

# Identifying proteins and metabolic pathways associated to the neuroprotective response mediated by tibolone in astrocytes under an induced inflammatory model

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# Neuroinflammation



Neurodegenerative diseases

Cardiovascular events

Stress

Smoke

Obesity (Over Nutrition or Caloric Excess)

# Metabolic Inflammation or Metainflammation

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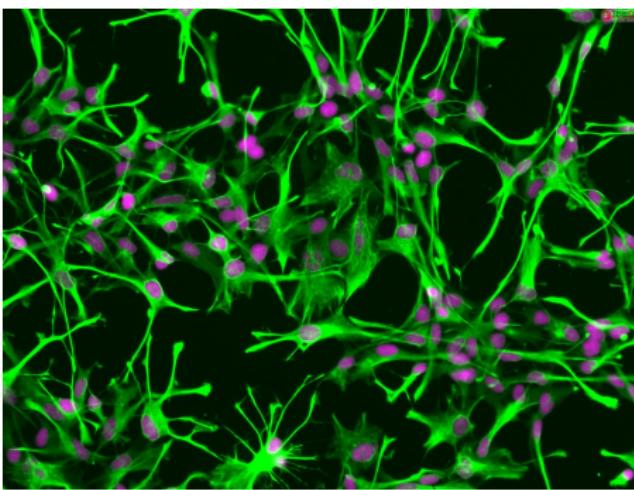
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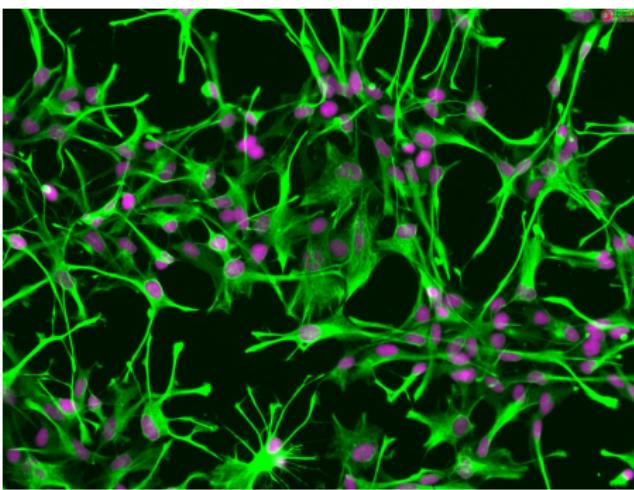
▲ Endoplasmic reticulum stress → ▲ UPR

▲ Reactive C Protein Ligands + ▲ TNF $\alpha$  + ▲ IL6 + ▲ ROS

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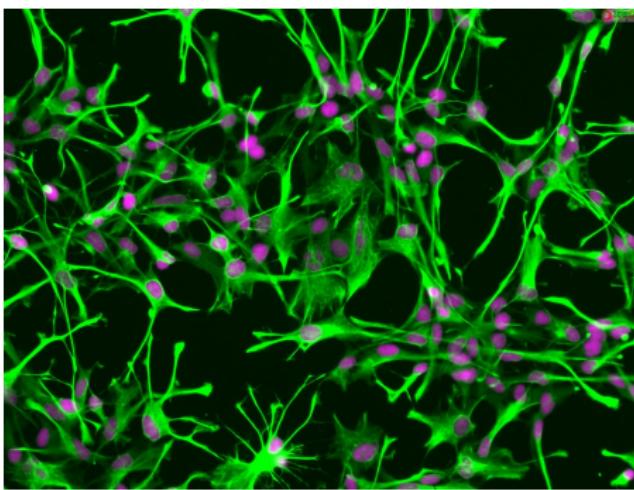


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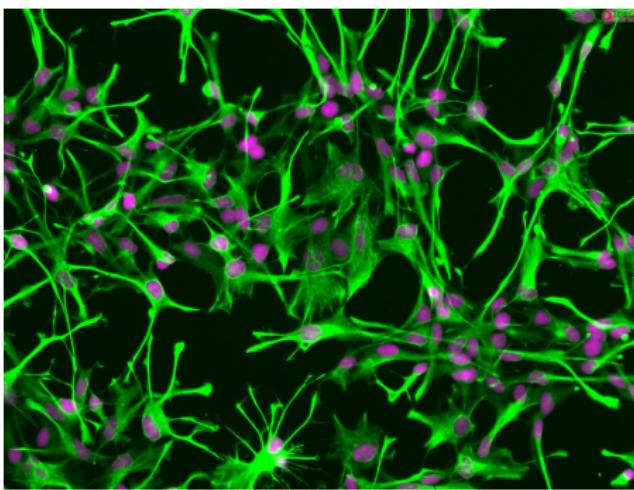
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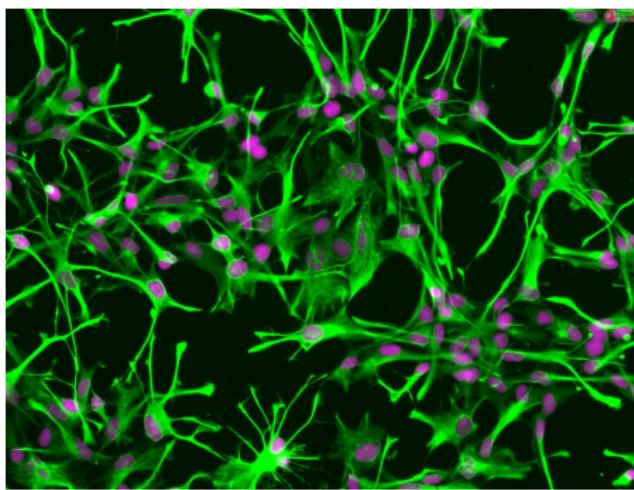


