

Diversity and Asymmetry of Membrane Phospholipids

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4 Major functions of lipids

- Major component of biological membranes (Origin of life)
- Most efficient energy source (triglycerols, cholesterol)
- Regulation of inflammation, immune responses etc by lipid mediators (prostaglandins, S1P, cannabinoids etc)
- Insulators as skin barrier, myeline sheath etc. (ceramide, sphingomyelin...)

Lipid research-charm and risk

- Essential for life (such as membrane components, efficient energy source)
- Not directly coded by genes, thus, structure unpredictable
 - More unknown lipids and novel functions
- Related to various diseases (inflammation, immune disorders, liver cancer, colon cancer, atherosclerosis etc.)
- Opportunity for drug development; EPA/DHA, statin, sphingolipid, prostaglandin analogues, enzyme inhibitors, receptor antagonists,,,,,
- **Difficult to amplify, metabolically and chemically unstable**
 - **Many artefacts and errors in published articles (including top journals!)**
- Knowledge and reliable techniques of chemistry, biochemistry and biophysics are necessary for lipid research

Agenda of my talk

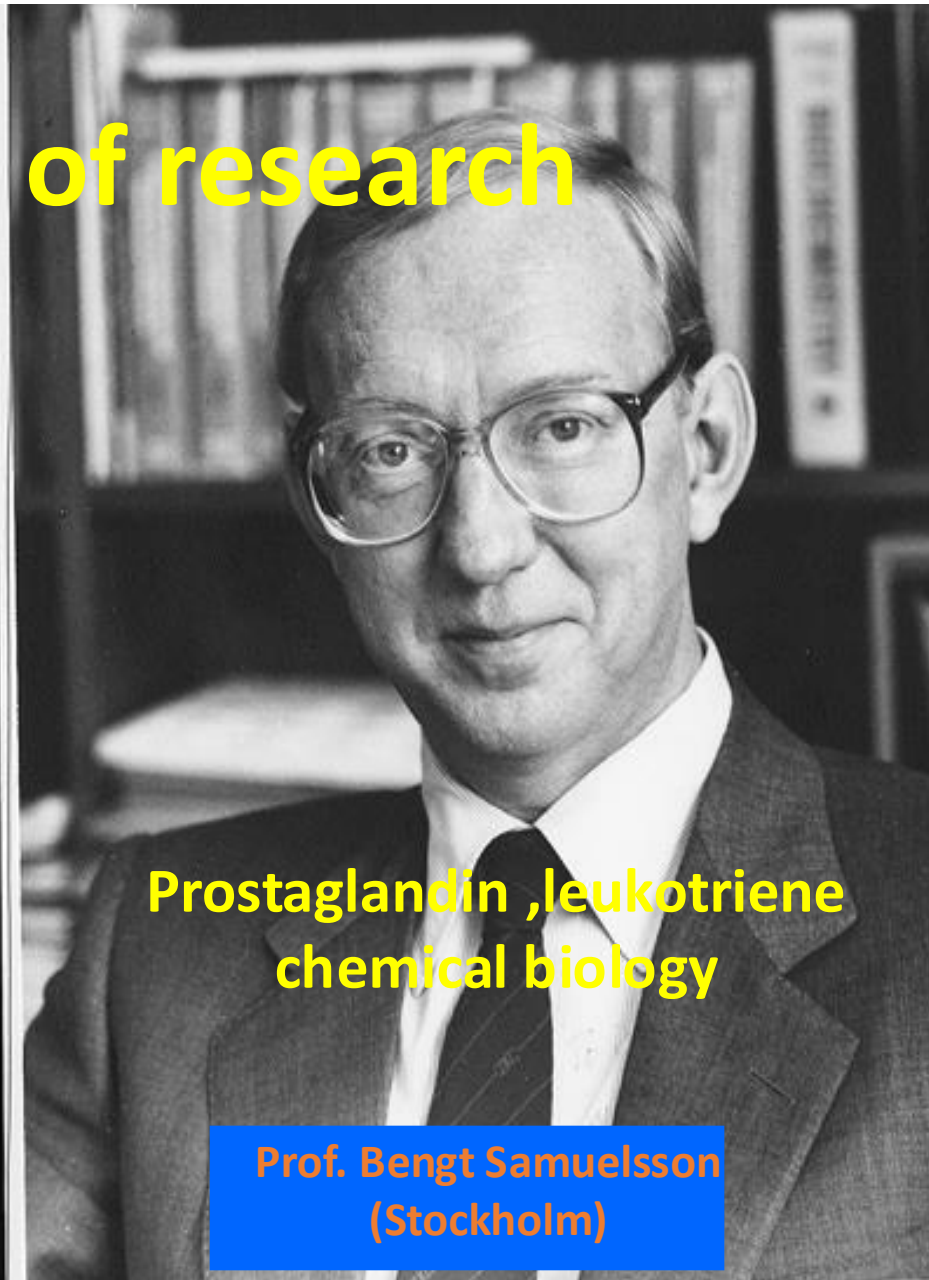
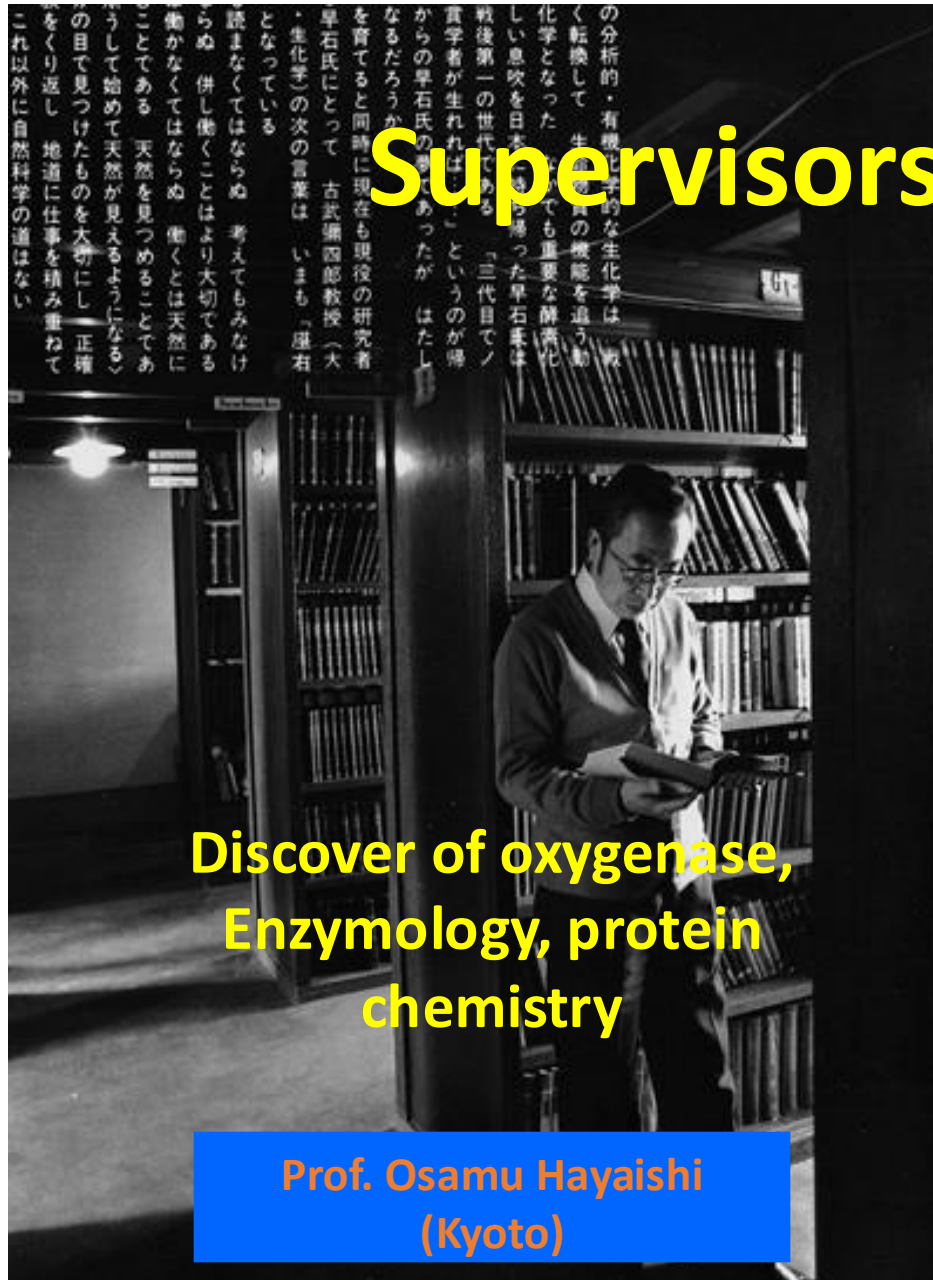
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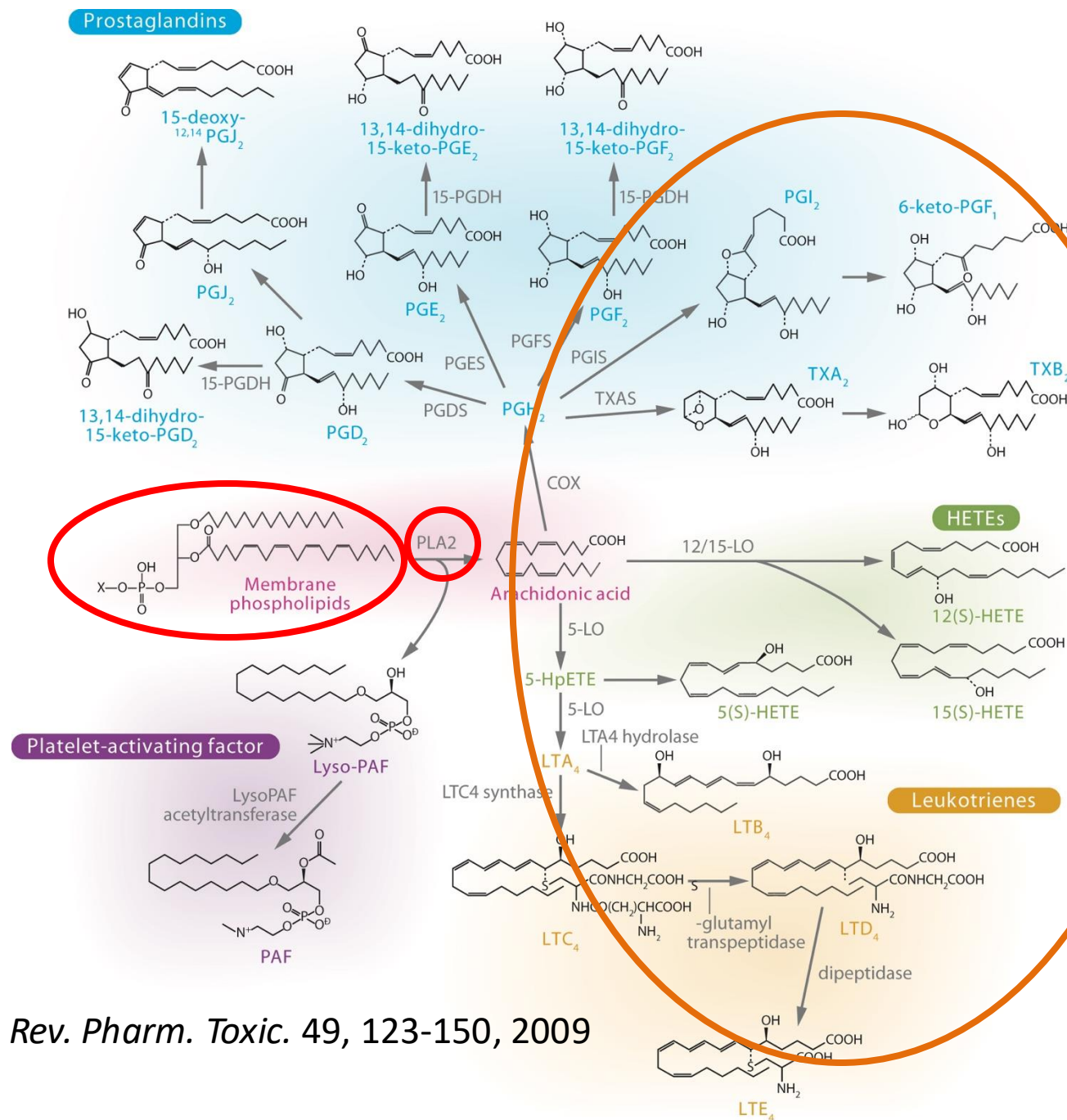
**ENZYMES AND RECEPTORS OF LIPID
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Supervisors of research

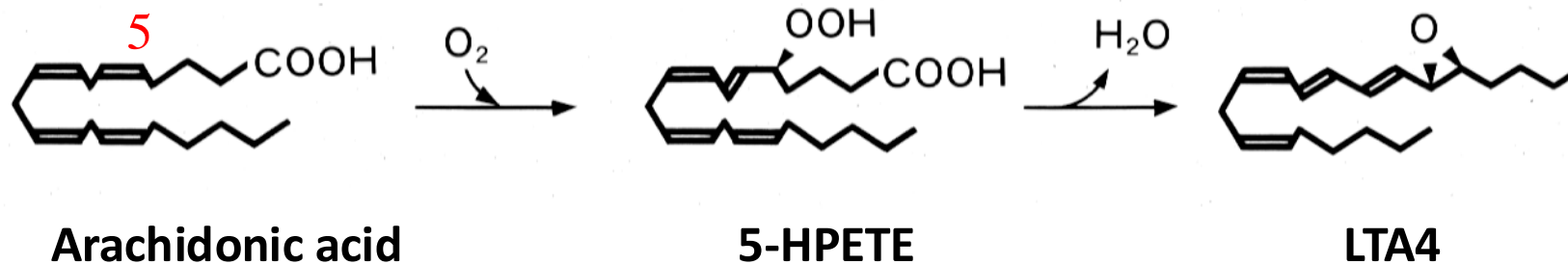




Shimizu, T. *Annu. Rev. Pharm. Toxic.* 49, 123-150, 2009

Arachidonate 5-lipoxygenase

Dual activities to produce LTA₄ from arachidonic acid



Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA
Vol. 81, pp. 689–693, February 1984
Biochemistry

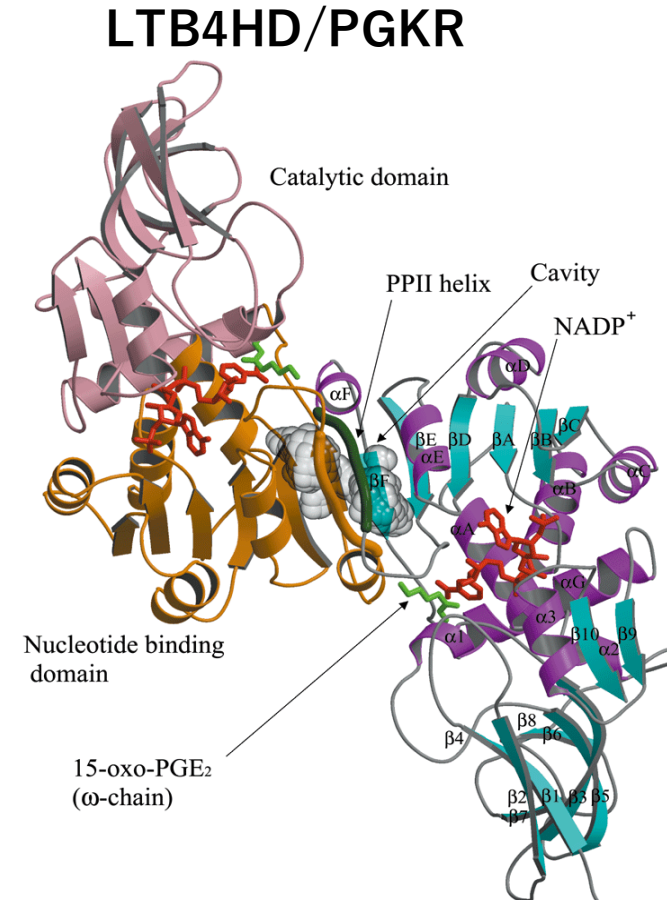
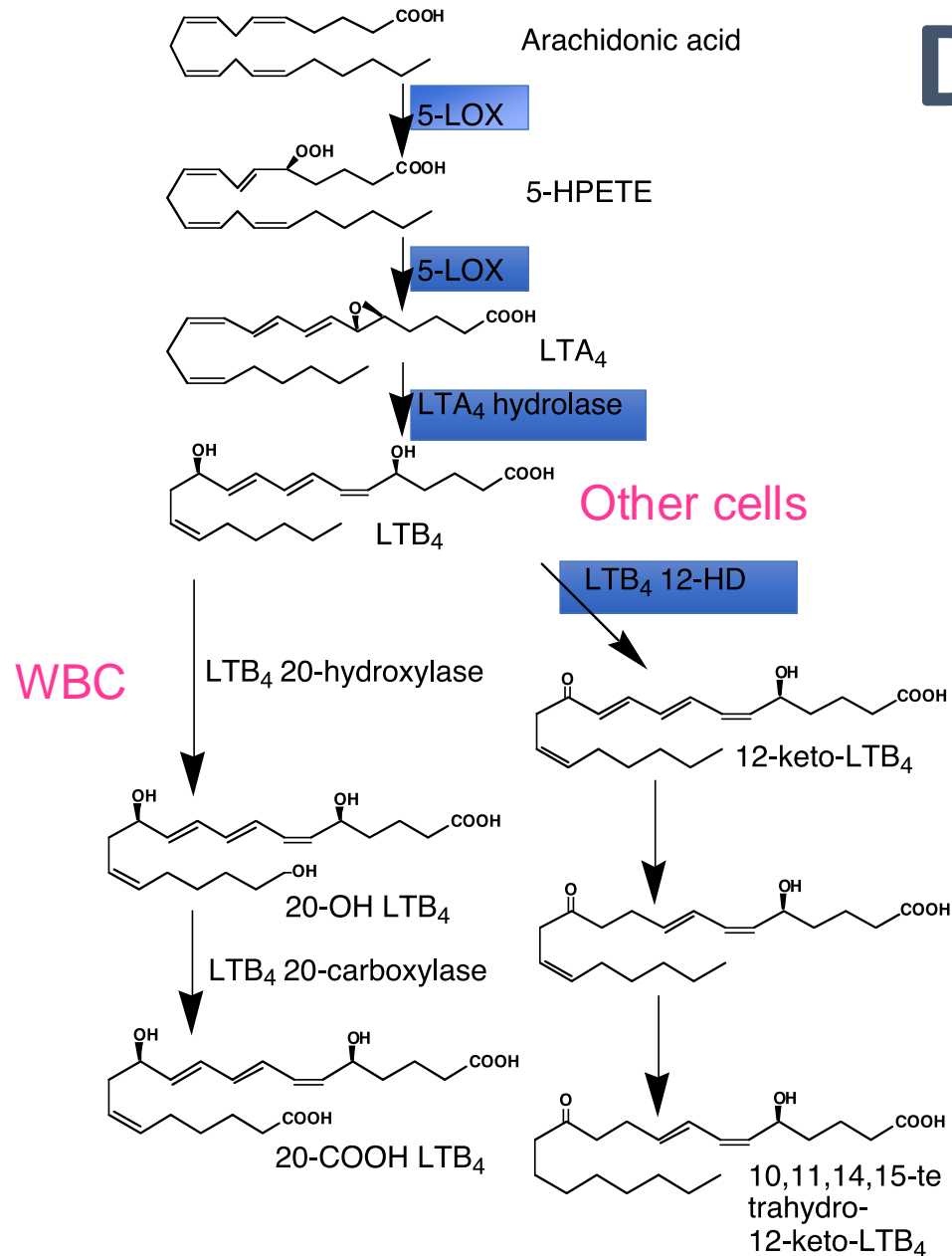
Enzyme with dual lipoxygenase activities catalyzes leukotriene A₄ synthesis from arachidonic acid

(potato lipoxygenase/bishomo- γ -linolenic acid/8-lipoxygenase/*D*-hydrogen/5-hydroperoxyicosatetraenoic acid)

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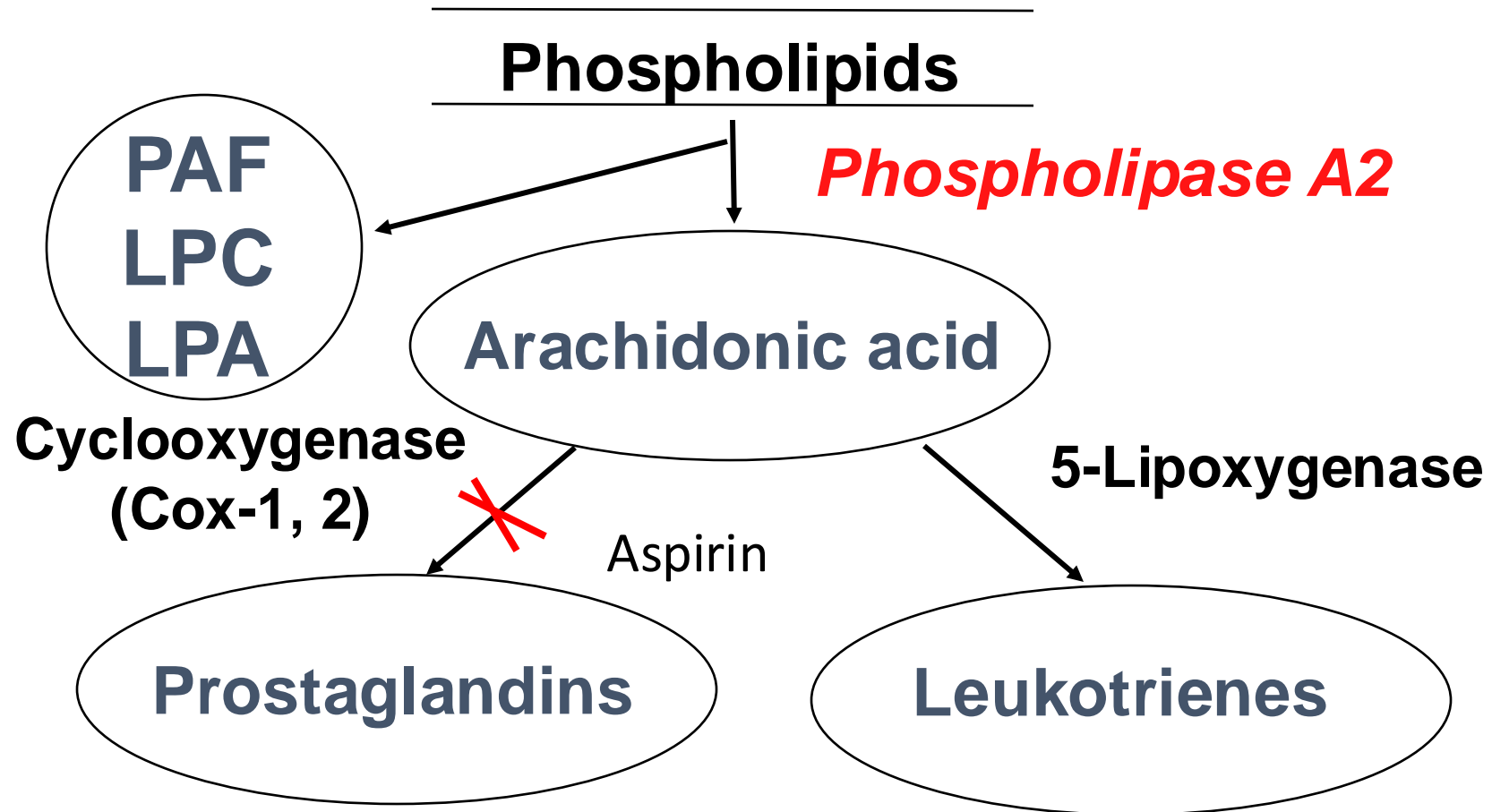
Department of Physiological Chemistry, Karolinska Institutet, S-104 01 Stockholm, Sweden

Drawing a map

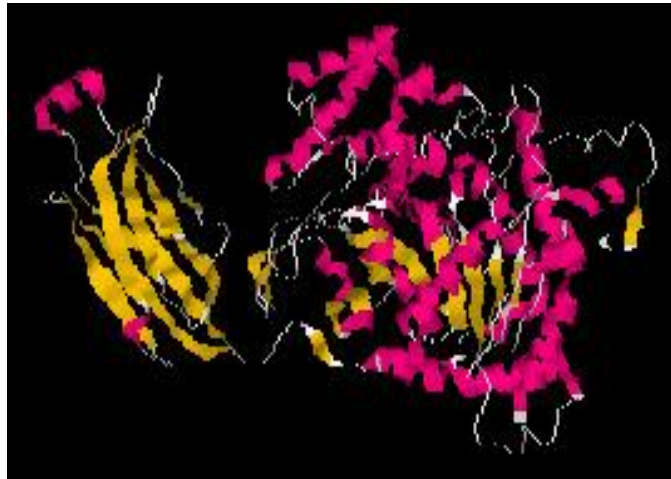
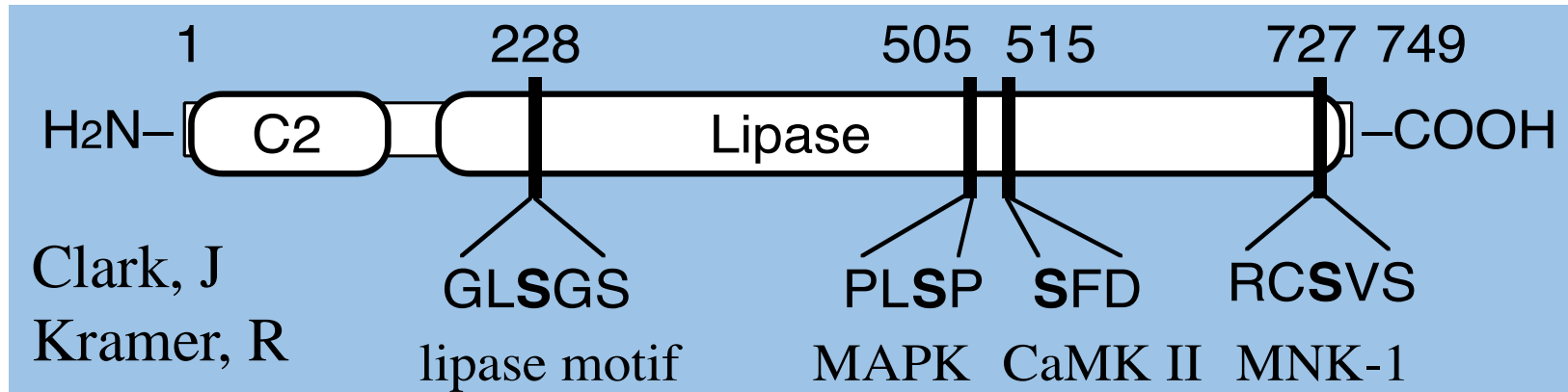


