



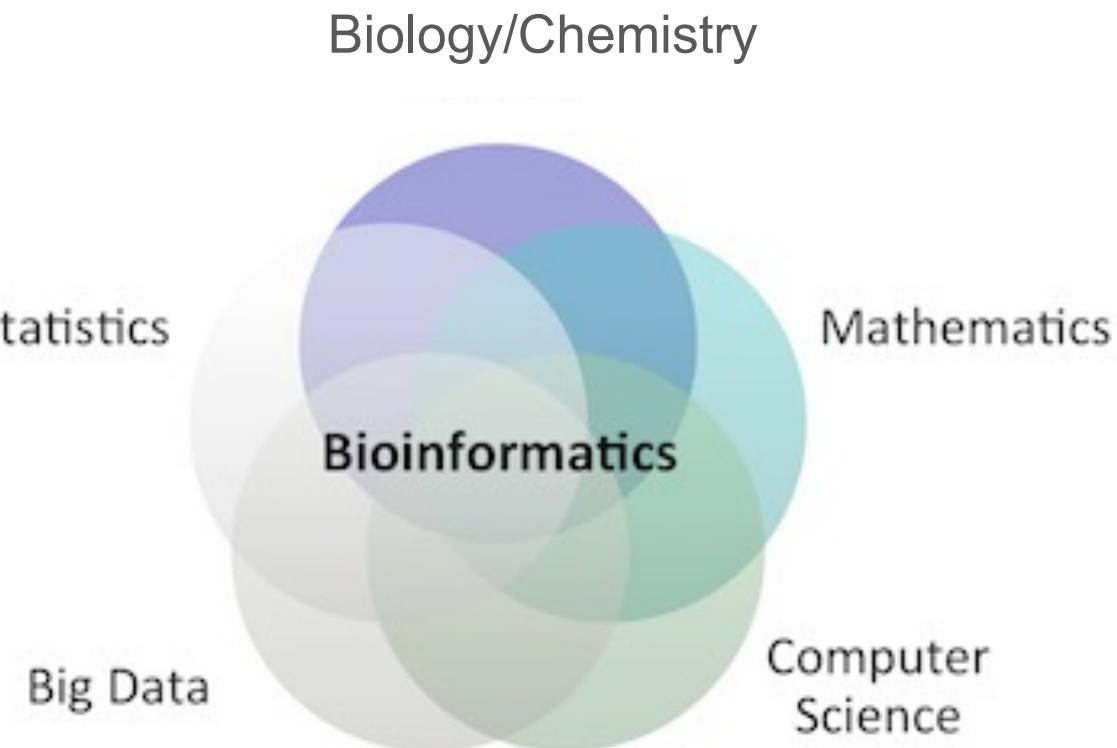
# Overview of Bioinformatic Sequence Analysis and Applications in Toxicology

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# Bioinformatics

Bioinformatics is an **interdisciplinary** field that  
**develops/applies** computational methods  
for processing and understanding  
of biological data



# Need for Big Data Handling

- **Accumulation of data in huge databases** e.g., sequence databases or public health records
- **Advancement in high throughput data generation** e.g., omics including DNA and RNA seq, proteomics, metabolomics
- **Availability of complex data types** e.g., macromolecular 3D structure

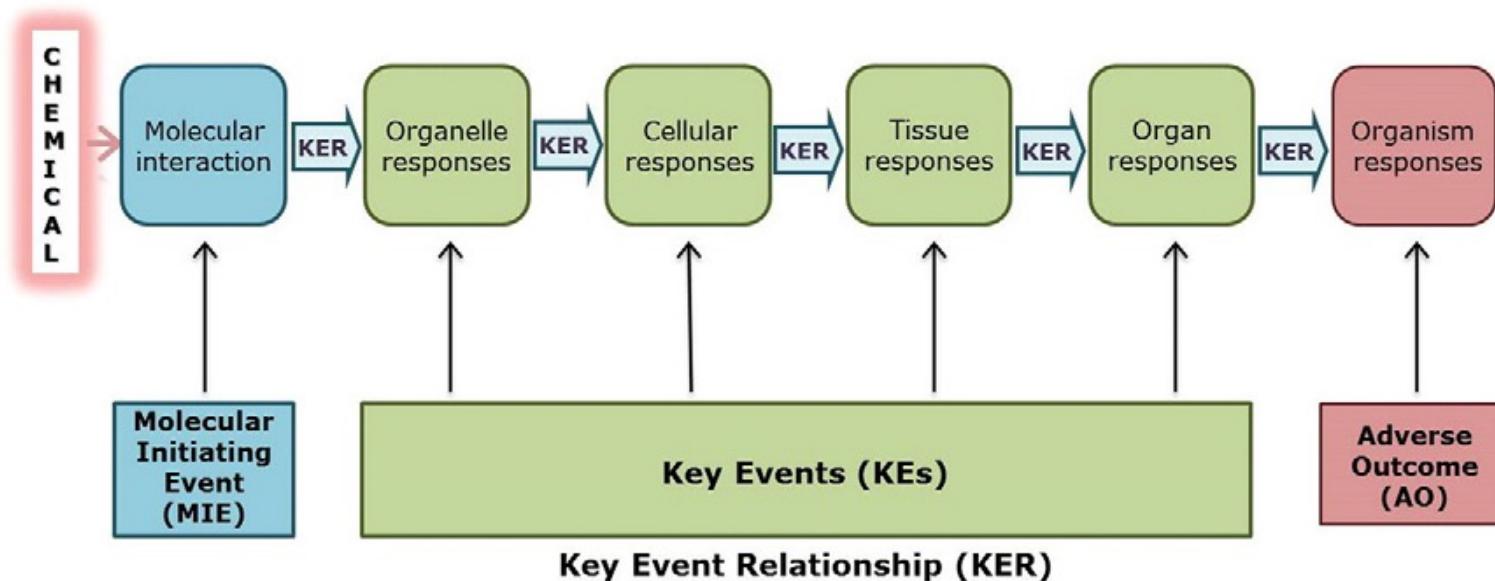
- **Exponential increase of computational power** (1 trillion-fold increase in 60 years!)

