

1 Detailed Methods

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3 Antibodies

4 1. Labelling of MES-1 mAb with Alexa Fluor 488 (AF488) Fluorescence

5 **Dye for Confocal Microscopy.** MES-1 was labelled with Alexa Fluor 488 carboxylic

6 acid, 2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenyl ester, 5-isomer (Molecular Probes) as follows. A 100 μ L-labelling

7 reaction mixture consisting of 50 μ mol/L MES-1 mAb (25.7 μ L at 194 μ mol/L (29.1mg/mL) in PBS

8 pH 7.5), 750 μ mol/L AF488 (6.6 μ L at 11.3mmol/L (10mg/mL) in water), 2.6 μ L (1/10th volume of

9 MES-1 mAb) 1mol/L NaHCO₃ (pH 8.5) and 65.1 μ L distilled H₂O, was incubated at room

10 temperature (rt) for 1h, with gentle manual agitation at 30min. Controls included no dye or no

11 MES-1 mAb. AF488-labelled MES-1 was then purified from the reaction mixture and suspended

12 in PBS (pH 7.5), using gel-filtration chromatography spin column with 6kDa size exclusion limit

13 (Bio-Spin P-6 Column with SSC packing buffer, BioRad) according to the manufacturer's

14 instructions with the following specific conditions: the Bio-Spin column was buffer exchanged

15 first with PBS using 3 wash cycles; all centrifugations were carried out at 20°C. The concentration

16 and degree of labelling of AF488-labelled MES-1 was determined using a spectrophotometer.

17 Samples were diluted in PBS to 100 μ L volume in duplicates, and absorbance measured at 280nm

18 (A_{280}) and 495nm (A_{495}). The concentration of the labelled mAb was calculated as:

19 $[\text{mAb}] \text{ in mg/mL} = \frac{A_{280} - (A_{495} \times 0.11)}{1.4} \times \text{dilution factor}$, where 0.11 is the correction factor for

20 AF488's contribution to A_{280} . The concentration of the mAb in mg/mL was converted to μ mol/L

21 using: $[\text{mAb}] \text{ in } \mu\text{mol/L} = \frac{[\text{mAb}] \text{ in mg/mL}}{150000} \times 10^6$, where 150,000 is the molecular weight of

22 mAb in Da, 10^6 is the multiplication factor for converting mol/L to $\mu\text{mol/L}$. The concentration of
23 AF488 was calculated as: $[\text{AF488}] \text{ in } \mu\text{mol/L} = \frac{A_{495}}{71000} \times \text{dilution factor} \times 10^6$, where 71,000 is
24 the approximate molar extinction coefficient of AF488 dye (in $\text{cm}^{-1}\text{M}^{-1}$) at 494nm, 10^6 is the
25 multiplication factor for converting mol/L to $\mu\text{mol/L}$. Finally, the degree of labelling was
26 calculated as: Degree of labelling = $\frac{[\text{AF488}] \text{ in } \mu\text{mol/L}}{[\text{mAb}] \text{ in } \mu\text{mol/L}}$. Aluminium foil was used at all
27 stages to minimise light exposure. Under this protocol, unreacted AF488 was retained in the
28 column, confirmed by the 'no MES-1 mAb' control reaction. The labelling reaction molar ratio of
29 15:1 (AF488:MES-1) yielded MES-1 labelled with 7 AF488 molecules each, labelling efficiency =
30 46%, yield \approx 89%. The purified AF488-labelled-MES-1 (6.748mg/mL, 44.984 $\mu\text{mol/L}$) was
31 aliquoted, wrapped in aluminium foil and store at -20°C until use. The preservation of sensitivity
32 and specificity to Esel of the AF488-labelled MES-1 was confirmed using immunohistochemistry
33 on frozen heart sections of WT and Esel KO mice pre-treated with LPS.

34 **2. Reduction of MES-1 F(ab')₂ for Microbubble Conjugation.** MES-1 F(ab')₂
35 was reduced using 4 molar excess of tris(2-carboxyethyl)phosphine hydrochloride (Sigma-
36 Aldrich): MES-1 F(ab')₂ (83.3 $\mu\text{mol/L}$, 8.3mg/mL) and tris(2-carboxyethyl)phosphine
37 hydrochloride (333.3 $\mu\text{mol/L}$, 0.096 mg/mL) in Exchange Buffer (50mmol/L 2-(N-
38 Morpholino)ethanesulfonic acid (Sigma-Aldrich), 2mmol/L ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid
39 (Sigma-Aldrich), pH 6) were incubated for 1h at 37°C under constant agitation. The reaction
40 volume ranged 1-1.6mL. The reaction was stopped by placing on ice and immediate purification
41 of the reduced F(ab')₂ using spin column gel filtration chromatography with a 5mL-Zeba Desalt
42 Spin Column (size exclusion limit 1,000Da) according to the manufacturer's instructions (Perbio

43 Science), at 4°C. The spin column was previously equilibrated in cold Exchange Buffer. The
44 degree of reduction of the F(ab')₂ (number of thiols per F(ab')₂) was determined
45 spectrophotometrically using Ellman's test with Ellman's Reagent (Perbio Science) according to
46 the manufacturer's instructions with the following modifications: the Ellman's reaction consisted
47 of 2.5µL Ellman's Reagent (10mmol/L, 4mg/mL), 7.5µL Exchange Buffer and 90µL of the
48 purified reduced F(ab')₂ in Exchange Buffer, incubated at rt covered with aluminium foil to
49 minimise light exposure; absorbance at 412nm (A₄₁₂) was measured at 24min from the start of the
50 Ellman's reaction, to determine the thiol concentration in the reduced F(ab')₂ sample by reference
51 to a standard curve of Ellman's reaction with known concentrations of thiol-containing compound,
52 L-Cysteine hydrochloride (Perbio Science) in Exchange Buffer (pH6); duplicate Ellman's 'blank'
53 reaction where the Exchange Buffer was added in place of the reduced F(ab')₂ was used for
54 baseline subtraction of A₄₁₂ from the test samples. The concentration of reduced F(ab')₂ was
55 determined from A₂₈₀ in the absence of Ellman's Reagent (with the spectrophotometer zeroed
56 using Exchange Buffer), as the latter would interfere with A₂₈₀. The degree of F(ab')₂ reduction
57 was calculated as: $\text{thiol groups per F(ab')}_2 = \frac{[\text{thiol in } \mu\text{mol/L}]}{[\text{F(ab')}_2 \text{ in } \mu\text{mol/L}]}$. The reduced F(ab')₂
58 contained 2 thiol groups per molecule of F(ab')₂ – only 1 inter-chain disulfide bond was reduced
59 per F(ab')₂. The purified reduced F(ab')₂ was kept at ≈80µmol/L (8mg/mL) in Exchange Buffer
60 prior to conjugation with microbubbles. Note that the reduction of 1 inter-chain disulfide bond
61 would not be sufficient to cause the dissociation of F(ab')₂ into 2 Fab' fragments, because F(ab')₂
62 of rat IgG2a contains 2 (not 1) inter-chain disulfide bonds linking the heavy chains together.

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64 **Immunohistochemistry.** Immunohistochemistry was performed on acetone-fixed
65 cryosections of freshly harvested hearts of WT (with/without LPS pre-treatment) and Esel KO (pre-
66 treated with LPS) mice. After blocking non-specific binding sites with 100 μ L of 1:1000 rabbit serum
67 (Sigma-Aldrich) for 1h at rt, sections were incubated for 1h at rt with 100 μ L of 0.067 μ mol/L
68 (0.01mg/mL) primary antibody: MES-1 (for Esel), MEC13.3 (for PECAM-1, endothelial marker) or
69 rat IgG2a, κ isotype negative control mAb. Each section was then incubated with 100 μ L of
70 0.034 μ mol/L (0.005mg/mL) biotinylated secondary antibody (biotinylated rabbit mAb against rat
71 IgG2a) for 60min at rt. After blocking of endogenous peroxidase with 0.3% H₂O₂ methanol for 20-
72 30min at rt, the horseradish peroxidase-based detection system, Vectastain ABC kit (Vector
73 Laboratories), was used with 3,3'-Diaminobenzidine solution (SIGMAFAST DAB tablet, Sigma-
74 Aldrich) as the chromogen substrate. Sections were counterstained using Harris Modified
75 Hematoxylin Solution (Sigma-Aldrich) and 1% NaHCO₃, then dehydrated through 70-100% ethanol,
76 dried and mounted with Histomount (VWR), and examined under light microscopy.

