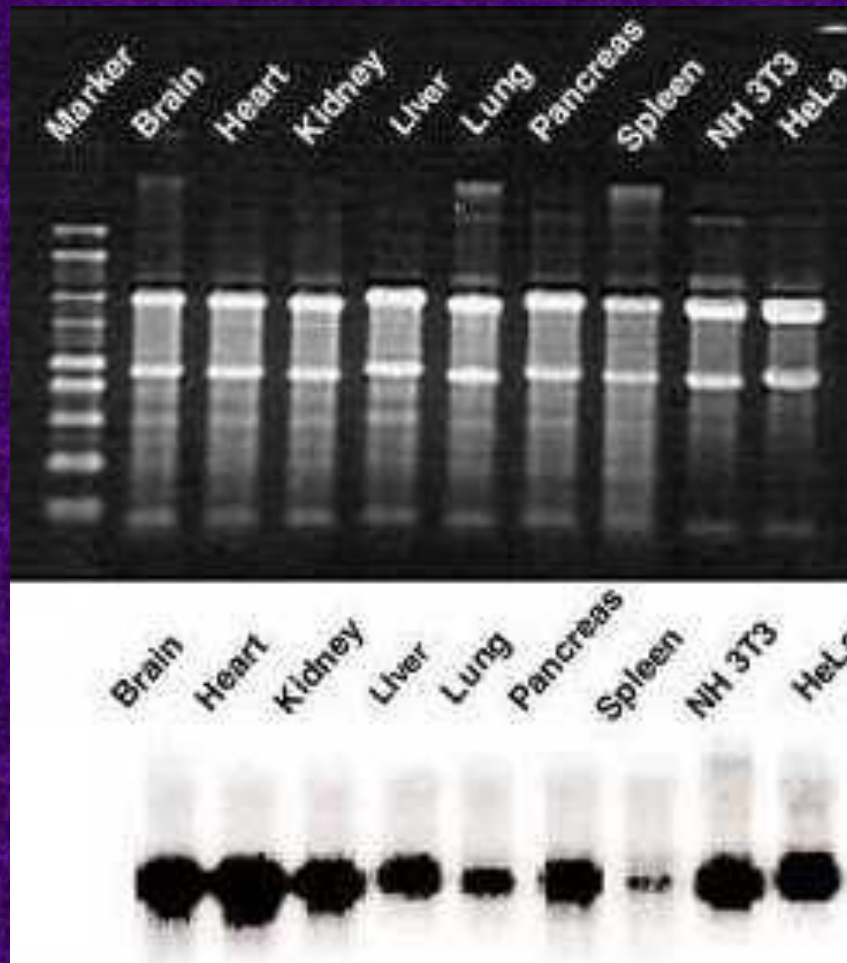


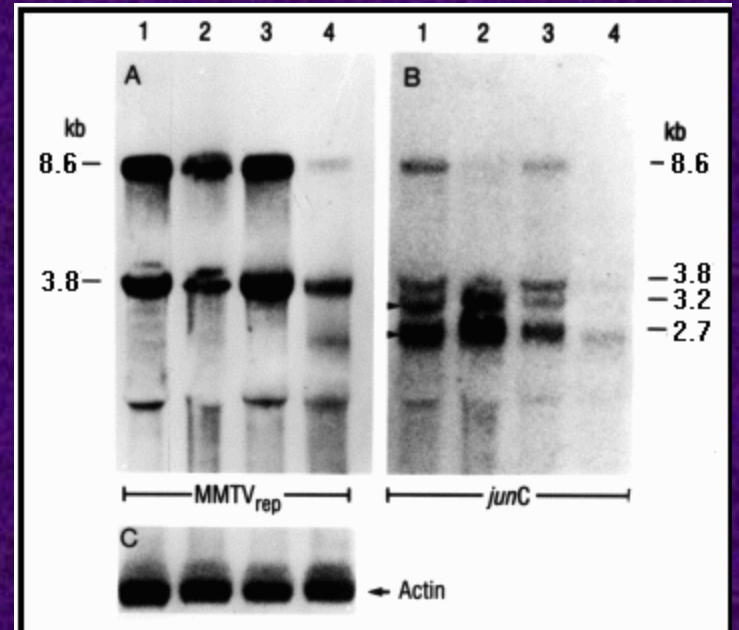
Connecting the dots: dissecting the cellular circuitry of a mouse single gene knockout, embryonic stem cell line using a combination of transcriptional analysis, bioinformatics, and drug screening.

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Evolution of Current Microarray Technology



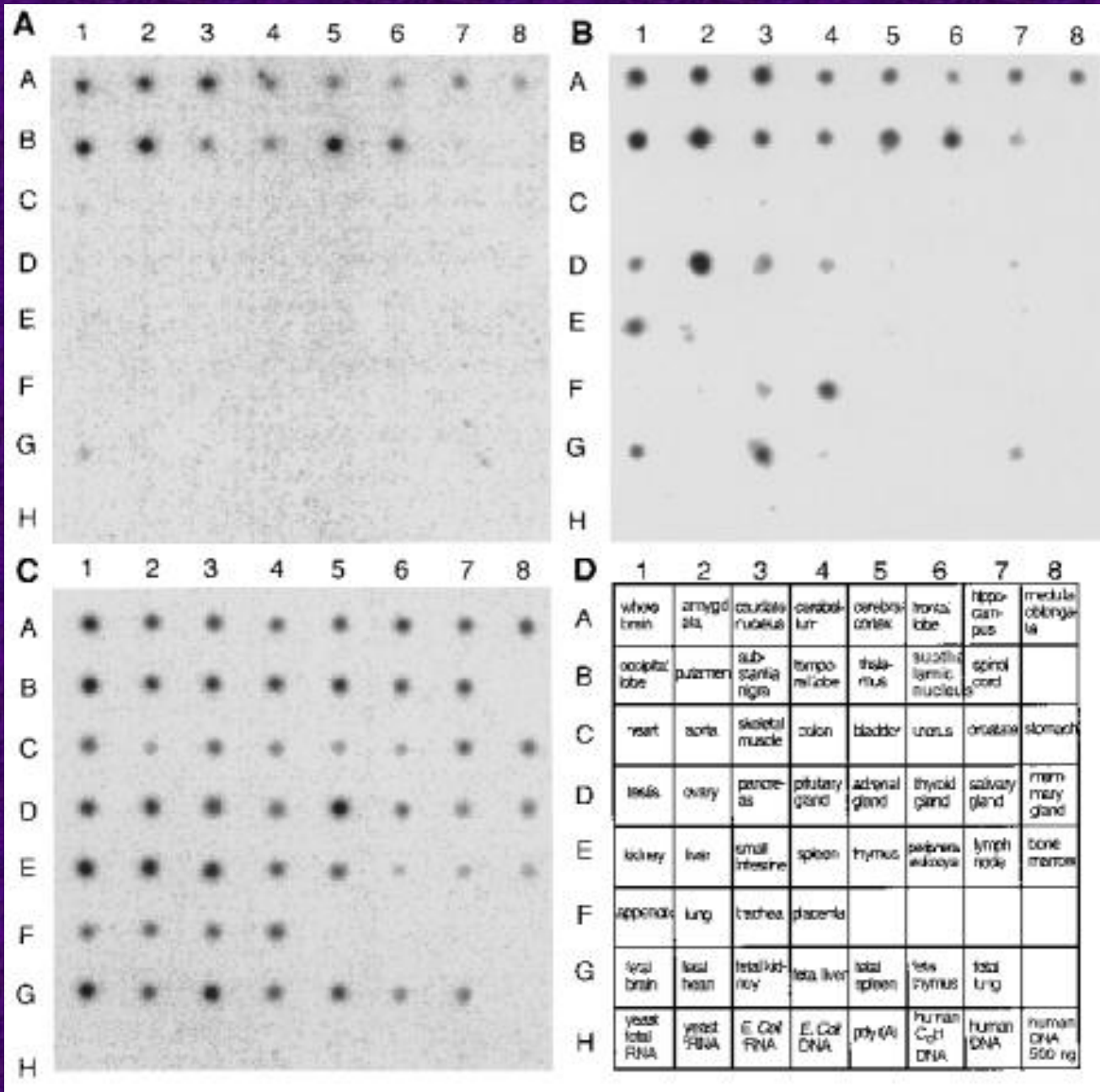
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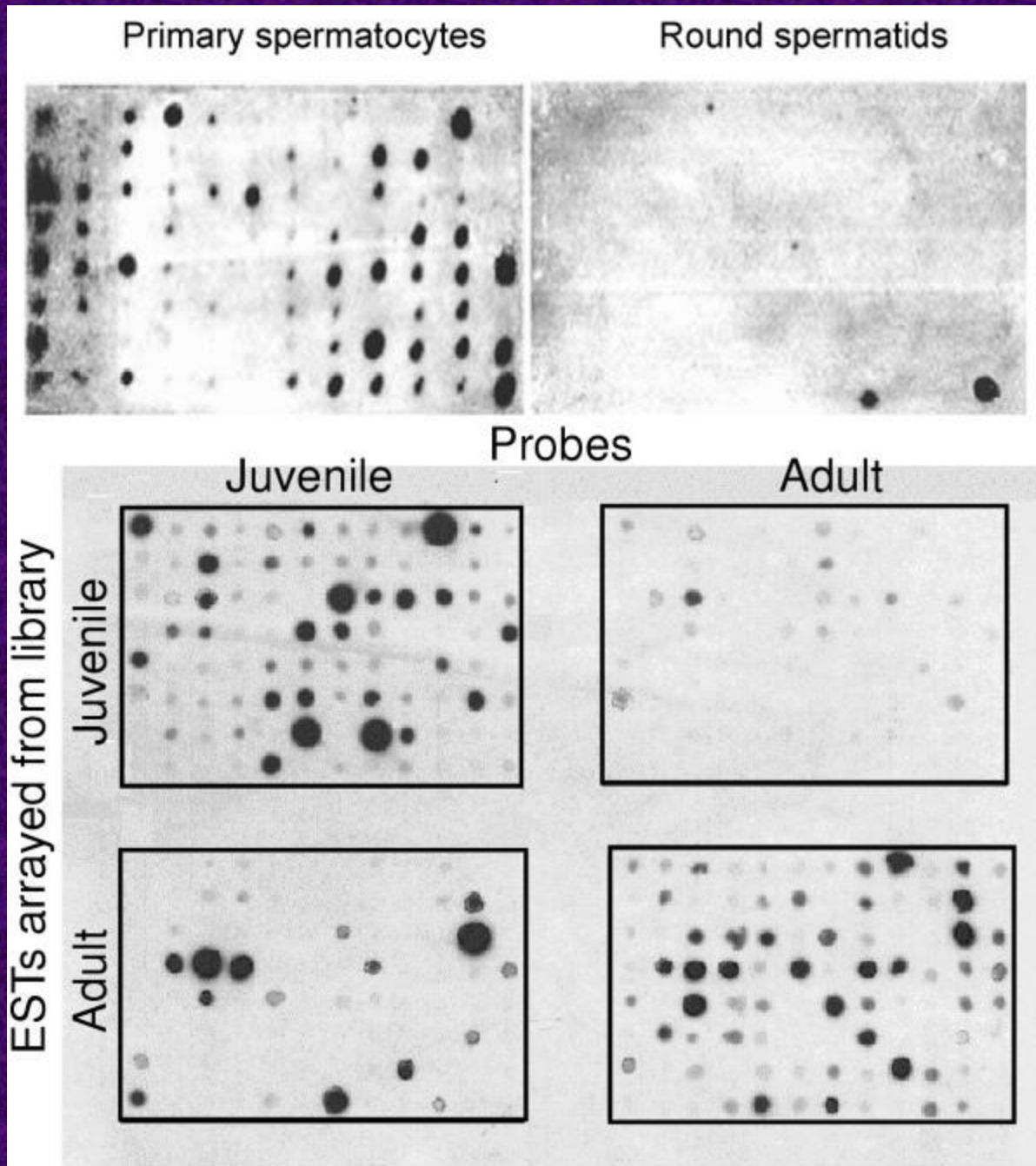
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Northern blots