# Domains of Bioinformatic Applications

- Human and Veterinary Medicine
- Pharmacology and Drug Design
- Toxicology & Environmental Health
- Microbiology and Immunology
- Computational Anatomy and Imaging
- Ecology & Evolution Sciences
- Agriculture and Food Science
- Astronomy
- Oceanography

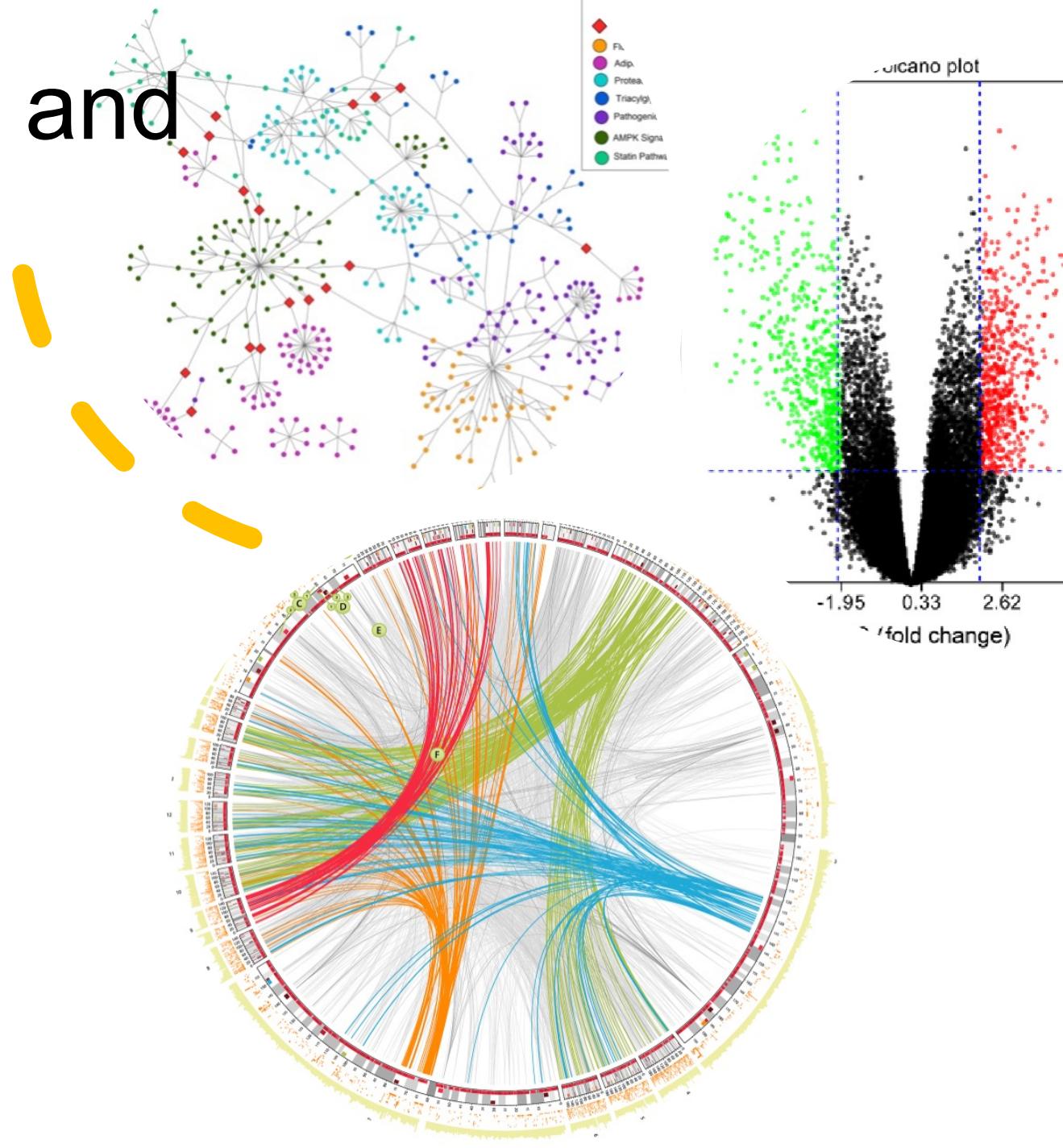
# Toxicology and Impacts on the Molecular Machinery

- Exposure and adverse effects
- Genetic code to function
- Integrating molecular biology to toxicology

