

# **Host Response**

**Steven Roberts**

# Little Background First (my preface)

## **Main Interest - *Physiology* (how stuff works)**

Fish Reproduction

Fish Growth

Shellfish Growth / Metamorphosis

Shellfish Immune Response

Shellfish Response to Environmental Change

Shellfish Epigenetics - Adaptation / Plasticity<sub>2</sub>

# Epigenetics

## Innate immune memory: towards a better understanding of host defense mechanisms

Jessica Quintin, Shih-Chin Cheng, Jos WM van der Meer, Mihai G Netea 

### Highlights

- Organisms lacking an adaptive immune system can mount resistance to secondary infections.
- NK cells and monocytes have adaptive (memory) characteristics.
- *Trained immunity* is the term proposed for innate immune memory responses.
- Epigenetic reprogramming is a central mechanism mediating innate immune memory.

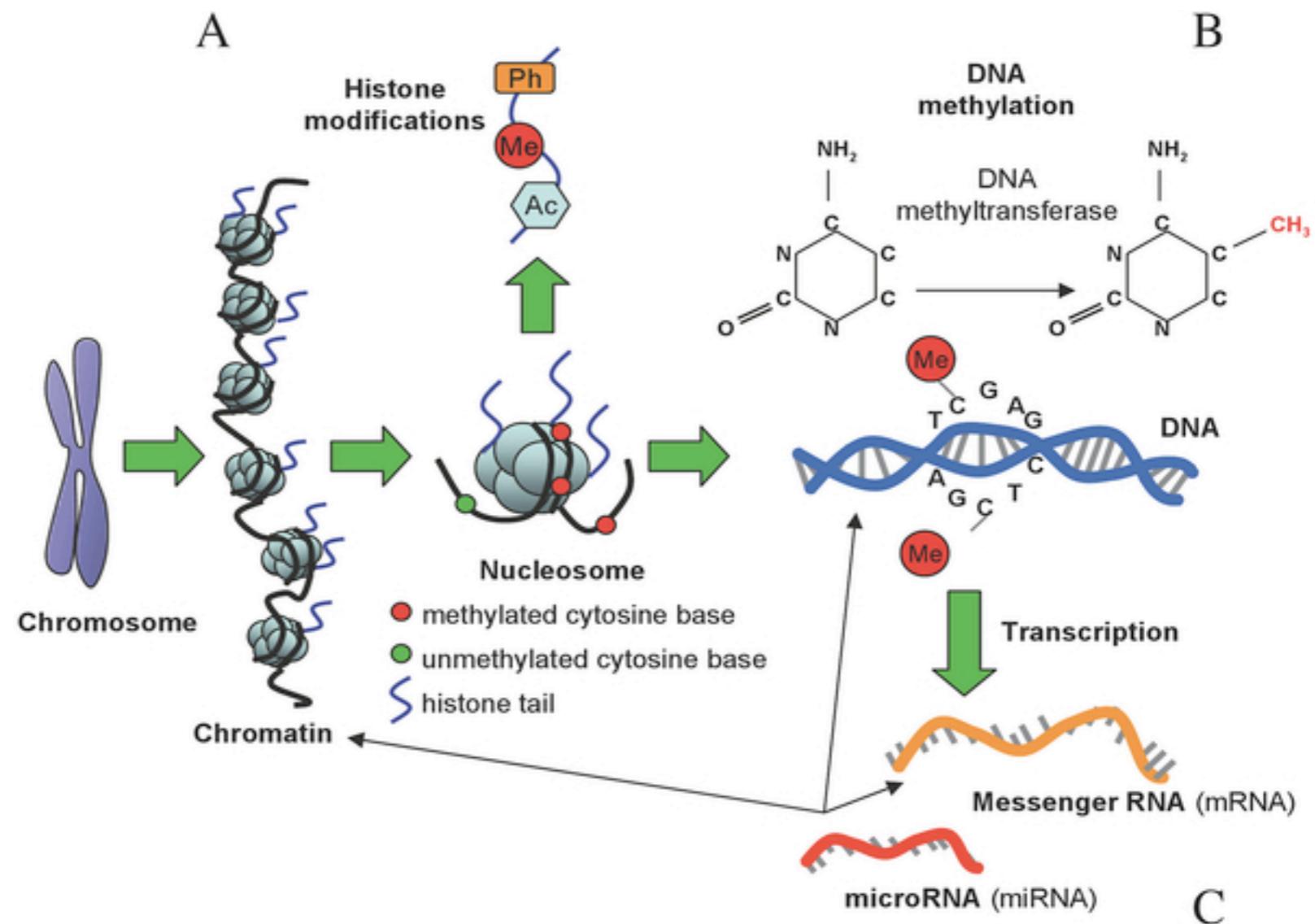
Innate immunity is classically defined as unable to build up immunological memory. Recently however, the assumption of the lack of immunological memory within innate immune responses has been reconsidered. Plants and invertebrates lacking adaptive immune system can be protected against secondary infections. It has been shown that mammals can build cross-protection to secondary infections independently of T-lymphocytes and B-lymphocytes. Moreover, recent studies have demonstrated that innate immune cells such as NK cells and monocytes can display adaptive characteristics, a novel concept for which the term *trained immunity* has been proposed. Several mechanisms are involved in mediating innate immune memory, among which epigenetic histone modifications and modulation of recognition receptors on the surface of innate immune cells are likely to play a central role.

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examples on infection-induced host gene reprogramming [32]. A diverse array of bacterial effectors has been identified that either mimic or inhibit the host cellular machinery, thus facilitating the pathogen's life-cycle. MAPK (mitogen-activated protein kinase), Interferon (IFN), and transcription factor NF- $\kappa$ B signaling pathways are common targets of bacterial-induced post-translational modifications, acetylation, ubiquitylation, and phosphorylation on histones and chromatin-associated proteins [35]. Within the alveolar macrophages, *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, for example, inhibits interferon- $\gamma$ -induced expression of several immune genes through histone acetylation [36], which explains the persistence of long-term chronic tuberculosis infections in some patients. This mechanism is not restricted to bacteria but

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# Let's Anthropomorphize

What might scare marine invert?



# Today: *Physiological Response* to things that are bad

It is important to think about the big picture.

What else is going on with the critter...

resource allocation

Where are these resources coming from?

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**really big picture -**

What has the population experienced.

# Defense Systems

- Anatomic Features
- **Immunity**

# Anatomic Features



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Key reference: Arnott, S. A., Nell, D. M. and Ansell, A. D. (1999). Escape trajectories of the brown shrimp *Crangon crangon*, and a theoretical consideration of initial escape angles from predators. *J. Exp. Biol.* **202**, 193-209.

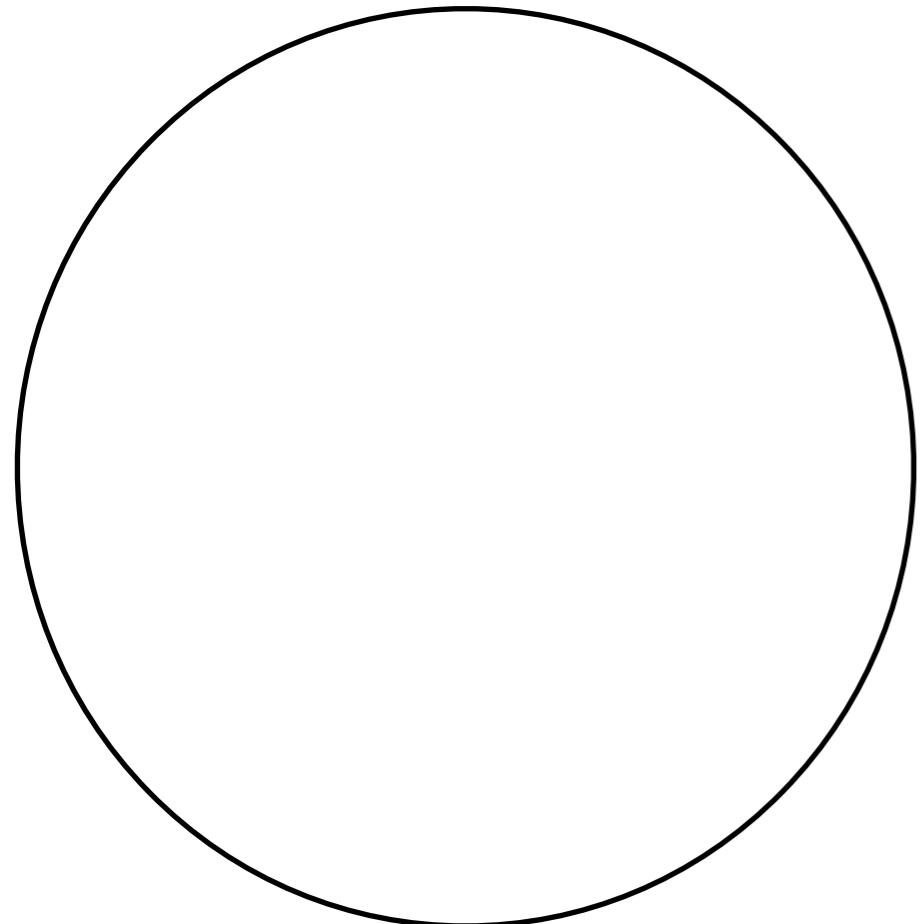
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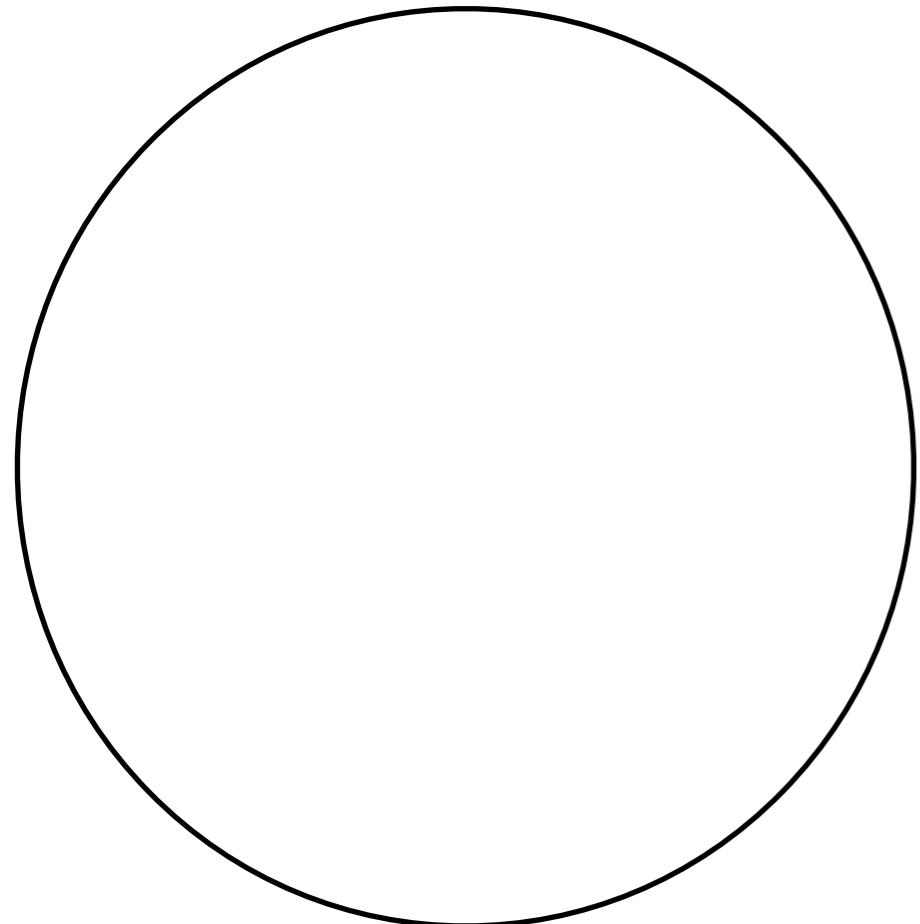
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## • Experimental Design

- 1. Compare *C. virginica* exposed to *P. marinus* with ones without the parasite
- 2. Evaluate effects of physical stress



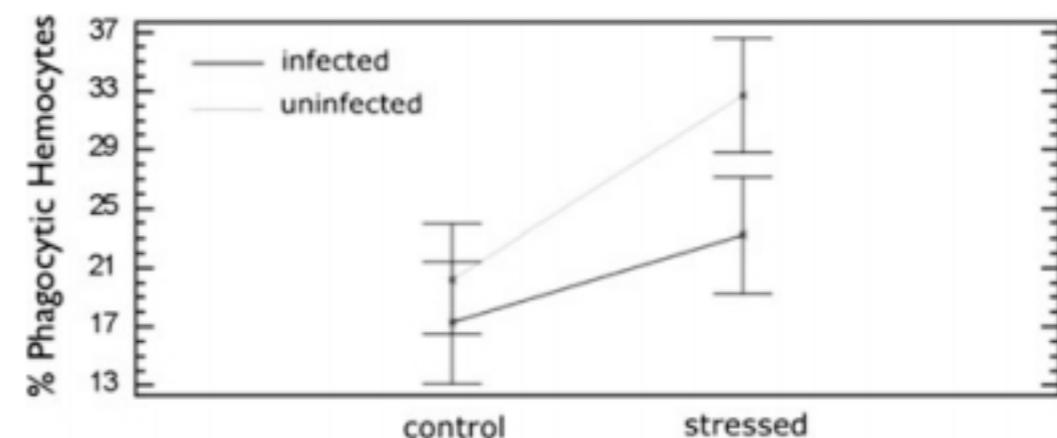
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**Table 2** Hematology of oysters, *C. virginica*, from two cohorts, infected with *P. marinus* ( $n = 17$ ) and uninfected ( $n = 19$ ), determined by flow cytometry (mean  $\pm$  SE)

	<i>P. marinus</i> infected	Uninfected
Granular cells $\times 10^6 \text{ ml}^{-1}$	$0.214 \pm 0.0556$	$0.0614 \pm 0.014$
Agranular cells $\times 10^6 \text{ ml}^{-1}$	$2.27 \pm 0.458$	$0.586 \pm 0.065$
Granular cell diameter in $\mu\text{m}$	$8.52 \pm 0.30$	$11.4 \pm 0.20$
Agranular cell diameter in $\mu\text{m}$	$5.31 \pm 0.10$	$6.29 \pm 0.31$