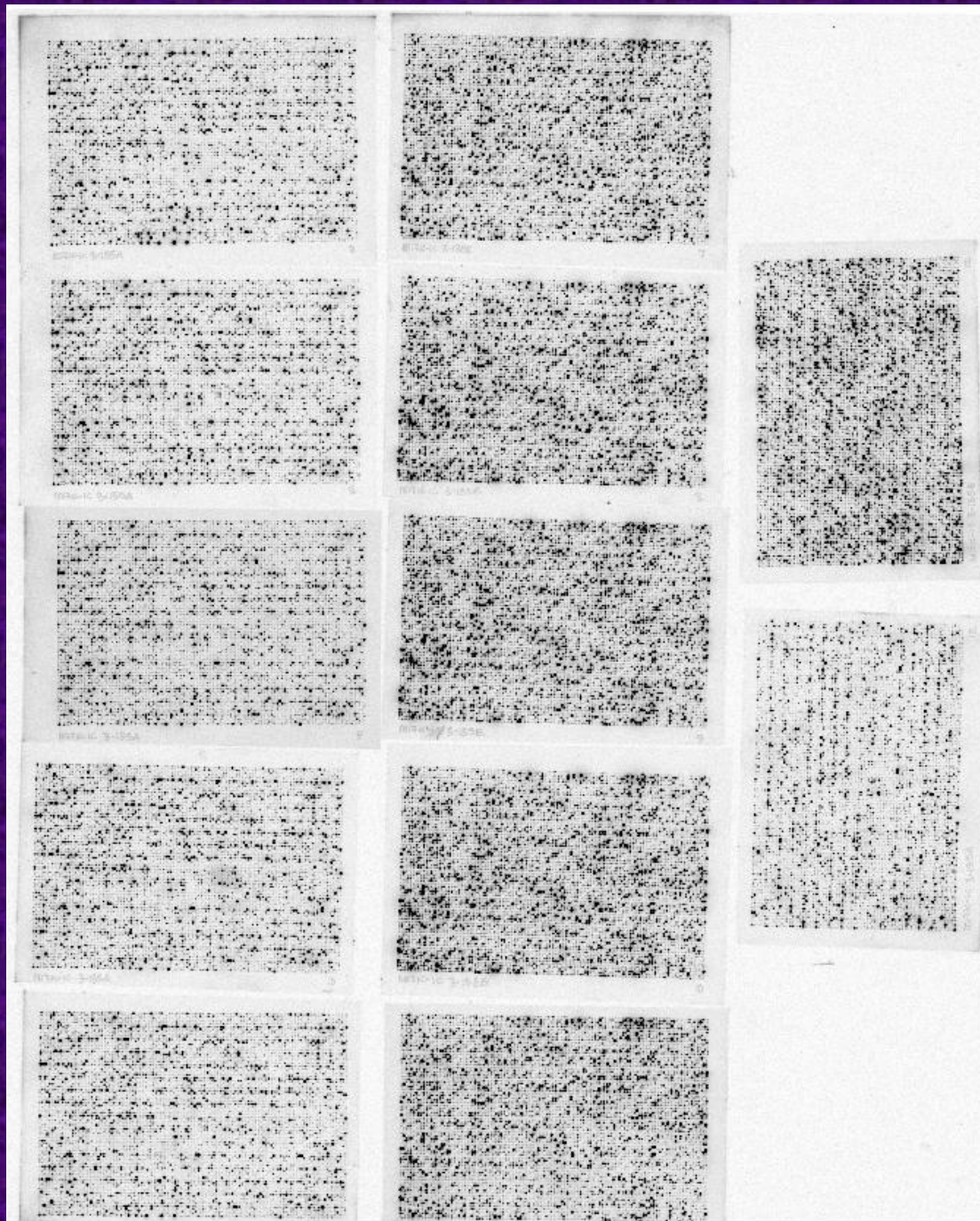
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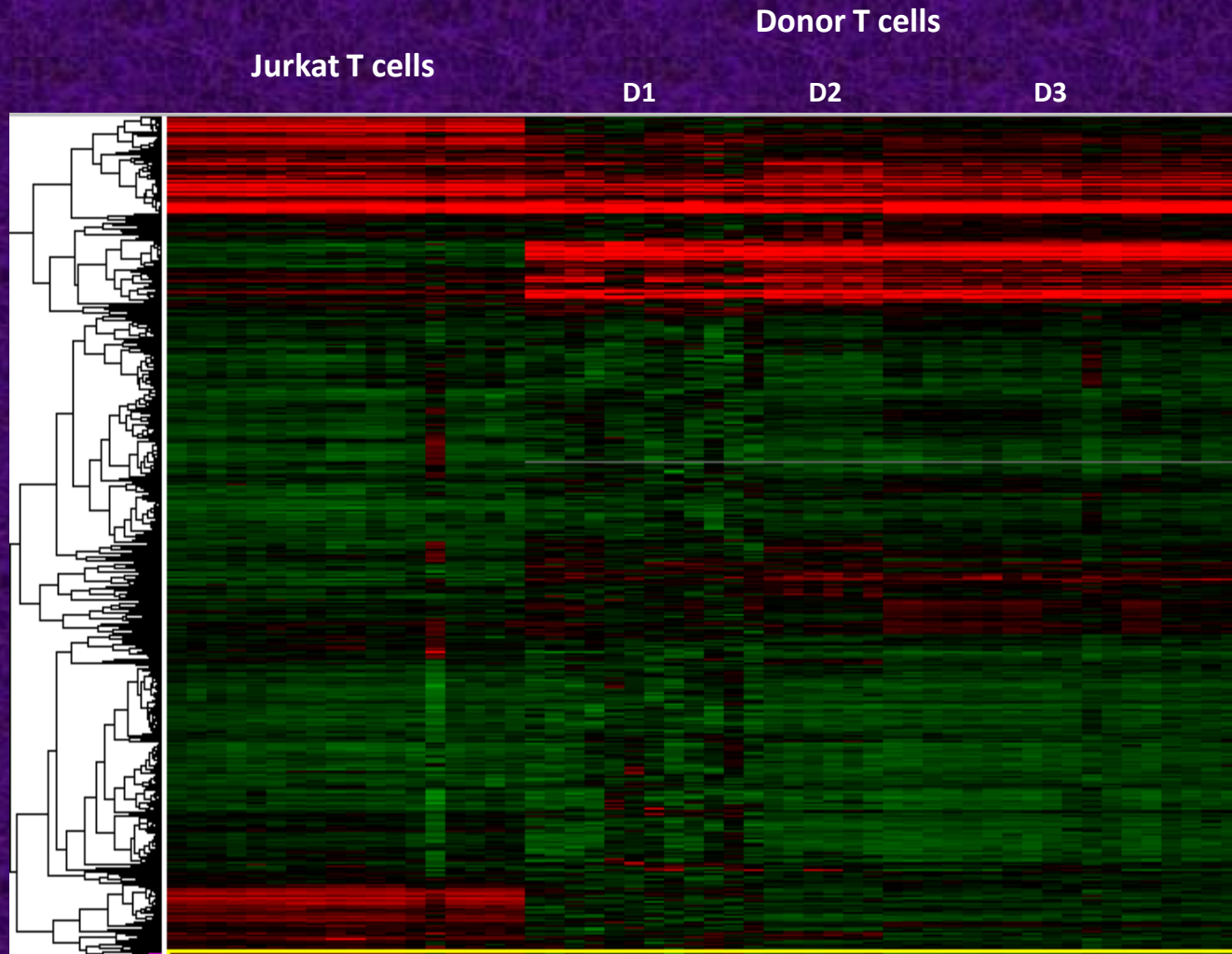
Microarrays-
radioactivity
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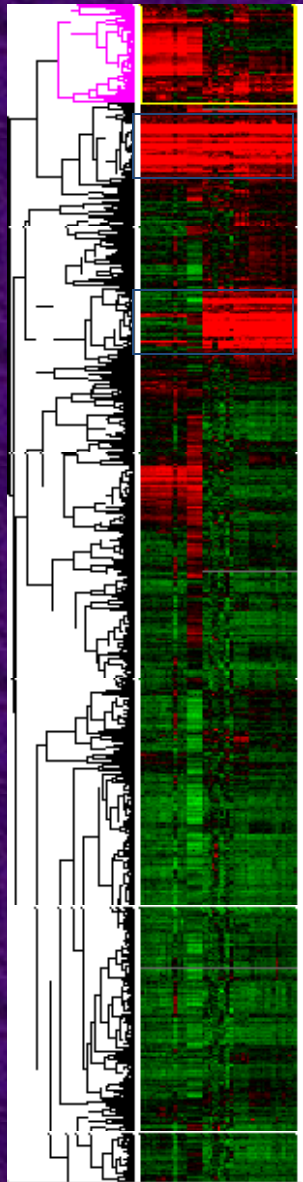
Advantages:
v. inexpensive

Disadvantages:
size limits,
specificity of
cDNA probes,
clone handling

Cluster Analysis of Z Transformed Data (experiment number = 54)



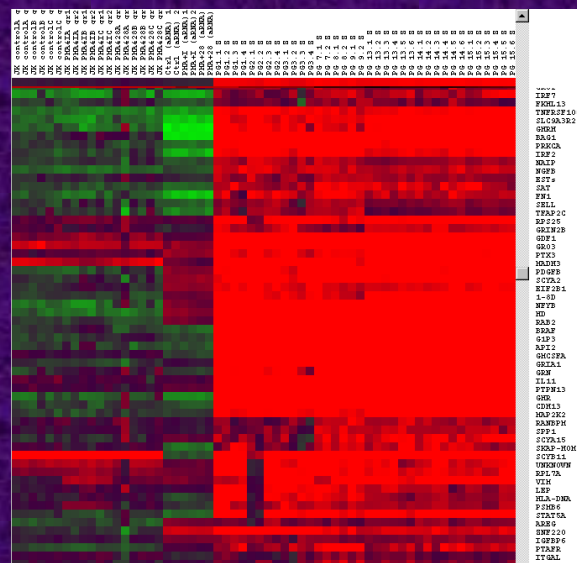
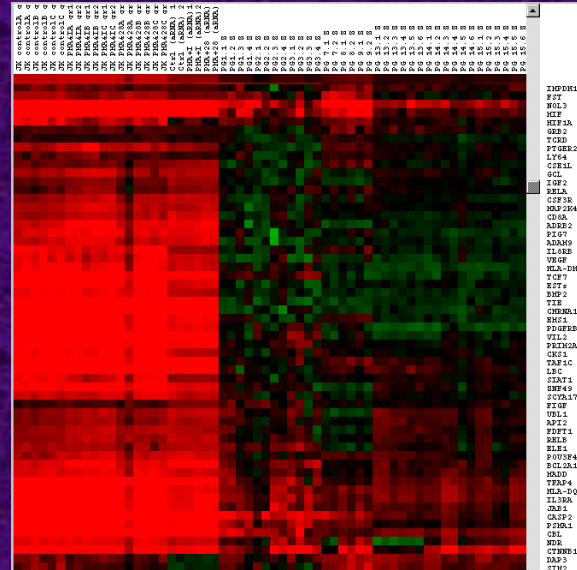
Genes differentially expressed in Jurkat vs Donor T cells



