

# The skin as a metabolizing organ of pro-haptens

## Understanding of the fate of reactive chemicals in the skin

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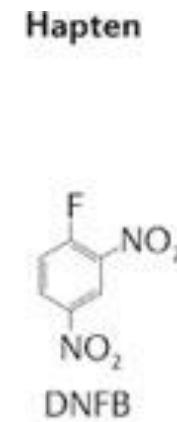
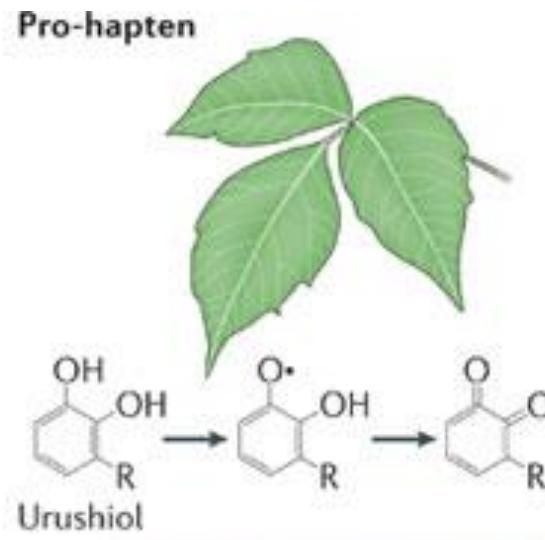
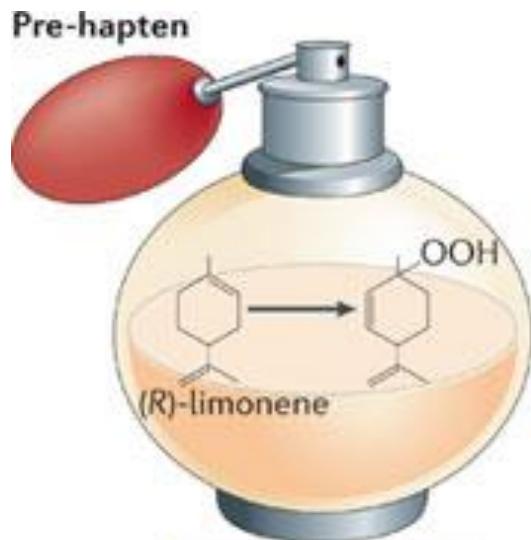
STUDIES ON THE SENSITIZATION OF ANIMALS WITH  
SIMPLE CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS\*

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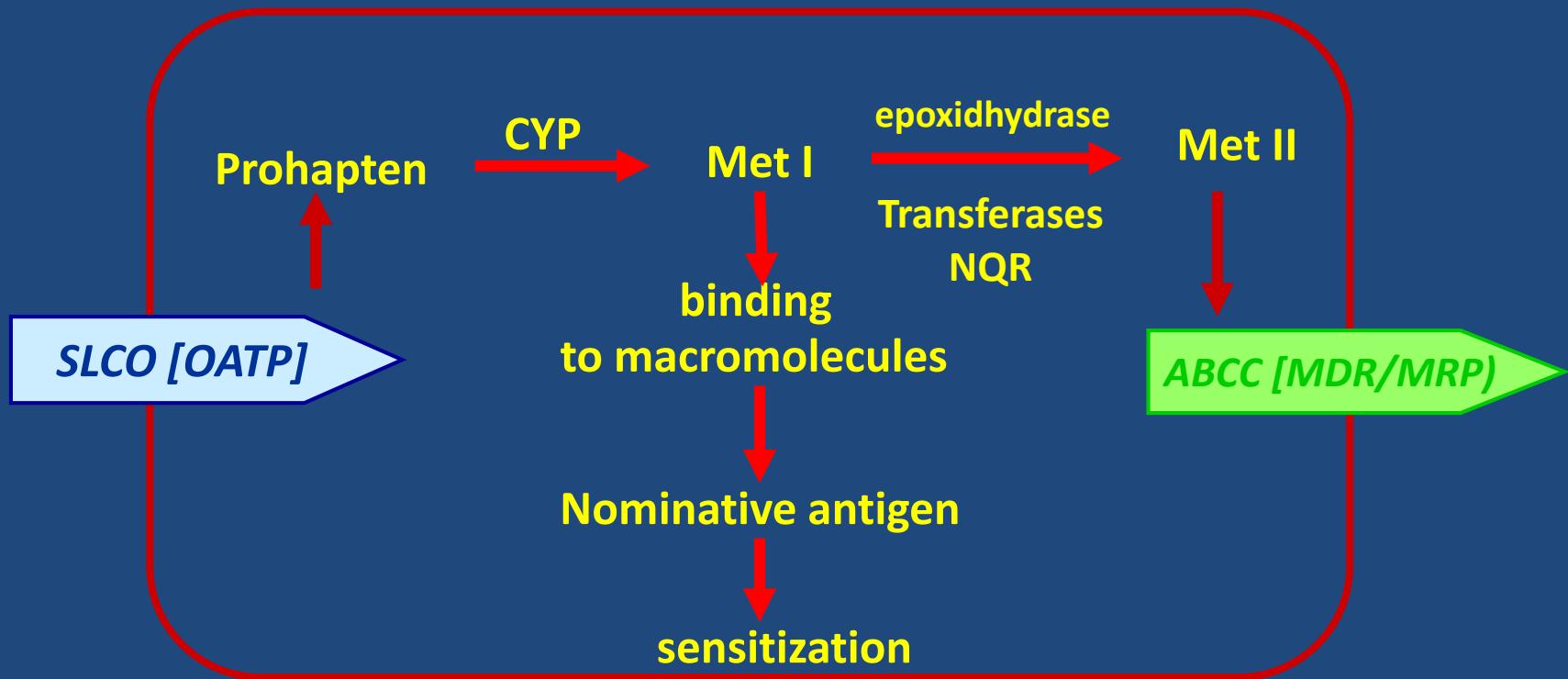


Complete haptens  
are directly reactive

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Phase I: CYP – Phase II: EH/ Transferases –  
Phase III: Transporter proteins



ABCC: ATP binding cassette C transporters (MRP/ MDR)  
SLCO: solute carrier organic anion transporter (OATP)

# Xenobiotica metabolising enzymes in the skin

Cytochrome P450

Flavin-dependent monooxygenases (FMO)

Cyclooxygenases (COX1/ COX2)

Alcohol dehydrogenase (ADH)

Aldehydedehydrogenase (ALDH)

Epoxide hydrolase (EH)

NAD(P)H:quinone reductase (NQR)

Glutathione S-transferase (GST)

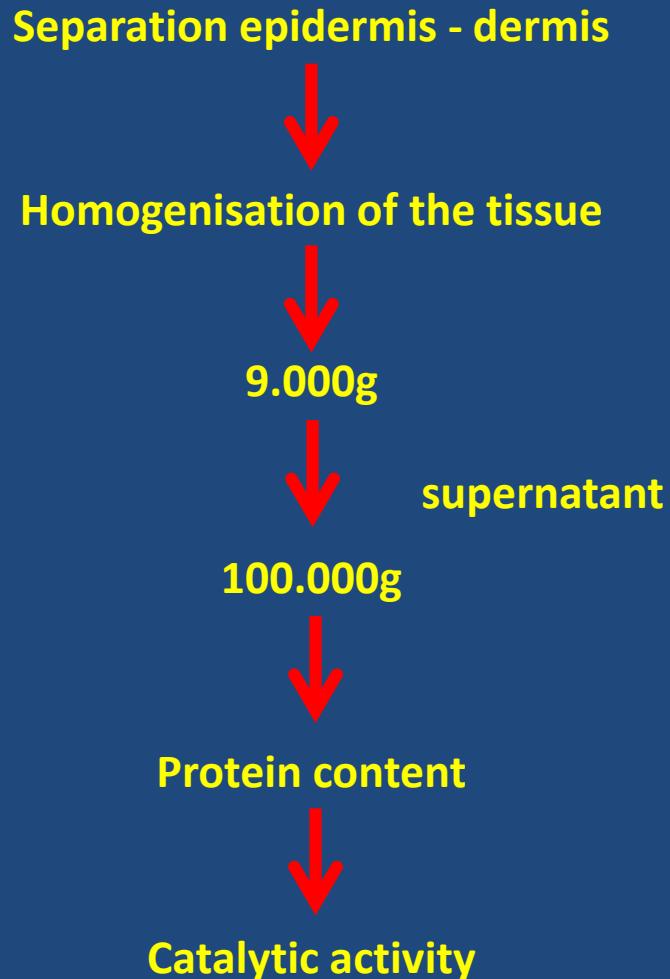
UDP-glucuronyosyltransferase (UGT)

Sulfotransferase (SULT)

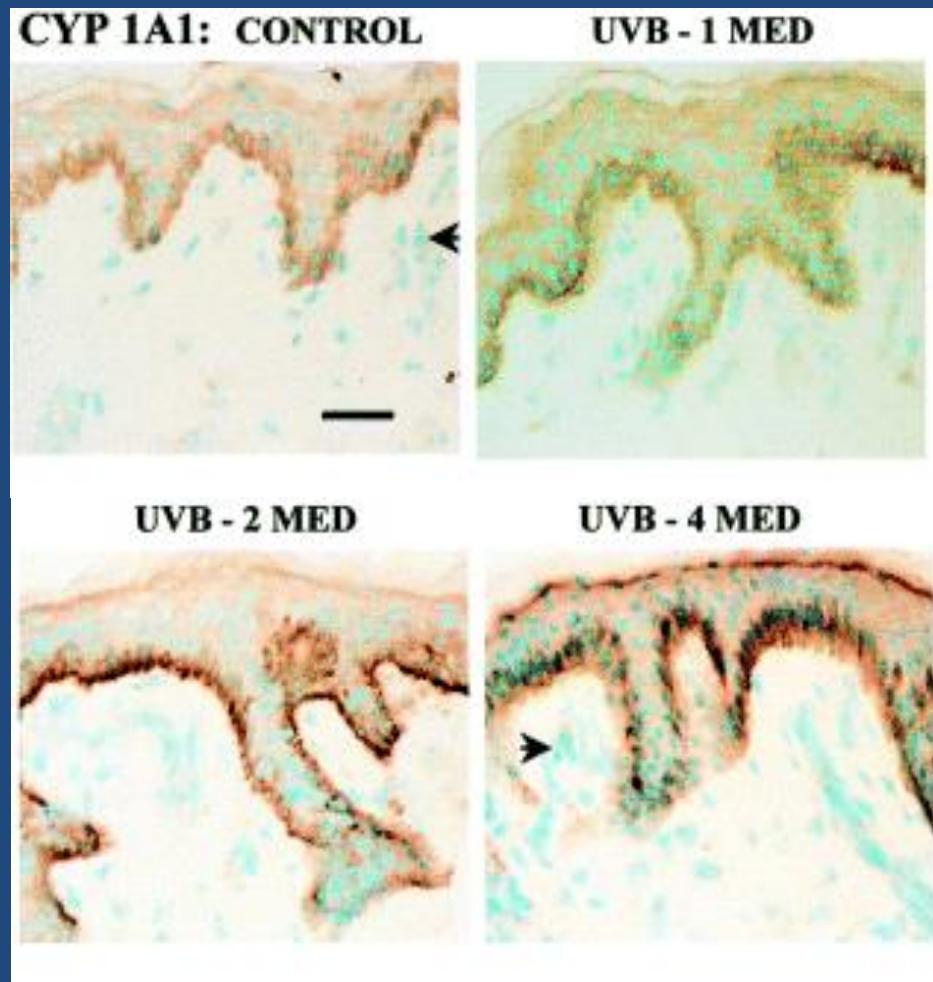
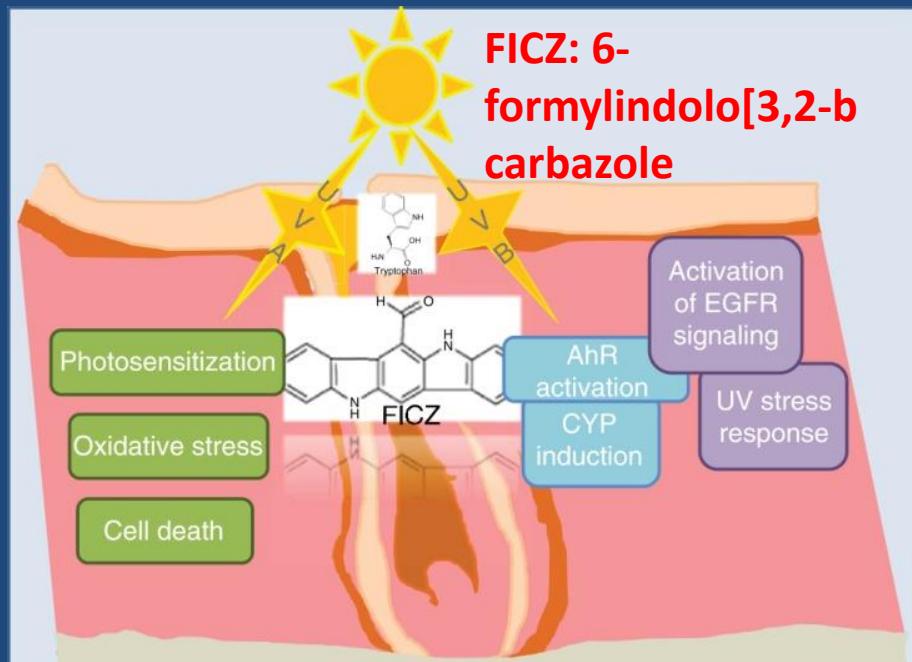
N-Acetyltransferase (NAT)

Esterase/ amidase

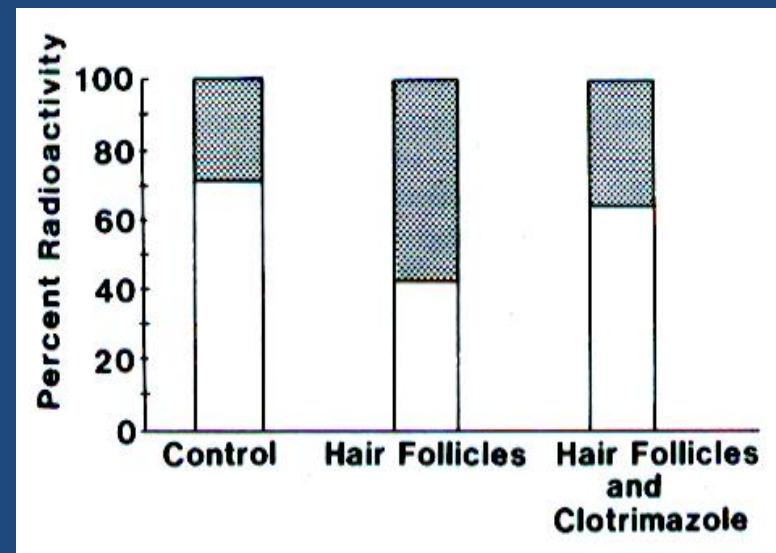
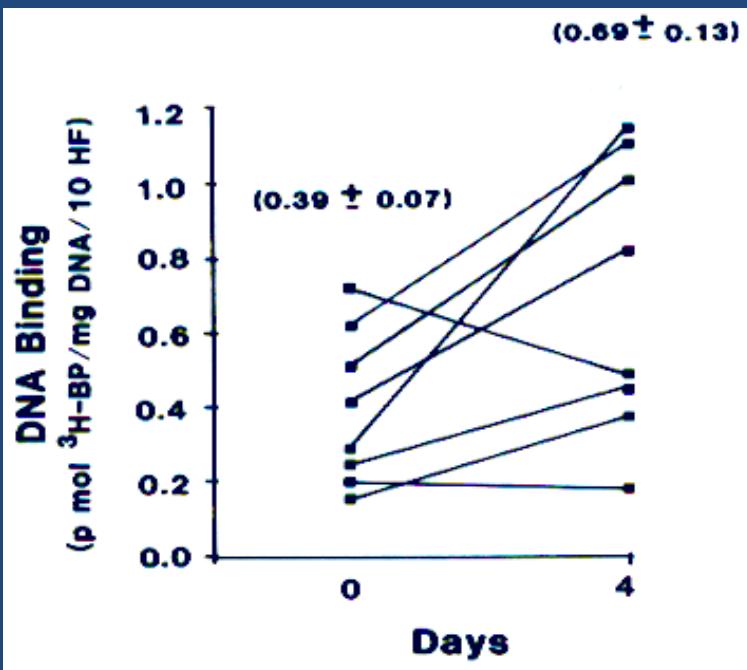
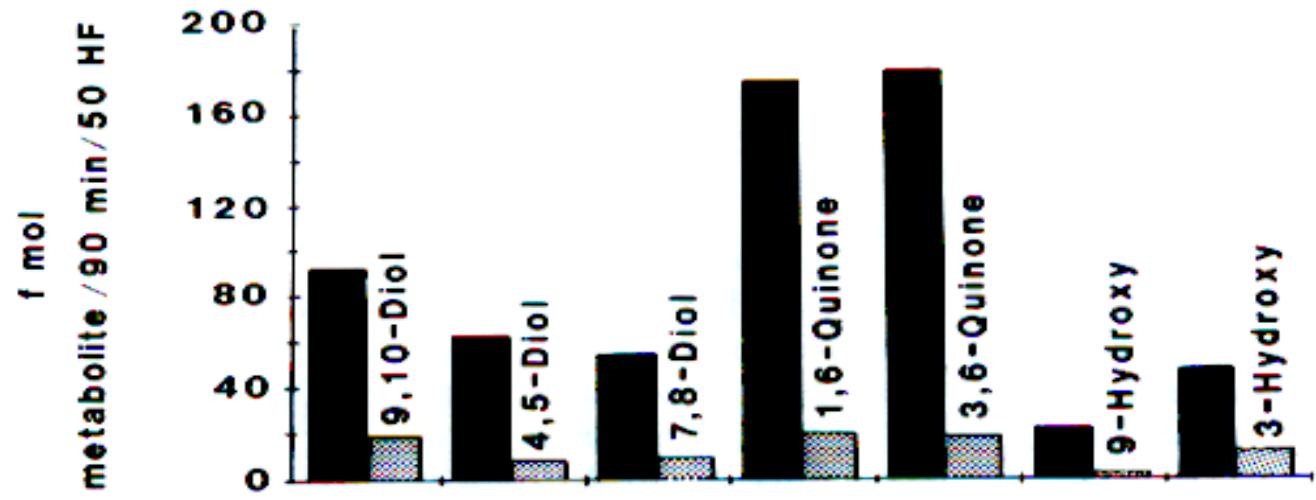
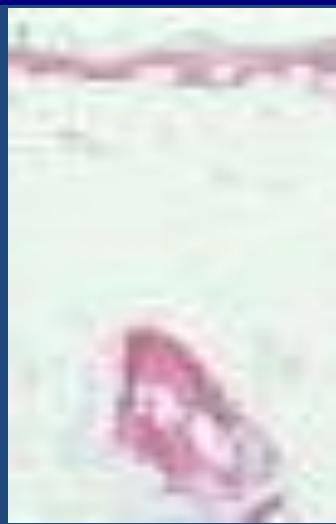
# Skin microsomes



