

Characterization of the active efflux of fluoroquinolones in eukaryotic cells

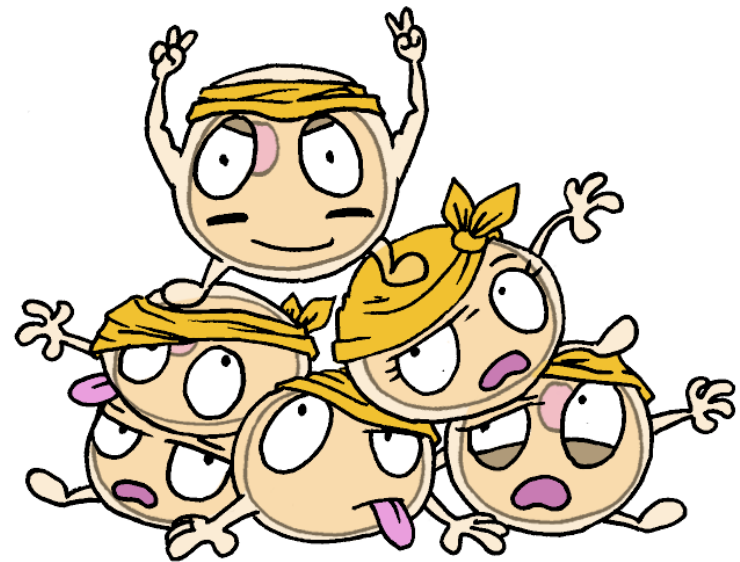
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INTRODUCTION

RESISTANCE: What? When? Why?

- Defence mechanism against cellular invasion by toxic substances.
- Chronic use of chemotherapy leads to resistance
 - anticancer agents → eukaryotic cells
 - antibiotics → prokaryotic cells (bacteria)
- Cell adaptation in order to avoid death



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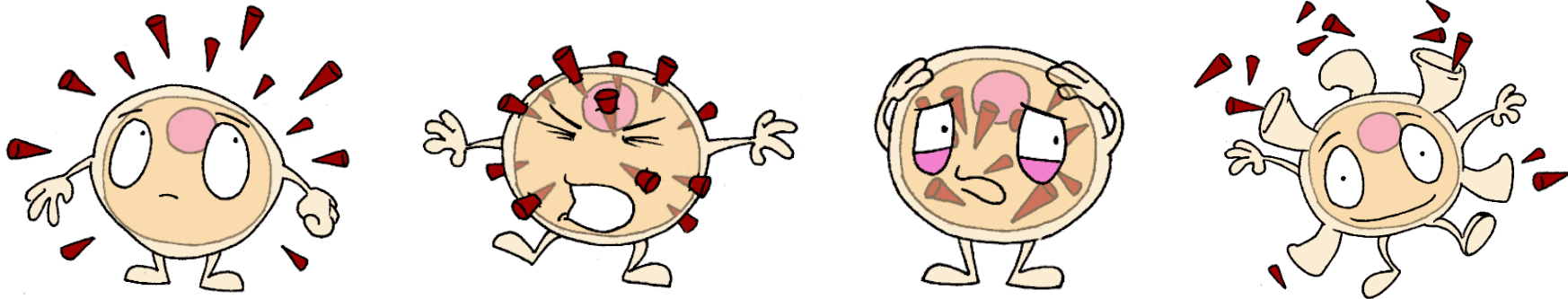
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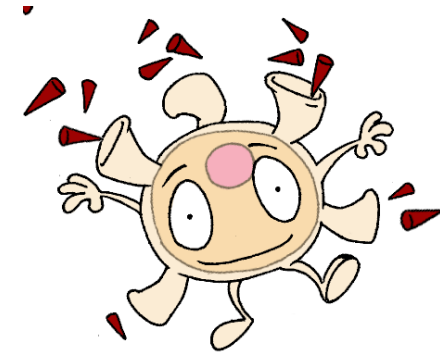
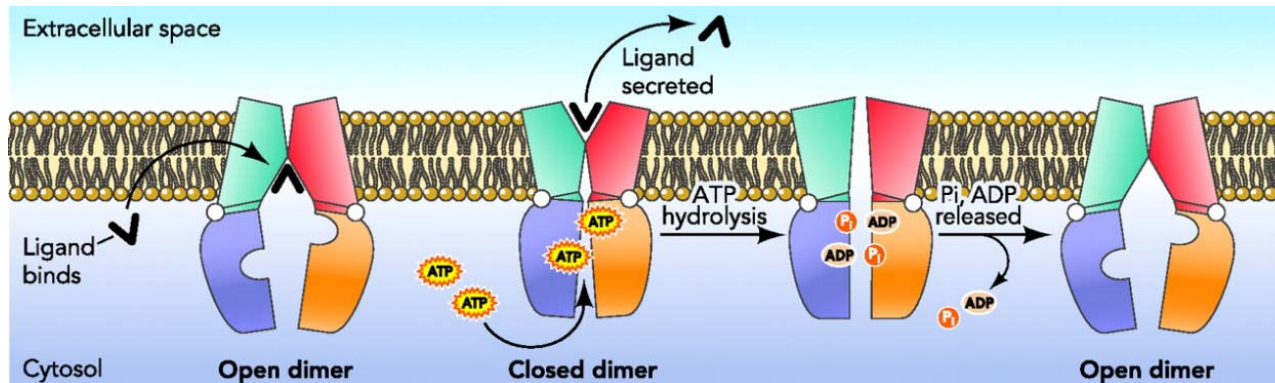
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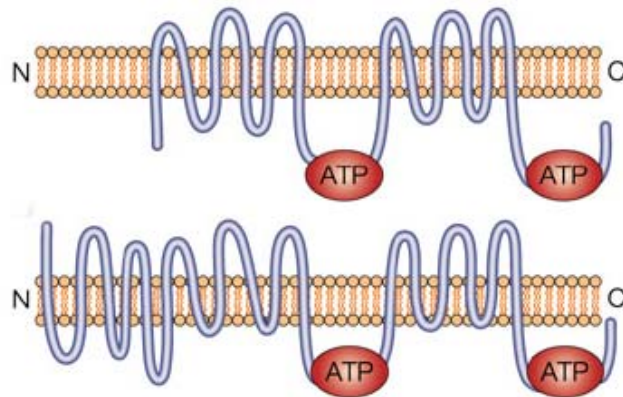
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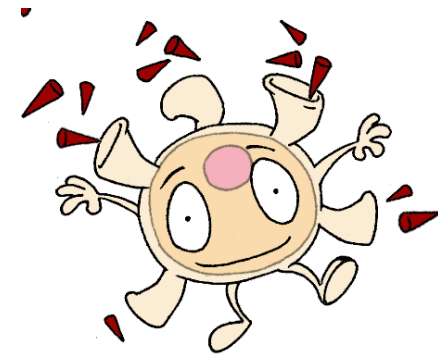
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MRP = Multidrug resistance associated proteins



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MRP4 (ABCC4)
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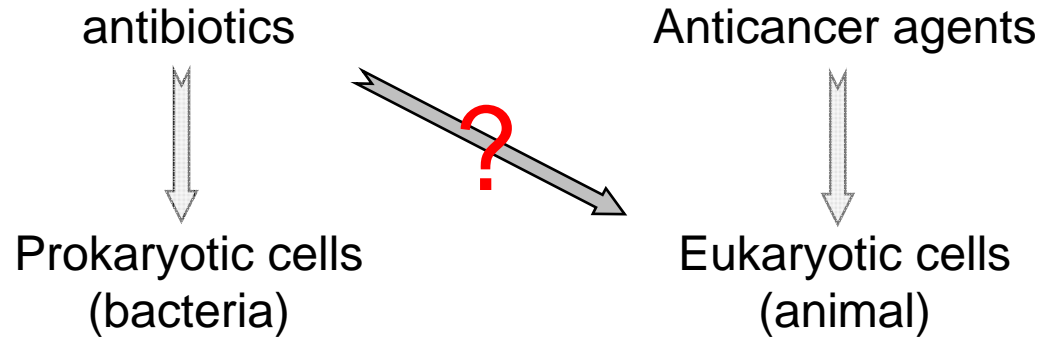
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Prokaryotic cells
(bacteria)

Anticancer agents
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Eukaryotic cells
(animal)

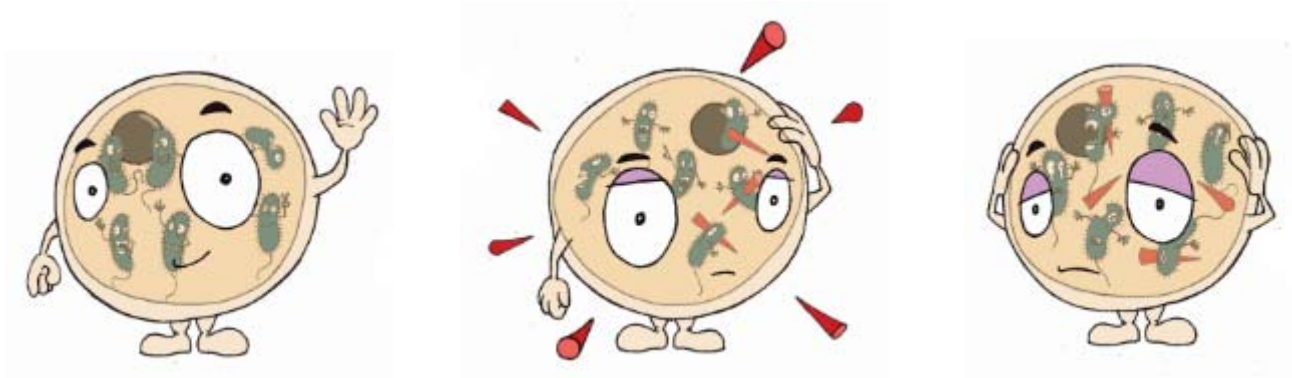
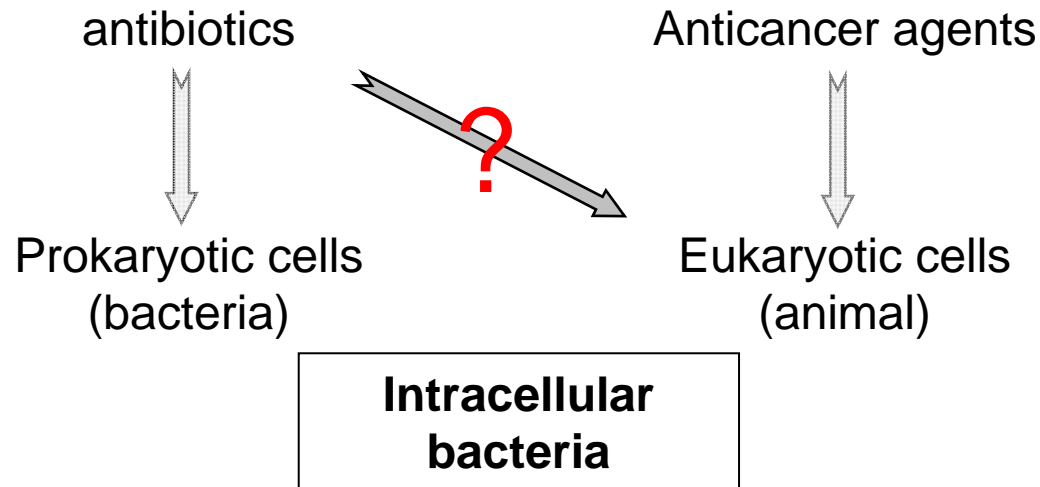
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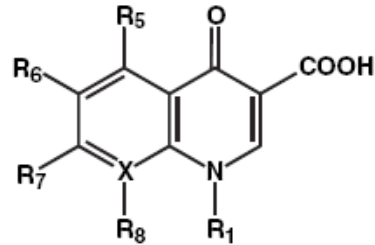
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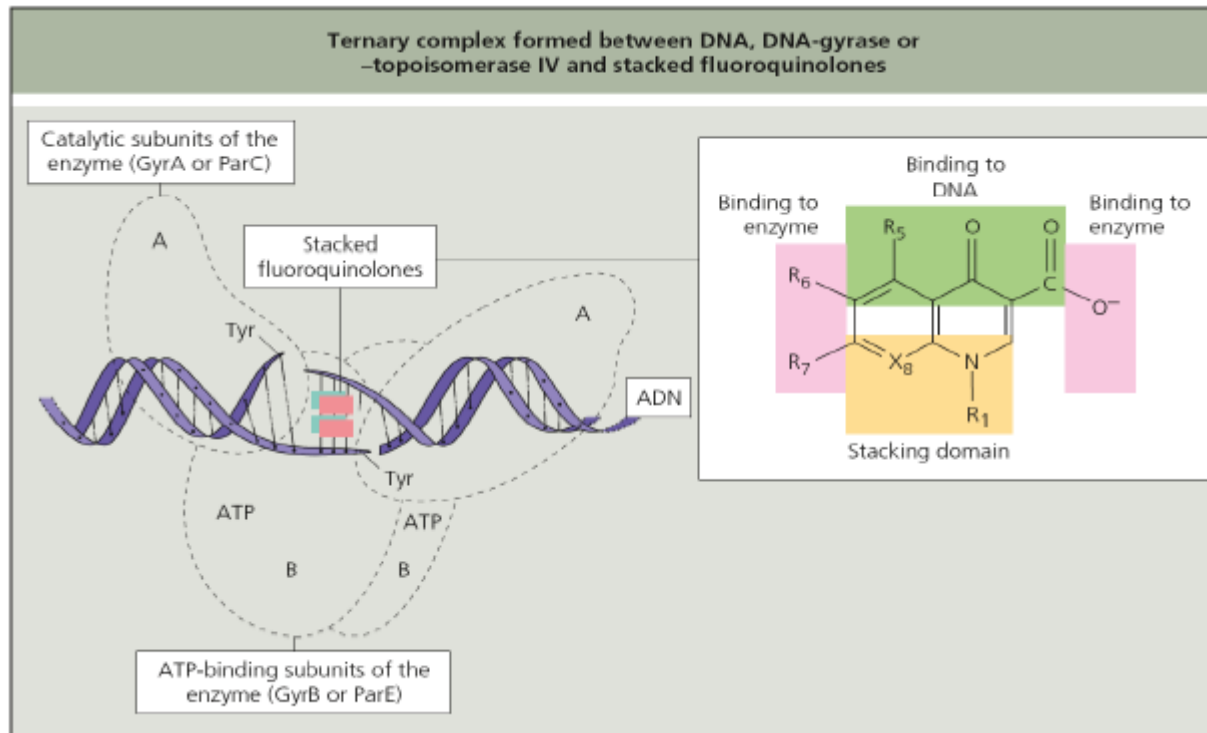


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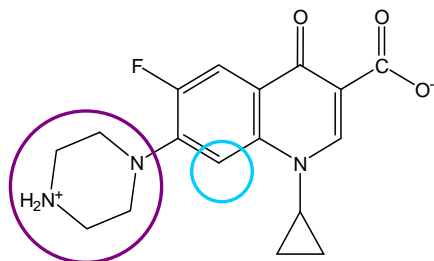


