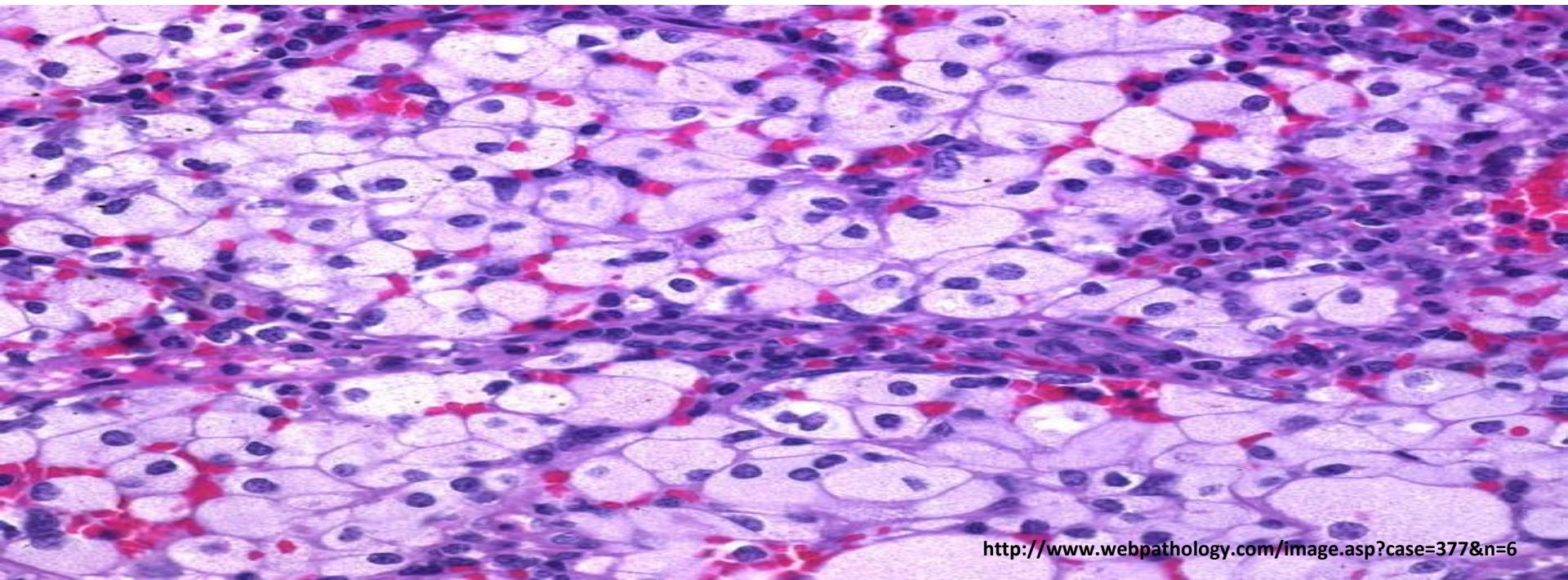


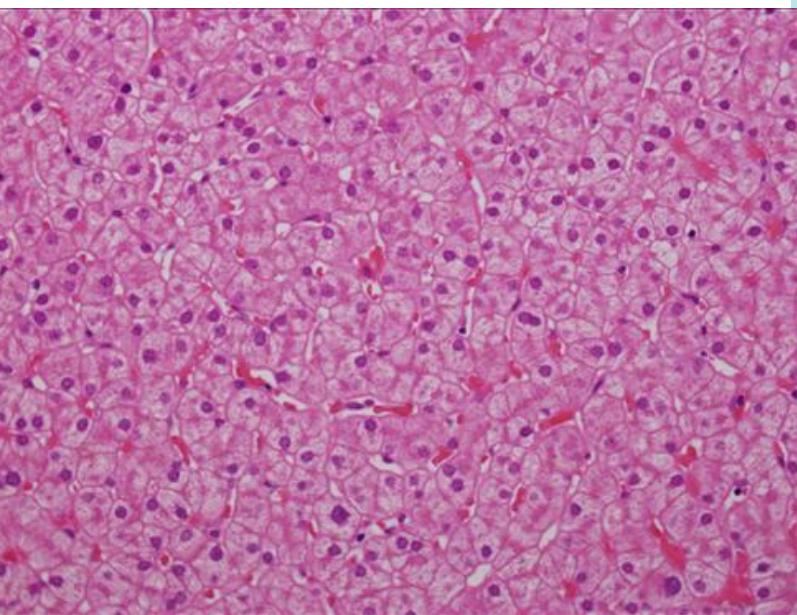
Niemann-Pick and SMPD1

Katie Lawler



Niemann-Pick affects lipid metabolism

Normal liver cells



Autosomal recessive

Affects 1 in 250,000 people

Types of Niemann-Pick

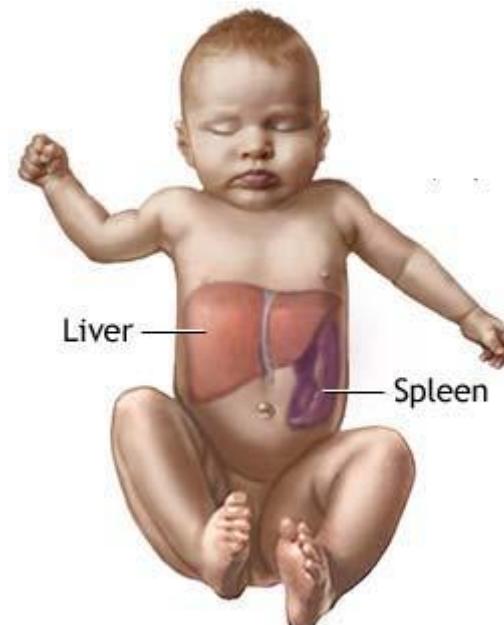
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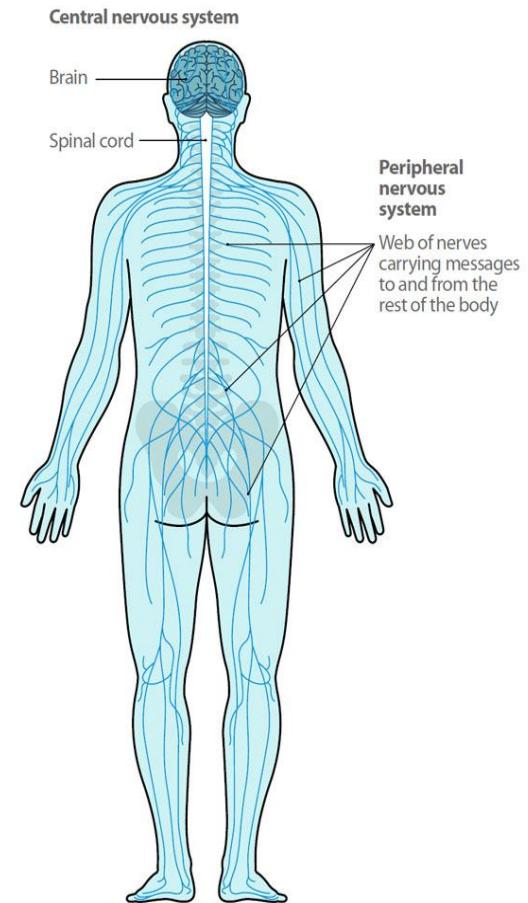
Type B

