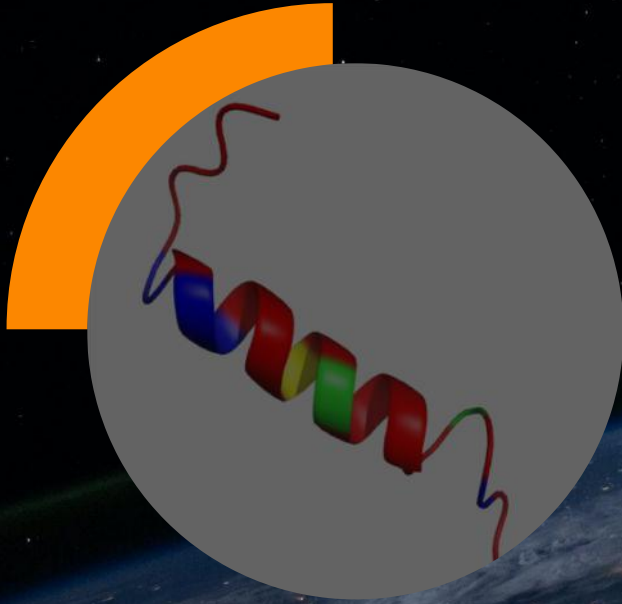


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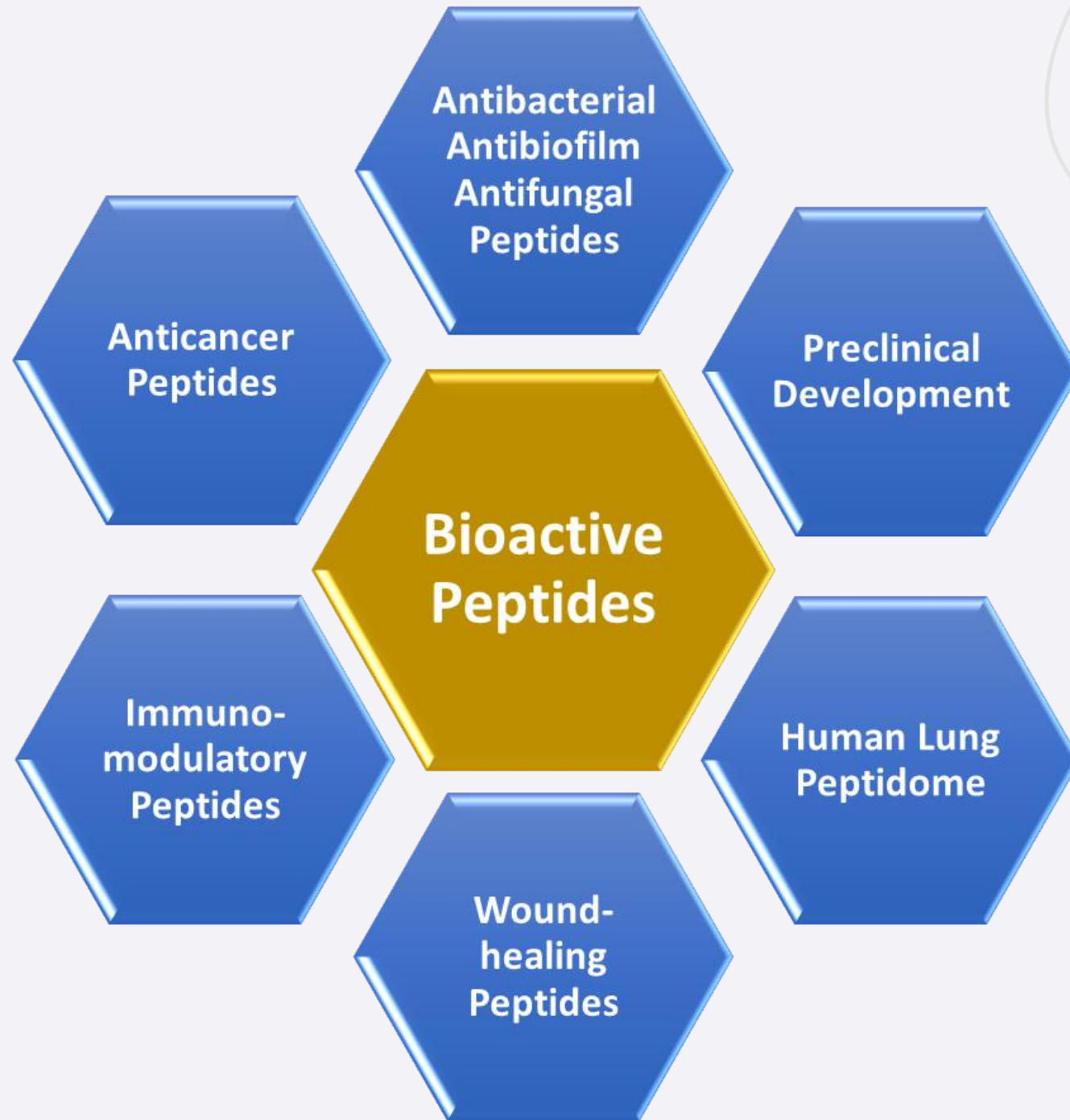
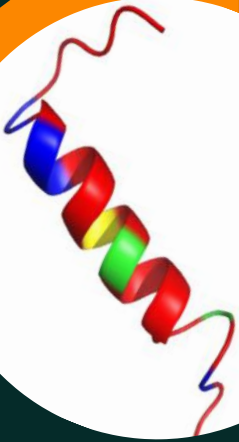
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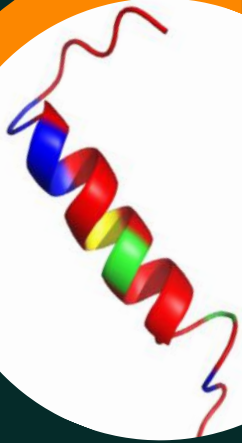


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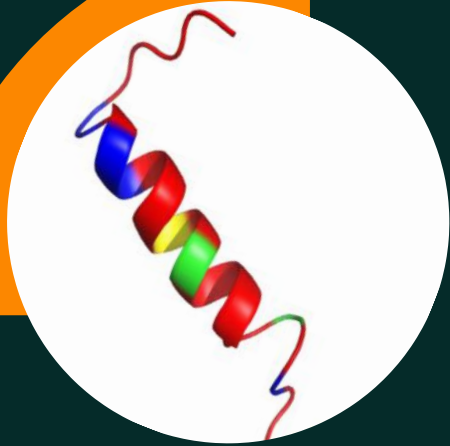


TB Diagnostics

- 2013 Discovery of growth-stimulating peptides
- 2014 TiKa Diagnostics LTD
- 2014-2022 £ 1.5 million funding
- 2017 ISO 13485 for research and production of peptides
- 2017 First sales
- 2019 Successfully finished 1. clinical trial
- 2023 Estimated finish of 2. clinical trial

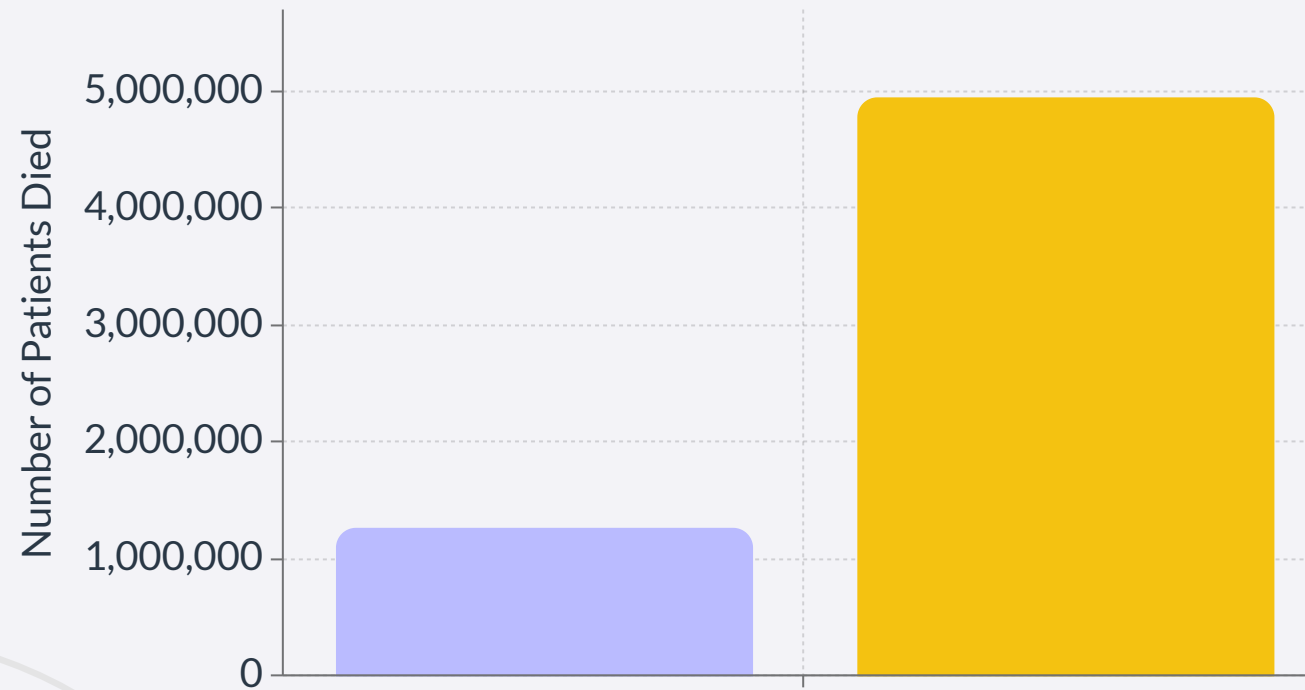


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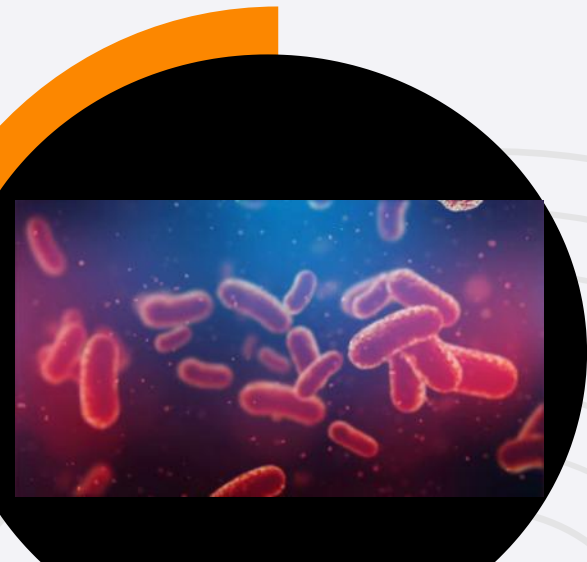


MOTIVATION

2019 - Across 88 Pathogen-Drug Combinations



- Death Directly Caused by Resistant Bacteria
- Death Associated by Resistant Bacteria



CATIONIC ANTIMICROBIAL PEPTIDES

- In bacteria, fungi, insects, tunicates, amphibians, crustaceans, birds, fish and mammals
- About 3,000 natural AMPs known
- About 15,000 artificial AMPs
- Part of the innate immunity in higher organism
- 12 to 80 aa, cationic, amphiphilic
- Different structures

MULTIPLE FUNCTIONS OF AMPs



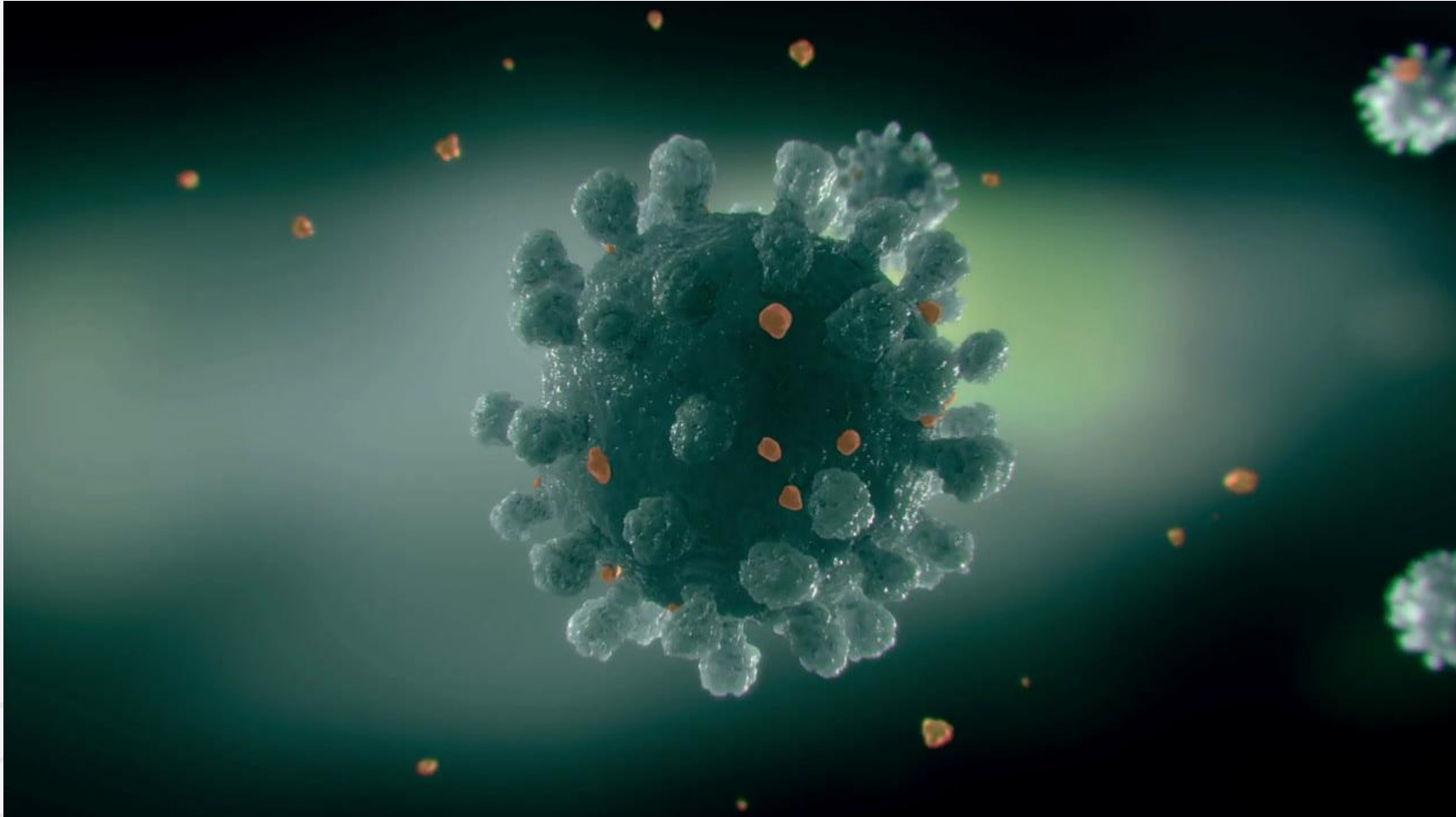
MULTIPLE FUNCTIONS OF AMPs



- I. Antibacterial
- II. Antifungal

MULTIPLE FUNCTIONS OF AMPs

- I. Antibacterial
- II. Antifungal
- III. Antiviral

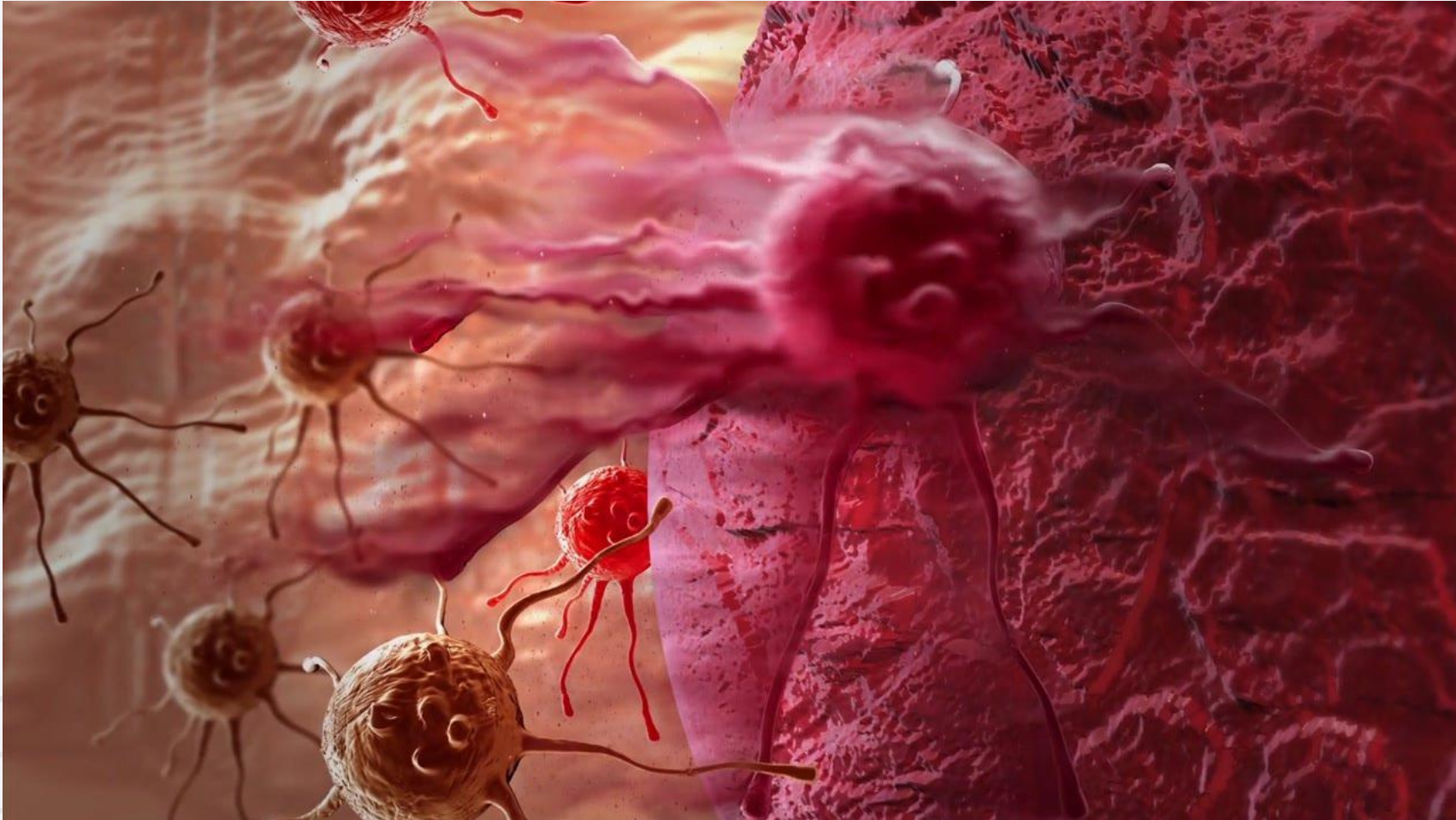


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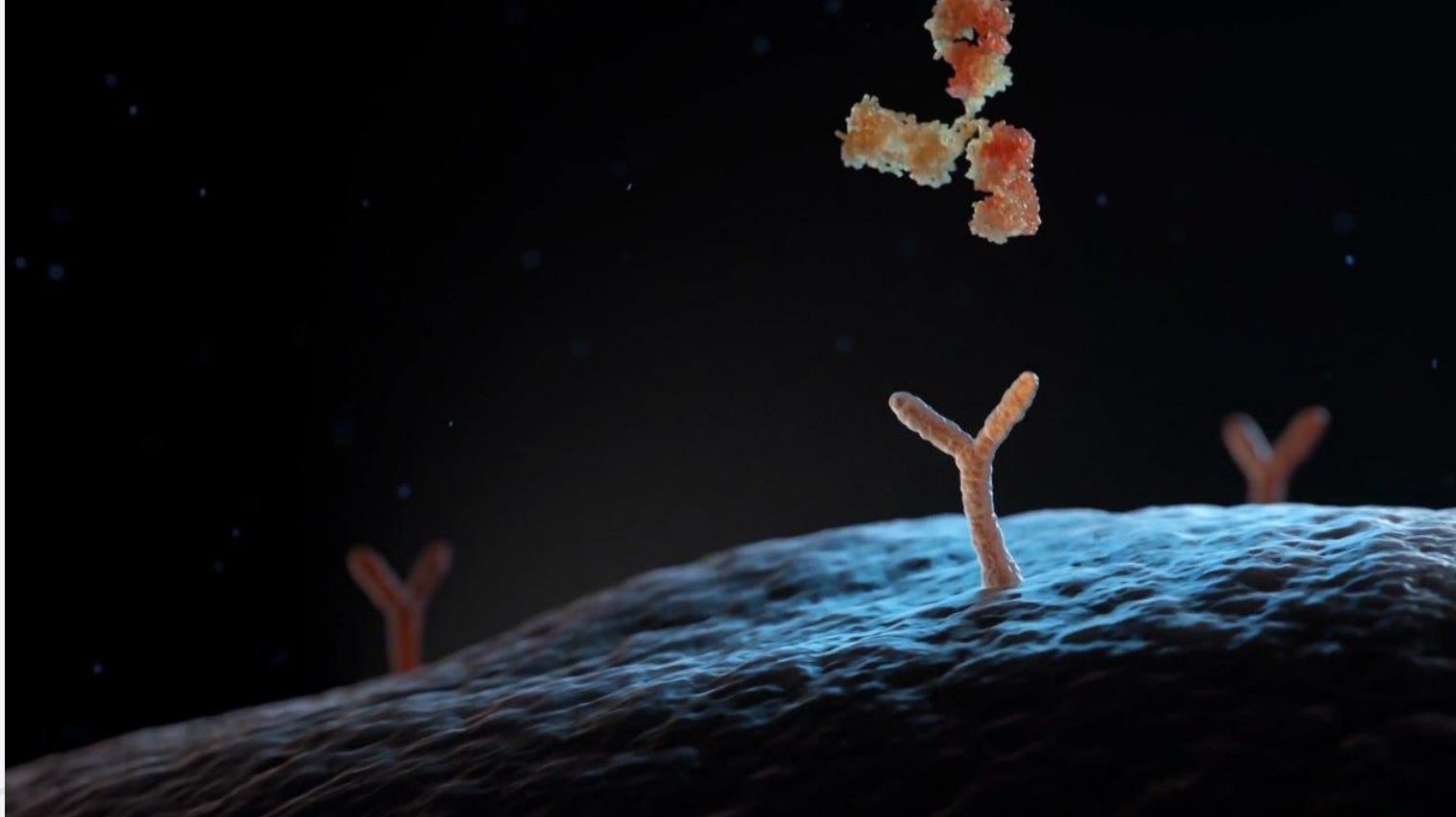
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- III. Antiviral
- IV. Antiparasitical

