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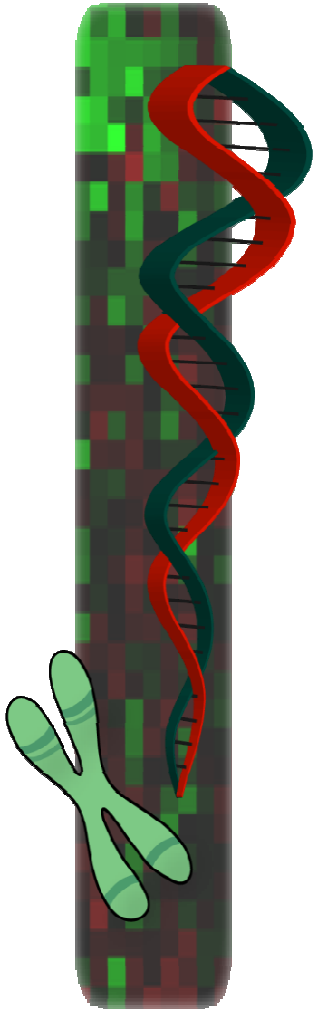
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'OMICS APPROACHES TO MAMMALIAN CELL METABOLIC ENGINEERING

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Chinese hamster ovary cells are a widely used protein production host because....

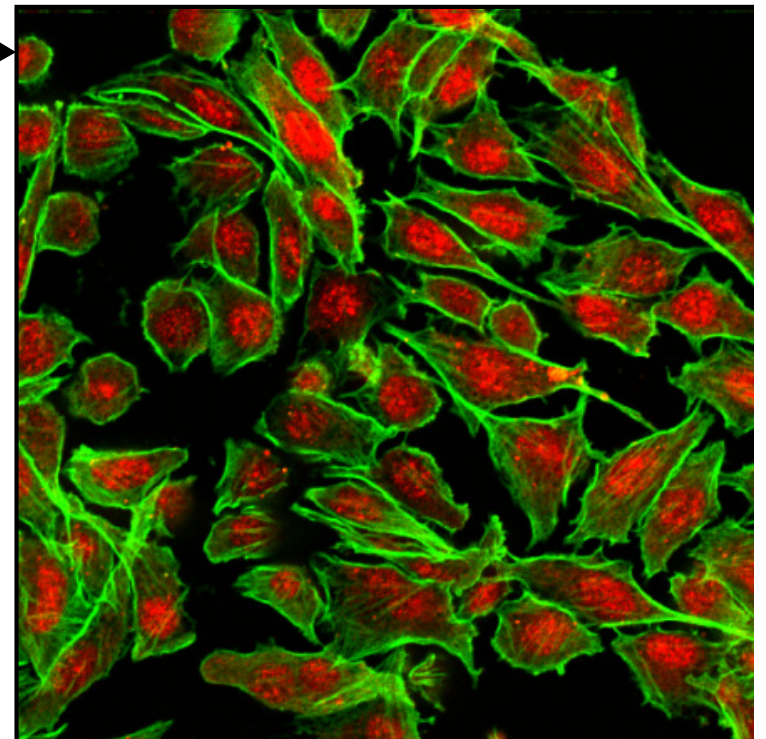
- **Glycosylation patterns accepted by human immune system**
- **High production efficiency**
- **Growth to large scales in bioreactors**
- **Resistance to viral infection**

First Step:
Decipher the Chinese Hamster Ovary Genome

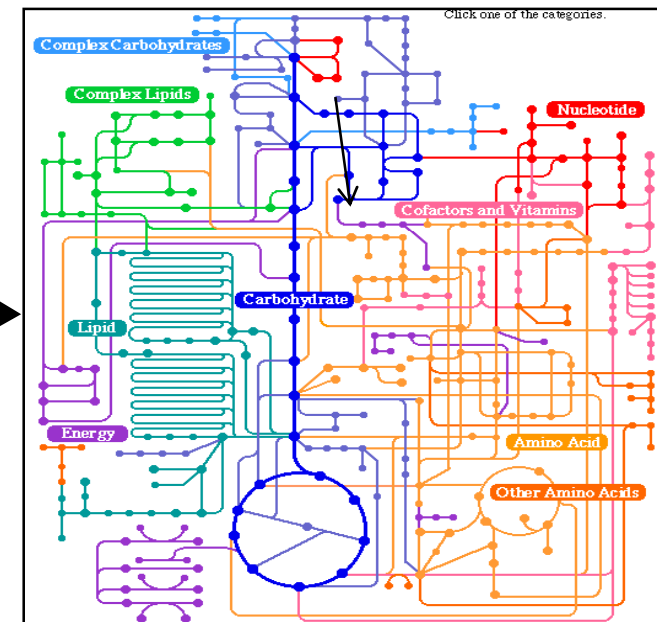
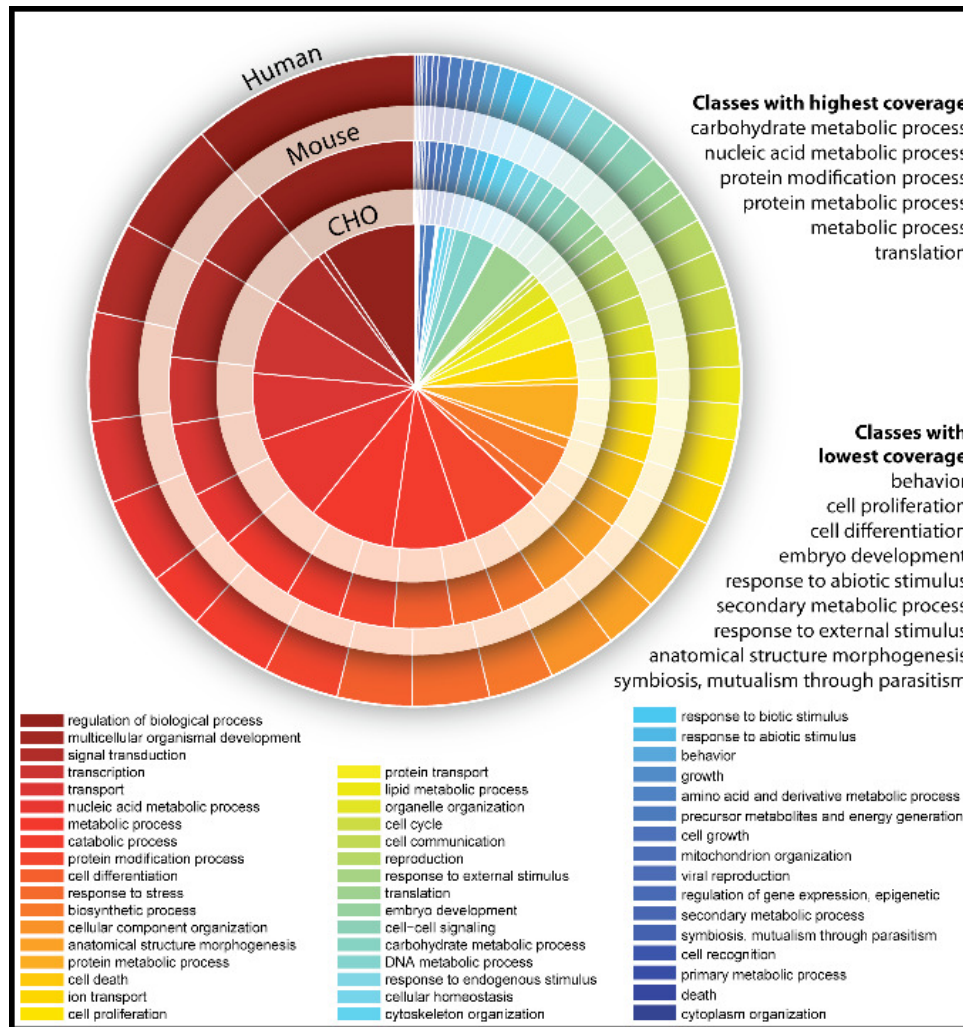


Chinese Hamster

Chinese Hamster Ovary
(CHO) Cells

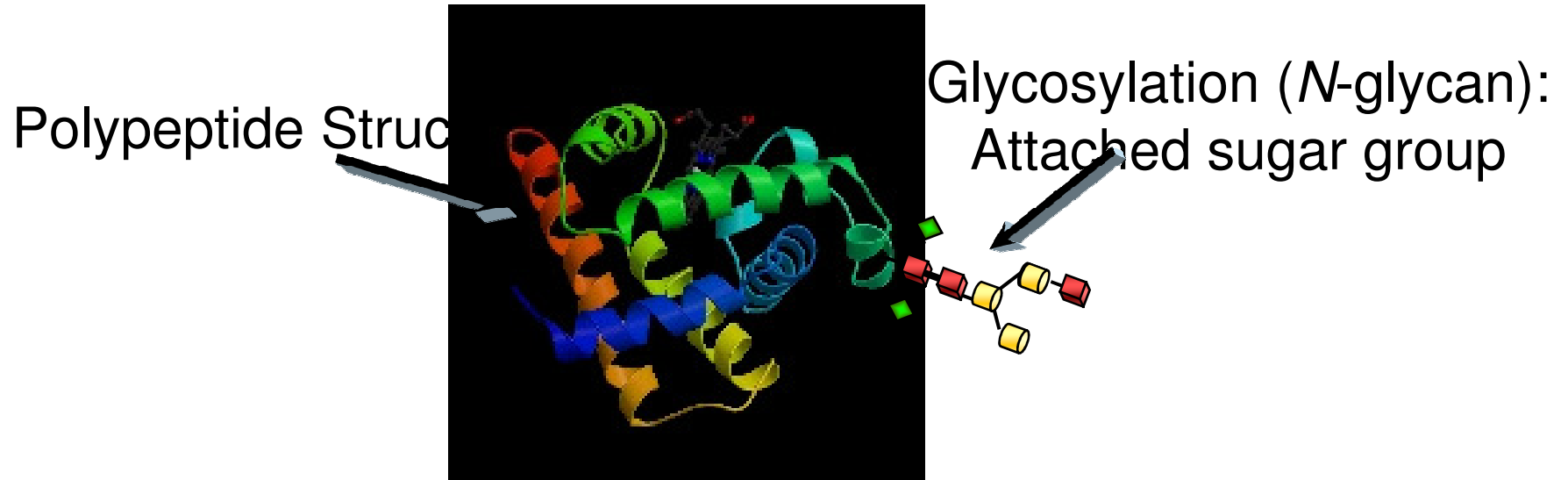


Analysis and Application of Gene Function in Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO)



Metabolic Reconstructions
w/ B. Palsson Group

Post-translational Processing: The Addition of Sugars Chains etc. to Proteins



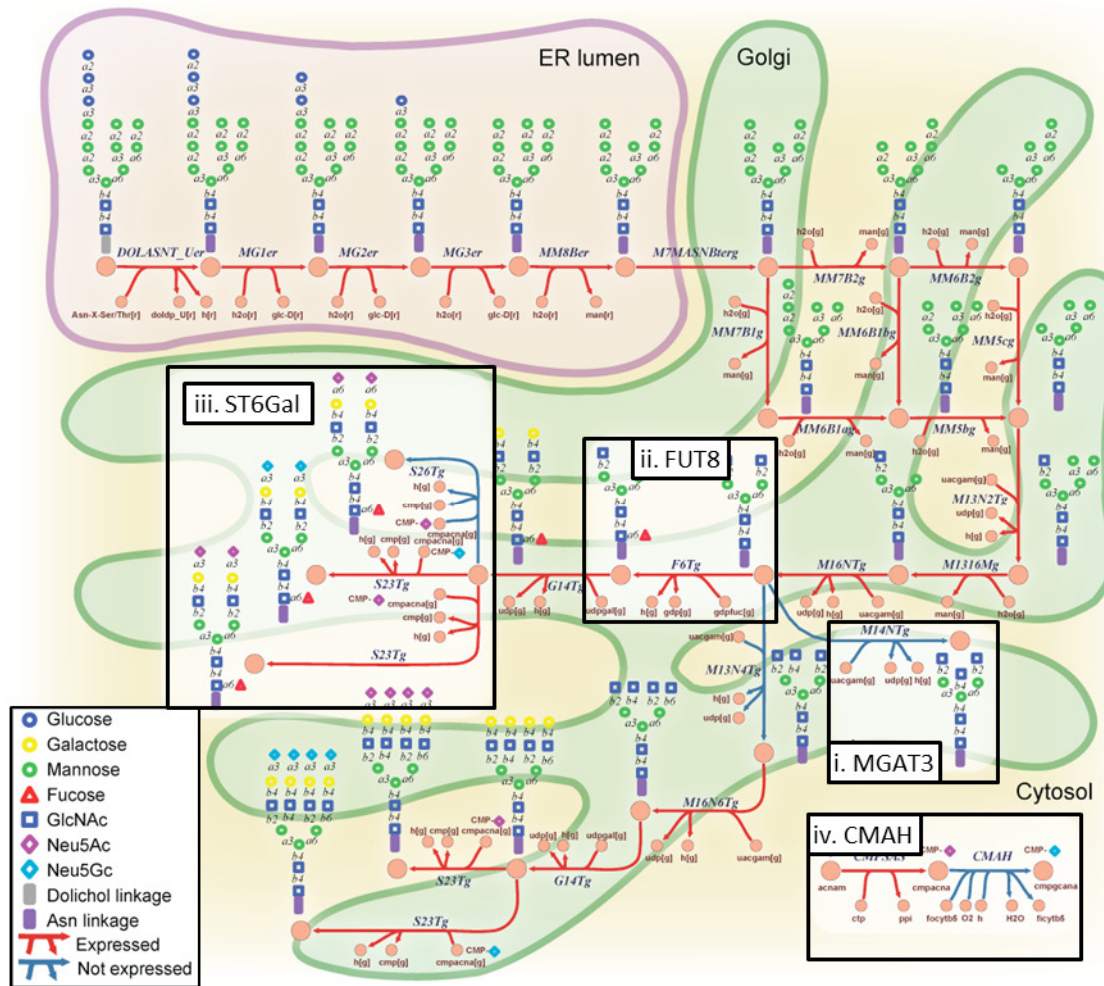
Biotherapeutics are Glycoproteins

- *Polypeptide chain of amino acids

- *Attached sugar (glycan) chains: glycosylation



CHO N-linked Glycosylation Pathways



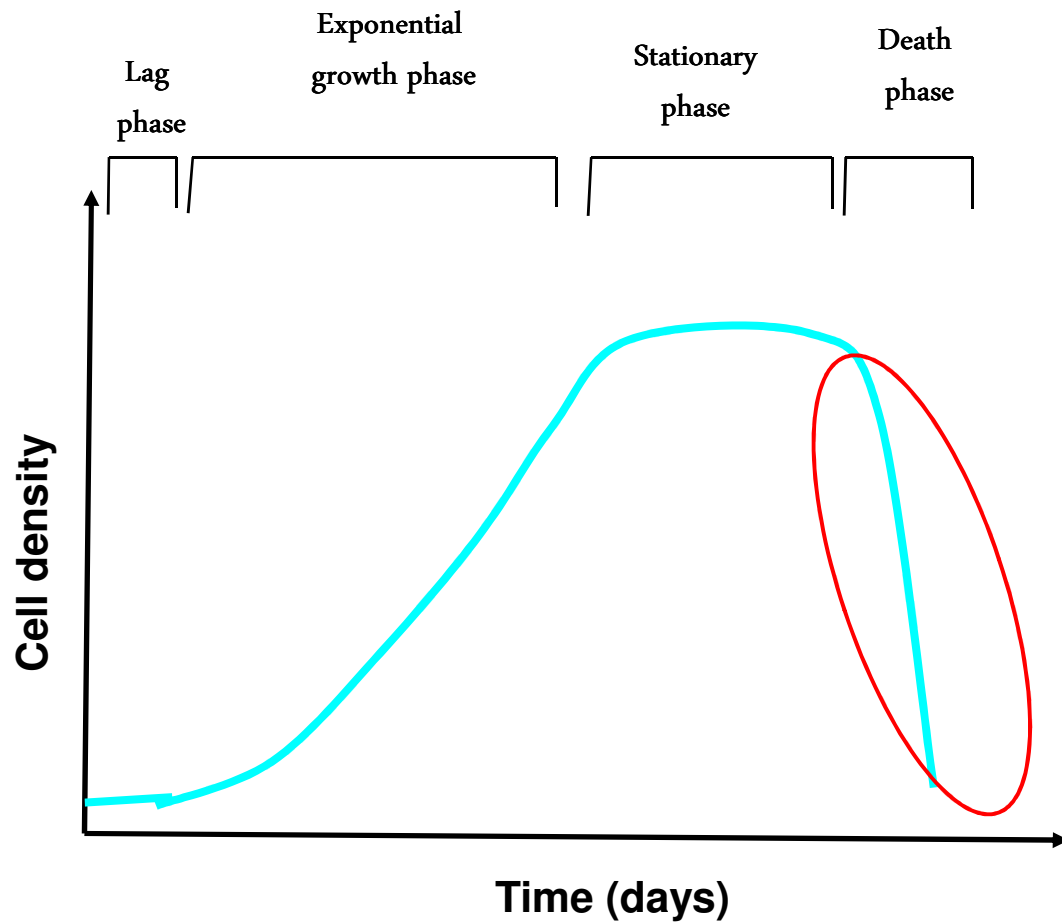
Sialylation
 $\alpha(2,6)$ linkage possible
 Not expressed.

Only fucosyltransferases
 FUT8 and O-FUT

Bisecting ($\beta 4$) GlcNAc
 LEC10 gain of function

Neu5Ac- \rightarrow Neu5Gc
 No expression,
 lower Neu5Gc less
 immunogenic
 response in humans.

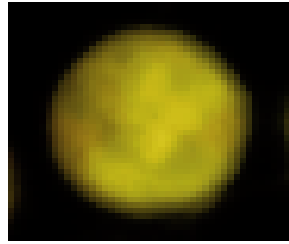
Can We Prevent Death Phase in Cell Culture?



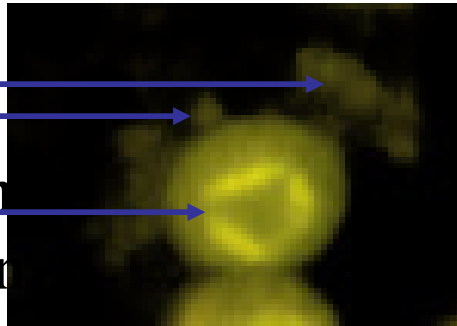
Death phase: number of viable (living cells) in the stationary phase culture decreases due to cell death

Apoptotic Detection Examples

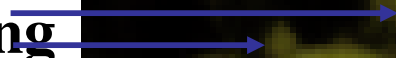
Healthy Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO) cell



Apoptotic CHO cell



Blebbing

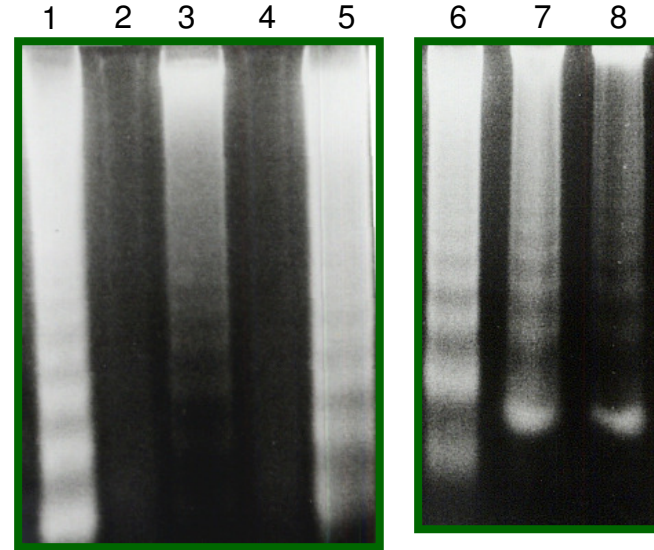


Chromatin



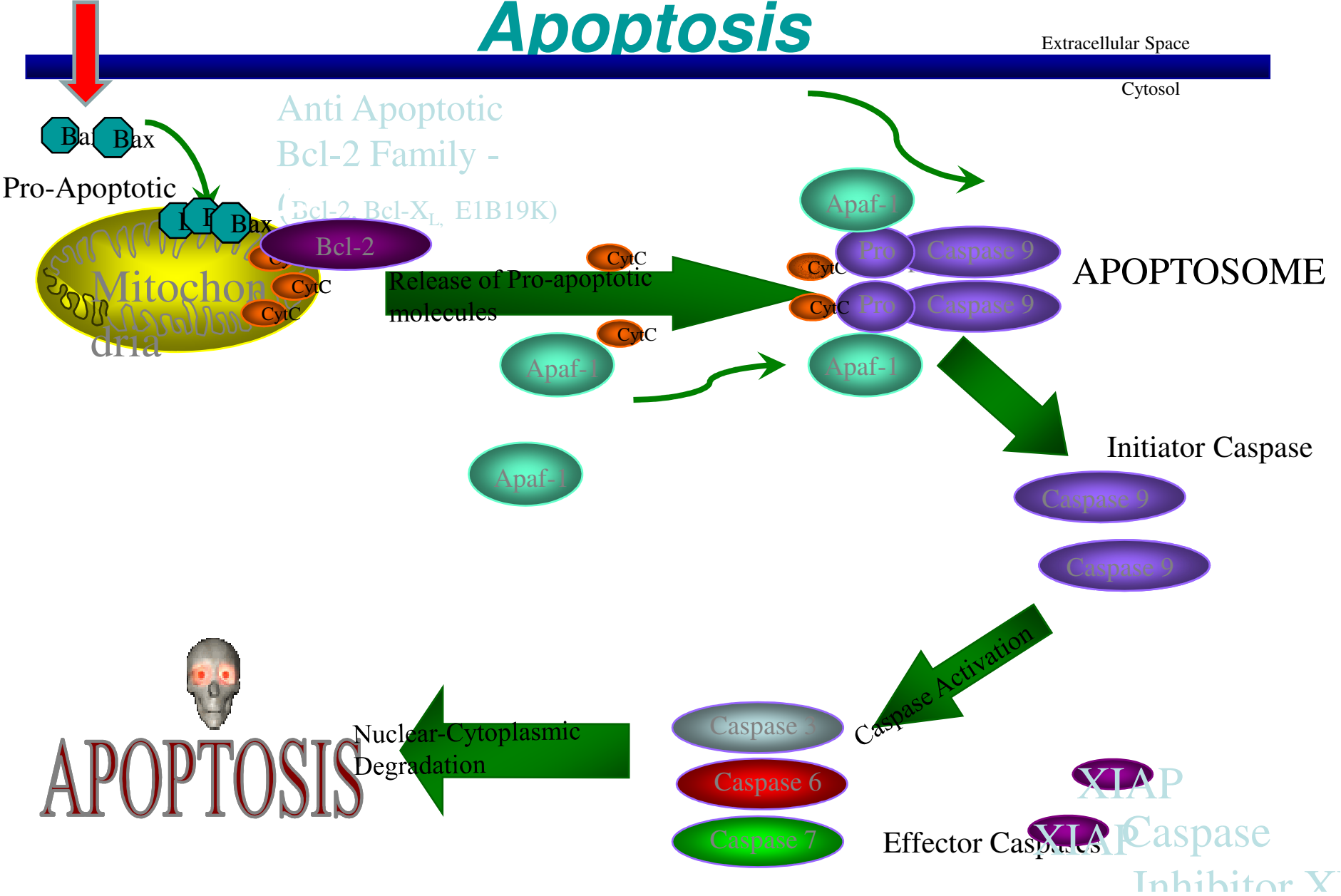
condensation

Acridine Orange Staining

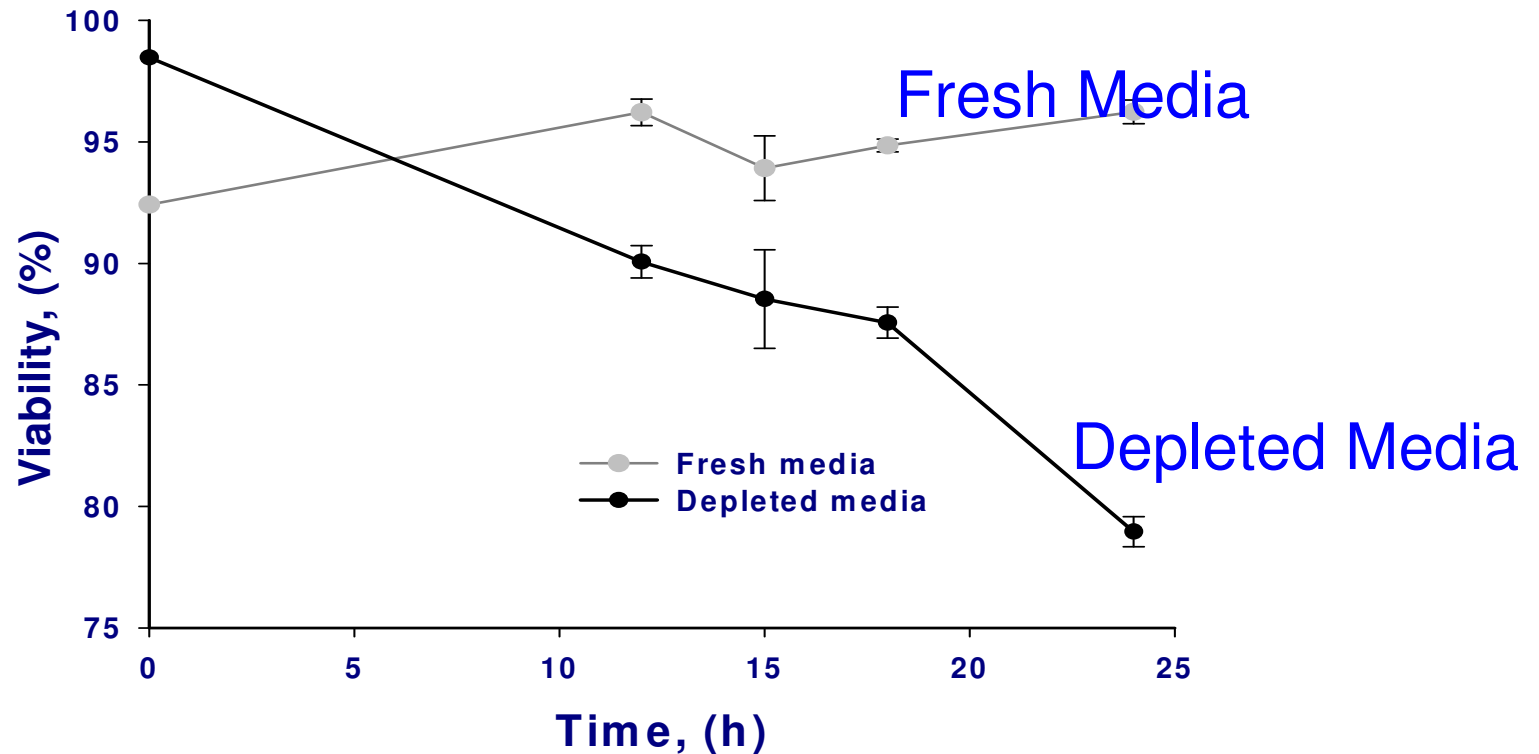


CHO cells (3 and 7) and
Baby Hamster Kidney (BHK)
(5 and 8) undergo DNA fragmentation

Does Nutrient Depletion Stimulate Apoptosis



Comparison of Cell Viability in Depleted (Spent) and Nutrient Rich (Fresh) Media

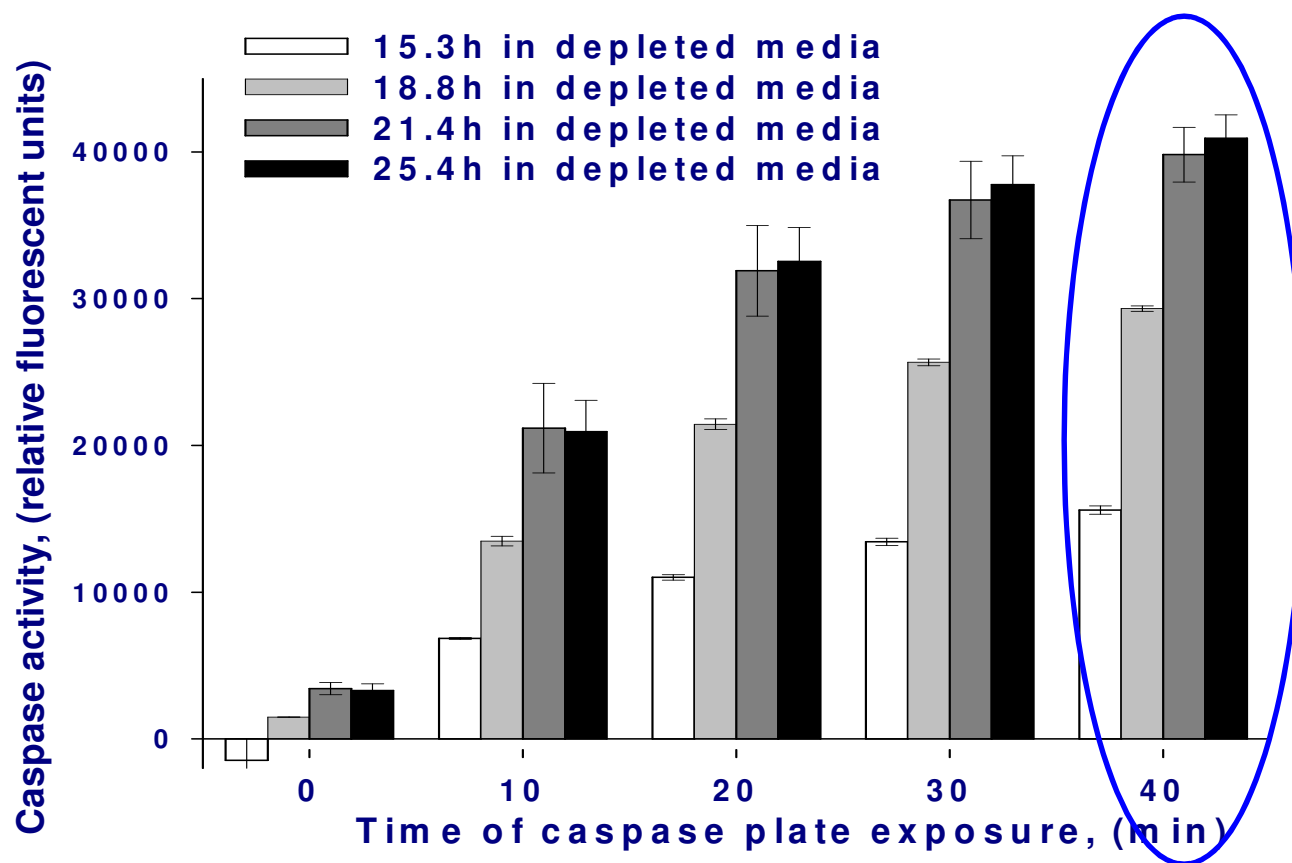


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Rapid decline (hours) of cell viability for cells Resuspended in spent media

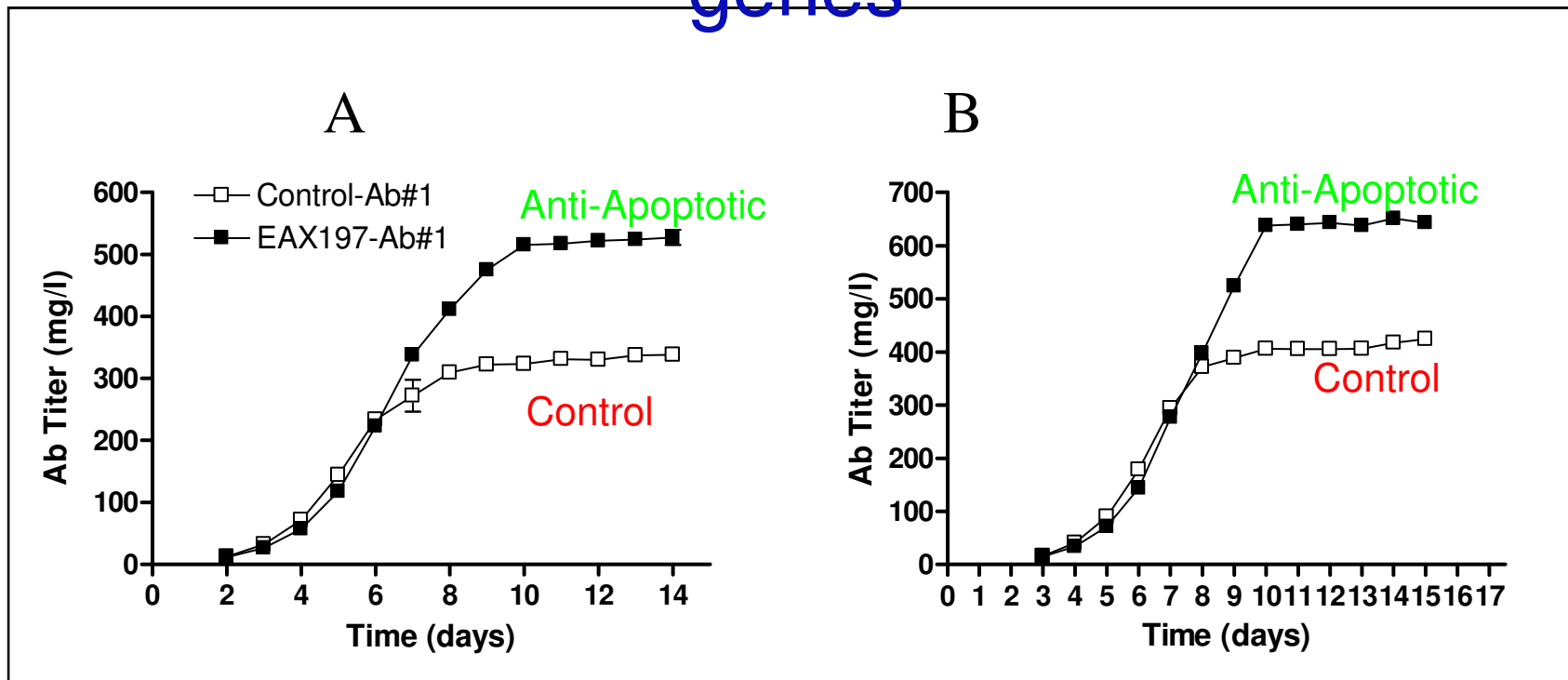
Are CHO Apoptosis Pathways activated in Depleted Media:

Media: Measurement of Caspase Activity



Caspase activity (apoptosis) increased for cells exposed for longer periods (20-25 hours) in depleted (spent) media

Higher Antibody Biotherapeutic Yields in Chinese hamster cells expressing anti-apoptotic genes



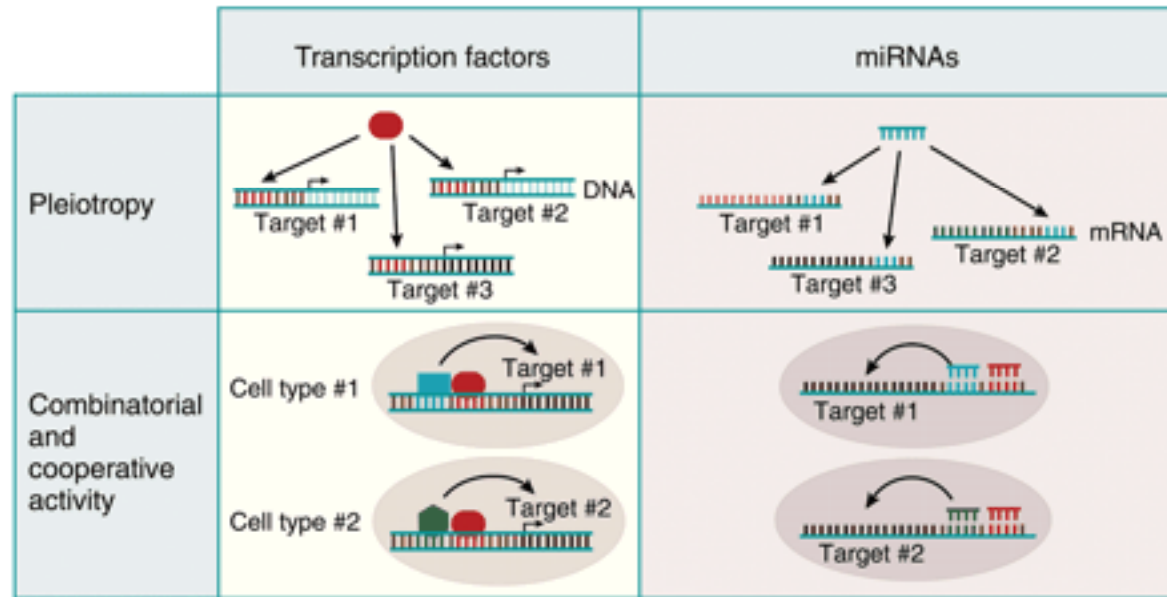
Dorai et al., Biotechnol. Bioeng.,

Question?

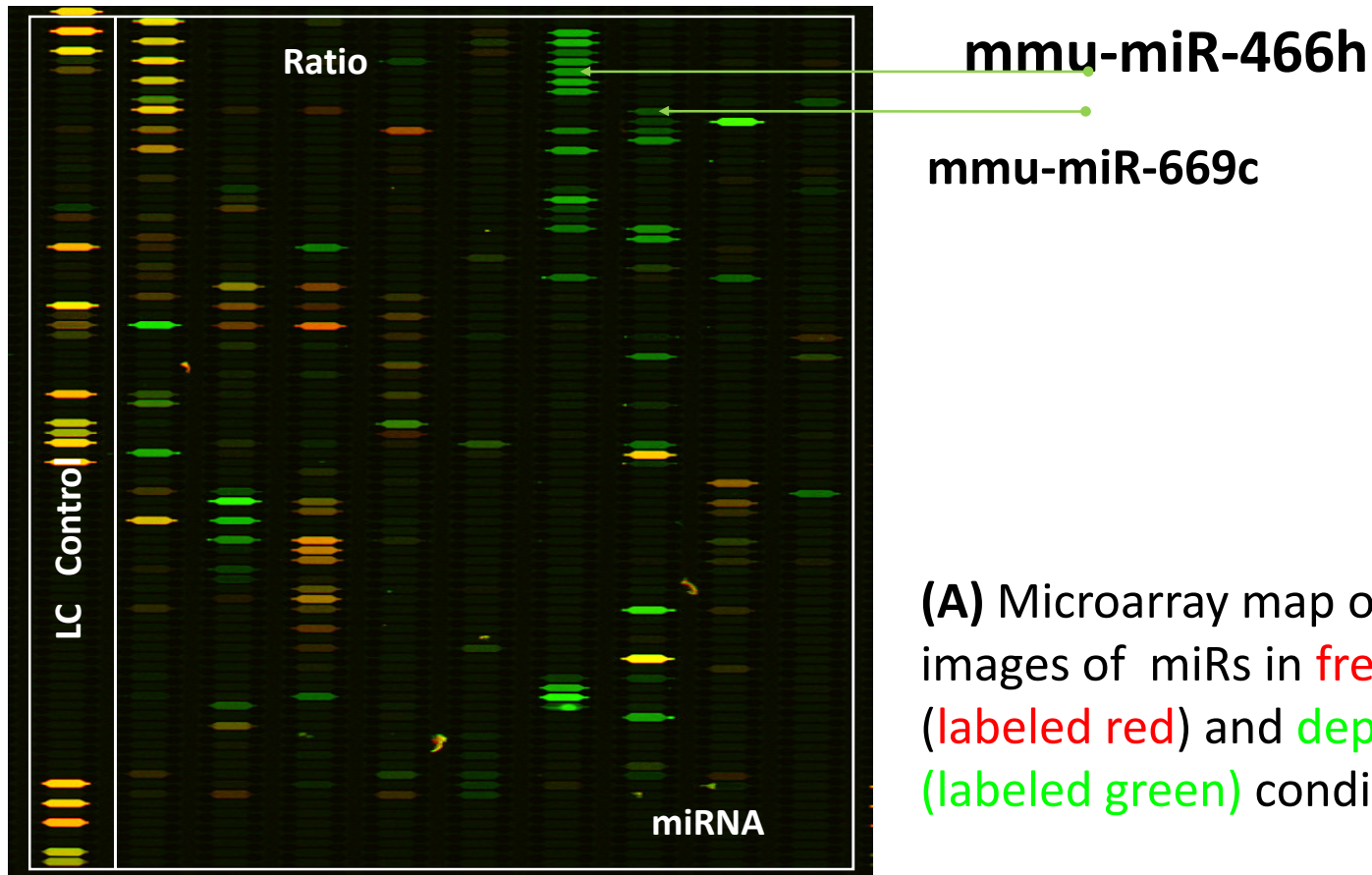


**Can we apply
'Omics approaches to help interpret
mammalian cell performance for biotechnology**

Are MicroRNAs involved in Regulating Apoptosis Cascade in Mammalian cells



Microarray Analysis of MicroRNA: Fresh and Depleted Media



(A) Microarray map of overlaid images of miRs in **fresh** (labeled red) and **depleted** (labeled green) conditions.

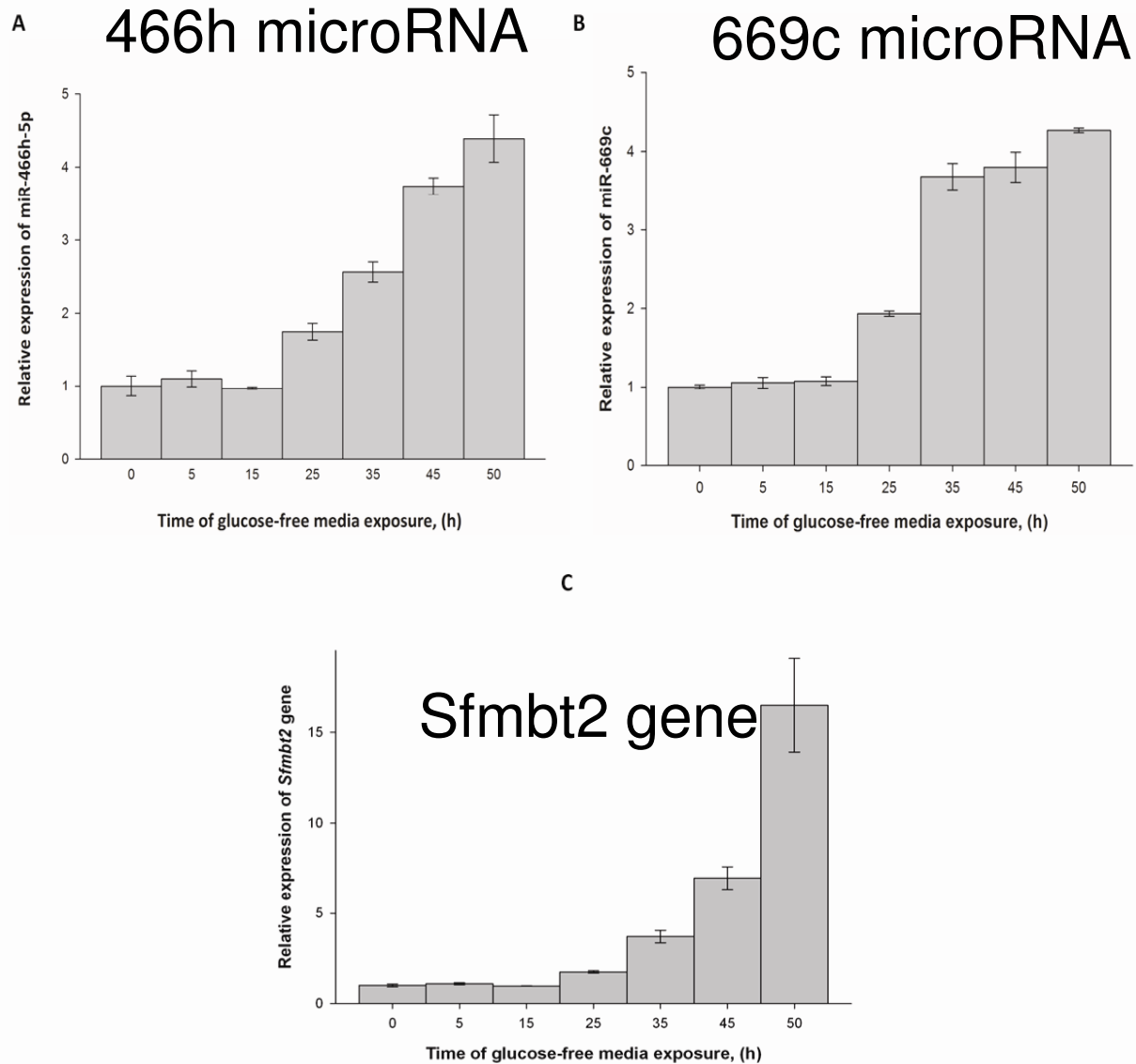
MicroRNAs including mouse (mmu) microRNA (mir)-466h and mmu-mir-669c upregulated in depleted media

Location of microRNAs within cluster

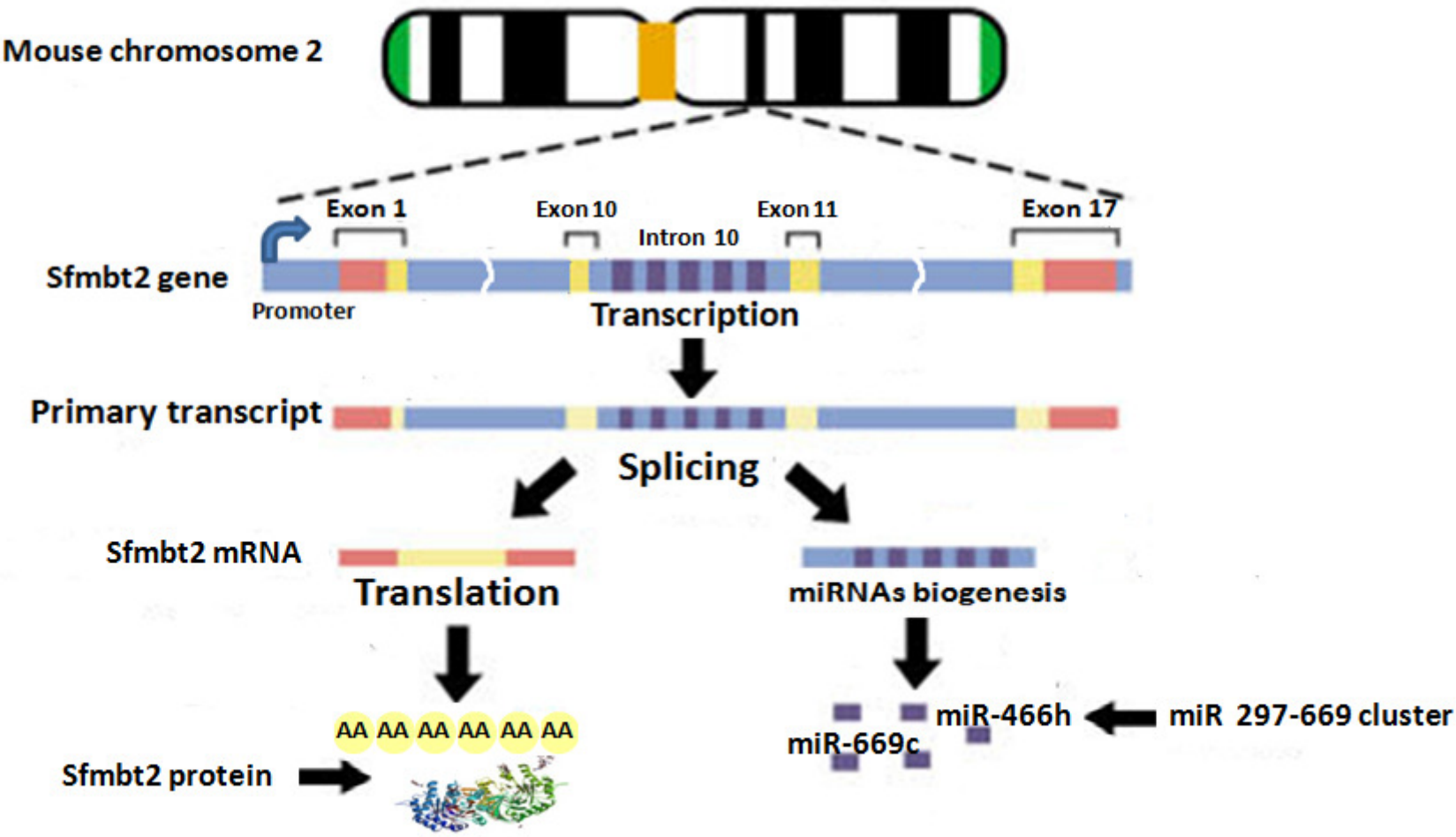
Mouse miR ID (mmu-)	Variant	Mature miR sequence	Fresh media relative fluorescent signal	Depleted media relative fluorescent signal	Up-regulation in depleted media (times)	p-value
miR-297a	-	AUGUAUGUGUGCAUGUGCAUGU	14±4	1412±220	101±13	0.039
miR-466a	3p	UAUACAUAACACGCACACAUAAGA	8±1	203±30	25±1	0.050
miR-466b	3-3p	AAUACAUAACACGCACACAUAAGA	5±1	209±39	42±1	0.035
miR-466d	3p	UGUGUGUGCGUACAUGUACAUG	10±1	648±122	65±6	0.039
	5p	UAUACAUAACACGCACACAUAAG	8±2	552±92	69±6	0.050
miR-466f	3p	CAUACACACACACAUAACACAC	19±1	5056±105	266±8	0.009
	5p	UACGUGUGUGUGCAUGUGCAUG	102±13	22200±5982	218±31	0.036
miR-466g	-	AUACAGACACAUGCACACACA	51±9	14935±4286	293±32	0.038
miR-466h	-	UGUGUGCAUGUGCUUGUGUGUA	29±4	13105±2366	452±19	0.023
miR-467a	minor	AUAUACAUAACACACACCUACAC	44±1	9567±2001	217±40	0.025
miR-467b	minor	AUAUACAUAACACACACCAACAC	72±8	14451±2817	201±17	0.027
miR-467e	minor	AUAUACAUAACACACACCUAUUAU	14±2	1056±38	75±8	0.022
miR-669a	-	AGUUGUGUGUGCAUGUUCAUGU	7±0	57±3	8±0	0.016
miR-669b	-	AGUUUUGUGUGCAUGUGCAUGU	8±0	46±1	6±0	0.003
miR-669c	-	AUAGUUGUGUGUGGAUGUGUGU	23±4	2870±299	125±9	0.023
miR-669d	-	ACUUGUGUGUGCAUGUAUAUGU	7±0	1511±463	216±66	0.038
miR-669e	-	UGUCUUGUGUGUGCAUGUUCAU	12±0	4090±971	341±81	0.027
miR-669f	-	CAUAUACAUAACACACACGUAU	44±1	13444±4267	306±90	0.037
miR-669h	3p	UAUGCAUAUACACACAUGCACA	8±0	326±6	41±1	0.007
miR-669i	-	UCCAGUUAACUAACAUUCCUUA	13±1	39±1	2±0	0.048

□ 18 detected members of mouse miR 297-669 cluster were up-regulated in CHO cells in

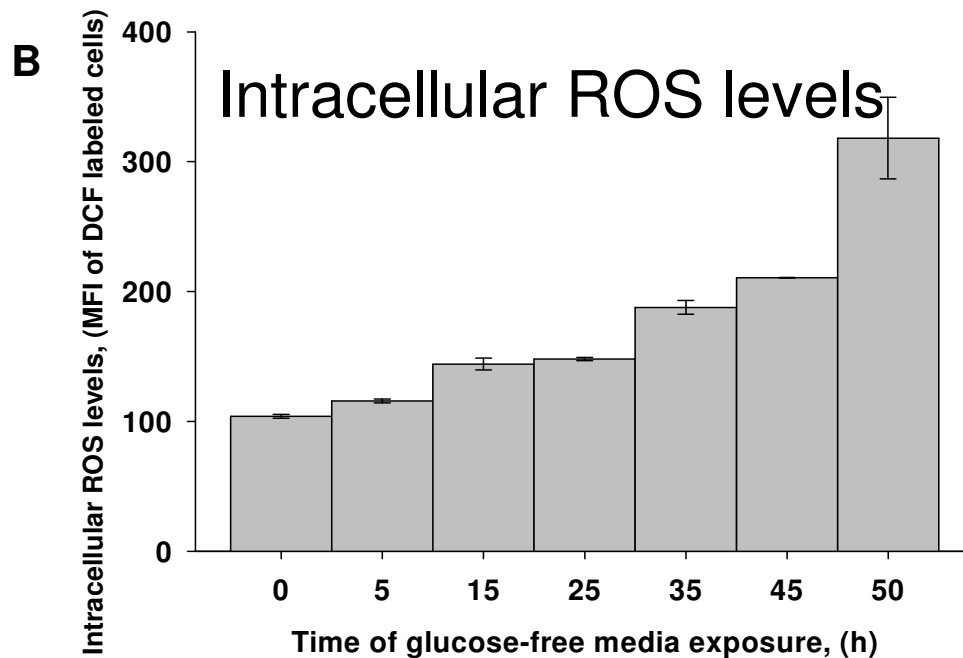
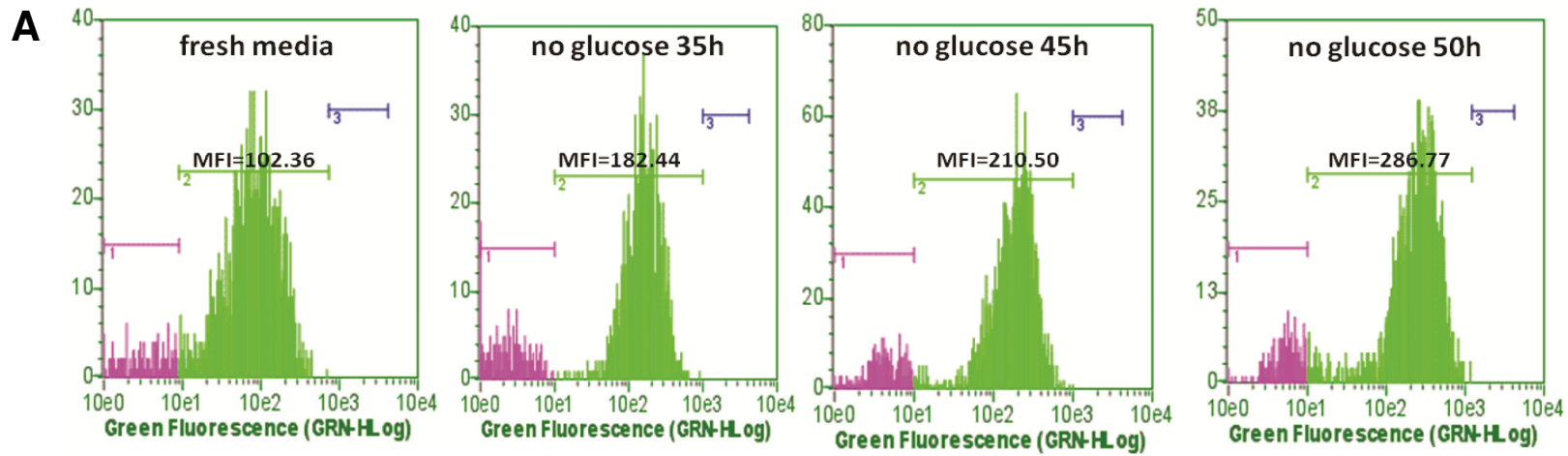
MicroRNA and gene upregulation in glucose-deprived media



Micro-RNA cluster miR 297-669 is intronic and co-expresses 466h and 669c together with the Sfmibt2 gene



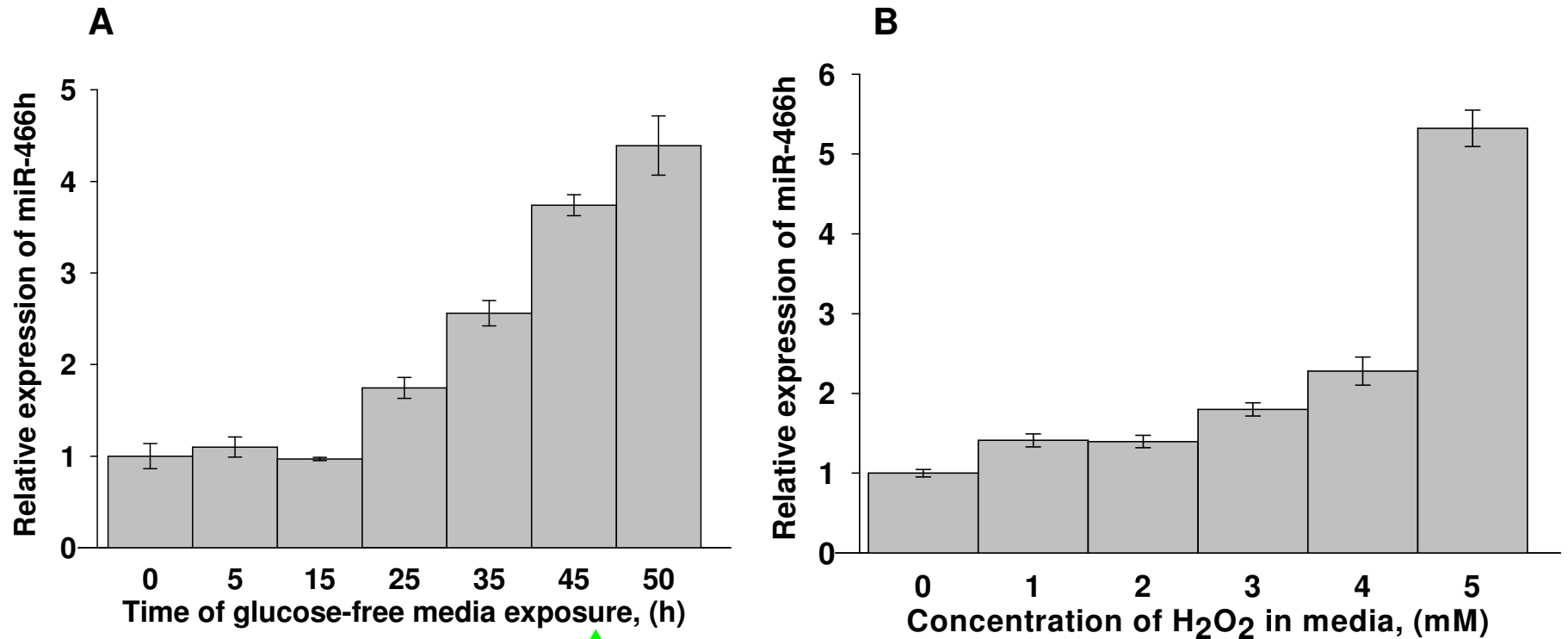
Effect of glucose deprivation on oxidative stress and reactive oxygen species (ROS) accumulation



(A) Green fluorescence is proportional to intracellular ROS levels following glucose deprivation

(B) Intracellular ROS levels increase with time of exposure to glucose free-media

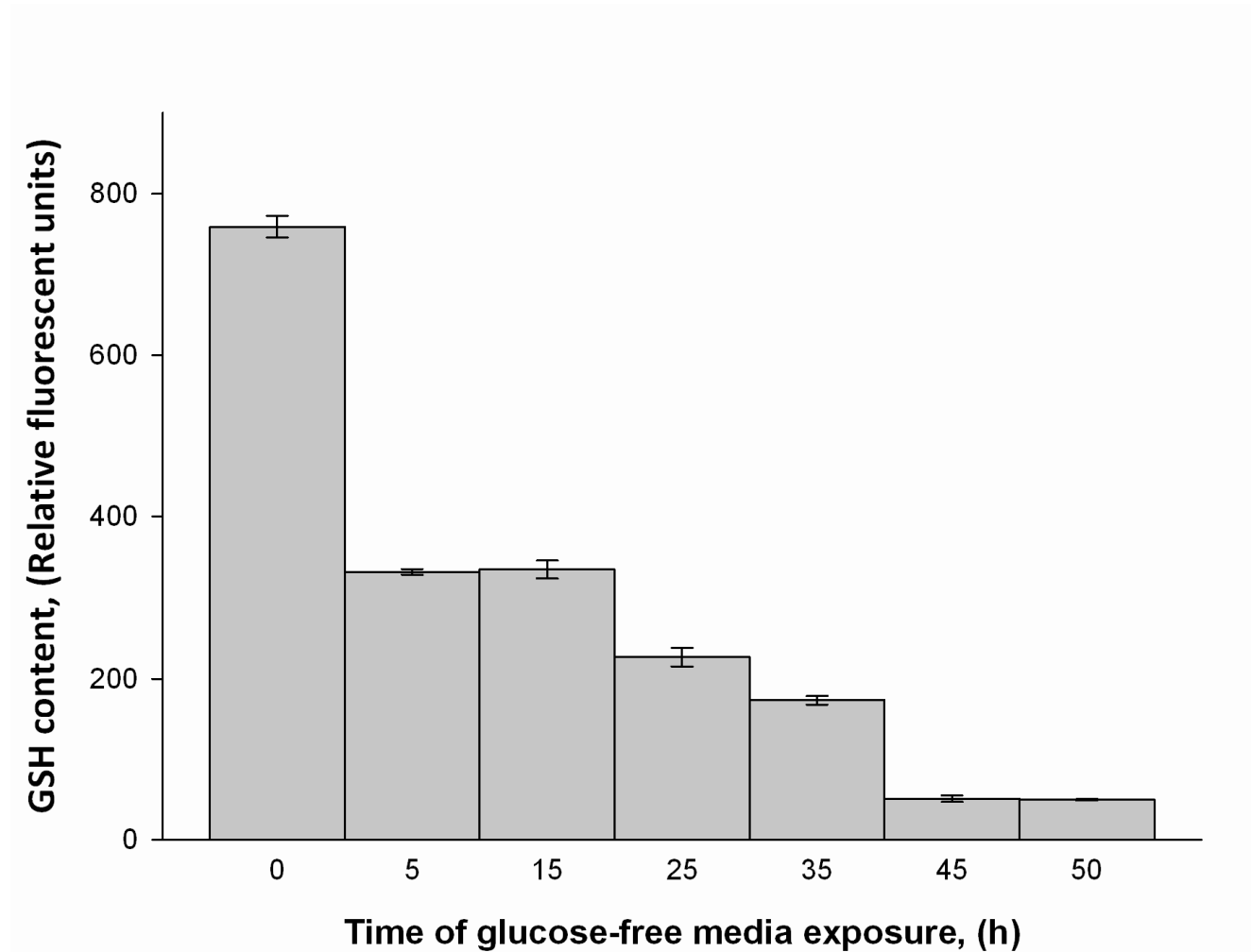
Effect of oxidative stress (glucose depletion or hydrogen peroxide) on miR-466h



(B) miR-466h activated by exogenous oxidative stress → H₂O₂

(A) miR-466h also activated by exposure to glucose-free media

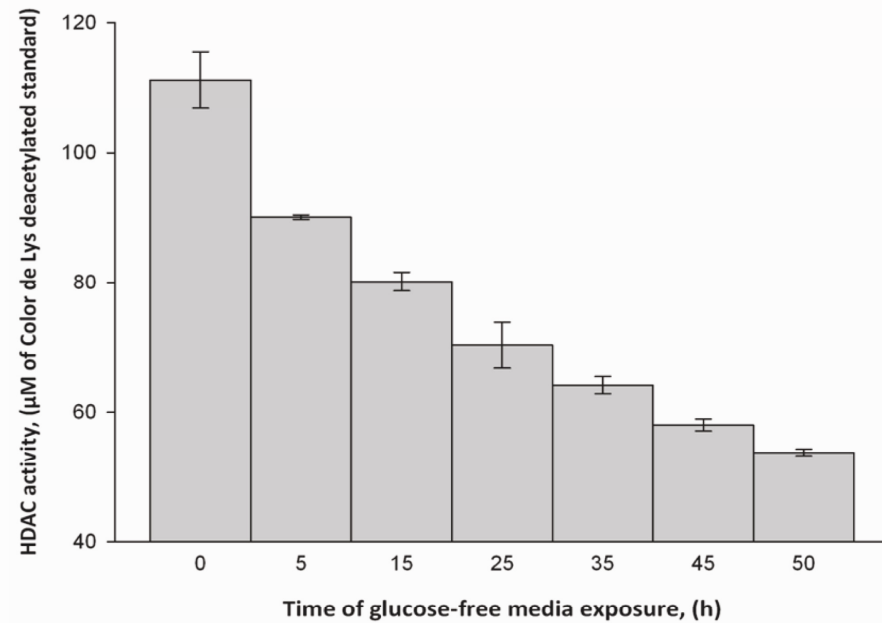
Other effects of glucose depletion:



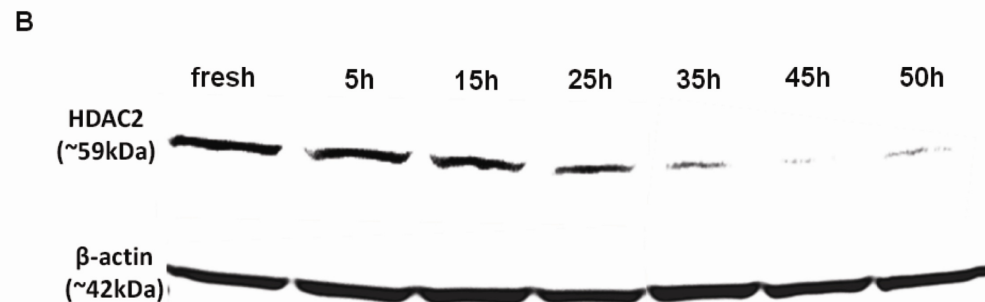
Depletion of glucose lowers intracellular glutathione (GSH) levels in cell lines

Effect of glucose deprivation on histone deacetylase (HDAC) activity

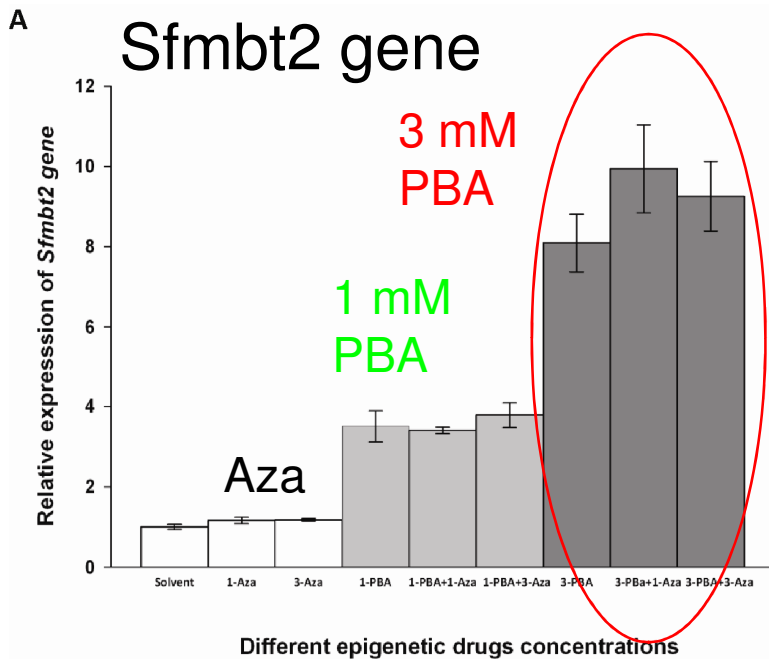
Histone Deacetylase Activity



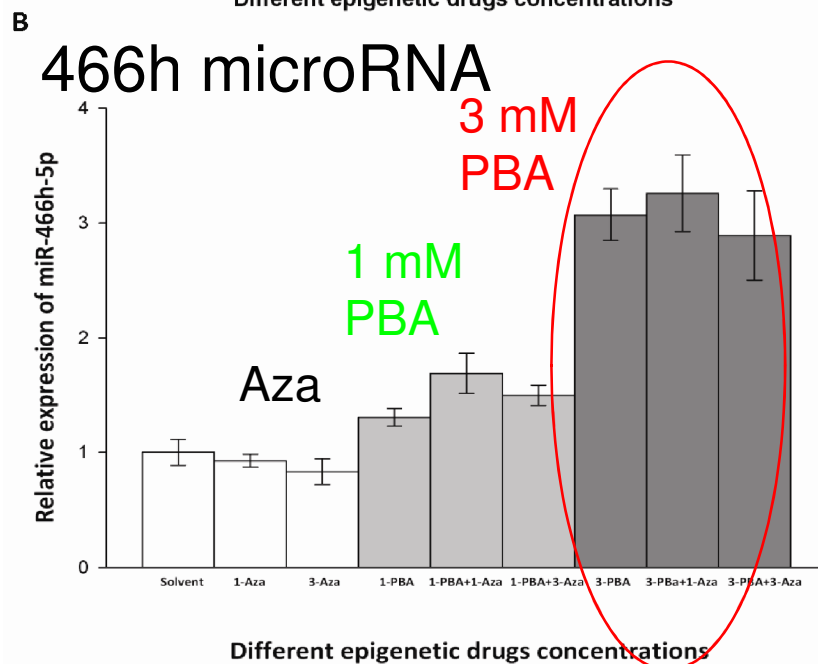
Time in glucose free medium



HDAC activity *decreases* following glucose deprivation



Effect of chemical HDAC inhibitor or demethylating agent on expression of *Sfmbt2* gene and miR-466h



