

Build up and make use of a Molecular Pharmacology Lab



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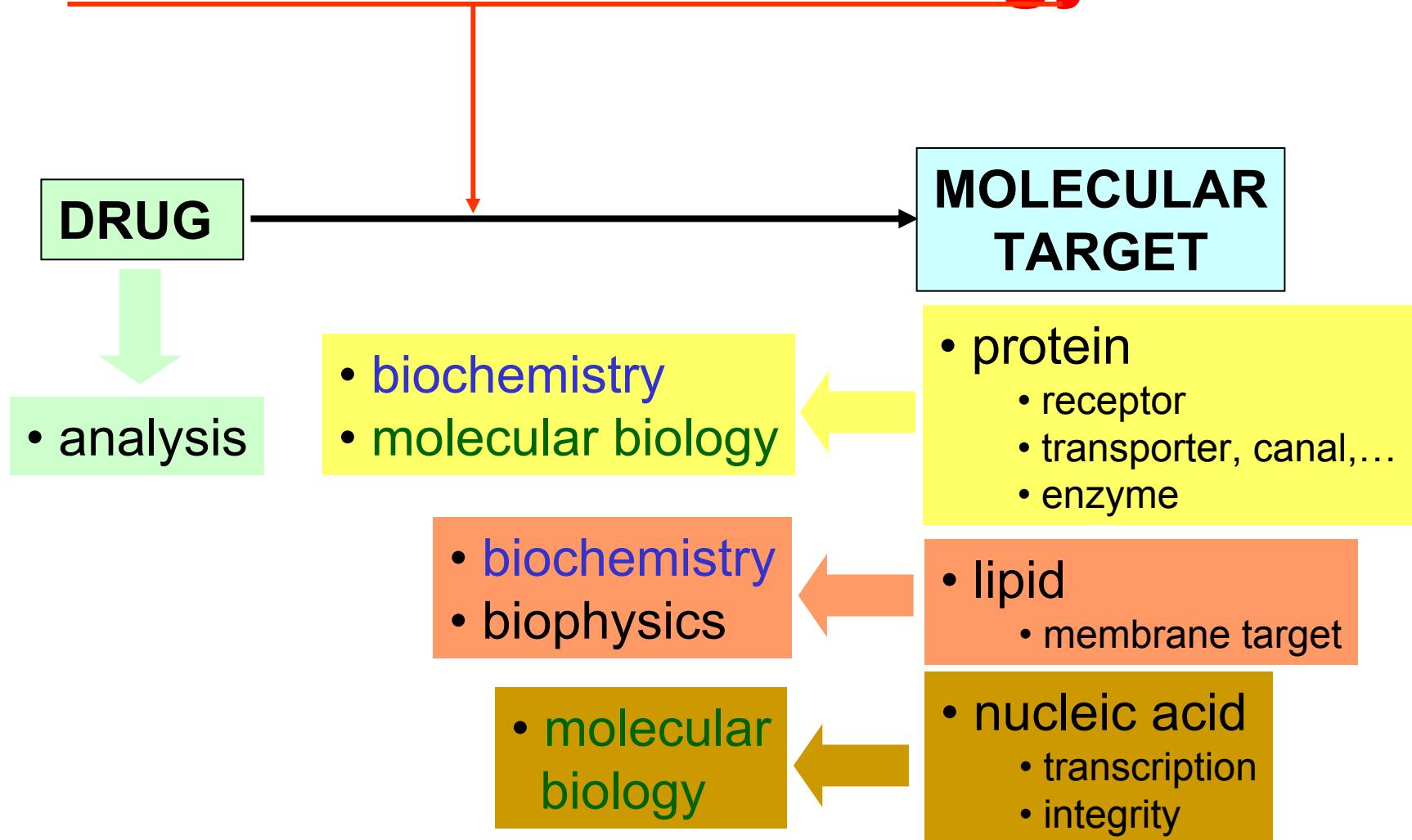
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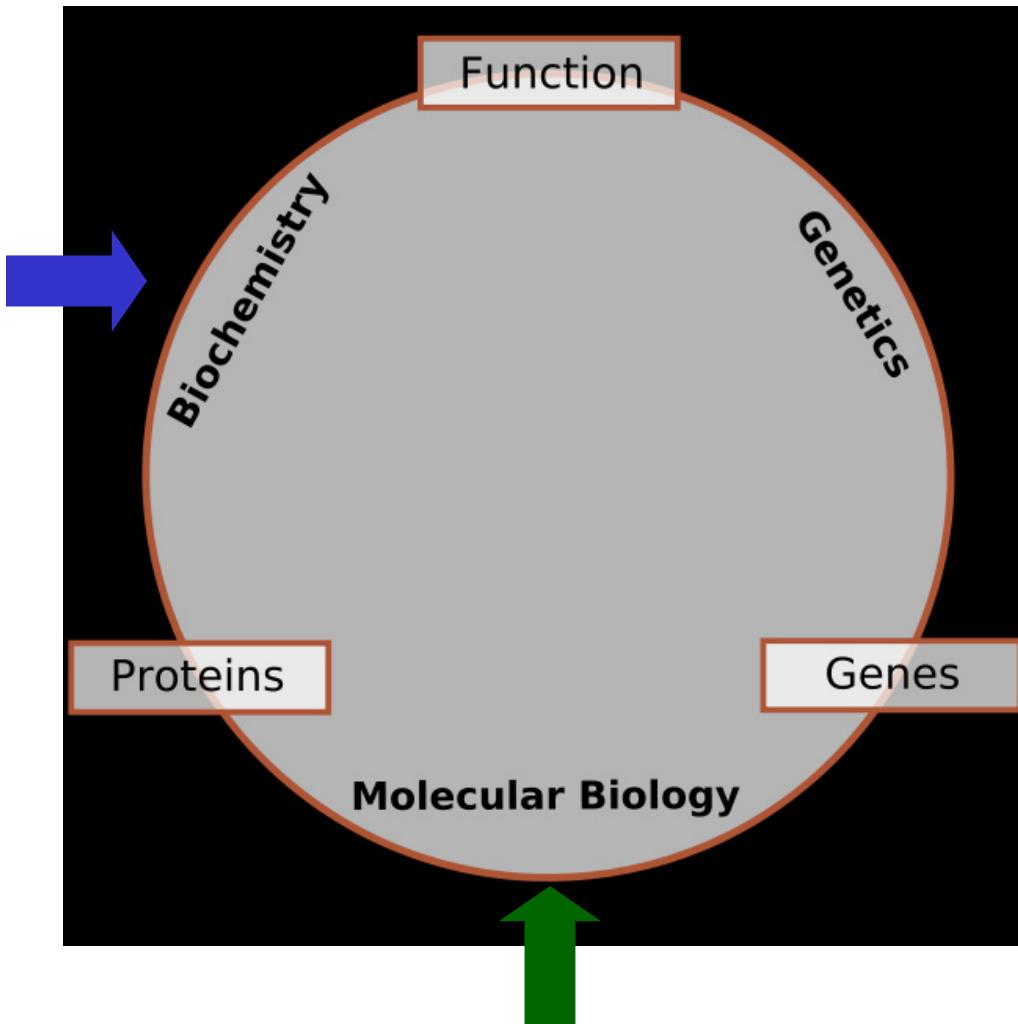
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From genes to function



What are you interested in ?

- **Proteins**

Detection of proteins

Change in expression level

Change in localization

Change in activation state; post-translational modifications

Change in activity

- **ADN**

Amplification (for cloning, e.g.)

Detection of genes (« yes or no » reply)

Search for mutations

- **ARNm**

Expression levels

Post-transcriptional modifications

1. Build up ...



ICAAC meeting; Chicago, IL

A. Plan what you need as material



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- **Proteins (activity)**

- thermostatized bath, melting ice
- spectrometer, fluorimeter, (microplate reader)
- centrifuge
- ultracentrifuge
- cell culture room / animal house (depending on your model...)
- scintillation counter, HPLC, mass spectrometry, ...

A. Plan what you need as material

- **Proteins (detection)**
- western-blot :
 - gel preparation, tank, gentle agitator,
 - system for detecting signal associated to secundary antibody (luminescence, absorbance, fluorescence, ...),
 - software for analysing band intensity
- cell fractionation: ultracentrifuge
- 2D-gels (proteomic analysis):
 - gel preparation, electrofocusing, thanks for running several gels in parallel
 - system for detecting signal (silver coloration, fluorophores)
 - protein identification (mass spectrometry)
 - appropriate sofware for gel analysis and protein identification

A. Plan what you need as material

- **DNA/RNA**

- electrophoresis tank
- PCR machine
- transluminator for band visualization + software for band analysis
- thermostatized bath (incubation over wide range of t° [4-90°C])
- real-time PCR
- fluorimeter for quantification of DNA/ARN [Qubit® for example]
- hood to prevent contaminations

B. Organize your lab in a efficient way



Contaminating is easy with DNA / RNA !

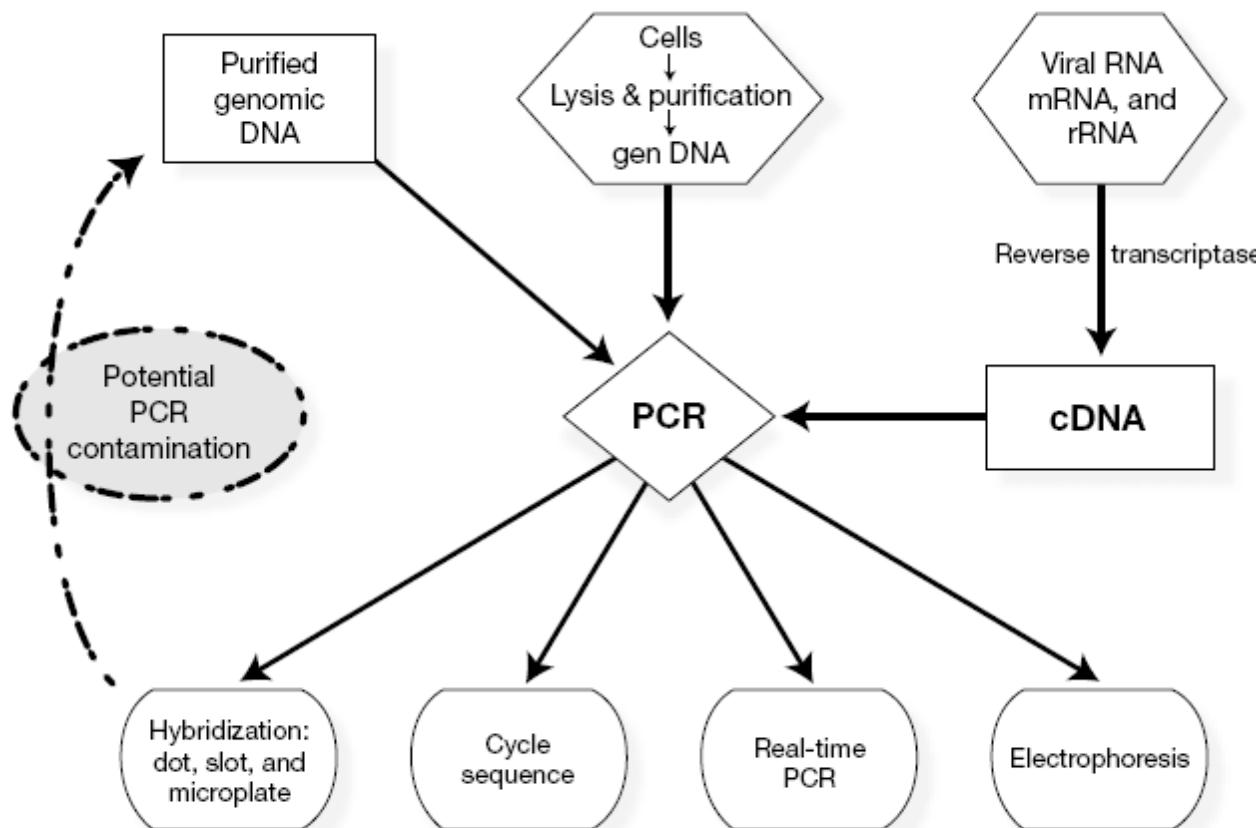


FIGURE 1. Outline of sample processing and analysis in a PCR laboratory.

How to prevent contamination ?

1. Organize your lab!

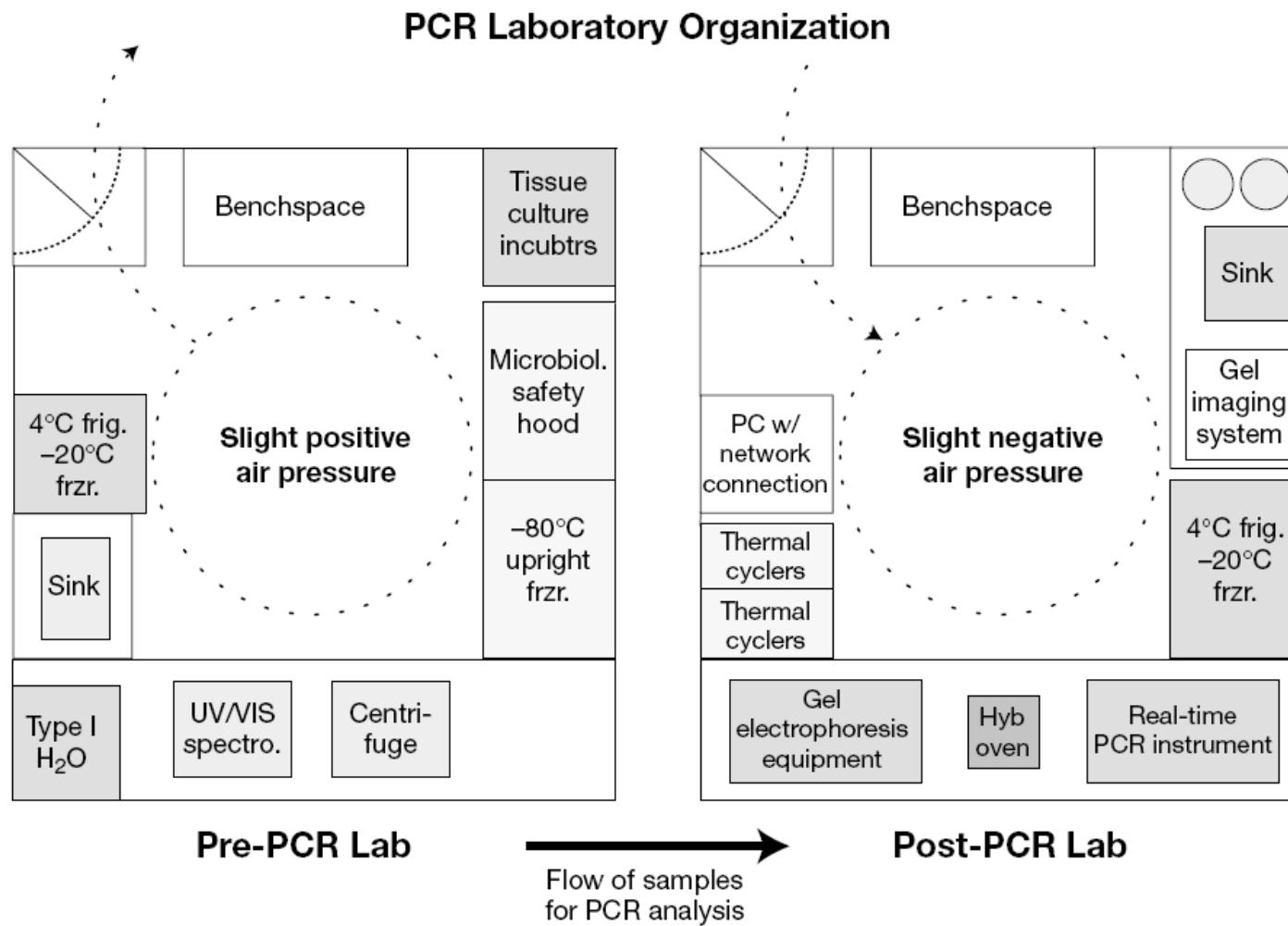
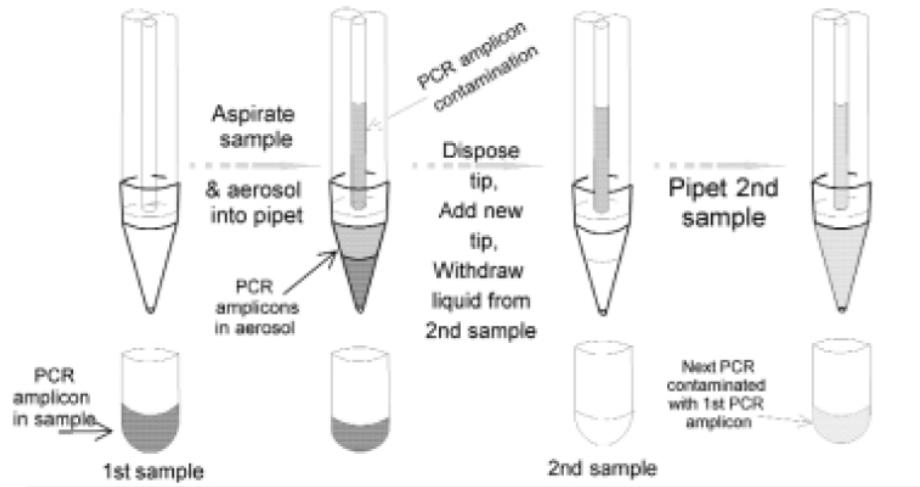


FIGURE 2. Organization of a PCR laboratory with separate pre- and post-PCR rooms.

How to prevent contamination

2. Use appropriate material !

Use of Open Pipet Tips Leads to Pipettor Contamination



Use of Barrier Pipet Tips Prevents Pipettor Contamination

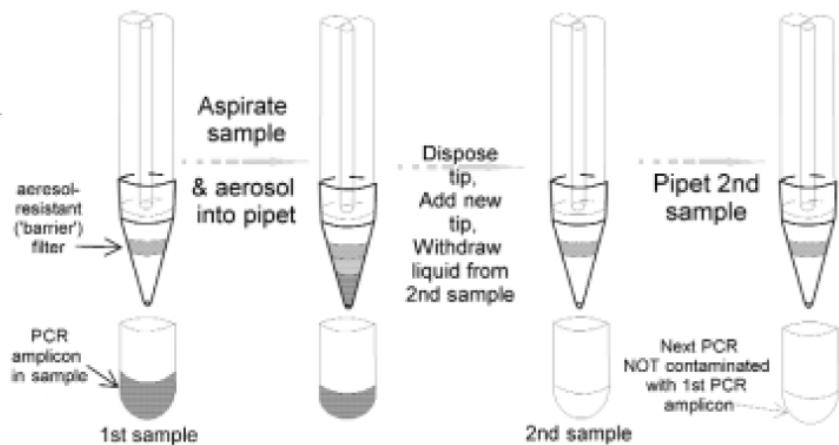


FIGURE 3. Use of barrier tips to prevent amplicon contamination in the PCR laboratory.

How to prevent contamination

3. Perform quality control !



→ positive control :

- matrix ~ gene of interest
- PCR mixture
- enzyme (polymerase)

shows that PCR conditions
are appropriate to detect
the gene of interest

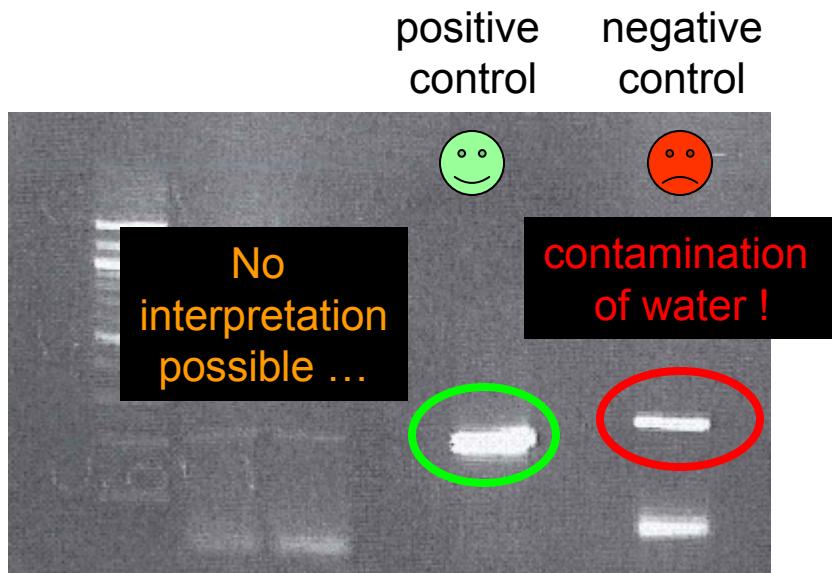
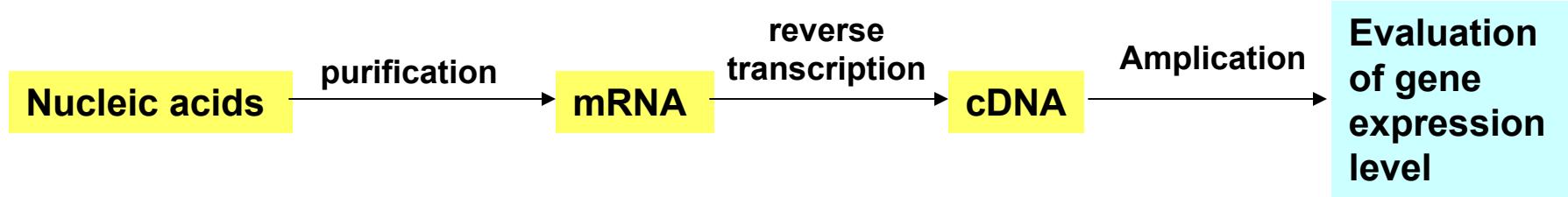
→ negative control :

- water used for sample dilution
- PCR mixture
- enzyme (polymerase)

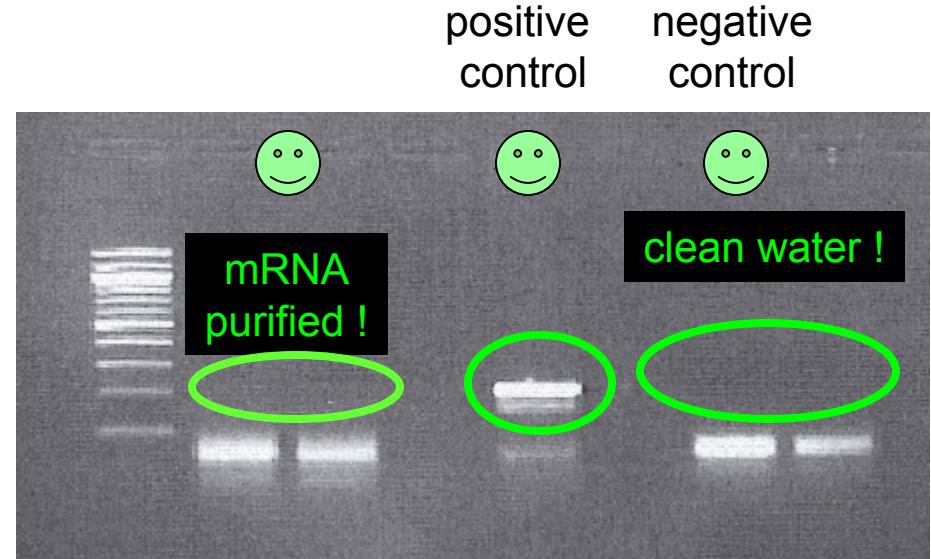
shows that your reagents
are not contaminated

A practical example in our lab ...

Absence of DNA in mRNA samples for real time PCR



samples
(mRNA) cDNA
+ PCR mix H₂O
 + PCR mix



samples cDNA
 + PCR mix H₂O
 + PCR mix

How to prevent contamination

wear gloves ... and change when needed !

Contamination source could be the skin !

→ DNA/RNAase could be present

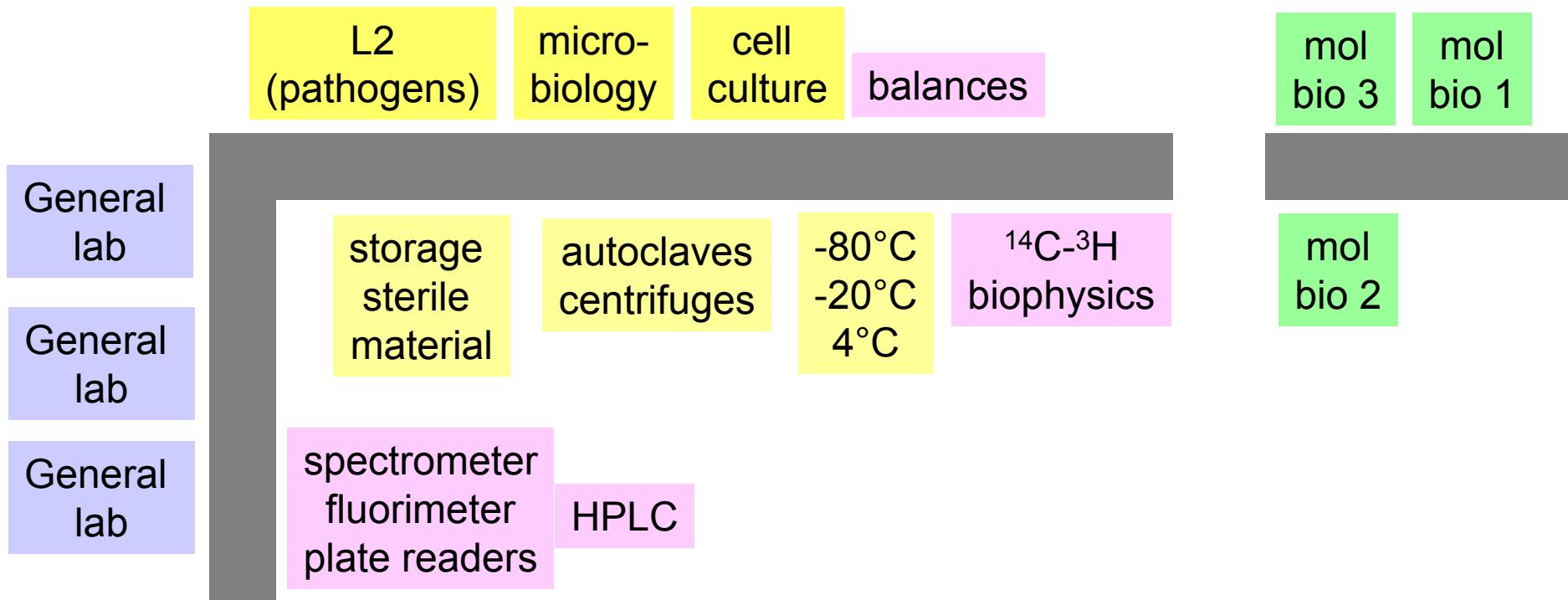
→ proteins could be present

 → western blot detect specific proteins only

 → may be a problem in global analyses of proteome
(detection of proteins absent from the sample itself)



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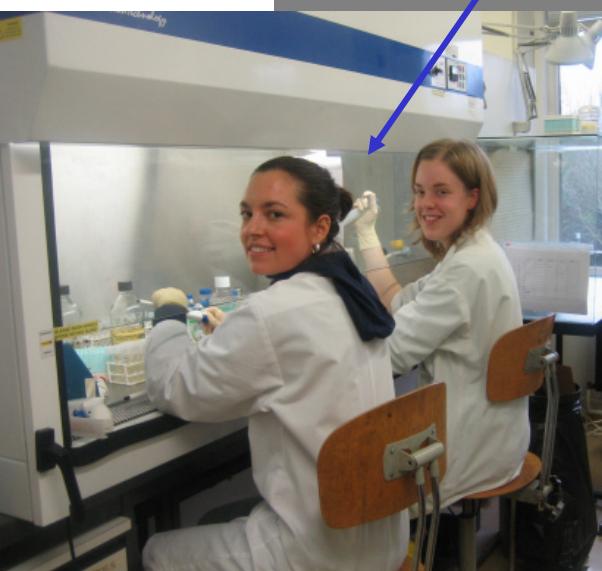


A practical example in our lab

L2
(pathogens)

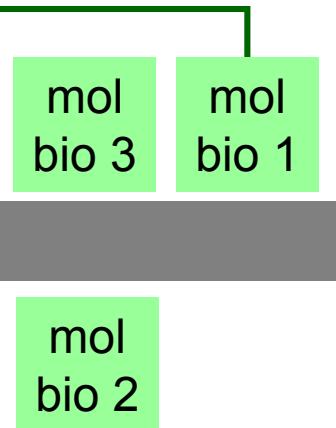
micro-
biology

cell
culture



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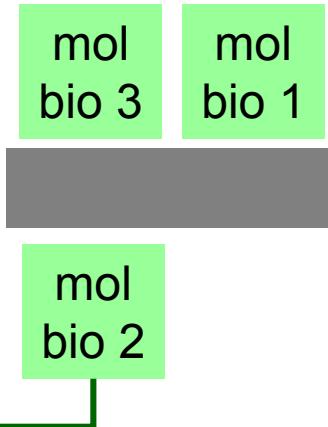
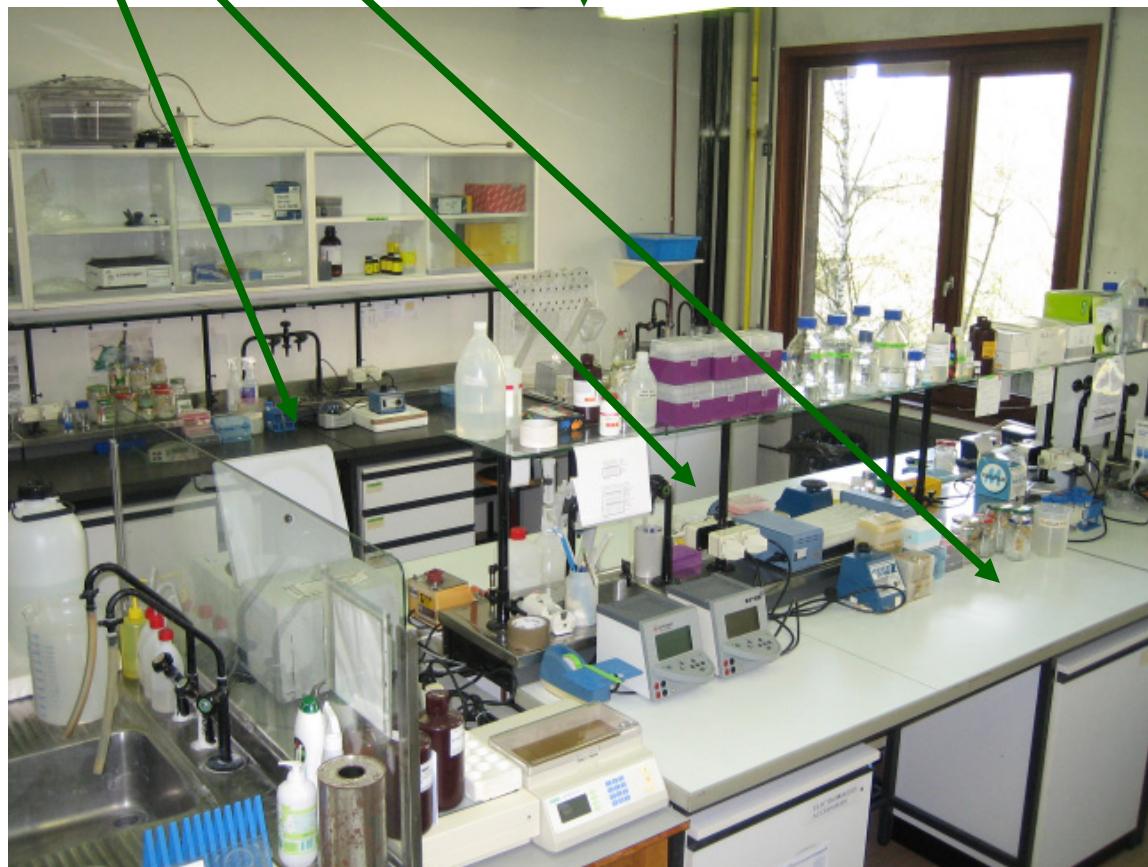
Pre-PCR steps in a lab 1



