



# Presentations of the Institute's Specialized Laboratories

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# Laboratory of Single Cell Analyses

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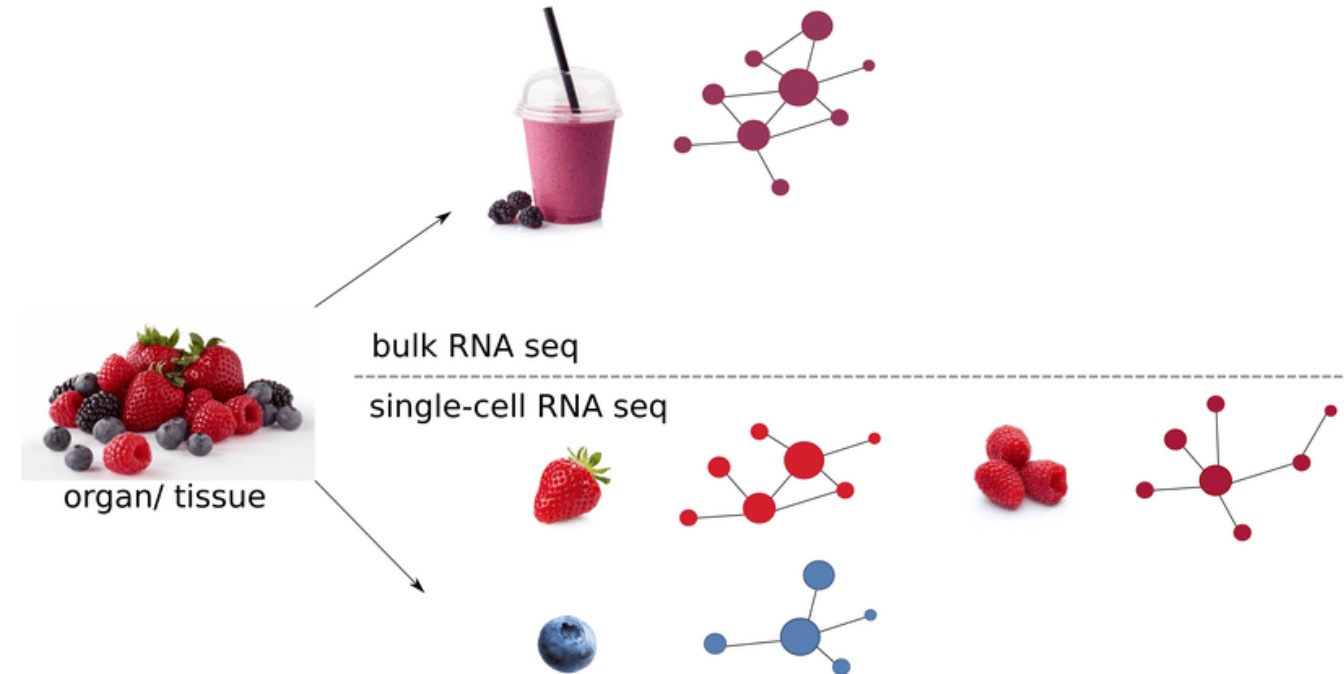
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The infrastructure of the Laboratory is part of a platform for multidimensional imaging of biological processes, established within the framework of NEBI – National Imaging Centre for Biological and Biomedical Sciences.

We integrate experimental and computational approaches to comprehensively characterize diverse biological material at single cell resolution.

# Why single cells?

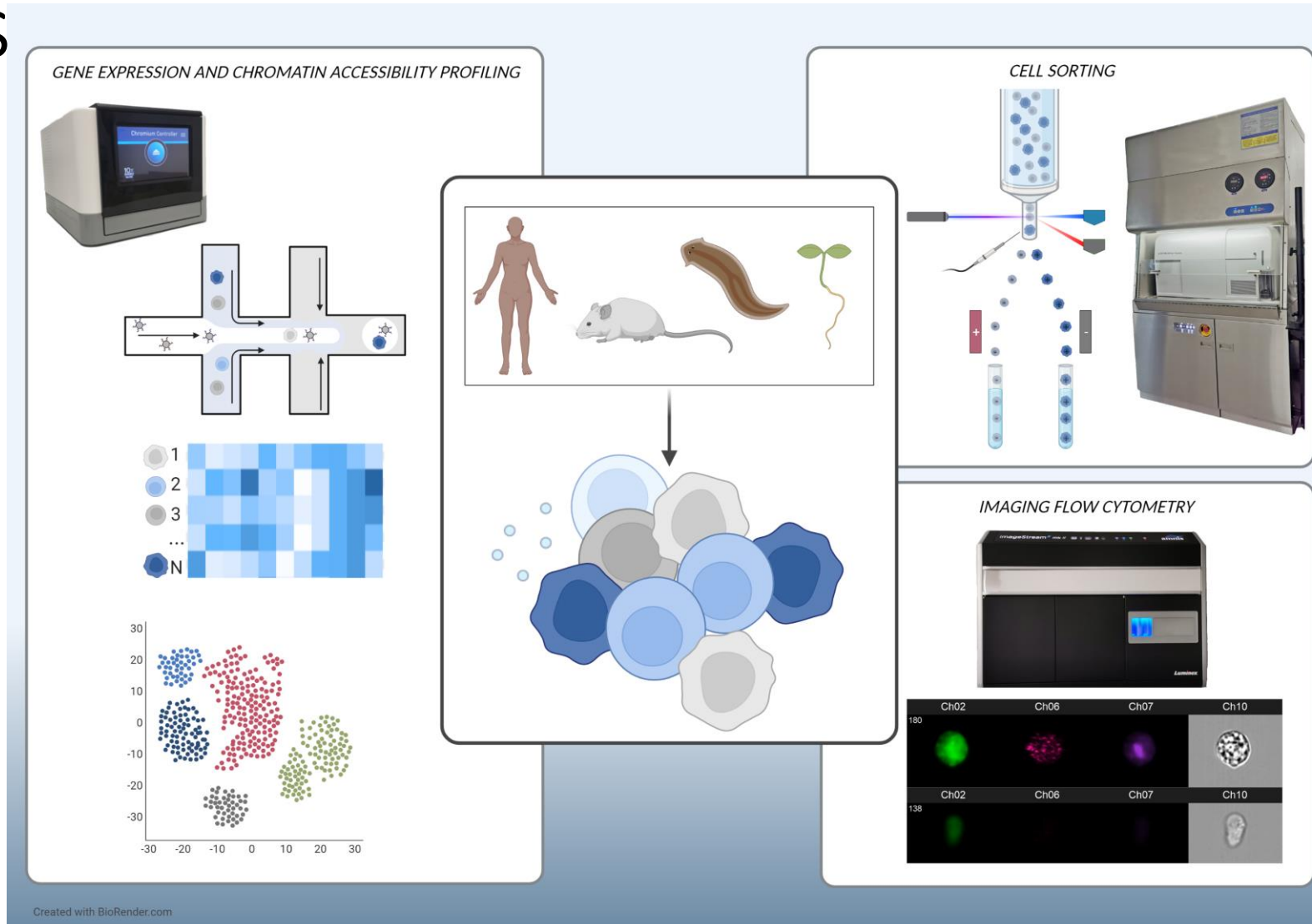
Information obtained based on population average does not provide the whole picture of a sample.



The advantages of taking research one cell at a time:

- identification of cell types and cell states
- identification of distinct subpopulations and differentiation trajectories
- rare cell detection
- exploration of tissue heterogeneity
- more...

# Our focus



- We offer gene expression and chromatin accessibility profiling, as well as cell sorting and advanced analyses using classical and imaging flow cytometry.
- We provide equipment for quantitative and qualitative analysis of nucleic acids.

# Equipment, terms & conditions of use



Equipment available for self-use by trained researchers (the majority of our equipment)



Equipment operated by the Laboratory staff

- LSCA staff performs the experiment, according to the guidelines of the person who submits the samples
- LSCA staff performs the experiment and basic data analysis, according to the guidelines of the person who submits the samples
- LSCA staff performs the experiment, analyzes data and provides substantive intellectual contribution  
(consulting, planning of the experiment, compilation of results, analysis and interpretation of data, modification of the procedure, problem solving)

## Terms and conditions for using the resources of the Laboratory of Single Cell Analyses

apply to research groups from IBCH PAS

### Which method do you plan to use?

- quantitative analysis of nucleic acids (Qubit 4)
- real-time PCR (CFX96)
- ddPCR (QX200)
- quantitative and qualitative analysis of nucleic acids (TapeStation 4150)
- classical flow cytometry (Guava easyCyte 12HT, Guava Muse)
- cell sorting (FACSAria Fusion)
- imaging flow cytometry (Amnis ImageStreamX Mk II)
- single cell omics (Chromium 10x Genomics)
- other

### How do you plan to use the facility?

- by myself, I only want to use the equipment provided at the Laboratory
- with the help of the Laboratory staff

### Define the scope of tasks outsourced to the Laboratory:

- only performing the experiment, according to my guidelines (collecting flow cytometry data)
- performing the experiment and basic analysis, according to my guidelines
- performing the experiment and requiring substantive intellectual contribution from the Laboratory staff (planning of the experiment, compilation of results, analysis and interpretation of results, modification of the procedure, consulting, problem solving)

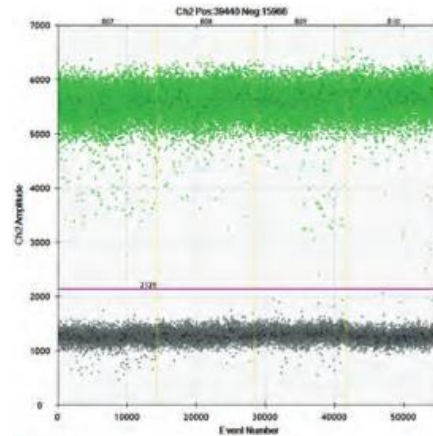
clear form

# Quantitative and qualitative analysis of nucleic acids

The QX200 Droplet Digital PCR System provides absolute quantification of target DNA or RNA molecules for EvaGreen or TaqMan hydrolysis probe-based digital PCR applications.



<https://www.bio-rad.com>



Starting sample size, $\mu$ l	20
QX200 droplet generator capacity	1–8 samples/cartridge
Droplets per 20 $\mu$ l sample	20,000
QX200 droplet reader capacity	1–96 samples
Sample illumination	Light-emitting diodes
Sample detection	Multi-pixel photon counter
Detection channels	FAM (EvaGreen), HEX (VIC)
Linear dynamic range	5 orders of magnitude

book at: <https://reservation.ibch.poznan.pl>



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The CFX96 is a precise and flexible, six-channel (five colors and one FRET channel) real-time PCR detection system.

book at: <https://reservation.ibch.poznan.pl>



<https://www.thermofisher.com>

The Qubit 4 enables fast and sensitive quantification of DNA, RNA and protein, as well as RNA IQ (integrity & quality) assay.



# Quantitative and qualitative analysis of nucleic acids

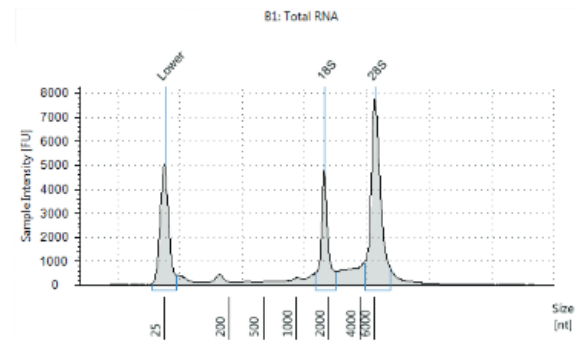
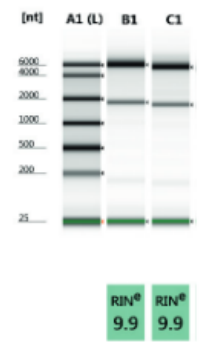


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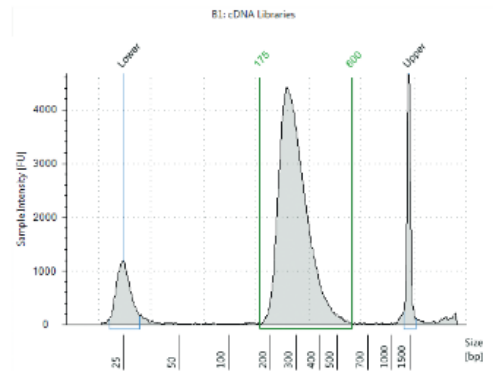
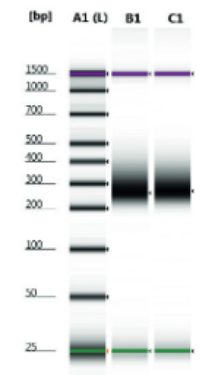


	RNA QC				DNA QC			
	RNA assay	High Sensitivity RNA assay	Genomic DNA assay	Cell-free DNA assay	D1000 assay	High Sensitivity D1000 assay	D5000 assay	High Sensitivity D5000 assay
Sizing range	100–6000 nt	100–6000 nt	200–60000 bp	50–800 bp	35–1000 bp	35–1000 bp	100–5000 bp	100–5000 bp
Quantitative range	25–500 ng/μL	500–10000 pg/μL	10–100 ng/μL	100–4000 pg/μL	0.1–50 ng/μL	10–1000 pg/μL	0.1–50 ng/μL	10–1000 pg/μL
Sample volume needed	1 μL	2 μL	1 μL	2 μL	1 μL	2 μL	1 μL	2 μL
Limit of detection	5 ng/μL	100 pg/μL	0.5 ng/μL	20 pg/μL	0.1 ng/μL	5 pg/μL	0.1 ng/μL	5 pg/μL
Integrity assessment	RNA integrity number equivalent (RIN <sup>®</sup> )	RNA integrity number equivalent (RIN <sup>®</sup> )	DNA Integrity Number (DIN)	%cfDNA				

## QC: RNA integrity RNA ScreenTape assay



## QC: Sizing (175 – 600 bp) D1000 ScreenTape assay



QC: genomic DNA integrity assay available

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# Tissue fragmentation and homogenization



The **McIlwain Tissue Chopper** enables rapid chopping (slicing) of tissue.

<https://campdeninstruments.com>



Capacity:

- from 1 to 3 x 2mL, 0.5mL tubes
- 1 x 7mL tube

Speed range:

- 3000, 4000 & 5000 rpm

Locking system:

- Manual (no screw-in system)

Cycles time:

- from 5s to 240s

The **Minilys** uses bead beating technology for tissue grinding, lysing and homogenization.

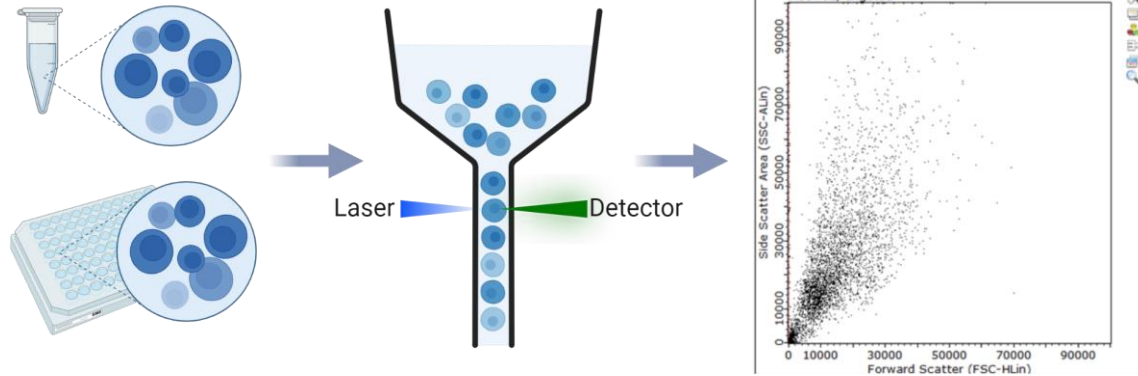
<https://www.bertin-instruments.com>



The **gentleMACS Octo Dissociator with Heaters** offers a fully automated workflow for tissue dissociation, using optimized built-in or user-defined programs for almost any biological material. All eight positions can be operated independently. **Single cell suspensions or homogenates** can be obtained.

<https://www.pack-icpi.com/>

# Flow cytometry

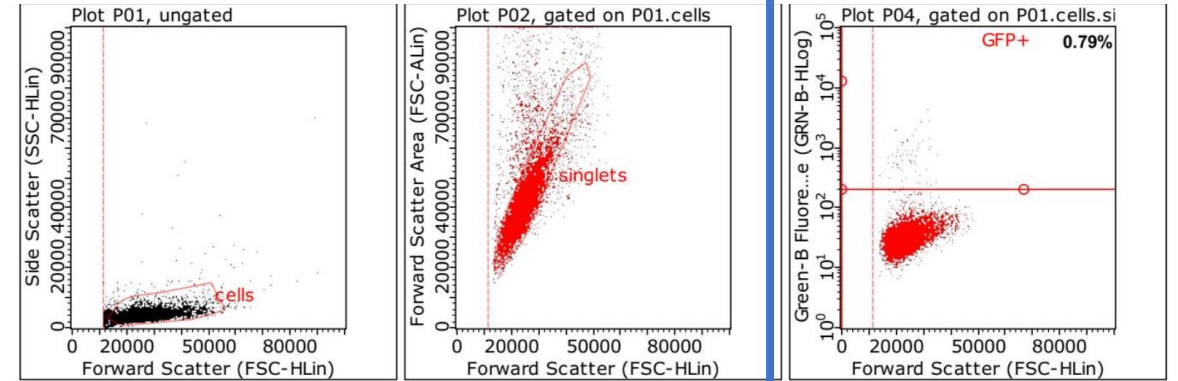


- Each dot on a plot represents a **single event** – usually a single cell.
- All parameters are calculated for **each event**.
- Statistical significance is achieved from **rapid acquisition of thousands of cells**.

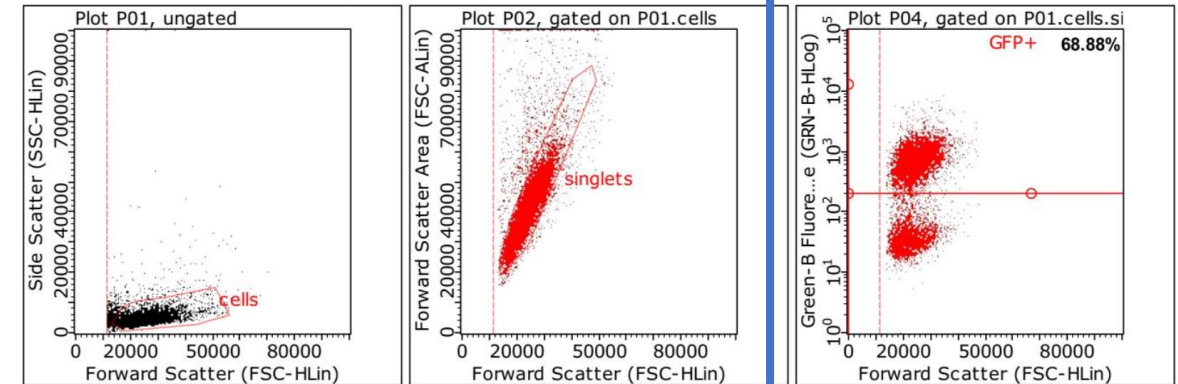
## Applications include:

- protein detection, all assays that use fluorescent reporters
- cell viability, cell health (apoptosis, mitochondrial potential, oxidative stress, etc.)
- cell cycle
- cellular pathways (MAPK activation, caspase activation, autophagy)
- multiparametric characterization of diverse biological material
- more...

negative control



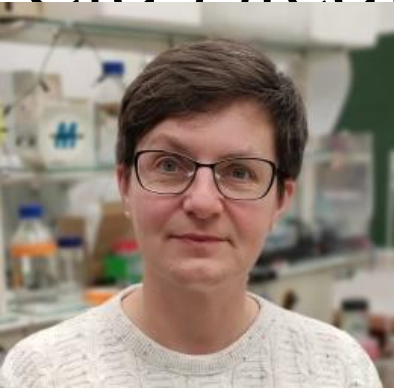
positive sample



## Sample types:

- eukaryotic cells
- prokaryotic cells
- nuclei

# Classical flow cytometry



Magdalena Trybus, MSc

Cytek Guava easyCyte 12HT



- **405/488/642** nm laser configuration
- 13 detection channels
- sampling system compatible with 1.5 ml tubes and 96-well plates
- pre-defined assays for common applications (dedicated kits and software analysis templates)
- versatile platform for a broad range of cytometric analyses
- user-friendly operation



Cytek Guava Muse



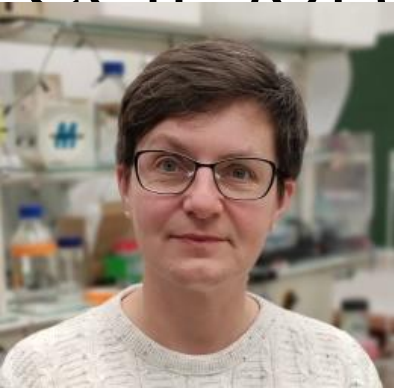
- **532** nm laser
- 2 detection channels
- sampling system compatible with 1.5 ml tubes
- pre-defined assays for a variety of applications (dedicated kits and software analysis templates)
- open module for simple user-defined assays
- easy operation



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# Cell sorting



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FACS Aria Fusion



- **405/488/561/640** nm laser configuration
- integrated into a dedicated BSL-2 laminar flow cabinet
- 4-way sorting
- ACDU unit for directly sorting onto multiwell plates and microscope slides
- sort collection vessels: 1.5/2 ml tube, FACS tube, 15 ml tube, multiwell plates (up to 96 wells), microscope slides
- 70, 85, 100 & 130  $\mu\text{m}$  nozzles – gentle sorting possible
- temperature control for pre-sort and post-sort samples available
- several sort precision modes, including single cell sorting and index sorting

sample types sorted thus far:

- cell lines
- primary cells from dissociated tissue (invertebrates)
- iPSCs
- nuclei (mouse cerebellum, plant root)
- protoplasts (plant root)
  
- no prokaryotic cells allowed!



# Imaging flow cytometry

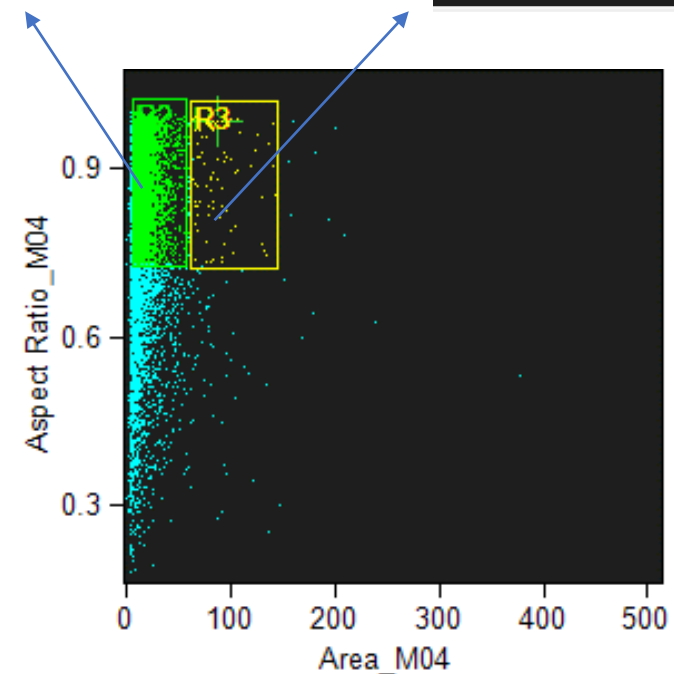
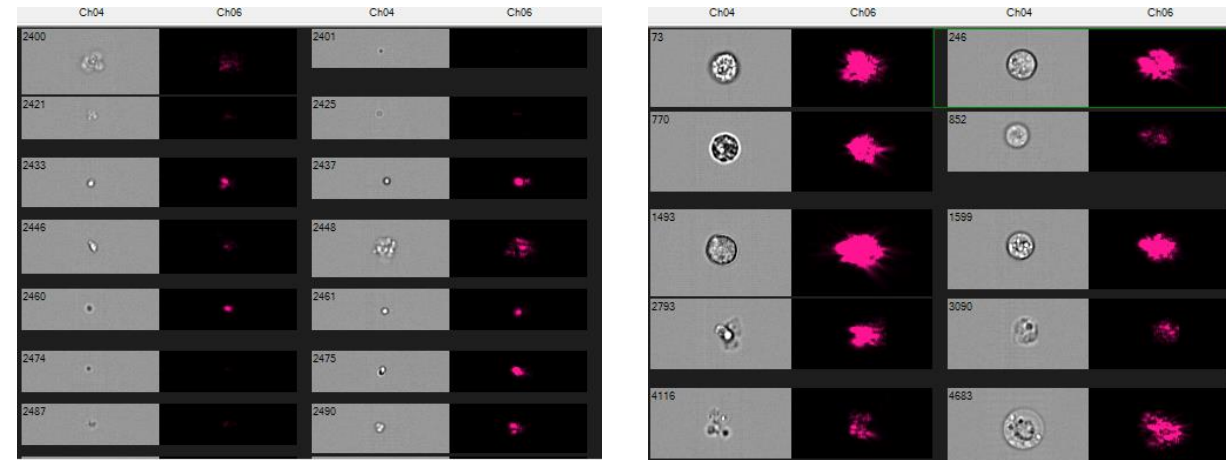
Cytek Amnis ImageStream<sup>®</sup> Mk II 



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- 405/488/561/642 nm laser configuration
- 2 cameras, 12 detection channels
- multimag: 20x/40x/60x
- autosampler, EDF, High Gain mode

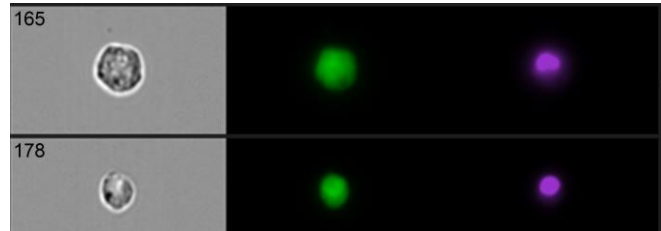
Combines high-throughput and multiparameter capabilities of conventional flow cytometry with morphological and spatial information from imaging at single-cell resolution.



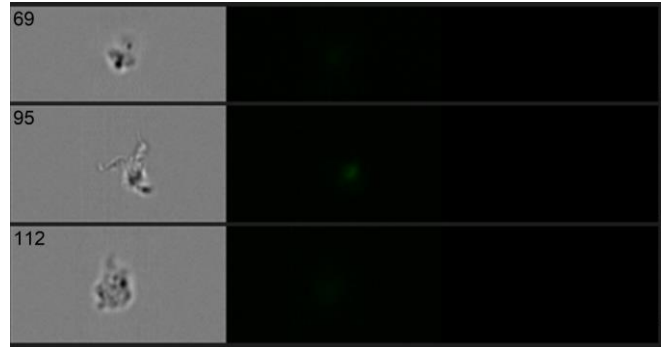
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# Tissue dissociation QC

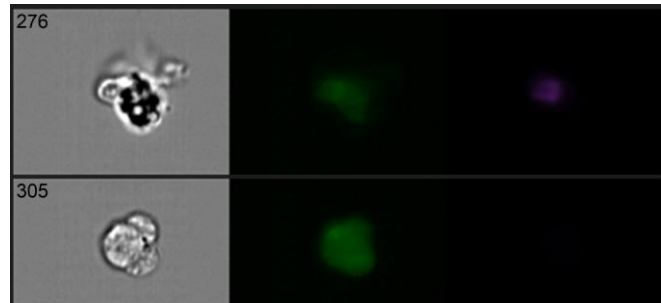
- intact cells



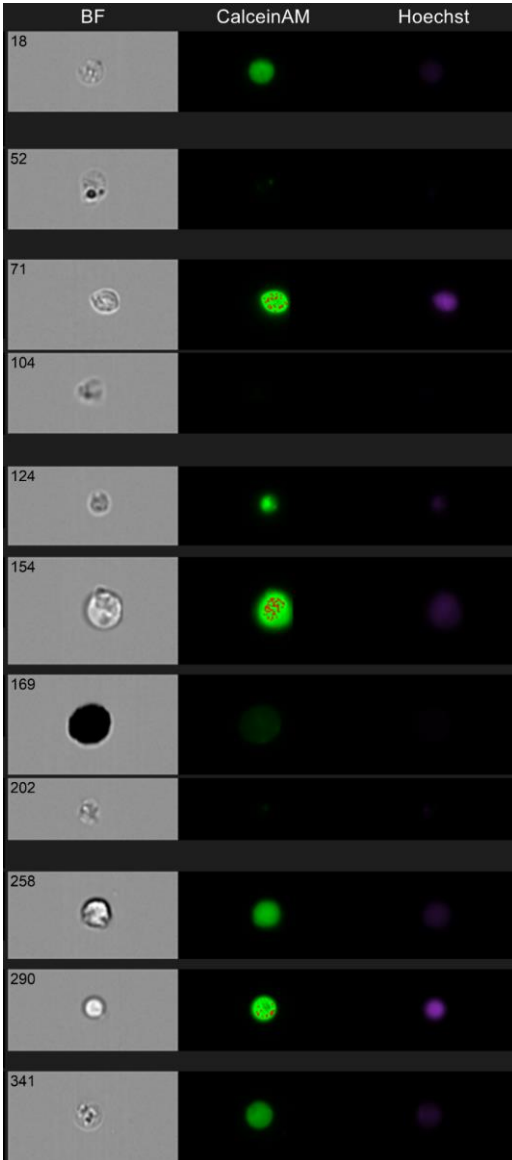
- cell debris, lysed cells



- cells sticking together with debris or small clumps of cells

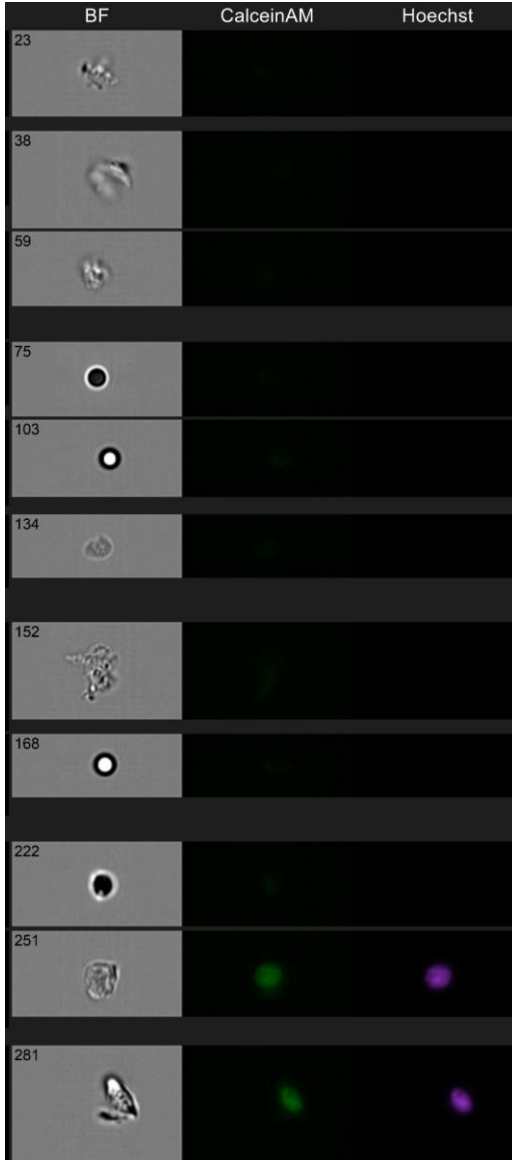


method 1



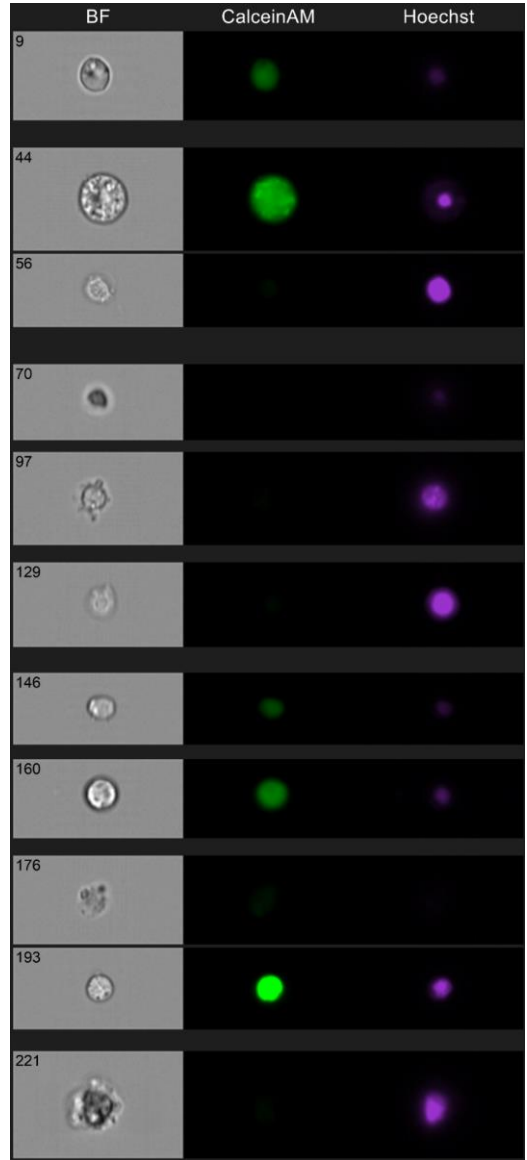
~ 40-50% viability

method 2



~ 40% viability

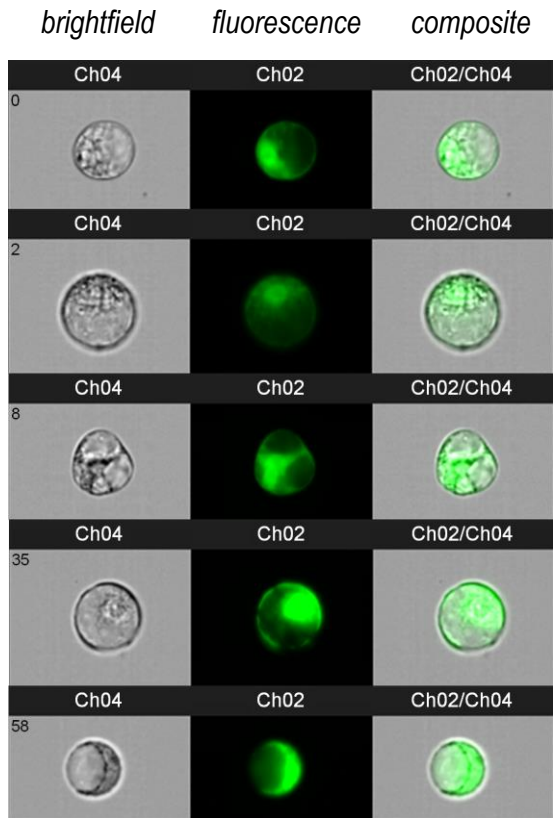
method 3



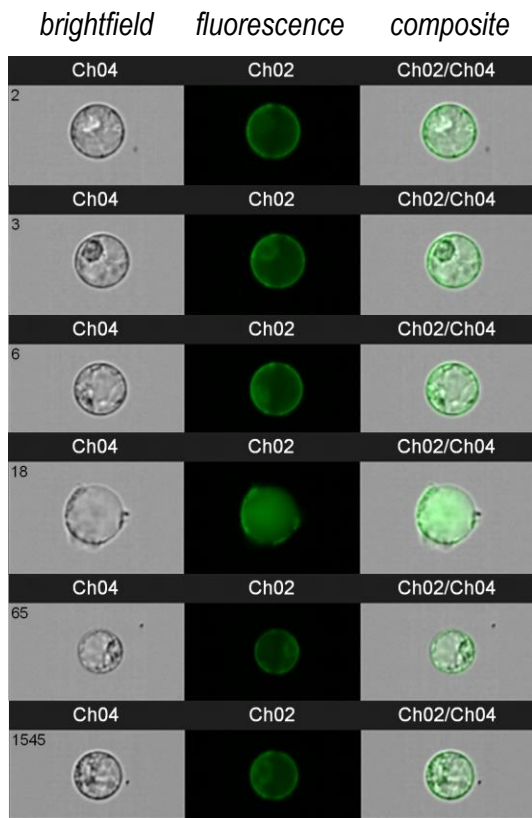
> 70% viability

## Tracking intracellular localization of a fluorescent signal

### GFP in cell membrane



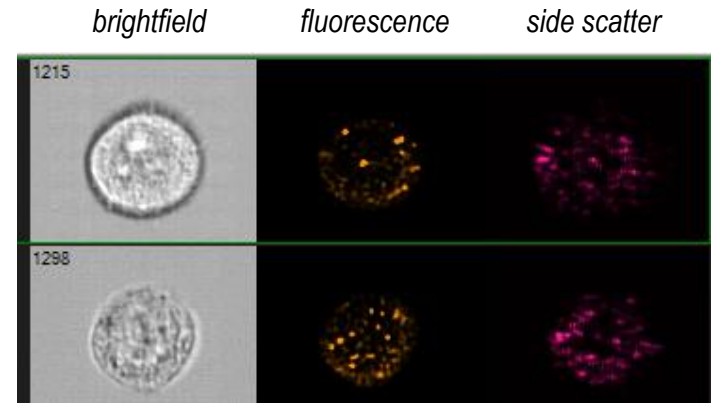
### GFP in cytoplasm



collaboration: Department of Plant Molecular Physiology; Prof. dr hab. M. Jasiński

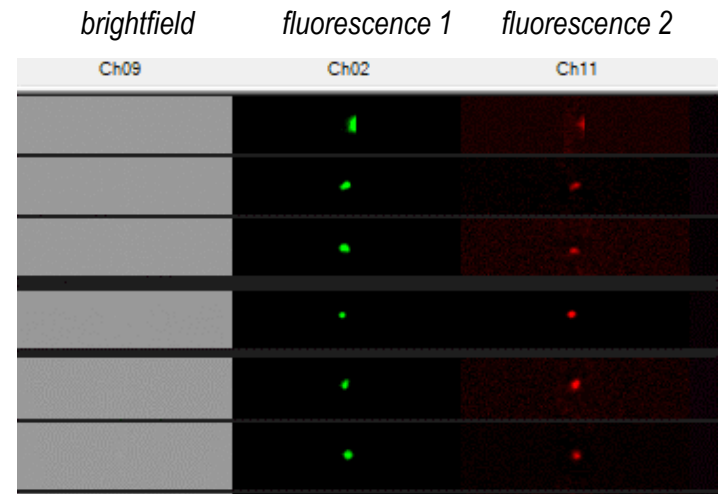
## Identification of intracellular foci, spot counting

### mCherry in foci



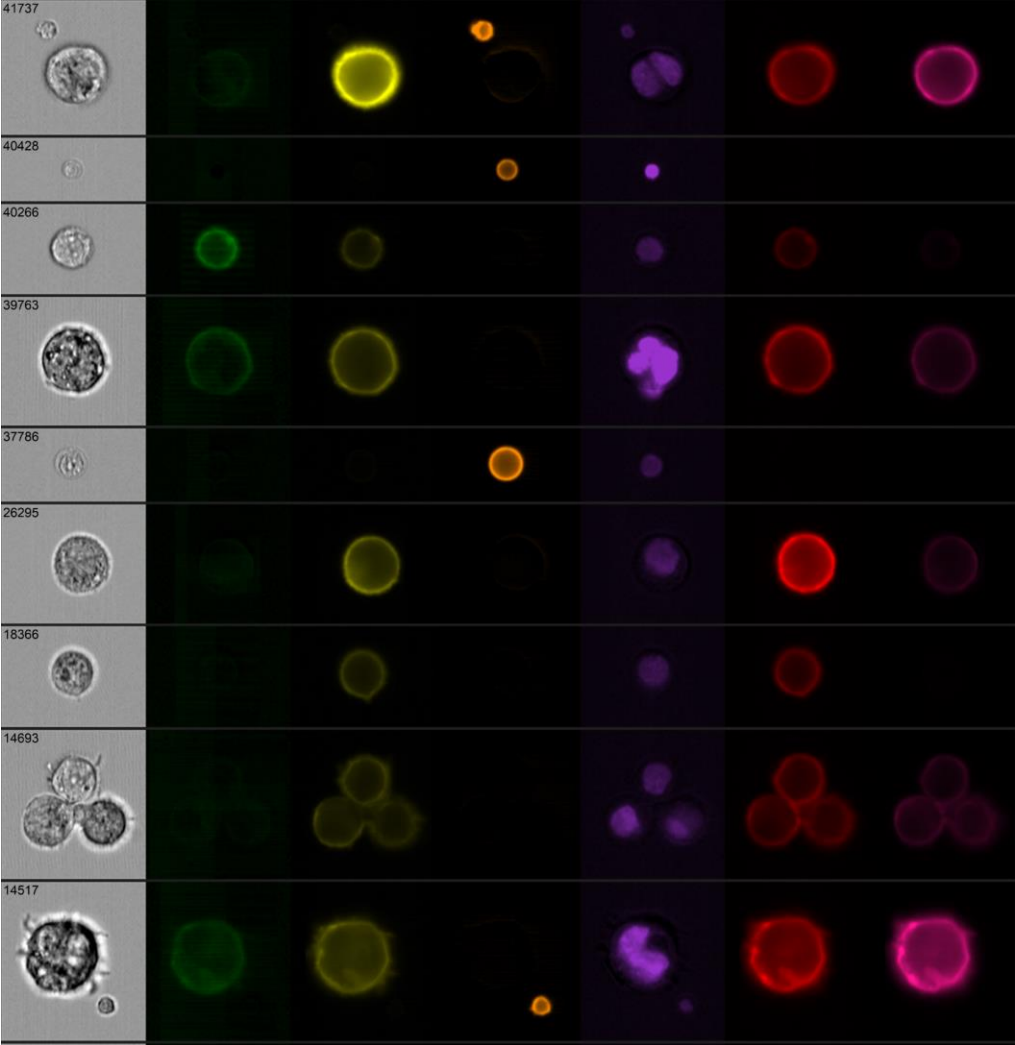
collaboration: Department of RNA Metabolism; Dr. hab. Z. Warkocki

## Identification of extracellular vesicles (~30 nm objects)





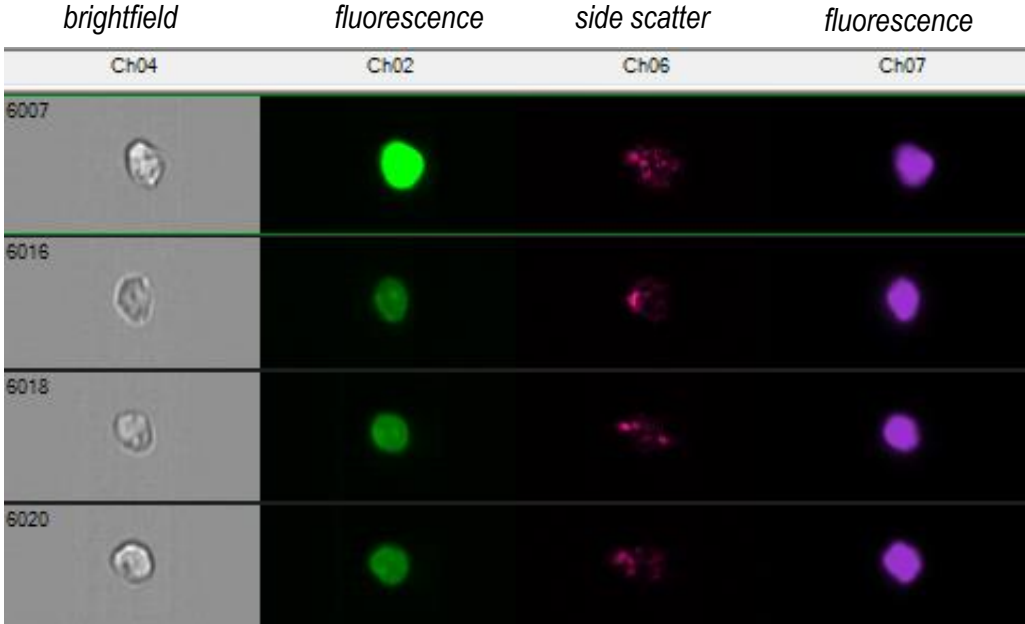
Multiparametric characterization of a clinical sample



collaboration: Dr. M. Zaborowski, Poznań University of Medical Sciences

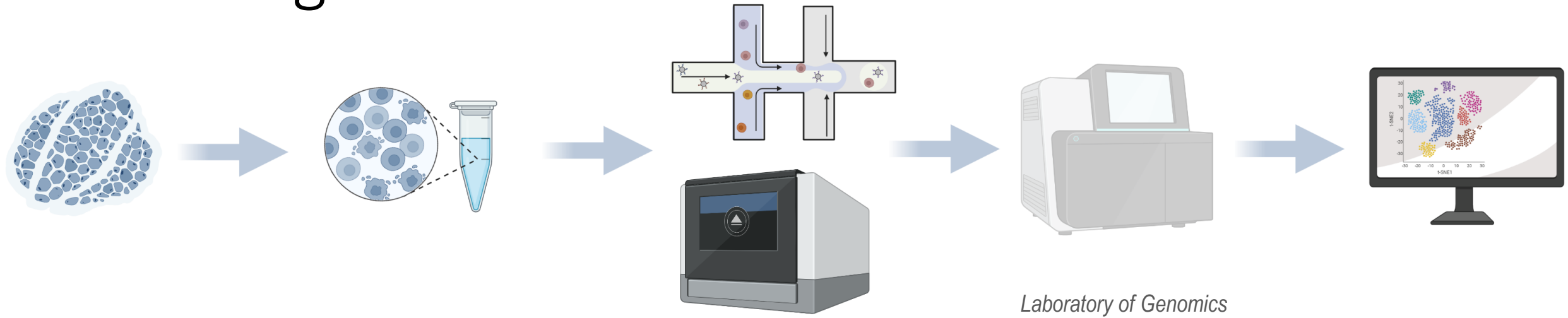
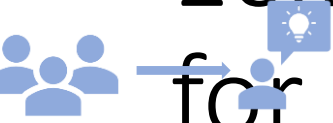
Visualisation of nuclei

GFP in nuclei



collaboration: Department of Neuronal Cell Biology; Dr. P. Świtoński

# 10x Genomics Chromium Controller platform for single cell multiomics



## Applications include:

- gene expression profiling
- chromatin accessibility profiling (ATAC-Seq)
- feature barcode technology: integration of gene expression data with cell surface protein detection (antibody-oligonucleotide conjugates required), CRISPR screens

## Sample types:

- fixed, fresh, frozen
- whole cells, nuclei

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Available for self-use from June 2024

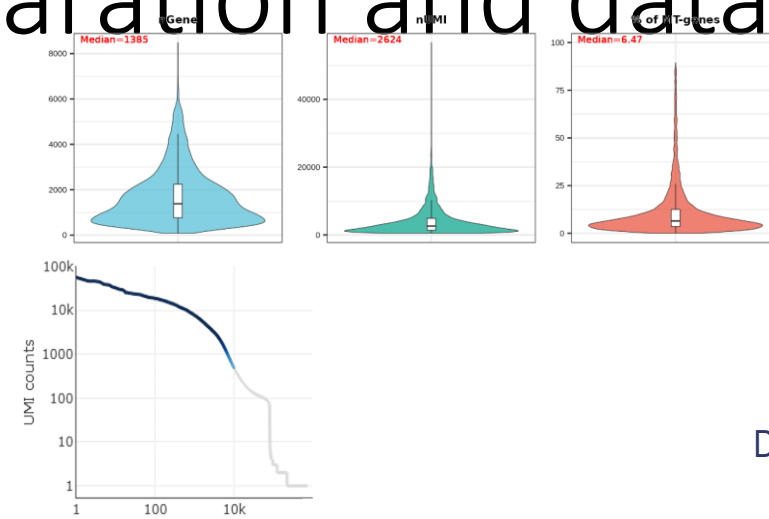
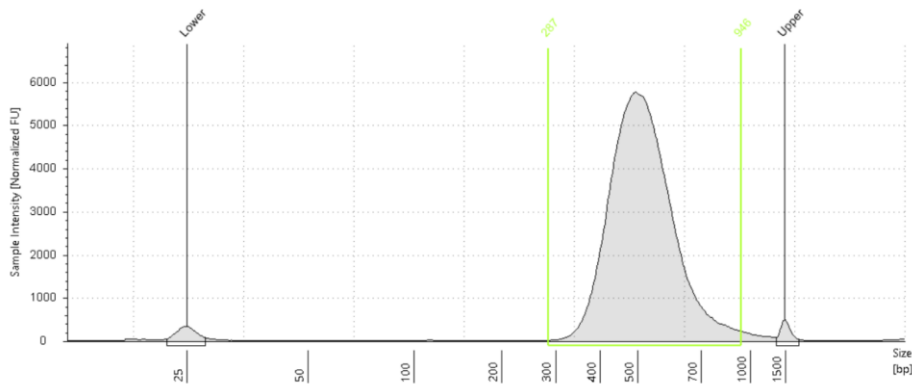
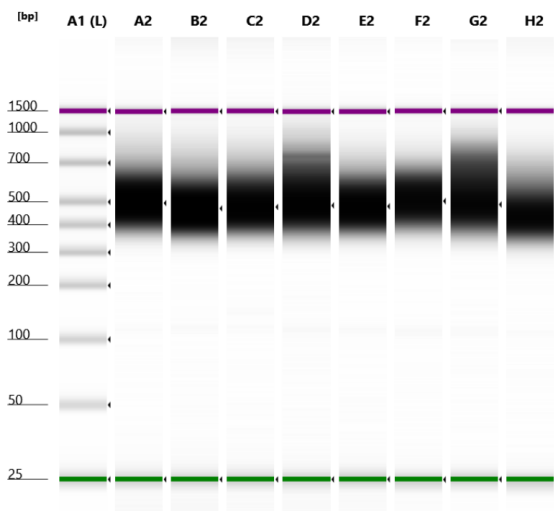
# 10x Genomics library preparation and data analysis



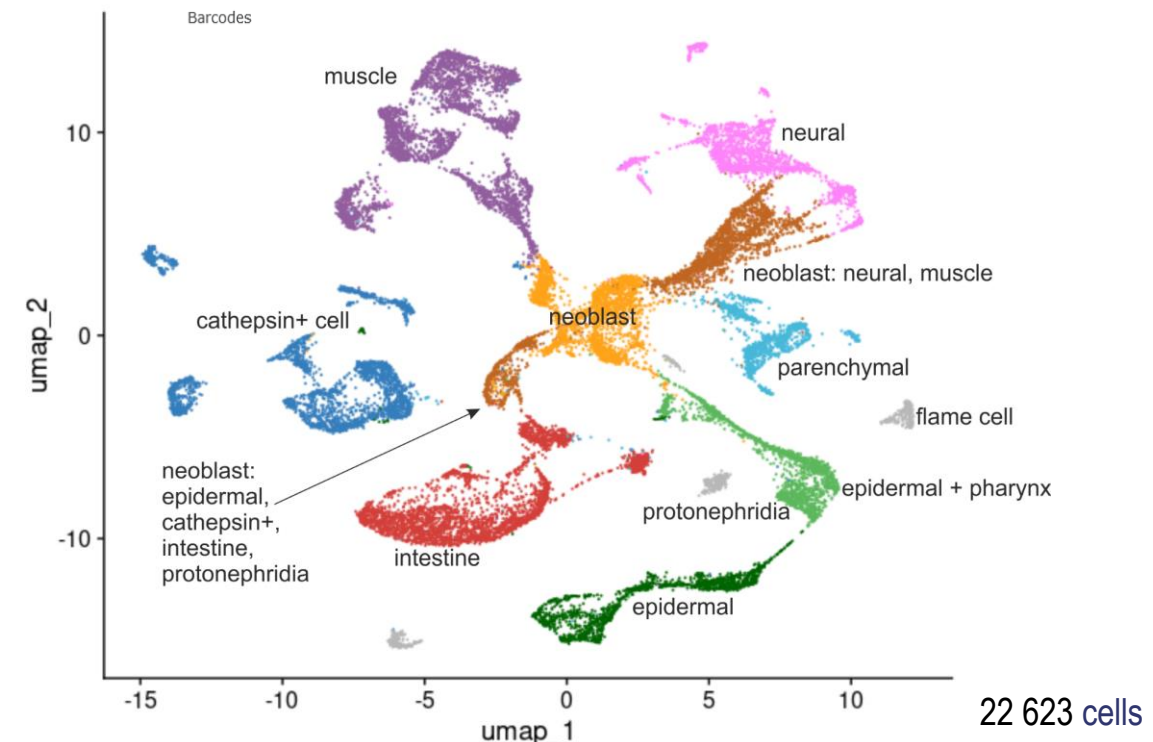
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sample types processed thus far:

- PBCM
- primary cultured cells
- dissociated tissue (whole invertebrate)
- plant nuclei



Dr. Eng. Małgorzata Marszałek-Zeńczak





## 2<sup>nd</sup> Guava easyCyte 12HT and Guava Muse Operator Training

- provided by LSCA staff
- small groups, theoretical & hands-on sessions (~4 hours in total)
- September 2024 – save the date!