Inhibition of topoisomerase activity ⇒ bacteria's death

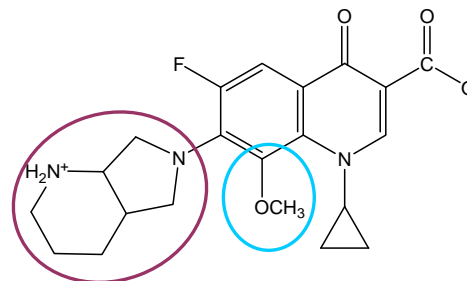


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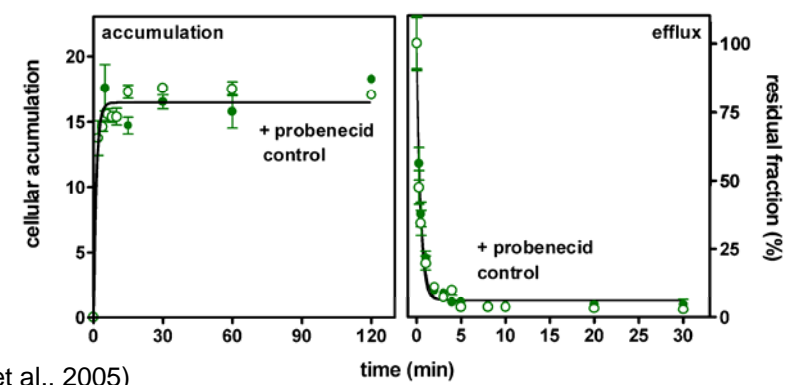
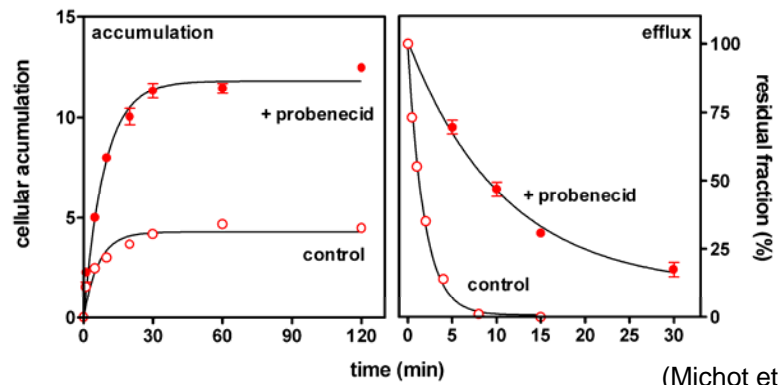
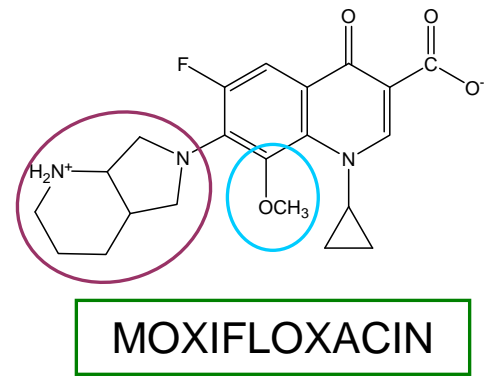
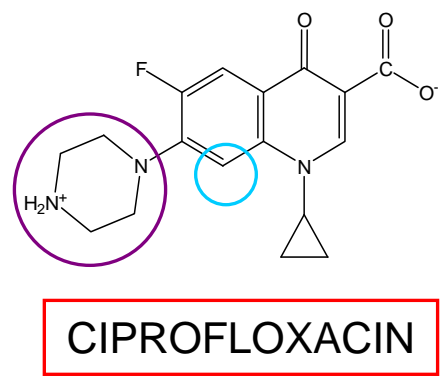
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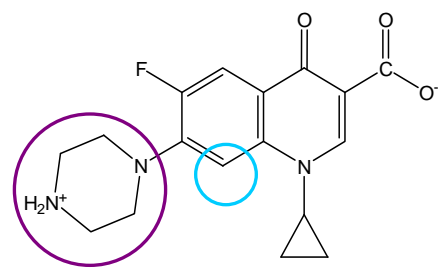
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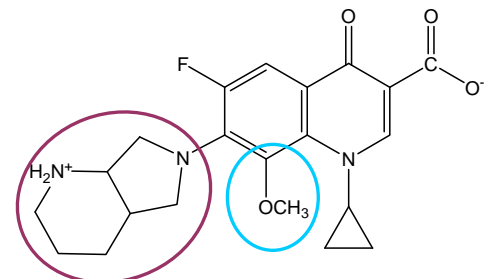
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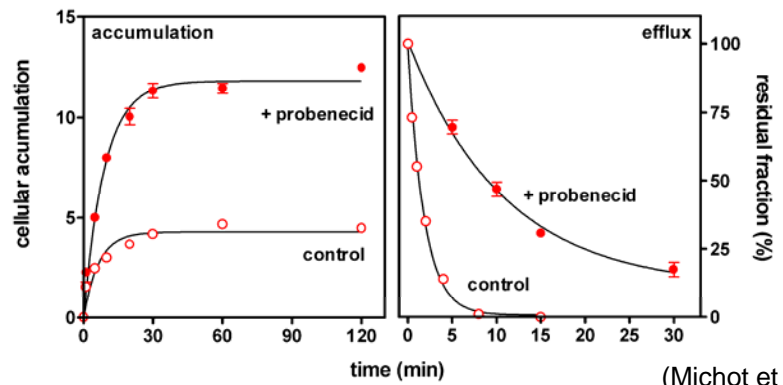
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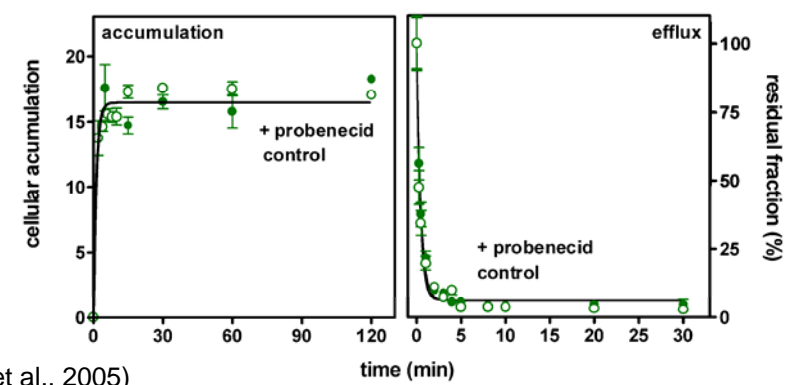
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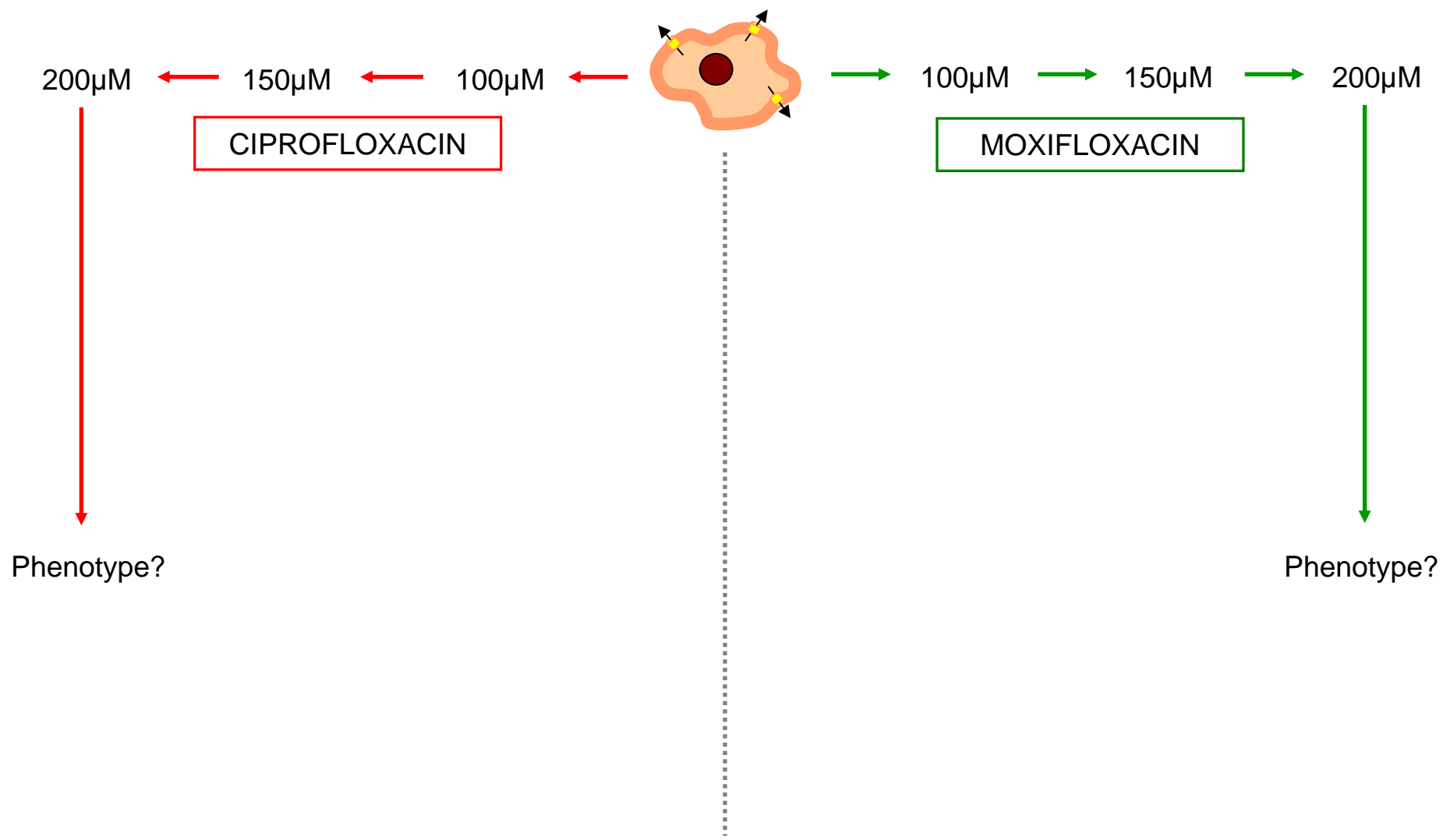


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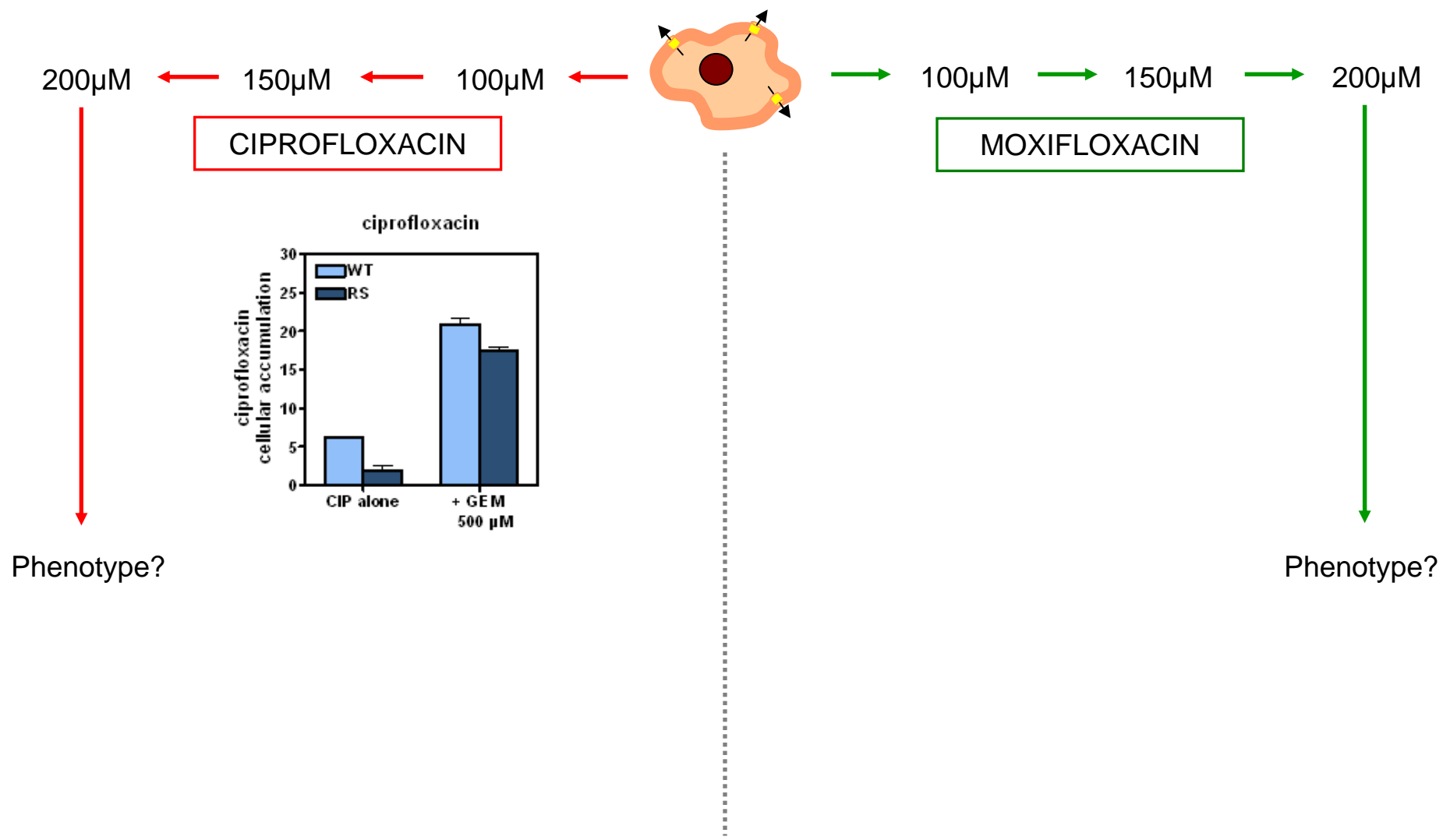
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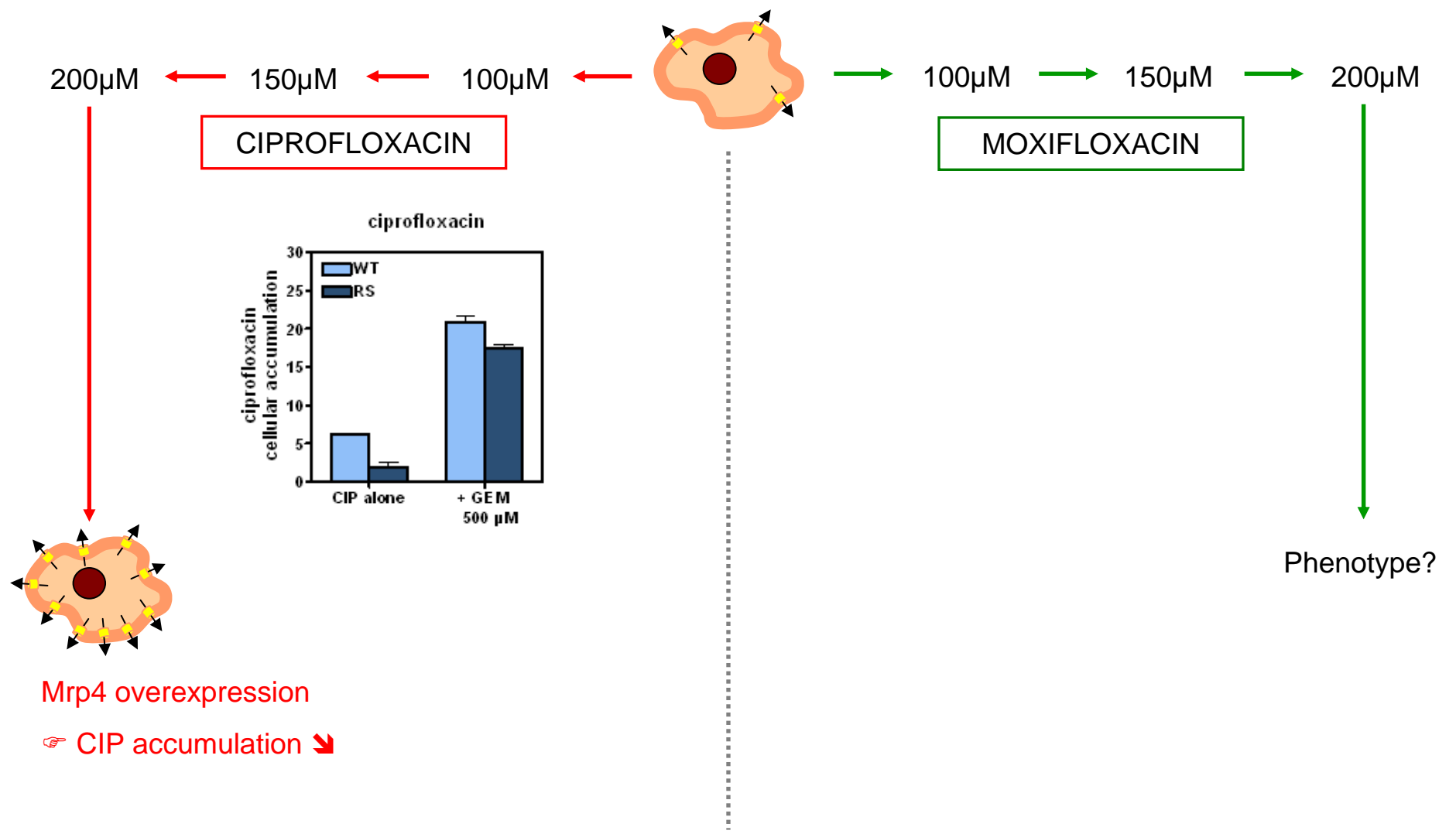