A practical example in our lab

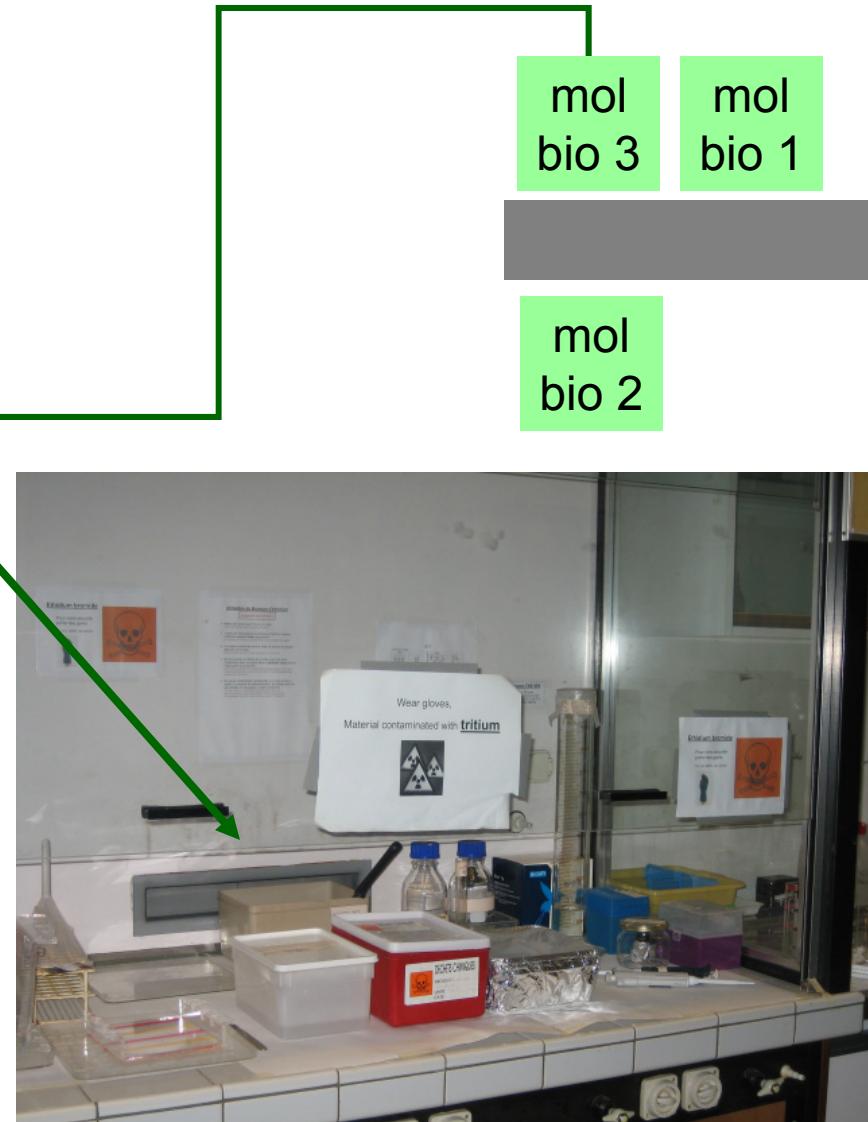
Lab 2 organized with specific benches

- Proteins
- DNA
- RNA



A practical example in our lab

PCR and post-PCR in lab 3

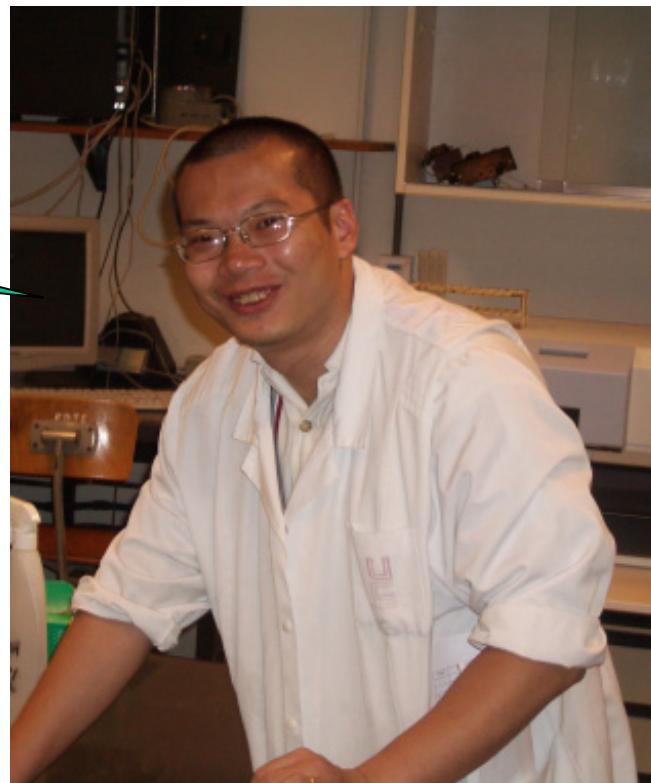


mol
bio 3 mol
bio 1

mol
bio 2

A practical example in our lab

Nice place
to work !



Don't forget computers ...



Many machines are now piloted with computers ...

A series of databases on the web ...

Database	URL	Description
Nucleotide Sequence		
GenBank	www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov	All publicly available nucleotide and protein sequences
EMBL Nucleotide Sequence Database	www.ebi.ac.uk/embl.html	All publicly available nucleotide and protein sequences
DNA Data Bank of Japan (DDBJ)	www.ddbj.nig.ac.jp	All publicly available nucleotide and protein sequences
DNA Sequences: Genes, Motifs and Regulatory Sites		
TIGR Gene Indices	www.tigr.org/tdb/tgi.shtml	Organism-specific databases of EST and gene sequences
ExInt	http://sege.ntu.edu.sg/wester/iekb/	Exon-intron structure of eukaryotic genes
TRANSFAC	http://www.gene-regulation.com	Transcription factors and binding sites
RDP	rdp.cme.msu.edu	Ribosomal database project: rRNA sequences data
Gene Expression		
PIR	pir.georgetown.edu	A collection of protein sequence databases
SWISS-PROT	www.expasy.ch/sprot	Curated protein sequence databases
PROSITE	www.expasy.ch/prosite	Biologically-significant protein patterns and profiles
Pfam	www.sanger.ac.uk/Software/Pfam/	Sequence alignments and profile hidden Markov models
Carbohydrate		
CCSD	bssv01.lancs.ac.uk/gig/pages/gag/carbbank.htm	Complex carbohydrate structure databases (CarbBank)
Protein Structure		
PDB	www.rcsb.org/pdb/	All available 3D structures of proteins and nucleic acids
Genomics		
GO	www.geneontology.org	Gene ontology consortium database
KEGG	www.genome.ad.jp/kegg	Databases of genes, proteins, and metabolic pathways
EcoCyc	ecocyc.org	<i>E. coli</i> K-12 genes, metabolic pathways, transporters, regulation
Ensembl	www.ensembl.org	Annotated information on eukaryotic genomes

C. Have a responsible person with skills in molecular biology to conduct projects



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Why ?

- design of a molecular biology experiment is not easy if you are not an expert
 - loss of time
 - loss of money
- data interpretation requires appropriate background
- quality of the data critically depends on
 - the way the experiment was performed
 - the quality of the controls
- many fields are highly competitive; be efficient !
- science is progressing exponentially in that field [databases !!!]
- molecular biology is highly expensive !
 - competitive grant applications need to be submitted

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How ?

- Think twice to the best approach to answer your specific question
- Study in depth literature and take examples from high quality papers to design your experiments
- Make use of existing tools → kits
 - strains, cell lines, plasmids, ...
- Combine molecular biology with biochemistry/pharmacology to link genetic or proteomic changes with phenotype

2. Make use ...

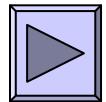


« Magic bullets » meeting; Nuremberg, Germany

Some applications in our team

Pharmacokinetics :

antibiotics and multidrug transporters eucaryotic cells:



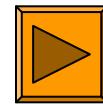
Identification of transporters and modulation of their expression

[cellular biology, drug analysis, real-time PCR, western blot, proteomics, genomics]

Antibiotic resistance :

Identification and characterization of resistance by efflux

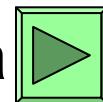
[microbiology, real time PCR, gene disruption]



Pharmacodynamics :

Modulation of antibiotic activity against intracellular bacteria

[cellular biology, microbiology, cell fractionation, proteomics]



Other examples of integrated pharmacology



Pharmacological, proteomic and genomic characterization of fluoroquinolone transporters in eucaryotic cells

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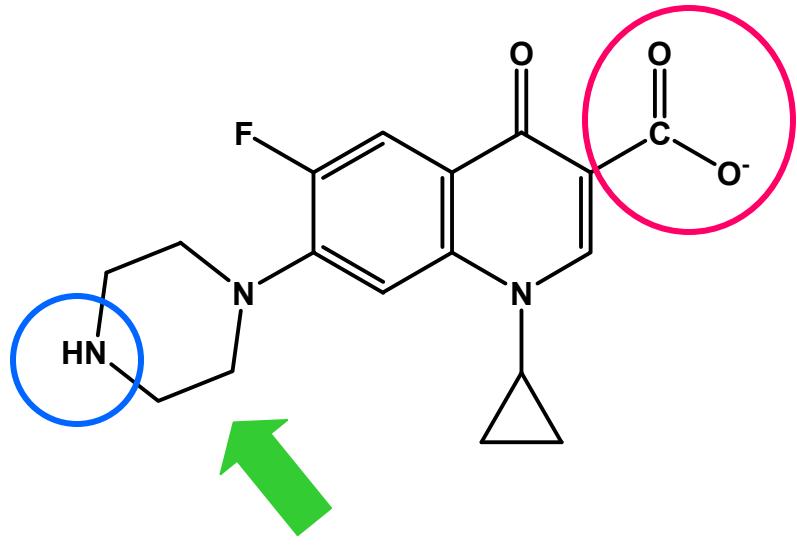
M. Aerts; supervision: B. Devreese

- **Centre de Génétique, cliniques St Luc, UCL, Bruxelles**

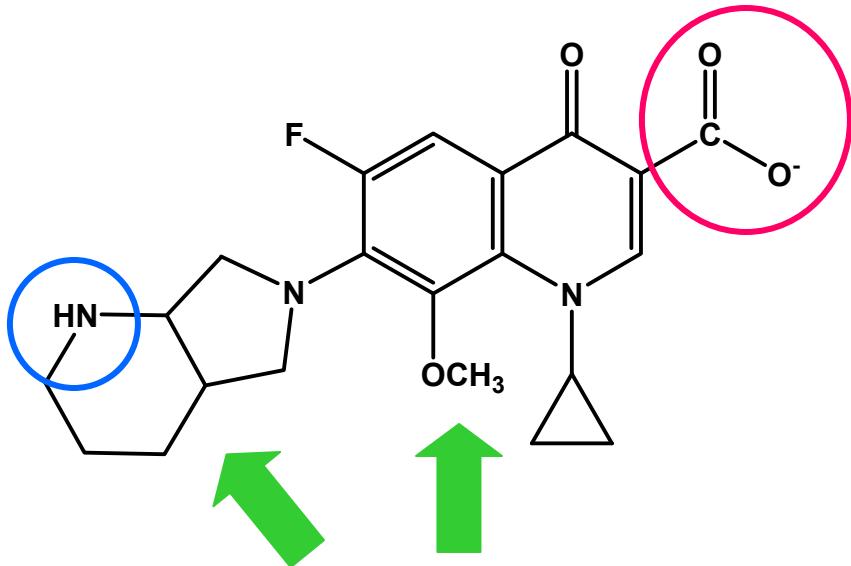
Geneviève Ameye, Hélène Antoine-Poirel

Chemical structure of fluoroquinolones

ciprofloxacin



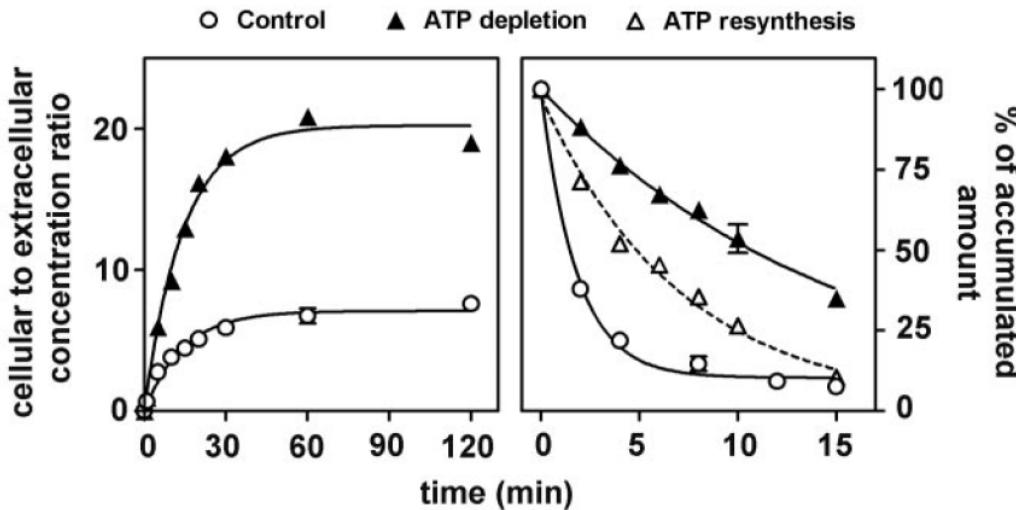
moxifloxacin



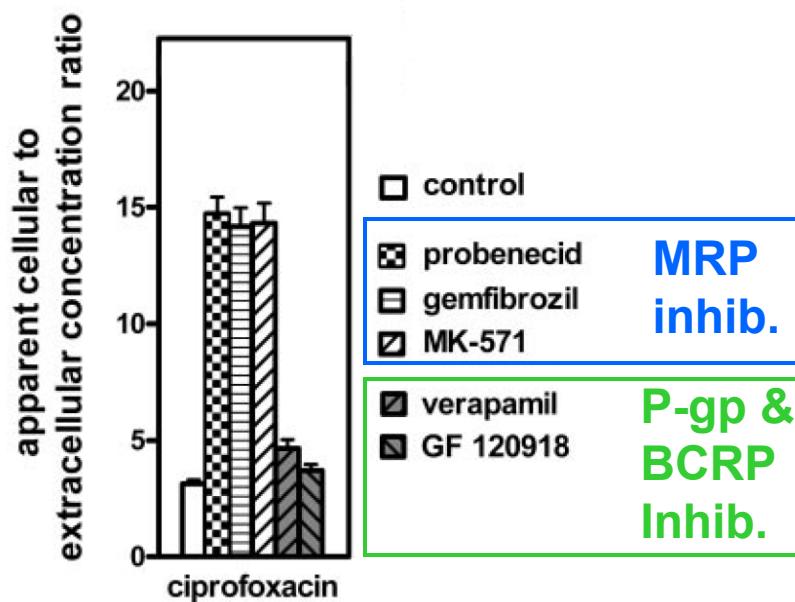
Ciprofloxacin is substrate for an MRP-like transporter in J774 macrophages

Transport

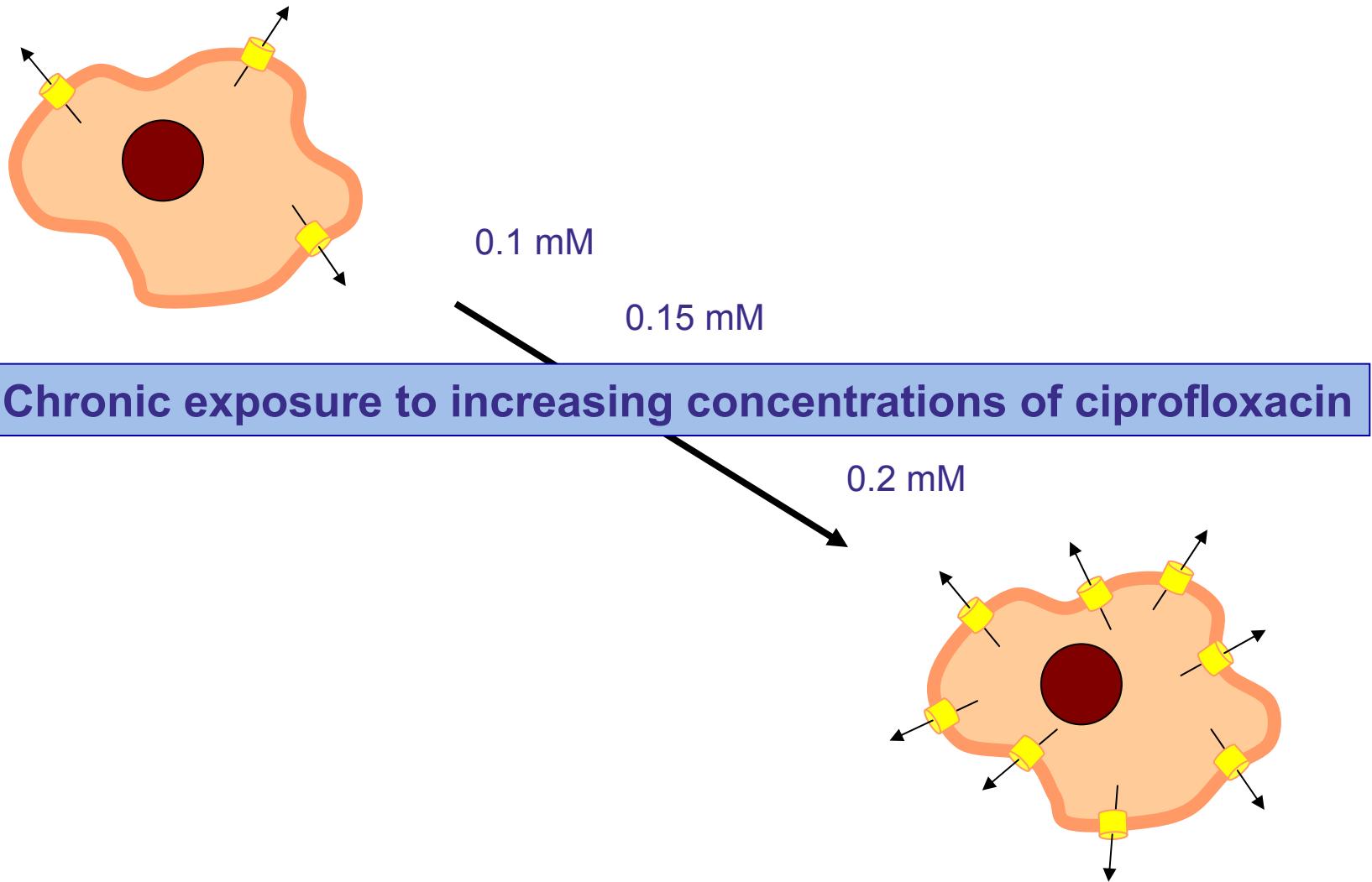
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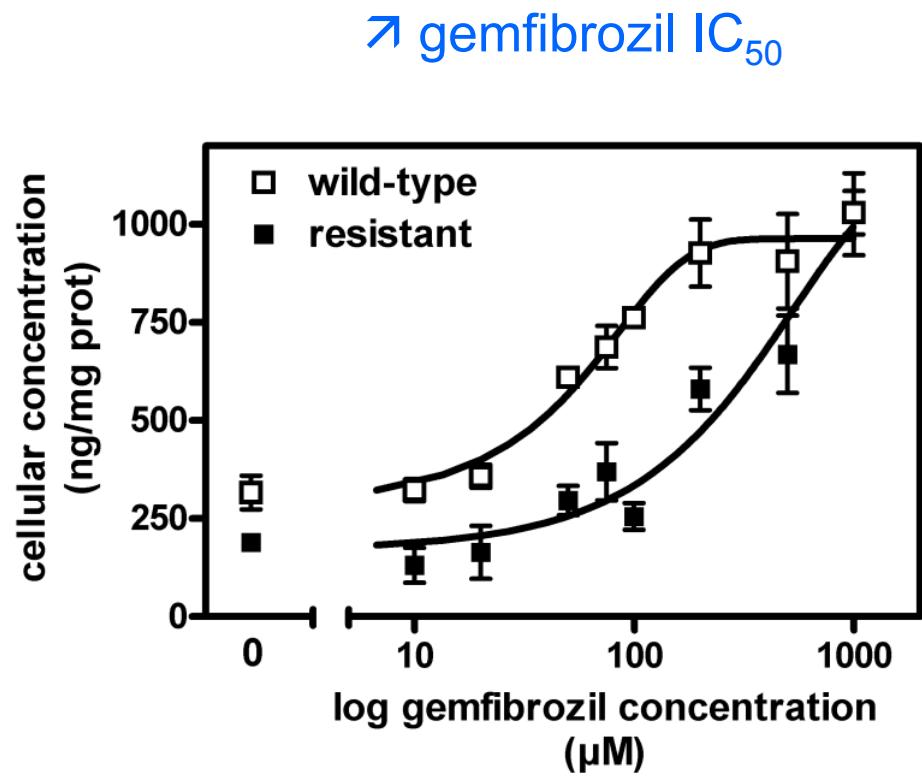
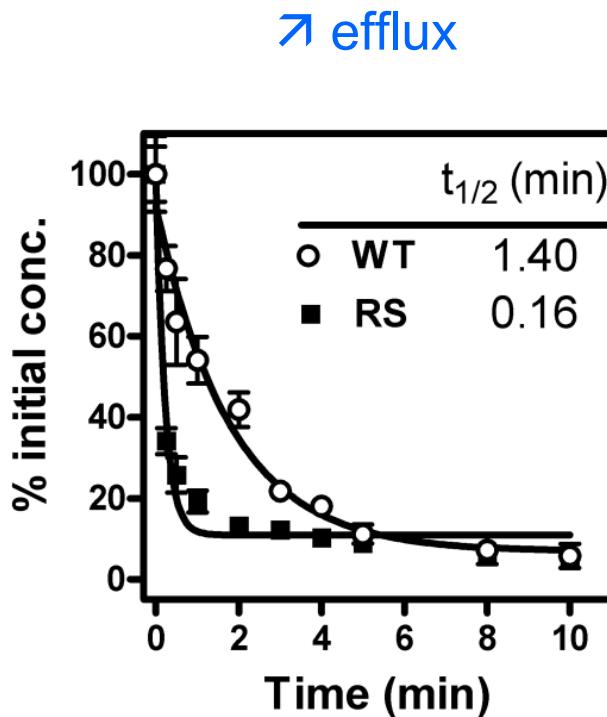
... reduced by inhibitors
• of anion transporters
• of MRP



Identification of ciprofloxacin transporter: « resistant cells » as a tool



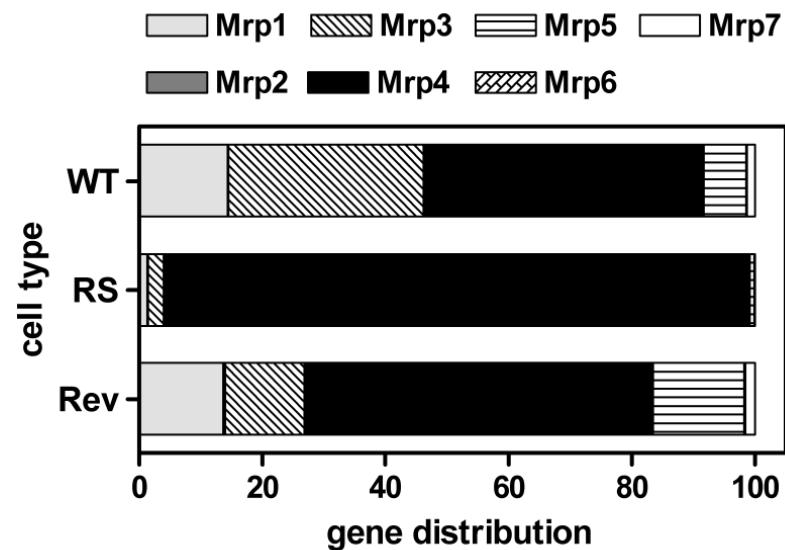
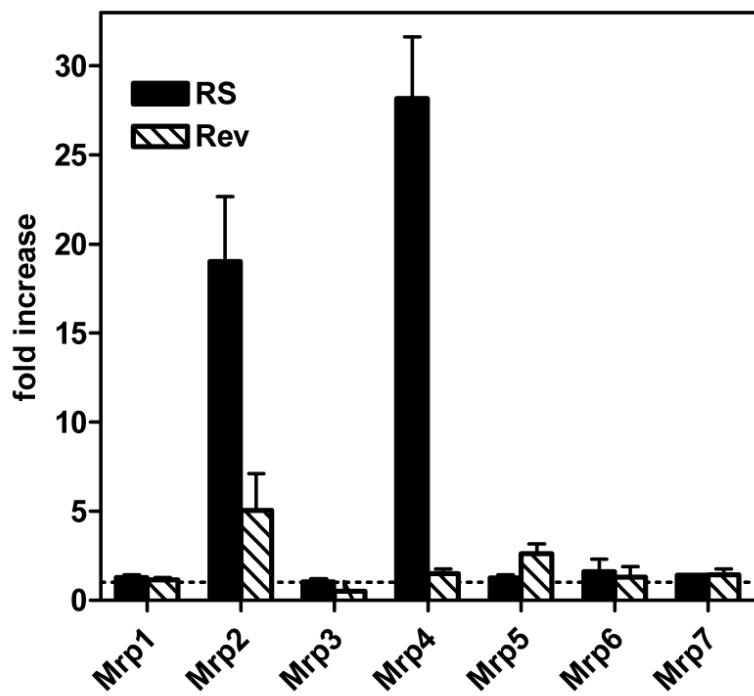
Ciprofloxacin-resistant cells : phenotypic analysis



Ciprofloxacin-resistant cells : genomic analysis

ARNm expression levels by Real-Time PCR

↗ expression of Mrp2 and Mrp4, BUT Mrp4 from far most abundant



Ciprofloxacin-resistant cells : proteomic analysis

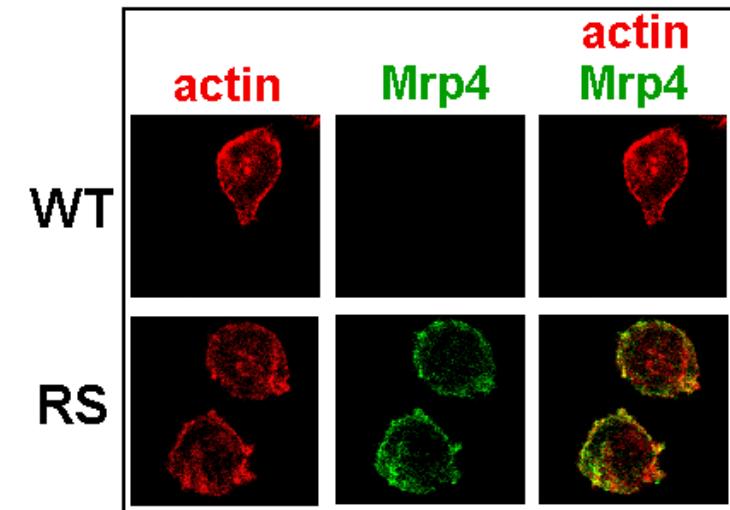
Detection of the corresponding proteins by

