

# Organelles as Tools in Toxicology – In vitro and In vivo Approach

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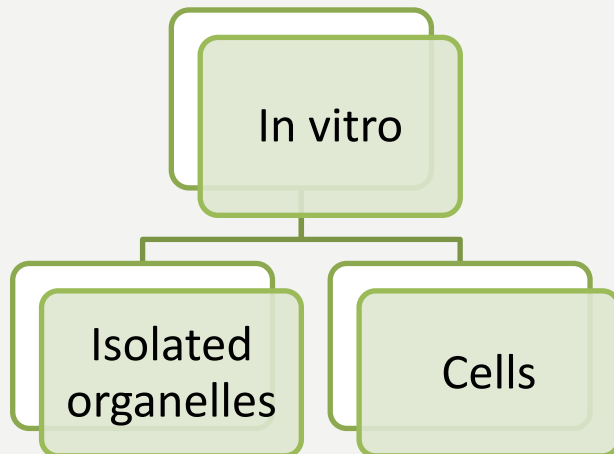


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- Role of mitochondria in toxicology
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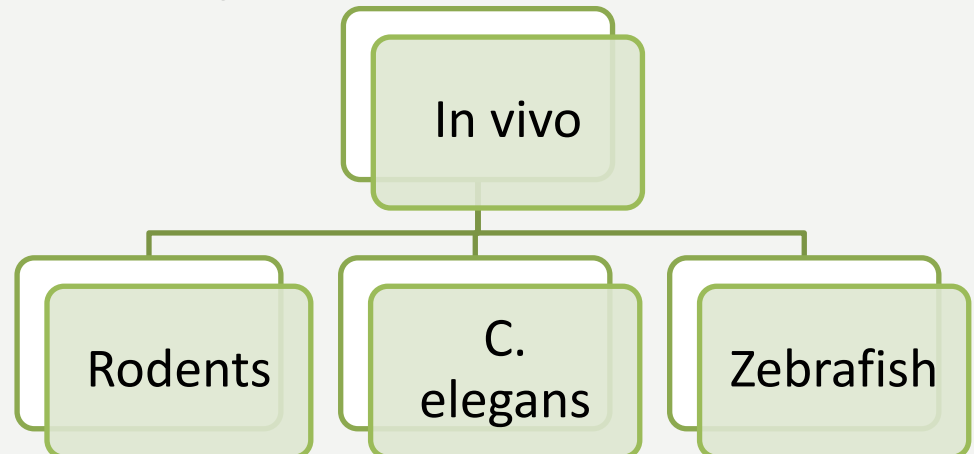
## In vitro

- studies are conducted using components of an organism that have been isolated from their usual biological surroundings, such as microorganisms, cells, or biological molecules



## In vivo

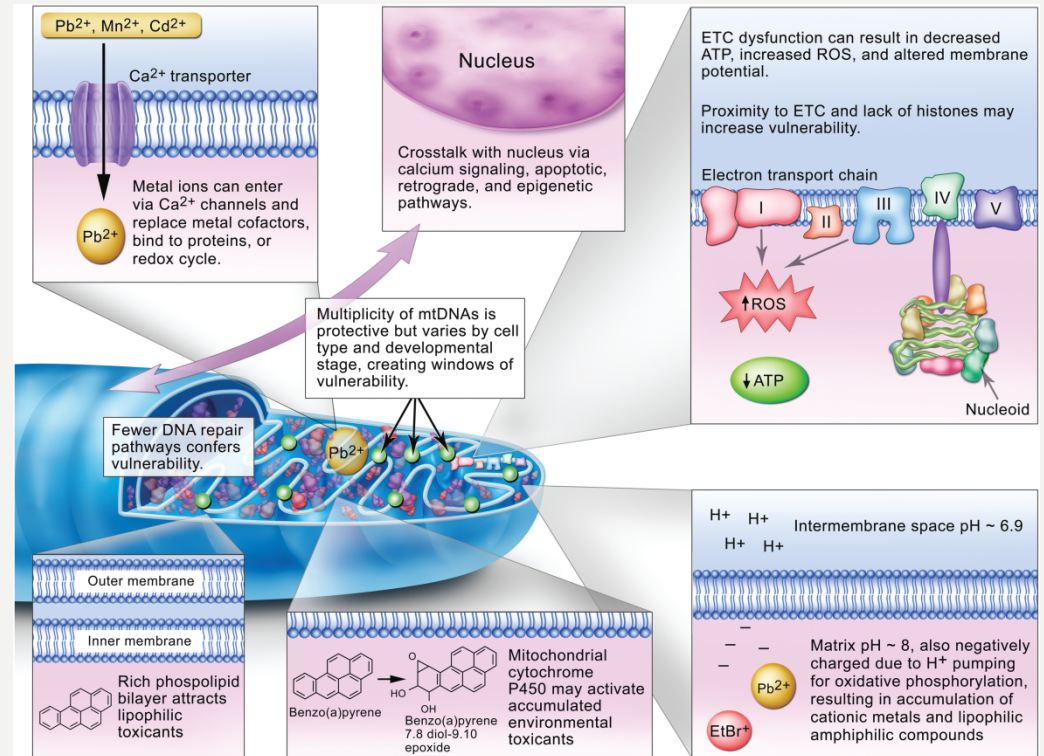
- in which the effects of various biological entities are tested on whole, living organisms or cells, usually animals, including humans, and plants, as opposed to a tissue extract or dead organism