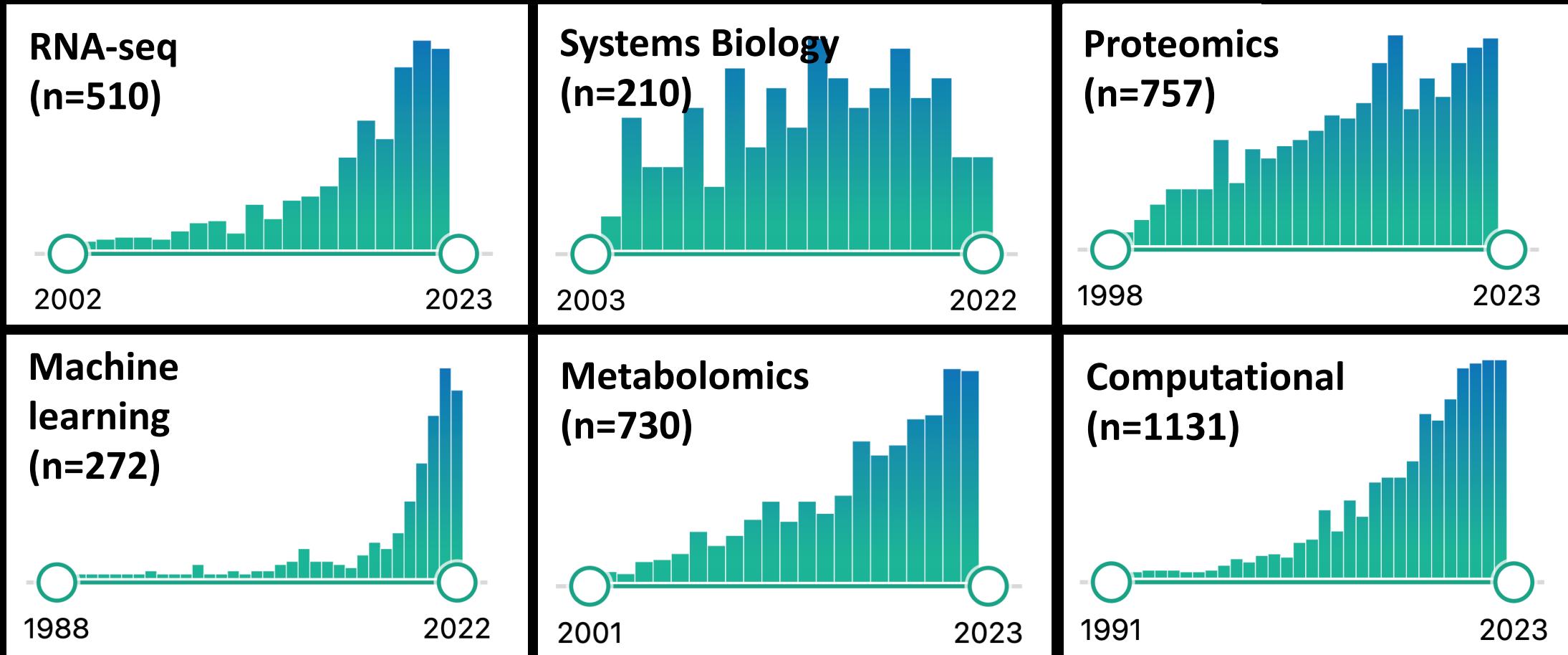


# Need for Databases and Analytical Tools

- Traditional techniques
- Working at the whole-genome level



# Bioinformatics in Toxicology

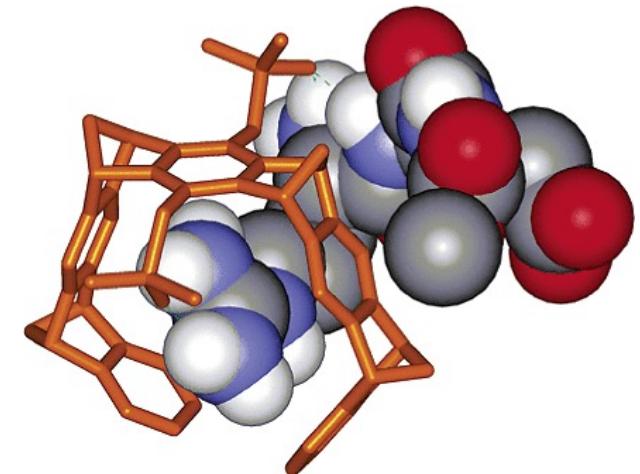


# Fields & Techniques of Bioinformatics

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- **Sequence Analysis (Genomics)**
- **Networks and Systems Biology**
- Signal and Image Processing
- Biomedical Informatics
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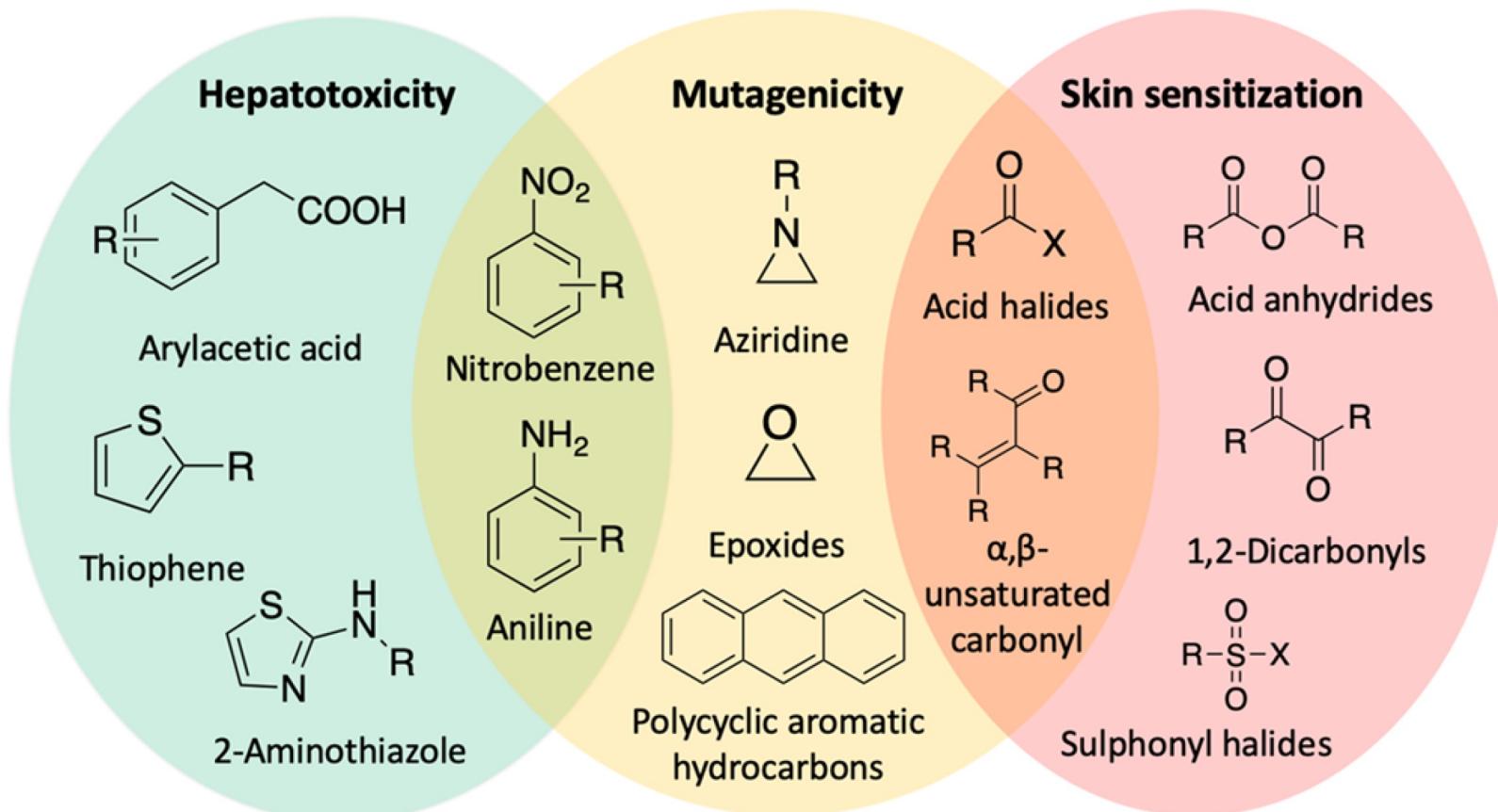
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- Molecular structure prediction
- Molecular interaction modeling
- Molecular docking & Drug design

# Structural Bioinformatics

- Toxicity Prediction from structural alerts



# Structural Bioinformatics

- **Expert systems:** Derek Nexus, LeadScope, AGDH, ChemoTyper, ToxAlerts
- **Frequency analysis:** Moss, Gaston, SARpy, CASE
- **Machine learning:** Bioalerts, FP, CNN

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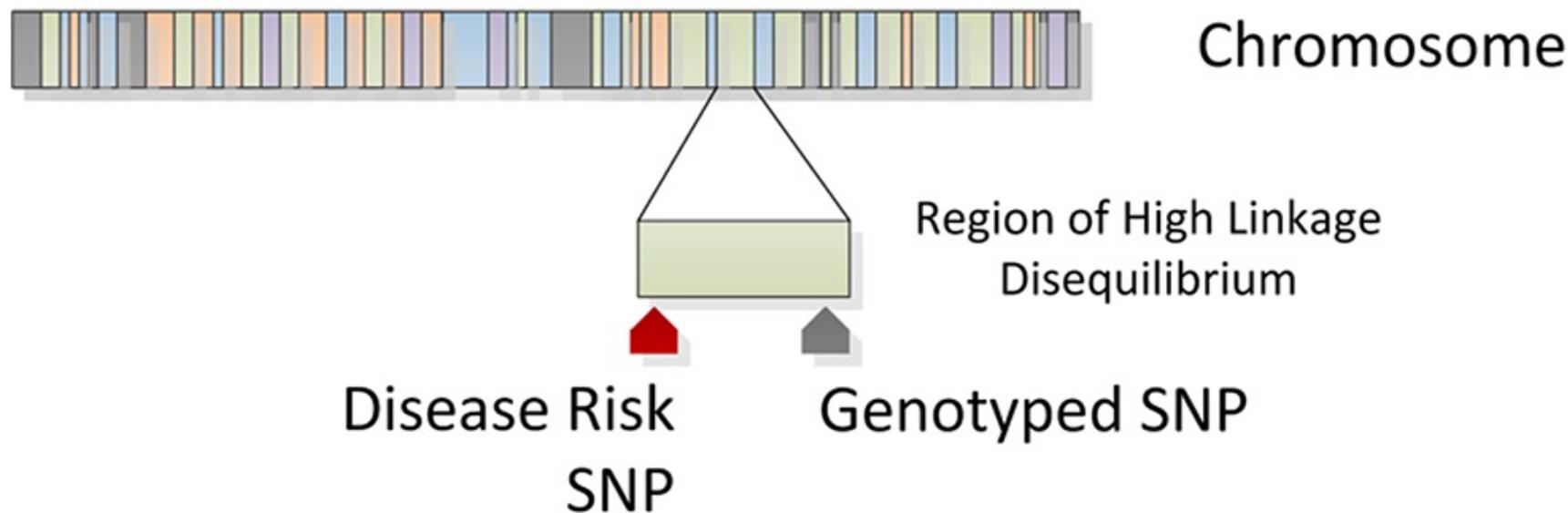
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- Sequence search
- Genome mining
- Population genomics
- Comparative genomics
- Variant discovery
- Expression analysis
- Sequence binding analysis
- Epigenetic analysis