Hori, Yokomizo et al. *JBC* 2004

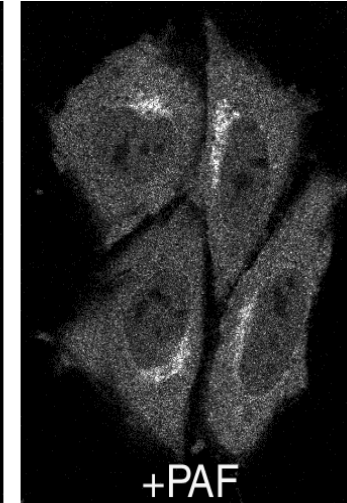
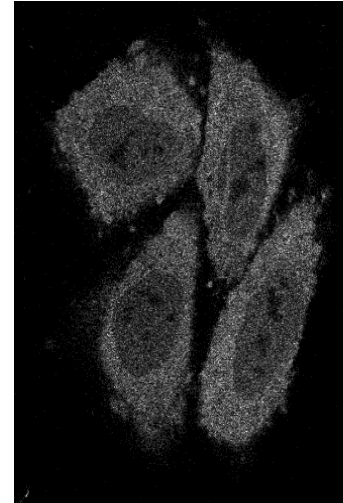
Phospholipase A₂ is a key molecule to produce lipid mediators



Structure and redistribution of cytosolic phospholipase A₂ α



Dessen et al. 1999

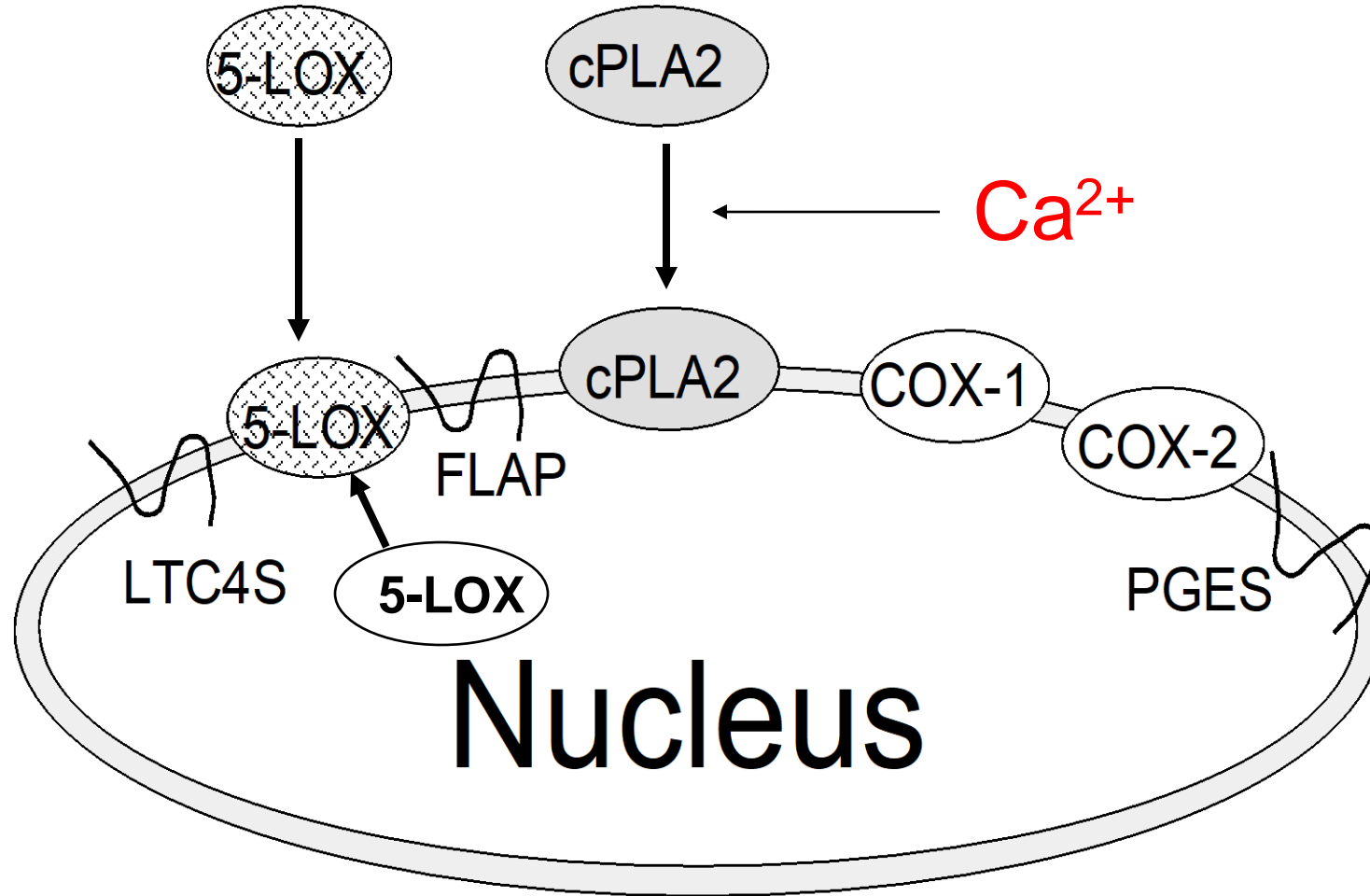


Hirabayashi et al. 1999

Properties of cPLA2 α

- **Expressed in almost all tissues and cells**
- **Preferential liberation of arachidonic acid among various fatty acids**
- **Translocation from cytosol to Golg-ER by Ca increase to meet downstream enzymes (5-Lox, Cox-1, 2 etc)**
- **Activation by phosphorylation with mapk and p38 kinases**

Most enzymes on eicosanoid biosynthesis assemble at perinuclear membrane



Phenotypes of cPLA₂α (-/-) mice

1. Reduced symptom of bronchial asthma (*Nature*, 1997).
2. Decreased mortality & symptoms of ARDS (*Nature Immunol*, 2001).
3. Milder symptoms in bleomycin-induced fibrosis (*Nature Med*, 2002)
4. Reduced mortality due to thromboembolism (*J. Exp. Med*, 2002, *Blood* 2009)
5. Marked reduction of collagen-induced arthritis (*J. Exp. Med*, 2003).
6. Milder symptoms in inflammatory bone resorption (*J. Exp. Med*, 2003)
7. Milder symptoms in allergic encephalomyelitis (*J. Exp. Med* 2005, *PNAS*, 2010)
8. Prevention from atherosclerosis (*Amer. J. Physiol.* 2012)
9. Impairment of synaptic plasticity and delivery (*PNAS*, 2010)
10. Protection of intestinal polyposis (*J. Exp. Med*, 2015; *PNAS*, 2017)

Most of phenotypes are explained by the deficiency of downstream lipid mediators

Failure of cPLA2 α inhibitor for clinical use

- **Collaboration with A company for 12 years**
- **Screening out a potent and selective inhibitor (20 mg per day, po, good PK and PD)**
- **Rheumatoid arthritis, bronchial asthma, osteoporosis**
- **Stop development recently, because of adverse effects at high doses during phase III clinical trial in US**
- **Potential use for Covid-19-induced ARDS**

Expression cloning of PAF receptor the 1st example of lipid GPCRs (1991)

Cloning by functional expression of platelet-activating factor receptor from guinea-pig lung

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Michiko Minami^{*}, Tsuyoshi Watanabe^{*},
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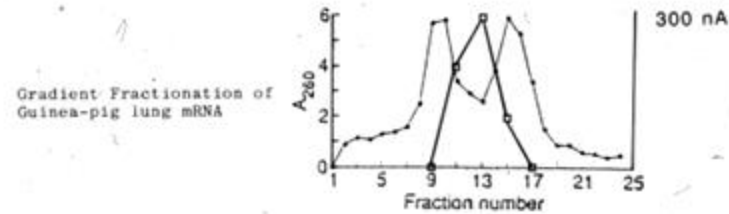
PLATELET-activating factor (PAF), a unique phospholipid mediator, possesses potent proinflammatory, smooth-muscle contractile and hypotensive activities, and appears to be crucial in the pathogenesis of bronchial asthma and in the lethality of endotoxin and anaphylactic shock¹⁻³. Despite this, little is known of the molecular properties of the PAF receptor and related signal transduction systems. Although several lines of evidence suggest that activation of the PAF receptor stimulates phospholipase C and subsequent inositol trisphosphate formation through G protein(s)^{4,5}, the PAF receptor and calcium channel are reported to show a close relation^{2,6}. As a first approach to cloning lipid autacoid

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Cloning Strategy of PAF Receptor cDNA



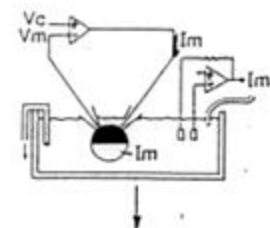
Construction of cDNA
Library (λzap II)



In vitro Transcription
with T7 RNA polymerase



Injection of Oocytes with
cDNA Transcripts and
Measurement of PAF-dependent
Cl⁻ Current



Sub Selection to yield
a single cDNA clone



PAF Receptor cDNA



Receptors

PAF receptor, *Nature* 1991, *Neuron*, 1992

LTB4 receptors (BLT1, 2), *Nature* 1997,

J. Exp. Med., 2000, *J. Exp. Med*, 2005;

Nature CB, 2018

Non-edg LPA4 and LPA6, *JBC*, 2003, *JBC*, 2009

JCI Insight, 2018; *Human Mol. Genetics*, 2022



Z. Honda, I. Miki
(Firenze, 1991)



S. Ishii, K. Yanagida, K. Noguchi
Snowmass, 2005



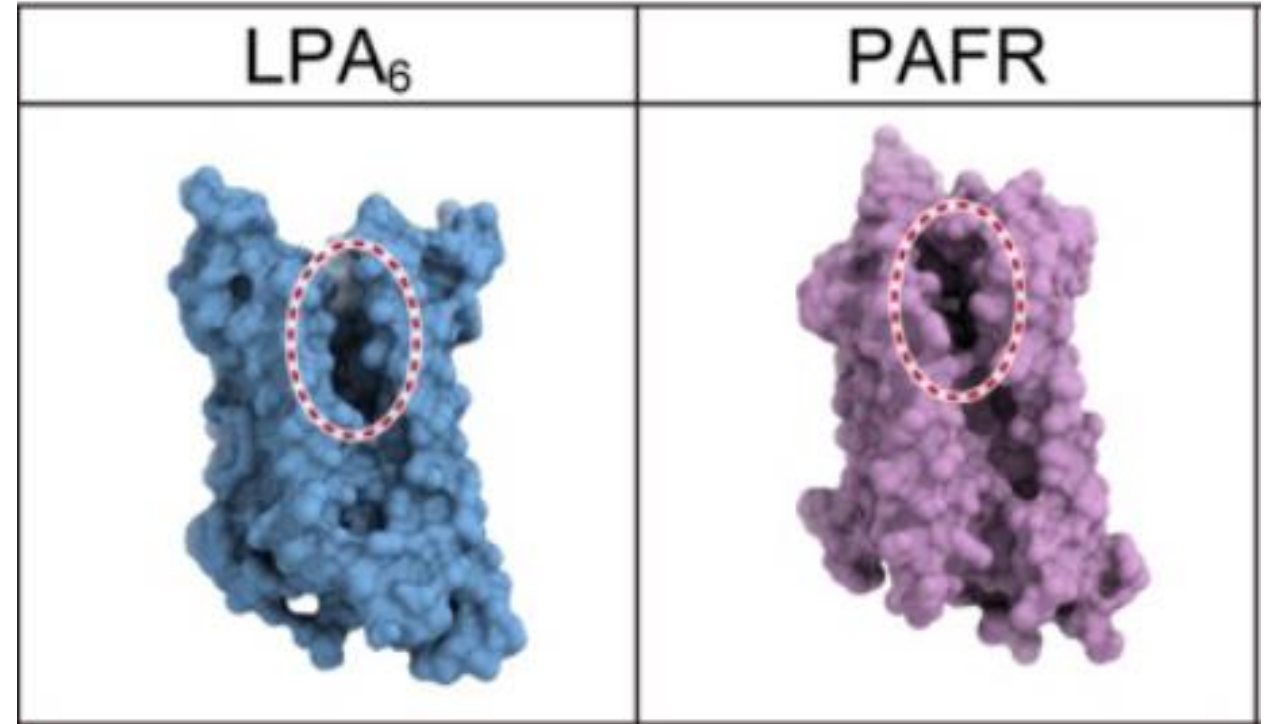
Takehiko Yokomizo,
Boston, 1999

Recent hot topics on PAFR, LPA6



Rupadatine, a PAF receptor antagonist approved by FDA, now on market over 90 countries.

The drug is now used for adverse effects after SARS-Covid-19 vaccination



Cleft between TM4 and 5, suggesting lateral movement of ligand
Taniguchi, Nature 2017; Cao, et al. *Nature SMB*. 2018

Summary-1 (Mediators)

- Arachidonate 5-lipoxygenase catalyzes LTA4 formation by its 8-lipoxygenase activity (both potato and mammals)
- LTA4 hydrolase was cDNA cloned, which has dual activities of epoxide hydrolase (LTB4 formation) and Zn-aminopeptidase.
- By knockout mice studies, cPLA2a plays important roles in health and diseases through productions of eicosanoids and PAF.
- Like catecholamines or peptides, most lipid mediators also exert their biological activities by GPCR activations (PAF, LTB4, LPA etc)

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Turning point in 2003

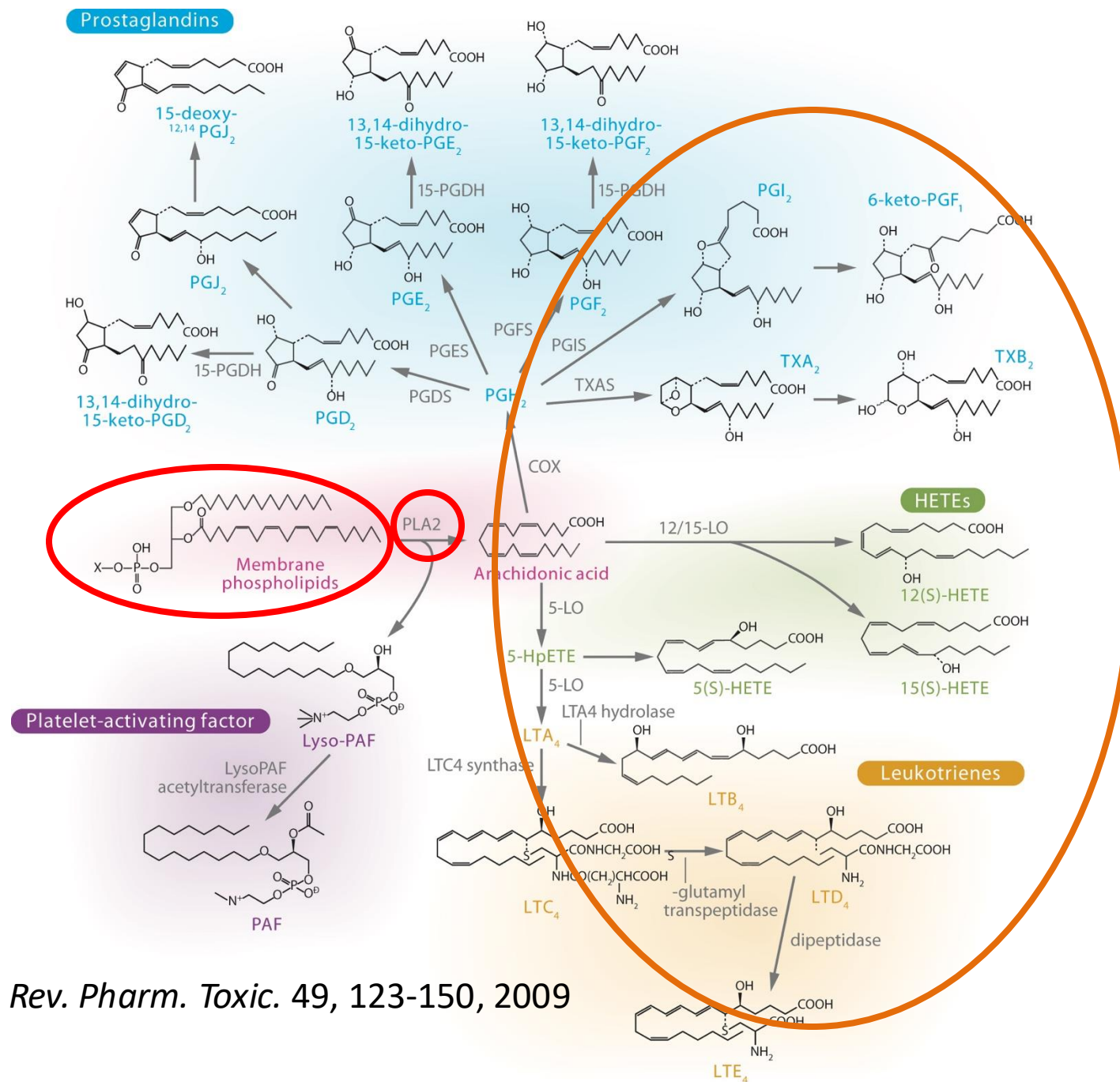
a year of whole human genome was sequenced,
and 10 years before my formal retirement

- **How arachidonate is located at *sn*-2 position,
and how membrane diversity is made?**



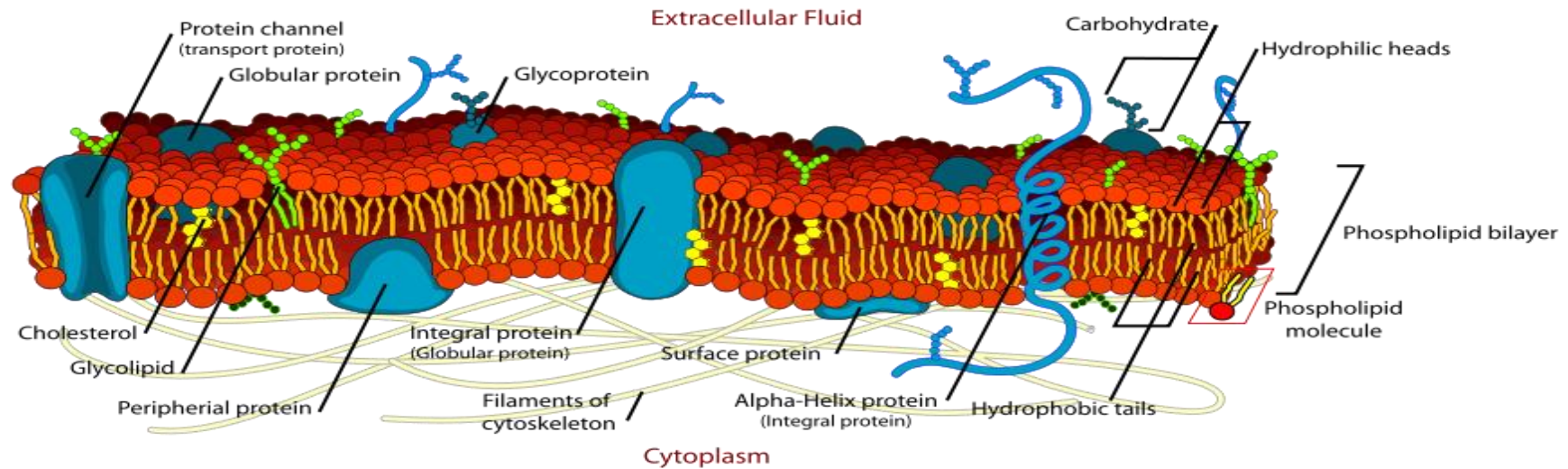
- **Need development of comprehensive
lipidomics techniques**

(Ono Pharmaceutical and Shimadzu supported
establishment of a metabolome laboratory at U-Tokyo.)

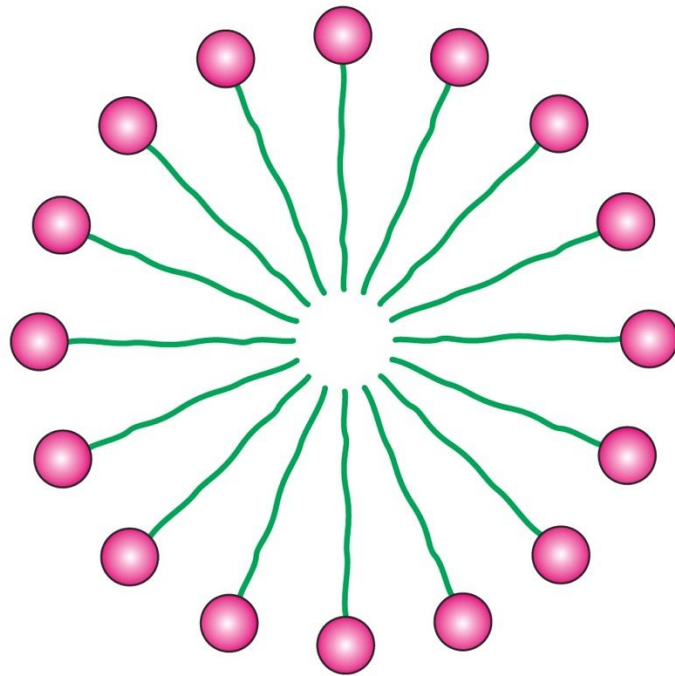


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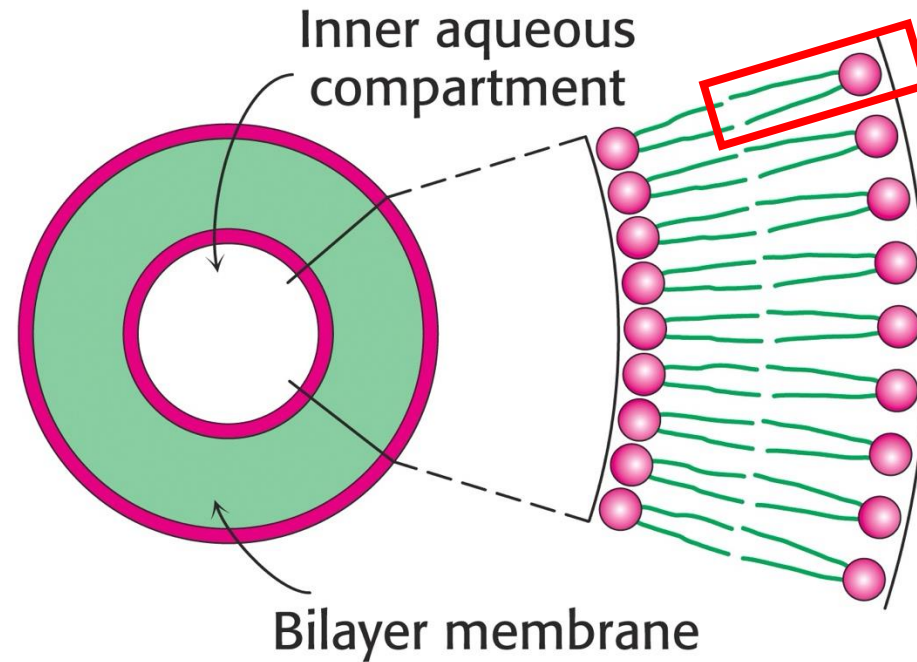
Phospholipids as major components of biological membrane



Lipid bilayer is made with phospholipids with amphipathic properties



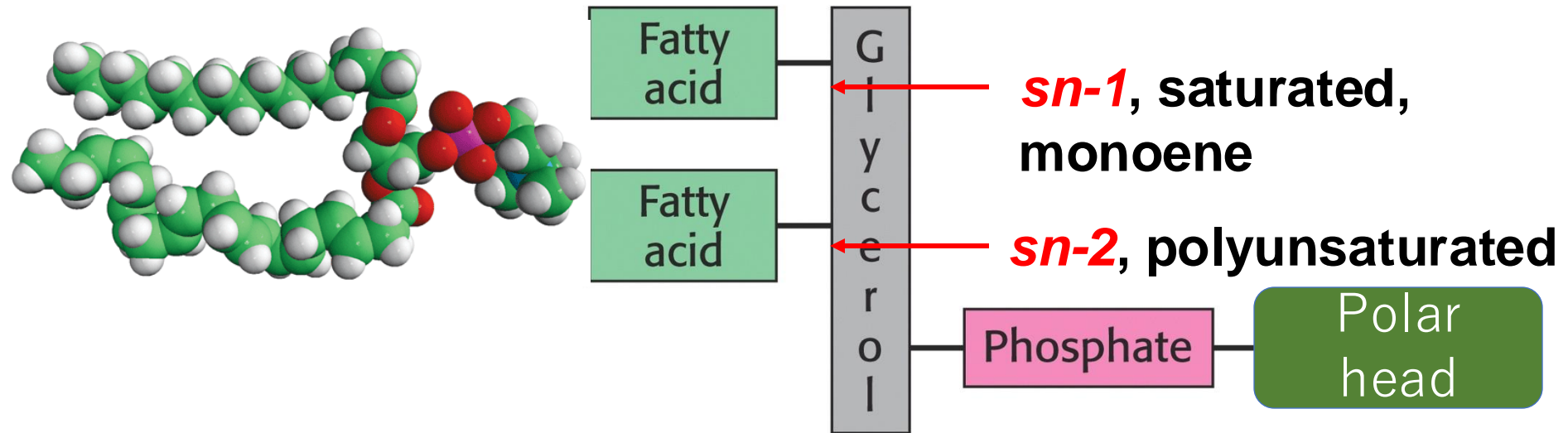
Micelle



Stryer, 8th ed

Liposome

Fatty acyl diversity and asymmetry of glycerophospholipids



- *How? Biochemical mechanisms*
- *So what? Biological consequence*

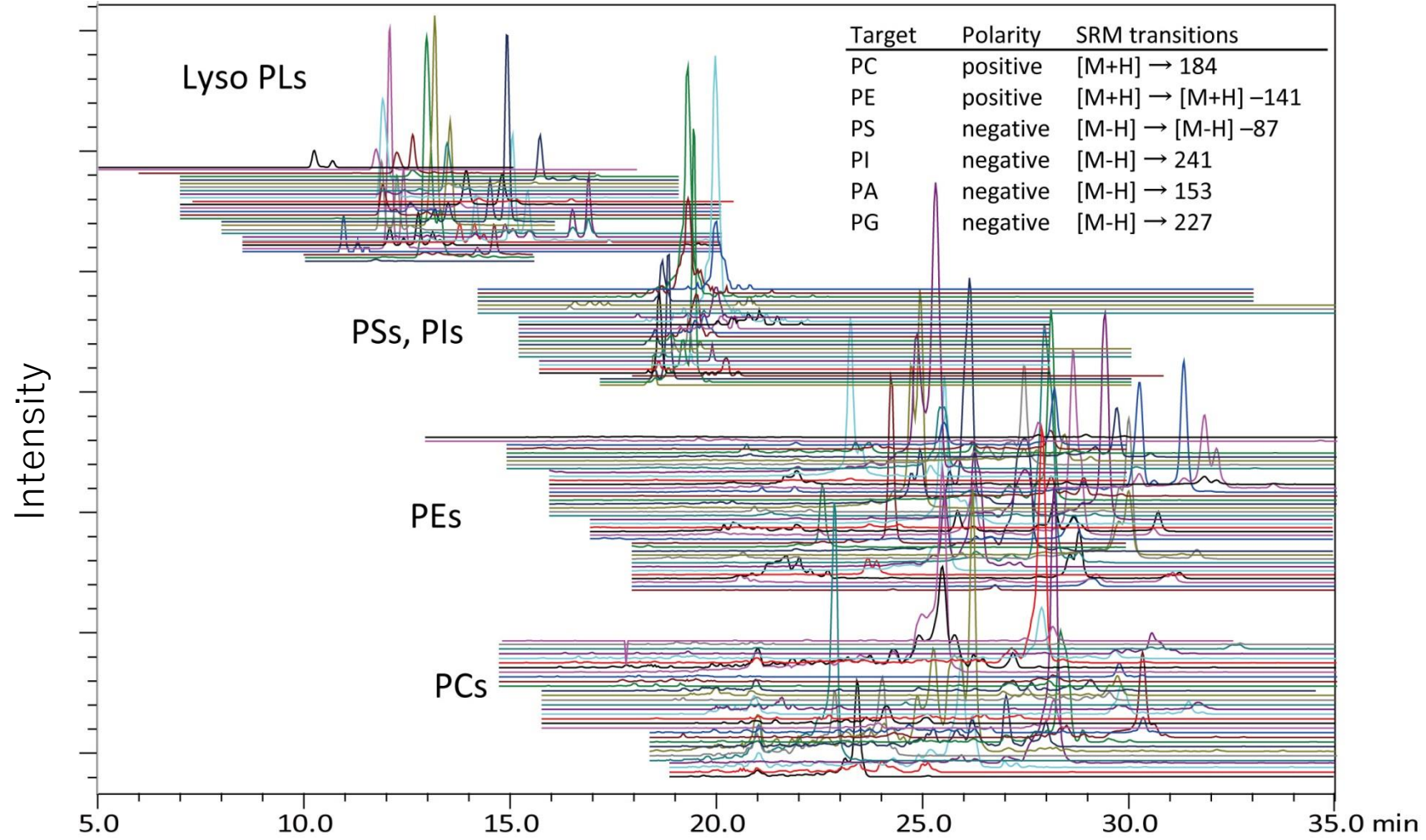


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田中氏の研究成果生かせ 島津、東大に寄付講座

に設置する。名古屋市立
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付講座を率いる客員教授
に就任する。
研究の対象は細胞内に
あるアミノ酸や脂質、糖
質など代謝産物と呼ばれ
る物質。これらは生命活
動に必要な物質やエネル
ギーを作るとともに、病
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網羅的に解析するメタボ