## Functions:

1. Energy production
2. Maintaining homeostasis
3. Balancing oxidation/ reduction reactions
4. Cellular proliferation
5. Apoptosis



Meyer, J.N., et al., *Mitochondria as a target of environmental toxicants*. *Toxicol Sci*, 2013. **134**(1): p. 1-17.



**Table 1**

**Mitochondrial toxicity of drugs: principle mechanisms and typical examples**

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*Inhibition of the electron transport chain*

Amiodarone, anthralin, buprenorphine, flutamide, MPP + , oxmetidine, perhexiline

*Uncoupling of oxidative phosphorylation*

Amiodarone, bupivacaine, buprenorphine, etidocaine, tacrine

*Mitochondrial permeability transition*

Salicylate, valproate

*Inhibition of mitochondrial fatty acid metabolism*

Amiodarone, buprenorphine, female sex hormones, NSAIDs, salicylate, tetracycline, valproate

*Oxidation of mitochondrial DNA*

Alcohol

*Inhibition of mitochondrial DNA synthesis*

Nucleoside analogues, e.g. zidovudine, fialuridine

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Krähenbühl, S., *Mitochondria: important target for drug toxicity?* Journal of Hepatology, 2001. **34**(2): p. 334-336.

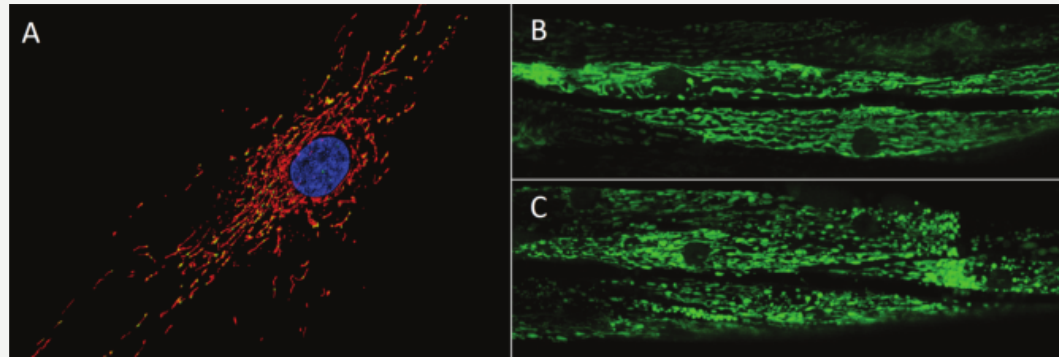


1. Application for large compound libraries
2. Cell culture based approach
3. With Isolated organelles – over or under-predict the effects

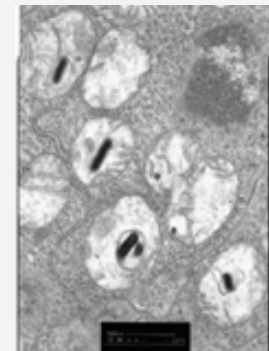
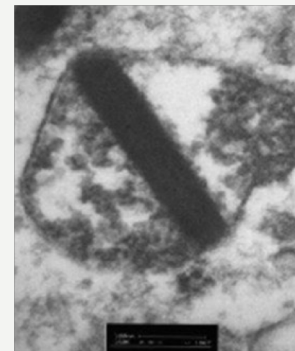
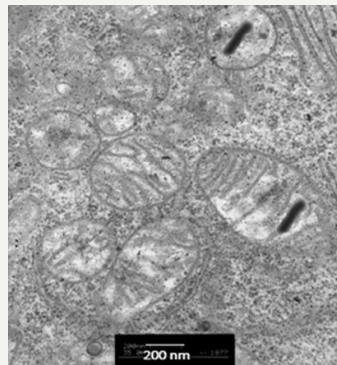
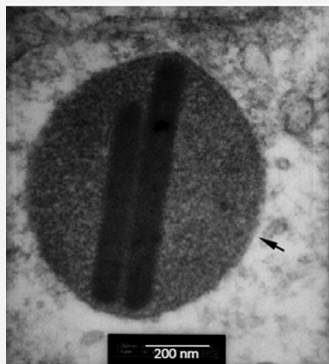
### ***Systems for analysing Mitochondrial toxicity:***

