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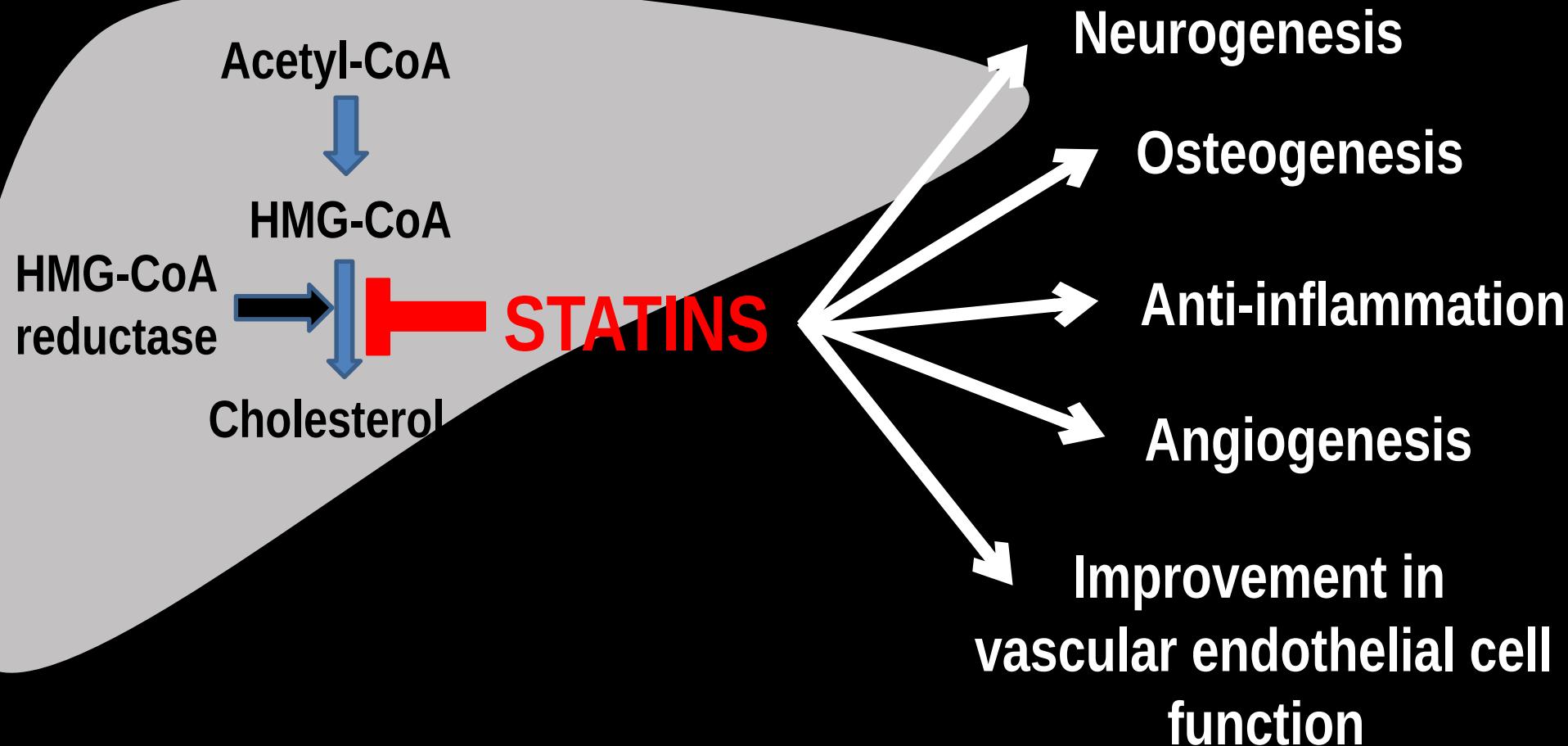
Statins are known to lower cholesterol

So the question is...

What are the long-term effects of Simvastatin on  
human dental pulp cells?



