



Supplementary Materials

Endocytosis, Distribution, and Exocytosis of Polystyrene Nanoparticles in Human Lung Cells

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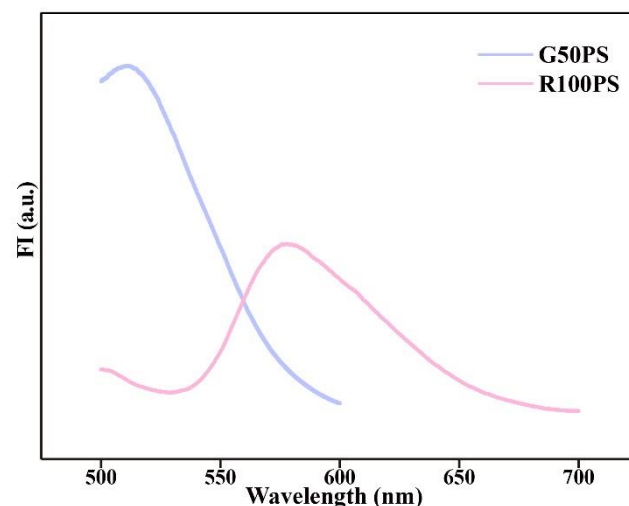


Figure S1. Fluorescence spectra of G50PS and R100PS (Ex 488 nm).

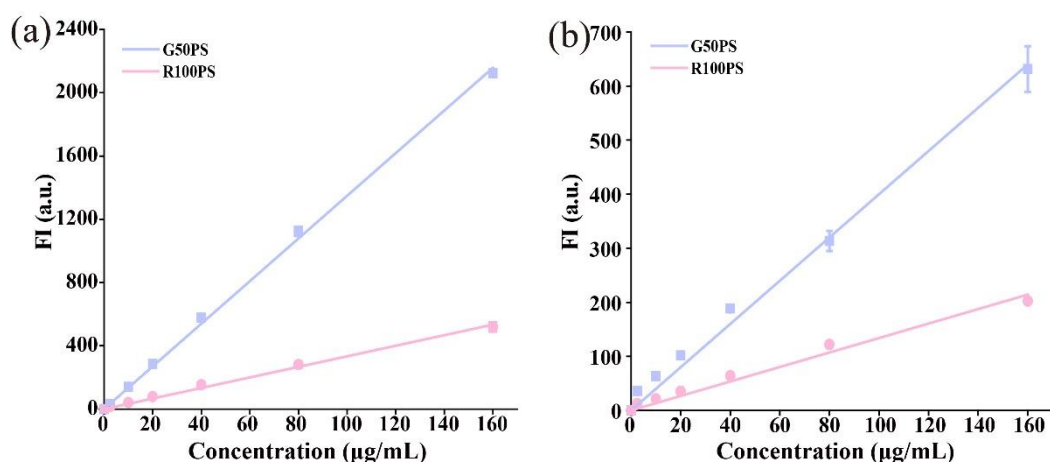


Figure S2. FIs of G50PS (Ex 488 nm/Em 508 nm) and R100PS (Ex 488 nm/Em 578 nm) at different concentrations in ultrapure water (a) and culture medium (b) (n=3).

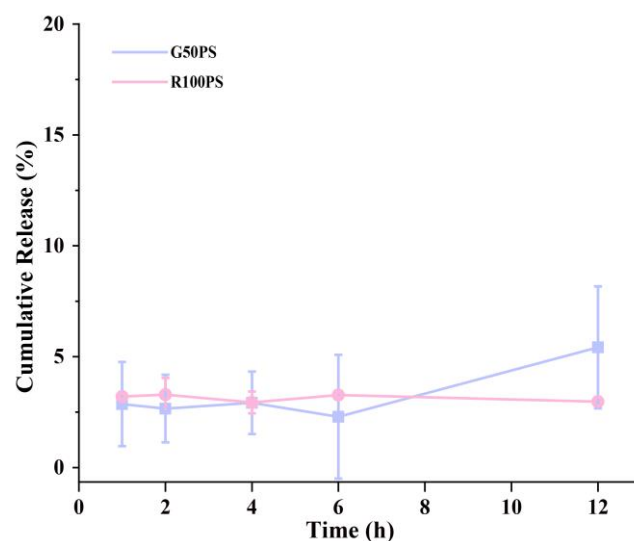


Figure S3. Fluorescence leakage from G50PS and R100PS incubated in culture medium at 37 °C for different time periods (n=3).

