



The potential impact of toxicogenomics on modern chemical risk assessment – 3-MCPD and 3-MCPD fatty acid esters as examples

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Starting point: list of > 800 heat-induced food contaminants

→ no toxicity and exposure data available for most of them

→ (Q)SAR prediction for prioritization

→ Toxicokinetic studies

→ **Toxicogenomic studies** → MoA → AOP

→ Risk characterization of heat-induced food contaminants



Risk characterization of heat-induced food contaminants

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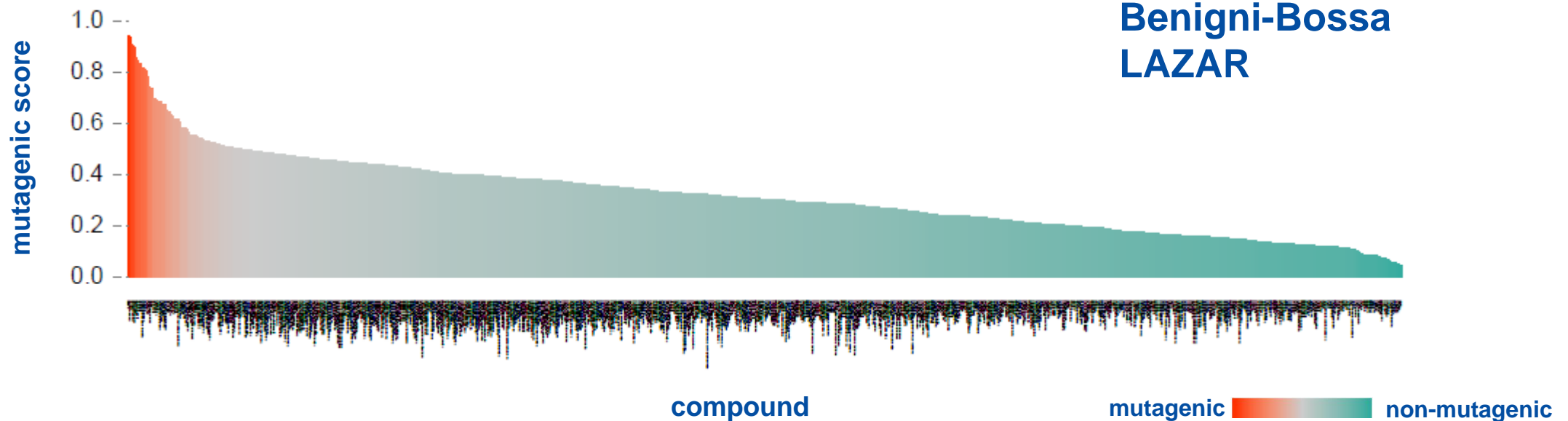
- experimental studies to gain data for all compounds not feasible (time, money)
 - prioritization for risk characterization required
 - use of computational tools (QSAR, read across) to predict toxicity
 - relevant endpoints: mutagenicity and carcinogenicity



(Q)SAR predictions of mutagenicity of heat-induced compounds

- strategy to combine different *in silico* tools to increase predictive power
- freely available non-commercial (Q)SAR tools
- Higher confidence compared to any of the single models

T.E.S.T.
SARy
CAESAR
Benigni-Bossa
LAZAR

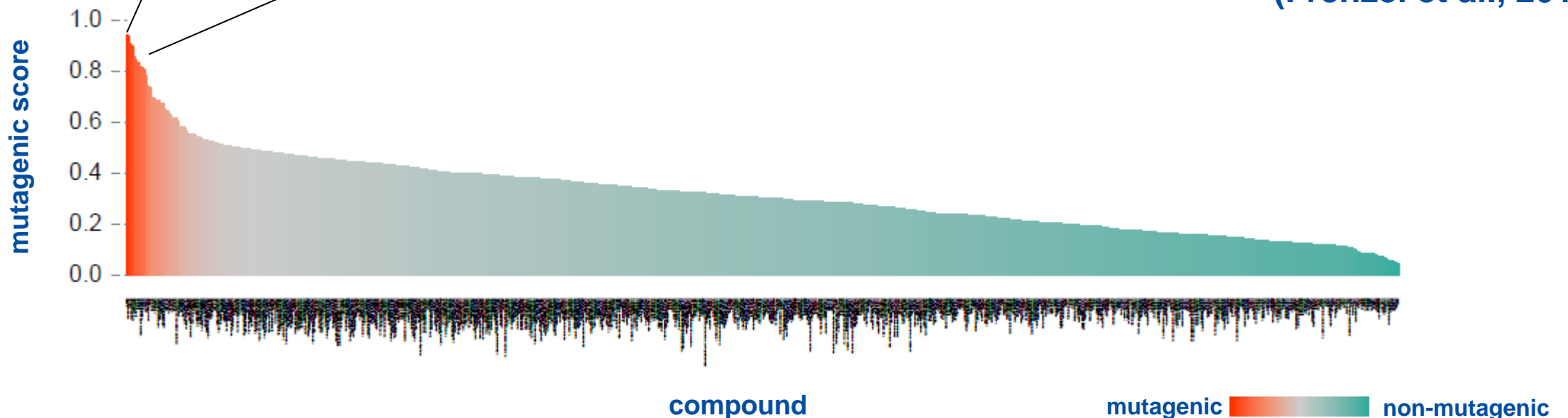


Mutagenicity of chloropropanoles

Rank	Compound	Mutagenic Score
1	1,3-dichloro-2-propanol (1,3-DCP)	0.94
2	glycidol	0.94
3	2,3-dichloro-1-propanol (1,2-DCP)	0.90
4	2-propenal	0.90
5	3-chloro-1,2-propandiol (3-MCPD)	0.90
6	[E,E]-2,4-hexadienal	0.84
7	[E]-2-butenal	0.84
8	[Z]-2-butenal	0.84
9	2-chloro-1,3-propandiol (2-MCPD)	0.74
10	2,4-pentadienal	0.74
11	5-hydroxymethyl-2-furfural (5-HMF)	0.82
12	2-furfural	0.81

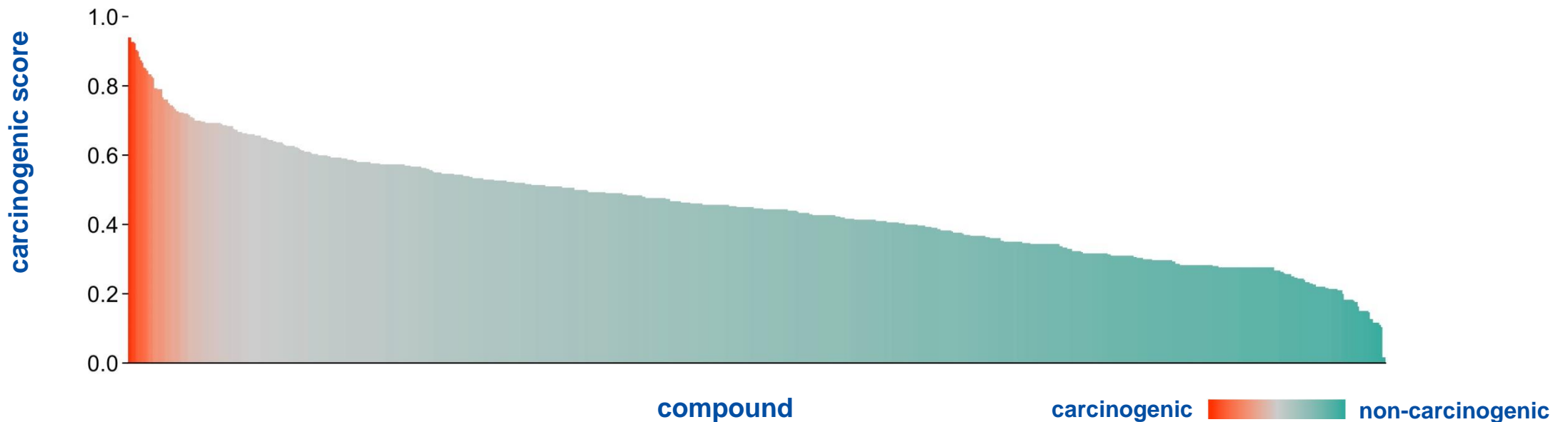
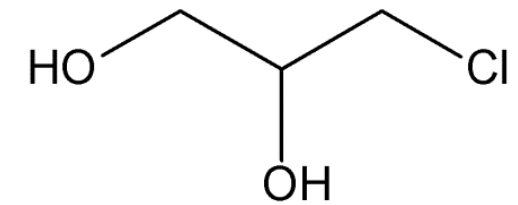
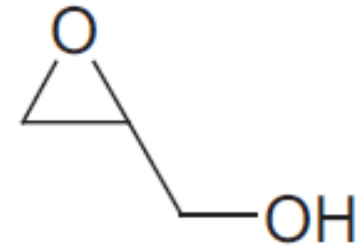
→ positive in Ames test
(bacterial reverse
mutation assay)