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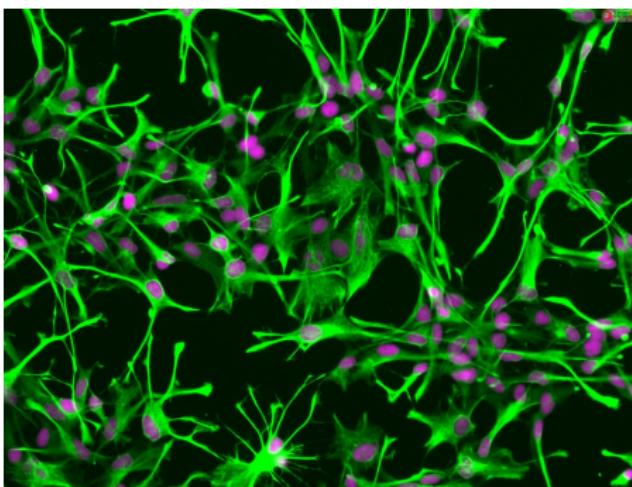
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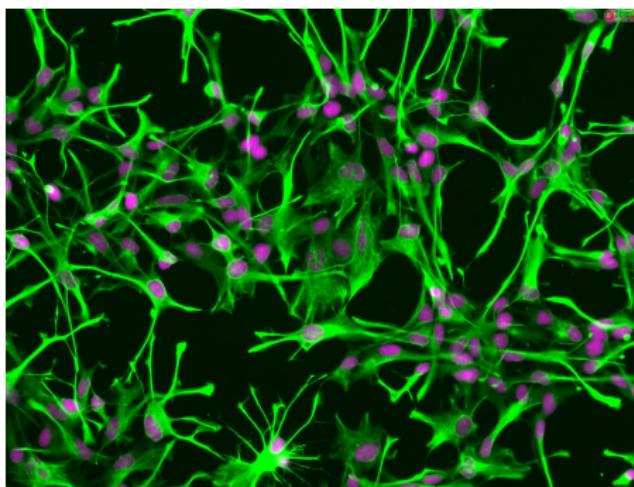
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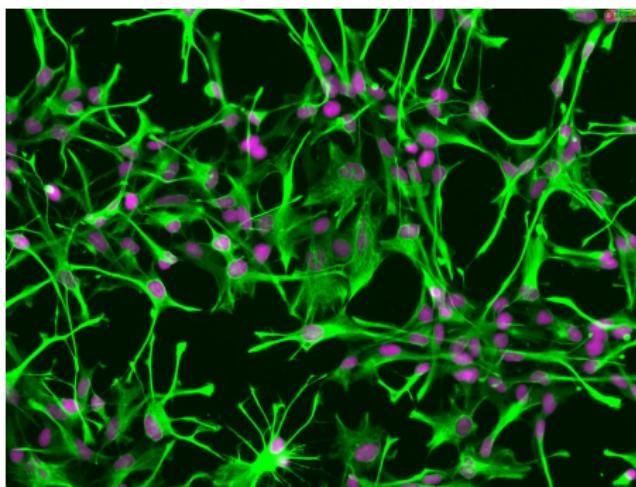
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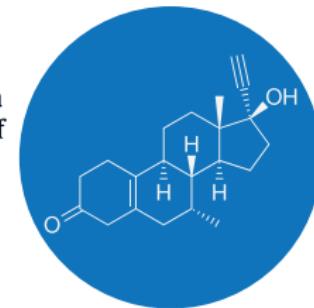
ROS detox

Gln, ATP and D-serine release

# What effects does tibolone have on Astrocytic inflammatory scenarios?

Tibolone protects astrocytic cells from glucose deprivation through a mechanism involving estrogen receptor beta and the upregulation of neuroglobin expression

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# Objectives:

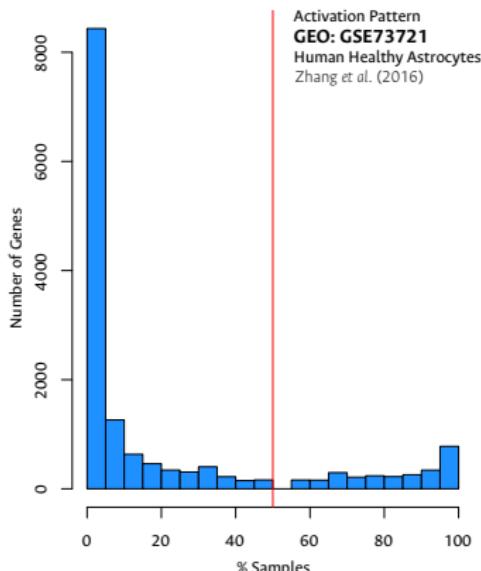
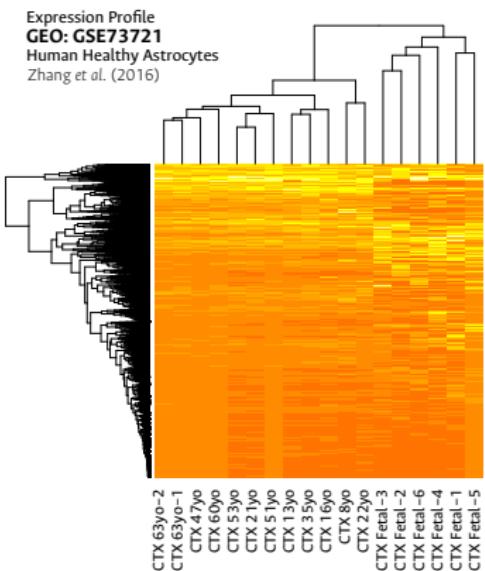
To identify proteins and metabolic pathways involved in the neuroprotective effects of tibolone in human astrocytes based in metabolic scenarios comparation we set:

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- ▶ Evaluate the effects caused by the increase of free fatty acids and tibolone presence in astrocytes metabolism.
- ▶ Determine metabolic pathways and relevant functional products in response to steroid tibolone through systems biology approximations.
- ▶ Evaluate the importance of proteins and metabolic pathways previously identified on the dynamics of the metabolic model.

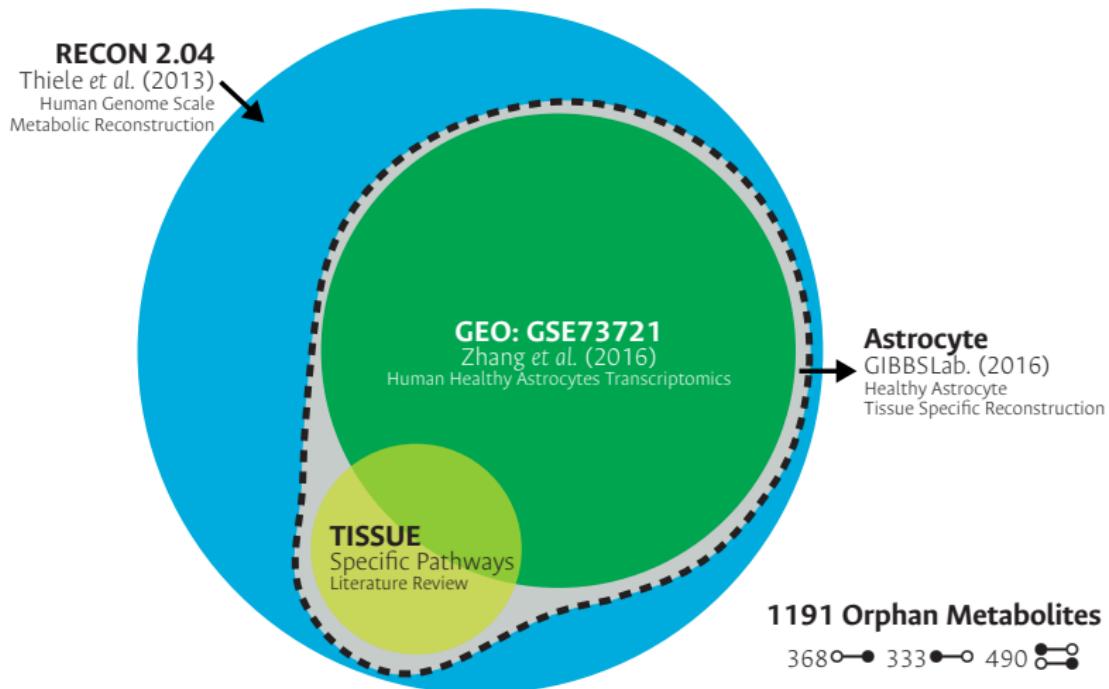
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# Human Astrocytes Gene Expression Data



