

The use of genomic and gene expression large-scale data for the analyses of sexual evolution

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1. Background in Sexual Evolution

Why are there phenotypic differences between sexes?

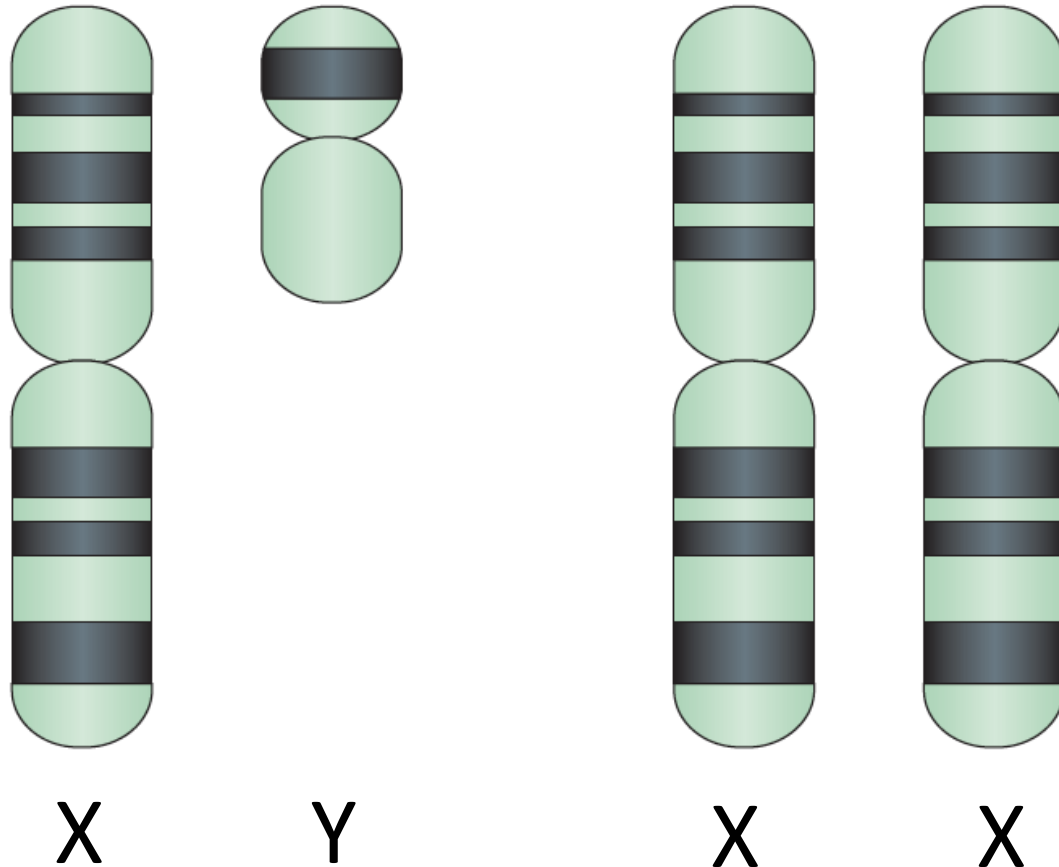


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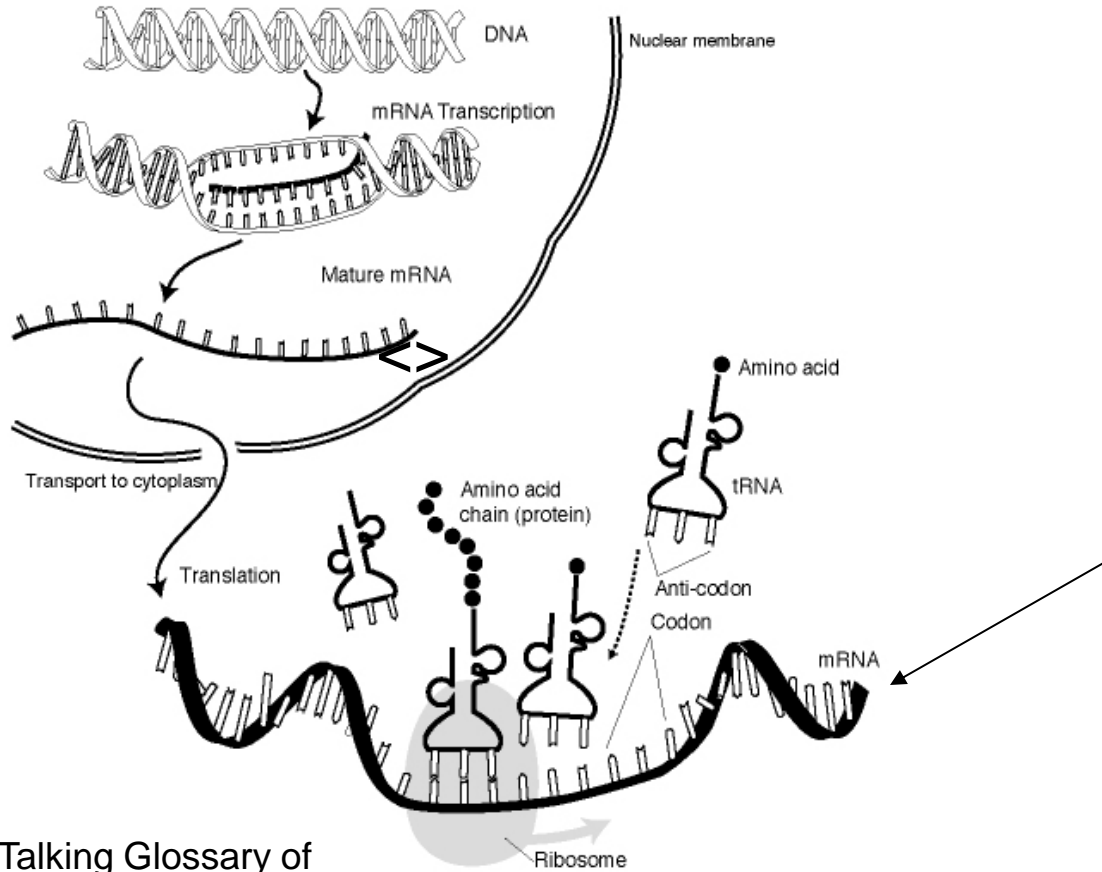
Sex Chromosomes

Male

Female



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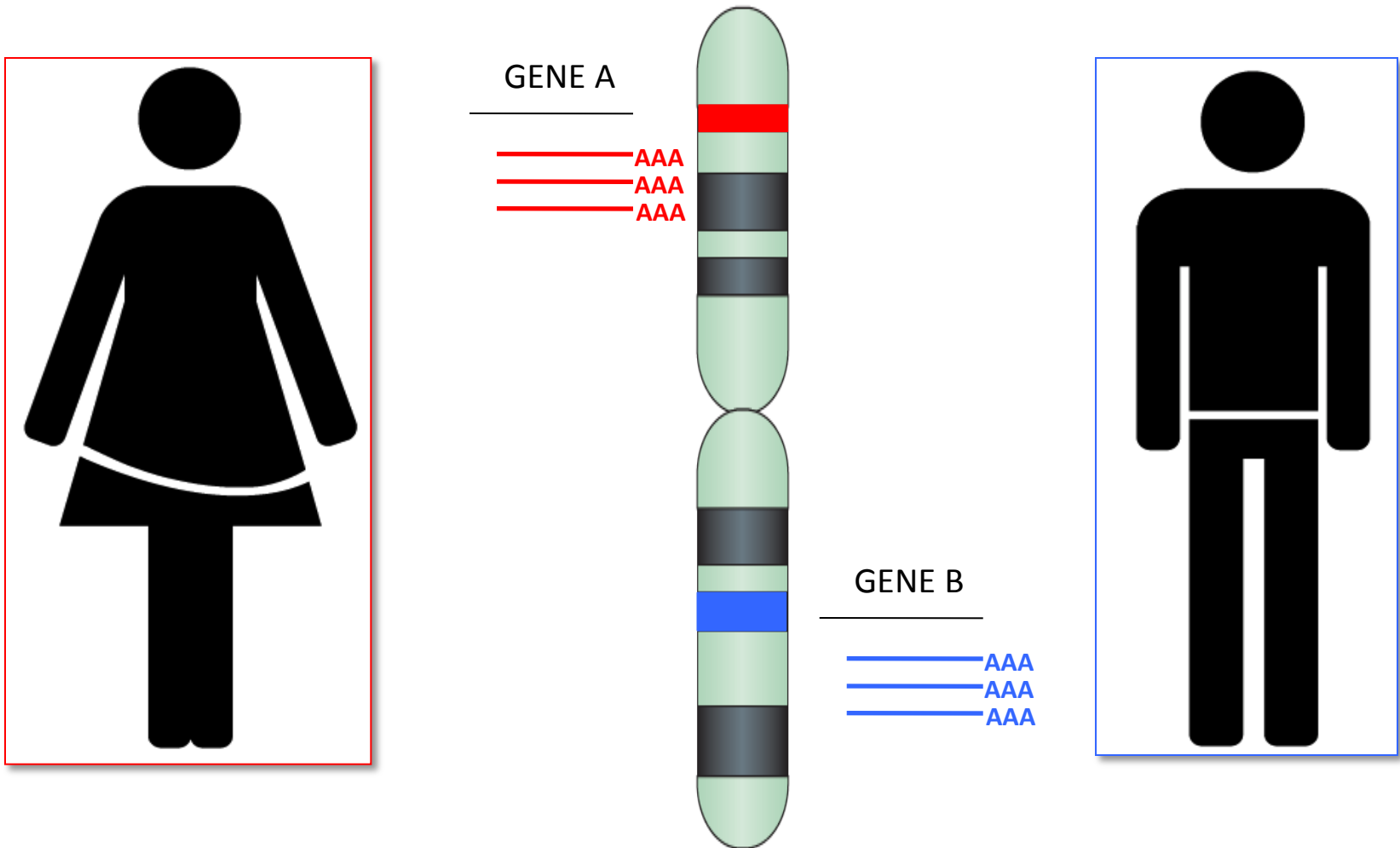
**Measure the
quantity of
messenger RNA
(mRNA) in the cell**

From Talking Glossary of
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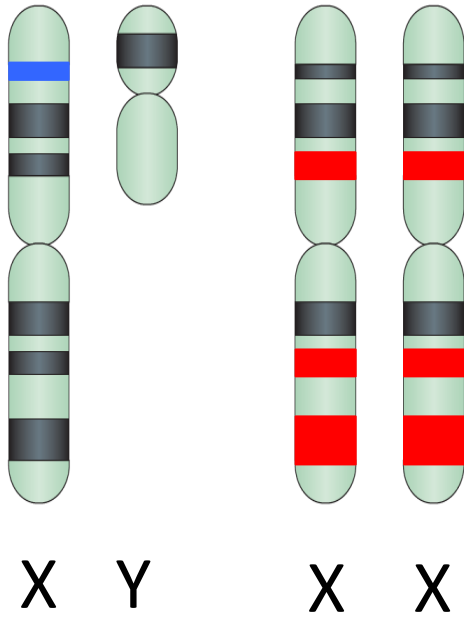
Gene activity = gene expression = number of mRNA molecules

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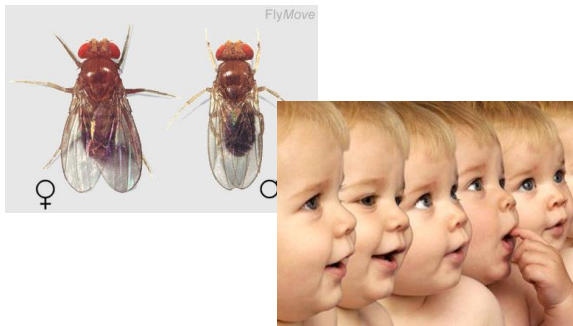
Sex-biased Gene Expression



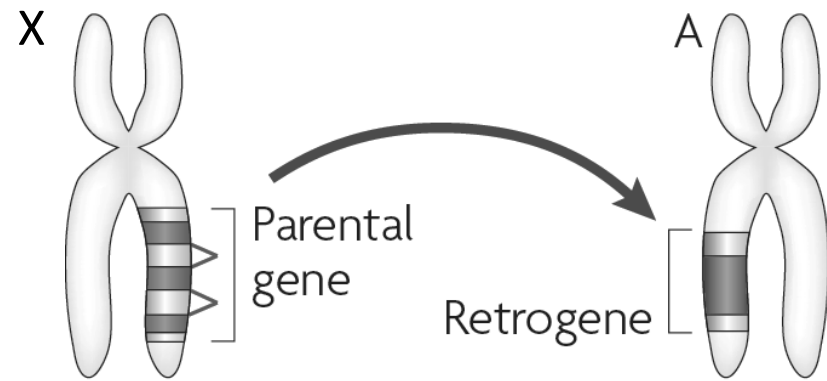
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What molecular mechanisms and genetics processes are involved?



