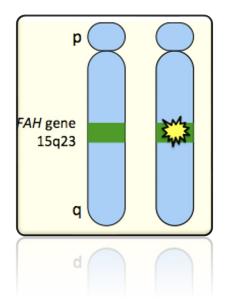
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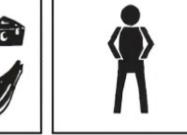




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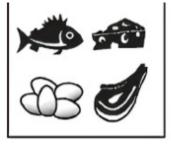






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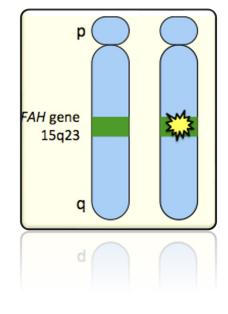
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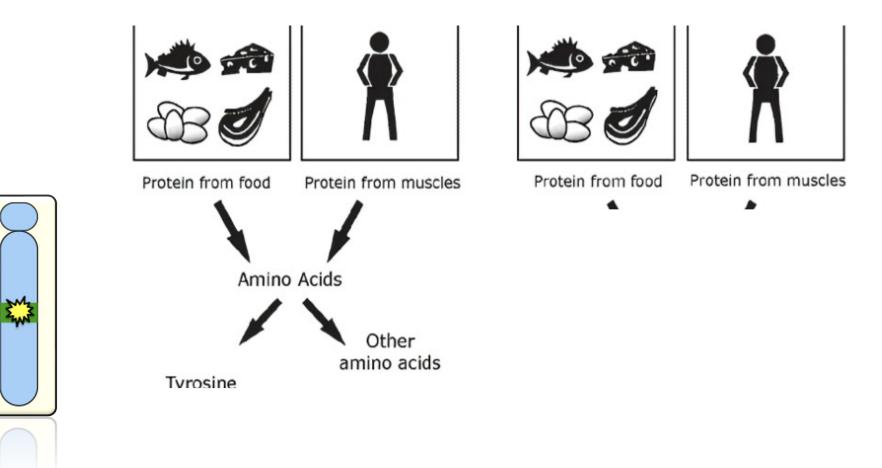


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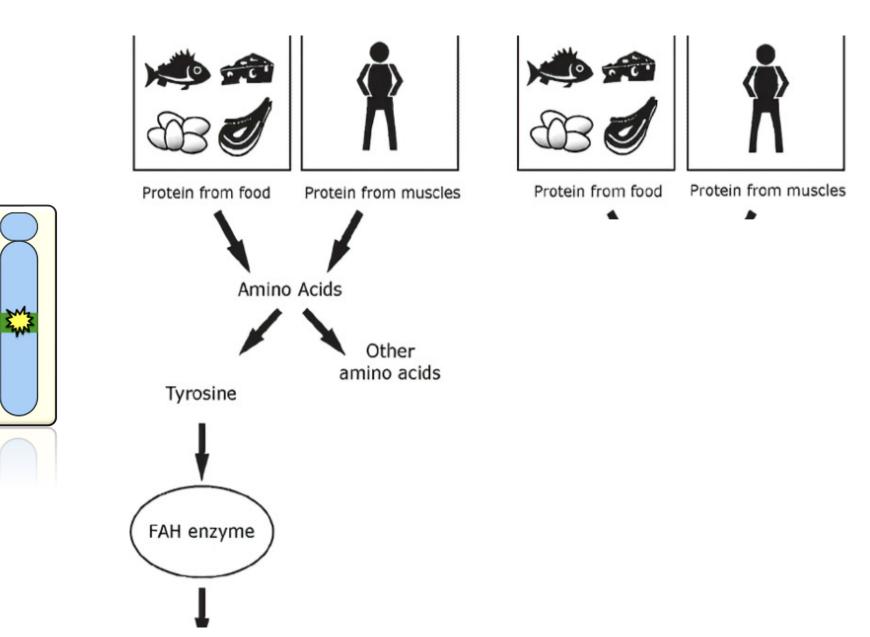




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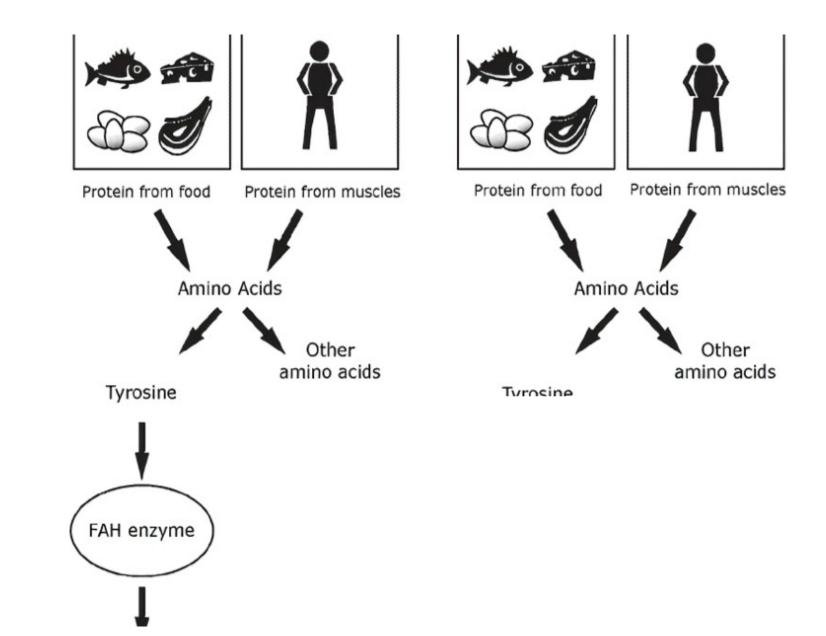
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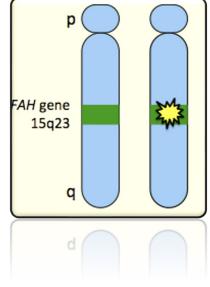


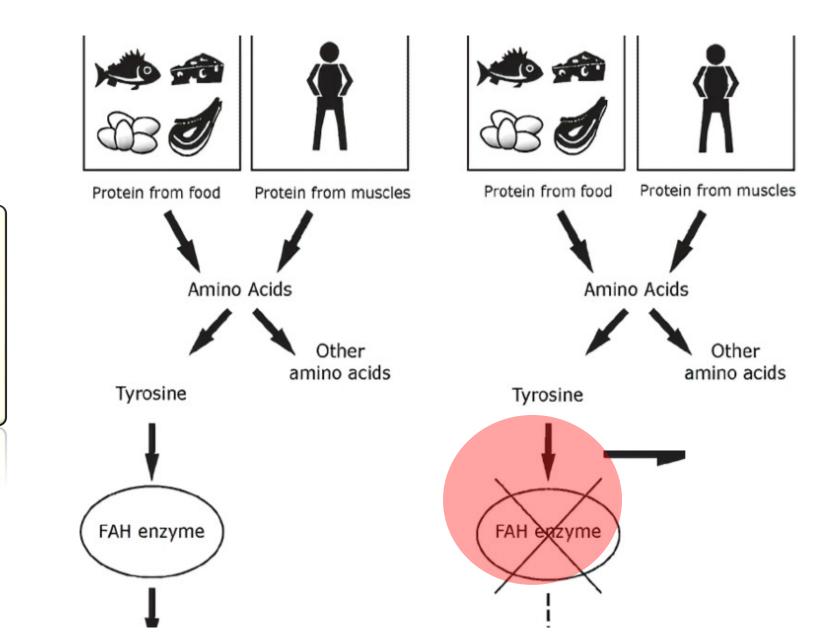
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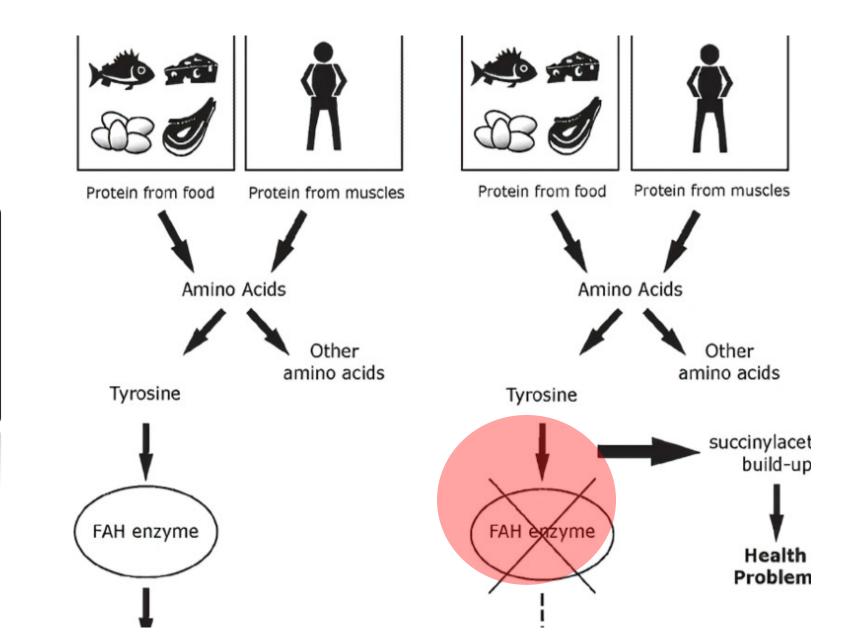
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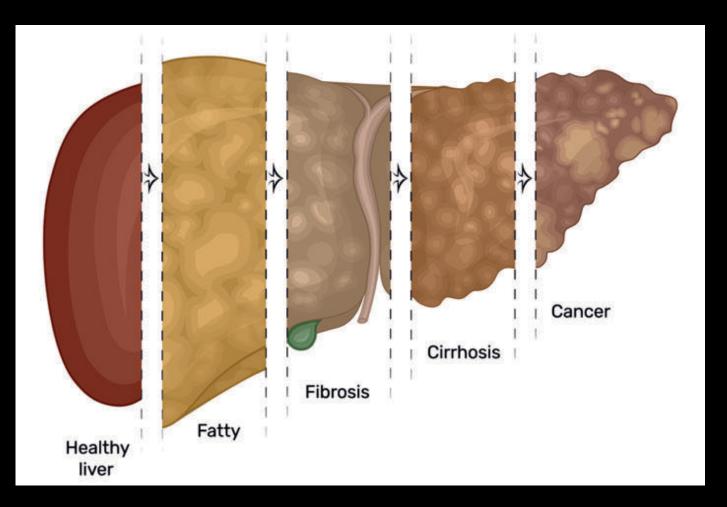


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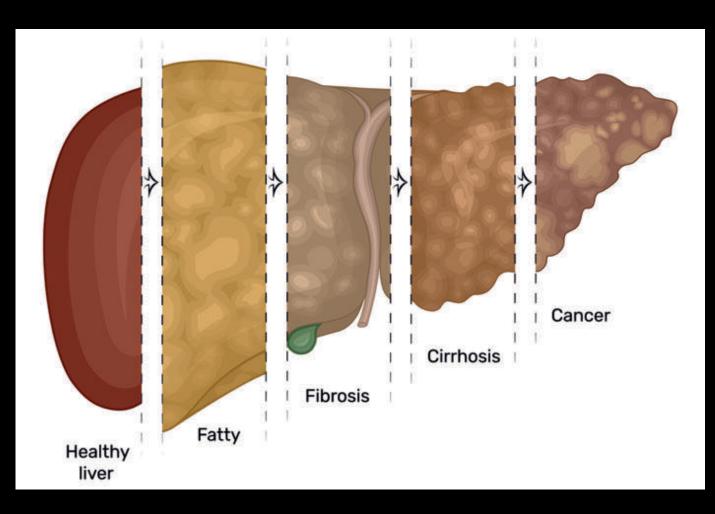
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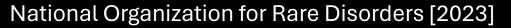
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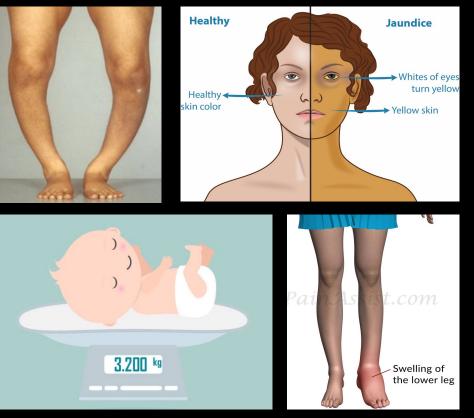
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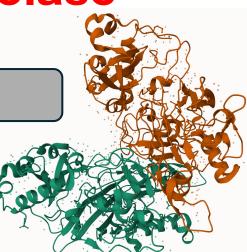








