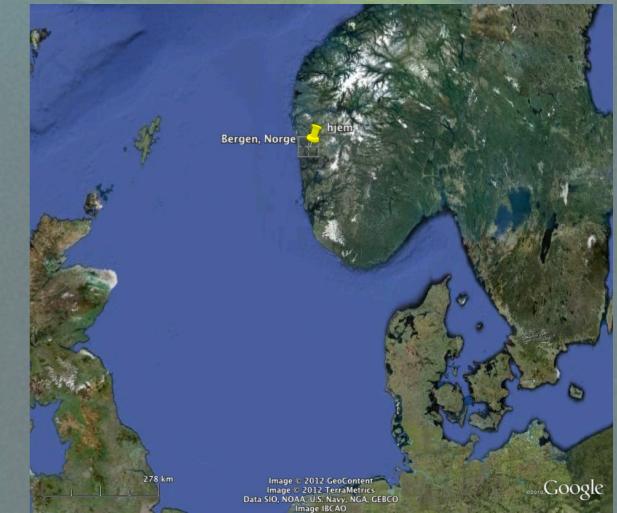


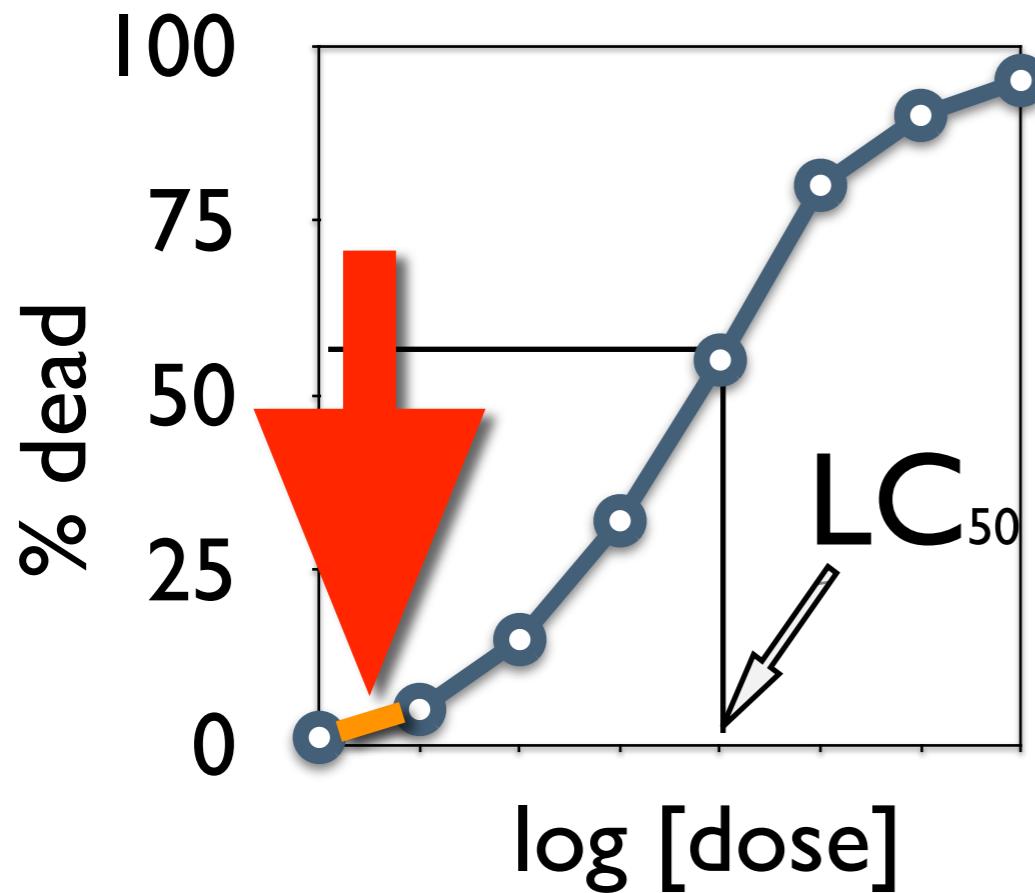
# Environmental genomics: complex methods to understand complex responses in complex systems

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# Acute tox goodbye: A paradigm shift in toxicology



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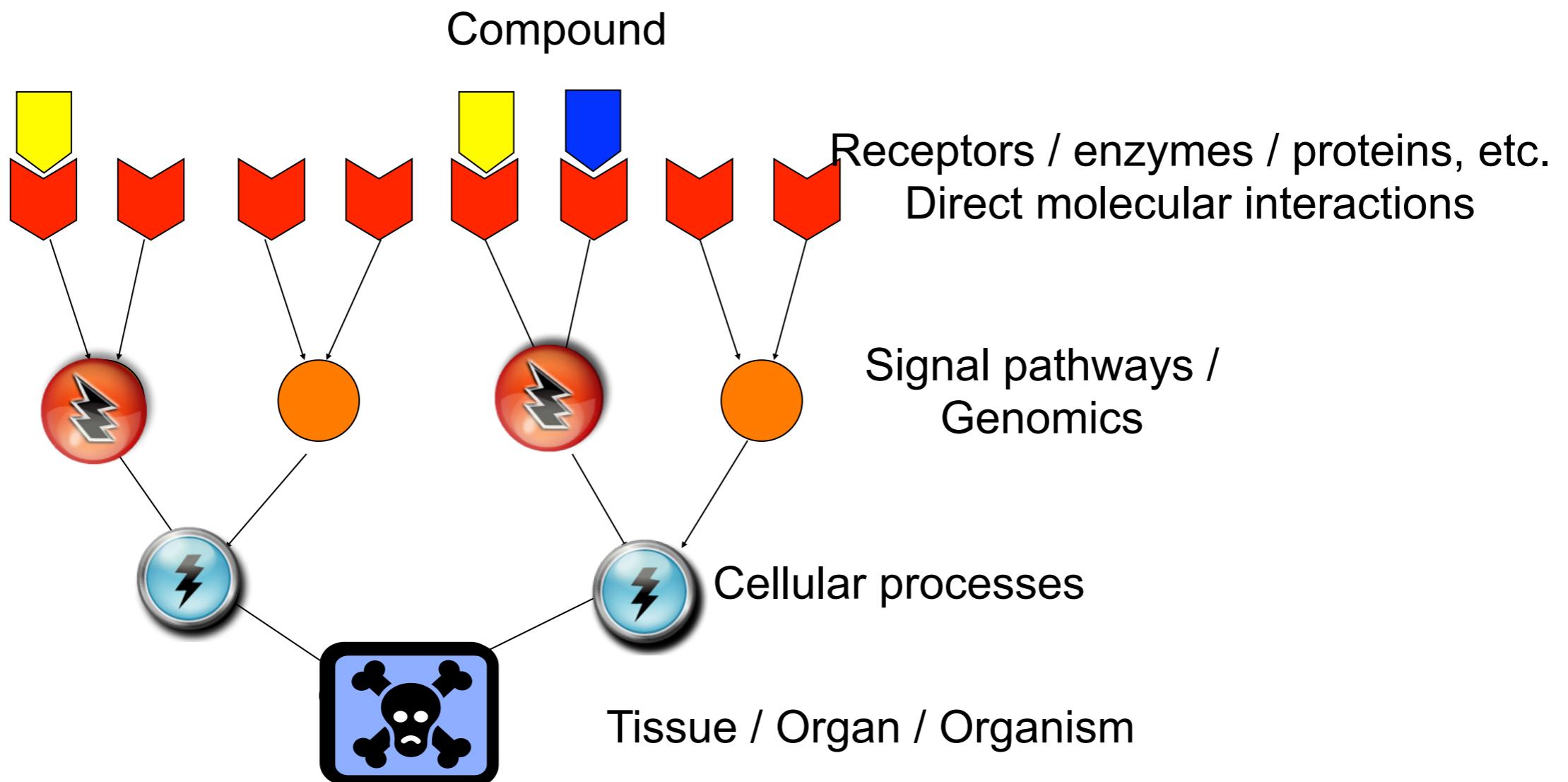
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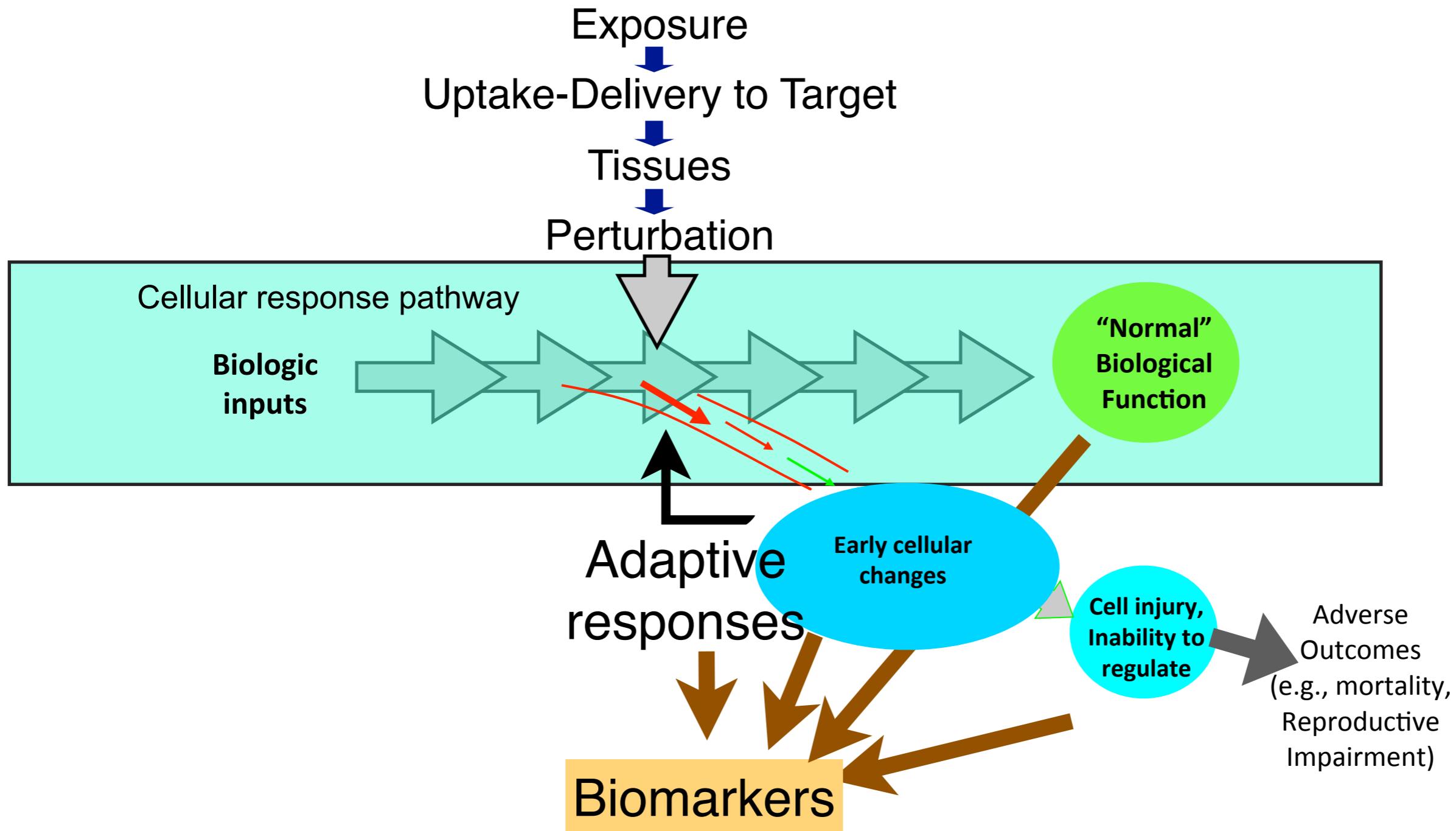
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# Pathways to toxicity

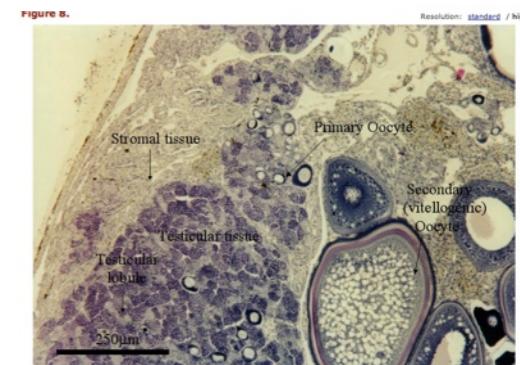
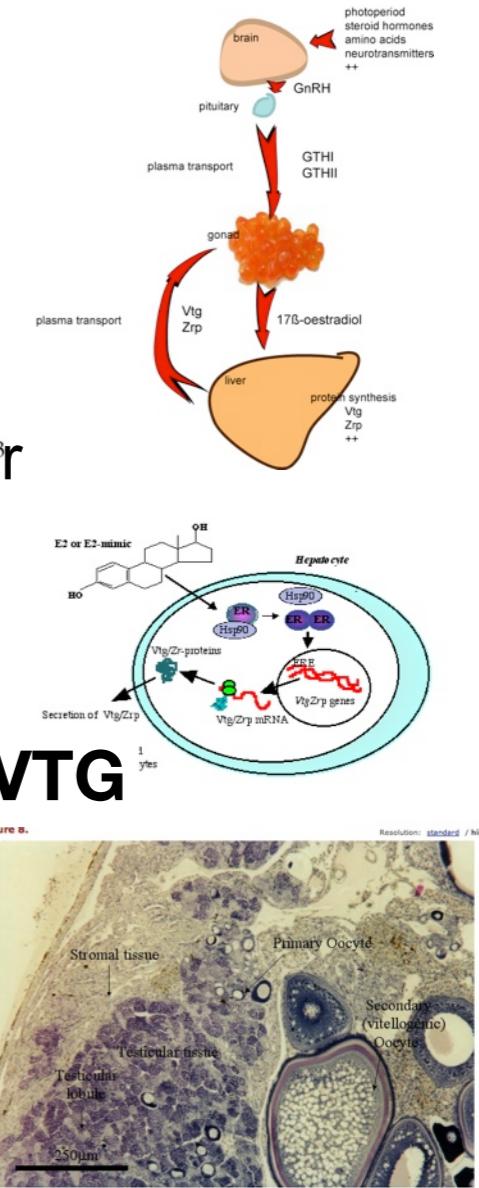
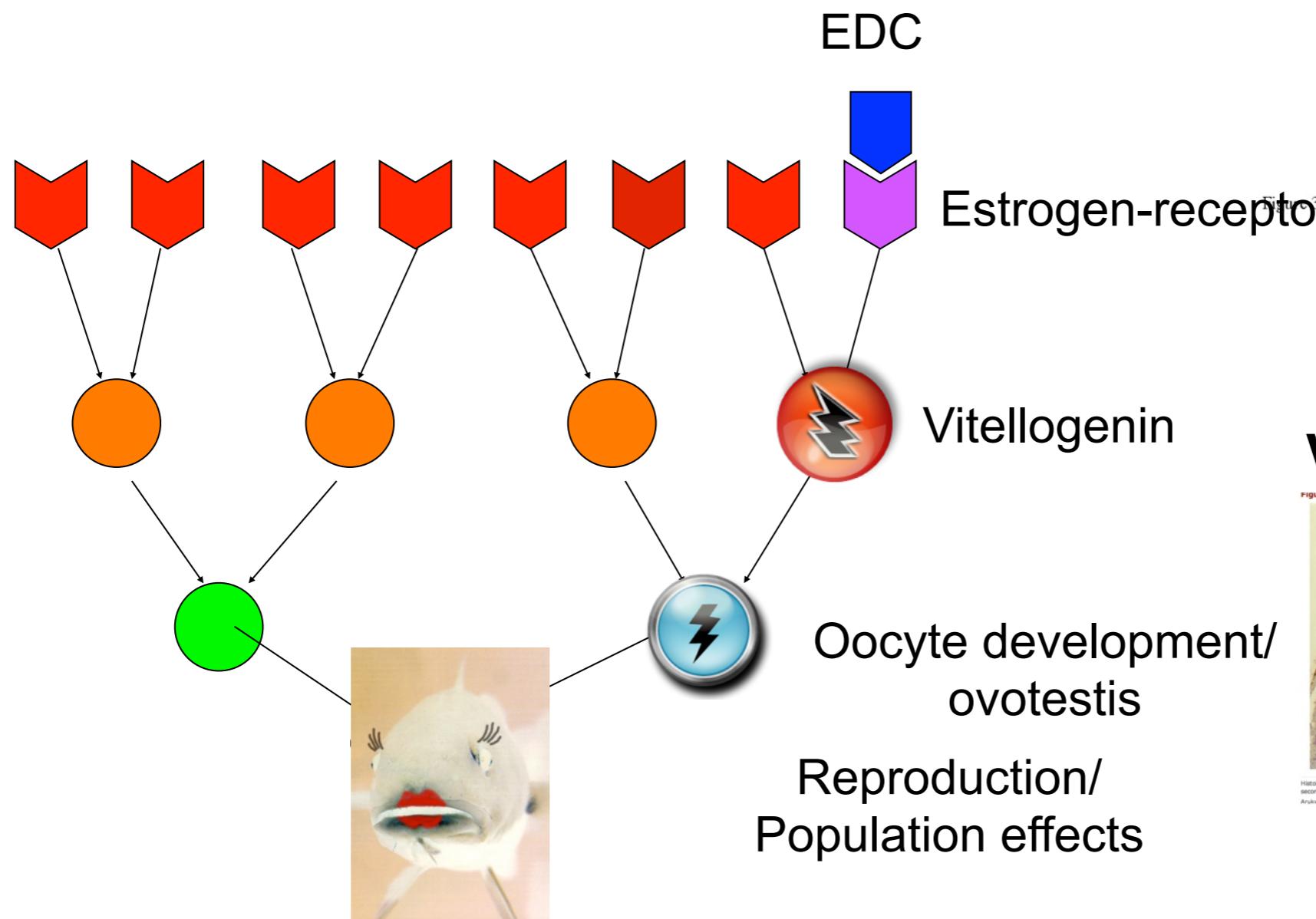


# Adaptation and compensation during a toxic response



Adapted from Toxicity Testing in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, NRC