# Mapping Reactions



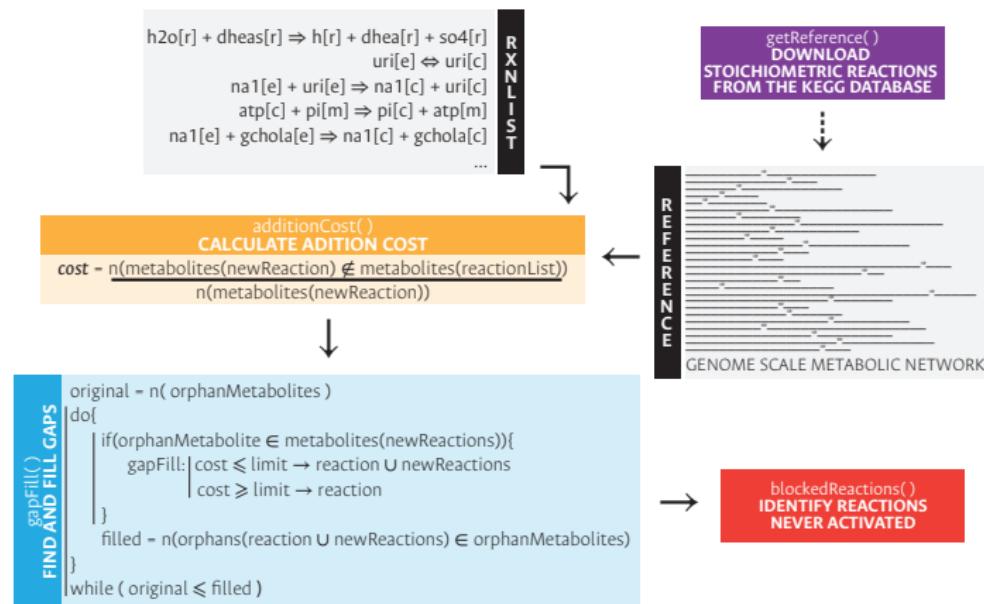
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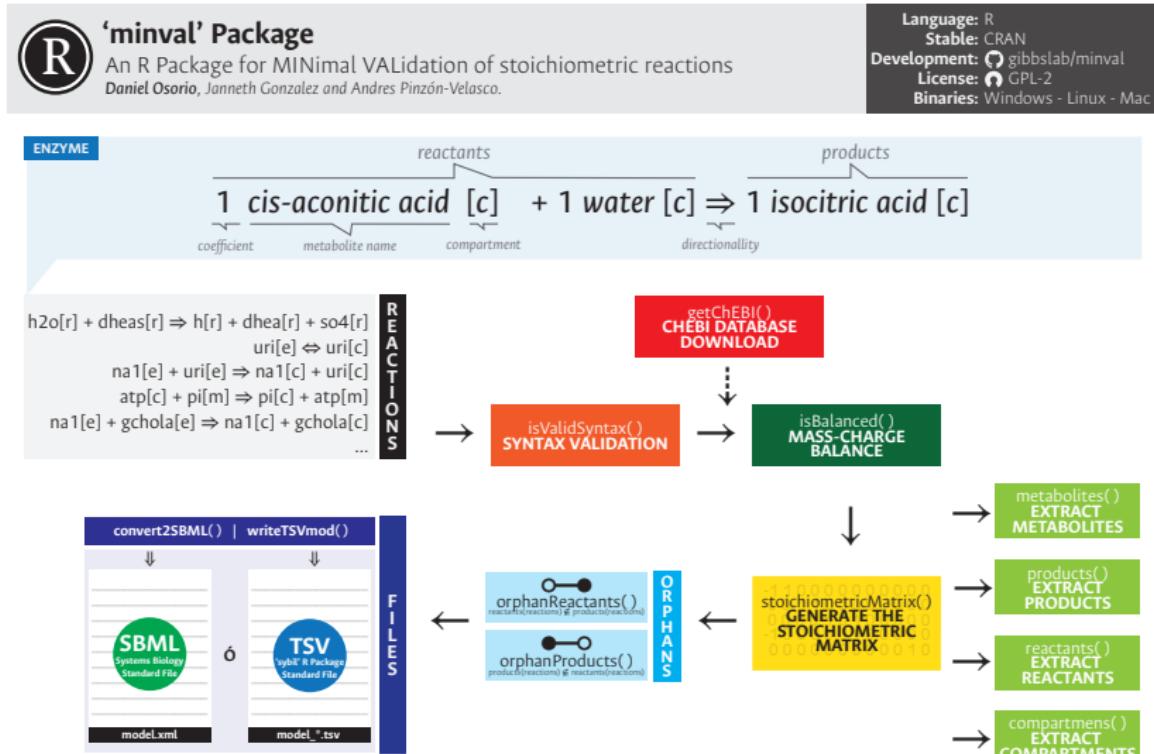
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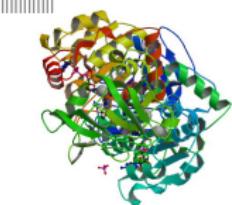
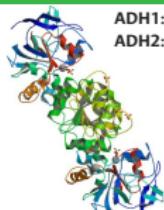
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ADH2

ADH1



(ADH2 or ADH1)

sum (ExprADH2 + ExprADH1)

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IDE.A

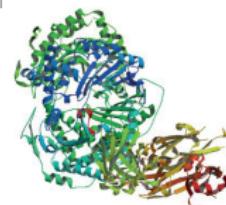
IDE.B

IDE.C

IDE.A:

IDE.B:

IDE.C:



GPR

(IDE.A and IDE.B and IDE.C)

min (ExprIDE.A, ExprIDE.B, ExprIDE.C)

GENE EXPRESSION  
DATA



exp2flux()  
CONVERT GENE  
EXPRESSION DATA  
TO FBA FLUXES



CONSTRAINED  
METABOLIC MODEL

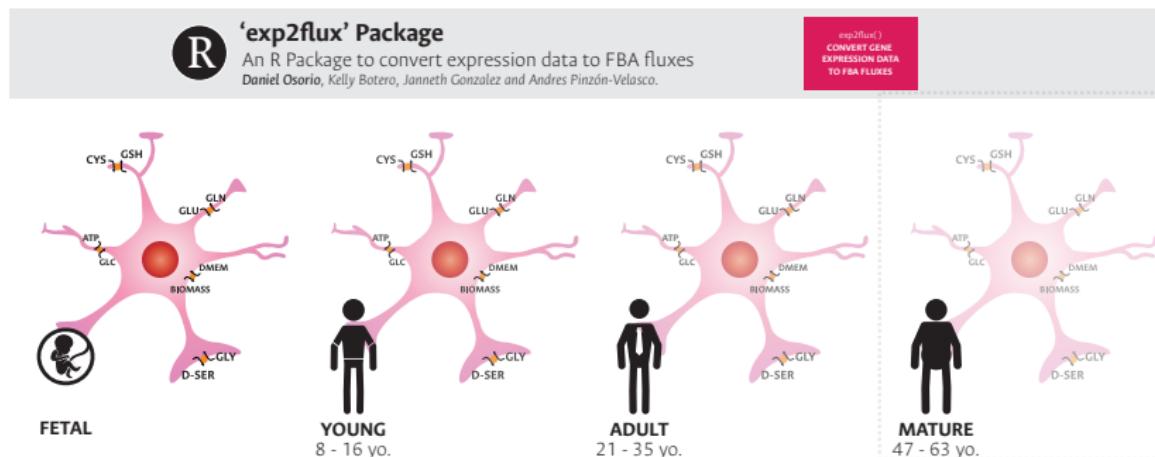
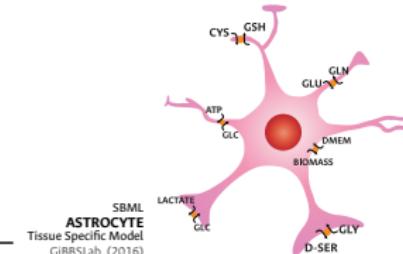
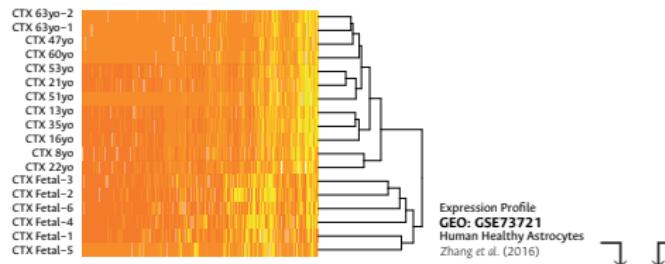


