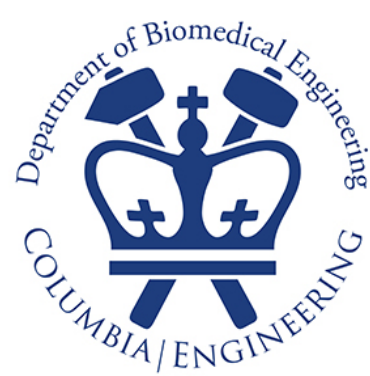




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Chemical Genomics Approaches to Cancer Therapy

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Learning objectives

- ◆ Define Chemical Genetics and Chemical Genomics
- ◆ Identify advantages of single-cell resolution when examining therapeutic response
- ◆ Describe scalable and multiplex platforms for Chemical Genomics
- ◆ Familiarize yourself with approaches for the analysis of large-scale perturbation data

CHEMICAL GENETICS: LIGAND-BASED DISCOVERY OF GENE FUNCTION

Brent R. Stockwell

Chemical genetics is the study of gene-product function in a cellular or organismal context using exogenous ligands. In this approach, small molecules that bind directly to proteins are used to alter protein function, enabling a kinetic analysis of the *in vivo* consequences of these changes. Recent advances have strongly enhanced the power of exogenous ligands such that they can resemble genetic mutations in terms of their general applicability and target specificity. The growing sophistication of this approach raises the possibility of its application to any biological process.

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Opinion

Chemical genomics: what will it take and who gets to play? Gavin MacBeath

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THE ROLE OF THE MEDICINAL CHEMIST IN DRUG DISCOVERY — THEN AND NOW

Joseph G. Lombardino and John A. Lowe III‡*

Abstract | The role of the medicinal chemist in drug discovery has undergone major changes in the past 25 years, mainly because of the introduction of technologies such as combinatorial chemistry and structure-based drug design. As medicinal chemists with more than 50 years of combined experience spanning the past four decades, we discuss this changing role using examples from our own and others' experience. This historical perspective could provide insights in to how to improve the current model for drug discovery by helping the medicinal chemist regain the creative role that contributed to past successes.

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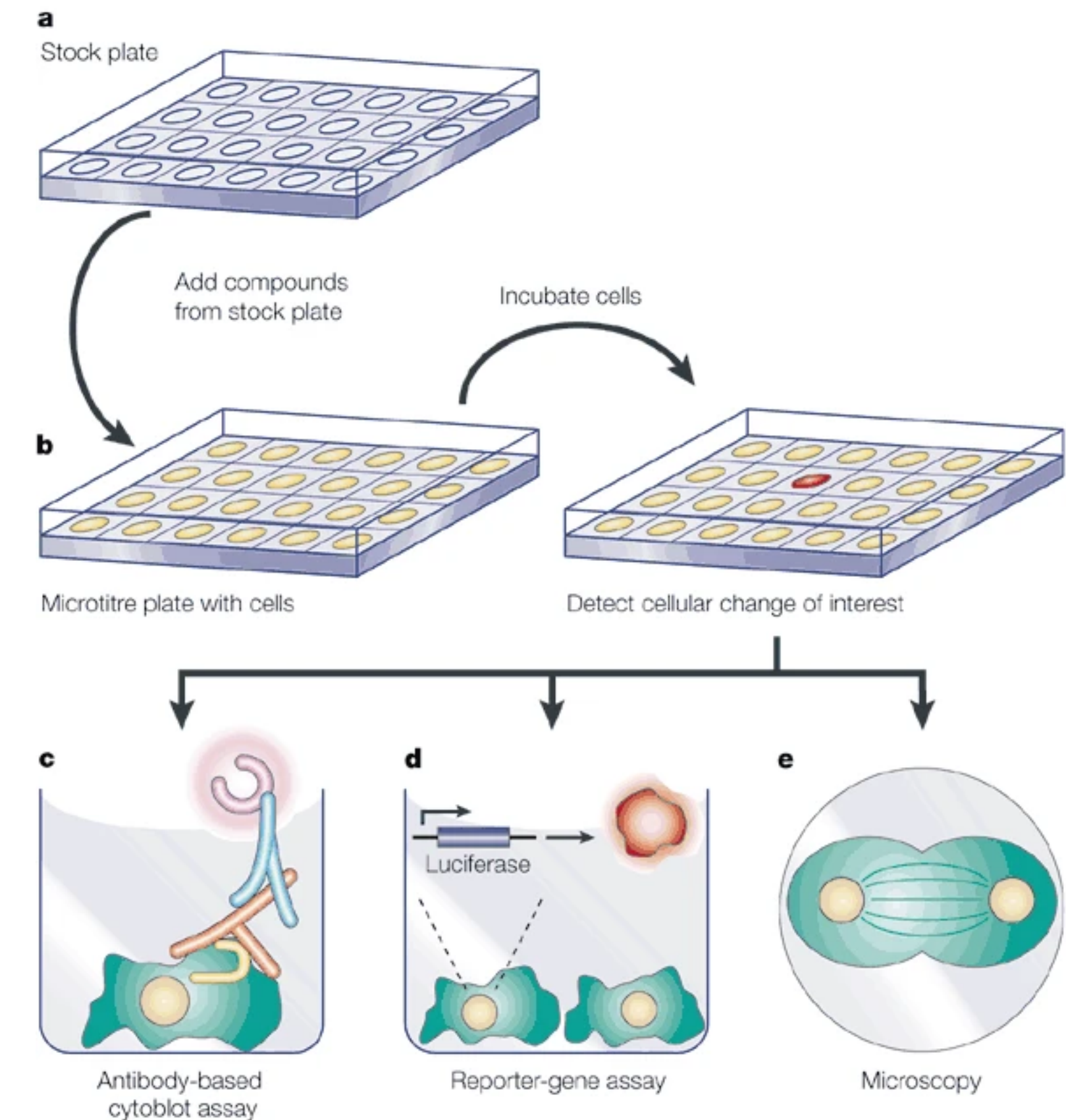
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The Chemical Genetics Approach

- ◆ Approaches that use collections of small molecules or other treatment modalities to study gene product function
- ◆ Leverage large chemical or biomolecule libraries
- ◆ Function is studied in whole cells or organisms
- ◆ Coupled to a variety of readouts that allow parallelization (e.g., viability, reporter expression)
- ◆ Analogous to genetics, approaches can be divided into forward- and reverse-chemical genetics screens

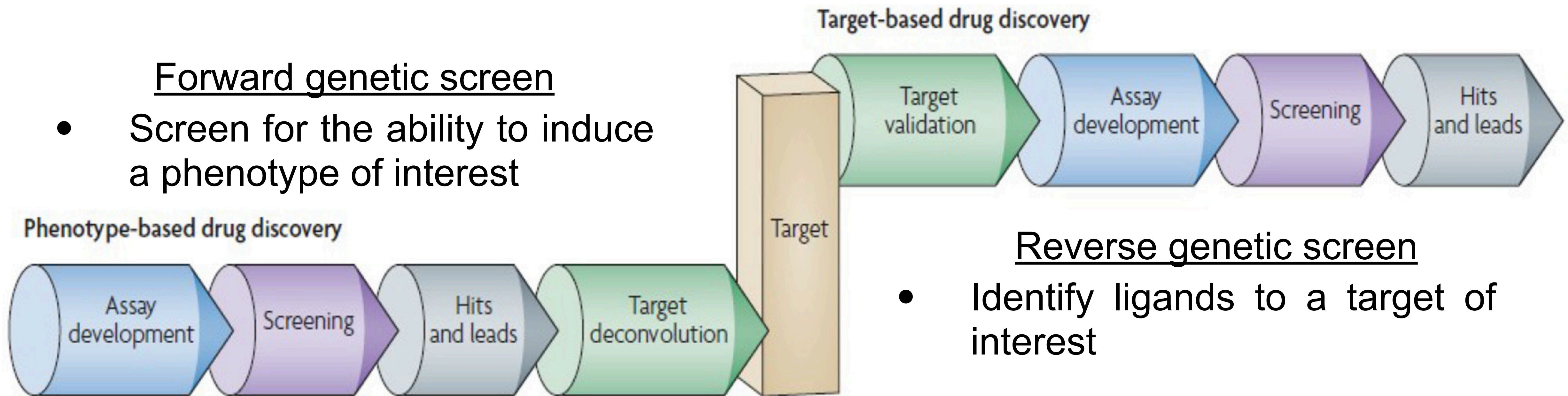


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Phenotype-based vs. Target-based Screens

Forward genetic screen

- Screen for the ability to induce a phenotype of interest



Reverse genetic screen

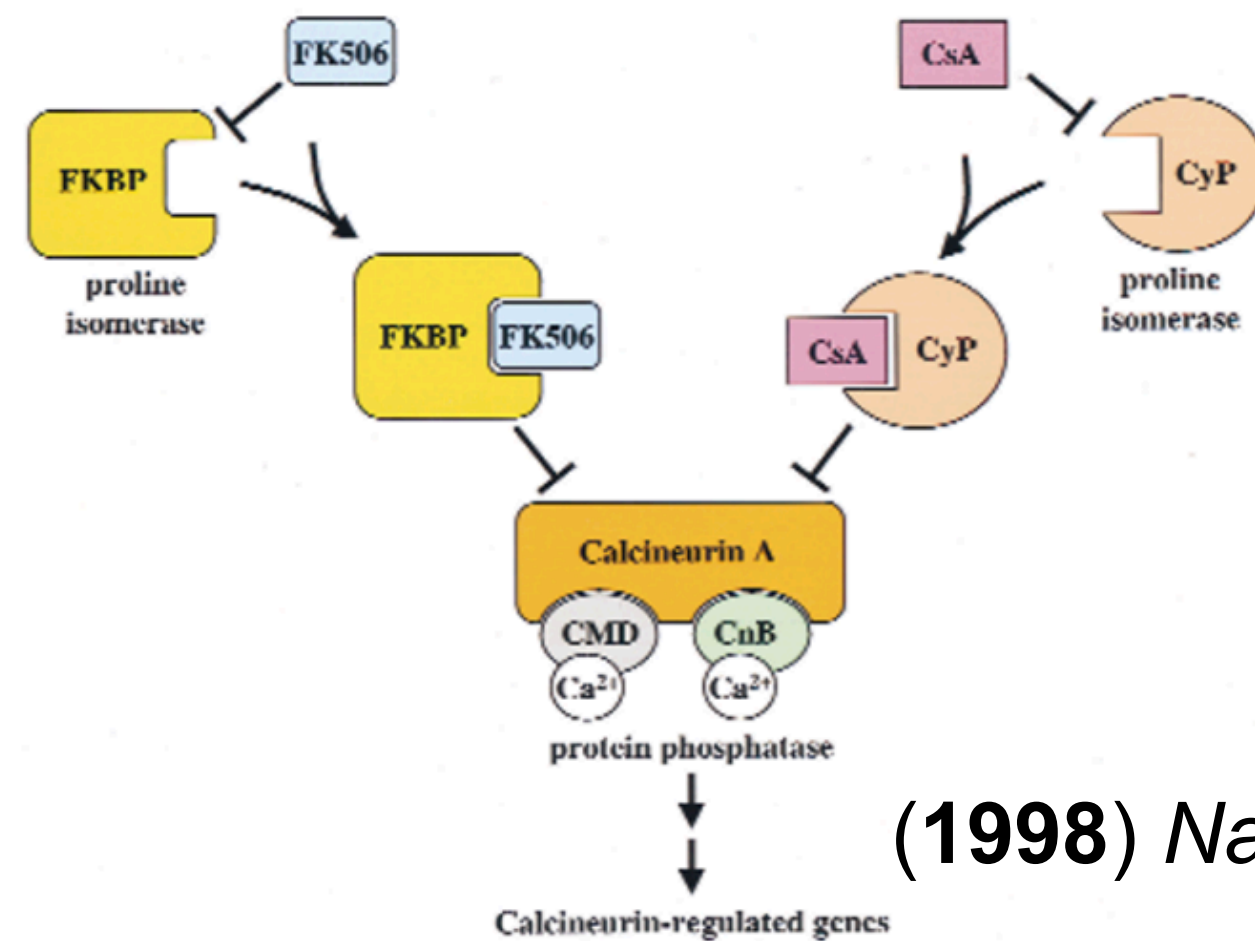
- Identify ligands to a target of interest

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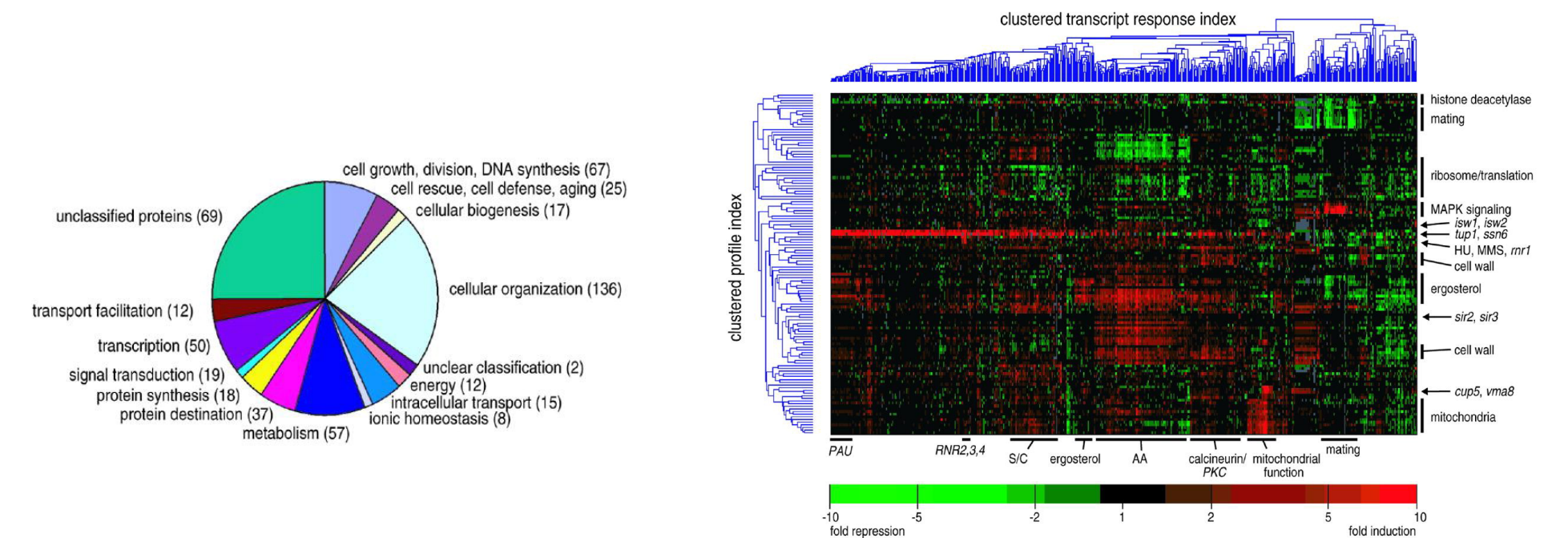
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Compendium of Signatures



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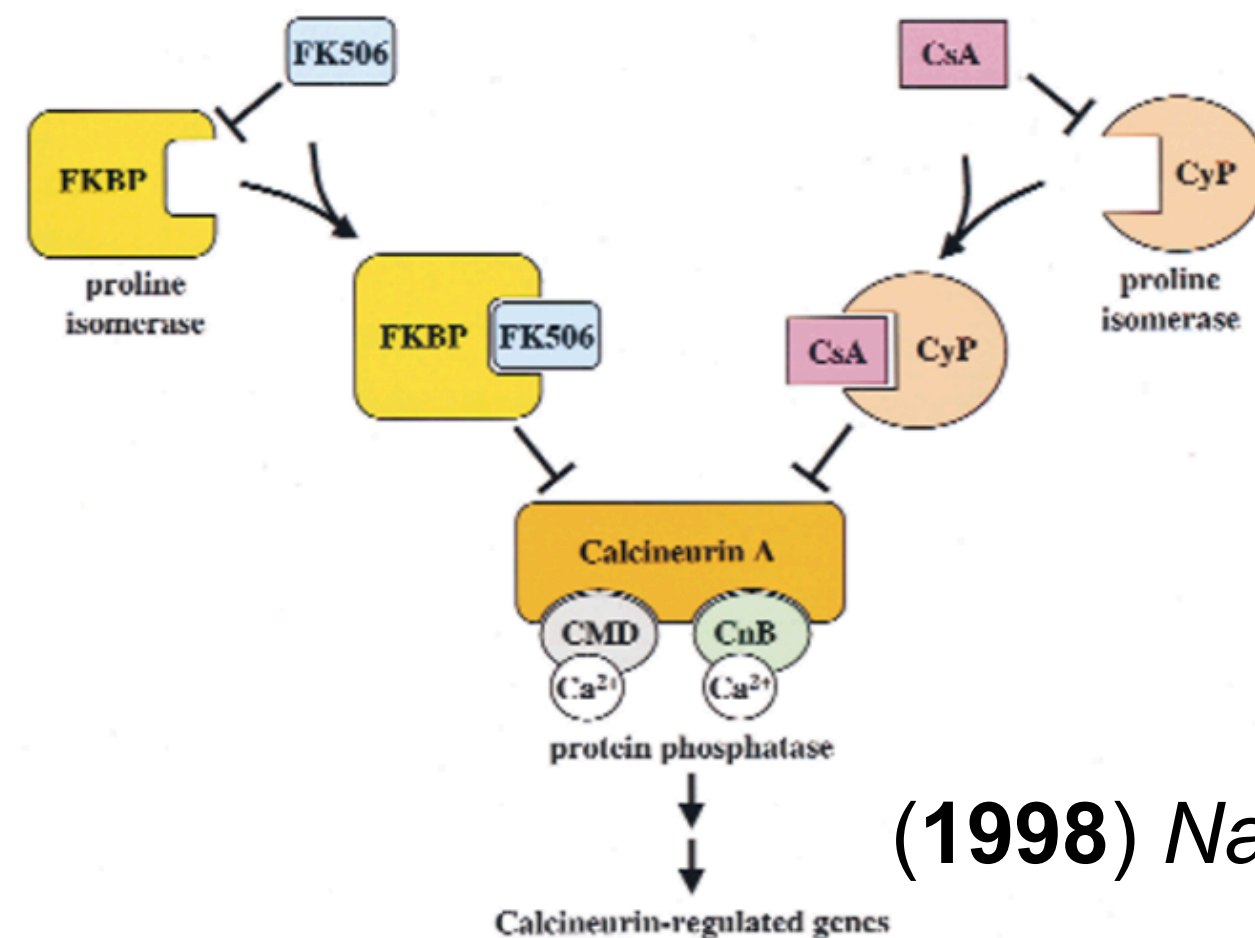
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Microarray

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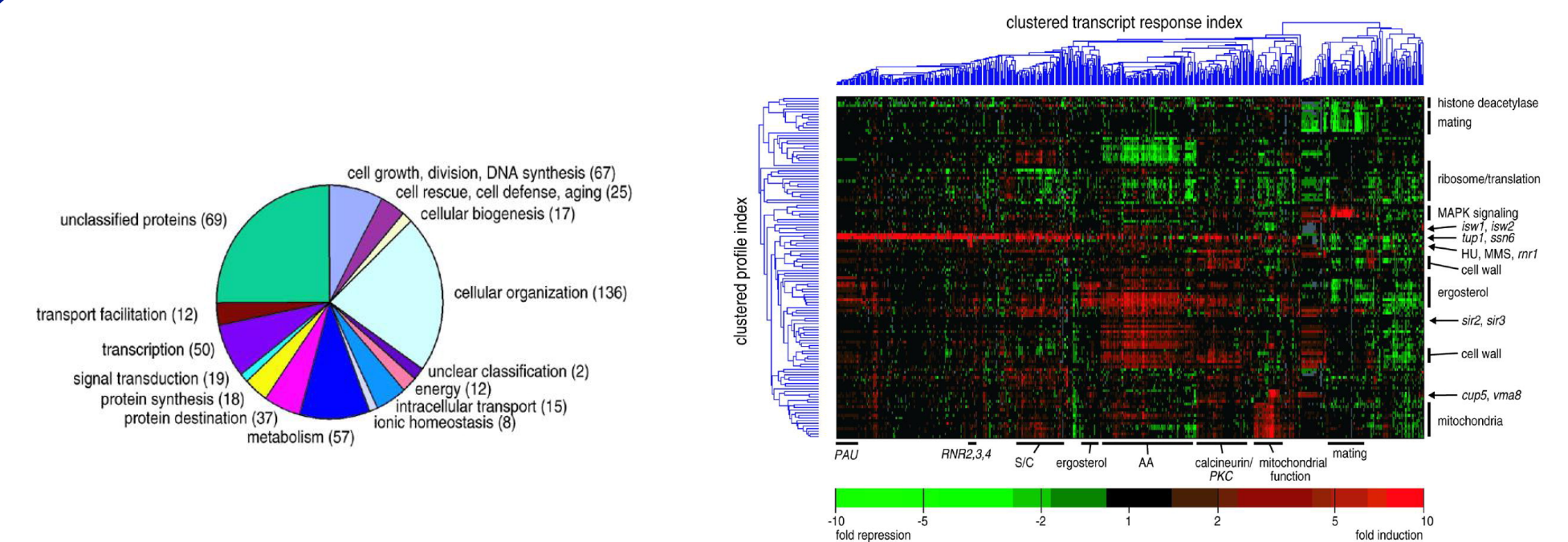
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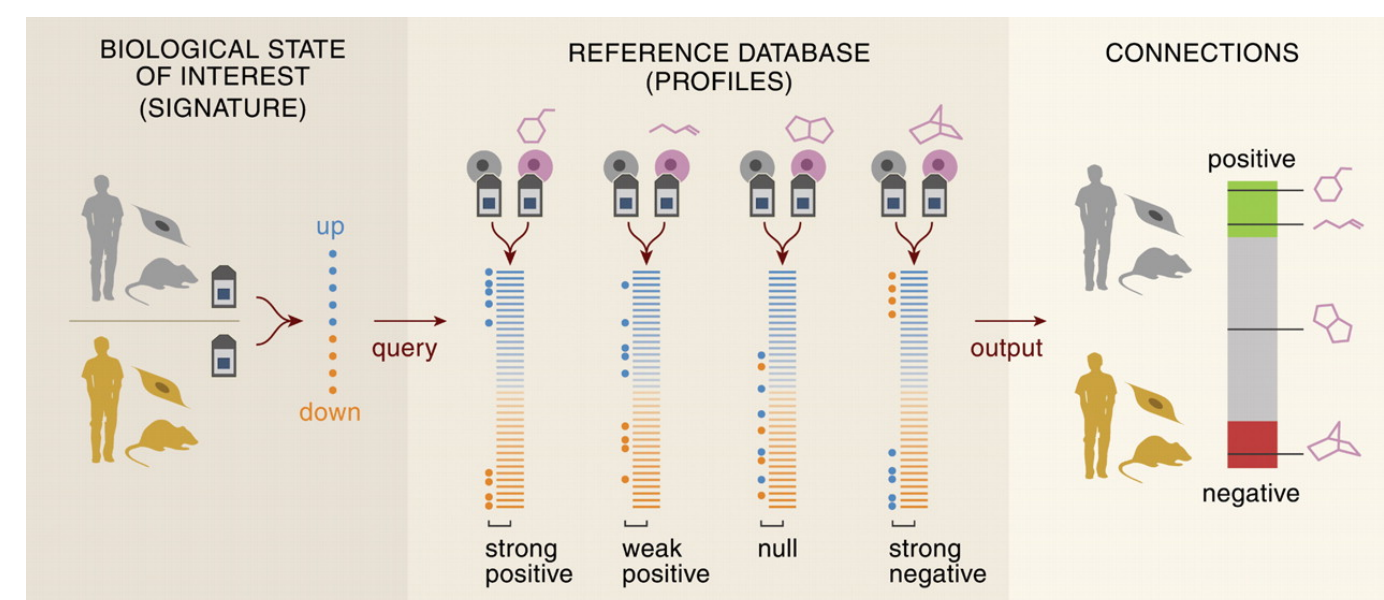


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- ◆ Marton *et al.* established the idea of a chemical signature to classify on/off target effects of inhibition of calcineurin signaling
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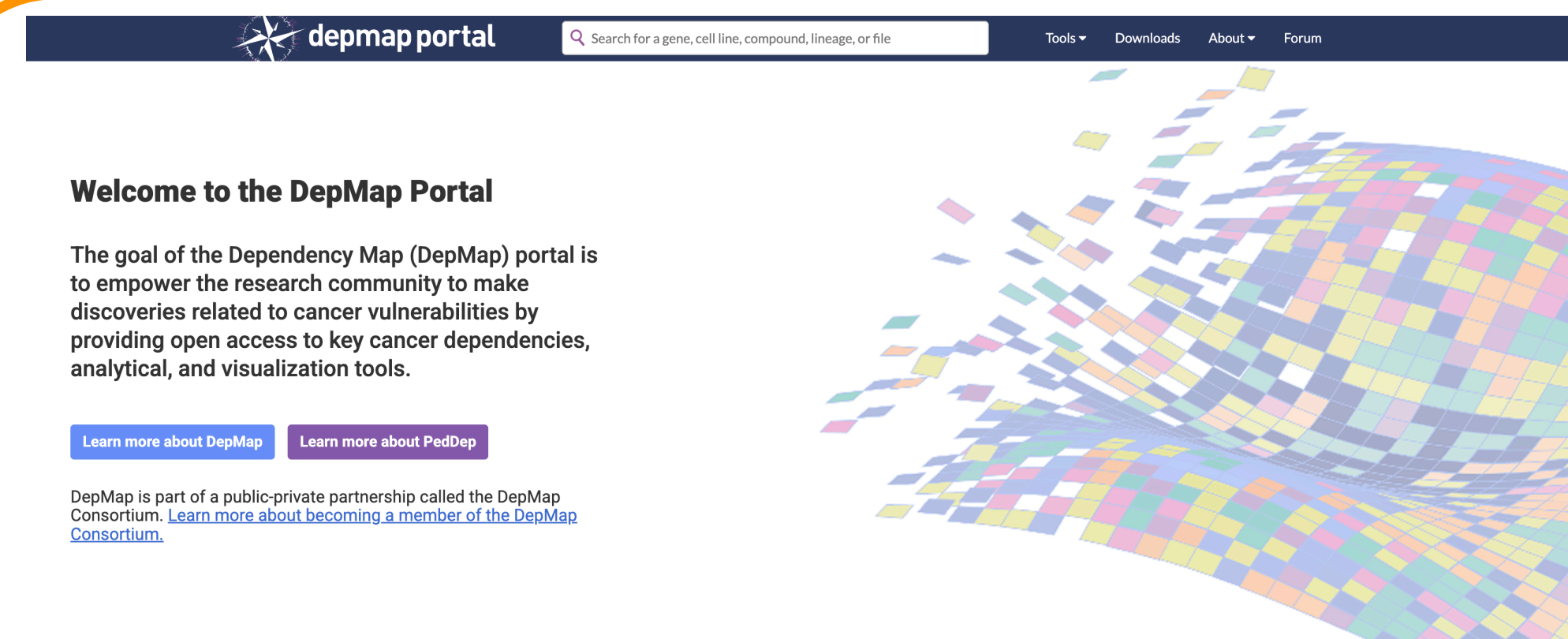
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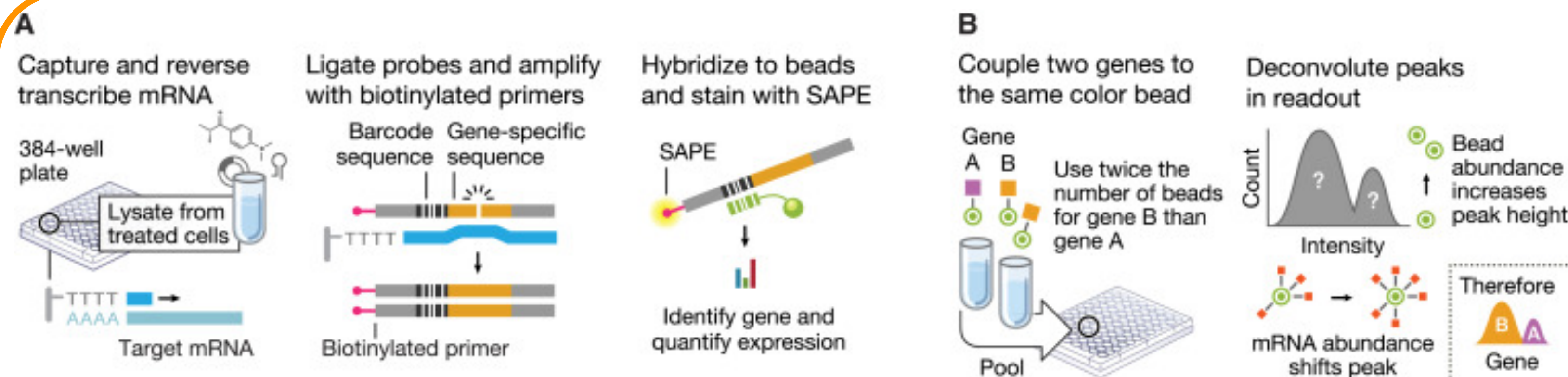
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Dependency Map



Library of Integrated Network-based Cellular Signatures (LINCS)

L1000 assay

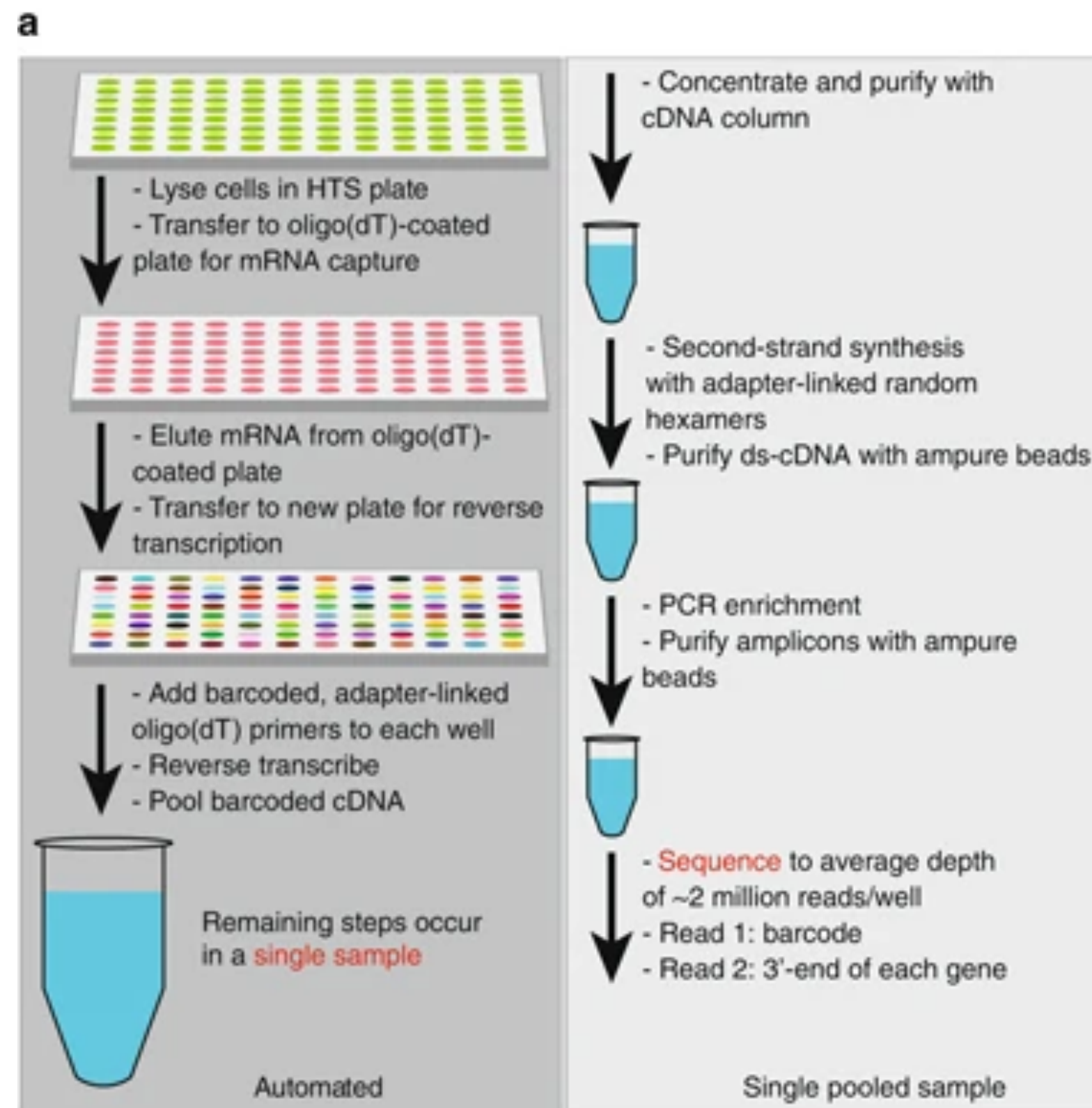


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◆ Advances have focused on coupling chemical genetics screen to scalable molecular readouts

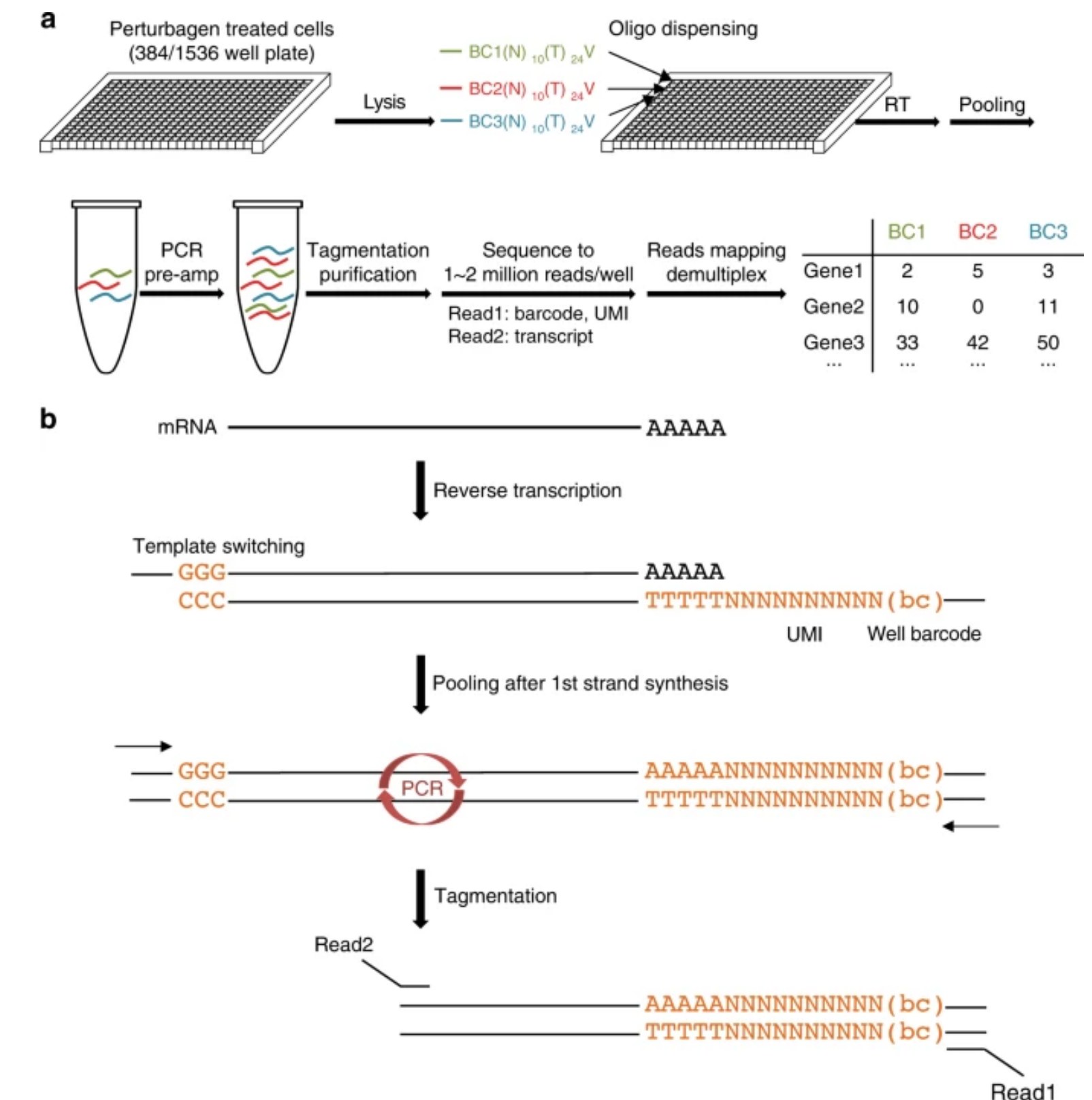
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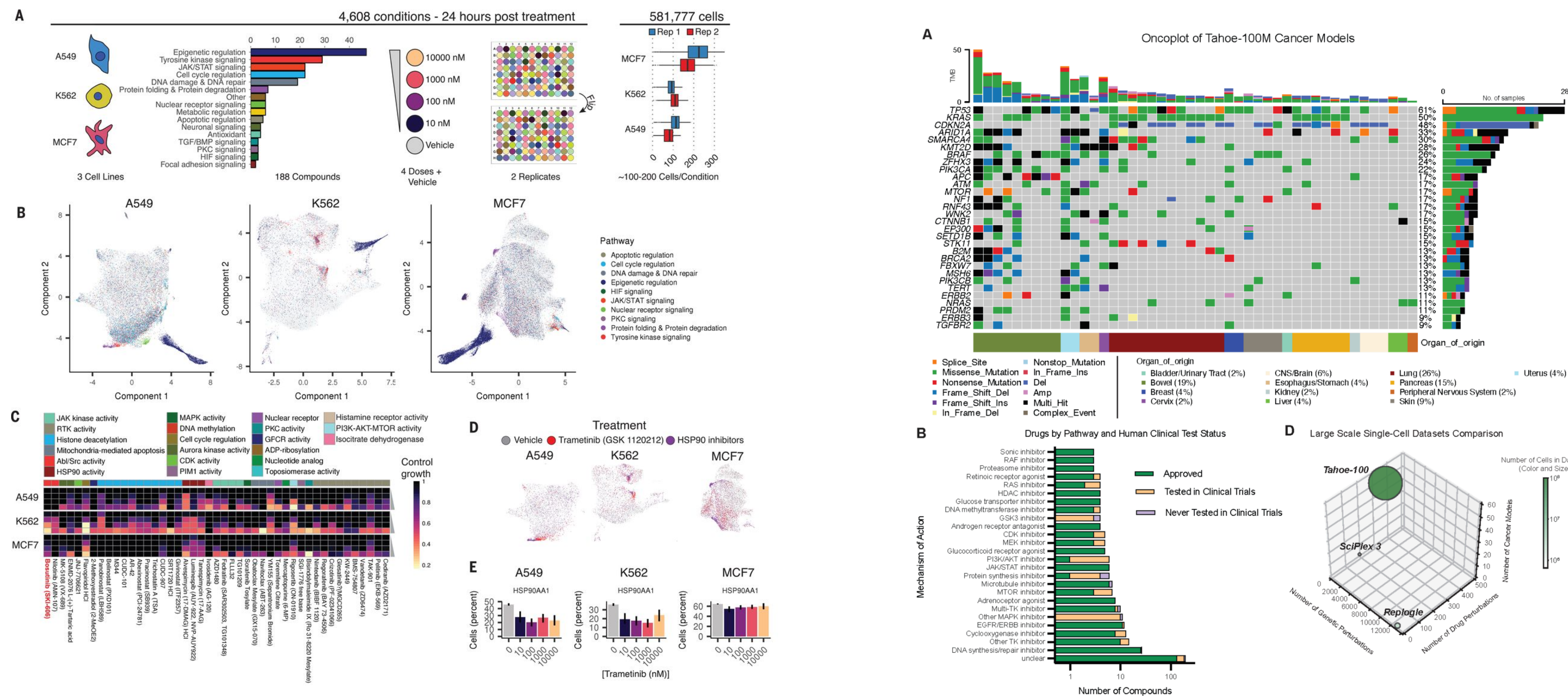
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- ◆ Unbiased gene expression profiling of drug-induced molecular effects by sample multiplexing of unique conditions during reverse transcription

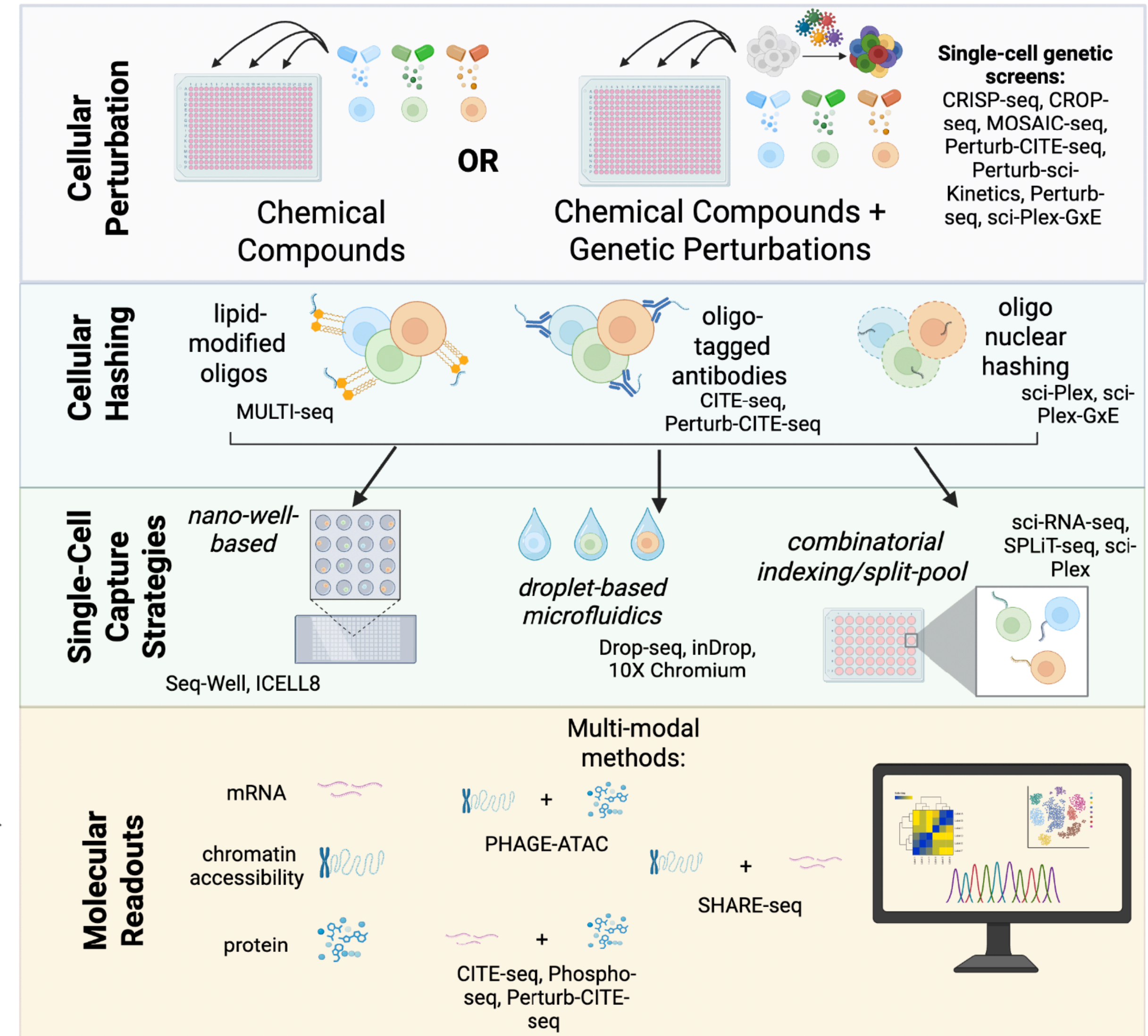
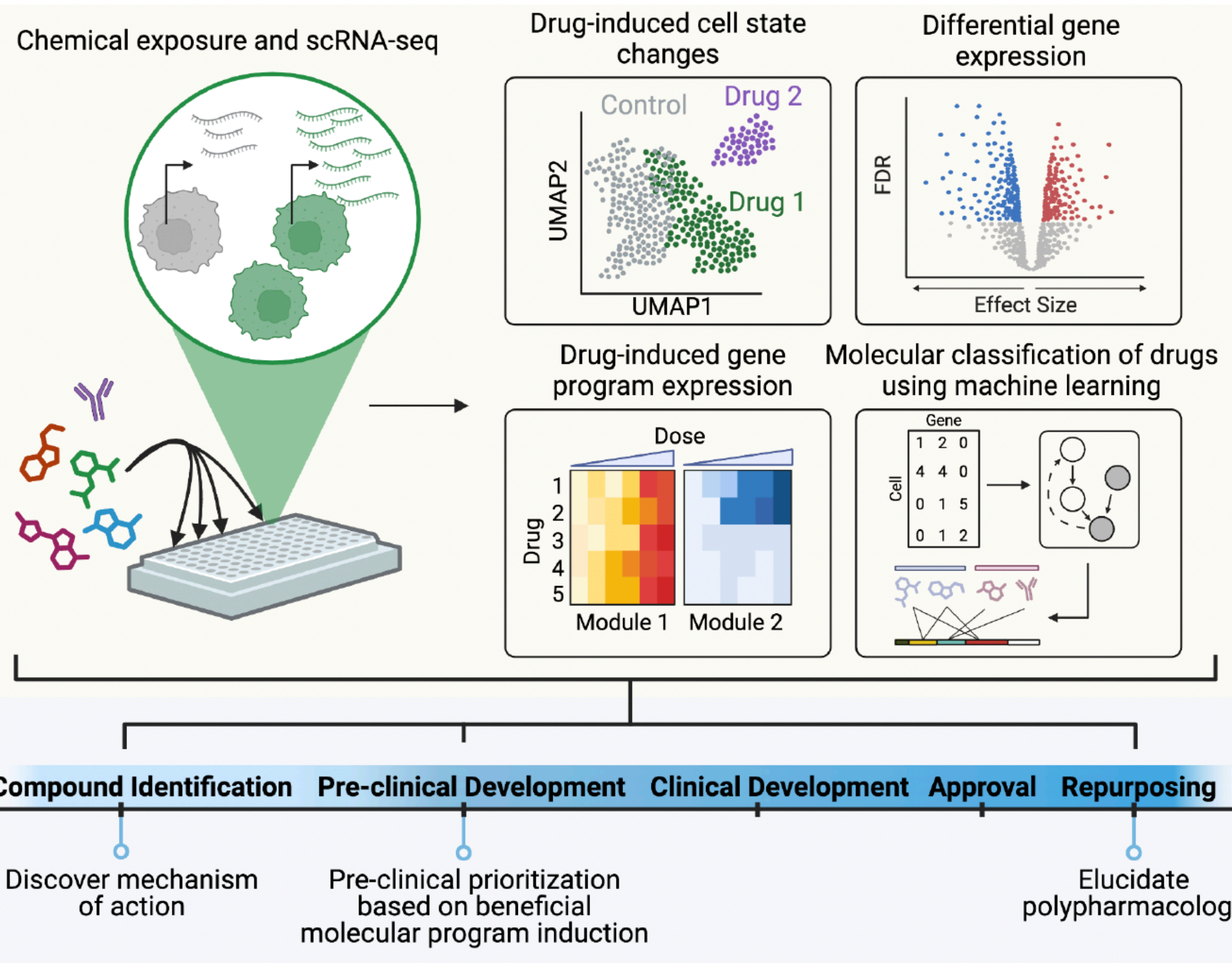
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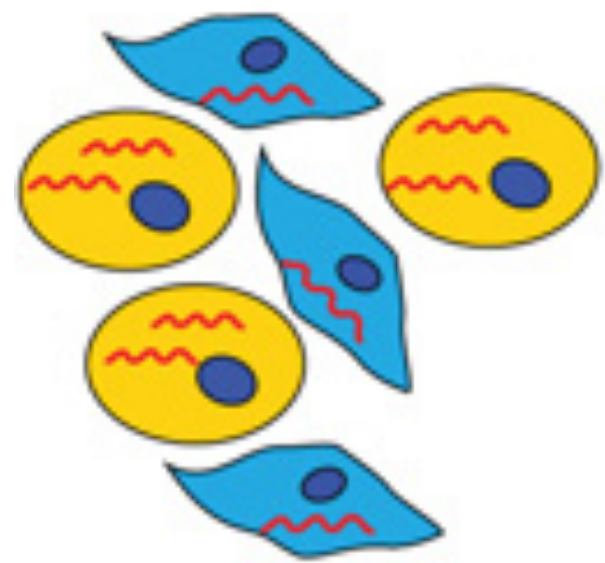
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The expanding single-cell chemical genomics toolkit