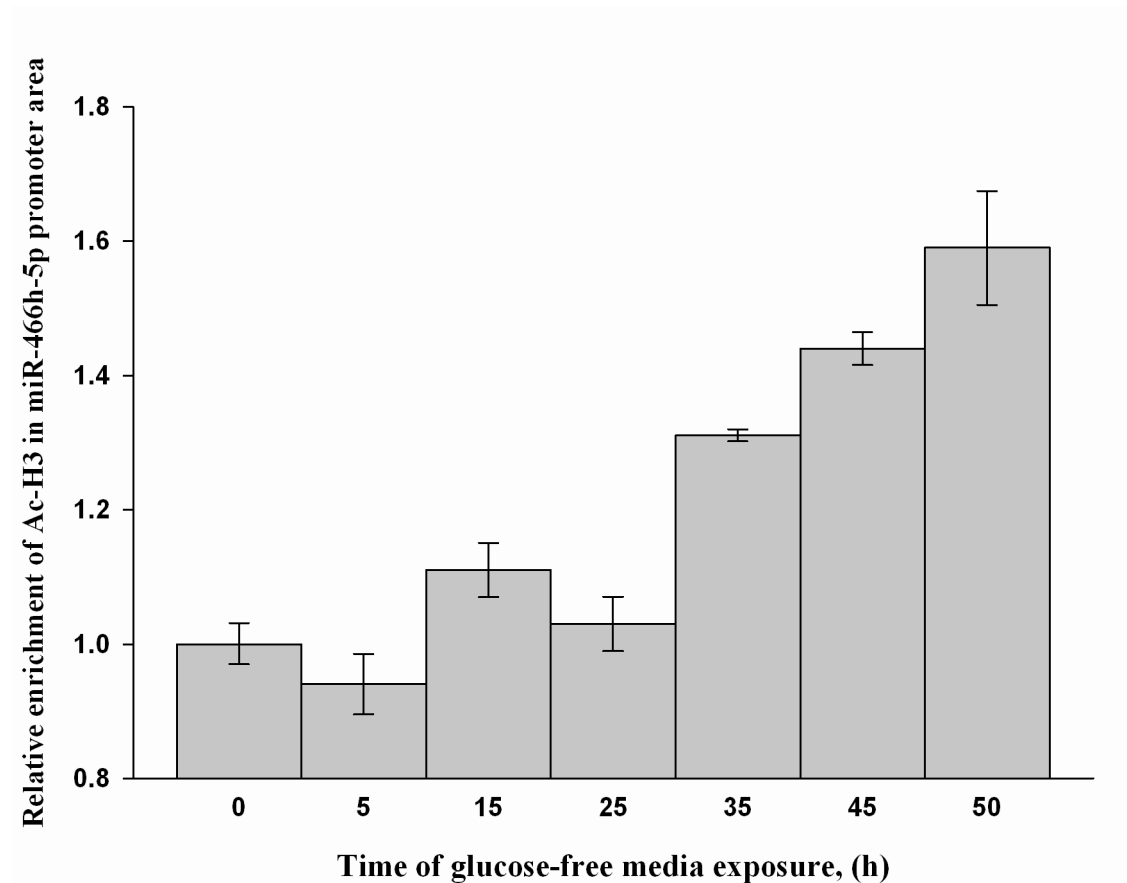
PBA = HDAC Inhibitor
Aza = DNA demethylating agent

HDAC inhibitors (PBA) increase *Sfmbt2* gene and miR 466h expression

Demethylating agents have negligible effects on *Sfmbt2* and 466h expression

Effect of glucose deprivation on histone acetylation

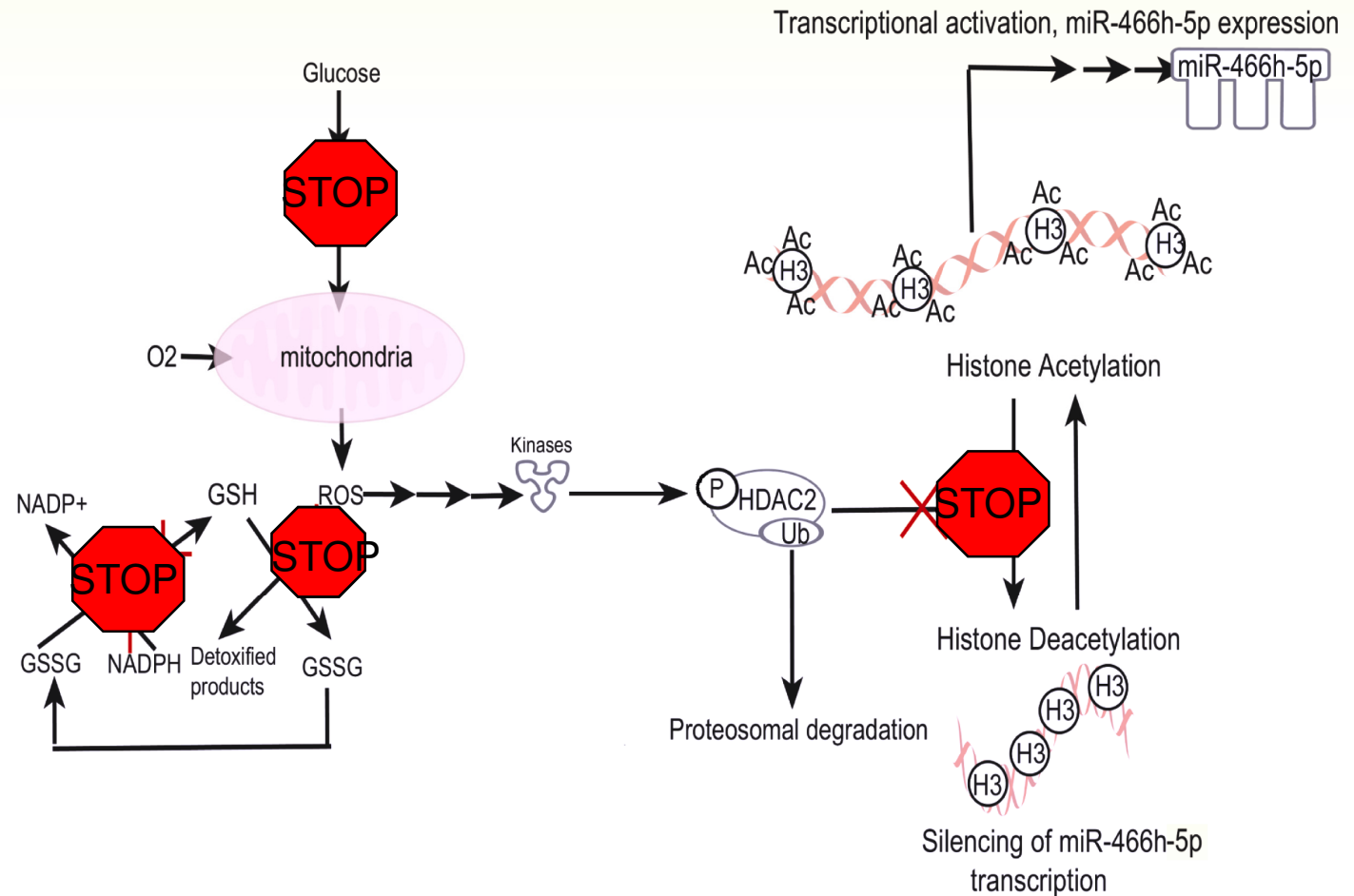
Enrichment
Of
Acetylated
Histones
Near
miR-466h
Promoter



Time in glucose free medium
Glucose deprivation lowers HDAC activity and this
increases acetylated histones

Pathway for MicroRNA Activation

Enrichment
Of
Acetylated
Histones

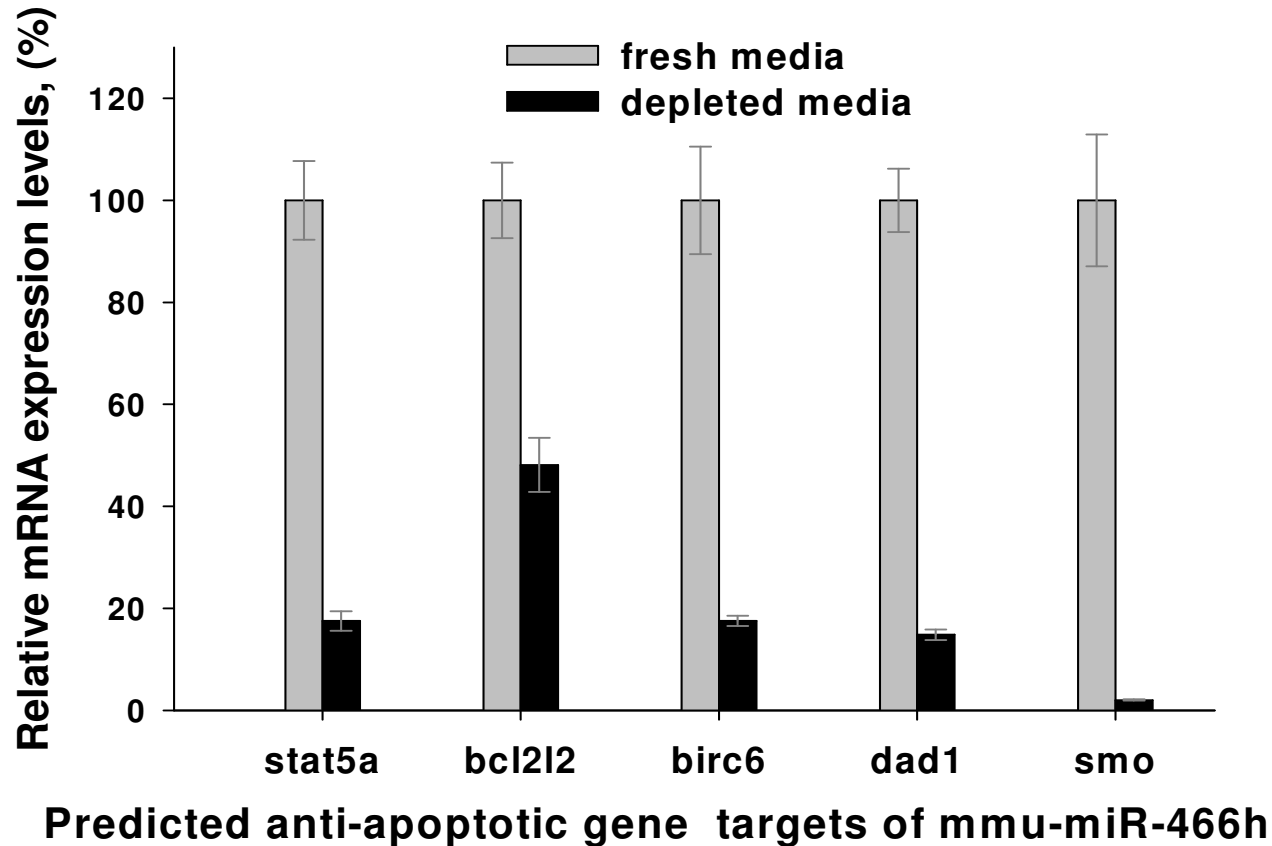


Glucose deprivation pathway leads to ROS, Histone acetylation, and microRNA activation

What are targets of MicroRNA mir-466h

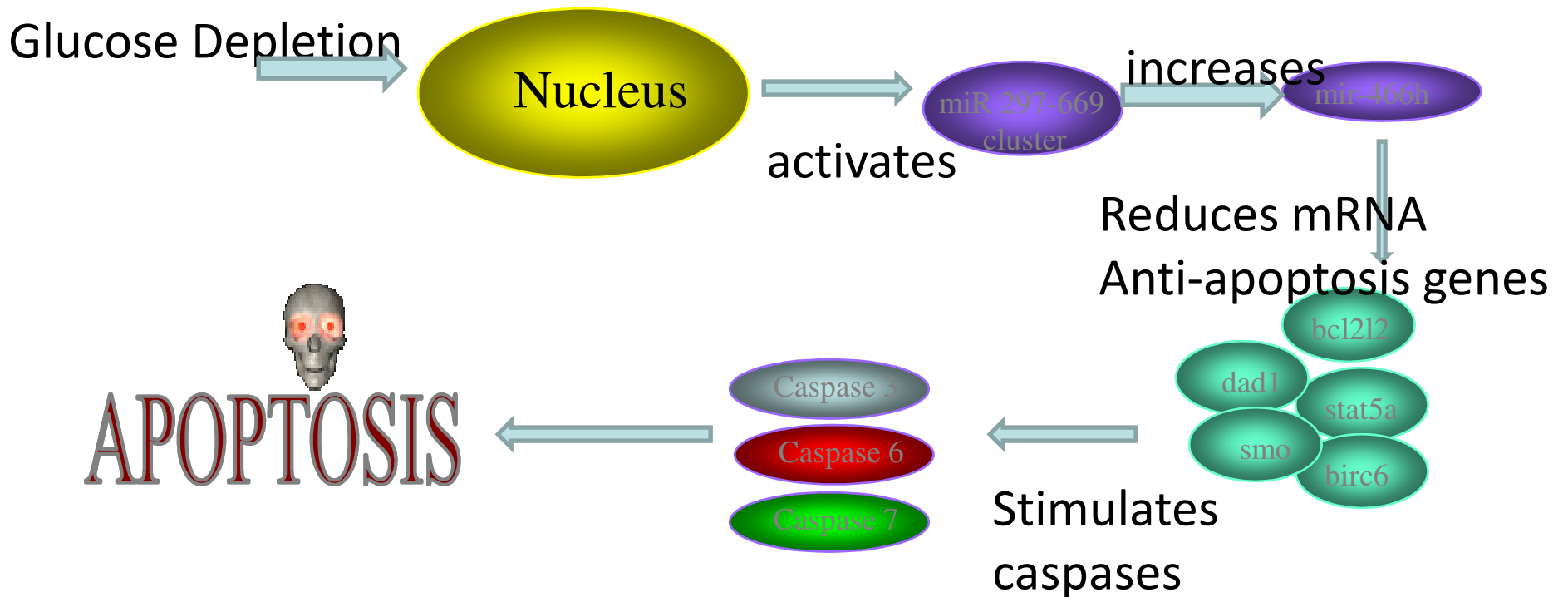
- ❑ 8708 mmu-miR-466h potential targets were obtained from miRecords using bioinformatics analysis
- ❑ Targets were narrowed to 38 anti-apoptotic genes with DAVID NCBI (which classifies genes according to their biological roles)
- ❑ 9 anti-apoptotic genes were predicted to be targeted by mmu-miR-466h by 3 prediction engines

Potential targets of mir-466h

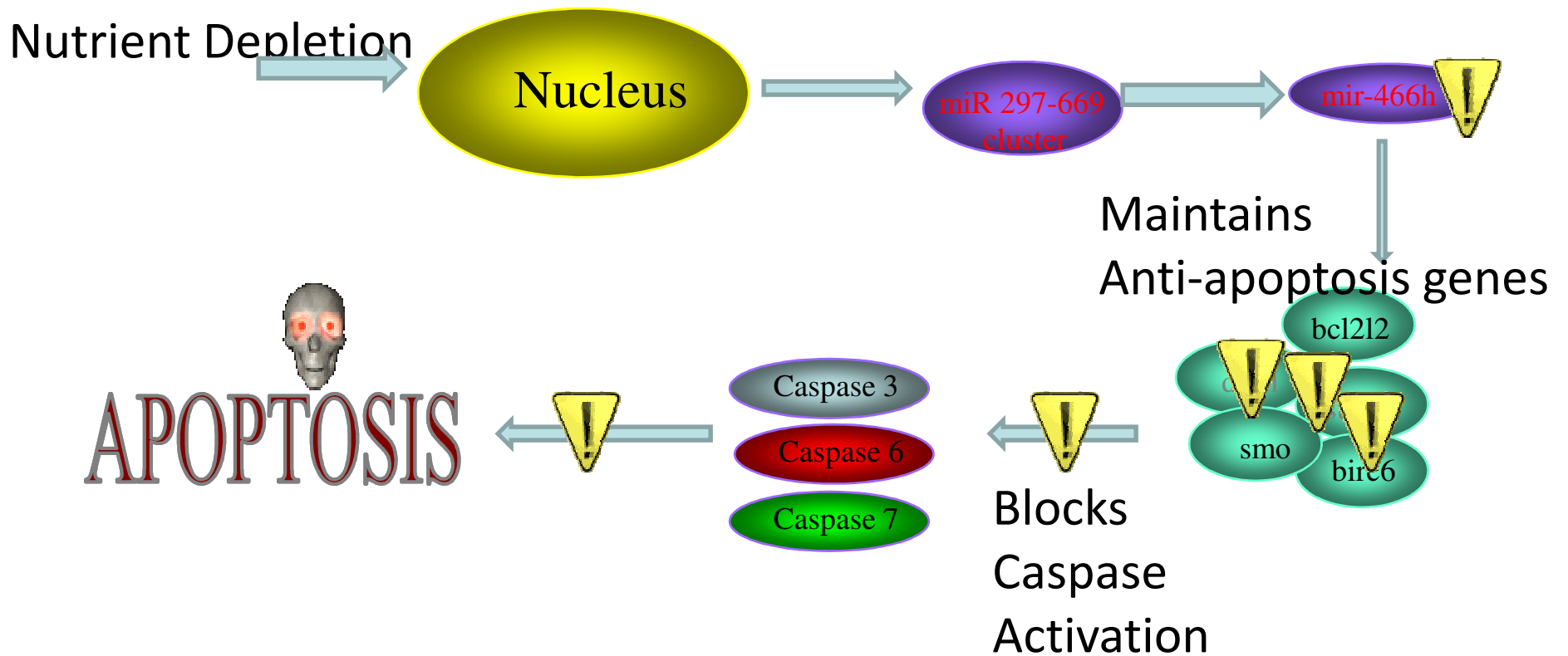


Five anti-apoptotic genes were detected in CHO and DOWN-REGULATED in nutrient-depleted conditions:
stat5a, bcl2l2, birc6, dad1, smo

MicroRNA and Apoptosis Signaling

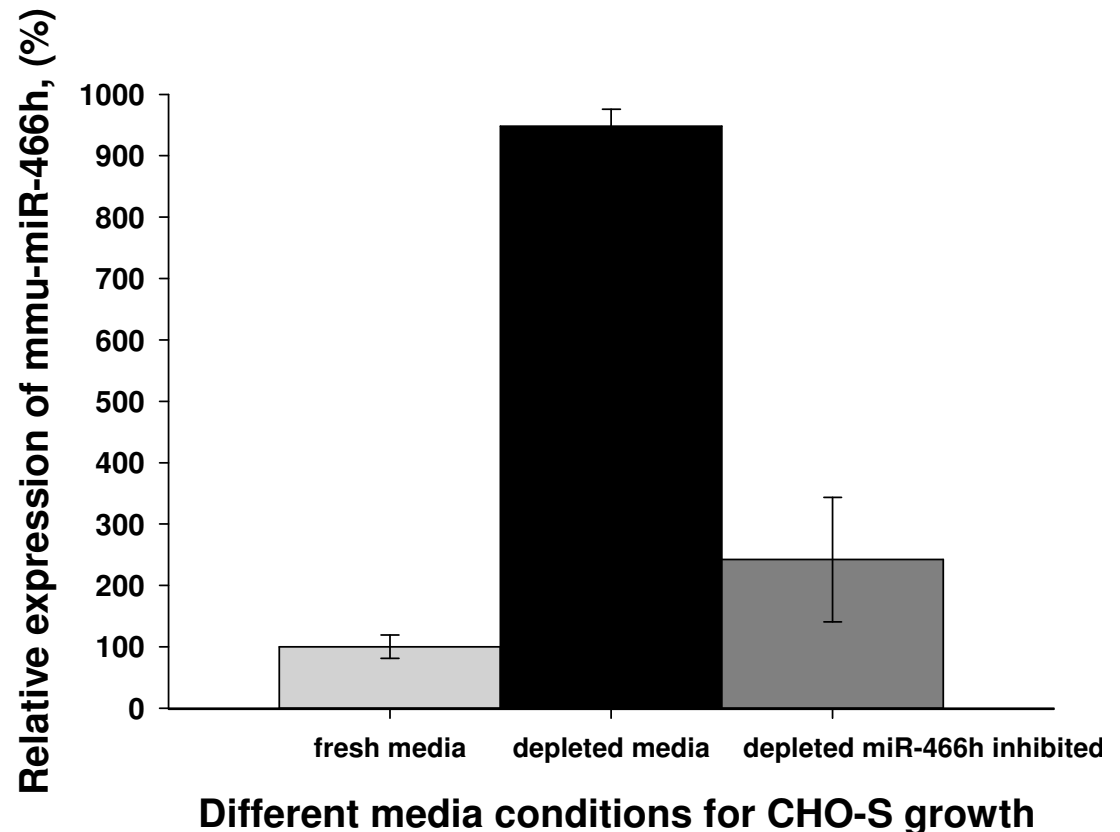


Chemical Inhibition of MicroRNA



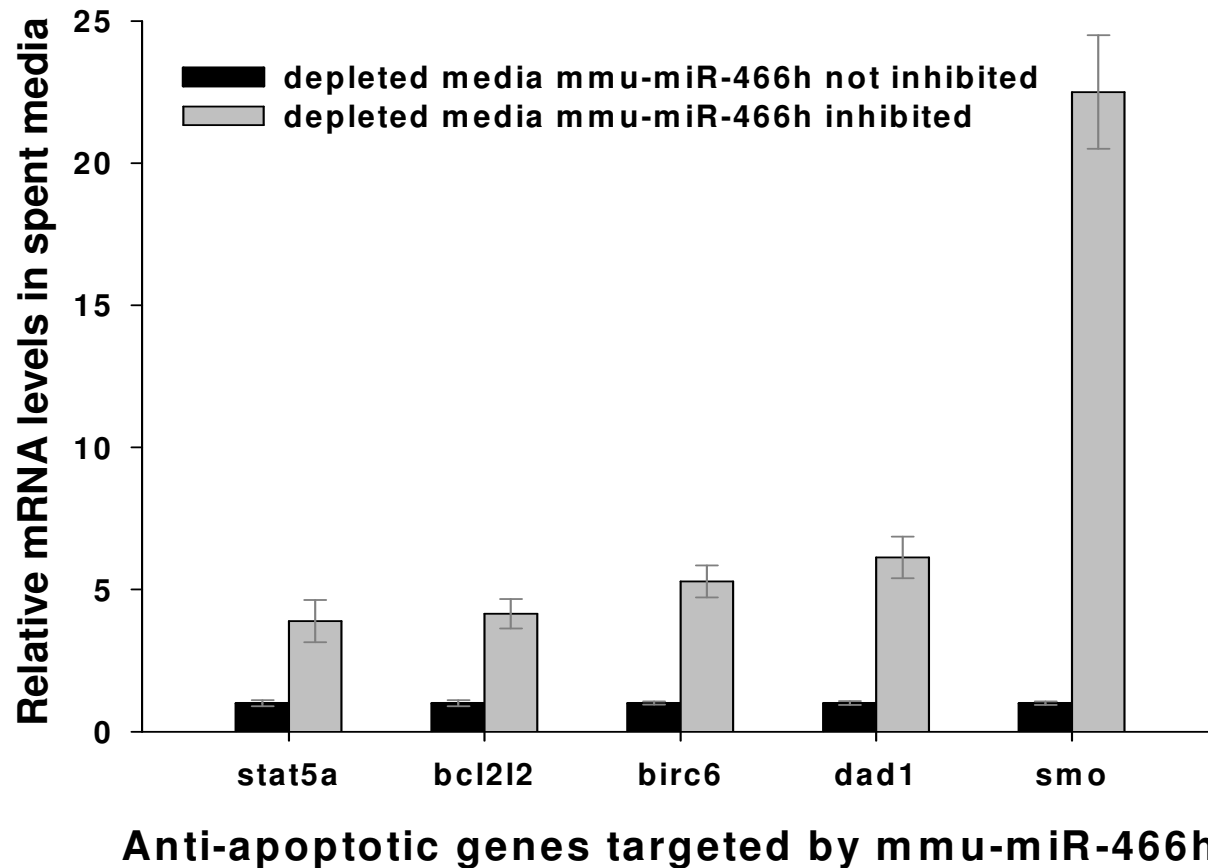
Effects of anti-mir466h

- ❑ A chemically modified single stranded oligonucleotide specific for mmu-miR-466h was added to the cells
- ❑ The levels of mmu-miR-466h in fresh media and in the depleted media, with or without anti-miR-466h, were measured
- ❑ **Compared with fresh media, mmu-miR-466h levels were 10 times higher in depleted media in the absence of the inhibitor**
- ❑ **Mir-466h levels were reduced by a factor of 4.5 in depleted media containing anti-miR-466h.**



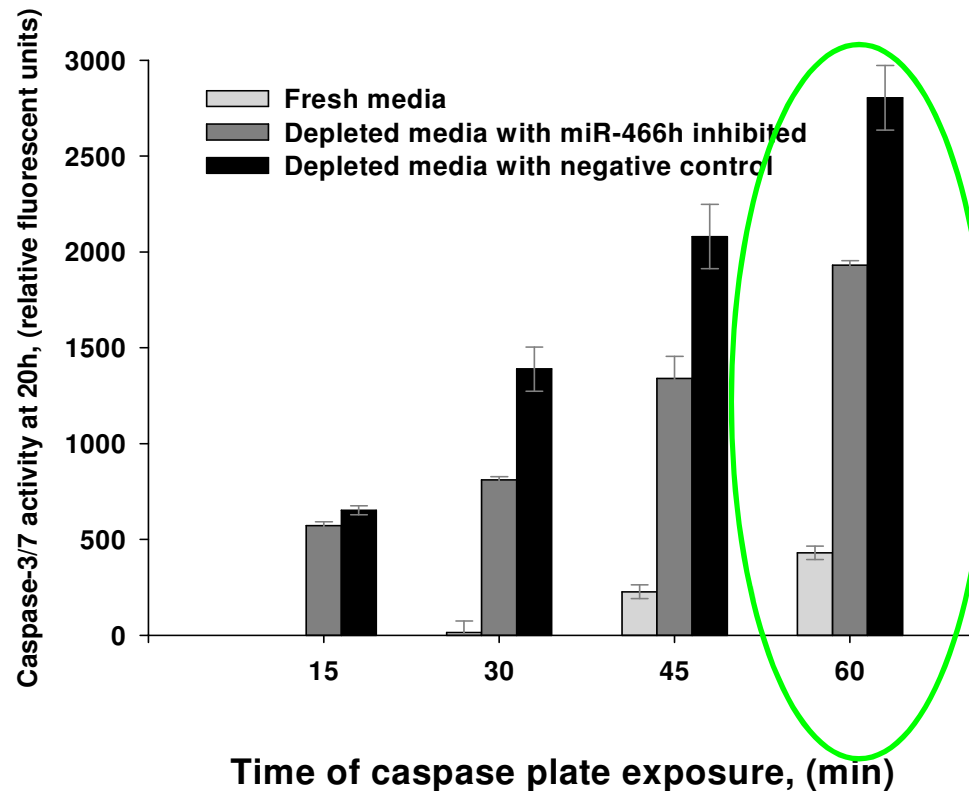
Increases in mir-466h expression levels in depleted media are inhibited by oligonucleotide

Effects of anti-mmu-mir466h on potential anti-apoptotic targets



Addition of anti-mmu-mir-466h enhances mRNA levels of anti-apoptotic genes in depleted media

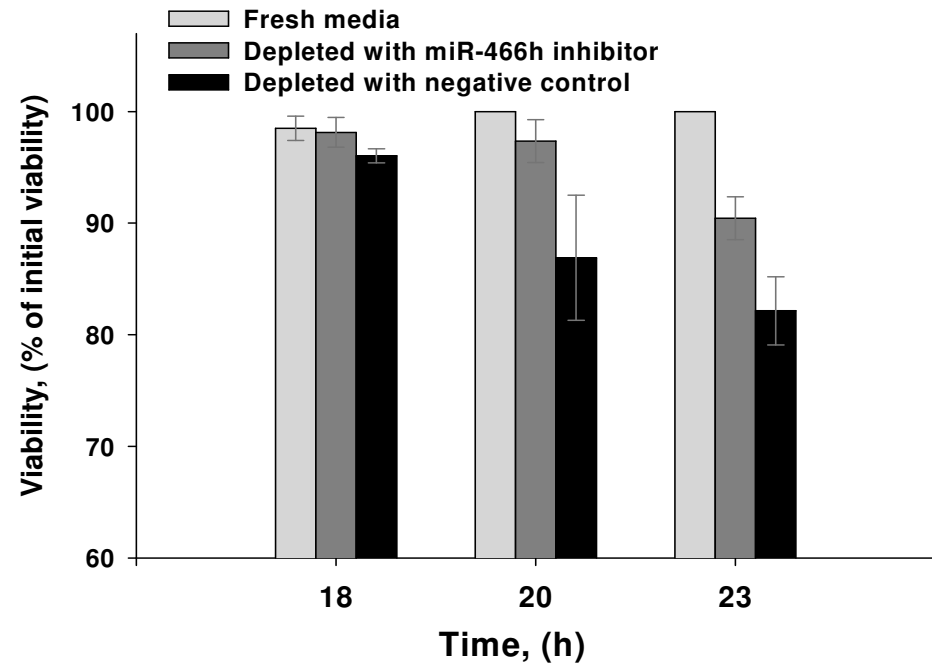
Does chemical inhibition of mir-466h affect apoptosis?



Addition of anti-mir-466h chemical to cells lowers caspase activity following nutrient depletion

Does chemical inhibition of mir-466h affect cell viability

- ❑ Cell viability in the depleted media started to decline after about 18 hours and fell to 81% by 23 hours.
- ❑ **When the cells were chemically treated with anti -miR-466h oligonucleotide, the cell viability was higher at both the 20 and 23 hours time points.**



Addition of anti-mmu-mir-466h chemical to cells enhances viability following nutrient depletion

Mammalian Cell Engineering

CHO Genome: www.chogenome.org

- Host genome sequence
- Integrate protein, transcript, metabolic data
- Provide community resource for ongoing cell engineering efforts



Chinese Hamster Genome Database

Home | General Info | Genomes | Resources | Community | Partners

CHO Genome Community

The Chinese hamster (*Cricetulus griseus*) ovary (CHO) cell line was first isolated by Puck (J. Exp. Med. 1958; 108: 259-271) more than 50 years ago. Currently, CHO cells are the most important cell line for production of biopharmaceutical proteins (\$100 billion USD in annual revenue) and they offer tremendous promise for production of vaccines as well as in their ongoing critical role as a transfection host for understanding gene function. Despite the scientific and economic importance of this cell line, there is no publicly available genome sequence information for CHO cells.

A Resource for CHO cell genomics

Based on an open source model, the mission of the CHOgenome.org User Group is to share genome-scale information on Chinese Hamster Ovary cells to the international scientific community.

This website, currently hosted at the University of Delaware, is dedicated to hosting data and resources to support the international community working with CHO cells.

We are building the infrastructure to support genome sequencing activities through an international not-for-profit community-based effort.

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Michael Betenbaugh (Johns Hopkins Univ.; beten at jhu dot edu)

Conclusions:

- ❑ **MicroRNAs are activated in CHO cells under nutrient depleted conditions**
- ❑ **The microRNA mmu-mir-466h has a number of anti-apoptotic gene targets**
- ❑ **Inhibition of mmu-miR-466h lowers CHO caspase activity and increases cell viability**
- ❑ **MicroRNAs may play an important role in control of multiple cellular activities for cell engineering applications**

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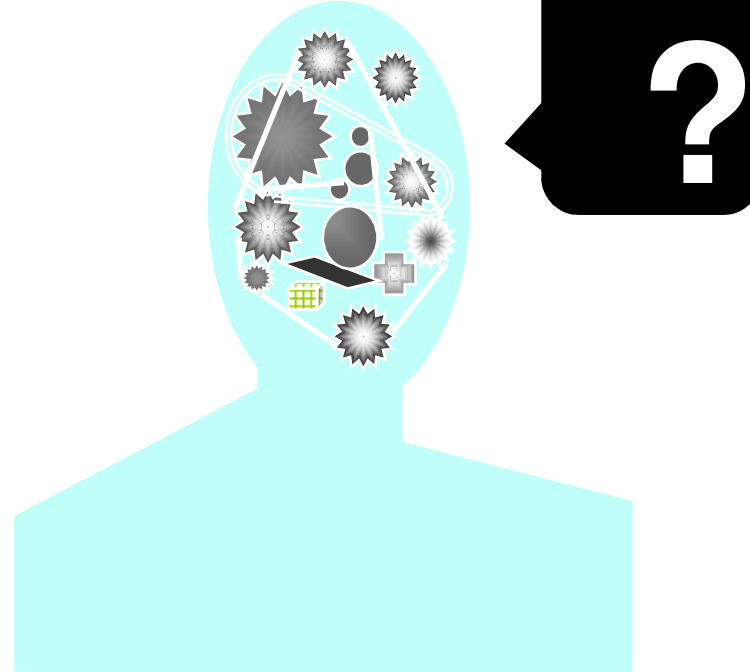
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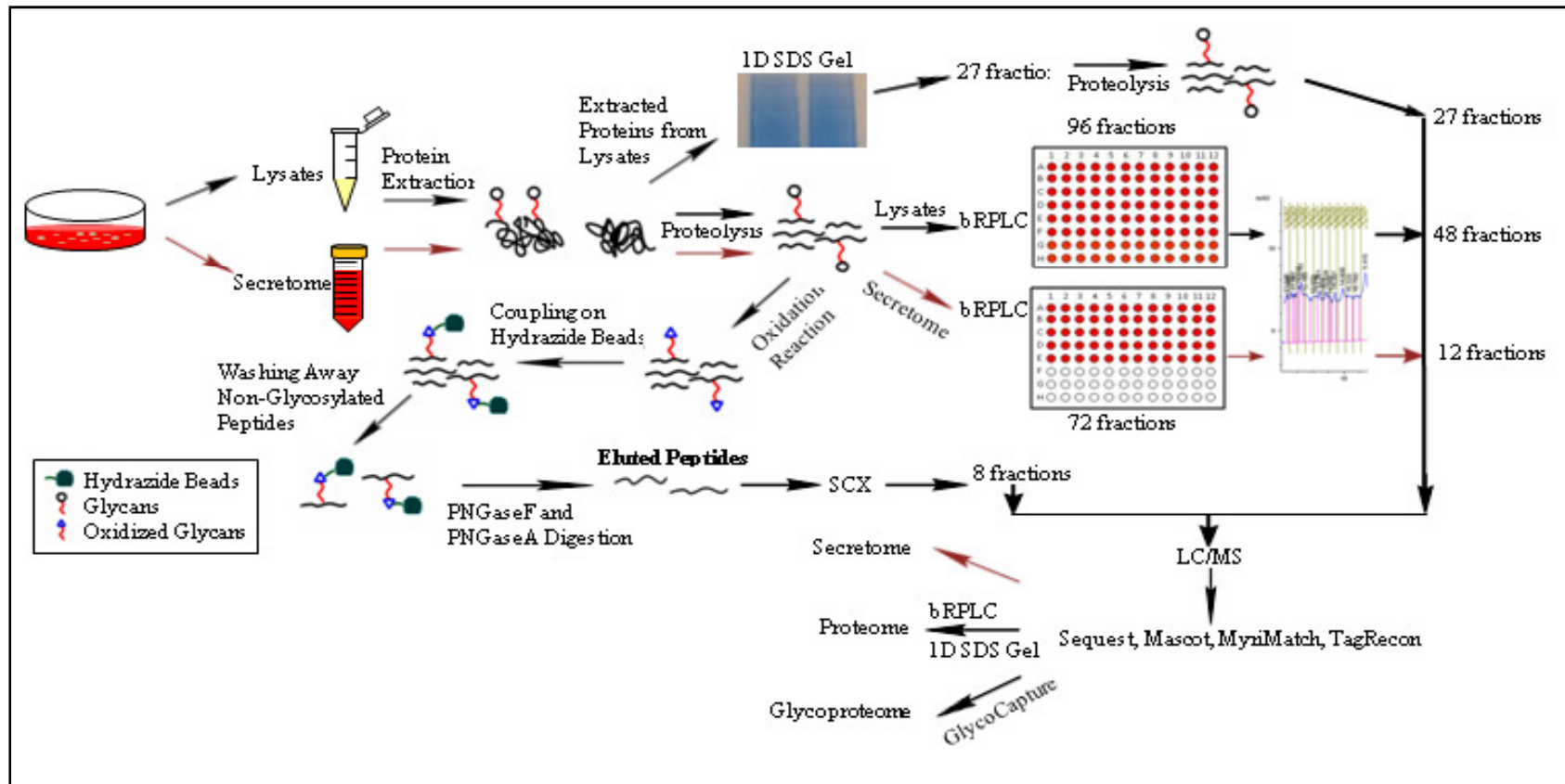
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Question?



Can we apply microRNA information in cell re-engineering strategies to alter mammalian culture systems performance

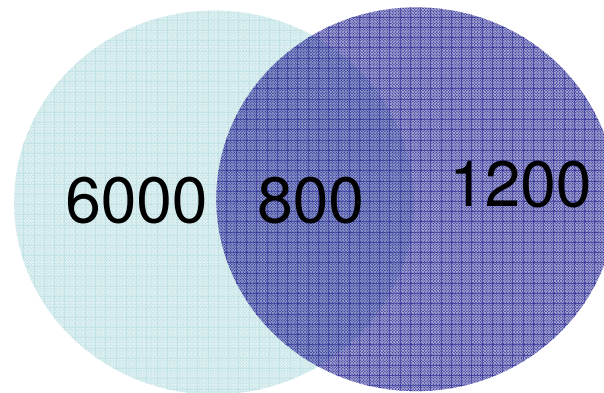
Mass Spec Proteomics Analysis in CHO



Proteomics and Glycoproteomics Database of CHO Cells

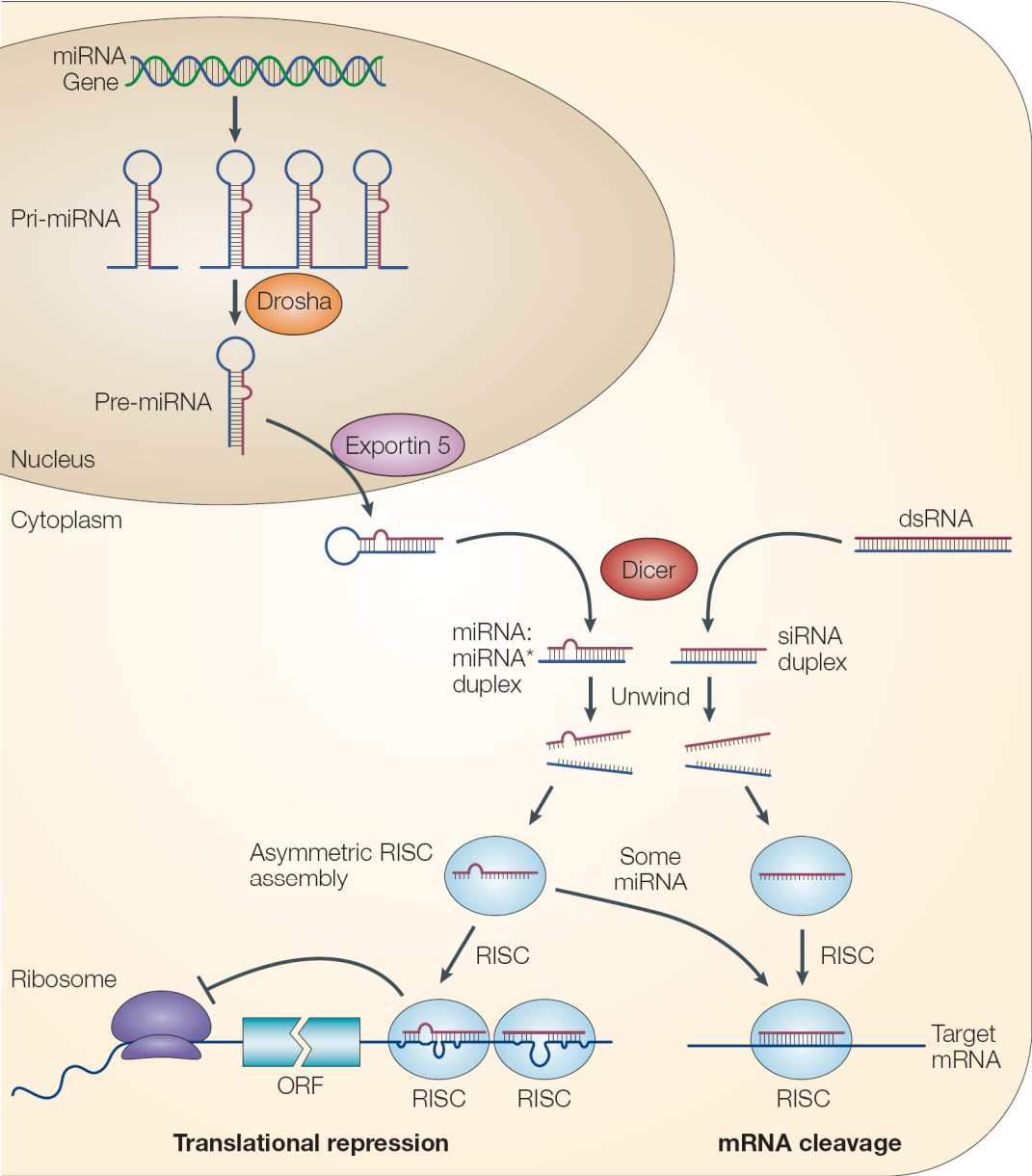
Proteome all (8300)

Glycoproteome (525)



- Identified proteins include:
 - Cell adhesion molecules
 - Growth Factors
 - Receptors
 - **Glycosyltransferases and glycosidases**
 - Chaperones
 - Apoptosis inhibitors
 - 1292 different proteins were observed to be *N*-glycosylated

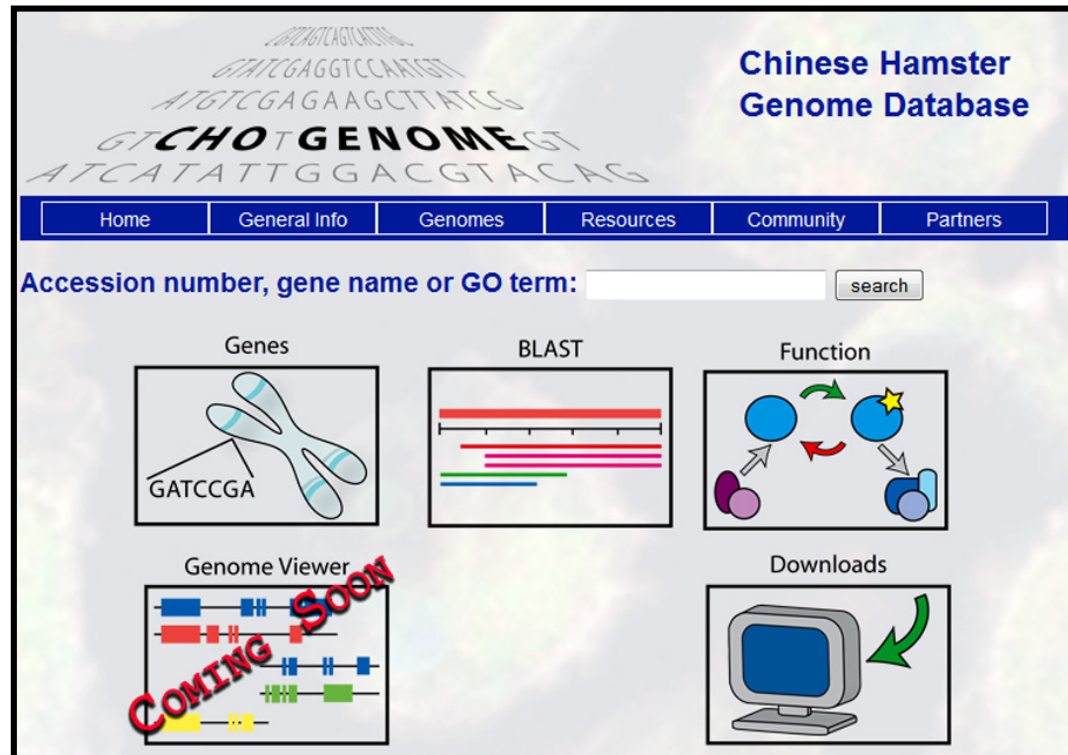
MicroRNA Biogenesis



www.CHOgenome.org

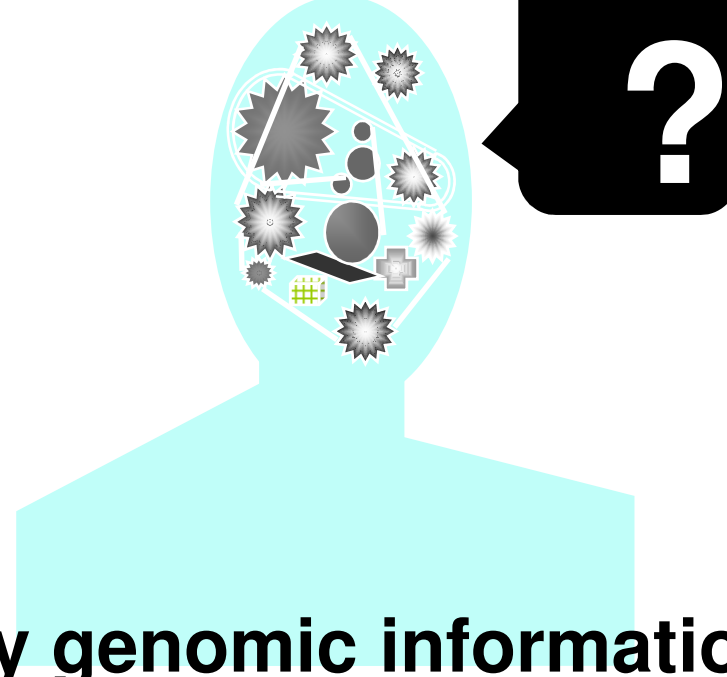
One-stop shopping for everything genomic related to CHO.

A community website sponsored by academic, government and industrial collaborators has organized and financially committed to share and host genome-scale information about CHO and activities for the biotechnology community.



flybase.org
wikipedia
etc.

Question?



Can we apply genomic information to help us better understand and improve mammalian Cell culture?

CHO K1 Genome Assembly and Annotation

- **CHO-K1 (ATCC CCL-61)**
- **CHO-K1 genome sequence**
 - Total of 343 Gb sequence generated
 - >95-fold coverage of the CHO genome
- **CHO-K1 genome assembly**
 - 2.45 Gb of estimated 2.6 Gb genome assembled
- **CHO-K1 genome annotation**
 - 24,383 predicted genes
 - 29,291 predicted transcripts
 - 416 ncRNAs predicted

Xu et al (2011)



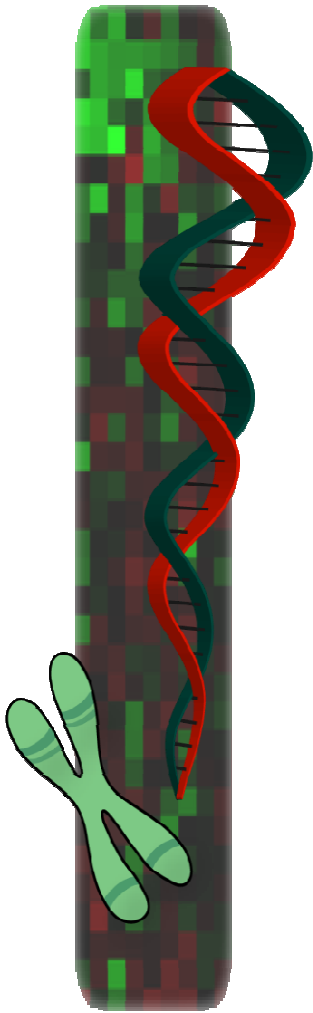
Comparative Genomic Features

	CHO-K1	Mouse	Rat	Human
Genome size	2.6 Gb	2.6 Gb	2.75 Gb	2.9 Gb
Chromosomes (2n)	21	40	42	46
Average GC content	41.3%	41.5%	41.8%	40.9%
Repeat content*	38%	37%	40%	46%
Predicted genes[^]	24,383	21,662	22,416	20,935

*Repeat content: RepeatMasker against Repbase transposable element library and RepeatModeller to construct *de novo* repeat library.

[^]Genscan, Augustus, GlimmerHMM to predict genes which are aligned to Ensembl rel. 58). GLEAN used to reconcile gene set that was augmented with transcriptome data using Tophat and Cufflinks.

Functional Analysis of Gene Expression



Analysis of global gene expression

- Identify human genes in these pathways
- Look for CHO homologs in genome
- Examine gene expression using RNA-Seq data

Therapeutic Glyco-products (Sugars or Glycans + Proteins) in Biotechnology

- Most Commercial Biotherapeutics



Rituxan
Rituximab

- Cancers
- Arthritis
- Anemia
- Stroke and Heart Attack
- Genetic Disorders
- Infertility



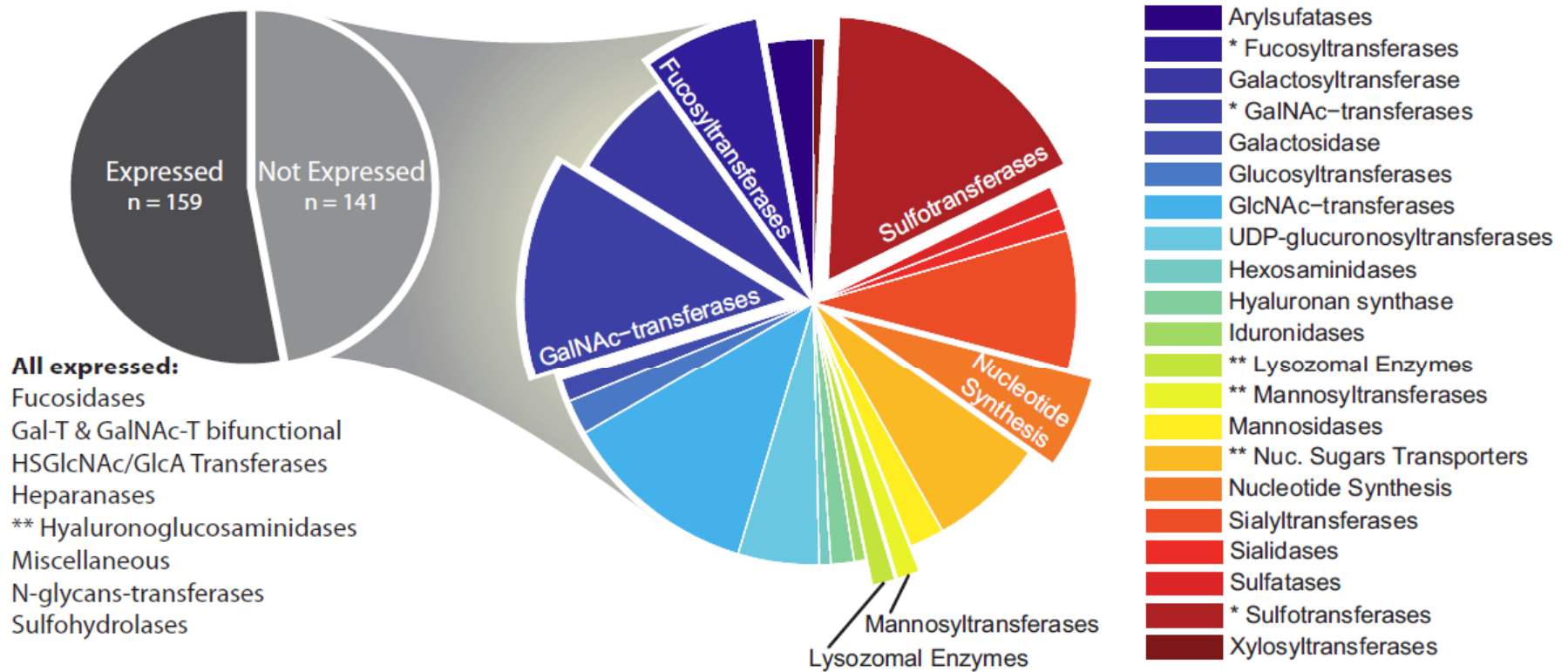
- Sales of 100 billion dollars
- Nearly 50% of FDA Pipeline
 - Includes Vaccines and Gene Therapy Products



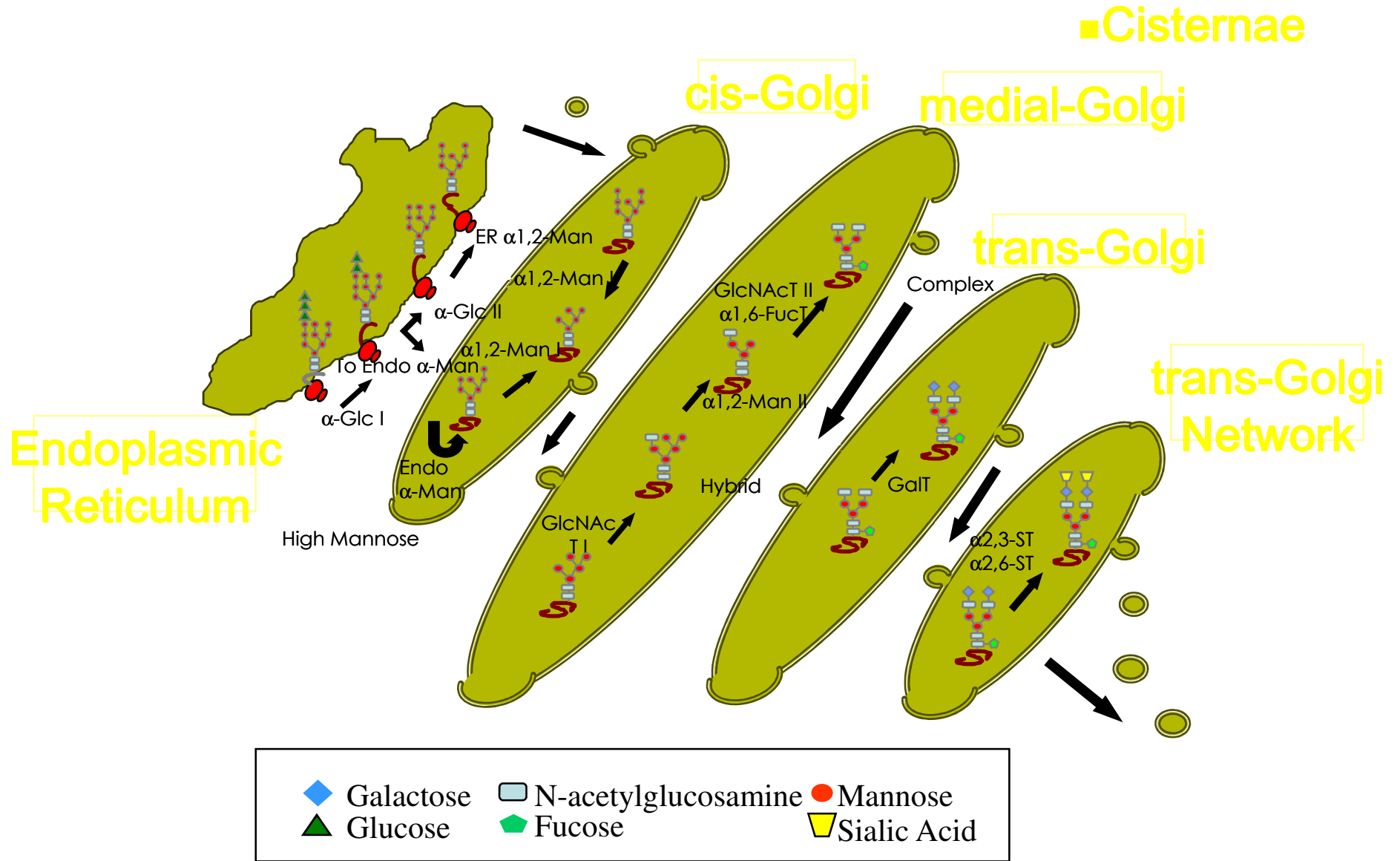
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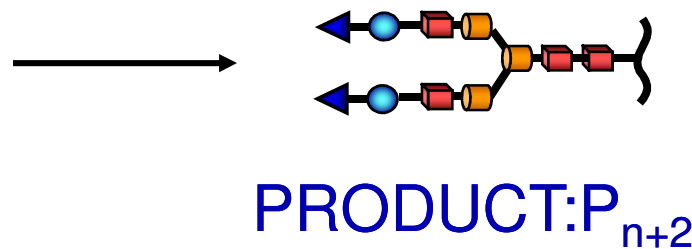
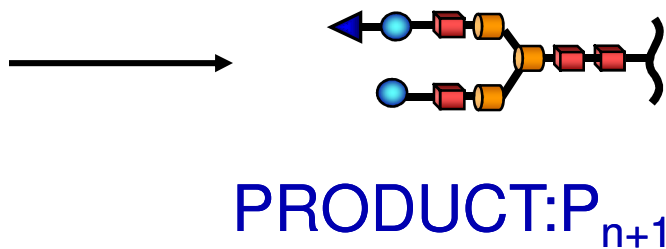
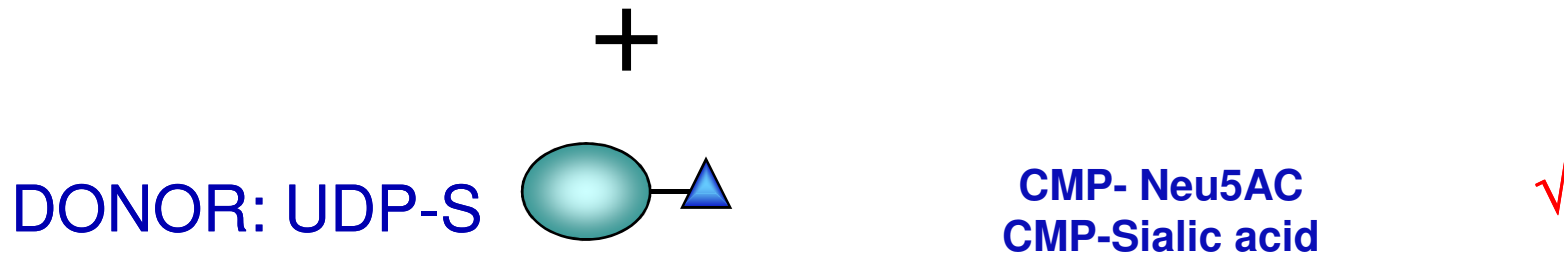
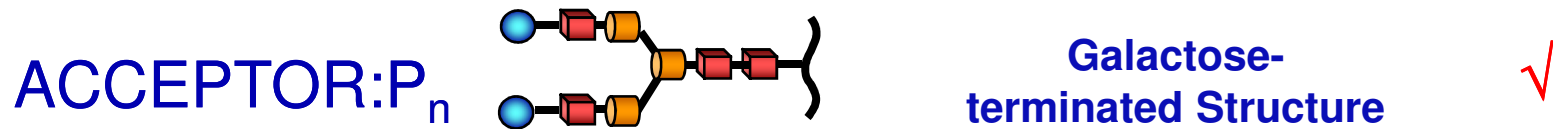
Glycosylation Genes Expressed in CHO K1: What pathways are missing; What pathways are present?