# MECHANISM OF ACTION OF STATIN



Corsini et al, 1999  
Kwak et al, 2000  
Van Nieuw Amerongen et al, 2000  
Musial et al, 2001  
Miron et al, 2007



# CLASSIFICATION OF STATINS

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**High  
Intensity  
 $>50\%$**

- Atorvastatin (Lipitor)\*
- Rosuvastatin (Crestor)\*

**Moderate  
Intensity  
 $30 - 49\%$**

- Atorvastatin (Lipitor)\*
- Rosuvastatin (Crestor)\*
- Simvastatin (Zocor)\*
- Pravastatin (Pravachol)\*
- Lovastatin (Mevacor,  
Altocor, Altorev)\*
- Fluvastatin (Lescol)
- Pitavastatin

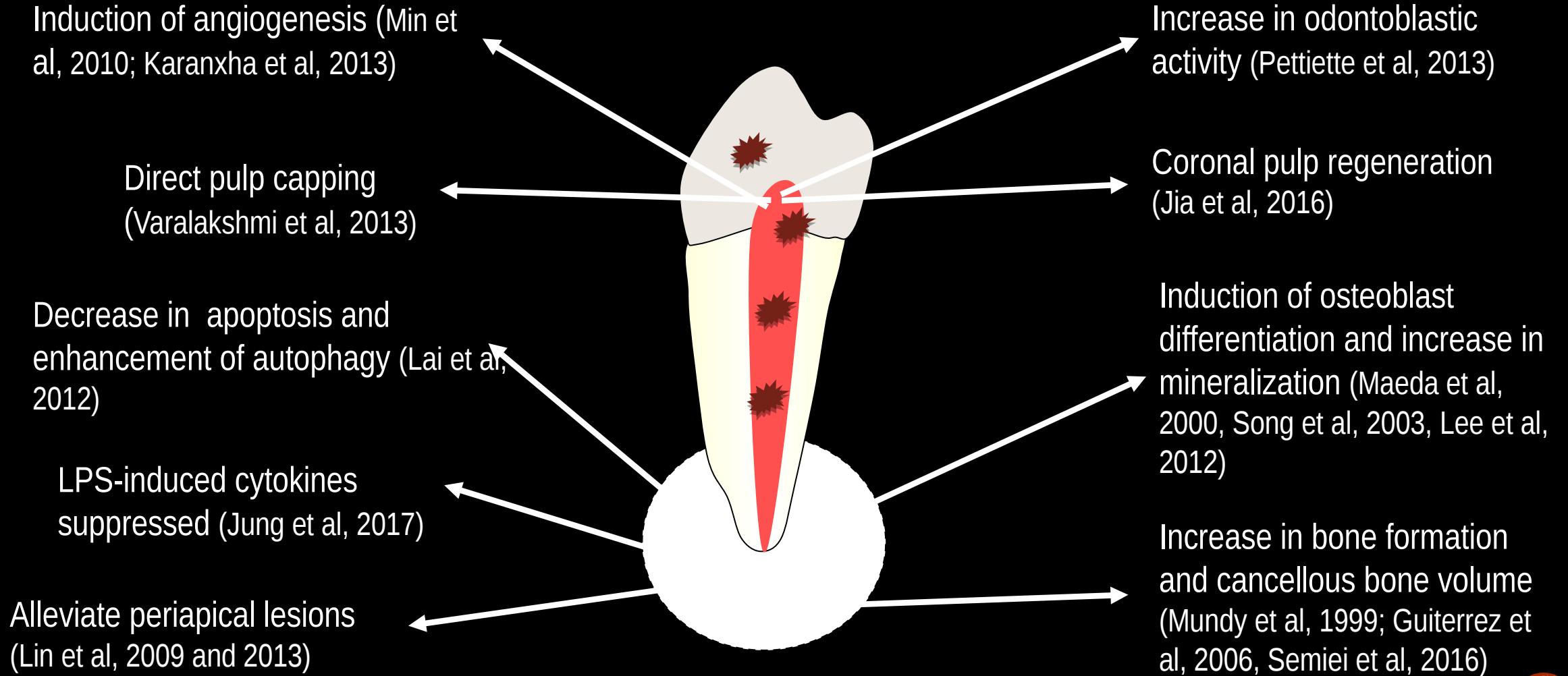
**Low  
Intensity  
 $<30\%$**

- Simvastatin (Zocor)\*
- Pravastatin (Pravachol)\*
- Lovastatin (Mevacor,  
Altocor, Altorev)\*
- Fluvastatin (Lescol)\*
- Pitavastatin