MULTIPLE FUNCTIONS OF AMPs



- I. Antibacterial
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- IV. Antiparasitical
- V. Anticancer

MULTIPLE FUNCTIONS OF AMPs



- I. Antibacterial
- II. Antifungal
- III. Antiviral
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- VI. Immuno-
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- VII. Chemotactic

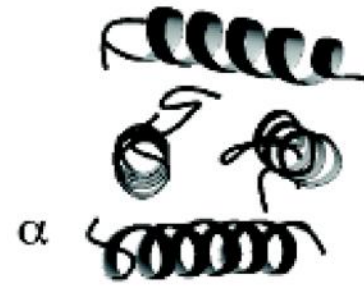
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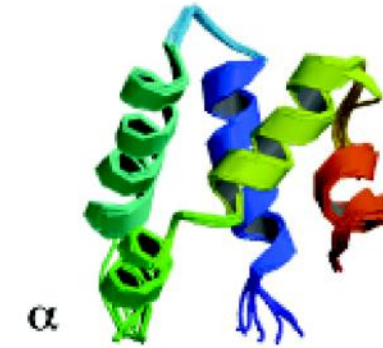
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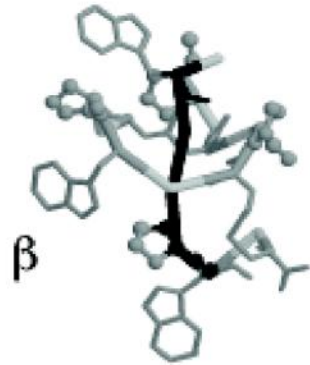
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D. Worm caenopore 5



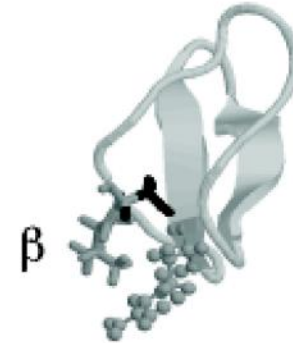
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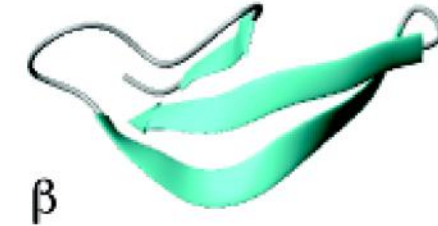
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G. Plant kalata B1



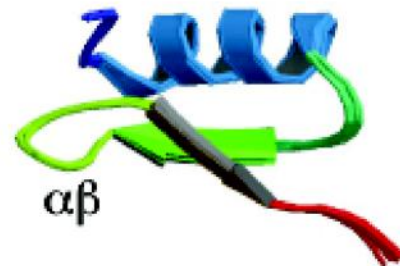
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I. Fungal plectasin



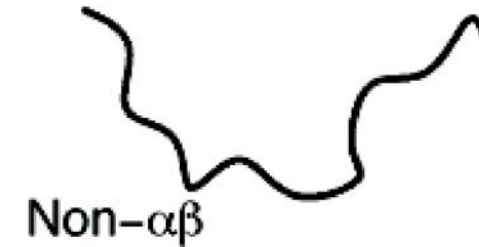
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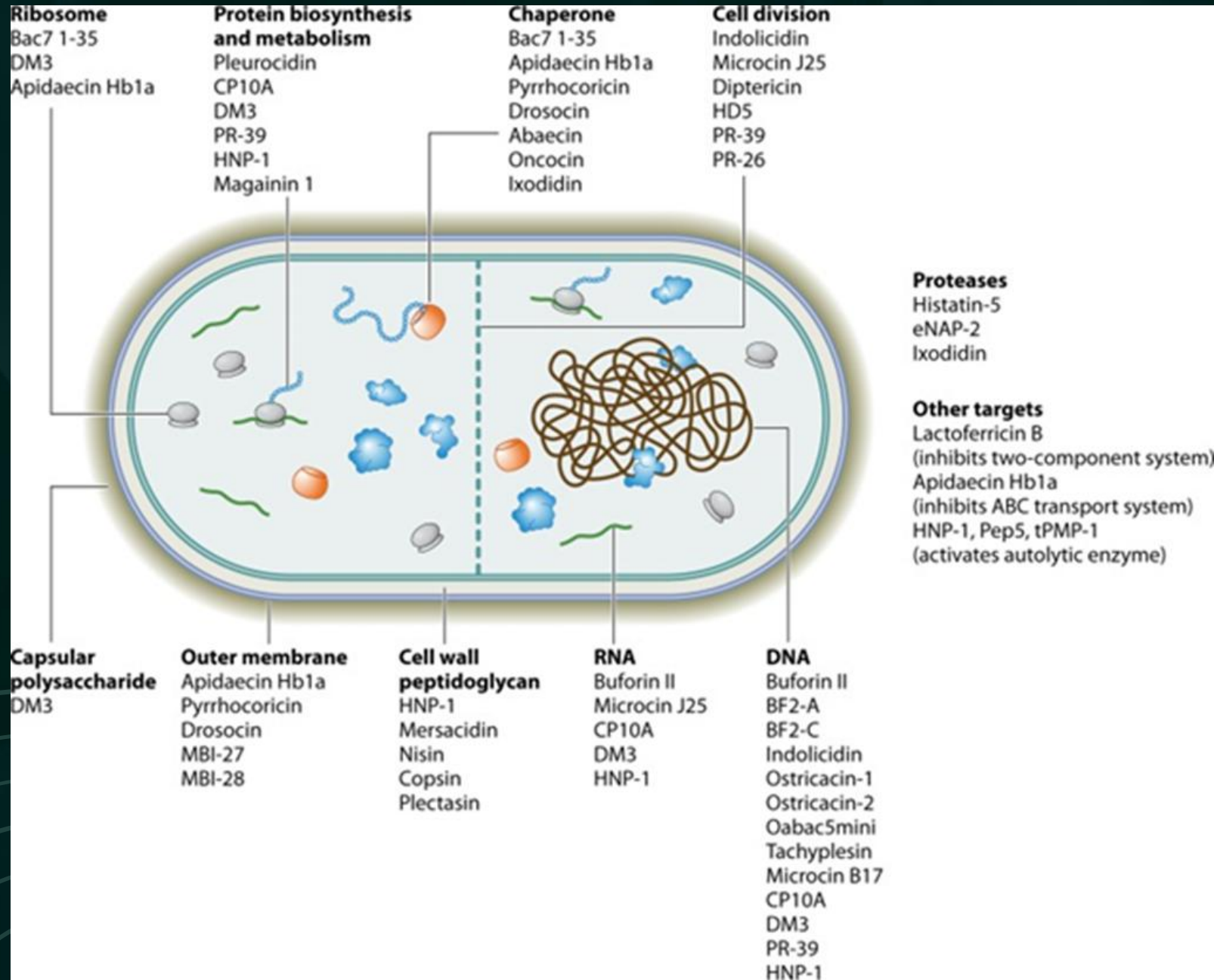
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L. Bovine indolicidin

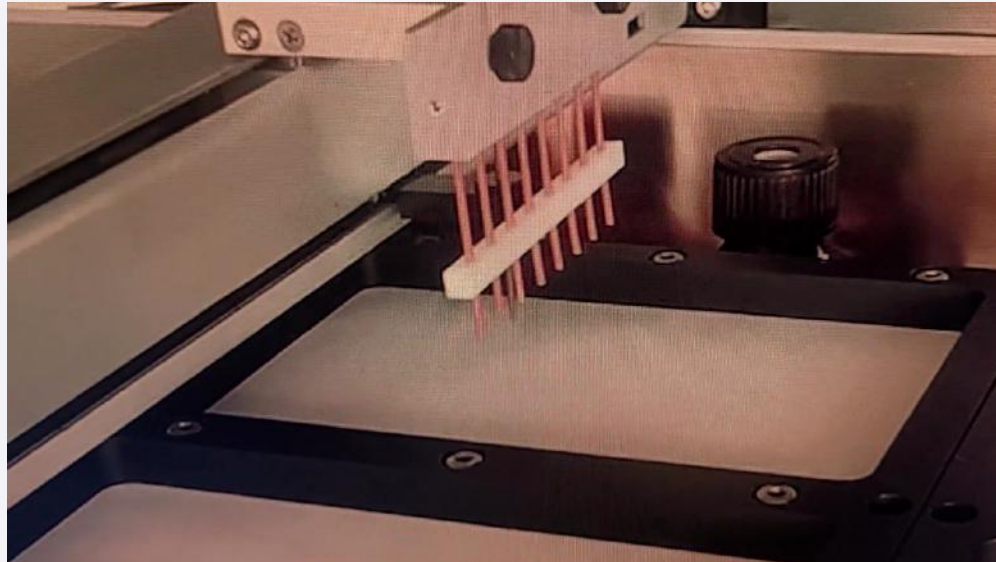
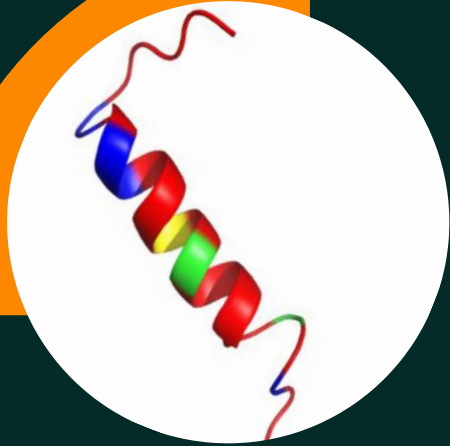


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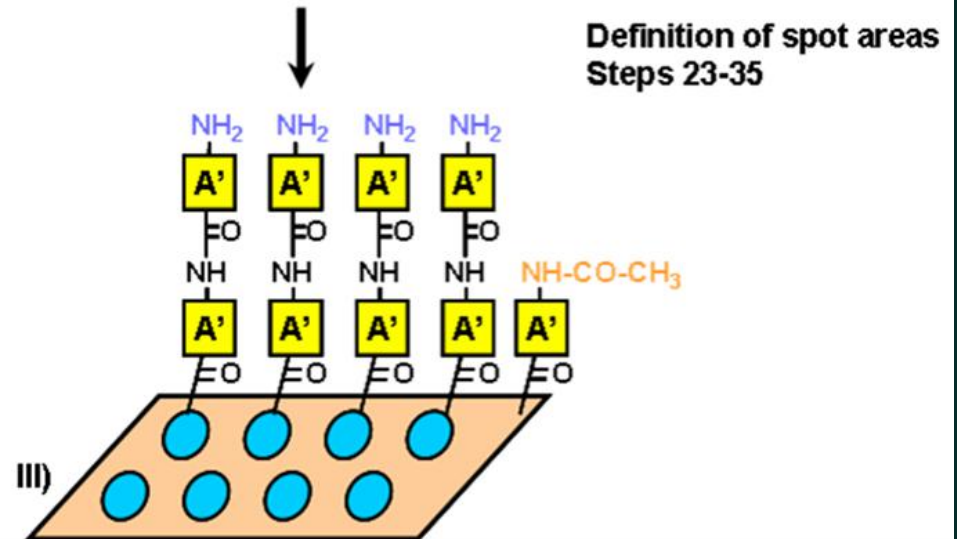
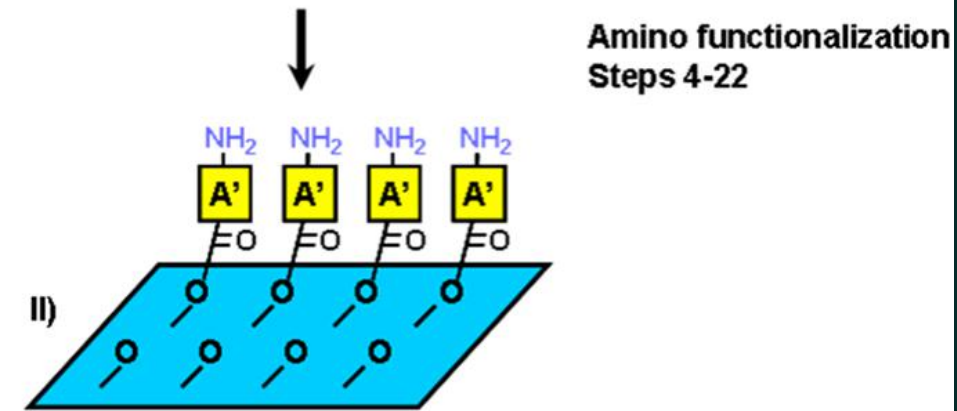
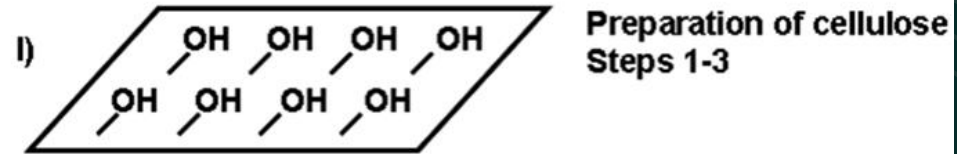
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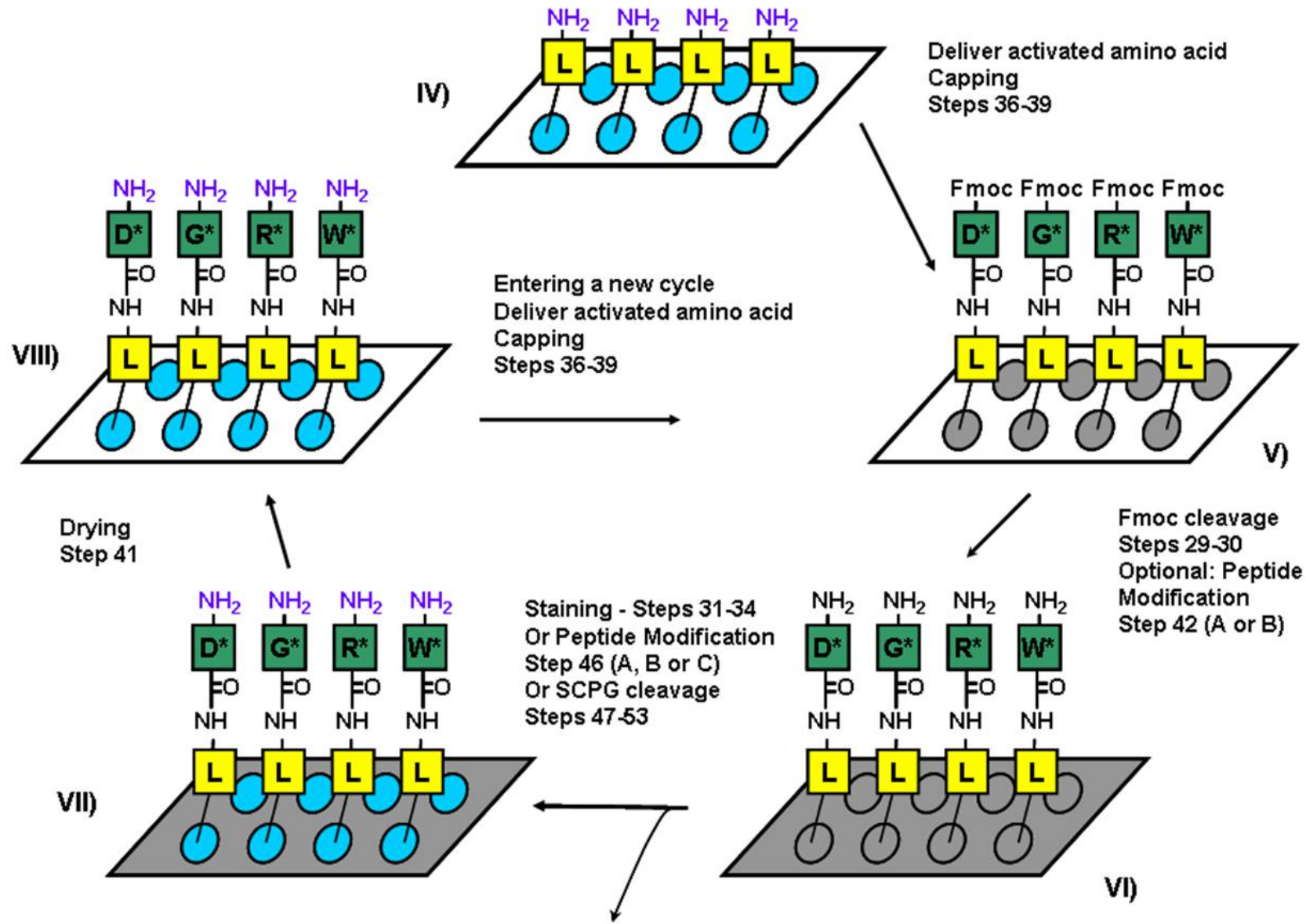
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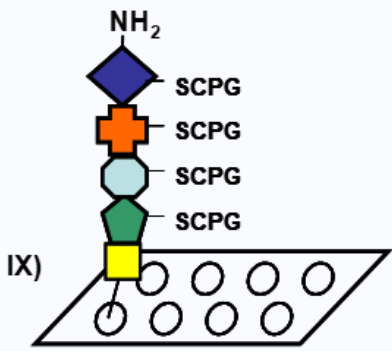


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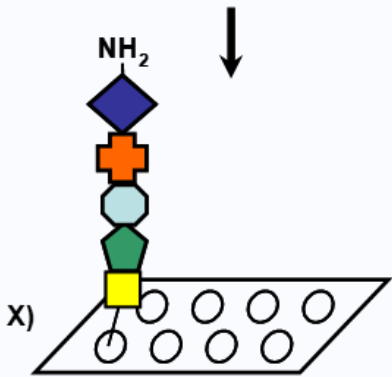
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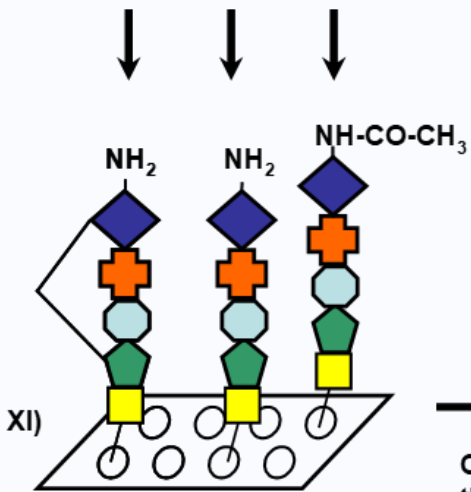




Modification of the protected peptides
Step 46 (A, B or C)