# Vitellogenin (VTG) = biomarker for endocrine disrupting compounds (EDC)

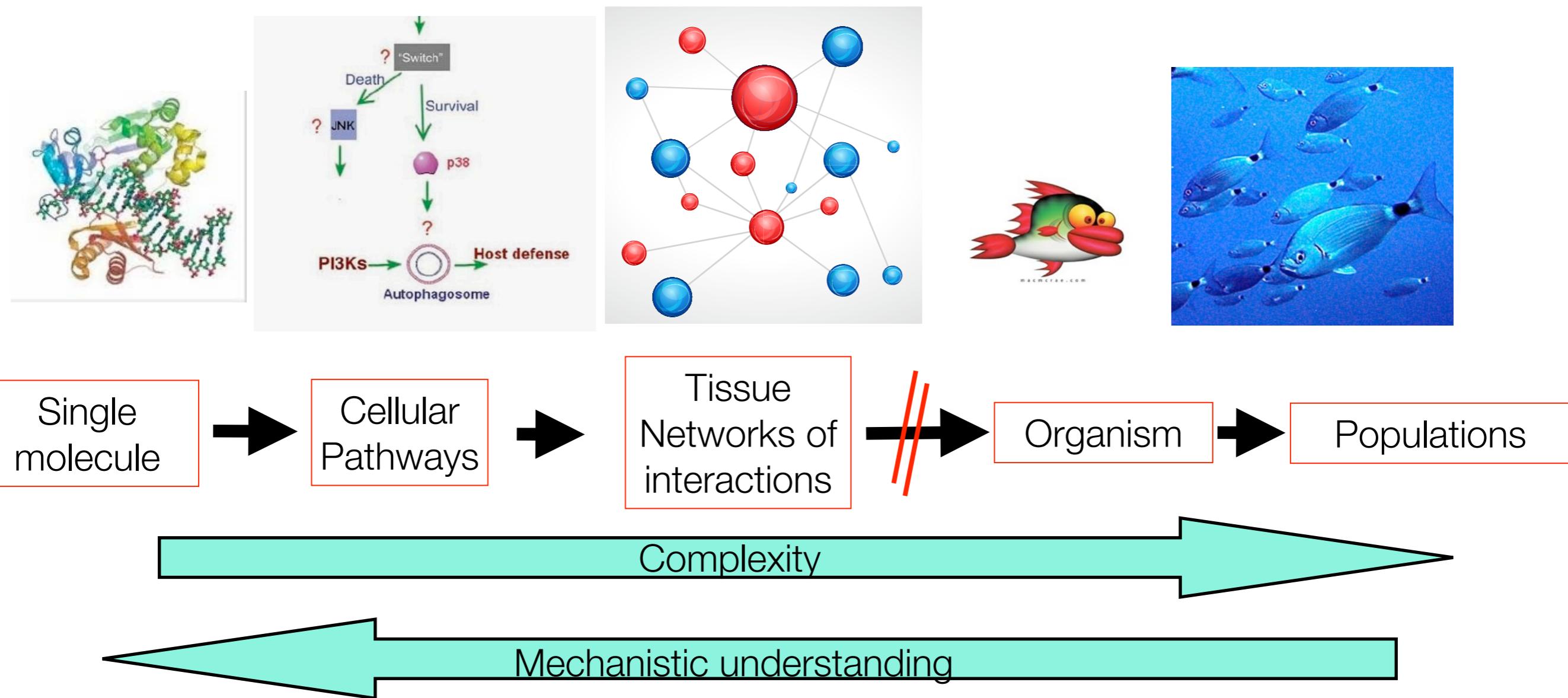


Figures from Arukwe & Goksøy Comp Hepatol (2003)



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# Complexity of systems in ecotoxicology

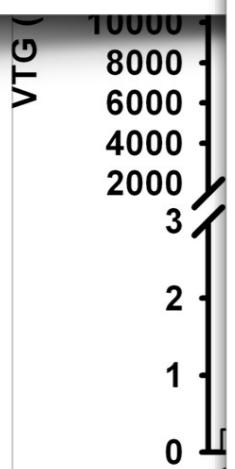


# Sex-Changing Chemicals Fish, Study Shows

John Roach  
for National  
May 21, 2007

Tiny amounts  
populations

The finding raise  
wastewater,  
Institute at the



## Environment



### Estrogen in Population

May 31, 2008 03:45

#### 30-Second Summary

Scientist Karen Kidd from the University of Guelph has created an artificial lake in Ontario to track its impact on water quality.

The pollution killed most male fish in others. The sperm was abnormal in some even beginning to form eggs.

"We've known for some time that estrogen can adversely affect the reproductive system," said. "What we demonstrated is that it's having an effect on populations of small fish."

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All across the world, people are polluting waterways with estrogen. Excreted in urine, the hormone passes through most wastewater plants and ends up in streams and lakes, where some studies suggest it is feminizing male fish. Now a large experiment has shown that even

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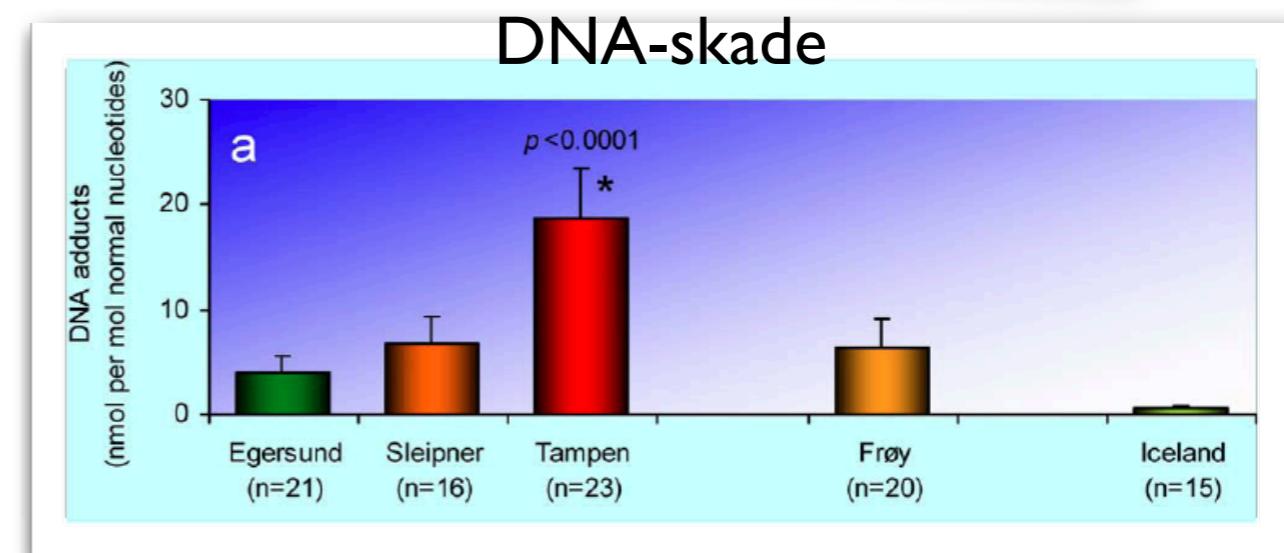
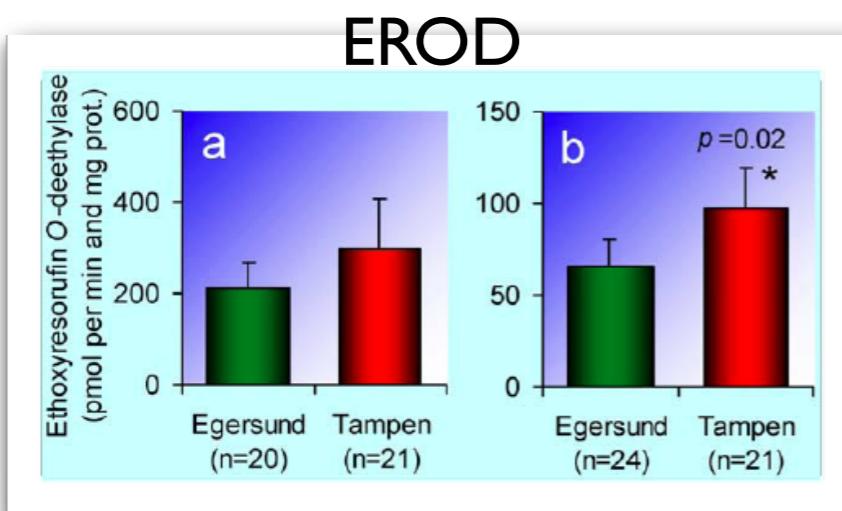
### Water quality — Biochemical and physiological measurements on fish — Part 3: Determination of vitellogenin

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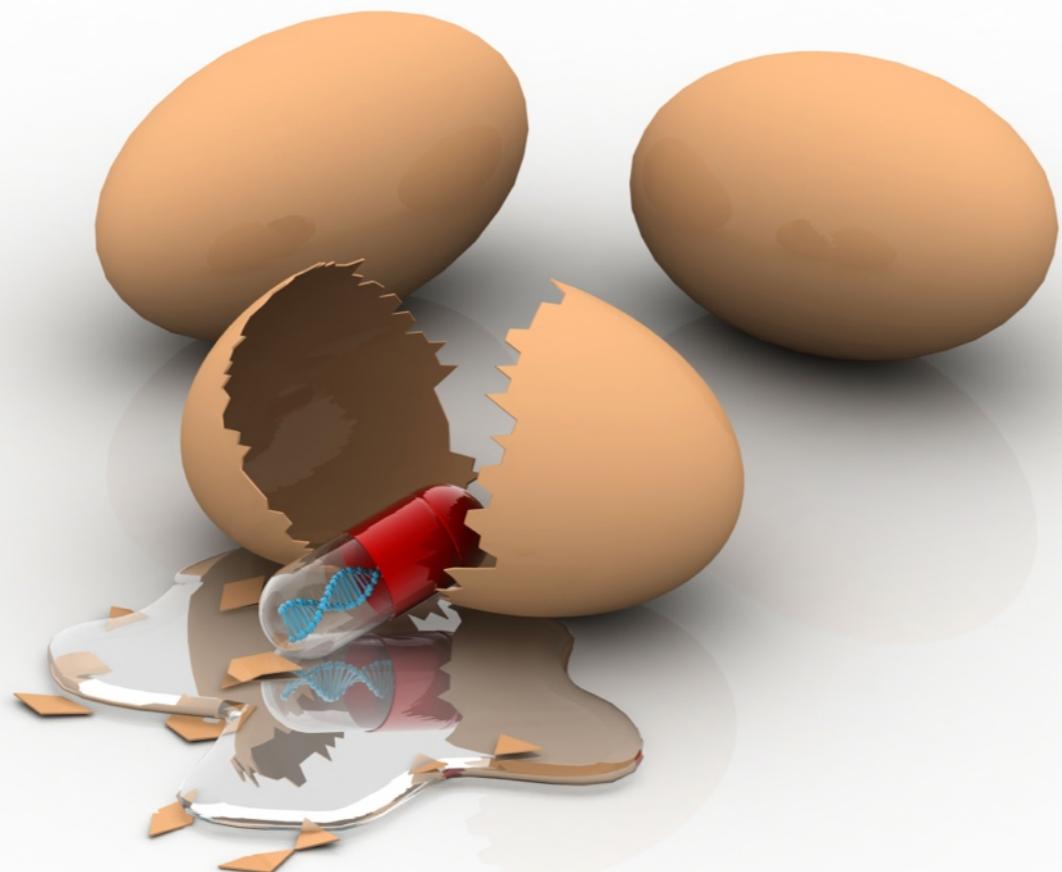
# Biomarkers in Natural Fish Populations Indicate Adverse Biological Effects of Offshore Oil Production

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# The emergence of systems biology



We're exposed to lots of chemicals  
but at very low concentrations  
over time. We need tools to help us  
understand how complex  
exposures perturb complex  
systems.

- William Suk

The emerging field of systems biology attempts to harness the power of mathematics, engineering, and computer science to analyze and integrate data from all the “omics” and ultimately create working models of entire biological systems.

Spivey A (2004) Systems biology: the big picture. Environ Health Perspect.

# Holistic analysis - the ultimate vs the feasible

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*Paradoxically, systems biology research suffers from having both too much data and not enough.*

the feasible version:

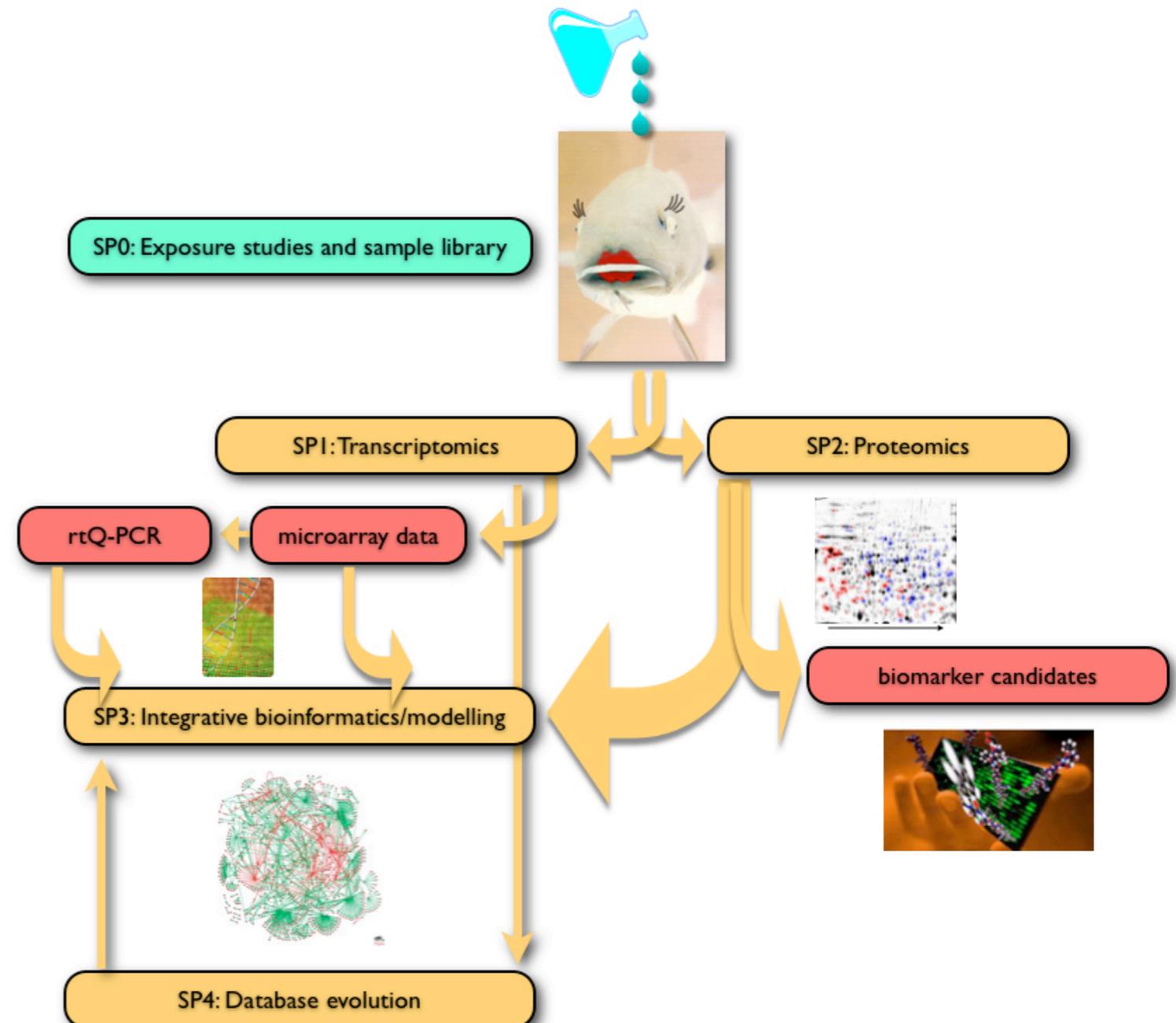
«To analyze enough of the relevant variables to reach realistic conclusions, -

and avoid looking stupid!»

George Somero, 28th ESCPB, Bilbao, Spain, Sept. 2, 2012

# Integrative environmental genomics of cod: iCod Project (NFR, 2009-2012)

- Observe transcriptional and translational responses of the cod genome
- Integrate into mechanistic insights using a systems biology approach
- Based on established competence in cod physiology, transcriptomics, proteomics, bioinformatics



# Atlantic cod (*Gadus morhua*)

- Important species in North-Atlantic fisheries
- Increasing use in aquaculture
- Spawning grounds in important oil production areas
- Genome information available through 454 and EST-sequencing ([www.codgenome.no](http://www.codgenome.no)/Star et al., Nature 2011)

## LETTER

doi:10.1038/nature10342

### The genome sequence of Atlantic cod reveals a unique immune system

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Atlantic cod (*Gadus morhua*) is a large, cold-adapted teleost that sustains long-standing commercial fisheries and incipient aquaculture<sup>1,2</sup>. Here we present the genome sequence of Atlantic cod, showing evidence for complex thermal adaptations in its haemoglobin gene cluster and an unusual immune architecture compared to other sequenced vertebrates. The genome assembly was obtained exclusively by 454 sequencing of shotgun and paired-end libraries, and automated annotation identified 22,154 genes. The major histocompatibility complex (MHC) II is a conserved feature of the adaptive immune system of jawed vertebrates<sup>3,4</sup>, but we show that Atlantic cod has lost the genes for MHC II, CD4 and invariant chain (Ii) that are essential for the function of this pathway. Nevertheless, Atlantic cod is not exceptionally susceptible to disease under natural conditions<sup>5</sup>. We find a highly expanded number of MHC I genes and a unique composition of its Toll-like receptor (TLR) families. This indicates how the Atlantic cod immune system has evolved compensatory mechanisms in both adaptive and innate immunity in the absence of MHCII. These observations affect fundamental assumptions about the evolution of the adaptive immune system and its components in vertebrates.

We sequenced the genome of a heterozygous male Atlantic cod

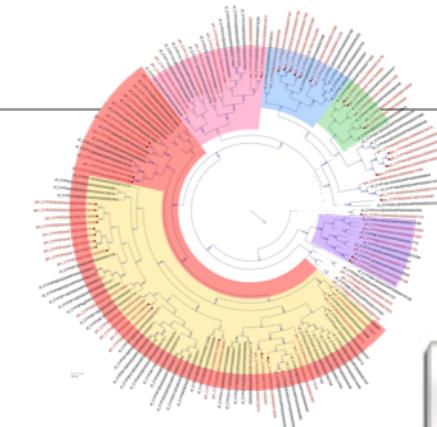
independently assembled bacterial artificial chromosome (BAC) insert clones (Supplementary Note 14 and Supplementary Fig. 9), and with the expected insert size of paired BAC-end reads (Supplementary Note 15 and Supplementary Fig. 10).