Western-Blot of membrane fractions

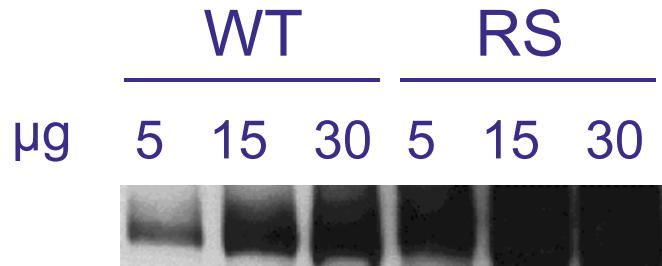
Mrp2



Confocal microscopy



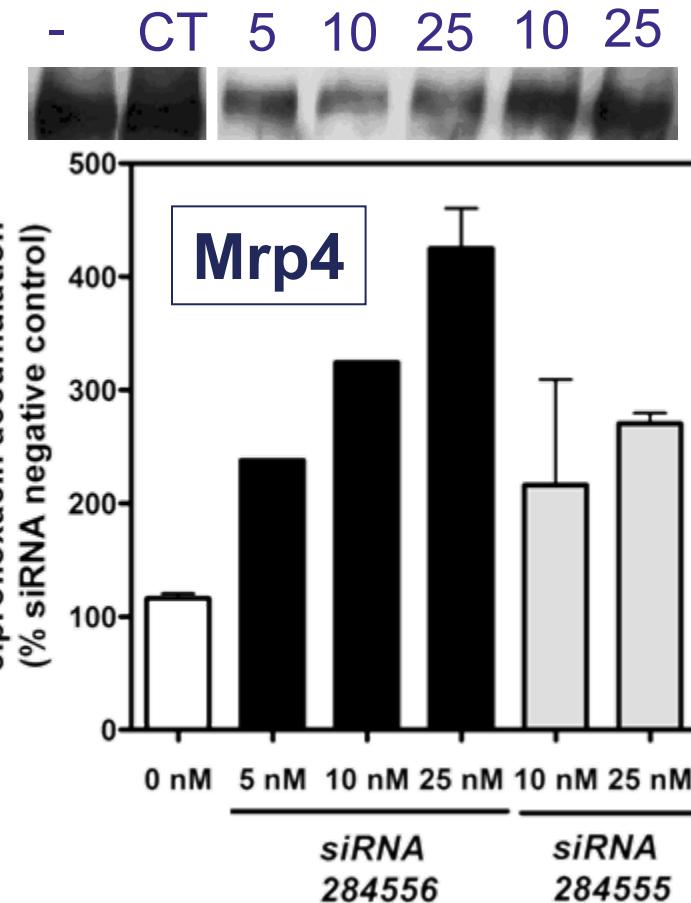
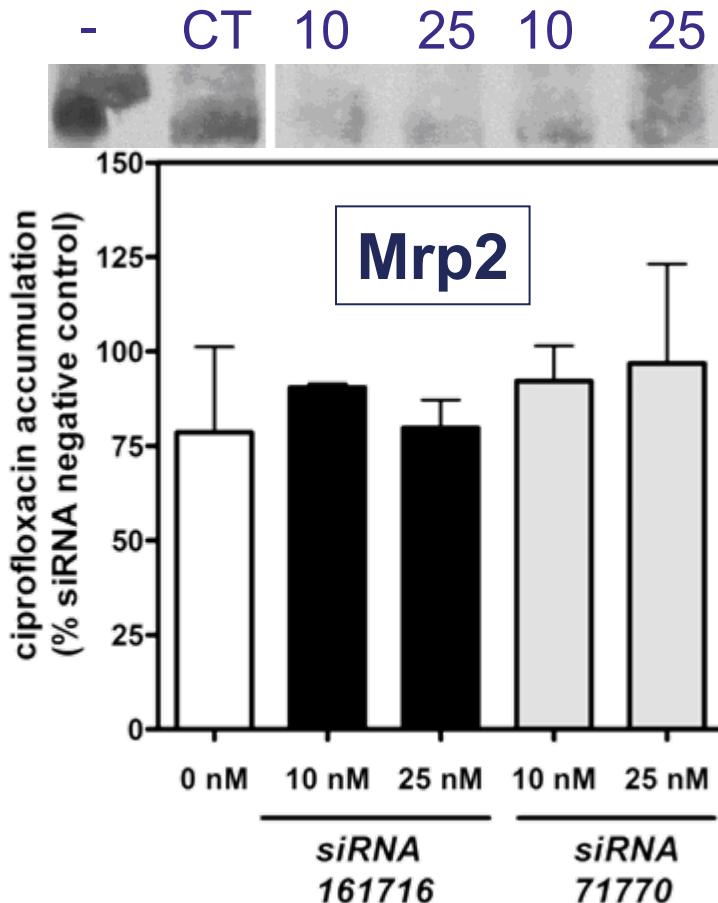
Mrp4



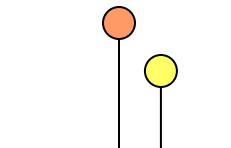
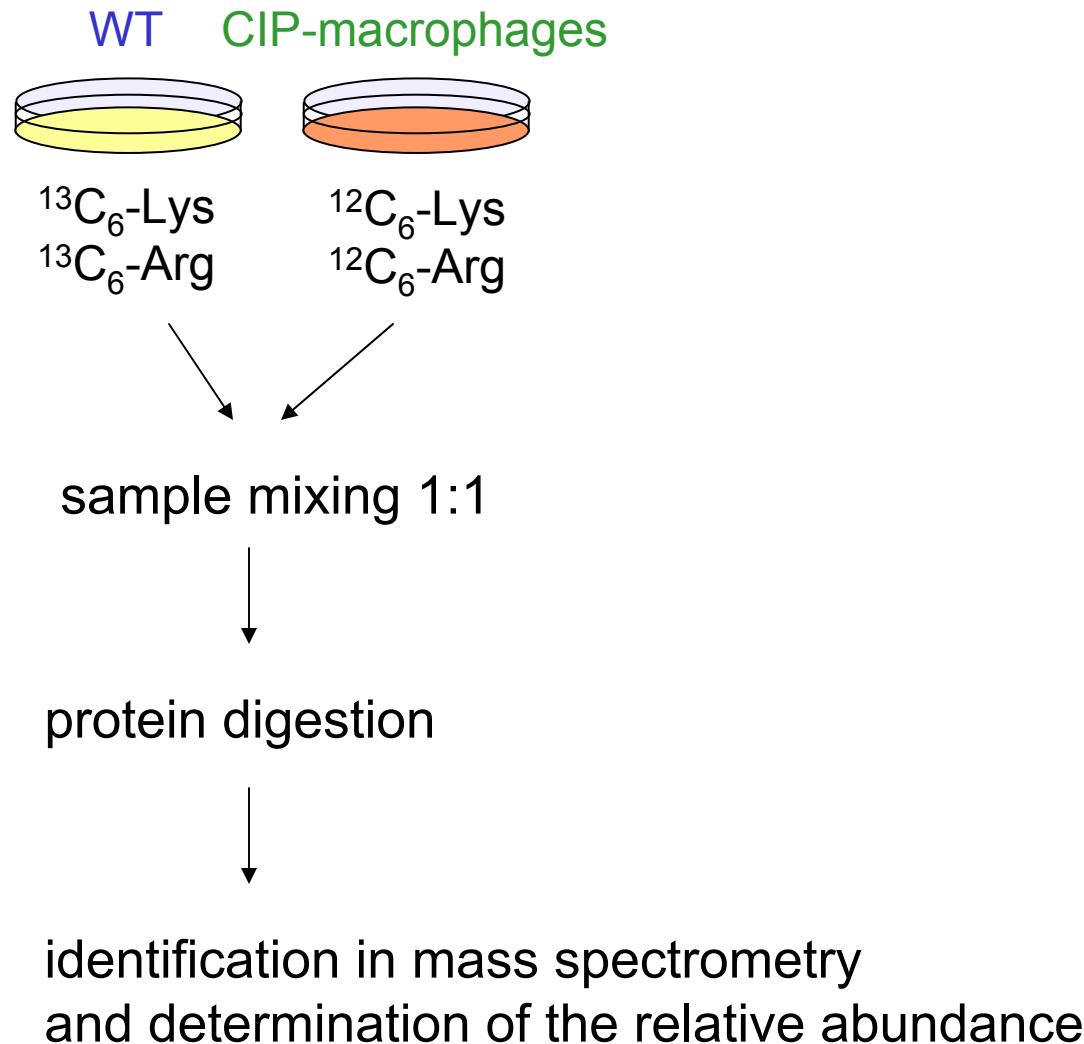
Marquez et al., AAC (2009) 53: 2410-2416

Ciprofloxacin-resistant cells : which is the ciprofloxacin transporter ?

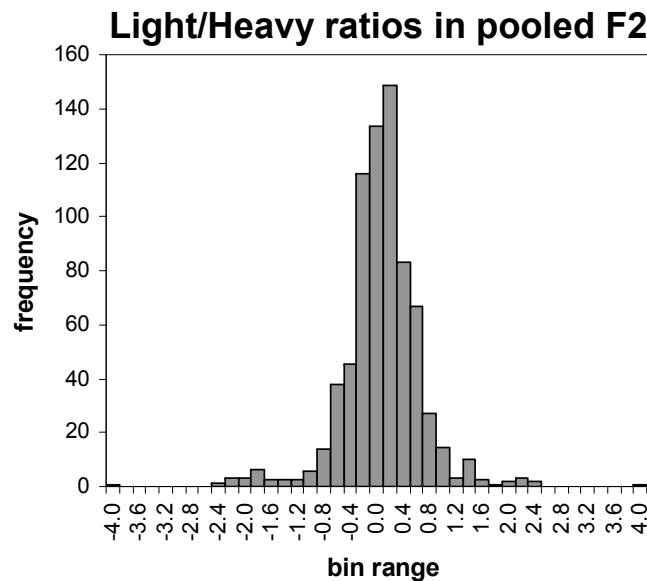
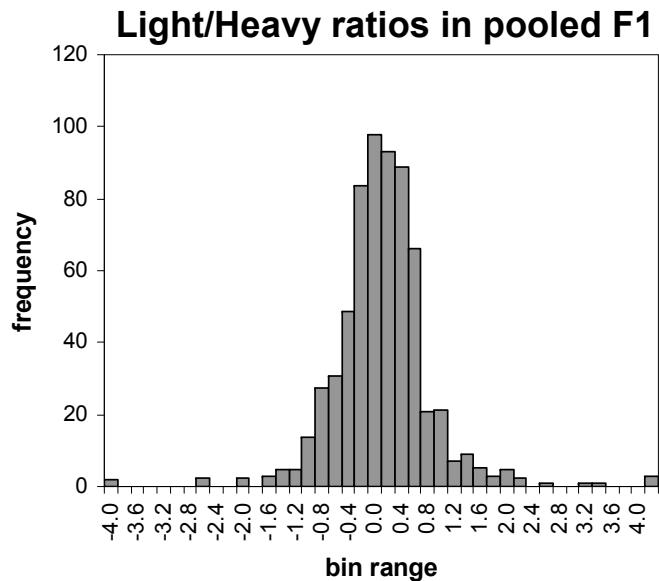
Silencing of MRP expression in resistant cells by siRNA



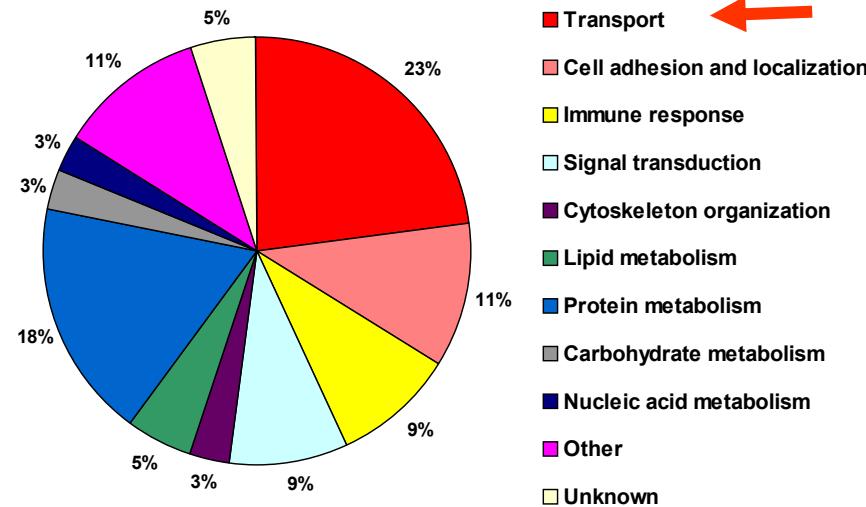
Stable Isotope Labeling Aminoacid in Culture



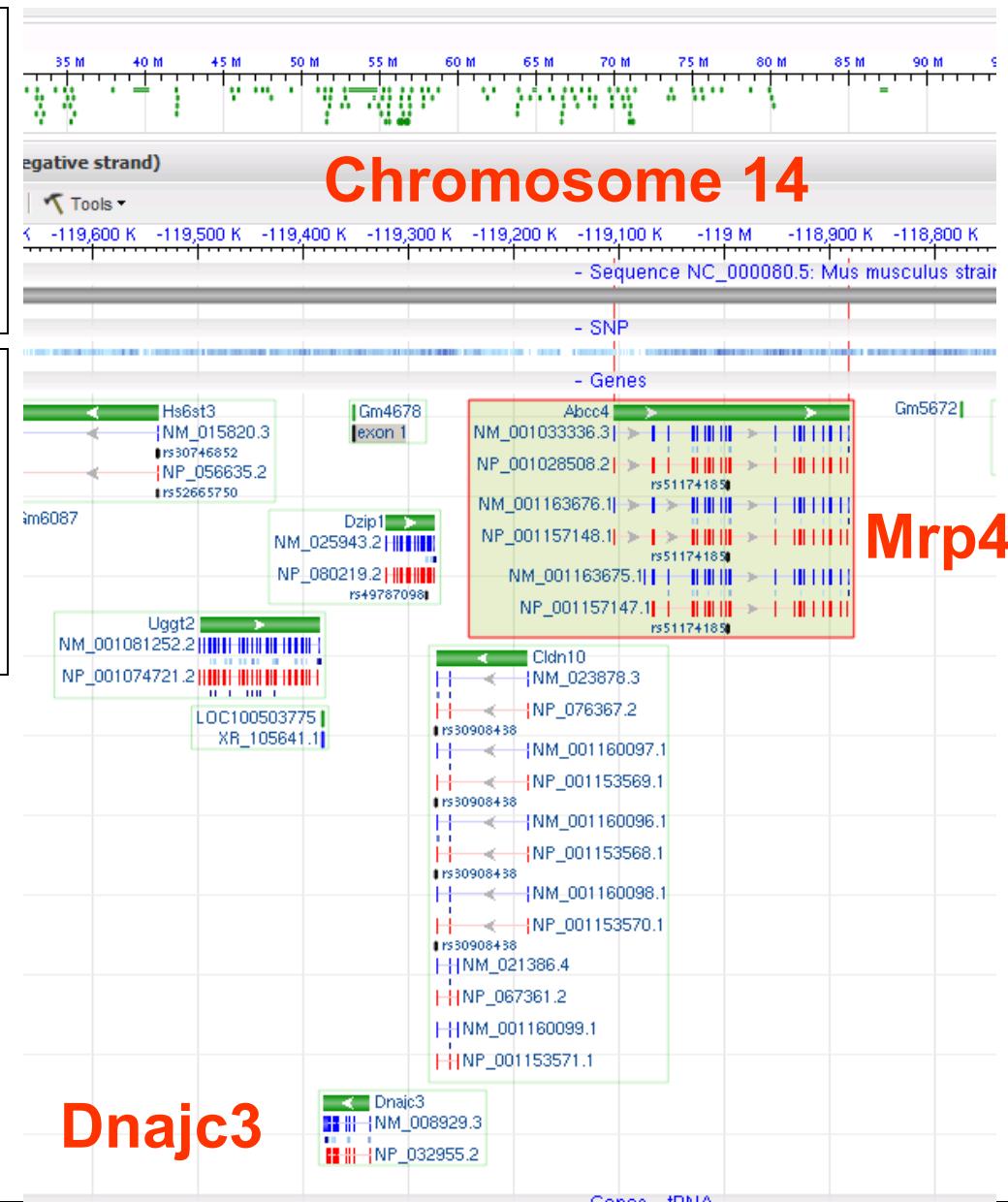
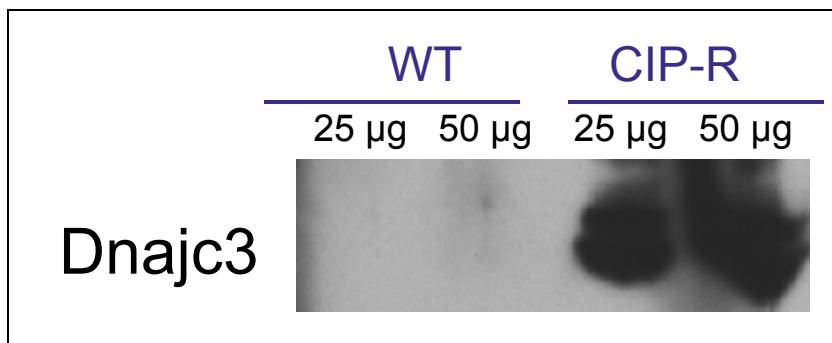
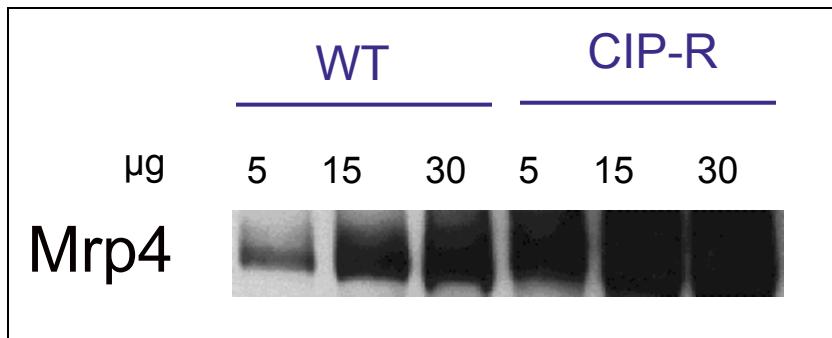
SILAC: proteins with modified expression



Biological function of proteins with differential abundance

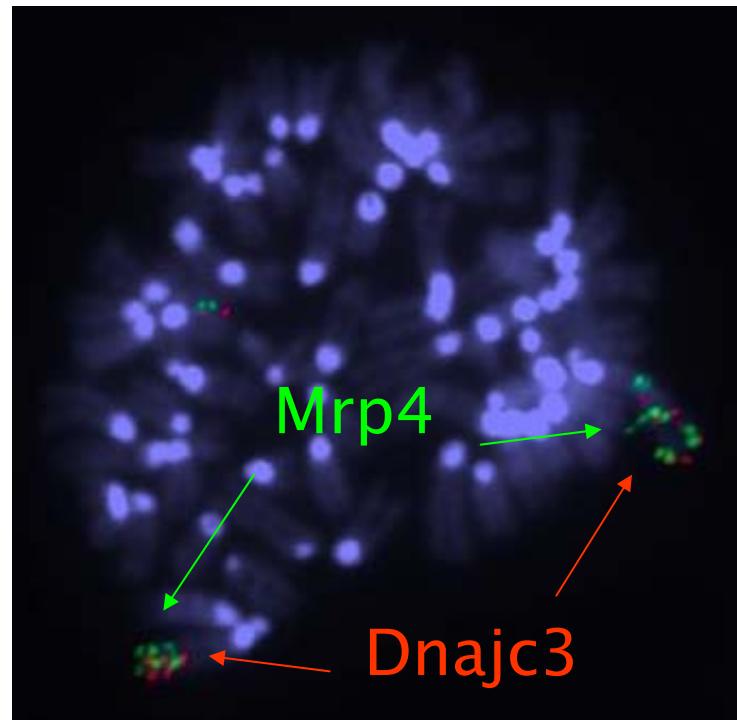


Mrp4 and Dnajc3 are the most upregulated proteins !



Gene amplification of part of chromosome 14 in CIP-R cells

Mrp4 and Dnajc3 co-amplified in CIP-resistant cells



Active efflux as a mechanism of resistance to fluoroquinolones in *S. pneumoniae*

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supervision: P.M. Tulkens, F. Van Bambeke
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supervision: L. Piddock

MIC of fluoroquinones

- or + Reserpine as efflux pump inhibitor

FQ strains	NOR		CIP		LVX		MXF		GMF	
	-R	+R	-R	+R	-R	+R	-R	+R	-R	+R
49619	4		1		1		0.25		0.125	
SP334	32		4		2		0.5		0.25	
SP335	64		32		4		0.5		0.5	
SP295	16		2		1		0.125		0.063	
SP13	64		16		2		0.25		0.25	

- NOR and CIP show elevated MICs in the 4 resistant strains
- LVX MIC is close to the EUCAST Bkpt (\pm 1 dil) in all strains
- MXF and GMF consistently show low MICs

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SP334	32	4	4	1	2	1	0.5	0.5	0.25	0.125
SP335	64	8	32	2	4	2	0.5	0.25	0.5	0.125
SP295	16	2	2	0.5	1	1	0.125	0.125	0.063	0.032
SP13	64	16	16	2	2	1	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.125

- reserpine reverses resistance but only partially in 2 strains
- MXF not affected; LVX and GMF poorly affected



- efflux contributes to resistance in the 4 strains
- other mechanisms also present in 2 strains

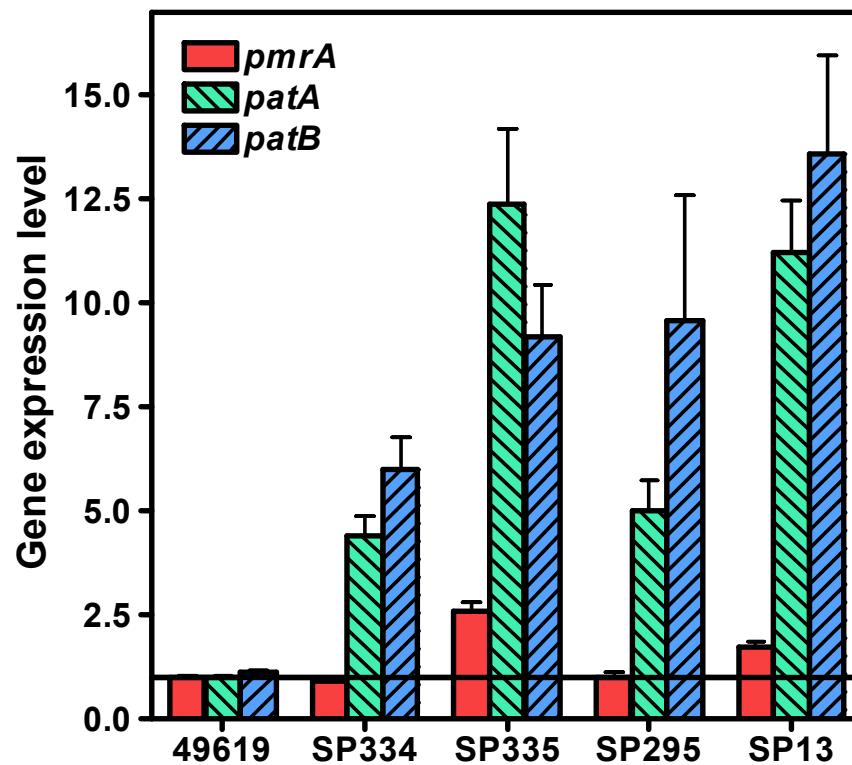
Target mutations ?

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SP335	64	8	32	2	4	ParE (Ile460Val)			0.5	0.125
SP295	16	2	2	0.5	1	1	0.125	0.125	0.063	0.032
SP13	64	16	16		ParE (Ile460Val); ParC (Ser79Phe;Lys137Asn)					

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 - target mutations evidenced in 2 strains

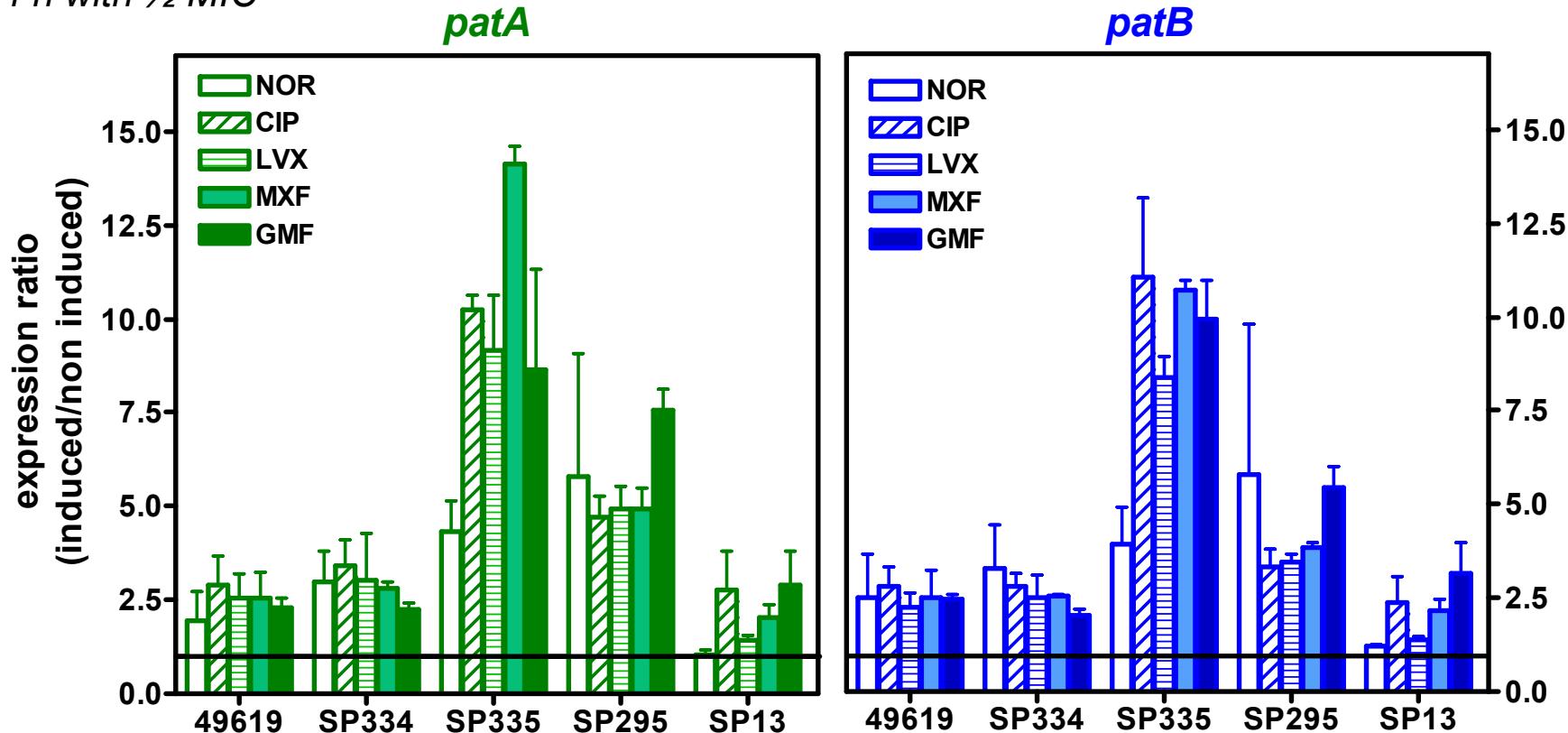
Basal expression level of efflux systems



- all strains overexpress *patA/patB* to variable level
- SP335 and SP13 show a low level of *pmrA* overexpression

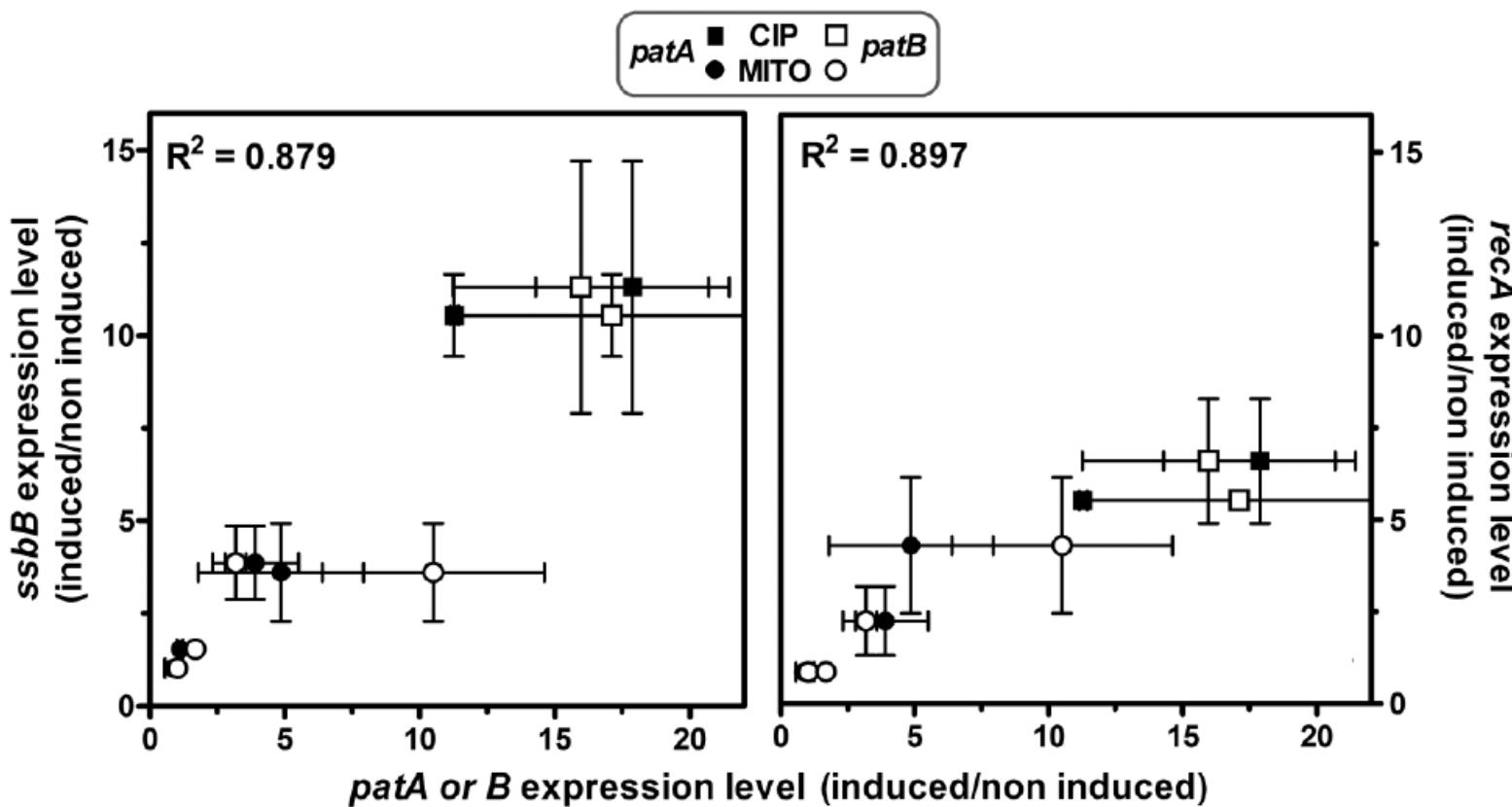
Induced expression level

4 h with $\frac{1}{2}$ MIC



- induction of *patA/patB*
 - in all strains but to highly variable levels
 - by all FQ, whether substrates or not

Induced expression level ... response to stress



- concomitant overexpression of genes involved in response to stress

Efflux by PatA/PatB causes resistance !