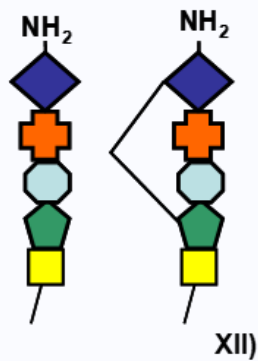
Cleavage of the Side-Chain Protection Groups (SCPG)
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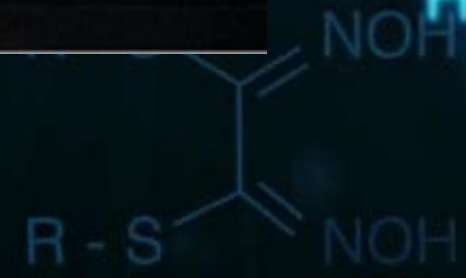
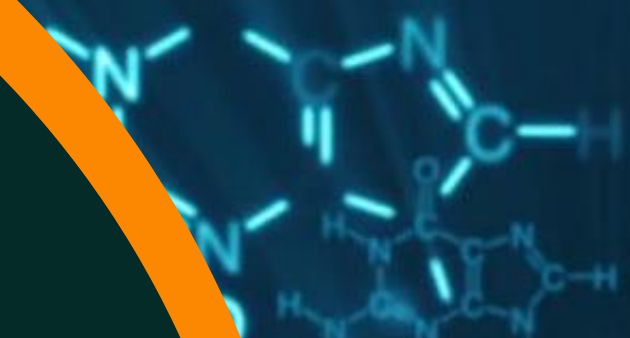
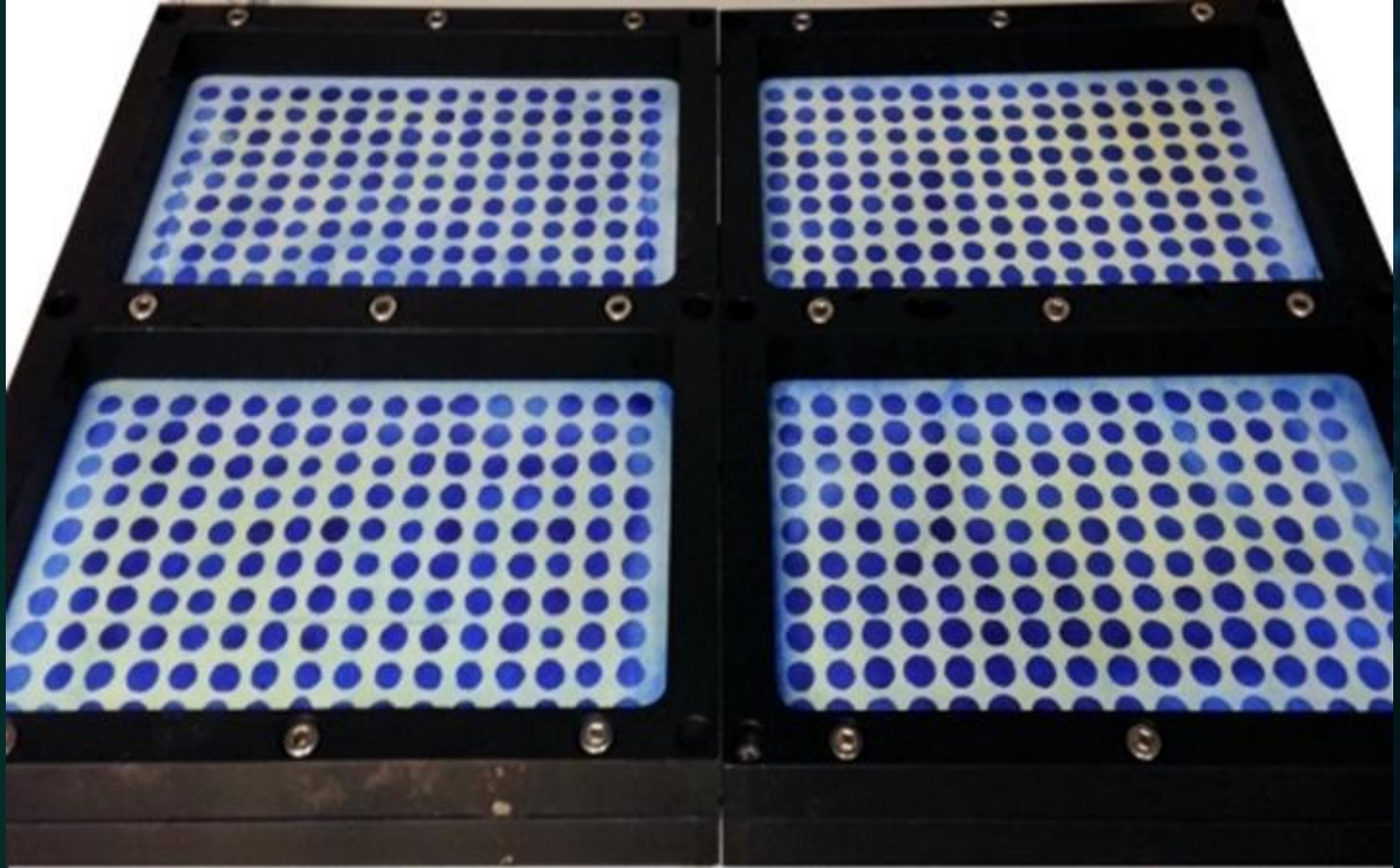
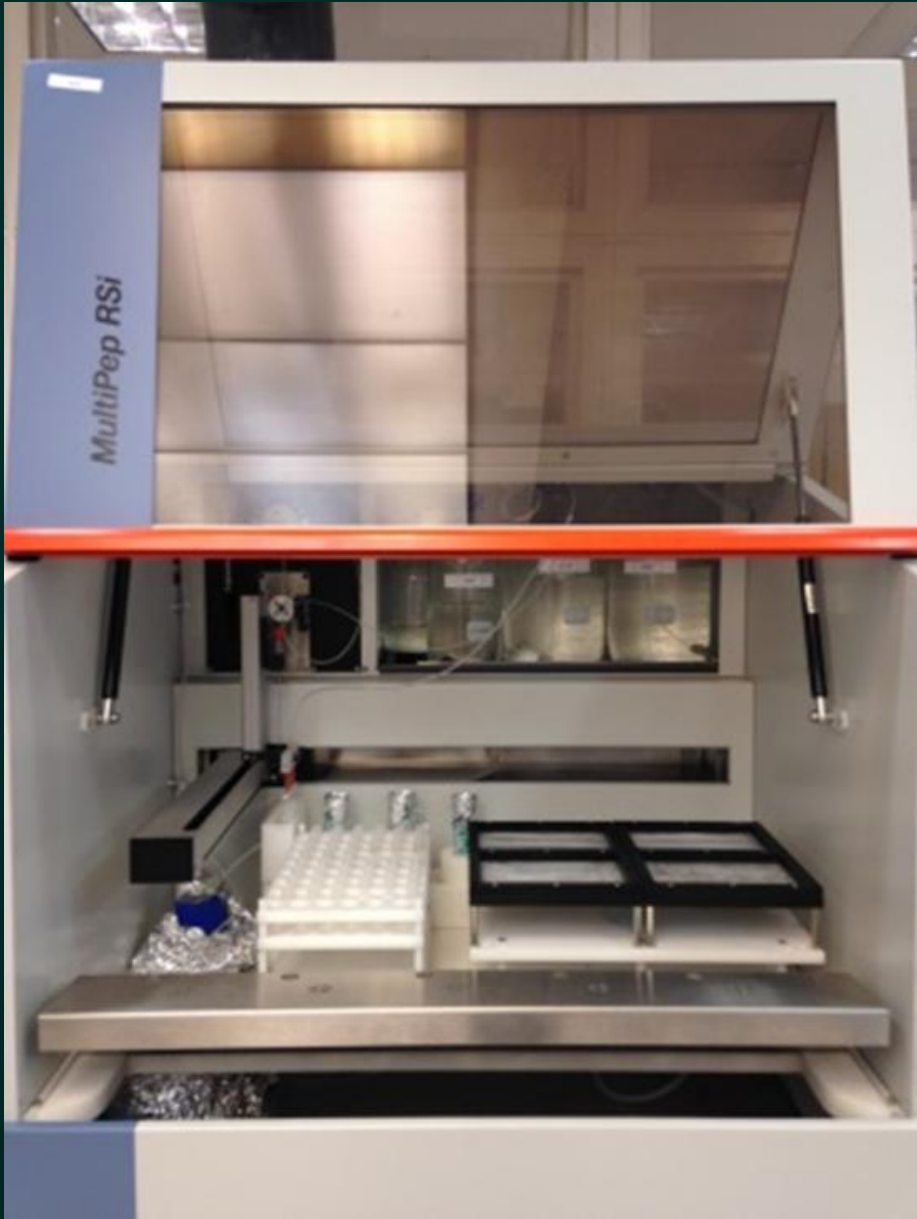
Modification of the unprotected peptides
Steps 54-58

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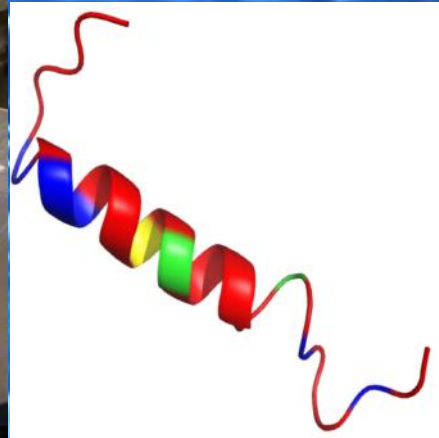
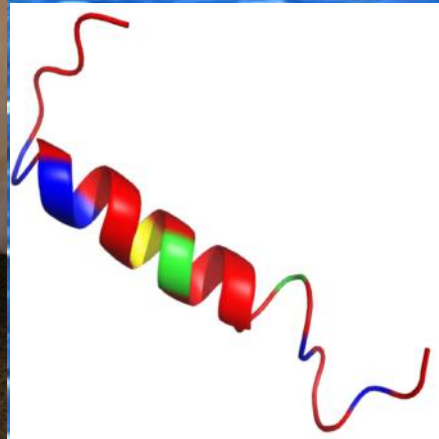
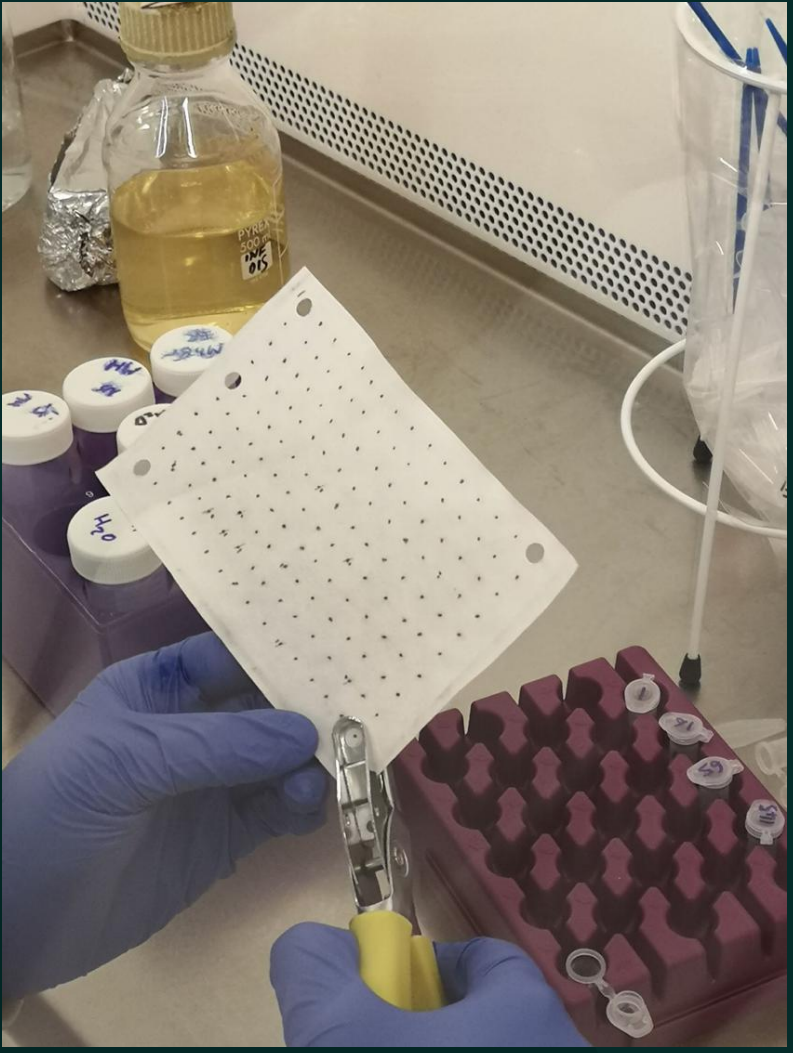
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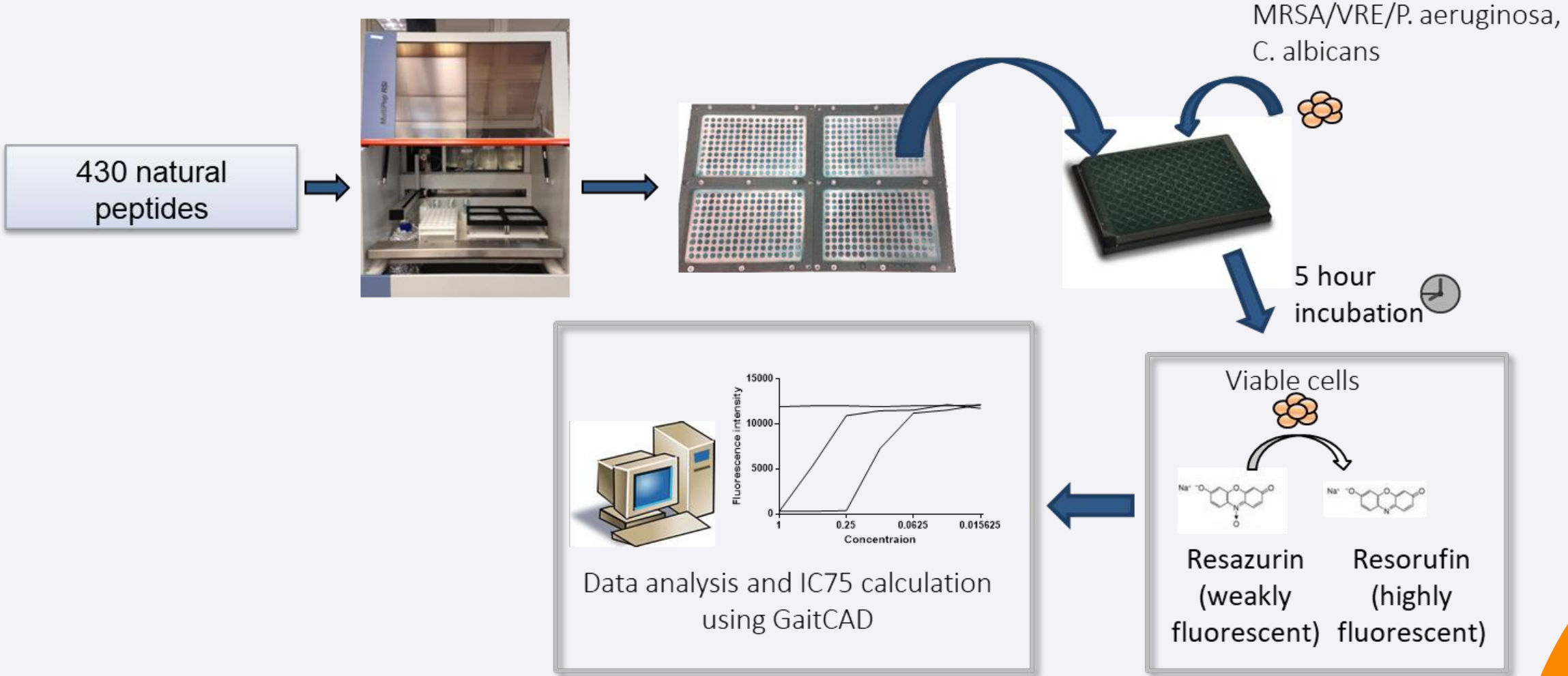
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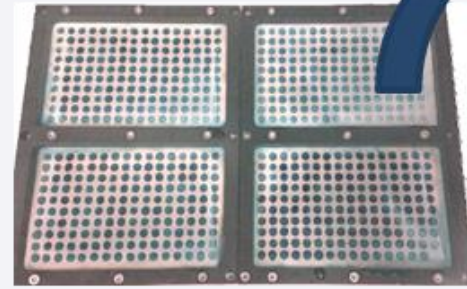
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HEMOLYTIC SCREEN

430 natural peptides



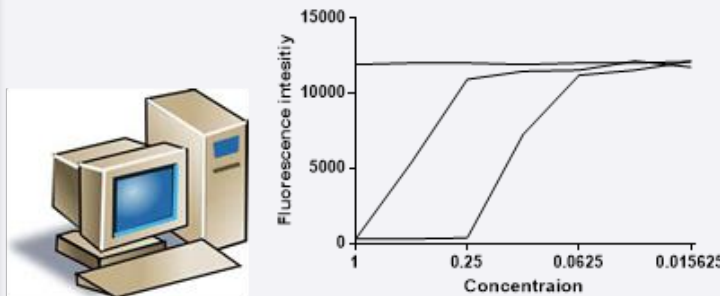
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1 hour incubation



Haemoglobin of damaged cells absorbs at 540nm



Data analysis and IC75 calculation using GaitCAD

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Database of antimicrobial activity
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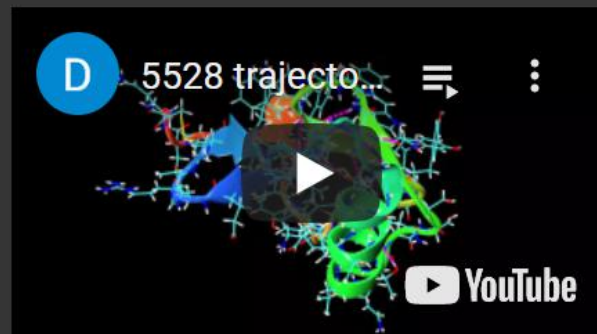
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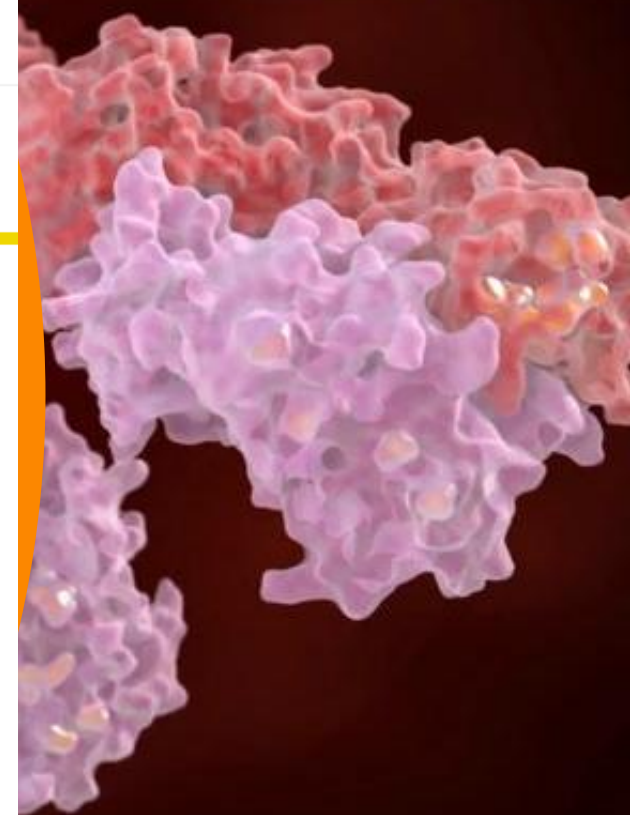
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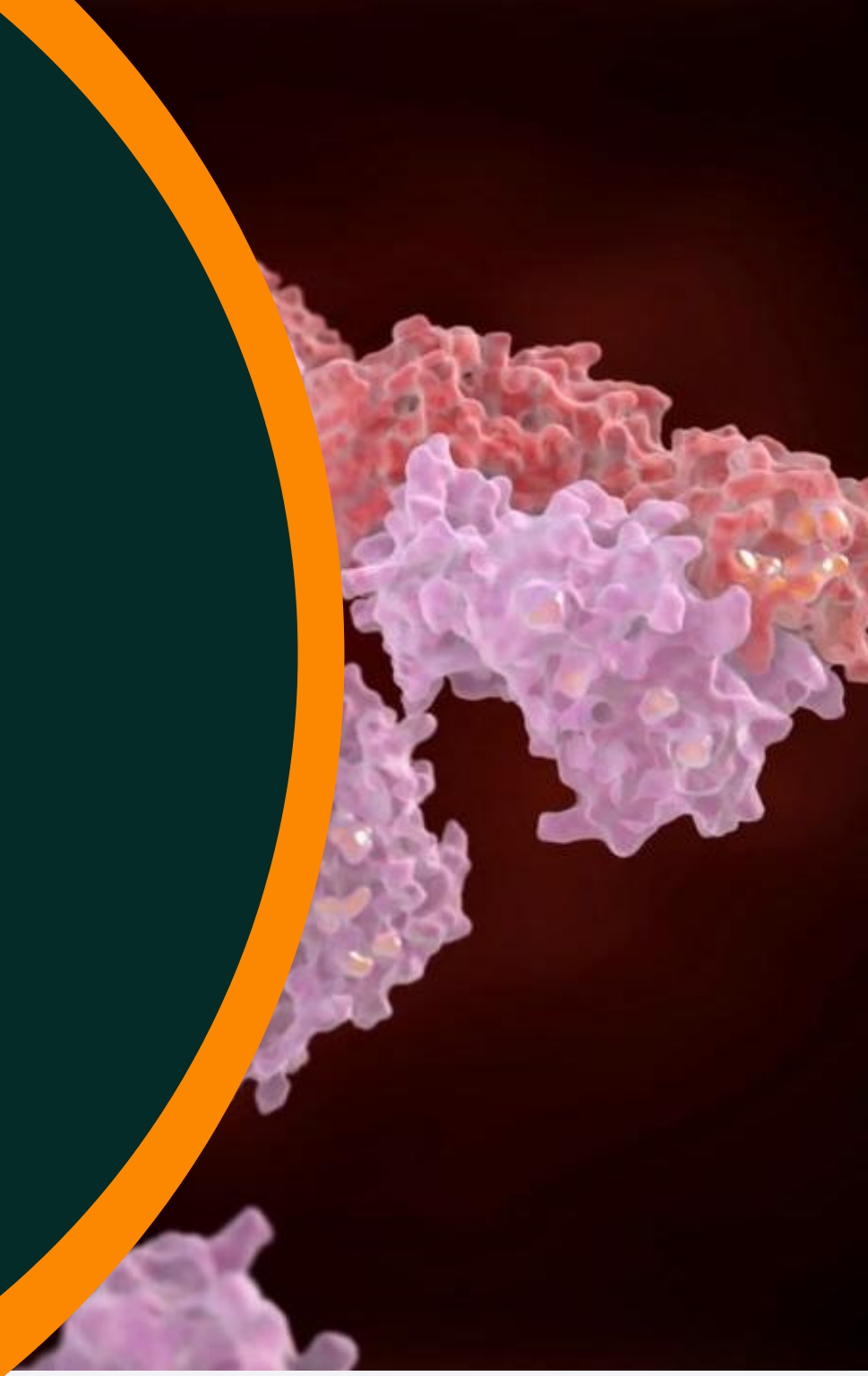
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Discovered hundreds of peptides with high therapeutic potential