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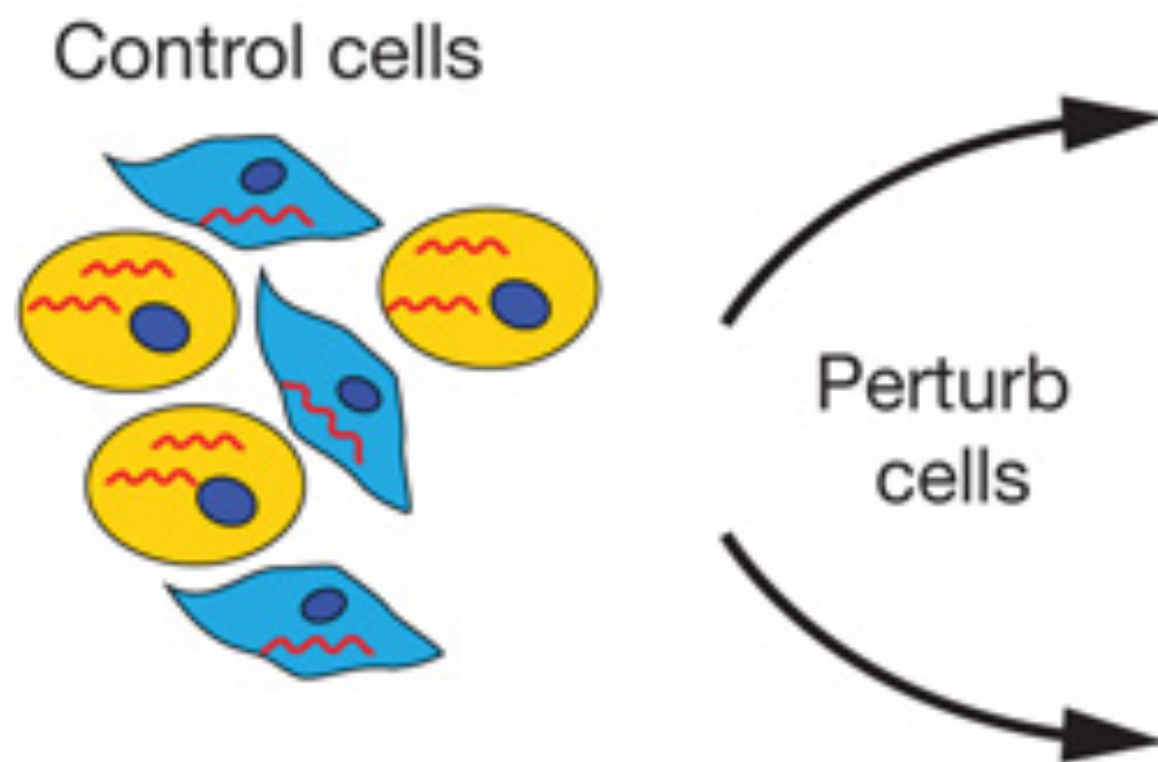
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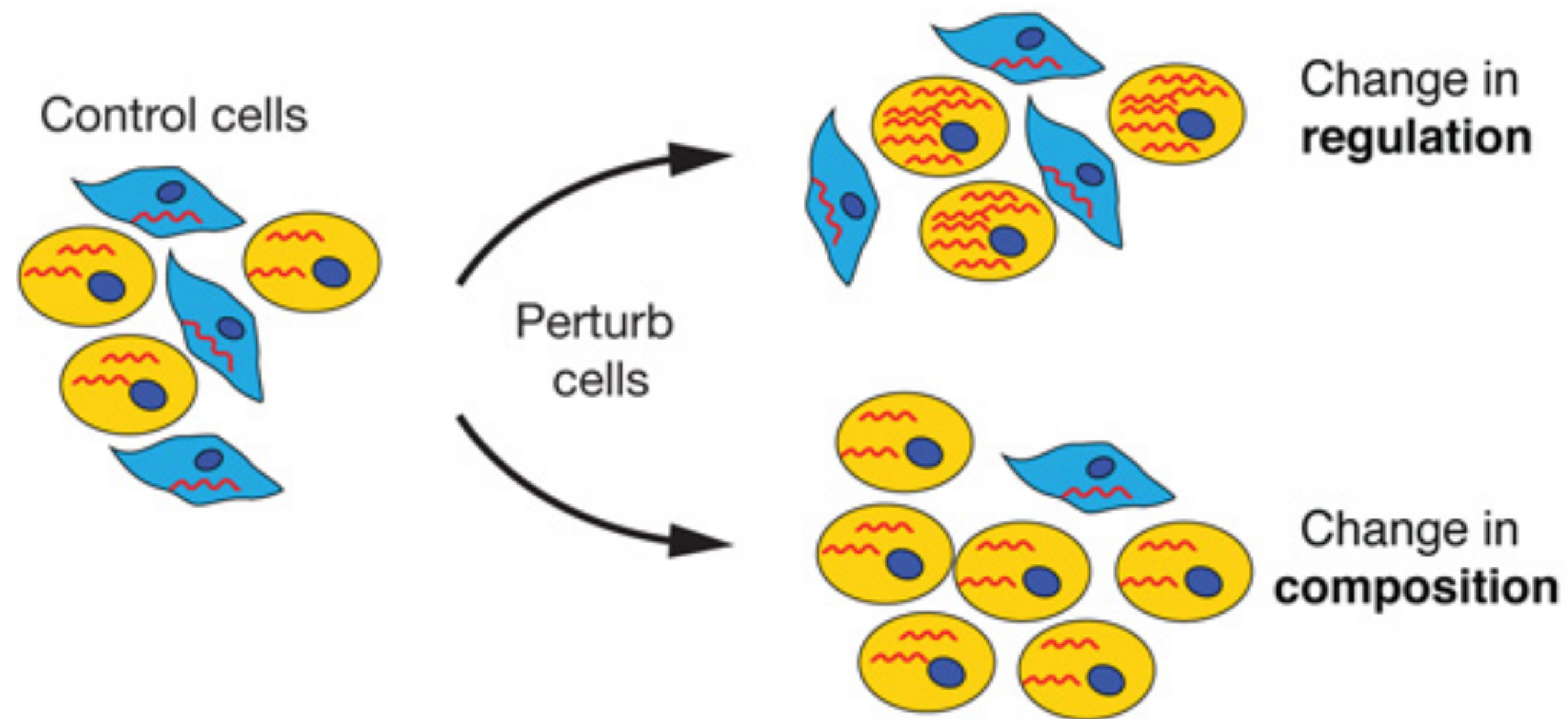
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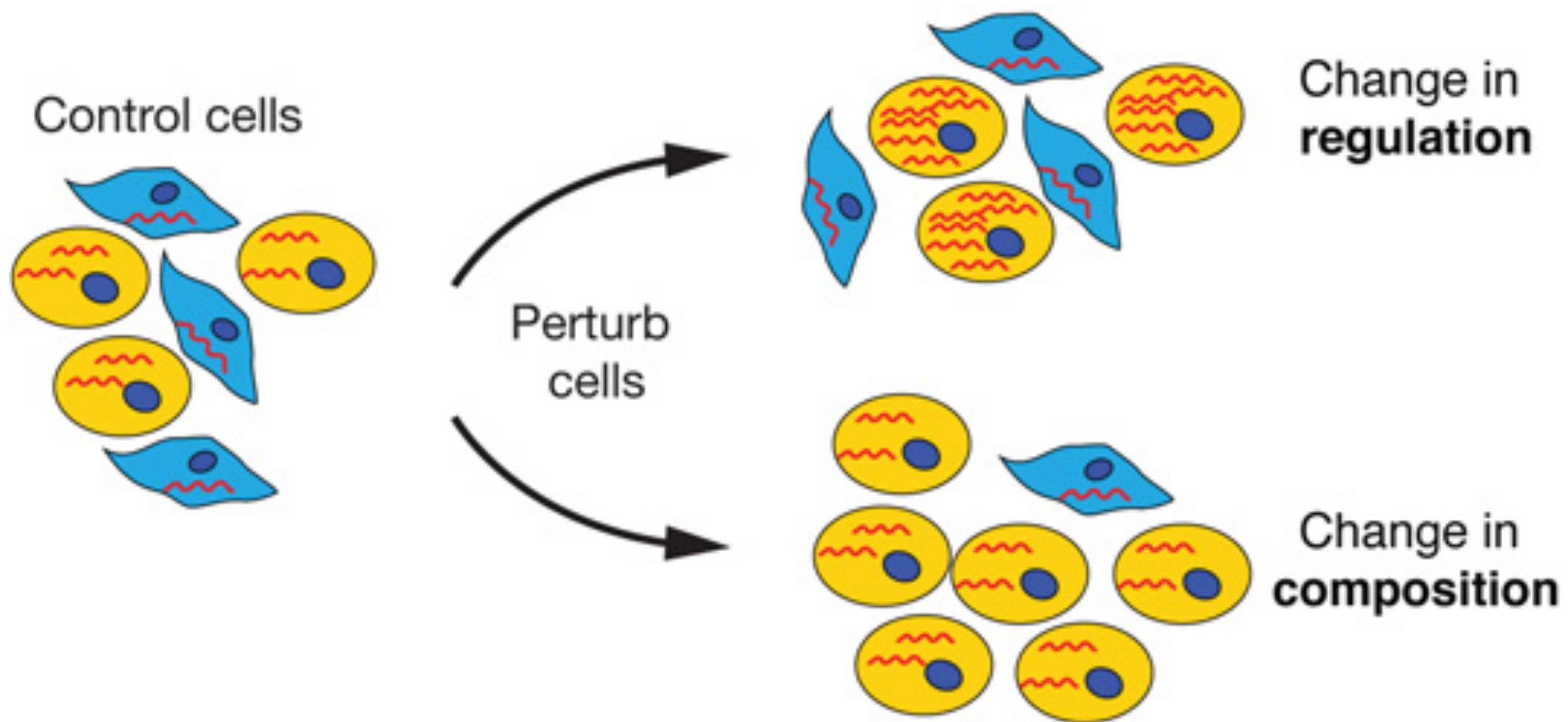
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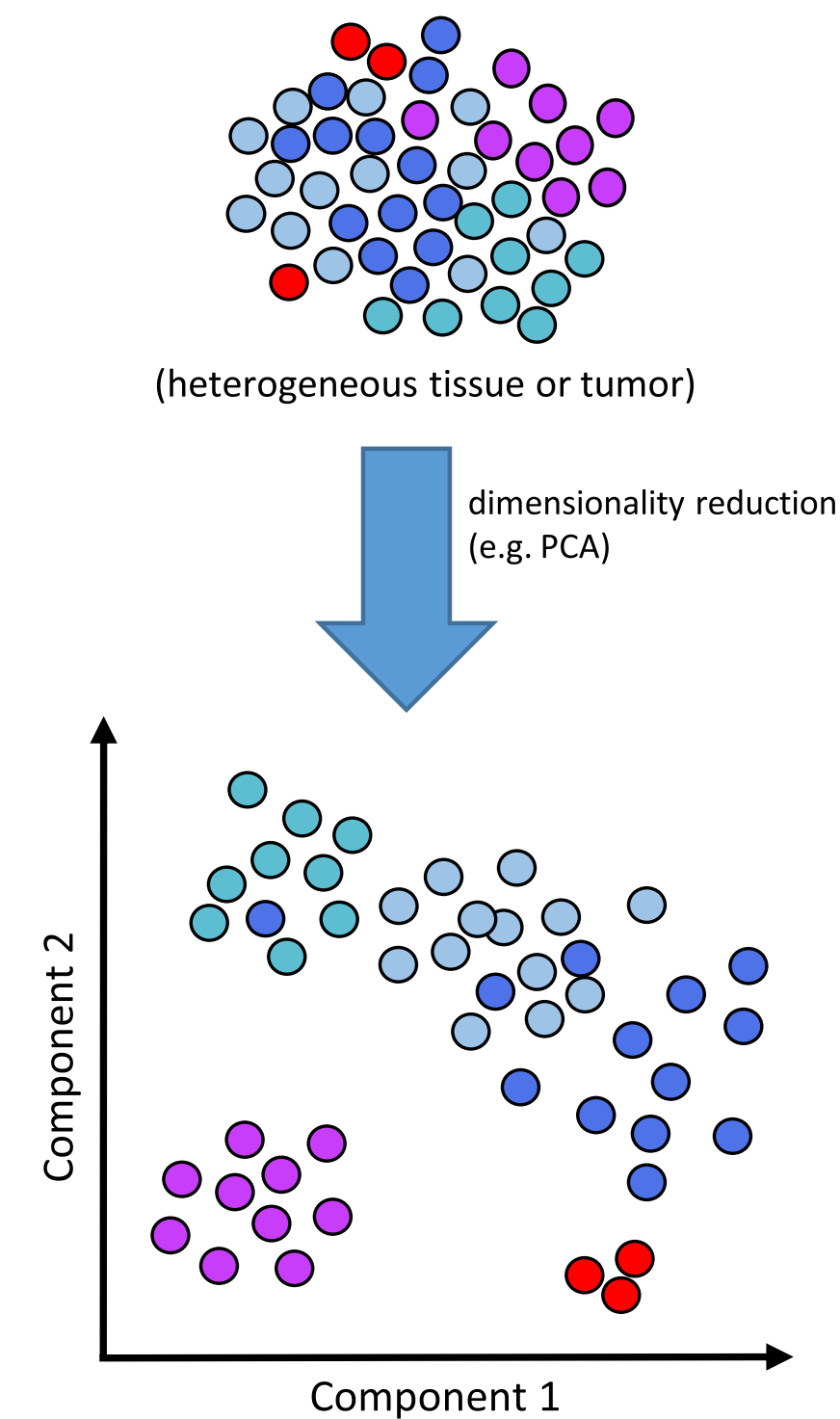
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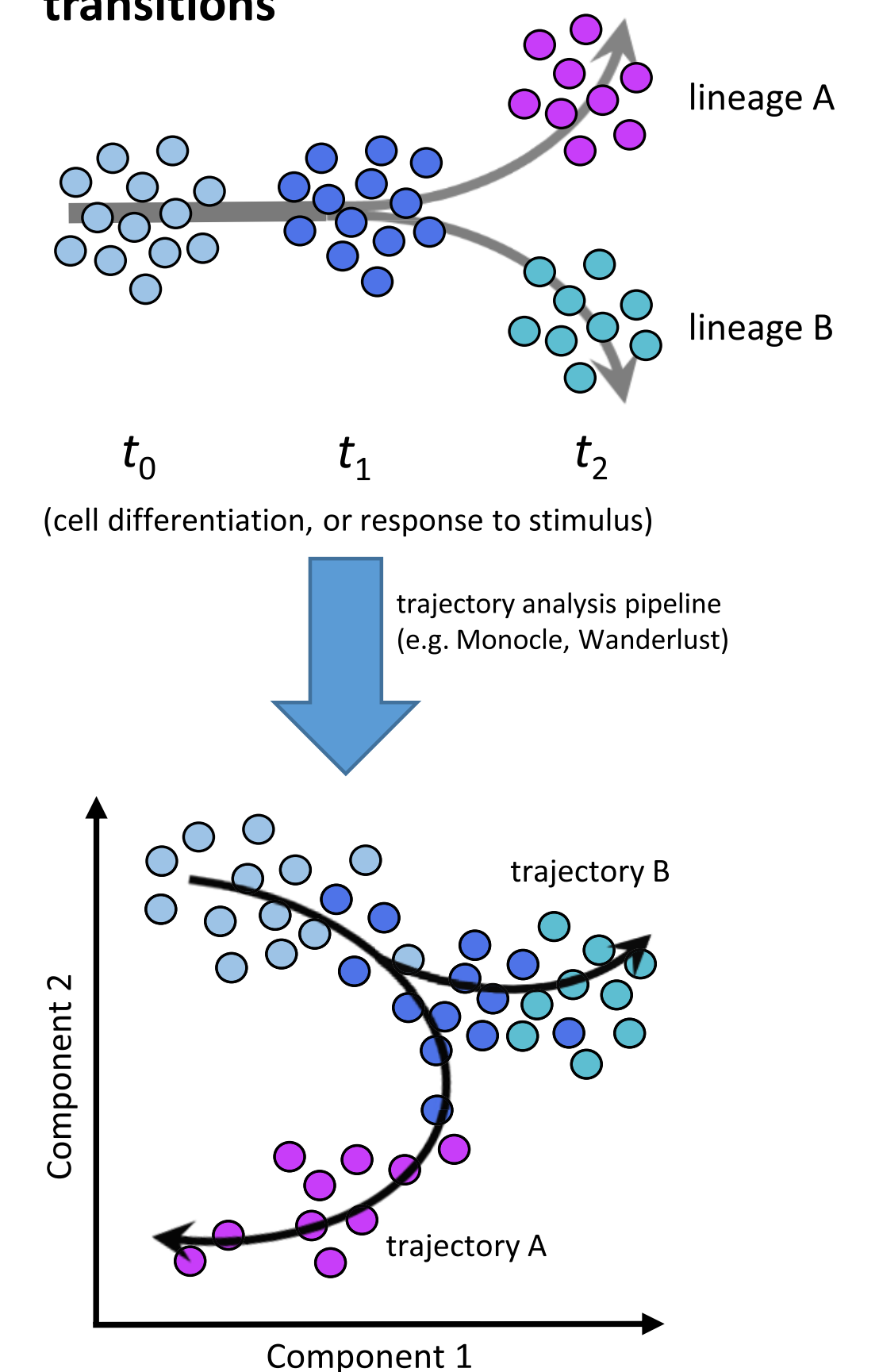
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Deconvolve populations

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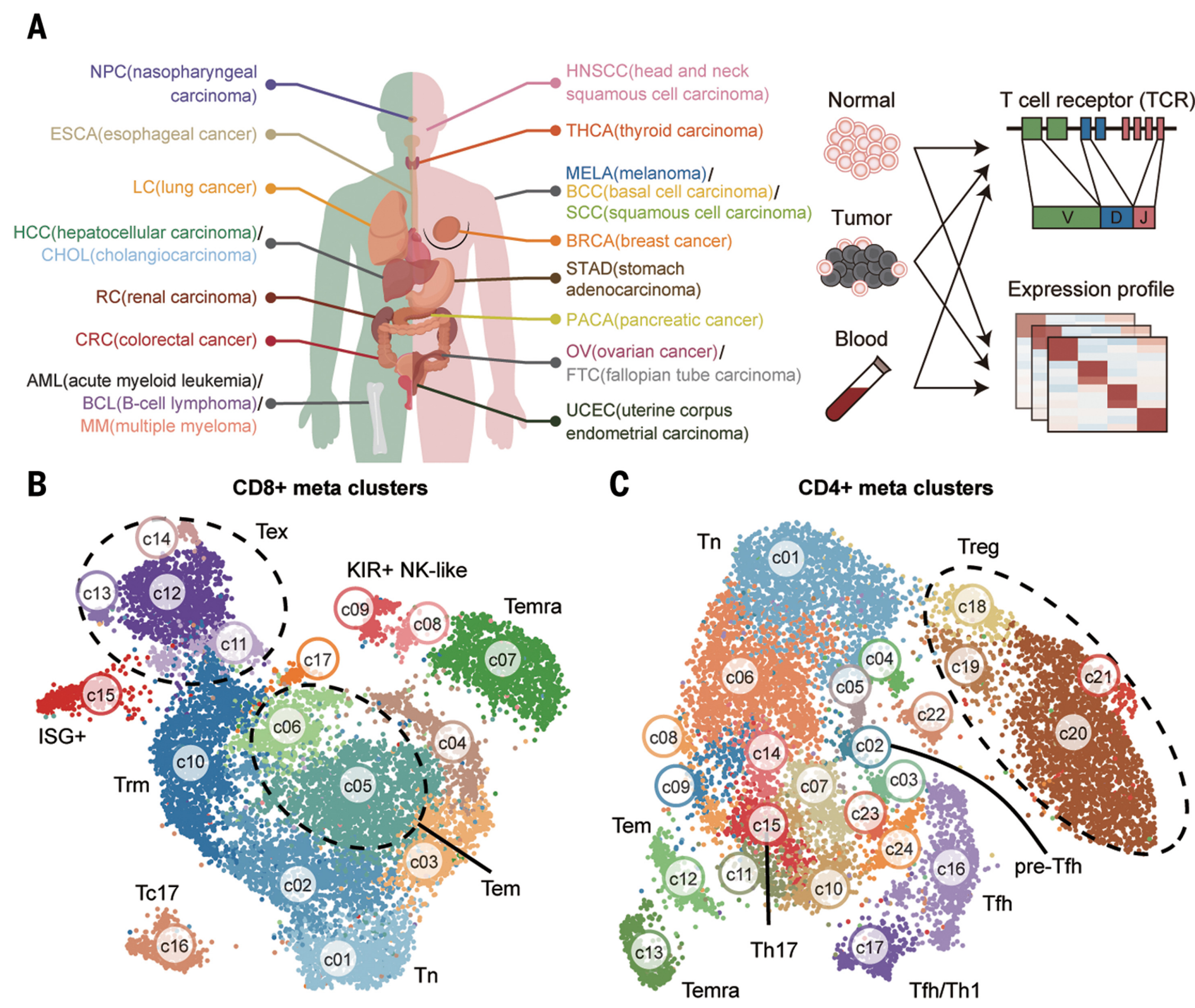


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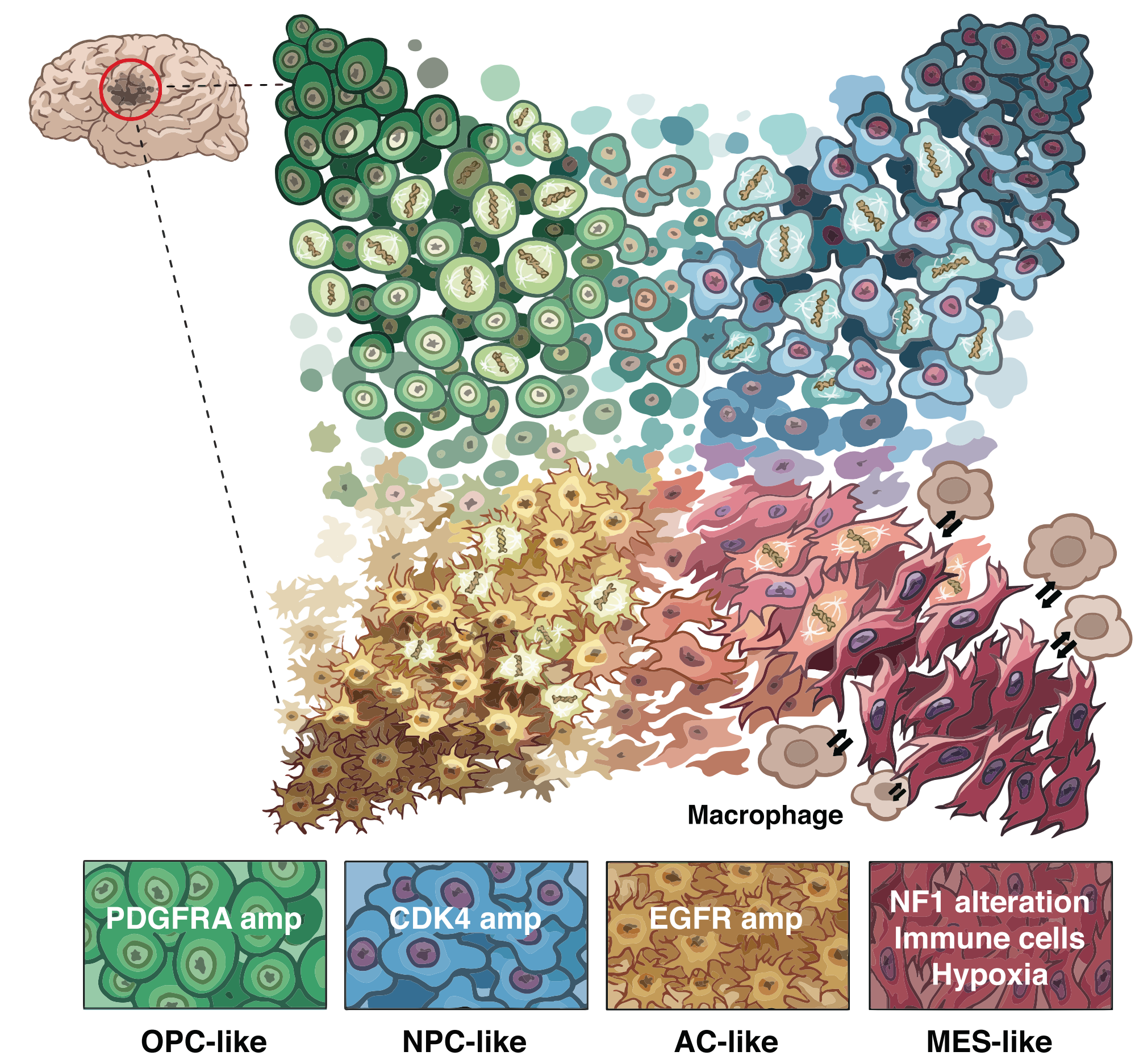


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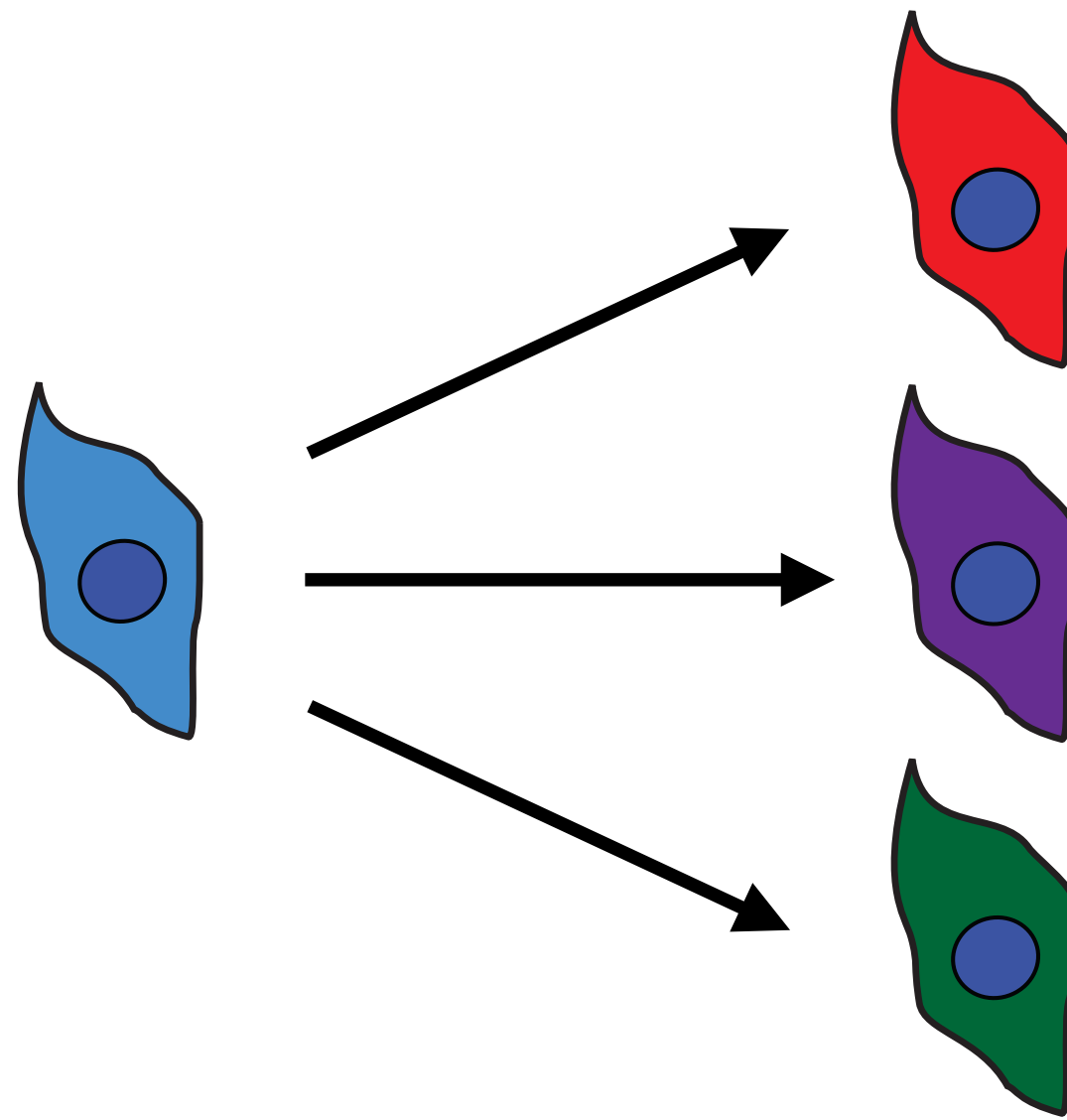
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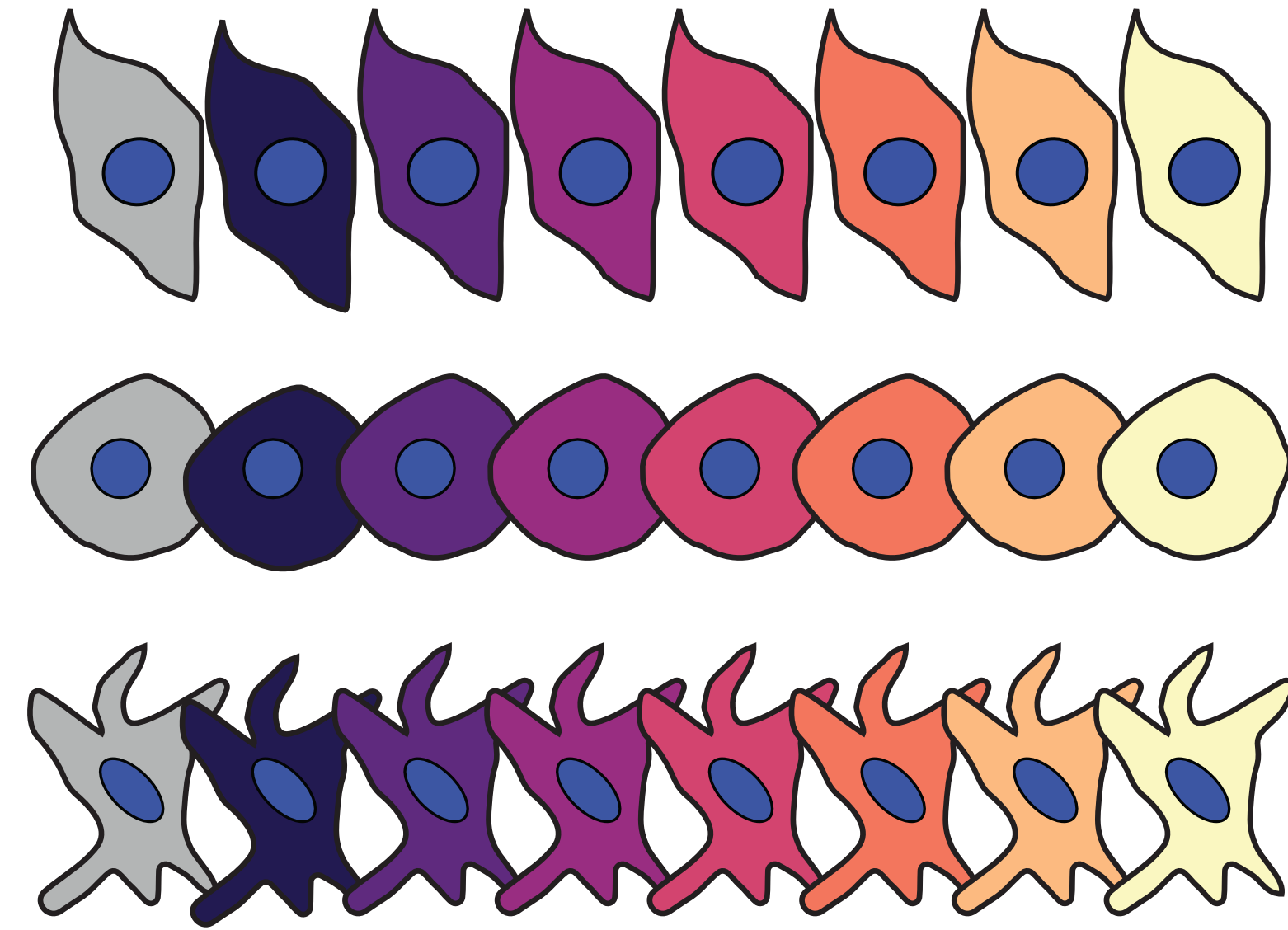
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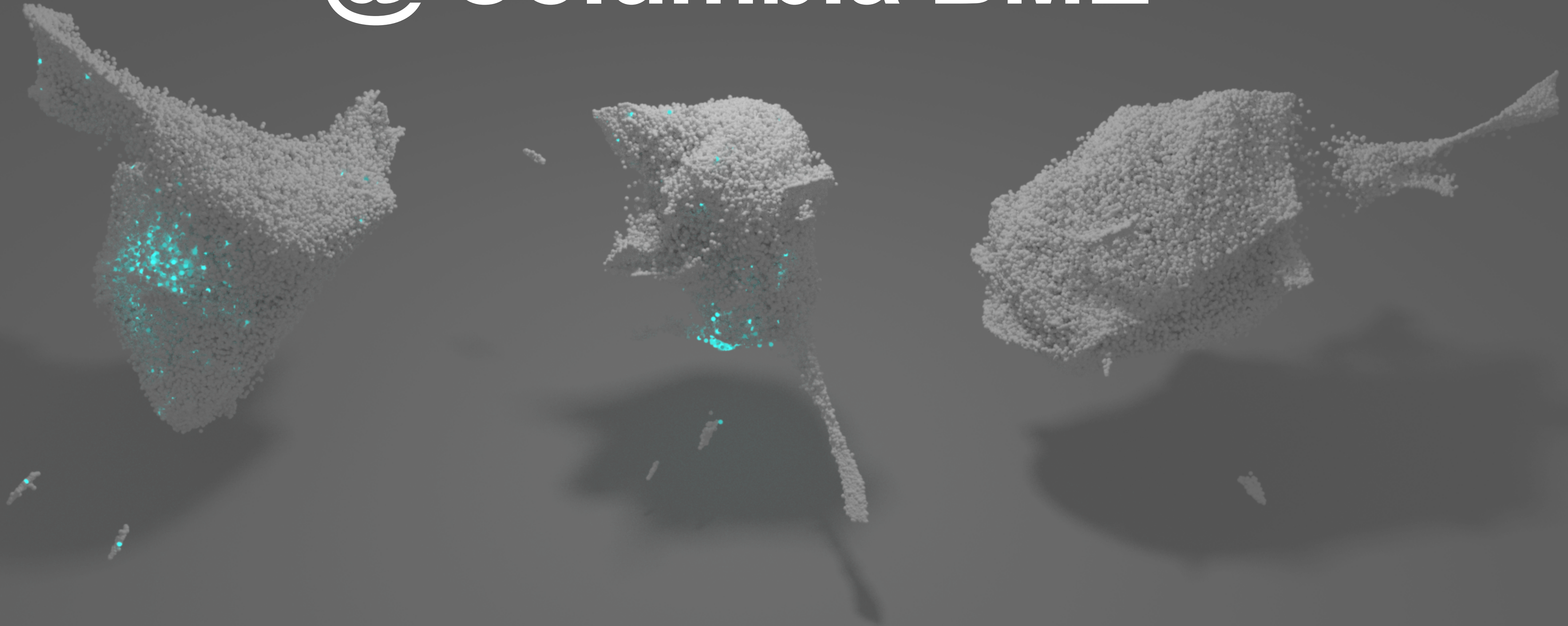
Induction of multiple cell states



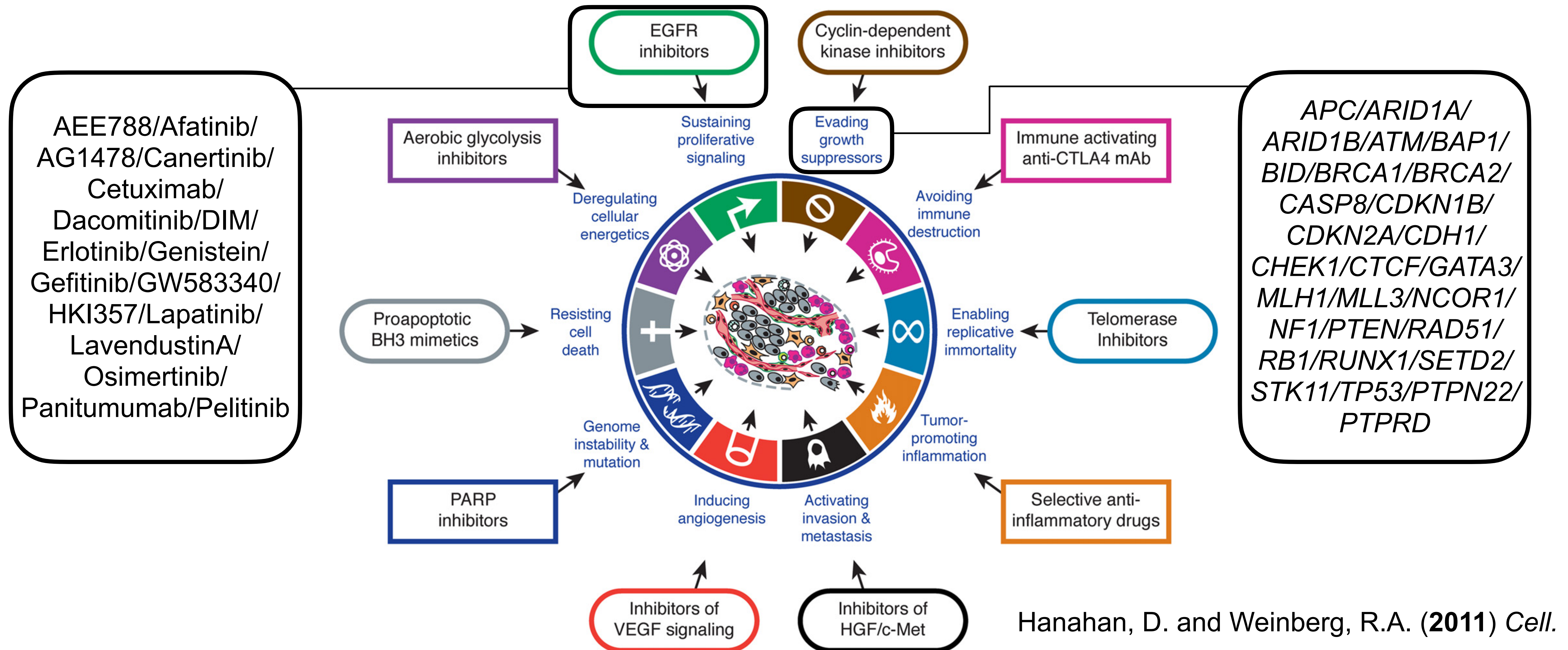
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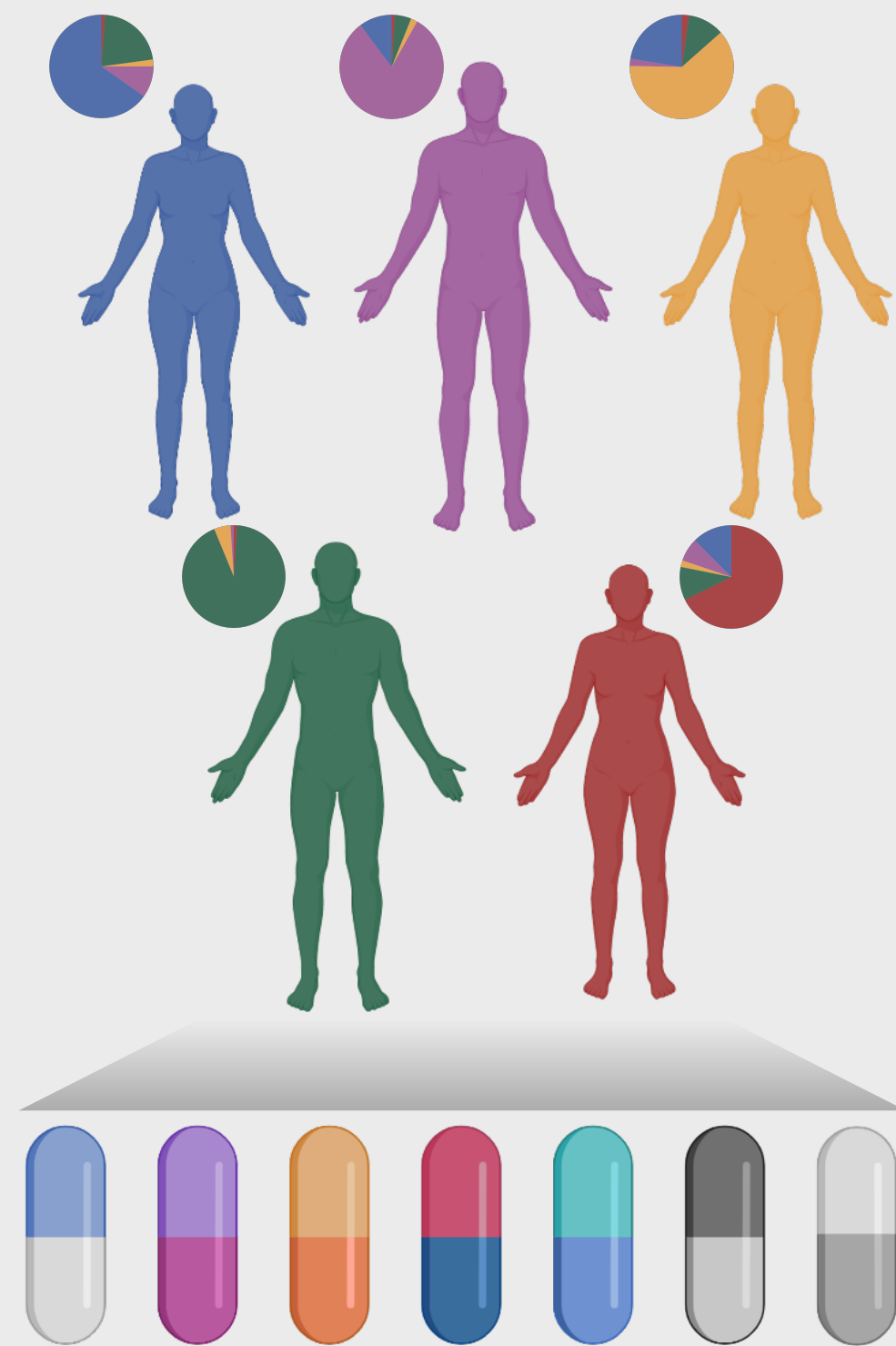


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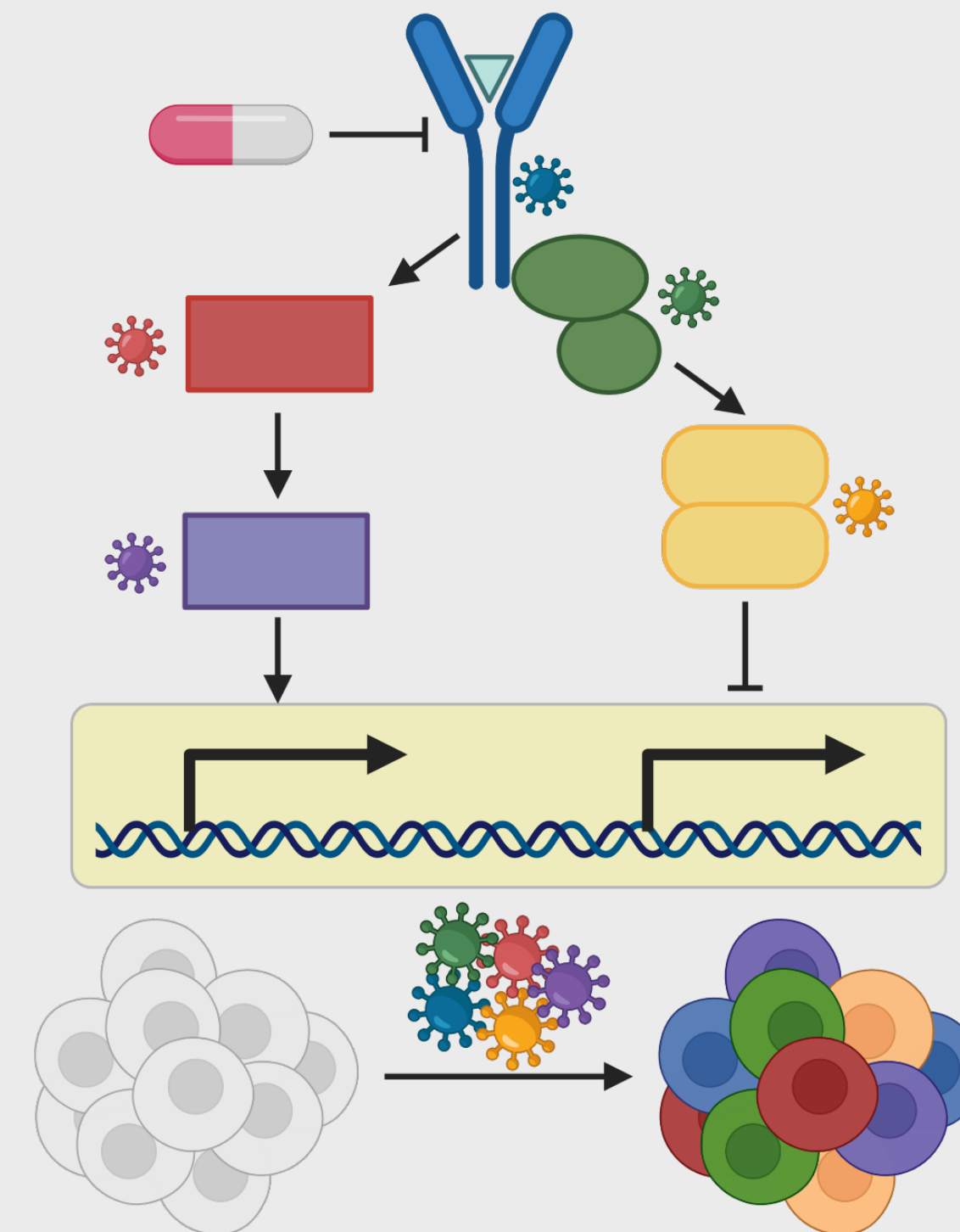


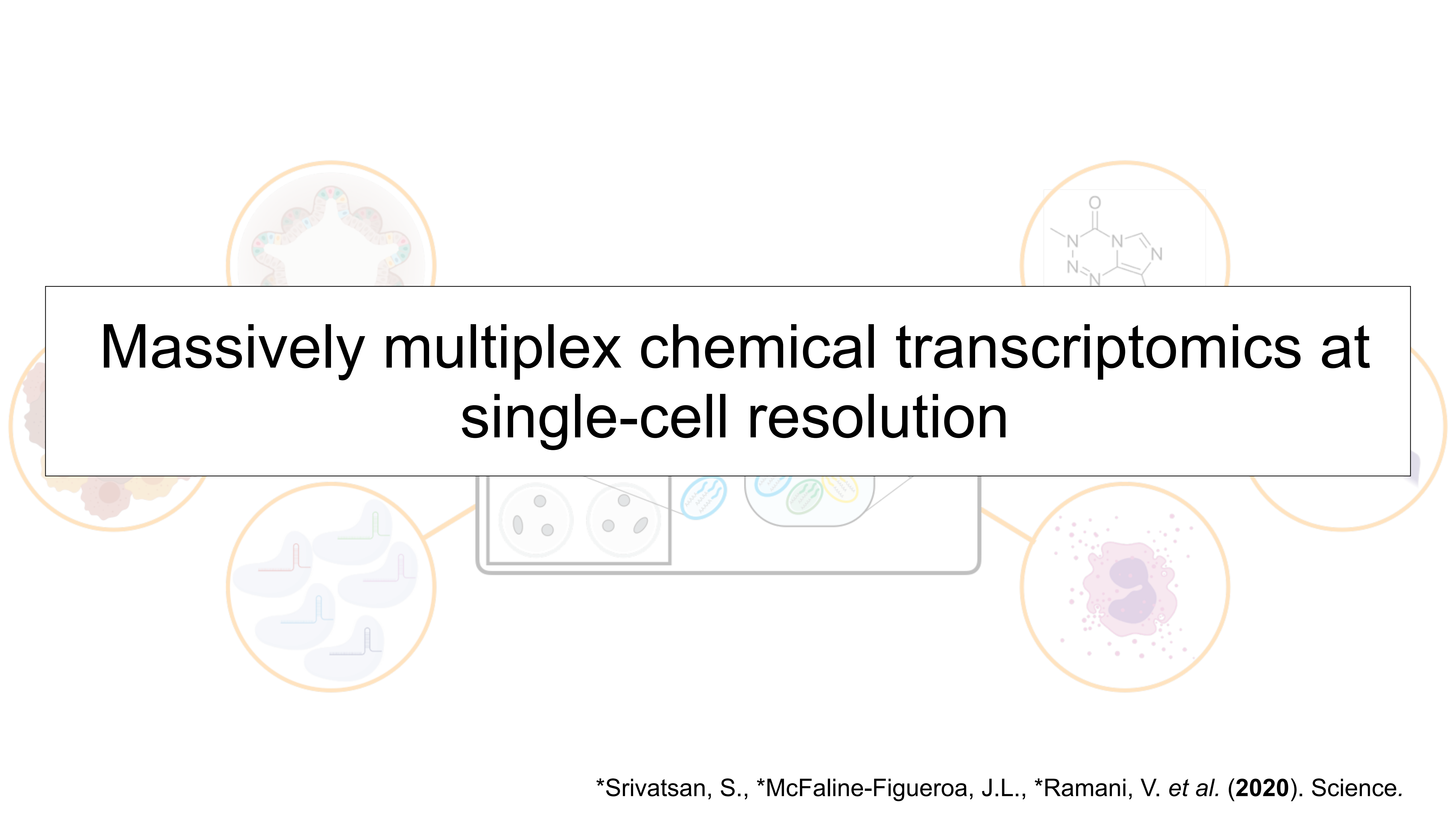
Multiplex single-cell perturbation genomics

Map the transcriptional response to therapy



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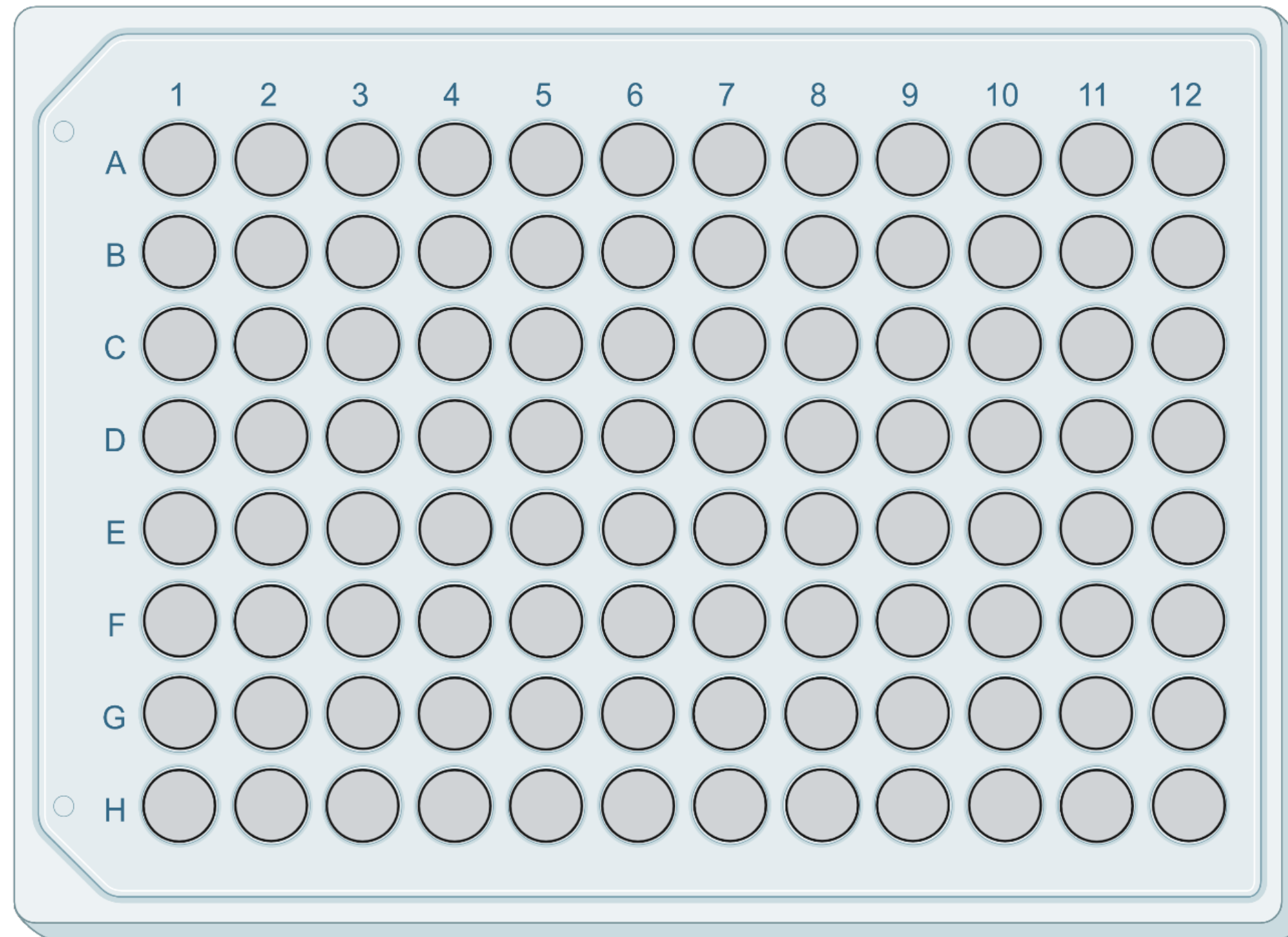




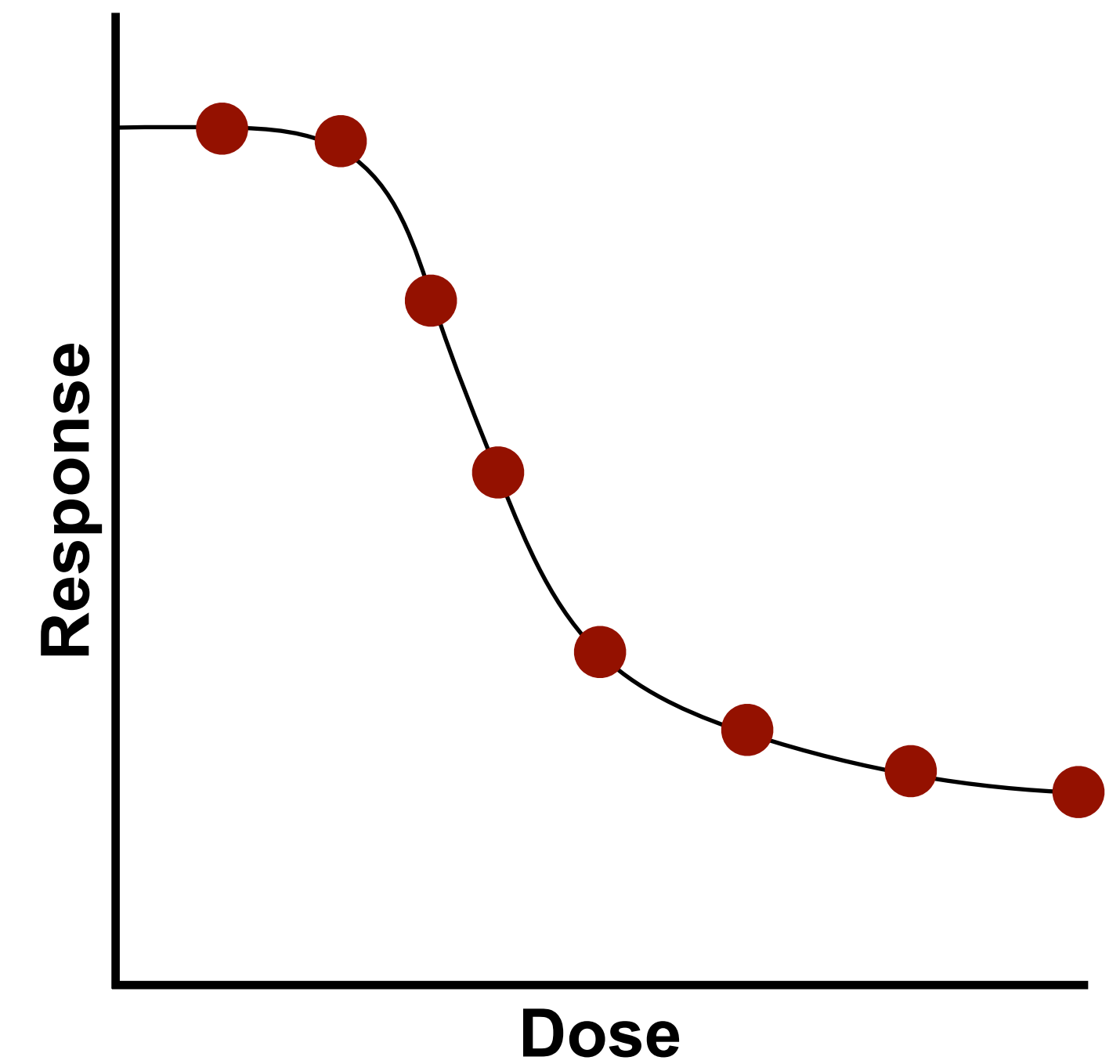
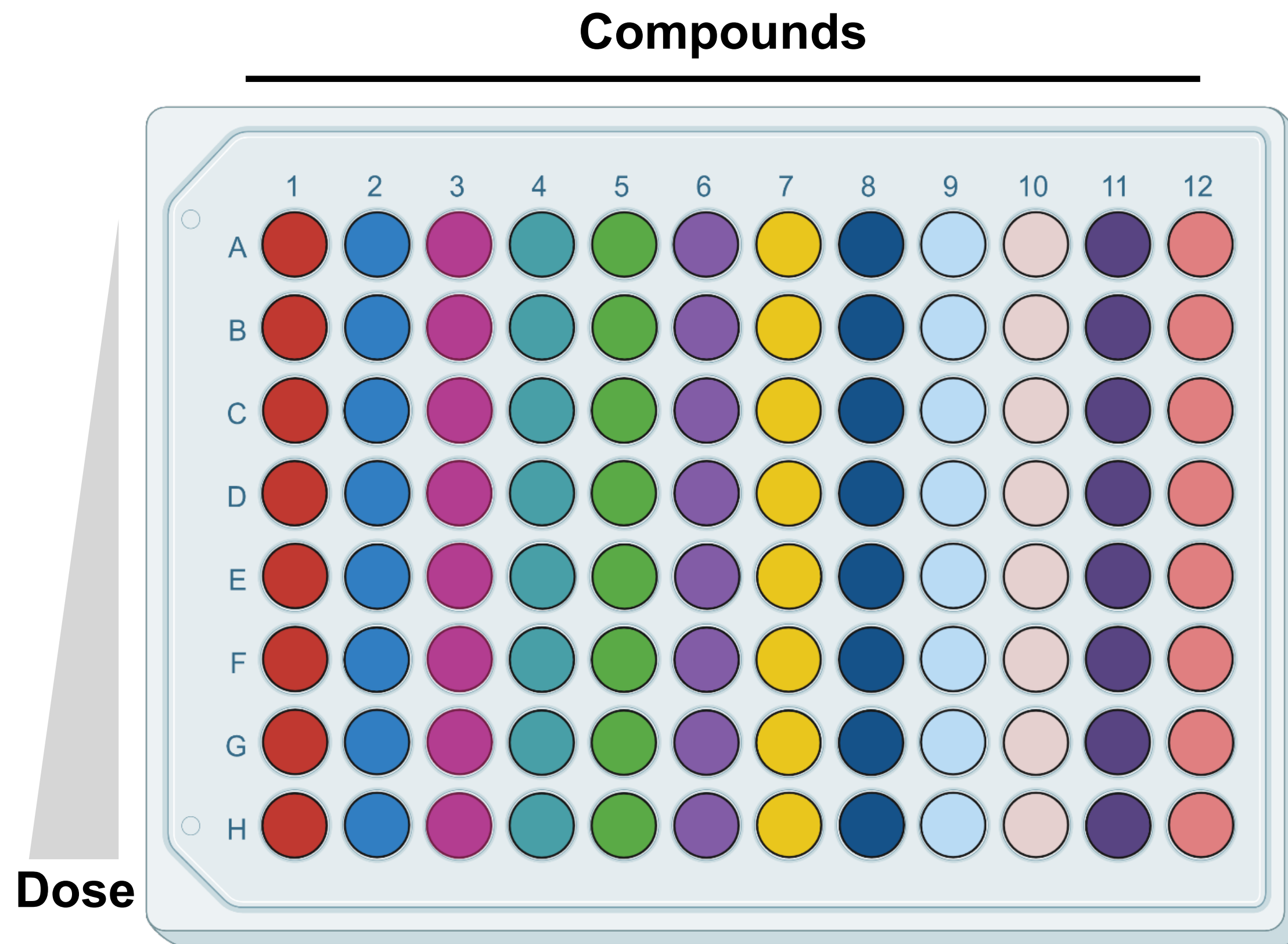
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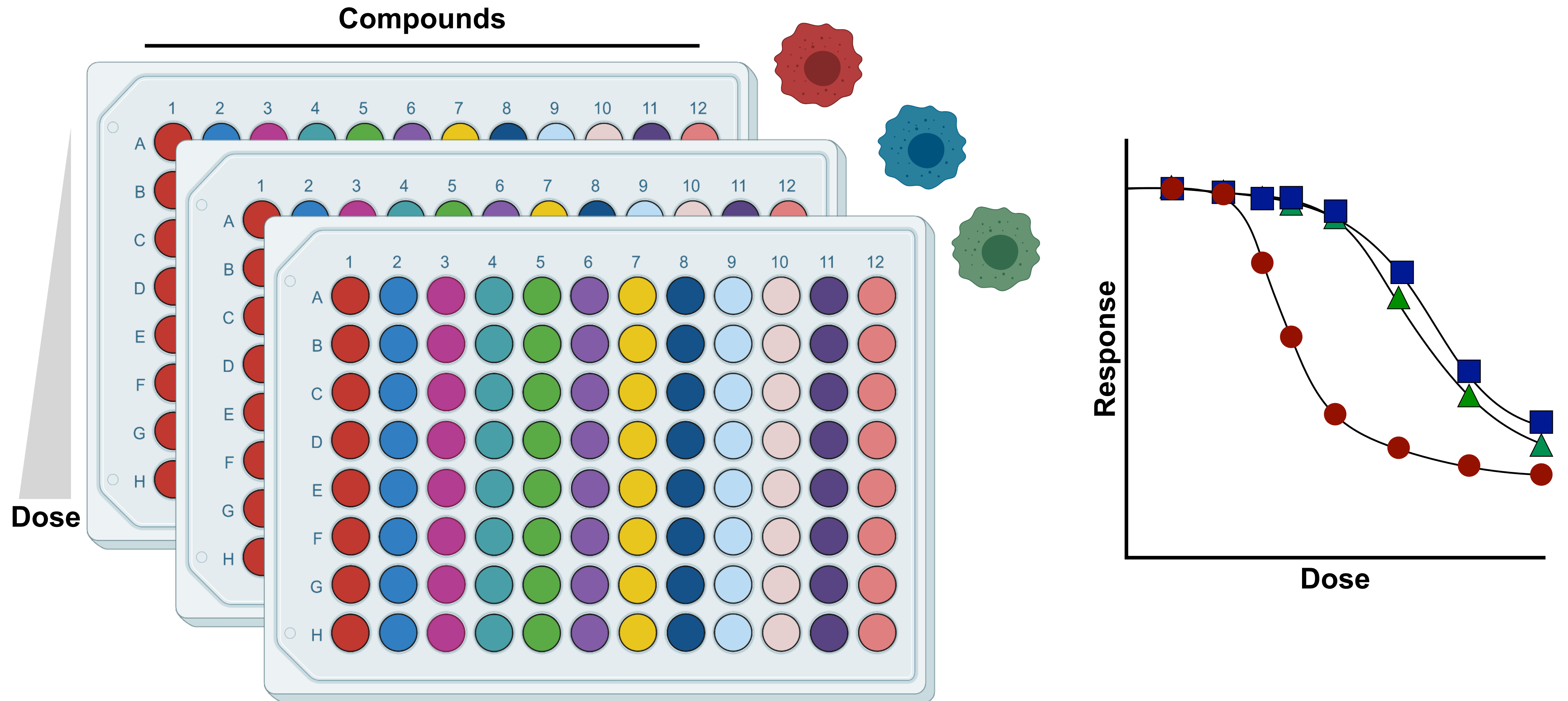
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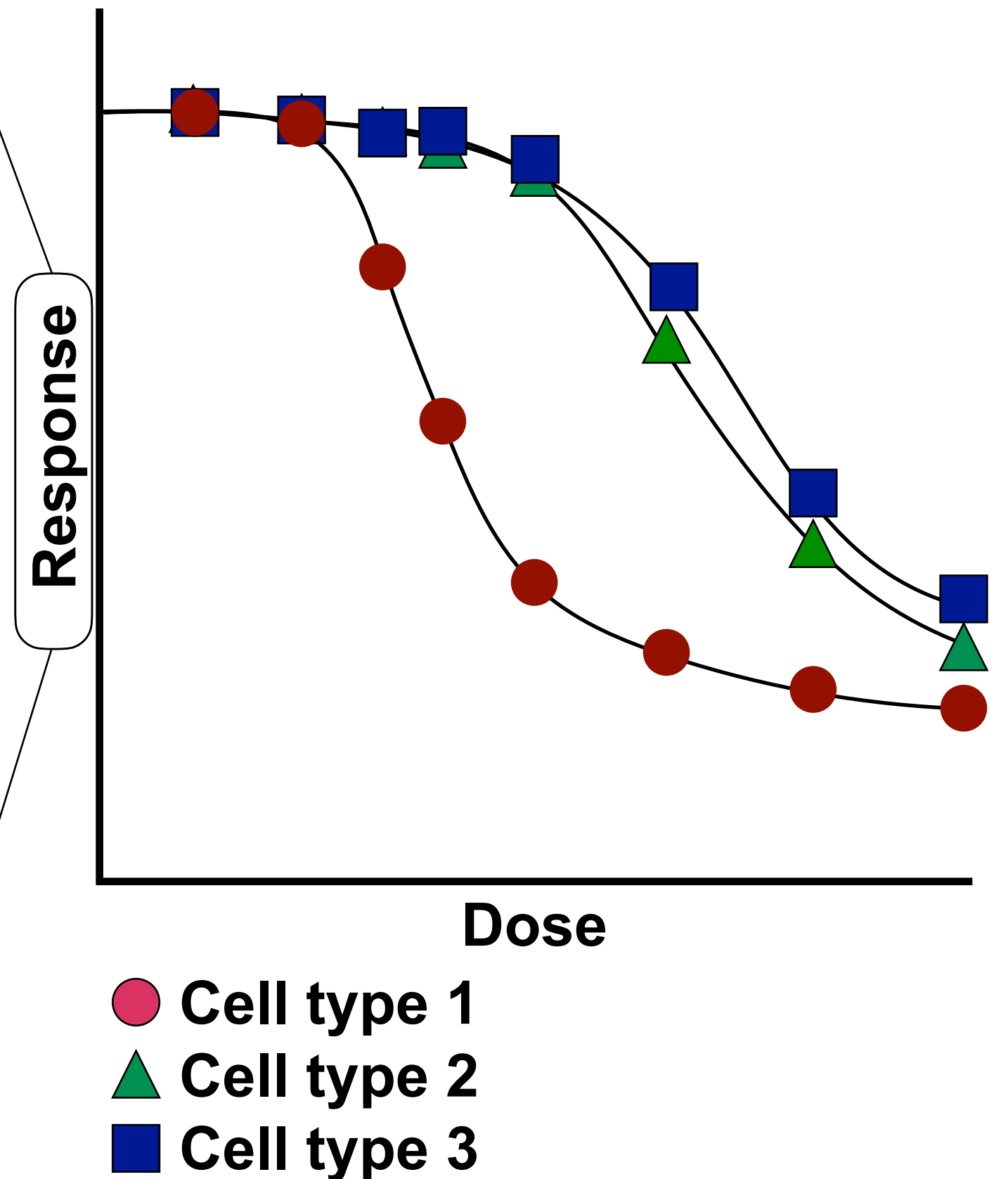
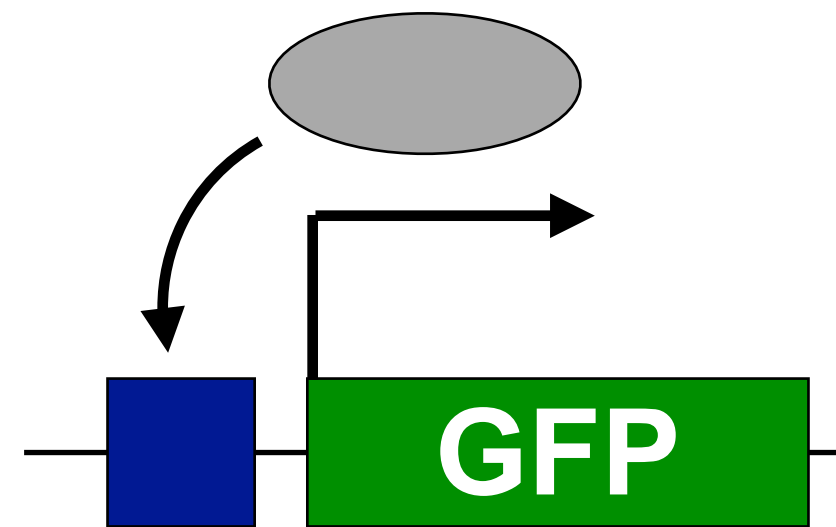


