

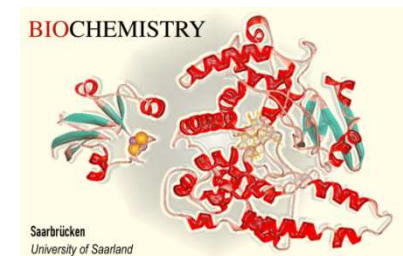
Der Biokatalysator Cytochrom P450 und seine vielfältigen Anwendungsfelder

Rita Bernhardt

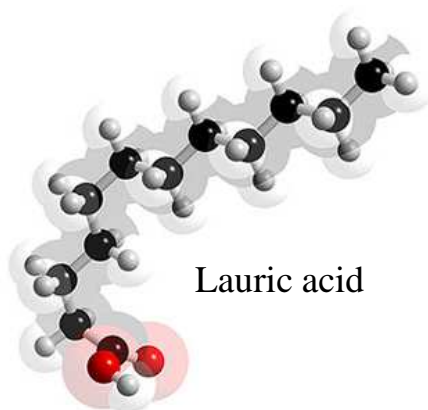
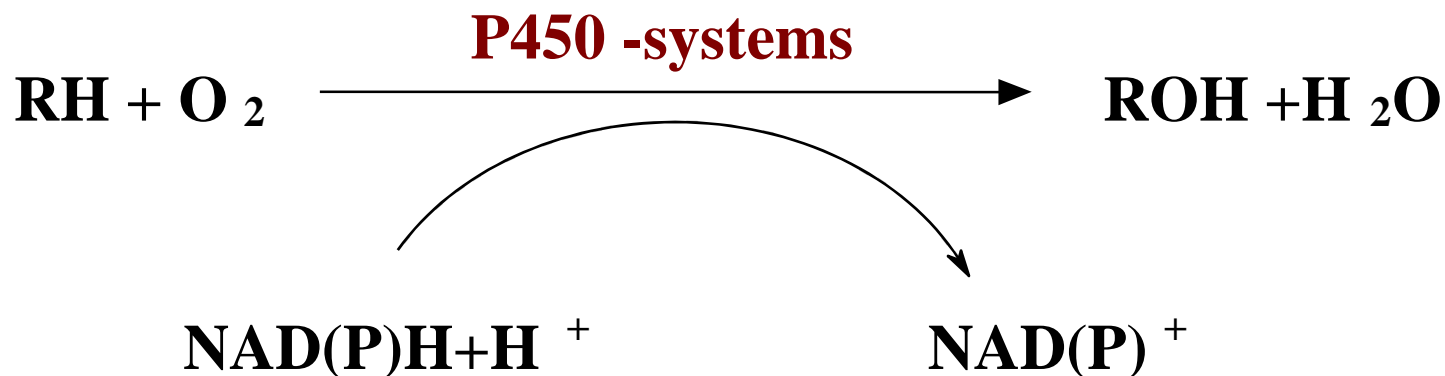
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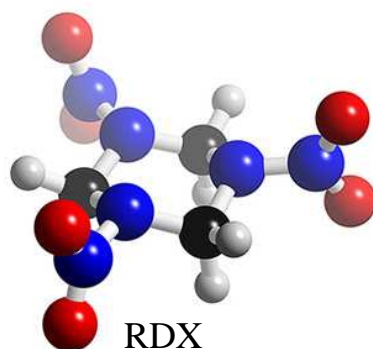
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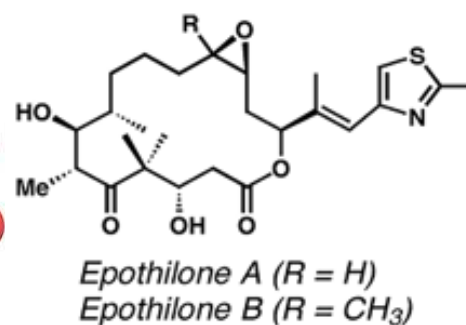
Reaction catalysed by cytochromes P450



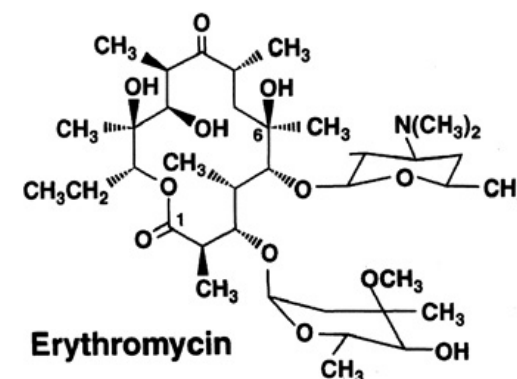
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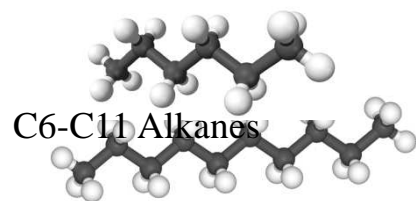
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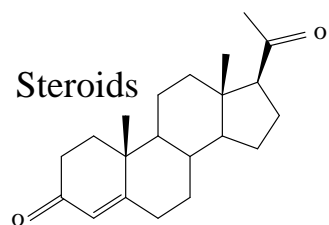
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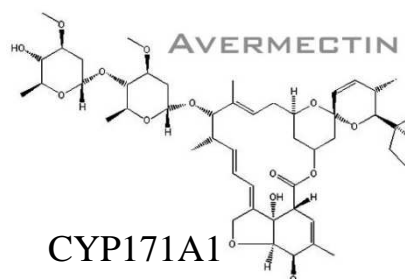
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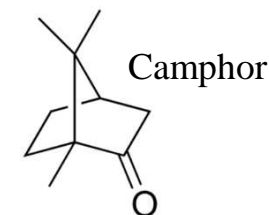
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CYP106A2, CYP21



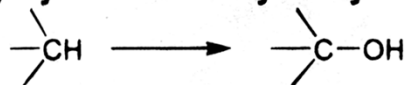
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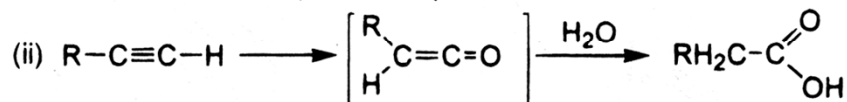
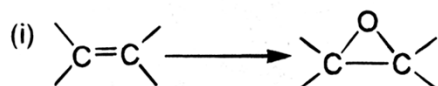
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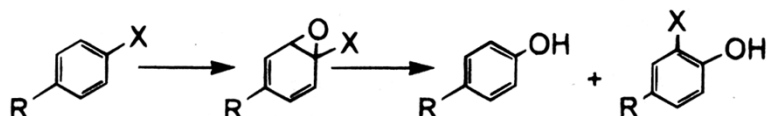
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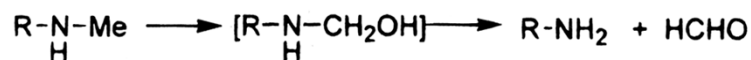
(b) Alkene epoxidation / Alkyne oxygenation



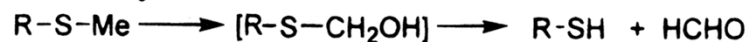
(c) Arene epoxidation, aromatic hydroxylation, NIH shift



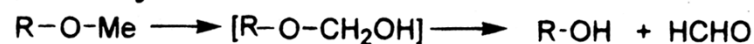
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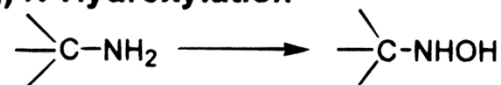
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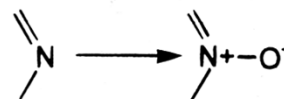
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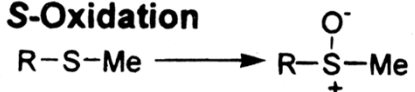
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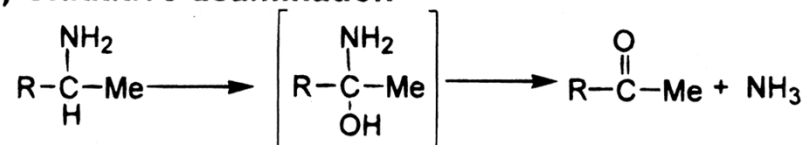
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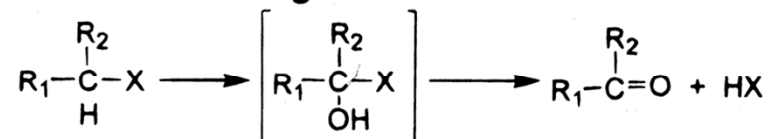
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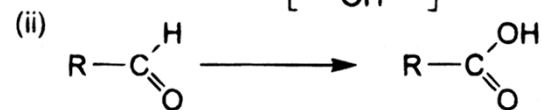
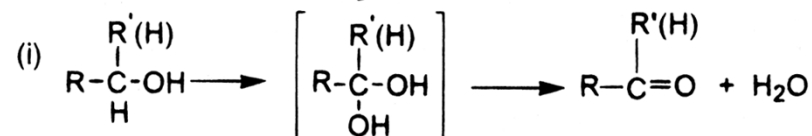
(j) Oxidative deamination



(k) Oxidative dehalogenation

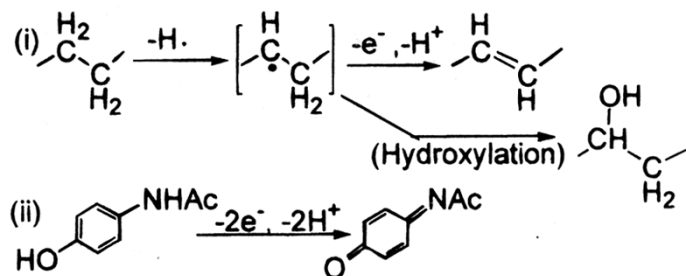


(l) Alcohol and Aldehyde oxidations

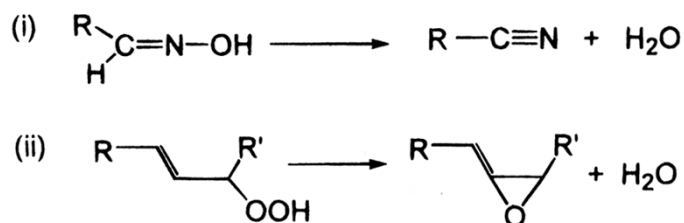


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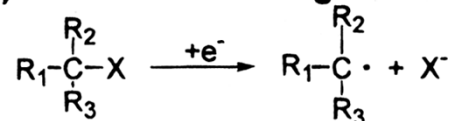
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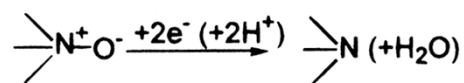
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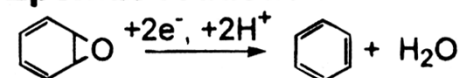
(o) Reductive dehalogenation



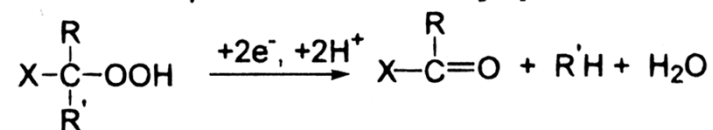
(p) N-Oxide reduction



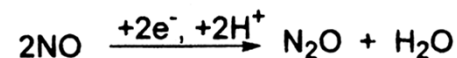
(q) Epoxide reduction



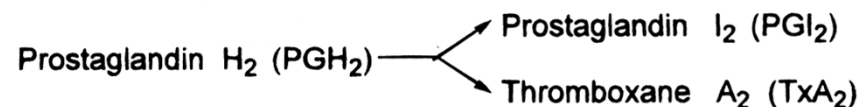
(r) Reductive β-scission of alkyl peroxides



