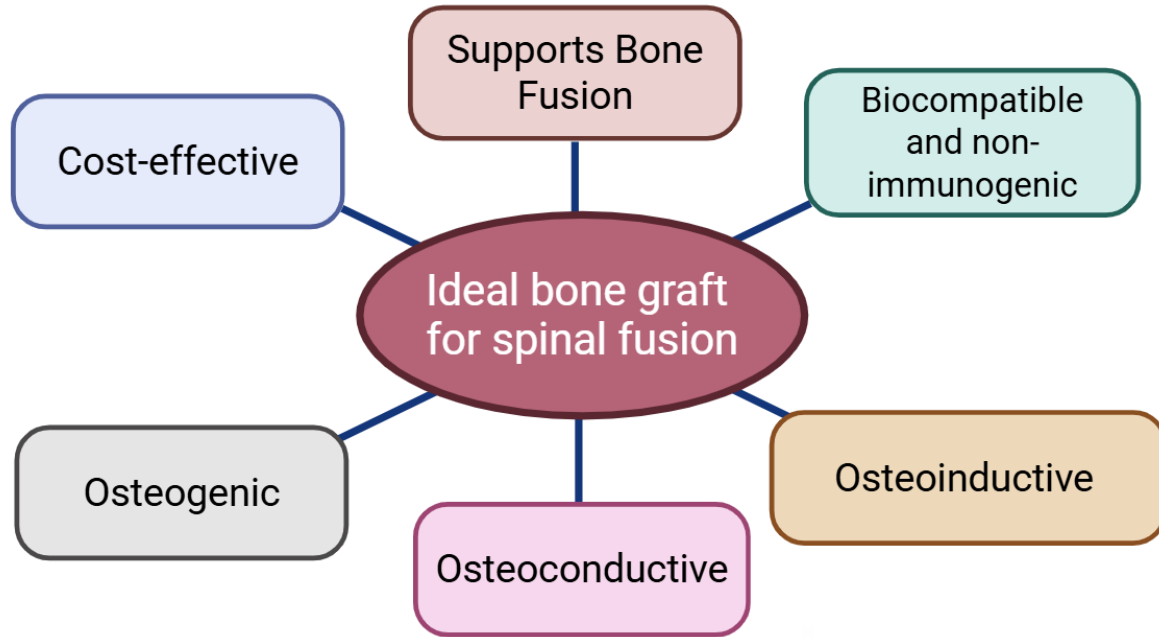


# Autogenous iliac crest bone graft (ICBG)



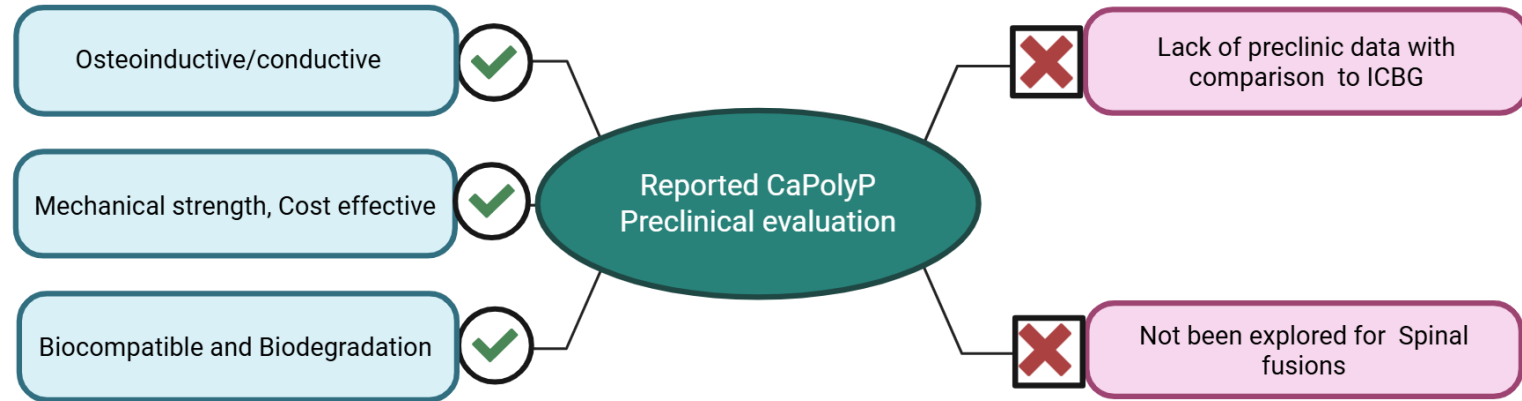
# Ideal bone graft characteristics for spinal fusion

- ❑ Without the right graft properties, fusion may fail, leading to pseudoarthrosis.