ACC guidelines, 2018  
Chou et al, 2016



# ENDODONTIC USES



# HYPOTHESIS

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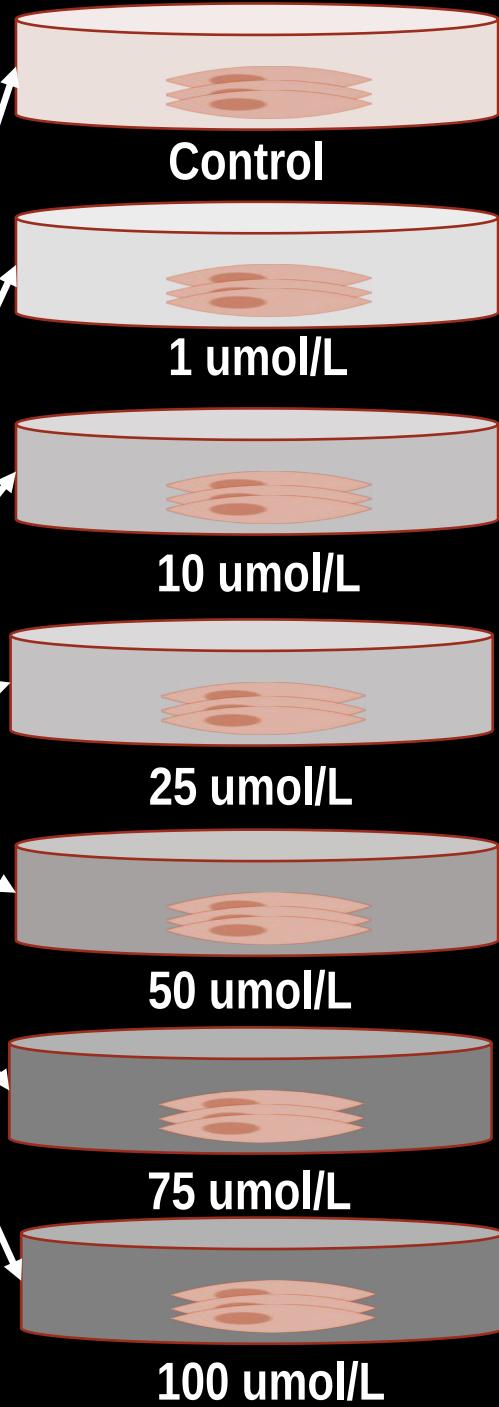
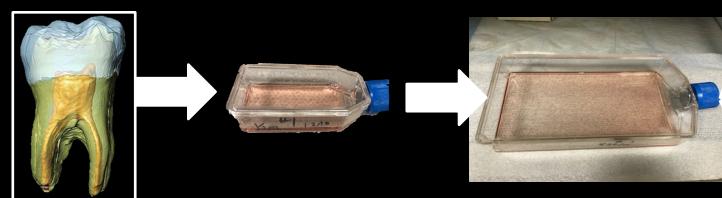
Simvastatin will affect the attachment, proliferation, cytotoxicity and mineralization of human dental pulp cells.



# MATERIALS AND METHODS



Simvastatin was prepared based on manufacturer instructions



- Cell attachment efficiency  
16 Hours
- Proliferation Rate
- Cytotoxicity
- Cytostasis
- Mineralization  
7, 14, 21 days