# (Toxico)genomics

## A) Variant Calling and Association Studies

### Indirect Association



# (Toxico)genomics

## A) Variant Calling and Association Studies

- Genetic Markers: **genome-wide** (GWAS), **exome-wide** or **targeted**. Typically genotyped by NGS or microarrays.
- Test the association of genetic markers with a phenotype to **identify risk variants**.
- Further analysis to identify the causative mutation

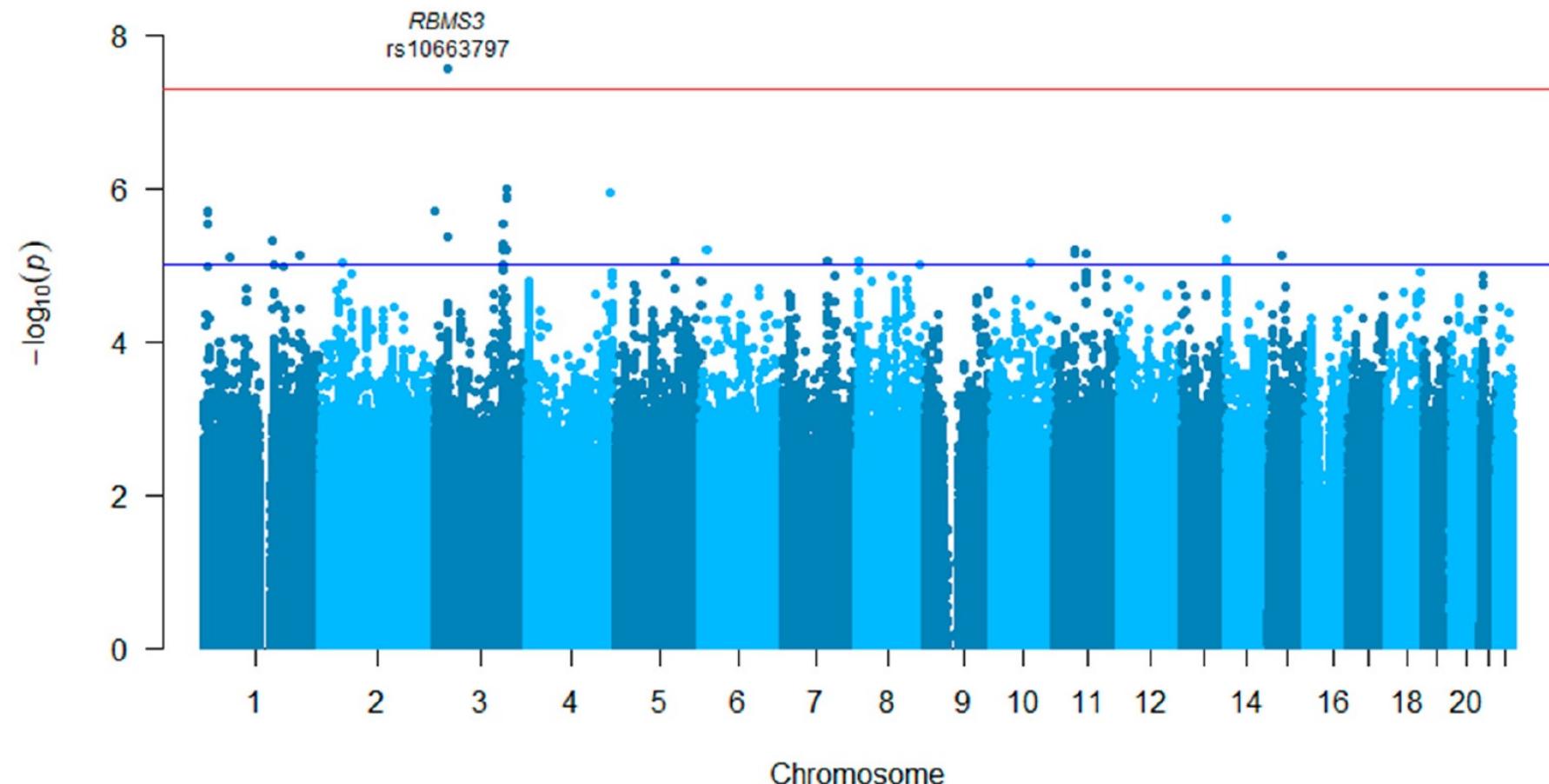
Article

# Genome-Wide Analyses of Nephrotoxicity in Platinum-Treated Cancer Patients Identify Association with Genetic Variant in *RBMS3* and Acute Kidney Injury

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- Platinum agents are chemotherapeutic agents.
- Nephrotoxicity is a common and dose-limiting side effect.
- Genetic risk loci for platinum-induced nephrotoxicity.

- 195 platinum-treated patients.
- 9,799,032 DNA variants tested.
- Association between *RBMS3* rs10663797 and acute kidney injury.



# (Toxico)genomics

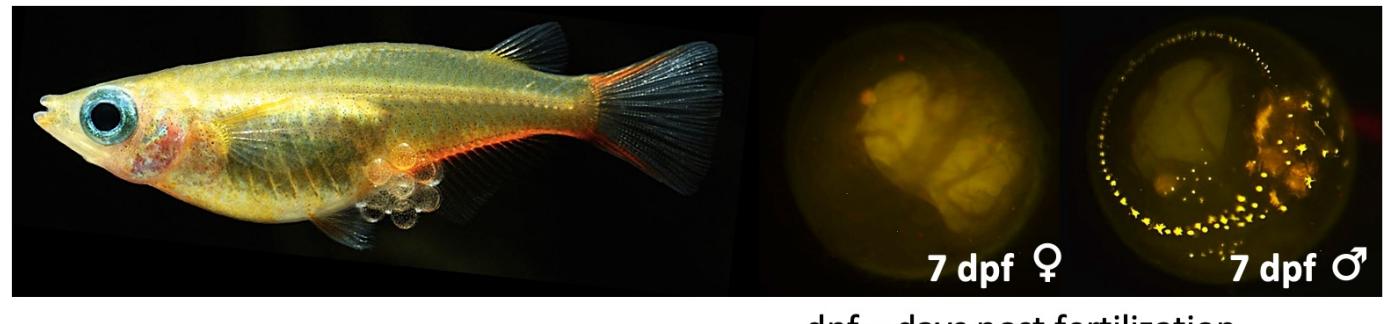
## B) Expression Studies

- Identify a list of **differentially expressed** genes or gene products.
- These lists are typically tested for **enrichment** in functional pathways, annotation terms, interactome modules, etc. to understand the underlying molecular change.
- RNA-seq, proteomics, and metabolomics are the commonly used techniques.