A typical SRM of brain phospholipids



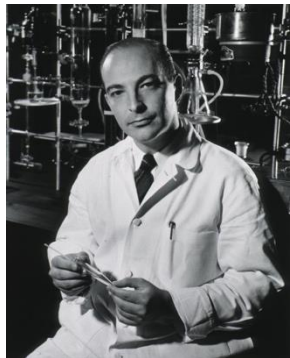
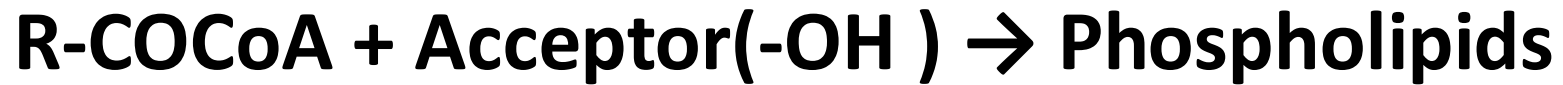
Tokuoka, Kita et al.
Lipid extract from mouse brain

First concept by Kornberg

1. Fatty acid activation (acyl-CoA ligase, ACL)



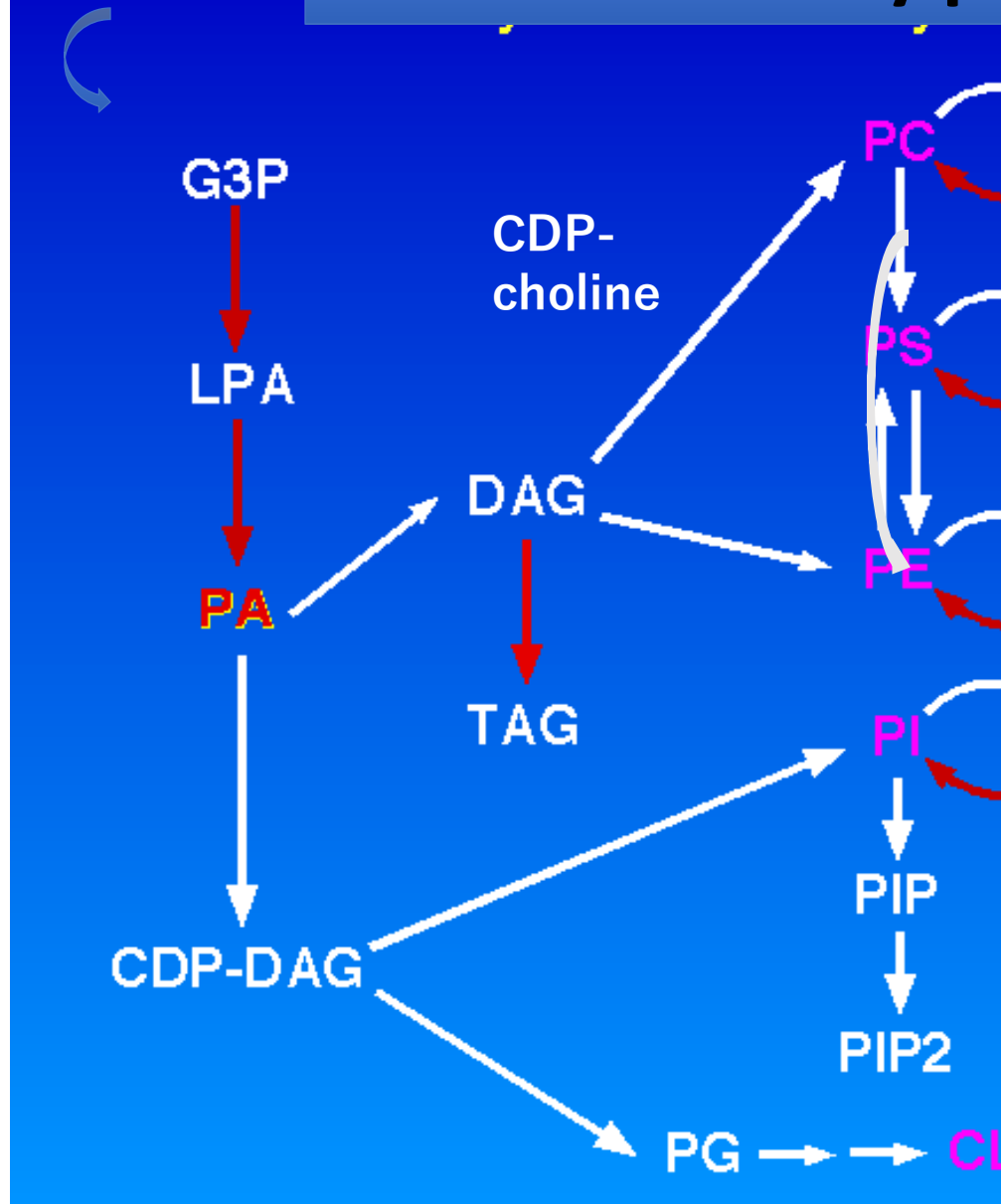
2. Transfer of acyl-CoA (acyltransferase)



Pricer and Kornberg, J. Biol Chem. 1950

glucose

De novo Kennedy pathway

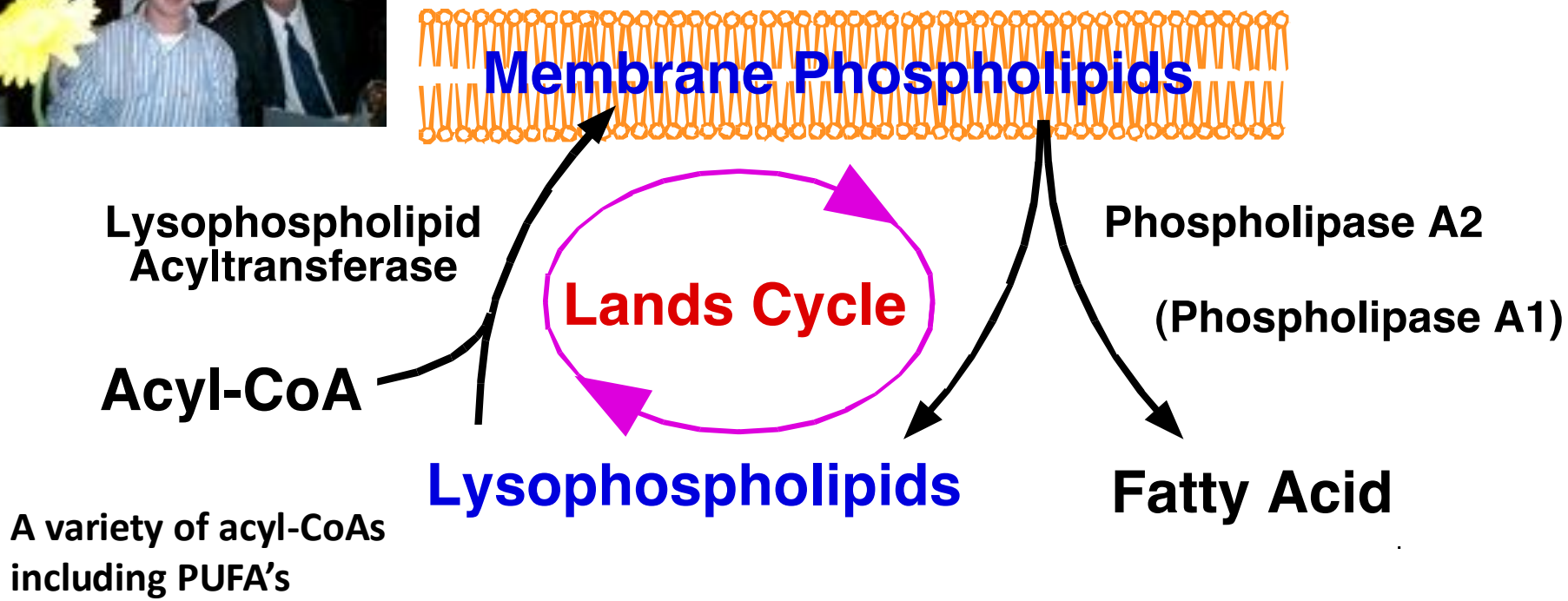


Eugene P.
Kennedy

1919-2011



Remodeling pathway to make mature membrane with diversity



Lands WEM et al., 1960

Earlier study on lipid acyltransferases

Characterization of *sn*-Glycerol 3-Phosphate Acyltransferase from Guinea Pig

*Harderian Gland Microsomes*¹

Kazuhiko KUME, Takao SHIMIZU and Yousuke SEYAMA

J. Biochem. 101, 653-660, 1987

BIOCHEMICAL AND BIOPHYSICAL RESEARCH COMMUNICATIONS 237, 663–666 (1997)
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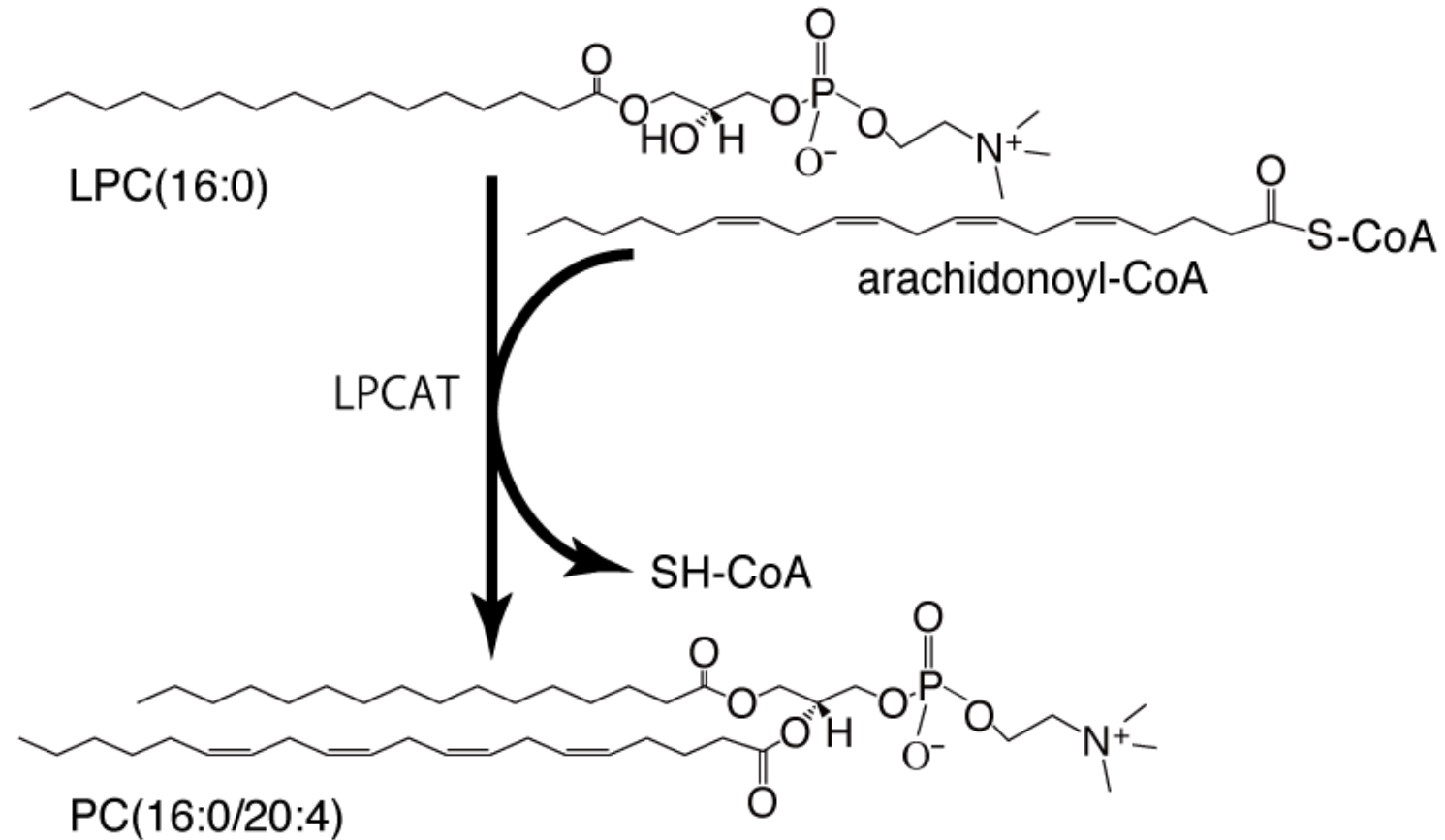
cDNA Cloning and Expression of Murine
1-Acyl-*sn*-glycerol-3-phosphate Acyltransferase

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Kazuhiko Kume and Takao Shimizu 1997

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Lysophosphatidylcholine (LPC) acyltransferases (LPCAT)



Discovery of the first LPCAT (LPCAT1)

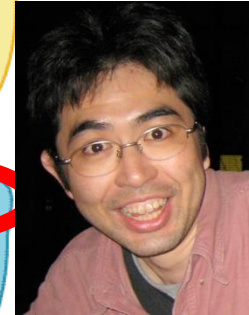
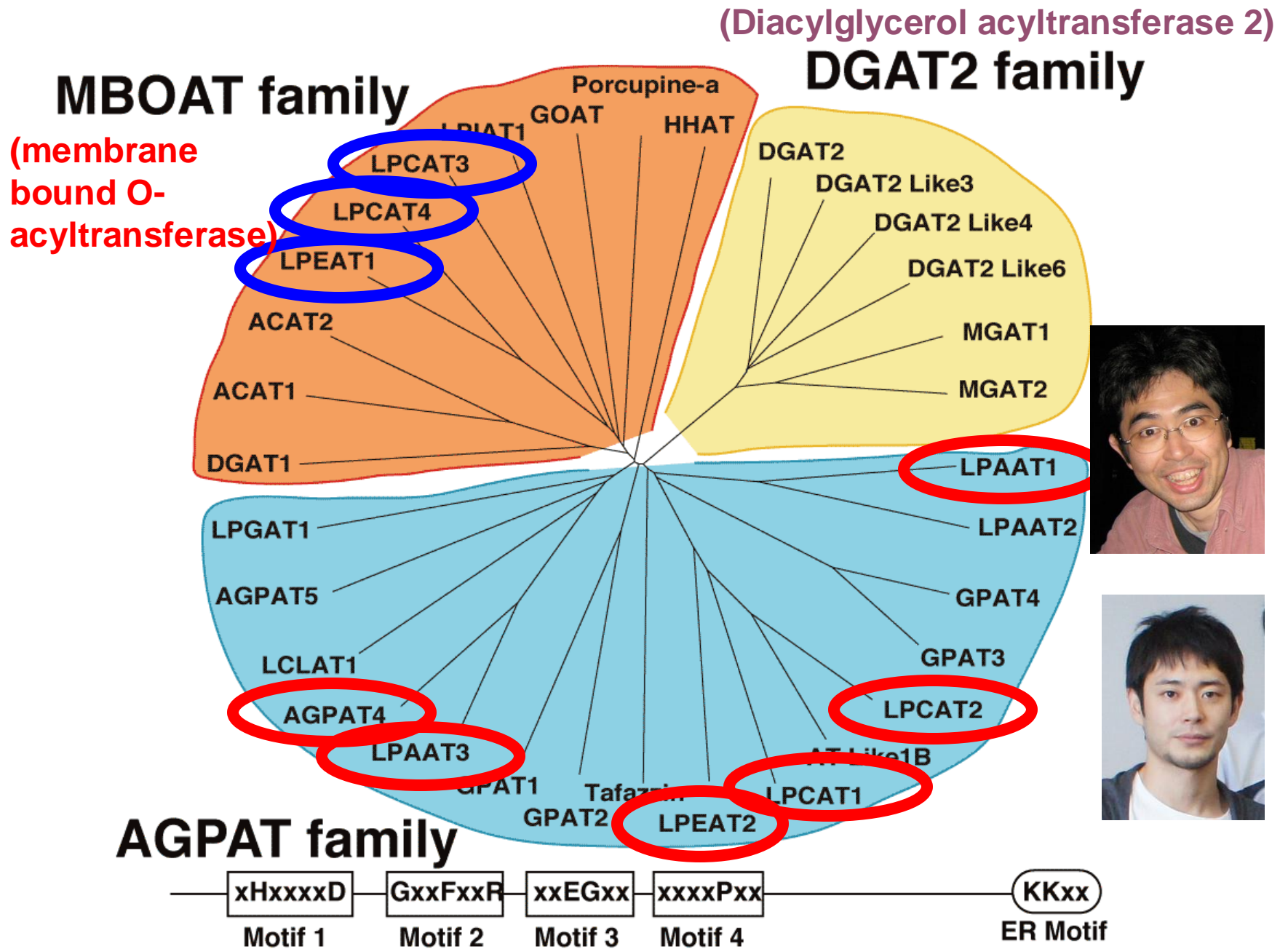
Nakanishi et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 2006

Human	LPCAT 1	1	MRLRGCGPRAAPASSAGASDARLLAPPGRNPFVHELRLSALQKAQVALMTLTLFPVRLLV	60
Mouse	LPCAT 1	1	MRLRGGRGPRAAAPSSSSGAGDARRLTPPGRNPFVHELRLSALQKAQVAFMTLTLFPIRLLF	60
Rat	LPCAT 1	1	MRLRGGRGPRAAAPSSSSGAGDARRLAPPGRNPFVHELRLSALQKAQVAFMTLTLFPIRLLF	60
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Human	LPCAT 1	61	AAAMMLLAWPLALVASLGSAAKEPEQPPALWRKVVDLFLKATMRTMWFAGGFHRVAVKGR	120
Mouse	LPCAT 1	61	AAFMMMLLAWPFALLASLGPPDKEPEQPLALWRKVVDLFLKATMRTMWFAGGFHRVAVKGR	120
Rat	LPCAT 1	61	AAFMMMLLAWPFALVASLGPPDKEPEQPLALWRKVVDLFLKATMRTMWFAGGFHRVAVKGR	120
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Rat	LPCAT 1	481	EMYPDFAEDYLDPDQTHSDCAQTPPAPTNGFCIDFSPEHSDFGKNSCKKVD	534
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Ref. Chen, X et al.
PNAS, 2006

Acyltransferase Family



Conversations with Lipid Leaders: Dr. Bruno Antonny

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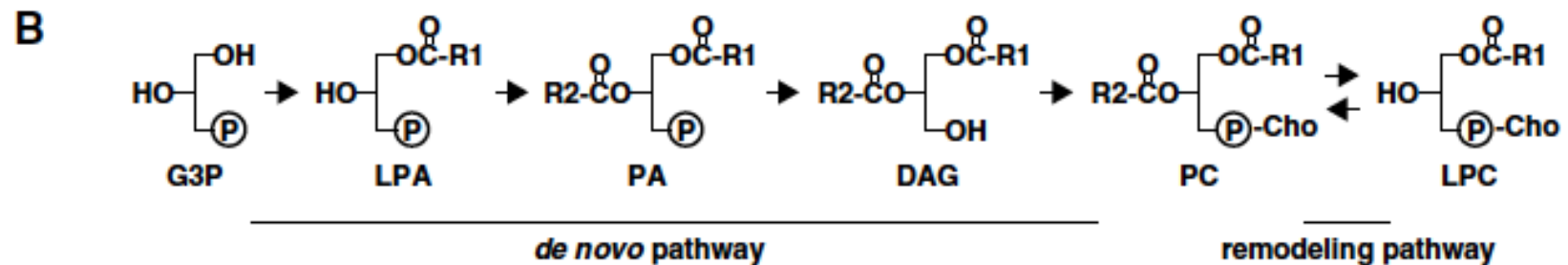
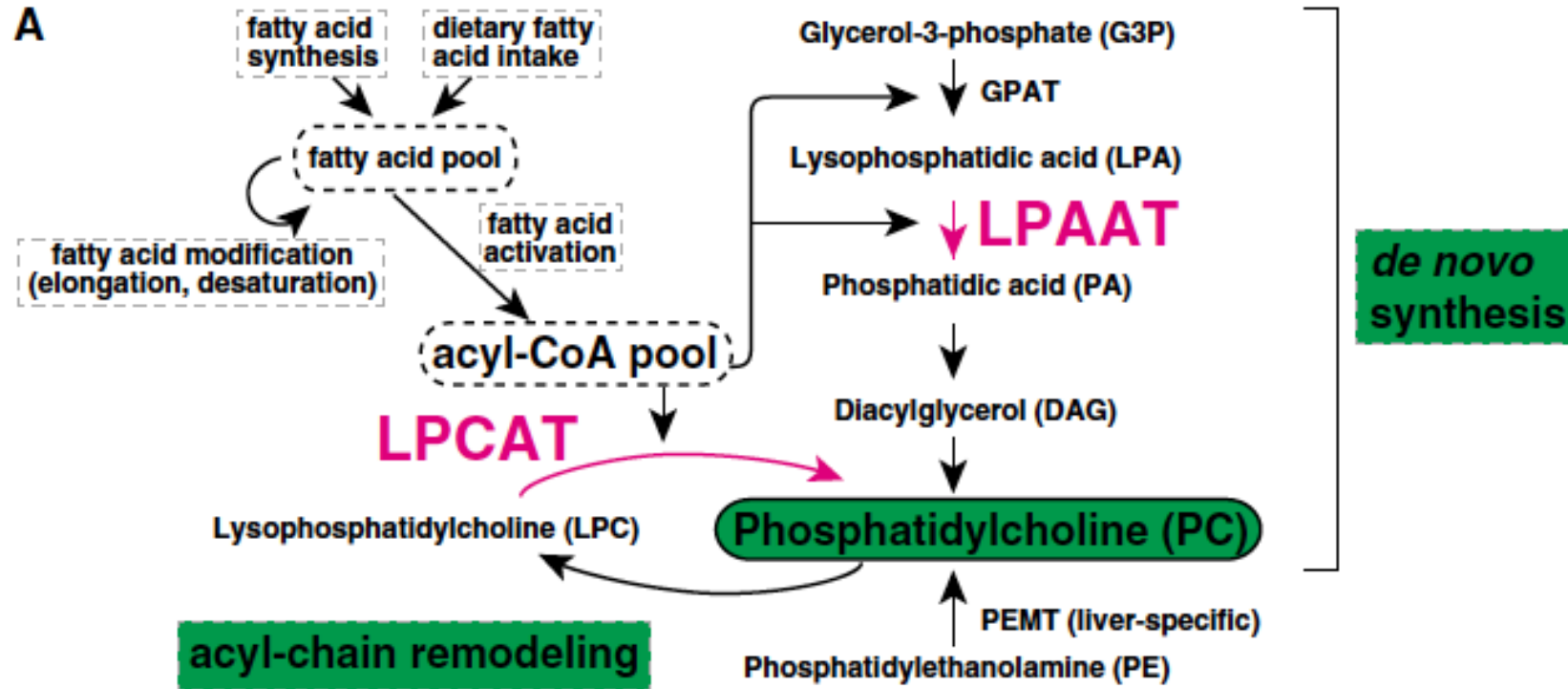
What do you consider the greatest breakthrough in lipid research in recent years?

The discovery of lipid remodeling enzymes, notably by the Shimizu lab in Japan because it opens an avenue for understanding how and why cells in real tissues control so well the acyl chain profiles their organelles. Classical cell lines used by cell biologists are very rudimentary in this respect.