fluxDifferences()  
COMPUTE FOLDCHANGE  
OF FLUXES BETWEEN  
METABOLIC SCENARIOS

METABOLIC MODEL  
WITH GPR



# Human Healthy Mature Astrocyte Model

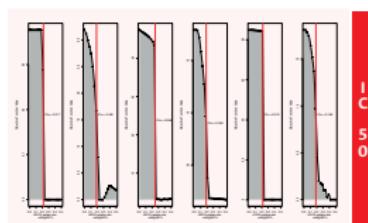


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# Metabolic Scenarios

Normal Uptake of PALMITATE



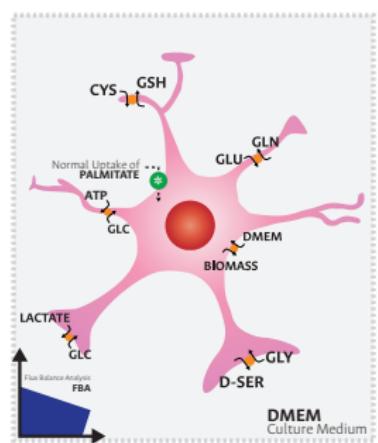
Force Uptake of PALMITATE



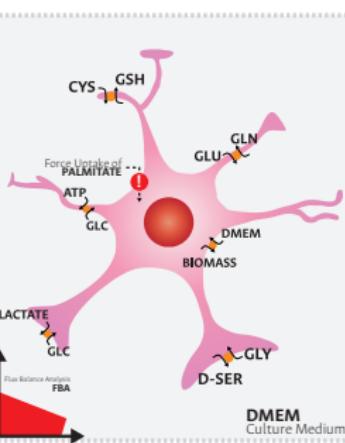
TIBOLONE



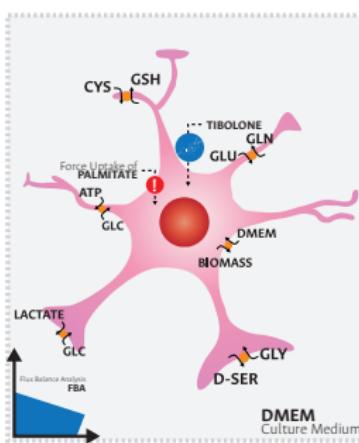
HEALTHY



INFLAMMATED



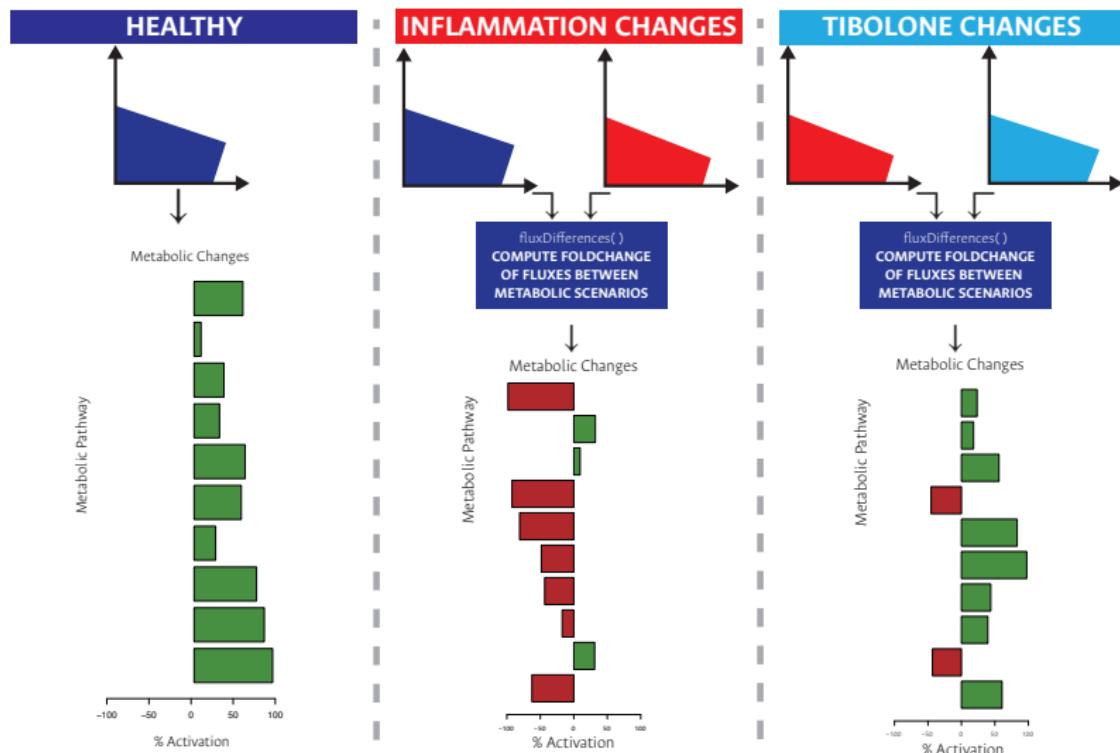
MEDICATED



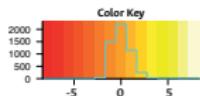
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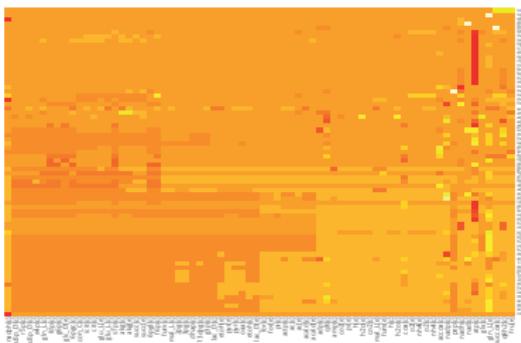
# Metabolic Pathways Activation Pattern Changes



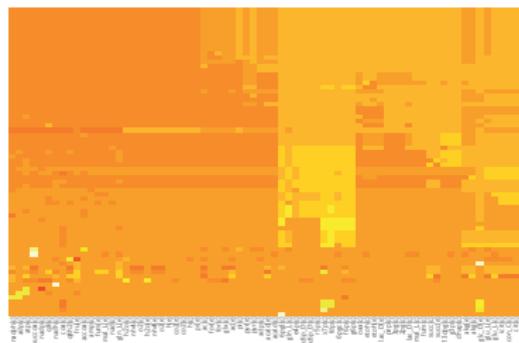
# Changes in Metabolites Production



$$\text{foldChange} = \frac{\text{Scenario2} - \text{Scenario1}}{|\text{Scenario1}|}$$



**Inflammation Related**  
Metabolic Changes



**Tibolone Related**  
Metabolic Changes

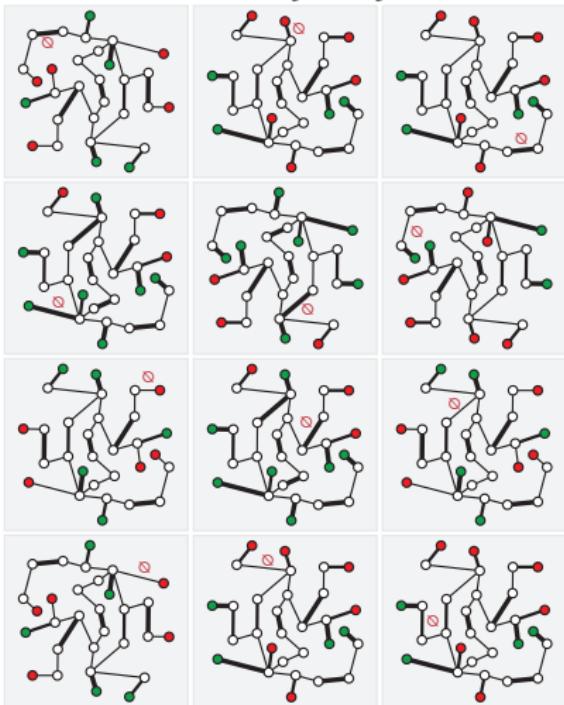
Now running at:



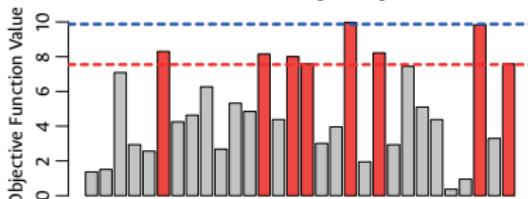
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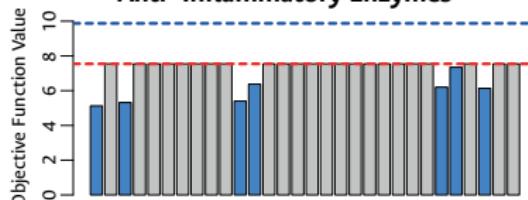
## Essentiality Analysis