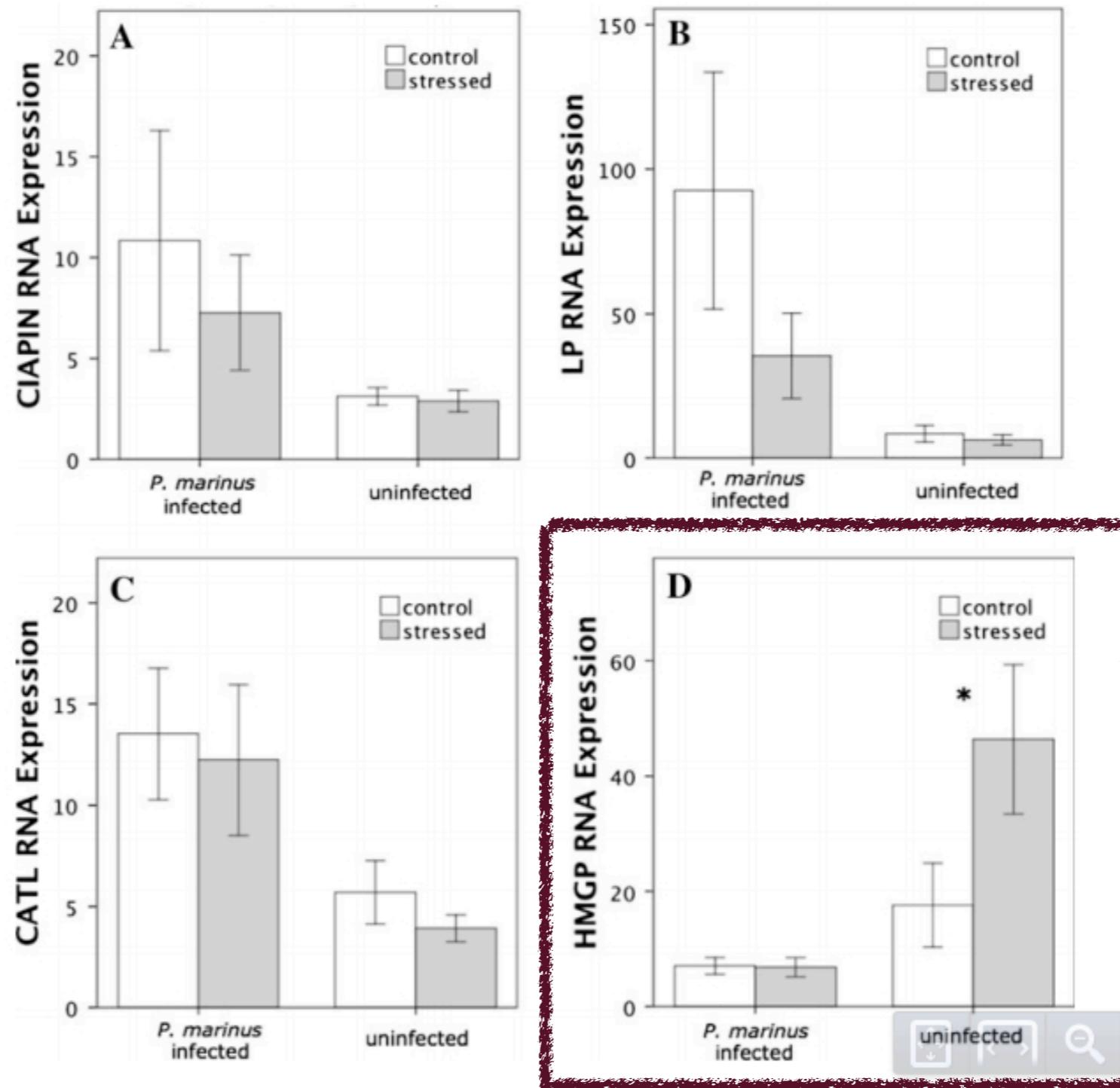
No effect of mechanical stress was observed; therefore, data from stressed and unstressed were combined



**Fig. 2** Percentage of phagocytic hemocytes in *P. marinus*-infected ( $n = 17$ ) and uninfected oysters ( $n = 19$ ). A significant difference was observed after mechanical stress only in uninfected oysters (ANOVA  $p < 0.05$ )

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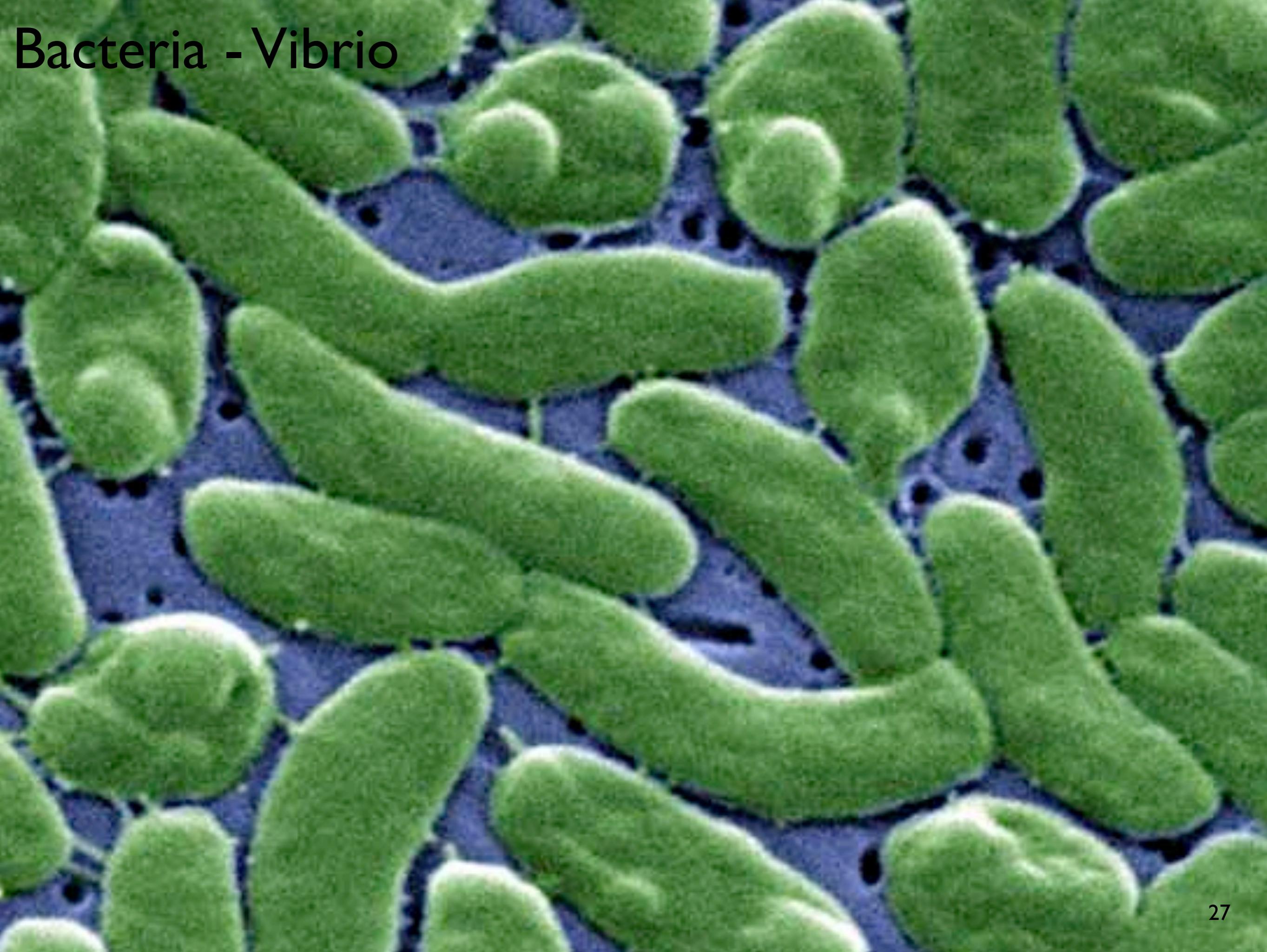


resource  
allocation

# Pathogens

# Pathogens

- Disease producing power known as
- 
- Bacteria - release enzymes or toxins
  - Internal parasites (larger; protozoa, fungi) - use resources, damage tissue
  - Virus - not self sustaining; lack ability to *for energy production and protein synthesis*



Bacteria - Vibrio

# Protists Fungi-like Thraustochytrids

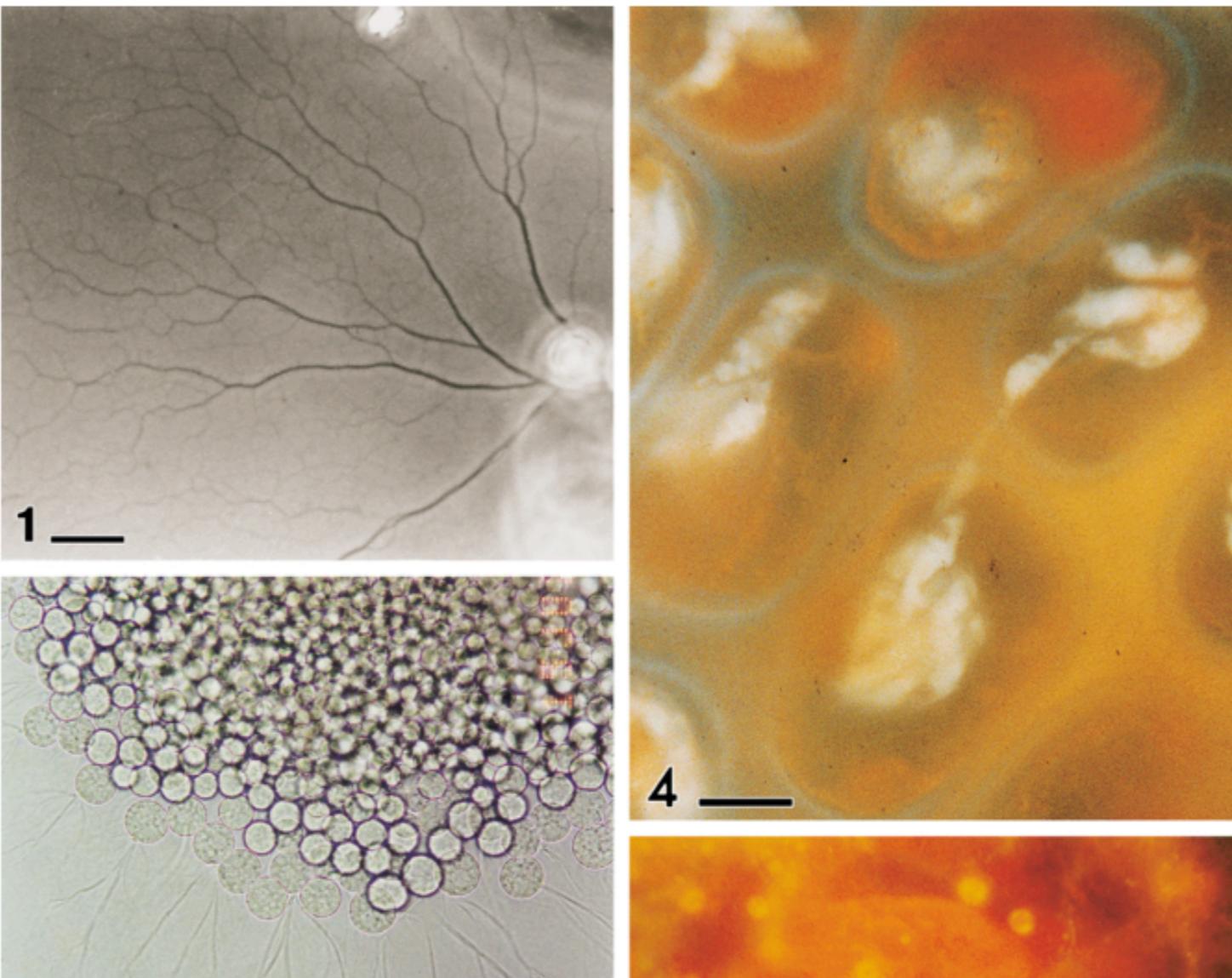


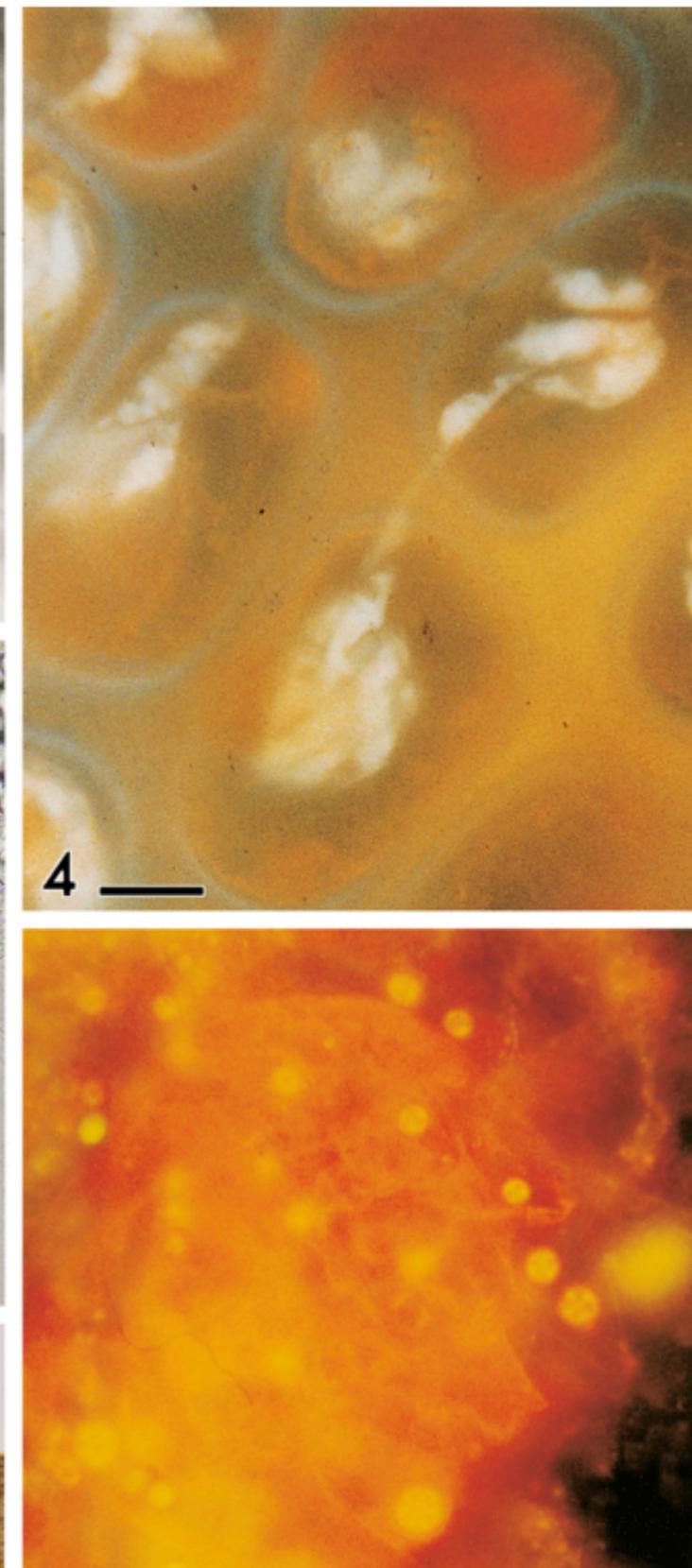
Fig. 1. Cells of a thraustochytrid growing on a nutrient agar medium. Bar represents 50 µm.

Fig. 2. Ectoplasmic net elements of a thraustochytrid cell. Scale bar = 20 µm.

Fig. 3. Leaves of the seagrass *Thalassia hemprichii* Escherson showing necrosis, presumably caused by *Labyrinthula* sp. Scale bar = 1 cm.

Fig. 4. Epifluorescence micrograph of cells of *Labyrinthula* within the tissue of the seagrass *Thalassia hemprichii* Escherson, labelled with Calcofluor. Scale bar = 20 µm.

Fig. 5. Cells of thraustochytrids in phytoplankton detritus, stained using the acriflavine direct detection (AfDD) technique. Scale bar = 10 µm.