Peptide with a new mode of action best

Mode of action studies expensive and time consuming



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Pioneering work

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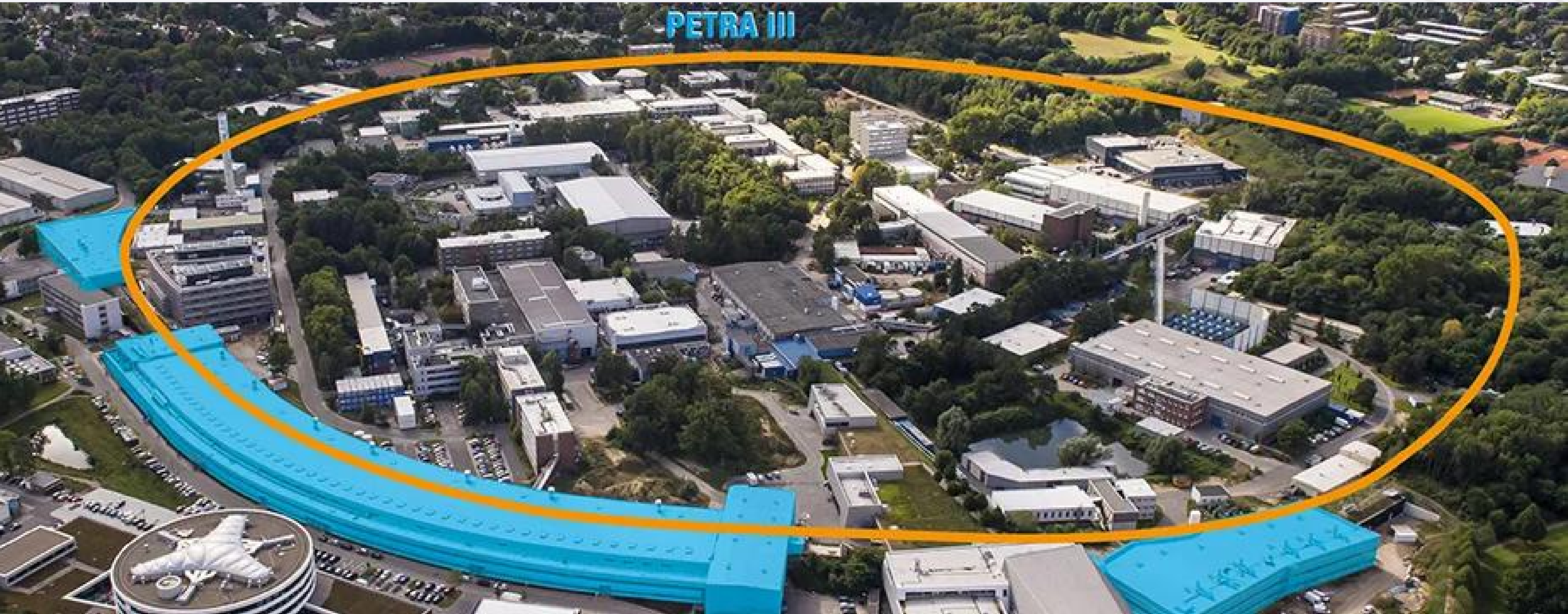
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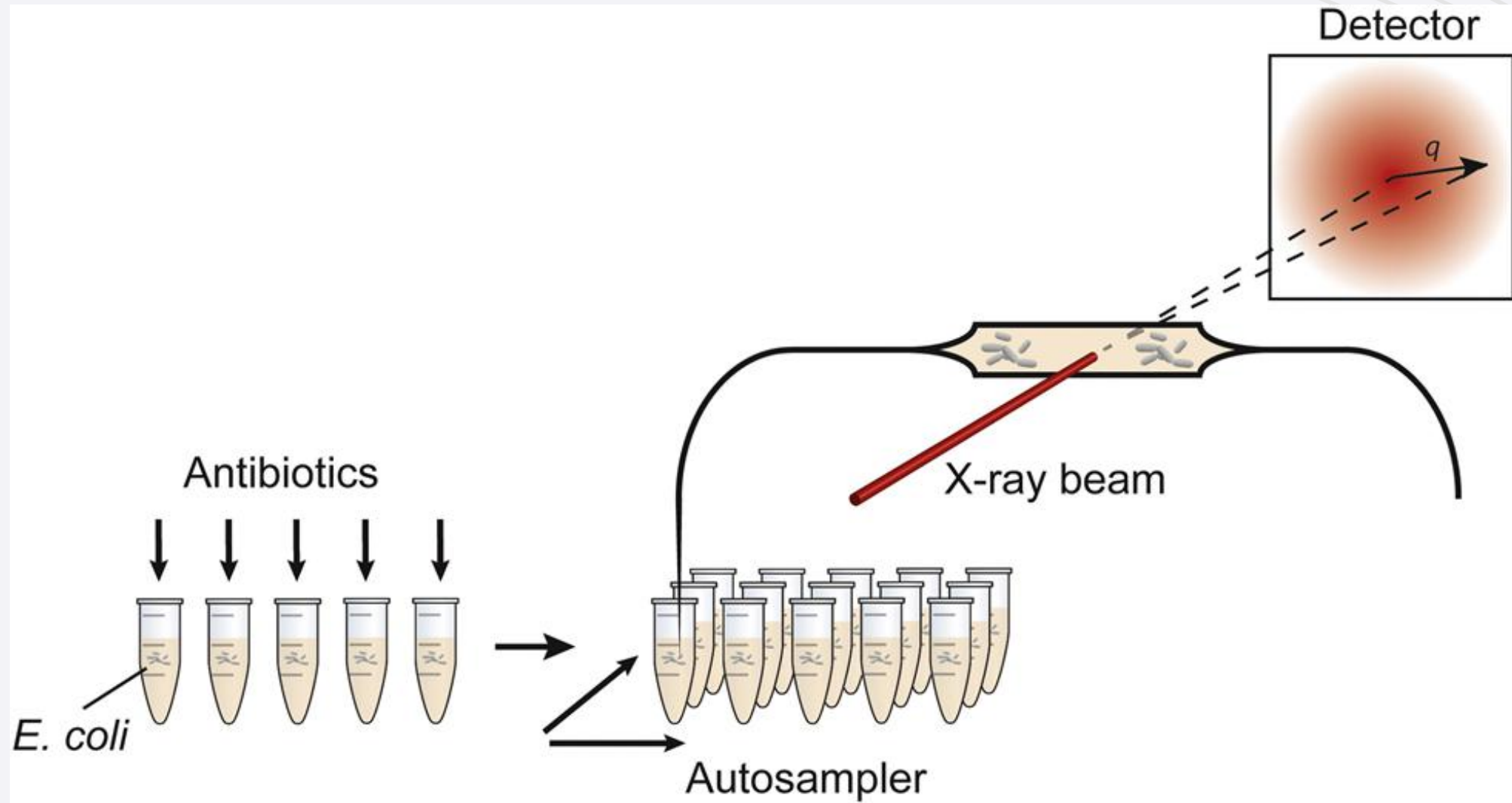
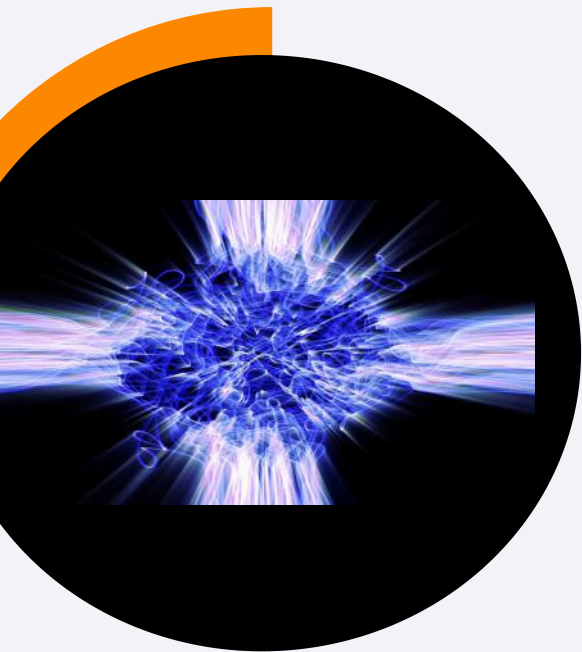
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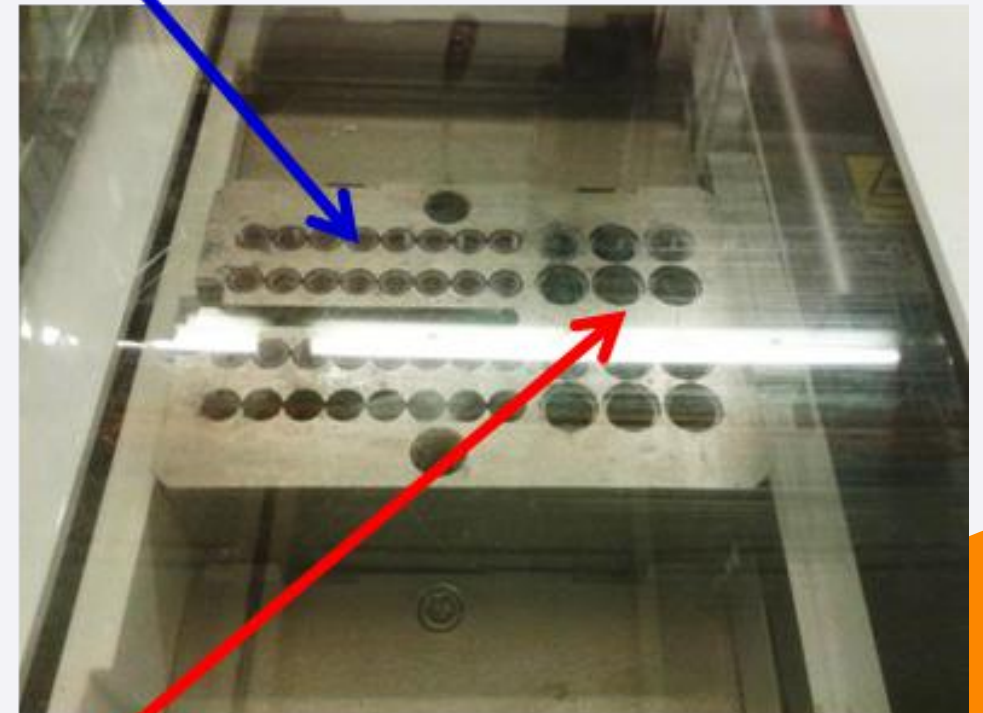
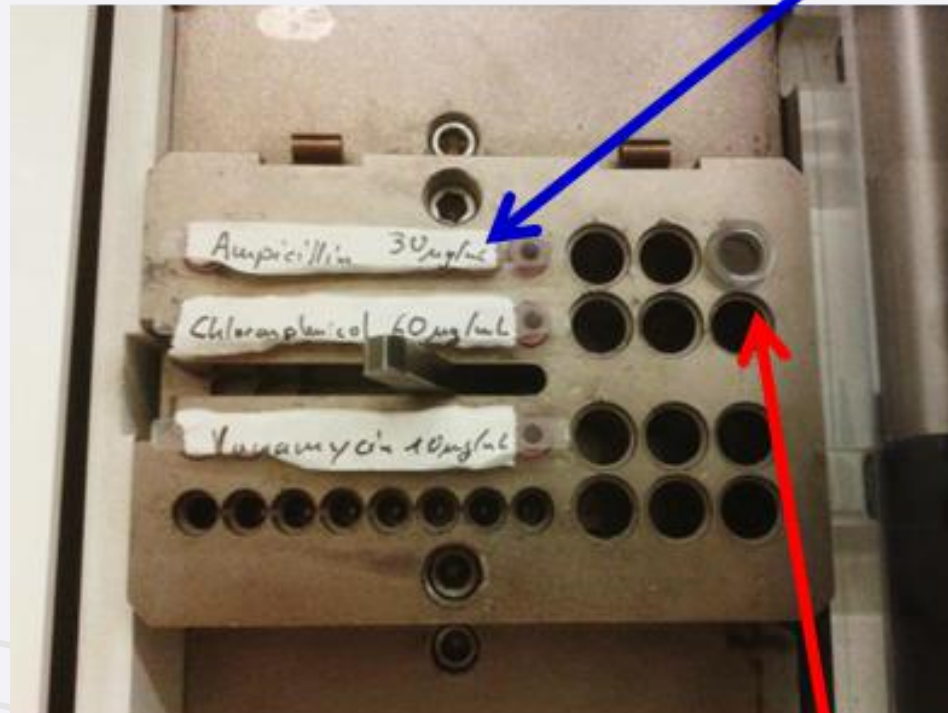


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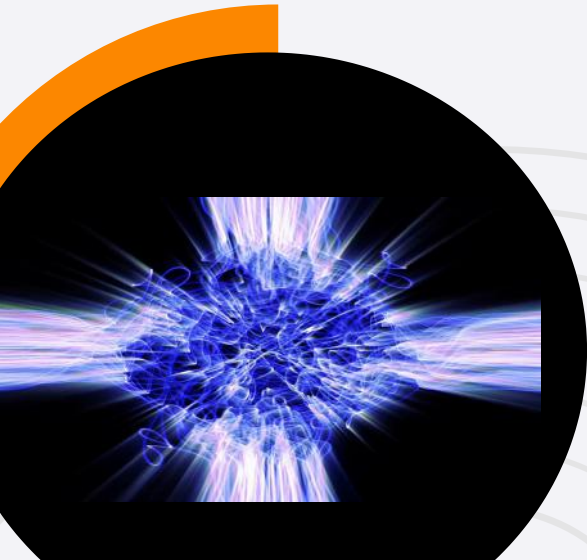