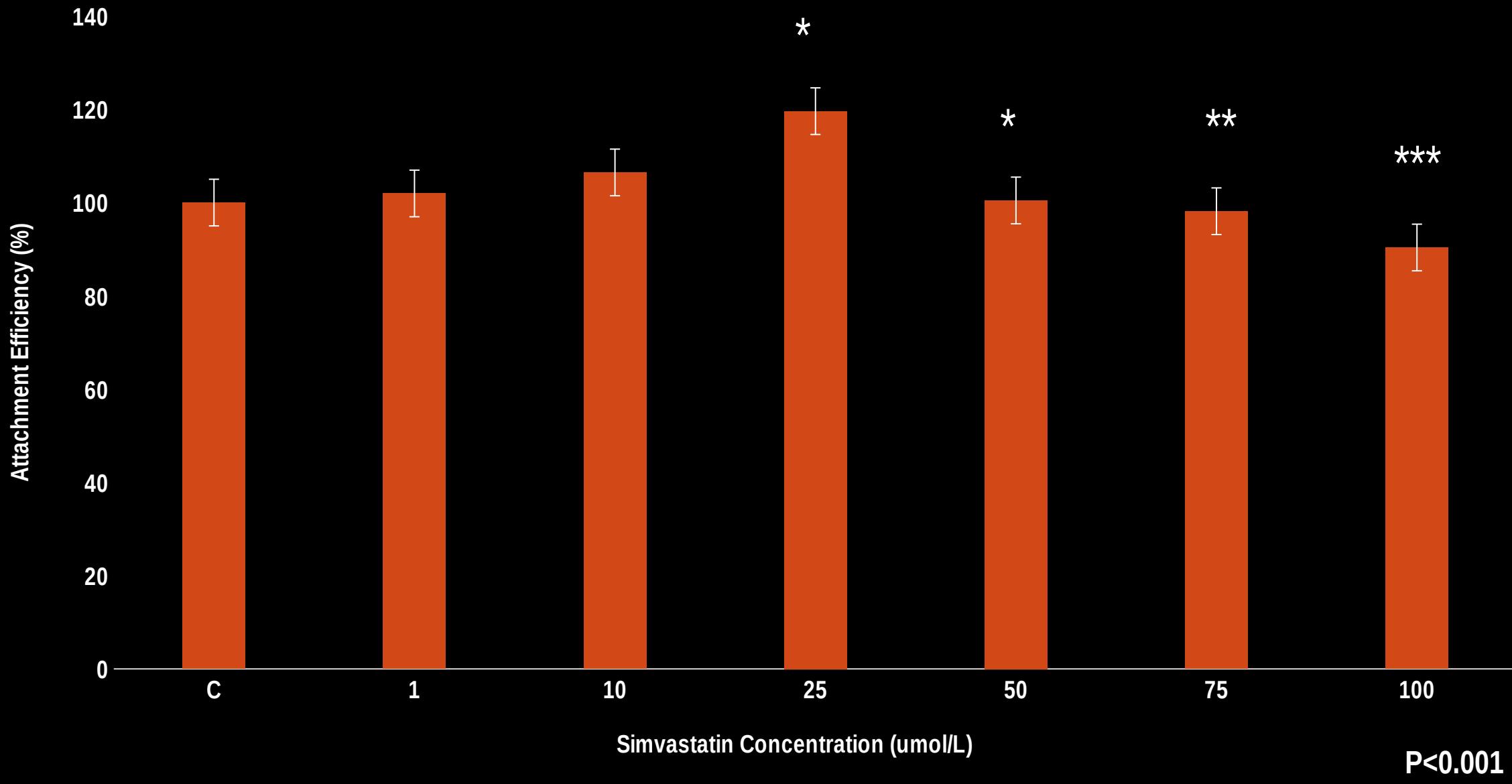
Statistics  
Anova and T-Test



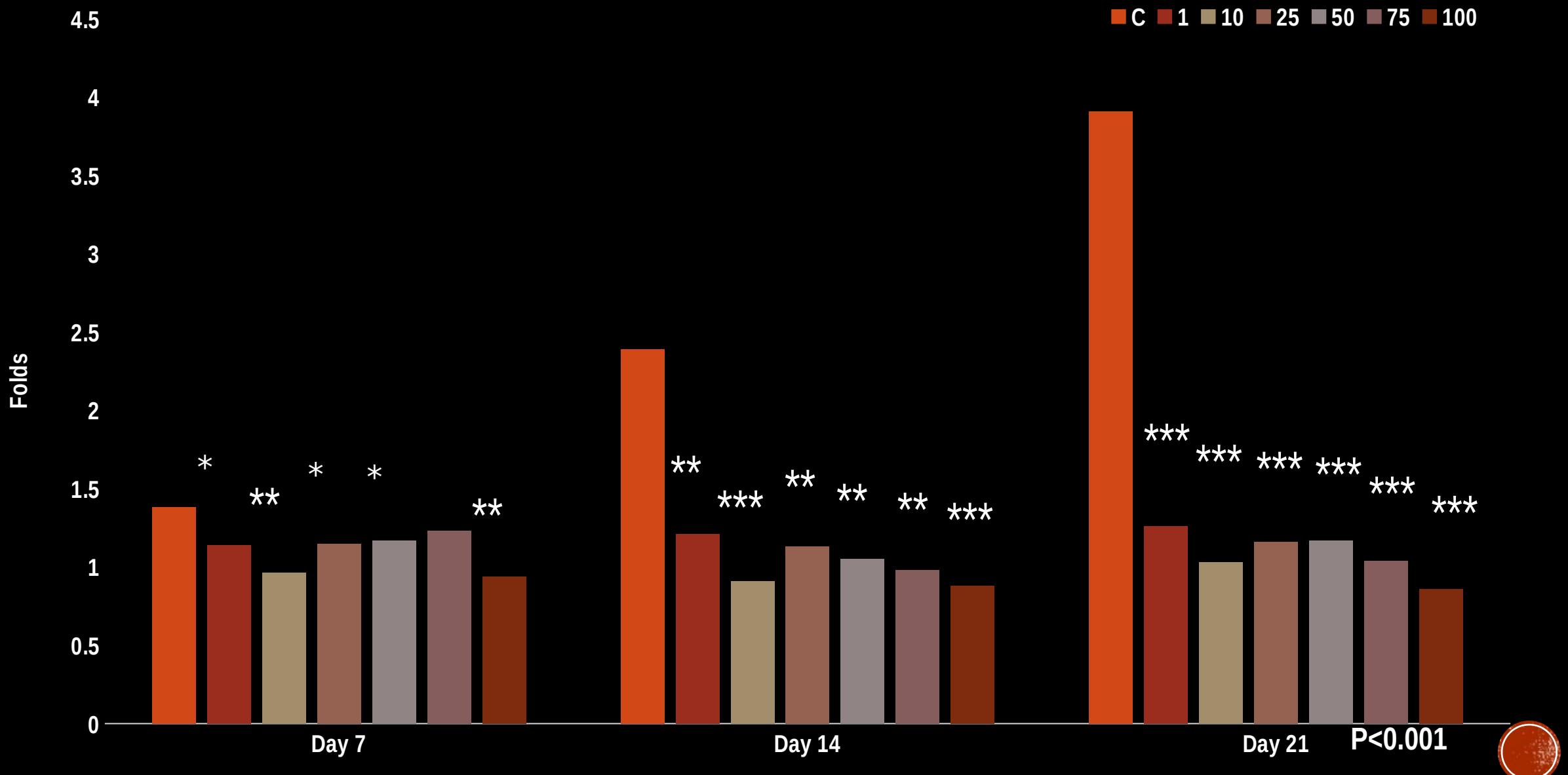
# RESULTS



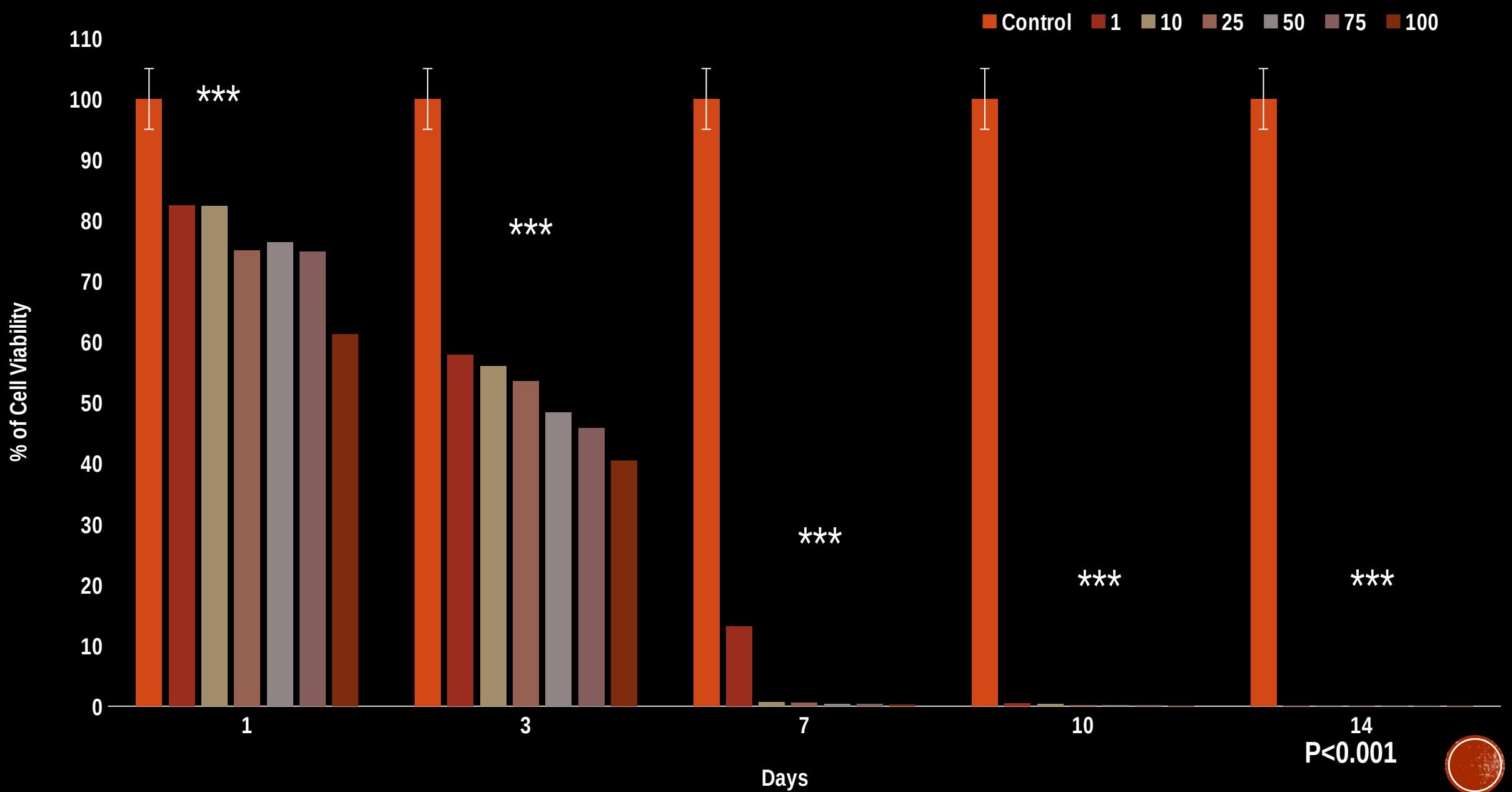