## Molecular signaling pathways elicited by 17 $\alpha$ -ethynodiol in Japanese medaka male larvae undergoing gonadal differentiation

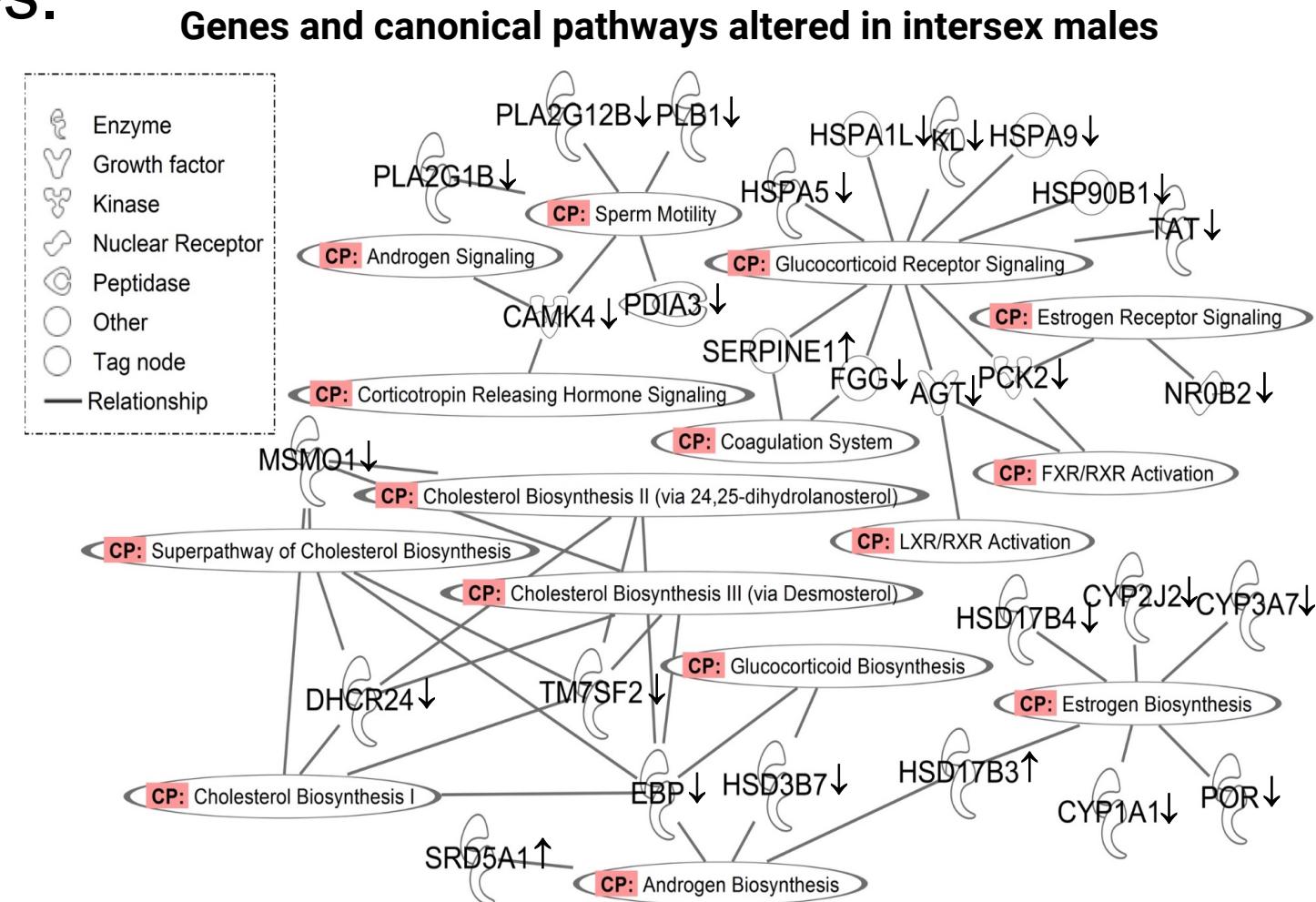
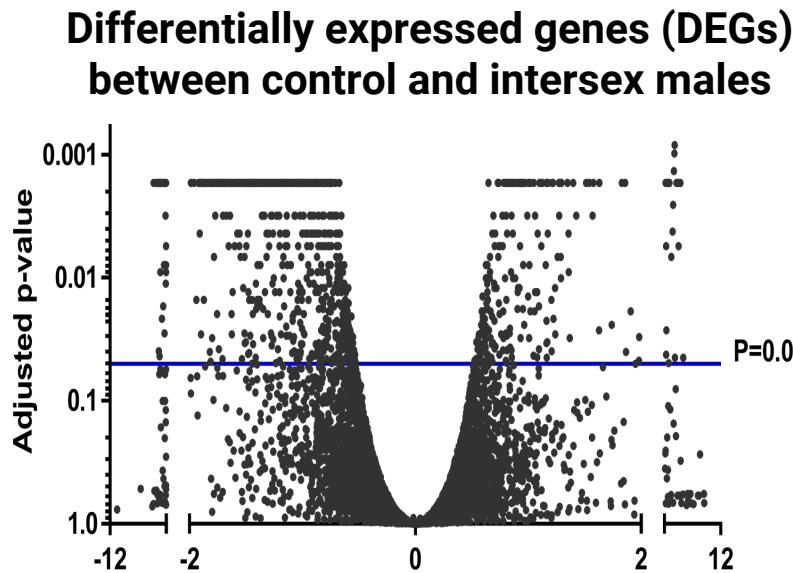
Ahmed Abdelmoneim<sup>a,b</sup>, Amira Abdu<sup>a,c</sup>, Shuai Chen<sup>a</sup>, Maria S. Sepúlveda<sup>a,\*</sup>

- Estrogenic contaminants alter gonadal development
- Induce gonadal intersex and sex reversal
- Transcriptomic approaches to identify molecular initiating events



dpf = days post fertilization

- Hundreds of DEGs identified in relation to different exposures.
- Various molecular signaling pathways were impacted by these exposures, suggesting potential role in the development of female phenotypic changes.