(Frenzel et al., 2017)



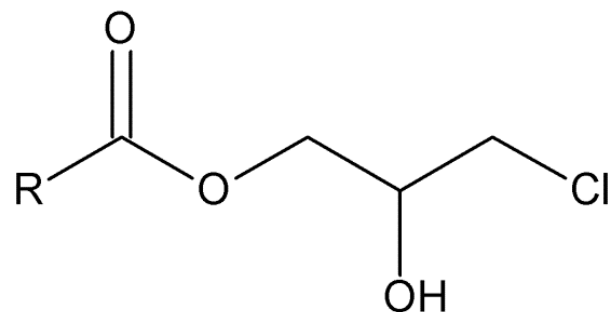
Carcinogenicity of chloropropanoles

Rank	Compound	Carcinogenic Score
1	Benzene	0.94
...
6	Glycidol	0.90
...
48	1,3-dichloro-2-propanol (1,3-DCP)	0.69
49	2,3-dichloro-1-propanol (1,2-DCP)	0.69
50	2-chloro-1,3-propandiol (2-MCPD)	0.69
...
554	3-chloro-1,2-propandiol (3-MCPD)	0.37

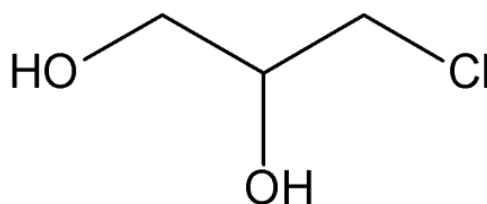


Formation and occurrence of MCPD/MCPD-FE

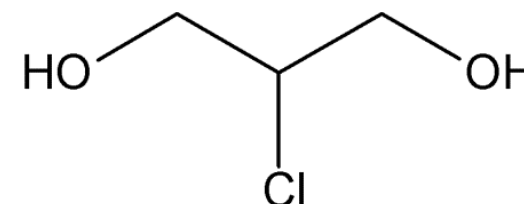
- **Monochloropropanediols (MCPD) are process contaminants in various food**



3-MCPD fatty acid esters



3-MCPD



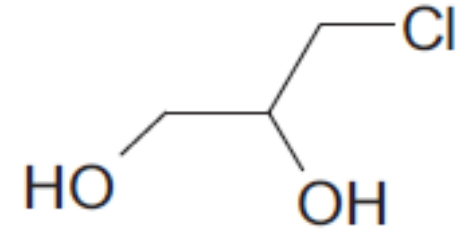
2-MCPD

- **MCPD-FE are mainly generated during the refinement of oils and fats**



Background: hazard potential of 3-MCPD

- Target organs for toxicity in animal studies:
kidney and testis
- Tumor formation in rats/mice (hyperplasia in renal tubules)
- Non-genotoxic mechanism of tumor induction



Toxicological classification:

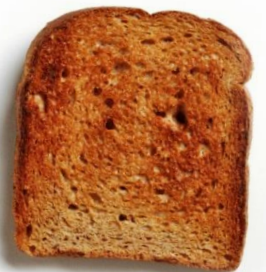
IARC (2012): „possibly carcinogenic to humans“ (Group 2B)

Risk Assessment: definition of the TDI value

BfR (2007): 2 µg/kg body weight & day

SCF (2001): 2 µg/kg body weight & day

EFSA (2017): 2 µg/kg body weight & day

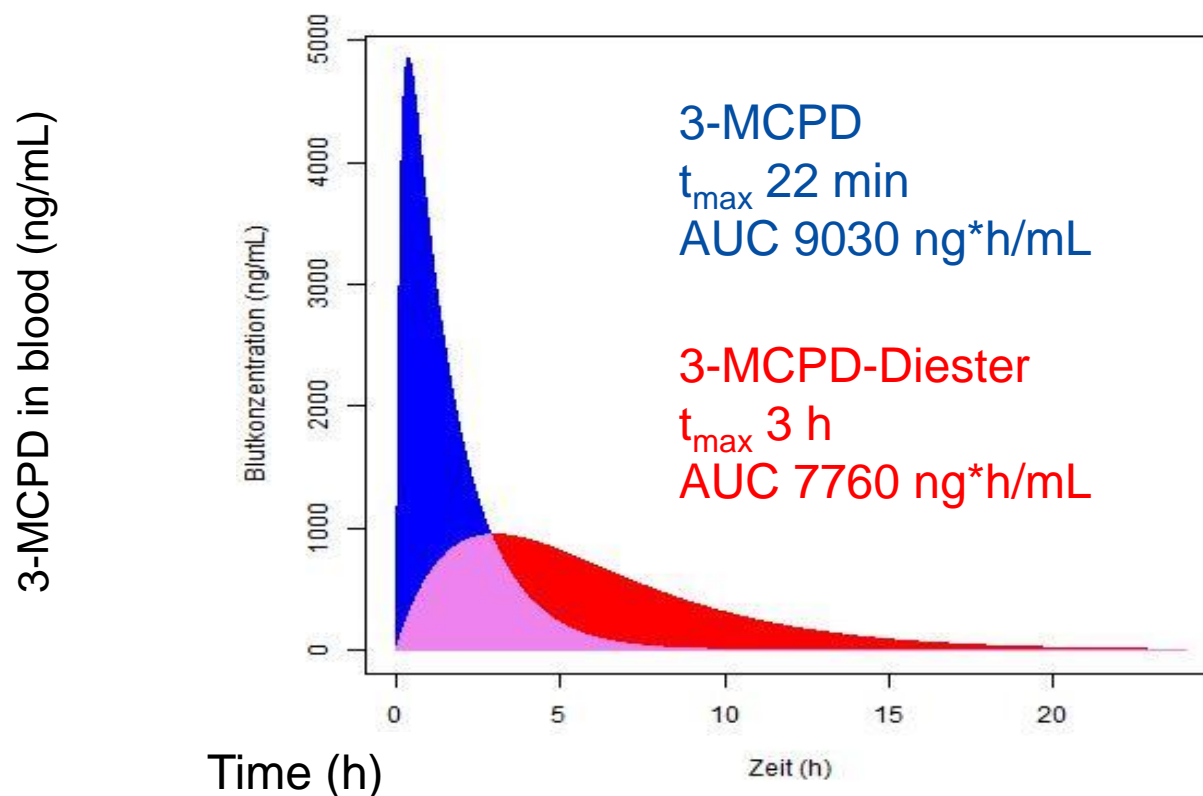


Toxicokinetics: hydrolysis of esterified 3-MCPD following oral ingestion

In vitro studies (BfR): (Buhrke et al., 2011)

In vivo studies (BfR)

- Oral administration of 3-MCPD ester to rats
- Quantification of 3-MCPD biomarker in urine, feces, blood & various organs



Abraham et al. 2013

**3-MCPD fatty acid esters (diester):
almost complete (86%) hydrolysis**

Molecular mechanism(s) of MCPD toxicity using Toxicogenomics

28-days feeding study with rats with 3-MCPD and 2-MCPD



=> kidney, testes, liver, heart

Proteomics

(2D-gels, protein spot identification with MS)

Transcriptomics

(gene array analysis; Affymetrix)

Bioinformatics

Systems Toxicology approach

Results:

=> Same effects for 3-MCPD and 3-MCPD dipalmitate

=> effects 3-MCPD > 2-MCPD

=> effects kidney > testes > heart > liver

=> inhibition of glycolysis

=> oxidative stress

- induction of ROS

- impact on glutathione metabolism

Frenzel et al. (2018) Food Chem Toxicol 116:354-359
Buhrke et al. (2018) Arch Toxicol 92:289-299
Schultrich et al. (2017) Arch Toxicol 91:3145-3155
Oberemm et al. (2017) Arch Toxicol 91:3247-3260
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Sawada et al. (2016) Arch Toxicol 90:1437-1448
Sawada et al. (2015) Food Chem Toxicol 83:84-92
Braeuning et al. (2015) Food Chem Toxicol 86:374-484

