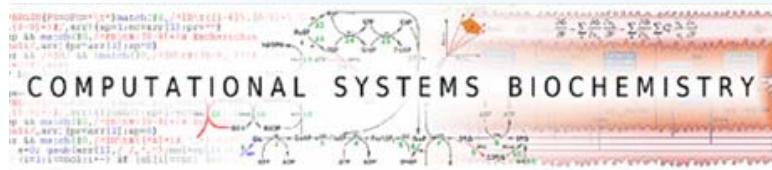


# Microarrays as a screening resource for multiscale models

## Assessment of metabolic functions

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Organism

Organ

Tissue

Metabolome

Fluxome

Proteome

Transcriptome

Genome



Multi-scale model

**Selection**

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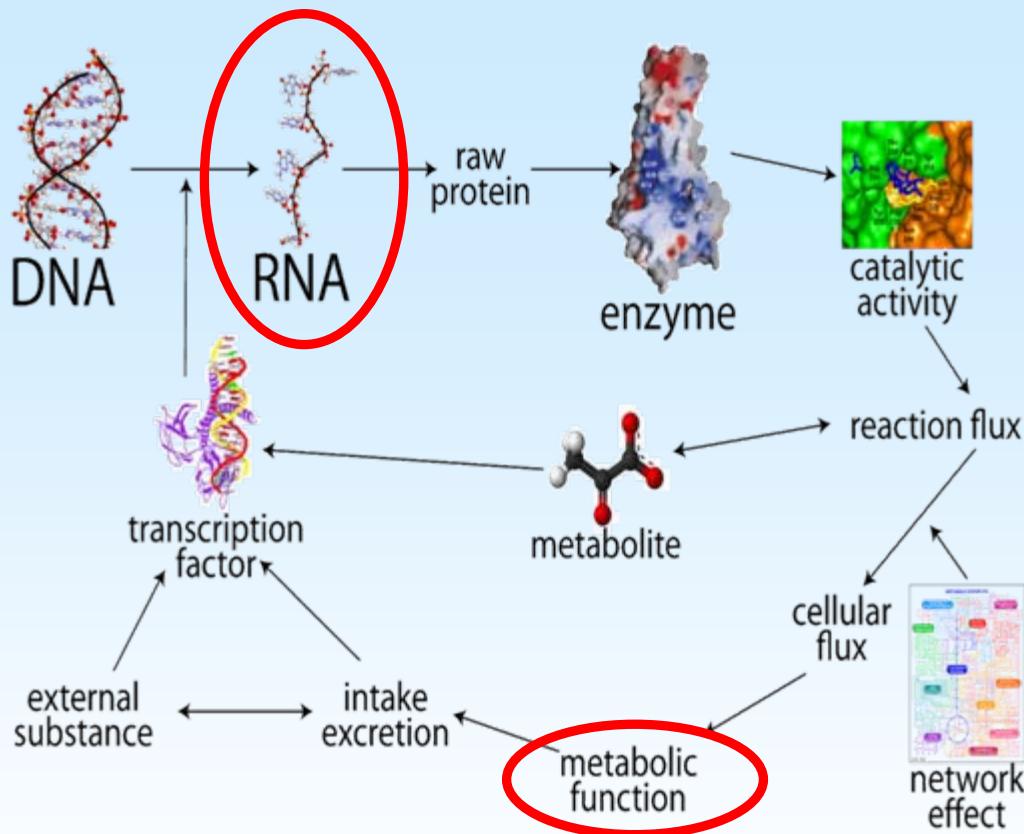
Transcriptome

Genome

# Microarrays

- large information gain per material & money
- relatively easy, flexible

# Relating RNA/metabolic functions



- Many intermediate levels
- many modifying factors
- direct quantitative predictivity low

Gygi et al., 1999, Mol. Cell Biol.

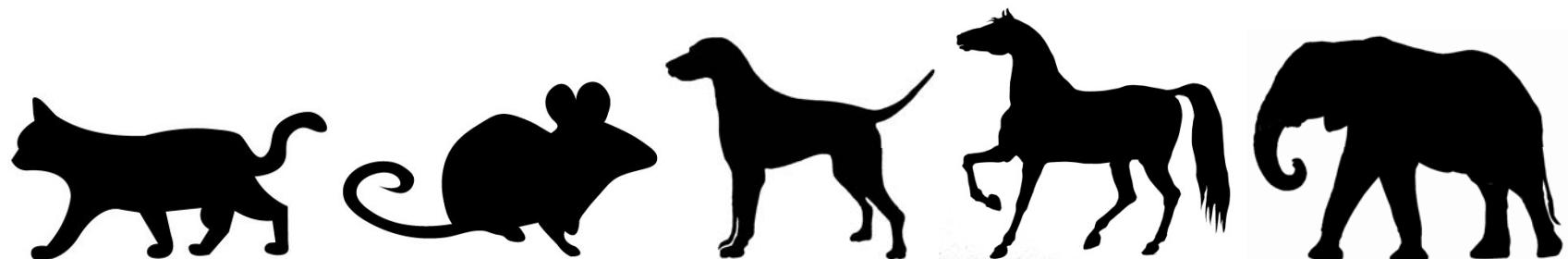
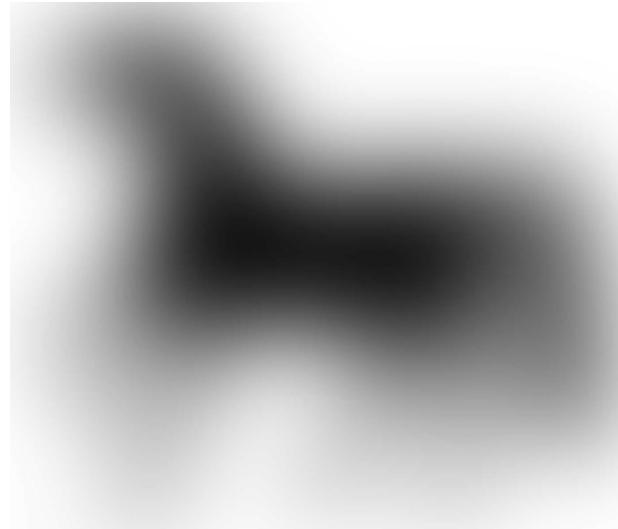
additional information necessary

Hoppe, 2012, Metabolites 2(3).

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# What is this?

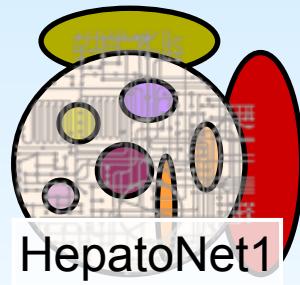


Similarity score

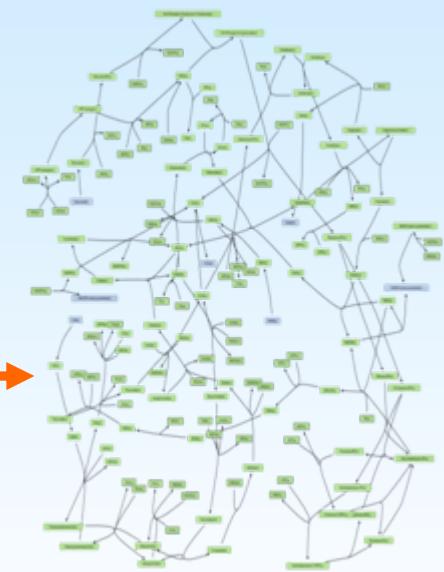
# Prediction method

We know

- the way enzymes cooperatively work
  - the cell's metabolic functions
- reference flux distributions



Metabolic function definition



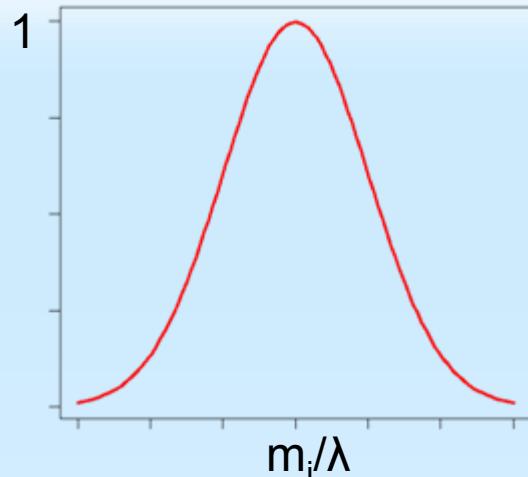
Reference flux mode

HepatoNet1 ... , Gille et al., 2010, Mol Syst Biol  
FASIMU ... Hoppe et al., 2011, BMC Bioinf

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# Prediction method



## Assumptions:

- Gene up → flux value up (& vice versa)
- Normal distribution
- Probability maximum: flux/scaling factor  $\lambda$