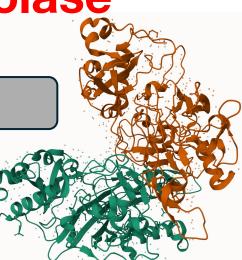
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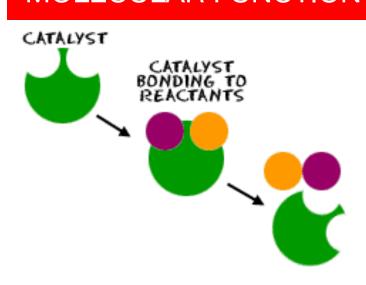


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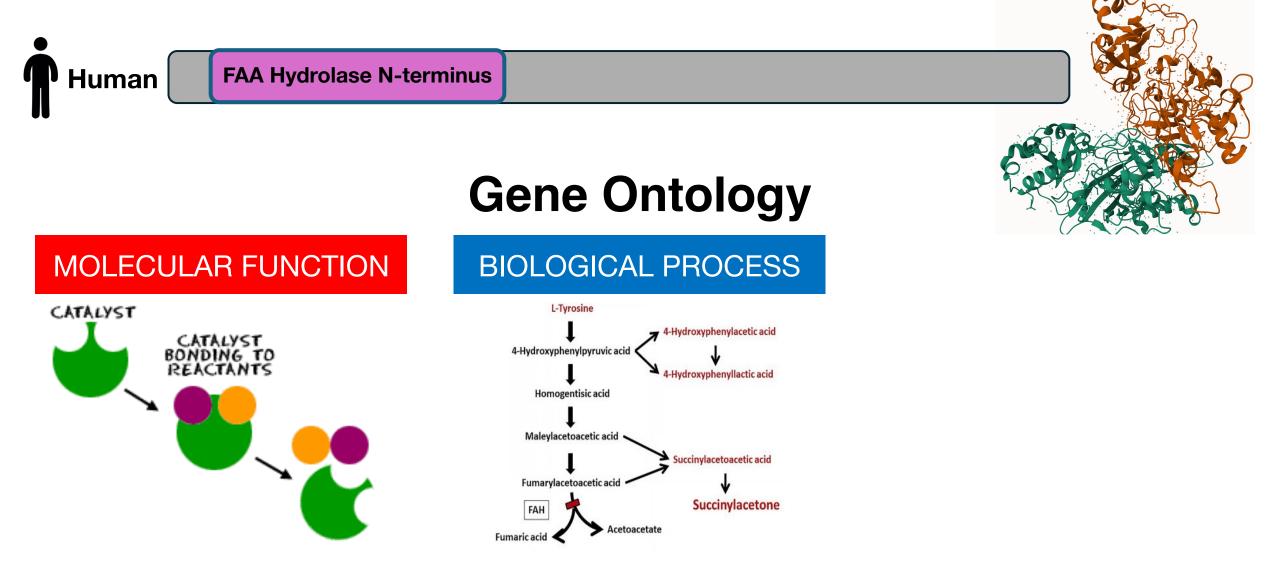
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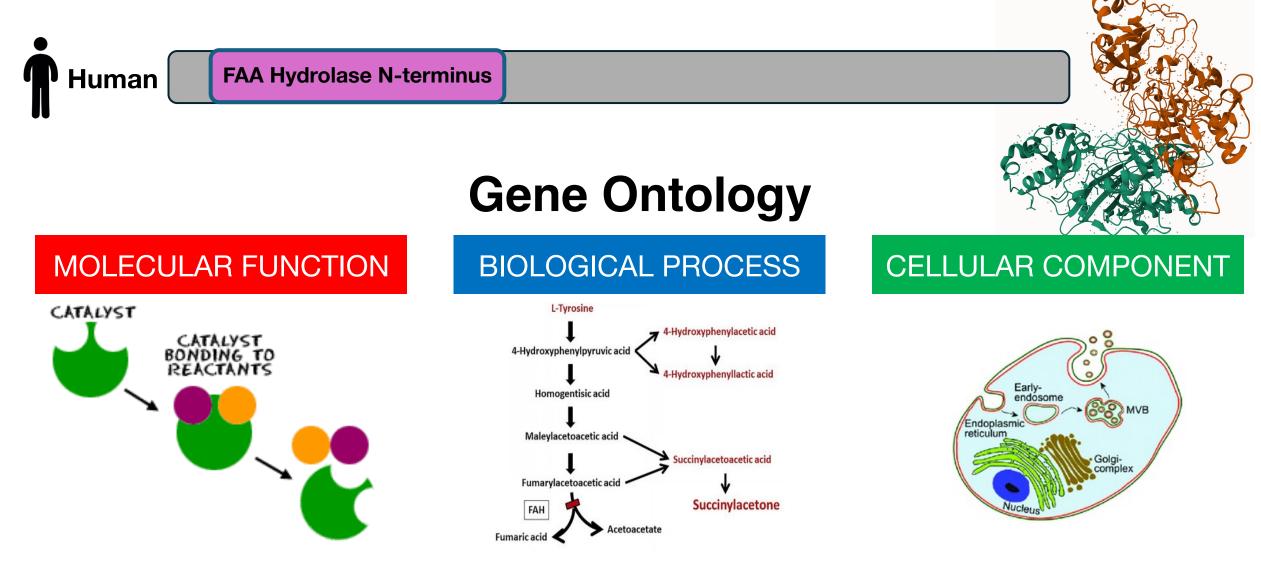


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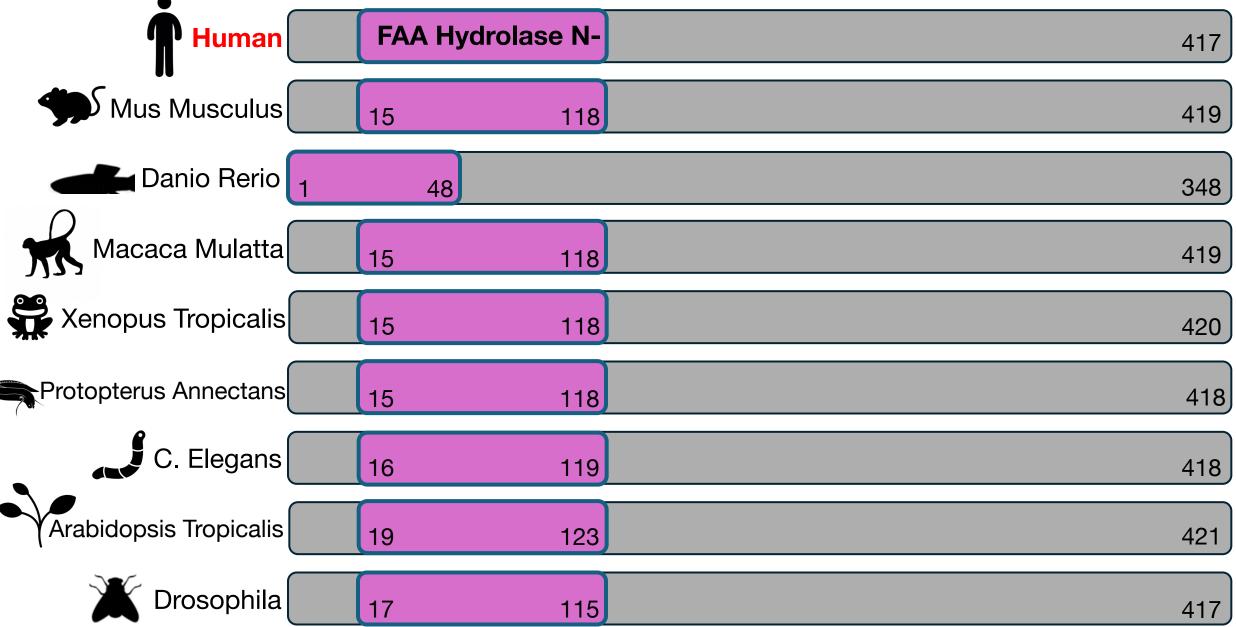
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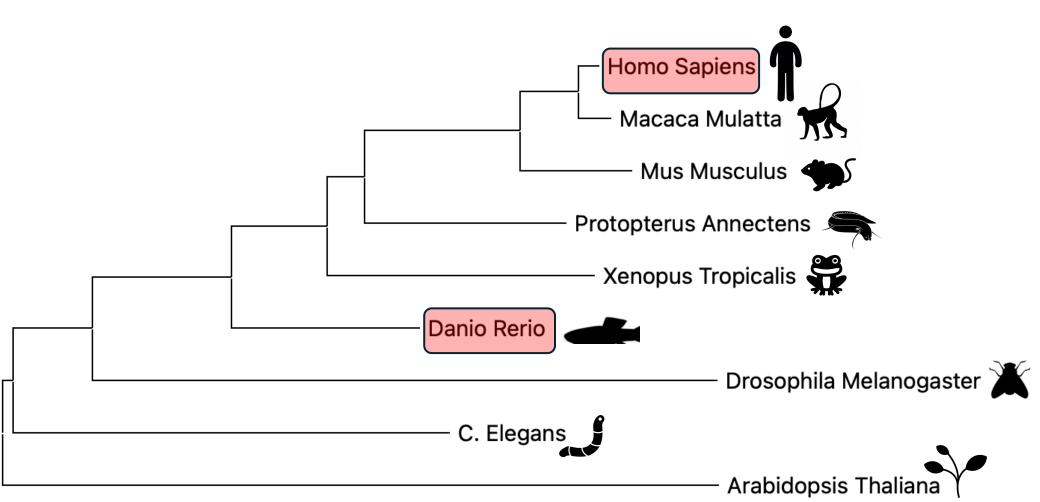
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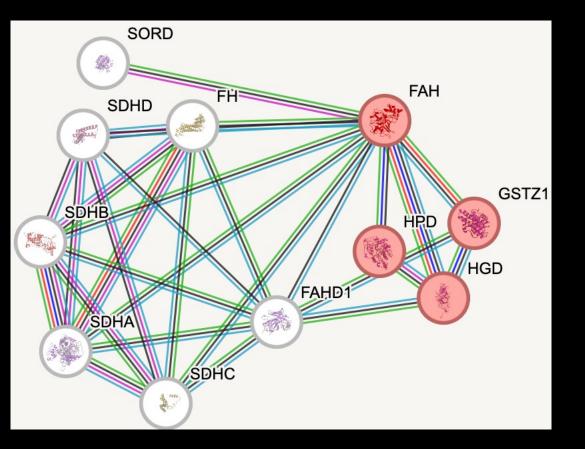
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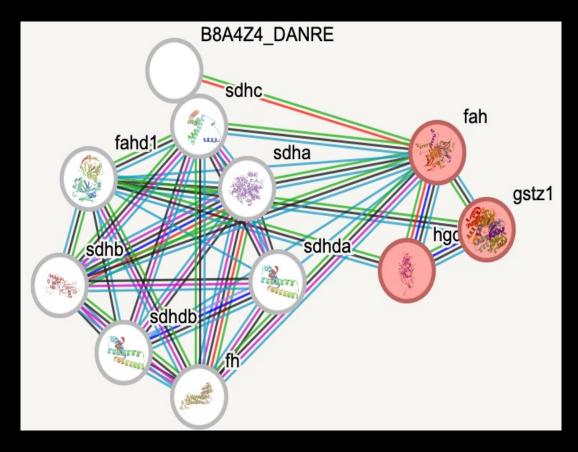