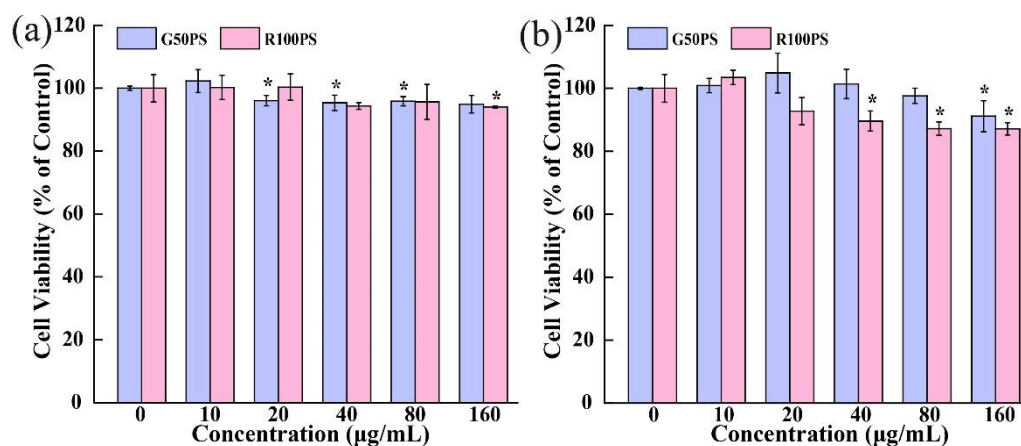


Figure S4. Viability of A549 cells (a) and BEAS-2B cells (b) after exposure to PS NPs for 24 h. *P < 0.05 compared with the control (n=3).

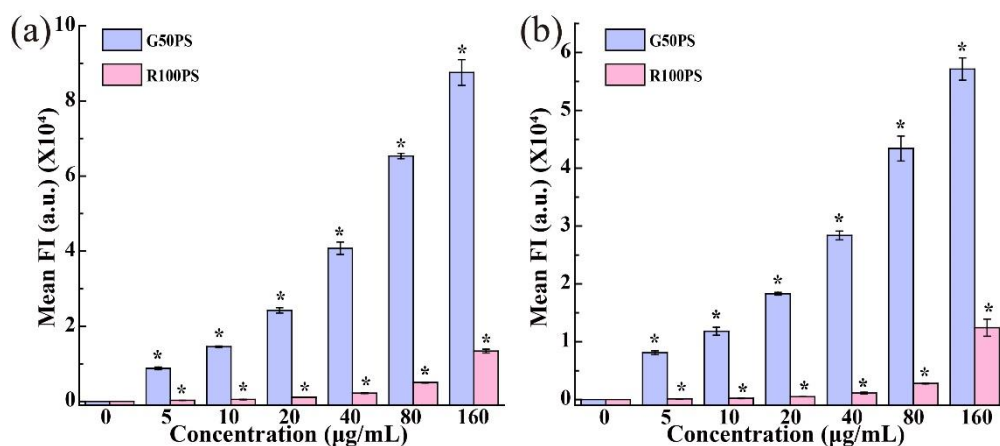


Figure S5. Cellular uptake of PS NPs after cells were incubated with different concentrations of PS NPs for 2 h. The mean FIs of A549 cells (a) and BEAS-2B cells (b) were measured by flow cytometry. *P < 0.05 vs the control (n = 3).