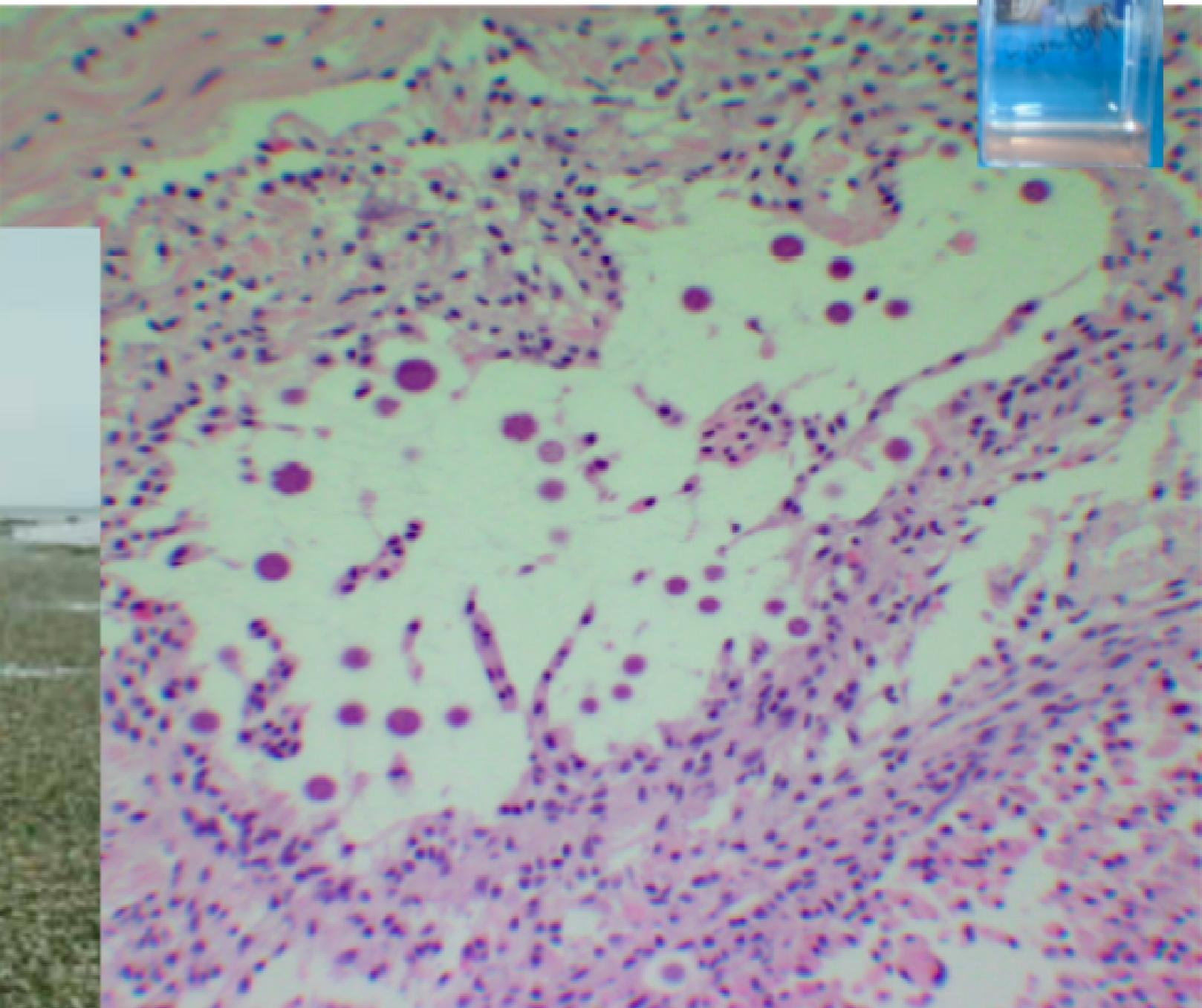
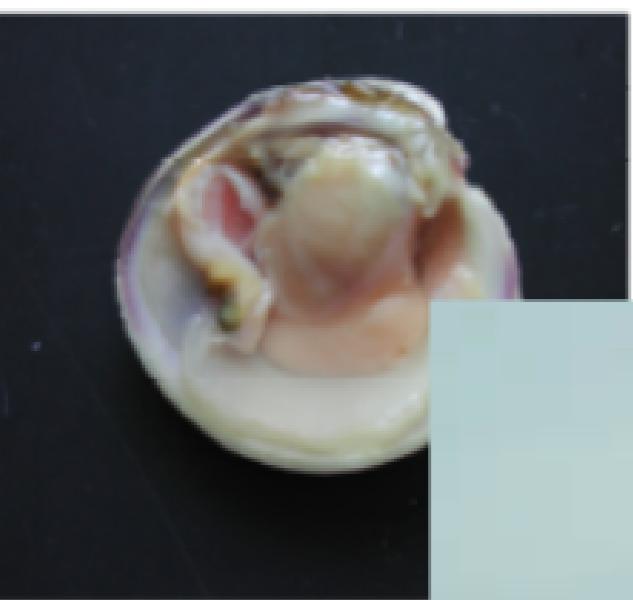


REVIEW

**Ecology of the marine protists, the Labyrinthulomycetes (Thraustochytrids and Labyrinthulids)**

Seshagiri RaghuKumar

# Fungi - QPX

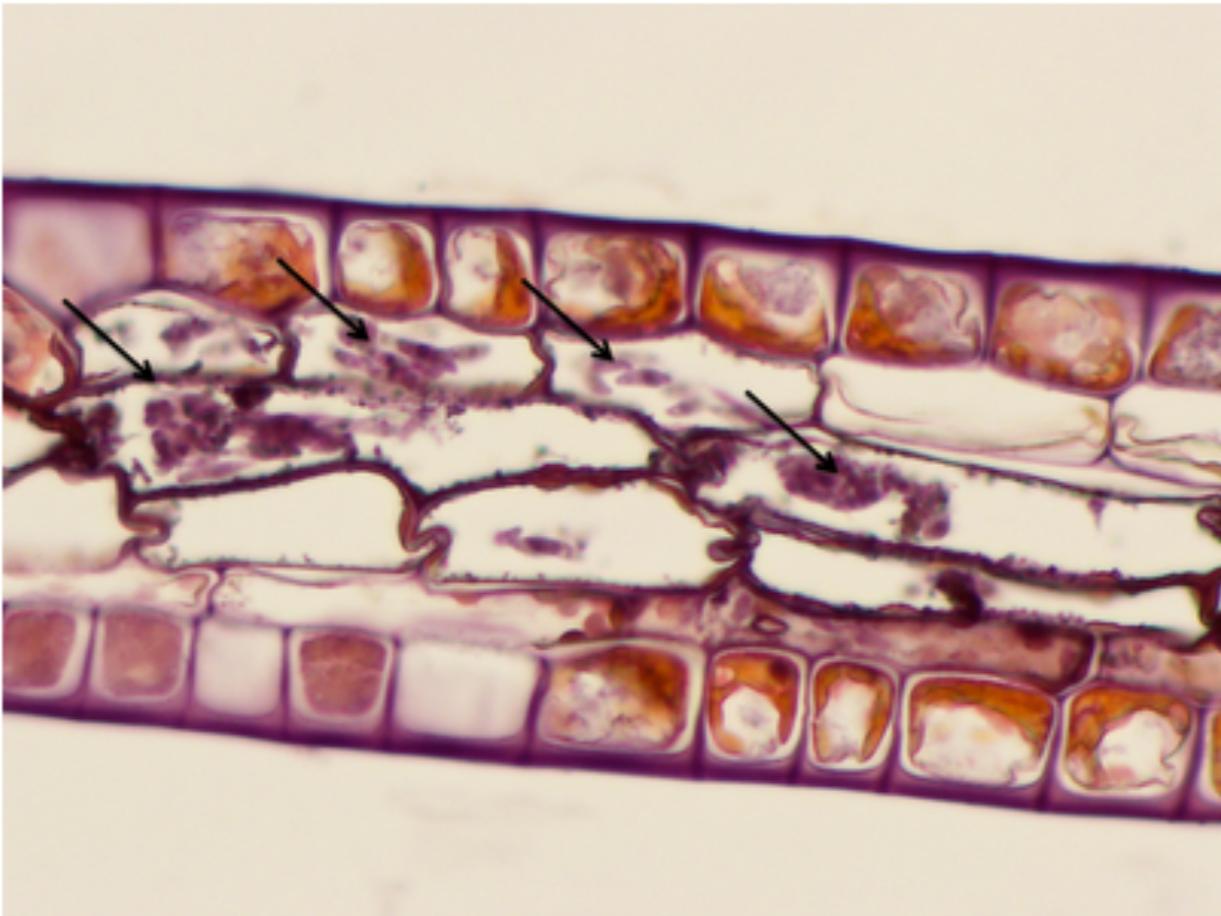


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arrows point to sea grass Labyrinthula, I think (40X), don't ask me about th



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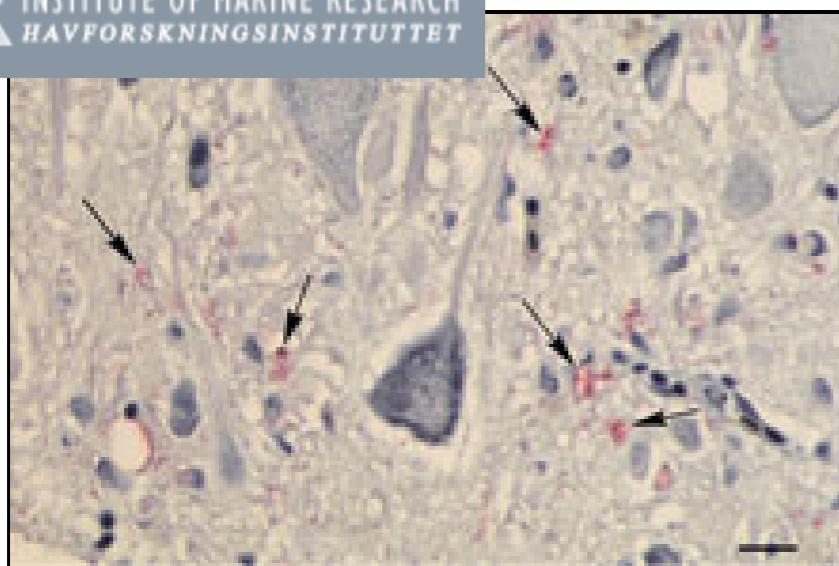


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Really sad sea fan, really happy Laby



# Virus - Nodavirus



Brain of salmon contaminated by nodavirus.



Development of diagnostic and management techniques to select cod broodstocks and hatchery stocks free from nodavirus



# Phage



# Abalone

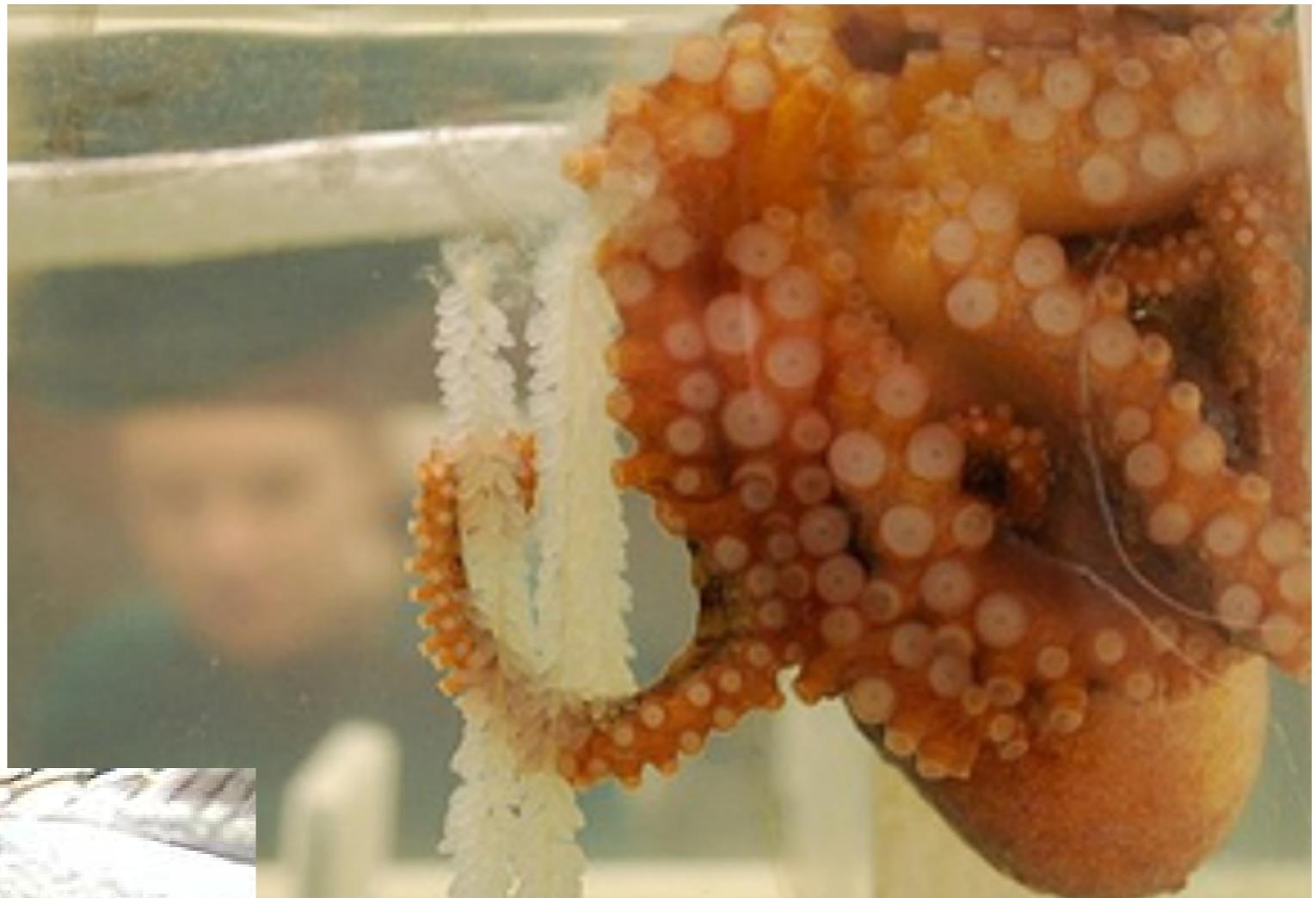


Caused by a bacteria..

# Immune Response

- **Innate Immunity - non-specific**
- Acquired Immunity- adaptive; selectively targets

# Chemico-physical Barrier



*anti-microbial peptides*

*beneficial microbial  
communities*

from the beginning...

**How do organisms distinguish self from non-self?**

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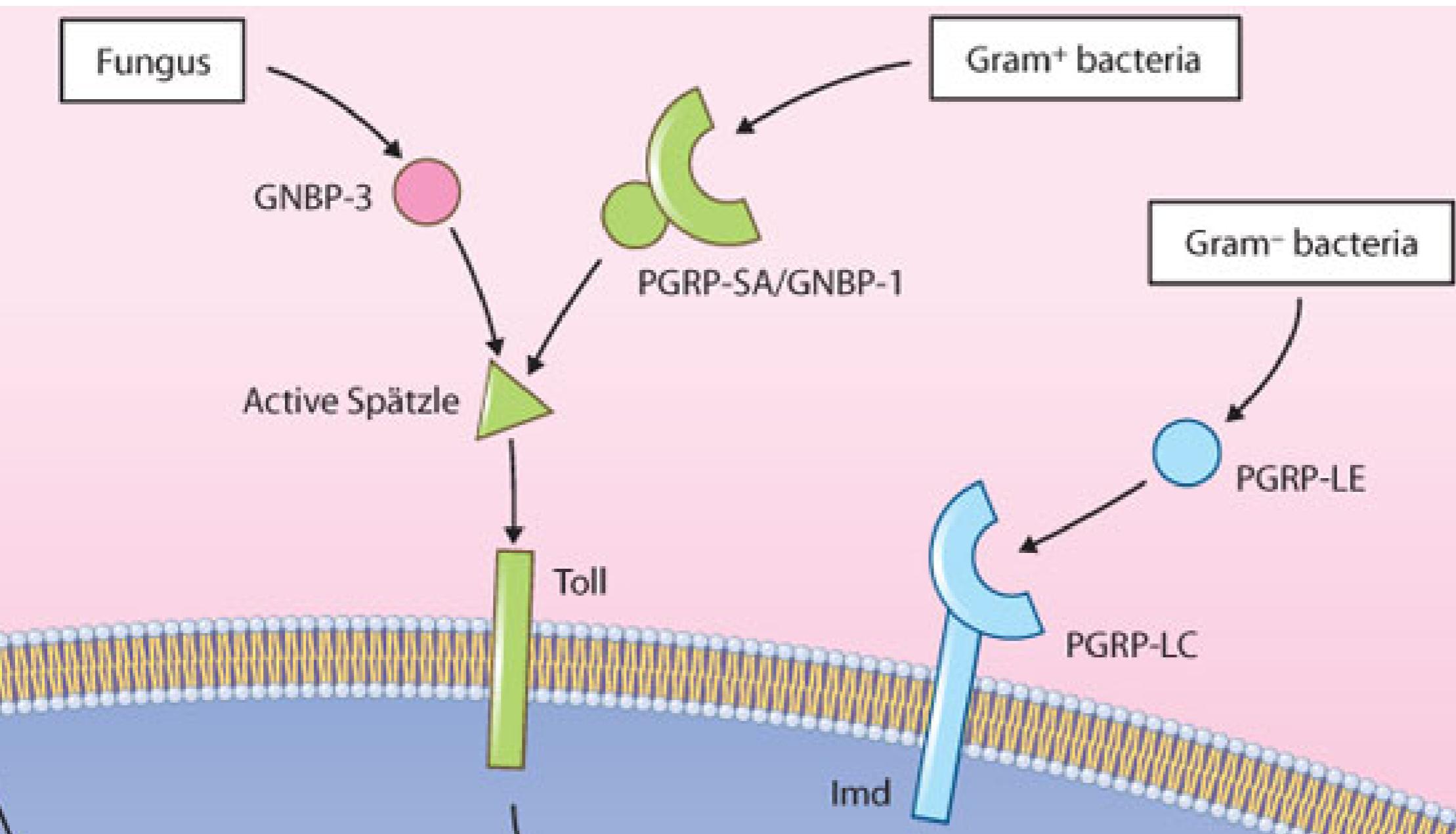