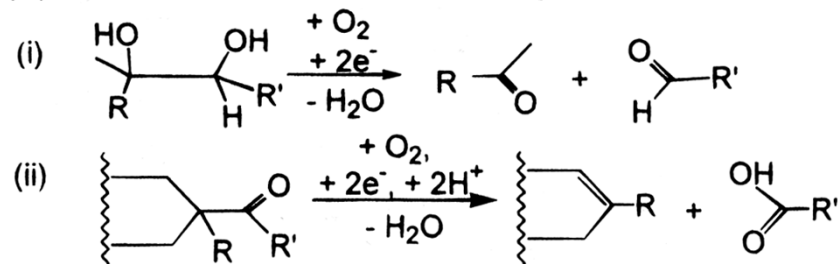
(s) NO reduction



(t) Isomerizations



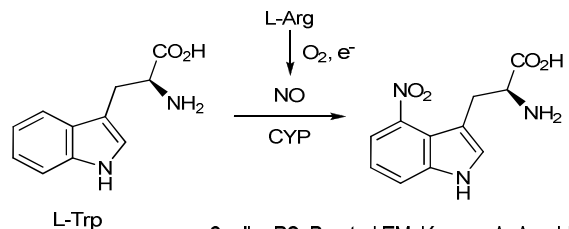
(u) Oxidative C-C bond cleavage



The Diversity of P450-Catalyzed Reactions (III)

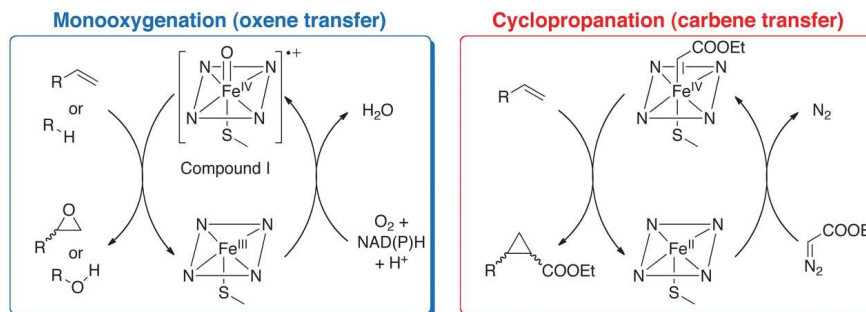
Barry SM, Kers JA, Johnson EG, Song L, Aston PR, Patel B, Krasnoff SB, Crane BR, Gibson DM, Loria R, Challis GL (2012) Cytochrome P450-catalyzed L-tryptophan nitration in thaxtomin phytotoxin biosynthesis. *Nat Chem Biol* 8:814-816.

Nitration of tryptophan



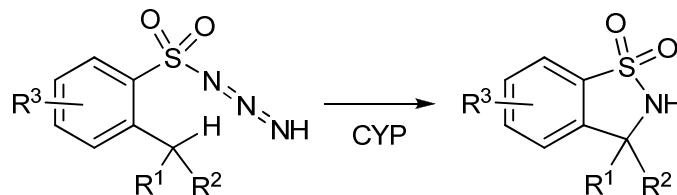
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Cyclopropanation

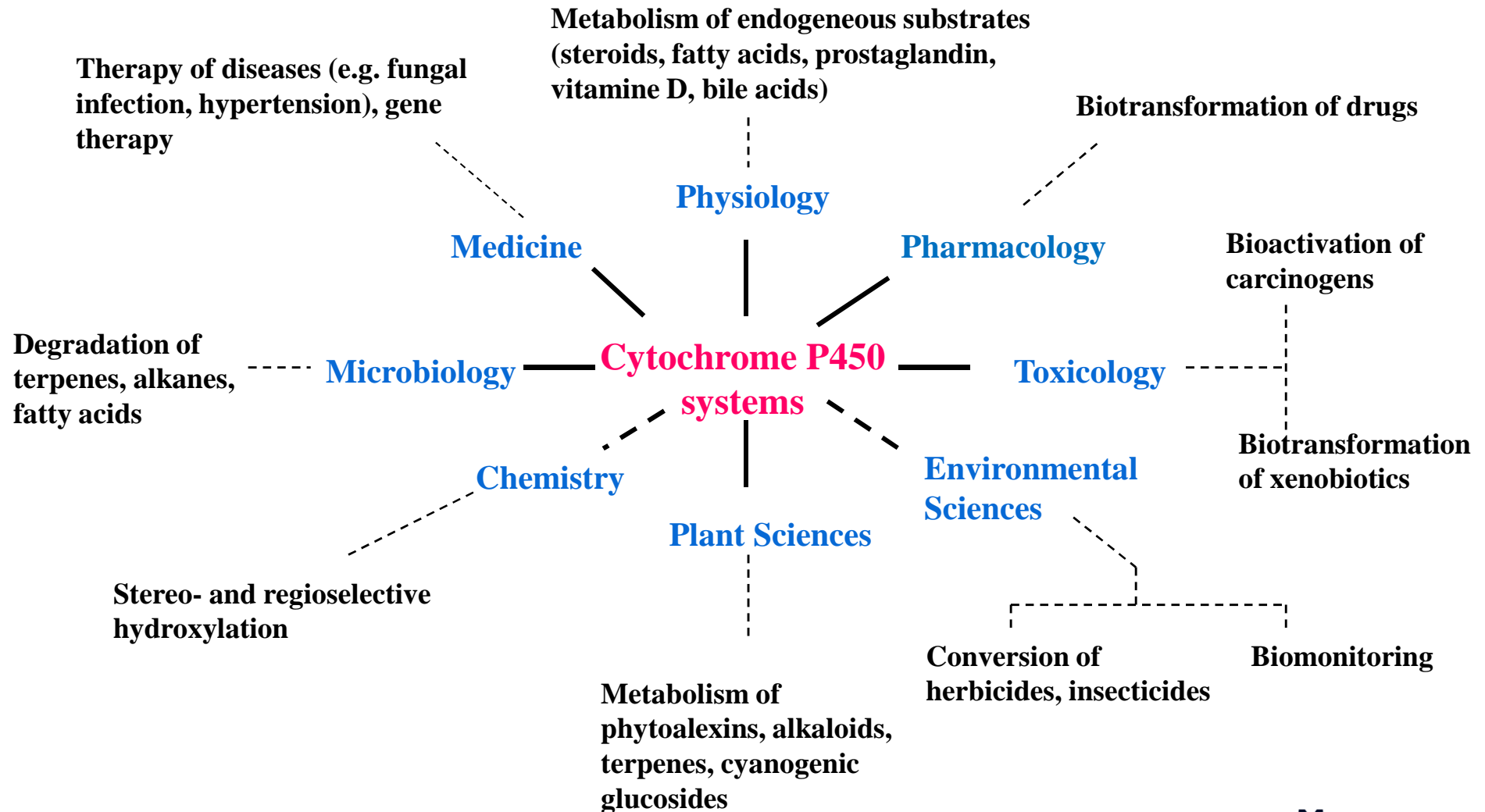


Intramolecular C-H amination

McIntosh JA, Coelho PS, Farwell CC, Wang ZJ, Lewis JC, Brown TR, Arnold FH (2013) Enantioselective intramolecular C-H amination catalyzed by engineered cytochrome P450 enzymes in vitro and in vivo. *Angew Chem Int Ed Engl* 52:9309-9312.



Function and potential applications of cytochrome P450 systems

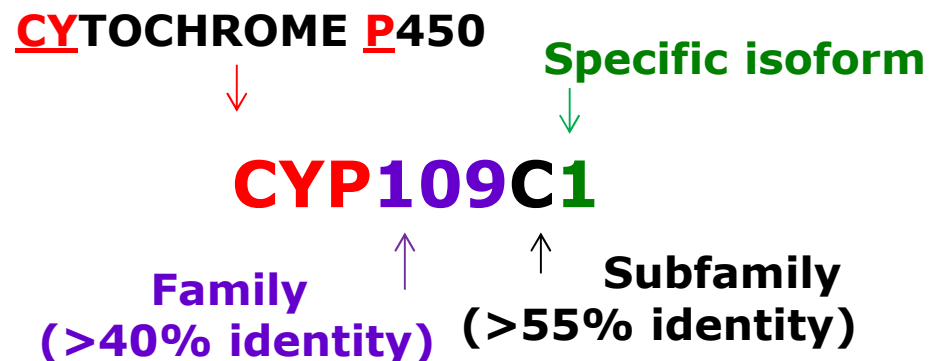


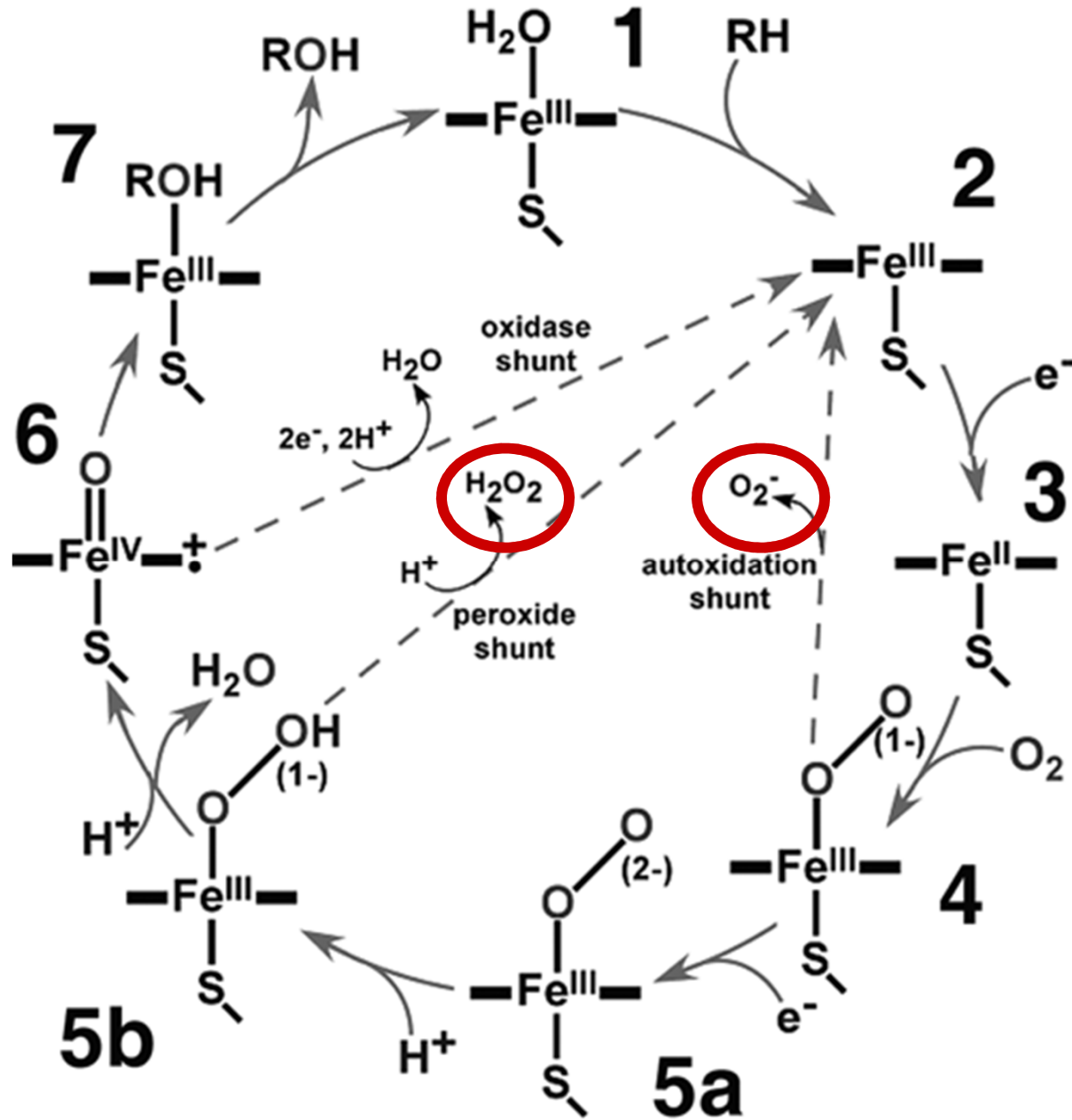
2013: > 21.000 Isoenzymes (Genes)