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78 **RT-qPCR.** Freshly harvested tissues were kept in RNAlater solution (Ambion) to preserve RNA
79 in-situ; total RNA was subsequently extracted using TRIzol reagent (Invitrogen) according to the
80 manufacturer's instructions. The yield of total RNA from the mouse heart was typically \approx 1 μ g pure
81 RNA per 1mg tissue, kept at concentrations over \approx 1mg/mL in molecular grade (RNase-free) H₂O
82 (Sigma-Aldrich). RT reaction for first-strand complementary DNA (cDNA) synthesis was performed
83 using the Qiagen Omniscript Reverse Transcription kit (Qiagen) according to the manufacturer's
84 instructions. The RT reaction mixture consisted of 1 μ g total RNA, 2 μ L 10x buffer RT, 2 μ L dNTP mix

85 (5mmol/L each dATP, dCTP, dGTP, dTTP), 1 μ L (4 units) Omniscript reverse transcriptase, 2 μ L (1 μ g)
86 oligo(dT)₁₂₋₁₈ primer (Invitrogen) and molecular grade H₂O made up to a total reaction volume of
87 20 μ L, incubated for 1h at 37°C. This was followed by real-time qPCR (SYBR Green detection method)
88 for Esel and HPRT-I, according to the manufacturers' instructions. The primer sequences used were:
89 Esel forward primer 5'-CTCATTGCTCTACTTGTTGATG-3', Esel reverse primer 5'-
90 GCATTTGTGTTCCCTGATTG-3', HPRT-I forward primer 5'-ATTAGCGATGATGAACCAG-3',
91 HPRT-I reverse primer 5'-AGTCTTTCAGTCCTGTCCAT-3' (custom ordered from Invitrogen). The
92 qPCR reaction was carried on a 96-well 0.2mL thin-wall PCR plate (Bio-Rad) covered with an Optical
93 Quality Sealing Tape (Bio-Rad), using the iCyclerTM (iCycler iQ Real-Time PCR Detection System,
94 Bio-Rad) according to the manufacturer's instructions. The qPCR reaction volume was 25 μ L,
95 consisting of 5 μ L cDNA template (1:50 water dilution of the finished RT reaction), 0.5 μ L (10 μ mol/L)
96 each of the forward and reverse primer for the respective gene, 6.5 μ L molecular grade H₂O and
97 12.5 μ L iQ SYBR Green Supermix (Bio-Rad). The qPCR cycling condition was: initial 3min
98 denaturing step at 95°C (Well Factor analysis in the first 90s); then 40 cycles of 15s at 95°C, 1min at
99 56°C; melt-curve analysis in 0.5°C steps (1min denaturation at 95°C, 1min reset at 56°C, then 80
100 cycles of 10s at 60°C with 0.5°C increment for each cycle); final cooling step at 4°C. Triplicate Esel
101 and HPRT-I were amplified on the same plate for each animal; no-template negative control using
102 molecular grade H₂O in place of cDNA template for both primer pairs were included in all plates. For
103 data analysis, threshold cycle (*C_t*) was determined from the amplification plot using the iCycler iQ
104 Optical System Software Version 3.0a (Bio-Rad). Wells with abnormal amplification plot or melt-
105 curve were excluded. As PCR efficiency of the Esel and HPRT-I primer pairs differed by \leq 5% (mean

106 (SD) = 93 (4%) and 92 (3%), respectively; n = 4 each), the comparative Ct method was used to
107 estimate the amount of Esel mRNA relative to that of HPRT-I, using the formula:
108 $\text{Esel mRNA (\%HPRT - I)} = 2^{-\Delta Ct}$, where $\Delta Ct = Ct_{\text{Esel}} - Ct_{\text{HPRT-I}}$, subscripts refer to the gene of
109 interest. The mean of replicates was used.

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111 **Microbubble Preparation.** A generic microbubble was prepared by dispersing DSPC,
112 DSPE-PEG2000-Maleimide, PEG40-stearate and DiI at molar ratio of 75:9:14:2 in a small amount of
113 cyclohexane:chloroform (1:2) solvent, in a 50mL round-bottomed flask. Excess solvent was extracted
114 using a stream of gaseous nitrogen. The lipid-blend was then transferred to a freeze dryer and
115 lyophilised to full dryness under a reduced atmosphere (1.3×10^4 Pa) at -78.5°C (using a jacket of dry
116 ice). The dry powder (lyophilisate) was then dispersed in normal saline containing propylene glycol
117 (PGNS: propylene glycol 1.37mol/L (103.5mg/mL), glycerol 1.37mol/L (126.2mg/mL), NaCl
118 0.116mol/L (6.8mg/mL), pH \approx 7.4) to a concentration of 4mg/mL, homogenised by sonication in an
119 ultrasonic bath at $60\text{-}65^\circ\text{C}$ until transparent. Once fully dissolved, the solution was gently sparged with
120 C_3F_8 -gas (F2 Chemicals). Microbubbles were then formed using a shear-mixing approach, by sonic
121 dispersion of C_3F_8 using a Misonix 3000 sonicator (QSonica, CT). The probe tip was positioned about
122 2mm into the solution and sonication was performed with the high-intensity ultrasound horn (20-21
123 kHz) for 30-60s at an acoustic power of approximately 120W, with the initial temperature of the
124 solution at $\approx 60^\circ\text{C}$. More C_3F_8 -gas was sparged into the microbubble dispersion, and the vessel capped
125 and immediately plunged into ice cold water (3min) to dissipate the heat generated during the
126 sonication process. Microbubbles produced were washed (purified) by centrifugation flotation at

127 1,000g 4°C for 15-25min, using a Beckman Coulter Allegra X-15R Centrifuge (Beckman Coulter):
128 bubbles float to the top of the sample vial after centrifugation, the supernatant was removed and
129 replaced with equal volume of cold degassed normal saline (pH 7.4). The wash step was repeated 7
130 times to remove unincorporated shell components and bubble fragments. To produce ESEL targeting
131 microbubbles, these washed generic microbubbles were added to reduced MES-1 F(ab')₂ whilst
132 mixing (each reduced F(ab')₂ molecule contained 2 thiol groups, prepared as described above). The
133 conjugation reaction ratio was 4.338x10⁶ F(ab')₂ molecules per bubble (7.2nmol F(ab')₂ per 10⁹
134 bubbles). The total number of DSPE-PEG2000-Maleimide molecules used in the aqueous lipid-blend
135 divided by the total number of bubbles (before wash) produced from the aqueous lipid-blend
136 (measured by electrozone sensing as described in Methods) = 4.338x10⁶. If ≤10% of the components
137 in the aqueous lipid-blend were incorporated into the bubble-shell, and the molar ratio of the
138 components on the shell remained close to that in the lipid-blend [1], then a bubble of population mean
139 size would contain ≤4.338x10⁵ maleimide molecules, and the estimated F(ab')₂:maleimide conjugation
140 reaction molar ratio would be ≥10:1. The concentration of bubbles and F(ab')₂ in the conjugation
141 reaction mixture ranged 5-8x10⁹/mL and 35-60μmol/L (3.5-6mg/mL), respectively. The reaction
142 mixture contained approximately 2/3 volume of Exchange Buffer (pH 6) from the reduced F(ab')₂ and
143 1/3 volume of normal saline (pH 7.4) from the washed bubbles. The conjugation reaction was
144 incubated at 4°C for 30min, continuously mixed gently on a vertically tilted rotating wheel. Bubble
145 conjugation was terminated by adding 80mmol/L NEM dissolved in dry dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO,
146 Sigma-Aldrich) at 20 molar excess to F(ab')₂ - the reaction mixture was incubated at 4°C for 30-60min
147 on the rotator. Typically, the concentration of NEM and DMSO in the reaction mixture was ≈1mmol/L

148 and $\leq 1.7\%$ v/v, respectively. The bubbles were then washed 4 times with cold normal saline by
149 centrifugation flotation as described above, at 160g 4°C for 5min. This removed unincorporated
150 F(ab')₂, unreacted NEM, DMSO and bubble-fragments. To minimise bubble loss, all washes and
151 incubations were performed with the bubble concentrations kept high ($\geq 1 \times 10^9$ bubbles/mL), under
152 C₃F₈ atmosphere (to reduce the concentration gradient for diffusion of C₃F₈-gas out of the bubbles)
153 and at 4°C (to reduce the rate of gas diffusion). To preserve the bubbles DiI fluorescent dye, the
154 lyophilisate or bubbles were protected from light. Freshly prepared washed Esel targeting bubbles
155 were immediately divided into 20-50 μ L aliquots, capped and sealed with Parafilm, then snap frozen in
156 liquid nitrogen and stored at -80°C until use. The concentrations of subsequently thawed Esel targeting
157 bubbles ranged 1-3 $\times 10^9$ bubbles/mL amongst 5 batches prepared at different times (the range was
158 due mainly to batch variation of the bubble concentrations in the conjugation and wash steps,
159 rather than the freeze-thaw process – the latter caused only 14% change). The freeze-thaw
160 strategy allowed long-term storage of the bubbles and minimised variations in the bubble size
161 distribution (affecting eg, ultrasound signal intensities) used in the experiments. Thawed left
162 over bubbles were not re-used.