## Pattern match

Abundance change — Flux mode

## Result

Estimation of function's amplitude of change



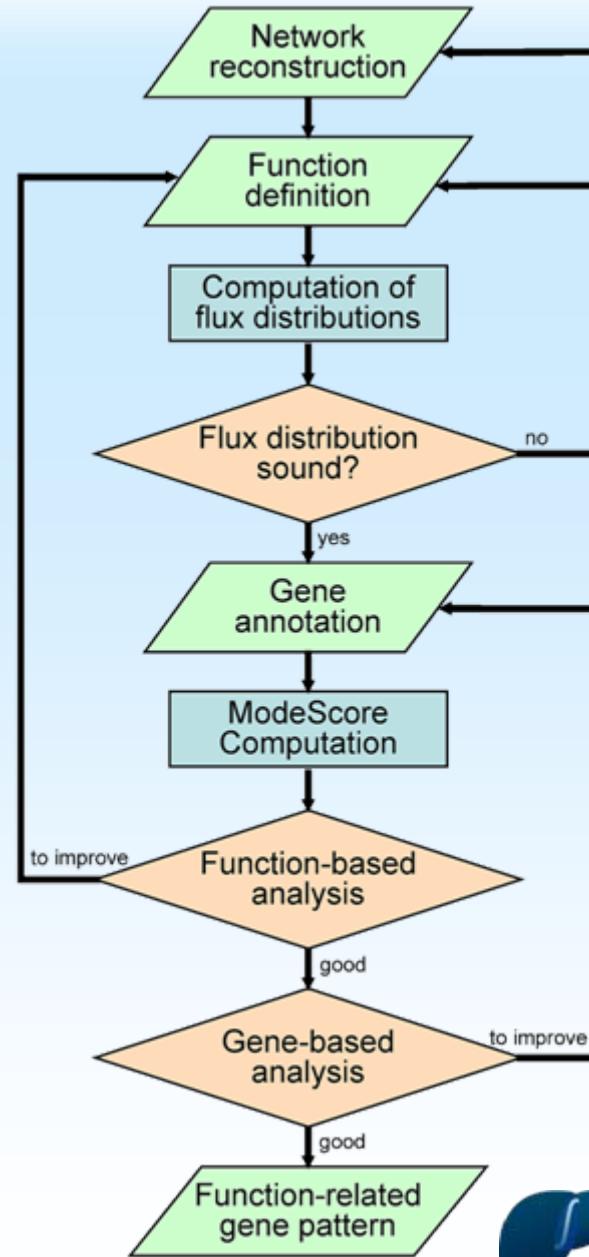
# ModeScore process

Semi-automatic

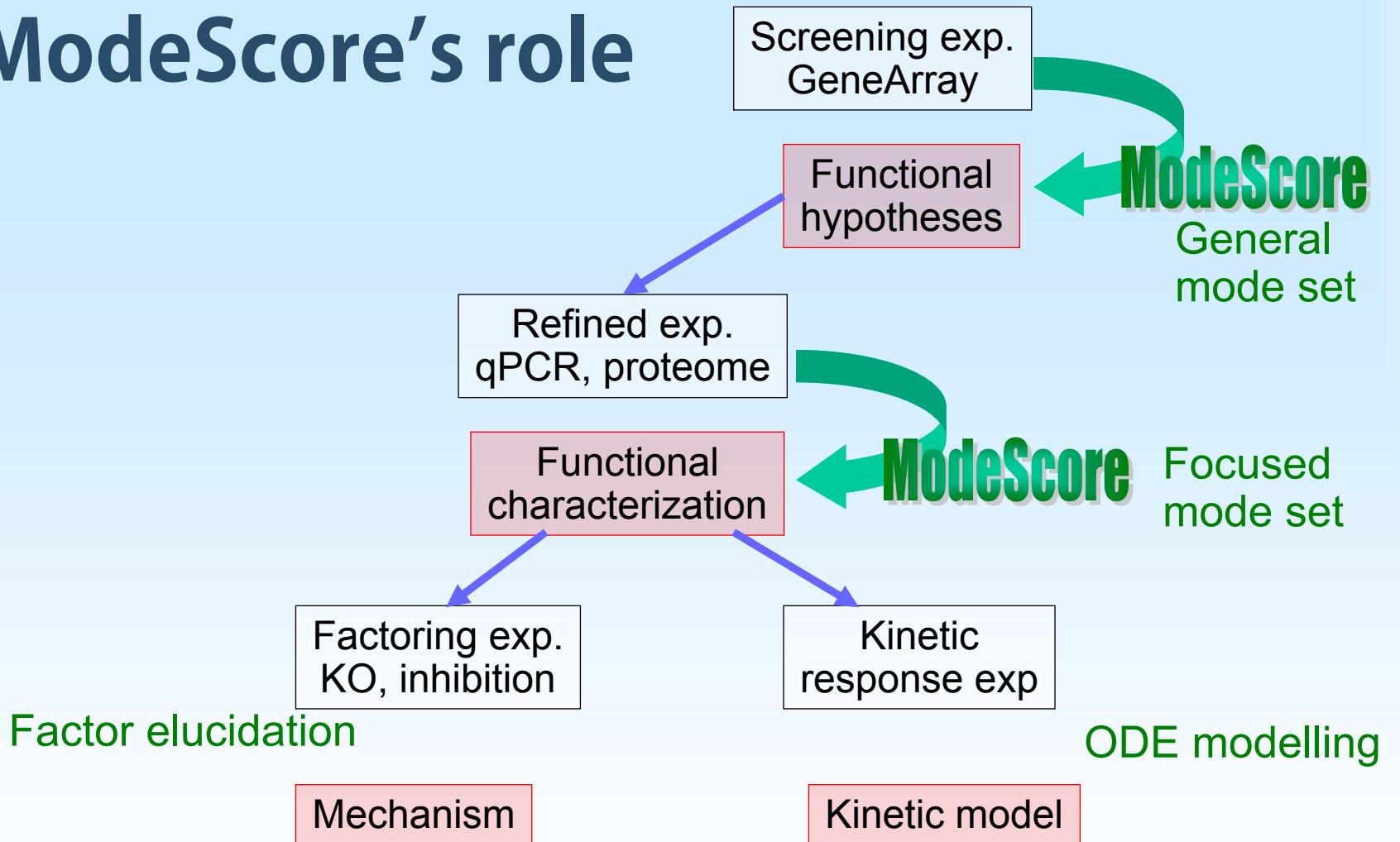
- refinement of network, functions, annotations
- scoring/ranking
- manual selection

Selection of changed genes

Testable hypothesis



# ModeScore's role



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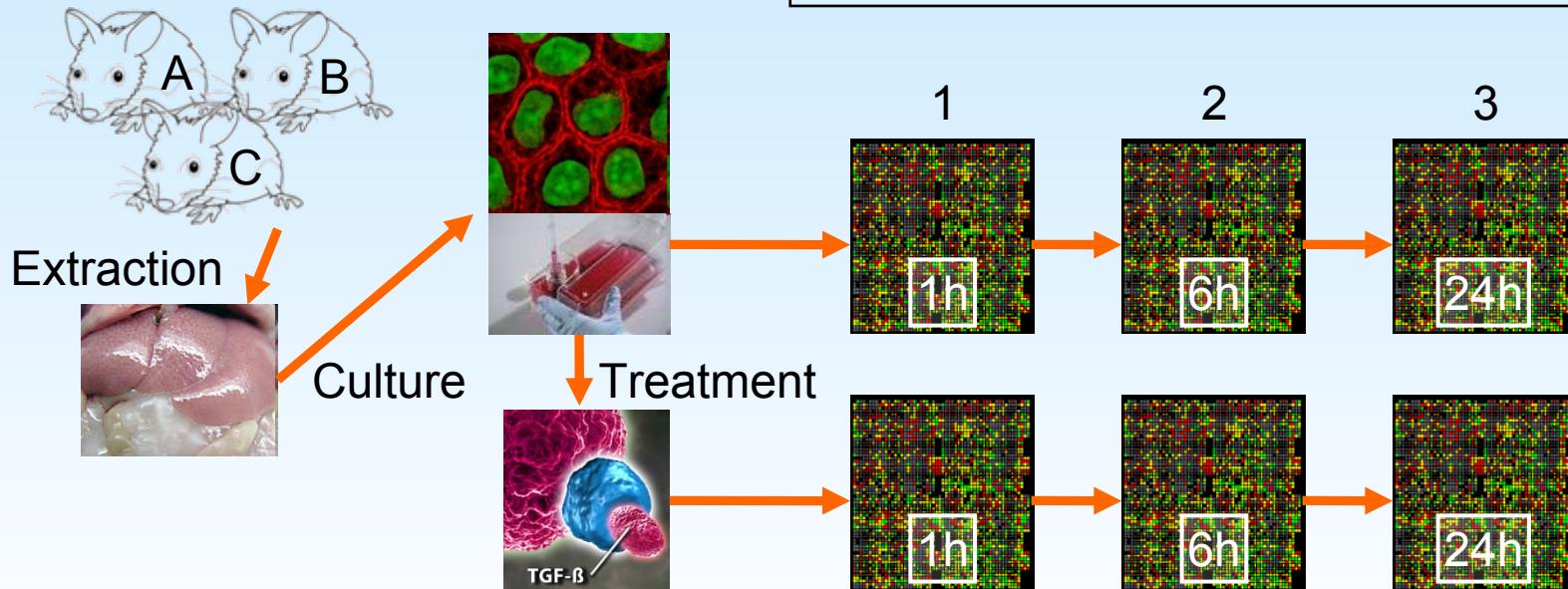
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# Hepatocyte culture/TGF $\beta$ treatment

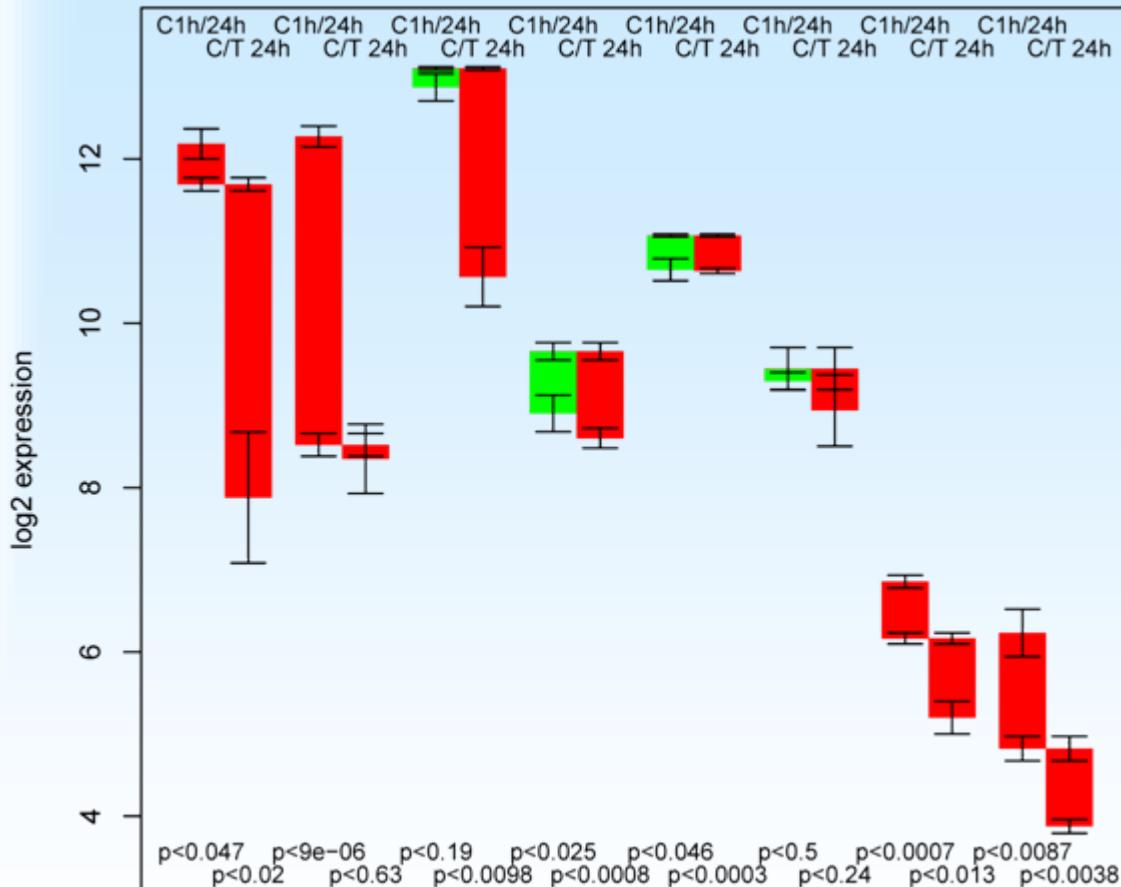


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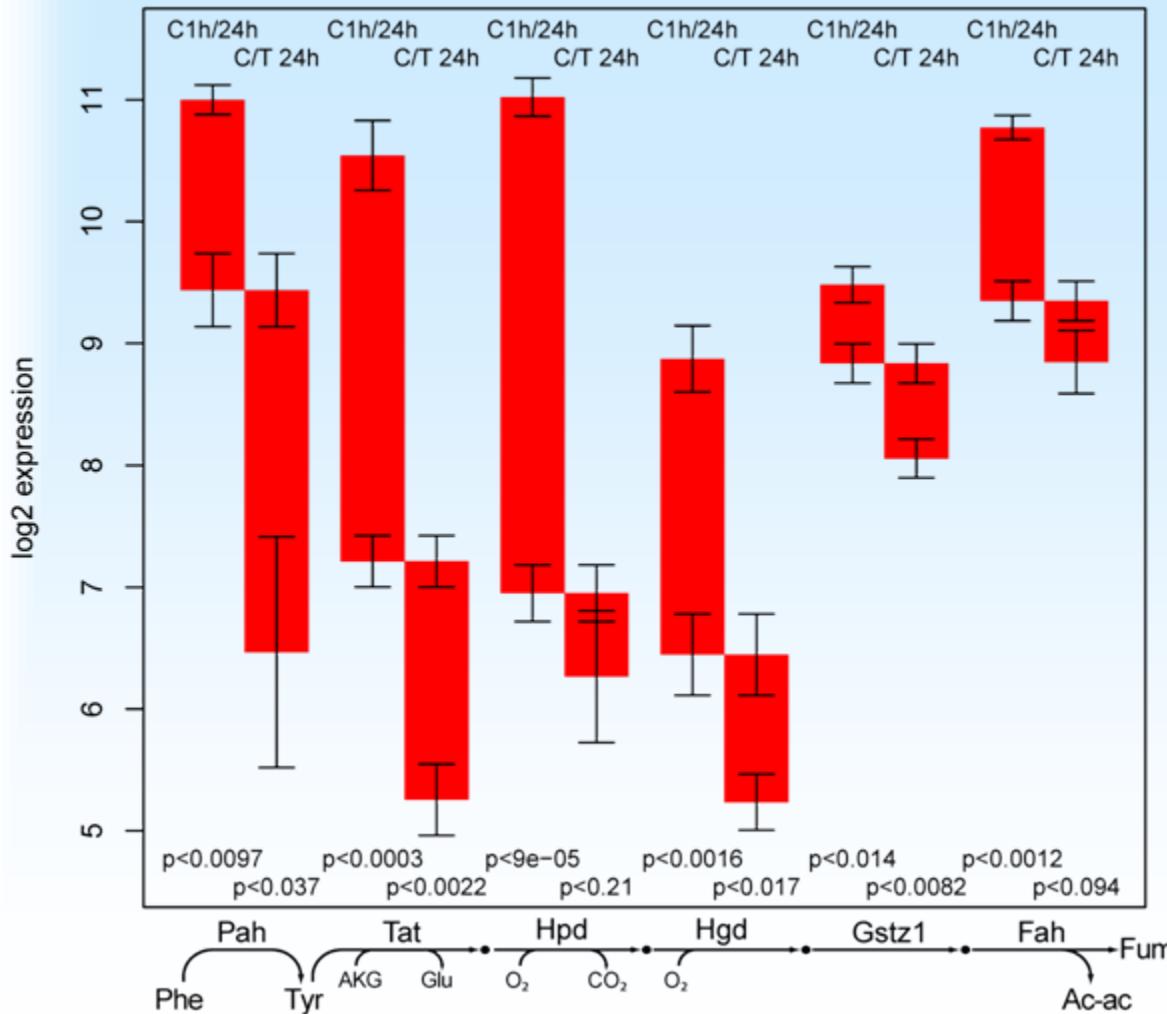
# Ethanol degradation



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TGFβ down-regulates main isoforms Adh1  
Aldh1a1  
Isoform