CYPom = all CYPs of an organism

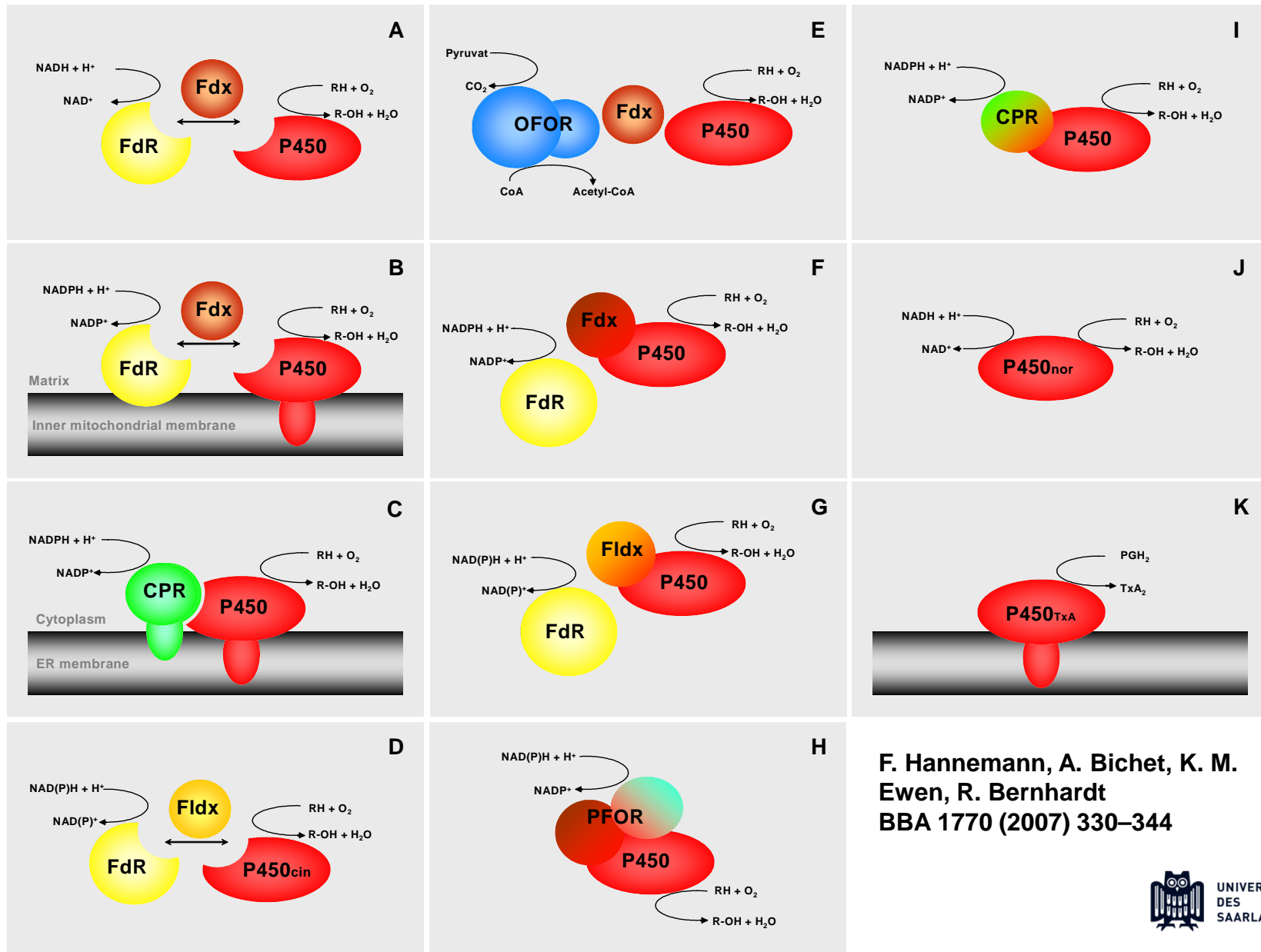
- *Escherichia coli*: 0
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<http://drnelson.utmem.edu/CytochromeP450.html>

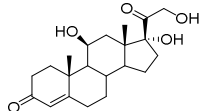
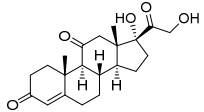
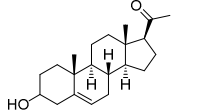
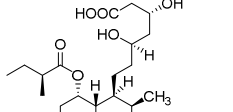
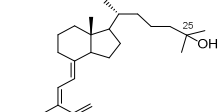
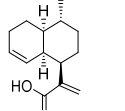
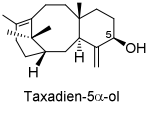




Biological variations of electron transport chains in P450 systems



Successful examples of P450 application

Product	Microorganism and/or CYPs involved	Reference / Company
 <p>Hydrocortisone</p>	<p>Biotransformation with <i>Curvularia</i> sp.</p>	(Petzoldt et al. 1982) Schering (1982), now Bayer
	<p><i>de novo</i> synthesis in <i>S. cerevisiae</i>; mammalian CYP11A1, CYP17A1, CYP21, CYP11A1, 3β-HSD</p>	(Szczebara et al. 2003) Sanofi
 <p>Cortisone</p>	<p>Biotransformation with <i>Rhizopus</i> sp.</p>	(Hogg 1992; Peterson et al. 1952) Upjohn (1952), now Pharmacia and Upjohn Company, Pfizer
 <p>Pregnenolone</p>	<p><i>de novo</i> synthesis in <i>S. cerevisiae</i>; mammalian CYP11A1,</p>	(Duport et al. 1998) Sanofi
 <p>Pravastatin</p>	<p>Biotransformation with <i>Streptomyces carbophilus</i></p>	(Arai et al. 1988) Daiichi Sankyo Inc. and Bristol-Myers Squibb
 <p>1α,25-Dihydroxyvitamin D₃</p>	<p>Microbial biotransformation; Recombinant <i>E. coli</i> with e.g. CYP105A1 from <i>Streptomyces griseolus</i></p>	(Sasaki et al. 1992) (Sakaki et al. 2011)
 <p>Artemisinic acid</p>	<p><i>de novo</i> synthesis in <i>S. cerevisiae</i>; CYP71AV1 from <i>Artemisia annua</i>.</p>	(Ro et al. 2006) (Paddon et al. 2013) Sanofi
 <p>Taxadien-5α-ol</p>	<p><i>de novo</i> synthesis in <i>E. coli</i>; taxadiene-5α-hydroxylase from <i>Taxus brevifolia</i></p>	(Ajikumar et al. 2010)
<p>Blue roses</p>	<p>Transgenic plants; petunia CYP75B and CYP75A</p>	(Holton et al. 1993; Katsumoto et al. 2007) Suntory Ltd, Calgene Pacific (now Florigene Pty Ltd)

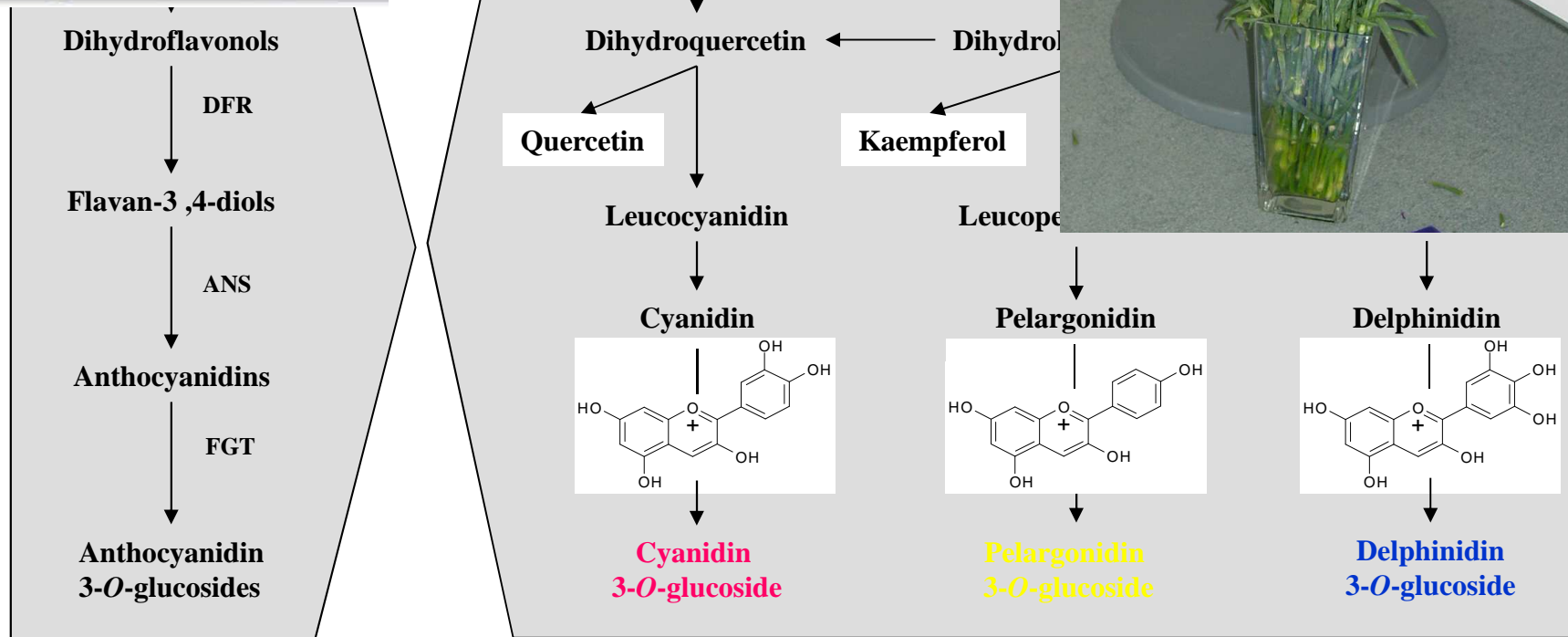
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Applied Microbiol Biotechnol., in press