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164 **Targeting Microbubble Binding Assay *In Vitro*.** Polystyrene petri-dish
165 (Corning 35mm Not TC-Treated Culture Dish, Corning Life Sciences) was coated with 200 μ L
166 recombinant homodimeric mouse Esel protein (R&D Systems) at 1.25 μ g/mL (7nmol/L, diluted in PBS
167 pH 7.5) for 1h at rt (dish E). PBS was used instead of Esel as 'blank' negative control (dish P). Non-
168 specific binding sites were then blocked with 4mL bovine serum albumin (BSA, Sigma-Aldrich) at

169 2.5% w/v in PBS for 2h at rt. BSA was then discarded and the dish washed with PBS. To prepare Esel
170 coated dish blocked with excess MES-1 F(ab')₂ (dish B), 500µL MES-1 F(ab')₂ at 6.67µg/mL
171 (67nmol/L) was placed in dish E for 30min at rt, then washed with PBS. Due to the buoyancy of the
172 bubbles, the dishes were inverted for incubation with bubbles for 1min at rt: 100µL Esel targeting or
173 non-targeting (generic) bubbles at 2.5x10⁷ bubbles/mL (diluted in cold degassed PBS) were used.
174 Unattached bubbles were then gently washed off and the dishes re-filled with cold degassed PBS for
175 immediate examination using an upright light microscope equipped with immersion objective lens,
176 connected to a camera and monitor. The number of bubbles attached to each dish was counted and
177 averaged from 10 random OFs on the monitor display, the surface area of the latter determined using a
178 stage micrometer. The attached bubble density was thus determined.

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180 **Intravital Microscopy Set-Up.** Inflammation of the cremaster muscle was produced by
181 intrascrotal injection of 50ng recombinant IL-1β (R&D Systems) 2h before surgery in the WT and
182 Esel KO mice. The tail vein was cannulated with a 24G 0.7x19mm *iv* catheter (dead space ≈50µL)
183 (BD Medical). Long duration anesthesia was achieved using *ip* injection of 200-300µL mixture
184 containing 4.5mmol/L (1mg/mL) xylazine (Rompun, Bayer) and 36.5mmol/L (10mg/mL) ketamine
185 hydrochloride (Ketalar, Parke-Davis) in normal saline. The animal was placed on a custom-built
186 thermo-controlled (37°C) intravital microscopy stage. Under a dissection microscope, the right or left
187 testis was gently exteriorised through a scrotal incision. A longitudinal incision was made along the
188 cremaster muscle, which was then spread out and pinned down across a translucent microscopy stage.
189 The exteriorised muscle was maintained by continuous superfusion of thermo-controlled Tyrode's

190 Salt buffer solution (9.6g Tyrode's Salts (Sigma-Aldrich) + 1g sodium hydrogen carbonate, made up to
191 1L volume with sterile distilled water). Observations and recordings were made using an upright
192 microscope (Axioskop, Carl Zeiss) equipped for bright-field and fluorescence microscopy, with 20x
193 and 40x immersion objective lens (Water Achroplan, Carl Zeiss), a charge-coupled device camera
194 (Color Chilled 3CCD Camera with controller, Hamamatsu Phototonics), a silicon intensifier target
195 camera (C-2400-08, Hamamatsu Photonics), a monitor (Triton, Sony), a S-VHS recorder (Model AG
196 6730 SVHS 625, Panasonic) and a Personal Computer. All recordings were made with the S-VHS
197 recorder and Personal Computer.

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199 **Confocal Microscopy of Esel Targeting Microbubbles in the**
200 **Mouse Cremaster.** Following the *iv* administration of Esel targeting bubbles and antibody
201 cocktail containing AF488-MES-1 + allophycocyanin-labelled mAb against mouse PECAM-1,
202 unattached bubbles and mAb in the circulation were removed by perfusion with PBS. This was
203 achieved by exposing the heart and upper abdomen by dissection. A snip incision was then made in the
204 right atrium followed by injection of PBS into the LV cavity using a needle connected to a 20ml-
205 syringe. This allowed the PBS to perfuse the body, it and the blood left the circulation via the incision
206 in the right atrium. Adequate PBS perfusion was assumed when the liver turned pale due to the
207 replacement of blood by PBS. Then immediately, the testis were exteriorized and the cremaster
208 muscles harvested, spread out and fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde PBS solution for 30min at rt, before
209 placing in PBS at 4°C for 5min. Aluminium foil was used to minimise light exposure to the tissues.
210 Fresh tissues were examined immediately under confocal microscopy (z-stacked), using an upright

211 confocal laser-scanning microscope (LSM 5 PASCAL, Carl Zeiss) with a 40x immersion objective
212 lens (Water Achroplan, Carl Zeiss). 3 different fluorescence, DiI for bubbles (excite at 543nm, detect
213 at 560-615nm), Alexa Fluor 488 for Esel (excite at 488nm, detect at 505-530nm) and allophycocyanin
214 for PECAM-1 (excite at 633nm, detect at 650nm) were scanned in series at each depth before moving
215 on to the next depth in the Z-axis. Images were processed using the Zeiss LSM 5 Image Browser.

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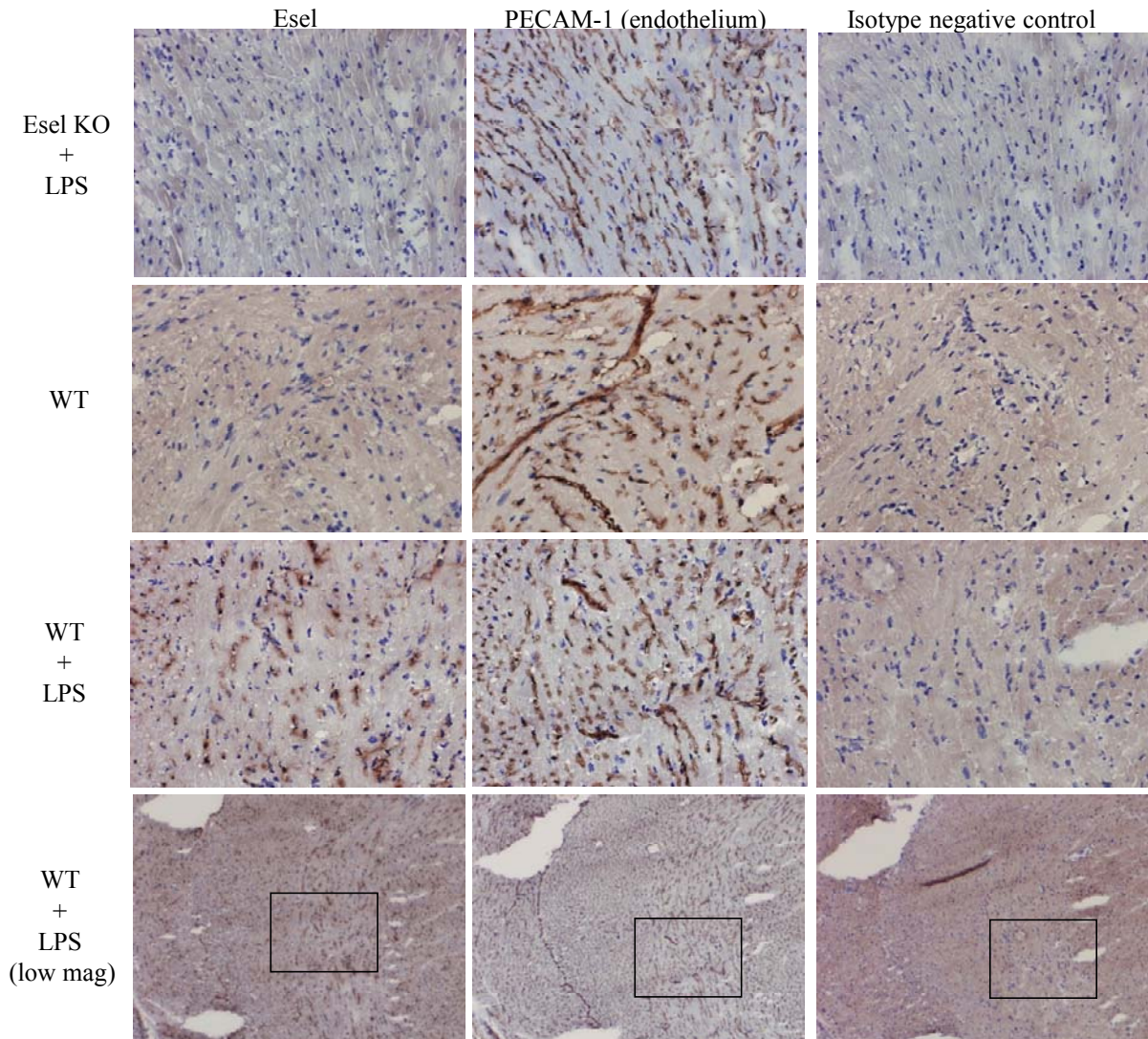
217 **Ultrasound Imaging.** 15 WT and 8 Esel KO mice all pre-treated with LPS were imaged.
218 Tail vein cannulation and general anesthesia were performed in the same way as described in the
219 intravital microscopy experiment. The chest, abdomen and pelvis were shaved. The Acuson Sequoia
220 512 clinical ultrasound scanner equipped with a 15L8-s linear array transducer (foot print 26mm) was
221 used. A layer of warm gel was coupled between the skin and ultrasound transducer. Ultrasound
222 settings used were: 14MHz CPS mode, transmission power 9dB giving low MI 0.22-0.26 (estimated
223 by the scanner), dynamic range 55dB, time gain 0%, CPS gain 8, fundamental 2D gain 15dB, color
224 map M:3 (bubble signals in heated object scale ('CPS-contrast only' images), tissue signals in grey
225 scale ('B-mode' images)). Tissue Equalization Technology (TEQ) was not used. Baseline images of
226 the heart in the PSA (papillary muscle level), PLA and A4C views were acquired before bubble
227 administration. Imaging was then maintained in the PSA view by fixing the transducer in position with
228 a free standing clamp. A stopwatch was started and 10^8 Esel targeting bubbles (in 100 μ L volume made
229 up with normal saline) injected at 10s as an *iv* bolus over 1-2s through the tail vein cannula. This was
230 followed by a 100 μ L normal saline flush over 1-2s at 20s. To capture real-time sequence of events
231 throughout the life-time of the bubble bolus and detect Esel expression in the heart, continuous