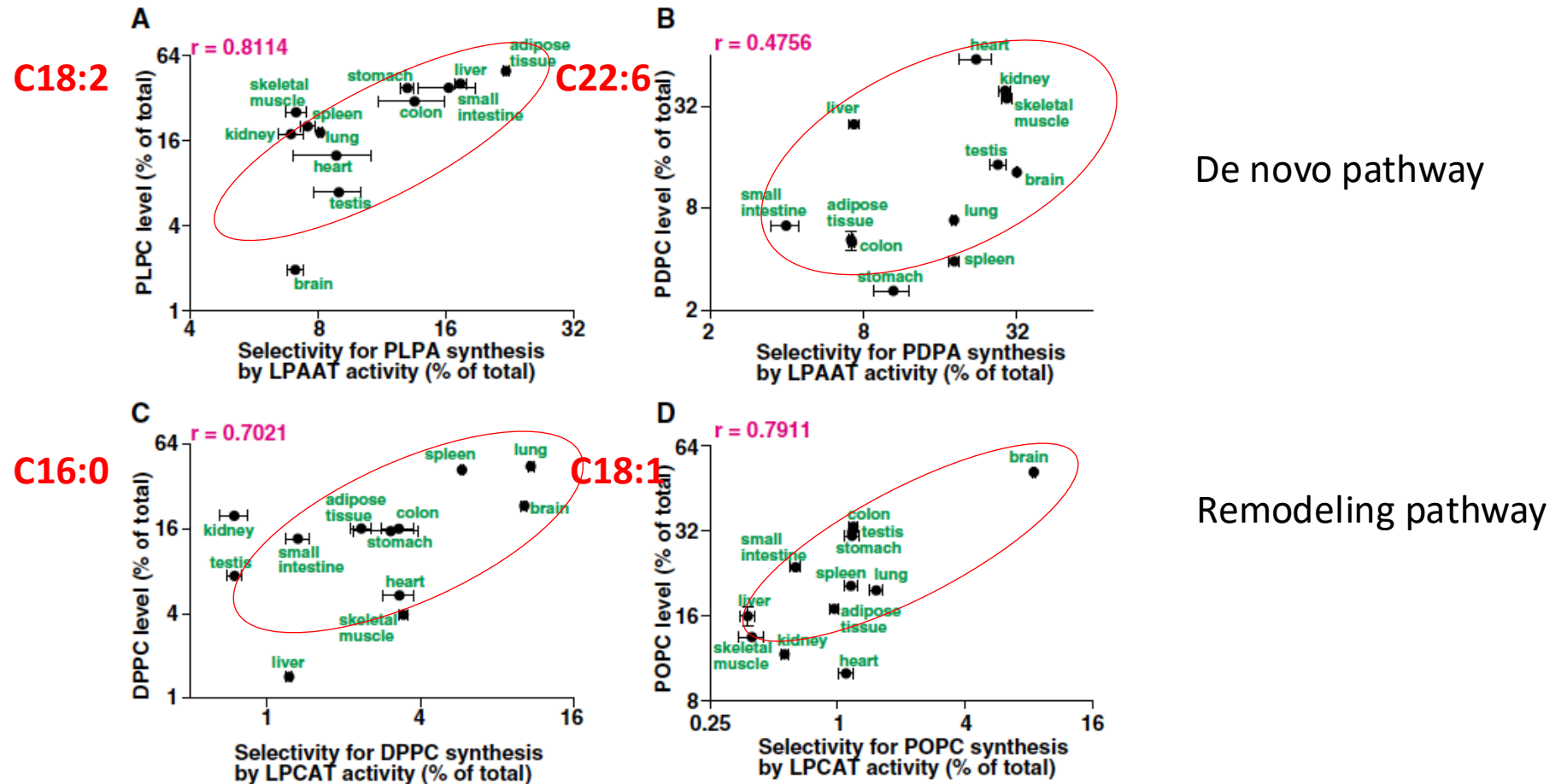
Classical idea for membrane diversity and asymmetry

- **Kennedy pathway (*de novo* pathway)** prefers saturated fatty acids, and no diversity is made.
- **Lands' cycle** matures membrane phospholipids with *sn*-1 saturated and *sn*-2 PUFA by the action of phospholipase A2 and lysophospholipid acyltransferases.

2 Steps to determine fatty acid at sn-2 position



Correlation of tissue phospholipid contents and enzyme activities



PLPC, palmitoic/linoleic acid; PDPC, P/DHA; DPPC, di-p; POPC, p/oleic acid

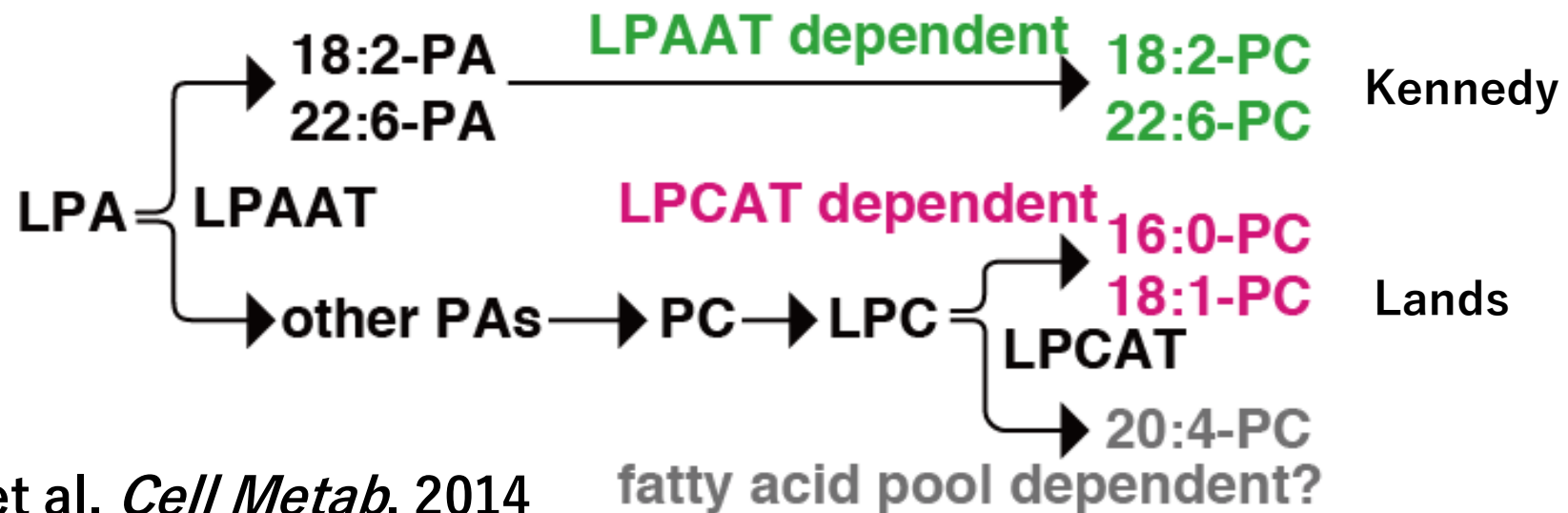
Impact of enzymes (de novo vs remodeling) on phospholipid compositions

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DPPC 16:0/16:0
POPC 16:0/18:1
PLPC 16:0/18:2
PAPC 16:0/20:4
PDPC 16:0/22:6

	LPAAT	LPCAT
DPPC	0.4609	0.7021
POPC	-0.2937	0.7911
PLPC	0.8114	0.4595
PAPC	0.2393	0.3416
PDPC	0.4756	-0.1646

Pearson's correlation coefficient



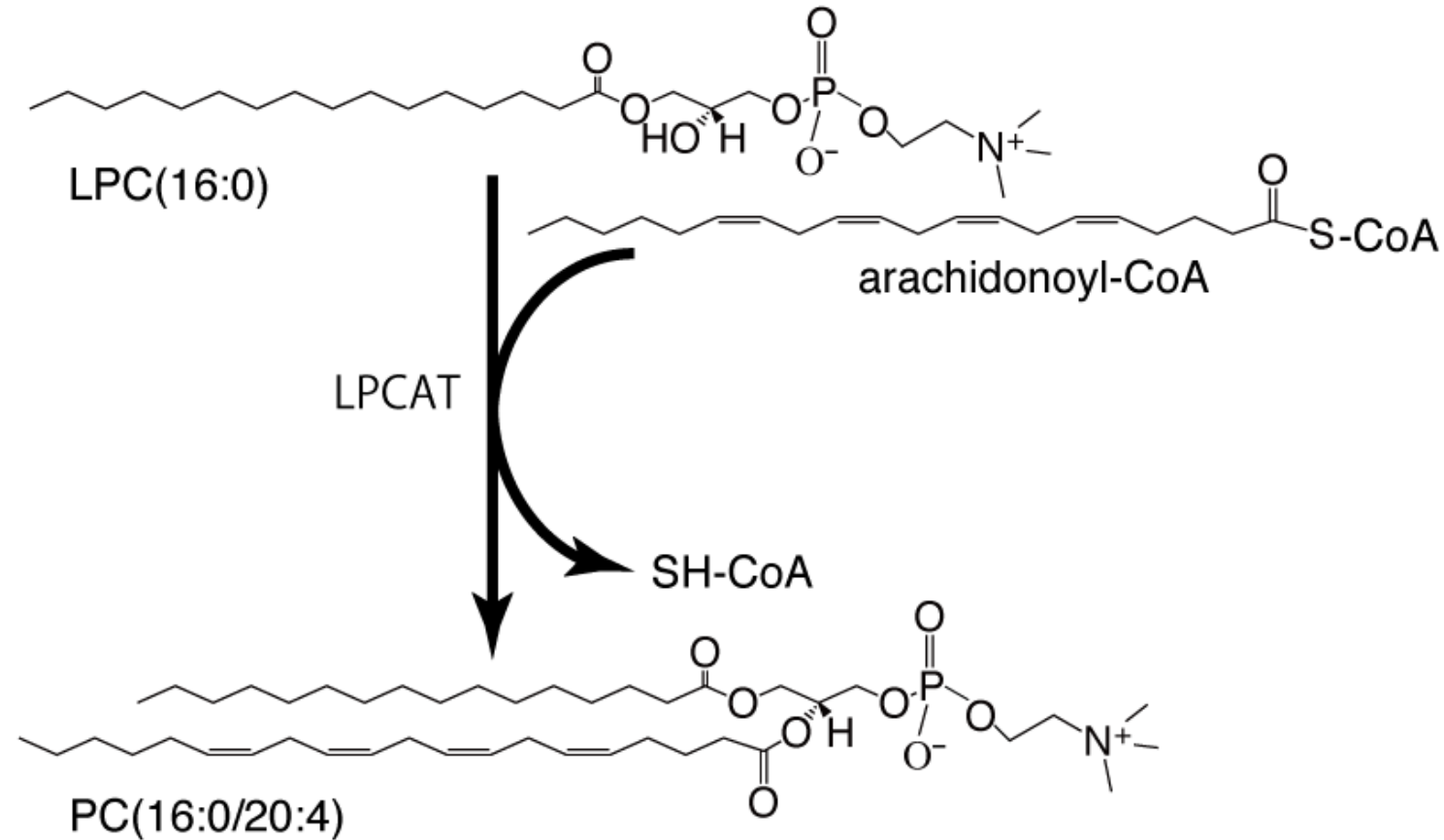
Harayama, T. et al. *Cell Metab.* 2014

A proposed revised model for fatty acid incorporation to PLs

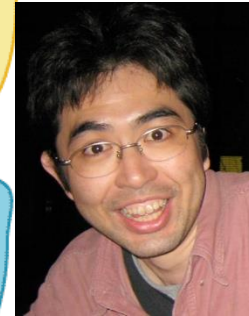
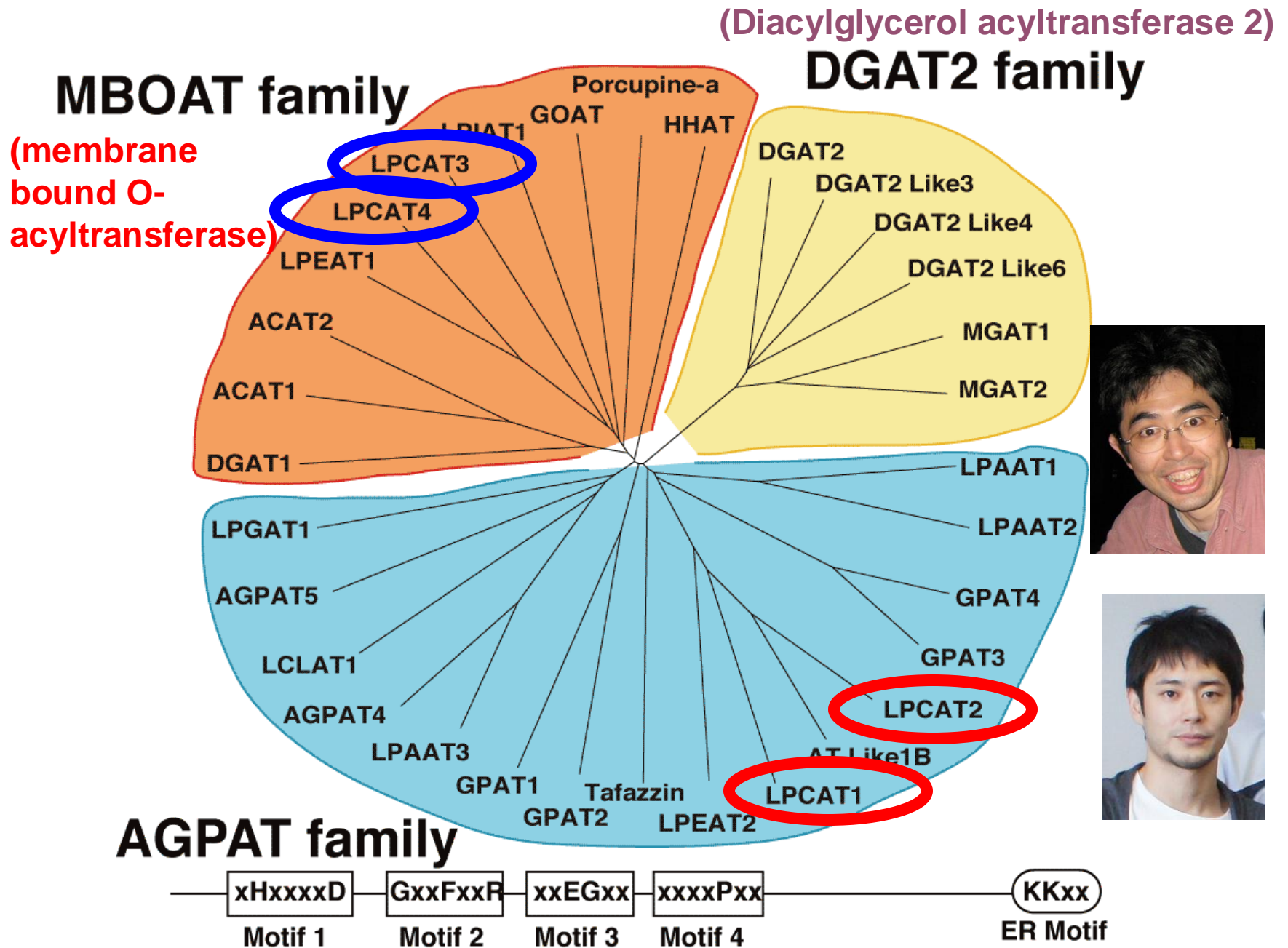
- Palmitic acid (16:0), oleic acid (18:1) and arachidonic acid (20:4) are incorporated by **LPC acyltransferases** in Lands' cycle.
- Linoleic acid (18:2) and DHA (22:6) are incorporated by **LPA acyltransferases** in *de novo* pathway.

Harayama, T. et al. *Cell Metabolism*, 2014, 2016

Lysophosphatidylcholine (LPC) acyltransferases (LPCAT), in Lands' cycle



Acyltransferase Family

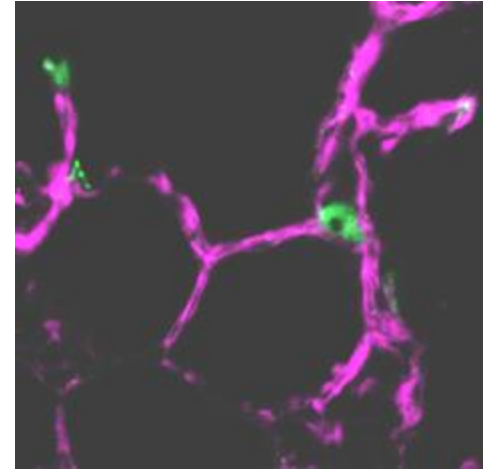


LPCAT1 (discovered in 2006)

Nakanishi et al. *JBC*, 2006

Chen et al. *PNAS*, 2006

- Produce PC and PG with saturated fatty acids (C16:0)
- Rich in lung (alveolar type 2 cells) and retina
- Knockout mice survive, but are blind, and more sensitive to acute lung injury



Important work from other laboratories

Overexpression in cancer and related to prognosis (Bi, J.. Cravatt, BF; *Cell Metabolism* 2019)

Over 100 publications on oncogenic properties, both in animal and human studies.

300,000 low birth-weight infants are rescued by surfactant replenishment world-wide every year



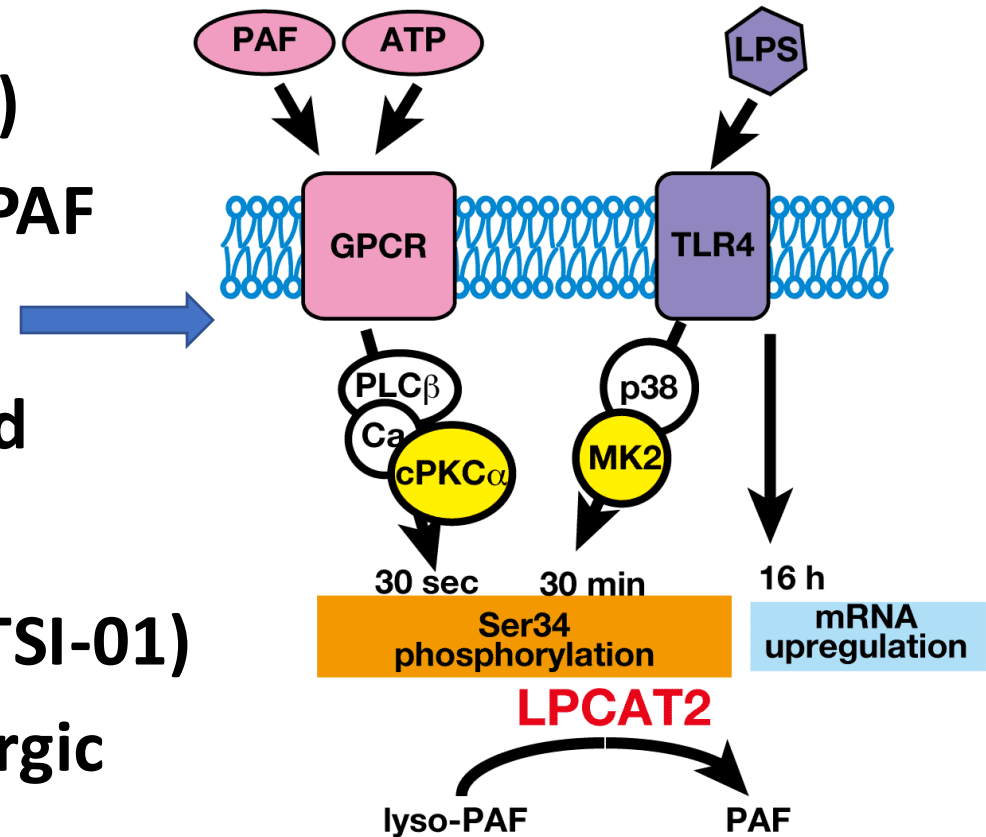
**Prof. Tetsuo Fujiwara
Dept. Pediatrics,
Iwate Medical School**



**First clinical trial in 1979 at
Akita University**

LPCAT2=lysoPAF acetyltransferase!

- Cloned by homology to LPCAT1 (48%)
- Incorporates acetyl-CoA to produce PAF
- Enzyme regulated in three pathways
- Highly expressed in macrophages and other immune cells.
- KO mice or use of LPCAT2 inhibitor (TSI-01) ameliorates neuropathic pain and allergic reactions.

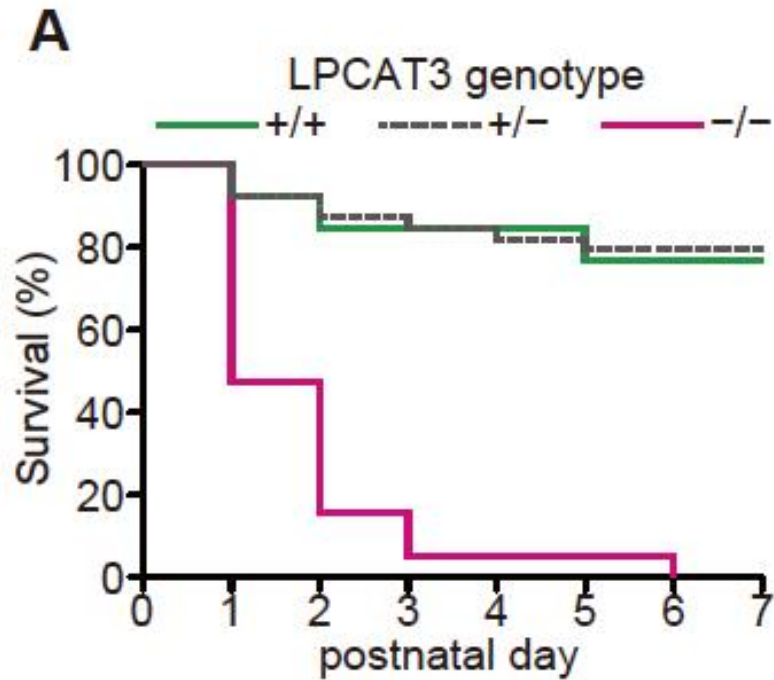


Shindou et al. *J. Immunol.* 2005; *JBC*, 2007; Morimoto et al. *JBC*, 2010; 2014

LPCAT3, a major lysoPL acyltransferase

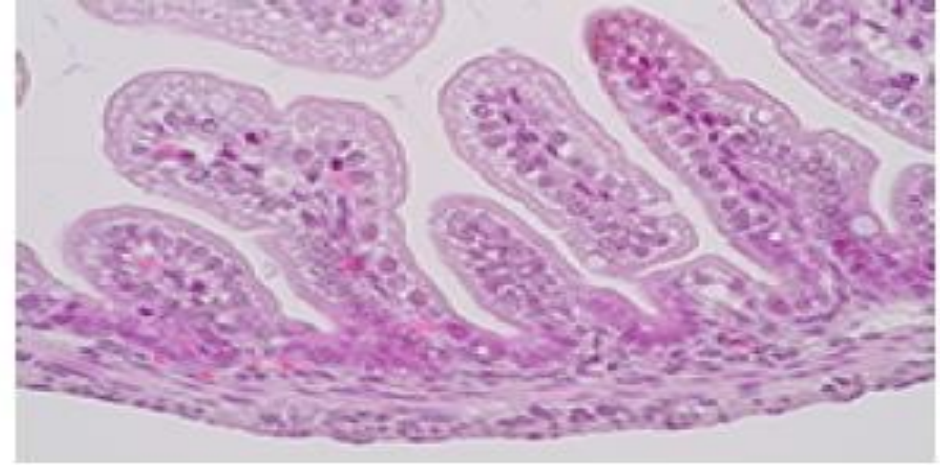
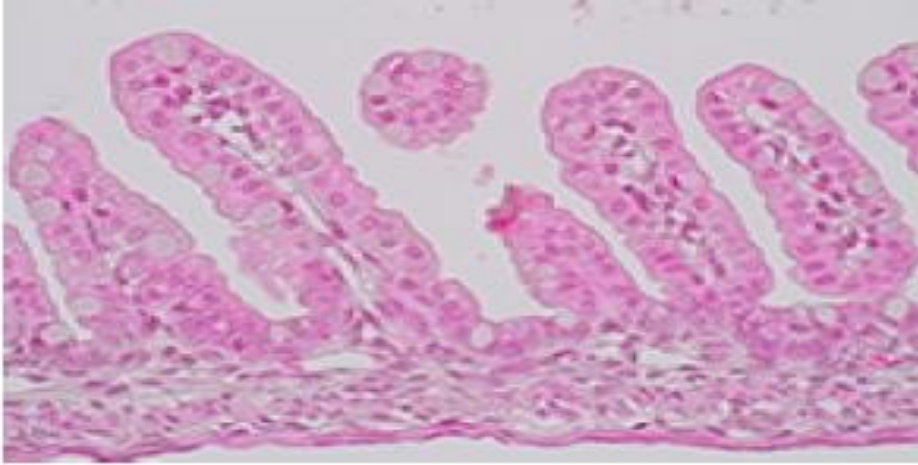
- Enzyme discovered in 2008 by three groups including us (Hishikawa, *PNAS*; Gion, *JBC*, Matsuda, *Genes to Cells*)
- Incorporates C18:2 << C20:4 to lysoPC and lysoPS
- KO mice are neonatally lethal by malnutrition and hypoglycemia due to fatty degeneration of intestinal cells.
- AA-containing phospholipids are important for triglyceride transport and lipoprotein productions.
- Phenotypes are independent of eicosanoid productions.