# Phenylalanine/Tyrosine degradation



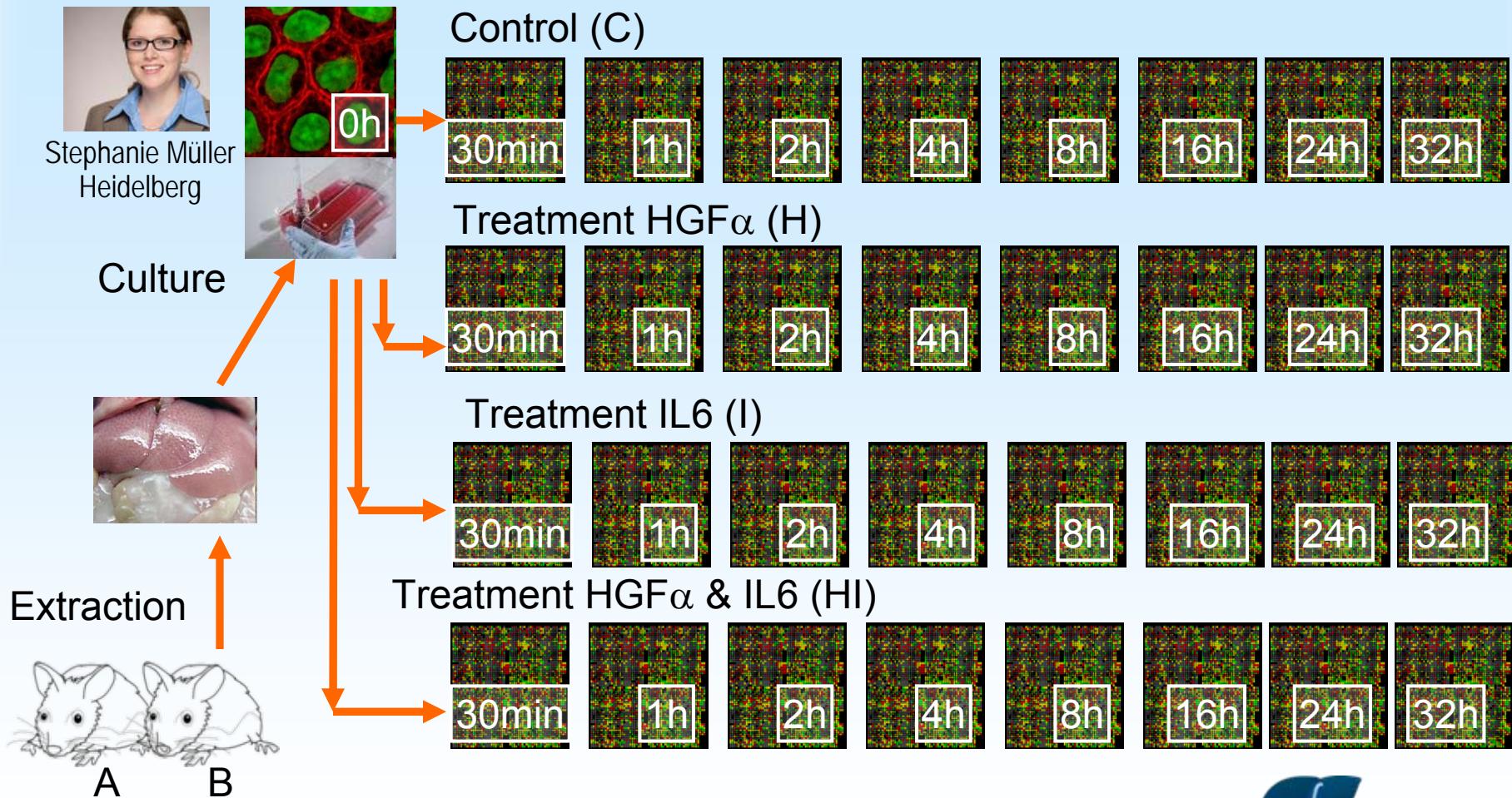
Down-regulation in time  
TGF $\beta$  enhances  
Very consistent

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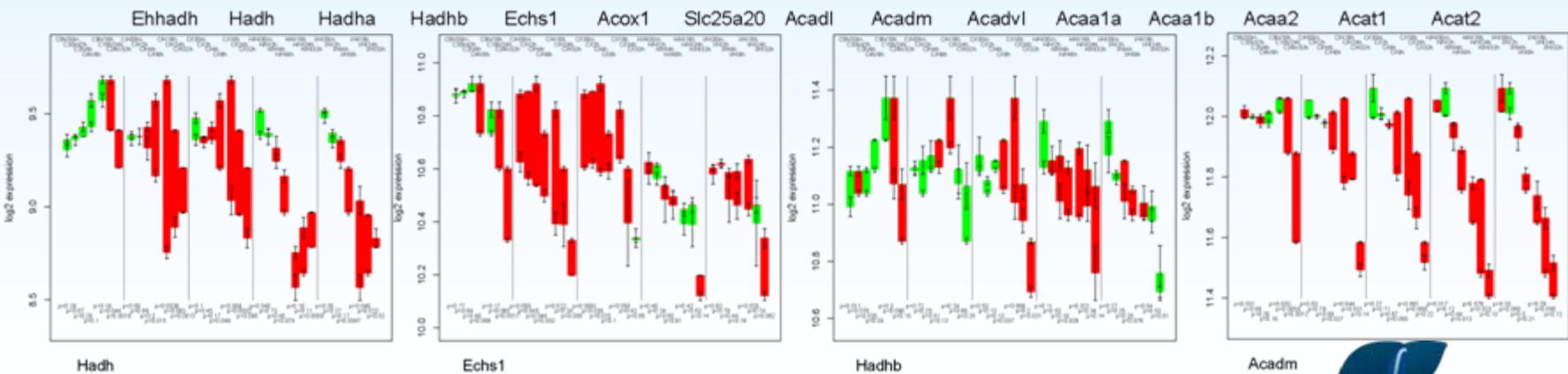
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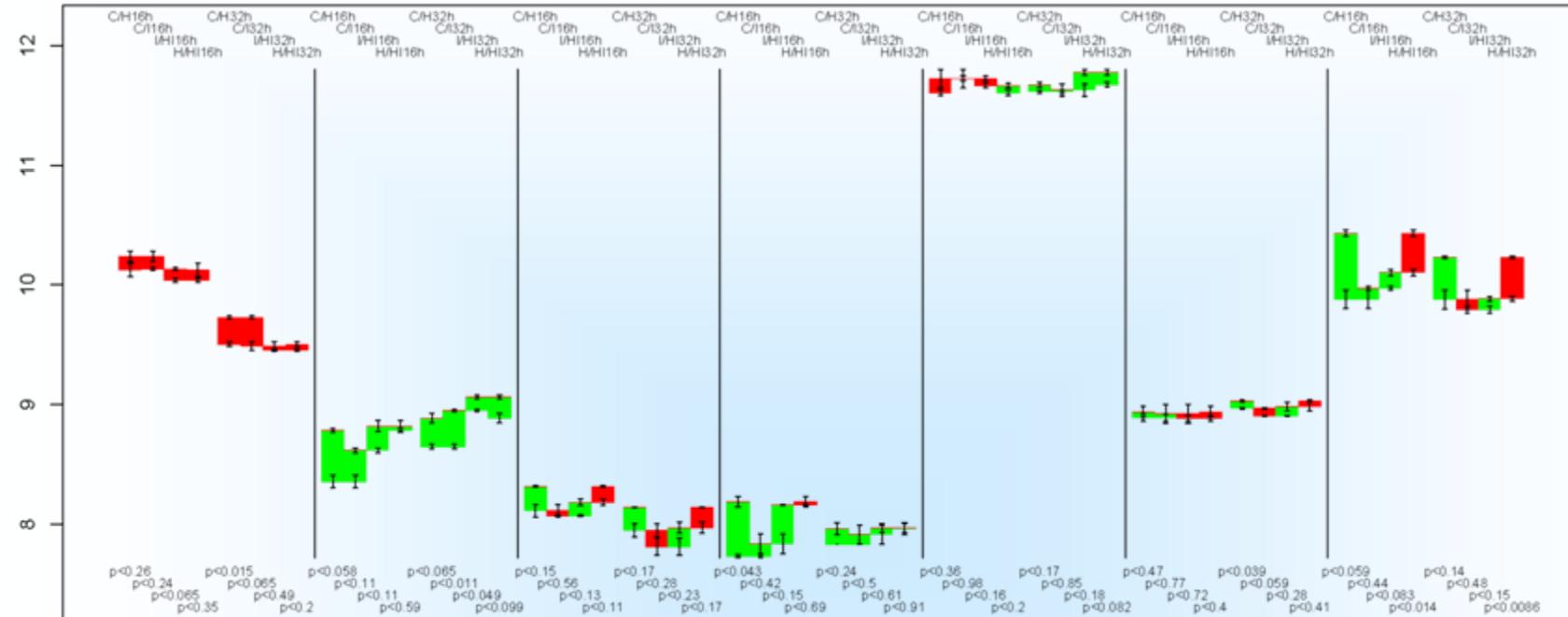
# Hepatocyte culture/HGF $\alpha$ /IL6 treatment



## Beta oxidation down by HGF $\alpha$ and IL6



# Purine synthesis up by HGF $\alpha$ (less by IL6)



Prps1

Ppat

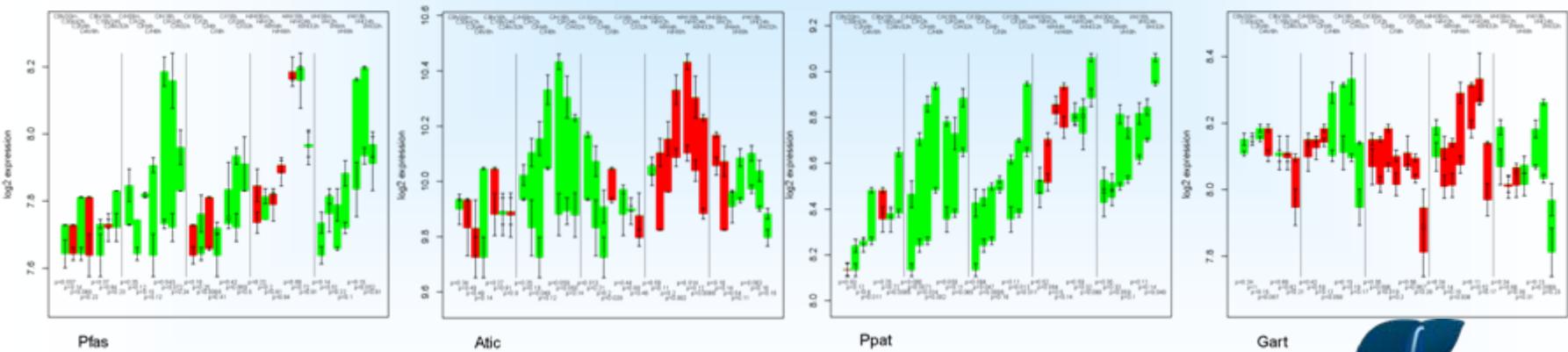
Gart

Pfas

Paics

Adsl

Atic



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# PXR/CAR/PPAR $\alpha$



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Stuttgart



cell cultures

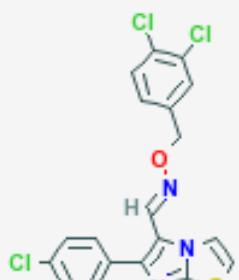


6 donors  
**a b c d e f**



**D** (DMSO empty)  
control

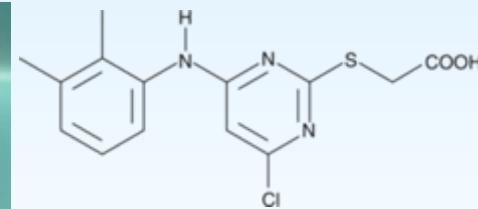
**C** (CITCO), targets  
**CAR** (constitutive androstane receptor)



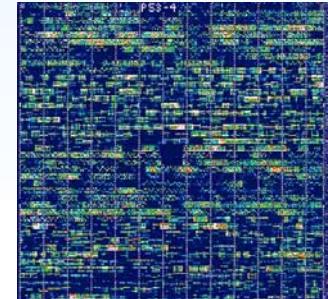
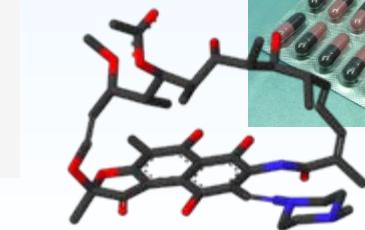
**R** (Rifampicin,  
antibiotics)  
targets **PXR**