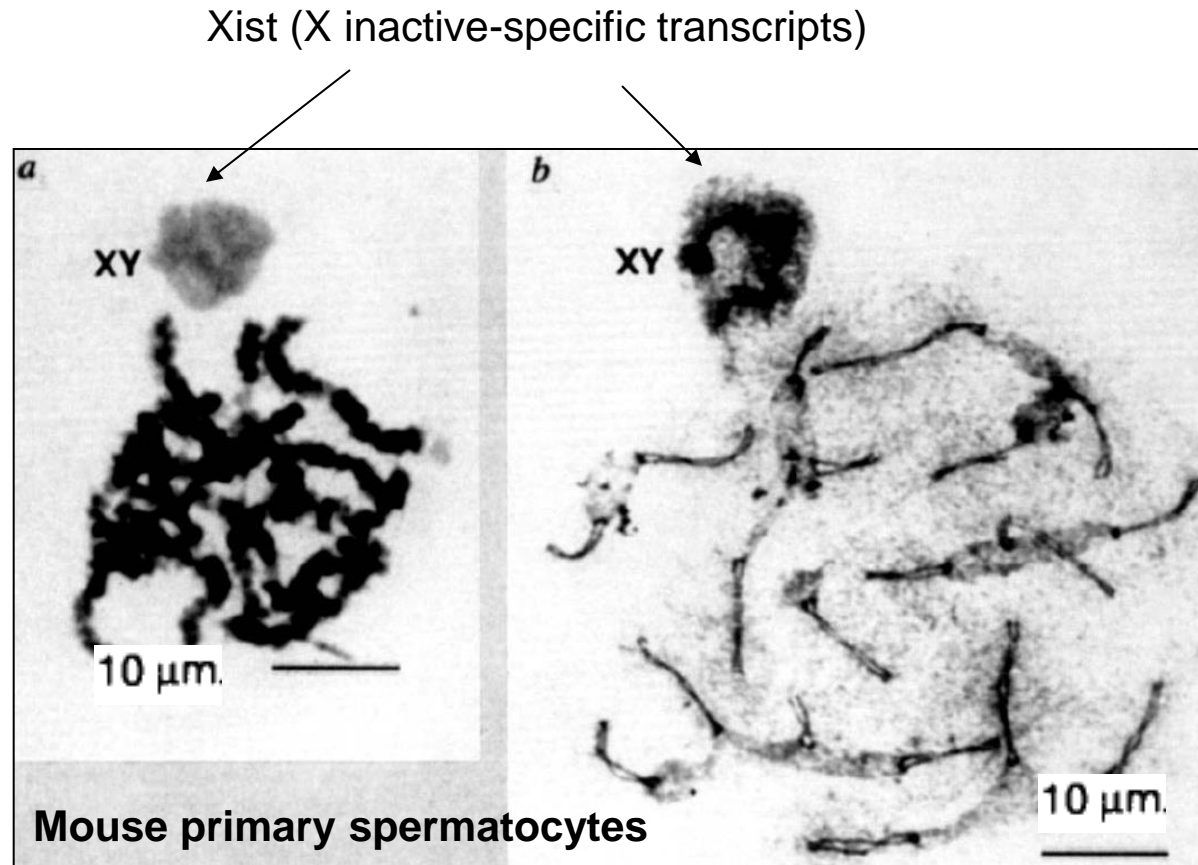
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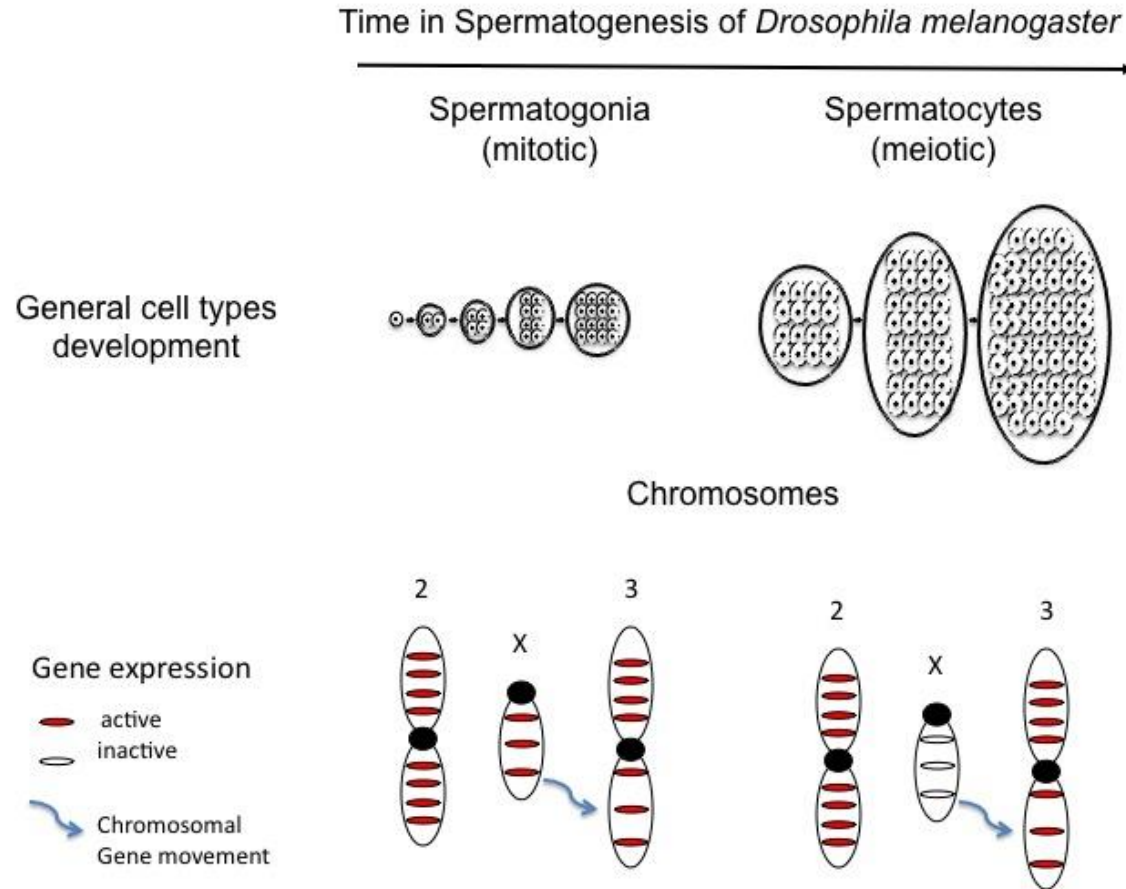
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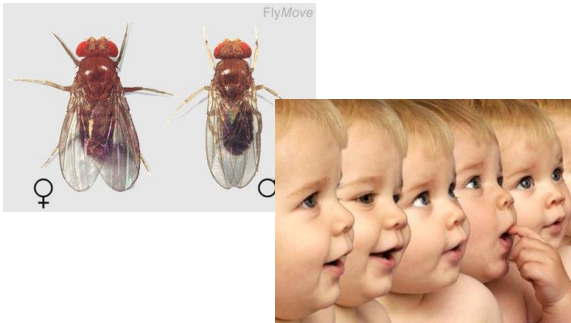
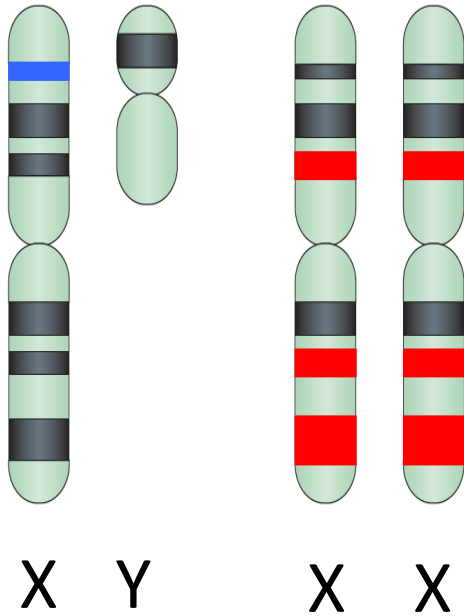
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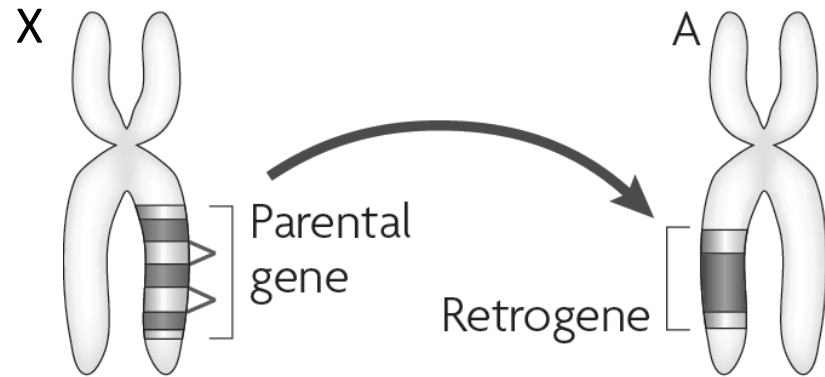


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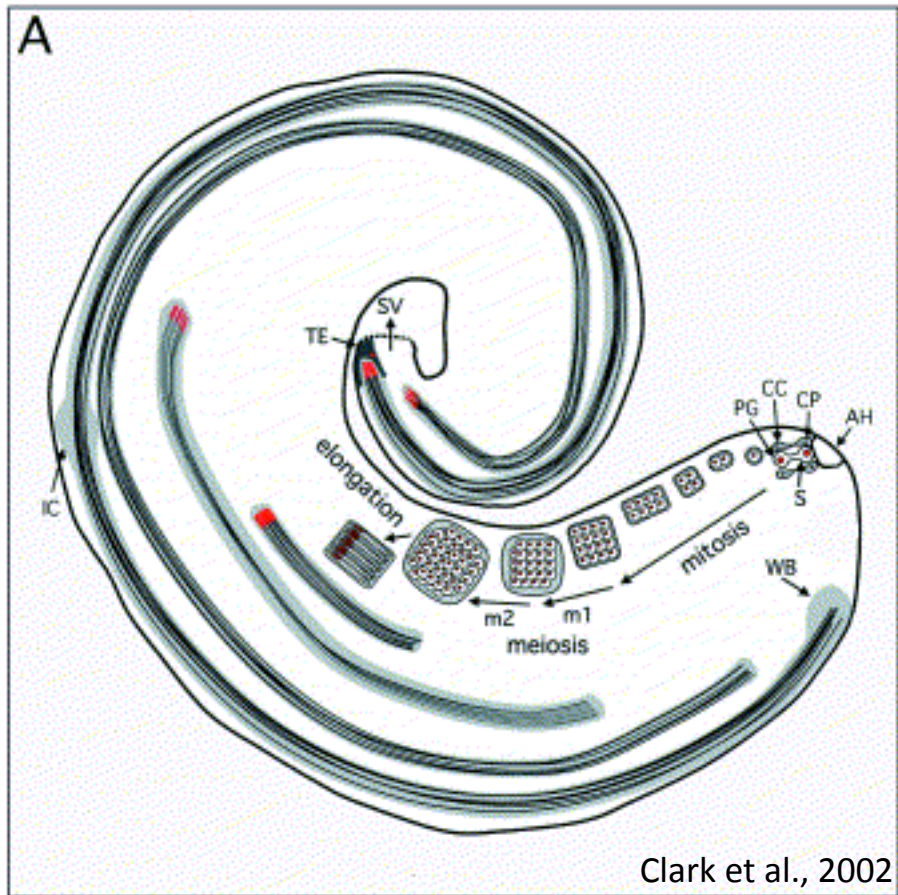
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- Is MSCI involved in the distribution of sex-biased genes in the genome?



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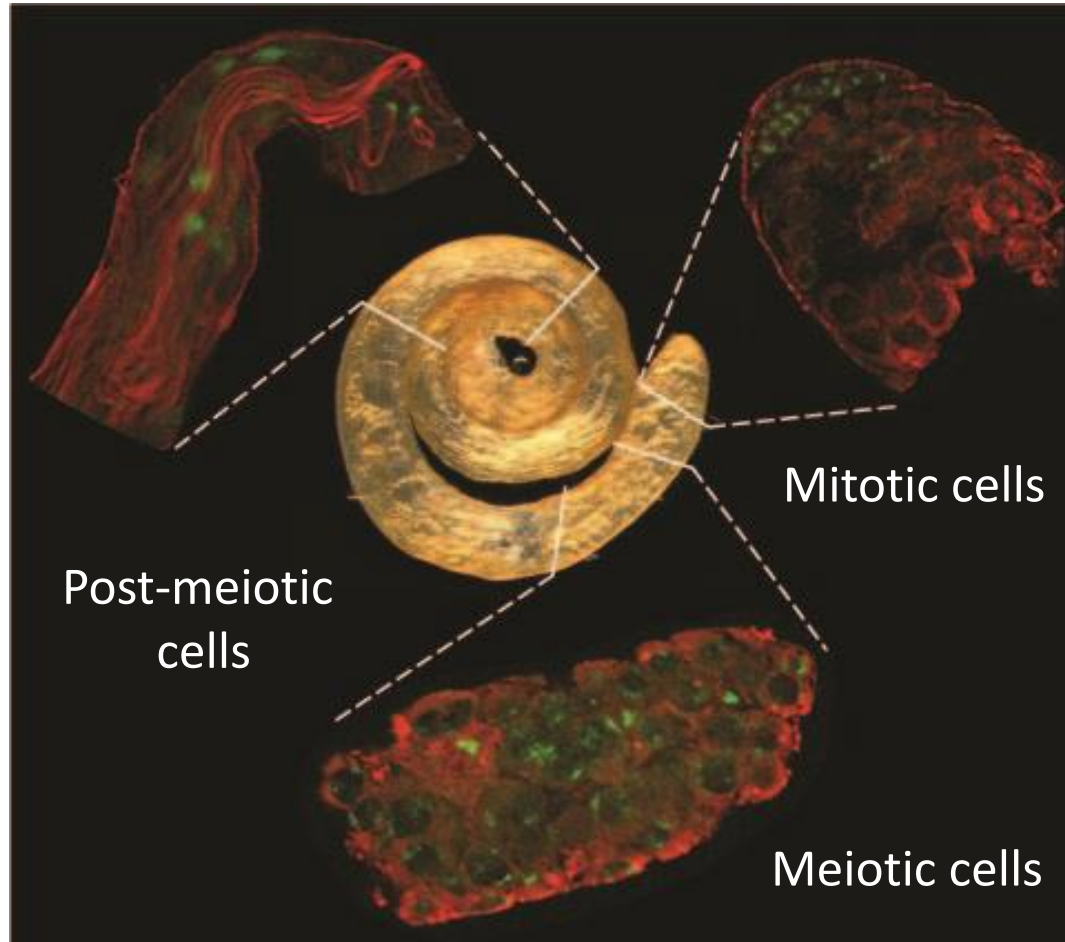
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Drosophila melanogaster Spermatogenesis



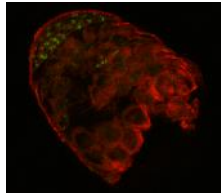
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Isolation of Spermatogenic Cells



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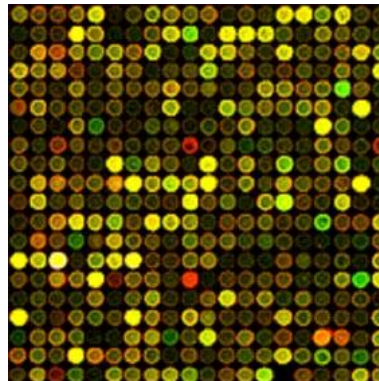
Tissue Isolation (n=3)



RNA
extraction



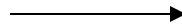
Microarray
Hybridization



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How to count the number of mRNA molecules for each gene in a cell?

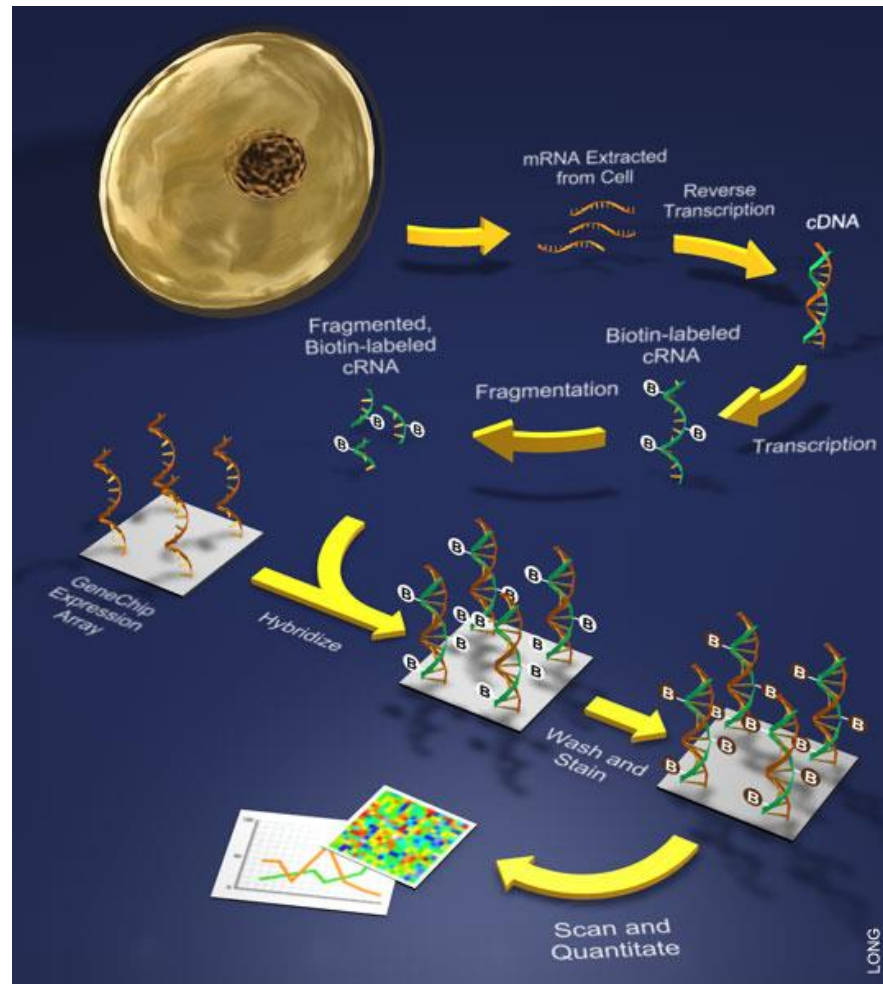
Microarray: A chip containing small pieces of DNA corresponding to all *Drosophila* genes



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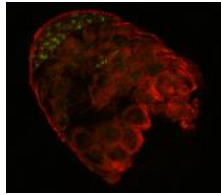
Microarray

Specific case for gene expression measure: the GeneChip array

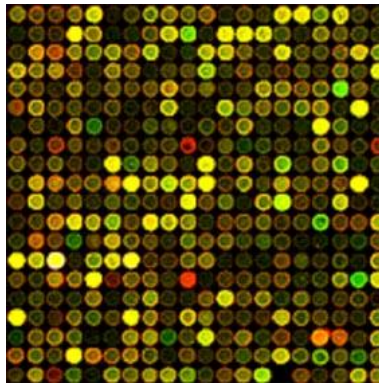


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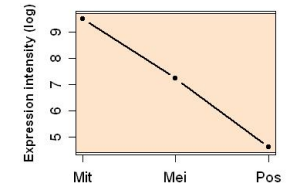
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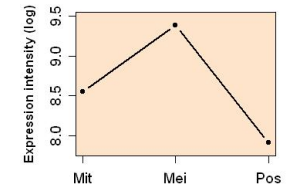
Microarray Hybridization