Glycosylation Processing in the Cell

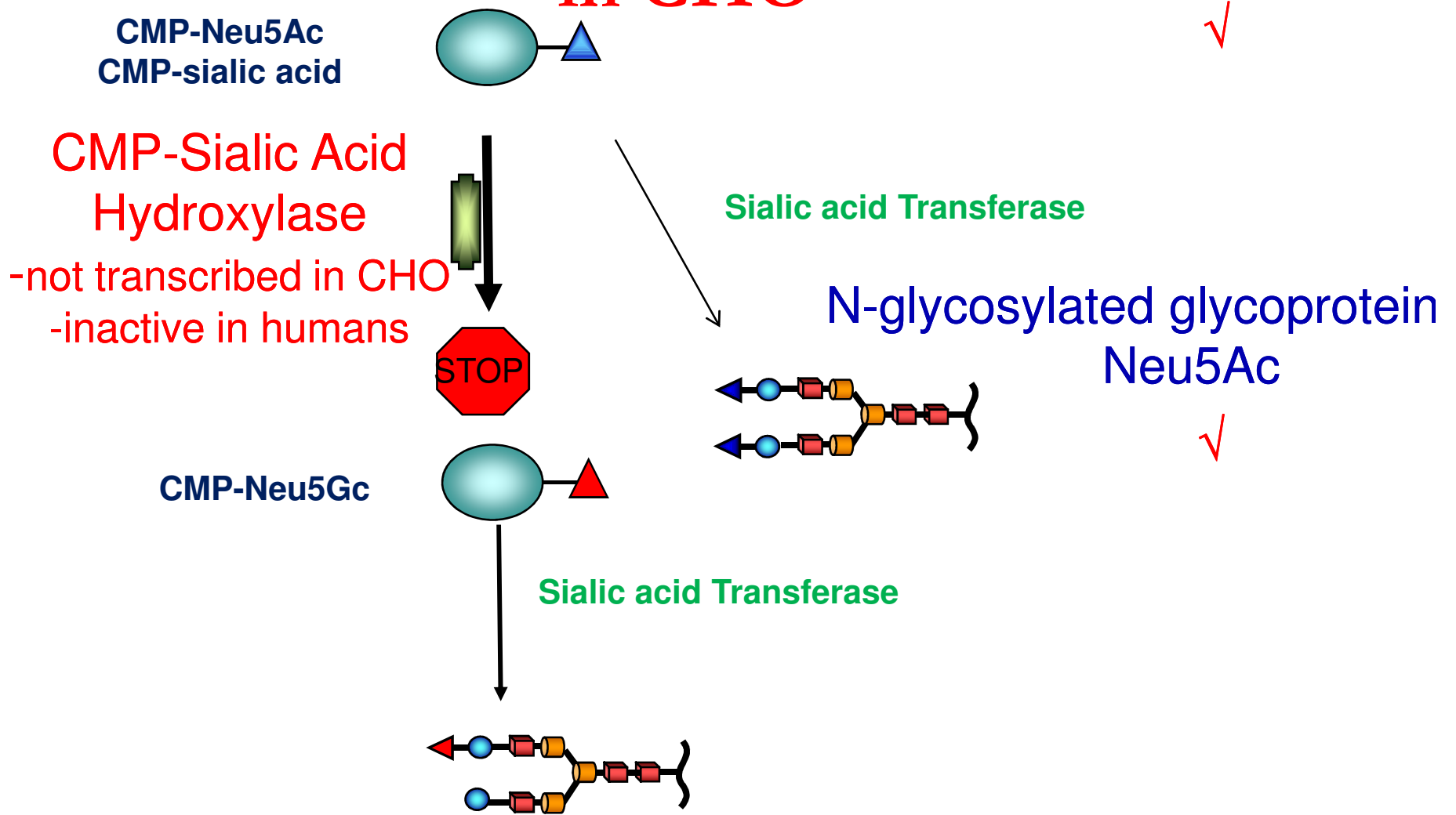


Example reaction: Sialylation of Glycoproteins



Genome Analysis of Sialic acid Reactions

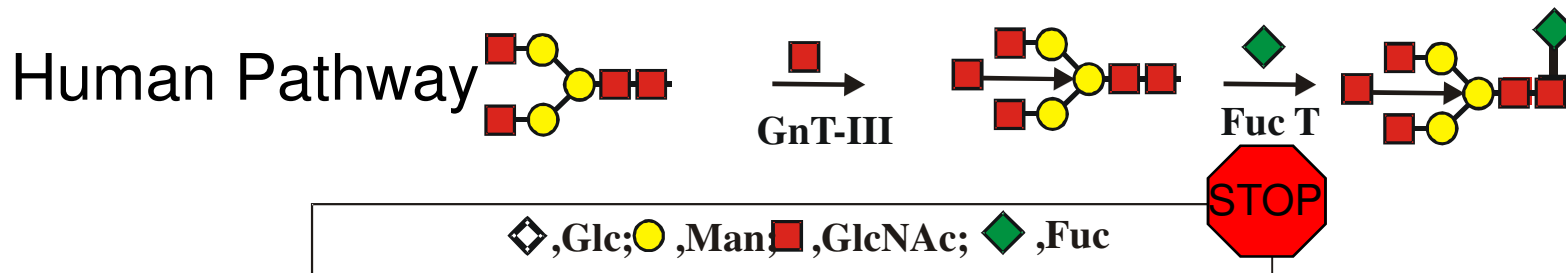
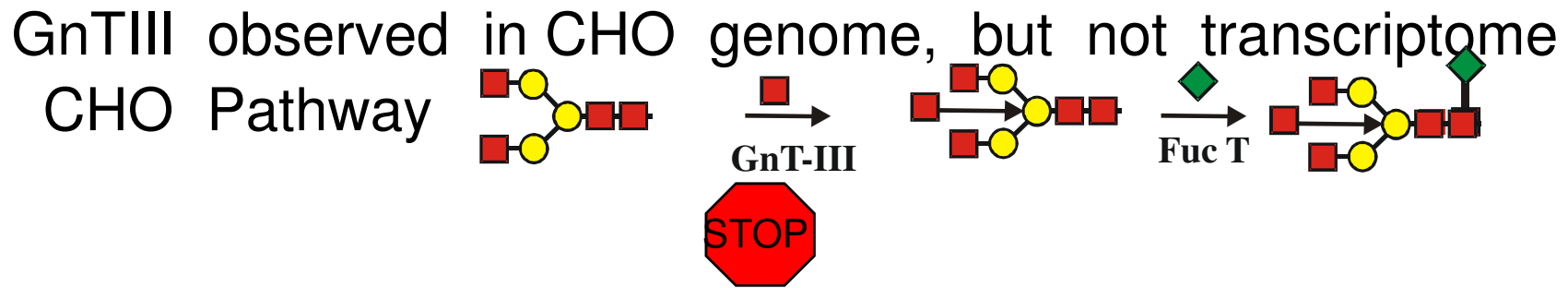
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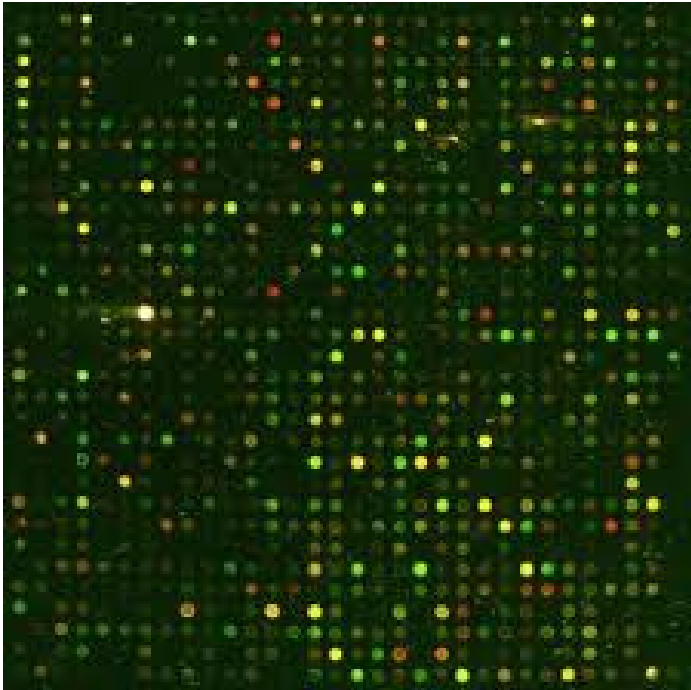
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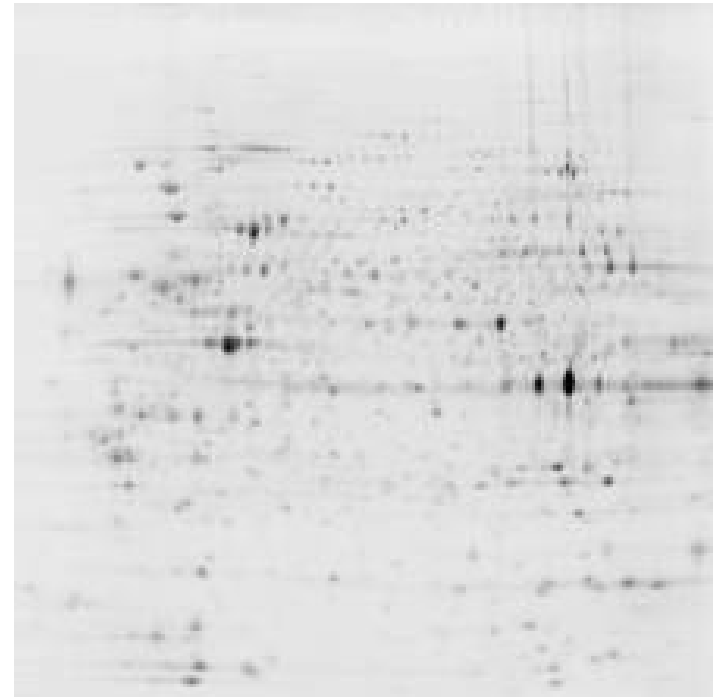
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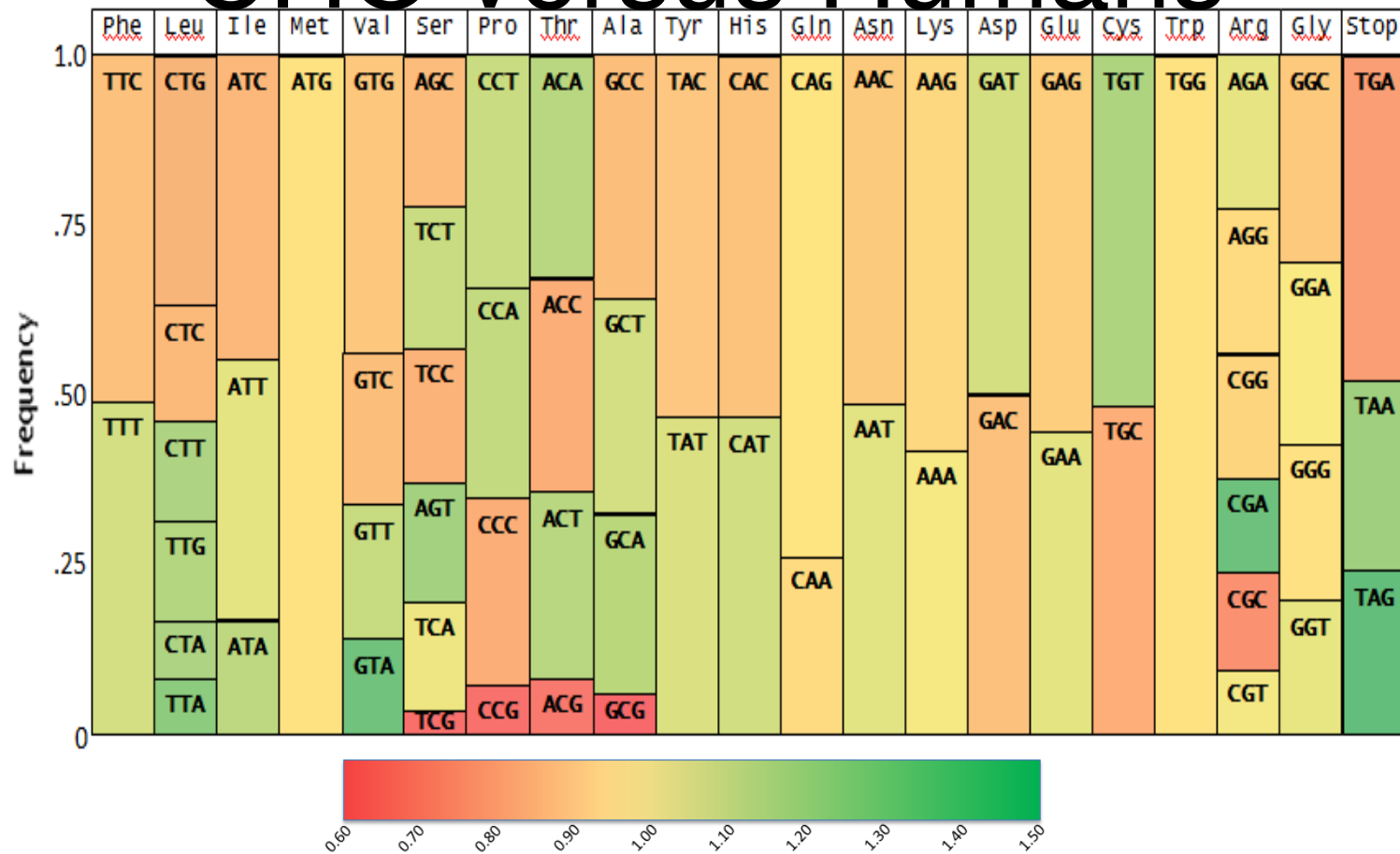
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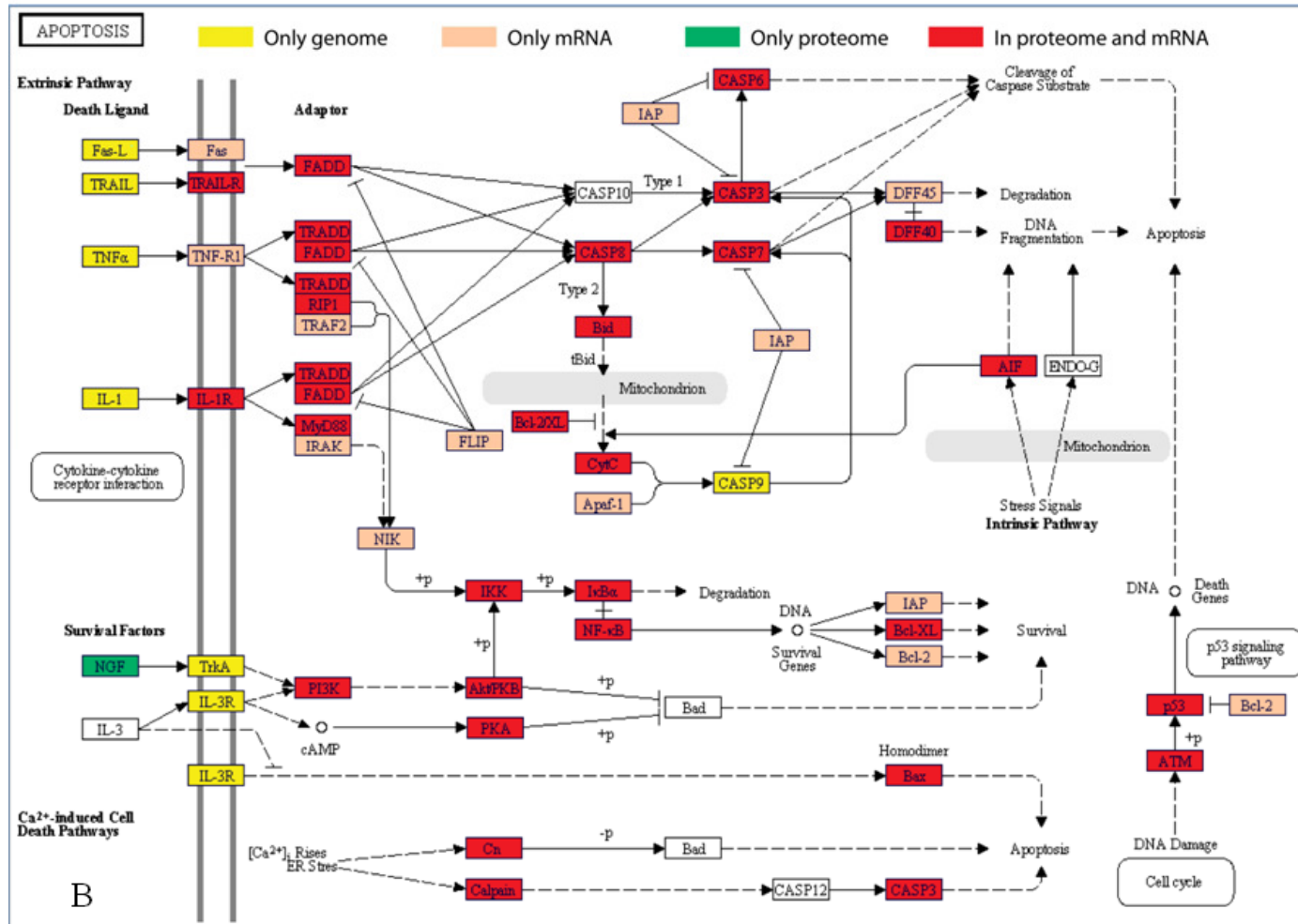
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Amino Acid Codon Usage: CHO versus Humans



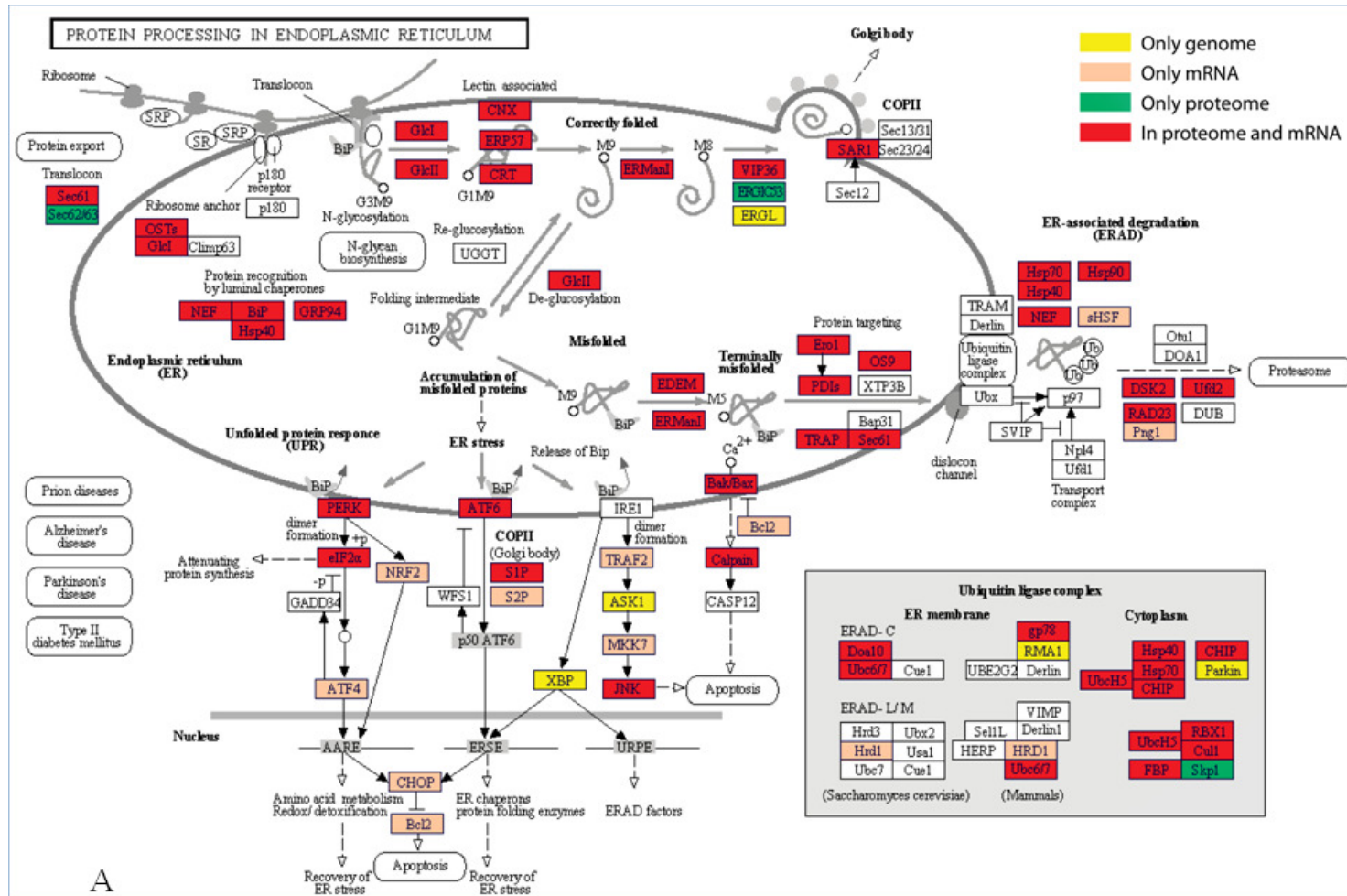
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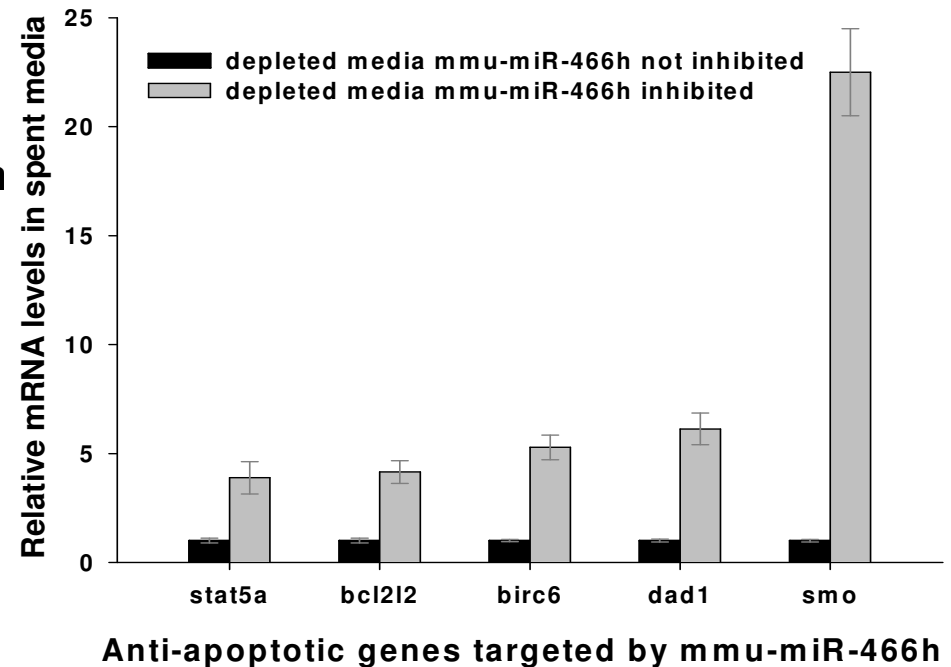
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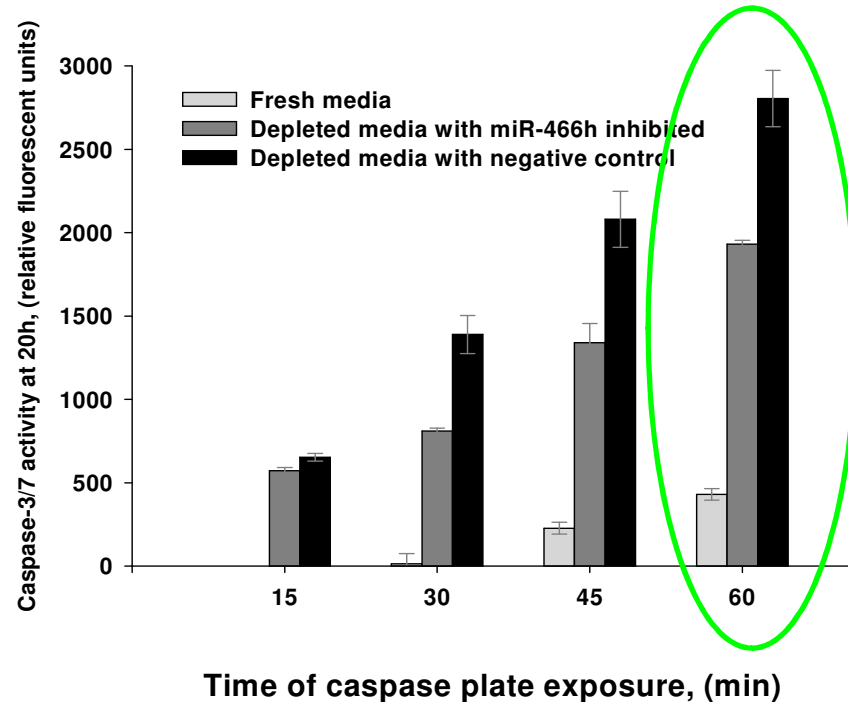
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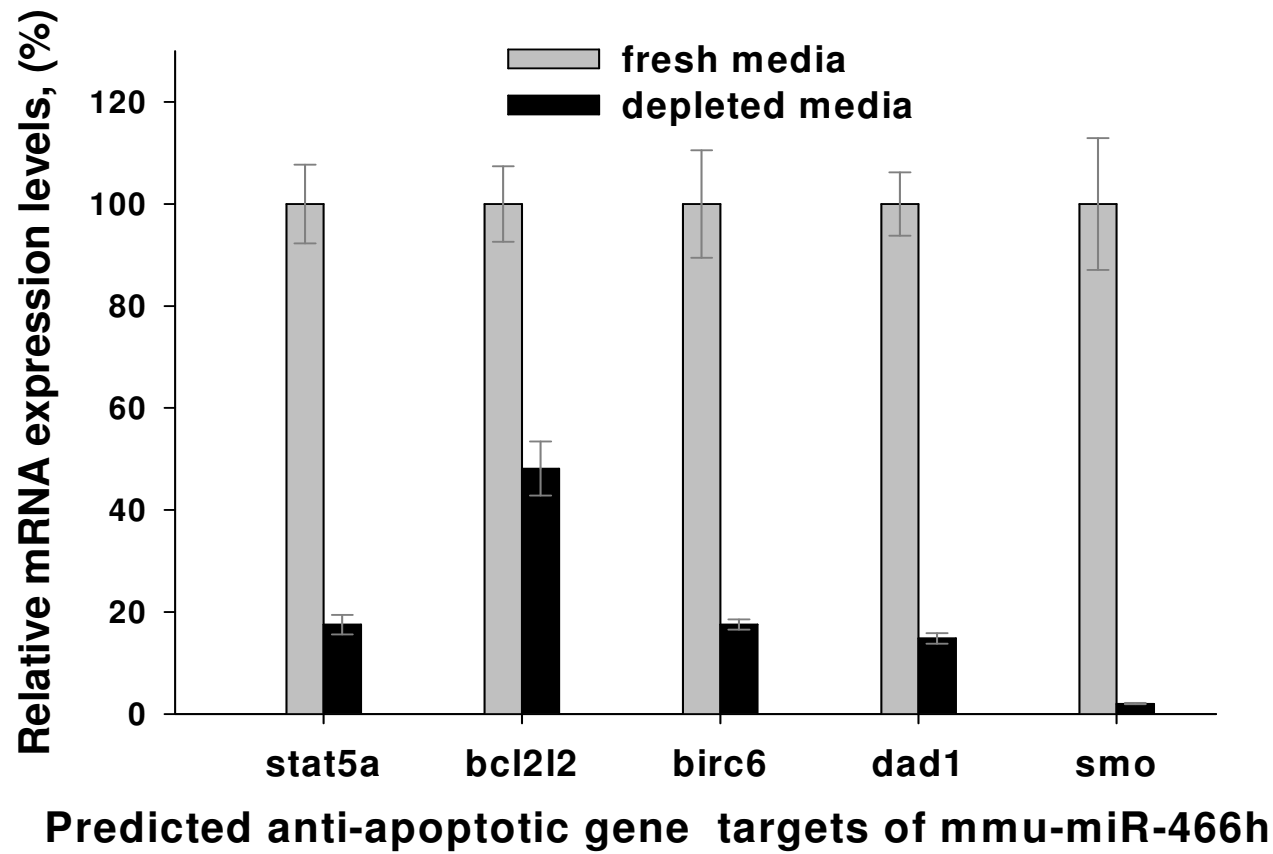
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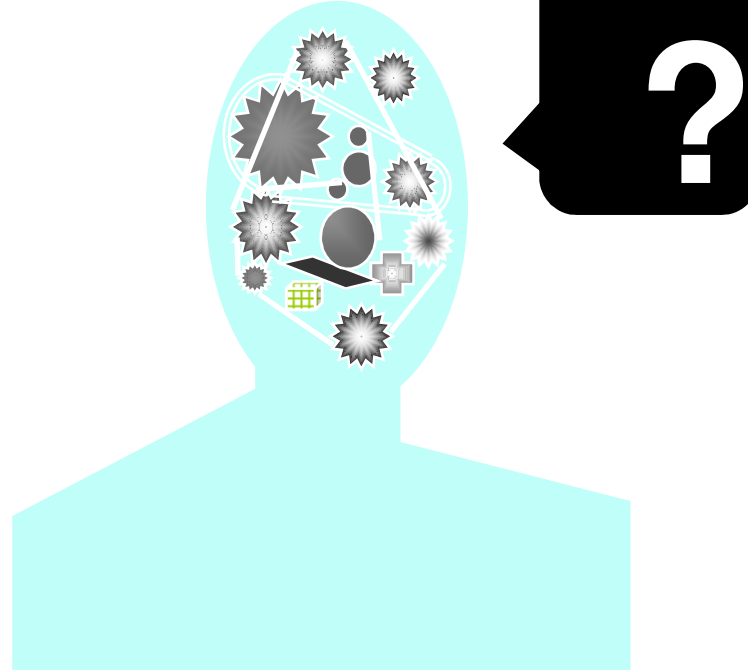
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**Can we apply 'omics and
cell re-engineering strategies to alter
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Location of microRNAs within cluster

Mouse miR ID (mmu-)	Variant	Mature miR sequence	Fresh media relative fluorescent signal	Depleted media relative fluorescent signal	Up-regulation in depleted media (times)	p-value
miR-297a	-	AUGUAUGUGUGCAUGUGCAUGU	14±4	1412±220	101±13	0.039
miR-466a	3p	UAUACAUACACGCACACAUAGA	8±1	203±30	25±1	0.050
miR-466b	3-3p	AAUACAUACACGCACACAUAGA	5±1	209±39	42±1	0.035
miR-466d	3p	UGUGUGUGCGUACAUGUACAUG	10±1	648±122	65±6	0.039
	5p	UAUACAUACACGCACACAUAG	8±2	552±92	69±6	0.050
miR-466f	3p	CAUACACACACACAUACACAC	19±1	5056±105	266±8	0.009
	5p	UACGUGUGUGUGCAUGUGCAUG	102±13	22200±5982	218±31	0.036
miR-466g	-	AUACAGACACAUGCACACACA	51±9	14935±4286	293±32	0.038
miR-466h	-	UGUGUGCAUGUGCUUGUGUGUA	29±4	13105±2366	452±19	0.023
miR-467a	minor	AUAUACAUACACACACCUACAC	44±1	9567±2001	217±40	0.025
miR-467b	minor	AUAUACAUACACACACCAACAC	72±8	14451±2817	201±17	0.027
miR-467e	minor	AUAUACAUACACACACCUAUAU	14±2	1056±38	75±8	0.022
miR-669a	-	AGUUGUGUGUGCAUGUUCAUGU	7±0	57±3	8±0	0.016
miR-669b	-	AGUUUUGUGUGCAUGUGCAUGU	8±0	46±1	6±0	0.003
miR-669c	-	AUAGUUGUGUGUGGAUGUGUGU	23±4	2870±299	125±9	0.023
miR-669d	-	ACUUGUGUGUGCAUGUAUAUGU	7±0	1511±463	216±66	0.038
miR-669e	-	UGUCUUGUGUGCAUGUUCAU	12±0	4090±971	341±81	0.027
miR-669f	-	CAUAUACAUACACACACGUAU	44±1	13444±4267	306±90	0.037
miR-669h	3p	UAUGCAUAUACACACAUGCACA	8±0	326±6	41±1	0.007
miR-669i	-	UGCAUAUACACACAUGC AUAC	18±1	39±1	2±0	0.048

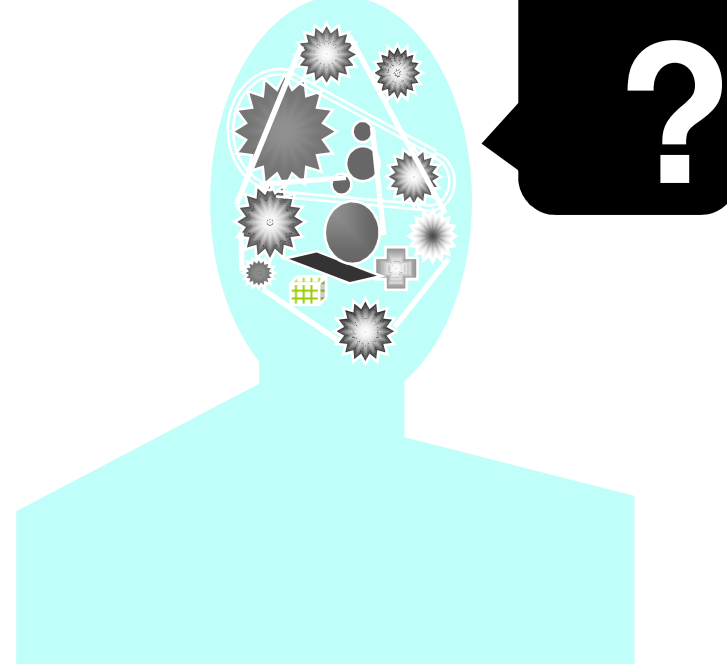
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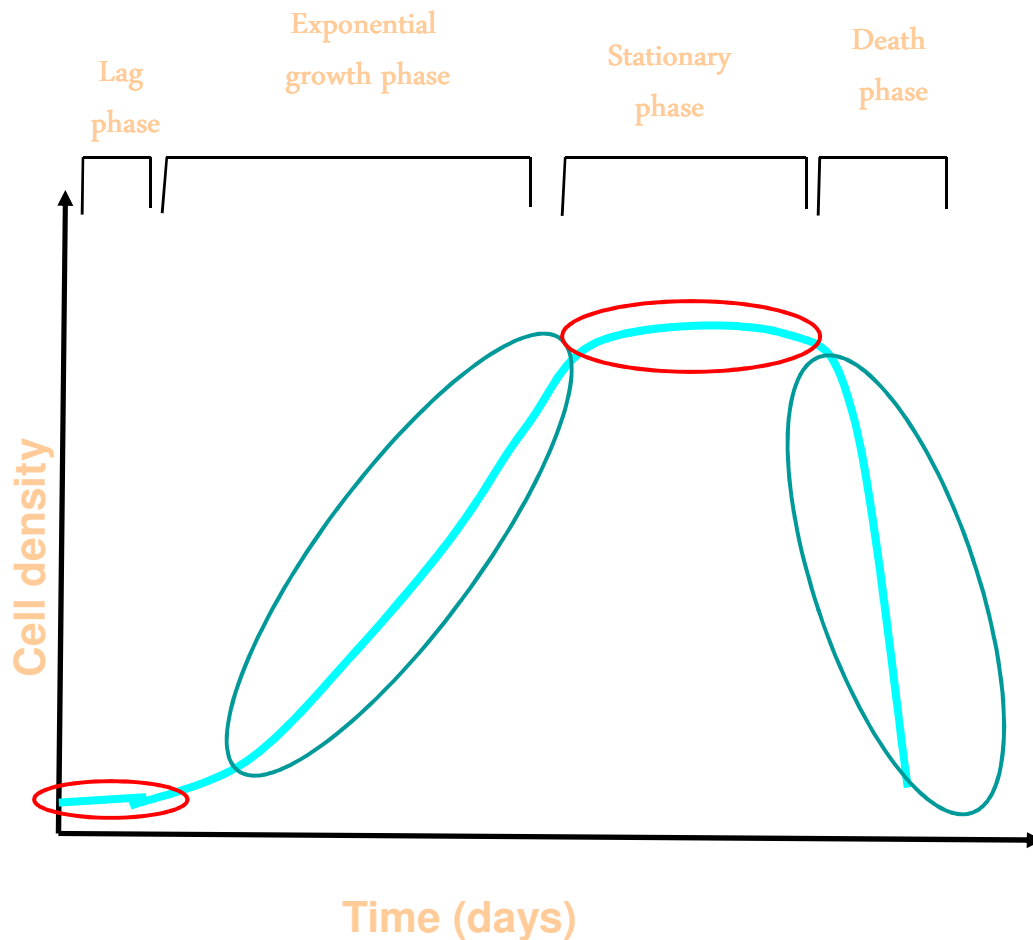
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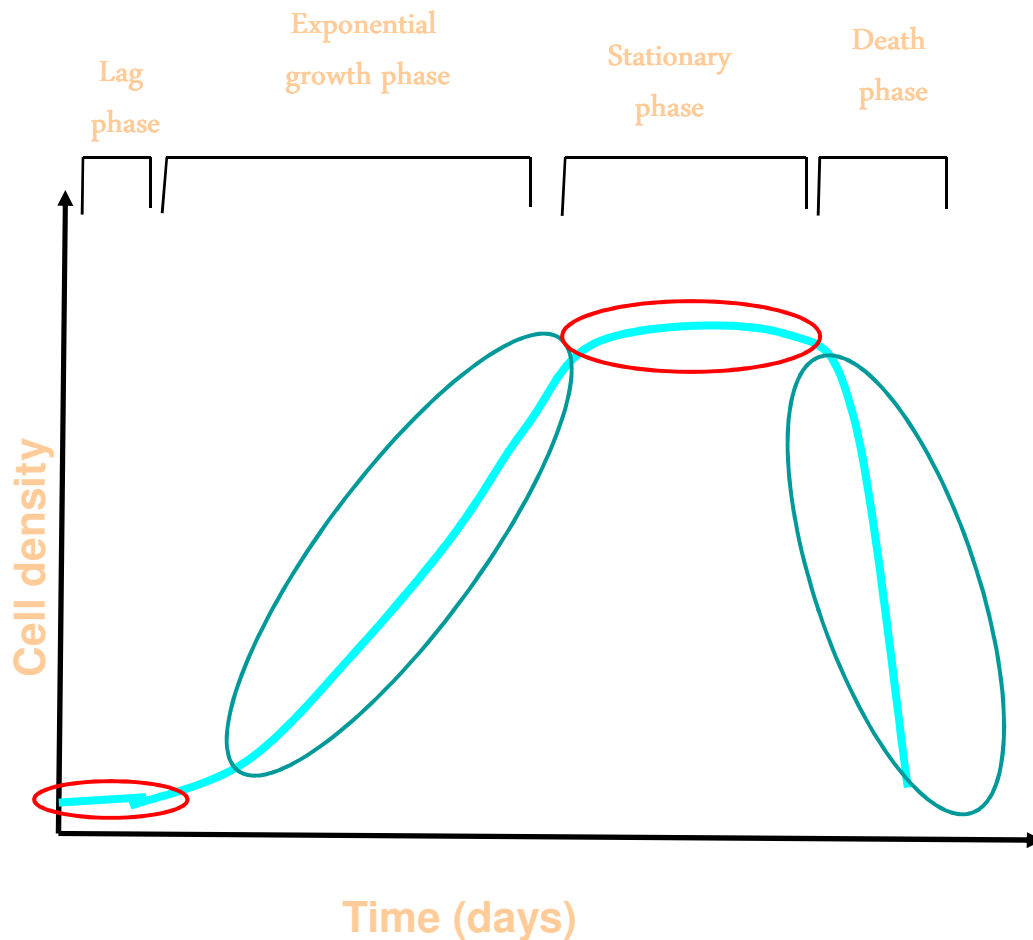
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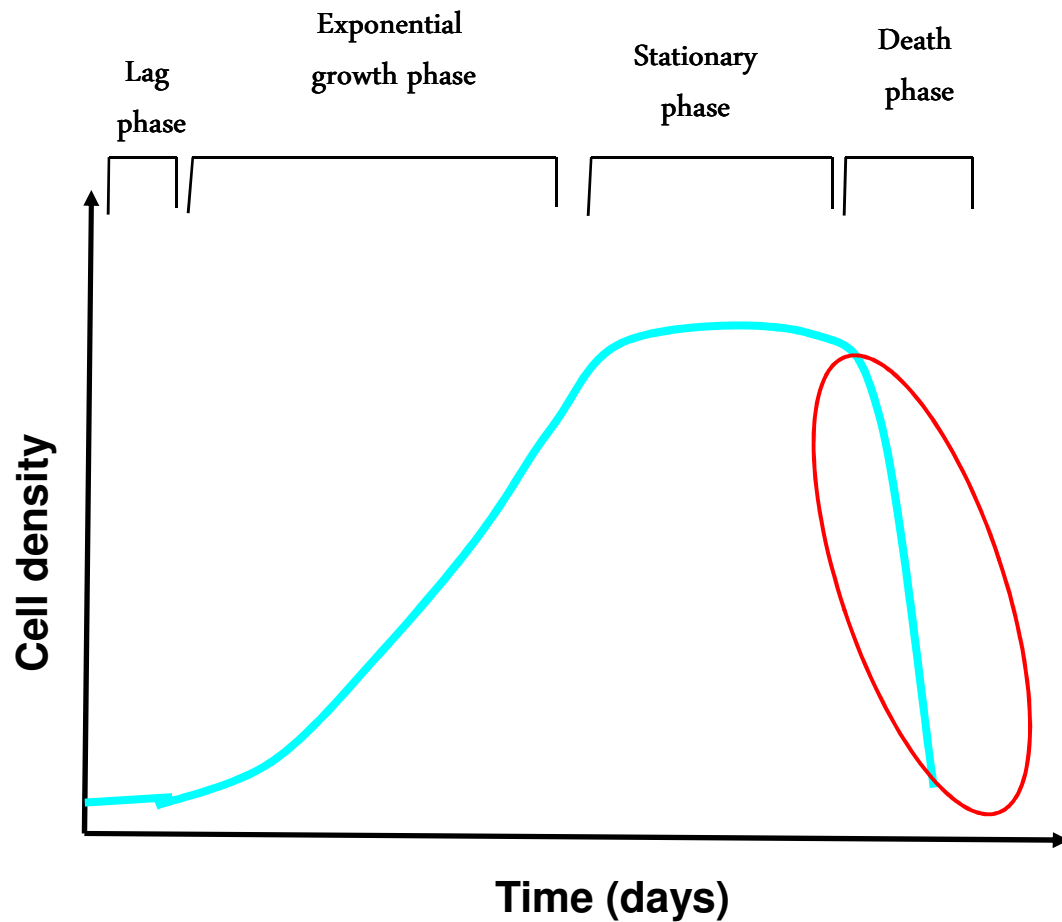
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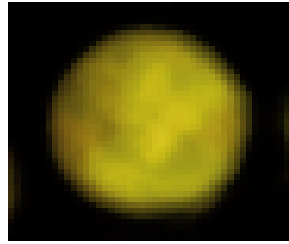
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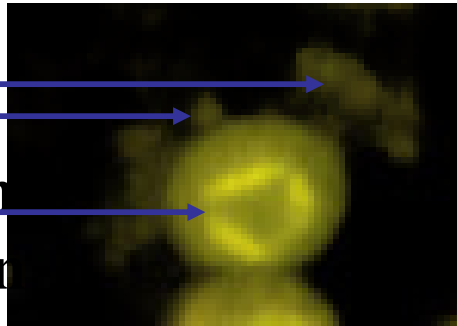
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Apoptotic Detection Examples

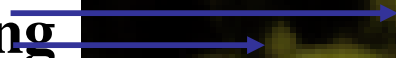
Healthy Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO) cell



Apoptotic CHO cell



Blebbing

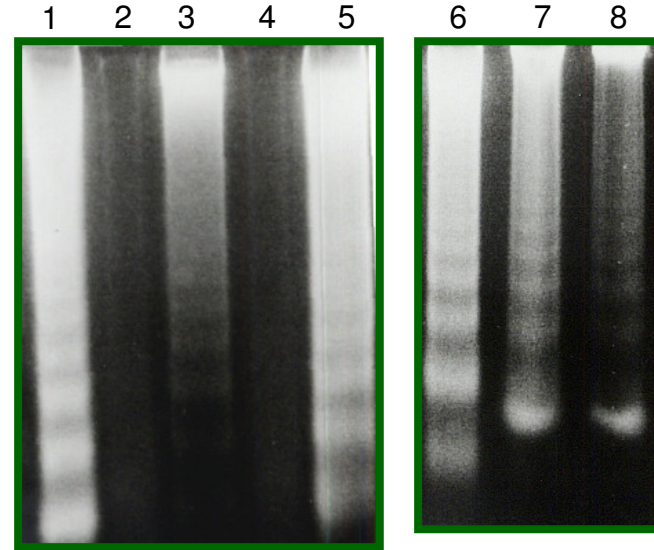


Chromatin



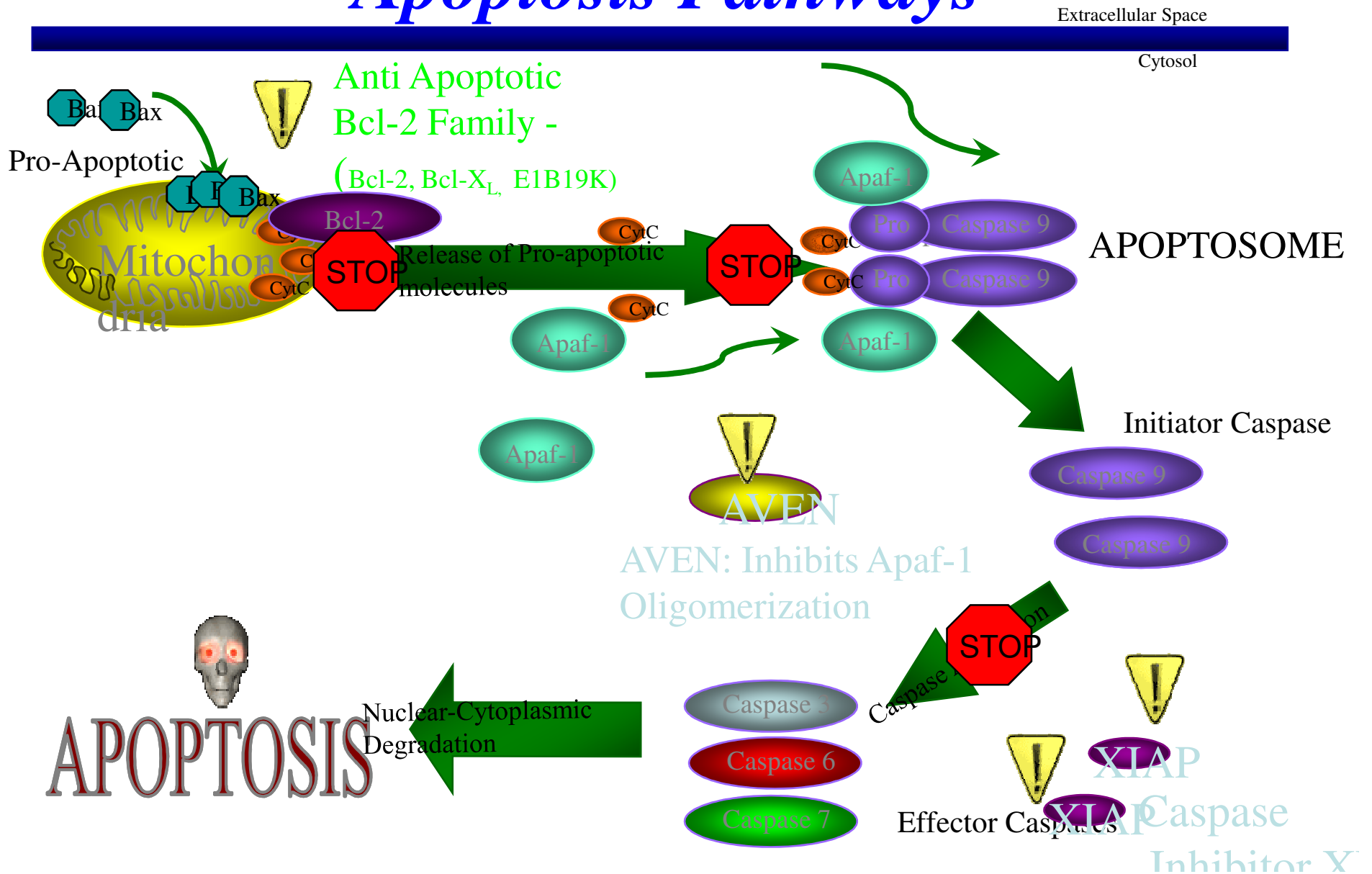
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Acridine Orange Staining

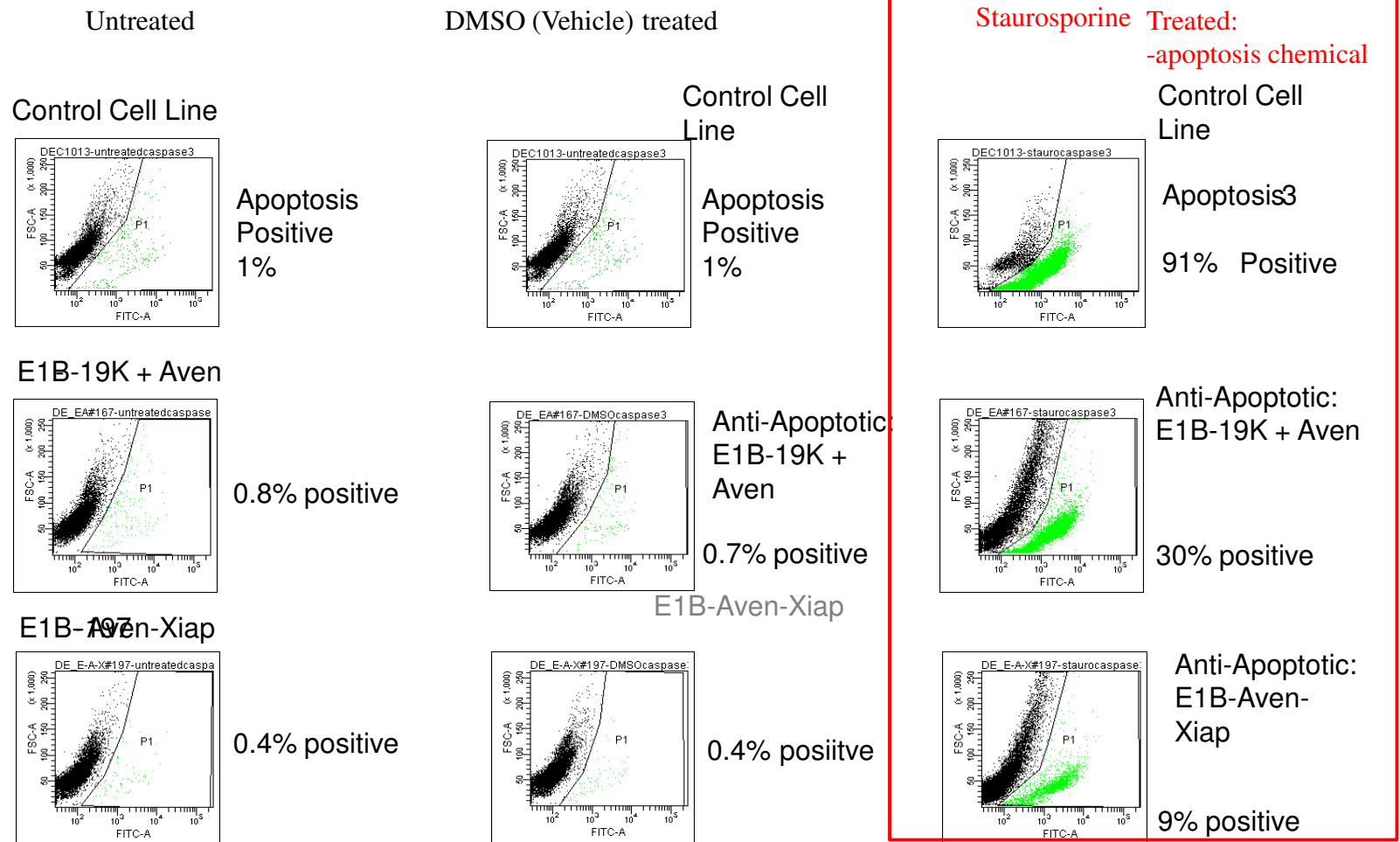


CHO cells (3 and 7) and
Baby Hamster Kidney (BHK)
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Can we apply Metabolic Engineering to Apoptosis Pathways

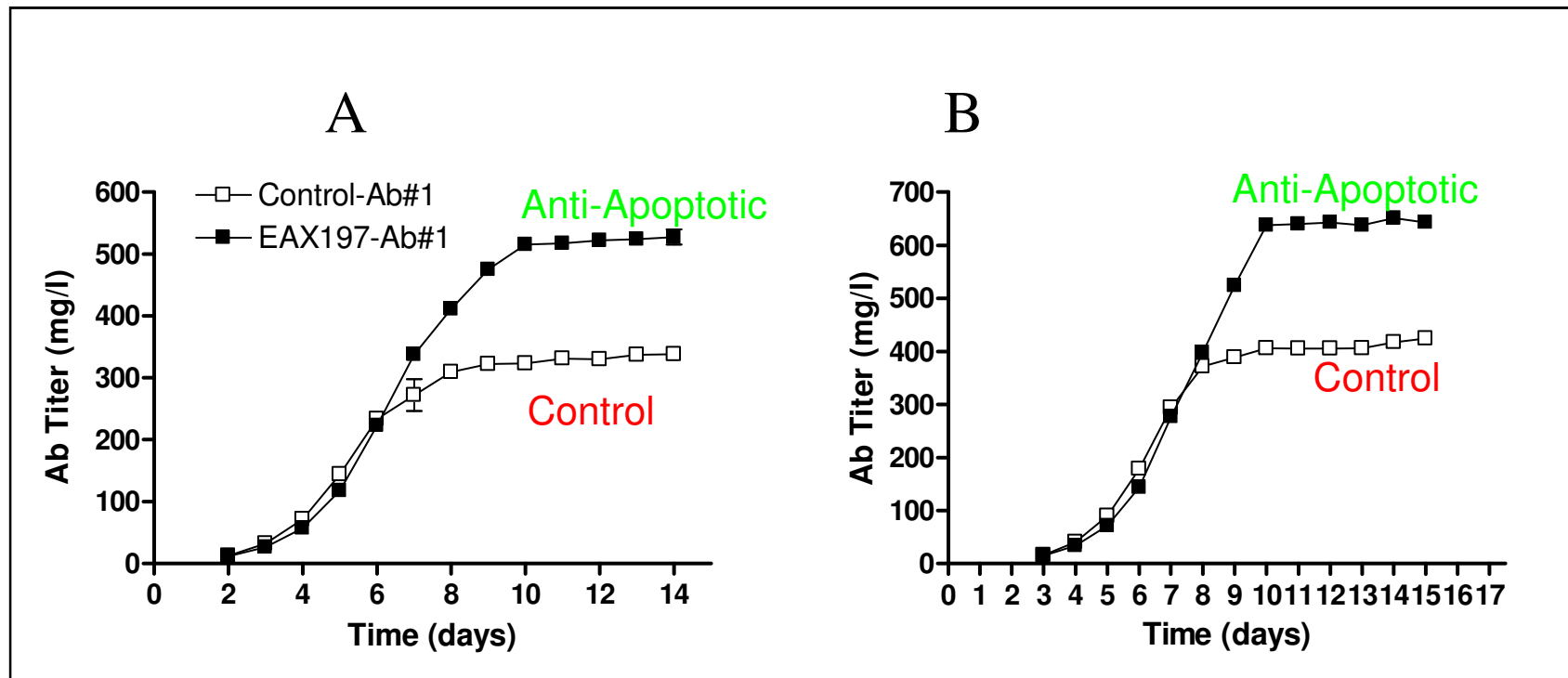


Effects of anti-apoptosis genes on Chinese hamster ovary cell apoptosis



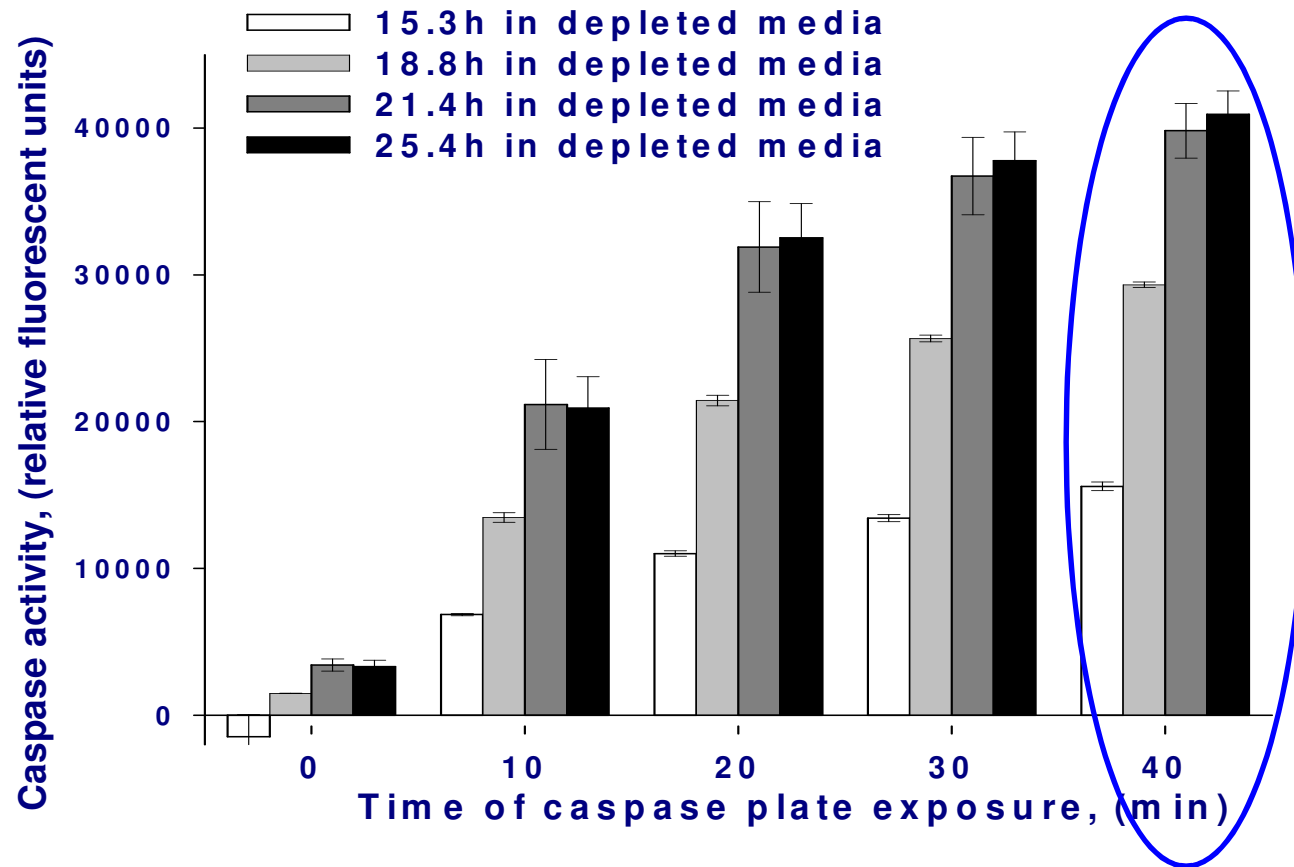
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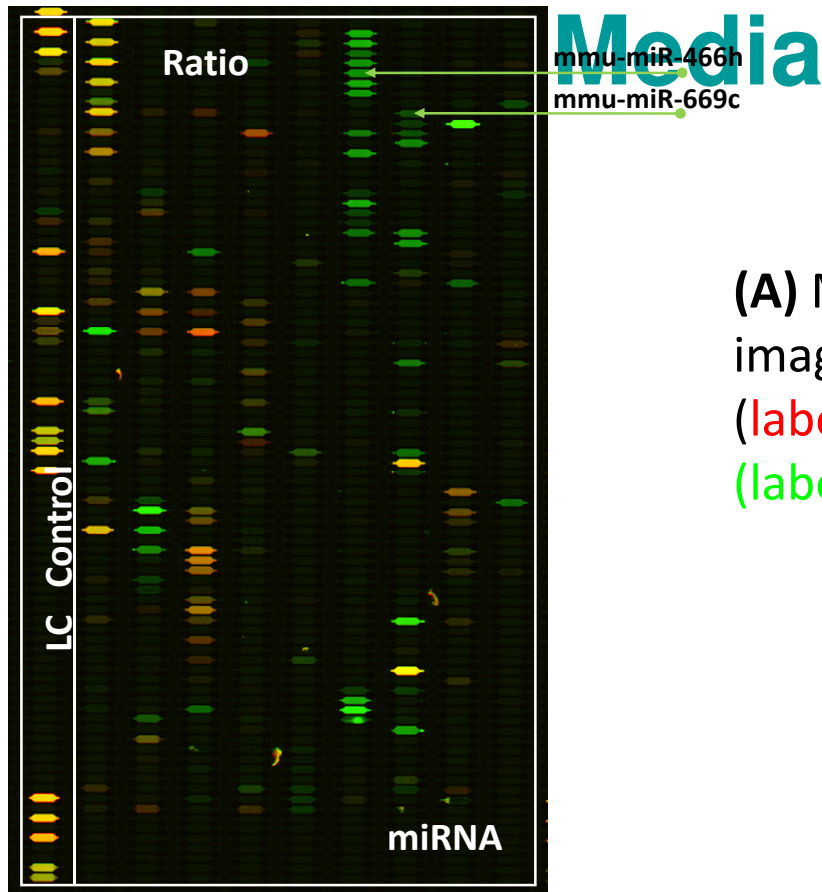
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Are CHO Apoptosis Pathways activated in Depleted Media: Measurement of Caspase Activity



Caspase activity (apoptosis) increased for cells exposed for longer periods (20-25 hours) in depleted (spent) media

Microarray Analysis of MicroRNA: Comparison of Fresh and Depleted



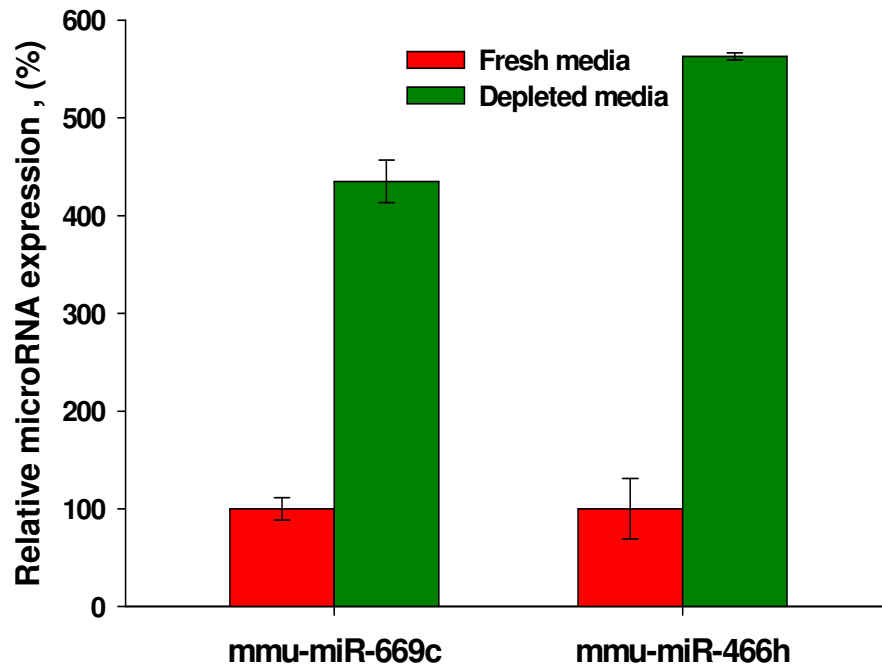
(A) Microarray map of overlaid images of miRs in fresh (labeled red) and depleted (labeled green) conditions.

MicroRNAs including mouse (mmu) microRNA (mir)-466h and mmu-mir-669c upregulated in depleted media

Quantitative PCR Analysis of MicroRNA:

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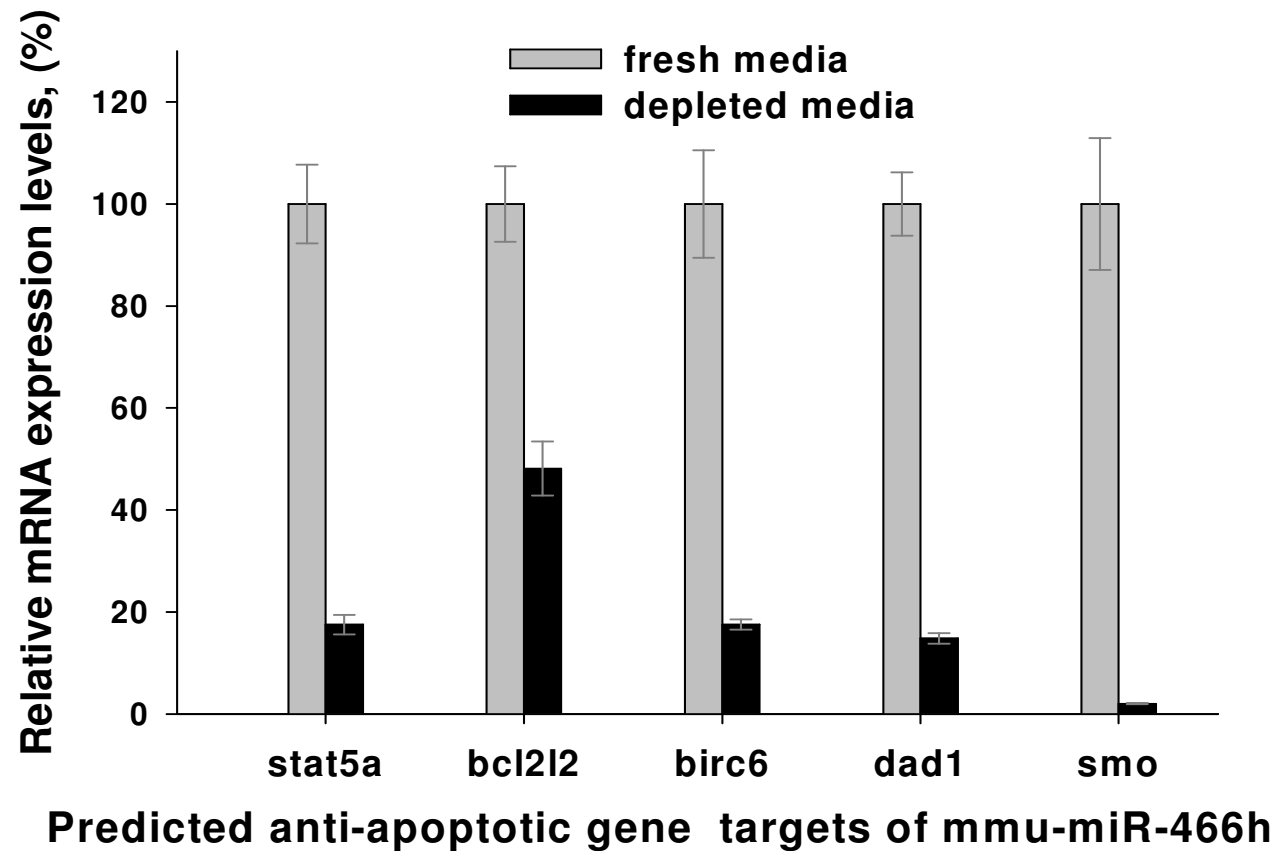


Mir-669c and mir-466h upregulation in depleted conditions confirmed with quantitative PCR analysis

Potential targets of mmu-mir-466h

- **8708 mmu-miR-466h potential targets were obtained from miRecords using bioinformatics analysis**
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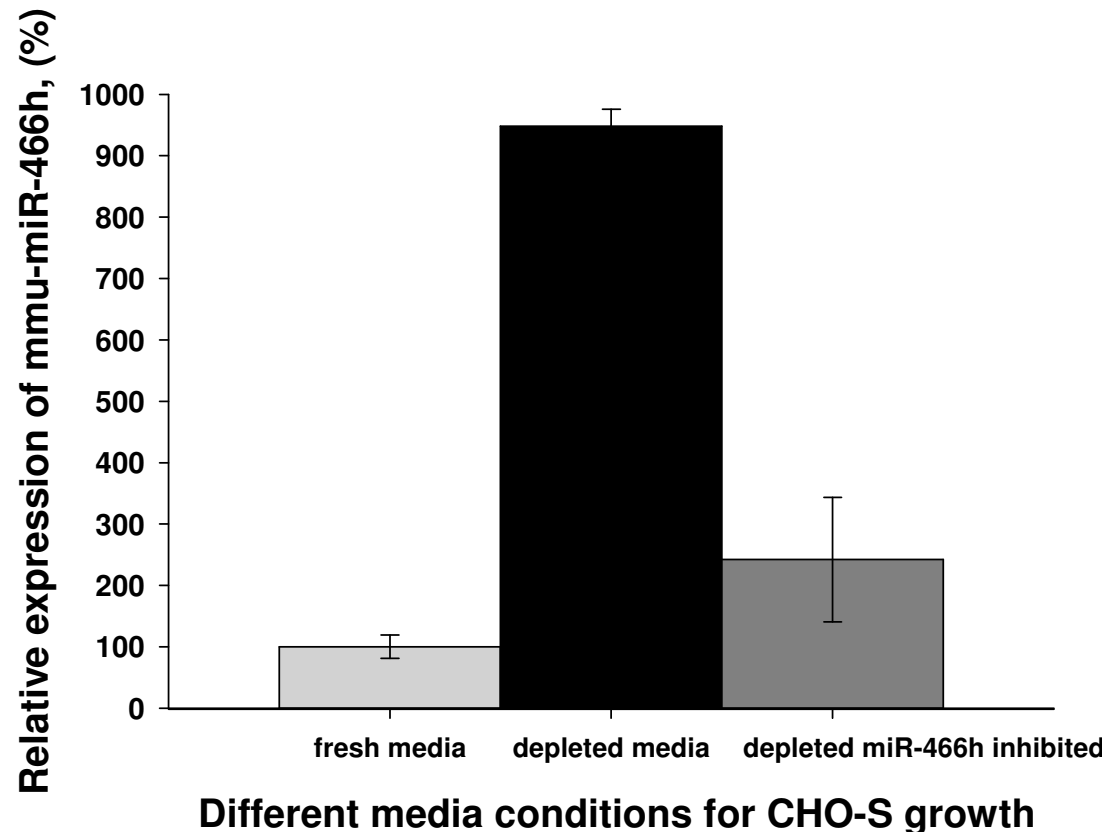
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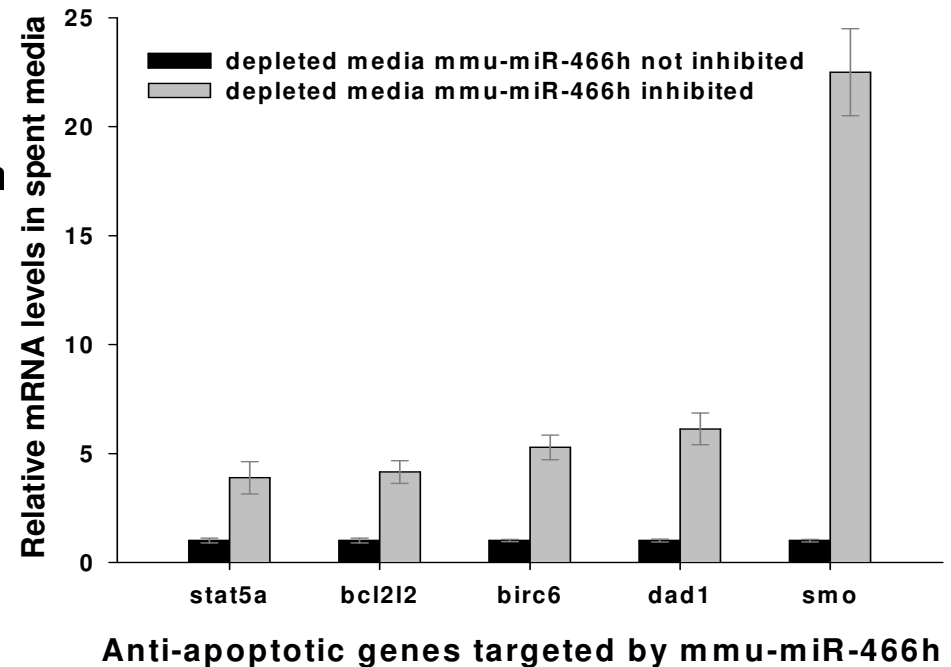
- ❑ A chemically modified single stranded oligonucleotide specific for mmu-miR-466h was added to the cells
- ❑ The levels of mmu-miR-466h in fresh media and in the depleted media, with or without anti-miR-466h, were measured
- ❑ **Compared with fresh media, mmu-miR-466h levels were 10 times higher in depleted media in the absence of the inhibitor**
- ❑ **Mir-466h levels were reduced by a factor of 4.5 in depleted media containing anti-miR-466h.**



Increases in Mmu-mir-466h expression levels in depleted media are inhibited by oligonucleotide

Effects of anti-mmu-mir466h on potential anti-apoptotic targets

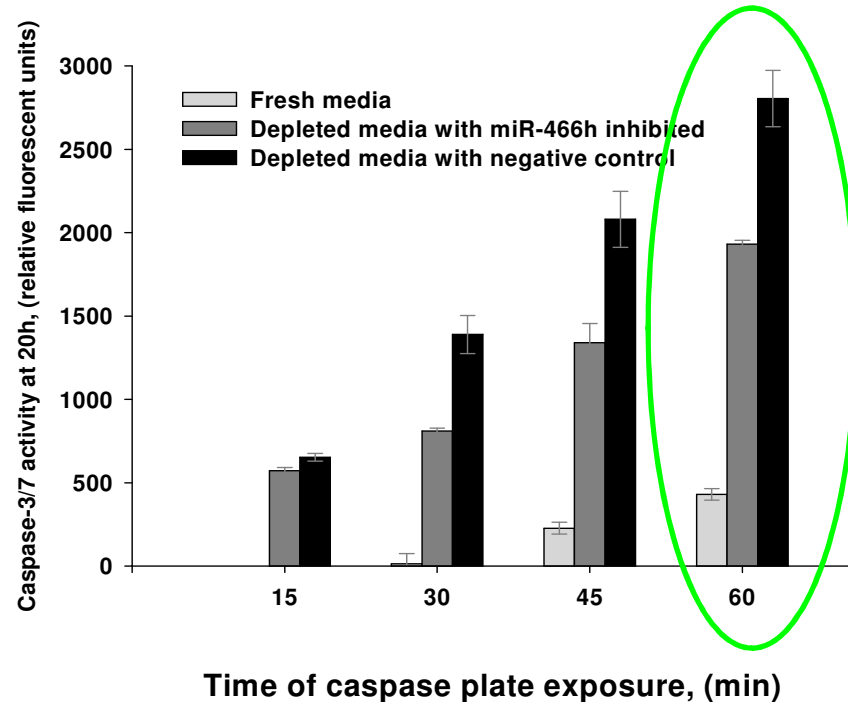
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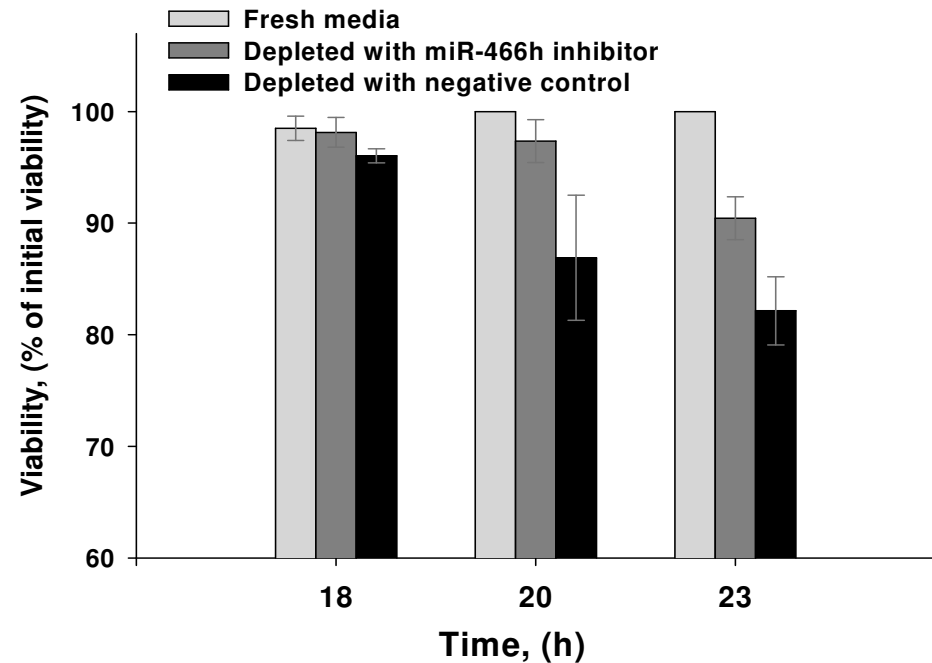
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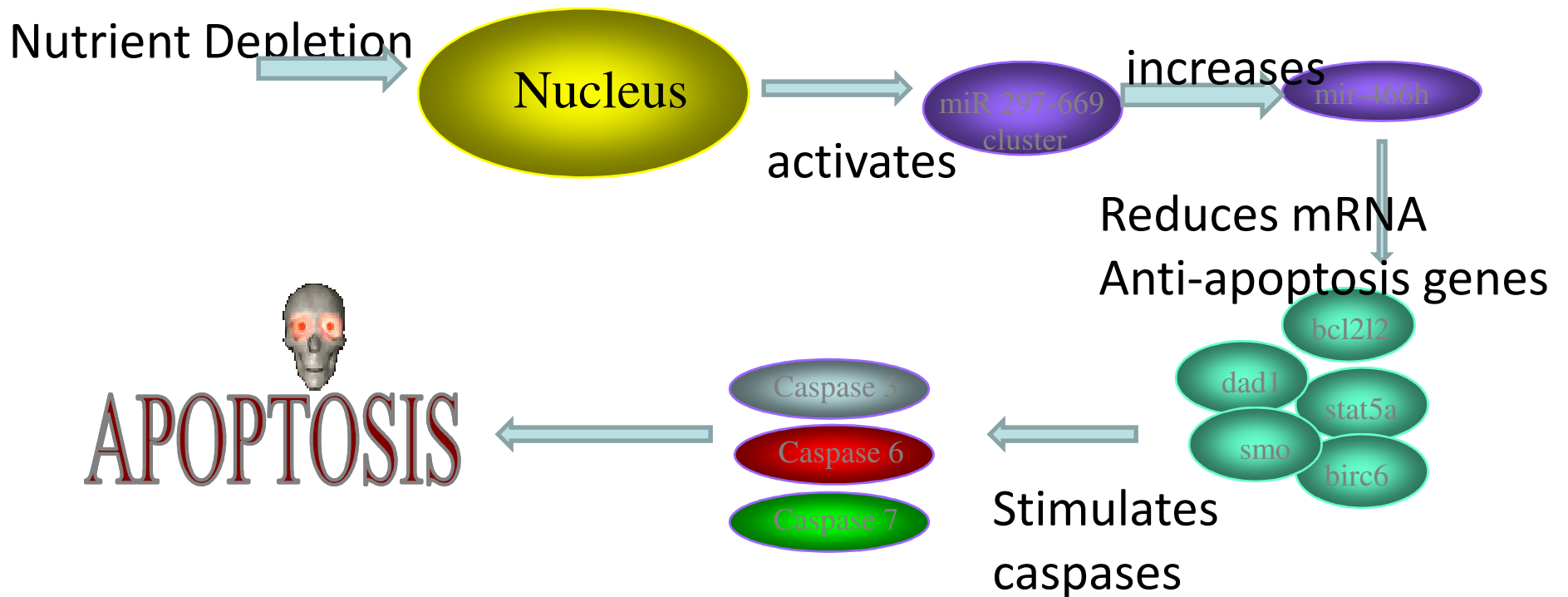
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- ❑ Cell viability in the depleted media started to decline after about 18 hours and fell to 81% by 23 hours.
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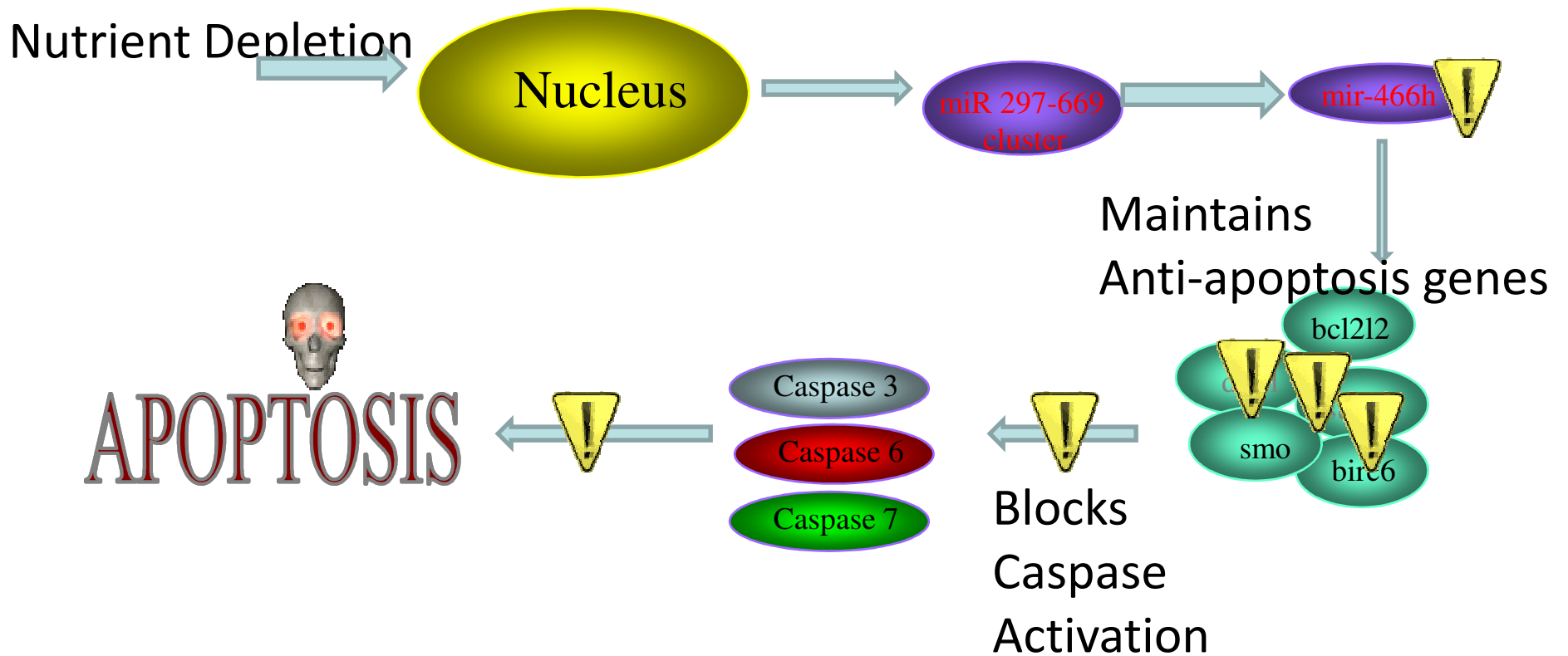


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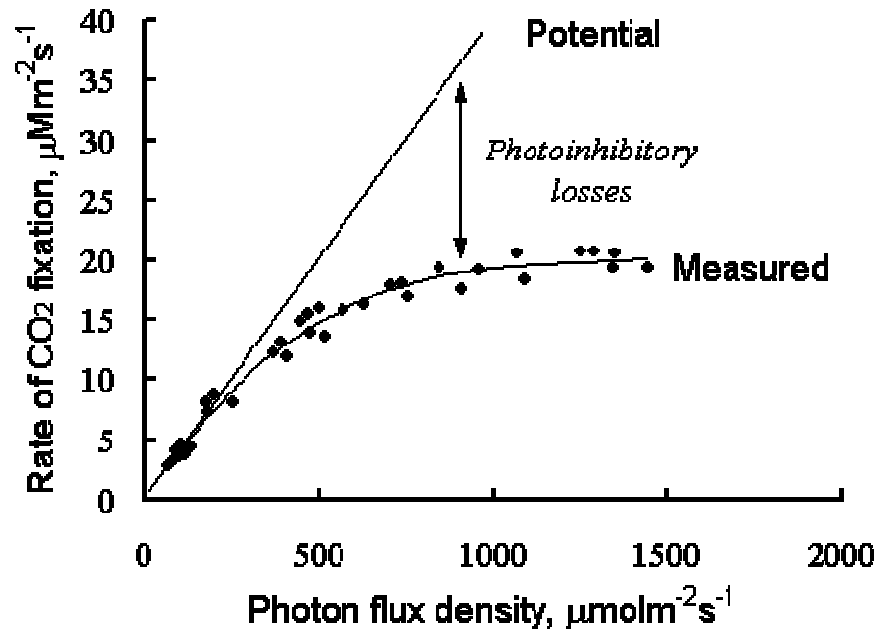


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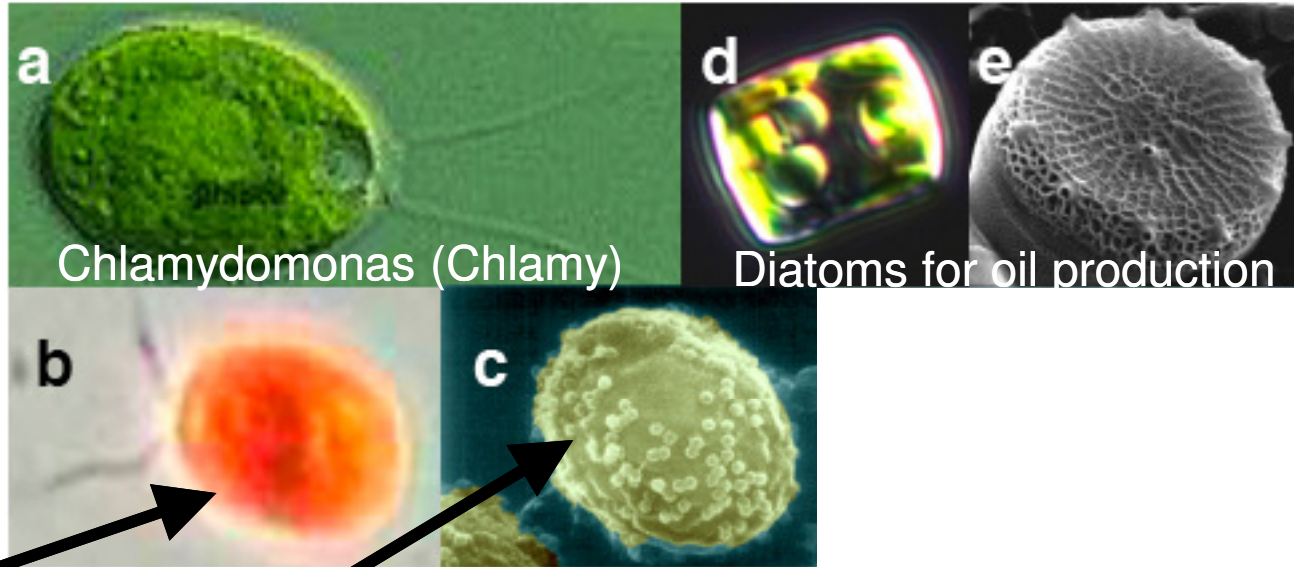


STRESS In Algae?