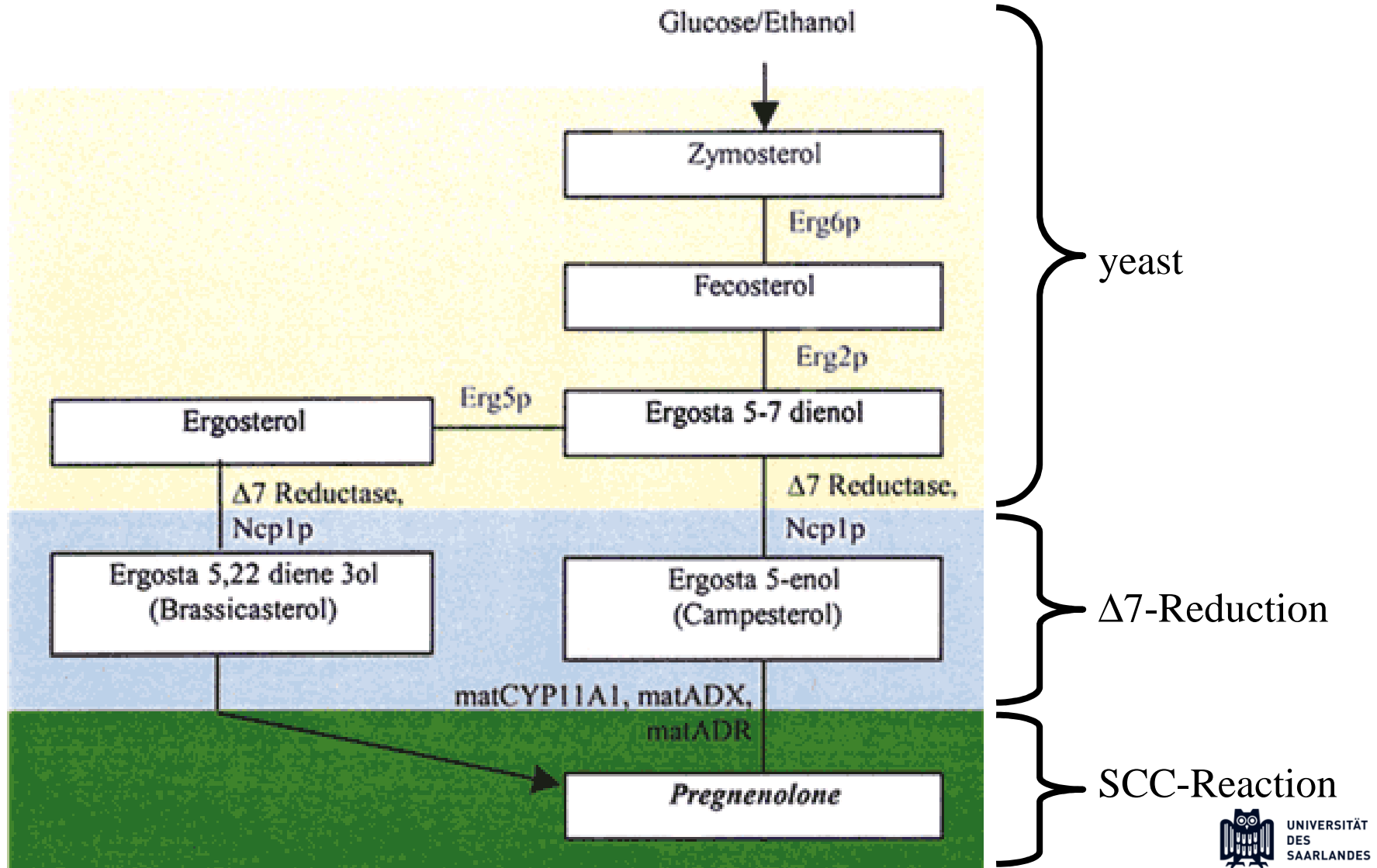
Creation of blue roses



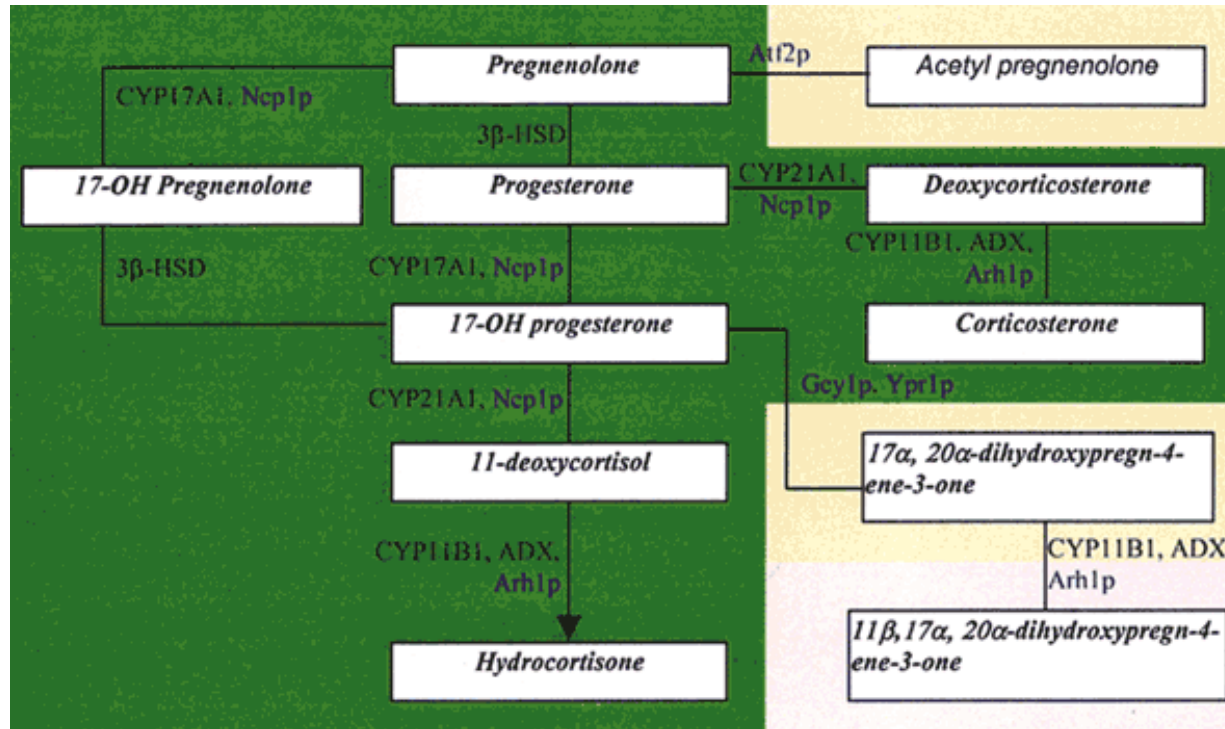
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Connection between yeast sterol metabolism and mammalian steroids (*Sanofi*)



Production of hydrocortisone from pregnenolone



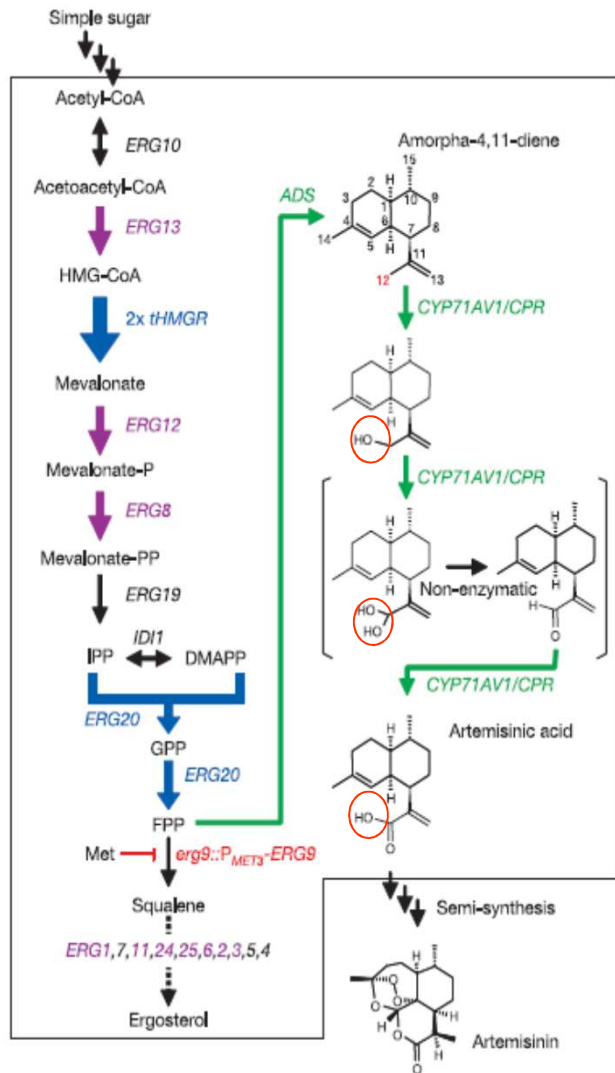
Yeast made derivatives
from steroids



CYP11B1-made
side-product

13 engineered genes in a single yeast strain: cortisol from simple carbon source

Production of artemisinin precursor in engineered hosts



JD. Keasling

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Head of the Joint BioEnergy
Institute in California
(150 Scientists)

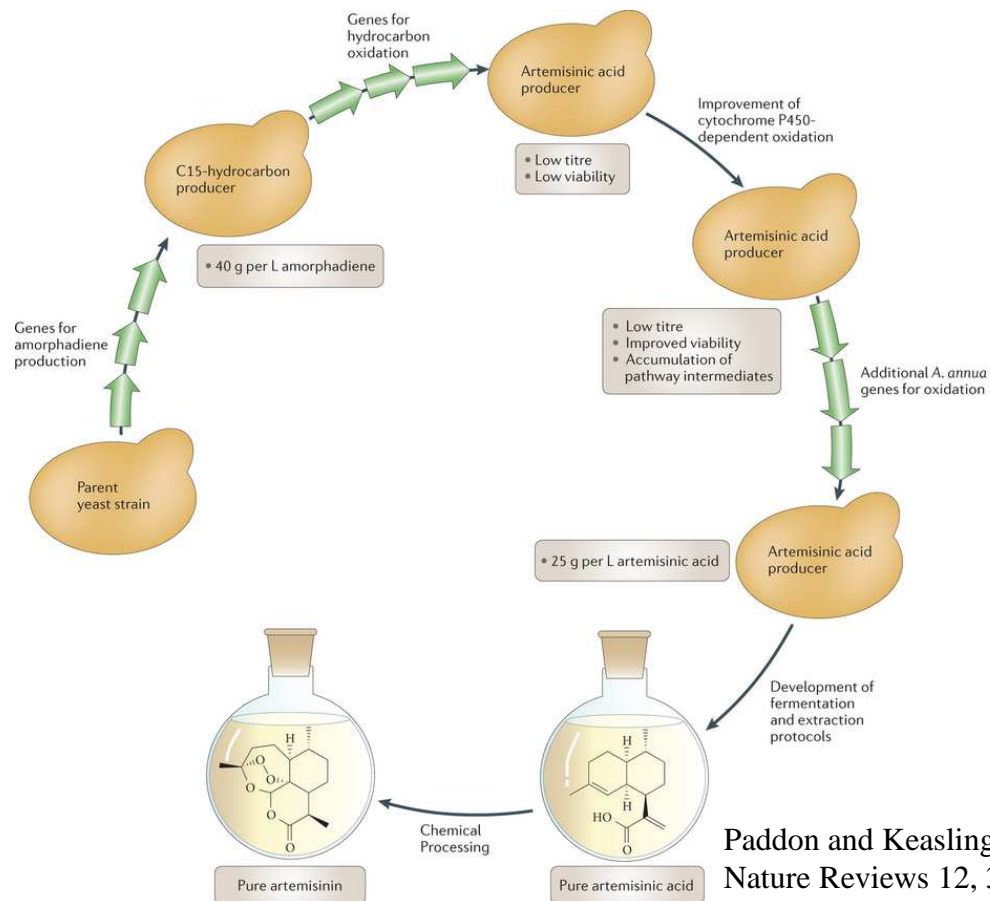
Founder & Chairman of Amyris
Biotechnology

Ca. 150 mg/l Amorphadiene
Ca. 100 mg/l Artemisinic acid

blue: *S. cerevisiae* mevalonate genes upregulated
purple: *S. cerevisiae* mevalonate genes indirectly upregulated
red: repressed
green: genes from *Artemisia*

Ro et al., 2006, Nature, 440, 940-943

Production of artemisinin precursor in engineered hosts



Paddon and Keasling (2014)
Nature Reviews 12, 355-367

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Initial stage: engineering of the *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* to produce > 25 g per L amorphadiene (overexpression of nine genes of the mevalonate pathway and expression of the *Artemisia annua* amorphadiene synthase). Subsequent steps: expression of *A. annua* CYP71AV1, its cognate reductase CPR1, cytochrome *b*₅ and two dehydrogenases to convert amorphadiene to artemisinic acid, which was extracted from fermentation broth and chemically converted to artemisinin. Maximum titre achieved using this procedure was **25 g per L artemisinic acid**.

→ Developments of these systems: 10-20 years

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Strategies to overcome them

Low activities

Protein engineering

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Heterologous partners, peroxide shunt, fusion proteins