1. Morphology
2. Respirometry
3. Reactive oxygen species (ROS)
4. Membrane potential

Hynes, J., et al., *A high-throughput dual parameter assay for assessing drug-induced mitochondrial dysfunction provides additional predictivity over two established mitochondrial toxicity assays*. *Toxicol In Vitro*, 2013. **27**(2): p. 560-9.



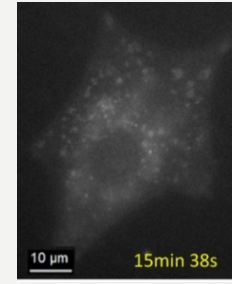
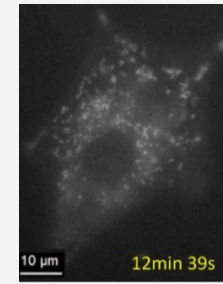
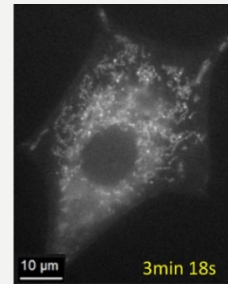
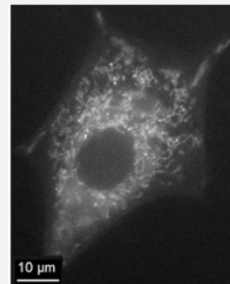
## ***Target and Toxicity of single-walled carbon nanotubes (SWCNT)***



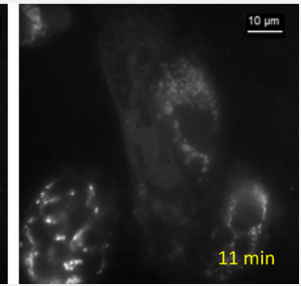
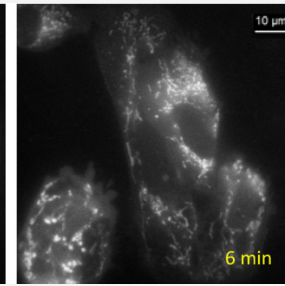
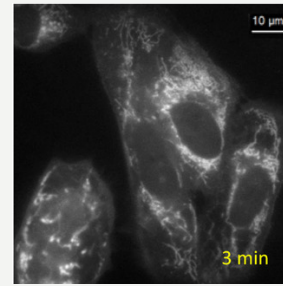
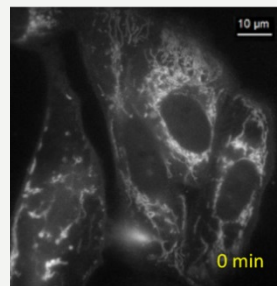
Yang, Z., et al., *Pharmacological and toxicological target organelles and safe use of single-walled carbon nanotubes as drug carriers in treating Alzheimer disease*. *Nanomedicine*, 2010. **6**(3): p. 427-41.

- Continuous non-destructive monitoring
- NADH is a natural fluorophore with excitation and emission spectra between 340 and 450nm
- Quantum yield is higher in mitochondria than in cytosol

Babl/c 3T3cells  
+Actinomycin D



Undifferentiated  
HepaRG cells

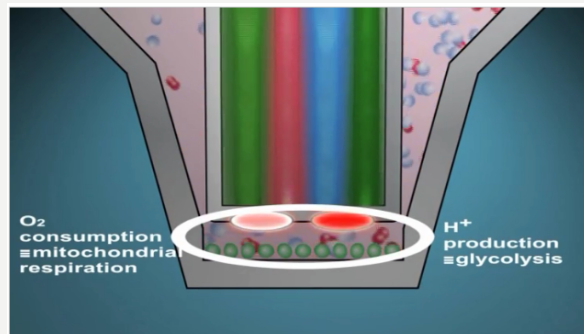
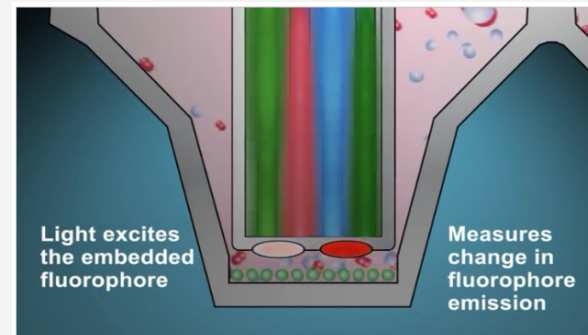
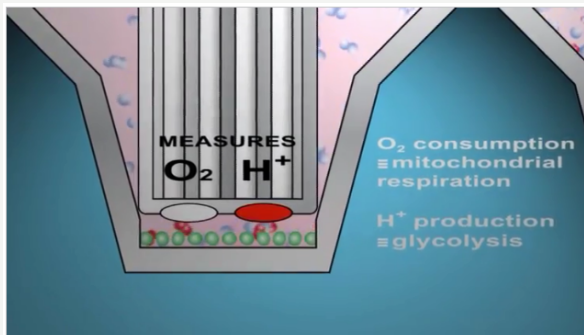