- Photooxidative Stress
 - Intense Light \rightarrow Photoinhibition \rightarrow Reactive Oxygen Species
 - Intense Light + O₂ Build-Up in Closed PBRs \rightarrow ROS
 - *Reduced Photosynthetic Efficiency*
 - *Is there Cell Damage & Death or even Apoptosis?*



Representative Algae



Chlamydomonas (Chlamy)

Diatoms for oil production

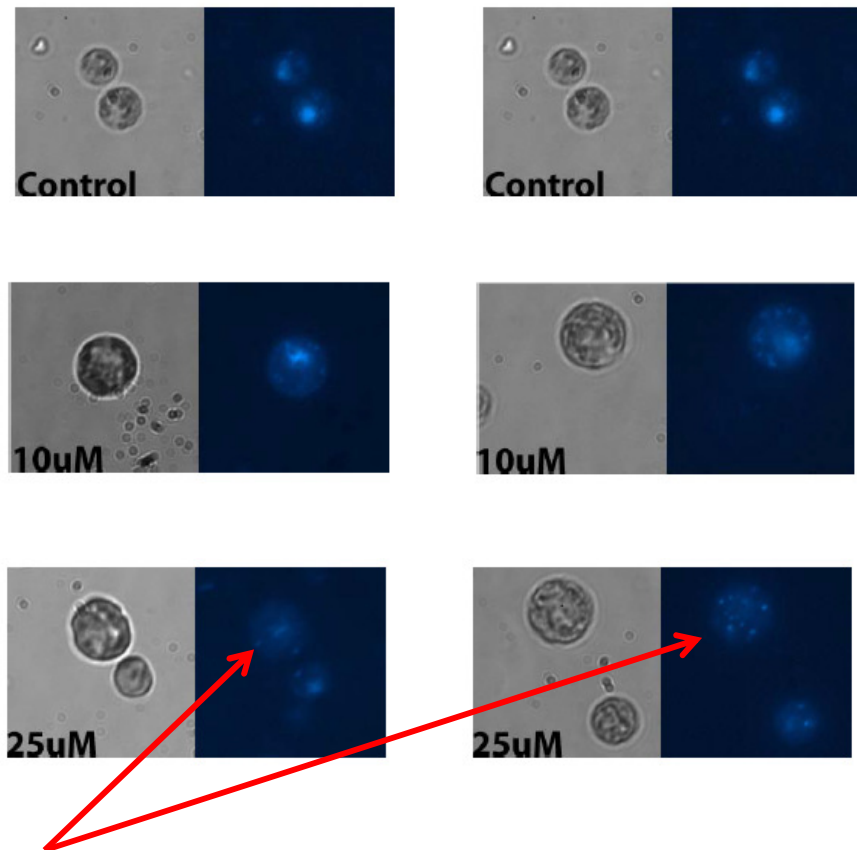
Dunaliella

Chlorella
with virus
on surface

Examine Algal Response to Model Stress Insult

Camptothecin-Model Insult for DNA damage In *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii*

- Camptothecin binds to Topoisomerase I and prevents DNA re-ligation
 - Creates 'nicks' in DNA resulting in permanent DNA damage and subsequent apoptosis
- Wanted to test whether pRelax would rescue cells from undergoing apoptosis upon Camptothecin treatment
- Hoescht Nuclear Staining
 - DNA fragmentation
- Guava Viacount viability

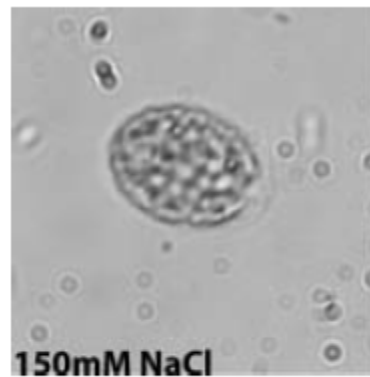


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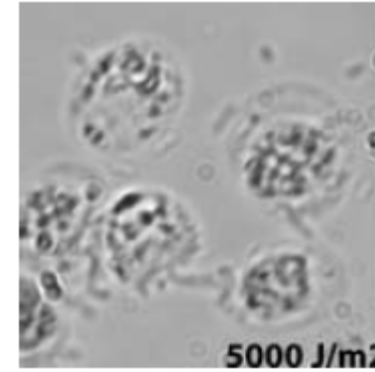
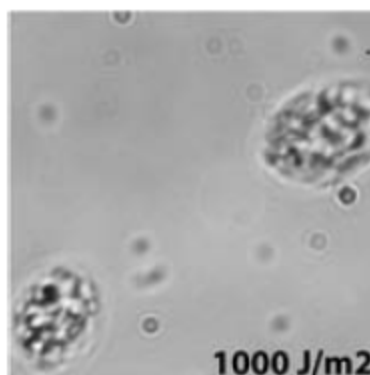
Effect of other Environmental Stresses

Other stress imposition on *wild-type* (UTEX 2244) Chlamy

NaCl



UV



C.Reinhardtii after 3 days of stress

Other Stresses Reduce Cell Survival

Abiotic stress imposition on *wild-type* (UTEX 2244) *C.reinhardtii*

- 200mM NaCl, 300mM NaCl, 42°C Heat Shock (2h)

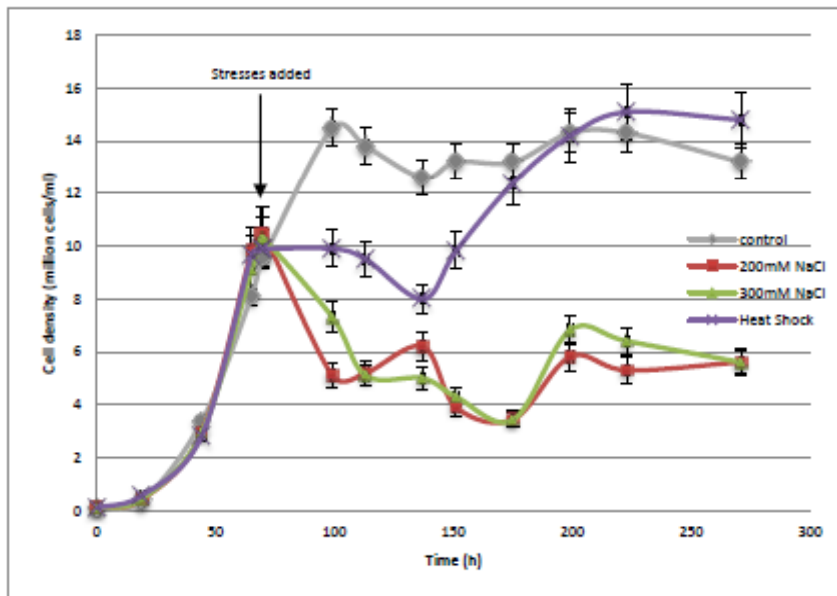


Figure 32: Wild-type *C. reinhardtii* growth curves - Multiple abiotic stress imposition

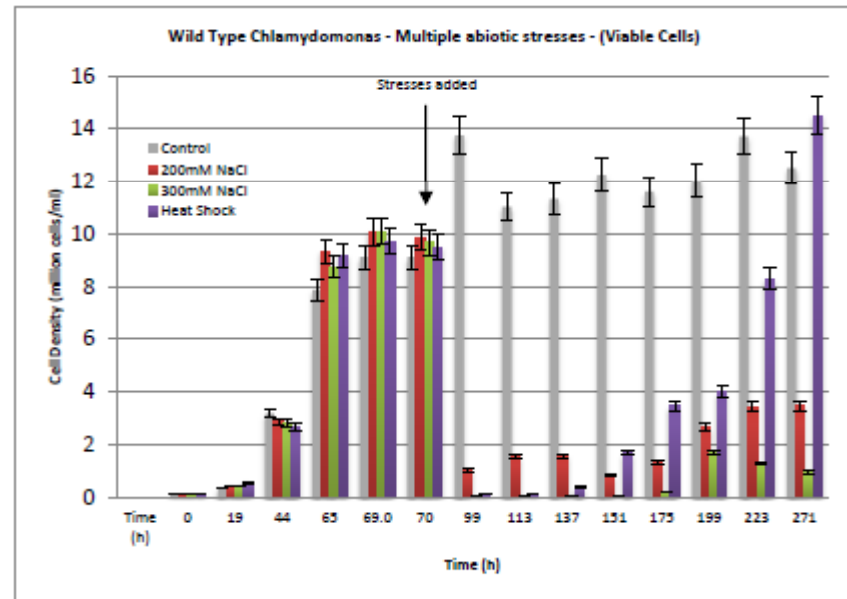
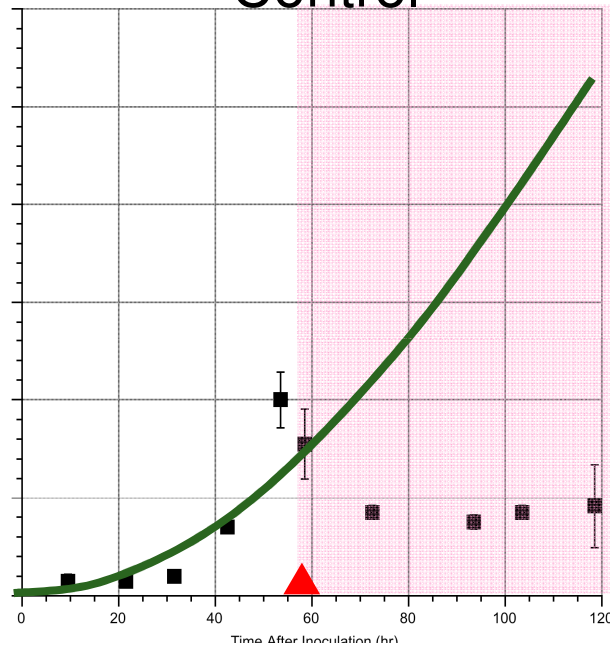


Figure 33: Wild Type *Chlamydomonas* - Multiple abiotic stresses (viability)

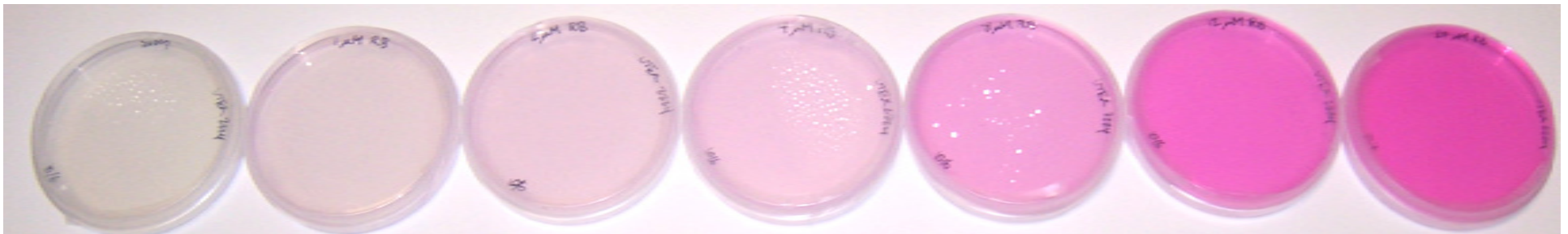
PHOTOOXIDATIVE STRESS TEST

Chlamydomonas
Control

Cell Density
(10^6 cells/ml)



Generation of Reactive Oxygen Species with 2 μ M Rose Bengal



Effect of anti-apoptosis genes: Relative Reduction in growth rate

Abiotic stress imposition on pBcl-x transformants (UTEX 2244) to determine tolerance

- **NaCl:** 50mM, 75mM, 100mM, 150mM, 250mM

Wild-Type

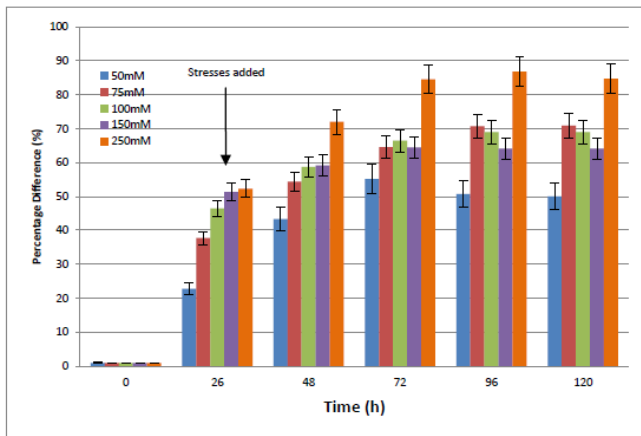


Figure 38: Wild-type cell density difference to control (%) of NaCl stress curves

Average growth reductions:

- **WT:** 50.8%
- **pBcl-x-2:** 31%
- **pBcl-x-8:** 26.1%

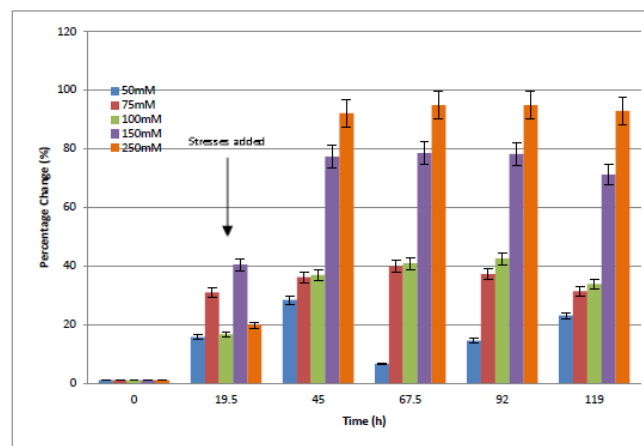


Figure 39: pRelax#2 cell density difference to control (%) of NaCl stress curves

pBcl-x #2

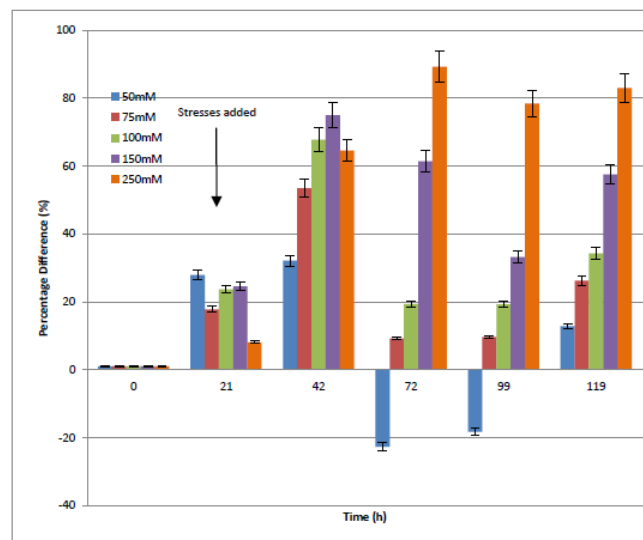


Figure 40: pRelax #8 cell density difference to control (%) of NaCl stress curves

pBcl-x #8

Effect of anti-apoptosis genes At high salt concentrations

- NaCl range 175mM, 200mM, 225mM, 250mM

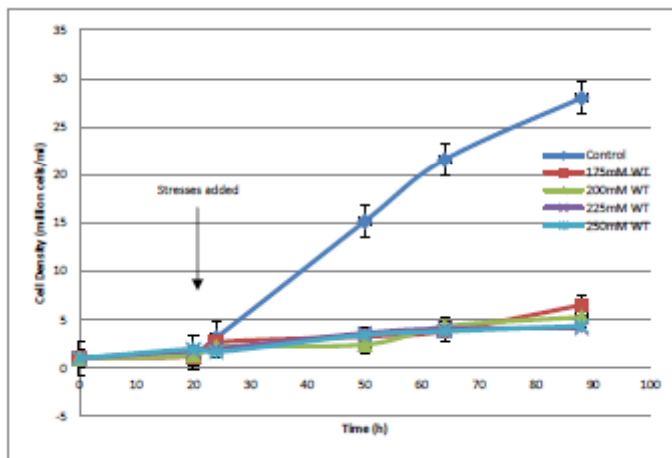


Figure 61: Growth curves of Wild-Type *Creinhardtii* under High NaCl stress

Wild-Type

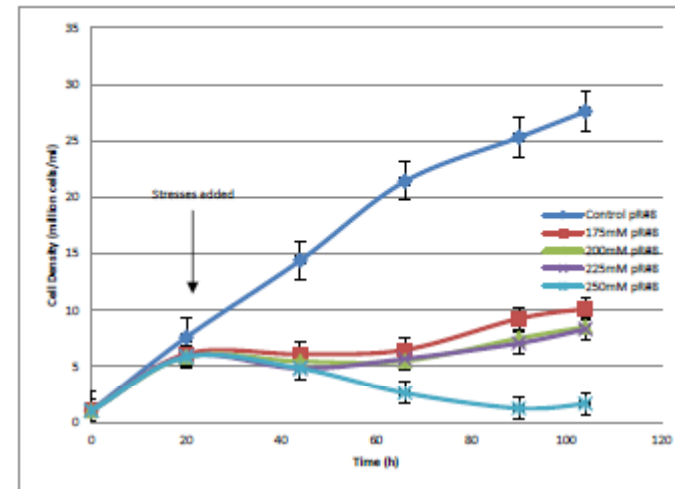


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pBcl-x8

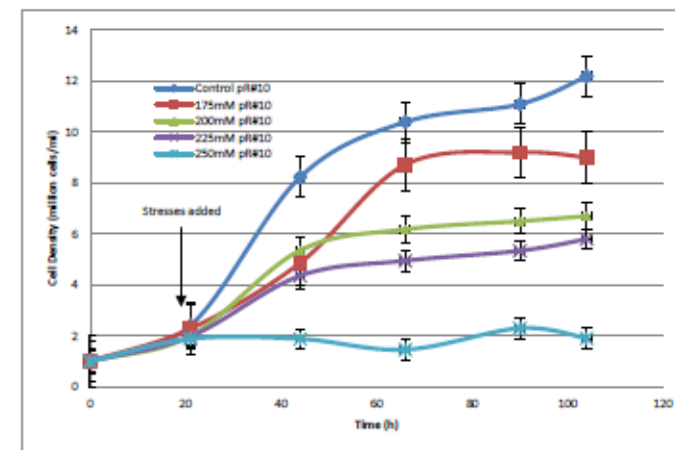
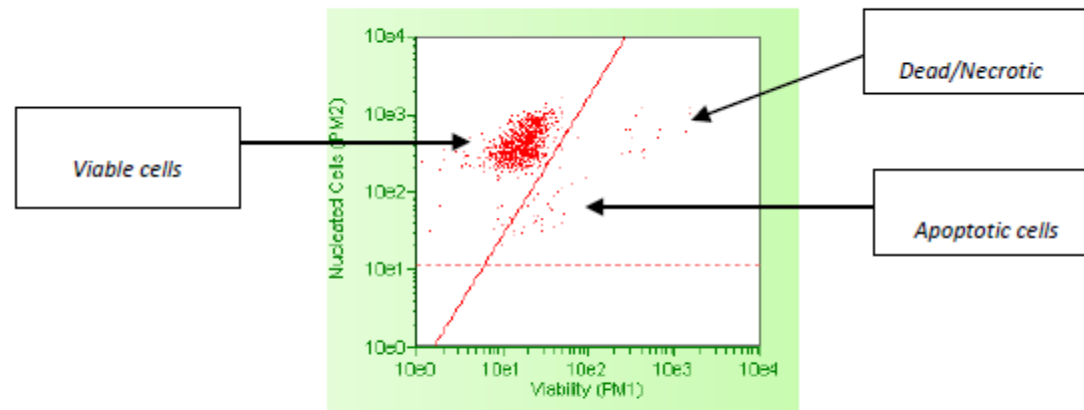


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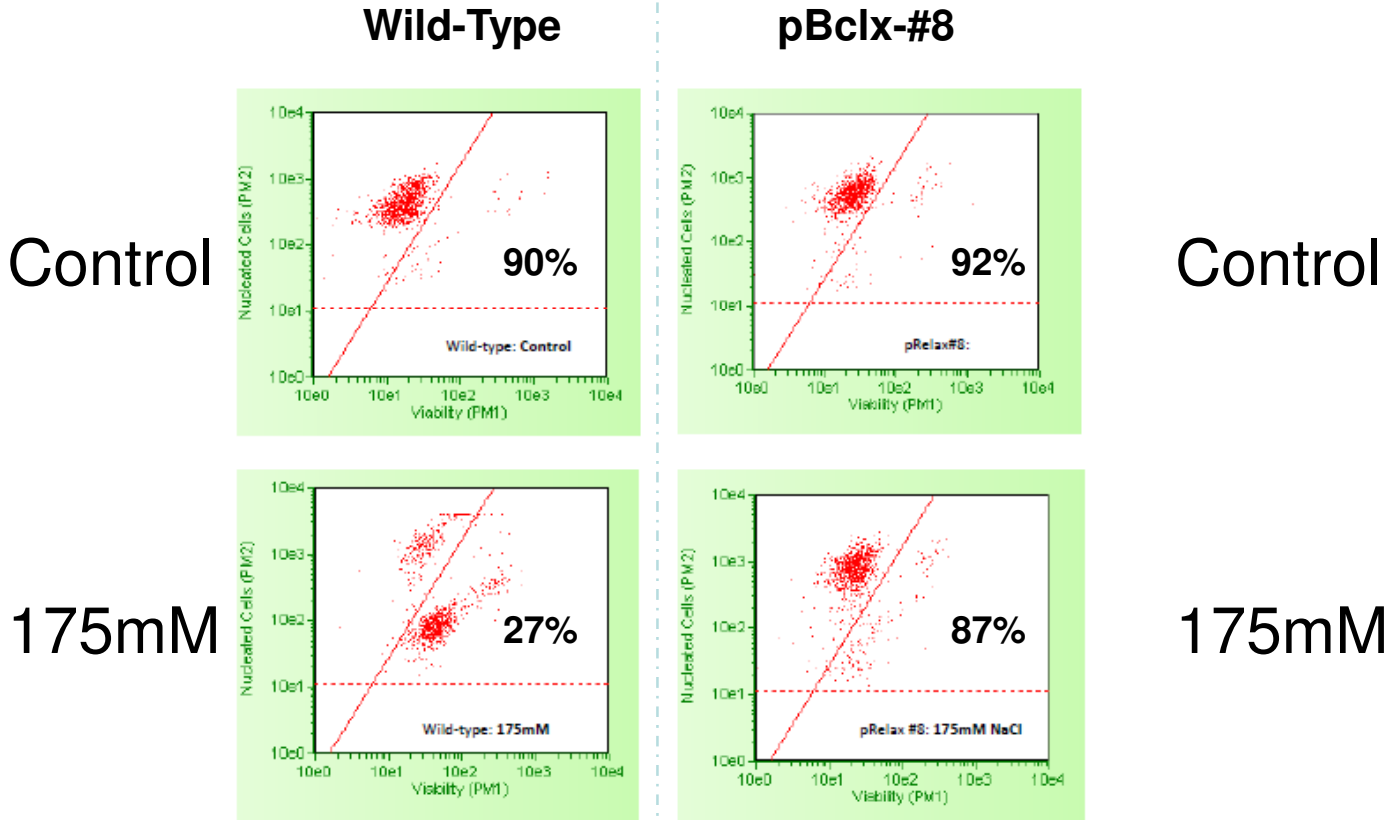
pBcl-x #10

Stress analysis on flow cytometer- Guava?

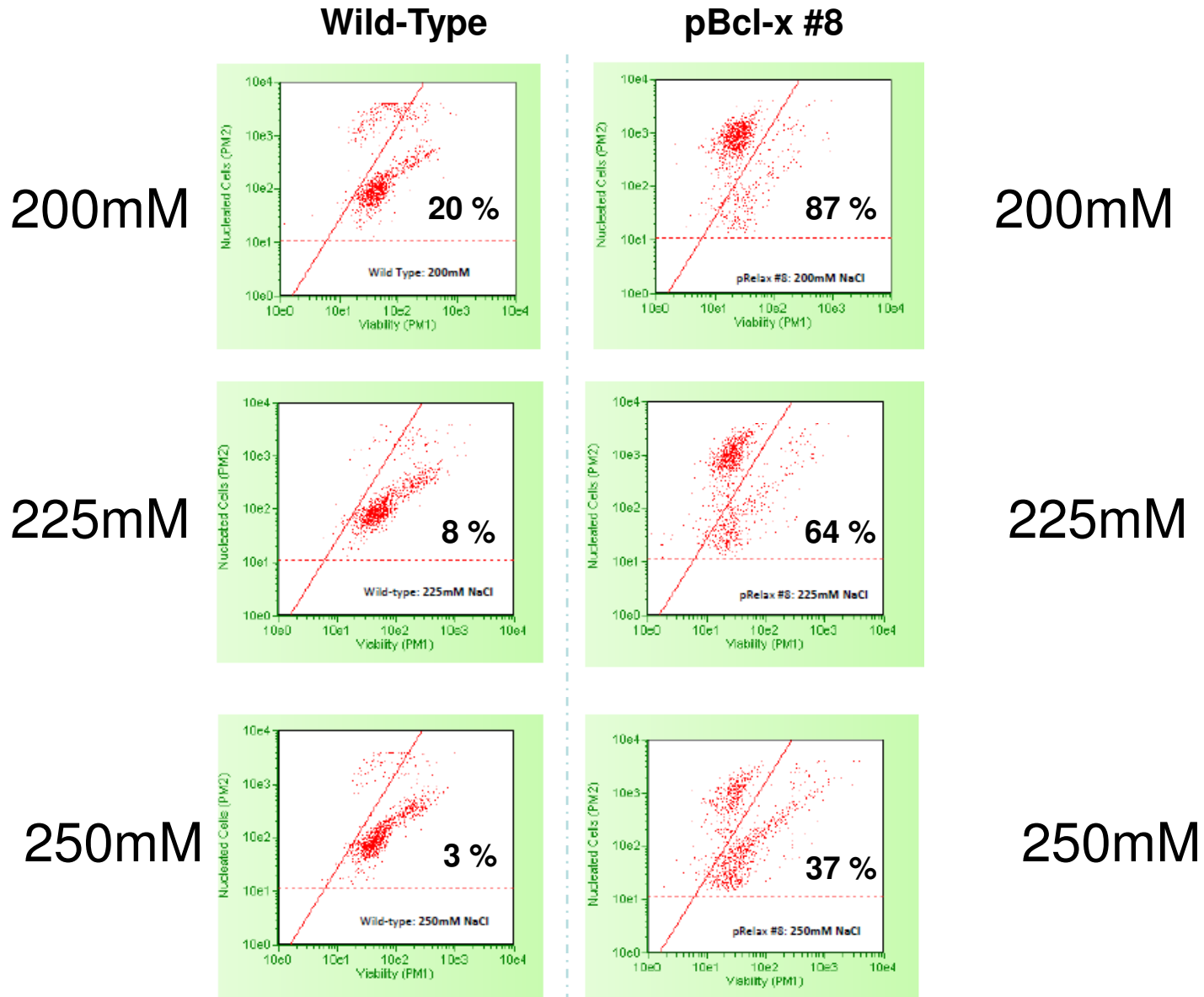


Screenshot from ViaCount software of *C.Reinhardtii*

Percent viable of wild-type and algae expressing Bcl-x
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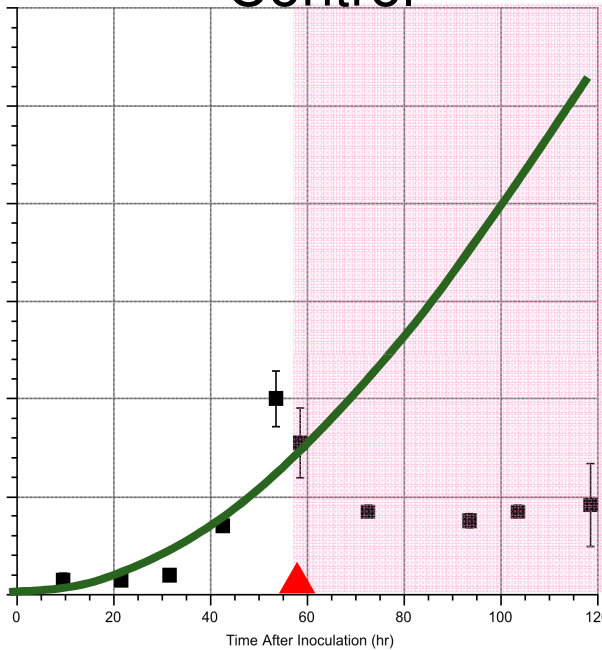


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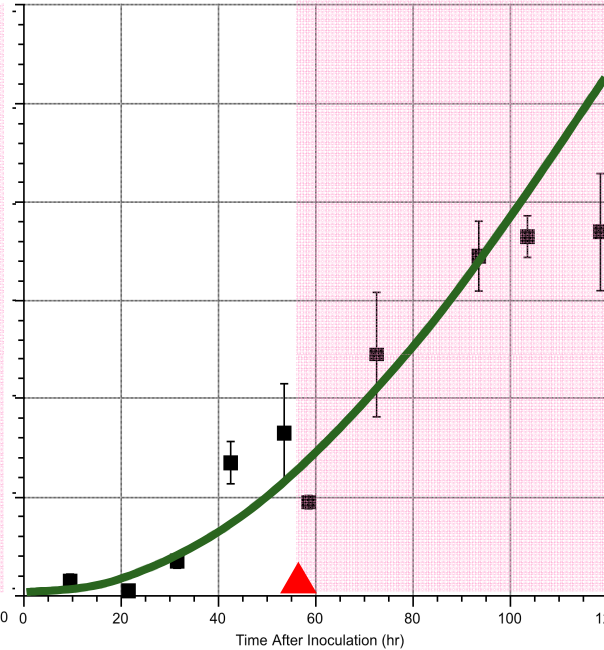


PHOTOOXIDATIVE STRESS TEST

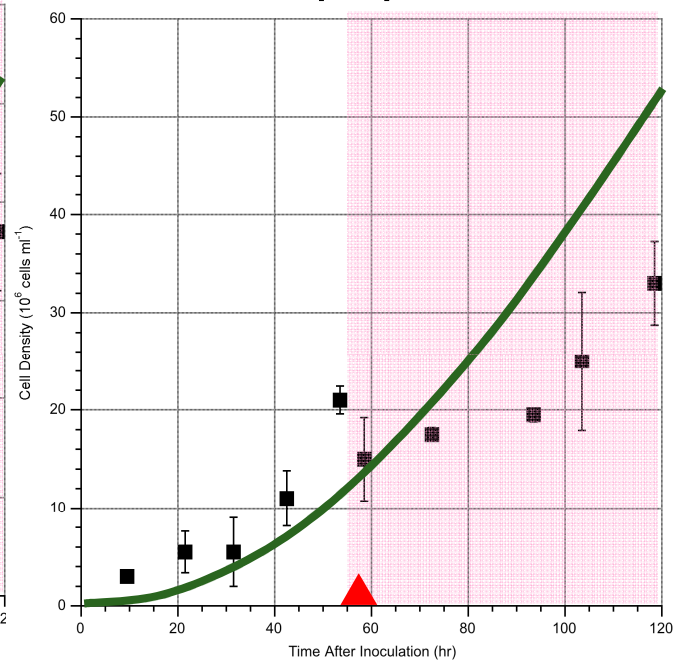
Chlamydomonas
Control



Anti-apoptotic 1



Anti-apoptotic 2



Generation of Reactive Oxygen Species with 2 μ M Rose Bengal

Expression of anti-apoptotic gene inhibits algae death by photosensitizing dye Rose Bengal similar to photooxidative stress

Microalgae and Stress Response

- Microalgae appear to respond to different stresses through cell death pathways
 - Salt stress
 - Photooxidative stress
 - UV Stress
- Some of the cell death pathways may be conserved between microalgae and mammalian cell lines
- Anti apoptosis strategies may also be appropriate for some microalgae at least for some stresses
 - Salt Stress
 - Photooxidative Stress
 - Does not work for high UV stresses

Algae Growth in Different Environments

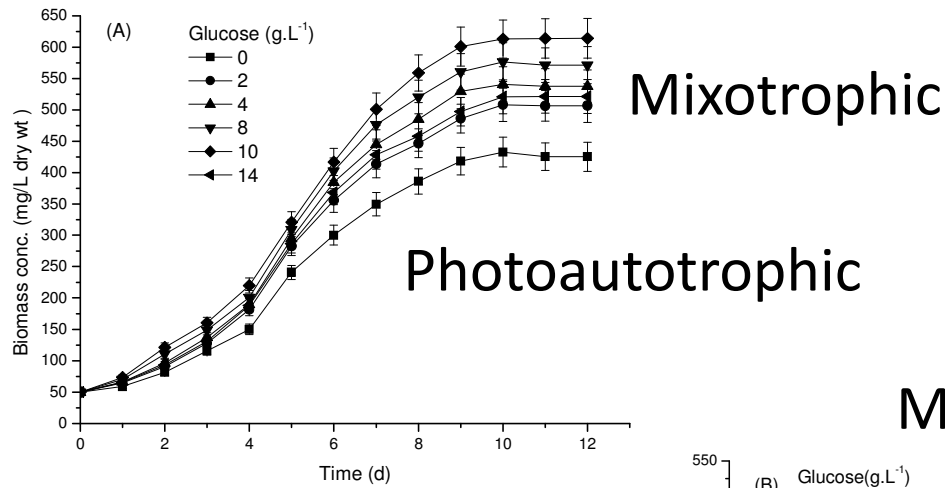
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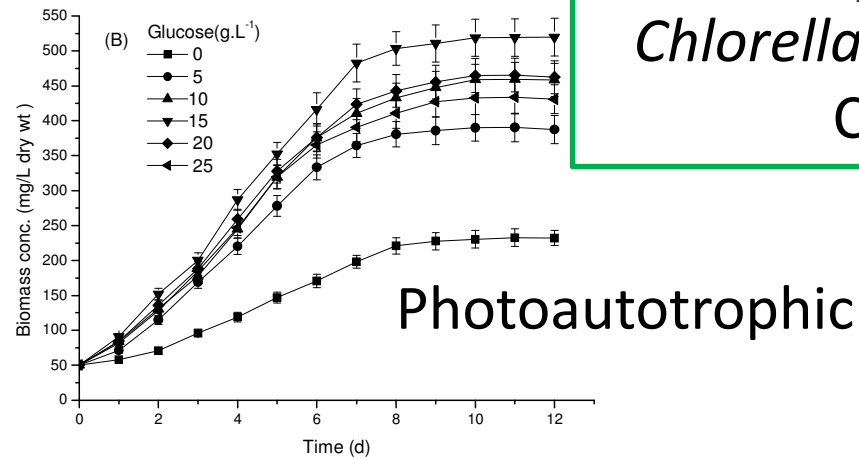
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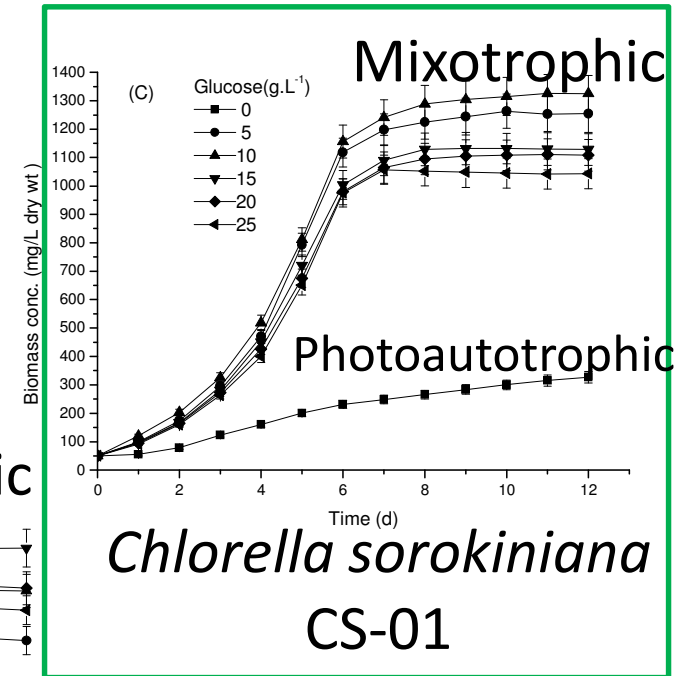
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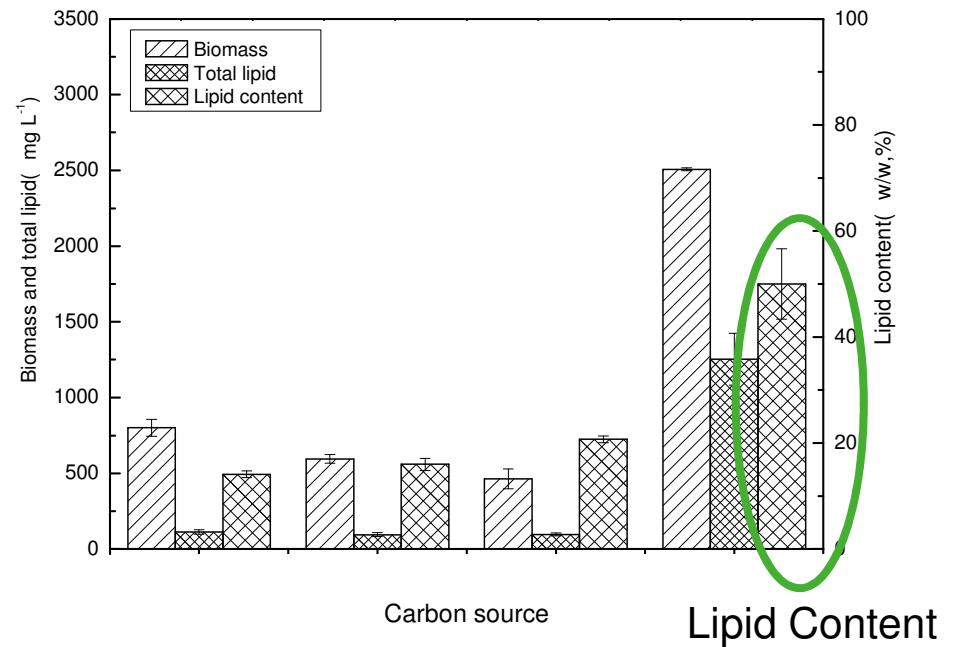
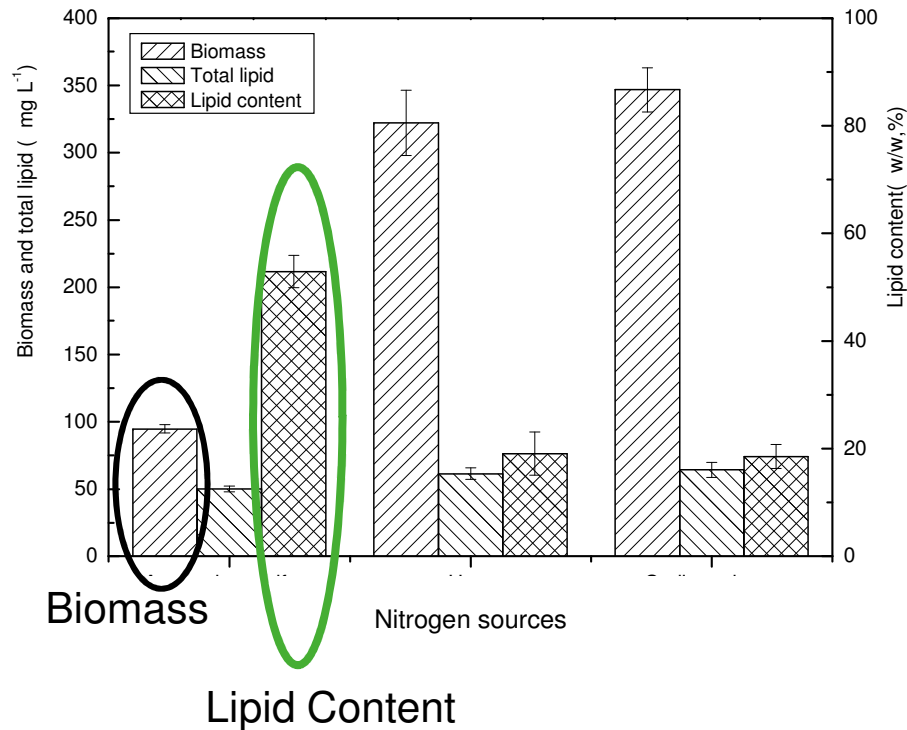


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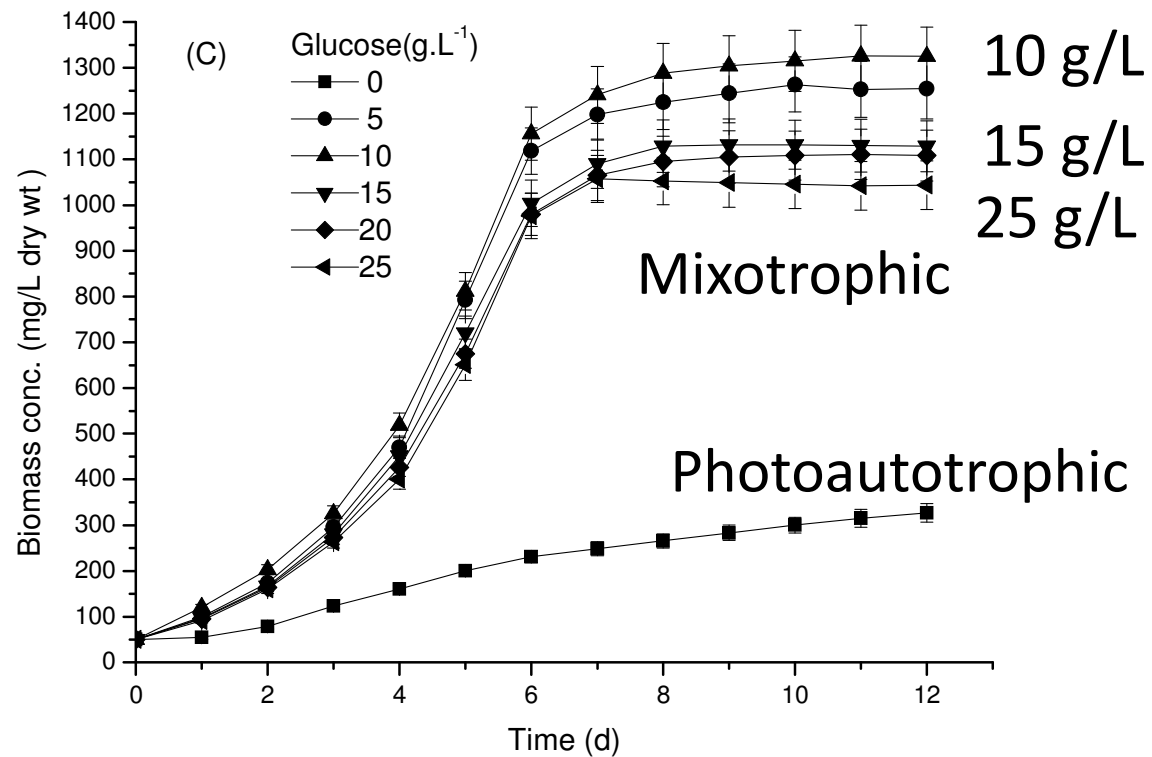
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Effect of nitrogen source and carbon source during heterotrophic growth

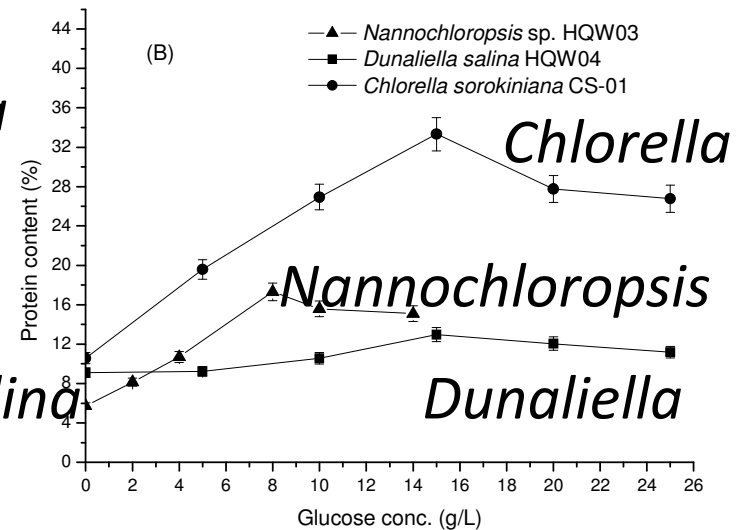
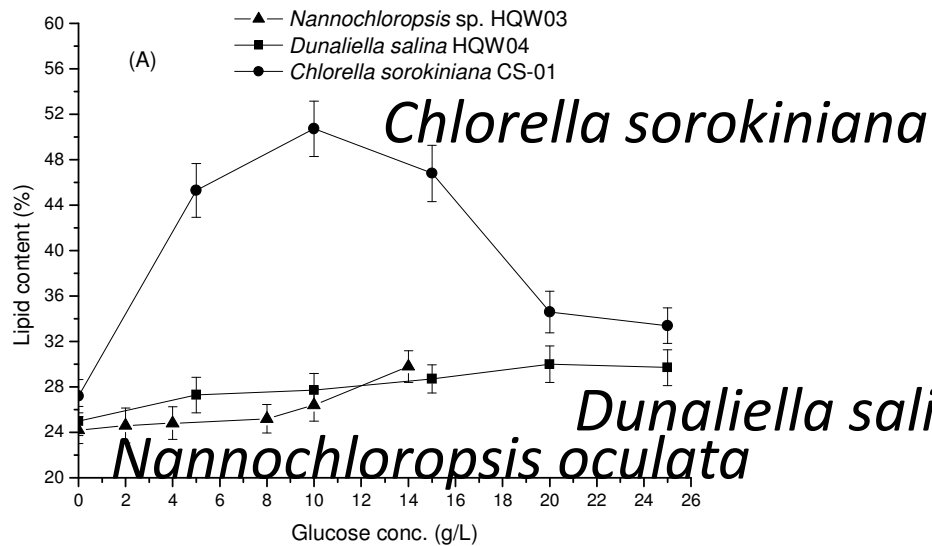


The nitrogen and carbon source can alter the biomass/lipid content

Substrate growth inhibition of *Chlorella sorokiniana* in mixotrophy

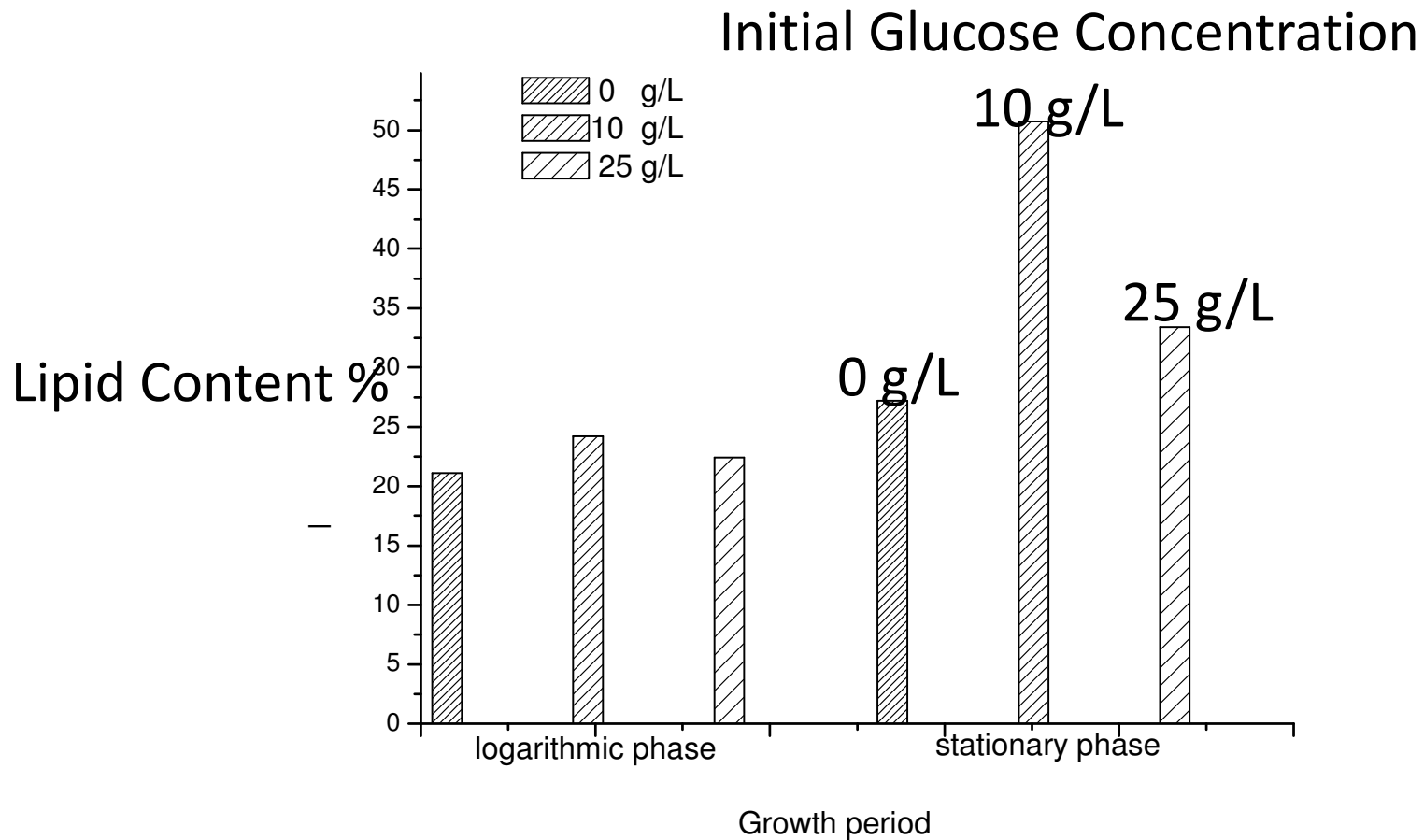


Lipid and Protein Content under Mixotrophic Conditions



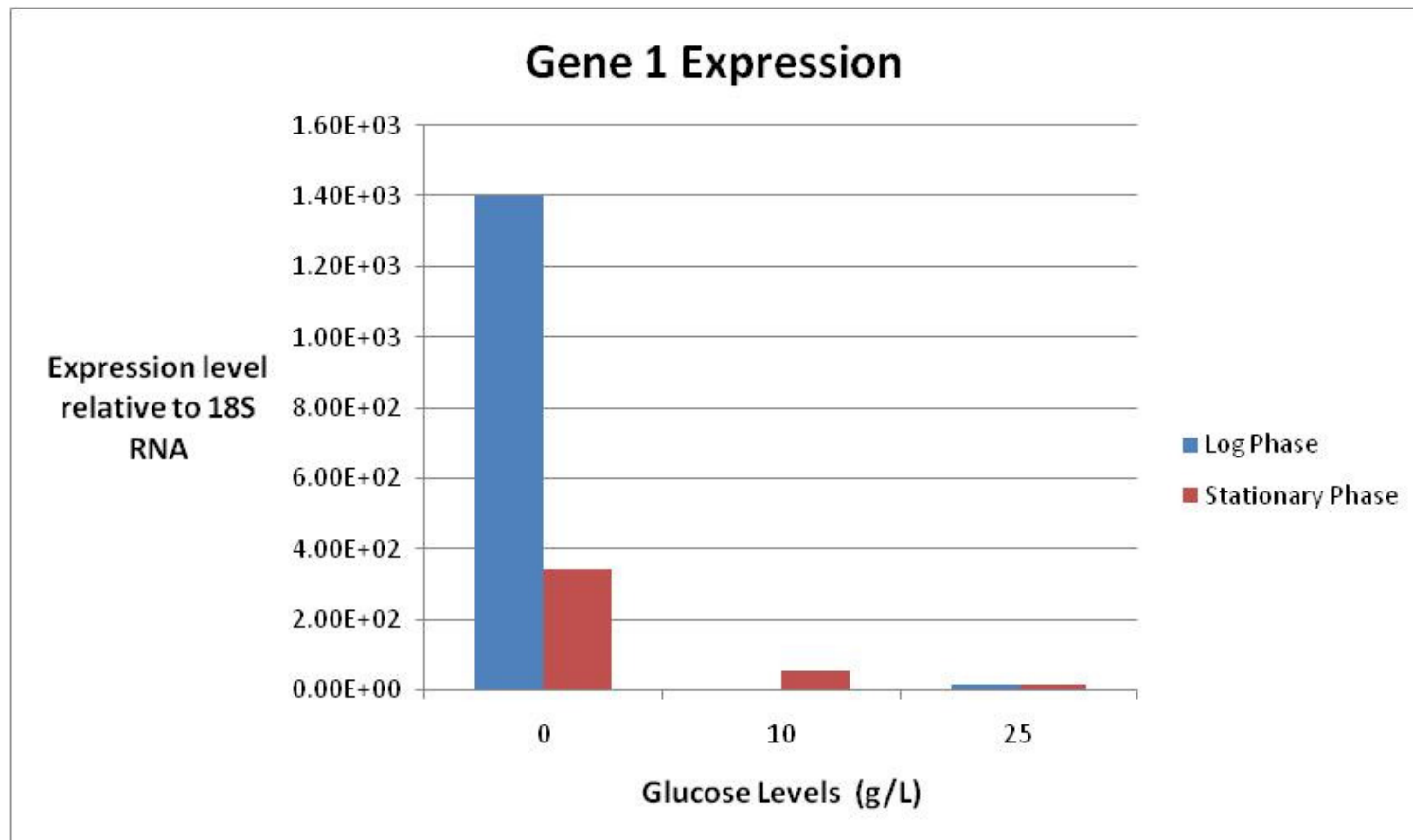
Chlorella exhibits a lipid maximum under mixotrophic conditions

Comparison of Chlorella Lipid Content in Logarithmic and Stationary Phase



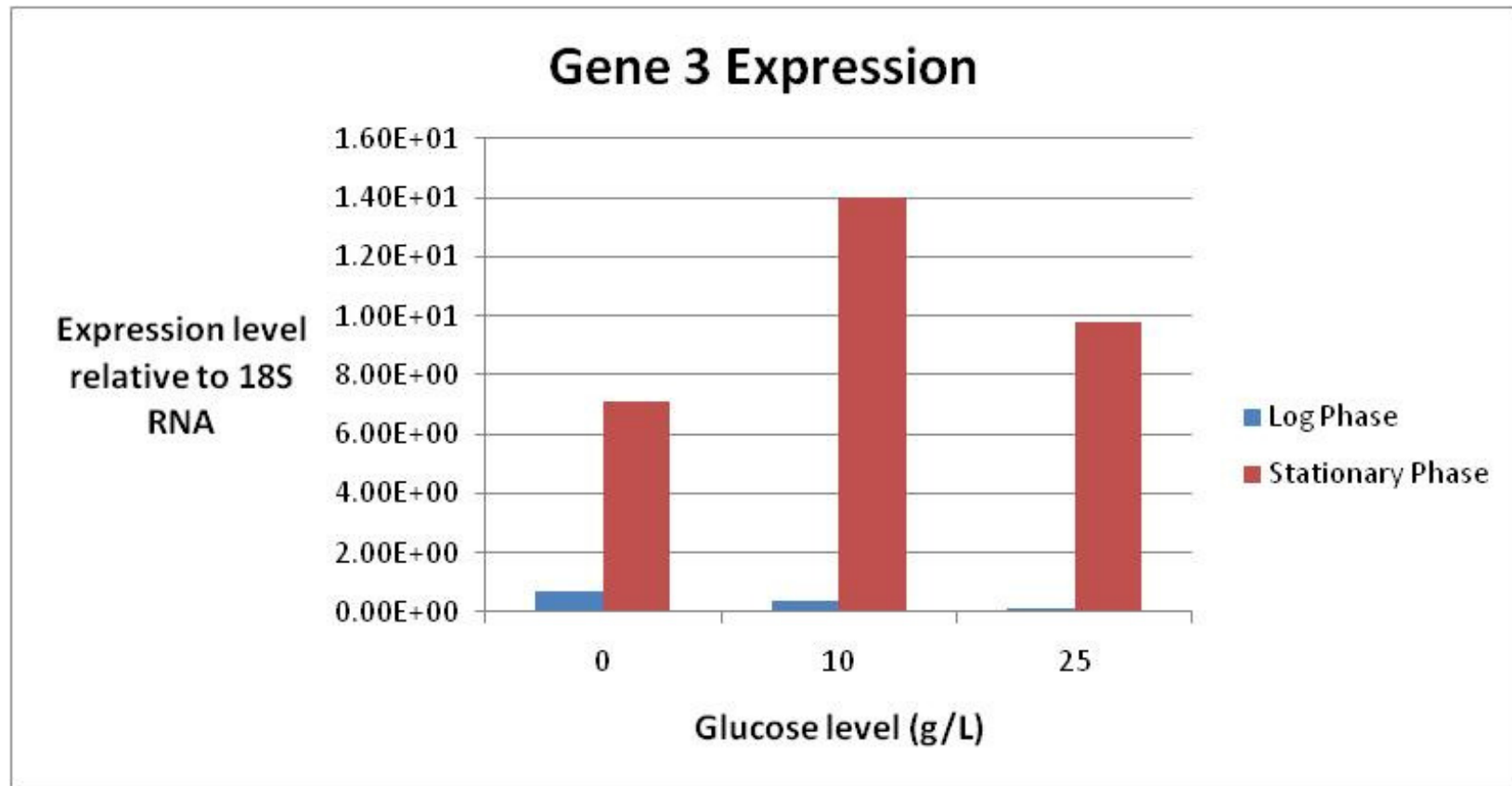
Lipid content increases from log to stationary phase

Change in Chlorella Gene Expression Photoautotrophy vs. Mixotrophy



Gene 1 expression decreases from photoautotrophic to mixotrophy

Change in Chlorella Gene 3 Expression in Logarithmic and Stationary Phases



Gene 3 expression increases from logarithmic to stationary phase

CONCLUSIONS

- Metabolic Engineering has been used to improve cell performance
 - Improving Product Quality through Changes in Glycosylation Patterns
 - Improving Yields of Cells and Target Biotherapeutics
- Genomics and other 'omics tools will be an integral part of metabolic engineering
 - CHO genome has yielded information on potential Met. Eng. targets
 - MicroRNA is an emerging genomic control tool that can alter expression of multiple factors including anti-apoptosis genes simultaneously.
- Cell Engineering of Bcl-x_L Protects both Mammalian Cells and Microalgae from a Variety of Stresses that may be found in Bioreactor Environments

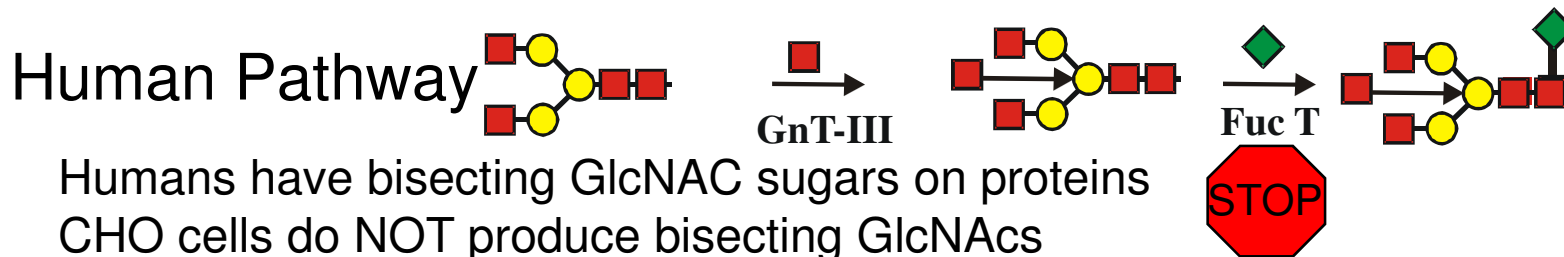
Other Glycosylation Observations: NO Bisecting GlcNAc to Blocks Fucose

β 4 GlcNAc from GnTIII:

No observed bisecting (β 4) N-acetylglucosamine (found on 10% of human IgG glycoforms)

GnTIII observed in genome, but not transcriptome

◇,Glc;●,Man;■,GlcNAc;◆,Fuc



Humans have bisecting GlcNAc sugars on proteins
CHO cells do NOT produce bisecting GlcNAcs
10% of human antibodies include bisecting GlcNAcs

Biological Function?