LPCAT3 KO mice are neonatally lethal

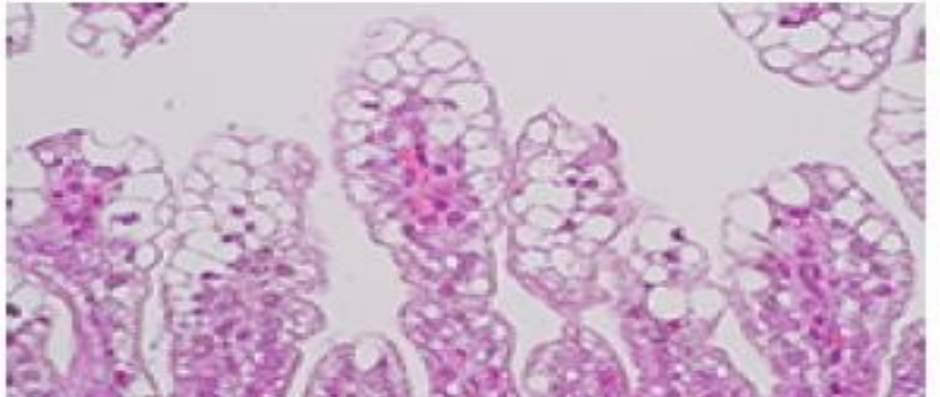
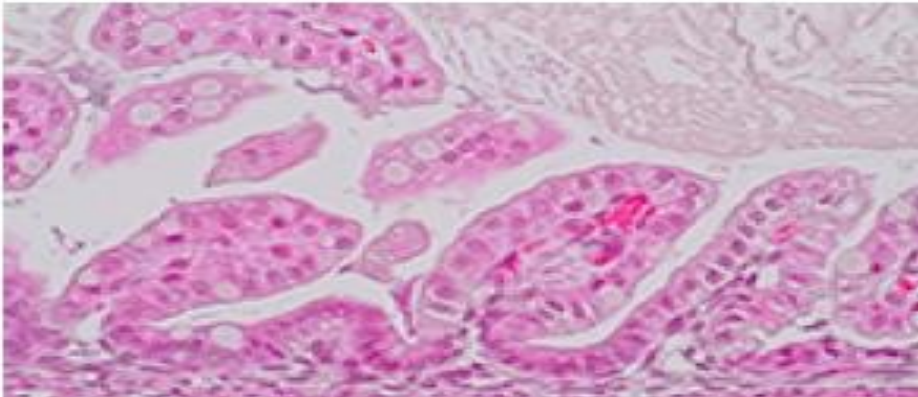


Degeneration of intestinal epithelial cells by LPCAT3 deficiency

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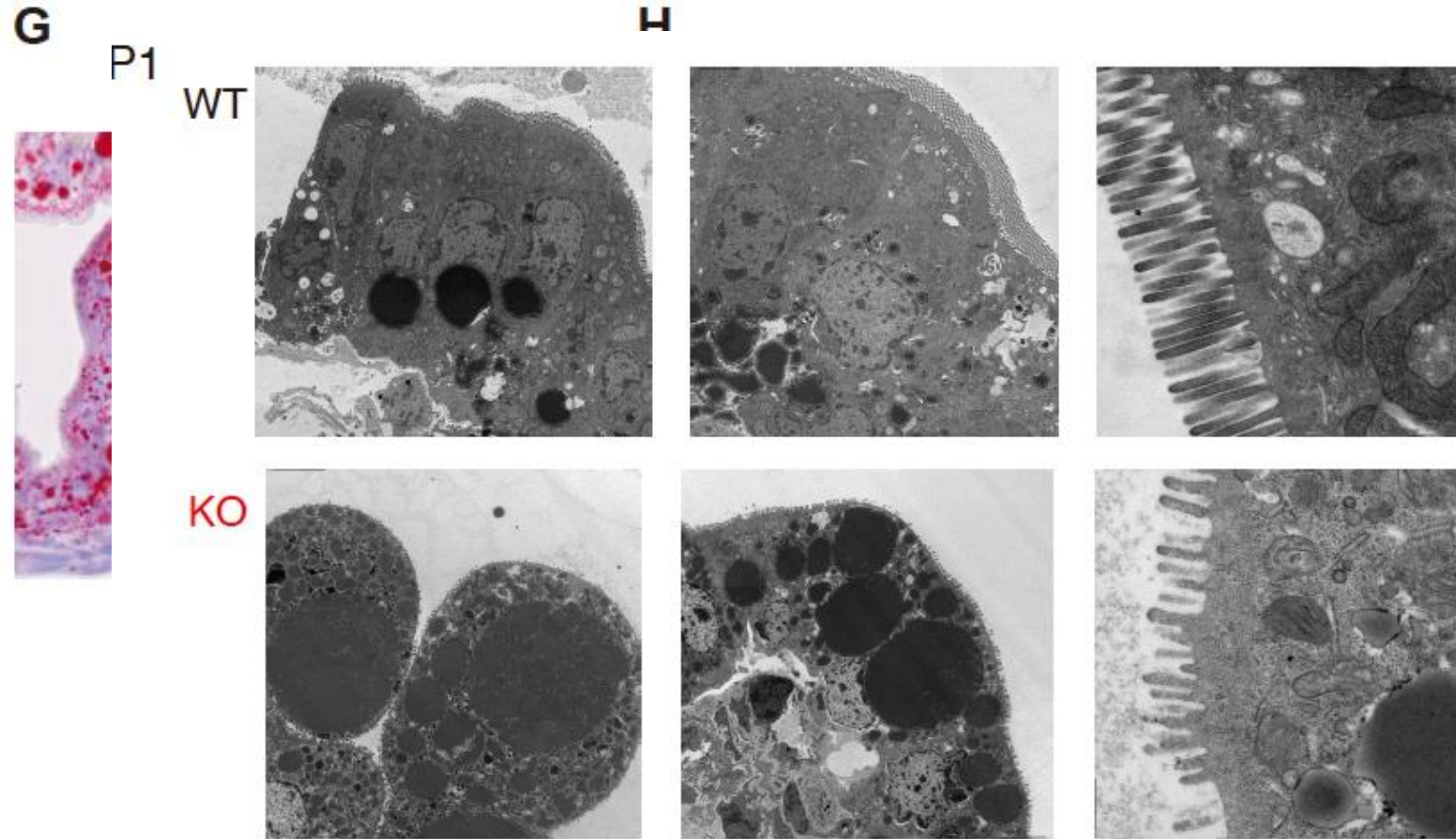
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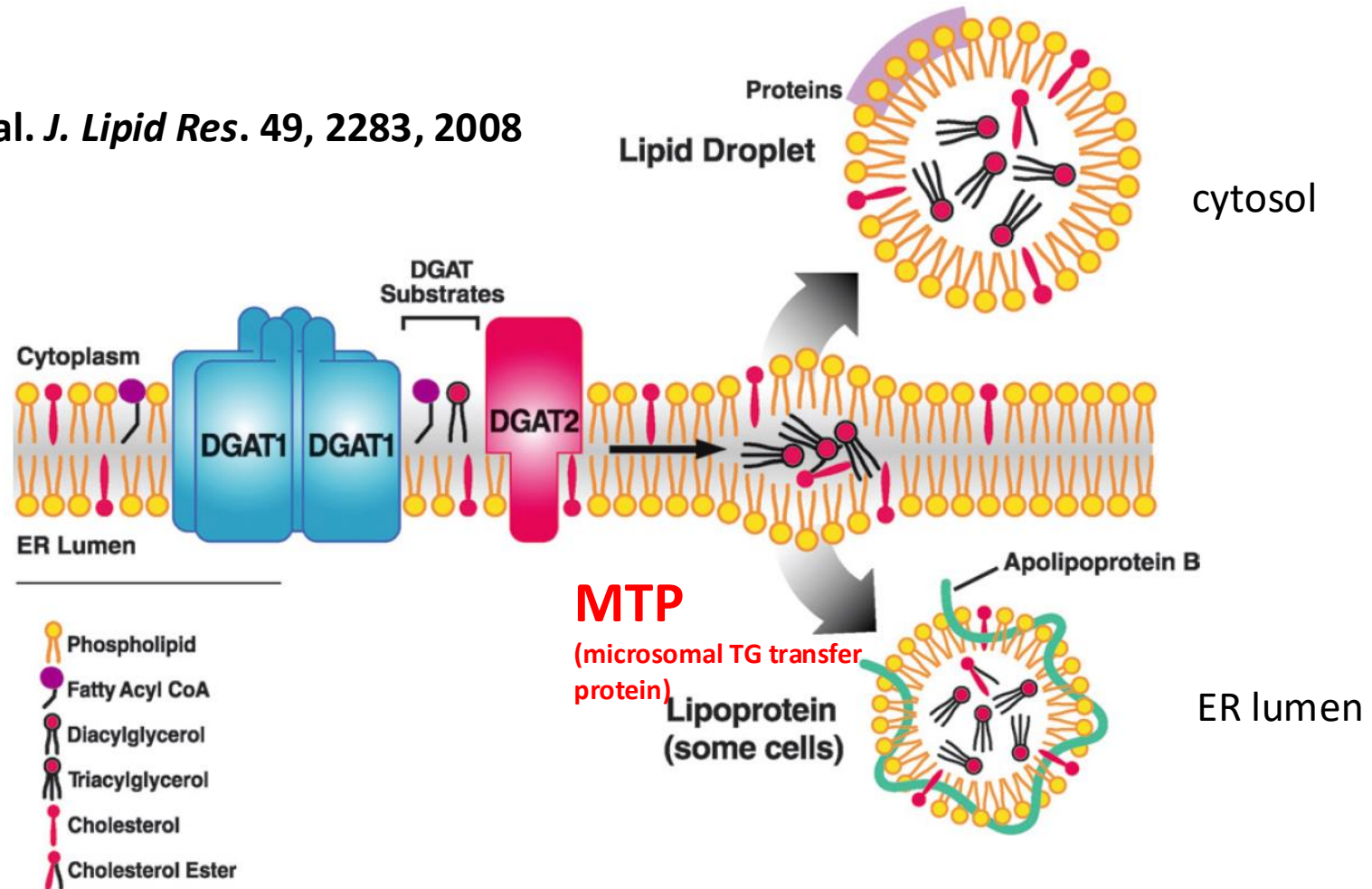
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Accumulation of lipid droplets in KO intestine



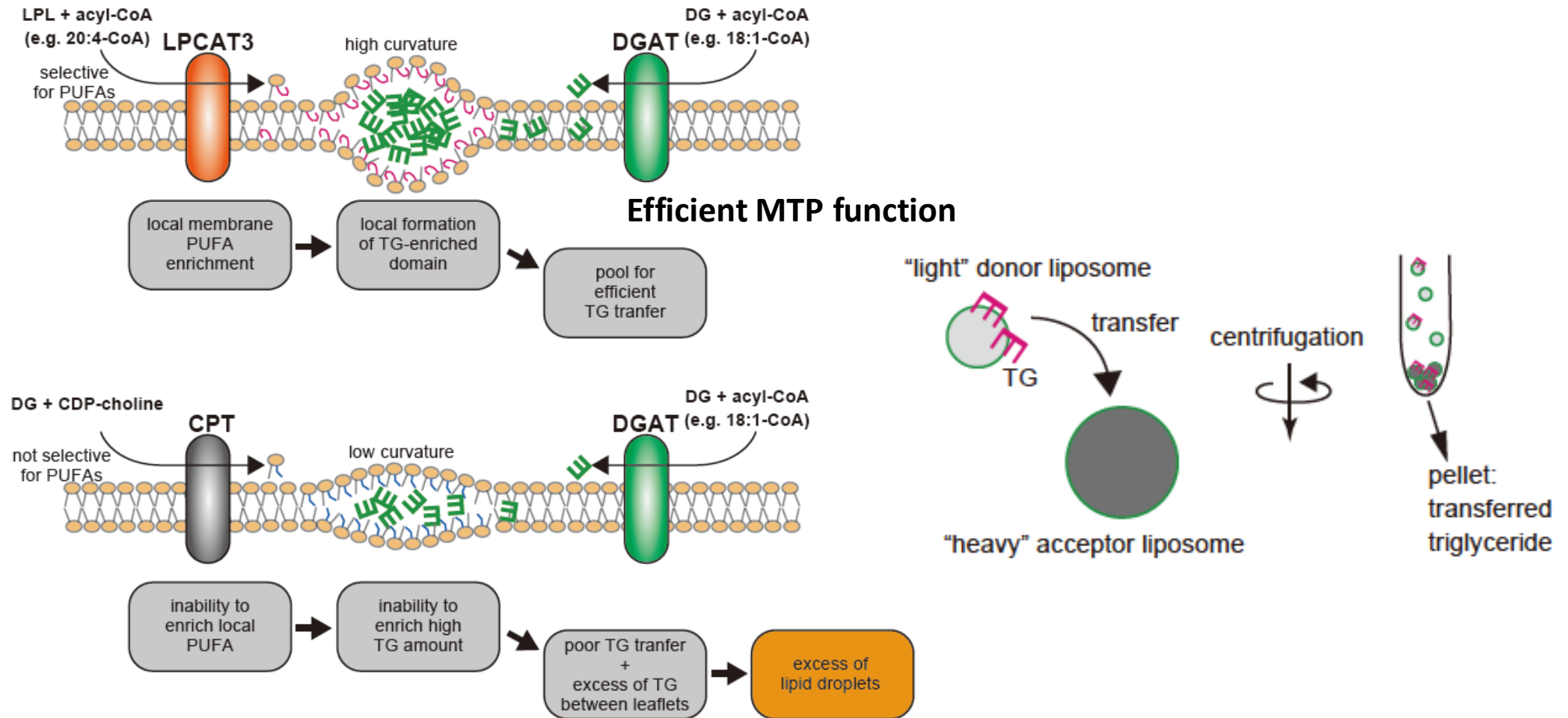
TG transport from ER membrane

Yen, C-L.E et al. *J. Lipid Res.* 49, 2283, 2008

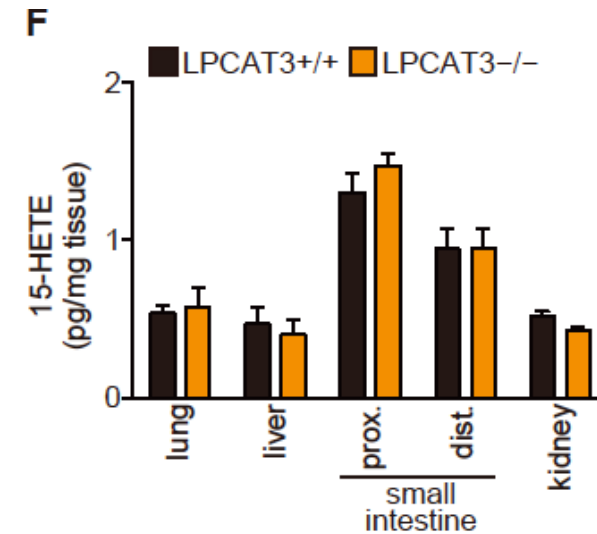
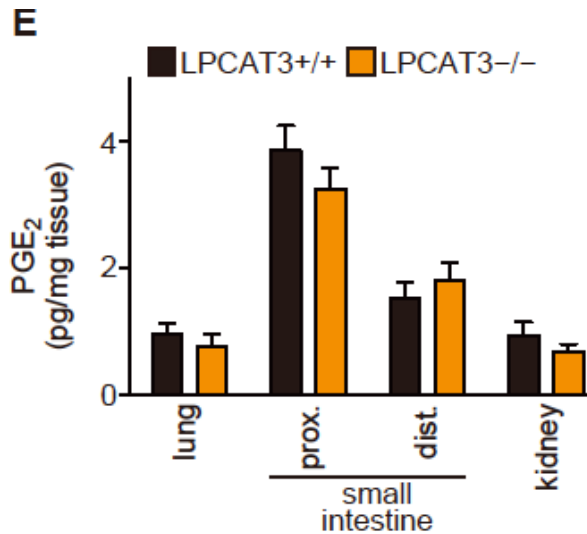
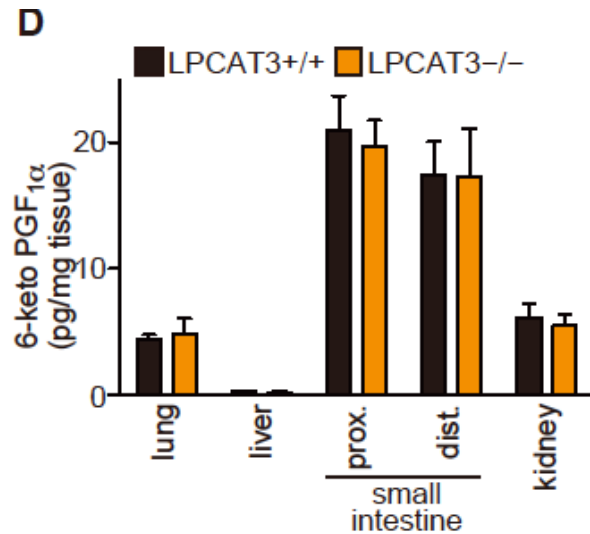


Ref. Raabe et al. *PNAS*, 1998

A proposed model of 20:4-induced TG transfer



No change in arachidonate-derived eicosanoid levels in LPCAT3 KO mice





Fatty acid remodeling by LPCAT3 enriches arachidonate in phospholipid membranes and regulates triglyceride transport

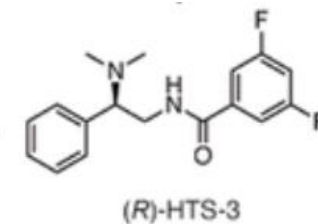
Tomomi Hashidate-Yoshida^{1†}, Takeshi Harayama^{1†}, Daisuke Hishikawa¹, Ryo Morimoto^{2†}, Fumie Hamano^{2,3}, Suzumi M Tokuoka², Miki Eto^{1,2}, Miwa Tamura-Nakano⁴, Rieko Yanobu-Takanashi⁵, Yoshiko Mukumoto⁶, Hiroshi Kiyonari⁶, Tadashi Okamura^{5,7}, Yoshihiro Kita^{2,3}, Hideo Shindou^{1,8}, Takao Shimizu^{1,2*}

Lpcat3-dependent production of arachidonoyl phospholipids is a key determinant of triglyceride secretion

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Important contributions from other laboratories

- Regulation of LPCAT3 by LXR (Demeure et al. *Gene*, 2011; Wang and Tontonoz, *Nature Rev. Endocr.* 2018)
- Intestinal stemness and tumorigenesis. (Wang et al. *Cell Stem Cell*, 2018)
- LPCAT3 deficiency promotes atherosclerosis (Thomas et al. *Atherosclerosis*, 2018)
- Auditory dysfunction and brain microgliosis. (Ichu et al. *Biochemistry*, 2020)
- Insulin sensitivity in skeletal muscle (Ferrara et al. *JCI*, 2021)
- Structure revealed by X-ray and cryoEM (Zhang et al. *Nature Commun.* 2021)
- LPCAT3 inhibitors protect cells from ferroptosis (Reed et al. *ACS Chem. Biol.* 2022)



DHA=docosahexaenoic acid C22:6



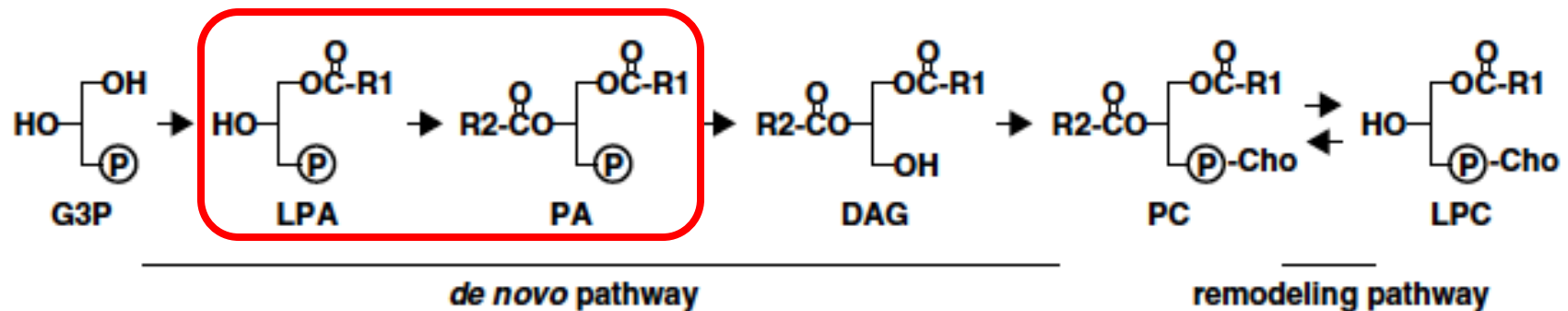
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ω 3 essential fatty acid, rich in testis, brain, retina, heart, muscle

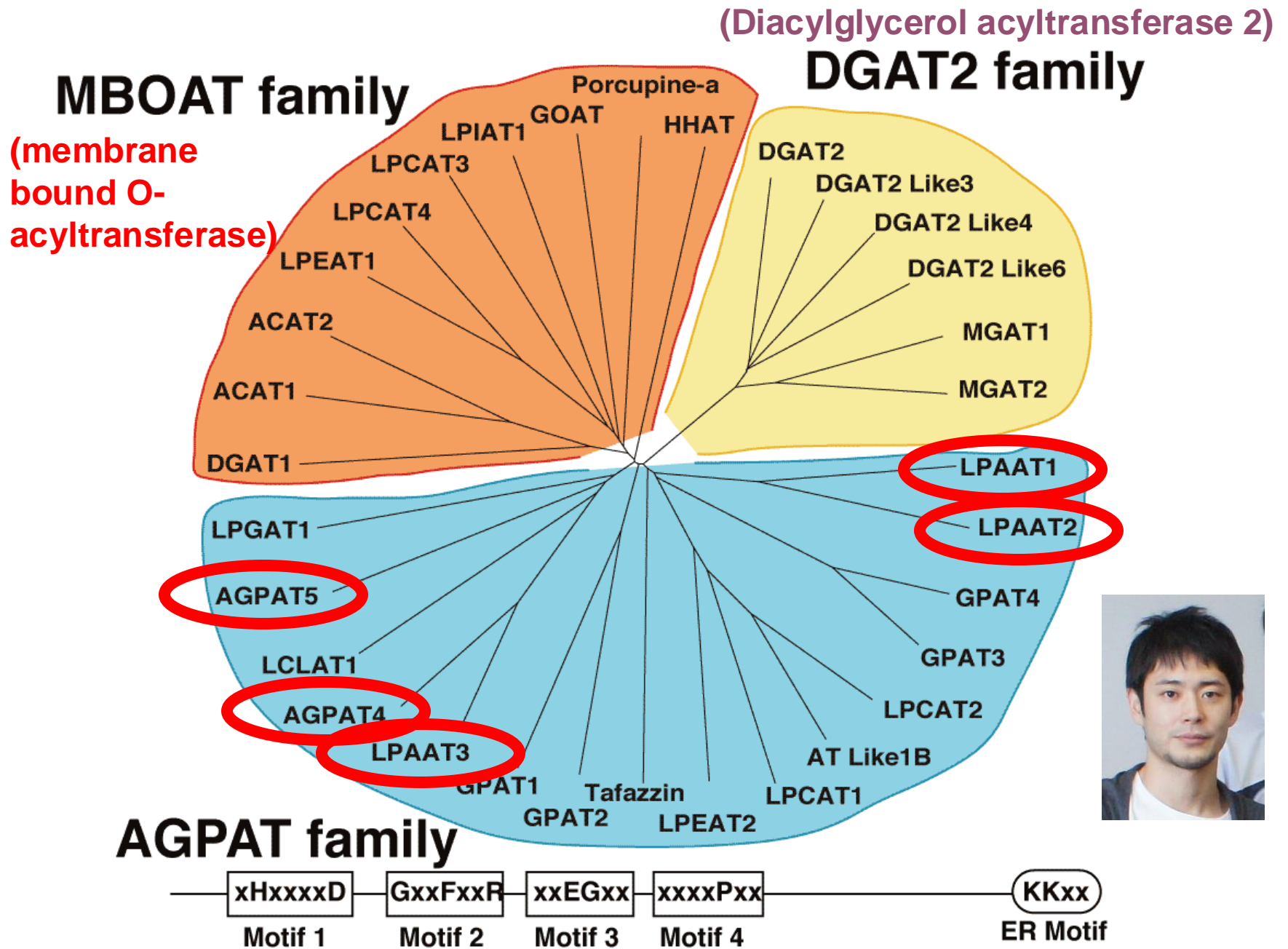
About 60% Japanese have lower FADS1 (Δ 5-desaturase) activity (Nakayama et al. *Human Genet*, 2010)

LPAAT in *de novo* pathway

Lysophosphatidic acid (LPA) acyltransferase



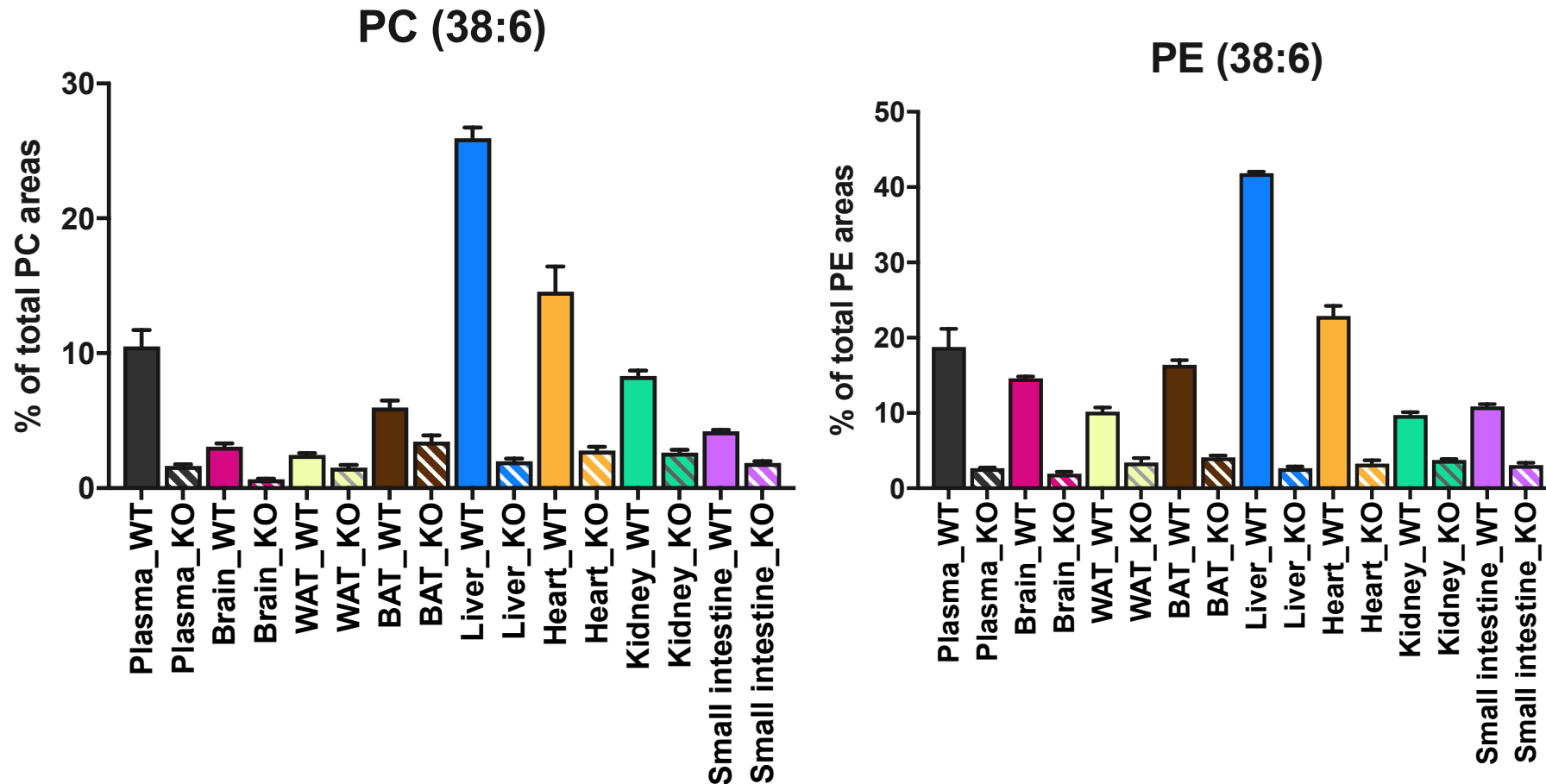
Acyltransferase Family



5 Different LPAATs (LysoPA→PA)

- **LPAAT1**; no preference for acyl-CoA
ubiquitous expression
- **LPAAT2**; prefers C18:2-CoA, adipocytes
- **LPAAT3 (AGPAT3)**; prefers C22:6-CoA, testis, brain, retina, and muscle
- **LPAAT4(AGPAT4)**; prefers 22:6-CoA, brain
- **LPAAT5(AGPAT5)**; n.d. oleic acid?