HTS is largely coupled to gross phenotypic or extremely specific molecular readouts

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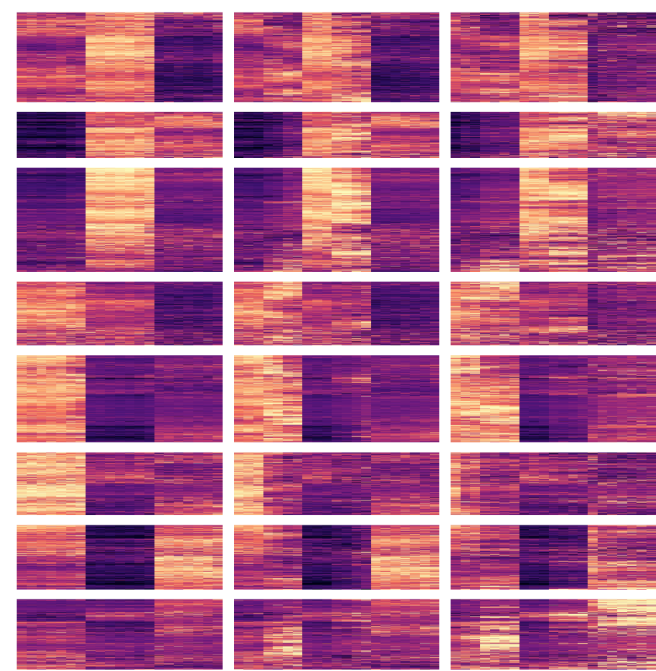


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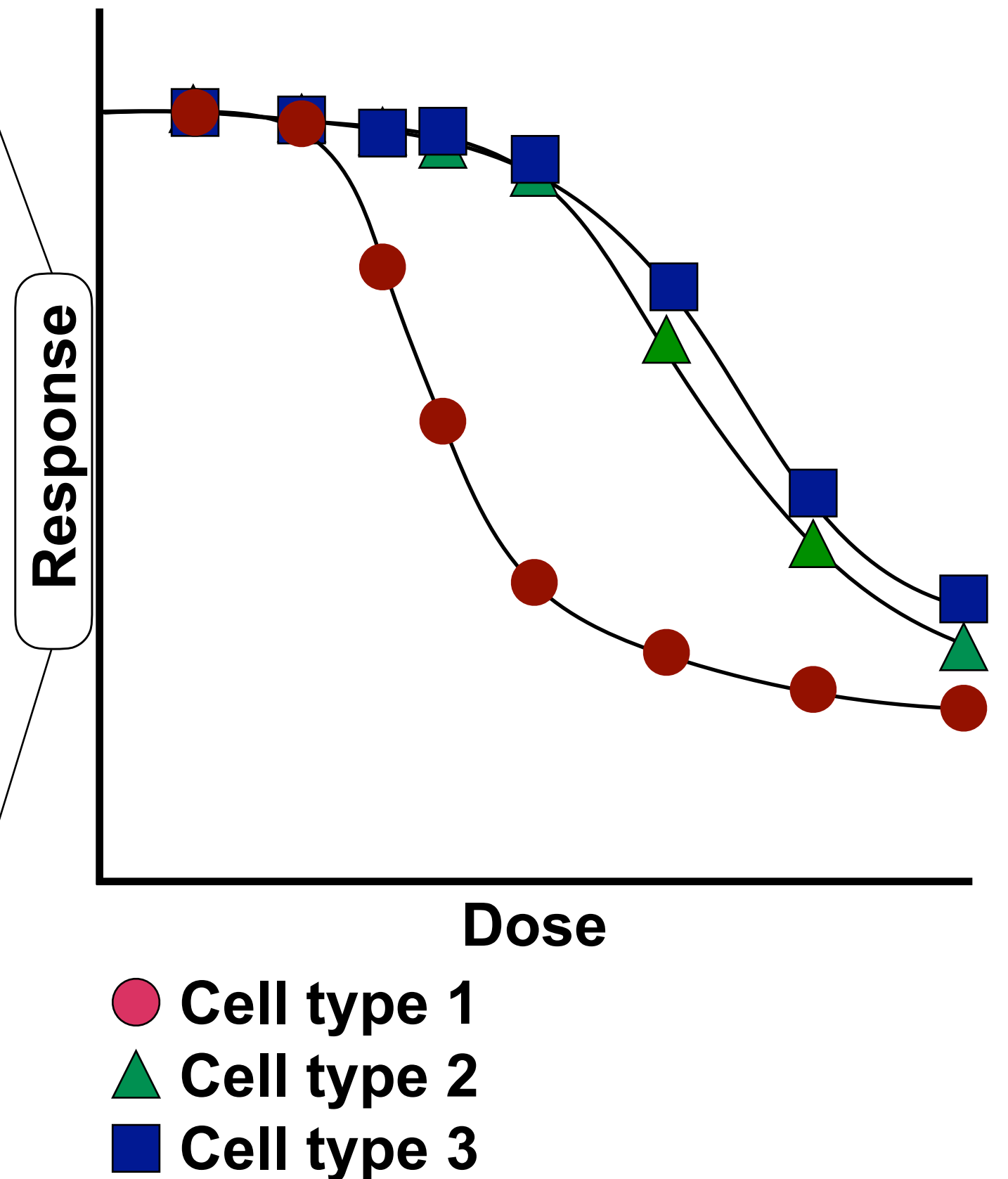
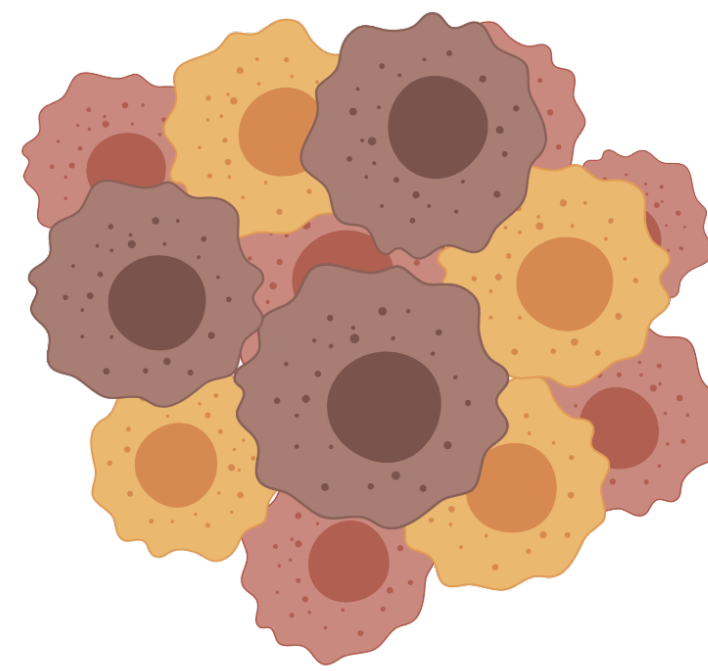


Transcriptomic readout of HTS screens

Global transcriptome



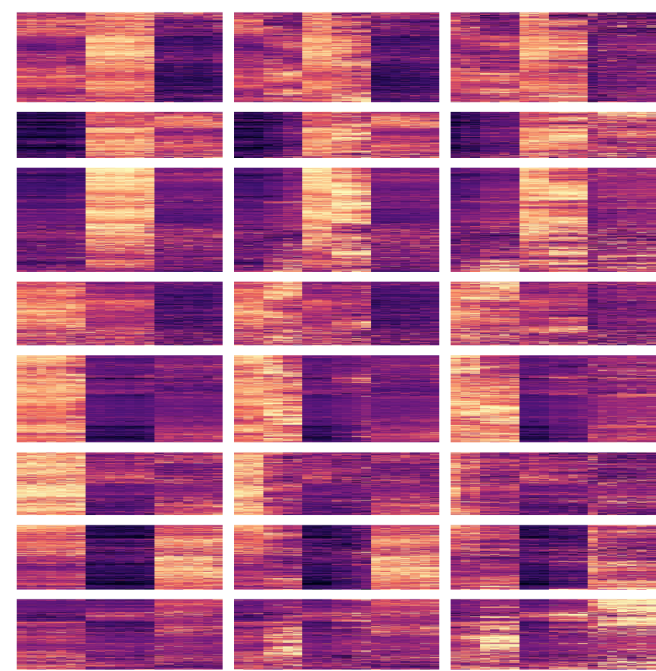
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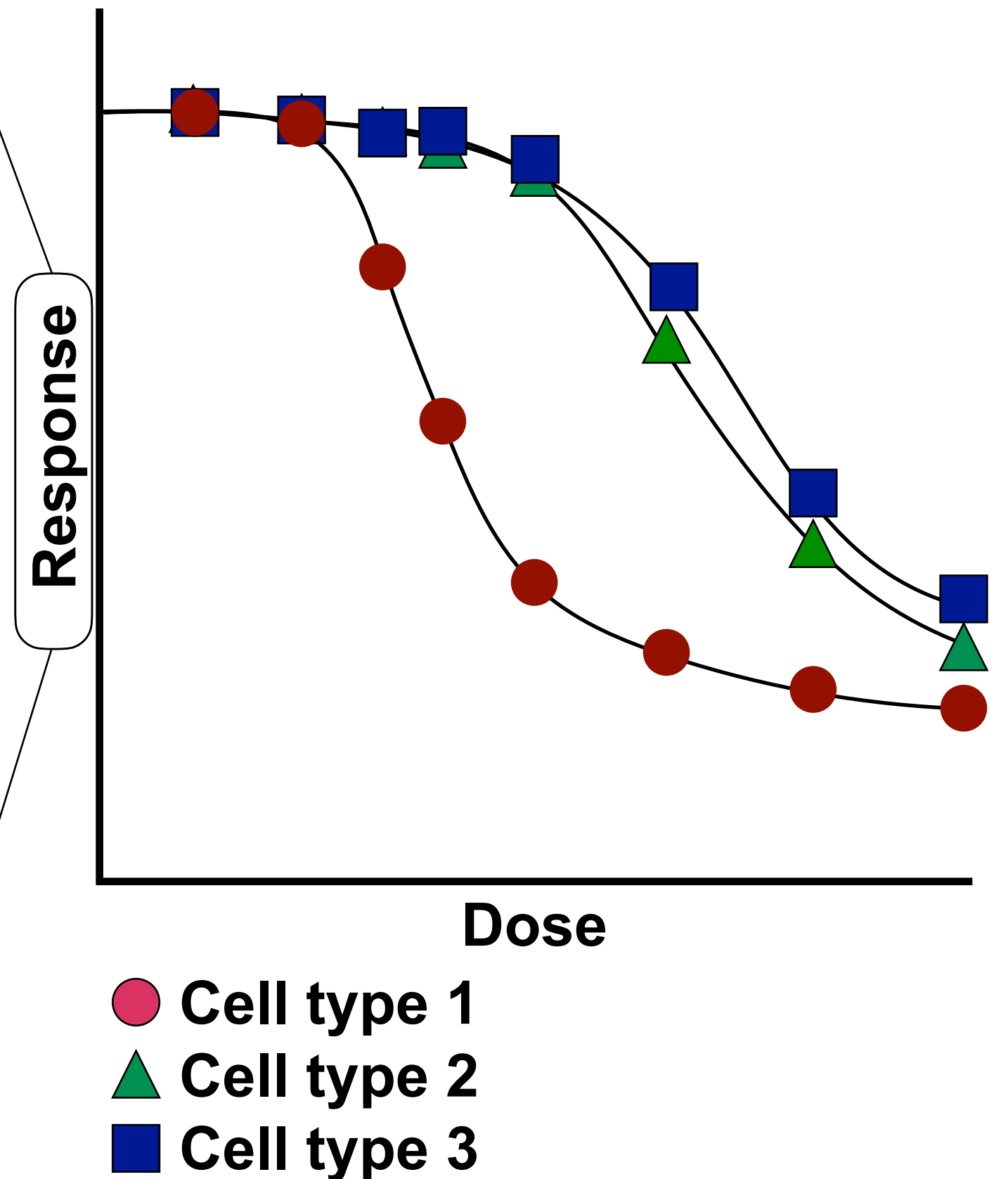
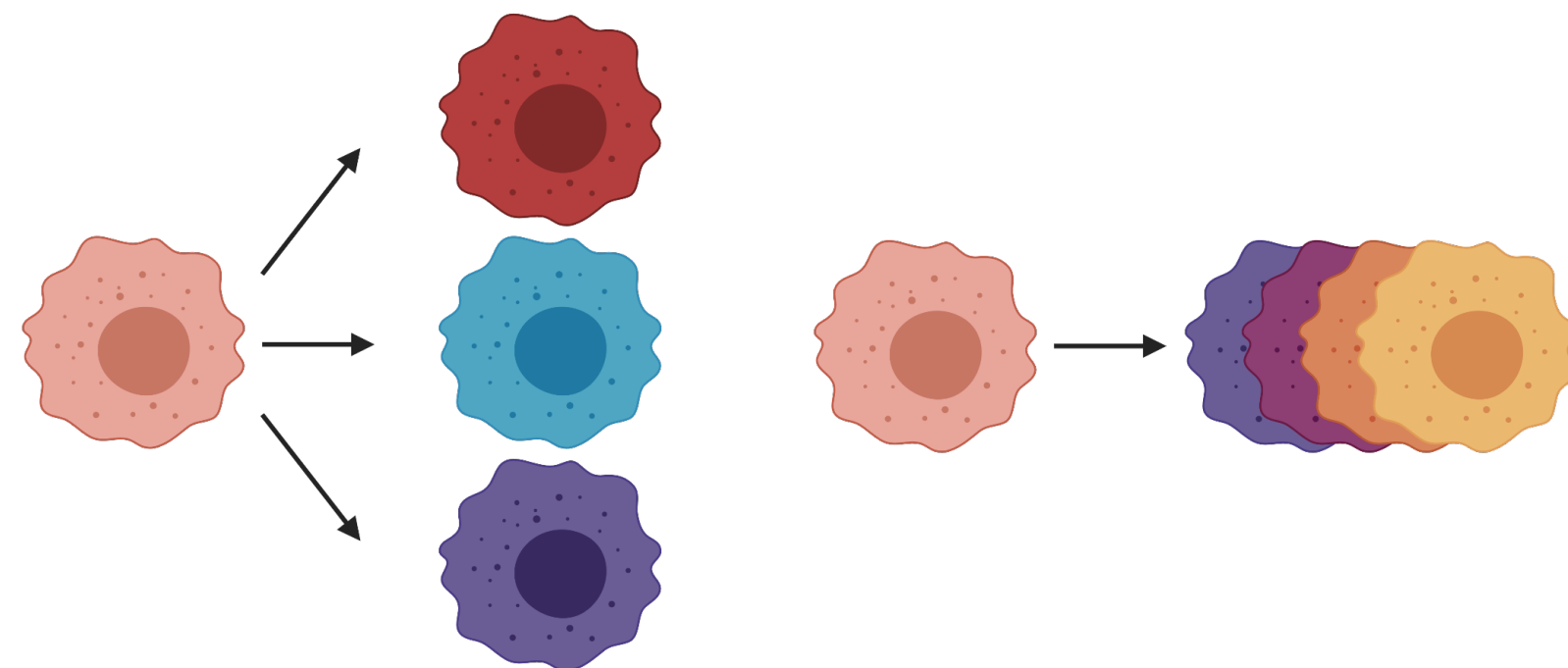
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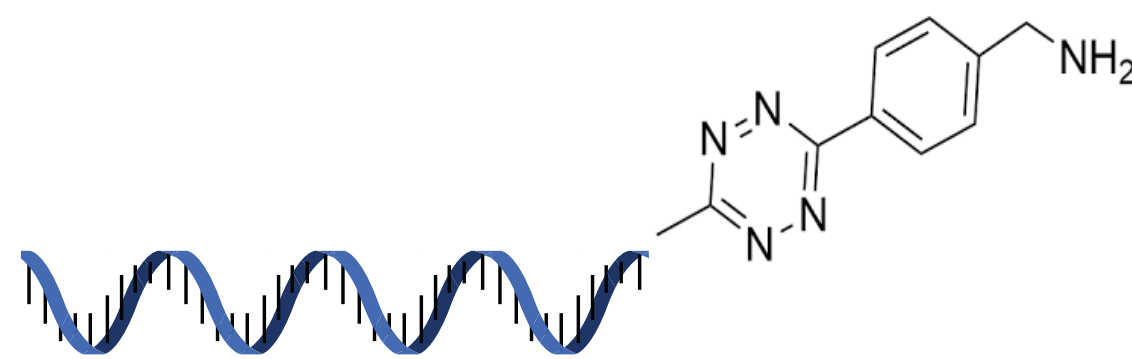
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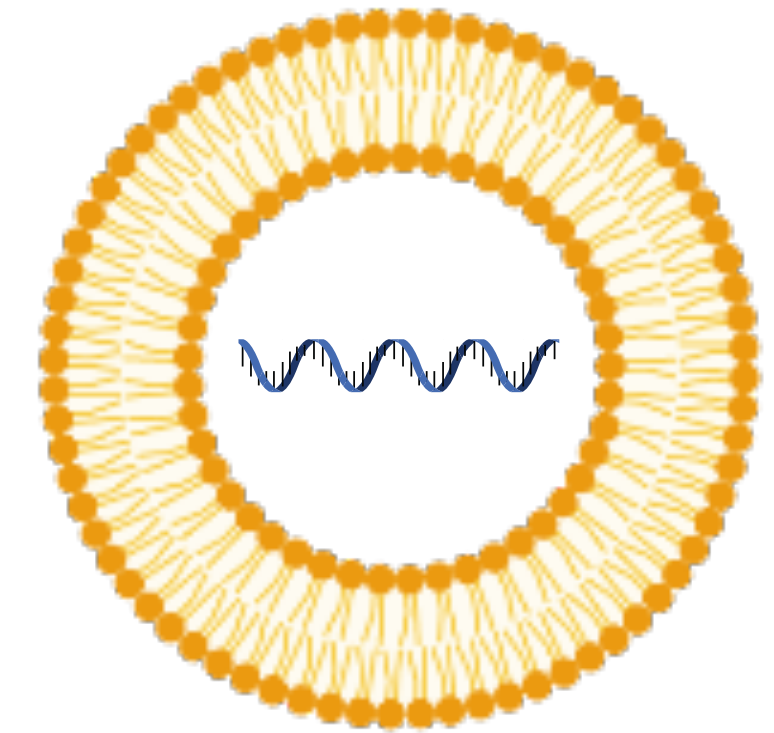
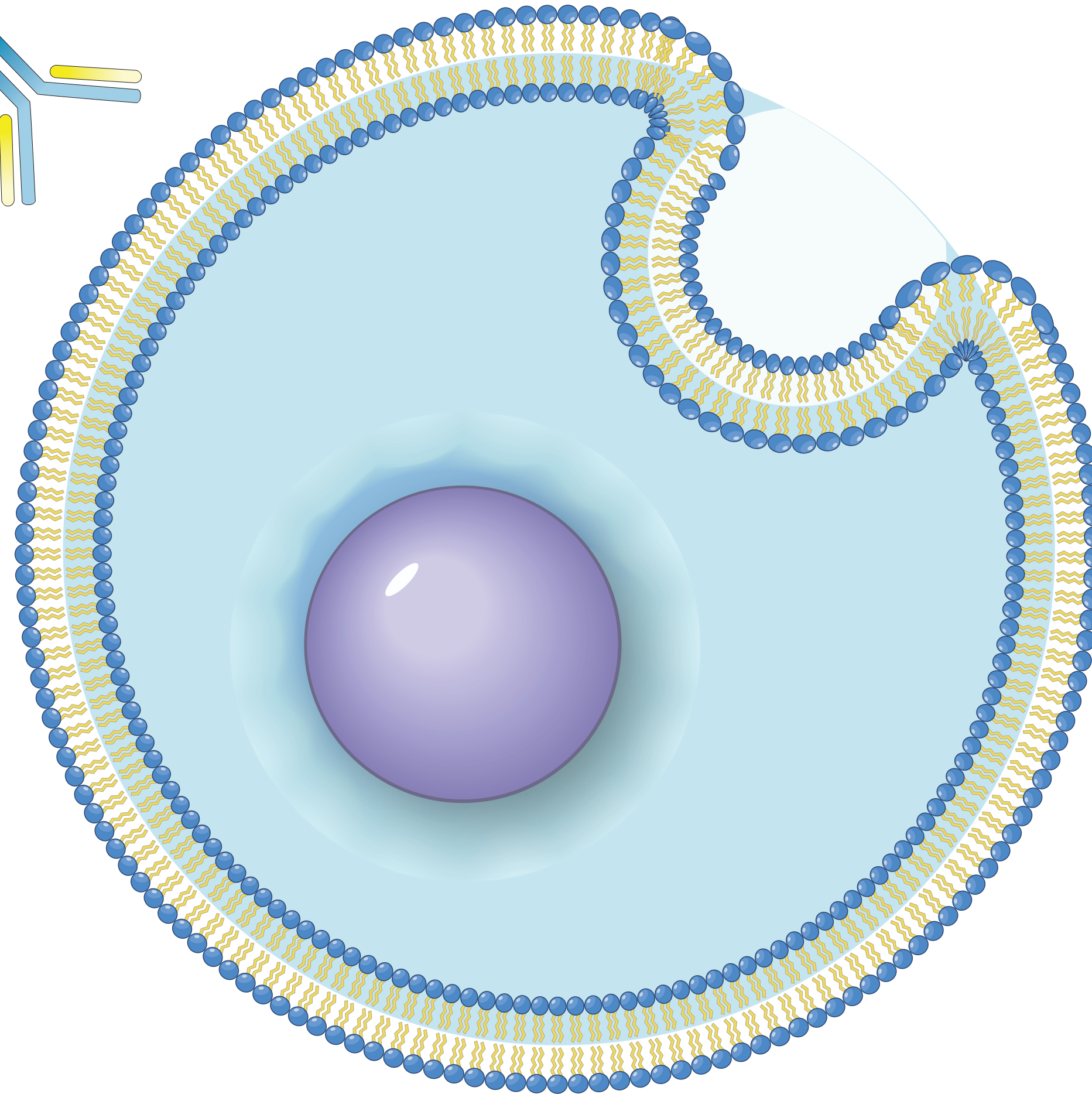
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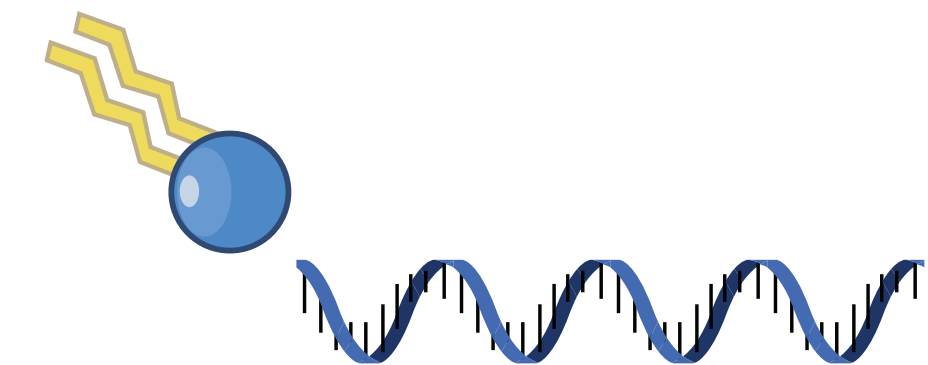
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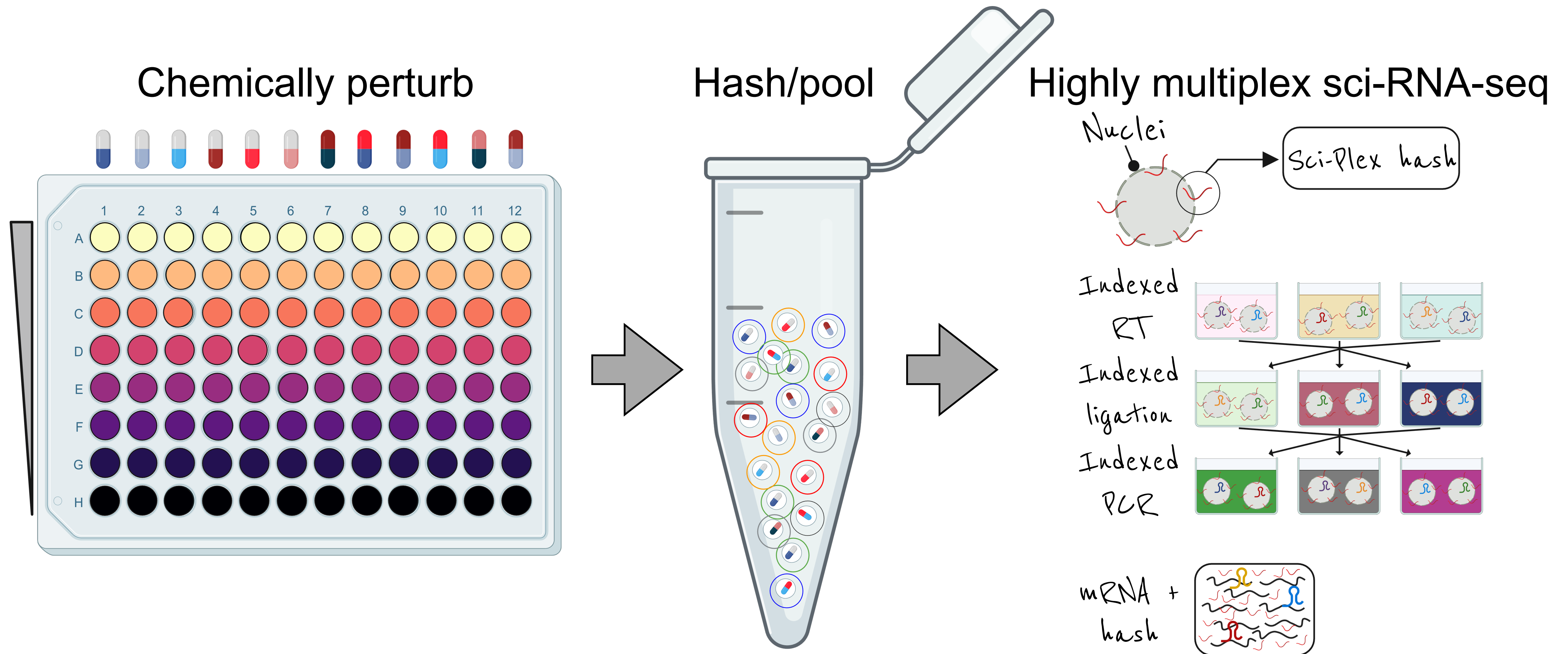


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sci-Plex: Single-cell sample multiplexing



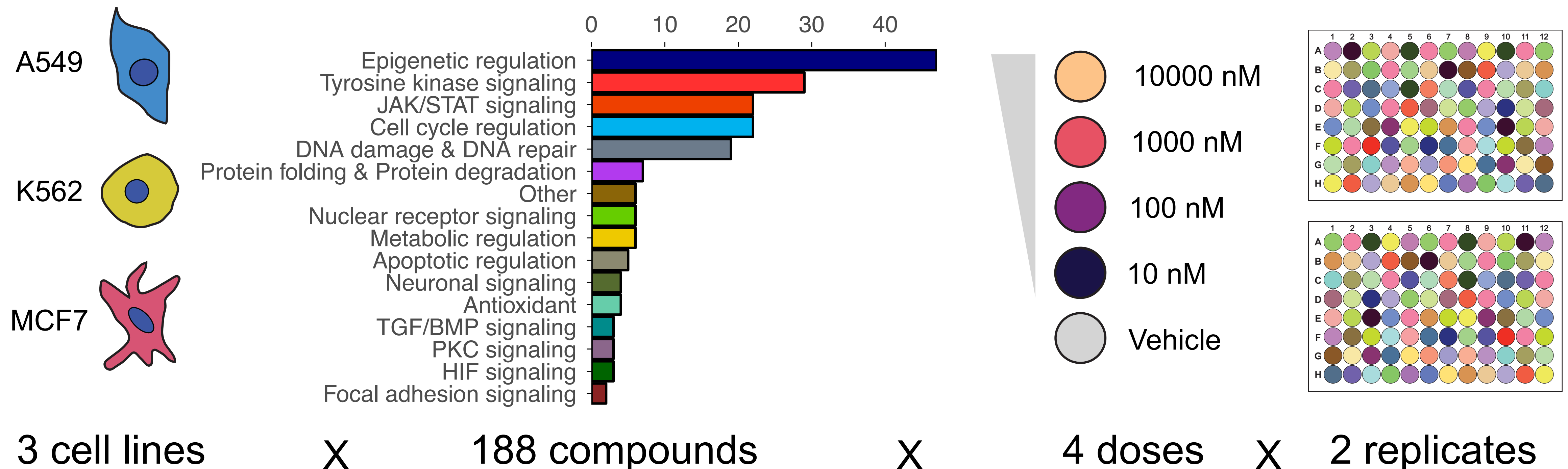
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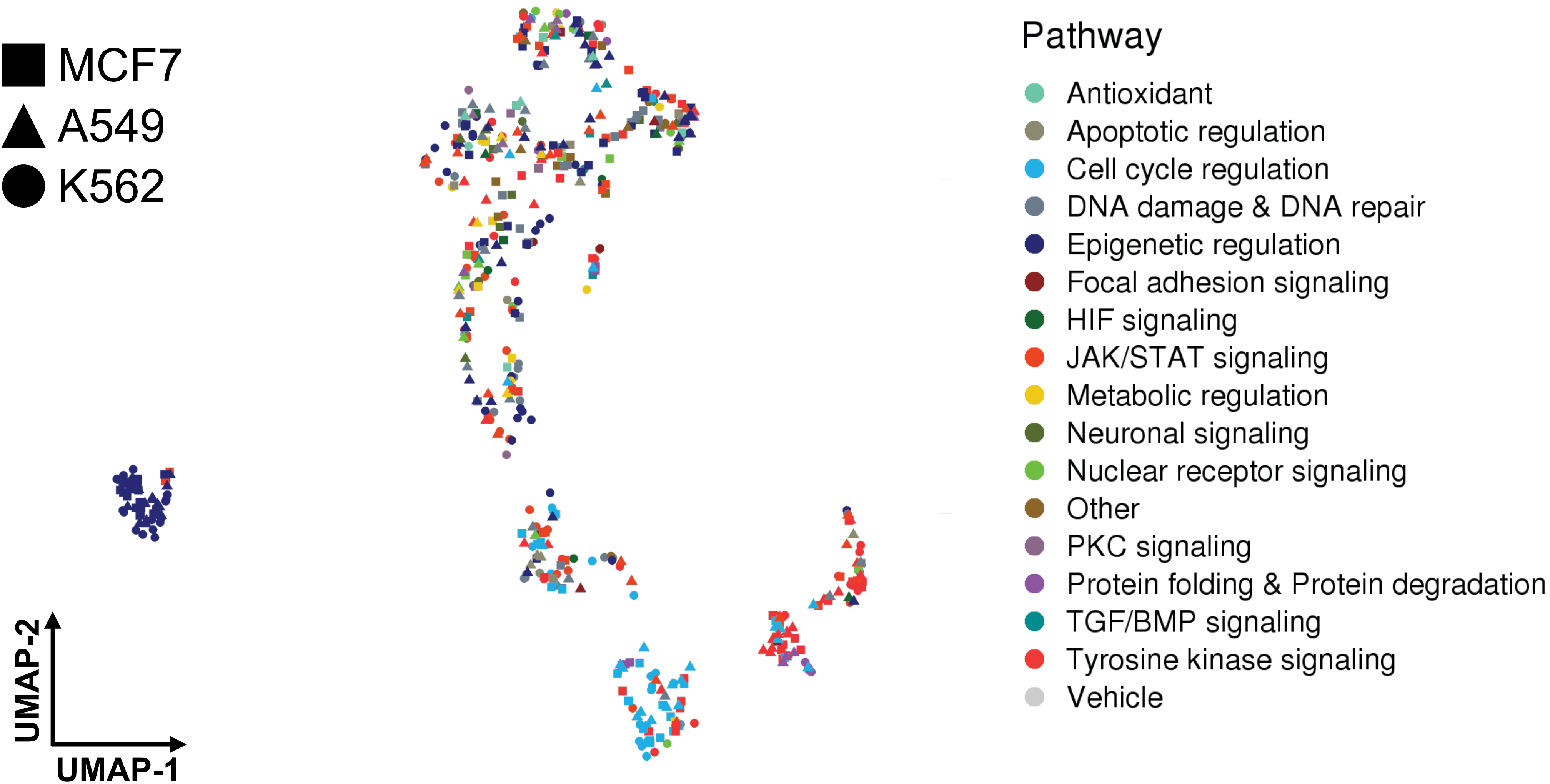
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4,608 conditions (wells)

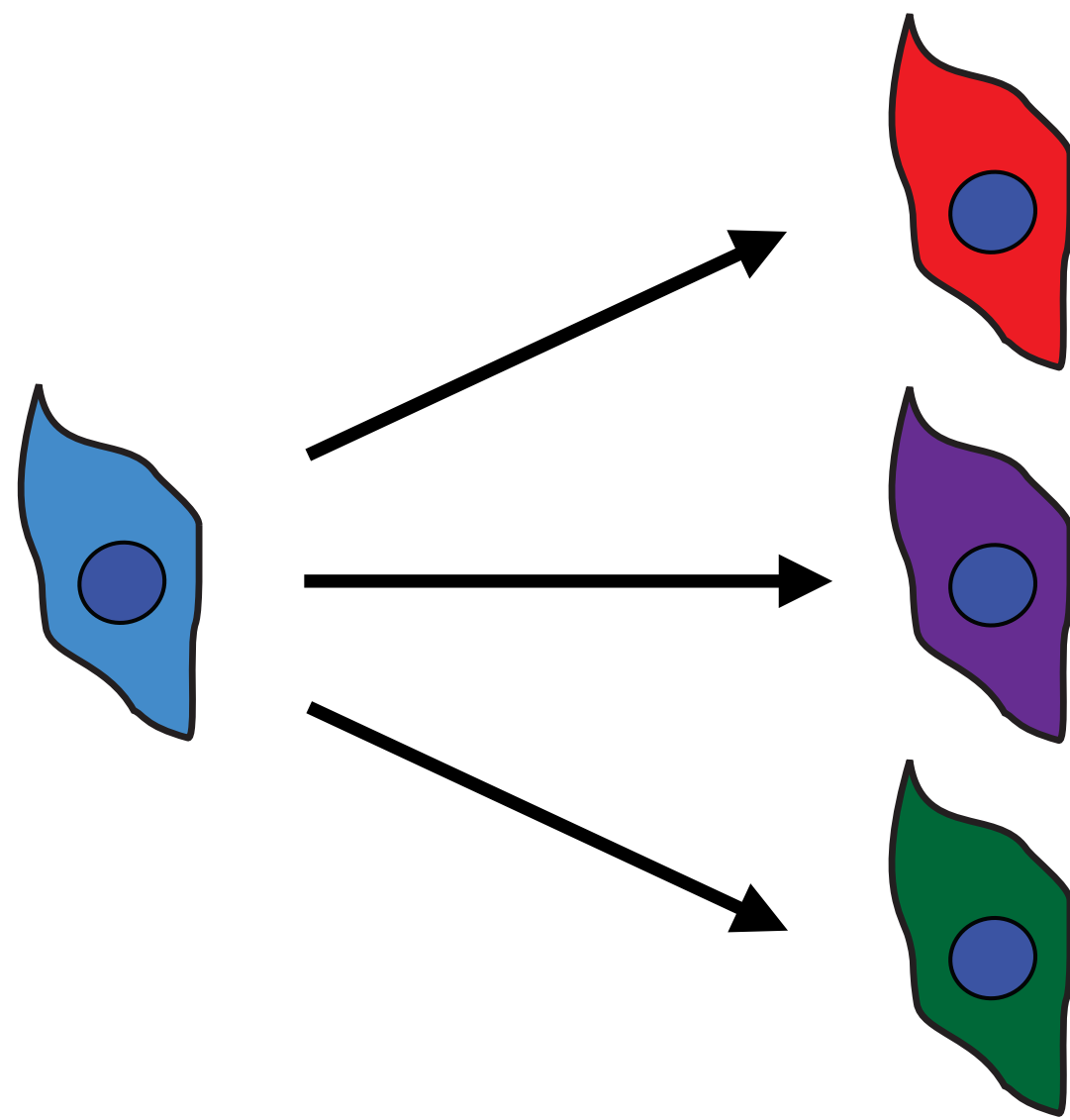


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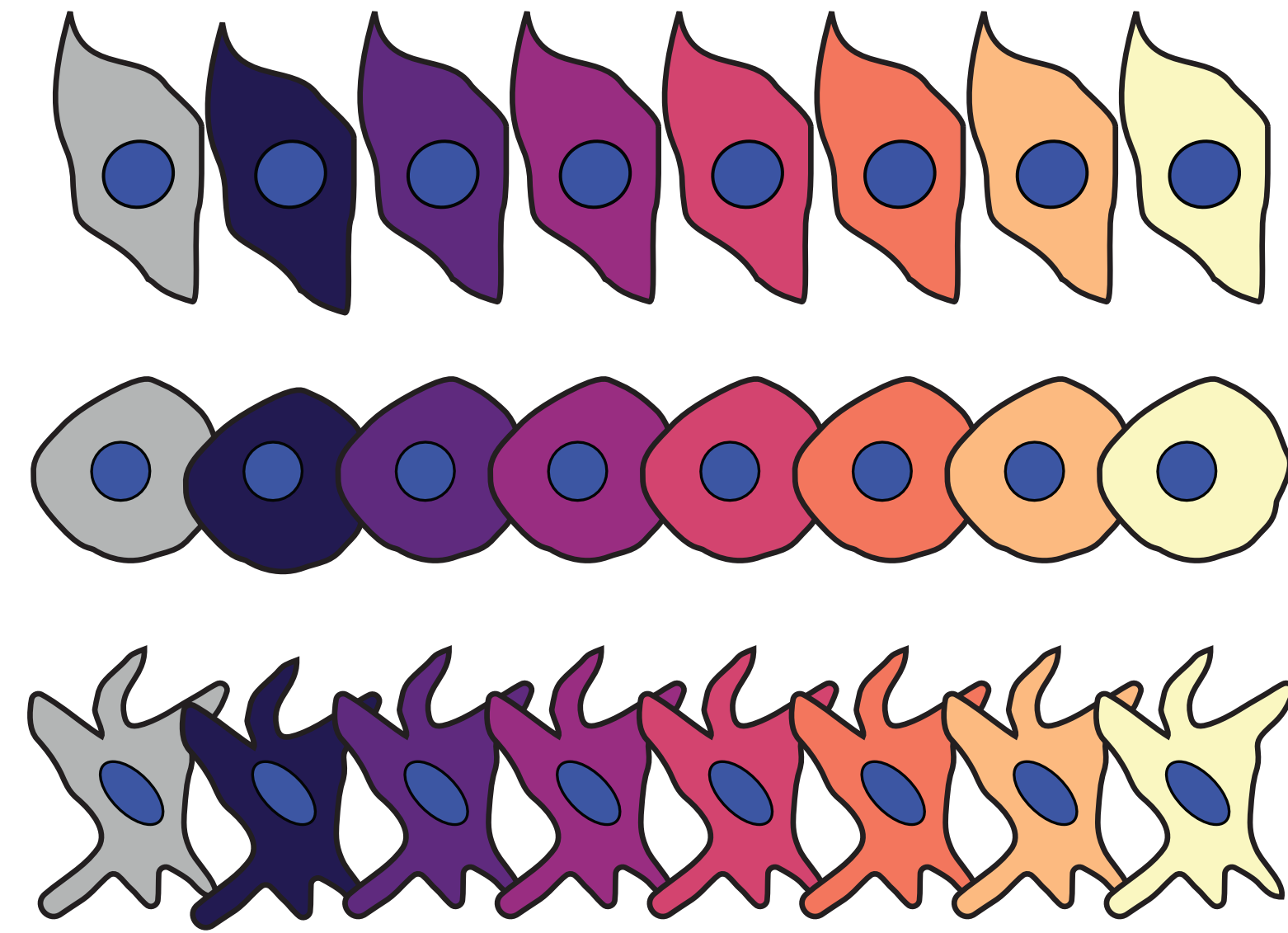
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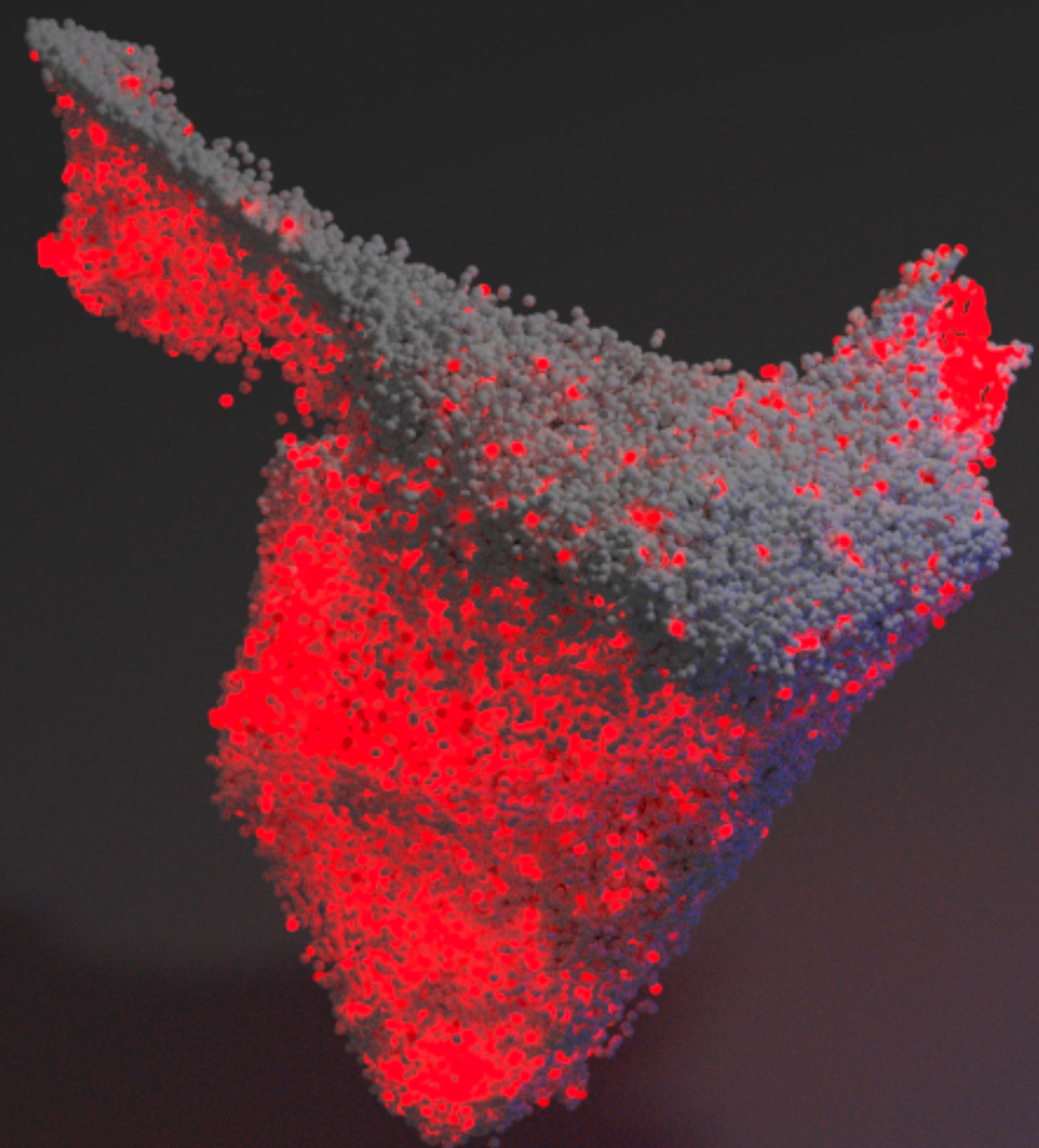