Results - testis

testis

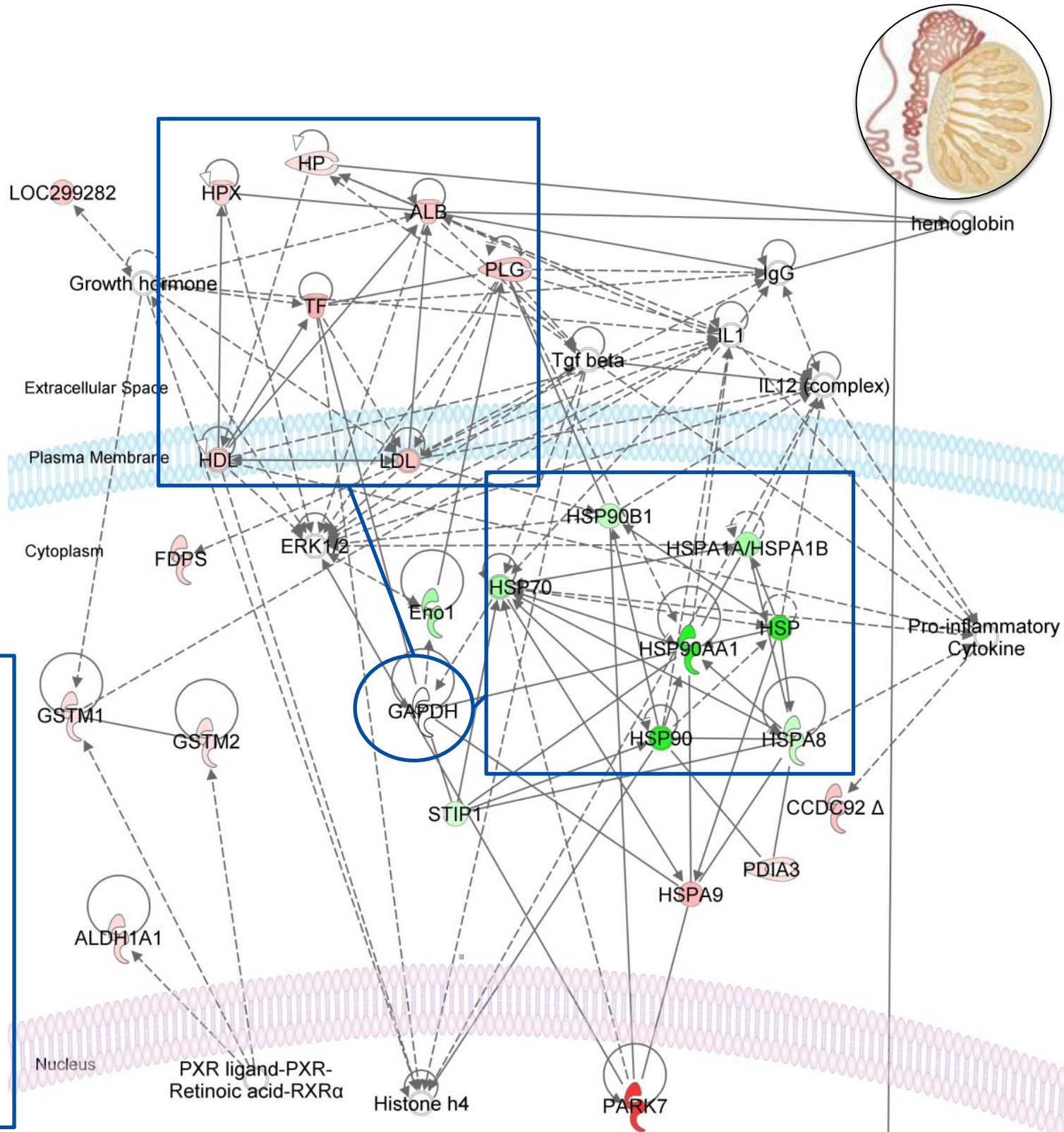
3-MCPD group

overall network responses
indicate reproductive systems
disease and changes of lipid
transfer

glycolytic protein GAPDH:

= cross-linking and
multi-functional protein

= potential regulator
of molecular mechanisms
induced in testis



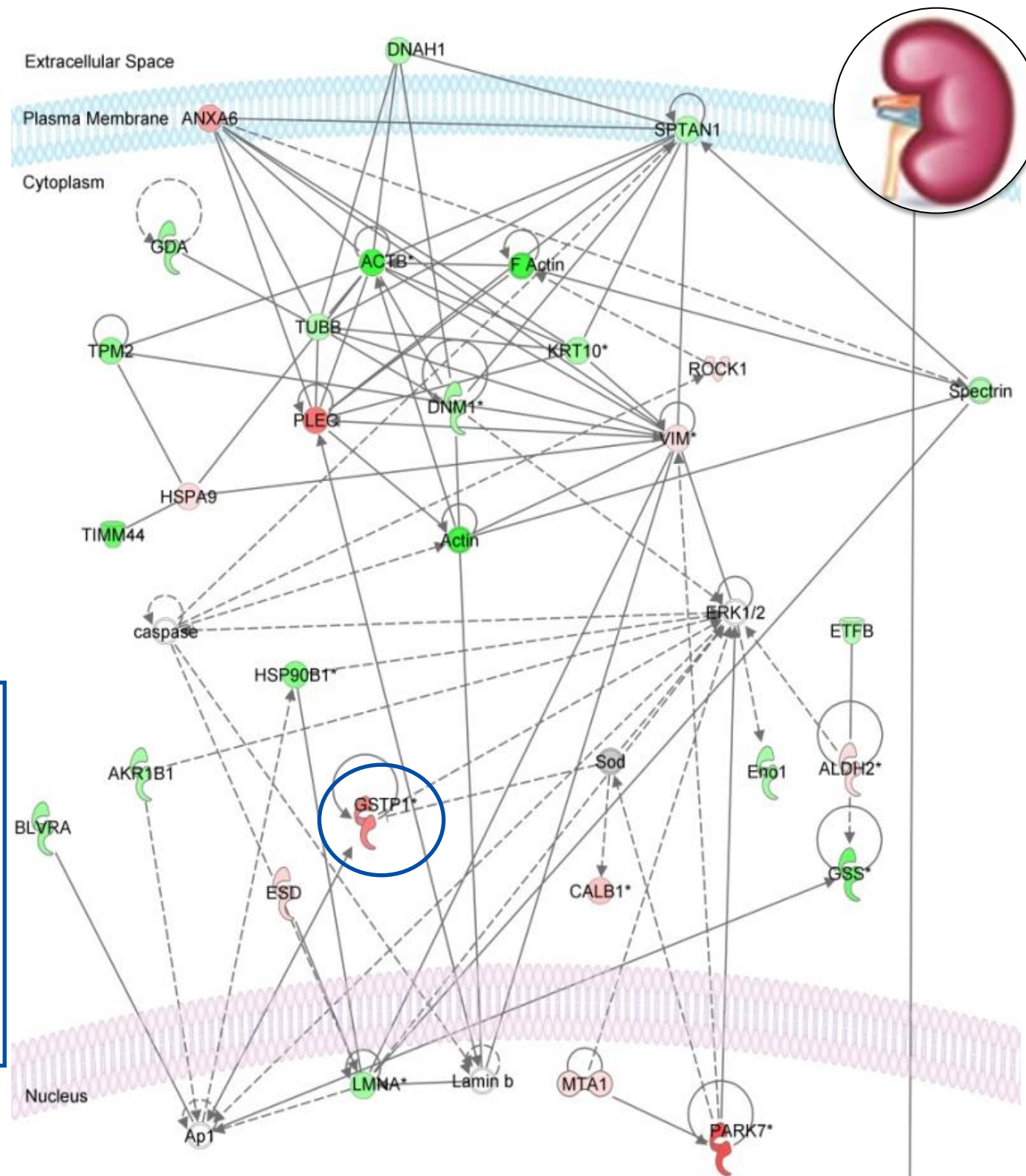
Results - kidney

IPA - bioinformatic analysis

kidney

3-MCPD group

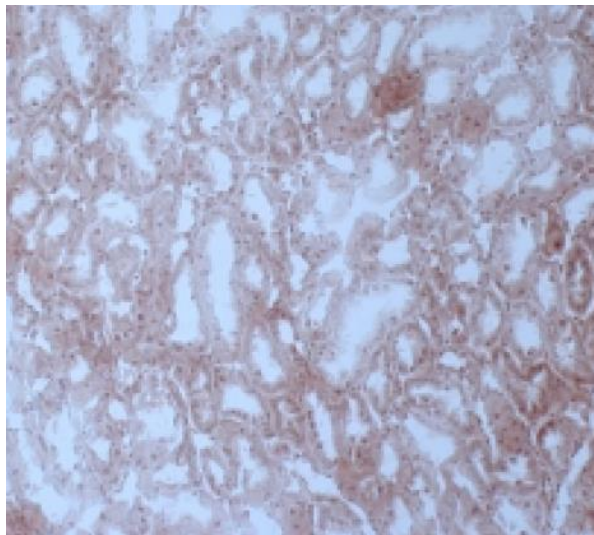
general molecular changes indicate damage of kidney