**W** (WY14643)  
**PPAR** $\alpha$  inducer

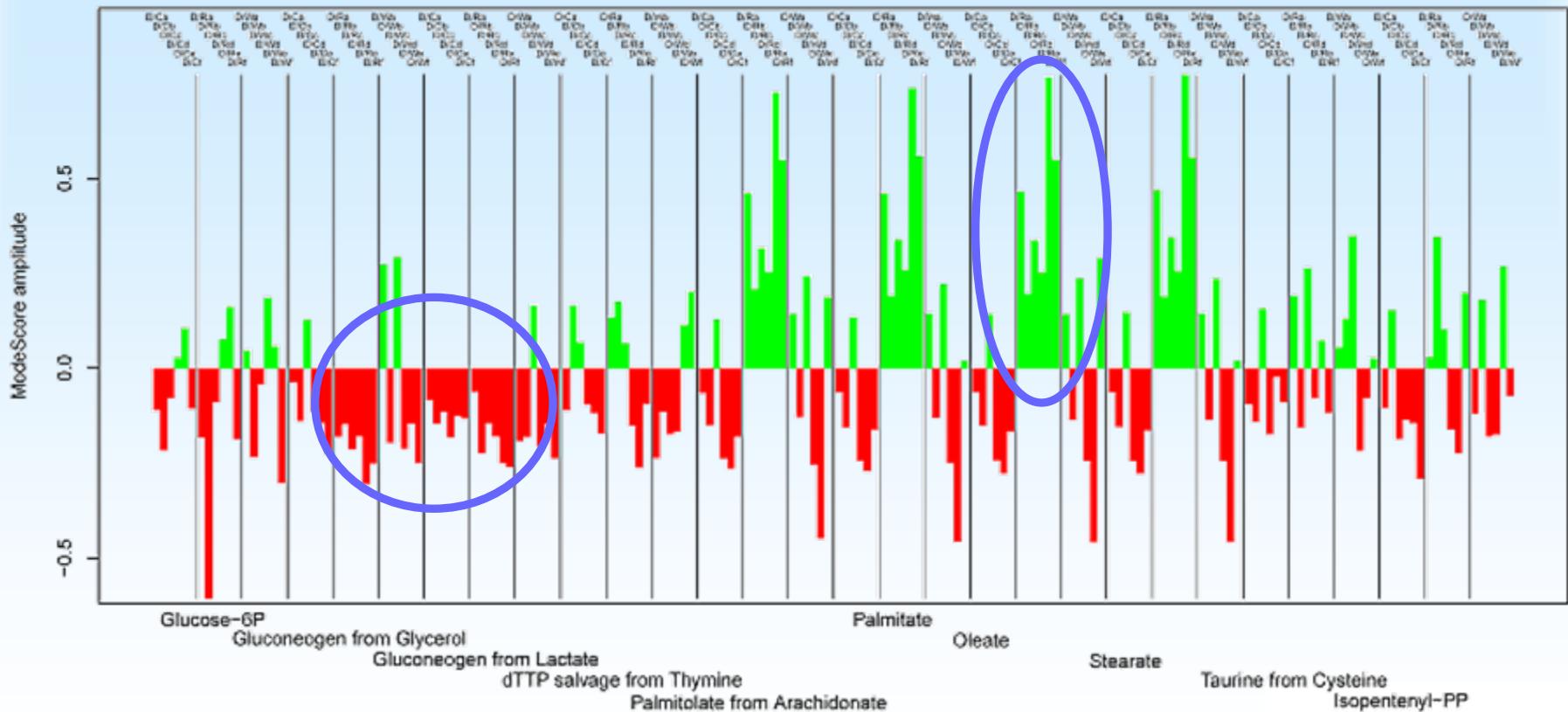


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(Stuttgart)

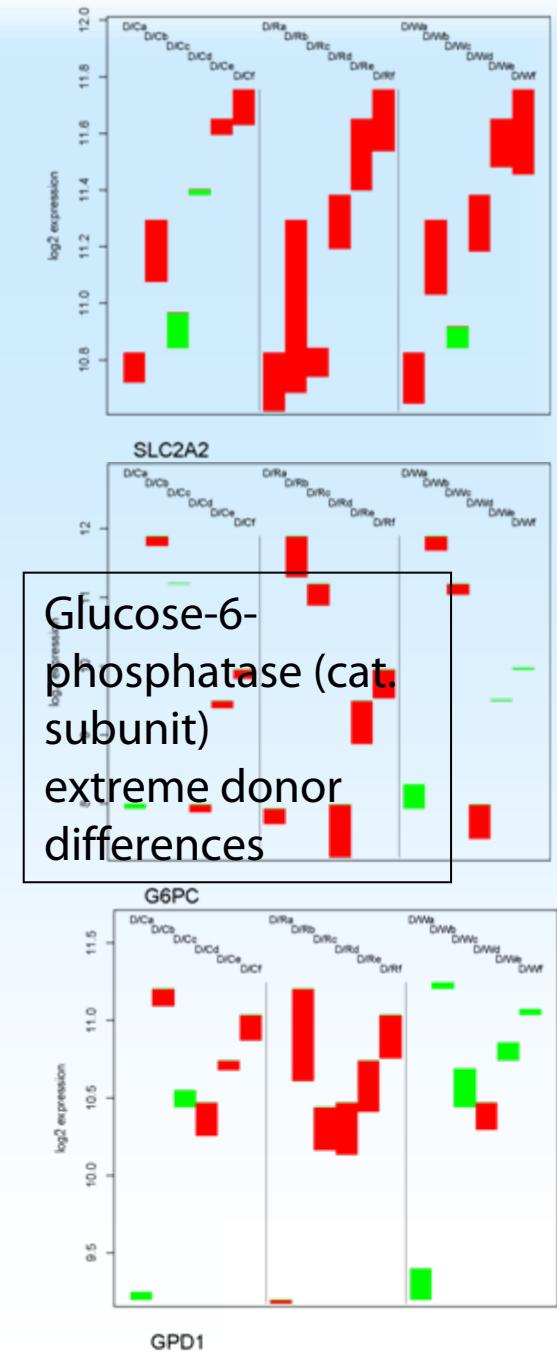
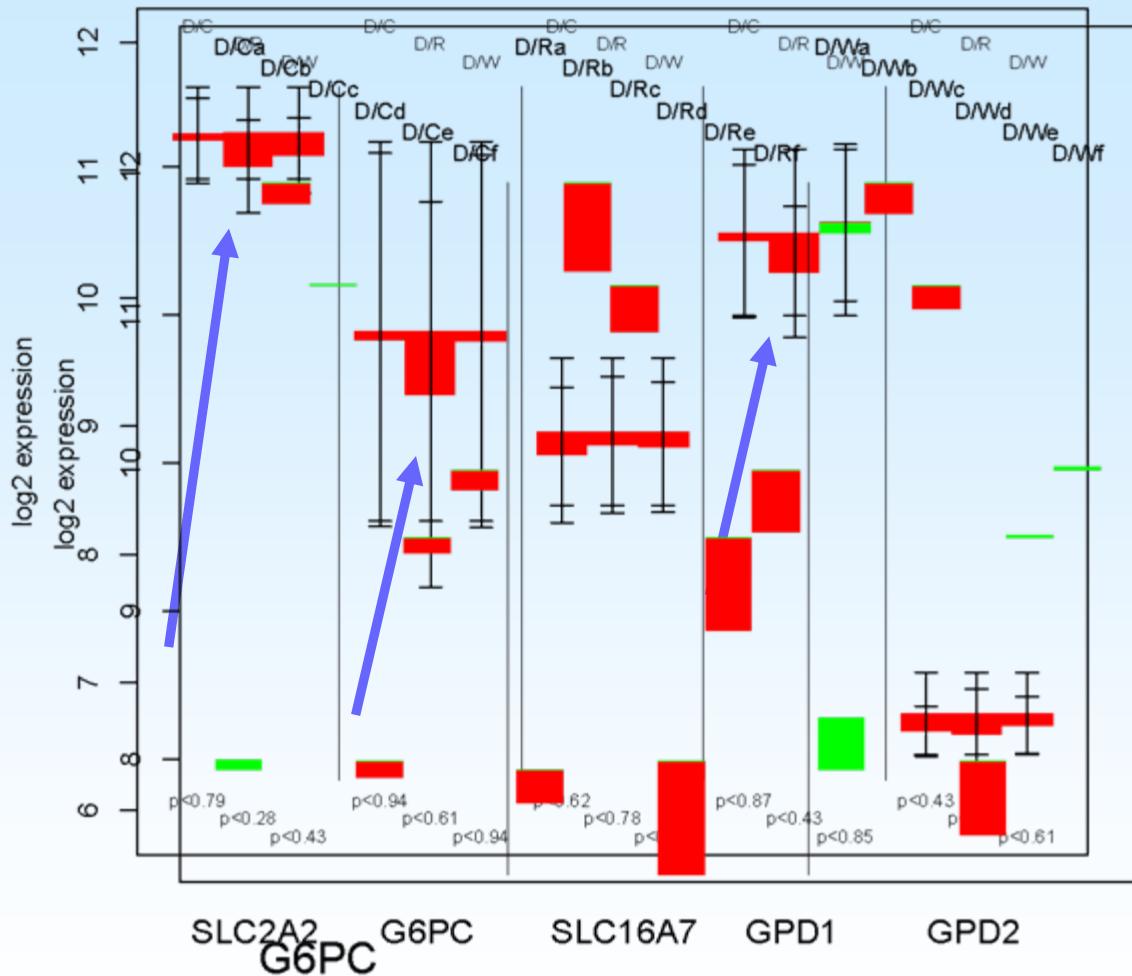


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# ModeScore noticeable functions

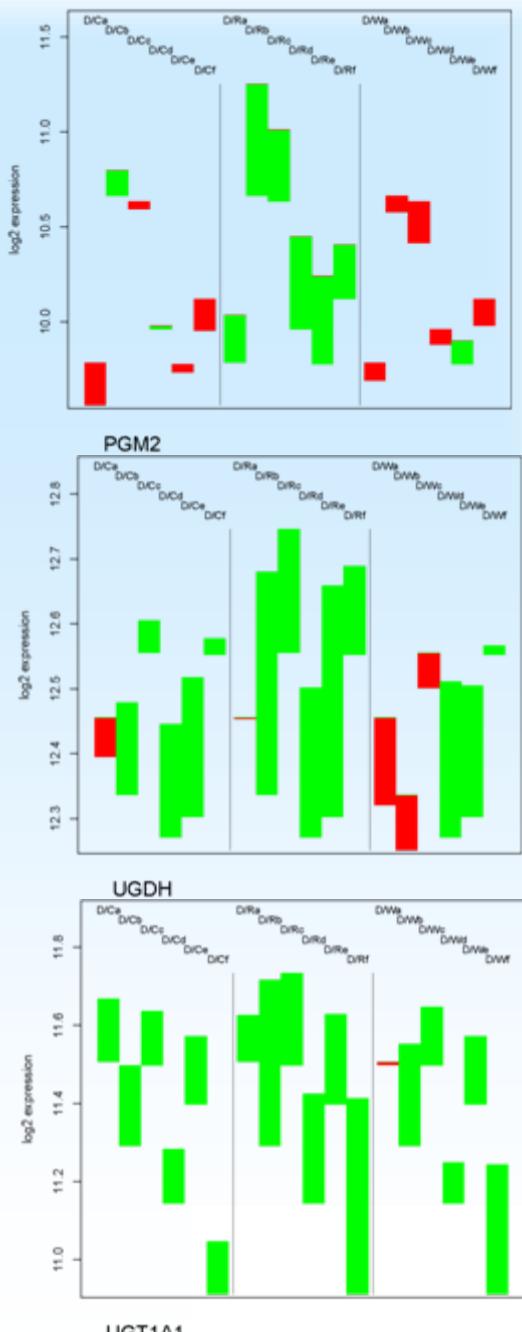
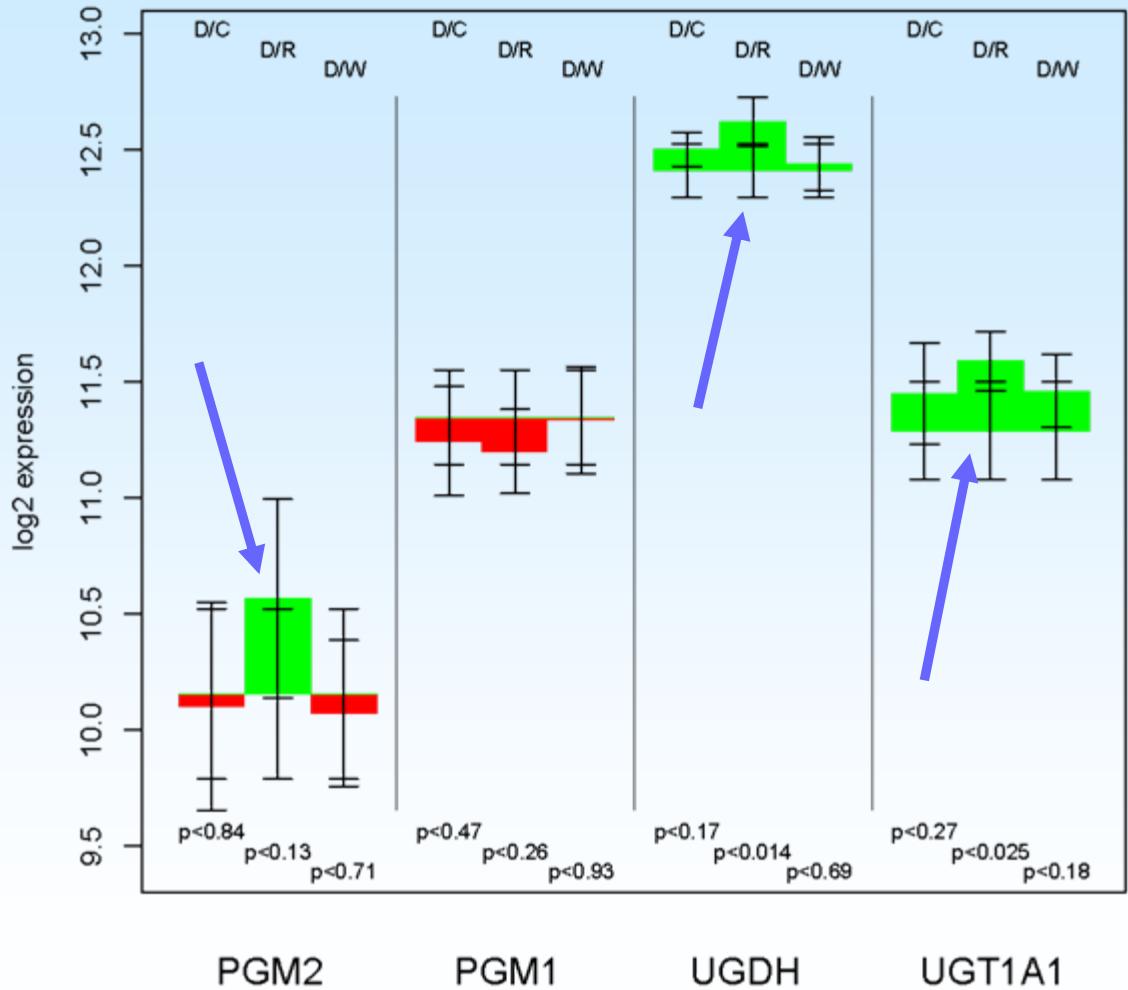