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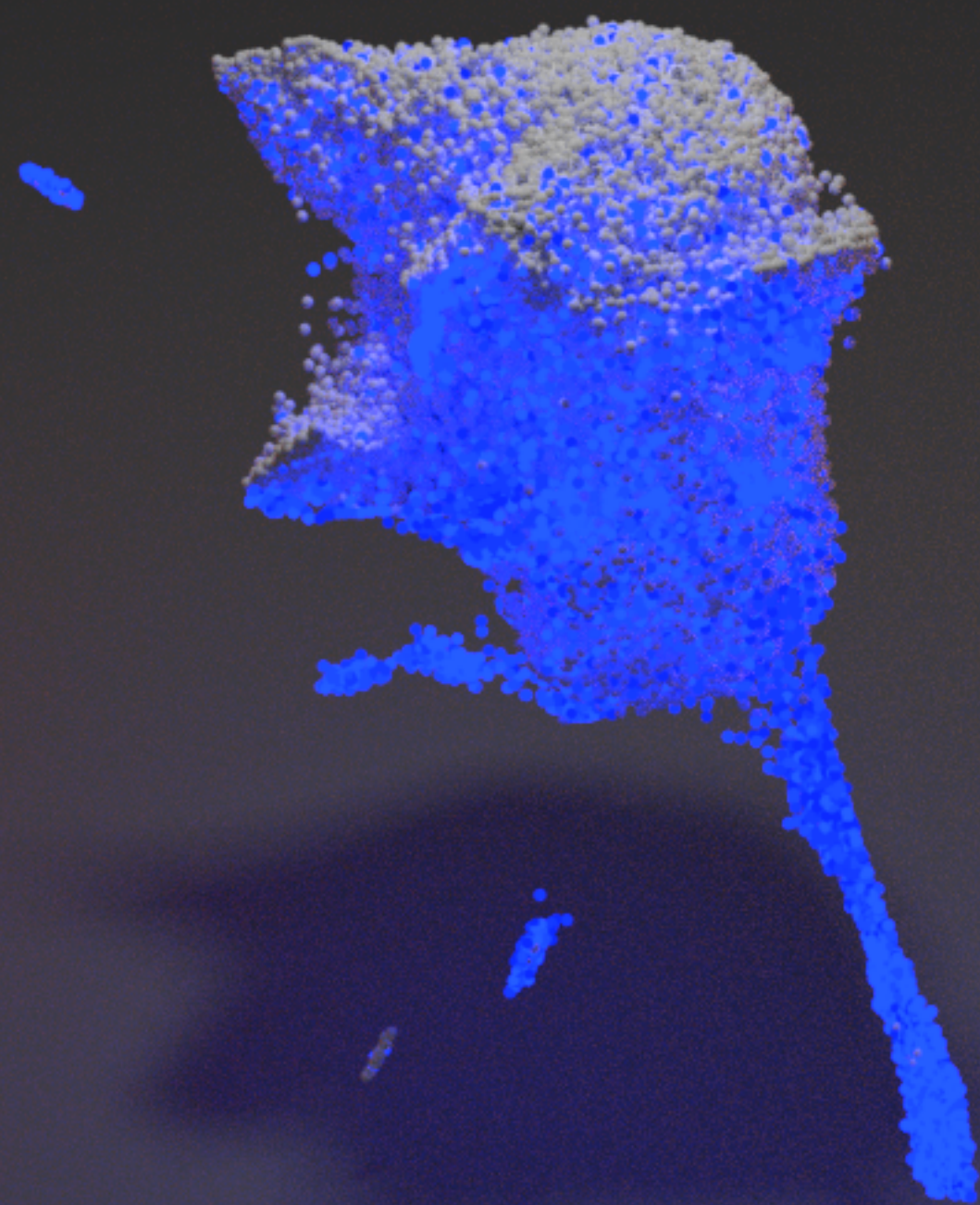
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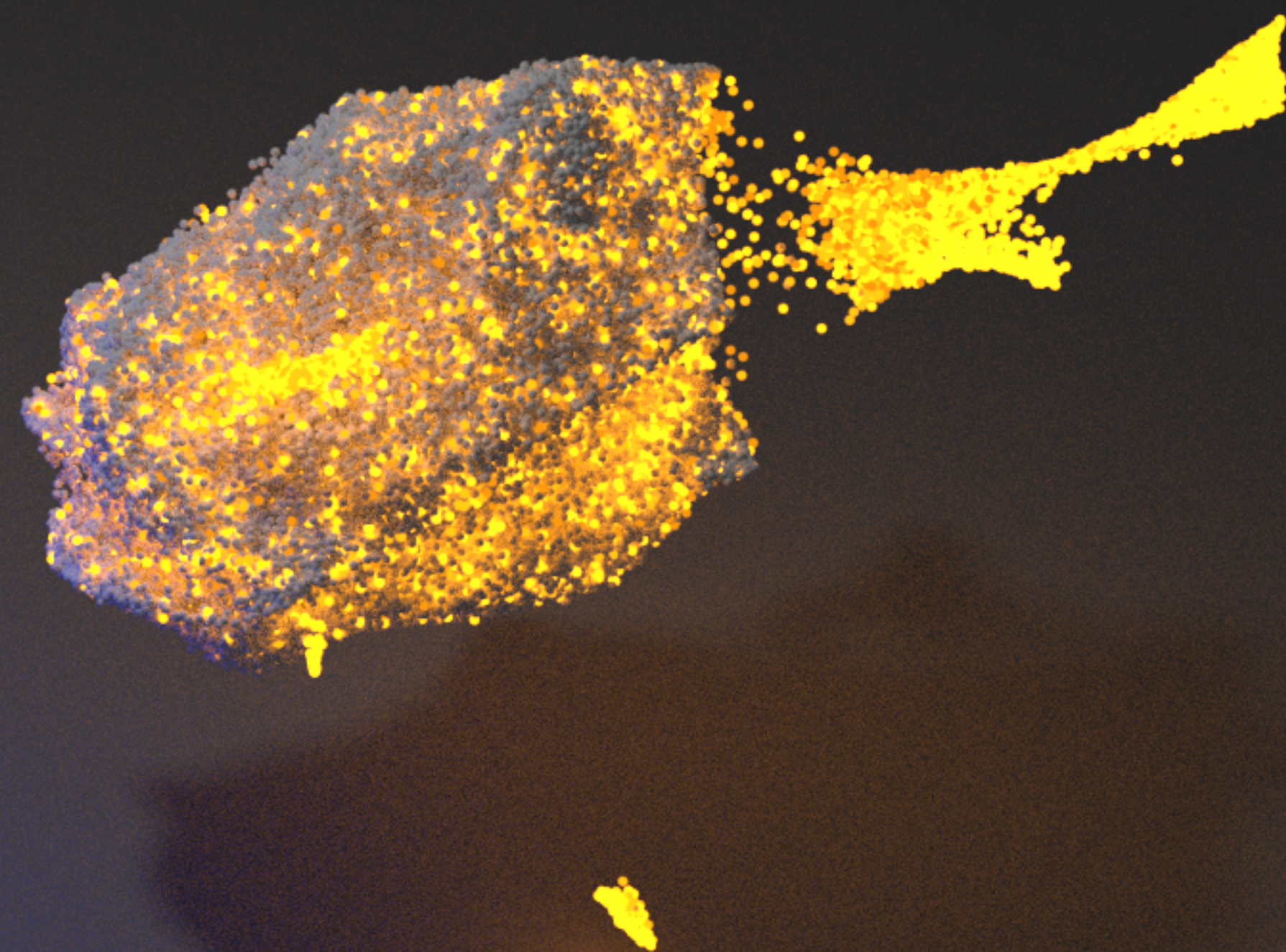
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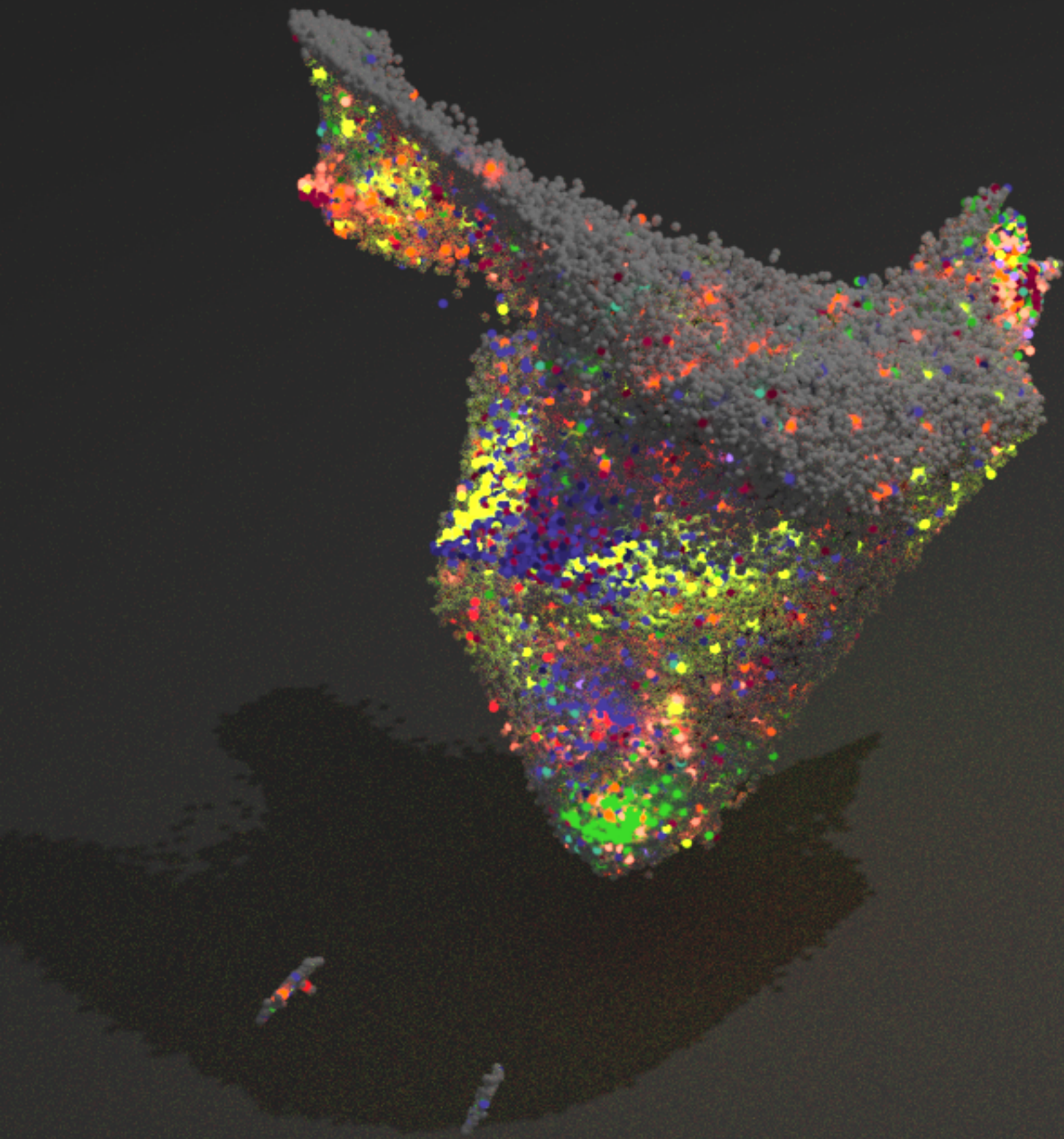


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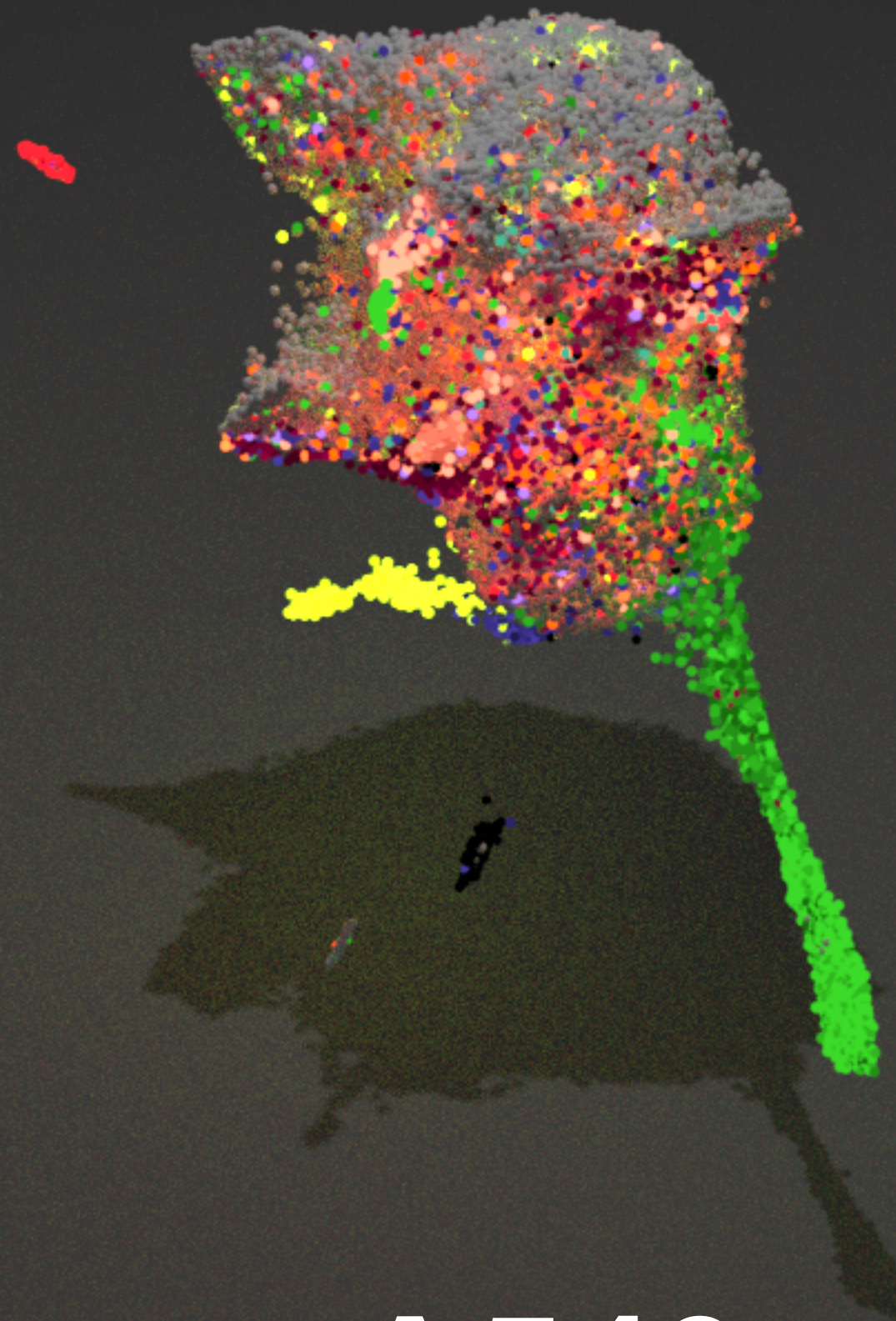


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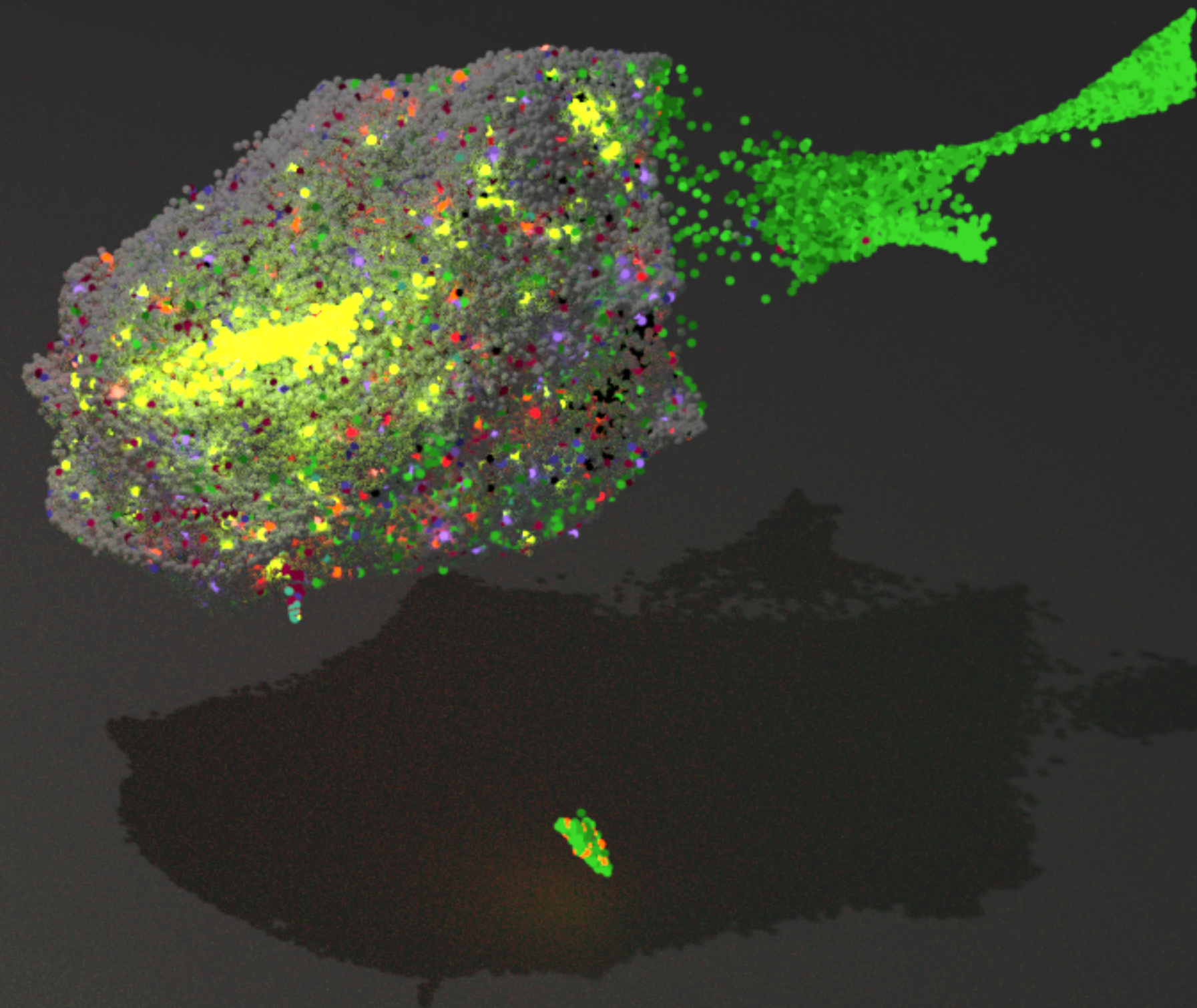
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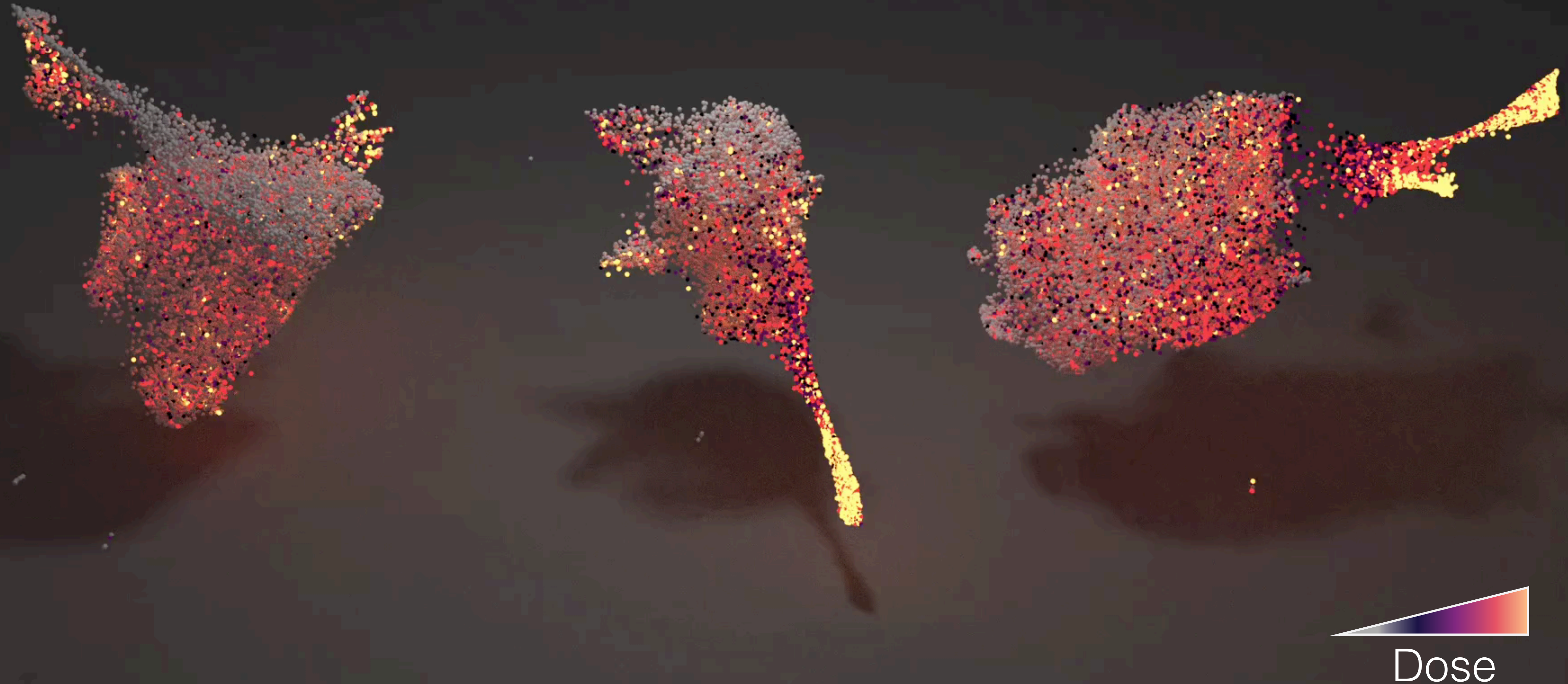


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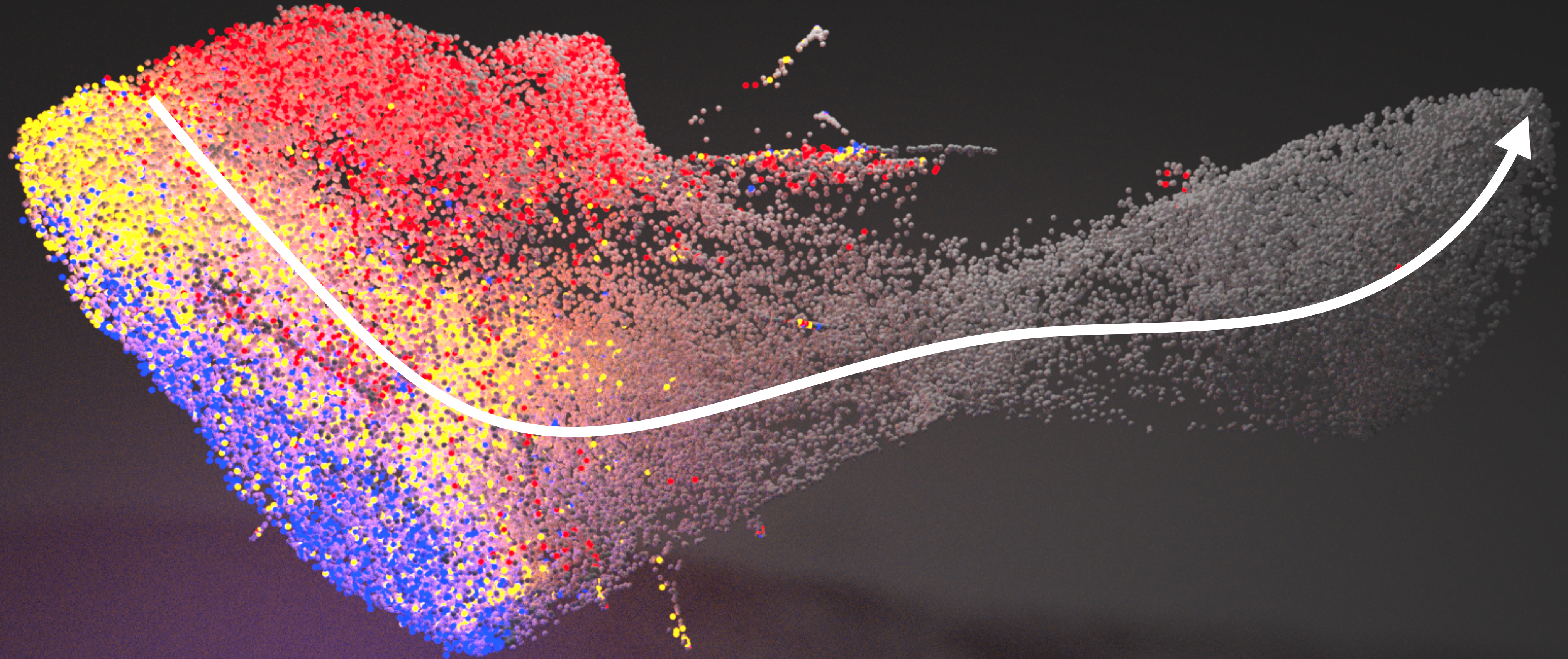


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HDAC inhibitors induce a dose-dependent trajectory



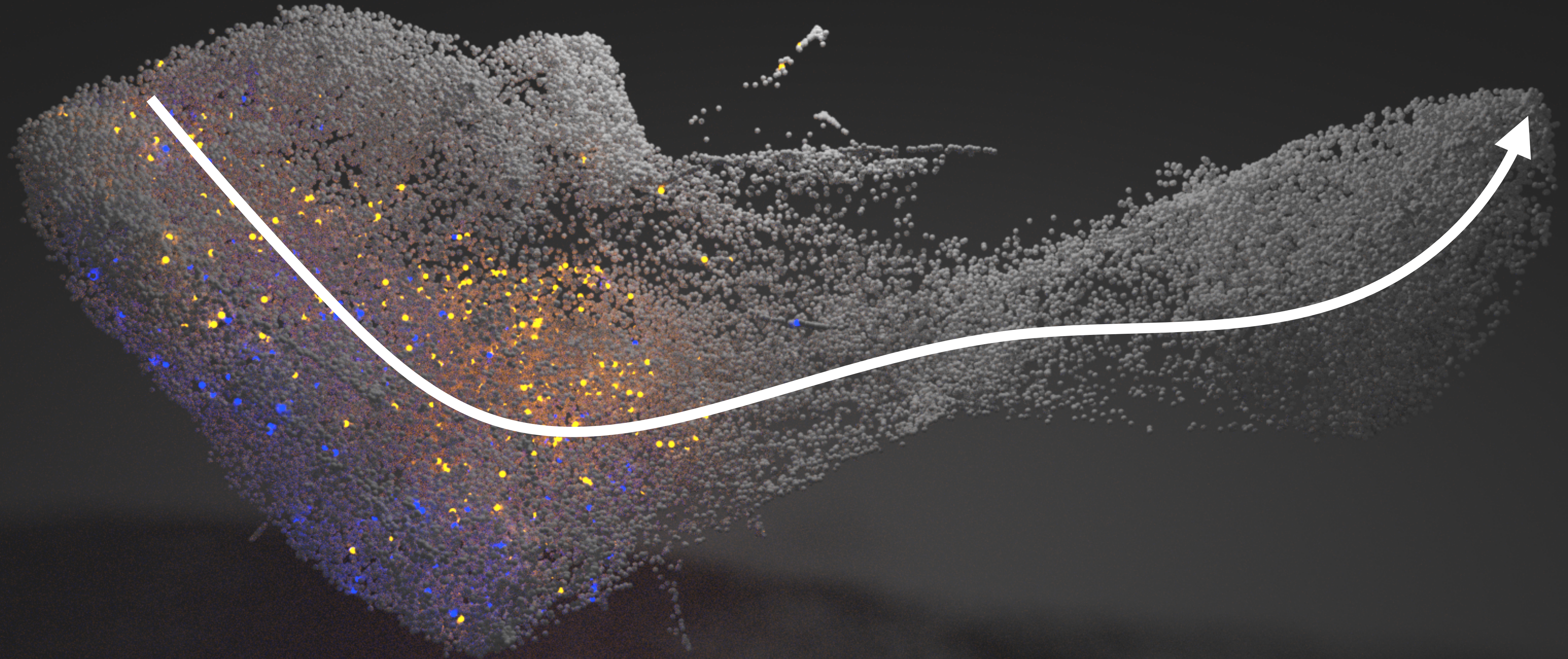
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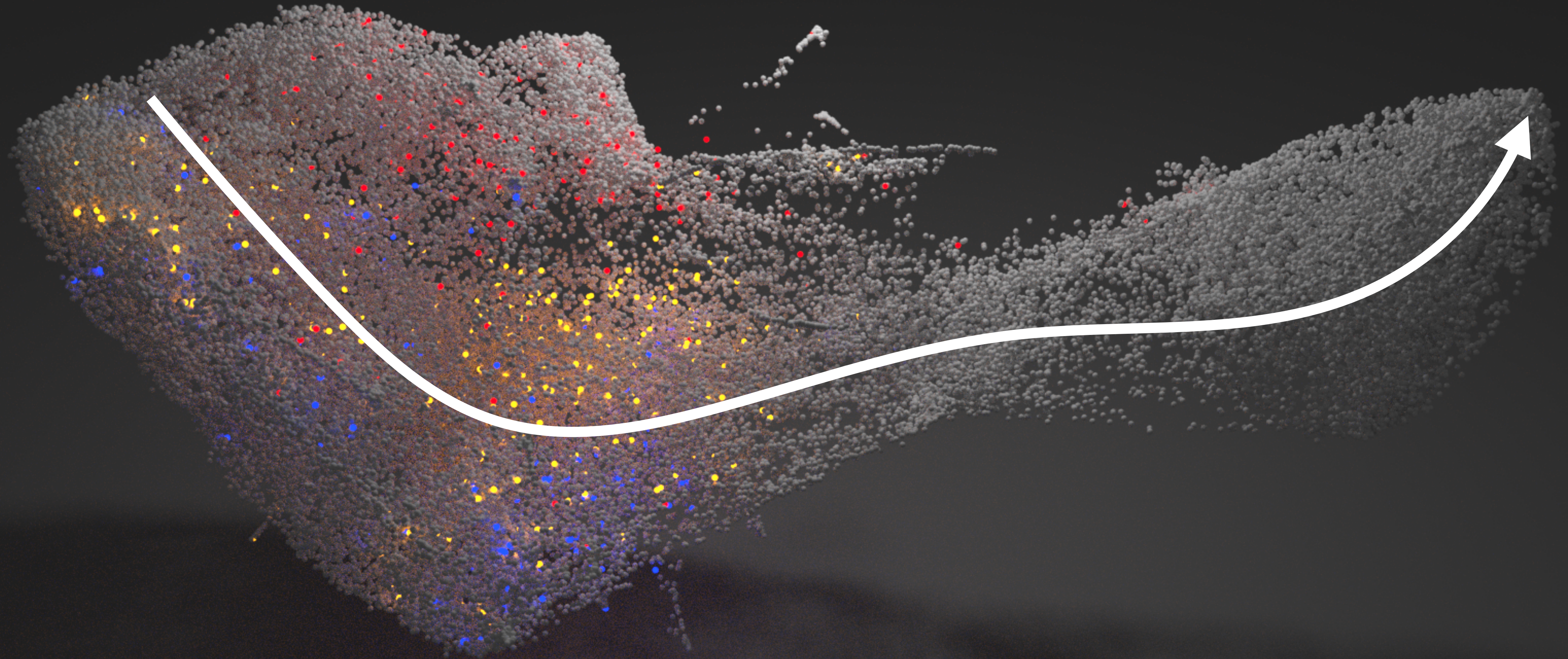
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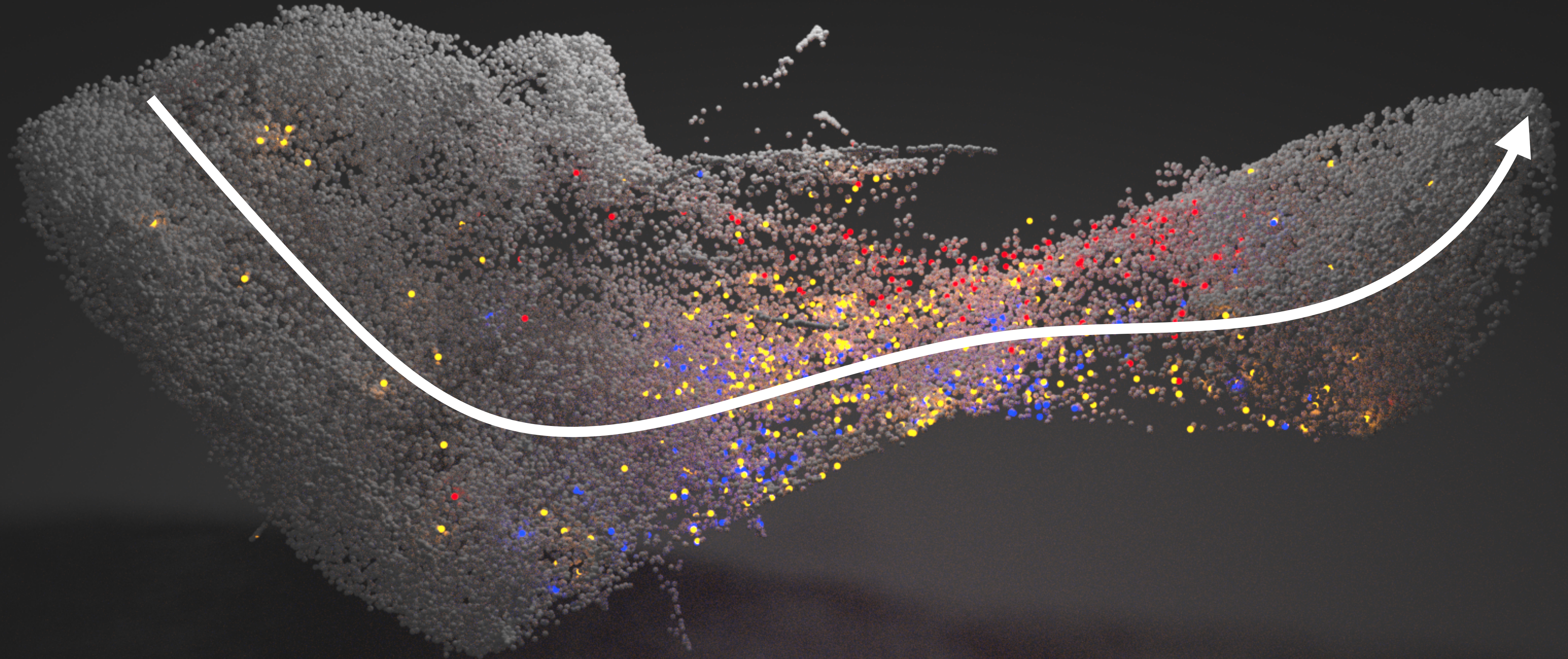
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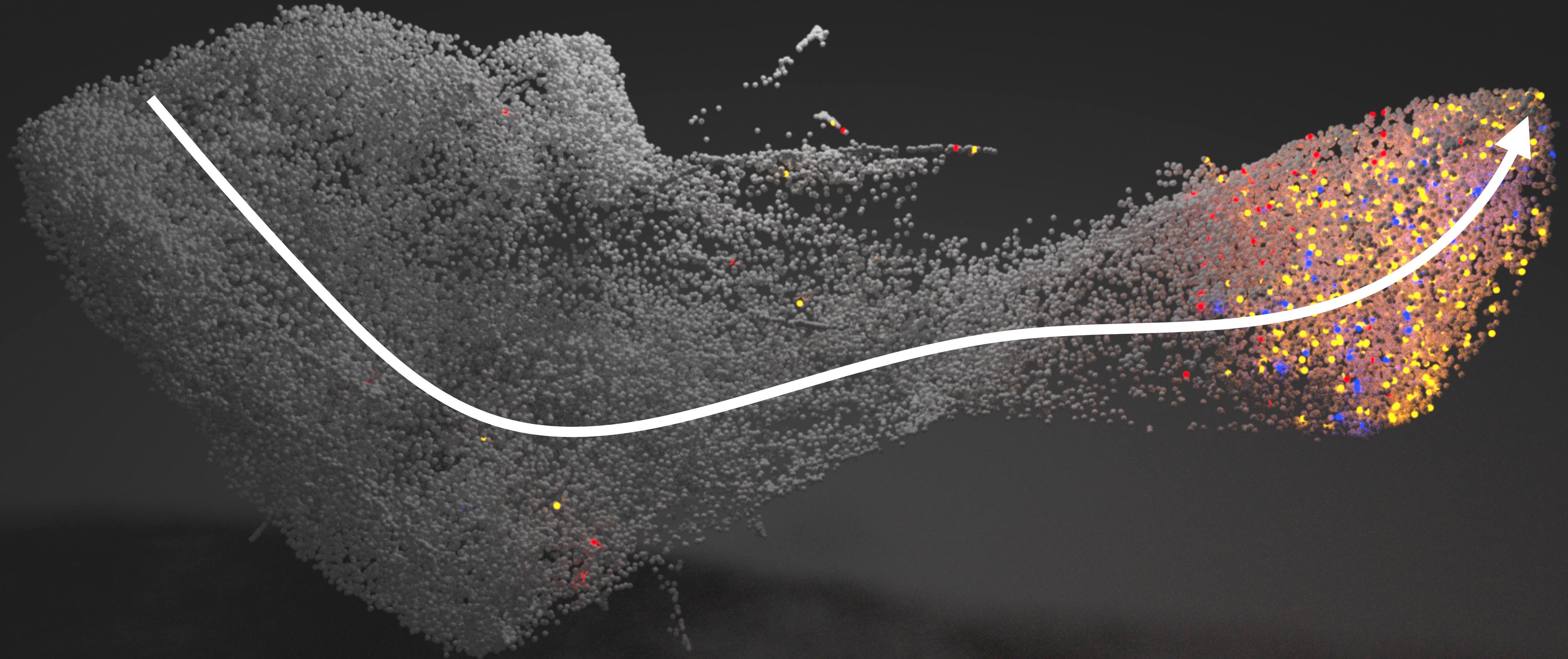
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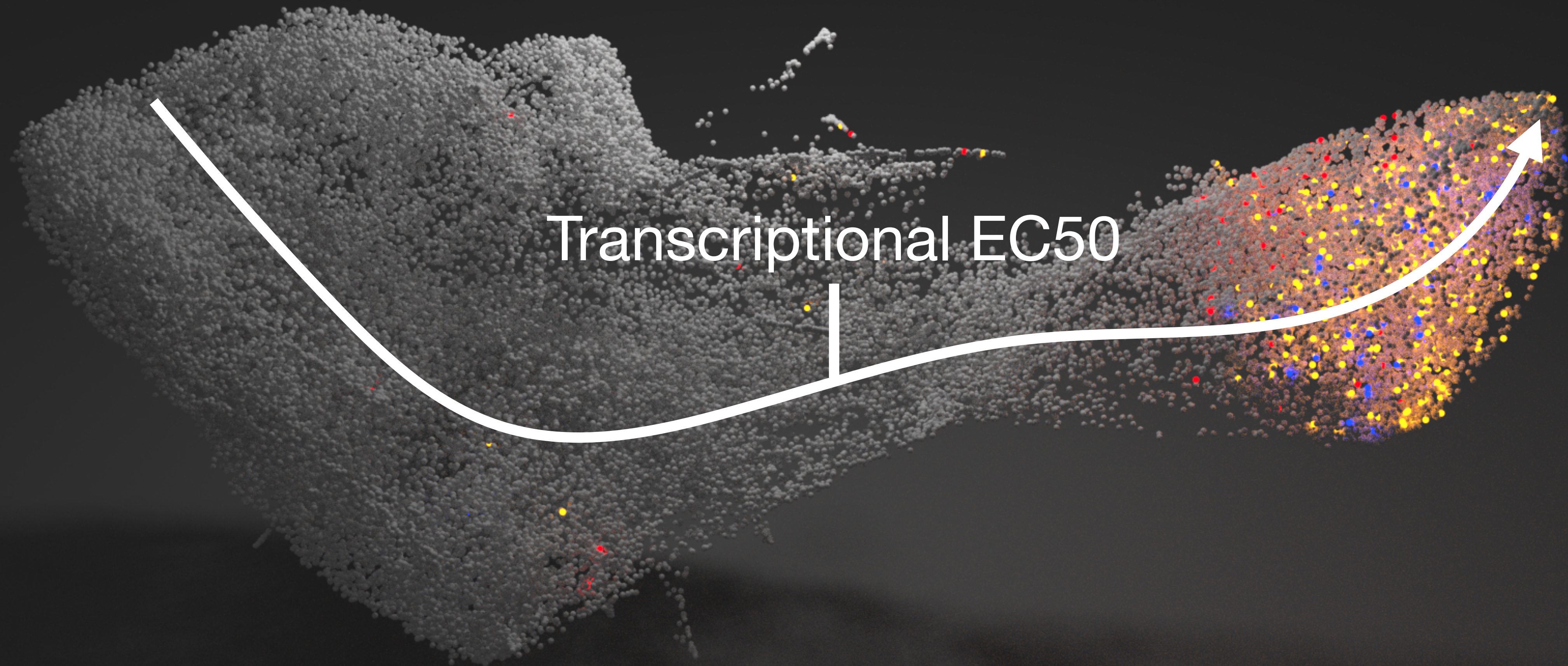
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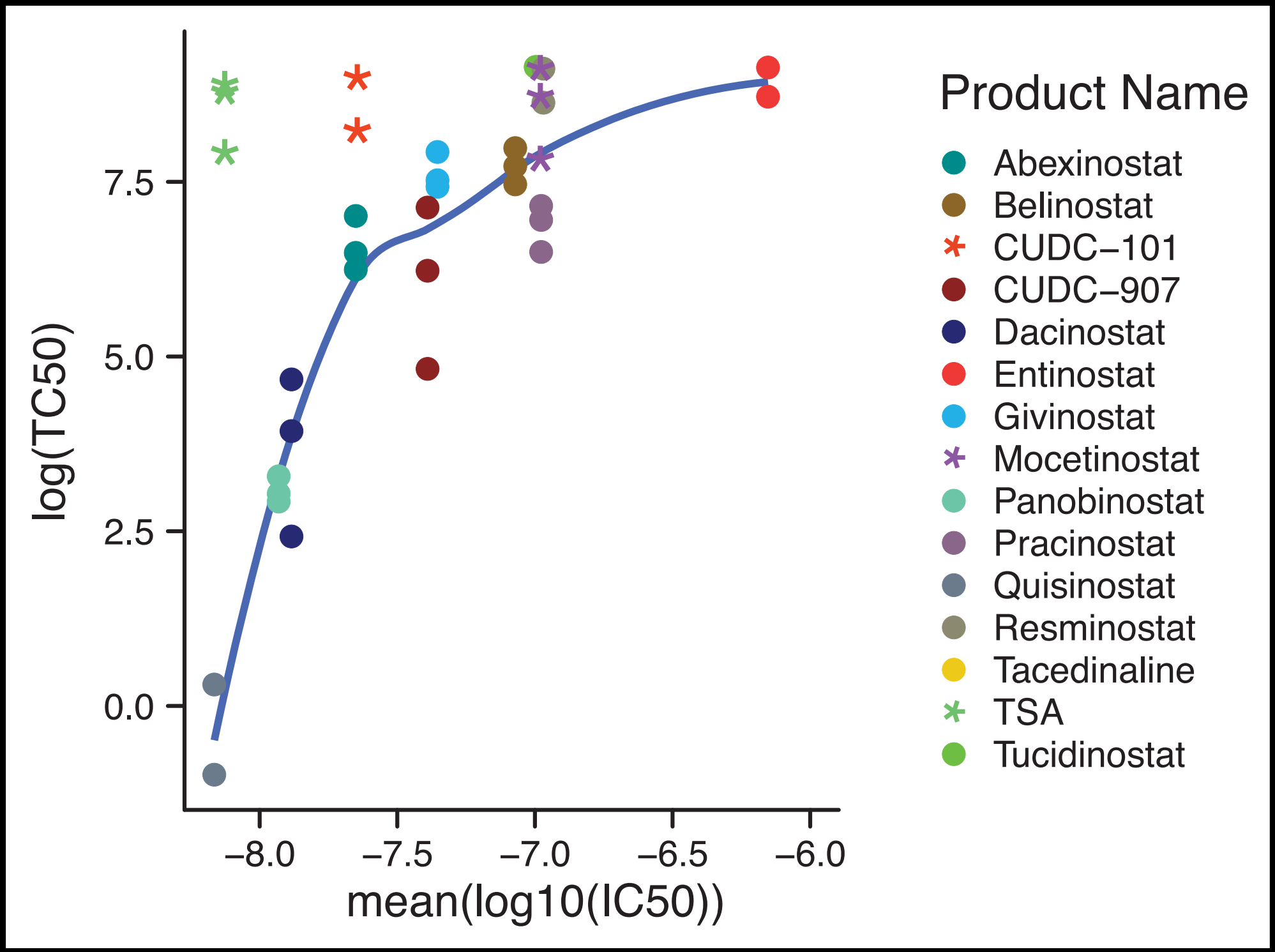
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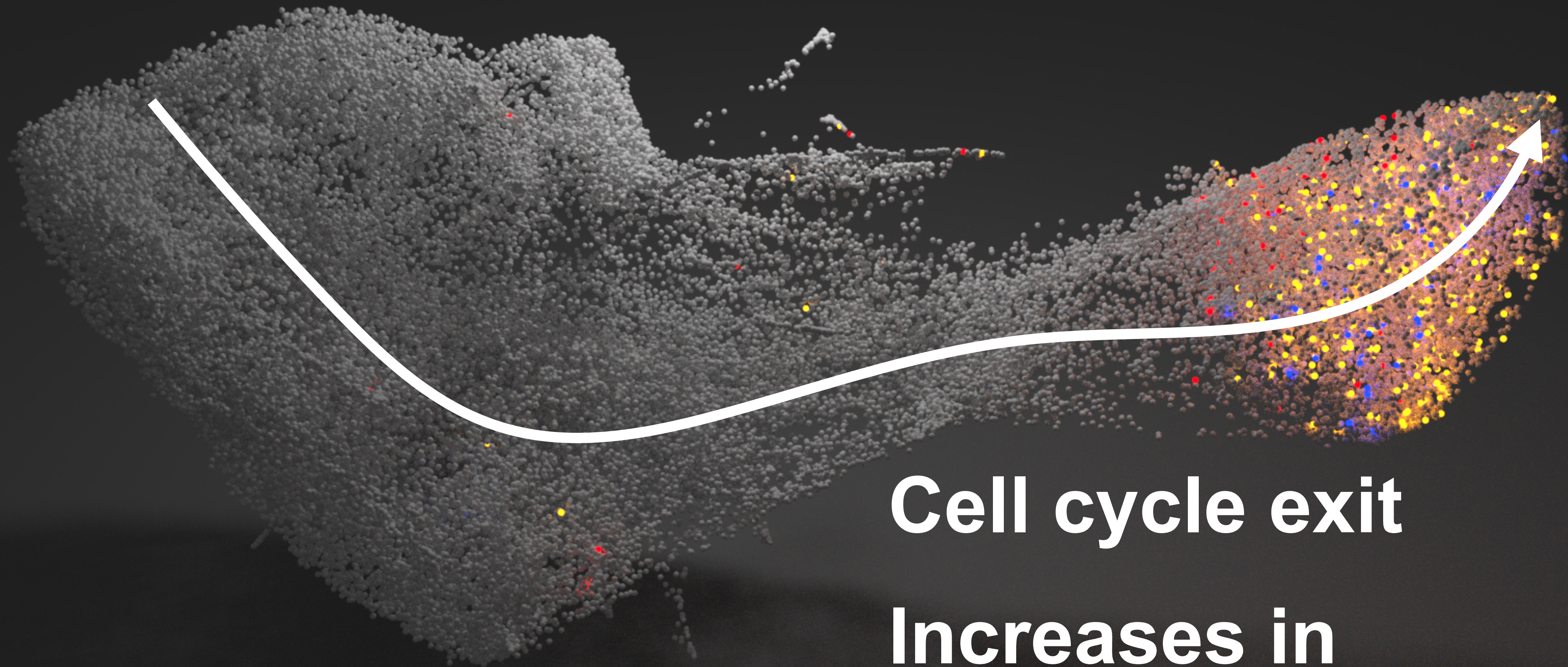
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Pracinostat

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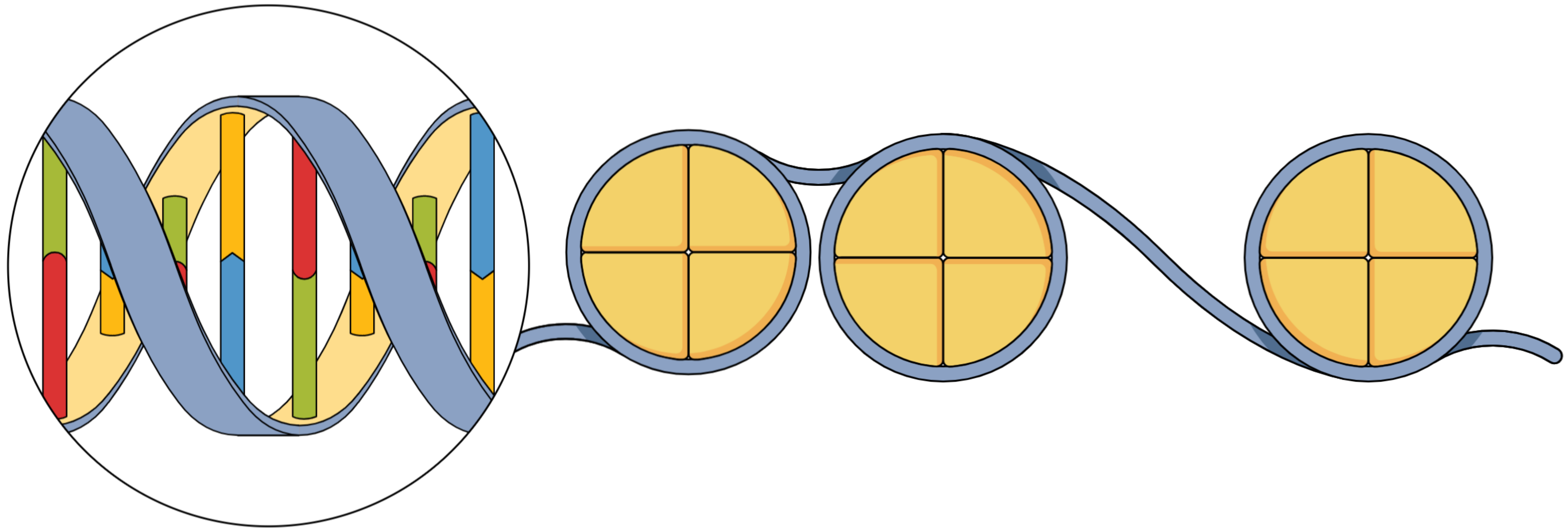