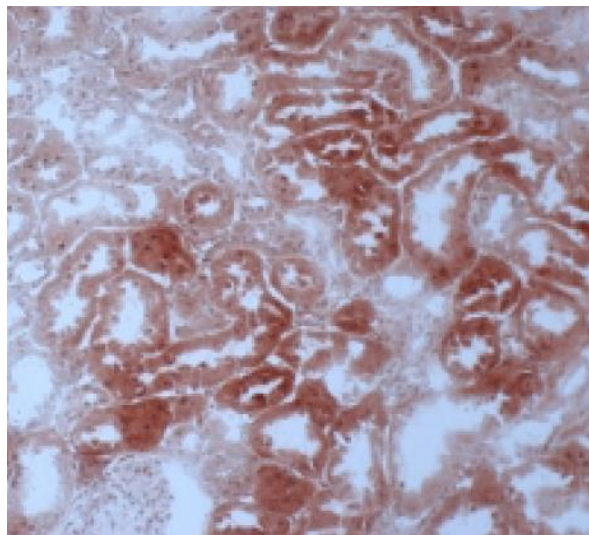
→ upregulation of *glutathione-S-transferase P1 (GSTP1)*
= well-known marker for neoplasia/preneoplasia
potential for binding of ERK

Cancer: 3-MCPD and 3-MCPD dipalmitate stimulate expression of the tumor marker GSTP1 in rat kidney

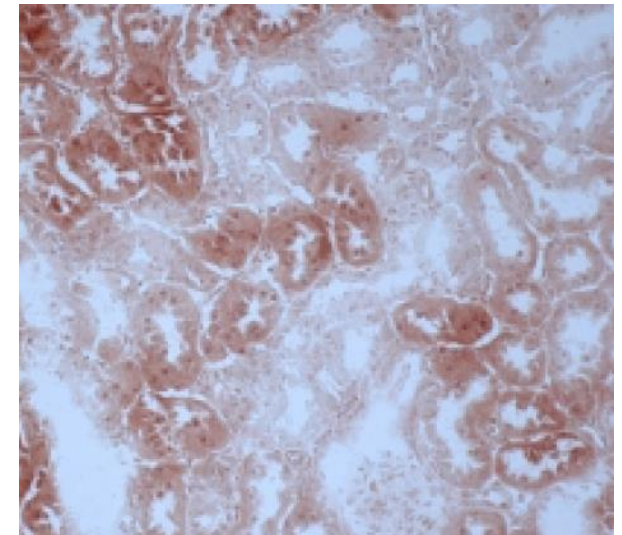
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3-MCPD



3-MCPD dipalmitate



GSTP1 staining of rat kidney tissue

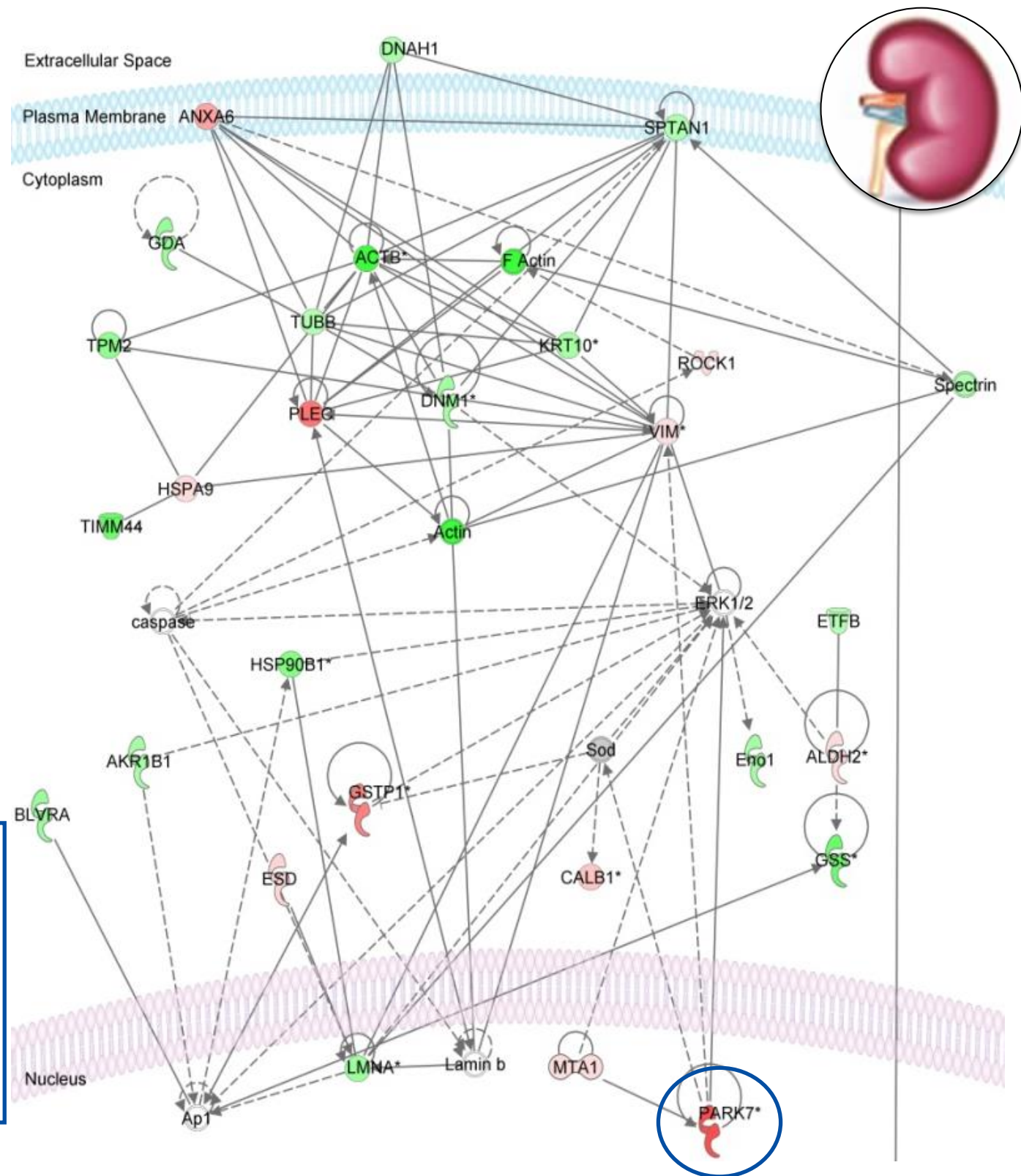
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↑ PARK7 (DJ-1):
multiple functions, oncogene
oxidative stress response?

