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Cold atmospheric plasma treatment of melanoma and glioblastoma cancer

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Supplementary Materials & Methods

a. pH measurement

The pH was measured with a pH 1100H meter (VWR, Leuven, Belgium) before and directly,

24 h and 72 h after treatment.

b. Peroxynitrite and hydroxyl radical detection

Malme-3M (18750 cells) and LN229 (15000 cells) were cultured in 96-well plates for 72

hours. Next, cells were loaded before treatment with hydroxyphenyl fluorescein (HPF from

Reactive Oxygen Species Detection kit, Cell Technology Inc) to a final concentration of 5 µM

according to the manufacturer's guidelines. 125 µl plasma-activated medium (7 min treated

for Malme-3M, 11 min treated for LN229) was added to the cells for a total volume of 200 µl.

Following treatment, cells were incubated for 24 h and 72 h before flow cytometric

measurement on a BD FACScan. Analysis was performed using FlowJo. Statistical analysis

using SPSS was performed by parametric testing due to small sample sizes. Treatment

conditions (untreated and gas mixtures) were analyzed using one-way ANOVA followed by a

post-hoc Tukey. Comparison of treatment times per condition were analyzed using the

independent samples T-test with Levene's test for equal variances.

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Supplementary Figures & Tables

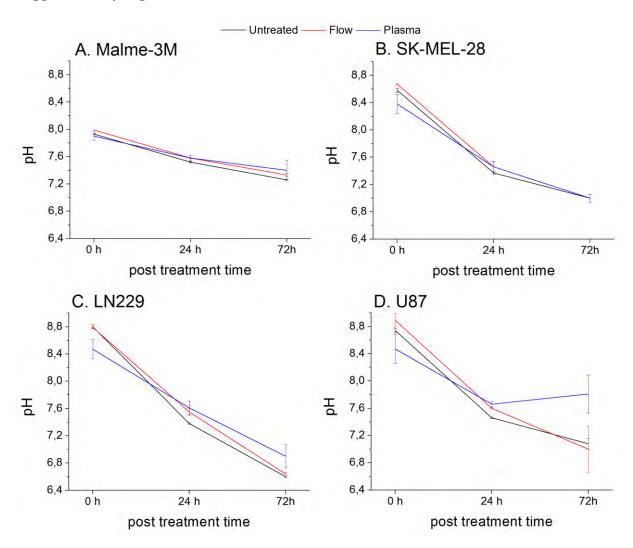


Figure S1. The pH was monitored before, during and after treatment for the untreated, flow-treated and plasmatreated cells. The effect on pH is similar for the three different cases.

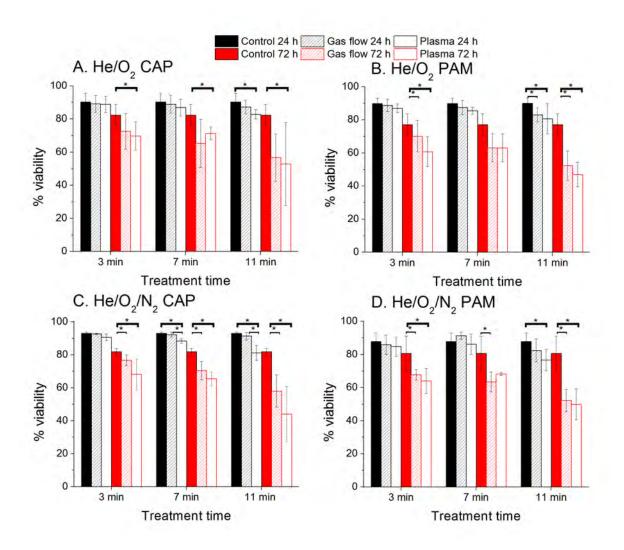


Figure S2. Comparison of the effect of gas flow and plasma on the cell viability for SK-MEL-28. * p < 0.05; CAP: Cold Atmospheric Plasma; PAM: Plasma Activated Medium.