Cell cycle exit

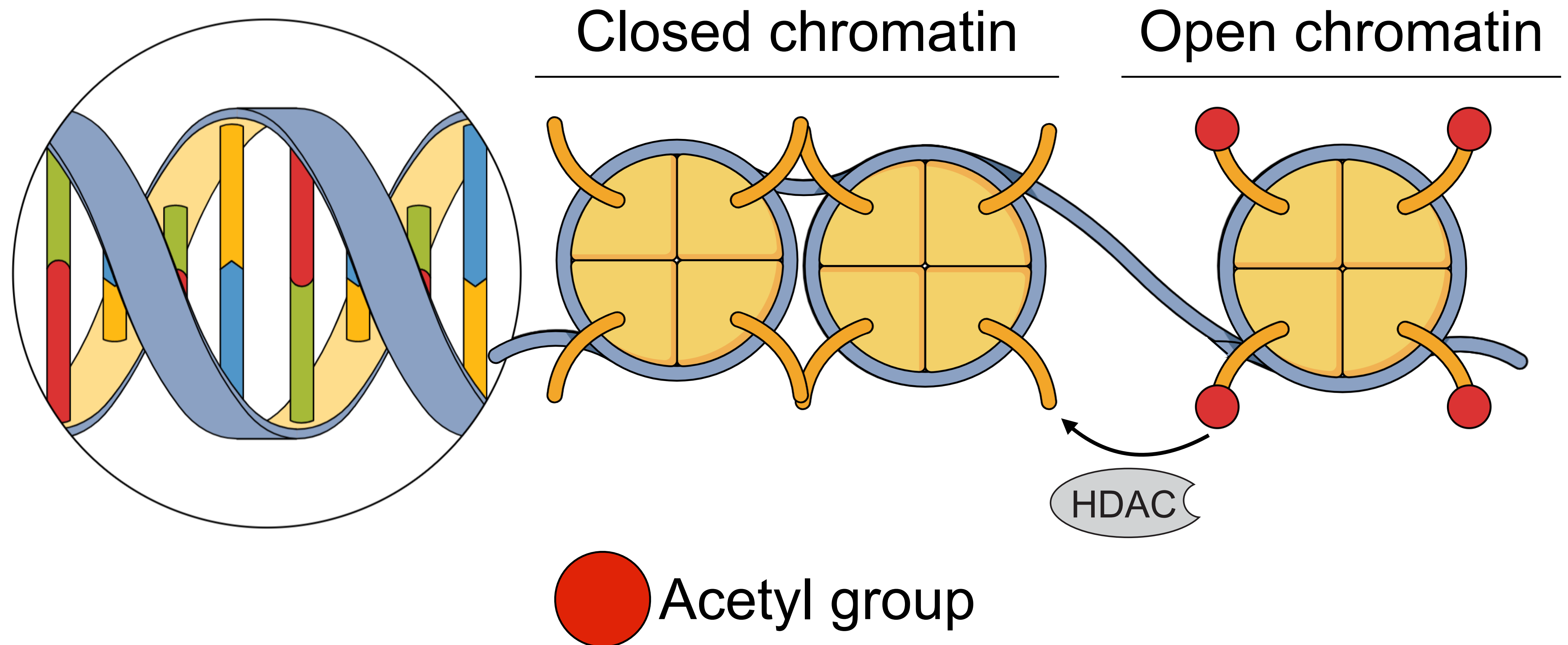
Increases in
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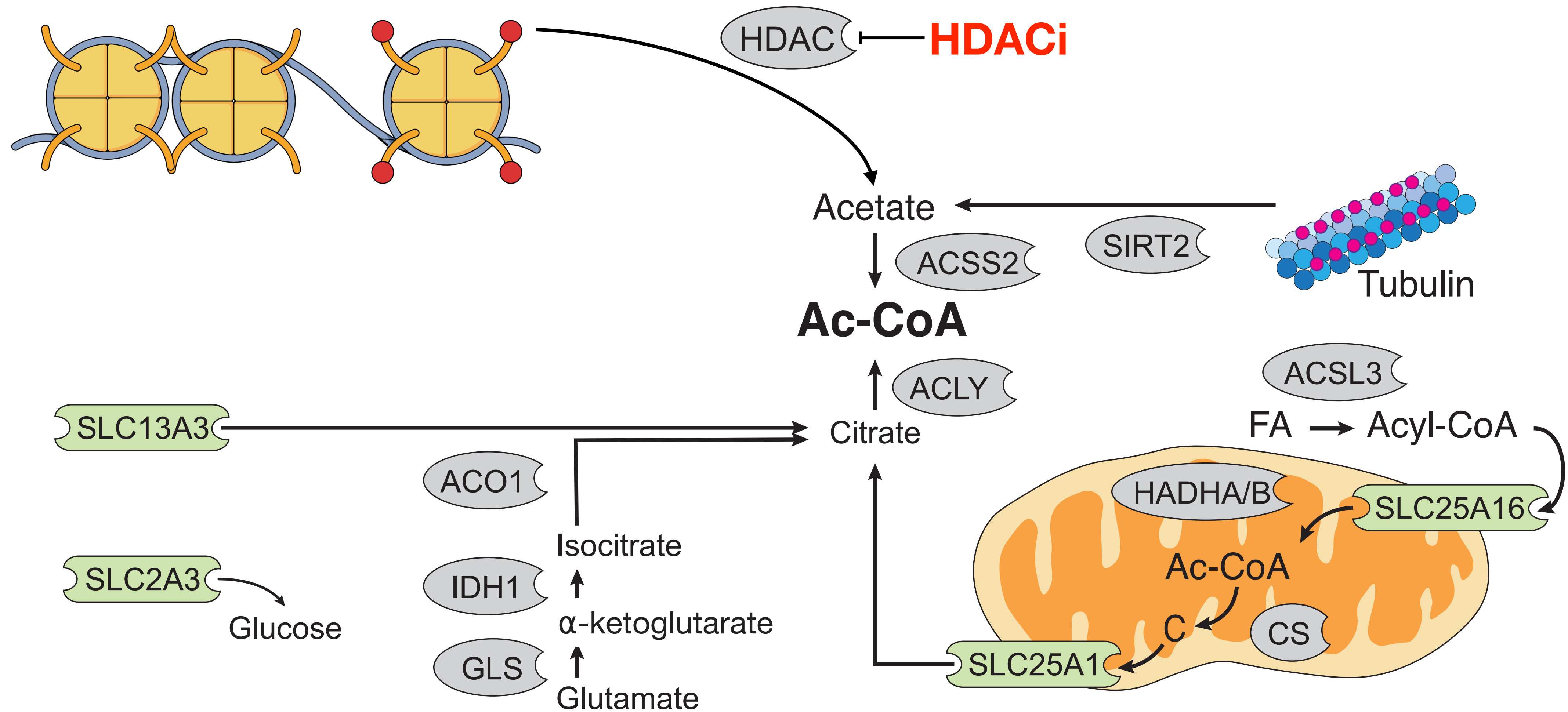
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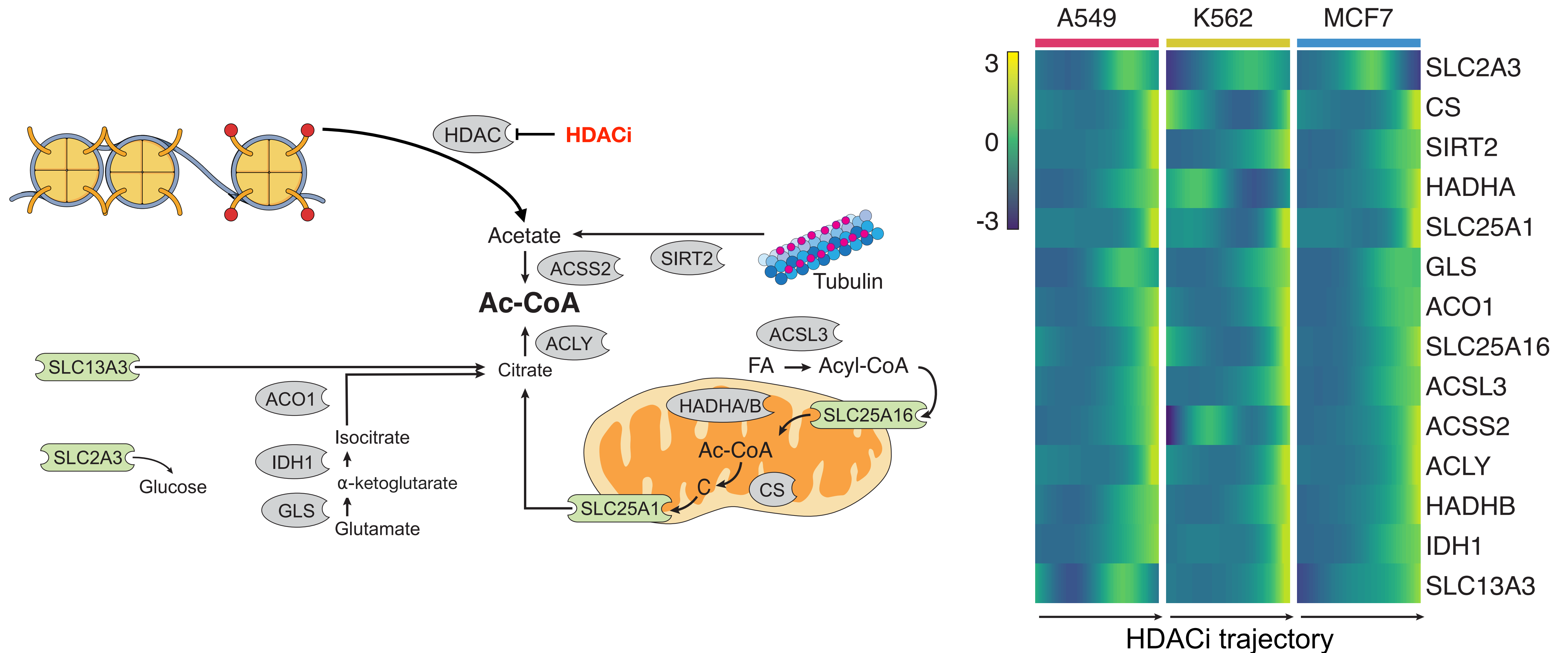
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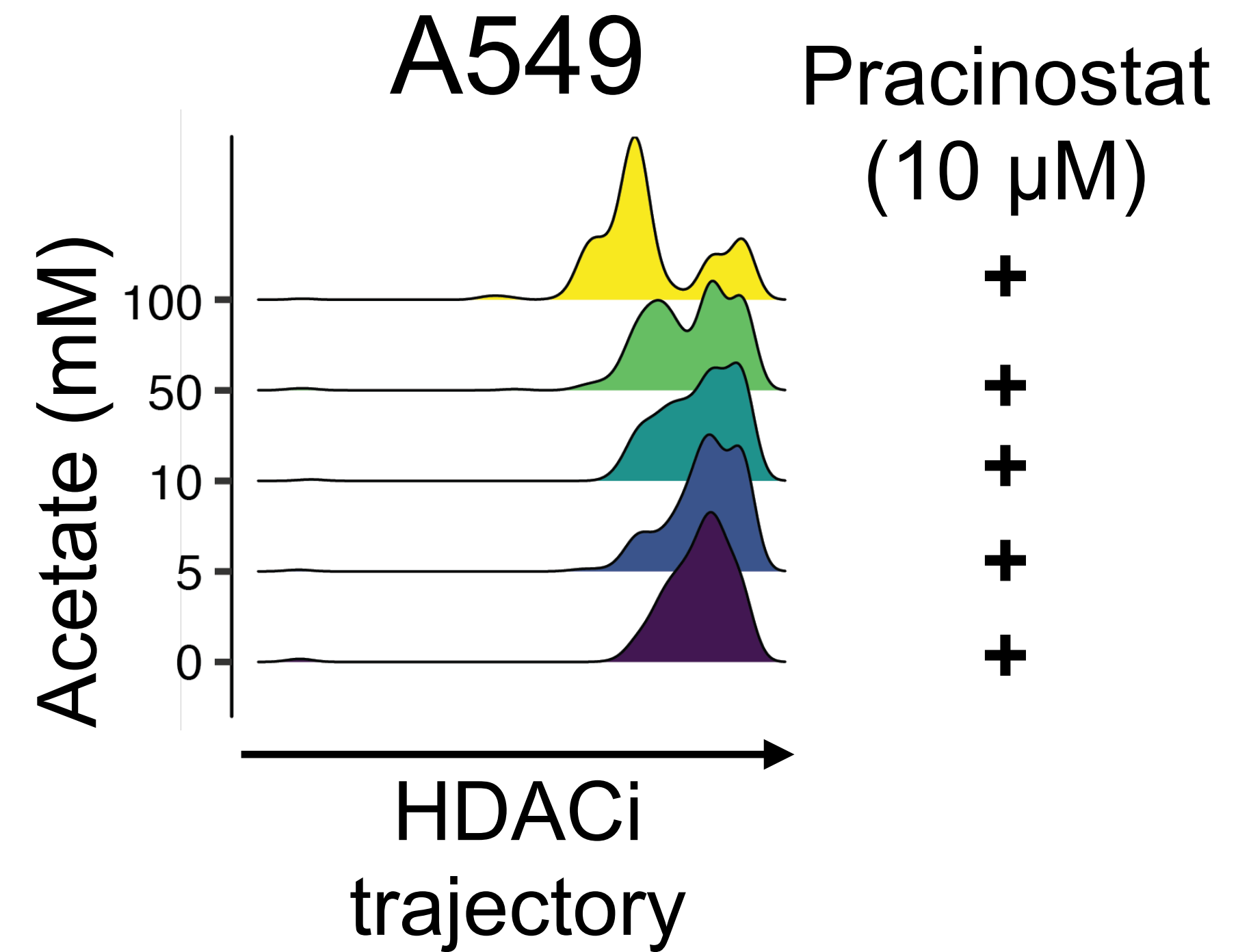
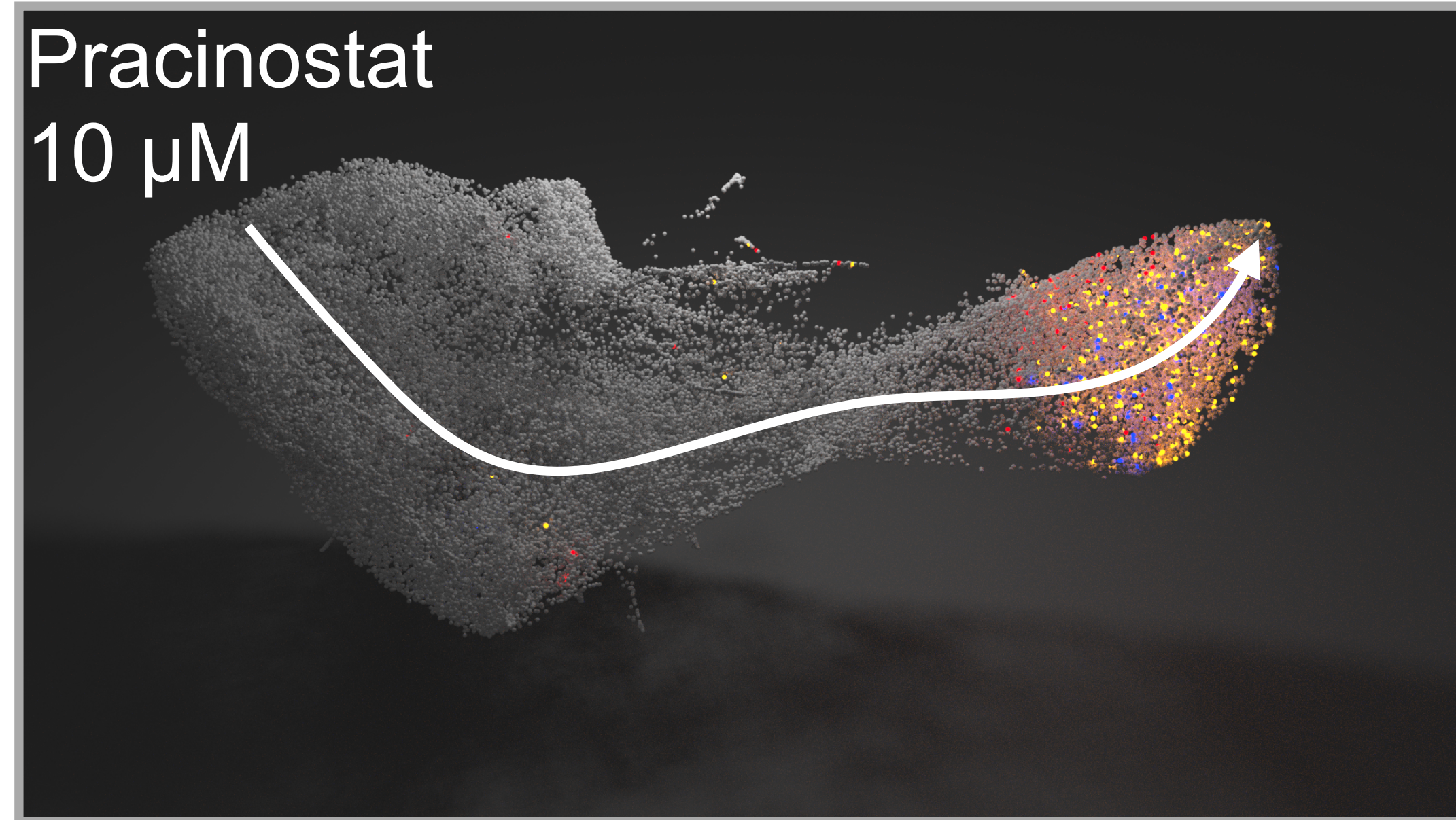
Histone are a reservoirs for cellular acetate



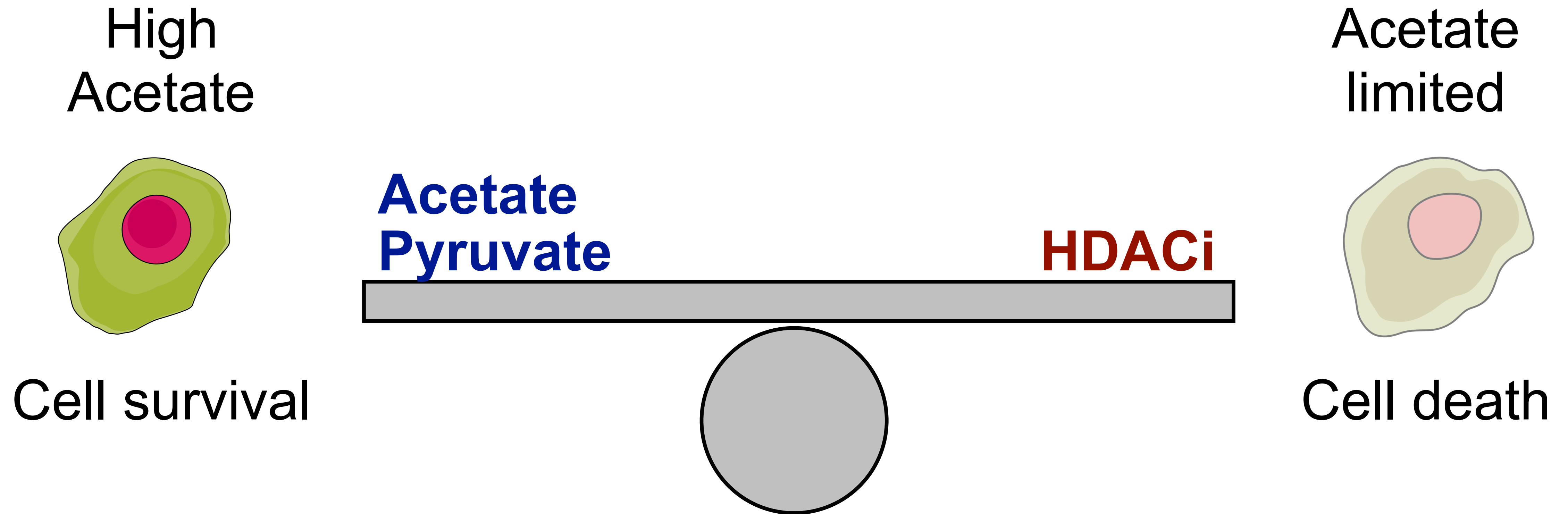
HDAC inhibition induces expression of acetate metabolism genes



Ac-CoA precursors rescue the molecular phenotype induced by HDAC inhibition

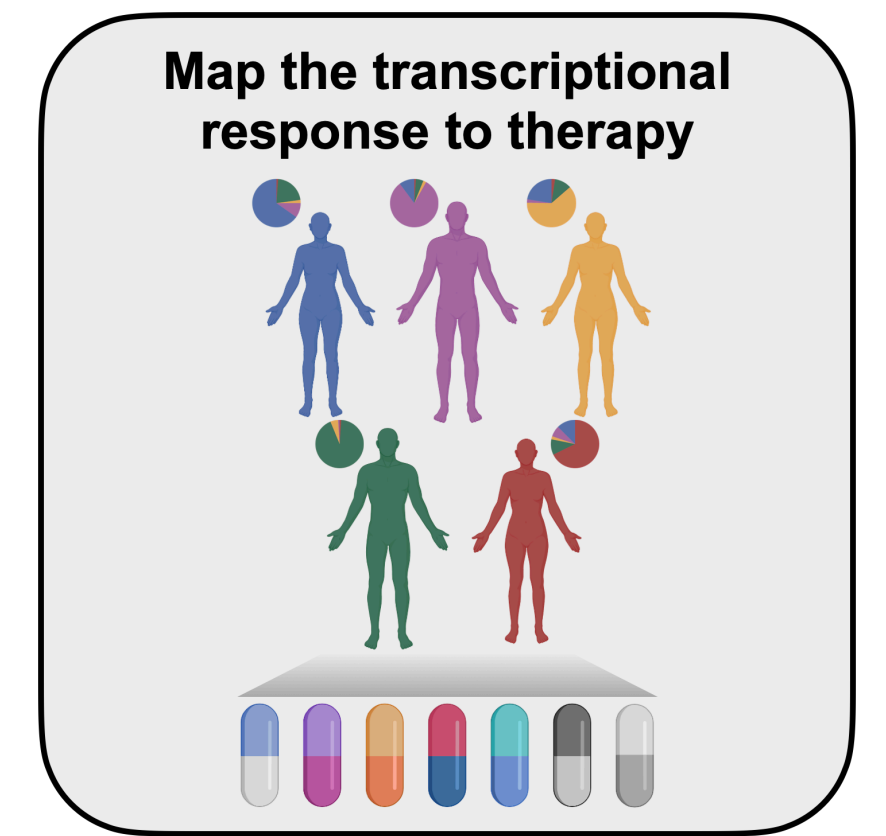


A proportion of the sensitivity to HDAC inhibition is due to acetate deprivation



Vignette 1 summary

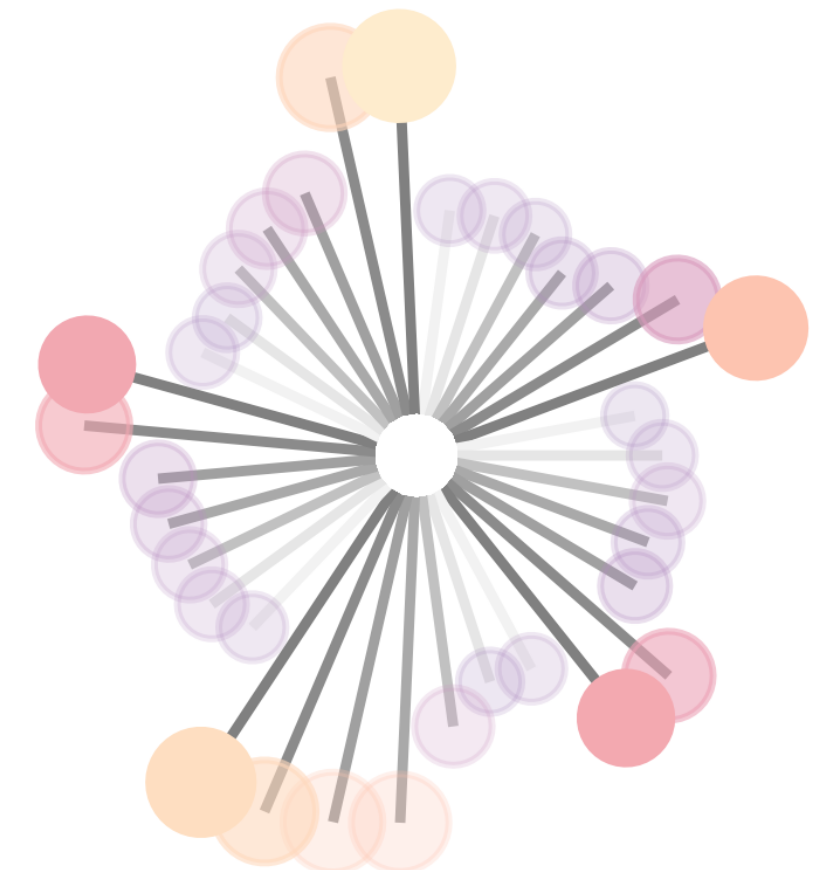
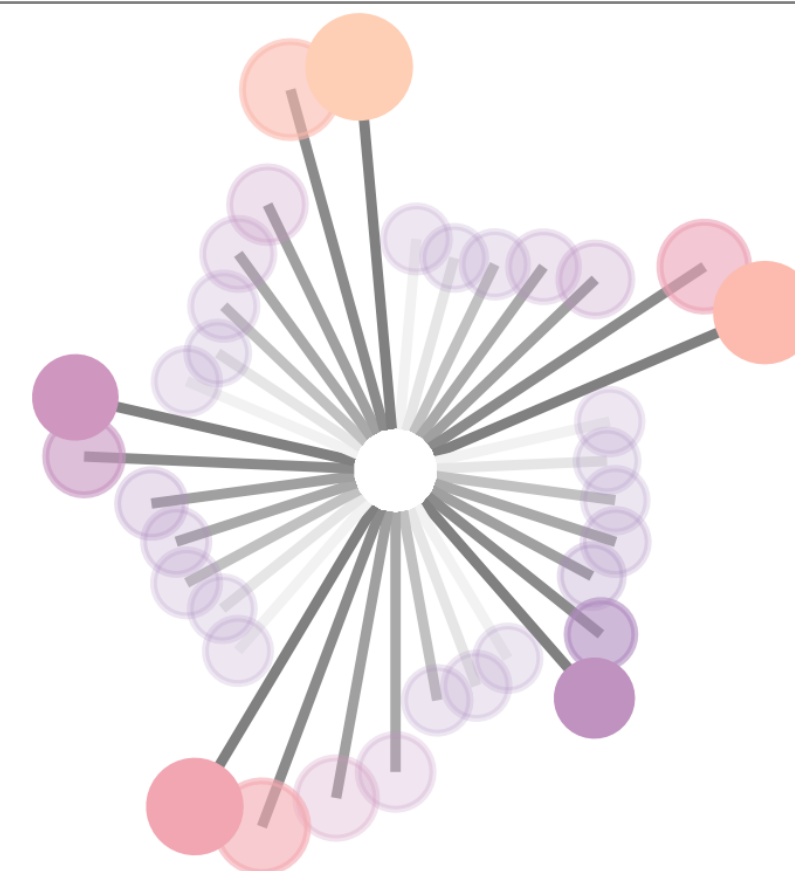
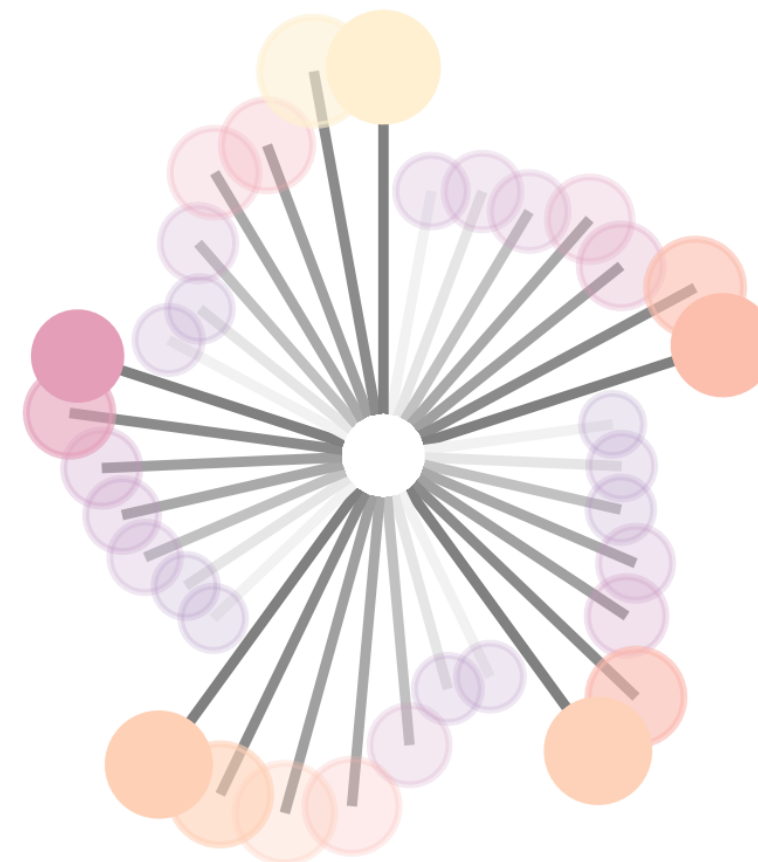
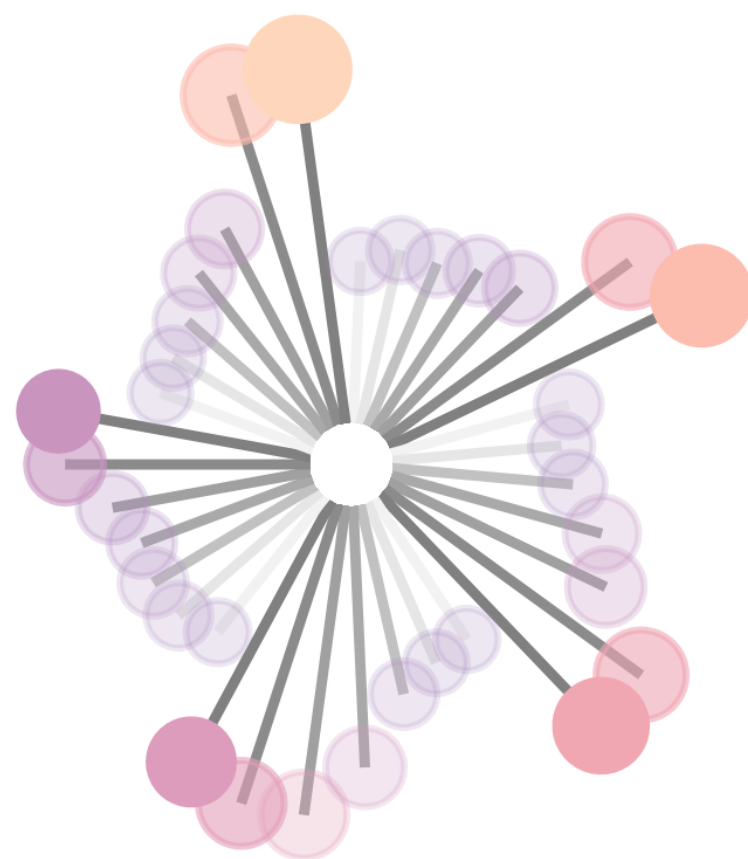
- ◆ Developed sci-Plex, an inexpensive sample multiplexing strategy compatible with single-cell RNA-seq
- ◆ Applied sci-Plex to perform high-throughput chemical transcriptomics at single-cell resolution
- ◆ Identified heterogeneity in drug response of different cell types
- ◆ Single-cell resolution revealed heterogeneity in response to microtubule targeting compounds and HDAC inhibitors



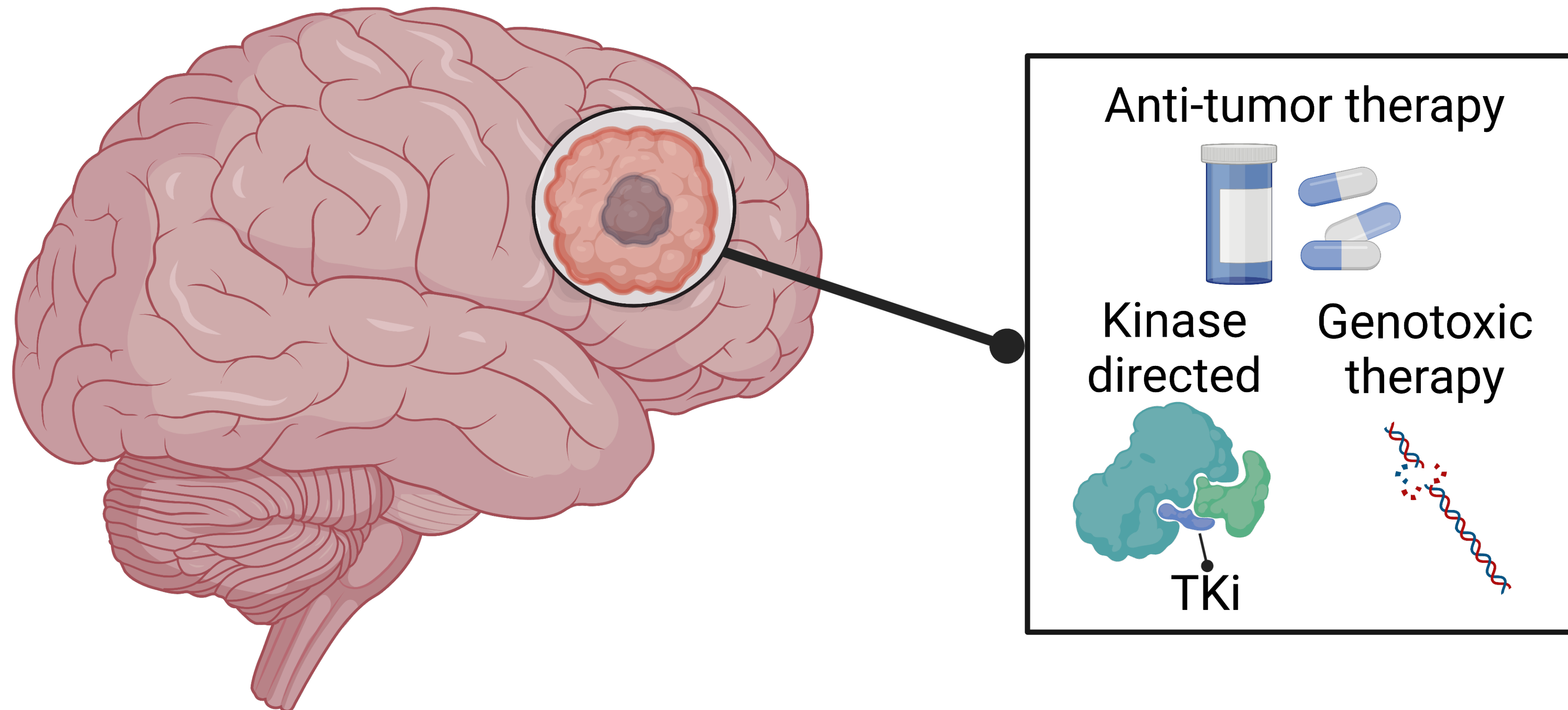
Defining the transcriptional landscape of EGFRi response in glioblastoma

Giglio, R. *et. al.* (2024), *bioRxiv*

Ross Giglio



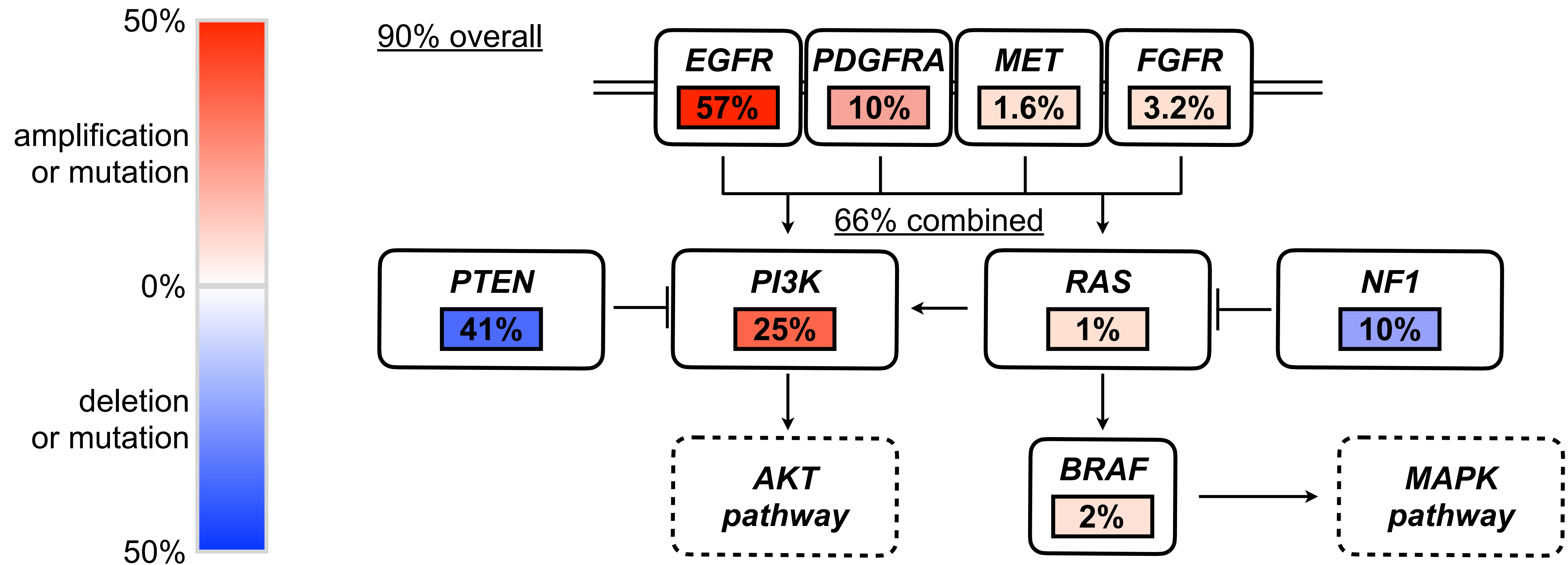
The current standard of care in GBM only marginally improves patient survival



- ◆ Most common and aggressive primary brain cancer
- ◆ Median survival of 12- 15 months

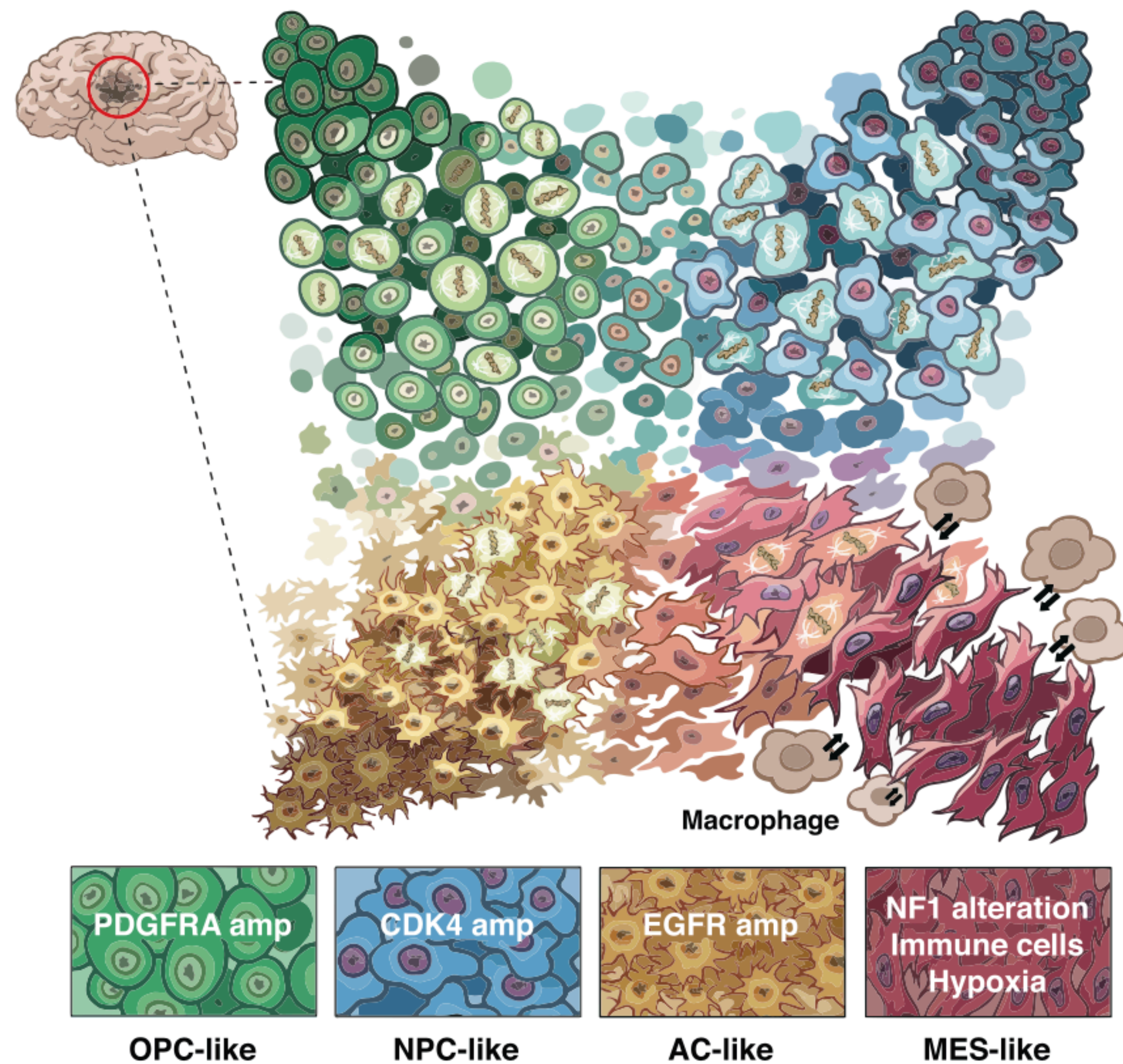
Stupp, R. *et al.* (2005). *NEJM*.

Receptor tyrosine kinases as an opportunity for the design of potent targeted therapies in glioblastoma

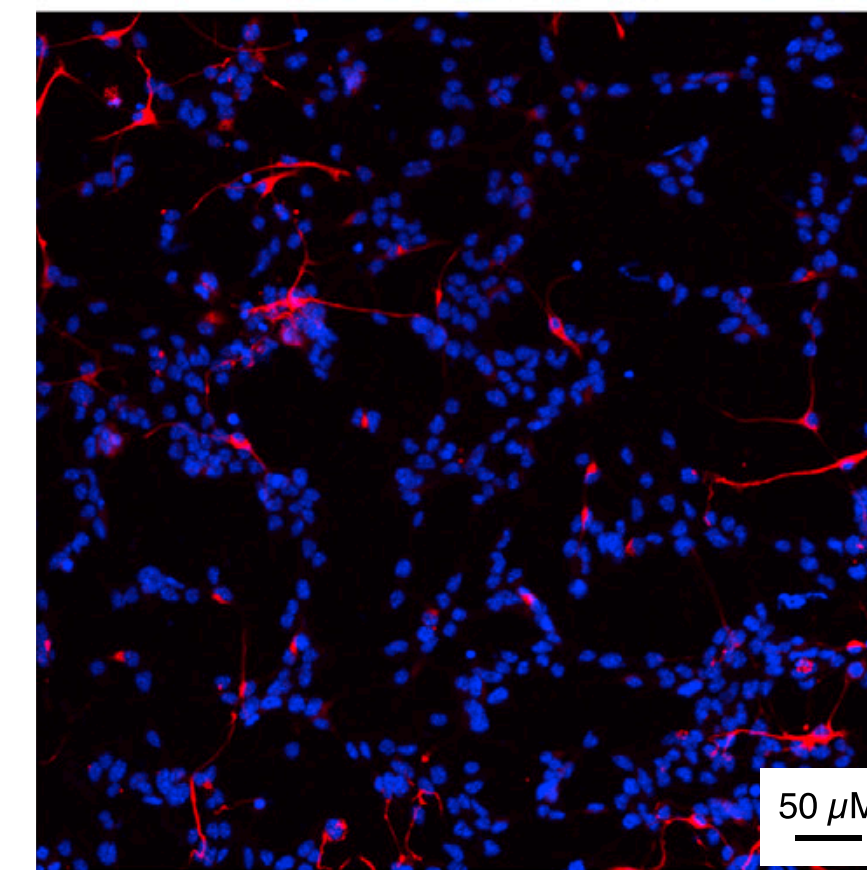


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Cancer Genome Atlas network. (2008), Nature.

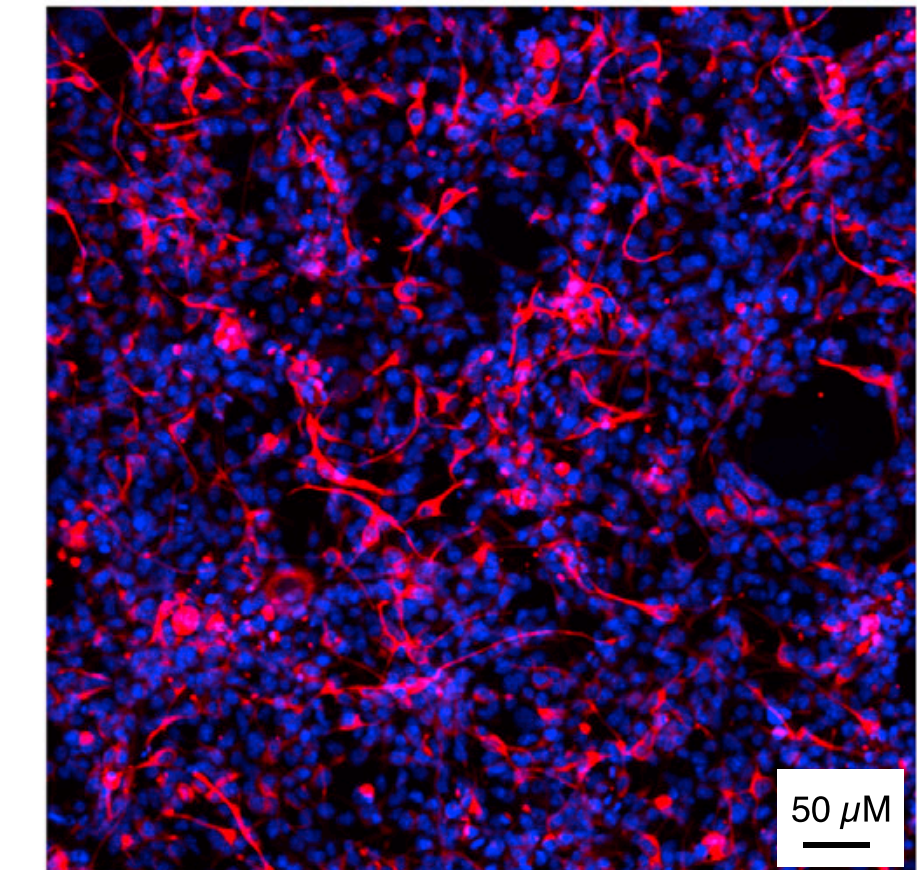
EGFR defines a molecular subtype of IDHwt GBM



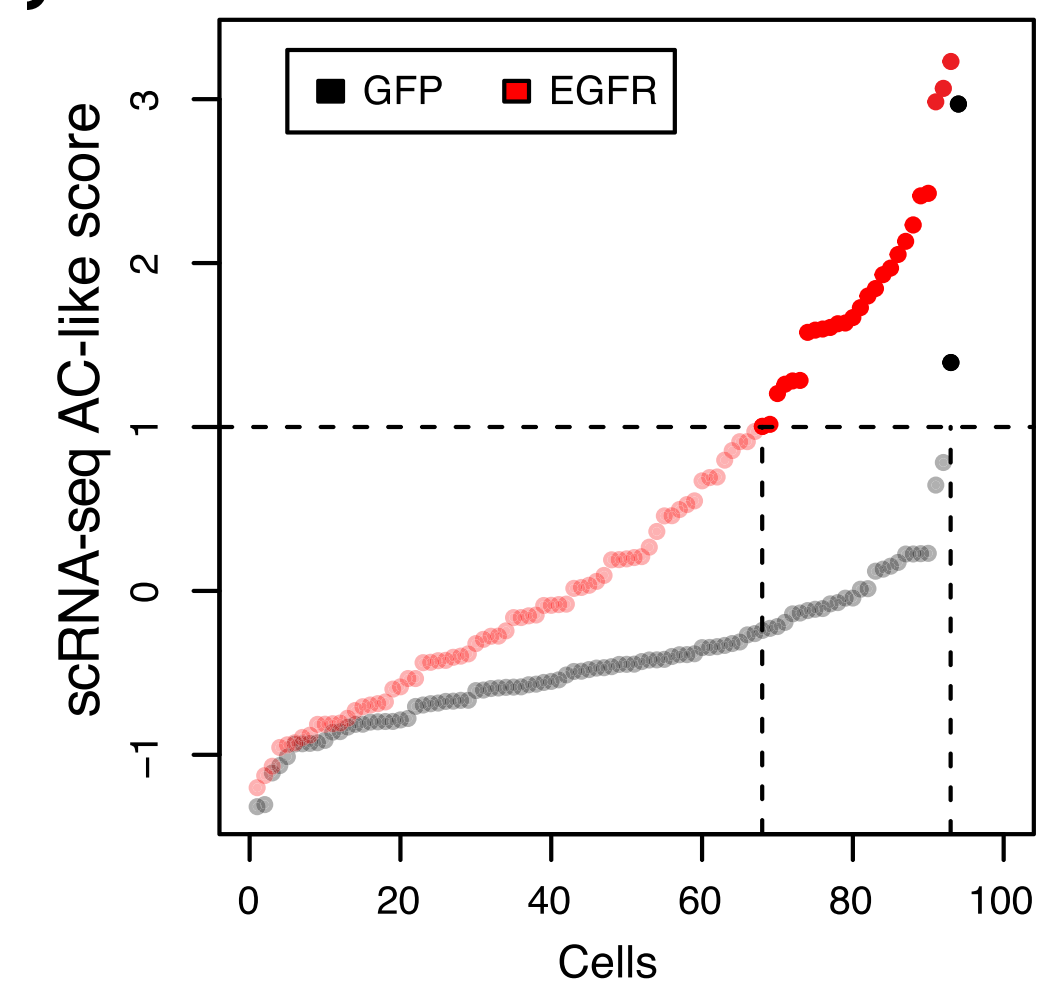
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NPC eGFP

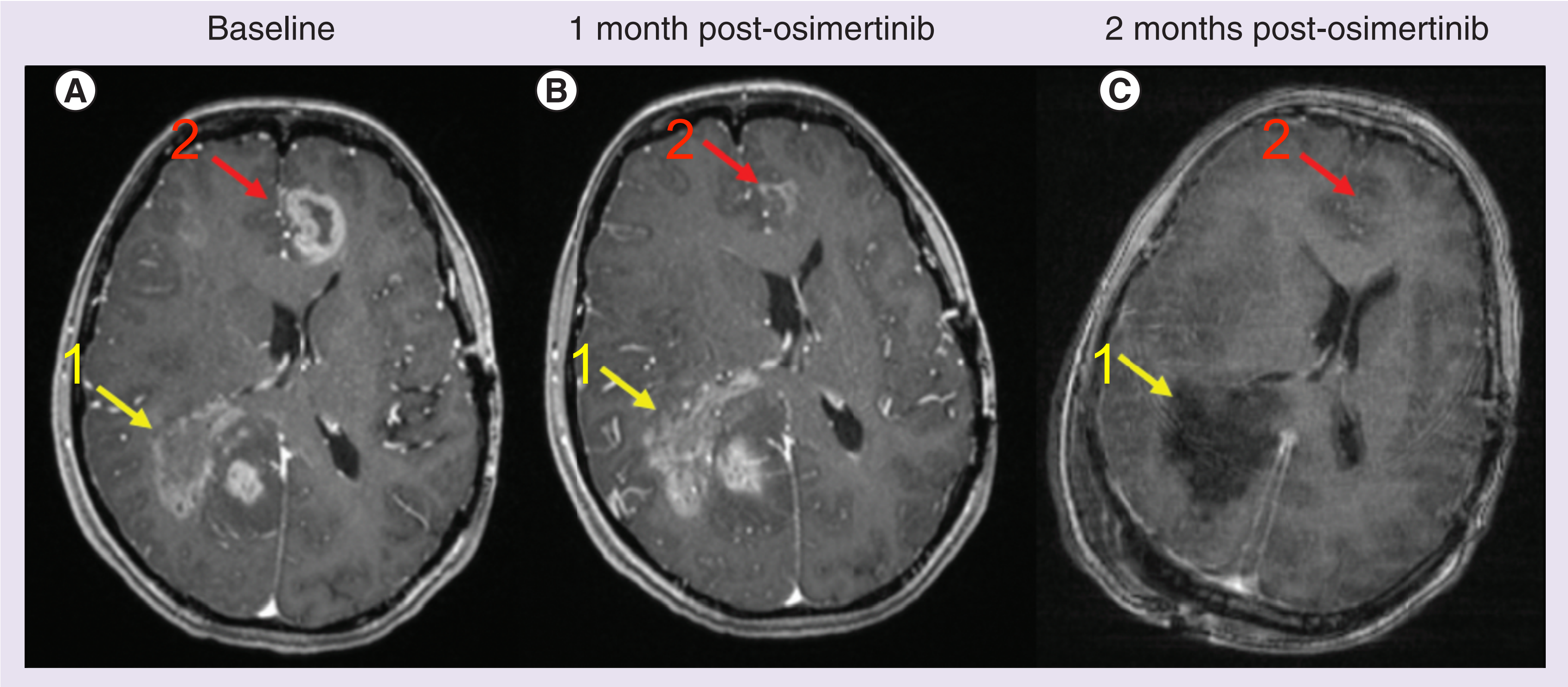


NPC EGFR



EGFR & AC-like GBM: Neftel, C. *et al.* (2019), *Cell*.

Clinical response to a brain penetrant EGFR inhibitor

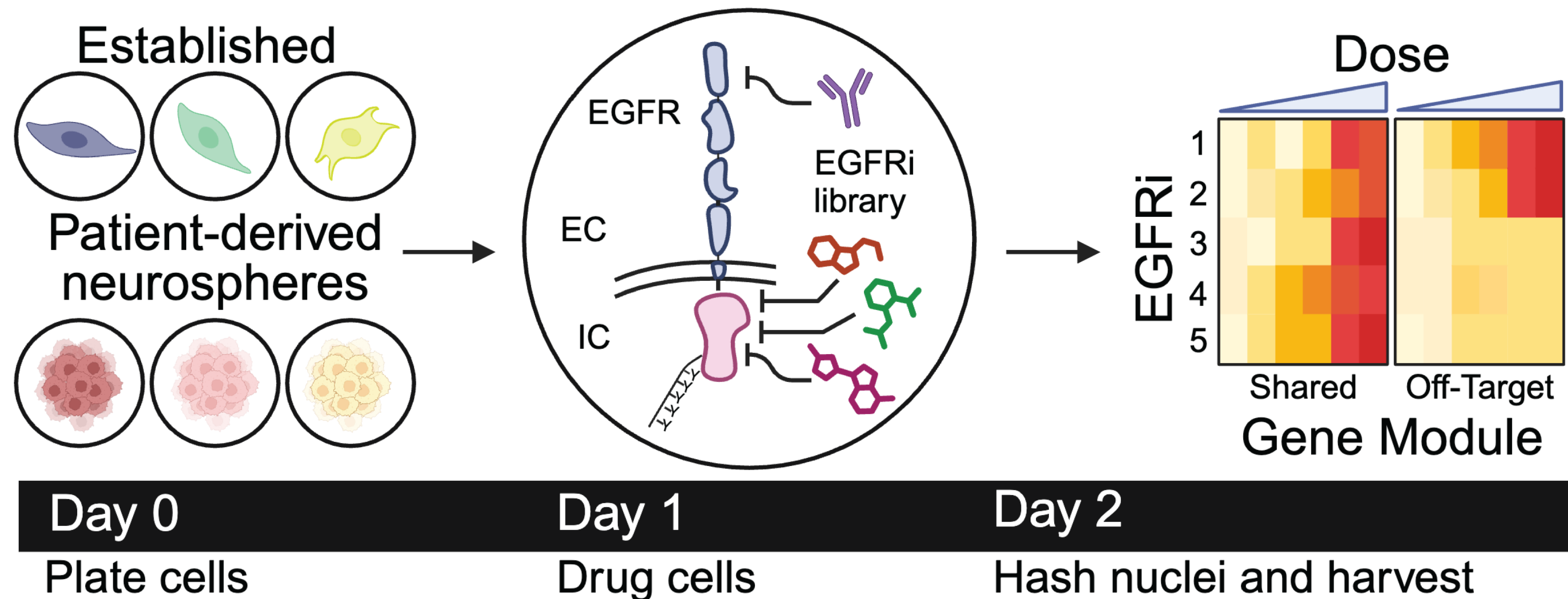


EGFR status at resection per site



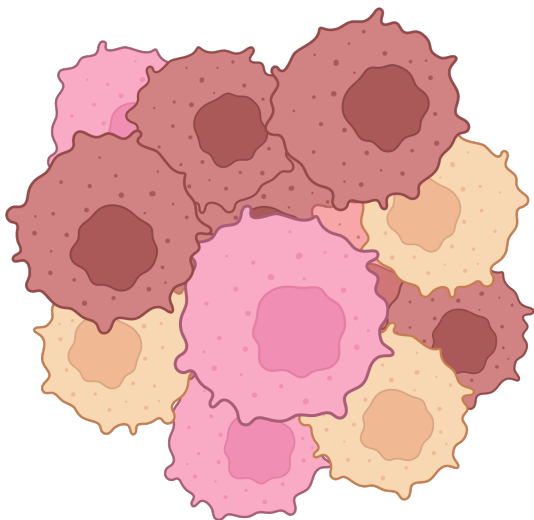
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Mapping the molecular response to EGFR inhibitors

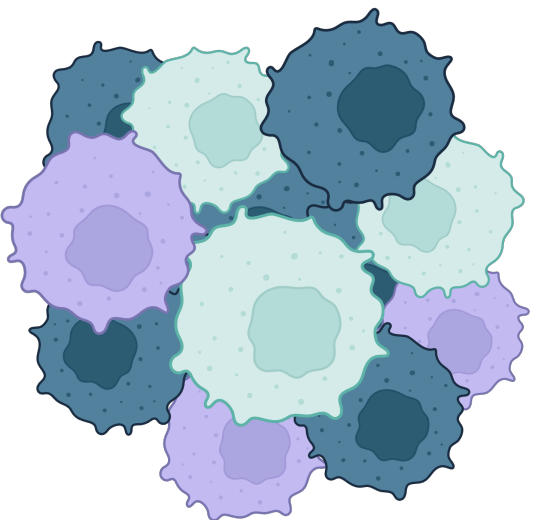


Comprehensive sci-Plex profiling of EGFR inhibitors

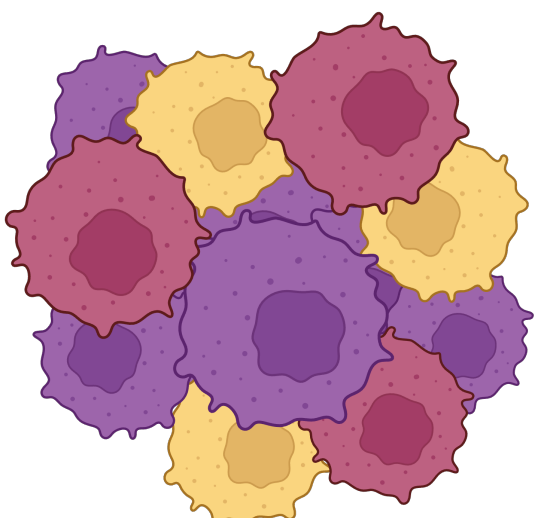
3 Patient-derived Neurosphere Cultures



BT112
(EGFRvIII/
Amp)



BT228
(EGFR wt/
Amp)



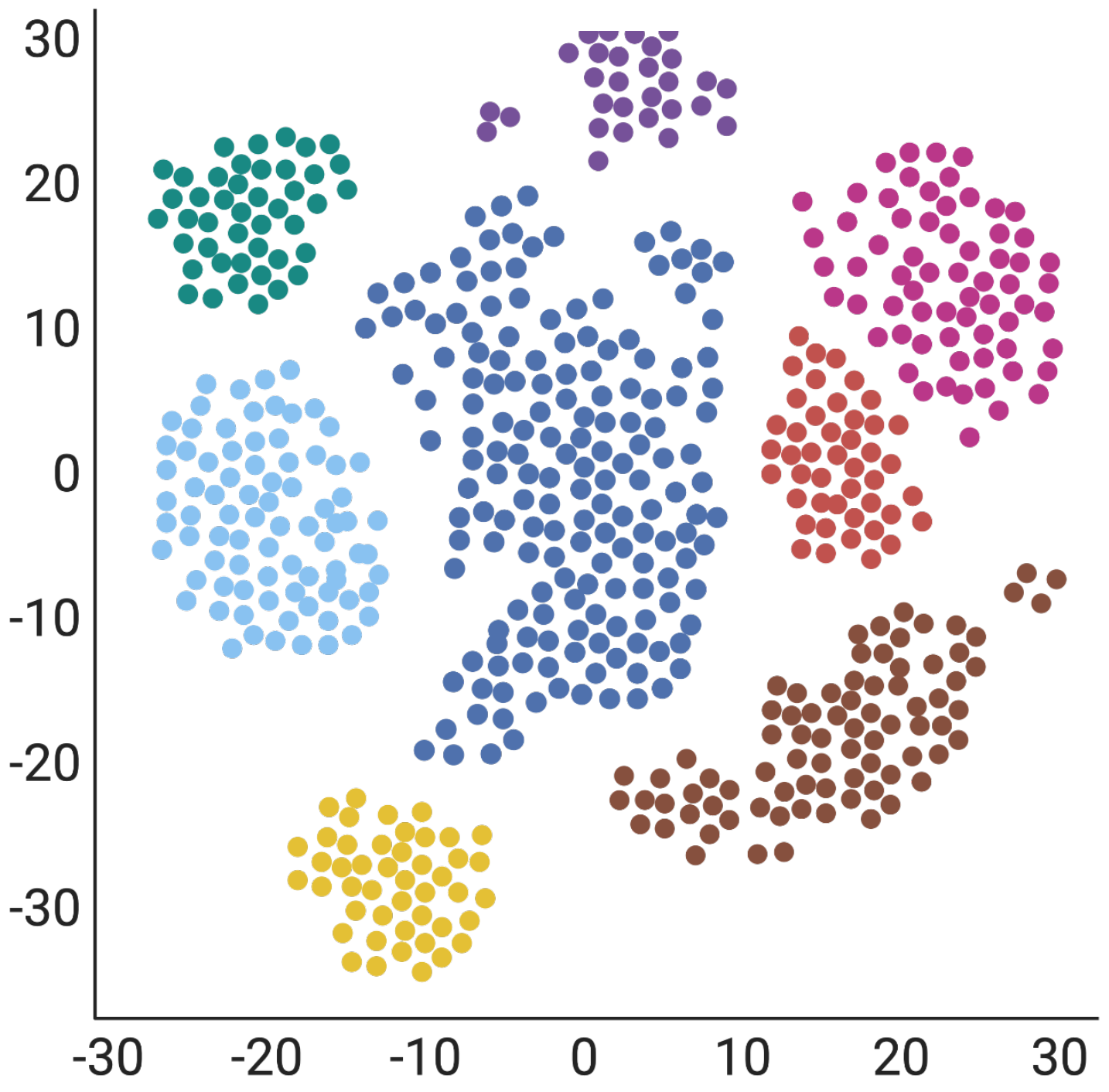
BT333
(EGFR F254I/
Amp)

74 EGFR Inhibitors 4 Doses

X

- 10000 nM
- 1000 nM
- 100 nM
- 10 nM
- Vehicle

Chemical Transcriptomics Analysis



~3500 conditions (wells)
24 hr & 7 days post-exposure

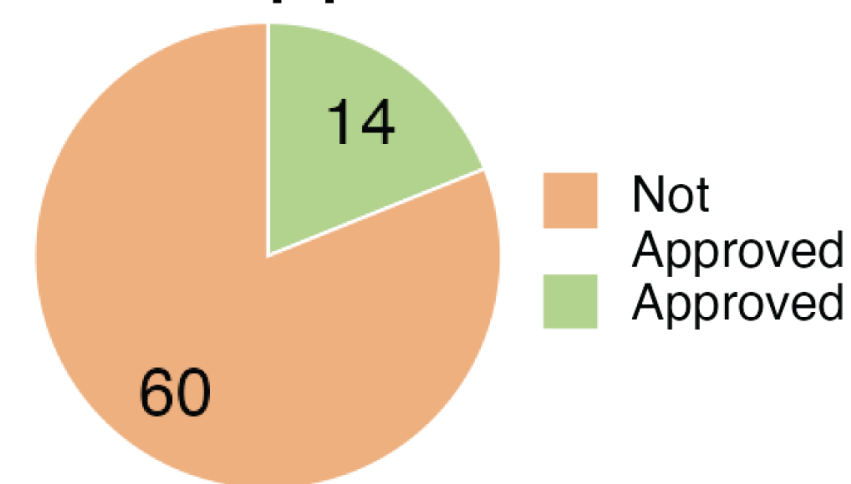
Keith L. Ligon,
M.D., Ph.D.