Enlarged spleen & liver
Lung infections
Growth retardation
Sleep inversion



<http://www.umm.edu/imagepages/17215.htm>

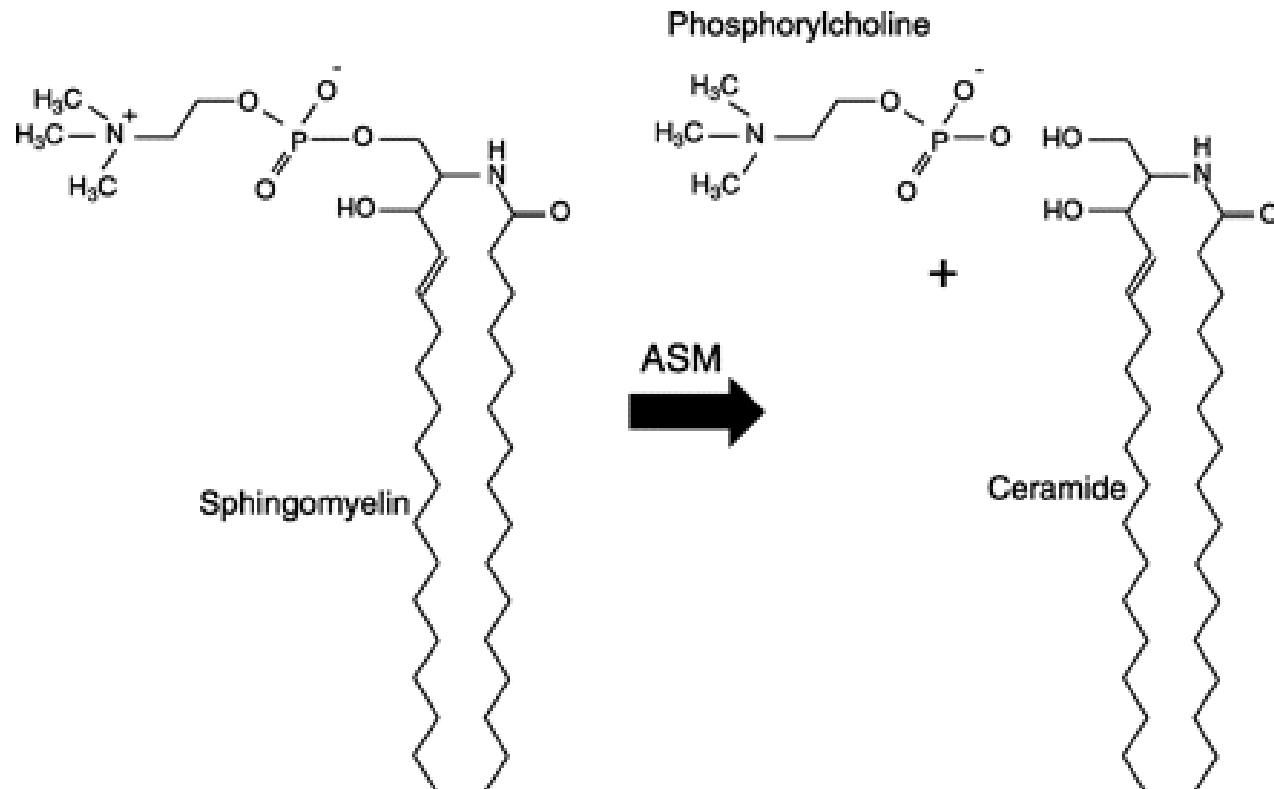
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<http://www.niemann-pick-c.com/Patient/What-are-the-symptoms-of-Niemann-Pick-type-C-disease>

Normal role of SMPD1

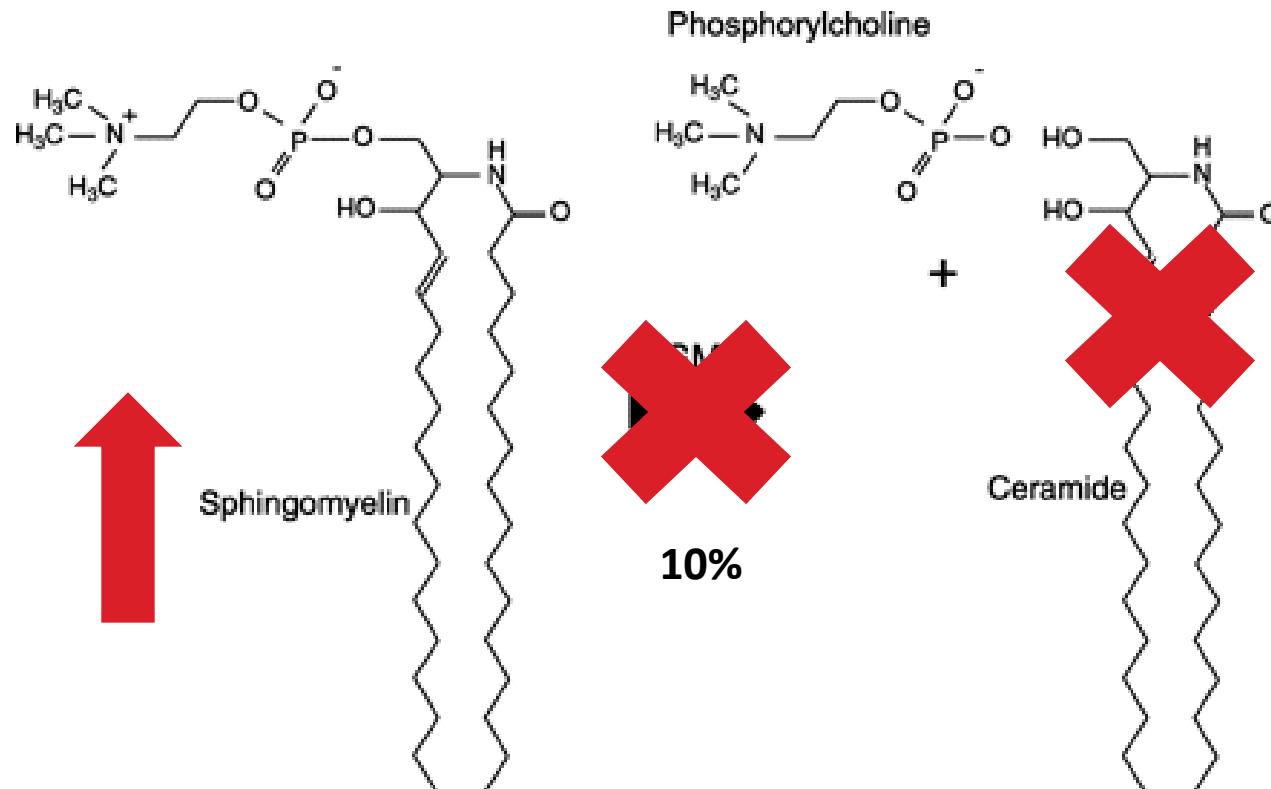
Production of acid sphingomyelinase
SMPD1=ASM