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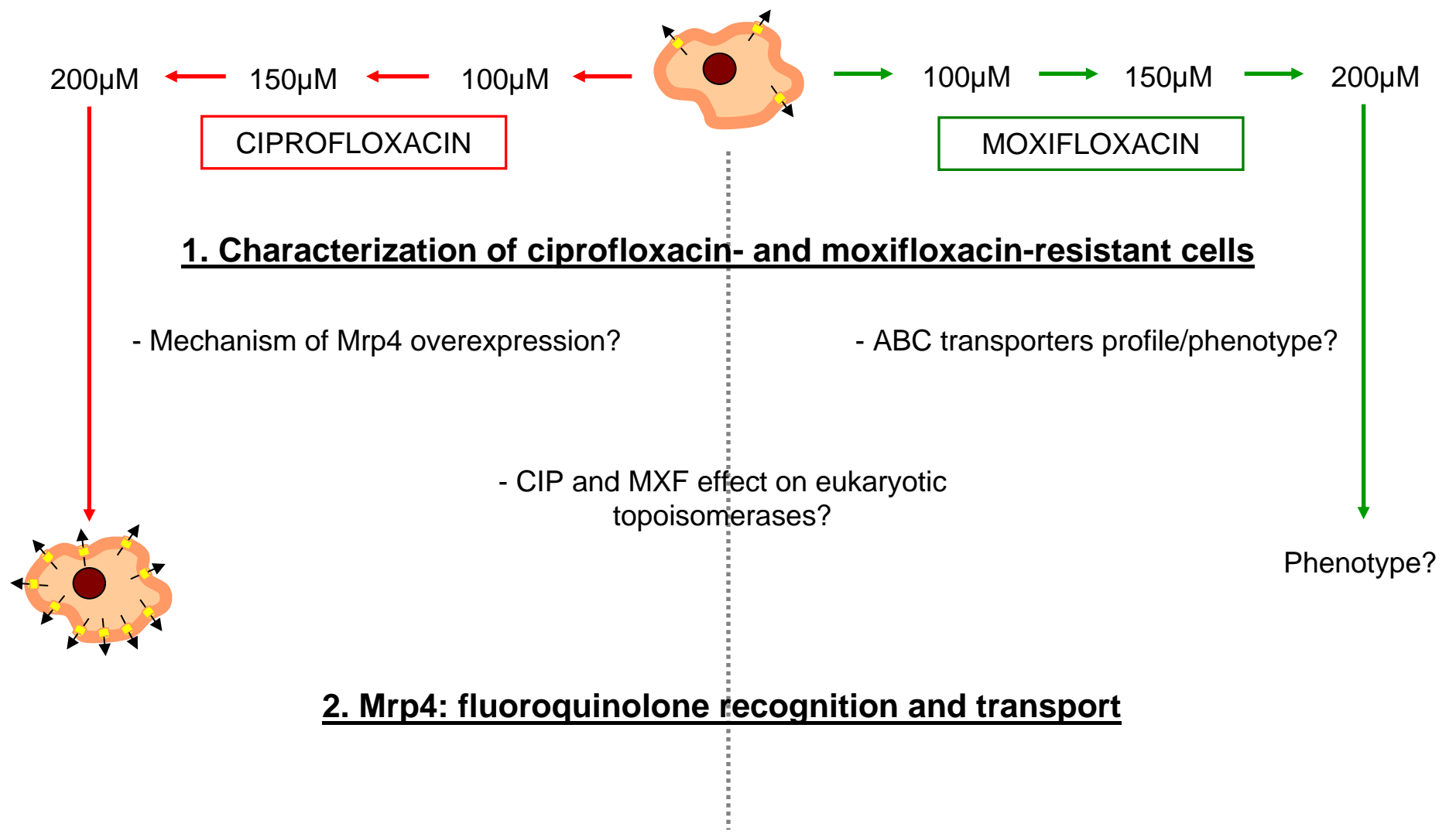
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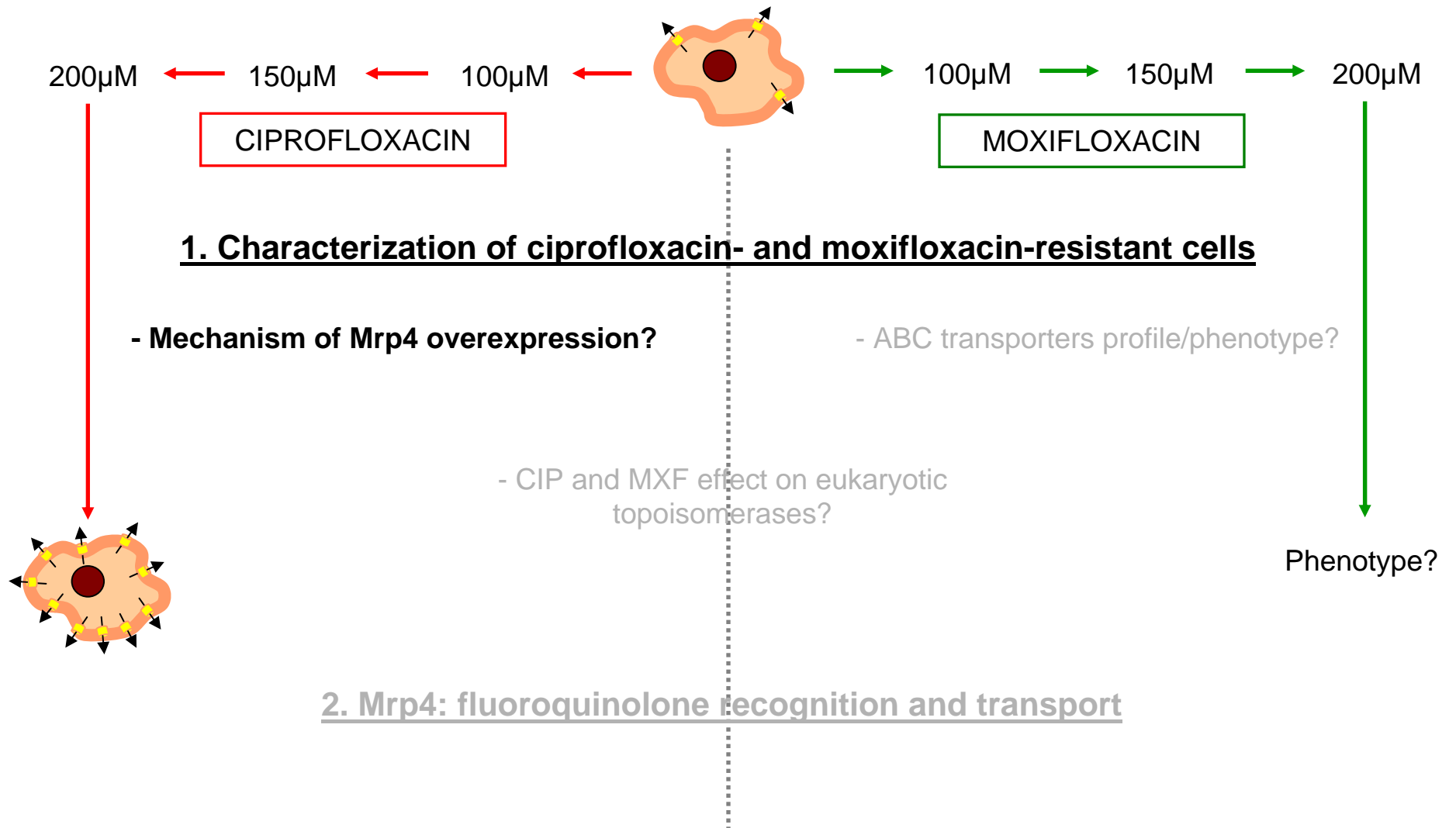
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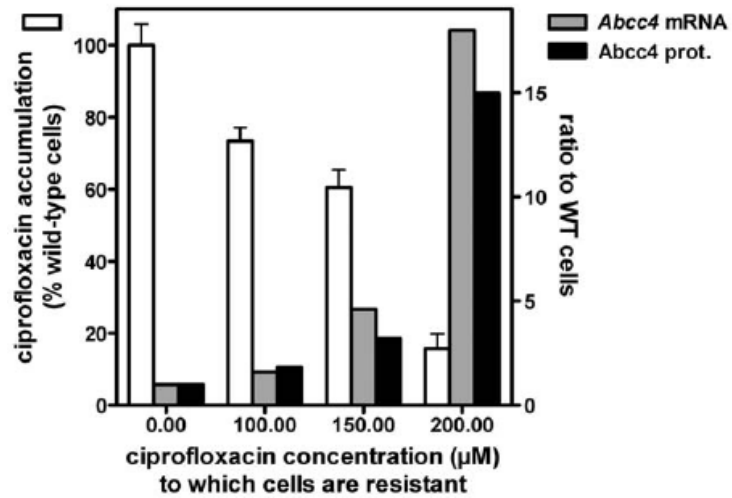
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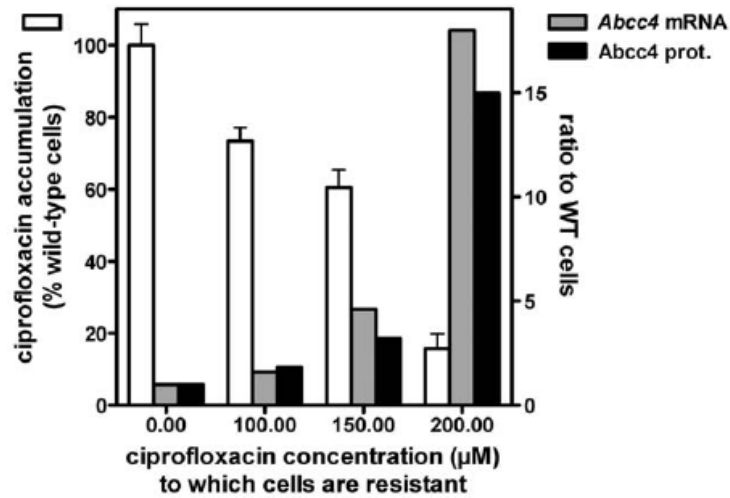
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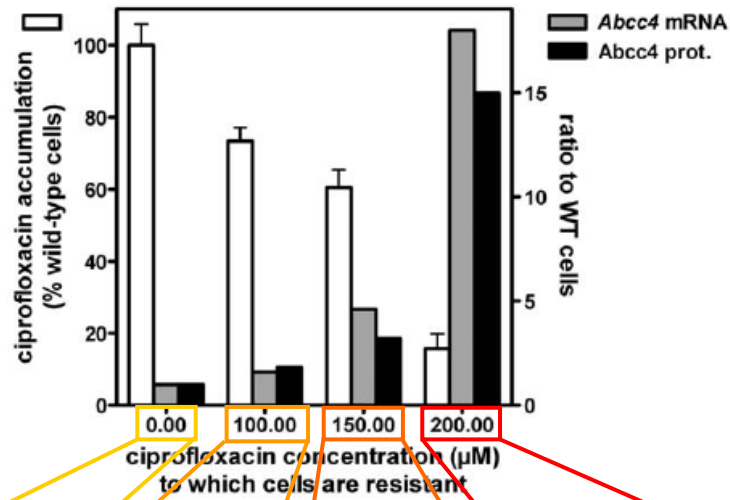


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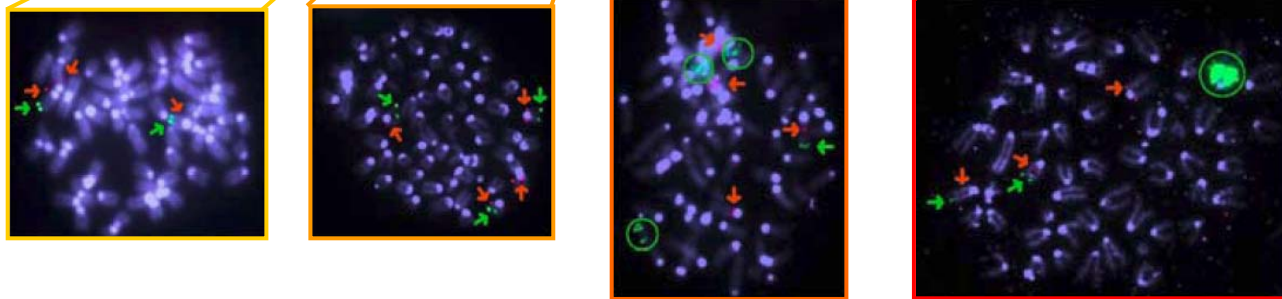
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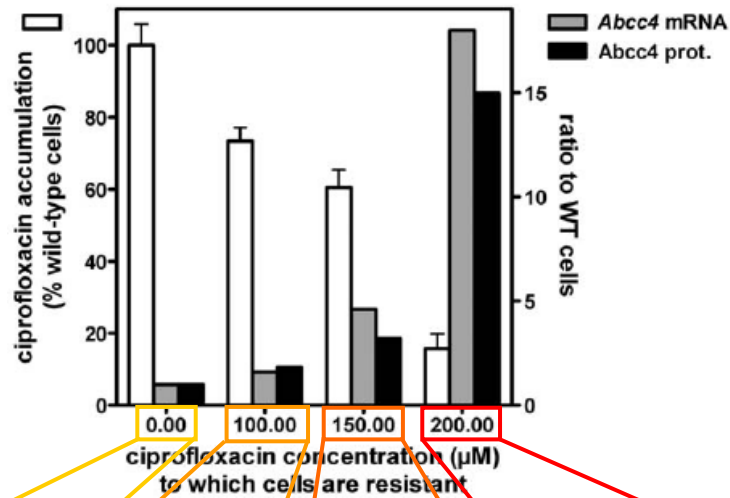
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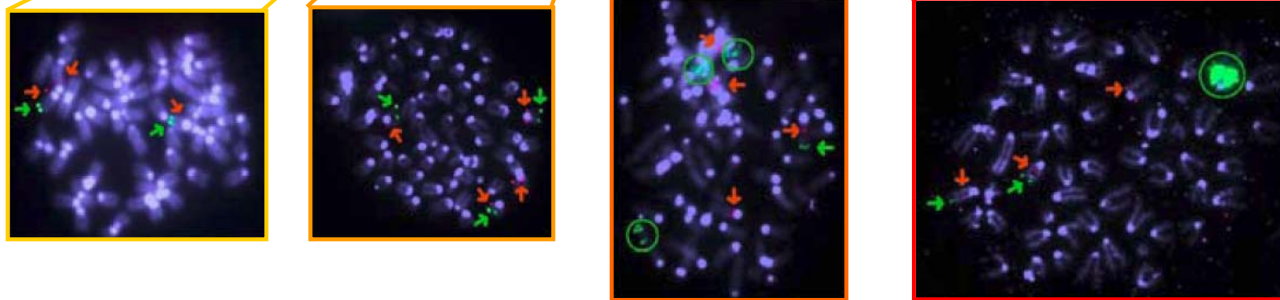
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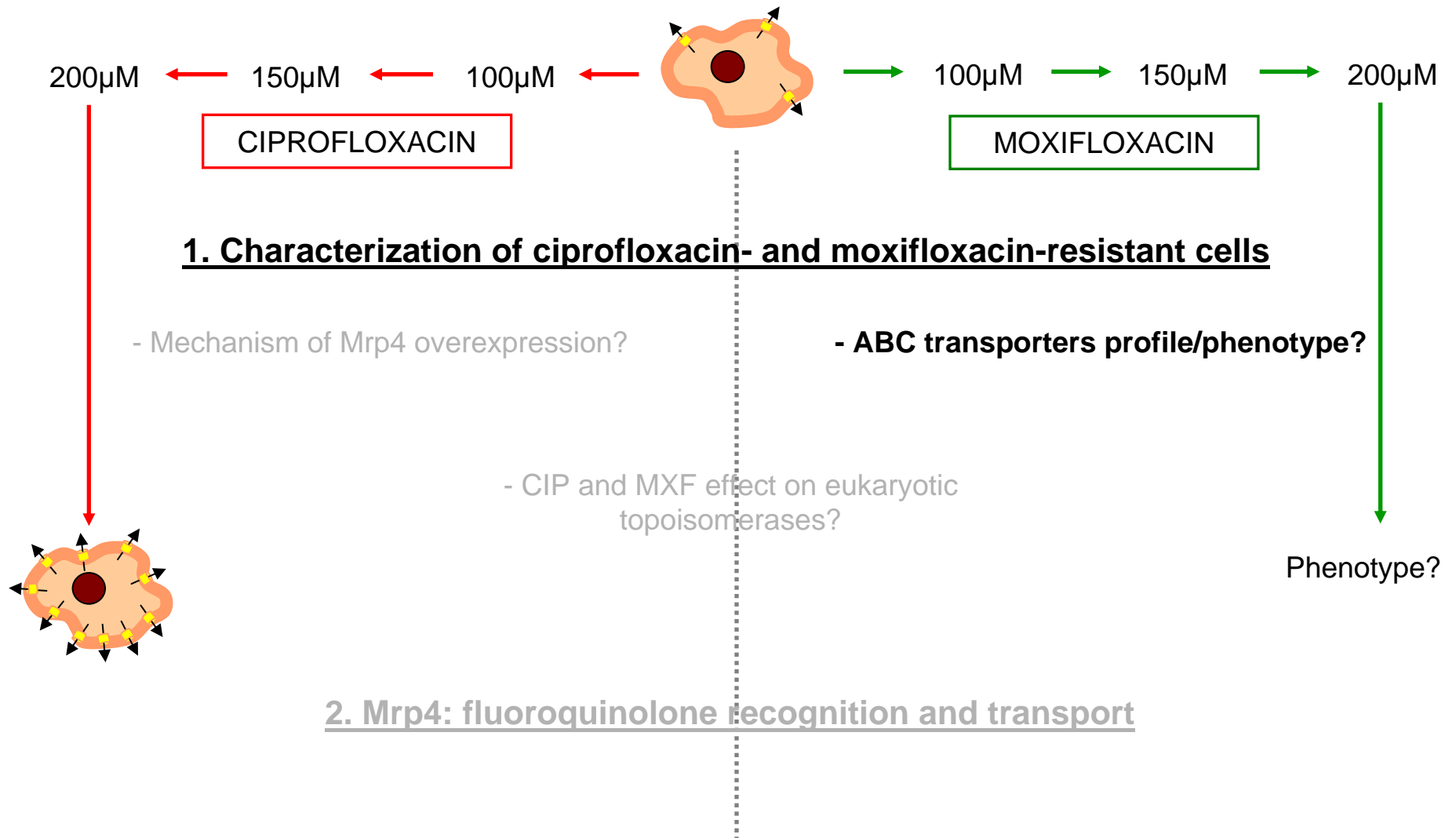
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Over-representation of the Mrp4 protein in CIP-R cells
⇒ due to a duplication of the *mrp4* gene