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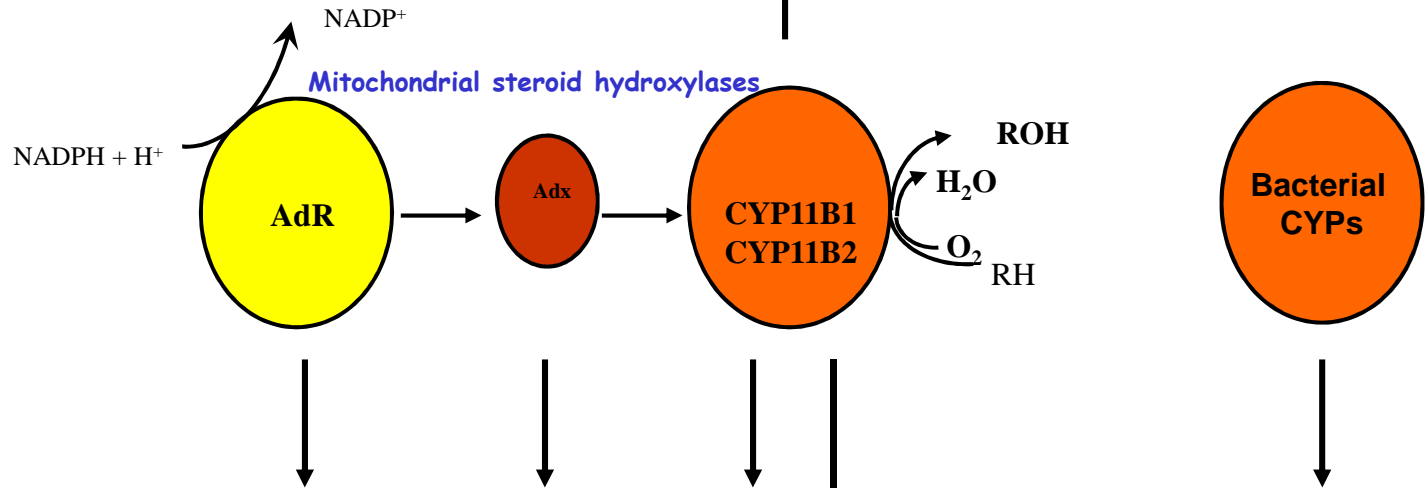
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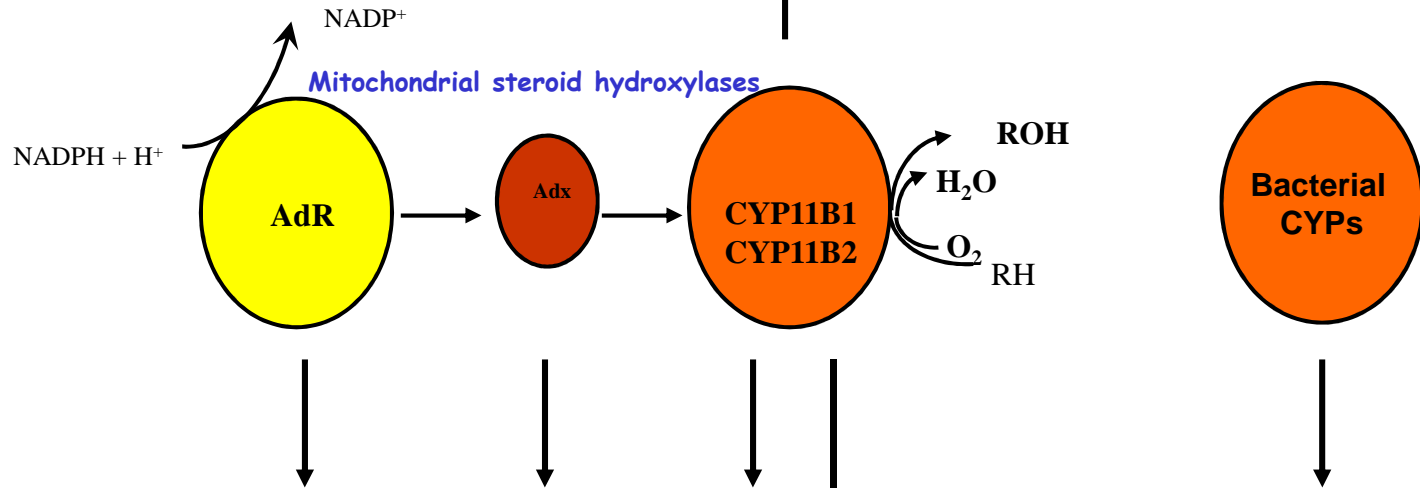
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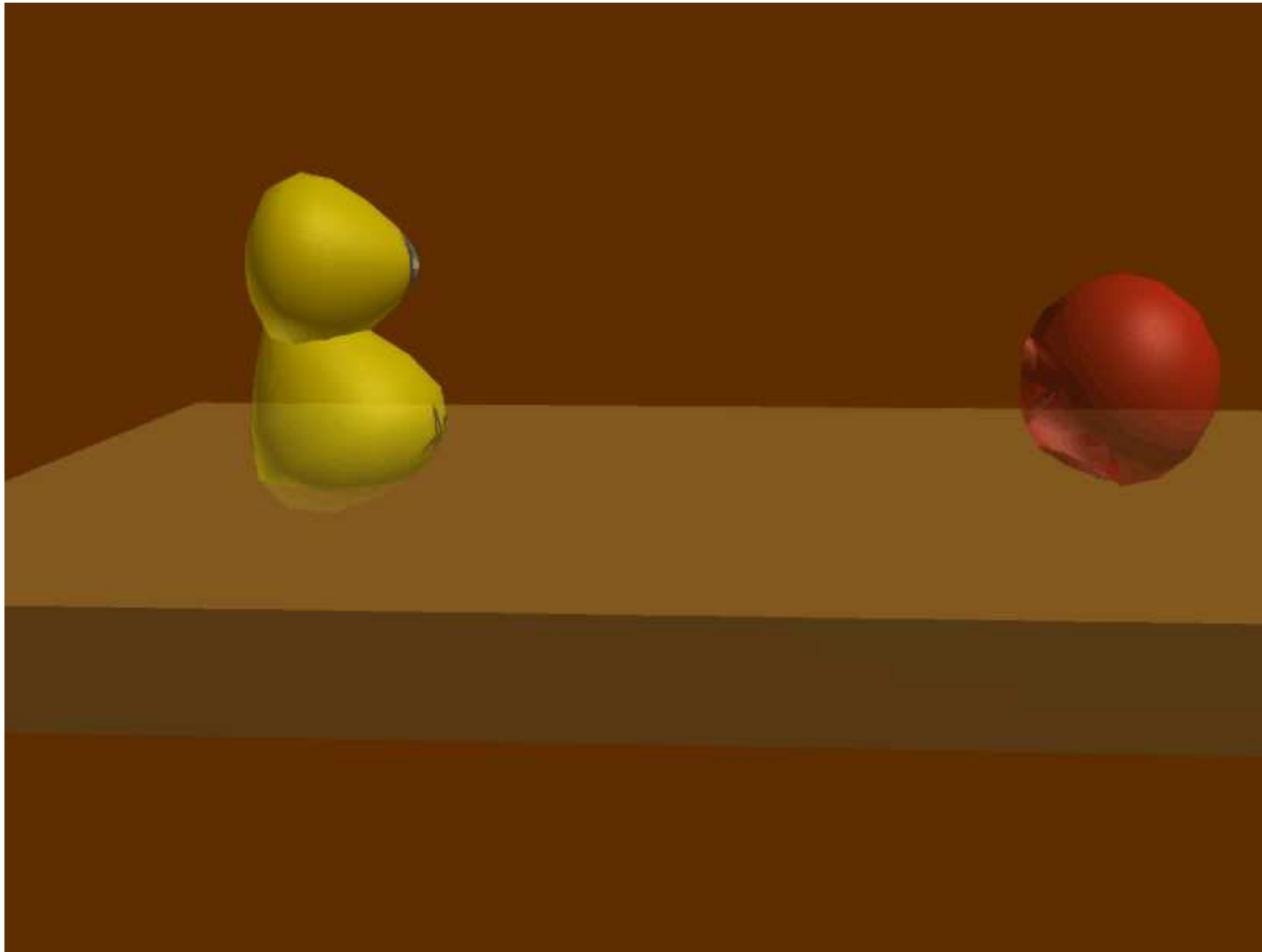
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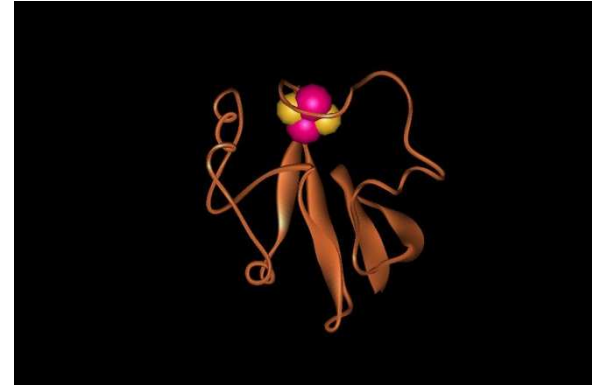
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Central role of Adx in mitochondrial ET and steroid biosynthesis



Putidaredoxin: high ET efficiency (TN ~ 3000 min⁻¹)
Adrenodoxin: low ET efficiency (TN ~ 70 min⁻¹)



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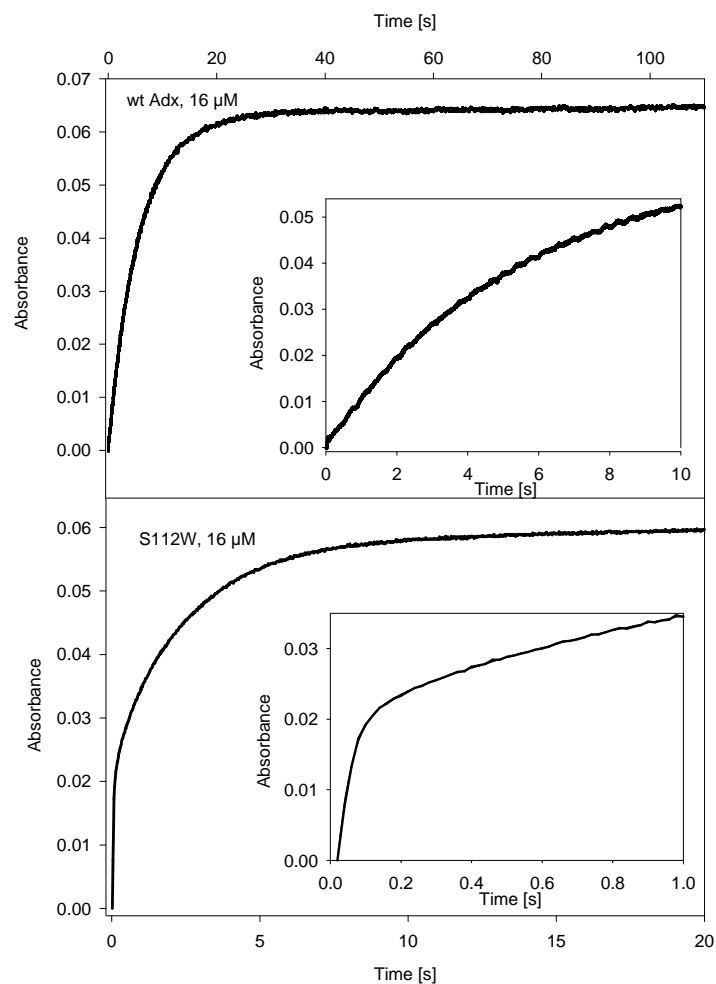
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      ▼ ▼ 60      70      80      90 ▼ ▼ 100
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Stopped-flow measurements/Activity measurements



Protein	k_{cat} $s^{-1} \cdot 10^{-3}$	K_m μM	k_{cat}/K_m
CYP11A1			
Adx WT	11.0 \pm 0.2	3.24 \pm 0.5	3.4
Adx S112W	74.0 \pm 4.0	0.36 \pm 0.06	205
Adx Y82F/S112W	105.0 \pm 2.7	0.33 \pm 0.02	318
CYP11B1			
Adx WT	70.0 \pm 2.3	2.39 \pm 0.12	29
Adx S112W	97.0 \pm 5.8	1.05 \pm 0.05	92
Adx Y82F/ S112W	107.0 \pm 9.1	0.97 \pm 0.03	110

Truncation and one (two) point mutation(s) (S112W or Y82F/S112W) increase the efficiency of Adx by a factor of 75 (100)