SMPD1 in Niemann-Pick disease

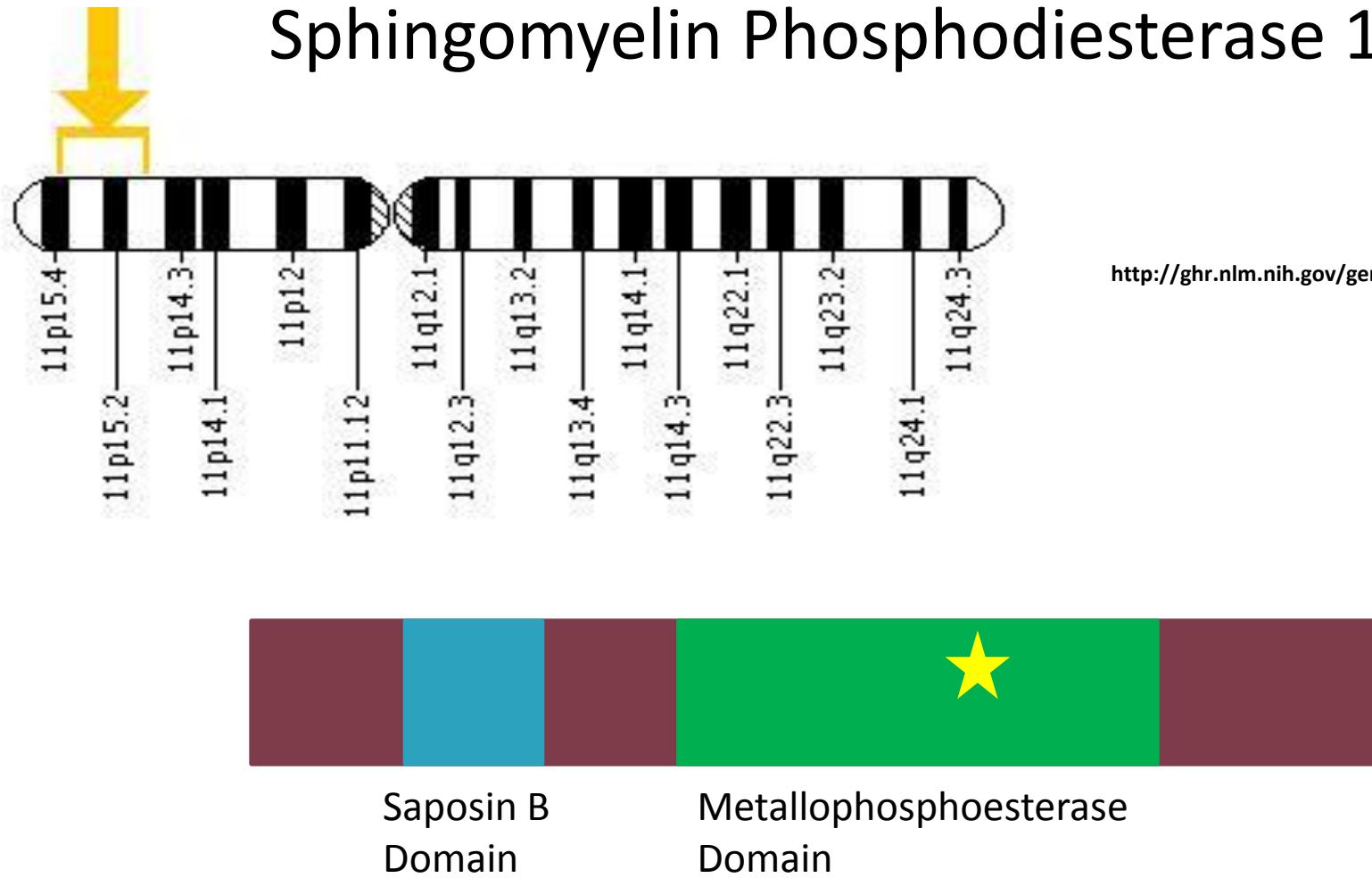
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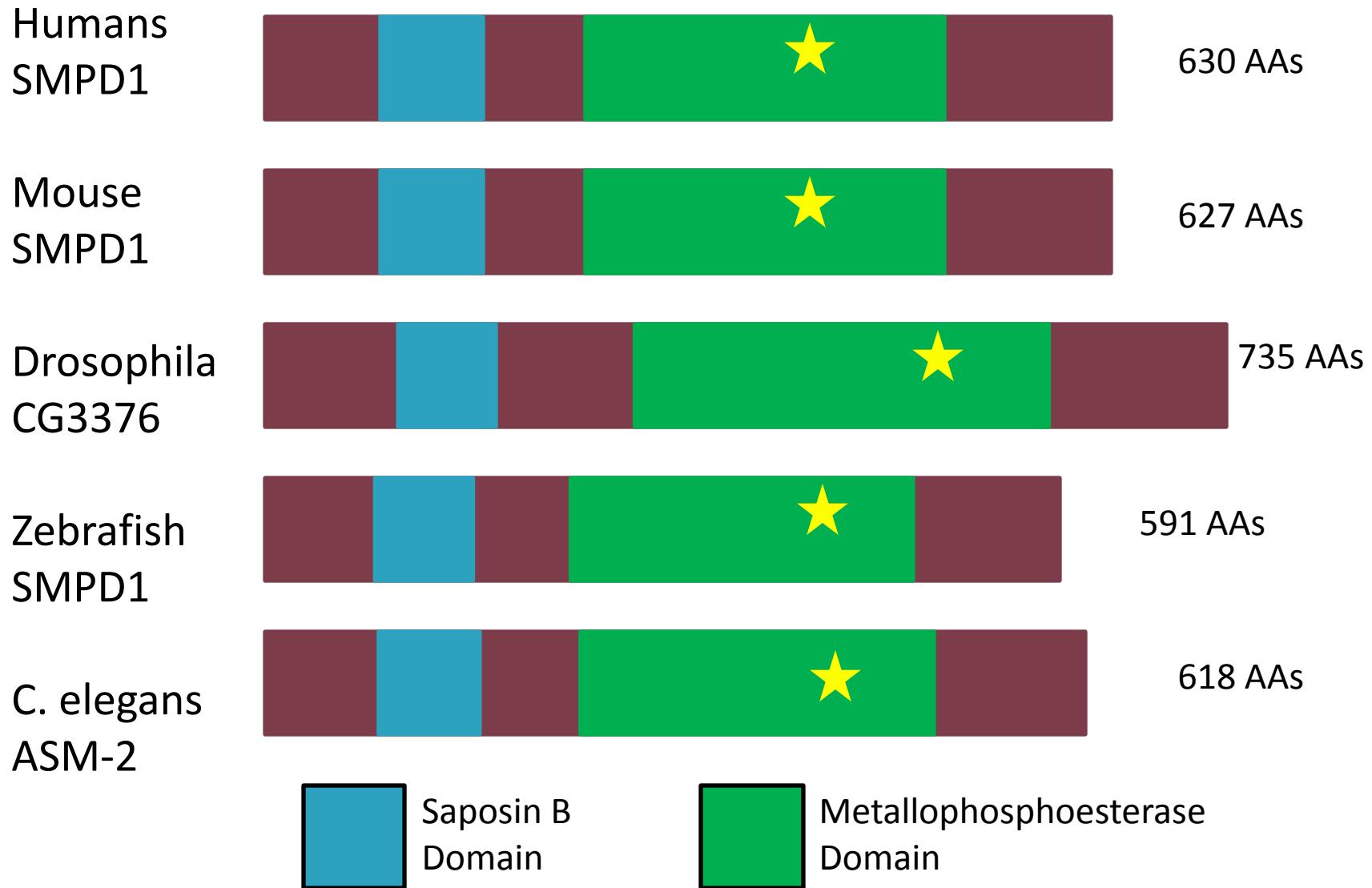