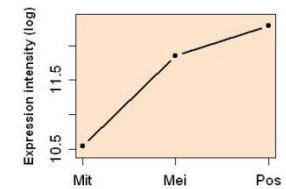
Gene profile



Bam



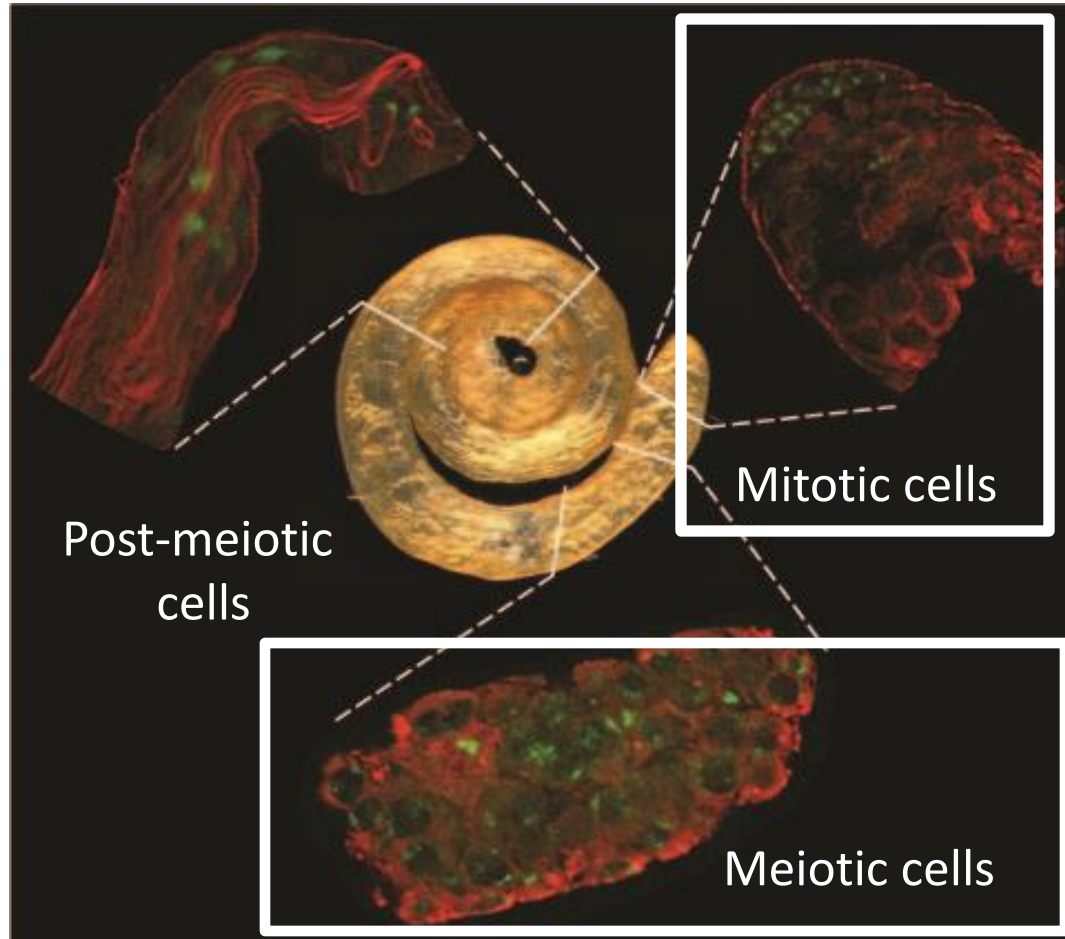
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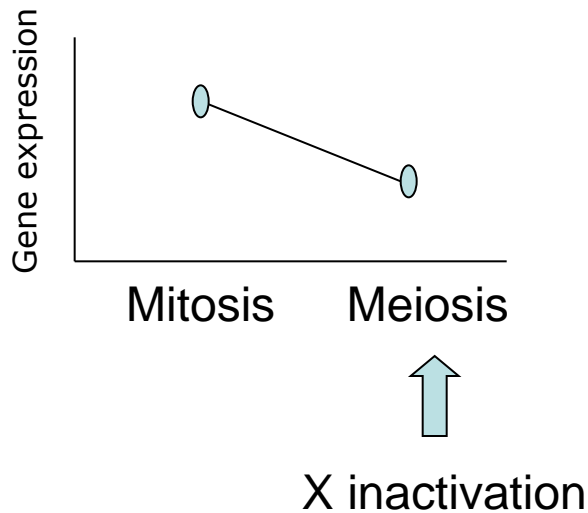
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X inactivation occurs when the difference in activity (meiosis-mitosis) in X is lower than the difference in activity in autosome.



θ = gene expression /activity

$$\theta_{meiosis}^X - \theta_{mitosis}^X < \theta_{meiosis}^A - \theta_{mitosis}^A$$

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Gene intensity

2982 genes (X chromosomes)

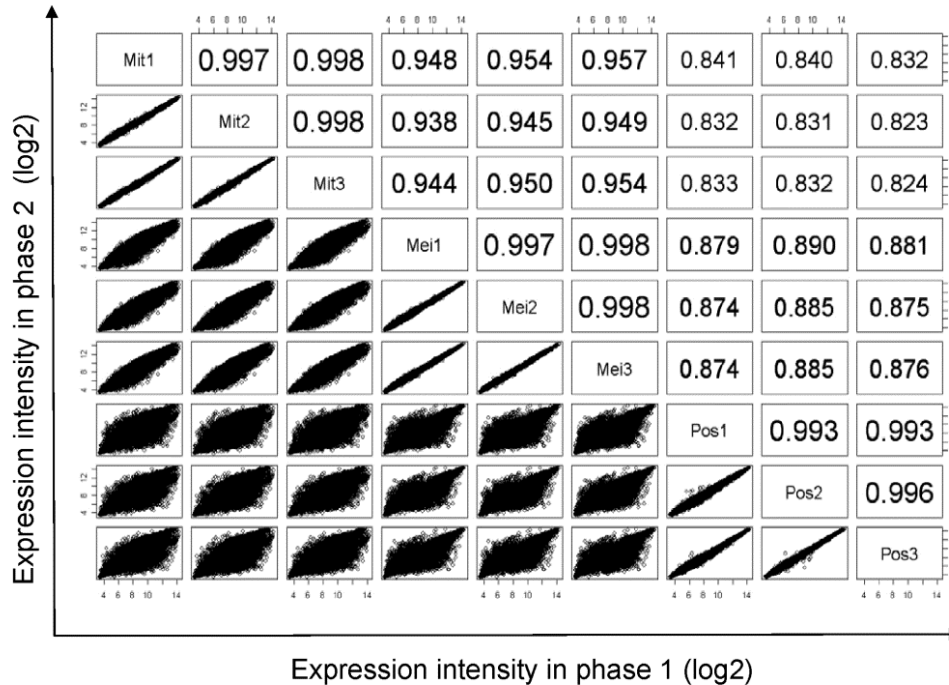
15099 genes (autosomes)

Spermatogenic replicates

3 mitotic

3 meiotic

3 post-meiotic



Gene	Mit1	Mit2	Mit3	Mei1	Mei2	Mei3
292	10.182	10.199	10.395	9.798	9.880	9.862
792	5.273	5.357	5.509	5.548	5.577	5.587
1966	5.924	5.914	5.945	6.297	6.779	6.643
2811	5.177	5.197	5.168	5.092	5.166	5.169

Gene	Mit1	Mit2	Mit3	Mei1	Mei2	Mei3
2869	9.884	9.872	9.758	11.468	11.174	11.213
3939	4.833	4.755	4.775	4.827	4.839	4.804
10541	4.932	4.932	4.969	5.073	4.876	4.986
12928	10.331	10.485	10.524	11.480	11.628	11.514

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For chromosome i (X or A) and gene l , 3 replicates are measured

Mitosis: $mit_{i1l}, mit_{i2l}, mit_{i3l}$

$$E(mit_{ikl}) = \theta_{il}^{mit}$$

Meiosis: $mei_{i1l}, mei_{i2l}, mei_{i3l}$

$$E(mei_{ikl}) = \theta_{il}^{mei}$$

The objective is to learn whether genes are

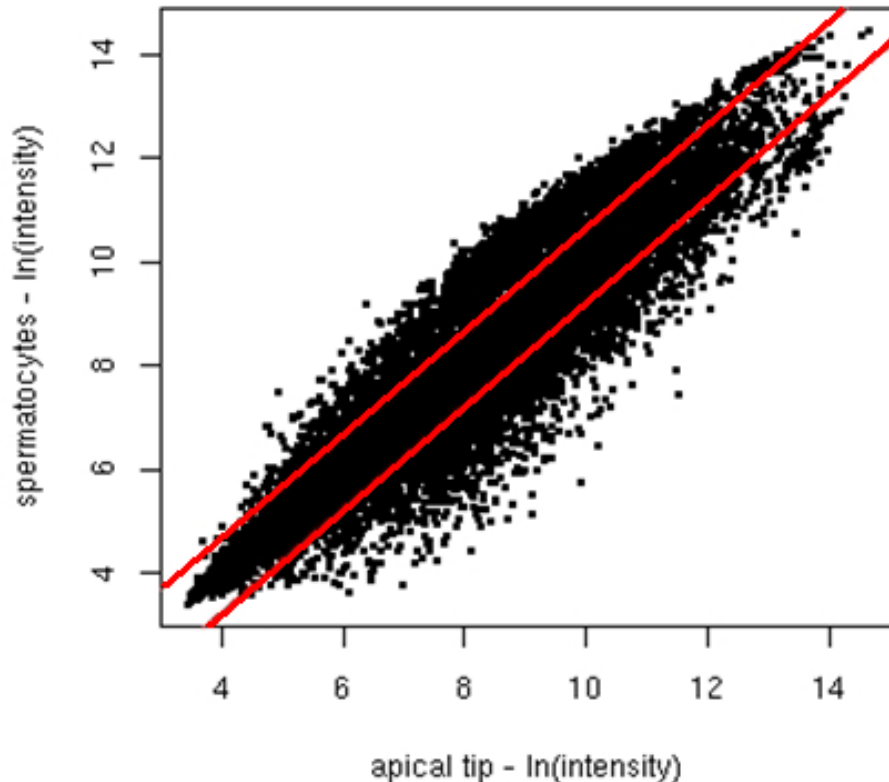
$$\text{Differently expressed: } \begin{cases} H_{1,il} : \theta_{il}^{mei} > \theta_{il}^{mit} & \text{(OVER)} \\ H_{2,il} : \theta_{il}^{mei} < \theta_{il}^{mit} & \text{(UNDER)} \end{cases}$$

or

$$\text{Equally expressed: } H_{3,il} : \theta_{il}^{mei} = \theta_{il}^{mit} \quad \text{(EQUAL).}$$

4. Statistical Approaches

How do biologists usually approach this problem?



APPROACH 1:

Identify differentially expressed genes based on 2 fold intensity differences (based on homotypic experiments);

APPROACH 2:

Identify differentially expressed genes by controlling type I error;

APPROACH 3:

Identify differentially expressed genes by controlling false discovery rates;

APPROACH 4:

Hierarchical Bayes.

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APPROACH 1, 2 or 3

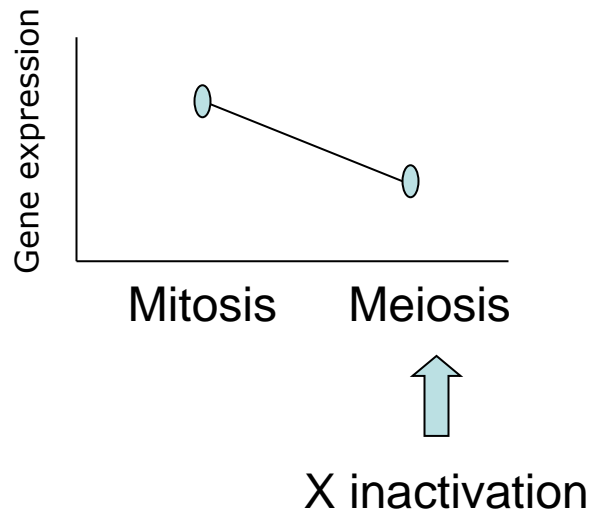
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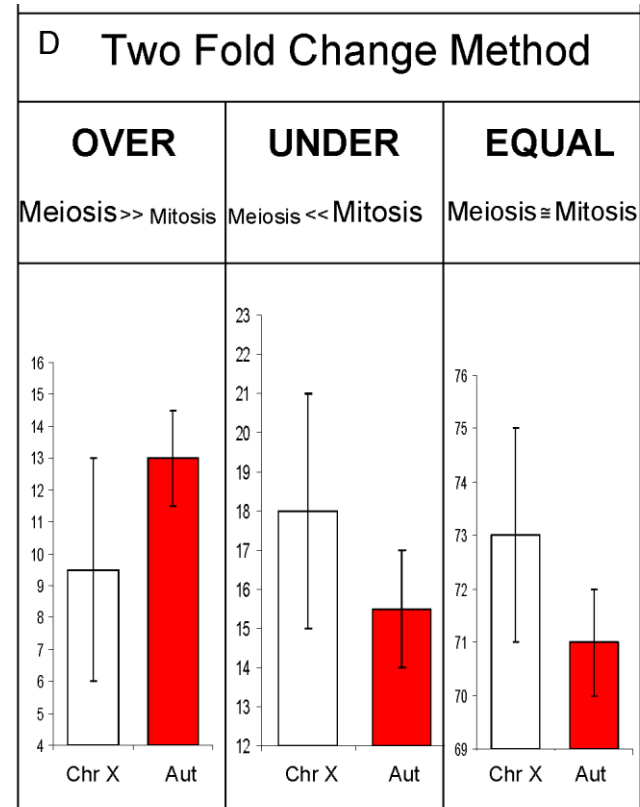
Counts

Expression	ChrX	ChrA
Under expressed	537(18%)	2416(16%)
Equally expressed	2147(72%)	10720(71%)
Over expressed	298(10%)	1963(13%)
Total	2982	15099

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Proportion of genes (%)



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Approach 2: *False positive rate (FPR)*

	(E) Evidence against H	(NE) No evidence against H	Total
(A) Over/under expressed	τ	$\eta_1 - \tau$	η_1
(H) Equally expressed	η	$\eta_0 - \eta$	η_0
Total	x	$n - x$	n

Measures error rate (evidence against H) when H is true: $E(\eta/\eta_0)$

$$\text{FPR} = 0.05 \Rightarrow E(\eta) < 0.05 E(\eta_0)$$

Bonferroni correction

When evidence is measure by {p-value < 0.05/n}, then

$$\Pr(\eta > 0) < 0.05$$

Controlling $E(\eta) < 0.05n$ is too liberal!

Controlling $\Pr(\eta > 0) < 0.05$ is too conservative!

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$$FDR(\alpha) = E\left(\frac{\eta(\alpha)}{x(\alpha)}\right) \approx \frac{E(\eta(\alpha))}{E(x(\alpha))} = \frac{\eta_0 \alpha}{E(x(\alpha))} \approx \frac{n \hat{\pi}_0 \alpha}{\sum_{i=1}^n 1(p_i < \alpha)}$$

$$\hat{\pi}_0 = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n 1(p_i > \lambda)}{n(1 - \lambda)} \quad (\text{estimate of true nulls})$$

$$FDR(\alpha) \approx \frac{\pi_0 \Pr(E | H)}{\Pr(E)} = \Pr(H | E) \quad (\text{Looks Bayesian!!})$$

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Approach 4: **mixture** model for differences

Because σ_X^2 and σ_A^2 (within gene variability) in the hierarchical model are negligible when compared τ^2 (between genes variability), the next model we implemented is a mixture of normals model that accounts for the excess of intensities around zero:

Model:

$$d_l = (\bar{x}_l^{mei} - \bar{x}_l^{mit}) \sim \pi N(\theta_1, \tau_1^2) + (1 - \pi) N(\theta_2, \tau_2^2) \quad l = 1, \dots, n$$

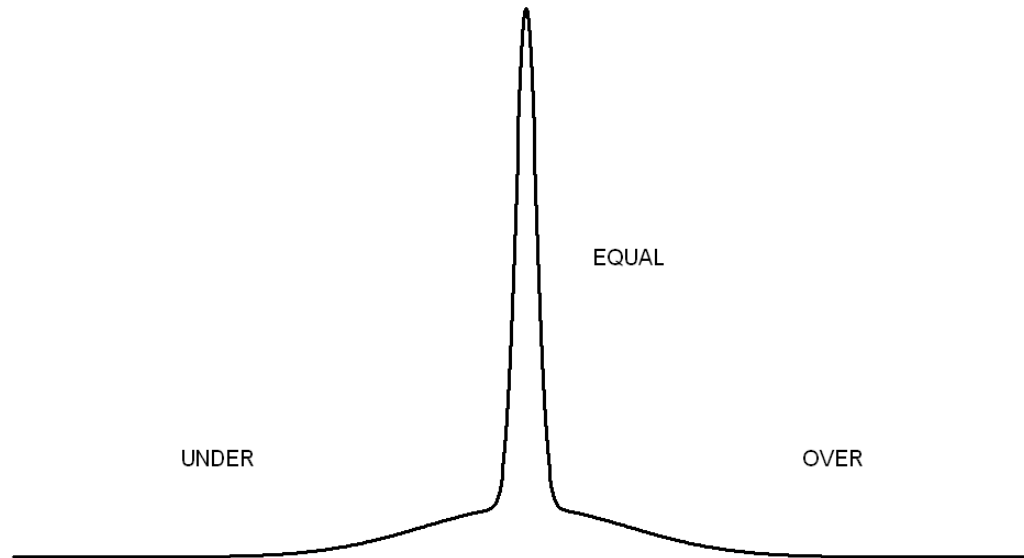
Prior:

$$p(\pi, \theta_1, \theta_2, \tau_1^2, \tau_2^2) \propto \tau_1^{-2} \tau_2^{-2}$$