232 ultrasound imaging was performed and recorded as 3s-digital clips, at pre-determined time intervals as
233 follow. Continuous imaging was applied from time 0 to 1min 23s on the stopwatch, then for 3s each
234 time at: (i) 1min intervals from 2min 20s to 10min 20s; (ii) 2min intervals from 12min 20s to 30min
235 20s; and (iii) 5min intervals from 35min20s to 60min 20s. 3s-digital clips for these were recorded at
236 10s, 13s, and then at 10s intervals from 20s to 1min 20s, then at: (i) 1min intervals from 2min 20s to
237 10min 20s; (ii) 2min intervals from 12min 20s to 30min 20s; and (iii) 5min intervals from 35min 20s
238 to 60min 20s. Imaging was terminated earlier if bubble contrast enhancement in the LV cavity (central
239 blood pool) was no longer visible. To determine the nature of bubble signal attenuation, the following
240 was performed in addition: (i) other views of the heart (PLA, A4C) were acquired at the end; (ii)
241 7MHz CPS imaging at MI 0.22 (keeping the gain and other settings the same as 14MHz imaging) was
242 acquired at baseline & end of the 14MHz imaging in some animals; and (iii) wider PSA view ('RES
243 off') surrounding the heart was acquired at 5min intervals. When switching from 14MHz to 7MHz
244 CPS imaging, the transmit power was first reduced from -9dB to -19dB before reducing the ultrasound
245 frequency, to avoid an increase in MI (up to ≈ 0.7) causing inadvertent bubble destruction. To image
246 extra-cardiac tissues, the thorax, abdomen and pelvis were imaged in the antero-posterior plane at
247 baseline & end of the cardiac imaging study in some animals. To do this, the probe was positioned
248 transversely and moved slowly caudal from just below the neck to the pelvis during image recording;
249 14MHz CPS images were acquired. All animals received only one dose of bubbles to eliminate any
250 carry-over effects from previous bubble dosing (eg, blocking of Esel binding sites). The duration
251 between LPS treatment and the administration of bubbles was noted as the LPS_{Time} . All animals were
252 sacrificed at the end.

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254 **Supplemental Figures and Figure Legends**

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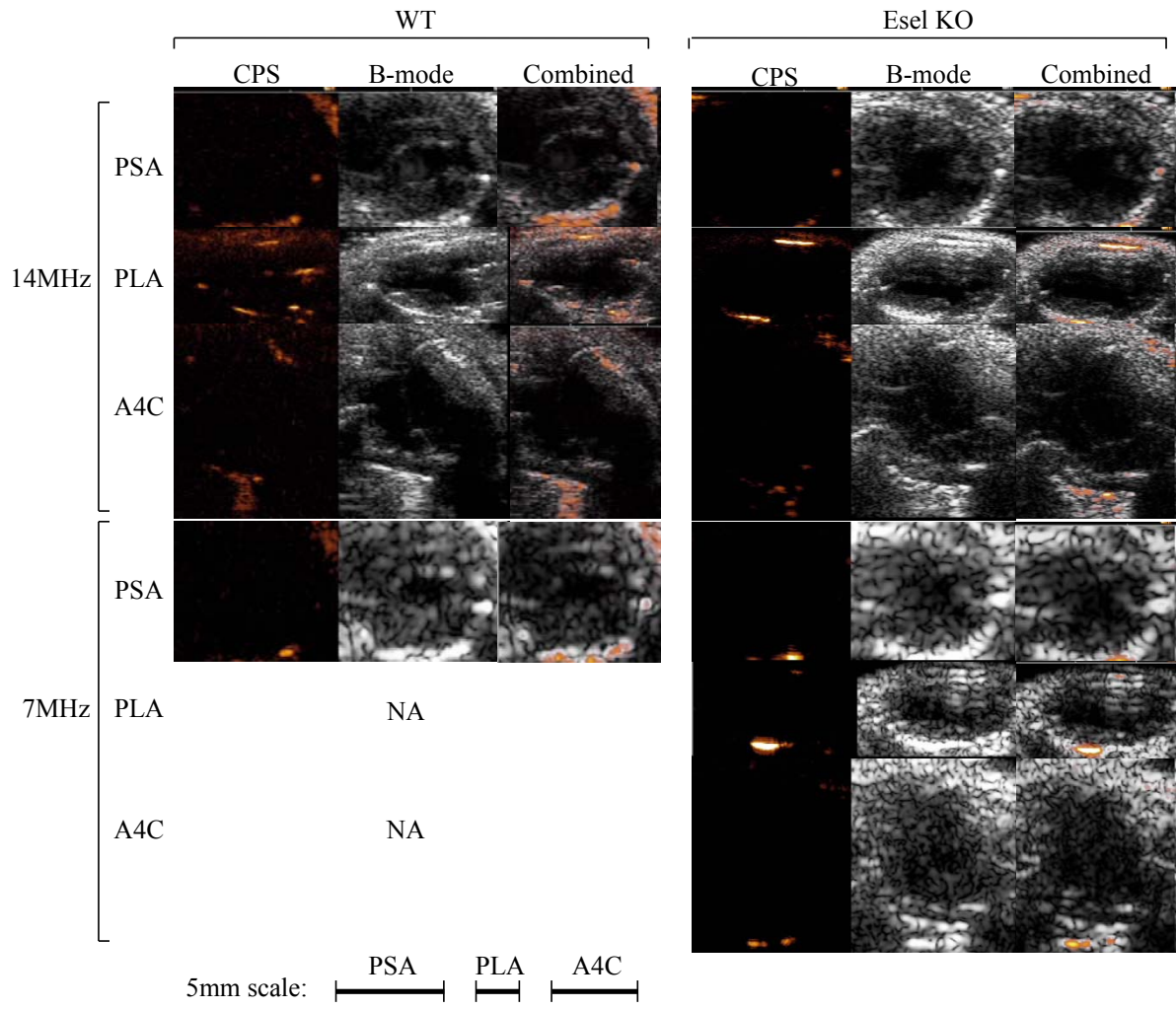
258 **Fig A. Frozen section immunohistochemistry of the heart.**

259 Representative examples from mice with/without LPS pre-treatment ≈6h beforehand. Positive staining

260 = brown color. Magnification 200x. Low power magnification (low mag) 40x. Box = optical field for

261 the 200x magnification in the WT mouse pre-treated with LPS.

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265 **Fig B. Baseline images (before bubble administration) for Fig. 6.**

Origin (Bubble ID, where available)	Conjugation Chemistry	Bubble Shell Composition	Bubble Gas	Targeting Ligand	Targeting Ligand Density on Bubble (Conjugation Reaction Ratio)	Bubble Diameter (µm)	Targeted Molecules	Disease Model	Tissues Imaged	Host & Bubble Dose (number of bubbles)	Application ^{§§}	References
UVA	Biotin-streptavidin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSPC (83 mol%) • PEG40-Stearate (16 mol%) • DSPE-PEG2000-Biotin (1 mol%) • ± DiI, DiO or rhodamine DHPE (small unspecified amount) 	C ₄ F ₁₀	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mAb • Peptide • Protein (eg, YSPSL)[#] 	<p>1.7-1.9k/µm²</p> <p>60k/ 3.2 or 3.4 µm bubble</p> <p><i>(Reaction ratio 1: 3M streptavidin molecule/ bubble; 3M mAb/ bubble (0.3-3M mAb/ bubble = saturating) → conjugated ratio unknown (Lindner JR et al, 2001))</i></p> <p><i>(Reaction ratio 2: 800k mAb/ bubble → conjugated ratio unknown (Kaufmann BA et al, Arterioscler Thromb Vasc Biol</i></p>	<p>Mean: 1.9-3.4</p> <p>Range: 94-97% are <5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • α₅-integrins • α_v-integrins • β₁-and β₃-integrins • CX3CR-1 • ICAM-1 • VCAM-1 • MAdCAM-1 • P-selectin • Platelet glycoprotein-1bα • Selectins (not discriminating amongst E-, P-, and L-selectin) • vWF (A1-domain) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angiogenesis (chronic ischemia, stem cell therapy, tumor) • Coronary thrombosis & angioplasty • Inflammation (atherosclerosis, cardiac transplant rejection, Crohn's disease (small bowel), ischemia-reperfusion injury) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aorta • Bowel • Heart • Kidney • Skeletal muscle • Tumor (implanted in brain or flanks) • Matrigel plug (implanted in abdomen) 	<p>Mouse: 1-10 x10⁶</p> <p>Rat: 2.5-100 x10⁶</p> <p>Dog: 10⁸</p>	RT SQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lindner JR <i>et al</i>, Circulation 2001;104:2107 • Ellegala DB <i>et al</i>, Circulation 2003;108:336 • Leong-Poi H <i>et al</i>, Circulation 2003;107:455; Circulation 2005;111:3248 • Weller GE <i>et al</i>, Circulation 2003;108:218; Cancer Res 2005;65:533 • Sakuma T <i>et al</i>, Cardiovasc Res 2005;66:552 • Bachmann C <i>et al</i>, Gastroenterology 2006;130:8 • Villanueva FS <i>et al</i>, Circulation 2007;115:345 • Kaufmann BA <i>et al</i>, Circulation 2007;116:276; Eur Heart J 2007;28:2011; J Am Soc Echocardiogr 2010;23:79; Arterioscler Thromb Vasc Biol 2010;30:54 • Behm CZ <i>et al</i>, Circulation 2008;117:2902 • McCarty OJ <i>et al</i>, JACC Cardiovasc Imaging 2010;3:947 • Carr CL <i>et al</i>, Arterioscler Thromb Vasc Biol 2011;31:2526 • Davidson BP <i>et al</i>, J Am Coll Cardiol 2012;60:1690 • Khanicheh E <i>et al</i>, Arterioscler Thromb Vasc Biol 2013;33:2187