This is a picture of two *A. elegantissima* or *A. sola* fighting with acrorhagia. Taken at San Simeon, CA by Dave Cowles

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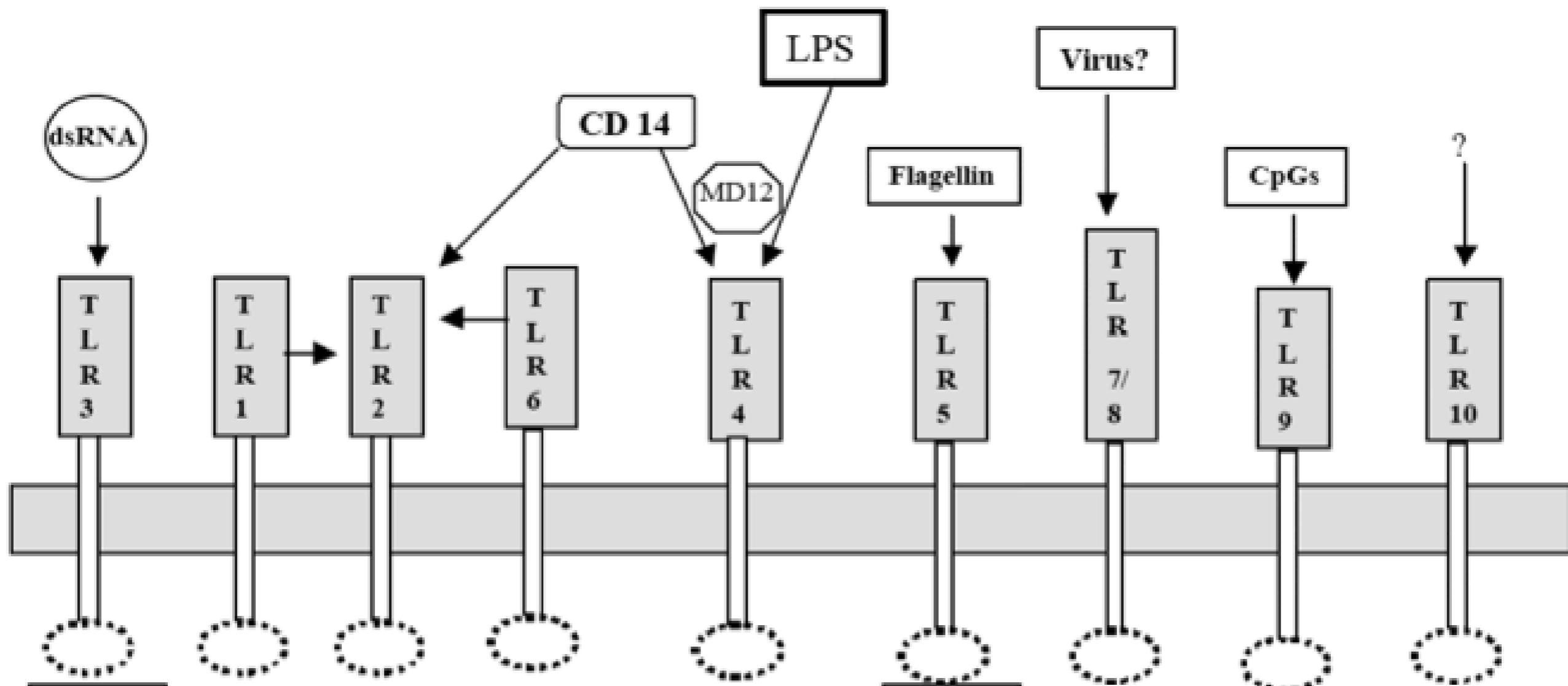
***pattern recognitions proteins (PRPs)***

# PRPs



Toll-like Receptors  
Peptidoglycan recognition proteins

# PRPs - Toll-like Receptors



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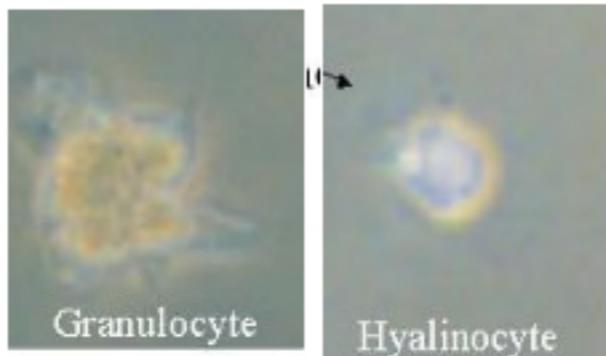
Week 3 we can look for them.

That's how the immune system  
knows bad things are there...

# Innate Immunity

Chemico-physical barrier (shell, mucus)

CELLS:



Hemolymph

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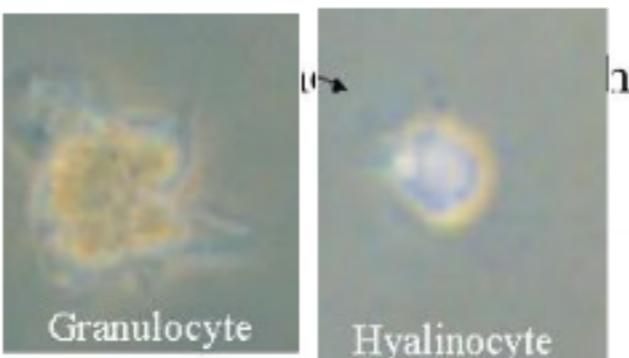
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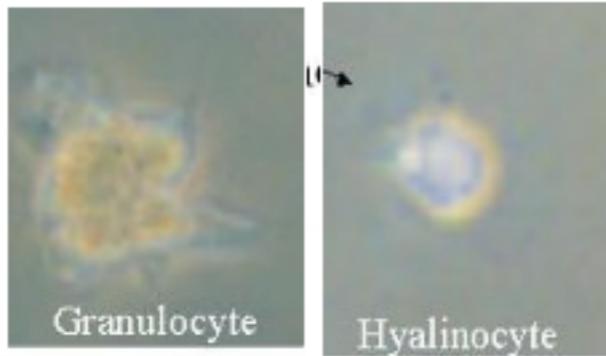
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**BUT WAIT** - How do these immune cells know where to go?

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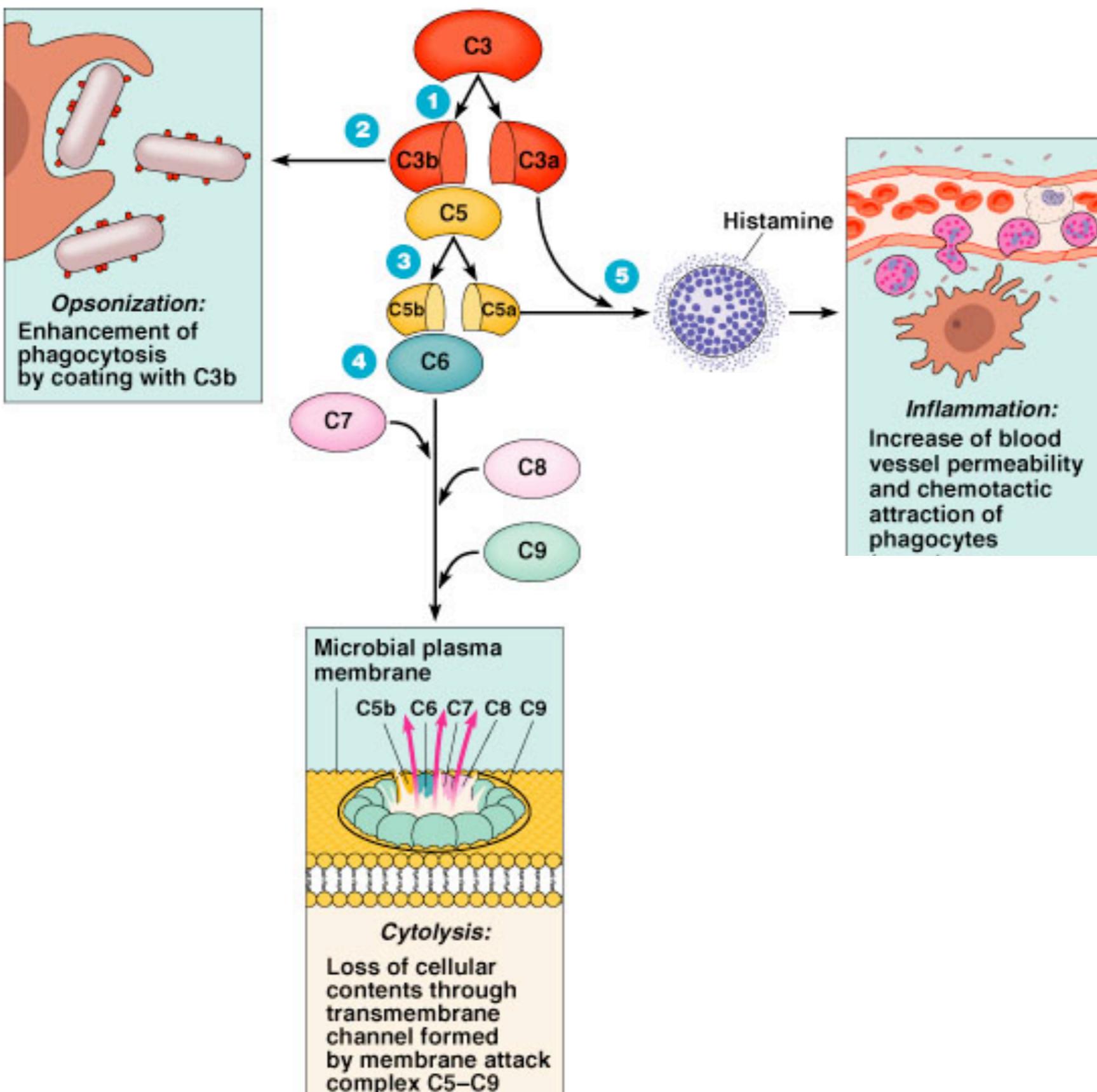
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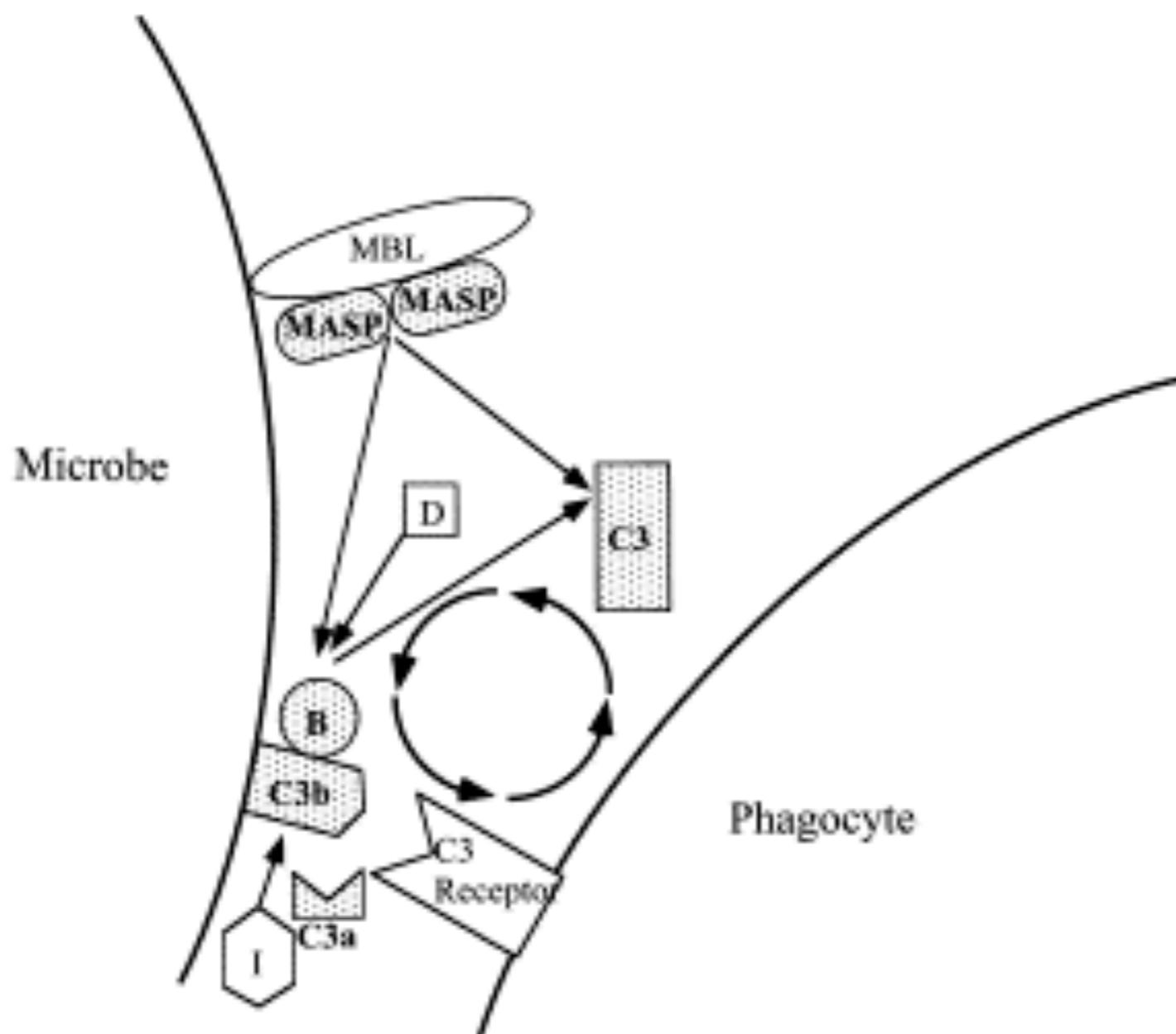
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# Complement System