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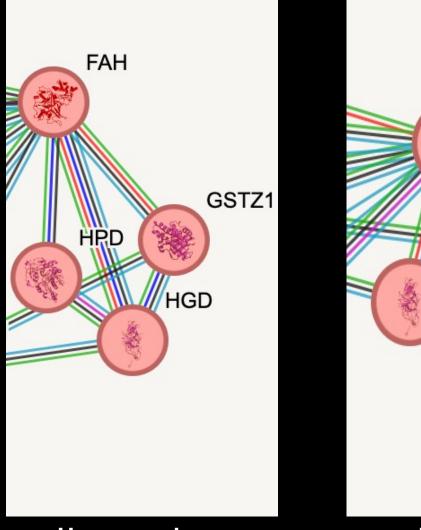


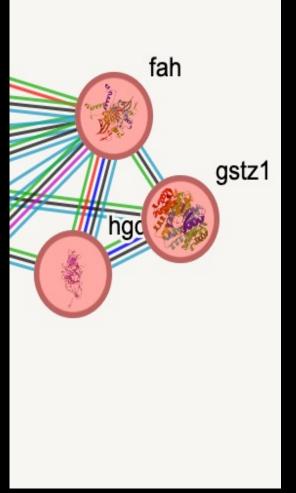


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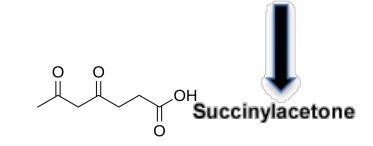


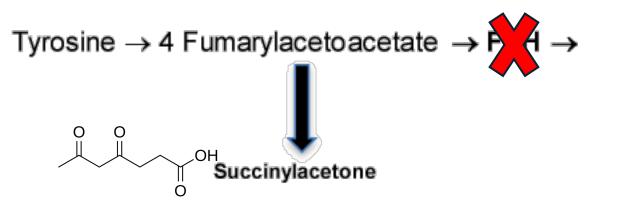


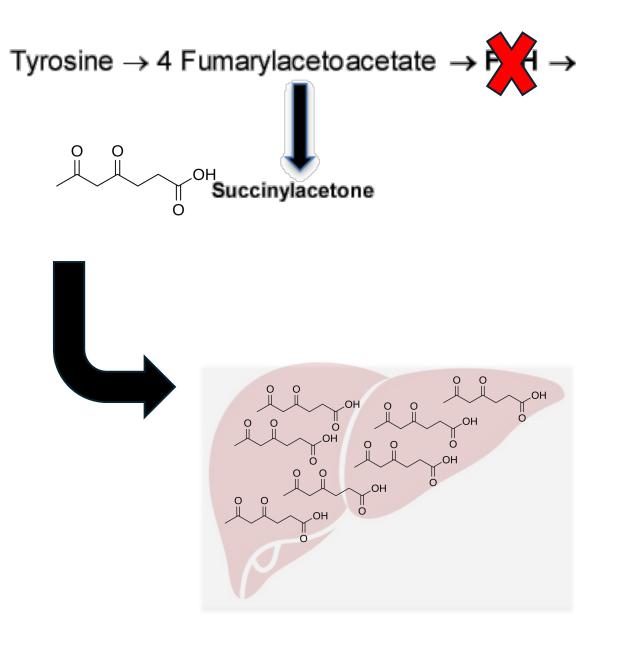
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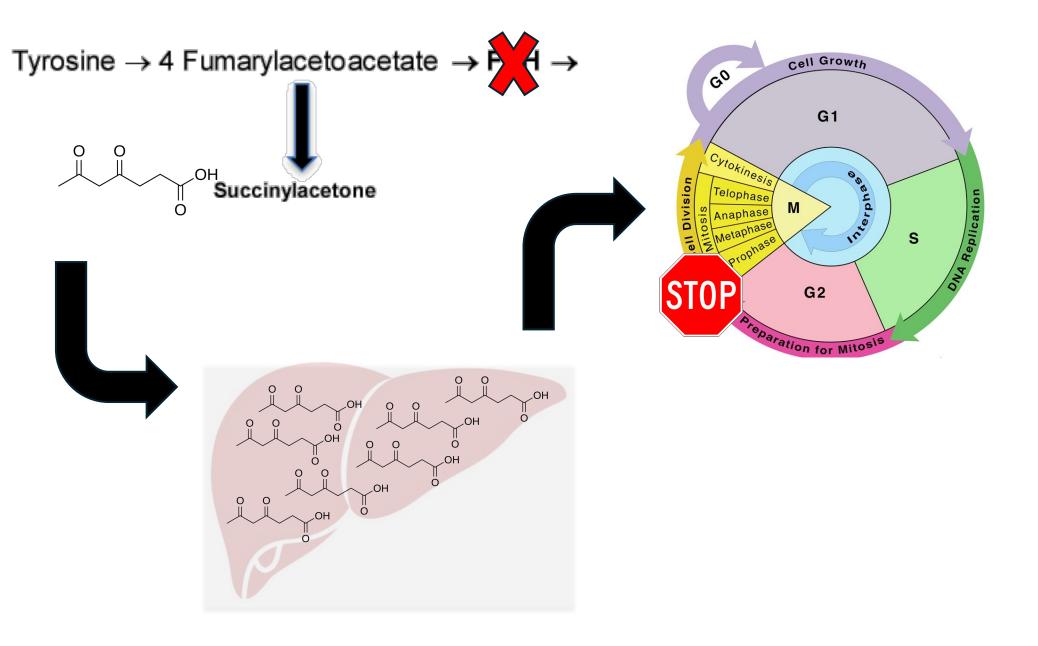
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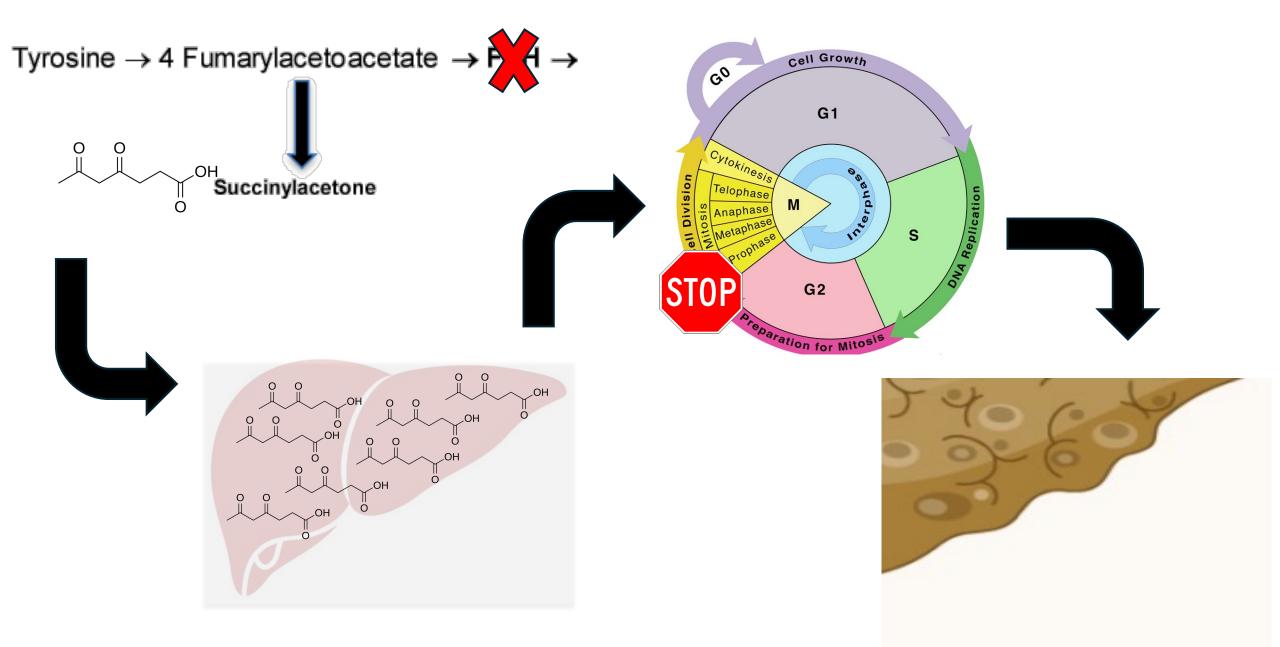
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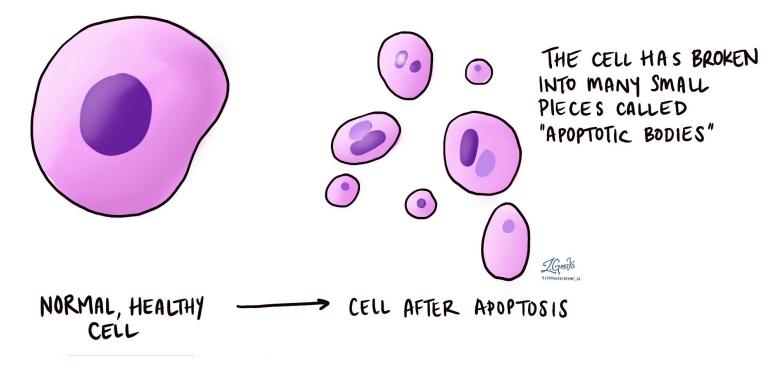