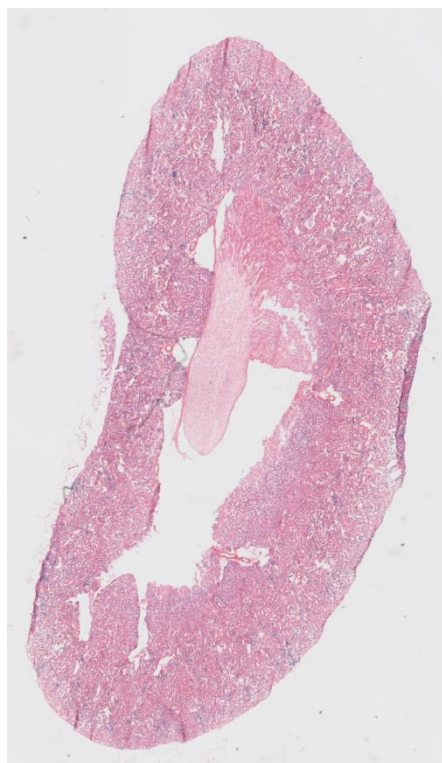
Induction of oxidative stress

→ animal study with HOTT-reporter mice: 28-days oral application of 3-MCPD

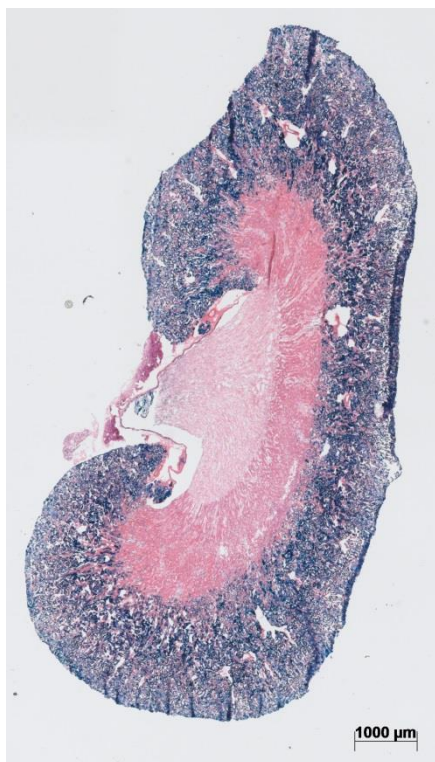
lacZ under the control of the ROS-sensitive HO-1 promoter, stably integrated into the genome

→ blue stain indicates oxidative stress (Henderson et al. (2015) Toxicol Sci 145:138-148)

Kidney

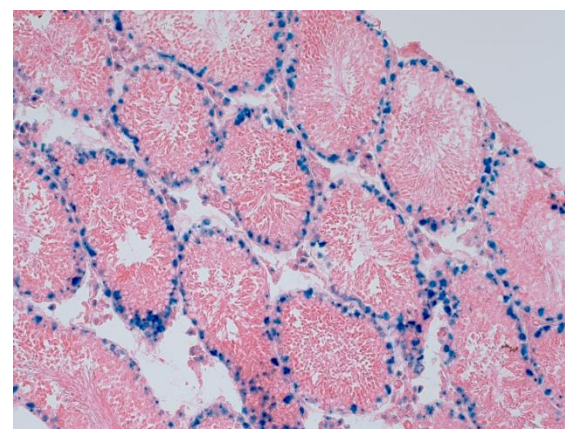


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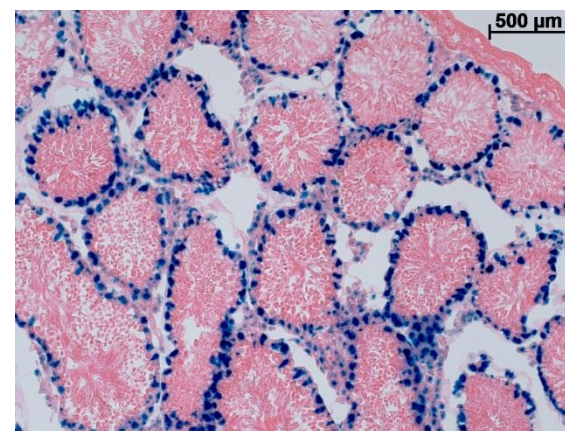


3-MCPD
100 mg/kg b.w. & day

Testes

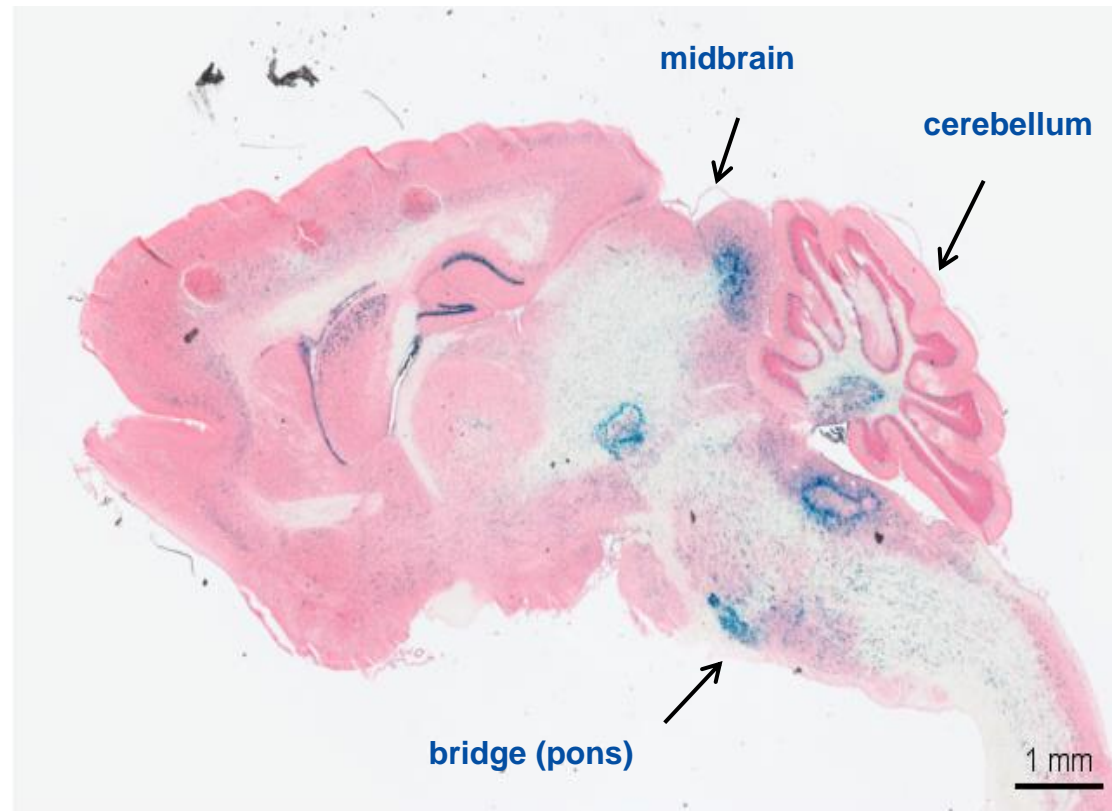


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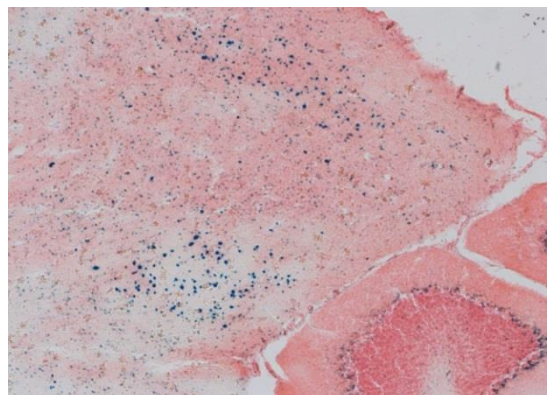


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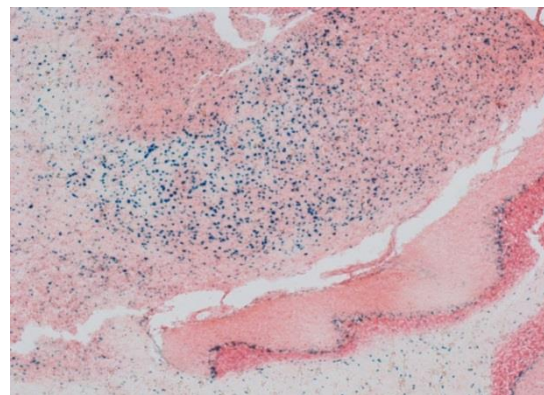
Oxidative stress response in HOTT mouse brain after 3-MCPD treatment