# Complement System - Invertebrates



Complement systems in invertebrates. The ancient alternative and lectin pathways

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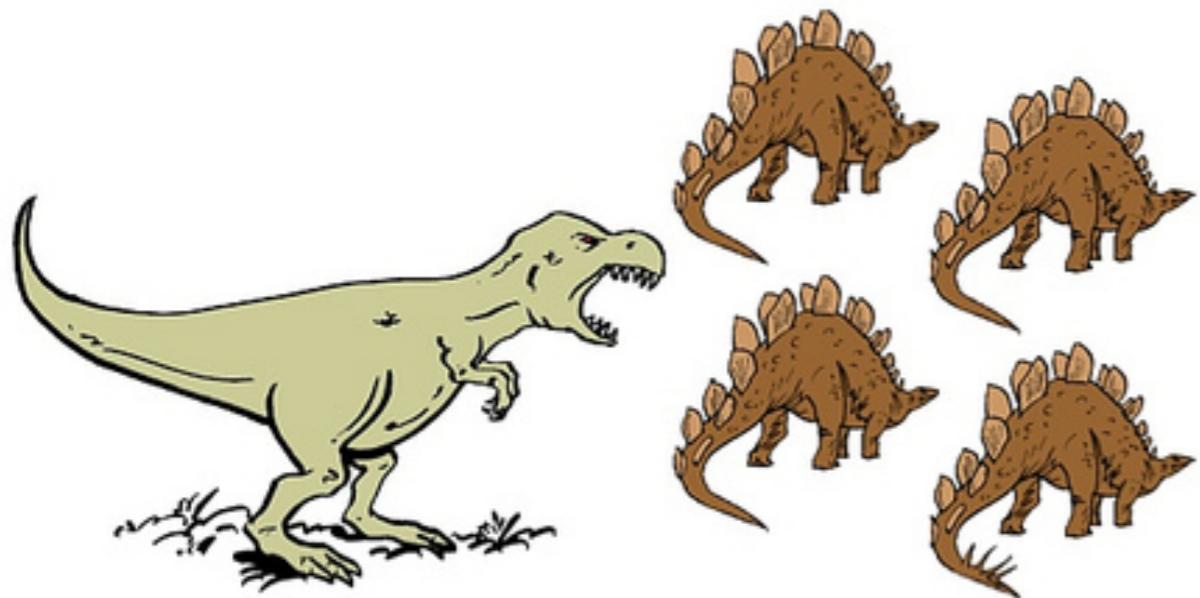
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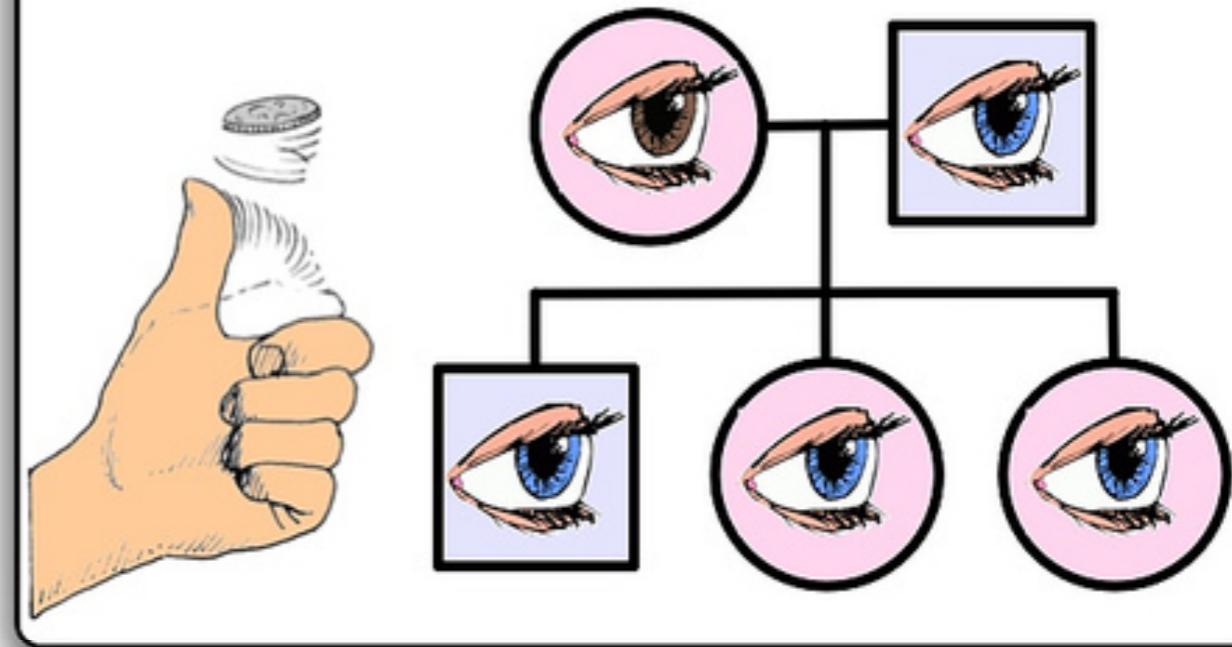
**really big picture -**

What has the population experienced.

## NATURAL SELECTION



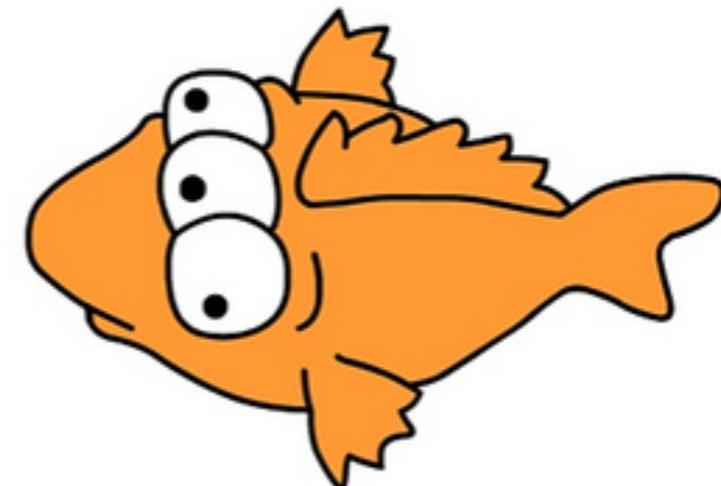
## GENETIC DRIFT



## MIGRATION

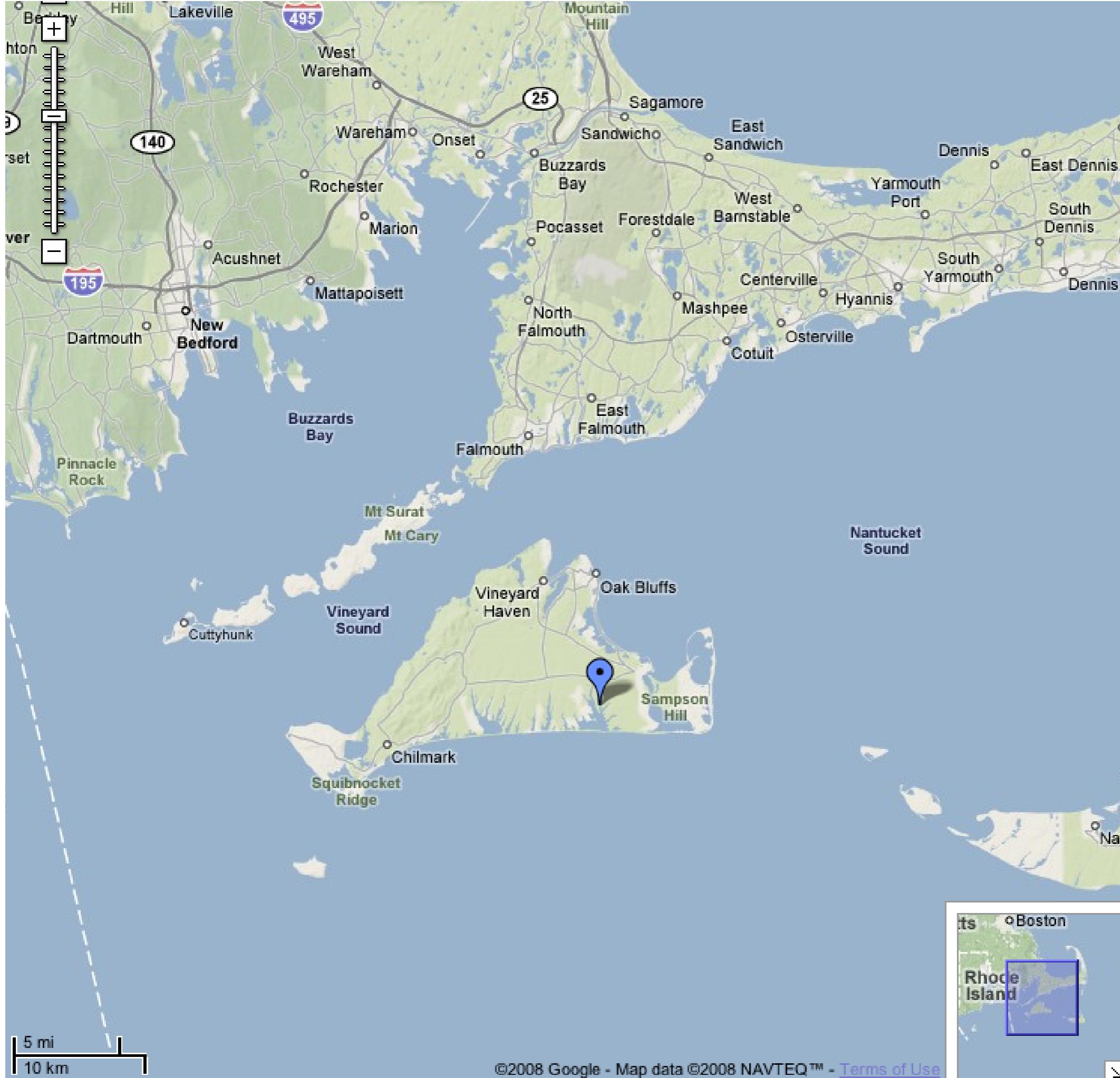


## MUTATION

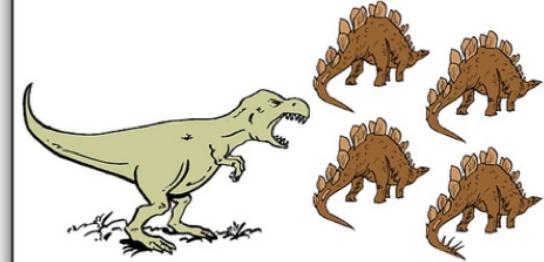


# Two part story





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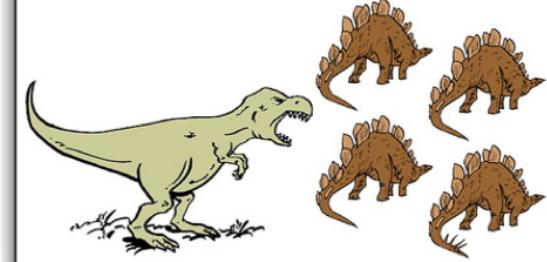


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# Disease Resistance?



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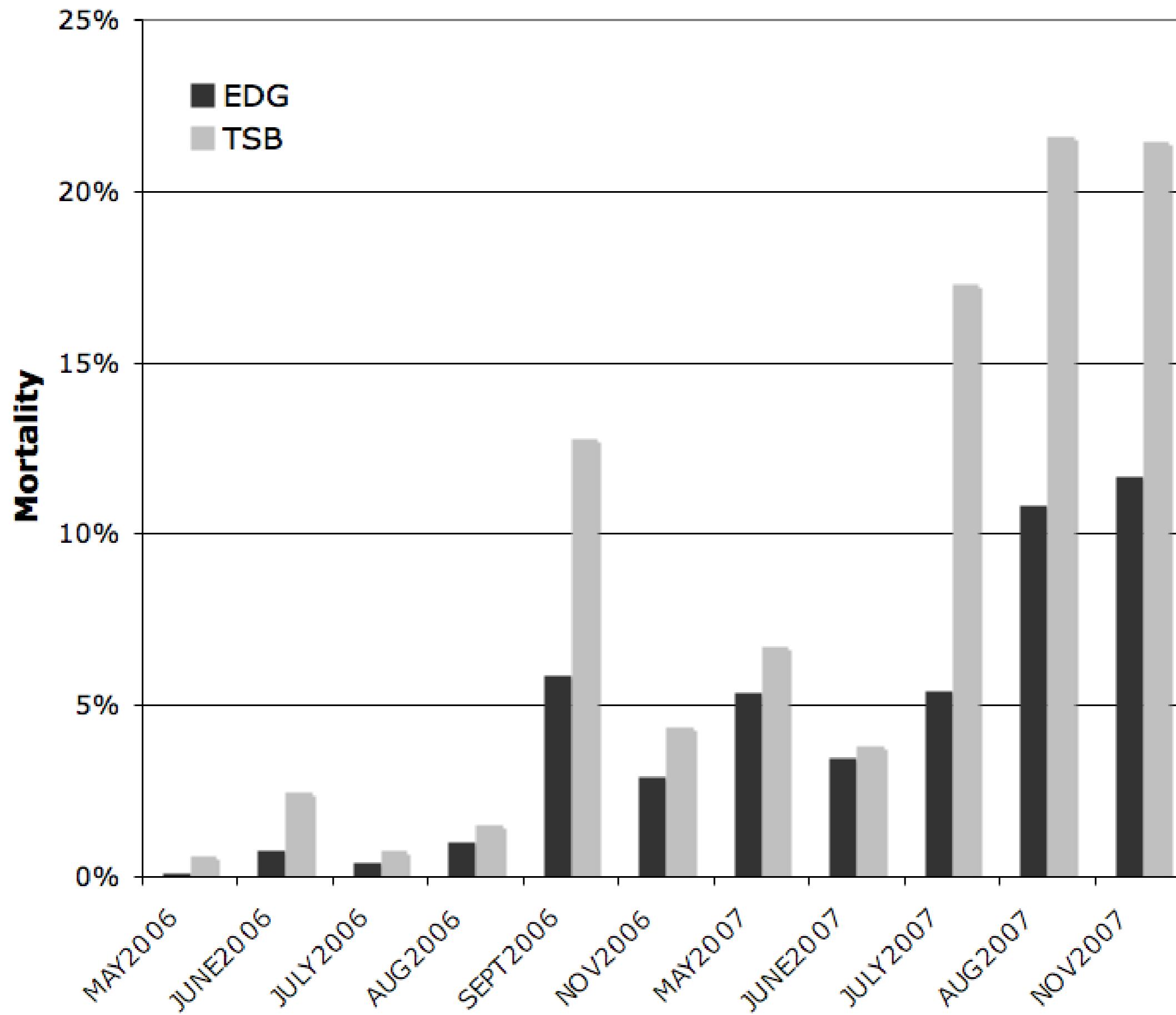
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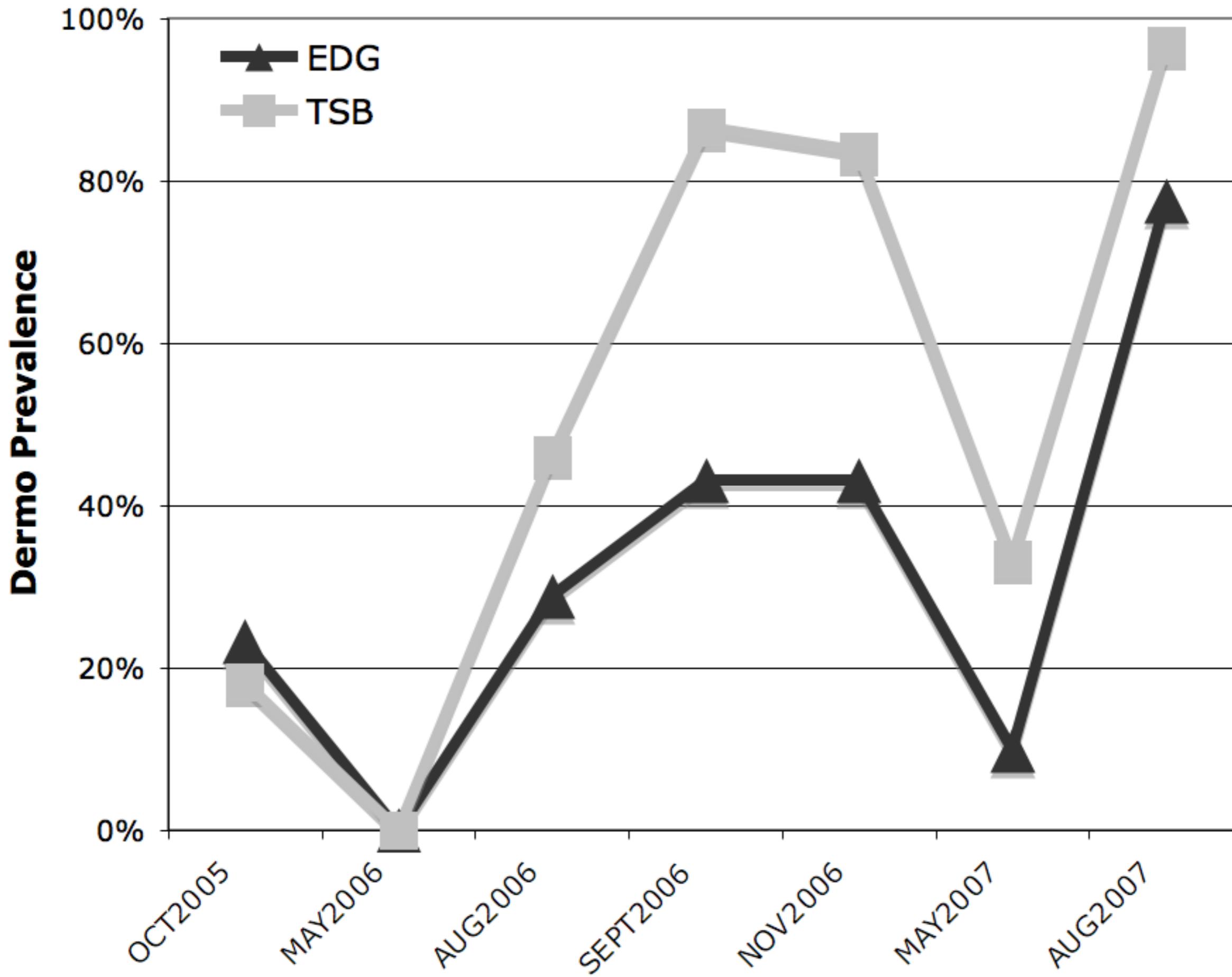