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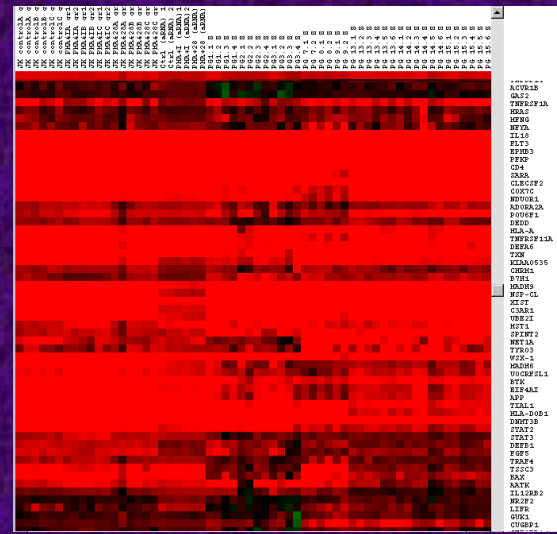
A. Genes up-regulated in Jurkat only



B. Genes highly expressed in Jurkat and Donor T cells

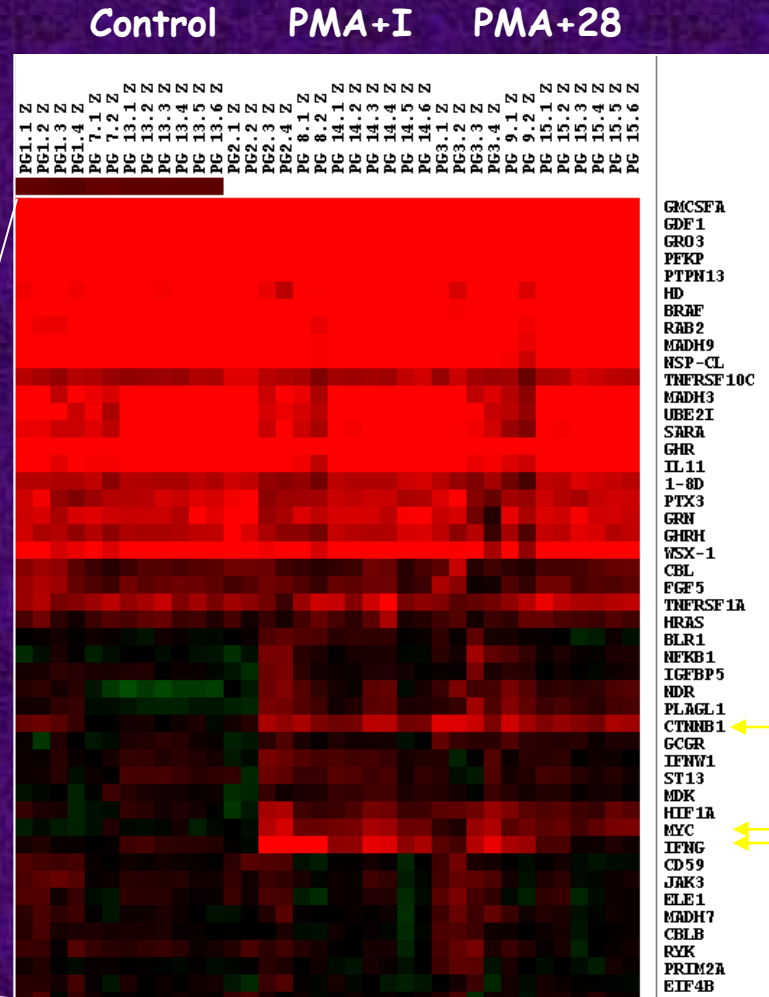
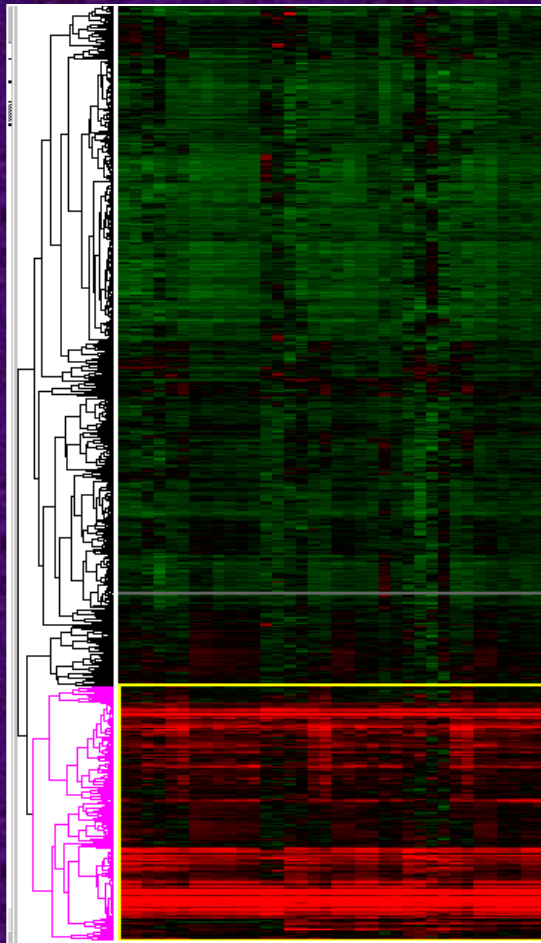


C. Genes up-regulated in Donor T cells only



NIA ImmunoArray

Condition specific regulation of CTNNB1, Myc and IFNG expression in stimulated donor T cells



Rescued.....

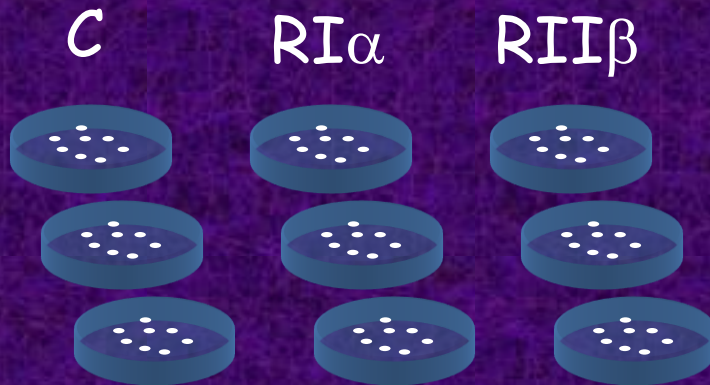
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OVCAR8 human ovarian cancer

OVCAR cells were transfected with one of two key regulatory subunits of Protein Kinase A (PKA).

PKA Regulatory Subunit 1A ($RI\alpha$) induces a hyper-proliferative state

PKA Regulatory Subunit 2B ($RII\beta$) causes a quasi-differentiated phenotype



9 RNA samples

27 independent labelings

27 arrays (9 Affymetrix, 9 Agilent, 9 Illumina)

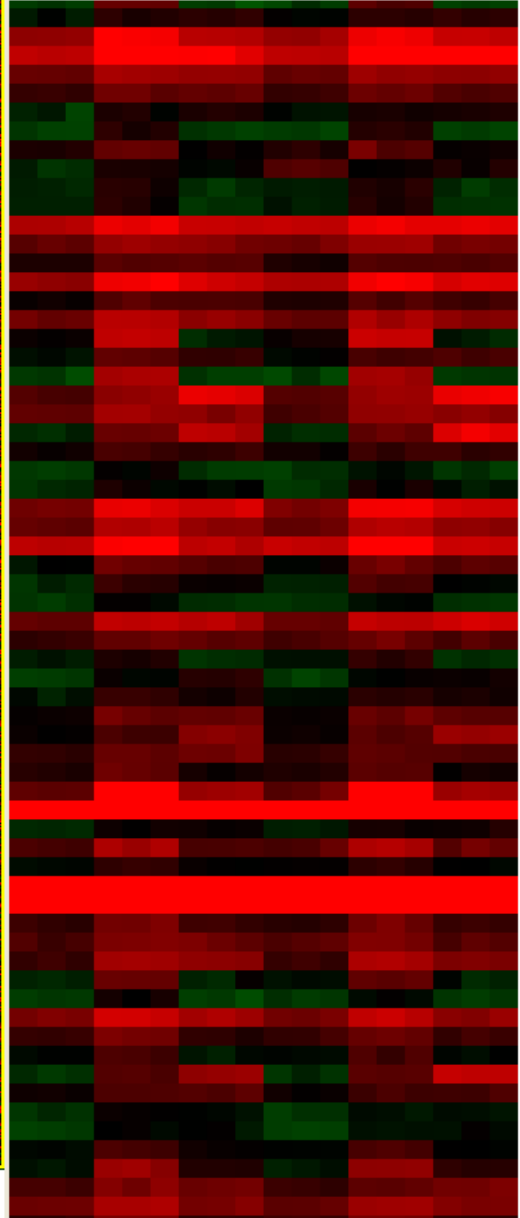
Data was normalized appropriately for the specific array type.

Cheadle, C., Nesterova, M., Johnson, N., Becker, K. and Y-S. Cho-Chung. (2008), *PKA Regulatory Subunits Define an Axis of Cellular Proliferation/Differentiation in Ovarian Cancer Cells*. BMC Med Genomics. 2008 Sep 26;1:43.

Illumina OVCAR RIA

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RIIB3 f



- PKC36 - glucocorticoid-inducible protein kinase (PKC36), mRNA.
- PSEN2 - presenilin 2 (Alzheimer disease 4) (PSEN2), trans
- PSMA4 - proteasome (prosome, macropain) subunit, alpha tv
- PSMC2 - proteasome (prosome, macropain) 26S subunit, ATPa
- PSMD7 - proteasome (prosome, macropain) 26S subunit, non-
- PSPC1 - paraspeckle component 1 (PSPC1), mRNA.
- PSPH - phosphoserine phosphatase (PSPH), mRNA.
- PSTPIP2 - proline-serine-threonine phosphatase interacting
- PTER - phosphotriesterase related (PTER), mRNA.
- PTGES - prostaglandin E synthase (PTGES), transcript vari.
- PTGFRN - prostaglandin F2 receptor negative regulator (PT
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- PTK9 - PTK9 protein tyrosine kinase 9 (PTK9), transcript
- PUS1 - pseudouridylate synthase 1 (PUS1), mRNA.
- PWP2H - PWP2 periodic tryptophan protein homolog (veast)
- PYCR1 - pyrroline-5-carboxylate reductase 1 (PYCR1), trans
- PYCR1 - pyrroline-5-carboxylate reductase 1 (PYCR1), trans
- PYCS - pyrroline-5-carboxylate synthetase (glutamate gamma
- OPCT - glutaminyl-peptide cyclotransferase (glutaminyl cy
- RAB20 - RAB20, member RAS oncogene family (RAB20), mRNA.
- RAB25 - RAB25, member RAS oncogene family (RAB25), mRNA.
- RAB3A - RAB3A, member RAS oncogene family (RAB3A), mRNA.
- RAB8A - RAB8A, member RAS oncogene family (RAB8A), mRNA.
- RAMP1 - receptor (calcitonin) activity modifying protein
- RANBP6 - RAN binding protein 6 (RANBP6), mRNA.
- RARRES2 - retinoic acid receptor responder (tazarotene in
- RB1 - retinoblastoma 1 (including osteosarcoma) (RB1), mRN
- RCN2 - reticulocalbin 2, EF-hand calcium binding domain (
- REC14 - recombination protein REC14 (REC14), mRNA.
- RER1 - RER1 homolog (S. cerevisiae) (RER1), mRNA.
- RG9MTD1 - RNA (guanine-9-) methyltransferase domain conta
- RGS16 - regulator of G-protein signaling 16 (RGS16), mRNA
- RLN2 - relaxin 2 (H2) (RLN2), transcript variant 1, mRNA.
- RNASET2 - ribonuclease T2 (RNASET2), mRNA.
- RNU3IP2 - RNA, U3 small nucleolar interacting protein 2 (
- RODH - 3-hydroxysteroid epimerase (RODH), mRNA.
- ROR1 - receptor tyrosine kinase-like orphan receptor 1 (R
- RPC8 - RNA polymerase III subunit RPC8 (RPC8), mRNA.
- RPE - ribulose-5-phosphate-3-epimerase (RPE), transcript
- RPH3AL - rabphilin 3A-like (without C2 domains) (RPH3AL),
- RPIA - ribose 5-phosphate isomerase A (ribose 5-phosphate
- RPL13 - ribosomal protein L13 (RPL13), transcript variant
- RPL17 - ribosomal protein L17 (RPL17), mRNA.
- RPL24 - ribosomal protein L24 (RPL24), mRNA.
- RPL28 - ribosomal protein L28 (RPL28), mRNA.
- RPL34 - ribosomal protein L34 (RPL34), transcript variant
- RPP38 - ribonuclease P/MRP 38kDa subunit (RPP38), transcr
- RPS17 - ribosomal protein S17 (RPS17), mRNA.
- RPS20 - ribosomal protein S20 (RPS20), mRNA.
- RPS6KB2 - ribosomal protein S6 kinase, 70kDa, polypeptide
- RRP46 - exosome component Rrp46 (RRP46), mRNA.
- RTKN - rhotekin (RTKN), mRNA.
- S100A14 - S100 calcium binding protein A14 (S100A14), mRN
- SAA1 - serum amyloid A1 (SAA1), transcript variant 1, mRN
- SAP30 - sin3-associated polypeptide, 30kDa (SAP30), mRNA.
- SARA2 - SARA1a gene homolog 2 (S. cerevisiae) (SARA2), mRN
- SATB2 - SATB family member 2 (SATB2), mRNA.
- SC5DL - sterol-C5-desaturase (ERG3 delta-5-desaturase hom
- SC65 - synaptonemal complex protein SC65 (SC65), mRNA.
- SCARRA3 - scavenger receptor class A, member 3 (SCARRA3), t
- SCARRA3 - scavenger receptor class A, member 3 (SCARRA3), t
- SCLY - selenocysteine lyase (SCLY), mRNA.
- SCNN1A - sodium channel, nonvoltage-gated 1 alpha (SCNN1A
- SDC4 - syndecan 4 (amphibian), ryudocan (SDC4), mRNA.
- SDCBP - syndecan binding protein (syntenin) (SDCBP), mRNA