SMPD1 is on chromosome 11

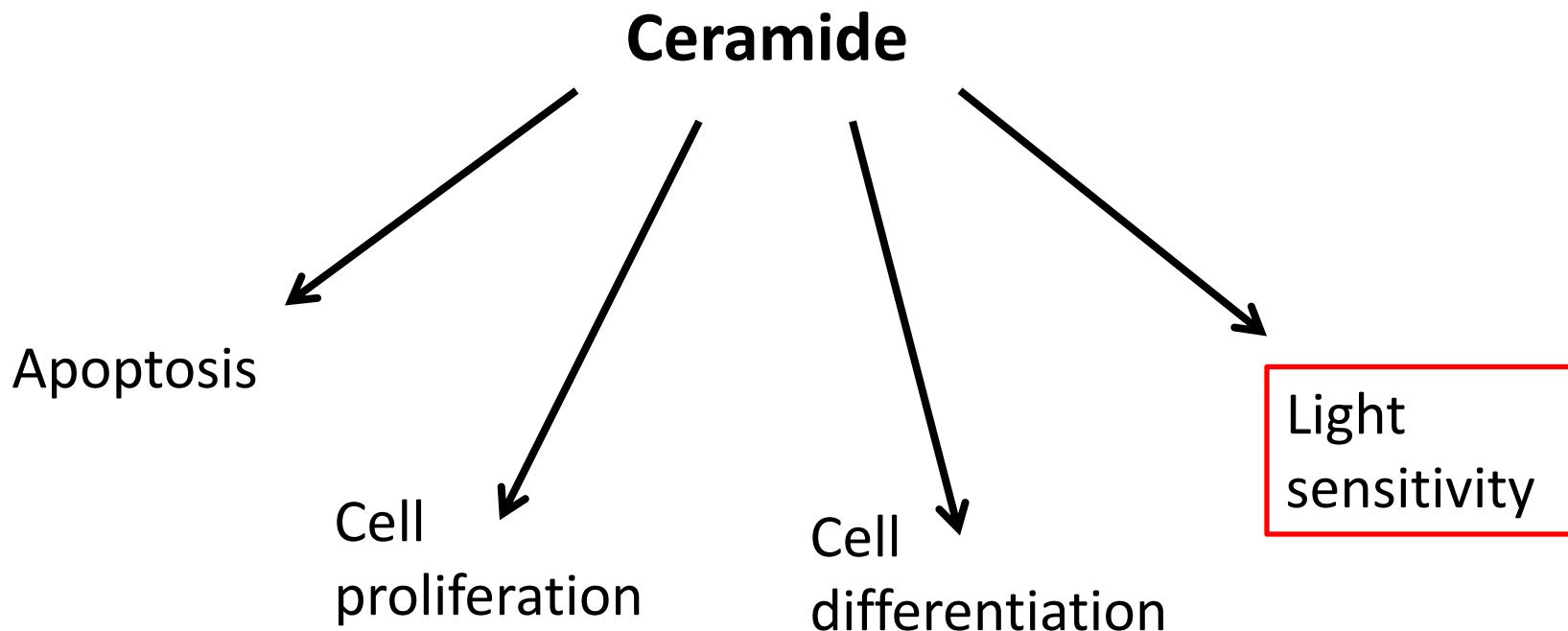
Sphingomyelin Phosphodiesterase 1



SMPD domain well conserved



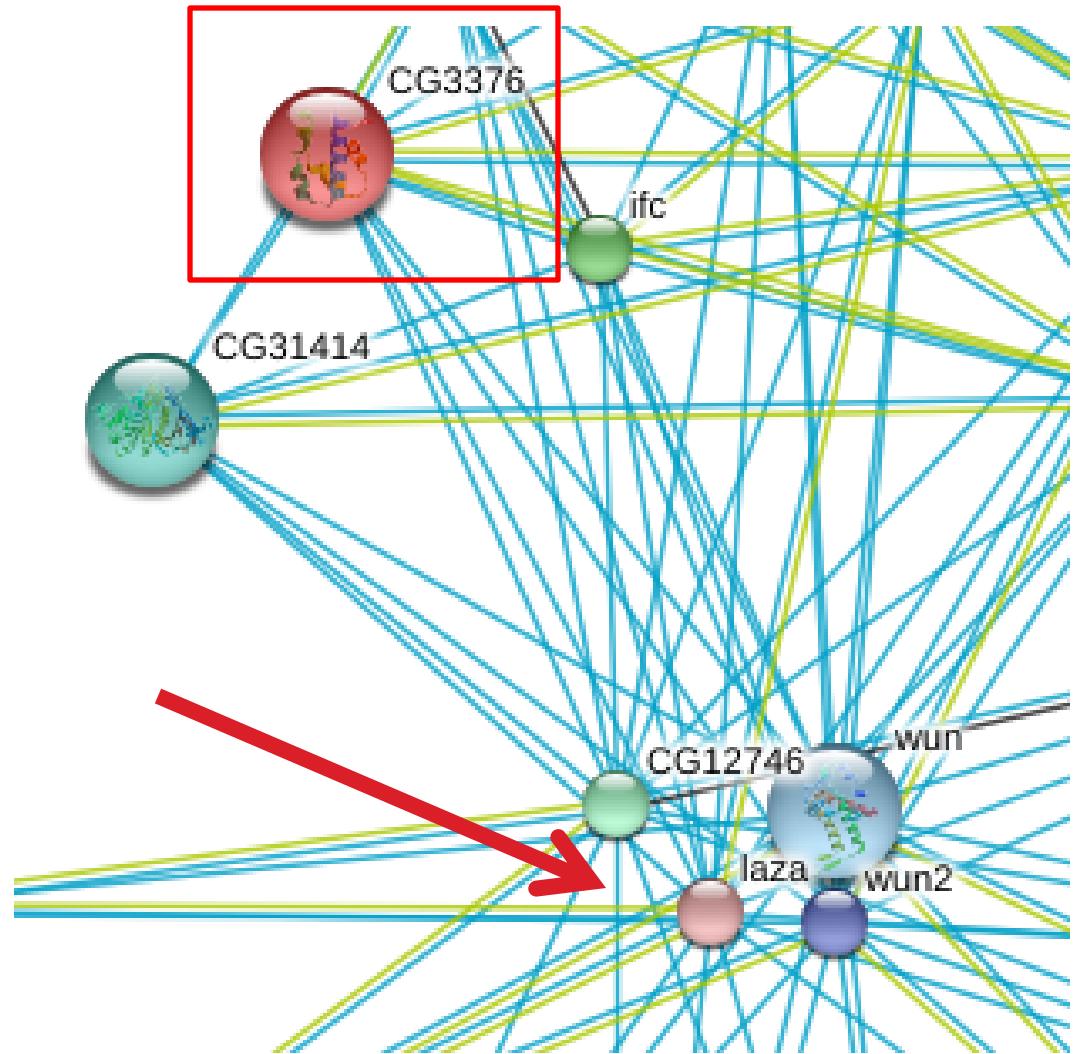
Lack of ceramide inhibits downstream signaling