Rodrigues, R.M., et al., *Autofluorescence microscopy: a non-destructive tool to monitor mitochondrial toxicity*. Toxicol Lett, 2011. **206**(3): p. 281-8.

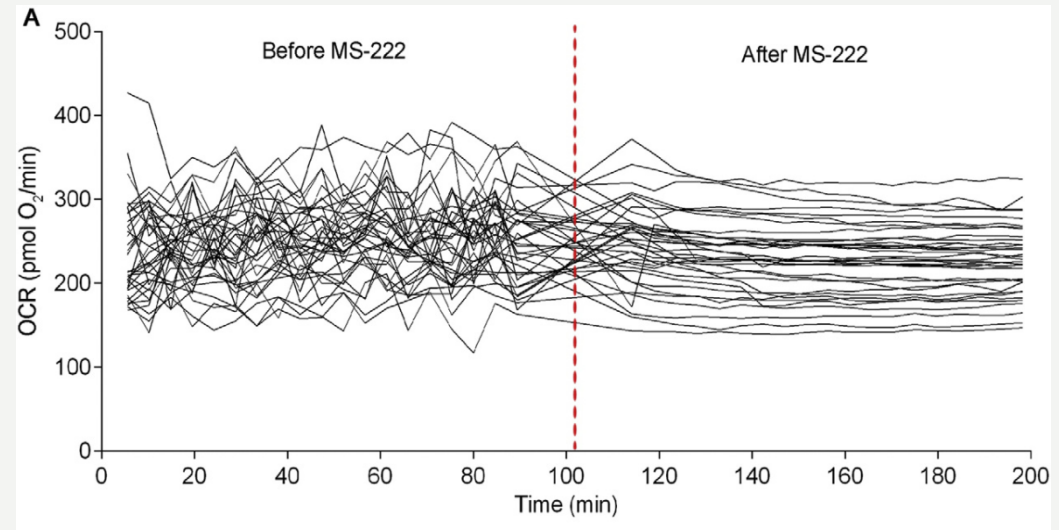
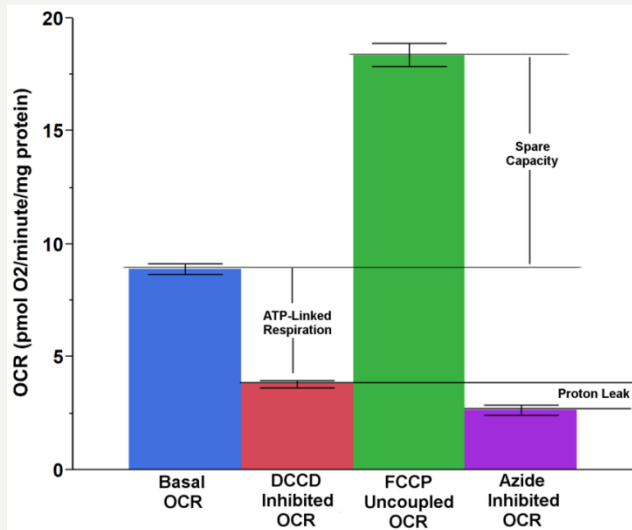


1. ATP content (Luciferin)
2. Oxygen consumption rate
3. Extracellular acidification rate

## ***Extracellular flux analyzer (XF-24, XF-96, Seahorse Biosciences)***



## Zebrafish

*C. elegans*

Luz, A.L., et al., *Seahorse Xfe 24 Extracellular Flux Analyzer-Based Analysis of Cellular Respiration in Caenorhabditis elegans*. *Curr Protoc Toxicol*, 2015. **66**: p. 25 7 1-15.

Rafferty, T.D., N. Jayasundara, and R.T. Di Giulio, *A bioenergetics assay for studying the effects of environmental stressors on mitochondrial function in vivo in zebrafish larvae*. *Comp Biochem Physiol C Toxicol Pharmacol*, 2017. **192**: p. 23-32.