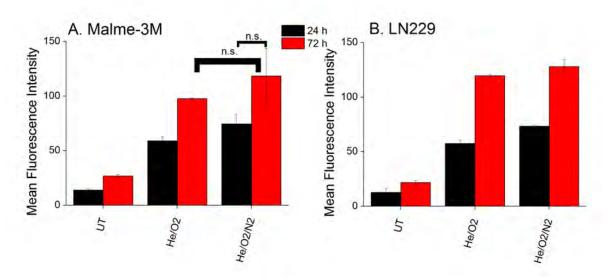


Figure S3. The presence of reactive oxygen and nitrogen species (hydroxyl radicals and peroxynitrite) using Hydroxyphenyl fluorescein was analyzed after 24 and 72 hours of treatment. Malme-3M and LN229 cells were incubated with 7 min and 11 min treated PAM respectively. All comparisons are significant, except when denoted with n.s. (not significant).

Table S1. Overview of the flow cytometry data, analysed with FlowJo. Using an AnnV-FITC and PI staining, a distinction can be made between AnnV-FITC and PI negative cells (AnnV- PI-, 'viable cells'); AnnV-FITC positive and PI negative cells (AnnV+ PI-, 'early apoptosis'); AnnV-FITC and PI positive cells (AnnV+PI+, 'late apoptosis and necrosis'); AnnV-FITC negative and PI positive cells (AnnV- PI+, 'necrosis'). Statistics were performed on the cell viability between the untreated and the treated groups, like mentioned in the experimental section. *p < 0.05. A. Direct treatment with He+0.6%O₂ B. Indirect treatment with He+0.6%O₂ C. Direct treatment with He+0.35%O₂+0.06%N₂ D. Indirect treatment with He+0.35%O₂+0.06%N₂