A standard annotation approach based on protein evidence was complemented by a whole-genome alignment of the Atlantic cod with the stickleback (*Gasterosteus aculeatus*), after repeat-masking 25.4% of the Newbler assembly (Supplementary Note 16 and Supplementary Table 6). In this way, 17,920 out of 20,787 protein-coding stickleback genes were mapped onto reorganized scaffolds (Supplementary Note 17). Additional protein-coding genes, pseudogenes and non-coding RNAs were annotated using the standard Ensembl pipeline. These approaches resulted in a final gene set of 22,154 genes (Supplementary Table 7). Comparative analysis of gene ontology classes indicates that the major functional pathways are represented in the annotated gene set (Supplementary Note 18 and Supplementary Fig. 11). We anchored 332 Mb of the Newbler assembly to 23 linkage groups of an existing Atlantic cod linkage map using 924 SNPs<sup>8</sup> (Supplementary Note 19 and Supplementary Table 8). These linkage groups have distinct orthology to chromosomes of other teleosts, on the basis of the number of co-

# Environmental genomics approach

## ► Genomics

- Mining the genome for defensome genes, incl. the CYPome
  - e.g. Karlsen et al., 2012



## ► Transcriptomics

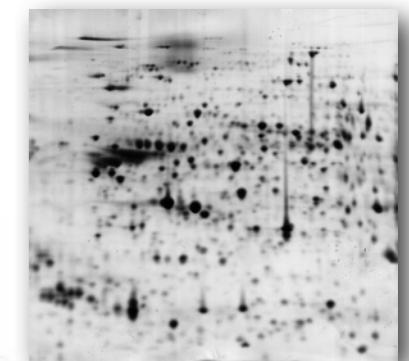
- Custom made 135k cod oligonucleotide arrays
- 44k EST "contigs" (Cod Genome Sequencing Consortium)
- 60 nucleotide probes
- Coverage of nearly all genes
- Q-PCR validation

12x135k arrays  
(Roche-NimbleGen)



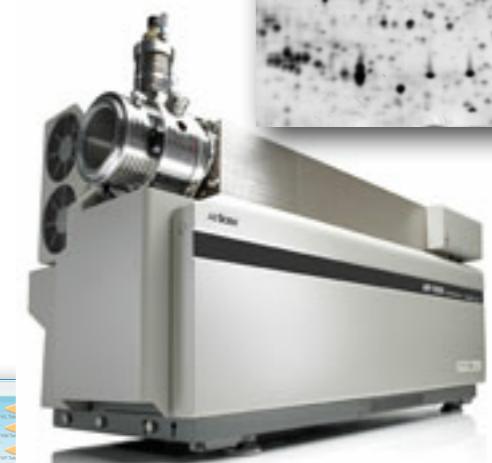
## ► Proteomics

- 2D gel electrophoresis and Delta2D image analysis
  - e.g. Bohne-Kjersem et al., 2009; 2010; Berg et al. 2010; 2011
- MALDI-TOF and Q-TOF LC-MS/MS
- ORBITRAP
- Label-free and gel-free approaches
- iTRAQ
- S/ID-SRM and MRM



## ► Bioinformatics tools

- KEGG and DAVID: gene ontology, enrichment analysis
- Metacore GeneGo: pathway, interactome analysis etc.



# Cod vs zebrafish CYPome



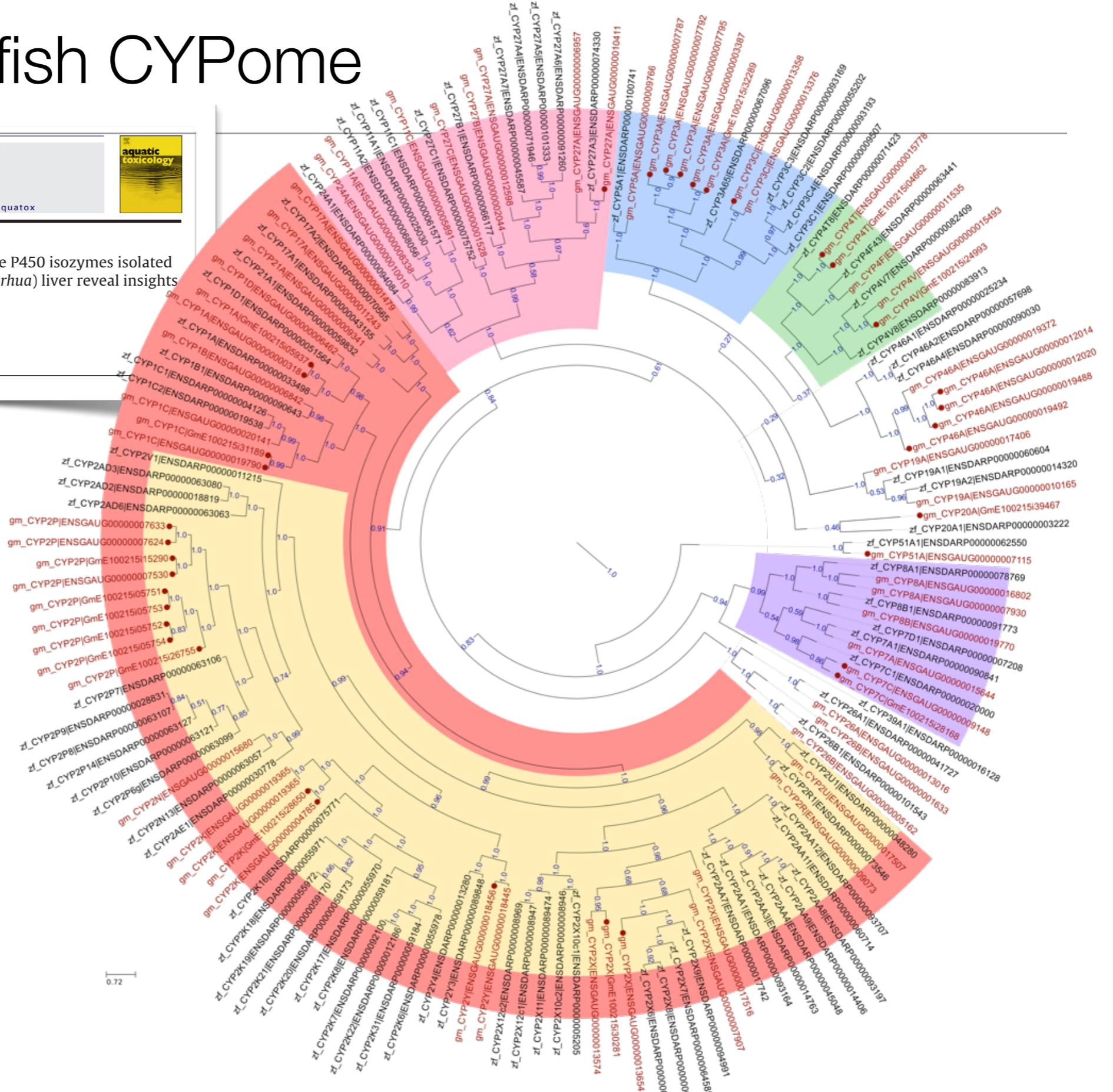
# Mass spectrometric analyses of microsomal cytochrome P450 isozymes isolated from $\beta$ -naphthoflavone-treated Atlantic cod (*Gadus morhua*) liver reveal insights into the cod CYPome

Odd André Karlsen <sup>a,c,\*</sup>, Pål Puntervoll <sup>b</sup>, Anders Goksøyr <sup>c</sup>

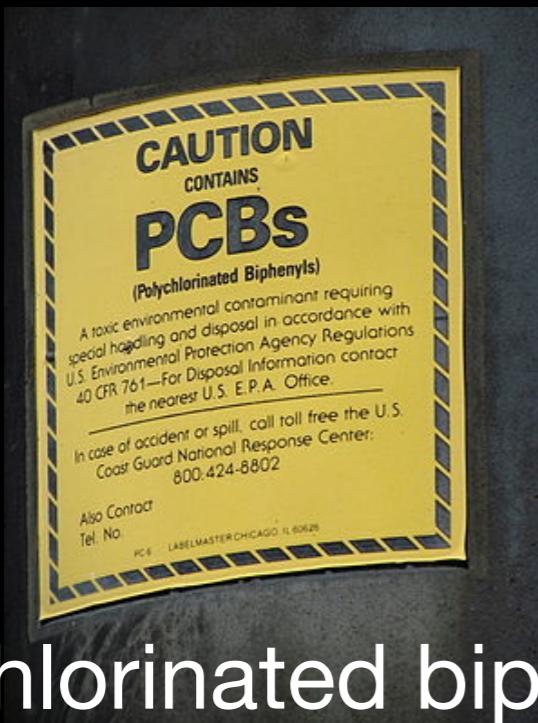
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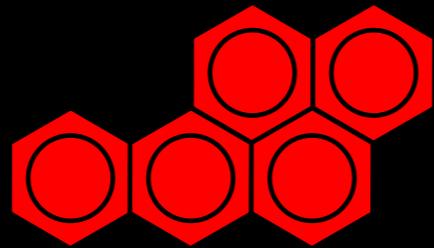
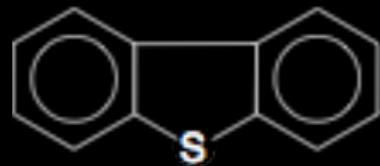
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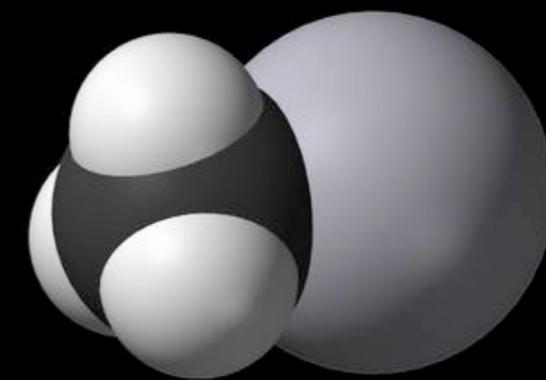
# Chemical contaminants of most concern for ocean and human health



## Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)



## Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)



## Methylmercury (MeHg)

New flame retardants, PPCPs, phenolics, perfluorinated compounds, nanomaterials, pesticides, many more

## Chemicals of emerging concern (CECs)

# MeHg exposure of cod: Transcriptomics

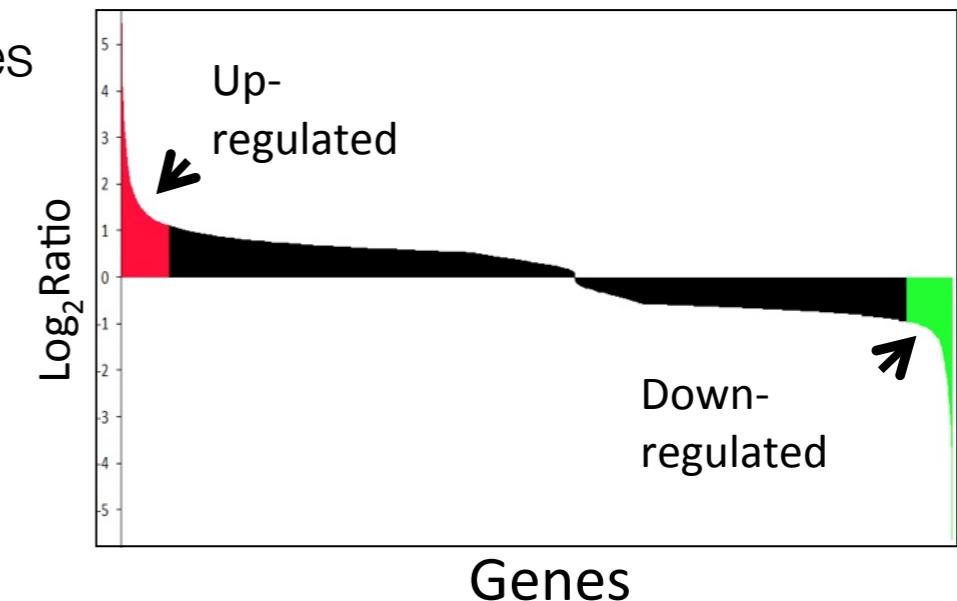
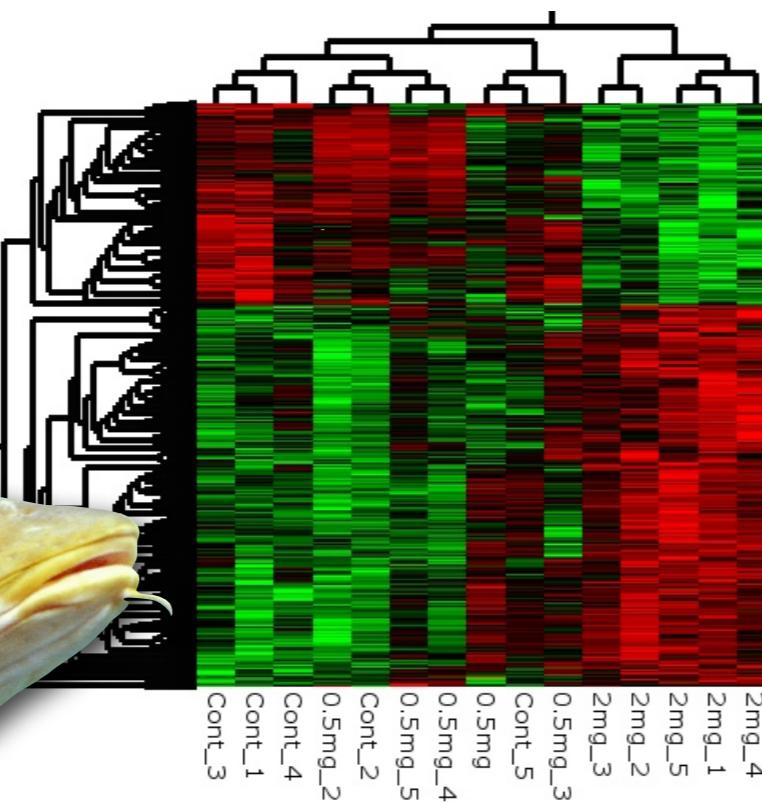
MeHg treatment:

Control (n=5)  
0.5 mg/Kg BW (n=5)  
2 mg/Kg BW (n=5)

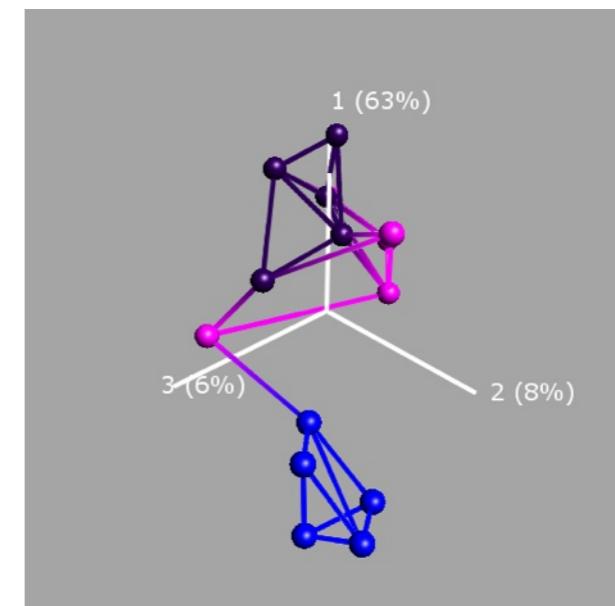
Differentially expressed genes

Up-regulated: 429  
Down regulated: 226  
Total: 655

Hierarchical cluster analysis based on genes most significantly regulated by MeHg

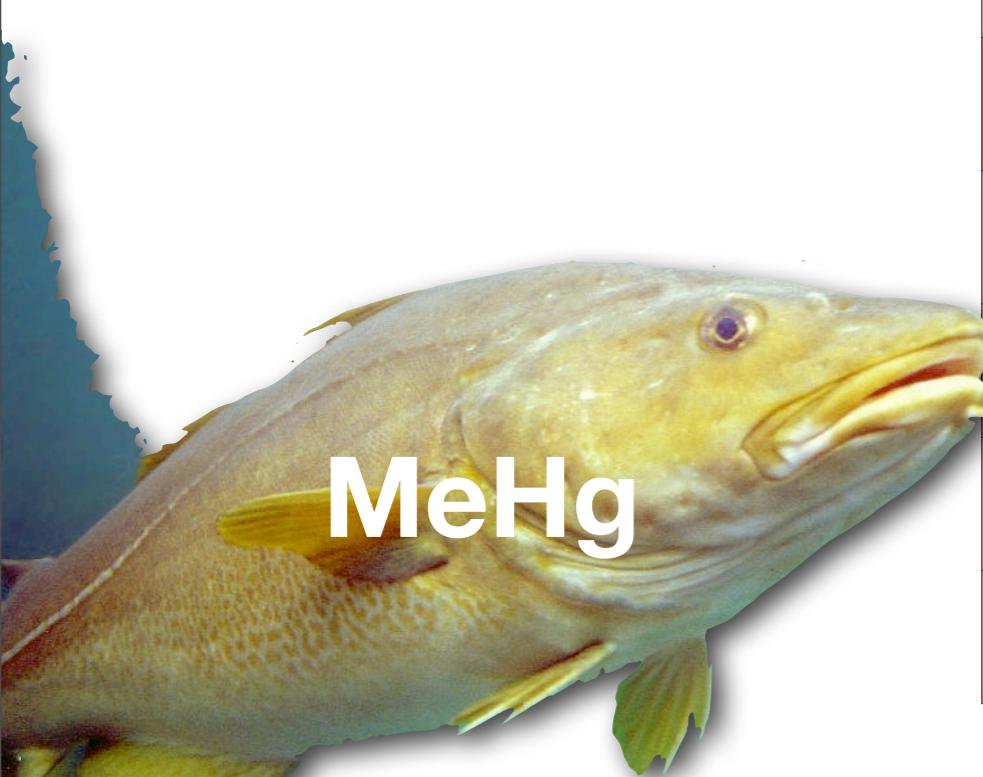


Principal component analysis



Yadetie et al., Aquat. Toxicol. (in press)

# MeHg exposure of cod: Enriched GO terms and KEGG pathways



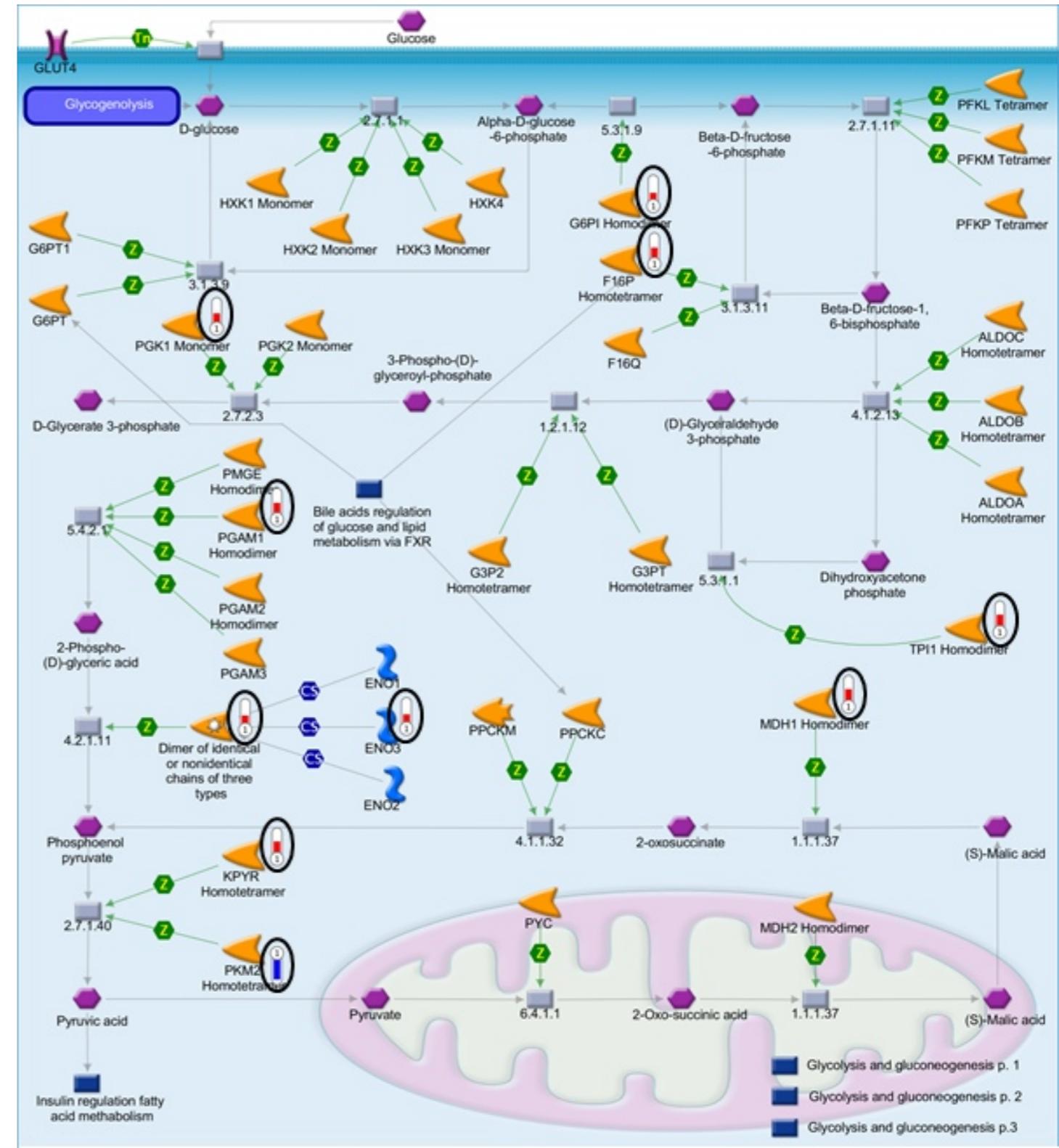
Gene ontology term	Count	PValue	Benjamini	FDR
Amino acid catabolism	9	1.7E-04	2.9E-02	0.2
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Glycolysis	8	5.6E-04	3.2E-02	0.7
Acyl-CoA metabolism	6	8.1E-04	3.5E-02	1.0
Fatty acid metabolism	16	8.9E-04	3.1E-02	1.1
KEGG pathway				
Fatty acid metabolism	10	3.4E-05	5.5E-03	0.0
Glycolysis / Gluconeogenesis	12	3.6E-05	2.9E-03	0.0
Valine, leucine and isoleucine degradation	10	7.6E-05	4.1E-03	0.1
Glutathione metabolism	10	2.2E-04	8.7E-03	0.3