DHA-containing PC/PE are decreased in almost all tissues of AGPAT3 KO mice



AGPAT3 is expressed in photoreceptor cells

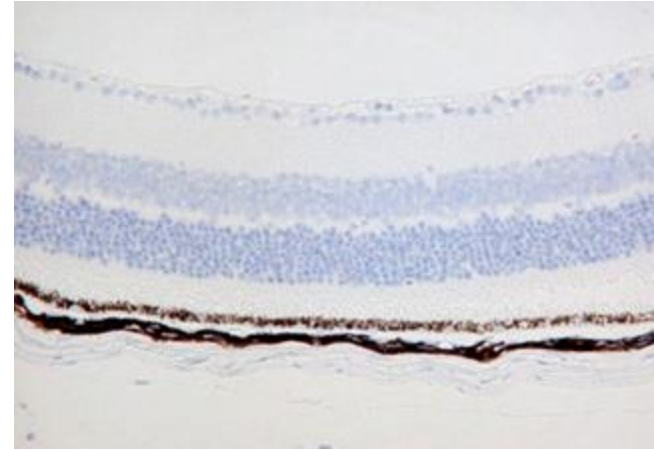
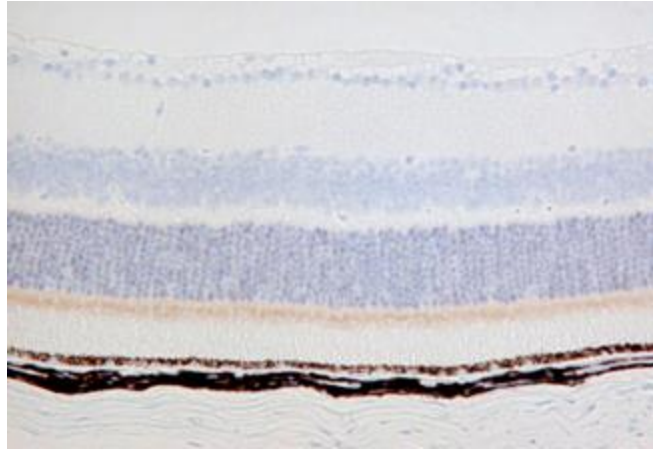
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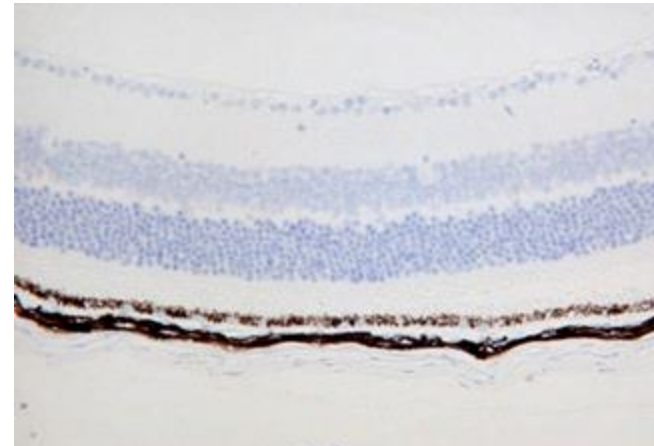
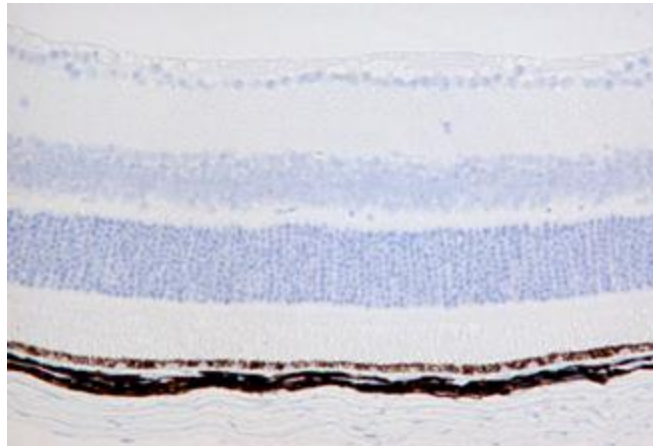
AGPAT3 KO

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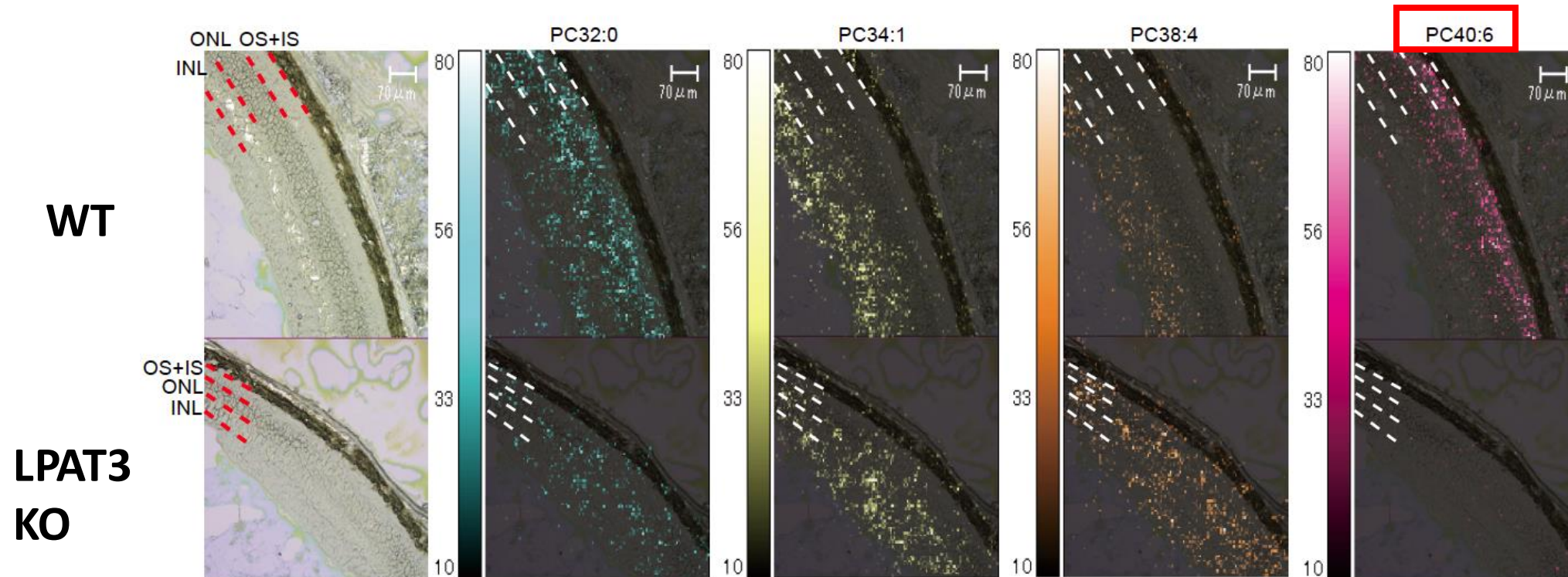
AGPAT3 Ab



Control Ab



Imaging mass spectrometry

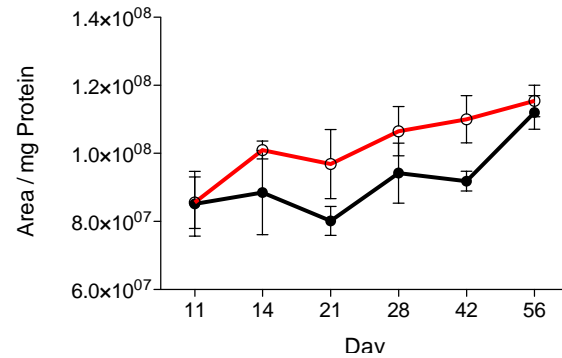


In collaboration with Shimadzu, Co.

DHA-containing PC/PE disappeared

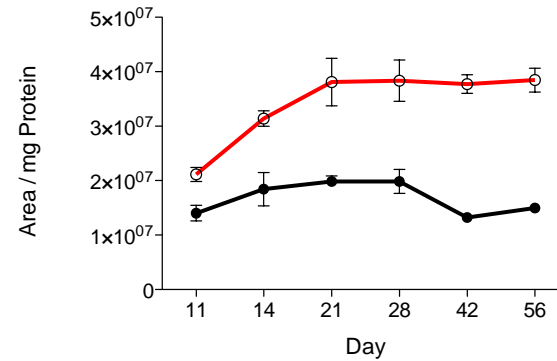
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PC 34:1



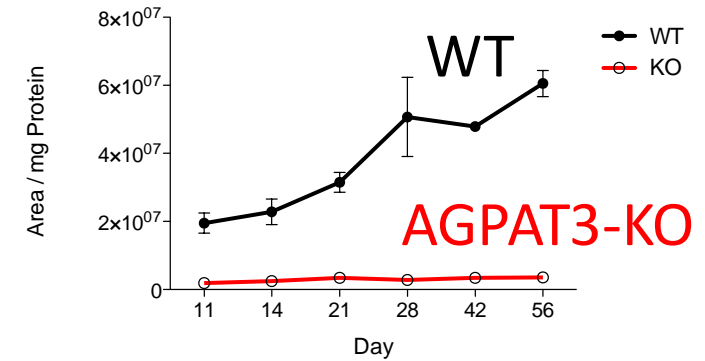
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PC 38:4

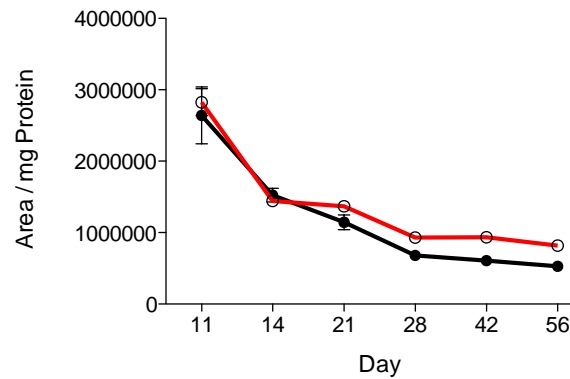


22:6 (DHA)

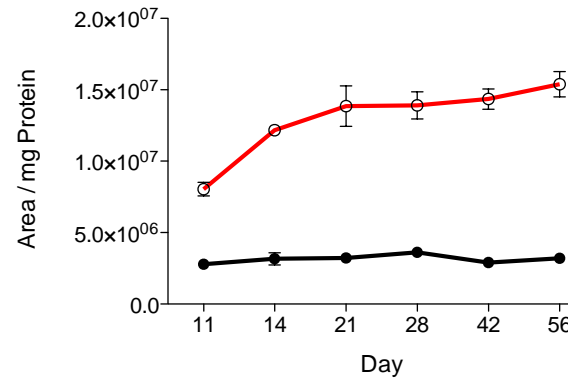
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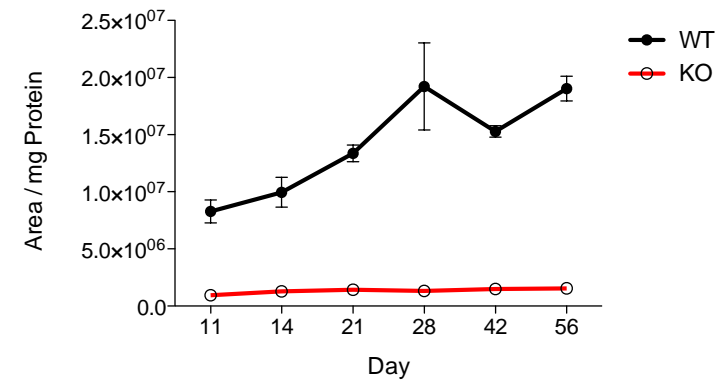
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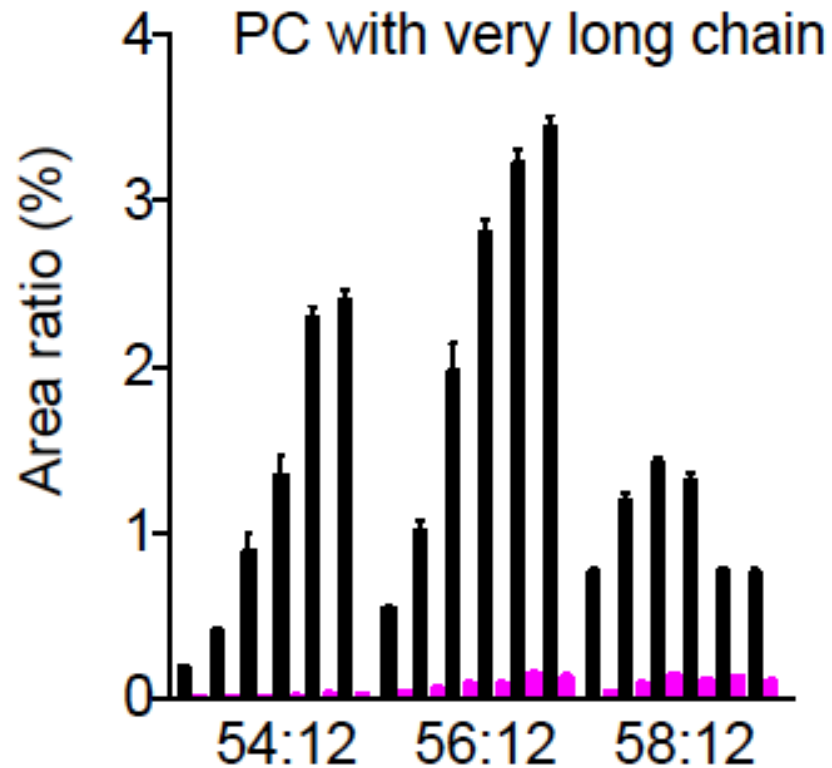
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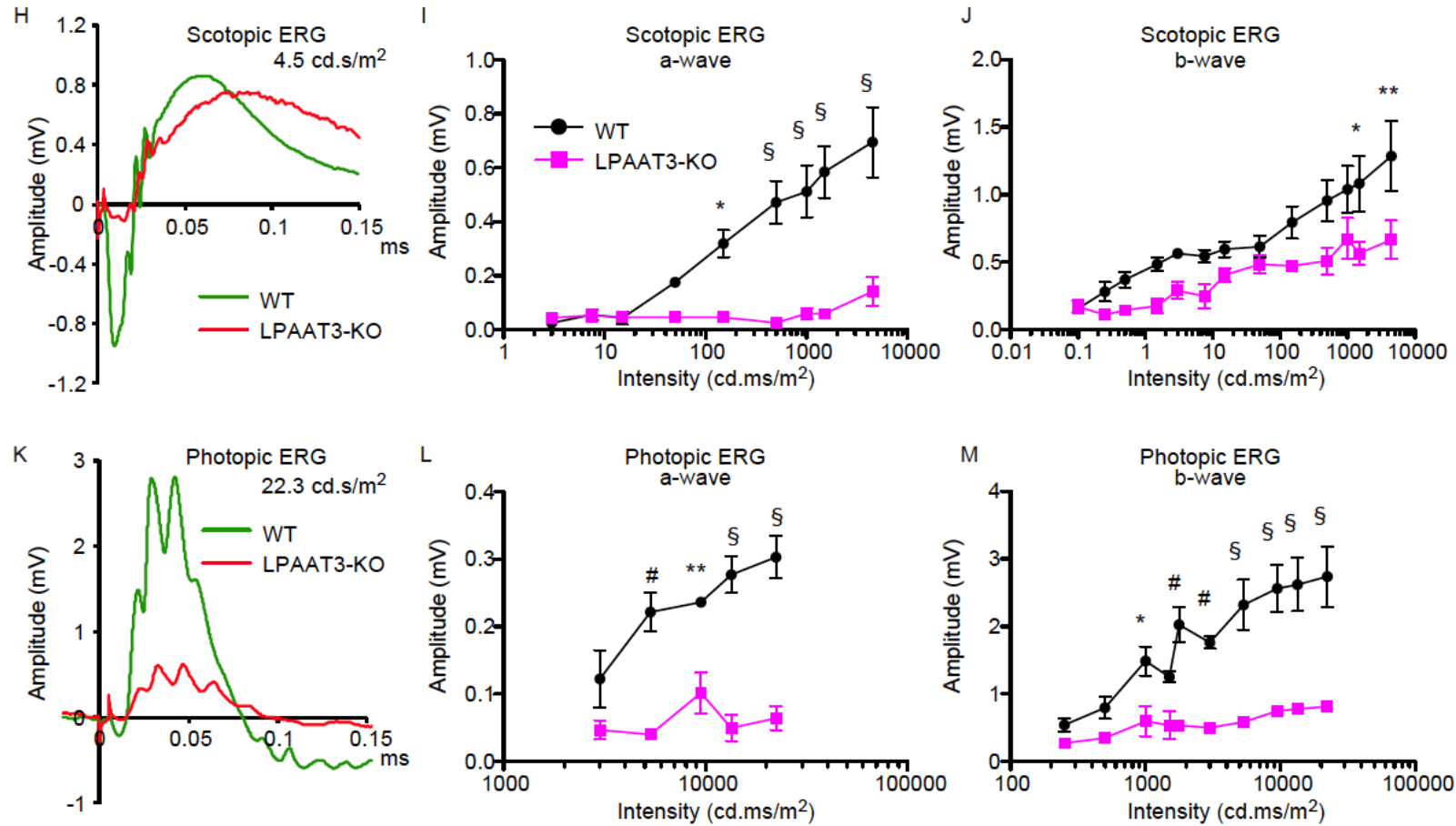
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PC with very long chain fatty acids (C22:6, C32:6, C34:6, C38:6 etc) are also missing

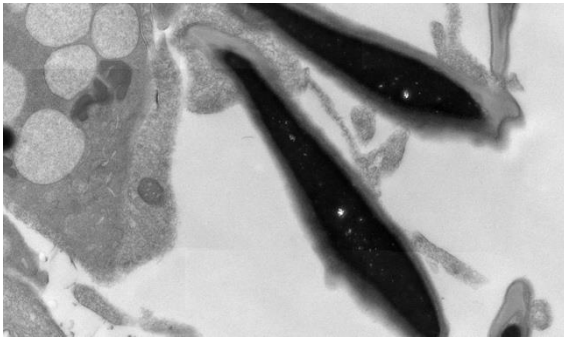


Loss of α -wave determined by ERG

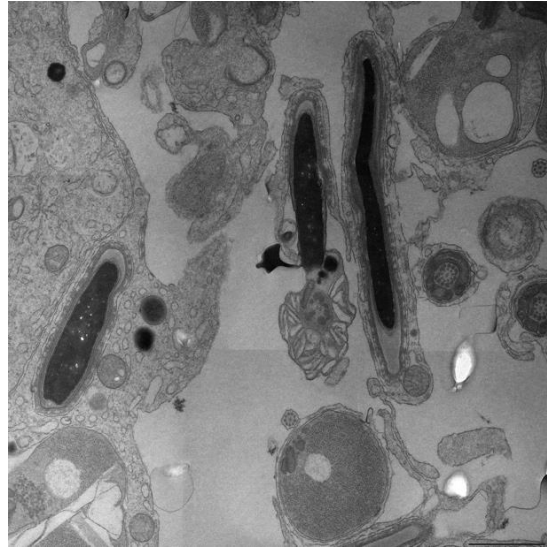


AGPAT3 KO mice are male infertile and blind

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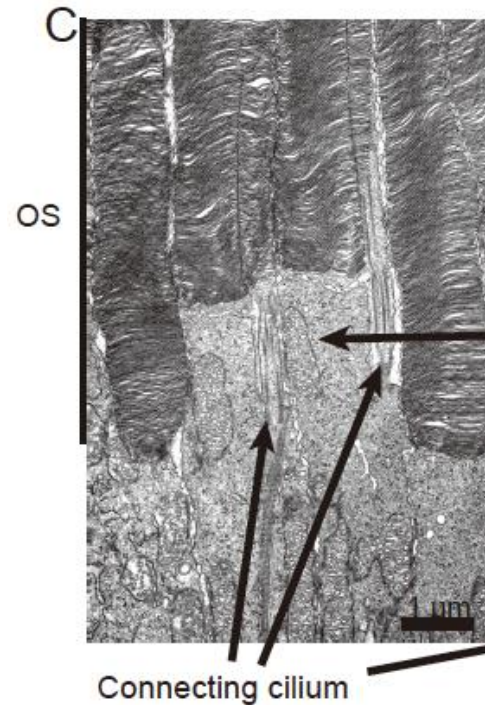


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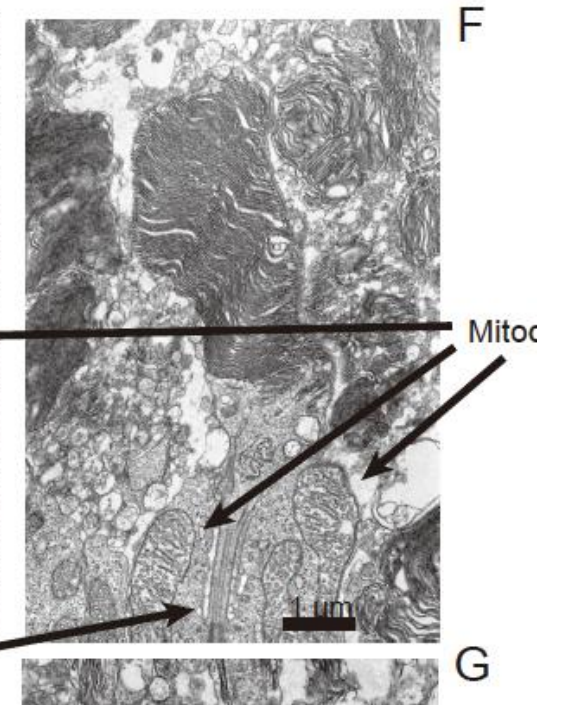


KO sperm contains excess cytoplasm

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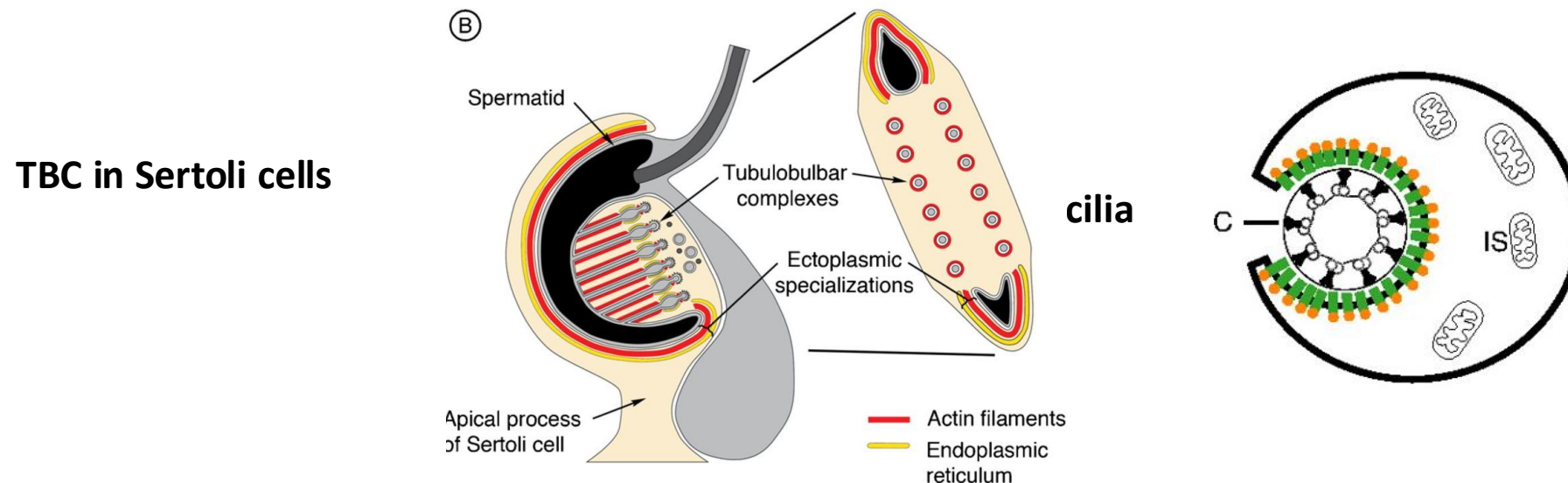
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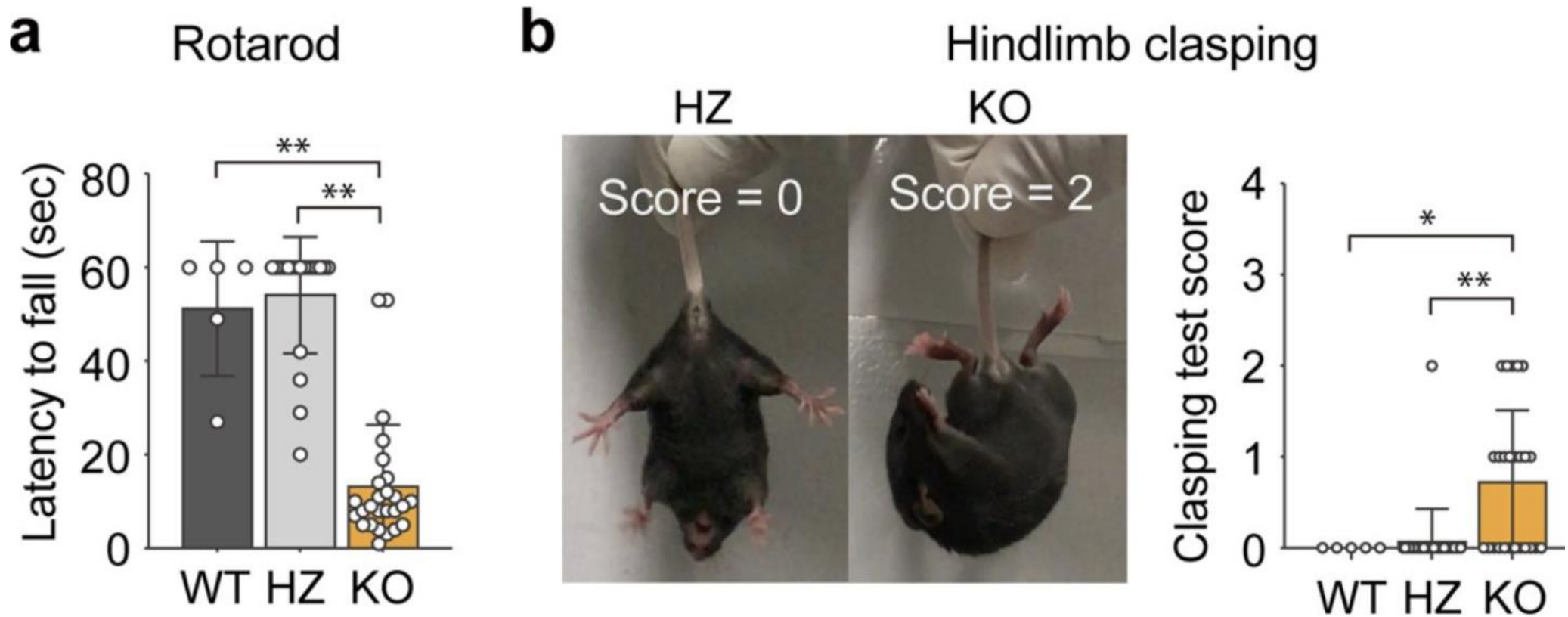
Outer segment disorganized in KO retina

Similar machinery for spermiogenesis and photocell transport

- Tubulobulbar complex (TBC) in Sertoli cells and connecting cilia (CC) in inner segment
- Small vesicle transport through 50-300 nm actin/microtubule-bundles nanotubes



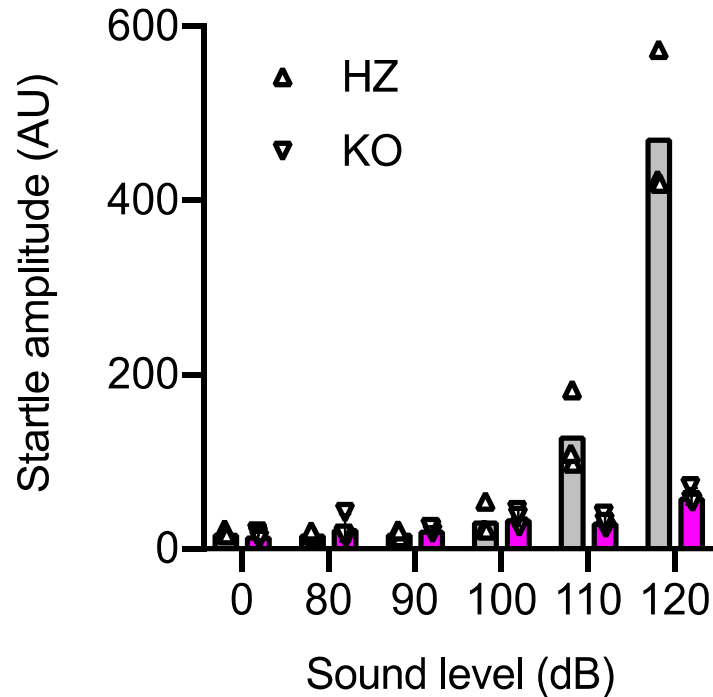
How about brain functions?