A. He + 0.6% O ₂ Direct treatment				4h	72h					
			Ann V – PI -	Ann V + PI -	Ann V + PI +	Ann V – PI +	Ann V – PI -	Ann V + PI -	Ann V + PI +	Ann V – PI +
Malme-3M	Untreated		96.8 ± 1.1	0.5 ± 0.3	1.3 ± 0.4	1.4 ± 0.7	93.7 ± 5.0	0.3 ± 0.2	2.4 ± 1.6	3.8 ± 3.5
	Plasma	3min	94.5 ± 2.6	0.5 ± 0.7	2.3 ± 1.4	2.9 ± 1.9	91.0 ± 8.2	0.4 ± 0.3	3.7 ± 2.8	4.9 ± 5.5
		7min	83.9 ± 7.5 *	1.0 ± 1.0	9.7 ± 5.0	5.4 ± 3.3	62.4 ± 13.6 *	1.9 ± 2.1	18.5 ± 9.2	17.3 ± 15.9
		11min	32.2 ± 15.6 *	1.7 ± 3.0	33.2 ± 10.2	32.9 ± 18.9	3.0 ± 3.8 *	0.6 ± 0.4	75.5 ± 22.2	20.9 ± 18.9
SK-MEL-28	Untreated		90.3 ± 5.1	1.2 ± 0.7	4.0 ± 2.7	4.6 ± 1.9	82.3 ± 6.5	0.4 ± 0.2	3.1 ± 1.0	14.6 ± 8.0
	Gas flow	3min	89.1 ± 5.1	1.6 ± 1.1	4.5 ± 2.5	4.9 ± 2.6	72.6 ± 10.8	0.4 ± 0.4	3.6 ± 1.1	22.4 ± 11.5
		7min	88.9 ± 5.4	1.3 ± 0.8	4.2 ± 1.9	5.6 ± 3.4	65.3 ± 14.5	0.3 ± 0.3	2.6 ± 1.3	31.9 ± 15.0
		11min	87.3 ± 4.2	1.5 ± 0.7	4.8 ± 1.5	6.4 ± 2.9	56.7 ± 14.3	0.5 ± 0.2	4.8 ± 1.8	38.0 ± 14.8
	Plasma	3min	88.8 ± 4.9	1.3 ± 0.8	4.7 ± 2.5	5.2 ± 2.3	69.7 ± 8.5 *	0.4 ± 0.3	4.1 ± 1.3	25.8 ± 9.1
		7min	86.9 ± 5.1	2.0 ± 1.0	5.8 ± 2.4	5.3 ± 2.5	71.3 ± 3.9 *	1.3 ± 1.4	6.8 ± 3.4	21.3 ± 8.5
		11min	82.8 ± 2.8 *	2.2 ± 1.5	6.5 ± 2.8	8.5 ± 3.1	52.9 ± 25.1 *	2.6 ± 3.1	18.2 ± 12.4	26.2 ± 17.4
LN229	Untreated		85.9 ± 3.2	4.7 ± 1.3	3.1 ± 1.1	6.3 ± 2.4	88.1 ± 1.2	4.0 ± 0.4	3.3 ± 0.5	4.6 ± 1.4
	Plasma	3min	86.4 ± 3.2	4.5 ± 0.9	3.3 ± 0.7	5.8 ± 3.4	81.9 ± 1.5	7.8 ± 1.2	5.2 ± 0.9	5.1 ± 1.1
		7min	91.3 ± 2.3 *	3.2 ± 1.1	2.8 ± 0.8	2.7 ± 1.9	63.7 ± 21.8 *	7.6 ± 2.3	25.5 ± 24.2	3.2 ± 1.5
		11min	55.2 ± 11.7 *	6.7 ± 2.2	26.1 ± 12.6	12.1 ± 4.7	14.4 ± 11.1 *	3.9 ± 2.5	79.9 ± 14.6	1.8 ± 1.5
U87	Untreated		94.3 ± 1.7	2.0 ± 0.9	1.7 ± 0.8	2.0 ± 0.7	95.8 ± 1.1	1.2 ± 1.0	1.4 ± 0.4	1.6 ± 0.8
	Plasma	1min	93.5 ± 1.2	2.5 ± 0.7	2.1 ± 0.5	1.9 ± 0.6	96.4 ± 1.2	5.9 ± 1.4	1.3 ± 0.5	1.0 ± 0.3
		3min	72.4 ± 13.3 *	7.1 ± 7.5	16.6 ± 14.3	3.9 ± 2.2	76.2 ± 6.4 *	5.9 ± 1.4	13.5 ± 4.9	4.5 ± 1.9
		5min	44.5 ± 25.2 *	2.7 ± 1.0	48.3 ± 25.5	4.6 ± 1.4	30.6 ± 26.1 *	5.1 ± 2.5	56.8 ± 26.8	7.5 ± 6.4
		7min	6.6 ± 6.2 *	2.3 ± 1.5	86.1 ± 5.8	5.0 ± 1.9	4.3 ± 3.7 *	1.7 ± 0.9	88.6 ± 5.5	5.3 ± 2.9
		11min	1.0 ± 0.9 *	2.7 ± 1.0	93.0 ± 1.0	3.3 ± 1.4	0.7 ± 0.7 *	1.1 ± 0.5	93.9 ± 2.5	4.3 ± 2.1