## Droplet Digital PCR Workshop (organized with Bio-Rad)

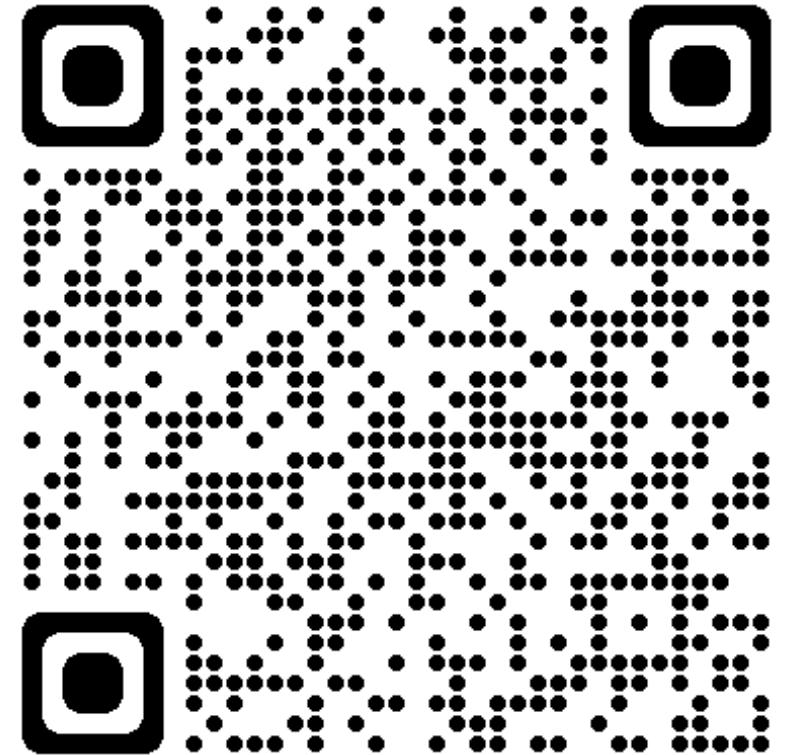
- provided by Bio-Rad application specialist
- seminar & system demonstration
- date to be announced

Find out more at:

<https://portal.ichb.pl/laboratory-of-single-cell-analyses>

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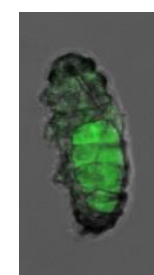
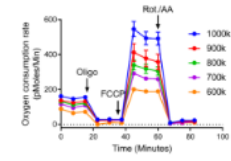
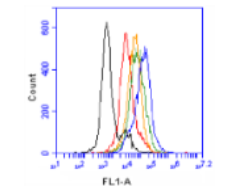
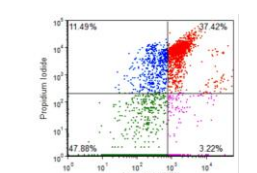
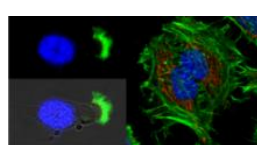
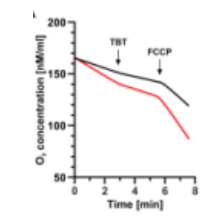
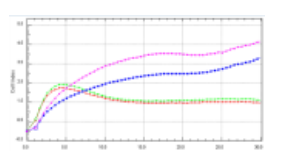
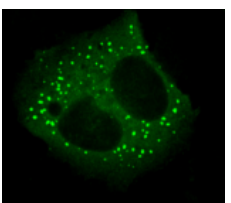
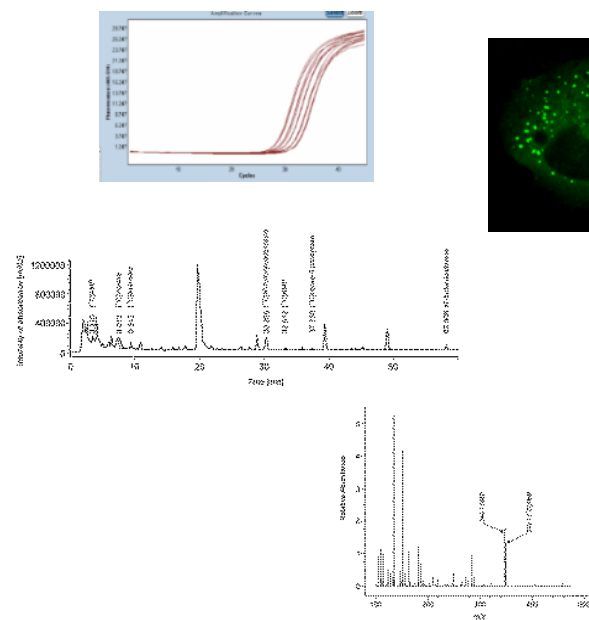
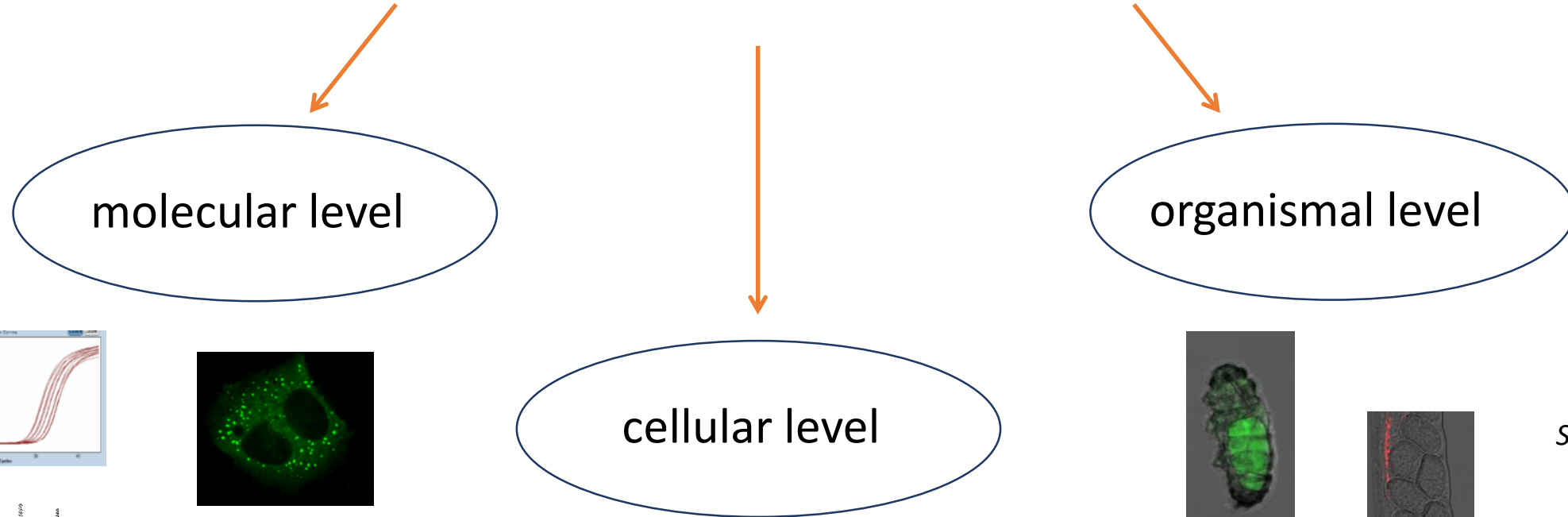
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## **ANALYSES**

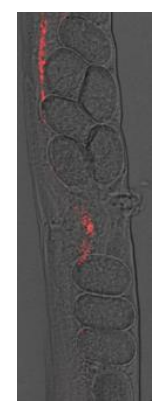
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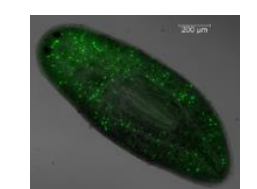
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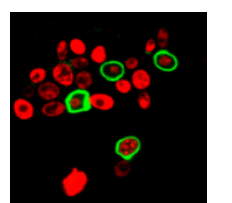
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*C. elegans*



*S. mediterranea*



*S. cerevisiae*

# Cell culture room

## Cell culture room:

- CO<sub>2</sub> incubators
- Biohazard BIOBAN hoods
- Cell Harvester
- Automated cell counter
- Fluorescence microscope
- Mini centrifuges
- Mini incubator
- Liquid nitrogen dewar tank
- High-speed cooling centrifuges

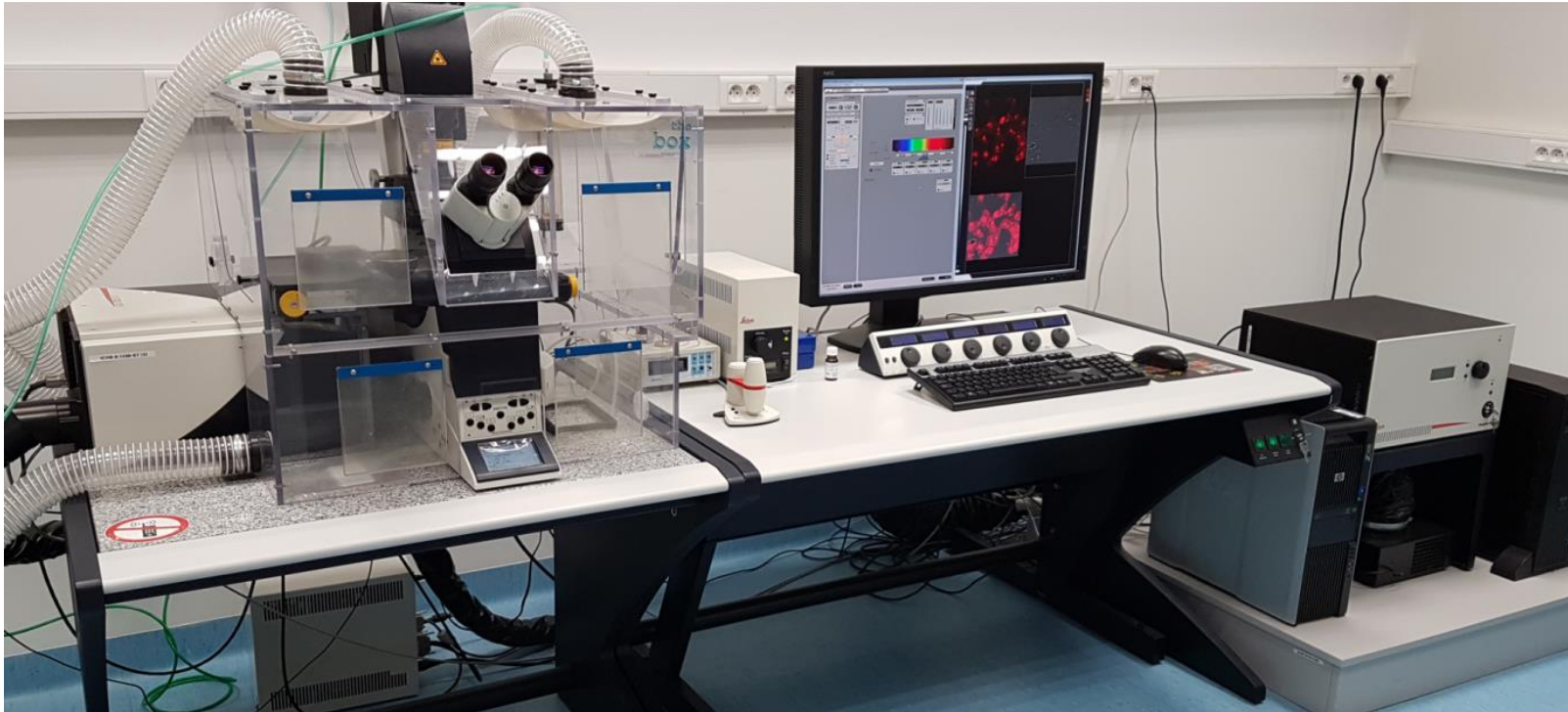
## Additional equipment:

- Ultra-low freezers (- 80°C)
- Liquid nitrogen dewar tank
- Steam Autoclaves
- Milli-Q Water Purification System
- Ultrasonic homogenizer
- Electroporator
- Steam Autoclaves

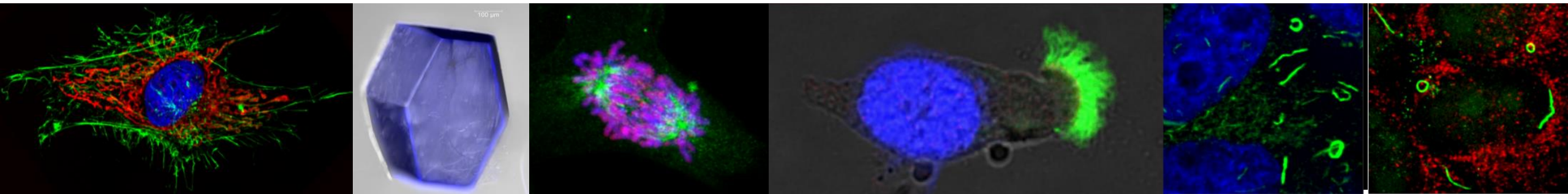




# Confocal microscope TCS SP5, Leica



**Lasers:** White (470-670 nm), 405nm, Argon (458nm, 476nm, 488nm, 496nm, 514nm)  
Environmental chamber ensures real time analysis (CO<sub>2</sub>, humidity, temperature)

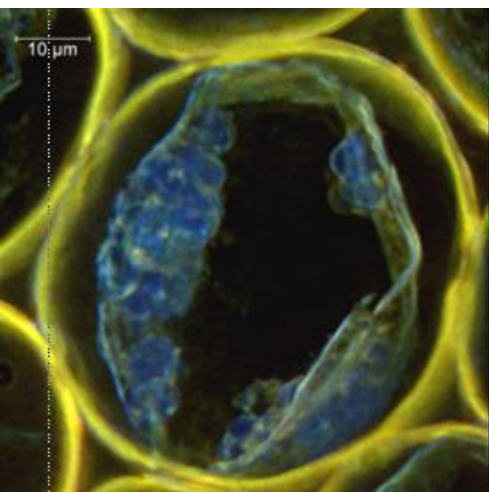
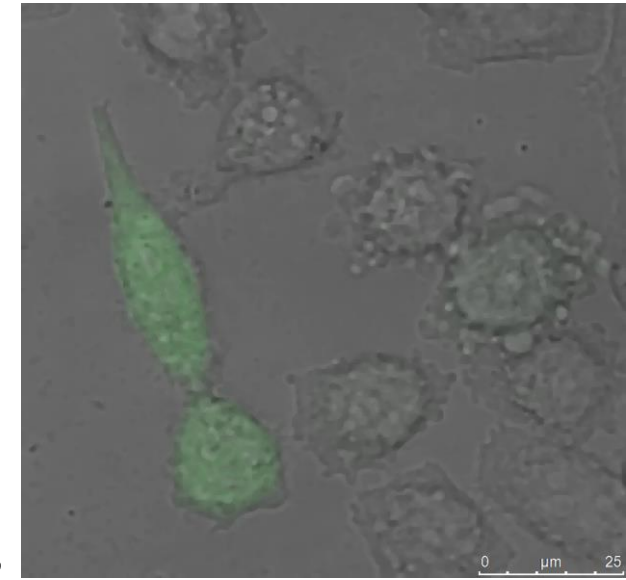




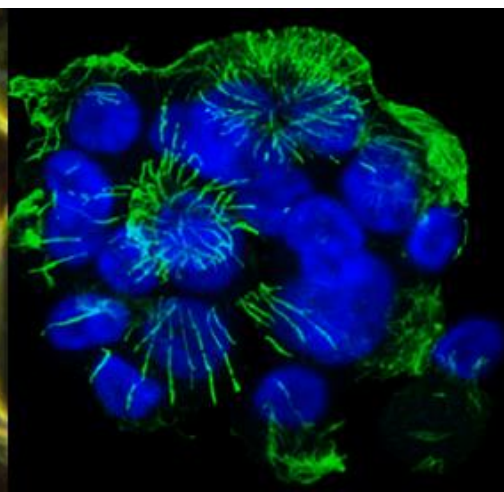
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# White Light Laser – WLL

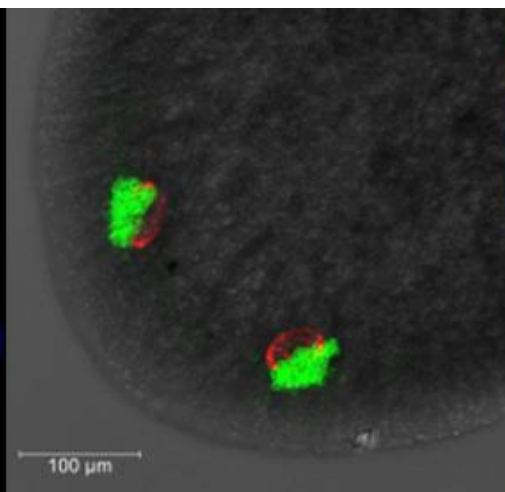
- Selection of any excitation light wavelength in the range of 470-670 nm with 1 nm accuracy for more efficient dye excitation.
- Ability to observe slides with autofluorescence and images with overlapping stain emissions.
- Measurement of co-localization of particles stained with two dyes and their interaction (FRET) and fluorescence intensity .
- Possibility to create absorption spectra of dyes.



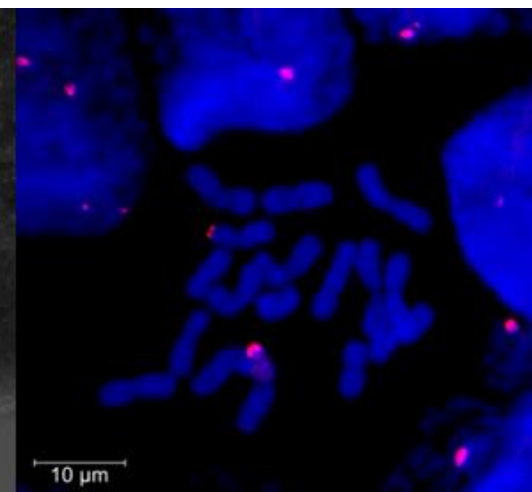
*Convallaria majalis* L.



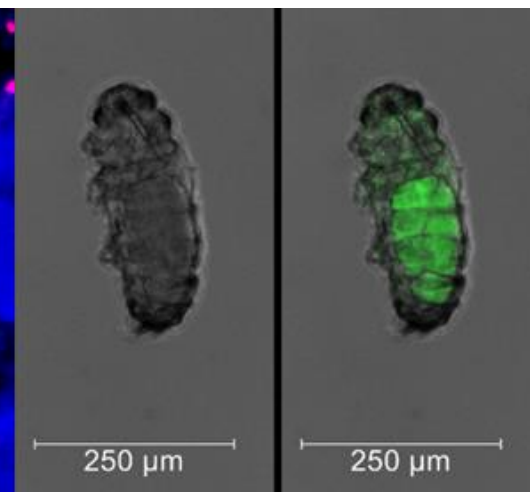
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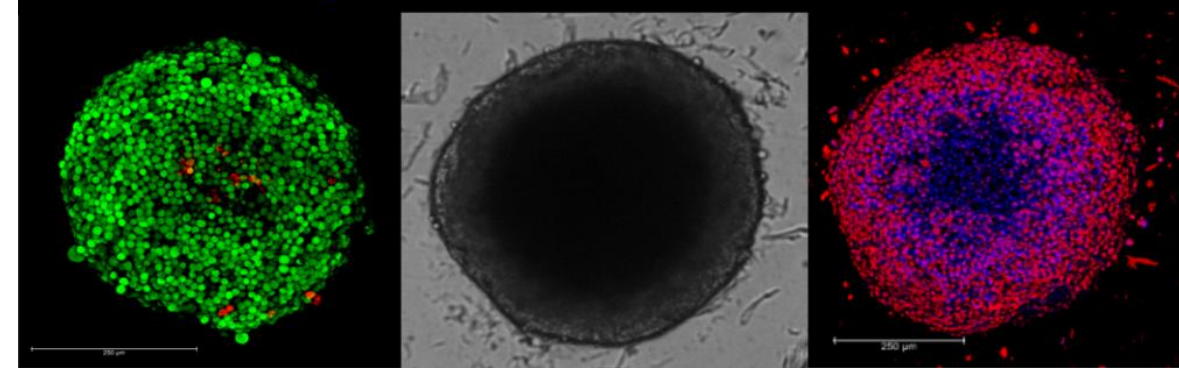
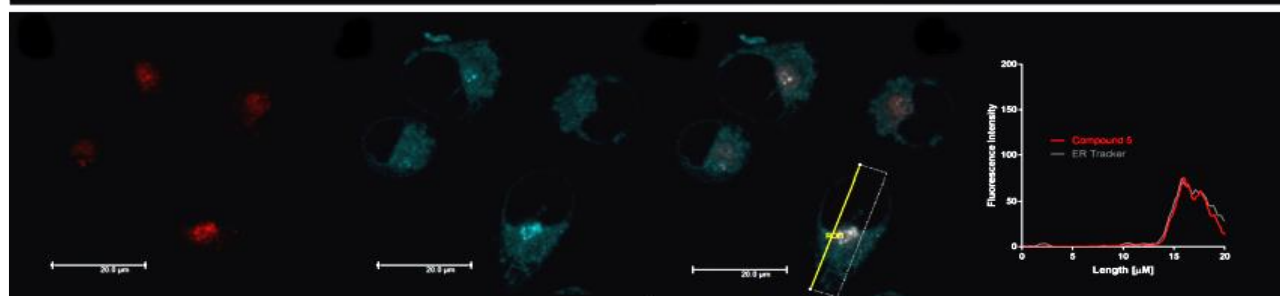
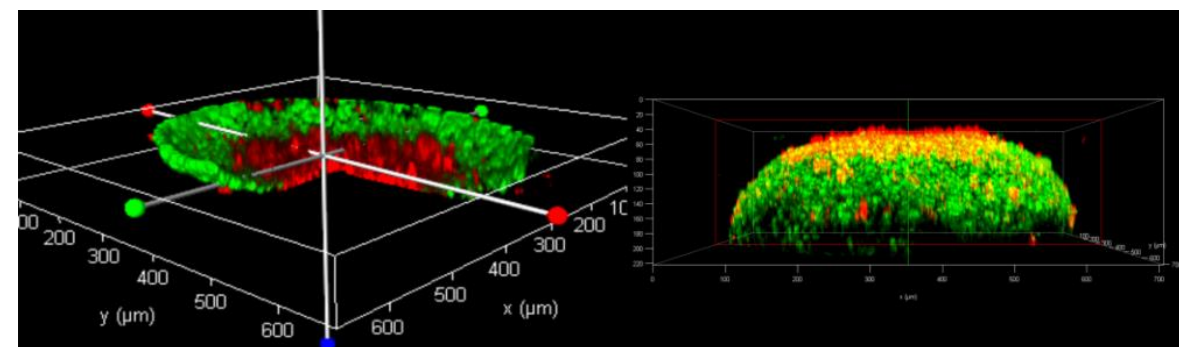
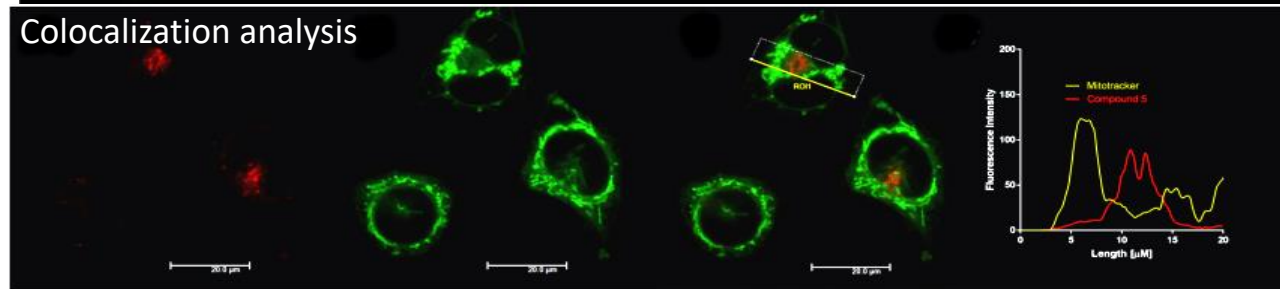
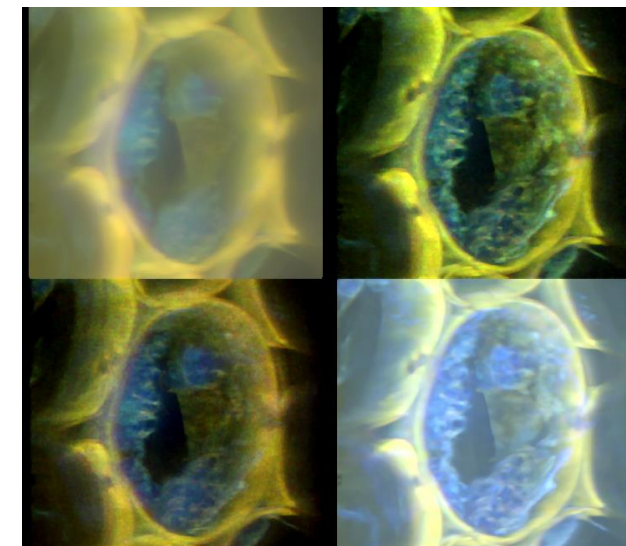
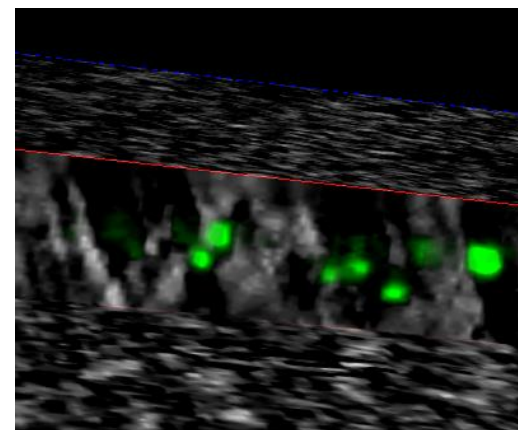
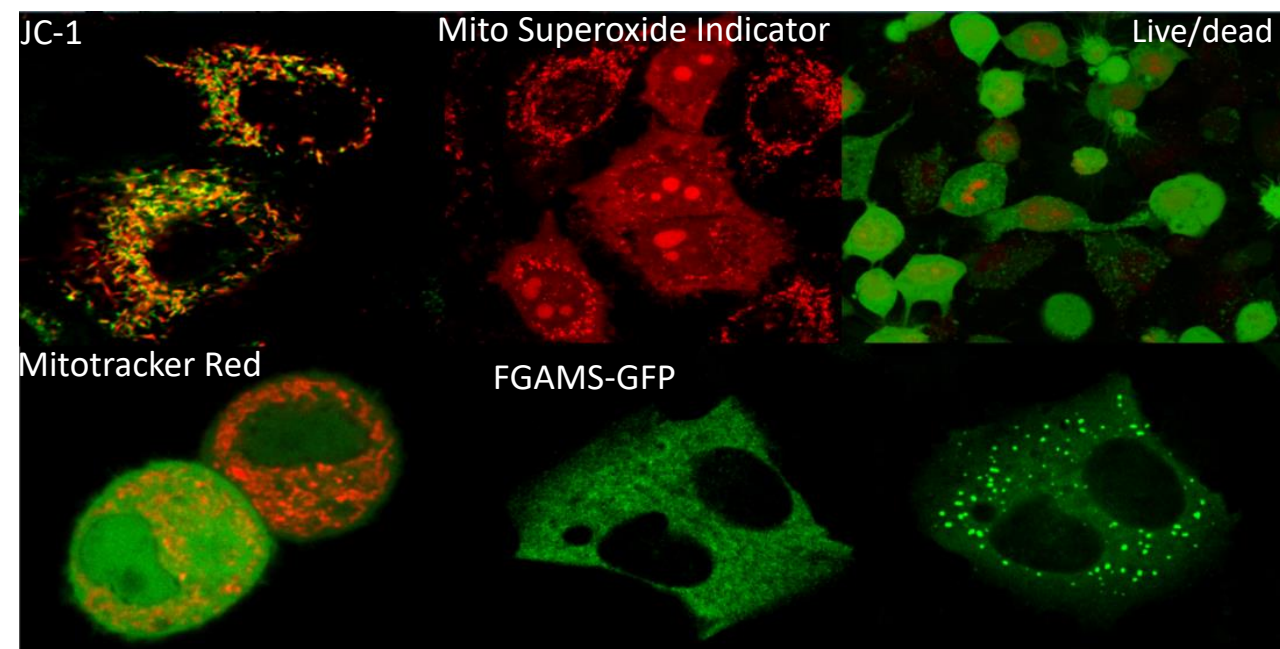
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# FACSCalibur Flow cytometer, Becton Dickinson

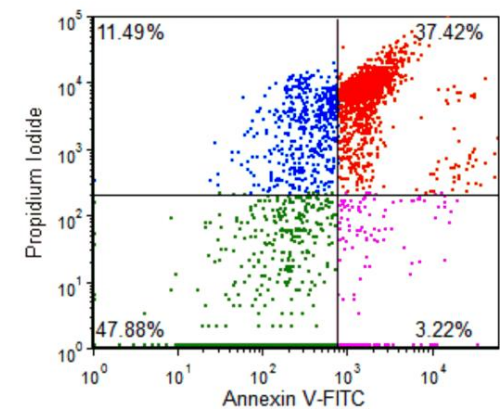
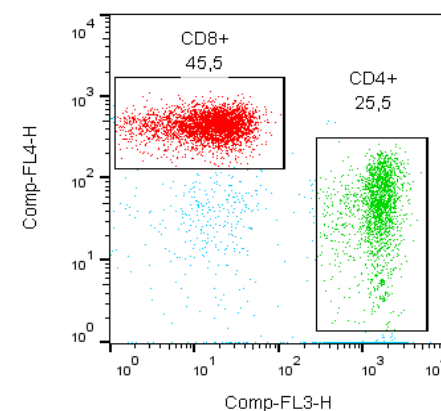
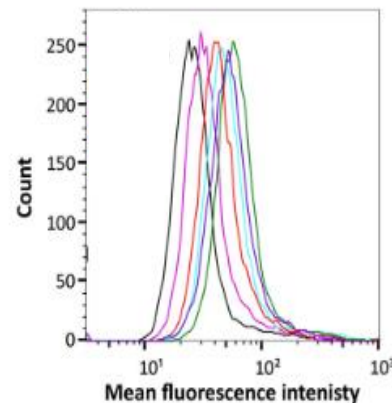
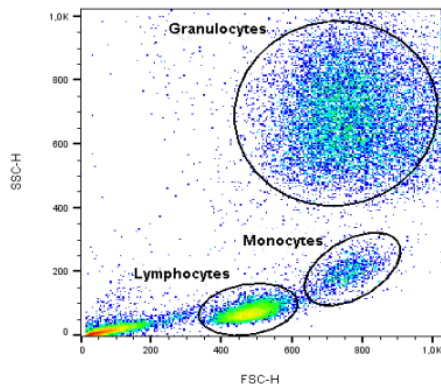
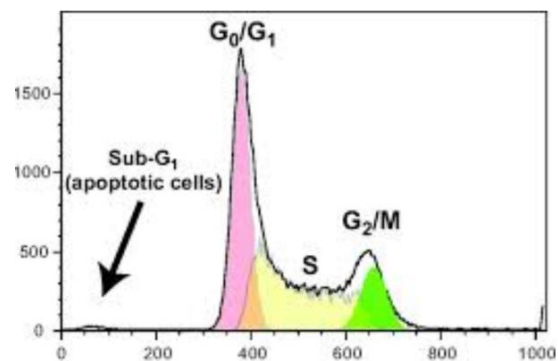
Flow cytometry allows fast analysis of single cells flowing in a stream of liquid. It allows to assess both qualitatively and quantitatively the physical and biological properties of cells and some of their components: nuclei, nucleic acids, mitochondria and chloroplasts.

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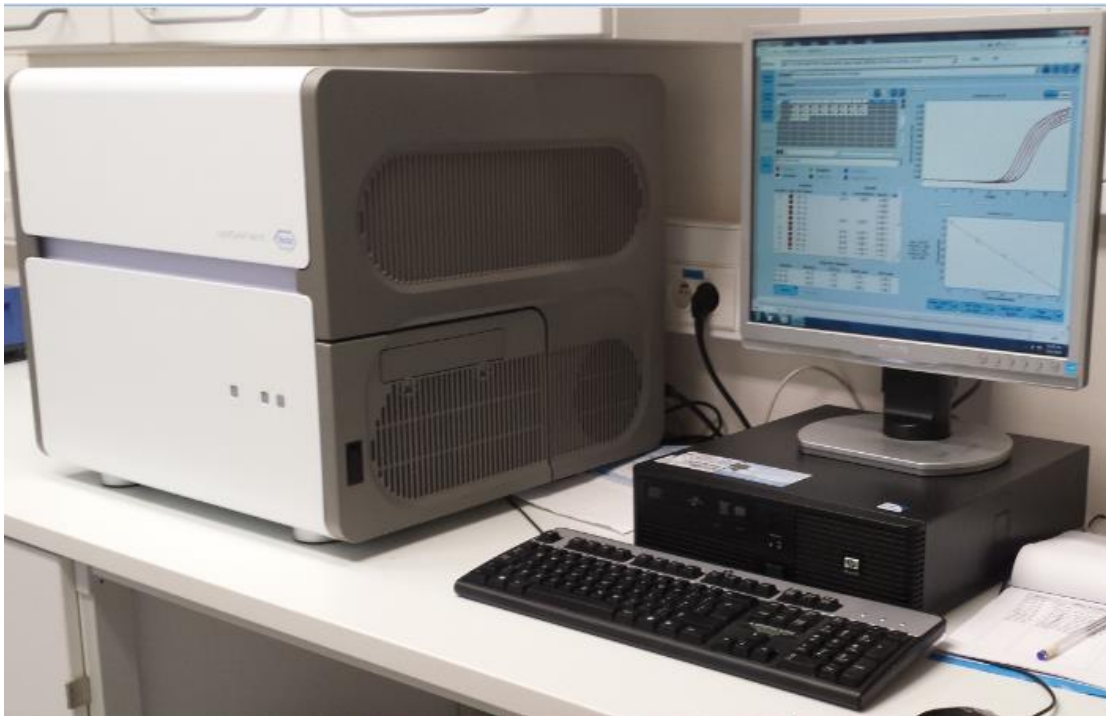
- FL1 (530/30)
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# LightCycler 480 II, Roche

It is an integrated system, based on a real-time PCR platform. It allows accurate qualitative and quantitative detection of nucleic acids in a 96-well block.

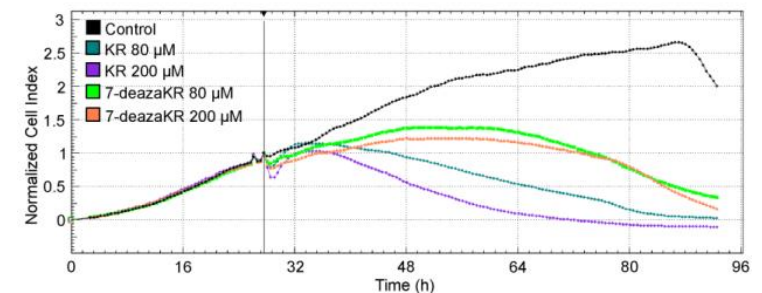
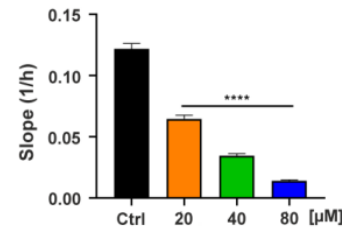
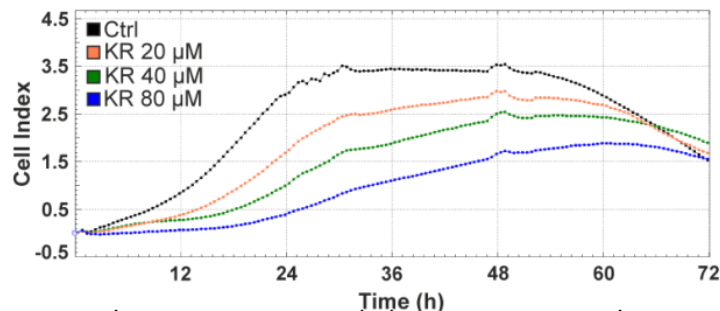
- Improved performance of gene expression analysis and genetic variation analysis.
- HRM analysis of PCR products by melting curve determination enables detection of mutations, polymorphisms and epigenetic differences in double-stranded DNA samples.



# xCELLigence RTCA System, Agilent Technologies

The xCELLigence system allows real-time analysis of eukaryotic cell proliferation, migration and cytotoxicity. The instrument measures impedance-based signals in both cellular proliferation and cell invasion/migration assays – without the use of exogenous labeling.

- The RTCA Analyzer together with the E-Plate is placed into a standard cell culture incubator, what ensures controlled environment throughout the experiment.
- Quantitatively monitors changes in cell number, adhesion, viability, and morphology.
- Analysis of single cell line or simultaneous analysis of one or more cell lines in the same experimental conditions.
- Analysis of interactions between two different cell lines.



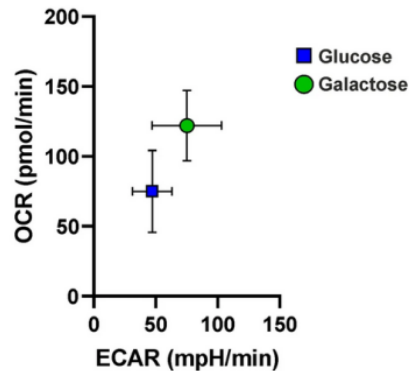
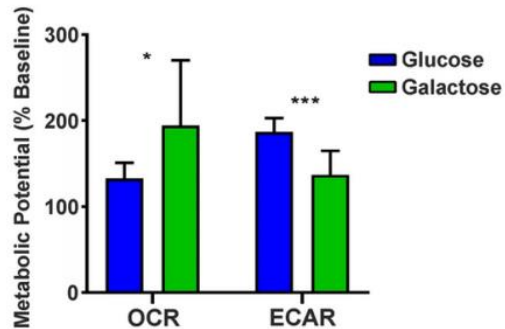


# Seahorse XFp Analyzer

- Seahorse XF Analyzers measure oxygen consumption rate (OCR) and extracellular acidification rate (ECAR) of live cells in a multi-well plate, based on key cellular functions such as mitochondrial respiration and glycolysis.

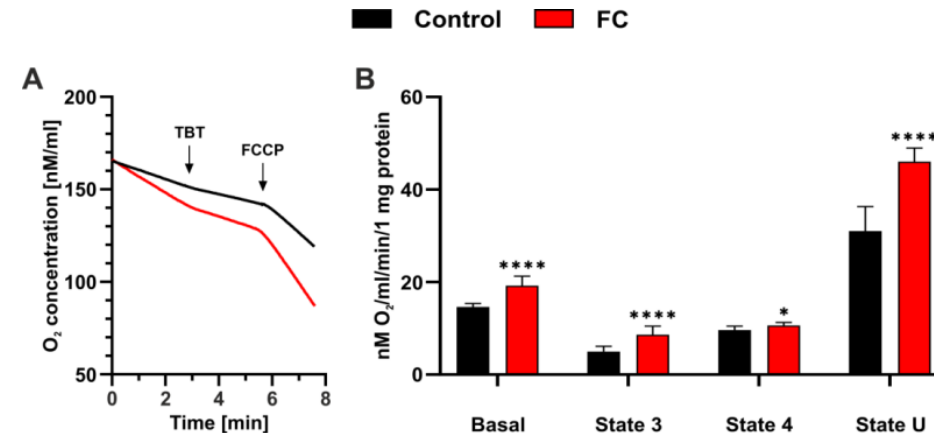
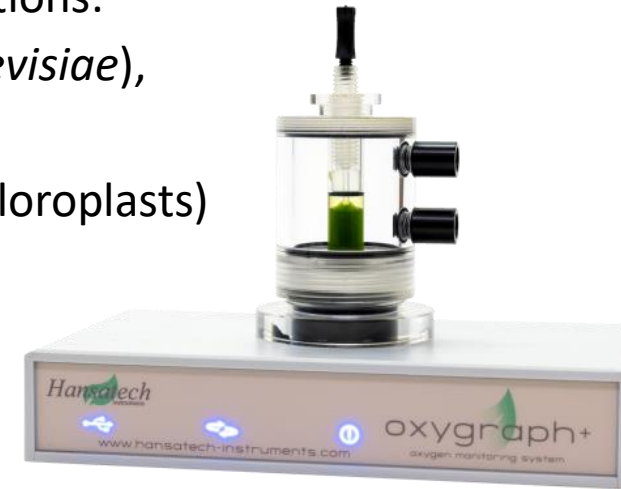


- Analysis of the rate of ATP production from the two key energy pathways (glycolysis and mitochondrial respiration)



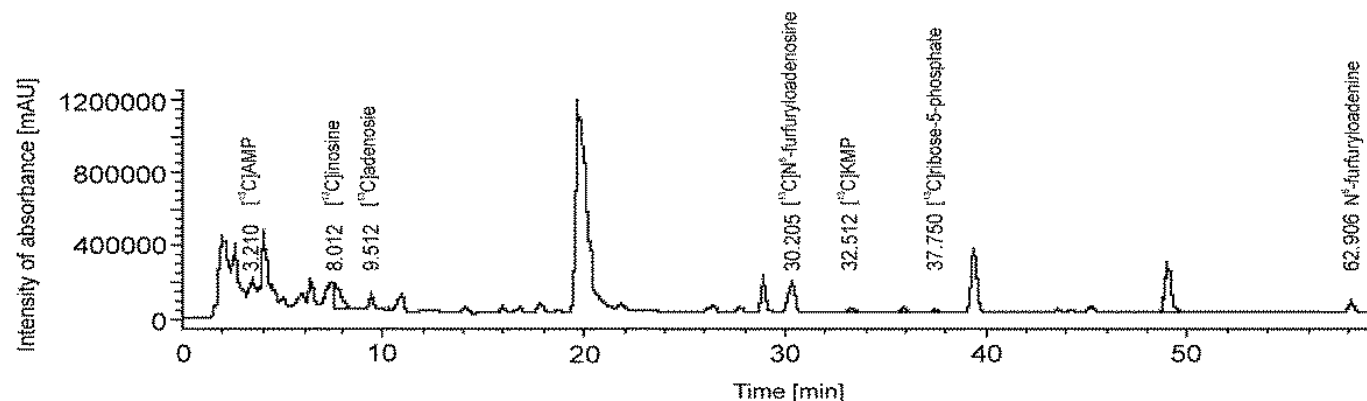
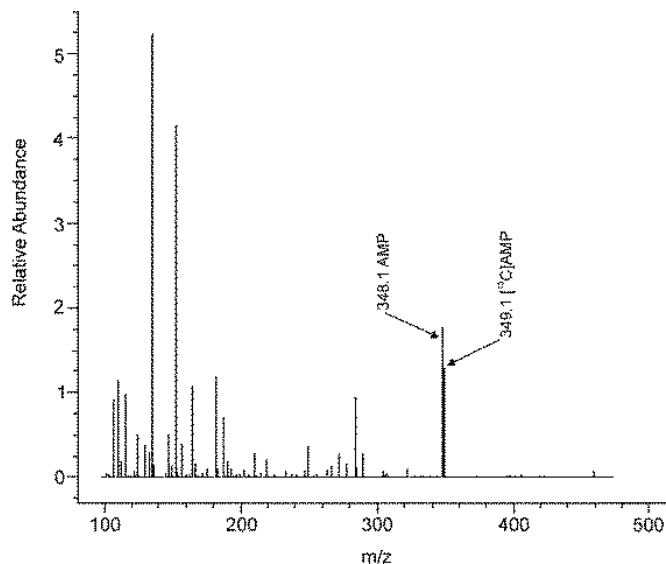
# Oxygraph Plus

- Liquid-phase photosynthesis and respiration measurement system.
- Provides oxygen uptake measurements across a wide range of applications:
  - organisms (*C. elegans*, *S. cerevisiae*),
  - cells,
  - organelles (mitochondria, chloroplasts)



# High Performance Liquid Chromatography HPLC LC/MS, ESA Coulochem III electrochemical detector

- Detection of nucleic acids components and their derivatives
- Detection of nucleic acid epigenetic modifications (e. g. m5C)
- Detection of oxidative stress modifications (8-oxo-dG)







# Varioskan LUX multimode plate reader, Thermo Scientific

Designed for a variety of applications (6- to 384-well plates):

- Absorbance (UV - Vis)
- Fluorescence intensity ( 280 - 840 nm)
- Luminescence (360 - 670 nm)
- Time-resolved fluorescence (400-700 nm)



- Integrated gas module for atmospheric control of CO<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> for cell-based assays.
- Different measurement modes: endpoint, kinetic, spectra, multipoint and kinetic spectra.
- Two dispensers for easy and accurate reagent addition, enabling follow-up of kinetic reactions, flash-type luminescence reactions, Ca<sup>2+</sup> studies, and other rapid kinetic applications e.g. ATP, reporter gene assays.
- Control of temperature and shaking.



# Collaborations

Colaboration	Type of analysis	Equipment used
Dr hab. Małgorzata Borowiak , prof. AMU, Adam Mickiewicz University ,Poznań	Analysis of pluripotency markers, proliferation and bioenergetics of pluripotent Hues8-iCas9 cells	confocal microscope, flow cytometer, Seahorse analyzer
Dr hab. Agnieszka B. Olejniczak, prof. IMB PAS, Institute of Medicinal Biology PAS, Łódź	Anaysis of lisosomal membrane permeability and ferroptosis induction in HepG2 cells after 1,8-naphtalamides derivatives treatment.	Comprehensive analysis: experimental workflow, equipment, expertise
Dr hab. Anna Dembska, prof. AMU, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań	Analysis of cell membrane permeability to Ag nanoclusters in human cells.	confocal microscope, flow cytometer
Dr hab. Marta Olejniczak, prof. ICHB PAS	Analysis of huntingtin aggregates in brain of YAC128 mice.	Confocal microscope
Prof. Mirosława Z. Naskręt-Barciszewska	Cell cycle and 8-oxo-dG level analysis in T98G, U138 and HaCaT cells using epigenetic modulators (TMZ and metformin).	Cell culture room, HPLC LC/MS with coulochem detector, flow cytometer
Dr hab. Magdalena Łuczak, prof. IBCH PAS	Optimization of endothelial cells cultivation in normal condition and after treatment with serum from CKD and CVD patients.	Cell culture room, confocal microscope, flow cytometer, xCELLigence system
Dr hab. Agata Tyczewska, prof. ICHB PAS	Analysis of gene expression level in aged <i>C. elegans</i>	LightCycler 480 II
Prof. Michał Jasiński	Analysis of subcellular localization of plant ABCG transporters, and evaluation of influence of auxins on morphogenetic processes in <i>M. truncatula</i> roots.	Confocal microscope
Dr hab. Agnieszka Fiszer, prof. IBCH PAS	Microscope analysis of CAG repeats function in cell lines.	Confocal microscope
Dr hab. Jan Wrzesiński, prof. ICHB PAS	Analysis of real-time proliferation and immunofluorescent visualization of PIWIL1 protein in HEK293 and HK-2 cells	Confocal microscope, FACSCalibur flow cytometer, LightCycler 480 II
Prof. Anna Pasternak	Analysis of influence of G-quadruplexes on cell cycle and viability, and its internalization in HeLa cells	Confocal microscope, flow cytometer
Dr hab. Maciej Figiel, prof. ICHB PAS	Characterictics of brain organoids differantiated form iPSC from patients with juvenile-onset HD and visualisation of neuropathogenesis markers.	Confocal microscope
Dr hab. Zbigniew Warkocki, prof. ICHB PAS	Immunofluorescent analysis of cytoplasmatic bodies LINE-1 in WT cells, analysis of retrotransposone LINE-1 transcript expression in human cells.	Confocal microscope, LightCycler 480 II

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# Projects realized in the Laboratory

## Research projects:

- Właściwości przeciwstarzeniowe 4-*N*-furfurylocytozyny w zróżnicowanych wiekowo komórkach eukariotycznych, drożdżach oraz mysim modelu starzenia (NCN OPUS EW)
- Rybozyd kinetyny i jego pochodne – analiza właściwości apoptotycznych i mechanizmu działania w komórkach guzów mózgu (NCN OPUS EW)
- Analiza właściwości pro-regeneracyjnych i przeciwutleniających 4-*N*-furfurylocytozyny w modelu zwierzęcym *Schmidtea mediterranea* (Planaria) (NCN MINIATURA AFW)
- Optymalizacja warunków biodruku w celu stworzenia komórkowego modelu 3D raka wątroby jako platformy skriningowej do selekcji związków o potencjale terapeutycznym (NCN MINIATURA DGW)

## Projects in cooperation:

- Regulacja poziomu neuroaktywnych beta-karbolin w diecie w oparciu o substytuty kawy (NCN OPUS, prof. dr hab. inż. Renata Zawirska-Wojtasiak UP)
- Cząsteczki wiążące DNA – synteza i właściwości interkalatorów DNA zawierających klastry boru (SONATA Bis, dr hab. Agnieszka Olejniczak, prof. IBM PAN)
- pH-wrażliwe oligonukleotydy do monitorowania zmian w metabolizmie komórek nowotworowych wywołanych lekami przeciwnowotworowymi (NCBR TANGO, dr hab. Anna Dembska, prof. UAM)



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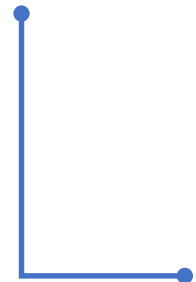
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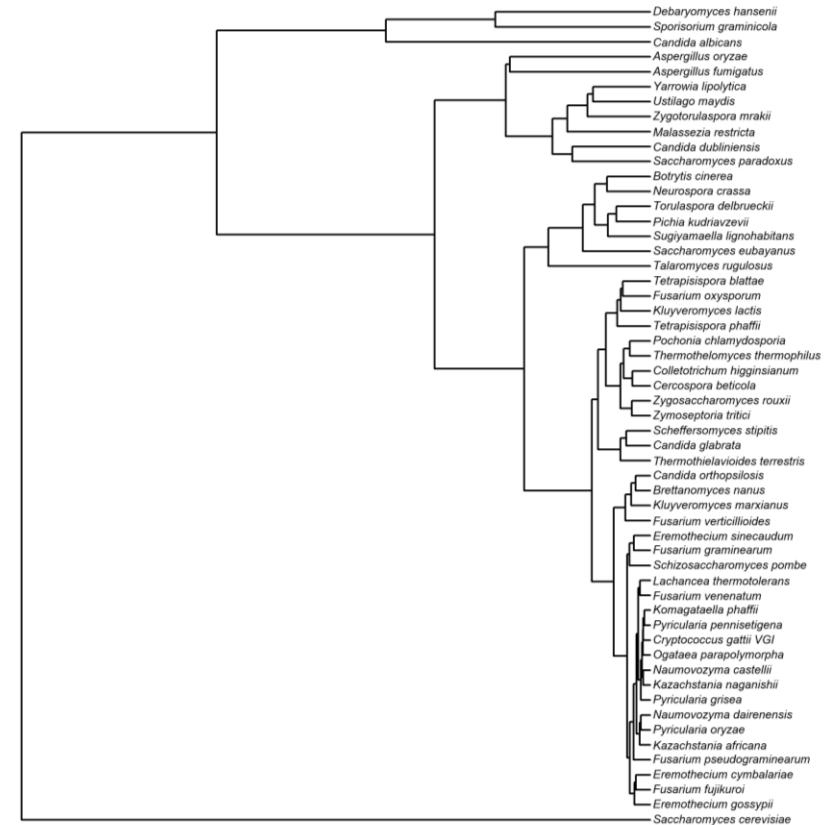
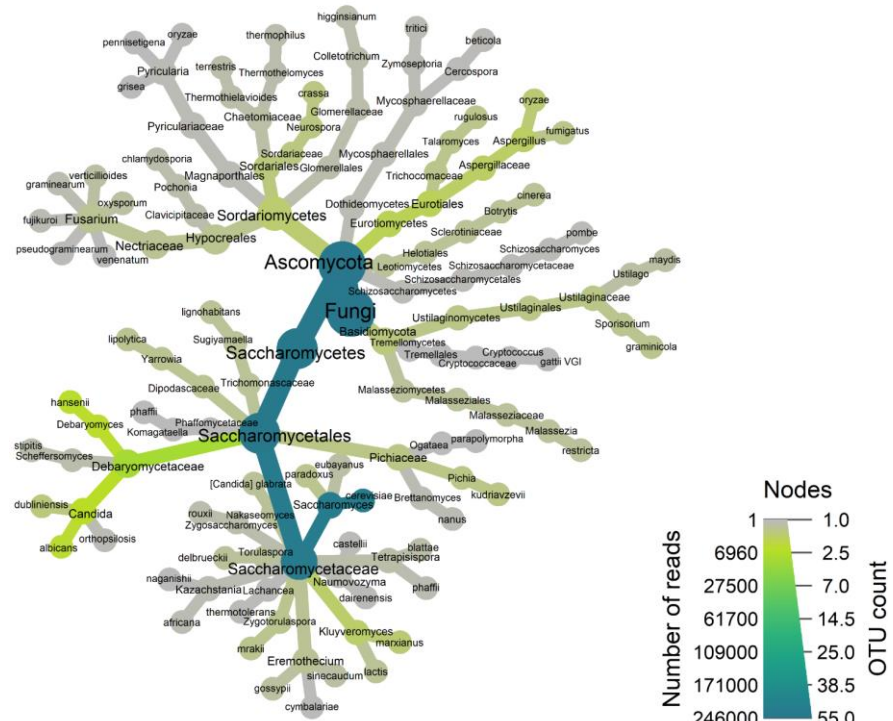
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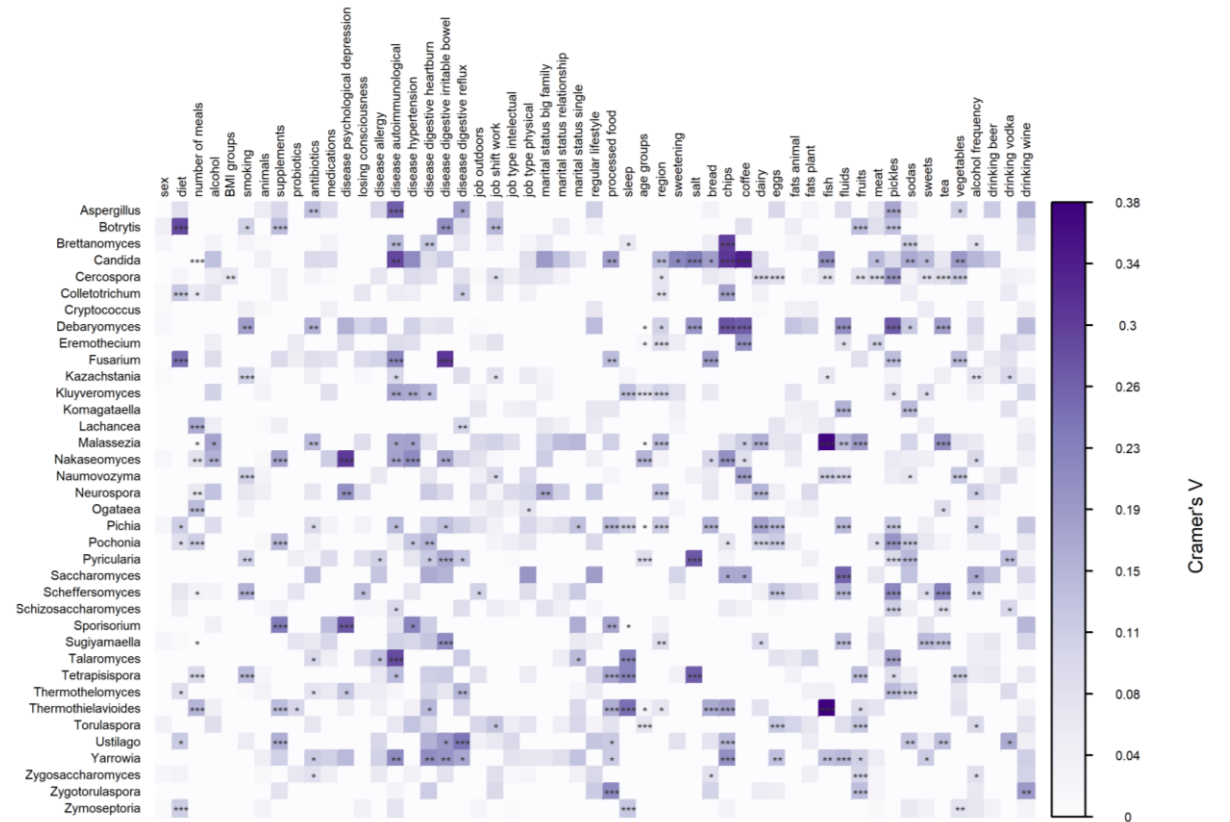
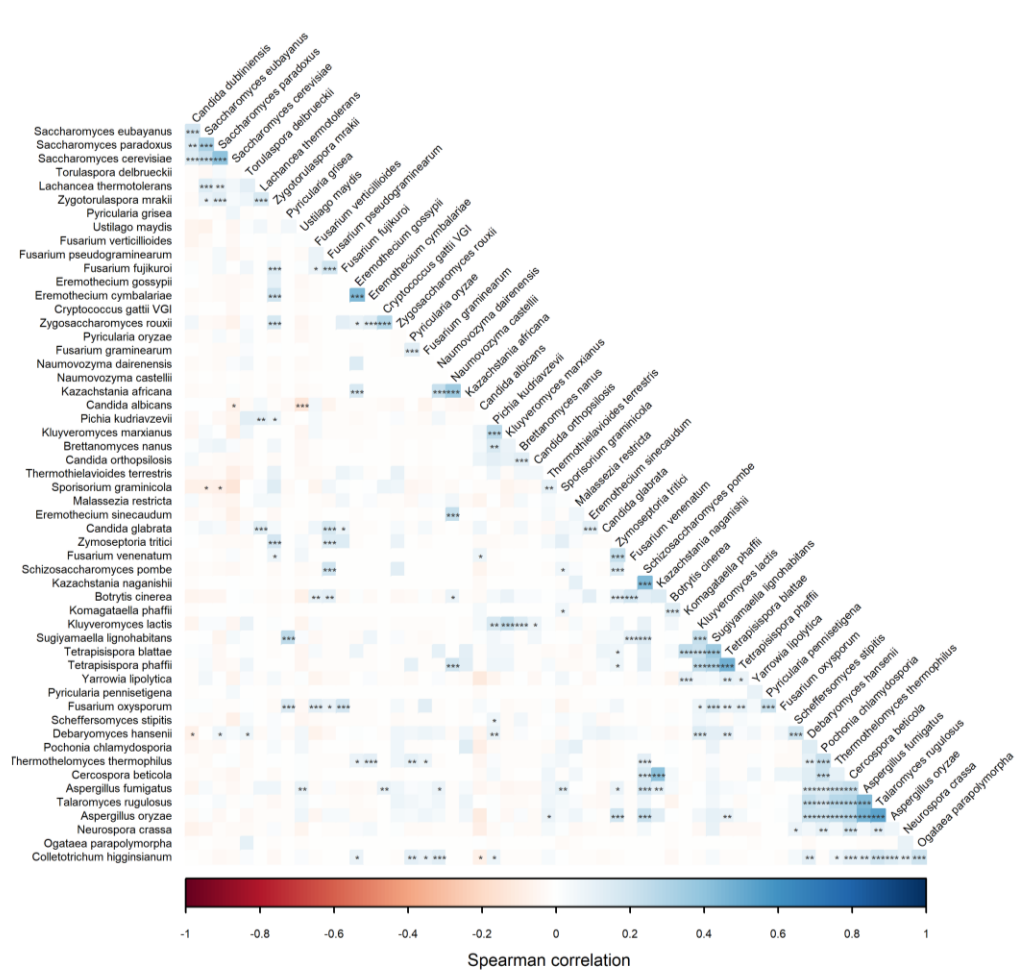
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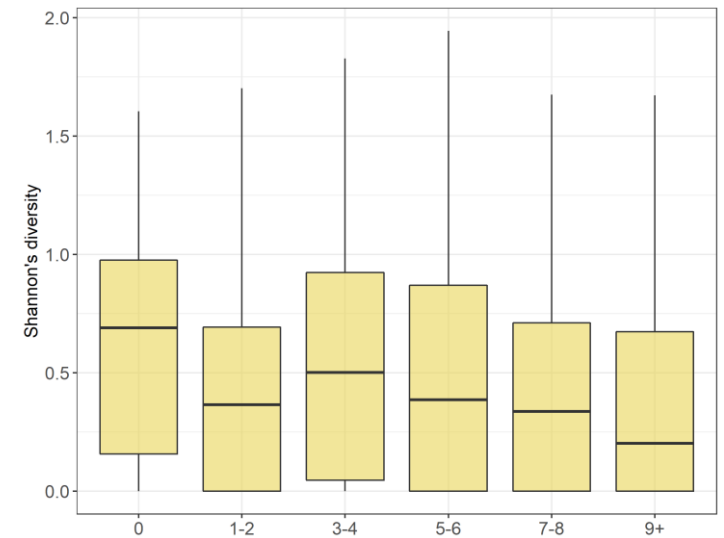
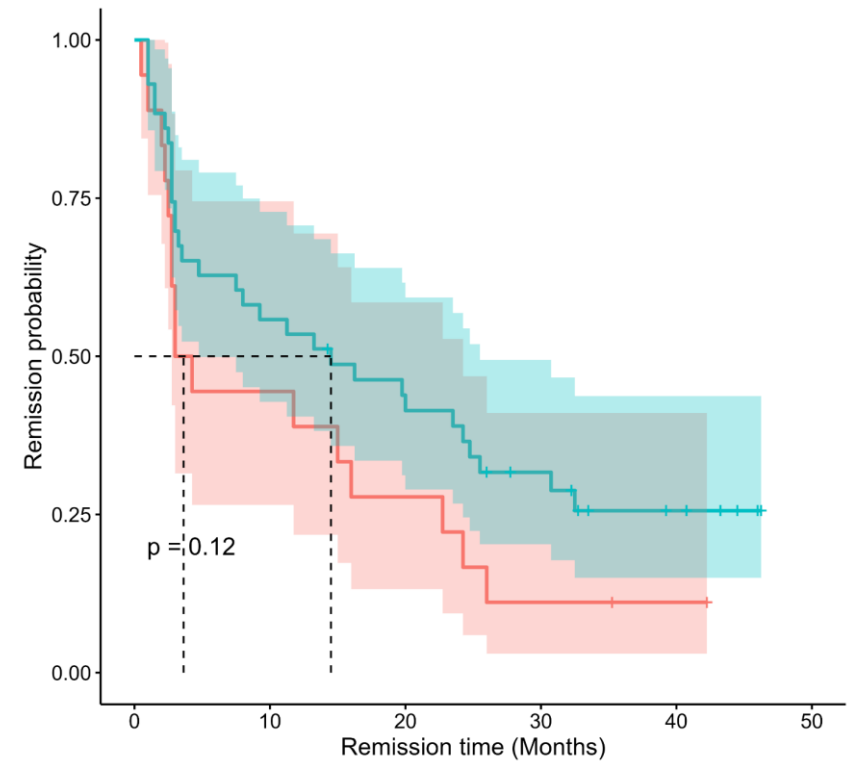
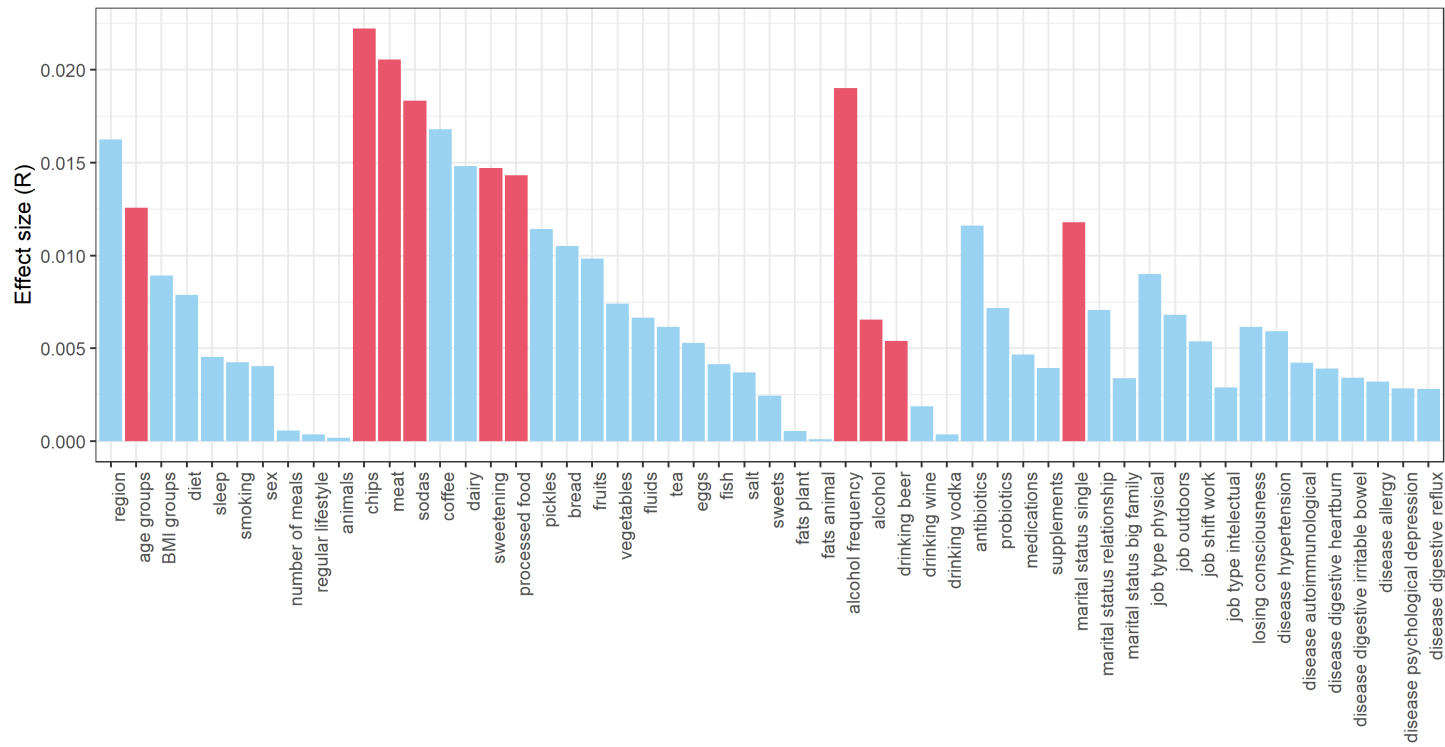