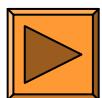
Table 1. Susceptibility of *S. pneumoniae* to fluoroquinolones and substrates of efflux pumps in the absence (−R) or presence (+R) of reserpine (20 mg/L)

Strains	Relevant characteristics ^a	Mutations in QRDR	MIC (mg/L) of:									
			norfloxacin		ciprofloxacin		levofloxacin		moxifloxacin		gemifloxacin	
			−R	+R	−R	+R	−R	+R	−R	+R	−R	+R
ATCC49619	Wild-type	None	4	2	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.125	0.125	0.031	0.031
ATCC49619 ^{patA}	ATCC49619 <i>patA::magellan2</i> , SPT ^R	None	4	2	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.125	0.125	0.031	0.016
ATCC49619 ^{patB}	ATCC49619 <i>patB::magellan2</i> , SPT ^R	None	2	2	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.125	0.125	0.031	0.031
ATCC49619 ^{pmrA}	ATCC49619 <i>pmrA::magellan2</i> , SPT ^R	None	4	2	1	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.125	0.125	0.031	0.031
SP334	ATCC49619 after 13-days exposure to ciprofloxacin, CIP ^R	None	32	4	4	0.5	2	1	0.25	0.25	0.125	0.031
SP334 ^{patA}	SP334 <i>patA::magellan2</i> , SPT ^R	None	4	4	1	0.5	1	1	0.125	0.125	0.063	0.031
SP334 ^{patB}	SP334 <i>patB::magellan2</i> , SPT ^R	None	8	4	1	1	1	1	0.25	0.25	0.063	0.063
SP334 ^{pmrA}	SP334 <i>pmrA::aad9</i> , SPT ^R	None	32	4	4	0.5	1	0.5	0.25	0.25	0.125	0.063

4 4 1 0.5 1 1 0.125 0.125 0.063 0.031
8 4 1 1 1 1 0.25 0.25 0.063 0.063



Disruption of *patA* or *patB* restores susceptibility to fluoroquinolones in a resistant strain while disruption of *pmrA* does not
→ efflux of fluoroquinolones mediated by *patA/patB* in *S. pneumoniae*



Why do beta-lactams regain activity against intracellular *Listeria monocytogenes* ?

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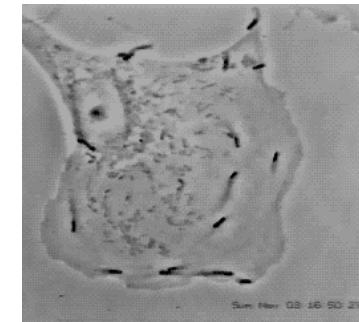
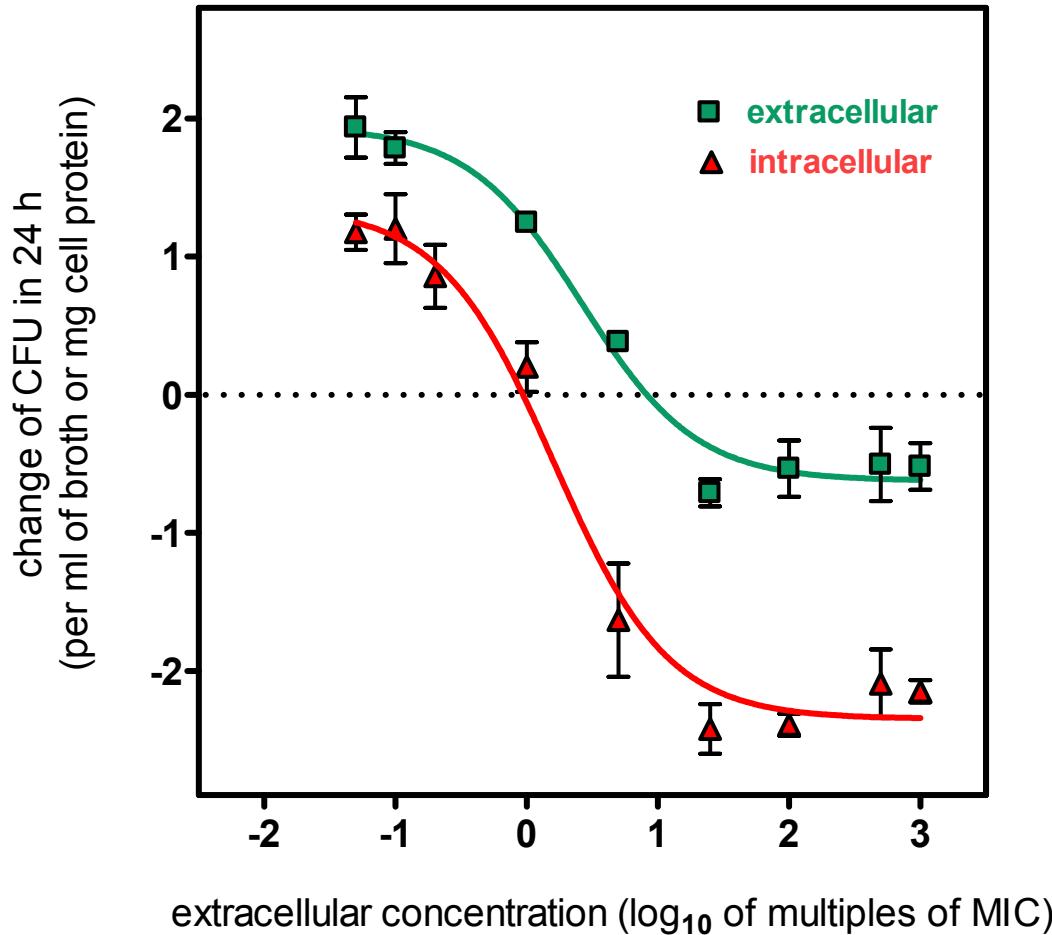
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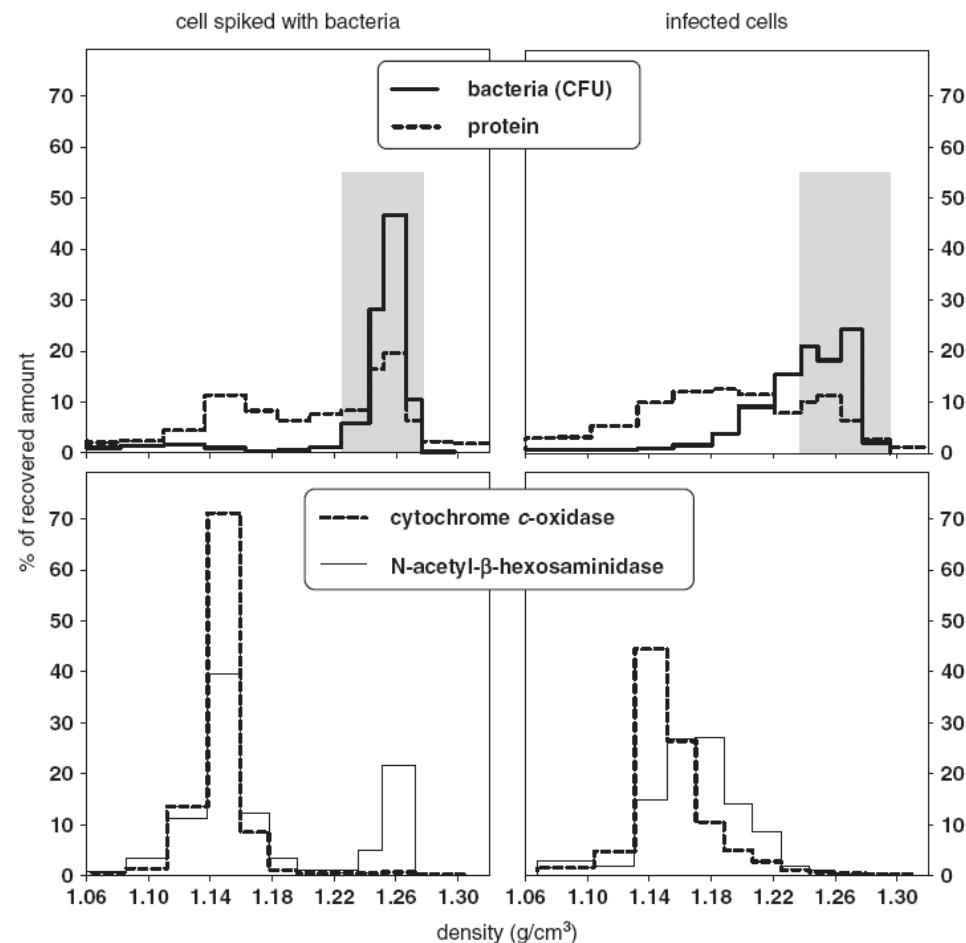
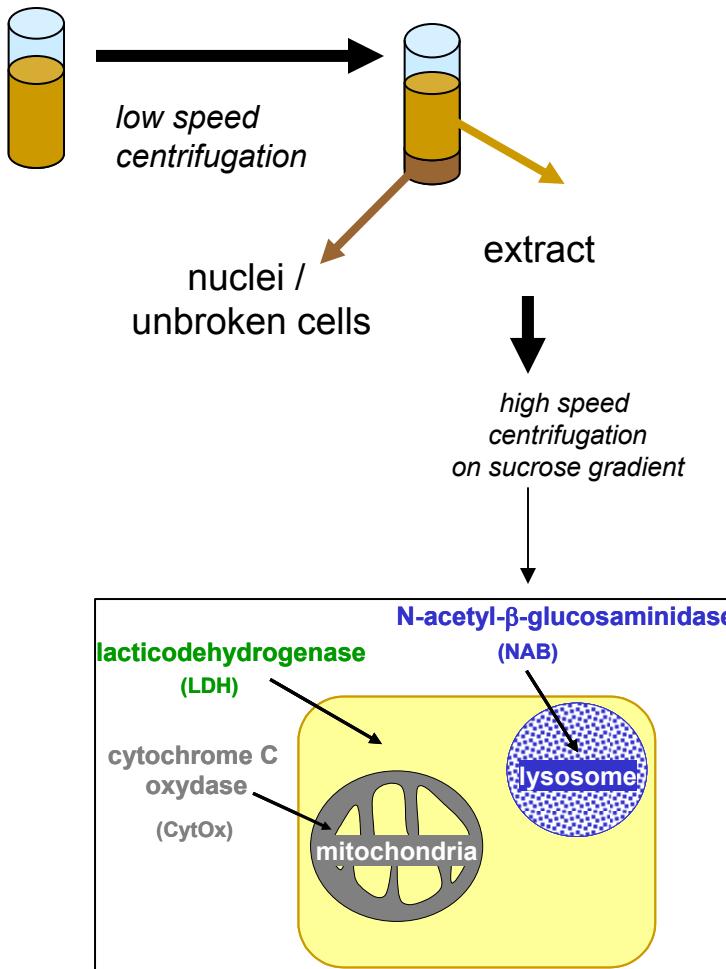
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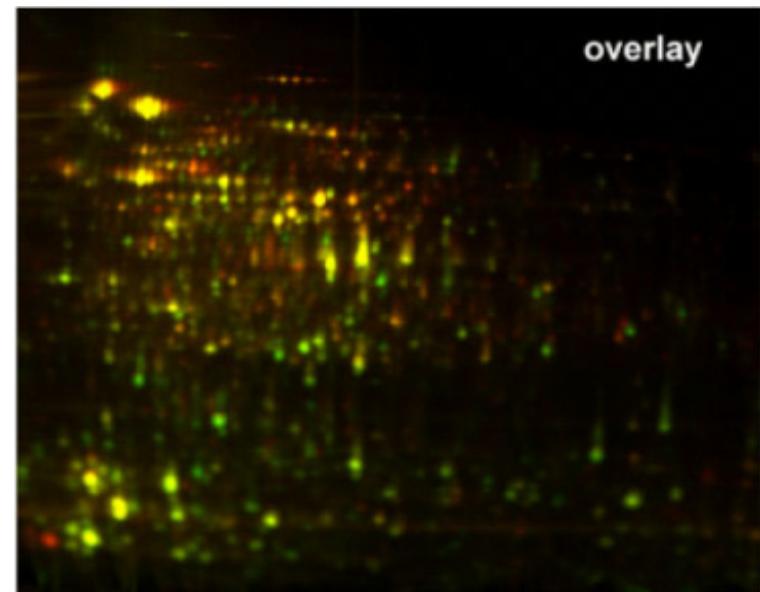
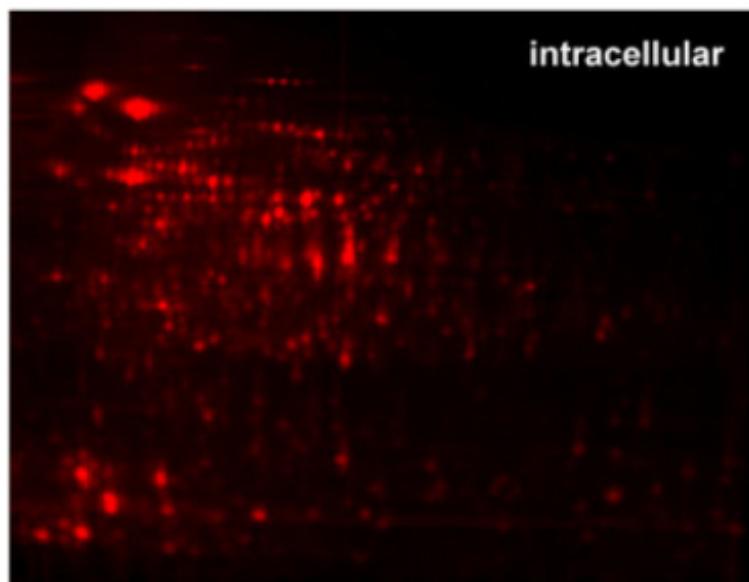
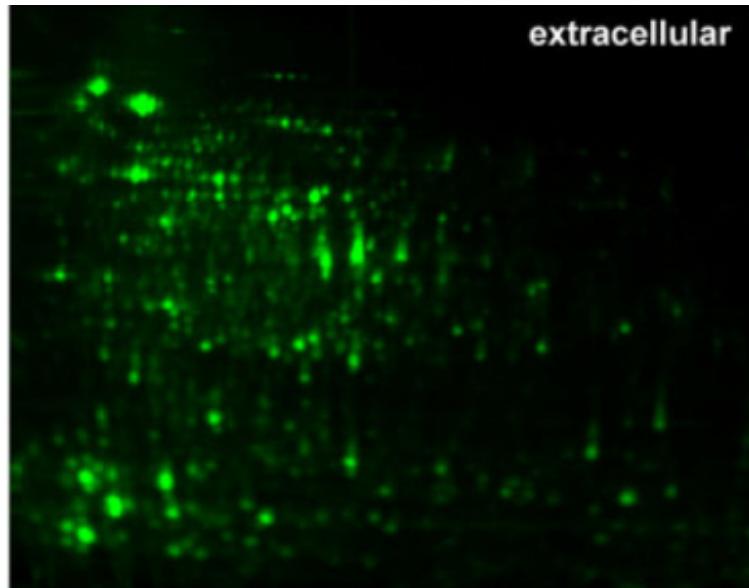


Changes
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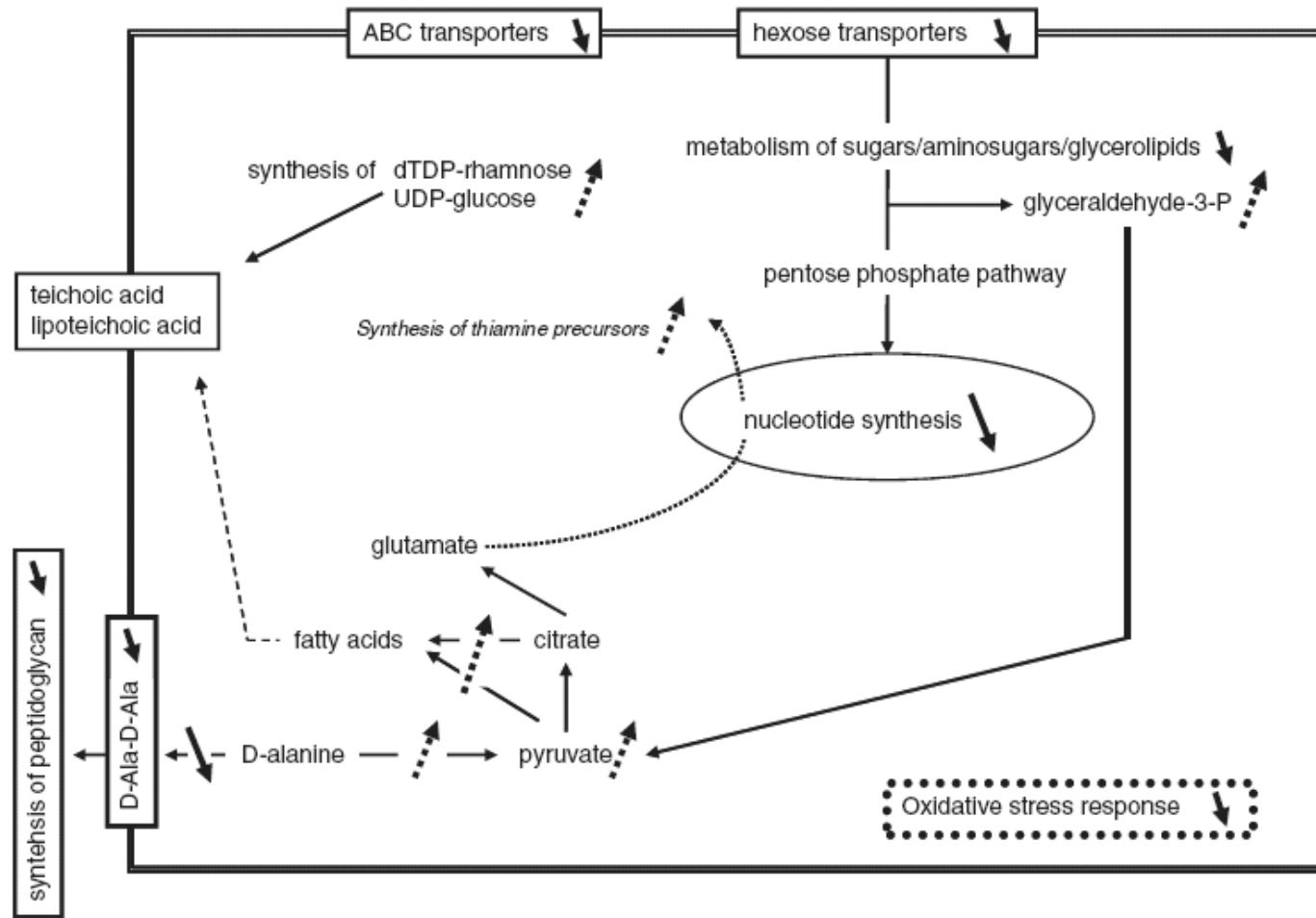
Purifying intracellular Listeria by cell fractionation



Separating and quantifying proteins



Interpreting changes in protein expression



Examples of integrated programs of molecular pharmacology

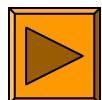
Oritavancin :

a new antibiotic with novel mode of action and unusual cellular pharmacokinetic profile



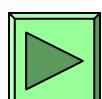
Beta-lactams :

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Aminoglycosides :

from molecular mechanisms of toxicity to clinical implications



Pharmacology of oritavancin

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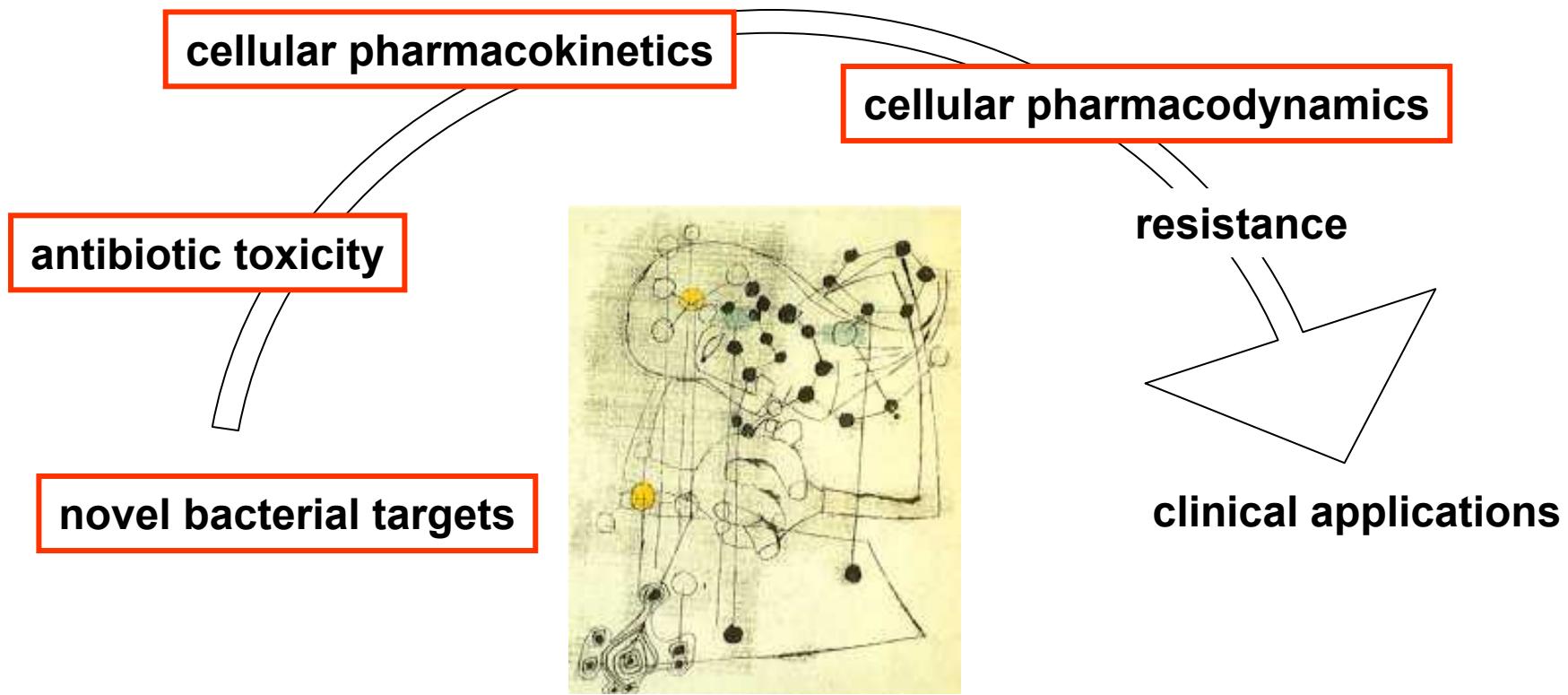
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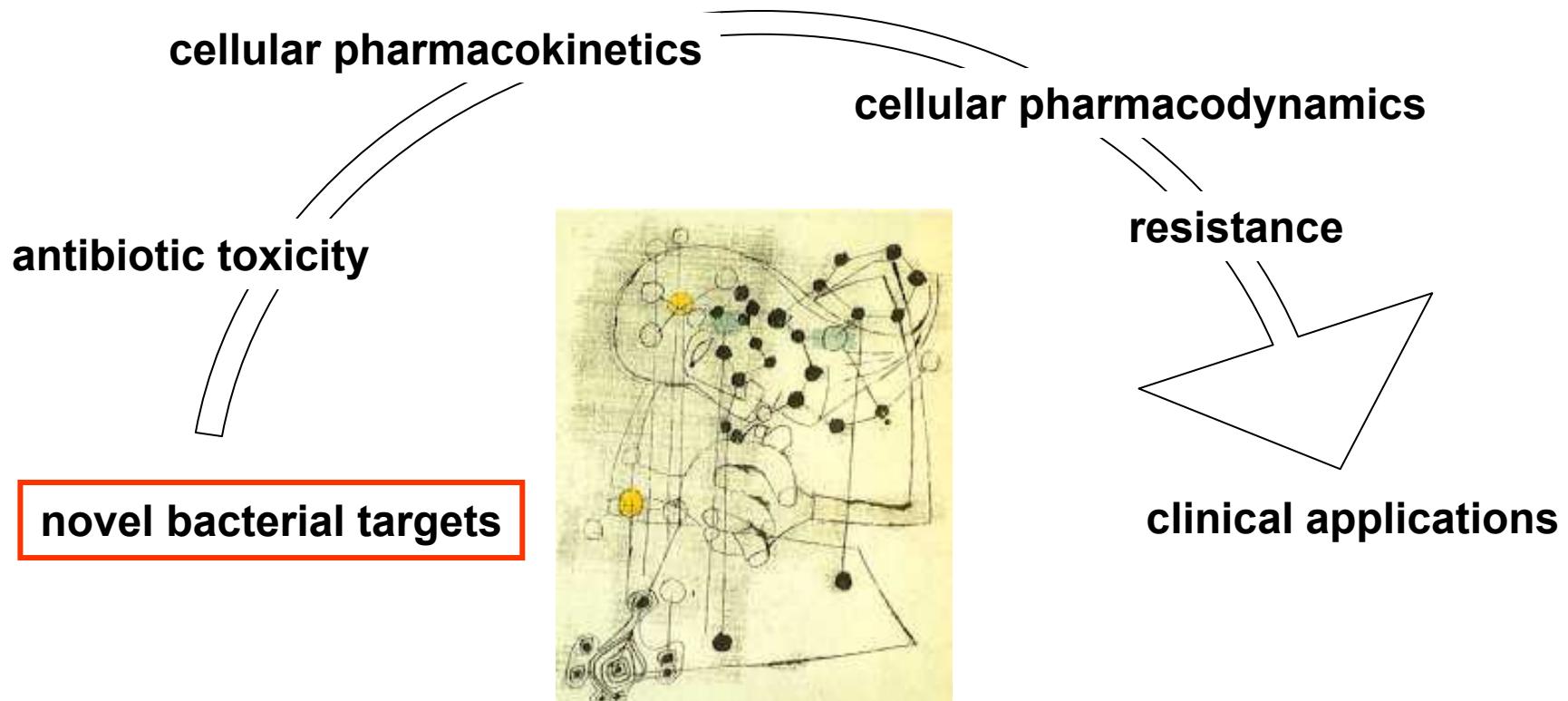
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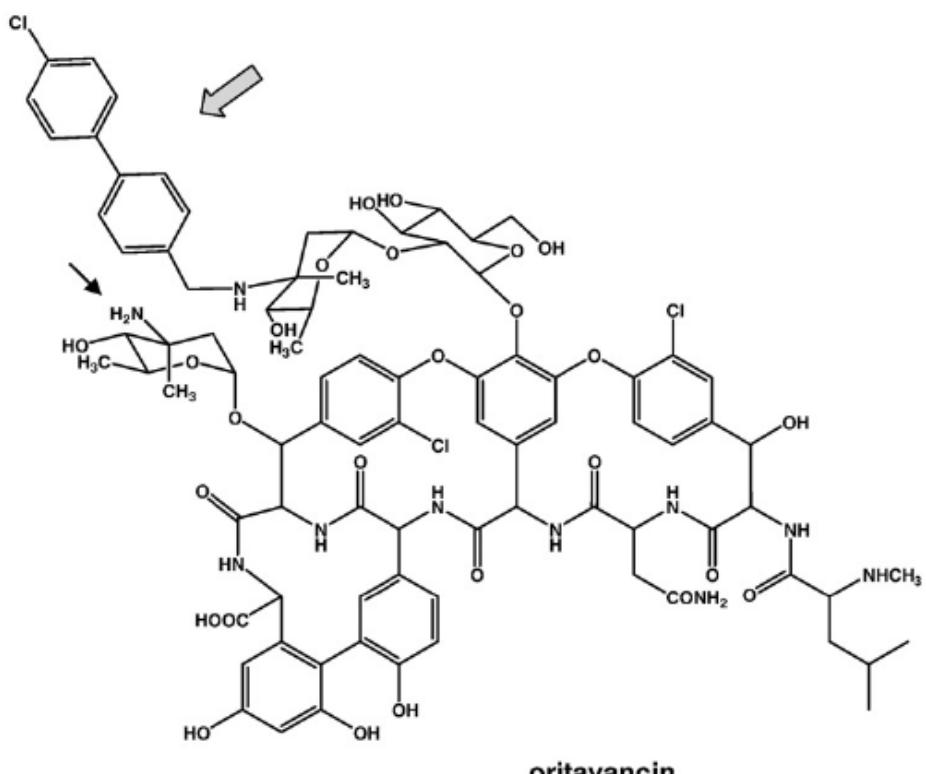
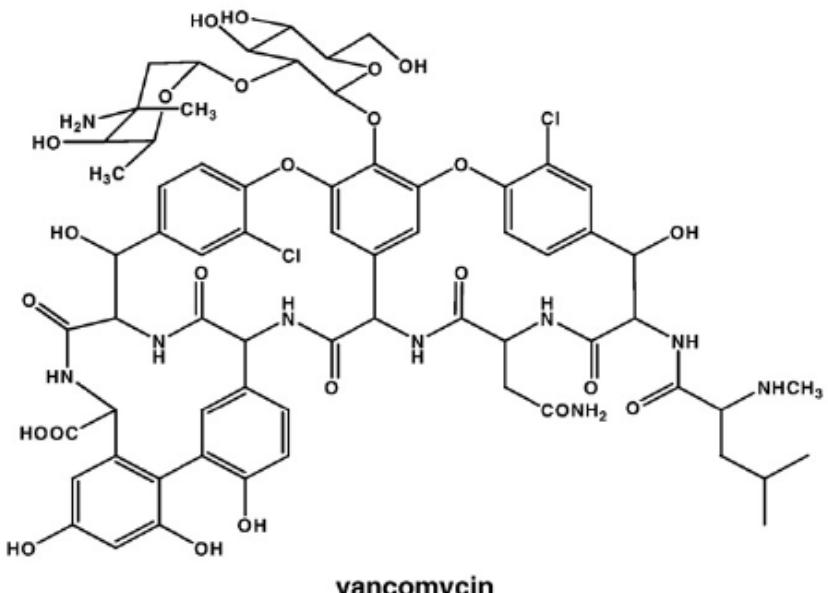
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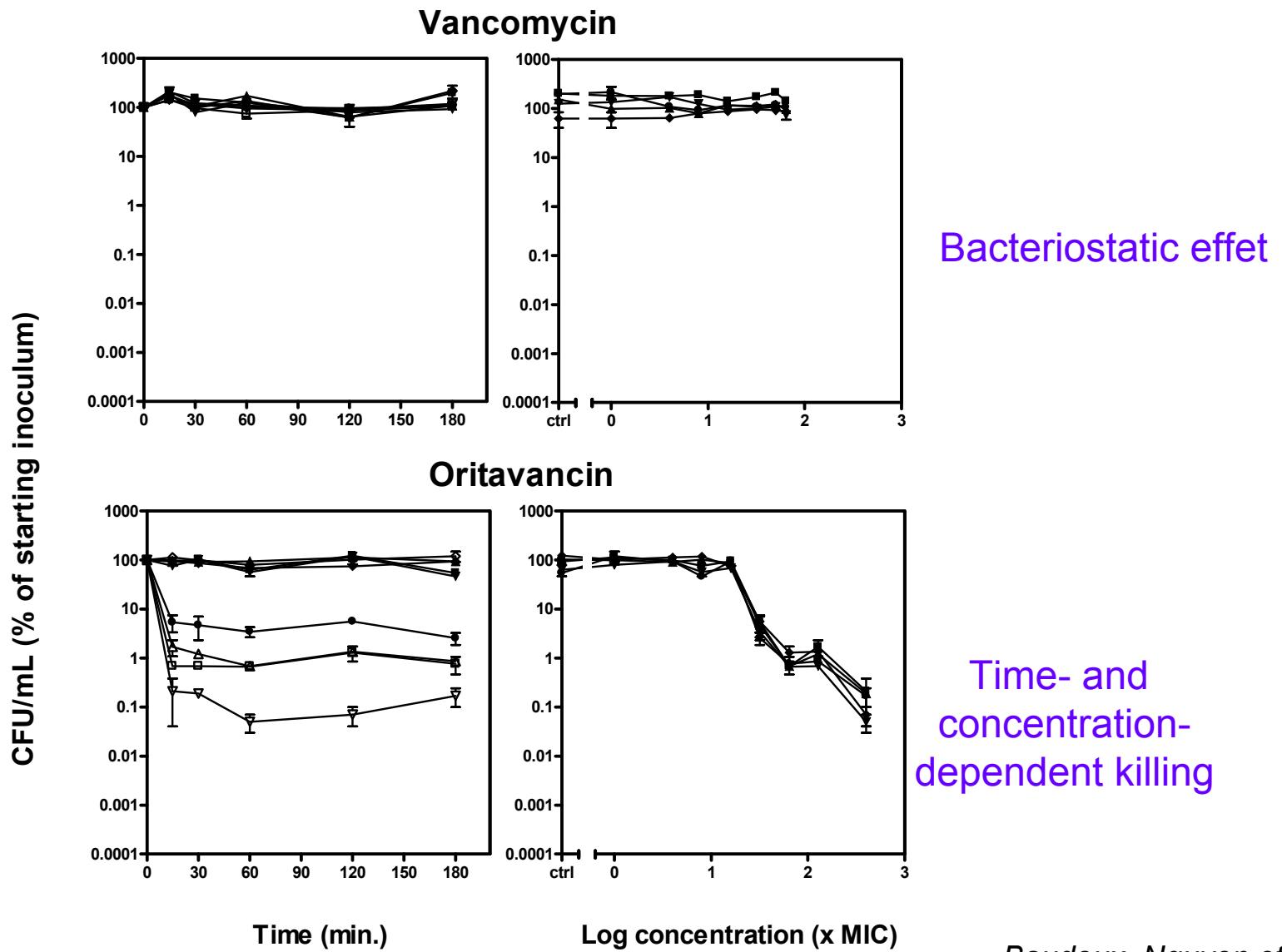
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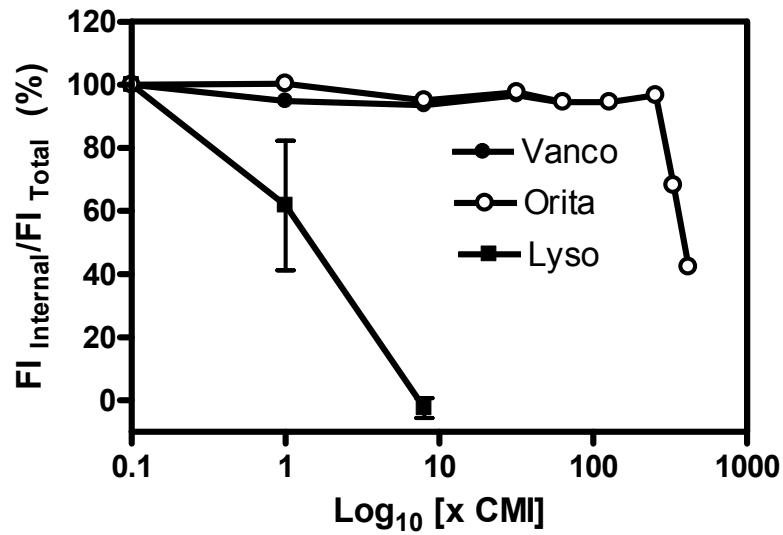
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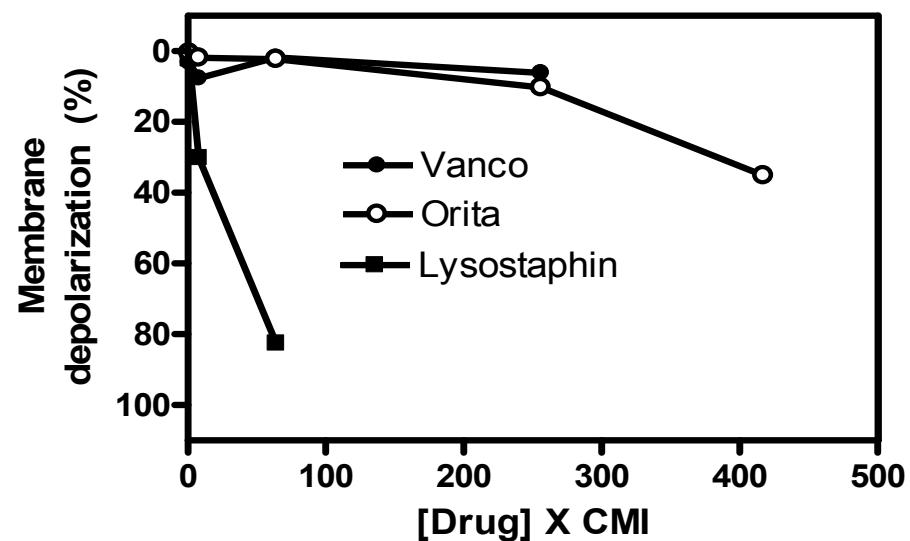
Baudoux, Nguyen et al.
ICAAC 2009, Poster C1 1354