# CYPs in human skin: induction by UVB



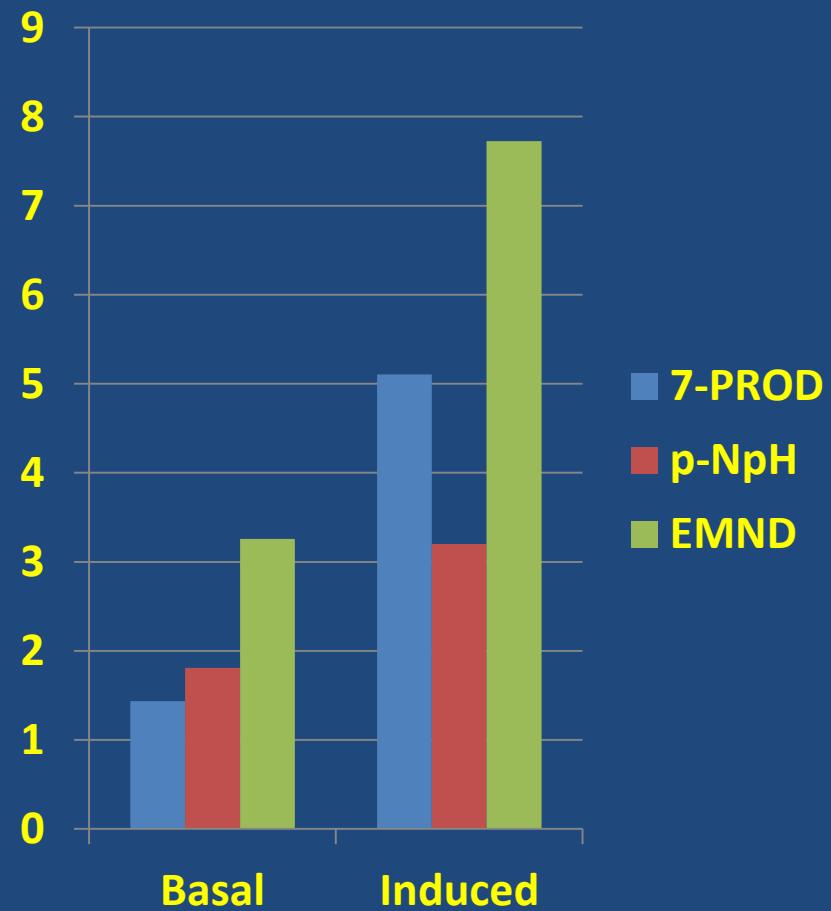
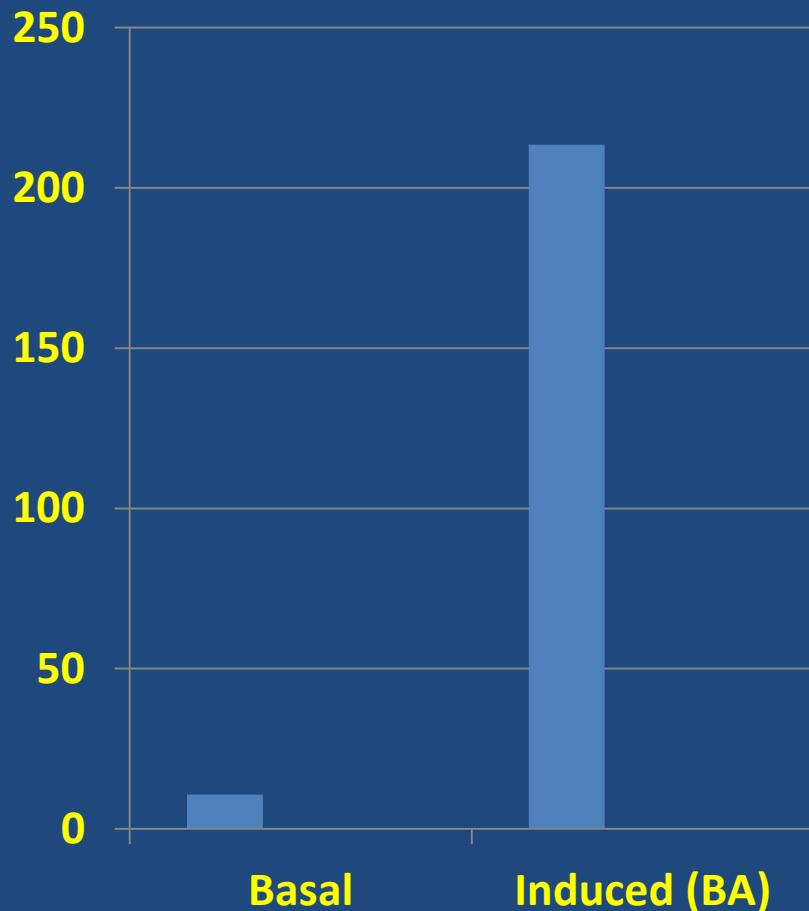
# Inhibition of Benz(a)pyrene-Metabolism by Clotrimazole





# Multiple CYPs in human keratinocytes

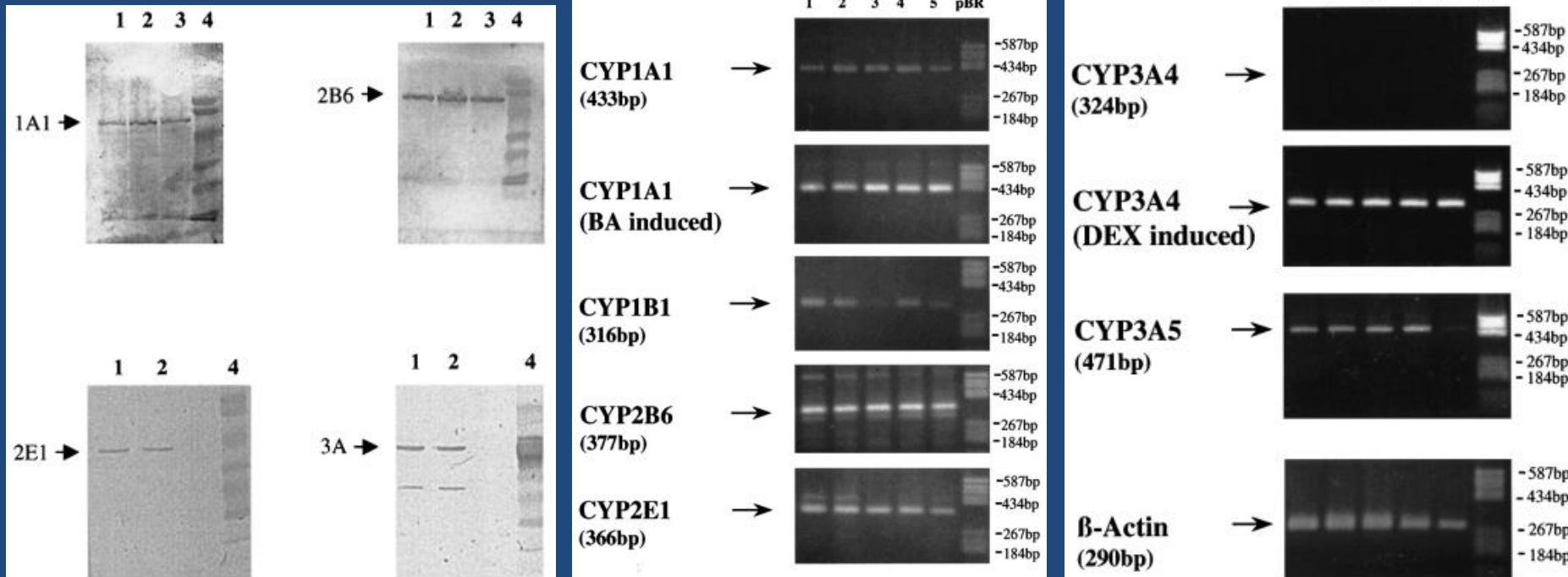
7-EROD



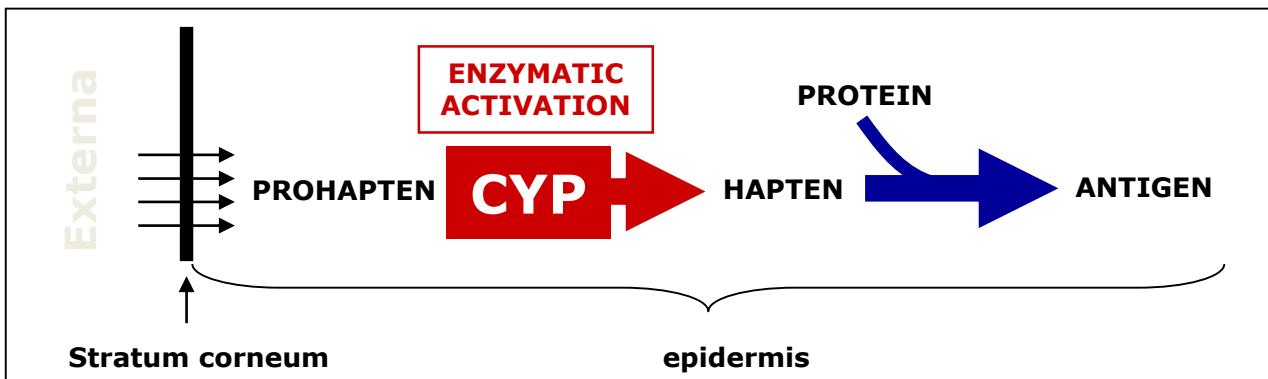
7-EROD (inducer Benzo(a)anthracene), 7-PROD (phenobarbital); p-NpH (ethanol); EMND (dexamethasone)

Baron et al., JID 116 (2001) 541-548

# Multiple CYPs in human keratinocytes



# Activation of prohaptens is mediated by CYPs expressed in skin cells

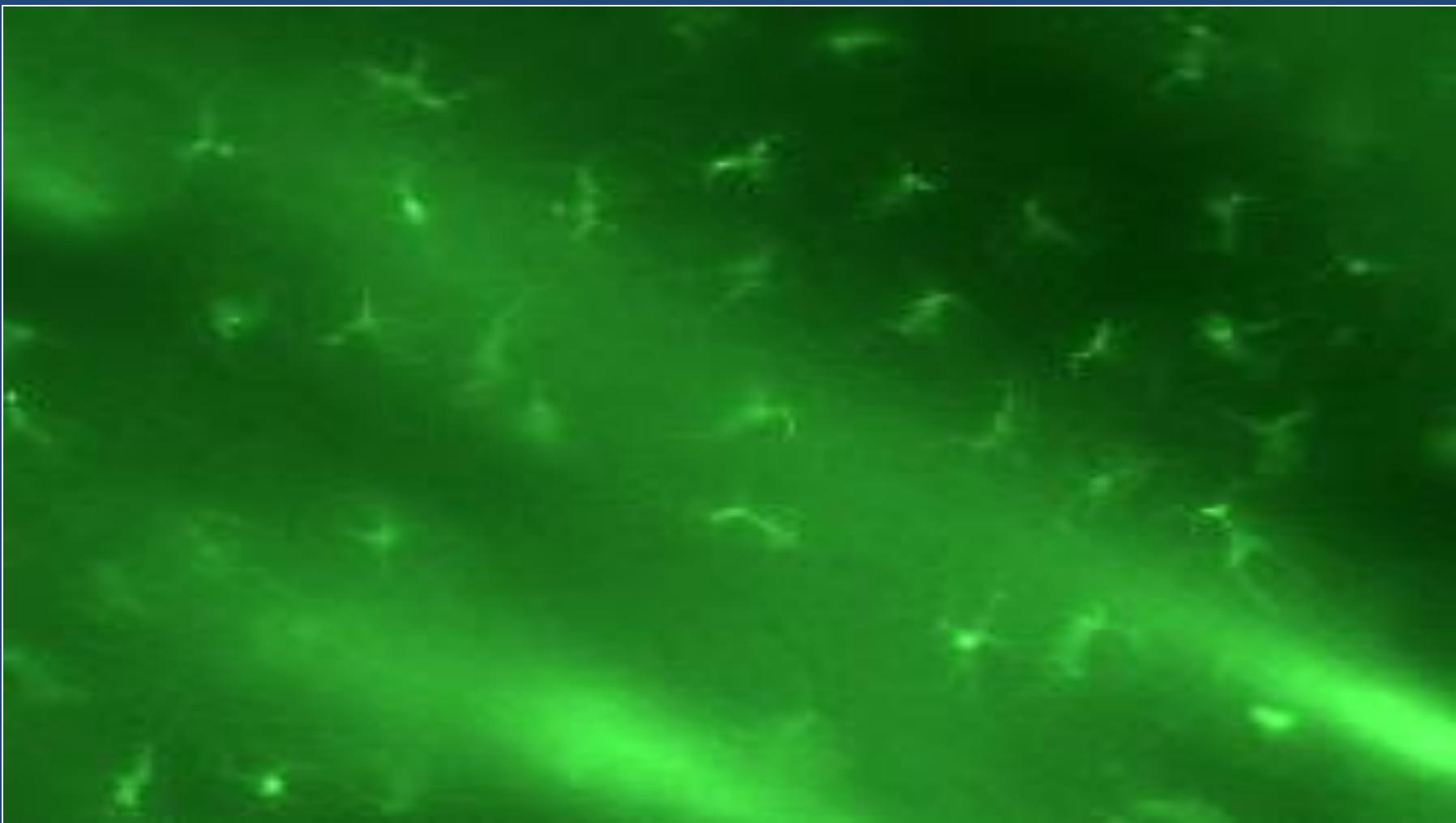


CYP amount (pmol)	
Skin specific rhCYP cocktail	
CYP1A1	3.6
CYP1B1	2.0
CYP2B6	0.035
CYP2E1	11
CYP3A5	5.6
total CYP amount	22