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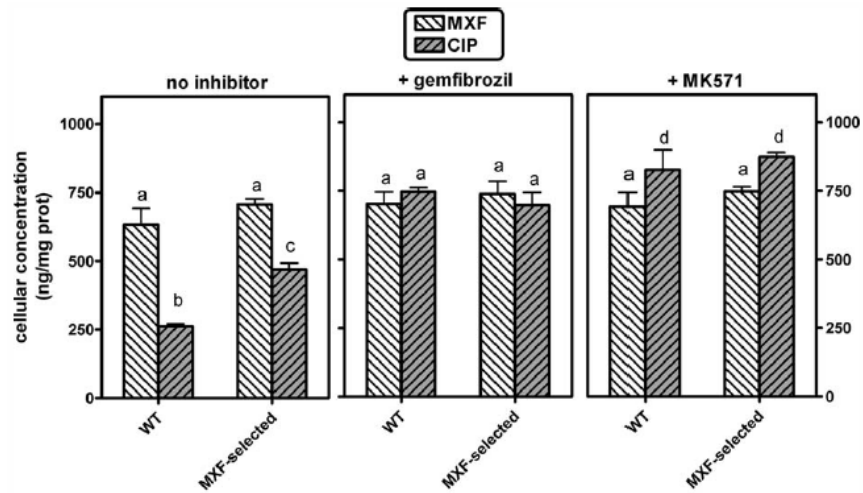
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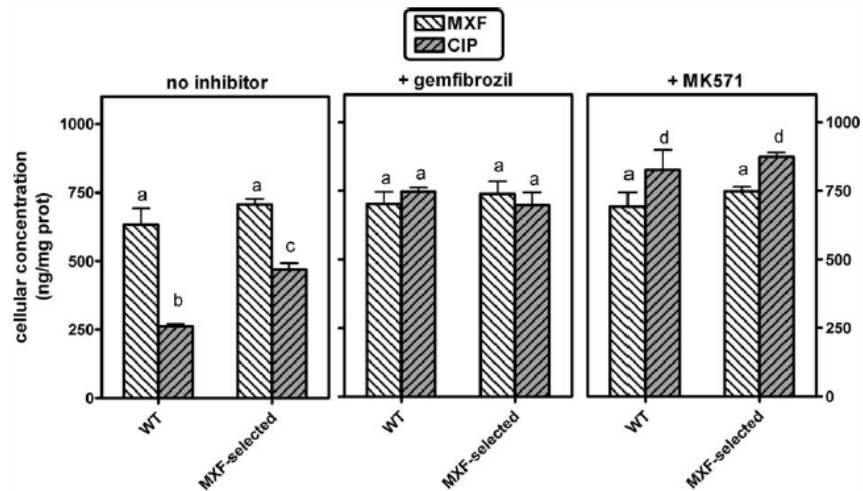


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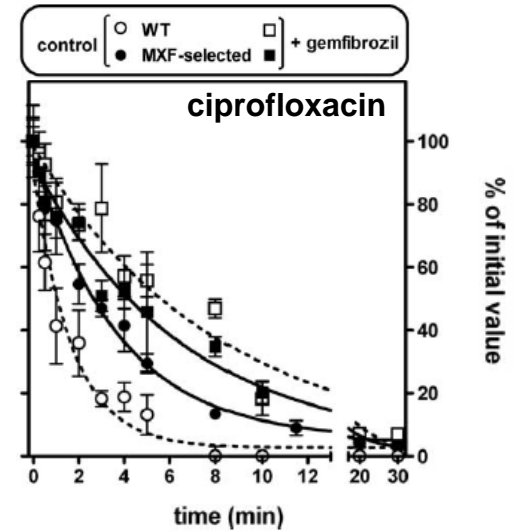
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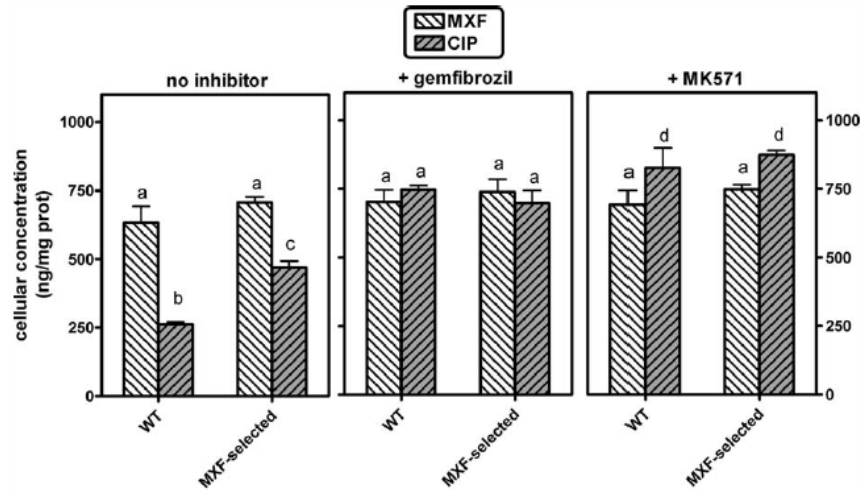
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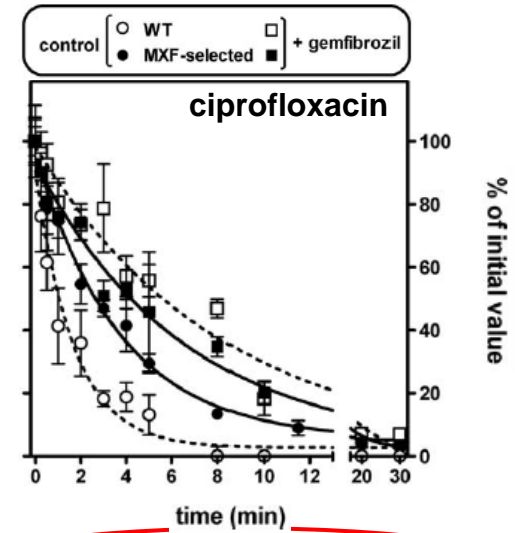
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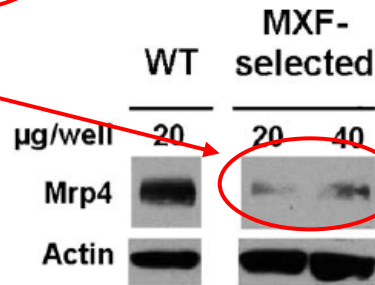
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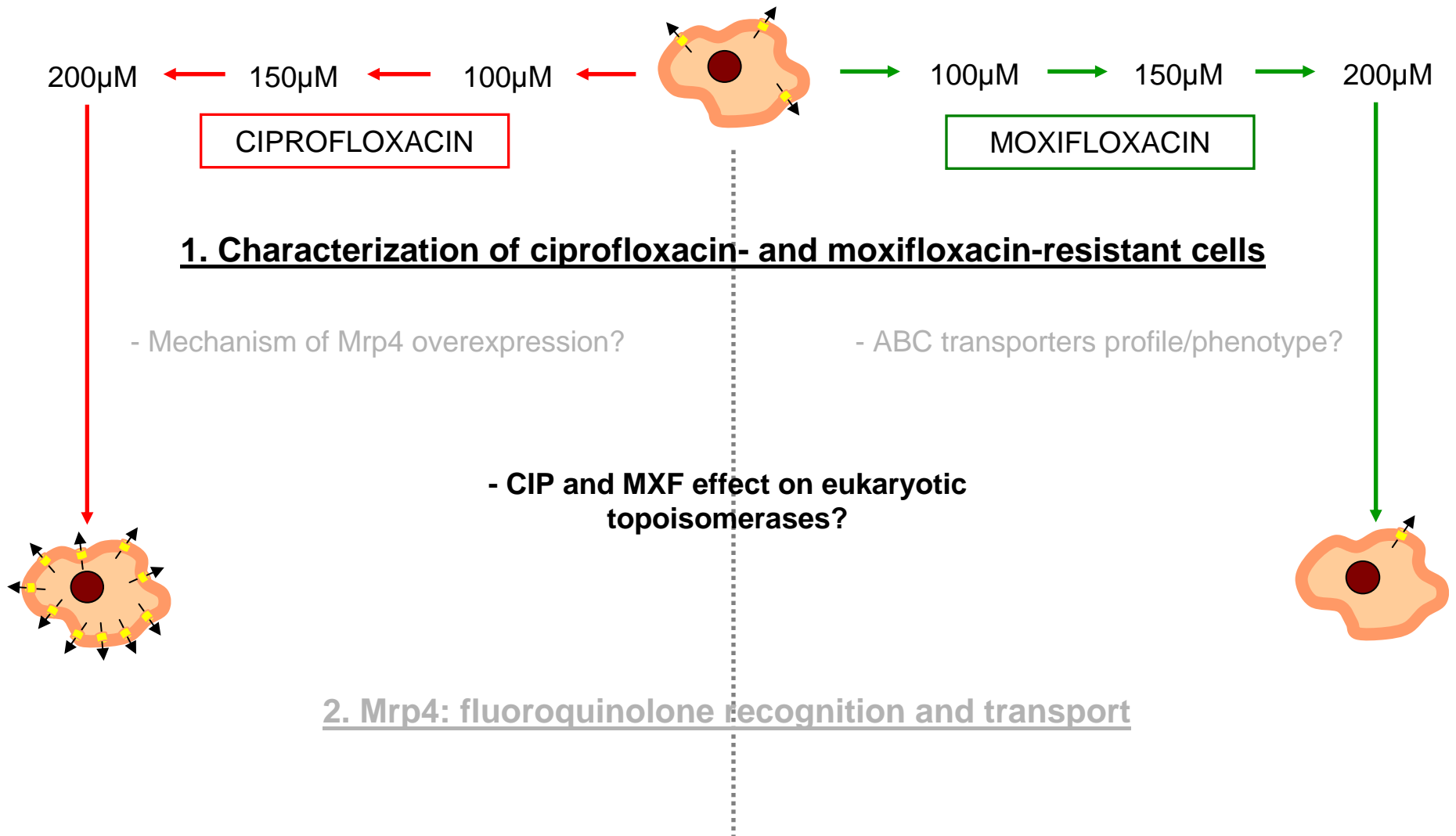
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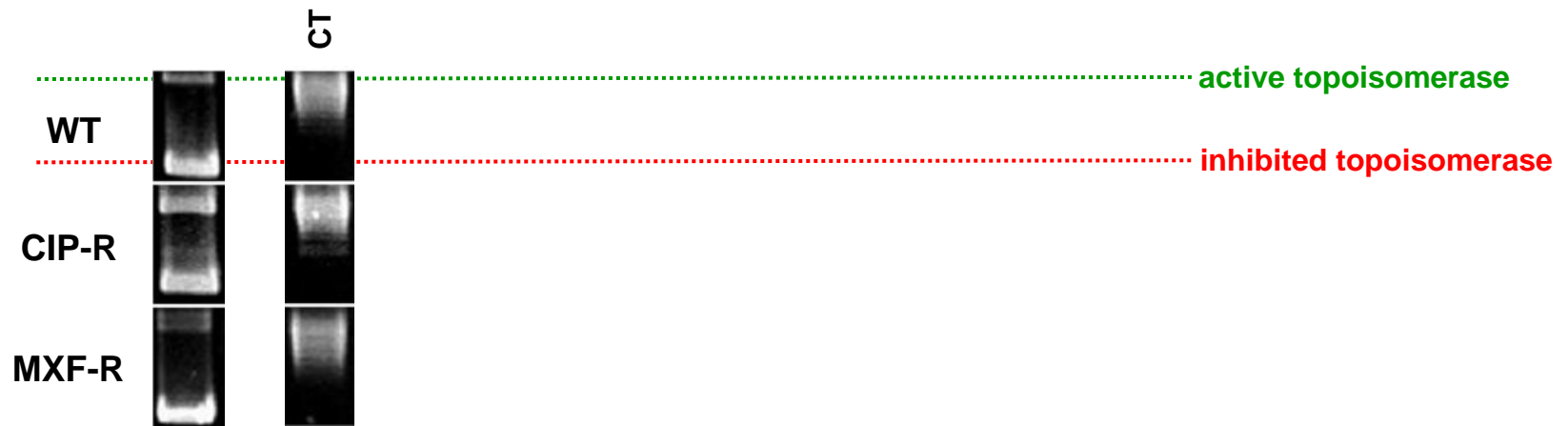