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Approach 4: **mixture** model for differences

- Bayesian Mixture Model classifies genes as over or under expressed
 - Detect differential gene expression while comparing chromosomes distributions
 - Avoids the arbitrariness of folding
 - Avoids multiple testing distortions

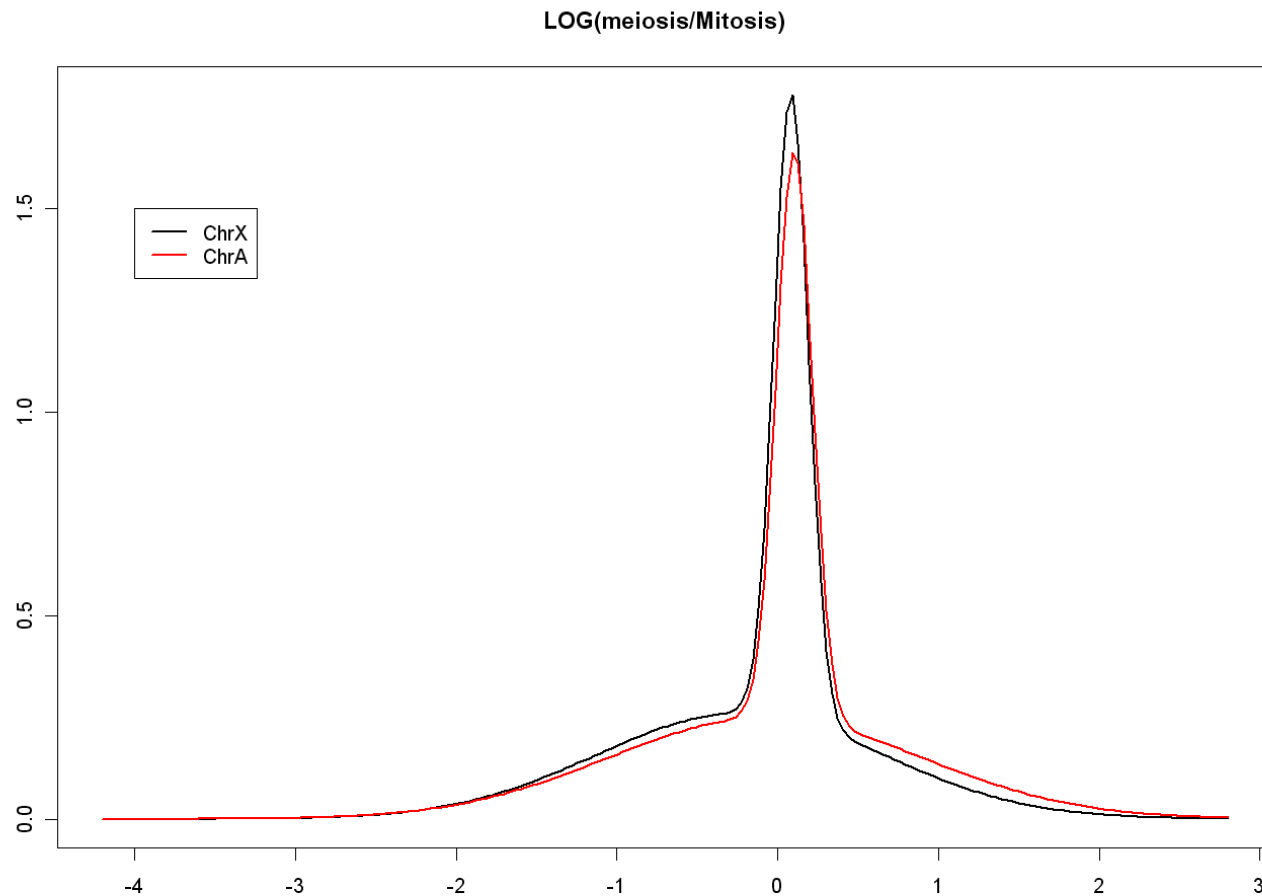


Lopes, Mueller and Rosner (2003)

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Approach 4: **mixture** model for differences

$$p(d \mid data) = \int \left(\pi f_N(d; \theta_1, \tau_1^2) + (1 - \pi) f_N(d; \theta_2, \tau_2^2) \right) p(\pi, \theta_1, \theta_2, \tau_1^2, \tau_2^2 \mid data) d\pi d\theta_1 d\theta_2 d\tau_1^2 d\tau_2^2$$



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Approach 4: **mixture** model for differences

Classification (Prior): $Z_l \sim Ber(\pi)$

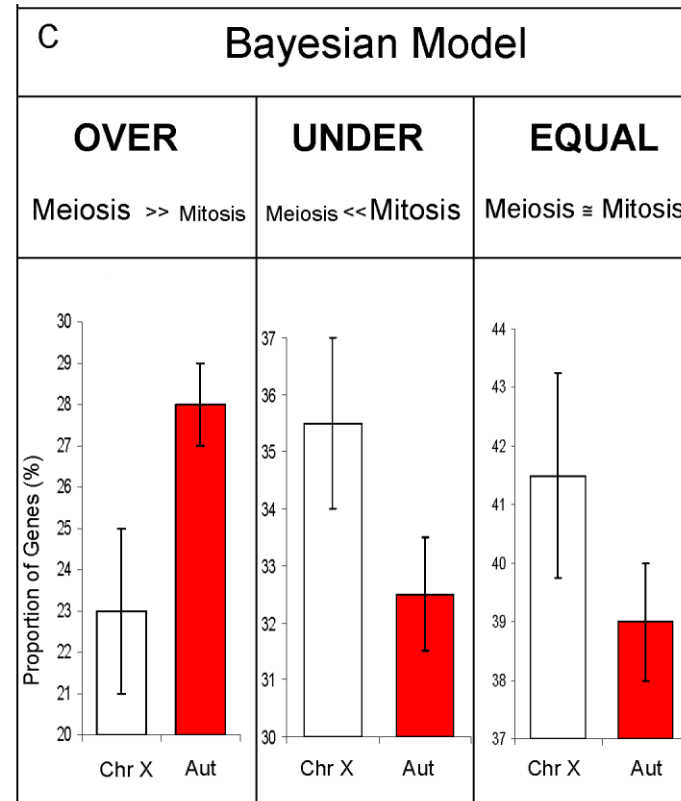
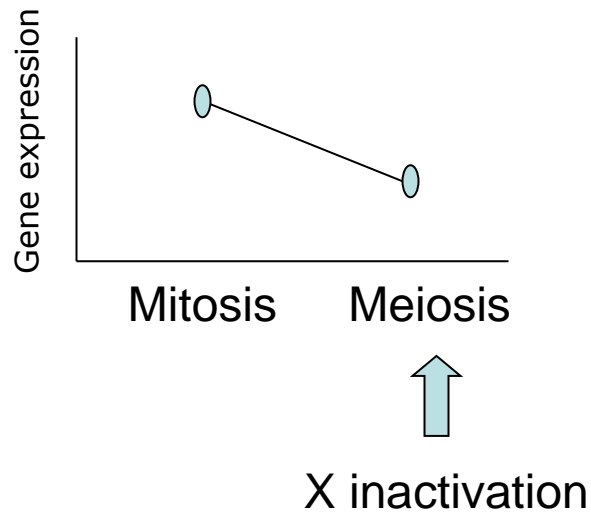
Classification (Posterior): $(Z_l = 1) \ \& \ (d_l > 0)$ – over expressed

$(Z_l = 1) \ \& \ (d_l < 0)$ – under expressed

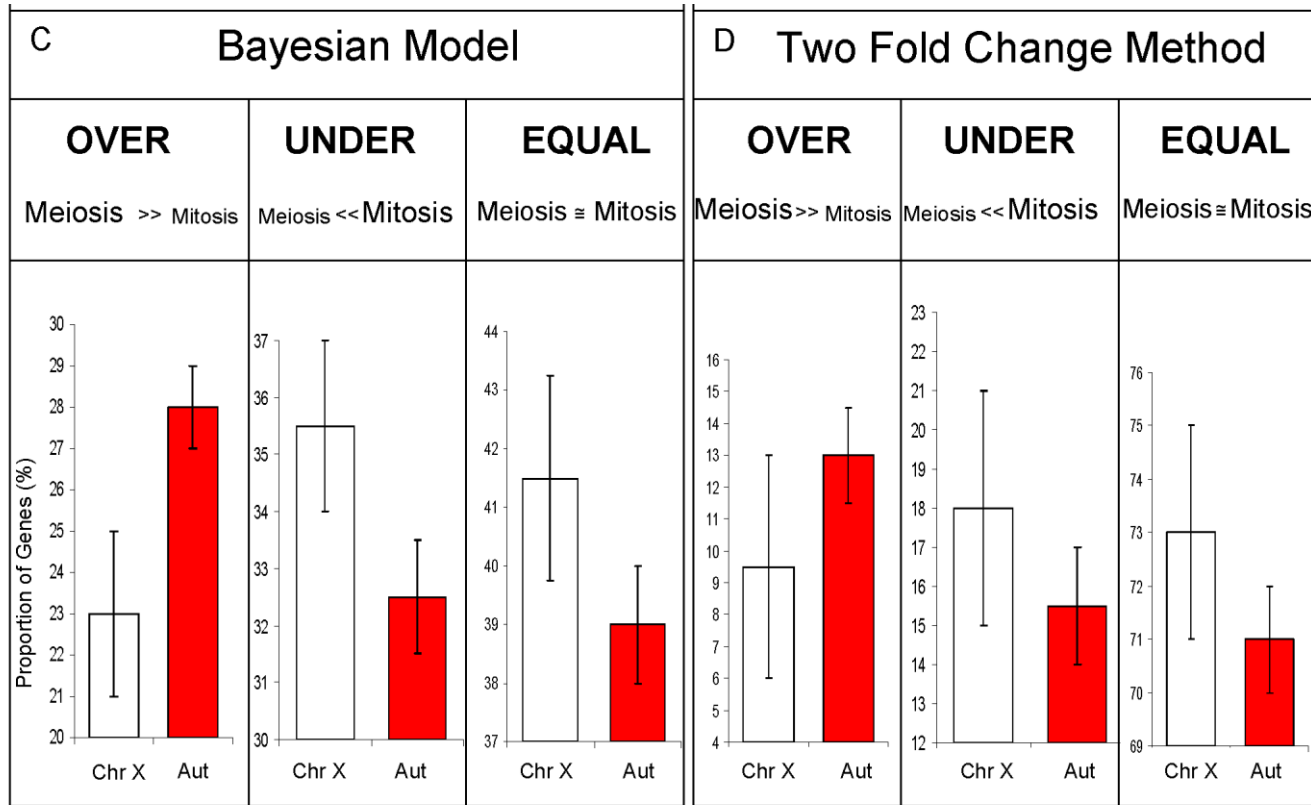
$(Z_l = 0)$ – equally expressed

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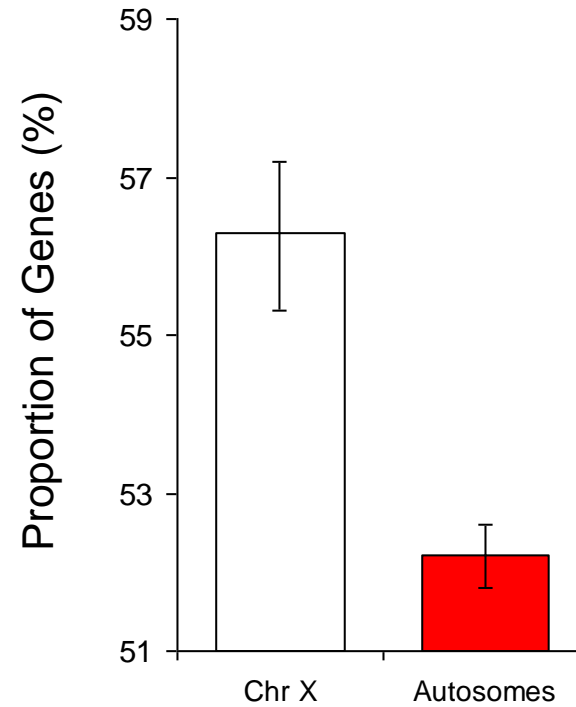
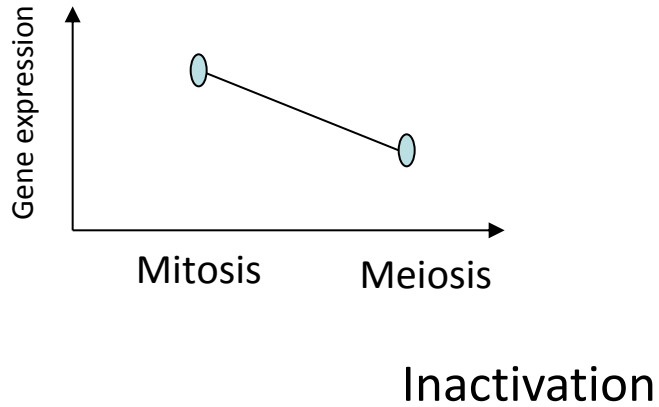


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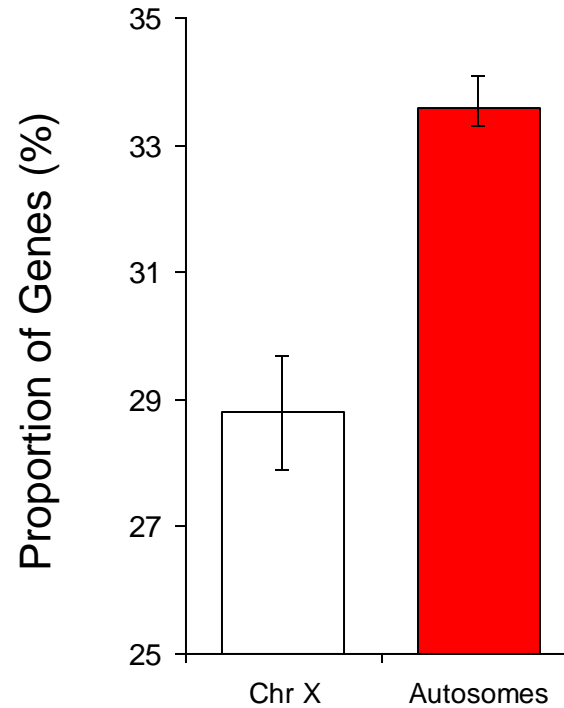
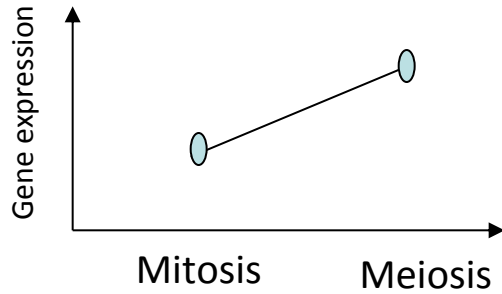
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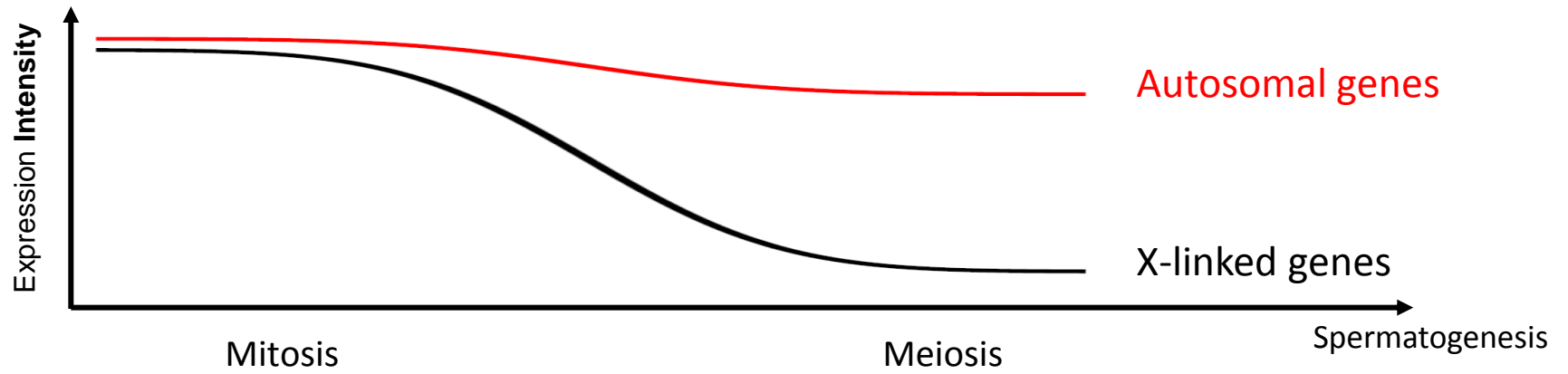