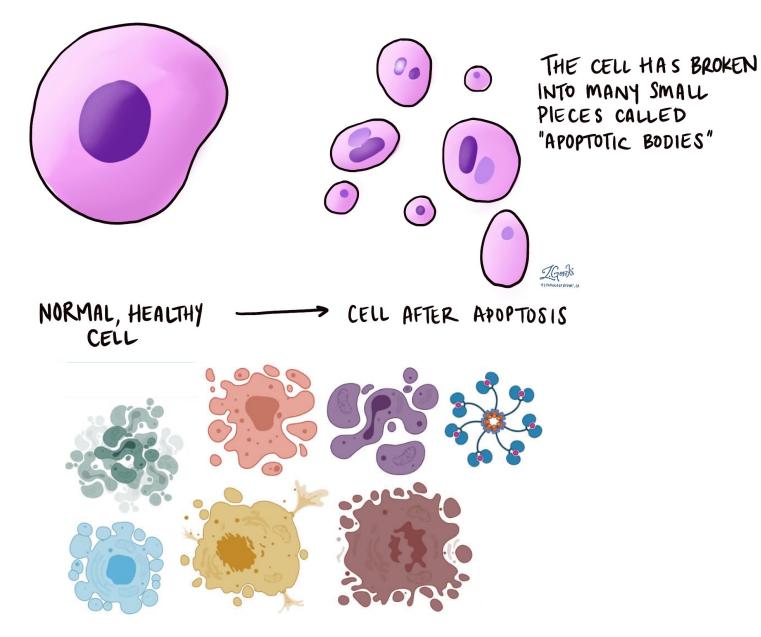




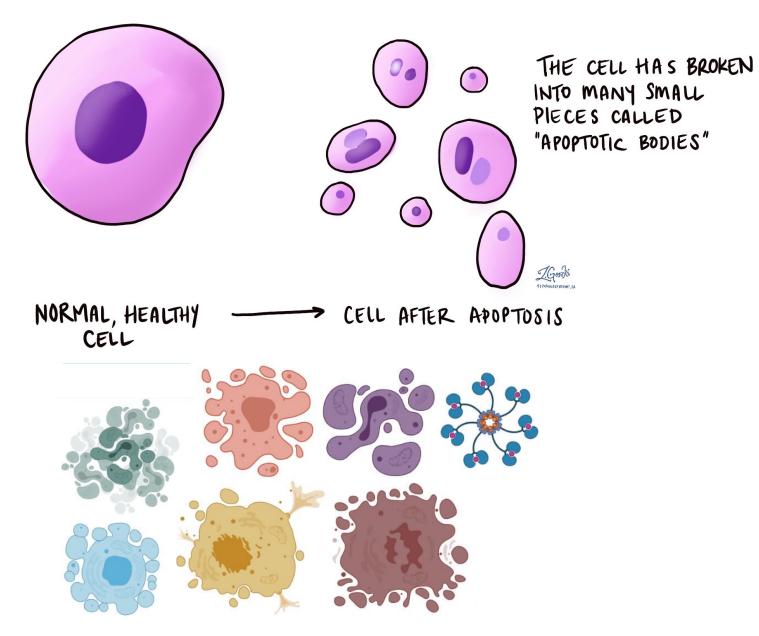
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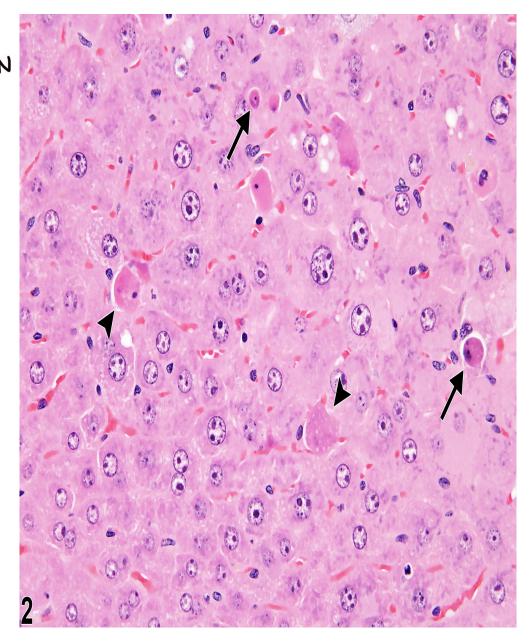


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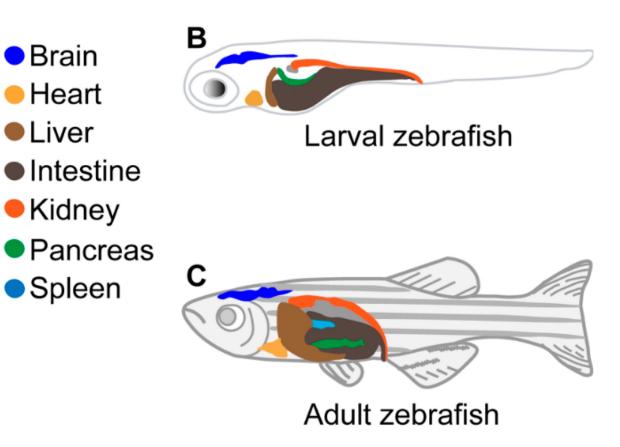


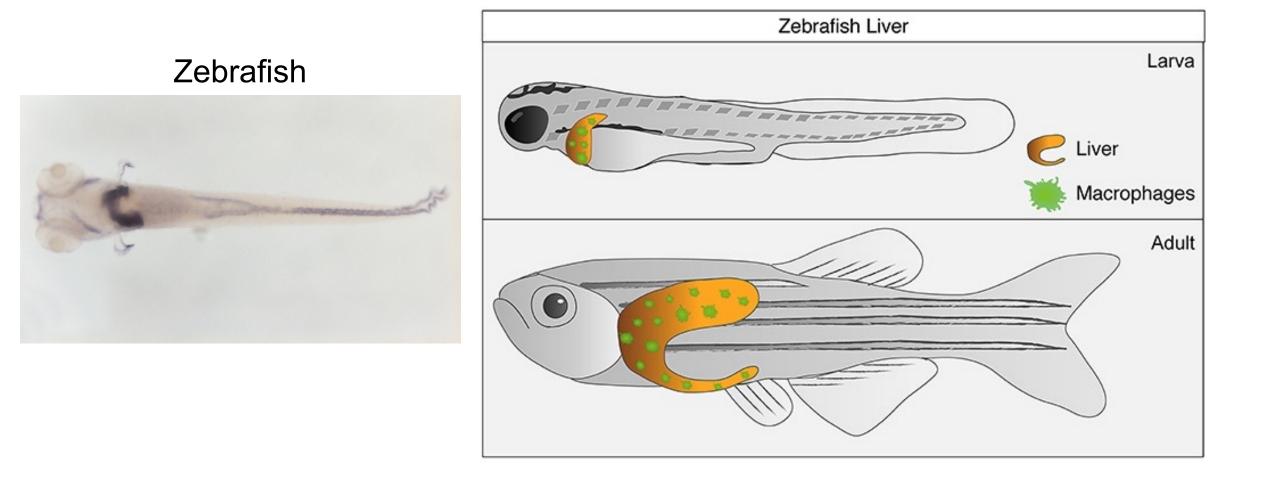
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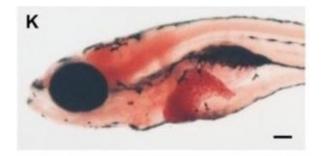






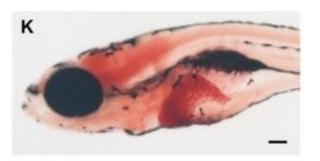


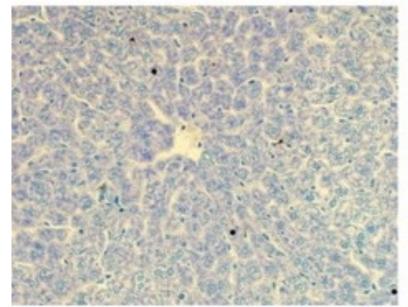




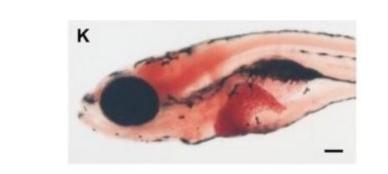


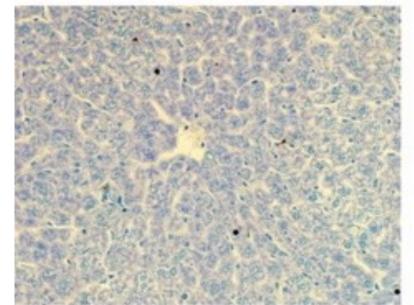








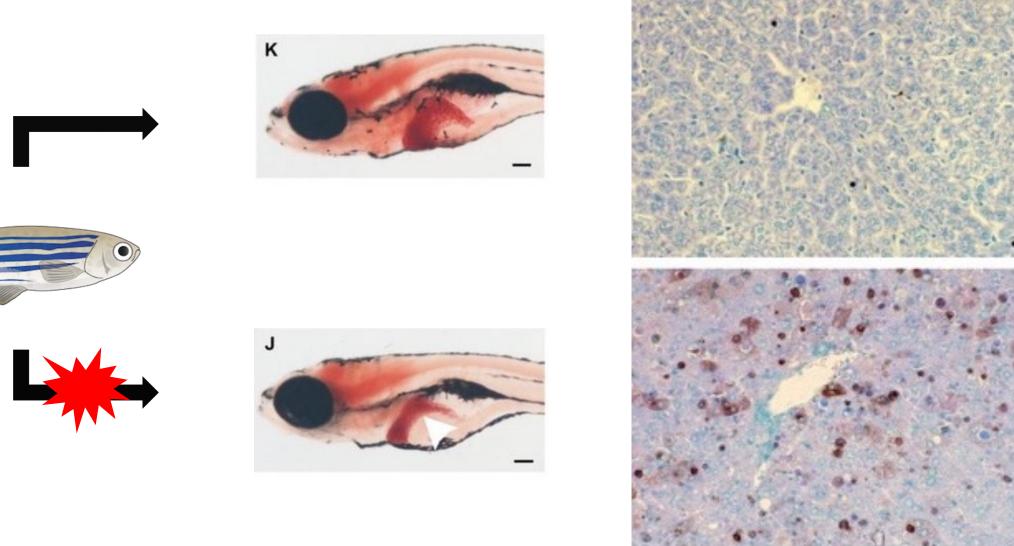








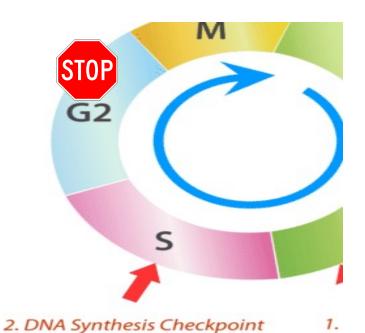






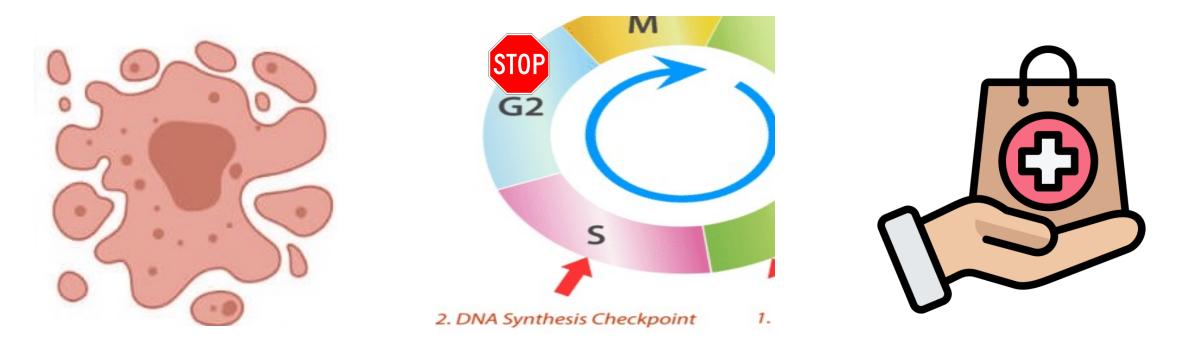
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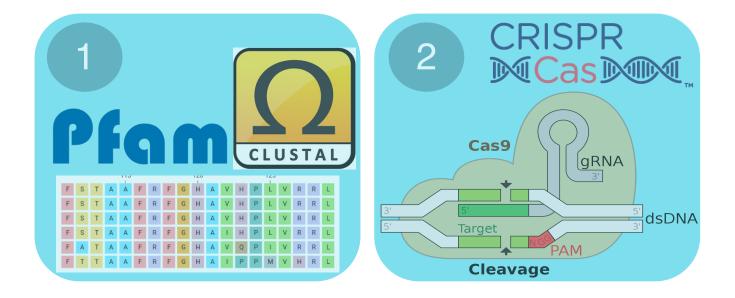
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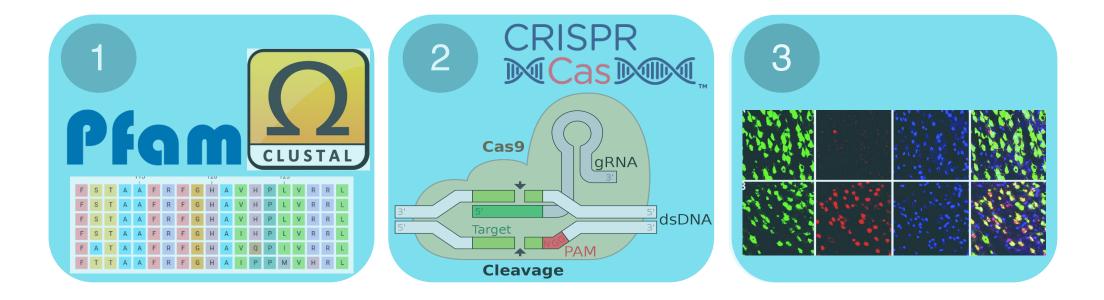
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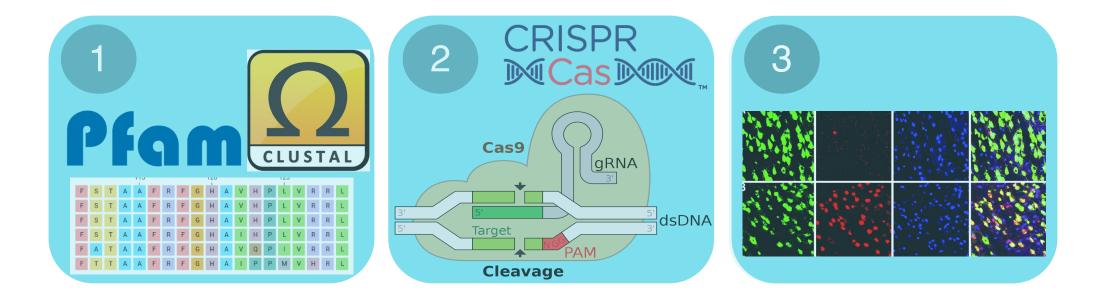
Long-term Goal : Further understand the mechanisms underlying this disorder in order to be able to effectively target symptoms with treatment drugs.