					2010;30:54))							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liu Y <i>et al</i>, Circ Cardiovasc Imaging 2013;6:74 • Ryu JC <i>et al</i>, Circulation 2013;127:710
UVA	Biotin-streptavidin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSPC (90 mol%) • PEG40-Stearate (8.7 mol%) • DSPE-PEG2000-Biotin (1.3 mol%) • ± DiI, DiO (small unspecified amount) 	C ₄ F ₁₀	• mAb	NA	Median: 2.03 Range: 1.5-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H-2Kk (mouse MHC class I H-2Kk protein) on transfected bone-marrow derived endothelial progenitor cell 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angiogenesis (stem cell therapy) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matrigel plug (implanted in abdomen) 	Rat: 5x10 ⁷	Not RT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kuliszewski MA <i>et al</i>, Cardiovasc Res 2009;83:653
UVA	Biotin-streptavidin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSPC (72 mol%) • PEG40-Stearate (28 mol%) • DSPE-PEG3400-Biotin (<1 mol%) • ± DiI (<1% mass of other lipids) 	C ₄ F ₁₀	• Nanobody	10k/μm ² 288k/ 2.2 μm bubble <i>(Reaction ratio: 3M streptavidin molecule/ bubble; ≈3M nanobody/ bubble (saturating ratio))</i>	Mean: 2.2 Polydispersity index: 1.32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VCAM-1 • Enhanced green fluorescence protein (eGFP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angiogenesis (tumor) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tumor (implanted in hind limb) 	Mouse: 3.75 x10 ⁷	RT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hernot S <i>et al</i>, J Control Release 2012;158:346
UVA	Biotin-streptavidin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSPC (83 mol%) • PEG40-Stearate (16 mol%) • DSPE-PEG3400-Biotin (1 mol%) 	C ₄ F ₁₀	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mAb • Peptide 	NA	Mean: 3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selectins (not discriminating between E- and P-selectin) • VCAM-1 • VEGFR2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angiogenesis (inflammation, tumor) • Atherosclerosis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aorta • Tumor (implanted in hind limb) 	Mouse: 1-10 x 10 ⁶	Not RT SQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • van Wamel A <i>et al</i>, Proc IEEE Ultrason Symp 2007;961 (abstract) • Khanicheh E <i>et al</i>, PLoS One 2013;8:e58761
UVA (Bubbles loaded with plasmid DNA)	Biotin-streptavidin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSPC (70 mol%) • PEG40-Stearate (13 mol%) • DSPE-PEG2000-Biotin (1 mol%) • DSTAP (16 mol%) • cDNA (plasmid containing firefly luciferase gene): 0.04pg loaded per bubble • ±DiI or DiO 	C ₄ F ₁₀	• mAb	NA	Mean: 2.5-3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P-selectin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microbubble targeted gene delivery in ischemia (ischemia-reperfusion) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skeletal muscle 	Mouse: 2 x10 ⁸	Not RT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Xie A <i>et al</i>, J Am Coll Cardiol Img 2012;5:1253

Targeson (TargeStar-series)	Biotin-streptavidin	TargeStar/TargeStar-B <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • biotin coated bubbles • component details not disclosed TargeStar-SA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • streptavidin coated bubbles, containing 2.7k streptavidin/μm^2 (streptavidin on distal tip of PEG) • component details not disclosed 	Perfluoro carbon (not specified)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mAb • Peptide • scFvs 	8k/ μm^2 or 100k scFv/2 μm bubble (not actually measured) (Wang X <i>et al</i> , 2012) (Reaction ratio: 2.5M scFv/bubble: >20 (up to 25?) biotin/streptavidin binding site (each scFv has 1 biotin) \rightarrow conjugated ratio 100k scFv/2 μm bubble (not actually measured) (Wang X <i>et al</i> , 2012))	Mean: 1.9-2.5 Range: 1-8; >98% are <8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • $\alpha_v\beta_3$-integrin • $\alpha_{IIb}\beta_3$ (GPIIb/IIIa) • CD147* • EGFR* • P-selectin • VEGFR2 • Hemagglutinin tag • Single, dual or triple targeting of the following: $\alpha_v\beta_3$-integrin, P-selectin, VEGFR2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angiogenesis (tumor) • Thrombosis • Tumorigenesis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artery (carotid) • Tumor (prostate) • Tumor (implanted in flank, hind limb, kidney or mammary fat pad) 	Mouse: 0.84-100x10 ⁶	RT Q	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rychak JJ <i>et al</i>, Mol Imaging 2007;6:289 • Xuan JW <i>et al</i>, Mol Imaging 2009;8:209 • Warram JM <i>et al</i>, J Ultrasound Med 2011;30:921 • Hu X <i>et al</i>, Invest Radiol 2012;47:398 • Sorace AG <i>et al</i>, J Ultrasound Med 2012;31:1543 • Knowles JA <i>et al</i>, Arch Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg 2012;138:662 • Wang X <i>et al</i>, Circulation 2012;125:3117 • Saini R <i>et al</i>, Ultrasound Med Biol 2013;39:172 • Wei S <i>et al</i>, Ultrasound Med Biol 2014;40:1250
Targeson (TS-02-008, bubbles loaded with plasmid DNA)	Biotin-streptavidin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSPC • PEG40-Stearate • DSPE-PEG40-Biotin (1%) • DSTAP (2 mol%) • cDNA (plasmid containing firefly luciferase gene): 0.04pg loaded bubble 	C ₄ F ₁₀	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mAb 	20k/ μm^2 or 200k/bubble (not actually measured) (Reaction ratio: 2M mAb/bubble)	Mean: 1.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAdCAM-1 • VCAM-1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microbubble targeted gene delivery in Crohn's Disease 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bowel 	Mouse: 10 ⁷	RT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tlaxca JL <i>et al</i>, J Control Release 2013;165:216
Visual-Sonics, Bracco (Micro Marker Target)	Biotin-streptavidin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streptavidin coated bubbles (streptavidin on distal tip of PEG) • No further details disclosed 	C ₄ F ₁₀ + N ₂	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mAb • Peptide 	6-8k/ μm^2 40-54k/1.5 μm bubble (Reaction	Mean: 1-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • $\alpha_v\beta_3$-integrin • Human CD276 on transfected mouse vascular endothelial cell • DEspR • Endogolin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angiogenesis (atherosclerosis, tumor) • Inflammation (atherosclerosis, ischemia-reperfusion) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artery (carotid, femoral) • Bowel • Brain (mouse embryo) 	Mouse: 3.8-7.5 x10 ⁷ Mouse embryo: 10 ⁵ Rat:	RT Q	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bettinger T <i>et al</i>, Proceedings of the 12th European Symposium on Ultrasound Contrast Imaging 2007;81 (Rotterdam) (abstract) • Lyschchik A <i>et al</i>, J Ultrasound Med