A new mode of action

release of entrapped calcein

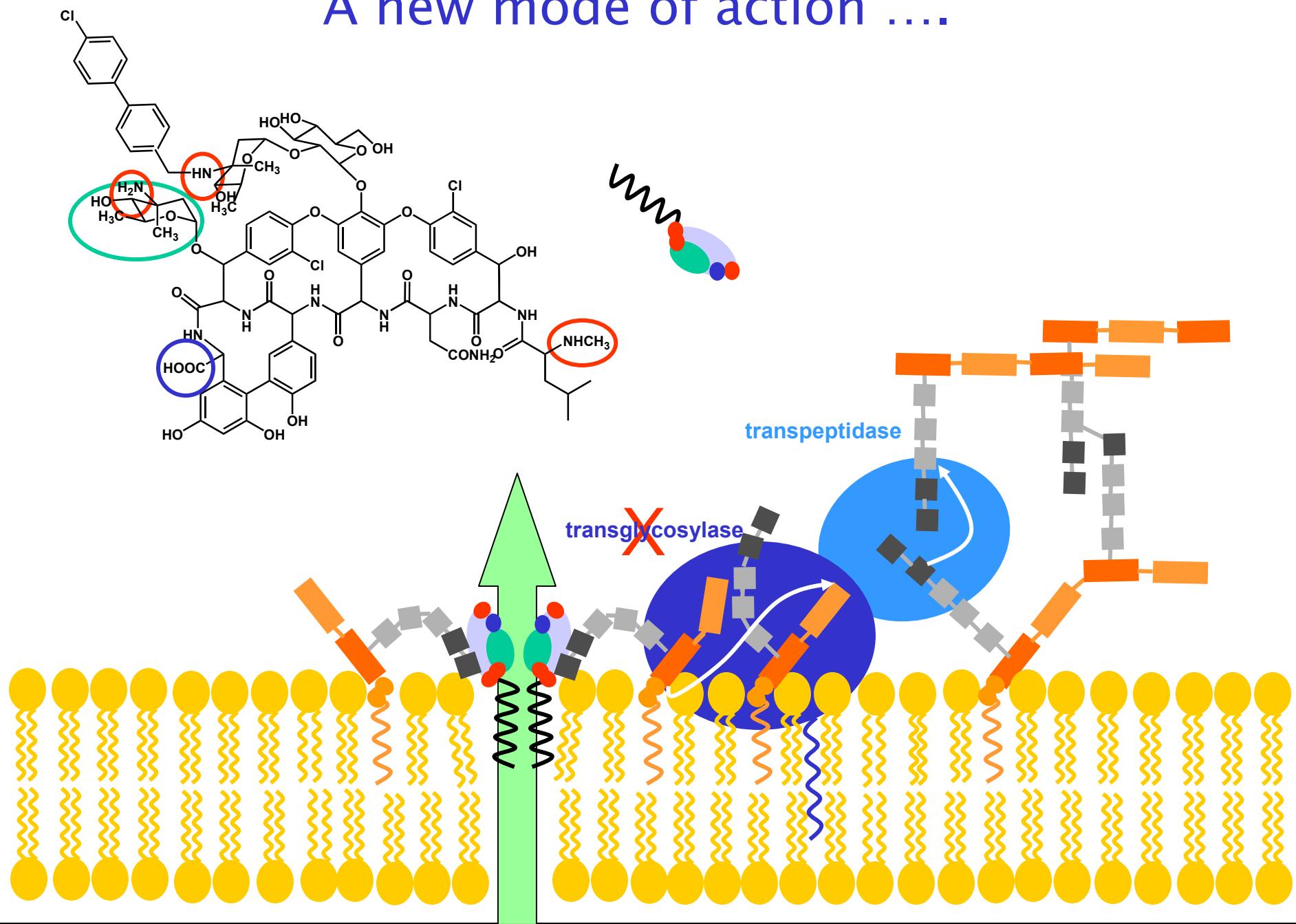


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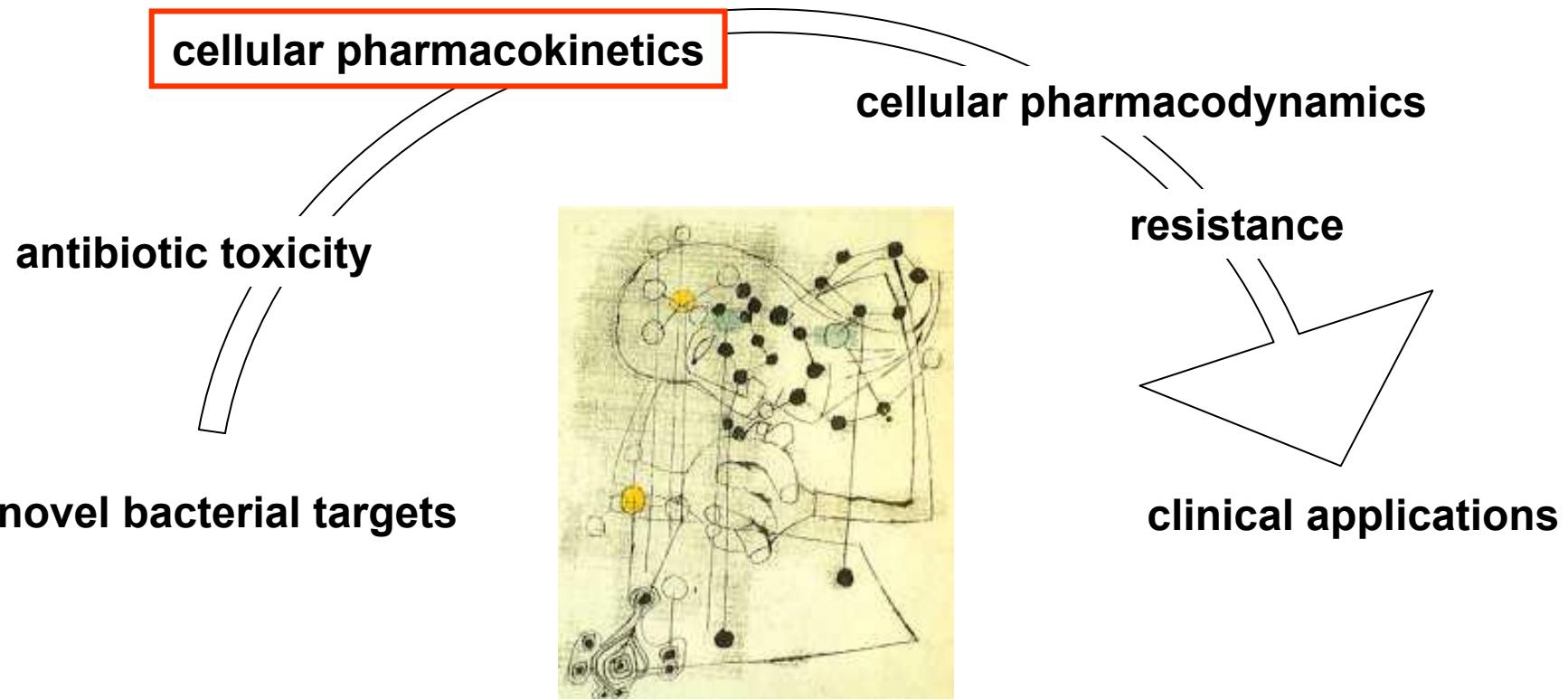


Membrane permeabilization and depolarization

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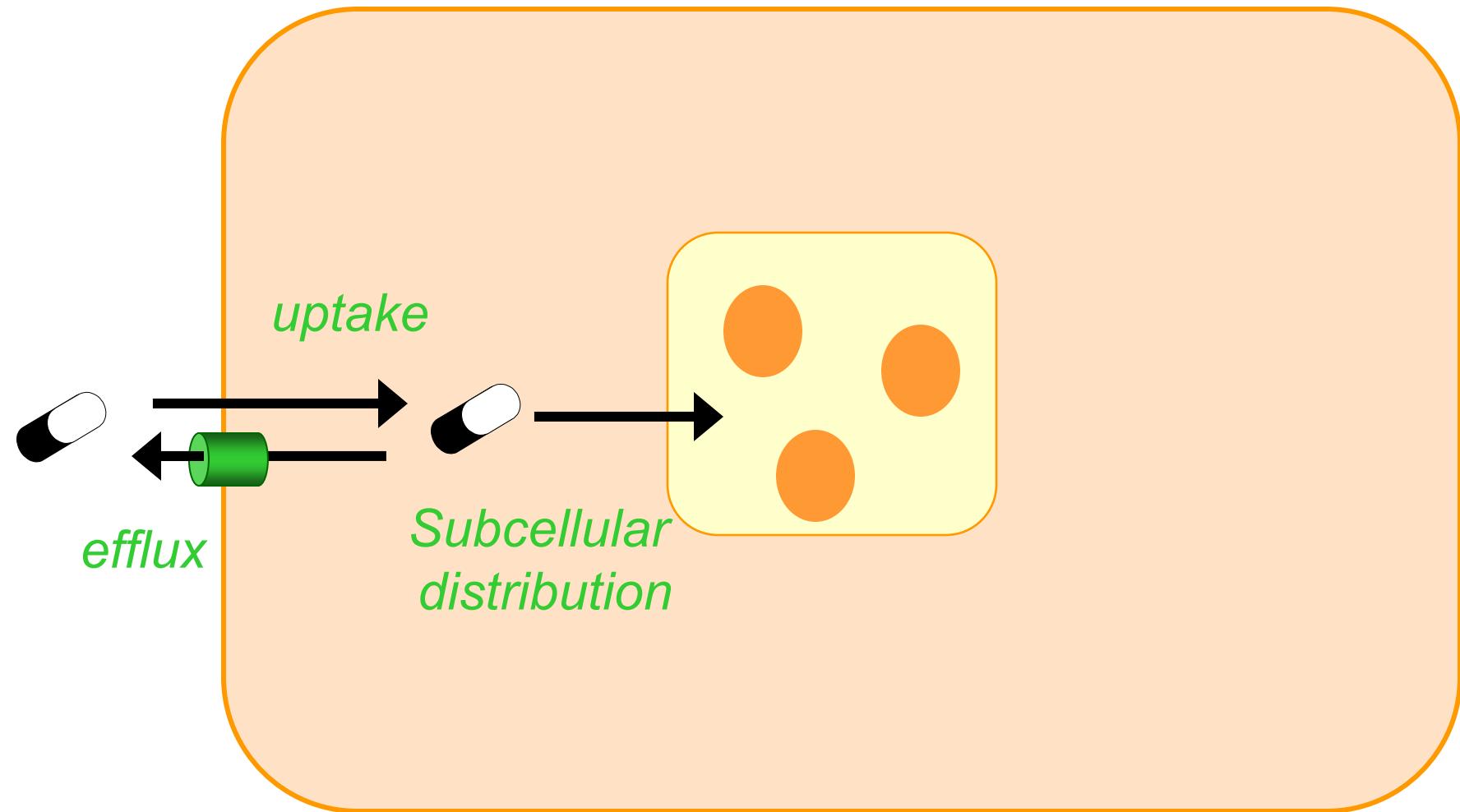
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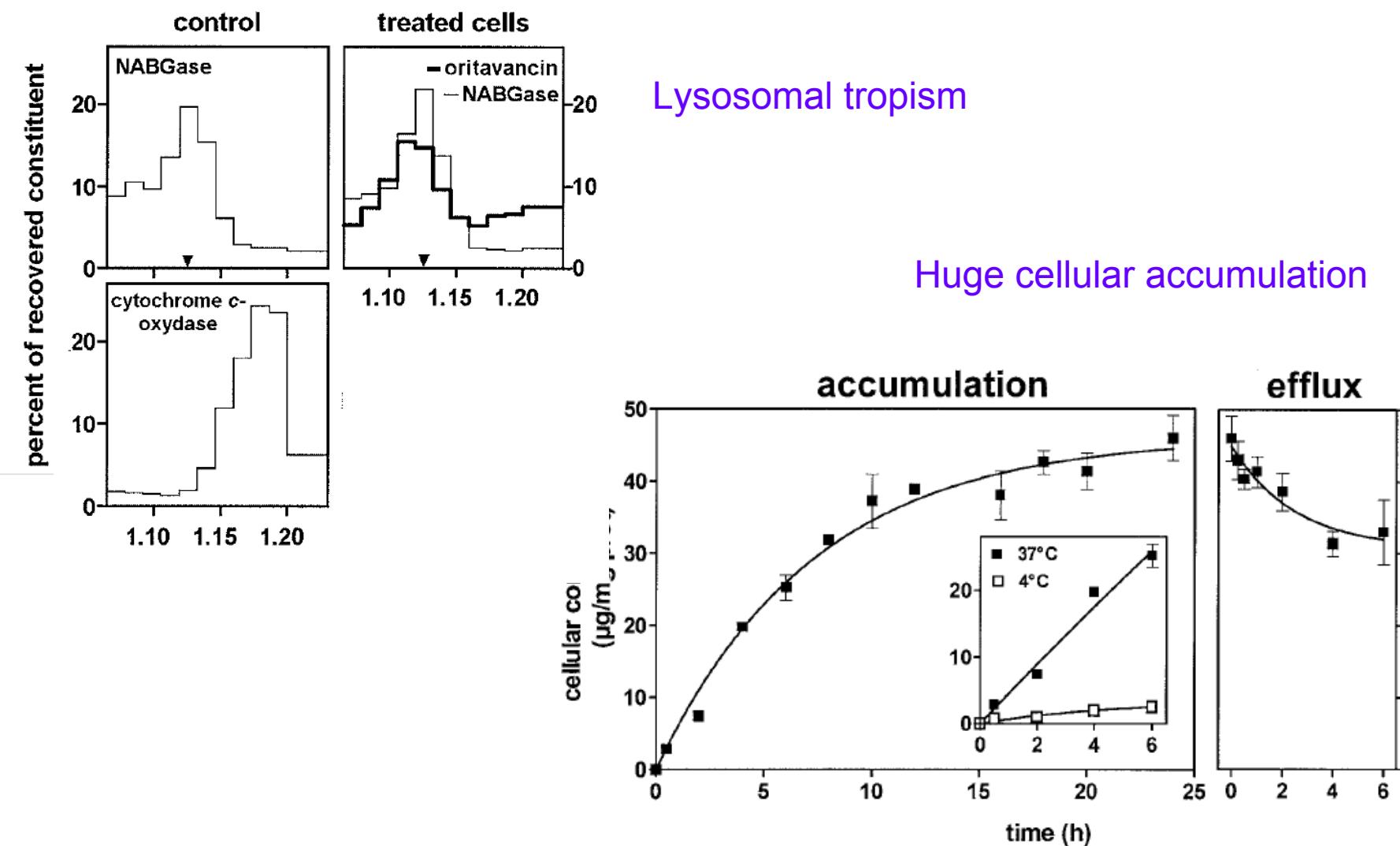
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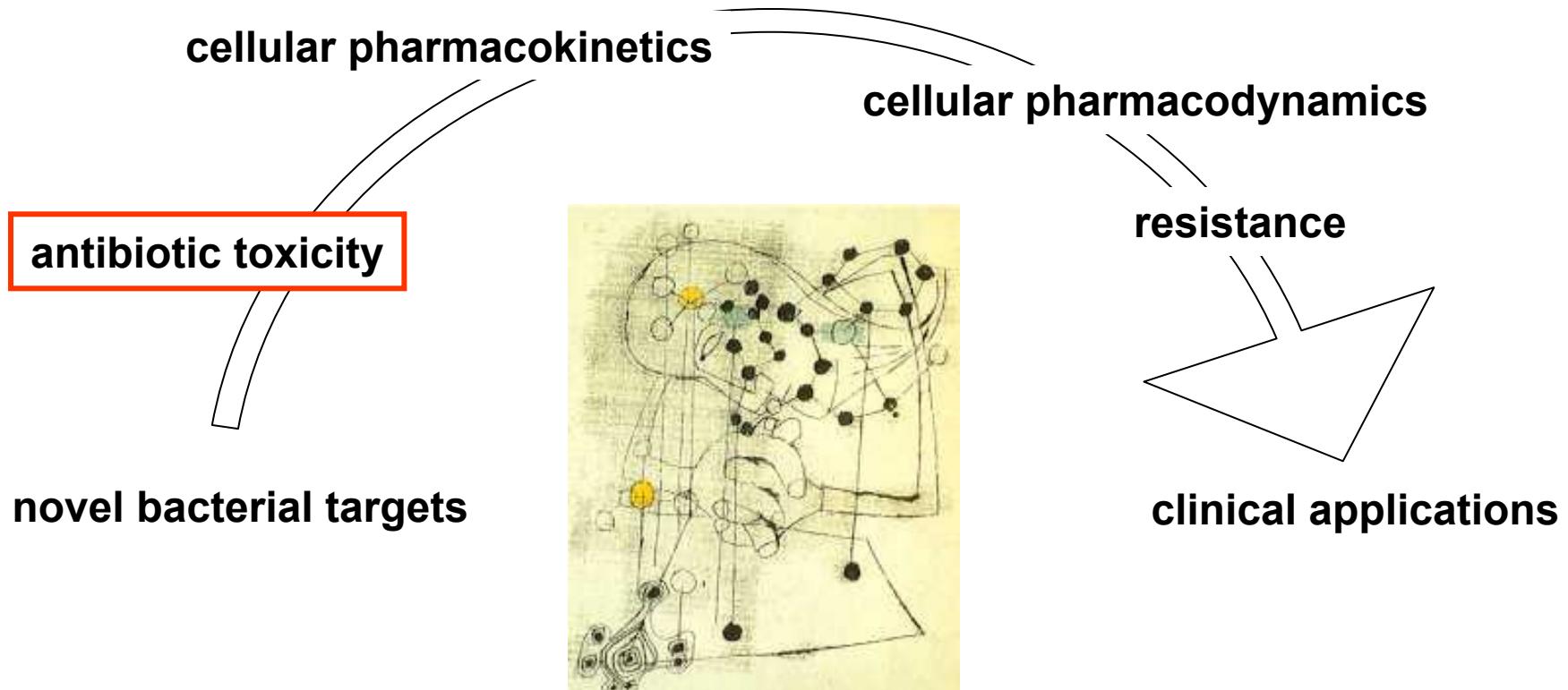


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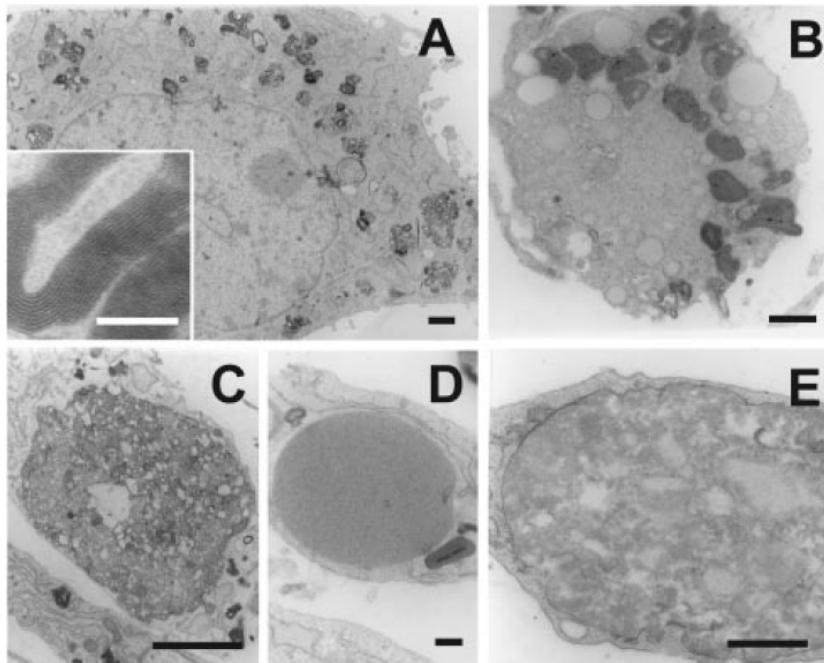
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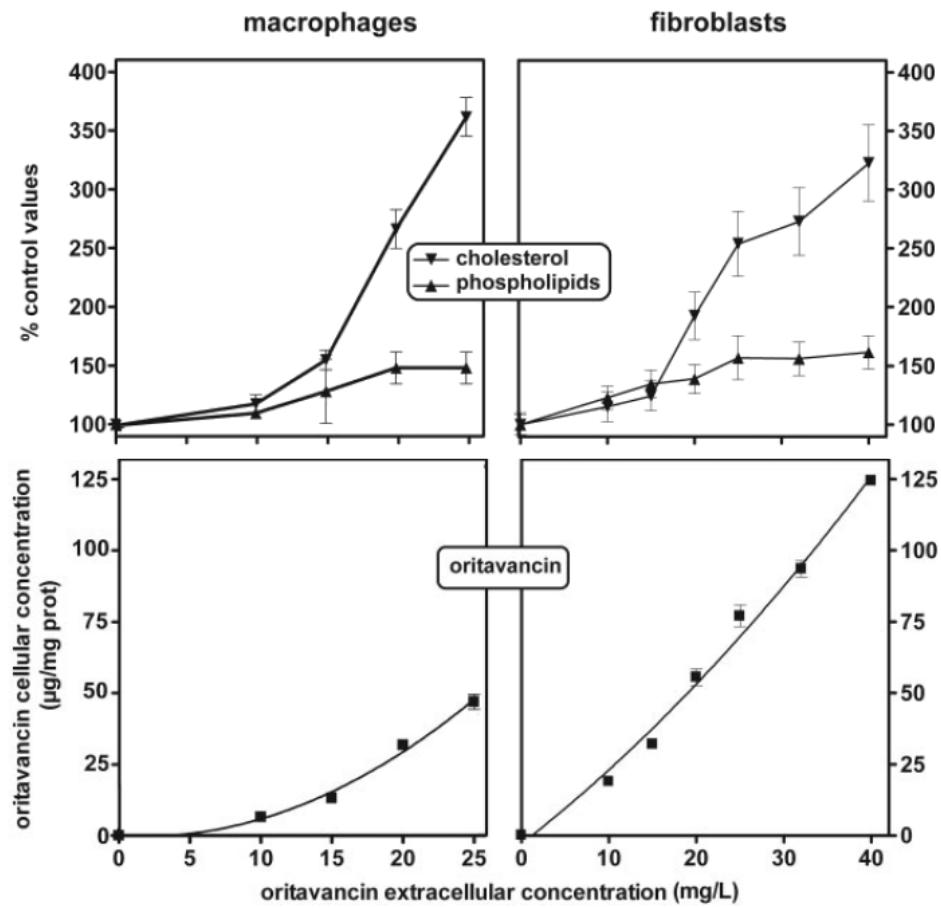
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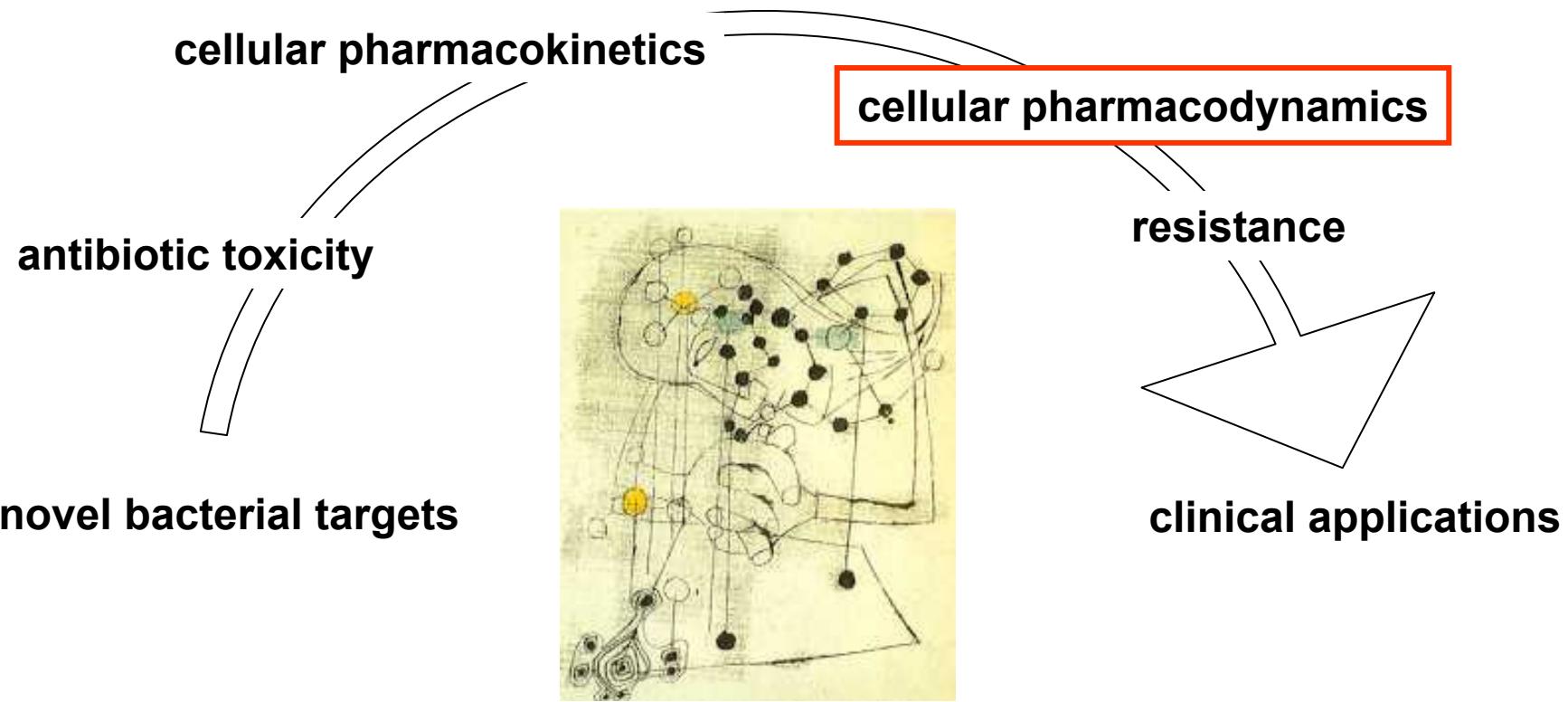