Rationale : Understanding how different amino acids within the FAH gene correlate to healthy cell progression and normal liver phenotype will allow for better assessment of treatment options.



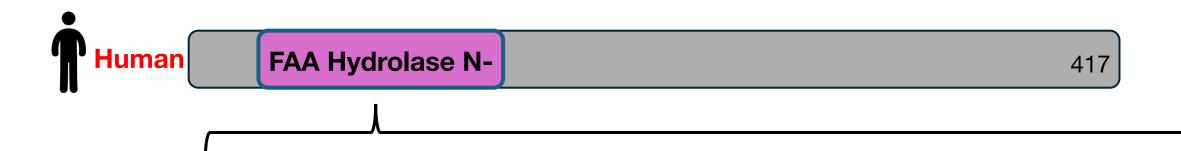
Hypothesis : Organisms with a mutated amino acid in the FAH gene will not progress as a healthy cell and will instead go through apoptosis at a checkpoint in the cell cycle.

## Domain Analysis CRISPR TUNEL assay

Aim 1 : Identify conserved amino acids of FAH necessary for healthy cell progression.



**Domain Analysis** 



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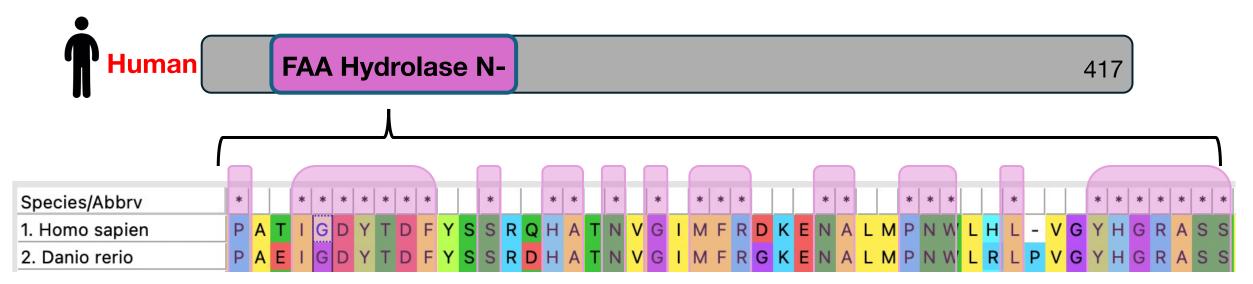
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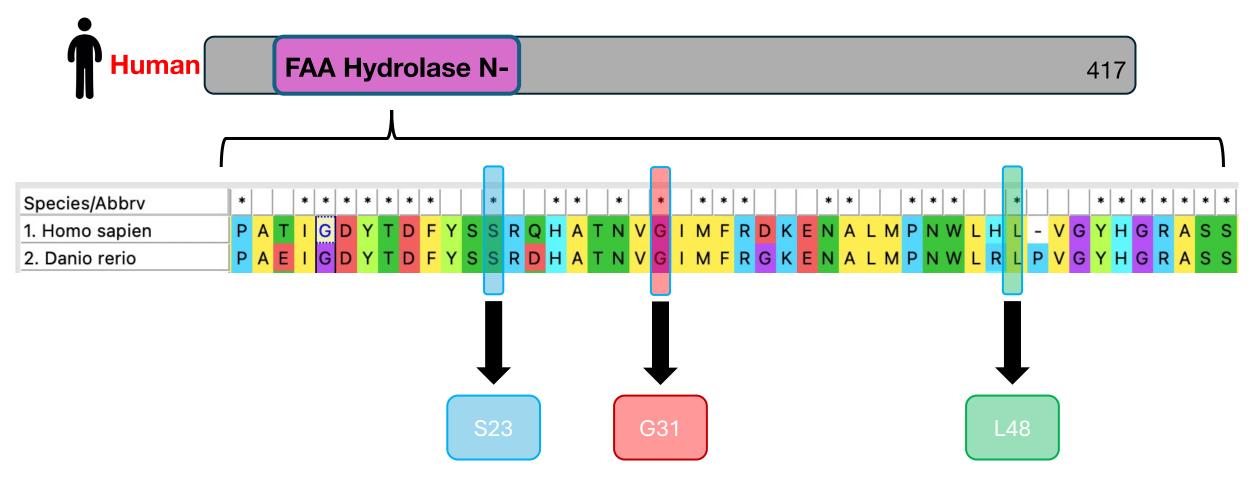
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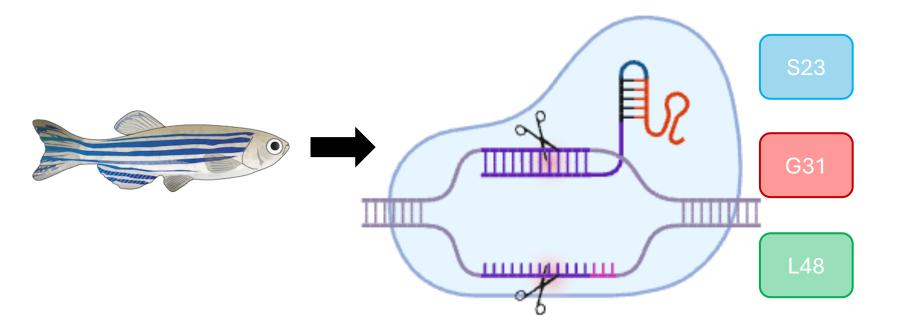
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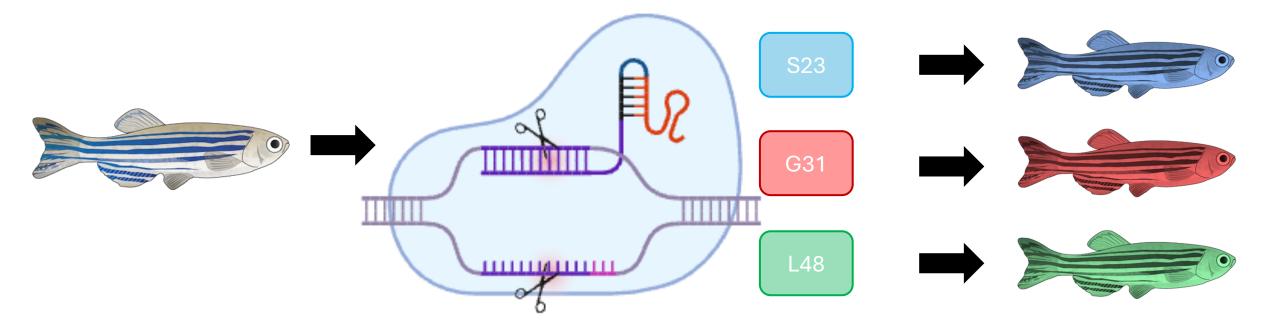
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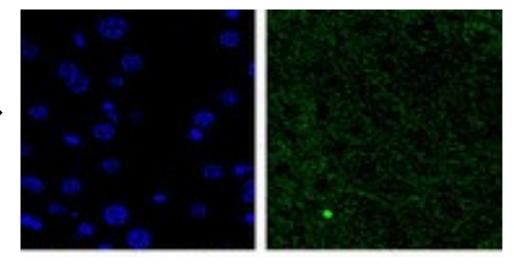


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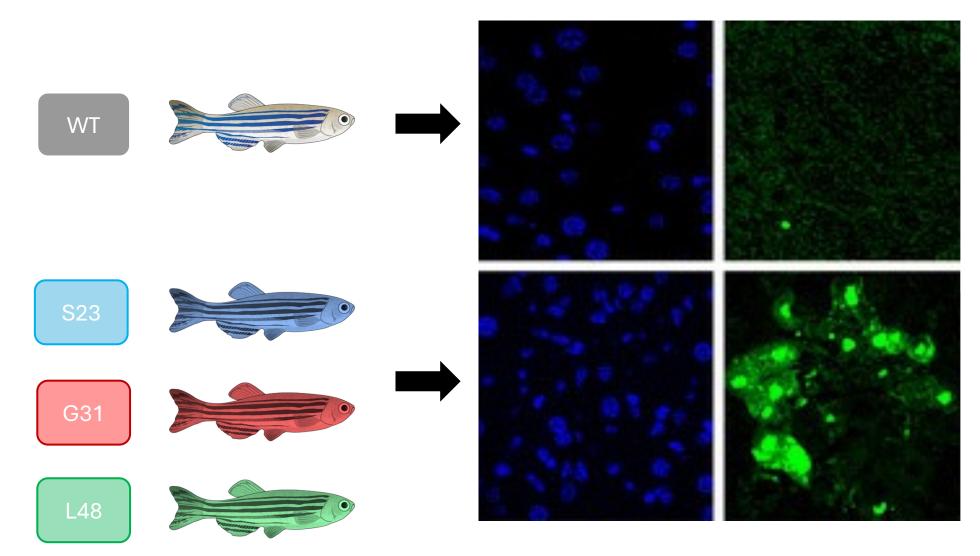