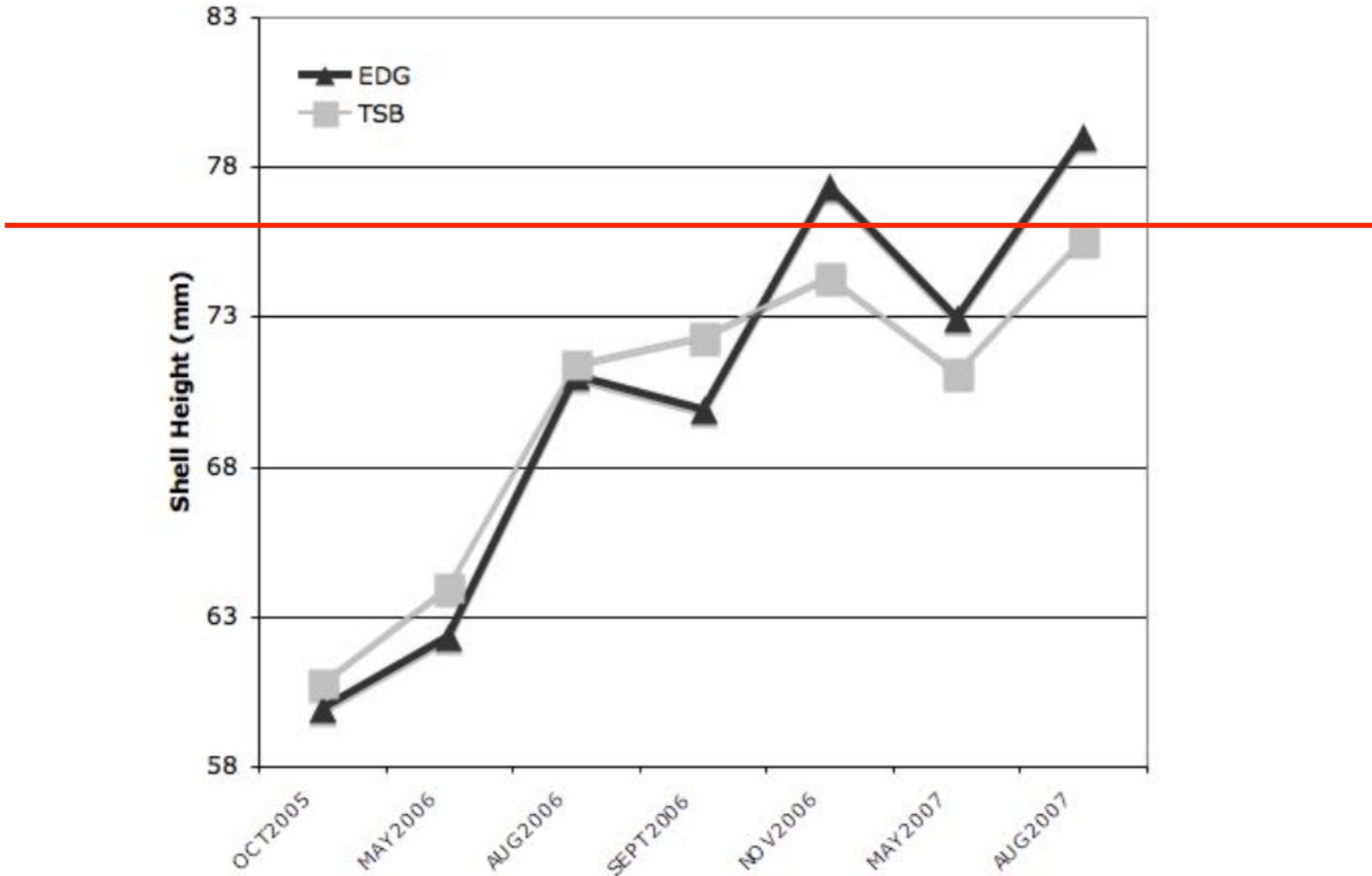








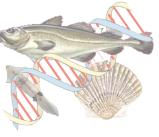
# Market size



# Mechanisms

They are different,  
but how / why?



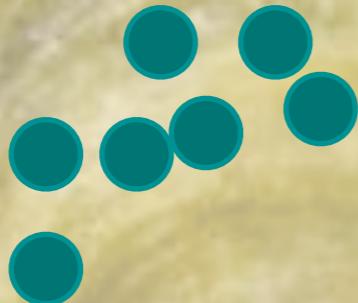


# Schematic

Parasite



Hemocytes



BCL-X

Resistant



**BCL-X**

Wild-type



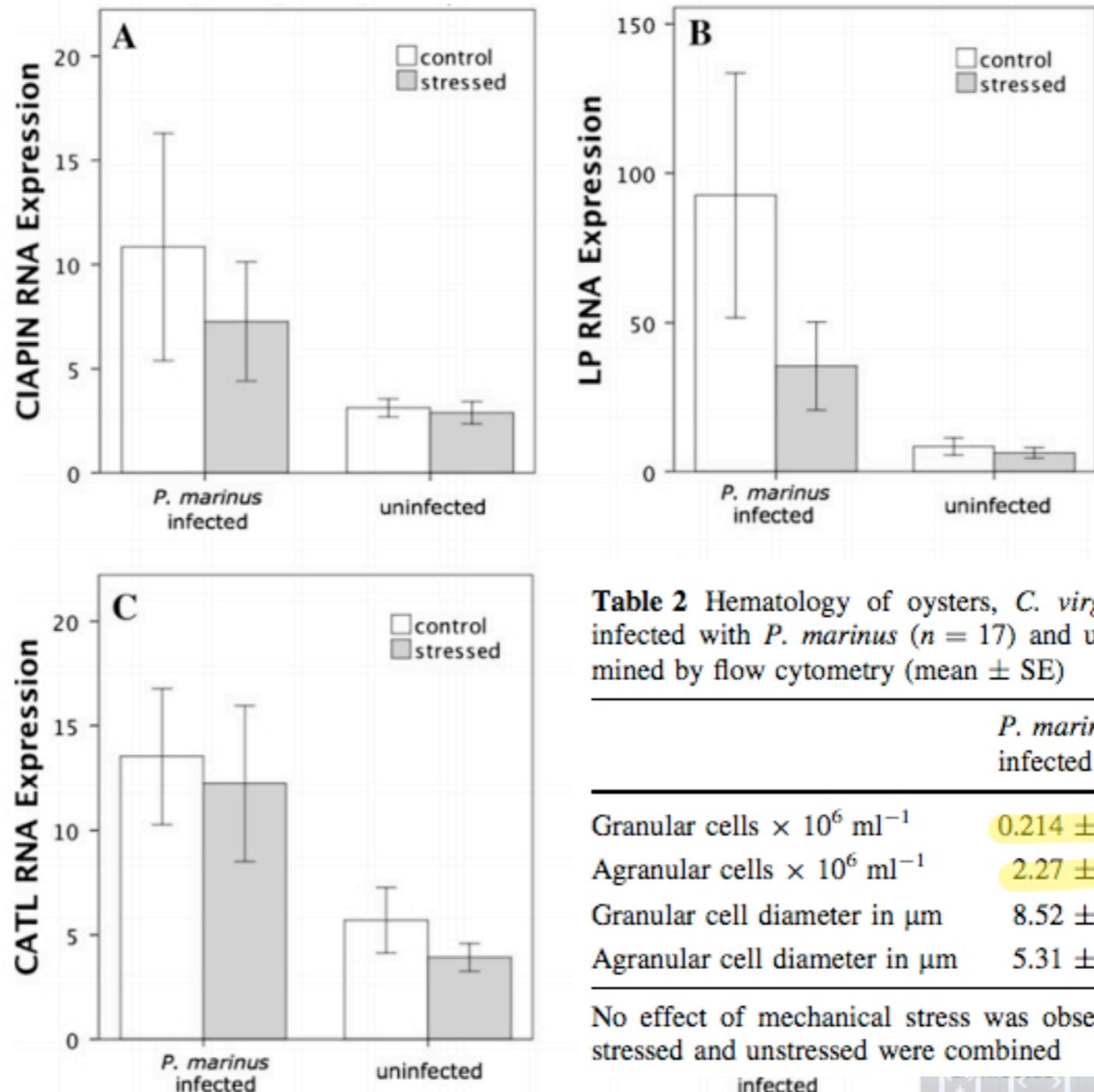
# Apoptosis – BCL-X

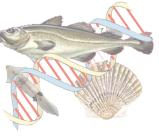
- Resistant oyster strains could downregulate apoptosis suppression
- Allowing for increased apoptosis
- Decreasing number of cells available for *Perkinsus* proliferation



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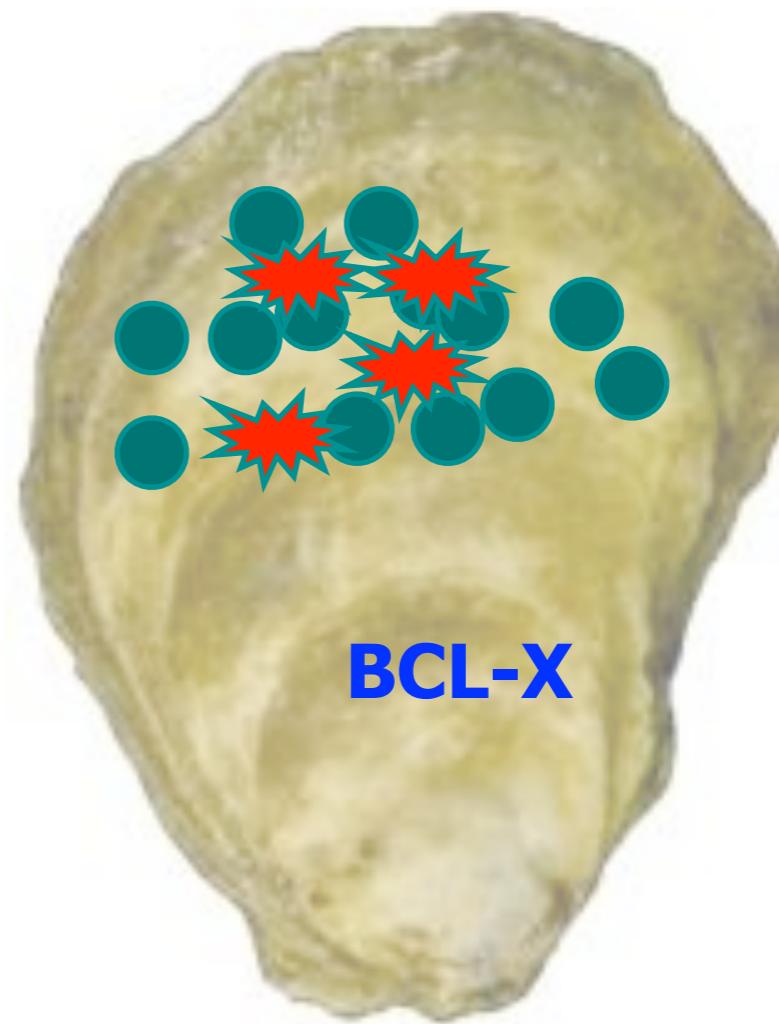


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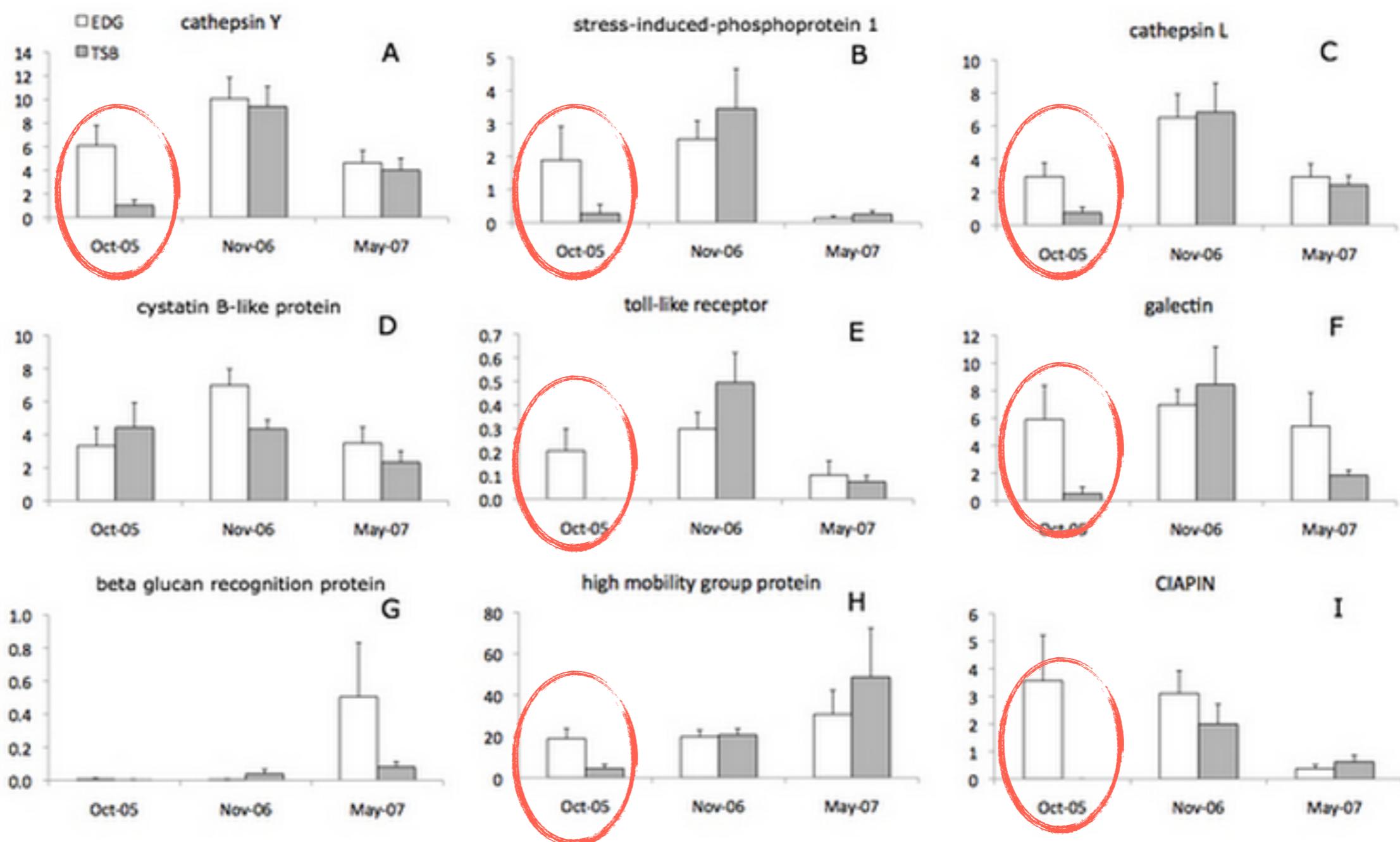
# Summary - Oyster