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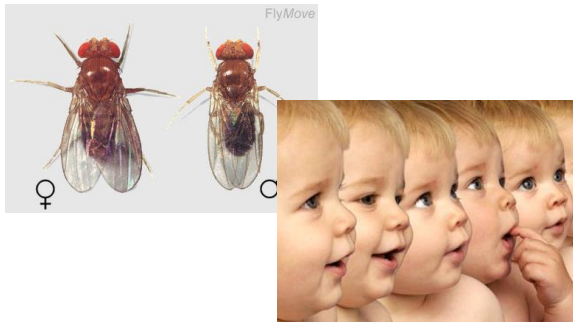
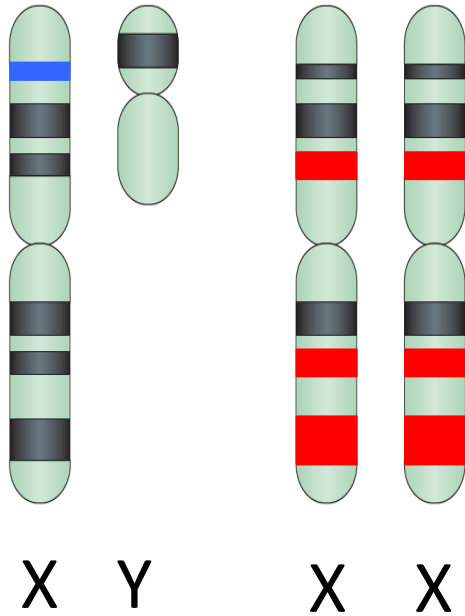
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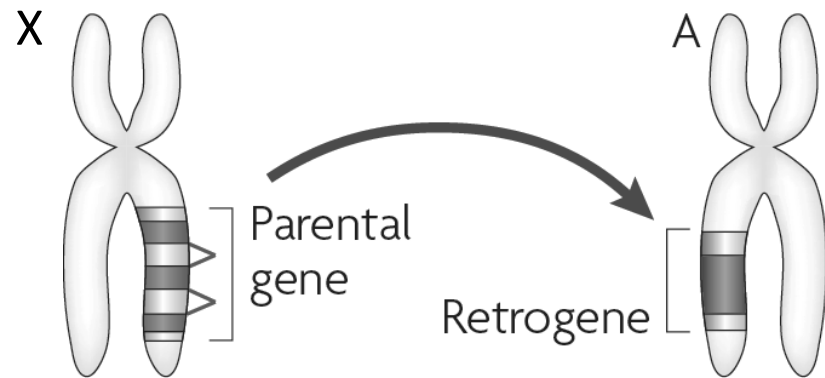


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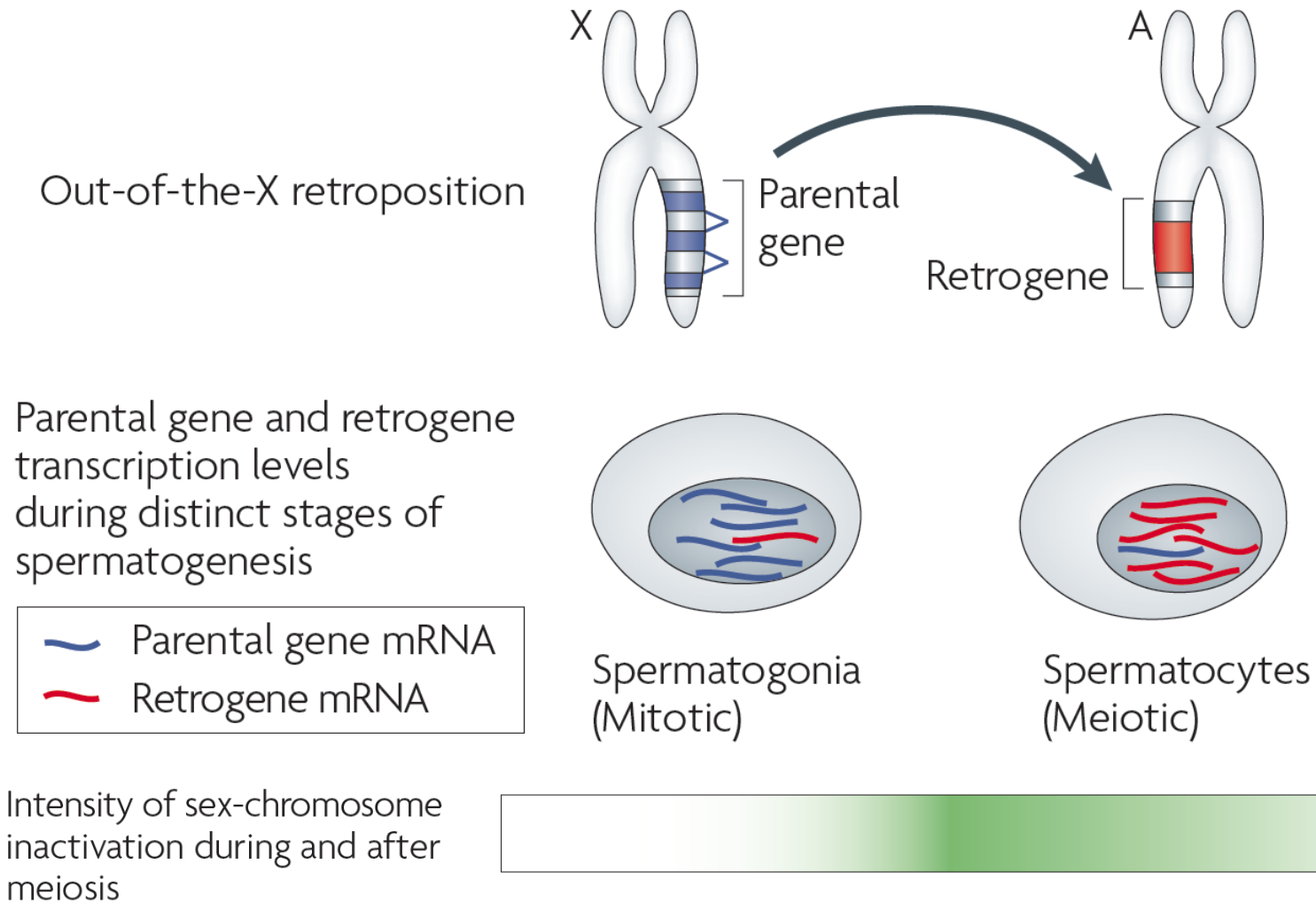
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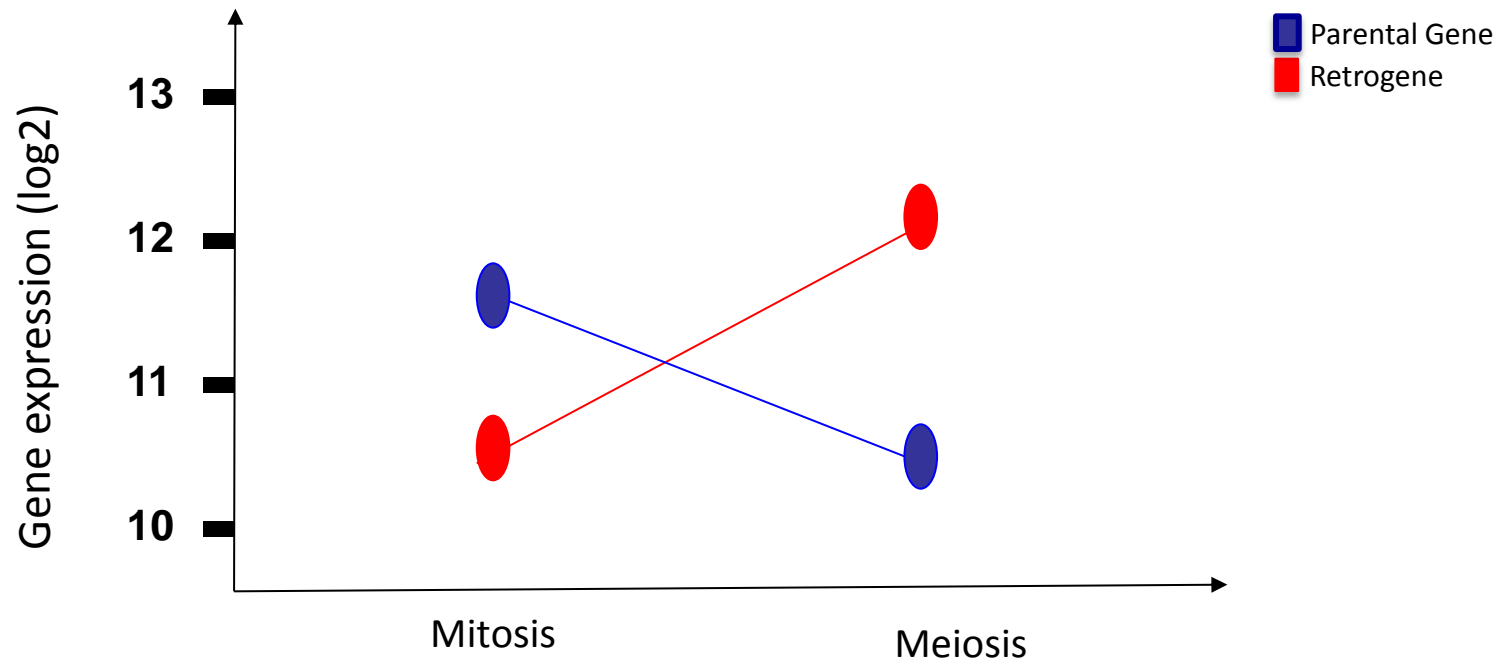


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Complementary expression

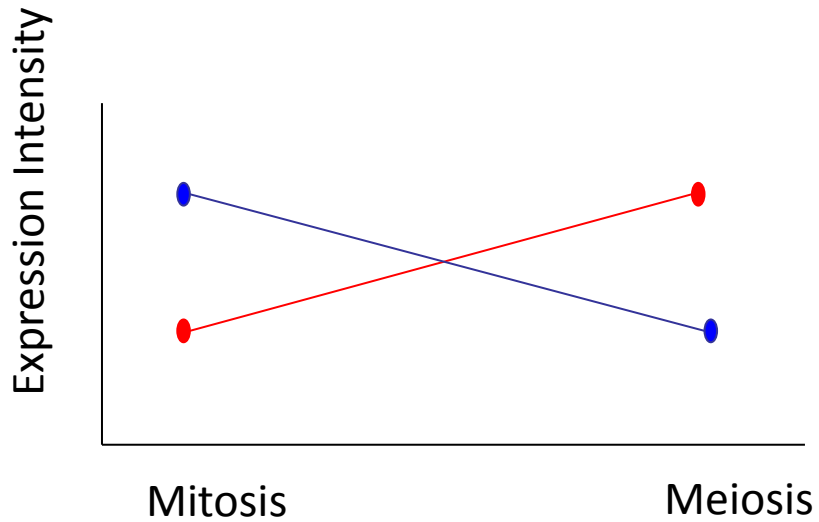
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Tomboy40: protein transmembrane transporter activity / Chr 2R



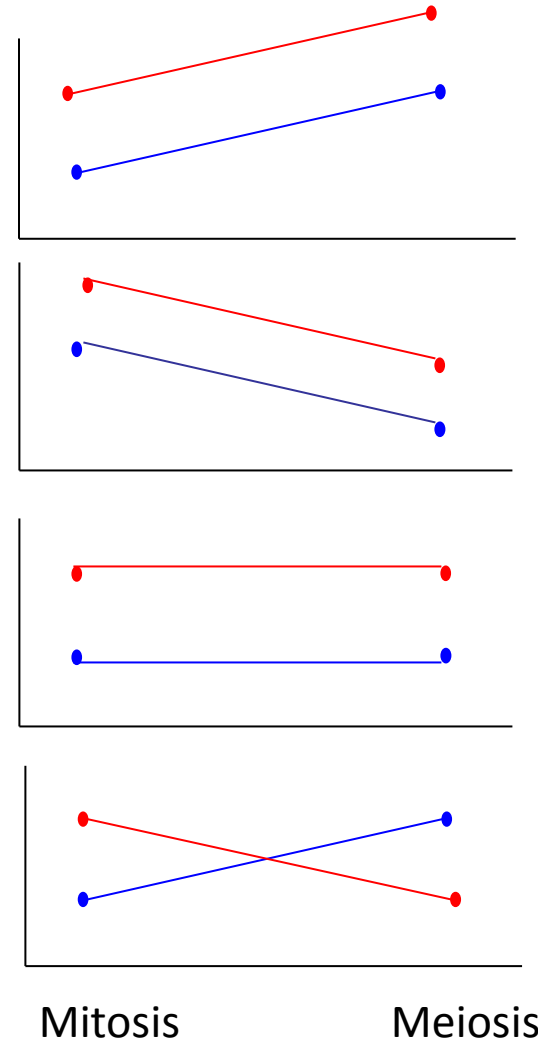
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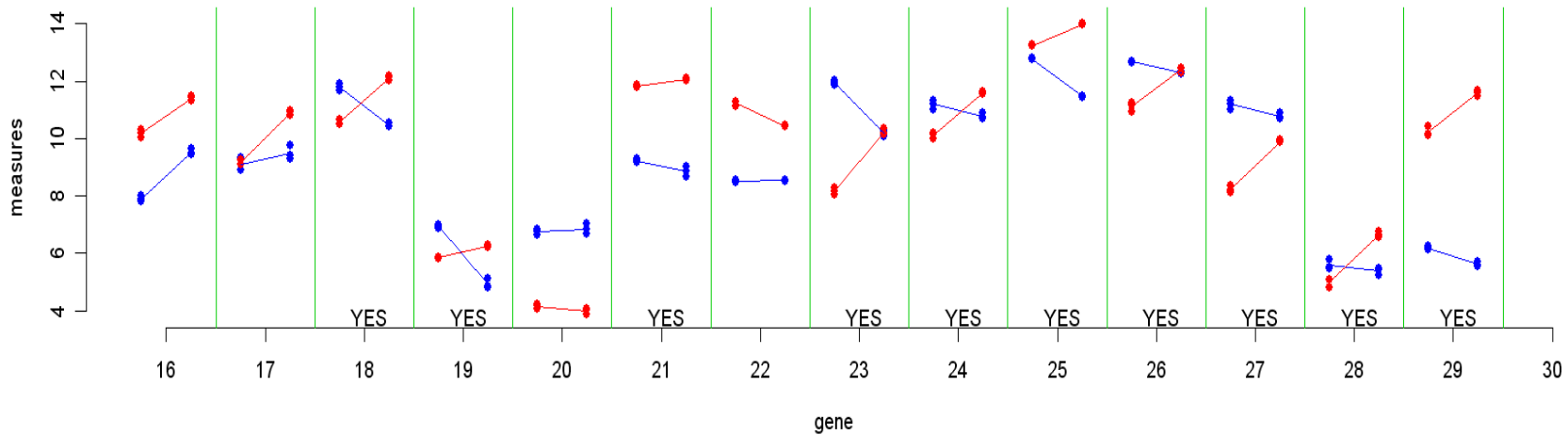
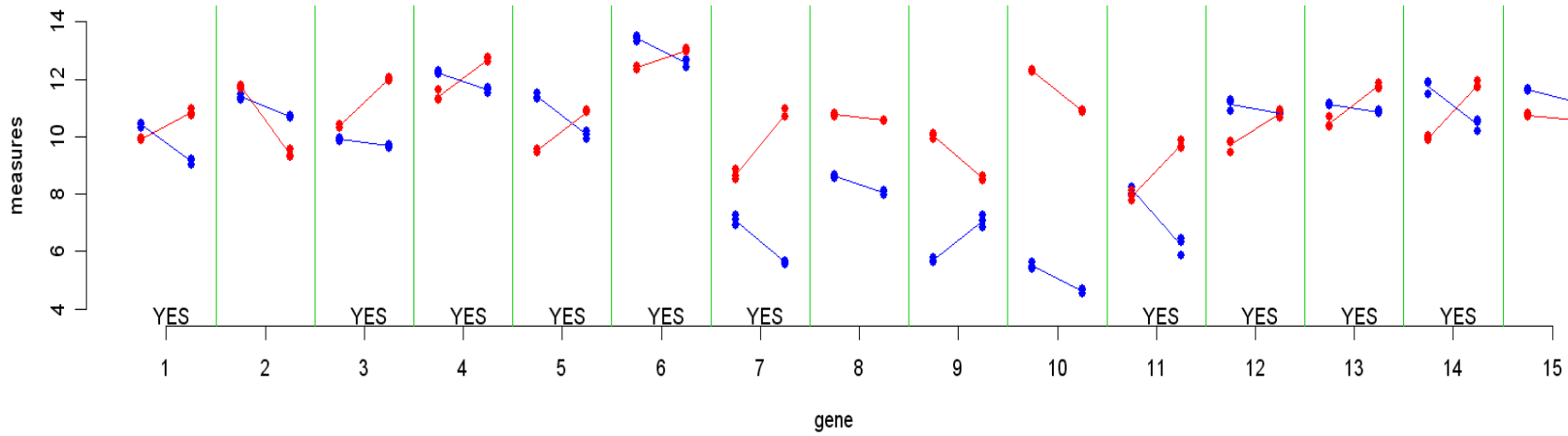
- Parental gene
- Retrogene gene