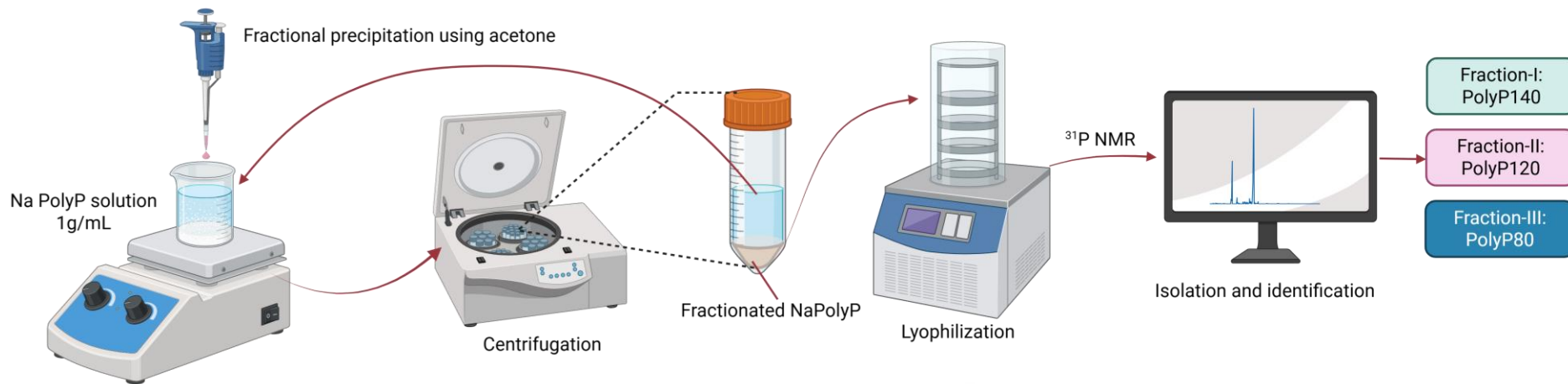
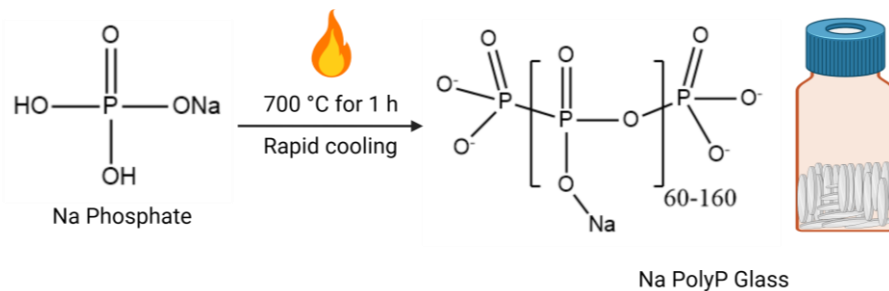