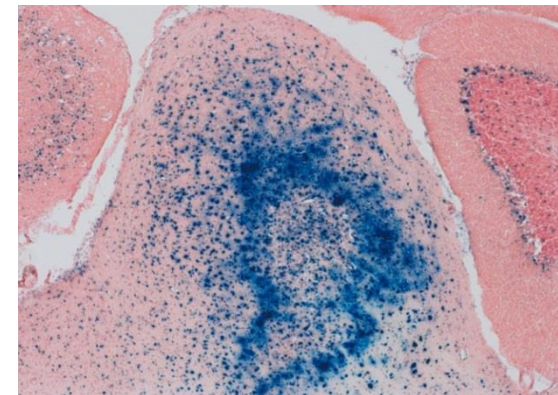
midbrain



control

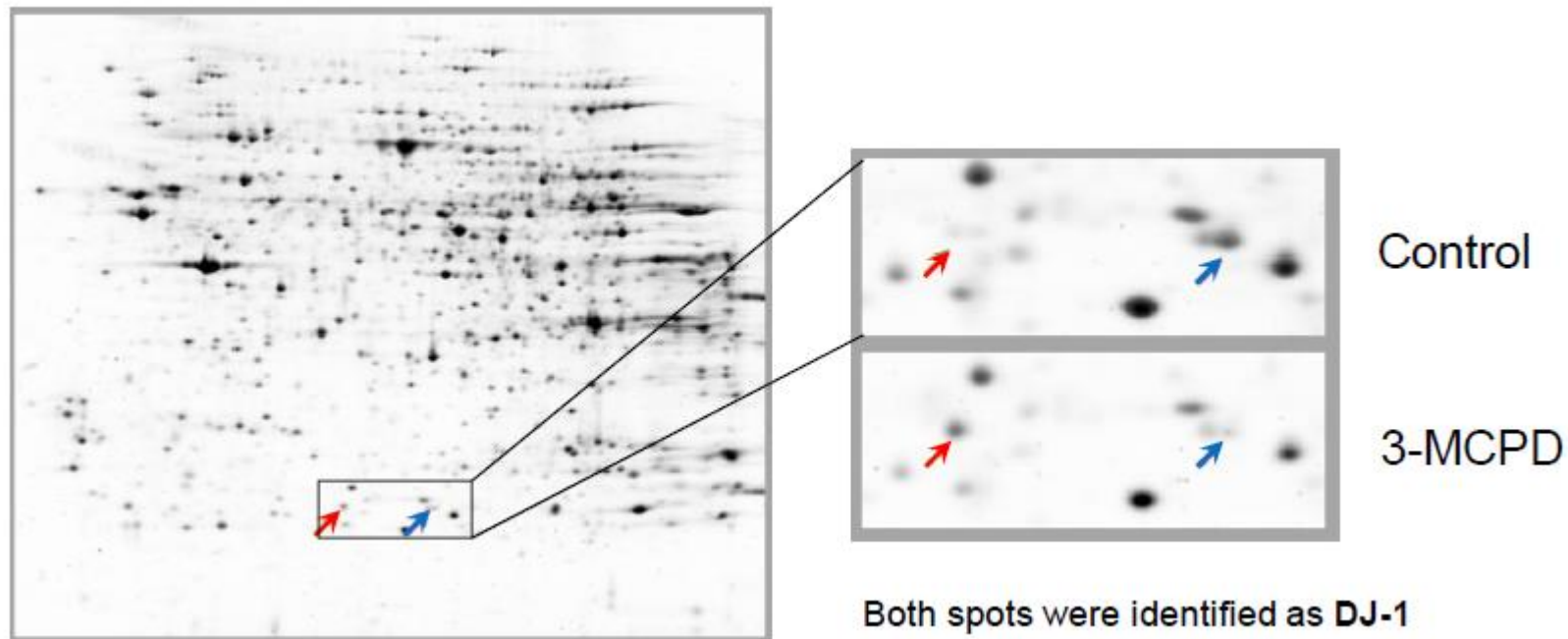


10 mg/kg b.w. & day 3-MCPD



100 mg/kg b.w. & day 3-MCPD

Oxidative irreversible inactivation of DJ-1 by 3-MCPD

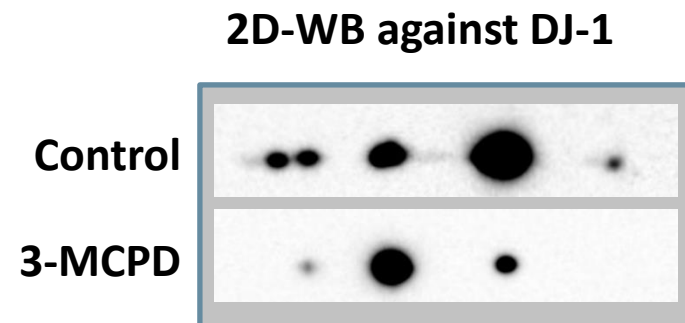


DJ-1/PARK7 is a multifunctional protein with a redox-active cysteine residue (Cys₁₀₆)

→ Cys₁₀₆-SH is redox-active

→ Cys₁₀₆-SO₃⁻ is redox-inactive, loss of function, correlation with Parkinson's disease

samples from rat kidney,
comparable results for testis, liver and heart,
and for 2-MCPD



Summary of „omics“ investigations (1)

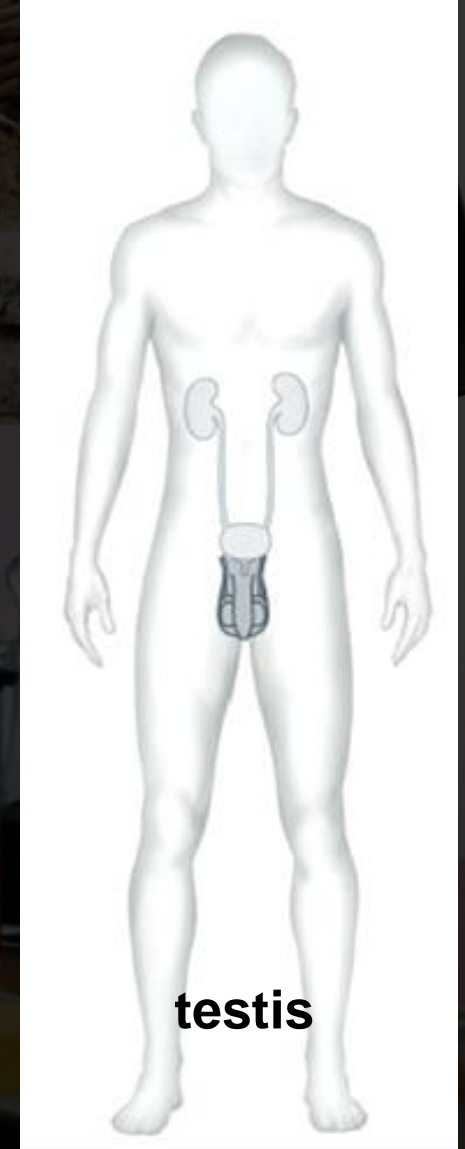
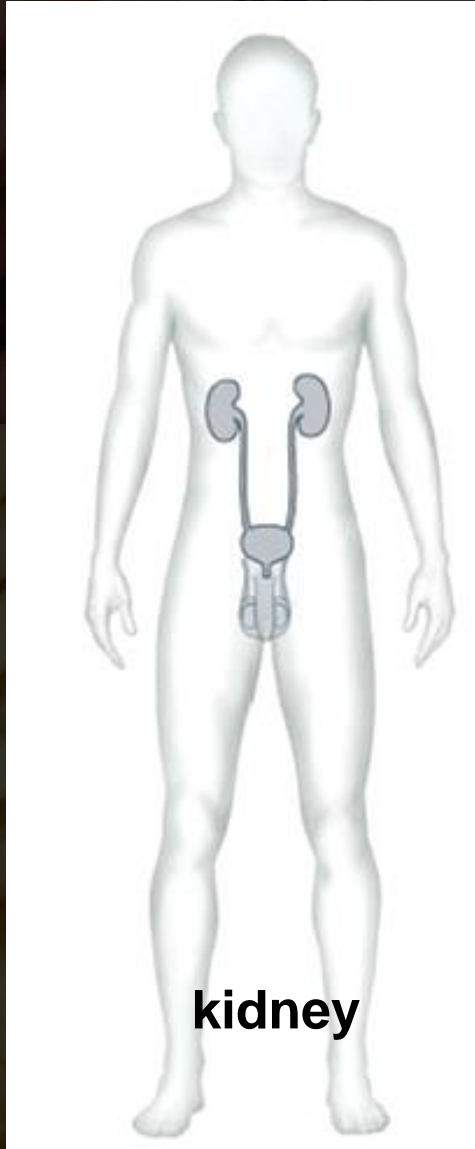
kidney and testis