No Complementary expression



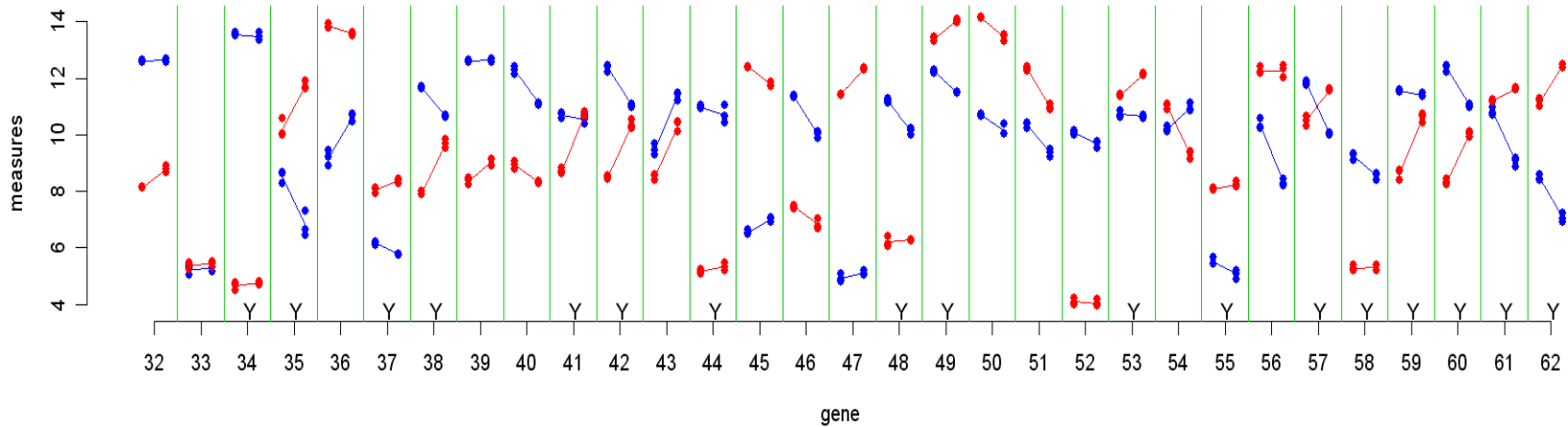
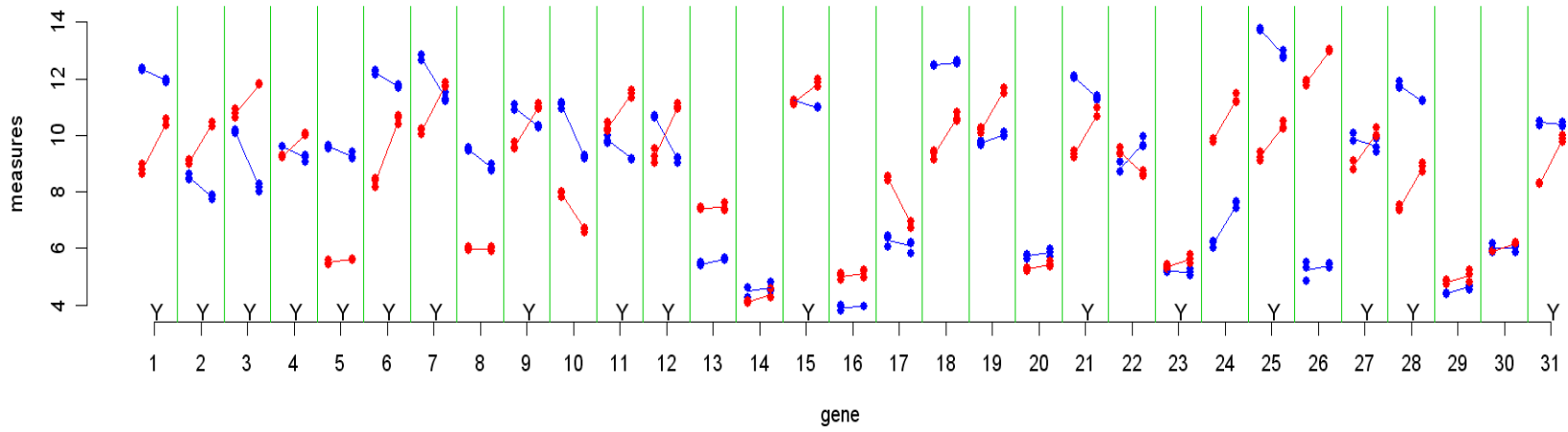
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Out of X



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Out of A



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Approach 1: Counting YESSES and NOS

Counts	NO	YES	Proportions	NO	YES
Out of X	9	20	Out of X	0.31	0.69
Out of A	28	34	Out of A	0.45	0.55

Fisher's Exact Test for Count Data

Null hypothesis: true odds ratio = 1

Alternative hypothesis: true odds ratio is not equal to 1

p-value = 0.2546

Estimated odds ratio=0.55 (roughly $(34/28)/(20/9)=0.546$)

95% confidence interval: (0.1888, 1.5086)

95% confidence interval for YES (normal approximation)

Out of X: (0.518, 0.862)

Out of A: (0.424, 0.676)

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Approach 2: Controlling for FDR

Considering only significant change of expression 2 fold difference $p < 0.05$, $q < 0.05$

Counts	NO	YES	Proportions	NO	YES
Out of X	9	18	Out of X	0.33	0.66
Out of A	37	25	Out of A	0.60	0.40

Fisher's Exact Test for Count Data

Null hypothesis: true odds ratio = 1

Alternative hypothesis: true odds ratio is not equal to 1

p-value = 0.03687

Estimated odds ratio = 0.342 (roughly $(25/37)/(18/9) = 0.339$)

95% confidence interval: (0.11, 0.95)

95% confidence interval for YES (normal approximation)

Out of X: (0.478, 0.842)

Out of A: (0.276, 0.524)

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Approach 3: Bayesian hierarchical model

$$\begin{pmatrix} mit_{ijkl} \\ mei_{ijkl} \end{pmatrix} \sim N \left[\begin{pmatrix} \theta_{ijl}^{mit} \\ \theta_{ijl}^{mei} \end{pmatrix}, \sigma_i^2 I_2 \right]$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \theta_{ijl}^{mit} \\ \theta_{ijl}^{mei} \end{pmatrix} \sim N \left[\begin{pmatrix} \theta_{ij}^{mit} \\ \theta_{ij}^{mei} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \tau_{mit}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \tau_{mei}^2 \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

Pairs mit_{ijkl} and mei_{ijkl} , for each gene l , each classification group i (out of X, out of A) and gene type j (parental, offspring), have individual means θ_{ijl}^{mit} and θ_{ijl}^{mei} , respectively, and common classification group variances σ_i^2 . Then, the objective is to compute,

$$\Pr \left[\text{YES}_{\text{Out of X},l} \right] = \Pr \left[\left\{ \theta_{\text{Out of X},par,l}^{mit} > \theta_{\text{Out of X},par,l}^{mei} \right\} \text{ I } \left\{ \theta_{\text{Out of X},off,l}^{mit} < \theta_{\text{Out of X},off,l}^{mei} \right\} \right]$$

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Approach 3: Bayesian hierarchical model

Hyperparameters

$$\Theta = (\theta_{11}^{mit}, \theta_{12}^{mit}, \theta_{21}^{mit}, \theta_{22}^{mit}, \theta_{11}^{mei}, \theta_{12}^{mei}, \theta_{21}^{mei}, \theta_{22}^{mei})$$

$$\Lambda = (\sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2, \tau_{mit}^2, \tau_{mei}^2)$$

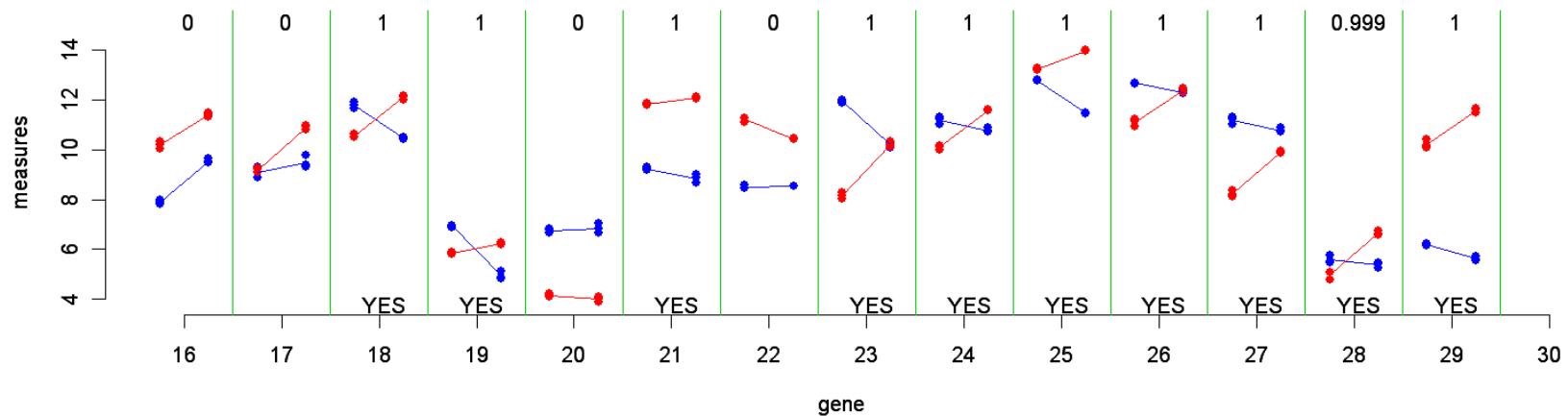
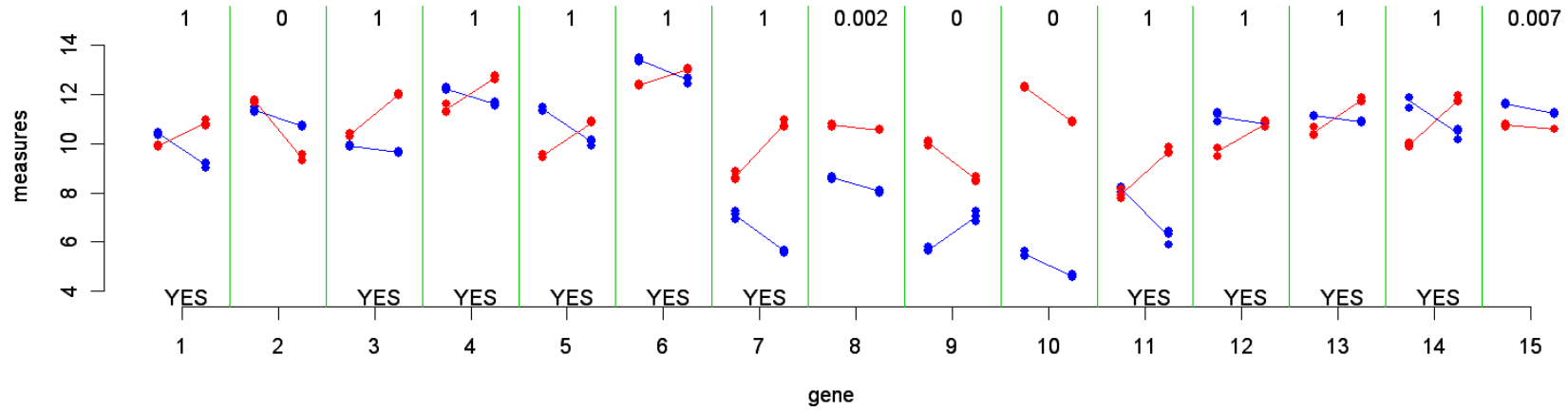
Prior distribution

$$p(\Theta, \Lambda) \propto \sigma_1^{-2} \sigma_2^{-2} \tau_{mit}^{-2} \tau_{mei}^{-2}$$

This represents vague/noninformative prior views.

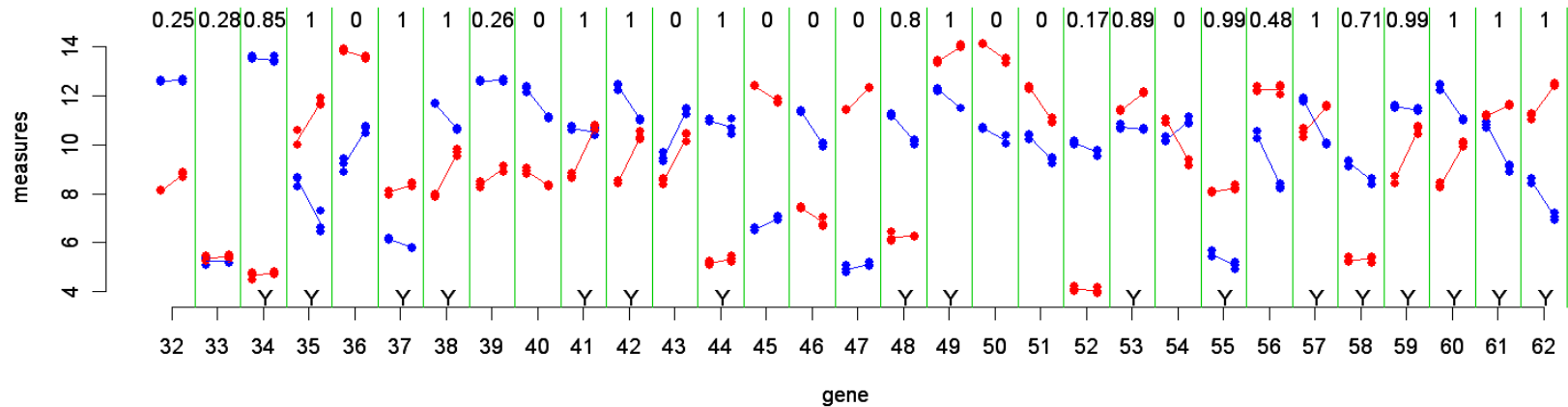
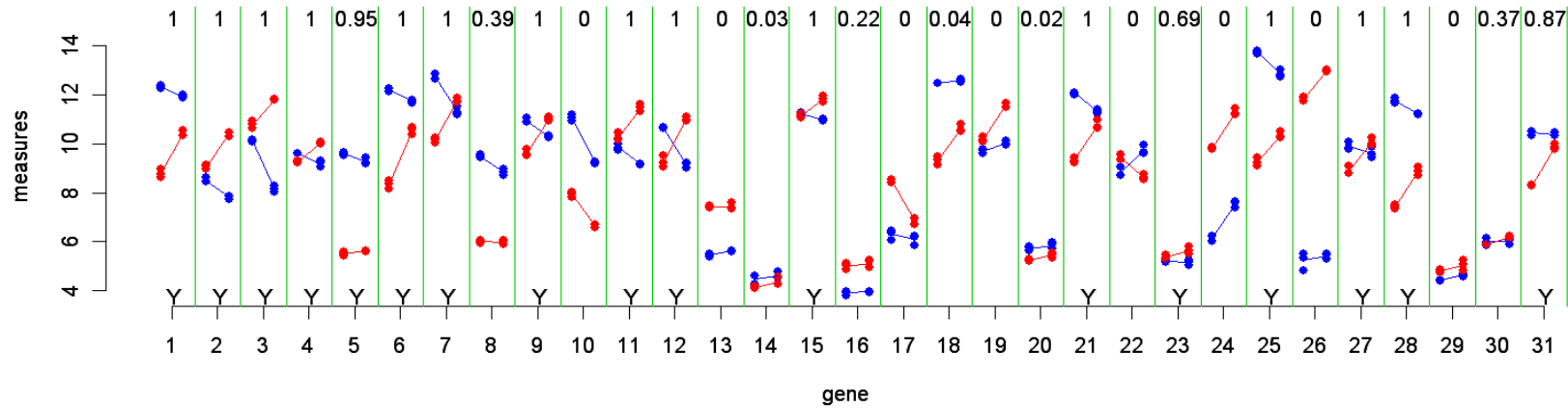
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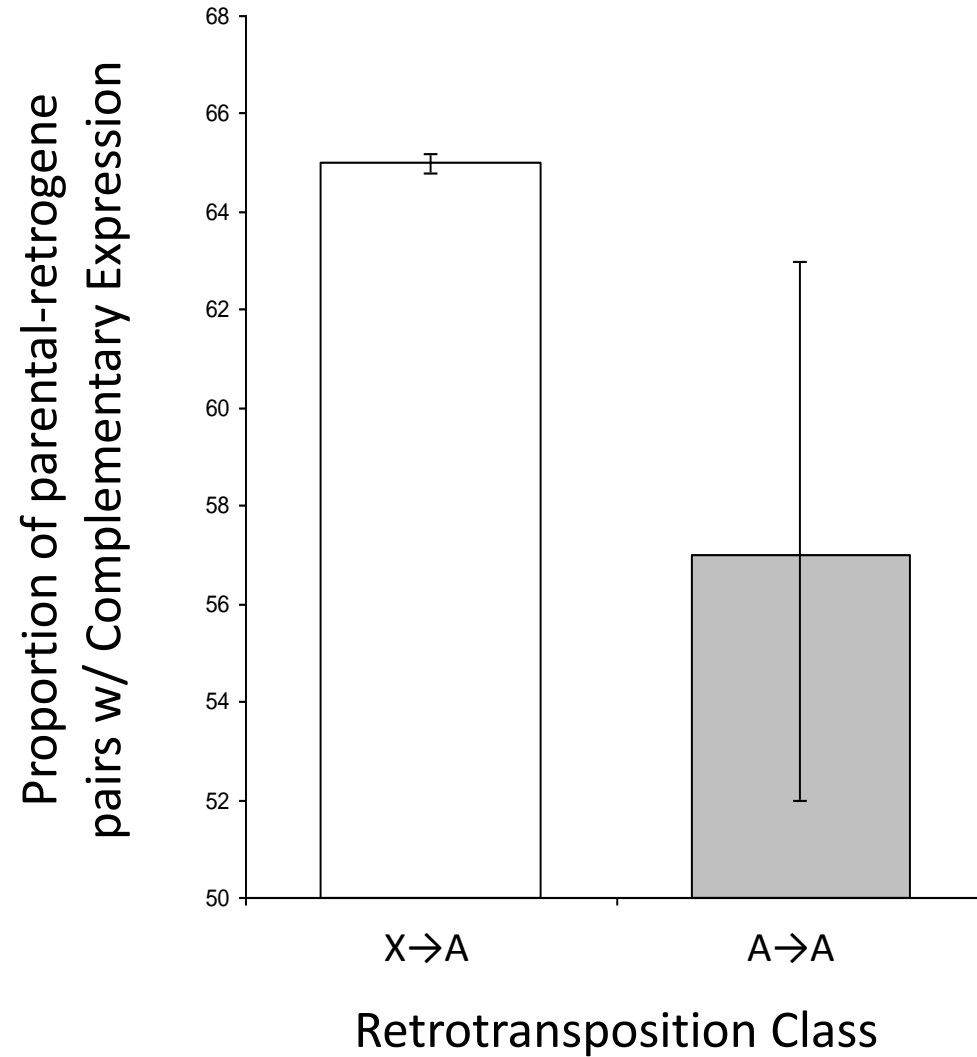