# Study Objective

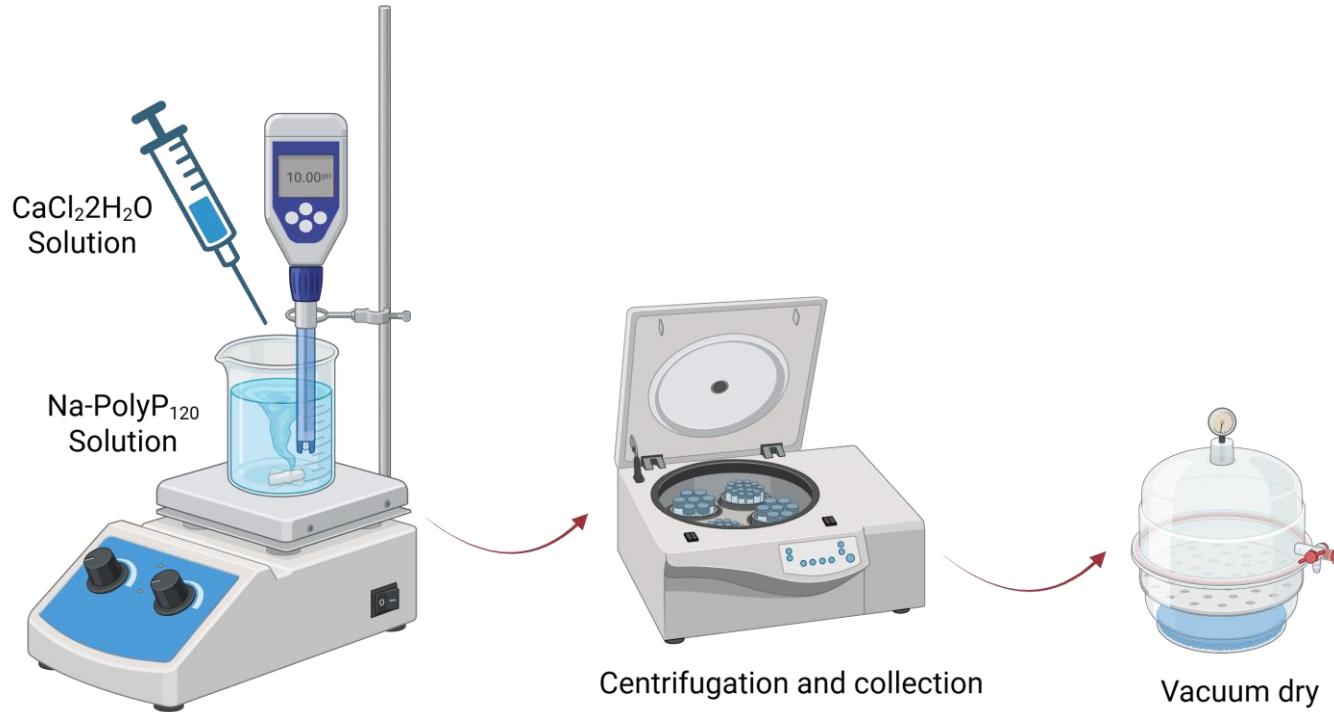
- ❑ *This study aimed to compare the performance of Ca-PolyP-NPs to autograft in promoting bone formation in a murine model of posterior lumbar spinal fusion.*