Yadetie et al., Aquat. Toxicol. (in press)

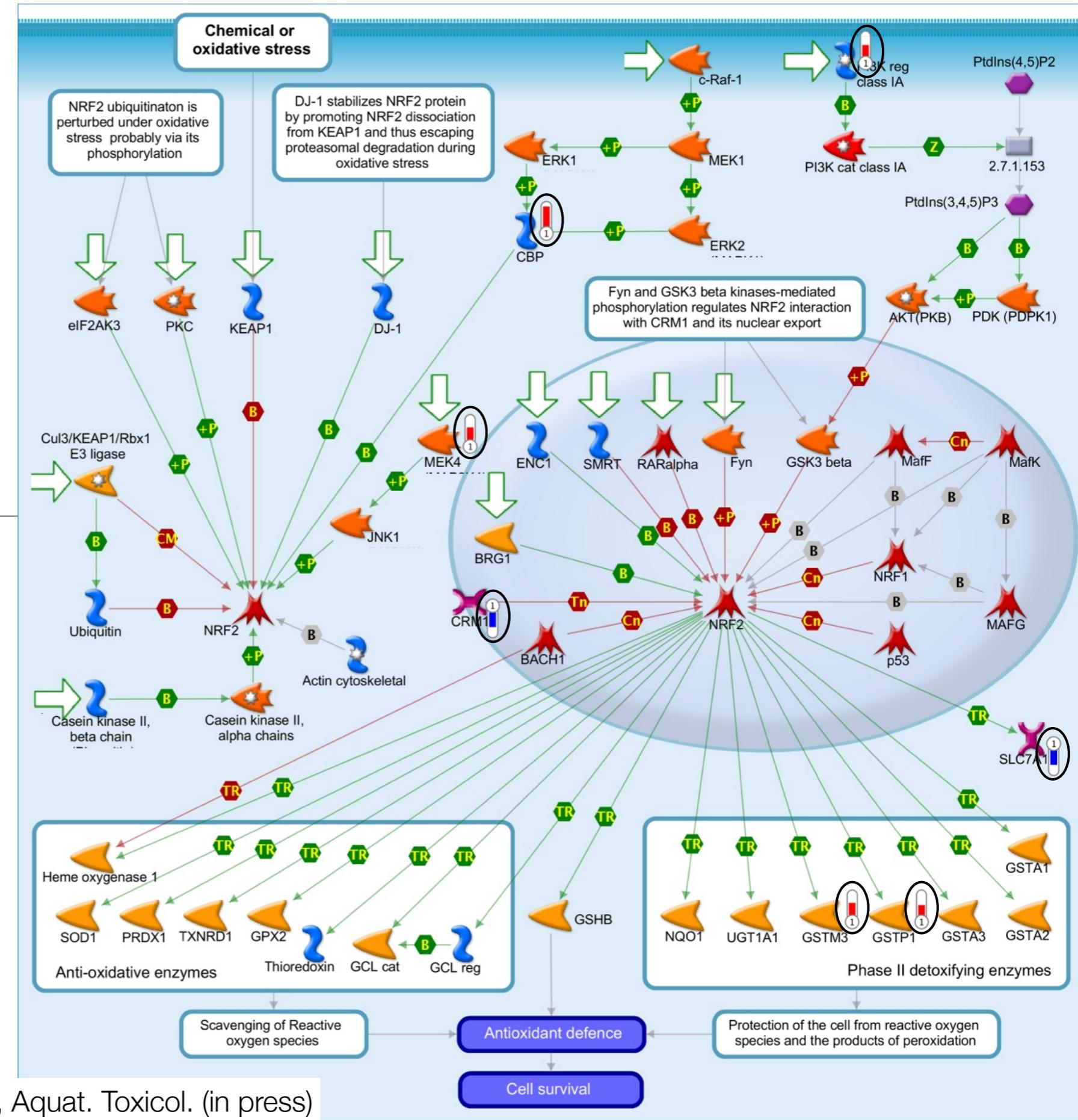
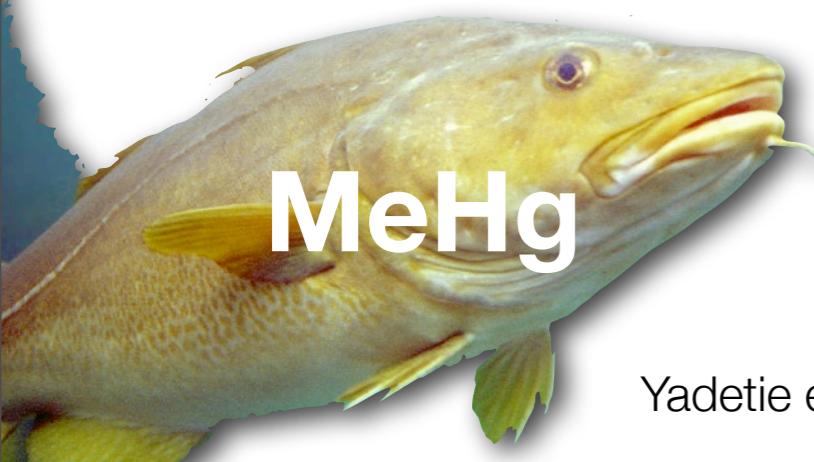
# Metacore top scored map “Glycolysis and gluconeogenesis”



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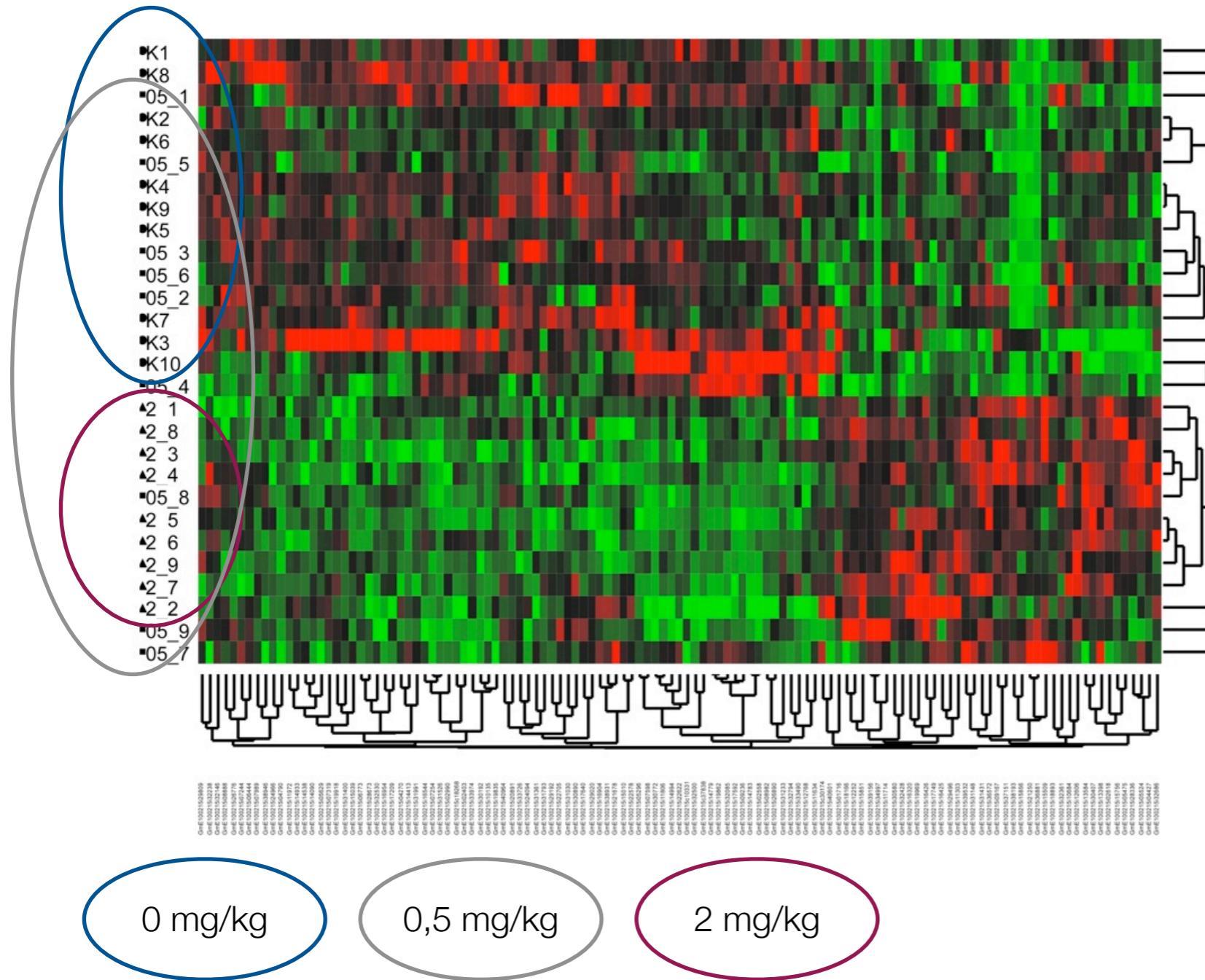


# Map of NRF2 mediated regulation of oxidative stress response pathway affected by MeHg



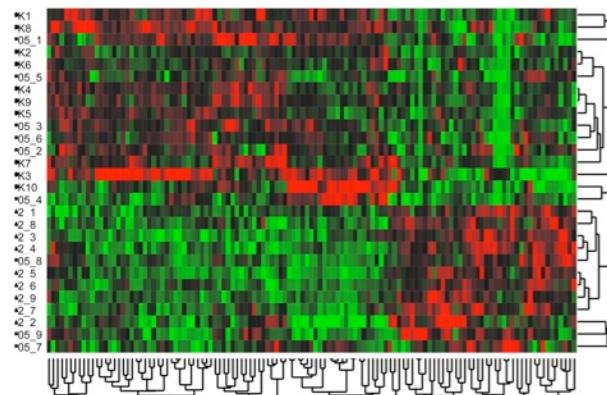
# MeHg exposure: Label-free proteomics analysis

39 up-regulated proteins  
78 down-regulated proteins



# MeHg

# MeHg/Proteomics: Principal component analysis (PCA)

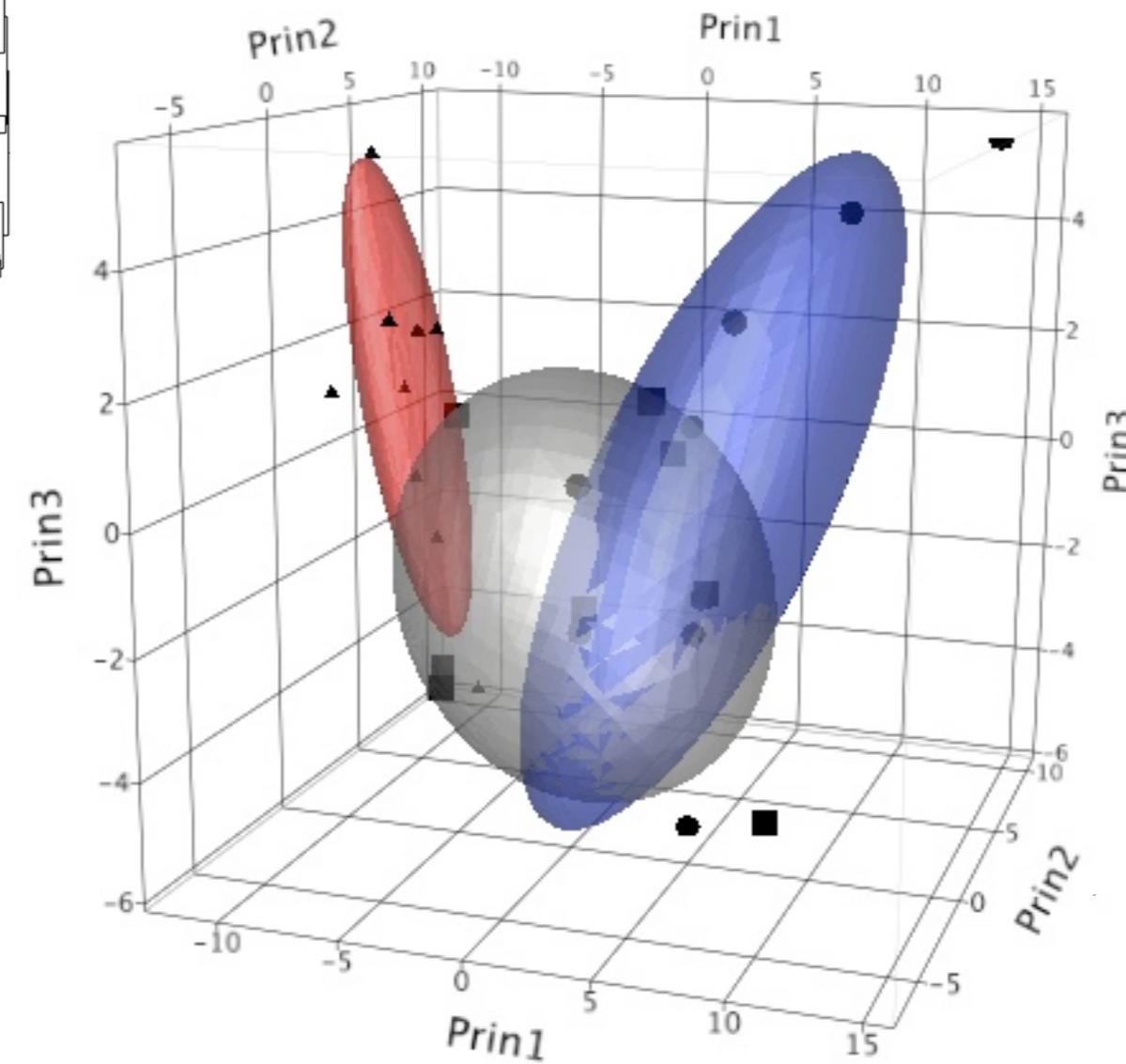


Sample labels:

0 mg/kg

0,5 mg/kg

2 mg/kg



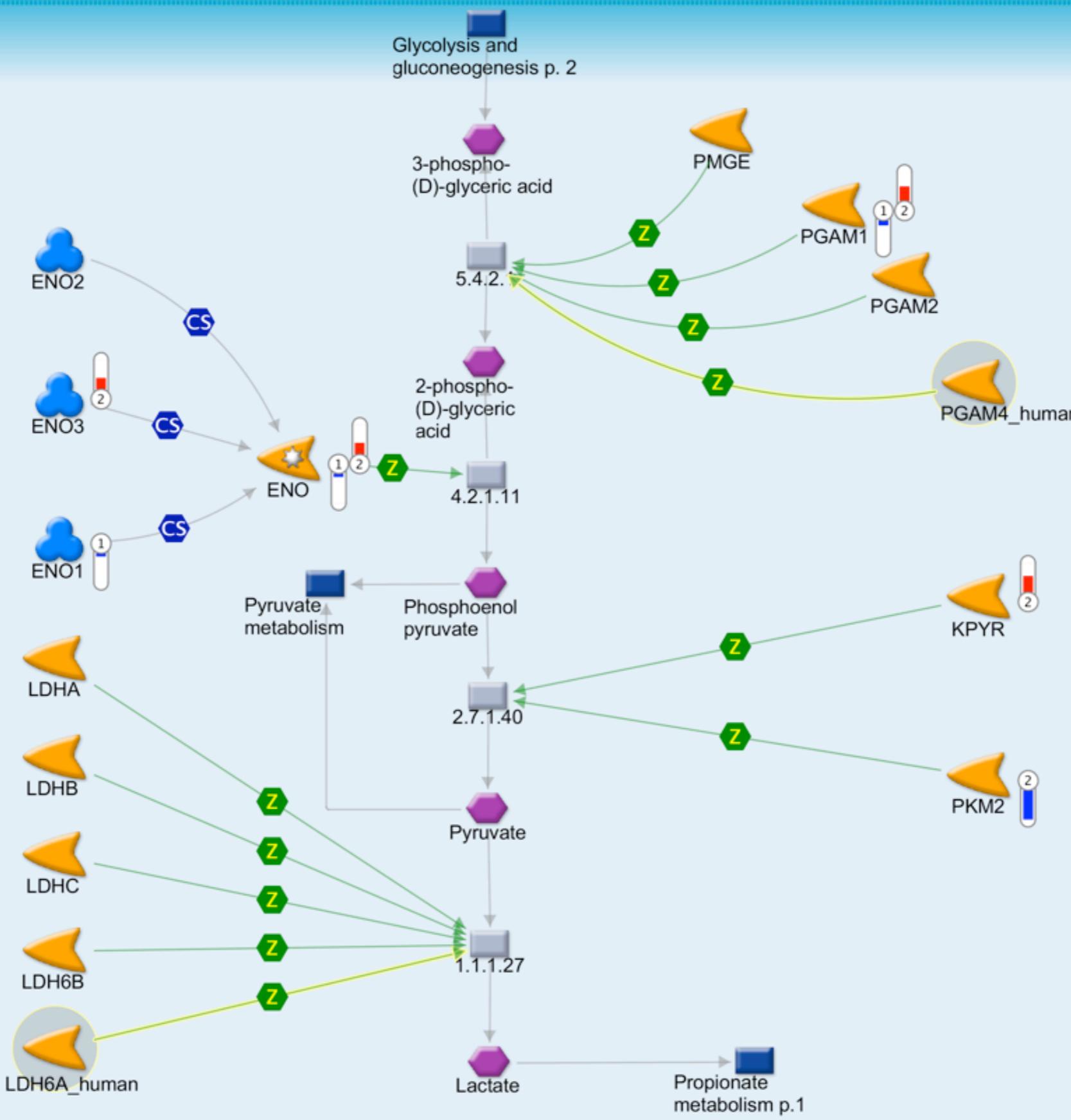
3D PCA-plot of all  
normalised data



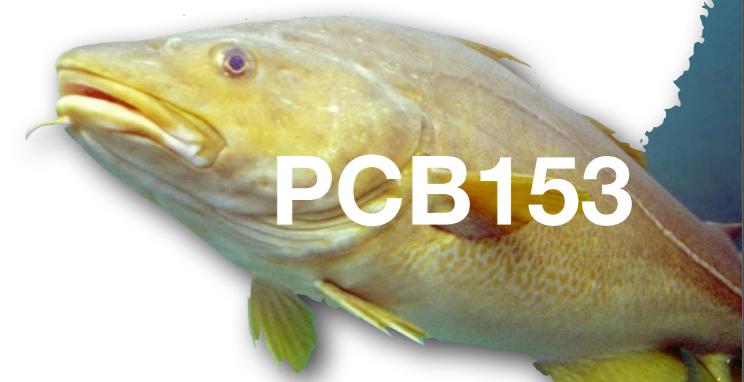
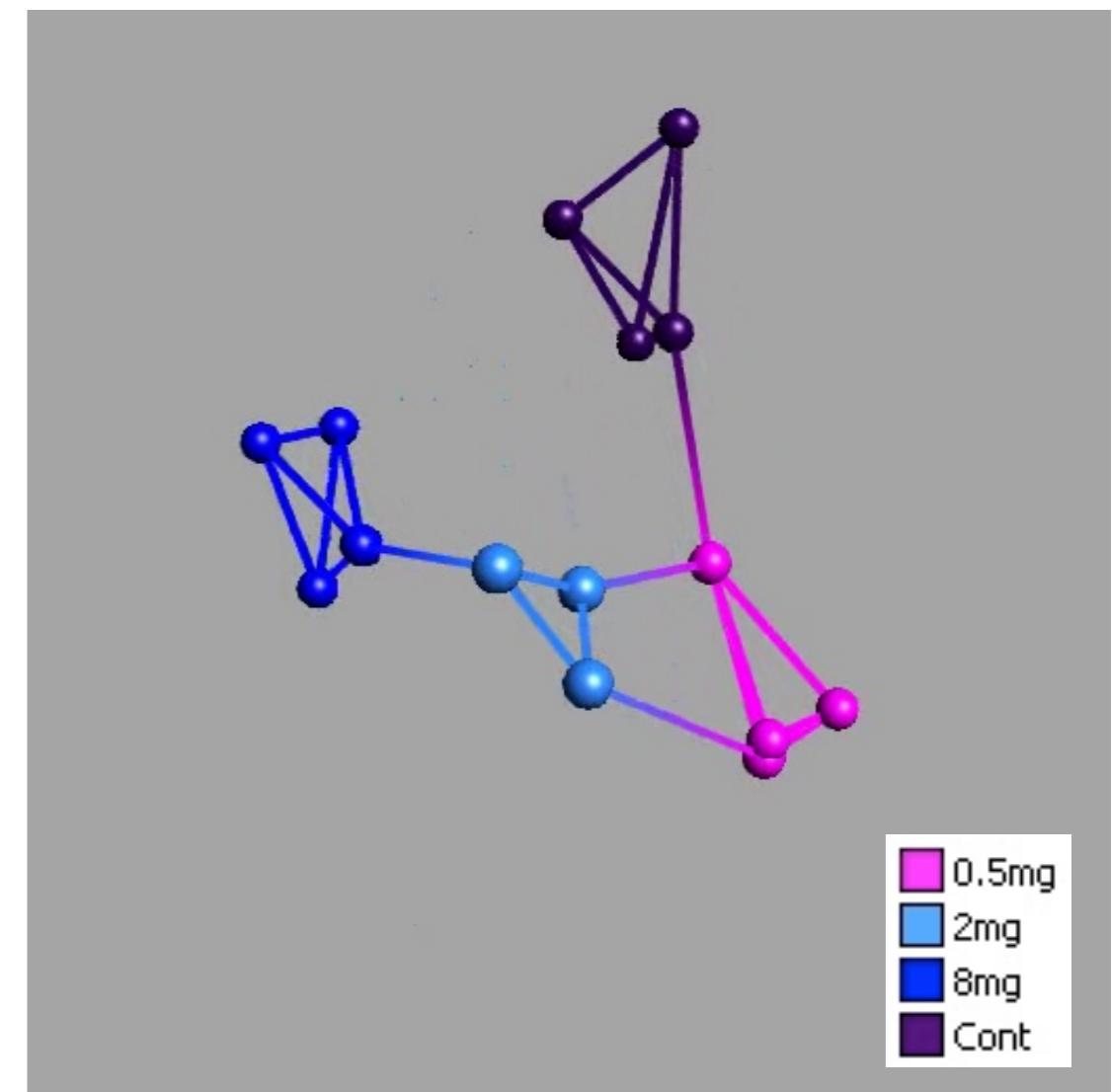
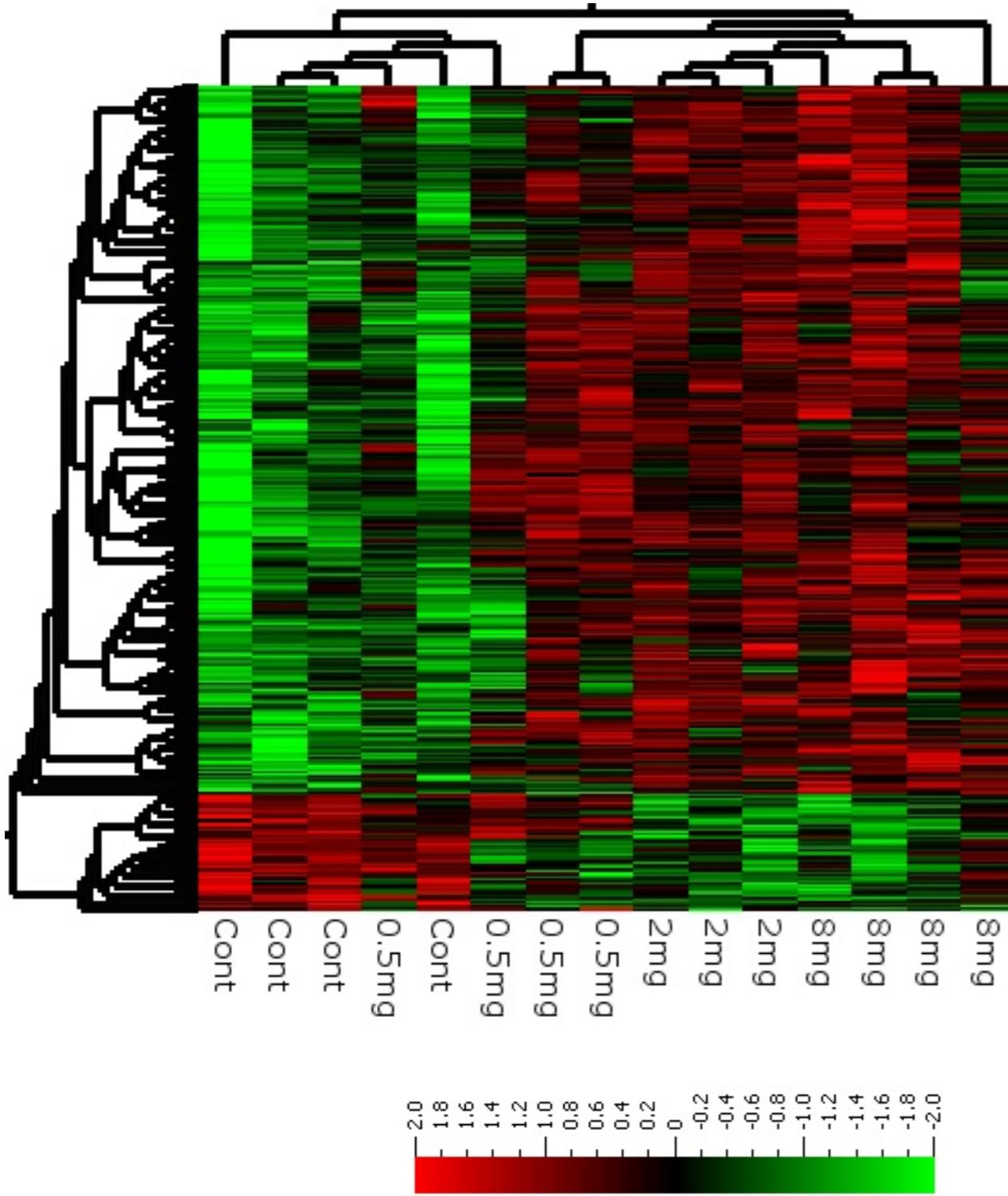
# Pathways (Metacore): proteome (■) vs transcriptome (□) data



# MeHg: Proteins (1) vs transcripts (2)



# PCB153 exposure of cod: Transcriptomics



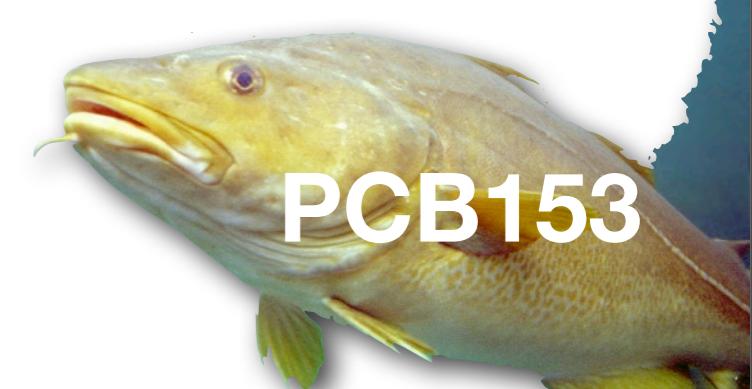
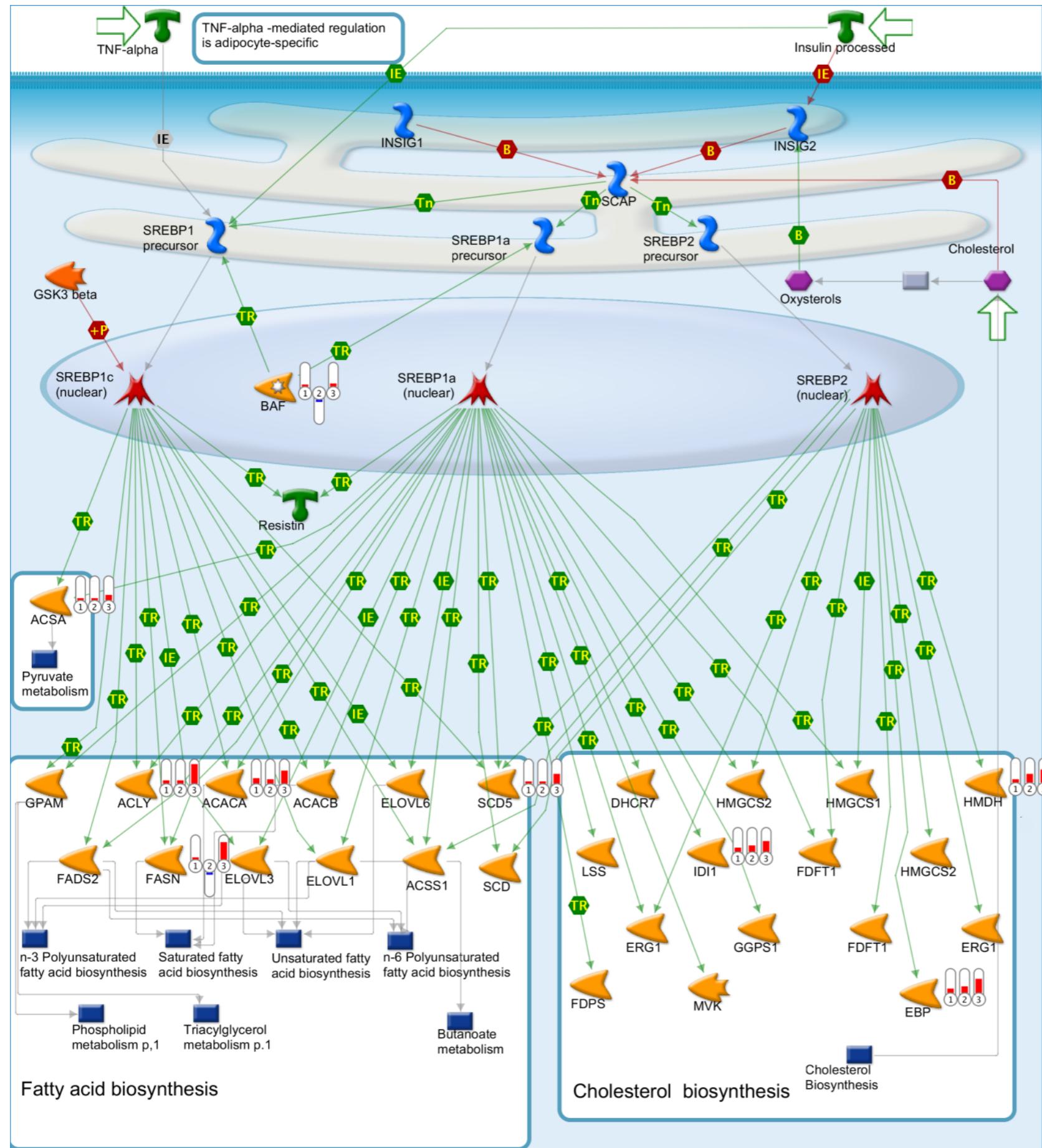
# Significantly enriched GeneGo Pathway maps



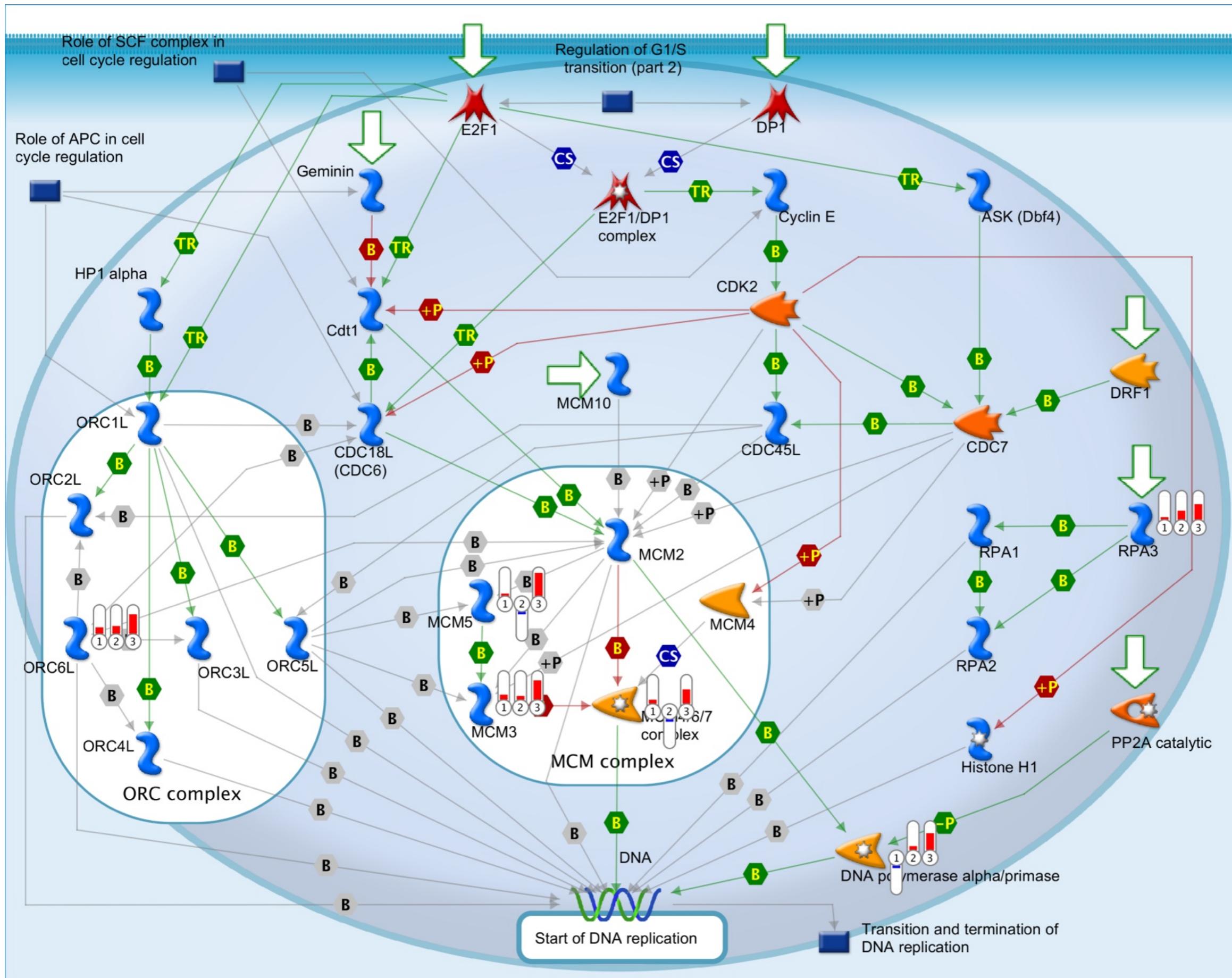
Only significant pathways are shown (FDR<5)