1. Superoxide anion radicals, hydroxyl radicals, Hydrogen peroxide, singlet oxygen
2. Physiologically, generation and scavenging of ROS is tightly controlled
3. Inefficiencies in electron transport chain
4. Causes Lipid peroxidation, protein oxidation and DNA damage

ROS indicators- dichlorodihydrofluorescein diacetate, hydroethidine, Mito-SOX

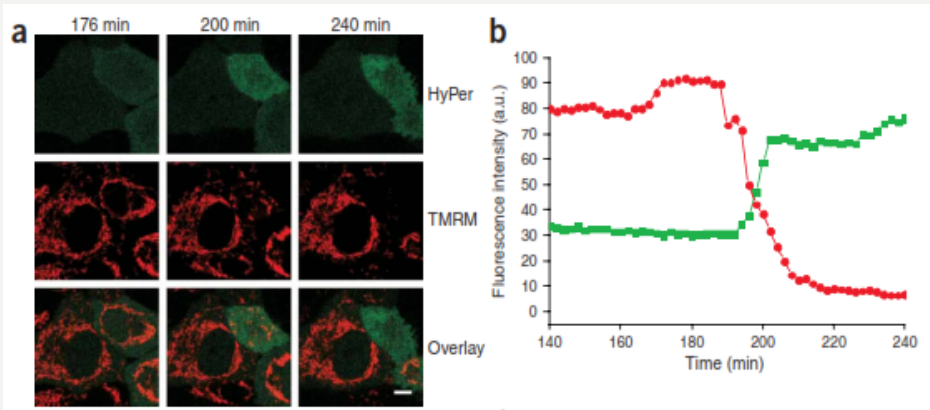
Mito-SOX: Mito-hydroethidine is oxidized by superoxide to mito-2-hydroxyethidium and by other ROS to mito-ethidium, exhibit red fluorescence upon interaction with mitochondrial DNA

### **Limitations:**

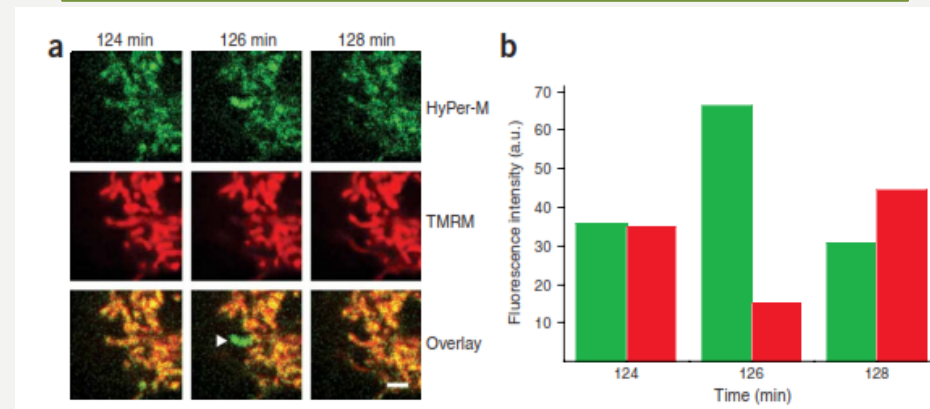
1. Do not react directly with ROS to form fluorescent product
2. Sensitive to light exposure
3. There are also other sources of ROS in a cell

Polster, B.M., et al., *Use of potentiometric fluorophores in the measurement of mitochondrial reactive oxygen species*. *Methods Enzymol*, 2014. **547**: p. 225-50.

## Genetically encoded fluorescence



+ Apo2L/TRAIL - apoptogenic protein



HyPer – circularly permuted Yellow fluorescent protein in the regulatory domain of OxyR, a prokaryotic H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> sensor