## Cell Attachment



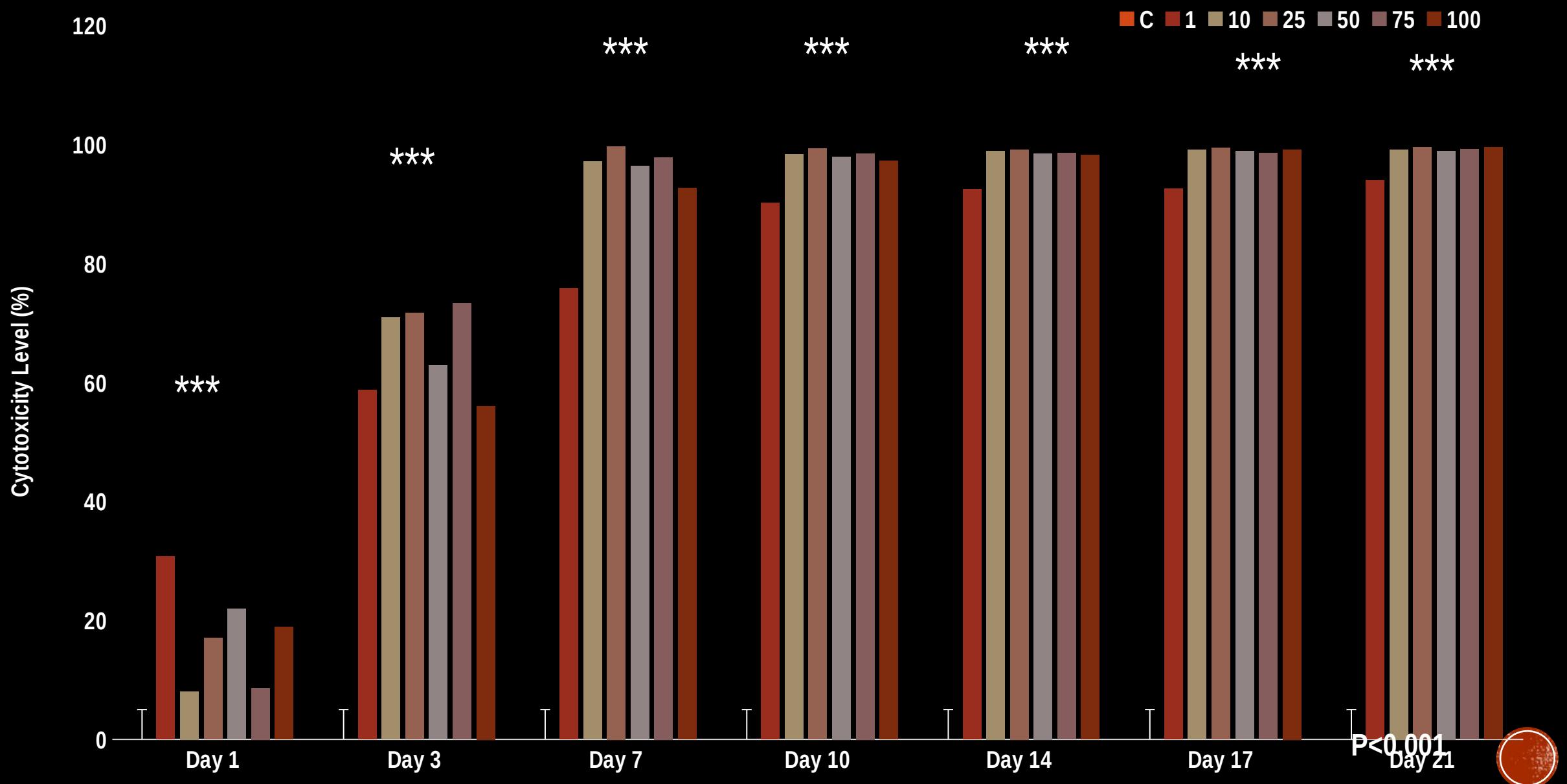
## Proliferation Rate



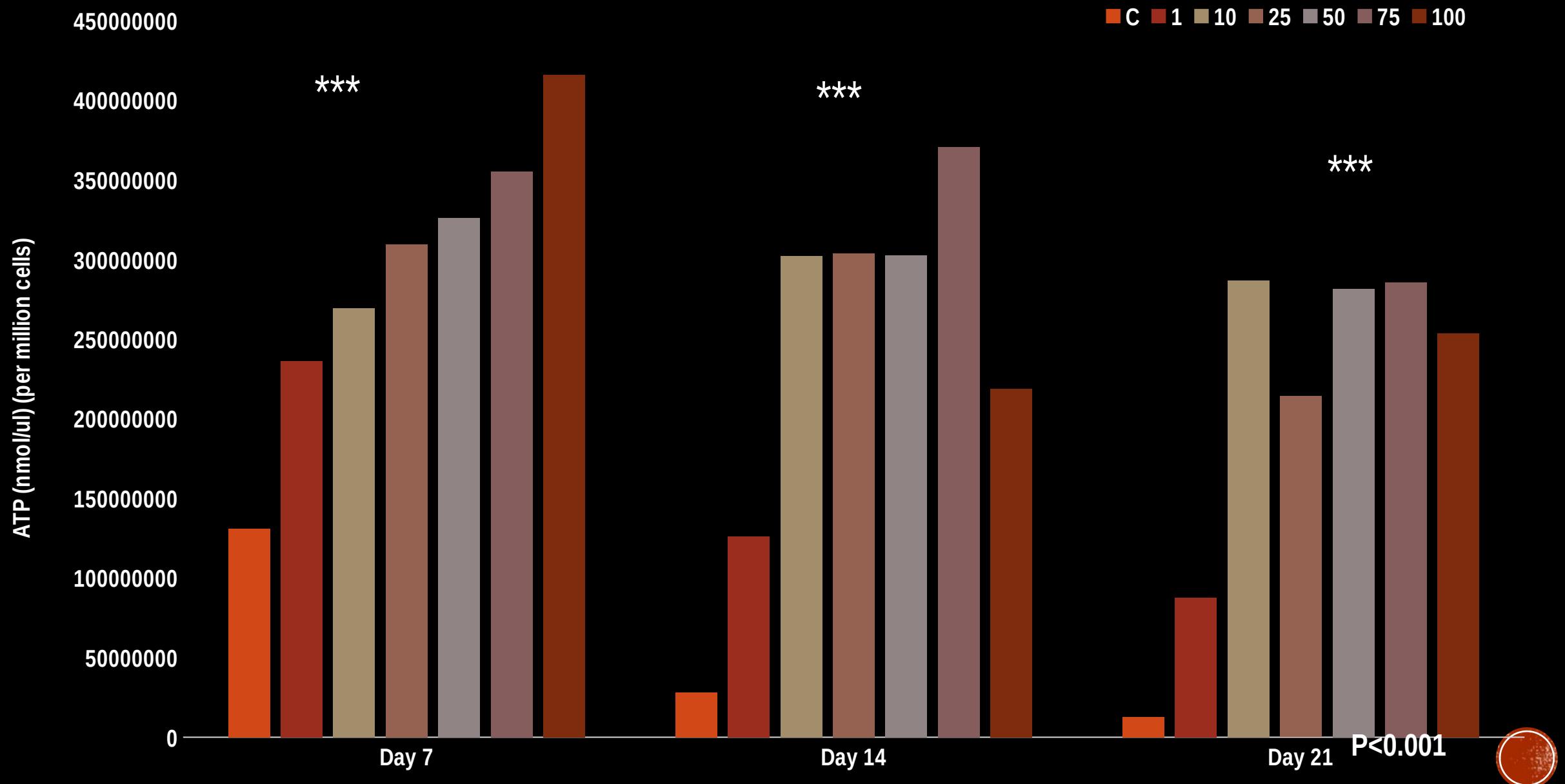