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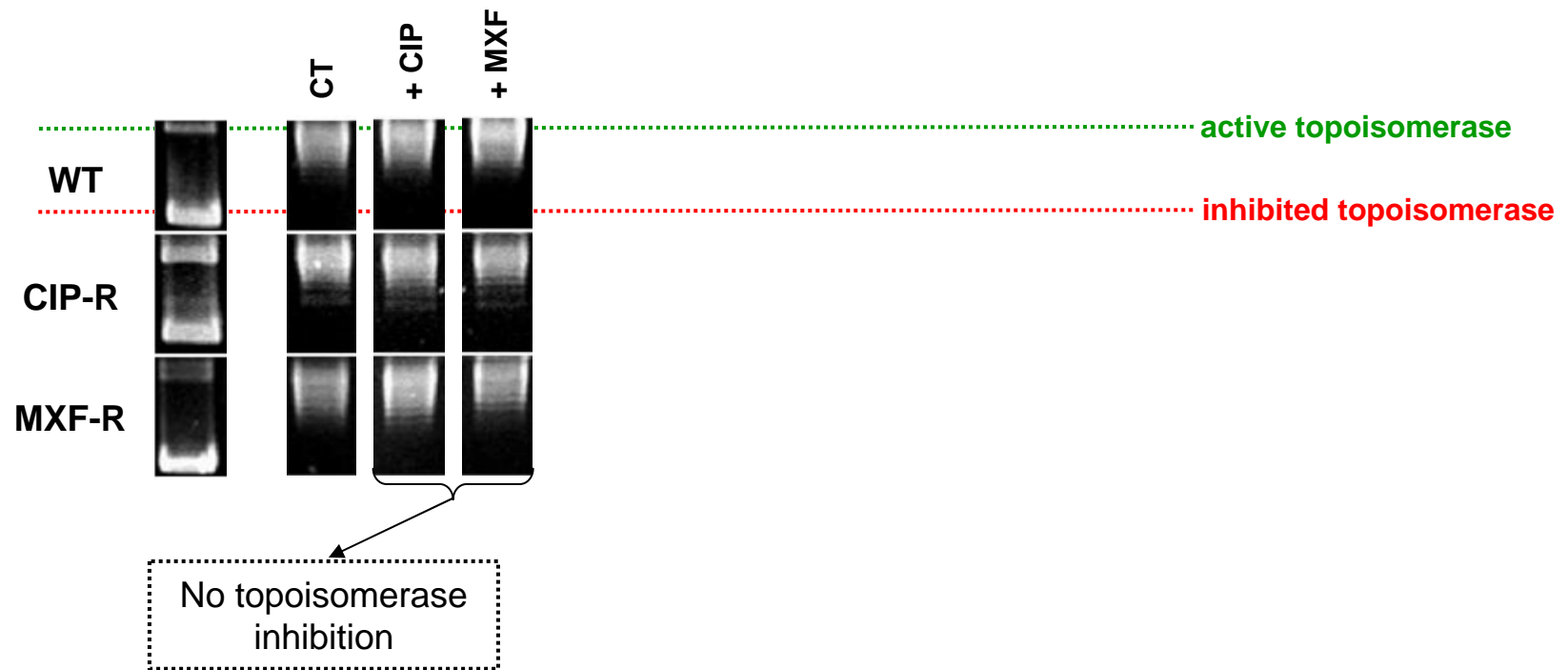
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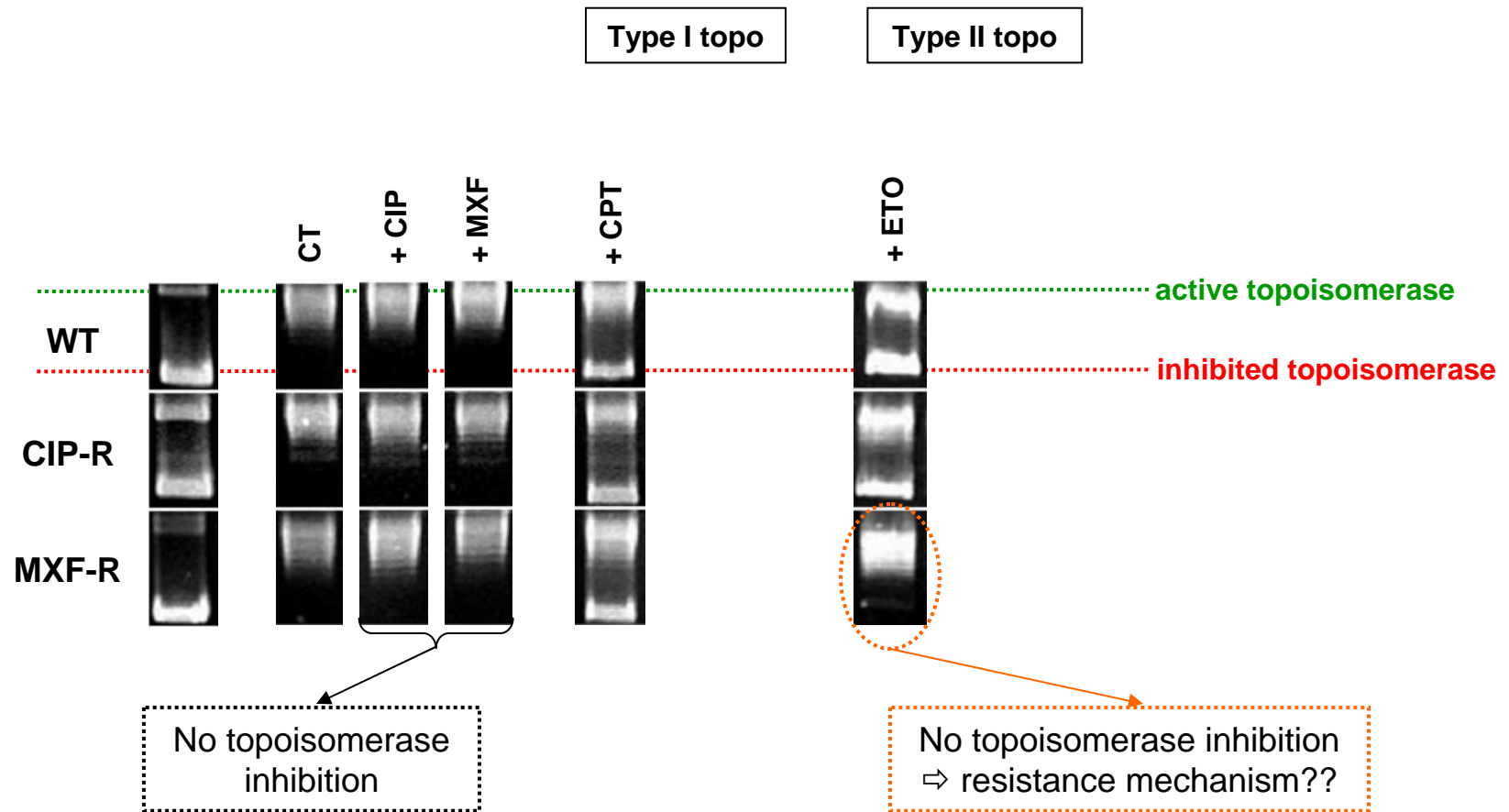
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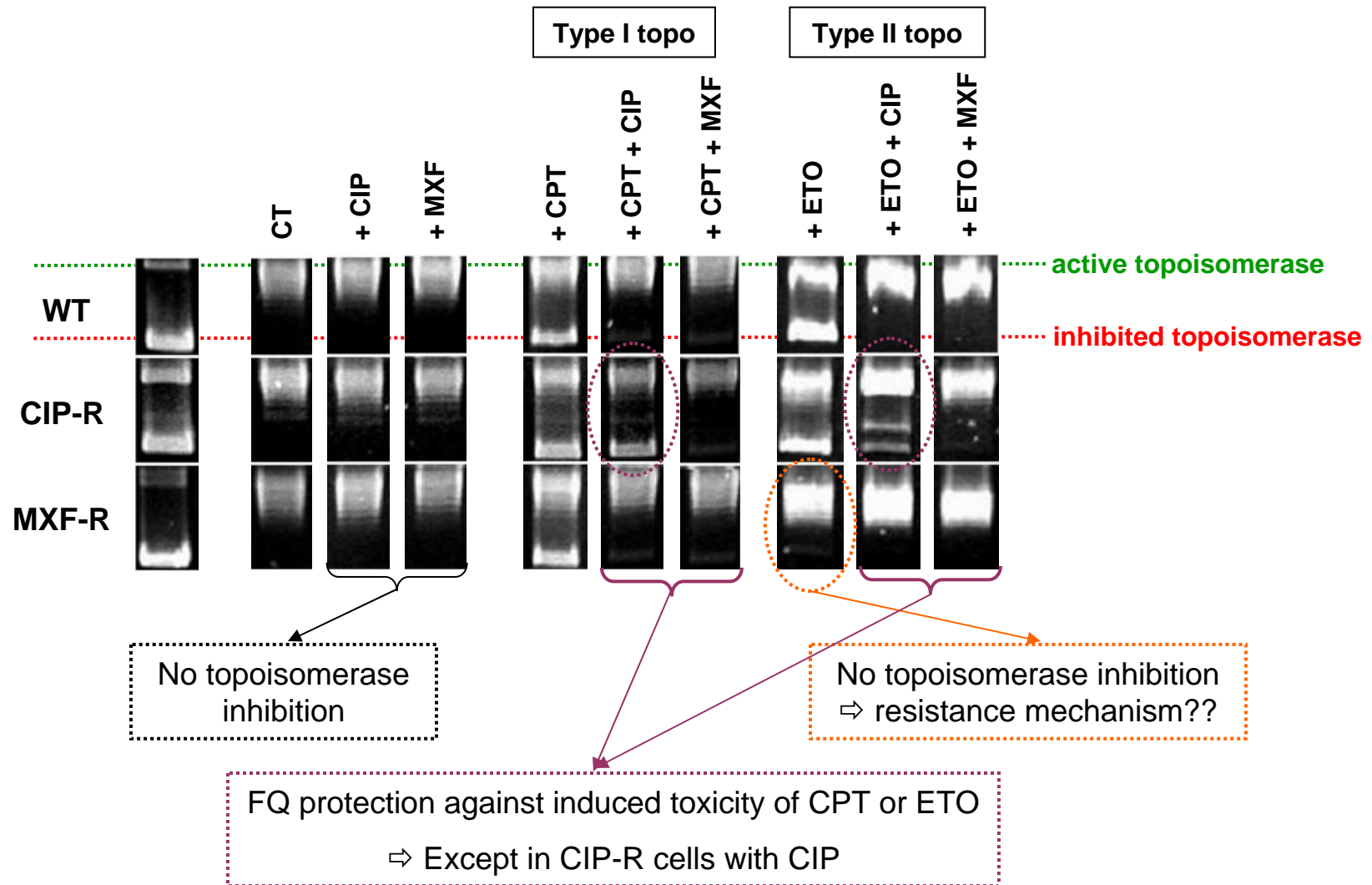
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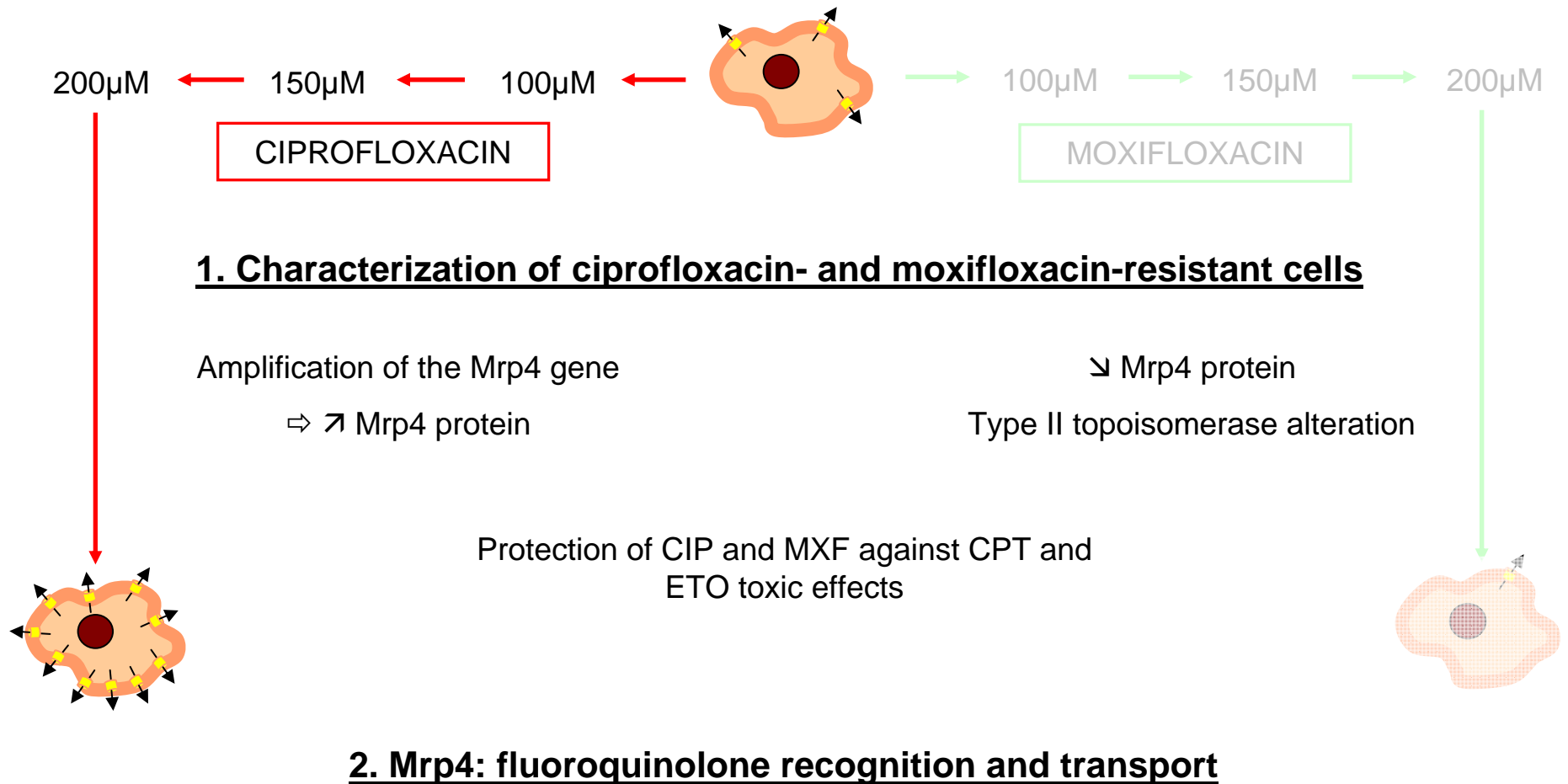