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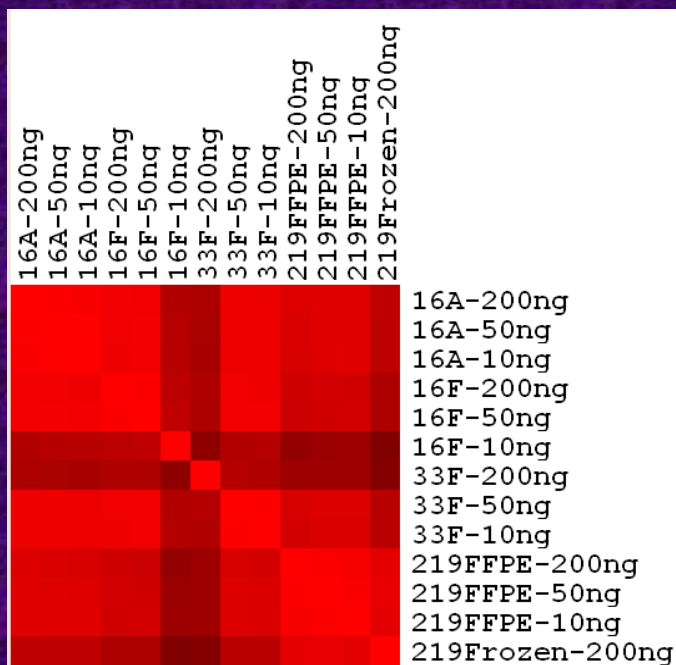
Slide 2

Slide 3

Emerging technologies

Correlation matrix – all samples

Correlations													
	16A-200ng	16A-50ng	16A-10ng	16F-200ng	16F-50ng	16F-10ng	33F-200ng	33F-50ng	33F-10ng	219FFPE-200ng	219FFPE-50ng	219FFPE-10ng	219Frozen-200ng
16A-200ng	1	0.9883	0.9782	0.9532	0.9464	0.6989	0.6773	0.9365	0.9273	0.8729	0.8853	0.8798	0.7491
16A-50ng	0.9883	1	0.9929	0.946	0.9535	0.7138	0.6645	0.9369	0.9363	0.8496	0.8764	0.8792	0.7449
16A-10ng	0.9782	0.9929	1	0.9363	0.9496	0.7178	0.6563	0.9319	0.9353	0.8409	0.8729	0.8789	0.7444
16F-200ng	0.9532	0.946	0.9363	1	0.9866	0.7299	0.6901	0.9465	0.9352	0.8092	0.8251	0.822	0.6751
16F-50ng	0.9464	0.9535	0.9496	0.9866	1	0.7477	0.6788	0.9456	0.9439	0.7963	0.8229	0.8261	0.6769
16F-10ng	0.6989	0.7138	0.7178	0.7299	0.7477	1	0.5572	0.7009	0.7063	0.5832	0.6084	0.6156	0.5045
33F-200ng	0.6773	0.6645	0.6563	0.6901	0.6788	0.5572	1	0.7072	0.6932	0.6187	0.6234	0.6214	0.5203
33F-50ng	0.9365	0.9369	0.9319	0.9465	0.9456	0.7009	0.7072	1	0.9887	0.8419	0.8631	0.8629	0.7279
33F-10ng	0.9273	0.9363	0.9353	0.9352	0.9439	0.7063	0.6932	0.9887	1	0.8281	0.8557	0.86	0.7218
219FFPE-200ng	0.8729	0.8496	0.8409	0.8092	0.7963	0.5832	0.6187	0.8419	0.8281	1	0.9872	0.9675	0.9003
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219Frozen-200ng	0.7491	0.7449	0.7444	0.6751	0.6769	0.5045	0.5203	0.7279	0.7218	0.9003	0.904	0.8939	1



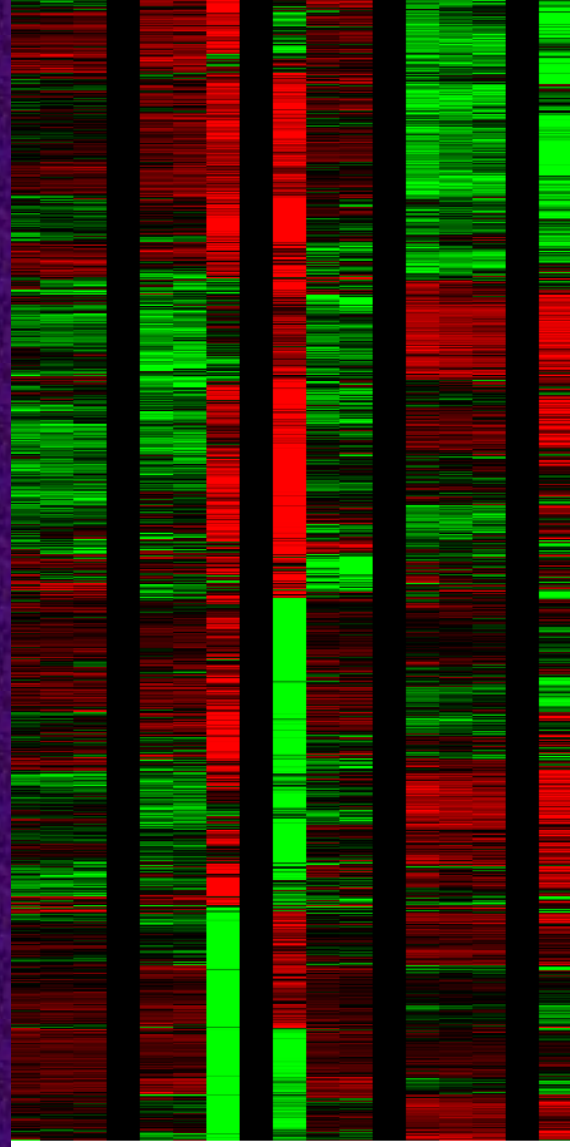
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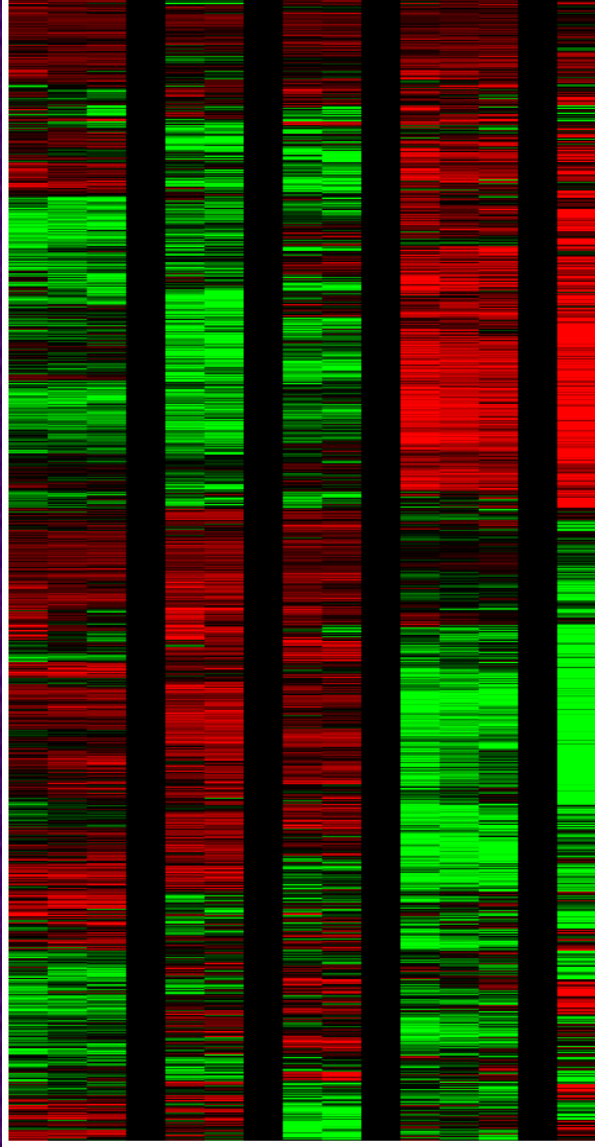
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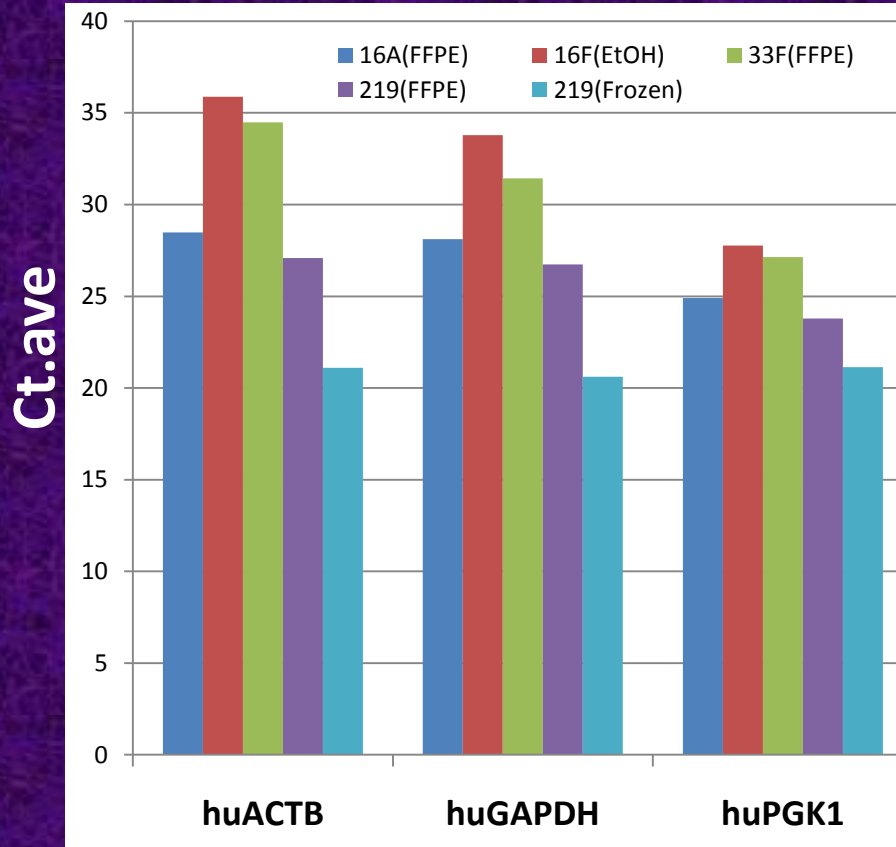
219Frozen-200ng



FFPE RNA – RT-PCR estimates of degradation

➤ QPCR was performed using 1 ng RNA per reaction.