## Pro-Inflammatory Enzymes



## Anti-Inflammatory Enzymes



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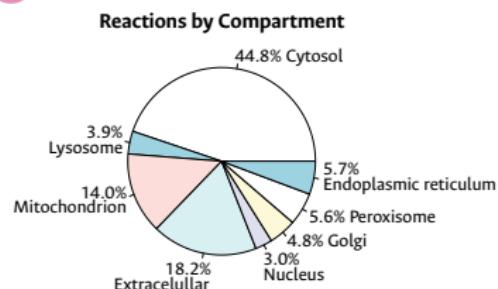
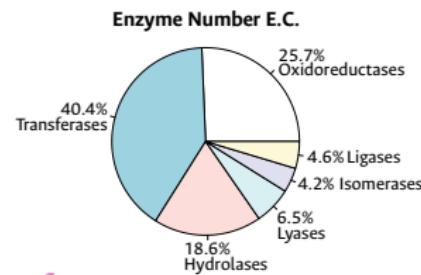
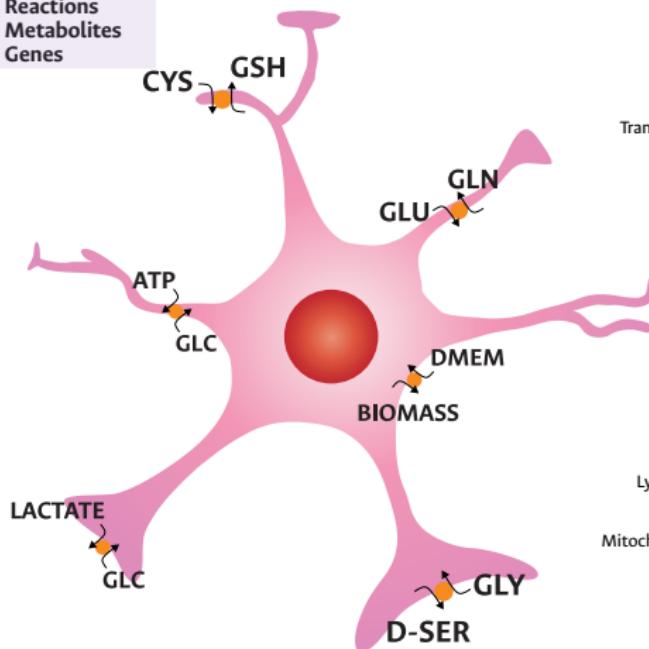
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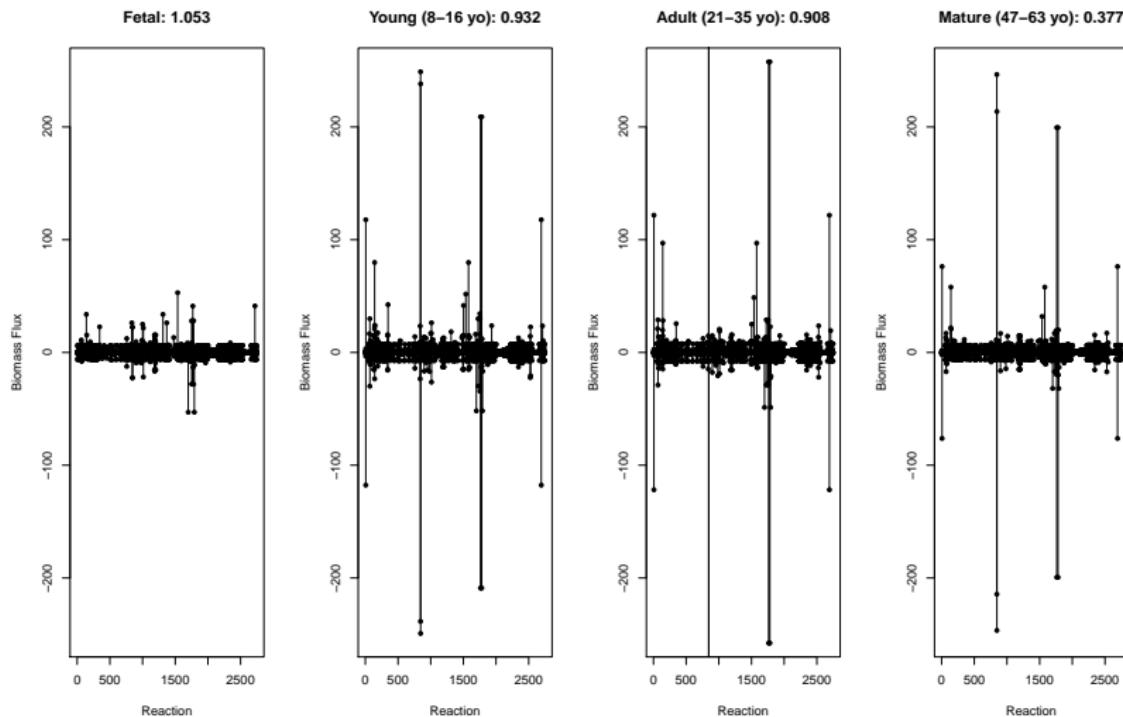
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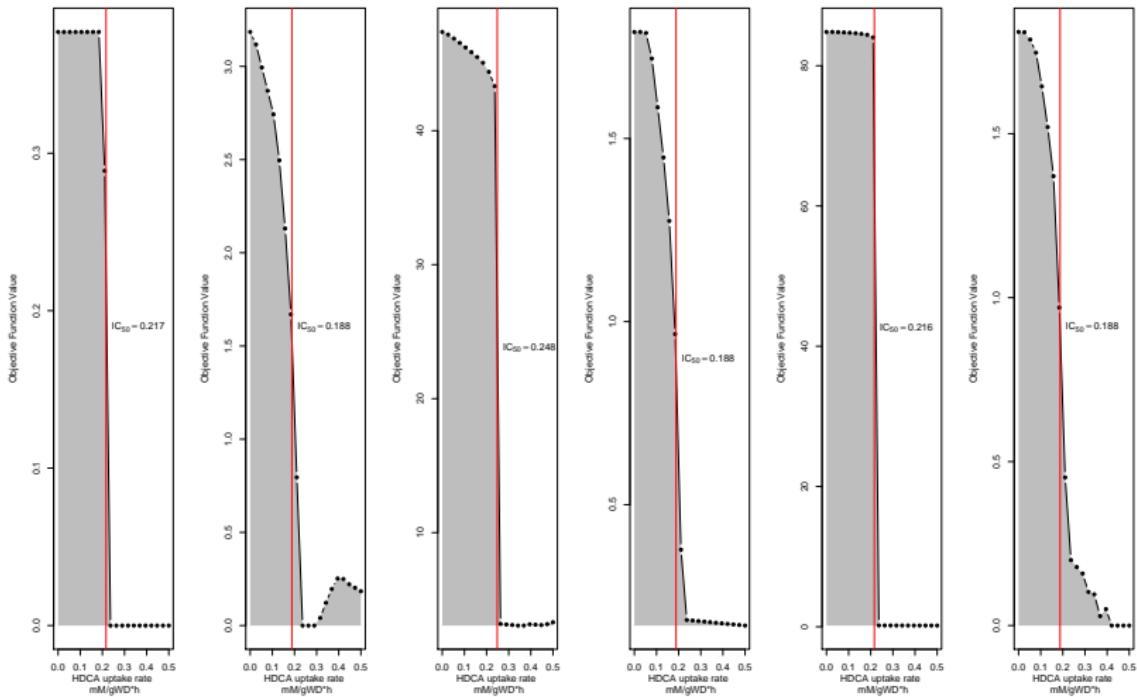
8 Compartments  
2747 Reactions  
1956 Metabolites  
1262 Genes