B. He + 0.6% O ₂ Indirect treatment				4h		72h				
			Ann V –	Ann V +	Ann V +	Ann V –	Ann V –	Ann V +	Ann V +	Ann V –
			PI -	PI -	PI +	PI +	PI -	PI -	PI +	PI +
Malme-3M	Untreated		91.2 ± 3.3	0.6 ± 0.3	4.3 ± 1.1	3.9 ± 2.6	91.4 ± 3.6	1.1 ± 0.5	4.7 ± 2.5	2.7 ± 1.2
	Plasma	3min	89.7 ± 1.9	0.9 ± 0.4	6.1 ± 1.5	3.4 ± 1.7	90.8 ± 4.1	1.7 ± 0.8	5.3 ± 2.5	2.2 ± 0.9
		7min	87.8 ± 3.2	1.2 ± 0.6	6.7 ± 2.1	4.4 ± 1.3	84.9 ± 4.4 *	2.3 ± 1.1	9.6 ± 3.3	3.1 ± 0.6
		11min	76.2 ± 7.1 *	1.7 ± 0.5	13.8 ± 3.9	8.3 ± 3.9	43.1 ± 13.7 *	2.8 ± 0.9	33.7 ± 6.3	20.5 ± 10.0
SK-MEL-28	Untreated		89.8 ± 3.3	0.7 ± 0.6	3.8 ± 1.7	5.7 ± 1.7	77.1 ± 6.6	0.6 ± 0.3	4.9 ± 4.9	17.3 ± 6.5
	Gas flow	3min	88.7 ± 3.8	0.7 ± 0.5	4.0 ± 1.0	6.5 ± 3.4	70.1 ± 9.4	0.7 ± 0.5	5.4 ± 2.8	23.9 ± 7.7
	, i	7min	87.4 ± 4.3	0.7 ± 0.5	4.4 ± 2.0	7.5 ± 2.5	63.1 ± 8.4 *	1.0 ± 0.5	6.6 ± 1.3	29.4 ± 9.0
		11min	83.0 ± 4.2 *	1.1 ± 0.8	5.4 ± 1.1	10.6 ± 4.4	52.3 ± 8.9 *	1.8 ± 1.1	10.4 ± 5.5	35.5 ± 8.0
	Plasma	3min	87.0 ± 2.6	1.1 ± 1.0	5.2 ± 1.8	7.1 ± 2.6	60.7 ± 9.1 *	0.7 ± 0.5	6.2 ± 2.3	32.4 ± 9.4
		7min	85.5 ± 2.2	1.2 ± 1.0	5.5 ± 1.1	7.8 ± 3.0	63.1 ± 8.4	1.1 ± 0.4	6.6 ± 1.3	29.4 ± 9.0
		11min	80.6 ± 9.1 *	1.7 ± 1.5	1.2 ± 1.7	4.6 ± 5.5	47.0 ± 7.4 *	2.0 ± 1.2	20.7 ± 5.5	30.3 ± 10.6
LN229	Untreated		86.0 ± 3.5	5.1 ± 1.9	2.9 ± 1.2	6.0 ± 2.6	88.8 ± 1.2	3.7 ± 0.6	3.2 ± 0.5	4.3 ± 1.3
	Plasma	3min	89.2 ± 4.5	5.8 ± 3.0	2.4 ± 1.6	2.6 ± 0.5	82.6 ± 2.9 *	7.3 ± 2.0	5.3 ±0.9	4.8 ± 1.1
		7min	89.0 ± 6.0	4.7 ± 3.1	3.7 ± 2.6	2.6 ± 1.6	79.0 ± 5.1 *	7.5 ± 1.3	10.1 ± 5.1	3.4 ± 0.9
		11min	46.5 ± 18.3 *	5.8 ± 2.4	32.6 ± 15.5	15.2 ± 6.8	19.4 ± 13.1 *	5.0 ± 1.9	73.3 ± 15.1	2.3 ± 0.5
U87	Untreated		94.5 ± 1.5	2.0 ± 0.7	1.7 ± 0.7	1.9 ± 0.7	95.7 ± 0.9	1.2 ± 0.6	1.5 ± 0.5	1.6 ± 0.7
	Plasma	1min	94.1 ± 1.7	2.5 ± 1.4	1.8 ± 0.6	1.7 ± 0.8	96.6 ± 0.8	1.3 ± 0.8	1.4 ± 0.3	0.8 ± 0.7
		3min	81.3 ± 9.2 *	4.9 ± 2.5	10.3 ± 8.2	3.5 ± 1.5	86.4 ± 5.1 *	4.2 ± 1.9	6.2 ± 2.7	3.2 ± 2.1
		5min	62.3 ± 18.2 *	4.2 ± 2.5	28.8 ± 17.9	4.7 ± 1.8	50.8 ± 24.5 *	5.5 ± 2.6	37.1 ± 23.6	6.6 ± 2.3
		7min	14.0 ± 7.6 *	2.4 ± 1.2	76.4 ± 7.8	7.2 ± 3.1	13.3 ± 5.5 *	3.4 ± 1.3	77.8 ± 6.8	5.6 ± 2.4
		11min	3.9 ± 4.1 *	1.8 ± 0.9	89.8 ± 3.9	4.5 ± 1.4	1.3 ± 1.4 *	1.1 ± 0.7	93.9 ± 3.1	3.8 ± 1.2