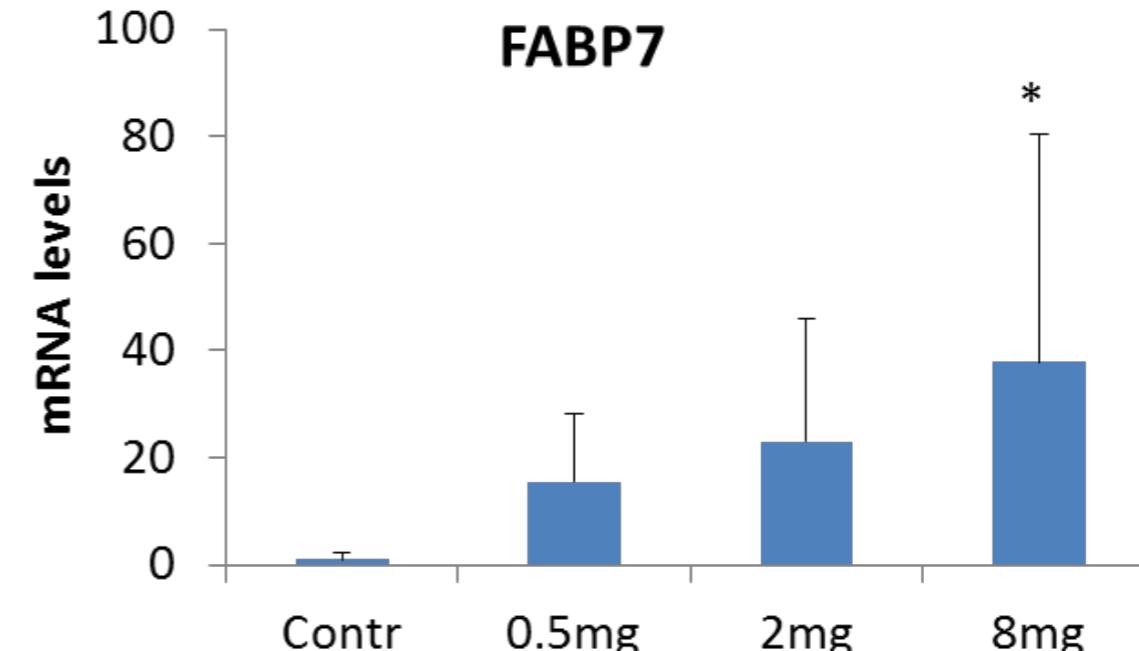
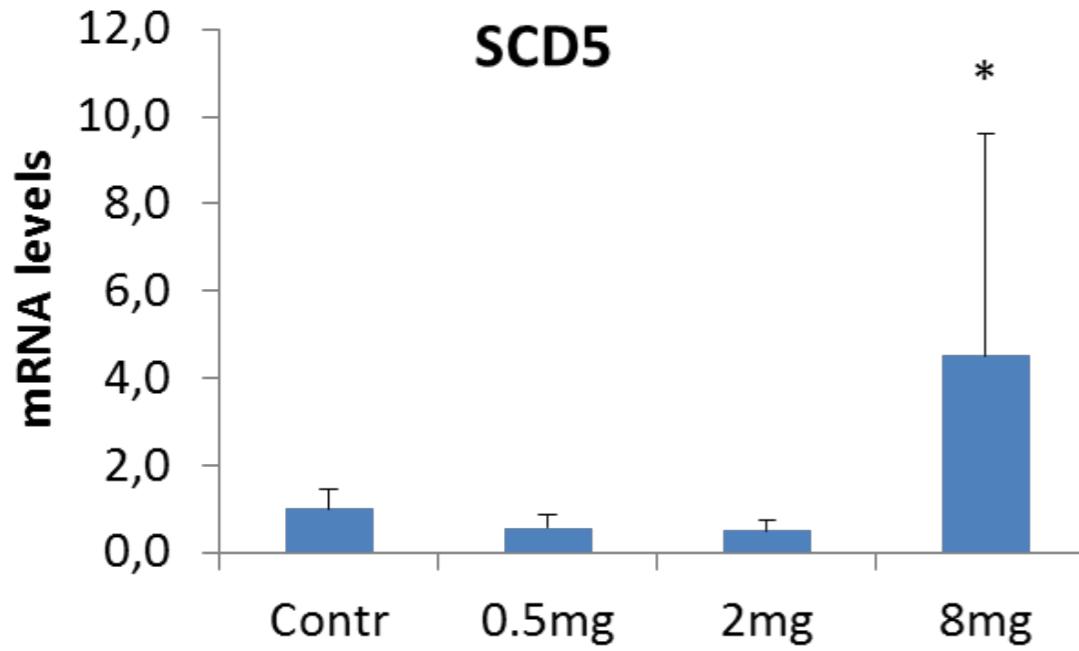
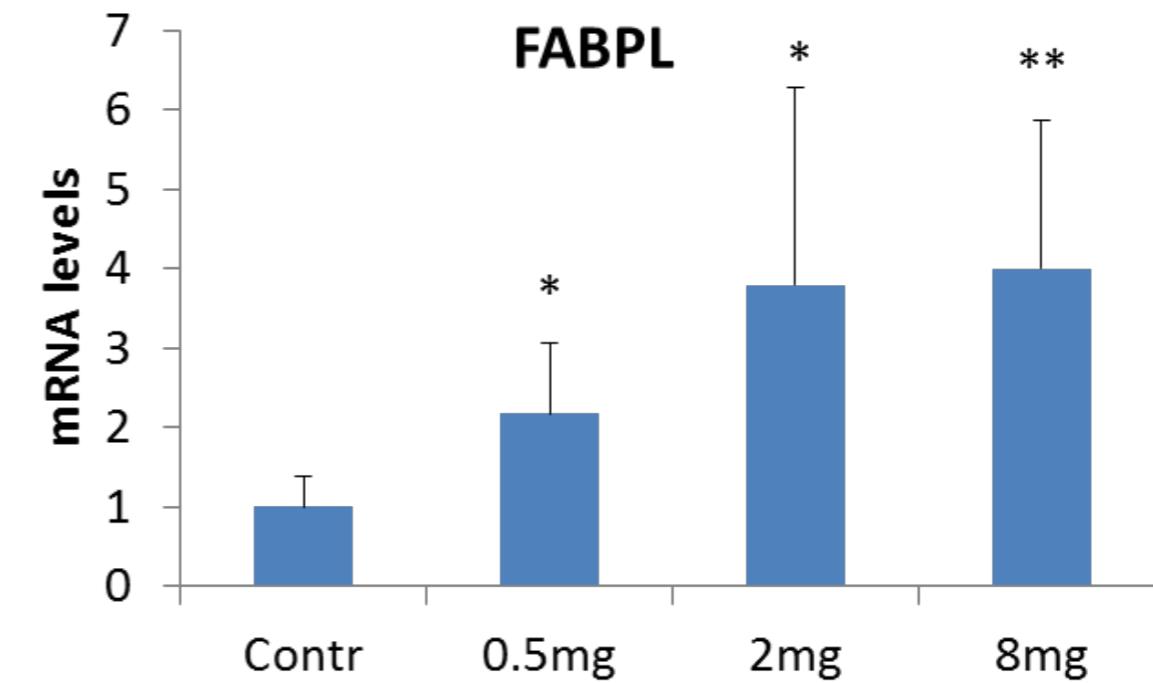
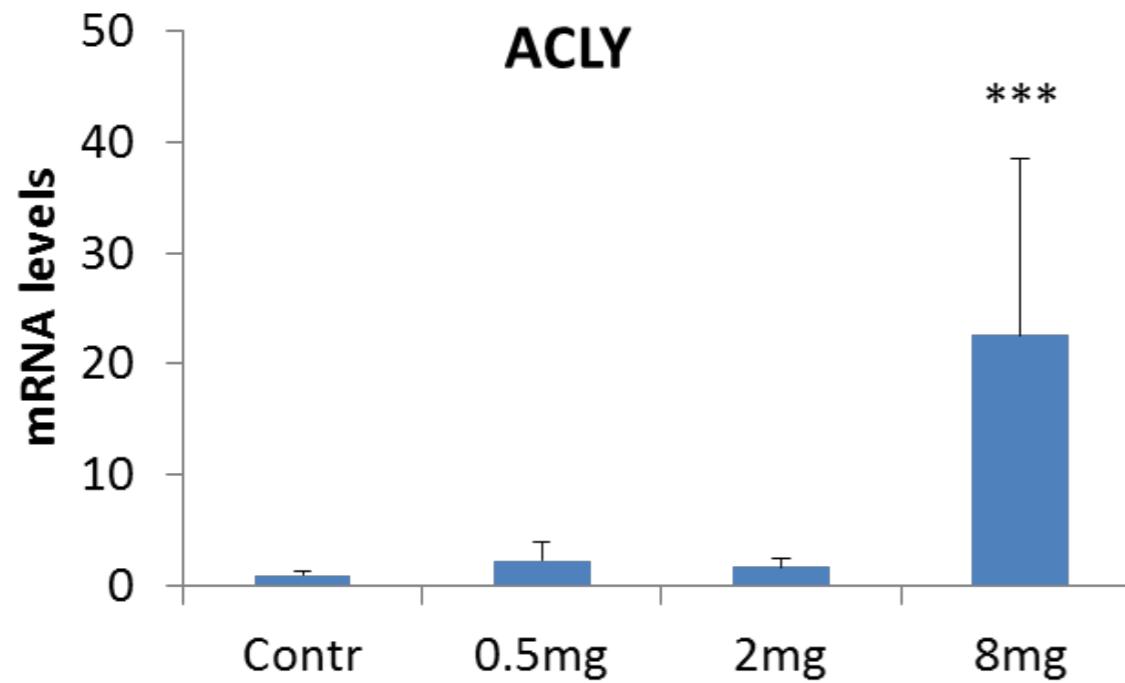
# SCAP/SREBP Transcriptional Control of Cholesterol and FA Biosynthesis (GeneGo map, p = 2.4e-7)

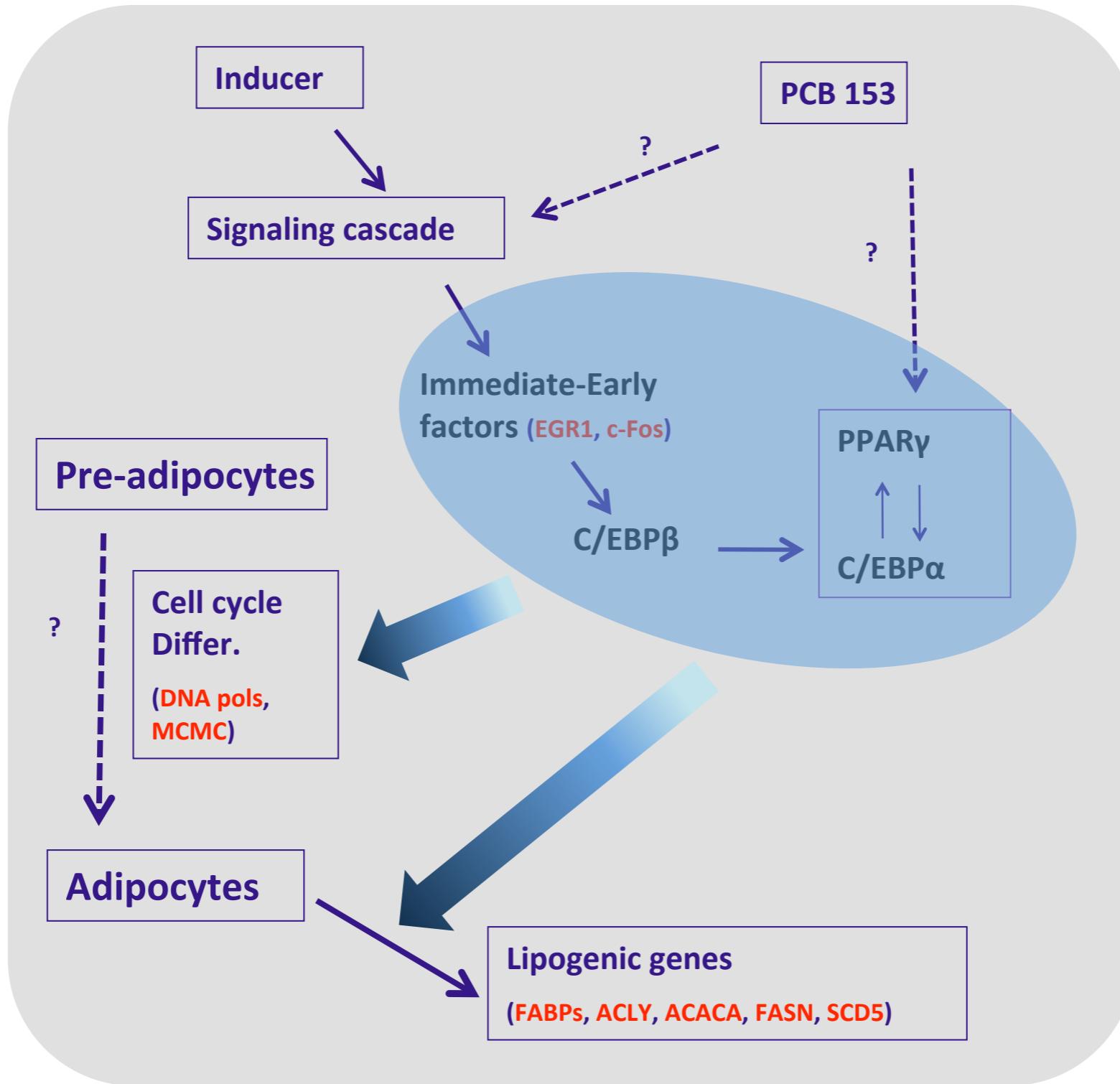


# Cell cycle\_Start of DNA replication in early S phase (GeneGo map, p = 2.2e-3)



# qPCR: Lipogenic genes





# Summary of major pathways affected by PCB153

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Lipid metabolism



DNA metabolism and Cell cycle



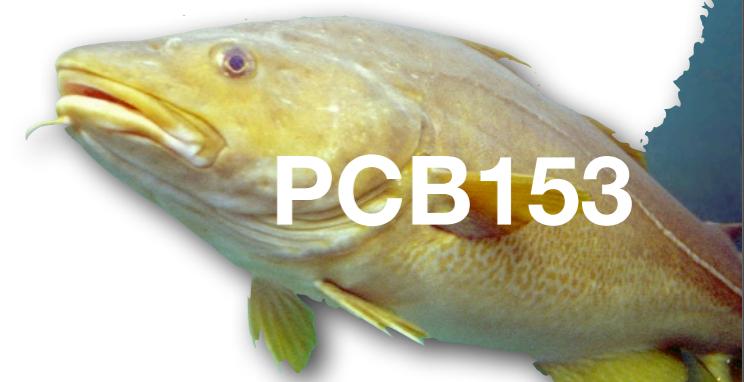
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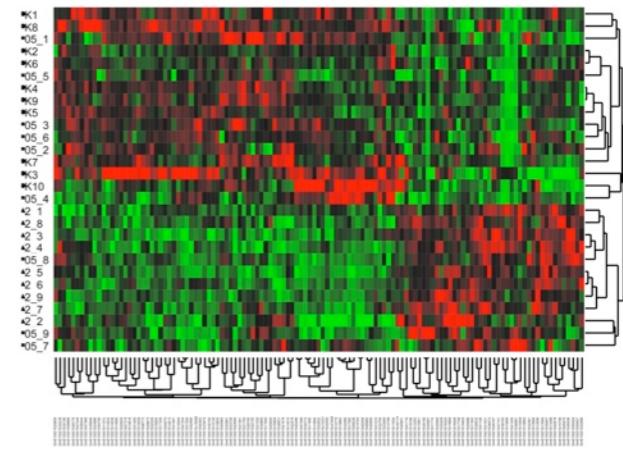
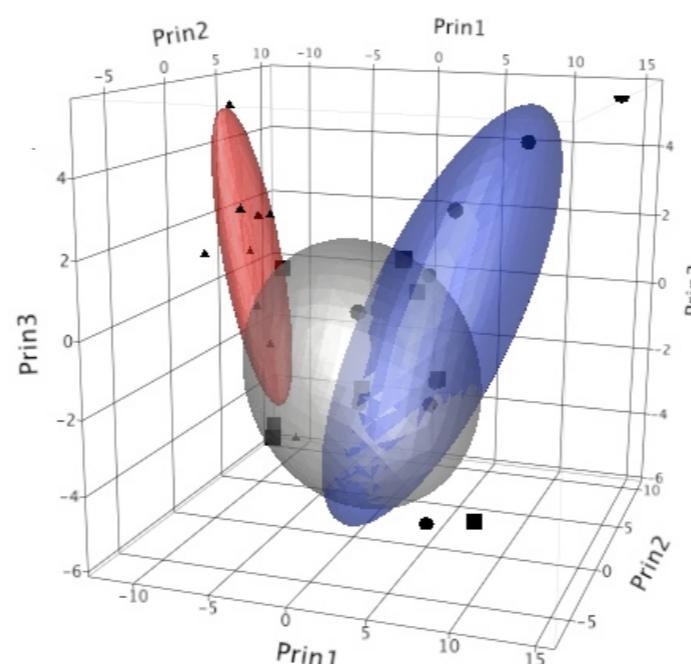
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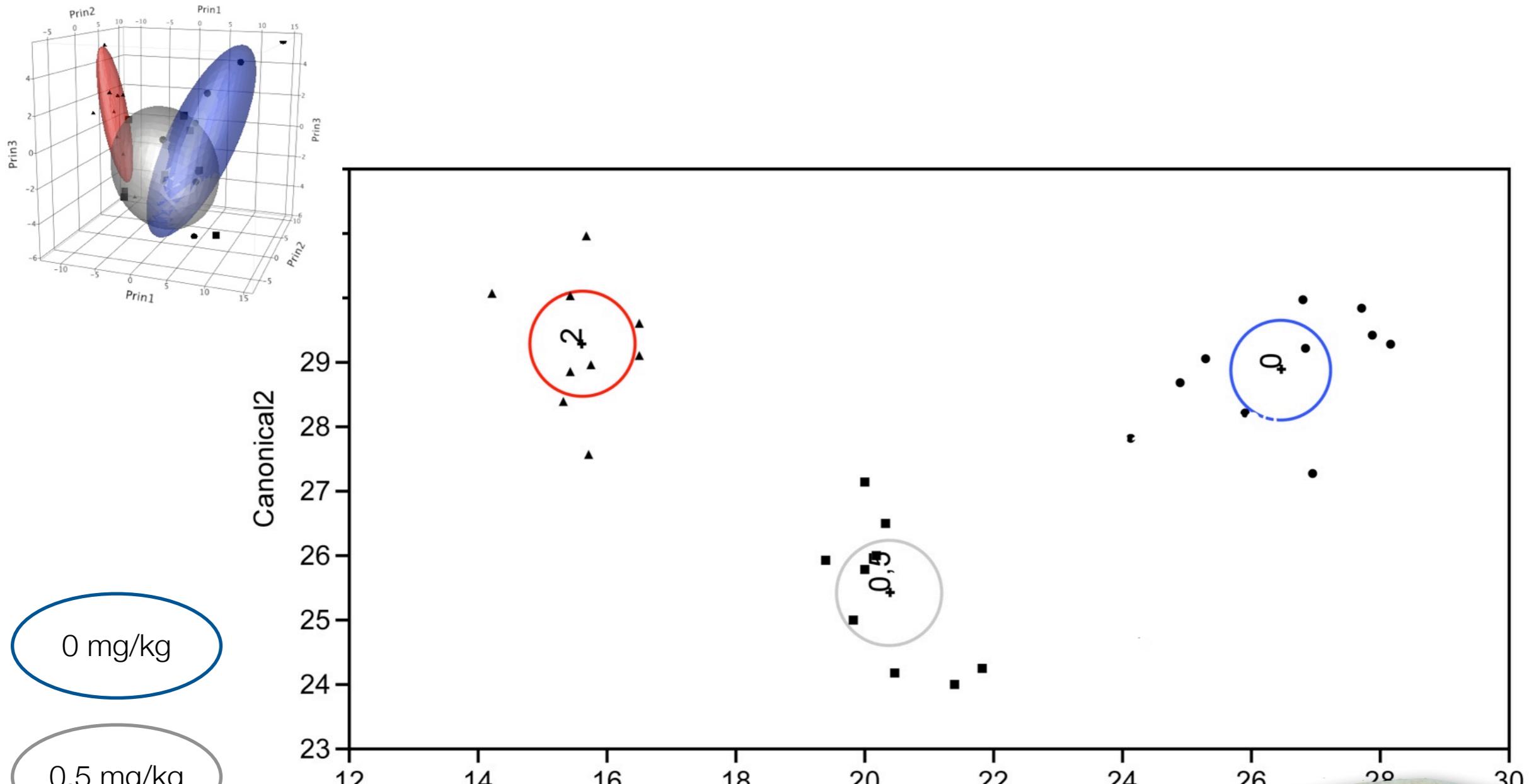
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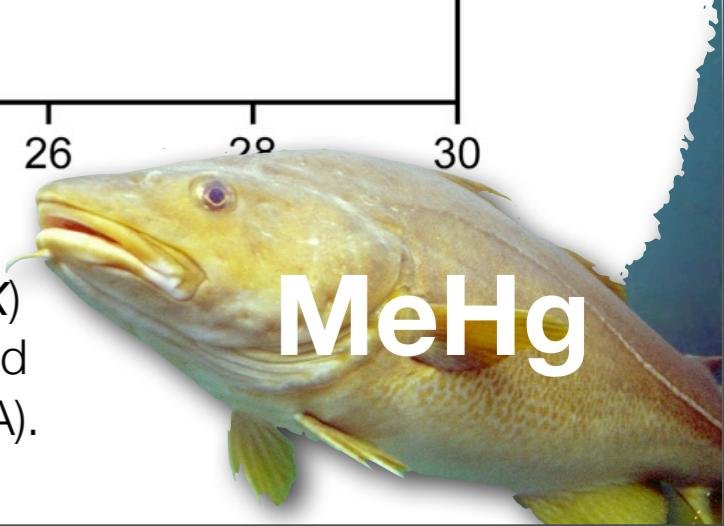
# How can omics results be used for biomarker development?