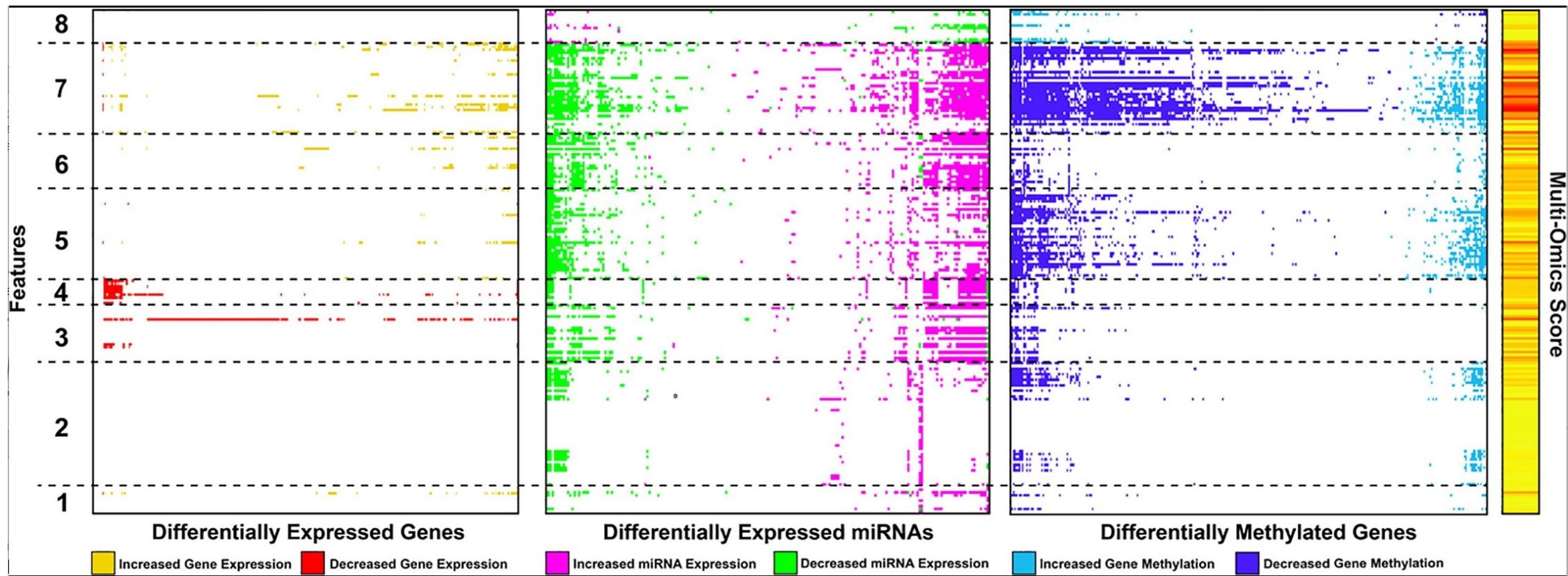
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# Systems Biology

- **Integrate** multiple omic techniques to minimize the high false positive rate of individual techniques
- Commonly coupled with **mathematical data modeling** based on perturbation studies
- Typically, present the data as a **network** of interactions
- Networks can be easily **annotated** to add extra molecular and non-molecular data (e.g., ptn-ptn interactions and phenotype similarity).

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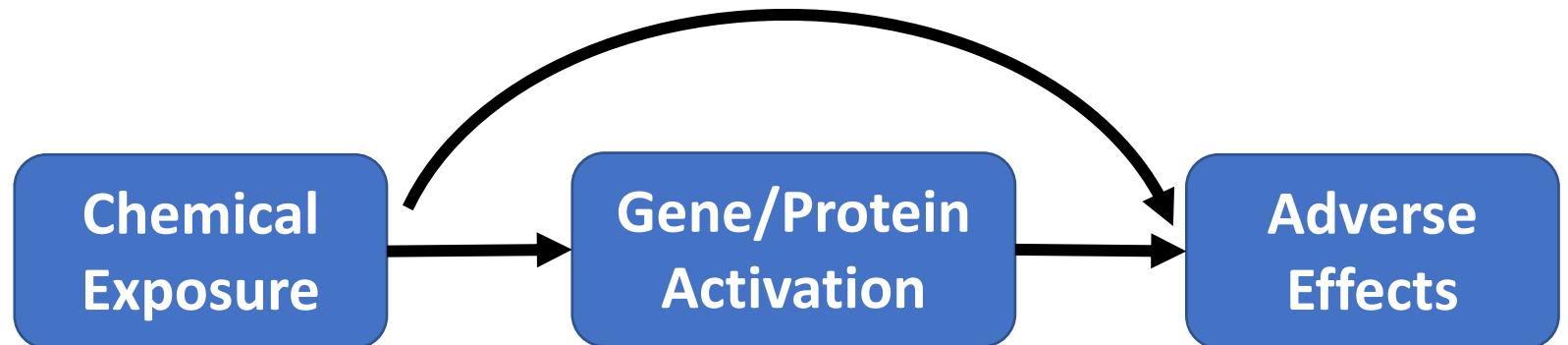


Chao et al. Integrative exposomic, transcriptomic, epigenomic analyses of human placental samples links understudied chemicals to preeclampsia. *Environment International* 2022.