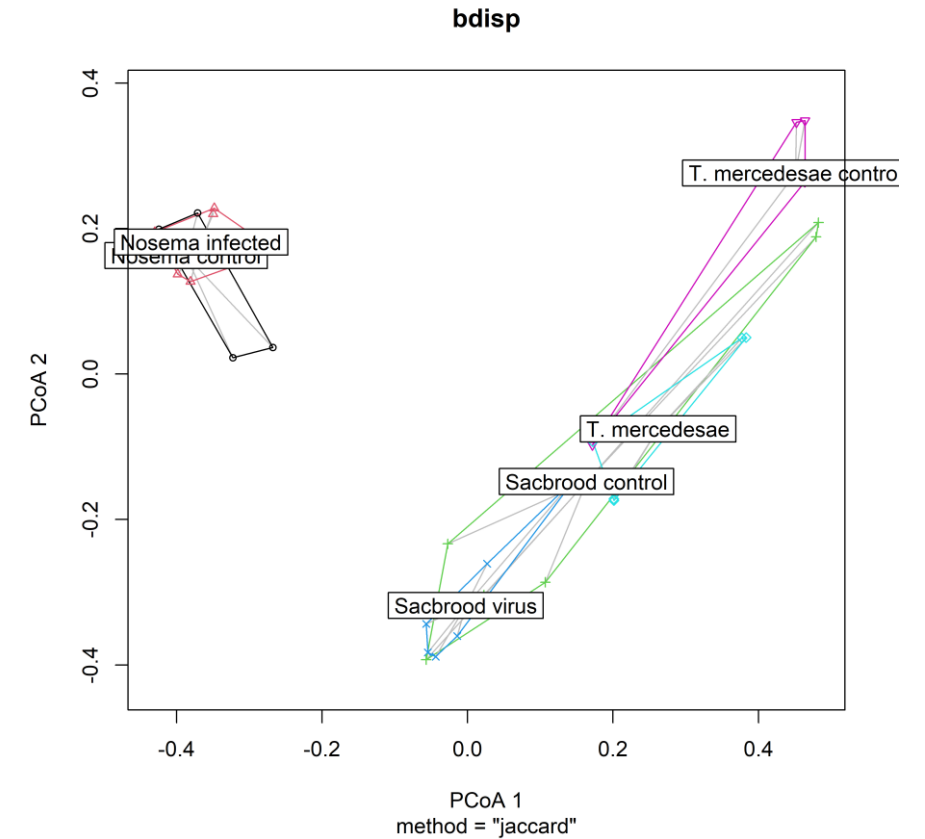
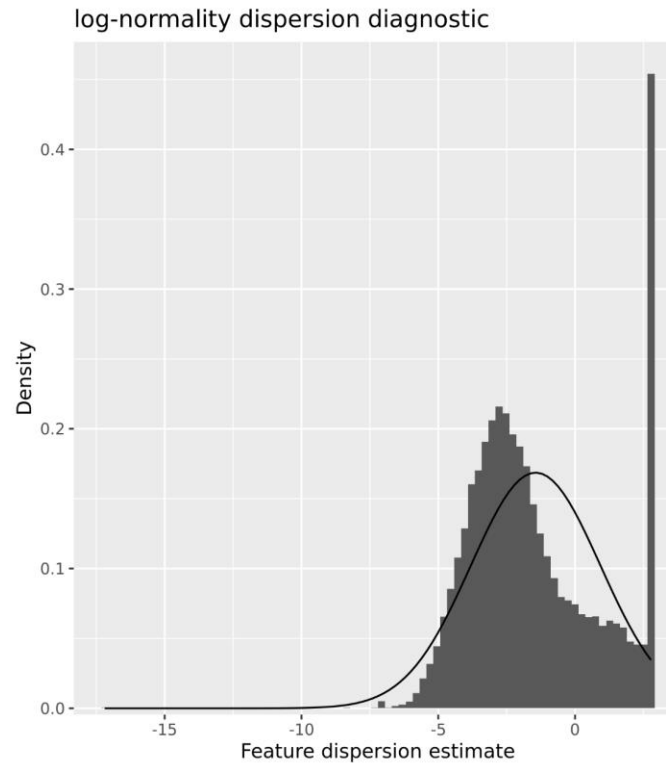
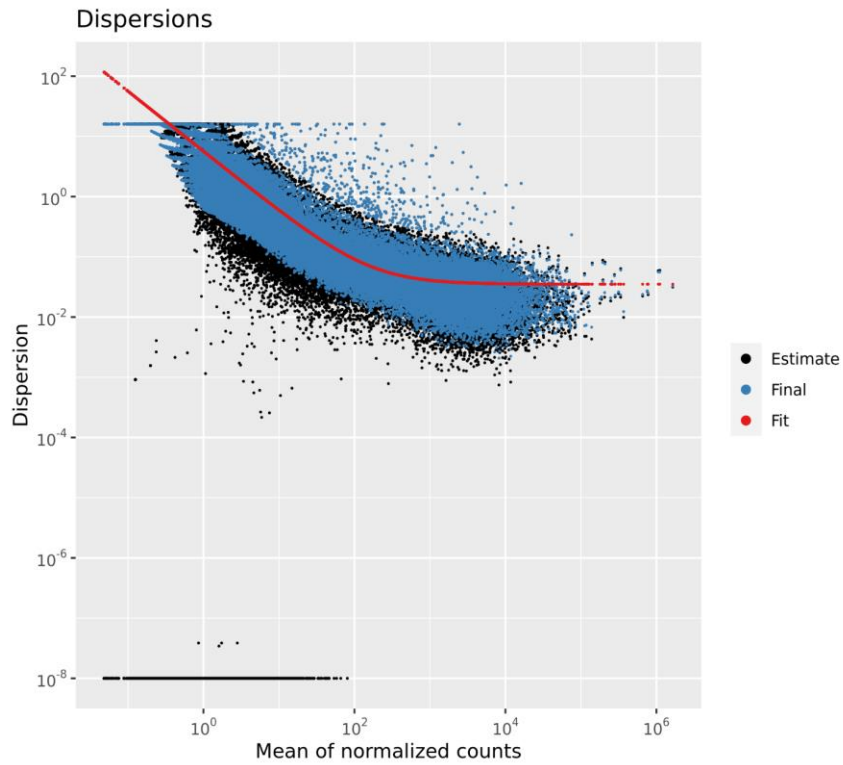
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- Data mining
- Big data analyses
- Web services
- Non-standard analyses
- ... Or standard, but not popular

# HOW WE DO IT

- Published tools
- Python
- R
- Bash
- ...
- **PCSS resources**

# HOW TO COLABORATE WITH US

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2. Indicate on the quarterly reports that you use our resources

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RNA and RNA-protein complexes



## LINE-1 mRNA 3' end dynamics shape its biology and retrotransposition potential

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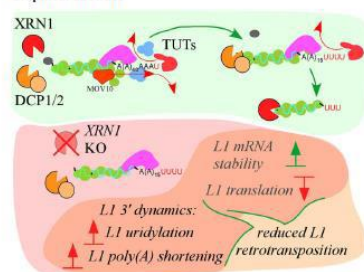
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### Abstract

LINE-1 (L1) retrotransposons are mobile genetic elements that create new genomic insertions by a copy-paste mechanism involving L1 RNA/RNP intermediates. L1 encodes two ORFs, of which L1-ORF2p nicks genomic DNA and reverse transcribes L1 mRNA using the nicked DNA as a primer which base-pairs with poly(A) tail of L1 mRNA. To better understand the importance of non-templated L1 3' ends' dynamics and the interplay between L1 3' and 5' ends, we investigated the effects of genomic knock-outs and temporal knock-downs of XRN1, DCP2, and other factors. We hypothesized that in the absence of XRN1, the major 5'→3' exonuclease, there would be more L1 mRNA and retrotransposition. Conversely, we observed that loss of XRN1 decreased L1 retrotransposition. This occurred despite slight stabilization of L1 mRNA, but with decreased L1 RNP formation. Similarly, loss of DCP2, the catalytic subunit of the decapping complex, lowered retrotransposition despite increased steady-state levels of L1 proteins. In both XRN1 and DCP2 depletions we observed shortening of L1 3' poly(A) tails and their increased utilization by TUT4/7. We explain the observed reduction of L1 retrotransposition by the changed qualities of non-templated L1 mRNA 3' end dynamics demonstrating the important role of L1 3' end dynamics in L1 biology.

### Graphical abstract



### Introduction

Retrotransposons are mobile genetic elements that copy their sequences and insert them in new genomic locations via a mechanism called retrotransposition. Sequencing of the human genome has led to a discovery that nearly half of it derives from repetitive sequences, mostly of retrotransposon origin

(1,2). Retrotransposons in the human genome comprise long-terminal repeat retrotransposons (LTRs), also known as endogenous retroviruses (ERVs), and non-long terminal repeat retrotransposons including long-interspersed elements (L1), short-interspersed elements (Alu), and a class of SVA retrotransposons (3,4). Around 516 000 copies of L1 occupy nearly

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## CMC: Cancer miRNA Census – a list of cancer-related miRNA genes

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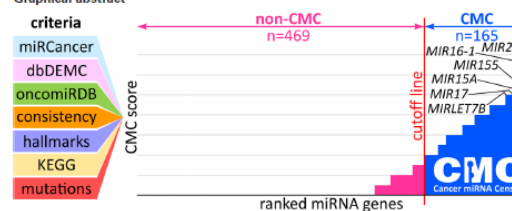
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A growing body of evidence indicates an important role of miRNAs in cancer; however, there is no definitive, convenient-to-use list of cancer-related miRNAs or miRNA genes that may serve as a reference for analyses of miRNAs in cancer. To this end, we created a list of 165 cancer-related miRNA genes called the Cancer miRNA Census (CMC). The list is based on a score, built on various types of functional and genetic evidence for the role of particular miRNAs in cancer, e.g. miRNA-cancer associations reported in databases, associations of miRNAs with cancer hallmarks, or signals of positive selection of genetic alterations in cancer. The presence of well-recognized cancer-related miRNA genes, such as MIR21, MIR155, MIR15A, MIR17 or MIRLET7s, at the top of the CMC ranking directly confirms the accuracy and robustness of the list. Additionally, to verify and indicate the reliability of CMC, we performed a validation of criteria used to build CMC, comparison of CMC with various cancer data (publications and databases), and enrichment analyses of biological pathways and processes such as Gene Ontology or DisGeNET. All validation steps showed a strong association of CMC with cancer/cancer-related processes confirming its usefulness as a reference list of miRNA genes associated with cancer.

### Graphical abstract



### Introduction

miRNAs are a class of small (18–24nt long), single-stranded noncoding RNA molecules that initiate translation repression and/or mRNA deadenylation, decapping, and degradation by complementary interaction with target sequences usually located in the 3'UTRs of target mRNAs; thus, miRNAs post-transcriptionally regulate (usually downregulate) the expression of most protein-coding genes (1,2). A large body of evidence indicates that miRNAs play an important role in cancer, and many upregulated and downregulated miRNAs are involved in the regulation of different processes in cancer. Among the most well-recognized miRNAs, acting either

as oncogenes or tumor suppressors are the let-7 (MIRLET7) family, miR-17-92a-1 cluster (known also as OncomiR-1 or according to HUGO nomenclature MIR17HG), miR-21, miR-205, and miR-15a (3,4).

Large cancer-genome projects such as The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) (5,6) or International Cancer Genome Consortium (ICGC) (7) and especially recent whole-genome sequencing efforts such as The Pan-Cancer Analysis of Whole Genomes (PCAWG) (8) increase the potential for identifying cancer-related mutations or cancer-driver genetic elements in noncoding parts of the genome, including genes of miRNAs and other classes of noncoding RNAs. Appropriate reference

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Research Support Unit, IBCH PAS: dr Michał Gładysz

### Laboratory of Molecular Assays and imaging

Head: Dorota Kwiatek

1. High Throughput Screening (HTS)

2. High resolution imaging (MINFLUX)

### Laboratory of Medicinal Chemistry

Head: Dorota Jakubczyk

#### 3. Design, synthesis and characterization

- Bioactive molecules
- Targeted chemical libraries
- Chemoproteomic probes

## Dept. of Molecular Probes and Prodrugs (DMPP)

Design, synthesis and validation of probes and assays

# EU-OPENSOURCE - ERIC



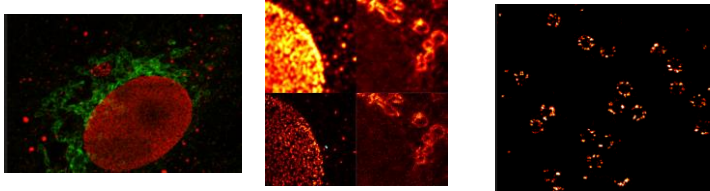
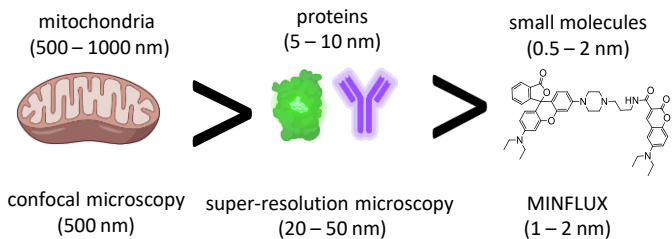
## European Research Infrastructure ERIC

- European Road Map of Research Infrastructure ESFRI
- Dedicated funding in Horizon Europe
- 33 certified partner sites in 10 member countries
- Expertise (partner sites)
  - HTS Screening & Fragment Screening
  - Med chem
  - Chemoproteomics (in formation)
- European Chemical Biology Database
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  - 100 000 commercial cpds (20kEUR)
  - 40 000 academic cpds
  - Ca. 1000 fragments



# Centre for Chemical Biology

## MOLECULAR IMAGING PLATFORM



### Imaging technologies available on our platform:

- 1) Stimulation Depletion Microscopy (STED) - 2D and 3D imaging, multicolor imaging
- 2) MINFLUX (Minimal Photon Flux) microscopy - 2D and 3D, multicolor imaging, tracking
- 3) FLIM (Fluorescence Lifetime Imaging) microscopy
- 4) FCS microscopy (Fluorescence Correlation Spectroscopy microscopy)

VALIDATION/MECHANISM DECONVOLUTION

## SCREENING PLATFORM



### Assay development

- Single and multi-parametric assays
- Miniaturisation and optimisation
- Automation and assay transfer
- Orthogonal assay

### Assay types

- Biochemical assays:
  - Absorbance
  - Fluorescence and derivatives
  - Luminescence
- Cell based assays:
  - Target based (ex. Reporter assay)
  - Phenotypic (ex. Toxicity)
  - High Content Screening
- Format: 384 well plates

### Combinatorial screening (AI – assisted)

- Rapid optimisation of complex mixtures
  - buffers and media
  - drug combinations
  - formulations

### High Throughput Screening

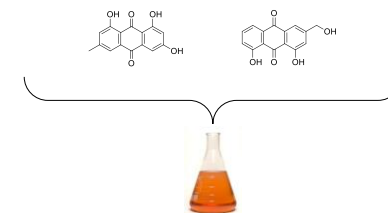
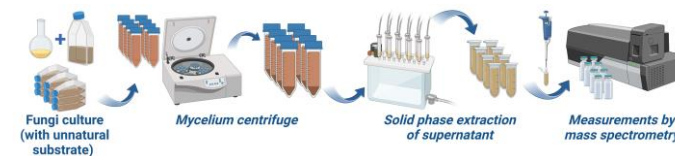
- Primary screening (1k – 100k)
- Hit validation:
  - 3 concentrations
  - IC/EC50 determination
- Counter / orthogonal screening

### Examples of screening assays:

- Cell painting (description below)
- Bioproteotyping

SCREENING

## MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY PLATFORM



### Medicinal Chemistry

- “Hit to lead” - design and synthesis of hit analogues (targeted libraries / HIT molecules optimisation)
- Chemoinformatic design – including selection of already existing libraries for bioactivity tests
- Combination of organic synthesis, semi-synthesis, biocatalysis, biosynthesis and chemical programming of microorganisms
  - E.g. for difficult to make **natural products** analogues
  - Scaling up production of natural compound analogues
- Process automation
- Automated isolation and purification of chemical compounds - from biological material or enzymatic reactions
- Development of chemical probes for pull-down experiments & imaging

HIT OPTIMISATION

# Laboratory of Medicinal Chemistry

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Dr. Dorota Jakubczyk

## Researchers:

Dr. hab. Tomasz Ostrowski

Dr. Leszek Błaszczyk

Dr. Magdalena Derbis – from DMPP

Dr. Vanrajsinh Thakor - from mid March

## Research and technical employees:

Dr. Grzegorz Framski

## PhD students:

Masroor Khan M.Sc. – from DMPP

Piotr Michałowski M.Sc. Eng. - Poznan University of Technology

The image shows a grid of profile cards for the Laboratory of Medicinal Chemistry. The top card is for Dr. Dorota Jakubczyk, Head of Laboratory, with her photo and contact information: `djakubczyk@ibch.poznan.pl` ext. 1184. Below this are three cards for researchers: Dr. Leszek Błaszczyk (adjunkt), Dr. hab. Tomasz Ostrowski (adjunkt), and Dr. Magdalena Derbis (asystent). The next row contains one card for research and technical employees: Dr. Grzegorz Framski (główny specjalista ds. środowiskowej aparatury badawczej). The bottom row contains two cards for PhD students: Masroor Khan MSc and Piotr Michałowski.

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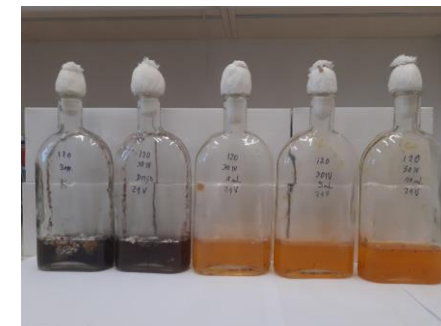
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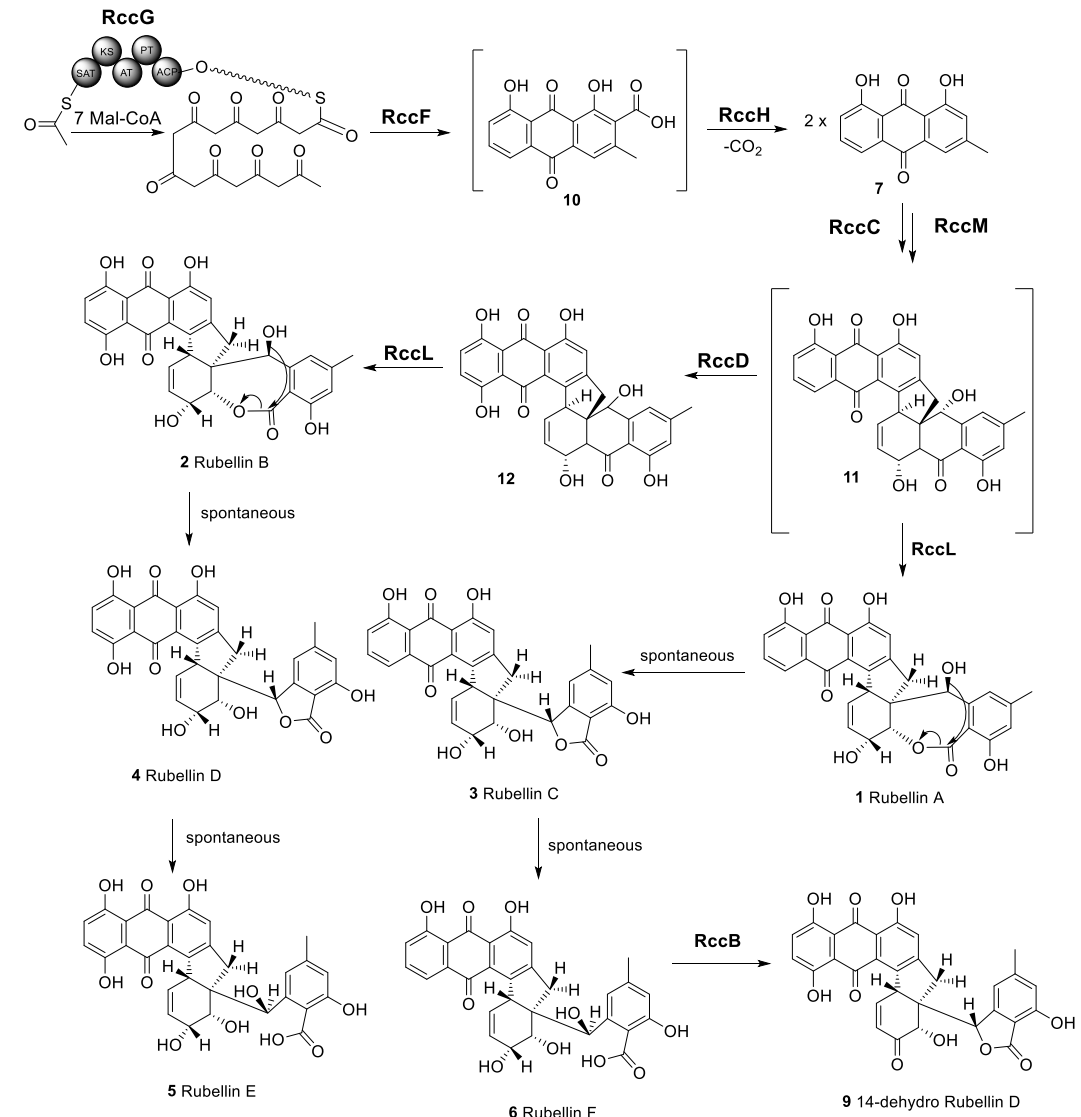
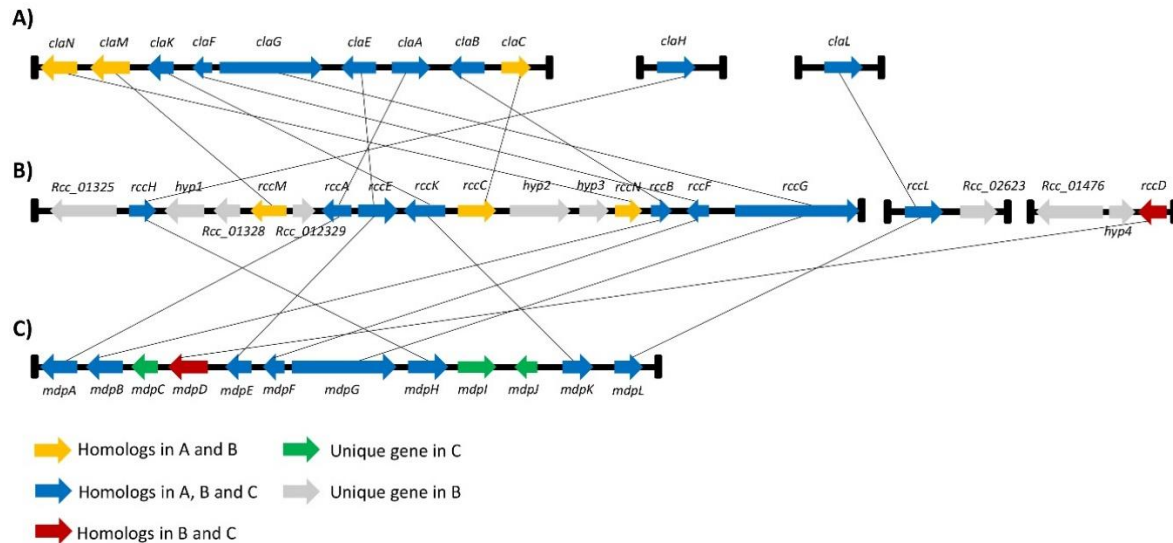
## **New services**

- Design and synthesis of RNA using chemical and biochemical methods along with structural and functional characterization of RNA molecules to understand their role in biological processes (Dr. Leszek Błaszczyk)
- Synthesis of purine and pyrimidine base-modified or/and sugar-modified nucleoside analogues, 1,2,3-triazole nucleosides, as well as quaternary ammonium salts, focused on compounds with required physicochemical properties and potential biological activities (Dr. hab. Tomasz Ostrowski, Dr. Grzegorz Framski)



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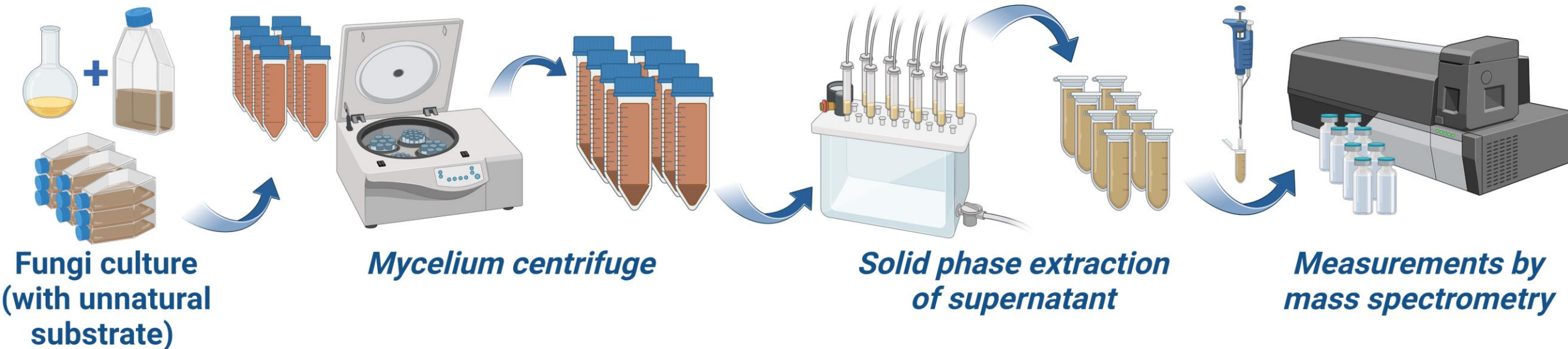
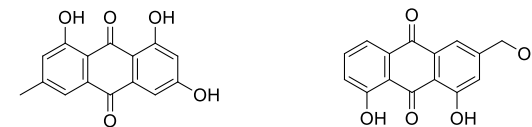
## Proposed pathway and discovered gene cluster for rubellins biosynthesis



# OUR TECHNOLOGY: chemical programming of microorganisms

## Optimisation of bio-production of bioactive natural products

- **Chemical programming** of fungus *Ramularia collo-cygni*

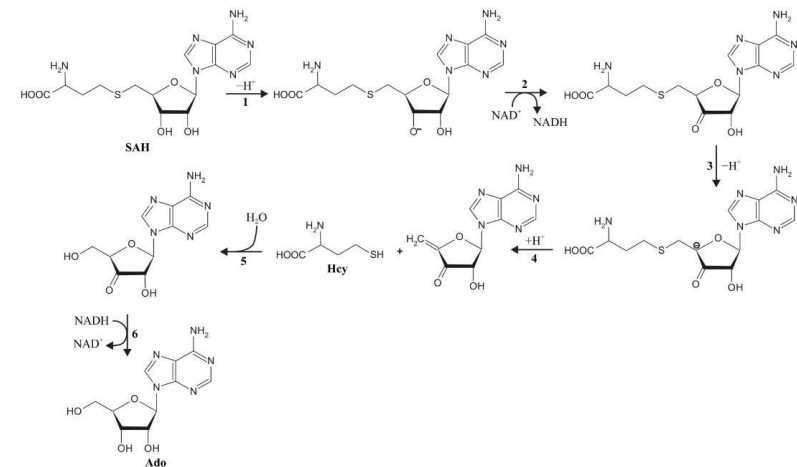


# Users Projects

Dr hab. K. Brzeziński

Identification of the products of the enzymatic reaction of SAHase from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* carried out in the presence of transition metal ions

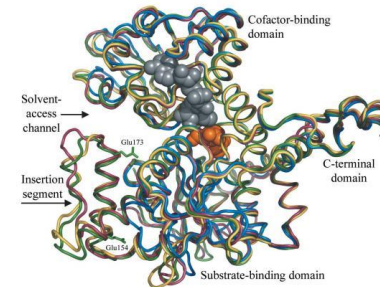
## research papers



**Figure 6**  
Mechanism of SAH hydrolysis to adenosine (Ado) and L-homocysteine (Hcy) catalyzed by S-adenosyl-L-homocysteine hydrolase. The numbers 1-6 indicate the reaction steps described in the mechanism of SAH hydrolysis (see text).

Glu205. As a result, the C3'-H atom becomes more labile and hydride abstraction by the NAD<sup>+</sup> cofactor is facilitated (2). The products of this reaction step are 3'-keto-AdoHcy and NADH. The acidity of the C4'-H group of the 3'-keto

derivative is higher when compared with the Ado molecule, allowing the formation of a C4<sup>-</sup> carbanion through proton transfer to the carboxylic group of Asp139 (3). Proton transfer from the imidazole ring of His62 to the S<sup>δ</sup> atom of the 3'-keto-AdoHcy carbanion is followed by β-elimination of Hcy, leading to the formation of 3'-keto-4',5'-didehydroadenosine (4). As the final step, a water molecule is attached through Michael-type addition (5); consequently, the 3'-keto group is reduced and Ado and NAD<sup>+</sup> are generated (6).



**Figure 7**  
Superposition of the LISAHase protomer (green) with models of the enzymes from *P. falciparum* (yellow; PDB entry 1v8b), *M. tuberculosis* (raspberry; PDB entry 3ce6) and *H. sapiens* (blue; PDB entry 1l14). The highly conserved Glu154 and Glu173 located in the 40-residue insert of LISAHase are shown as sticks. Ligands are shown as space-filling models using orange (adenosine) and gray (cofactor) colors.

### 3.5. The plant-specific insert and the substrate-pocket access channel

An insert of about 40 amino-acid residues is present in all plant SAHases and also in a number of other eukaryotic and bacterial enzymes (Stepkowski *et al.*, 2005). In LISAHase this segment forms a solvent-exposed region in the catalytic domain (Fig. 7) in an analogous way as in the plasmodial (PDB entry 1v8b) and bacterial (PDB entry 3ce6) enzymes (Tanaka *et al.*, 2004; Reddy *et al.*, 2008). Despite its conserved topology in the protein fold, the insert is in fact the area of the main structural differences between these proteins. The bacterial inserts are several residues shorter, leading to structural divergence. Moreover, differences in the conformation of this surface element could also result from different crystal-packing contacts.

# Users Projects

## Completed projects:

**Prof. dr Paul Schulze-Lefert - Max Planck Institute for Plant Breeding Research** - Synthesis and characterization of oxidized fraxetin to investigate the formation of the plant- and microbial-driven coumarin redox cycle (DFG, Germany's Excellence Strategy—EXC 2048/1—Project ID: 390686111)

**Dr. hab. K. Brzeziński** - Identification of the products of the enzymatic reaction of SAHase from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* carried out in the presence of transition metal ions (NCN SONATA BIS nr UMO-2018/30/E/NZ1/00729)

**Dr. hab. Miłosz Ruszkowski** - Identification of human  $\delta$ 1-pyrroline-5-carboxylate reductase (PYCR1) products (NCN Opus 2021/43/B/NZ7/01611)

**Dr. hab. Jacek Kolanowski** (POL-OS, Sonata 2017/26/D/NZ1/01234) – Data base creation; Kinetics of bioluminescent probes

# Users Projects

## **Ongoing projects:**

Ewa Sobieszczuk-Nowicka, Magdalena Arasimowicz-Jelonek – Biology Department AMU – synthesis and identification of plant metabolites

Arleta Sierakowska (Miniatura), Chemistry Department AMU – MedChem on new caffeine analogues

Jacek Kolanowski, Dorota Kwiatek – EU-OS (Drive 2 - HORIZON-INFRA-2023-DEV-01-03) - chemoinformatics

## **Grant proposals (last stage of evaluation):**

Jacek Kolanowski, Dorota Kwiatek - Development of the infrastructure POL-OPENSURE 2

Dorota Kwiatek, Jacek Kolanowski - Maintenance of the infrastructure: SPUB

Miłosz Ruszkowski – Sonata Bis

# Summary of the offer

- **SCREENING (high throughput)**
  - Absorbance, fluorescence, bioluminescence and variants + imaging
  - Biochemical (protein / RNA) and cellular (mammalian and plants), advanced models (3D)  
Multiparametric tests
- **SUPER-RESOLUTION IMAGING**
  - MINIFLUX ( 2 nm, only one of few in the world, localisation or particle tracking)
  - Multicolour STED (50-30 nm)
  - FRET / Lifetime / FCS
- **MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY**
  - (Bio)synthesis and optimisation of analogues of BIOACTIVE MOLECULES and scale-up
  - Design of dedicated libraries and their synthesis
  - Synthesis of multi-parametric molecular probes

## Other services types of the Centre:

Grant proposal preparation

Experiment design

Sample preparation or supervision

Data analysis

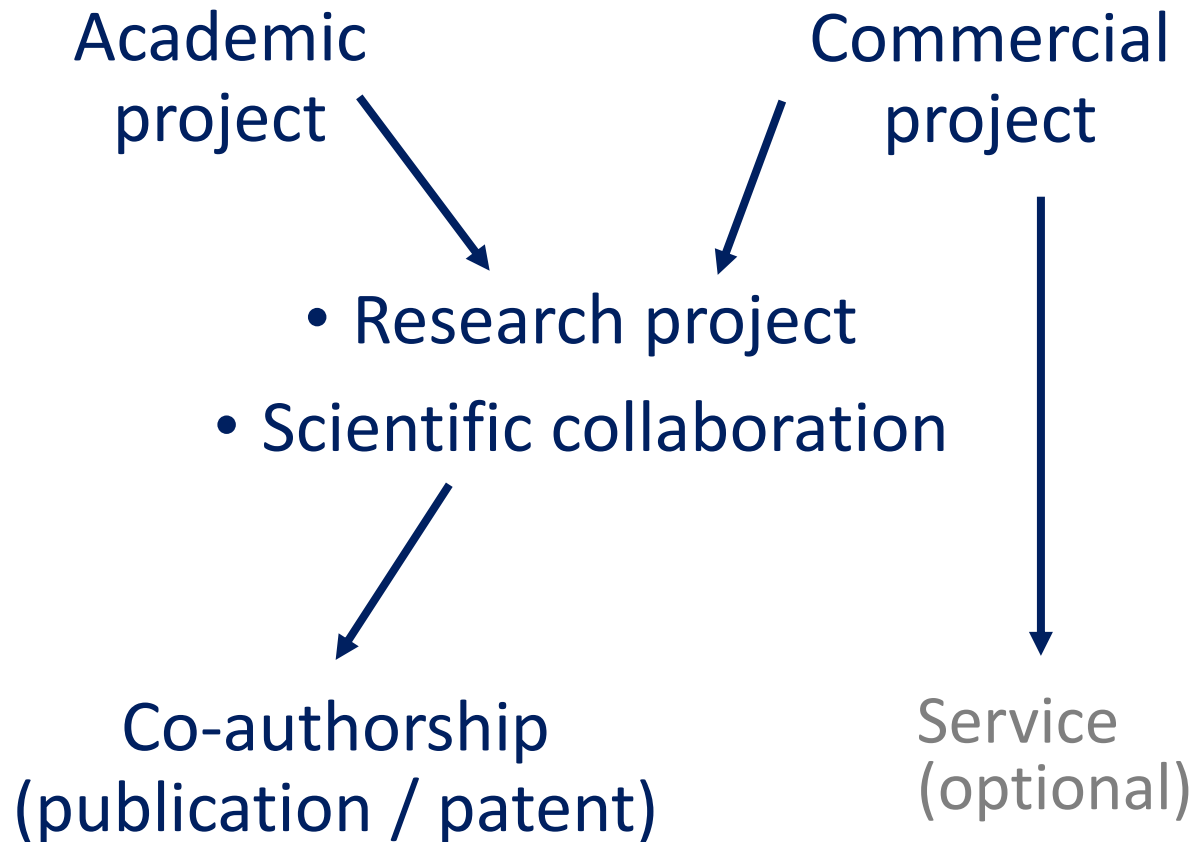
## Types of activities

- R&D services
- Tech development
- Consulting
- Infrastructure collab
- Outreach

## Aims / results

- Bioactives
- Tools for imaging and research
- Understanding mech of action

# How to work with us



## Price depends on:

- Type of collaboration
- Type of experiment
- Number of compounds to screen
- User hands on engagement

## Documents:

- Application form
- User agreement

**We have EXPERIENCE in and can SCIENTIFICALLY CONSULT on the preparation of joint grant proposals: >35 since 2020 (70% success rate)**

# Get in touch with us 😊

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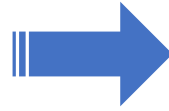
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Presenting: Małgorzata Marcinkowska-Swojak

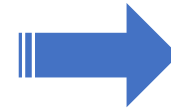
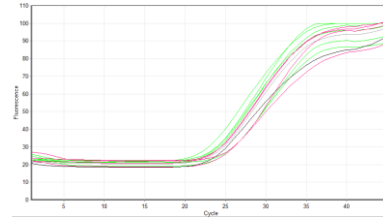
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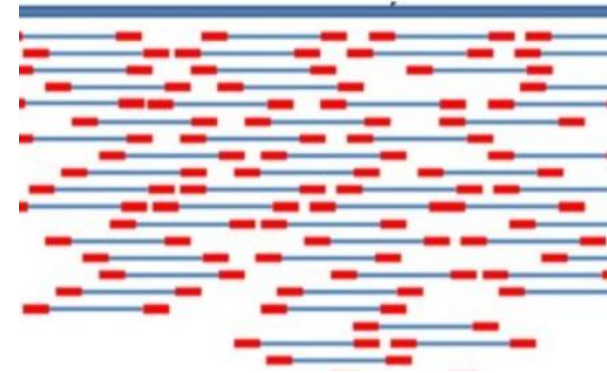
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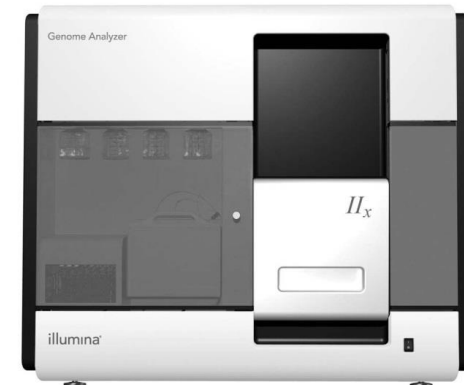
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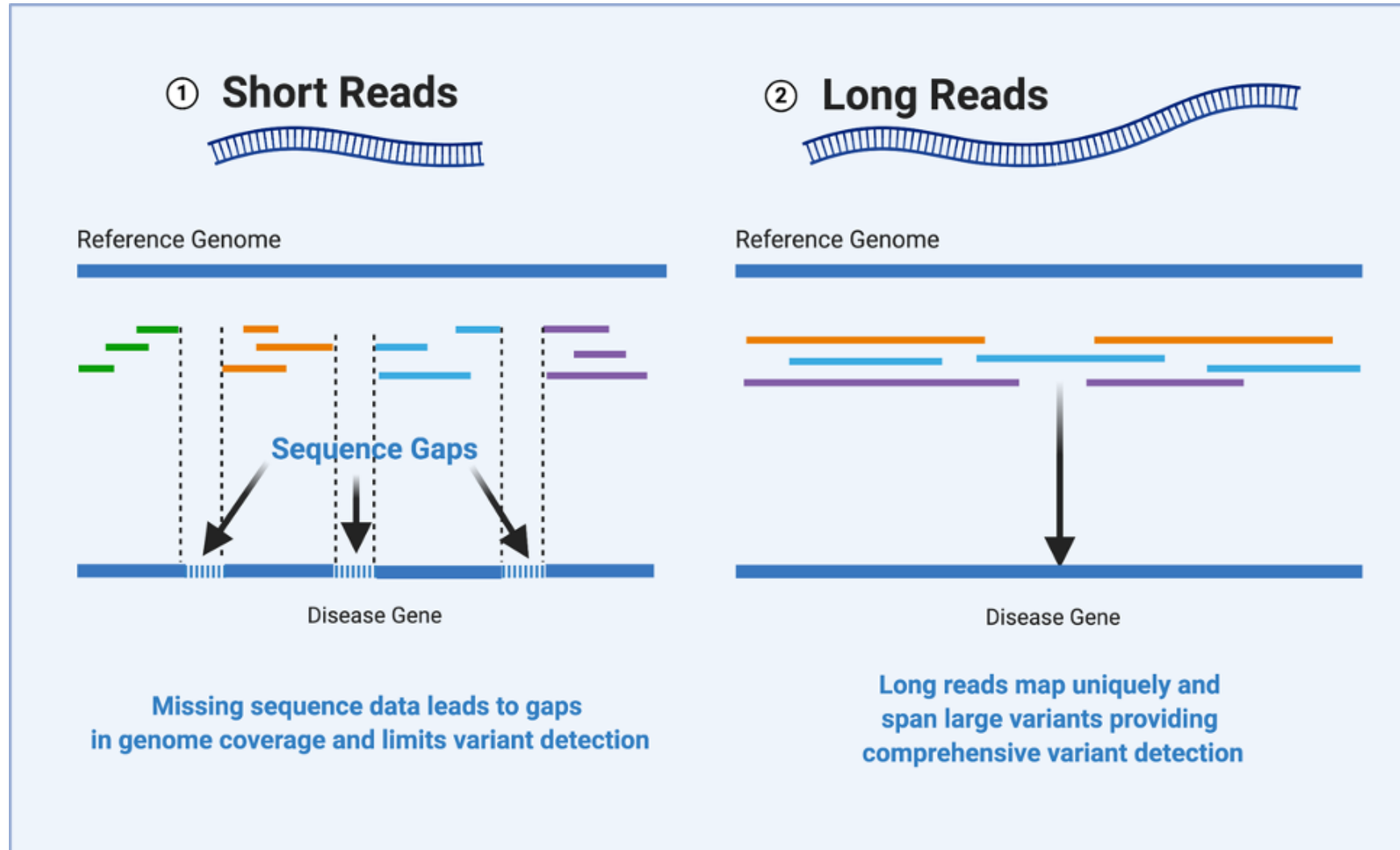


**2019**



**Laboratory of Microarrays  
and Deep Sequencing**  
established in January 2013

# Second and third generation sequencing



# 2022/2023 - five sequencing systems

## ILLUMINA sequencing systems

**NextSeq 550**



**NovaSeq 6000**



**NovaSeq X Plus**

**MiSeq (dx)**



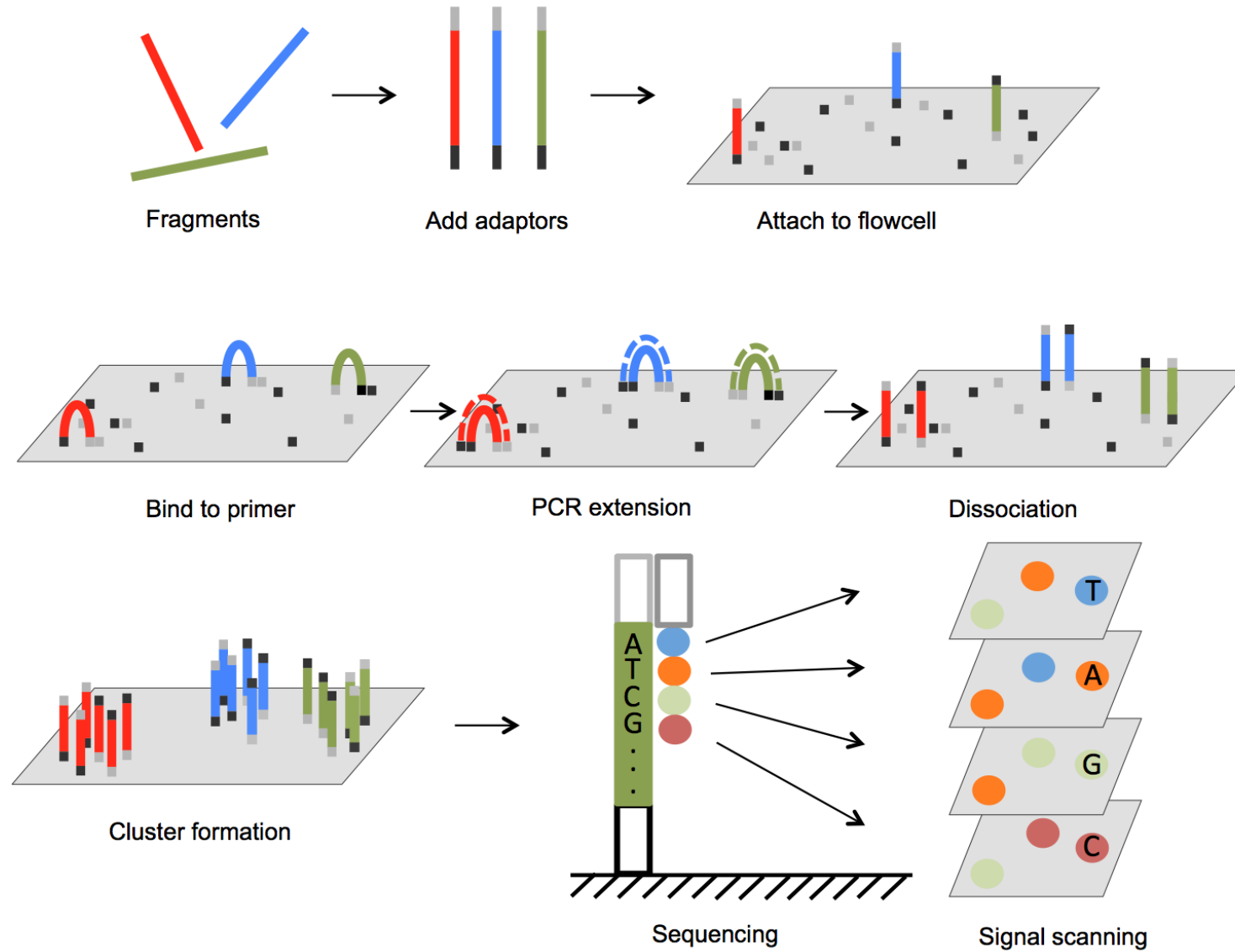
# 2022/2023 - **five** sequencing systems

## Pacific Biosciences sequencing systems



**Sequel IIe**

# Illumina sequencing



# Illumina sequencers



## Benchtop



MiSeq Series +



NextSeq 550 Series +

Popular Applications & Methods	Key Application <span style="color: orange;">■</span>	Key Application <span style="color: cyan;">■</span>
Large Whole-Genome Sequencing (human, plant, animal)		
Small Whole-Genome Sequencing (microbe, virus)	●	●
Exome & Large Panel Sequencing (enrichment-based)		●
Targeted Gene Sequencing (amplicon-based, gene panel)	●	●
Single-Cell Profiling (scRNA-Seq, scDNA-Seq, oligo tagging assays)		●
Transcriptome Sequencing (total RNA-Seq, mRNA-Seq, gene expression profiling)		●
Targeted Gene Expression Profiling	●	●
miRNA & Small RNA Analysis	●	●
DNA-Protein Interaction Analysis (ChIP-Seq)	●	●
Methylation Sequencing		●
16S Metagenomic Sequencing	●	●
Metagenomic Profiling (shotgun metagenomics, metatranscriptomics)		●
Cell-Free Sequencing & Liquid Biopsy Analysis		●

## Production-scale



NovaSeq 6000 Series +



NovaSeq X Series

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Transcriptome Sequencing (total RNA-Seq, mRNA-Seq, gene expression profiling)	●	●
Chromatin Analysis (ATAC-Seq, ChIP-Seq)	●	●
Methylation Sequencing	●	●
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Cell-Free Sequencing & Liquid Biopsy Analysis	●	●



# Illumina sequencers



MiSeq Series +



NextSeq 550 Series +



NovaSeq 6000 Series +



NovaSeq X Series

1x36 bp - 2x300bp	1x75 bp - 2x150 bp	1x35 bp - 2x250 bp	1x100 bp - 2x150 bp
540 Mb -15 Gb	16,25 - 120 Gb	60 - 3000 Gb	165 Gb - 16 Tb
1 - 50 M reads	130 - 800 M reads	650 M - 20 B reads	1,6 B - 52 B reads
4 - 56 hrs	11 - 29 hrs	13 - 44 hrs	17 - 48 hrs
4 flowcell types	2 flowcell types	4 flowcell types	3 flowcell types
<b>2 100 – 11 100 zł</b>	<b>7 900 – 33 000 zł</b>	<b>13 700 – 91 000 zł</b>	<b>11 500 – 96 900 zł</b>

# Illumina sequencers

NextSeq 550 System High-Output Kit	NextSeq 550 System Mid-Output Kit
1 human whole genome	3 exomes
12 exomes	12 enrichment panels
16 transcriptomes	96 amplicon panels