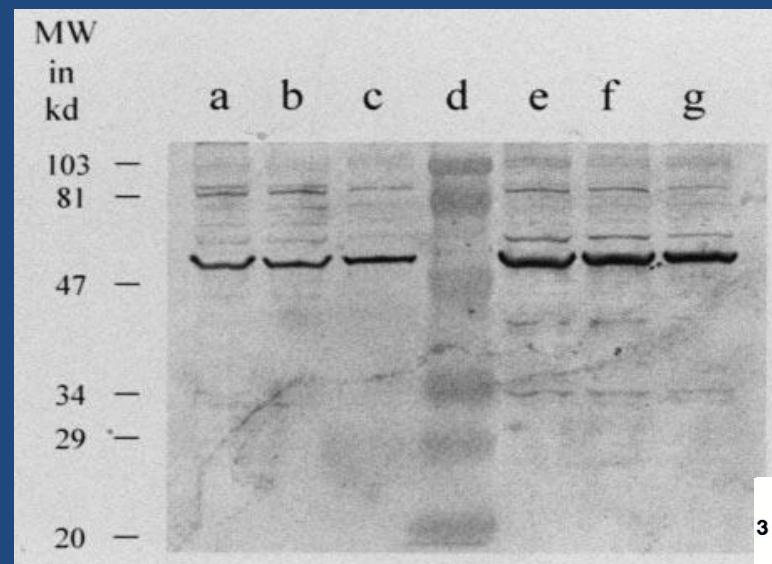
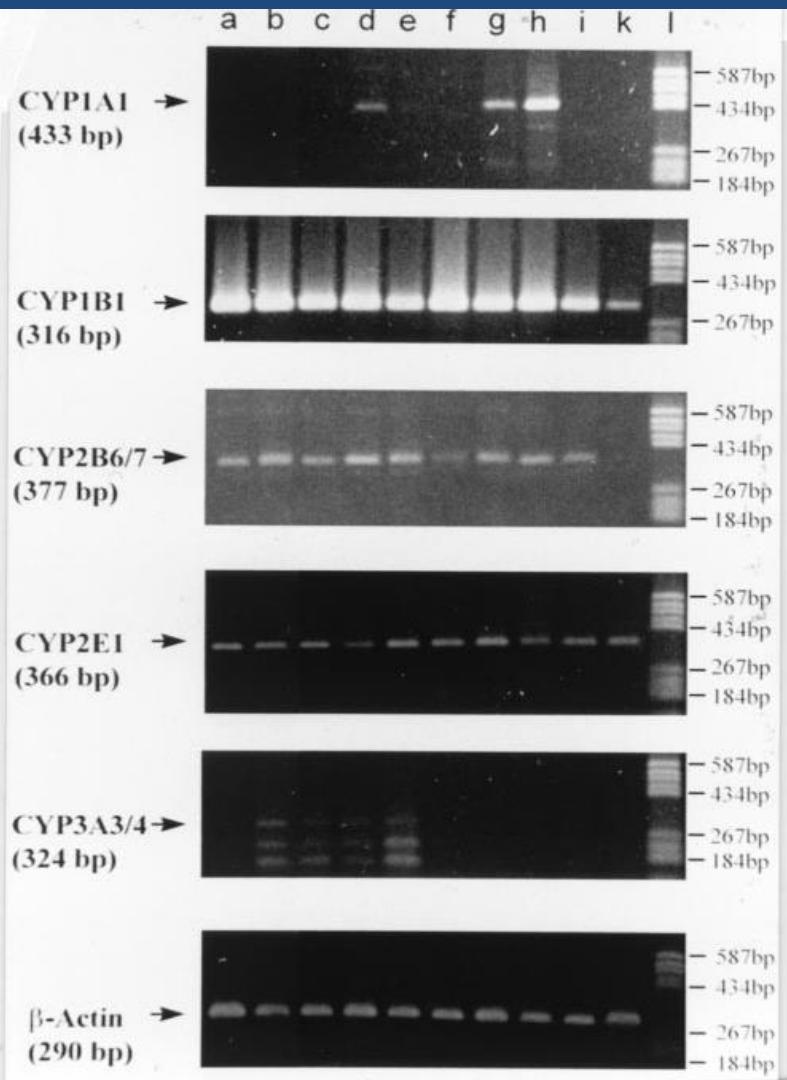
*J Invest Dermatol*, 127: 1145–1153, 2007

# Langerhans-cells

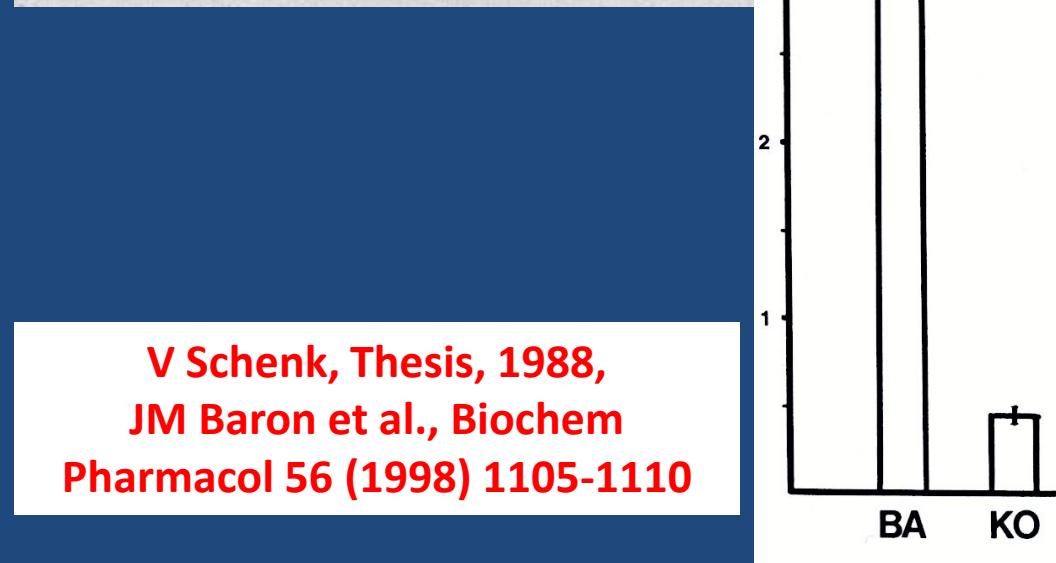
Ia+ dendritic cells (murine skin / FITC stain)



# CYPs in monocytes

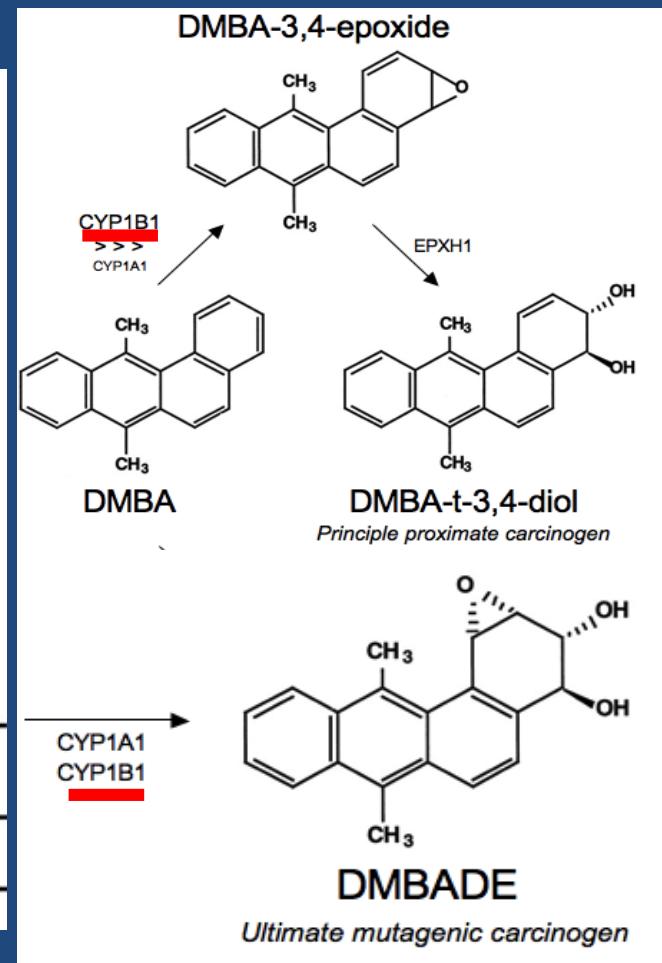
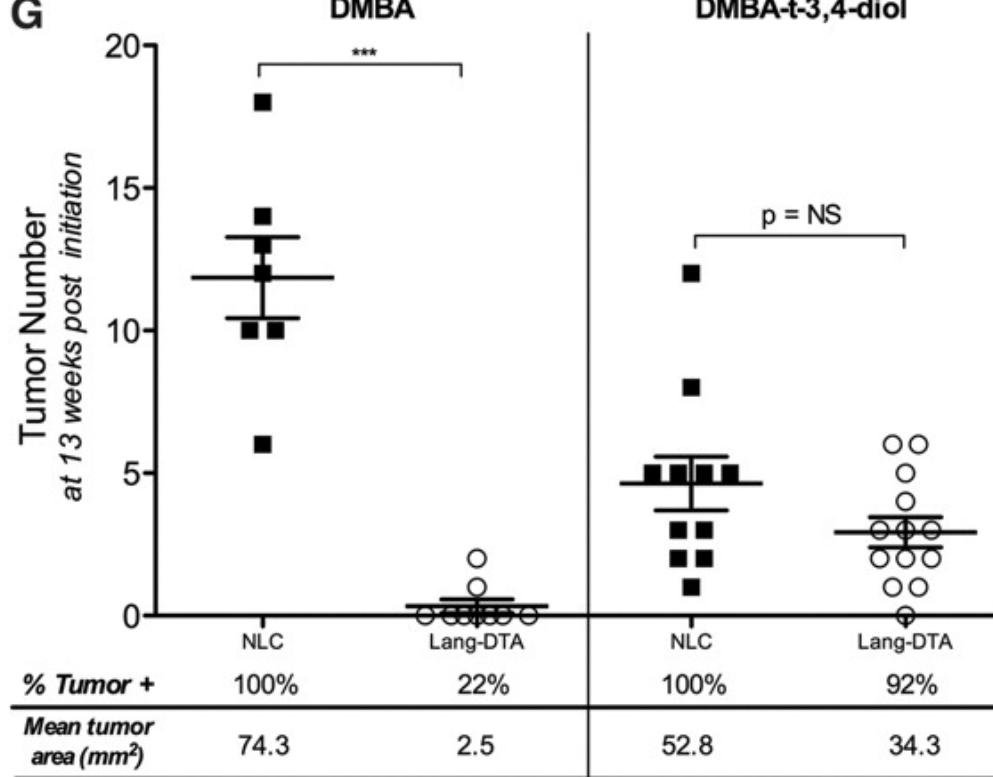


V Schenk, Thesis, 1988,  
JM Baron et al., Biochem  
Pharmacol 56 (1998) 1105-1110

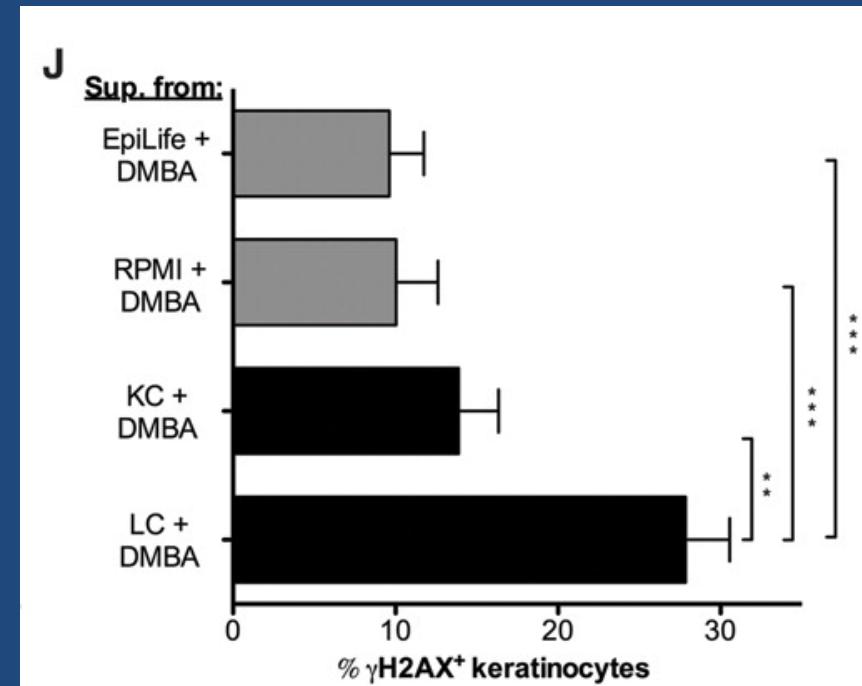
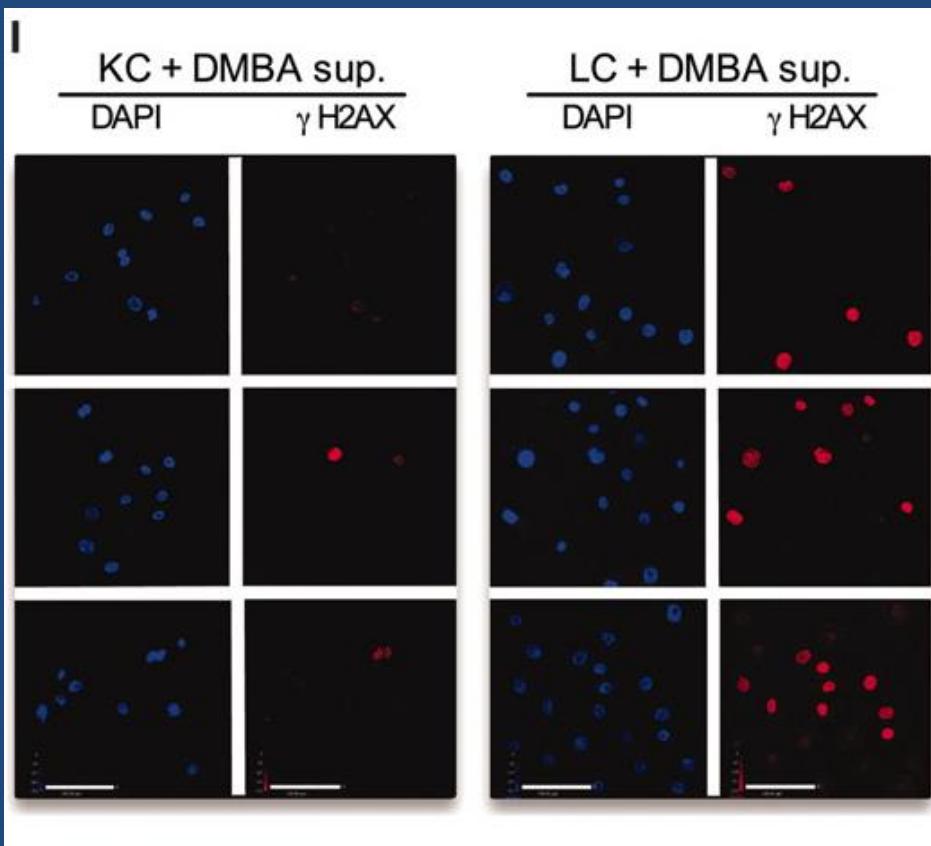


# Less tumor induction by DMBA in LC-deficient mice

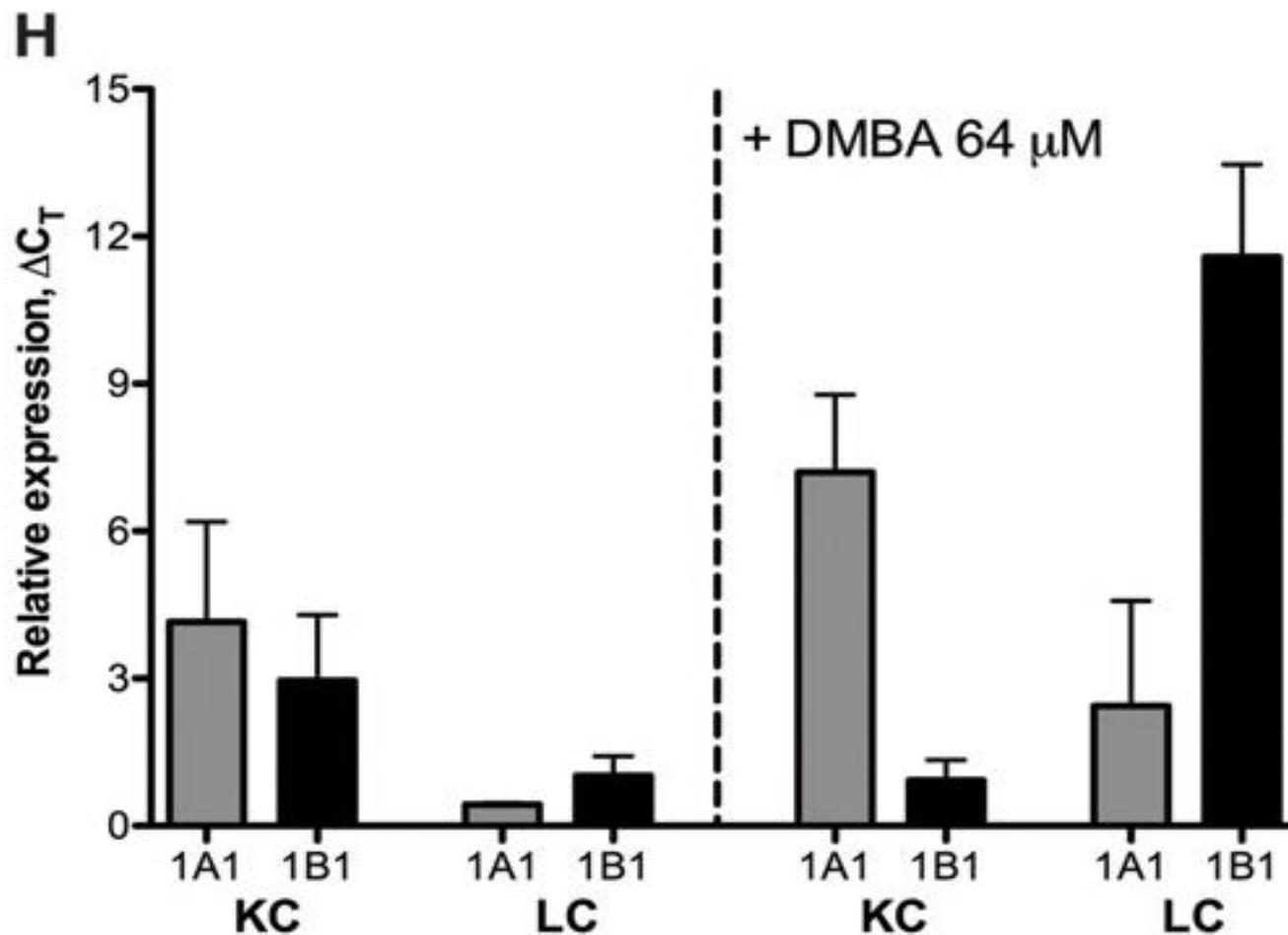
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# Increased DNA damage (Hras mutation/ H2AX+) in keratinocytes by supernatants from LC after DMBA incubation compared to keratinocytes