Lazaro responds to light intensity

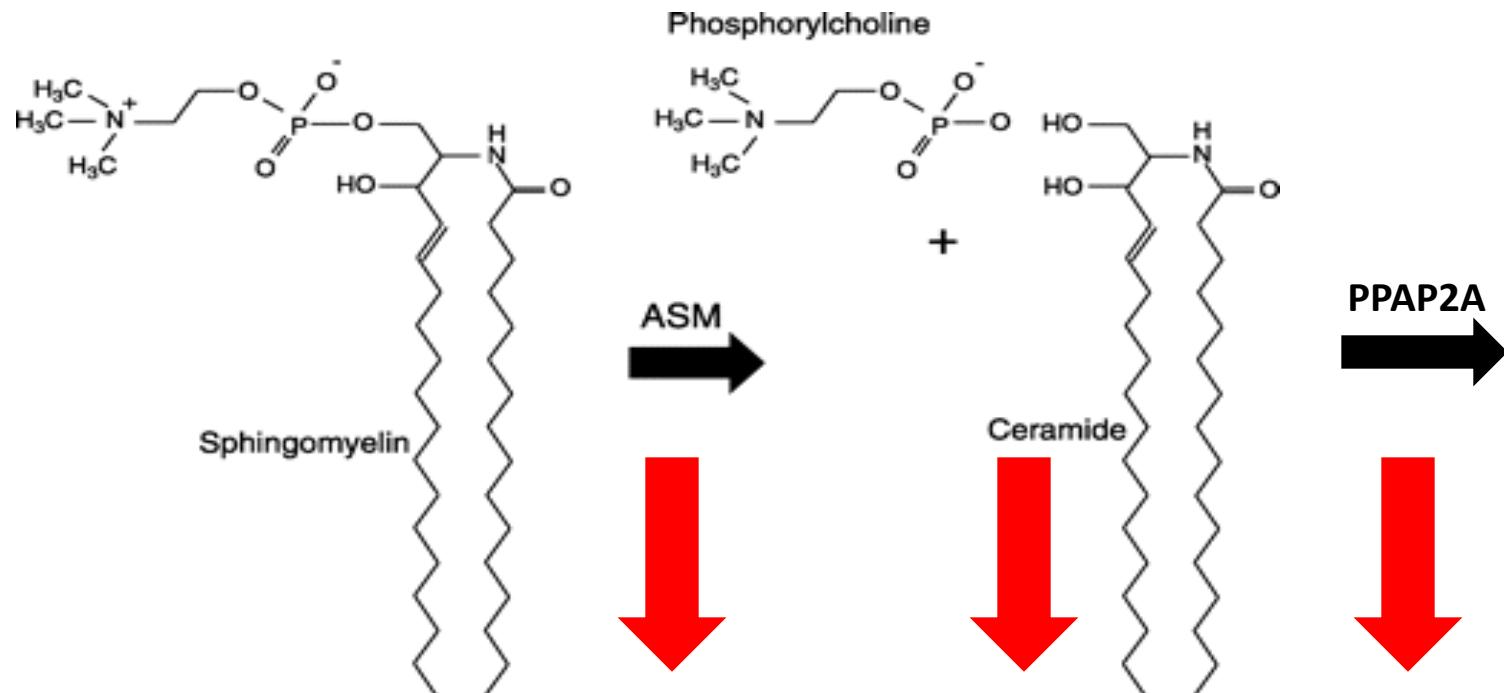
Shares family with
wunen

Wunen homolog =
PPAP2A

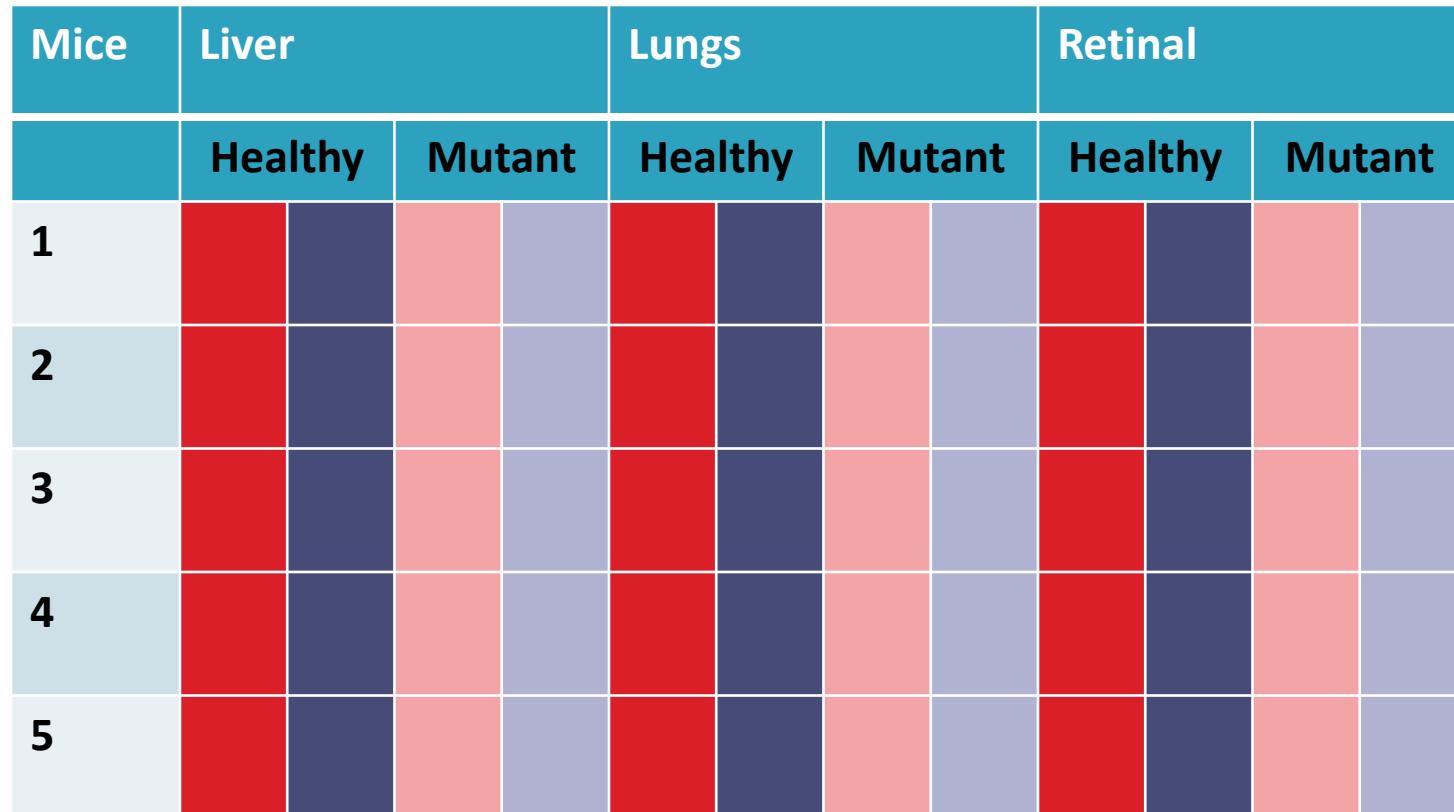


Q1: Where are SMPD1 and PPAP2A expressed in cells?