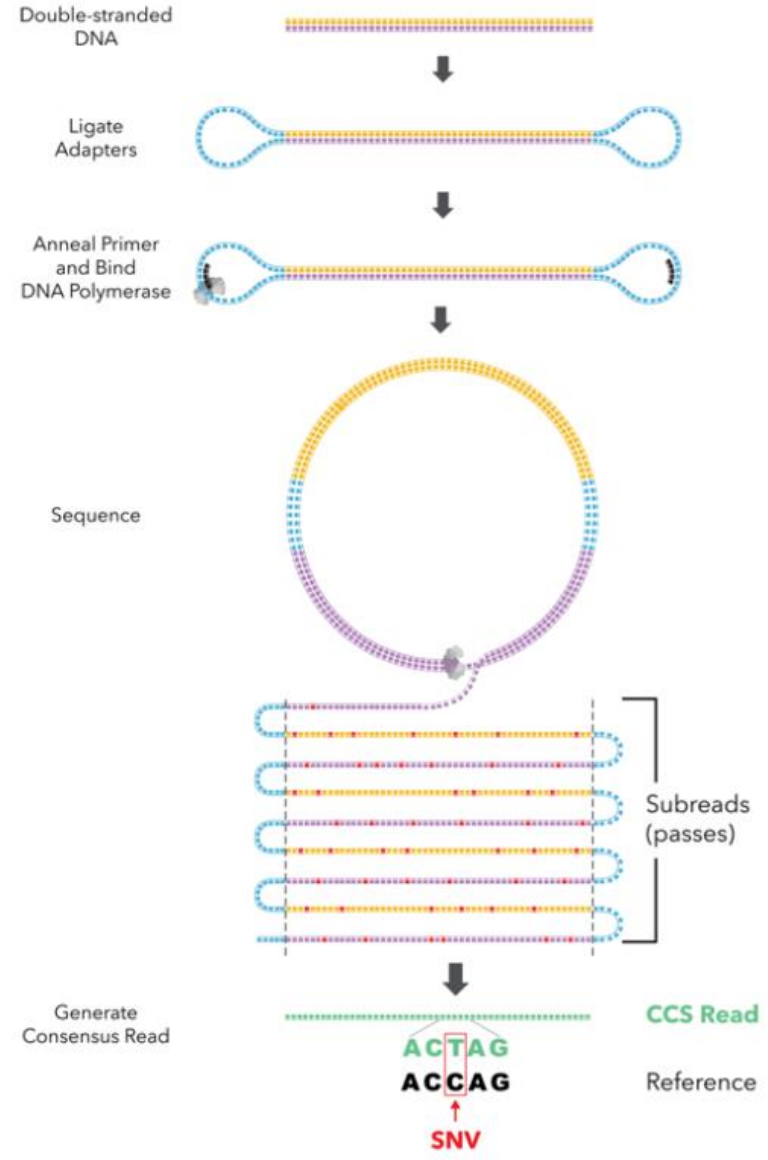
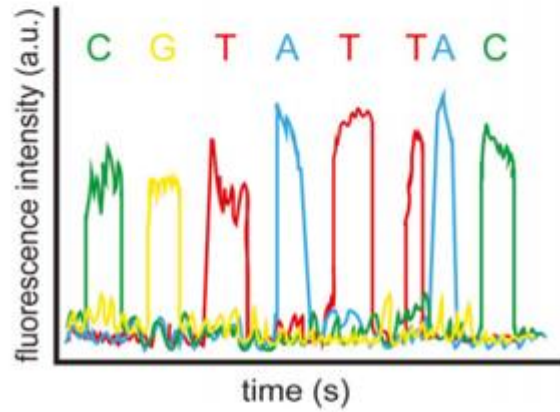
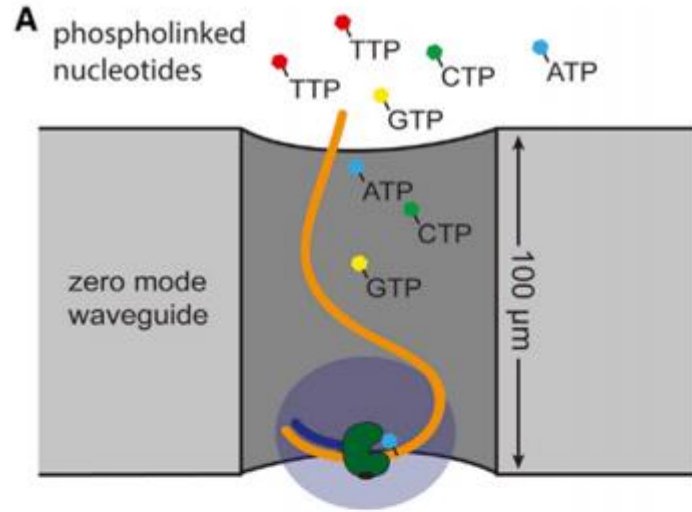
## NovaSeq 6000 System

Flow Cell Type	SP	S1	S2	S4
Human Genomes per Run	~4	~8	~20	~48
Exomes per Run	~40	~80	~200	~500
Transcriptomes per Run	~32	~64	~164	~400

## NovaSeq X Series

Flow Cell Type	1.5B	10B	25B
Human Genomes per Flow Cell	~4	~24	~64
Exomes per Flow Cell	~41	~250	~750
Transcriptomes per Flow Cell	~30	~200	~520

# Pac-Bio – length and precision



- **Long reads:** 8-15kb, up to 40-70kb
- **High Accuracy:** >99.999% consensus accuracy achieved by sequencing the same molecule multiple times
- **No GC bias**
- **Direct identification of base modification** (epigenetics - 5mC)

# Pac-Bio – what can we do with 1 SMRT cell?

SMRT sequencing applications	Samples per SMRT Cell 8M*
<b>Whole genome sequencing</b>	
<b>De novo assembly:</b> Produce reference-quality assemblies for genomes up to 2 Gb	1
<b>Microbial de novo assembly:</b> Generate reference-quality assemblies for up to 96 microbial isolates	96
<b>Variant detection:</b> Call single nucleotide, indel, and structural variants and 5mC methylation in a ~3 Gb genome	0.5
<b>RNA sequencing</b>	
<b>Whole transcriptome:</b> Characterize alternative splicing with full-length transcripts	1
<b>Genome annotation:</b> Sequence full-length transcripts and multiplex up to 8 tissues	8
<b>Targeted sequencing</b>	
<b>Amplicon sequencing:</b> Detect variation in specific regions by multiplexing 1,000 samples (1–10 kb)	1,000
<b>HiFiViral sequencing:</b> Multiplex 384 samples and perform full genome sequencing of SARS-CoV-2	384
<b>Metagenome sequencing</b>	
<b>Full-length 16S:</b> Gain species- and strain-level resolution by multiplexing up to 192 samples	192
<b>Metagenome profiling:</b> Profile the composition or functional profile of up to 48 multiplexed samples	48
<b>Metagenome assembly:</b> Generate up to 35 high-quality MAGs from a gut microbiome sample	4



## Whole Genome Sequencing

For humans, plants, animals and microbes including *de novo* sequencing and variant detection



## Complex Populations

Understand variants among bacterial, viral and cancer cell populations



## RNA Sequencing

In-depth analysis of cDNA sequences across the entire transcriptome or targeted genes



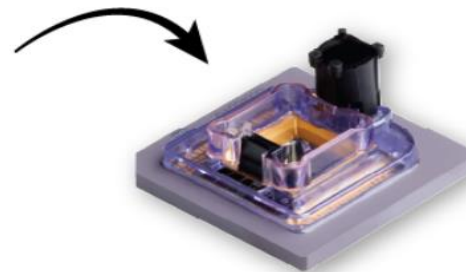
## Epigenetics

Detect DNA modifications in your samples while you sequence on the PacBio platform



## Targeted Sequencing

Study relevant genome targets across any regions of interest



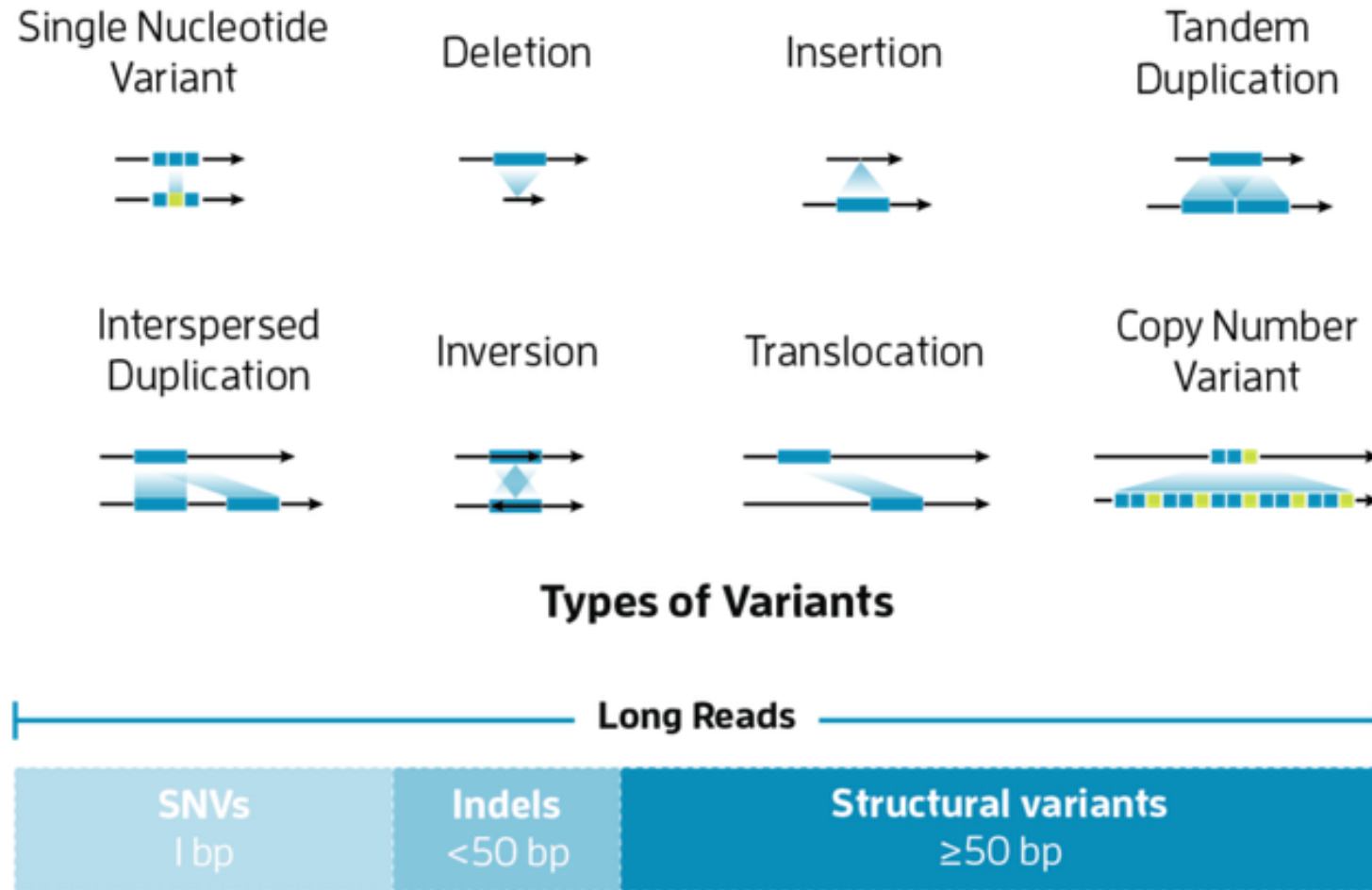
3-4 SMRT cells per 1 human genome  
1 SMRT cell per 1 human transcriptomes



6 500 – 8 500zł / SMRT cell  
1 500 – 1 800zł / SMRT cell sequencing



# Pac-Bio – genome analysis



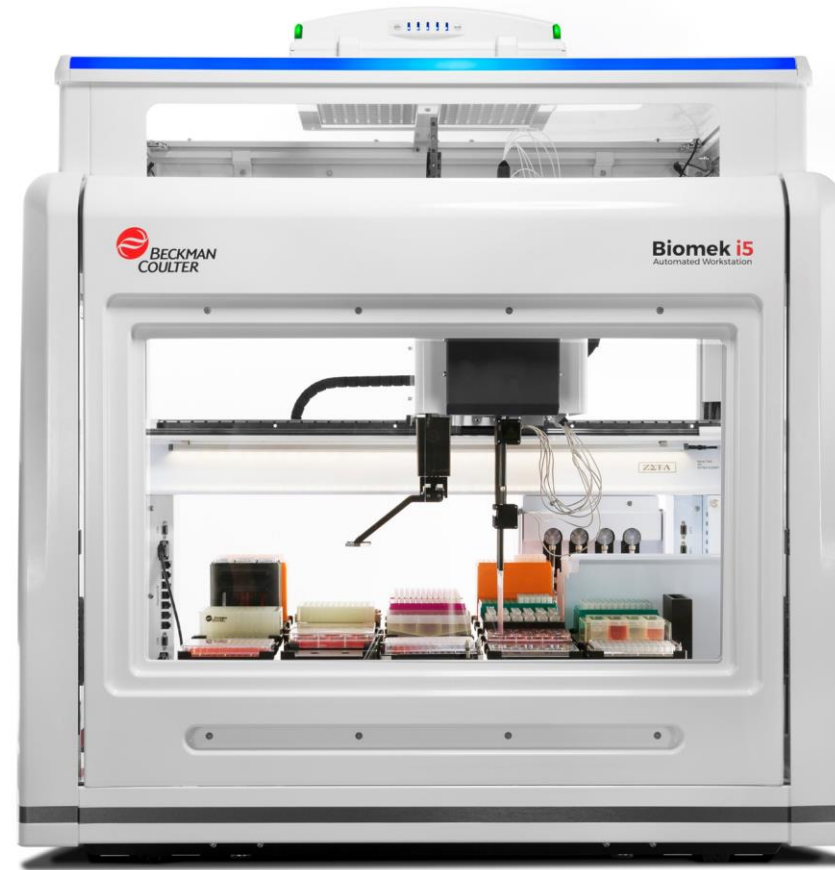
Genomic DNA input (higher organisms) - 5-10  $\mu$ g, high quality (high mol. weight)

# Automation (2023)

## Automated workstations - Beckman Biomek i5



DNA/RNA isolation



Library preparation

# Automation (2023)



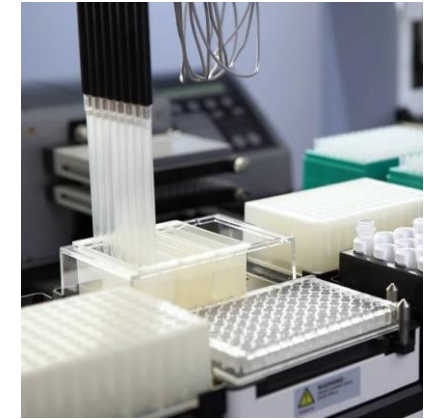
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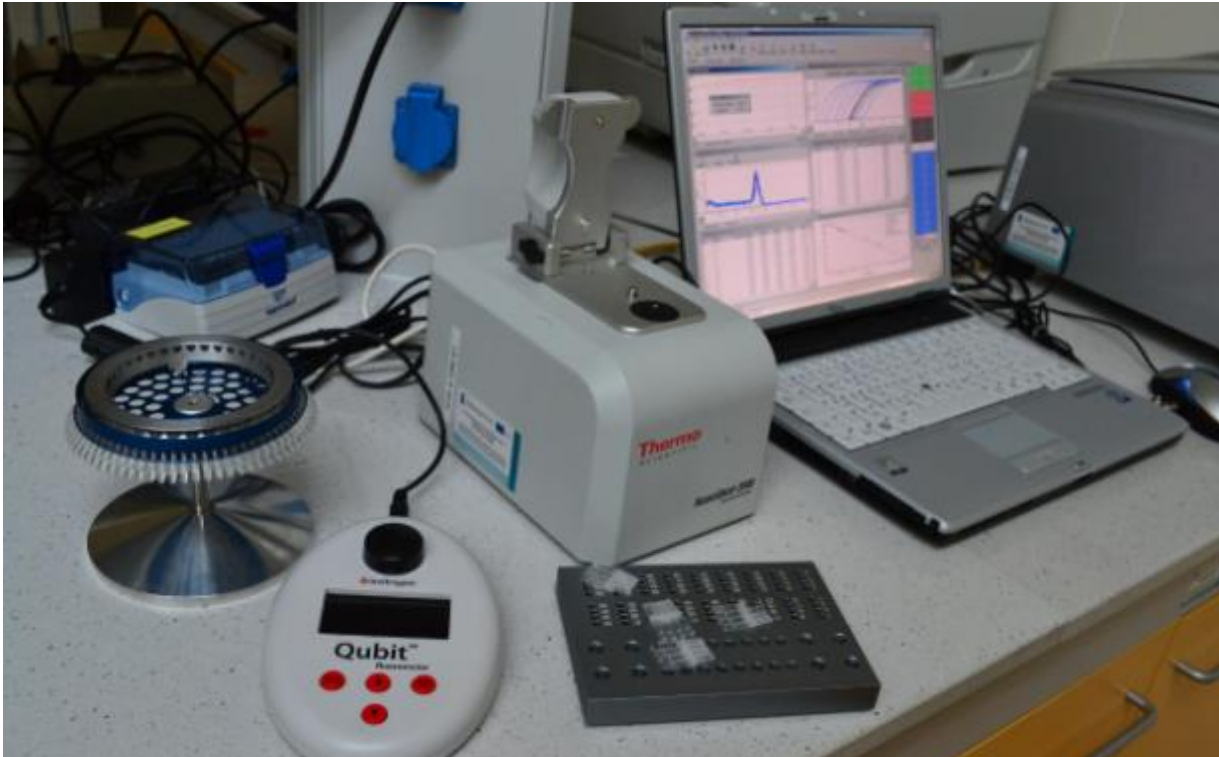
**Library preparation**



up to 96 samples per run	up to 48 samples per run
4 - 8 hrs	6 - 10 hrs
<i>DNA - Beckman GeneFind</i>	<i>Genome - Illumina DNA Prep</i>
<i>RNA - Beckman RNAAdvance</i>	<i>Transcriptome - KAPA RNA HyperPrep Kit (+RiboErase)</i>

# Additional equipment

- **Nanodrop**, ThermoFisher Sci. (ECBiG)
- **Qubit**, ThermoFisher Sci. (ECBiG, ICHB 108A)
- **Bioanalyzer 2100**, Agilent (ECBiG)
- **Bioruptor NextGen Sonicator**, Diagenode (ICHB)
- **T100 thermocyclers**, Bio-Rad (ECBiG, ICHB)
- **Rotor Gene Q**, Qiagen (ECBiG)
- **QX200 droplet digital PCR**, Bio-Rad (ECBiG)

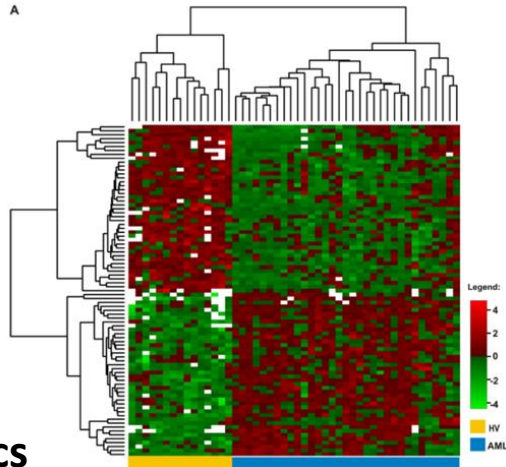




# What we have done



**AML  
transcriptomics**



Gene	Sample	ID014	ID015	ID016	ID019	ID030	ID033	ID034	ID035	ID036	ID041	ID045	ID049	ID050	ID055	ID056	ID058	ID061	ID062	ID070	ID074	ID082	ID087	ID090	ID095	ID101	ID102	ID105	Number of samples with mutation	Percentage of samples with mutation
ASXL1							4.0					4.0				5.0							4.0					4	14.8	
BRCA2																9.0					10.0							2	7.4	
CEBPA				5.0				0.0	0.0															7.0				4	14.8	
DNMT3A		4.0											2.0	3.0		4.0	7.0						7.0					6	22.2	
FLT3-ITD			4.0									4.0	4.0															3	11.1	
IDH1										-1.5					1.0	-1.5												3	11.1	
IDH2													3.0	7.0							7.0							3	11.1	
KRAS							9.0																	6.0				2	7.4	
NPM1		6.0						4.0					4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0					4.0		4.0					7	25.9	
NRAS							6.0							6.0						6.0				6.0	6.0			5	18.5	
RUNX1											3.0				3.0						4.0		3.0			8.0		5	18.5	
RUNX1-RUNX1T1																												3	11.1	
Number of mutations per sample		0	2	2	0	0	0	3	1	3	1	2	3	2	5	2	4	2	NA	1	3	2	1	3	2	1	2	0	median: 2	

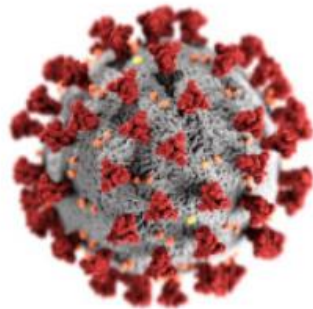
**AML  
exome  
seq**



**MOSAIC**



**Plant genome and  
transcriptome seq,  
circRNA seq**



**SARS-CoV-2  
genome seq**



**Archaeogenomics**



**Polish Microbiome  
Map**

**... and other projects**

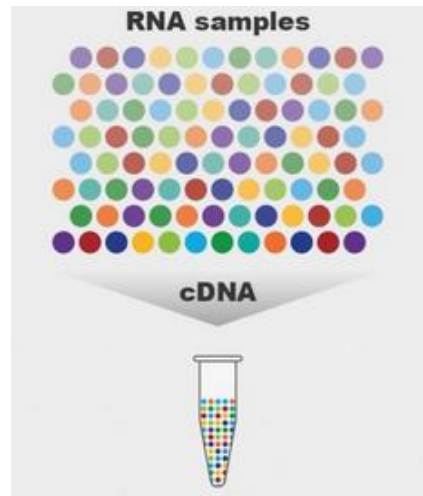
# What we can offer

Experiment					
Test Group			Control Group		
T1	T1	T1	C1	C1	C1
T2	T2	T2	C2	C2	C2
T3	T3	T3	C3	C3	C3
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Experiment design



DNA/RNA extraction and quality assessment



Library preparation

# NGS

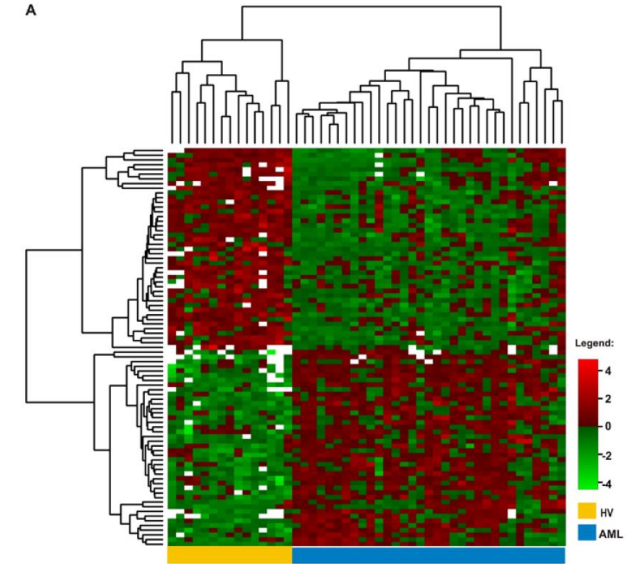


Sequencing

ATGACCAC  
CCACATCTTT  
TCTTTTATG  
AAGACAAGA  
GAATGCAAGG  
ATGATTTAGA

Overlapping sequences aligned by computer

ATGACCACATCTTTTATGATTTAGAAATGCAAGGACAAGA



Data analysis (recommended collaboration with the Laboratory of Bioinformatics)

# Team

## Head

**Luiza Handschuh,  
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## Wet lab

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**Jan Podkowiński, Ph.D.**

**Małgorzata Marcinkowska-Swojak, Ph.D.**



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ICHB PAN



# Cell and Tissue Culture Laboratory

Natalia Koralewska

# Operation areas

Animal cell and  
tissue cultures



Plant *in vitro* and  
in soil cultures



Sterilization and  
autoclaving



# Staff

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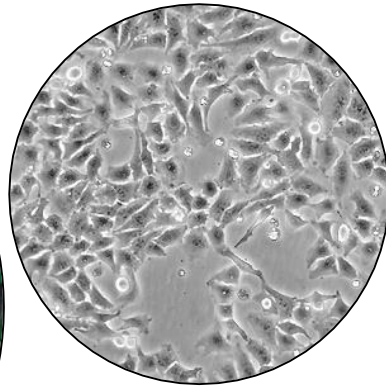




# What we offer?

- **Space and equipment** for animal and plant cultures
- Access to a collection of **cell lines**
- **Great ideas, but no biologist? We can do the wet work for you!**
  - ✓ Cell lines culture and maintenance
  - ✓ Analysis of cell morphology, proliferation, adhesion, migration, and viability
  - ✓ Collecting and pre-processing cells for downstream analyses
- **Mycoplasma testing**
- Long-term **liquid nitrogen storage**
- **Training** in best practices for animal and plant cultures
- Technical expertise and hands on support for custom research projects
- Support in preparing research funding proposals involving work with *in vitro* models

# Animal cell and tissue cultures

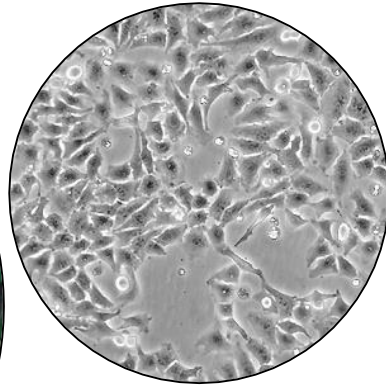


BSL2 infrastructure for:

- Cryopreservation and biobanking
- 2D and 3D cultures
- Transfection
- Counting and bioimaging

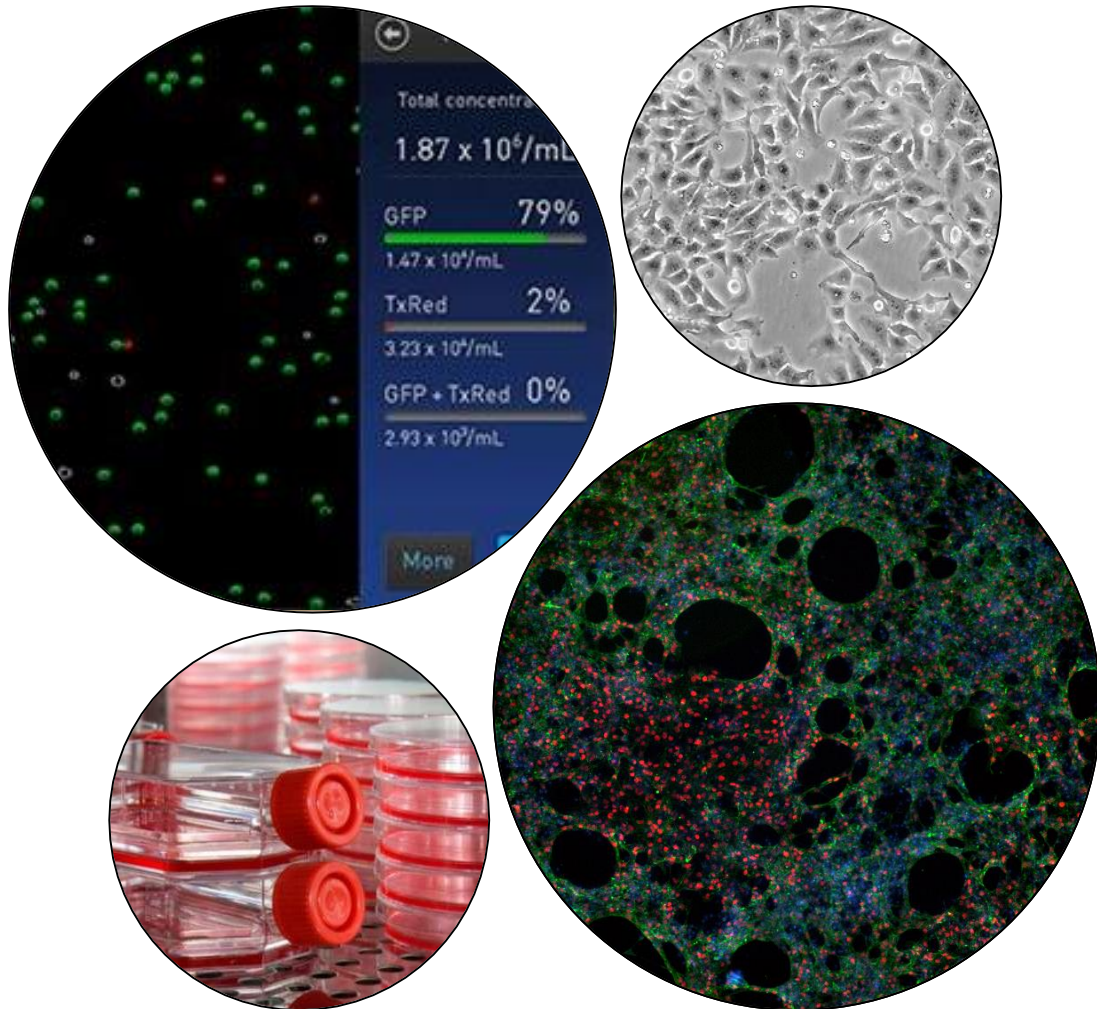
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# Animal cell and tissue cultures



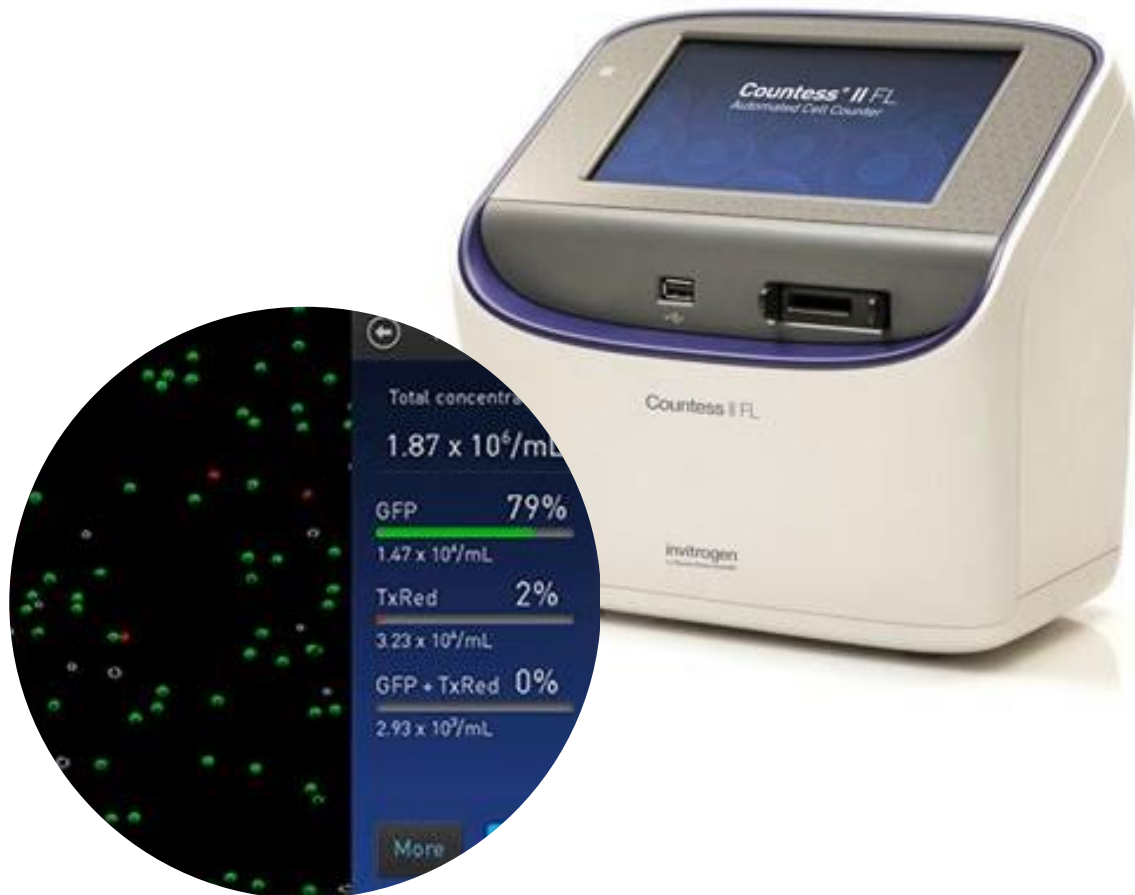
- BSL2 biosafety cabinets
- CO<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub>/O<sub>2</sub> incubators
- 4°C/-20°C/-80°C/liquid nitrogen storage
- Centrifuges (refrigerated, preparatory)
- Microscopes (inverted, fluorescence, confocal)
- Automated cell counters
- Nucleofector
- Collection of human, mammalian, and insect cell lines

# Animal cell and tissue cultures



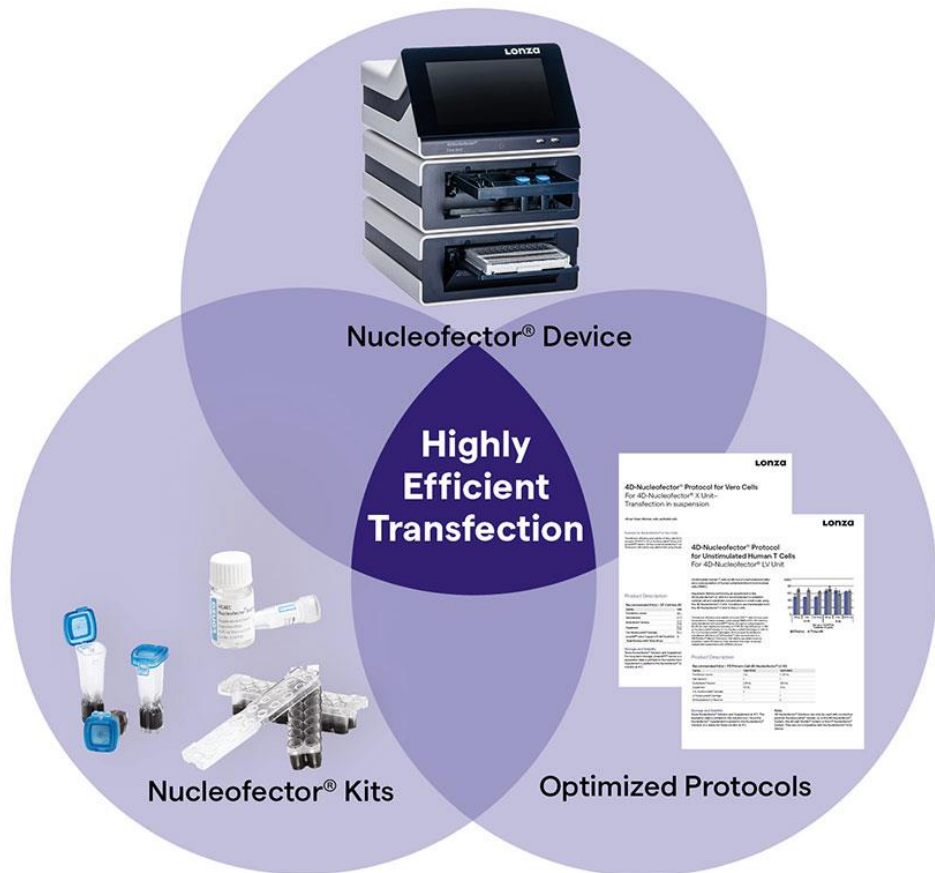
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# Countess<sup>®</sup> II FL Automated Cell Counter



- Three-channel cell counter
- Bright field and interchangeable LED light cubes: RFP, GFP, Cy5, DAPI
- To assess cell viability, cell cycle phase, apoptotic stage, transfection efficiency, and fluorescent protein expression
- Compatible with a wide variety of eukaryotic cells, incl. clumpy samples

# 4D-Nucleofector®



- Improved electroporation technology
- High transfection efficiency combined with low mortality
- Efficient transfection of hard-to-transfect cells
- A wide range of substrates
- Applicable for overexpression studies, generation of stable clones, RNAi screening, CRISPR/Cas9 genome editing
- 100  $\mu$ L cuvettes or 20  $\mu$ L 16-well strips

# Plant *in vitro* & in soil cultures



- Plant growth chambers and rooms with temperature, humidity, and lighting control
- Greenhouse
- BSL2 biosafety cabinets
- Shaking incubators for bacterial cultures
- Ballistic cell transfection system
- Electroporation system
- 4°C and -20°C storage
- Centrifuges (ultracentrifuge, preparatory)
- Stereoscopic and fluorescence microscope

Localization: 015-016C, greenhouse

# Sterilization & autoclaving



- Centralized services for dishwashing and autoclaving
- Sterilization of glassware, plastic consumables, media and buffers
- Processing and disposal of hazardous biological waste materials

Localization: 101A



# Access

- Trained users are free to operate independently in the facility by reserving time through the reservation system
- Access to the culture laboratories is free of charge
- Users participate in the maintenance costs (CO<sub>2</sub>, liquid nitrogen, EtOH, etc.)
- Rates of other services based on project scale – contact us!

# Contact us

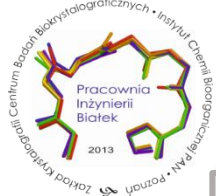
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**Dr hab. Anna Urbanowicz - head**

**Dr hab. Agata Świątkowska**

**Dr Joanna Śliwiak**

**Dr Jakub Barciszewski**

**Mgr Alina Kasperska**

**Mgr Martyna Kordyś**

**Location:**

**Building A**

**Basement – level 000A**

**Building E**

**Basement – room 009E**

- **preparation of bacterial expression vectors, production of recombinant proteins and their purification, evaluation of quality of protein preparations for functional and structural research;**
- **propagation, maintaining and banking of the cell lines, cell tests (cytotoxicity, cell cycle arrest, apoptosis)**
- **physicochemical characteristics of interactions between proteins and other macromolecules: measurement of association and dissociation constants, determining the number of ligand binding sites and thermodynamic parameters of binding (enthalpy, entropy), measurement of enzymatic kinetics,**
- **high-throughput tests of the initial conditions for crystallization of biomolecules, optimization of the crystallization process to obtain crystals for diffraction experiments, recording diffraction data for protein crystals and nucleic acids using a diffractometer equipped with a rotating anode**



**We offer two types of equipment/services:**

- 1. Available to each IChB employee or PhD student, after prior notification of the Lab Head and initial training**
- 2. Specialized equipment that may be used only in cooperation with Laboratory Staff**



**Equipment available to each IChB employee or PhD student, after prior notification of the Lab Head and initial training:**

- 1. First usage must be consulted with Lab Head (equipment operation and safety matters)**
  - 2. Disposable materials/reagents provided by the user**
  - 3. Reservation system - obligatory**
- **2 incubators** with shaking and temperature control in the range of 5 to 50°C,
  - **3 sonicators**,
  - **2 preparative centrifuges** (rotors: 8 x 50 ml and 6 x 500 ml, 6x 1l),
  - **Zetasizer**  $\mu$ V analyzer for static and dynamic light scattering measurements (DLS and SLS) in order to assess molecular mass and hydrodynamic diameter of proteins and polymers,
  - **nanophotometer** for concentration measurements,
  - **UV-visible spectrometer** for precise concentration and kinetics measurements,
  - **thermocycler**
  - **cold-room** (8 °C) and **crystallization room** (18 °C)





## Reservation system - obligatory

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Instytut Chemii Bioorganicznej PAN  
System rezerwacji sprzętu i pomieszczeń

29.01.2024 Idź do Pomoc Pokoje Raport Szukaj: aniau Wyloguj

**Strefy**  
Bud A – Prac. Analiz Poj. Kom.  
Budynek A - Prac. Inz. Białka  
Building B - NMR Laboratory  
Budynek E - 010  
serwis NMR  
Willa B10 - room 11  
Willa B12  
Willa B12 - PASS

**Pokoje**  
BIOCOMP fractionator  
Chłodnia  
DLS  
FPLC ACTA  
Inkubator Innova no. 1  
Inkubator Innova no. 2  
Monolith NT115  
Octet K2  
Plate reader Victor X4  
Robot Gryphon  
Sonikator with two probes  
Sonikator with one probe  
Sonikator ABM  
Spektrometr UV/Vis Agilen  
Termocykler Biorad  
Avanti J-26 XPI centrifug  
Wirówka Avanti JXN-26

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**Budynek A - Prac. Inz. Białka - Inkubator Innova no. 2**

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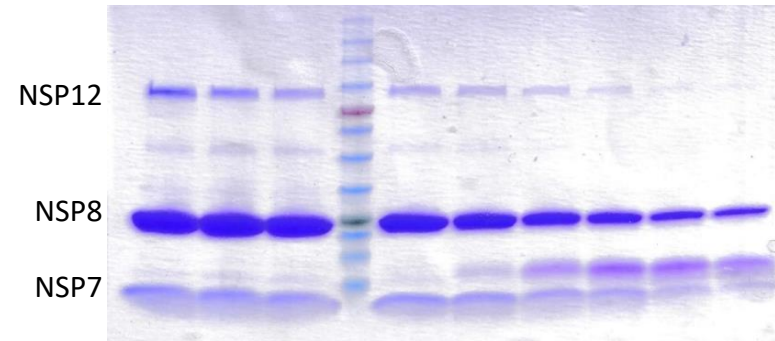
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## Specialized equipment that may be used only in cooperation with Laboratory Staff – AKTA system

- Protein expression and purification, various purification methods (FPLC)  
- **dr hab. Anna Urbanowicz, mgr Martyna Kordyś**



**Active recombinant SARS CoV-2 RdRp preparation (NSP7,8,12 complex).** The polymerase was produced in *E. coli* and purified by III-step chromatography: Ni-NTA affinity, ion-exchange and, finally SEC (presented fractions after SDS-PAGE).

## Specialized equipment that may be used only in cooperation with Laboratory Staff – Gradient forming and fractionating using Biokomp equipments

- Preparation of the gradient prior to separation of particles through ultracentrifugation or fractionation  
- **mgr Martyna Kordyś**



### Applications:

- polysome profiling
- separation and fractionation of proteins and complexes

**Specialized equipment that may be used only in cooperation with Laboratory Staff -**

- Fluorescence, luminescence, absorbance, radiometric detection

- **dr hab. Agata Świątkowska**



**Spectrophotometer Victor X4** Multimode plate reader  
(Perkin Elmer)

- Fluorescence (fluorescein, GFP, mCherry)
- Luminescence (luciferase system)
- Visible Absorbance

**2450 Microplate Counter MicroBeta 2** MicroBeta<sup>2</sup><sup>®</sup>

Microplate Counter for Radiometric  
and Luminescence Detection



Specialized equipment that may be used only in cooperation with Laboratory Staff -

- Propagation, maintaining and banking of the cells, cell tests (cytotoxicity, cell cycle arrest, apoptosis)



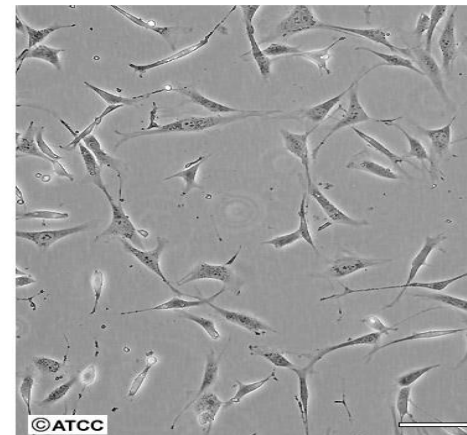
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**We offer cell lines:**

Adherent human cell lines : HepG2, HT-29, HCT116, MCF-7, H1299, HEK-293, BEAS-2B

Adherent mouse cell lines: MEF, NIH3T

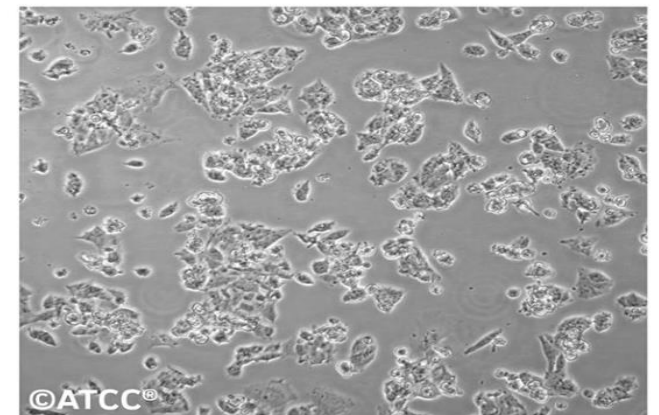
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Designation: **NIH/3T3**



Low Density

Scale Bar = 100µm

ATCC Number: **HB-8065**  
Designation: **Hep G2**



Low Density

## • Microcal iTC200 and Microcal PEAQ-ITC microcalorimeters

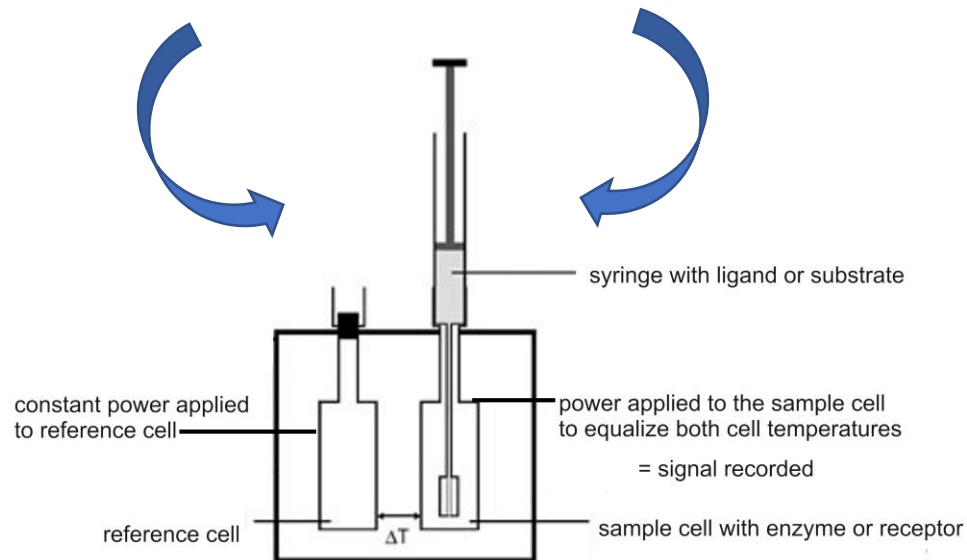
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iTC-200



PEAQ-ITC



principles of calorimeter operation

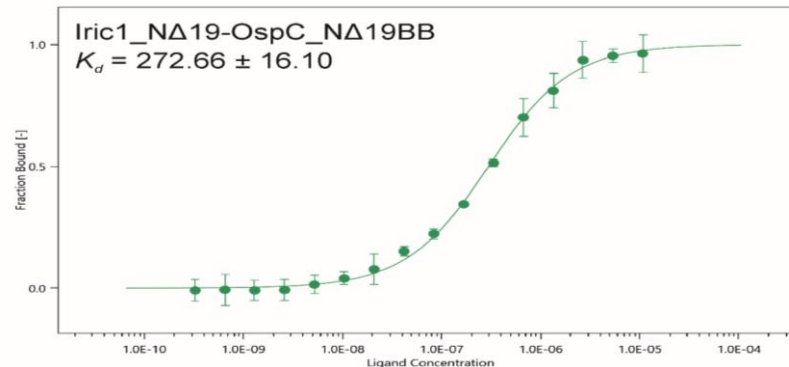
- All chemical processes are either exothermic or endothermic – they produce or consume heat.
- Microcalorimetry – ultrasensitive technique, measures very small heat changes coming from these processes
- Dissociation constants, stoichiometry, enthalpy and entropy of bimolecular binding events e.g.:
  - ✓ Parameters of zeatin and giberellin binding by CSBP (Ruszkowski et al. 2014)
  - ✓ The effect of temperature of ligand binding by thermophilic SAHase (Brzezinski et al. 2017)
  - ✓ Influence of monovalent cation on adenosine binding by PaSAHase (Czyrko et al. 2018)
  - ✓ The effect of HISN2 point mutations on AMP binding (Witek et al. 2021)
  - ✓ Binding parameters of different DNA duplexes with transcription factor WRKY (Grzechowiak et al. 2022)
  - ✓ Divalent cations binding by deacetylase (Biniek et al. 2022)
- Enzyme kinetic parameters and total molar enthalpy of enzymatic reaction e.g.:
  - ✓ Temperature and pH effect on work of thermophilic deacetylase (Biniek et al., 2022)
  - ✓ Kinetic parameters of *Rhizobium etli* asparaginases (Loch et al., 2021, 2023)
  - ✓ Kinetic parameters of AtGDH isoforms (Grzechowiak et al. 2023)
  - ✓ Kinetic parameters of different phyrophosphatase variants (Grzechowiak et al. 2019)



Specialized equipment that may be used only in cooperation with Laboratory Staff –

• Monolith NT.115 system for measurements of binding affinity using microscale thermophoresis (MST),

- dr hab. Anna Urbanowicz



$K_D$  range: 1 nM – 500 mM

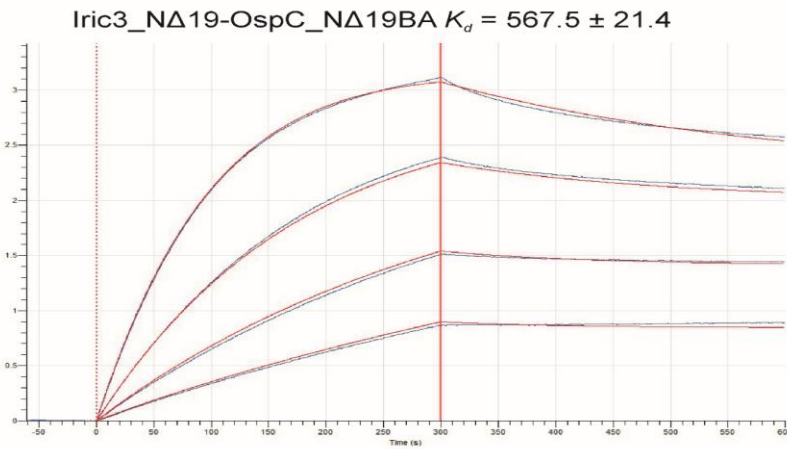
- molecular size range: 300 Da – 2.5 MDa
- one of the studied molecules has to be fluorescently labelled
- single measurement takes 15 minutes, a small amount of material is needed, a set of 16 ligand dilutions is analyzed

**Exemplary MST curves and assessed binding affinities.** Binding affinity between Iric1 recombinant protein from *I. ricinus* tick and recombinant OspC protein from *Borrelia*. Bierwagen et al., 2021

Specialized equipment that may be used only in cooperation with Laboratory Staff –

• Octet K2 system (ForteBio) for measurements of binding affinity using biolayer interferometry (BLI),

- dr hab. Anna Urbanowicz



real- time measuring association (**ka**) and dissociation (**kd**) kinetics, and affinity constants (**K<sub>D</sub>**)

- $K_D$  range: 0.1 nM – 500 mM
- molecular size range: 150 Da – whole cells
- small amount of material is needed, at least 4 ligand dilutions are analyzed

**Exemplary BLI curves and assessed binding affinities.** Binding affinity between Iric3 recombinant protein from *I. ricinus* tick and recombinant OspC protein from *Borrelia*. Bierwagen et al., 2021





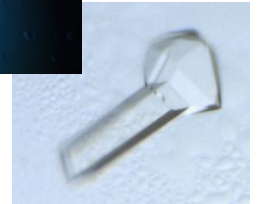
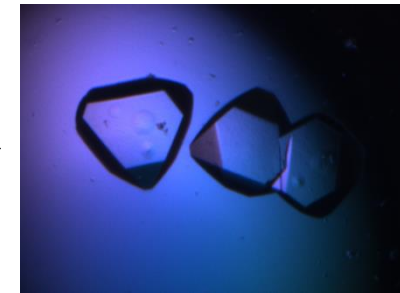
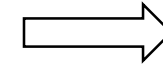
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### • Crystallization robot ARI Gryphon

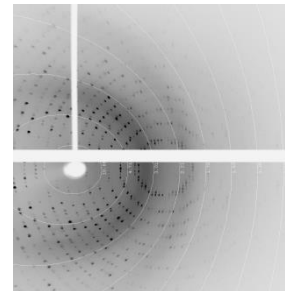
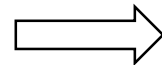
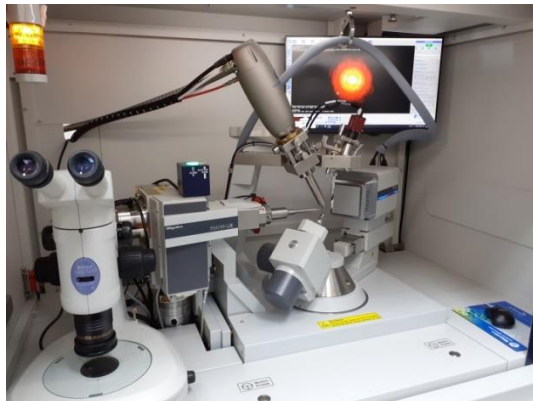
- **dr Jakub Barciszewski**  
(Radiological Protection Inspector)



- Crystallization of proteins, nucleic acids and their complexes,
- Determination of initial crystallization condition,
- Optimization of conditions

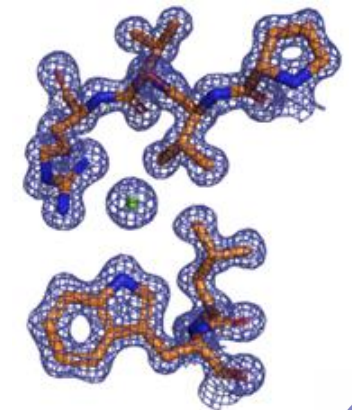


### • Diffractionmeter Rigaku XtaLAB Synergy-R



Assessment of crystal quality

Solving crystal structures of proteins,  
nucleic acids and their complexes



Dr hab. Anna Urbanowicz  
**Laboratory of Protein Engineering**  
affiliated with  
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**We invite you to cooperation!**





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# Laboratory of Invertebrate Model Organisms

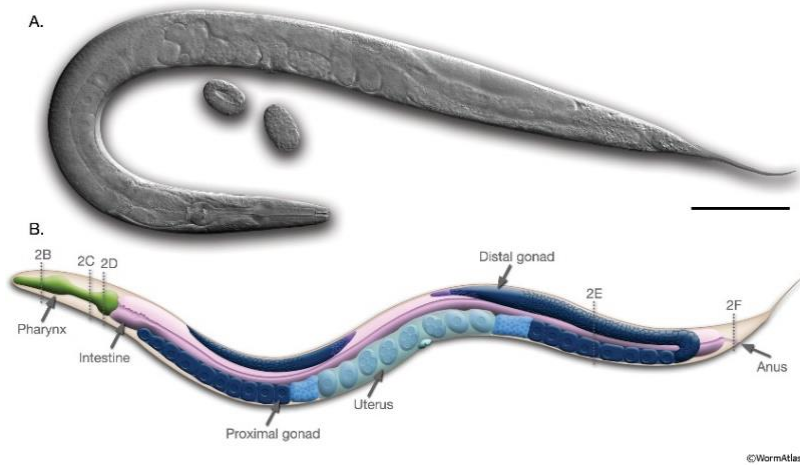
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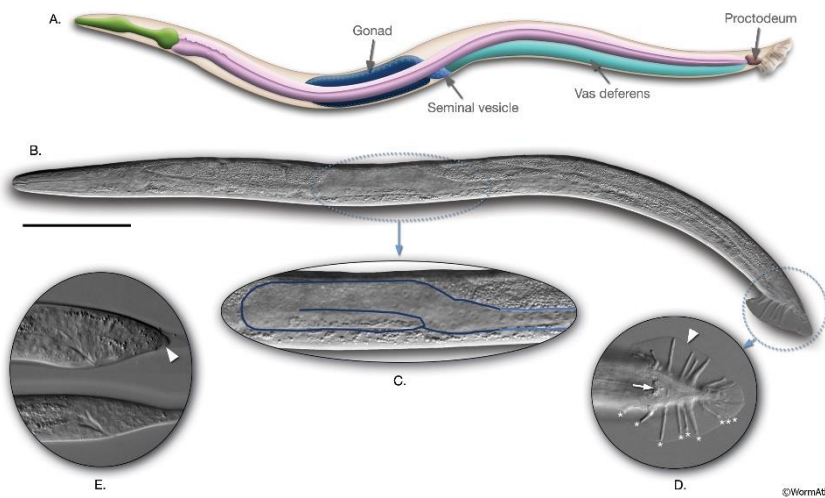
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31 January 2023

# Caenorhabditis elegans



Anatomy of an adult hermaphrodite (source: WormAtlas).