- Bisecting GlcNAc will inhibit the binding of fucose
- Absence of fucose will increase the antibody-delivered cytotoxicity
- Antibodies from CHO cells will be LESS active in humans (have fucose)**
- Antibodies from Humans will be more active (less fucose)**

Targets of mmu-mir-466h

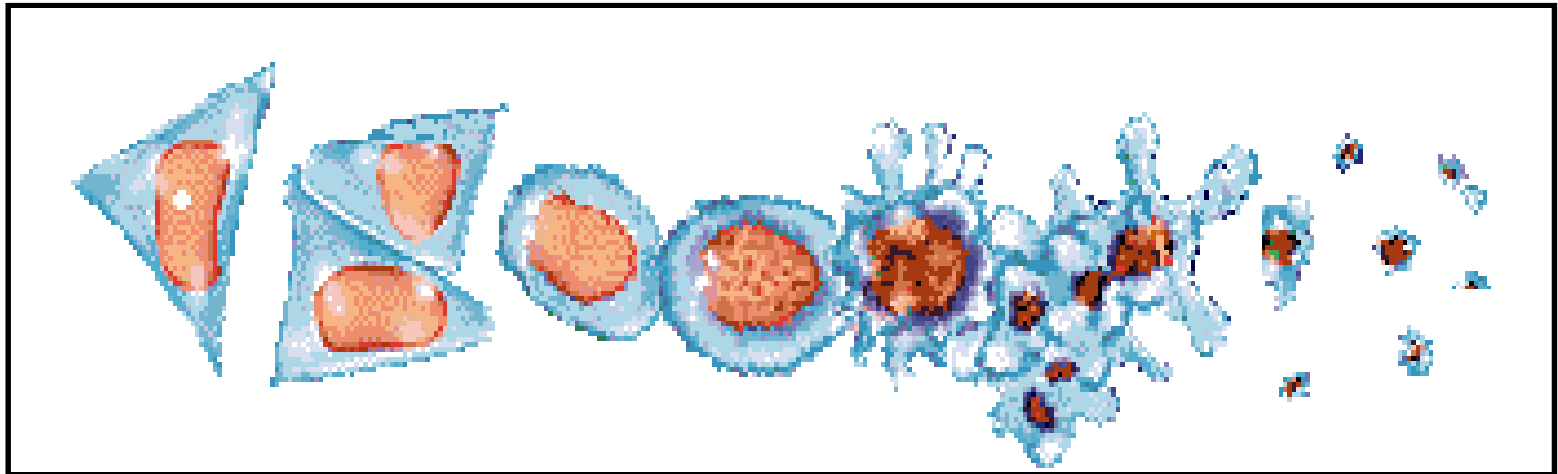
Mouse gene symbol	mmu-miR-466h binding site(s) in mRNA 3'-UTR	Anti-apoptotic role of targeted gene
<i>bcl2l2</i>	GCACAC TGCACA	Inhibits formation of permeability transition pore and release of cytochrome C by binding to bax
<i>birc6</i>	GCACA	Inhibits apoptosome by binding to active-site pocket of Caspase-9. Functions as E2 ubiquitin conjugase for Caspase-9 and Smac/Diablo.
<i>dad1</i>	2 of TGCACA	Component of N-oligosaccharyl transferase catalyzing transfer of oligosaccharide from lipid-linked donor to nascent polypeptide chain. Loss of dad1 triggers apoptosis
<i>smo</i>	TGCACAC GCACAC	Uninhibits gli-1 transcriptional factor which stimulates up-regulation of bcl2
<i>stat5a</i>	GCACAC	Stat5a dimers are transcriptional factors for <i>bcl-x_L</i> and <i>bcl2</i> genes

Five anti-apoptotic genes :
stat5a, bcl2l2, birc6, dad1, smo

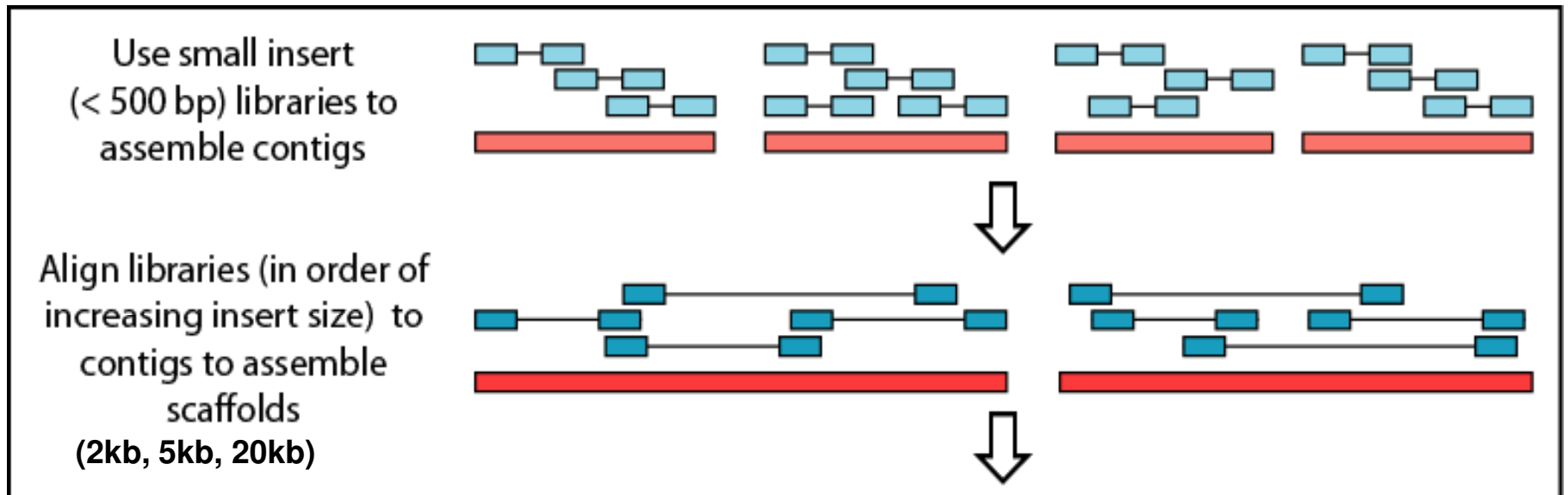
What factors cause can cell death in mammalian bioreactors?

- Nutrient limitations
- Oxygen limitation
- Toxin accumulation
- Virus infection
- Hydrodynamic Stress
- Recombinant Protein Expression

Morphological/Physical Changes Associated with Apoptosis



CHO Genome Assembly Strategy



- **CHO-K1 genome assembly**
 - **2.45 Gb of estimated 2.6 Gb genome assembled**

http://www.chogenome.org/search_emb1_cho.php

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Accession number, gene name or symbol, or GO term:

This is a **beta version** of the CHO-K1 genome database ver1.0 containing information for the CriGri_1.0 genome assembly.

The database can be searched by:

- 1) Accession number (i.e. EGV99227)
- 2) Gene name or symbol (i.e. Transcription factor E2F3 or E2F3)
- 3) GO term (i.e. GO:0003700 or Transcription factor activity)

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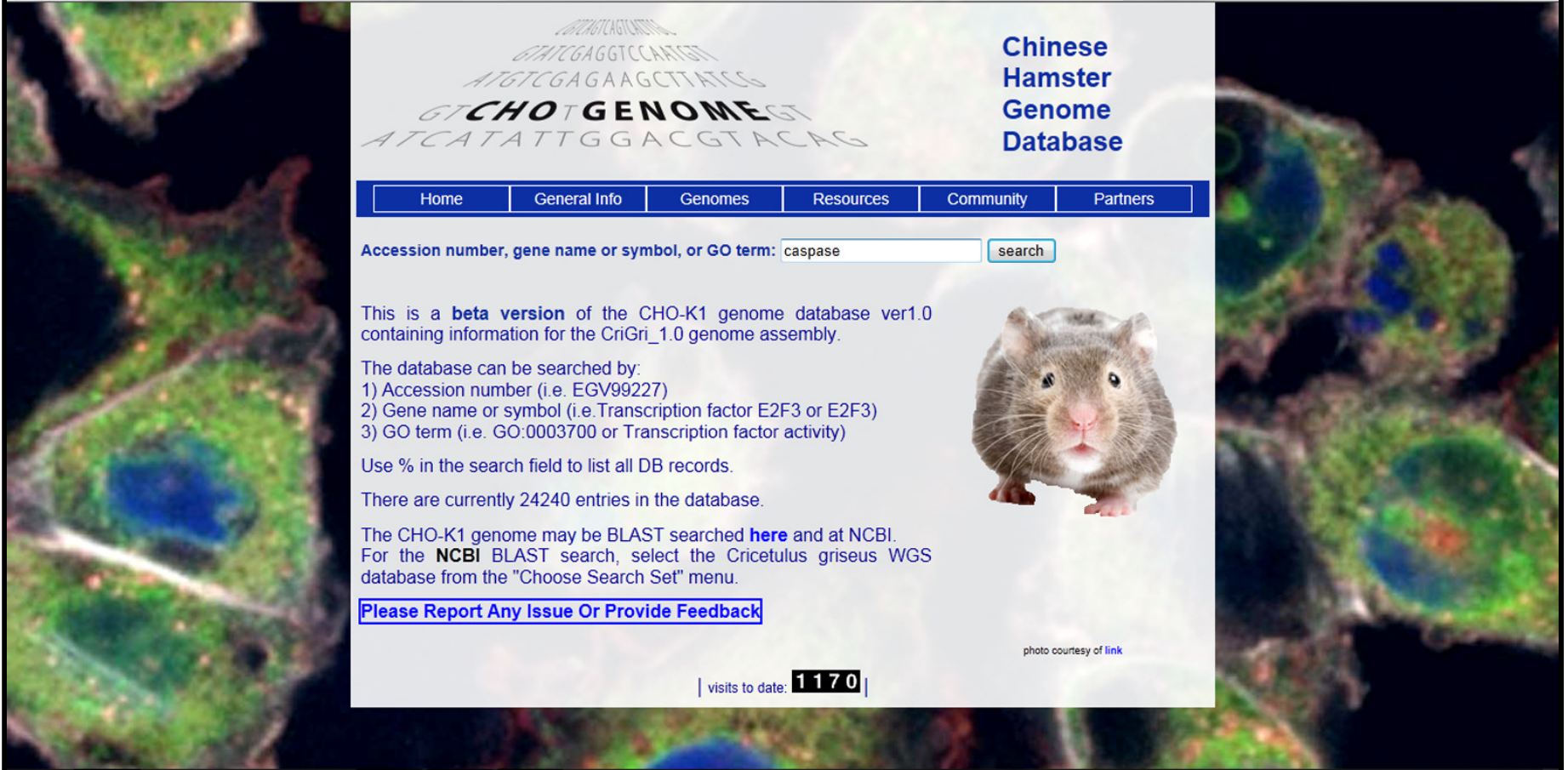
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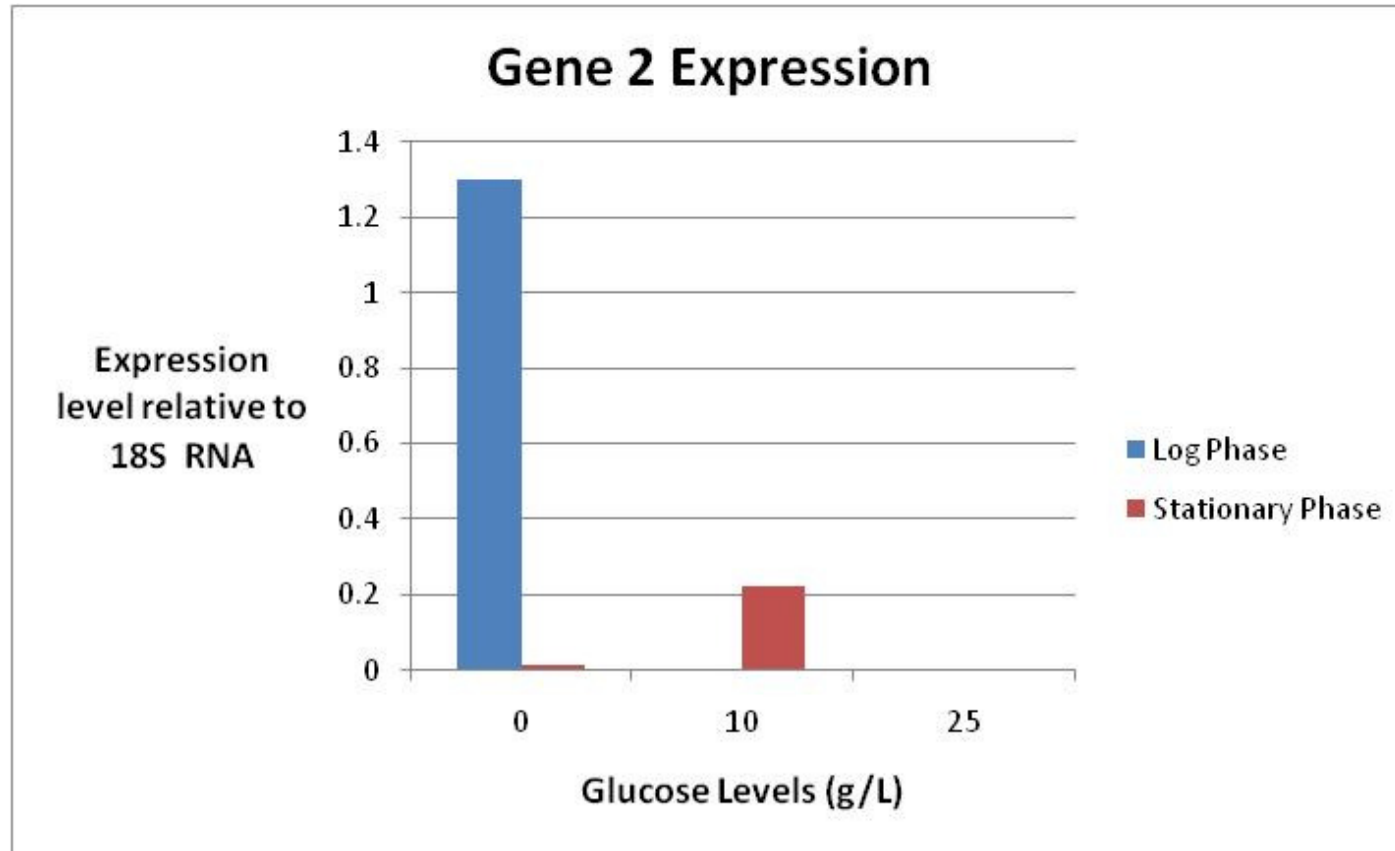
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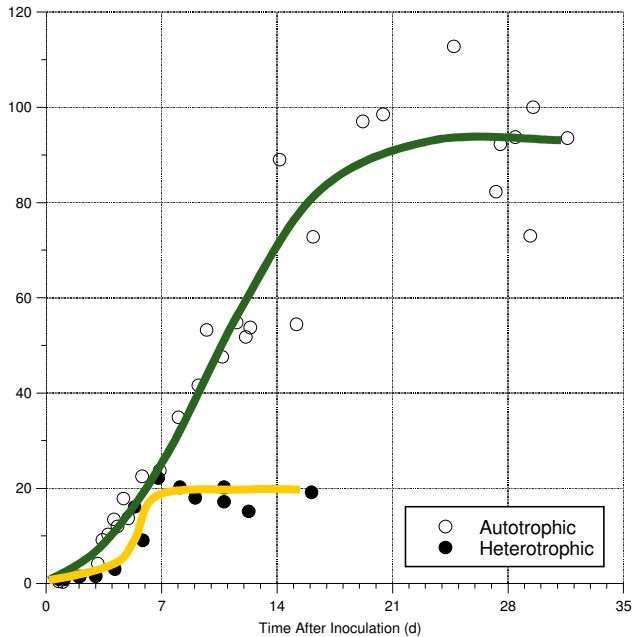
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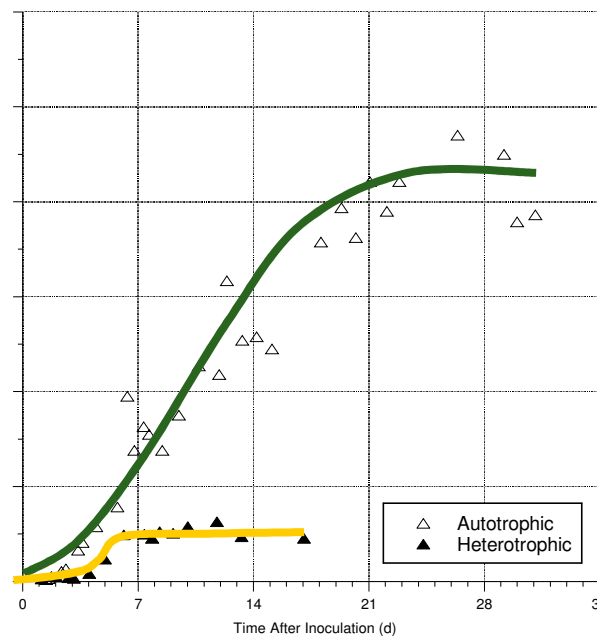
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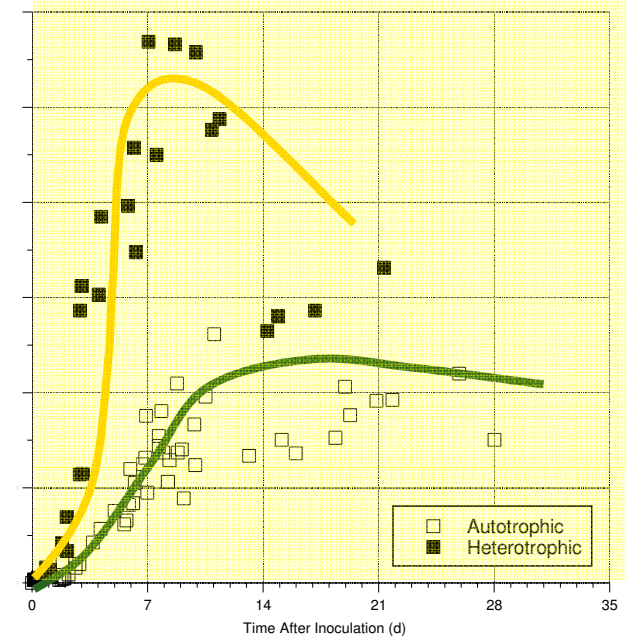
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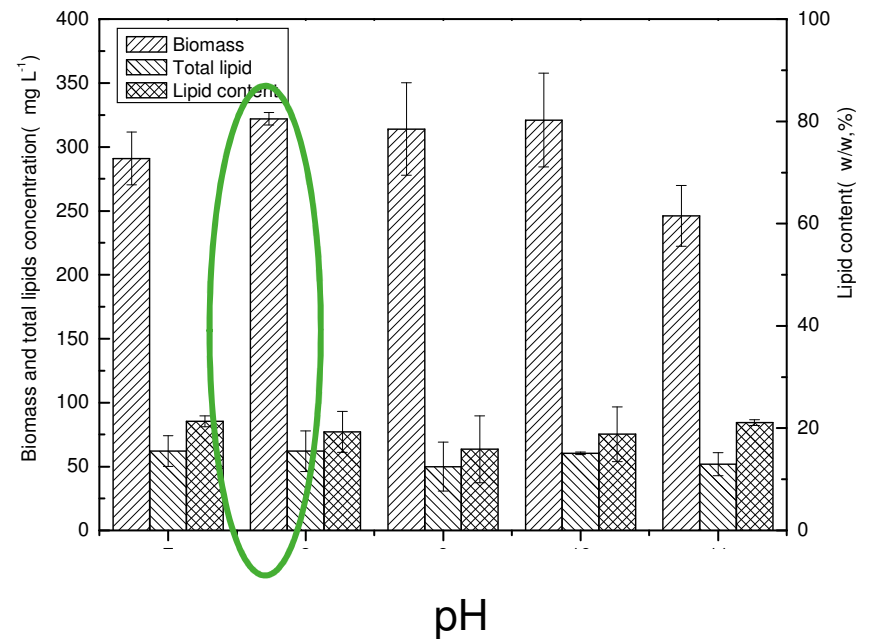
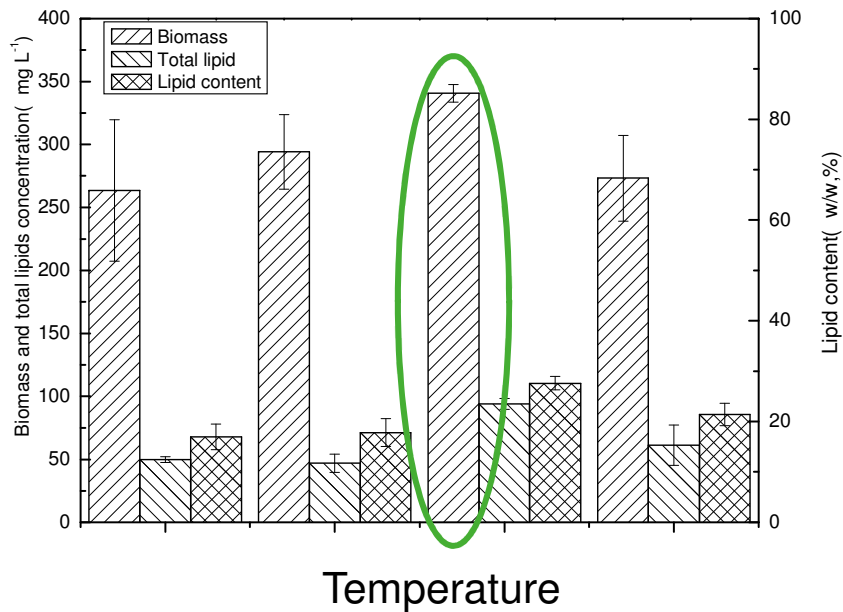


Chlorella sorokiniana UTEX 1230



Strain	UTEX 265	UTEX 411	UTEX 1669	UTEX 1230
Species	<i>C. vulgaris</i>	<i>C. protothecoides</i>	<i>C. sorokiniana</i>	<i>C. sorokiniana</i>
Specific Growth Rate, K' (d^{-1})	0.84 ± 0.09	0.48 ± 0.01	0.77 ± 0.10	1.77 ± 0.04
	0.23 ± 0.01	0.32 ± 0.05	0.19 ± 0.02	0.36 ± 0.05
Doubling Time (hr)	20 ± 2.0	35 ± 1.4	21 ± 2.2	9.2 ± 1.0
	72 ± 3.0	52 ± 3.8	89 ± 2.6	46 ± 3.2
Divisions per Day (d^{-1})	1.2 ± 0.1	0.69 ± 0.04	1.1 ± 0.1	2.6 ± 0.1
	0.33 ± 0.04	0.46 ± 0.07	0.27 ± 0.03	0.52 ± 0.07

Effect of Temperature and pH on heterotrophic growth of *Chlorella*



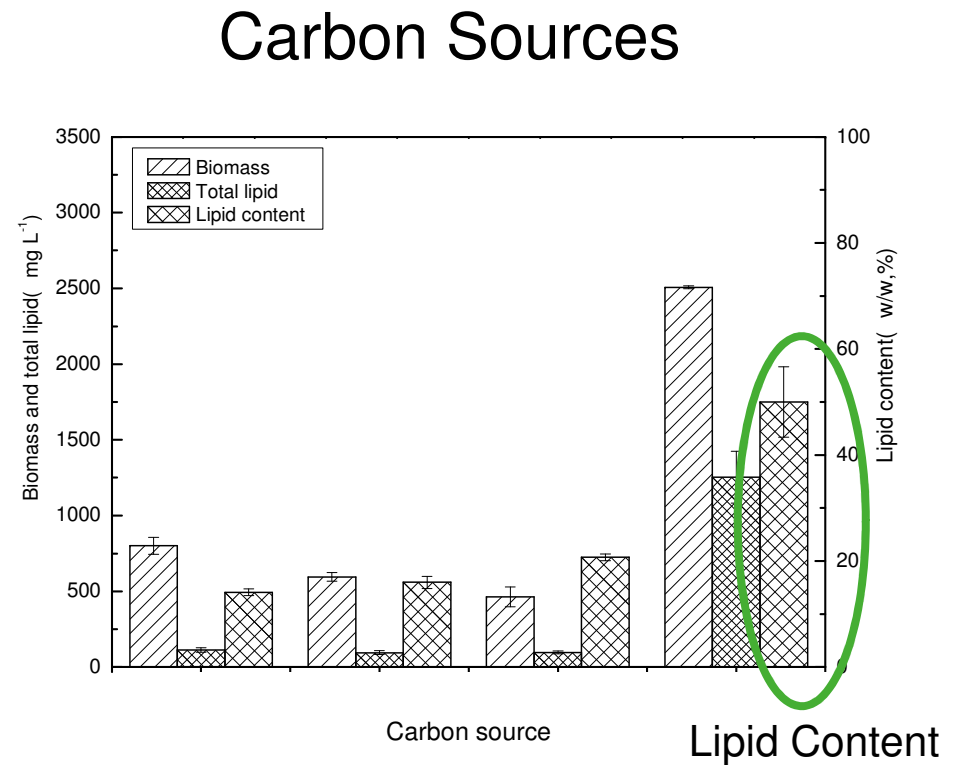
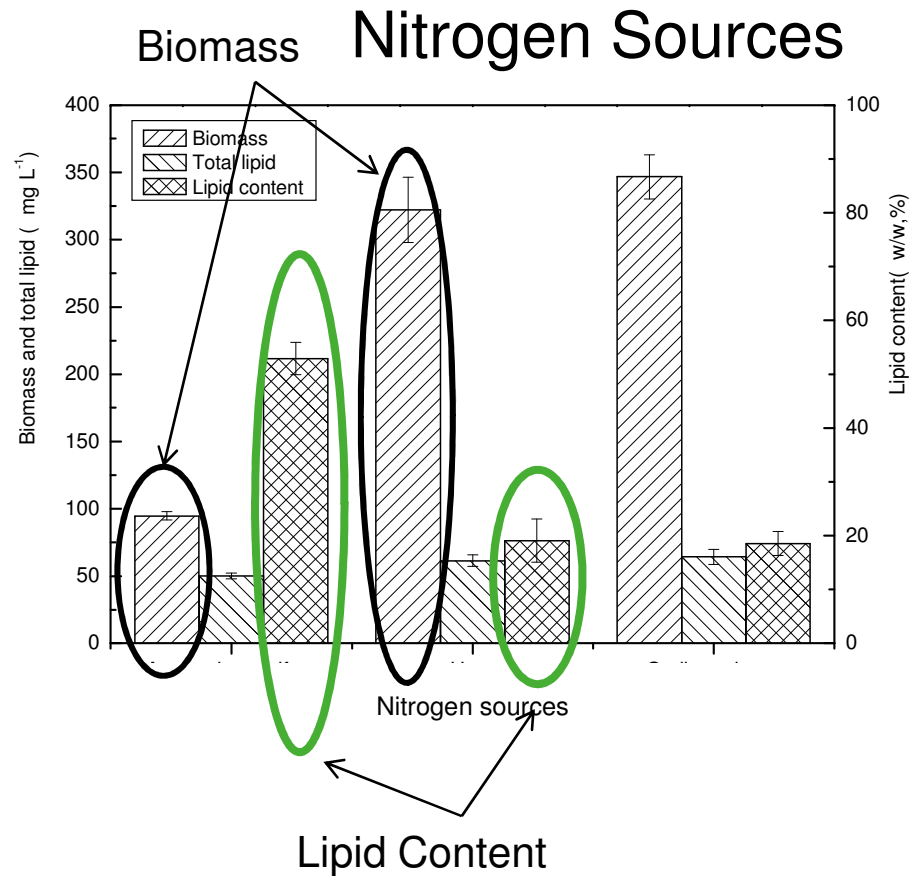
Chlorella exhibits Temperature and pH optimums for biomass

Interpreting Algal Dynamics: Kinetic Model of *C. reinhardtii*

- **15** Pathways were included for a total of:
 - 320** Biochemical Reactions
 - 218** Compounds
- ▶ **376** kinetic constants were retrieved from the BRENDA enzyme database, while **216** (36% of total) were estimated.
- ▶ In addition, **275** turnover numbers were obtained and **45** (14% of total) are estimated.
- ▶ Numerical integration was accomplished using an adaptive 4th order Runge-Kutta with adaptive step size (max error 1E-4)

Goncalo Maia and Mariajose Castellanos-University of Maryland, Collaborators

Effect of nitrogen on growth and lipid content during heterotrophic growth



The nitrogen and carbon source can alter the biomass/lipid content

Abiotic stress imposition on *pBcl-x* transformants (UTEX 2244) to determine tolerance

- **Ultra-Violet:** 1000J,2000J, 3000J, 4000J, 5000J
- No effect of Bcl-xL on protection

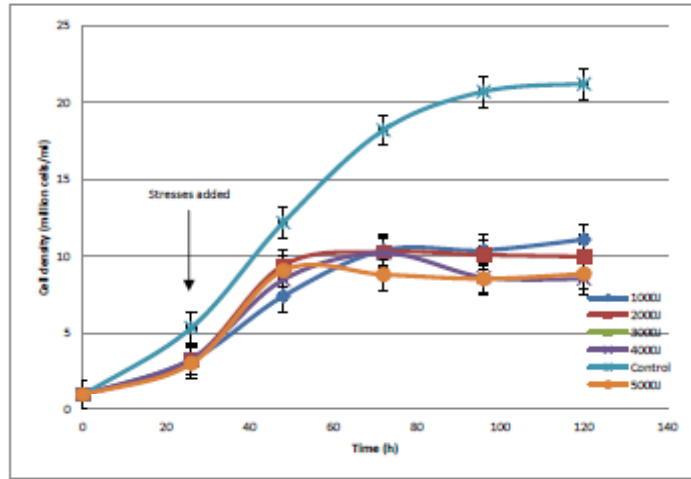


Figure 41: Wild-type *C.reinhardtii* exposed to UV stress (1000J/m² – 5000J/m²)

Wild-Type

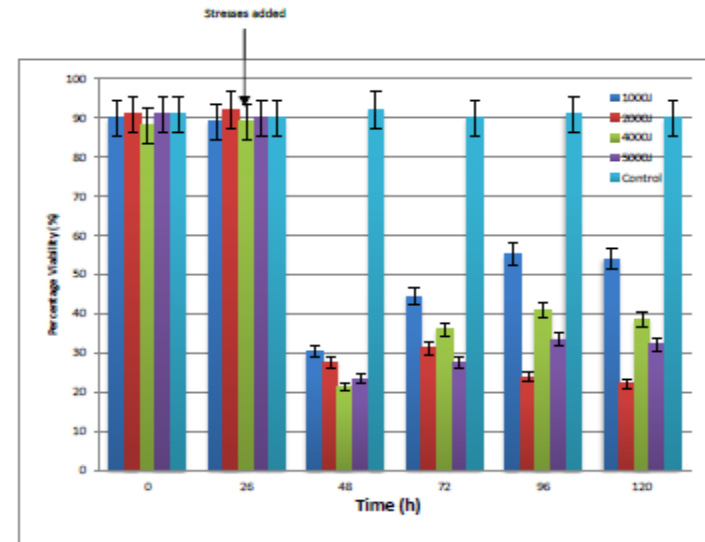


Figure 43: Wild-type UV viabilities over 1000J/m² – 5000J/m² stress range

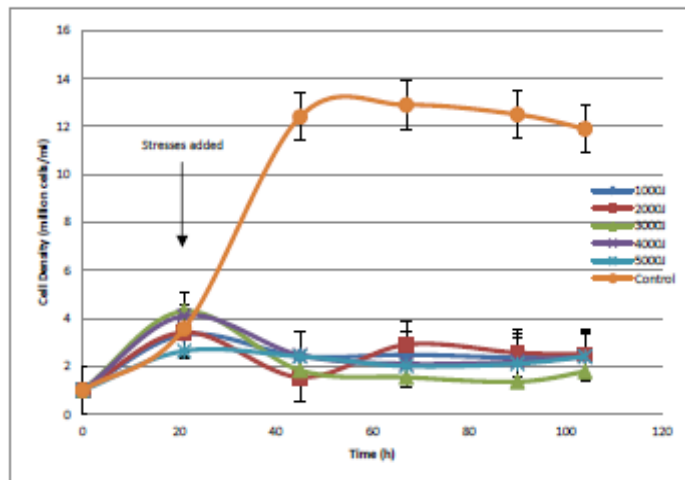


Figure 42: pRelax#8 exposed to UV stress (1000J/m² – 5000J/m²)

pBcl-x

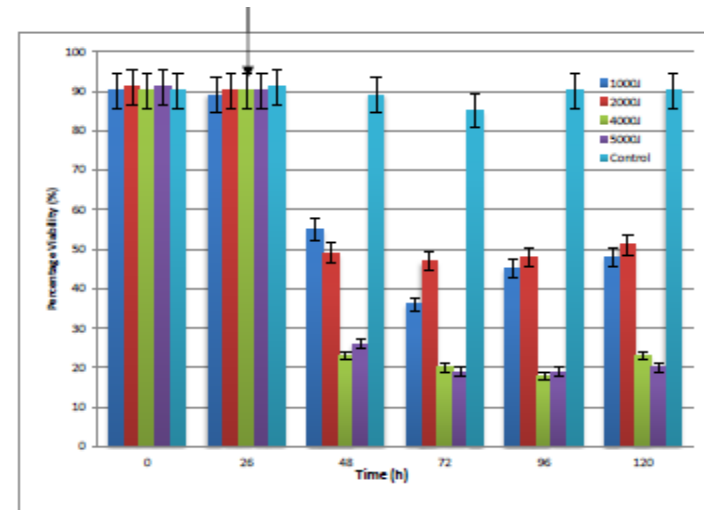


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5. Tolerance and Adaptation

Stresses on previously Heat-shocked microalgae *Chlamy*

- Algae are able to adapt to new abiotic stresses after prior shock
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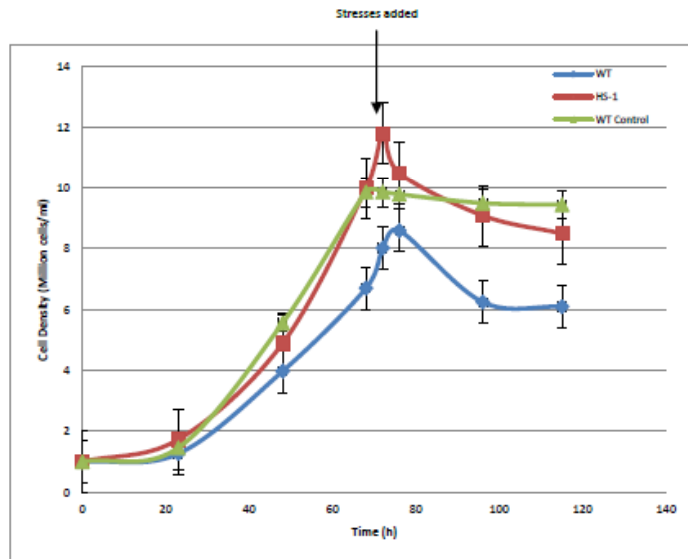


Figure 50: Wild-Type and previously heat shocked cells (HS-1) exposed to 200mM NaCl

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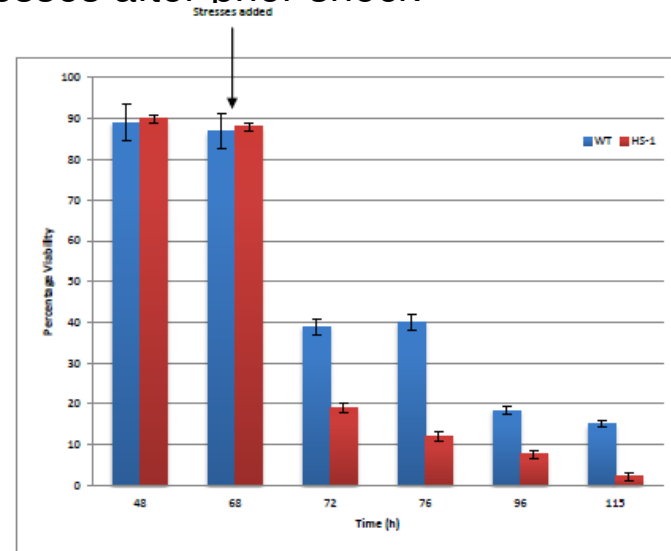


Figure 49: Viabilities of Wild-Type and previously heat shocked cells (HS-1) exposed to 200mM NaCl

200mM NaCl

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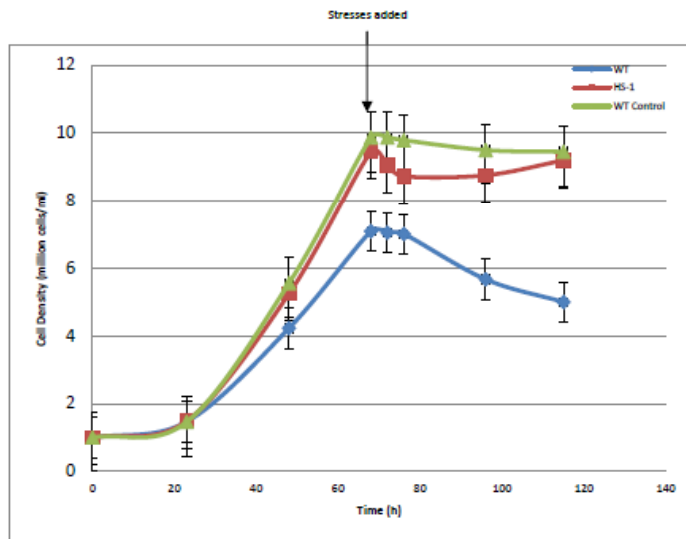


Figure 73: Wild-Type and previously heat shocked cells (HS-1) exposed to 42°C heat shock

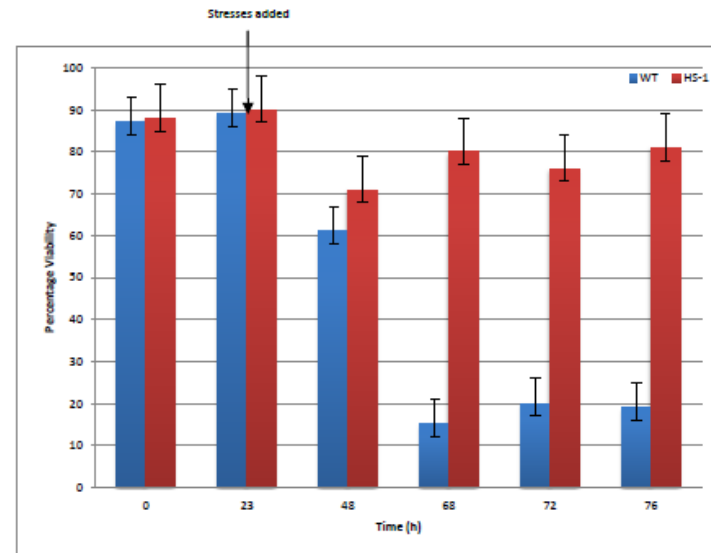


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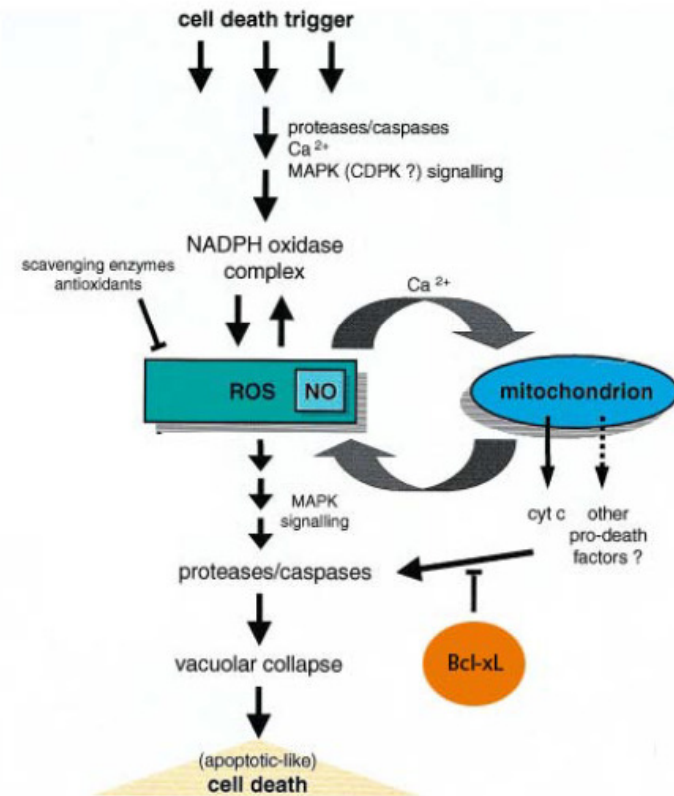
Heat Shock # 2

Effect of other Environmental Stresses

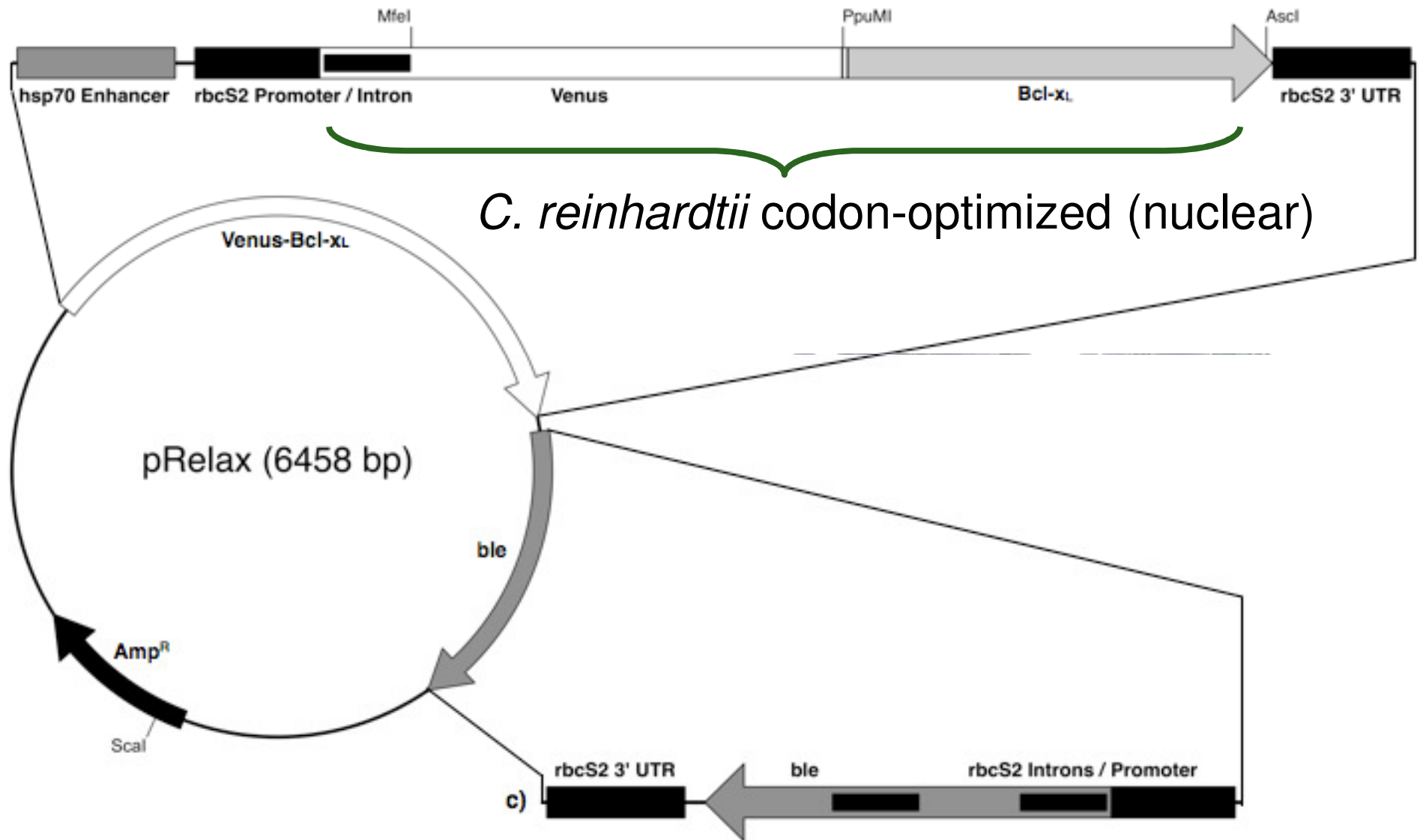
- Plants and Algae must weather High Irradiance (UV) , pH fluctuations, **NaCl changes** and **Peroxide stresses** and **Heat**

Photooxidation and Reactive Oxygen Species

- Reactive Oxygen Species (ROS) produced by Photosystems/ETS upon various stresses
- Damage intracellular components
- Can induce apoptosis through signaling
- Bcl-x_L can possibly inhibit apoptosis from ROS induction

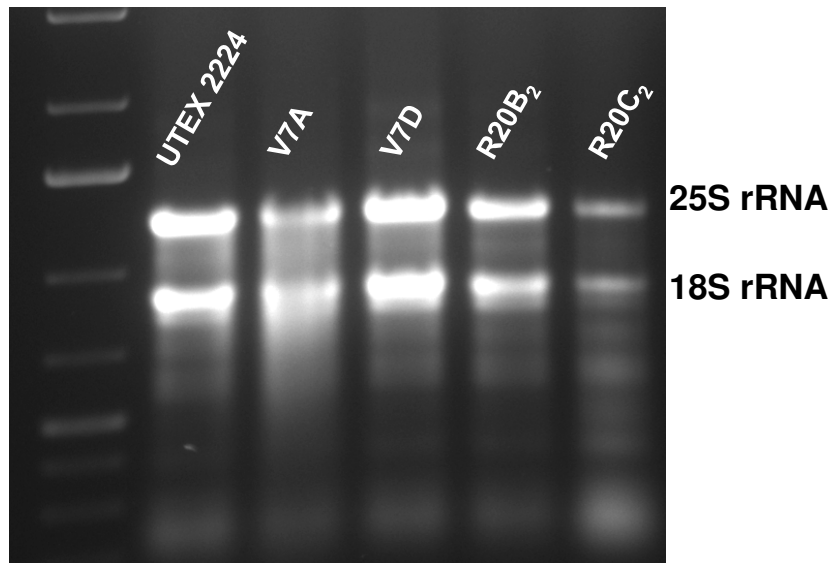


APPROACH: APPLY ANTI-APOPTOSIS GENES TO ALGAE

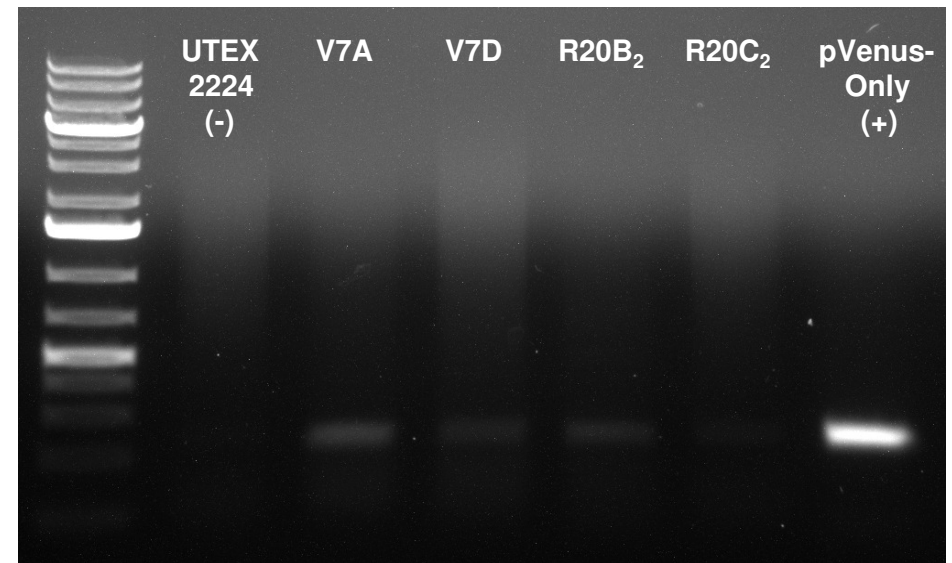


CONFIRMATION OF GENE EXPRESSION

- Reverse Transcriptase (RT)-PCR
 - Total RNA Extraction
 - cDNA Synthesis (oligo-dT₁₈ Primers)
 - PCR (200 bp of Venus)



RNA Preparation



RT-PCR Products

Effect of Model Insult on Algae and Anti-Apoptosis Genes:

Camptothecin-induced cell death in wild-type wall-less *C.reinhardtii*

- Range: 10 μ M, 25 μ M, 50 μ M, 100 μ M, 200 μ M
- 51% reduction in growth rate in 10 μ M
90.1%+ reduction after 25 μ M
- Same test was applied for Wall-less with and without pBclx but *no significant difference* in apoptosis reduction
- Perhaps death from DNA damage in Chlamy (*C. Reinhardtii*) occur by *Mitochondria-independent pathway* through which Bcl-x_L has no effect

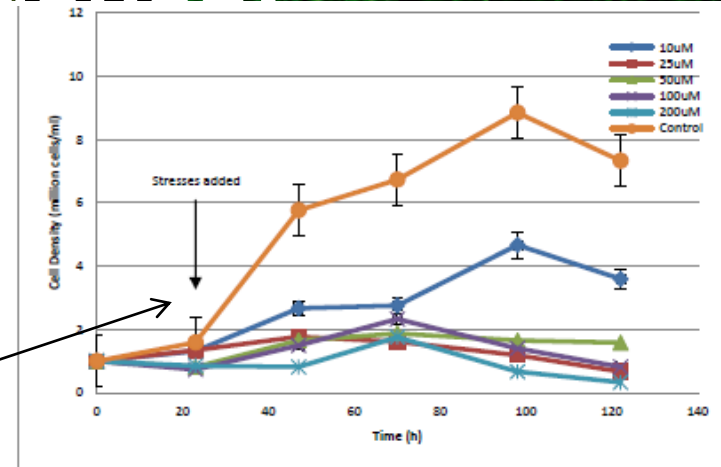


Figure 27: Wild Type *C.reinhardtii* (CW-15+) growth curves (Camptothecin application)

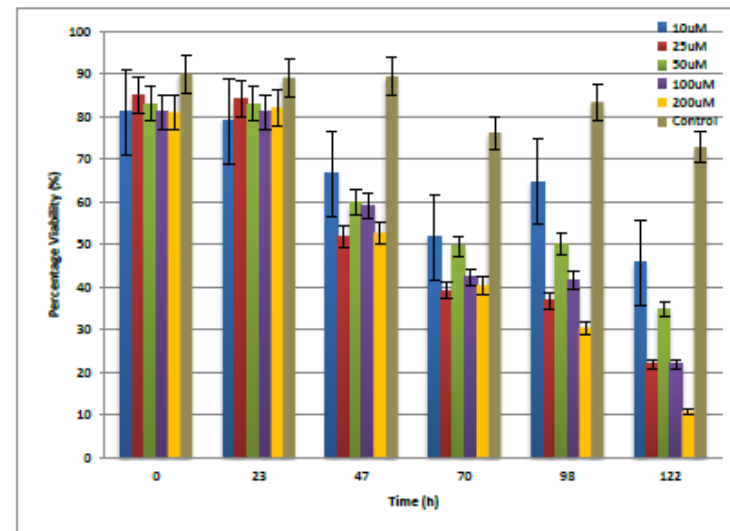
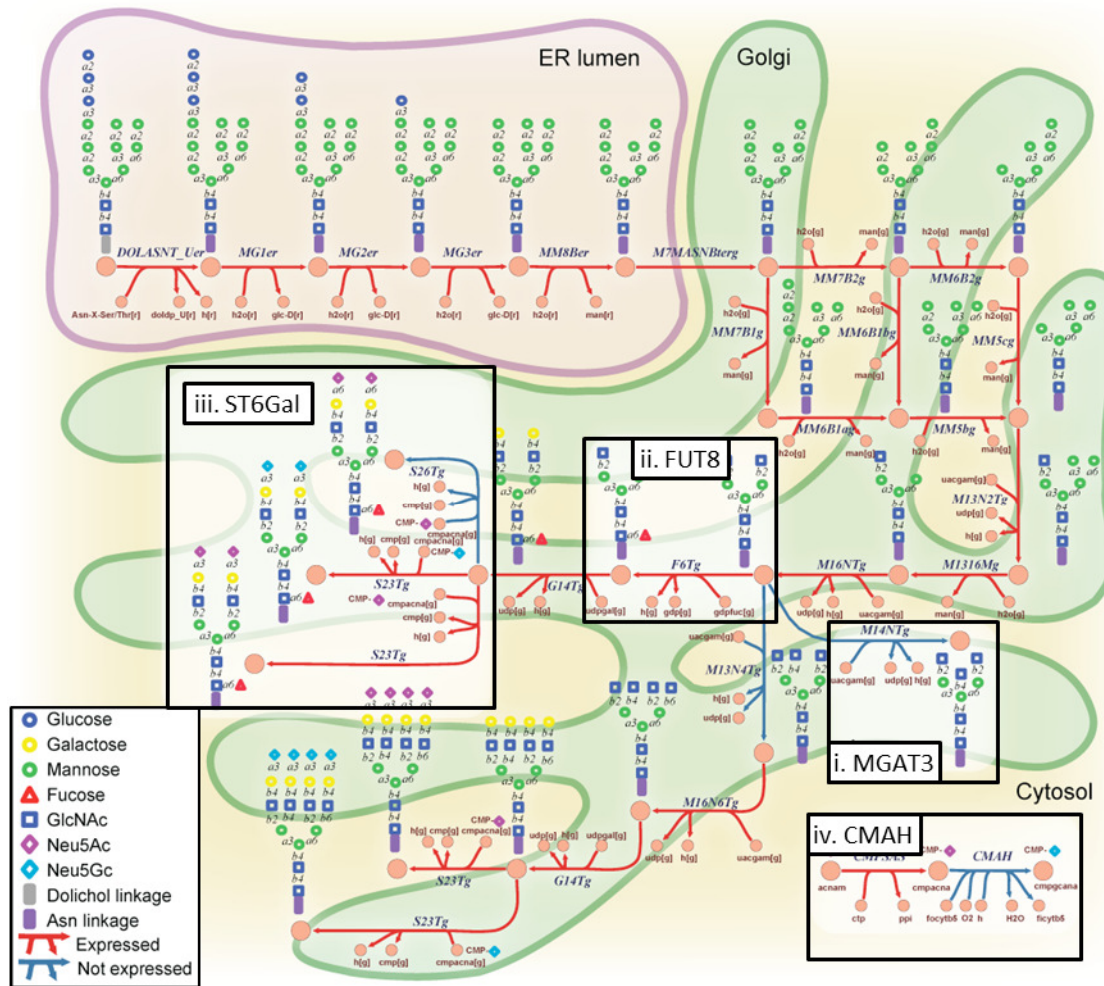


Figure 27: Wild type *C.reinhardtii* (UTEX 2337) Viability (Camptothecin application)

CHO N-linked Glycosylation Pathways



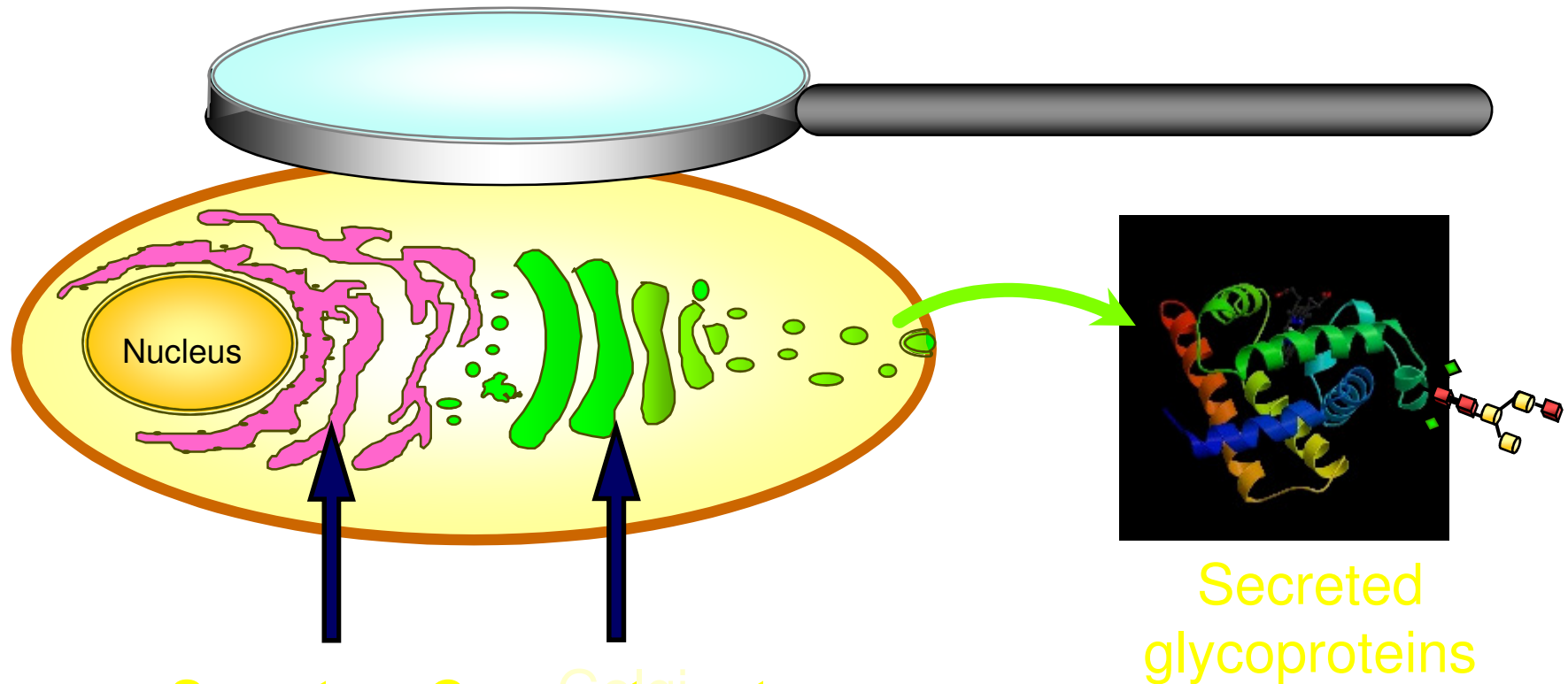
Sialylation
 $\alpha(2,6)$ linkage possible
 Not expressed.

Only fucosyltransferases
 FUT8 and O-FUT

Bisecting ($\beta 4$) GlcNAc
 LEC10 gain of function

Neu5Ac- \rightarrow Neu5Gc
 No expression,
 lower Neu5Gc less
 immunogenic
 response in humans.

Glycosylation Processing Events in cells



Secretory Compartments

Secreted glycoproteins

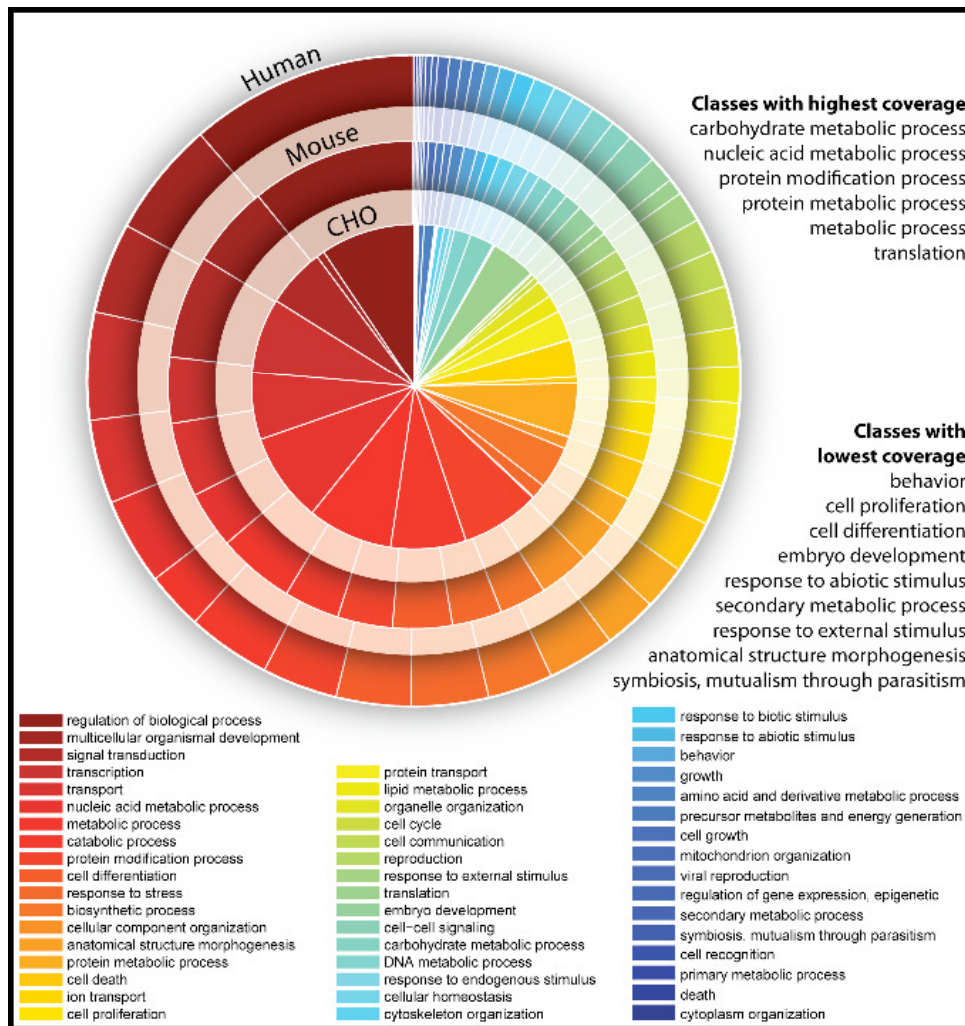
Nature versus the Drug Approval Process

Nature Desires Diversity and Variability

Biopharma Demands Consistency and Reproducible



Analysis of Gene Function in Chinese Hamster Ovary Cells



5. Metabolic Engineering

Metabolic Flux Analysis (MFA) overview

- Use stoichiometric reactions of metabolic networks to determine fluxes

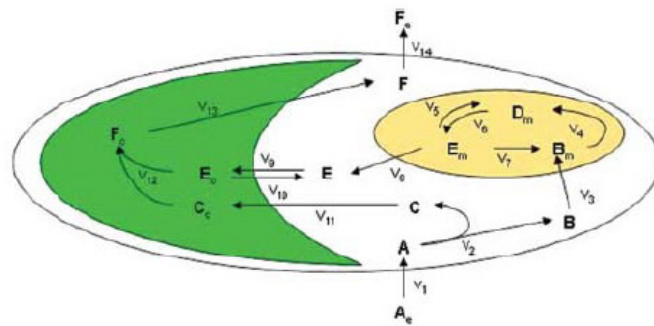
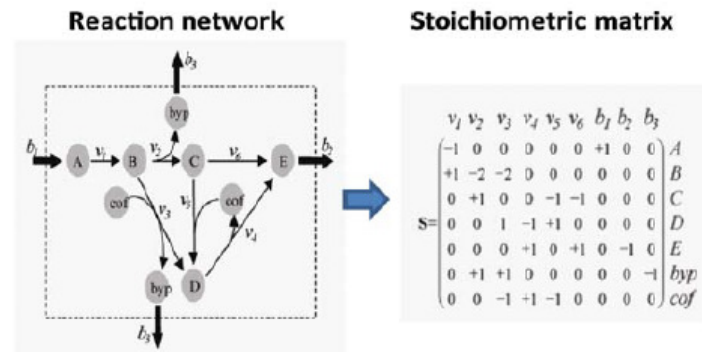


Figure75: Pathways in a hypothetical algal cell with three compartments, the mitochondria, cytosol and chlorophyll, the v values indicate the fluxes in the particular reactions and the bold capital letters (A,B,C etc.) are the metabolites.