Ready Contrast Agent)				<p><i>ratio 1: 140k mAb/ bubble; 2.4 mAb/ streptavidin molecule → conjugated ratio 40-50k/ 1.5µm bubble (not actually measured) (Willmann JK et al, Radiology 2008;246:508))</i></p> <p><i>(Reaction ratio 2: 400k mAb/ bubble → conjugated ratio 54k mAb/ 1.5µm bubble (measured) (Deshpande et al, 2011))</i></p> <p><i>(Reaction ratio 3: 500k mAb/ bubble → conjugated ratio unknown (Foygel K et al, 2013))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICAM-1 • P-selectin • Thy1 • VCAM-1 • VEGFR2 	injury, TNFα - induced) • Mural haemorrhage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hind limb • Kidney • Tumor (thyroid, pancreas) • Tumor (implanted in flank, hind limb, mammary fat pad, pancreas or prostate) • Vasa vasorum neovessel (carotid) 	3.1 (1.3x10 ⁸ /kg)-40 x10 ⁷ Rabbit Monkey: 10 ⁸	<p>2007;26:1575</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lee DJ <i>et al</i>, J Ultrasound Med 2008;27:855 • Willmann JK <i>et al</i>, Radiology 2008;246:508, Radiology 2008;248:936, J Nuc Med 2010;51:433 • Andonian S <i>et al</i>, J Endourol 2009;23:373 • Lee SC <i>et al</i>, JACC Cardiovasc Imaging 2010;3:1265 • Tardy I <i>et al</i>, Invest Radiol 2010;45:573 • Decano JL <i>et al</i>, Mol Imaging Biol 2011;13:1096 • Deshpande N <i>et al</i>, Radiology 2011;258:804; Radiology 2012;262:172 • Foygel K <i>et al</i>, Gastroenterology 2013;145:885 • Mancini M <i>et al</i>, BMC Medical Imaging 2013;13:31 • Lutz AM <i>et al</i>, Clin Cancer Res 2014;20:1313 • Chadderdon SM <i>et al</i>, Circ 2014;129:471 • Rix A <i>et al</i>, Ultrasound Med Biol 2014;40:2468 • Denbeigh JM <i>et al</i>, Ultrasound Med Biol 2014;40:389
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SMU	Biotin-streptavidin	ND	ND	•mAb	NA	NA	• P-selectin	• Ischemia-reperfusion injury	• Kidney	Mouse	RT(NS) Q	• Bin JP et al, Eur Heart J 2008;29(Suppl 1):21 (abstract)
SMU	Biotin-streptavidin	Unspecified modification of bubbles from UVA	C ₃ F ₈	•mAb	NA	Mean: 2.4	• α _v -integrin • ICAM-1	• Angiogenesis (ischemia) • Ischemia-reperfusion injury	• Heart • Hind limb	Mouse: 5-10 x10 ⁶	RT SQ	• Yan Y et al, Cardiovasc Res 2011;89:175 • Xie J et al, Cardiovasc Res 2011;92:256
SMU†	Biotin-streptavidin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPPC (55 mol%) • PEG40 Stearate (20 mol%) • DSPE-PEG2000-Biotin (4 mol%) • ±Dil (21 mol%) 	C ₃ F ₈	•mAb	Streptavidin mAb:bubble ≈ 10 ⁵ :3x10 ⁵ :1 or 18k/μm ² (method unknown) (Reaction ratio: 1M mAb/bubble)	Mean: 2.3 IQR: 1.7-3.6	• VCAM-1	• Atherosclerosis	• Artery (abdominal aorta)	Mouse: 10 ⁶	RT SQ	• Wu J et al, Radiology 2011;260:463
UCA Davis	Biotin-NeutrAvidin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSPC (90 mol %) • DSPE-PEG2000 (5 mol %) • DSPE-PEG2000-Biotin (5 mol %) 	C ₄ F ₁₀	•Peptide	0.6k/μm ² 3 or 7k/1.3 or 1.8μm bubble, respectively	Mode: 1.8, 4.5, 7.5 Median: 1.3	• β ₁ -and β ₃ -integrins	• Angiogenesis	• Matrigel plug (implanted in groin)	Rat: 4x10 ⁸	RT	• Stieger SM et al, Contrast Media Mol Imaging 2008;3:9
UCA Davis	Biotin-avidin	ND	ND	•Peptide	NA	Mean: ≈2	• α _v β ₃ -integrin	• Angiogenesis (tumor)	• Tumor (implanted in mammary fat pad)	Mouse: 10 ⁸	RT	• Hu X et al, Invest Radiol 2012;47:398
UNC	Biotin-streptavidin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSPC (90 mol%) • PE-PEG2000 (5 mol%) • PE-PEG2000- Biotin (5 mol%) 	C ₄ F ₁₀	•pAb	NA	NA	• Secreted frizzled related protein 2	• Angiogenesis (tumor)	• Tumor (implanted in hind limb)	Mouse: 5x10 ⁶	RT	• Tsuruta JK et al, PLoSOne 2014;9:e86642
WКУ	Biotin-avidin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSPC (77 mol%) • PEG40-Stearate (15 mol%) • DSPE-PEG2000-Biotin (8 mol%) 	C ₄ F ₁₀	•Peptide	NA	Mean: 3.2 [‡]	• α _v β ₃ -integrin	• Angiogenesis (tumor)	• Tumor (implanted in inguinal area)	Mouse: 10 ⁹ /kg (2.25x10 ⁷)	RT	• Jun HY et al, Acad Radiol 2010;17:54
TMMU	Biotin-streptavidin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPPG • DSPC 	C ₃ F ₈	•mAb	(Reaction ratio:	NA	• VEGFR2	• Atherosclerosis (neovascularisa	• Artery (abdominal	Rabbit	RT(NS) SQ	• Liu H et al, J Clin Ultrasound 2011;39:83

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSPE-PEG2000-Biotin • PEG4000 			$\leq 12M \text{ mAb/bubble};$ $\leq 4 \text{ mAb/streptavidin molecule)}$			tion)	aorta)			
NTHU (Bubbles loaded with drug)	Biotin-avidin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPPC (66 mol%) • DSPE-PEG2000 (17 mol%) • DSPE-PEG2000-Biotin (17 mol%) • BCNU (2.8mg)§ 	C ₃ F ₈	• mAb	9k/ μm^2 92k/1.8 μm bubble	Mean: 1.8	• VEGFR2	• Angiogenesis (tumor)	• Tumor (implanted in brain)	Rat: 6.1 x10 ⁹	RT(NS)	• Fan CH <i>et al</i> , Biomaterials 2013;34:2142
Bracco (BG0470)	Maleimide -thiol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPPE-MPB (5 mol%) • Other components not disclosed 	ND	• Avidin	NA	NA	• $\alpha\text{IIb}\beta 3$ (GPIIb/IIIa)	• Thrombosis	• Artery (abdominal artery thrombus)	Rabbit	RT	• Tardy I <i>et al</i> , Acad Radiol 2002;9(Suppl 2):S294
Bracco	Maleimide -thiol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSPC (37.5 mol%) • DPPG (37.5 mol%) • Palmitic acid (20 mol%) • DPPE-MPB (5 mol%) 	C ₄ F ₁₀	• Fab	2k/ μm^2 17k/bubble	Mean: 1.5-3.2 Range: >95% are <8	• $\alpha\text{IIb}\beta 3$ (GPIIb/IIIa)	• Thrombosis	• Artery (human blood in rat carotid)	Rat	RT	• Alonso A <i>et al</i> , Stroke 2007;38:1508 (related publications without <i>in vivo</i> studies: Martin MJ <i>et al</i> , Stroke 2007;38:2726. Della Martina A <i>et al</i> , Eur J Pharm Biopharm 2008;68:555)
Bracco	Maleimide –thiol-streptavidin-biotin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSPC • Palmitic acid • DSPE-PEG2000-Maleimide (5 mol%) • Thiolated streptavidin coupled to maleimide on the bubbles (each bubble contained 22,000 molecules of streptavidin per μm^2) 	C ₄ F ₁₀ + N ₂ (35:65 v/v)	• mAb • Peptide • Protein (YSPSL) [#]	3-86k/ μm^2 21-608k/ 1.5 μm bubble (Reaction ratio 1: 40k mAb or YSPSL /bubble; 0.6 biotin/streptavidin molecule; 0.15 biotin/streptavidin binding site (each mAb or YSPSL has	NA	• E-selectin • P-selectin • Selectins (not discriminating between E- and P-selectin)	• Inflammation (ischemia-reperfusion injury, LPS-induced)	• Heart • Skeletal muscle (hind-limb)	Rat: 1-5 x10 ⁸ /kg (3.3-15 x10 ⁷)	RT SQ	• Bettinger T <i>et al</i> , Invest Radiol 2012;47:516 • Hyvelin JM <i>et al</i> , Invest Radiol 2014;49:224

				<p>2-3 biotin) → conjugated ratio 21k mAb or YSPSL/ 1.5µm bubble (measured) (Bettinger T et al, 2012))</p> <p>(Reaction ratio 2: 1M peptide /bubble; 16 biotin/ streptavid- in molecule; 4 biotin/ streptavid- in binding site (each mAb or YSPSL has 2-3 biotin) → conjugated ratio 608k/ 1.5µm bubble (measured) (Bettinger T et al, 2012))</p>									
Maleimide – thiol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSPC • Palmitic acid • DSPE-PEG2000- Maleimide (5 mol%) 	C ₄ F ₁₀ + N ₂ (35:65 v/v)	• Protein (YSPSL)#	3k/µm ² or 21k/1.5µm bubble (method unknown)	Mean: 1.5 Range: 1–2	• Selectins (not discriminating between E- and P- selectin)	• Inflammation (acute colitis, ischemia- reperfusion injury)	• Heart • Large bowel	Mouse: 5 x10 ⁷ Rat: 2.6 x10 ⁸ /kg (8.7x10 ⁷) Monkey: 2 x10 ⁸	RT SQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wang H <i>et al</i>, Radiology 2013;267:818 • Hyvelin JM <i>et al</i>, Invest Radiol 2014;49:224 • Davidson BP <i>et al</i>, J Am Soc Echocardiogr 2014;27:786 		