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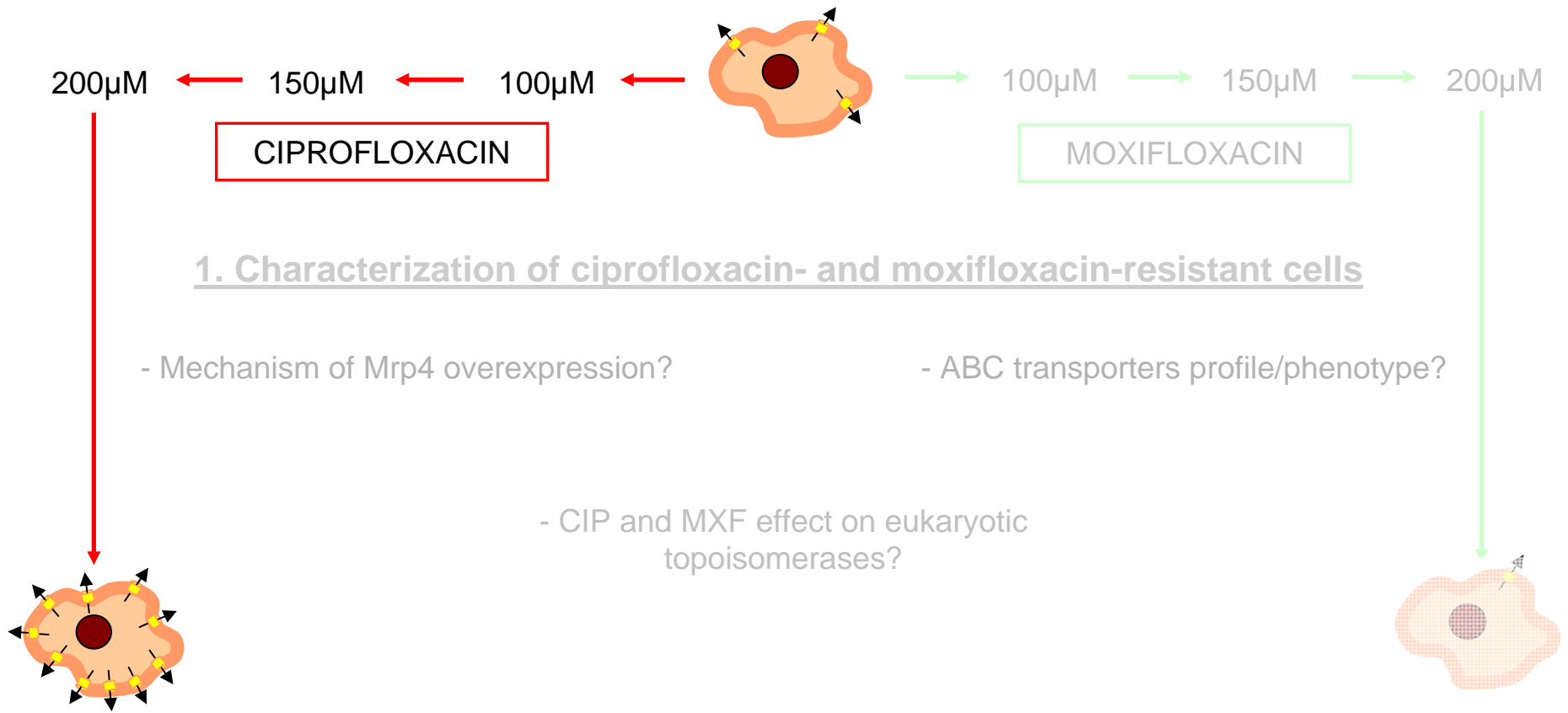
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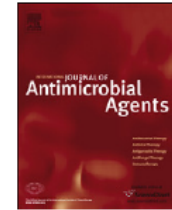
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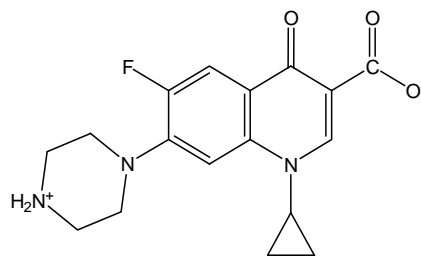
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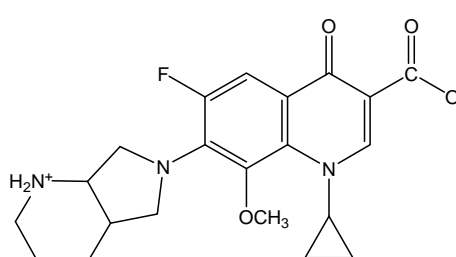
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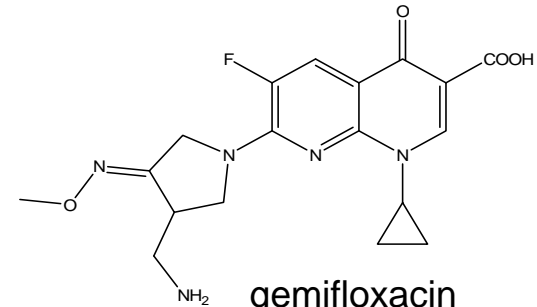
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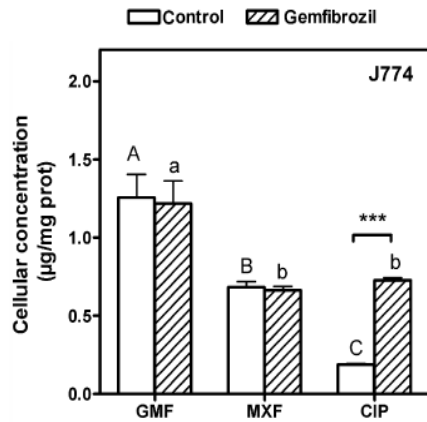
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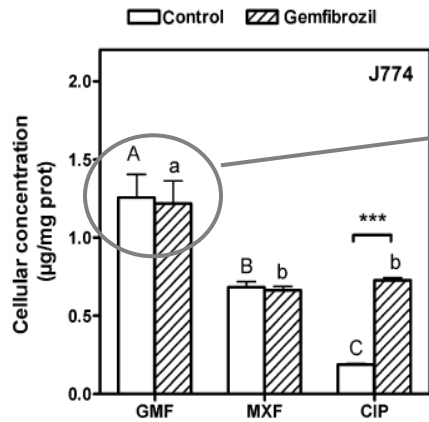
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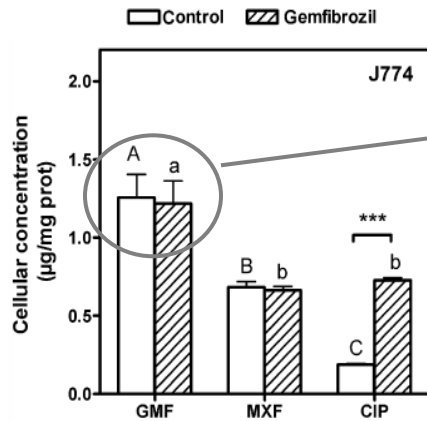
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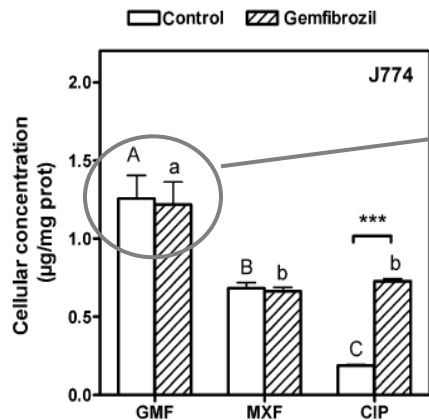


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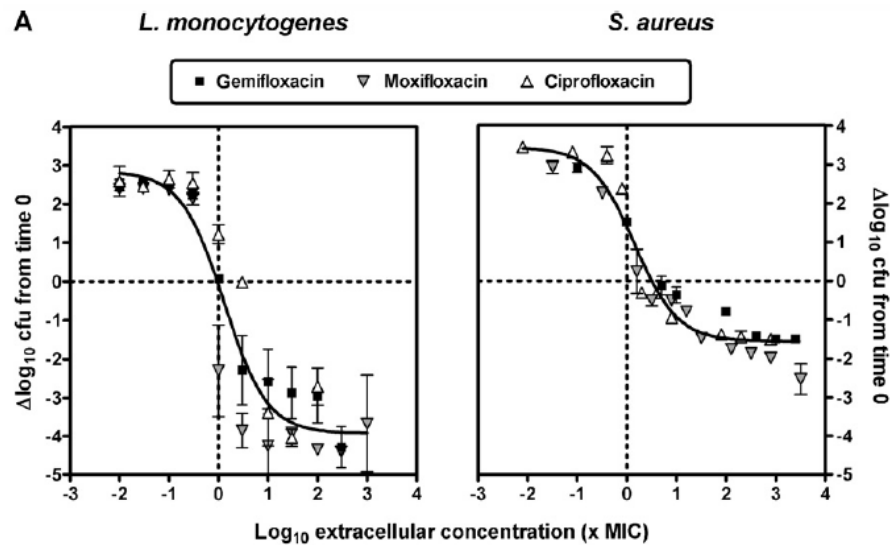
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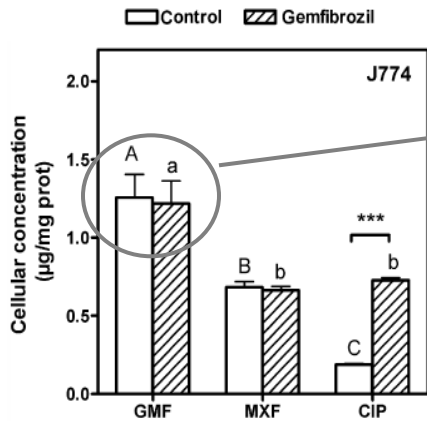
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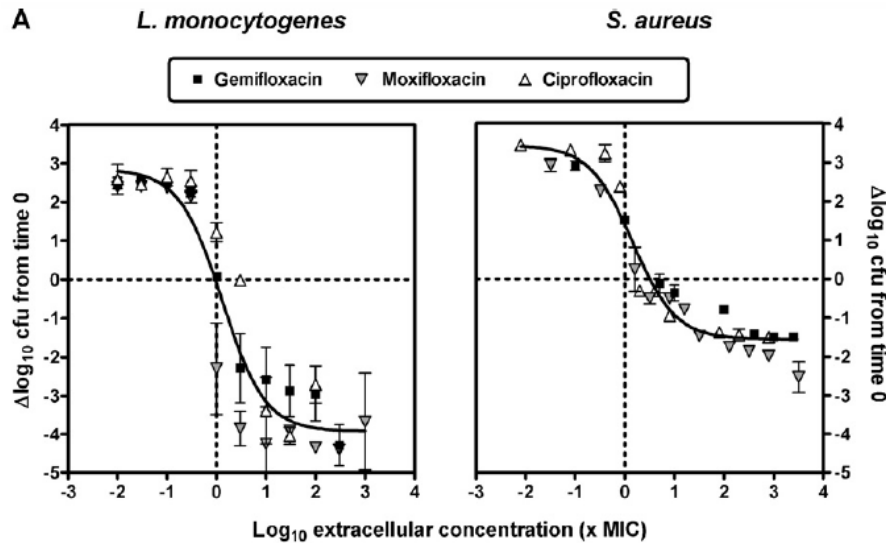
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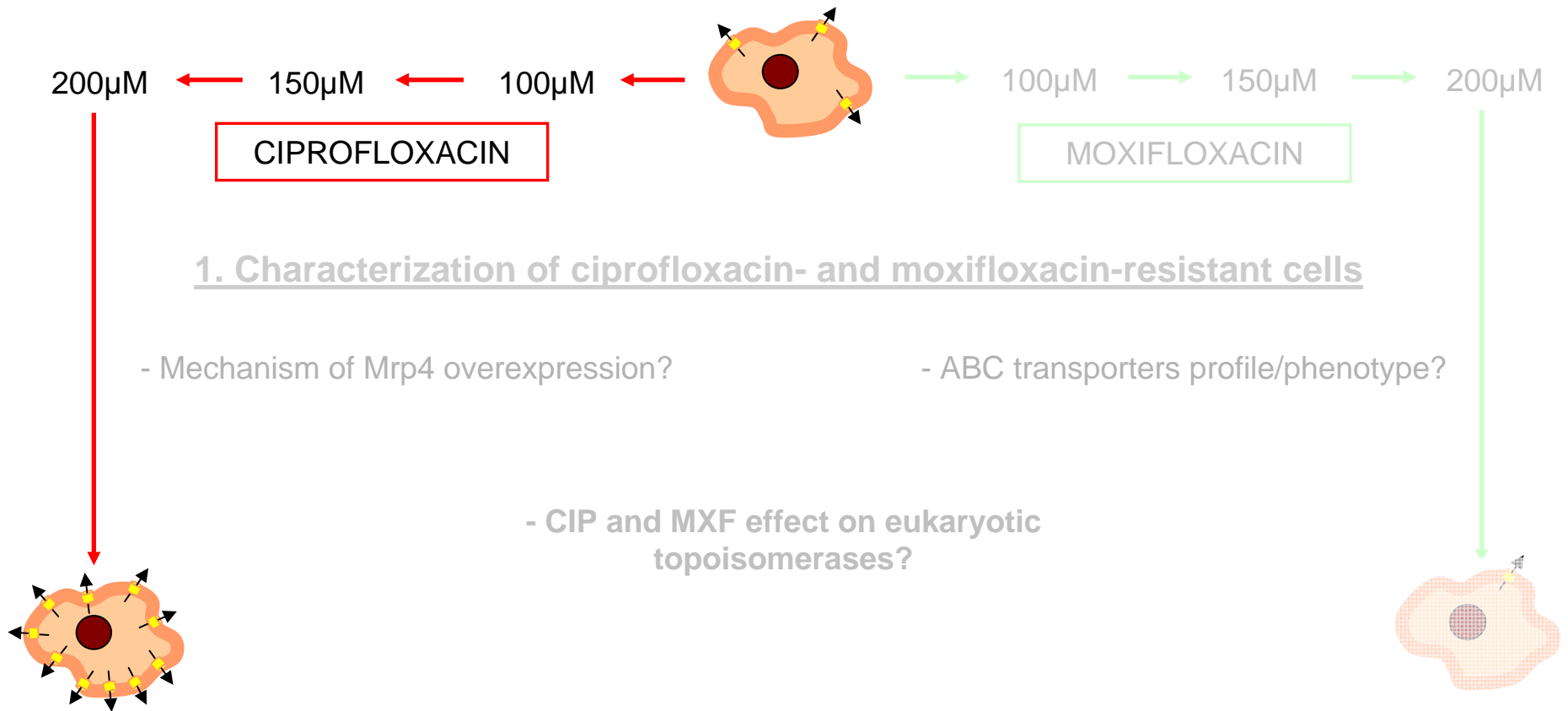
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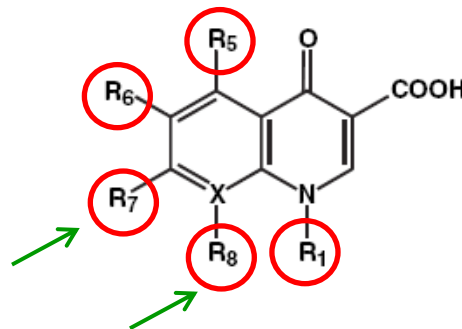
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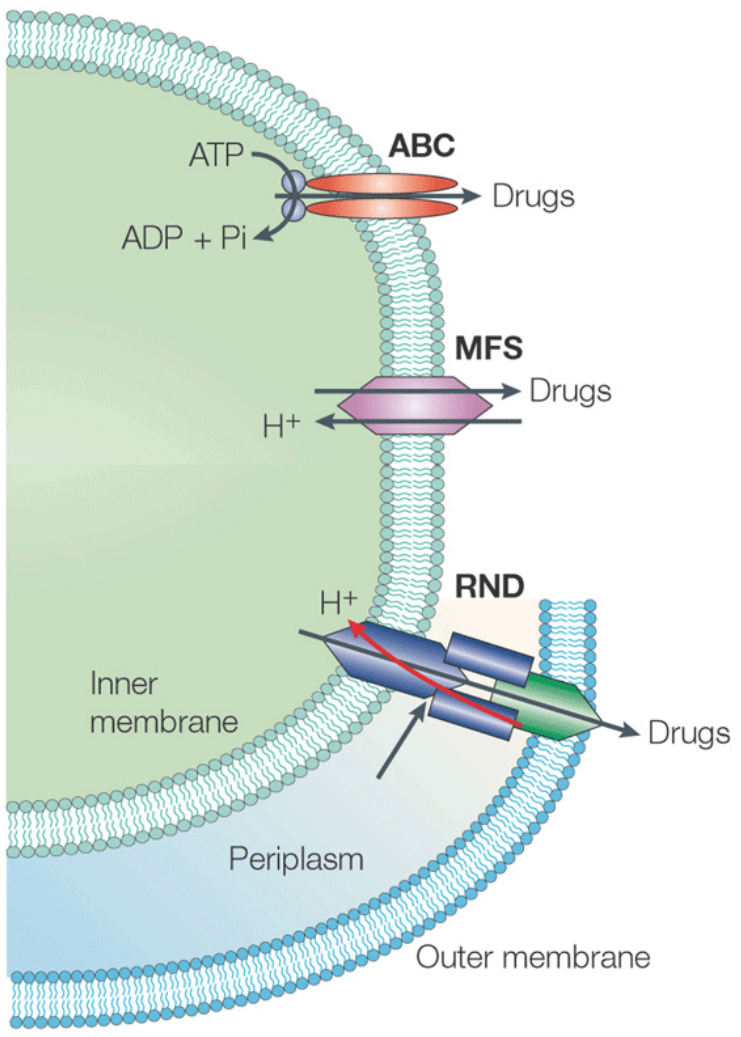
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(The structural study was performed in collaboration with Martine Prévost and Julien Dupont, *Structure et Fonction des Membranes biologiques*, Université Libre de Bruxelles)