Mixed
storage disorder

Accumulation of lipids



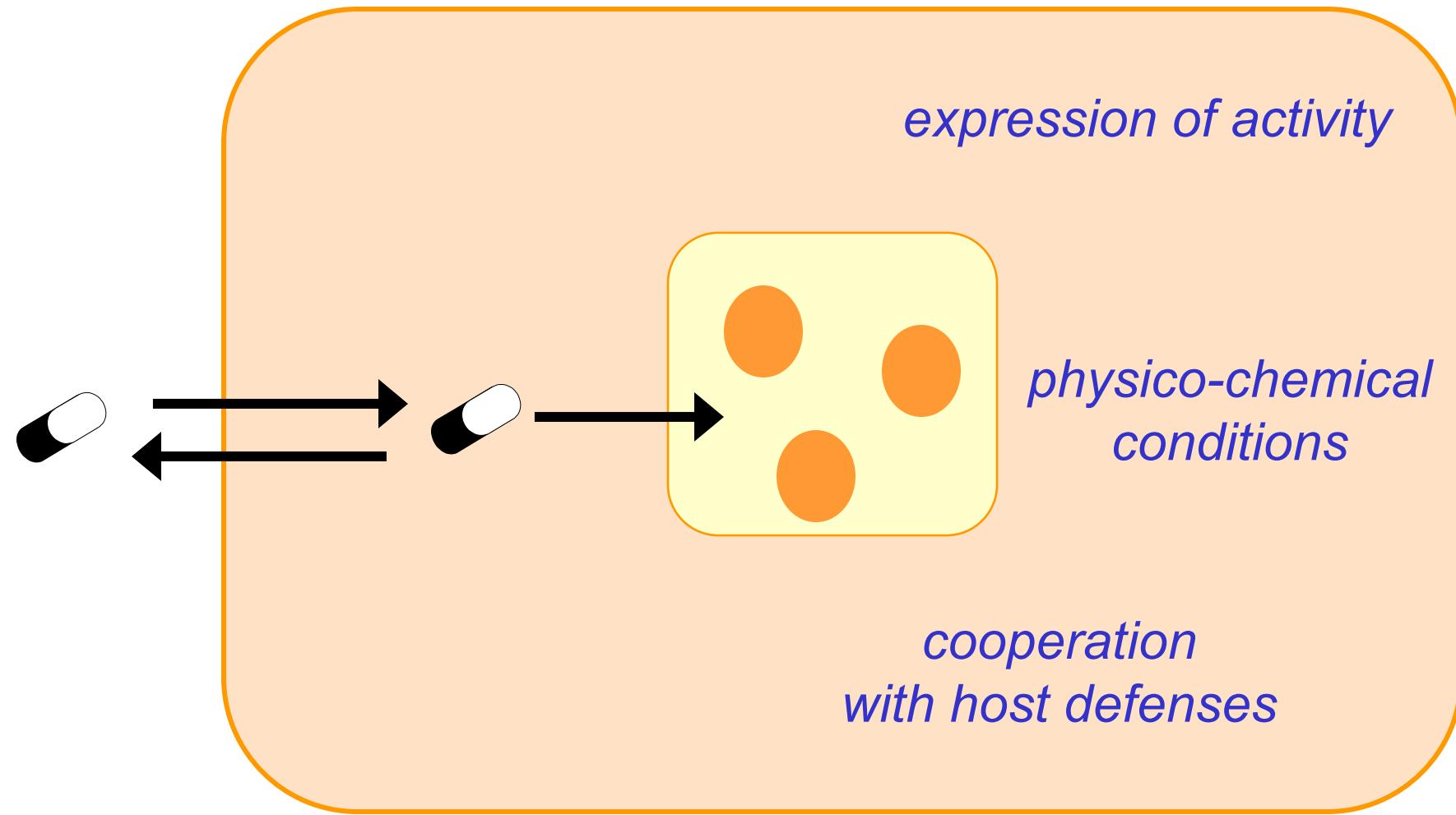
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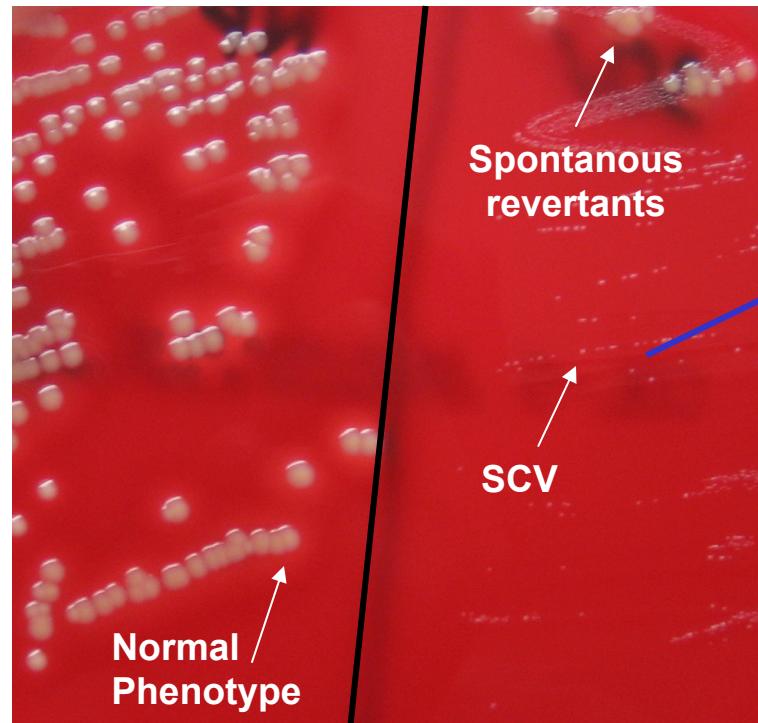
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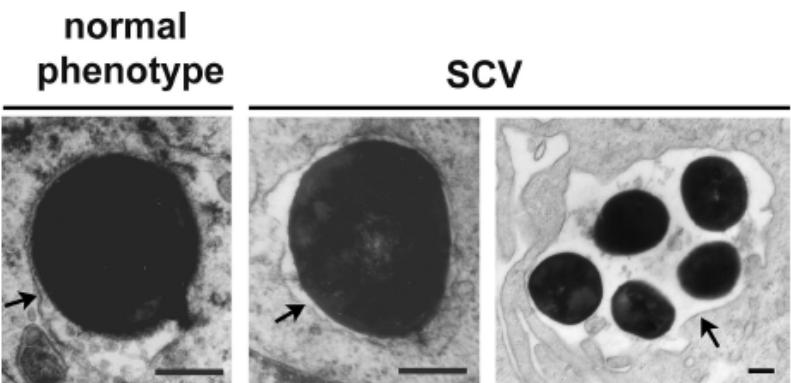
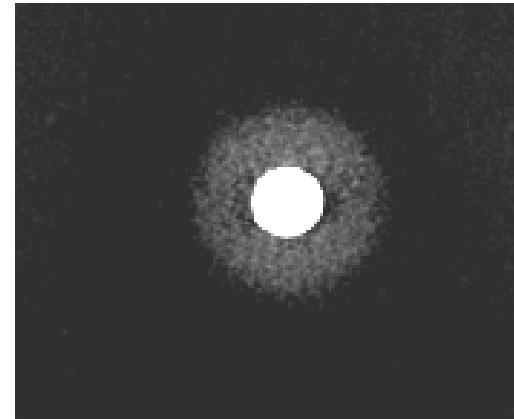
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SCV isolated from a cystic fibrosis patient

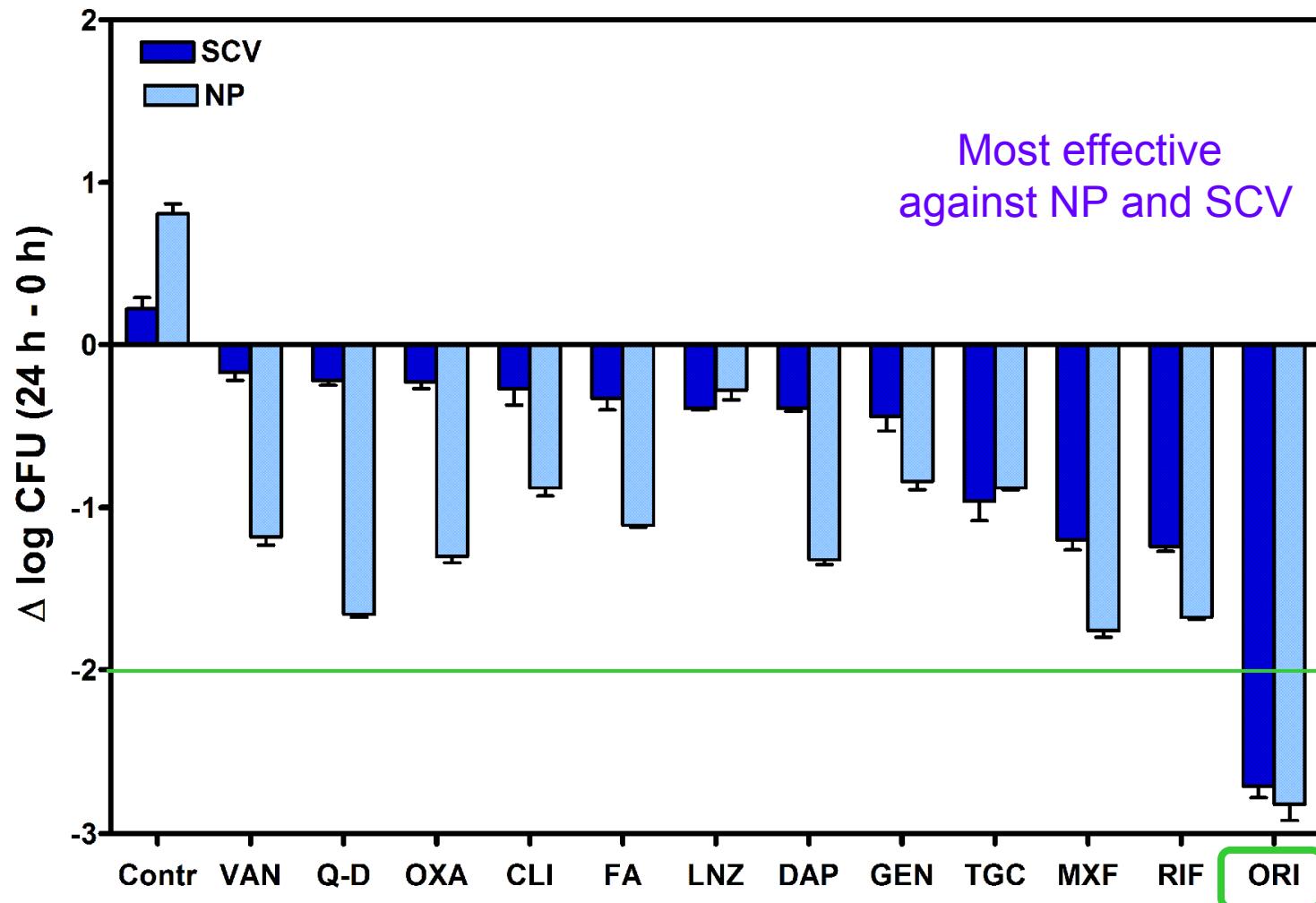
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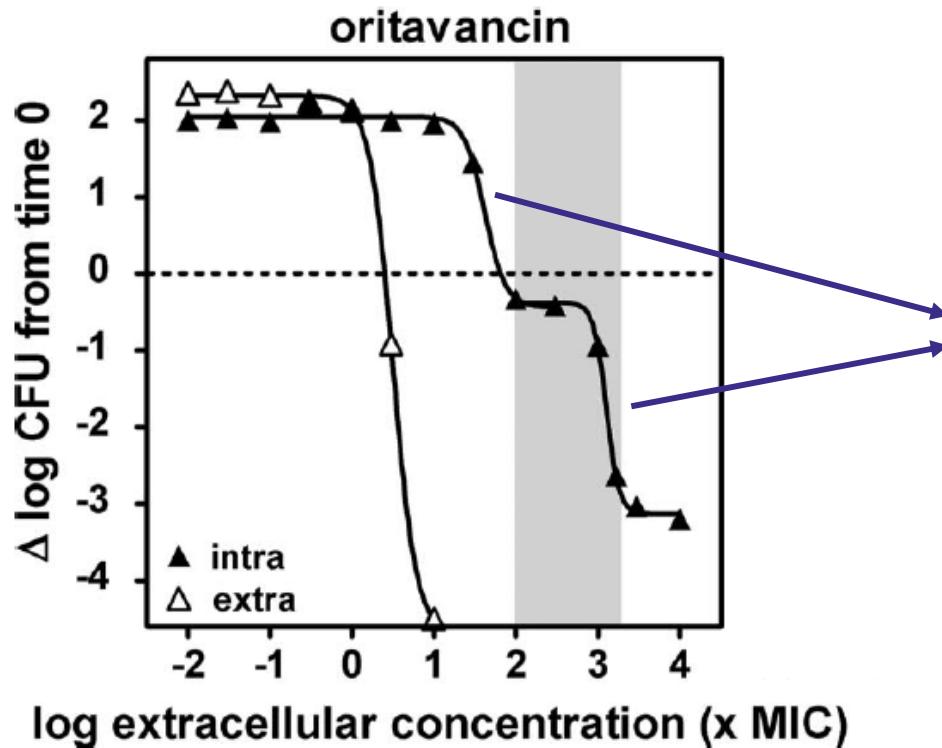


Comparison of antibiotics at their human Cmax



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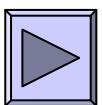
Dose effect relationship



Dual mode of action ?

Conclusion of the oritavancin story and links with the clinics

- highly bactericidal and active against resistant strains thanks to a novel mode of action
 - Useful for infection by super bugs
- high accumulation in cells
 - Prolonged half life for once a day or once a week administration
- active against intracellular staphylococci
 - Interest for persistent infections
- lysosomal storage disorder
 - Significance in the clinics ?
 - FDA asks for more safety data before registration



How do beta-lactams regain activity against MRSA intracellularly ?

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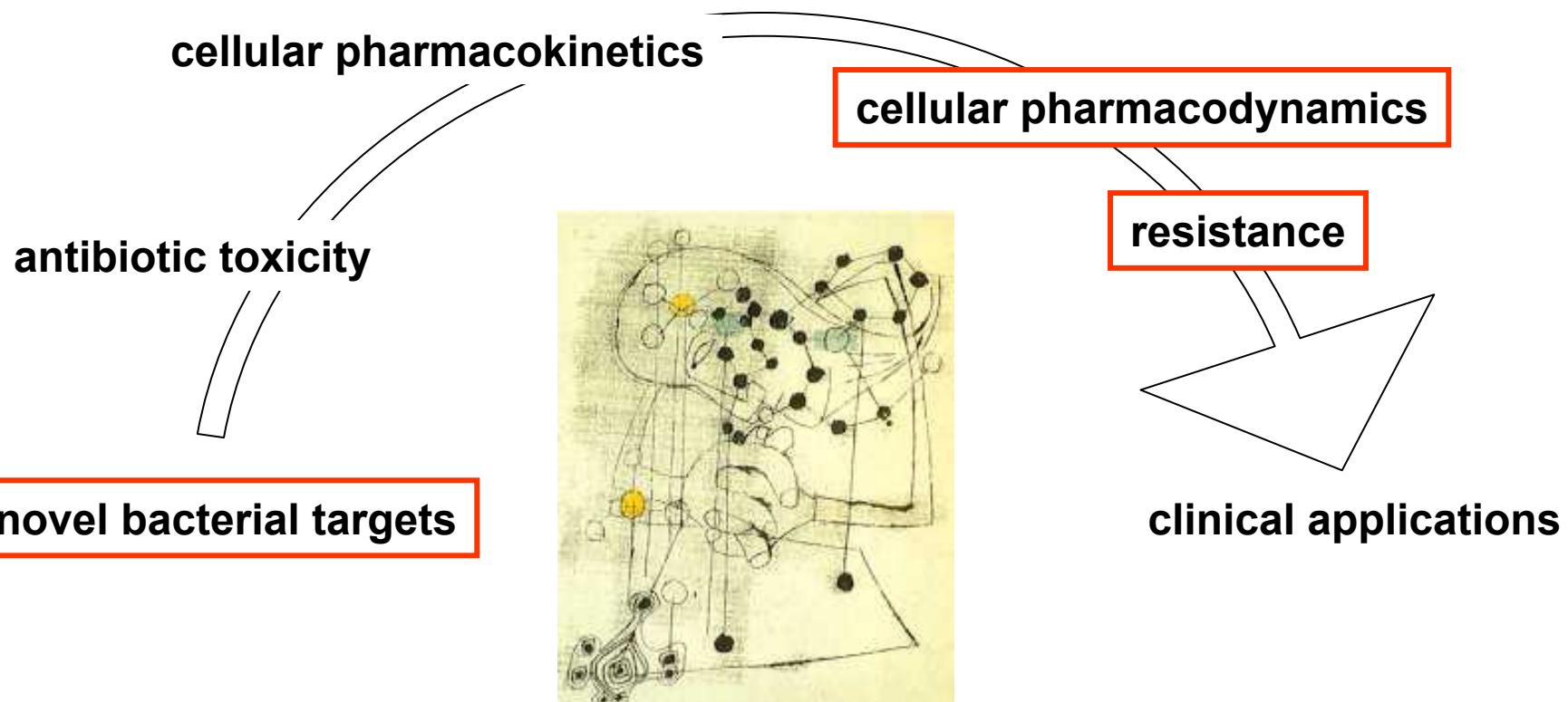
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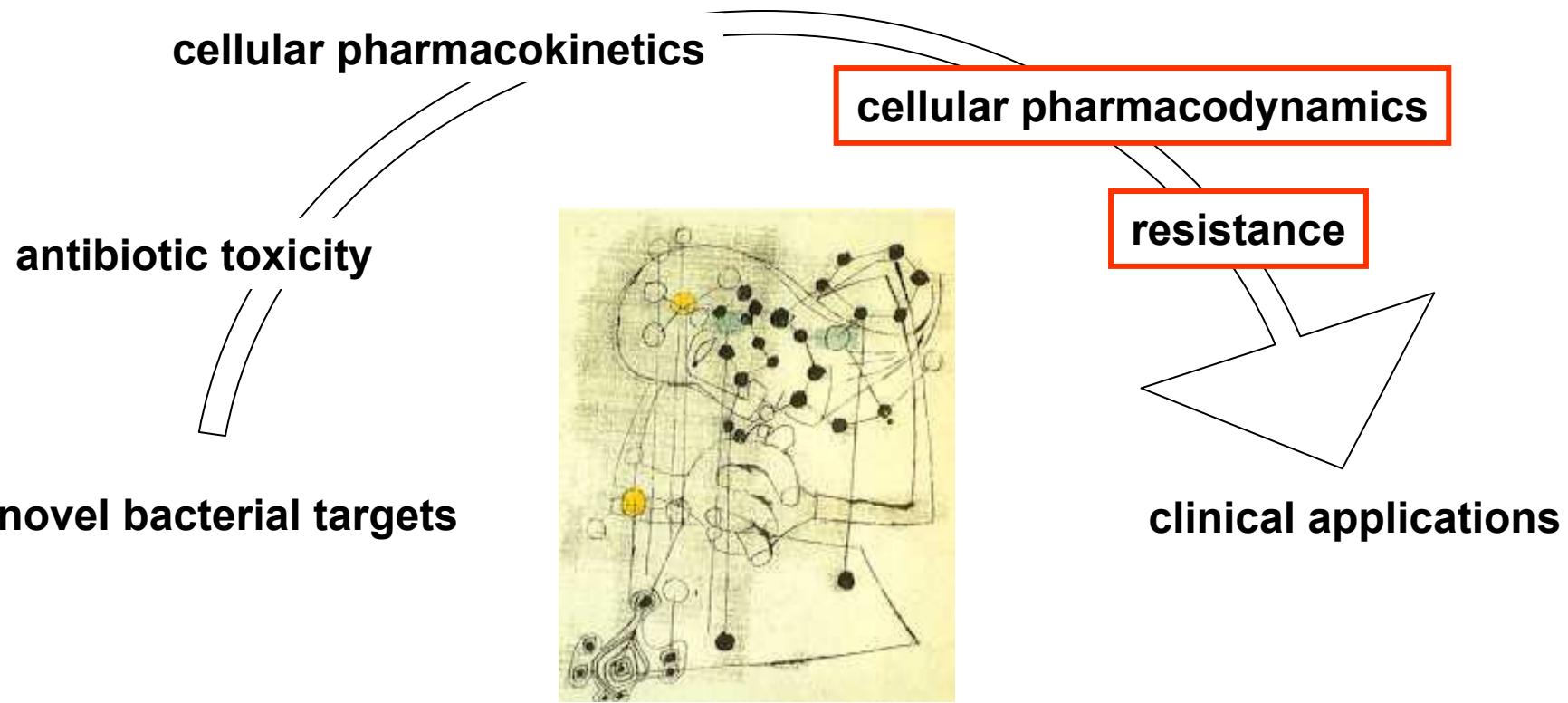
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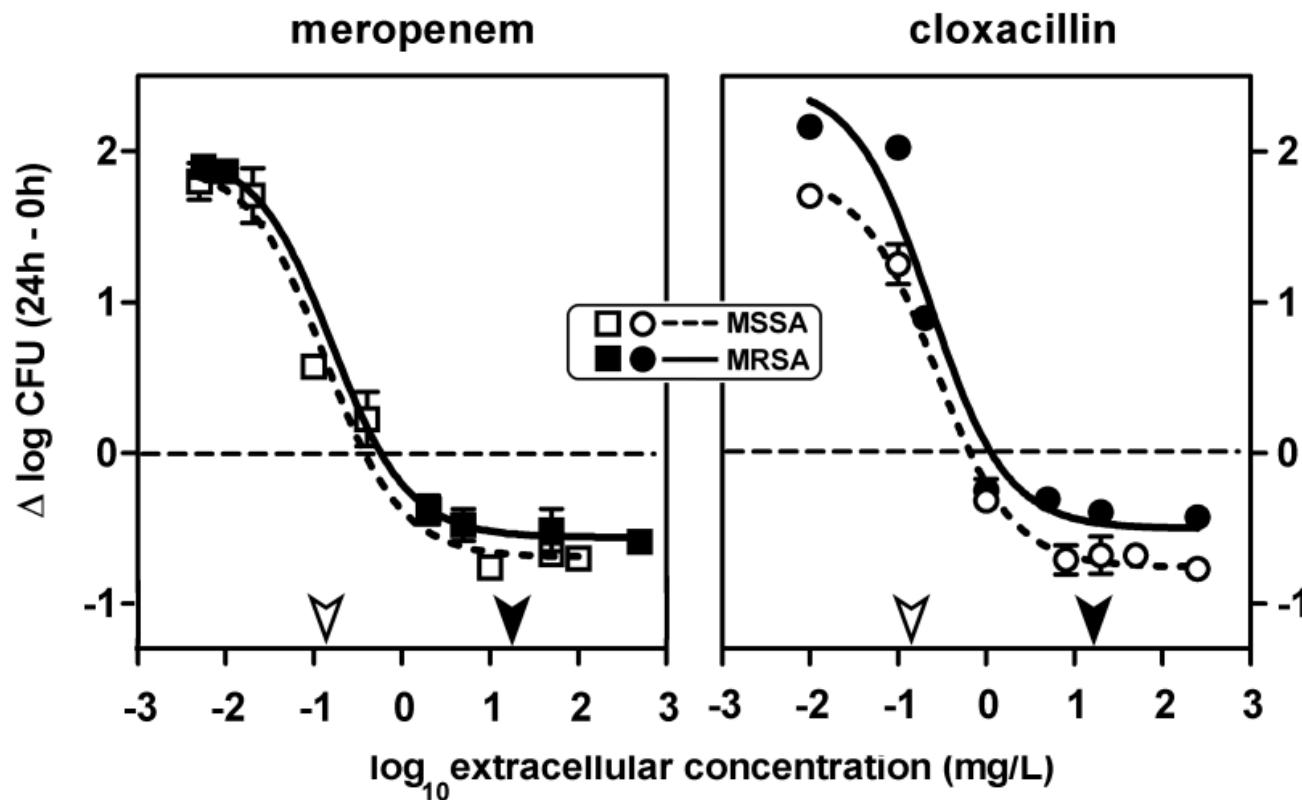


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MRSA vs. MSSA: intracellular activity of β -lactams

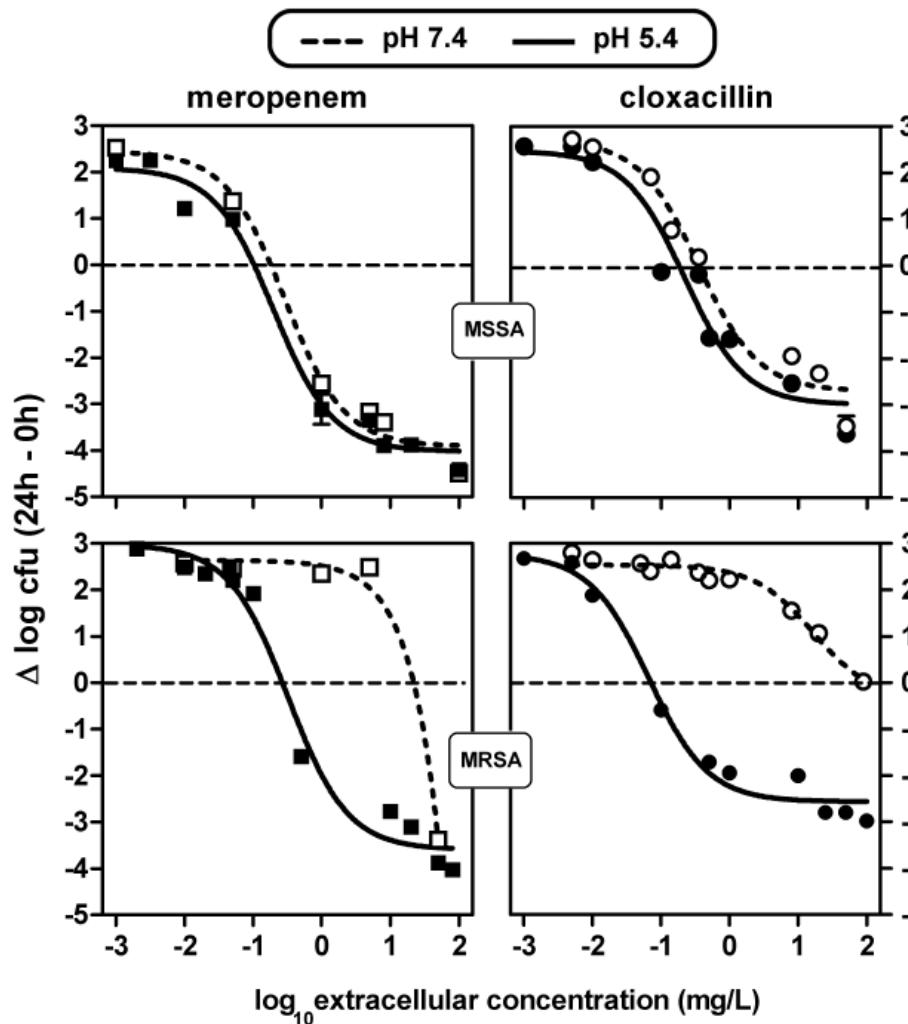
MRSA are as susceptible as MSSA to β -lactams when intracellular !



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MRSA vs. MSSA: extracellular activity of β -lactams

MRSA are as susceptible as MSSA in broth at acidic pH

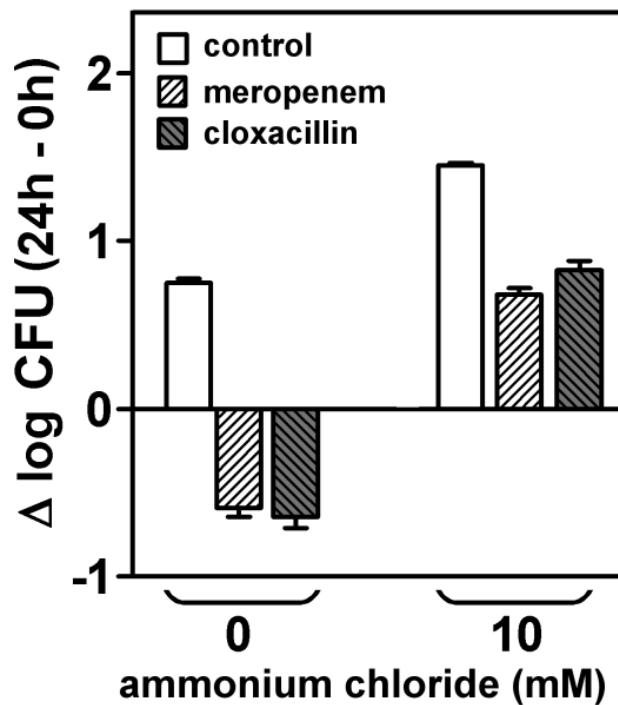
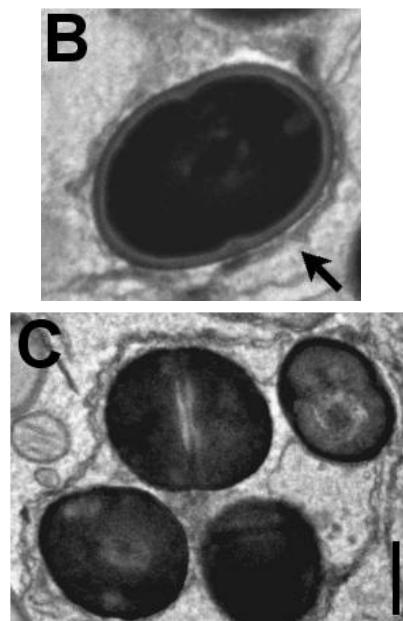


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MRSA vs. MSSA: extracellular activity of β -lactams

Neutralization of lysosomes makes
intracellular MRSA resistant to β -lactams !