➤ Ct. ave is the mean of duplicates for each sample.



Amplicon size 171 bp

122 bp

75 bp

	Amplicon	219(Frozen)	219(FFPE)	16A(FFPE)	16F(EtOH)	33F(FFPE)
huACTB	171 bp	21.09	27.08	28.48	35.89	34.49
huGAPDH	122 bp	20.61	26.74	28.12	33.78	31.44
huPGK1	75 bp	21.14	23.79	24.9	27.77	27.14

A combination of transcriptional analysis, bioinformatics, and drug screening reveals mechanisms of global dysregulation in a single gene knock-out mouse embryonic stem cell line.

Tristetraprolin (TTP) - aka ZFP36

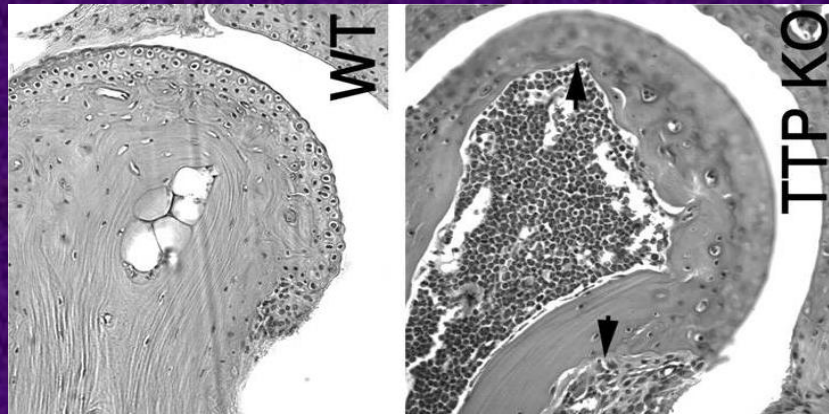
- a basic proline-rich 33.6 KD protein.
- TTP destabilizes TNF-alpha mRNA after binding directly to the ARE of the 3-prime UTR of the TNF-alpha mRNA.
- AU-rich elements (AREs) in the 3-prime untranslated regions (UTRs) of unstable mRNAs dictate their degradation.
- Human miR16 containing an UAAUUAUU sequence that is complementary to ARE sequences, is required for ARE-RNA turnover and requires the ARE-binding protein TTP.

TTP deficient knock-out mice

Mice made deficient in TTP by gene targeting appeared normal at birth, but soon manifested marked medullary and extramedullary myeloid hyperplasia associated with cachexia, erosive arthritis, dermatitis, conjunctivitis, glomerular mesangial thickening, and high titers of anti-DNA and antinuclear antibodies.

Treatment of young TTP-deficient mice with antibodies to tumor necrosis factor α (TNF α) prevented the development of essentially all aspects of the phenotype. These results indicate a role for TTP in regulating TNF α synthesis, secretion, turnover, or action.

TTP deficient knock-out mice



Histology of finger joints (6 month)

	<u>WT</u>	<u>TTP KO</u>
Synovium:	smooth	inflamed
Bone marrow cavity:	small, few cells	neutrophil-packed
Bone within marrow cavity:	smooth	severe erosions
Juxtarticular bone surface:	smooth	significant erosions
TNF mRNA & Protein Levels:	low	significantly elevated
Phenotype:	normal	similar to human Rheumatoid Arthritis

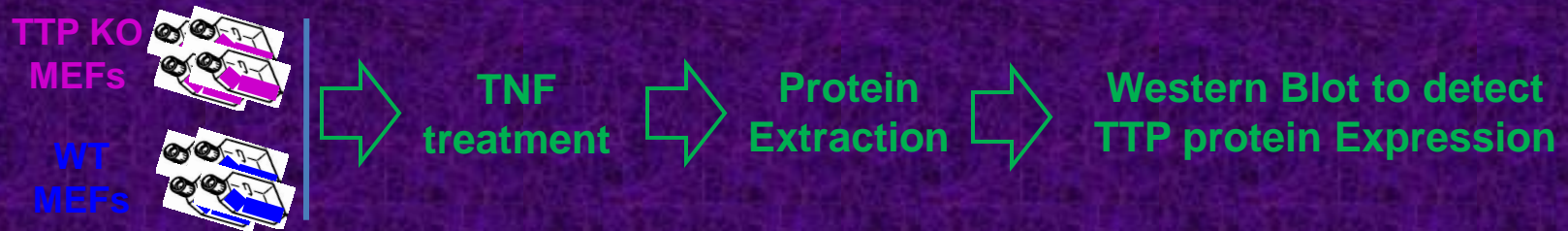
1. The mouse arthritis phenotype could be almost entirely prevented by injecting TNF antagonist;
2. TNF and TTP play pivotal roles in the pathogenesis of rheumatoid arthritis;
3. TTP binds TNF mRNA 3'UTR to promote its degradation; TTP is the key arthritis suppressor;
4. TNF antagonist has been approved by FDA as the first-choice drug to treat human rheumatoid arthritis.

Mouse Embryonic Fibroblasts (MEFs) +/- TTP

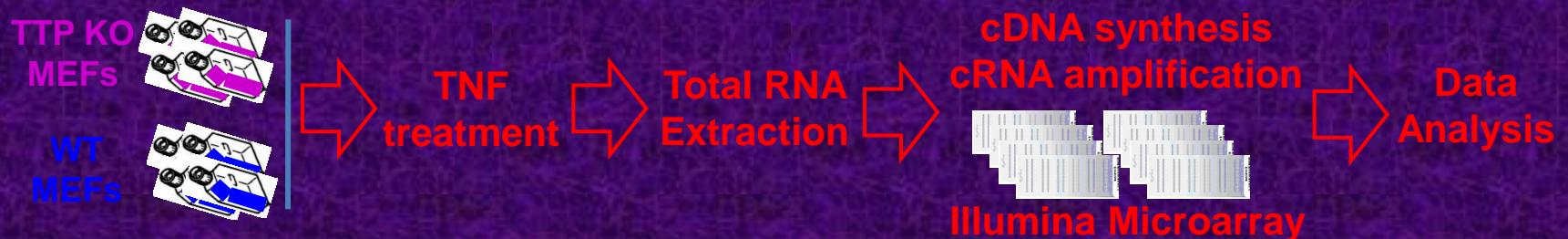
Cell Line Characterization:



Induction of TTP Protein upon TNF Stimulation:

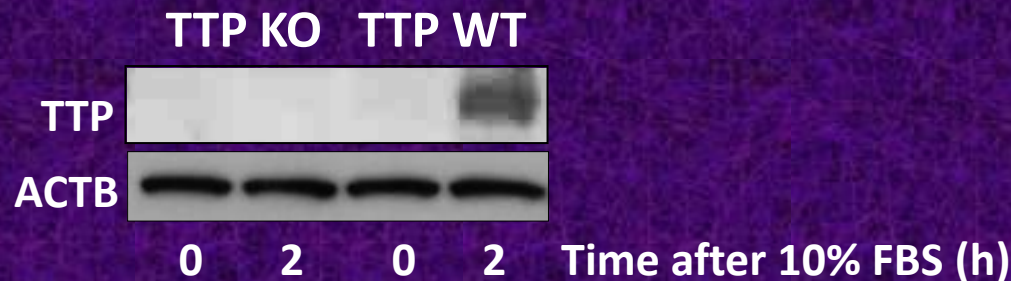


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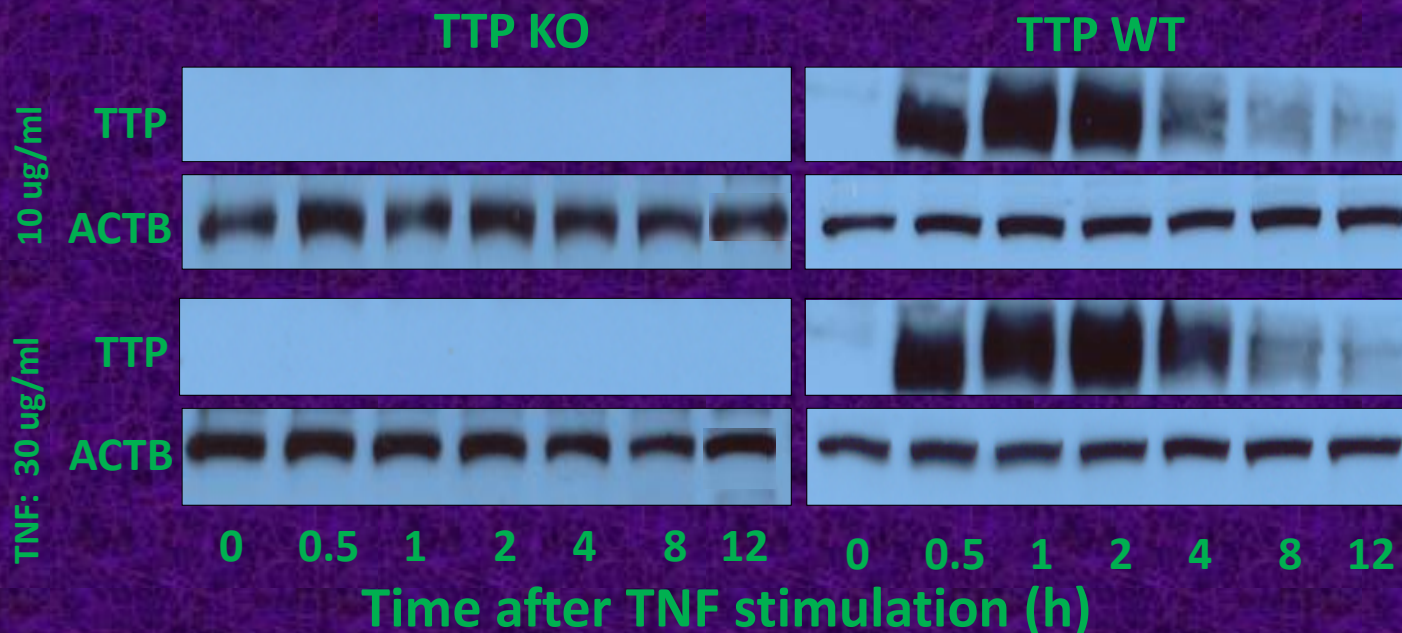