# AhR responsive CYPs in muLC



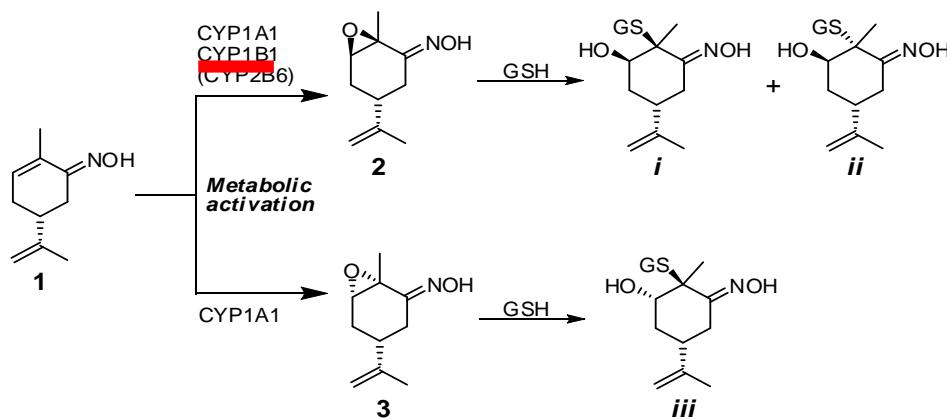
BG Modi et al., Science 335 (2012) 104-108

# Metabolic activation of Prohapten R-Carboxime

## Cutaneous Metabolic Activation of Carboxime, a Self-Activating, Skin-Sensitizing Prohapten

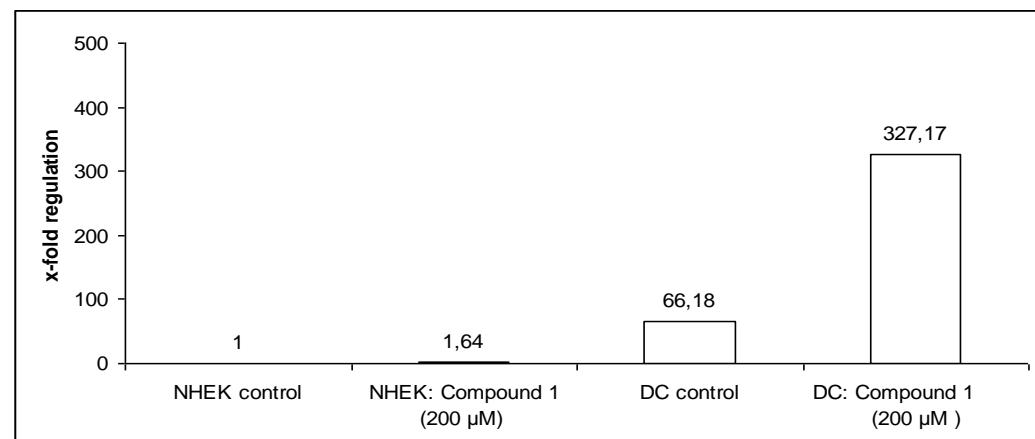
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Chem Res Toxicol, 22(2): 399-405, 2009

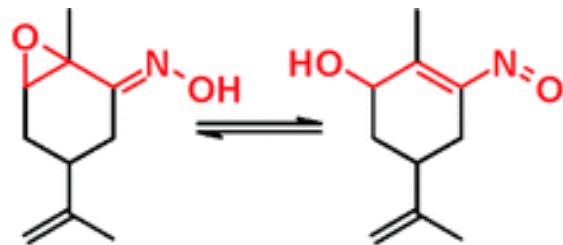
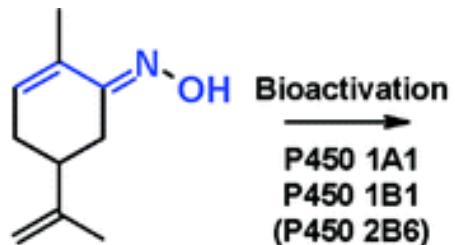


CYP mediated epoxidation of the **prohapten**  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated oxime **R-carboxime** and subsequent conjugation with glutathione (GSH)

**Prohapten (R-Carboxime) can stimulate its CYP-mediated metabolism (CYP 1B1)**

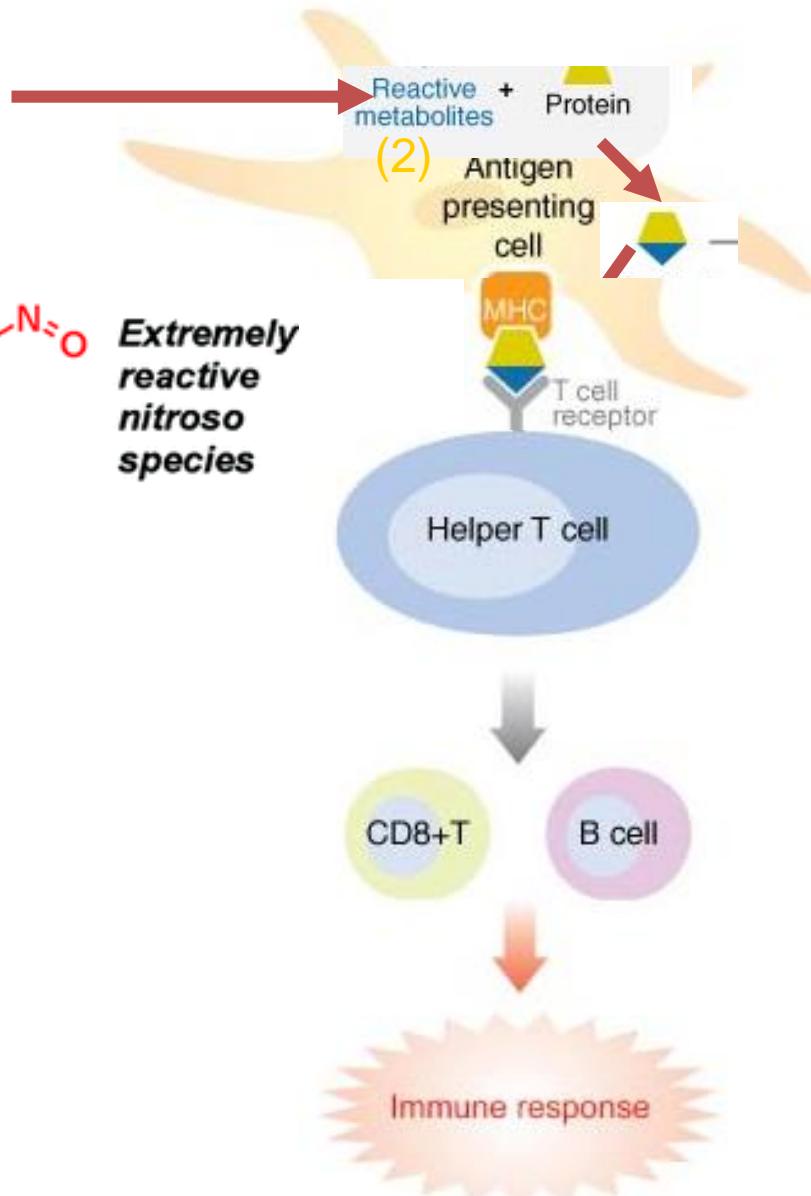


# Carvoxime (1)

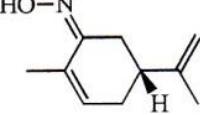
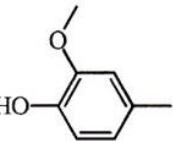
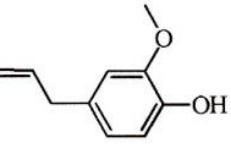


Prohapten  
Induces P450 1B1 in antigen-presenting cells

Adapted from Utrecht et al., 2007  
and H Ott et al, 2009

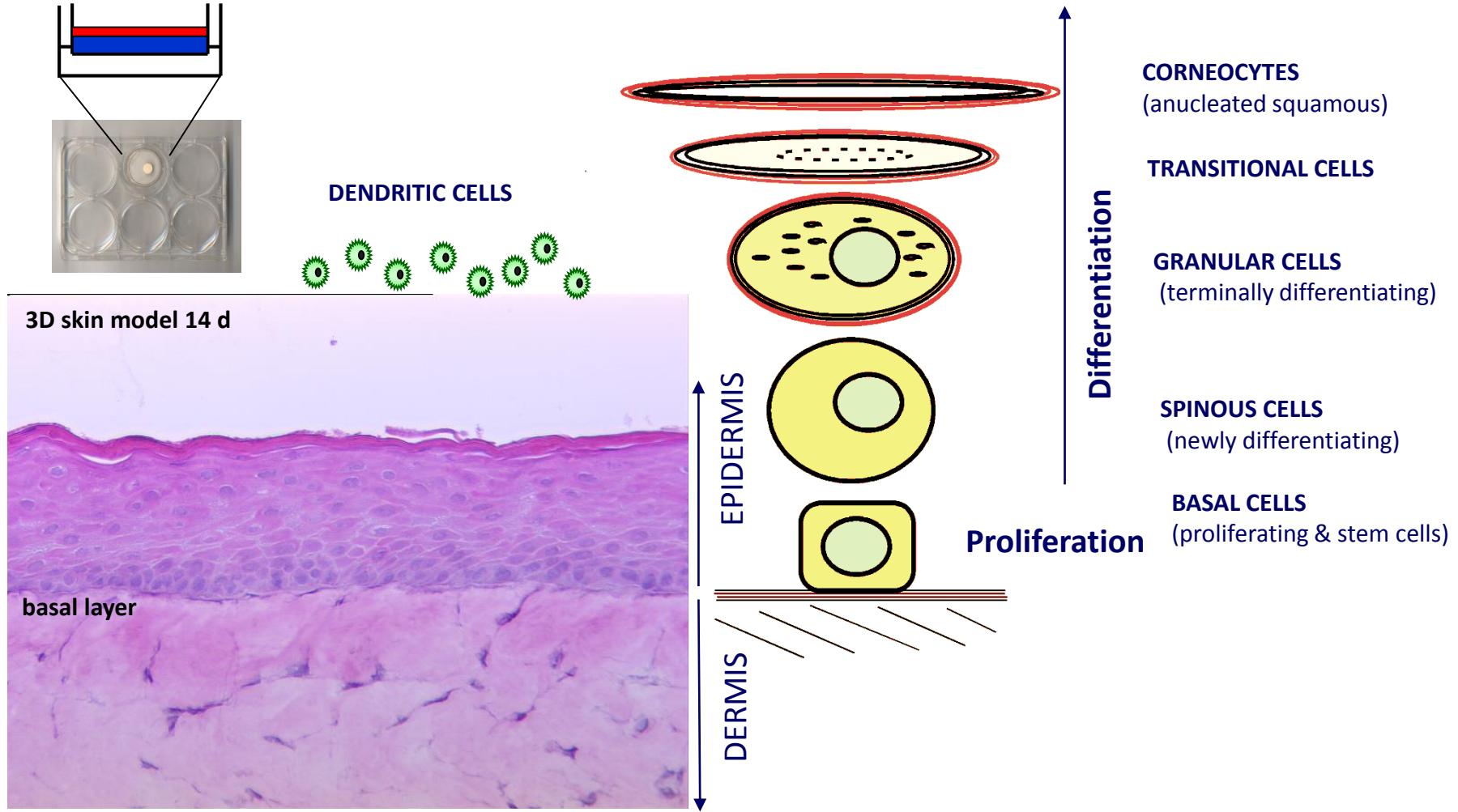


# NRF2 activation +/- S9 in Keratinosens

	LLNA EC3 (%)	I <sub>max</sub> (fold induction)	EC2		IC50	
			No S9	With S9	( $\mu$ M)	( $\mu$ M)
	Carvone oxime <sup>1</sup>	0.6	0.99	1.1	n.i.	n.i.
	Creosol	5.8	1.1	3.6	n.i. <sup>1)</sup>	230.1
	Eugenol	12.9	1.7	3.4	n.i.	369.1
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A Natsch & T Haupt; Tox Sci 135(2), 356–368 2013

# 3D skin models

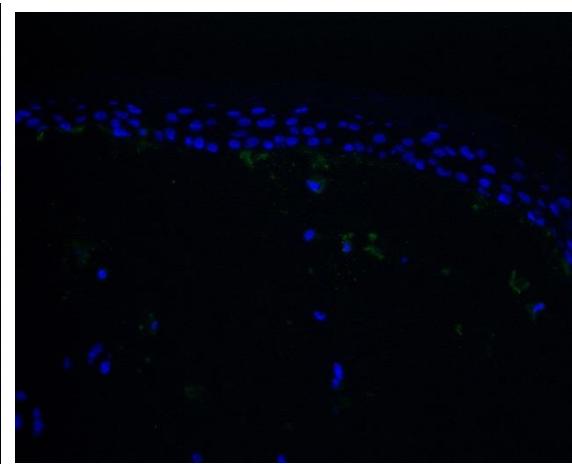
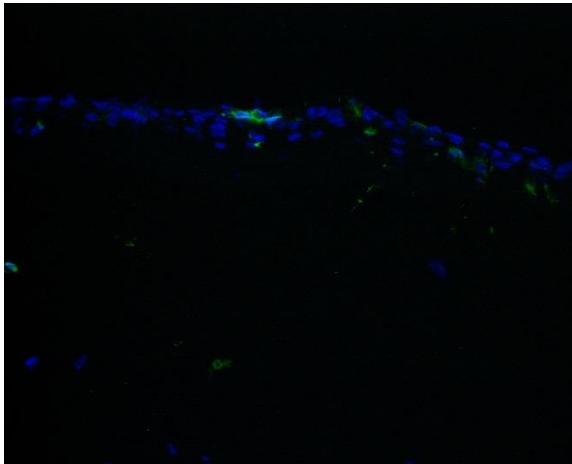
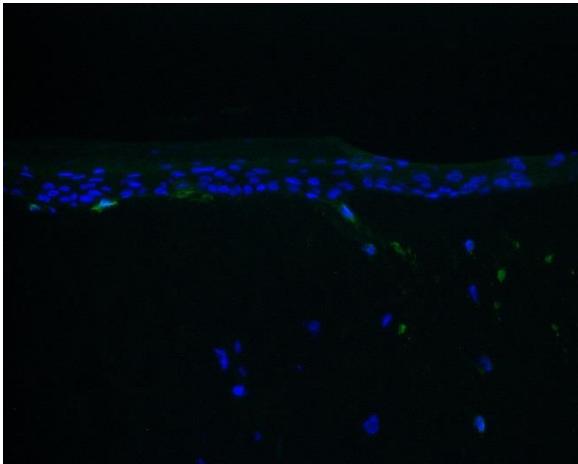


# 3D4/11 6d 3d skin model with DC

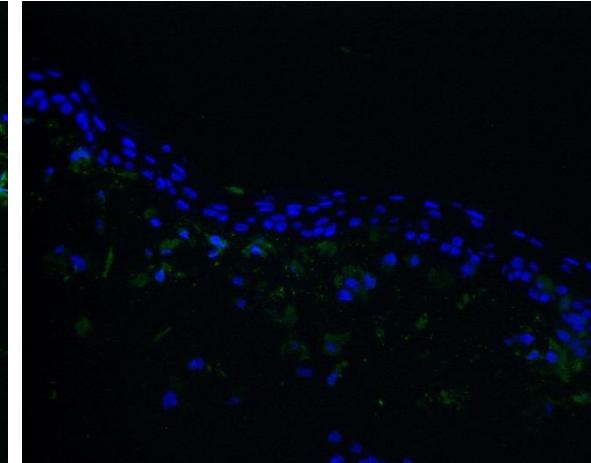
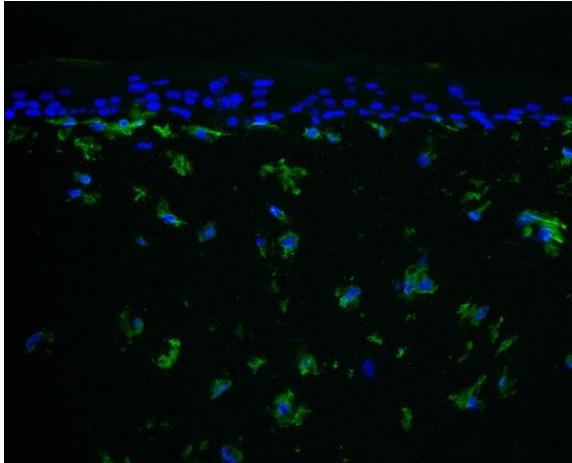
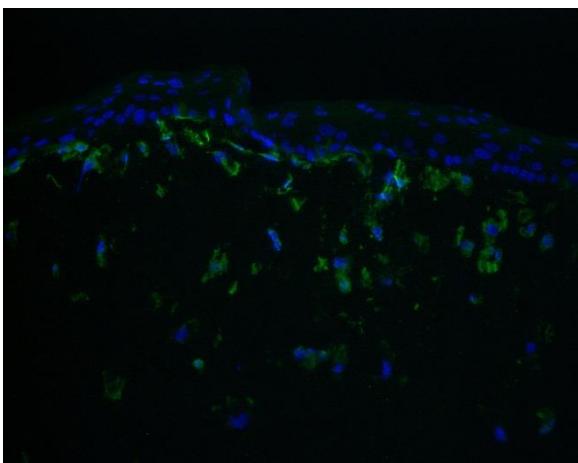
CD1a