TMRM – Transmembrane potential of Mitochondria

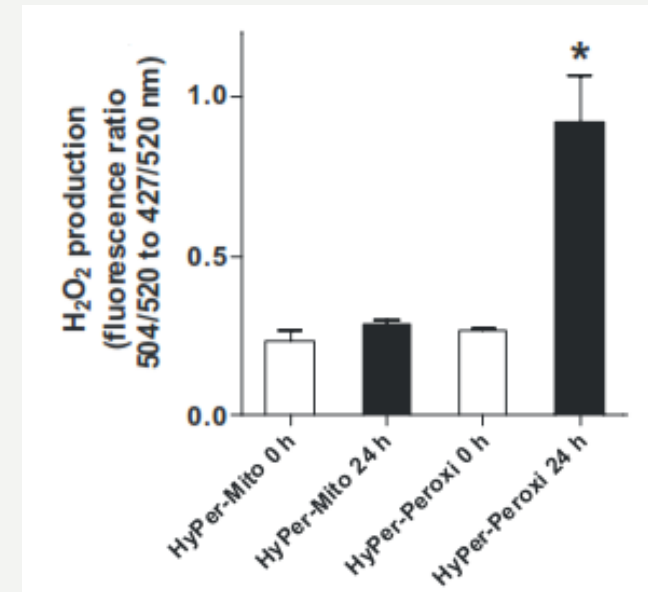
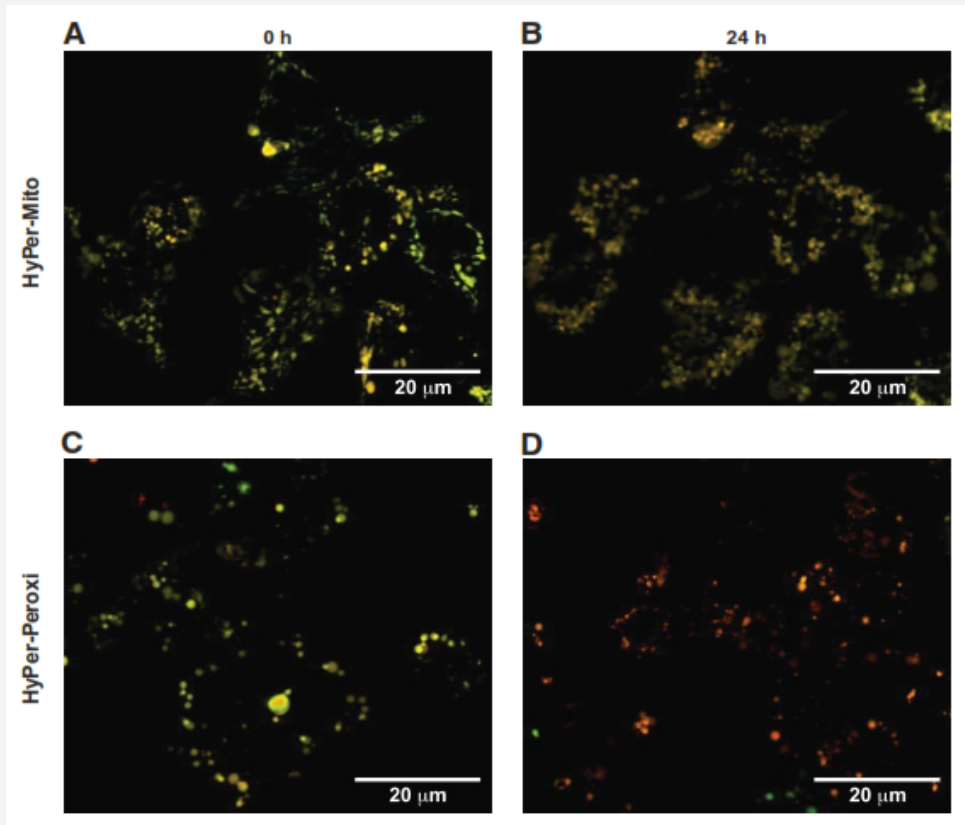
HyPer-M (mitochondria)

Belousov, V.V., et al., *Genetically encoded fluorescent indicator for intracellular hydrogen peroxide*. Nature Methods, 2006. **3**: p. 281.



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## Fluorescence microscopy of RINm5F insulin-producing cells +Palmitic acid

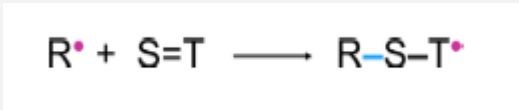


NEFA-induced lipotoxicity in  $\beta$ -cells in Type II Diabetes

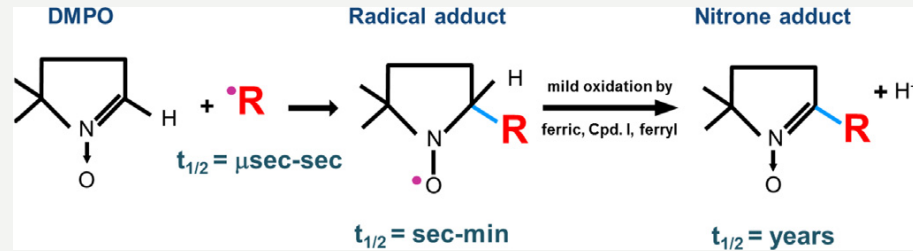
1Elsner, M., W. Gehrman, and S. Lenzen, *Peroxisome-generated hydrogen peroxide as important mediator of lipotoxicity in insulin-producing cells*. *Diabetes*, 2011. **60**(1): p. 200-8.