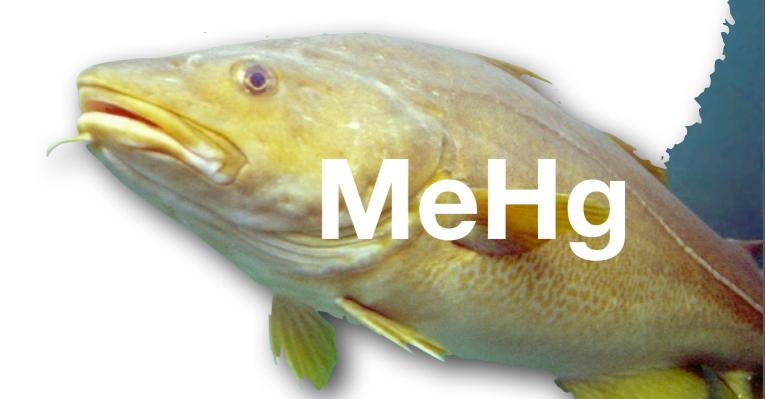
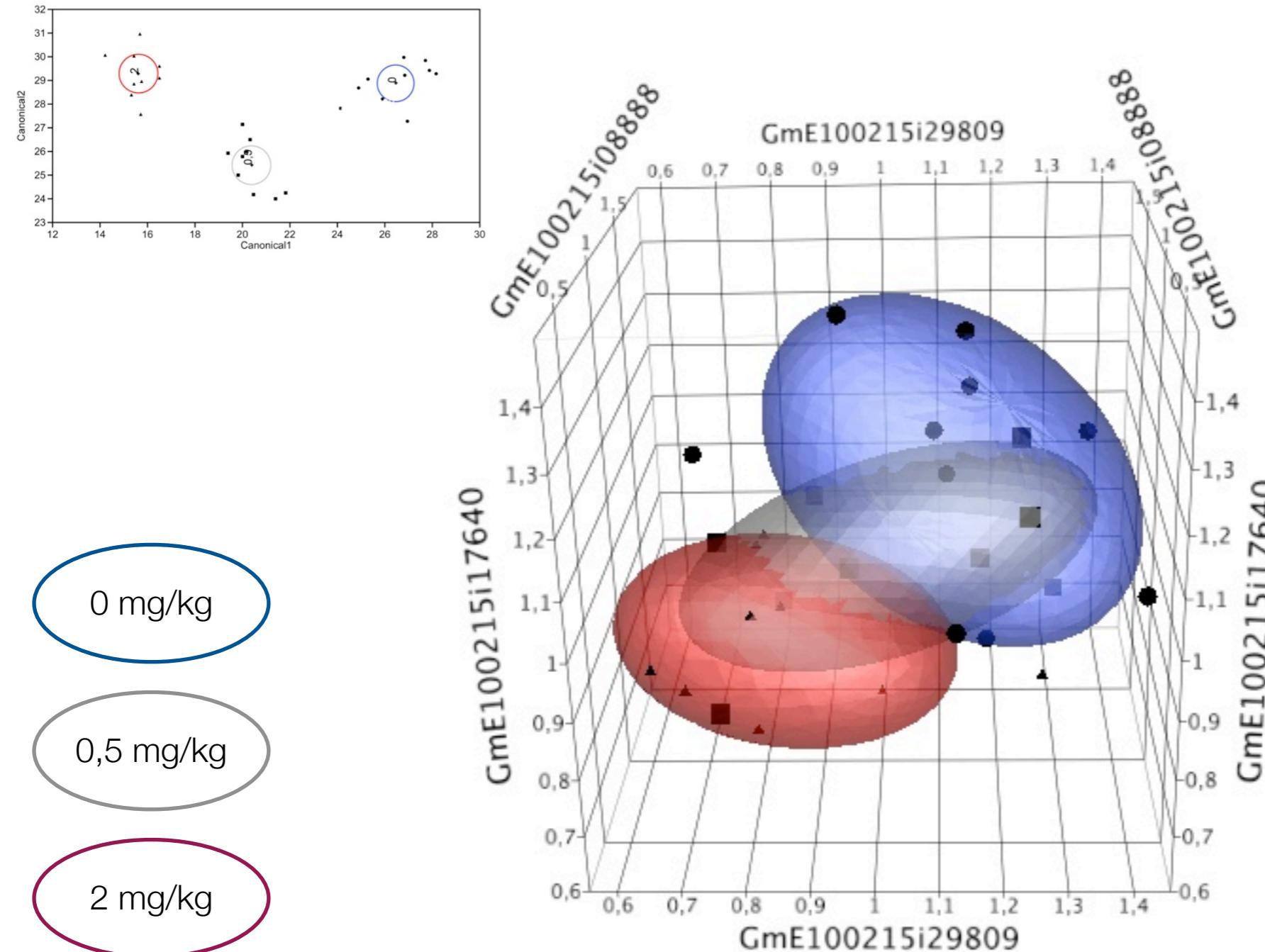
# MeHg/Proteomics: Discriminant analysis for biomarker discovery



Discriminant Analysis seeks to find a way to predict a classification ( $X$ ) variable based on known continuous responses ( $Y$ ). It can be regarded as inverse prediction from a multivariate analysis of variance (MANOVA).  
(JMP v. 7.0.2, SAS Institute)



# Discriminant-based biomarkers: does it work?



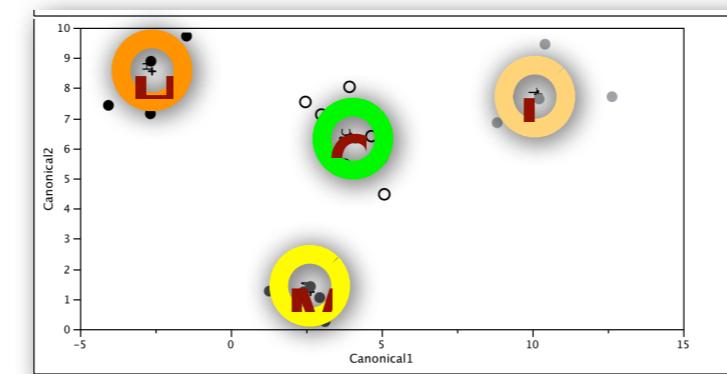
# Biomarkers identified by proteomics

- reflects effects of produced water with high sensitivity



# Biomarker verification: Stable isotope dilution multiple reaction monitoring (SID-MRM)

Candidate Proteins



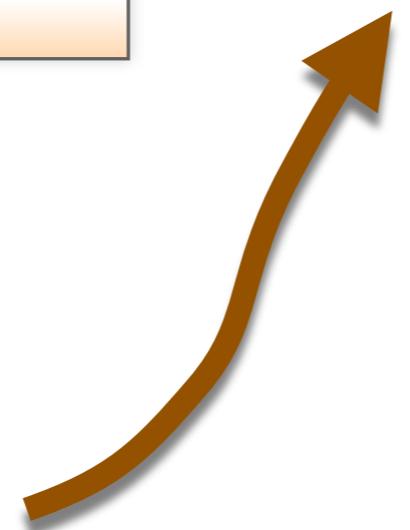
Define "Signature peptides"  
for protein candidates



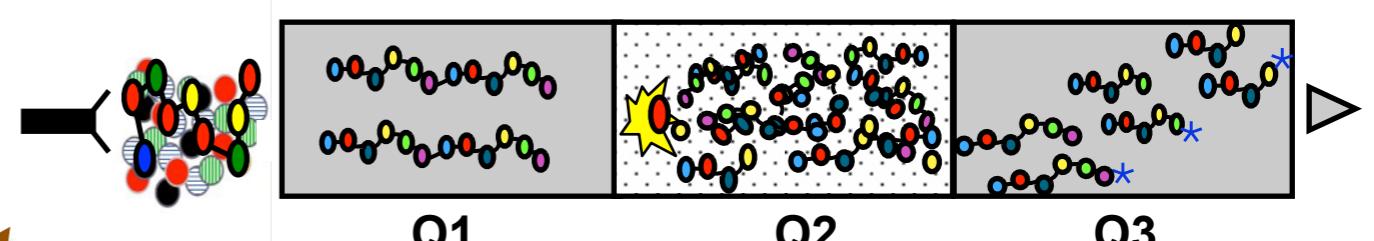
Synthesize "heavy" isotope labeled  
internal standards

Spike "heavy"  
Internal stnd.  
peptides

Endogenous  
"light" peptides

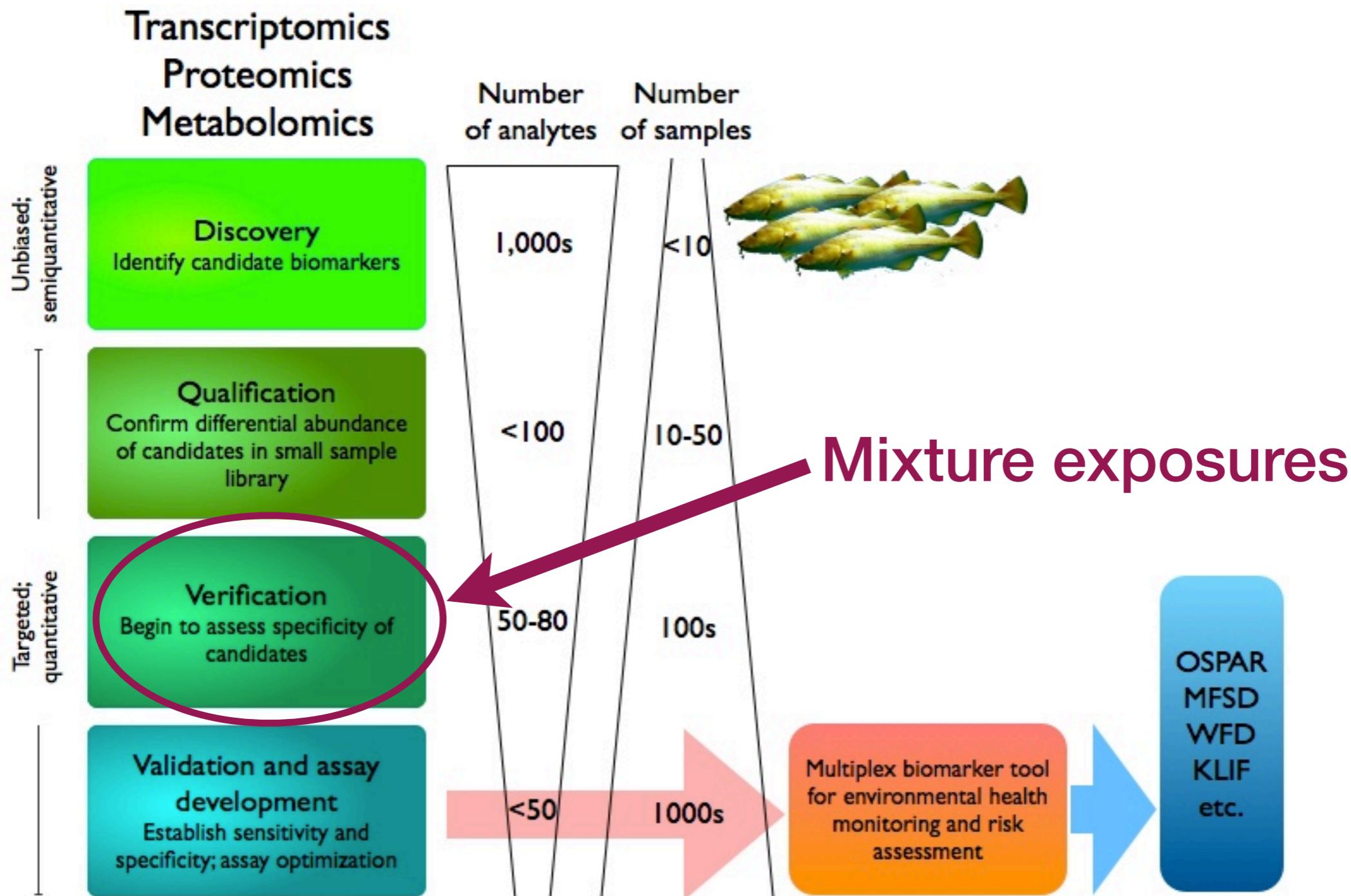


**MRM-MS**



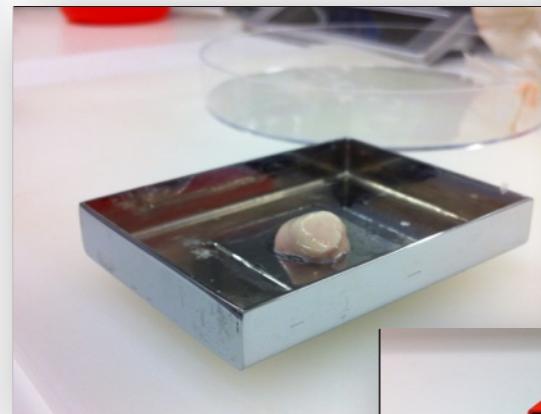
Ratio "light" peptide  
to "heavy" peptide

# Where next? iCod 2.0



based on Rifai et al. Nature Biotech (2006)

# Procedure for cod liver slice preparation



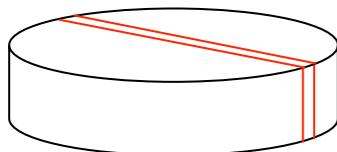
Cultivation media:

- Leibovitz 15
- 10% FBS
- 1% antibiotica

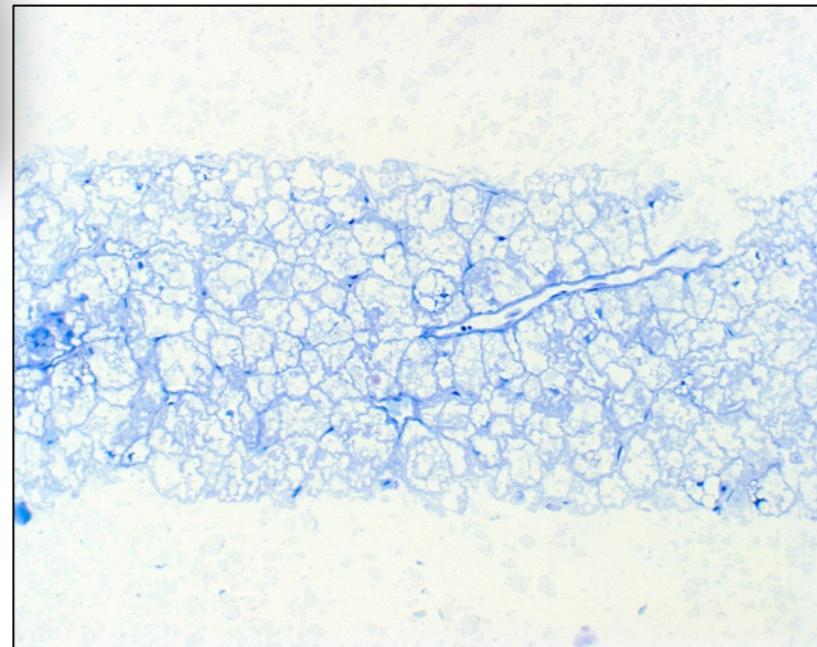
Søfteland et al. 2010

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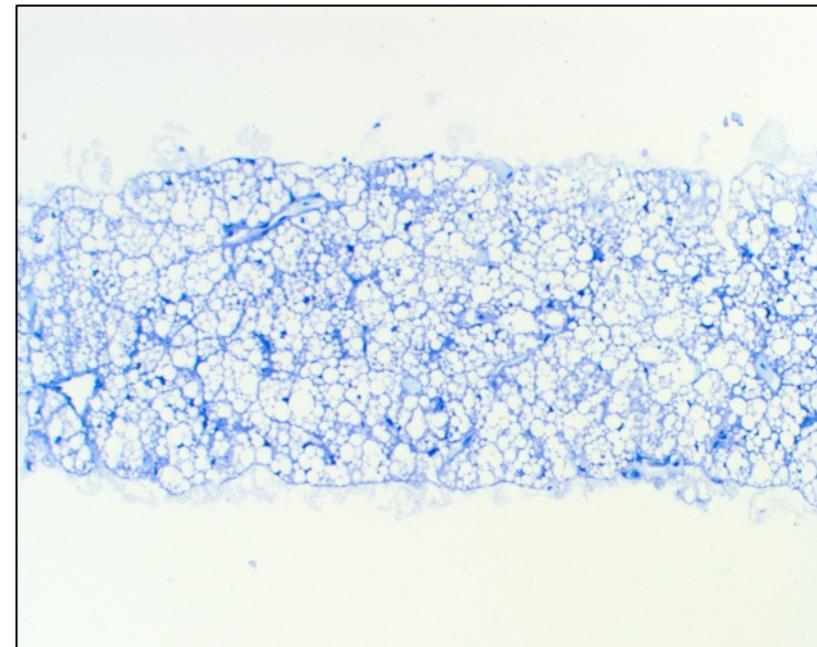
# Histology of cod liver slices