**= target organs of 3-MCPD
and 3-MCPD dipalmitate**

**→ 3-MCPD and 3-MCPD-dipalmitate
induce similar effects, less pronounced
with 3-MCPD dipalmitate**

**kidney → organ damage,
Nrf2 pathway is main target pathway of
oxidative stress response**

testis → infertility



Summary of „omics“ investigations (2)



liver

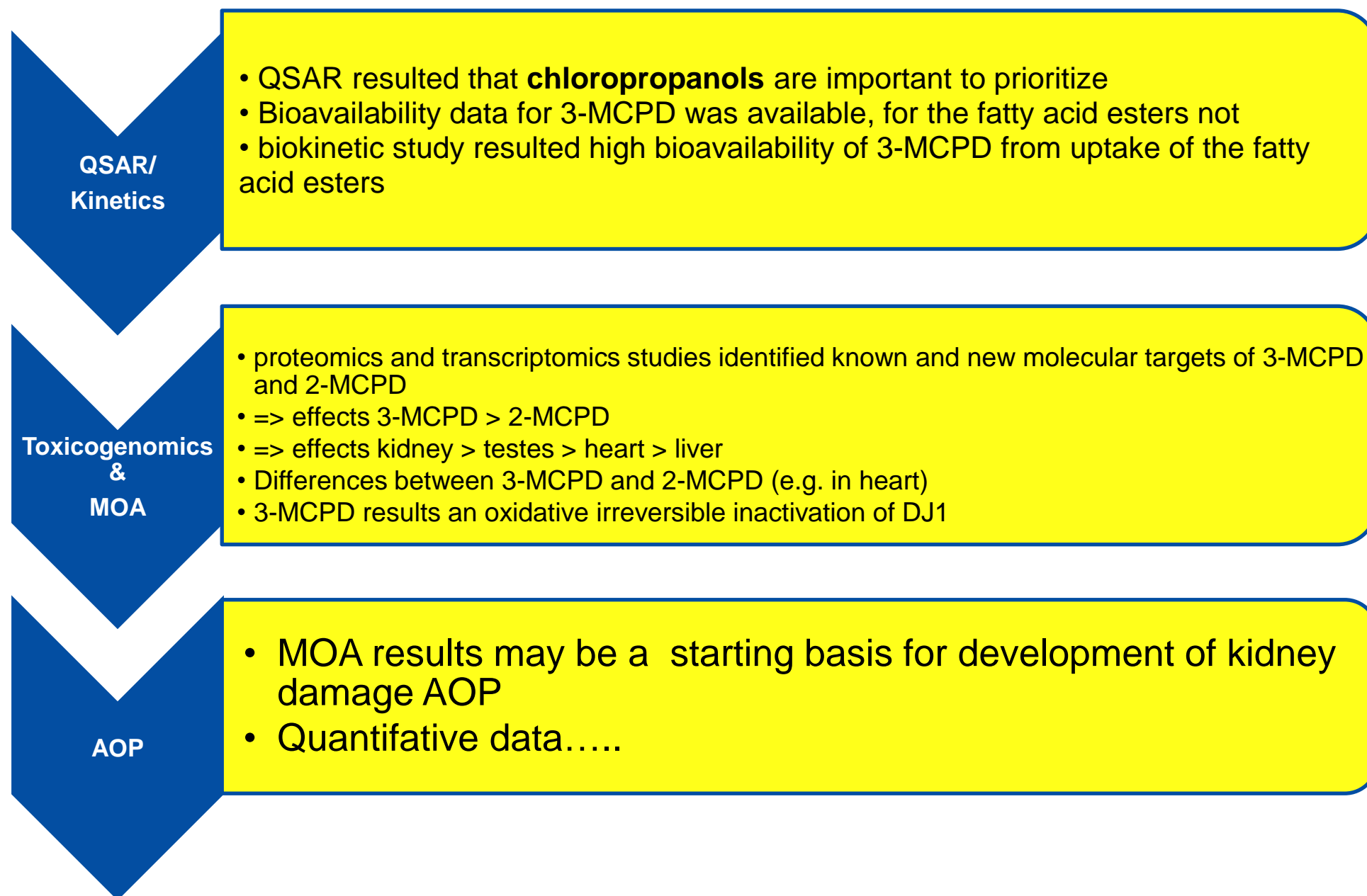
- similar key enzymes affected compared to kidney and testis
- carbohydrate metabolism affected
- despite global changes of protein expression, relatively minor impact on metabolic shifts
- = no target organ for 3-MCPD and 3-MCPD-dipalmitate induced toxicity

heart

- target tissue of effects by 3-MCPD and 2-MCPD with different MoA (mode of action)
- 3-MCPD disturbs Park7/DJ-1 strongly
- but 2-MCPD only slightly

Conclusions Starting point: list of > 800 heat-induced food contaminants

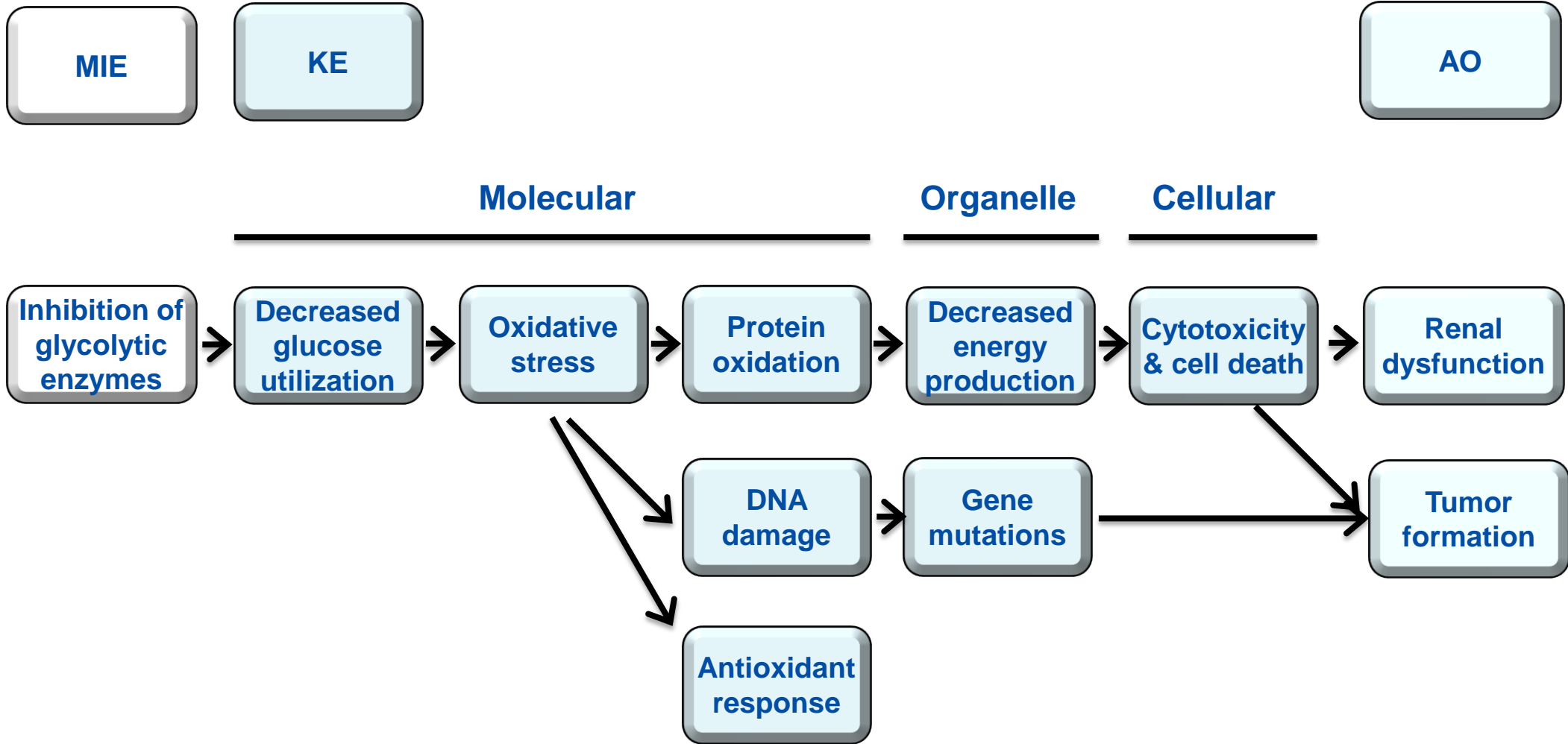
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Risk characterization of heat-induced food contaminants