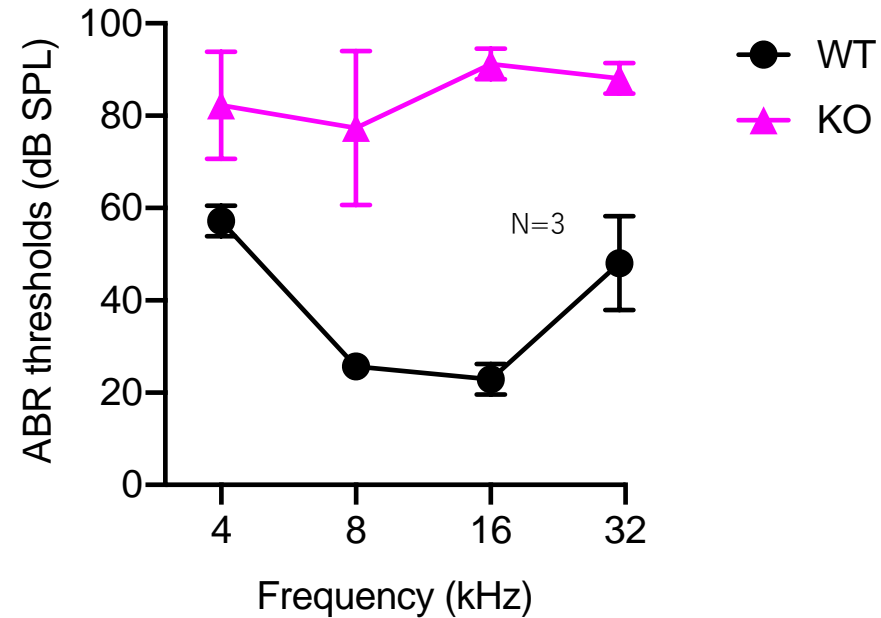
Yanagida, K et al. unpublished

Hearing deficit of AGPAT3 KO mice

Startle response



Auditory brainstem response











Teramura, K. et al. unpublished

A family with loss of function in AGPAT3

ARTICLE



A loss of function variant in *AGPAT3* underlies intellectual disability and retinitis pigmentosa (IDRP) syndrome

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Validation of DOHaD

- **Purpose:**

Kanatani, Yanagida, *Nature Commun*, 2024

To determine impact of perinatal maternal DHA-phospholipid synthesis on offspring growth and brain functions

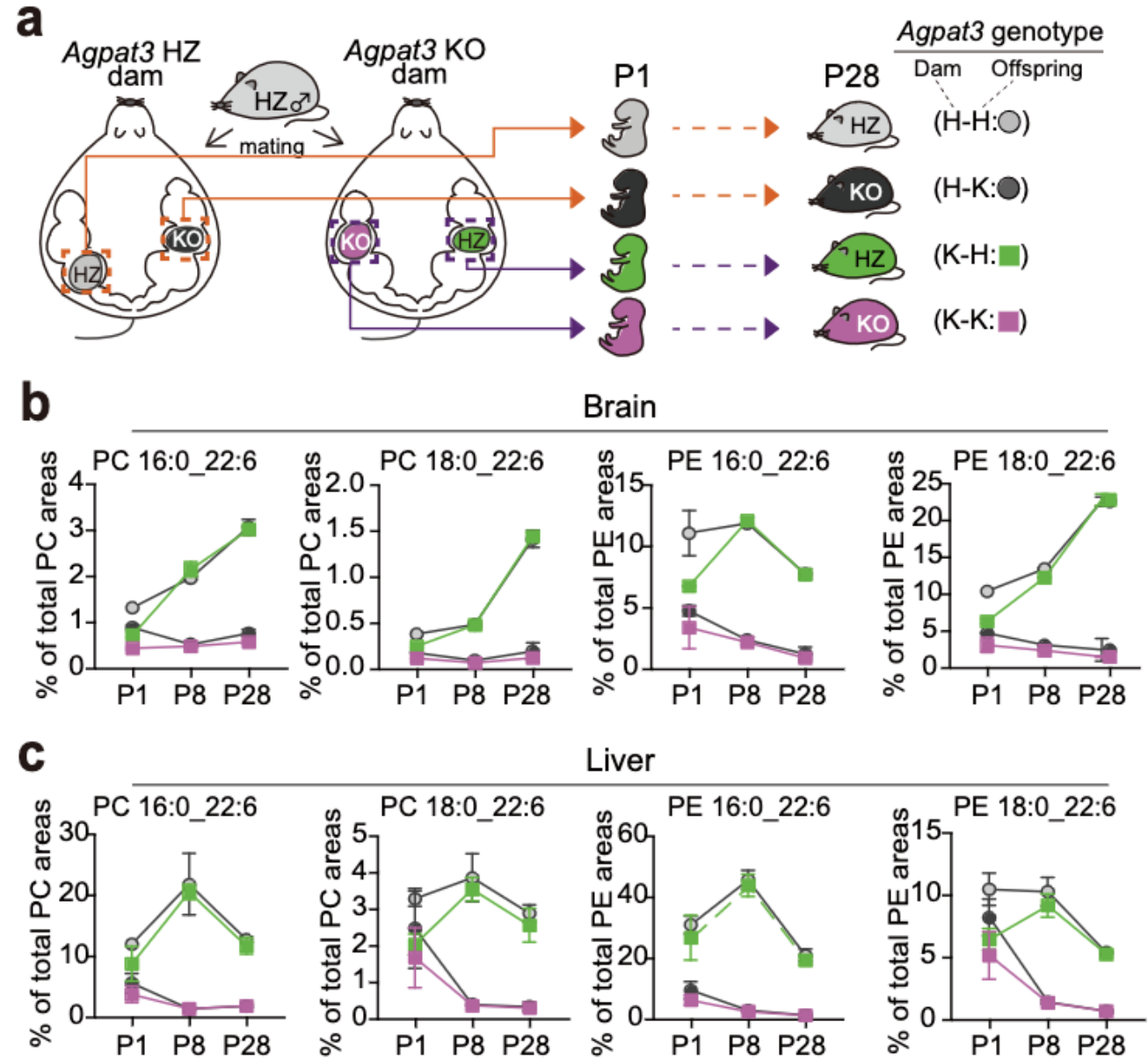
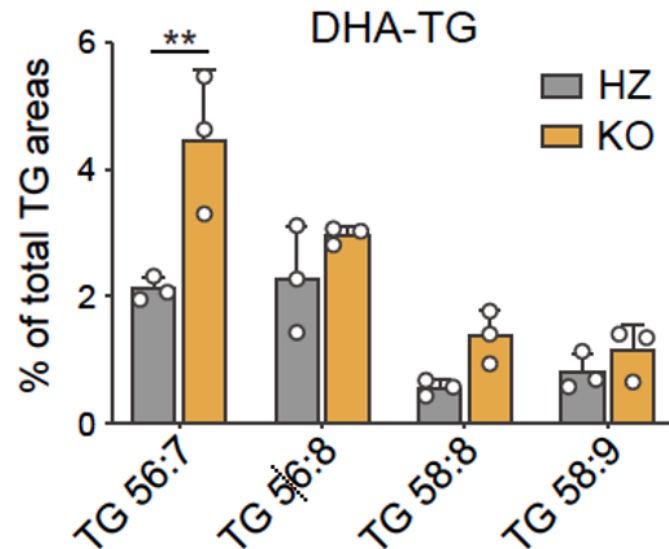
- **Methods:**

Selective modulation of DHA-phospholipid by cross breeding of AGPAT3 hetero and KO mice

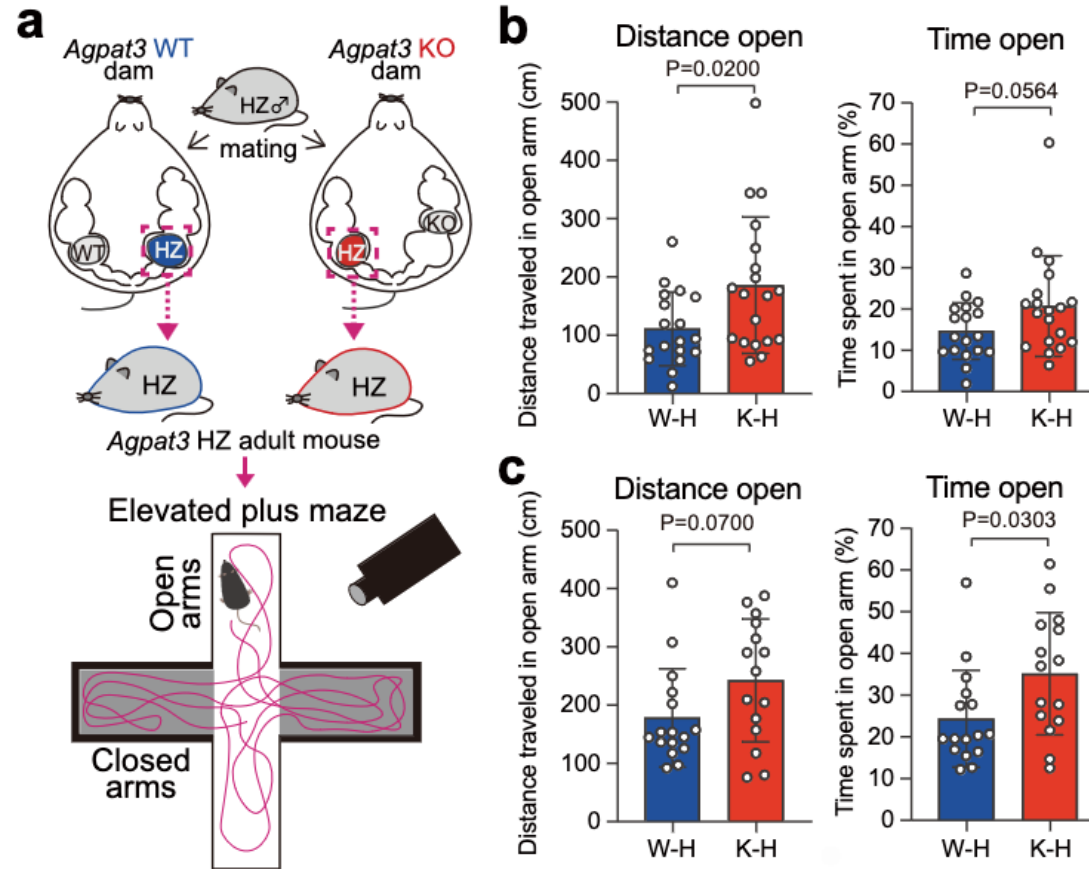
- **Conclusion:**

Maternal DHA deficiency causes various neurological and psychiatric abnormalities, even DHA is fully given after birth.

**Loss of DHA-PL
during fetal period
is restored by 4
weeks after birth**



Fetal stage-specific DHA deficiency causes anxiety (fear)-related behavior of adult mice



Kanatani et al. *Nature Commun*, 2024

Summary-2 (Membrane)

- From AGPAT and MBOAT family, 9 lysophospholipid acyltransferases are identified, each has different but overlapping substrate specificities to make over 1,000 phospholipid species.
- *De novo* pathways contribute to enrichment of C18:2 and C22:6-phospholipids, while Lands cycle yields C16:0, C18:1 and C20:4-phospholipids.
- C20:4 in phospholipids not only plays as precursors of eicosanoids, but also maintains membrane fluidity/curvature for proper cellular functions.
- C22:6 phospholipids are important for spermatogenesis, photoreceptor arrangements, and possibly neuronal functions.

Agenda of my talk

INTRODUCTION:

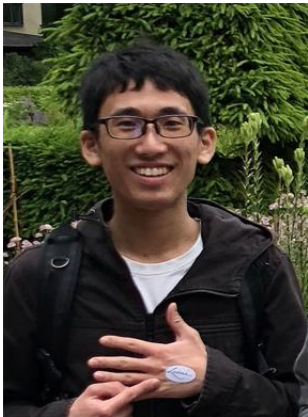
**ENZYMES AND RECEPTORS OF LIPID
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**LYSOPHOSPHOLIPID
ACYLTRANSFERASES FOR MEMBRANE
DIVERSITY**

PERSPECTIVE

Perspective

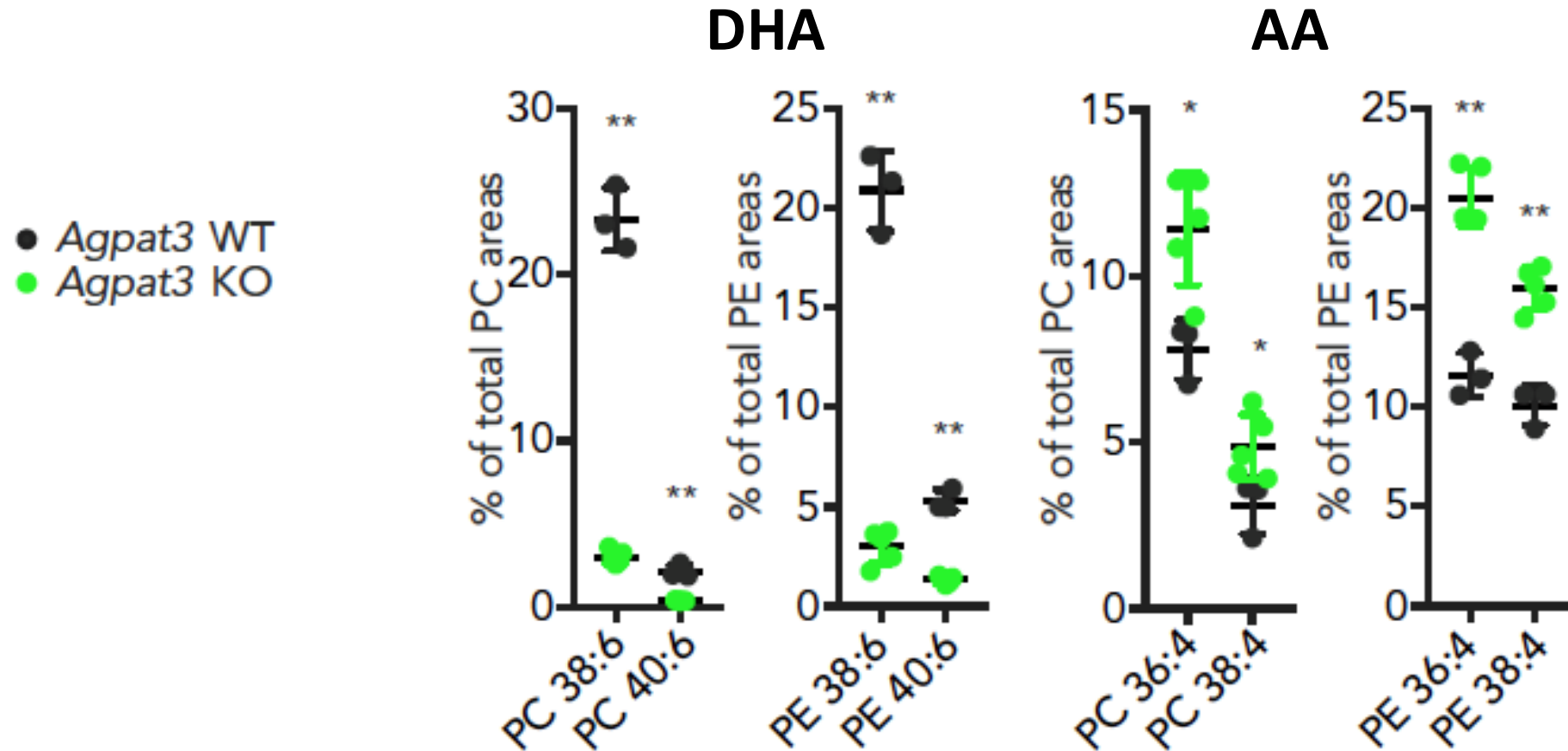
- **Transport of PUFAs from liver to brain, retina, testis, and fetus.**
- **Molecular mechanism of cellular functions with phospholipid diversity (mediators? Biophysical properties, protein interaction?)**
- **Sub μ m localization and dynamic movement of phospholipid species.**



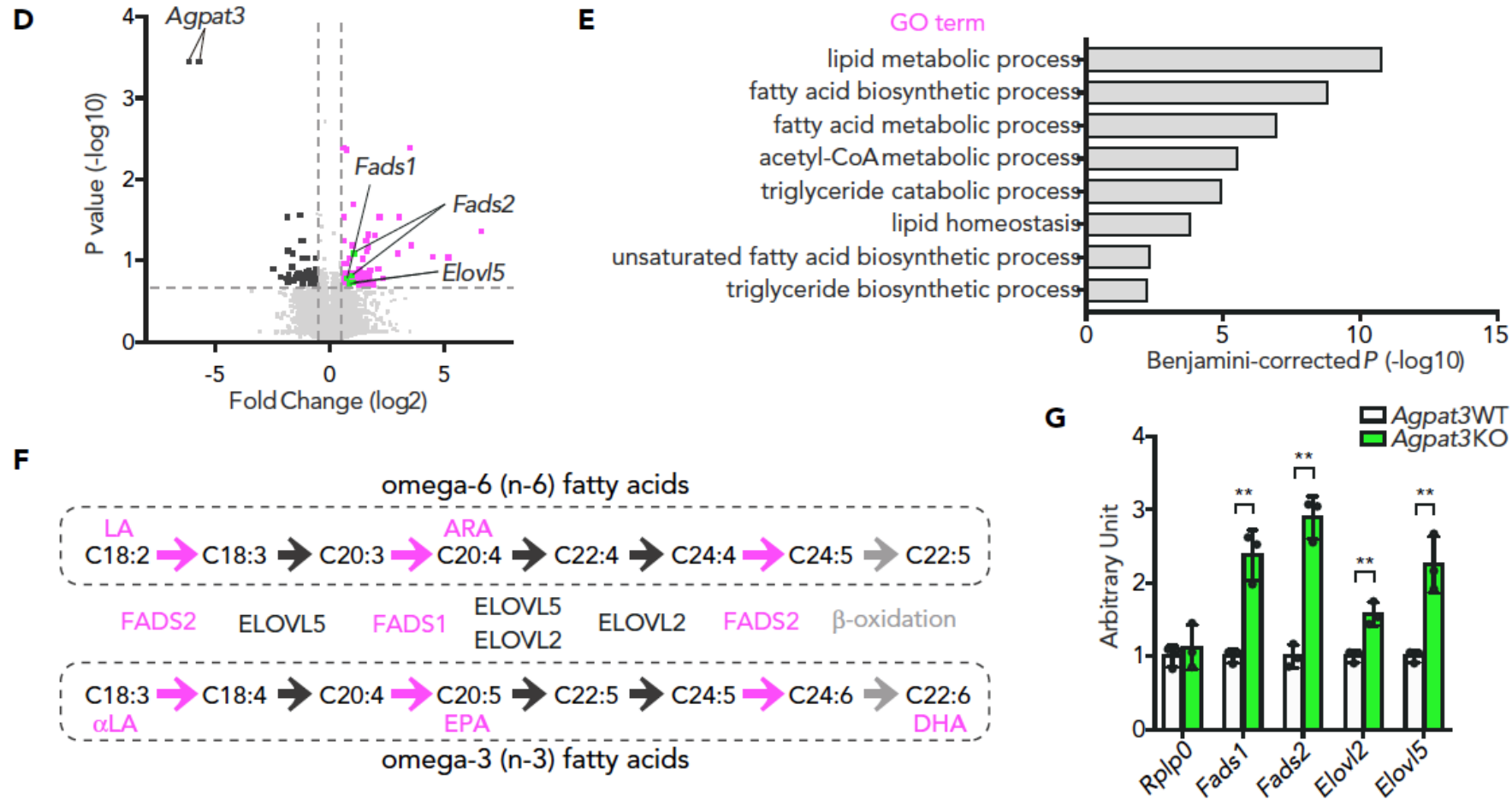
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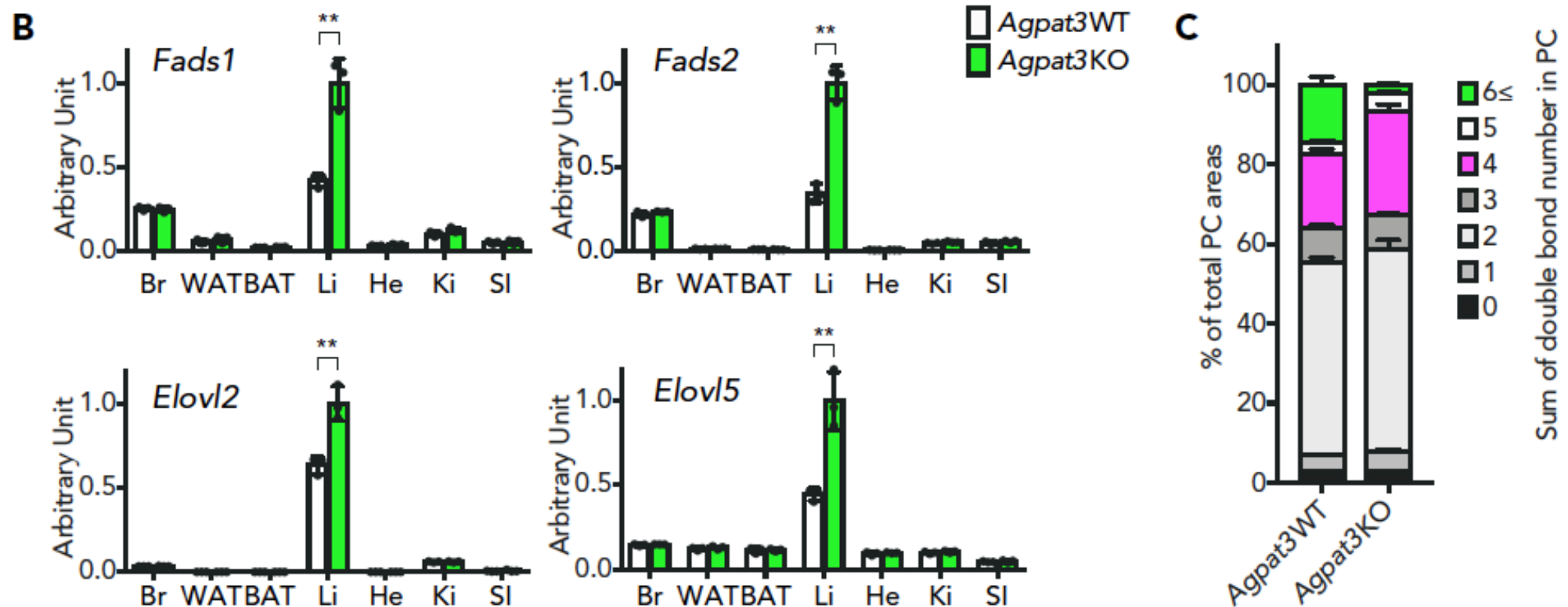
Decrease in DHA-phospholipids, but increase in AA-phospholipids in LPAAT3 (AGPAT3) KO mice liver