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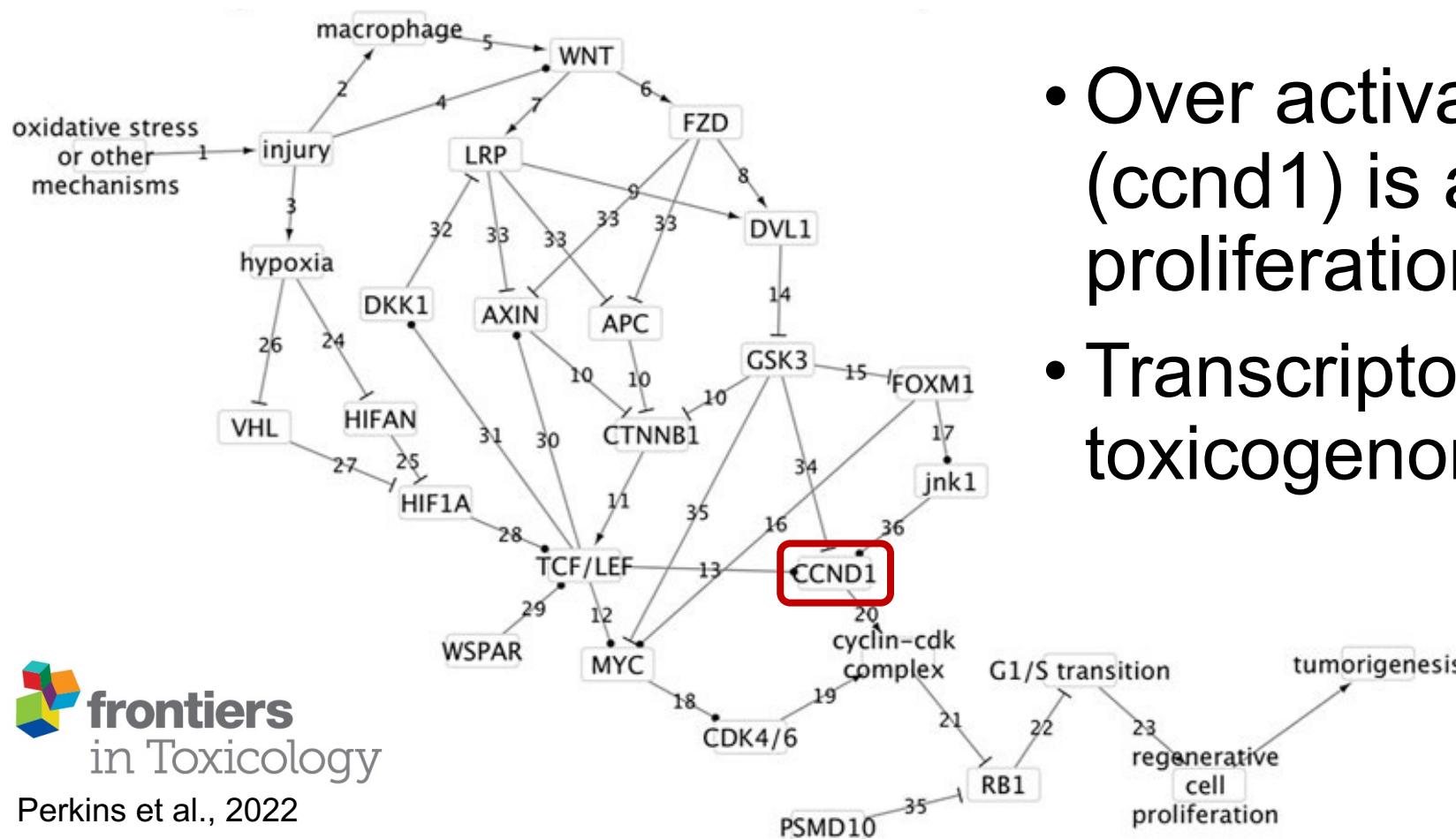
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- Molecular events for regenerative proliferation.
- Three carcinogens and two non-carcinogens.



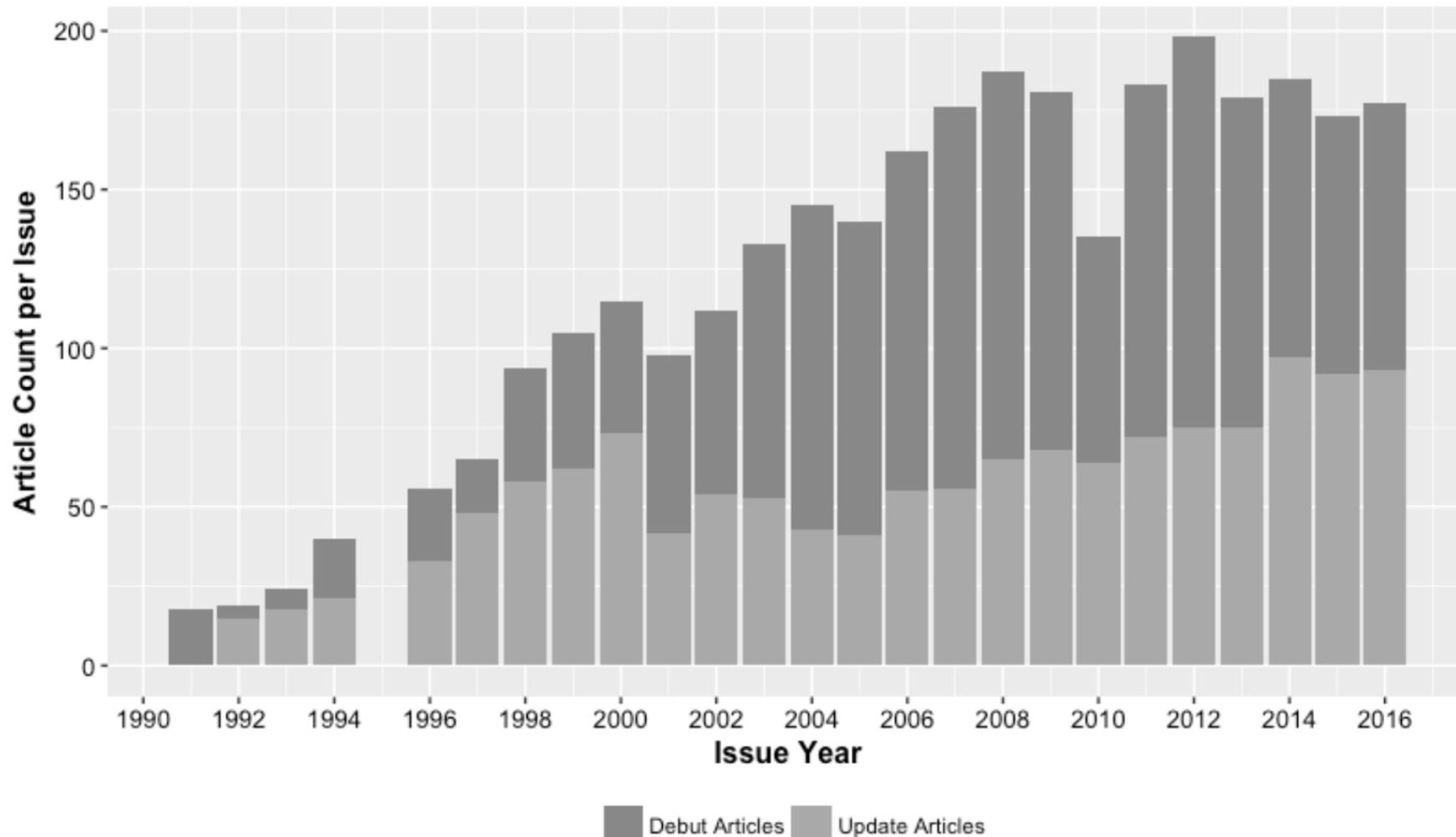
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- Over activation of Cyclin D1 (*ccnd1*) is a MIE for regenerative proliferation.
- Transcriptomic data from a toxicogenomics database.

# Bioinformatics Databases



Heidi J. Imker. 25 Years of Molecular Biology Databases: A Study of Proliferation, Impact, and Maintenance.  
BioRxiv preprint first posted online Mar. 9, 2018;

# Bioinformatics Databases

## **Molecular databases**

- Gene DB (at NCBI) and Ensembl DB (at the European Bioinformatics Institute)
- Uniprot database of proteins
- Human Metabolome Database (HMDB)

## **Sequence variant databases**

- dbSNP: DB of Short Variants (e.g., SNP, and small indels).
- dbVar: DB of Structural Variants (e.g., large indels, translocations and inversions)
- ClinVar: For relationships between human variants and health status with supporting evidence.

## **Phenotype databases**

- OMIM: NCBI database for human genes and genetic phenotypes
- Disgenet: Integrates data from expert curated repositories, GWAS catalogues, animal models and the scientific literature.