*C. elegans* male (source: WormAtlas).

- The life cycle - 2 to 3 weeks, 4 larval stages before reaching maturity.
- Two sexes: male and hermaphrodite. Males arise infrequently (0.1%) at higher frequency (up to 50%) through mating.
- Self-fertilization of the hermaphrodite allows for homozygous worms to generate genetically identical progeny, and male mating facilitates the isolation and maintenance of mutant strains as well as moving mutations between strains.

!!! Ability to self-fertilize is a useful tool because hermaphrodites can reproduce quickly in high numbers.

# *Caenorhabditis elegans* - key benefits of the worm



- **Complete genome sequence** published in 1998
- *C. elegans* are **grown cheaply** and in **large numbers** on plates containing *Escherichia coli*
- Healthy cultures of *C. elegans* can be **frozen, defrosted** and **revived**
- *C. elegans* produce approximately **300 eggs/worm** within several days
- **Short life cycle** of only 18-21 days on average
- Very small organism (~ 1mm), **convenient** to keep in the lab
- The worm is **transparent** so the behavior of individual cells can be followed through its development
- The anatomy and development of *C. elegans* can be examined easily **under a microscope**
- The **availability of molecular biology tools** (i.e., transgenic, gene knockouts, and RNAi knockdowns)

# *Caenorhabditis elegans* - key benefits of the worm



- *C. elegans* development is very specific, cells divide and specialize in a characteristic way, so each cell can be traced back to the embryo
- Mutant forms of *C. elegans*, can be produced very easily to closely study gene function
- High genetic homology (60–80%) with humans
- Many of the molecular signals controlling *C. elegans* development are also found in more complex organisms, like humans
- Many of the genes in the *C. elegans* genome have functional counterparts in humans, which makes it an extremely useful model for human diseases
- *C. elegans* mutants can be screened with thousands of potential drugs for important diseases
- Studying cell death or ‘apoptosis’ in the *C. elegans* could hold the key to counteracting the effects of aging in humans as well as providing clues about cancer, diabetes and other diseases

# *Caenorhabditis elegans* – model organism

- Microbiome Research
- Longevity and Aging
- Parkinson's disease
- Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy
- Triplet Repeat Diseases
- Neural Development due to the availability of a comprehensive connectivity map and only 302 neurons and ~7000 synapses.
- Mitochondrial Diseases
- Immunology
- Obesity (e.g. nutrient sensing, lipid storage)
- Biomedical and Environmental Toxicology
- Environmental Epigenetics
- Neurotoxic and Behavioral effects of various compounds
- Infection model for a variety of bacterial and fungal pathogens



# *Caenorhabditis elegans* - resources

- *C. elegans* RNAi feeding library – Ahringer

The library has 16,757 clones, made by cloning gene-specific genomic fragments between two inverted T7 promoters. The inserts contain exons and introns and sizes vary from 500 bp to 2.5 kb. (Fraser et al., 2000; Kamath et al., 2003)

- ORFeome-Based RNAi Library – Vidal

The *C. elegans* ORFeome v1.1 library contains 11,511 RNAi clones, each expected to target a single gene. Several of these RNAi clones target the same genes, so the RNAi library in theory can knockdown the expression of 10,953 (~55%) of the 19,920 unique protein-encoding genes predicted in WS112. Of these 10,953 genes, 485 are targeted by two or more RNAi clones. (Rual et al., 2004)

!!! Both libraries target about 94% of *C. elegans* genes.

# *Caenorhabditis elegans* - resources

- **WormBook** <<http://www.wormbook.org>> is a comprehensive, open-access collection of original, peer-reviewed chapters covering topics related to **the biology of *C. elegans*** and other nematodes. Wormbook also contains: **WormMethods**, a collection of protocols for nematode researchers; **WormHistory**, personal perspectives on *C. elegans* research; and the **Worm Breeder's Gazette**, an informal, non-refereed, biannual newsletter for the interchange of ideas and information related to *C. elegans* and other nematodes.
- **WormBase** <<http://www.wormbase.org>> is a **major repository for *C. elegans* information**, including genomic, genetic, anatomy, people, and literature. WormBase also integrates genetic map information with that of physical map. **Genetic Interval Search** <<http://wormbase.org/db/searches/interval>> can return a list of genes that have the potential to map within a specified genetic interval. **SNP, Visible Marker**, and **Strain Search** <<http://wormbase.org/db/searches/strains>> is particularly useful for finding **markers for genetic mapping experiments** in a small interval.
- **Caenorhabditis Genetics Center (CGC)** <<http://biosci.umn.edu/CGC/CGChomepage.htm>> is a **resource center for *C. elegans* genetics**. It is responsible for gene **nomenclature, strain collection and distribution**, and **genetic map construction**. CGC homepage is a portal that has links to these and some other related services useful to *C. elegans* geneticists.
- **WormBase Gene Summary** <<http://www.wormbase.org/db/gene/gene>>. Each gene in WormBase has a summary page which collates together several different aspects of a gene, including identification, genetic and genomic location, function, reagents and bibliography.

# *Caenorhabditis elegans* – in house resources



- **WormBase Genome Browser** <<http://www.wormbase.org/db/seq/gbrowse/wormbase>> is a **physical map browser**. Using Genome Browser, one can search and display sequences and sequence-related features; one can also zoom in or out and move along on a chromosome.
- **WormAtlas** <<http://www.wormatlas.org/>> provides **anatomical information of *C. elegans***. The front page lists several useful entry points. One can use the simple text search tool to search the site for information that relates to anatomical terms (e.g. PVT, name of a neuron). Another good way to use this site is to read sections of the “handbook”.
- **The Nematode Expression Pattern Database (NEXTDB)** <<http://nematode.lab.nig.ac.jp/db/keysrch.html>> provides access to ***C. elegans* EST sequences** obtained by Yuji Kohara's laboratory and some other experimental results derived from them, such as expression patterns determined by in situ hybridization, which can be searched via a text query tool.
- **BCGSC Expression Patterns** <<http://elegans.bcgsc.ca/perl/eprofile/browse>> lists **GFP expression data** which can be browsed directly or searched by gene name, tissue pattern or life stage.
- **Textpresso** <<http://www.textpresso.org>> allows **text searches on primarily *C. elegans* literature**, including published papers, personal communications and meeting reports. Two major features distinguish Textpresso from other literature search tools: that it searches full-text contents of publications, and in addition to text strings, that it can search for groups of terms (categories).

# Laboratory of Animal Model Organisms - equipment



## Autoclaving and pouring plates

**Mediaclave 10** (Integra) - used for preparing and sterilizing many types of media, min. 1l, max. 10l of broth for sterilization.

**MediaJet vario** (Integra) - Petri Dish Filler with sets for Petri dishes  $\varnothing$  35 mm, 60 mm, 90 mm, up to 330 plates/h, equipped with a UV lamp allowing for contamination-free filling of Petri dishes.

# Laboratory of Animal Model Organisms - equipment



Stereoscope (Nikon).

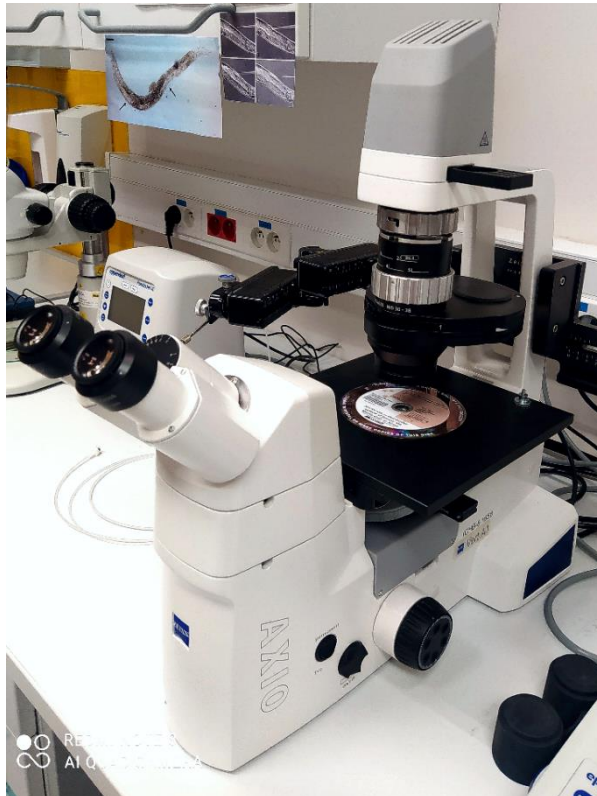


Image viewed under the stereoscope.

# Laboratory of Animal Model Organisms - equipment

- **Axio Vert.A1** (Zeiss), with Eppendorf microinjection kit mounted
- **InjectMan®4 micromanipulator** with dynamic motion control and programmable micromembrane
- **FemtoJet®4i** with integrated pressure supply
- **PC-100** (Narishige) – microneedle preparation

A



B



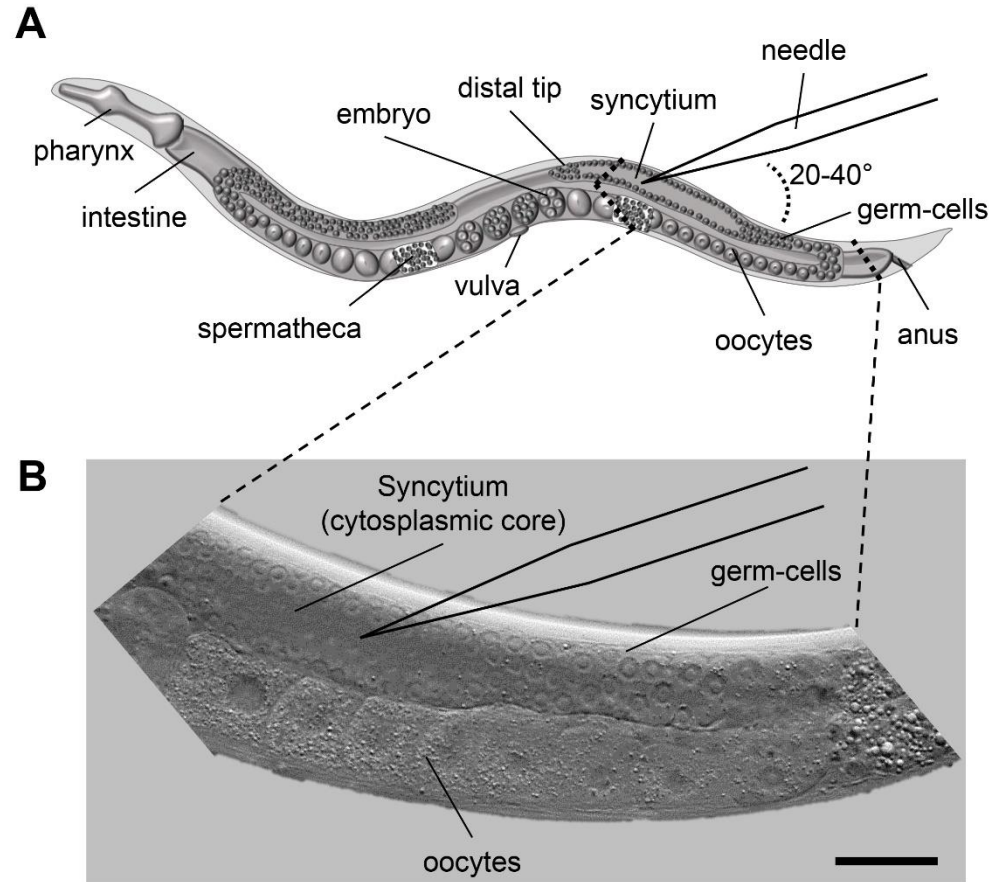
C



PC-100 microneedle puller (Narishige).

A. Axio Vert.A1 (Zeiss). B. FemtoJet 4i (Eppendorf). C. InjectMan 4 (Eppendorf).

# Laboratory of Animal Model Organisms - microinjection



Microinjection is a proven and relatively simple method of introducing DNA into organisms. Moreover, microinjection is a very effective approach to RNA interference and can be used to deliver synthetic mRNAs or other molecules directly into cells.

Figure 10. Microinjection scheme for *C. elegans*. **A.** Scheme of an adult *C. elegans* displaying the major organs including pharynx, intestine and gonad. When microinjecting *C. elegans* the injection capillary needs to be inserted in the syncytium (cytoplasmic core) of the distal gonad. The inlay indicates the area of interest for injection. **B.** DIC image of the area indicated in 1A. The nuclei of the germ-cells are clearly visible and surround the syncytium. Size bar corresponds to 50  $\mu\text{m}$ . (Rieckher and Tavernarakis, Bio-protocol 2017, 7(19): 578, 10.21769/BioProtoc.2565)

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Stereo microscope (Nikon) characterized by a large magnification ratio of 25: 1, high resolution and exceptional fluorescence transmission ability.

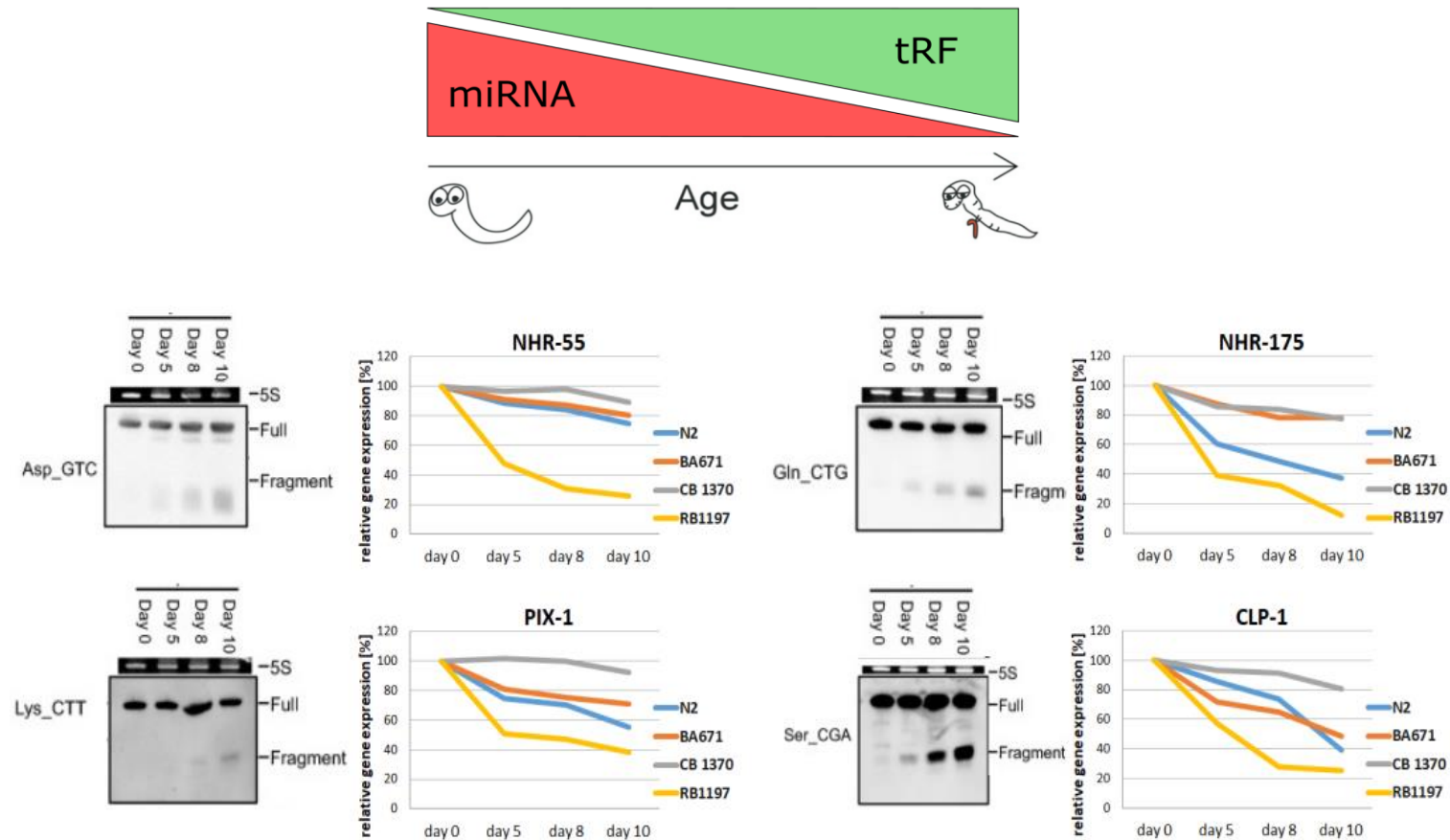


Axio Imager 2 (Zeiss) is designed to be a platform for an impressive number of applications in cell biology, neuroscience, molecular genetics and pathology.



# Undergoing projects

## 1. Age-related changes in the expression of small noncoding RNAs

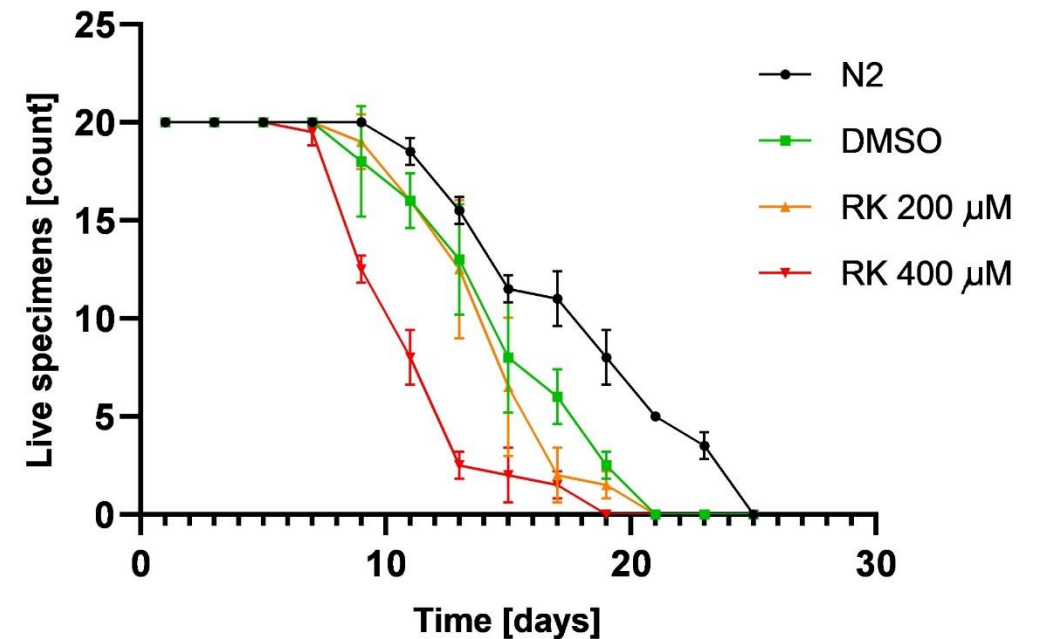


# Undergoing projects

1. **Analysis of the influence of small molecules on *C. elegans* lifespan** (collaboration with **prof. Eliza Wyszko**, Laboratory of Subcellular Structures Analyses, IBCh PAS)

Necessary supplies:

- Petri plates (90 mm),
- *E. coli* OP50,
- NG 2% medium (agar, NaCl, bacto-peptone, cholesterol, CaCl<sub>2</sub>, MgSO<sub>4</sub>, KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>)
- liquid LB medium
- bleaching solution (sodium hypochlorite, KOH)
- worm strains (10 \$ per strain, transport from US)



# Undergoing projects

## 3. Cellular uptake and retention studies of silica nanoparticles in *C. elegans*

Collaboration with **dr. Patrick Perrig** – NanoBioMedical Centre,  
Adami Mickiewicz University in Poznań

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### Cellular uptake and retention studies of silica nanoparticles utilizing senescent fibroblasts

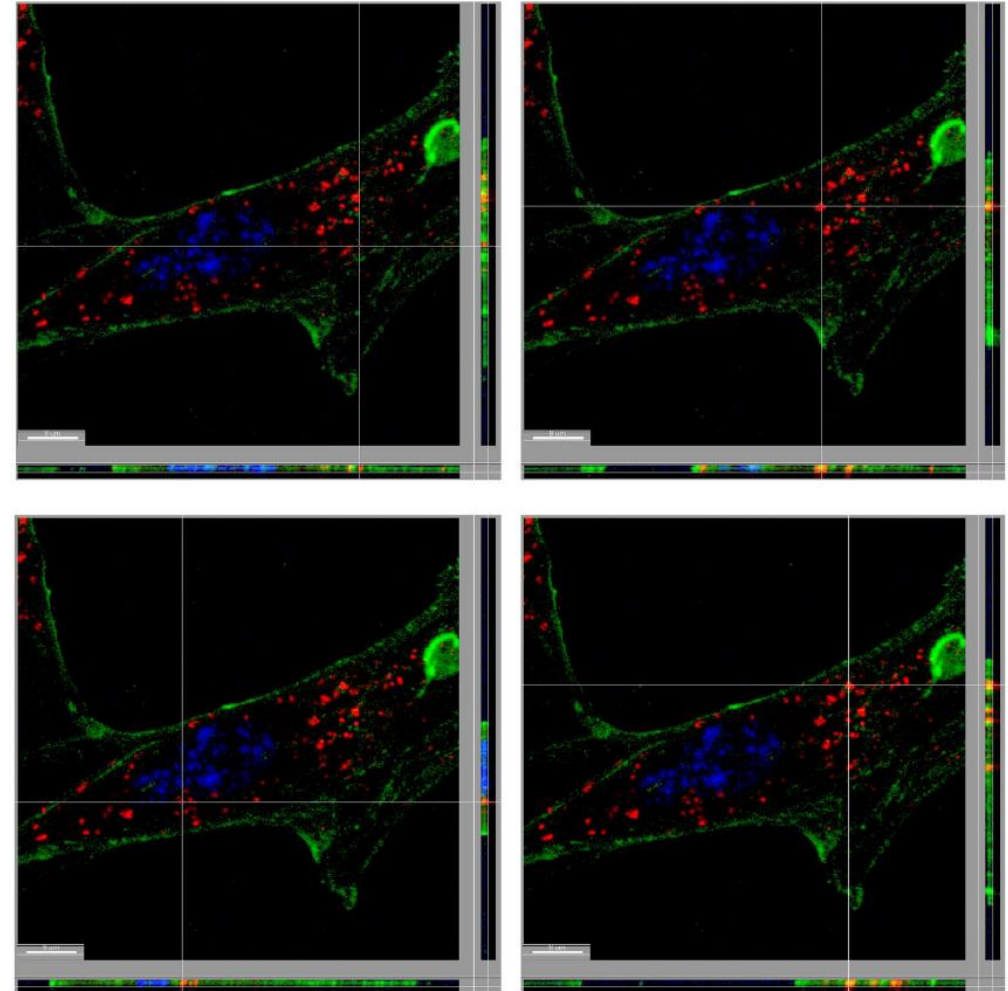
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#### Abstract

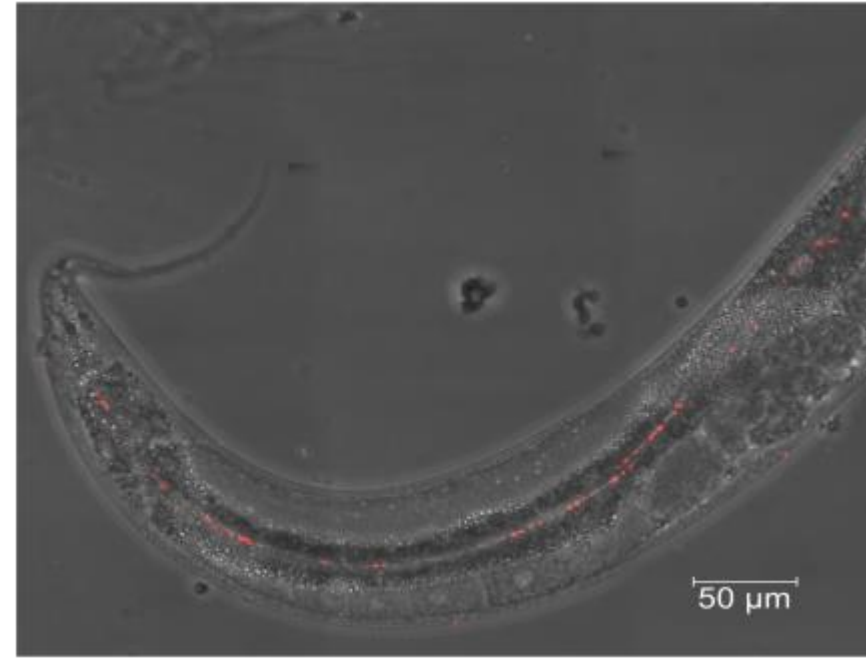
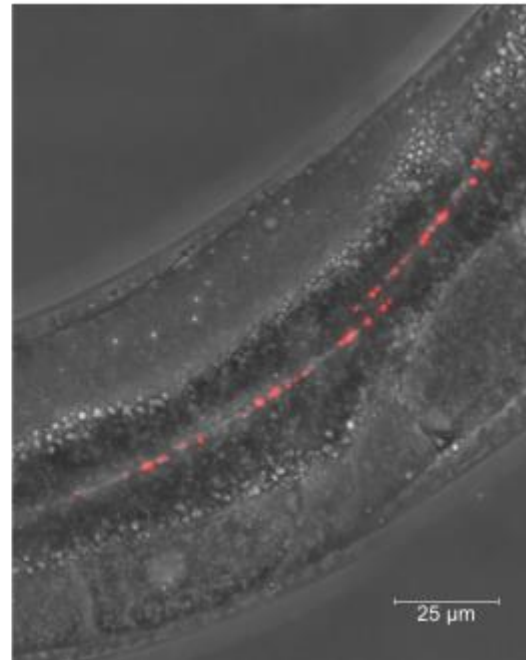
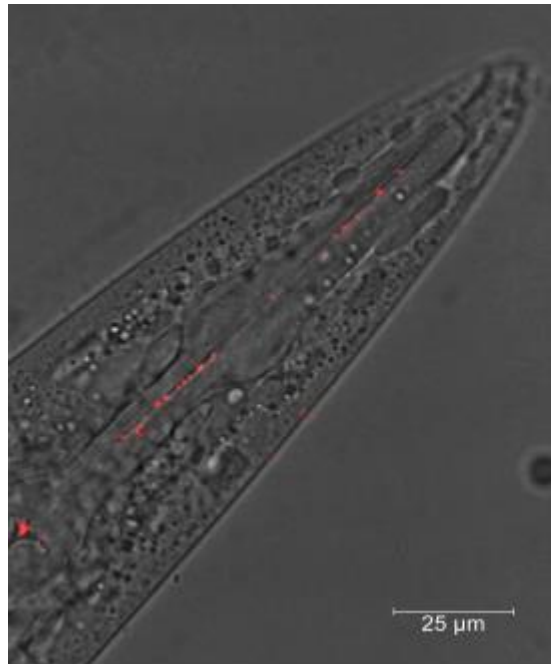
Understanding the interplay between nanoparticles (NPs) and cells is essential to designing more efficient nanomedicines. Previous research has shown the role of the cell cycle having impact on the efficiency of cellular uptake and accumulation of NPs. However, there is a limited investigation into the biological fate of NPs in cells that are permanently withdrawn from the cell cycle. Here we utilize senescent WI-38 fibroblasts, which do not divide and provide a definitive model for tracking the biological fate of silica nanoparticles (SiNPs) independent of cell cycle. We use several methods to measure the cellular uptake kinetics and intracellular retention of SiNPs, including confocal laser scanning microscopy (CLSM), flow cytometry, and transmission electron microscopy (TEM). We demonstrate that SiNPs readily enter into senescent cells. Once internalized, SiNPs do not exit and accumulate in the cytoplasm for long term. Our study provides a basis for future development of NP-based tools that can detect and target senescent cells for therapy.



# Cellular uptake and retention studies of silica nanoparticles in *C. elegans*

- *C. elegans* (young adult) fed with *E. coli* OP50 mixed with nanoparticles (500 nm in size, **Red fluorescent**),
- lifespan analysis
- visualization - Confocal Microscopy, Laboratory of Subcellular Structures Analyses (Head: prof. Eliza Wyszko), IBCh PAS, by **dr. Agnieszka Fedoruk-Wyszomirska**

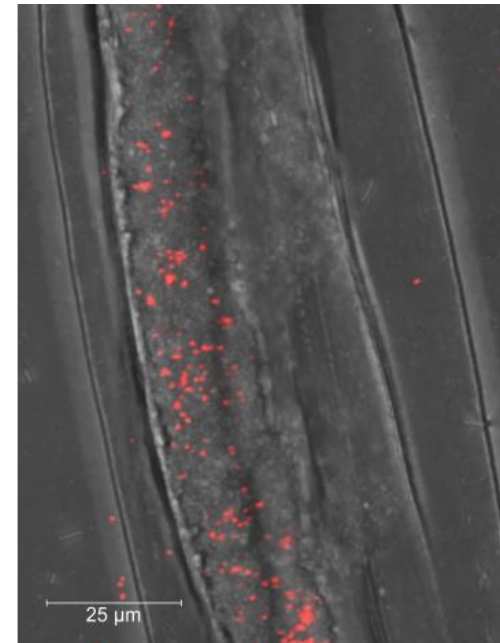
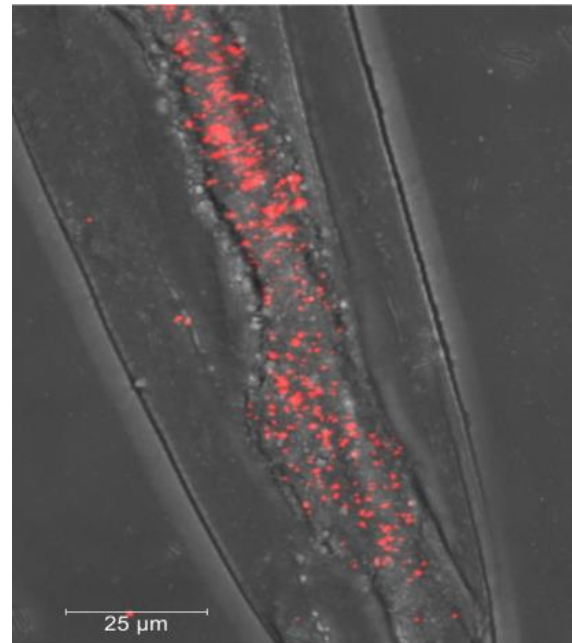
DAY 5



# Cellular uptake and retention studies of silica nanoparticles in *C. elegans*

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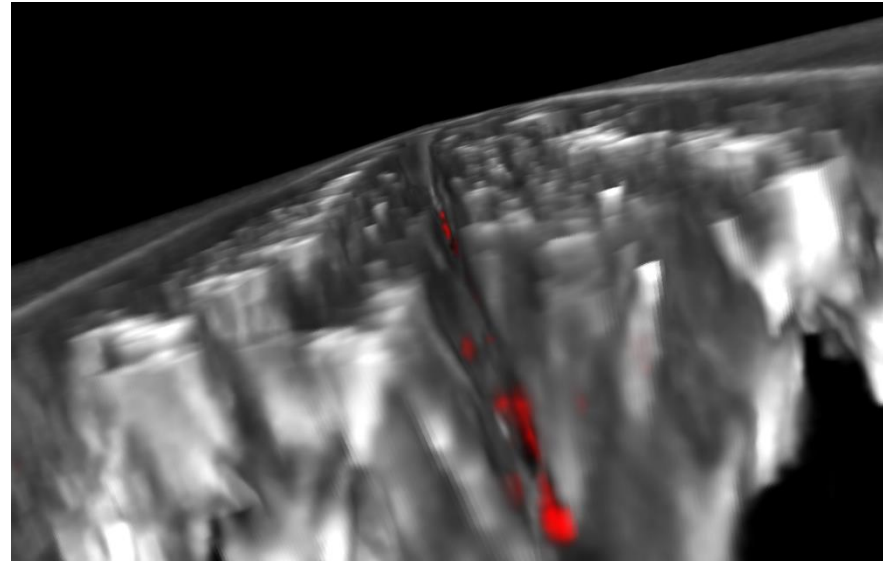
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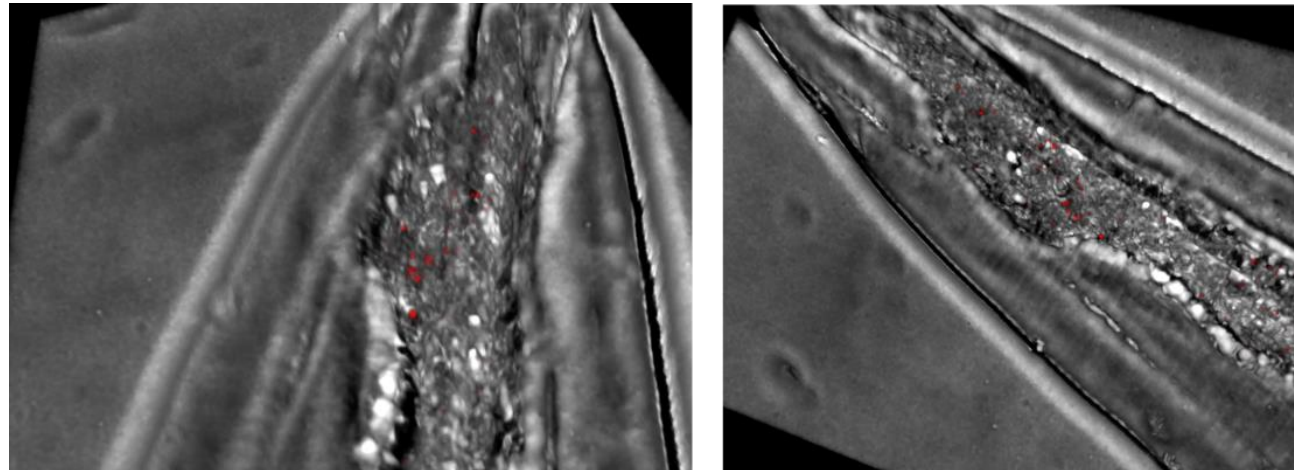
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## 3D imaging

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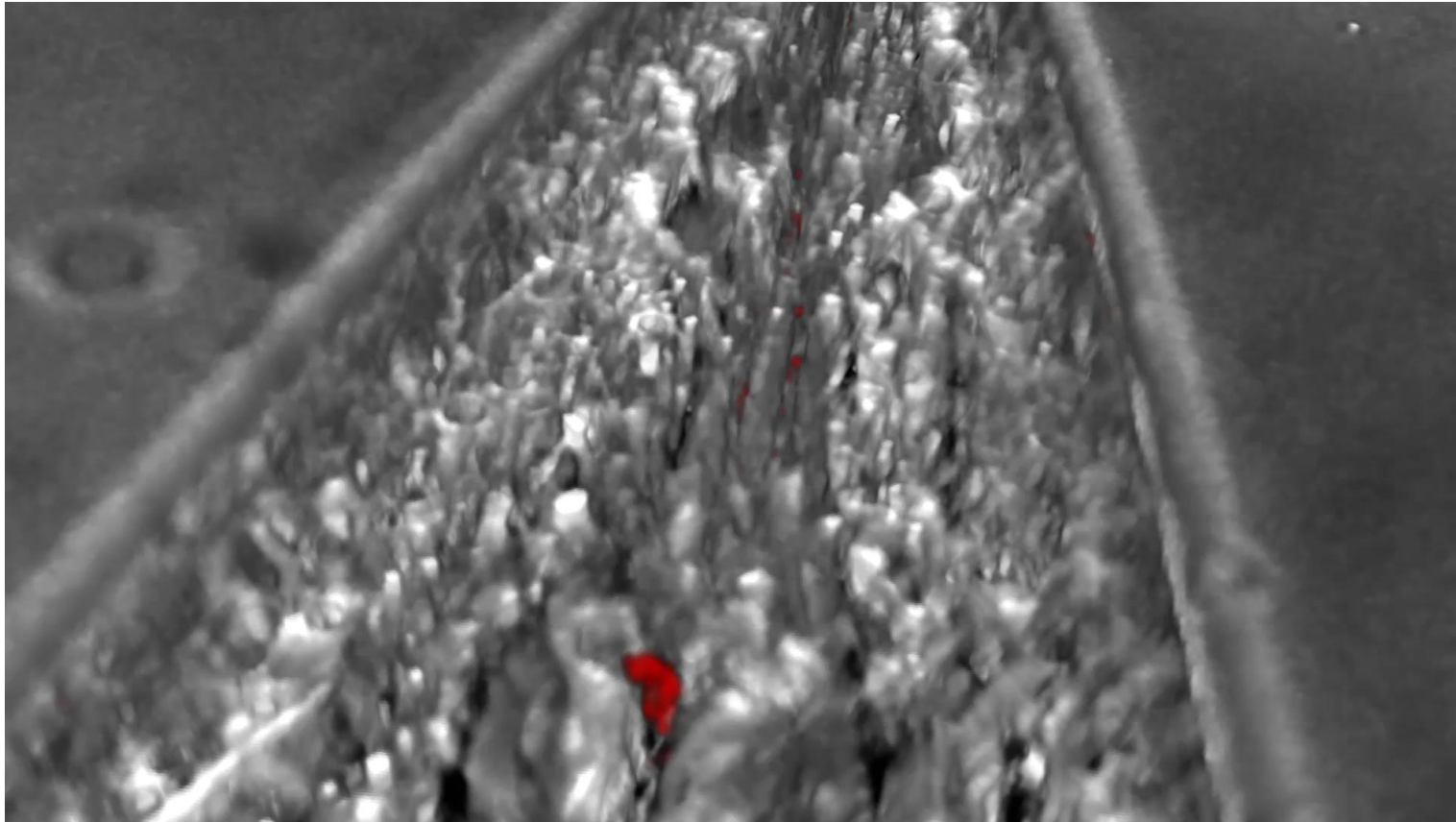


DAY 18



# Cellular uptake and retention studies of silica nanoparticles in *C. elegans*

## *3D imaging - movies*





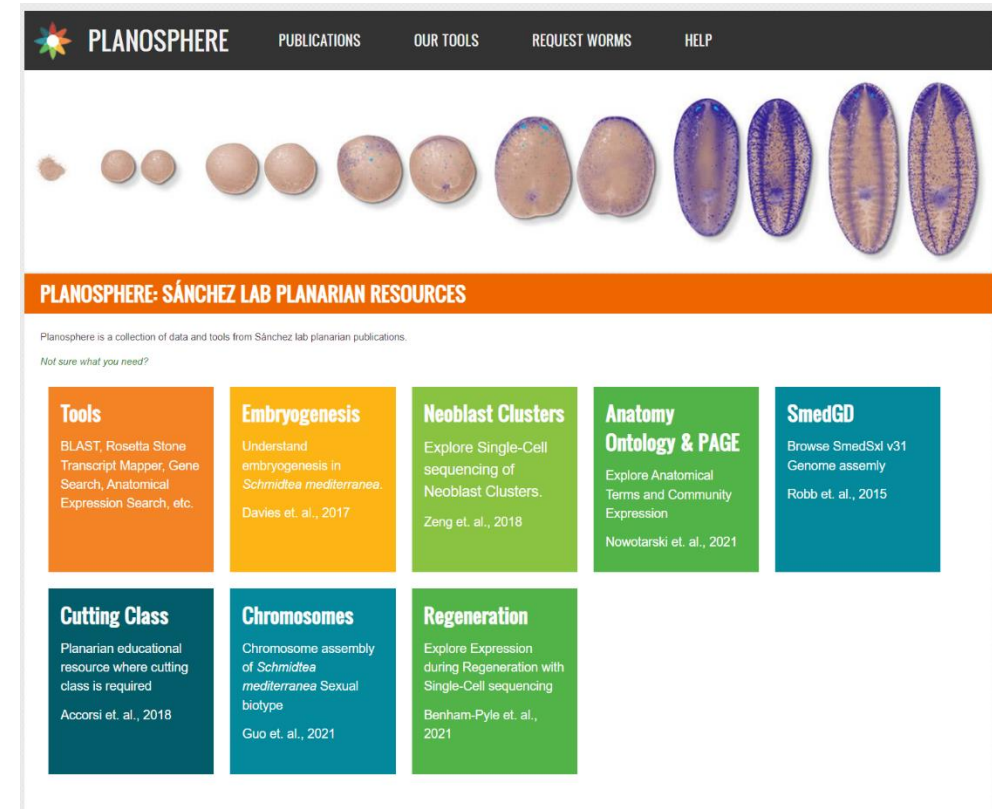
# *Schmidtea mediterranea*



1. Freshwater **planarian**, free-living invertebrate from the phylum Platyhelminthes (flatworms).
2. Three germ layers (endoderm, mesoderm, and ectoderm), bilateral symmetry, and tissues with separate organs.
3. Great ability to regenerate after amputation or injury. In some cases, a full organism can be rebuilt after several days from **1/279** piece of a single worm, although the regenerative abilities of planarians are different across the species.
4. Two distinct strains of *S. mediterranea* exist in nature: a sexual strain (2 cm long) and an asexual strain (slightly shorter).
5. Nervous system of flatworms is comprised of a **bilobed 'brain'** with different types of **neurons** and **glia**.
6. Photo-, chemo- and rheoreceptors located at the front of the planarian's body.
7. Centrally located **pharynx** is in charge of food intake and removal and is connected to a highly branched intestine, which circulates nutrients within the body
8. **Pluripotent stem cells** (neoblasts), which are essential for worms' regeneration ability, comprise ~30% of the cells in the adult animal.

# Advantages of the *S. mediterranea*

1. The maintenance of planarians is relatively **easy** and **cheap**, and does not require specialized equipment; only habitat conditions, such as temperature, darkness, feeding, and water culture.
2. The **genome** of *S. mediterranea* is well annotated - **SmedGD**: the *Schmidtea mediterranea* genome database.
3. Many of the annotated *S. mediterranea*'s genes have known **orthologs** (or at least **homologs**) in the human genome.
4. Simple modifications of gene expression by **knockdown/silencing** genes of interest through RNA interference (**RNAi**) using double-stranded RNA (**dsRNA**). dsRNA can be administered to the worms by **microinjection**, by **feeding** them with dsRNA-containing bacteria, or with food mixed with free dsRNA.



**PLANOSPHERE** PUBLICATIONS OUR TOOLS REQUEST WORMS HELP

PLANOSPHERE: SÁNCHEZ LAB PLANARIAN RESOURCES

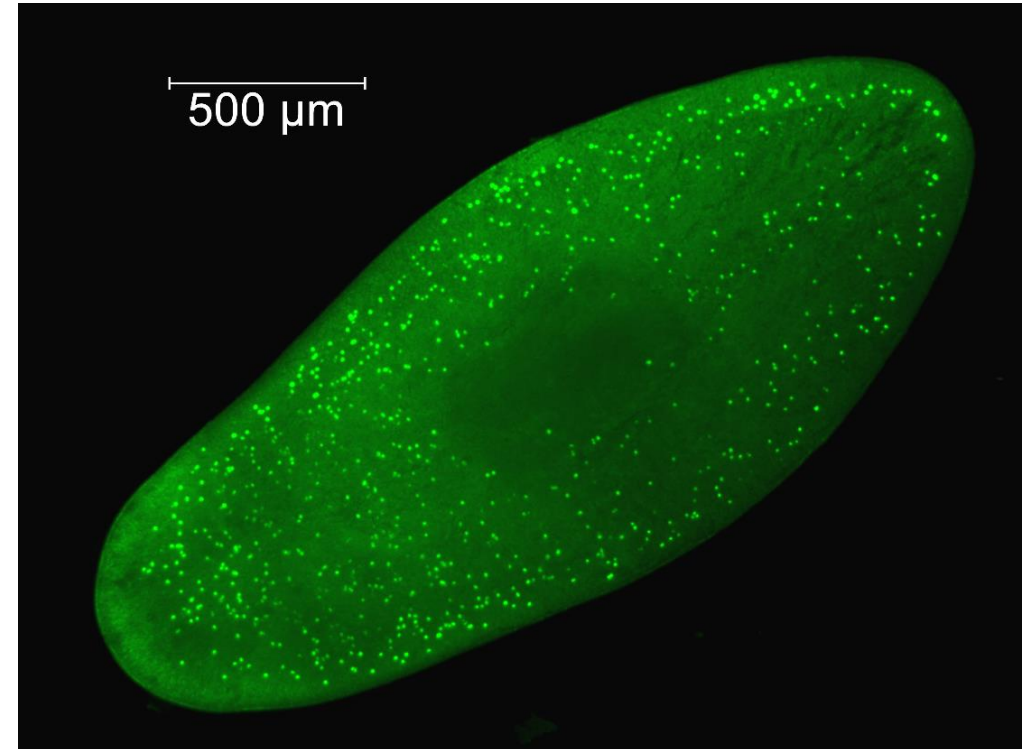
Planosphere is a collection of data and tools from Sánchez lab planarian publications.  
*Not sure what you need?*

<b>Tools</b> BLAST, Rosetta Stone Transcript Mapper, Gene Search, Anatomical Expression Search, etc.	<b>Embryogenesis</b> Understand embryogenesis in <i>Schmidtea mediterranea</i> . Davies et. al., 2017	<b>Neoblast Clusters</b> Explore Single-Cell sequencing of Neoblast Clusters. Zeng et. al., 2018	<b>Anatomy Ontology &amp; PAGE</b> Explore Anatomical Terms and Community Expression Nowolarski et. al., 2021	<b>SmedGD</b> Browse SmedSkl v31 Genome assembly Robb et. al., 2015
<b>Cutting Class</b> Planarian educational resource where cutting class is required Accorsi et. al., 2018	<b>Chromosomes</b> Chromosome assembly of <i>Schmidtea mediterranea</i> Sexual biotype Guo et. al., 2021	<b>Regeneration</b> Explore Expression during Regeneration with Single-Cell sequencing Benham-Pyle et. al., 2021		

# *S. mediterranea* as a model organism

Model organism for:

- adult stem cell biology research and regeneration
- human motile ciliopathies
- neurotoxicology
- toxicity assessment
- germ cell development
- discovery and characterization of cell-penetrating peptides and bioportides





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# IDEA FOR IN VIVO EXPERIMENT

PLAN

PERMISSIONS

PREPARATION

PERFORMANCE

ANALYSIS

**MATERIAL READY  
FOR ANALYSIS**

**FIGURES READY  
FOR PUBLISHING**



# WHAT DO WE OFFER?

experimental design  
planning a budget

**PLAN**

Local Ethics Committee or Ministry of Environment or Pharmaceutical Inspectorate  
organisation of animal transport  
documentation to work with laboratory animals

**PERMISSIONS**

training in basic techniques used in animal research  
mouse colonies (transgenic or wild-type) and databases  
keeping experimental records

**PREPARATION**

injections: intramuscular, intraperitoneal, subcutaneous, intracranial  
intra-stomach administration (oral gavage)  
implantation of osmotic pumps  
behavioral testing and phenotypic observations  
transcardial perfusion, organ weighing and sampling, blood withdrawal  
*en face* preparation of whole aorta  
brain dissection into structures  
acute kidney injury and uninephrectomy  
xenograft inoculation  
immunization  
bronchoalveolar lavage

*In vivo*

**PERFORMANCE**

immunophenotyping using flow cytometry  
primary cell cultures  
hybridoma generation  
genotyping  
qPCRs

*In vitro*

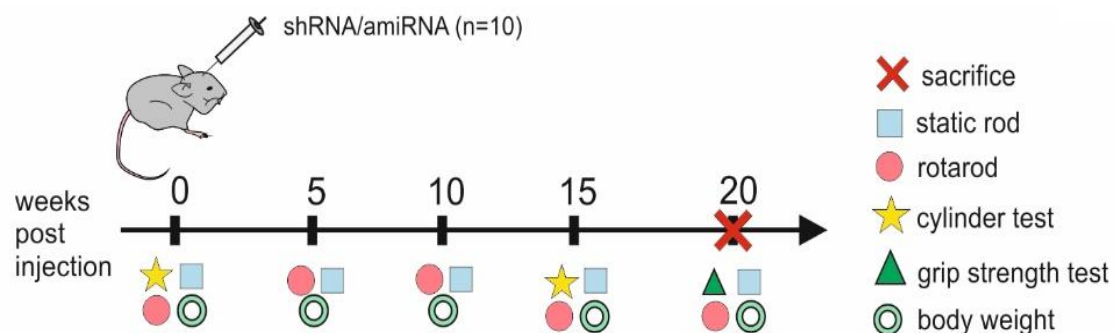
digitalization of data acquired during animal experiment  
statistical analysis and figure preparation

**ANALYSIS**

# PLANNING AND PREPARATION

## Experimental design

- Selection of appropriate models and methodology
- Timeline
- Budget



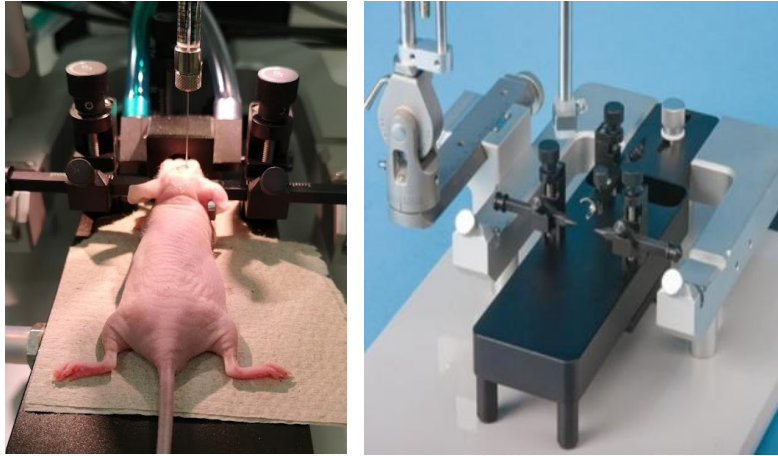
## Database and colony management

- generate experimental groups
- sustain the mouse lines
- track generations and in-bred factor

Zlecono	Cage number	Animal ID	Genotype	Date of Birth	Sex	Generation	Parent male	Parent female	Experiments planned
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		2282	WT	2021-12-27	M		413	418	new breeding cage on 16/02 - experimental zone
		3538	WT	2021-11-12	F		3365	416	new breeding cage on 26/01 - experimental zone
		3540	WT	2021-11-12	M		3365	416	new breeding cage on 26/01 - experimental zone
		2217	WT	2021-11-30	F		413	418	new breeding cage on 31/01 - experimental zone
		2218	WT	2021-11-30	F		413	418	new breeding cage on 31/01 - experimental zone
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		2219	WT	2021-11-30	F		413	418	new breeding cage on 04/02 - experimental zone
		3804	WT	2022-02-16	F		2221	2220	new breeding cage on 04/03 - experimental zone
	3806	WT	2022-02-16	M		2221	2220	new breeding cage on 04/03 - experimental zone	
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		418	WT	2021-04-10	F	F:1	1973	1970	w parze zarodowej
		2220	WT	2021-11-30	F		413	418	w parze zarodowej
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# SURGERIES

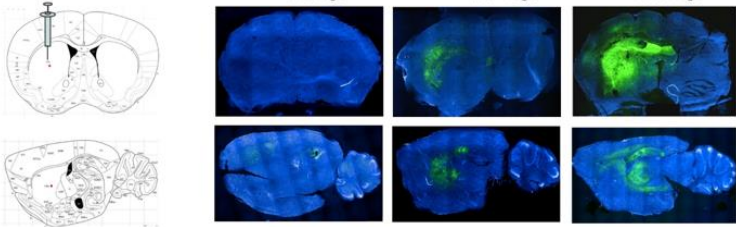
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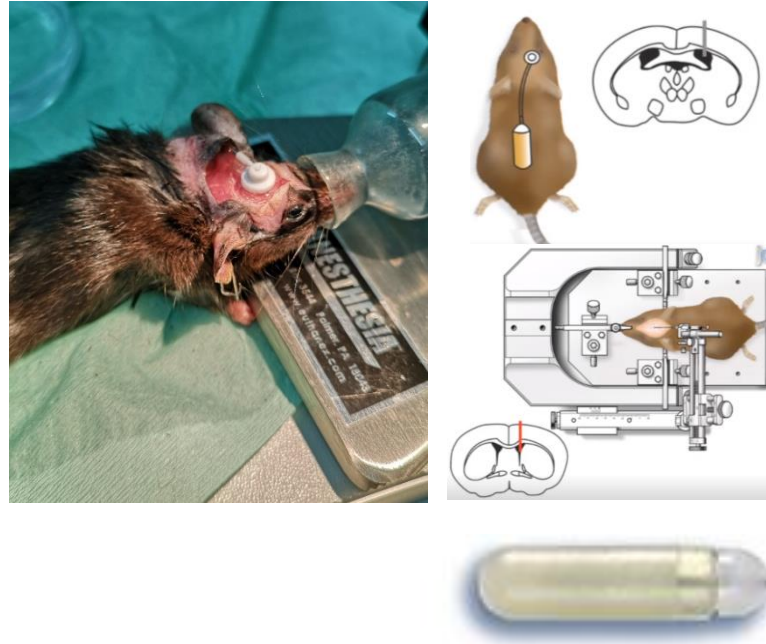
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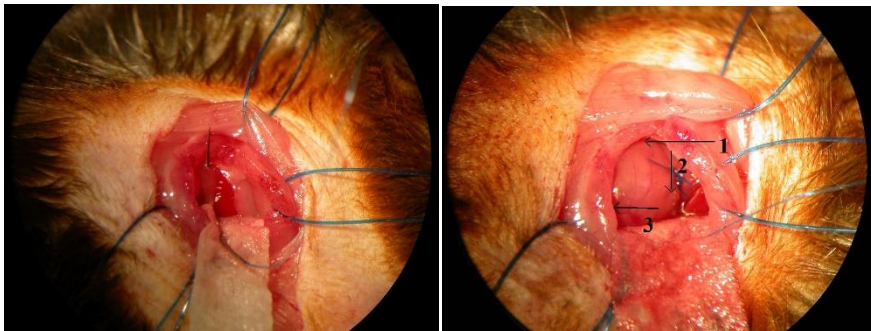
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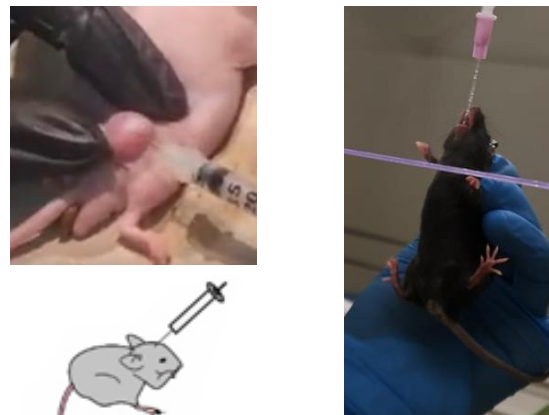
Tumor inoculation