MRSA are inside
[acidic] vacuoles



PBP2a conformation is modified by acidic pH

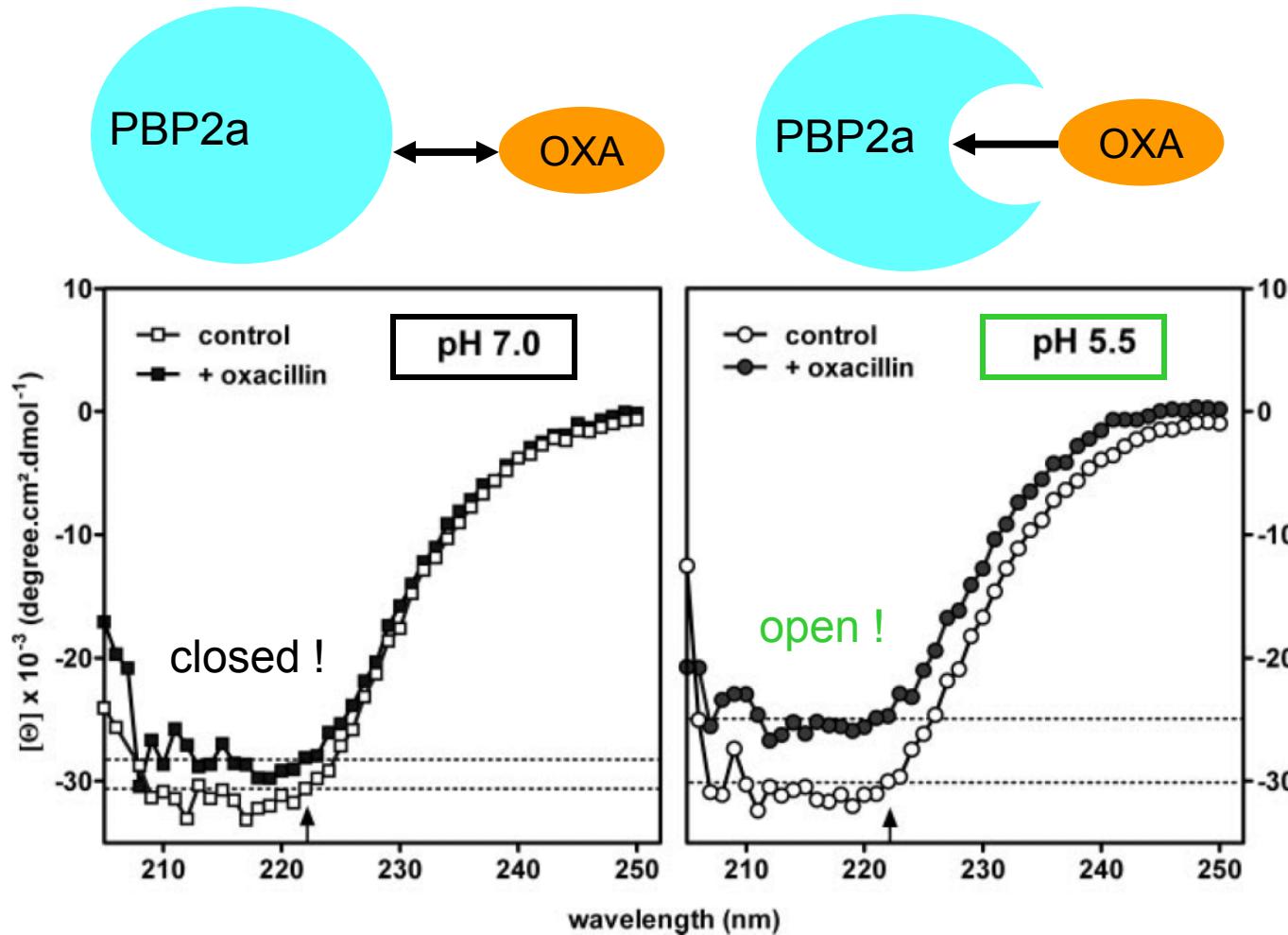


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Impact of intraphagosomal acid pH on the expression of methicillin-resistance in *S. aureus*

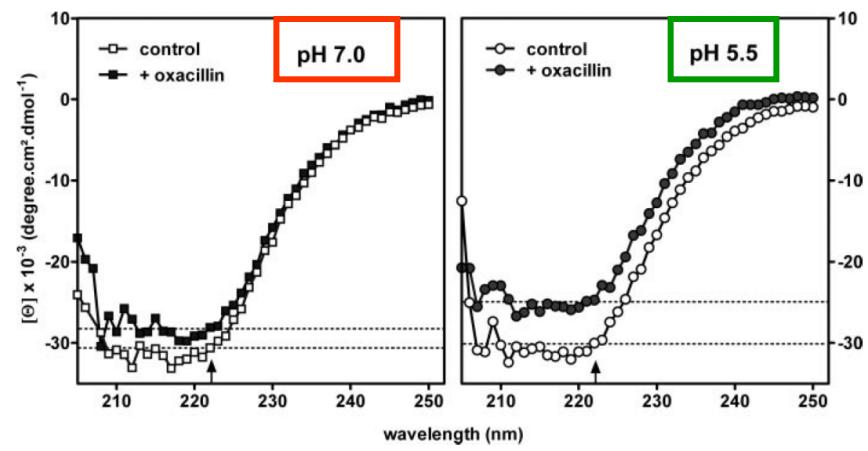
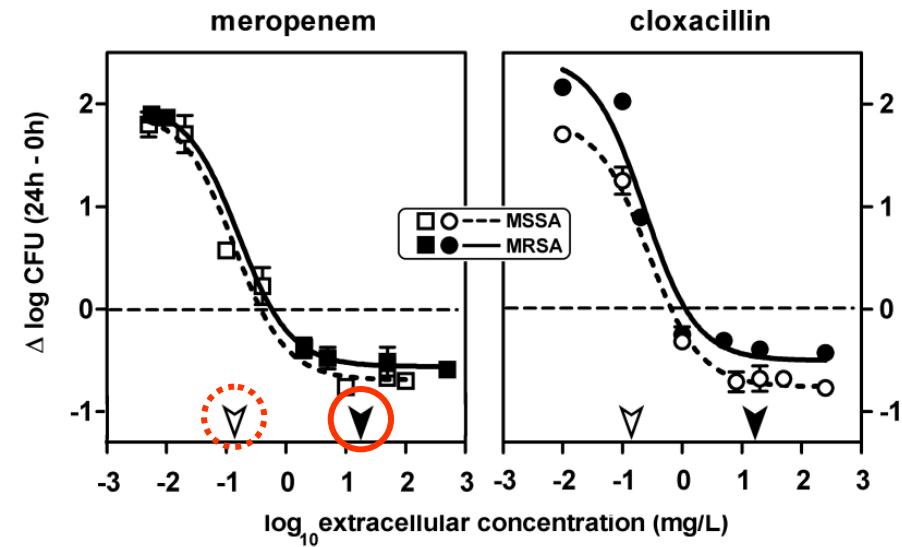
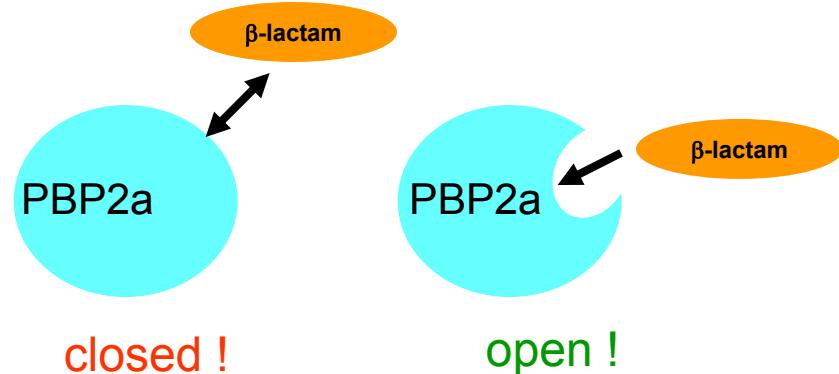
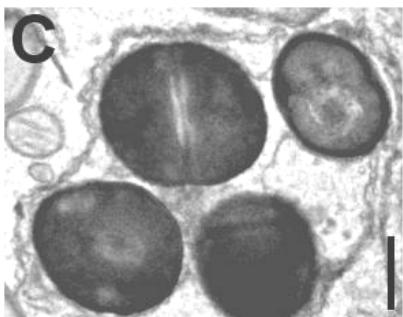
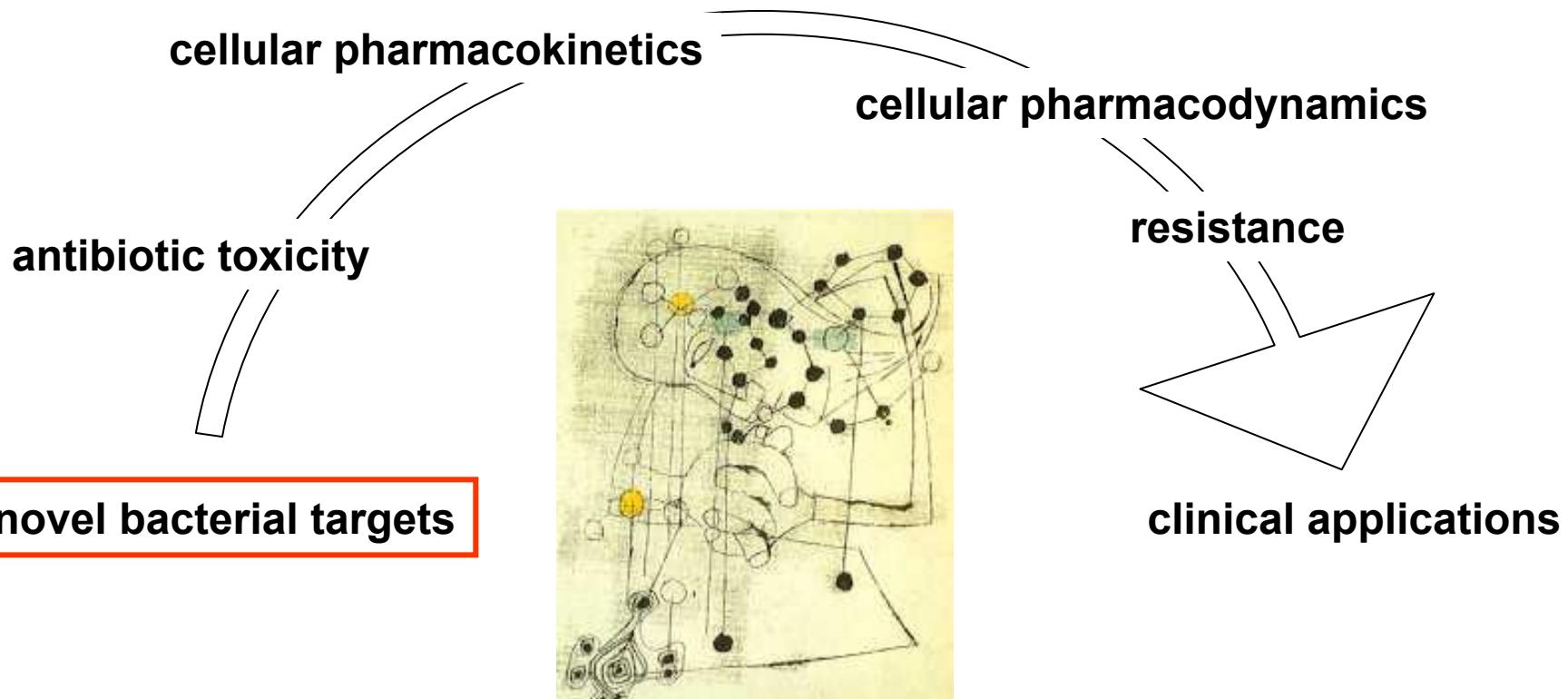


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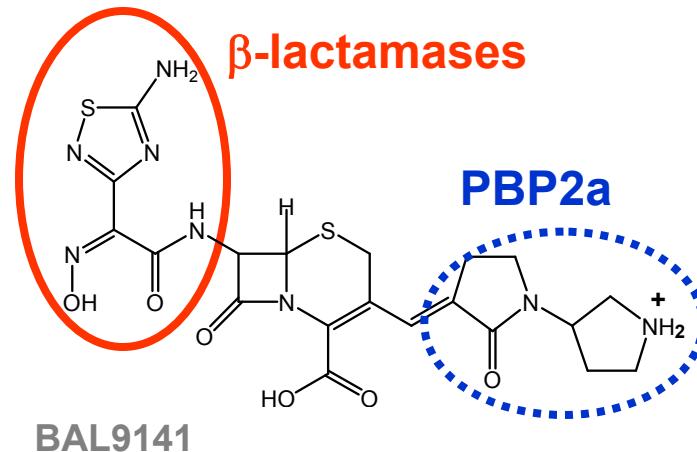


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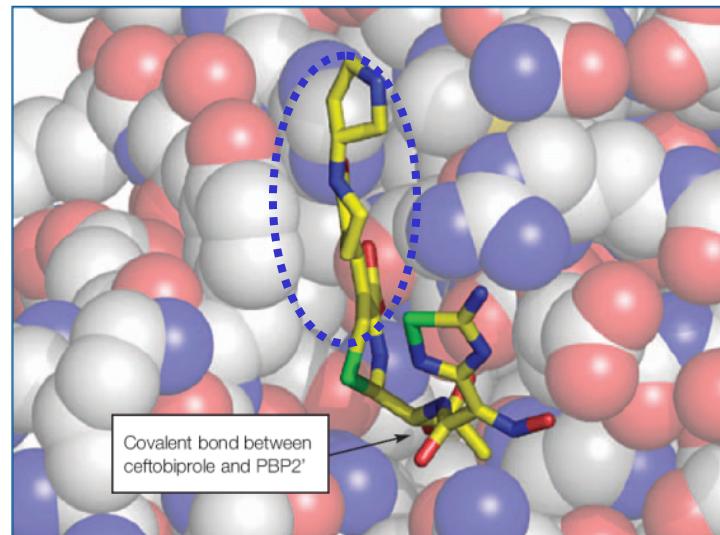
ceftobiprole

Rates of hydrolysis by purified β -lactamases	
Compound	Class A
	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> PC 1
Ro 63-9141	0.93
Ceftriaxone	19
Cephalothin	200
Penicillin G	10,000

Affinity for PBPs	
Compound	IC ₅₀ for competition with fluorescein-labeled ampicillin (μ M)
	<i>Staphylococcus epidermidis</i> PBP 2'
Ro 63-9141	0.87
Ceftriaxone	115
Imipenem	>500
Methicillin	>500



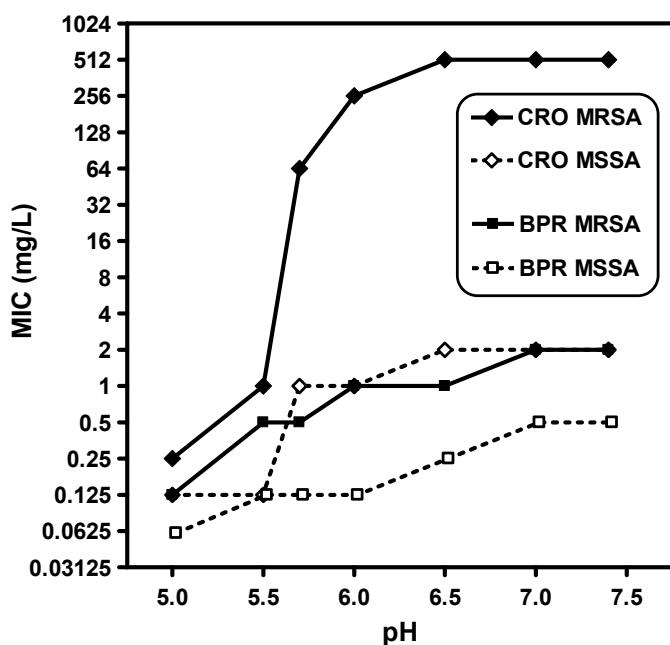
Model of the active site of SaPBP2' complexed with ceftobiprole.



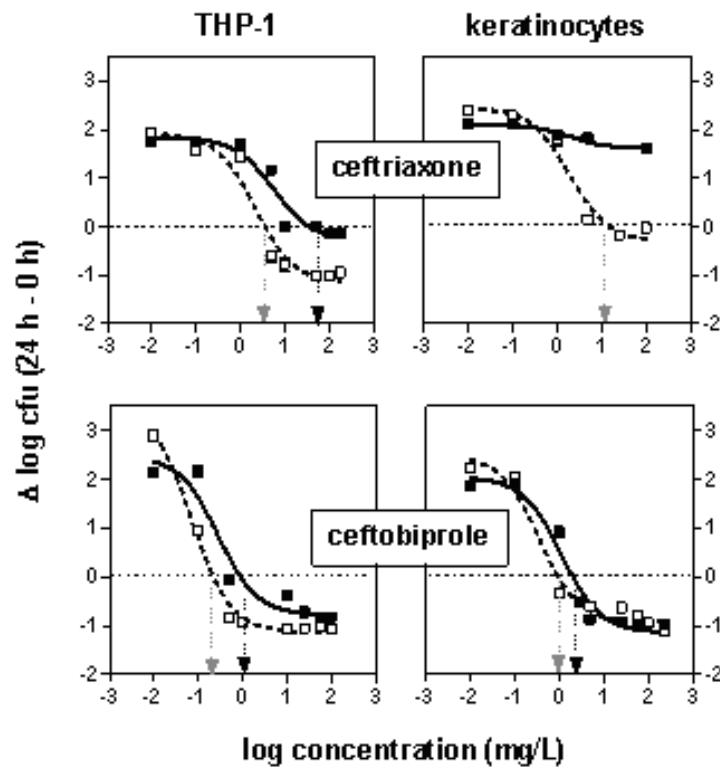
open
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Lovering et al., ECCMID (2006) P1586
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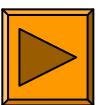
Ceftobiprole MIC is
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Ceftobiprole is as active
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MSSA and MRSA

Conclusion of the MRSA story and links with the clinics

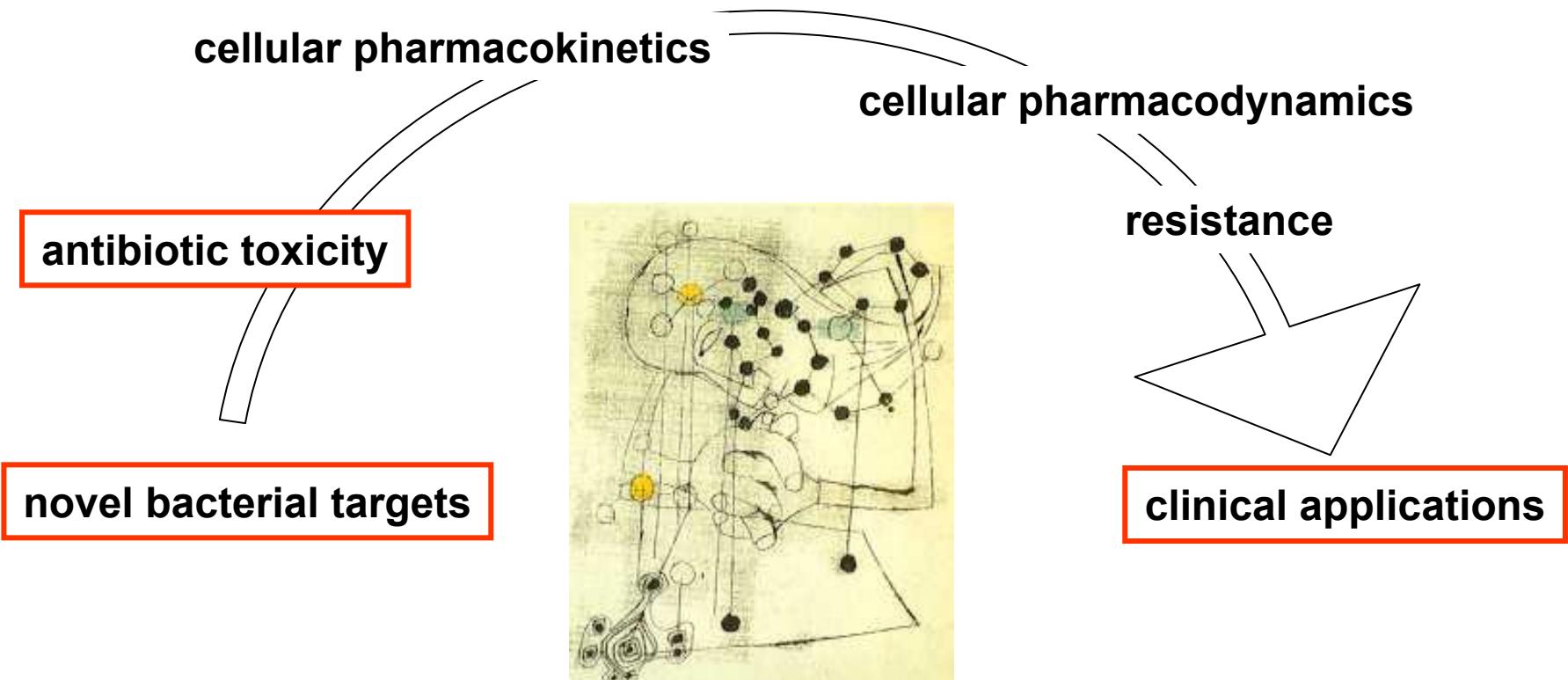
- Intracellular medium can modulate the expression of resistance mechanisms
- conformation of PBP2a is critical for activity
- design of new beta-lactams able to « open » PBP2a
- ceftobiprole rejected but ceftaroline accepted by the FDA in 2010



Nephrotoxicity of aminoglycosides: from molecular mechanisms to clinical implications

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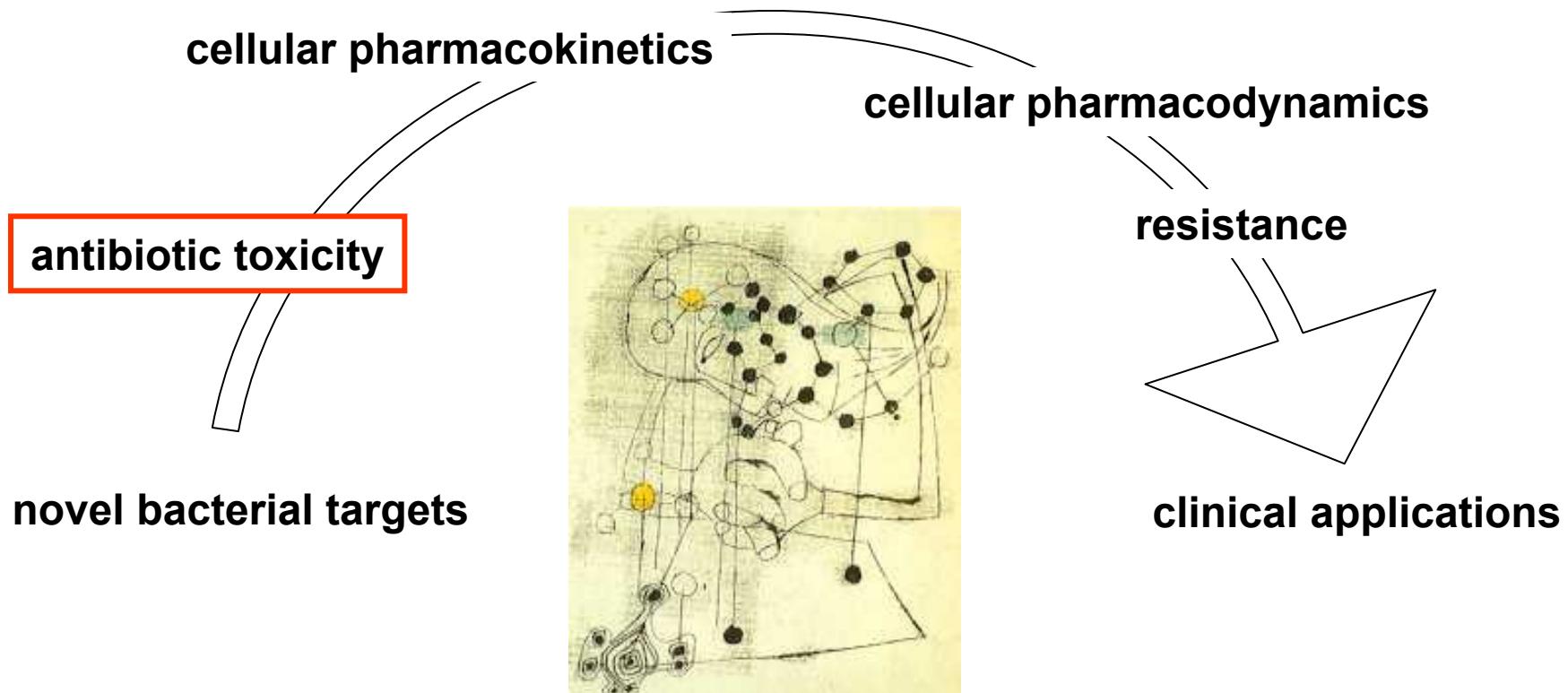
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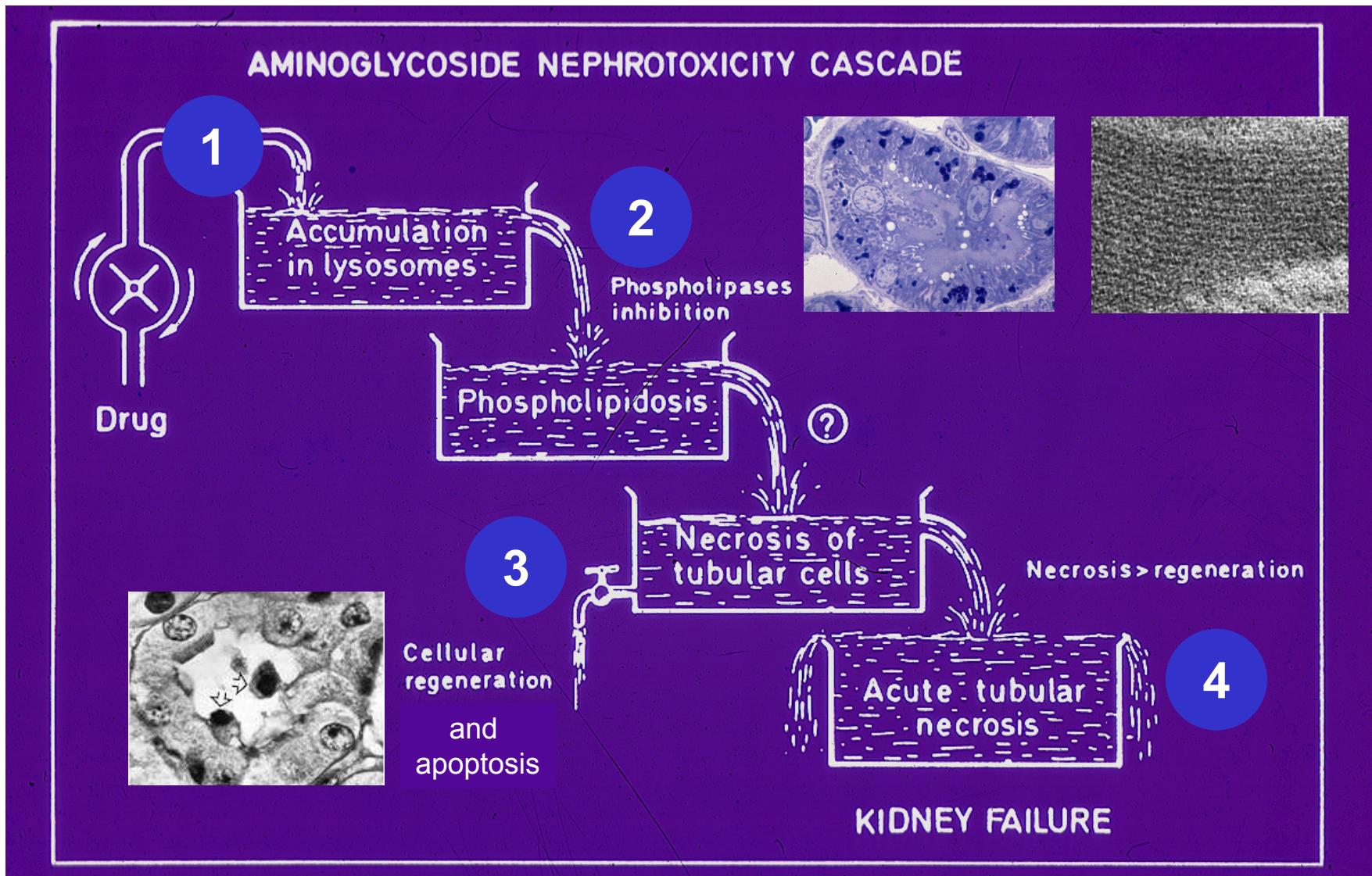
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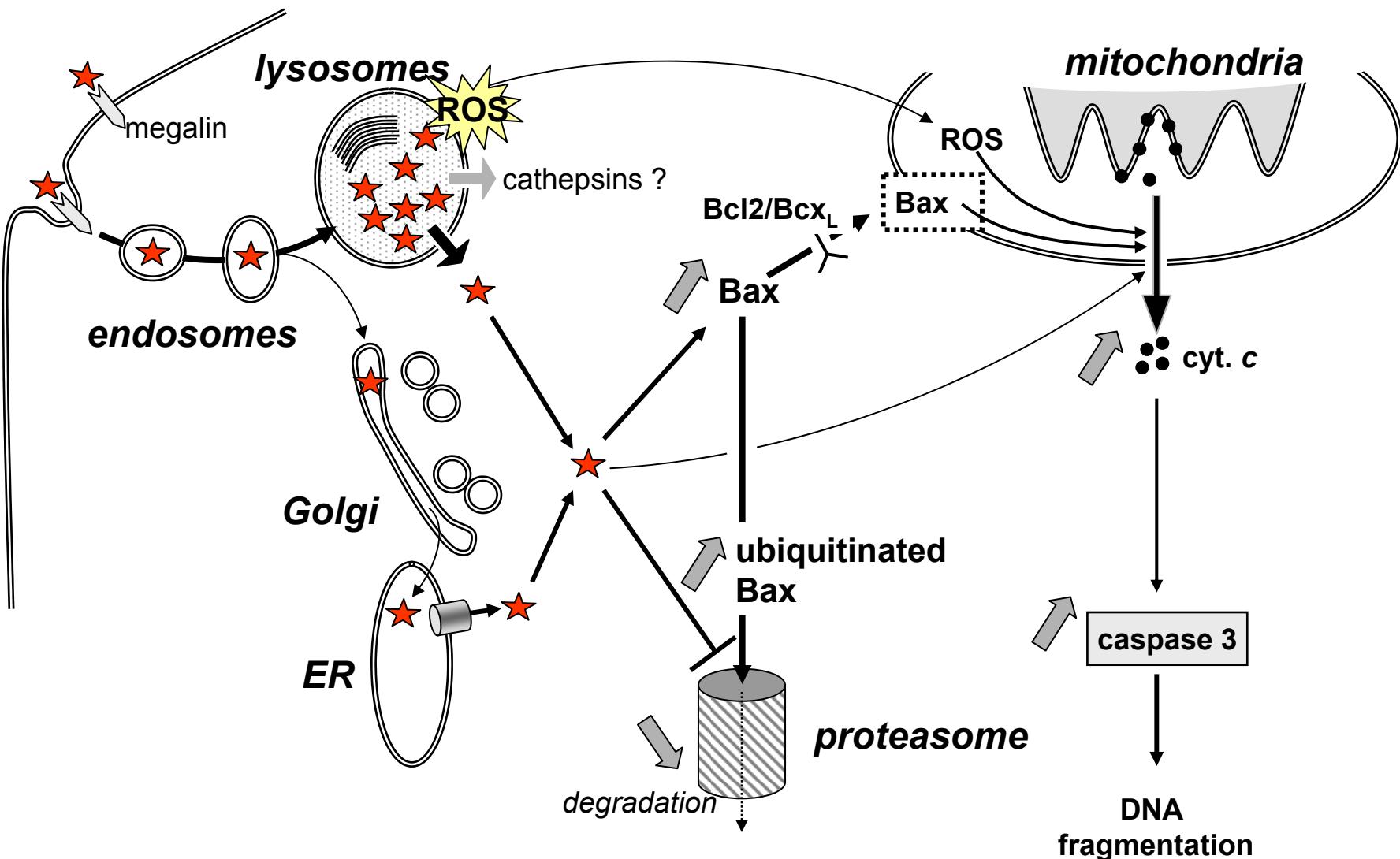
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nephrotoxicity cascade