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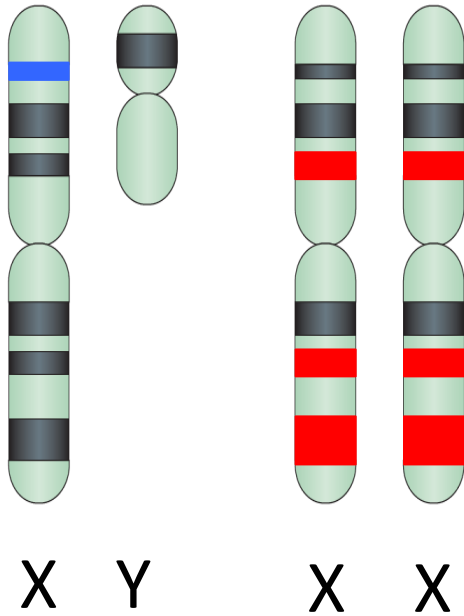
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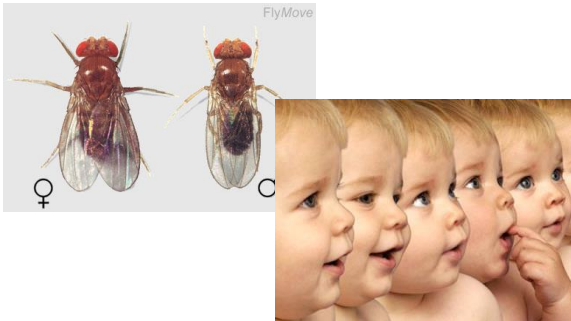
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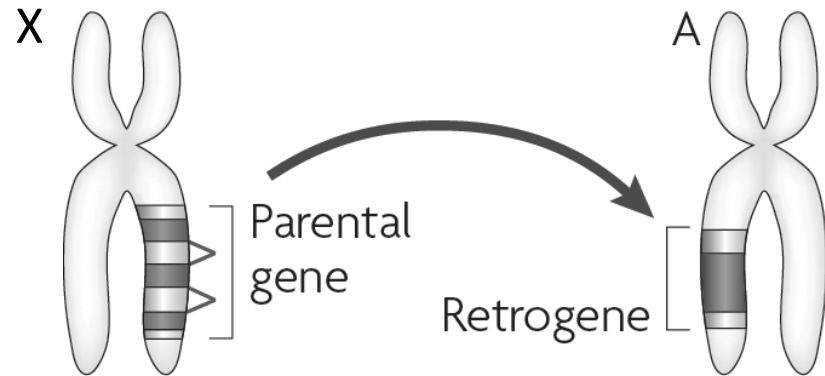
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- Does MSCI exist in *Drosophila*? **YES**
- Is MSCI involved in the distribution of sex-biased genes in the genome? **YES**



XY systems



Testis bias

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Stage-Specific Expression Profiling of *Drosophila* Spermatogenesis Suggests that Meiotic Sex Chromosome Inactivation Drives Genomic Relocation of Testis-Expressed Genes

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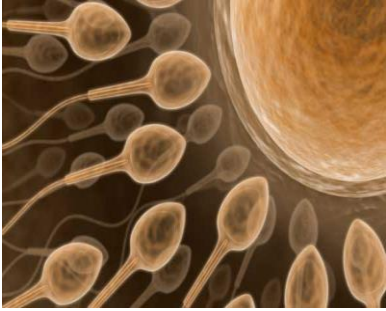
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Male infertility



In Humans:

- 40% of infertility
- High cost treatment
- Associated with gene expression/function in spermatogenesis
- 30% of infertility are sperm deficiency

Drosophila Model:

- Spermatozoa is one of the few cell types that has homologous function for all sexual organism including humans
- Post-meiotic transcription

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Drosophila spermatogenesis expression database

Search for CG or Affymetrix gene symbol/probe id

search

[Browse gene list](#)

CG id: CG10422

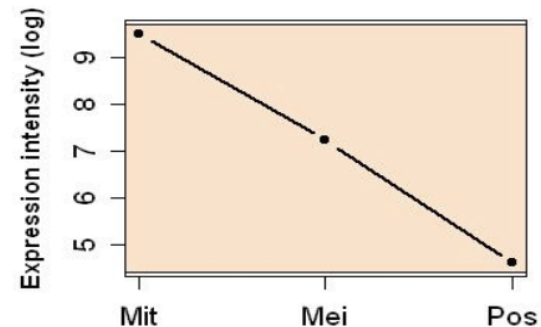
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Gene expression levels

phase	mitosis	meiosis	post-meiosis
value 1	9.32	6.94	4.61
value 2	9.64	7.37	4.72
value 3	9.51	7.38	4.56
average	9.49	7.23	4.63

Values 1-3 correspond to the expression intensity (log transformed) obtained from Microarray hybridization of three different biological replicates of each spermatogenic phase. Averages values correspond to the arithmetic average within replicates for each spermatogenic phase.

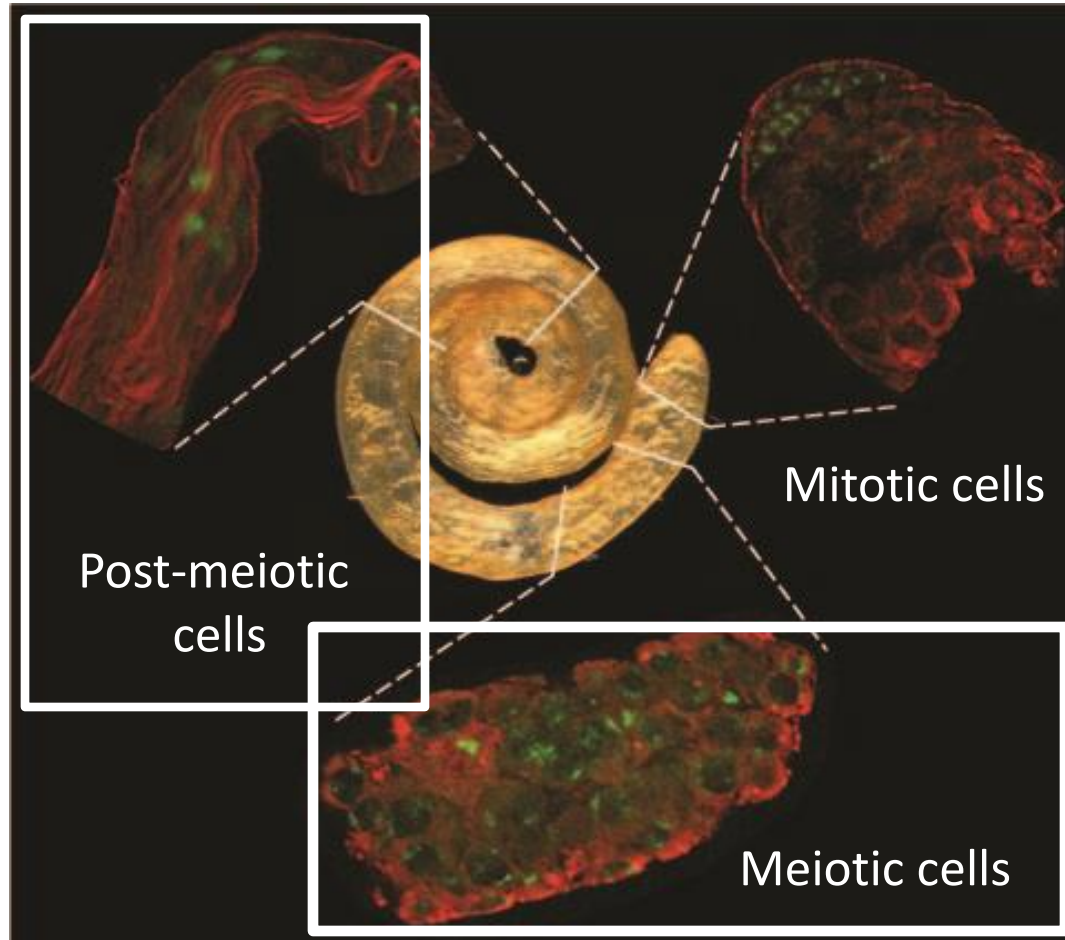


Comparison of expression levels

phase	mitosis	meiosis	post-meiosis
mitosis	-	Over	Over
meiosis	-	-	Over
post-meiosis	-	-	-

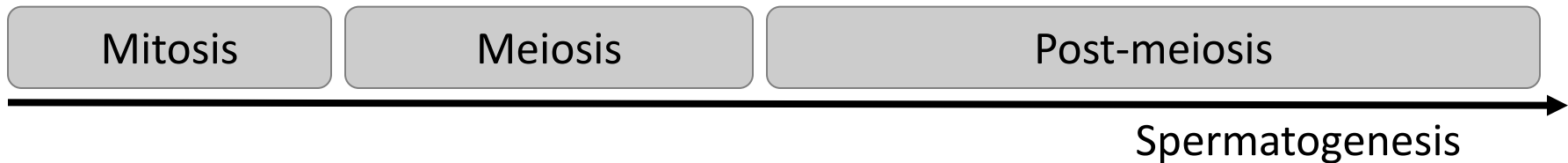
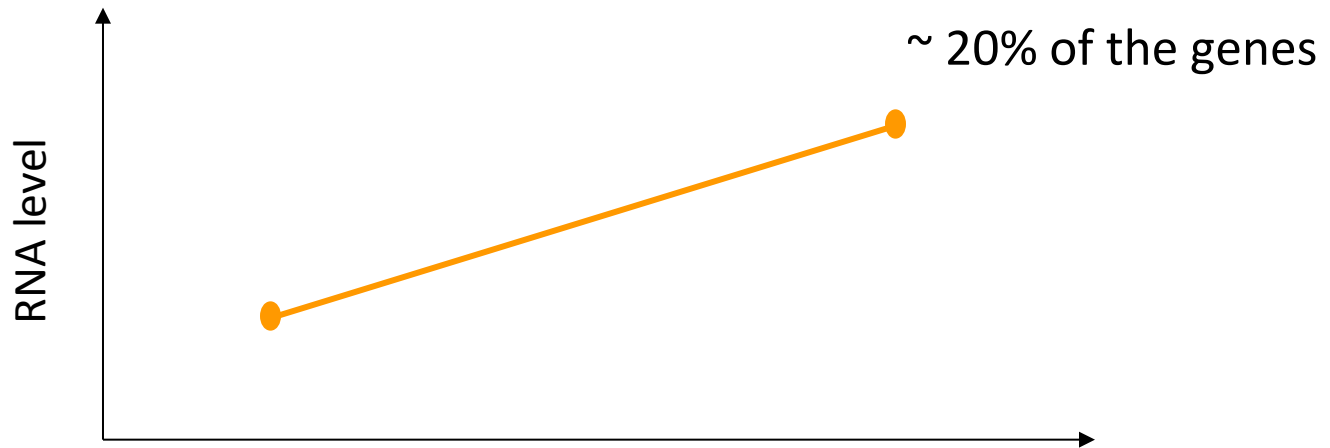
The classifications in this table (Equal, Over or Under) were obtained by our Bayesian Statistical Model (Methods). Each classification is given to a pair-wise comparison between two spermatogenic phases. For example, "Over" mitotic vs. meiotic classification means that, for this gene, the mitotic expression is significantly higher than the meiotic expression.

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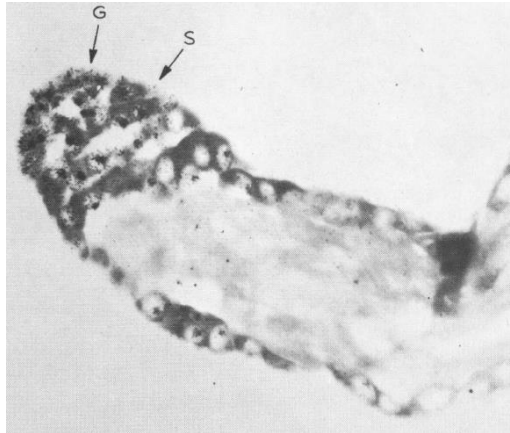
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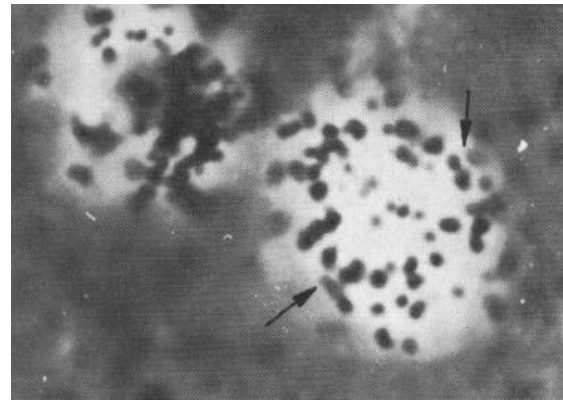
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RNA synthesis does **NOT** occur in post-meiotic stages

Testis Apical region

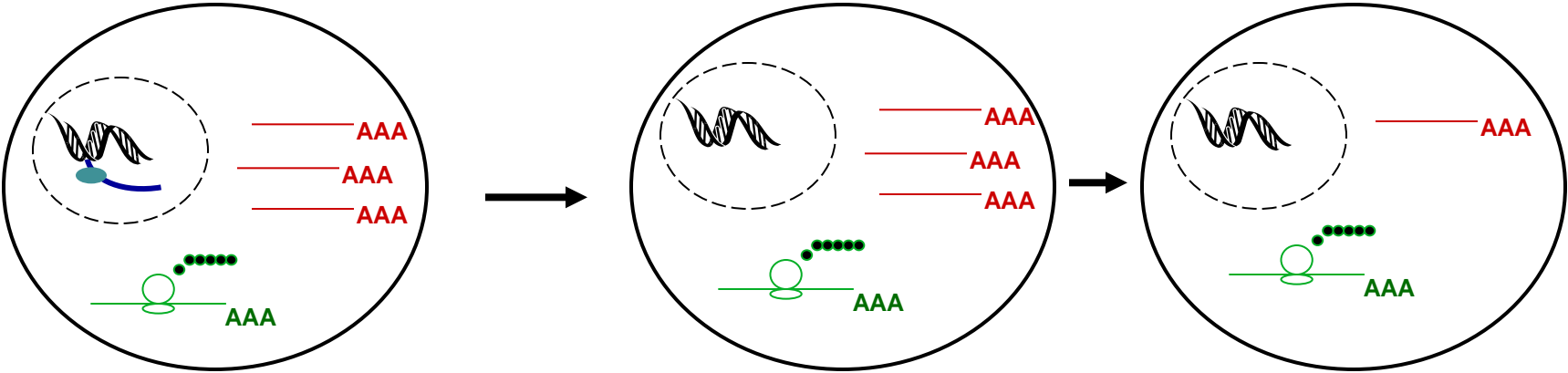


Spermatocytes



RNA synthesis: incorporation of [^3H]uridine in the *Drosophila melanogaster* testes has been studied by autoradiography.