CD80

HLADR

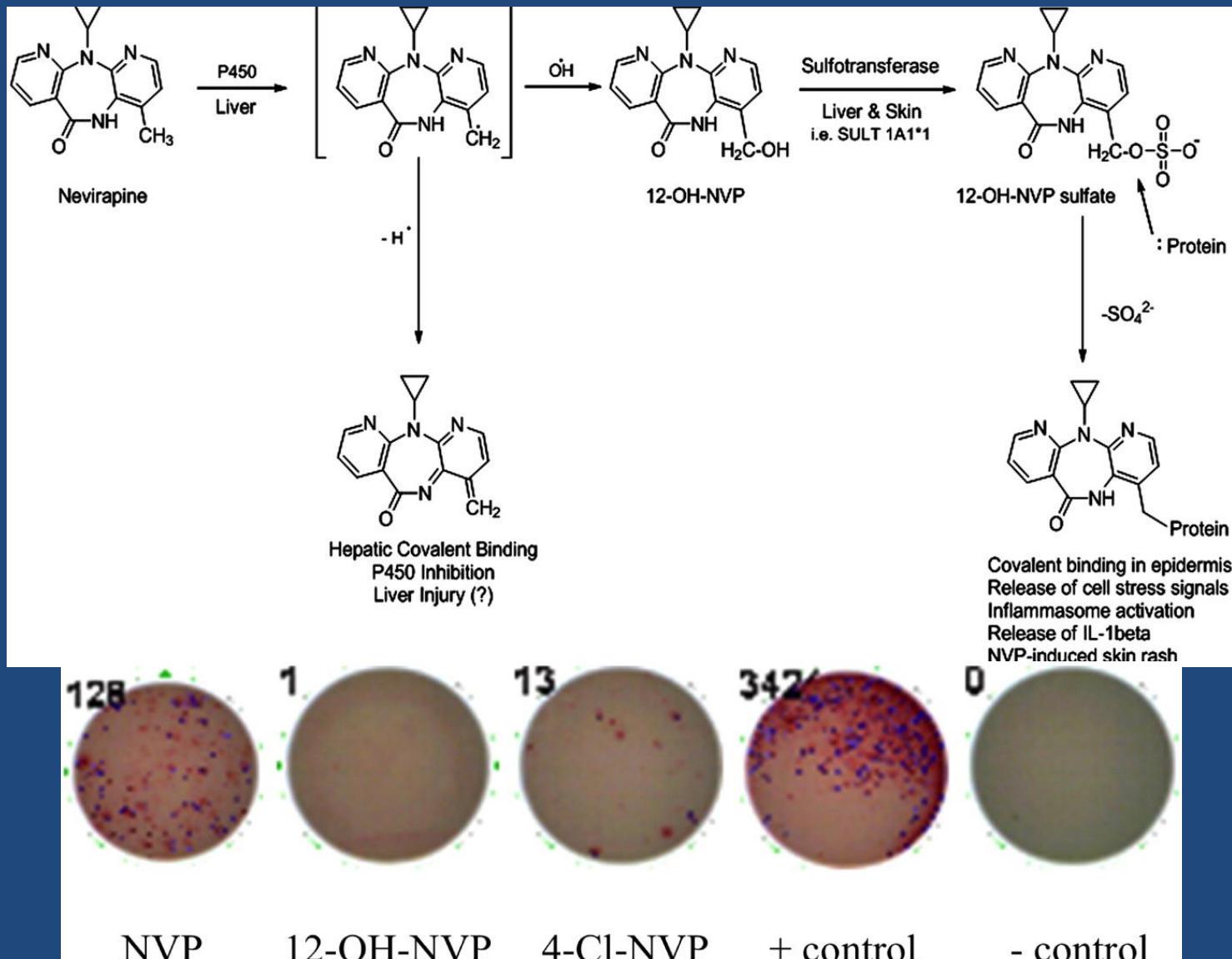


-MIF



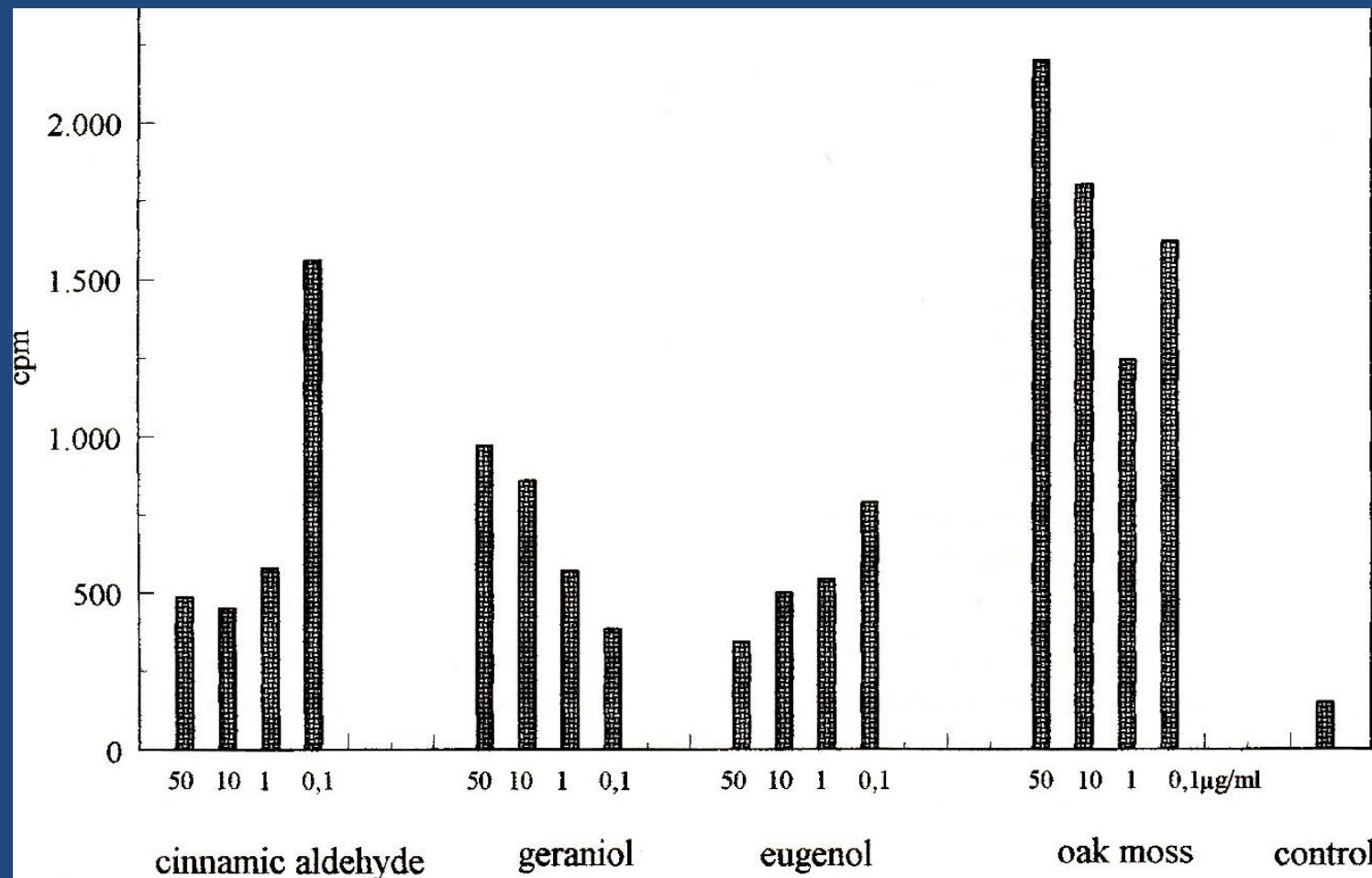
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# Nevirapine-Metabolism in Liver and skin



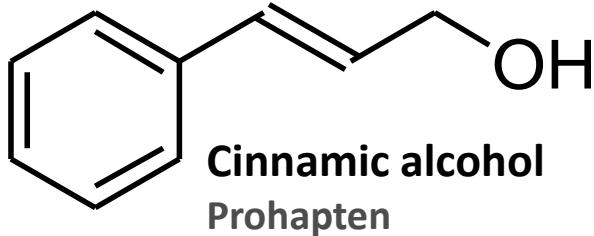
Sharma & Utrecht, 2014

# Dose-dependent proliferation of lymphocytes to fragrances



S Sieben, B Blömeke, HF Merk, In: P. Elsner, HF Merk, HI Maibach  
Cosmetics Springer, Heidelberg, 1999, pp. 226 - 240

# Activation of cinnamic alcohol is mediated by CYPs expressed in skin cells



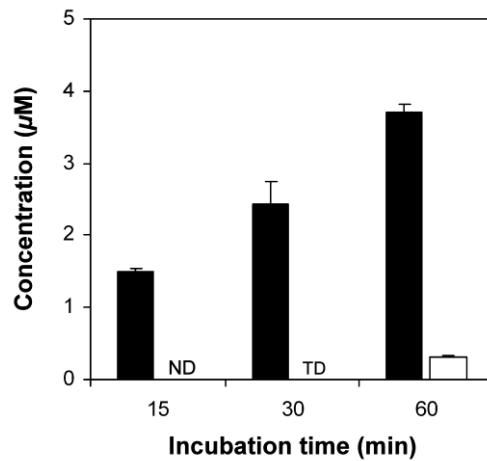
Incubation with skin  
specific  
rhCYP cocktail



+

ADH\*

Detection of cinnamic  
aldehyde (■) and cinnamic acid  
(□) by LC-MS



\*CK Smith et al., *TaP* 168 (2000) 189-199  
*J Invest Dermatol*, 127: 1145–1153, 2007  
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# Human moDC in vitro assay

## Characterization of the Sensitizing Potential of Chemicals by *In Vitro* Analysis of Dendritic Cell Activation and Skin Penetration

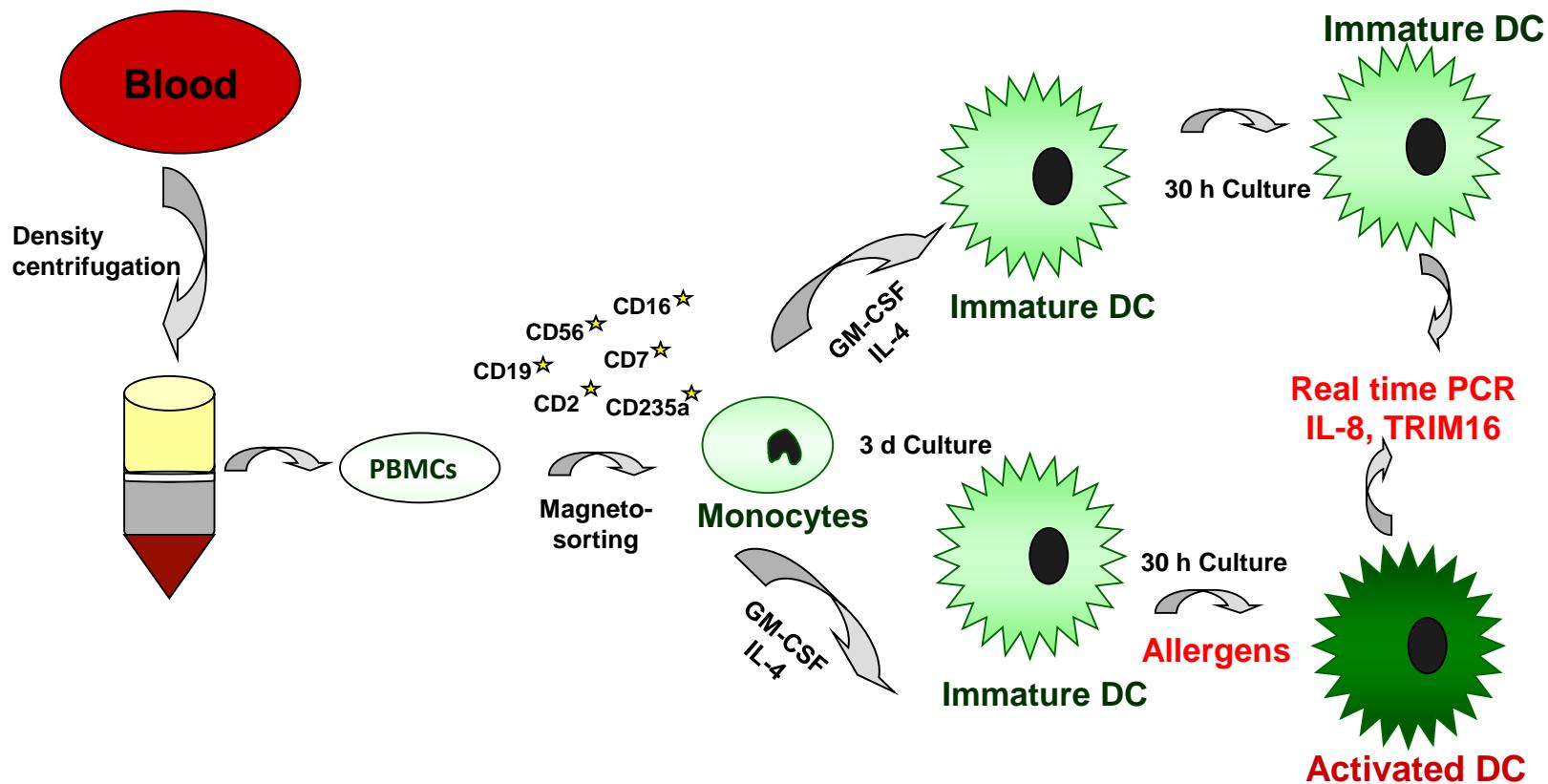
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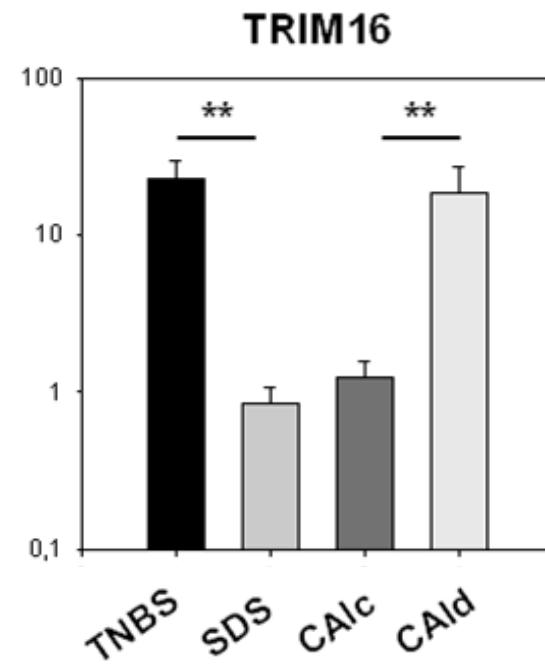
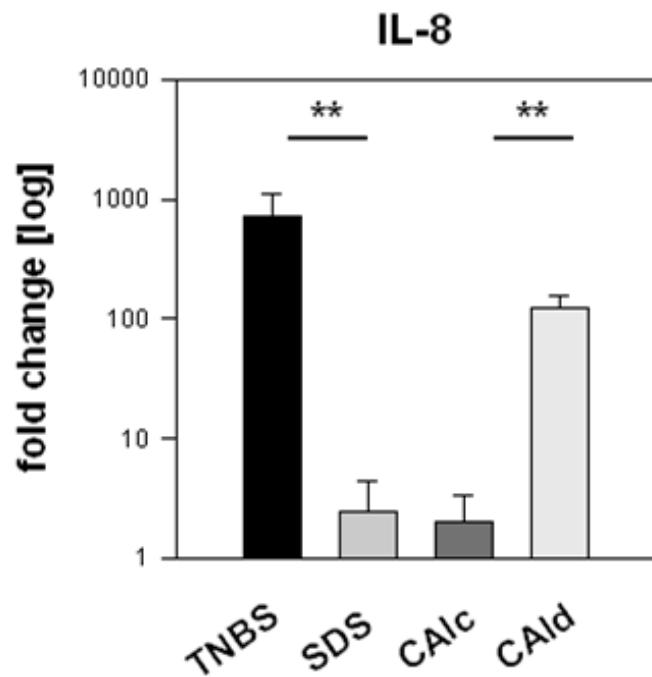
## High-Resolution Transcriptional Profiling of Chemical-Stimulated Dendritic Cells Identifies Immunogenic Contact Allergens, but Not Prohaptens