C. He + 0.35% O ₂ + 0.06% N ₂ Direct treatment				24	4h		72h			
			Ann V –	Ann V +	Ann V +	Ann V –	Ann V –	Ann V +	Ann V +	Ann V –
			PI -	PI -	PI +	PI +	PI -	PI -	PI +	PI +
Malme-3M	Untreated		94.3 ± 1.2	0.6 ± 0.3	2.9 ± 1.2	2.3 ± 0.7	86.3 ± 4.4	0.8 ± 0.8	5.4 ± 1.2	7.4 ± 4.4
	Plasma	3min	93.2 ± 1.4	0.4 ± 0.3	3.0 ± 1.2	3.3 ± 0.7	86.7 ± 4.2	1.0 ± 1.0	7.3 ± 2.6	5.0 ± 2.5
		7min	88.3 ± 3.5 *	1.0 ± 0.6	6.5 ± 2.4	4.2 ± 1.6	64.8 ± 29.5	2.3 ± 1.3	22.3 ± 21.5	10.6 ± 9.7
		11min	65.2 ± 19.5 *	1.4 ± 0.2	21.2 ± 14.9	12.2 ± 5.1	22.8 ± 18.3 *	2.1 ± 1.8	54.3 ± 22.7	20.8 ± 14.4
SK-MEL-28	Untreated		93.0 ± 0.8	0.4 ± 0.1	2.2 ± 0.4	4.4 ± 0.5	81.9 ± 2.0	0.6 ± 0.3	3.6 ± 0.8	13.9 ± 2.4
	Gas flow	3min	92.7 ± 0.4	0.7 ± 0.5	2.3 ± 1.1	4.2 ± 1.1	76.7 ± 3.3 *	0.9 ± 0.5	4.6 ± 1.2	17.9 ± 4.6
		7min	92.3 ± 1.4	1.2 ± 1.0	3.1 ± 0.9	3.8 ± 1.1	70.5 ± 5.6 *	0.8 ± 0.3	5.4 ± 0.9	23.3 ± 6.7
		11min	91.4 ± 2.2	1.0 ± 1.2	3.1 ± 2.1	4.4 ± 1.3	58.0 ± 9.8 *	1.1 ± 0.8	12.6 ± 4.8	36.2 ± 12.6
	Plasma	3min	90.6 ± 2.1	1.2 ± 1.5	4.1 ± 1.1	4.1 ± 1.0	68.2 ± 9.3 *	0.7 ± 0.5	4.5 ± 1.0	26.6 ± 10.1
		7min	88.4 ± 1.4 *	2.0 ± 1.2	4.8 ± 1.2	4.6 ± 1.9	65.5 ± 4.3 *	3.0 ± 1.2	11.6 ± 3.4	19.9 ± 4.8