## Cell Cytotoxicity Assay



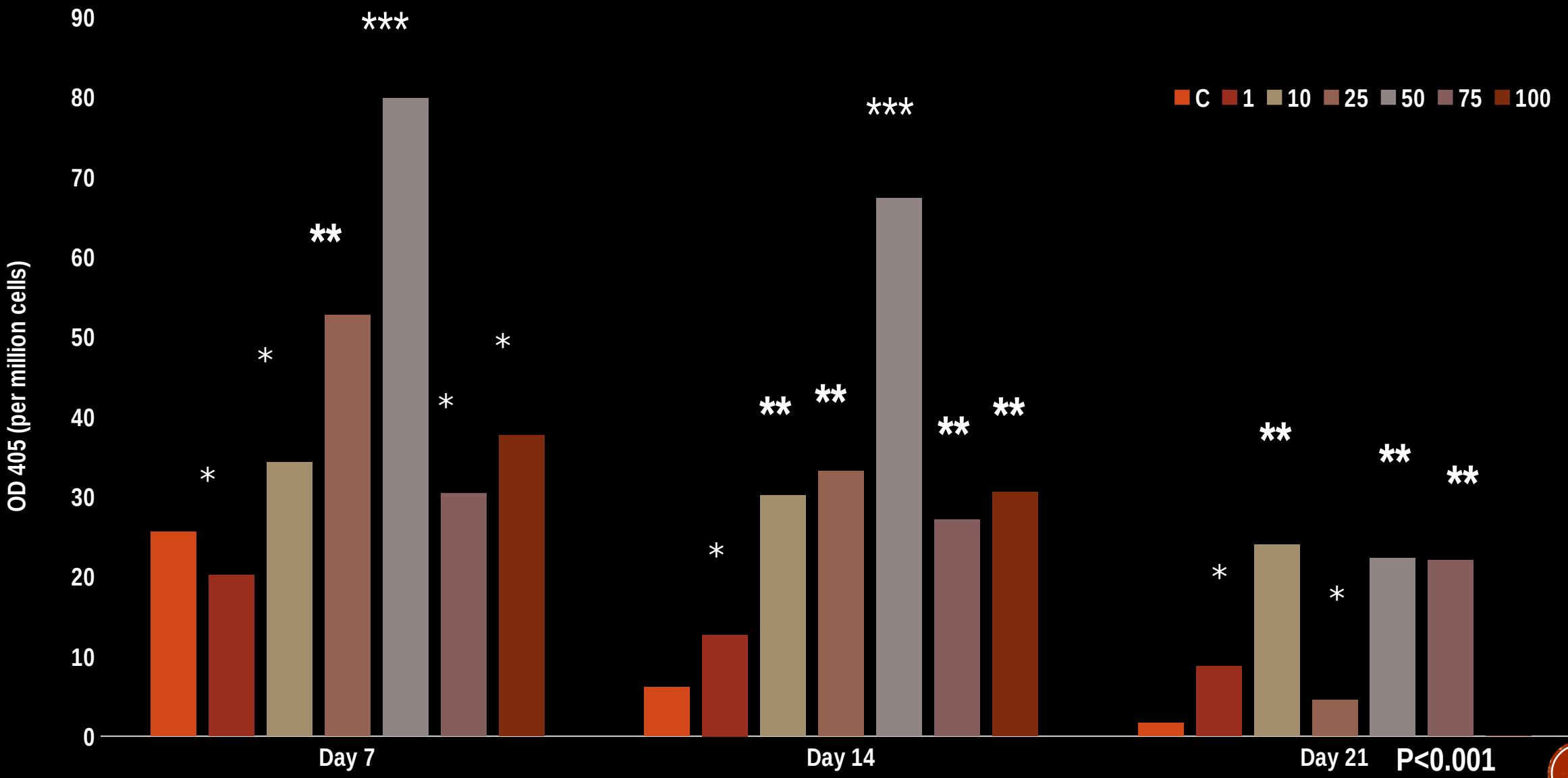
### MTT assay



## ATP Assay



## Mineralization



# CONCLUSIONS

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- 25umol/L- showed highest cell attachment
- All concentrations except the control downregulated the proliferation rate and mineralization
- Tested concentrations showed signs of toxicity.



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# Thank you! Questions?!