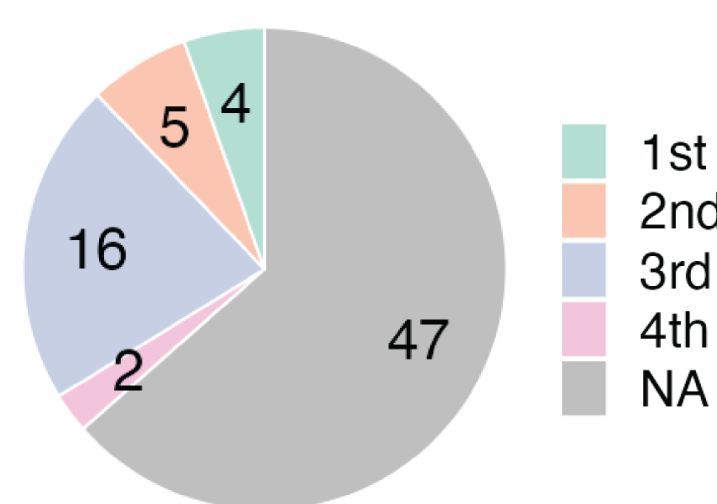
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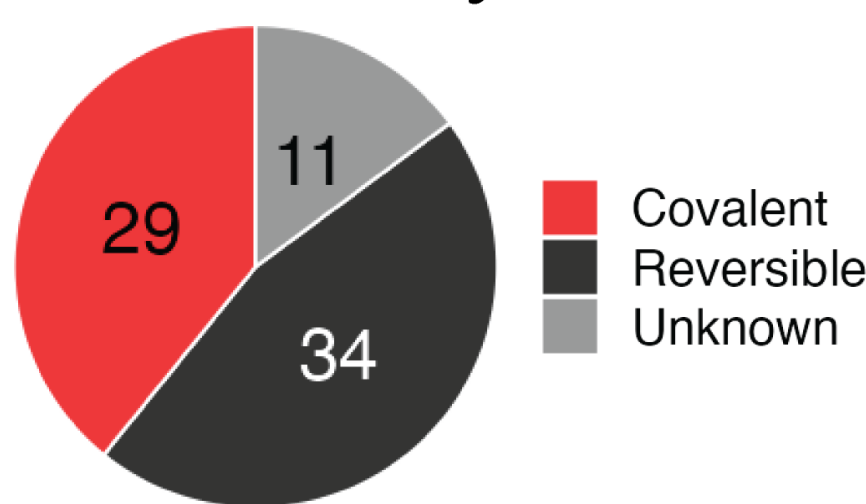
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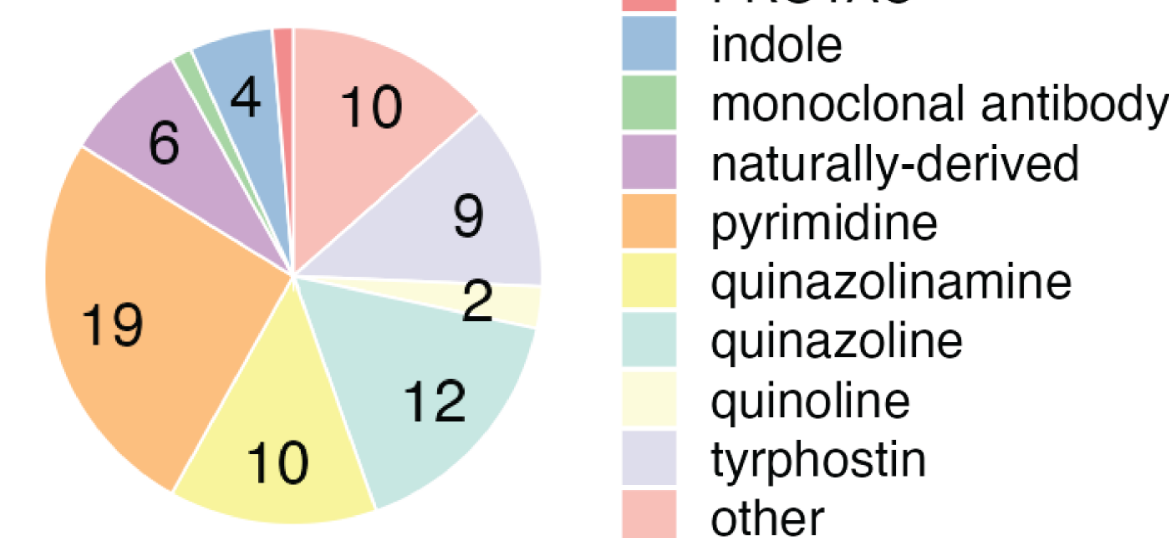
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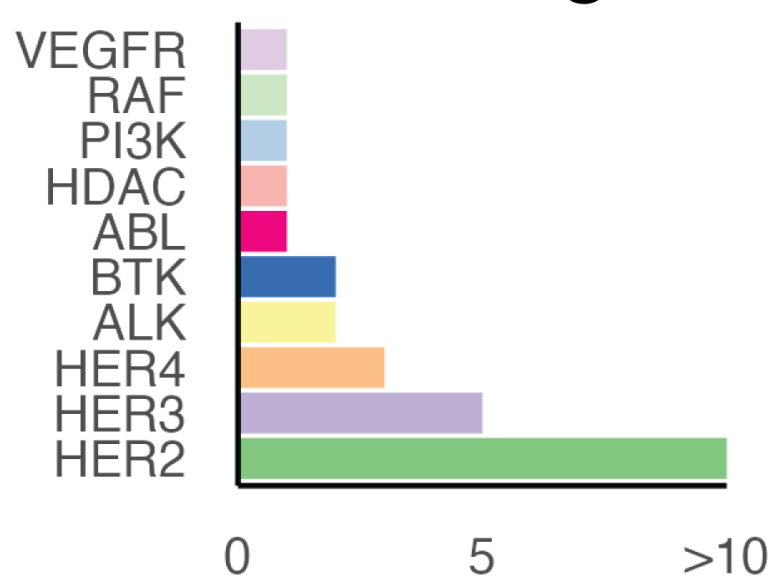
Reversibility



Chemical Class

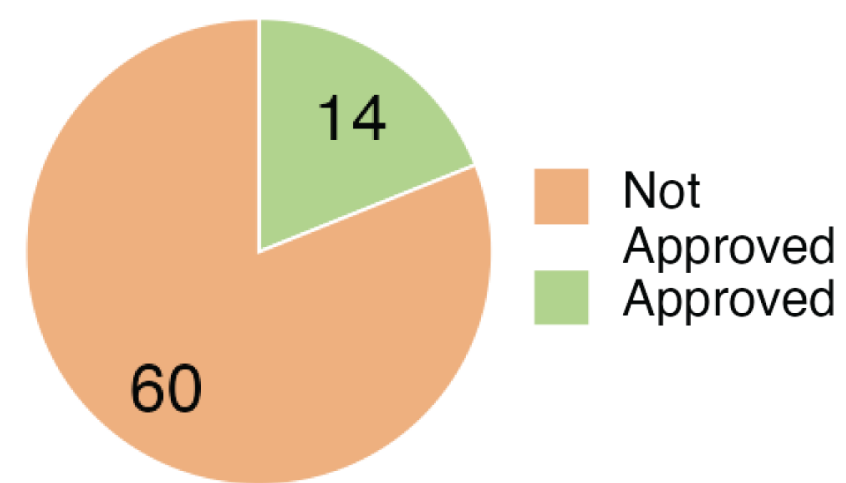


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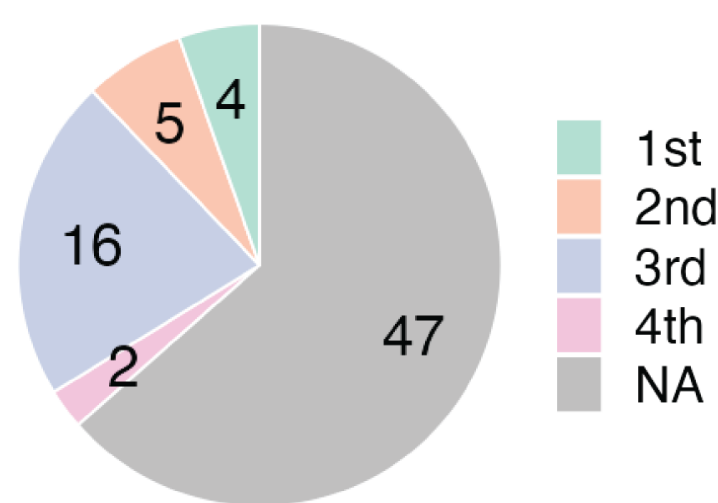


Tumor cell state heterogeneity and selection upon EGFRi

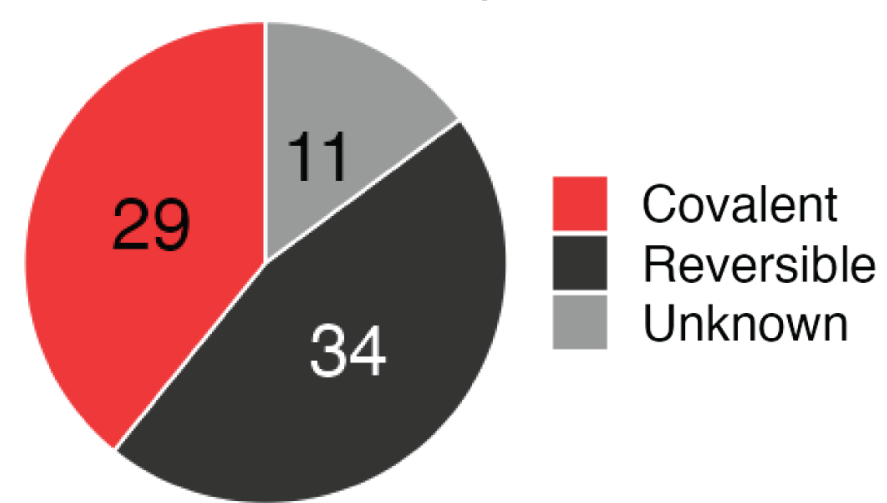
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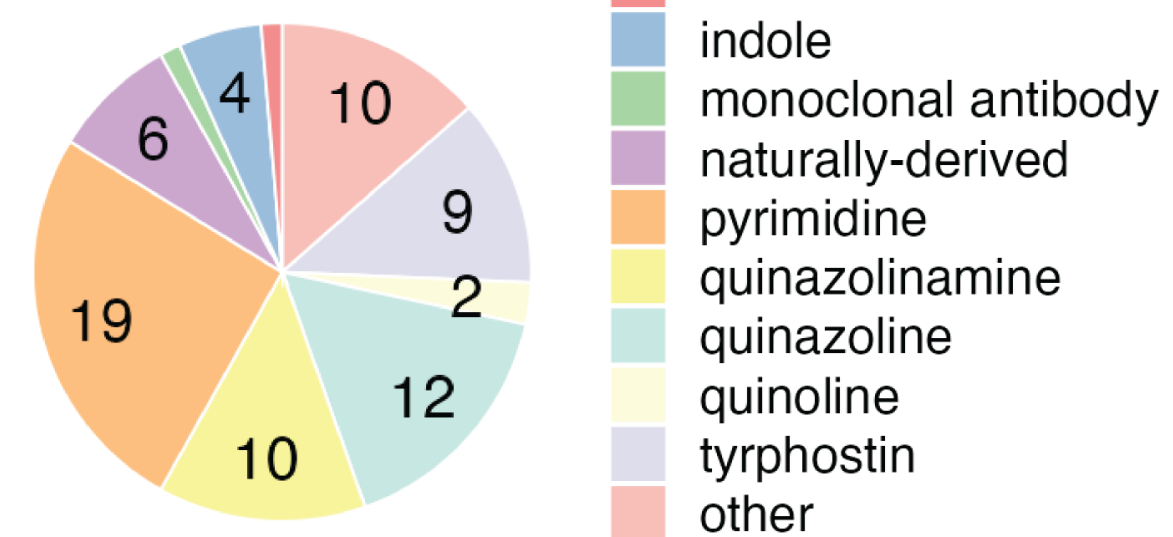
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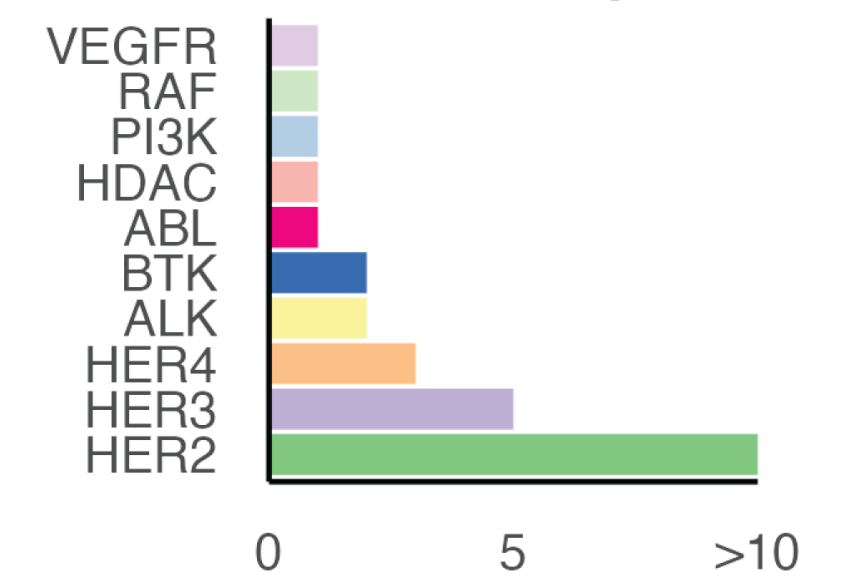
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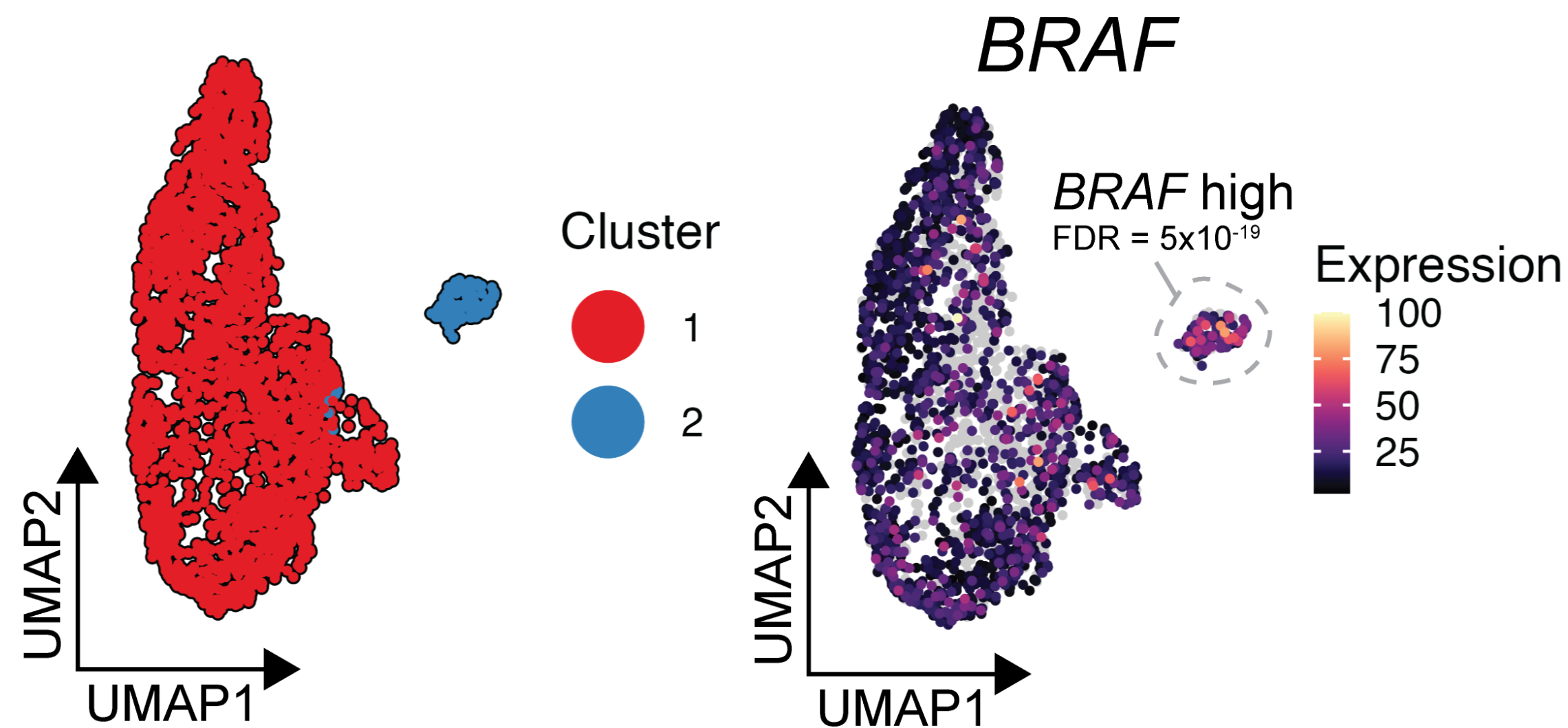
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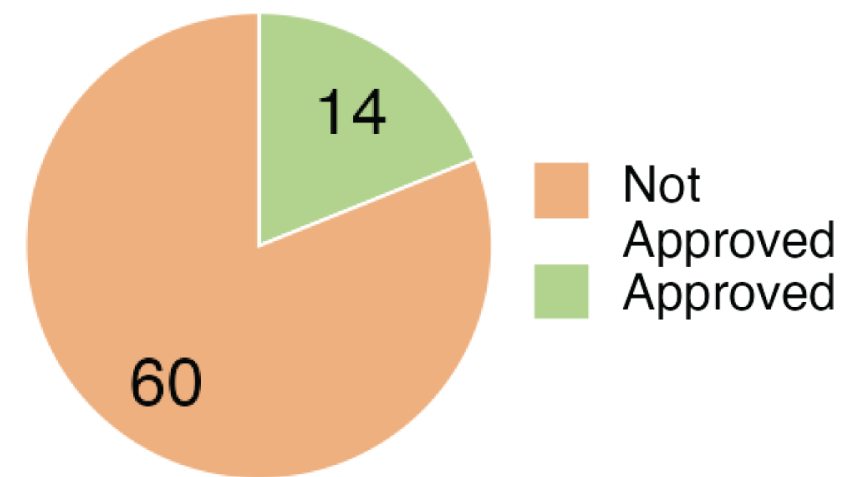


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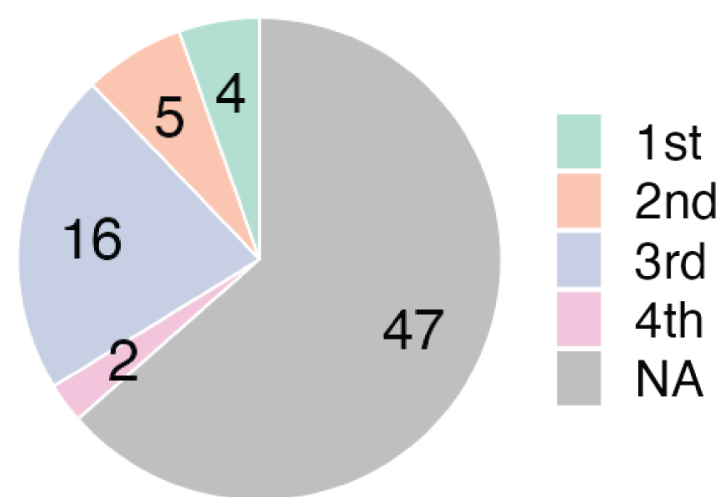


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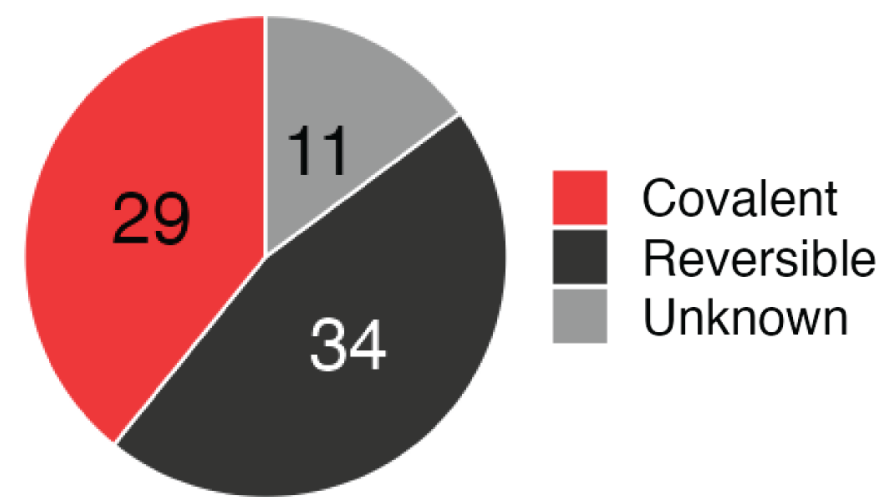
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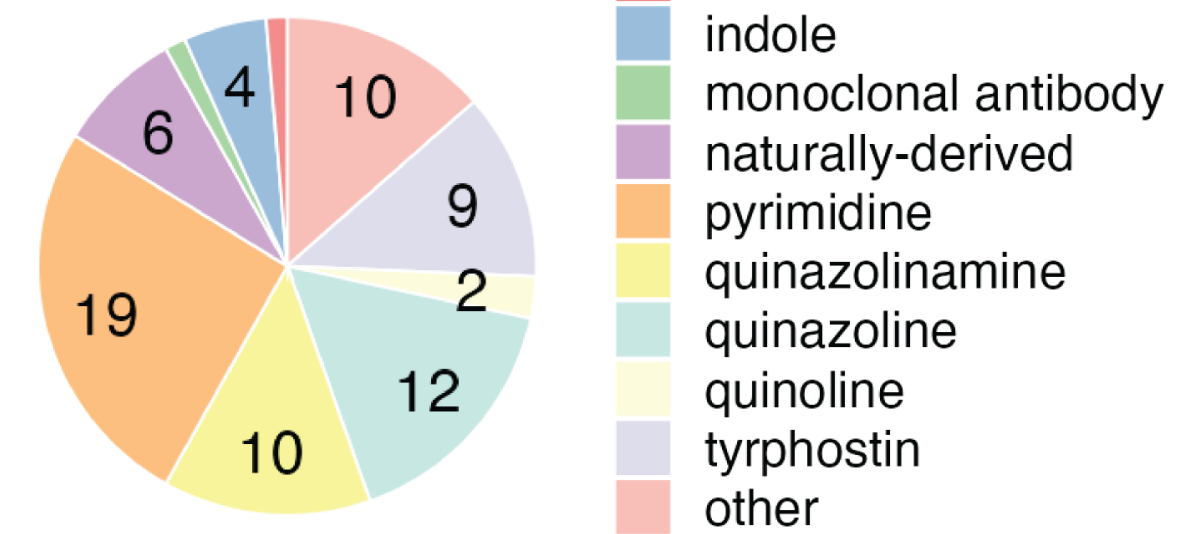
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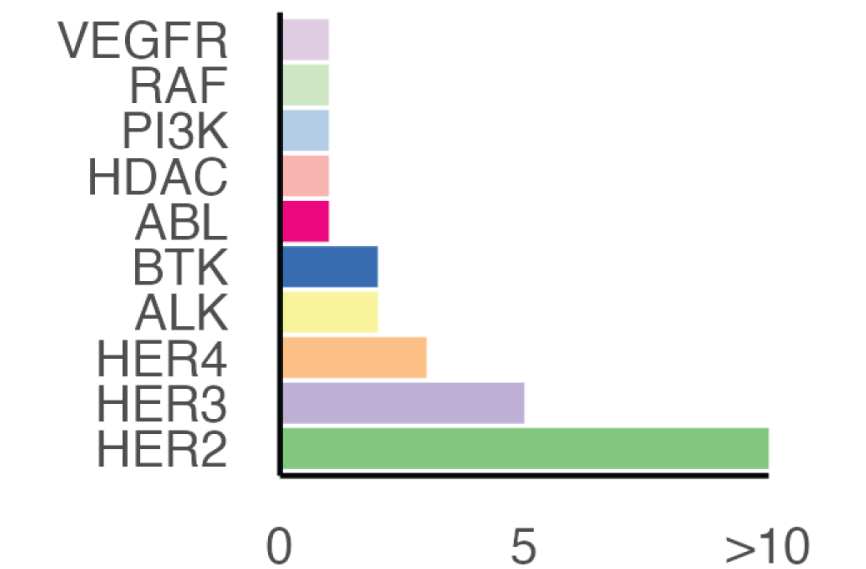
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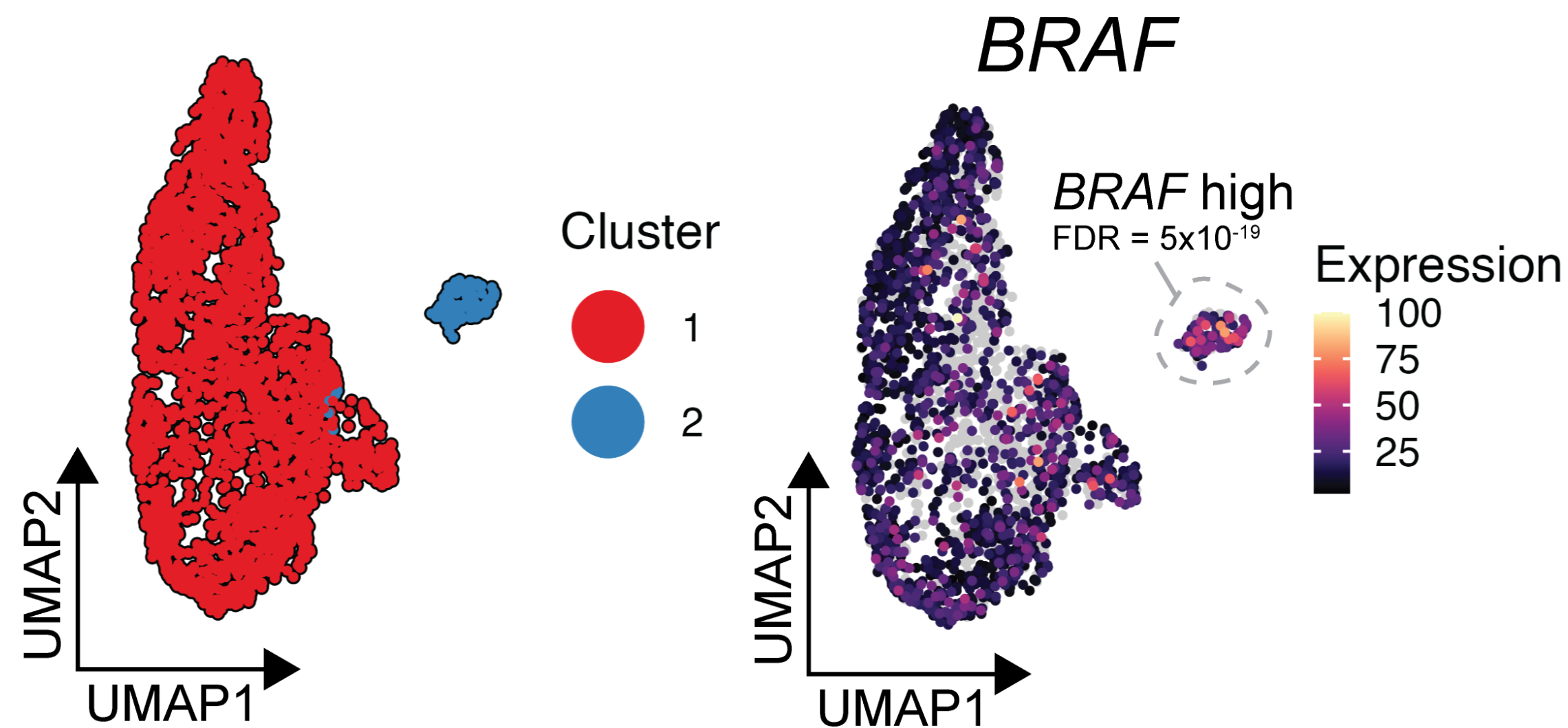
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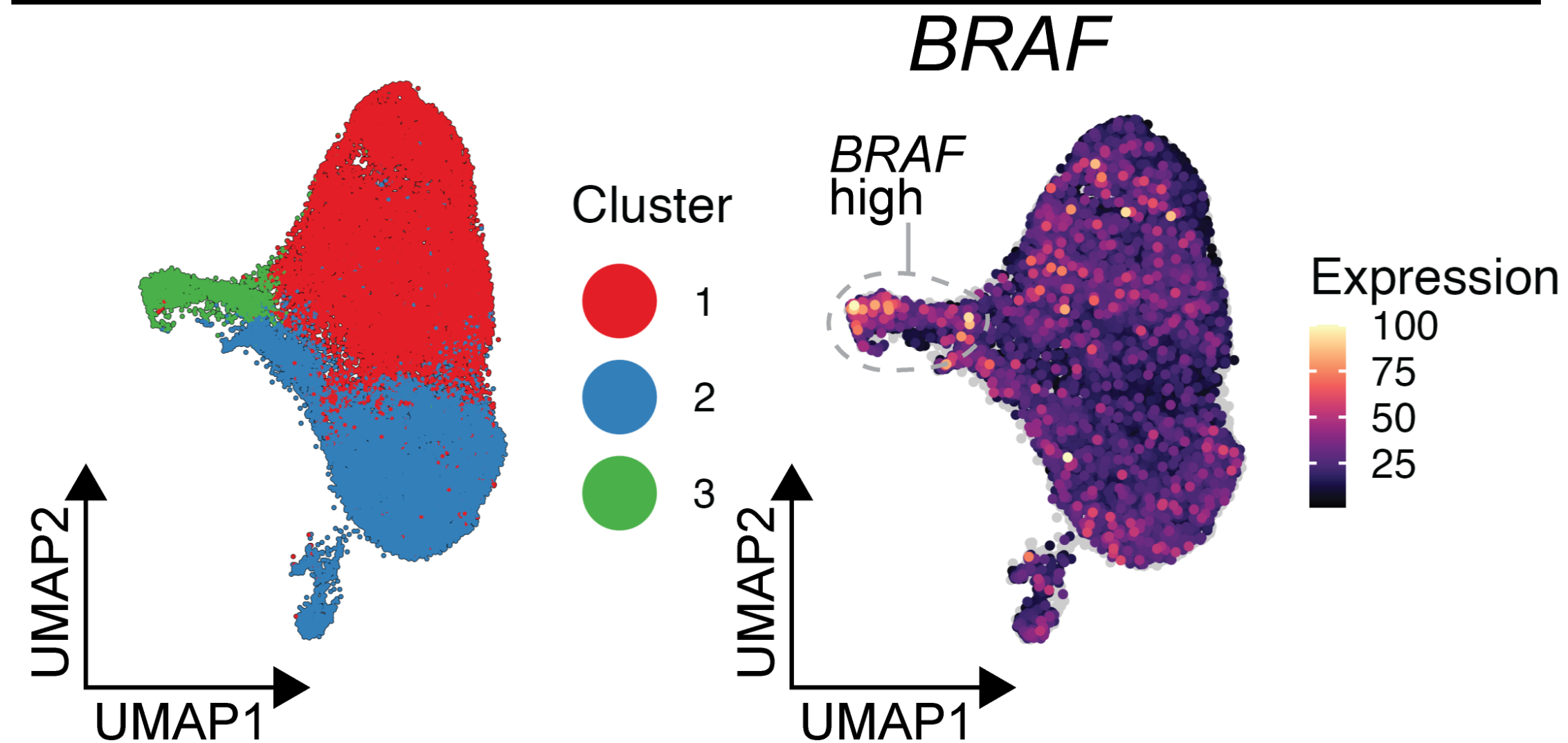
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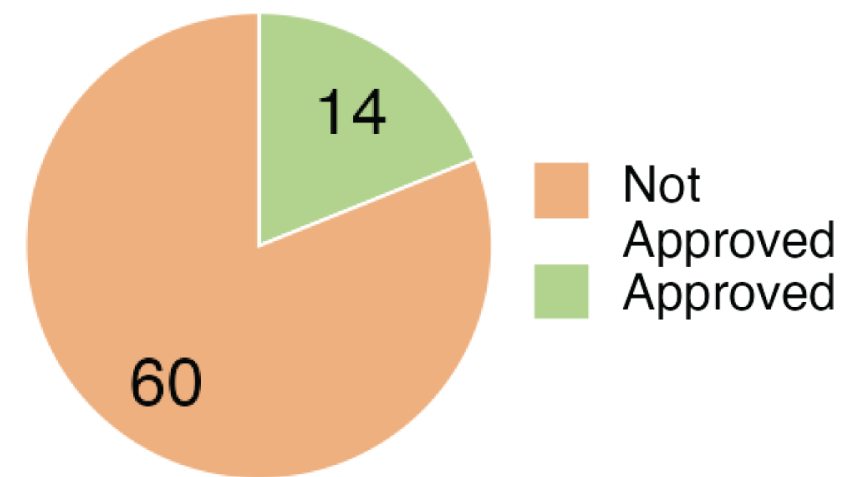


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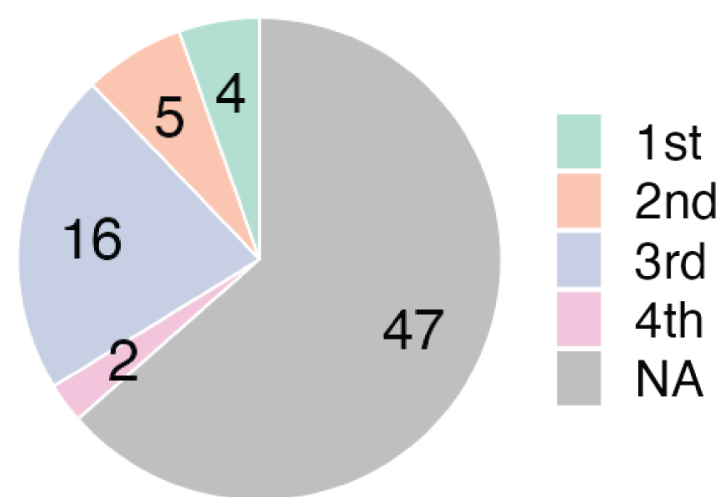


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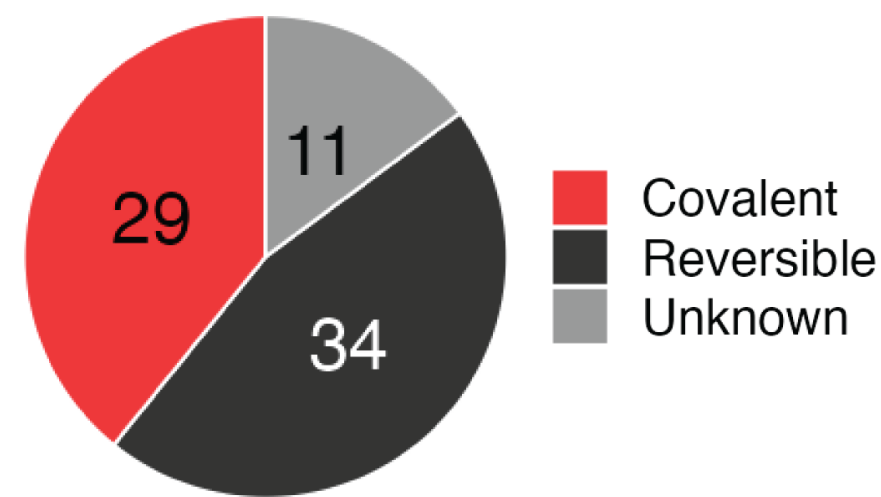
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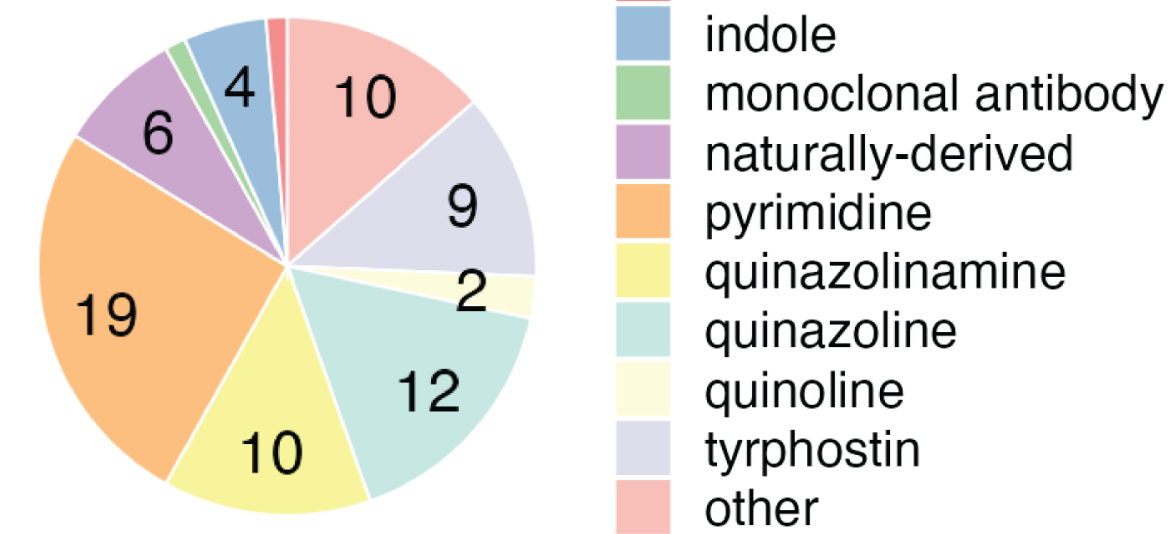
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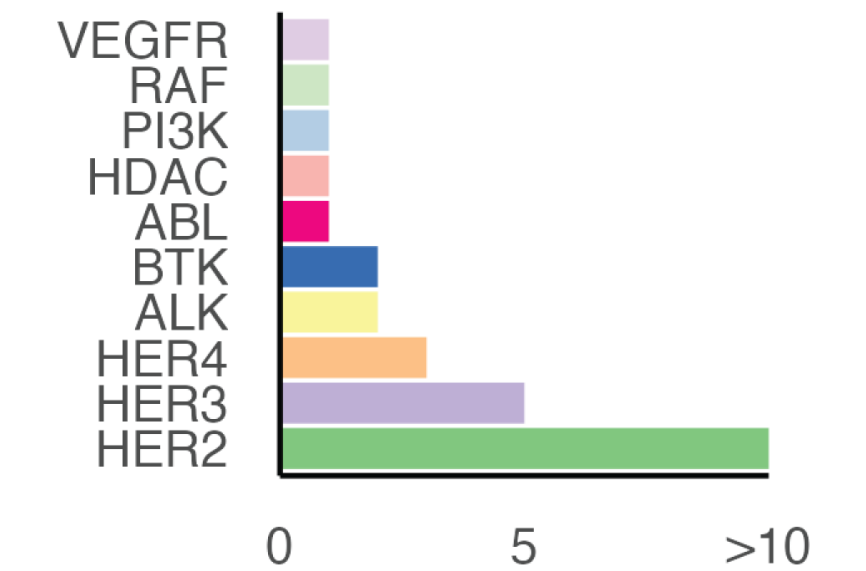
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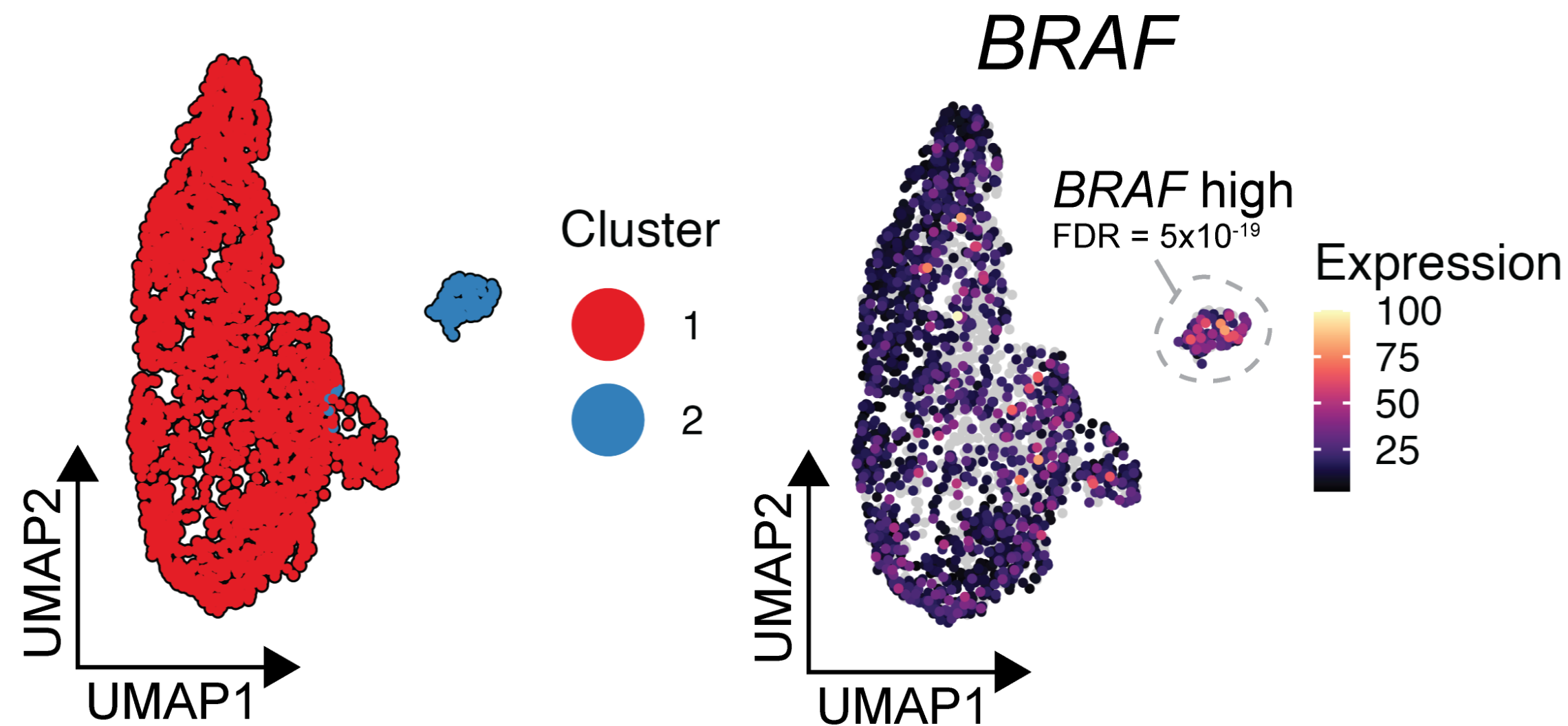
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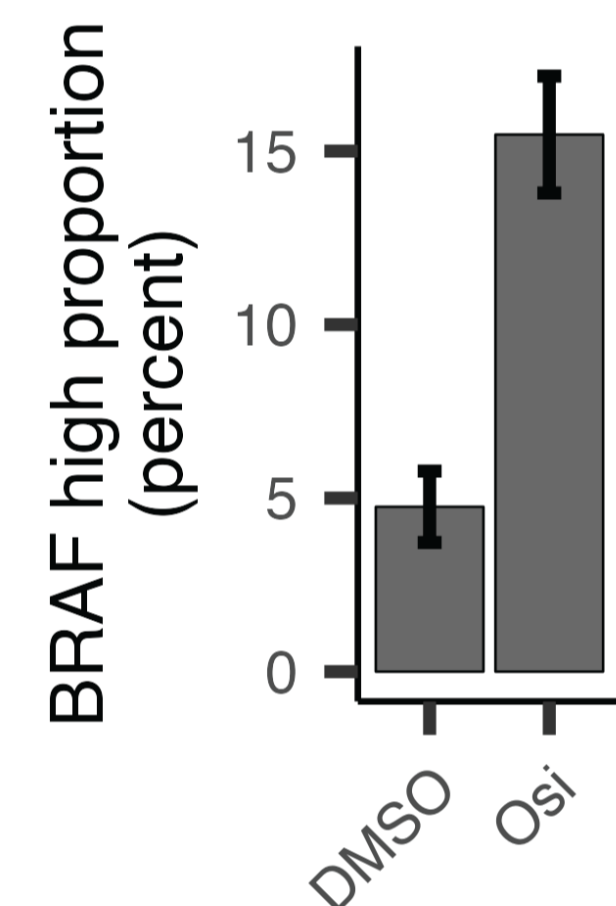
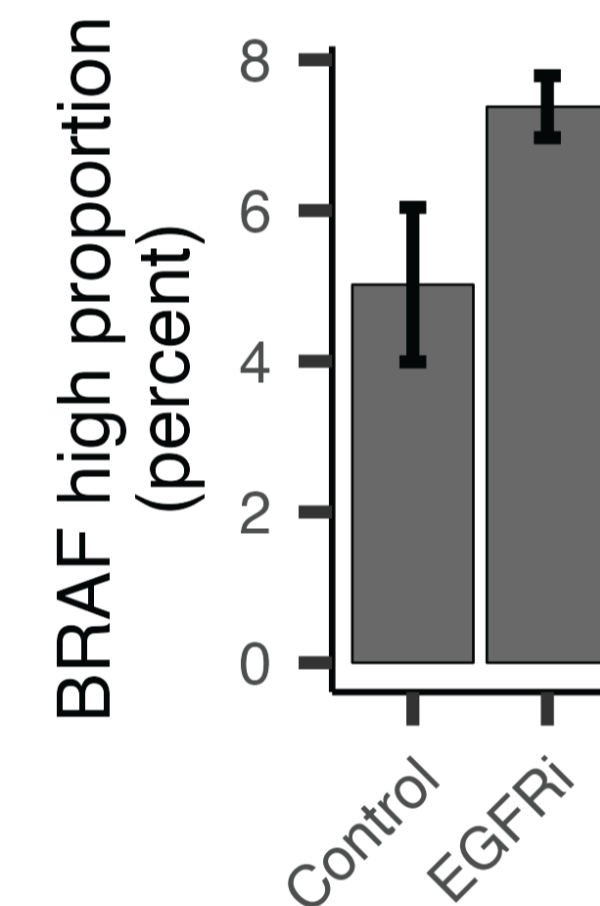
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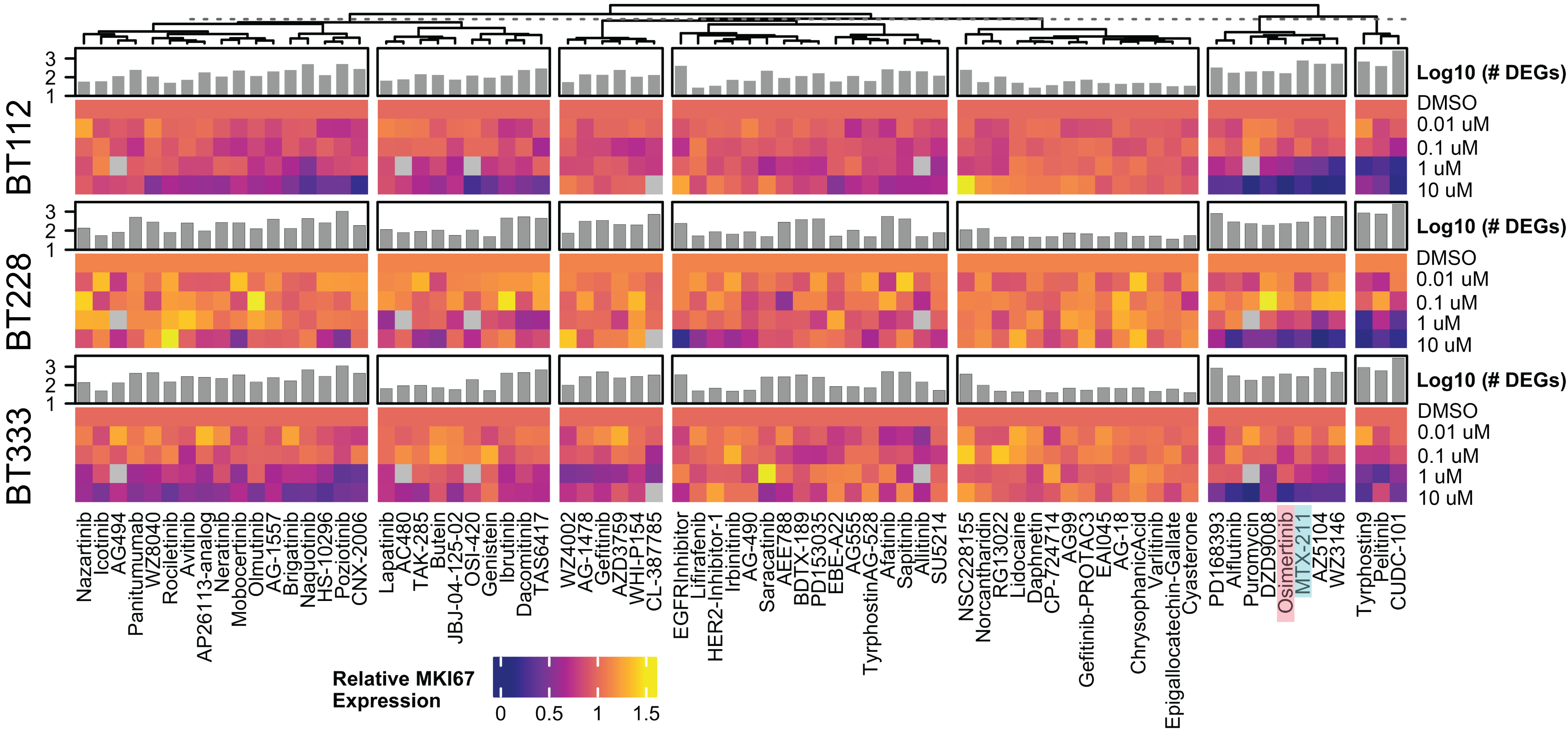
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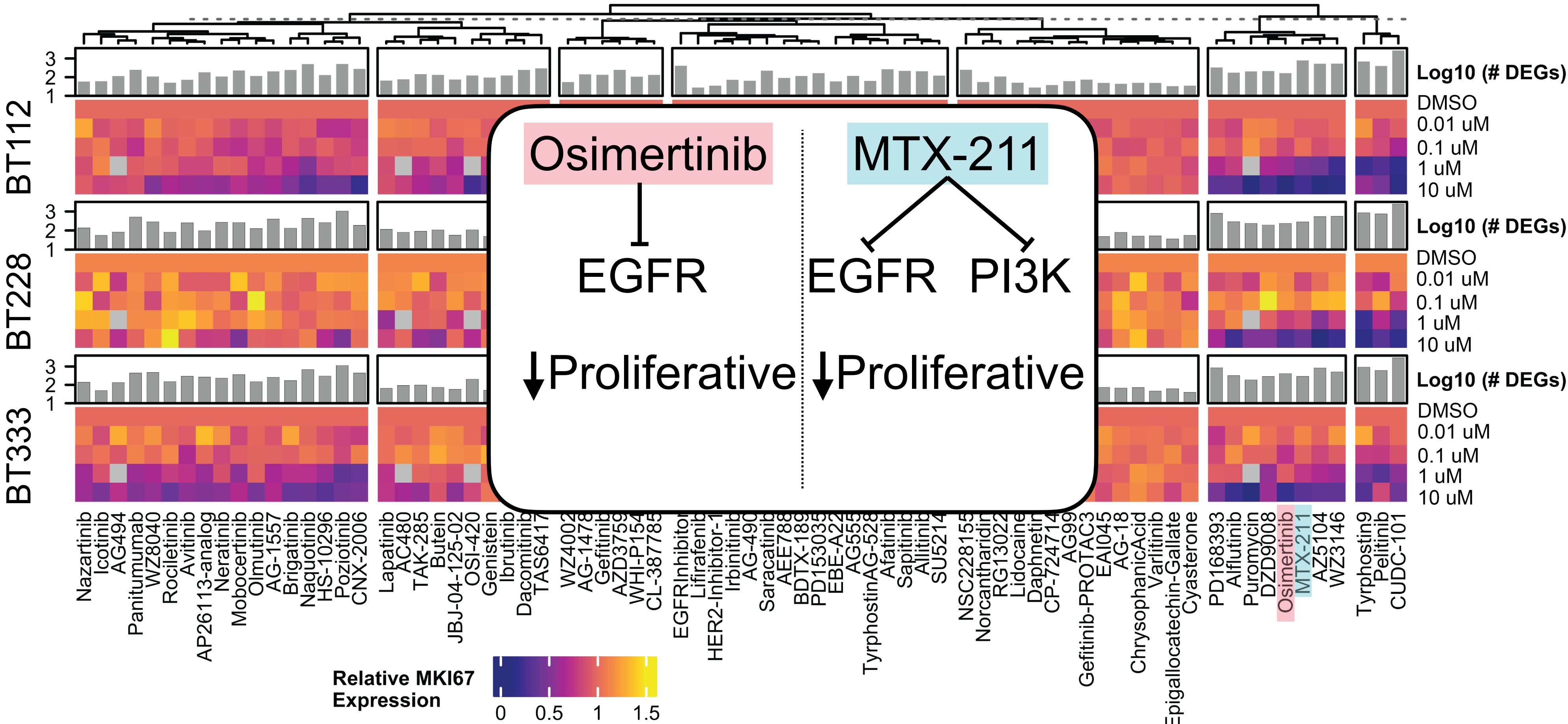
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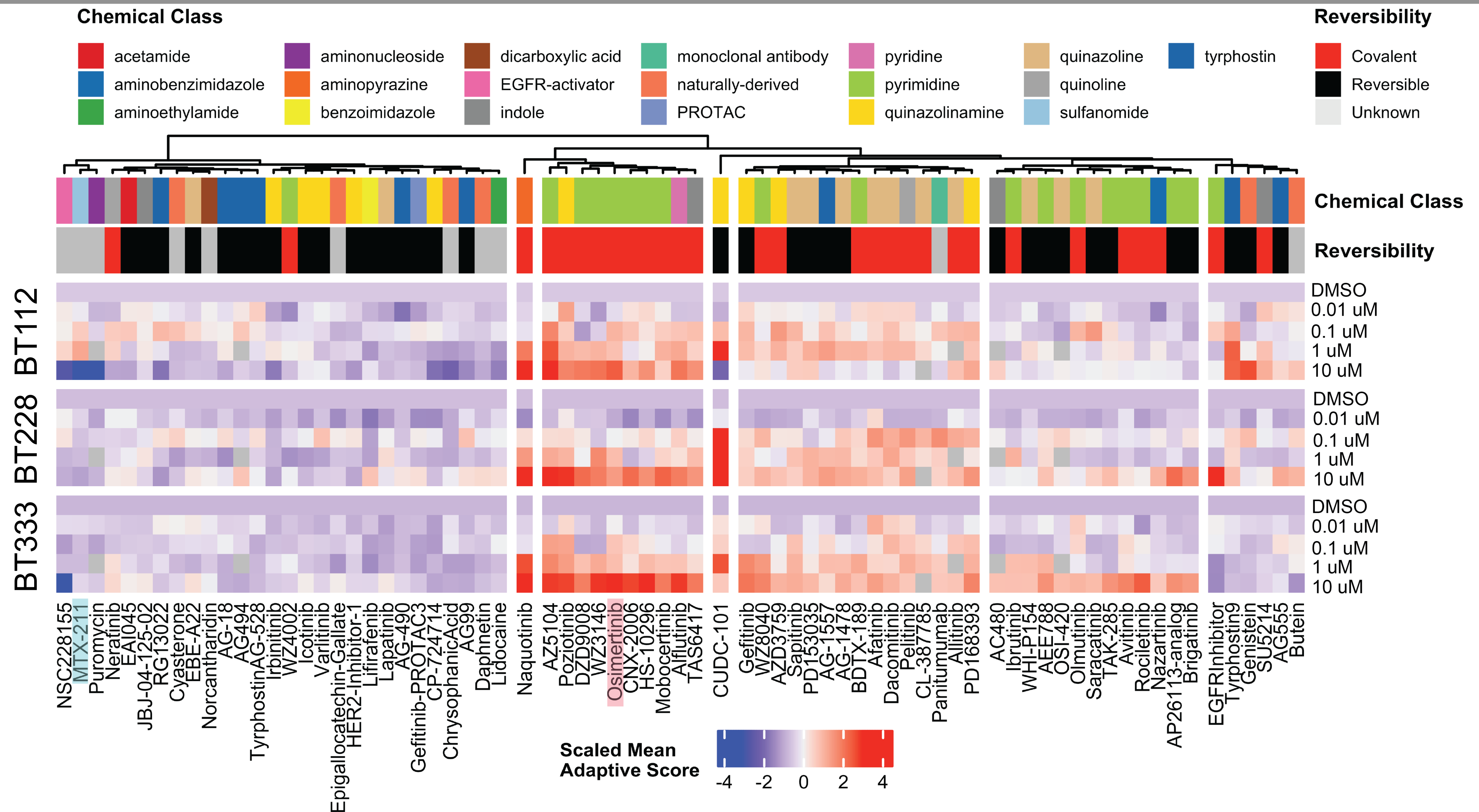
EGFRi's differentially alter proliferative gene expression