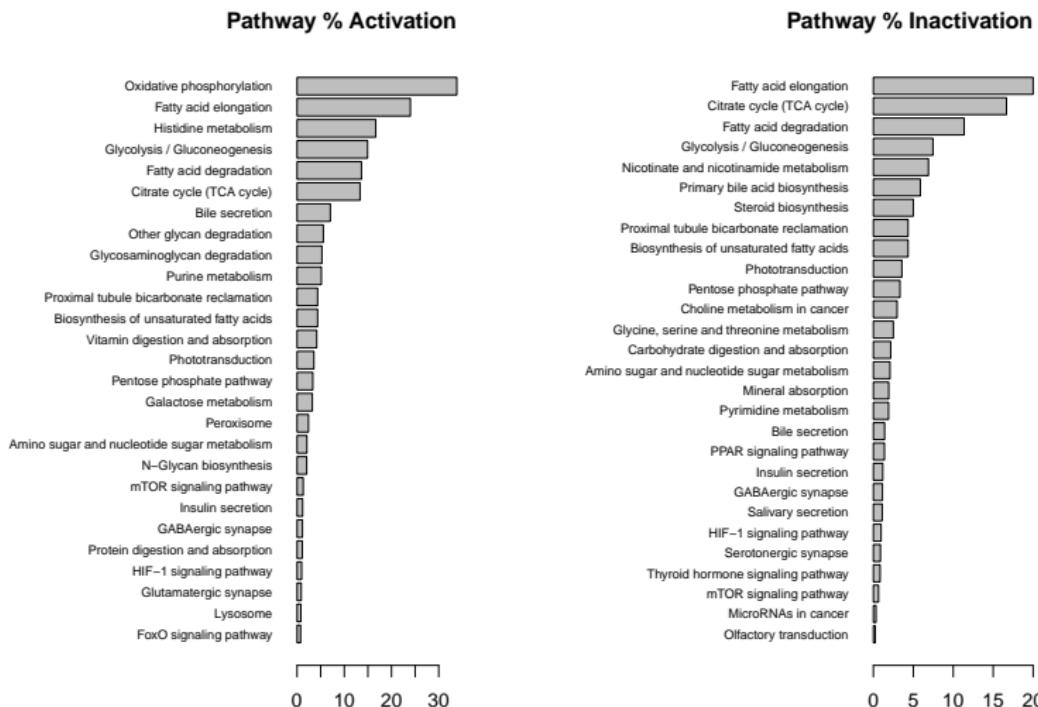
# Age Related Metabolic Changes in Astrocytes



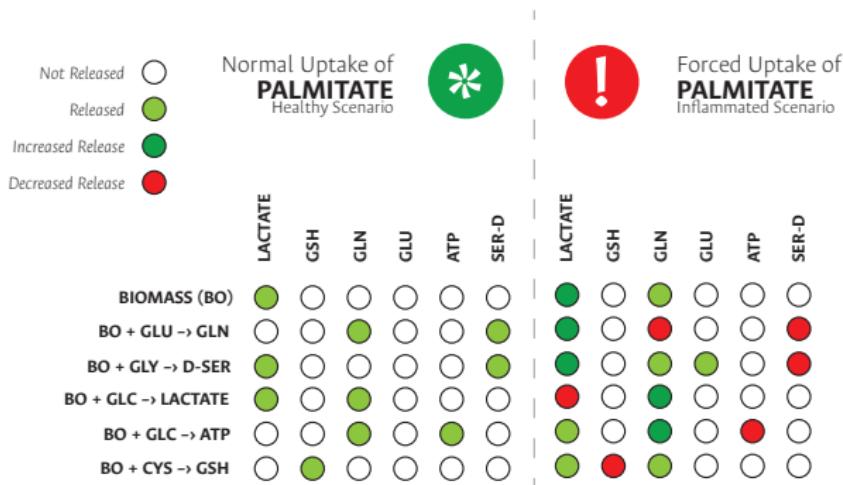
$$IC_{50} = 0.208 \pm 0.024 \text{ mMgDW}^{-1}\text{h}^{-1}$$



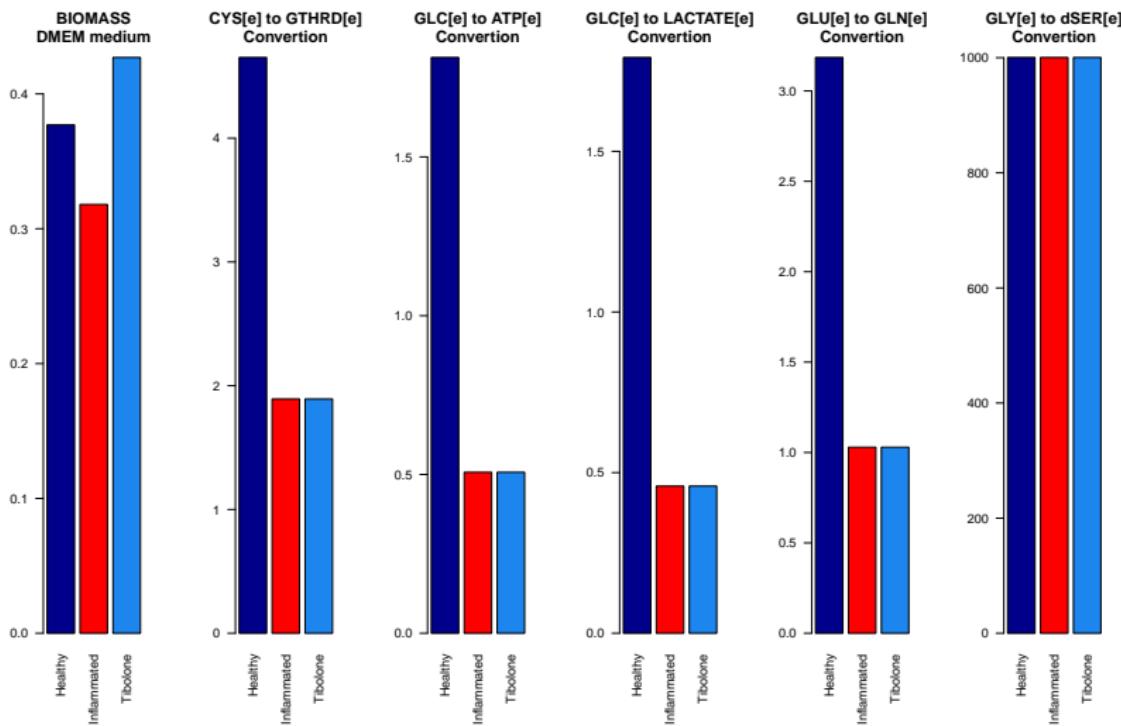
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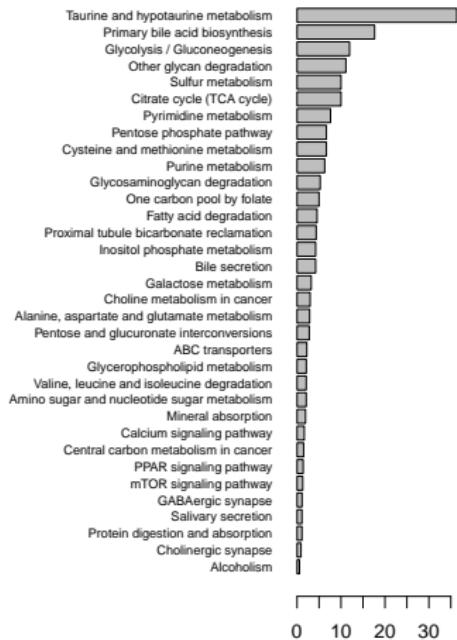