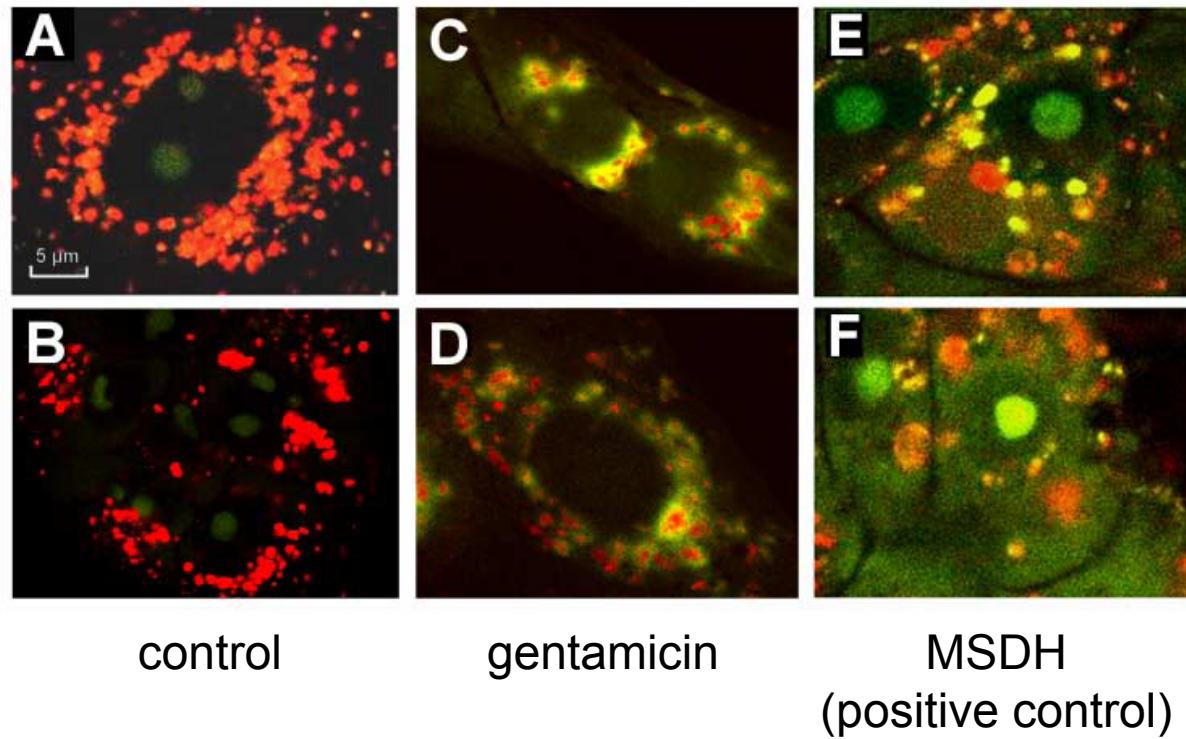
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Aminoglycoside-induced apoptosis



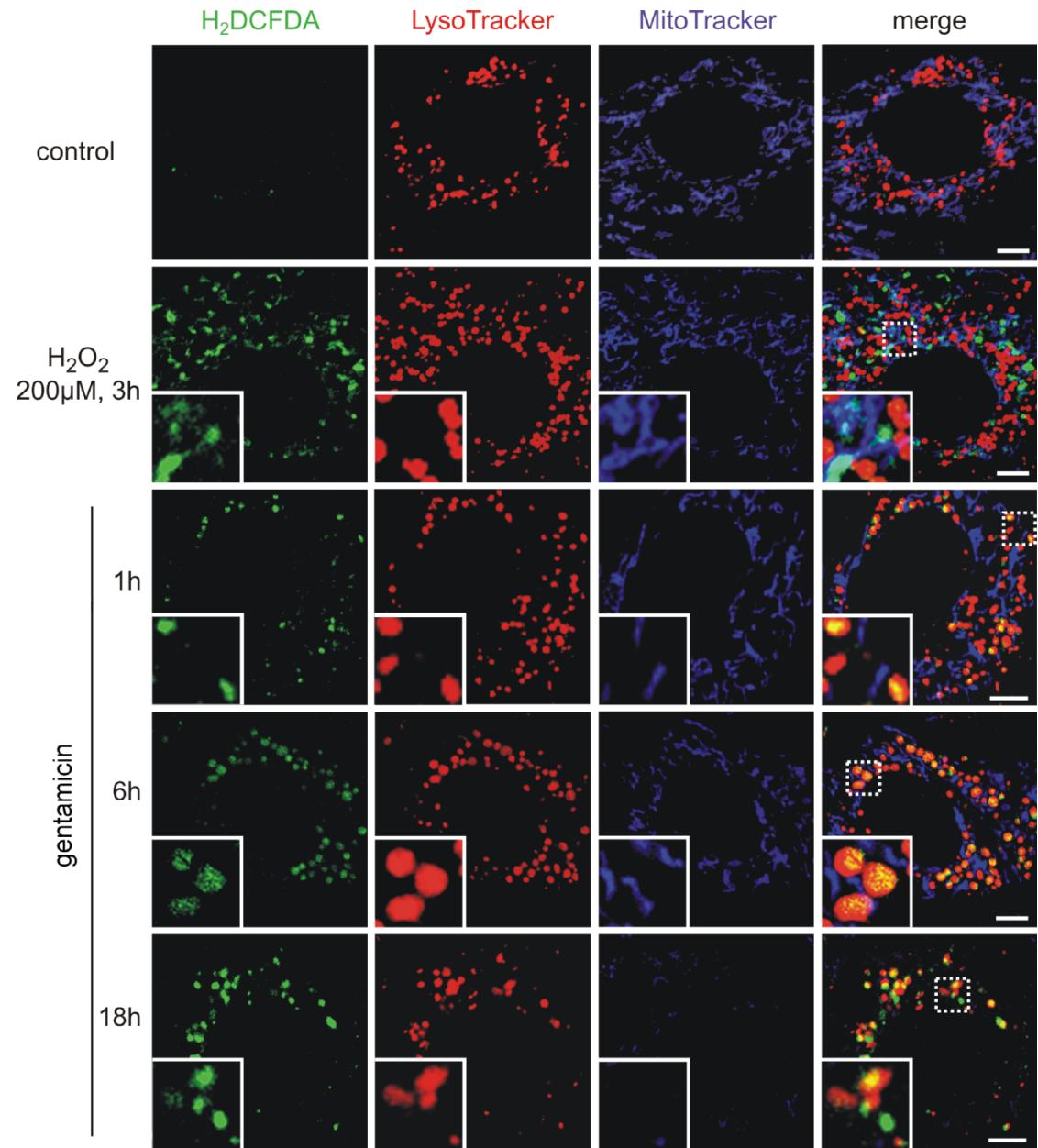
Molecular mechanisms of apoptosis

Gentamicin allows for a partial relocalisation
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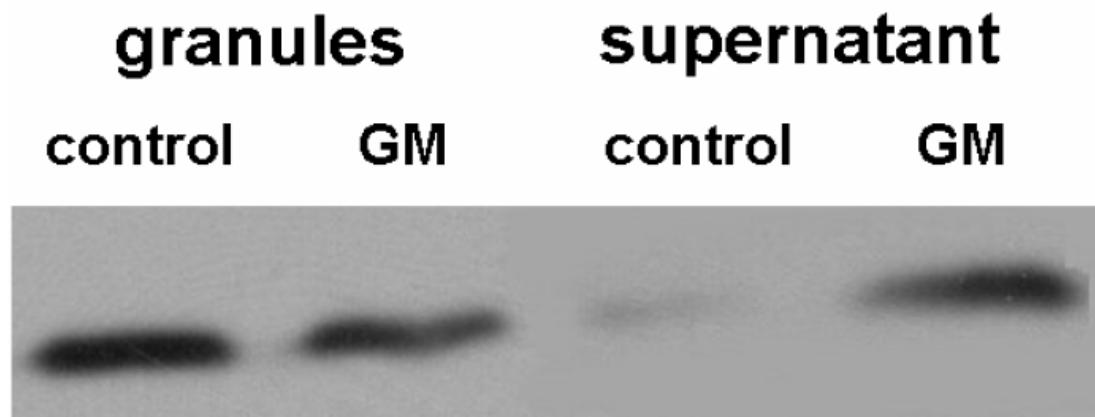
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In lysosomes

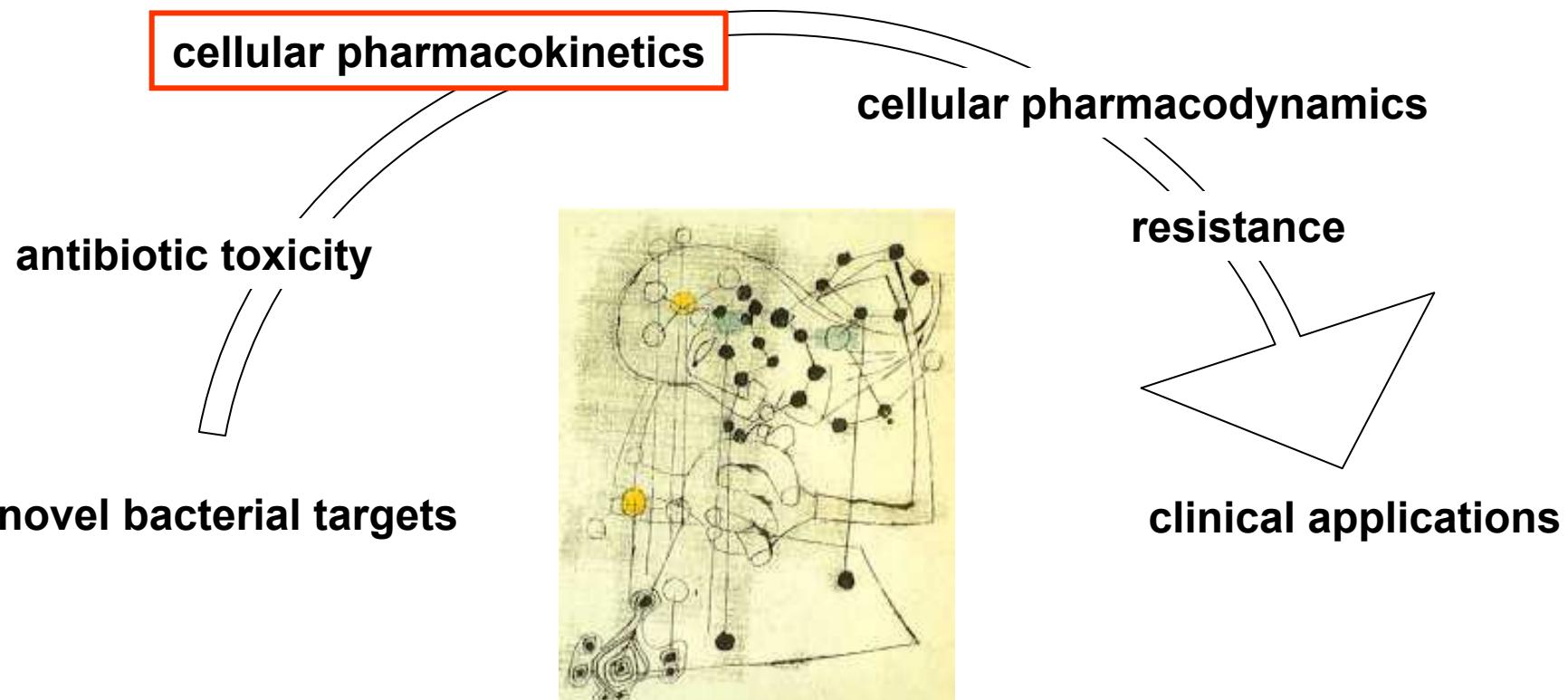


Molecular mechanisms of apoptosis

Gentamicin allows for a partial relocalisation
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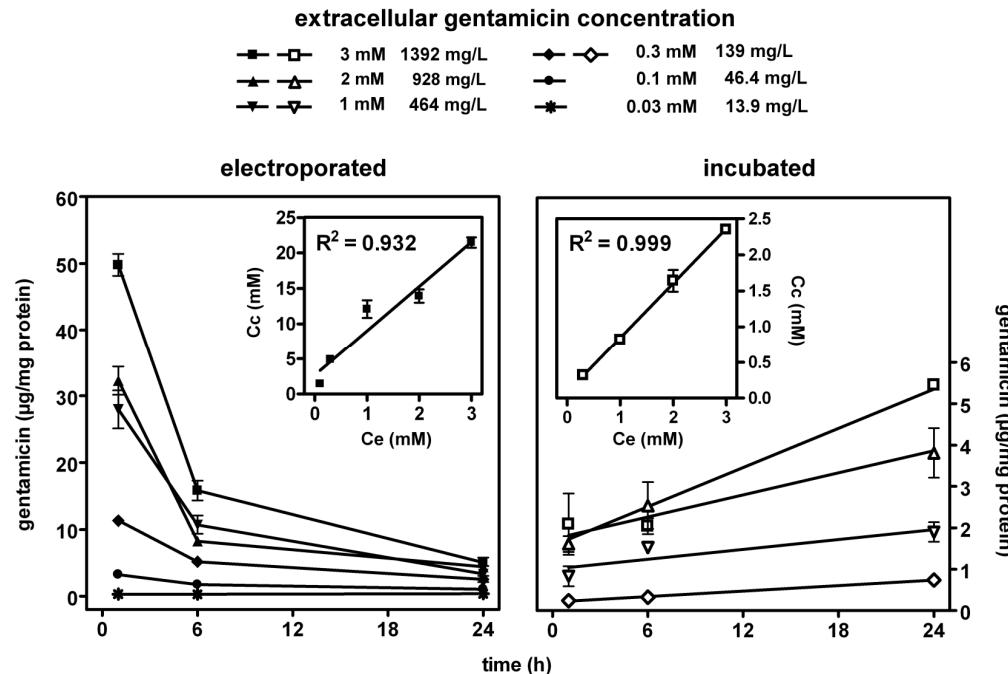
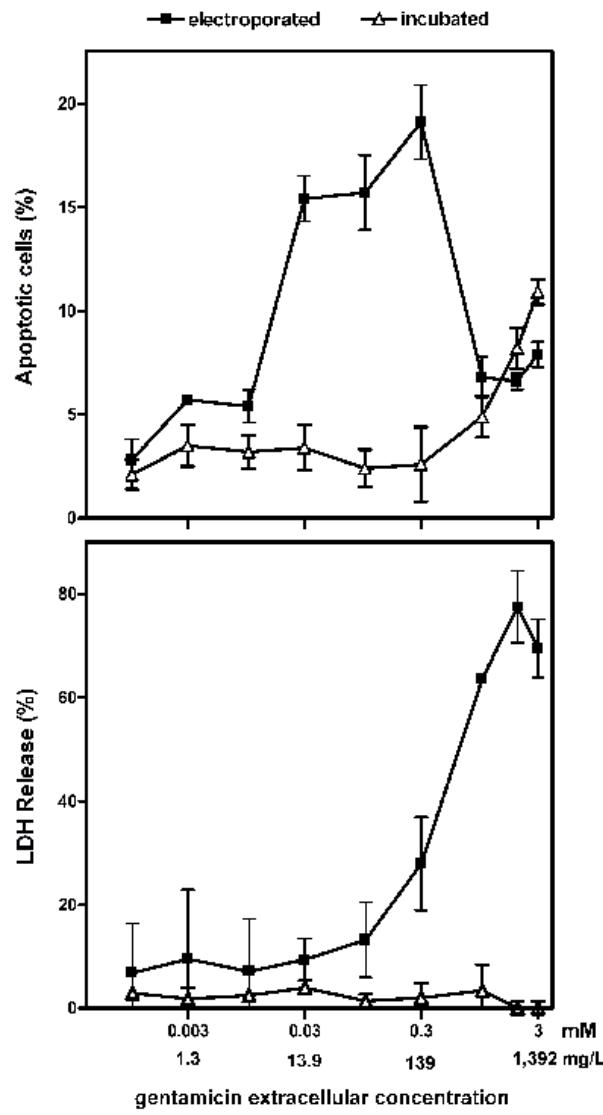
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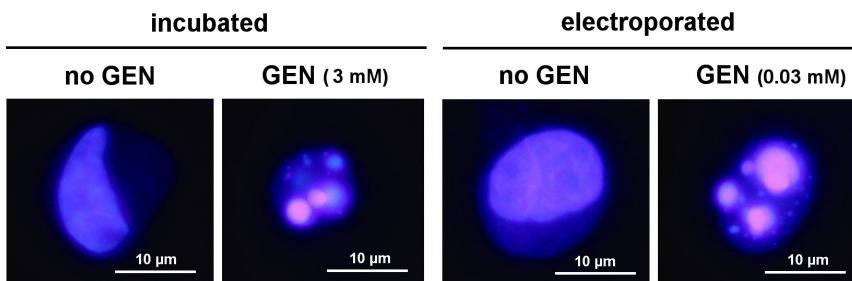
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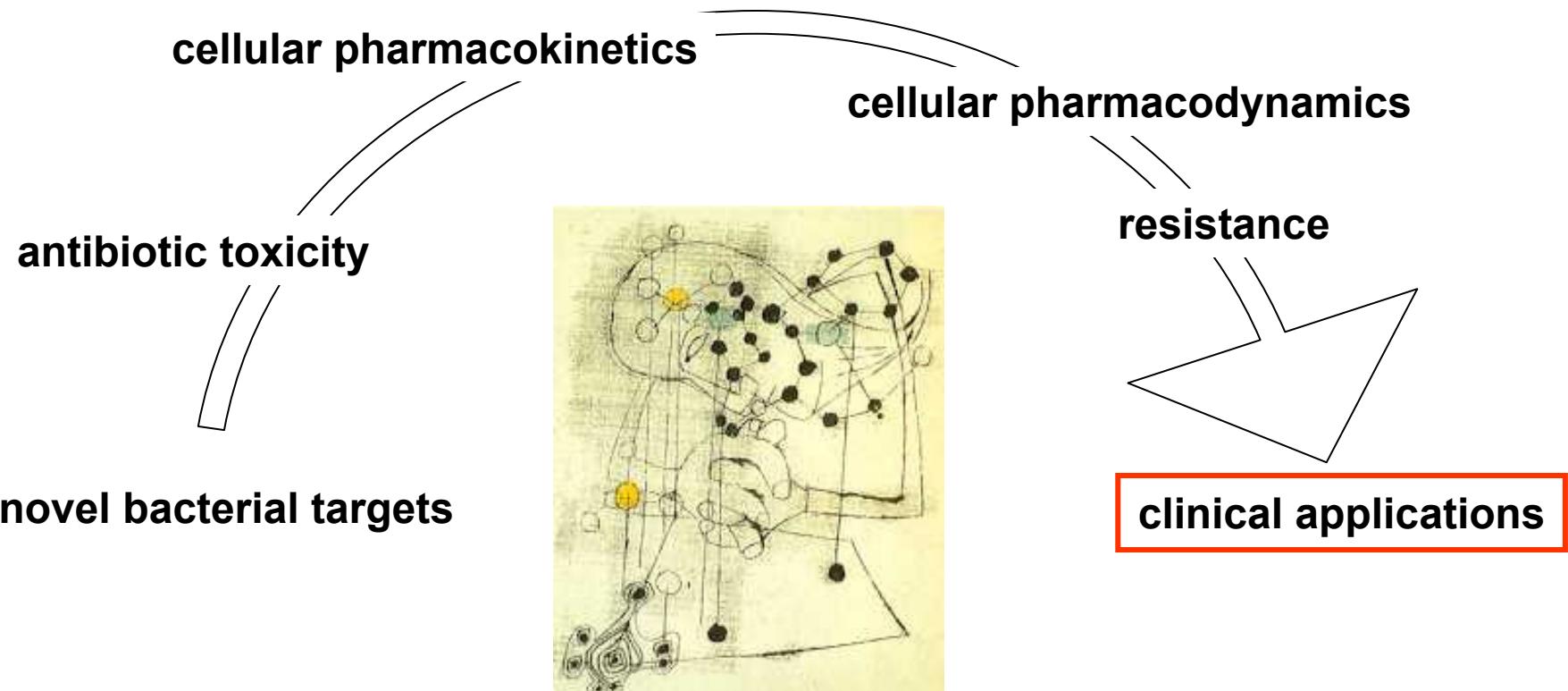
Relationship between accumulation and apoptosis



Introducing gentamicin in the cytosol by electroporation markedly increases toxicity



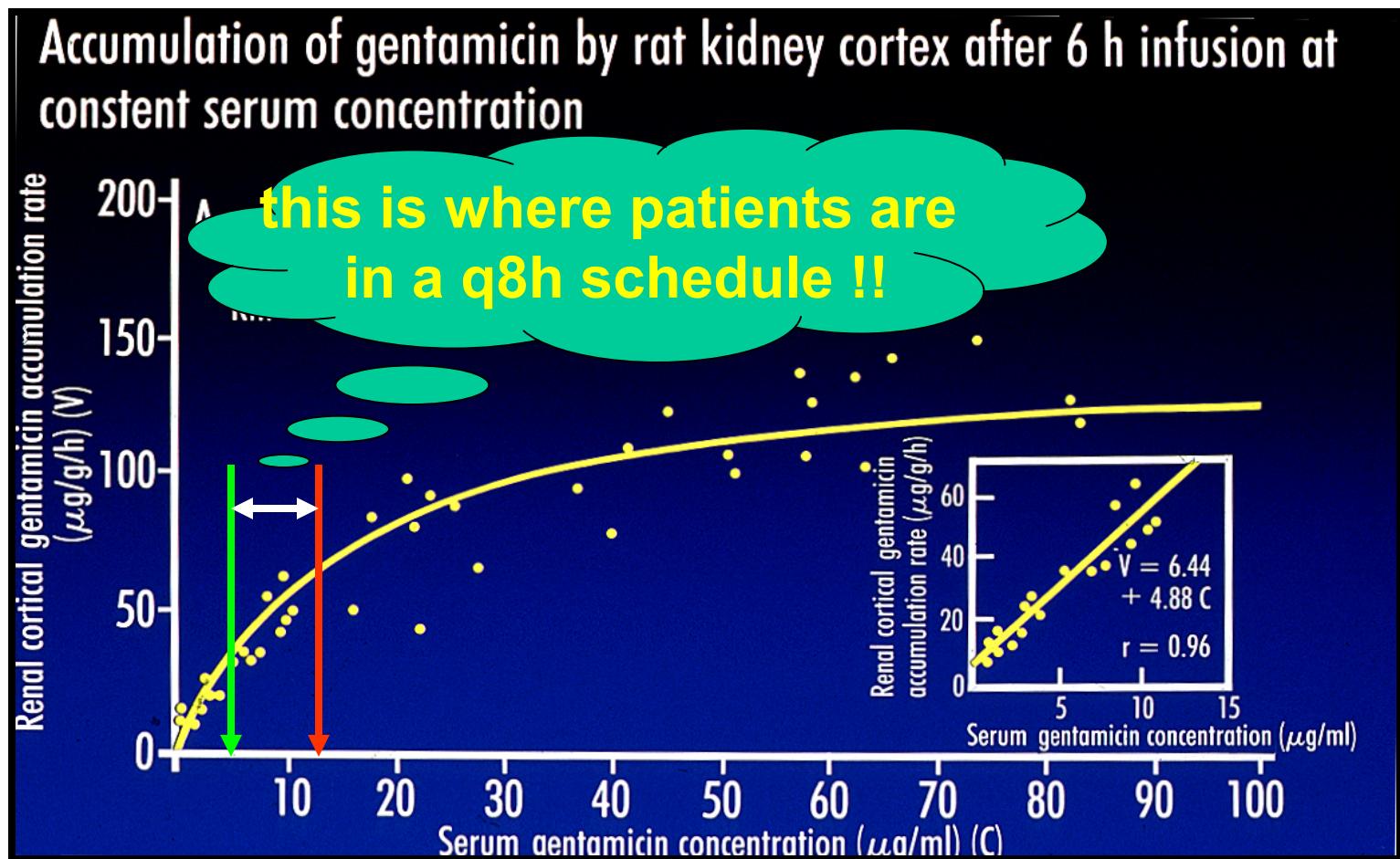
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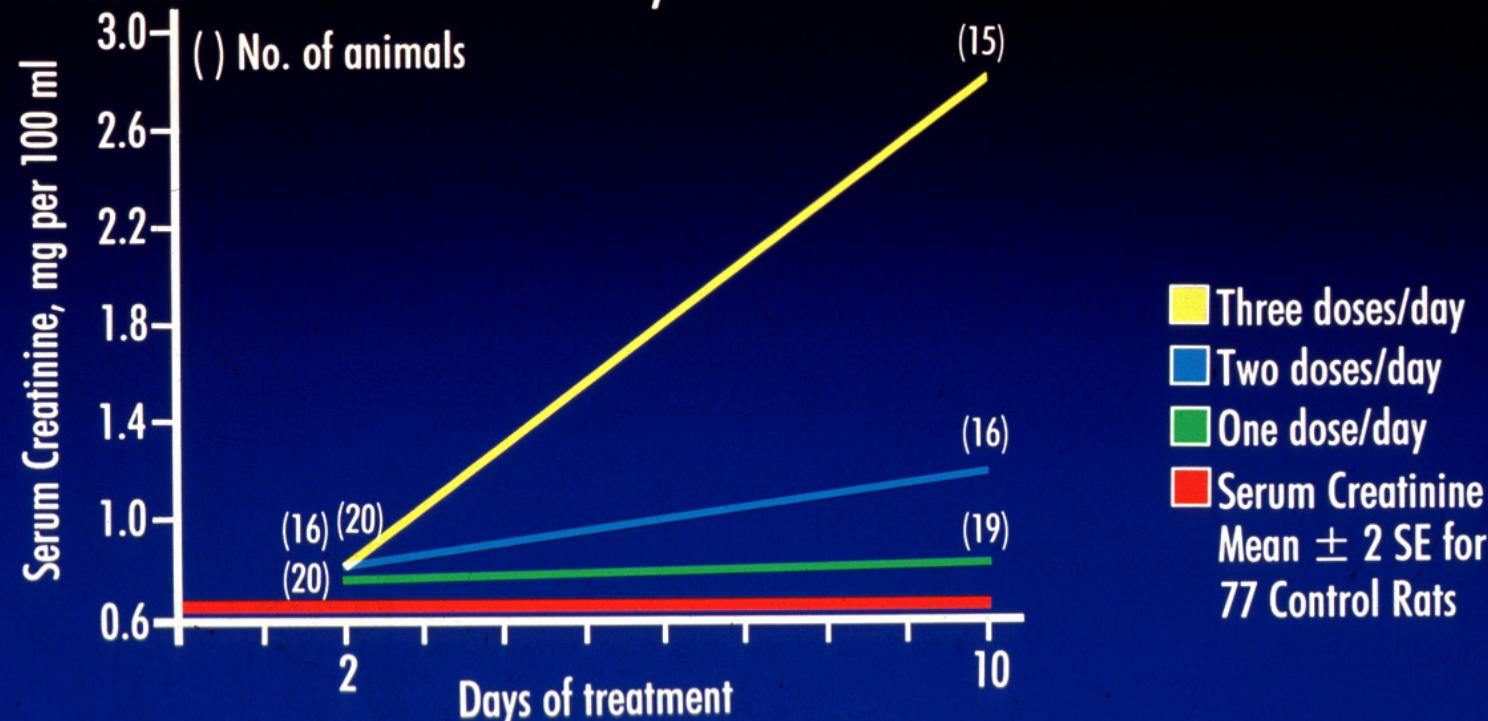
Once a day administration as a way to reduce toxicity



* Giuliano *et al.*, J. Pharm. Exp. Ther., 1986

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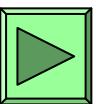
Serum concentration of creatinine (mean \pm SE) in rats after administration of 40 mg of gentamicin/kg per day in one, two, or three doses for two and 10 days.



From Bennett et al, J. Infect. Dis., 1979

Conclusion of the aminoglycoside story and links with the clinics

- aminoglycoside apoptosis is mediated by lysosomal destabilization
→ Lysosomal phospholipidosis as a protecting factor ?
- electroporation as a way to screen toxic potential of new molecules
- once-a-day administration reduces toxicity and at the same time improves activity



Happy researchers in our cellular and molecular pharmacology group ...

2007....



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Hope it may help you to be as successful as
Hoang Anh was in Europe ...