# Cost effective synthesis of starting material for Ca-PolyP

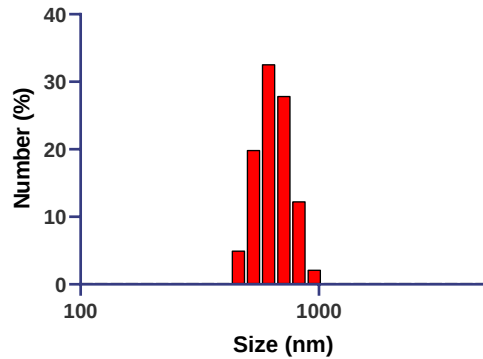


# Ca-PP120-NPs Synthesis



# Morphology of Ca-PP120-NPs

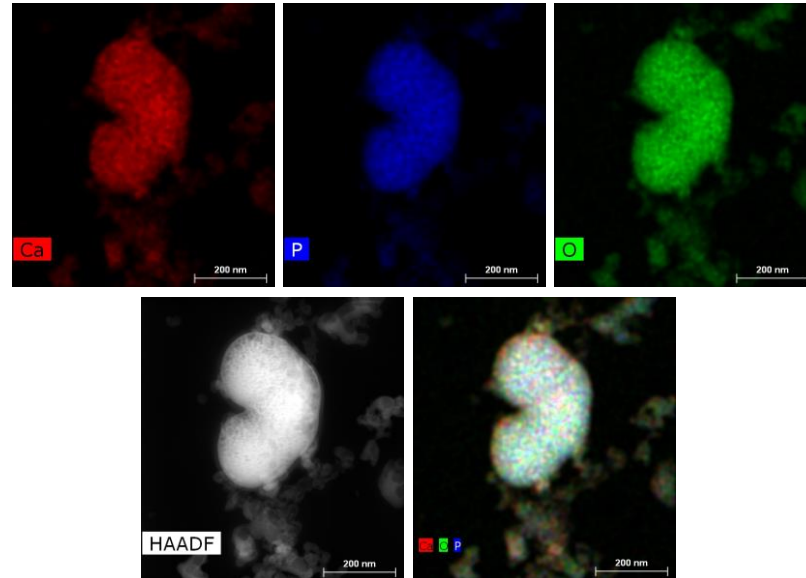
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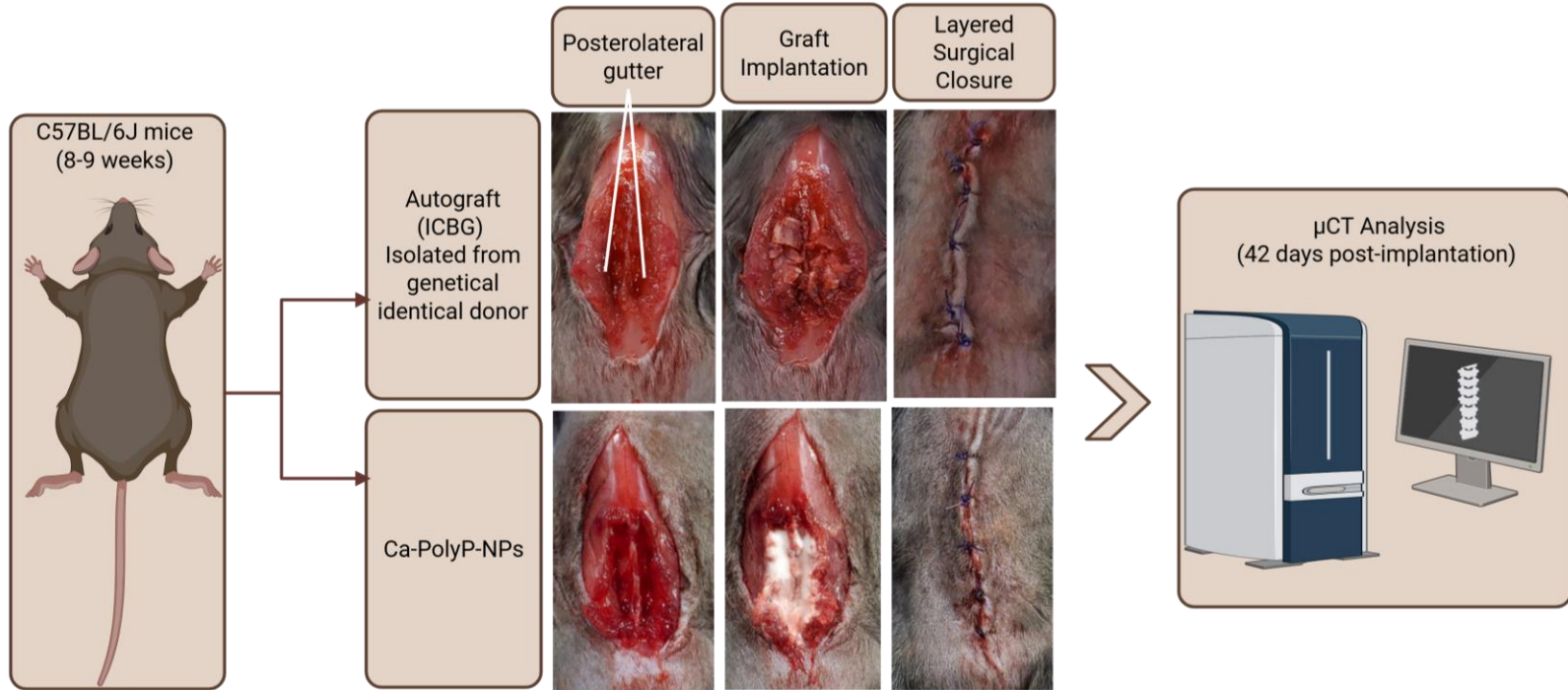
Particle size:  $600.7 \pm 52.95$  nm