- Offspring of survivors of heavy disease pressure are more tolerant to disease
- Mechanisms involved in host responses to *P. marinus* include proteases and apoptosis

# General Observation

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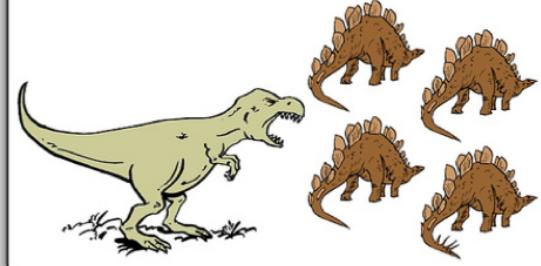
# General Observation



# Abalone



## NATURAL SELECTION



Naive



California

San Mateo  
Sunnyvale  
San Jose

Salinas

Fresno

Visalia

Bakersfield

Santa  
Maria

Santa  
Barbara

Simi Valley

Oxnard

Glendale

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Ontario

Los

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Beach

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Corona

Escondido

Oceanside



Disease Pressure

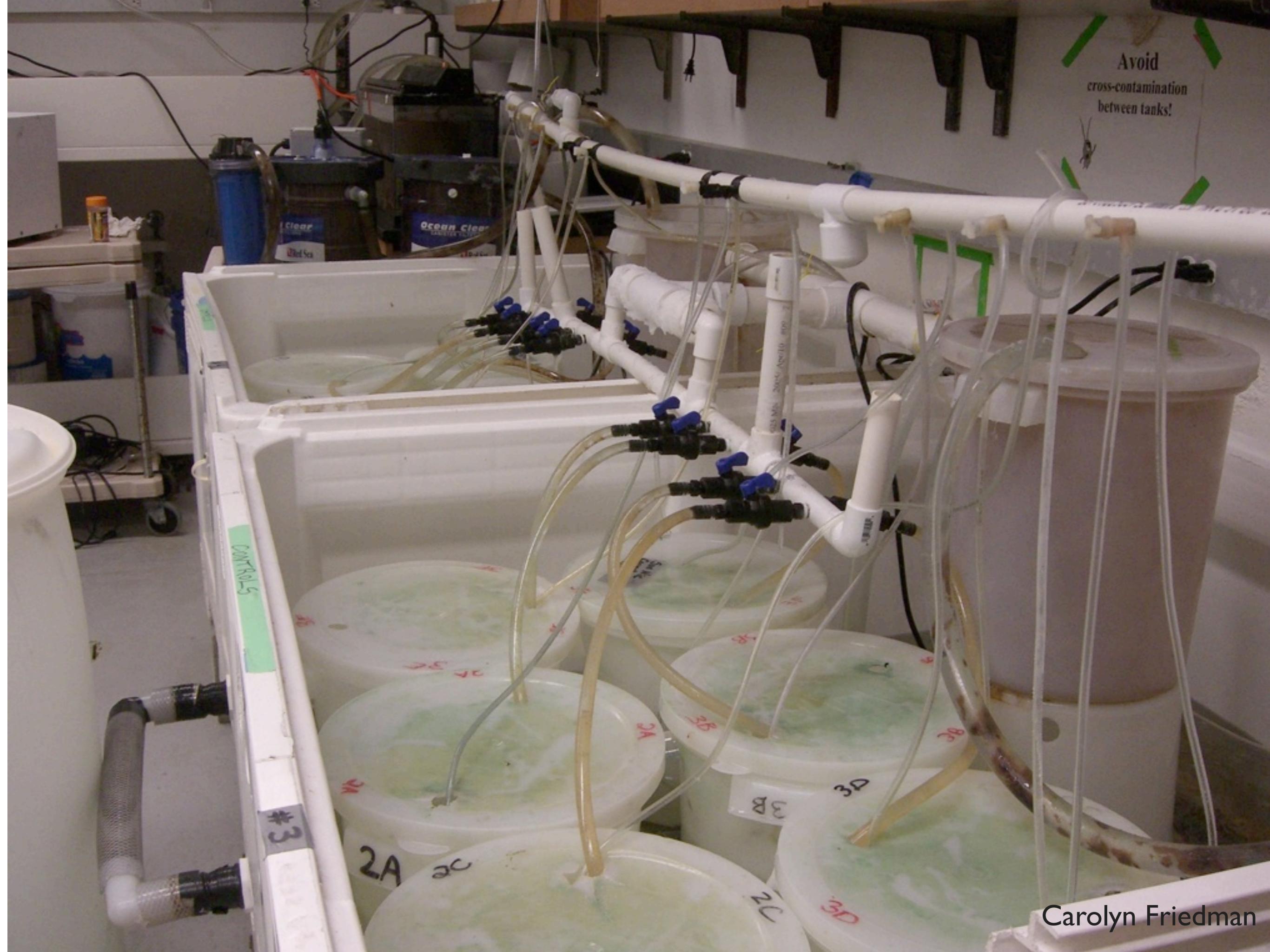


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cross-contamination  
between tanks!

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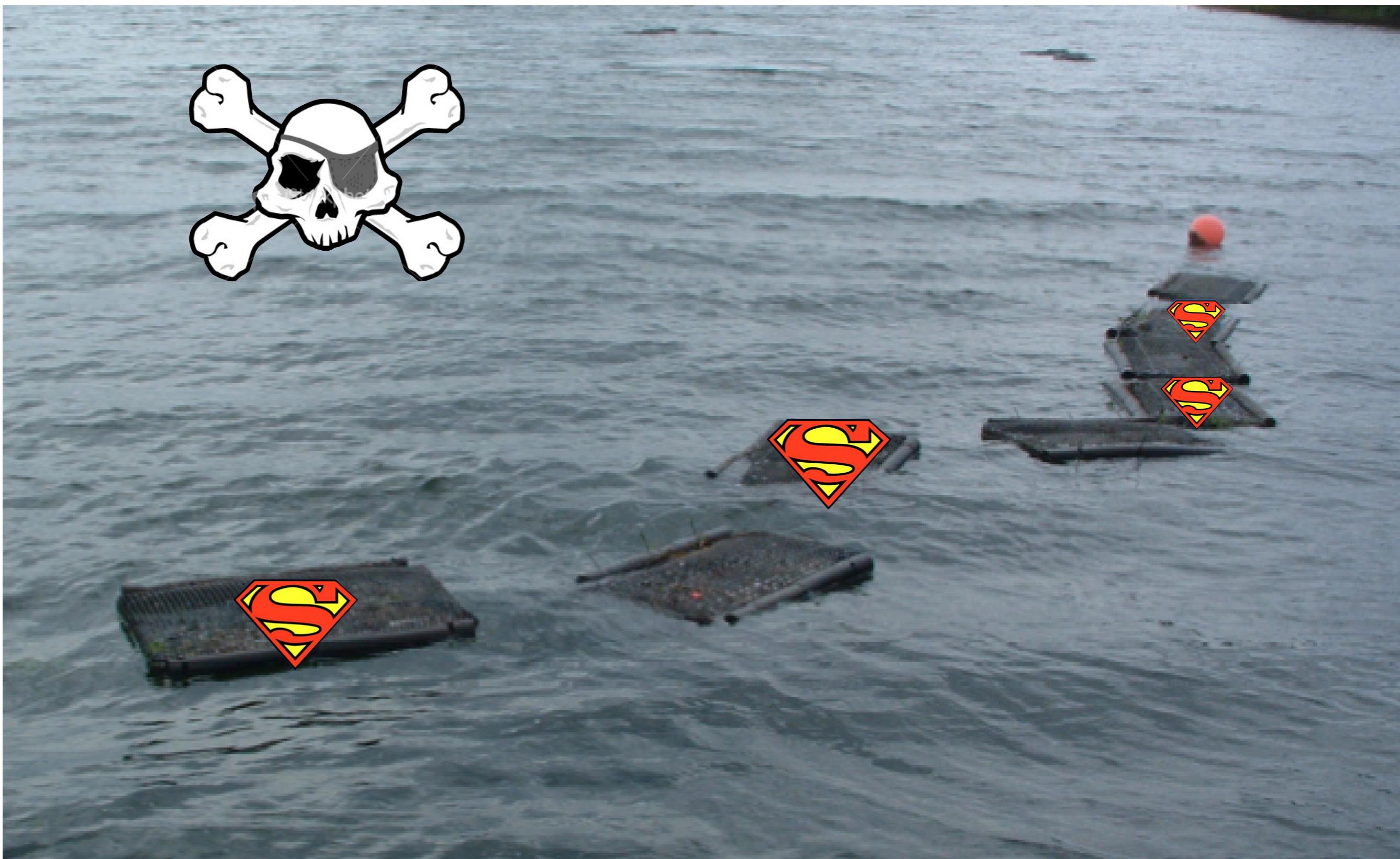
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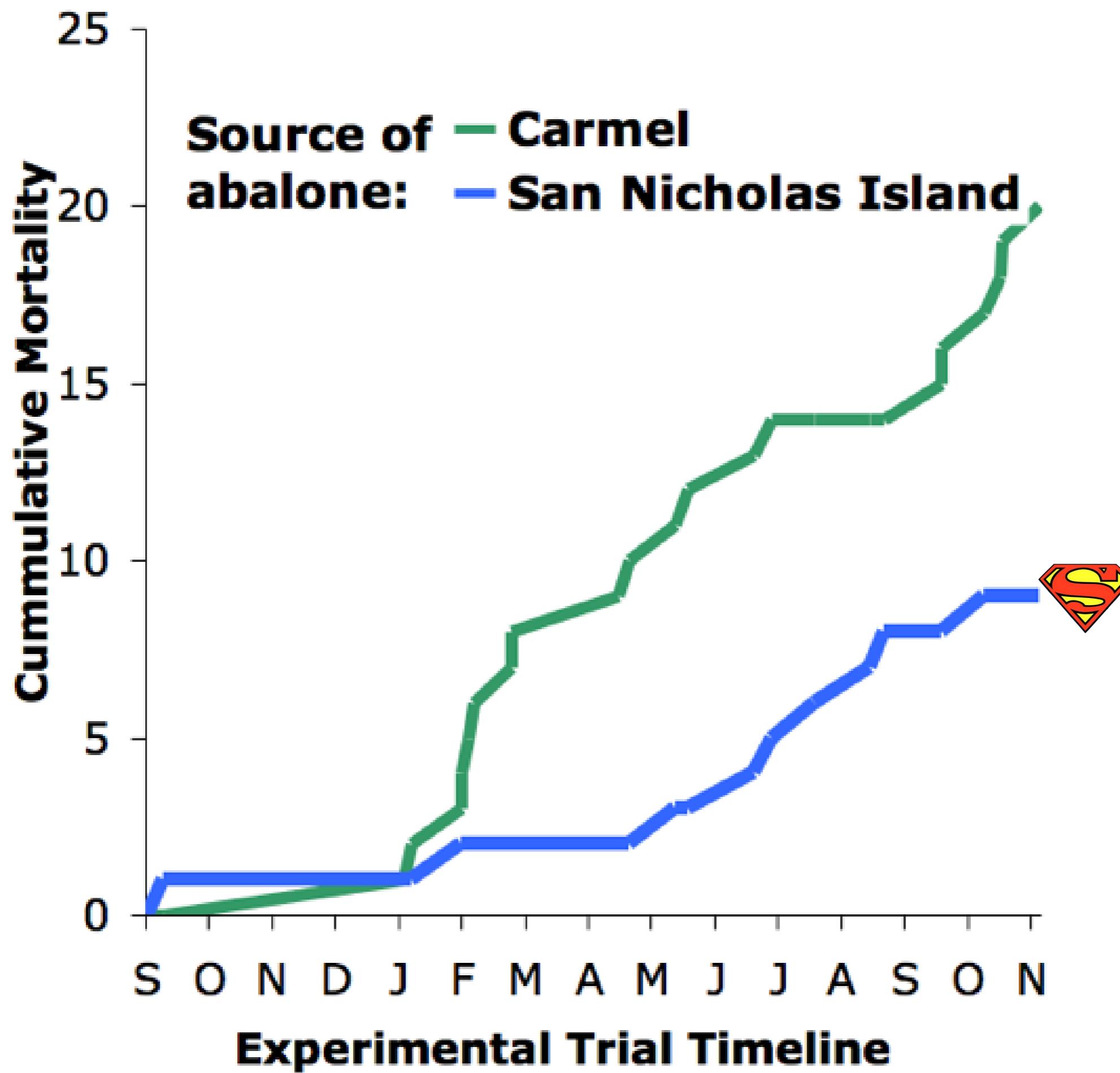