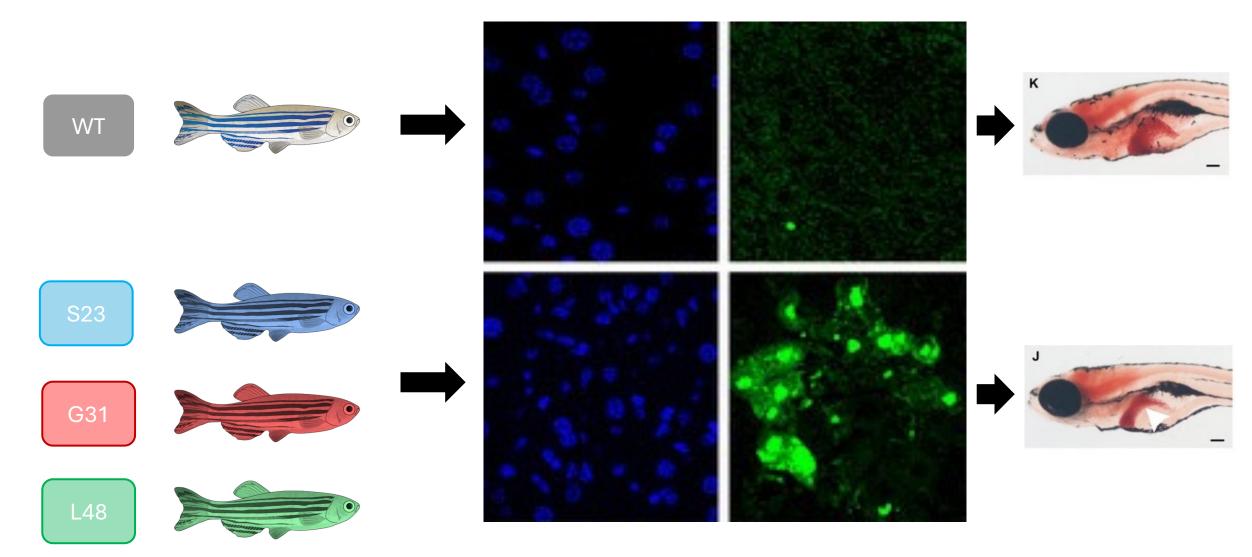
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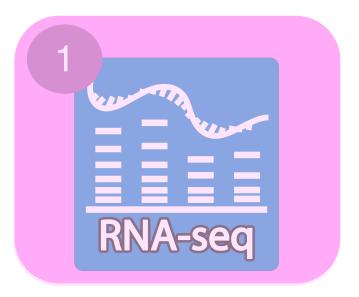
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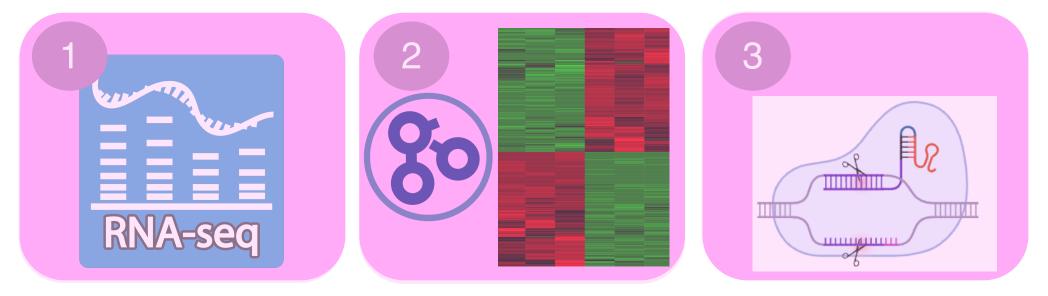
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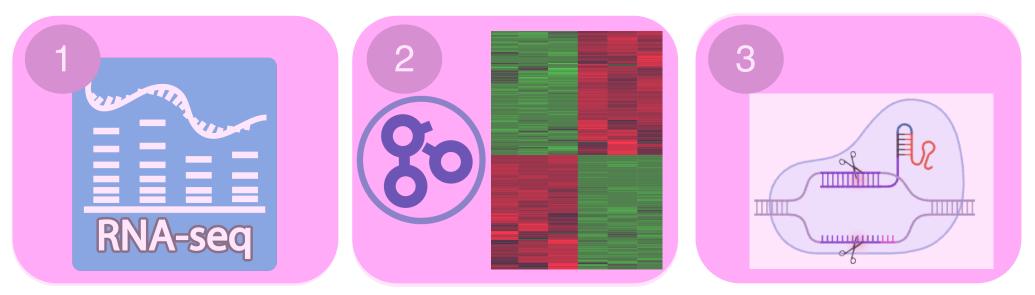








Rationale : Determining genes that are expressed / regulated differently in FAH mutant hepatocyte cells will allow for better understanding of cellular processes utilizing this gene and help fuel research into new targets for possible drug treatments.



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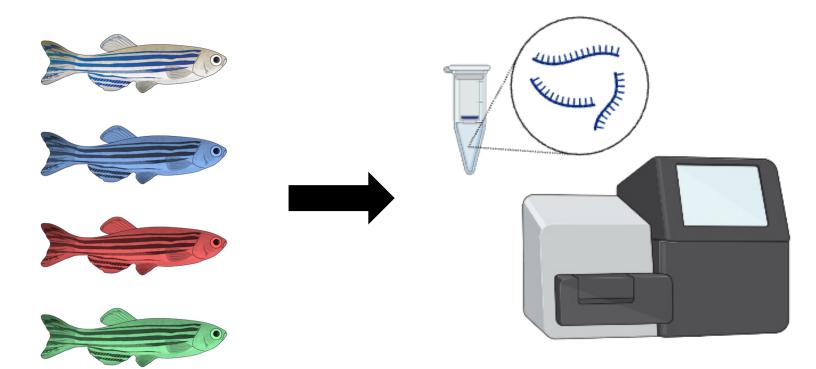




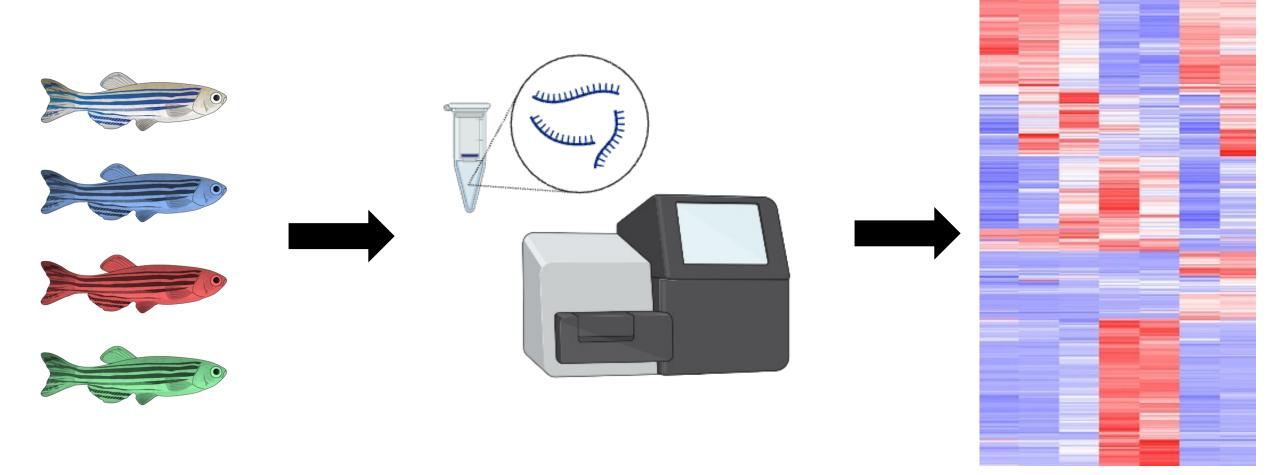




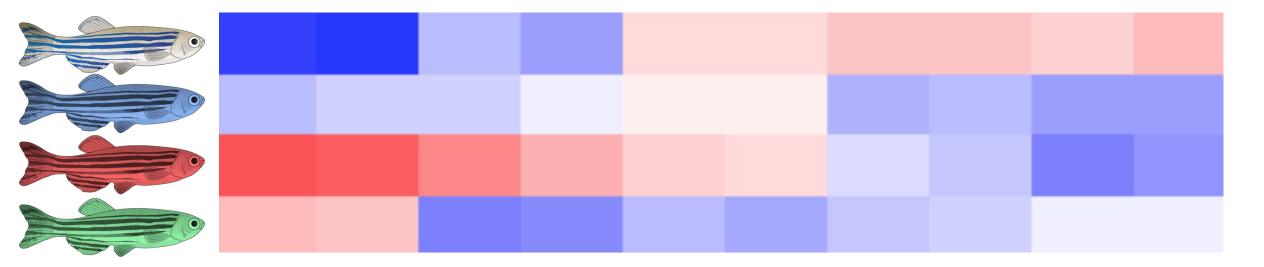




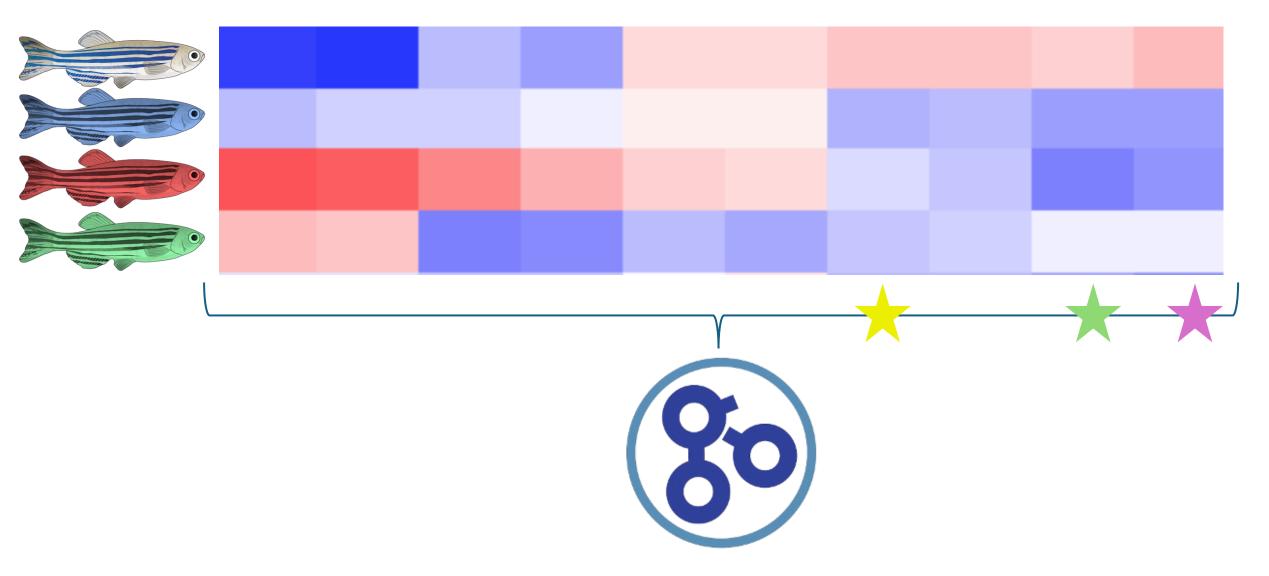
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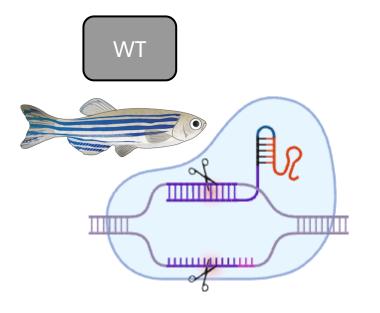