Myocardial infarction and myometrium injections



Biopsy and oral gavage

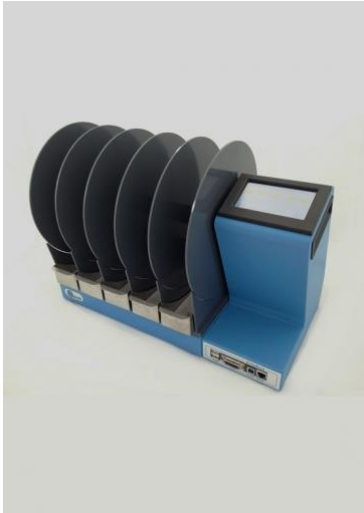


Uninefrectomy / Acute Kidney Injury



# BEHAVIORAL TESTING

## Rotarod Test



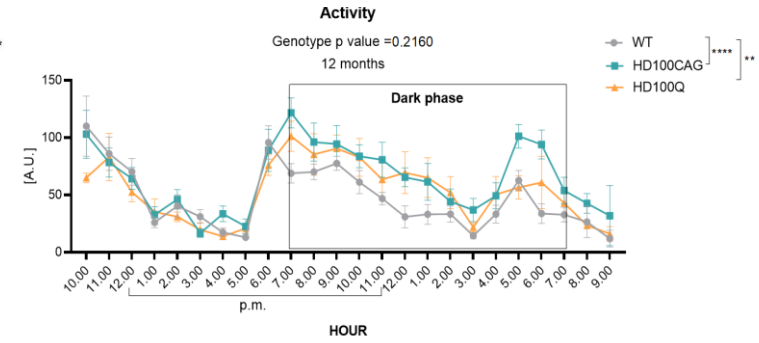
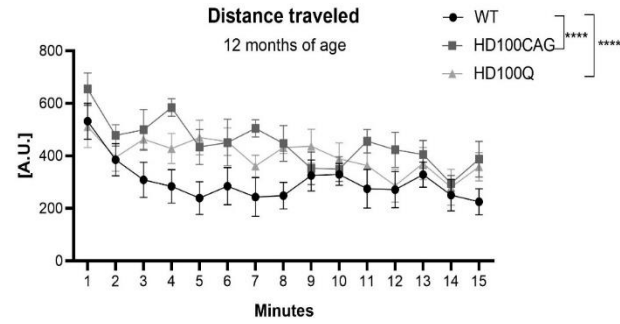
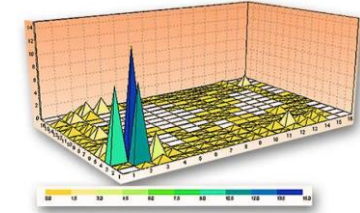
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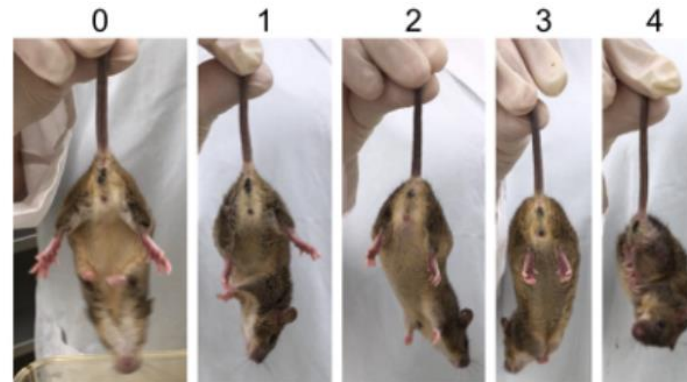
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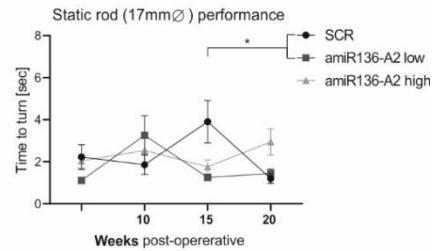
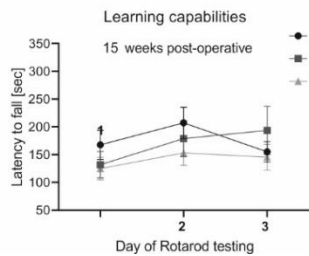
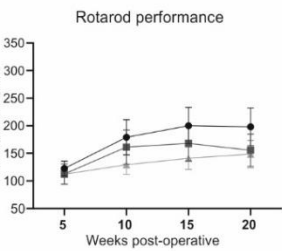
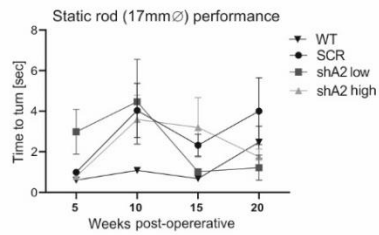
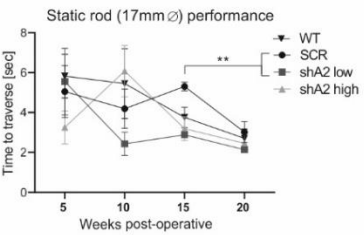
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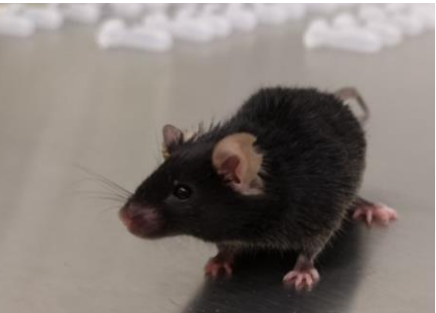
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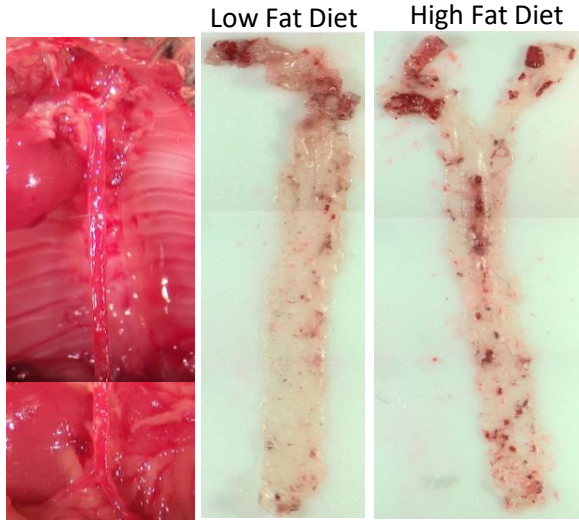
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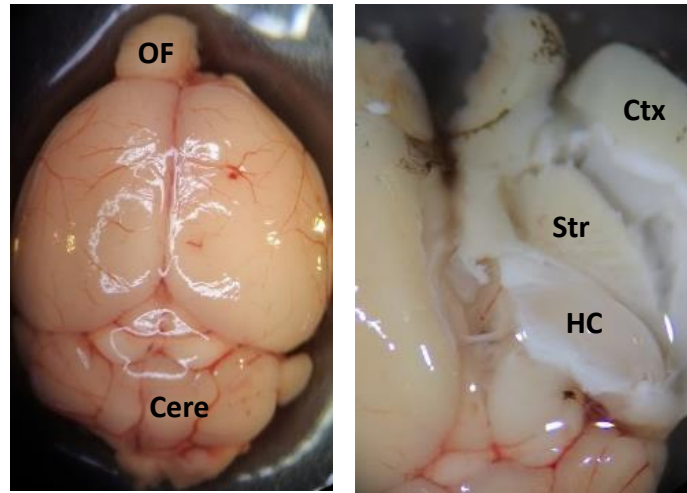
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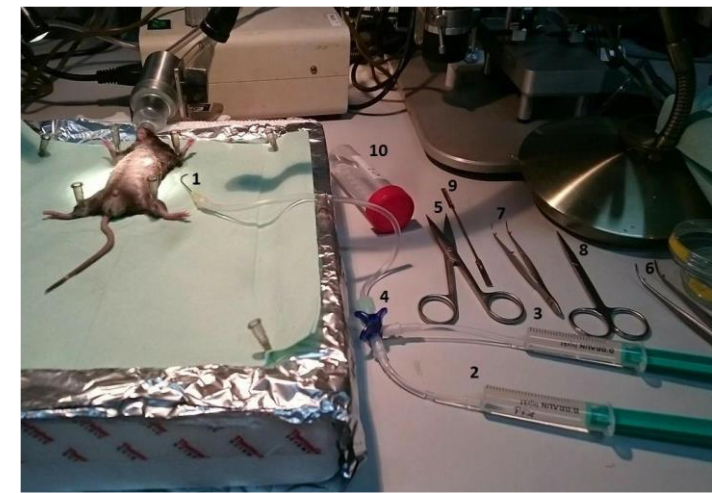
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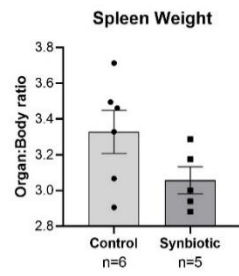
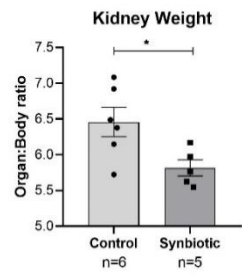
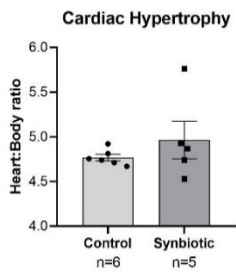
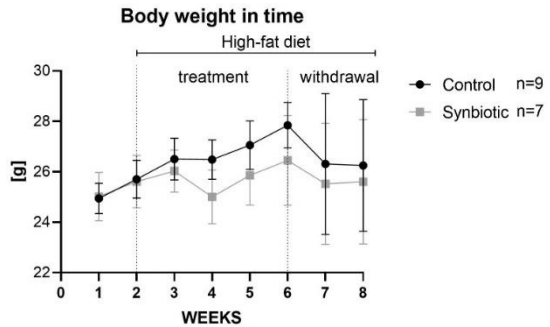
## Dissection of brains into structures



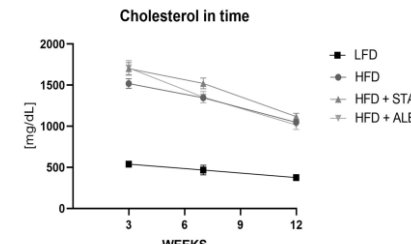
## Transcardial perfusion



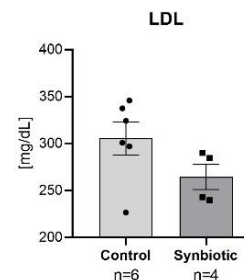
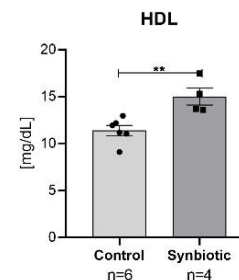
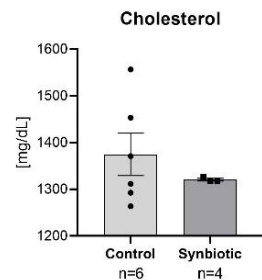
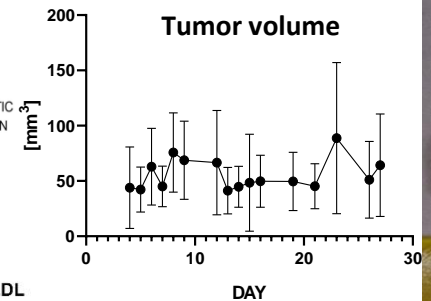
## Tissue and animal weighing



## Blood sampling and biochemical analysis in serum/plasma

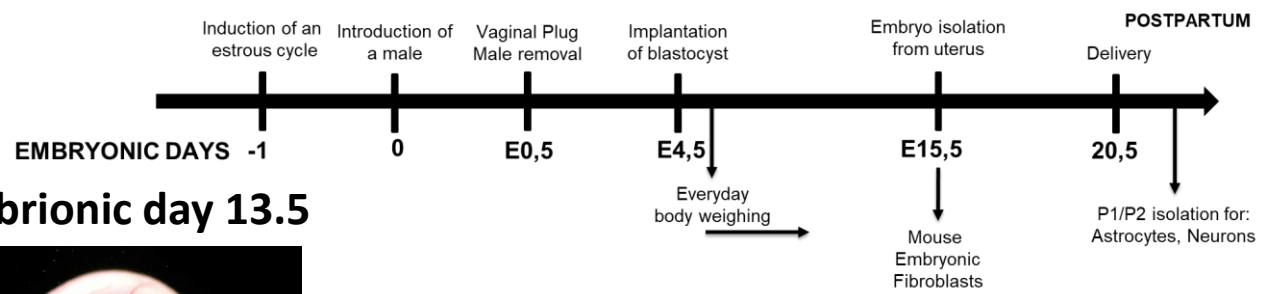


## Measuring tumor size

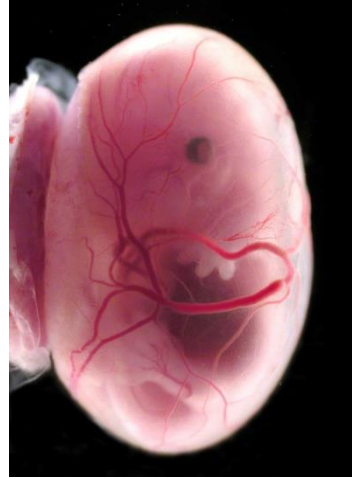


# PRIMARY CELL CULTURE

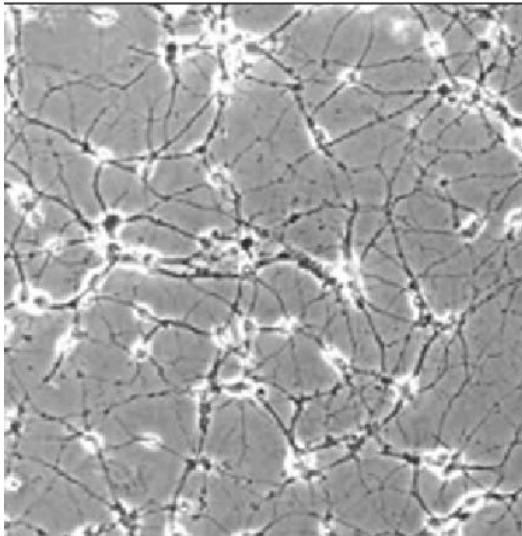
- Mouse embryonic fibroblasts (MEFs)
- Vascular smooth muscle cells (VSMCs)
- Bone marrow-derived macrophages
- Neurons
- Astrocytes



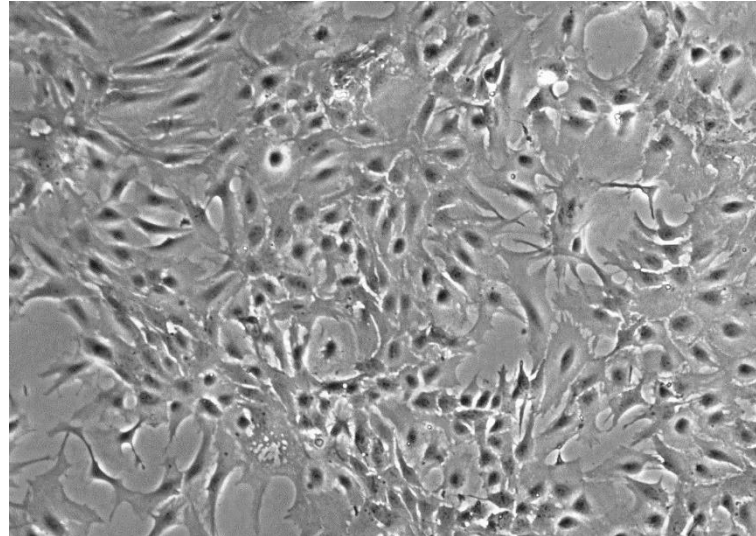
Embryonic day 13.5



Neurons



Astrocytes



# FLOW CYTOMETRY

- Cell cycle
- Proliferation (Ki67)
- Apoptosis and necrosis (Annexin V, 7AAD)
- Immunophenotyping

## Mouse:

T cells (effector, helper1, helper17,  $\gamma\delta$ T cells, regulatory, central memory, effector memory, naive)

CD3, CD8, CD4,  $\gamma\delta$ TCR, CD44, CD62L, CD69, CD25, FoxP3, T-bet, Helios, ROR $\gamma$ t

M cells (B cells, monocytes, M1 macrophages, M2 macrophages, gMDSC, mMDSC)

CD11b, CD11c, Ly6C, Ly6G, B220, CD86, CD206

Cytokines

TNF- $\alpha$ , IL-17, IFN- $\gamma$ , IL-6, IL-1 $\beta$

## Rat:

T cells (helper T cells, effector T cells)

CD3, CD4, CD8

M cells (B cells, NK cells, neutrophils, monocytes, macrophages)

CD43, CD161, B220, His48

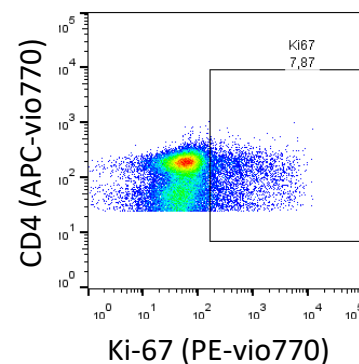
## Human:

T cells (helper T cells, effector T cells,  $\gamma\delta$ T cells)

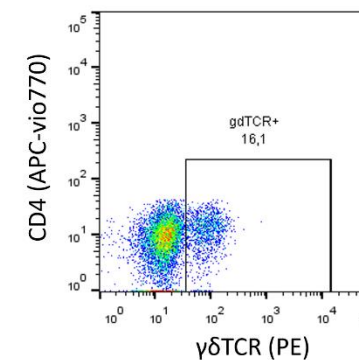
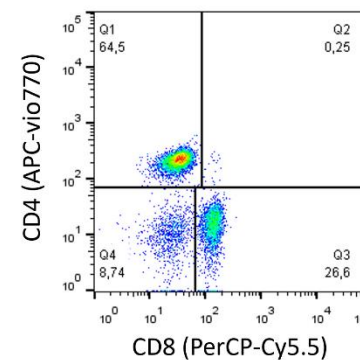
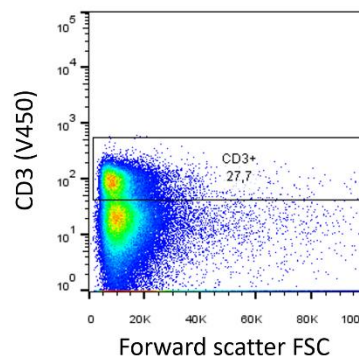
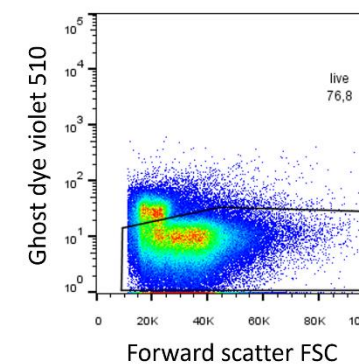
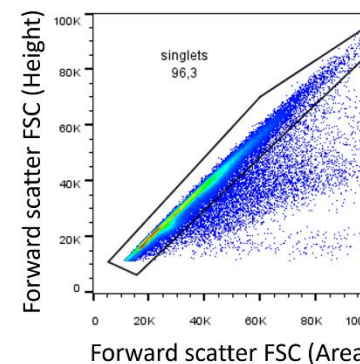
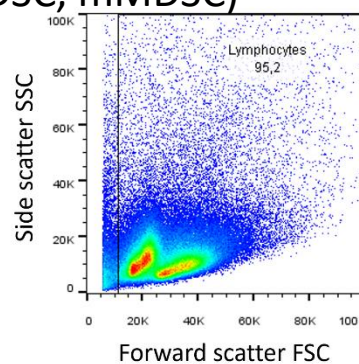
CD3, CD8, CD4,  $\gamma\delta$ TCR, CD44, CD25

B cells

B220

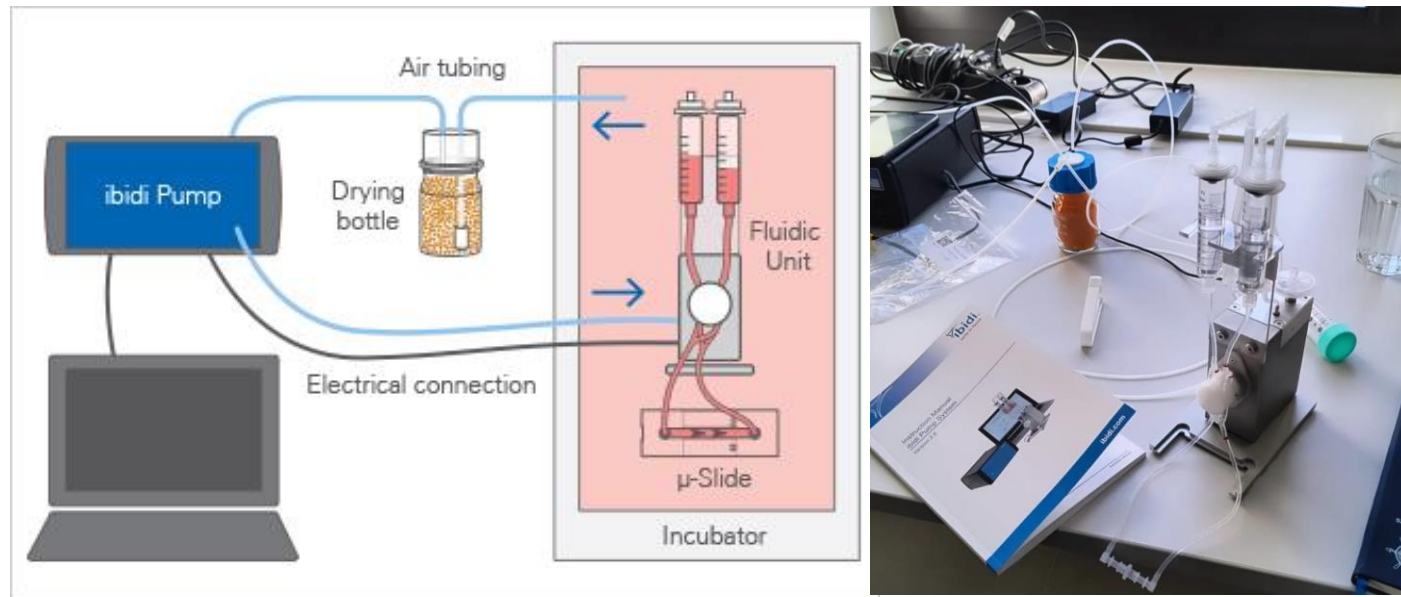


Guava 12HT



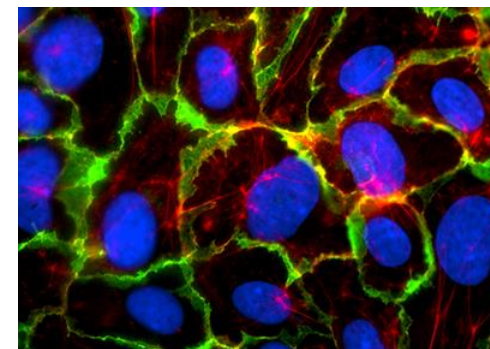


# IBIDI PUMP SYSTEM

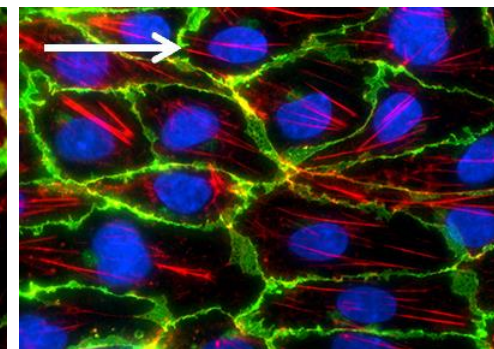


Allows for cell culture and live imaging under flow conditions

Static culture



Flow culture



HUVEC (human umbilical vein endothelial cells) structure under static and flow conditions. Flow-conditioned cells are elongated and show distinct F-actin stress fibers (stained with phalloidin, red). VE-cadherins (green), which mark the adherence junctions, are present in both conditions.

Wide variety of slides for different assays



- Adherent cells under flow conditions
- Simulation of blood vessels
- Rolling and Adhesion of Leukocytes assay



- long-term cultivation and perfusion of 3D spheroids or organoids



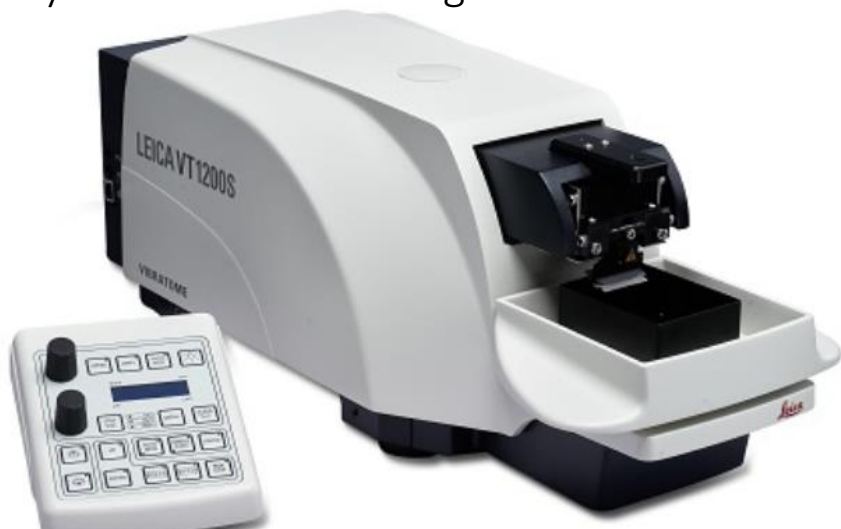
- 3D Cell and Tissue Assays
- Endothelial barrier model
- Rolling, Adhesion, and Transmigration



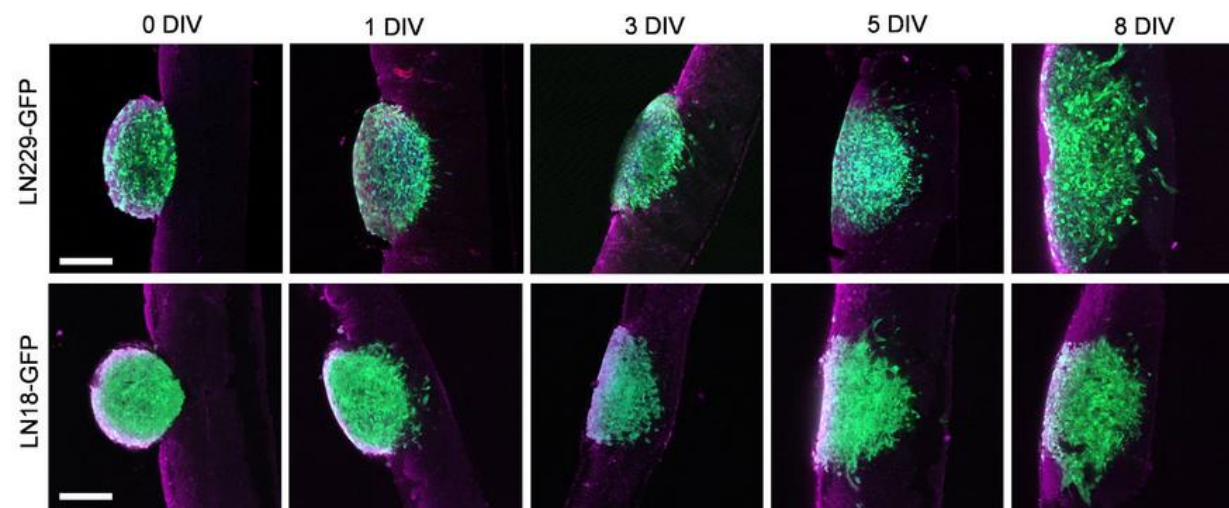
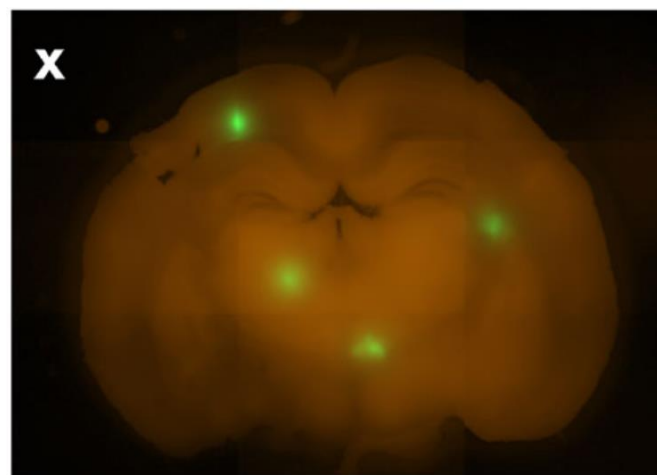
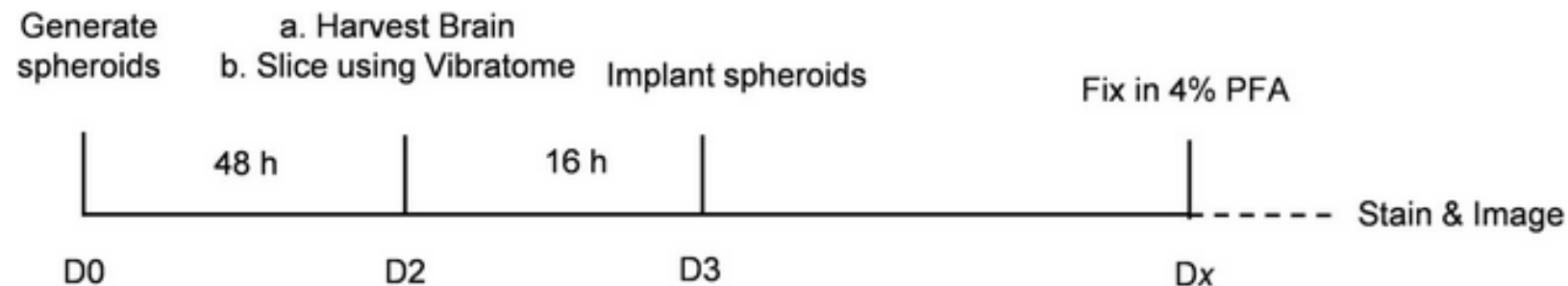
- Blood-brain barrier model
- Trans-Membrane Migration in 2D
- Cell Transport in a 3D Gel Matrix

# LEICA VIBRATOME VT1200 S @dr hab. Paulina Jackowiak

Fully automated vibrating blade microtome



Development and validation of an advanced *ex vivo* brain slice invasion assay to model glioblastoma cell invasion into the complex brain microenvironment



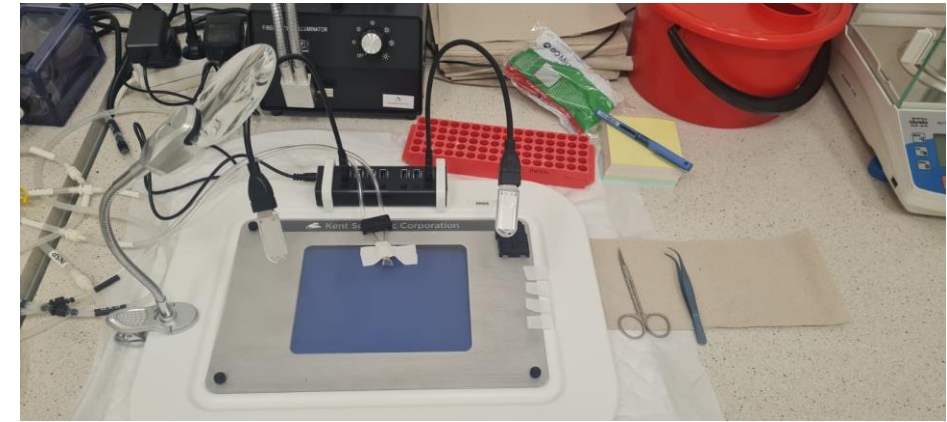
# EQUIPMENT

## *In vivo:*

- Digital operating microscope (RWD Life Science)
- Stereo microscope (Nikon)
- Multifunctional surgical platform (Kent Scientific)
- Endotracheal intubation kit for mice and rats (Kent Scientific)
- Low-flow anesthesia system (Kent Scientific)
- System for thermoregulation of mice and rats (RWD Life Science)
- Peristaltic pump (WPI)
- Analytical scales
- Surgical tools (FST/RWD)

## *In vitro:*

- Pump system for long-term flow cell cultures under physiological conditions (Ibidi)
- Cell counter (Bio-Rad)
- Precellys homogenizer (Bertin)
- Bioanalyzer (Agilent)
- QuantStudio3 (Applied Biosystems)
- Thermocycler (Applied Biosystems)
- HPLC with colorimetric detector (Thermo)
- Centrifuge 5424R (Eppendorf)



## RESEARCH PROJECTS (past and present)

- *Functional implications of brain-enriched circular RNAs*; PI: dr Monika Piwecka; **SONATA BIS 8**
- *Non-coding RNAs at single-cell resolution in the pituitary gland and their role in the regulation of gene expression*; PI: dr Monika Piwecka; **OPUS 19**
- *Development of a universal fast-response platform, based on RNA technology, ensuring the national drug and epidemiological safety* (Consortium leader: Polfa S.A., PI: prof. M. Figlerowicz) **ABM**
- *Deciphering selective neuronal vulnerability using the direct profiling of degenerating neurons*; PI: dr Paweł Świtoński; **SONATA 17**
- *The influence of normal and mutant ataxin 3 on the immune system in the context of the pathogenesis of spinocerebellar ataxia type 3 (SCA3)* – PI dr Łukasz Przybył; **MINIATURA 3**
- *The use of genetic tools in experimental therapy of polyglutamine diseases*; PI prof. Marta Olejniczak; **SONATA BIS 5**
- *The characteristics of the regulatory RNAs landscape in glioblastoma multiforme (GBM). Circular RNAs and micro RNA-like molecules as new players in gliomagenesis and GBM progression and their importance for glioblastoma stem cells*; PI prof. Katarzyna Rolle; **SONATA BIS 7**
- *Anti-aging properties of 4-N-furfurylcytosine in age-differentiated eukaryotic cells, budding yeast and mouse model of aging*; PI prof. Eliza Wyszko; **OPUS 13**
- *Psychedelics as Therapeutic Candidates in Neurodegenerative Disorders Treatment– a Study in Spinocerebellar Ataxia Type 3 Mouse Model*; PI dr Urszula Kozłowska; **SONATINA 5**
- *Comprehensive analysis of the therapeutic potential of oligonucleotides for the treatment of polyglutamine diseases*; PI prof. Agnieszka Fiszer; **SONATA 9**
- *The novel role of STAT1 in Vascular Smooth Muscle Cell and Macrophage common and –specific transcriptional responses that reflect onset and progression of atherosclerosis*; (cooperation with Adam Mickiewicz University) – PI prof. Johannes Bluysen; **OPUS 19**

## RESEARCH PROJECTS (future)

### Granted:

- *Functional or not? Studying positionally conserved vertebrate long noncoding RNA orthologues at subcellular resolution;* PI: dr hab. Barbara Uszczyńska-Ratajczak; **SONATA BIS 11**
- *Antiviral strategies targeting RNA: Peptide nucleic acids (PNA) forming triplexes and their conjugates with low molecular weight ligands specific to conserved structural motifs of influenza A virus RNA and SARS-CoV-2;* PI: prof. Dr hab. Elżbieta Kierzek; **OPUS 21**
- *Vitamin drink enriched with compounds of natural origin with scientifically proven effectiveness supporting the treatment of irritable bowel syndrome;* PI (in consortium): dr hab. Paweł Kołodziejcki; **NUTRITECH 1**

### Under revision:

- *Modeling and studying tumor invasion in 3D GBM-brain assembloid;* PI: dr. hab. Katarzyna Rolle; **OPUS 26**
- *Design and Development of Serine Hydroxymethyltransferase-2 (SHMT2) Inhibitors Blocking Tumor Growth;* PI: dr hab. Miłosz Ruszkowski; **SONATA BIS 13**
- *Organometallic inhibitors of influenza virus and emerging coronaviruses entry;* PI: dr Paweł Zmora; **OPUS 26**
- *From third ventricle to pituitary gland: regulatory RNA networks in post-transcriptional modulation of gene expression in neurosecretion;* PI: dr Monika Piwecka; **OPUS-LAP 24**
- *Integrative, Therapeutic Microbiome-empowered Neuroprotective Nutrition;* PI (in consortium): dr Łukasz Przybył; **NUTRIBRAIN**
- *Modeling of human tissues in the study of molecular mechanisms and pathogenesis of human diseases;* PI (in consortium): dr Łukasz Przybył; **STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS**

### To be submitted soon:

- *Psychobiological stress processing as modulator of neurodegenerative disease severity;* PI (in consortium): dr Łukasz Przybył; **JPND**
- *Development of an innovative targeted therapy for glioma using nucleic acids to modify the tumor microenvironment and the functions of cancer stem cells;* PI (in consortium): dr Łukasz Przybył; **SMART PATH**
- *Development of technology based on parallelized microfluidic systems for cascade filtration of animal cells in continuous perfusion culture on an industrial scale;* PI (in consortium): dr Łukasz Przybył; **SMART PATH**

# PUBLICATIONS

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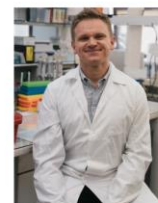
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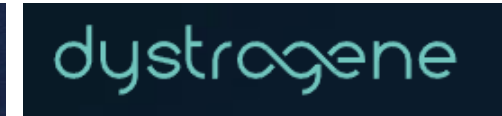
# COMPANIES



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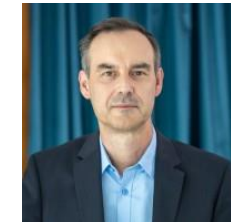
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**> 10.000 mice**

**19 mouse colonies**

**> 30 people from IBCH administered in animal facility**

**28 applications to Local Ethics Committee**

**PAST**

**Myocardial infarction**

***In vitro* fertilization/embryo transfer**

**Germ-free mice**

**Dedicated immunophenotyping for rats and human**

***In vitro* model of blood-brain barrier**

**M1/M2 polarisation of macrophages**

***Ex vivo* models: Acute brain slices and Precision-cut Lung Slices**

**Suppression assay**

**Good Laboratory Practice**

**FUTURE**



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- designing experiments and appropriate experimental groups in accordance with the 3R and ARRIVE principles
- preparing an application to the Local Ethics Committee, the Ministry of the Environment or the Provincial Pharmaceutical Inspectorate
- organization of transport of experimental animals
- obtaining appropriate consents to work with laboratory animals
- training in basic techniques of working with animals
- maintaining a colony of transgenic or wild-type mice with a database
- obtaining embryonic material at appropriate stages of development
- intramuscular, intraperitoneal, subcutaneous and intracerebral injections
- microsurgery • mouse perfusion, organ weighing, and blood and tissue collection
- keeping experience diaries
- performing behavioral tests
- digitization of data, creation of charts and statistical analysis of data obtained during experiments
- in-depth analysis of the mouse and rat immunophenotype using flow cytometry
- intragastric administration
- implantation of osmotic pumps
- preparation of the entire aorta en face
- dissection of the brain into structures
- Intubations • Uninephrectomy
- Induction of acute kidney injury
- Xenograft inoculations
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- Animal immunization and antibody production

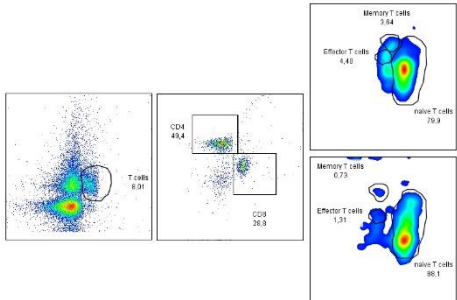
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## Equipment

- Digital operating microscope (RWD Life Science)
- Stereo microscope (Nikon)
- Multifunctional treatment platform, endotracheal intubation kit for mice and rats, low-flow anesthesia system (Kent Scientific)
- Peristaltic pump (WPI)
- System for thermoregulation of mice and rats (RWD Life Science)
- Laminar chamber (Alpina)
- Analytical balances
- Surgical tools
- Precellys Evolution Touch homogenizer (Bertin)
- Ildi pump system for long-term flow cell cultures under physiological conditions
- CO2 incubators for cell culture
- Capillary electrophoresis apparatus (Agilent)
- HPLC kit with coulometric detector
- UVP laboratory incubator
- QuantStudio3 – Real-time PCR
- Centrifuge 5424R centrifuge with rotor

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!



**ICHB PAN**



# NMR Laboratory

Department of Biomolecular NMR

Presentation of IChB Laboratories, February 6th, 2024

# Staff



mgr Anna Teubert



dr Karol Pasternak

**Starting 2024!**



dr Karolina Zielińska

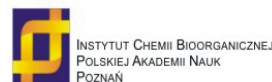


dr Daniel Baranowski

# Equipment



- Spectrometer NMR 400 MHz, AVANCE II, Bruker
- Spectrometer NMR 500 MHz, AVANCE III, Bruker
- Spectrometer NMR 700 MHz, AVANCE III, Bruker
  
- Circular Dichroism spectrometer (CD), J-815 S, JASCO
  
- Spectrophotometer UV VIS , V-650, JASCO
- HPLC

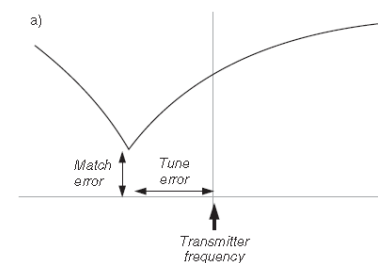


**„Zwiększenie potencjału badawczego Instytutu Chemii Bioorganicznej PAN w zakresie analizy strukturalnej biomolekuł metodami NMR i krystalografii”**

# Equipment – NMR spectrometers 400 MHz



- Spectrometer equipped with ATMA – *automatic matching i tuning system*



Instrument equipped in broadband probe for wide spectrum of experiments, routine analysis. Available for Institute employees after mandatory training.

# Equipement – NMR spectrometers 500 MHz



- Spectrometer equipped with ATMA – *automatic matching i tuning* system
- TOPSHIM – to achieve best homogeneity of sample
- Equipped with autosampler allowing for automated analysis up to 120 samples - controlled by ICON NMR software
- Available for requesting more demanding/complex experiments for every Institute employee



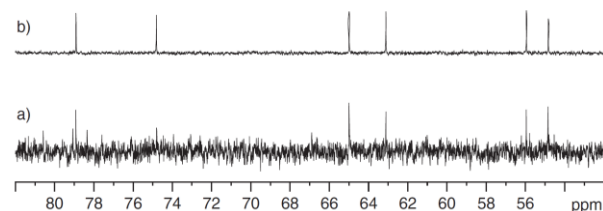


# Equipment – NMR spectrometers 700 MHz



It is ideally suited to the study of **RNA/ DNA and proteins, small molecules and metabolomic samples research.**

400% increase in S/N ratio means that it is possible to run an experiment in 1/16 th of time needed for standard probe (or run an experiment for sample in 4 times lower concentration).



Observation coils are cooled with gas helium  $\sim 20\text{K}$  ( $-253\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ).

It effects with increasing 400% S/N ratio on  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  compared to a room temperature standard probe.



# Equipement

- Circular Dichroism (CD) spectropolarimeter from JASCO.
- Characterization of nucleic acid/protein secondary structure
- Detection of structural changes due to mutagenesis
- Conformational stability in response to changes in: temperature ( $T_m$ ), pH or buffer composition



- Spectrophotometer UV VIS Jasco V-650  
DNA/RNA melting measurements



- HPLC Agilent Tech 1260 Infinity
- Purification of nucleic acids on analytical and semi-preparative scale;
- Characterization of purity of nucleic acids and monomers e.g. nucleotides



# Reservation system



Instytut Chemii Bioorganicznej PAN  
System rezerwacji sprzętu i pomieszczeń

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Styl:  
Bud A - Prac. Analiz Pcj. Kom.  
Budynek A - Prac. Inz. Biolika  
Building B - NMR Laboratory  
Budynek E - 010  
serwis NMR  
Willa B10 - room 11  
Willa B12  
Willa B12 - PASS

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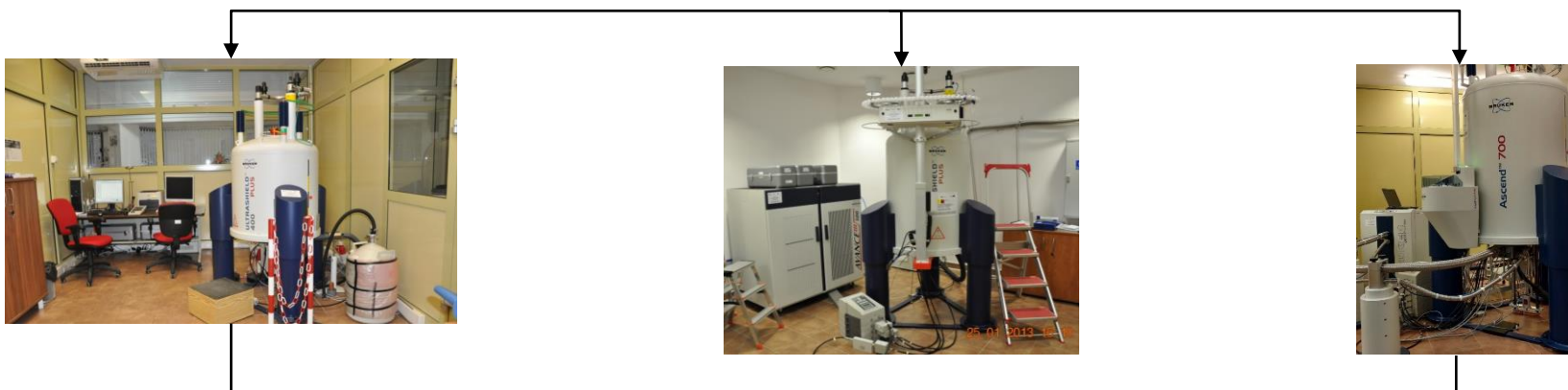
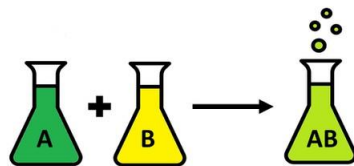
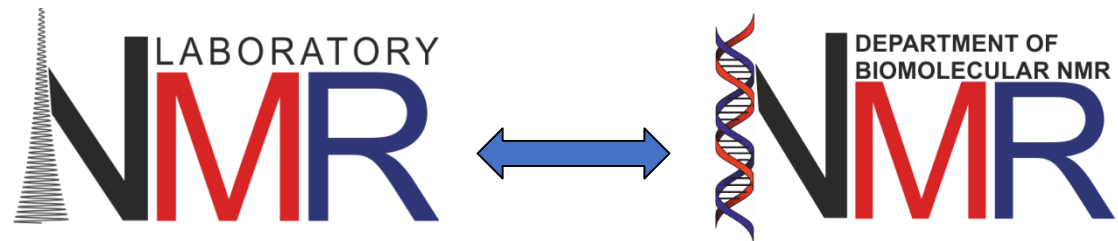
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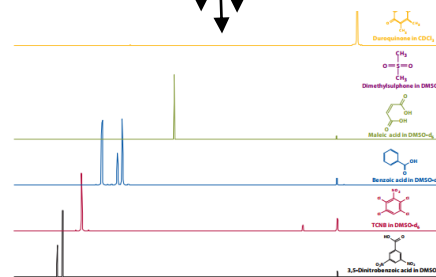
CD – order liquid nitrogen for your analysis

400 MHz NMR – mandatory training with Anna Teubert (ext. 1156)

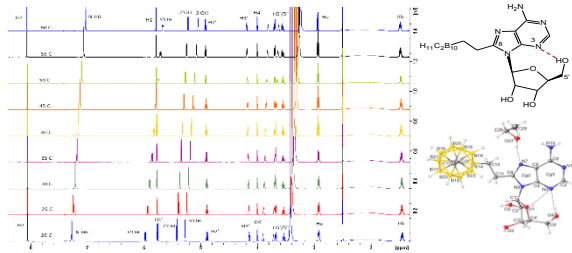
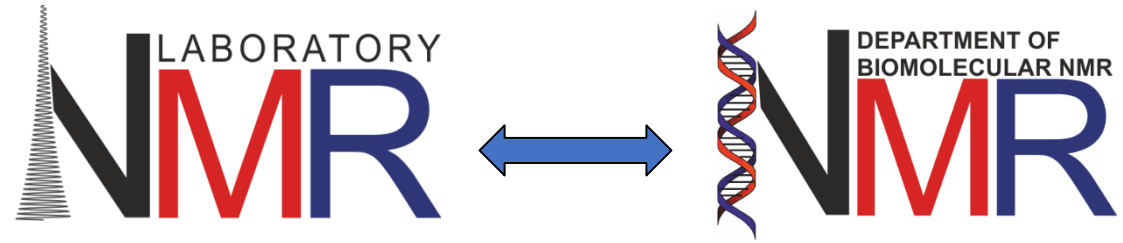
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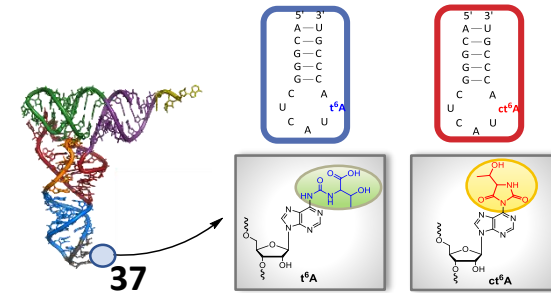
- Identification,
- Confirmation,
- Mechanism analysis
- Temperature influence,
- etc.



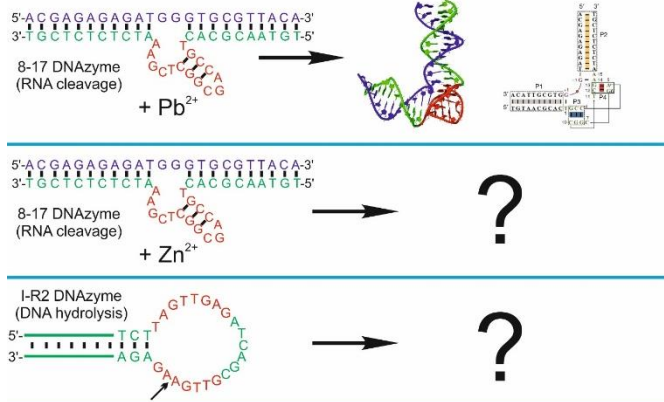
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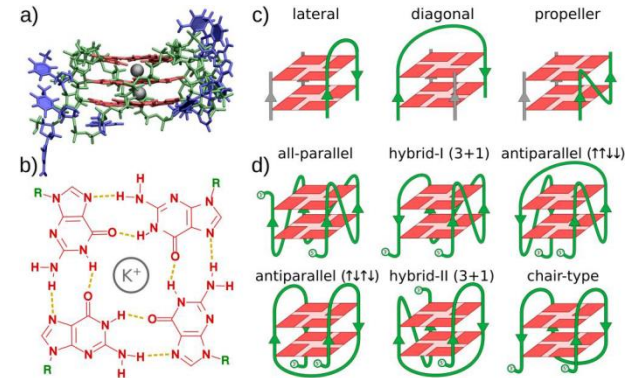
Structure and conformation Adenosine 2-analogues (temperature spectra)



Understanding how the cyclic ct<sup>6</sup>A modifications influence the structure and function of tRNA.

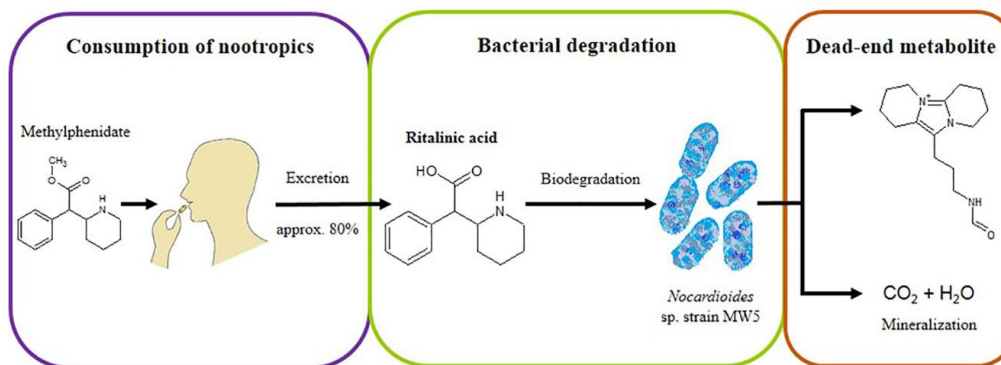
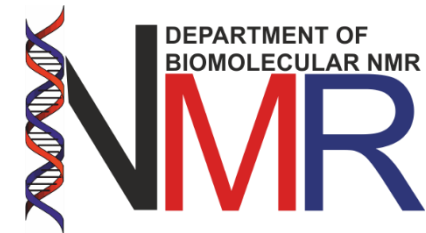


Structural studies and formation of DNAzymes

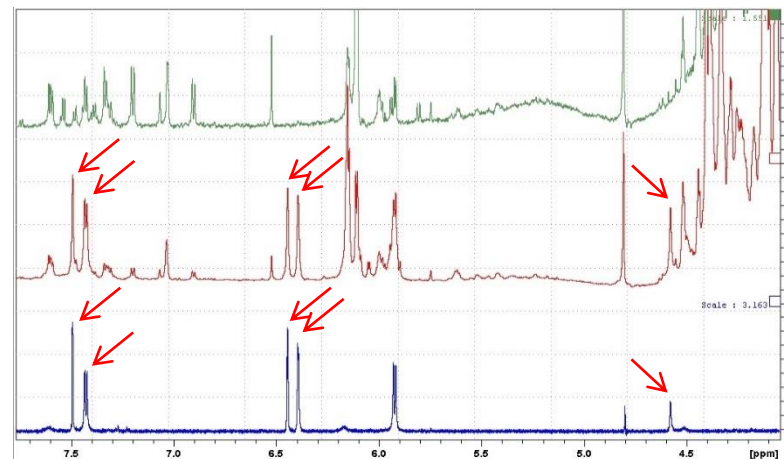


Sequence-structure relationship for the design of DNA G-quadruplexes with a given topology.

# Offer



Identification and confirmation of the structure of biodegradation of ritalinic acid.

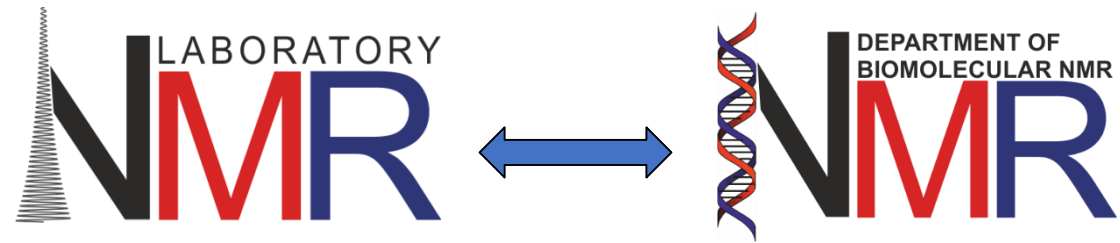


control

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metabolite

Metabolite confirmation from mice tissue (muscles, brain).