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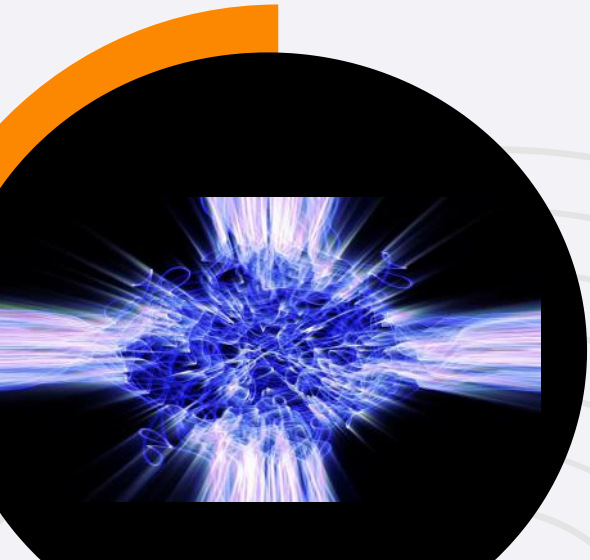
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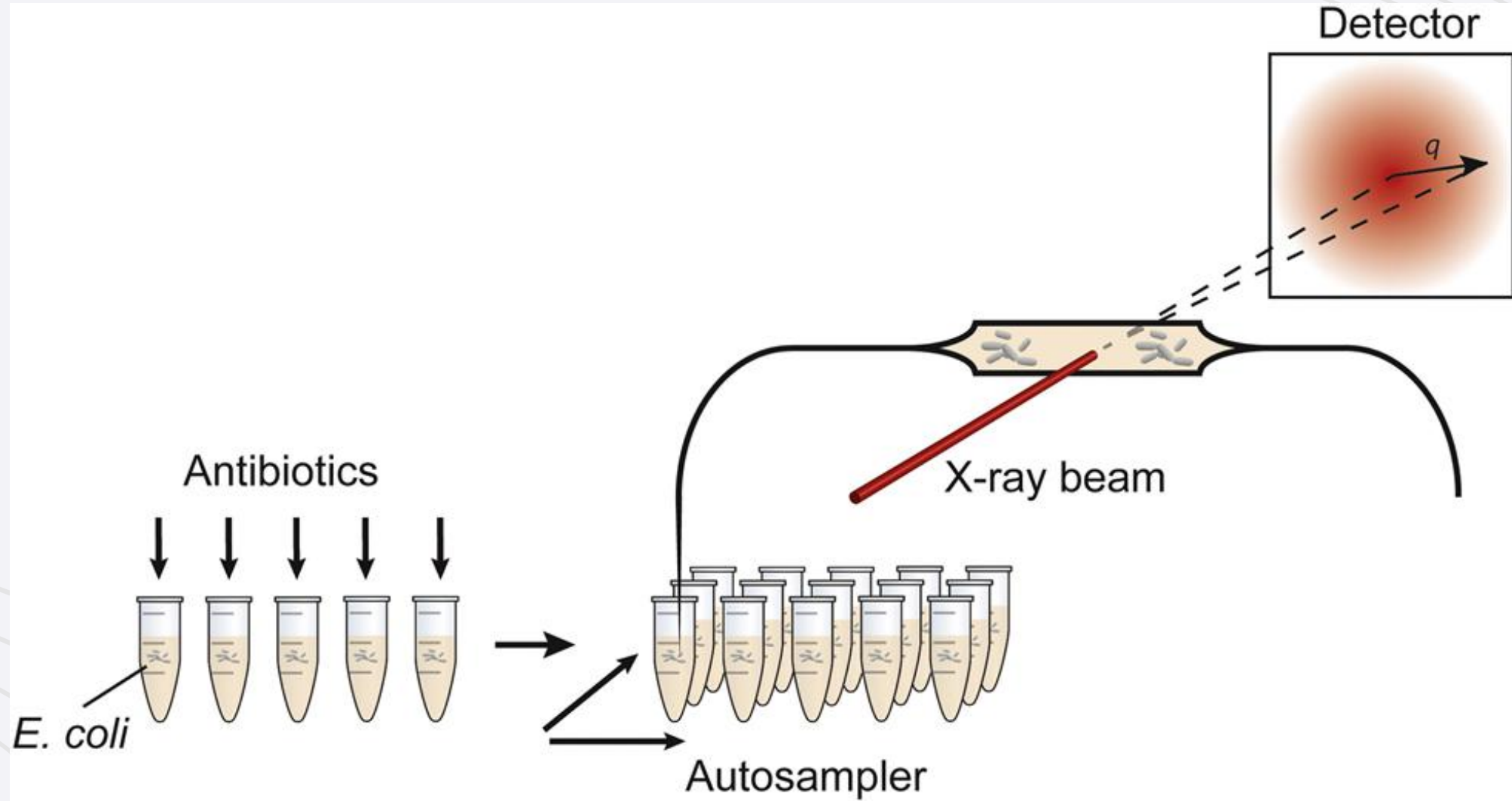
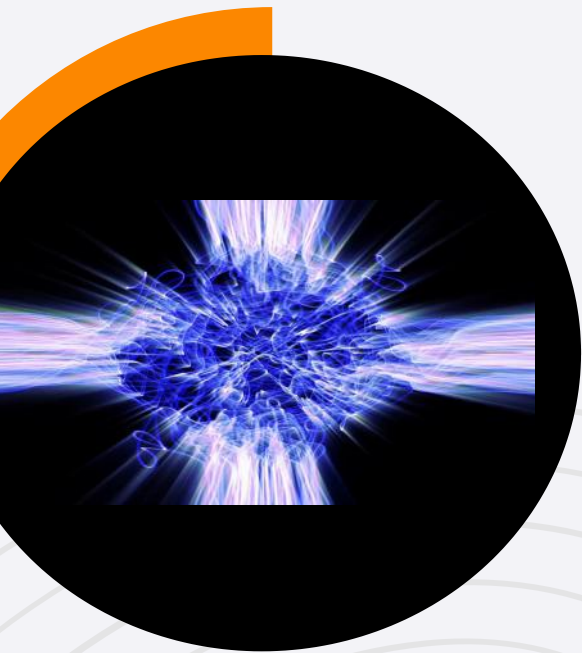
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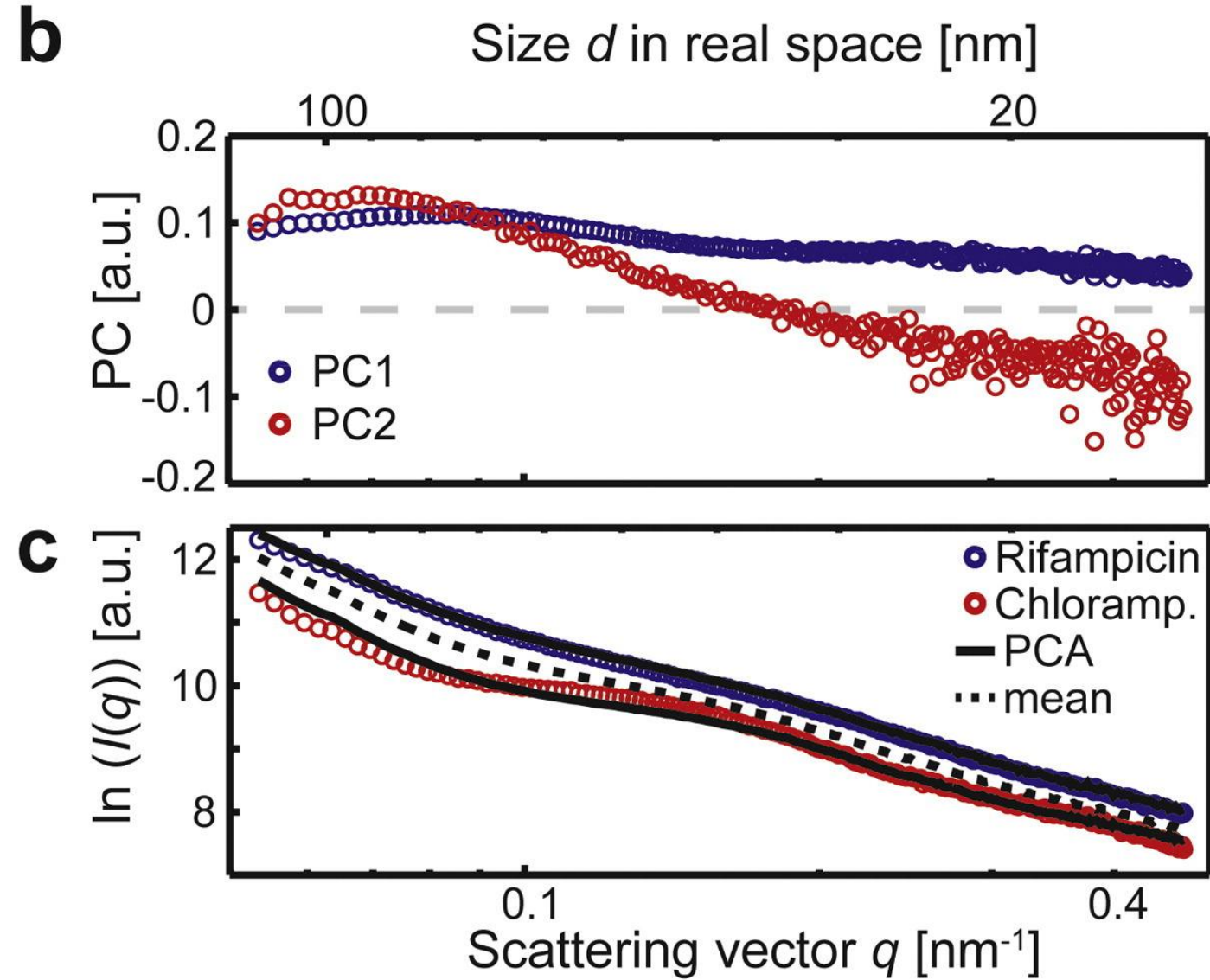
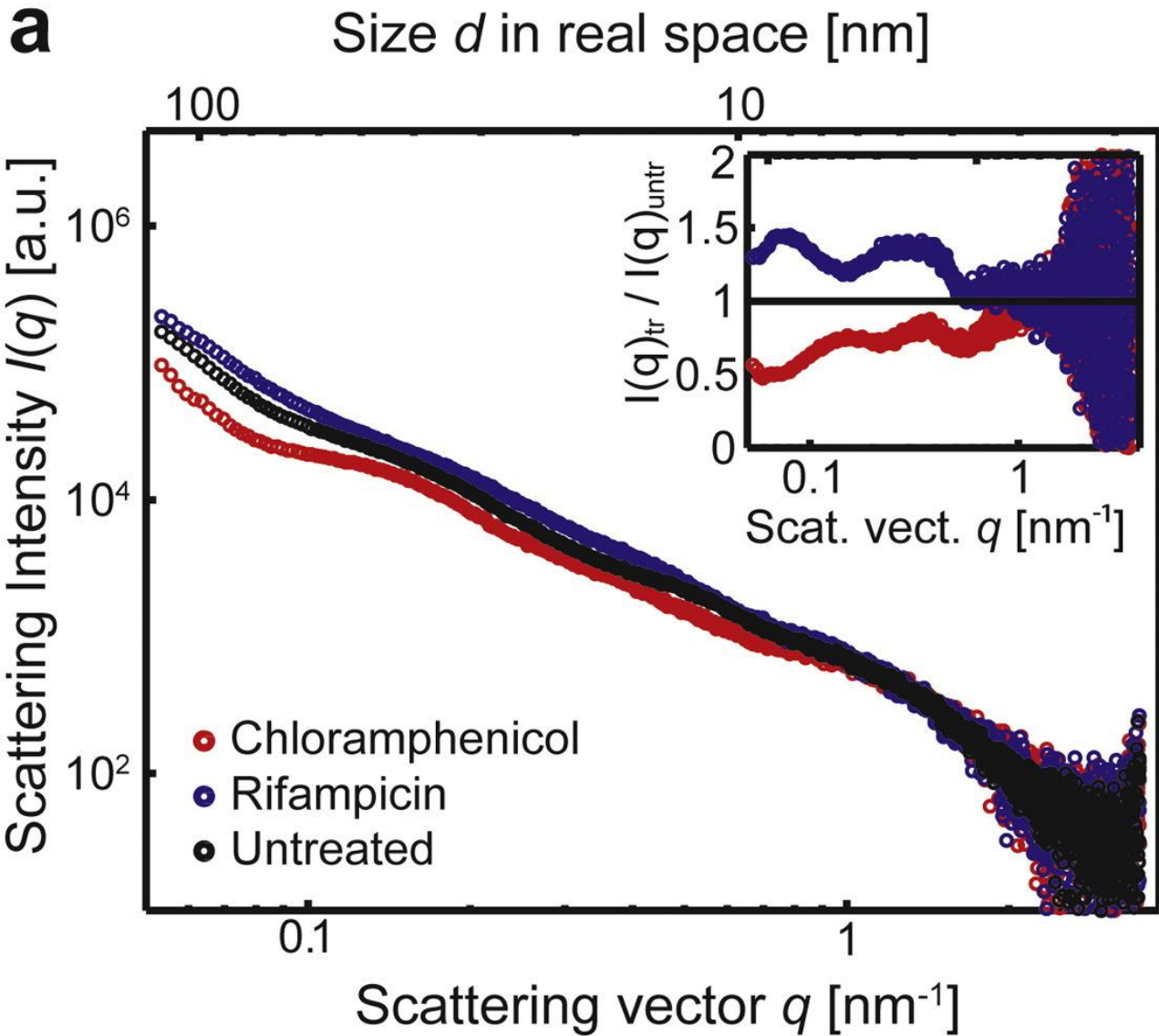
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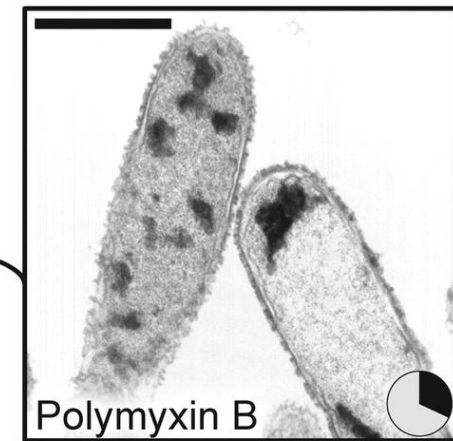
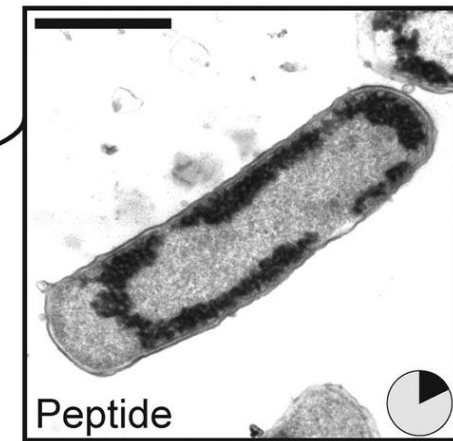
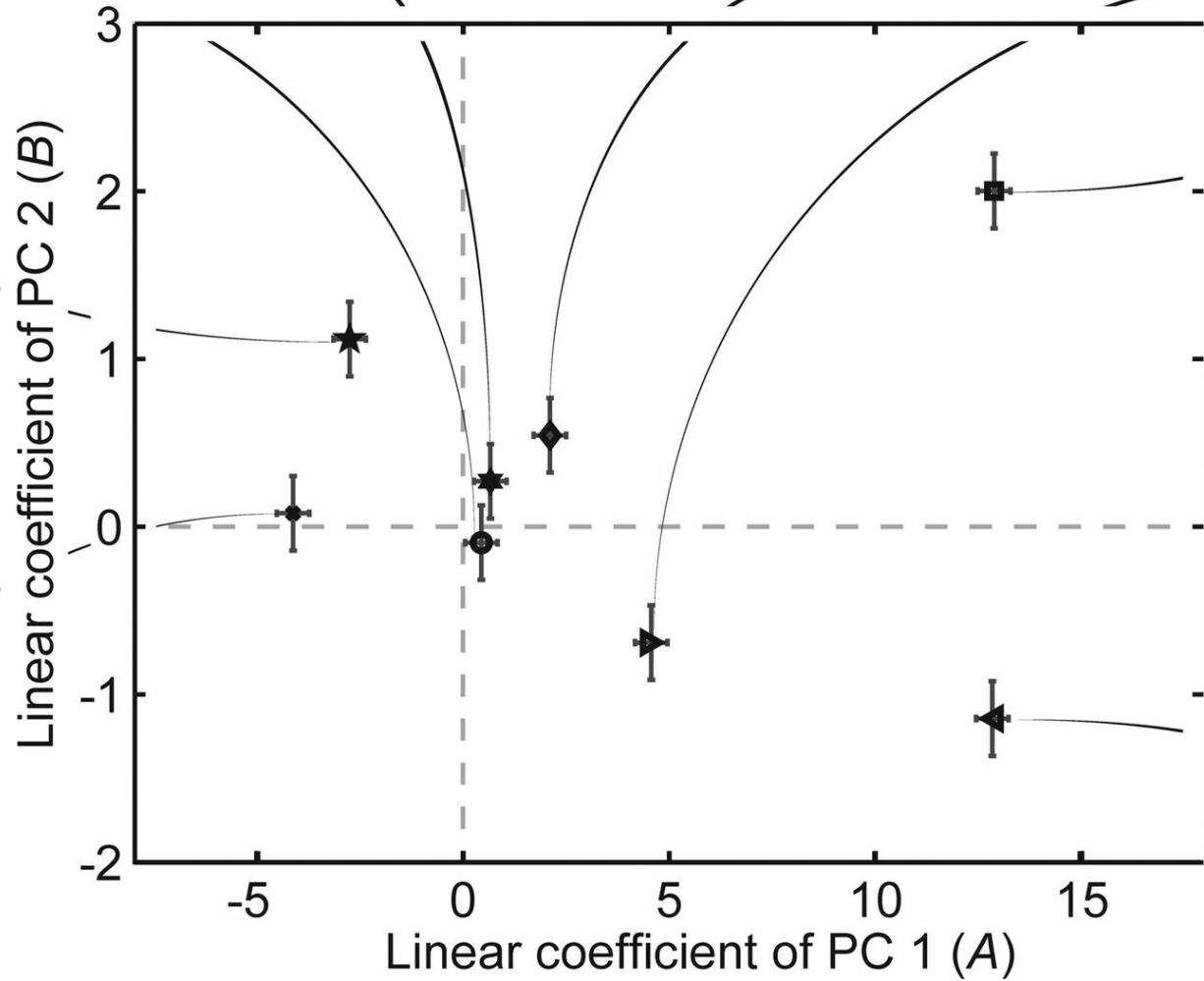
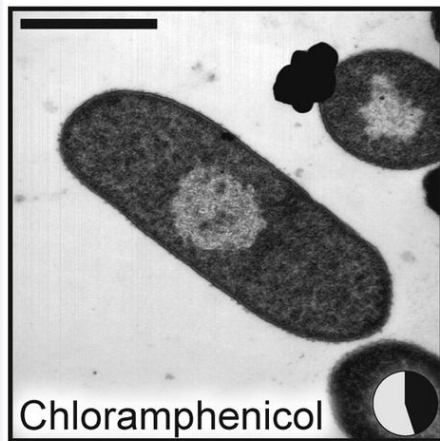
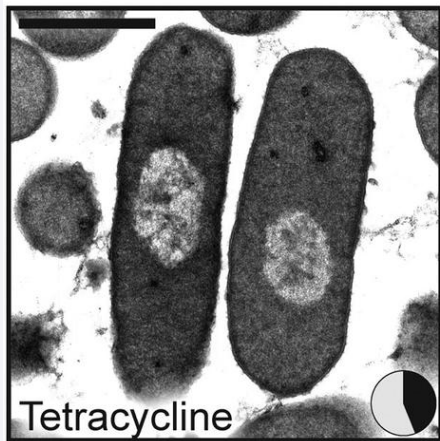
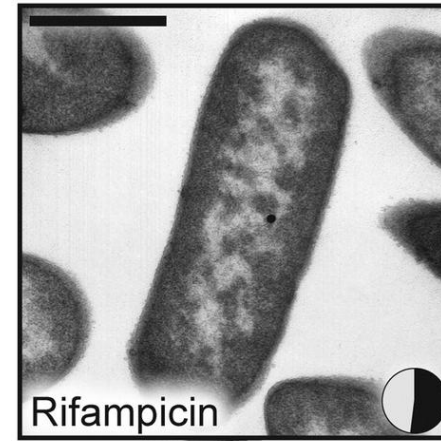
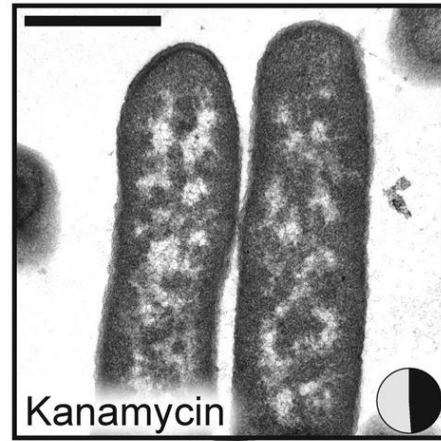
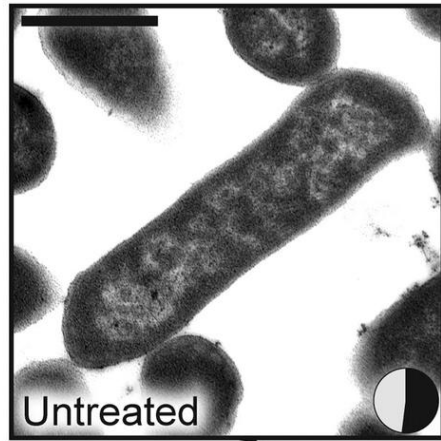
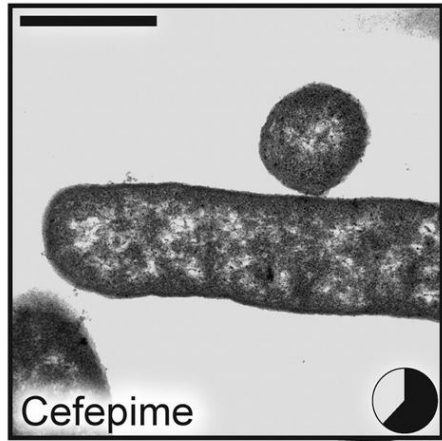
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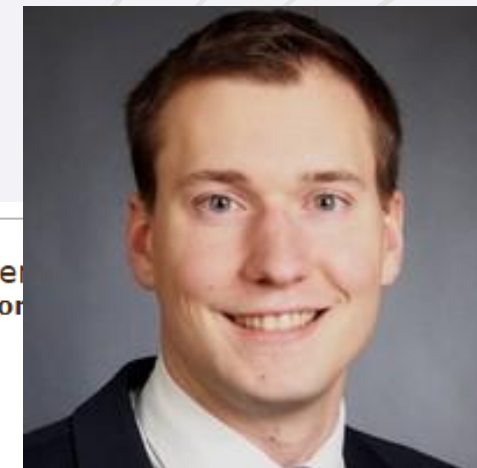
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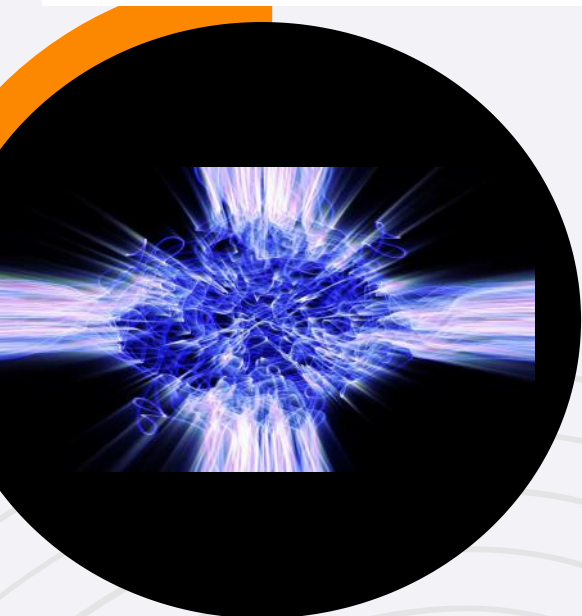
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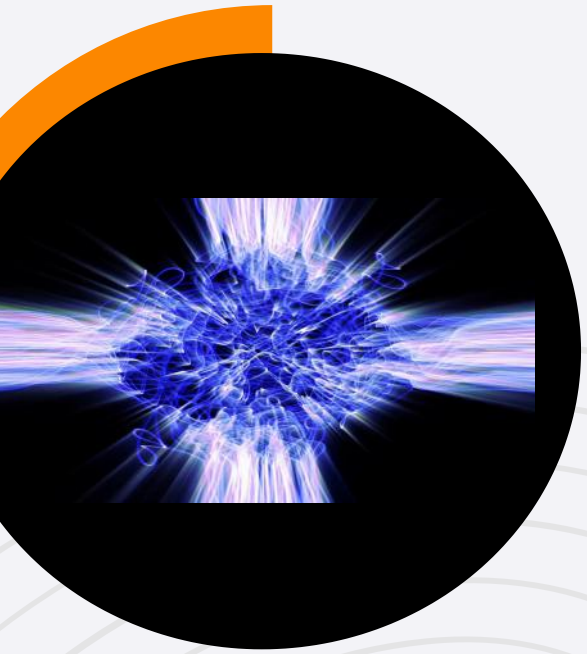
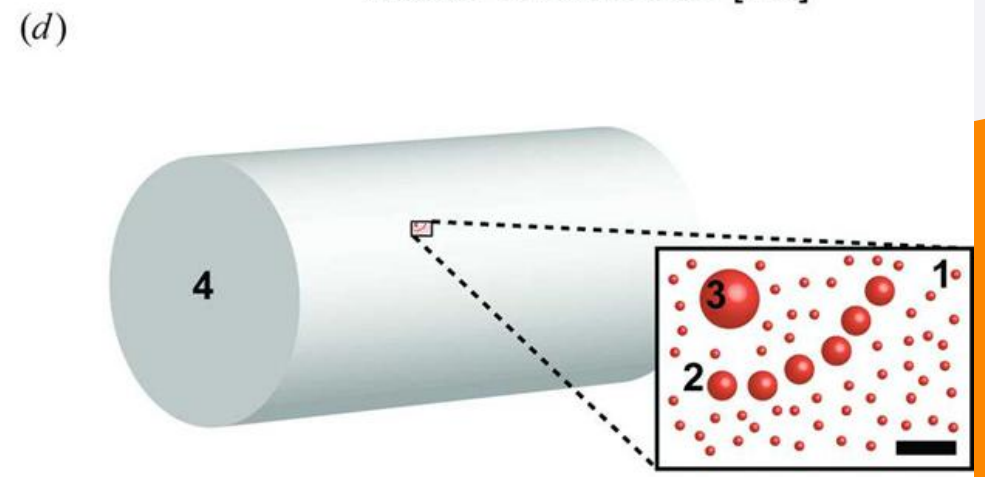
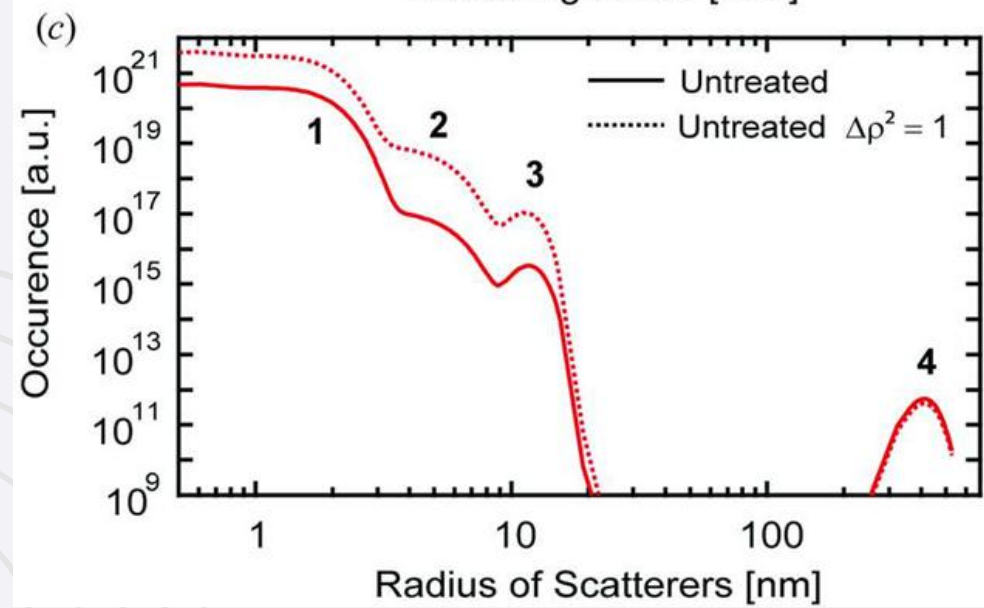
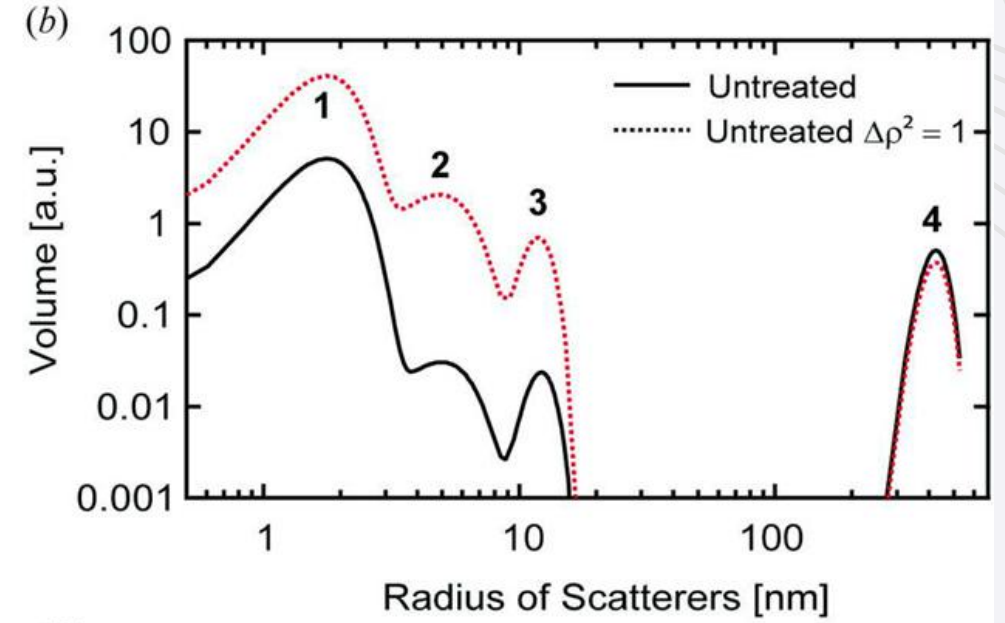
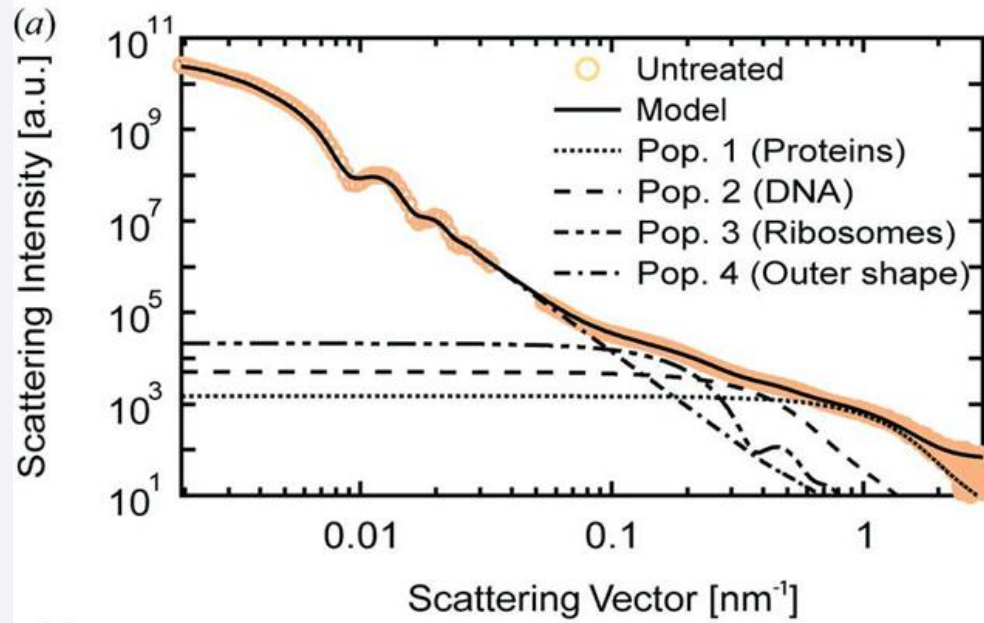