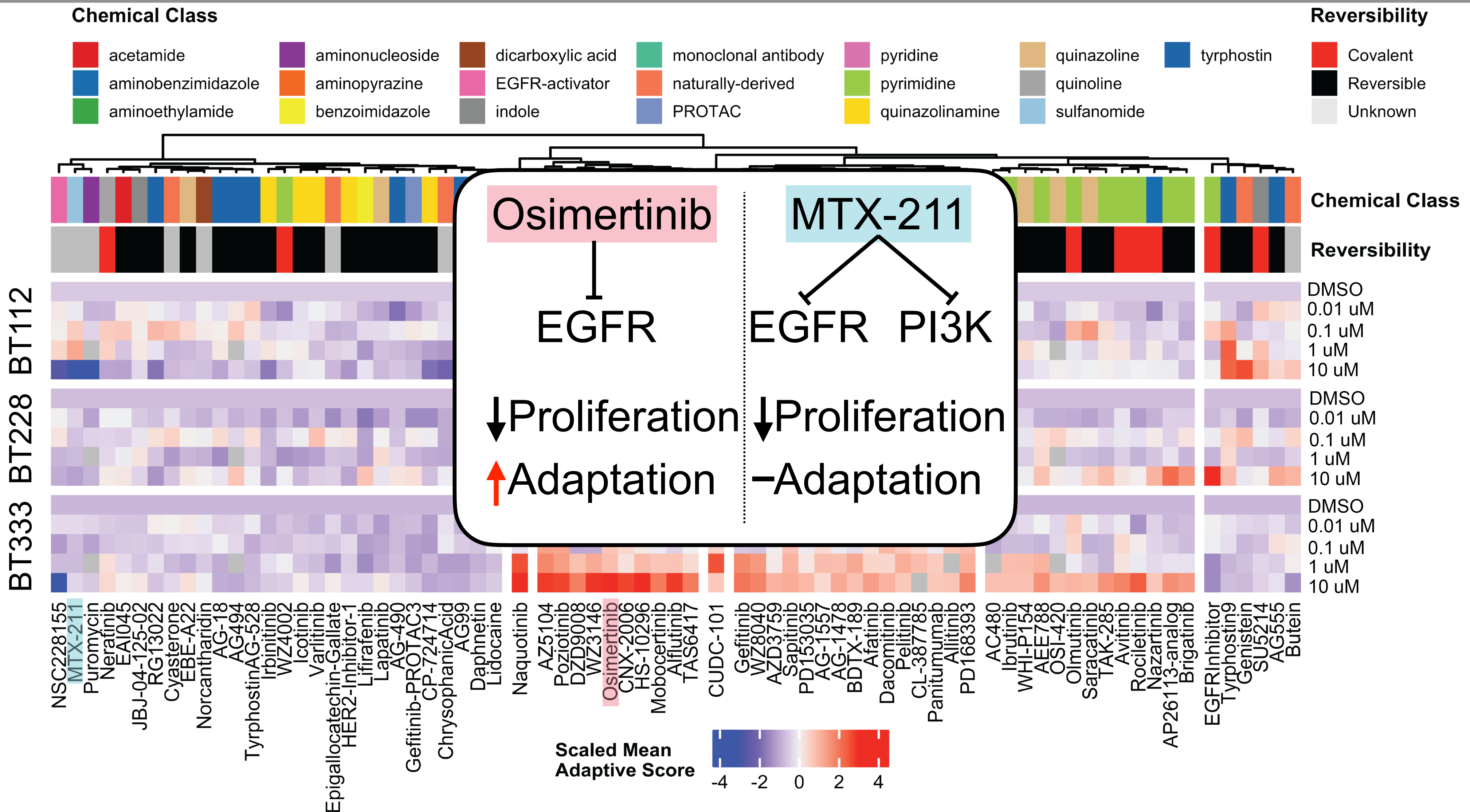
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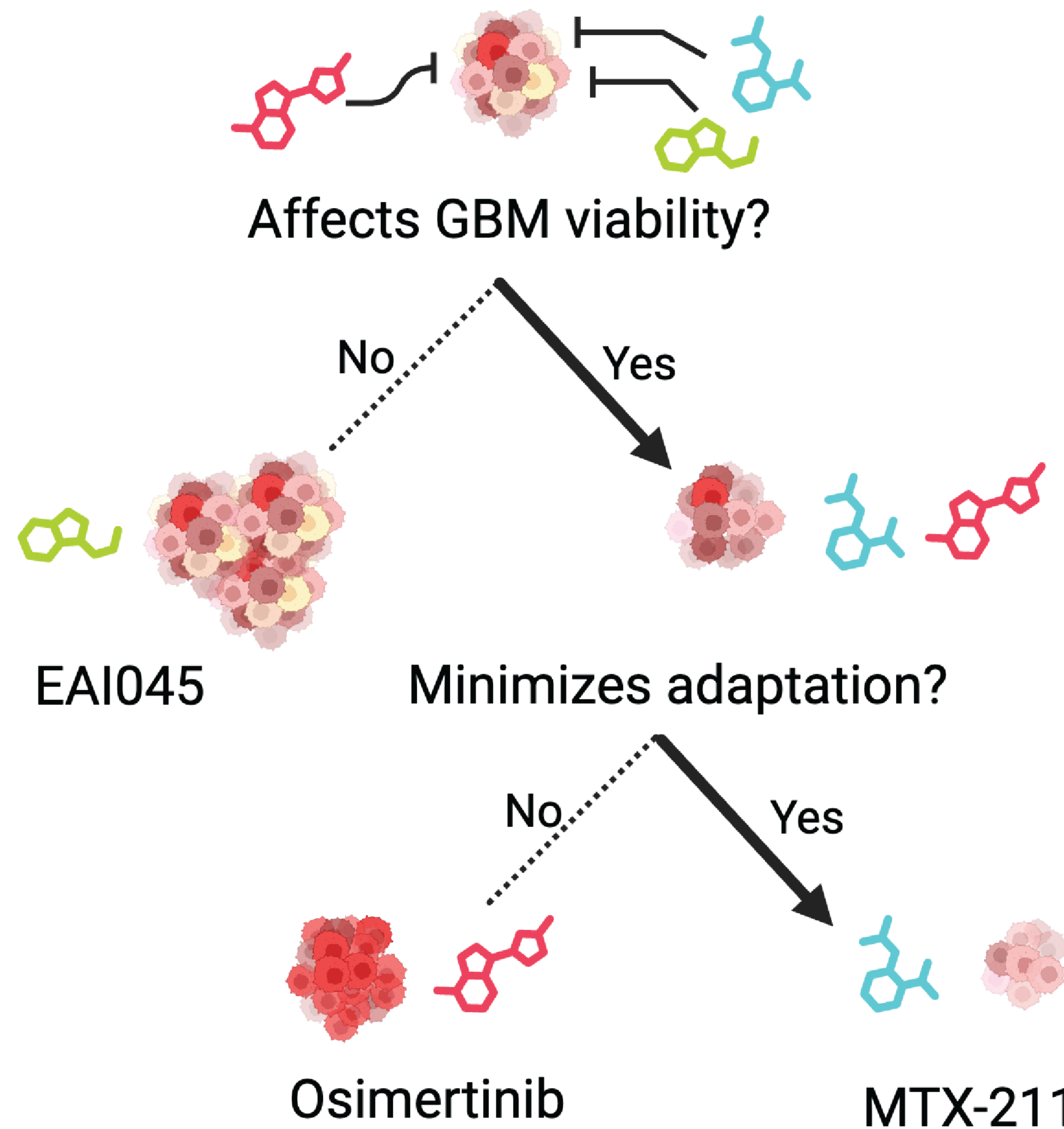
Some EGFRi's induce an adaptive resistance program



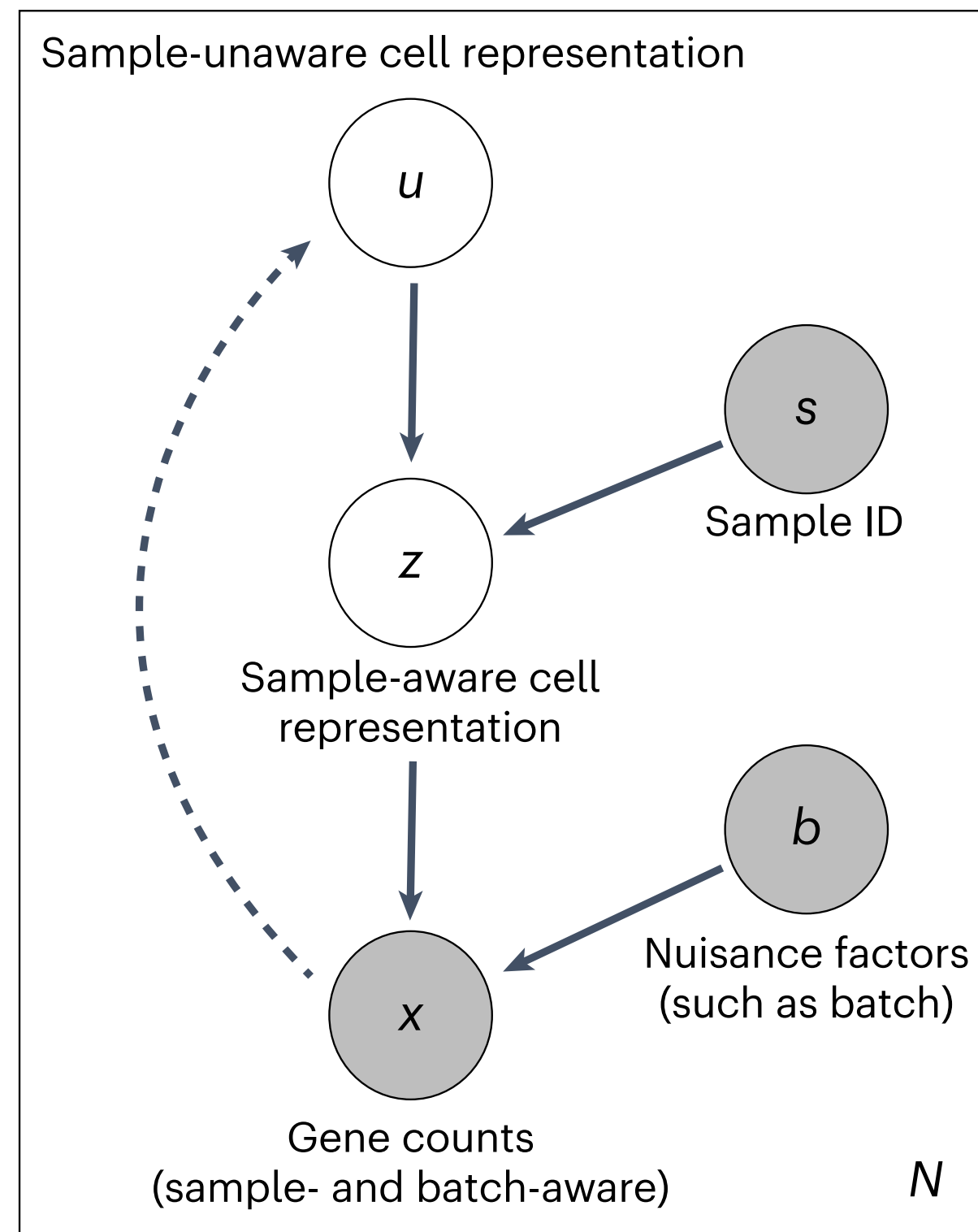
Differential activation of programs by EGFRi's



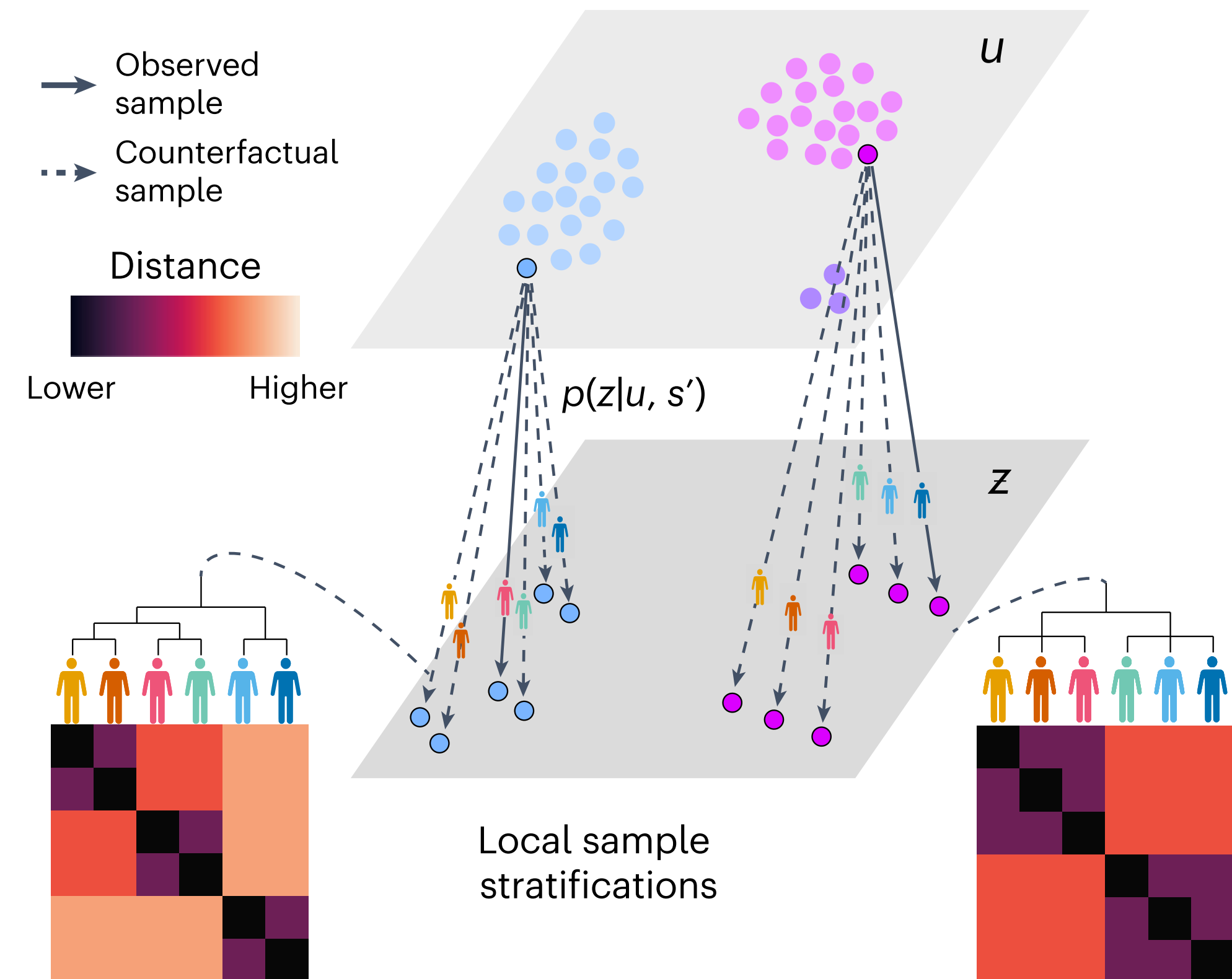
Maximizing GBM sensitivity to inhibition



Multi-resolution variational inference (MrVI)



→ Generative model
- - - Variational approximation



MrVI: *Boyeau, P., *Hong, J. *et al.* (2025). *Nature Methods*.

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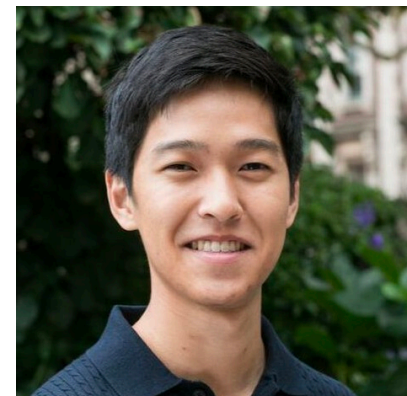


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Defining EGFRi programs with MrVI

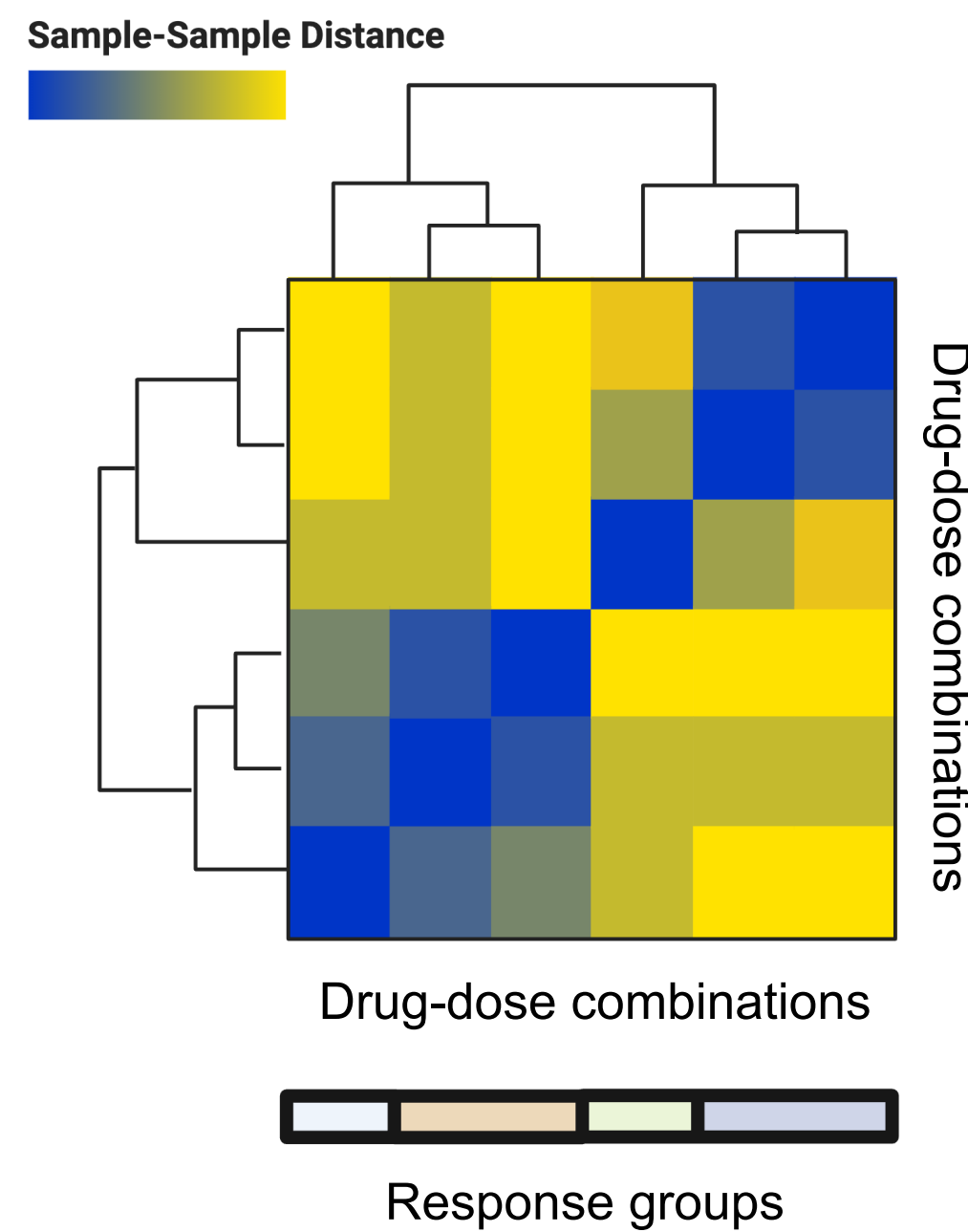
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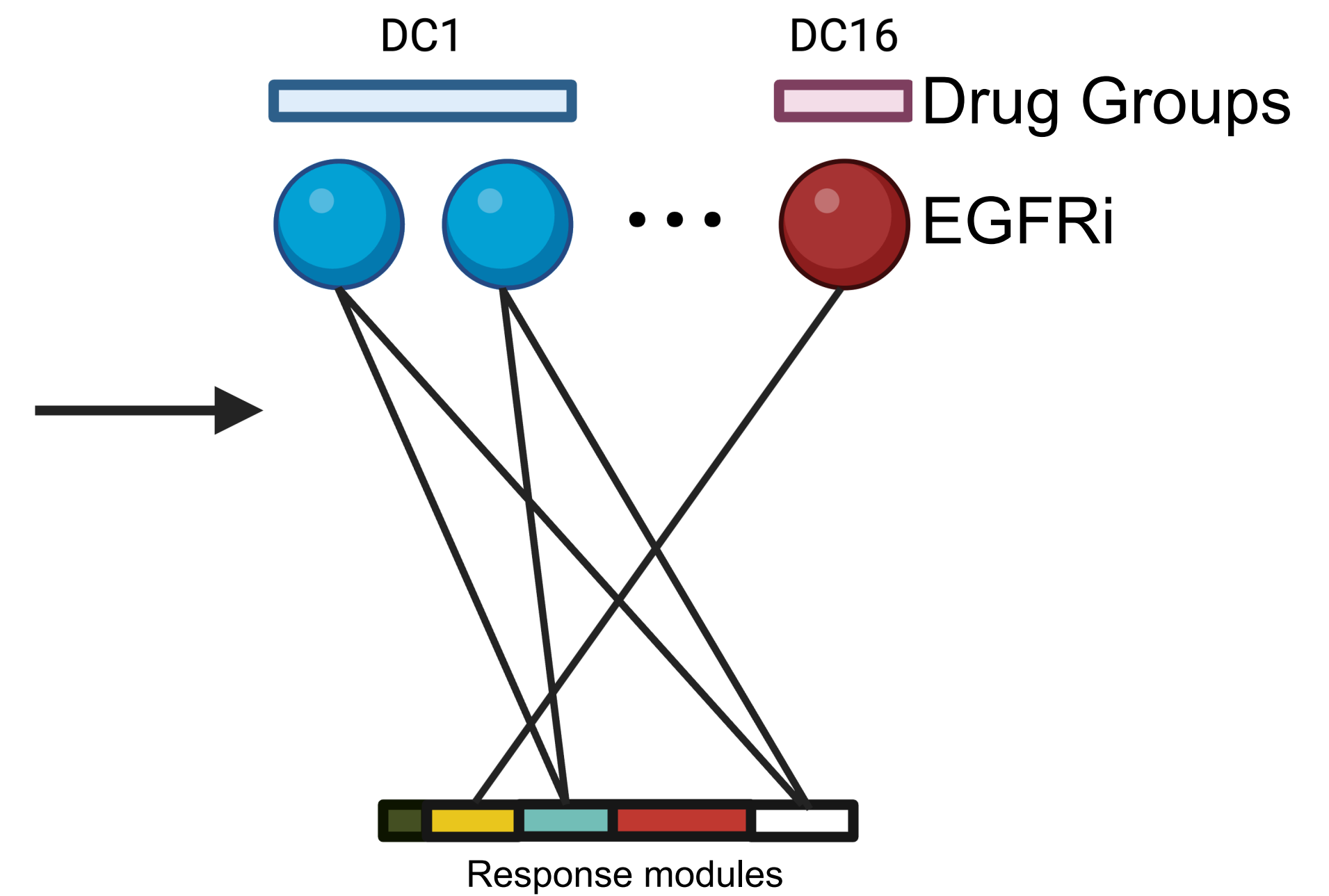
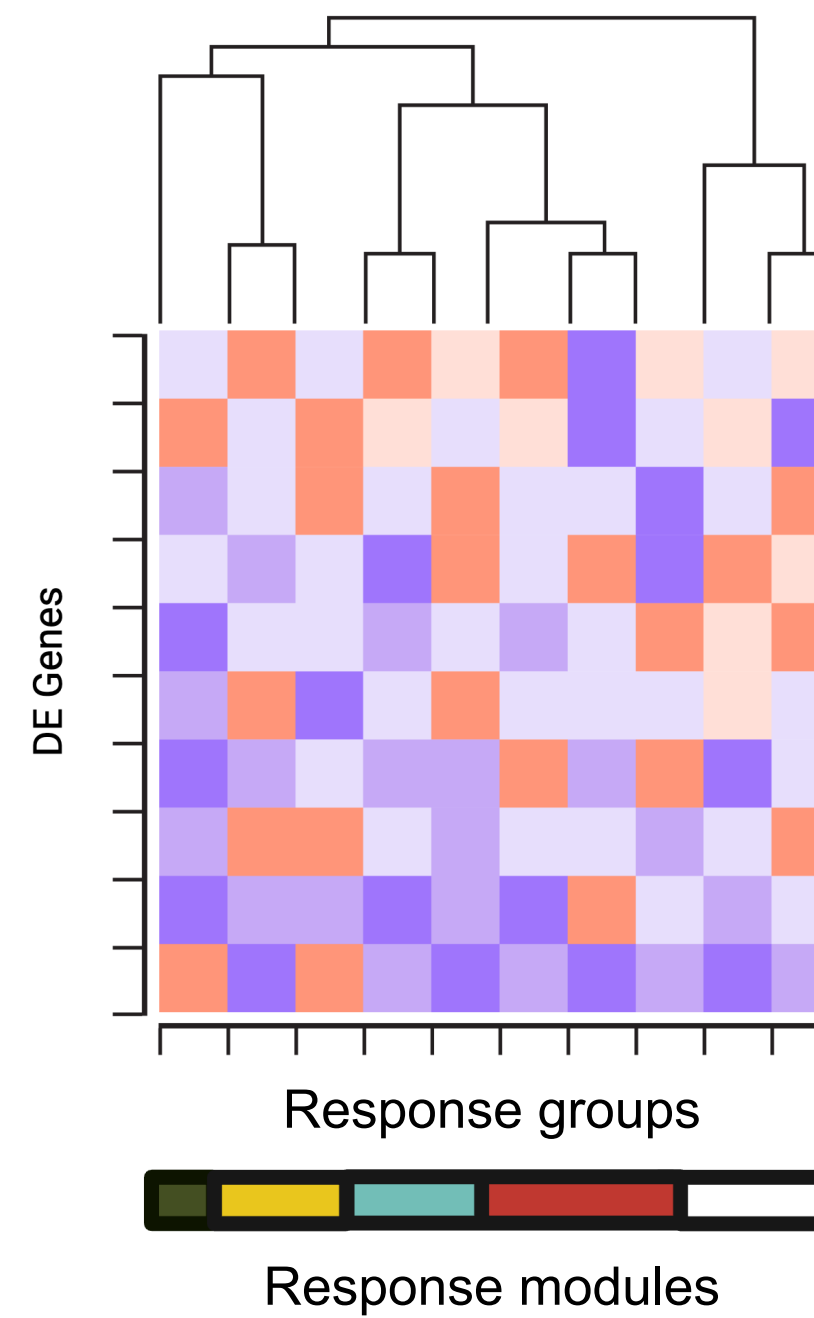
Identify drug-dose combinations with similar effects (per PDCL)

Identify broader response Modules (across PDCLs)

Collapse EGFRis by their induction of response modules



DE analysis



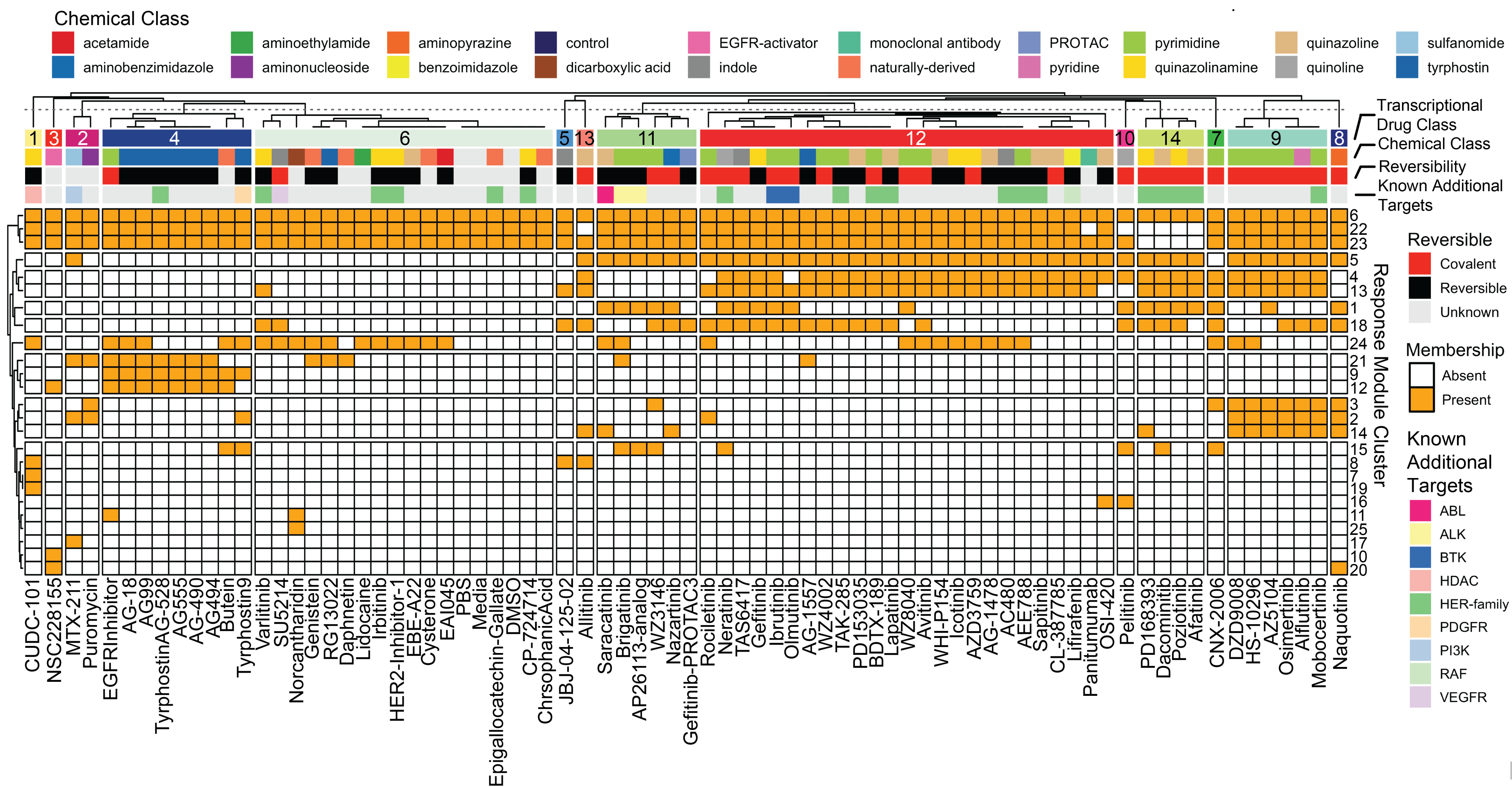
Elham Azizi, Ph.D.



Nir Yosef, Ph.D.



Grouping EGFRi's by their ability to modulate distinct molecular responses

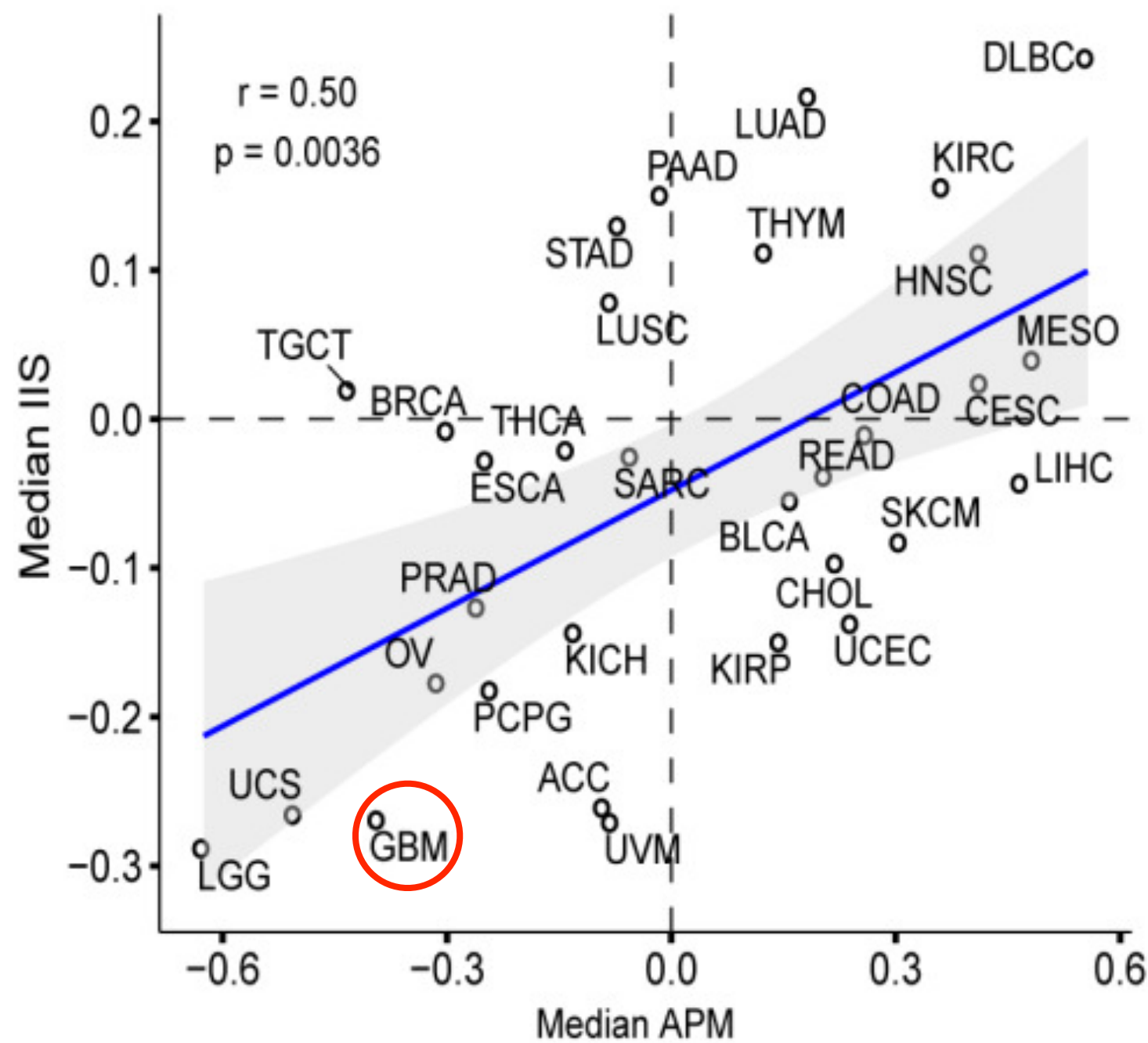


Glioblastoma tumors are immunologically “cold”

TIGS: Tumor immunogenicity score



Immune infiltration vs APM expression

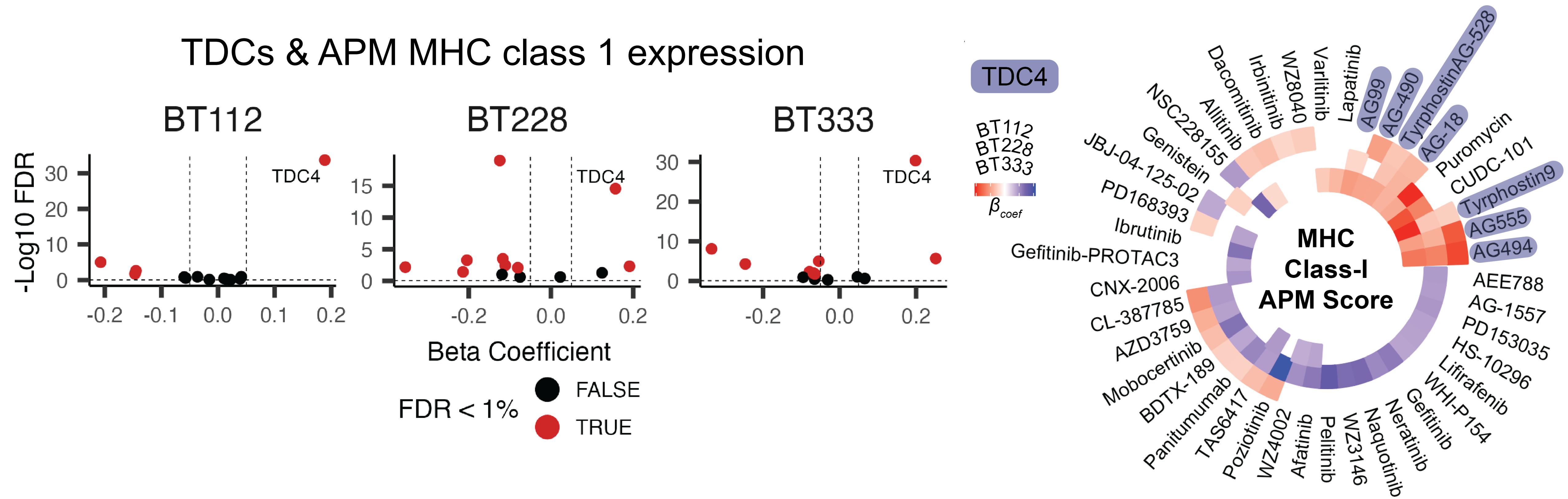


Wang et al. *Elife* 2019.

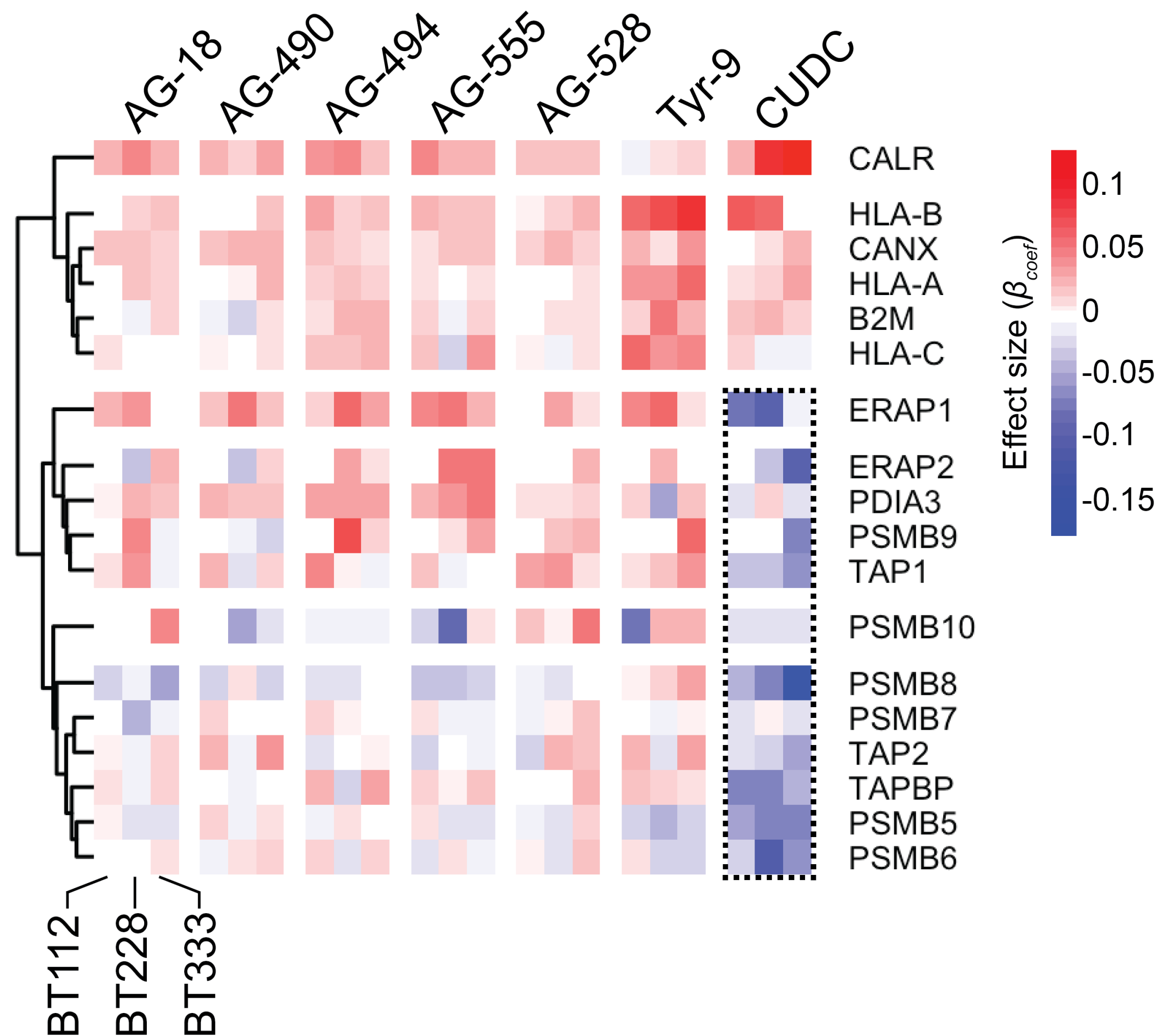
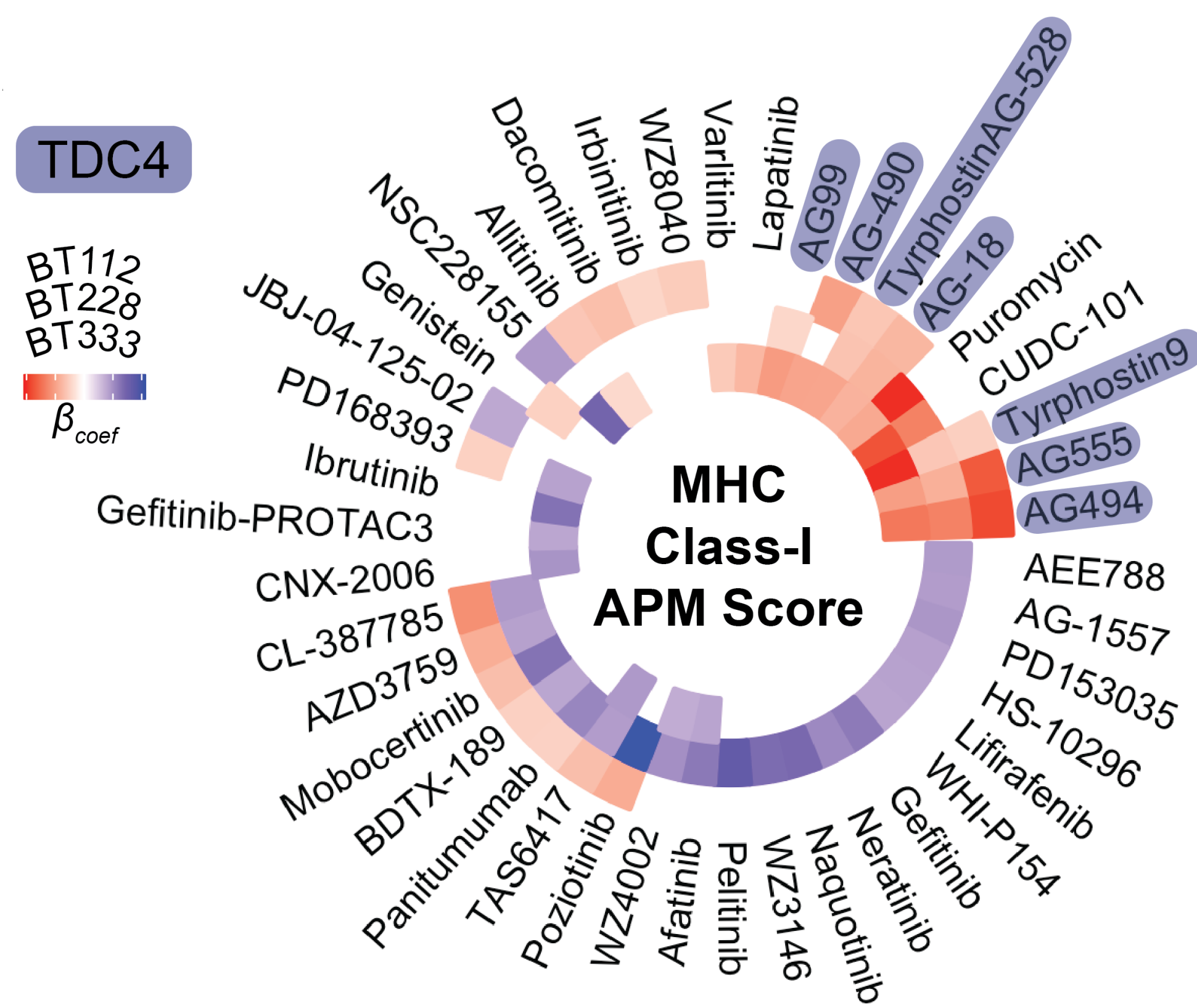
Association between RTK signaling and response to PD-1: Zhao et al. *Nat Medicine* 2019.