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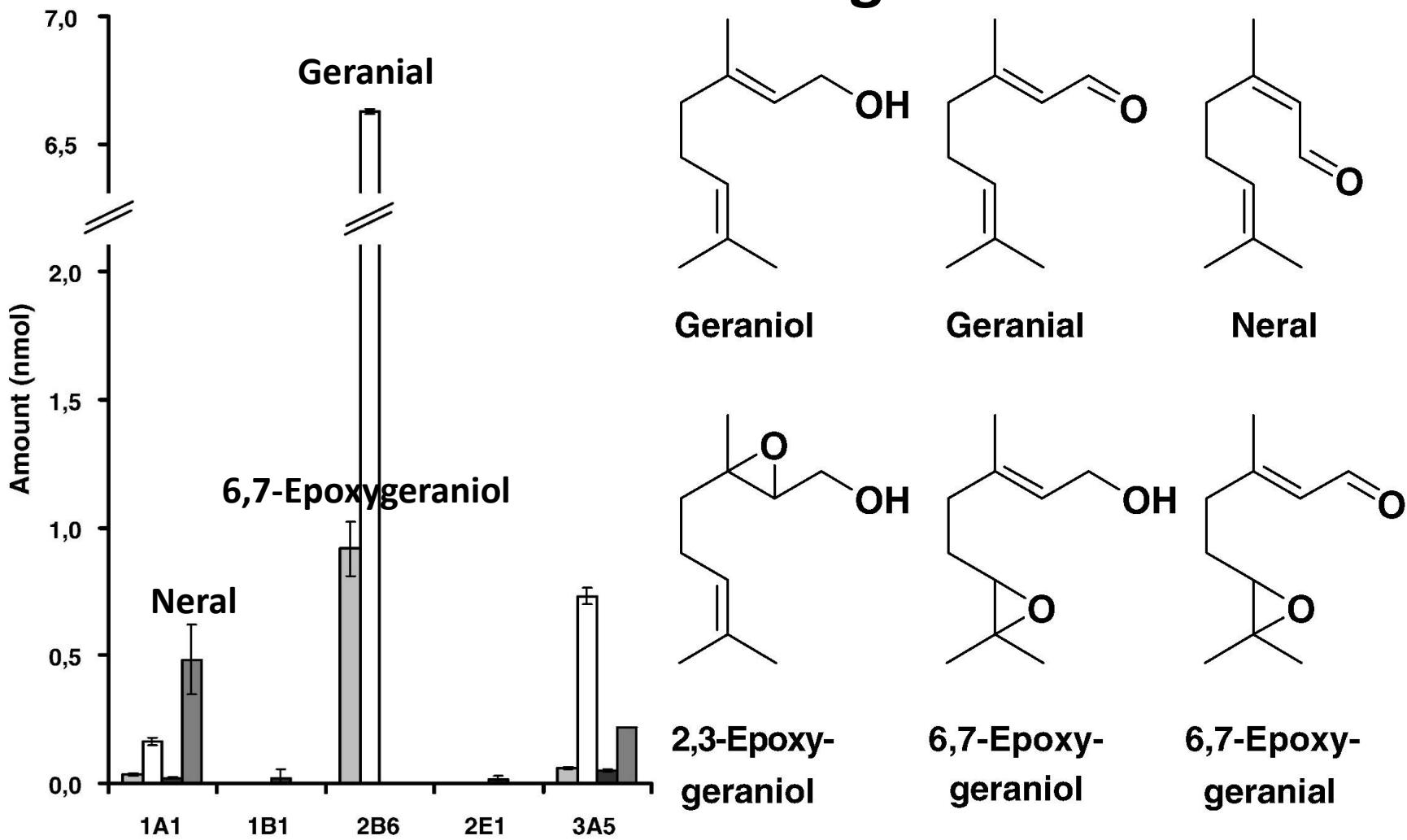
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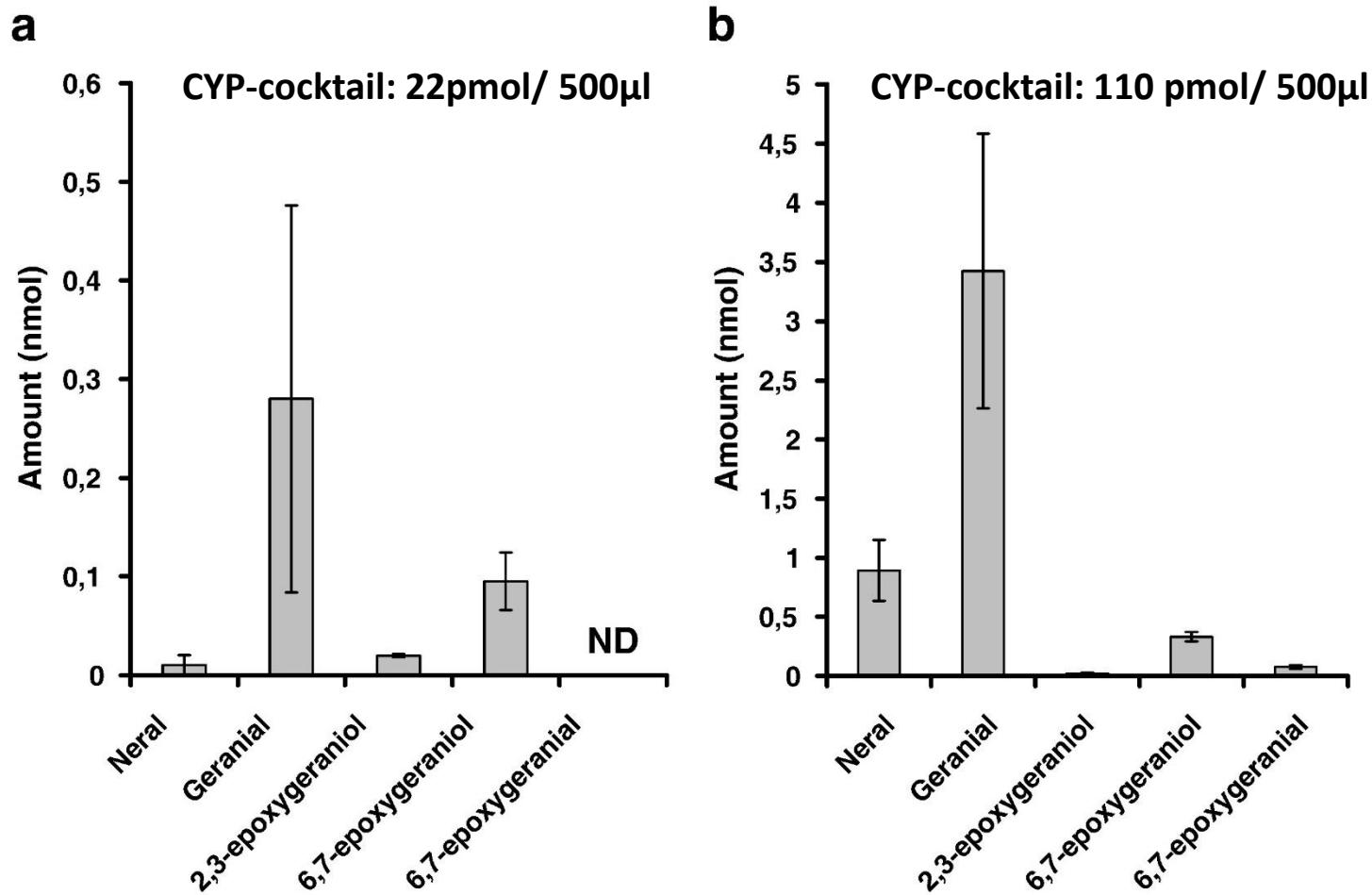
# Influence of prohaptoens and haptens on the activation of immature dendritic cells



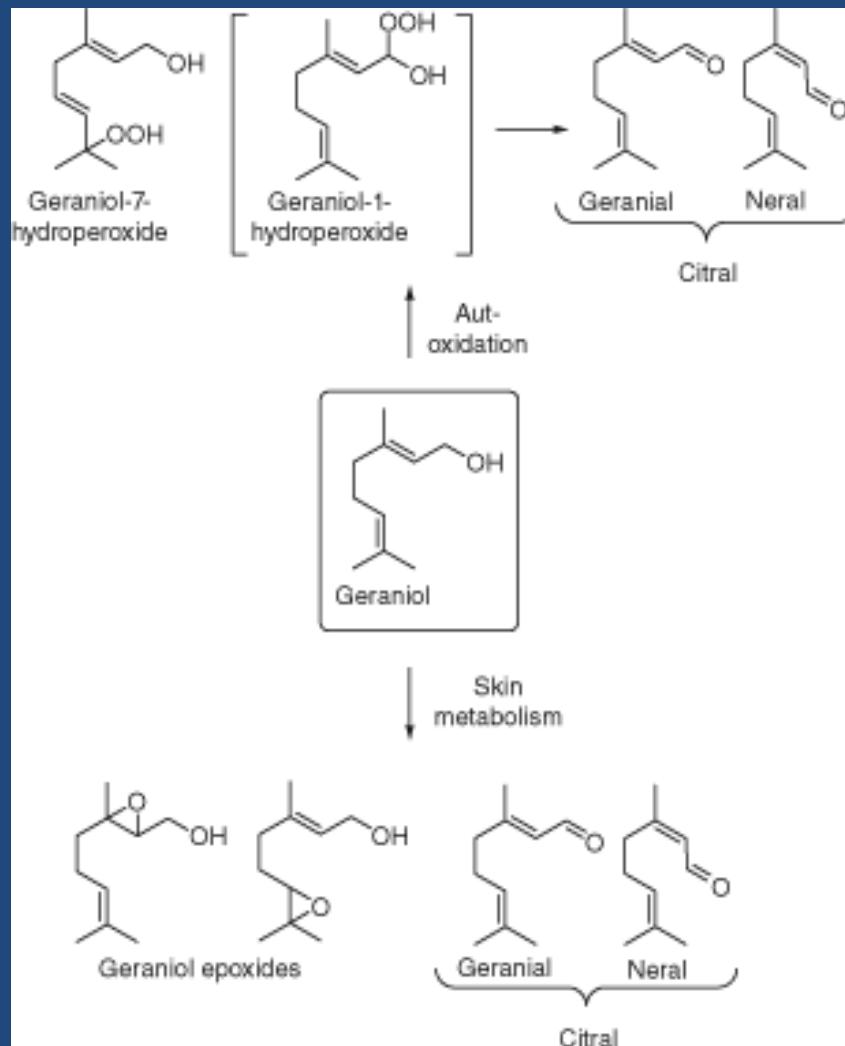
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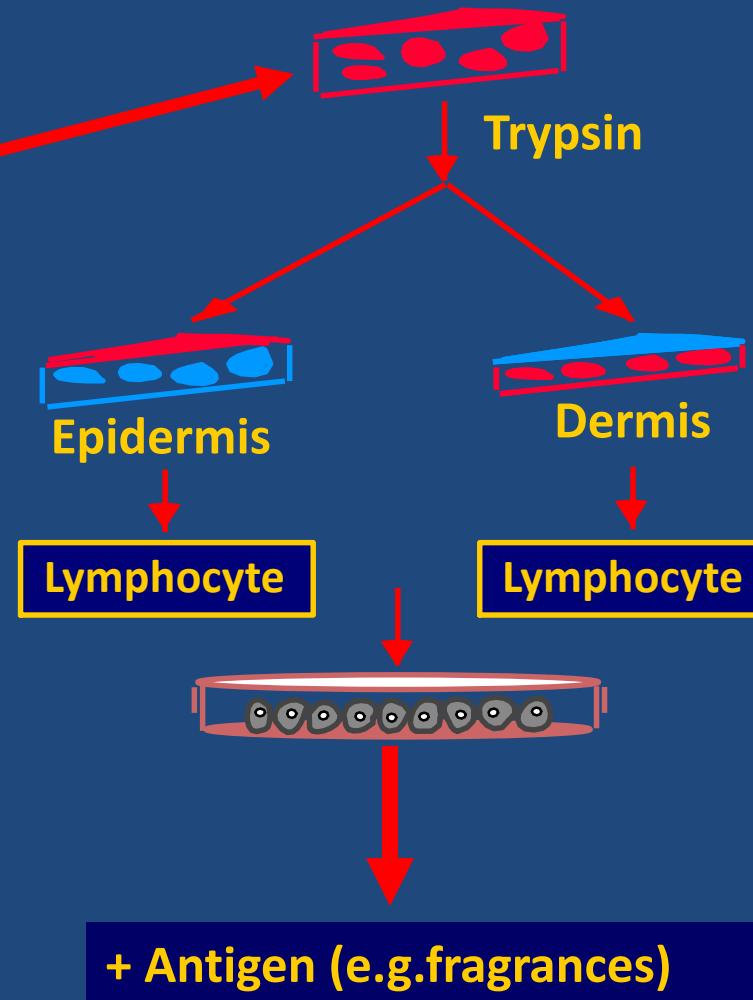