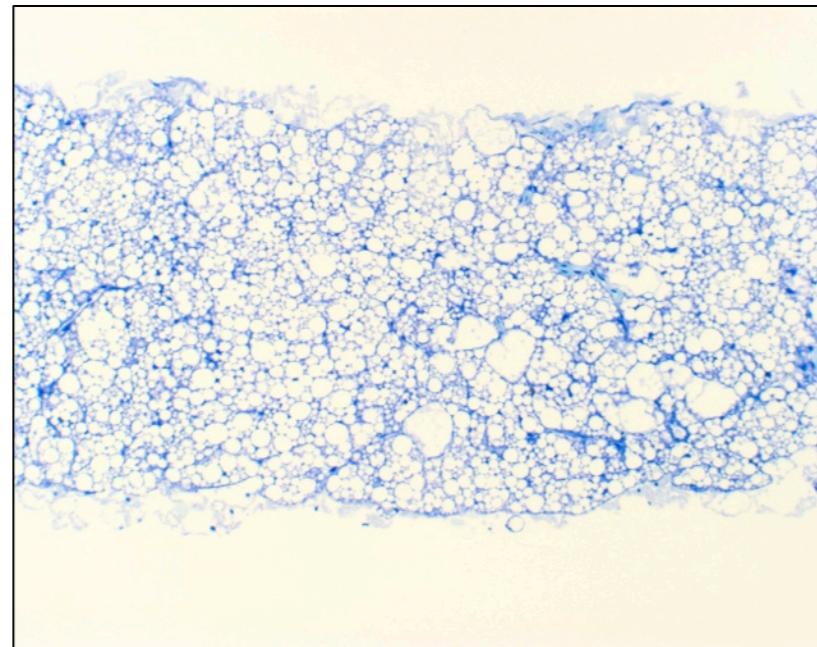
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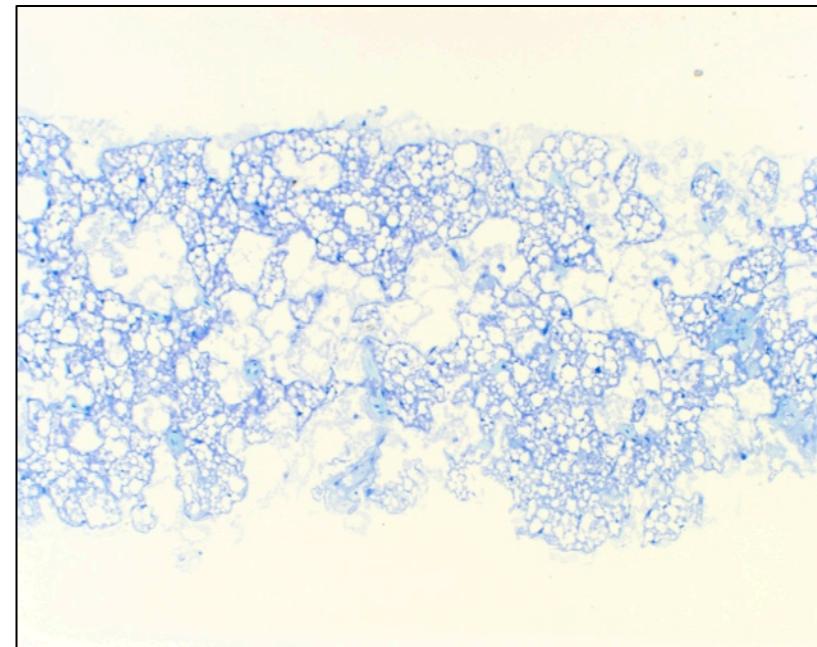
24 h



48 h



72 h

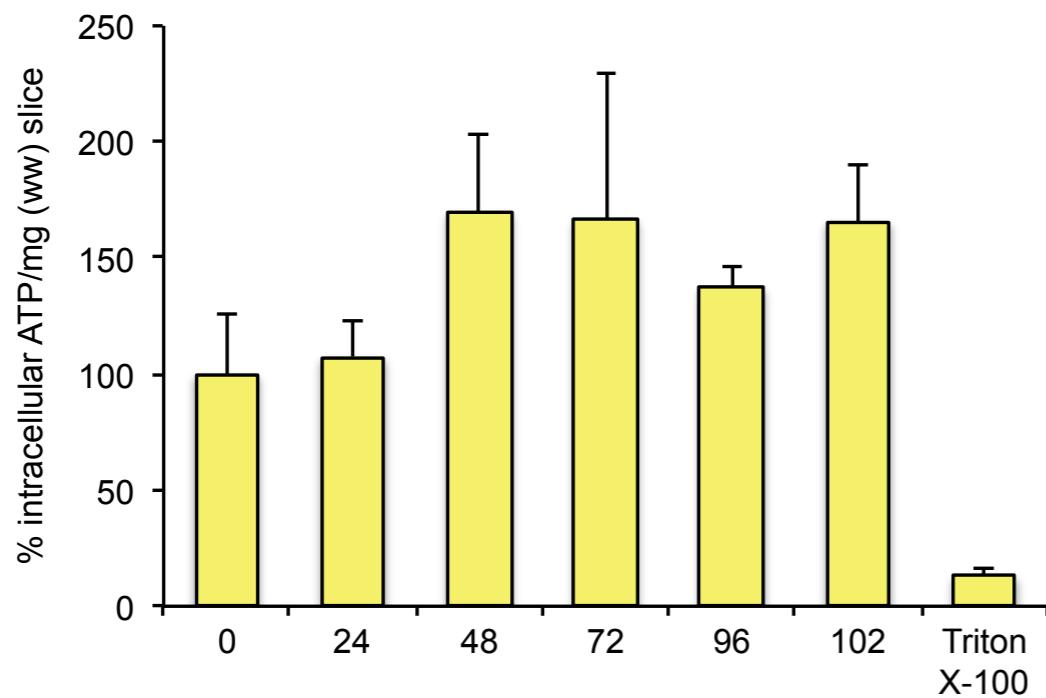


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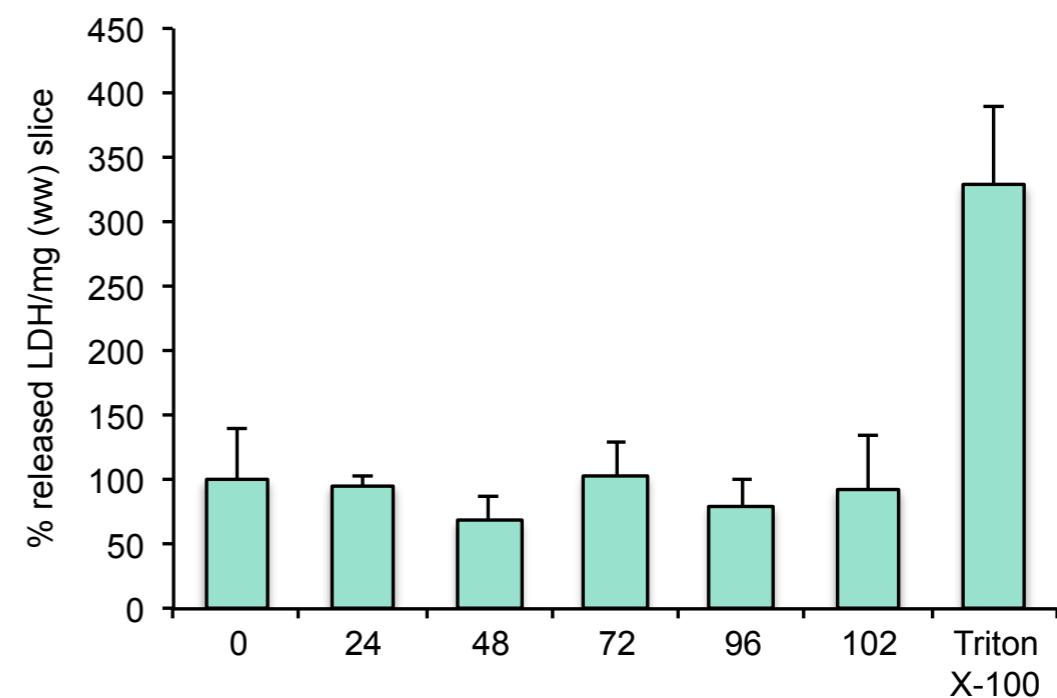
# Viability of cod liver slices



ATP



LDH

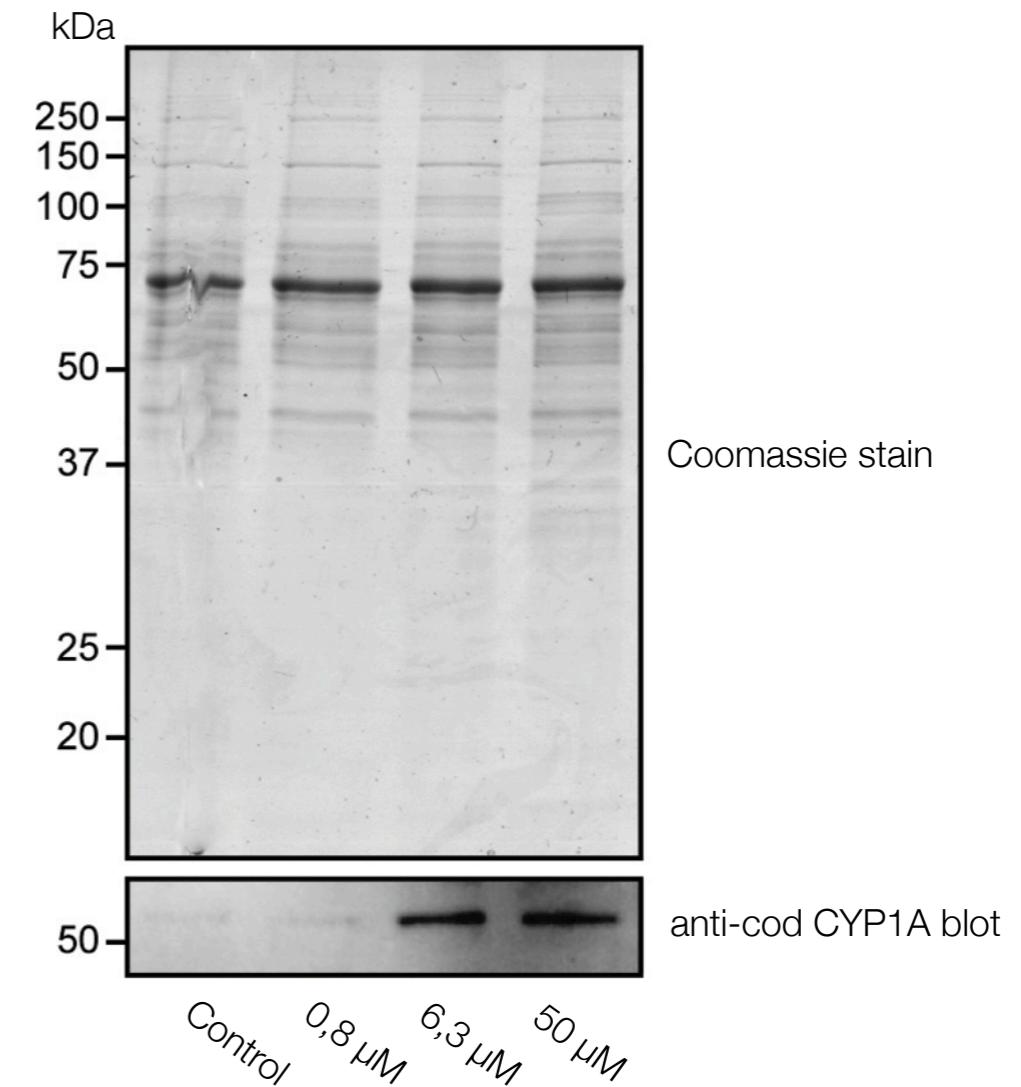
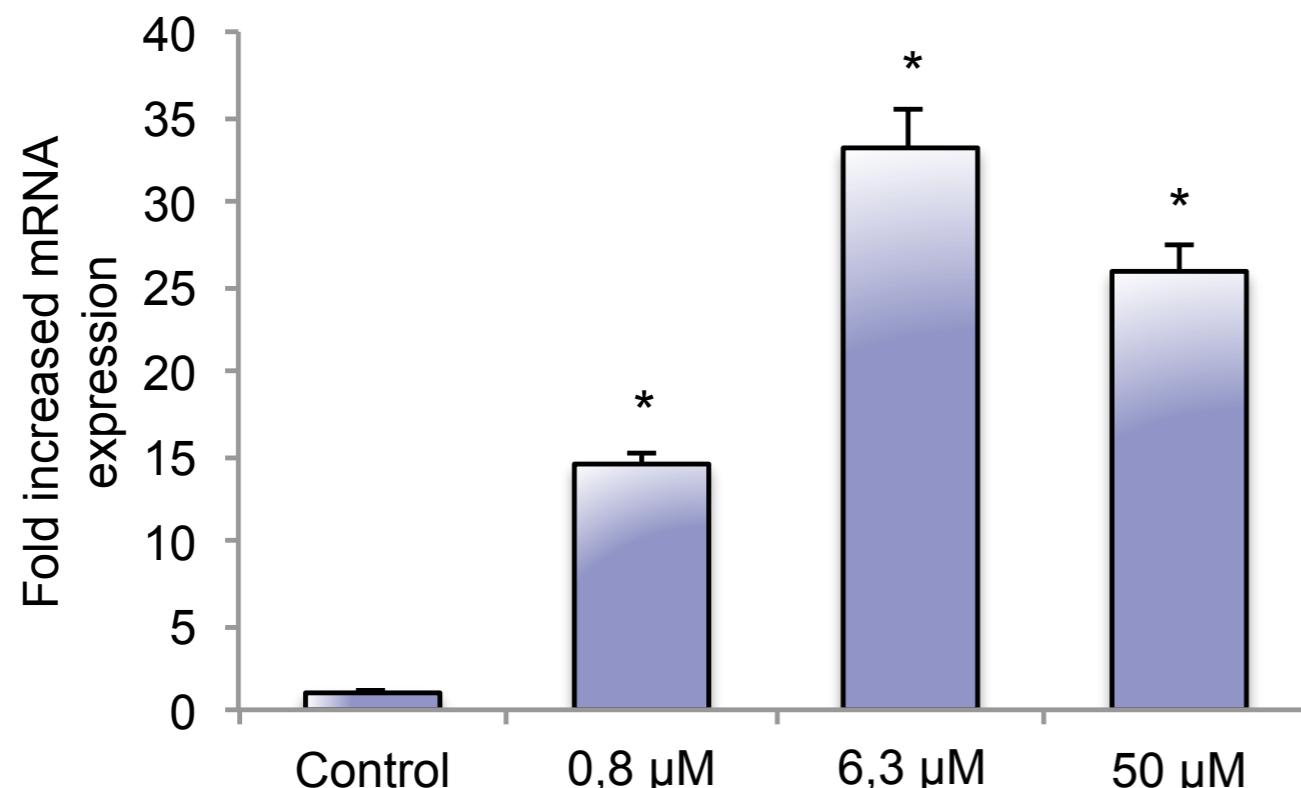


Levels of lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) released from obtained slices (A) and adenosine triphosphate (ATP) within the slices (B), measured with the commercial kits Cytotoxicity Detection LDH Plus Kit (Roche) and ATP Lite 1Step (Perkin Elmer), respectively. Values compared to fresh (1 h) slices. Exposure to 0.5% Triton X-100 at 72-120 h serves as control for cell death. Statistical analyses performed with Student's t-test, n = 3, \*\* indicating p < 0.01, \* p < 0.05.

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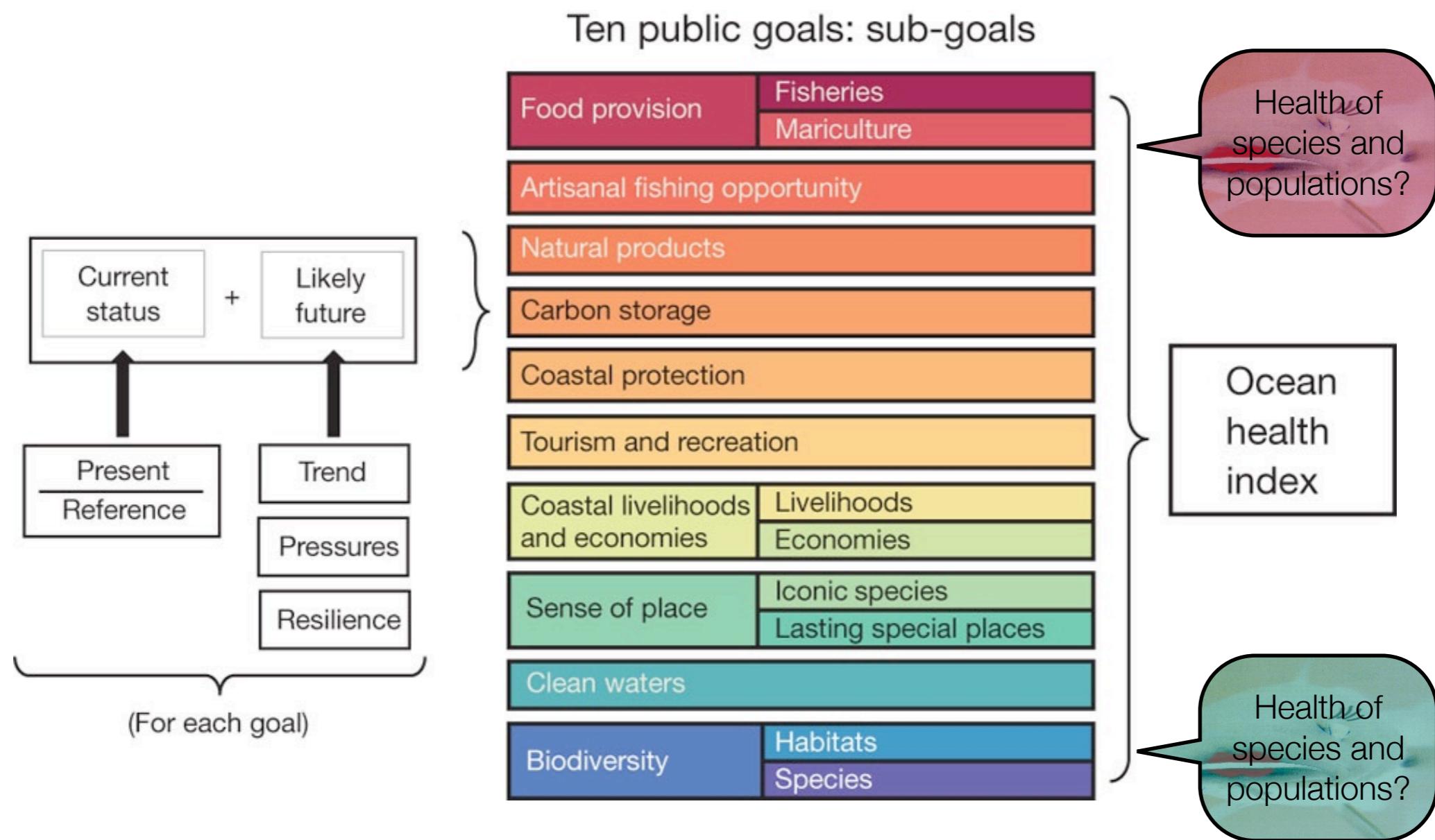
# Cod liver slice culture: Initial exposure studies

Increased CYP1A1 transcription and translation following 24 h exposure to  $\beta$ -naftophlavone



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