Provisional AOP draft for 3-MCPD kidney toxicity



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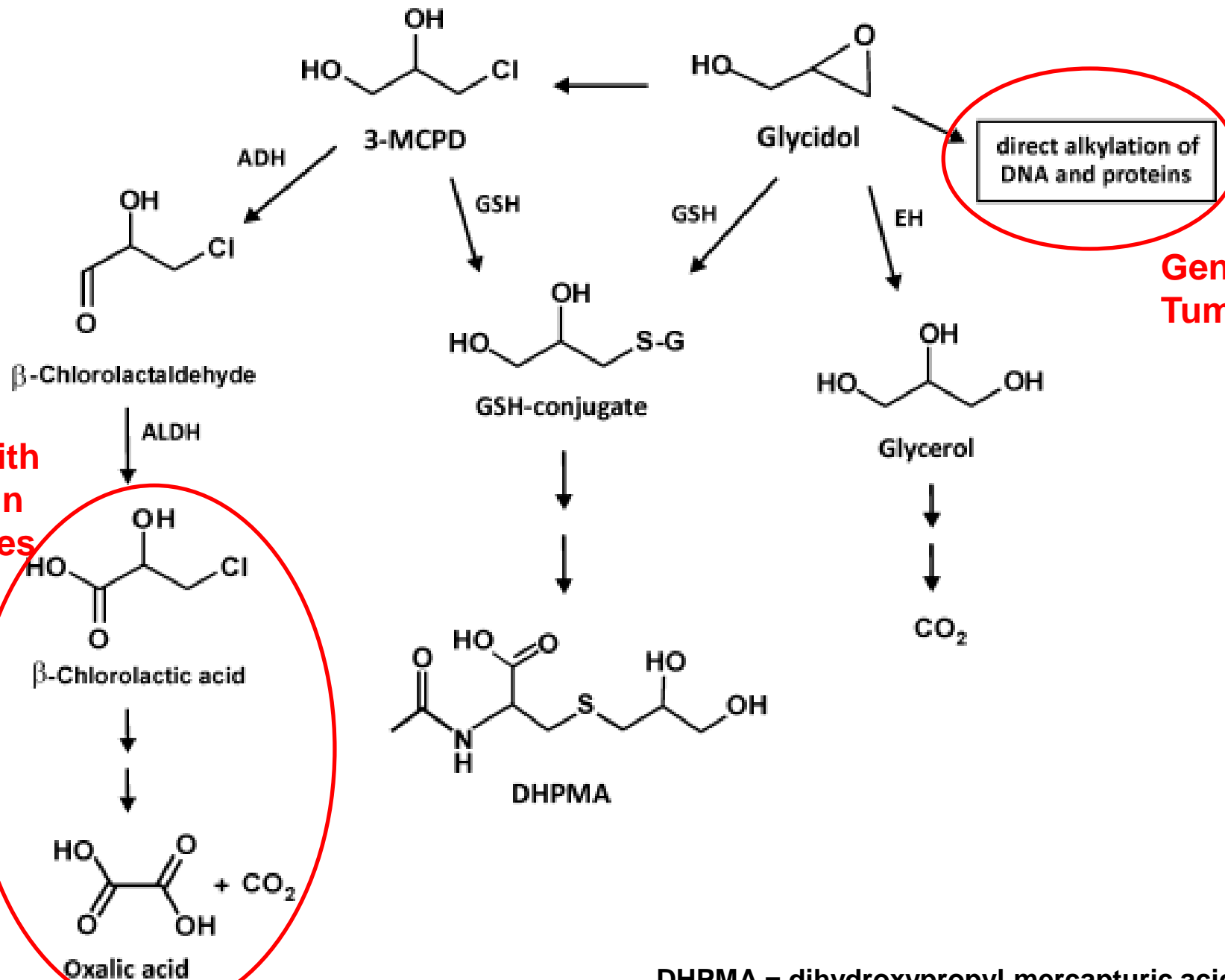
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3-MCPD and Glycidol: Metabolic pathways and Toxicity



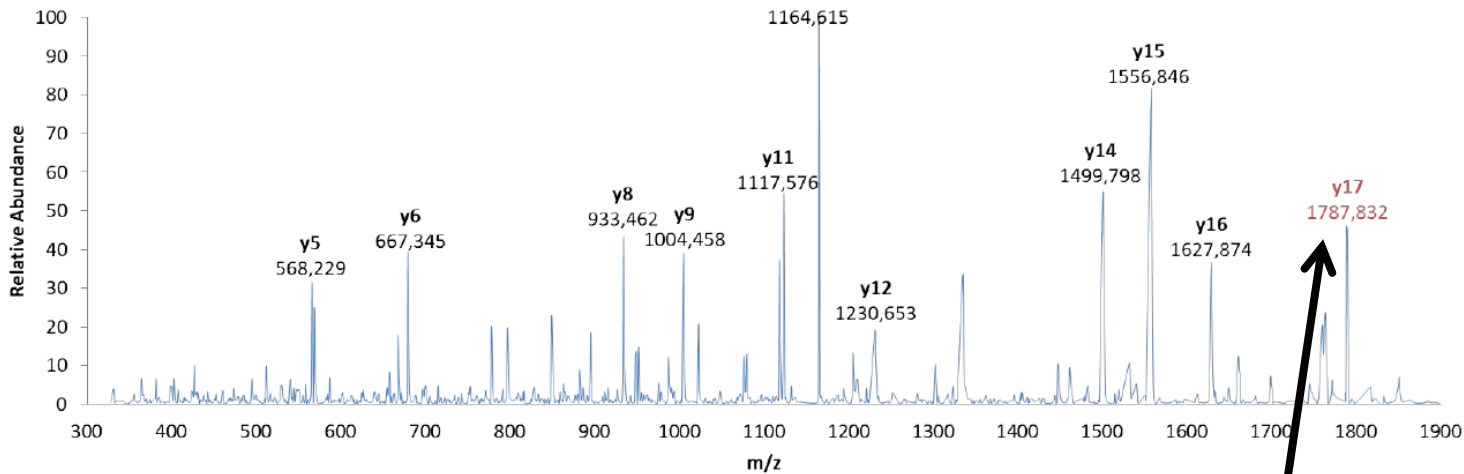
**Genotoxicity
Tumor induction**

**Metabolites
associated with
toxic effects in
kidney & testes**

DHPMA = dihydroxypropyl mercapturic acid

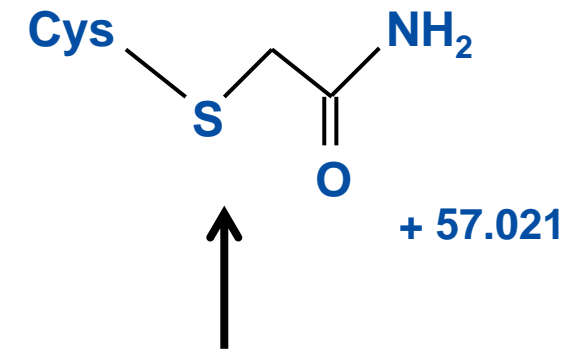
3-MCPD induces the irreversible inactivation of DJ-1

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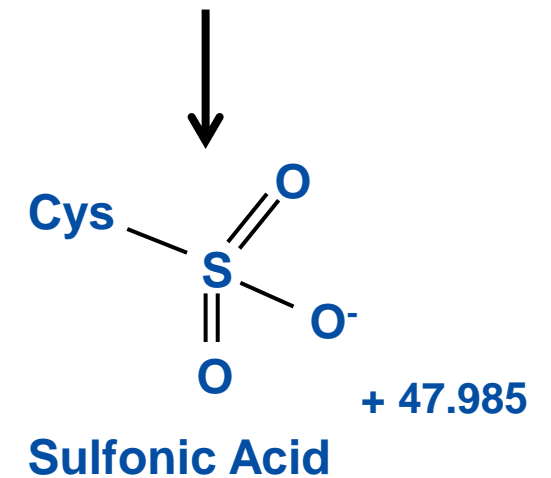


Experimental Mass Difference: 9.029

Carbamidomethylated (CAM)



Theoretical Mass Difference: 9.036



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