# Geraniol: Pre- and Prohapten

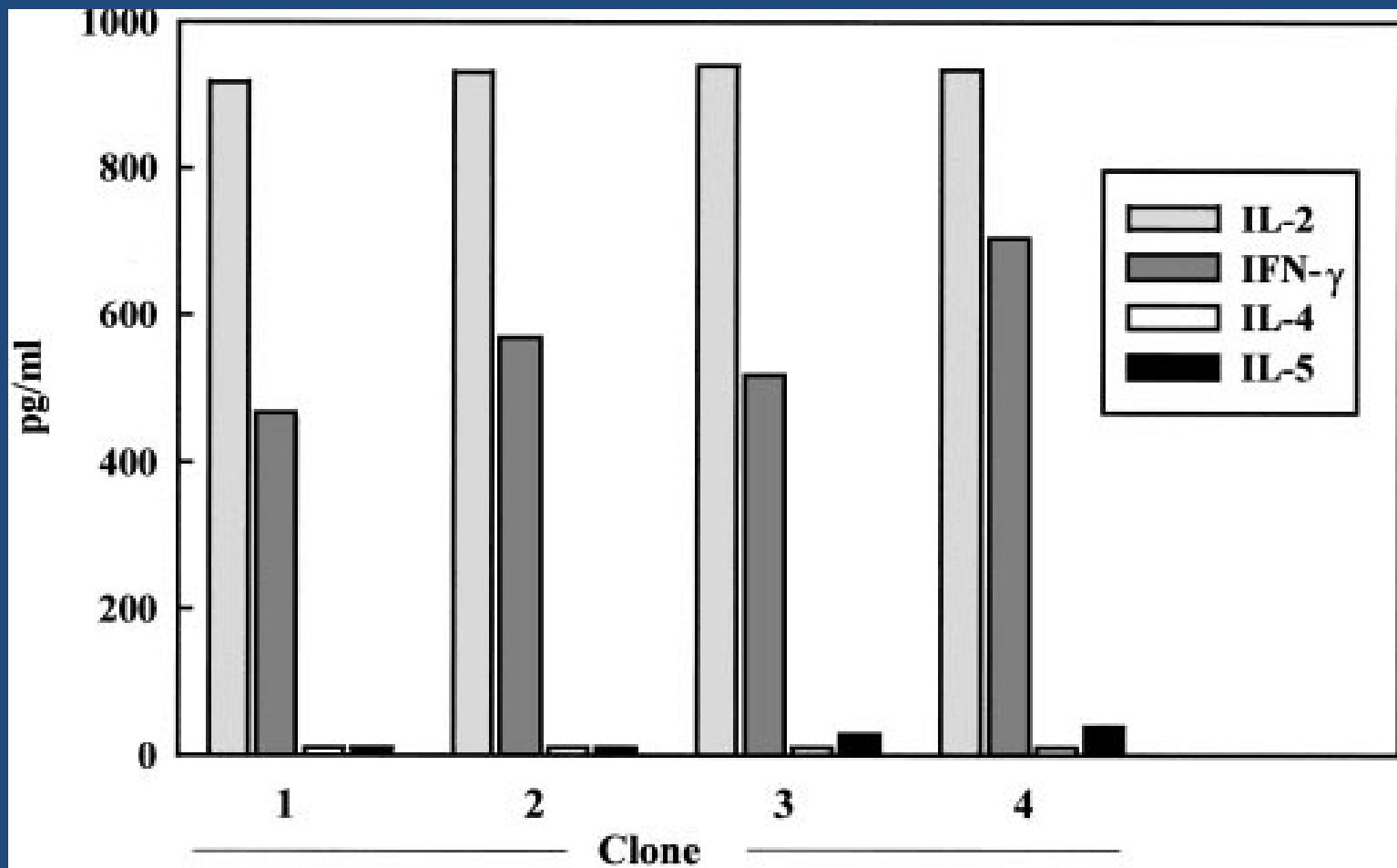


Hagvall L et al., CD 2014

# Isolation and cloning of lesional T-lymphocytes



# Cytokine release of eugenol-specific TCC



Sieben et al., TaP 2001

# LTT with Fragrance modified CYPs

human liver microsomes  
recombinant CYPs  
+ fragrances



Supernatant



venous blood  
PBMC

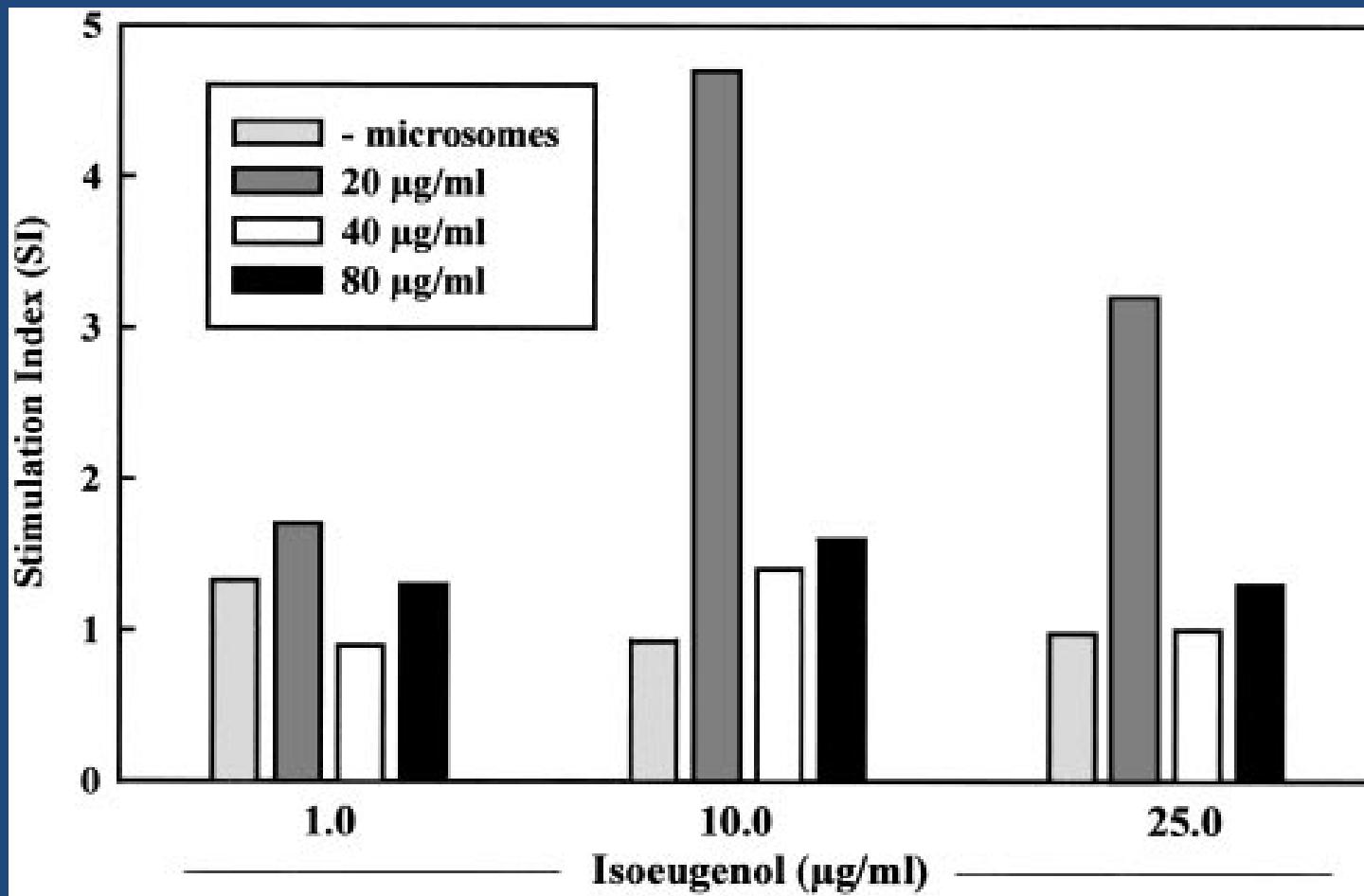


$^3$  H-thymidine



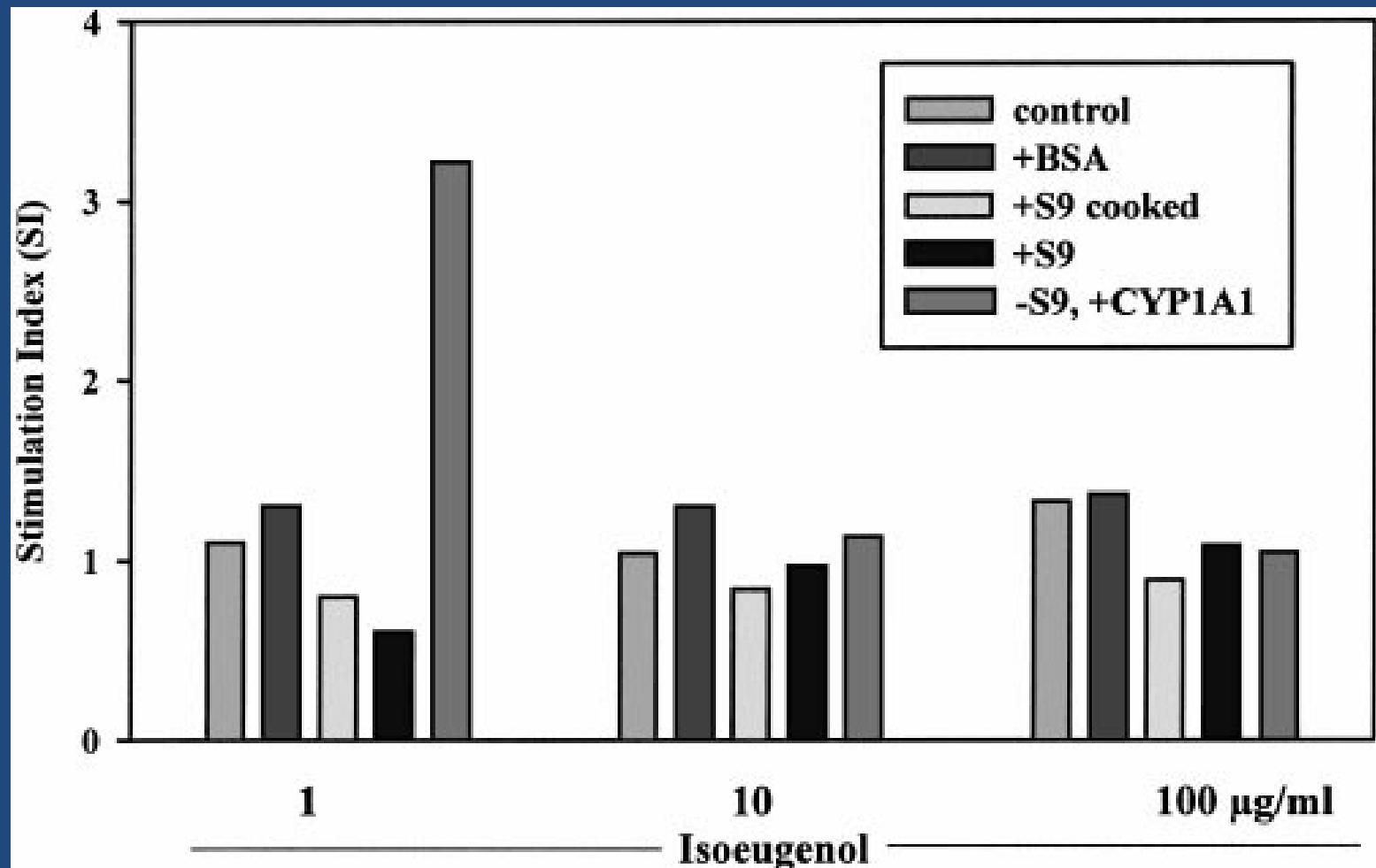
proliferation

# Effects of fragrance-modified human CYPs



Sieben et al., TaP 2001

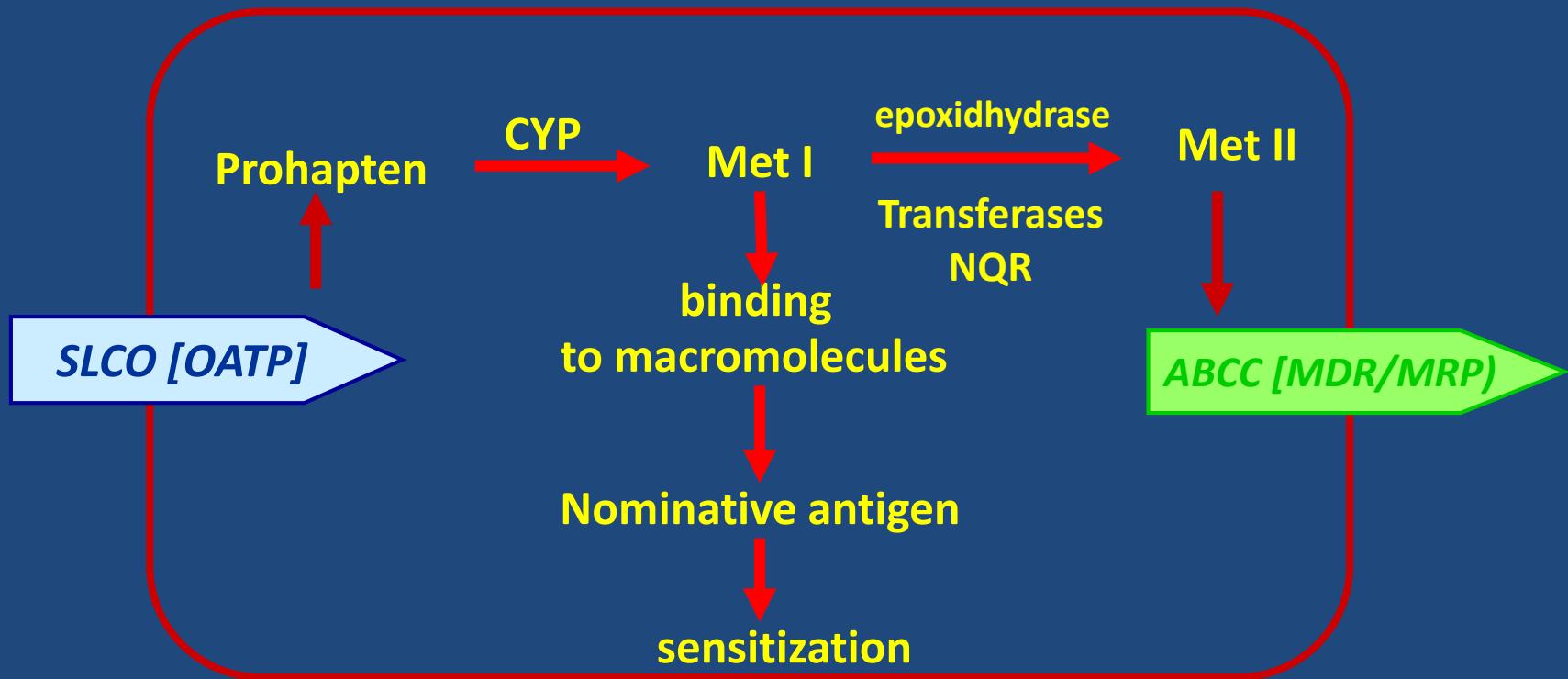
# Effects of isoeugenol-modified recombinant CYP1A1 or human liver microsomes compared to effects of cooked or irrelevant protein



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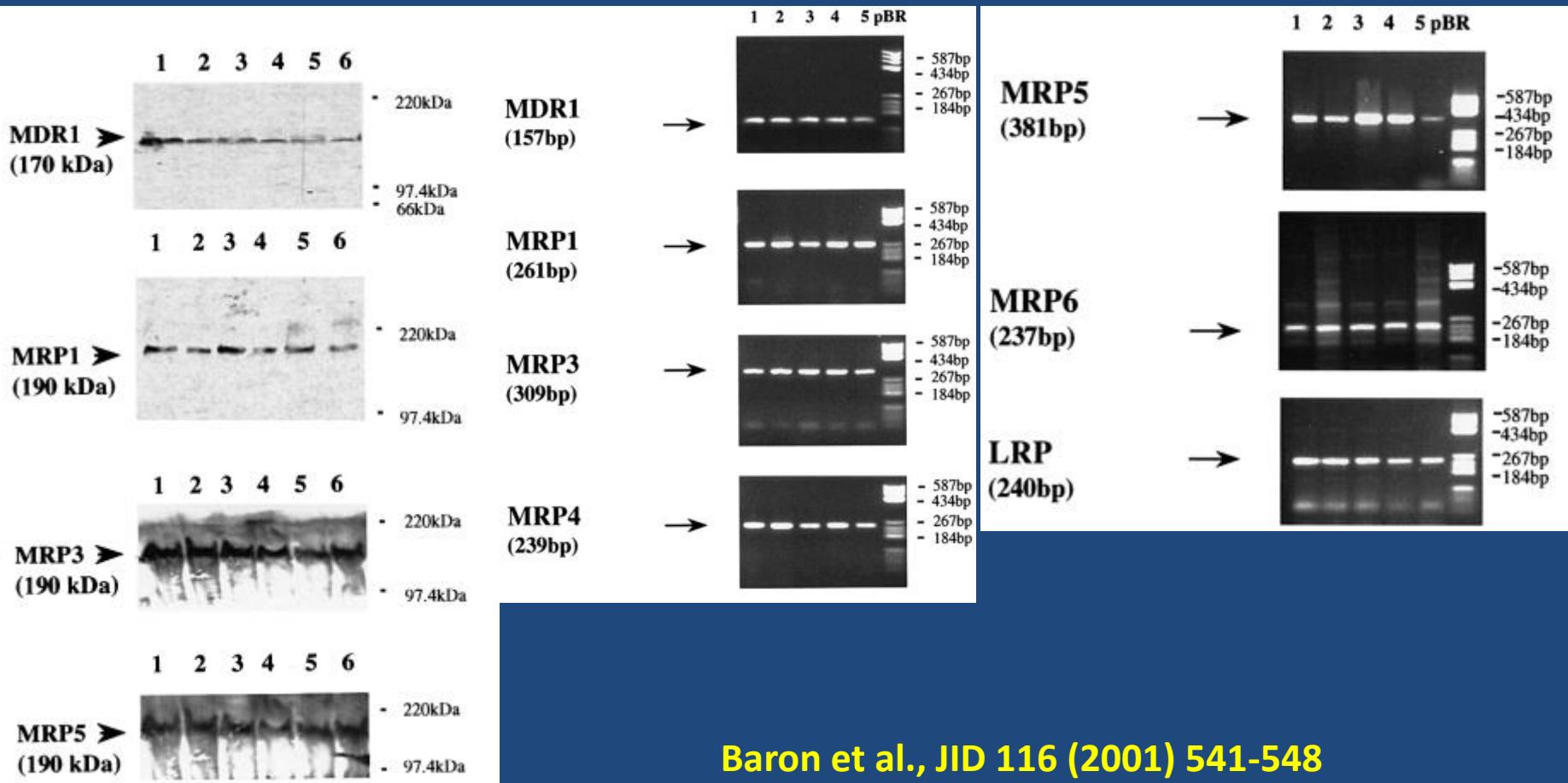
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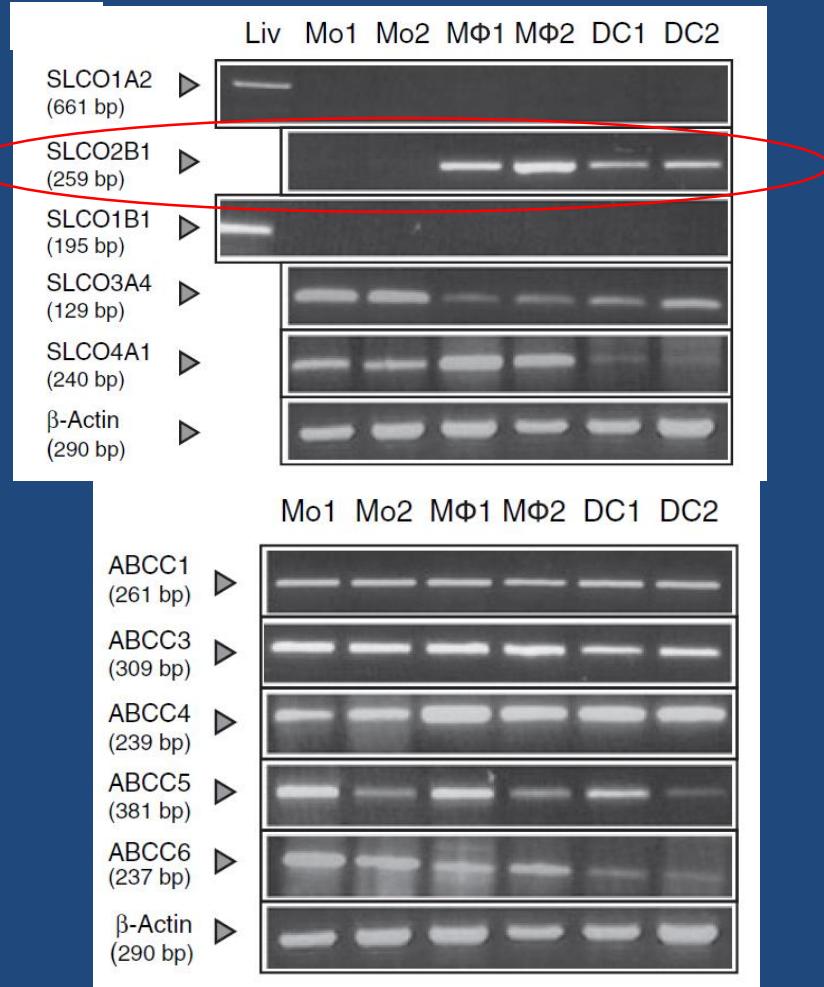
# Transporter proteins in human keratinocytes