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Bacteria efflux pumps



PatA/PatB from *Streptococcus pneumoniae*

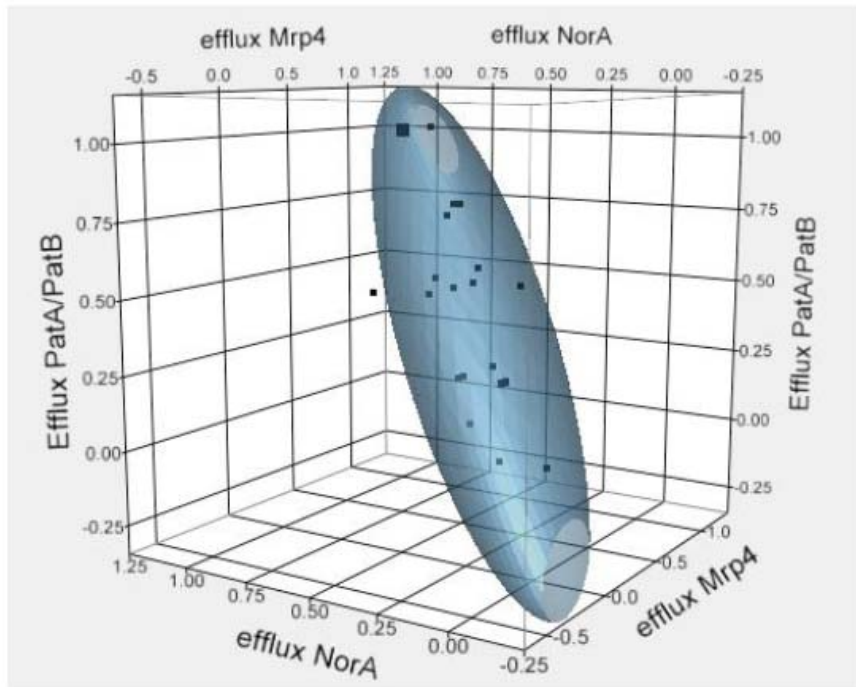
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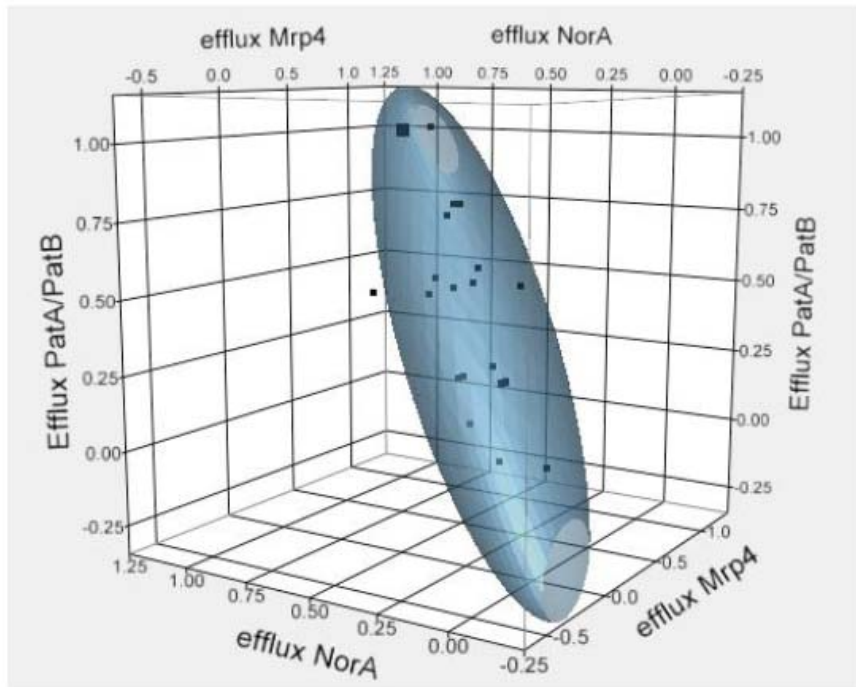
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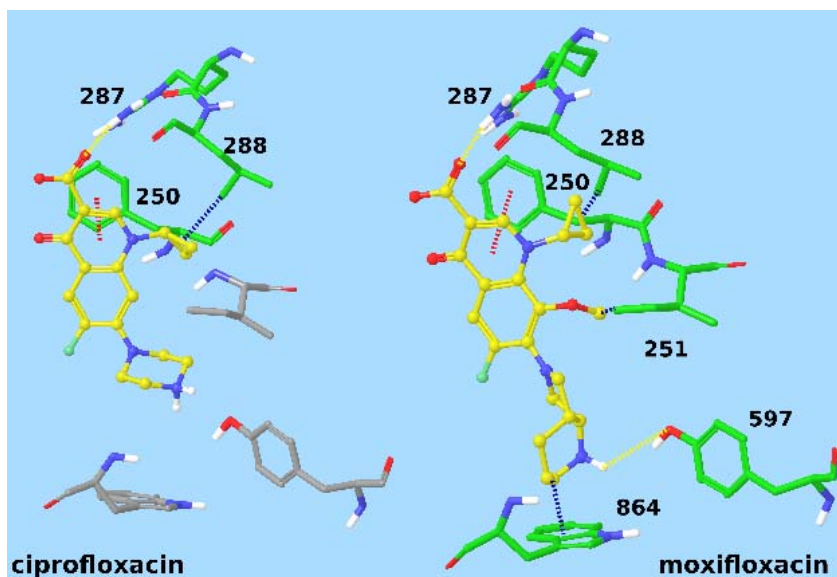
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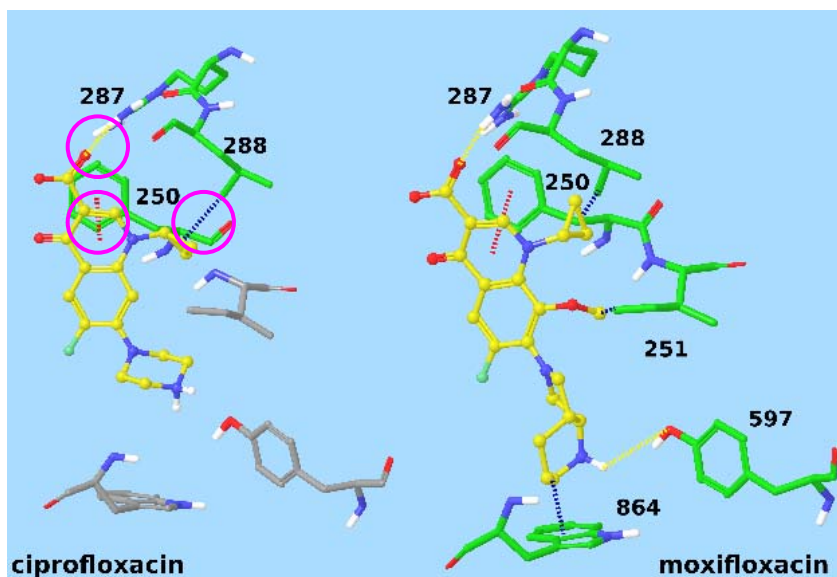
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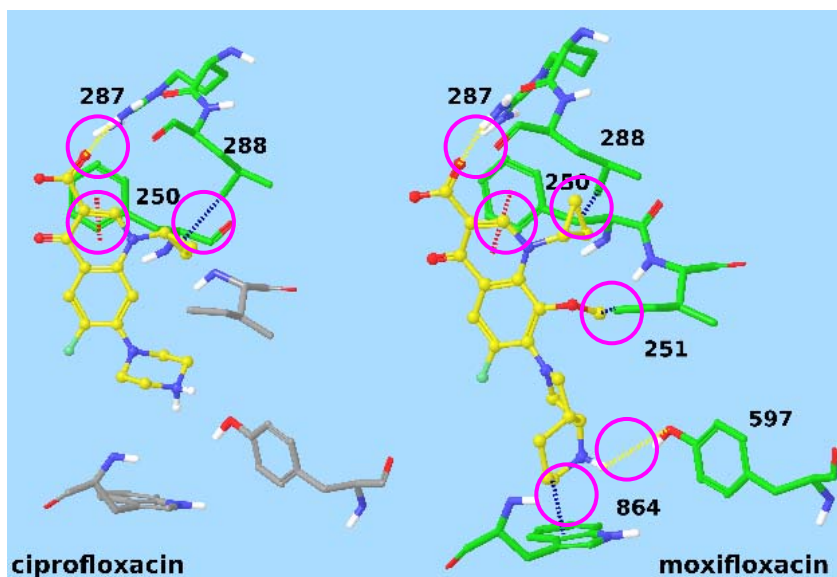
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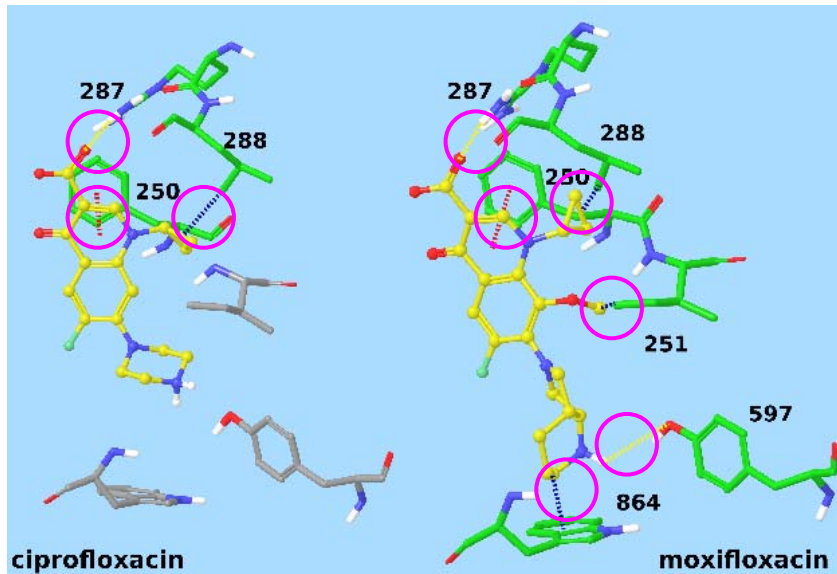


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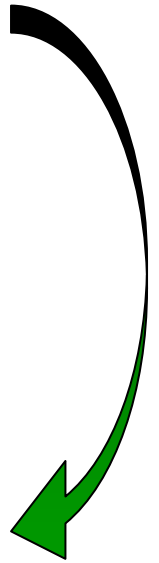
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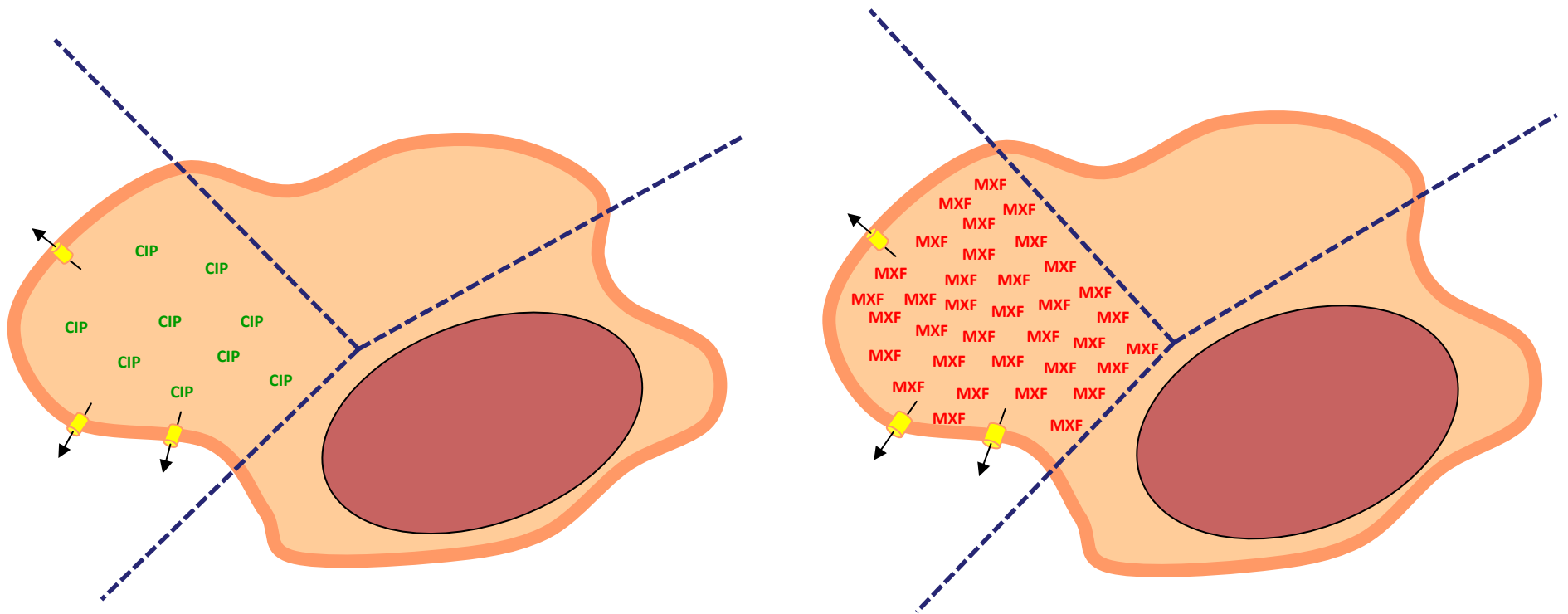
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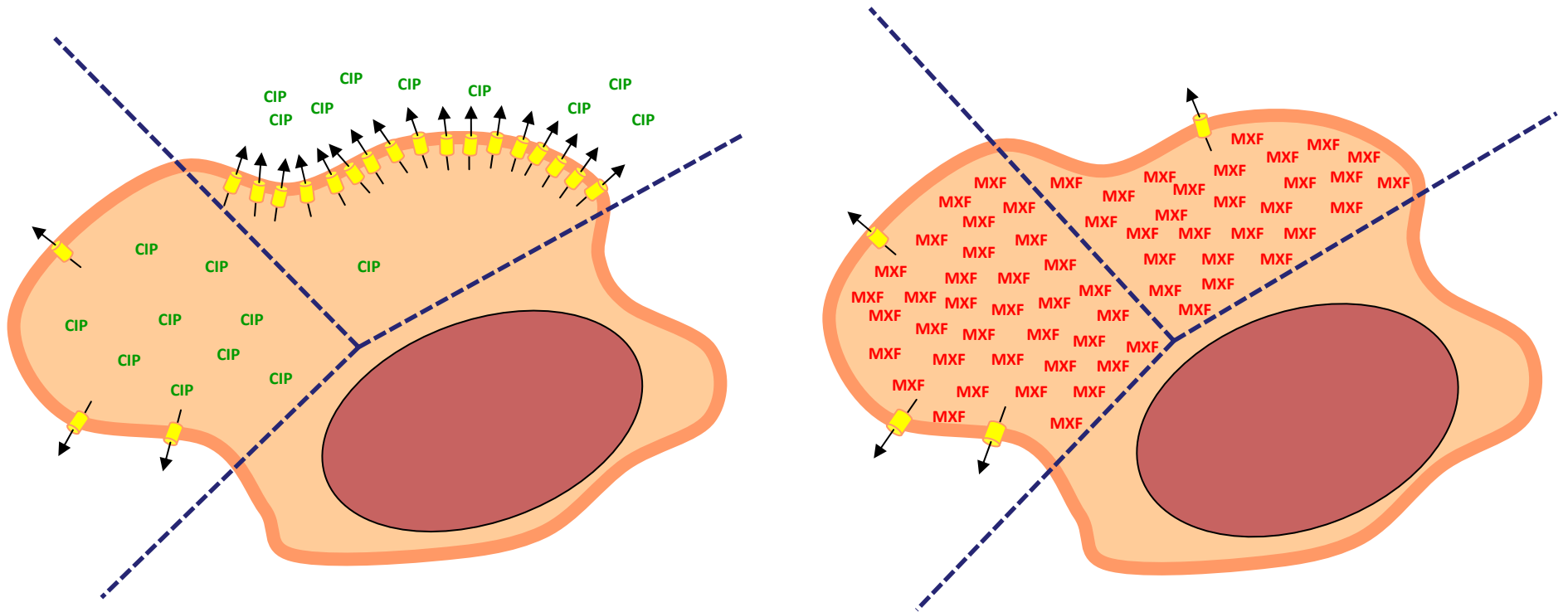