		11min	81.2 ± 4.6 *	1.9 ± 0.7	6.0 ± 2.8	10.9 ± 4.4	44.0 ± 16.9 *	1.9 ± 0.7	27.4 ± 16.7	24.5 ± 6.8
LN229	Untreated		90.9 ± 1.9	4.1 ± 1.8	1.9 ± 0.6	3.4 ± 1.0	91.3 ± 3.1	4.0 ± 1.8	2.3 ± 1.5	3.5 ± 1.2
	Plasma	3min	91.1 ± 0.5	4.1 ± 0.8	2.1 ± 0.3	2.8 ± 1.1	79.9 ± 5.9 *	8.0 ± 1.7	6.5 ± 6.1	5.6 ± 2.5
		7min	34.7 ± 17.2 *	10.7 ± 4.0	51.2 ± 20.1	3.3 ± 1.3	39.5 ± 13.0 *	5.8 ± 2.1	48.1 ± 12.6	6.6 ± 2.6
		11min	2.7 ± 4.1 *	2.3 ± 1.8	93.3 ± 7.2	1.7 ± 1.4	0.1 ± 0.1 *	0.3 ± 0.2	96.5 ± 4.1	3.2 ± 3.7
U87	Untreated		91.6 ± 3.3	3.8 ± 1.6	2.2 ± 0.8	2.5 ± 1.5	93.8 ± 2.8	1.9 ± 1.5	2.3 ± 1.1	2.0 ± 0.9
	Plasma	1min	92.0 ± 2.0	4.0 ± 0.5	2.1 ± 0.7	2.0 ± 1.1	95.2 ± 1.1	1.8 ± 0.8	1.8 ± 0.7	1.2 ± 0.3
		3min	66.6 ± 27.0 *	6.2 ± 2.8	23.1 ± 26.9	4.1 ± 3.0	52.4 ± 28.6 *	7.0 ± 3.0	36.9 ± 28.8	3.7 ± 2.2
		5min	48.8 ± 21.3 *	4.1 ± 2.8	42.3 ± 22.9	4.8 ± 2.0	25.7 ± 20.4 *	5.5 ± 2.9	63.4 ± 25.1	5.4 ± 2.1
		7min	5.3 ± 8.2 *	1.5 ± 0.2	88.4 ± 10.3	4.8 ± 2.5	1.0 ± 1.3 *	0.6 ± 0.6	97.2 ± 2.7	1.1 ± 0.9
		11min	0.1 ± 0.1 *	1.2 ± 0.8	96.2 ± 1.2	2.6 ± 0.9	0.1 ± 0.1 *	0.4 ± 0.3	98.6 ± 0.9	0.9 ± 0.6