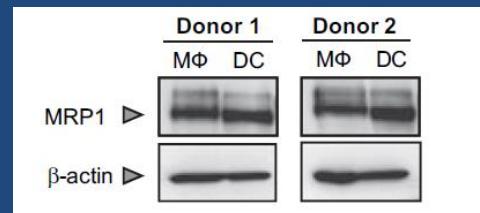
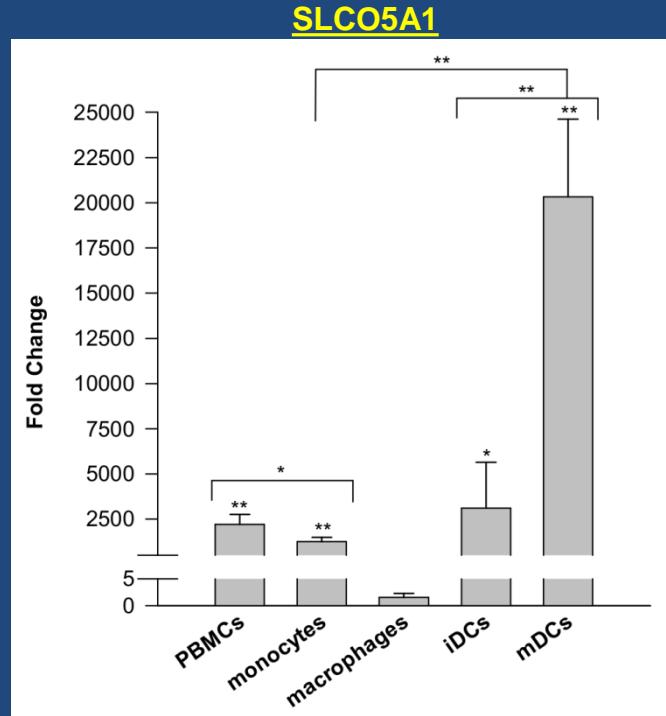
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# Expression of ABCC- and SLCO- Transporter in monocytes/macrophages

**SLCO/  
OATP**



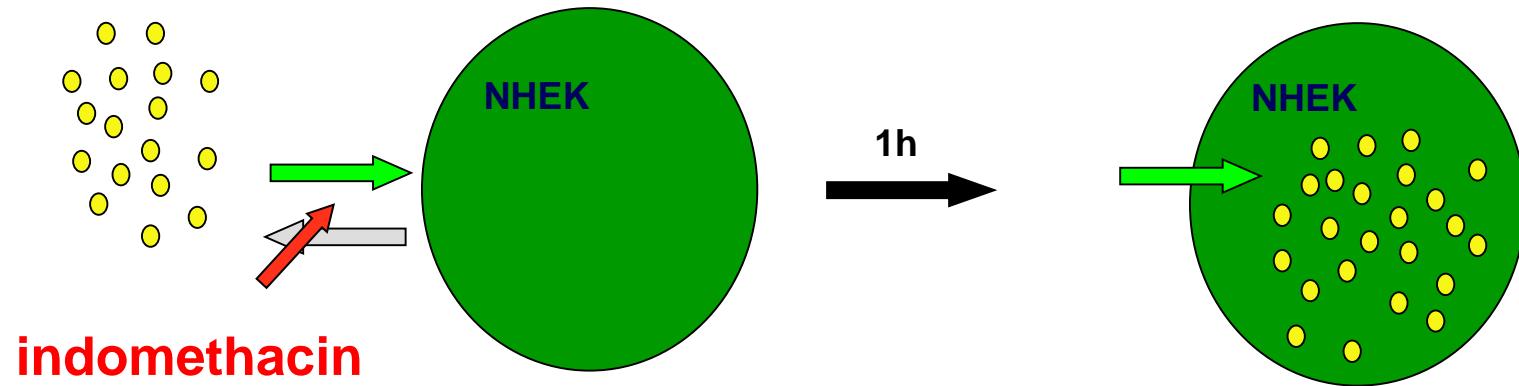
**ABCC/  
MRP**



**Skazik et al., 2008**

Liv: Leber; Mo: Monocytes; MΦ: Macrophages; PBMCs: peripheral blood mononuclear cells; i/mDCs: immature/ mature dendritic Cells

# Transport assay



**indomethacin**

- specific MRP inhibitor
- concentration of 1 mM and 200  $\mu$ M

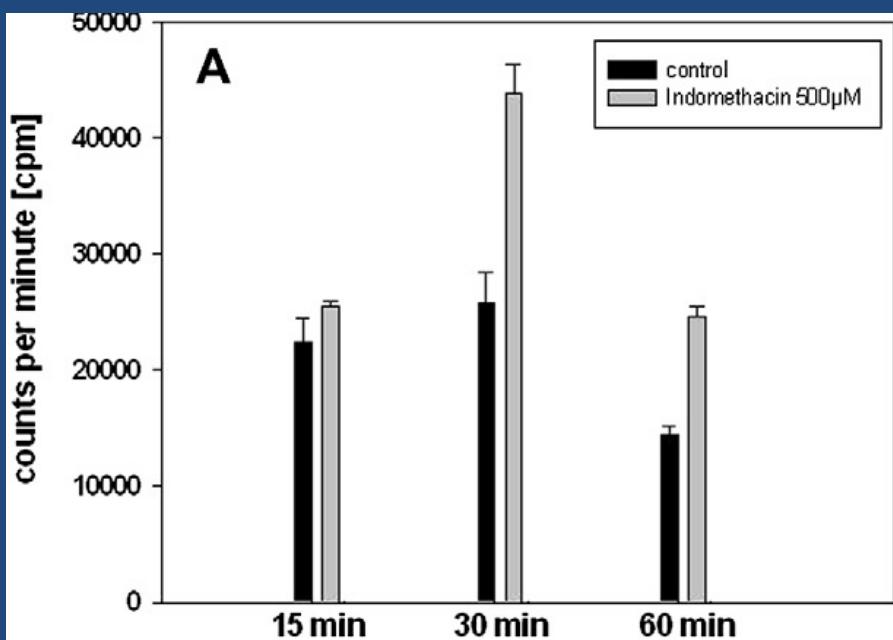
scintillation buffer

Measurement of cell-associated radioactivity

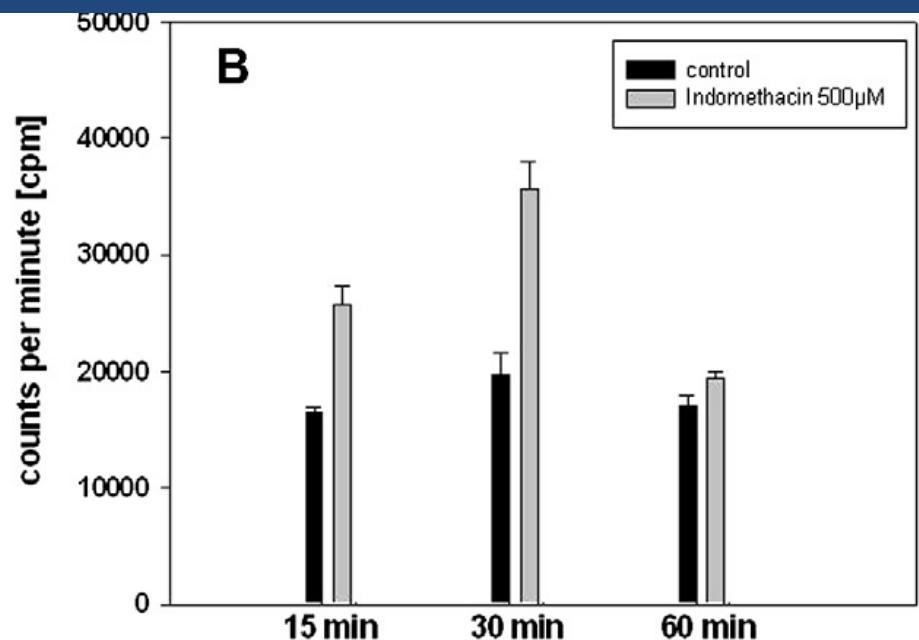


# Inhibitory effect of indomethacin on MRP-mediated efflux of contact allergens in moDCs

Eugenol



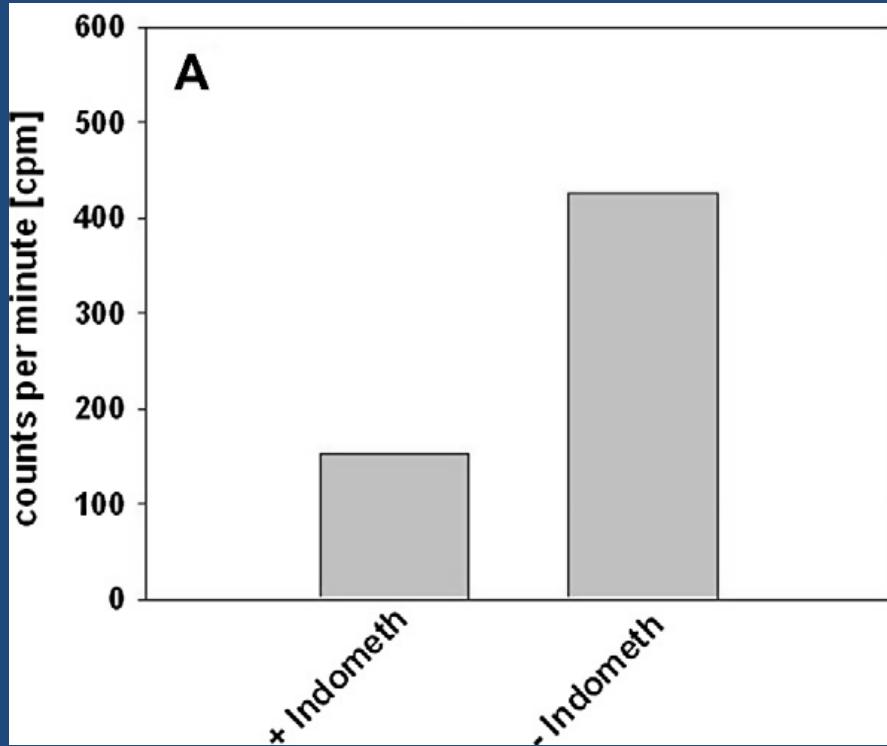
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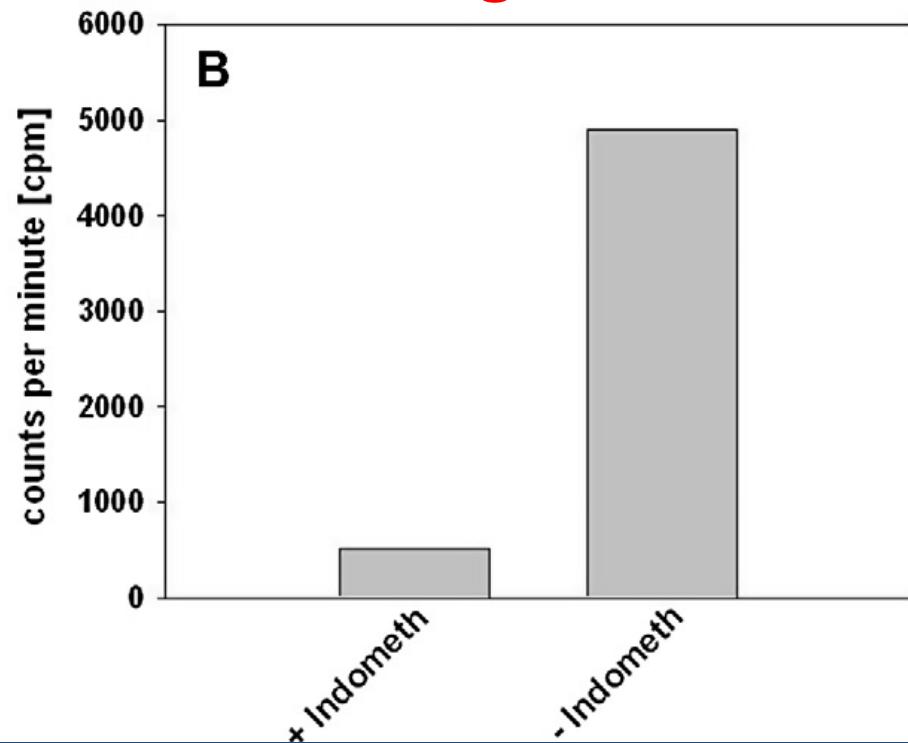
Skazik et al., TaP 2012

# Vesicular transport assay for MRP1: Transport of eugenol is mediated by MRP1

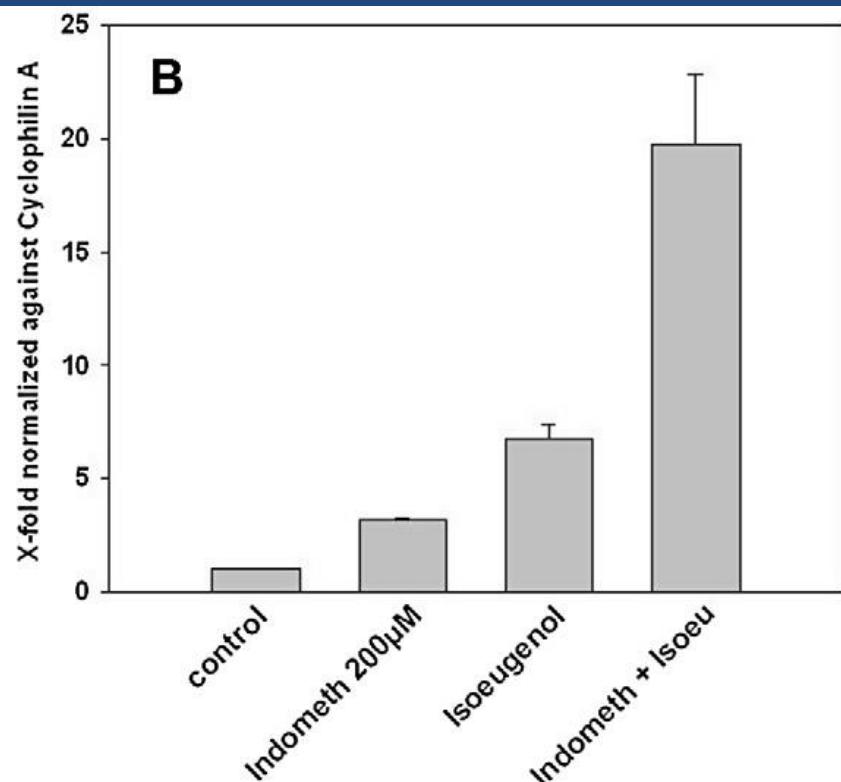
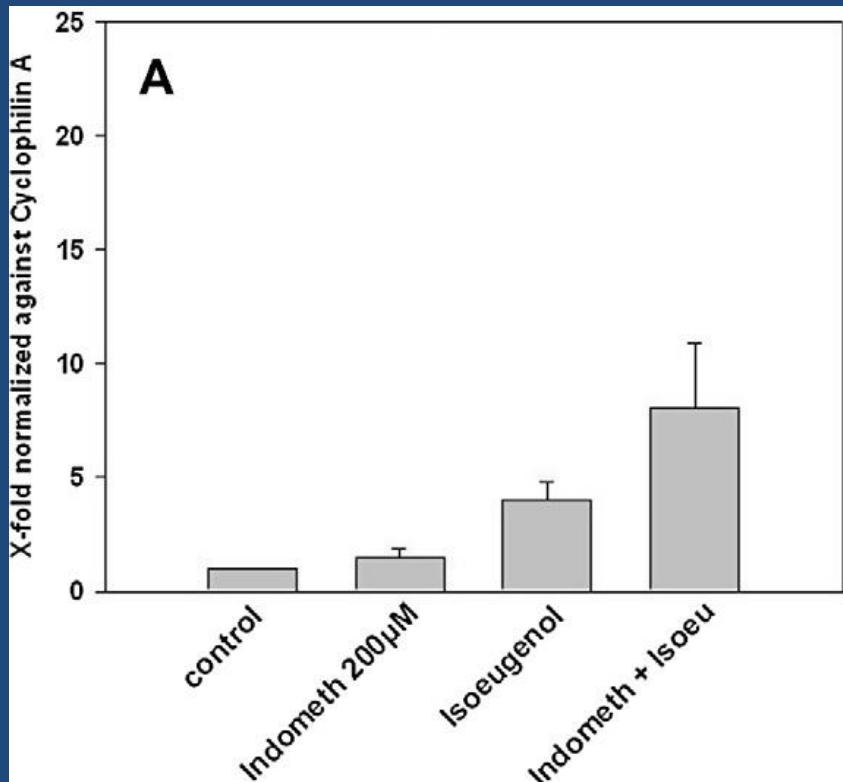
LTC4



Eugenol



# MoDC-based in vitro assay IL-8 (A) and TRIM 16 (B) mRNA expression



# Summary: The skin as a metabolizing organ of pro-haptens

1. Multiple CYPs are present in keratinocyte
2. CYP 1A1 is mainly localised in basal keratinocytes and hair follicle keratinocytes
3. The main CYP in antigen-presenting cells (APCs) is CYP 1B1
4. Carvoxime is CYP 1B1 dependently metabolized in APCs
5. Proliferation of lesional T-lymphocyte clones of +patch test reactions to eugenol and isoeugenol is enhanced by CYP-modified fragrances
6. Geraniol can act as pre- and prohapten.
7. Multiple transporter molecules are present in keratinocytes and APCs/ moDCs.
8. The inhibition of MDR leads to a higher concentration of eugenol in keratinocytes and mo-DCs and augments IL8- and TRIM 16 B mRNA formation in moDCs