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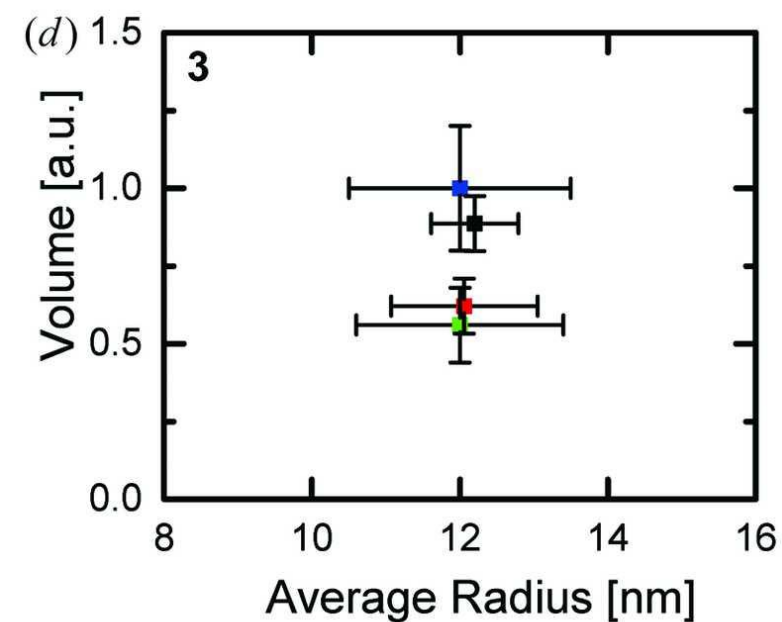
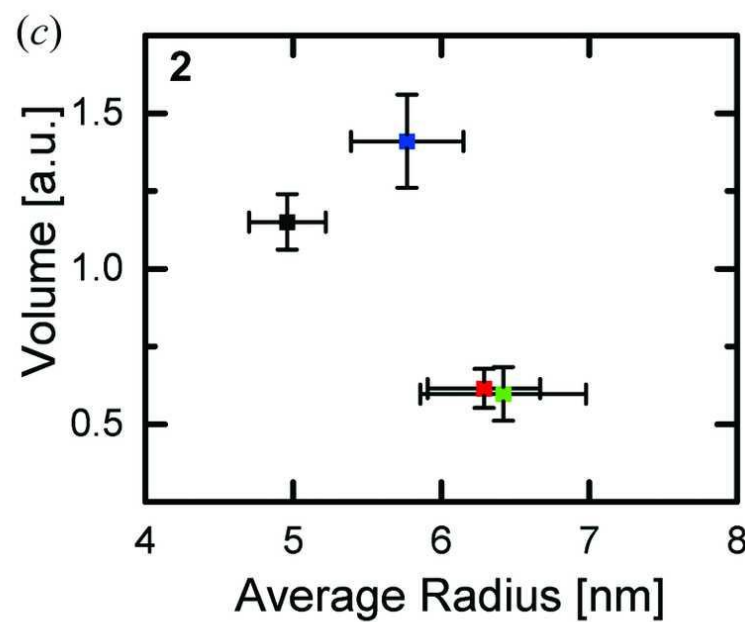
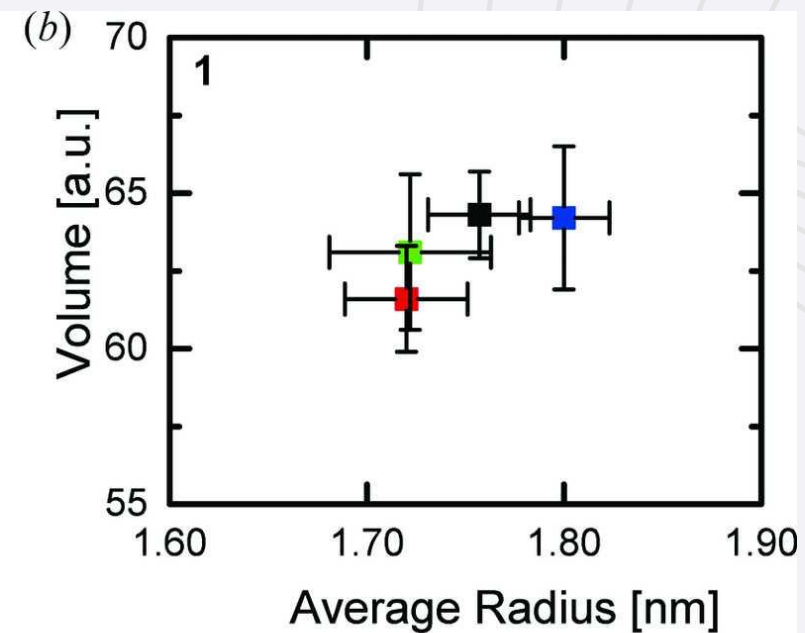
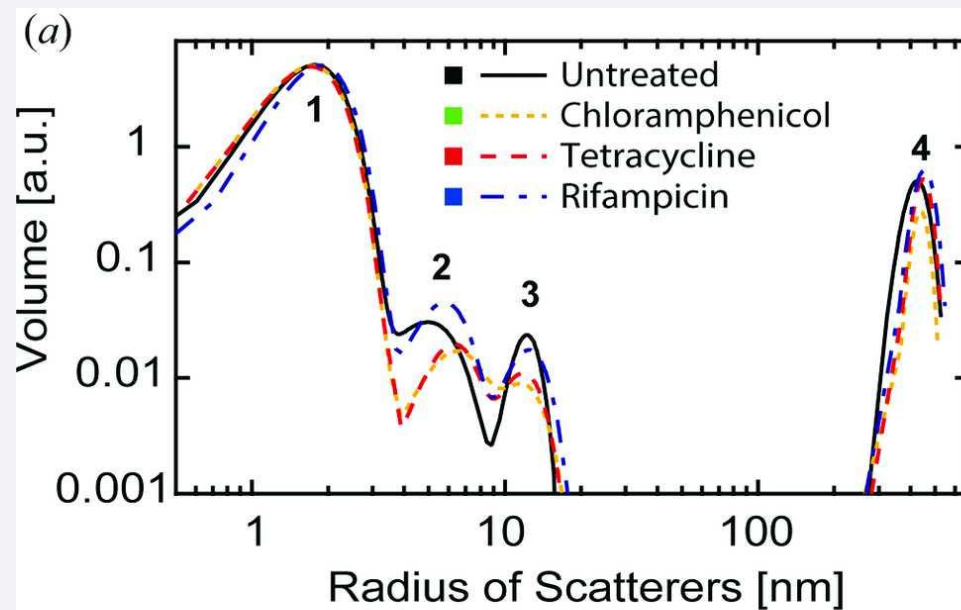
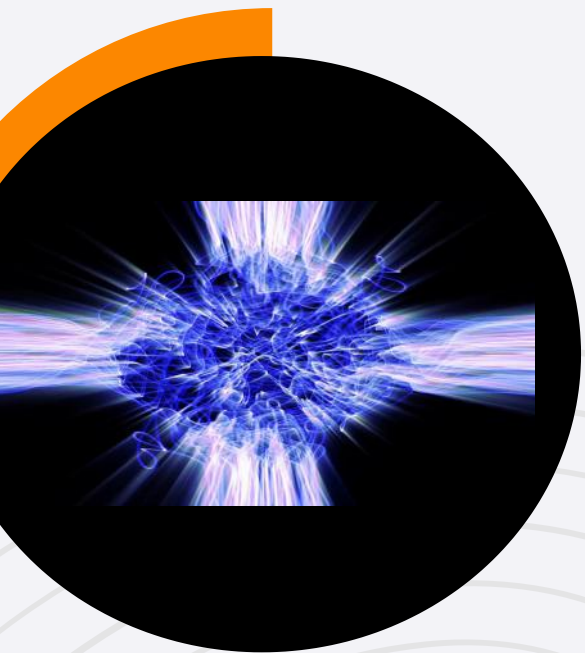


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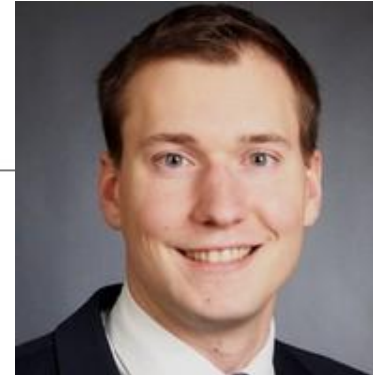
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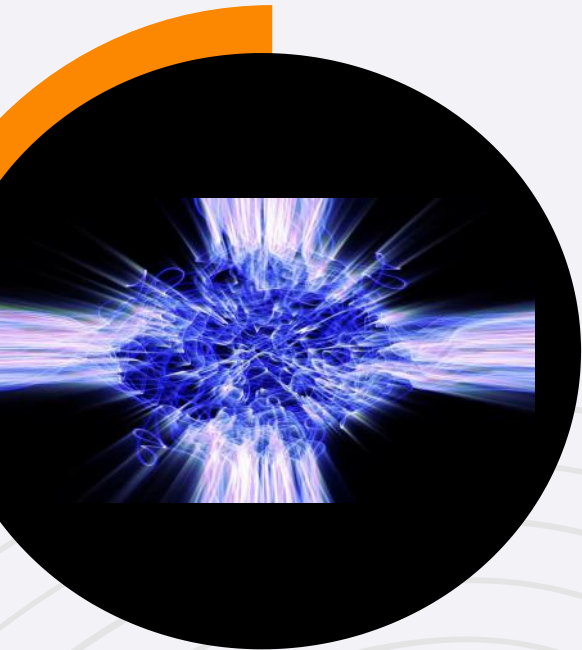
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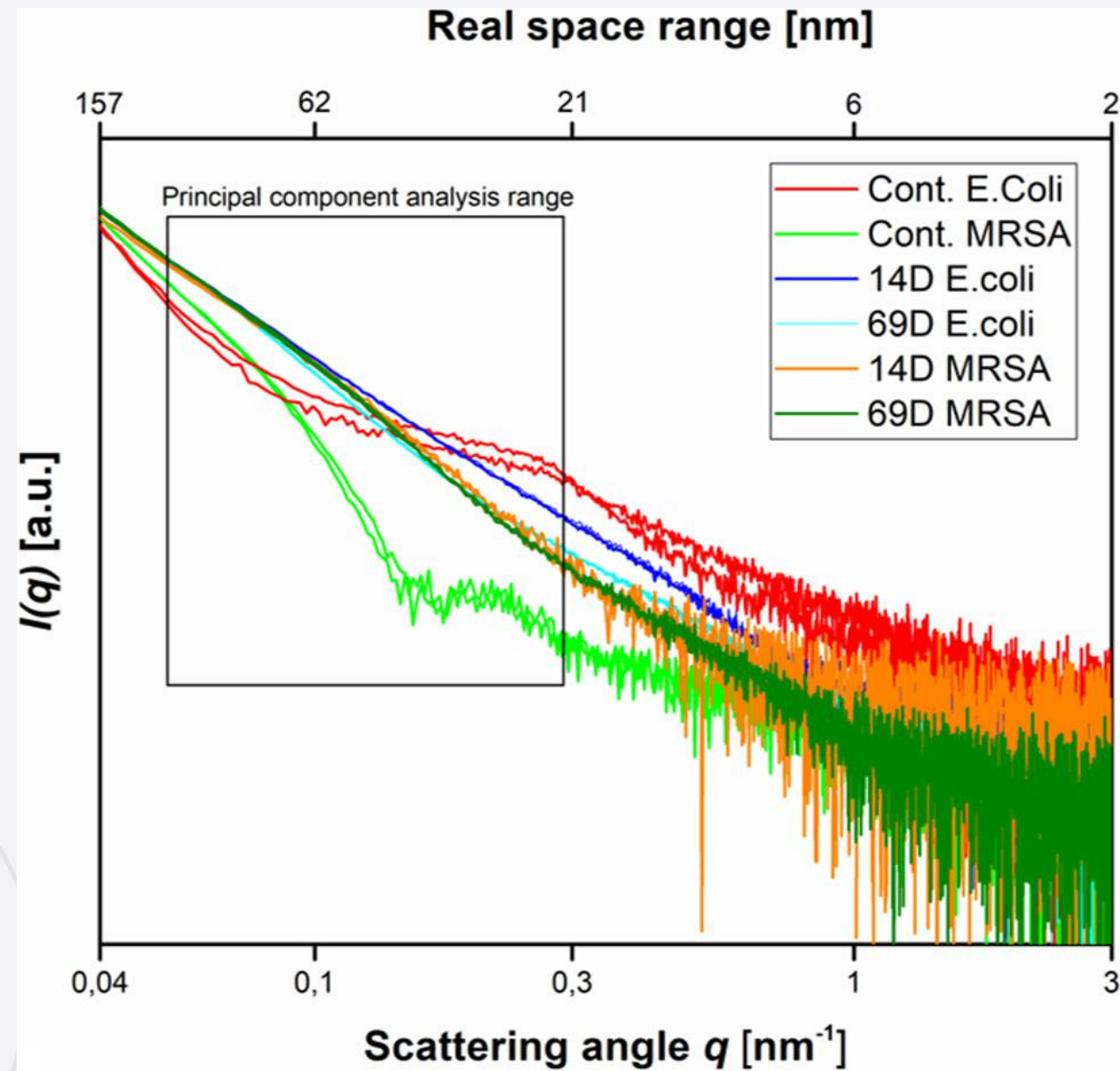
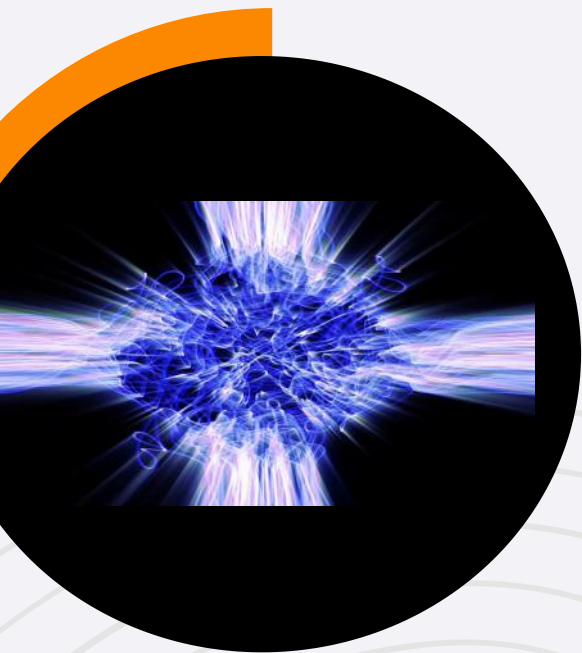
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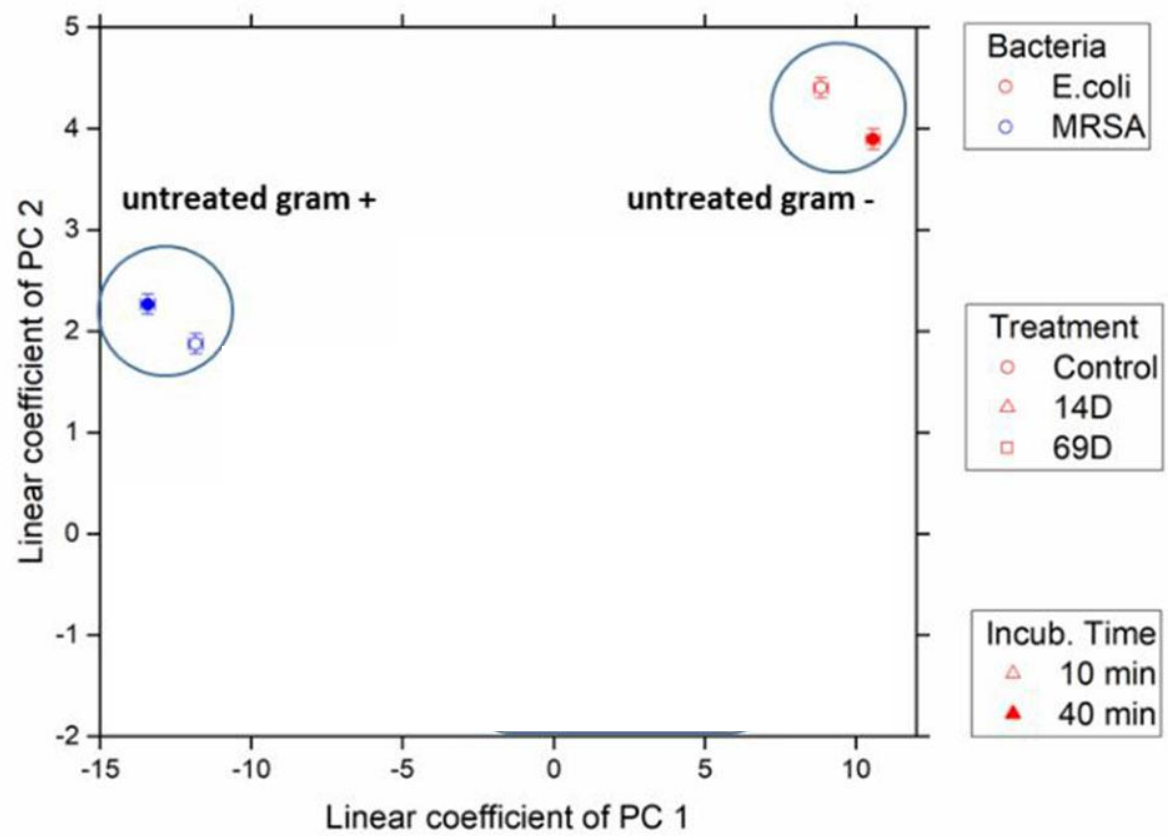
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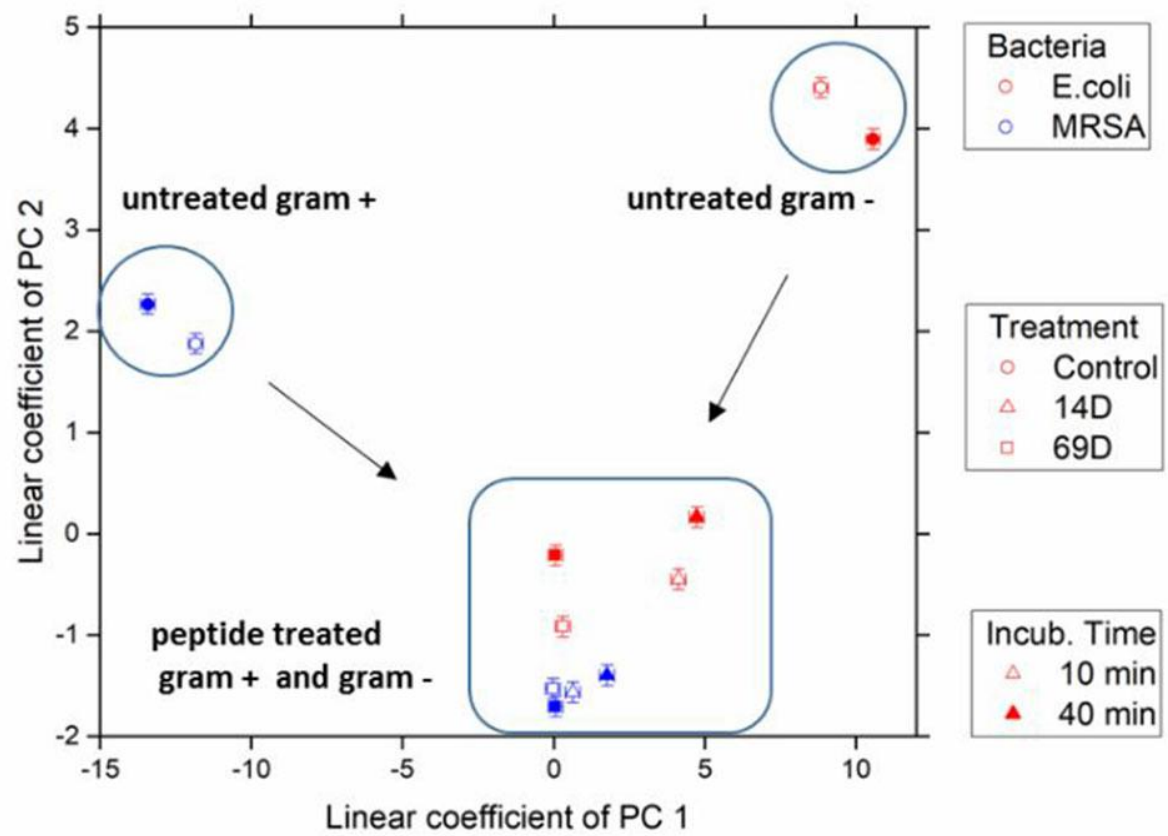
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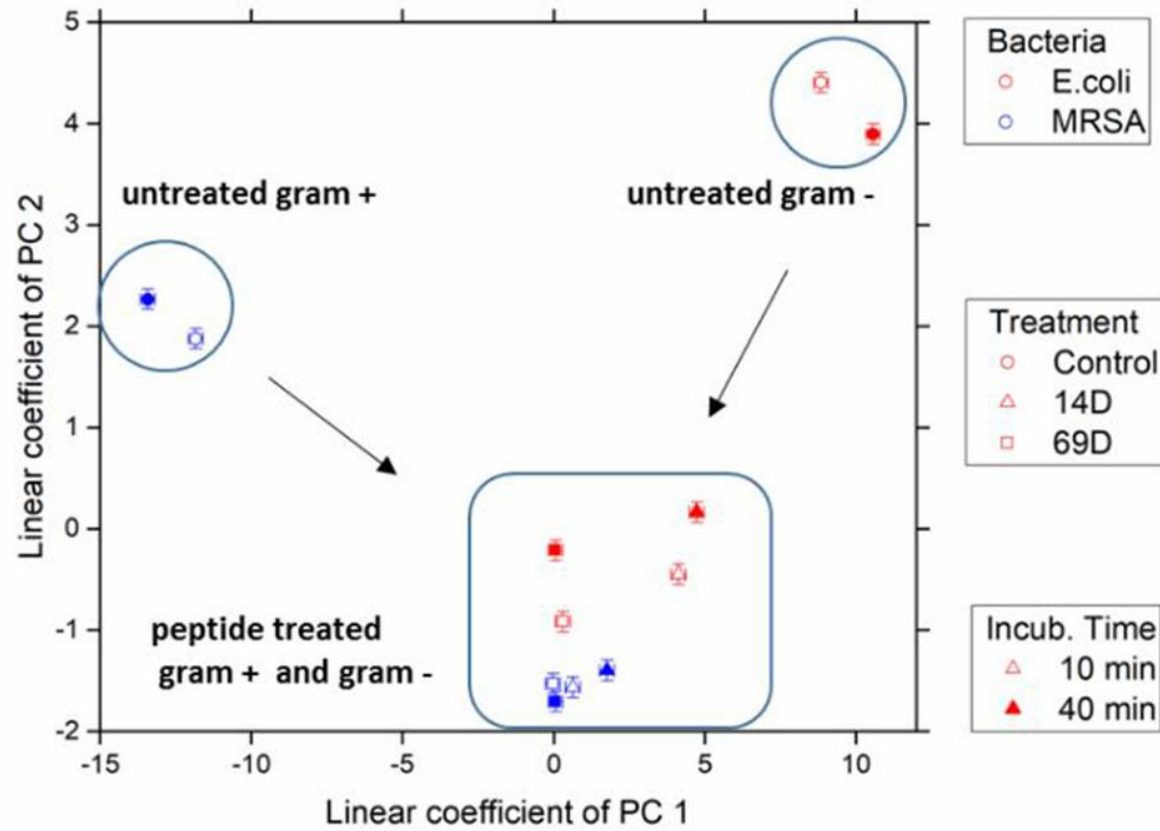
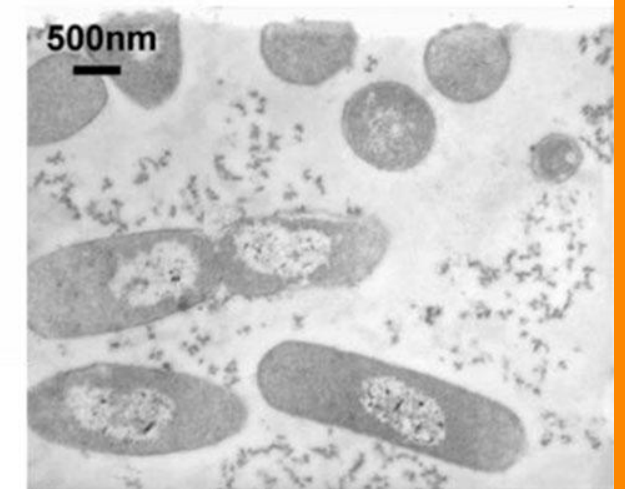
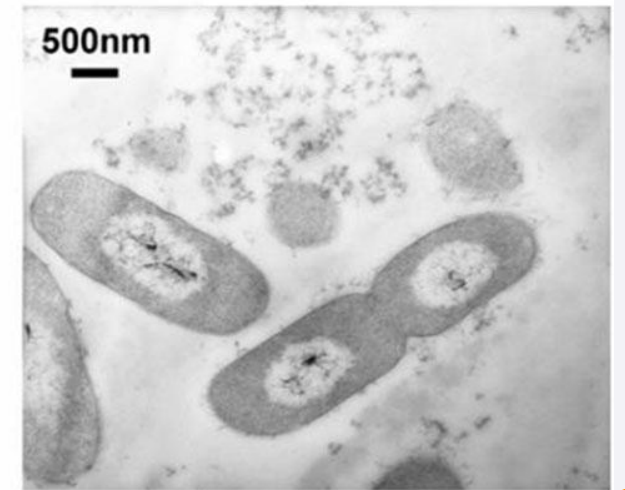
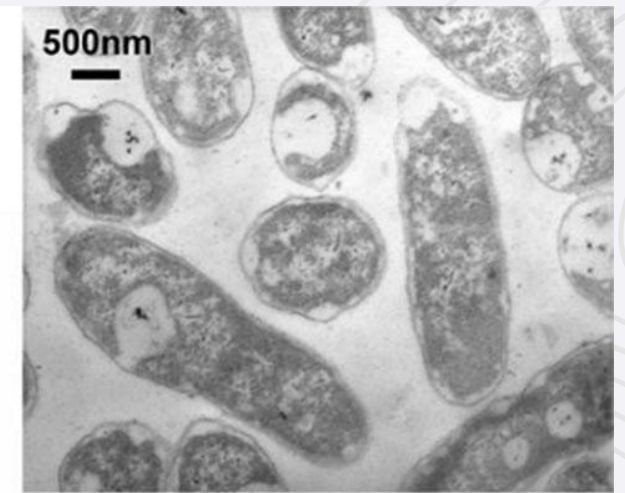
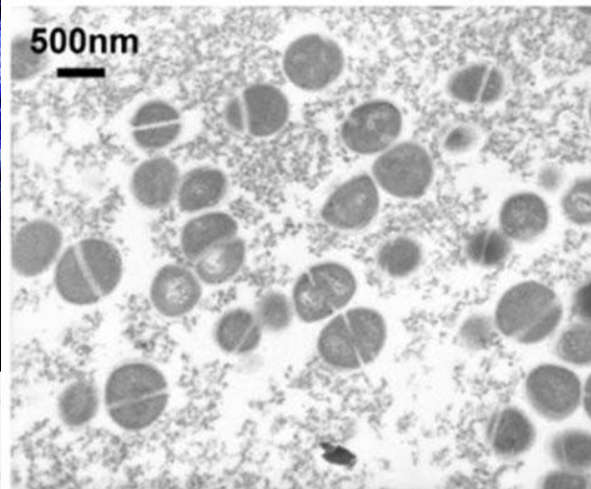
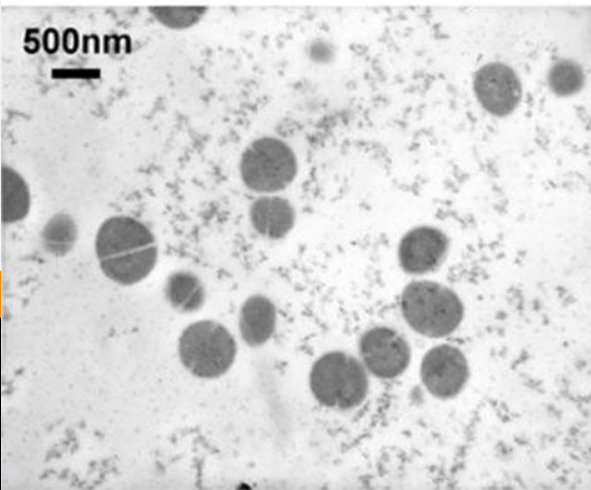
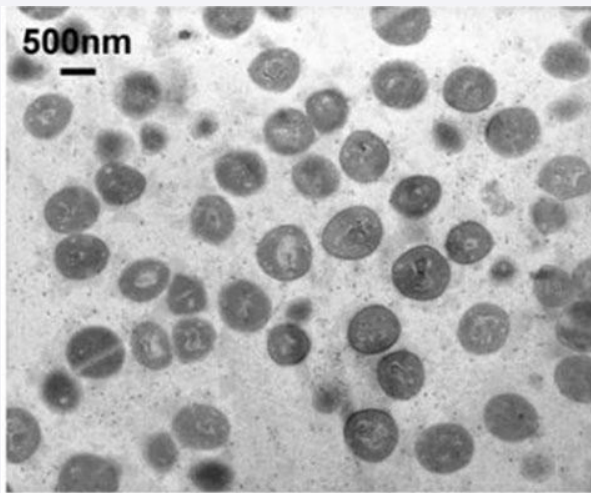