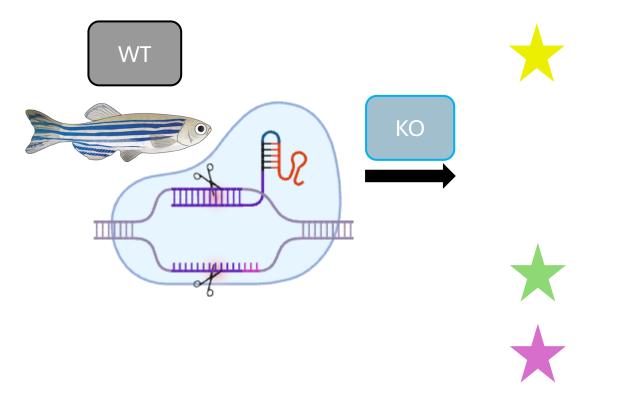
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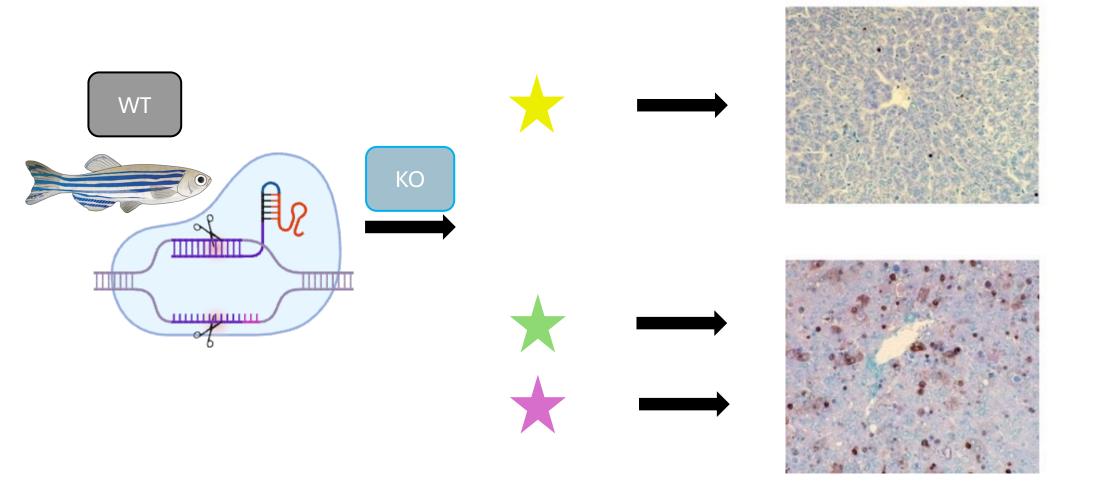
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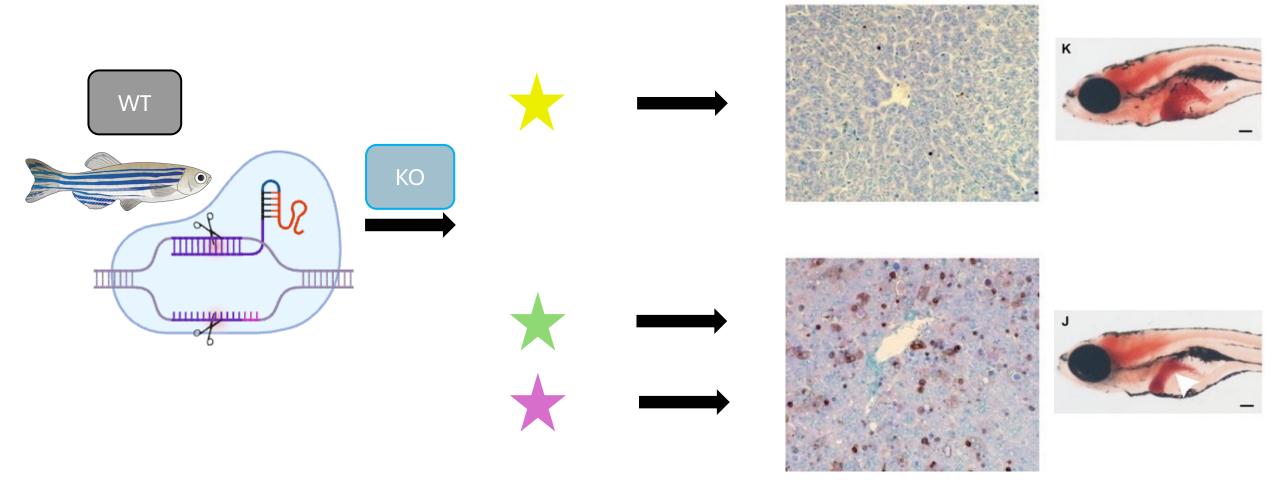


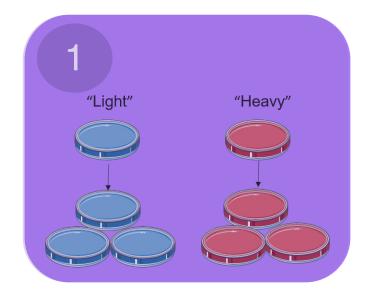


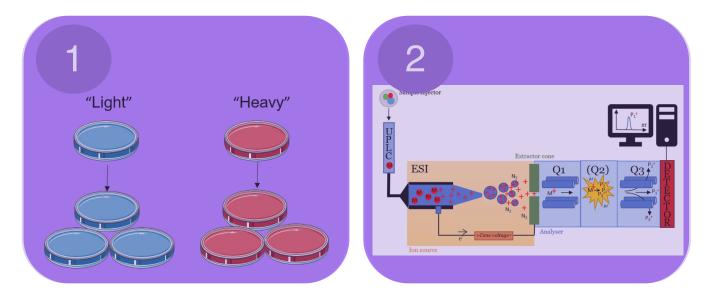
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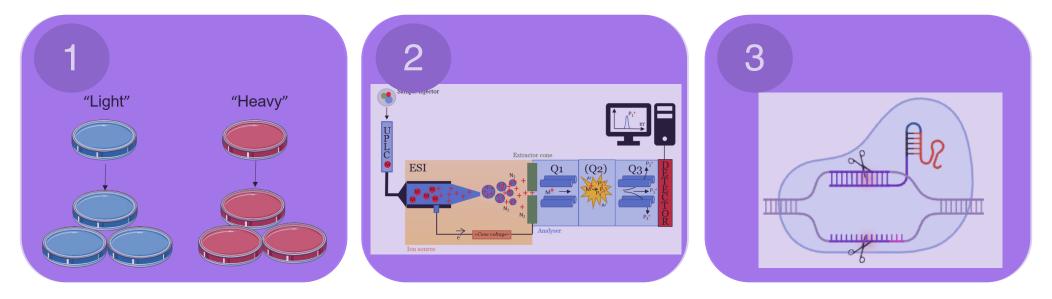


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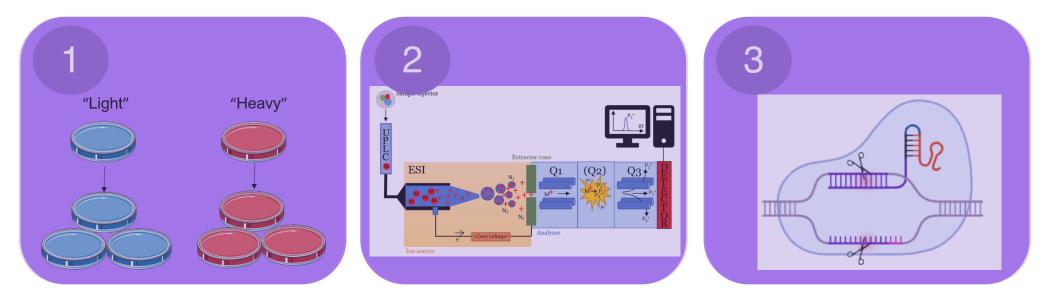








Rationale : Quantifying proteins expressed differently in WT and mutant FAH hepatocytes will allow for more understanding of the proteins involved in increased apoptosis and will allow for studies to be conducted to elucidate treatment options that target the pathways these proteins are involved in.

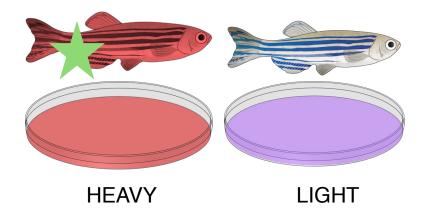


Hypothesis : Mutant FAH hepatocyte cells will have different protein expressions than WT cells, specifically in proteins that are involved in apoptosis of cells.