Hypothesis: If low levels of SMPD1 → then low levels of PPAP2A.



If low levels SMPD1 → then low levels PPAP2A



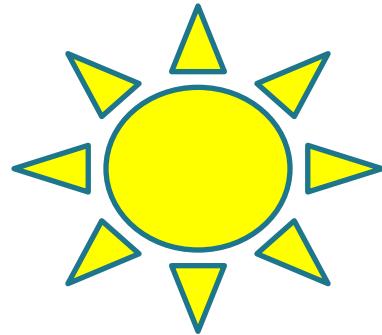
SMPD1



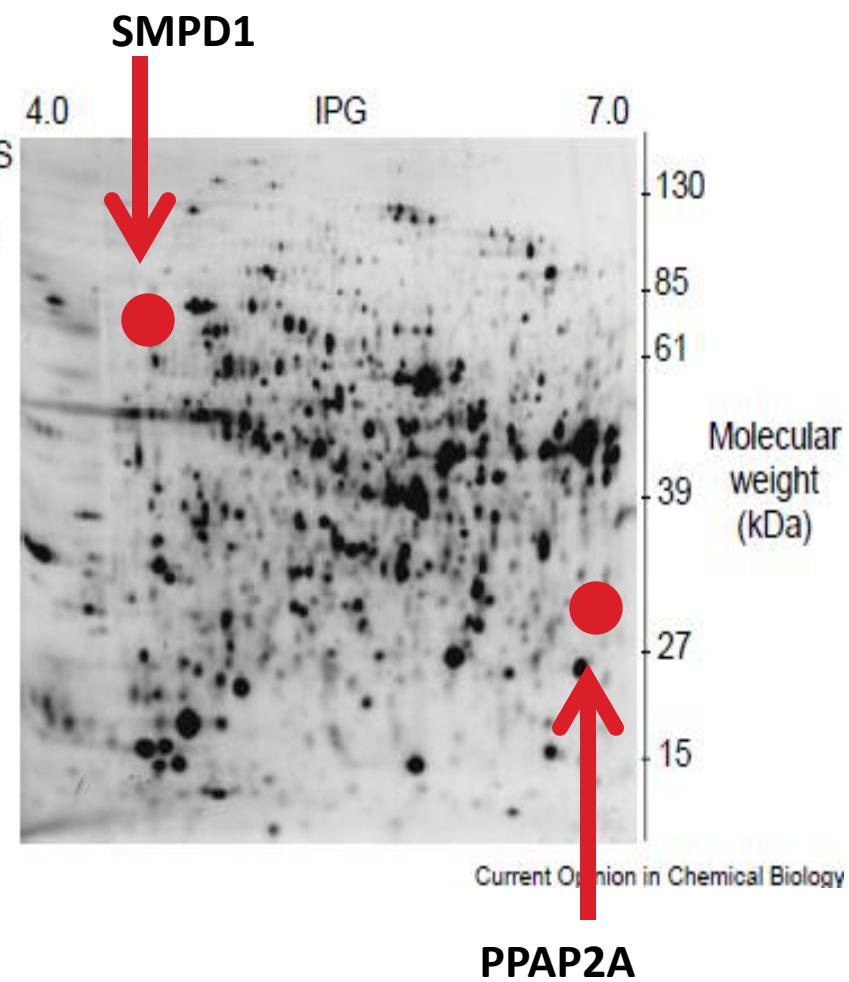
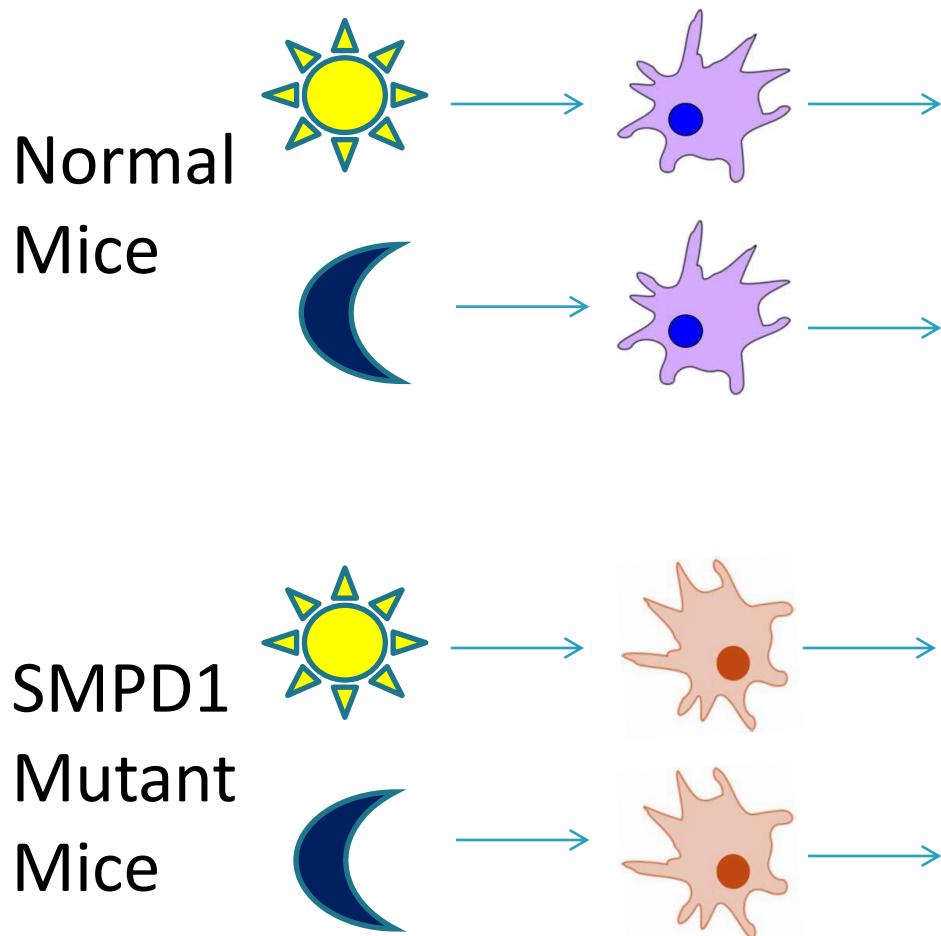
PPAP2A