TDC4 is associated with increased APM expression

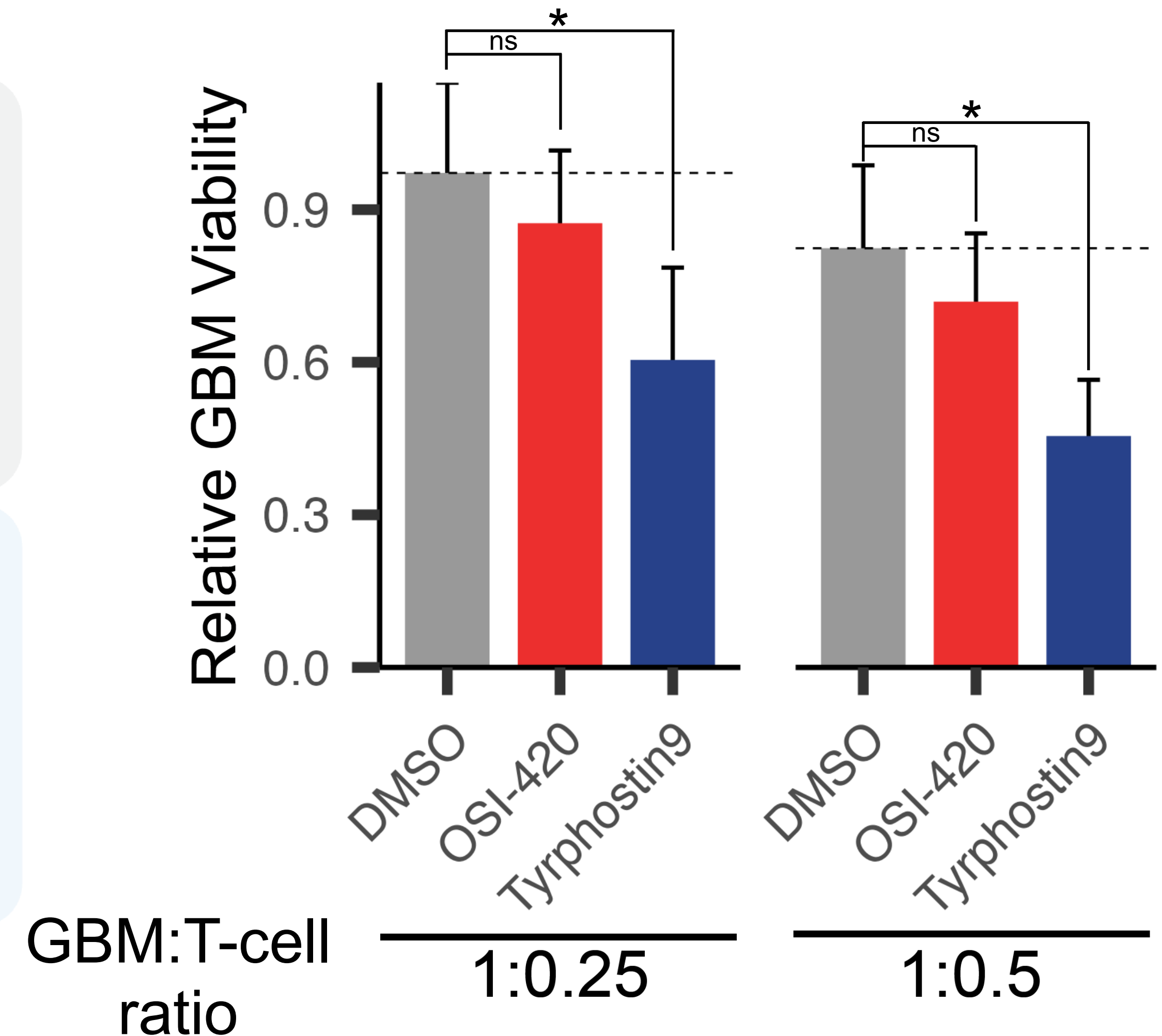
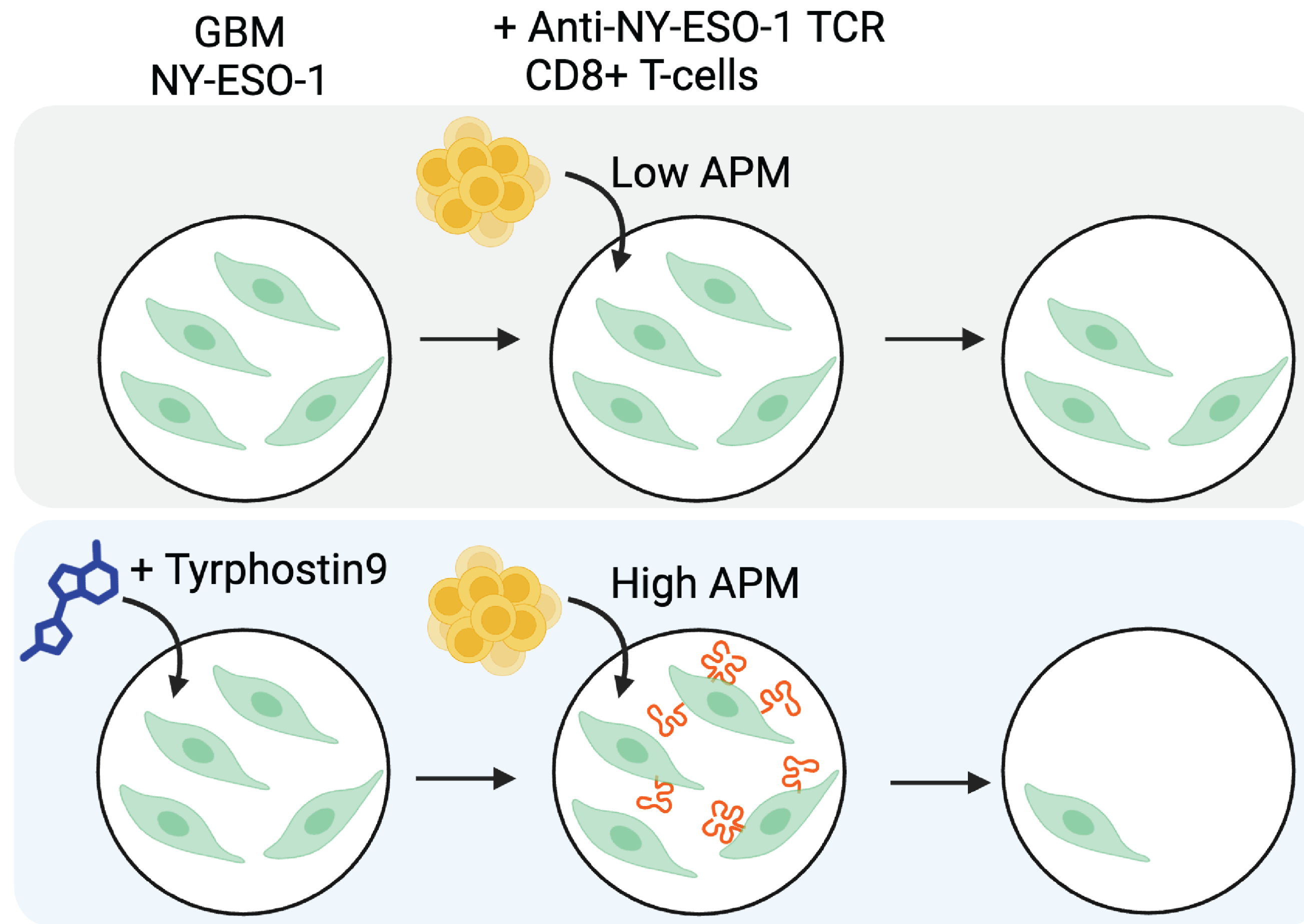
TDCs & APM MHC class 1 expression



TDC4 is associated with increased APM expression



Tyrphostin-9 promotes T-cell mediated tumor cell killing

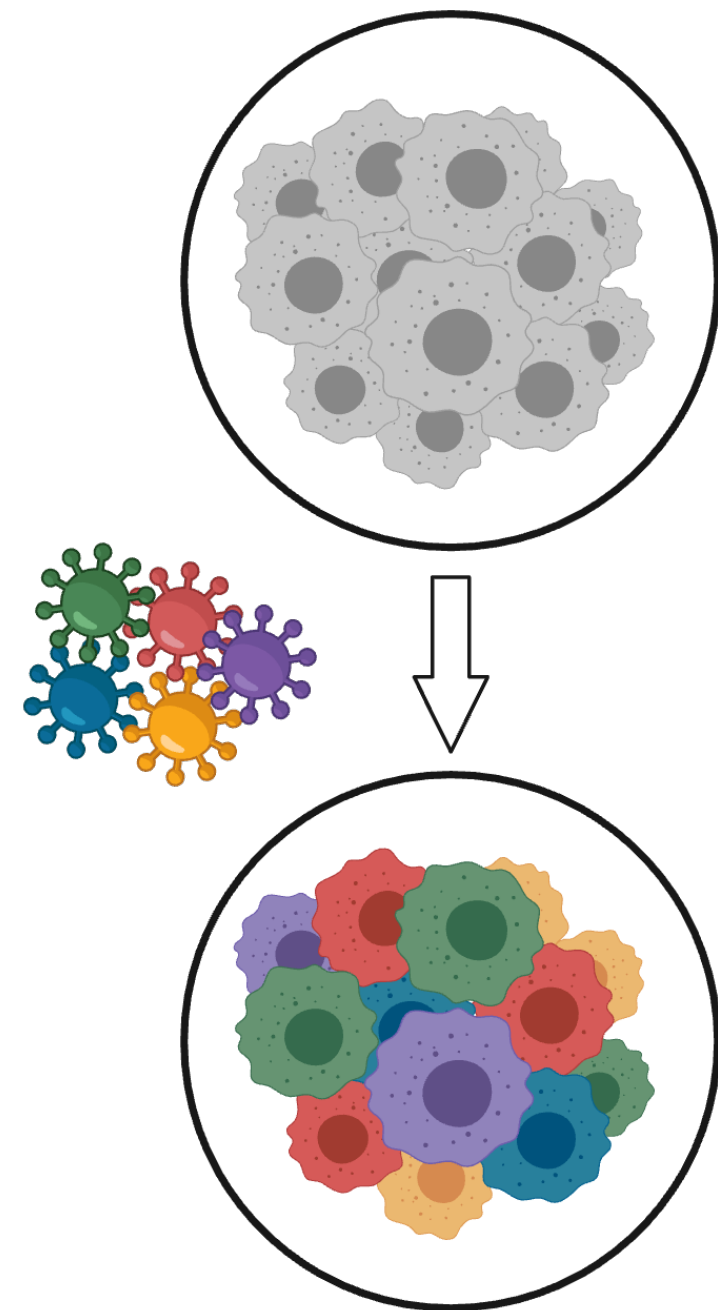


Vignette 2 summary

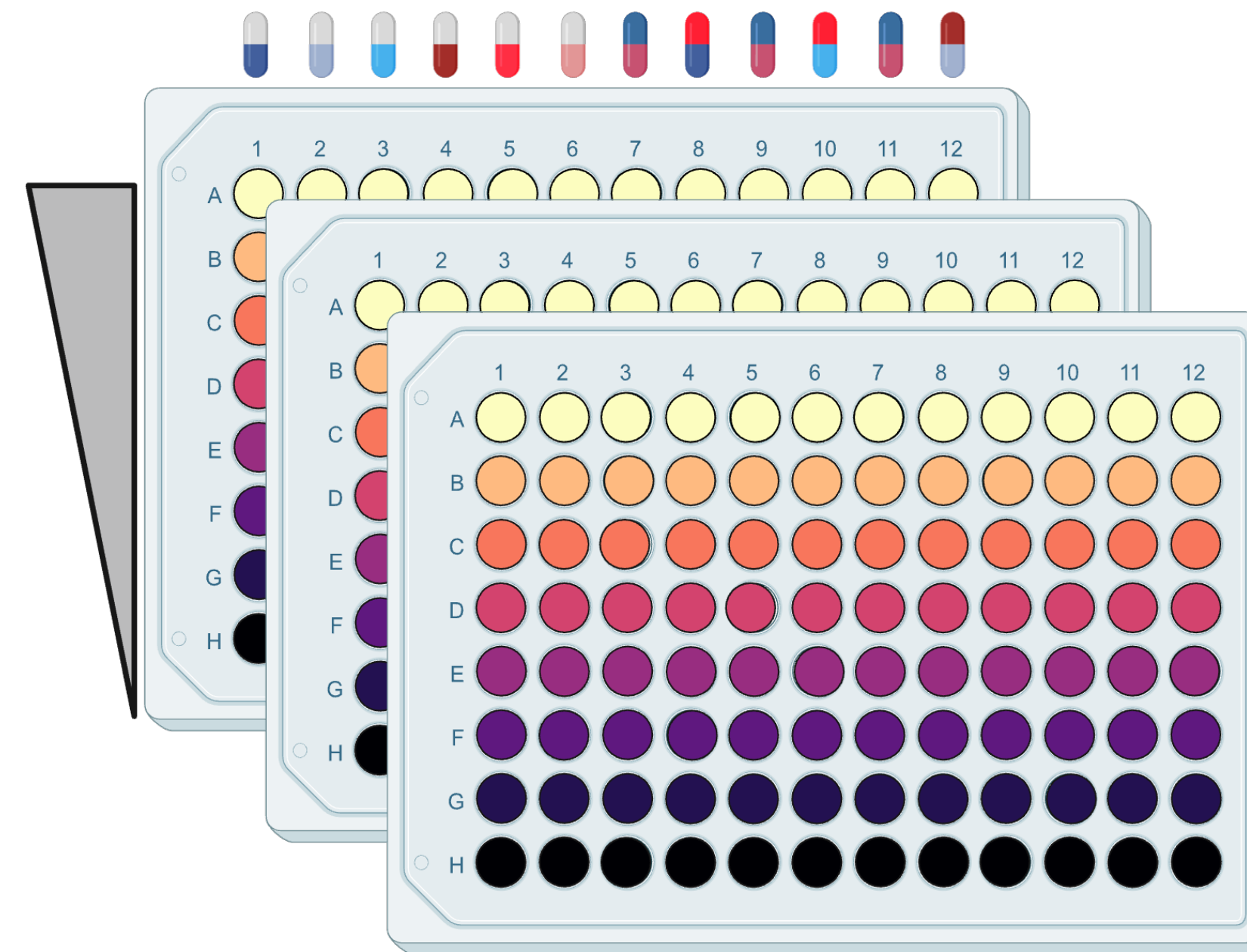
- ◆ Profiled EGFRi-induced transcription in patient-derived and natively-heterogenous GBM models.
- ◆ Identified heterogeneity in the induction of molecular programs upon EGFR inhibition.
- ◆ A subset of tyrphostin family EGFR inhibitors modulates the expression of APM and sensitizes GBM to T-cell mediated killing.

sci-Plex-GxE: A workflow for combined single-cell genetic and exposure screens

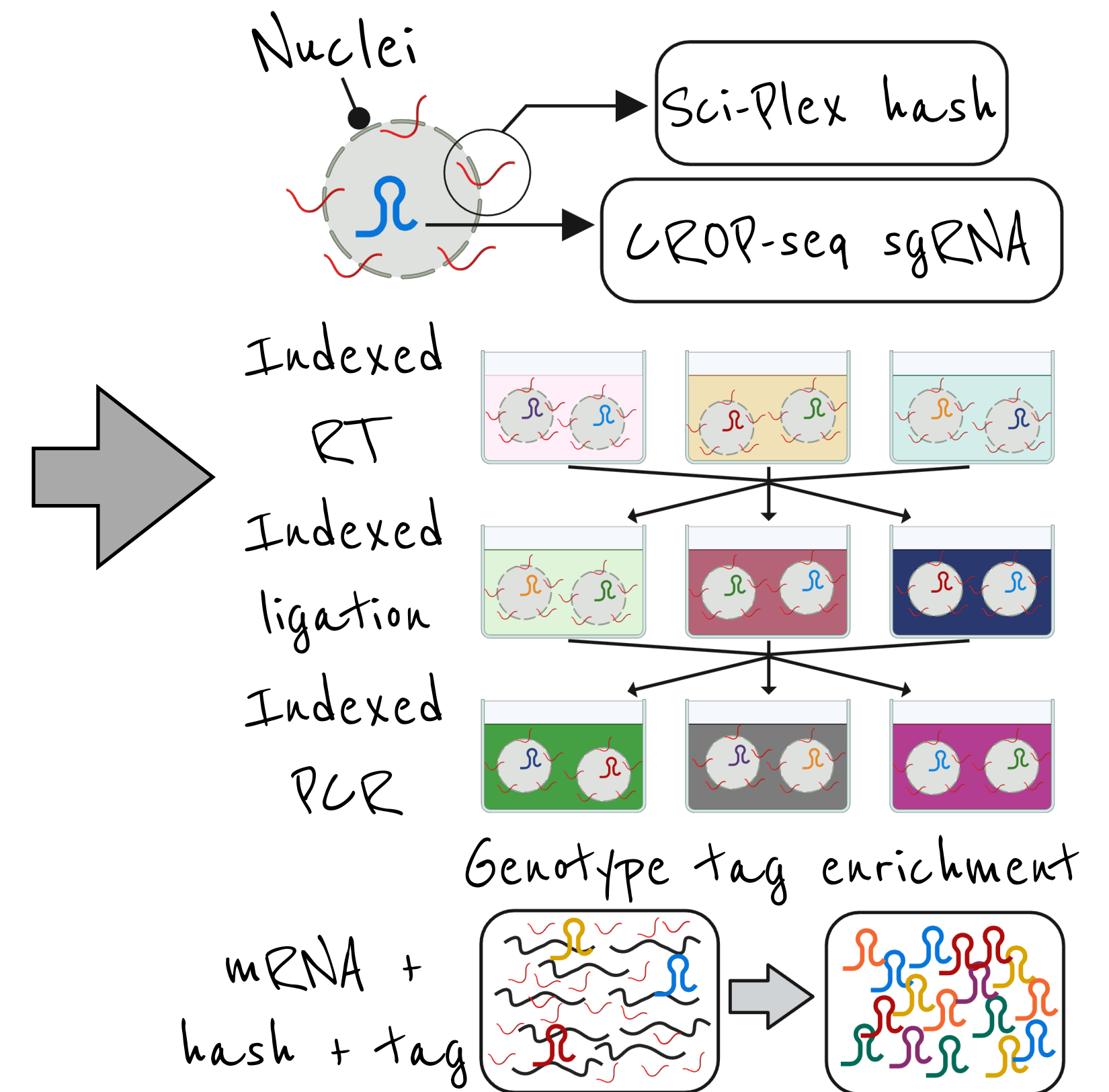
Genetically perturb



Chemically perturb



Highly multiplex sci-RNA-seq



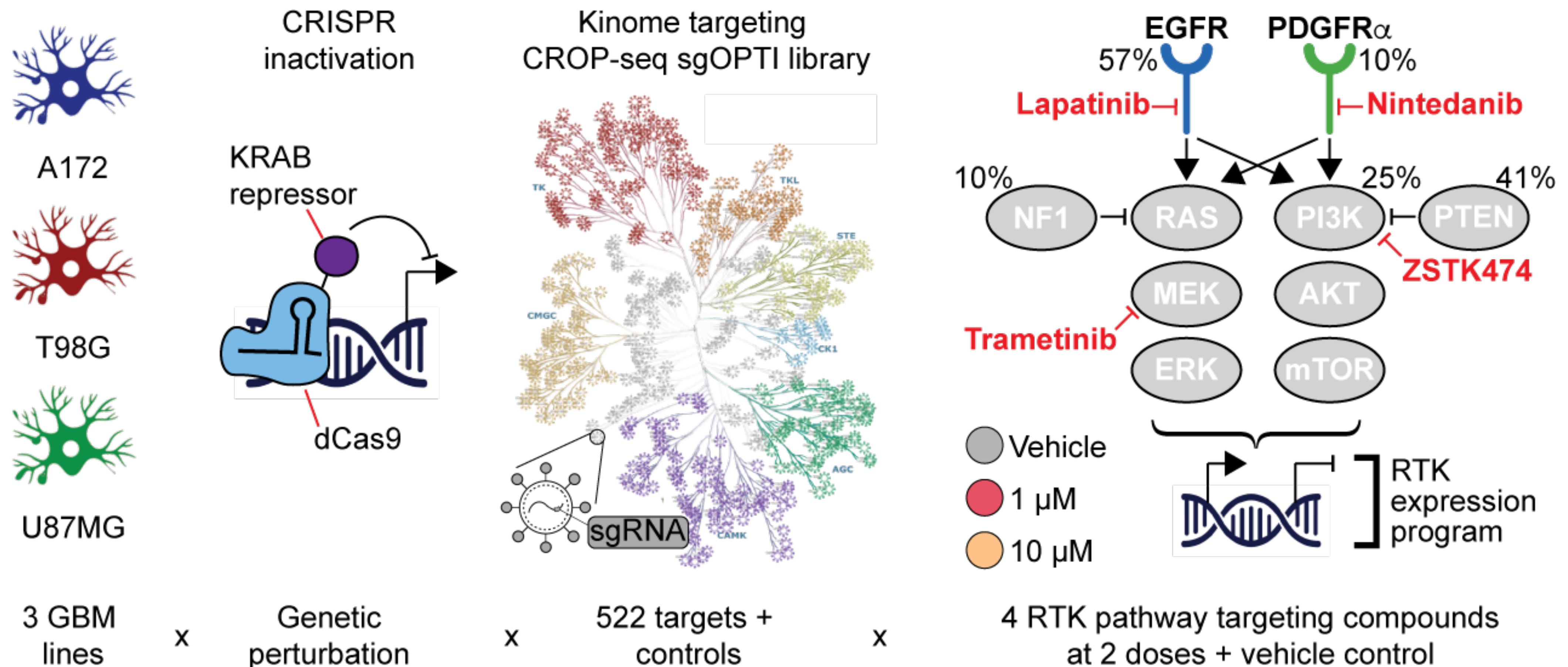
#McFaline-Figueroa, J.L. *et al.* #Trapnell, C. (2024), *Cell Genomics*.

Perturb-seq:
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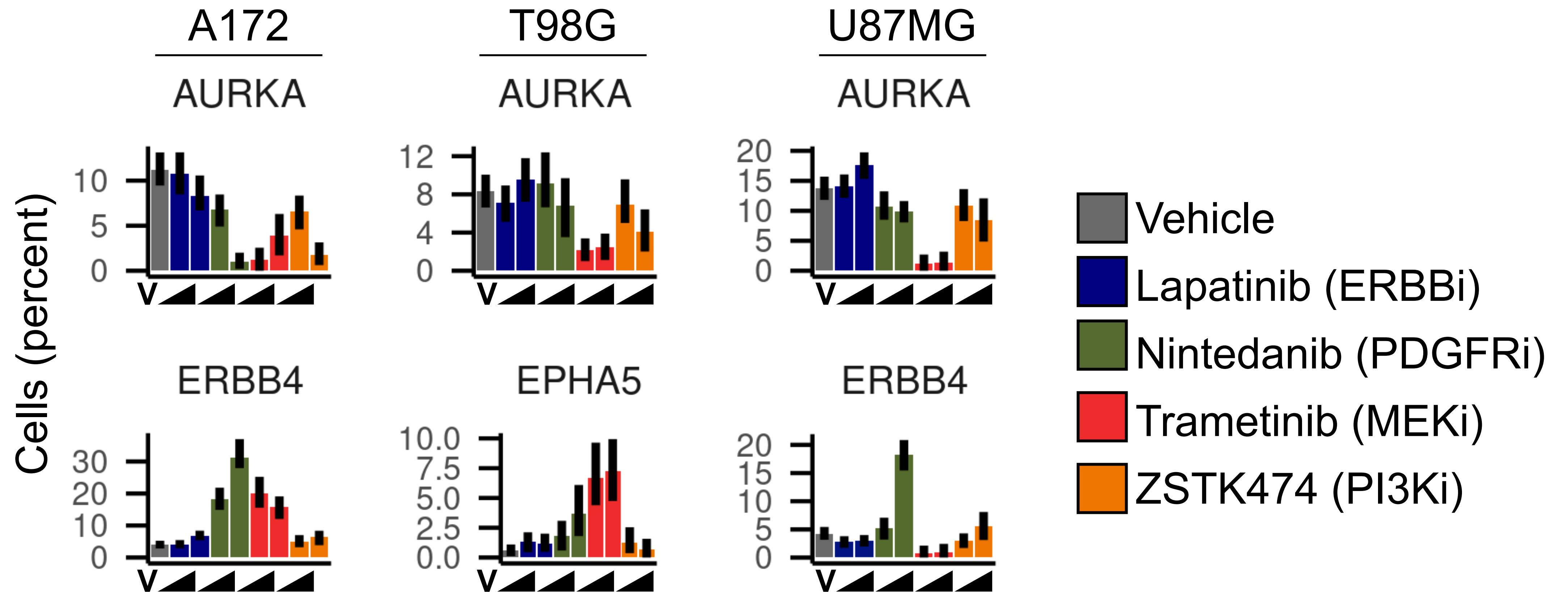
Contribution of the human protein kinome to therapy induced transcription

1,000,050 single-cell transcriptomes

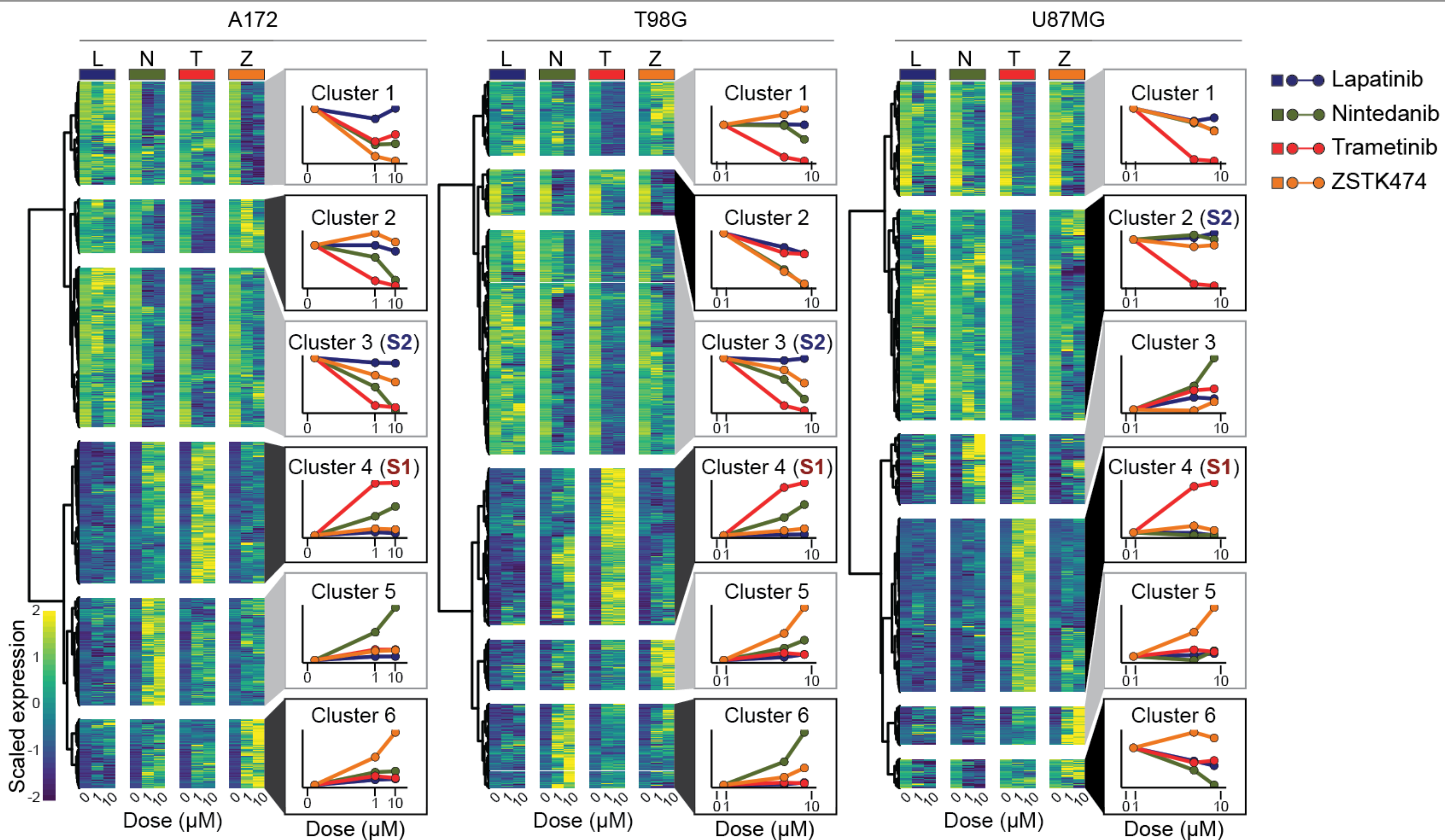
14,121 gene-chemical combinations



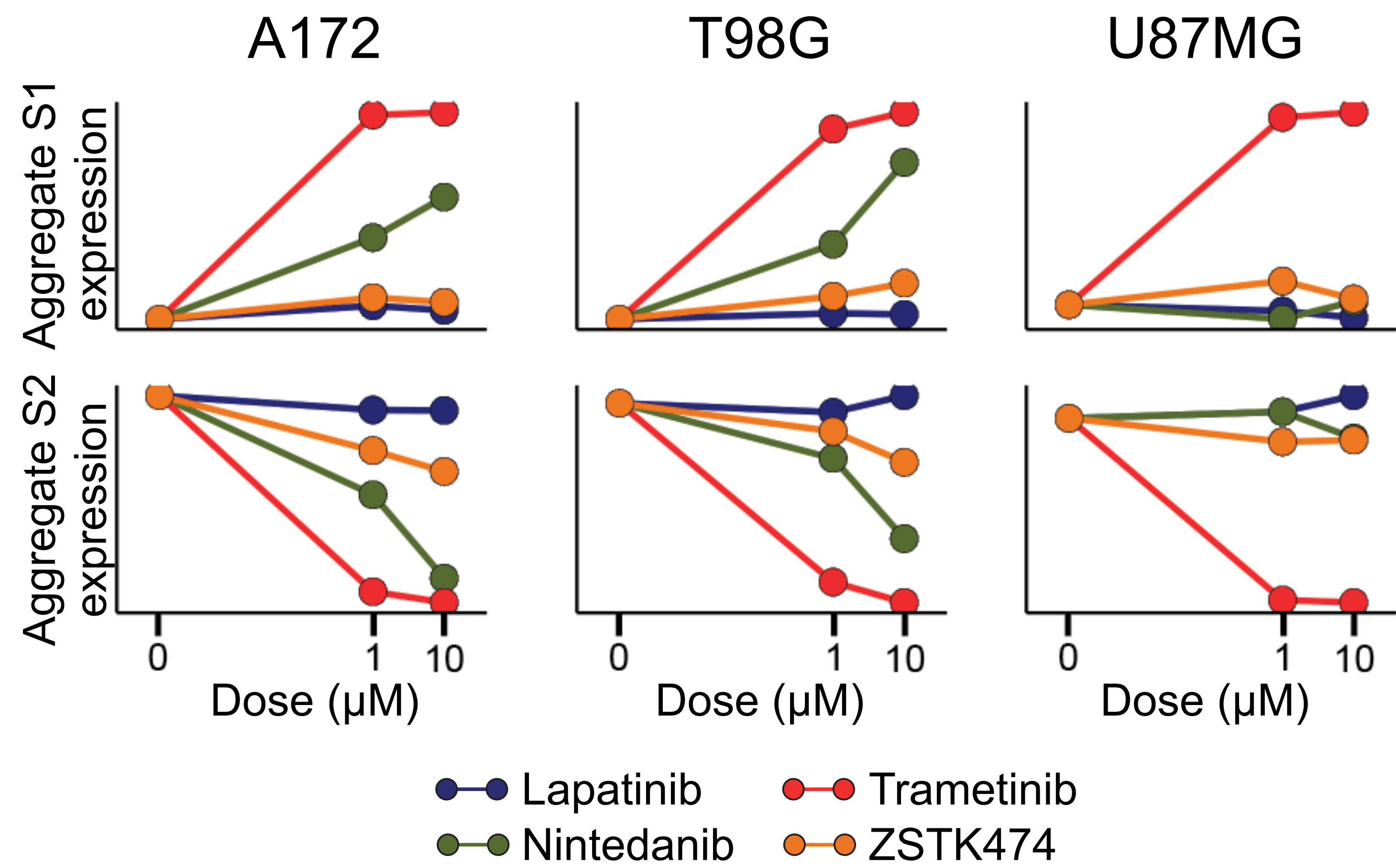
The kinome is dynamic in response to treatment



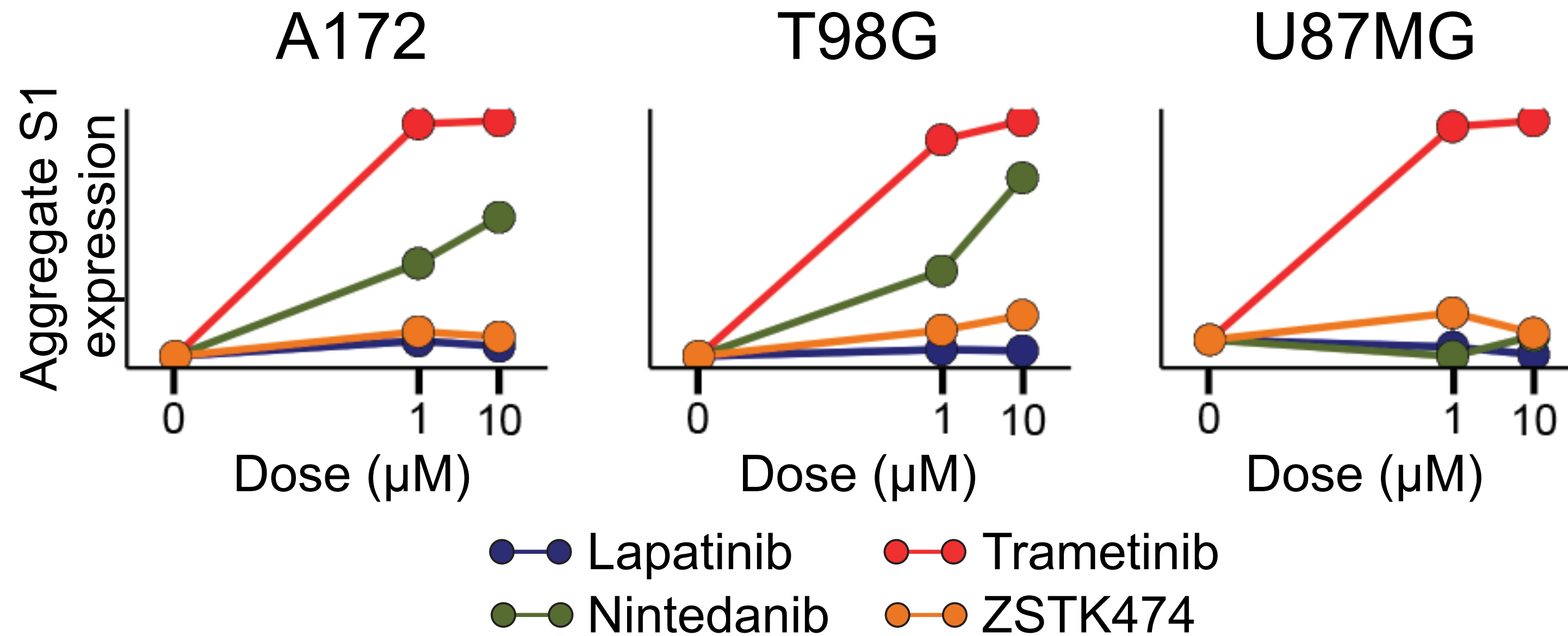
Transcriptome remodeling after kinase inhibition



Conservation of a putative adaptive resistance program



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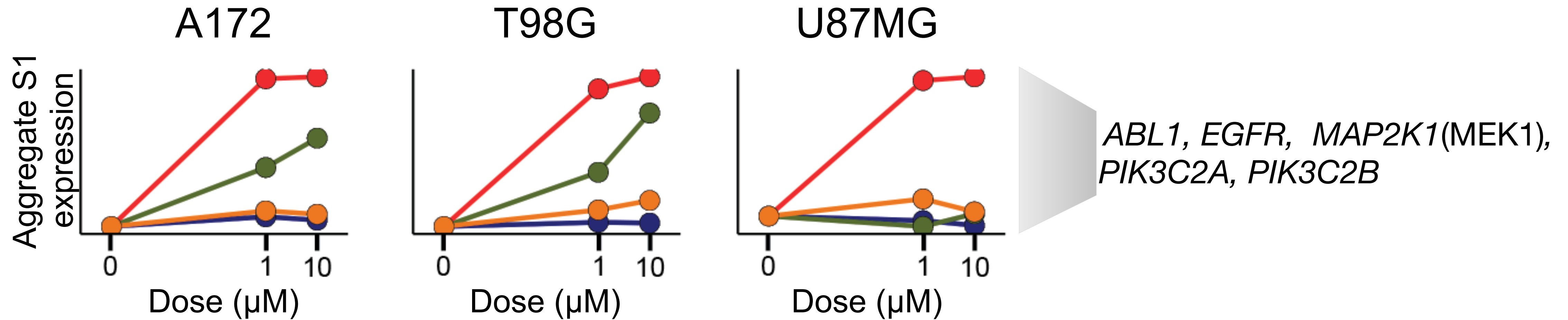


Oncogenic signatures

Gene set predicts
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Conservation of a putative adaptive resistance program

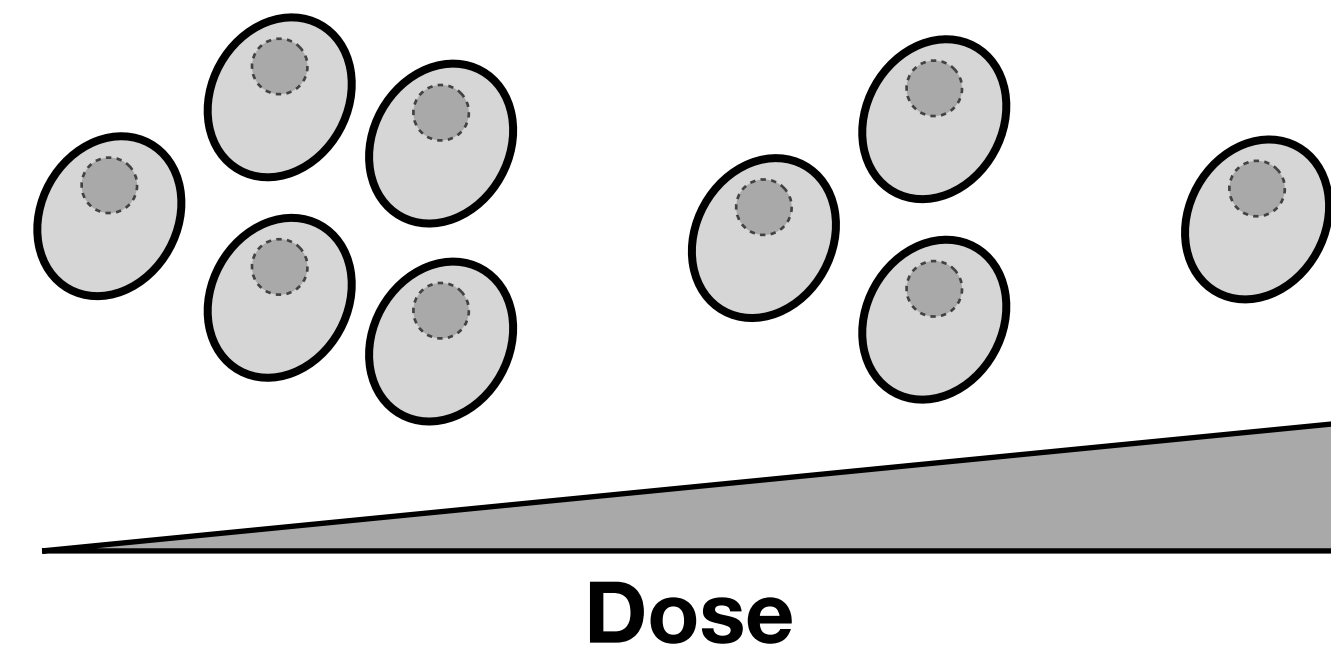


● Lapatinib ● Trametinib
● Nintedanib ● ZSTK474

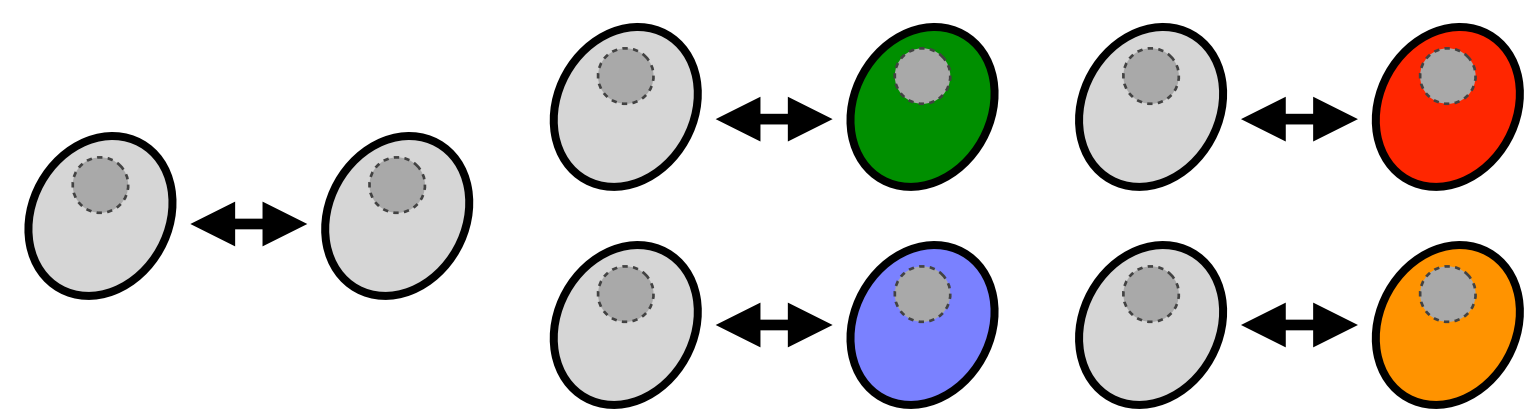
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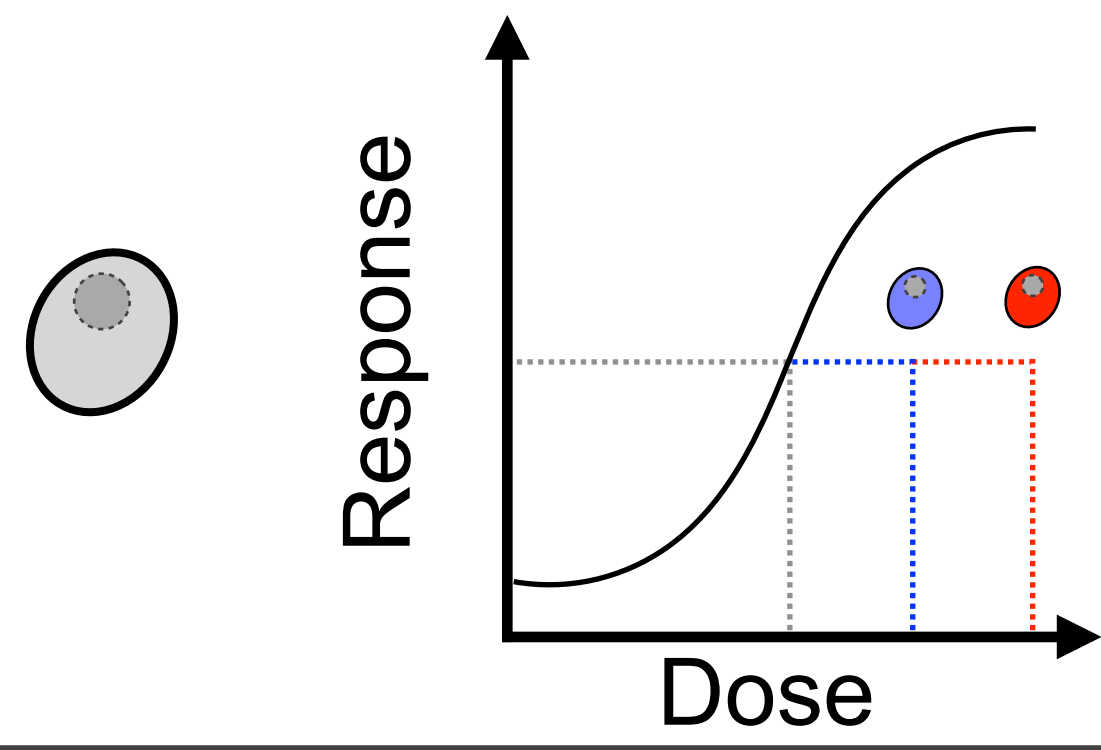
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Define drug & dose-dependent genes in unperturbed cells



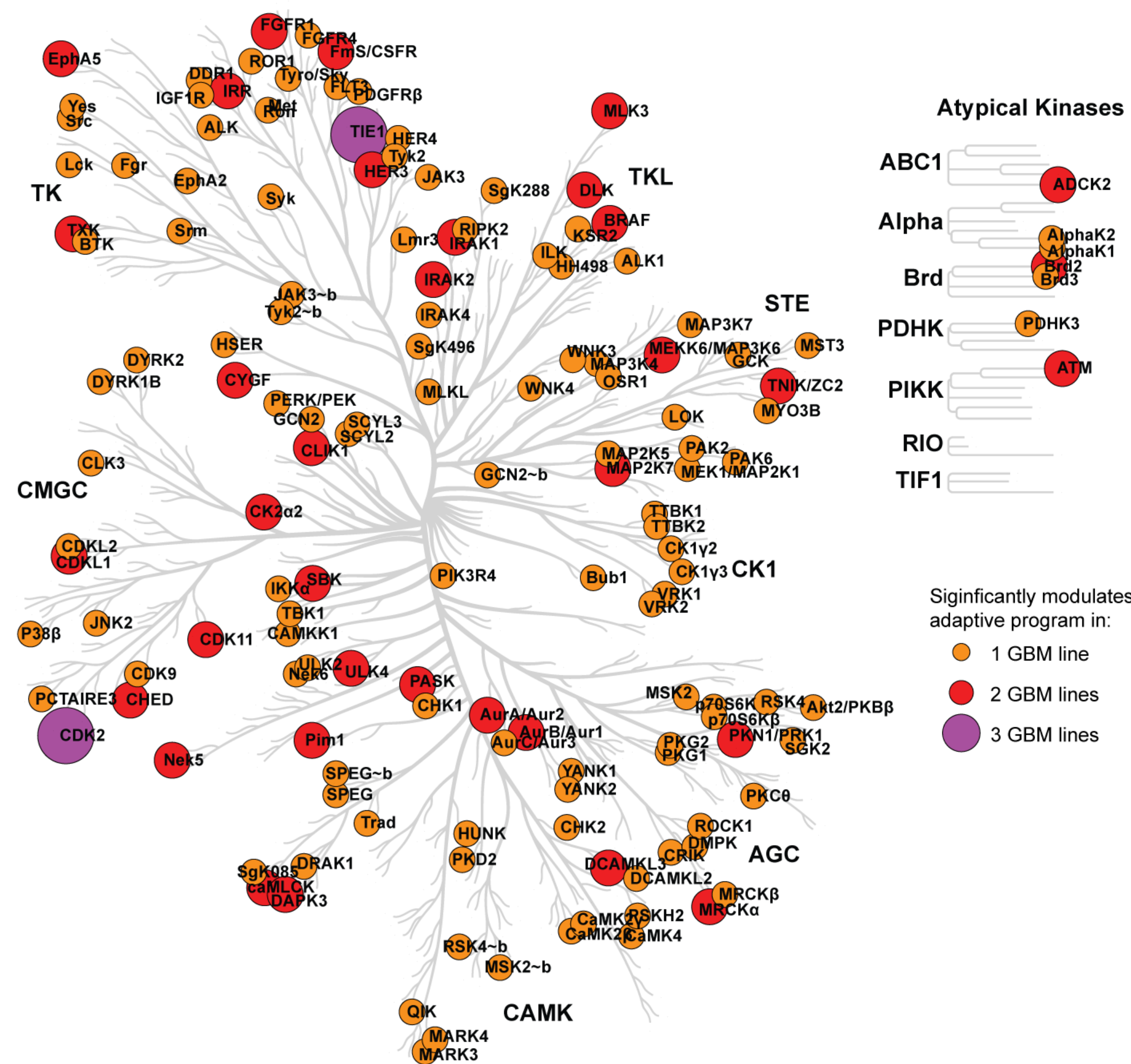
Determine pairwise distance to unperturbed



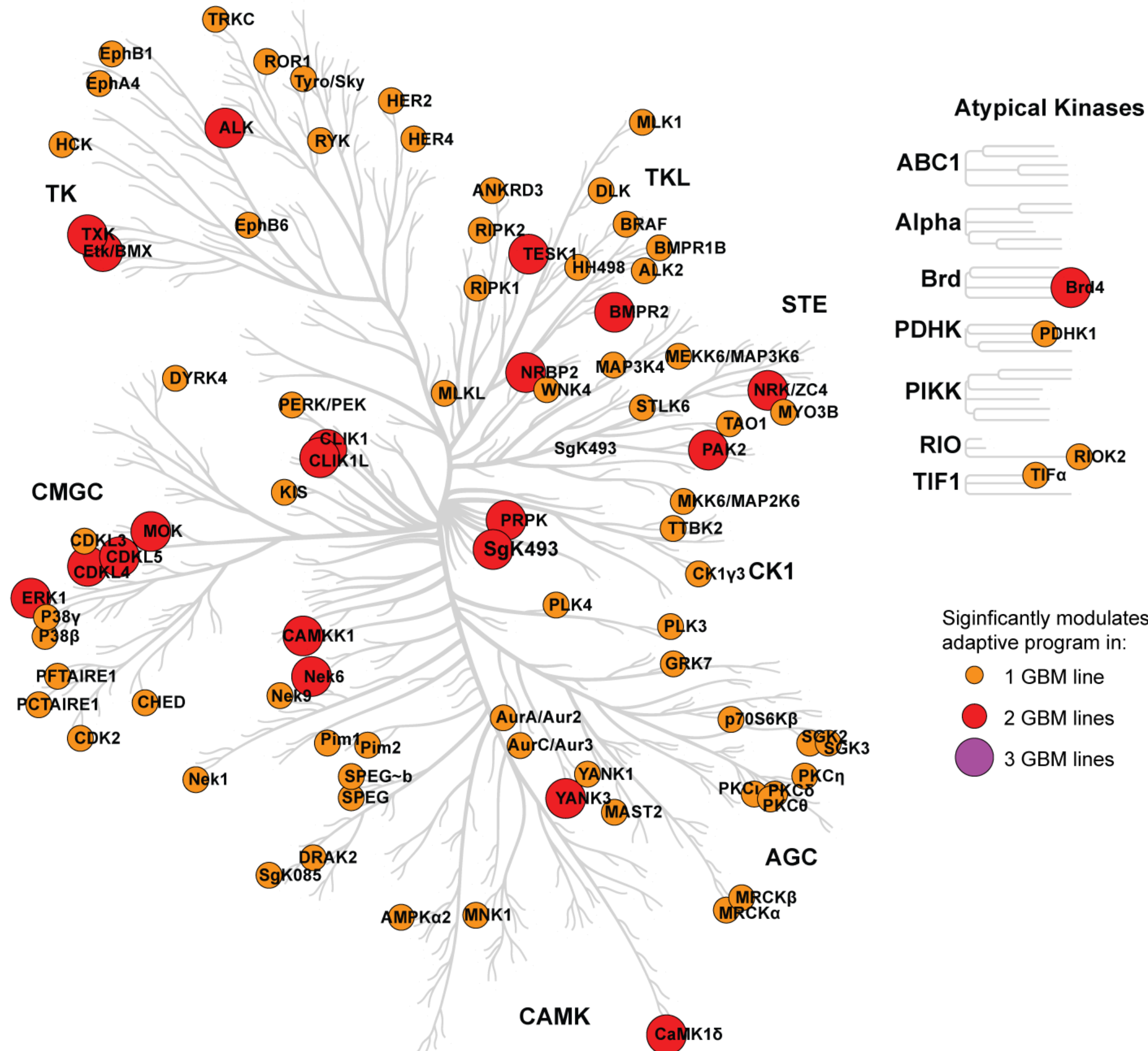
Summarize the deviation from WT response

Kinase regulation of conserved drug-induced programs

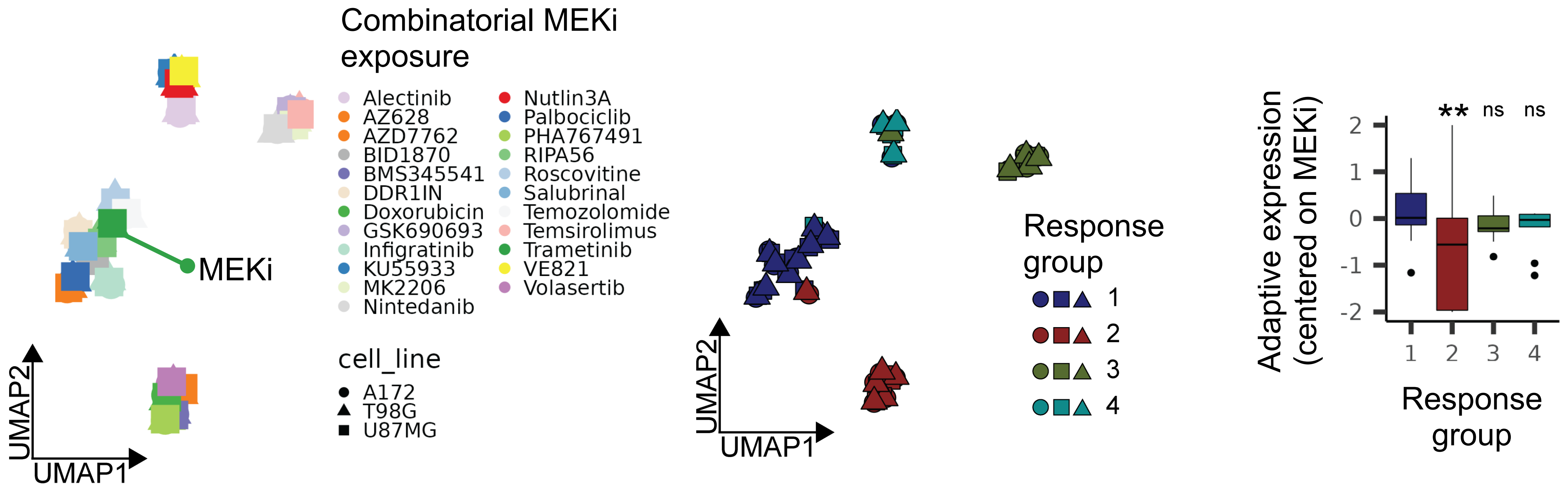
Gene effect



Gene x Environment effect

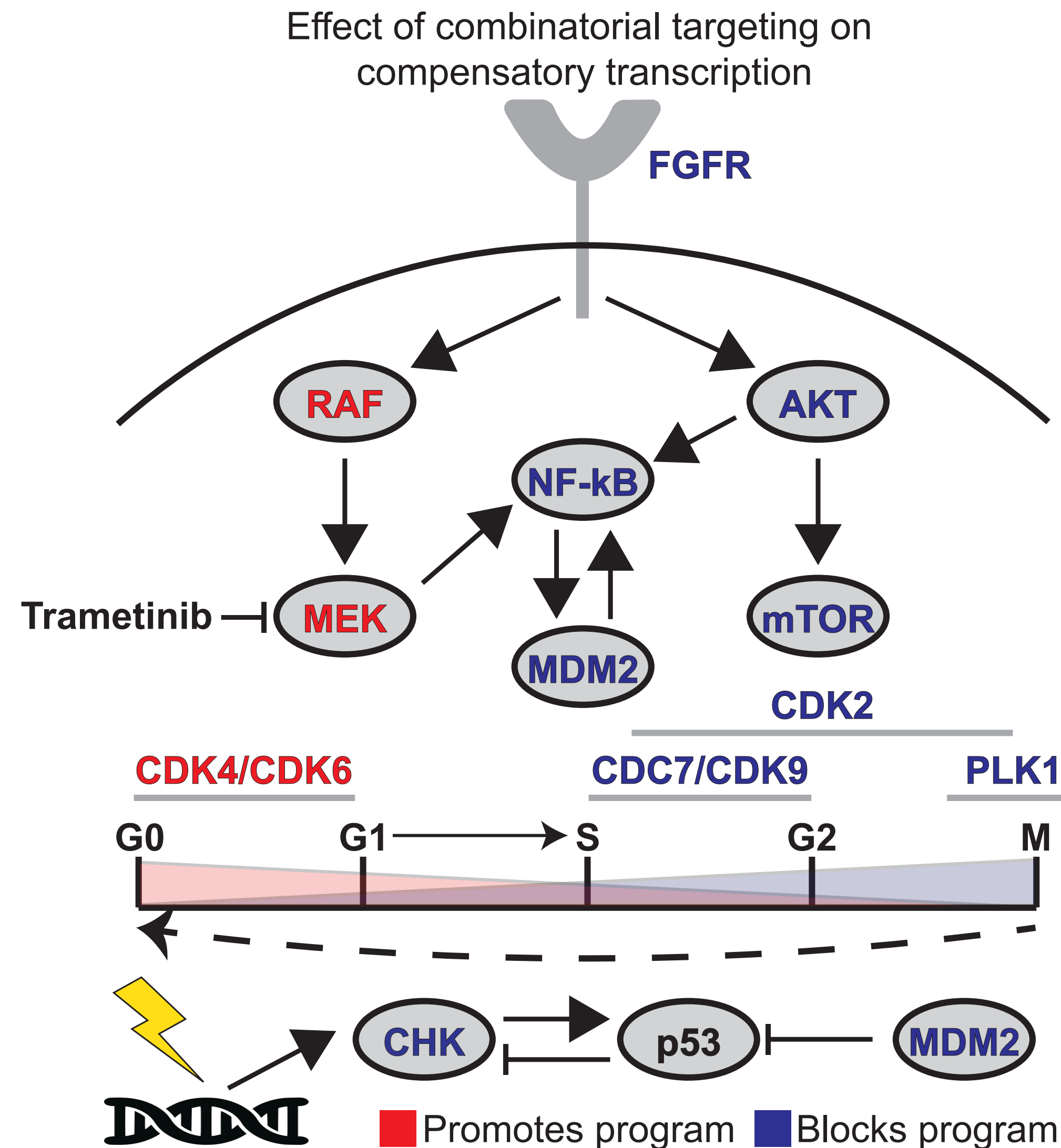


Effect of combinatorial kinase inhibition on the expression of the adaptive program



Combinatorial MEKi exposure	Effect on program
Response group 2: CHKi, NFkB _i , CDC7 _i /CDK9 _i , PLK _i , FGFR _i	↓↓↓
Response group 3: AKT _i , MTOR _i , PDGFR _i	↓

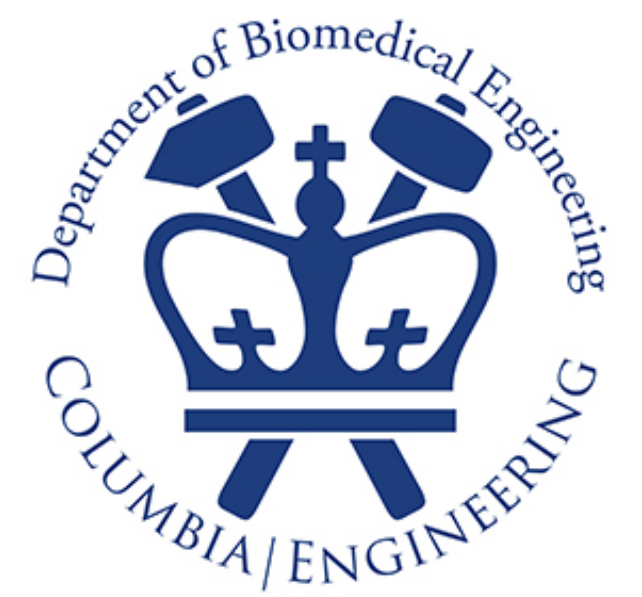
Molecular regulation of putative adaptive program



Vignette 3 summary

- ◆ Introduced sci-Plex and sci-Plex-GxE, perturbation multiplexing strategies compatible with single-cell RNA-seq
- ◆ Performed high-throughput chemical genomic screens for the regulation of drug-induced transcription
- ◆ Multiplexed methods revealed kinases involved in regulating the response to RTK inhibition
- ◆ Prioritized combinatorial treatments towards fates of interest

Thank you!



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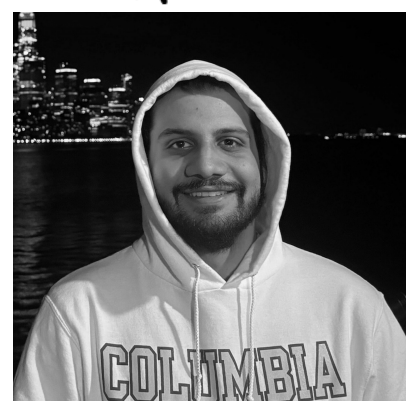
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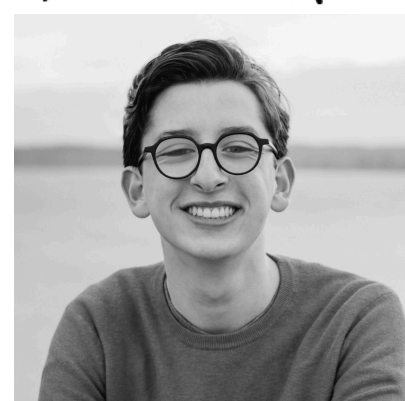
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