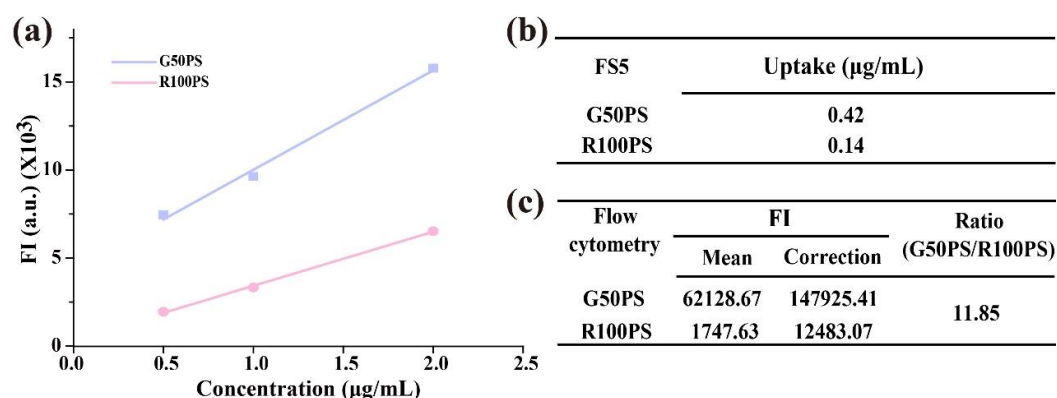


Figure S6. The external standard method was used to calibrate the cellular uptake of the PS NPs by flow cytometry. **(a)** FIs of G50PS (Ex 488 nm/Em 508 nm) and R100PS (Ex 488 nm/Em 578 nm) of different concentrations in the cell lysate samples. BEAS-2B cells were exposed to 20 µg/mL PS NPs for 4 h. The FIs were measured by the spectrometer FS5. **(b)** Cellular uptake of the PS NPs calculated based on the data in (a). **(c)** Calibration ratio of the fluorescence results of G50PS (Ex 488 nm/Em 508 nm) and R100PS (Ex 488 nm/Em 578 nm) measured by flow cytometry.

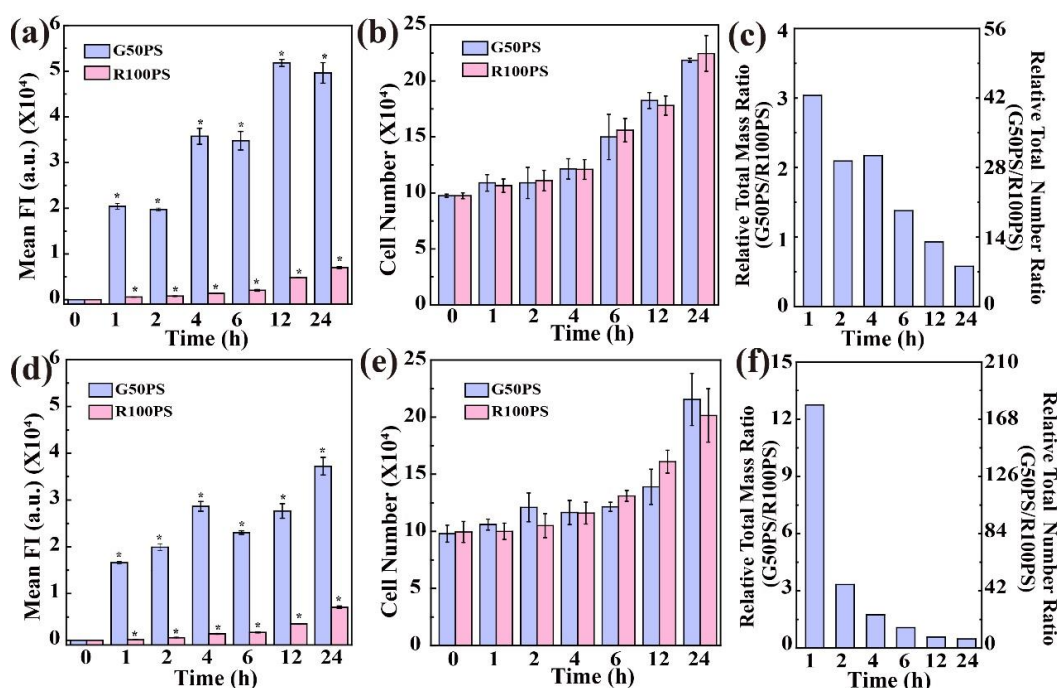


Figure S7. Cellular uptake of PS NPs after cells were exposed to PS NPs (20 µg/mL) for different times. **(a and d)** Mean FIs in A549 cells **(a)** and BEAS-2B cells **(d)**. **(b and e)** Cell numbers of A549 cells **(b)** and BEAS-2B cells **(e)**. **(c and f)** Relative total mass (left y-axis)/number (right y-axis) uptake ratios (G50PS/R100PS) of A549 cells **(c)** and BEAS-2B cells **(f)**. *P < 0.05 compared with the control (n=3).