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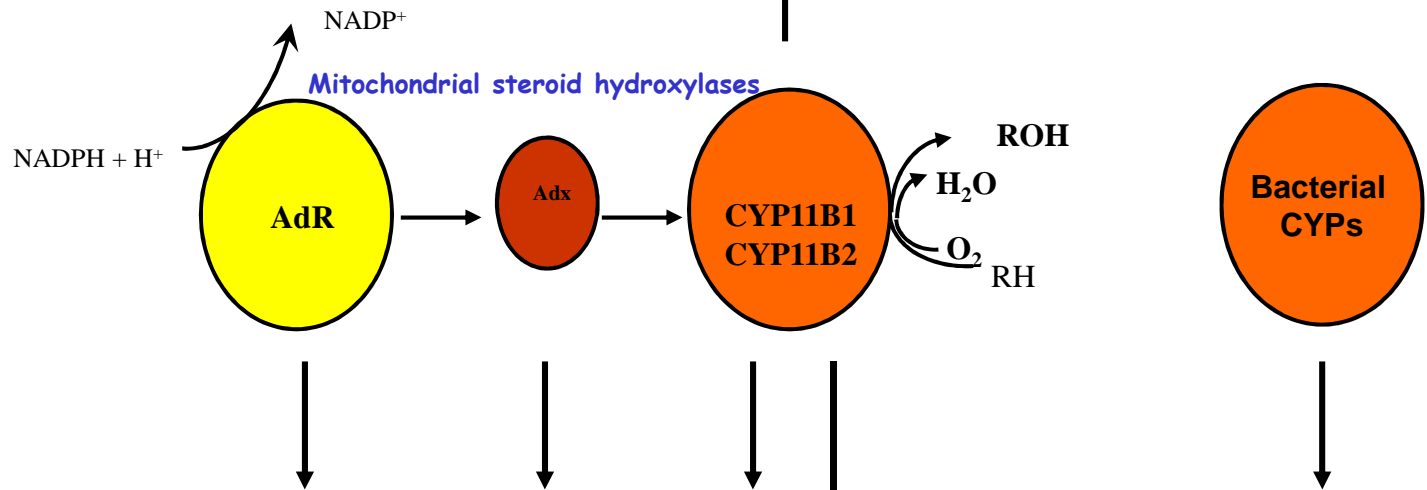
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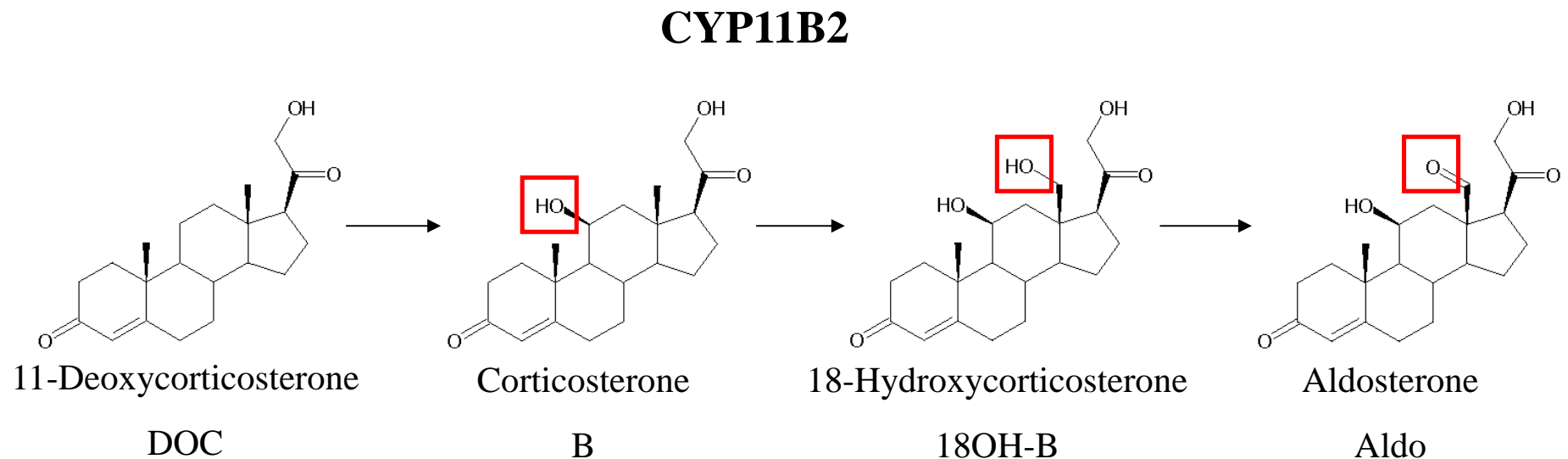
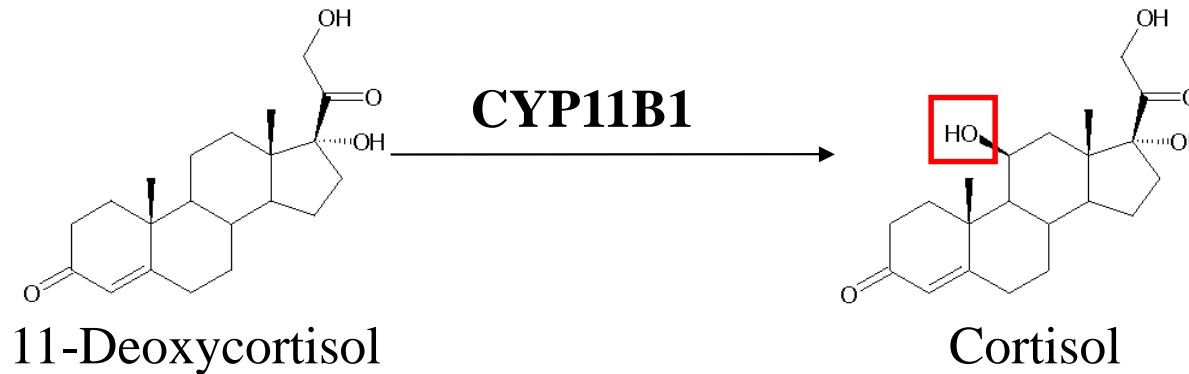
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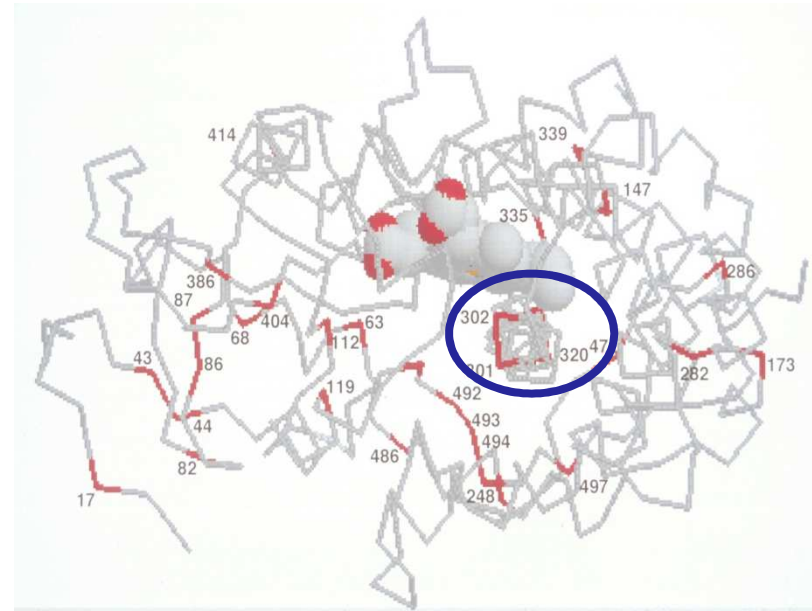
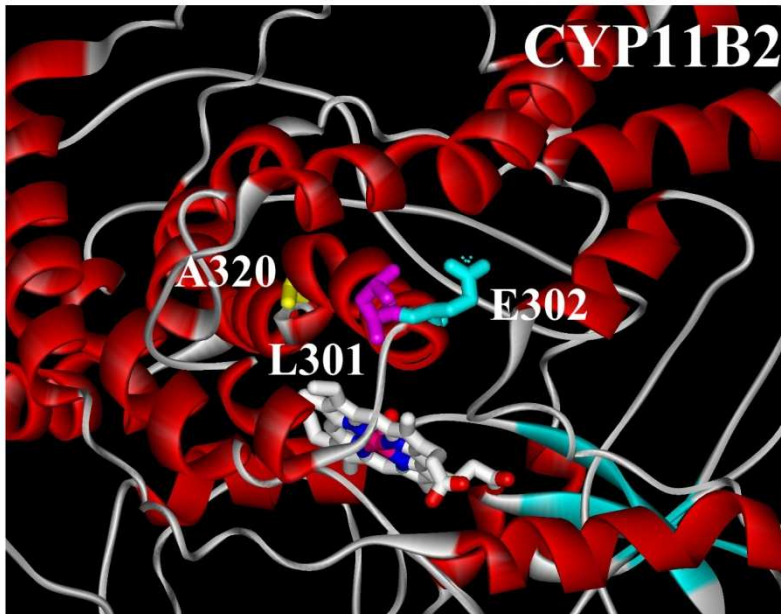
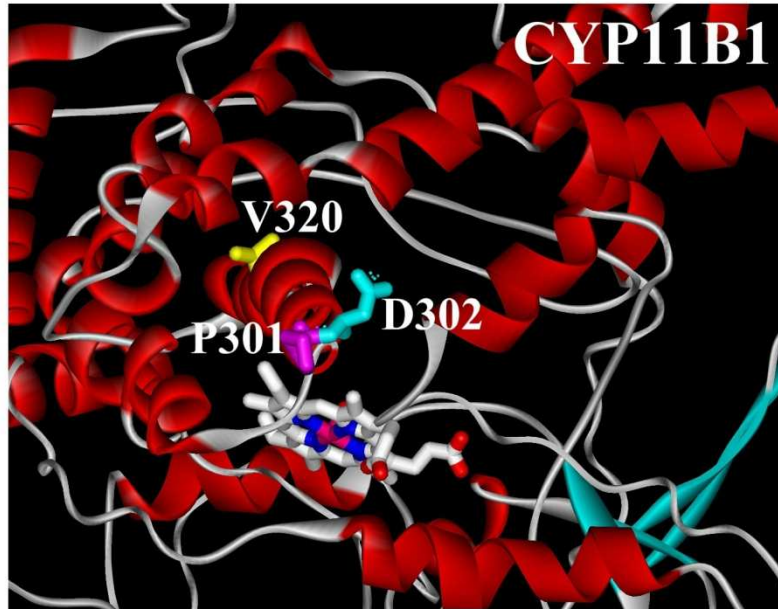
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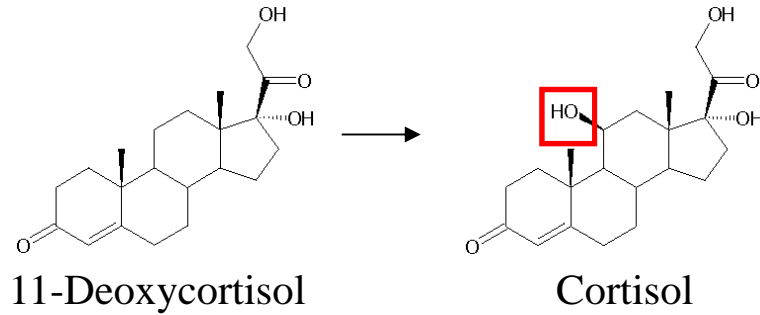
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→ 10 single, 6 double, 2 triple mutants
in/close to the the I-helix
produced and analysed

CYP11B1

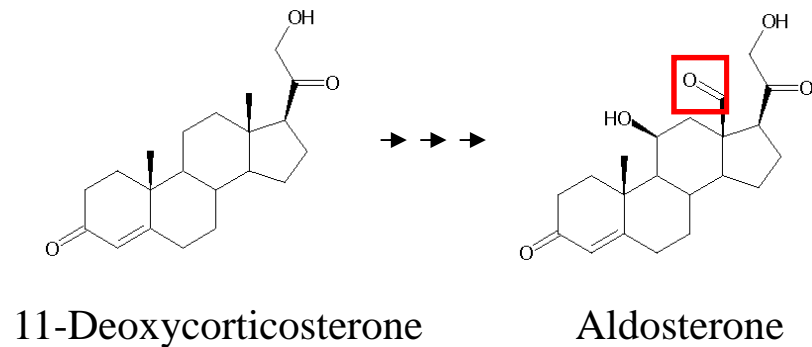


WT L301P/E302D/A320V

CYP11B2

Cortisol	5-10%	85%
Aldosterone	100%	10%

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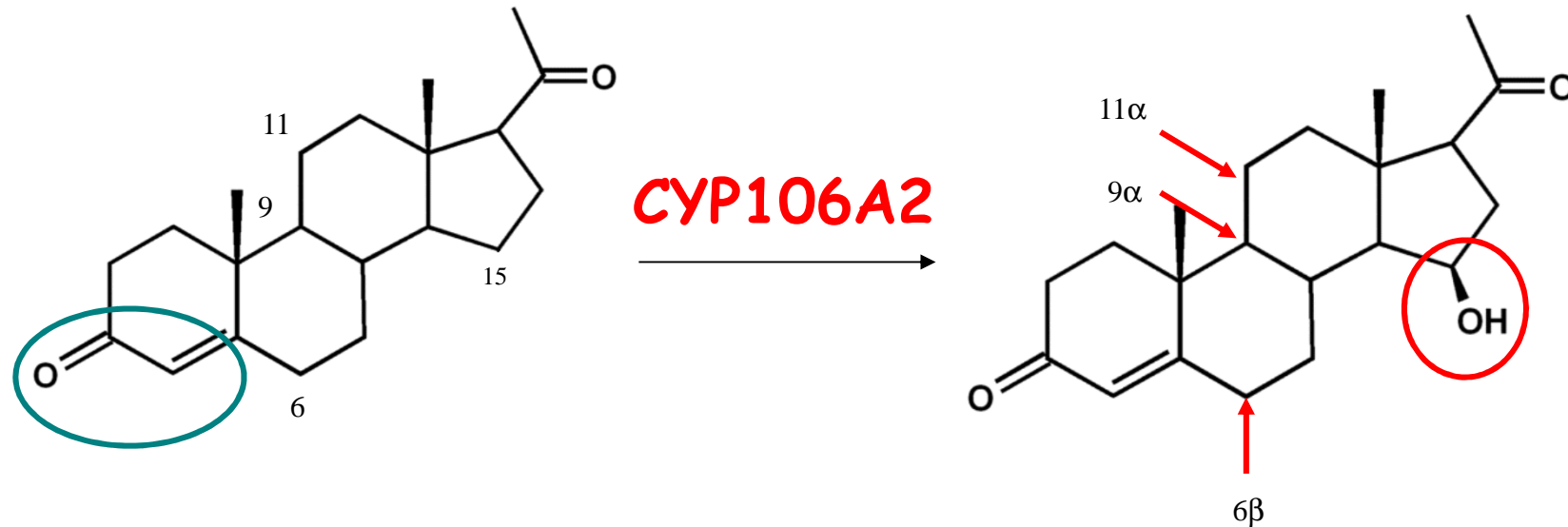
WT V320A