Algae Growth in Different Environments

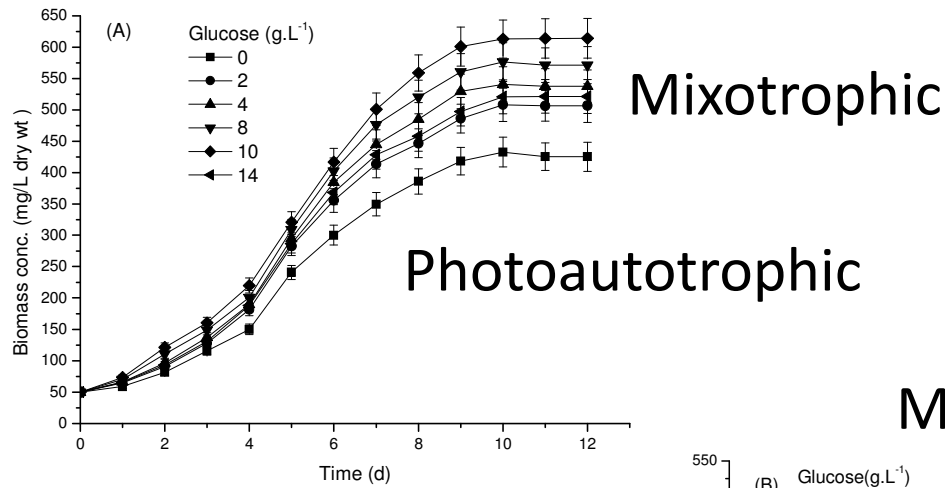
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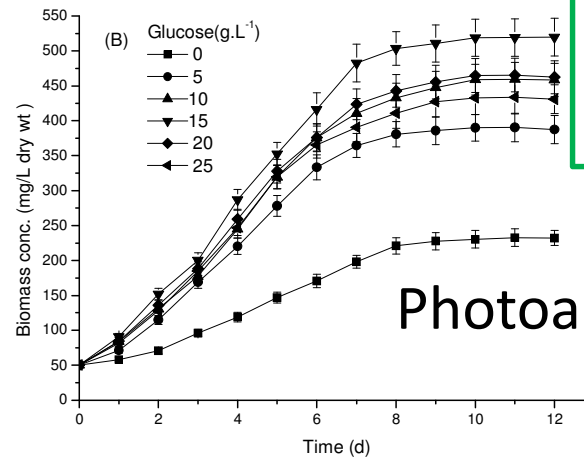
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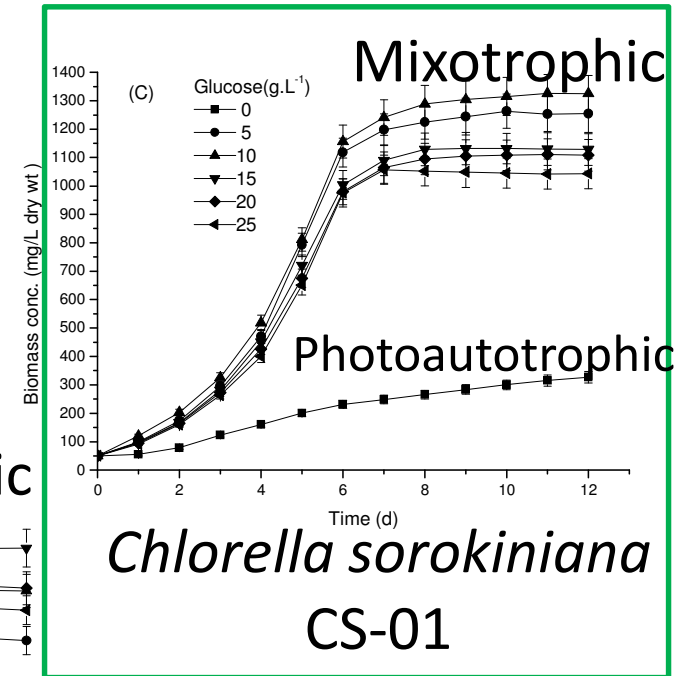
Mixotrophic and Photoautotrophic growth of algae species



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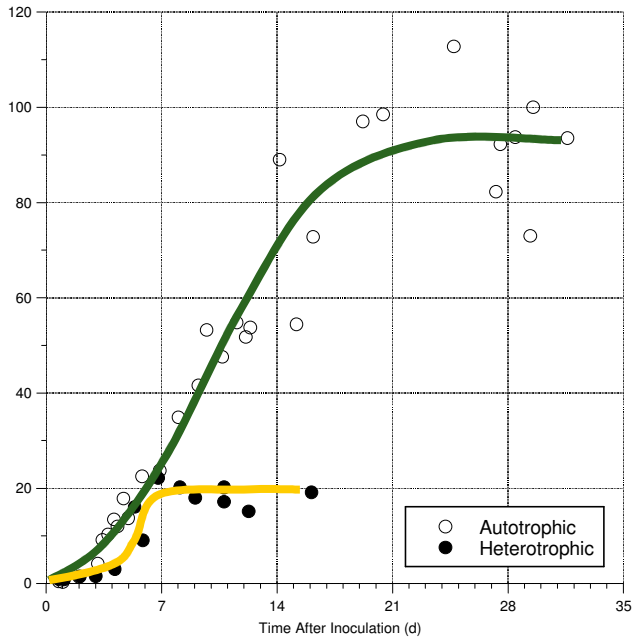
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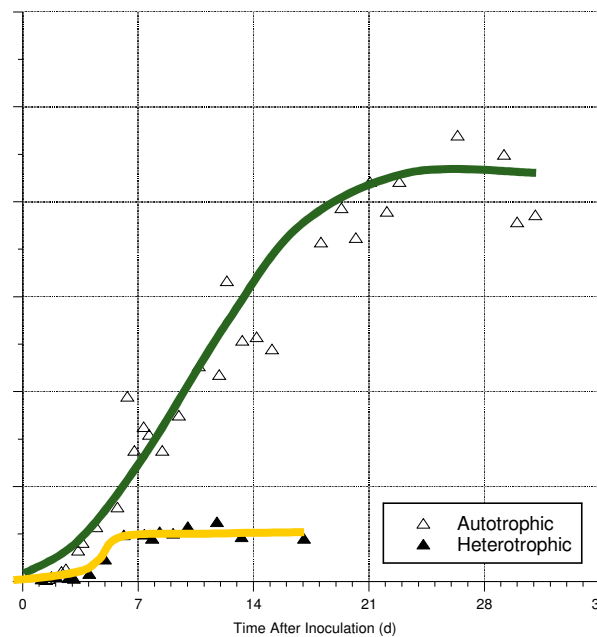
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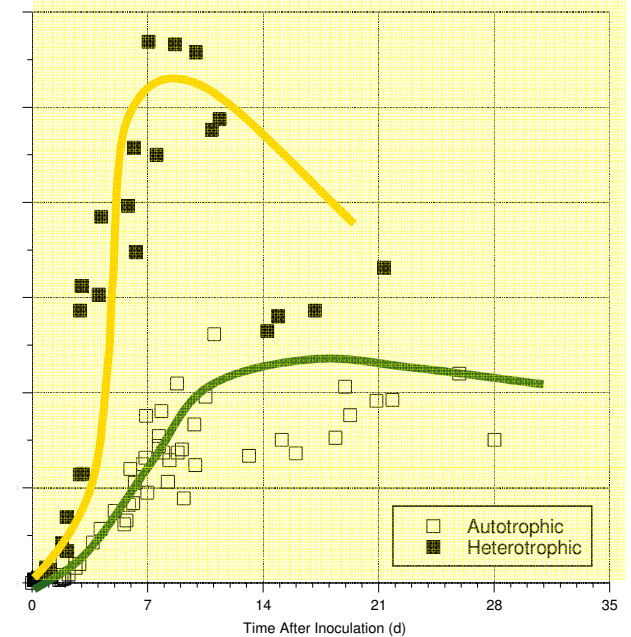
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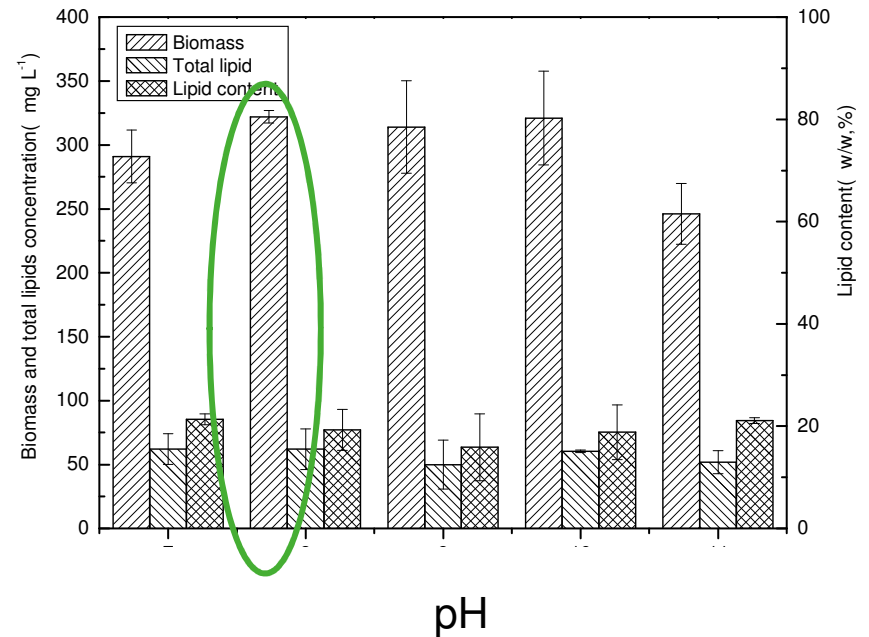
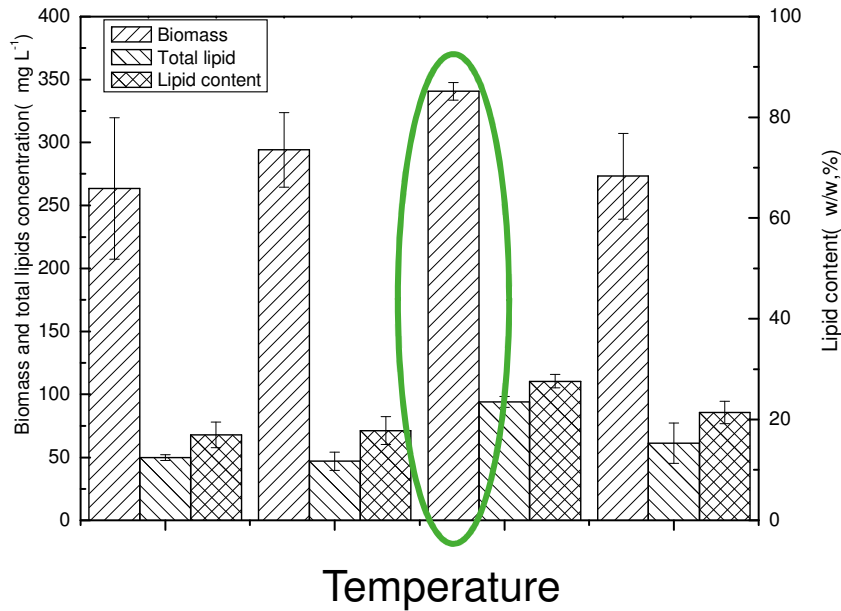


Chlorella sorokiniana UTEX 1230



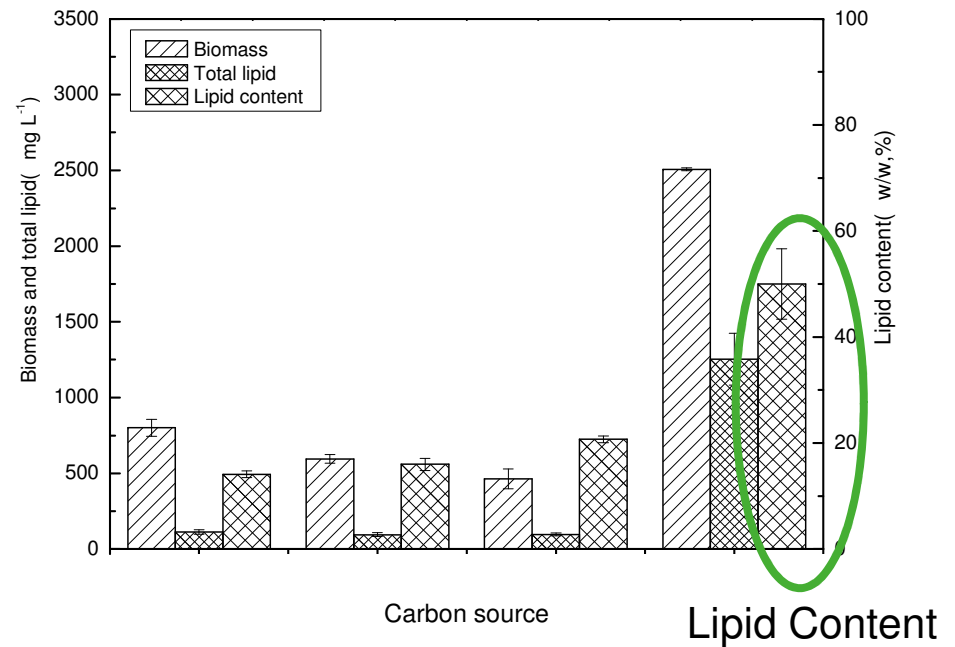
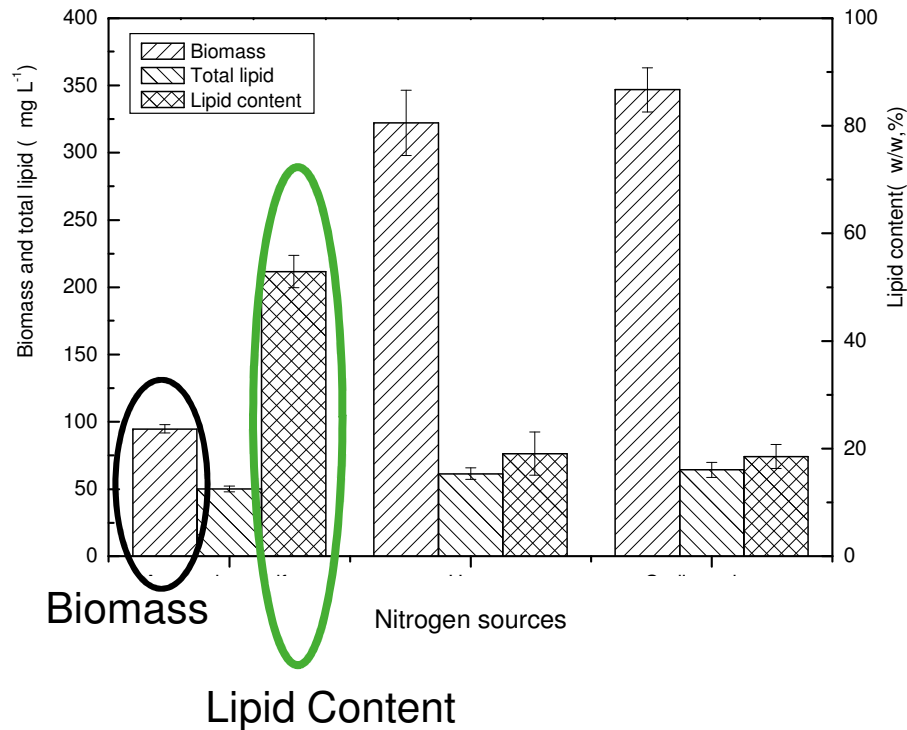
Strain	UTEX 265	UTEX 411	UTEX 1669	UTEX 1230
Species	<i>C. vulgaris</i>	<i>C. protothecoides</i>	<i>C. sorokiniana</i>	<i>C. sorokiniana</i>
Specific Growth Rate, K' (d^{-1})	0.84 ± 0.09	0.48 ± 0.01	0.77 ± 0.10	1.77 ± 0.04
	0.23 ± 0.01	0.32 ± 0.05	0.19 ± 0.02	0.36 ± 0.05
Doubling Time (hr)	20 ± 2.0	35 ± 1.4	21 ± 2.2	9.2 ± 1.0
	72 ± 3.0	52 ± 3.8	89 ± 2.6	46 ± 3.2
Divisions per Day (d^{-1})	1.2 ± 0.1	0.69 ± 0.04	1.1 ± 0.1	2.6 ± 0.1
	0.33 ± 0.04	0.46 ± 0.07	0.27 ± 0.03	0.52 ± 0.07

Effect of Temperature and pH on heterotrophic growth of *Chlorella*



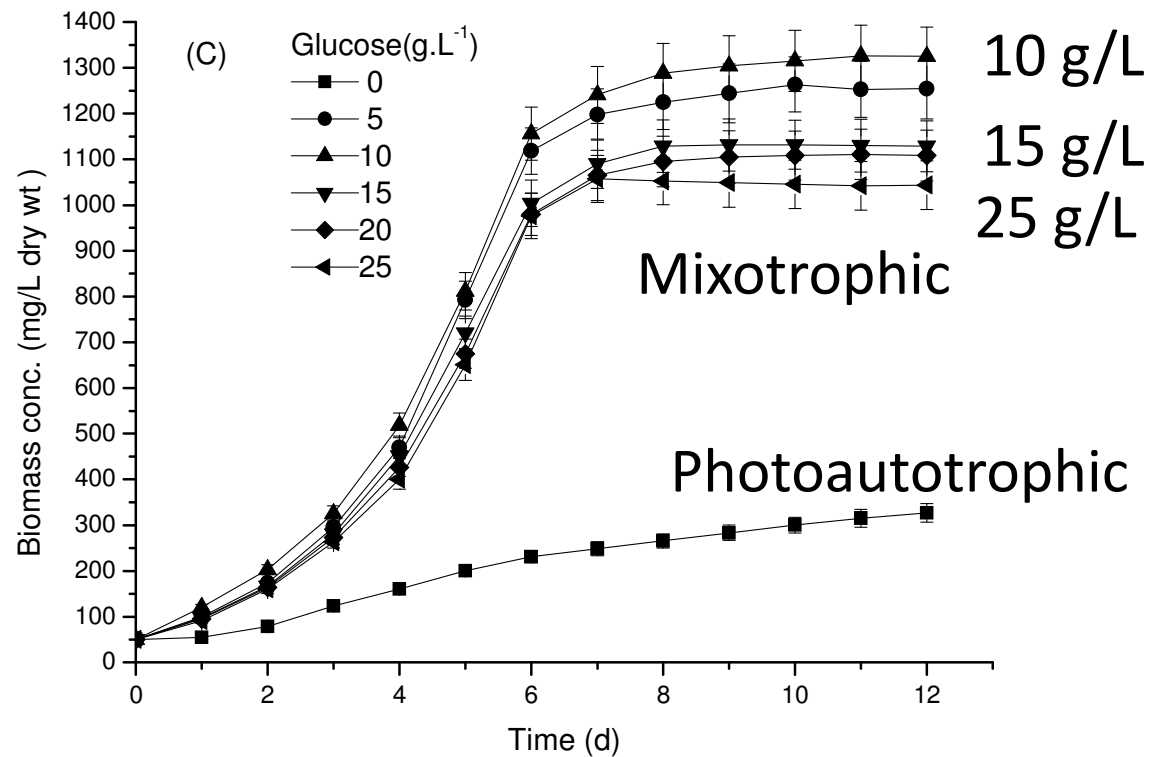
Chlorella exhibits Temperature and pH optimums for biomass

Effect of nitrogen source and carbon source during heterotrophic growth

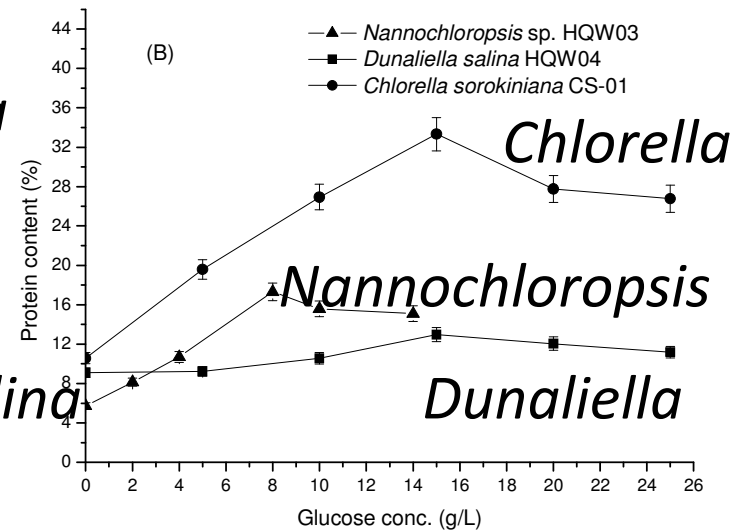
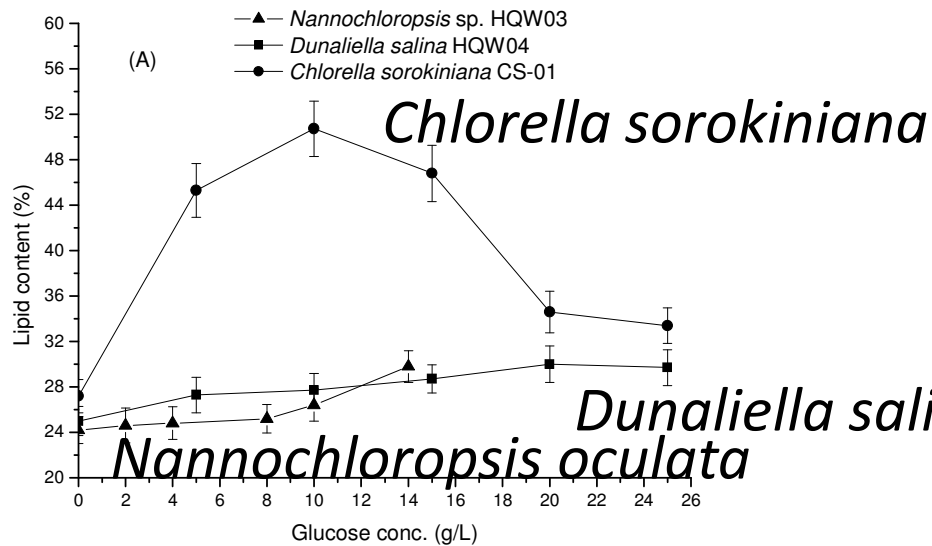


The nitrogen and carbon source can alter the biomass/lipid content

Substrate growth inhibition of *Chlorella sorokiniana* in mixotrophy

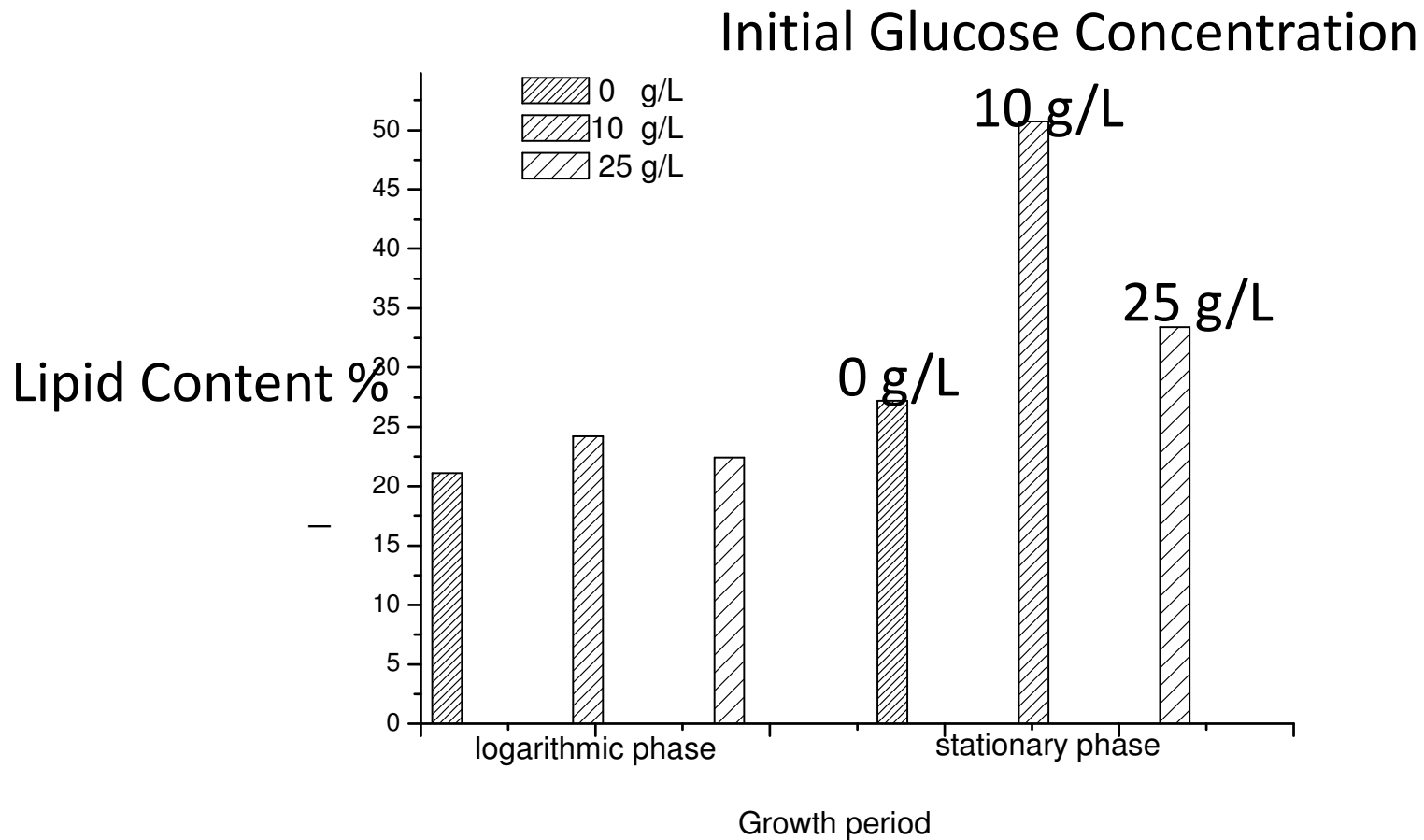


Lipid and Protein Content under Mixotrophic Conditions



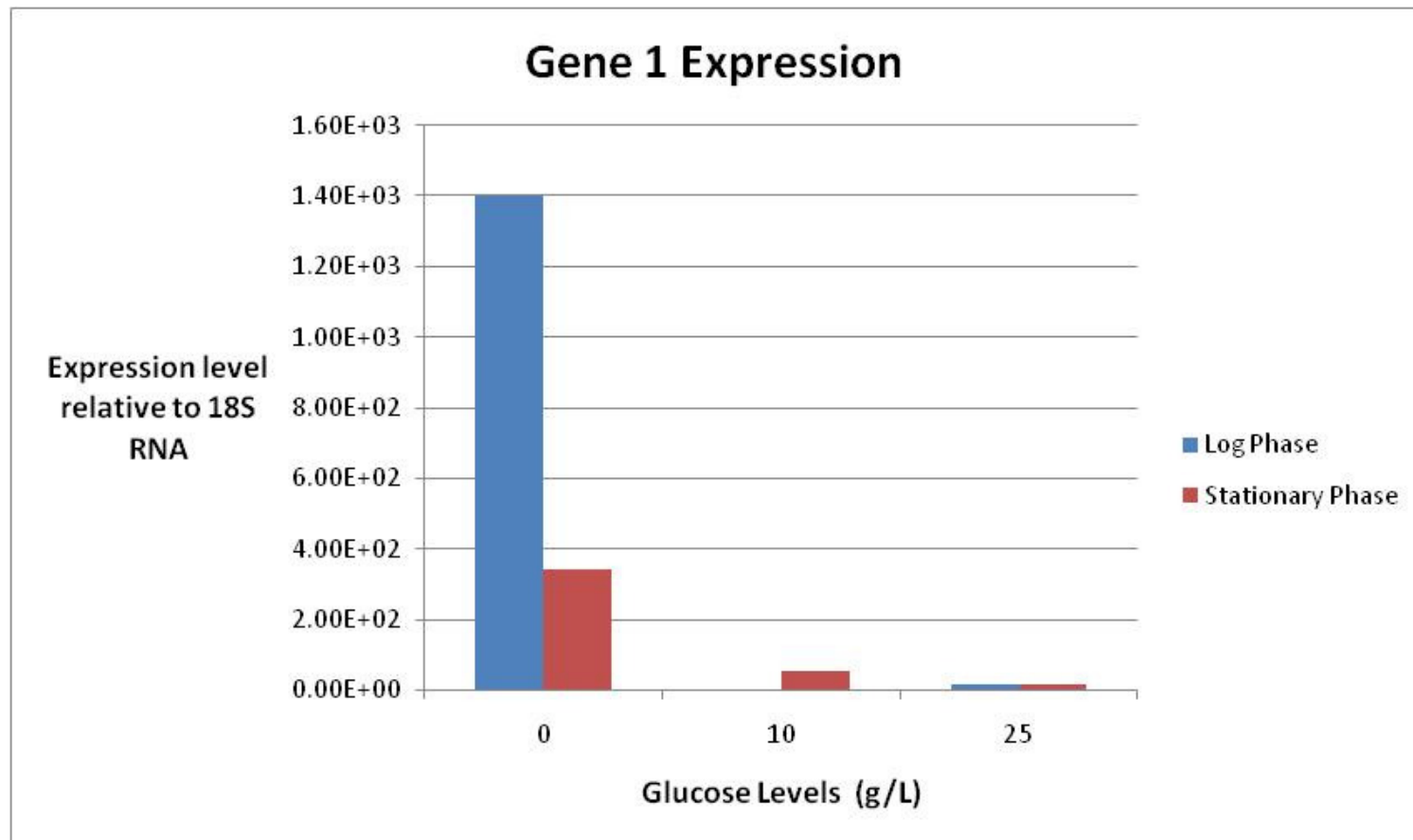
Chlorella exhibits a lipid maximum under mixotrophic conditions

Comparison of Chlorella Lipid Content in Logarithmic and Stationary Phase



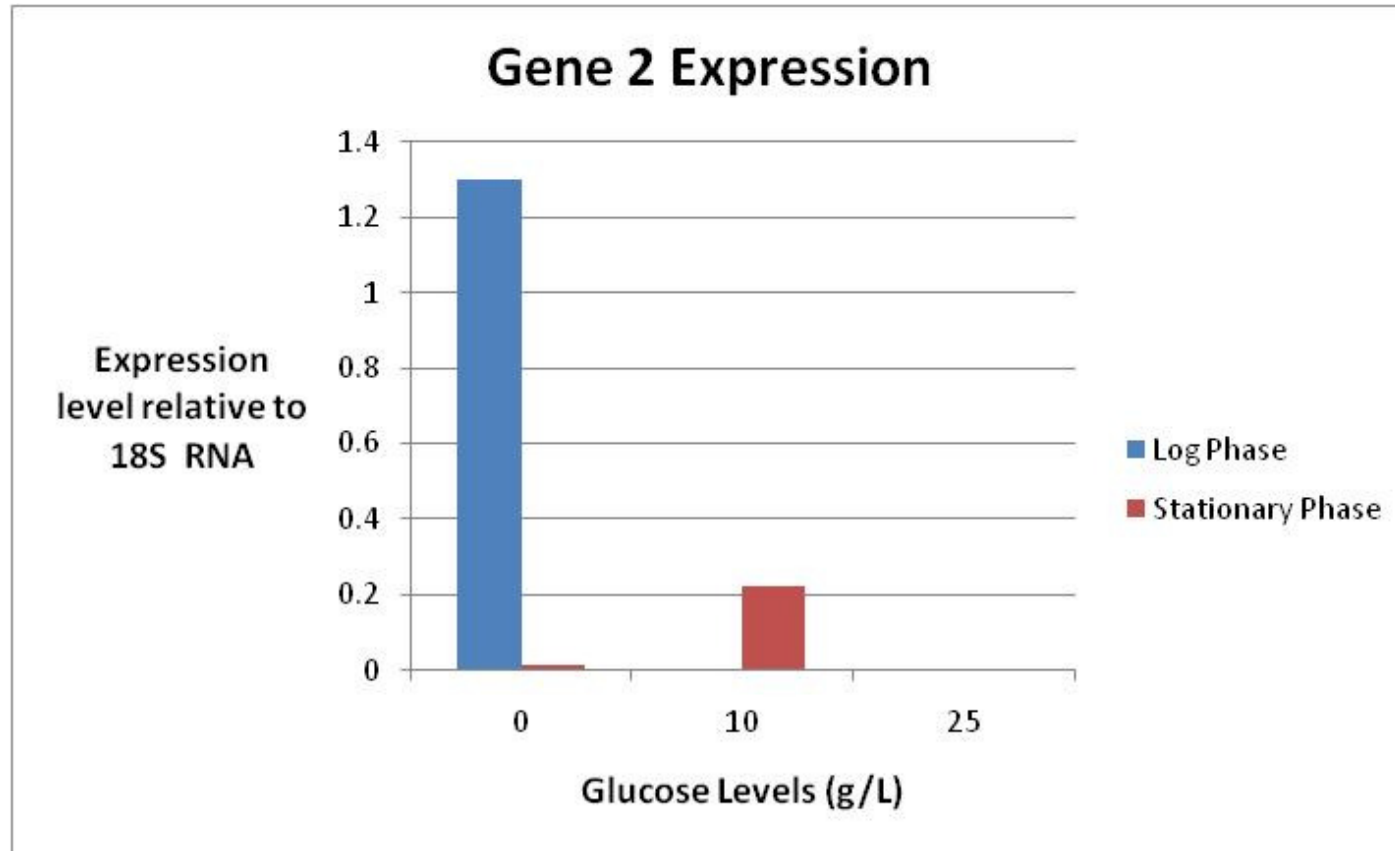
Lipid content increases from log to stationary phase

Change in Chlorella Gene Expression Photoautotrophy vs. Mixotrophy



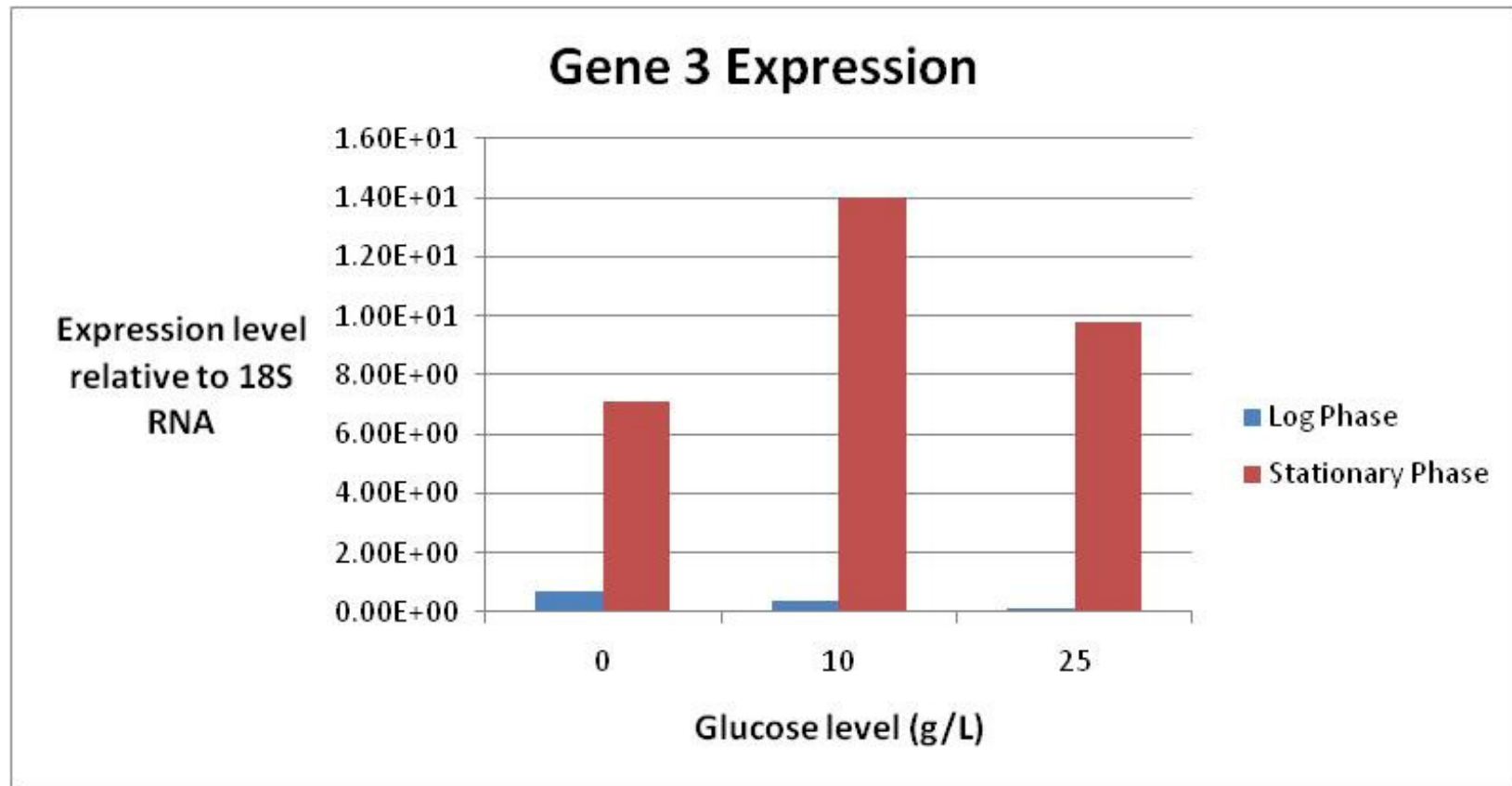
Gene 1 expression decreases from photoautotrophic to mixotrophy

Change in Chlorella Gene 2 Expression Photoauto/Mix and Log/Station



Lack of a consistent trend for Gene 2 expression in stages

Change in Chlorella Gene 3 Expression in Logarithmic and Stationary Phases

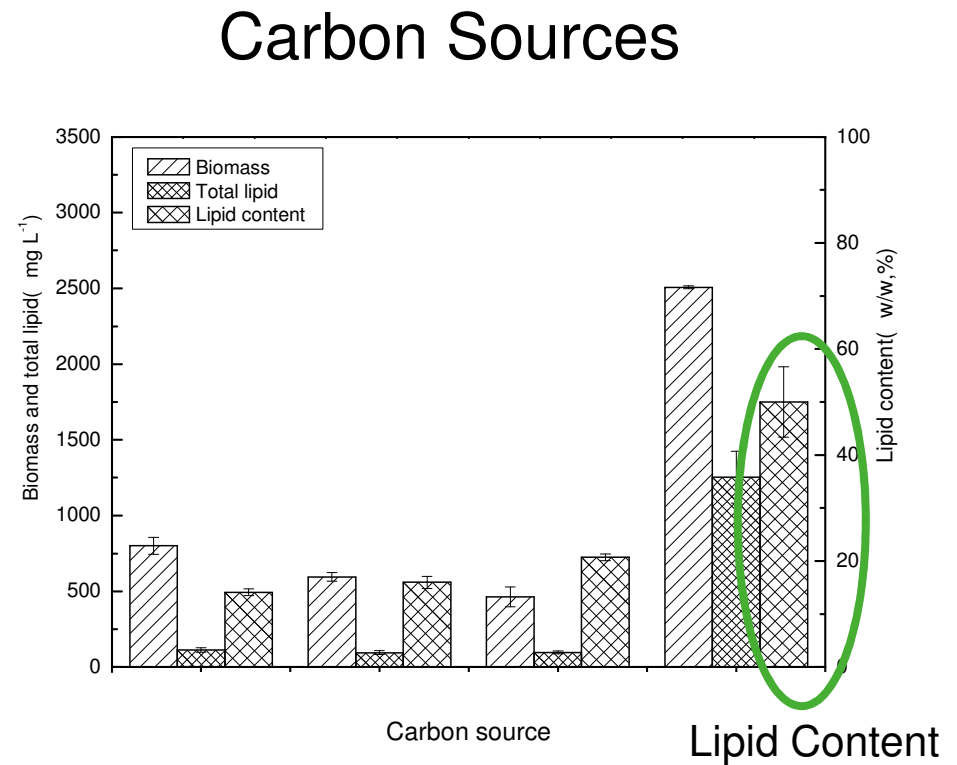
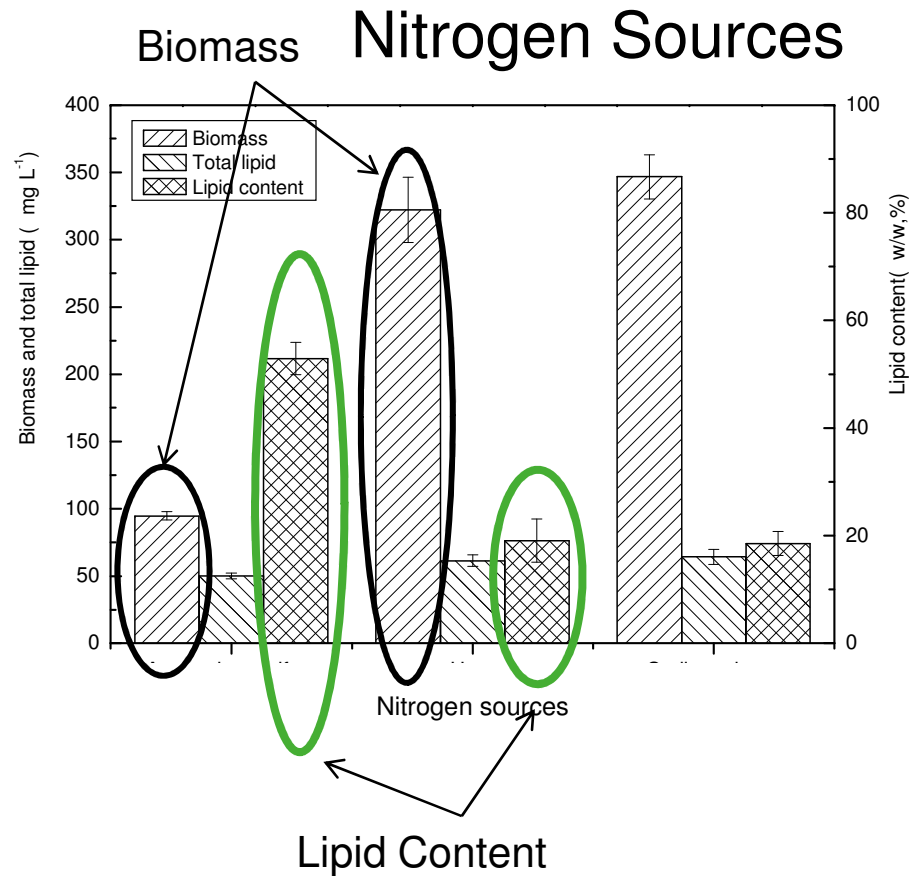


Gene 3 expression increases from logarithmic to stationary phase

Interpreting Algal Dynamics: Kinetic Model of *C. reinhardtii*

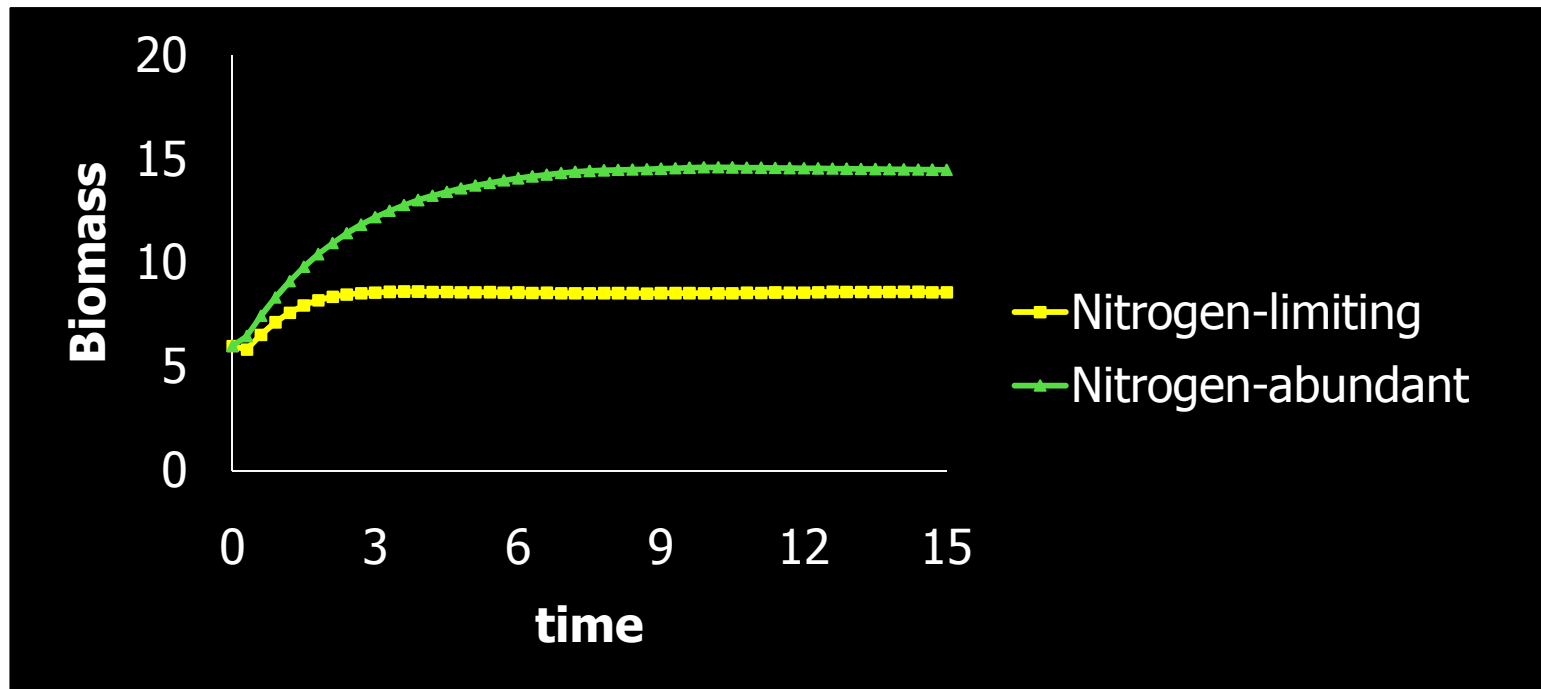
- **15** Pathways were included for a total of:
 - 320** Biochemical Reactions
 - 218** Compounds
- ▶ **376** kinetic constants were retrieved from the BRENDA enzyme database, while **216** (36% of total) were estimated.
- ▶ In addition, **275** turnover numbers were obtained and **45** (14% of total) are estimated.
- ▶ Numerical integration was accomplished using an adaptive 4th order Runge-Kutta with adaptive step size (max error 1E-4)

Effect of nitrogen on growth and lipid content during heterotrophic growth



The nitrogen and carbon source can alter the biomass/lipid content

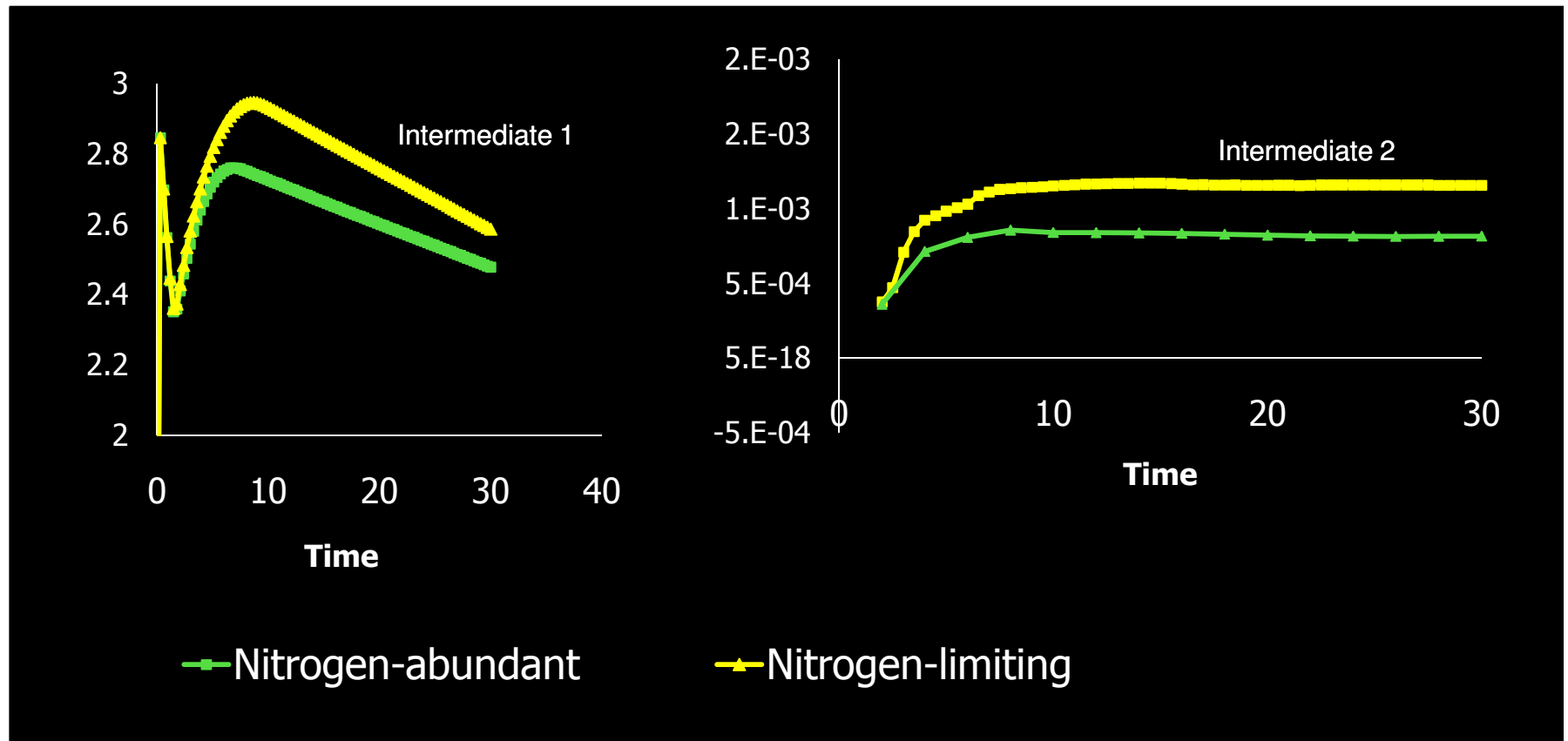
Higher nitrogen supply leads to higher growth



- ▶ Nitrogen-abundant conditions exhibit a biomass generation factor about **45% higher** than in the nitrogen-limiting scenario
- ▶ Experimentally, it has been reported 35-43% increase^[1]

[1] Shobha et al, *Applied Biochemistry and Biotechnology*, 1990

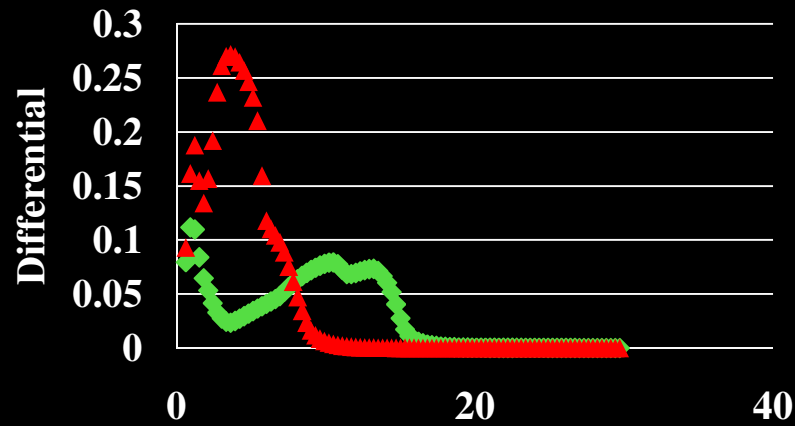
Effect of nitrogen supply leads on lipid intermediates



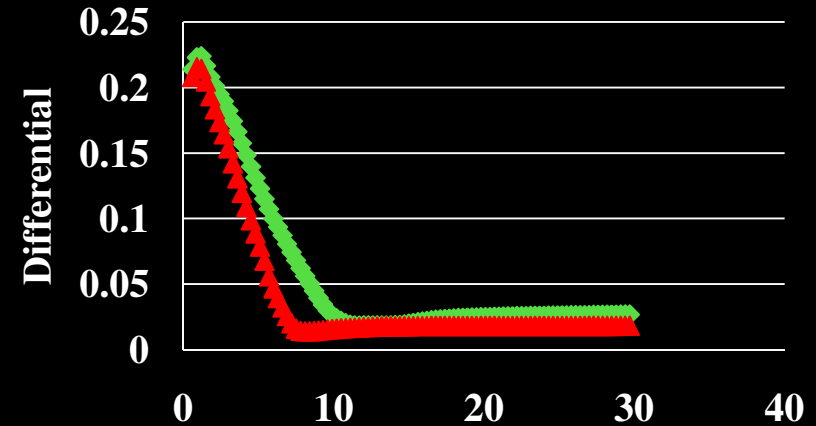
- ▶ nitrogen-limiting conditions leads to a **higher concentration of intermediates** when compared with the standard or nitrogen-abundant case

Consumption of ATP

Growth

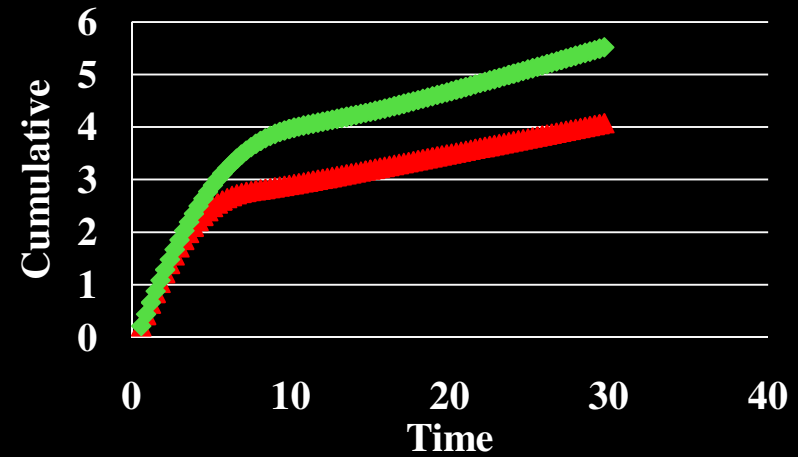
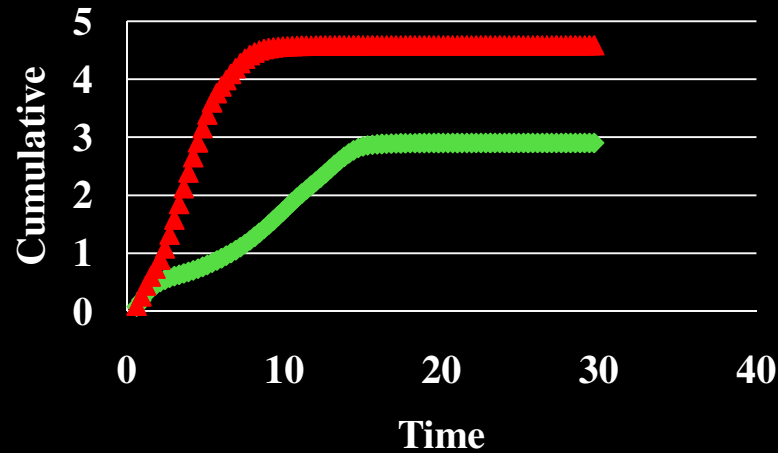


Lipid

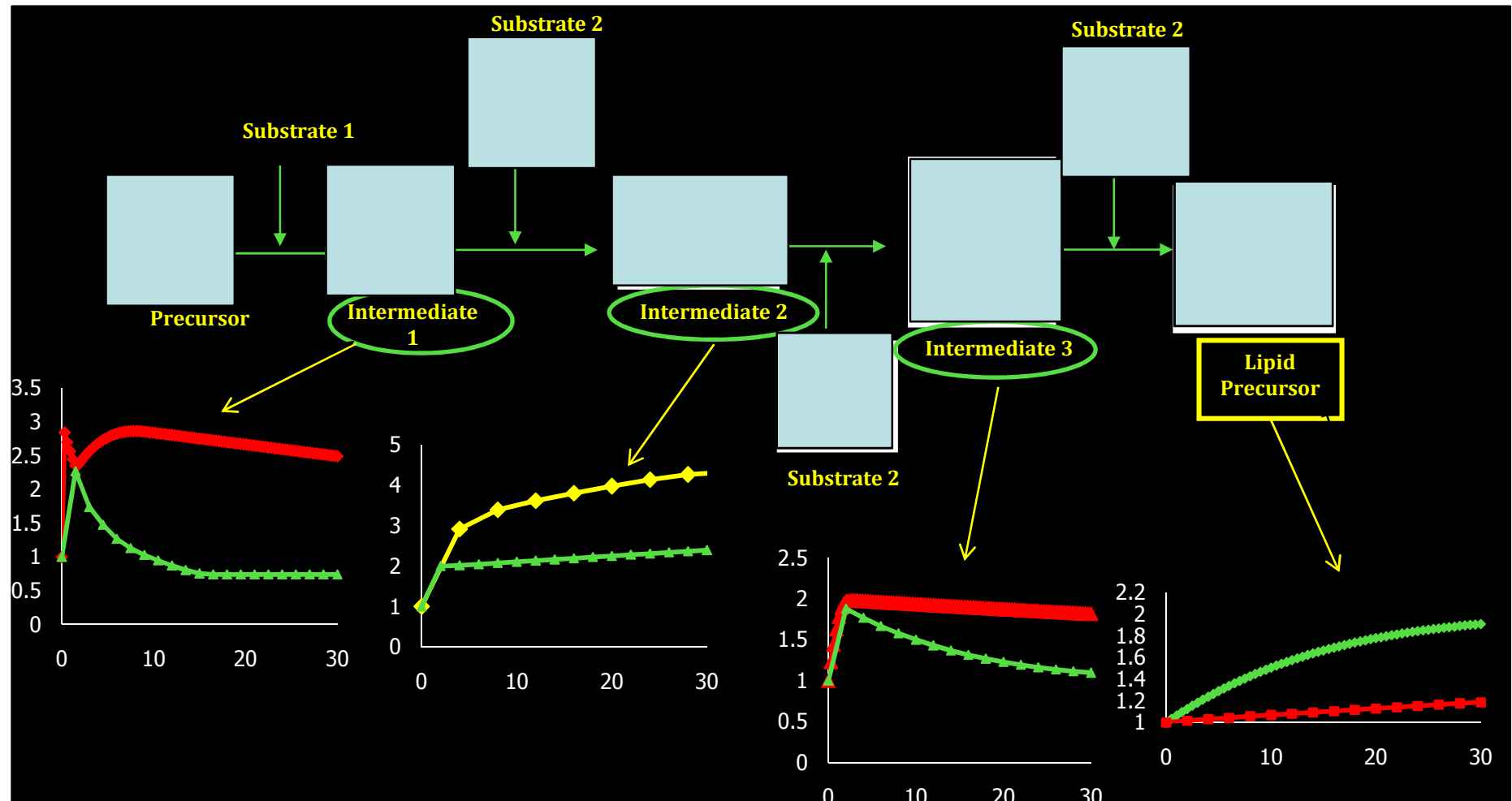


◆ Nitrogen species = 1E-5

▲ Nitrogen species = 100

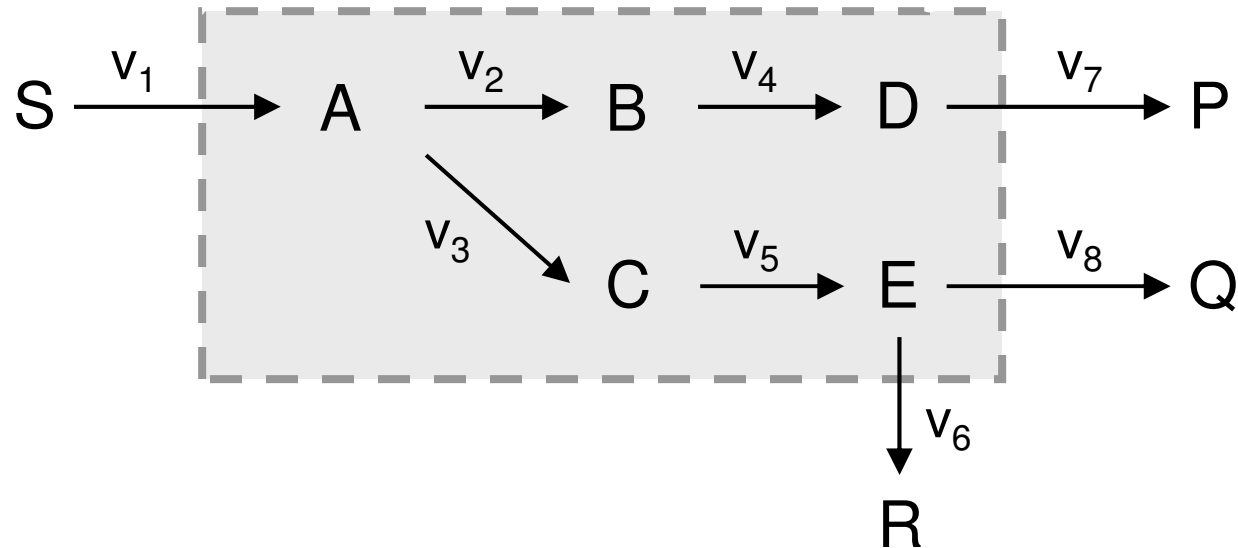


Effect of Nitrogen, Higher Lipid Intermediate Production



- N at 100
- N at 100, ATP change
- N at 100, ATP change, Enzymes changed

Analysis of Intracellular Pathways: Metabolic Flux Analysis



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Flux Determination using ^{13}C -Labeled Tracers

(1)
Grow cells with
 ^{13}C -labeled substrate



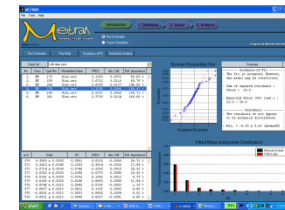
[1- ^{13}C]glucose &
[U- ^{13}C]glucose
often used

(2)
Measure ^{13}C -labeling



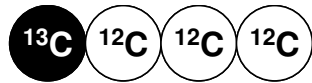
GC-MS
LC-MS
NMR

(3)
Estimate Fluxes

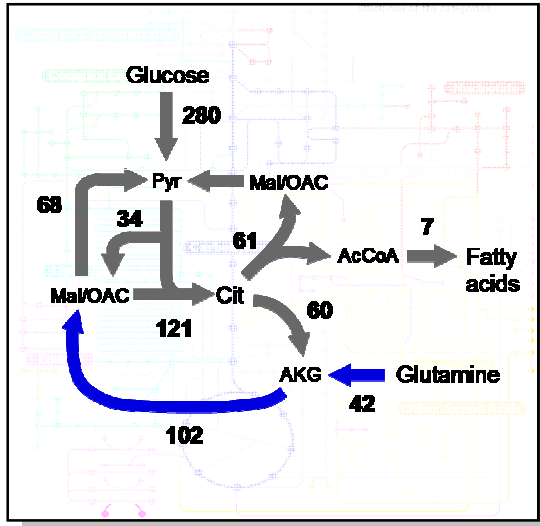


Least-squares
parameter estimation

Determination of Fluxes



Metabolic conversion

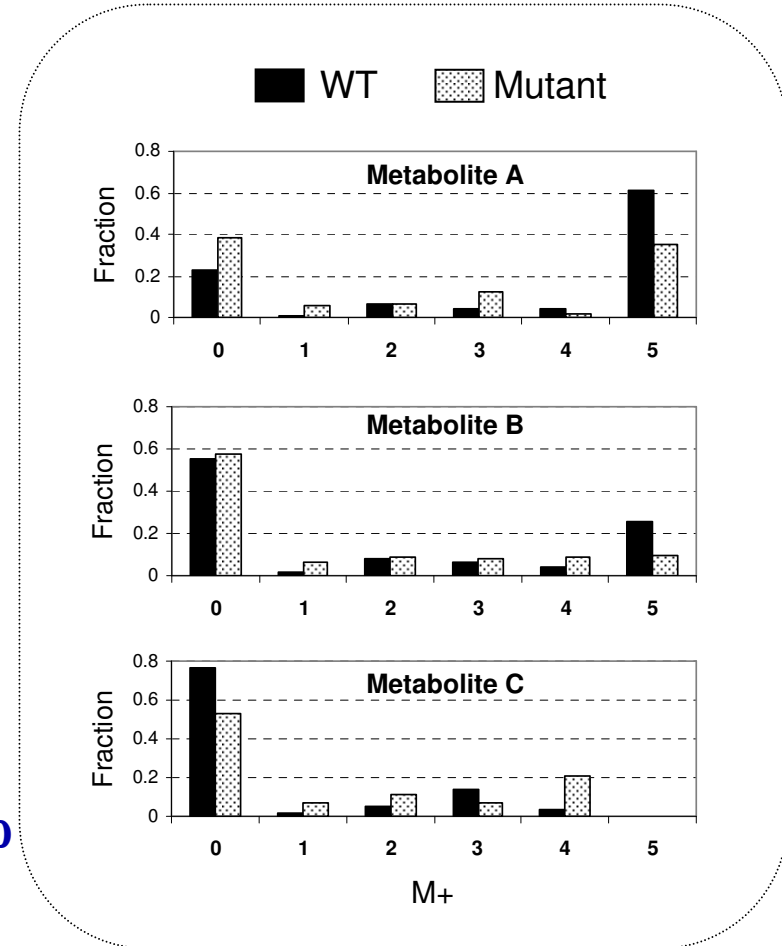


GC/MS analysis



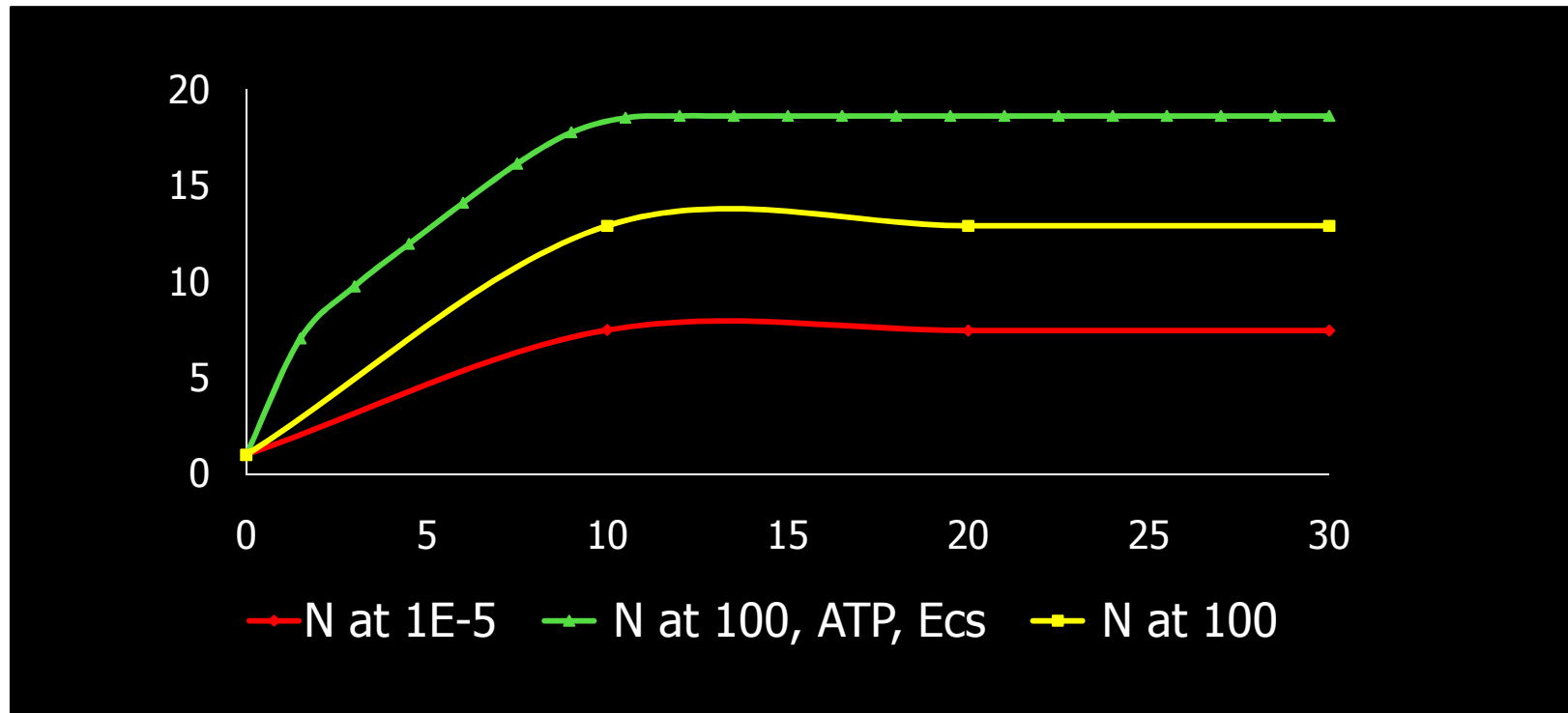
Flux Analysis
(least-squares regression)

Mass isotopomers



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Model Prediction: Effects of Nitrogen, ATP, Enzymes on Biomass and Lipids



- ▶ Coupling nitrogen changes and ATP changes together with enzyme changes can increase biomass and provide for high lipid production

Separations of Lipids from Algae

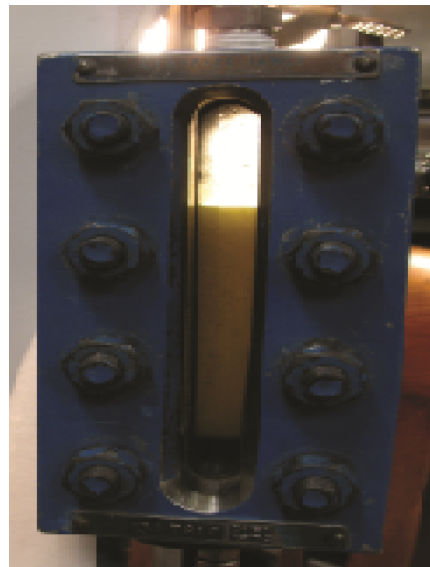
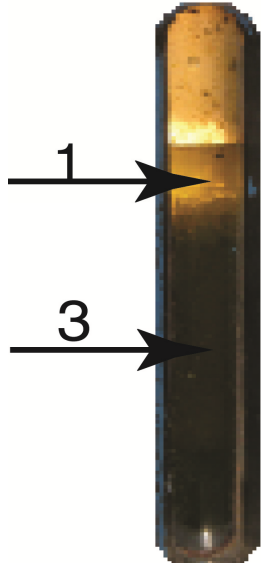


Fig. 4: Disrupted Algae in Separation Chamber

Separations of Lipids from Algae

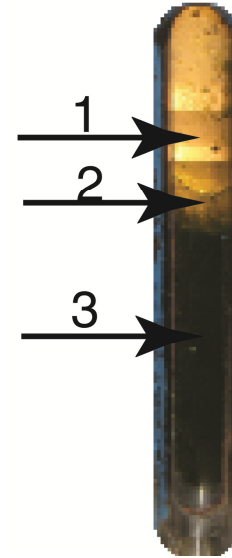
Test Sample



Control



Test Sample 2



Control



Lipid and Biomass are separated into two separate phases after several hours in test sample versus the control sample

Lipid and Biomass are separated into three separate phases after variable treatment in test sample as compared to no separation in control sample

CONCLUSIONS

- Metabolic Engineering has been used to improve cell performance
 - Improving Product Quality through Changes in Glycosylation Patterns
 - Improving Yields of Cells and Target Biotherapeutics
- Genomics and other 'omics tools will be an integral part of metabolic engineering
 - CHO genome has yielded information on potential Met. Eng. targets
 - MicroRNA is an emerging genomic control tool that can alter expression of multiple factors including anti-apoptosis genes simultaneously.
- Cell Engineering of Bcl-x_L Protects both Mammalian Cells and Microalgae from a Variety of Stresses that may be found in Bioreactor Environments



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欢迎提问(请用英文)

pRelax stress imposition – High

- NaCl range 175mM, 200mM, 225mM, 250mM

NaCl

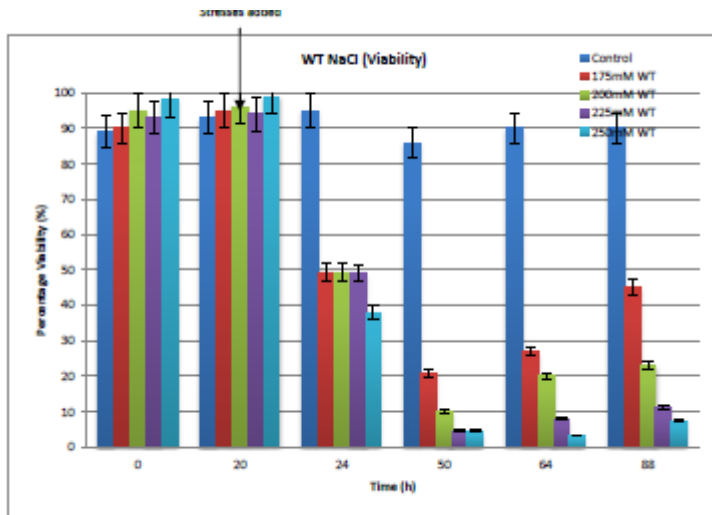


Figure 64: Viabilities of Wild-Type *C. reinhardtii* under High NaCl stress

Wild-Type

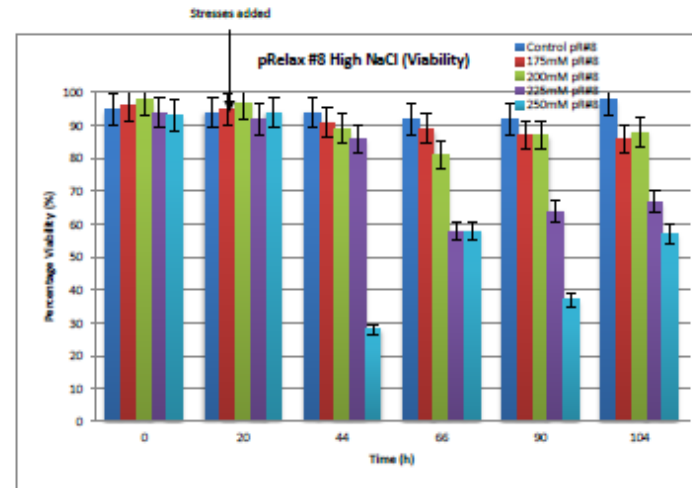


Figure 65: Viabilities of pRelax# 8 under High NaCl stress

pRelax #8

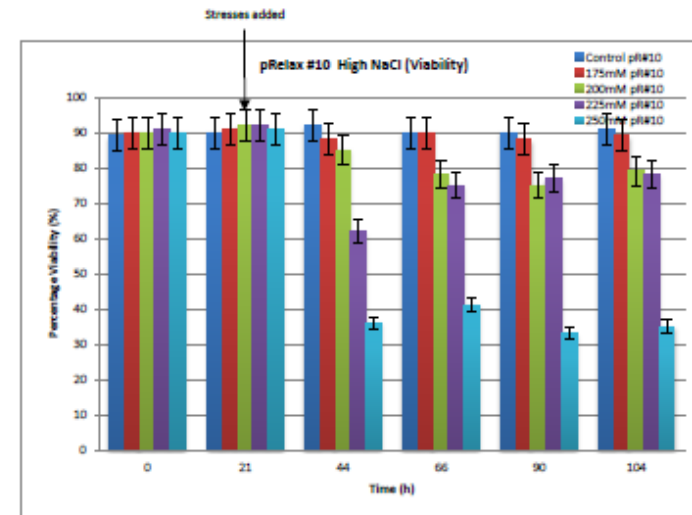


Figure 66: Viabilities of pRelax# 10 under High NaCl stress

pRelax #10

CONCLUSIONS

- Metabolic Engineering has been used to improve cell performance
 - Solving the Product Quality and Yield Paradox
 - Improving Yields of Target Biotherapeutics
- Cell Engineering of Bcl-x_L Protects *C. reinhardtii* from Photooxidative Stress due to Rose Bengal and Improves Cell Densities
- Mixotrophic/Heterotrophy vs Photoautotrophy
Stationary vs Exponential
 - Optimize Growth Rate and Cell Density
 - Optimize Carbon and Nitrogen Sources
 - Alter Lipid and Protein Content
 - Determine Gene Expression Important to Productivity

Conclusions

- ▶ Modeling can be used to indicate effects of nitrogen limiting conditions and illustrate trade-off between biomass and lipid content
- ▶ ATP plays a relevant role in metabolism and is important to lipid generation and growth
- ▶ An efficient lipid-producing, high growth microalgae is possible in an optimized cellular environment
- ▶ Metabolic flux analysis will provide insights into production bottlenecks for both biomass and biofuels
- ▶ Algal biological products will require proper integration of biology, modeling, and engineering systems to realize full potential

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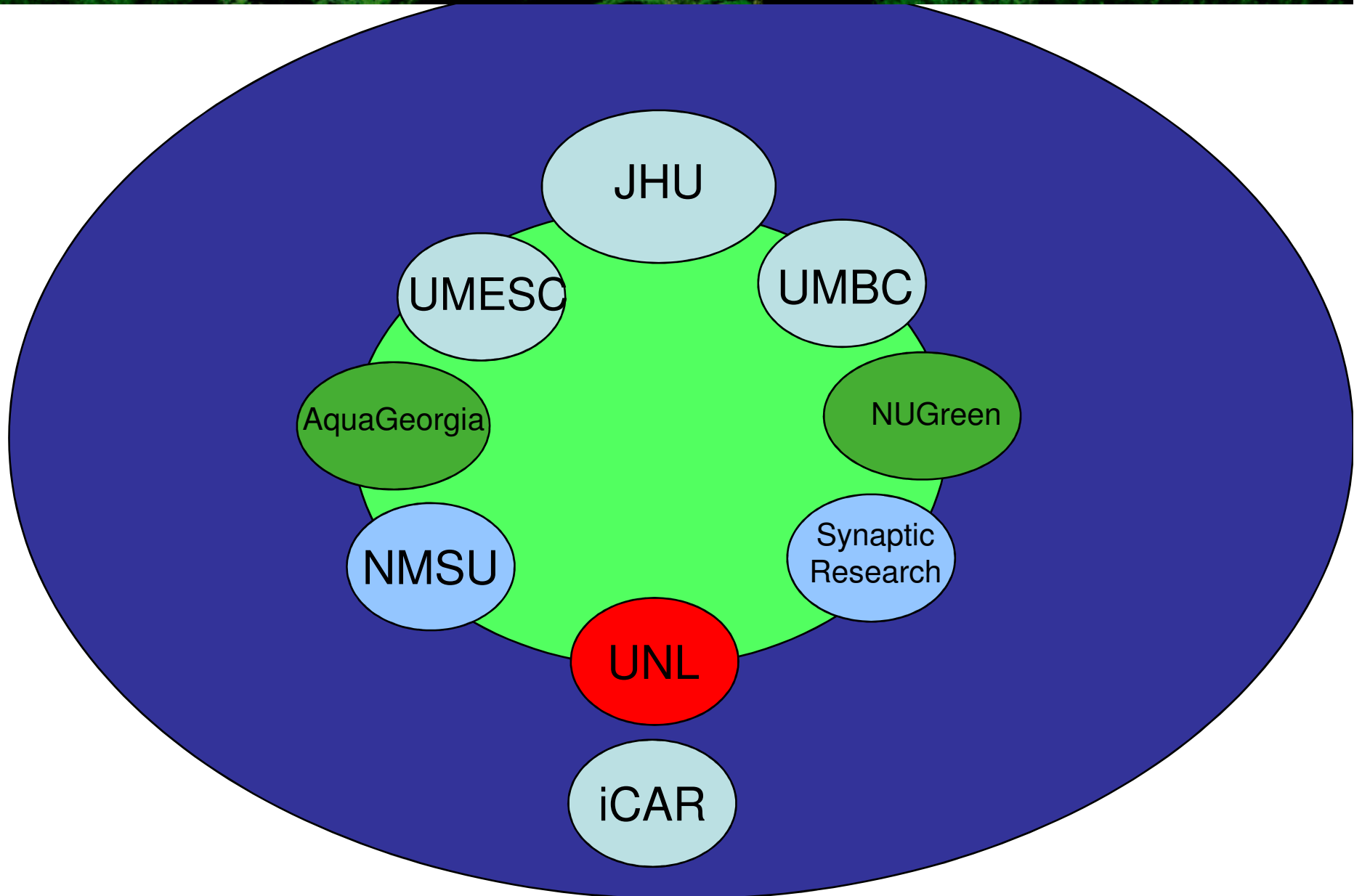
SPECIES SELECTION: *CHLORELLA* SPP.