Q2: How does light affect SMPD1 and PPAP2A levels?

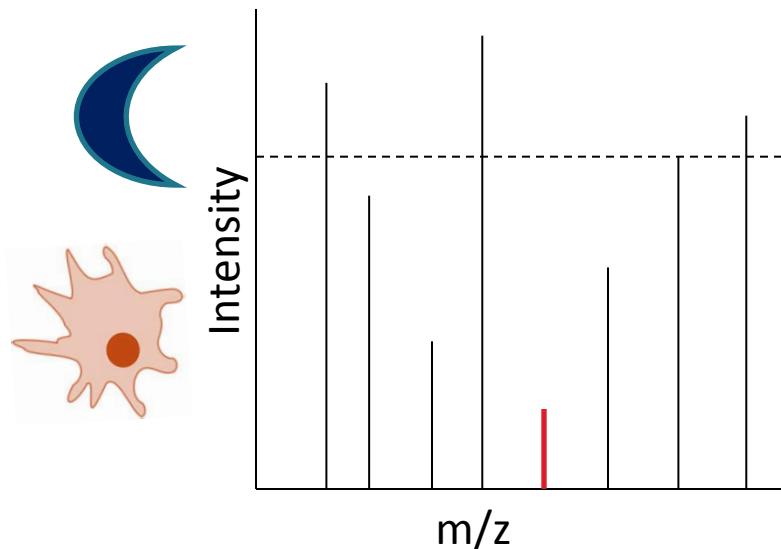
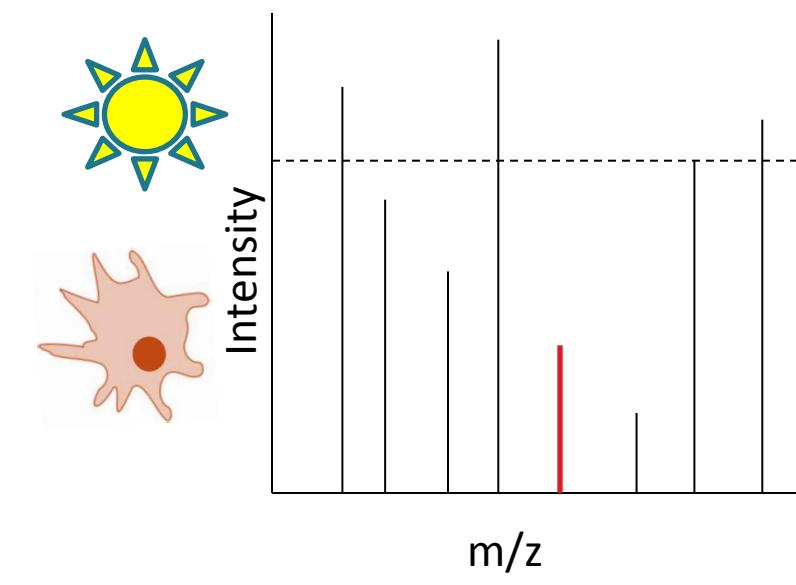
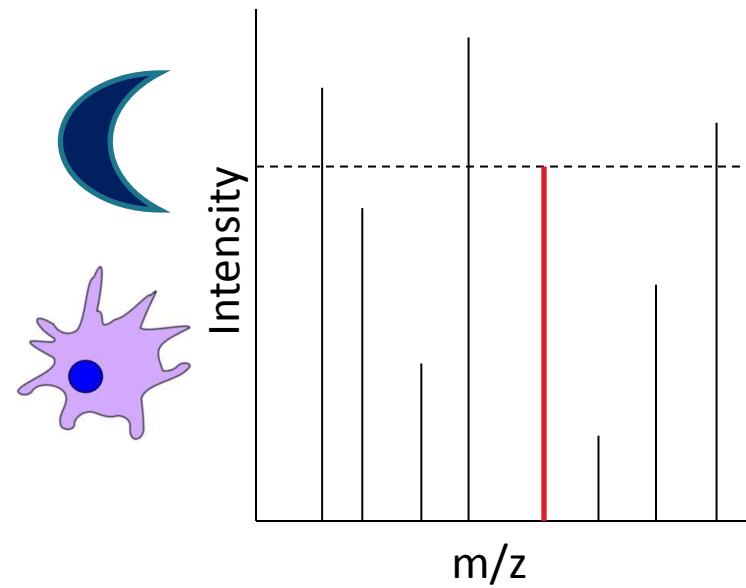
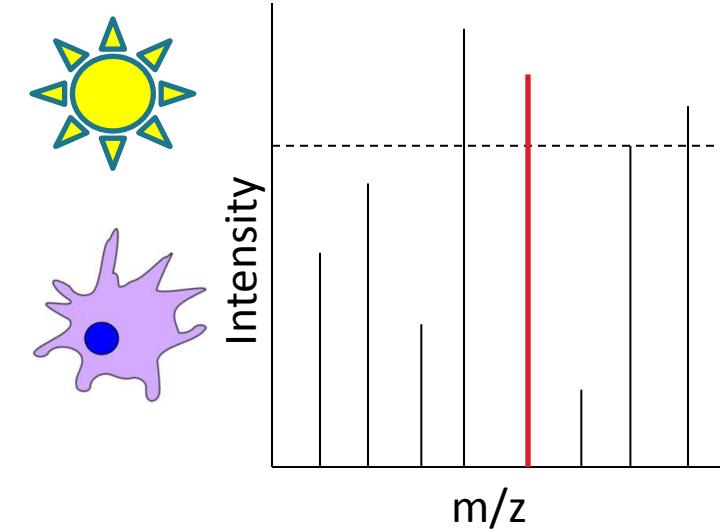
Hypothesis: Levels of SMPD1 and PPAP2A will be higher in light versus dark environments.