CYP11B1

Cortisol	100%	100%
Aldosterone	0%	20%

We identified regions necessary for substrate selectivity: CYP11B2 got a glucocorticoid-synthesizing activity (like CYP11B1) and CYP11B1 became an aldosterone synthase

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CYP106A2 from *Bacillus megaterium* ATCC 13368

one of the few characterized bacterial steroid converting cytochromes P450

described to hydroxylate 3-oxo- Δ^4 -steroids mainly in 15 β -position

Goal: increase 11 α hydroxylation

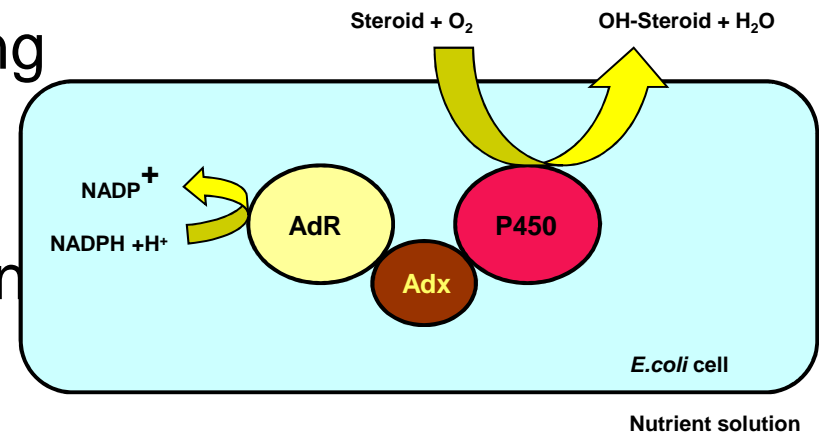
Changing the regio-selectivity of hydroxylation using site-directed and saturation mutagenesis

1) Computer modeling, substrate docking, alignment with CYP11B1, SDM

	β -3-3/ β -4-1	β -4-2/ β -3-2
CYP106A2	381 AVPSFQLEENLTD SATGQ TLTSLPLKASRM	410
CYP11B1	475 TLTQEDIKMVYSF ILRPS MFPLLTFRAIN	503
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2) Creation of a whole cell screening system

3) Creation of mutants by saturation mutagenesis and EP-PCR



4) Analysis of the mutants

5) Improvement of mutants by SDM

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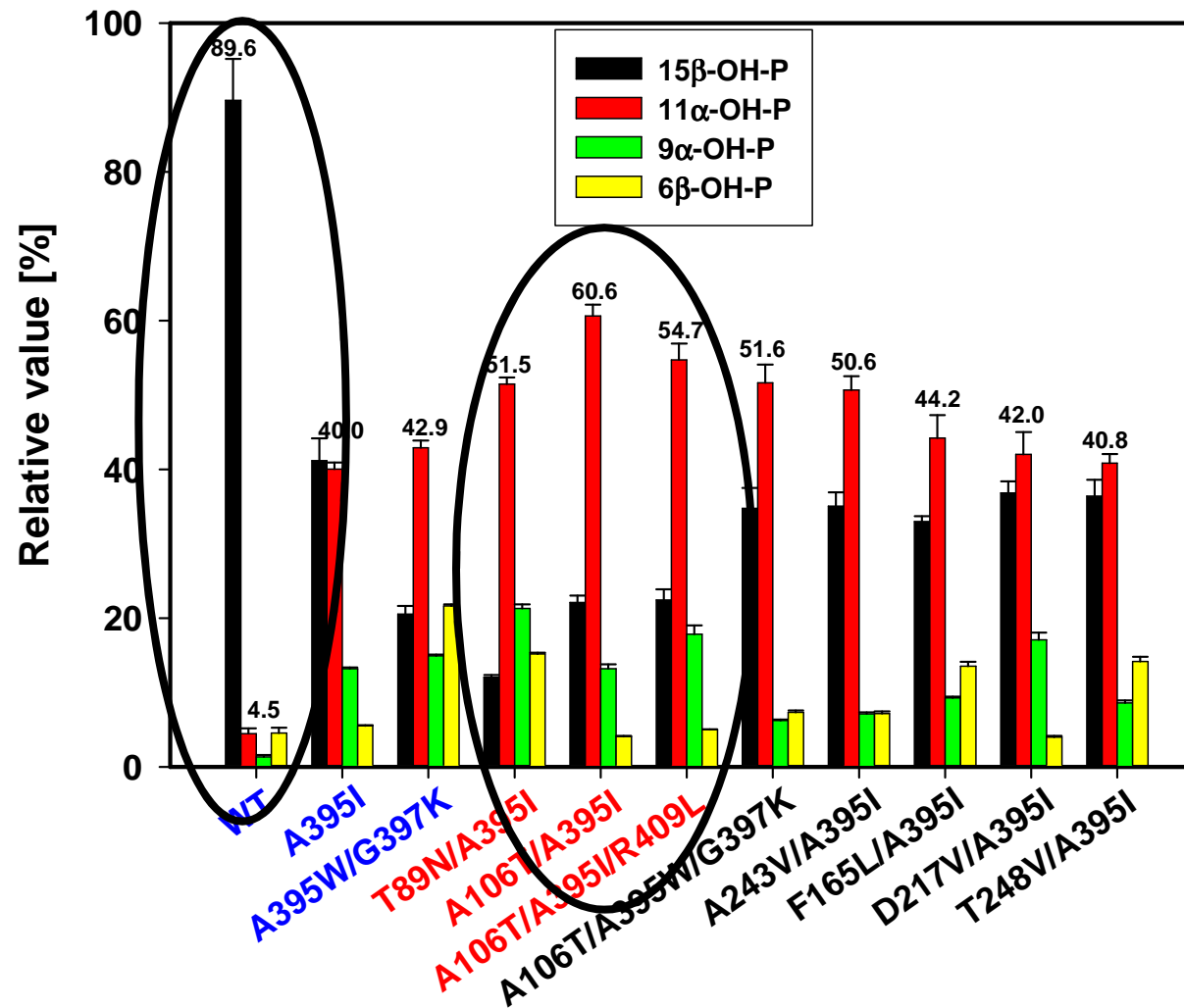
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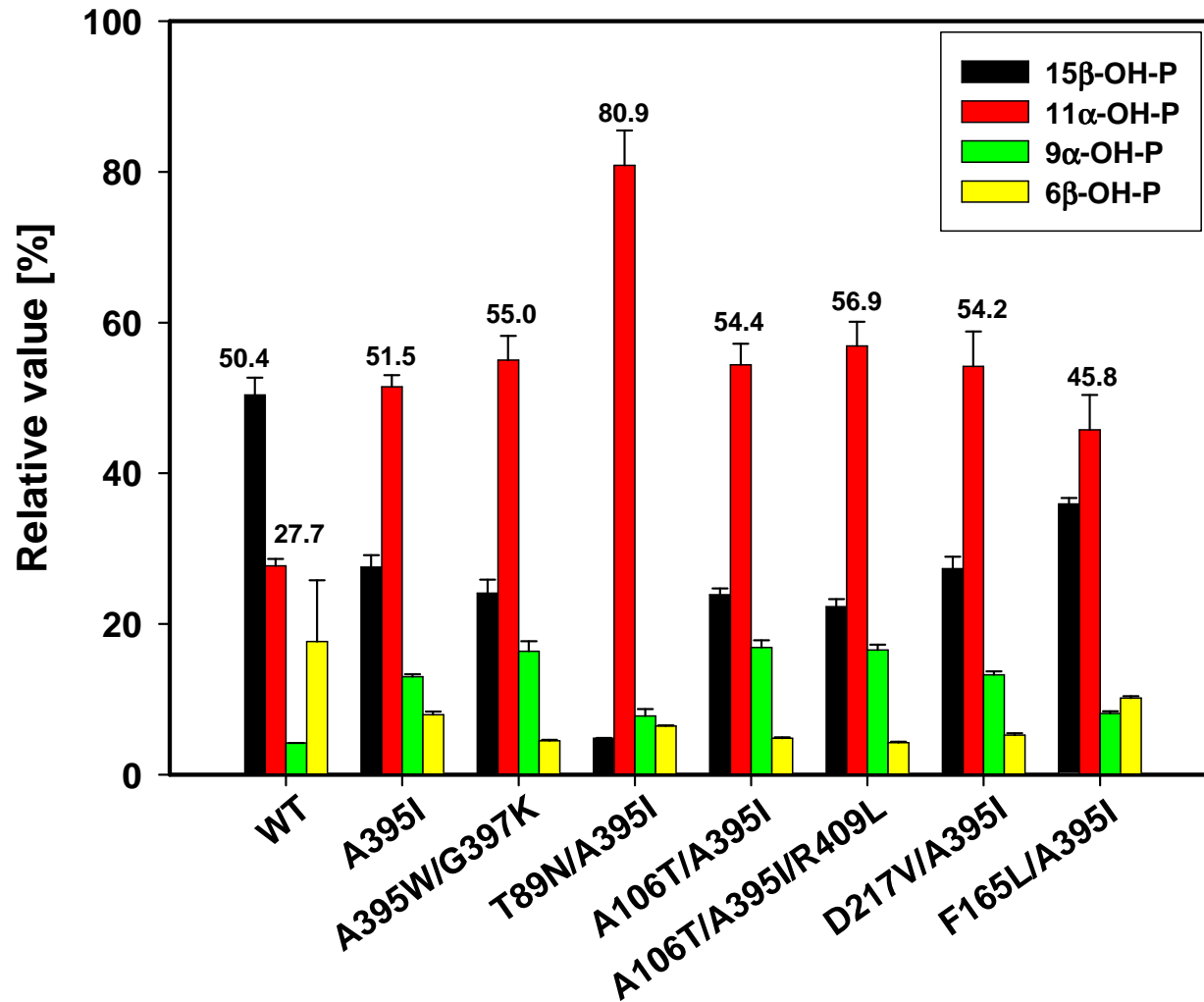
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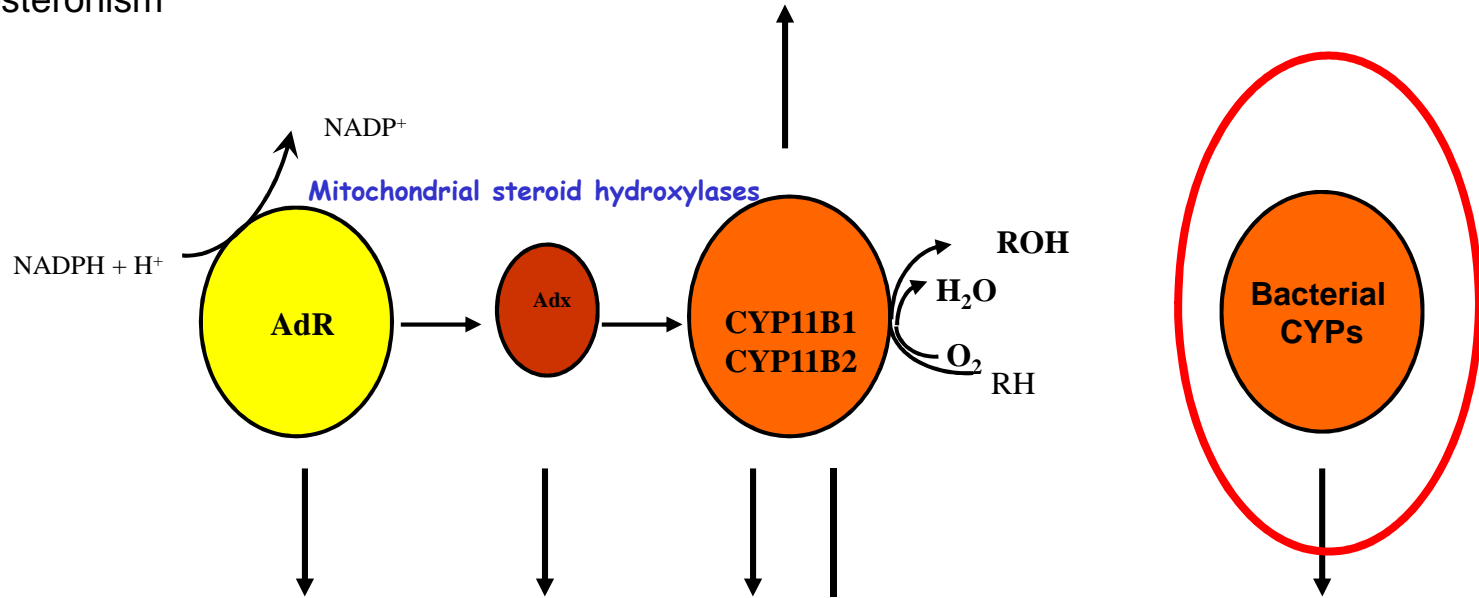
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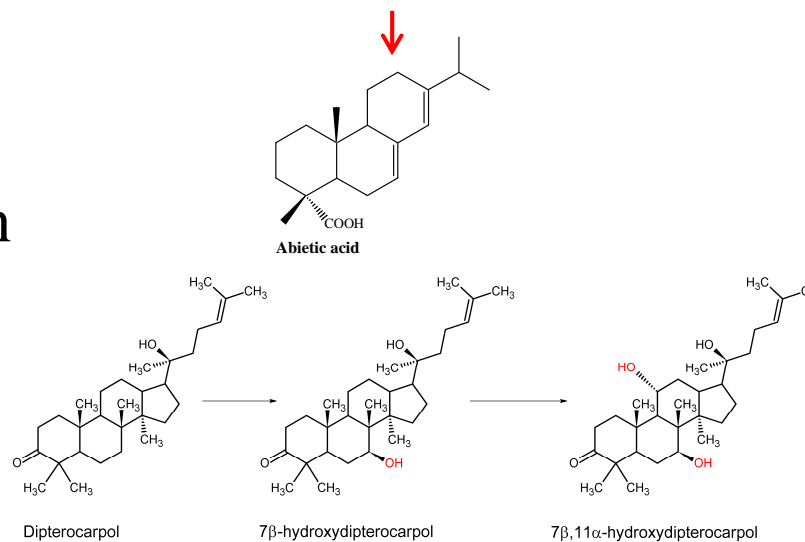
CYPs from *Bacillus megaterium*