# Bioinformatics Databases

- **Drug information portal**
- **SIDER**
- **DrugBank: drugs and drug targets (genes and pathways)**
- **SMPDB (Small Molecule Pathway Database)**
- **Comparative Toxicogenomics Database**

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1 result for Name/Synonym equals ACETAMINOFEN [i](#)

**Drug Name:** Acetaminophen [USP:JAN]

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**Description:** Analgesic antipyretic derivative of acetanilide. It has weak anti-inflammatory properties and is used as a common analgesic, but may cause liver, blood cell, and kidney damage.

**Categories:** [i](#) Analgesics

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## Summary

- ▶ [i Summary of drug information \(MedlinePlusDrug\)](#)
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# SIDER 4.1 : Side Effect Resource

SIDER contains information on marketed medicines and their recorded adverse drug reactions. The information is extracted from public documents and package inserts. The available information include side effect frequency, drug and side effect classifications as well as links to further information, for example drug–target relations.

## Search for drugs or side effects :

## Database statistics

### Number of drugs and side effects

| # of SE | # of drugs | # of drug-SE pairs | Pairs with frequency information |
|---------|------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| 5868    | 1430       | 139756             | 39.9%                            |

### Number of drug–side effect pairs in different frequency ranges

|         | frequent<br>(with exact data) | infrequent<br>(with exact data) | rare<br>(with exact data) | postmarketing | total |
|---------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|-------|
| drug    | 24562 (23601)                 | 16765 (11426)                   | 11784 (6013)              | 19265         | 55730 |
| placebo | 7133 (7133)                   | 3294 (3294)                     | 2512 (2512)               | 0             | 10748 |

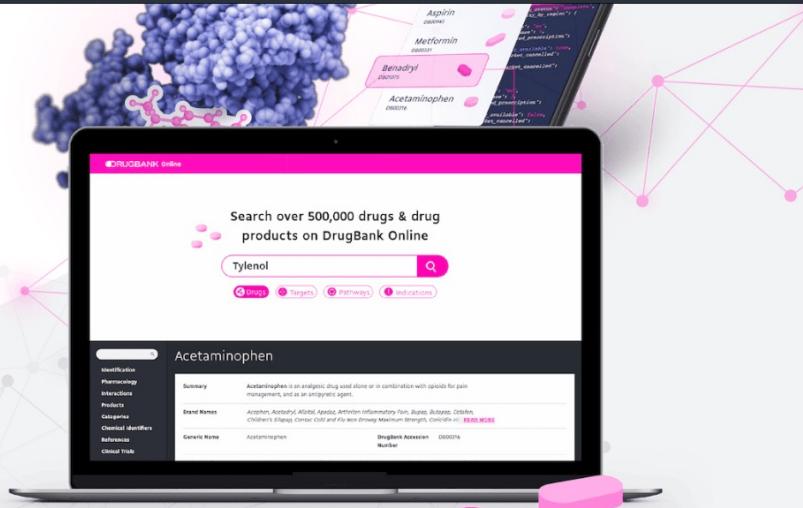
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# Small Molecule Pathway Database

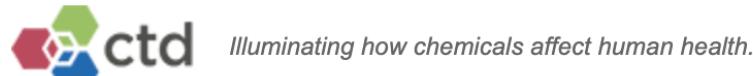
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2.0Brought to you by the creators of the [Human Metabolome Database \(HMDB\)](#) and [DrugBank](#):

SMPDB (The Small Molecule Pathway Database) is an interactive, visual database containing more than 30 000 small molecule pathways found in humans only. The majority of these pathways are not found in any other pathway database. SMPDB is designed specifically to support pathway elucidation and pathway discovery in metabolomics, transcriptomics, proteomics and systems biology. It is able to do so, in part, by providing exquisitely detailed, fully searchable, hyperlinked diagrams of human metabolic pathways, metabolic disease pathways, metabolite signaling pathways and drug-action pathways. All SMPDB pathways include information on the relevant organs, subcellular compartments, protein\_complex cofactors, protein\_complex locations, metabolite locations, chemical structures and protein\_complex quaternary structures. Each small molecule is hyperlinked to detailed descriptions contained in the [HMDB](#) or [DrugBank](#) and each protein\_complex or enzyme complex is hyperlinked to [UniProt](#). All SMPDB pathways are accompanied with detailed descriptions and references, providing an overview of the pathway, condition or processes depicted in each diagram. The database is easily browsed and supports full text, sequence and chemical structure searching. Users may query SMPDB with lists of metabolite names, drug names, genes/protein\_complex names, SwissProt IDs, GenBank IDs, Affymetrix IDs or Agilent microarray IDs. These queries will produce lists of matching pathways and highlight the matching molecules on each of the pathway diagrams. Gene, metabolite and protein\_complex concentration data can also be visualized through SMPDB's mapping interface. All of SMPDB's images, image maps, descriptions and tables are [downloadable](#).

Get started now:

★ Browse Pathways ★

# Comparative Toxicogenomics Database



*Illuminating how chemicals affect human health.*

Comparative Toxicogenomics Database

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## Connect. Compare.

CTD is a robust, publicly available database that aims to advance understanding about how environmental exposures affect human health. [More...](#)

## Discover.

1. What human diseases are associated with a [gene/protein](#)? ([Example](#))
2. What human diseases are associated with a [chemical](#)? ([Example](#))
3. What genes/proteins interact with a [chemical](#)? ([Example](#))
4. What chemicals interact with a [gene/protein](#)? ([Example](#))
5. What references report a [chemical–gene/protein interaction](#)? ([Example](#))
6. What cellular functions (GO terms) are affected by a [chemical](#)? ([Example](#))



## News

► *October 31, 2022*

[New data available!](#)

# Comparative Toxicogenomics Database

| Search                          | Analyze | Download |
|---------------------------------|---------|----------|
| All Searches                    |         |          |
| Chemicals                       |         |          |
| Chemical–Gene Interactions      |         |          |
| Chemical-Phenotype Interactions |         |          |
| Genes                           |         |          |
| Diseases                        |         |          |
| References                      |         |          |
| GO                              |         |          |
| Pathways                        |         |          |
| Organisms                       |         |          |
| Batch Query                     |         |          |
| Exposure Studies                |         |          |
| Exposure Details                |         |          |
| Anatomy                         |         |          |
| Your Queries                    |         |          |



## [Batch Query](#)

Download custom data associated with a set of chemicals, diseases, genes, Gene Ontology terms, pathways, or references.



## [Set Analyzer](#)

Perform analyses such as set-based enrichment for collections of chemicals or genes, and pathway generation for collections of genes.



## [MyGeneVenn](#)

Compare your gene list to genes associated with up to two chemicals or diseases.



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View relationships among your lists of CTD chemicals, diseases, genes, GO terms or pathways, or any other data.



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Compare associated data sets for up to three chemicals, diseases, or genes.



## [CTD Tetramers](#)

Download CTD Tetramers, which are computationally predicted information blocks, derived by integrating five direct evidence statements found in CTD.



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