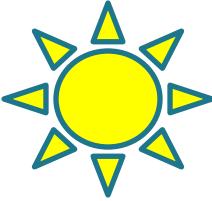
Levels of SMPD1 & PPAP2A higher in light environments



Varying intensities of PPAP2A



Levels of SMPD1 & PPAP2A higher in light environments

				
	SMPD1	PPAP2A	SMPD1	PPAP2A
Healthy Control	High	High	Average	Average
SMPD1 Mutant	Low	Low	Really low	Really low

Next step.....drug therapy

Add PPAP2A into cells

Phenotypic change?

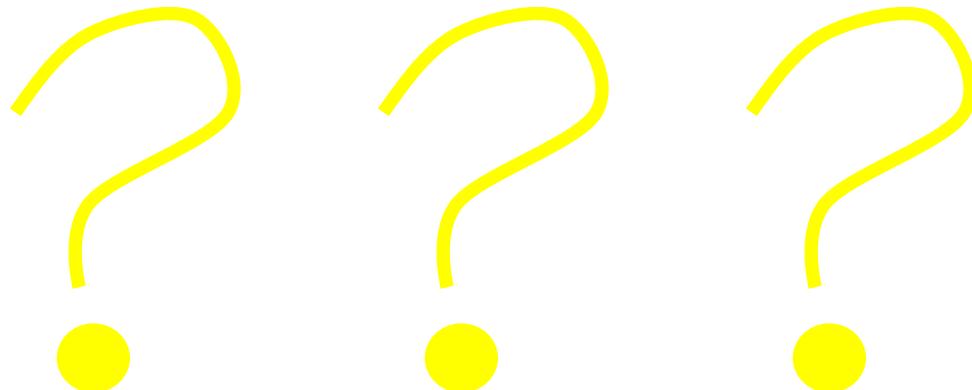


Future Research

Lung infections in gills (zebrafish)?

RNAi screen lipid metabolism genes (*C. elegans*)

Relationship between NPC1 and SMPD1?



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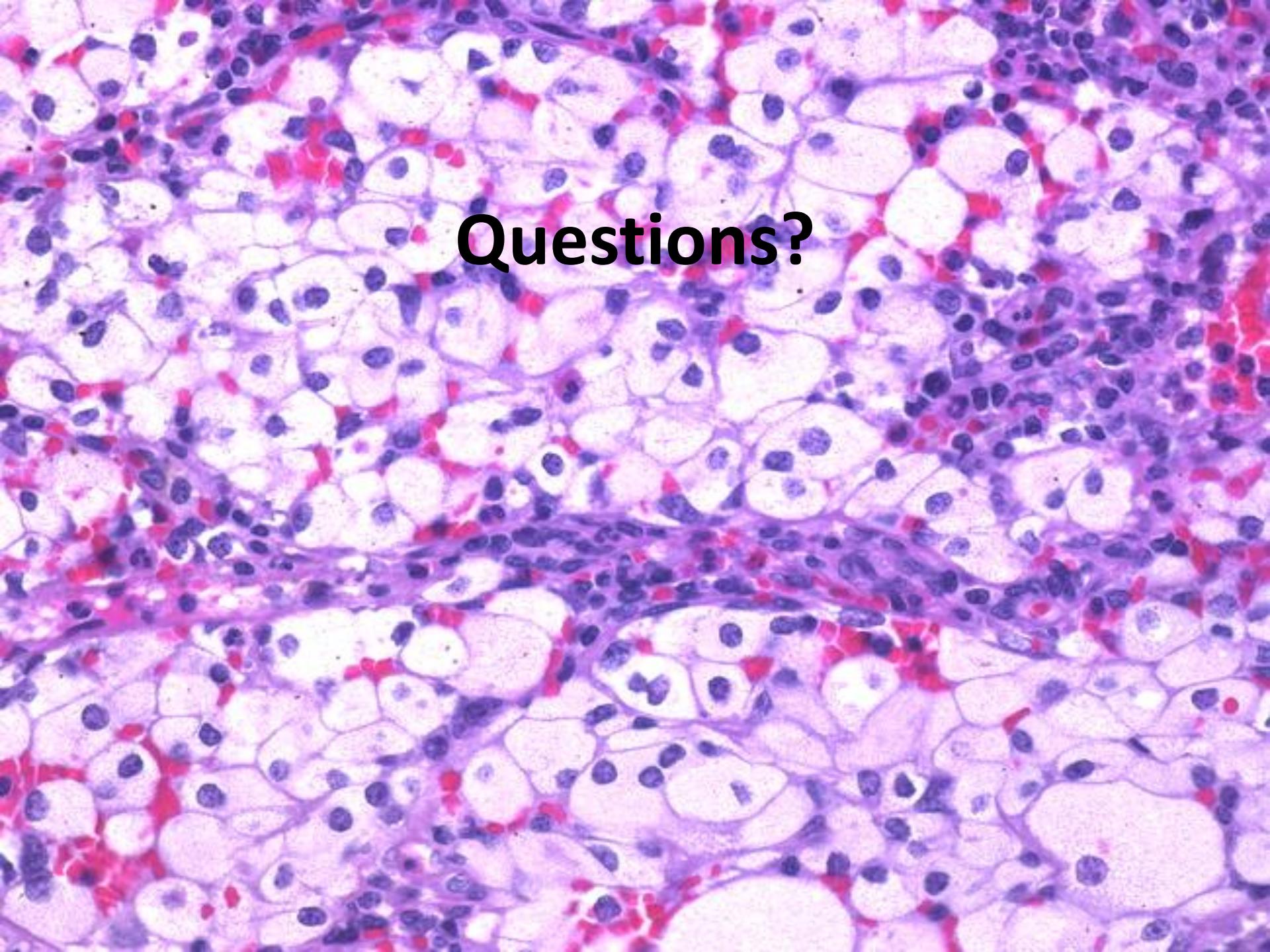
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Databases: Pfam, SMART, String

A high-magnification microscopic image of tissue sections, likely from a biopsy. The tissue is composed of various types of cells, some with large, pale, vacuolated cytoplasmas and others with darker, more densely stained nuclei. The overall color palette is dominated by shades of pink, purple, and white. Overlaid on the upper portion of the image is the word "Questions?" in a large, bold, black sans-serif font.

Questions?