# Gluconeogenesis, PXR down



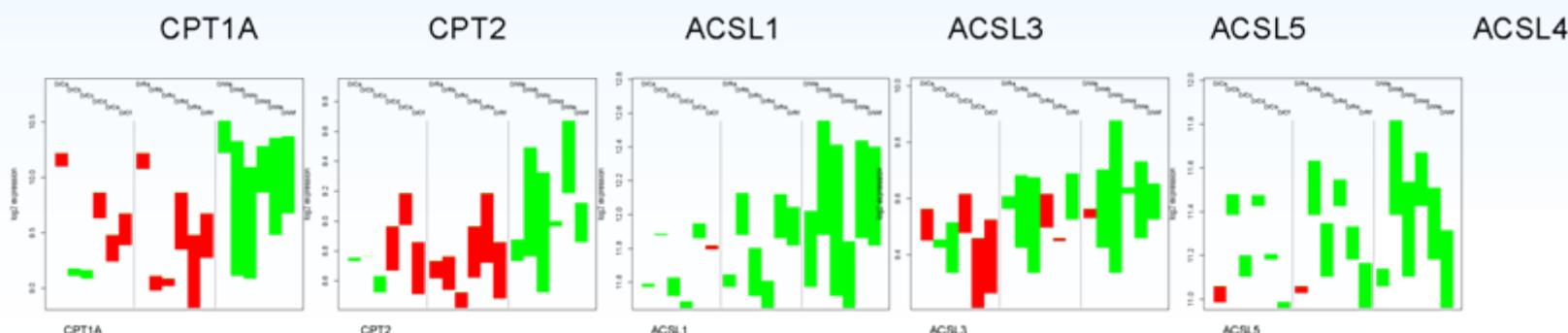
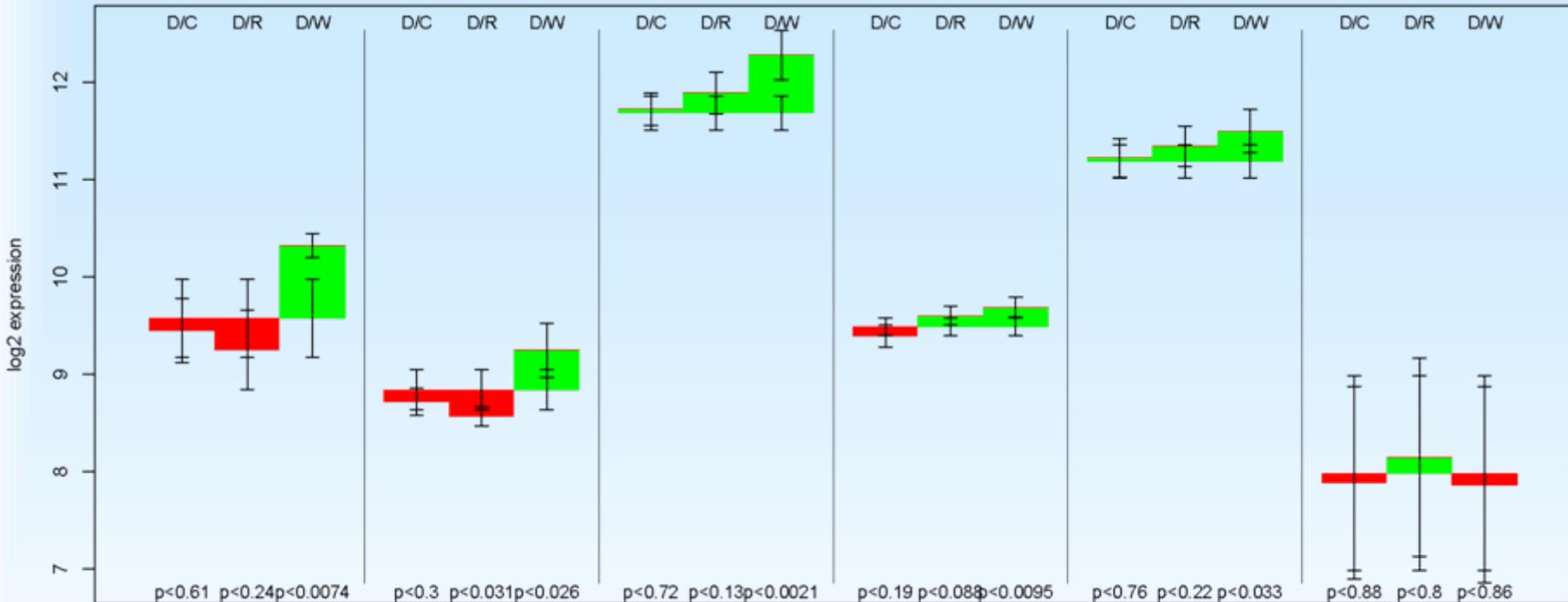
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# Glucuronization, PXR up



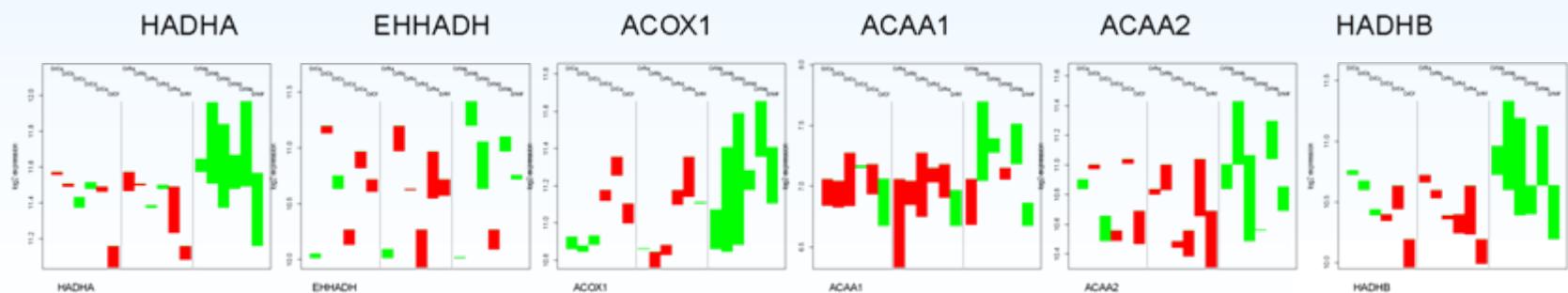
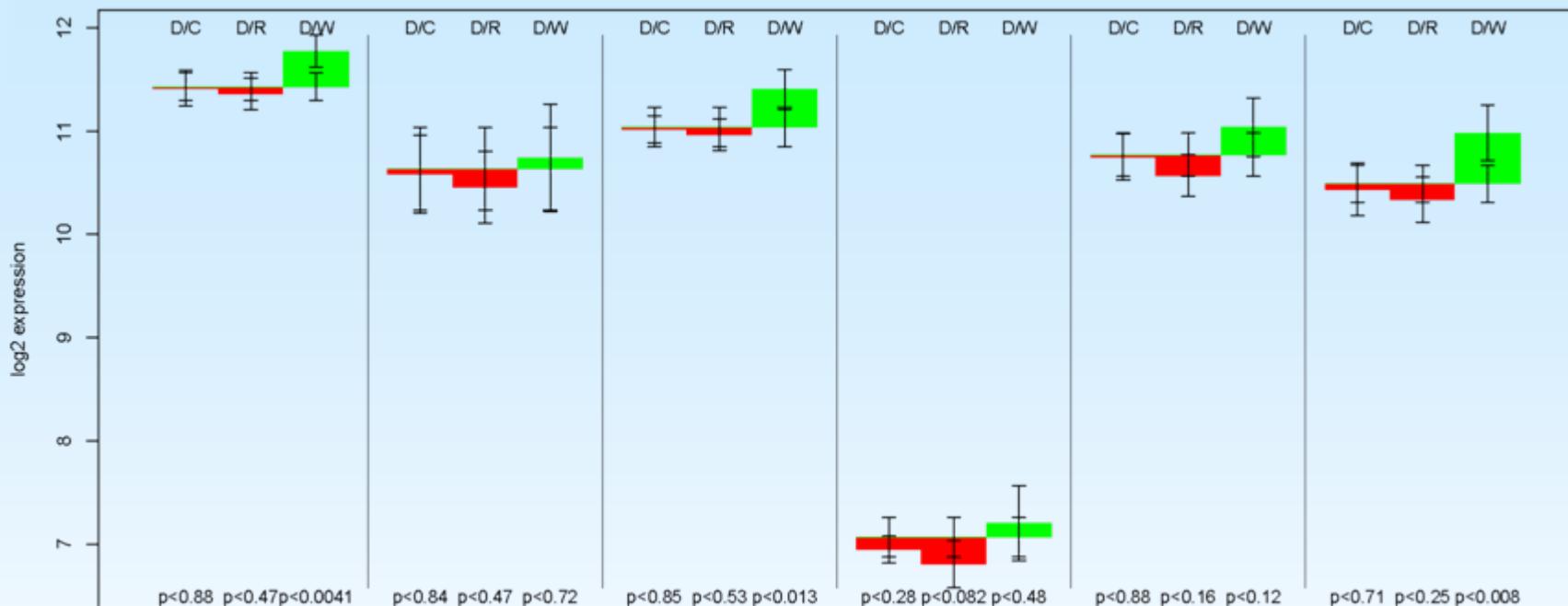
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# Fatty acid activation, PPAR $\alpha$ up



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# Beta oxidation, PPAR $\alpha$ up

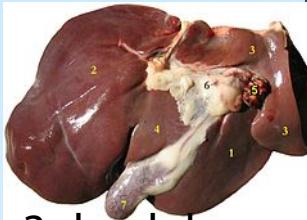


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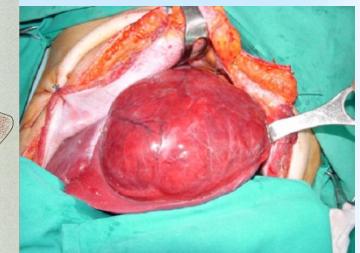
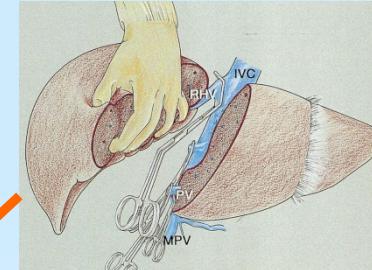
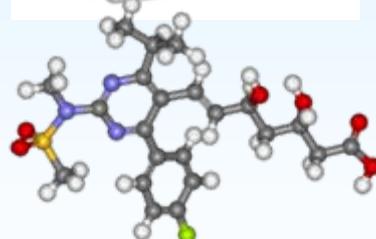
# Statin exp.