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





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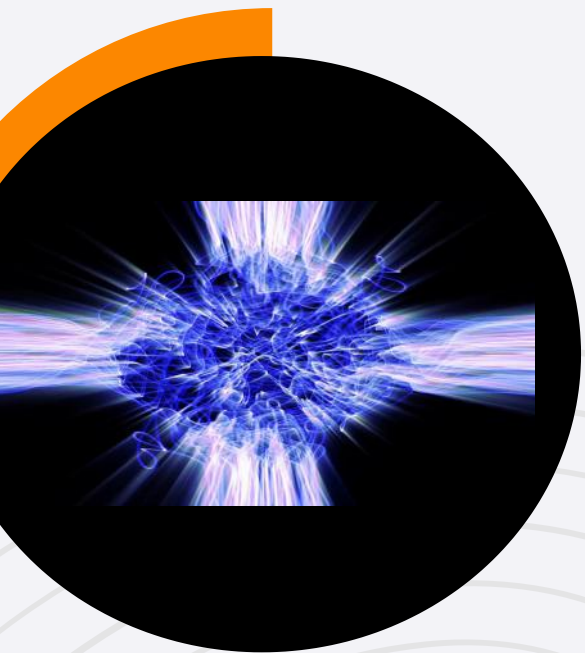
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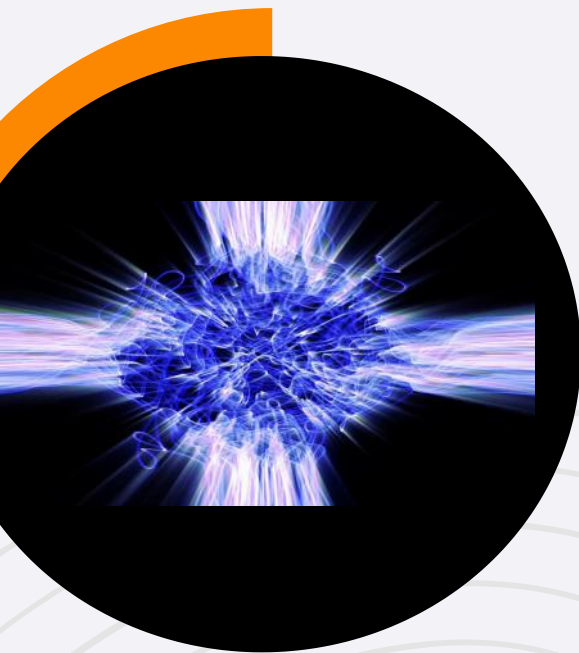
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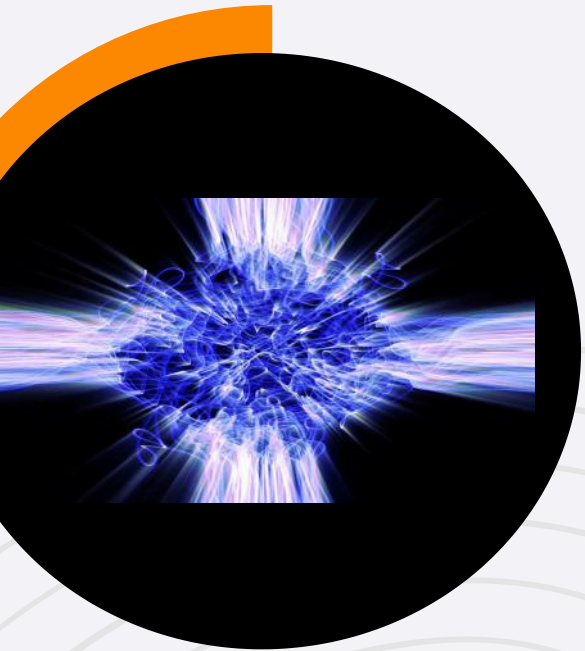
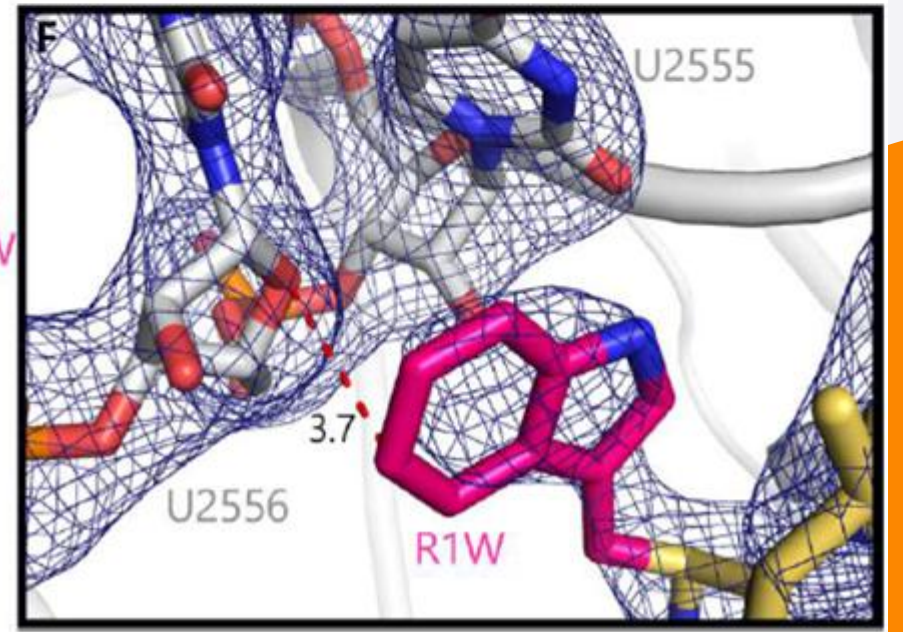
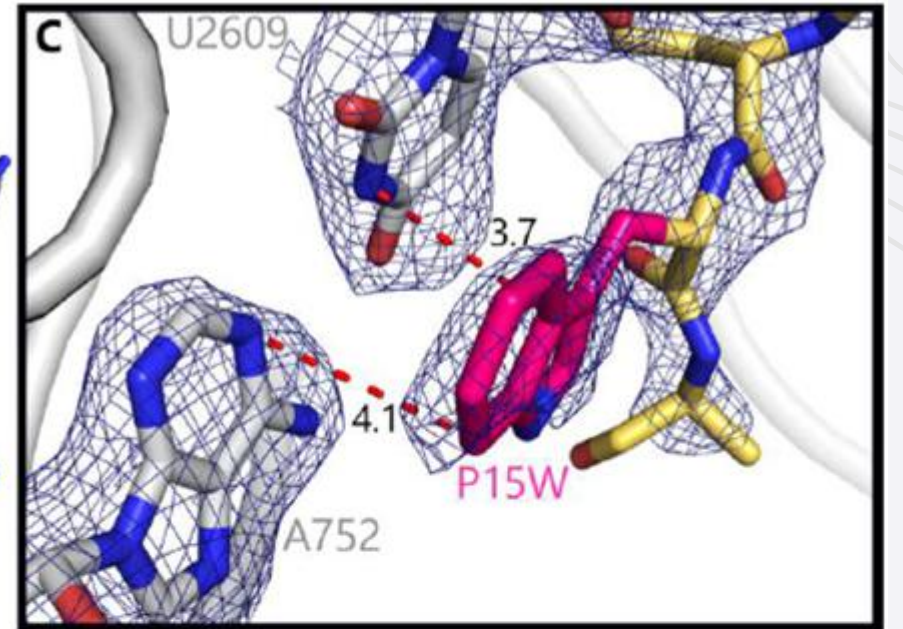
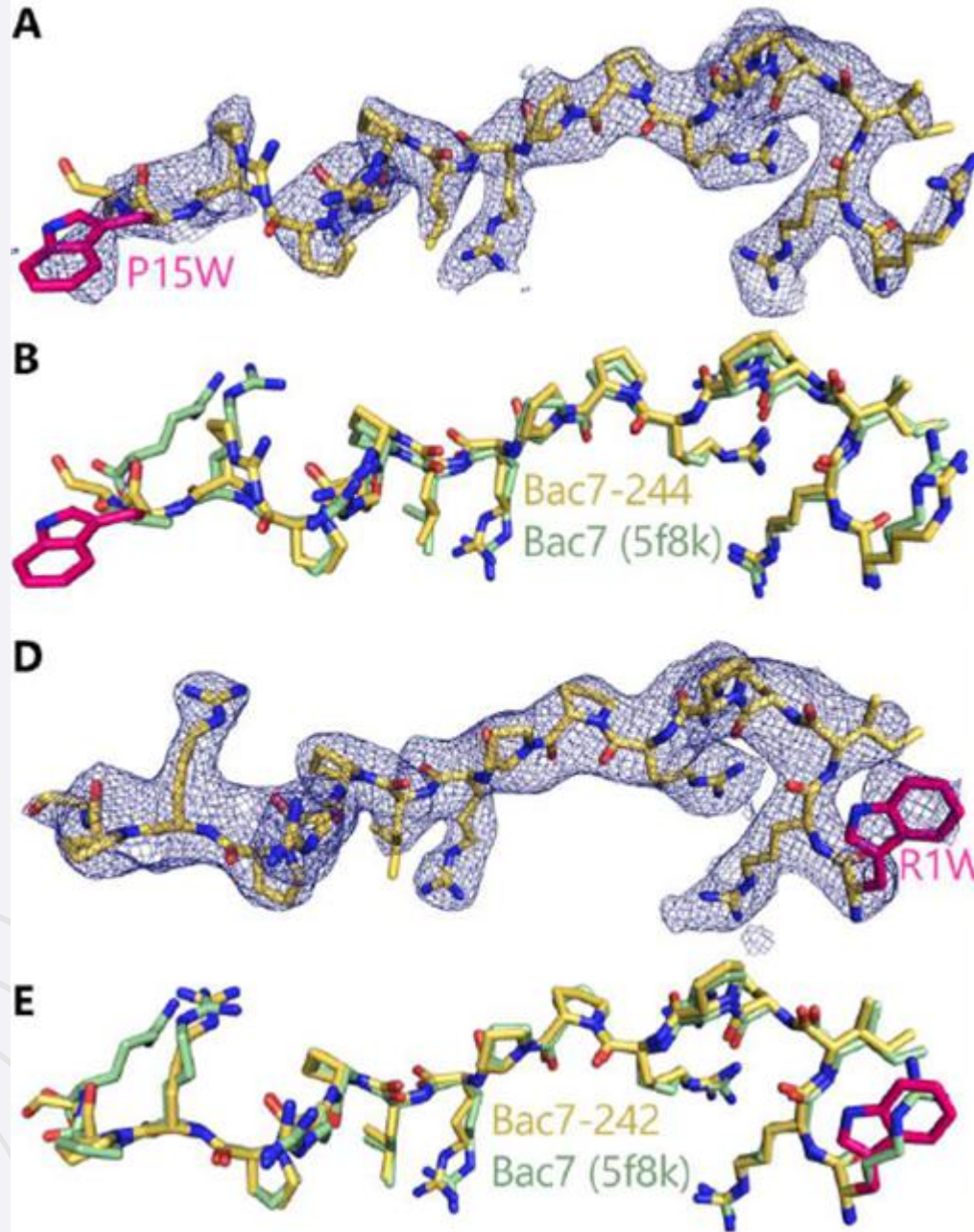
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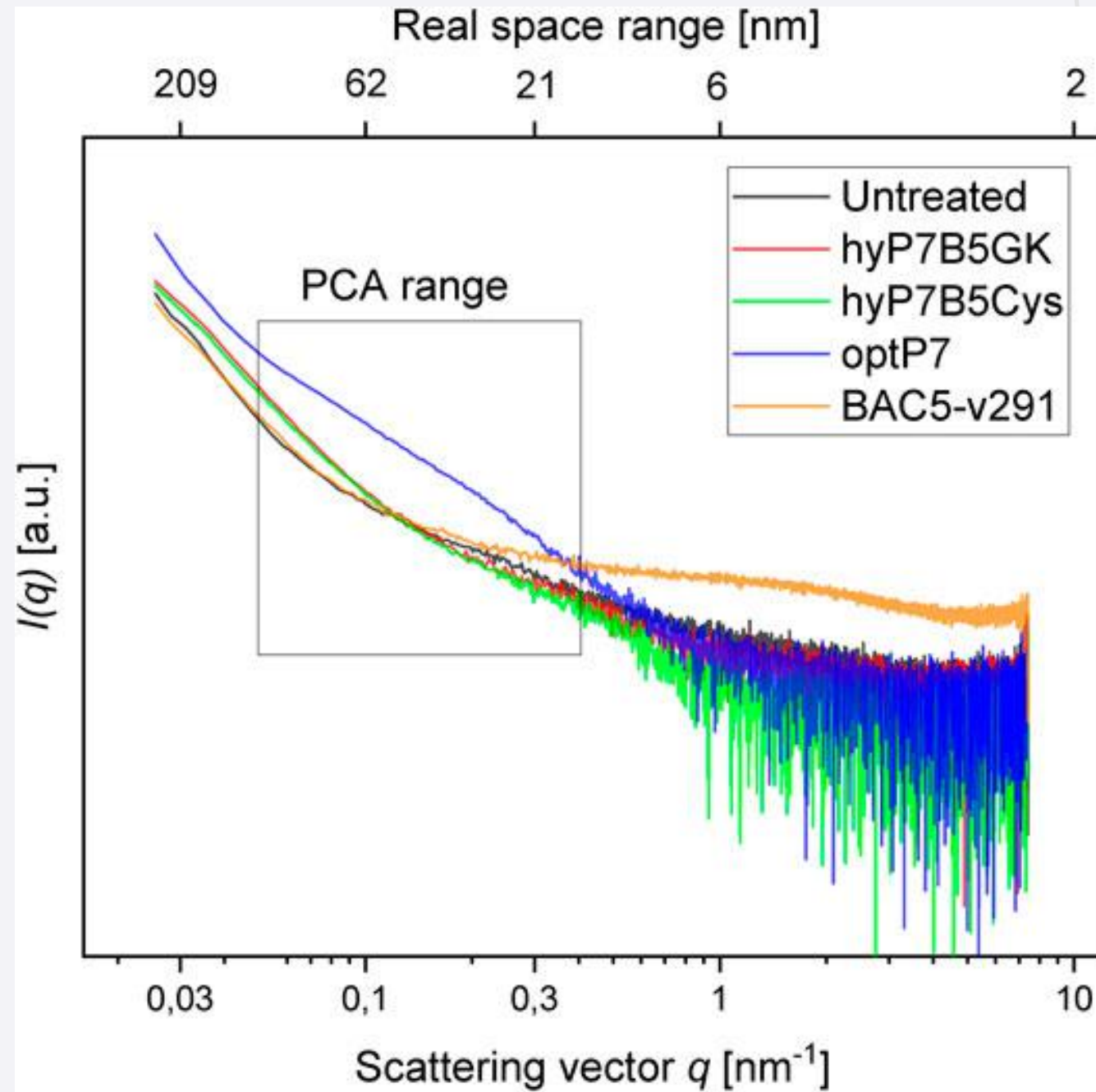
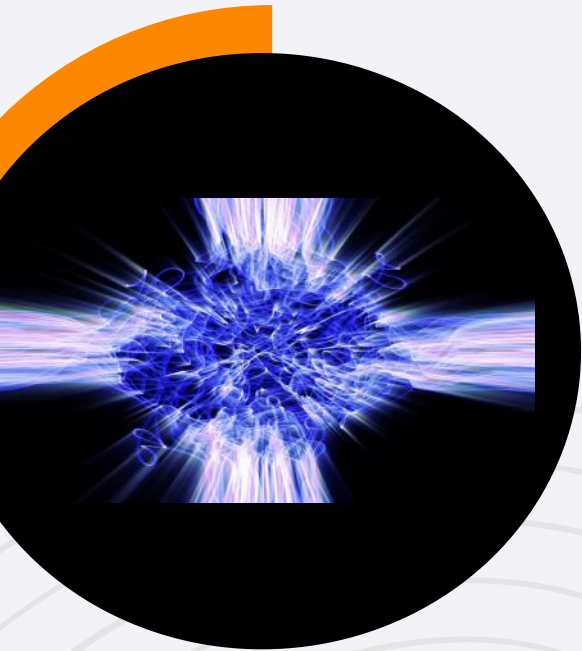