Cell Line Characterization & TNF-induced TTP Expression

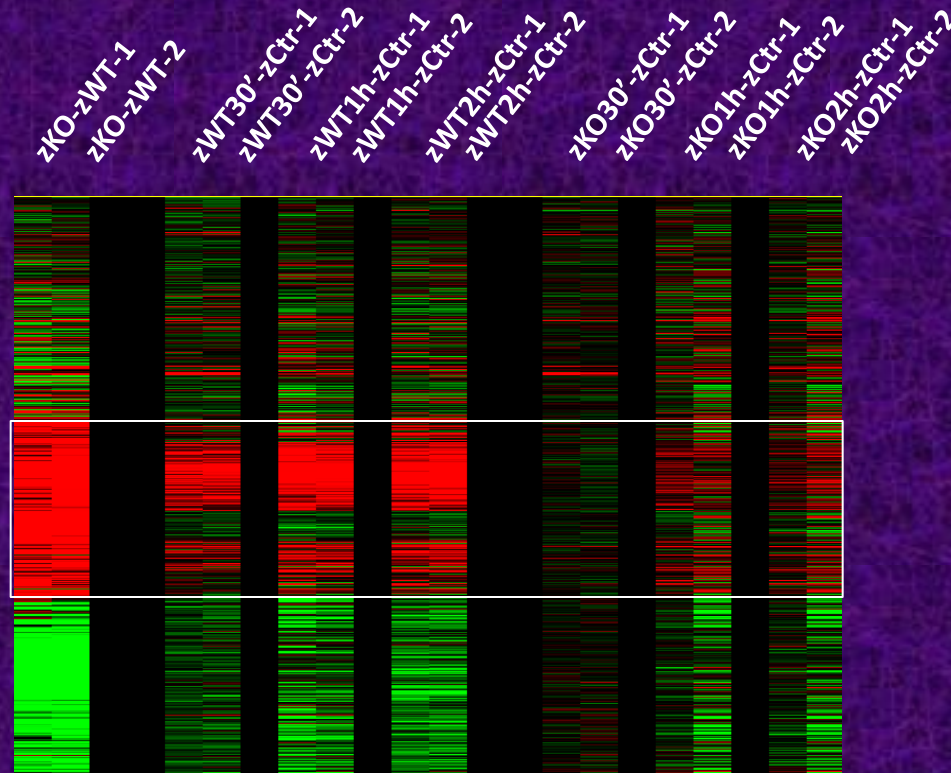
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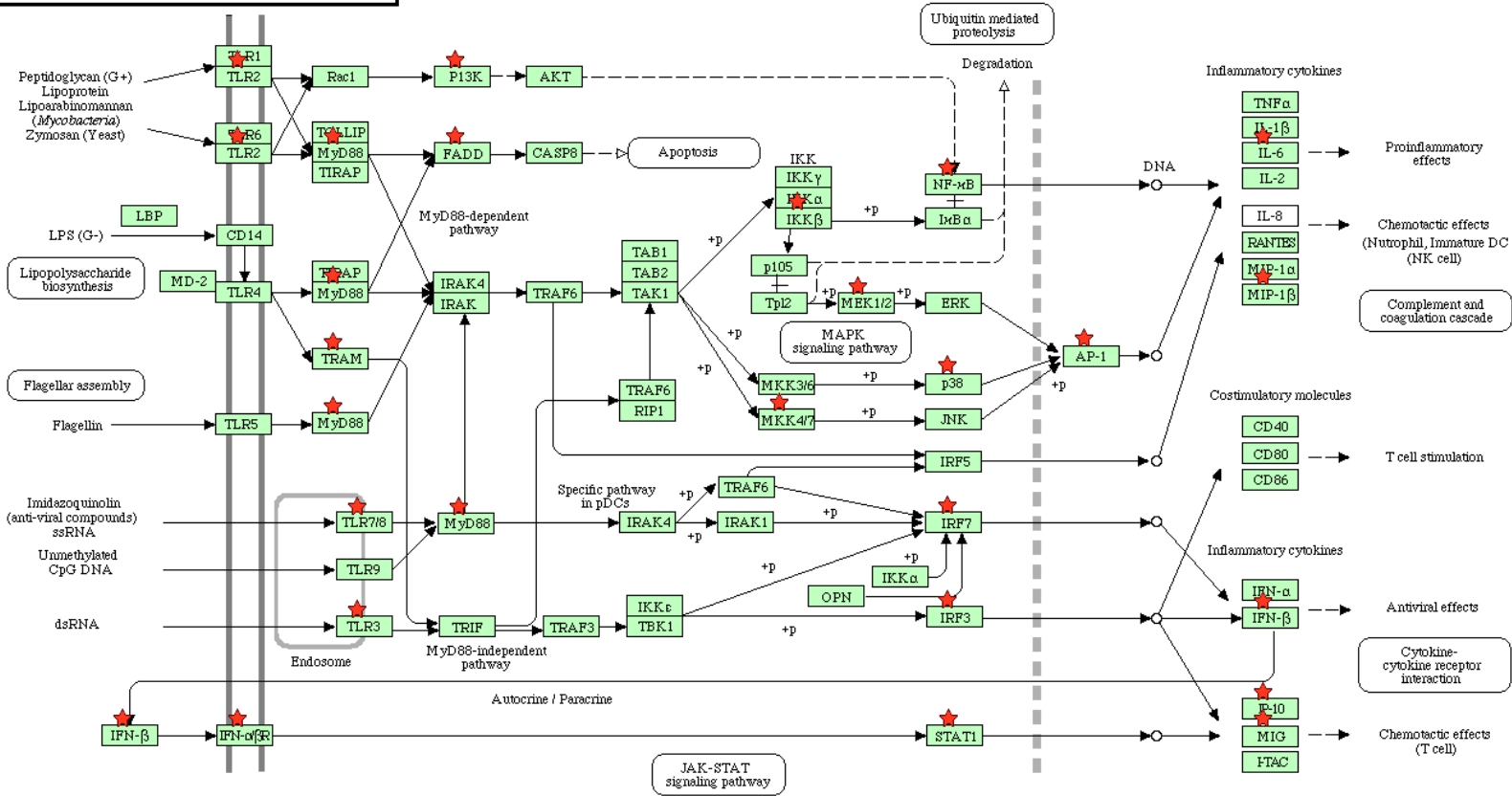


TNF-mediated Gene Expression in TTP KO & WT MEFs



Category	Term	Count	%	PValue	Genes	List Total	Pop Hits	Pop Total	Fold Enr	Bonferr	Benjam	FDR
SP_PIR_KEYWORDS	cell cycle	48	7.4%	1.22E-15	MLF1, GAI	539	366	16241	3.95	1.06E-12	1.06E-12	1.90E-12
GOTERM_BP_ALL	GO:0007049~cell cycle	70	10.8%	4.46E-15	MLF1, CD	498	740	14977	2.84	2.31E-11	2.31E-11	8.48E-12
GOTERM_BP_ALL	GO:0022402~cell cycle process	59	9.1%	1.39E-13	MLF1, AN	498	596	14977	2.98	7.22E-10	3.61E-10	2.66E-10
GOTERM_BP_ALL	GO:0051301~cell division	35	5.4%	1.53E-12	CDCA2, A	498	246	14977	4.28	7.94E-09	2.65E-09	2.92E-09
GOTERM_BP_ALL	GO:0000278~mitotic cell cycle	35	5.4%	7.47E-12	POLD1, A	498	260	14977	4.05	3.88E-08	9.70E-09	1.43E-08
GOTERM_BP_ALL	GO:0007067~mitosis	30	4.6%	7.56E-12	ANLN, CD	498	192	14977	4.70	3.93E-08	7.85E-09	1.44E-08
GOTERM_BP_ALL	GO:0000087~M phase of mitotic cell	30	4.6%	8.63E-12	ANLN, CD	498	193	14977	4.67	4.48E-08	7.47E-09	1.65E-08
GOTERM_BP_ALL	GO:0022403~cell cycle phase	37	5.7%	3.96E-11	POLD1, CL	498	306	14977	3.64	2.06E-07	2.94E-08	7.58E-08
SP_PIR_KEYWORDS	cell division	29	4.5%	4.11E-11	TIMELESS,	539	192	16241	4.55	3.56E-08	1.19E-08	6.37E-08
SP_PIR_KEYWORDS	mitosis	22	3.4%	4.43E-10	NUSAP1, f	539	121	16241	5.48	3.84E-07	6.40E-08	6.87E-07
GOTERM_BP_ALL	GO:0000279~M phase	32	4.9%	4.56E-10	ANLN, CD	498	256	14977	3.76	2.37E-06	2.96E-07	8.70E-07
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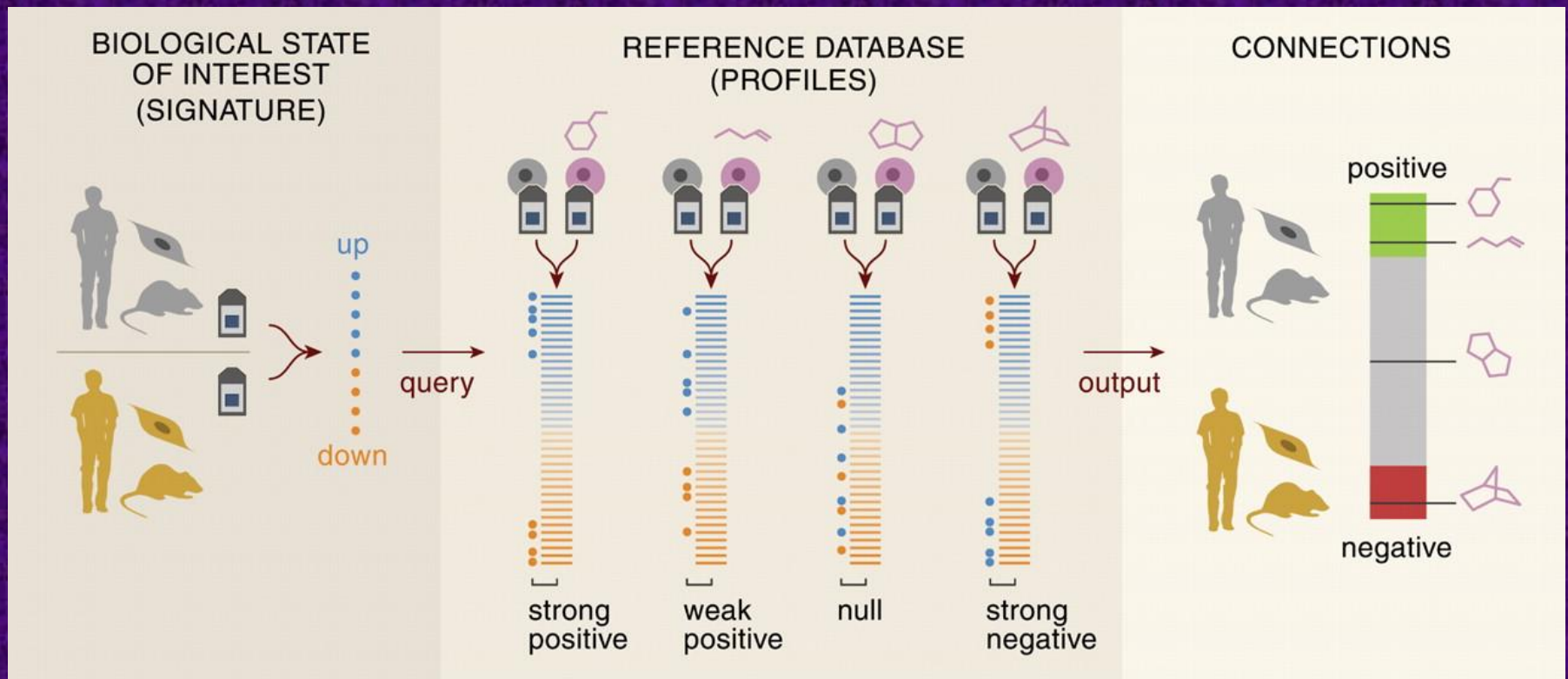
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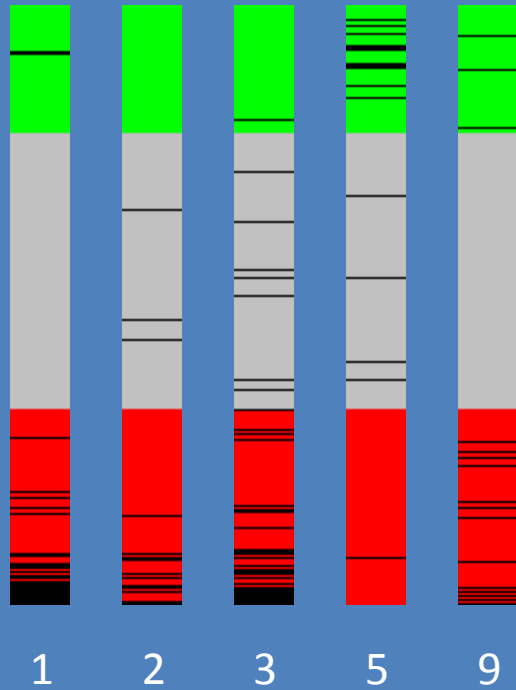


The Connectivity Map: using gene-expression signatures to connect small molecules, genes, and disease.