3 dead donors  
A    B    C

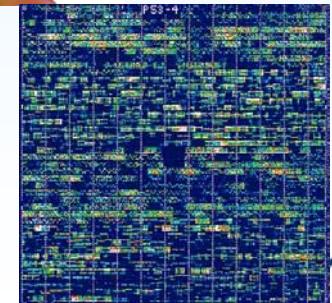
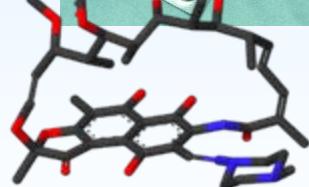


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3 donors, lobectomy, liver cancer  
D    E    F

R



1d

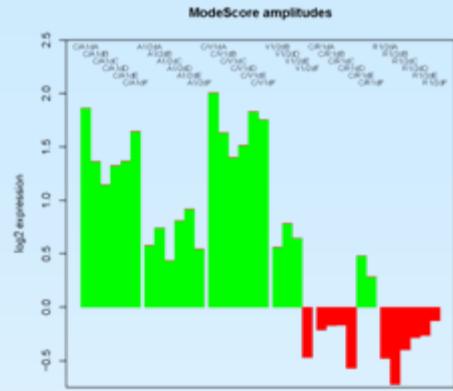
2d



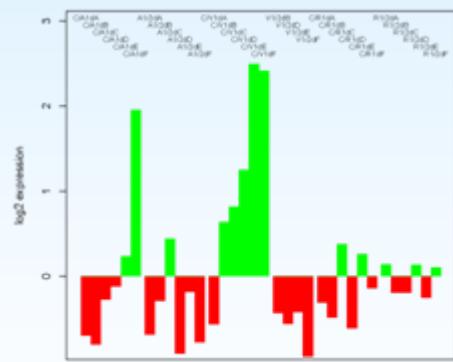
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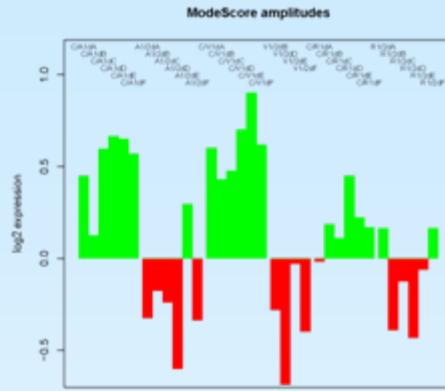
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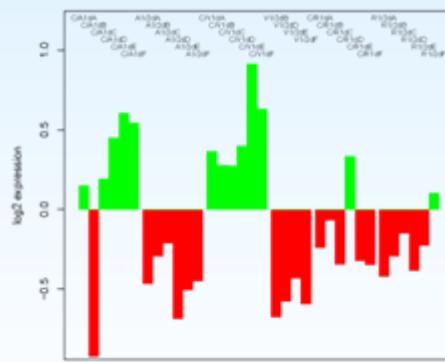
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Cholesterol synthesis



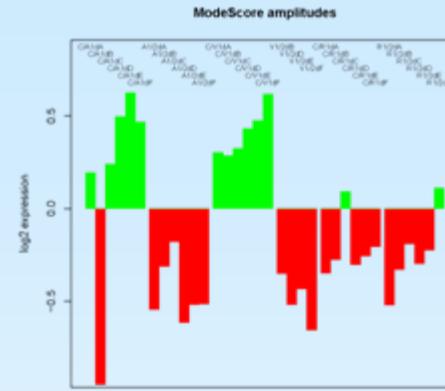
Gluconeogen from Lactate  
Sugar metabolism



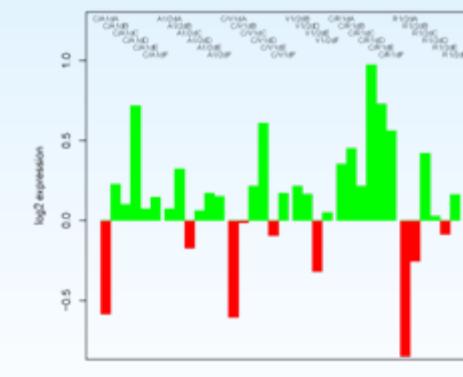
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Fatty acid metabolism



Serine degr  
Transamination



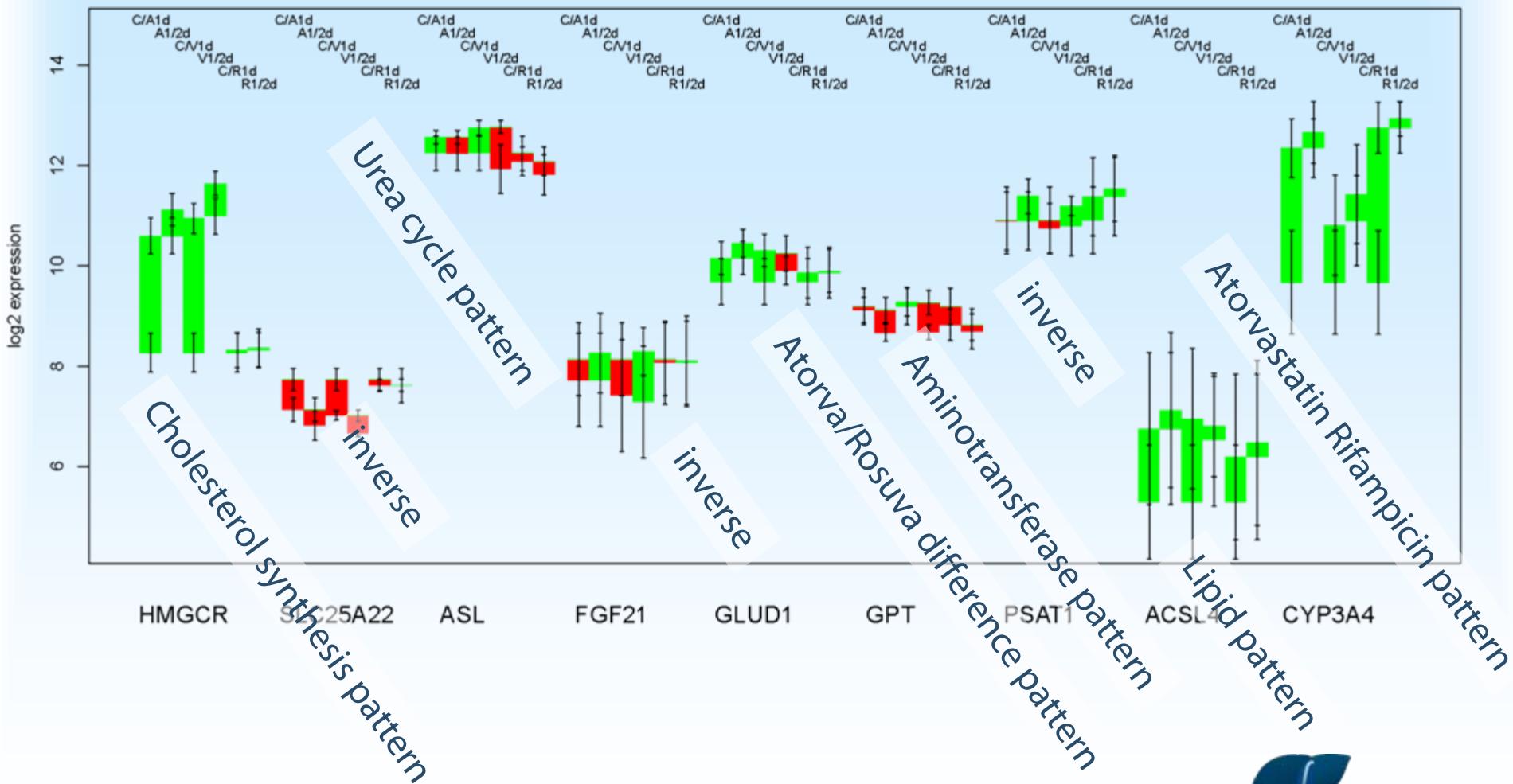
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Urea synthesis



VLDL from LDL  
Lipoproteins



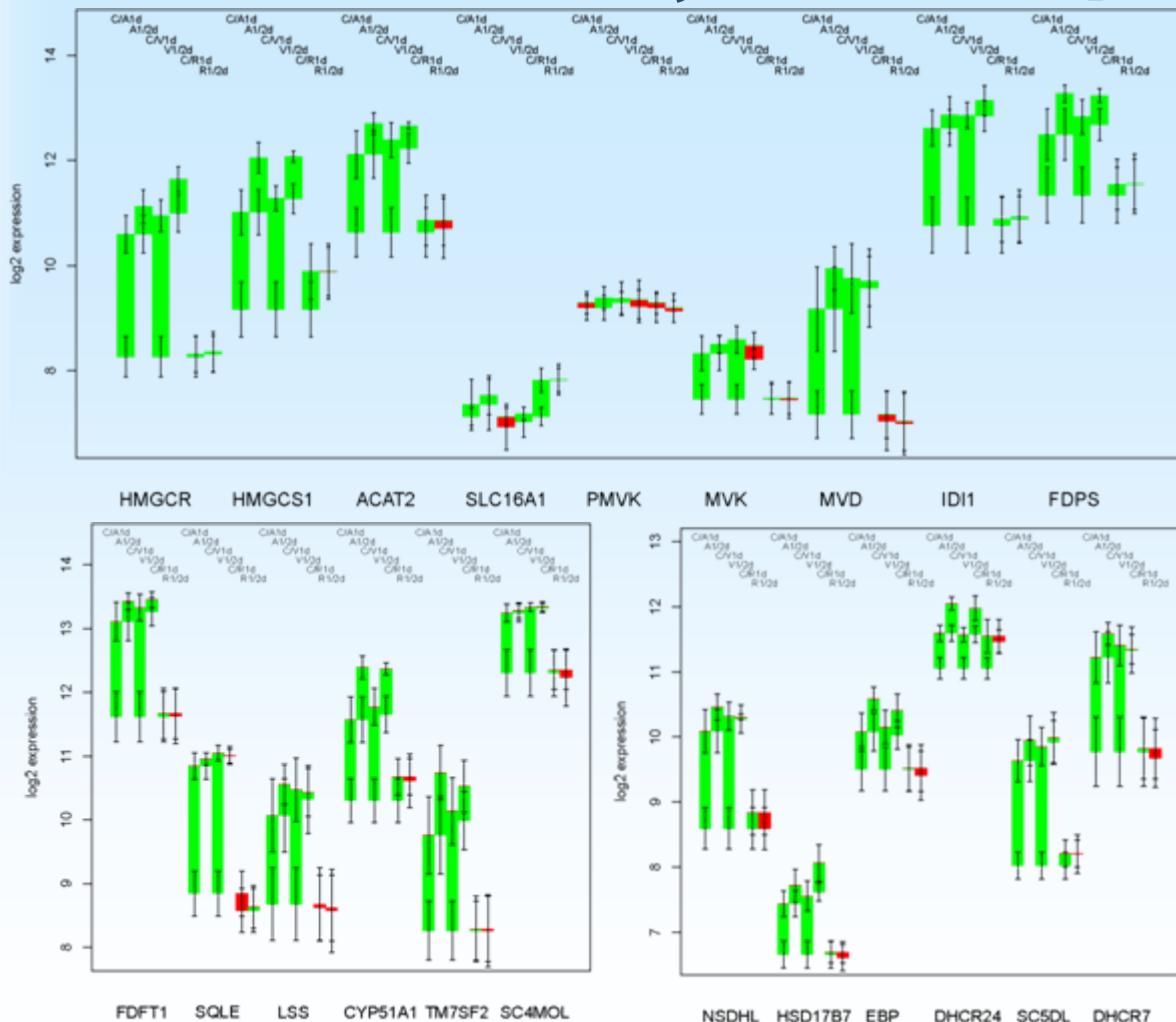
# Patterns of gene changes



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# Cholesterol synthesis pattern