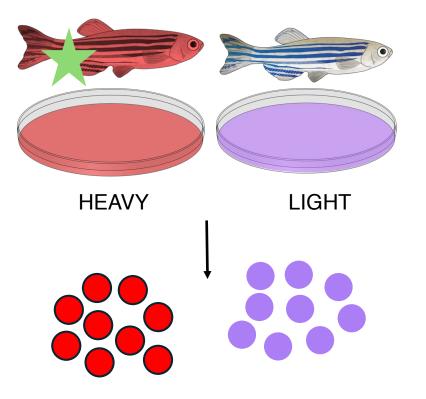




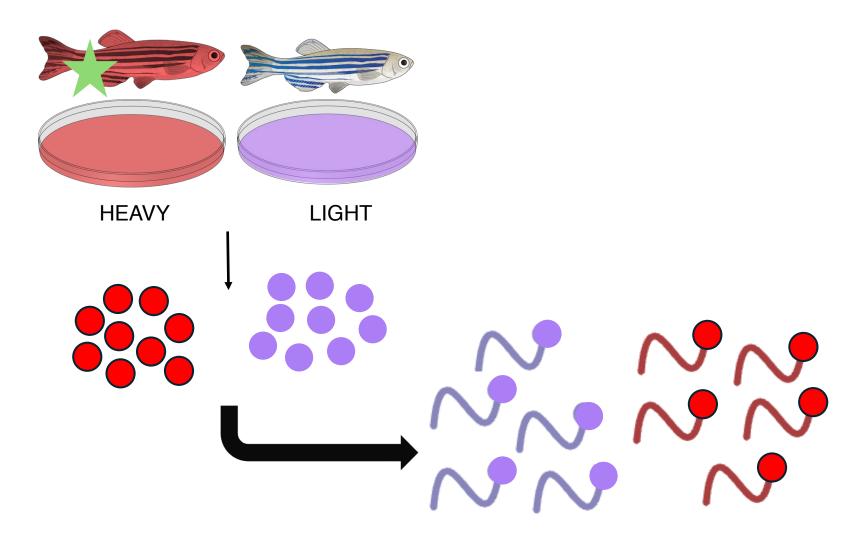




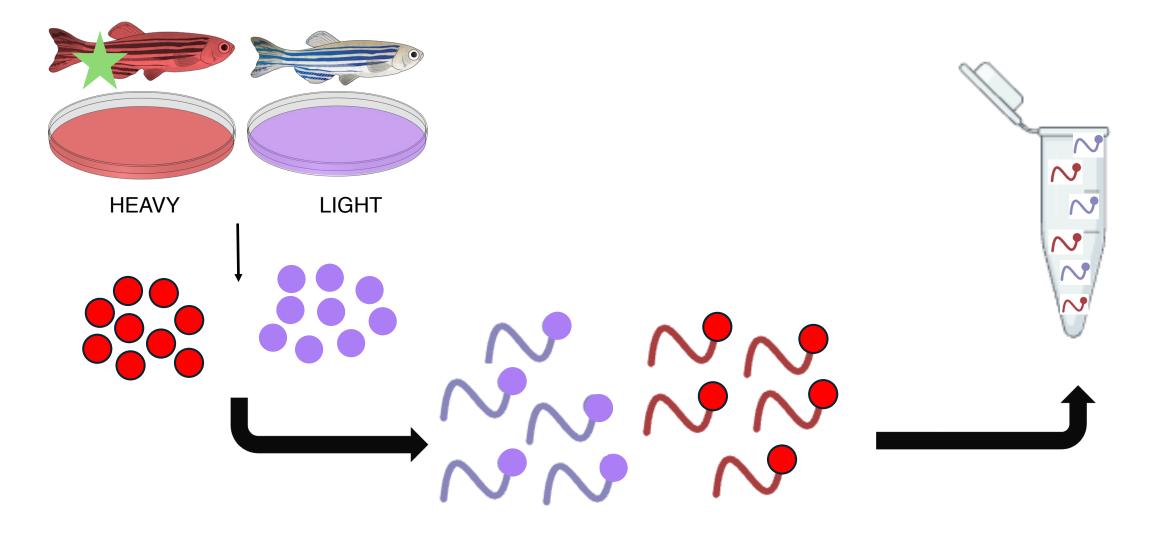




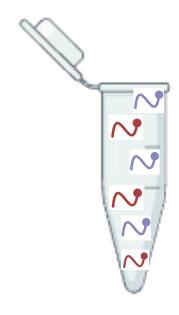




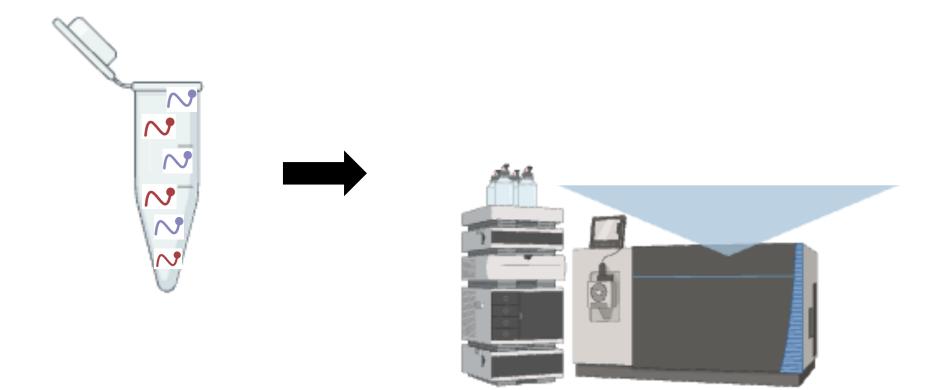




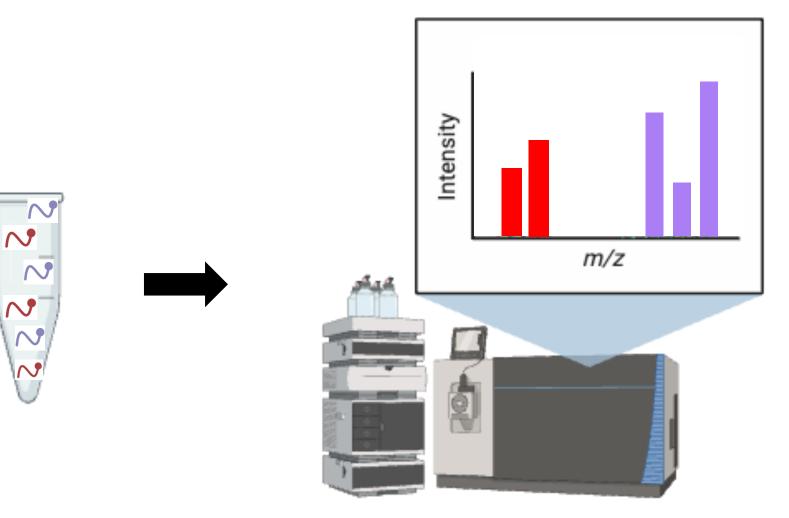




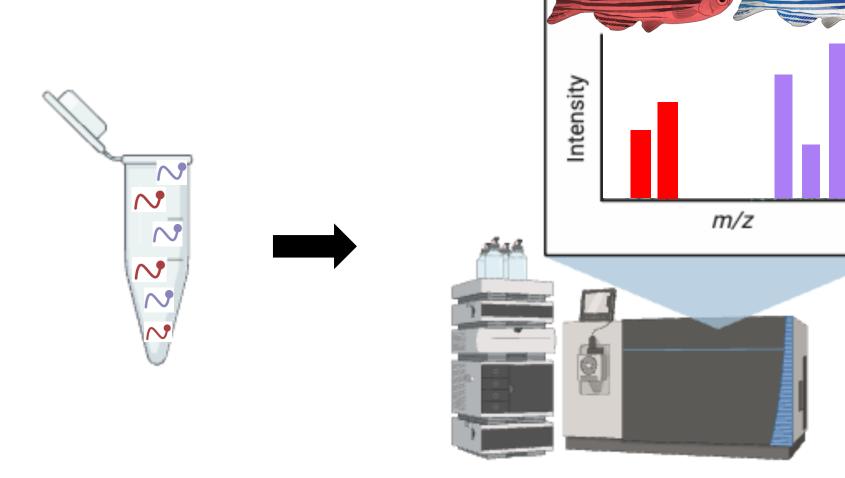










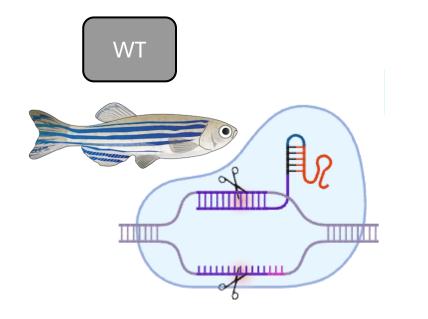




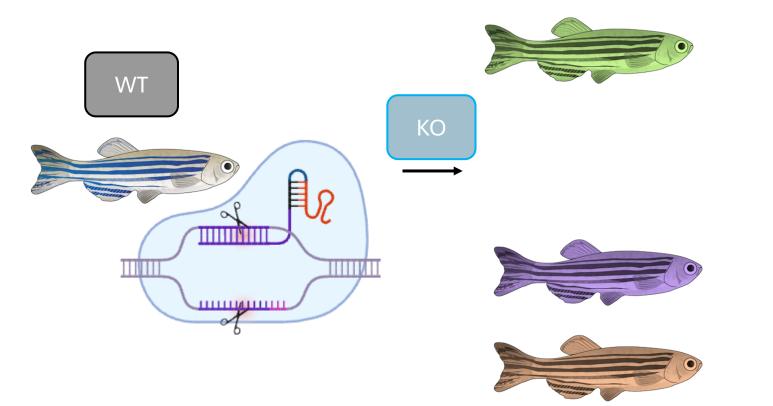




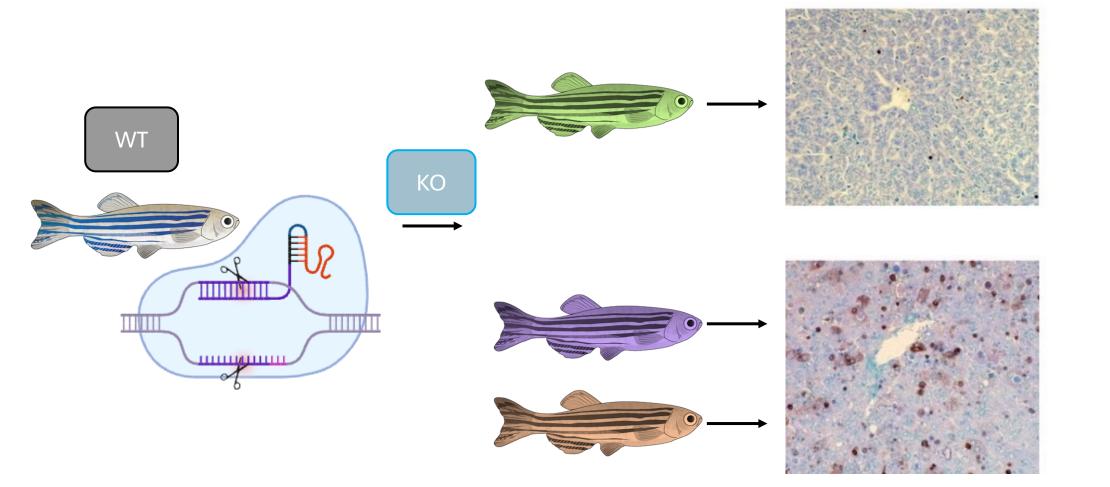




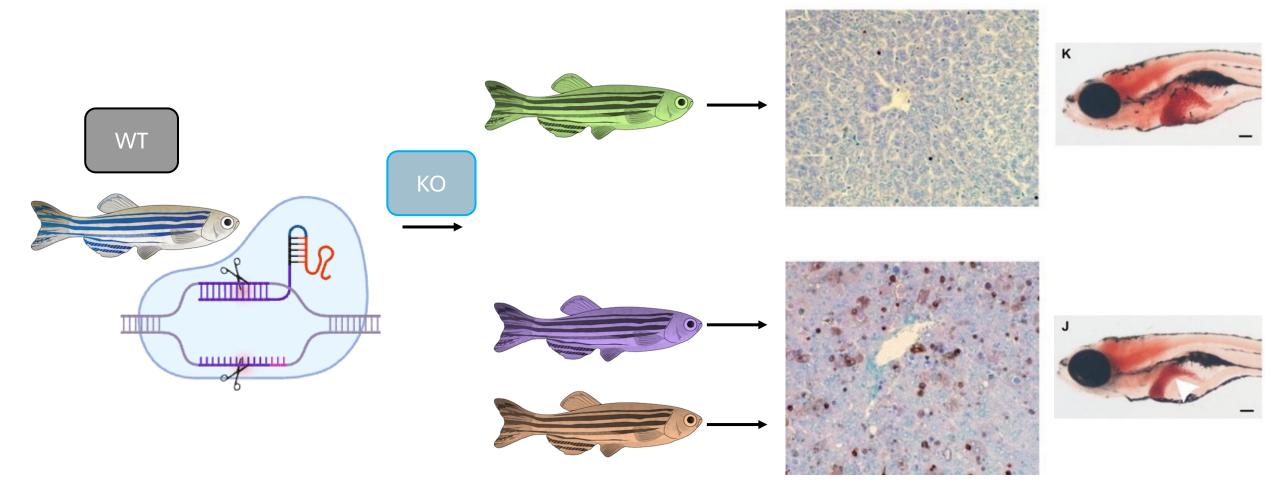






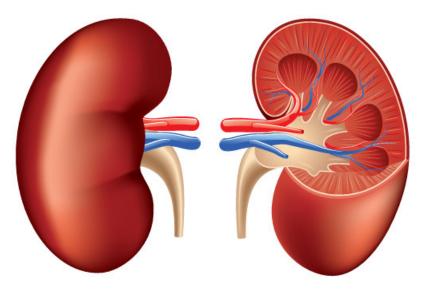




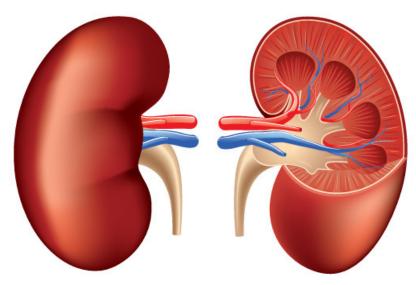




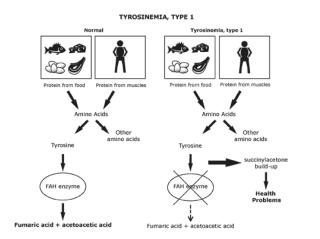




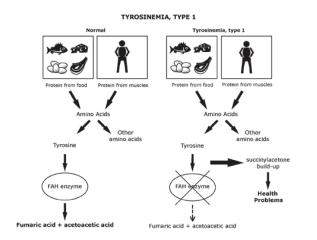








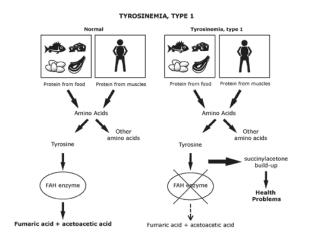
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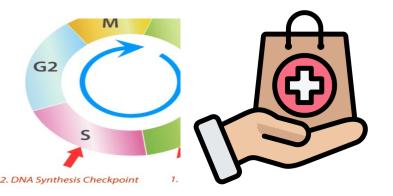
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Researching increased liver apoptosis in zebrafish will allow for much more to be known about this disorder and the causes of it, hopefully leading to new treatment options.

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