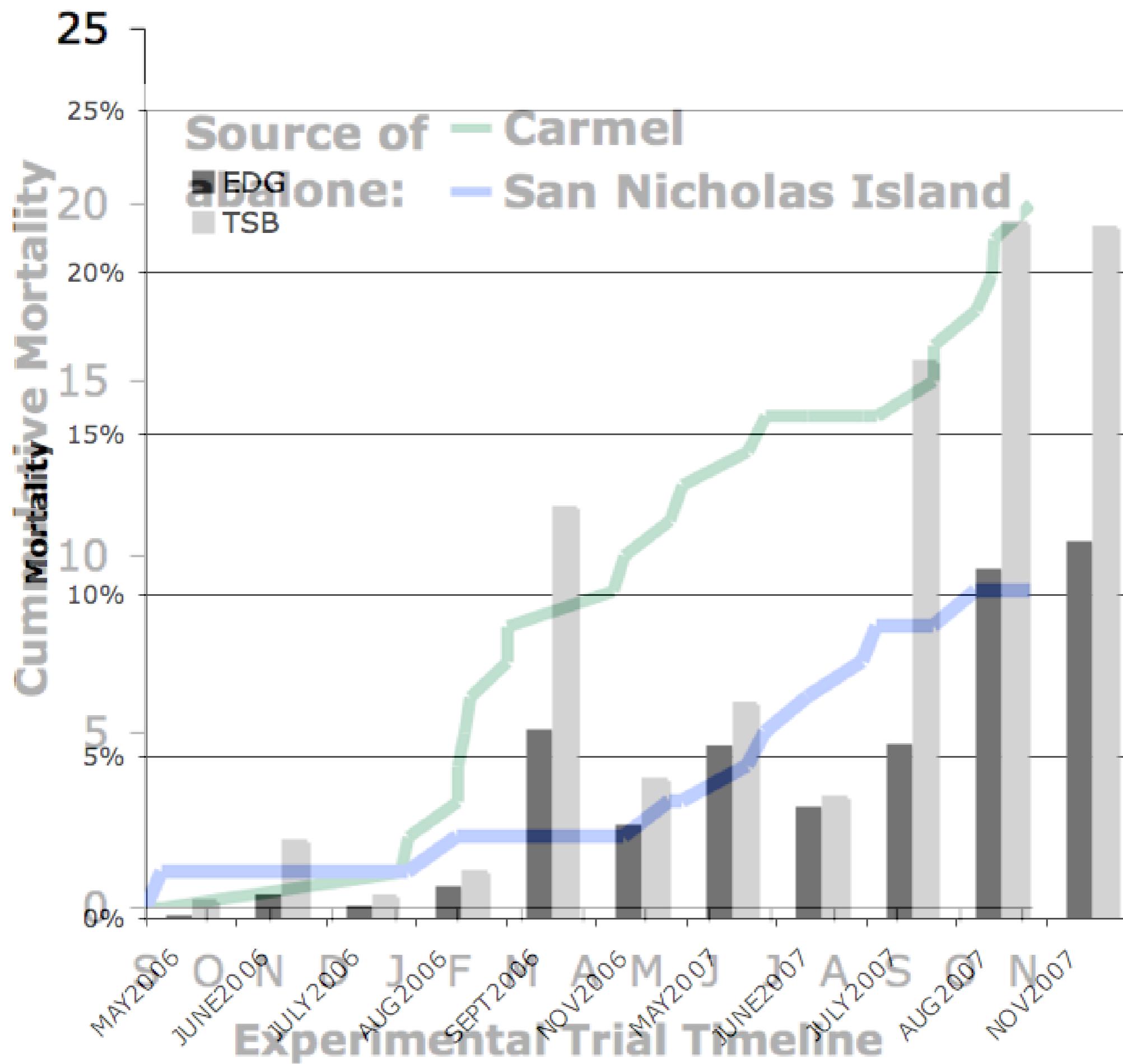
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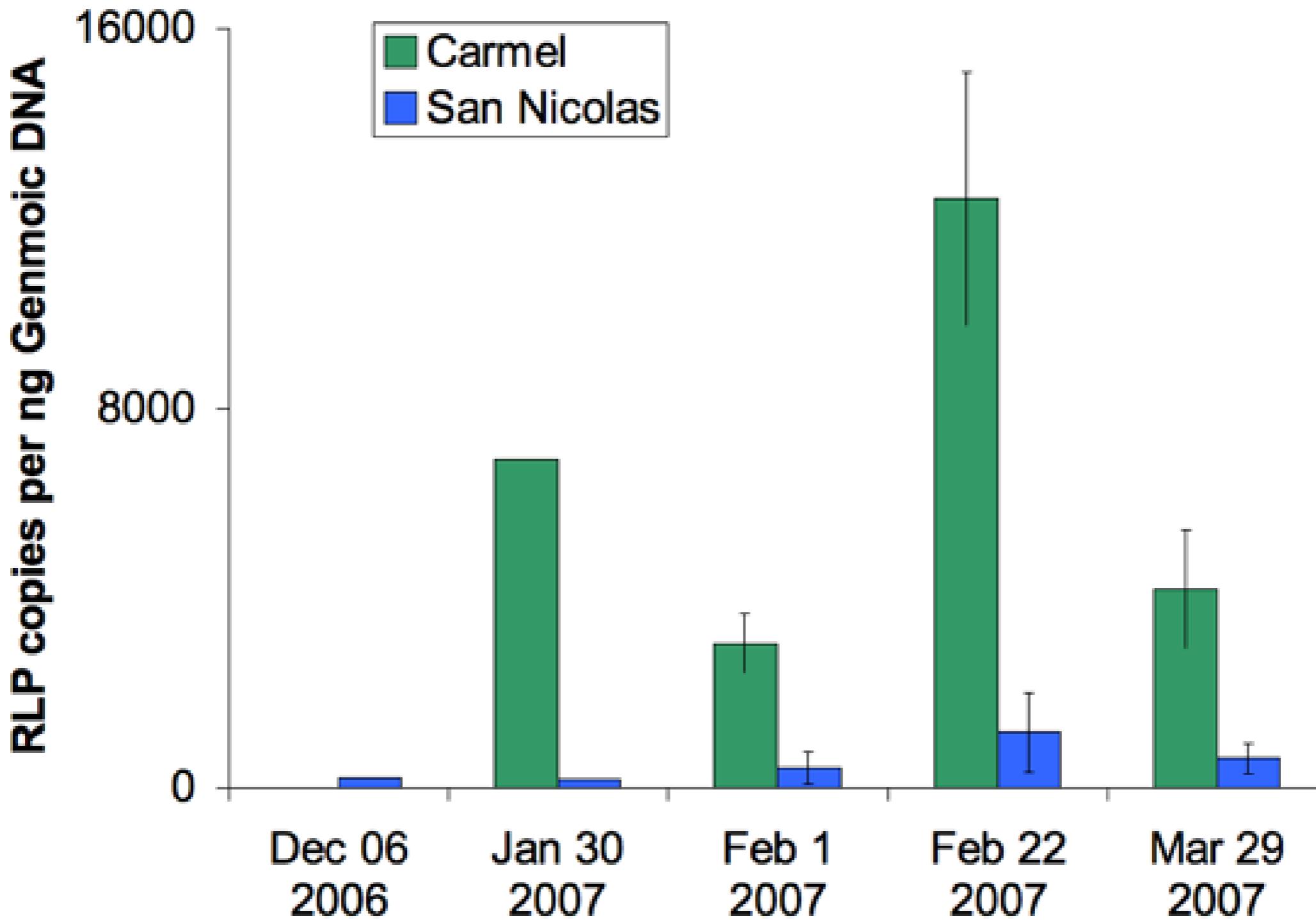
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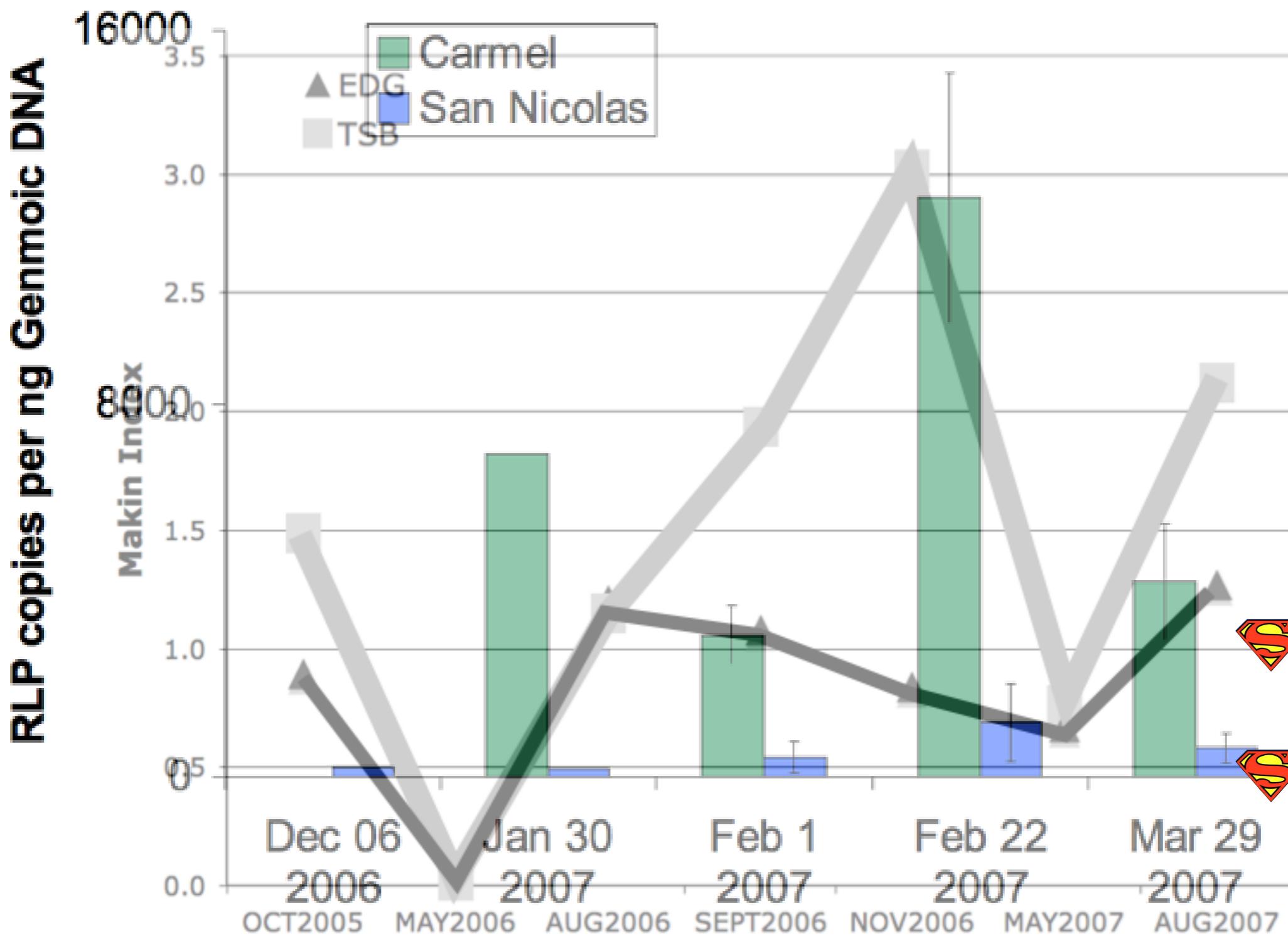
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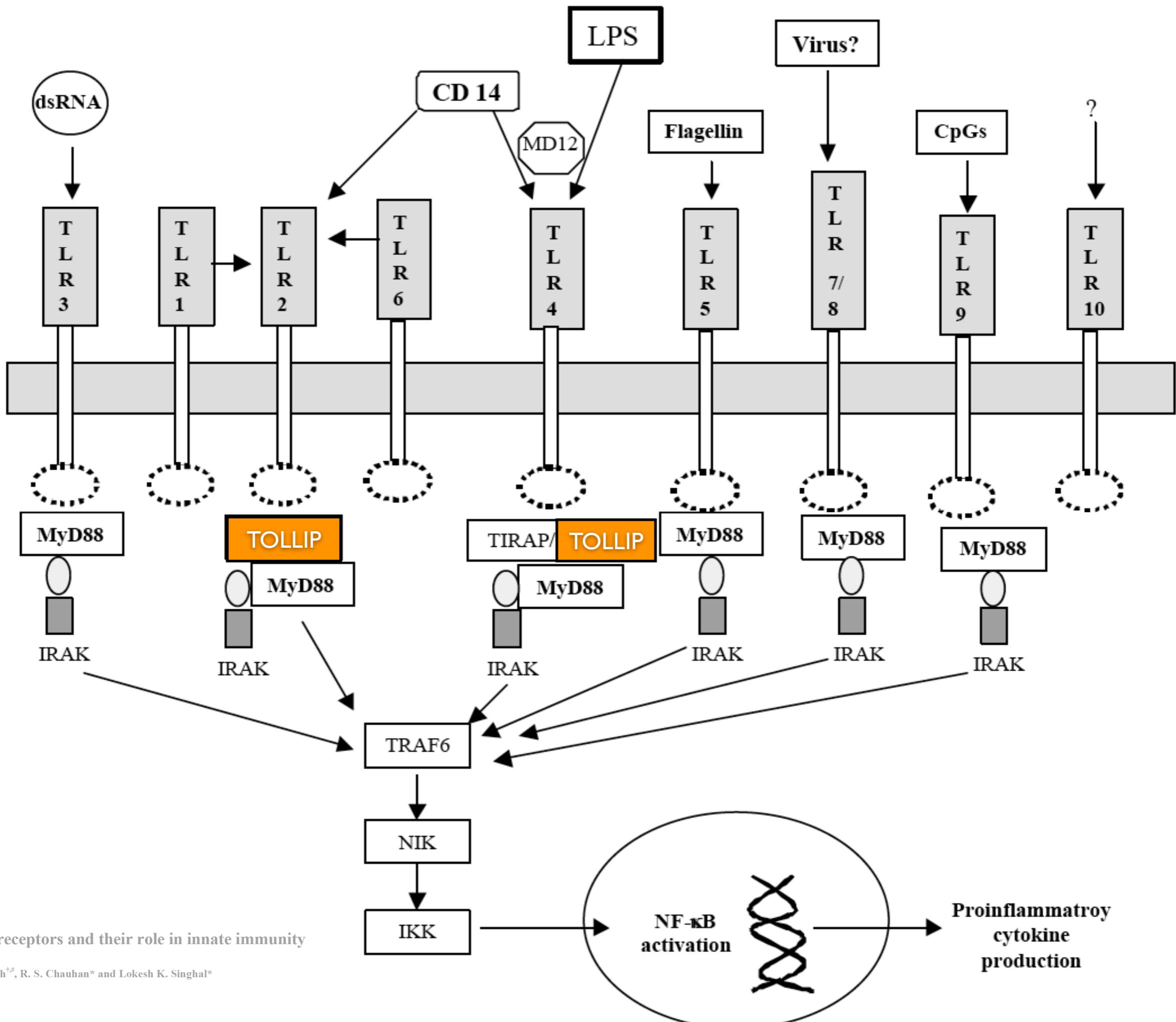
# Increased Resistance

Better survival AND less pathogen load

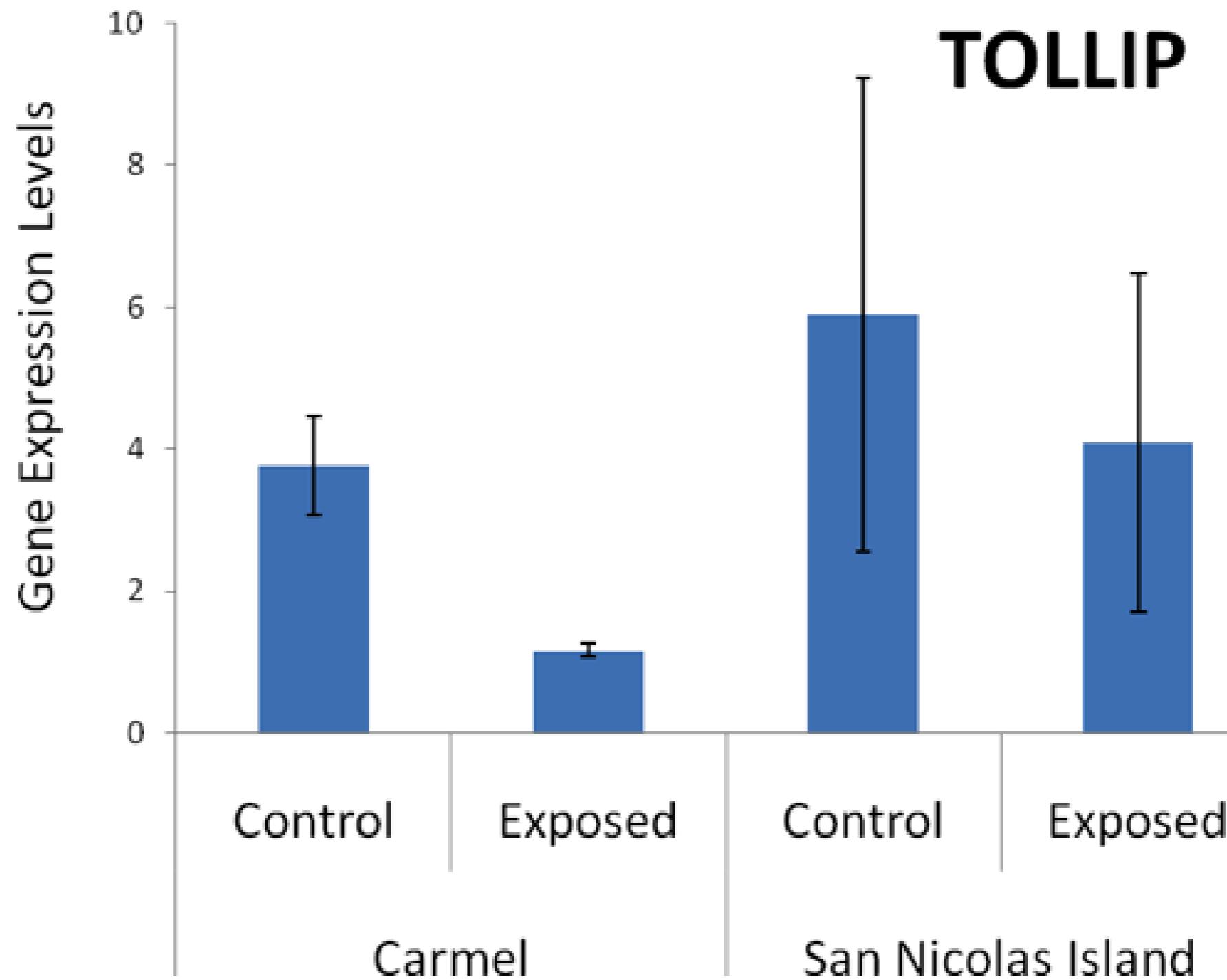
How?

# Differences?

# Only Lisa Knows



Toll-like receptors and their role in innate immunity



# bacteria recognition protein