Imperial College London ^{##}	Maleimide - thiol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSPC (75 mol%) • PEG40-Stearate (14 mol%) • DSPE-PEG2000-Maleimide (9 mol%) • DiI (2 mol%) 	C ₃ F ₈	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • F(ab')₂ <p>(each reduced F(ab')₂ contained 2 thiol groups for maleimide conjugation)</p>	<p>28.5k/μm² or 434k/2.2μm bubble (not actually measured)</p> <p><i>(Reaction ratio ≈ 4M F(ab')₂ / bubble; ≥10F(ab')₂ /maleimide (each F(ab')₂ has 2 thiols))</i></p>	<p>Mean: 2.2</p> <p>Range: 98.6% are <6; 100% are <10</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-selectin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inflammation (LPS-induced) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heart • Kidney 	Mouse: 10 ⁸	RT Q	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yeh JSM <i>et al</i>, J Am Coll Cardiol 2008;51(Suppl): A124-5 (abstract) • Yeh JSM <i>et al</i>, Heart 2008; 94(Suppl II);A21 (abstract) • Yeh JSM <i>et al</i>, Eur Heart J 2008;29(Suppl 1):21 (abstract) • Current manuscript
UVA/Targeson	Maleimide - thiol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC (which?) • PEG40-Stearate • DSPE-PEG2000-Maleimide 	C ₄ F ₁₀	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peptide 	<p>6k/μm²</p> <p>120k/bubble</p> <p><i>(Reaction ratio: 10 peptide/maleimide (each peptide has 2 thiols))</i></p>	<p>Mean: 2.5</p> <p>Range: >99% are <8</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VEGFR2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angiogenesis (tumor) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tumor (implanted in hind limb) 	Mouse: 2 x 10 ⁷	RT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anderson CR <i>et al</i>, Invest Radiol 2010;45:579
SMU	Maleimide - thiol (of lipid-peptide before bubble formation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPPC (97.2 mol%) • Poloxamer-188 (1.8 mol%) • DSPE-PEG3400-Maleimide-Peptide (1 mol%) <p>DSPE-PEG3400-Maleimide-Peptide generated using conjugation reaction ratio: 1 peptide/30 DSPE-PEG3400-Maleimide (Hu G <i>et al</i>, 2012)?</p>	C ₃ F ₈	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peptide 	<p>5-7k/um²</p> <p>110k/bubble</p>	<p>Mean: 2.3-2.5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • α_{IIb}β₃ (GPIIb/IIIa) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thrombosis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artery (thrombus in abdominal aorta or carotid) 	<p>Mouse: 10⁶</p> <p>Rat: 10⁶</p>	RT SQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hu G <i>et al</i>, Thromb Haemost 2012;107:172 • Wu W <i>et al</i>, Invest Radiol 2013;48:803

Borden ^{##}	Maleimide - thiol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSPC (90 mol%) • DSPE-PEG2000 (5 mol%) • DSPE-PEG2000-Maleimide (5 mol%) 	C ₄ F ₁₀	• Peptide	(Reaction ratio: 30 peptide/ maleimide)	Size selected to 4-5µm (actual measurements not given)	• α _v β ₃ -integrin	• Angiogenesis (tumor)	• Tumor (implanted in kidney or hind limb)	Mouse: 2.5 x10 ⁷ Rat: 5 x10 ⁶	RT SQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sirsi SR <i>et al</i>, Ultrasound Med Biol 2012;38:1019 • Borden MA <i>et al</i>, Mol Imaging 2013;12:357
Borden ^{##}	Maleimide - thiol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSPC (90 mol%) • DSPE-PEG5000 (5 mol%) • DSPE-PEG2000-Maleimide (5 mol%) 	C ₄ F ₁₀	• Peptide	(Reaction ratio: 30 peptide/ maleimide)	Size selected to 4-5µm (actual measurements not given)	• α _v β ₃ -integrin	• Angiogenesis (tumor)	• Tumor (implanted in hind limb)	Rat: 5 x10 ⁶	RT	• Borden MA <i>et al</i> , Mol Imaging 2013;12:357
UT (Bubbles loaded with plasmid DNA)	Maleimide - thiol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSPC (96 mol%) • DOTMA (6 mol%) • DSPE-PEG2000-Maleimide (2 mol%) • pcDNA3 plasmids containing either the firefly luciferase or mouse Timp3 gene (0.20 mg/kg body weight incubated with 0.10 mL bubbles) 	C ₃ F ₈ ?	• mAb	(Reaction ratio: 30mAb/ maleimide → conjugated ratio unknown)	Mean: 2.1	• MMP2 (extravascular target)**	• Microbubble targeted gene delivery in myocardial infarction (ischemia – reperfusion)	• Heart	Rat: 0.2ml (imaging) 0.1ml (therapy) Bubble concentration not disclosed	RT?	• Yan P <i>et al</i> , Biomaterials 2014;35:1063
ImaRx Therapeutics (MRX-408)	Succinate-amine reaction forming carboxamide linkage (of lipid-peptide before bubble formation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPPG-PEG- Peptide in Aerosome (MRX-113, ImaRx) lipid mixture • No further details disclosed 	C ₄ F ₁₀	• Peptide	NA	Mean: 2-2.5	• αIIbβ ₃ (GPIIb/IIIa)	• Thrombosis	• Vein (inferior vena cava or left atrial appendage thrombus)	Dog: 6 x10 ⁷ /min	Not RT	• Takeuchi M <i>et al</i> , J Am Soc Echocardiog 1999;12:1015
Bracco (BG0024)	Undisclosed covalent conjugation chemistry (of lipid-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lipid (which?) - peptide • Other components not disclosed 	ND	• Peptide	NA	NA	• αIIbβ ₃ (GPIIb/IIIa)	• Thrombosis	• Artery (abdominal artery thrombus)	Rabbit	RT	• Tardy I <i>et al</i> , Acad Radiol 2002;9(Suppl 2):S294

	peptide before bubble formation)											
Bracco (BR55; BG5075)	Amine-succinimidyl linkage ^{††} (of lipid- peptide before bubble formation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSPE-PEG2000 & DSPE-PEG2000 - Peptide (at 15:1 mol:mol?) • Other components not disclosed <p>DSPE-PEG2000 - Peptide generated using conjugation reaction ratio: 1 peptide/ DSPE-PEG2000; yield = 62% (Pillai R <i>et al</i>, 2010)</p>	C ₄ F ₁₀ + N ₂	• Peptide	34±1k, range 32-37k or 57k/μm ² 240k/1.5μm bubble or 400k/bubble	Mean: 1.5 Range: 1-3, or 97% are <4	• VEGFR2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angiogenesis (tumor) • Normal liver 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tumor (breast, liver, pancreas or prostate) • Tumor (implant in flank, hind limb, mammary fat pad or prostate) 	<p>Mouse: 0.2-10 x10⁷</p> <p>Rat: 0.94-3.7x10⁷; 0.1ml/kg (1.6μL bubble volume/kg)</p> <p>Man (Phase 0-2 clinical trial)</p>	RT Q	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pochon S <i>et al</i>, Invest Radiol 2010;45:89 • Tardy I <i>et al</i>, Invest Radiol 2010;45:573 • Fischer T <i>et al</i>, Invest Radiol 2010;45:675 • Pillai R <i>et al</i>, Bioconj Chem 2010;21:556 • Pysz MA <i>et al</i>, Radiology 2010;256:519, Quant Imaging Med Surg 2012;2:68, Radiology 2014 Oct 14 (Epub ahead of print) • Bzyl J <i>et al</i>, Eur Radiol 2011;21:1988, Eur Radiol 2013;23:468 • Frinking PJ <i>et al</i>, Ultrasound Med Biol 2012;38:1460 • Sugimoto K <i>et al</i>, J Ultrasound Med 2012;31:1909 • Bachawal SV <i>et al</i>, Cancer Res 2013;73:1689 • Grouls C <i>et al</i>, Radiology 2013;267:487 • Wijkstra H <i>et al</i>, Proceedings of the 18th European Symposium on Ultrasound Contrast Imaging 2013 (Rotterdam) • Wang H <i>et al</i>, Invest Radiol 2015 Jan 8 (Epub ahead of print) • ClinicalTrials.gov, National Institutes of Health, NCT01253213 (2010-12) and NCT02142608 (2014-15)
XJU	Benzotriazole-amine reaction forming carbamate linkage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPPG (73 wt%) • DSPE-PEG-BTC (21 wt%) • DPPG:DSPE-PEG-BTC-Peptide 	SF ₆	• Peptide	?	Mean: ≈4.4 Range: >90% are	• α _{IIb} β ₃ (GPIIb/IIIa)	• Thrombosis	• Vein (femoral vein thrombus)	Dog	RT(NS)	• Wang B <i>et al</i> , Acad Radiol 2006;13:428