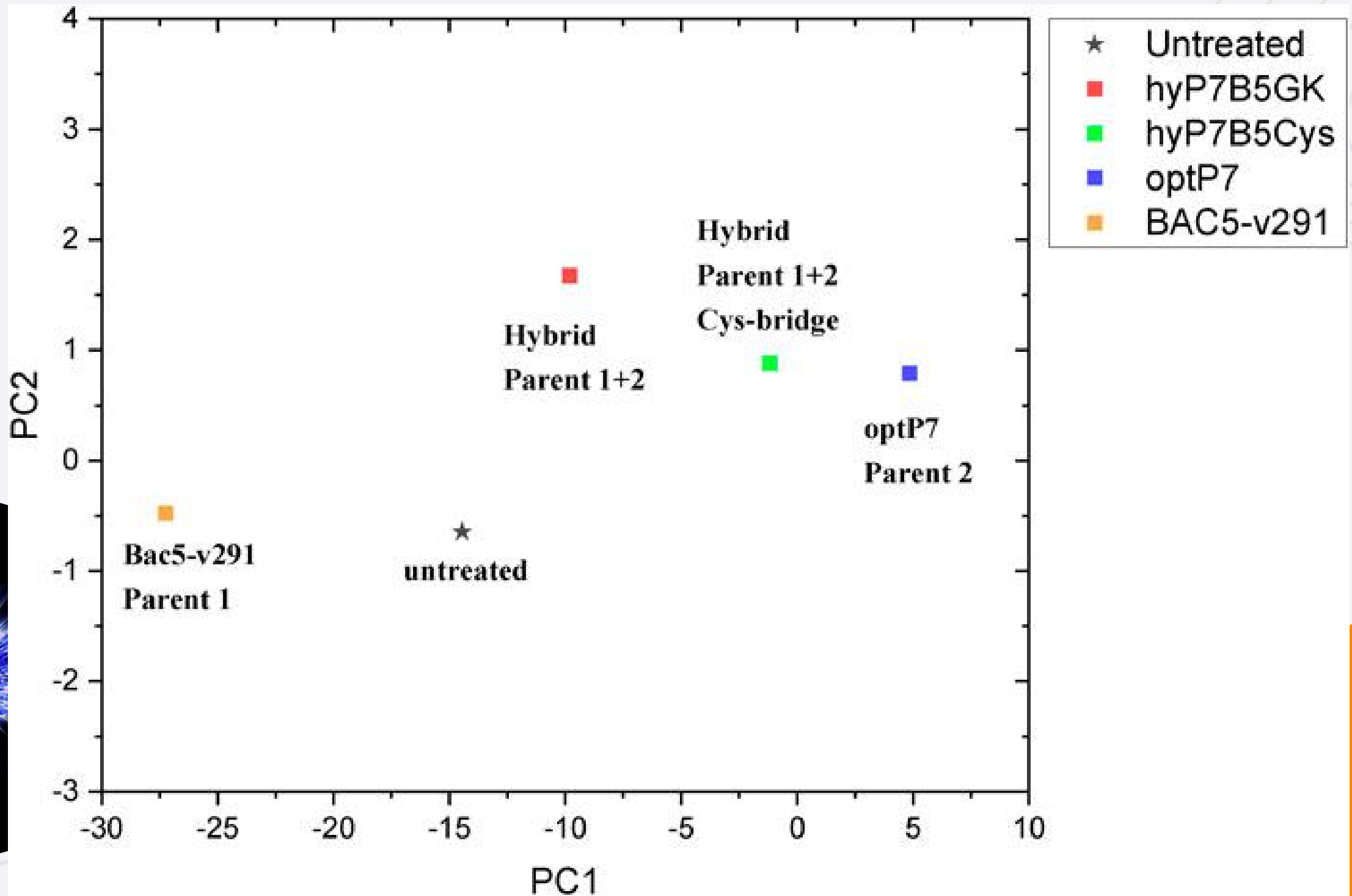
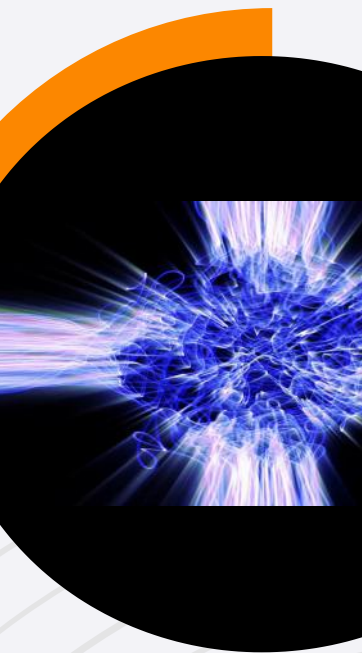
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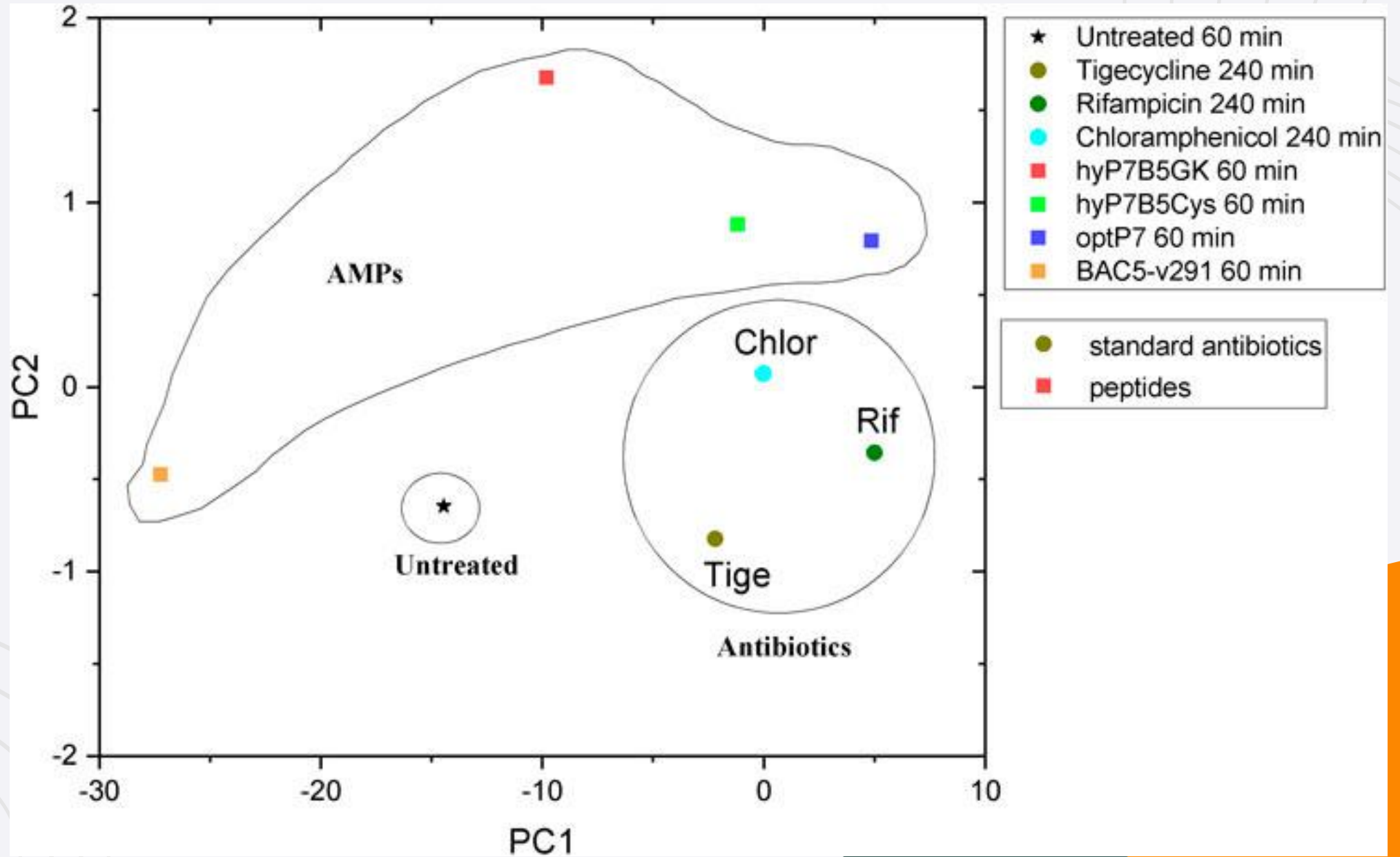
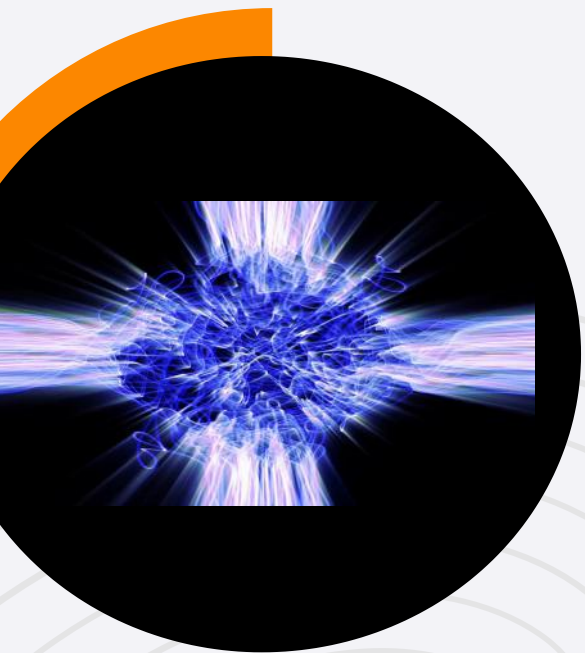


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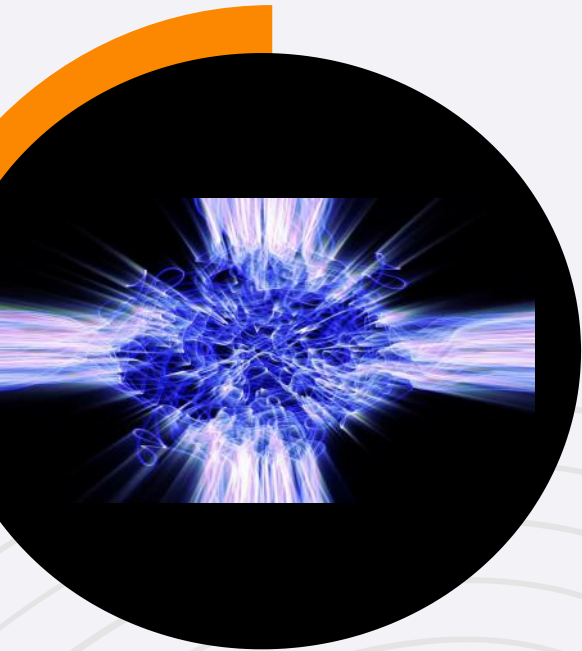




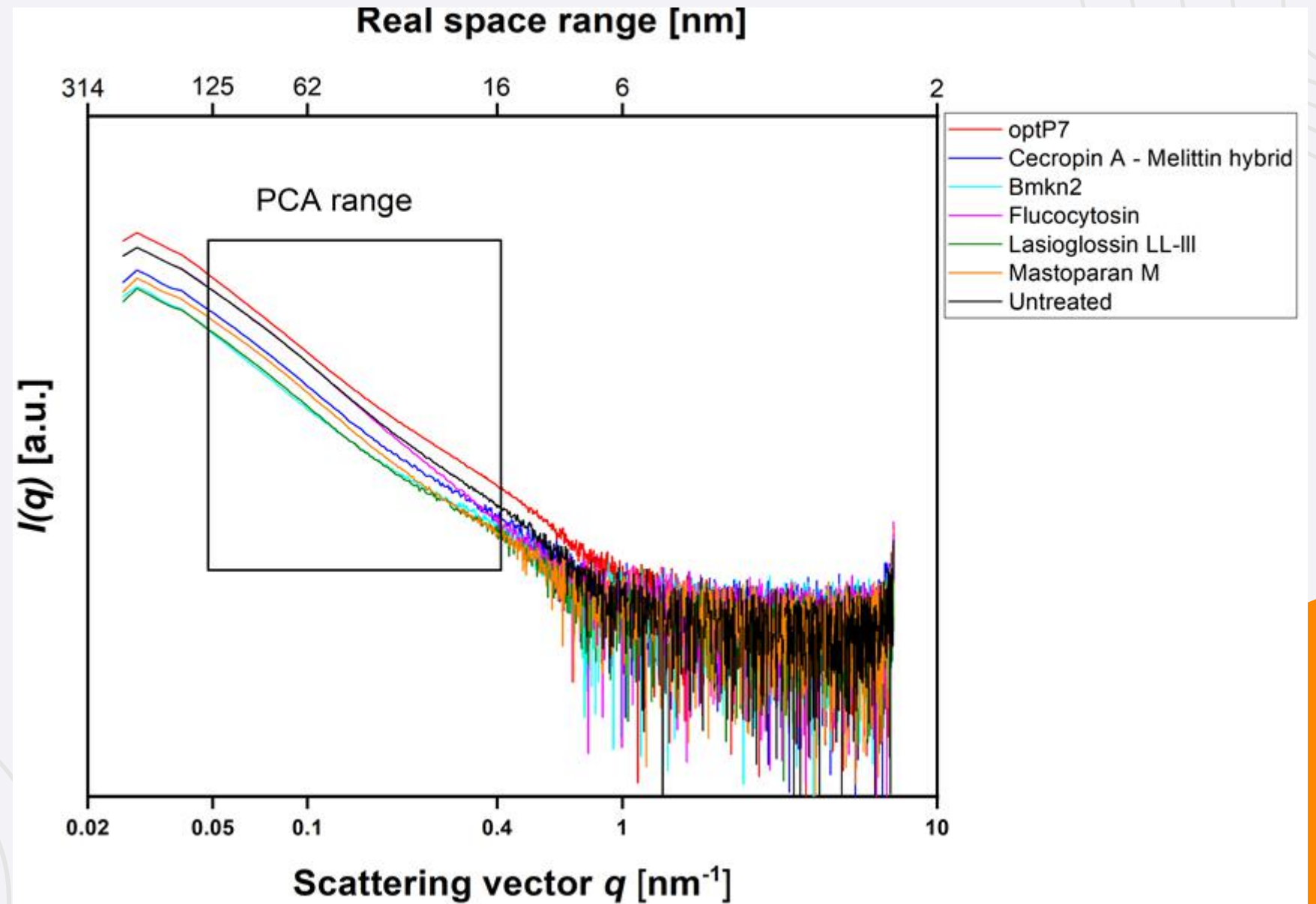
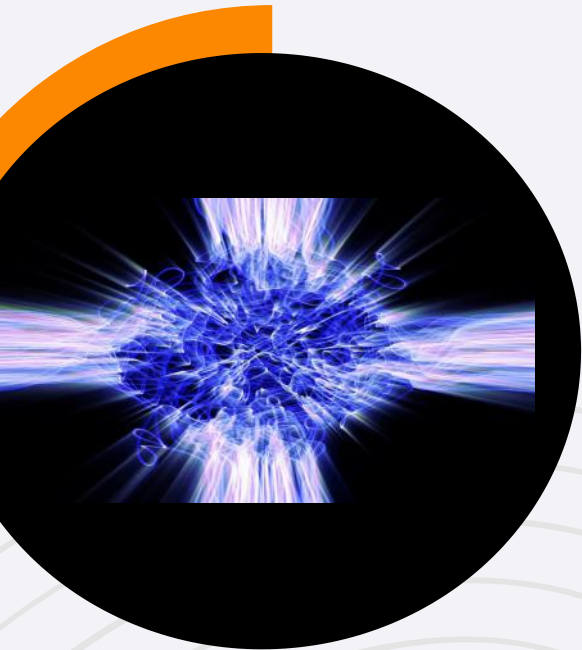
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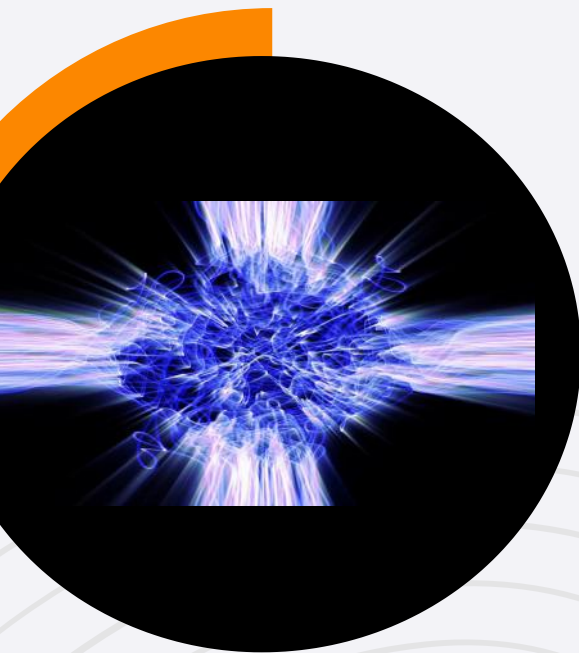
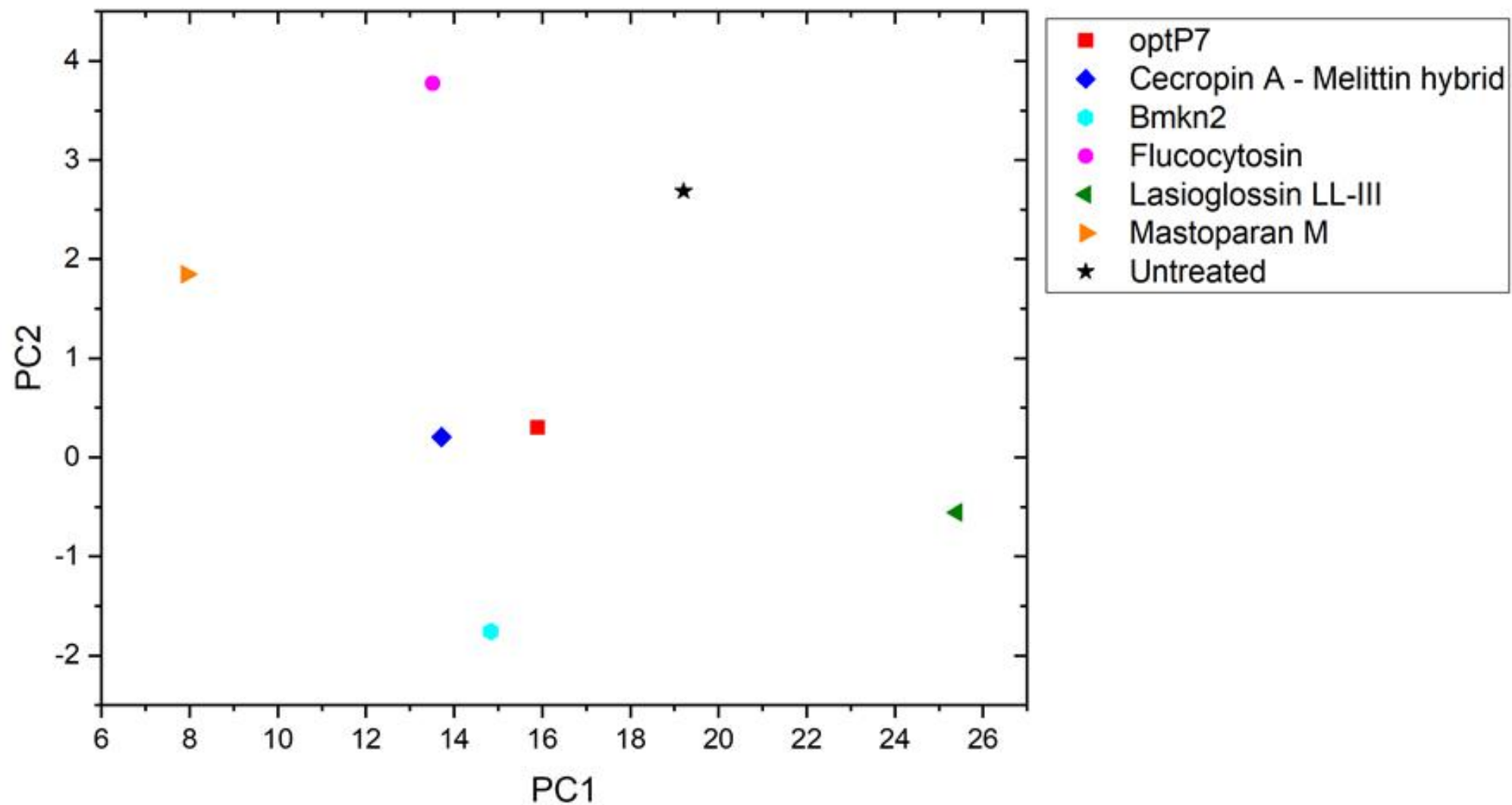
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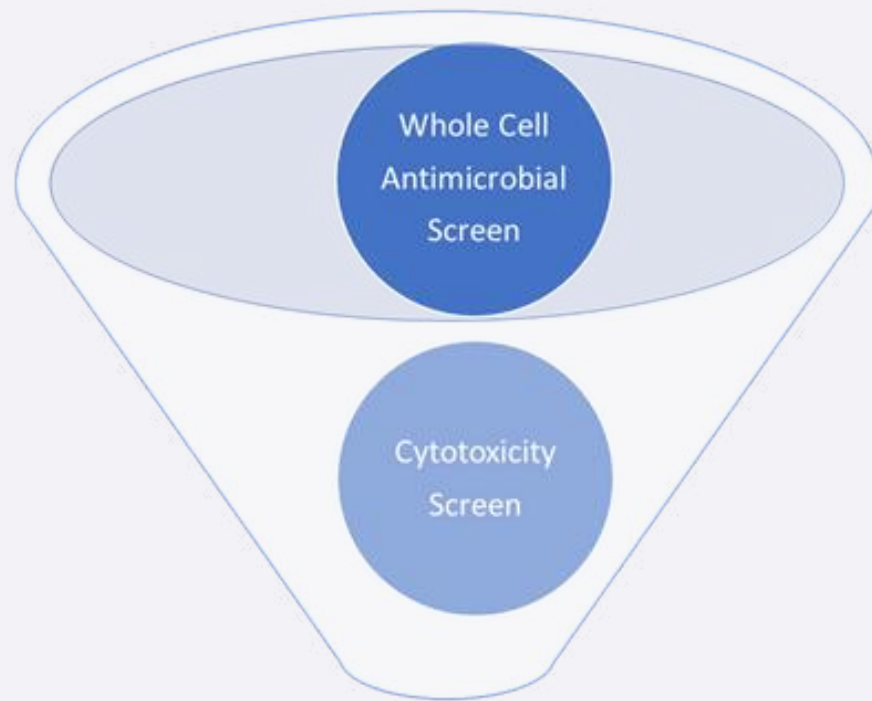
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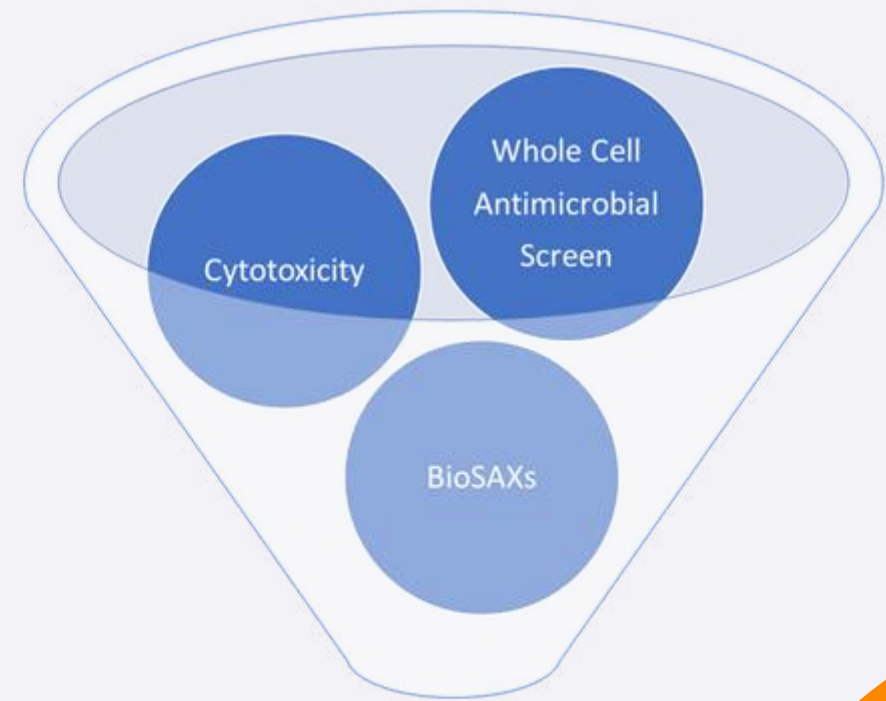
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