PDI:  $0.717 \pm 0.052$

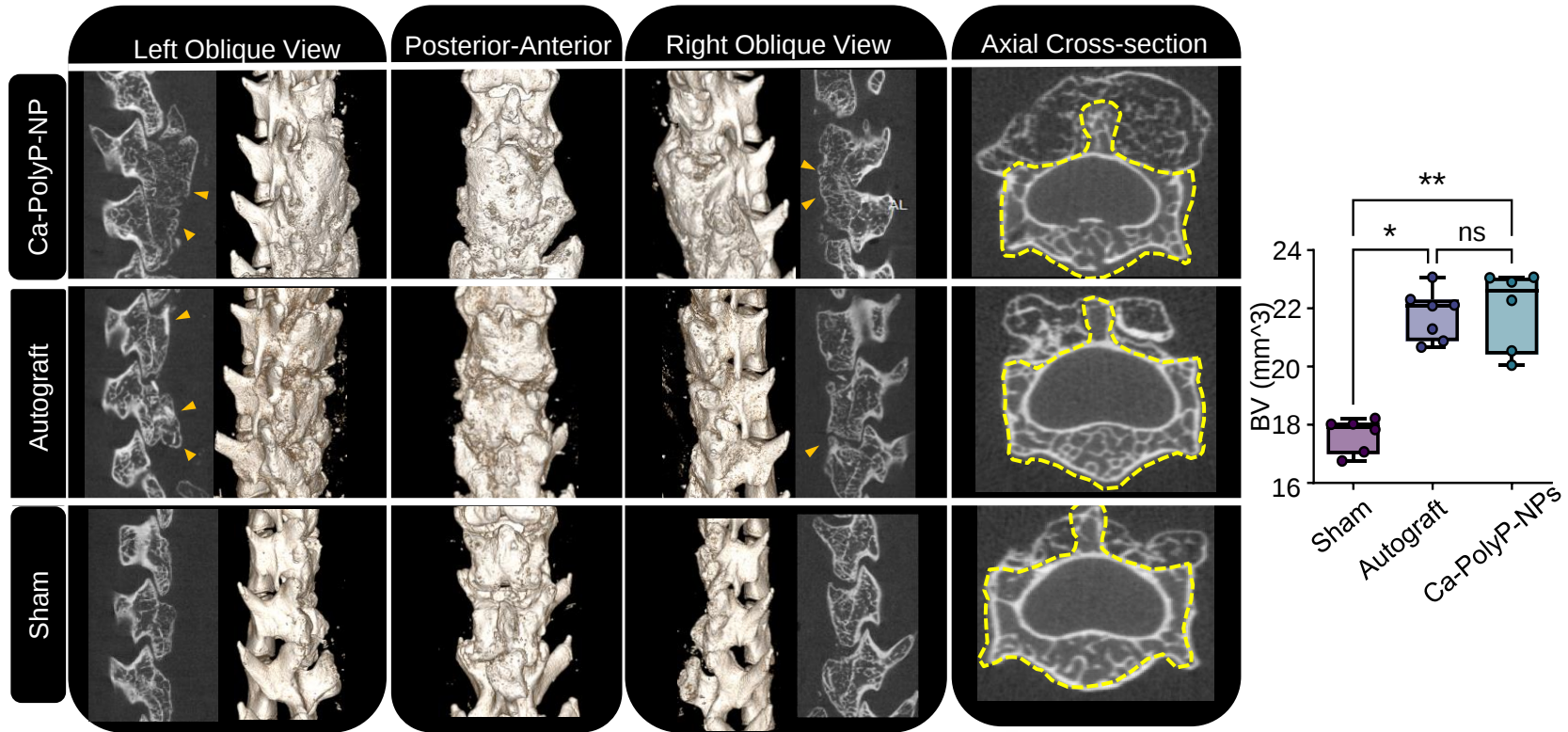
## TEM Elemental mapping analysis



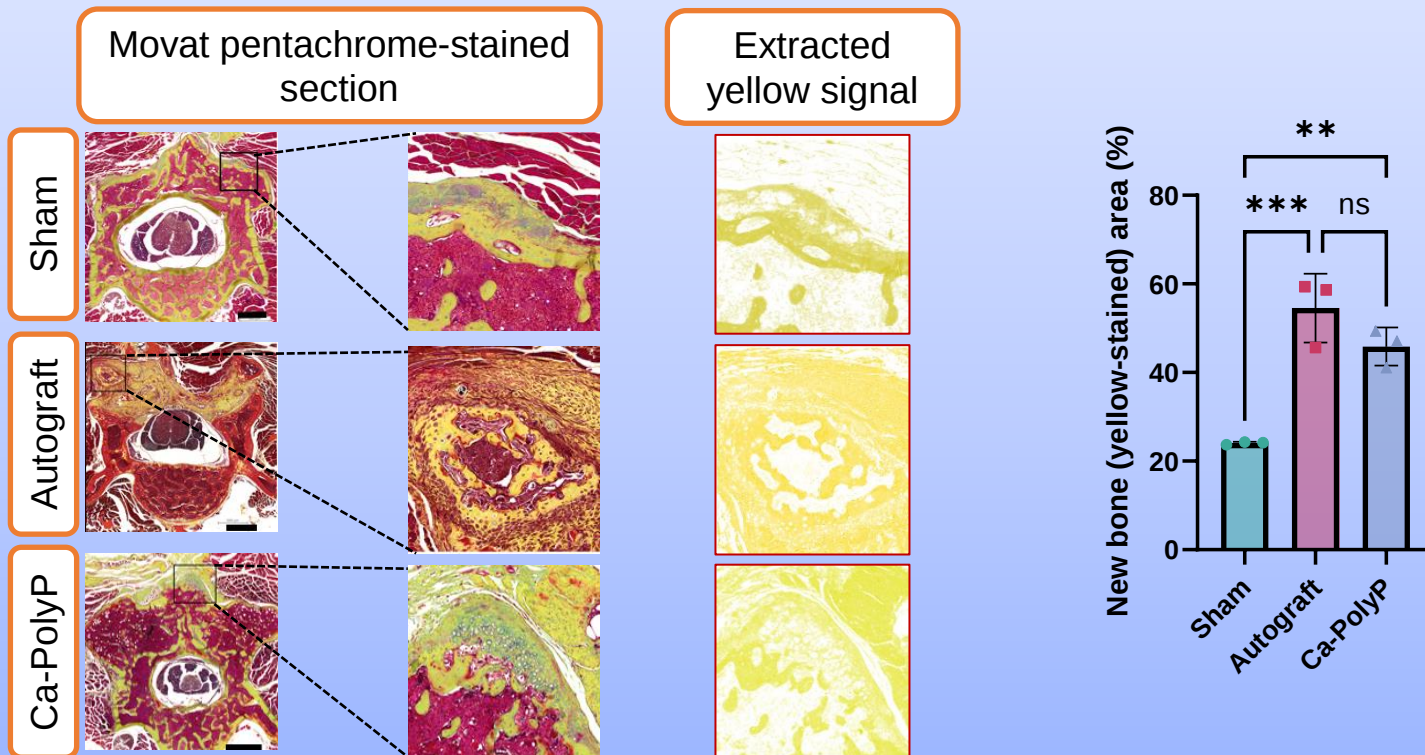
# Posterior lumbar spinal fusion model



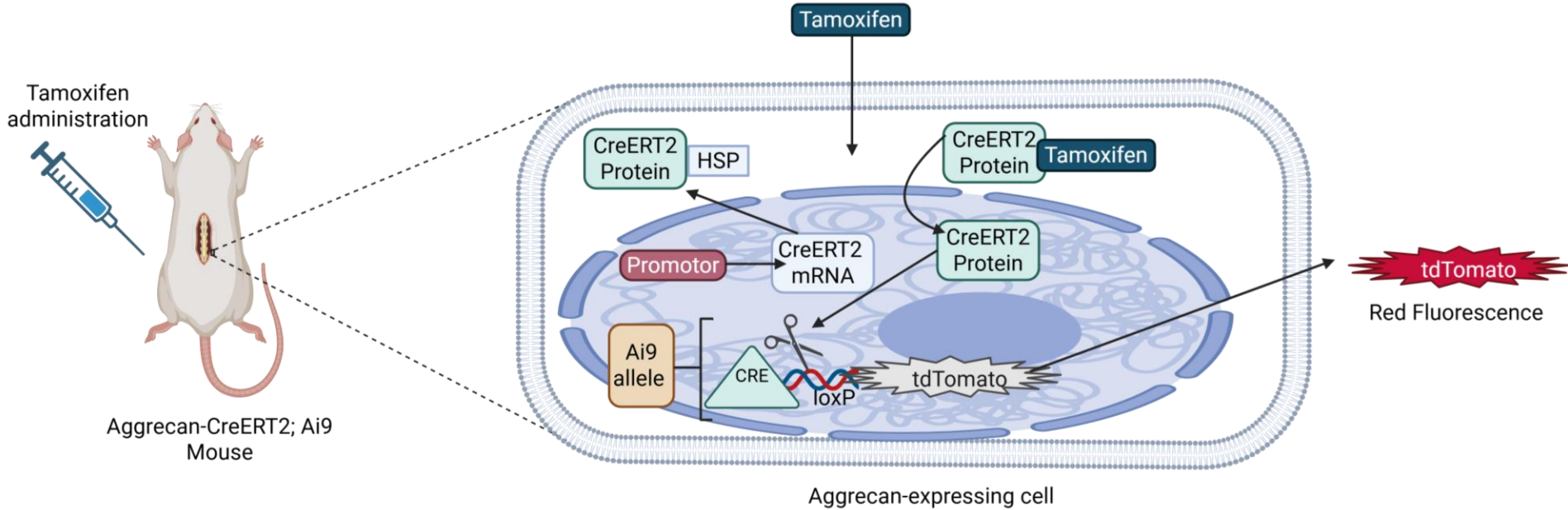