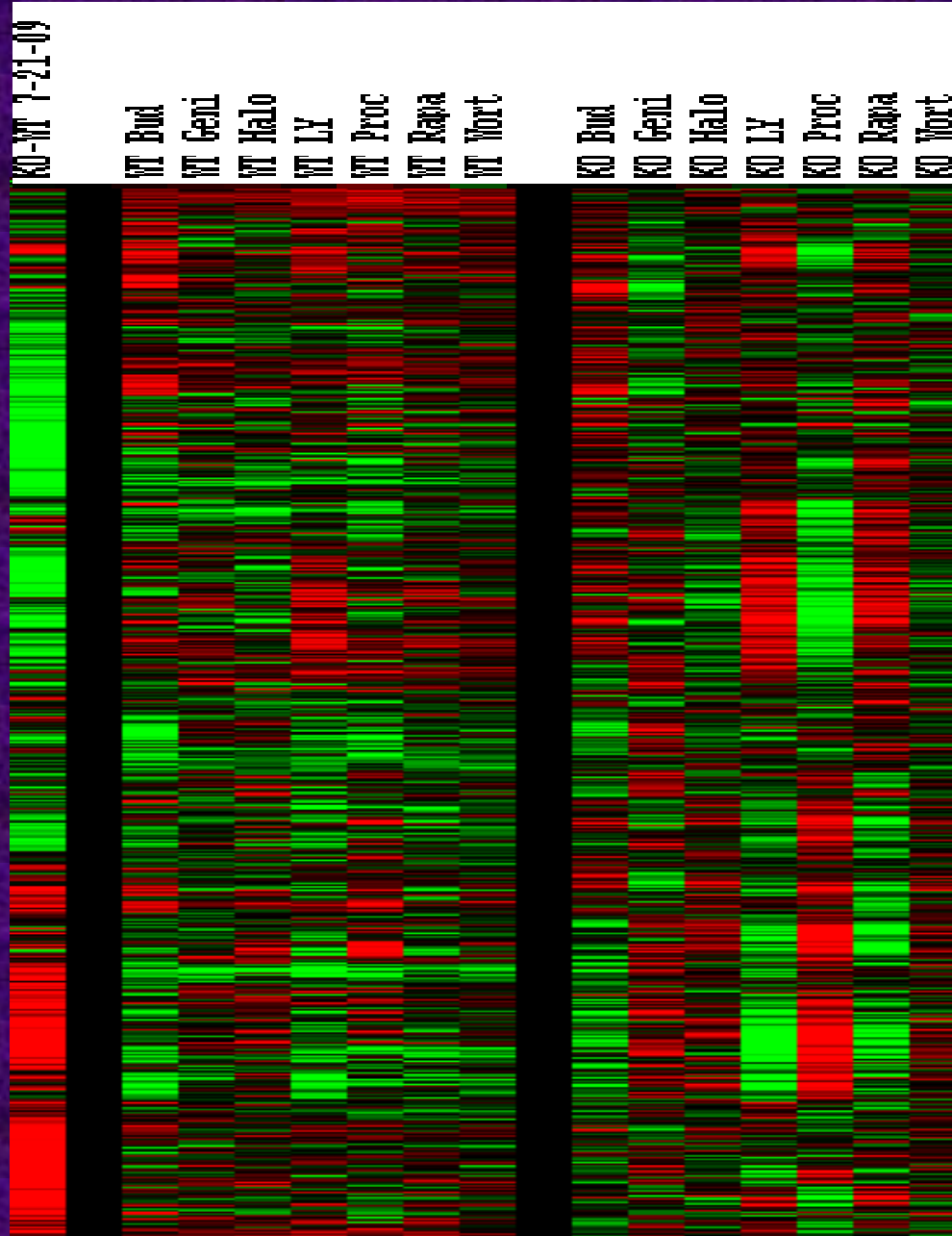
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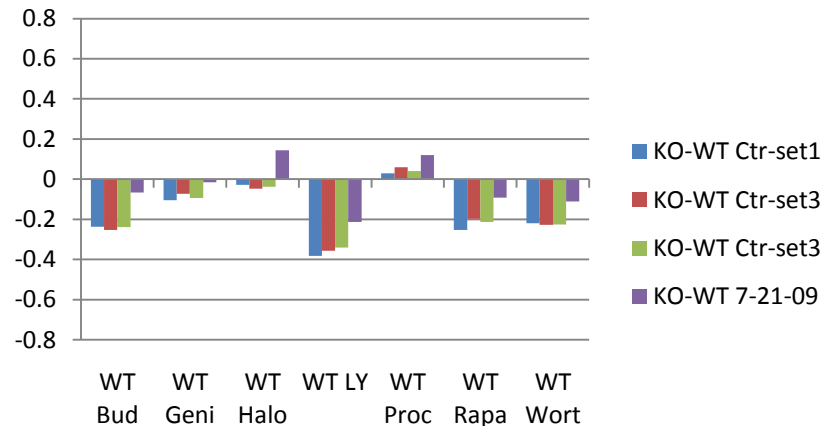
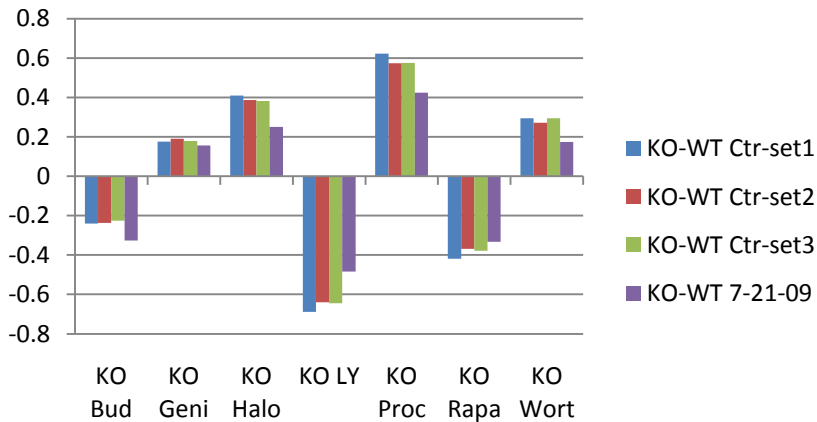


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2	wortmannin	-0.598	18	-0.694	0	0.0127	83
3	LY-294002	-0.574	61	-0.621	0	0.0123	81
4	monorden	-0.337	22	-0.581	0	0	68
5	genistein	0.339	17	0.552	0	0.0058	70
6	tanespimycin	-0.361	62	-0.523	0	0.042	69
7	thioridazine	-0.43	20	-0.515	0	0.129	75
8	fulvestrant	-0.264	40	-0.396	0	0.0216	57
9	prochlorperazine	-0.372	16	-0.543	0.00002	0.0377	81
10	valproic acid	-0.253	57	-0.31	0.00002	0.0563	61



all present genes
- 13,659

	KO-WT Ctr-set1	KO-WT Ctr-set2	KO-WT Ctr-set3	KO-WT 7- 21-09	WT Bud	WT Geni	WT Halo	WT LY	WT Proc	WT Rapa	WT Wort	KO Bud	KO Geni	KO Halo	KO LY	KO Proc	KO Rapa	KO Wort
KO-WT Ctr-set1	1	0.941	0.9533	0.6623	-0.2364	-0.1043	-0.0278	-0.3817	0.0289	-0.252	-0.2192	-0.2402	0.1754	0.4091	-0.6891	0.6224	-0.4195	0.2944
KO-WT Ctr-set2	0.941	1	0.9509	0.6482	-0.2527	-0.0719	-0.0465	-0.3565	0.0589	-0.1974	-0.228	-0.2364	0.1897	0.3873	-0.6395	0.5727	-0.3683	0.2721
KO-WT Ctr-set3	0.9533	0.9509	1	0.6305	-0.2387	-0.0937	-0.0368	-0.3399	0.0413	-0.2132	-0.2252	-0.2254	0.1791	0.3816	-0.644	0.5746	-0.3785	0.2946
KO-WT 7- 21-09	0.6623	0.6482	0.6305	1	-0.0668	-0.0156	0.1449	-0.2122	0.1208	-0.0915	-0.1105	-0.3266	0.1565	0.2506	-0.4845	0.4247	-0.3324	0.1746
WT Bud	-0.2364	-0.2527	-0.2387	-0.0668	1	0.1391	0.0885	0.3918	0.285	0.2382	0.4661	0.494	-0.5206	-0.0124	0.277	-0.1896	0.0325	-0.0714
WT Geni	-0.1043	-0.0719	-0.0937	-0.0156	0.1391	1	0.4228	0.3932	0.2383	0.2822	0.328	-0.0237	0.1439	-0.1416	0.0578	-0.0066	-0.0399	-0.1119
WT Halo	-0.0278	-0.0465	-0.0368	0.1449	0.0885	0.4228	1	0.1099	0.316	0.1461	0.3268	-0.1485	0.0605	0.0463	-0.1527	0.1941	-0.2291	-0.051
WT LY	-0.3817	-0.3565	-0.3399	-0.2122	0.3918	0.3932	0.1099	1	0.2705	0.537	0.4684	0.2175	-0.0798	-0.2108	0.5183	-0.4261	0.2291	-0.2439
WT Proc	0.0289	0.0589	0.0413	0.1208	0.285	0.2383	0.316	0.2705	1	0.2111	0.2914	0.1147	-0.0174	0.1531	-0.0009	0.2225	-0.3426	-0.0008
WT Rapa	-0.252	-0.1974	-0.2132	-0.0915	0.2382	0.2822	0.1461	0.537	0.2111	1	0.4759	0.0306	-0.0152	-0.1137	0.3221	-0.2755	0.2766	-0.3428
WT Wort	-0.2192	-0.228	-0.2252	-0.1105	0.4661	0.328	0.3268	0.4684	0.2914	0.4759	1	0.1741	-0.1721	-0.0364	0.2574	-0.19	0.1197	-0.1395
KO Bud	-0.2402	-0.2364	-0.2254	-0.3266	0.494	-0.0237	-0.1485	0.2175	0.1147	0.0306	0.1741	1	-0.7311	-0.0637	0.3175	-0.2563	0.1648	-0.0209
KO Geni	0.1754	0.1897	0.1791	0.1565	-0.5206	0.1439	0.0605	-0.0798	-0.0174	-0.0152	-0.1721	-0.7311	1	-0.2998	-0.197	0.1852	-0.1072	-0.0166
KO Halo	0.4091	0.3873	0.3816	0.2506	-0.0124	-0.1416	0.0463	-0.2108	0.1531	-0.1137	-0.0364	-0.0637	-0.2998	1	-0.5209	0.4574	-0.4266	0.2174
KO LY	-0.6891	-0.6395	-0.644	-0.4845	0.277	0.0578	-0.1527	0.5183	-0.0009	0.3221	0.2574	0.3175	-0.197	-0.5209	1	-0.8631	0.544	-0.3411
KO Proc	0.6224	0.5727	0.5746	0.4247	-0.1896	-0.0066	0.1941	-0.4261	0.2225	-0.2755	-0.19	-0.2563	0.1852	0.4574	-0.8631	1	-0.8086	0.3046
KO Rapa	-0.4195	-0.3683	-0.3785	-0.3324	0.0325	-0.0399	-0.2291	0.2291	-0.3426	0.2766	0.1197	0.1648	-0.1072	-0.4266	0.544	-0.8086	1	-0.4342
KO Wort	0.2944	0.2721	0.2946	0.1746	-0.0714	-0.1119	-0.051	-0.2439	-0.0008	-0.3428	-0.1395	-0.0209	-0.0166	0.2174	-0.3411	0.3046	-0.4342	1