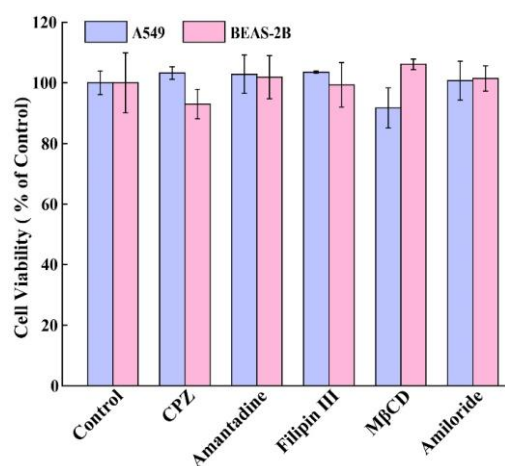


Figure S8. Viability of A549 cells and BEAS-2B cells after exposure to each endocytosis inhibitor for 4 h (n=3).

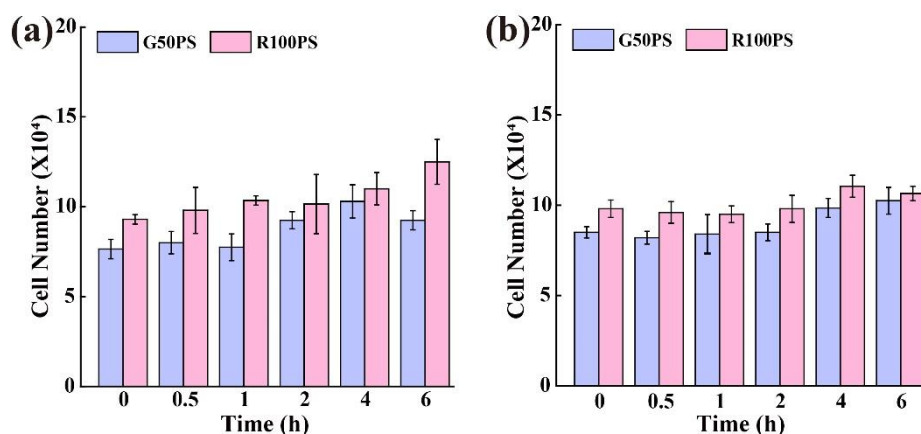


Figure S9. Cell number of A549 cells (a) and BEAS-2B cells (b) during the exocytosis process of PS NPs. (n=3).

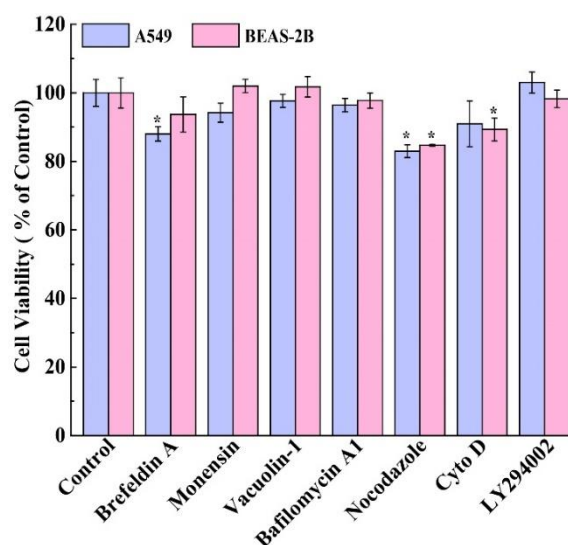


Figure S10. Viability of A549 cells and BEAS-2B cells after exposure to each exocytosis inhibitor for 4 h (n=3).