- Four strains suggested to grow heterotrophically (lipids & lutein):
 - *C. sorokiniana* UTEX 1669
 - *C. sorokiniana* UTEX 1230
 - *C. vulgaris* UTEX 265
 - *C. protothecoides* UTEX 411
- Analyzed heterotrophic growth supplemented with 10 g glucose L⁻¹
 - Growth Rate
 - Metabolic Efficiency
 - Relative Lipid Content
- Compared to autotrophic growth
 - BBM (Bold's Basal Medium)
 - Aerated with Ambient CO₂



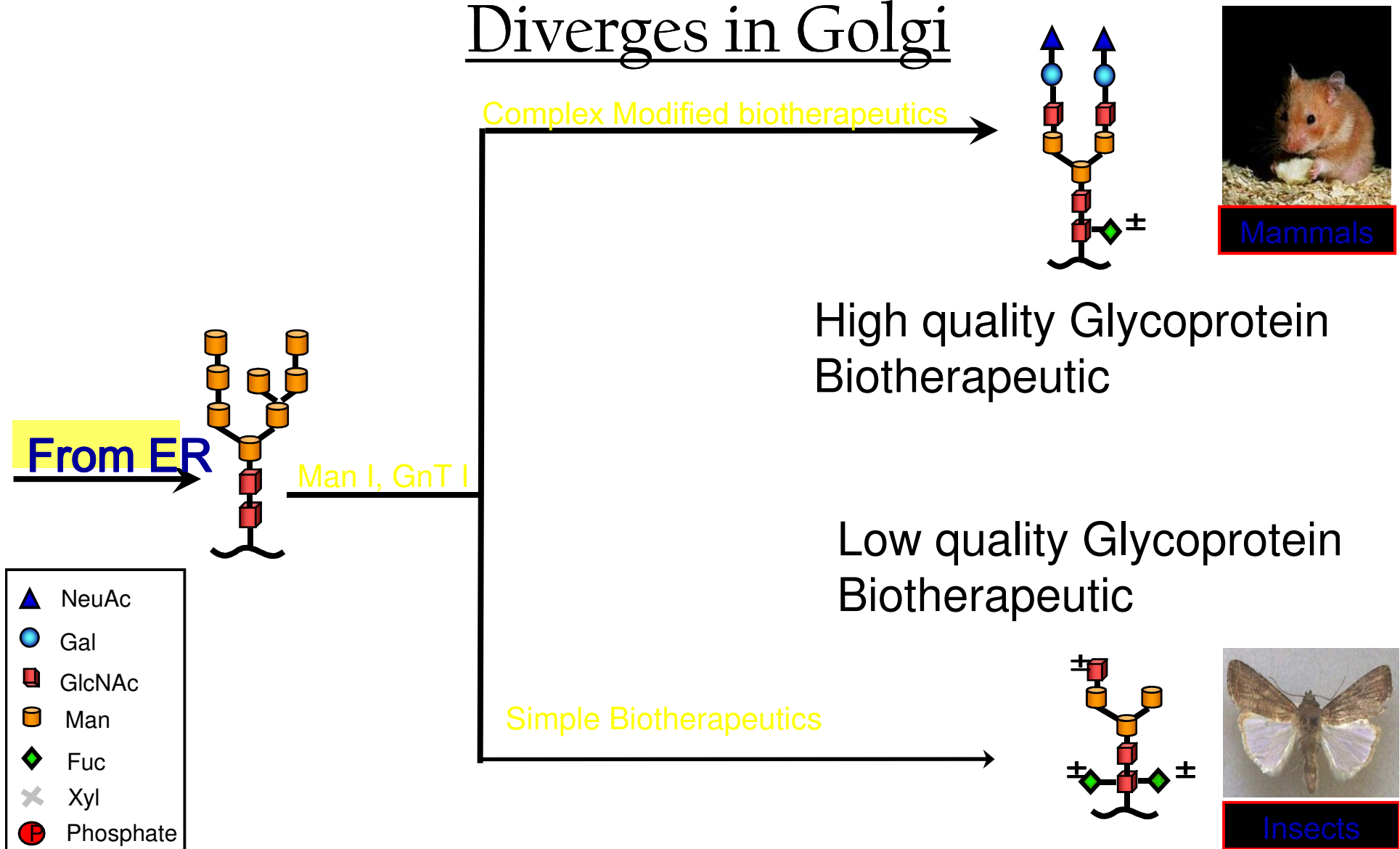
Chlorella protothecoides - Autotrophic & Heterotrophic

Algal Biotechnology Alliance

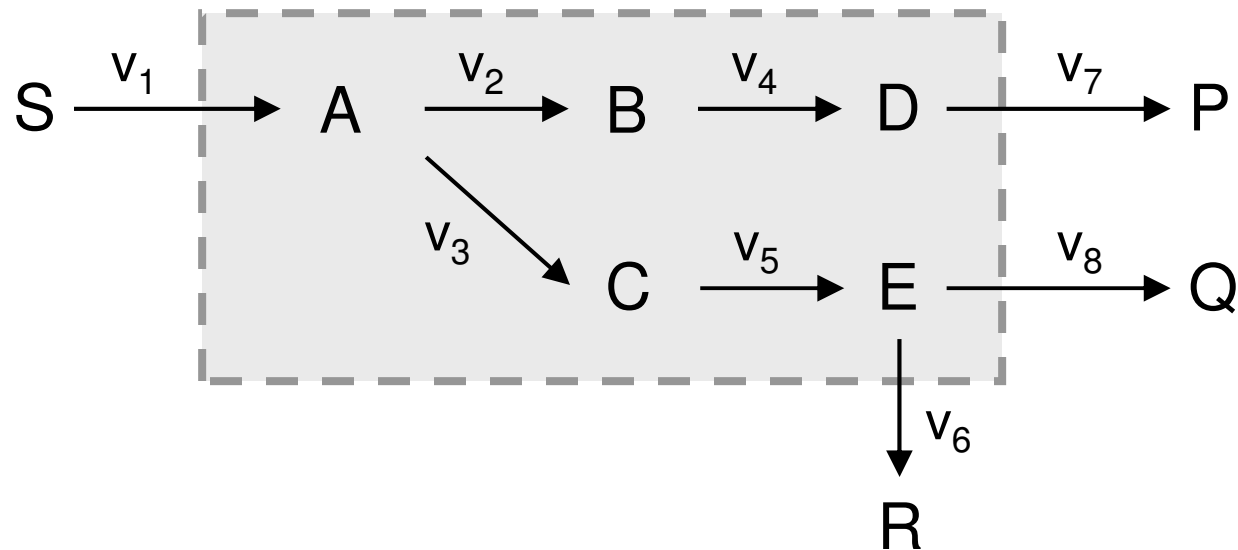


Insect and Mammalian Metabolic Processing

Diverges in Golgi



Metabolic Flux Analysis



Metabolite balances (pseudo steady state assumption):

Balance for A : $v_1 = v_2 + v_3$ (FLUXES IN = FLUXES OUT)

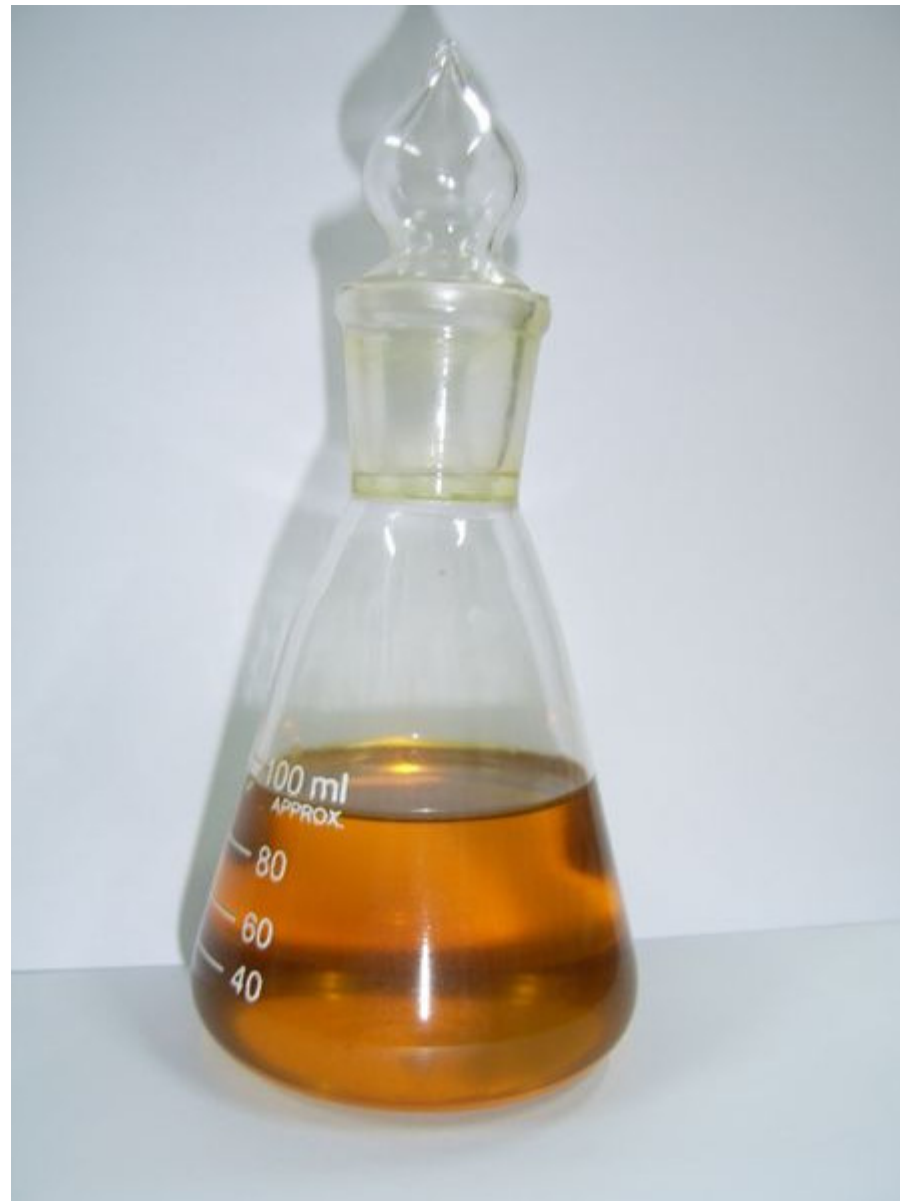
Balance for B : $v_2 = v_4$

Balance for C : $v_3 = v_5$

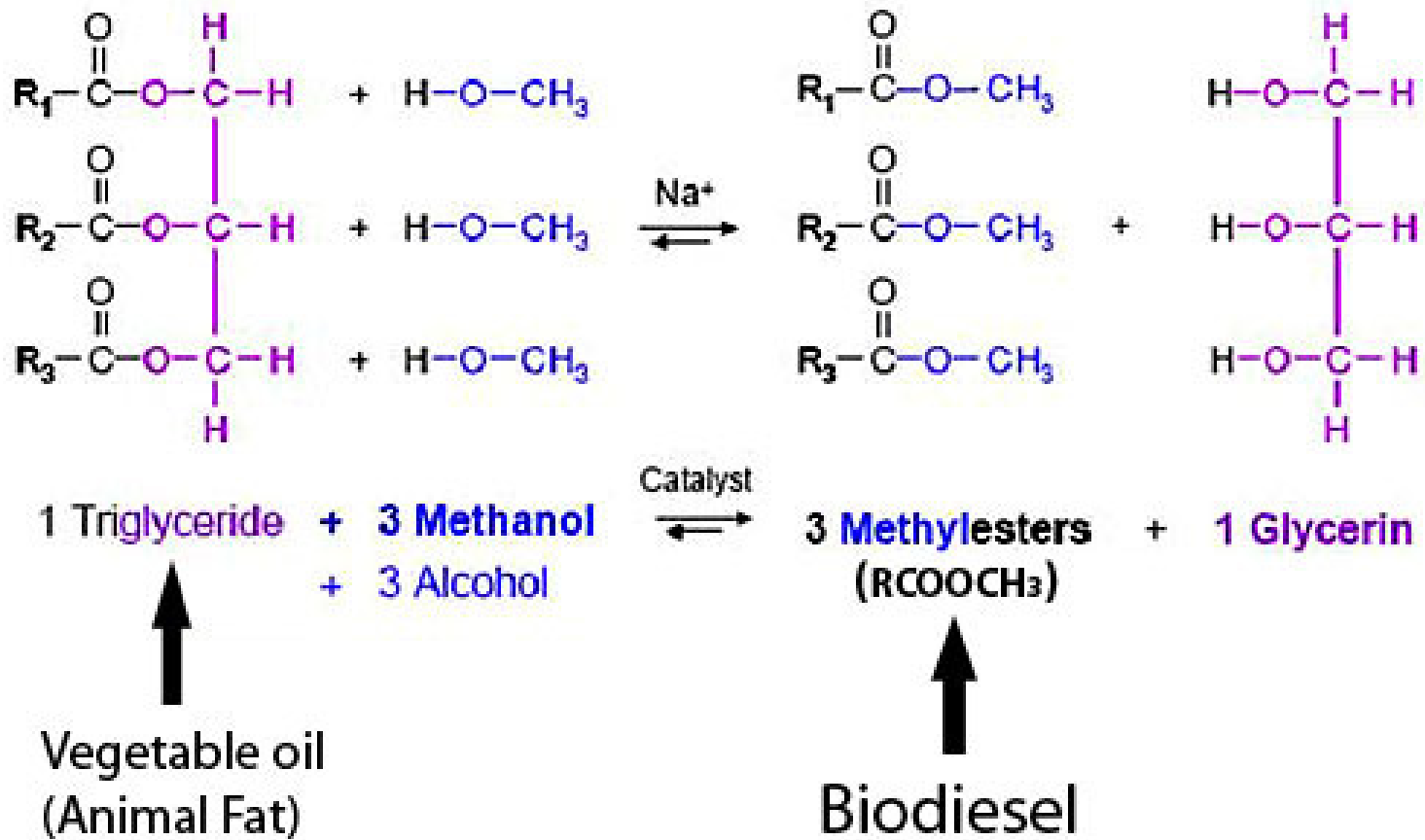
Balance for D : $v_4 = v_7$

Balance for E : $v_5 = v_6 + v_8$

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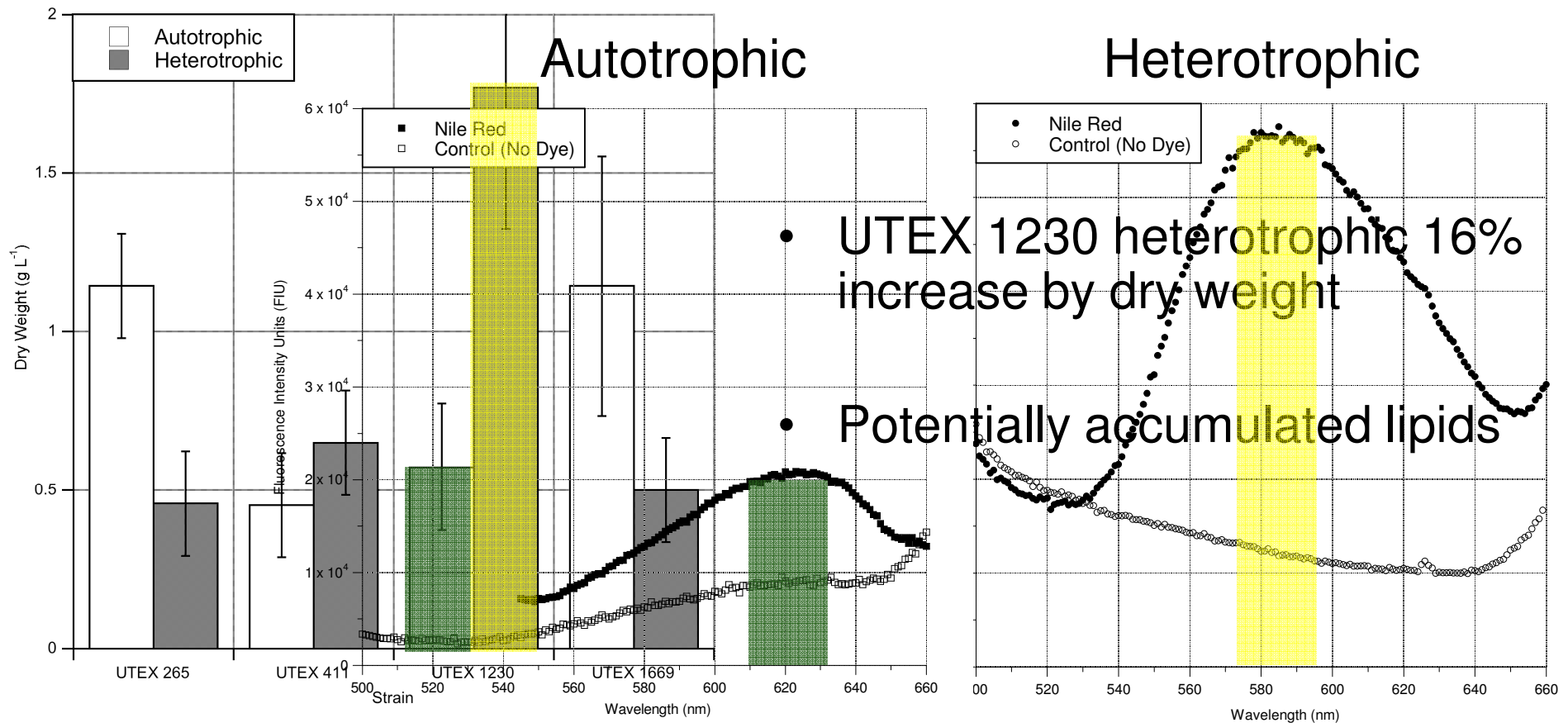
Biodiesel is a fatty acid ester with a short carbon alcohol (methanol or ethanol). The conversion is accomplished by transesterification.



DRY WEIGHTS & RELATIVE LIPID CONTENT

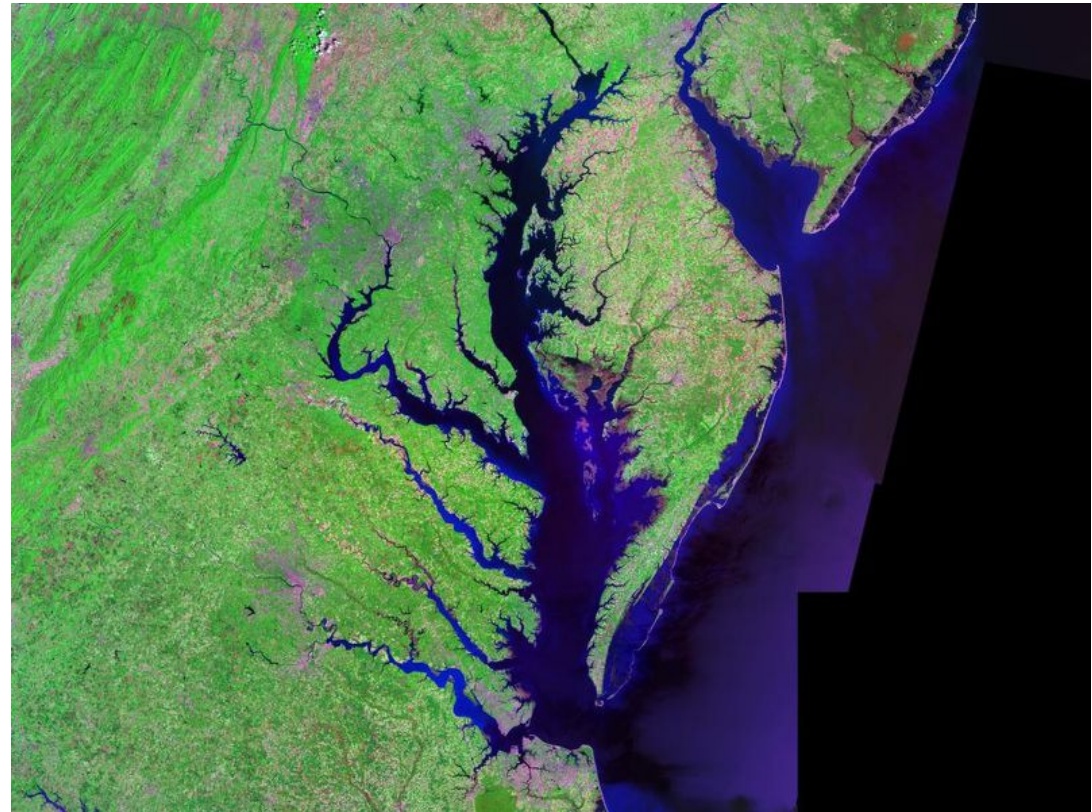
Nile Red Fluorescent Analysis of Neutral Lipids

Chlorella spp. Dry Weights

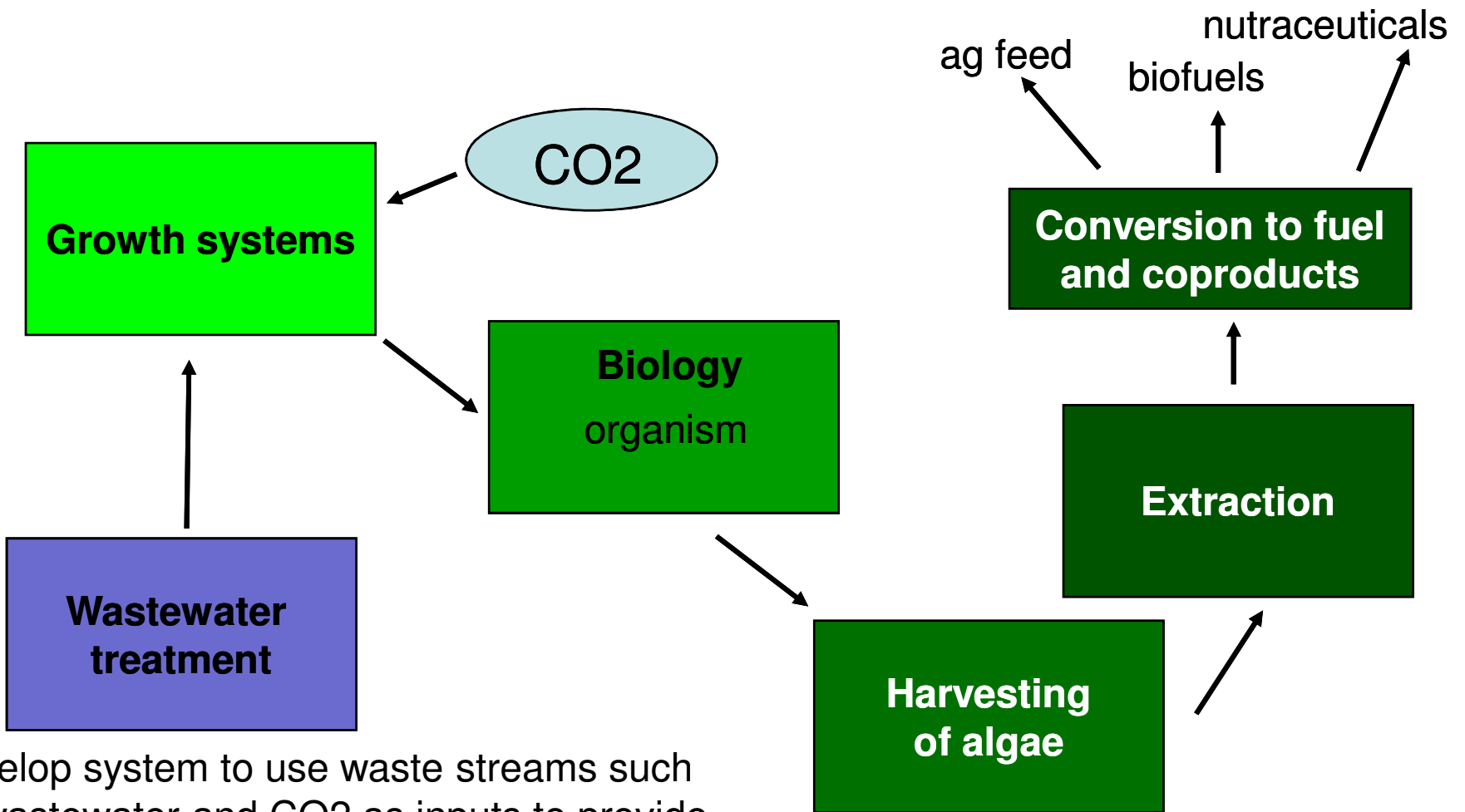


NR: Excitation = 486 nm, Emission = 570-590 nm

Chesapeake Bay offers great potential for application of Algae Technology



Focus on environmental improvement with algal systems as well as biofuels and coproducts



Develop system to use waste streams such as wastewater and CO2 as inputs to provide environmental improvement.

Develop for co-products leads to multiple value streams.

Algae have the great potential biofuels yield

Table 1 Potential oil yields per acre per year

Crop	Gallons of oil/acre/year
Soybeans	43
Sunflower	86
Canola	171
Jatrjopha	214
Palm oil	641
Microalgae	up to 6,000 (with future technology)

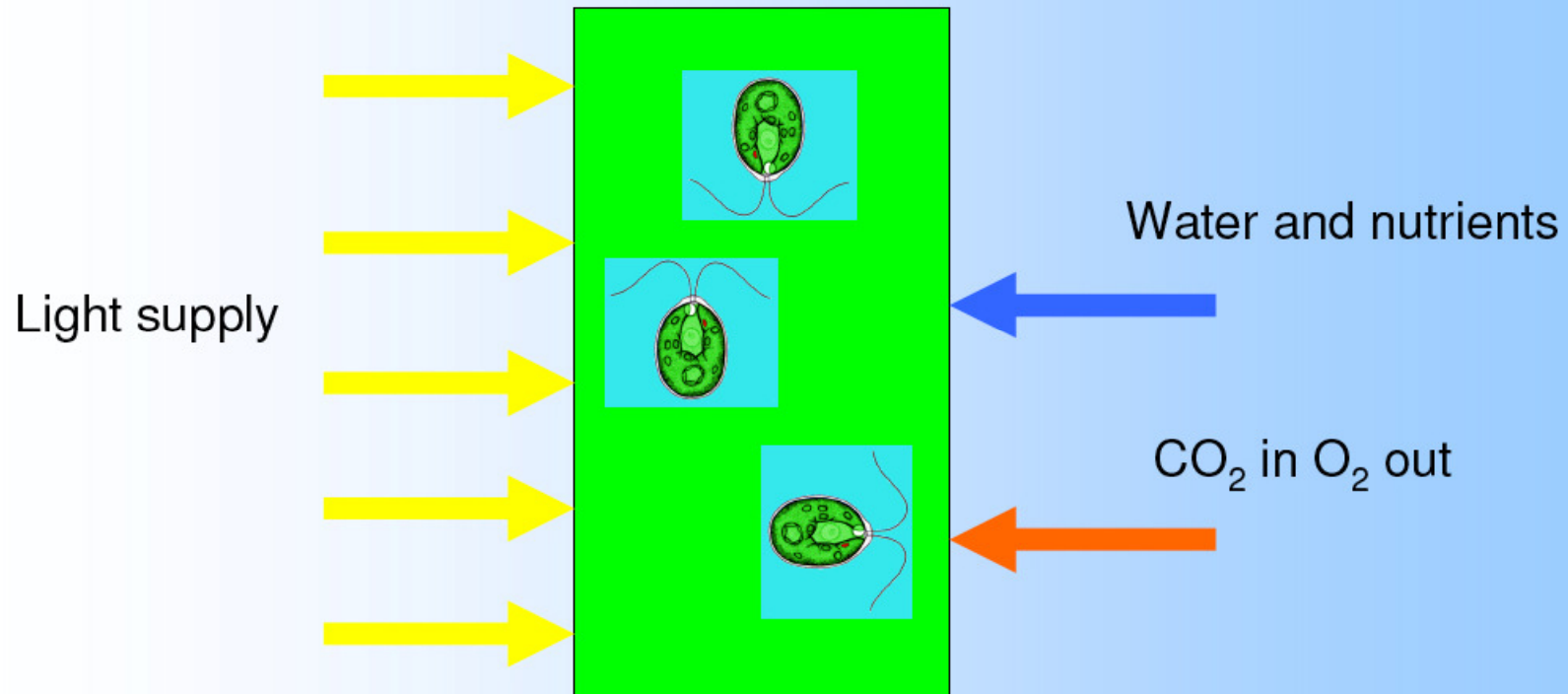


Algal Biotech focus on Chesapeake

- Improve water quality while enhancing economic viability of Chesapeake basin development.
- Support sustainable agriculture
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Provide significant biofuels to reduce dependence on fossil fuels

Technology under consideration will be usable throughout the United States and world-wide

Photobioreactor design and growth systems keys to economic viability



What is so difficult in building photo-bioreactors ?

A focus of the JHU Critical Pathway will be PBR development



Why Algae for Biofuels?

Algae have great potential in biofuels and GHG abatement

Caveats:

- Despite these virtues, algae biofuels are not yet economically viable.
- Major breakthroughs in both engineering and biology are required.

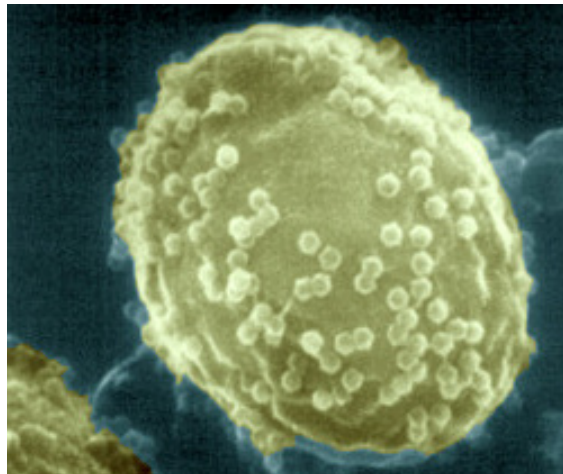
JHU and ABA will apply a Critical Pathway approach to providing transformational algal biofuels technology.

Algae Biotechnology and Chesapeake Bay Preservation

- Largest Estuary in US with large diverse ecosystem but under stress.
- 8 Billion spent over 10 years for environment remediation – will continue to grow.
- Nitrogen run off and input from development and agriculture important sources.
- CO₂ Emissions from energy production are important concerns.
- Chesapeake Bay region rich in biotechnology base.
- **Most recently EPA has assumed clean-up authority!**

CONCLUSIONS FROM *CHLORELLA* STUDY

- Characterized four *Chlorella* strains auto- & heterotrophically
- Recognized diversity of algal strains within species
 - *C. sorokiniana* UTEX 1669 & UTEX 1230
- Desire to study genetics of *Chlorella* spp.
 - *Chlorella* virus host NC64A genetics
 - Need strain specific genomic information

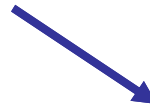


Chlorella sp. NC64A infected
with surface-bound virus
particles

Growth System: 2 stage Concept for Wastewater Treatment

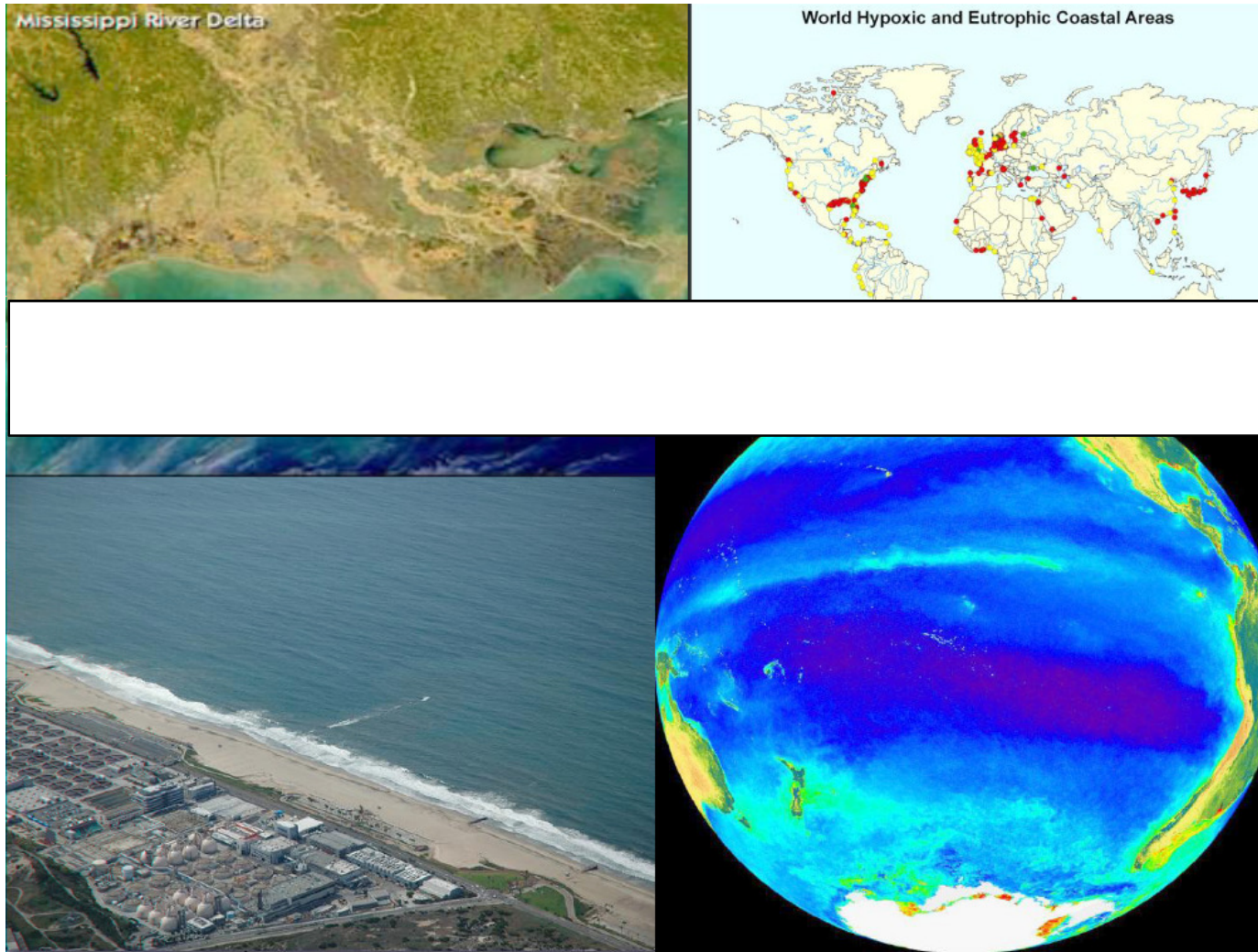


Photobioreactor:
highly controlled
monoculture

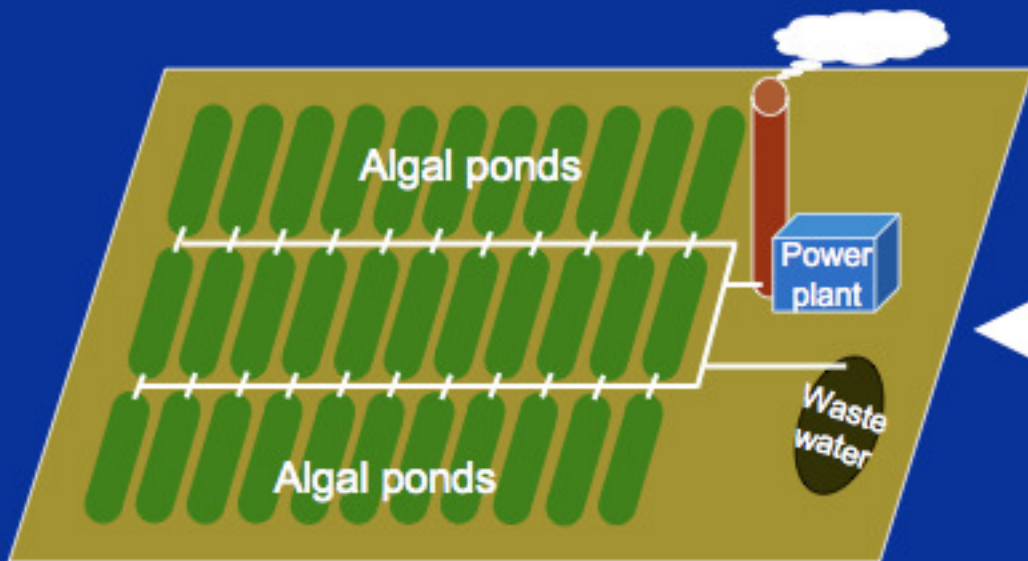


Raceway: high nutrient influx and
polymicrobial community with wastewater
input. Maintain a relative monoculture
due to high inoculum from PBR.

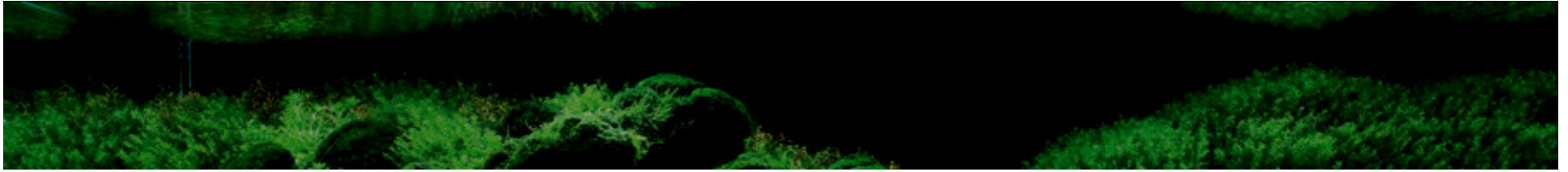
Hypoxic Zones : Algal environmental enhancement and Biofuels production can have worldwide impact



JHU AND ABA Algal Environmental Enhancement Vision



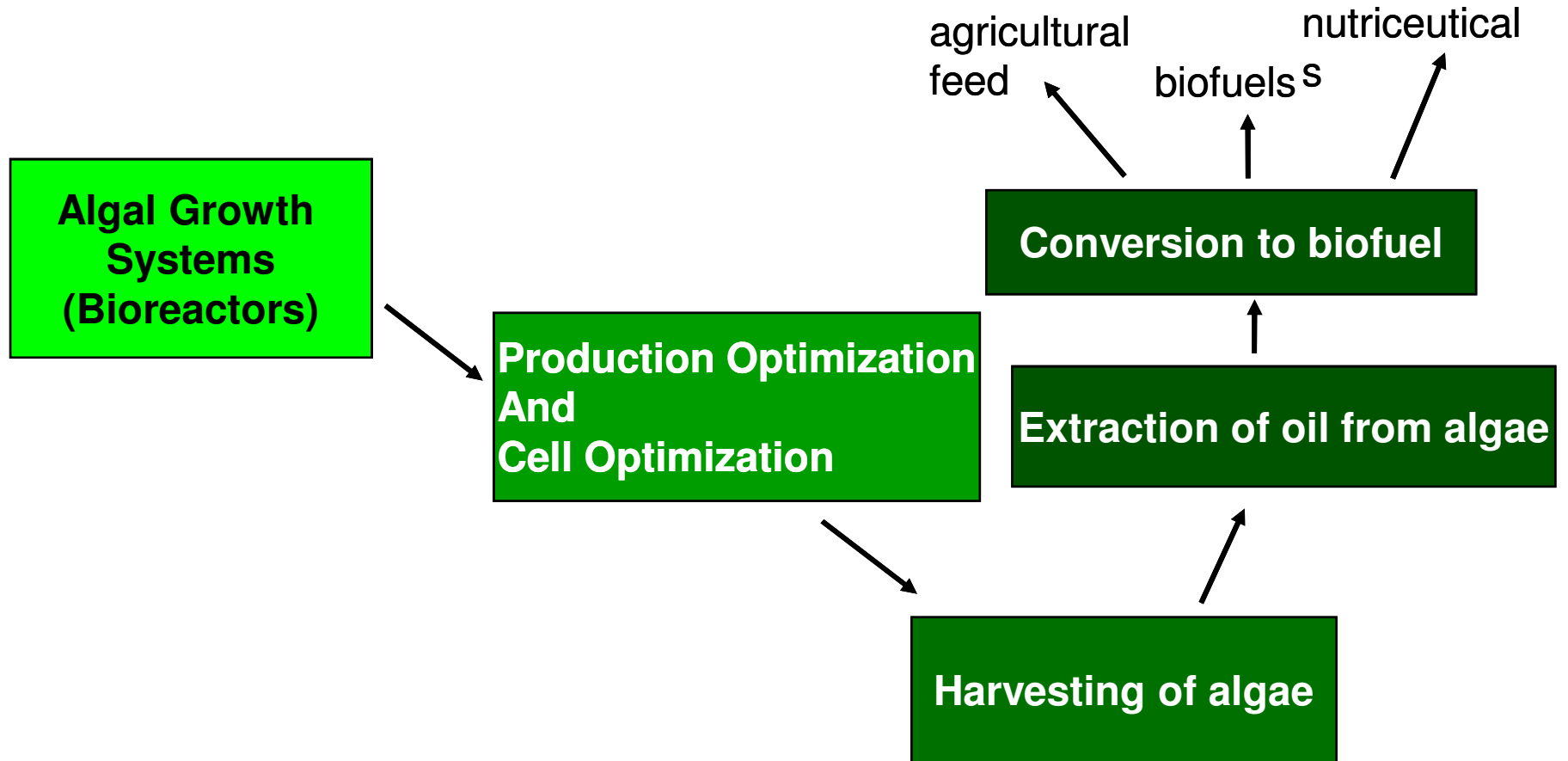
Adapted from Feng Chen, COMB



Algae have great potential in biofuels and green house gas abatement

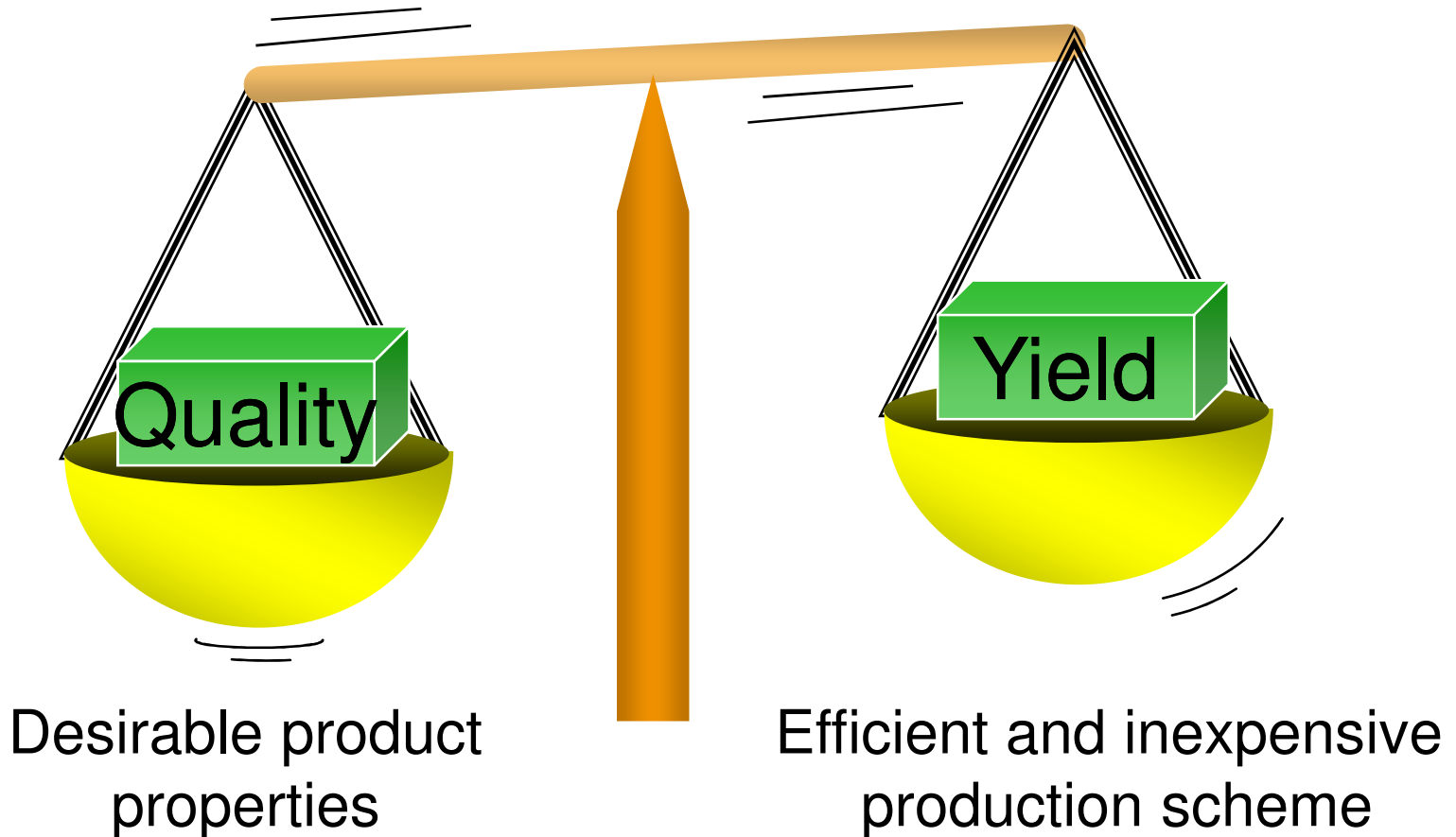
- High potential biofuel productivity.
- Algae sequester CO₂ from a point source of emission.
- Algae do not compete with food crops.
- Algae do not require premium farm land.
- Algae can grow on waste, salty, and brackish water.
- Algae for wastewater treatment offers value added potential.
- Algae biomass for aquacultural and animal feed.

Algae Bioprocessing Issues



- Technological and biological barriers at many levels.
- Solution: Systems integration and Analysis of Multiple Issues

Comparing Expression Systems: An Engineering Problem



Some Glycosylation Observations

β 4 GlcNAc from MGAT3:

No observed bisecting (β 4) N-acetylglucosamine (found on 10% of human IgG glycoforms)

MGAT3 observed in genome, but not transcriptome

Fucosylation:

Most mammals have 5 primary types:

α (1,2), α (1,3), α (1,4), α (1,6), and protein O-fucosyltransferases

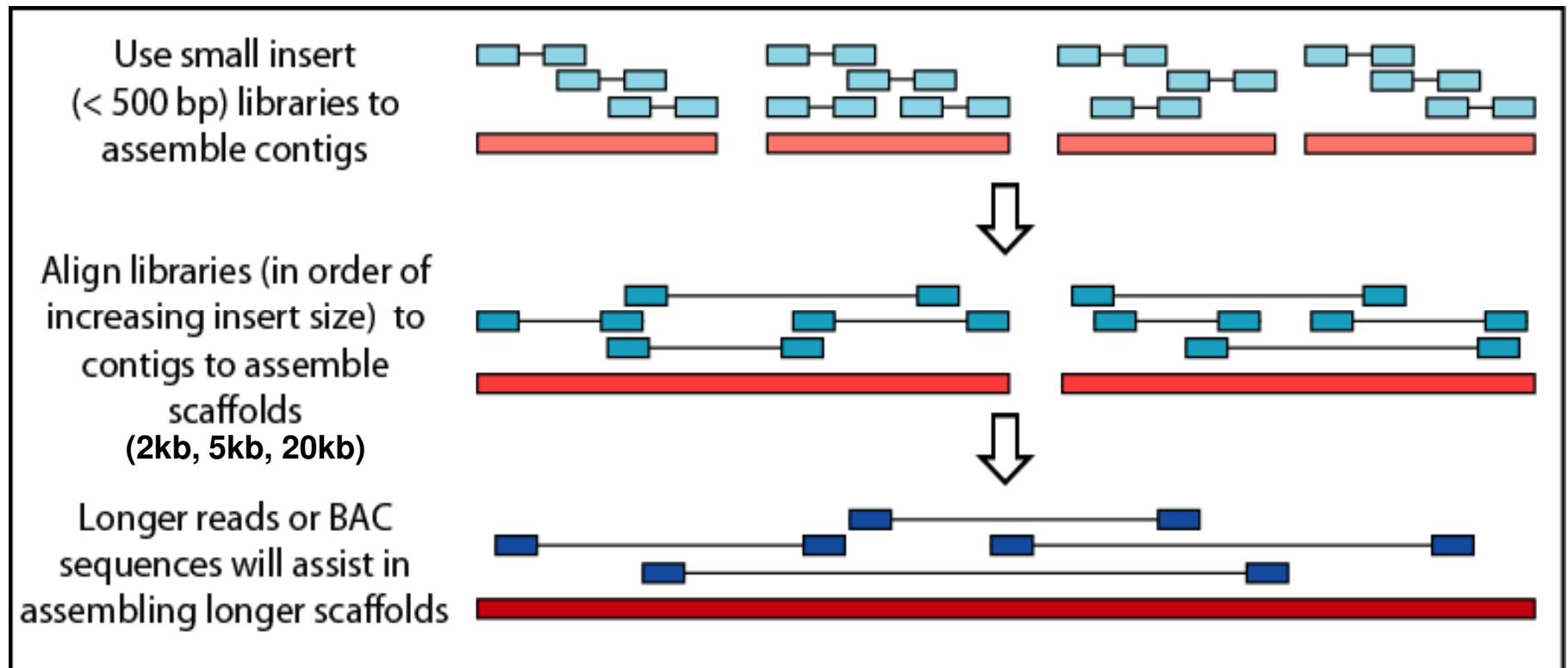
Only α (1,6) and protein O-fucosyltransferases expressed.

Sialylation:

CHO K1 homologs to all six human ST3Gal enzymes (α (2,3) sialic acid to galactose.) All expressed.

CHO K1 homologs to human ST6Gal genes (α (2,6)) but not expressed.

CHO Genome Assembly Strategy



Comparative Genomic Features

	CHO-K1	Mouse	Rat	Human
Genome size	2.6 Gb	2.6 Gb	2.75 Gb	2.9 Gb
Chromosomes (2n)	21	40	42	46
Average GC content	41.3%	41.5%	41.8%	40.9%
Repeat content*	38%	37%	40%	46%
Predicted genes[^]	24,383	21,662	22,416	20,935

*Repeat content: RepeatMasker against Repbase transposable element library and RepeatModeller to construct *de novo* repeat library.

[^]Genscan, Augustus, GlimmerHMM to predict genes which are aligned to Ensembl rel. 58). GLEAN used to reconcile gene set that was augmented with transcriptome data using Tophat and Cufflinks.

Global Analysis of Viral Resistance

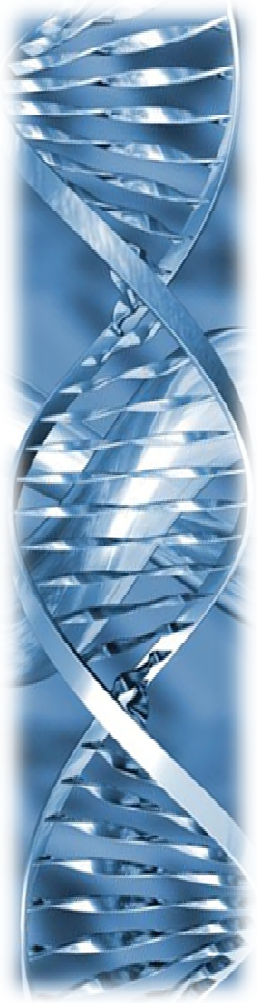
CHO genome contains homologs to 99% of the ~388 human genes important for viral infection (IL1A, SNRPC, MT1X, CD58)

CHO cells express ~ 60% of these genes (226 of 384)

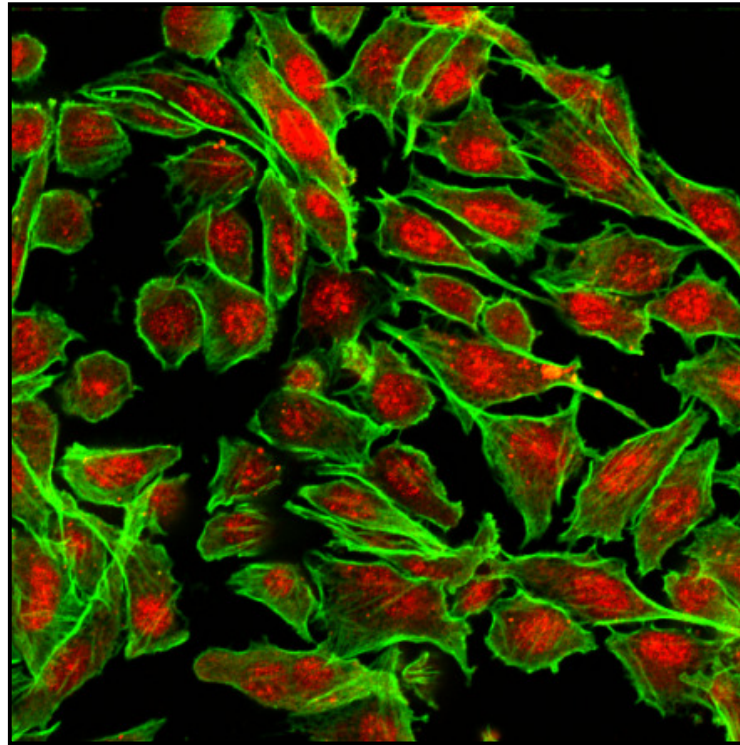
Viral resistance due to reduced expression (GO)

- Glycoprotein binding, T-cell activation.
- Membrane receptors and cell adhesion molecules
- Genes involved in T-cell activation
- EGFR expressing CHO cells susceptible (HSV entry), but wildtype CHO resistant.

CHO Genome: Where do we go from here?



It's time to open up the black box of CHO



The Next Phase for CHO- Understanding

CHO protein expression and Improving Your Production Machinery

- We screen thousands of hosts for optimal producers
 - What are the genetic causes for enhanced production
 - Can we incorporate these improvements into future hosts
 - What are the best “hot spots” for expression and why
- Gene expression and regulation
 - Transcriptome sequencing
 - Small RNA and microRNA discovery
- Genome sequencing and assembly
 - Global analysis of pathway function and regulation
 - Understanding metabolic and signaling pathways
- Cell Engineering to upregulate or downregulate targeted pathways

Gene Annotation

Genes functionally annotated using Swissprot, GO, TrEMBL, InterPro, and KEGG.

83% of CHO-K1 genes were functionally annotated.

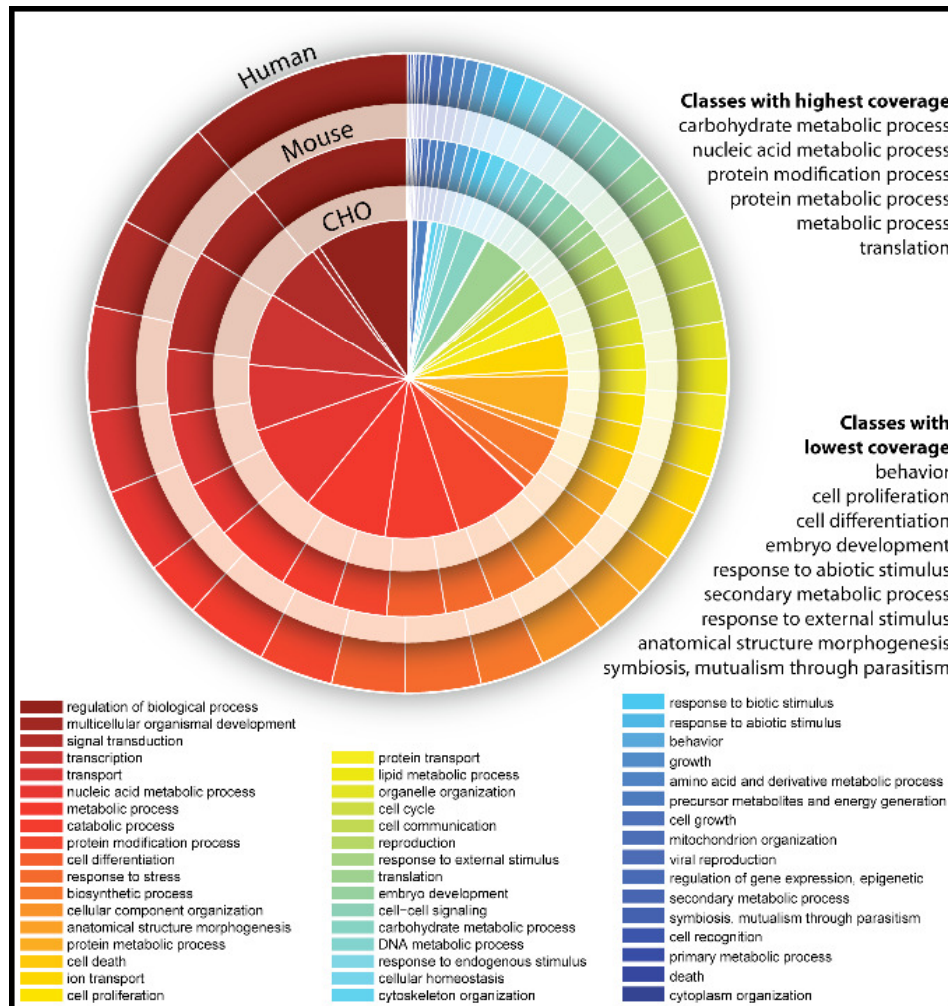
Significant coverage (GO) of translation, metabolism, and protein modification compared to human and mouse.

Less coverage of human/mouse genes for behavior, embryo development, and anatomical structure morphogenesis.

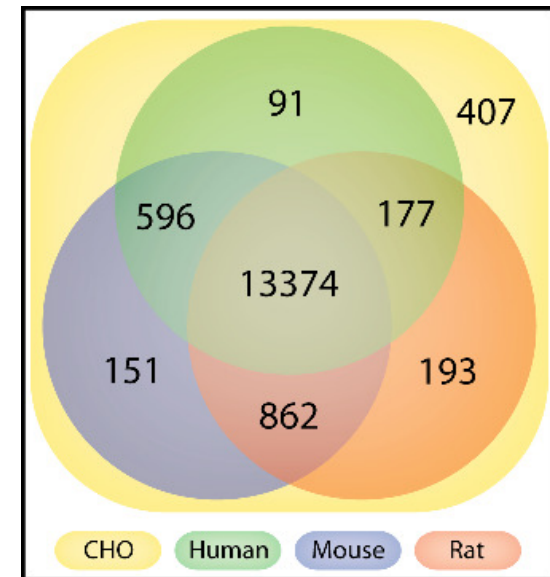
Xu et al (2011)

Comparative Analysis of Gene Function

Functional Analysis of CHO Genes



Orthologous Clusters



80-87% of genes have orthologs.

2428 Gene clusters contained human, mouse, and rat, but not CHO K1.

Xu et al (2011)

The International Community's assembled to sequence the CHO Genome

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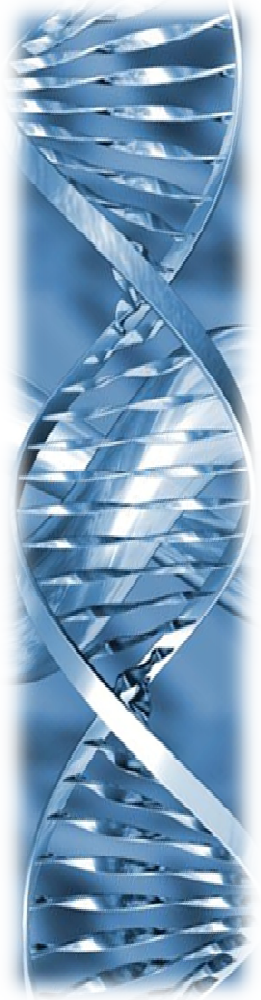
DTU: **Mikael Andersen**

Delaware / Cornell: **Kelvin Lee**, Stephanie Hammond,

CHO K1 Genome Assembly and Annotation

- CHO-K1 (ATCC CCL-61)
- CHO-K1 genome sequence
 - Total of 343 Gb sequence generated
 - >95-fold coverage of the CHO genome
- CHO-K1 genome assembly
 - 2.45 Gb of estimated 2.6 Gb genome
- CHO-K1 genome annotation
 - 24,383 predicted genes
 - 29,291 predicted transcripts
 - 416 ncRNAs predicted

Xu et al (2011)



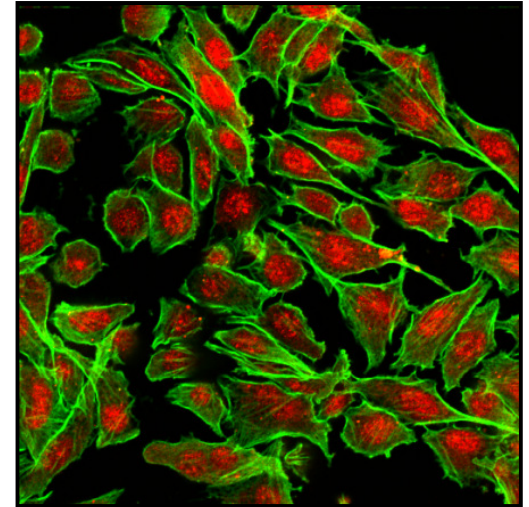
Chinese Hamster Genome Database

Chinese hamster database ver1.0

- Host CriGri_1.0 genome assembly
- Sequence and annotation retrieved from NCBI, EMBL-EBI, and UniProt databases

Current database contents

- 24,240 protein-coding gene products
- Gene symbols for 18,729 gene products
- Gene Ontology terms for 11,895 gene products



http://www.chogenome.org/search_emb1_cho.php

Welcome

Chinese Hamster Genome Database

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Accession number, gene name or symbol, or GO term:

This is a **beta version** of the CHO-K1 genome database ver1.0 containing information for the CriGri_1.0 genome assembly.