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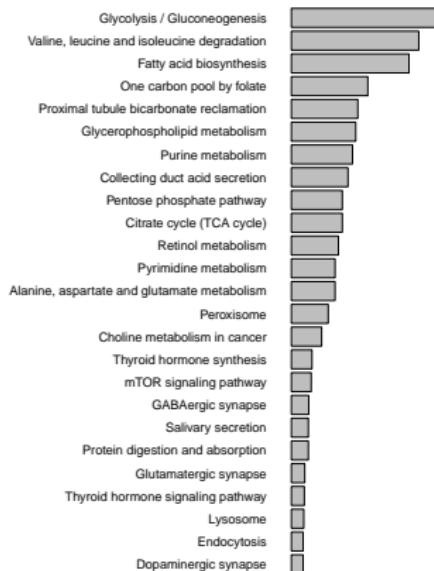


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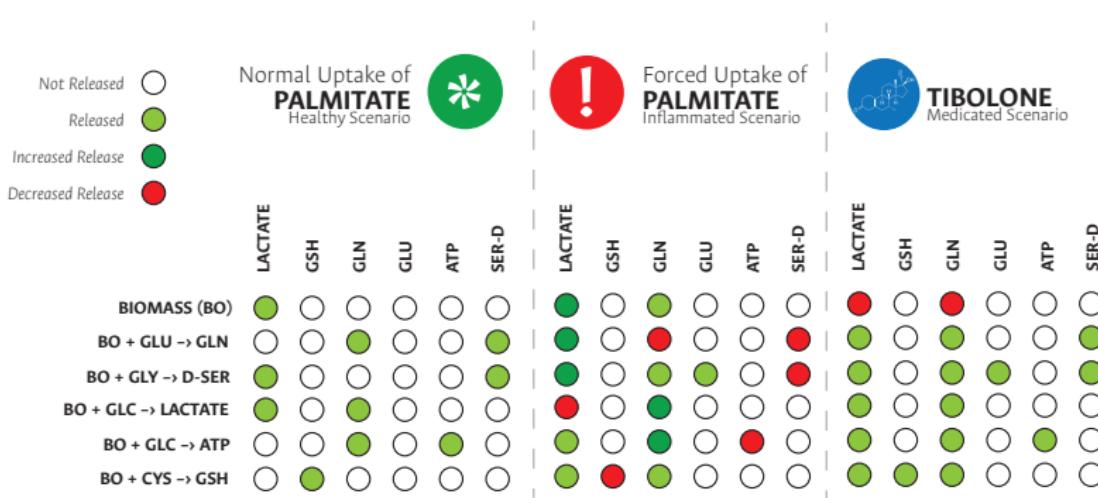
**Pathway % Activation**



**Pathway % Inactivation**



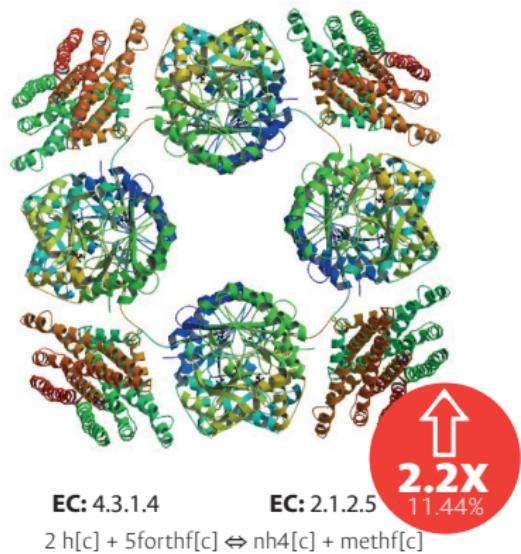
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# ProInflammatory Enzymes

## FTCD

FormimidoylTransferase CycloDeaminase



## H2Otm

H2O Transport Mitochondrial



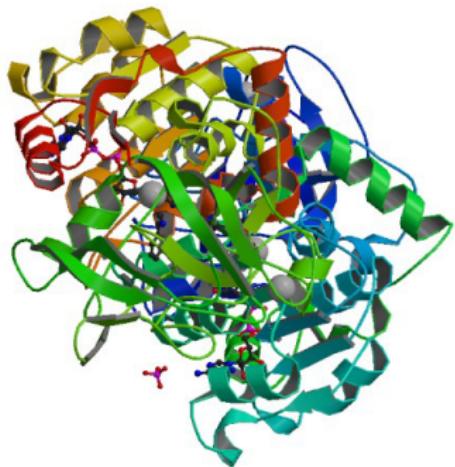
# 74 Anti inflammatory Enzymes



# Tibolone Related Enzymes

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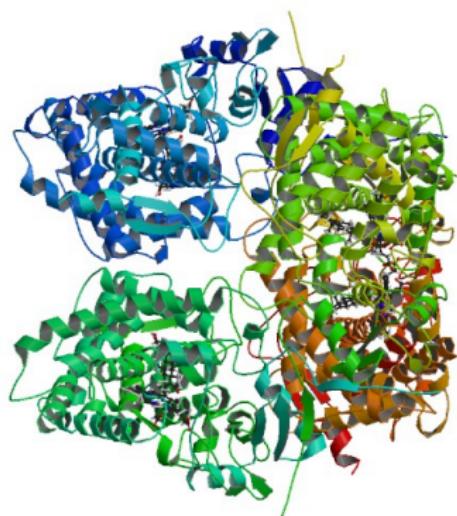
Alcohol Dehydrogenase 1 - 7



EC: 1.1.1.1

**REM1804m | REM1807m**

Cytochrome P450 Family 27 Subfamily A Member 1



EC: 1.14.15.15



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