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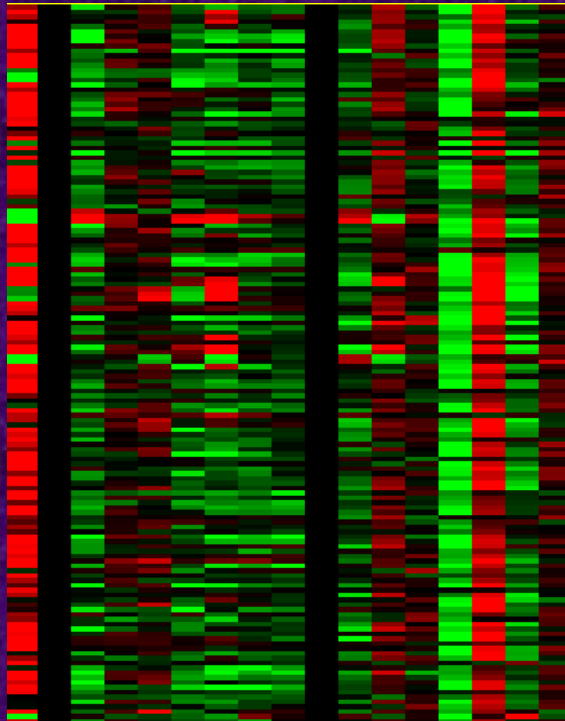
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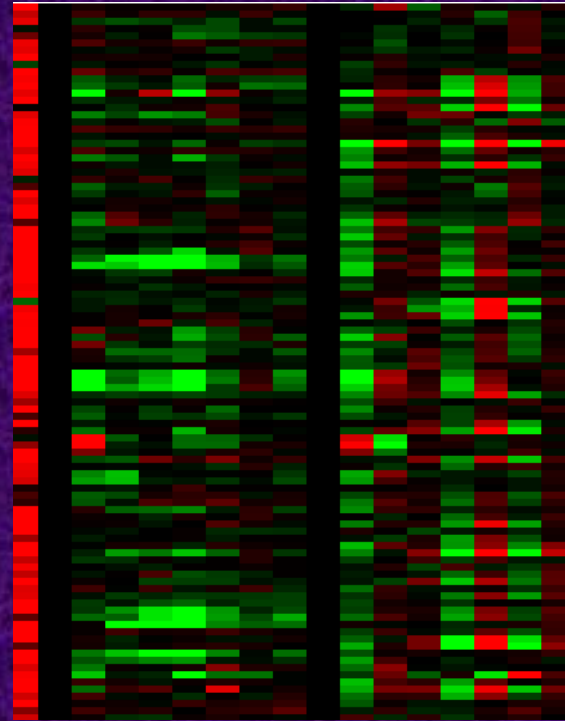
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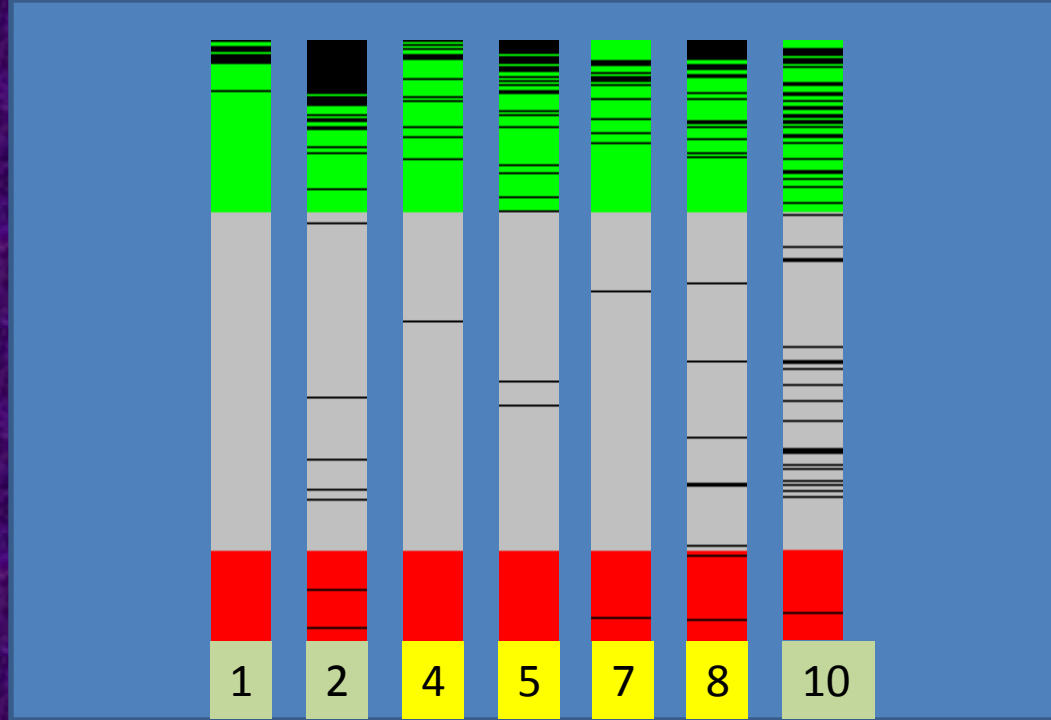
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1	vorinostat	0.664	12	0.918	0	0.0503	100
2	trichostatin A	0.582	182	0.827	0	0.0332	96
3	trifluoperazine	0.534	16	0.785	0	0	93
4	wortmannin	0.602	18	0.749	0	0	94
5	sirolimus	0.589	44	0.723	0	0.006	95
6	thioridazine	0.484	20	0.715	0	0.0274	90
7	prochlorperazine	0.425	16	0.705	0	0.0097	87
8	LY-294002	0.614	61	0.684	0	0.0067	86
9	fluphenazine	0.455	18	0.662	0	0.0052	94
10	valproic acid	0.276	57	0.32	0	0.0395	57

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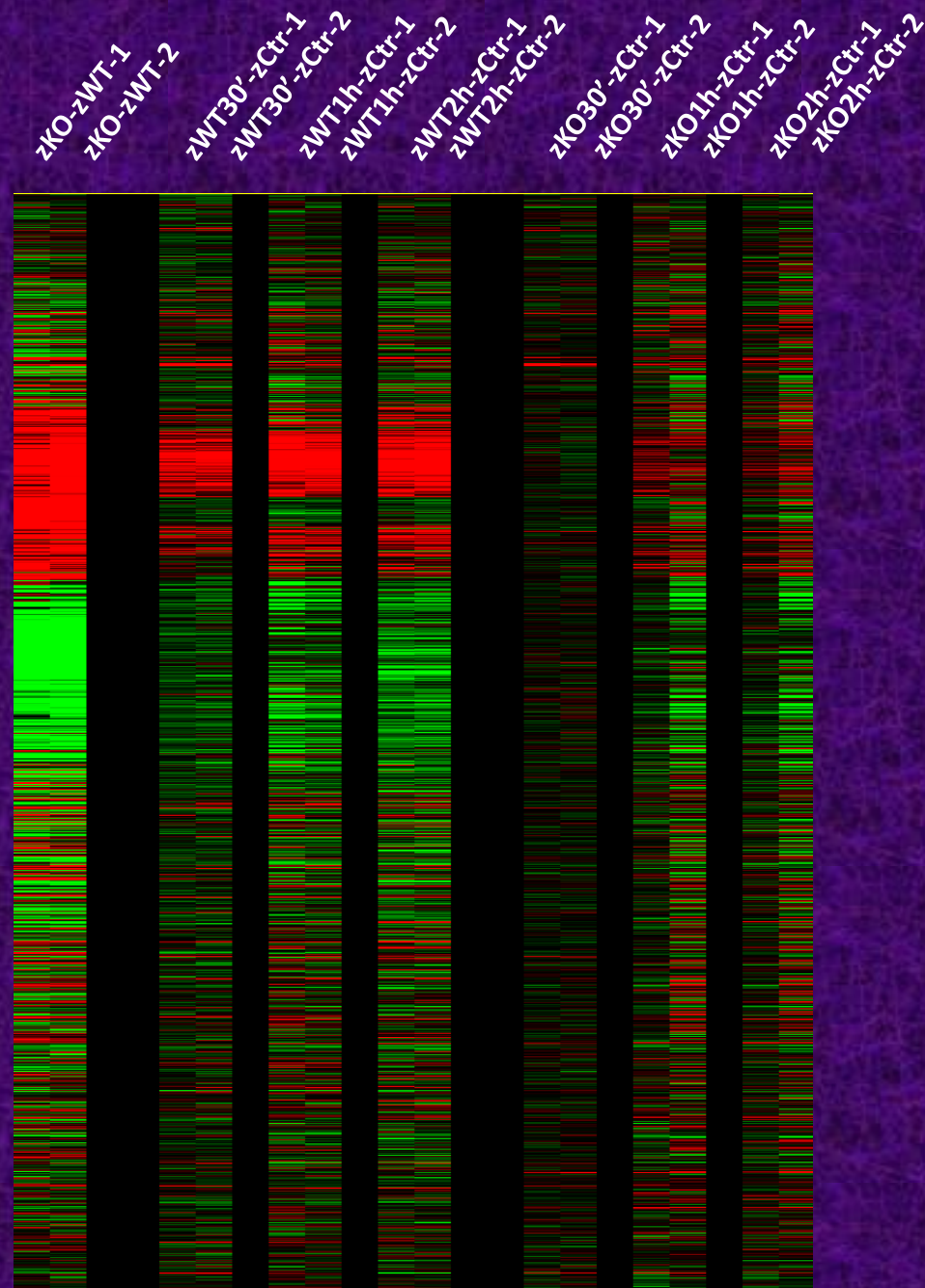
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The occurrence of pathologically stable mRNAs of proto-oncogenes, growth factors and cyclins has been proposed to contribute to experimental and human oncogenesis. In normal resting cells, mRNAs containing an AU-rich element (ARE) in their 3' untranslated region are subjected to rapid degradation. Tristetraprolin (TTP) is an RNA-binding zinc-finger protein that promotes

degradation of mRNAs containing AREs. We report that TTP acts as a potent tumor suppressor in a v-H-ras-dependent mast cell tumor model, where tumors express abnormally stable interleukin-3 (IL-3) mRNA as part of an oncogenic autocrine loop. Premalignant v-H-ras cells were suppressed in vivo by TTP expression. TTP expression delayed tumor progression by 4 weeks, and late-stage-bearing tumors escaped suppression by loss of TTP. When transfected into a fully established tumor line, TTP reduced cloning efficiency *in vitro* and growth of the inoculated cells *in vivo*. Transgenic TTP interfered with the autocrine loop by enhancing the degradation of IL-3 mRNA with concomitant reduction of IL-3 secretion. Our data establish the ARE as an antioncogenic target in a model situation, underline the importance of mRNA stabilization in oncogenesis and show for the first time that tumor suppression can be achieved by interfering with mRNA turnover.

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