Very consistent  
18/21 enzymes  
of cholesterol  
synthesis

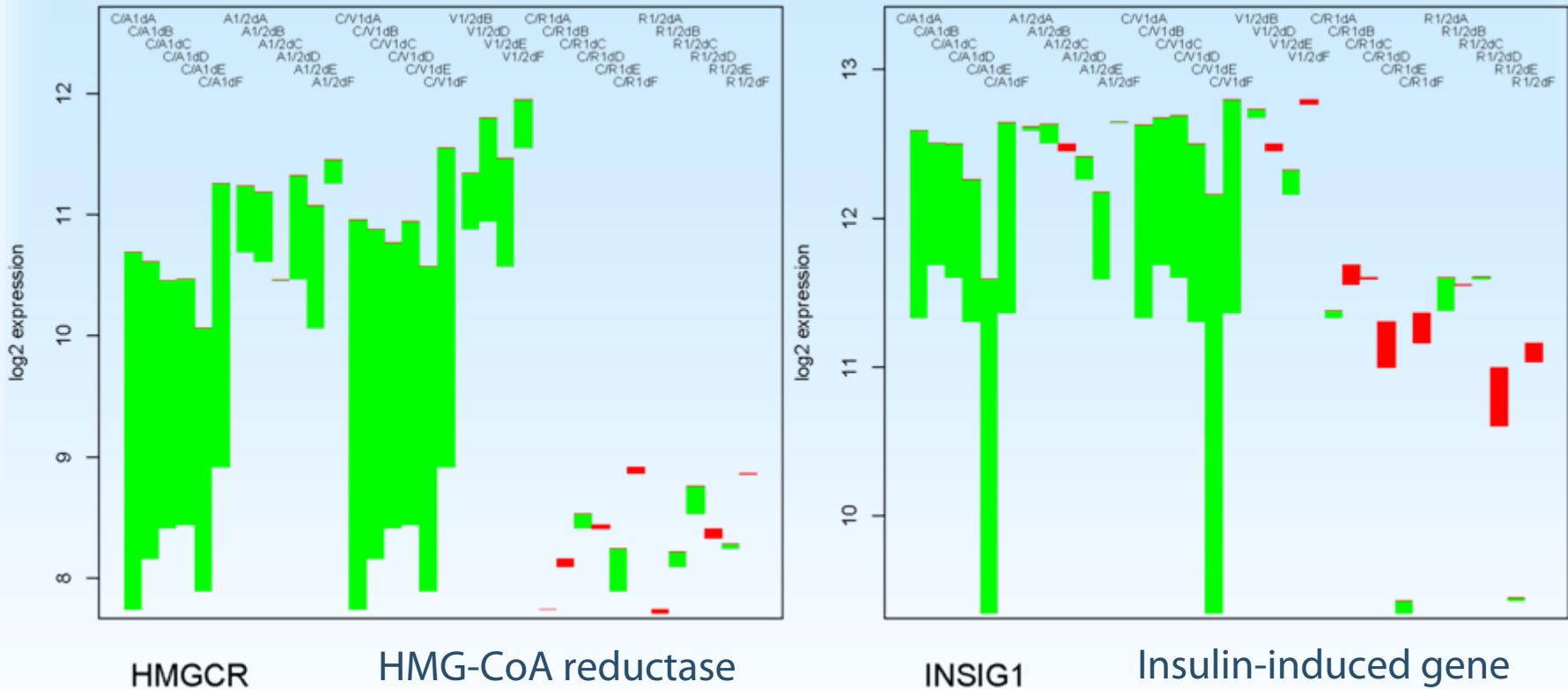
Large changes

Pattern definition  
Statins:  
1d strong up  
2d (slightly) up  
Rifampicin:  
minor change

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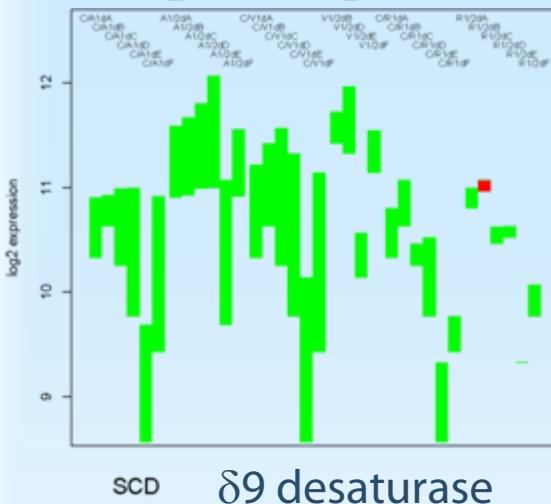


Other enzymes and genes: ACAT2, FABP1

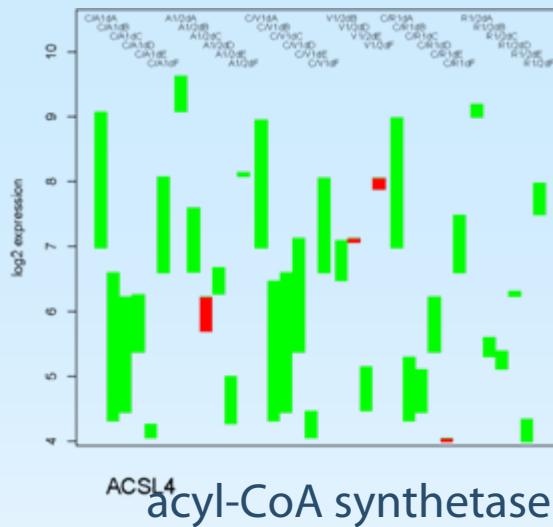
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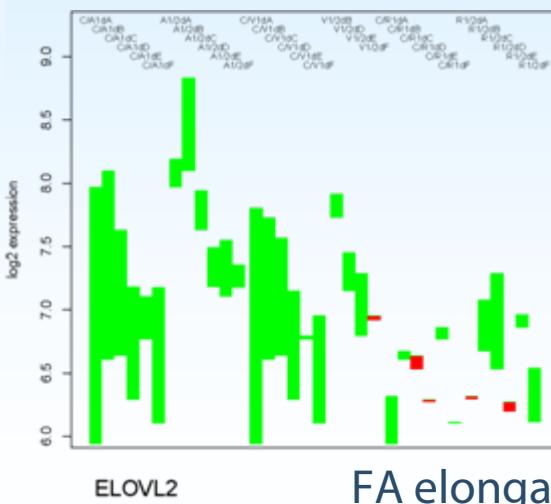
# Lipid pattern



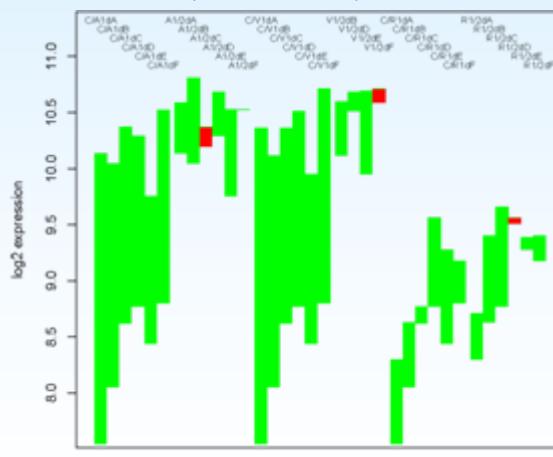
SCD      δ9 desaturase



ACSL4      acyl-CoA synthetase



ELOVL2      FA elongases



ELOVL6

Particular enzymes  
in lipid formation,  
FA synthesis and  
degradation  
Specific isoforms

## Pattern definition

Statins:

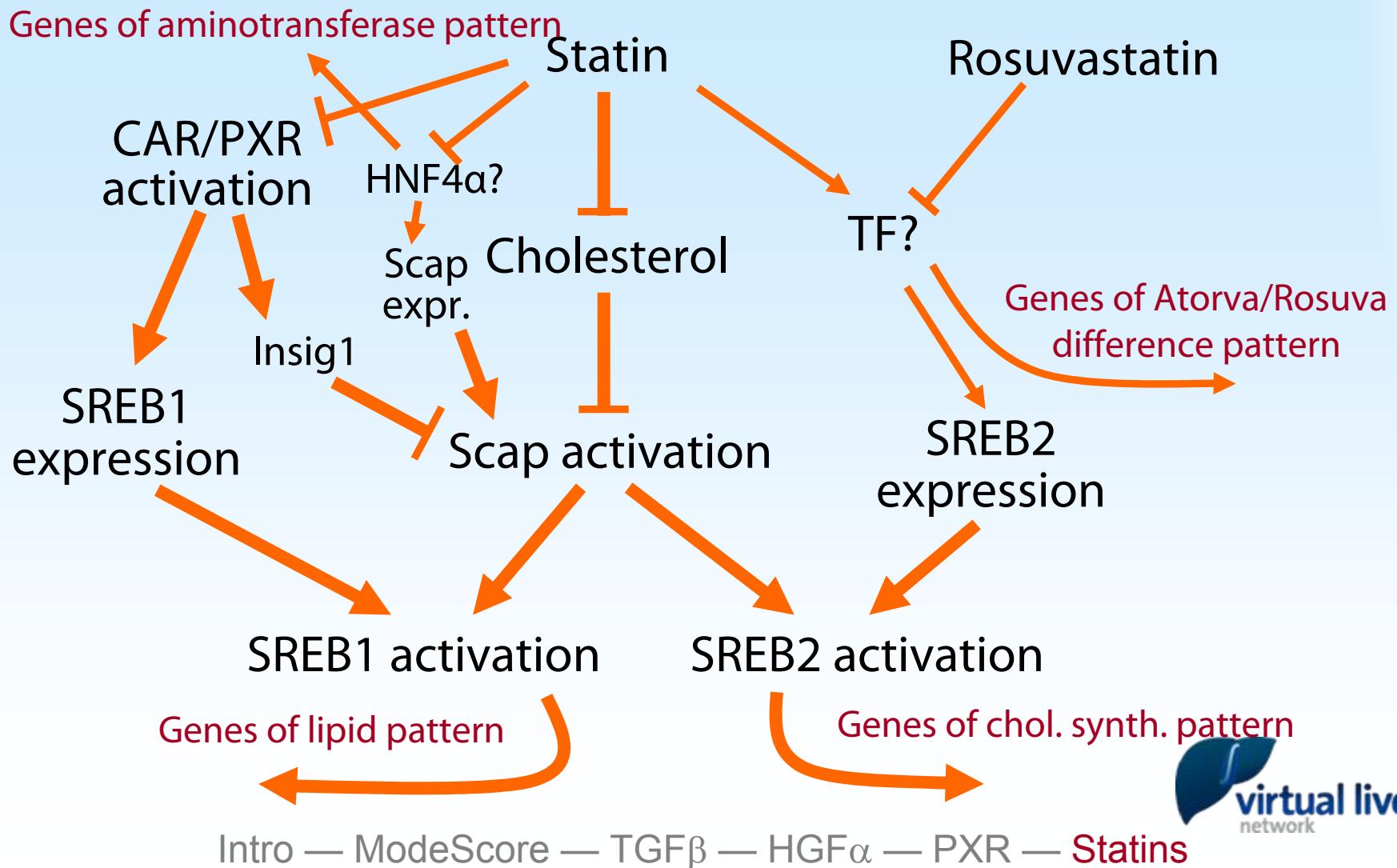
- 1d up
- 2d up

Rifampicin:

up, less than statins



# Link of sterol and lipid regulation



# Take-home messages

- Gene arrays suitable as hypothesis-finding source
- ModeScore: hypotheses on metabolic functions
- Hypotheses just based on transcripts:
  - TGF $\beta$ , tyrosine degradation down mice
  - HGF $\alpha$ , IL6, beta oxidation down mice
  - PPAR $\alpha$ , beta oxidation up
  - PXR, glucuronization capacity up
  - Statins, wide-range regulation effects

human



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ModeScore method: Hoppe & Holzhütter, 2012, OASIcs, **26**.

Review on transcript data use: Hoppe, 2012, Metabolites **2**(4).