The database can be searched by:

- 1) Accession number (i.e. EGV99227)
- 2) Gene name or symbol (i.e. Transcription factor E2F3 or E2F3)
- 3) GO term (i.e. GO:0003700 or Transcription factor activity)

Use % in the search field to list all DB records.


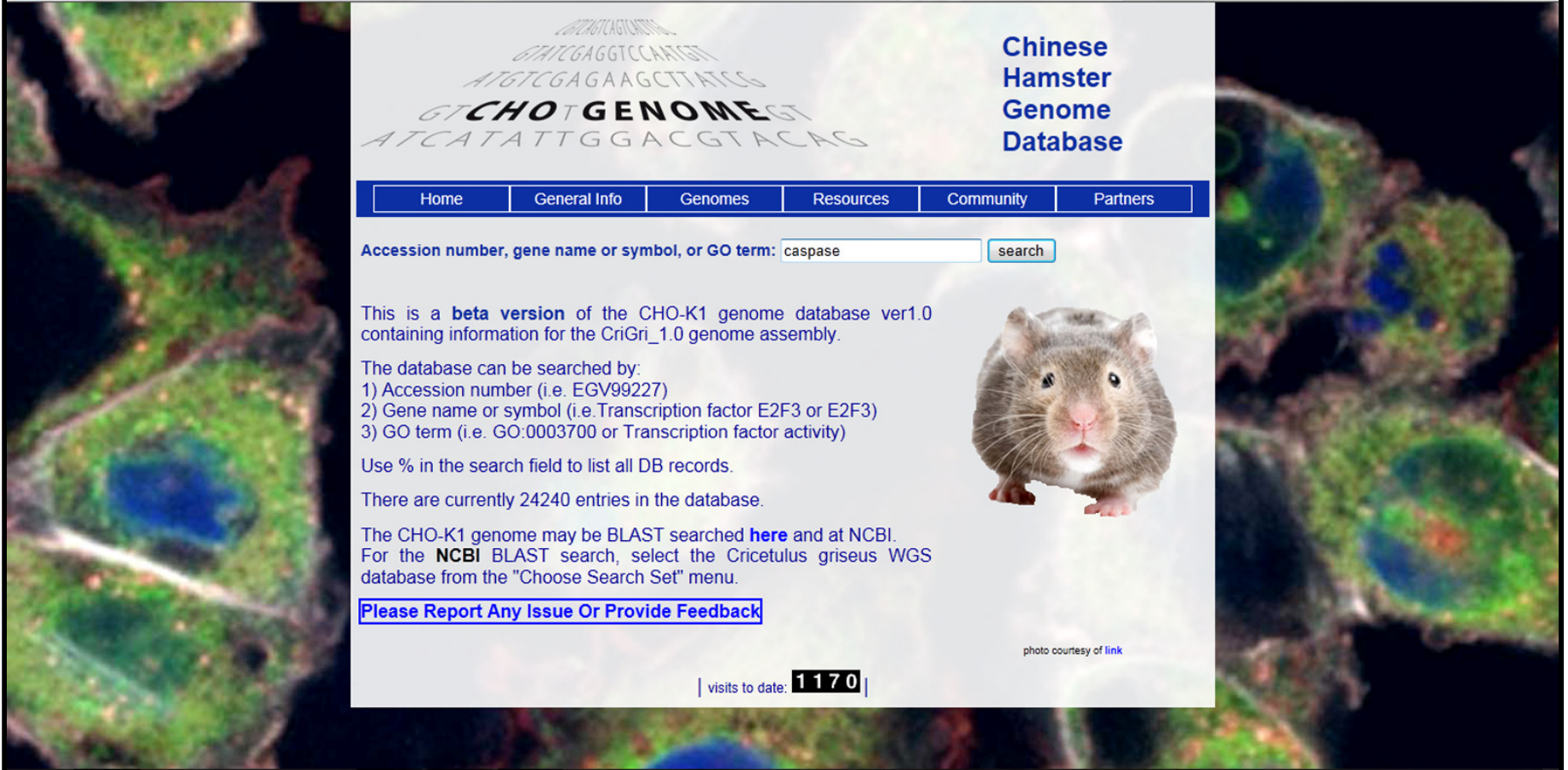
There are currently 24240 entries in the database.

The CHO-K1 genome may be BLAST searched [here](#) and at NCBI. For the **NCBI** BLAST search, select the Cricetulus griseus WGS database from the "Choose Search Set" menu.

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visits to date: **1170**



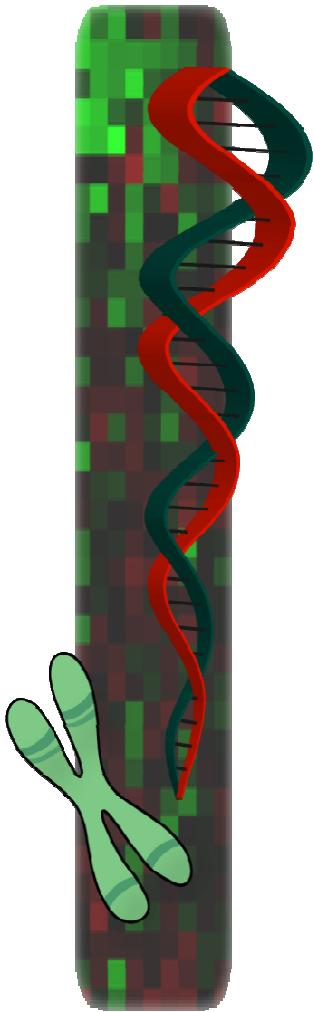
Chinese Hamster Genome Database

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Chinese Hamster Genome Database. At the top, there is a DNA sequence: `ATGTCAGGCTGATG`, `GTTCGAGGTCCAAATGTT`, `ATGTCGAGAAGCTTATCG`, **GTCHO GENOME**, and `ATCATATTGGACGTACAG`. The title "Chinese Hamster Genome Database" is in the top right. A navigation menu includes "Home", "General Info", "Genomes", "Resources", "Community", and "Partners". Below the menu, there is a search bar with the text "Accession number, gene name" and a dropdown menu currently showing "CHO-K1" and "Chinese Hamster Mitochondria". A "search" button is to the right. The main content area features five icons: "Genes" (showing chromosomes and the sequence "GATCCGA"), "BLAST" (showing sequence alignment bars), "Function" (showing a metabolic pathway diagram), "Genome Viewer" (showing a genomic map with colored blocks), and "Downloads" (showing a computer monitor with a download arrow). A large red "COMING SOON" watermark is overlaid on the "Genome Viewer" icon.

Current and Planned features:

- Host genome sequence
- Develop genome browser
- Integrate protein, transcript, metabolic data
- Provide community resources

Functional Analysis of Gene Expression



CHO cells are preferred hosts because

- Human-like glycosylation patterns
- Resistance to viral infection

Analysis of global gene expression

- Identify human genes in these pathways
- Look for CHO homologs in genome
- Examine gene expression using RNA-Seq data

Develop an organism database for CHO to facilitate

- **Improved understanding of your host organism**
- **Data accessibility for the CHO community**
- **Development of genome-scale tools**
- **Collaboration between groups**
- **Incorporation of new datasets**

Apoptotic Morphology in Cell Culture

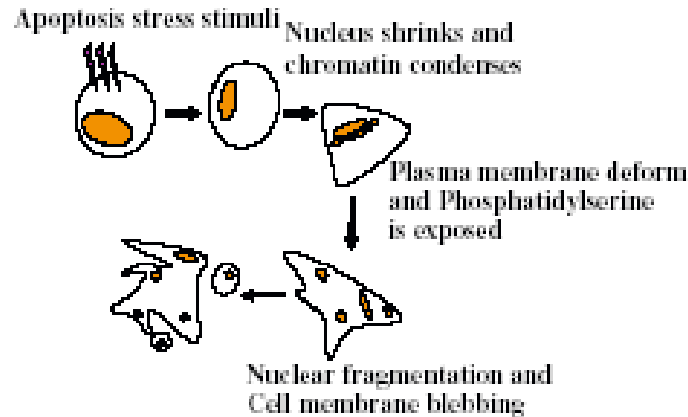
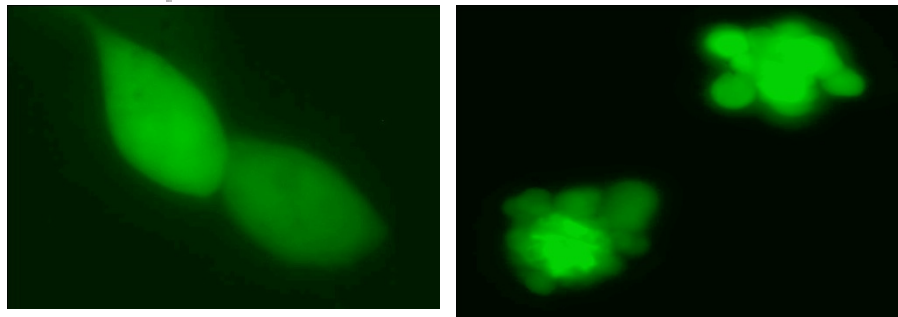


Fig.1 Schematic describing the various morphological features associated with apoptosis. An initially healthy cell encounters either intracellular or extracellular stress leading to the initiation of apoptosis which is followed by cell and nuclear shrinkage. As the cell progresses to later stages of apoptosis, the plasma membrane begins to deform and the membrane lipid, phosphatidylserine is exposed. This is followed by nuclear fragmentation and the breaking off of the cell membrane also referred to as blebbing



Wild type CHO

Apoptotic CHO

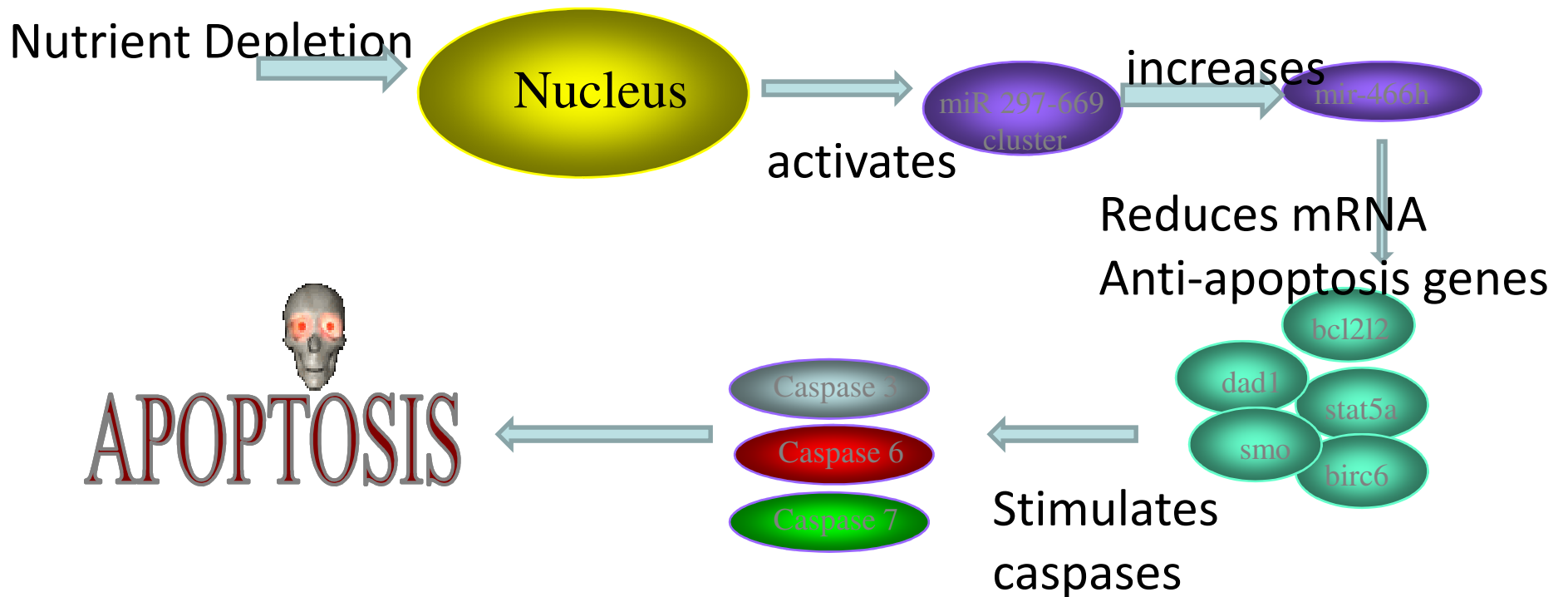
Apoptosis is a genetically controlled process and can be morphologically recognized by cell and chromatin shrinkage followed by plasma membrane blebbing. Blebbing involves the shedding of membrane fragments from the whole in the form of apoptotic bodies that often include cytosolic and nuclear contents. Apoptotic Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) cells exhibiting membrane blebbing and chromatin shrinkage are compared to wild-type CHO cells either expressing

Targets of mmu-mir-466h

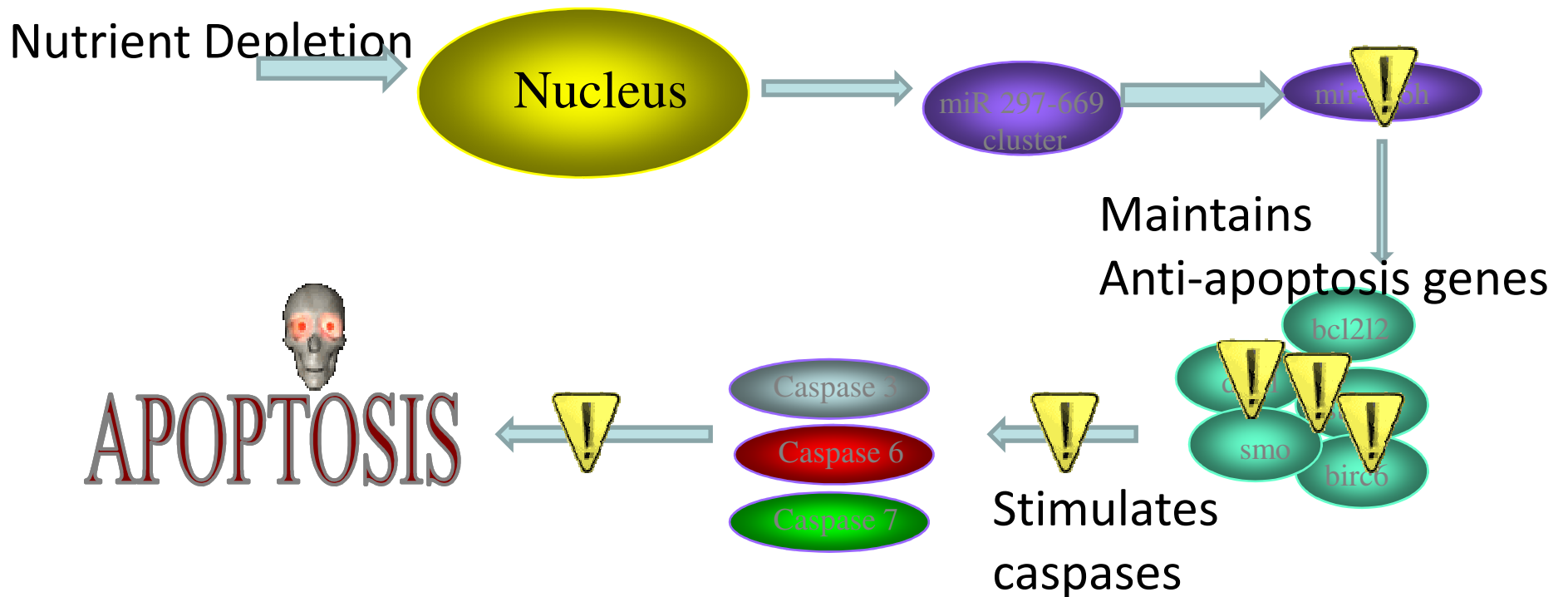
Mouse gene symbol	mmu-miR-466h binding site(s) in mRNA 3'-UTR	Anti-apoptotic role of targeted gene
<i>bcl2l2</i>	GCACAC TGCACA	Inhibits formation of permeability transition pore and release of cytochrome C by binding to bax
<i>birc6</i>	GCACA	Inhibits apoptosome by binding to active-site pocket of Caspase-9. Functions as E2 ubiquitin conjugase for Caspase-9 and Smac/Diablo.
<i>dad1</i>	2 of TGCACA	Component of N-oligosaccharyl transferase catalyzing transfer of oligosaccharide from lipid-linked donor to nascent polypeptide chain. Loss of dad1 triggers apoptosis
<i>smo</i>	TGCACAC GCACAC	Uninhibits gli-1 transcriptional factor which stimulates up-regulation of bcl2
<i>stat5a</i>	GCACAC	Stat5a dimers are transcriptional factors for <i>bcl-x_L</i> and <i>bcl2</i> genes

Five anti-apoptotic genes :
stat5a, bcl2l2, birc6, dad1, smo

MicroRNA and Apoptosis Signaling



Chemical Inhibition of MicroRNA



Concluding Remarks and Future Work

Conclusions:

- ❑ MicroRNAs are activated in CHO cells under nutrient depleted conditions
- ❑ Many of these, including mmu-miR-466h and mmu-miR-669c, are contained within the mmu-297-669 microRNA cluster
- ❑ The microRNA mmu-mir-466h has a number of anti-apoptotic gene targets including bcl2l2, birc6, dad1, stat5a and smo
- ❑ Inhibition of mmu-miR-466h lowers CHO caspase activity and increases cell viability

Future work:

- ❑ Develop stress-tolerant CHO cell lines through continuous inhibition of mmu-miR-466h
- ❑ Identify genomic location and pathways for upregulation of pro-apoptotic microRNAs
- ❑ Examine the role of other microRNAs in CHO cells apoptosis and other cell functions

Effect of Anti-apoptosis genes on survival

Abiotic stress imposition on *pRelax* transformants (*UTEX 2244*) to determine tolerance

- **NaCl:** 50mM, 75mM, 100mM, 150mM, 250mM

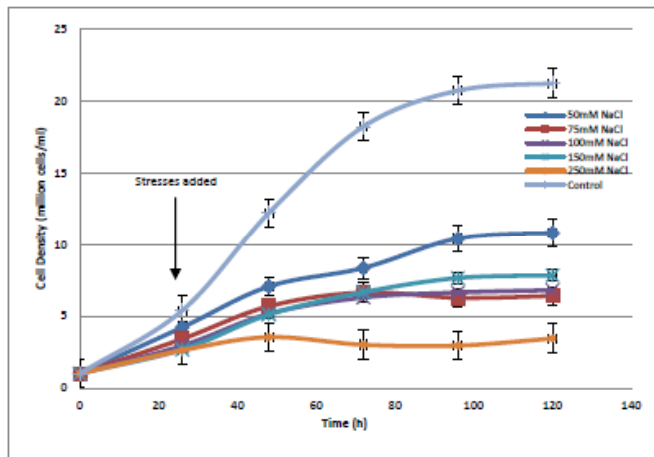


Figure 35: Wild-type *C. reinhardtii* exposed to NaCl over 5 days

Wild-Type

Growth reductions:

- WT: 50.1% - 84.7%
- pBcl-x1: 12.8% - 82.9%
- pBcl-x2: 22.9% - 92.7%

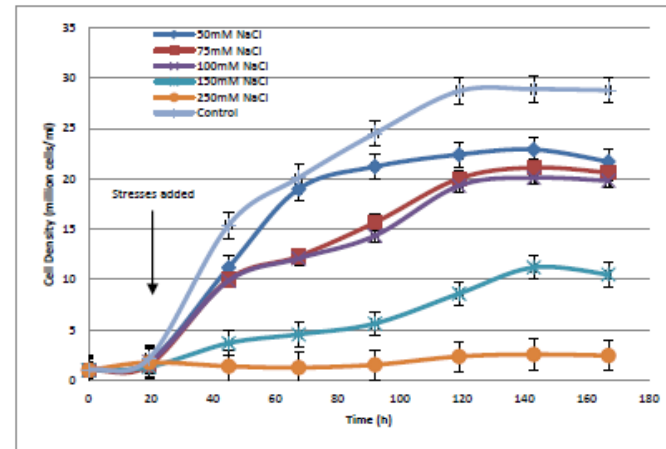


Figure 36: pRelax#2 exposed to NaCl over 7 days

pBclX-1

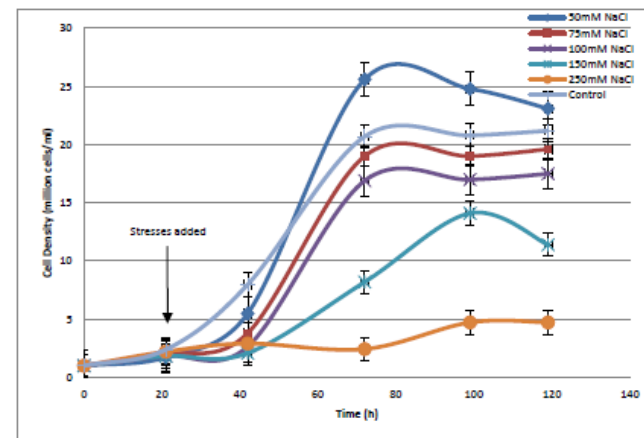
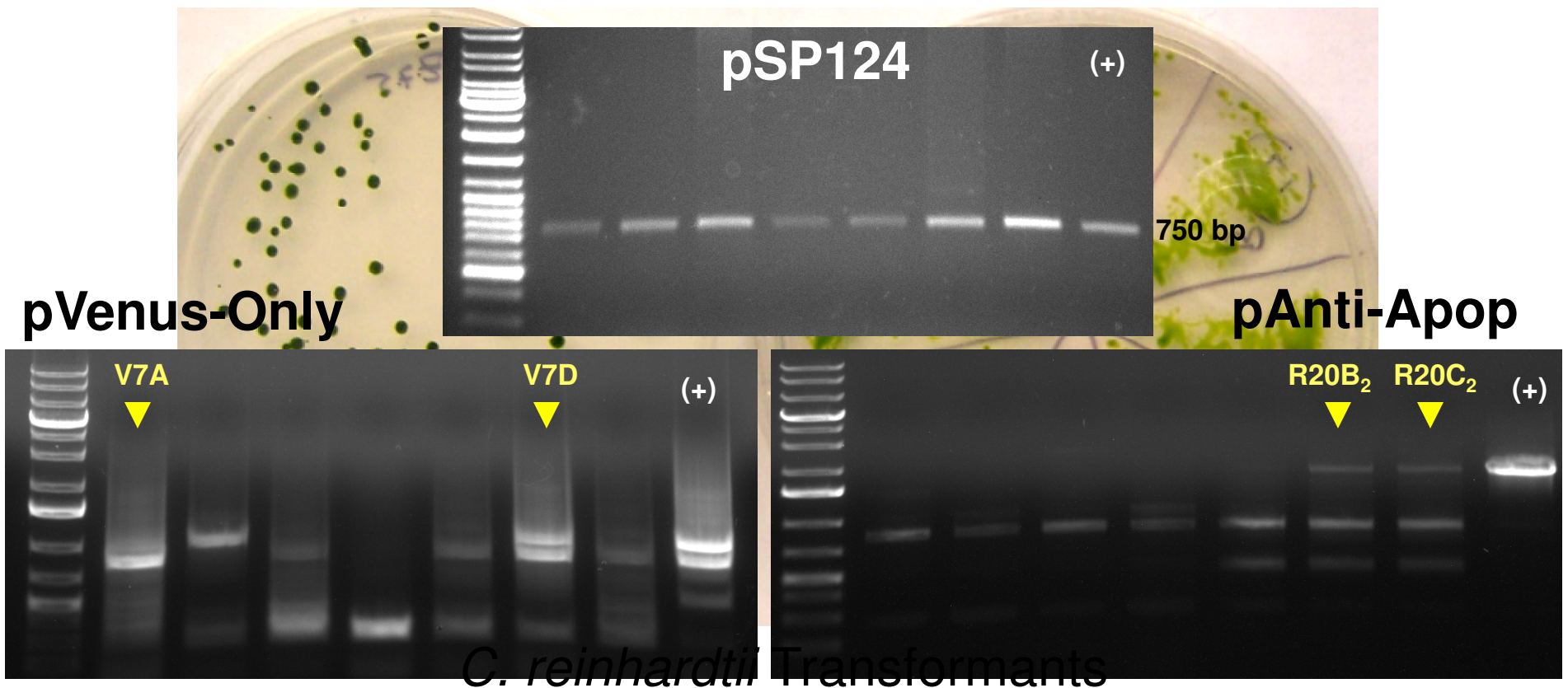


Figure 37: pRelax#8 exposed to NaCl over 6 days

pBclX-2

GENETIC TRANSFORMATION WITH BCL-X_L

- Microparticle Bombardment (Biolistic Transformation)
 - DNA-Coated Gold Particles, Diameter < 10 μm
 - Venus-Bcl-x (1.7 kb), Venus (1.0 kb), ble (0.75 kb)
 - Selection on 1 mg L⁻¹ Bleocin Plates, 1 Week



Abiotic stress imposition on *pRelax* transformants (*UTEX 2244*) to determine tolerance

- Peroxide: 1mM, 2mM, 4mM, 8mM

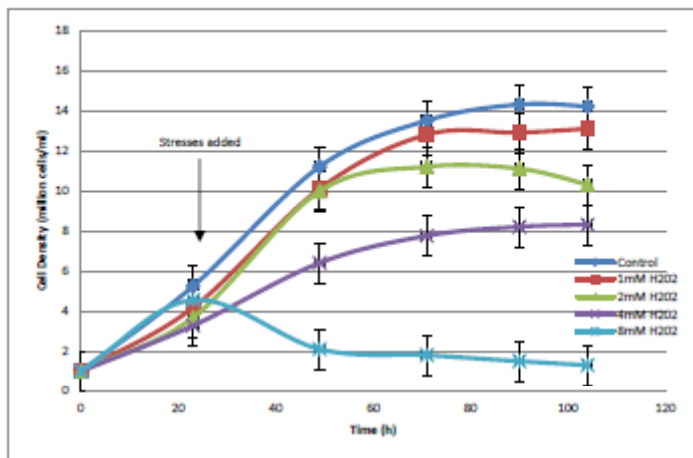


Figure 45: Wild-Type *C. reinhardtii* exposed to range of H₂O₂ stresses

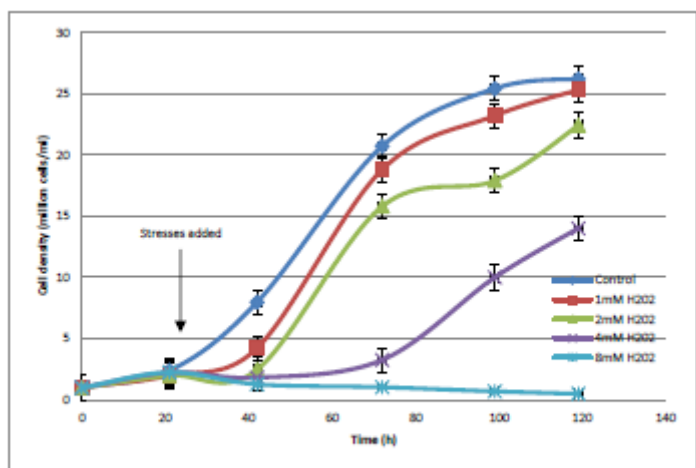
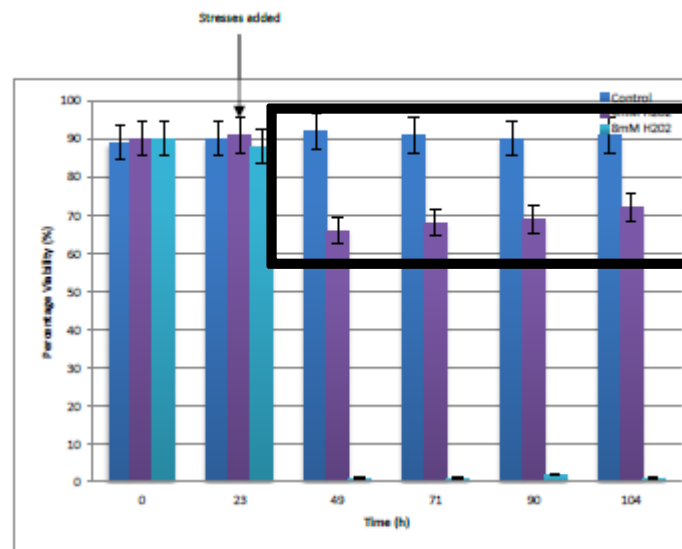


Figure 46: pRelax#8 exposed to range of H₂O₂ stresses

Wild-Type



pRelax #8

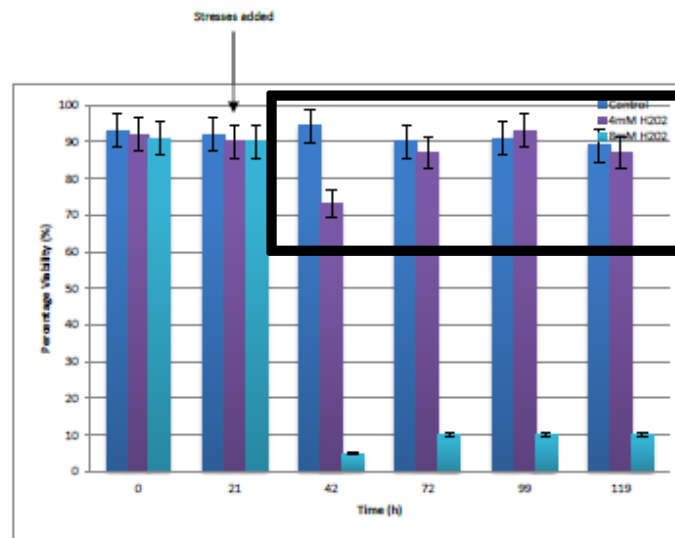
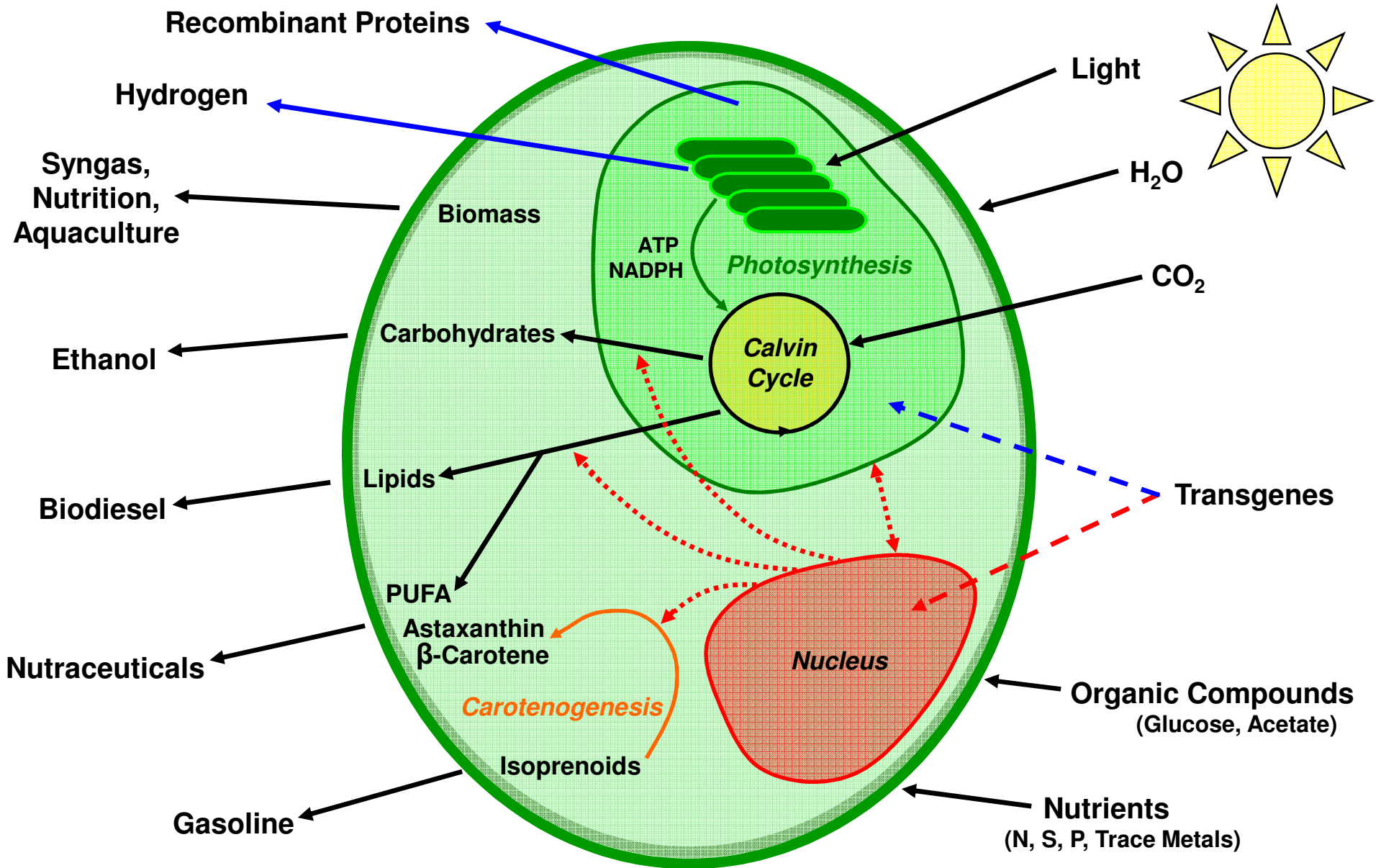


Figure 48: pRelax#8 viabilities over H₂O₂ stress range

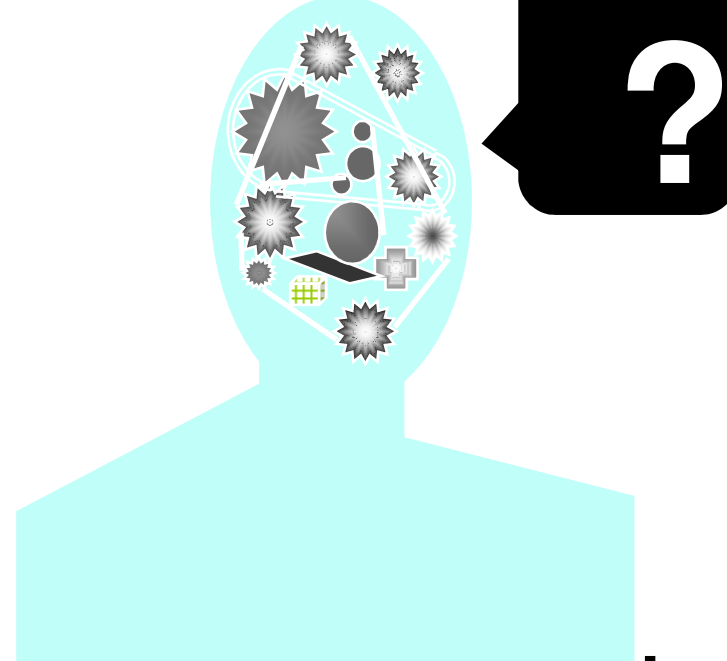
Metabolic Engineering in Algae?



Results and Discussion (High NaCl)

- pRelax #8 and #10 show high tolerance to High NaCl stress
- 49.3% overall higher tolerance to NaCl stress than wild type
- Growth rate seems to be significantly affected in both pRelax and WT
- pRelax cells seem to maintain integrity of cell walls
 - Prevention of apoptotic cell disintegration

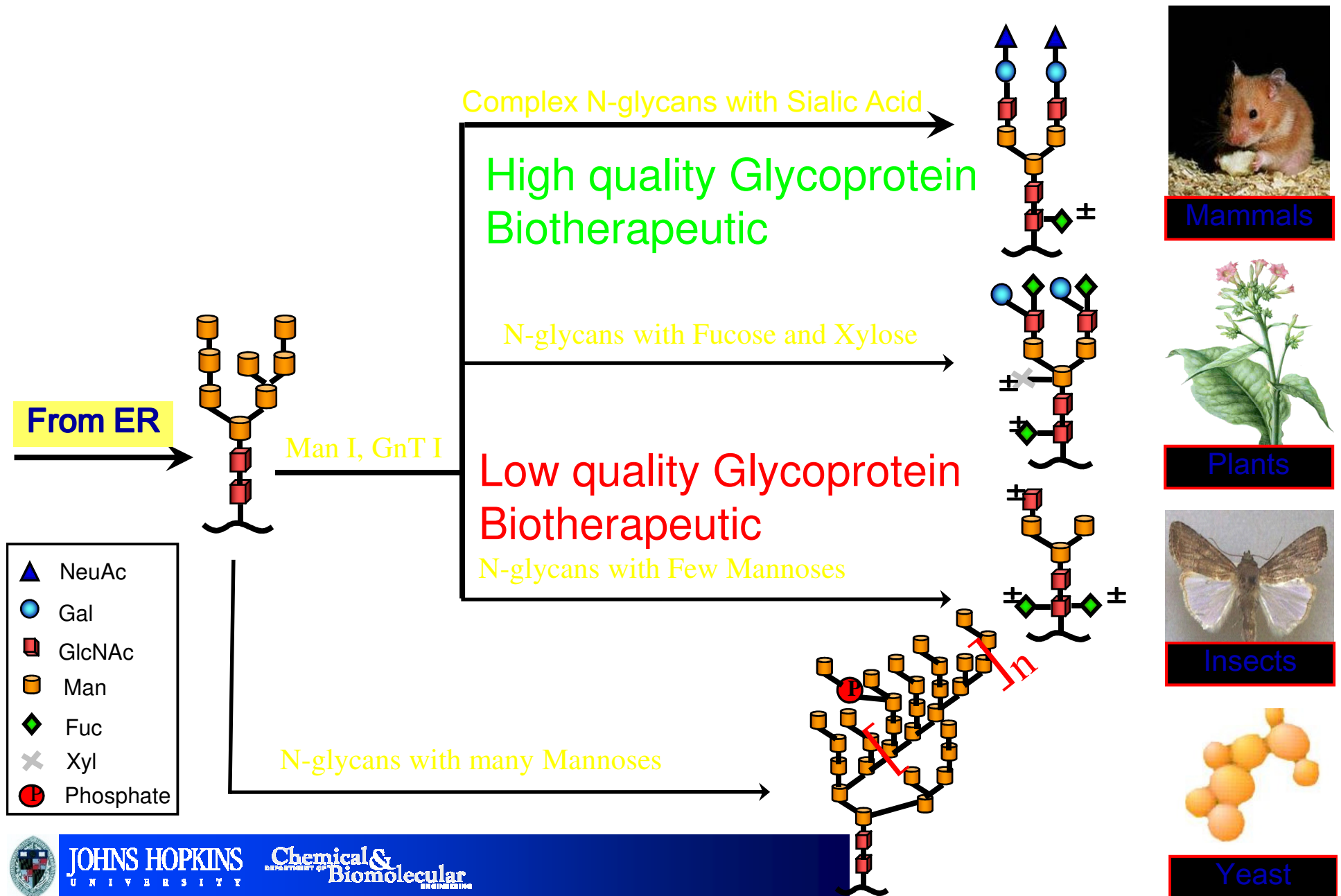
Question?



Can metabolic engineering solve problems of yield and quality?

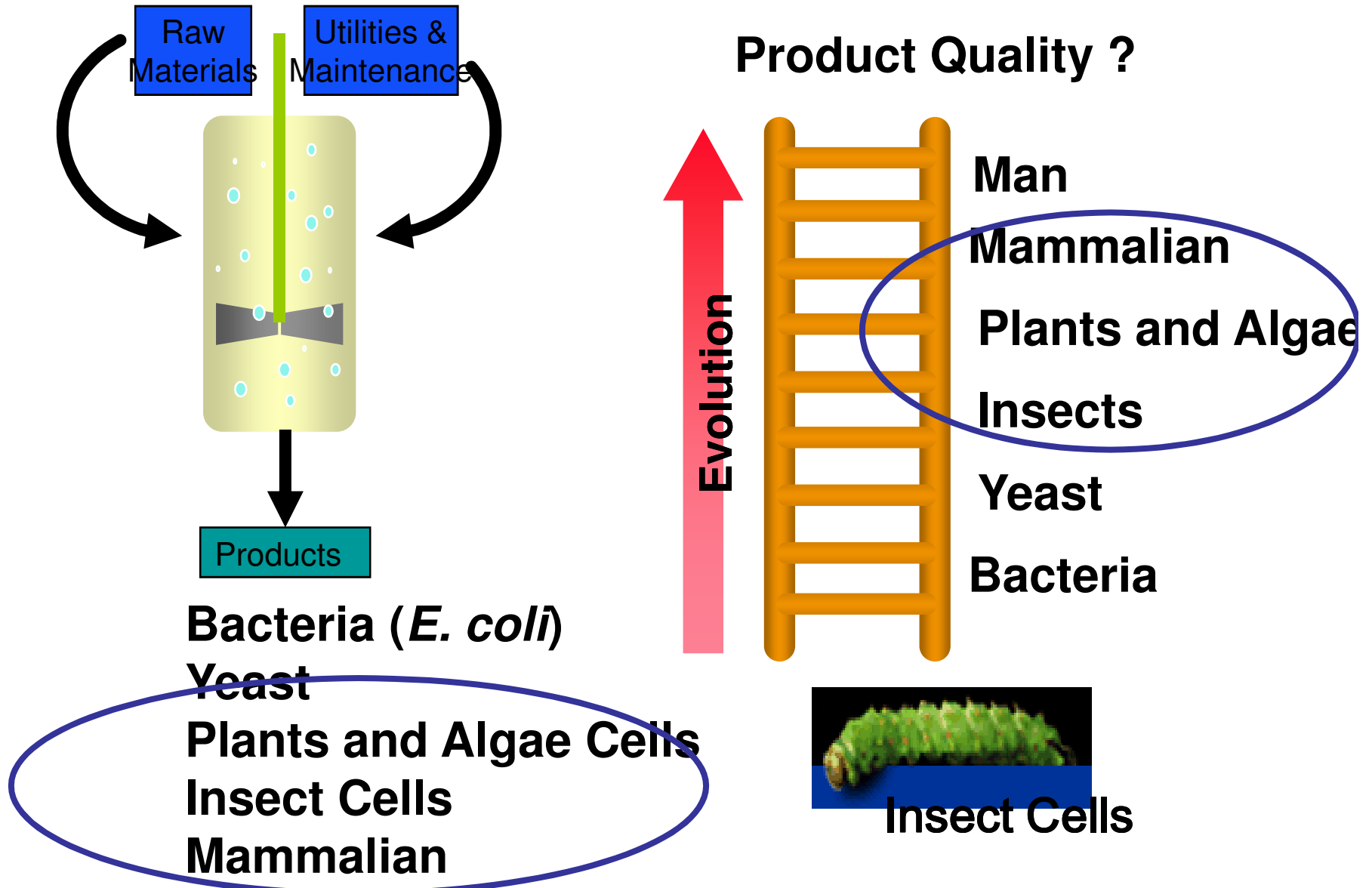
Can we use metabolic eng. to achieve high yields and high quality?

Importance of Quality: Glycosylation Pathways

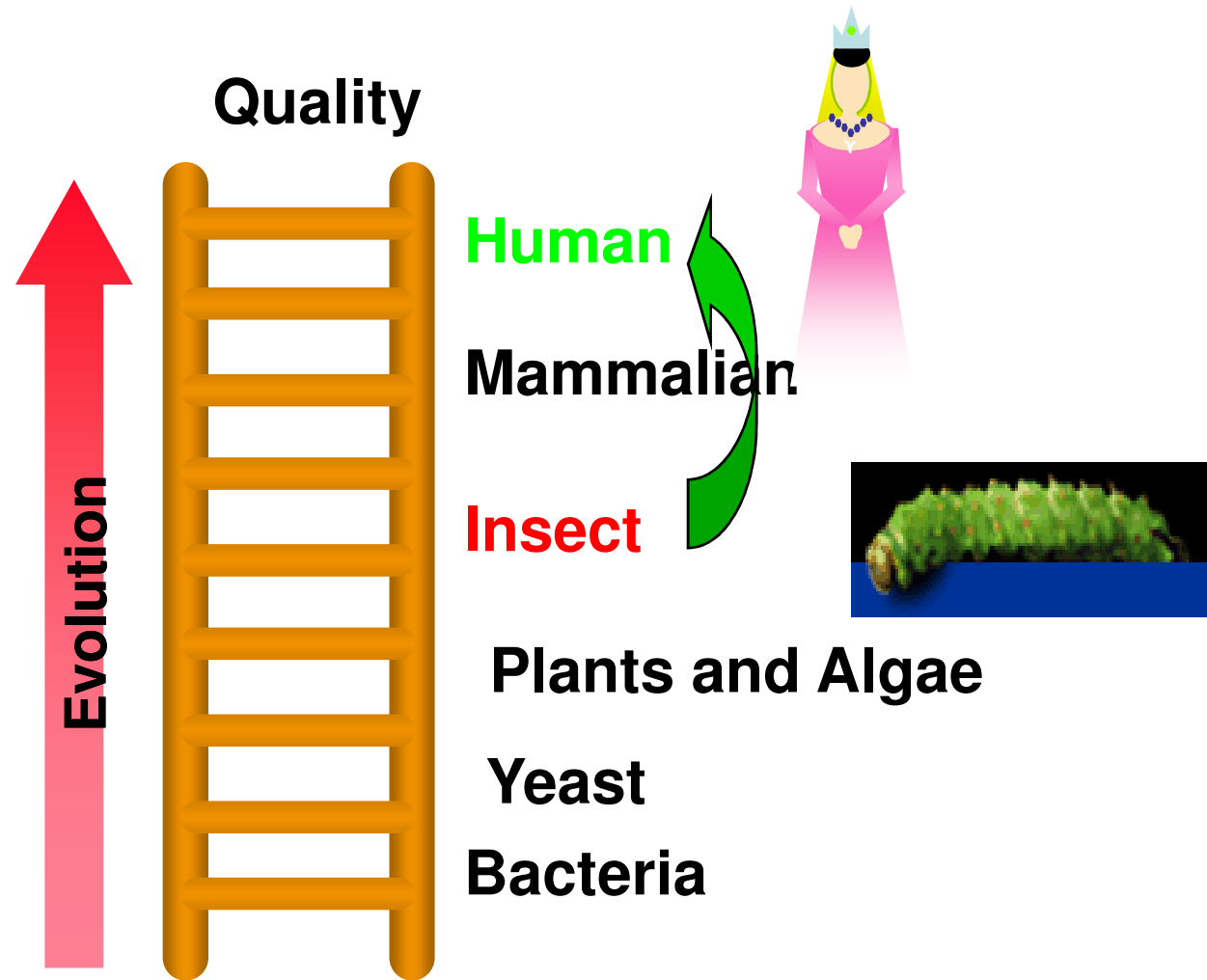


How can we engineer better

Product Yield? production hosts?

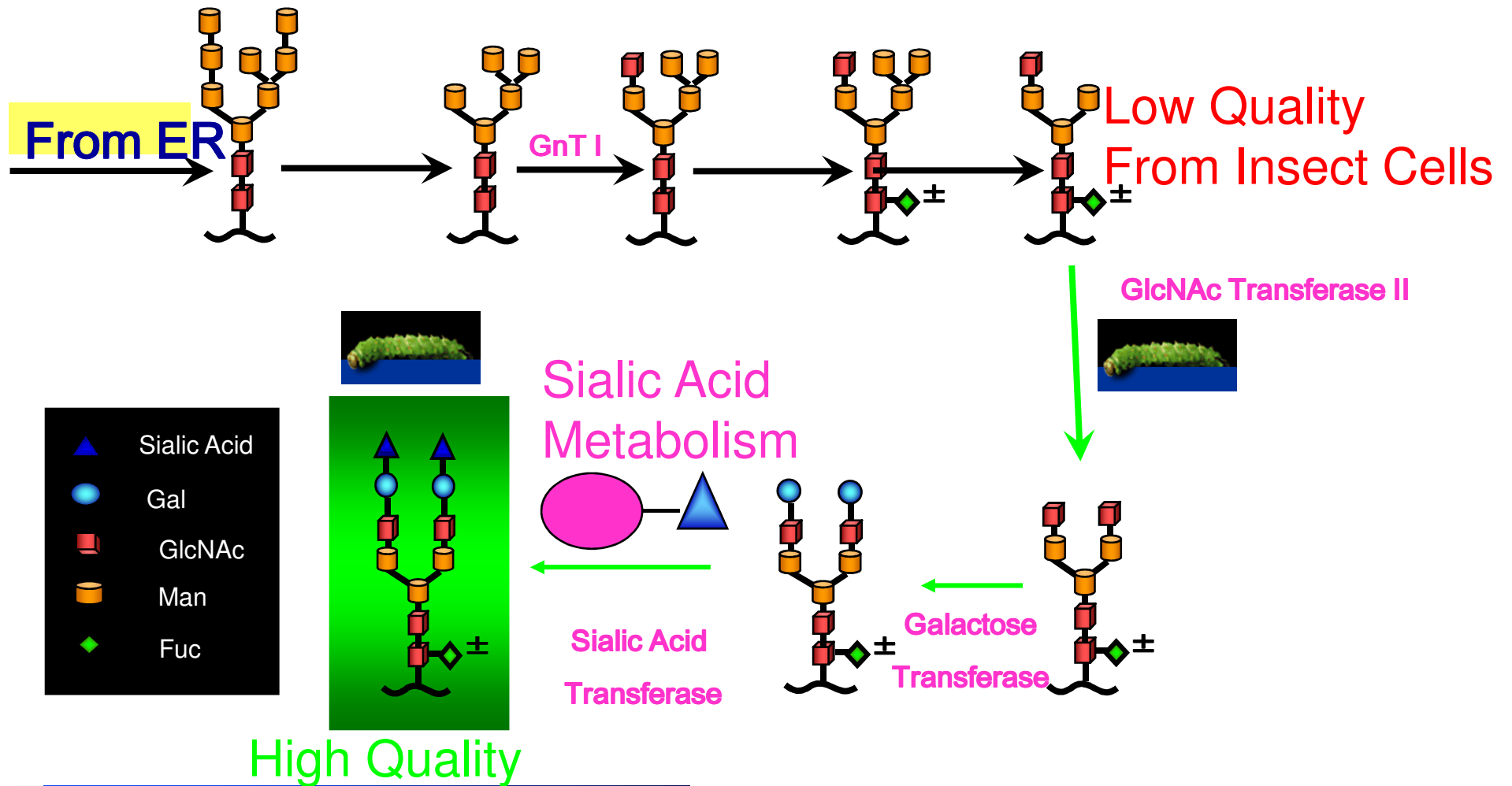


Apply metabolic engineering to alter glycosylation in insect cells?

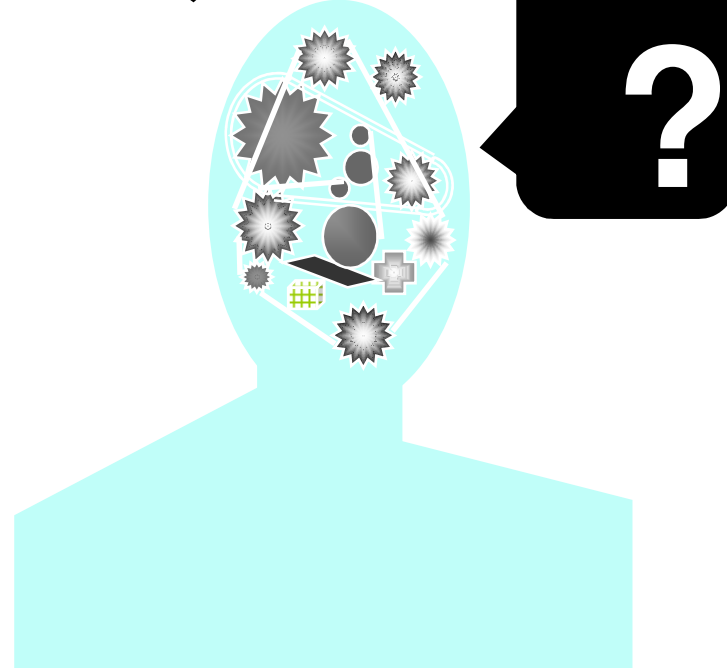


Engineered Insect Cells:

Humanized Biotherapeutics



Question?

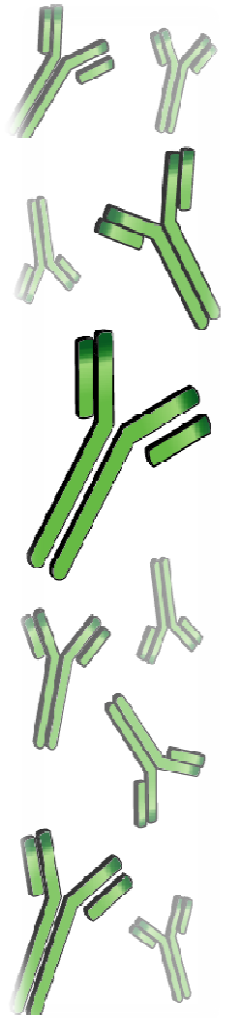


**How do we apply genomics to
metabolic engineering problems:
Mammalian cell culture**

One problem:
No Chinese Hamster Ovary Genome



Global Analysis of Glycosylation

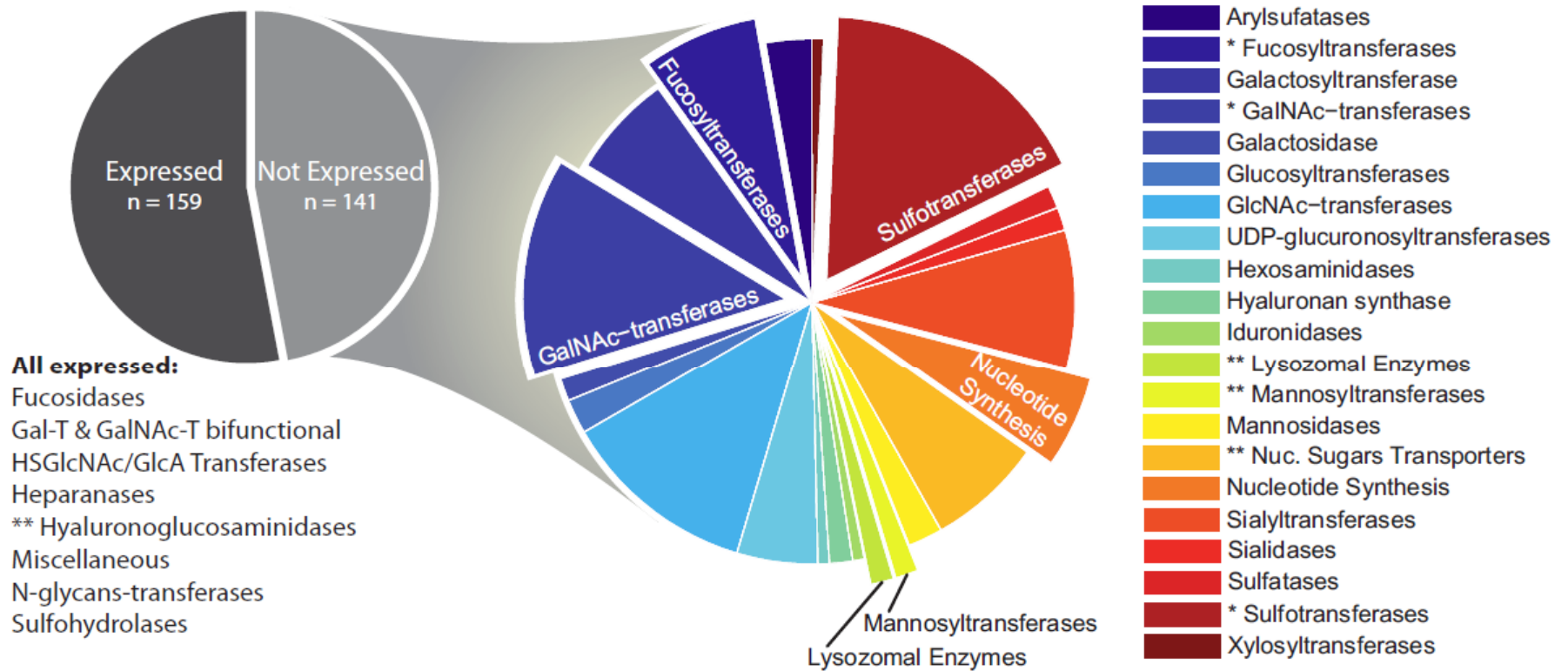


CHO genome contains homologs to 99% of human glycosylation genes (297 of 300, missing ALG13, CHST7, CHST13)

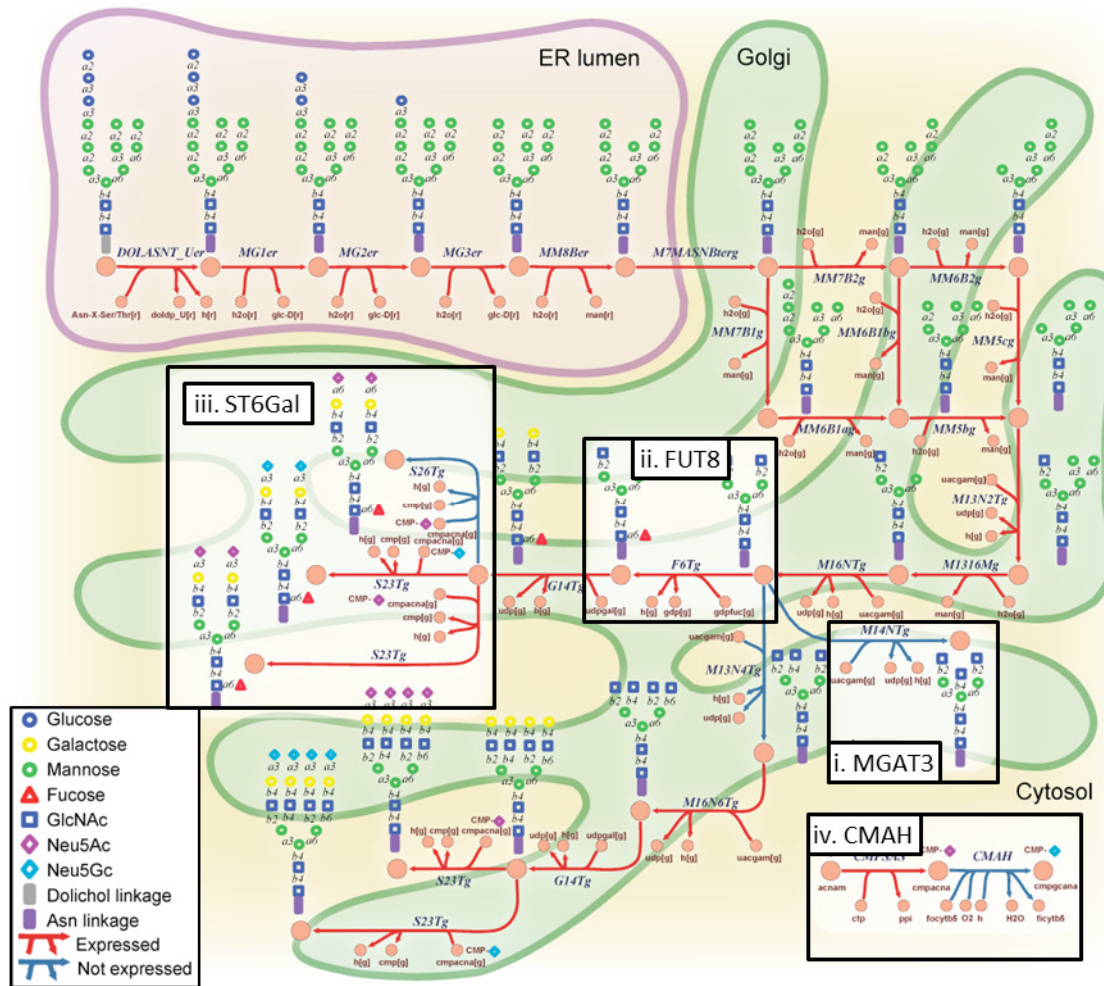
CHO cells express ~ 50% of these genes (141 of 297)

- **Includes genes involved in construction and localization of core glycan structure**

Glycosylation Genes Expressed in K1



CHO N-linked Glycosylation Pathways



Sialylation
 $\alpha(2,6)$ linkage possible
 Not expressed.

Only fucosyltransferases
 FUT8 and O-FUT

Bisecting ($\beta 4$) GlcNAc
 LEC10 gain of function

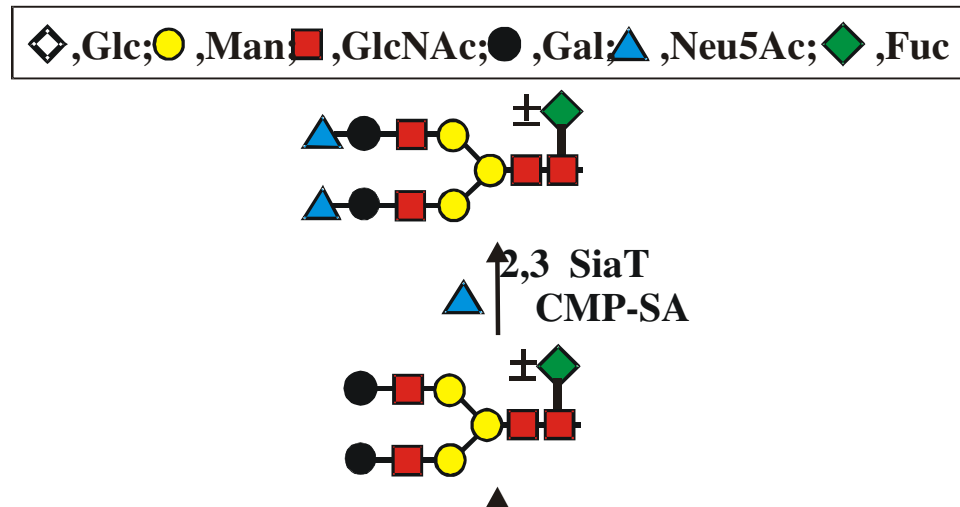
Neu5Ac- \rightarrow Neu5Gc
 No expression,
 lower Neu5Gc less
 immunogenic
 response in humans.

Some Glycosylation Observations

Sialylation:

CHO K1 homologs to all six human ST3Gal enzymes ($\alpha(2,3)$ sialic acid to galactose.) All expressed.

ST6Gal genes ($\alpha(2,6)$) not expressed.



Human contains two types of sialic acid linkages.

CHO cells can only make one of those.

Sialic acids linkages can affect binding such as with influenza virus infection

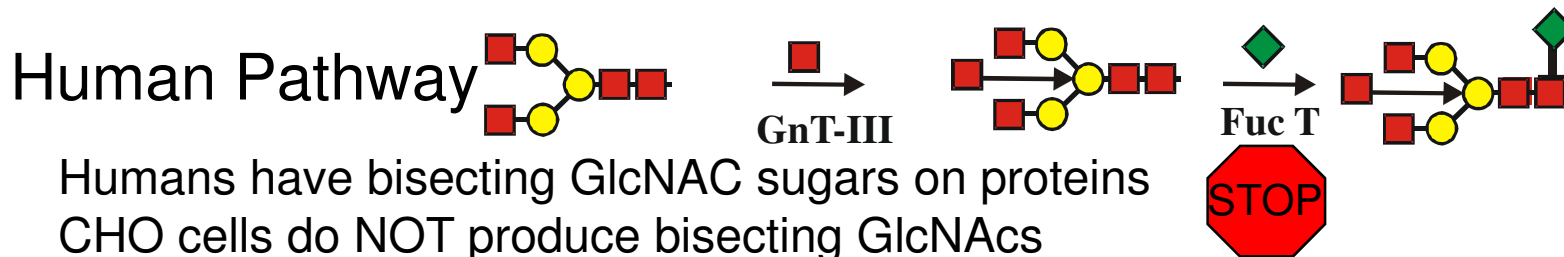
Other Glycosylation Observations: NO Bisecting GlcNAc to Blocks Fucose

β 4 GlcNAc from GnTIII:

No observed bisecting (β 4) N-acetylglucosamine (found on 10% of human IgG glycoforms)

GnTIII observed in genome, but not transcriptome

◇,Glc;●,Man;■,GlcNAc;◆,Fuc



Humans have bisecting GlcNAc sugars on proteins
CHO cells do NOT produce bisecting GlcNAcs
10% of human antibodies include bisecting GlcNAcs

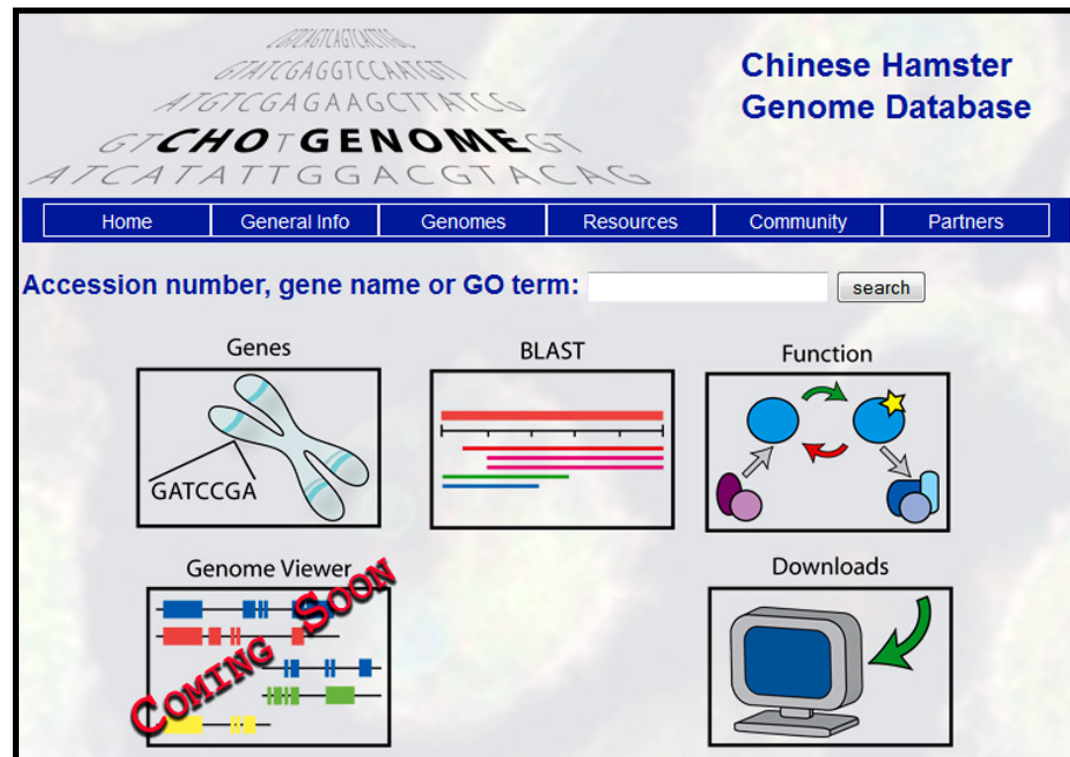
Biological Function?

- Bisecting GlcNAc will inhibit the binding of fucose
- Absence of fucose will increase the antibody-delivered cytotoxicity
- Antibodies from CHO cells will be LESS active in humans (have fucose)**
- Antibodies from Humans will be more active (less fucose)**

www.CHOgenome.org

Can the community come together to assemble CHO 'omics information?.

A community website sponsored by academic, government and industrial collaborators has organized and financially committed to share and host genome-scale information about CHO and activities for the biotechnology community.



flybase.org
wikipedia
etc.

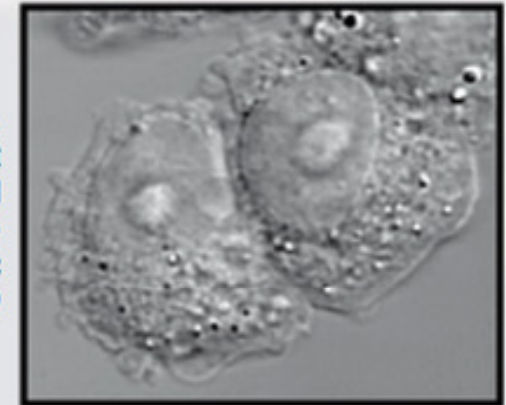
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CHO Genome Community

The Chinese hamster (*Cricetulus griseus*) ovary (CHO) cell line was first isolated by Puck (J. Exp. Med. 1958; 108: 259-271) more than 50 years ago. Currently, CHO cells are the most important cell line for production of biopharmaceutical proteins (\$100 billion USD in annual revenue) and they offer tremendous promise for production of vaccines as well as in their ongoing critical role as a transfection host for understanding gene function. Despite the scientific and economic importance of this cell line, there is no publicly available genome sequence information for CHO cells.



A Resource for CHO cell genomics

Based on an open source model, the mission of the CHOgenome.org User Group is to share genome-scale information on Chinese Hamster Ovary cells to the international scientific community.

This website, currently hosted at the University of Delaware, is dedicated to hosting data and resources to support the international community working with CHO cells.

We are building the infrastructure to support genome sequencing activities through an international not-for-profit community-based effort.

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