CYP106A2 (ATCC 13368)

Steroid 15beta hydroxylation

Shift to 11alpha hydroxylation

Expanding substrate space:
abietic acid,
dipterocarpol,
11-keto boswellic acid



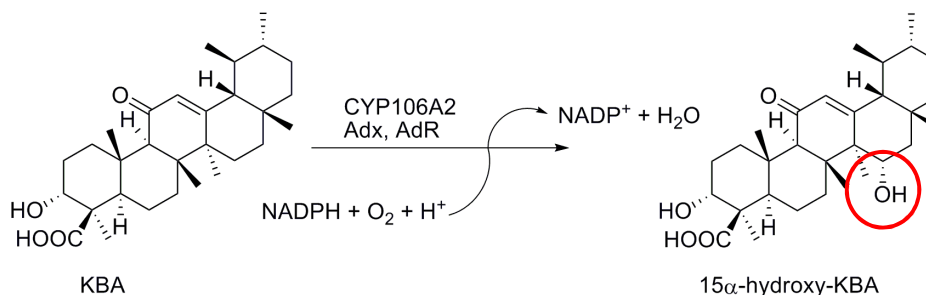
CYPome from MS941

CYP106A1

CYP109

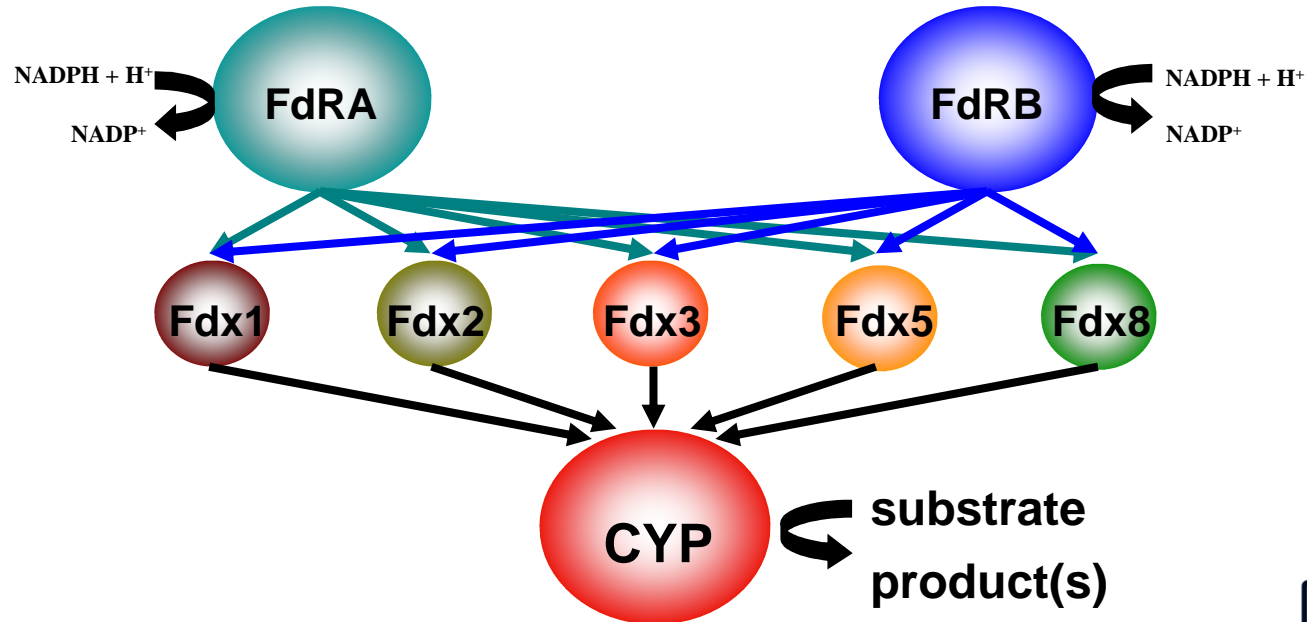
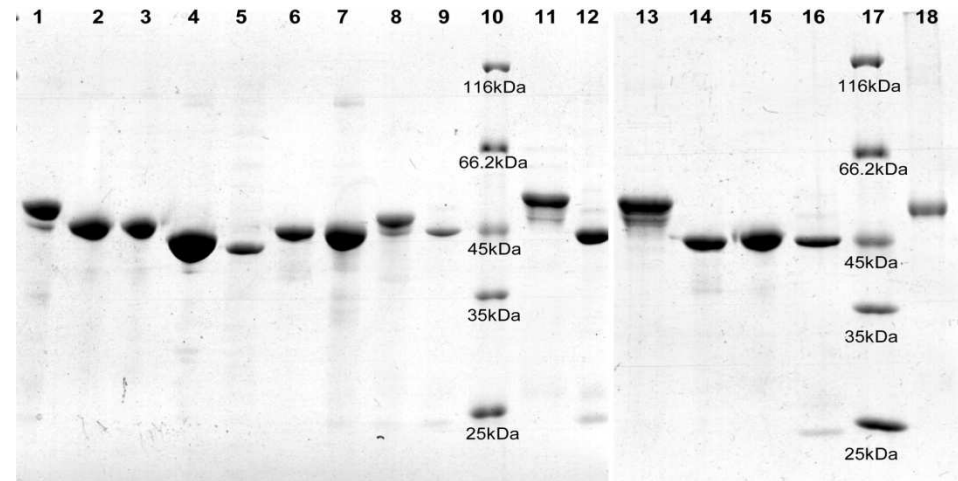
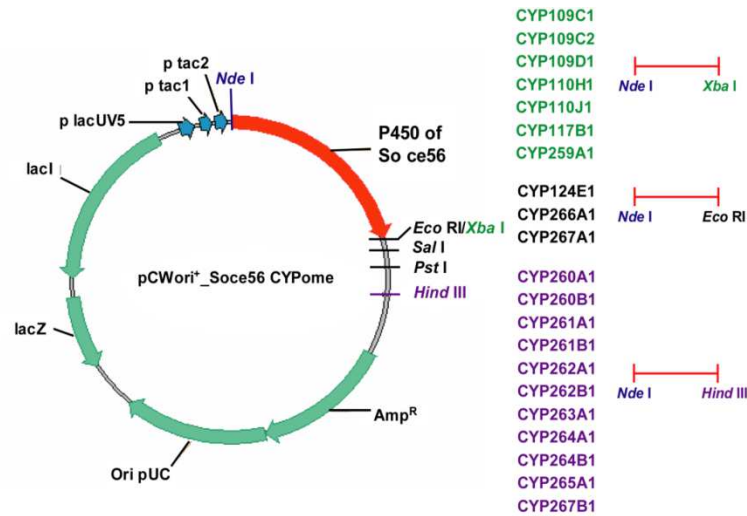
CYP109

CYP-BM3 analogue

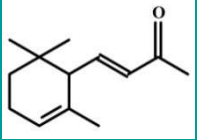
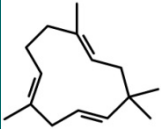
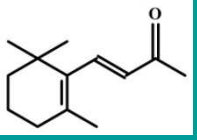
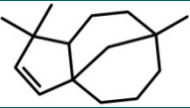
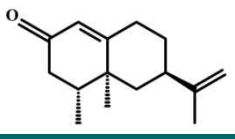
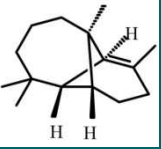
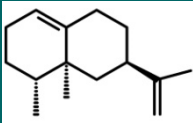
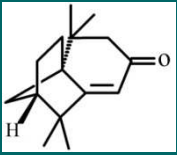


→ New substrates and products found
3D of CYP106A2 ready, 1 CYP109:
diffracting crystals

Cloning and expression of the Soce 56 CYPome



Examples of substrates for myxobacterial CYPs

Norisoprenoids	Sesquiterpenes
 α-ionone	 humulene
 β-ionone	 clovene
 nootkatone	 α-longipinene
 valencene	 isolongifolene-9-one

3D of one CYP ready, 2 more nearly ready \rightarrow rational design

Different steroids

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co-solvents: cyclodextrins

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Alternative host: Bacillus for terpenes

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Summary bacterial CYPs

- 1) Two CYPomes available: all CYPs as well as redox partners cloned and expressed
 - 2) Novel substrates identified (steroids, terpenes, fatty acids)
 - 3) New products identified (NMR)
 - 4) Novel reaction types found
 - 5) Whole-cell systems developed in *E. coli* and *B. megaterium*
(toxicity of terpenes in *S.cerevisiae*)
 - 6) NADPH regeneration provided in whole cells
 - 7) Efficient ways to solubilize hydrophobic substrates
- Broad applicability for degradation of products in soil as well
as for biotechnological application

**Evolution creates novel
CYPs via adaptation
to environment**

From: Bernhardt and Urlacher,
Appl.Microbiol.Biotech., in press

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Recombinant whole-cell systems
Synthetic biology
Chemo-enzymatic processes
Cascade multi-enzymes reactions

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Oxidation of inert C-atoms
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Thank you for your attention

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