# Mode set scoring

$$\text{Score}(M_k, V) = \frac{\sum_{i \in I_k} w_i \text{score}_i(m_i, v_i)}{\sum_{i \in I_k} w_i}$$

$I_k = \{i \mid m_i \neq 0\}$

$w_i = \sqrt{|m_i| \omega_i}$

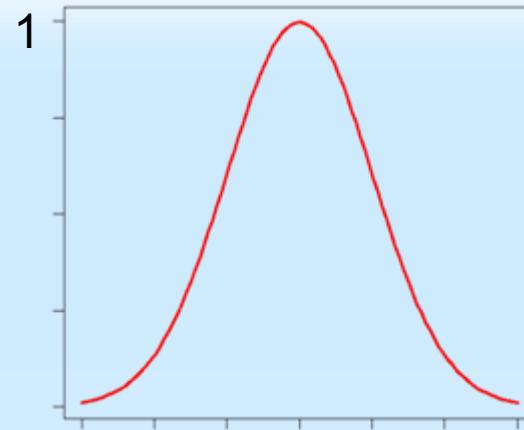
$\omega_i$

$$\text{score}_i(m_i, v_i) = e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left( 2 \frac{\lambda v_i - m_i}{|m_i|} \right)^2}$$

$M_k = (m_i)_i$

$V = (v_i)_i$

$\lambda$  chosen such that



indices of nonzero values

weights

weight adjustment

score component

$k$ -th reference mode

relative expression profile

$\text{Score}(M_k, V)$  is maximal

# ModeScore amplitude ( $1/\lambda$ )

- Measures strength of regulation for the function
- Compatible to  $\log_2$  fold change
- Cluster point (not average) of gene changes

## Contribution scores ( $score_i$ )

- Measures how good a gene change represents the function's amplitude

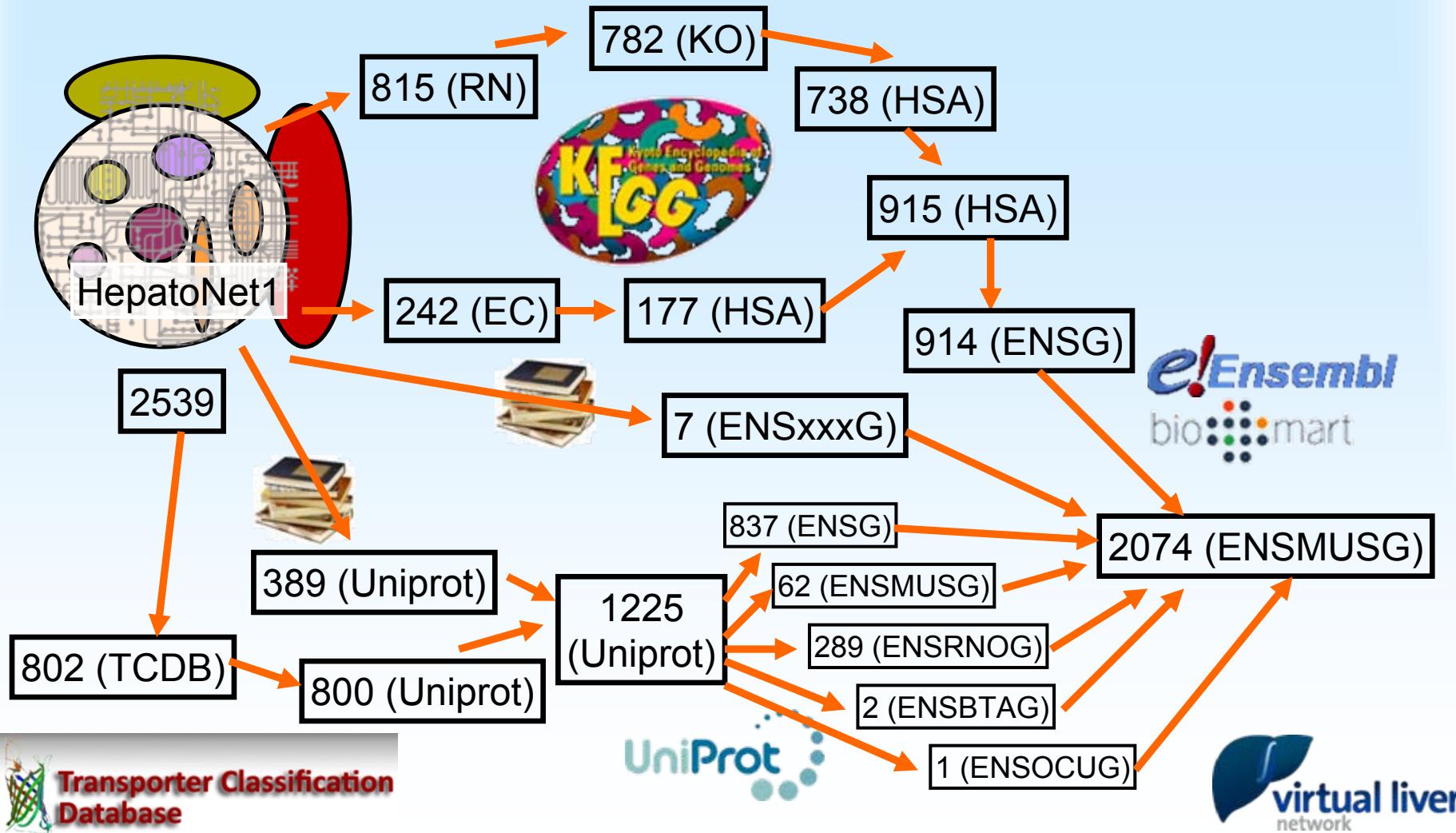
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# Implementation

- Reference flux mode computation
  - [www.bioinformatics.org/fasimu](http://www.bioinformatics.org/fasimu)
- ModeScore computation
  - data handling: bash/gawk
  - scaling factor optimization: octave
  - table generation: LaTeX
  - bargraphs, t-test: R

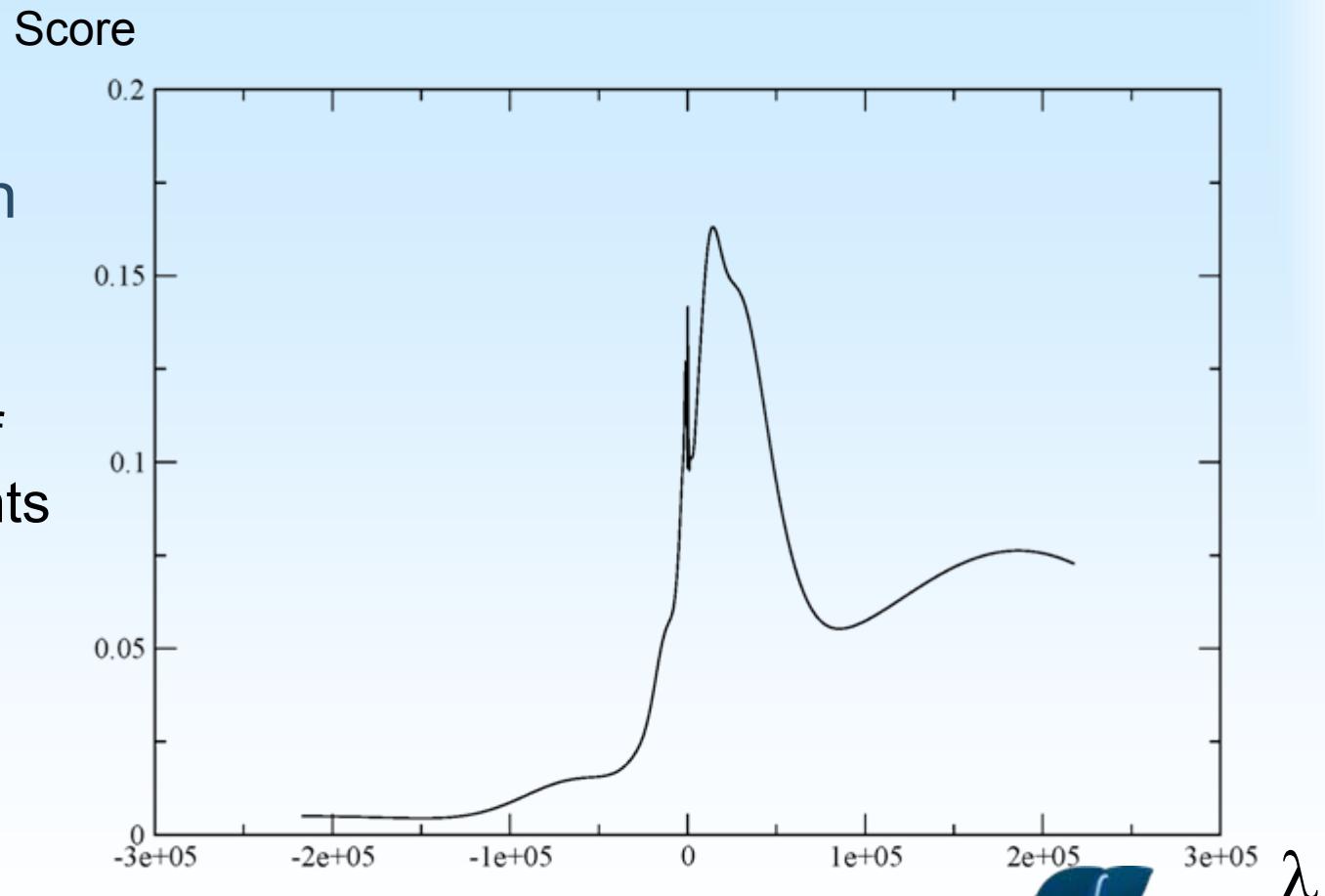


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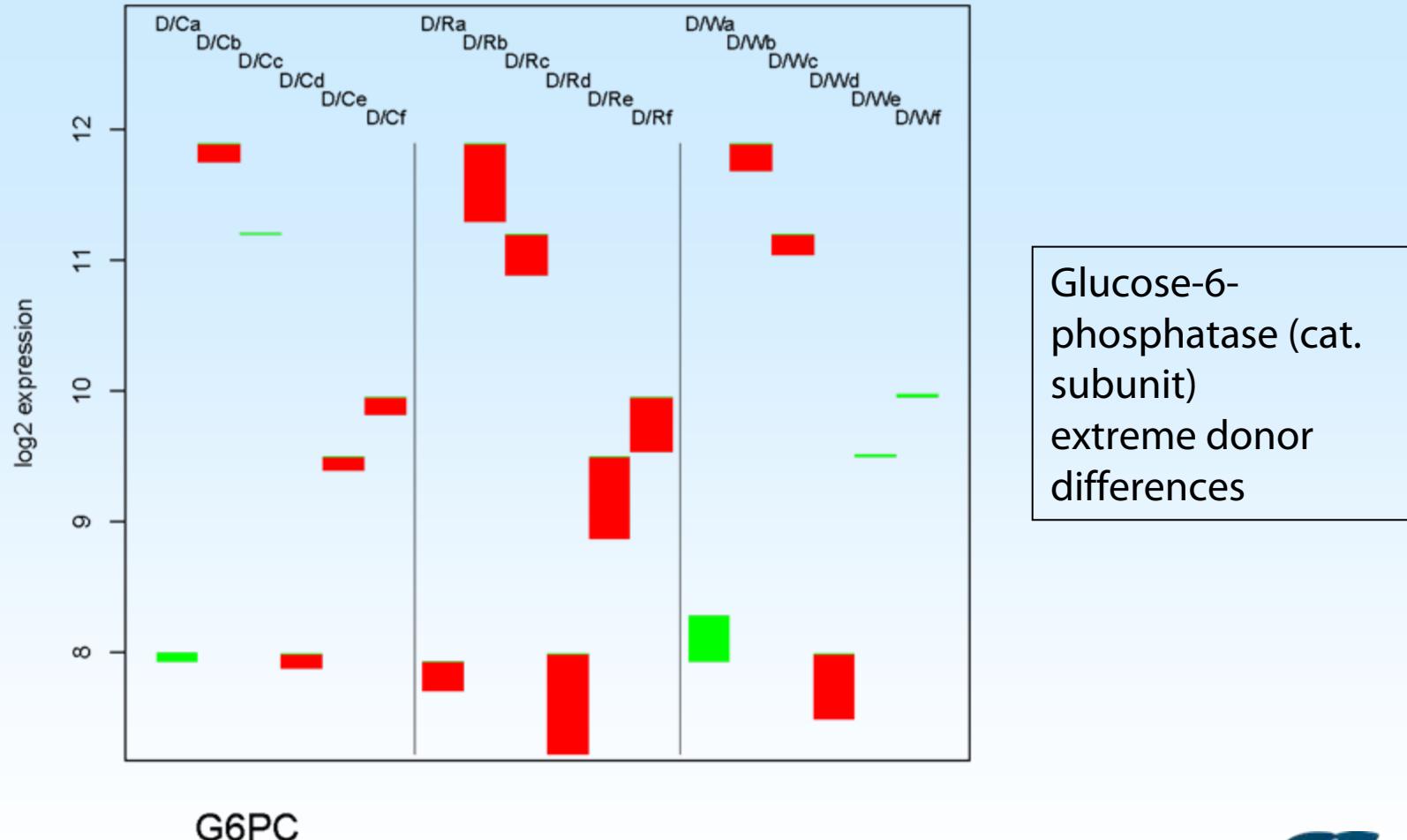


# Optimization of scaling factor

- Optimization
  - Explicit derivation
  - Maxima of components
- Local maxima:  
alternative matches



# Glucose-6-phosphatase (cat. subunit)



G6PC