## Tuning quantum yield to maximize nitric oxide release with red and NIR light in photo-responsive ruthenium salen complexes and materials

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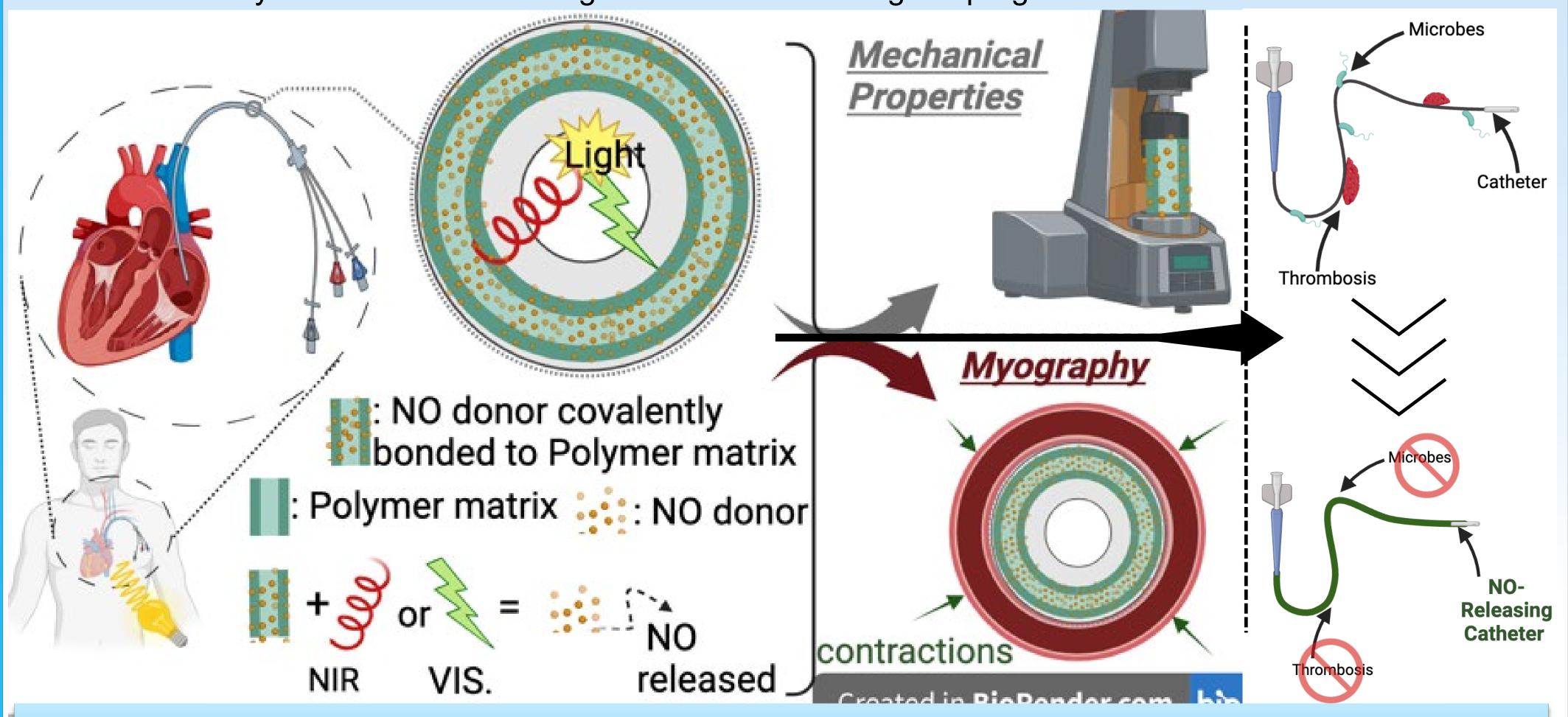
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My project will focus on designing a biocompatible photo responsive material with an inorganic nitric oxide releasing complex that is sensitive to red and NIR light. The specific aims of my research are to:

- . Determine which inorganic NIR-light sensitive Photo-NORM can be covalently attached to an ideal biocompatible silicone-based polymer matrix with easy (inexpensive synthesis with no more than 3 steps) chemical synthesis and capable of being implanted into a human body while maintaining silicone polymer properties, providing a controlled and consistent NO release at biologically relevant conditions.
- II. Determine how NO donor and light irradiation affect *mechanical properties* of the designed NO-releasing polymers that will be used to form the catheters, as well as assess their influence on *vasodilation* in the tissues of the synthesized NO releasing catheter in smoothing the progress of the infected vessels.



Nitric Oxide plays a variety of roles in biological systems, and the method of quantifying NO release from solid films