# Ca-PolyP-NPs drives bone formation in posterolateral spine



# Ca-PolyP-NPs demonstrates equivalent spinal fusion potential to autograft



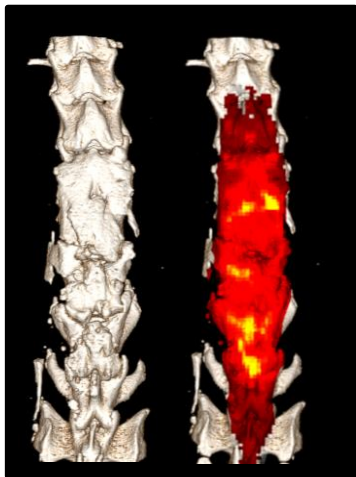
# Aggrecan-CreERT2;Ai9 Model



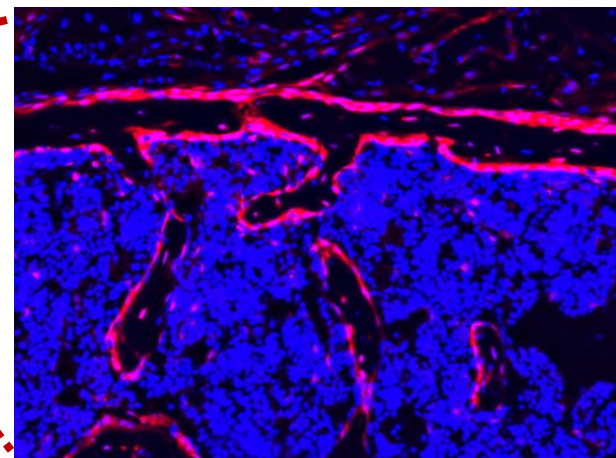
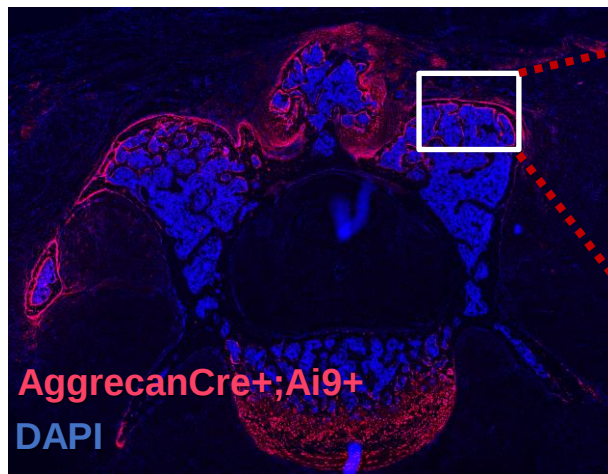
# Ca-PolyP-NPs promotes bone formation via endochondral ossification