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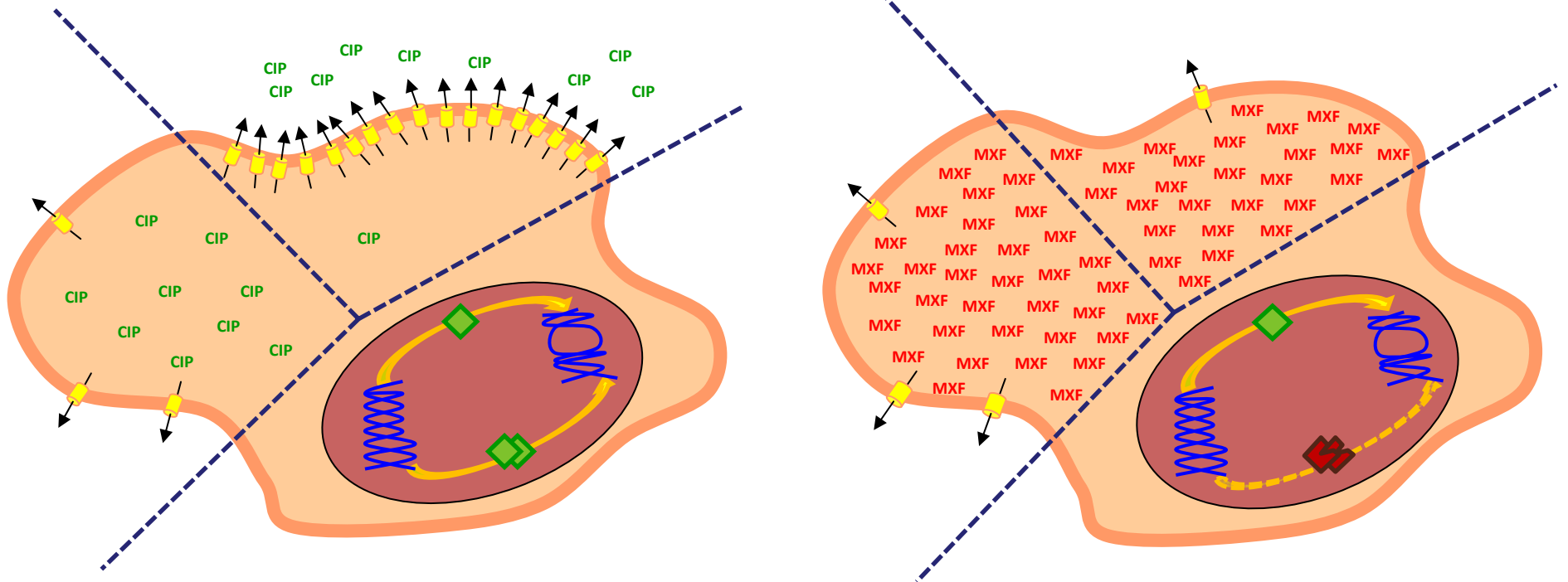
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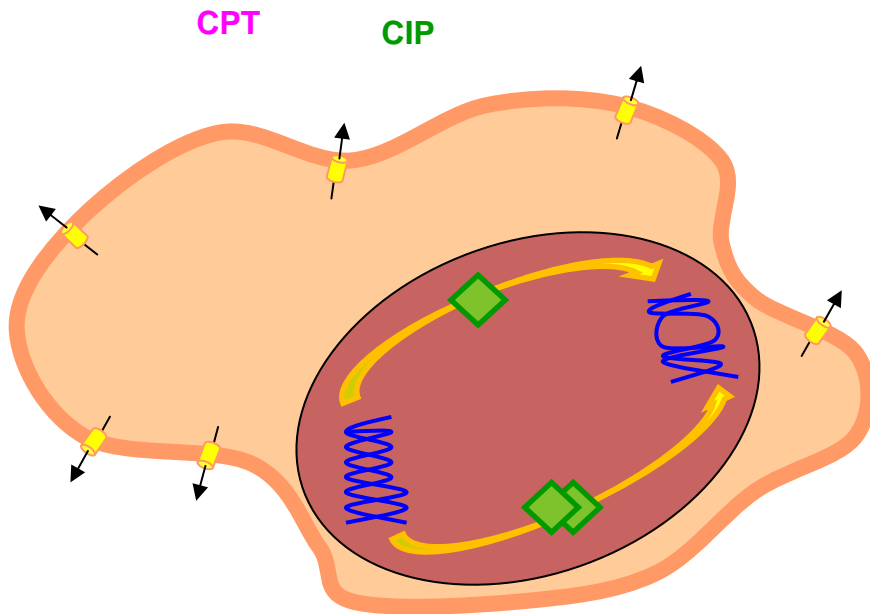
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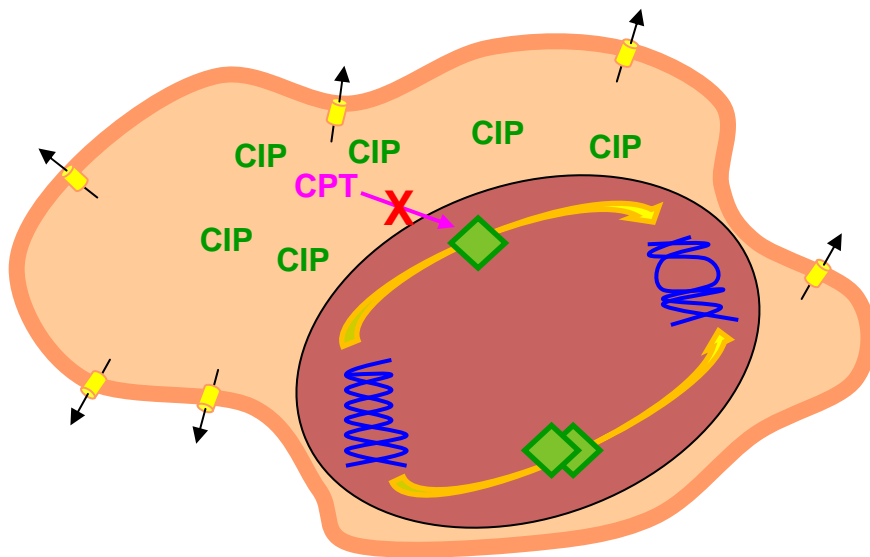
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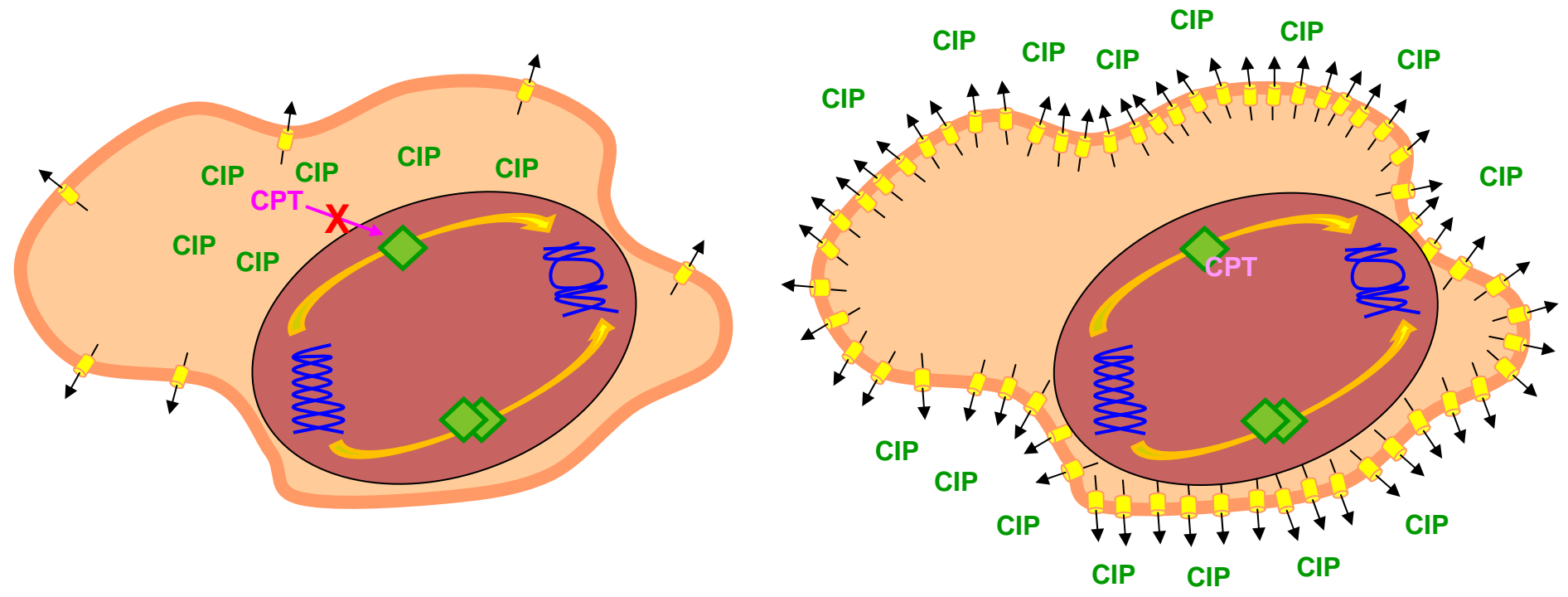
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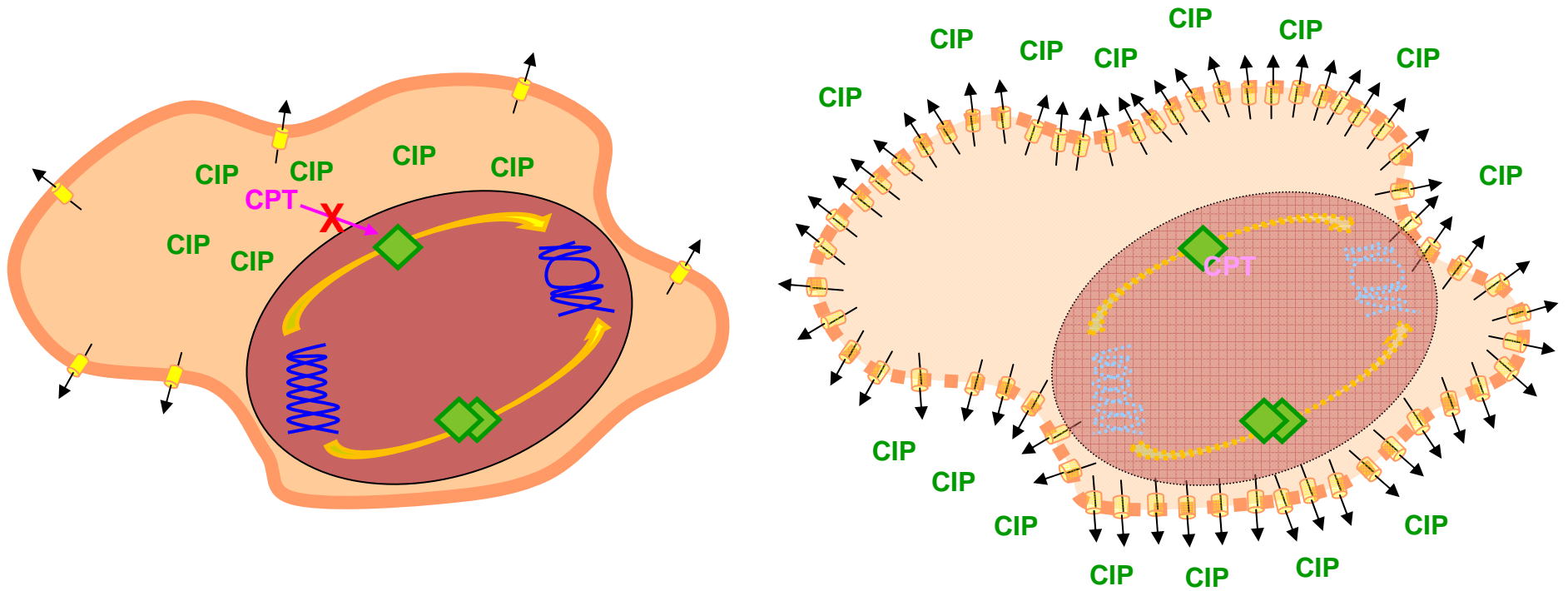
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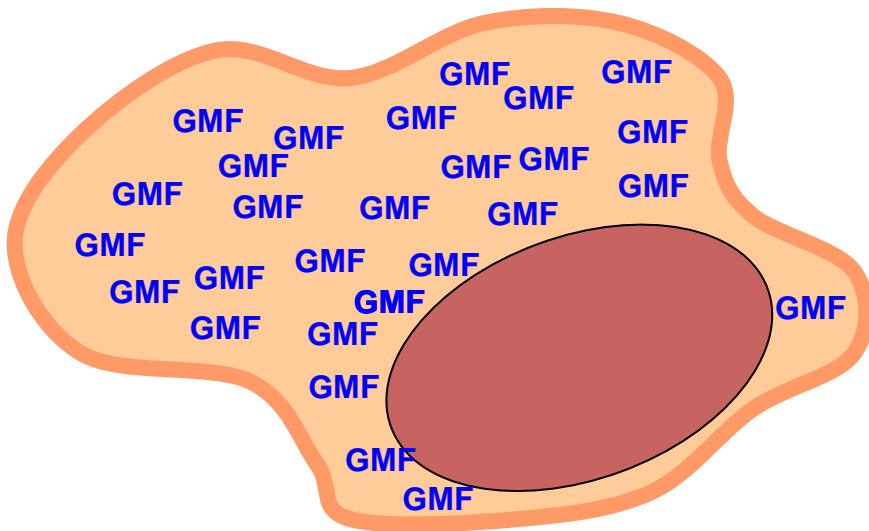
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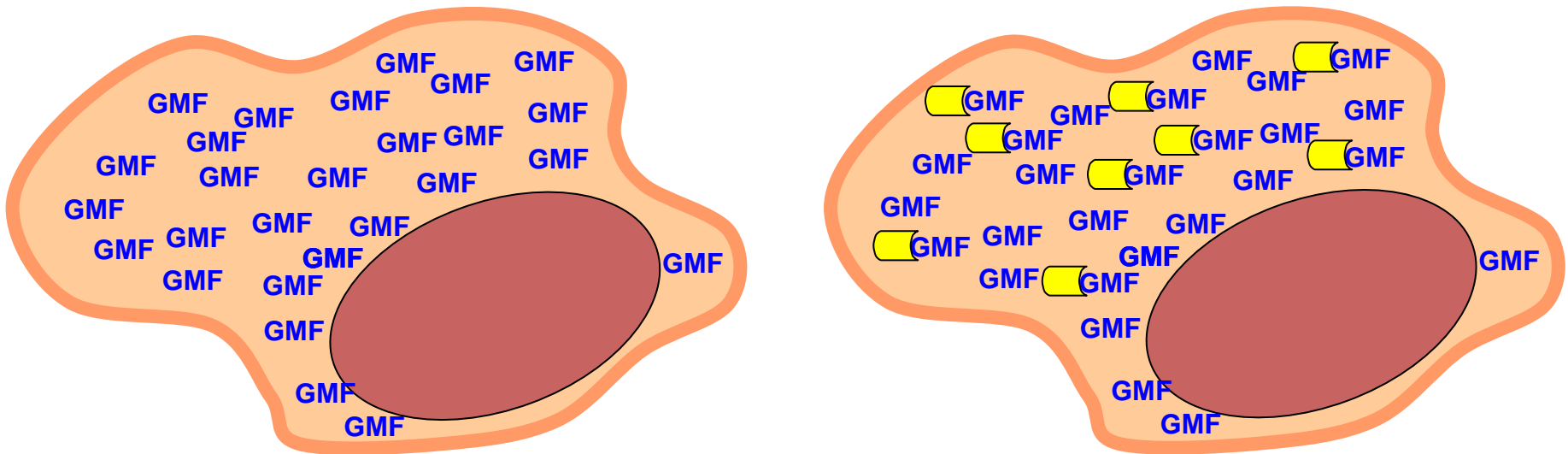
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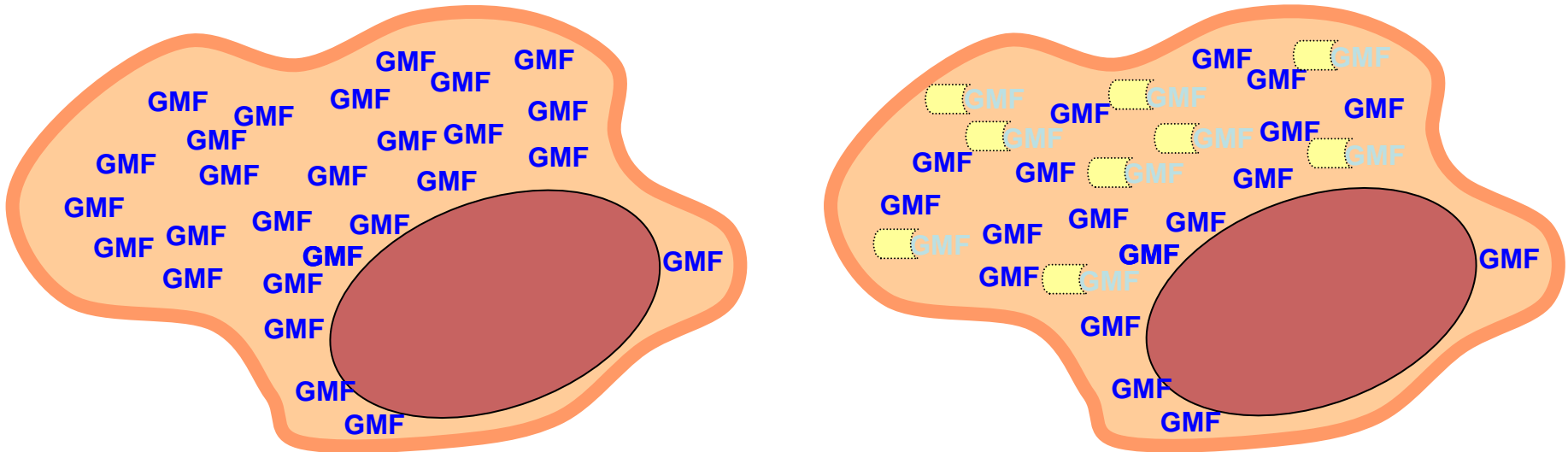
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PERSPECTIVES

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What else now??

- ✓ MXF-R cells : what is the mechanism leading to Mrp4 reduction in expression ?
type II topoisomerase = resistance mechanism?
- ✓ How do fluoroquinolones protect cells against anticancer agents toxic effects?
- ✓ Intracellular bioavailability of fluoroquinolones?
- ✓ Transport of fluoroquinolones by Mrp4 : Mrp4 crystal structure?

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