- There is a broad spectrum of experiments which could be performed using equipment in NMR Laboratory
- NMR is not only for chemists
- Your sample can be recovered
- The experiments could be run in wide range of temperatures and pH values
- Due to the close collaboration with NMR Biomolecular Department we have an expertise in setting up, running and interpretation of variety of experiments

Feel free to visit us – building B

(entrance next to the first magnet at ICHB PAS)



Thank you for you attention





# Laboratory of Mass Spectrometry

**Łukasz Marczak**

**Anna Wojakowska**

**Aleksander Strugała**

## MS systems:

### **European Center for Bioinformatics and Genomics:**

- MALDI-ToF/ToF system
- nano/micro LC-MS (high resolution OrbiTrap)
- GC-MS (TripleQuad)
- GC x GC – MS (ToF)
- nanoLC-MS (ion trap)

### **Institute of Bioorganic Chemistry (Noskowskiego)**

- LC-MS with Ion Mobility separation (NEBI)
- Nano/micro/high flow LC-MS Orbitrap system (MOSAIC)

**E-mail: [pracownia.ms@ibch.poznan.pl](mailto:pracownia.ms@ibch.poznan.pl)**

- Service price list available on request
- Prices for Institute employees are lower than in case of external services
- Payments are settled through the customer's purchase of reagents and small equipment necessary for the day-to-day functioning of the laboratory

**Pracownia Spektrometrii Mas (Laboratory of Mass Spectrometry)**

**Dane osoby zlecającej (Person ordering the analysis)**

Imię i nazwisko (Name):

Zakład (Department):

Telefon (Phone):

Przedmiot zlecenia (Subject matter)	Liczba próbek (Number of samples)

**Informacje dotyczące próbek (information about samples)**

Symbole próbki (sample symbols):

Wzór sumaryczny (Sum formula):

Masa cząsteczkowa związku (Molecular weight):

Stan skupienia (physical state):

Rozpuszczalność (solubility):

Matryca (dla Maldi) (proposed matrix for MALDI analyses):

Uwagi (Remarks):

Wzory strukturalne (opcjonalnie) (optional structural formulas):

# What we can measure?

## Molecular Weight determination

### Low resolution:

- MALDI – oligonucleotides, peptides, polymers etc.
- Structure elucidation (MS/MS)

### High Resolution:

- Direct infusion – peptides, oligonucleotides, low MW compounds, etc.
- LC-MS on Orbitrap

## Proteomic analyses

### Identification of single proteins:

- From polyacrylamide gels
- From solution
- De novo sequencing

### Analysis of protein modifications

### Analysis of proteins in complex mixtures:

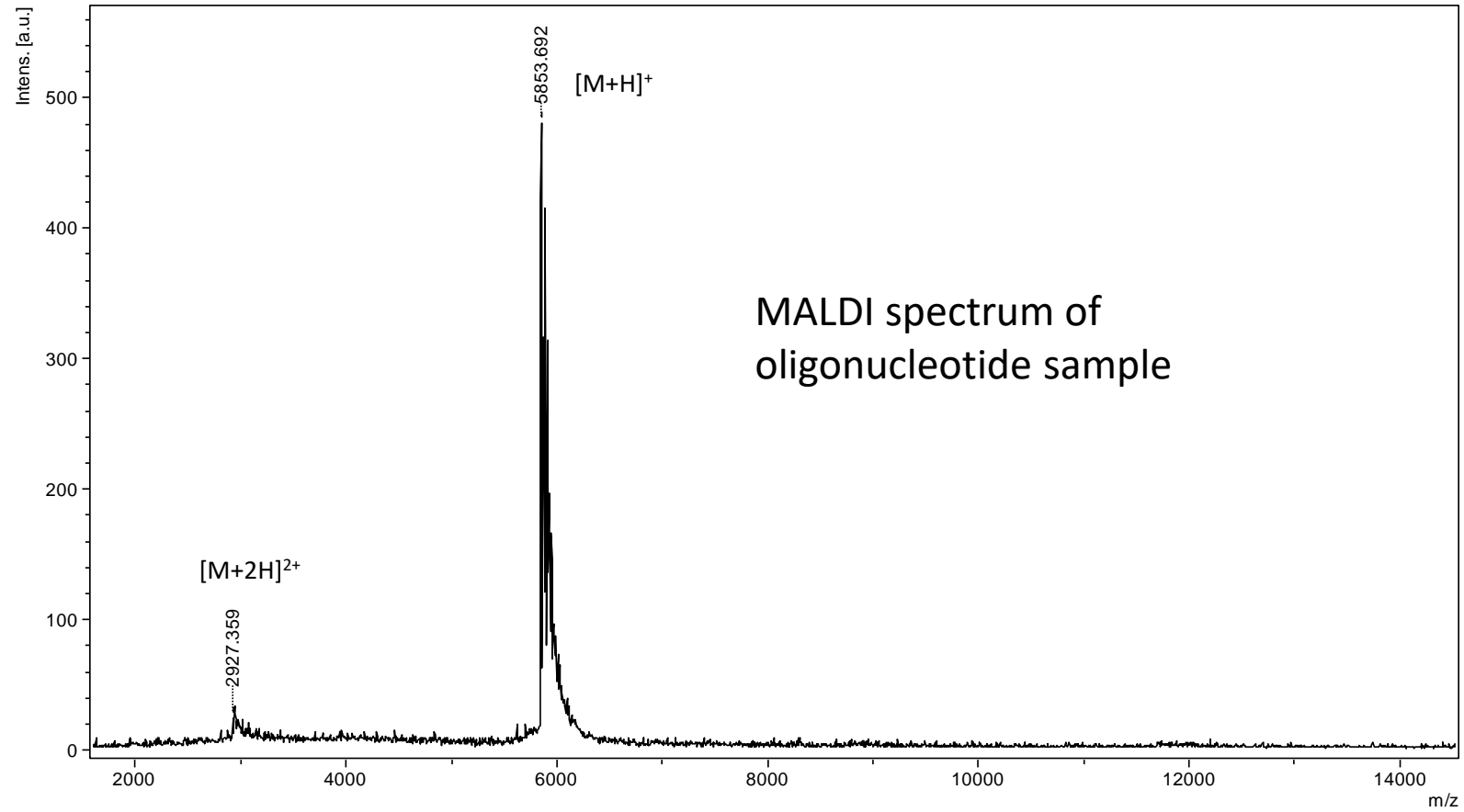
- Identification, PTMs analysis
- Identification + quantification (label free, ITRAQs, TMT, etc.)

## Metabolomic analyses

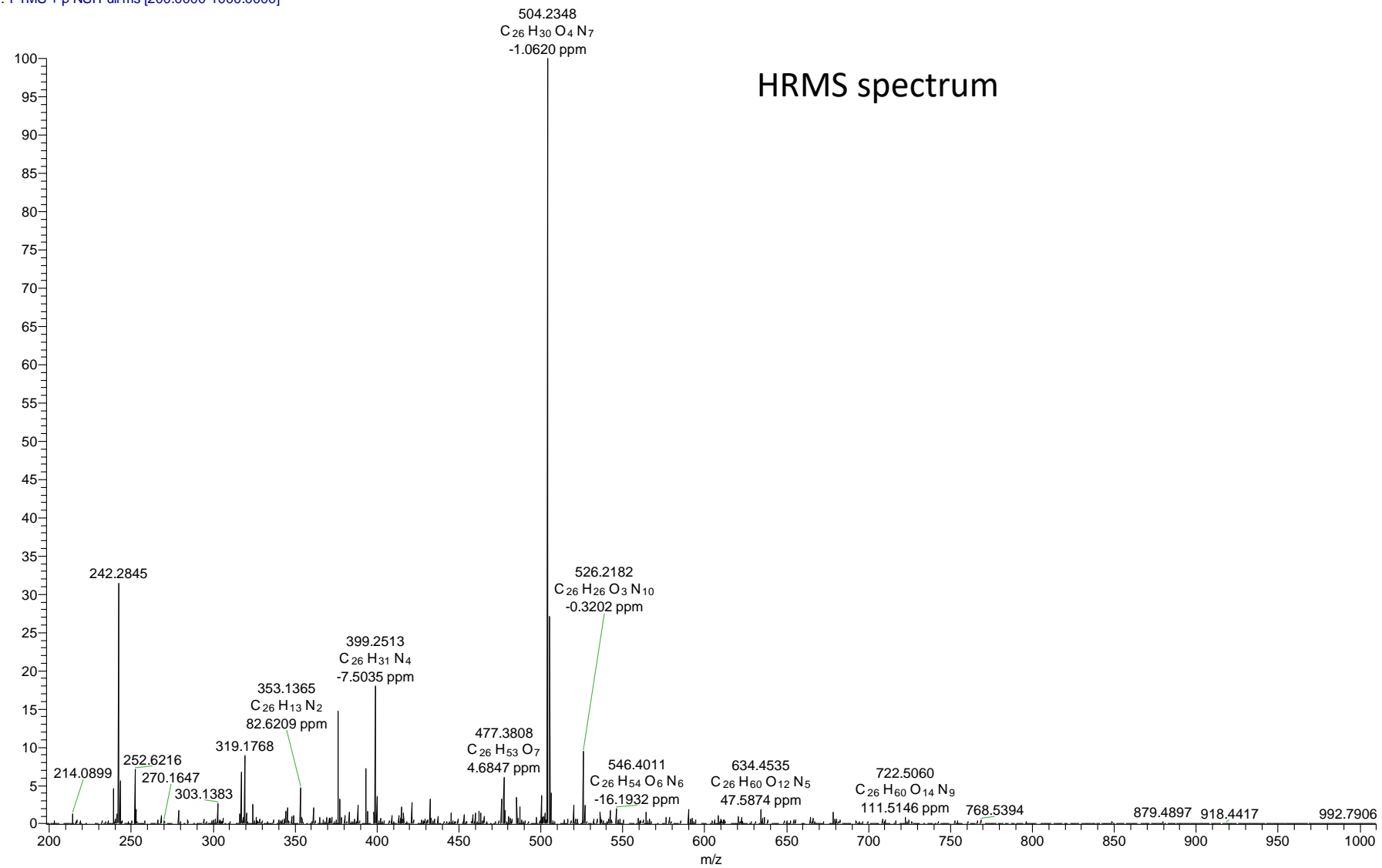
### Analysis of compounds in complex mixtures - identification and quantification

- GC-MS analysis for volatile compounds (+derivatization)
- LC-MS analysis for other metabolites
- Direct Infusion High Resolution analysis with nano source (ie. Lipids)

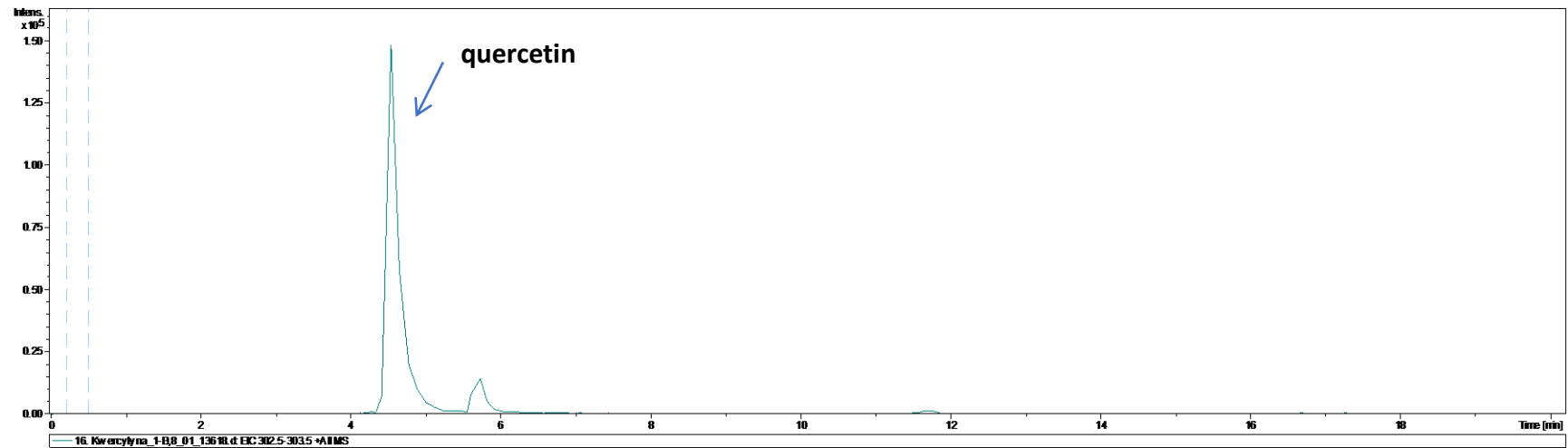
# Molecular Weight determination



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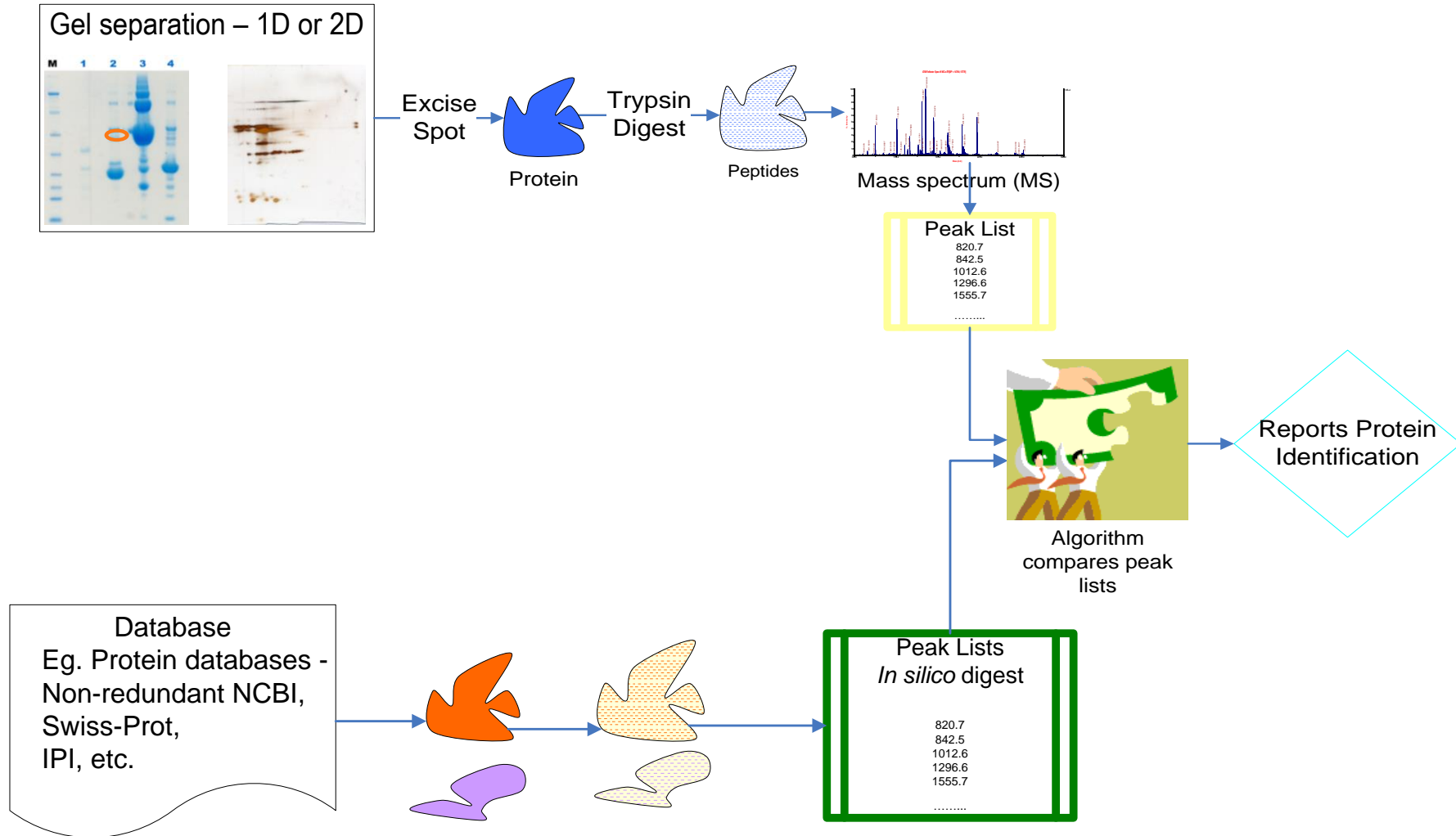
## Finding specific compound using LC/MS



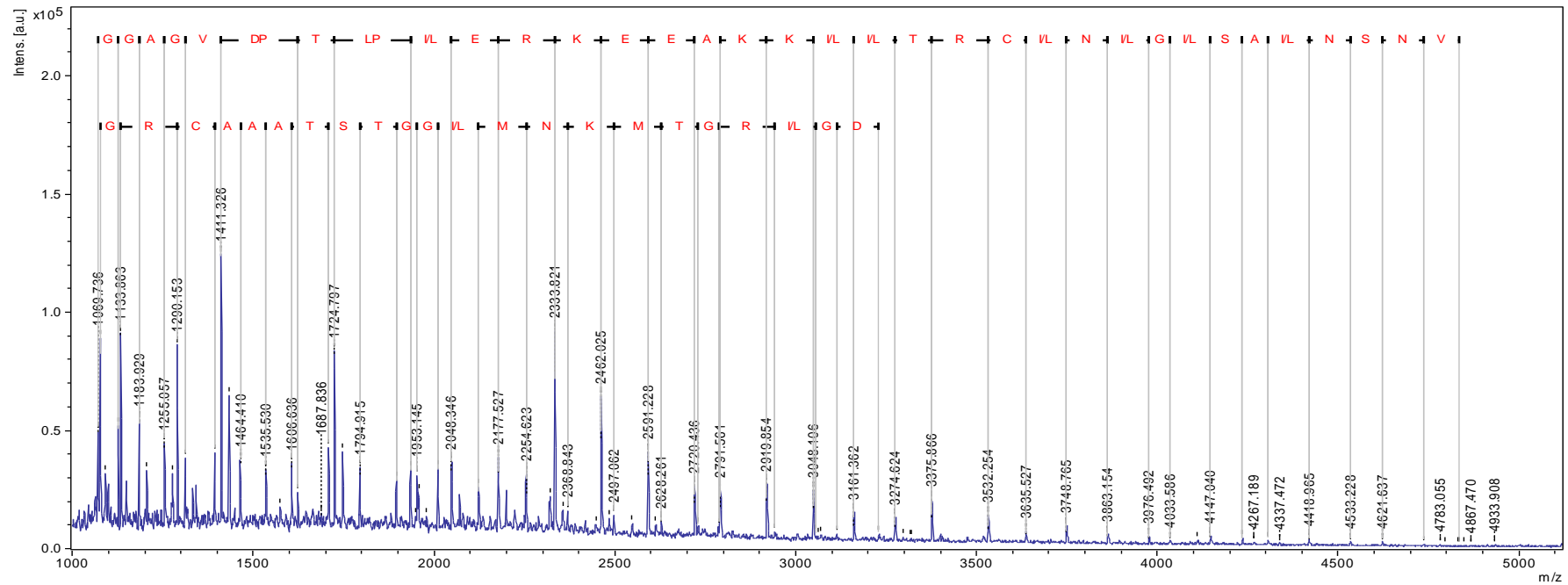
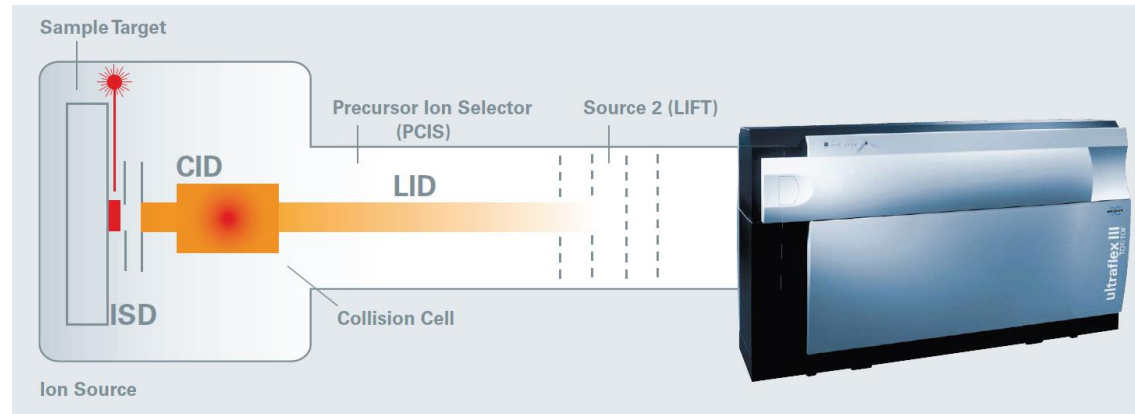
Extracted Ion Chromatogram for 303 m/z (quercetin  $[M+H]^+$ )



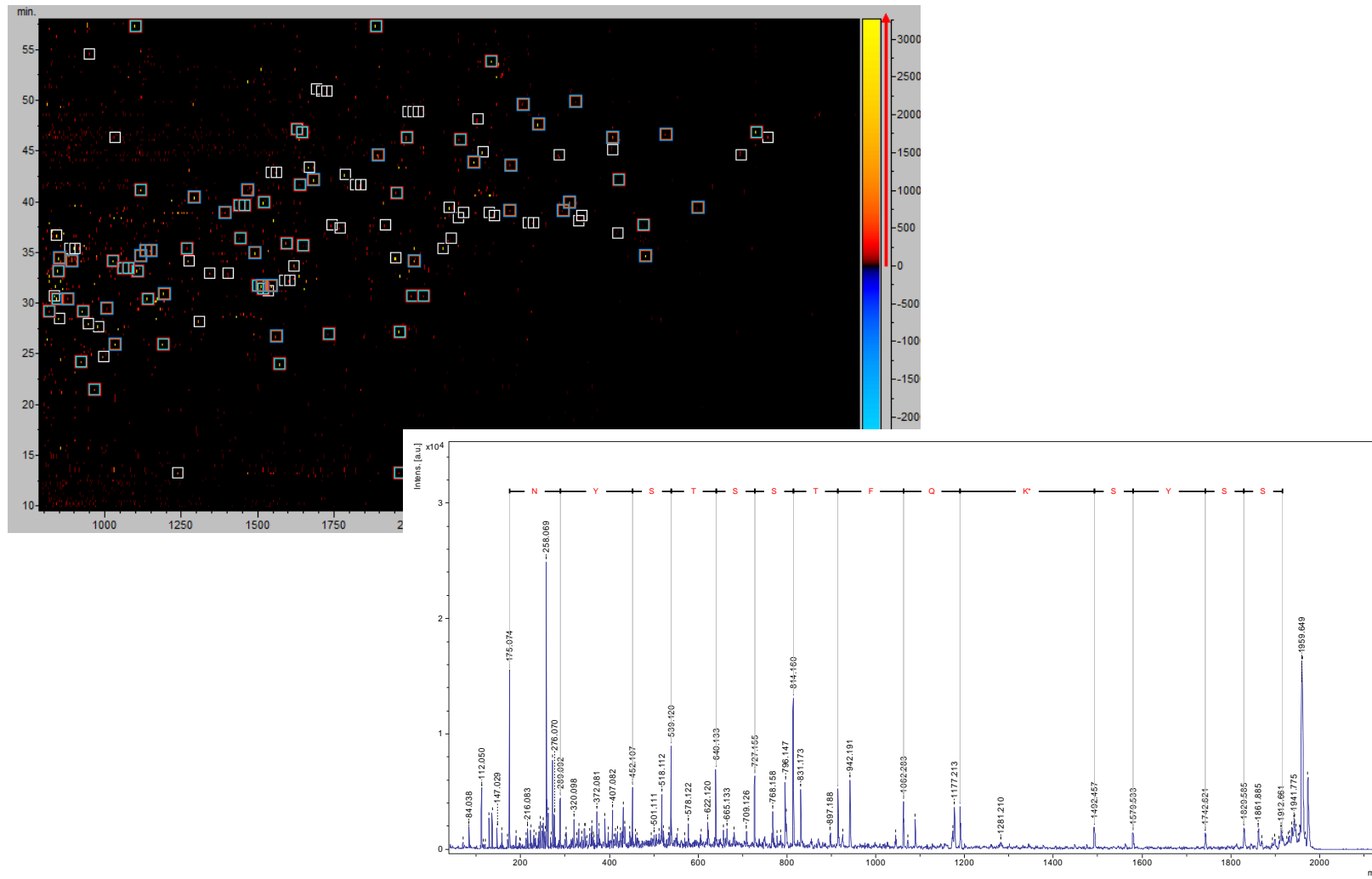
- Identification of proteins from gel bands (PMF and MS/MS)



- protein sequencing using the **In Source Decay (ISD)** method



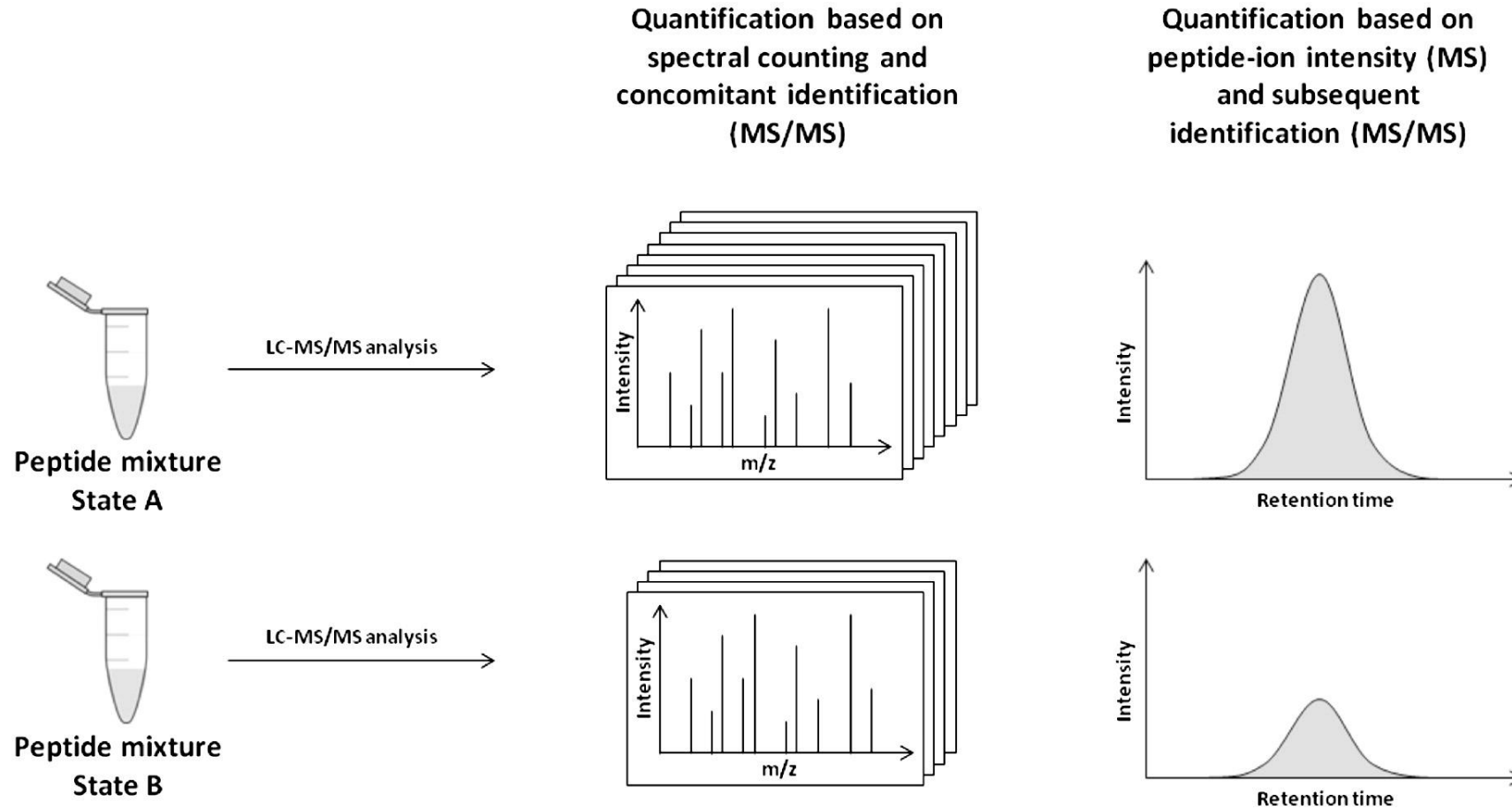
- analysis of complex peptide mixtures with protein identification



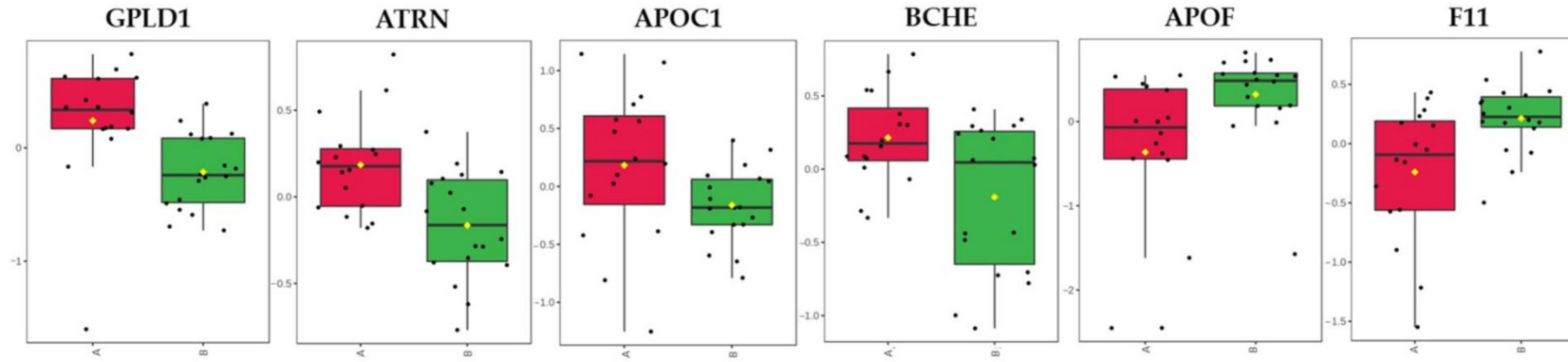
## **Other applications of the MALDI-TOF/TOF system for protein analysis:**

- De novo peptide sequencing (also in mixture – LIFT)
- Analysis of post-translational modifications of proteins (e.g. glycosylation)
- Quantitative analysis of proteins by peptide labeling methods (SILAC, ITRAQ, ICPL, ICAT, etc.)
- Profiling of proteins and peptides

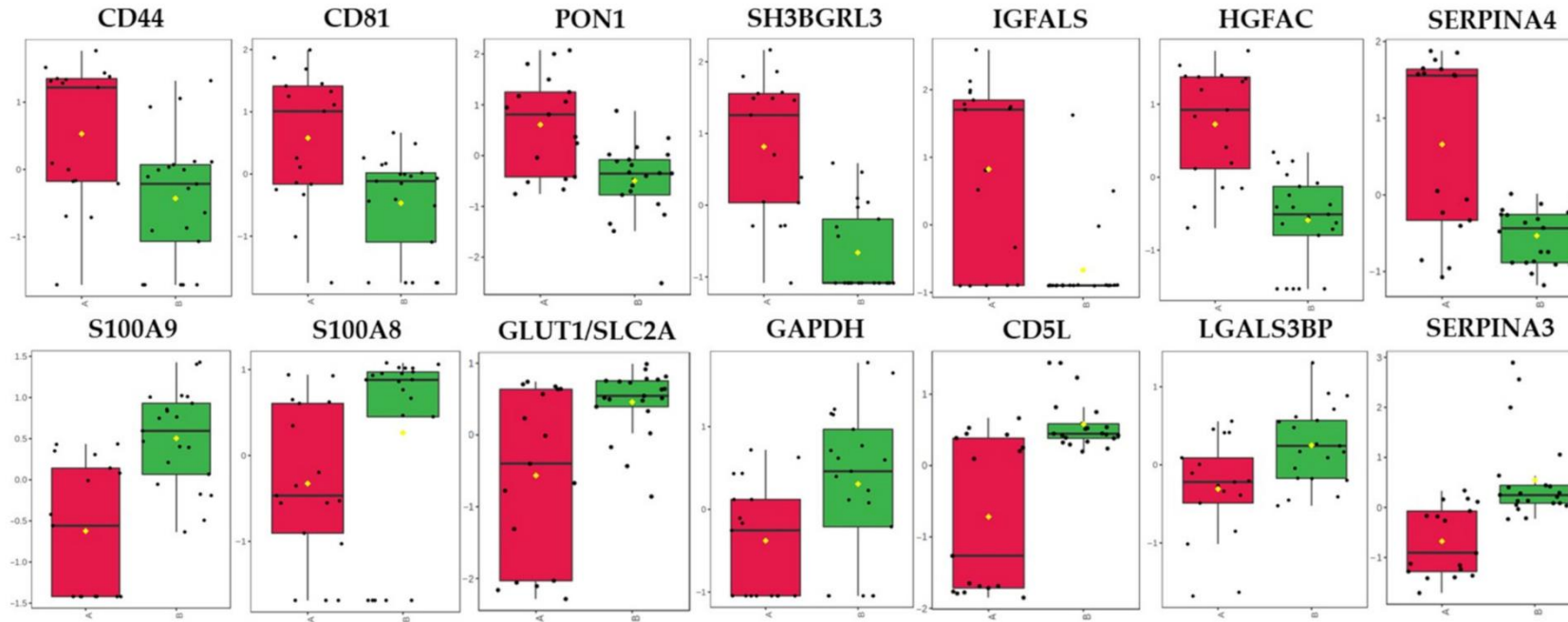
# Label free quantitation of proteins using LC-MS/MS

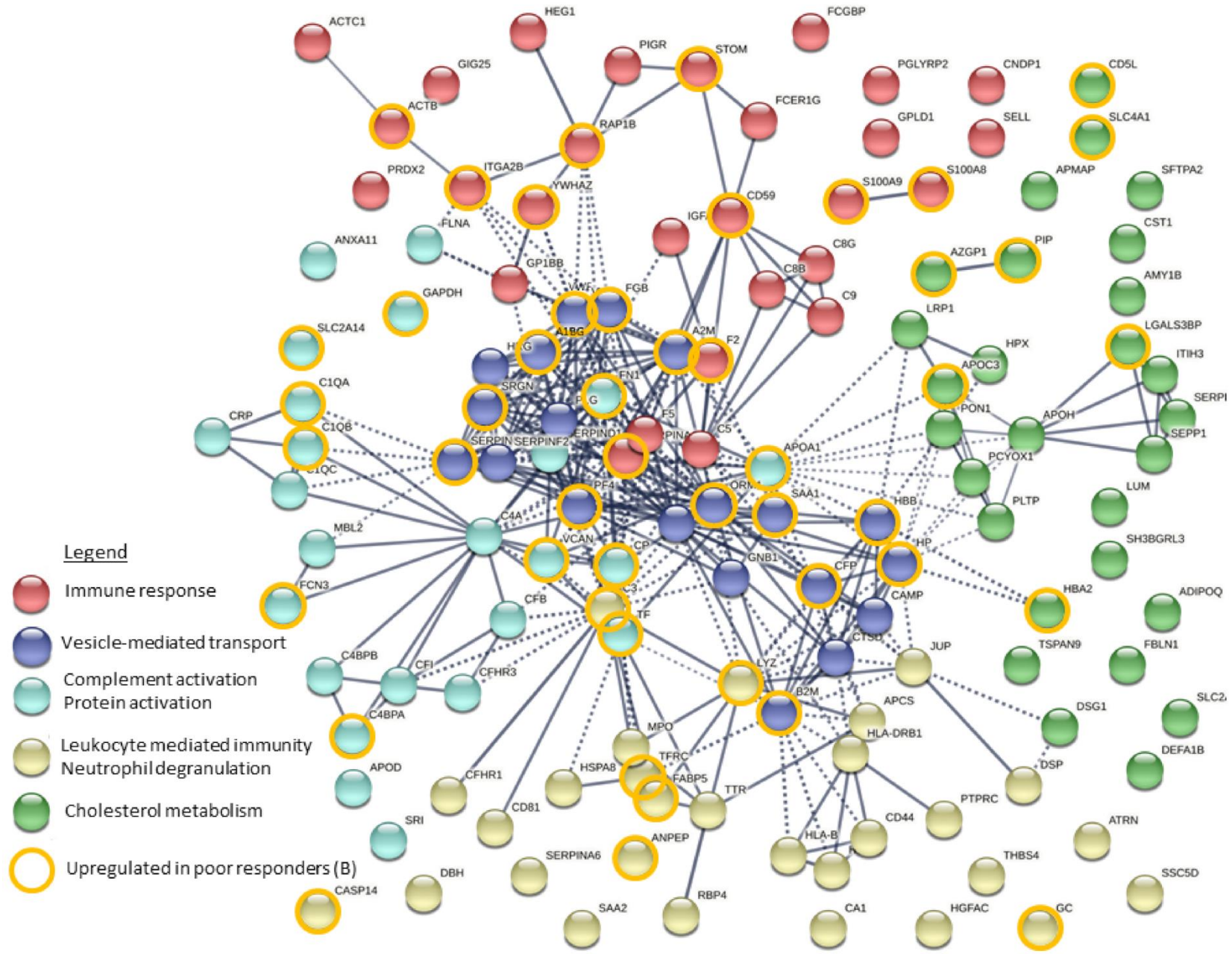


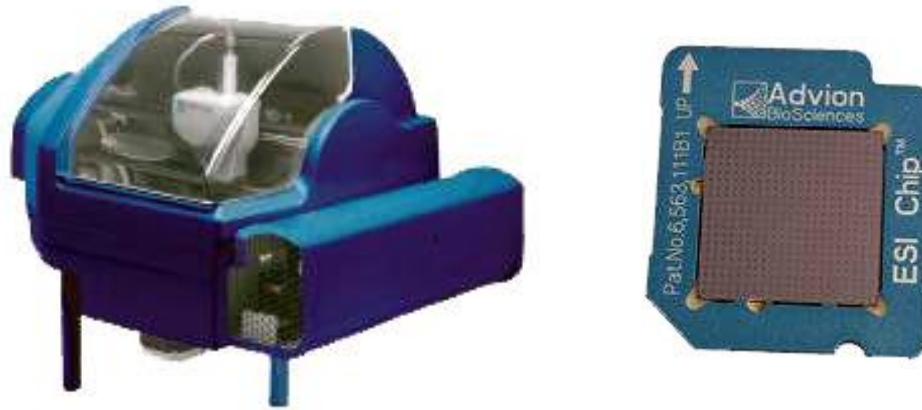
**A) PLASMA**



**B) EXOSOMES**





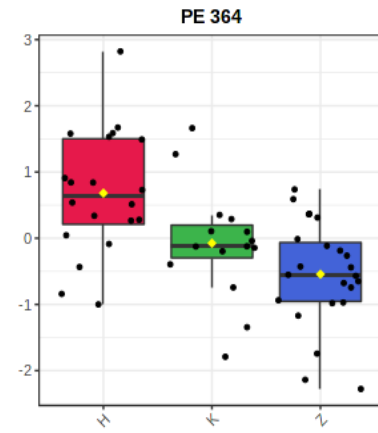
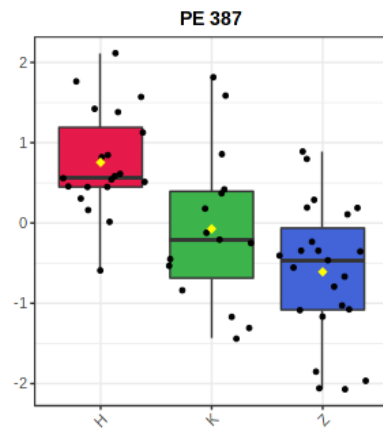
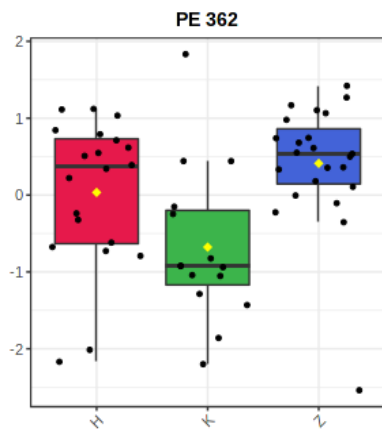
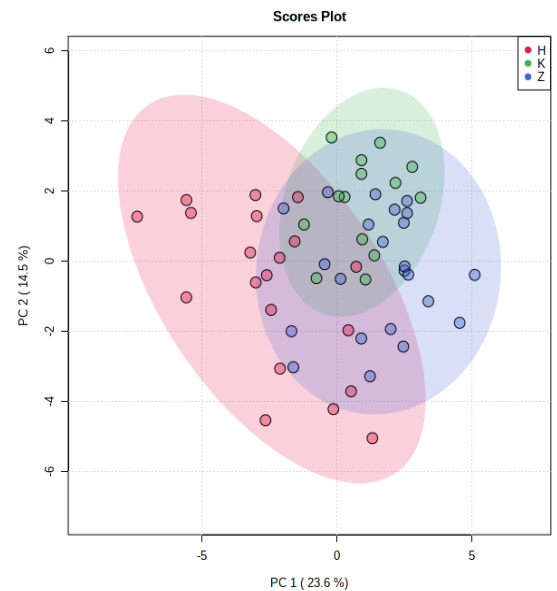
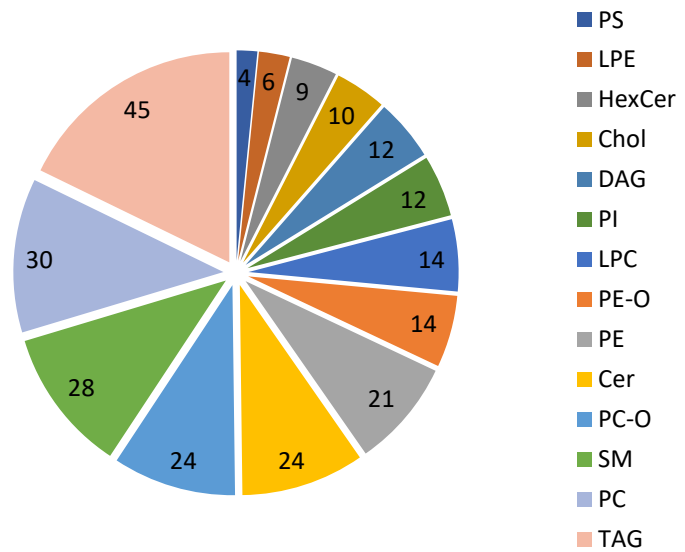


### Advion NanoMate TriVersa

- direct analysis in nanoESI mode (even 1ul of sample)
- HPLC separation with nanoESI ionization
- HPLC separation with nanoESI ionization and collection of fractions for later injection
- **lipidomic experiments**



# Human plasma lipidomics



- GC x GC –MS (ToF)



- EI ion
- 2D separation of components of complex mixtures
- high speed (500 spectra / second)
- high sensitivity
- volatile metabolites analysis (qualitative and quantitative)

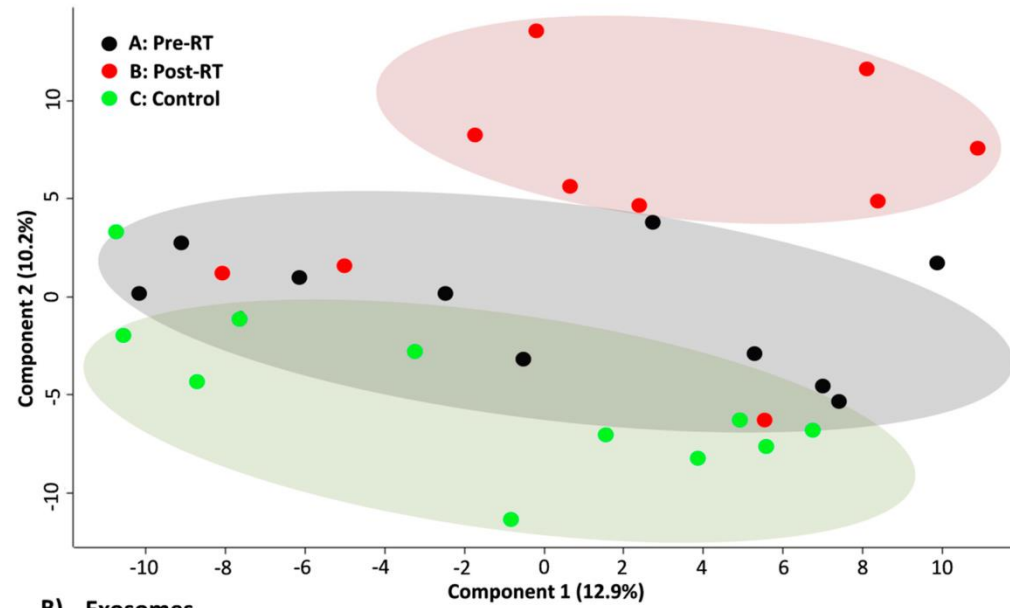
- GC-MS (TripleQuad)



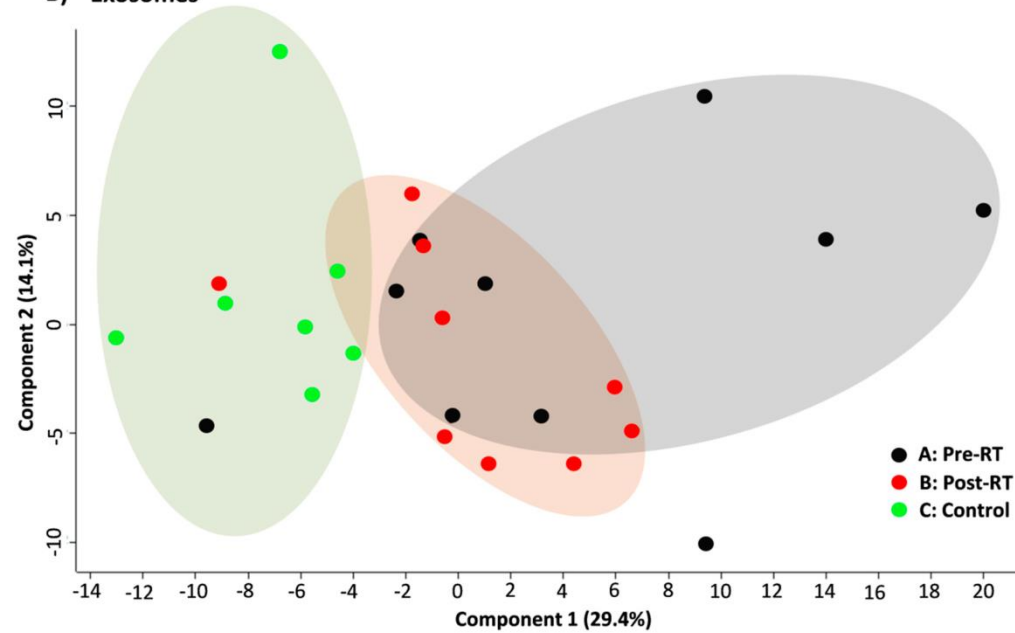
- EI or CI ionization
- additional ion fragmentation in CID mode
- very high sensitivity in MRM mode (up to 500 MRM / second)
- targeted analysis of volatile metabolites (qualitative and quantitative)

# Metabolomic profiling

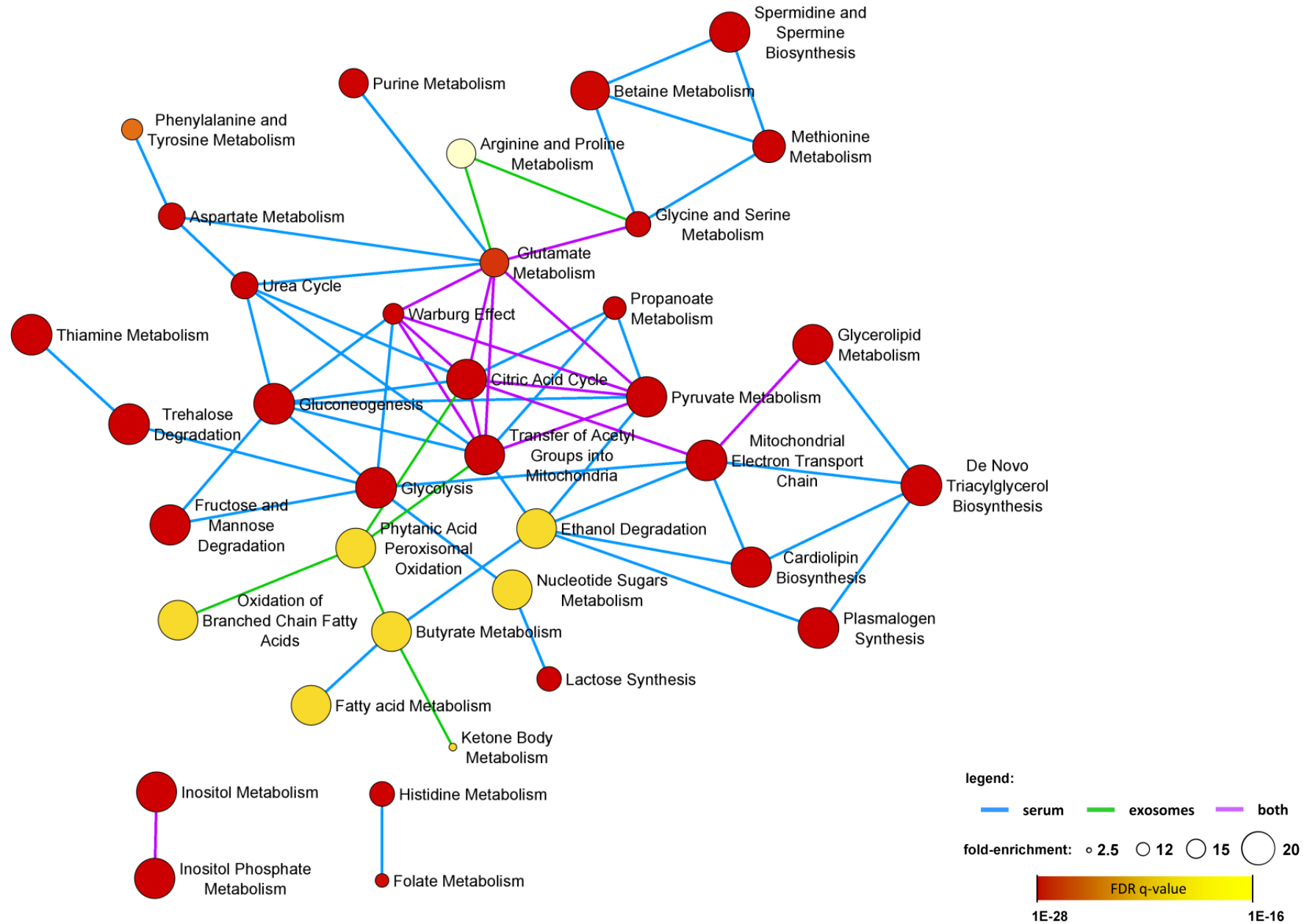
A) Serum



B) Exosomes

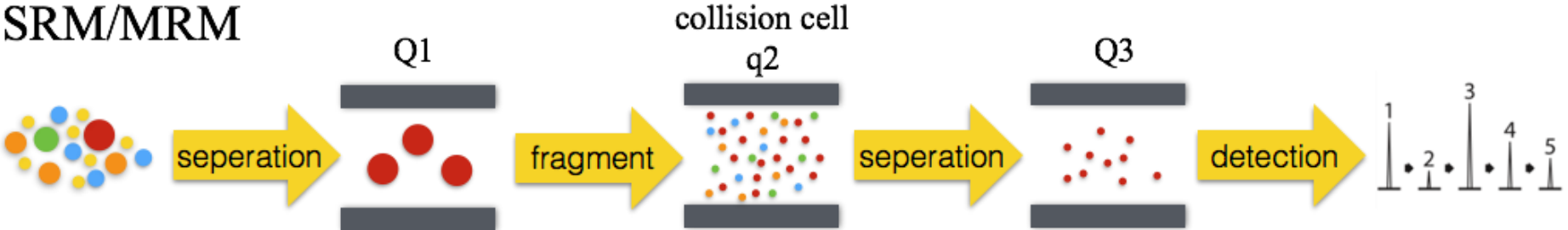


# Metabolic pathways associated with metabolites differentiating head and neck cancer

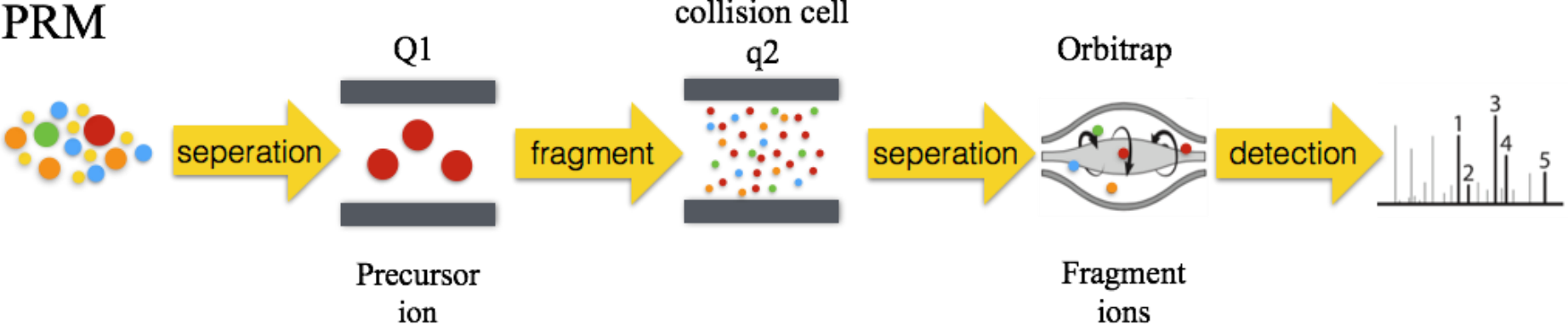


# Targeted Analysis

SRM/MRM



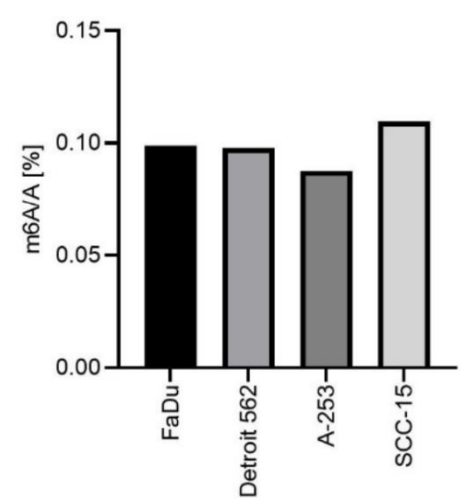
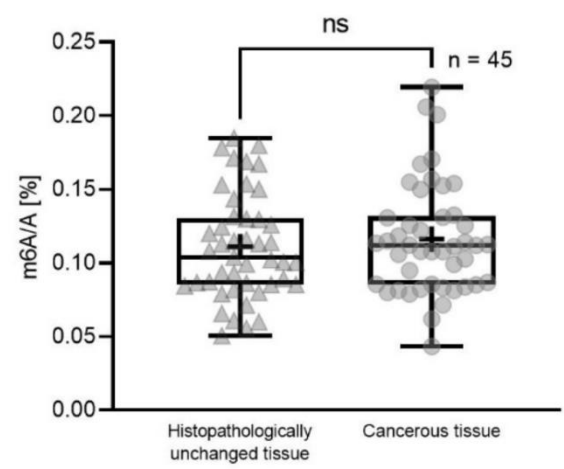
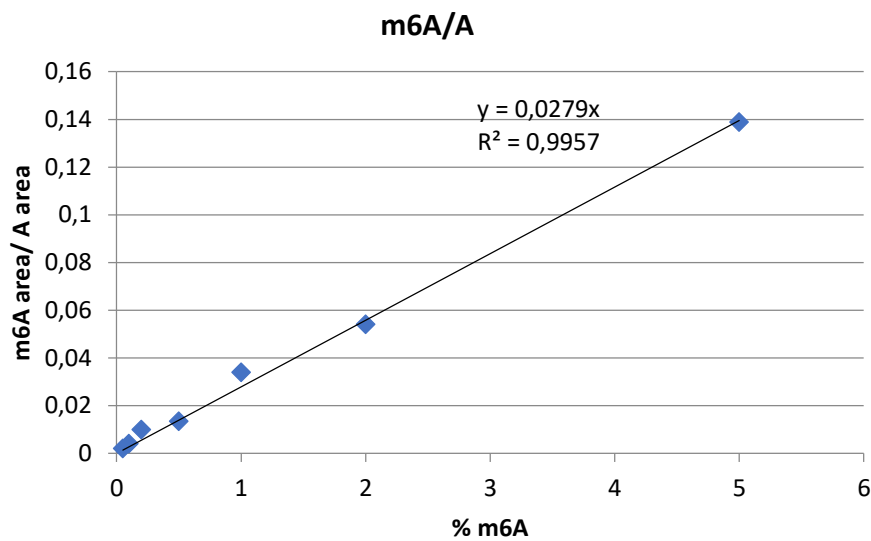
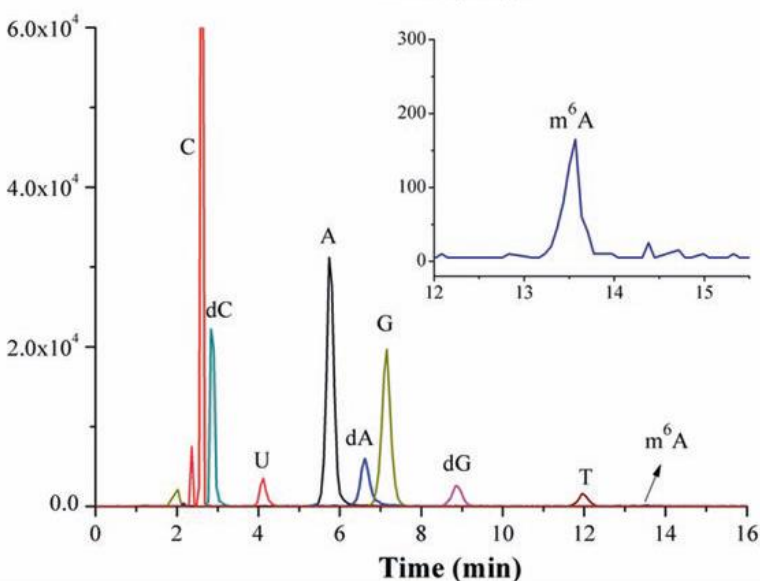
PRM



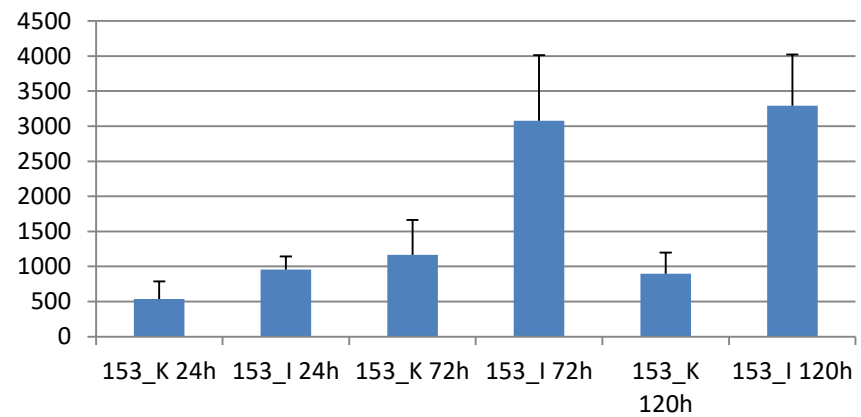
MRM – only using GC-MS

PRM – on LC using Orbitrap

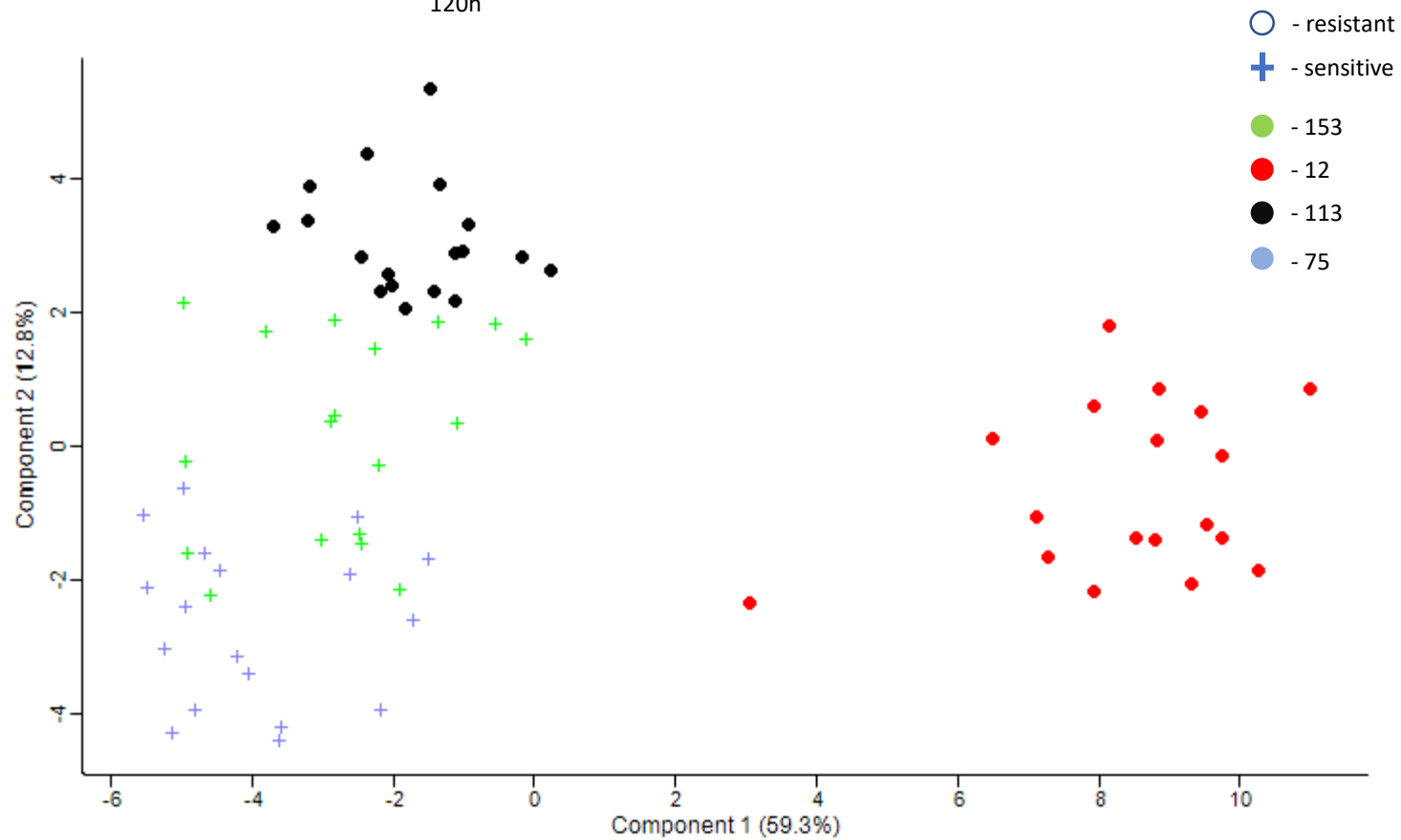
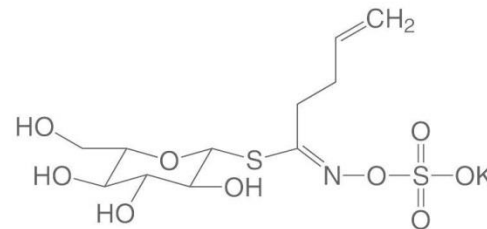
# Adenosine methylation analysis (PRM)



## Gluconapin



## Glucosinolates MRM



## Laboratory offer (summary)

- Accurate determination of molecular (monoisotopic) weight of compounds (HRMS)
- Identification and confirmation of the compound structure on the basis of MS/MS spectra
- Protein identification (from mixtures, gel bands, de novo analysis, etc.)
- Comparative quantitative analysis of proteins in mixtures
- Analysis of post-translational modifications of proteins
- Quantitative analysis of metabolites and other low molecular weight compounds (e.g. amino acids, modified nucleotides, hormones, etc.)