	(of lipid-peptide before bubble formation)	(6 wt%)				1-10						
UNC	Undisclosed covalent conjugation chemistry (of lipid-peptide before bubble formation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSPC (90 mol%) • DSPE-PEG2000 (5 mol%) • DSPE-PEG2000-Peptide (5 mol%) 	ND	• Peptide	NA	NA	• $\alpha_v\beta_3$ -integrin	• Angiogenesis (tumor)	• Tumor (implanted in flank)	Rat: 1.4×10^8	RT SQ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streeter JE <i>et al</i>, Mol Imaging 2010;9:87, Mol Imaging 2011;10:460, Technol Cancer Res Treat 2013;12:311 • Gessner RC <i>et al</i>, Ultrasound Med Biol 2012;38:651
Targeson (Visistar-Integrin)	Pyridyl Disulfide- -thiol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSPC • PEG40-Stearate • DSPE-PEG-PDP • \pm DiI (2 mol%) 	C ₄ F ₁₀	• Peptide	35k/ μm^2 820 \pm 160k/ bubble <i>(Reaction ratio: 5 peptide/ PDP (each peptide has 1 thiol) (Anderson CR et al, 2011))</i>	Mean: 2.75 Range: >98% are <8	• $\alpha_v\beta_3$ -integrin	• Angiogenesis (tumor)	• Tumor (implanted in mammary fat pad)	Mouse: 5-10 x 10 ⁷	RT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anderson CR <i>et al</i>, Invest Radiol 2011;46:215 • Hu X <i>et al</i>, Am J Nucl Med Mol Imaging 2013;3:336
UCA La Jolla /UC ^{†‡‡##}	DNA-DNA linkage (non-covalent)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPPC 18mg + DPPA 2mg (mixture at 1mg/mL) • DSPE-PEG5000 (0.075mg/mL) • DSPE-PAA-DNA (mean 3.3 DNA strands per DSPE-PAA molecule) (0.3mg/mL) 	C ₄ F ₁₀	• Aptamer (TACS)	<i>(TACS added to bubbles at molar ratio 1.5:1 relative to the available number of DNA sites)</i>	Mean: 1.6	• Thrombin	• Thrombosis (active clotting)	• Vein (vena cava thrombus)	Rabbit: 10 ⁷	RT	• Nakatsuka MA <i>et al</i> , Biomaterials 2013;34:9559

Table A. Phospholipid-Shelled Targeting Microbubbles Tested For Ultrasound Molecular Imaging *In Vivo*. Targeting microbubbles based on phospholipid-shell and published in the English language up to 7th March 2015 (PubMed search). Targeting ligands are conjugated to the microbubbles after they are formed, unless indicated otherwise. **Abbreviations:** abstr (abstract), BCNU (1,3-bis(2-chloroethyl)-1-nitrosourea, also known as Carmustine – an anti-neoplastic agent against eg malignant glioma), Conc (concentration), DEspR (dual endothelin-1/vascular endothelial growth factor-signal peptide receptor), DHPE (dihexadecanoyl phosphoethanolamine), DiI (1,1'-dioctadecyl-3,3,3',3'-tetramethylindocarbocyanine perchlorate), DiO (3,3'-dioctadecyloxycarbocyanine perchlorate), DOTMA (1,2-di-O-octadecenyl-3-trimethylammonium propane), DPPC (1,2-dipalmitoyl-*sn*-glycero-3-phosphatidylcholine), DPPE-MPB (1,2-dipalmitoyl-*sn*-glycero-3-phosphoethanolamine-4(p-maleimidophenyl)butyramide), DPPG (1,2-dipalmitoyl-*sn*-

glycero-3-phospho-(1'-*rac*-glycerol)), DSPC (1,2-distearoyl-*sn*-glycero-3-phosphocholine), DSPE (1,2-distearoyl-*sn*-glycero-3-phosphoethanolamine), DSPE-PAA-DNA (poly(acrylic acid) (PAA) is coupled to DSPE via carbodiimide-mediated amidation, two amine terminated DNA strands (5'H₂N-CCAACCACAAAA, 5' AAAACAACCCCA-NH₂) are then attached to the carboxyl groups of PAA, on average there are 3.3 DNA strands per DSPE-PAA molecule), DSPE-PEG-BTC (distearoylphosphatidylethanolamine-polyethylene glycol-benzotriazole carbonate), DSPE-PEG2000 ((1,2-distearoyl-*sn*-glycero-3-phosphoethanolamine-N-methoxy(polyethylene glycol)-2000), DSPE-PEG2000-Biotin (1,2-distearoyl-*sn*-glycero-3-phosphoethanolamine-N-(biotinyl (polyethylene glycol)-2000)), DSPE-PEG3400-Biotin (1,2-distearoyl-*sn*-glycero-3-phosphoethanolamine-N-(biotinyl (polyethylene glycol)-3400)), DSPE-PEG2000-Maleimide (1,2-distearoyl-*sn*-glycero-3-phosphoethanolamine-N-(maleimide (polyethylene glycol)-2000)); DSPE-PEG3400-Maleimide-peptide (distearoylphosphatidylethanolamine-polyethylene glycol (3400)-Maleimide-peptide), DSPE-PEG-PDP (distearoylphosphatidylethanolamine-PEG 2000-pyridyldithio propionate), DSTAP (1,2-distearoyl-3-trimethylammoniumpropane; provides positive charge), HSPC (hydrogenated soy L- α -phosphatidylcholine), ID (identification), IQR (inter quartile range), GPIIb/IIIa (glycoprotein IIb/IIIa receptor on activated platelets), LPS (lipopolysaccharide), mol (mole), mol% (mole %), mAb (monoclonal antibody), MPB (maleimido-4(p-phenylbutyrate)), NA (not available/applicable), ND (not disclosed), NRT (non real-time imaging), NTHU (National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan), pAb (polyclonal antibody), PC (phosphocholine), PEG (polyethylene glycol), PEG4000 (polyethylene glycol-4000), PEG40-Stearate (mono-stearate poly(ethylene)glycol-40), Q (quantitative imaging), RT (real-time imaging), RT(NS) (real-time non bubble specific mode imaging), scFvs (single-chain antibody), SMU (Southern Medical University, Guangzhou, China), SQ (semi-quantitative imaging), TACS (thrombin aptamer crosslinking sequence: a complementary DNA strand GGGTGGTGTGGTTGGTGGTTTTTTTTTGTGGTTGGTGTGGTTGG, it cross-links DNA (of DSPE-PAA-DNA) on the bubble surface, but subsequent interaction with thrombin results in its displacement from the DNA cross-links, making the bubble shell less rigid, and hence more echogenic), Thy1 (thymocyte differentiation antigen 1 - a specific biomarker of pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma neovasculature), TMMU (Third Military Medical University, Chongqing, China), UC (University of Colorado, USA), UCA Davis (University of California, Davis, USA), UCA La Jolla (University of California, La Jolla, USA), UNC (University of North Carolina, USA), UT (University of Toronto, Canada), UVA (University of Virginia, USA), v/v (volume/volume), WKU (Wonkwang University, Iksan, Jeonbuk, South Korea), XJU (Xi'an Jiaotong University, Xi'an Shaanxi, China), YSPSL (also known as rPSGL-Ig (Y's Therapeutics Inc), a dimeric fusion protein consisting of recombinant human P-selectin glycoprotein ligand-1 protein (rPSGL) fused to a fragment crystallizable (Fc) domain of human immunoglobulin G1, produced using Chinese Hamster Ovary cells). **Keys:** *On tumor derived endothelial cells. †Superparamagnetic microbeads coated (via streptavidin) phospholipid bubbles. ‡By microscopy, which tends to give larger size and smaller concentration measurements compared with electrozone sensing. §BCNU is attached to the phospholipid shell by electrostatic and hydrophobic interactions. BCNU encapsulated in the bubbles = 1.02±0.37mg/mL (bubble concentration = 12.29±0.25 x10⁹ bubbles/mL). ||Avidin on the bubbles target biotinylated anti-glycoprotein IIb/IIIa receptor mAb administered *iv* 30min prior to *iv* administration of the bubbles. # Free unmodified YSPSL has completed Phase 2a clinical trial in renal transplant patients [2]. Modified YSPSL (biotinylated [3, 4], or thiolated using 2-iminothiolane (Traut's reagent) [5, 6] /an undisclosed method [7]) were used for bubble conjugation. **In order for the targeting bubbles (confined to the intravascular space) to target MMP2, microvascular permeability was transiently increased by triggered myocardial contrast echocardiography. ††Disuccinimidyl glutarate linking amine on targeting peptide with amine on DSPE-PEG2000, producing (DSPE-PEG2000)-disuccinimidyl glutarate-(peptide). This conjugation strategy introduces glutaric acid linker between the phospholipid-PEG and peptide. ‡‡Microbubble shell outer surface contains a network of single-stranded oligonucleotides (DNA from DSPE-PAA-DNA) which are cross-linked by TACS (a complementary DNA strand). This increases the rigidity of the bubble shell, reducing its echogenicity. In the presence of clinically-relevant, elevated amounts of thrombin, TACS preferentially binds to free thrombin, thus displaced from the DNA cross-links. This decreases the rigidity of the bubble shell, increasing its echogenicity. §§Quantitative or semi-quantitative imaging is achieved when acoustic quantification of the targeted molecule correlates with that using an independent (non-acoustic) quantification method which is quantitative or semi-

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