IVIS/ $\mu$ CT overlay

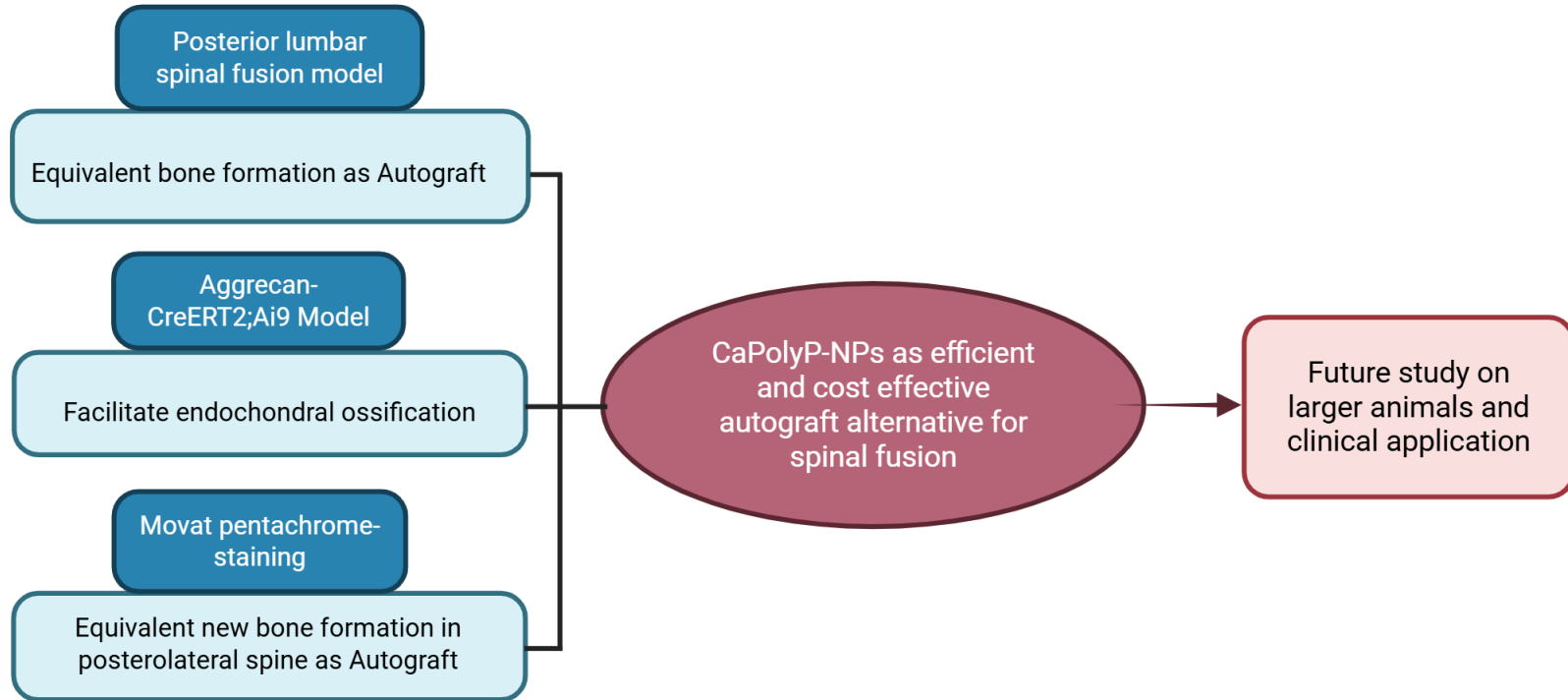
Aggrecan Cre+/Ai9+ with  
Ca-polyP-NPs



Fluorescence microscopy of tdTomato-expressing cells



# Conclusion



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