D. He + 0.35% O ₂ + 0.06% N ₂ Indirect treatment			24h				72h			
			Ann V – PI -	Ann V + PI -	Ann V + PI +	Ann V – PI +	Ann V – PI -	Ann V + PI -	Ann V + PI +	Ann V – PI +
Malme-3M	Untreated		94.3 ± 1.2	0.6 ± 0.3	2.9 ± 1.2	2.3 ± 0.7	86.3 ± 4.4	0.8 ± 0.8	5.4 ± 1.2	7.4 ± 4.4
	Plasma	3min	92.3 ± 1.7	0.8 ± 0.5	4.5 ± 1.5	2.5 ± 0.4	86.5 ± 4.3	2.1 ± 2.3	7.1 ± 1.9	4.4 ± 3.4
		7min	90.5 ± 2.3	1.1 ± 0.6	5.5 ± 1.4	2.9 ± 0.8	77.3 ± 12.2	3.3 ± 2.5	14.9 ± 9.6	4.4 ± 3.6
		11min	$76.3 \pm 8.2^*$	2.7 ± 1.4	13.6 ± 5.2	7.5 ± 2.1	$23.6 \pm 15.6^*$	2.8 ± 1.9	46.7 ± 18.0	27.1 ± 12.2
SK-MEL-28	Untreated		87.8 ± 5.2	0.5 ± 0.4	3.6 ± 1.5	7.9 ± 5.3	80.7 ± 10.5	0.4 ± 0.3	3.4 ± 2.5	15.5 ± 8.4
	Gas flow	3min	85.9 ± 5.8	1.1 ± 0.4	4.9 ± 1.6	8.1 ± 4.9	$67.7 \pm 3.2^*$	1.1 ± 0.6	6.1 ± 1.6	25.1 ± 3.5
		7min	91.4 ± 2.1	1.0 ± 1.2	2.7 ± 1.7	4.9 ± 1.2	63.5 ± 6.0 *	1.4 ± 0.9	6.1 ± 2.0	29.0 ± 6.4
		11min	82.5 ± 7.0	1.4 ± 1.4	5.1 ± 1.2	11.0 ± 6.7	52.3 ± 6.7 *	2.2 ± 1.2	10.7 ± 6.3	34.8 ± 5.8
	Plasma	3min	84.8 ± 5.7	1.2 ± 0.5	6.2 ± 3.1	7.8 ± 4.0	64.1 ± 7.5 *	0.8 ± 0.6	5.9 ± 2.9	29.2 ± 7.0
		7min	86.3 ± 6.1	1.4 ± 1.1	4.6 ± 2.6	7.7 ± 3.8	68.3 ± 0.9	1.1 ± 0.7	8.7 ± 1.2	21.9 ± 0.7
		11min	76.7 ± 6.5 *	3.7 ± 2.0	7.3 ± 1.9	12.2 ± 6.6	49.9 ± 9.4 *	2.1 ± 1.2	18.4 ± 2.9	29.6 ± 9.5
LN229	Untreated		90.2 ± 3.1	3.5 ± 1.6	1.9 ± 0.7	4.4 ± 1.6	85.5 ± 3.3	3.9 ± 0.9	4.7 ± 1.0	5.9 ± 2.2
	Plasma	3min	90.1 ± 3.2	3.8 ± 1.7	2.2 ± 0.7	3.9 ± 1.7	78.7 ± 7.1	6.9 ± 2.0	6.7 ± 2.6	7.7 ± 3.2
		7min	90.1 ± 2.5	4.7 ± 1.9	2.4 ± 0.5	2.9 ± 2.1	75.6 ± 5.7 *	10.8 ± 2.1	9.8 ± 3.8	3.9 ± 2.5
		11min	65.3 ± 18.0 *	9.3 ± 4.0	20.7 ± 15.5	4.8 ± 2.3	32.5 ± 14.3 *	6.3 ± 1.6	57.4 ± 16.3	3.8 ± 1.2
U87	Untreated		89.6 ± 4.3	4.8 ± 2.7	2.8 ± 1.1	2.9 ± 1.5	94.5 ± 2.3	1.6 ± 0.9	2.1 ± 1.0	1.8 ± 0.9
	Plasma	1min	91.7 ± 1.0	3.7 ± 1.4	2.6 ± 0.6	1.9 ± 0.8	95.8 ± 1.3	1.5 ± 0.7	1.7 ± 0.8	1.0 ± 0.3
		3min	73.3 ±15.9 *	7.0 ± 2.4	15.6 ± 15.0	4.2 ± 3.0	69.6 ± 26.0 *	5.1 ± 1.4	21.3 ± 23.0	4.0 ± 3.2
		5min	$66.4 \pm 3.6^*$	4.5 ± 0.8	24.0 ± 3.5	5.1 ± 0.8	49.8 ± 20.6 *	8.0 ± 2.0	34.7 ± 19.7	7.6 ± 3.1
		7min	$4.0 \pm 7.0^{*}$	0.8 ± 0.6	92.7 ± 8.0	2.6 ± 0.6	1.2 ± 1.8 *	1.2 ± 1.2	93.6 ± 4.3	3.9 ± 2.7
		11min	0.1 ± 0.1 *	0.6 ± 0.5	98.4 ± 1.1	0.9 ± 0.6	0.9 ± 1.3 *	0.5 ± 0.4	93.3 ± 3.5	5.3 ± 3.2