## Spin-trap

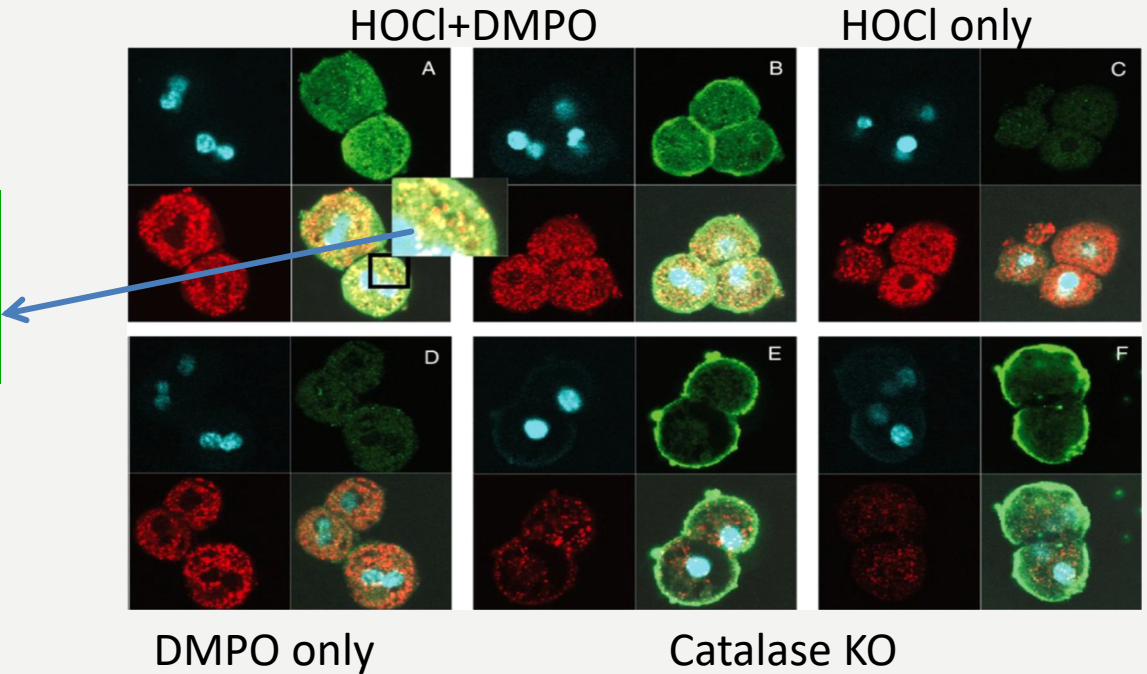


## Immuno-spin trapping



Mouse hepatocytes  
 Red – catalase, green –  
 Protein DMPO adducts

Colocalization of protein  
 DMPO adducts and  
 catalase in peroxisomes





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- **Clinical relevance**
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## ***Troglitazone withdrawal from the market***

Am J Med. 2003 Mar;114(4):299-306.

### **Troglitazone-induced liver failure: a case study.**

Graham DJ<sup>1</sup>, Green L, Senior JR, Nourjah P.

#### **Abstract**

**BACKGROUND:** Troglitazone was removed from the U.S. market because its use was associated with an increased risk of liver failure. We evaluated the clinical features of all cases reported to the Food and Drug Administration and estimated the duration and magnitude of the risk of liver failure associated with continued use of the drug.

## ***Numerous attempts to understand the mechanism of toxicity***

Chem Res Toxicol. 2003 Jun;16(6):679-87.