**INSTITUTE OF BIOORGANIC CHEMISTRY**

Polish Academy of Sciences

## **Laboratory of Molecular Assays and Imaging**

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Centre for Chemical Biology ERIC

Institute of Bioorganic Chemistry Polish Academy of Sciences

Head: dr hab. Jacek Ł. Kolanowski  
Research Support Unit, IBCH PAS: dr Michał Gładysz

## Laboratory of Molecular Assays and Imaging

head: dr Dorota Kwiatek

### 1. High Throughput Screening (HTS)

dr hab. Joanna Kosman  
dr Krzysztof Żukowski  
mgr Monika Pyc  
mgr Natalia Karczewska

### 2. Superresolution Imaging (MINFLUX)

dr Volodymyr Cherkas  
(Long-term – to support Ukrainian research teams” program  
lic. Ihor Panas, mgr Mykyta Bobylyow, mgr Borys Olifirov, dr Yevhenii Sheremet  
mgr Adrian Rufli

### from Department of Molecular Probes and Prodrugs

Design, synthesis and validation of molecular probes

dr Michał Jakubczyk  
dr Maria Dekaliuk (PACIFIC)  
mgr Francesca Canyelles y Font  
mgr Anna Wychowaniec

## Laboratory of Medicinal Chemistry

head: dr Dorota Jakubczyk

### 3. Design and synthesis

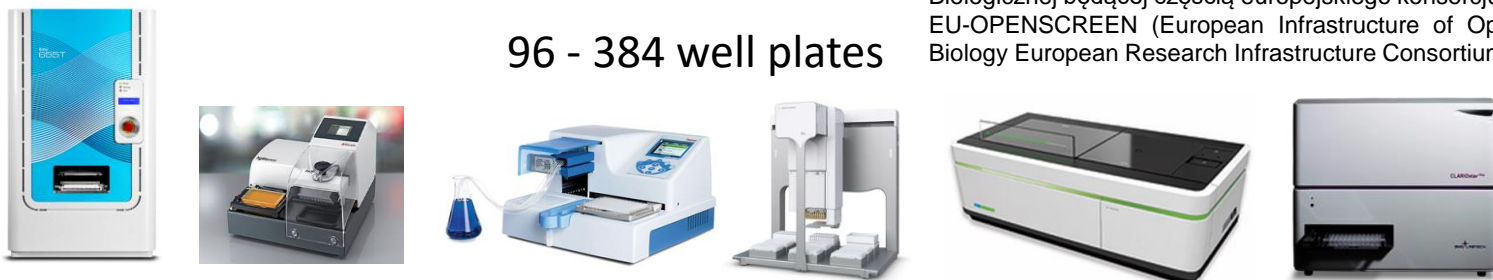
- Natural product analogs
- Targeted chemical libraries
- Chemoproteomic probes (target IID)



- FOCUSED ON CHEMICAL BIOLOGY AND DRUG DISCOVERY
- STORES AND DISTRIBUTES COLLECTIONS OF COMPOUNDS
- PROVIDES OPEN ACCESS TO SCREENING AND CHEMISTRY TECHNOLOGIES AND EXPERTISE
- UNITES **33 PARTNER SITES IN 10 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES**

POL-OPENSREEN - Projekt Polskiej Platformy Infrastruktury Skringowej dla Chemii Biologicznej będącej częścią europejskiego konsorcjum EU-OPENSREEN (European Infrastructure of Open Screening Platforms for Chemical Biology European Research Infrastructure Consortium). Dotacja MNiSW

96 - 384 well plates



Compound from chemical library

Investigated model / molecular target

Adding further reagents

Measurements

### Assay types

- Biochemical assays:
  - Absorbance
  - Fluorescence and colorimetric (ROS generation assesment – was used for bioprofiling of EU-OS libraries)
  - Luminescence
  - Bioluminescence (luciferase based)
- Cell based assays:
  - Target based (ex. Reporter assay)
  - Phenotypic (cell painting)
  - High Content Screening
  - Multiparametric assays (cytotoxicity studies)

### Assay development

- Single and multi-parametric assays
- Miniaturisation and optimisation
- Automation and assay transfer
- Orthogonal assay

### High Throughput Screening

- Primary screening (1k – 100k)
- Hit validation:
  - 3 concentrations
  - IC/EC50 determination
- Counter / orthogonal screening

### Libraries Overview

European Chemical Biology Library (ECBL)  
Diversity library

- > 96,096 structurally highly diverse compounds
- > Average MW=350 g/mol
- > 0.0005 % of PAINS

European Academic Compound Library (EACL)  
Novel submitted compounds from chemists worldwide

- > Target is 40,000 compounds
- > Regulated and confidential access (e.g. MTA)
- > IP stays with the chemist
- > Embargo period up to 3 years
- > User friendly online submission:

96,096

40,000



European Chemical Biology Library (ECBL)  
Pilot library

- > 2,464 bioactives: active against 1,039 different targets, contain 654 approved drugs and 368 highly selective probes
- > 2,464 representative compounds of the diversity library
- > 88 assay interference compounds in 4 dilutions

Fragment Library (FDL)  
Set of low MW and ultra-low MW fragments

- > 968 fragments with HAC > 8 in DMSO-d6
- > 88 so called "minifrag" with HAC < 8 in DMSO-d6
- > Derived from the fragment space of the ECBL, collaboration with INSTRUCT/ iNEXT-Discovery sites

5,016

1,056



# CELL PAINTING

High content, image-based, multiparametric assay, used for cytological profiling.

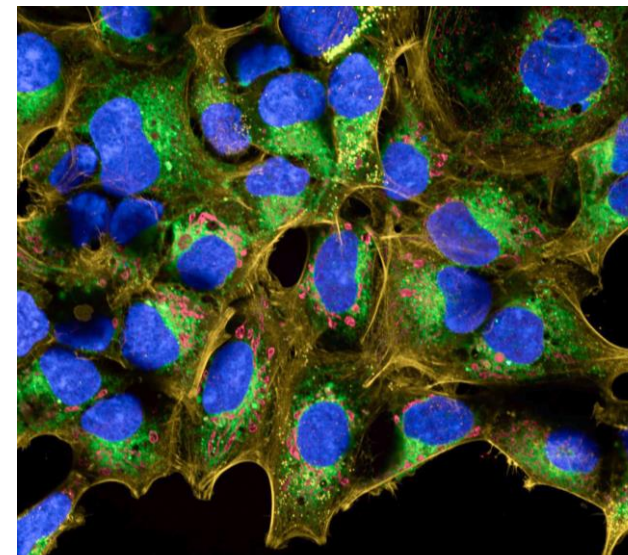
Phenotypic screening method based on staining different subcellular structures with fluorescent dyes.

## Application of the method:

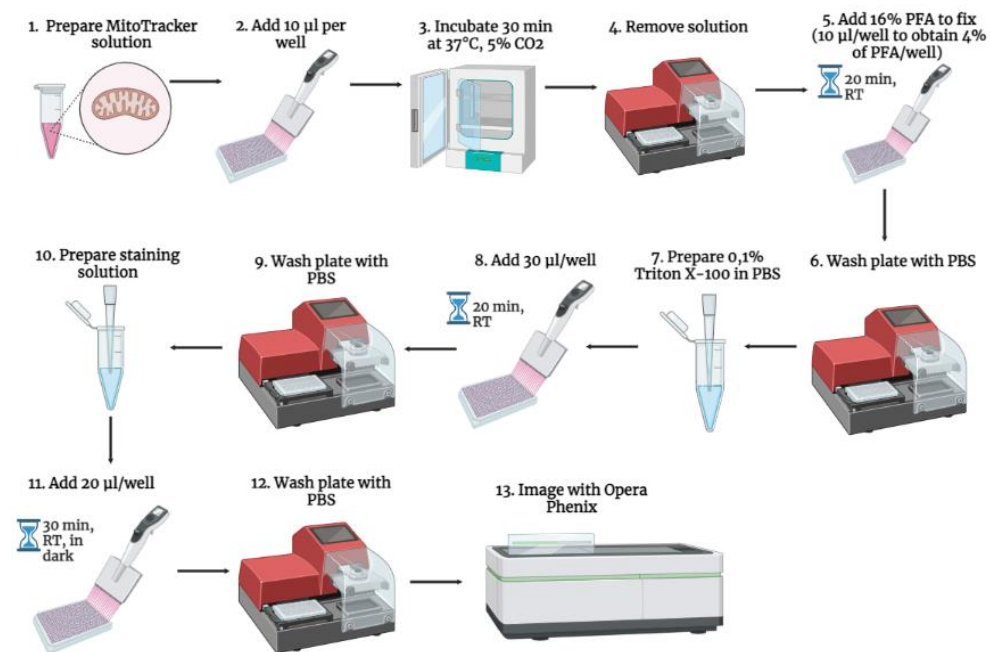
- Predicting the mechanism of action (MOA) of compounds
- Grouping compounds based on MOA
- Identifying cell line-specific effects
- Identifying compounds with new MOA
- Evaluation of cytotoxicity of compounds

## Examples of studies:

- Dynamic organization of proteins
- Cell viability
- Cell proliferation and toxicity
- DNA damage

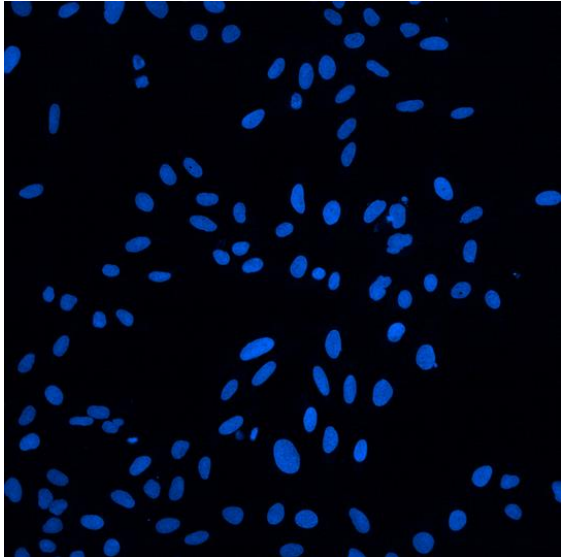


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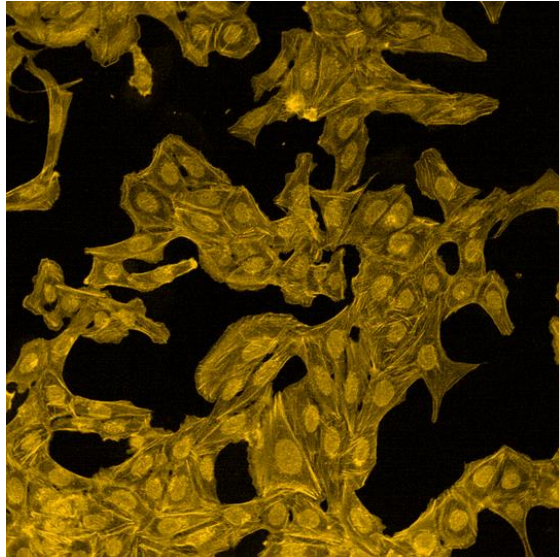
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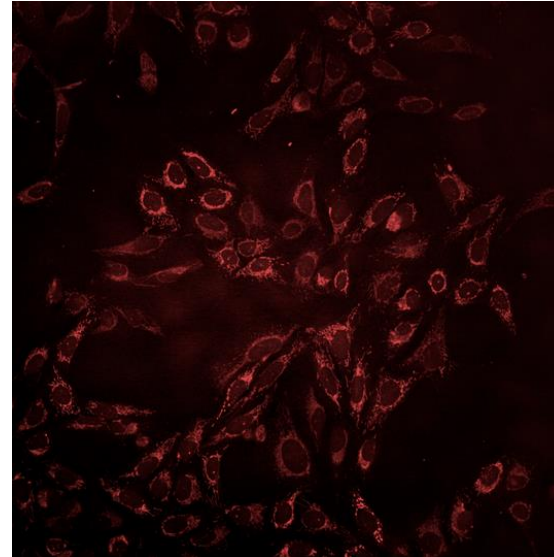
NUCLEI

**PHALLOIDIN  
WGA**



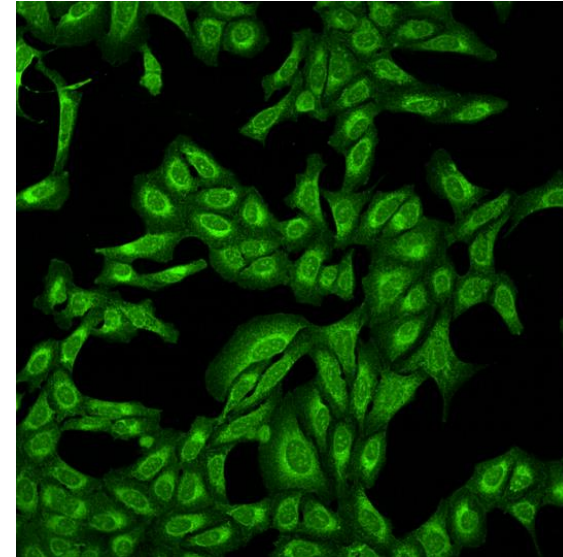
- F-ACTIN (CYTOSKELETON)
- PLASMA MEMBRANE, GOLGI APPARATUS

**MITOTRACKER DEEP  
RED**



MITOCHONDRIA

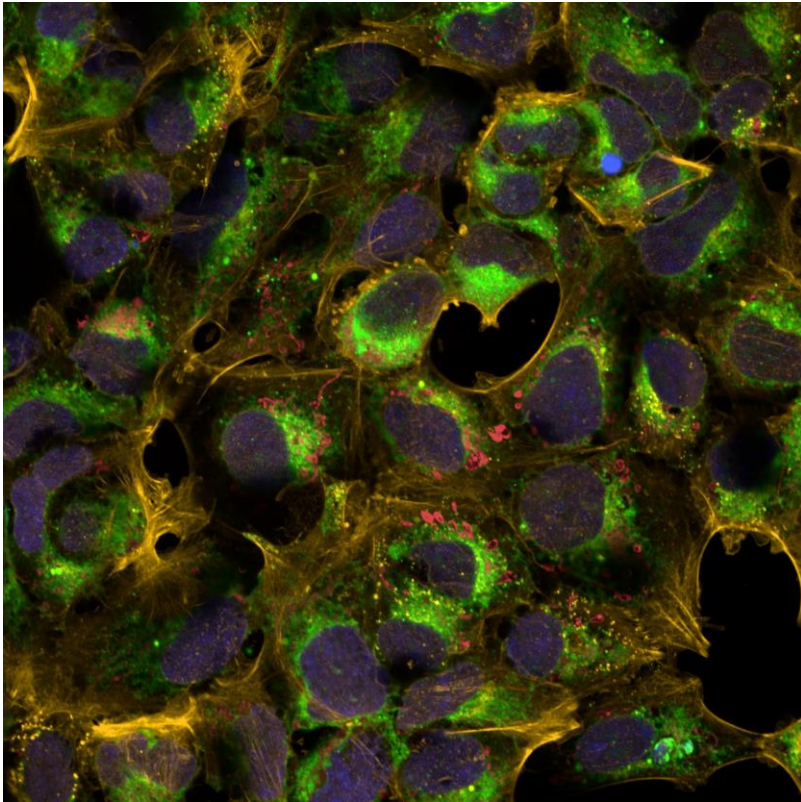
**CONCANAVALIN A  
SYTO14**



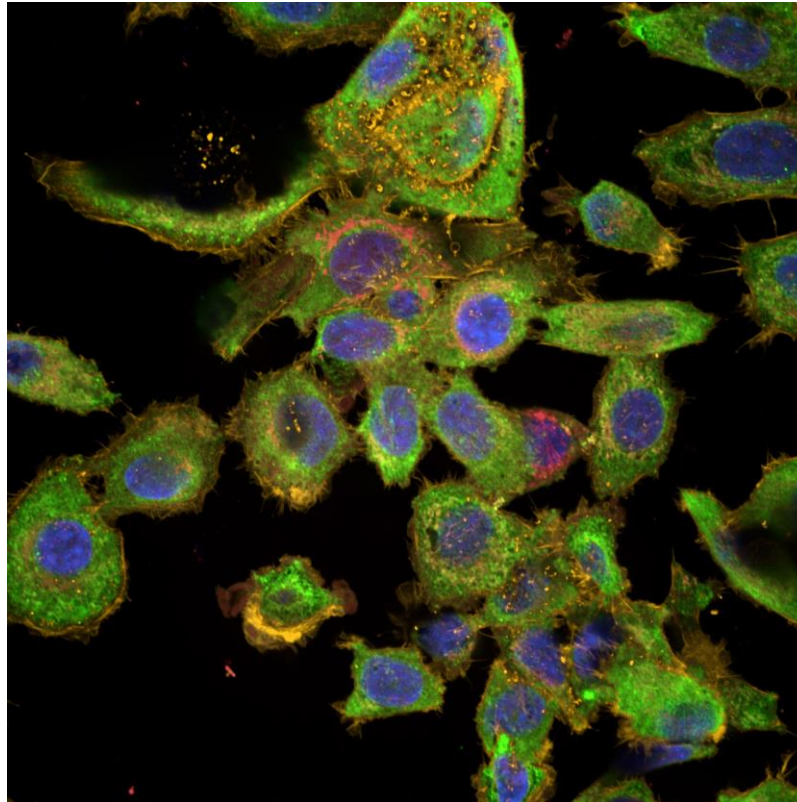
- ENDOPLASMIC RETICULUM
- NUCLEOLI, CYTOPLASMIC RNA

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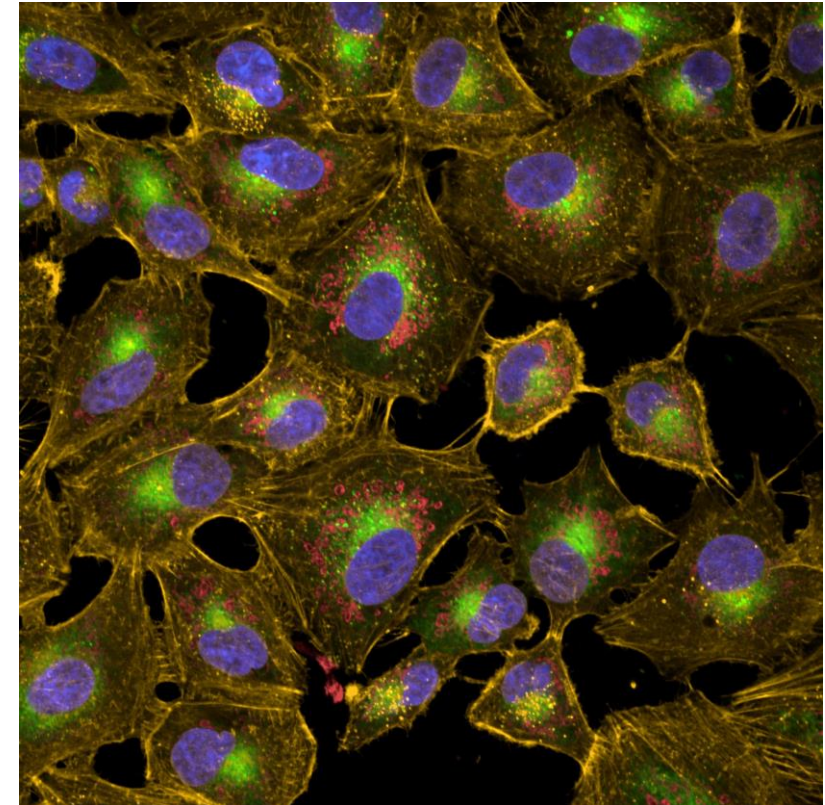
HEK293 cell line



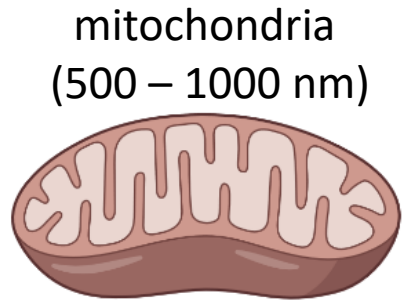
PC3 cell line



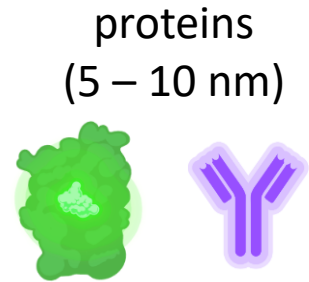
A549 cell line



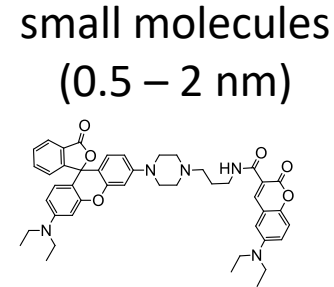
# MINFLUX IMAGING SYSTEM – WHAT WE CAN SEE?



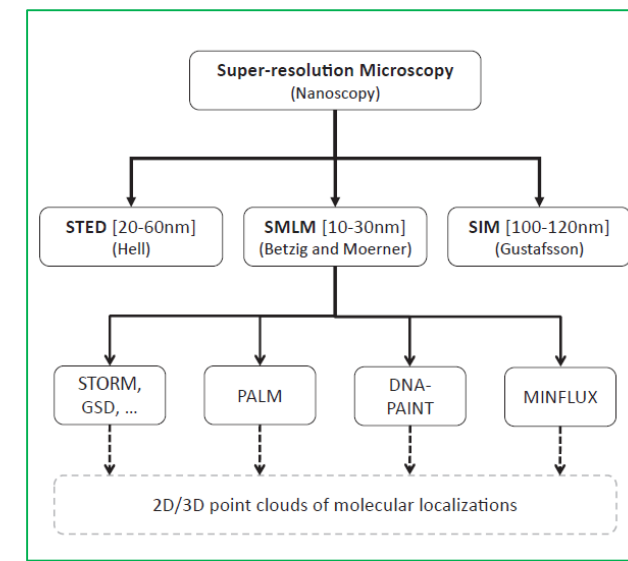
confocal microscopy  
(500 nm)



super-resolution microscopy  
(20 – 50 nm)

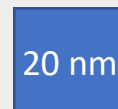


MINFLUX  
(1 – 2 nm)



## SIZE REFERENCE

500 nm



2 nm  
↑

### Minflux system enables :

- Localization and measuring interaction with unprecedented resolution
- Enables particle tracking

NEBI - Krajowy Ośrodek Badań Obrazowych w Naukach Biologicznych i Biomedycznych (lider konsorcjum: Instytut Biologii Doświadczalnej im. M. Nenckiego PAN)

NEBI - National Center for Imaging Research in Biological and Biomedical Sciences (consortium leader: M. Nencki Institute of Experimental Biology of the Polish Academy of Sciences)

<https://abberior-instruments.com/products/minflux/>

Y. Eilers et al., *PNAS*, 2018, vol. 115, p. 6117- 6122

H. Li et al., *Chem. Rev.*, 2018, vol. 118, p.9412 - 9454

G. Vicidomini et al., *Nature Meth.*, 2018, vol. 15, p. 173 – 182

Images were created with BioRender.com



# AVAILABLE TECHNIQUES

## STED – STIMULATION DEPLETION MICROSCOPY

### Nup96–SNAP labelled with Alexa Fluor 647

#### Excitation Pulsed Lasers (STED/Confocal):

488 nm  
561 nm  
640 nm

#### Depletion Lasers:

595 nm  
775 nm

Detection range: 420-750 nm

3 APD detectors with detection filter cubes

long-pass filter

Cy5 far: 685-720 nm

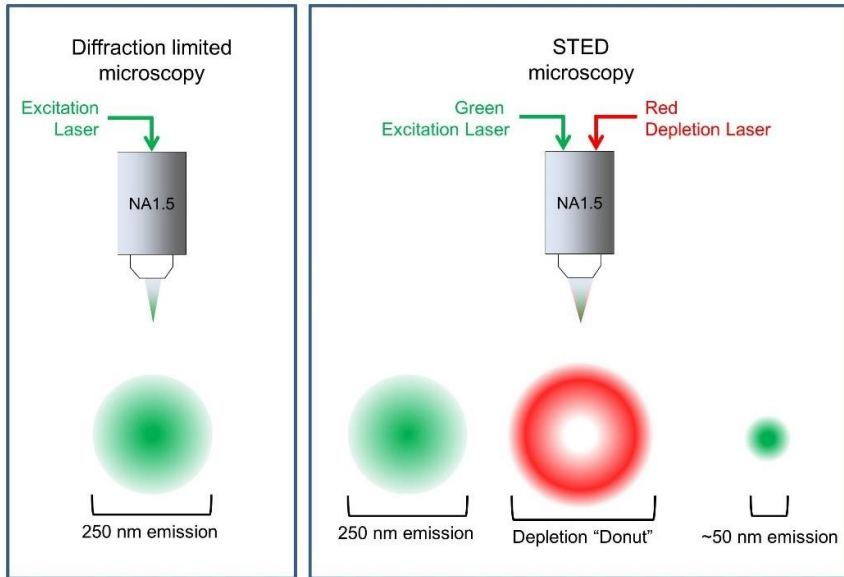
Cy5 near: 650-685 nm

Cy3 cube: 580-630 nm

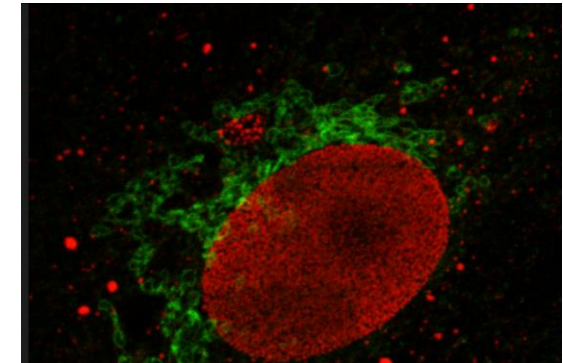
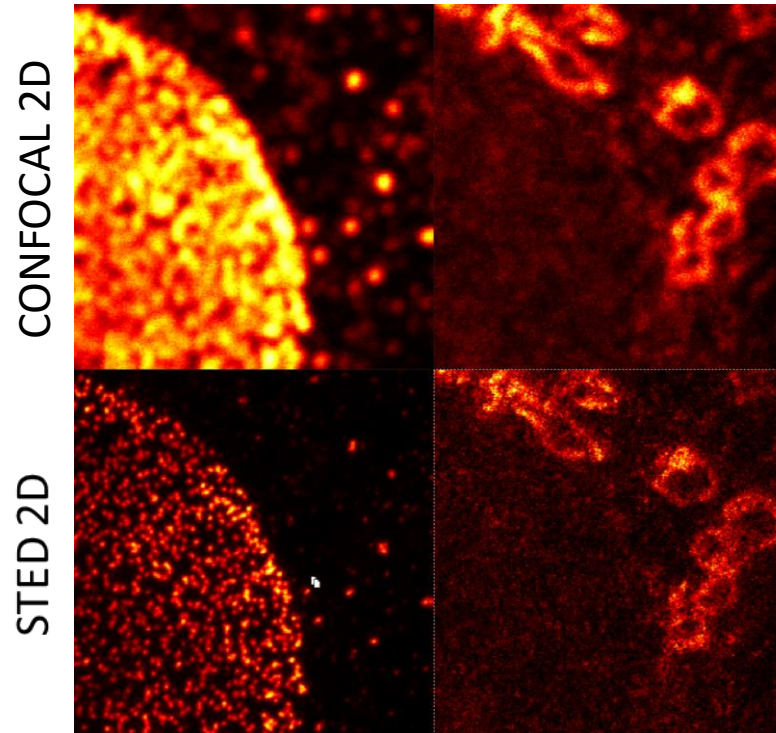
3 APD detectors with spectral detection modules

short-pass filter

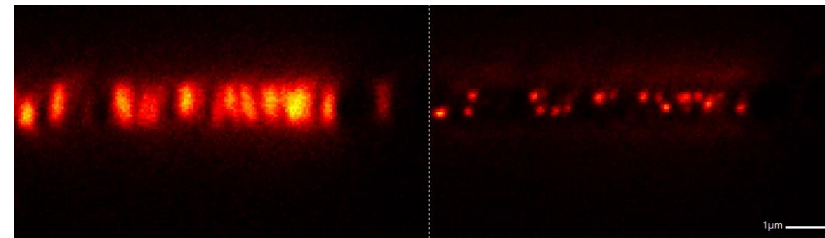
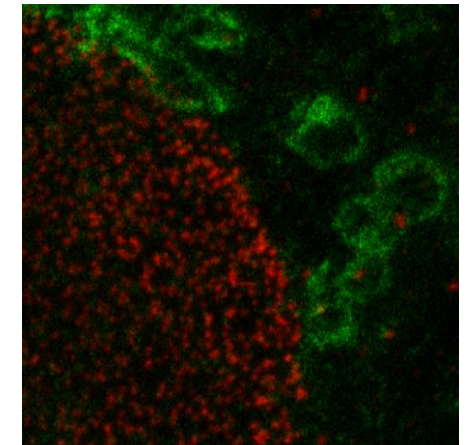
Epifluorescence filter cubes QUAD band



SHORT MOVIE →  
STED 3D IMAGING OF NPC'S



STED 2D, 2 COLOUR



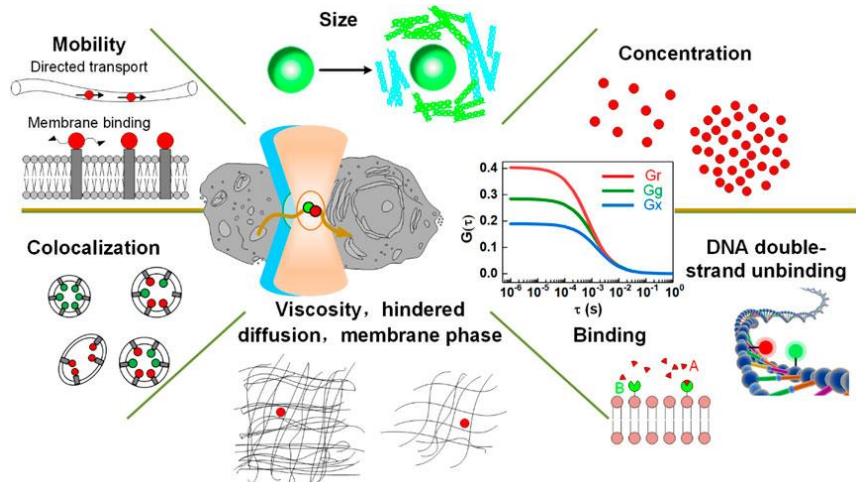
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Vicdomini, G., Bianchini, P. & Diaspro, A. STED super-resolved microscopy. *Nat. Methods* 15, 173–182 (2018)

Valli, J. *et al.* Seeing beyond the limit: A guide to choosing the right super-resolution microscopy technique. *J. Biol. Chem.* 297, 100791 (2021)

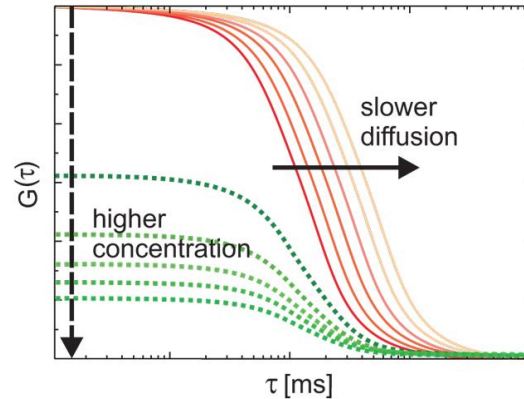
## CORRELATION ANALYSIS OF TEMPORAL FLUCTUATIONS IN FLUORESCENCE INTENSITY OF FLUOROPHORES



Yu L, et al. Front. Phys. (2012) A, 9:644450

### FCS gives quantitative informations about:

- Average absolute concentrations
- Diffusion coefficients
- Hydrodynamic radii
- Kinetic chemical reaction rates
- Singlet-triplet dynamics
- Binding ratios (FCCS)

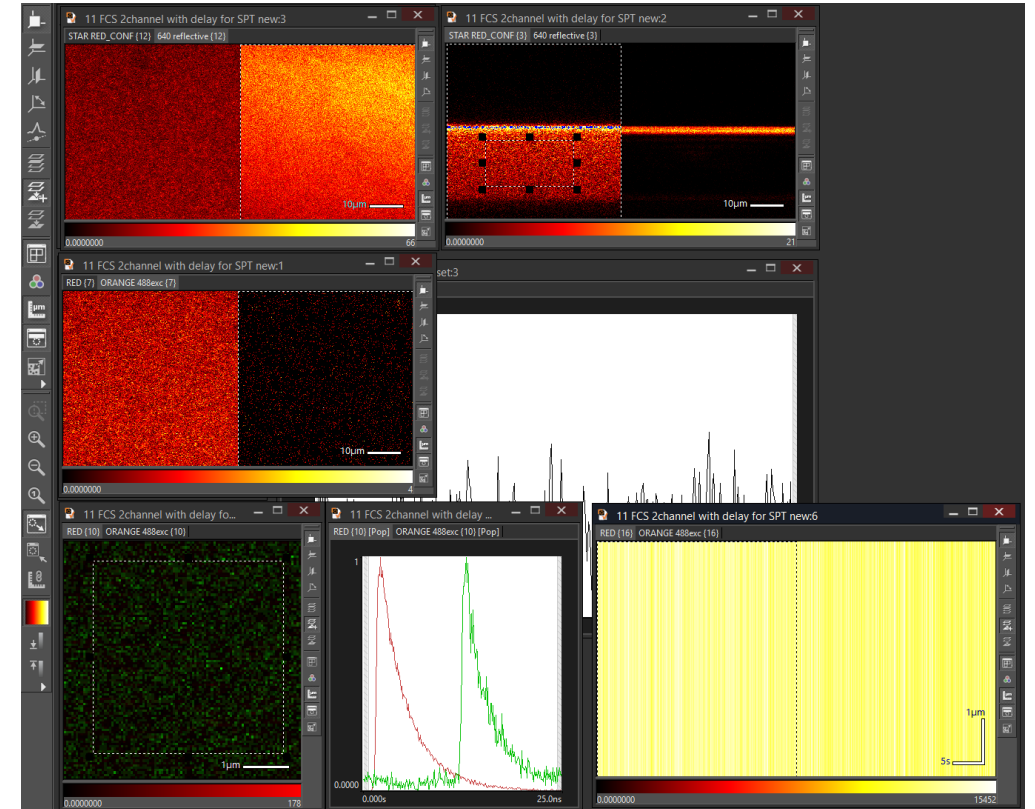


### Useful for:

- Detection of molecular association and dissociation
- Determination of the stoichiometry of molecular complexes
- Determination of the kinetic rate constants, i.e. on and off kinetics of complex formation, enzyme dynamics and intramolecular dynamics in cells

(<https://www.picoquant.com/applications/category/life-science/fluorescence-lifetime-imaging-flim#tab-4>)

## STED + FCS – FLUORESCENCE CORRELATION MICROSCOPY



„The fluorescence lifetime - as a sensor parameter for intra- and intermolecular interactions allowing for distance measurements in the nanometer range”

- **Detection of molecular interactions**
- Local environment sensing
- Detection of conformational changes
- Discrimination of labels + background removal

(<https://www.picoquant.com/applications/category/life-science/fluorescence-lifetime-imaging-flim#tab-4>)

Photochemical & Photobiological Sciences  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s43630-023-00401-9>

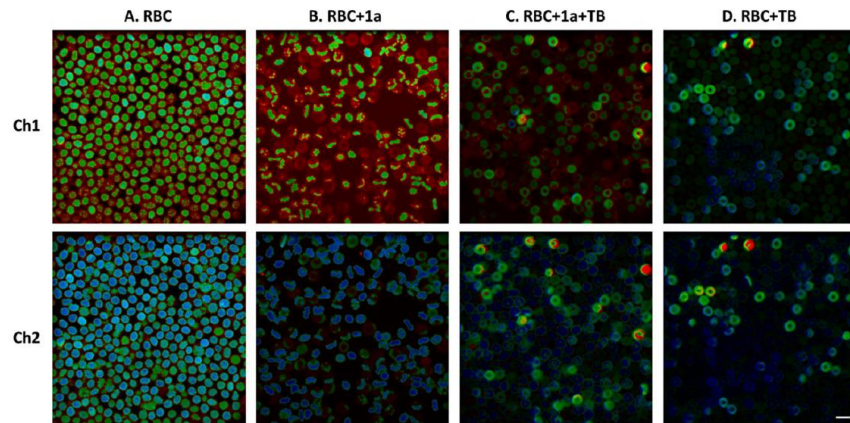
ORIGINAL PAPERS



### 5-Deazaalloxazine as photosensitizer of singlet oxygen and potential redox-sensitive agent

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**Fig. 5** Images of red blood cells (RBC) as obtained by FLIM ( $\lambda_{exc}$  = 405 nm emission recorded at two channels; channel 1: 420–550 nm and channel 2: 550–780 nm). RBC incubation condition: **A** control, in PBS buffer (24 h, 37 °C), **B** 1.0 mg/mL **1a** in PBS (24 h, 37 °C), **C** 1.0 mg/mL **1a** (24 h, 37 °C) followed by incubation with 250  $\mu$ M TB (1.5 h, at 37 °C), **D** in PBS buffer (24 h, 37 °C) followed by incubation with 250  $\mu$ M TB (1.5 h, at 37 °C). Representative results are presented. Scale bar 10  $\mu$ m

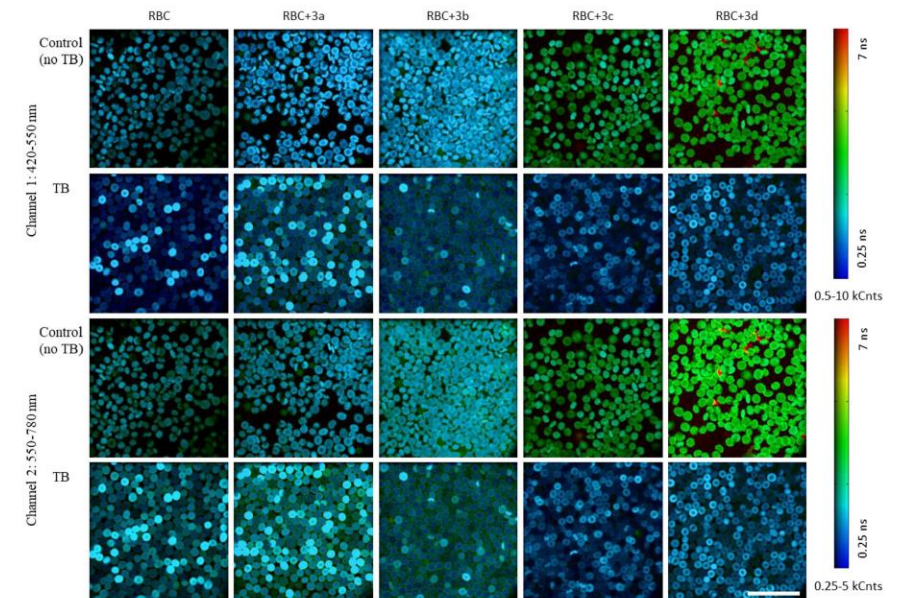
scientific reports

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### OPEN Tetramethylalloxazines as efficient singlet oxygen photosensitizers and potential redox-sensitive agents

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**Figure 6.** Representative FLIM images (exc 405 nm, 2 channels 420–550 nm and 550–780 nm) of RBC, RBC + X (where X mean preincubation with compounds 3a–3d at 0.1 mg/1 mL concentration), and similar conditions but followed with TB incubation (oxidative stress, RBC + TB and RBC + X + TB). Color represents the average lifetime in the pixel (assuming monoexponential decay), while brightness corresponds to the total number of photons per pixel. All images were collected at identical instrument settings. The scalebar size is 50  $\mu$ m.

### Excitation CW Lasers:

488 nm  
561 nm  
640 nm

### Activation CW/pulsed Laser:

405 nm

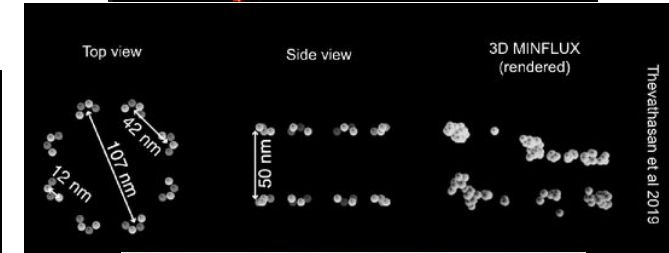
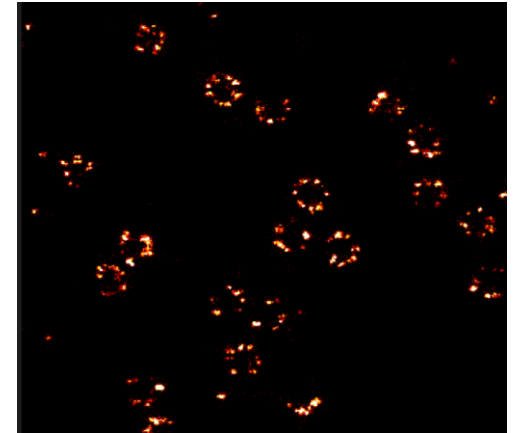
# AVAILABLE TECHNIQUES

## MINFLUX – MINIMAL PHOTON FLUX

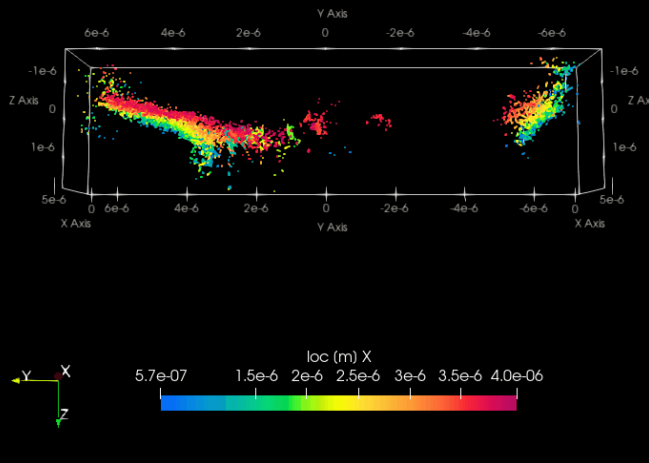
Imaging performed as part of the OPUS project 2021/41/B/NZ2/03781 dr hab. Anna Kurzyńska Kokorniak (Department of Ribonucleoprotein Biochemistry), task: visualization of hDice-RNA/DNA G-quadruplex complexes in human cells using nanoscopy in the Molecular Testing and Imaging Laboratory. Dicer protein (HEK293T line) labeled with FLUX640

Imaging performed as part of the Minflux Test Program for dr Ireneusz Stolarek, Department of Molecular and Systems Biology, ICHB PAN Lamin B1 protein (in human fetal myoblasts) labeled with FLUX640

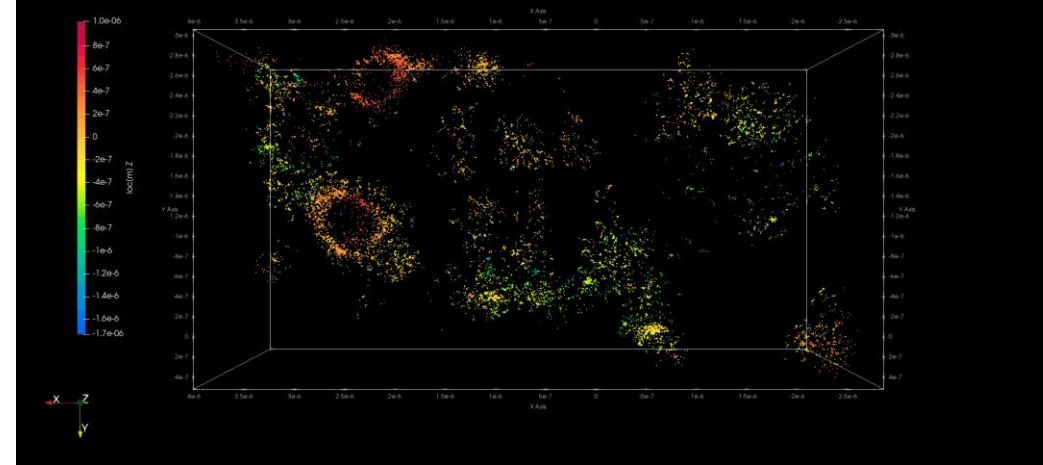
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### MINFLUX 3D



### MINFLUX 3D



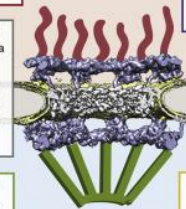
Cytoplasmic region		Other FG Nups		Y complex	
Yeast	Metazoa	Yeast	Metazoa	Yeast	Metazoa
Nup159	Nup214	Nup145N	Nup98	Nup85	Nup85
Nup42	Nup12	Nup116	-	Nup120	Nup160
-	Nup358	Nup100	-	Nup84	Nup107
Nup82	Nup88	-	-	Nup145C	Nup96
-	Aladin	-	-	Nup133	Nup133
Gle1	Gle1	-	-	Sec13	Sec13
Nsp1	Nup62	-	-	Seh1	Seh1
Gle2	Rae1	-	-	-	Nup37
-	-	-	-	-	Nup43
-	-	-	-	-	ELYS

Nuc96 complex		Trans-membrane Nups	
Yeast	Metazoa	Yeast	Metazoa
Nic96	Nup93	Ndc1	Ndc1
Nup188	Nup188	Pom152	-
Nup192	Nup205	-	Gp210
Nup157/170	Nup155	Pom34	-
Nup53/59	Nup35	-	Pom121
-	-	Pom33	TMEM33

Nuclear basket		Central FG Nups	
Yeast	Metazoa	Yeast	Metazoa
Mtp1	Tpr	Nsp1	Nup62
Mtp2	Tpr	Nup49	Nup58
Nup1	-	Nup57	Nup54
Nup2	Nup50	-	-
Nup60	-	-	-
-	Nup153	-	-



**Tasks realized by users via access to the infrastructure (6 national: one of them from Horizon Europe):**

1. Opera Phenix - project ERA-NET-ERARE- 3/III/TreatPolyQ/08/2018 prof. Maciej Figiel ICHB PAN
2. Cytation 3 - project Miniatura-5 (2021/05/X/NZ7/01440) dr Michał Jakubczyk ICHB PAN
3. SONATA 2017/26/D/NZ1/01234: dr hab. Jacek Kolanowski
4. OPUS 15 2018/29/B/ST4/01498501-1332, dr hab. Jacek Kolanowski
5. HOMING Homing/2017-4/33, dr hab. Jacek Kolanowski
6. Pasific: (PAN, MSC cofun,.: M. Dekaliuk)

**Tasks in realization - international projects within EU-OPENSSCREEN (10 tasks in 8 projects)**

1. Horizn 2020-INFRADEV-2018-2020 (10 400 EUR
2. EU-OPENSSCREEN Academic library screening (2 projects) - for EU-OPENSSCREEN
3. ISIDORE – P.I.: Sandeep Ghorpade
4. ISIDORE – P.I. Peter Hart
5. JRA – P.I. Bart Haagmans
6. IMPULSE: IMProving User experience, Long-term sustainability and Services of EU-OPENSSCREEN (program HORIZON-INFRA-2023-DEV-01) – 3 tasks
7. AgroServ – Integrated SERVICES supporting a sustainable AGROecological transition (HE - HORIZONINFRA- 2021-SERV-01)

**Tasks in realization/planned in NCN projects (5 tasks in 4 projects)**

1. OPUS 2021/41/B/NZ2/03781 dr hab. Anna Kurzyńska-Kokorniak 1 task
2. OPUS 2021/41/B/NZ1/03819 prof. Elżbieta Kierzek
3. OPUS 2021/43/B/NZ7/0161 dr hab. Miłosz Ruszkowski
4. SONATINA 2021/40/C/NZ3/00323 dr Magdalena Derbis

**Tasks in realization/planned within different financing (9 tasks in 6 projects)**

1. Natural extracts impact on cancer cells research - service for company – HTS + Minflux tasks
2. 4 tasks in NCBiRPOIR.01.01.01-00-2450/20 NCBR - Szybka Ścieżka 5 (projekt realizowany w konsorcjum, lider projektu: ideas4biology Sp. z o. o.;; dr hab. Anna Kurzyńska-Kokorniak)
3. iCare (Integrated assessment and advanced characterisation neuro-nanotoxicity, HORIZON-CL4-2022-DIGITAL-EMERGING-01 – Centre for Chemical Biology is a WP leader
4. Pasific PAN Marii Skłodowskiej-Curie Action dr Marii Dekaliuk
5. Program wsparcia naukowców z Ukrainy : dr Volodymyr Cherkas
6. Alternative Ends – Alternative gene ends: the crosstalk of RNA cleavage and transcription termination ERC-2021-STG, dr hab. Kinga Kamieniarz-Gdula UAM

**Grant proposals:**

1. Development of the infrastructure POL-OPENSSCREEN 2
2. Maintenance of the infrastructure: SPUB

# How to work with us ?

1. Please contact us at least 1 month before your grant application deadline !
2. Meet us live or on-line !
3. What we can do for you?:

a. time and cost estimation

b. help in grant proposal preparation

c. free tests on Minflux (estimation of the microscope application for your purpose)

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