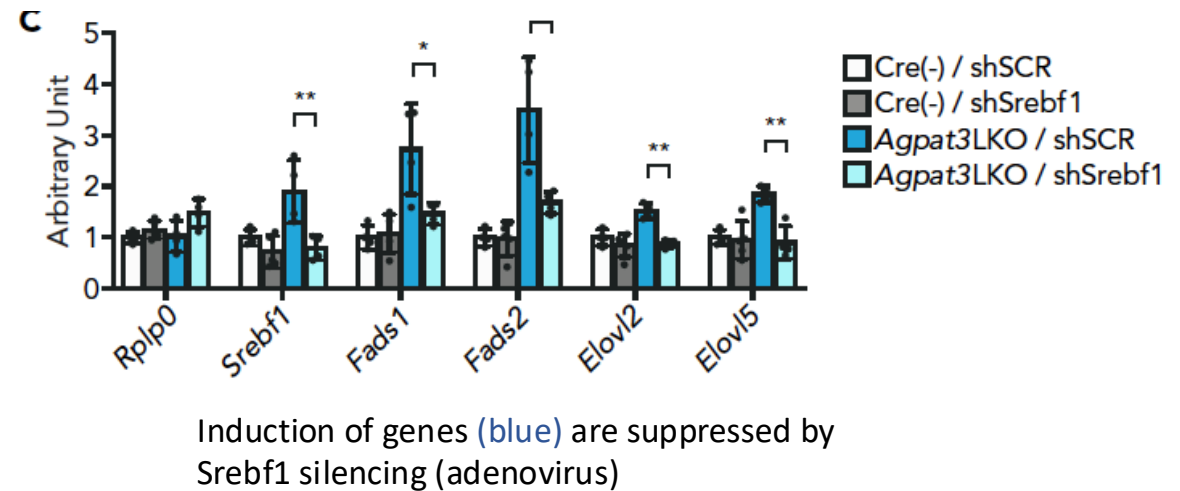
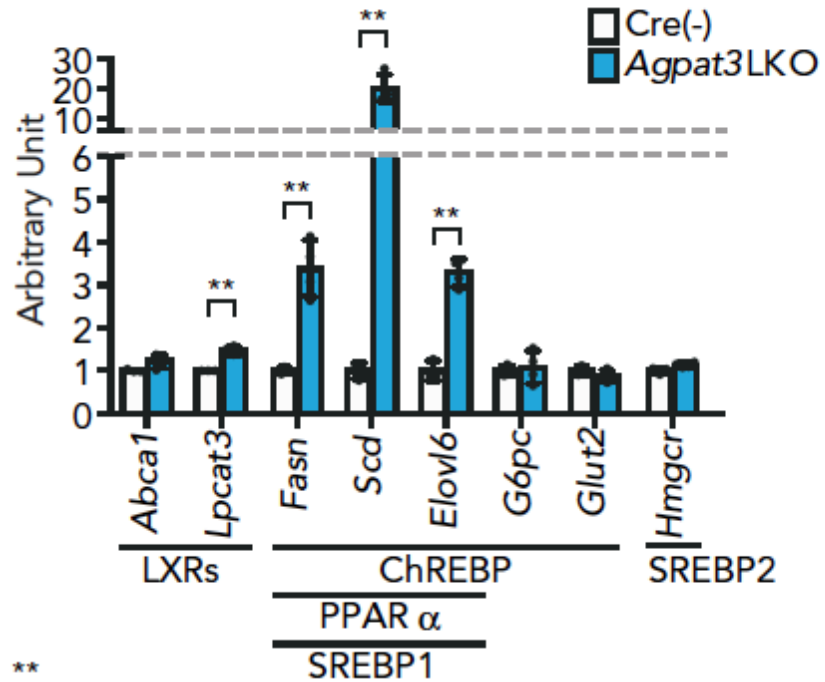
Transcriptomic analyses of liver genes



Liver-specific induction of genes for PUFA synthesis by DHA-deficiency

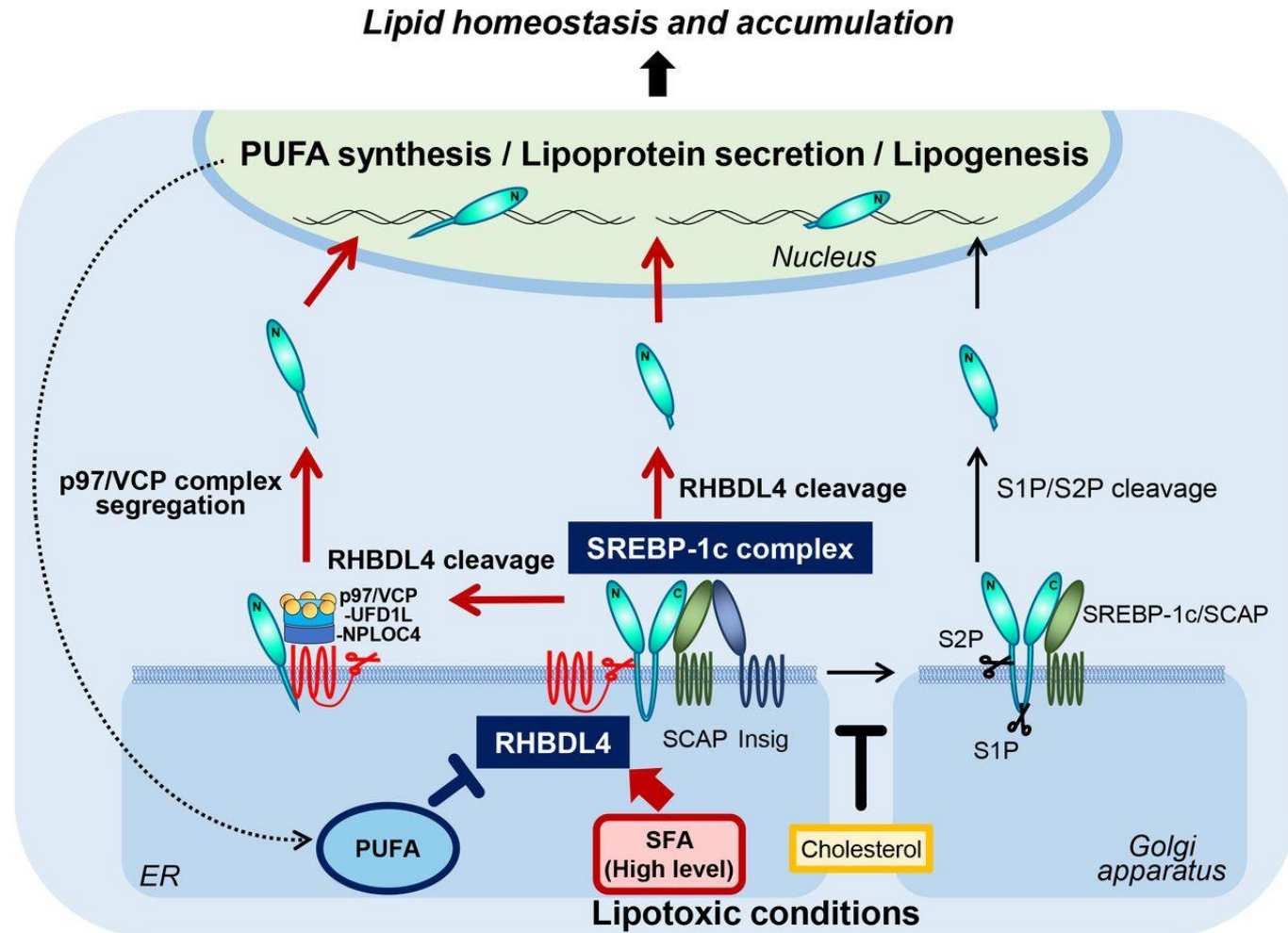


SREBP1, the most likely master gene



Hishikawa et al. *iScience* 2021

A possible mechanism how PUFAs (DHA) regulates SREBP1c; Roles of RHBDL4



Han, S-I et al. 2023

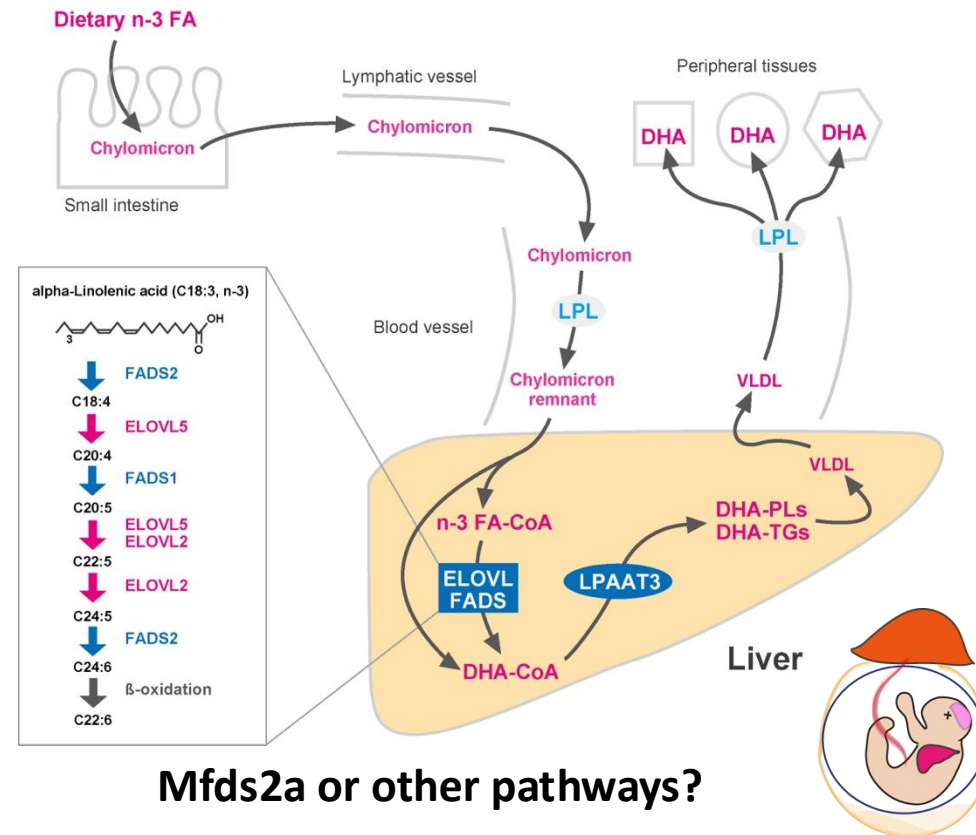
PUFA production in liver and transport to brain, retina, and fetus



Hishikawa

**SREBP1c by
RHBLD4?**

Hishikawa et al.
iScience, 2021
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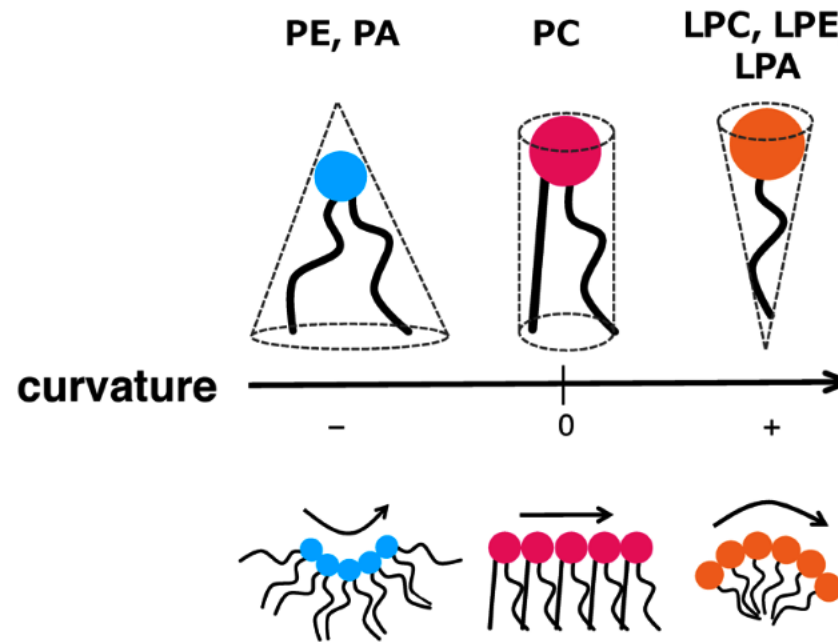
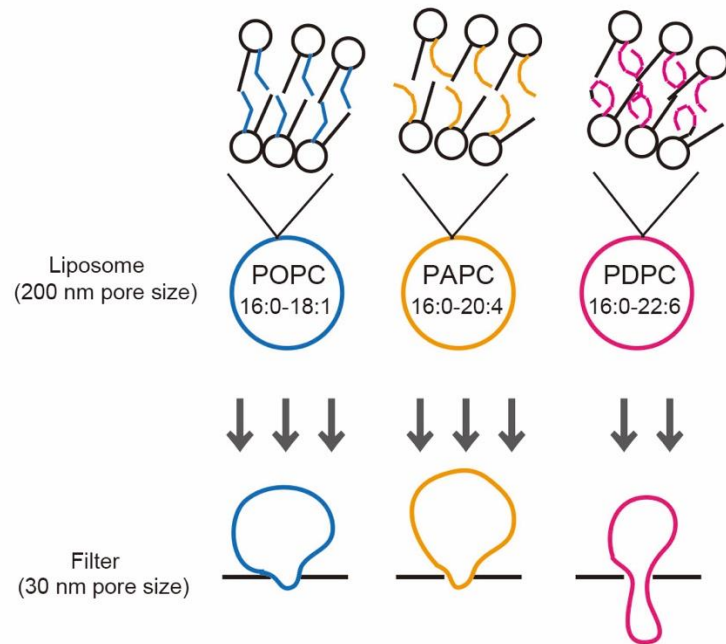


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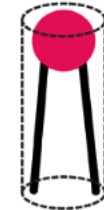


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PUFAs modulate cellular functions, not only by production of lipid mediators, but change in membrane curvature, flexibility etc.



飽和脂肪酸PC
(円柱型)



不飽和脂肪酸PC
(円錐型)





Institute of Microbial Chemistry, Tokyo



Dr. Hamao Umezawa, 1914-1986, University of Tokyo

- Established in 1958 with the royalties of Kanamycin (anti-tuberculosis drug)
- Discovery and marketing of kasugamycin (against rice blast disease), bleomycin for squamous cell cancer, josamycin etc from *Streptomyces, fungi etc.*
- Protease inhibitors (leupeptin, pepstatin, chymostatin etc) on Market

Challenge of IMC

- Rich in library of bacteria (over 45,000 strains), fungi and their culture media
- Well trained researchers and technicians of culture, isolation and purification of natural products including middle-sized compounds.
- Structure biology (X-ray, EM, cryo-EM, NMR)
- Molecular structure of natural compounds (NMR, LC-MS, X-ray, EM)
- Organic chemistry
- Animal facilities, pharmacodynamics, toxicity determination, in vivo tumor growth etc

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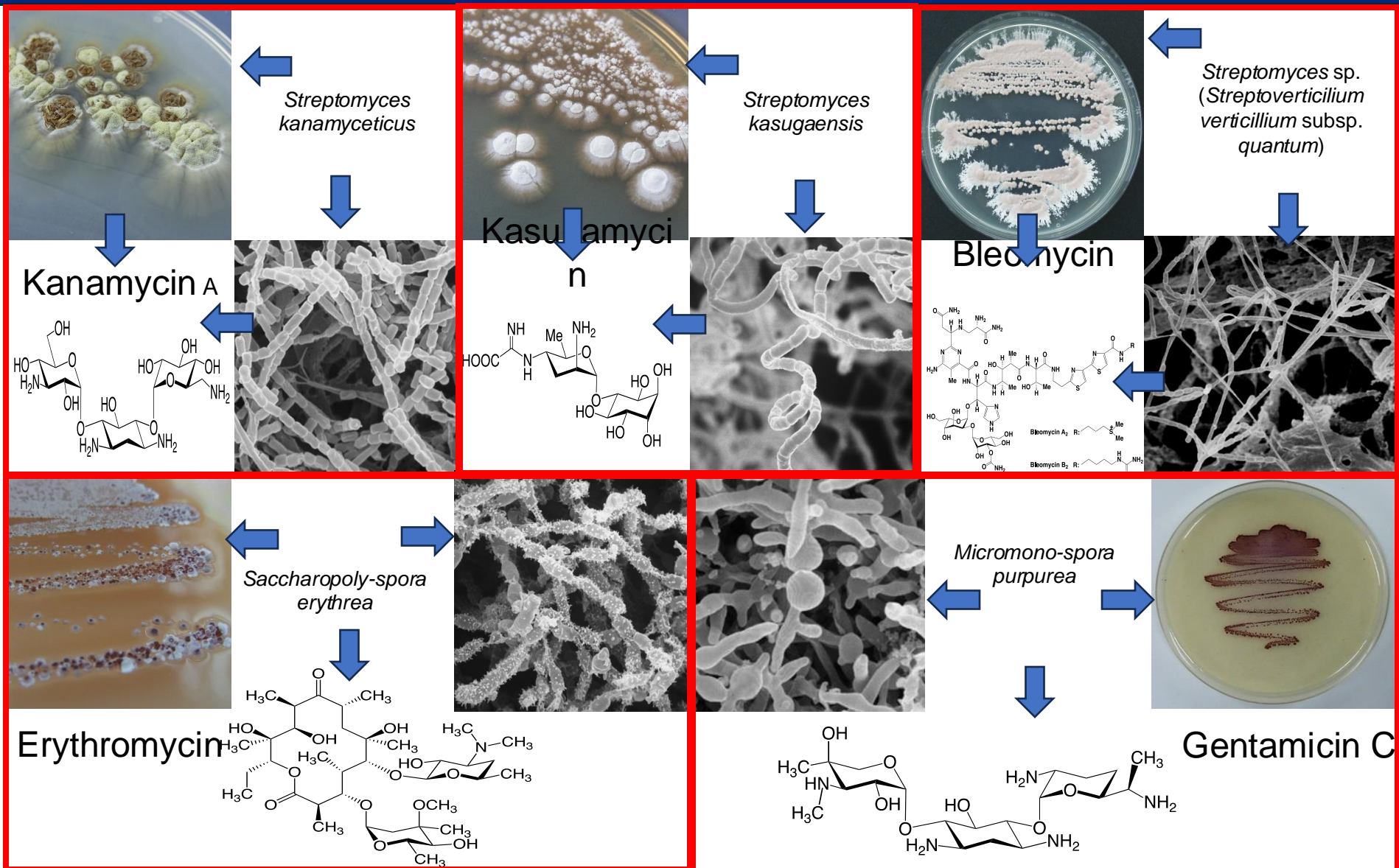
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Example of a natural resource 1



Example of a natural resource 2

Caterpillar fungus (Cordyceps sinensis)



Broth library & Database

Broth preparation using a variety of culture methods



Liquid culture



Solid (wheat) culture

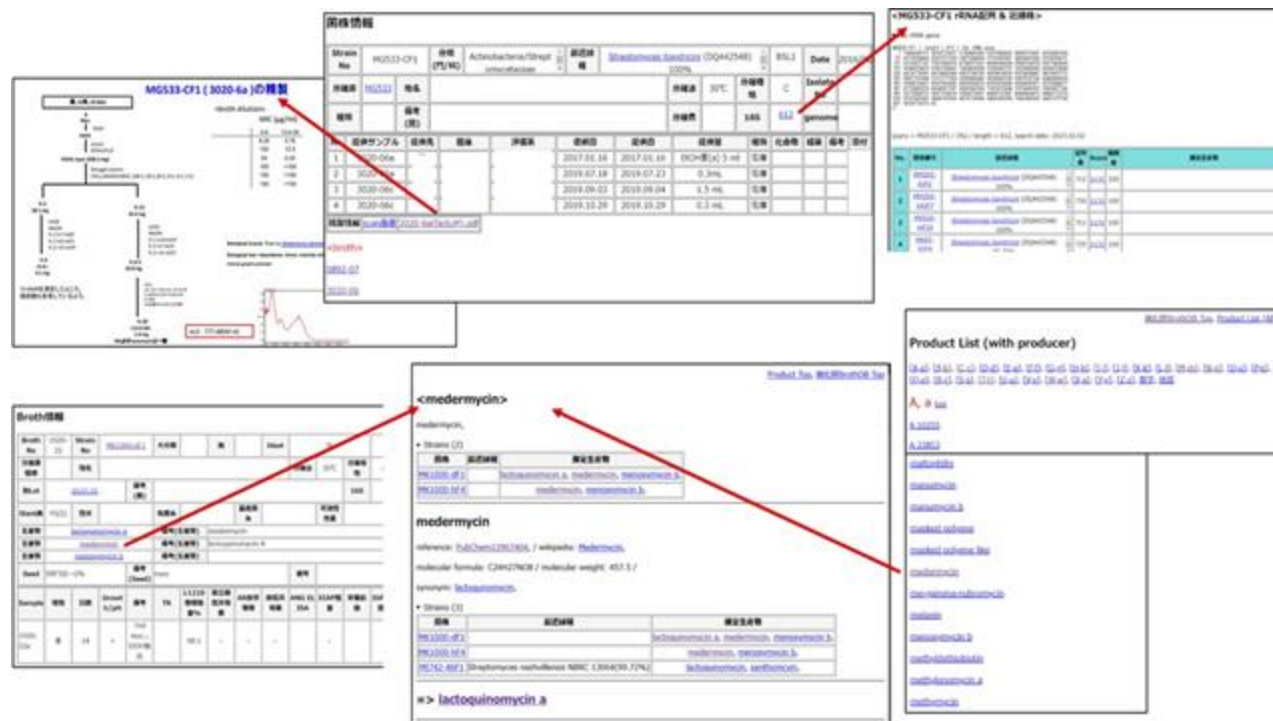
Dispense into assay plates



96-well plate for primary screening

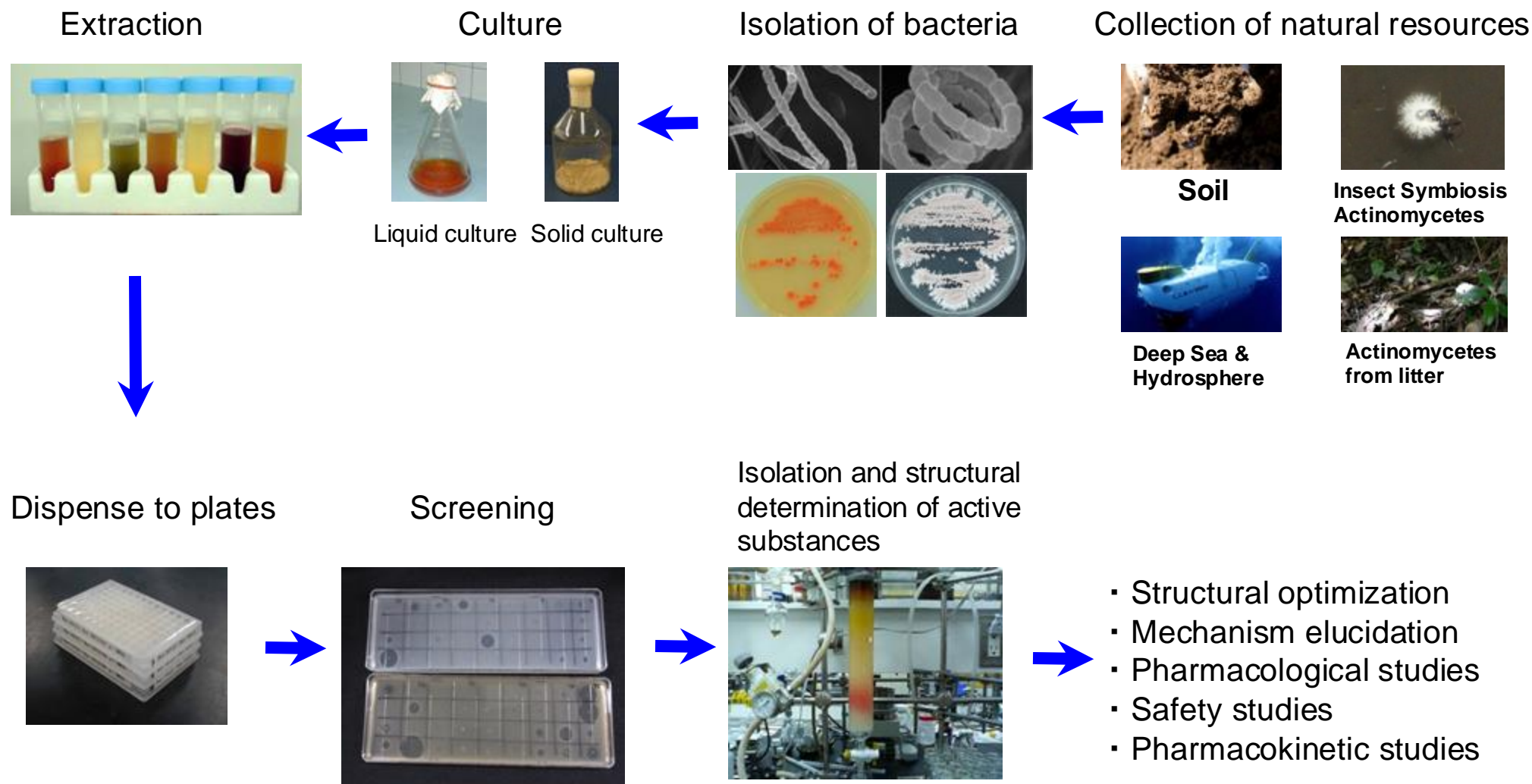
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Enrichment of database



More than 20,000 samples available

From Bacteria to Drug Discovery

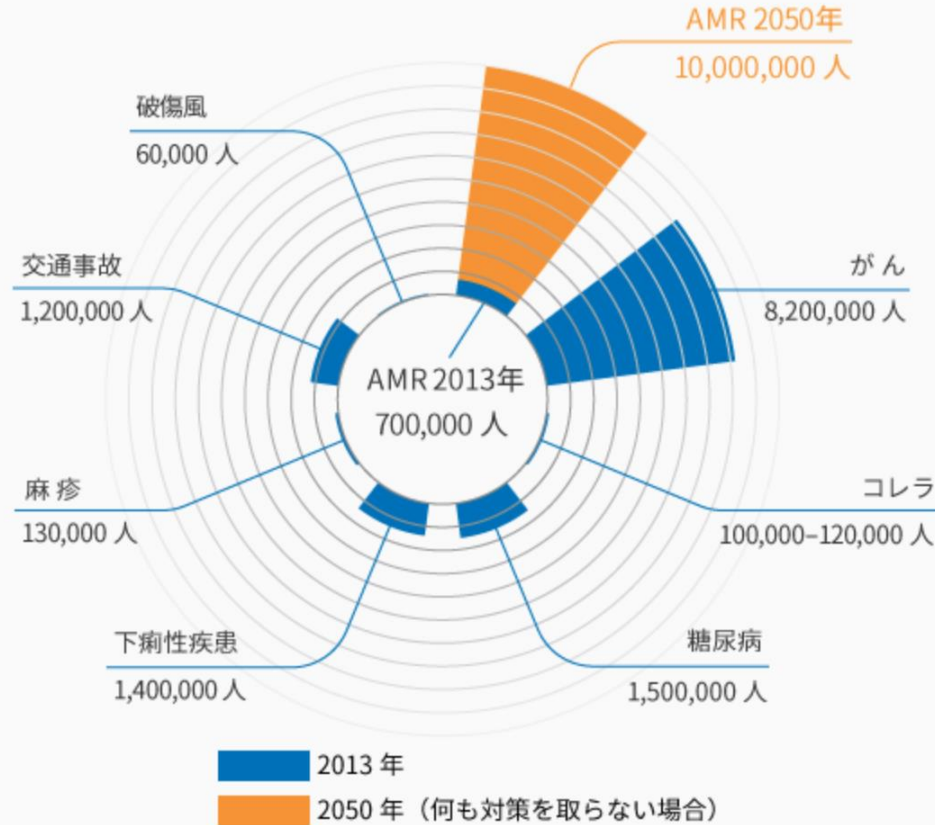


My next challenge, crossing a bridge between IMC and NCGM (JIHS)

- **Finding good seeds, and good partners for drug developments**
- **Clinical trials at NCGM and National Infection Institute (merged to JIHS, 2025)**

迫るAMR(anti-microbial resistance)

図1 薬剤耐性（AMR）に起因する死亡者数の推定



個々の製薬の力
の限界



国、民間、財団など
の支援必須

Delink model導入

Antimicrobial Resistance: Tackling a crisis for the health and wealth of nations The Review on Antimicrobial Resistance Chaired by Jim O'Neill December 2014 を改変

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