### **Mechanisms of troglitazone hepatotoxicity.**

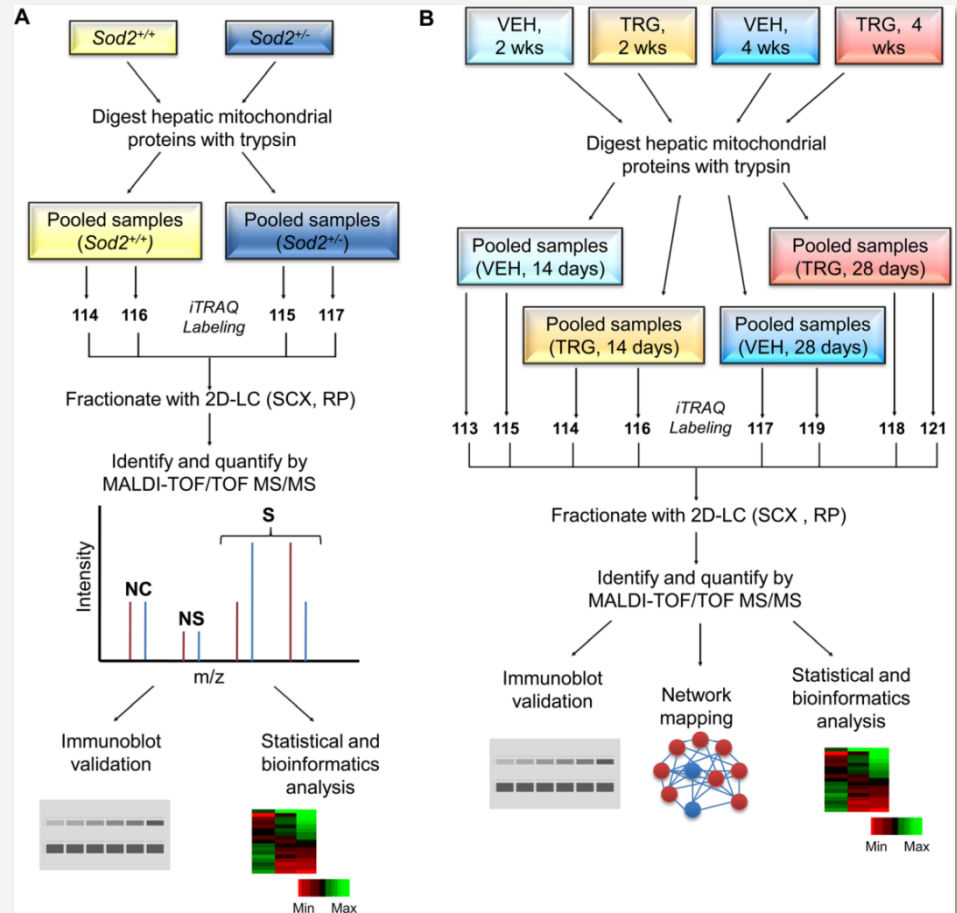
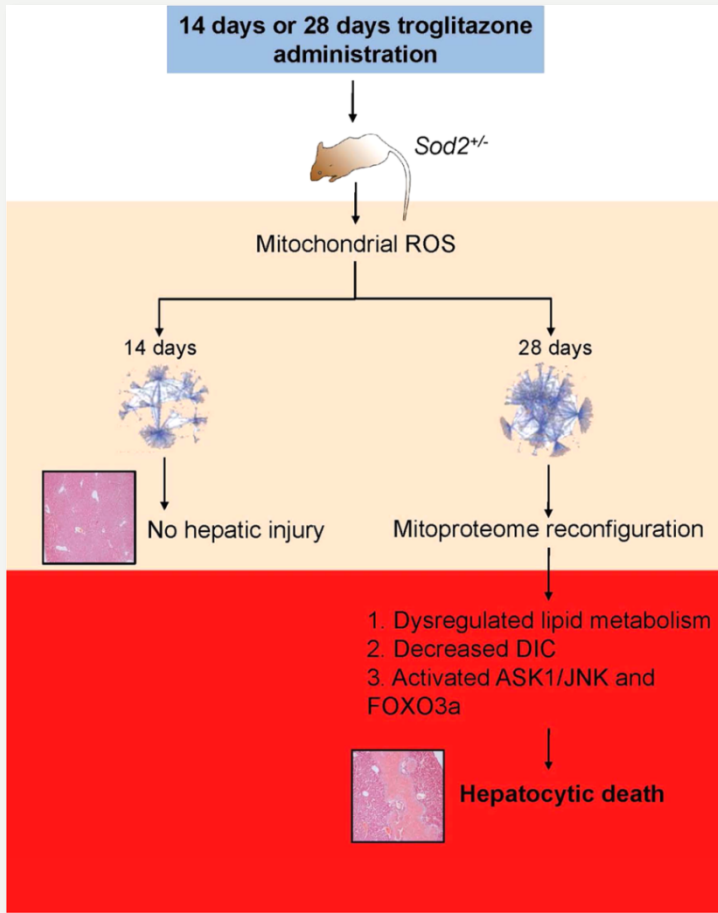
Smith MT<sup>1</sup>.

Hepatology. 2005 Feb;41(2):237-46.

### **Troglitazone and liver injury: in search of answers.**

Chojkier M<sup>1</sup>.

# Clinical relevance - Integrative proteomics



Lee, Y.H., et al., *Integrative toxicoproteomics implicates impaired mitochondrial glutathione import as an off-target effect of troglitazone.* J Proteome Res, 2013. **12**(6): p. 2933-45.

Thank you