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Transcription

Translation

RNA

Mitosis

Meiosis

Post-meiosis

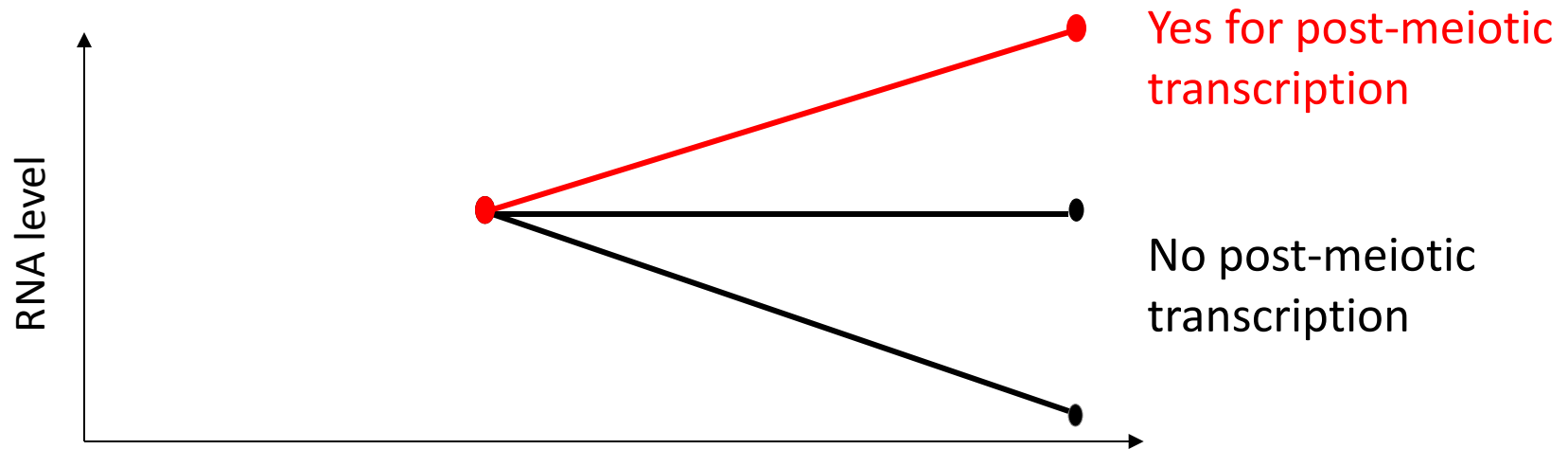
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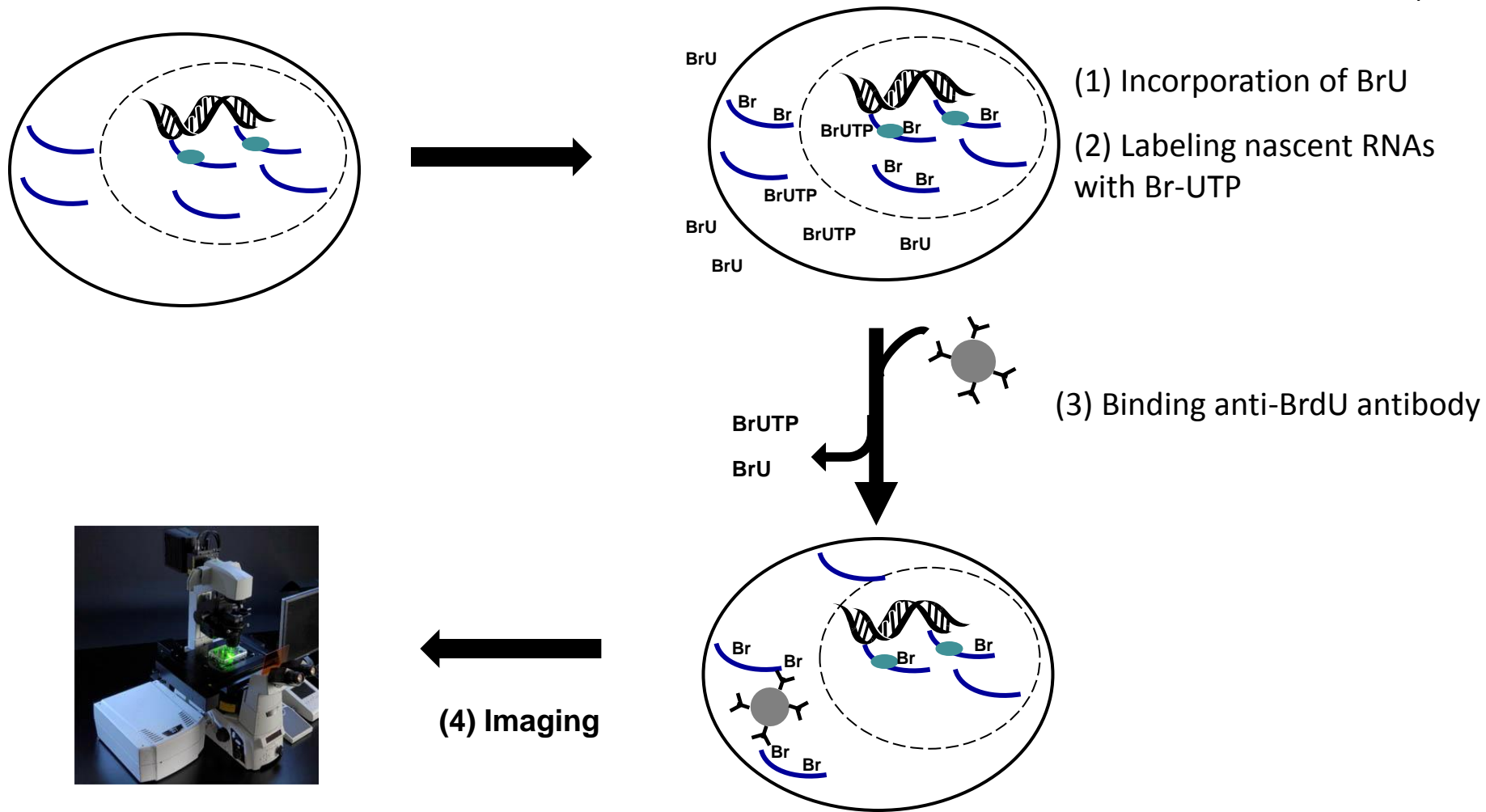
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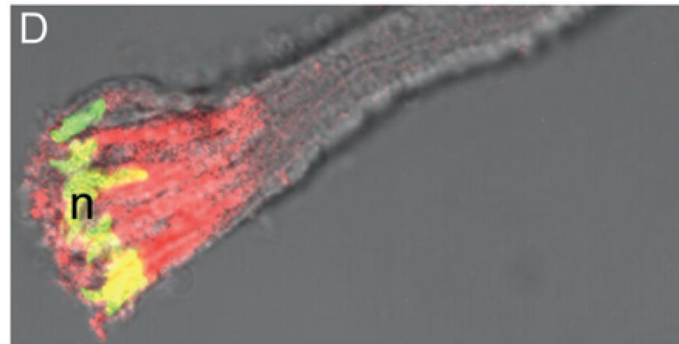


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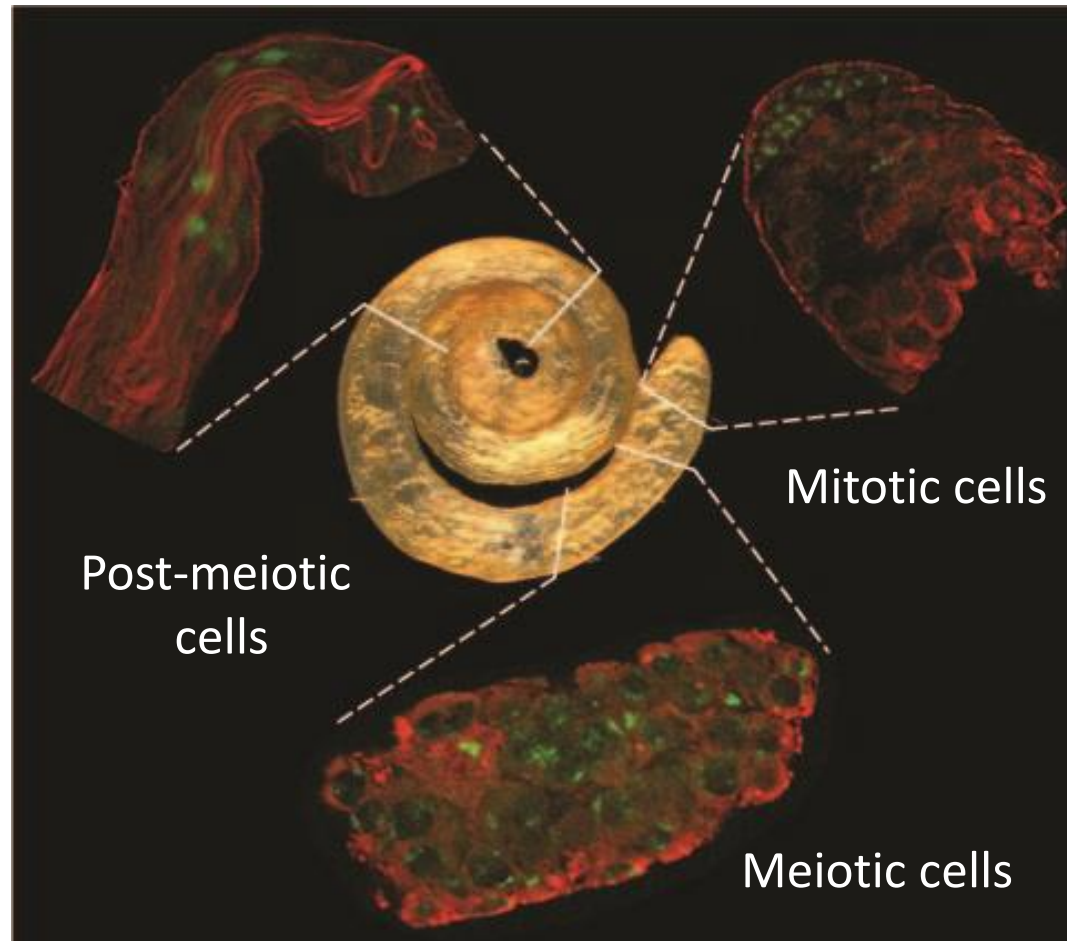
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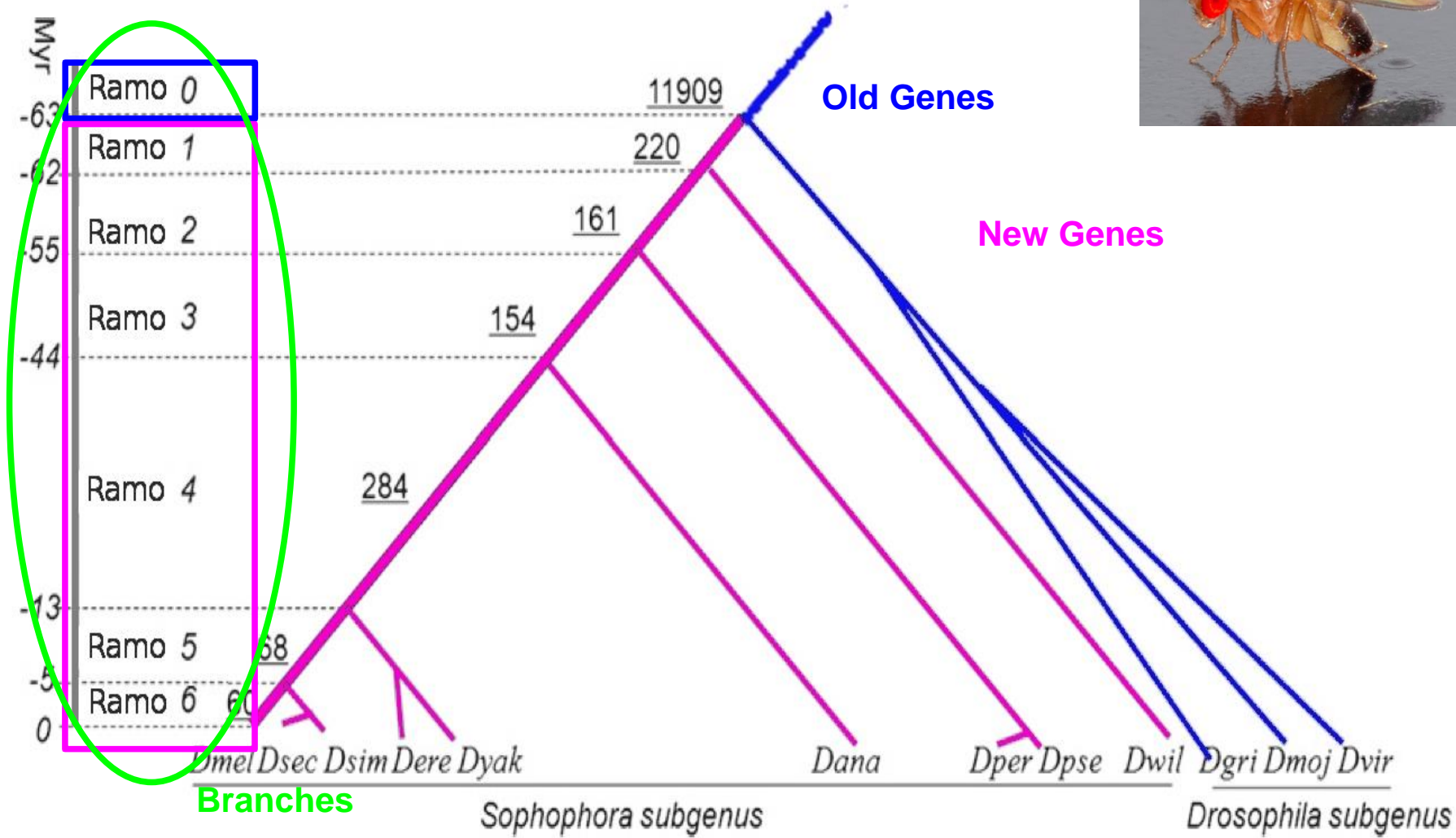
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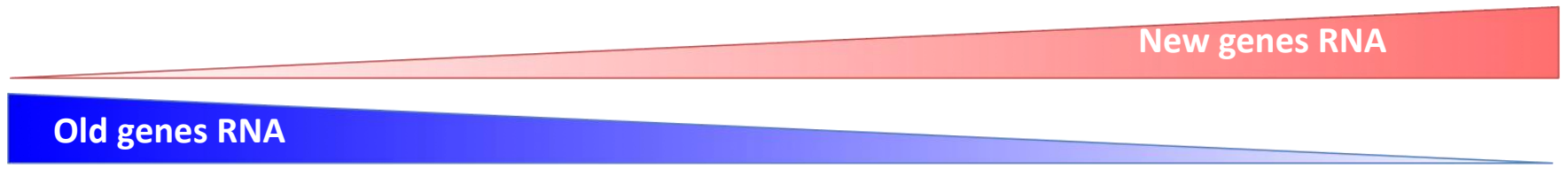
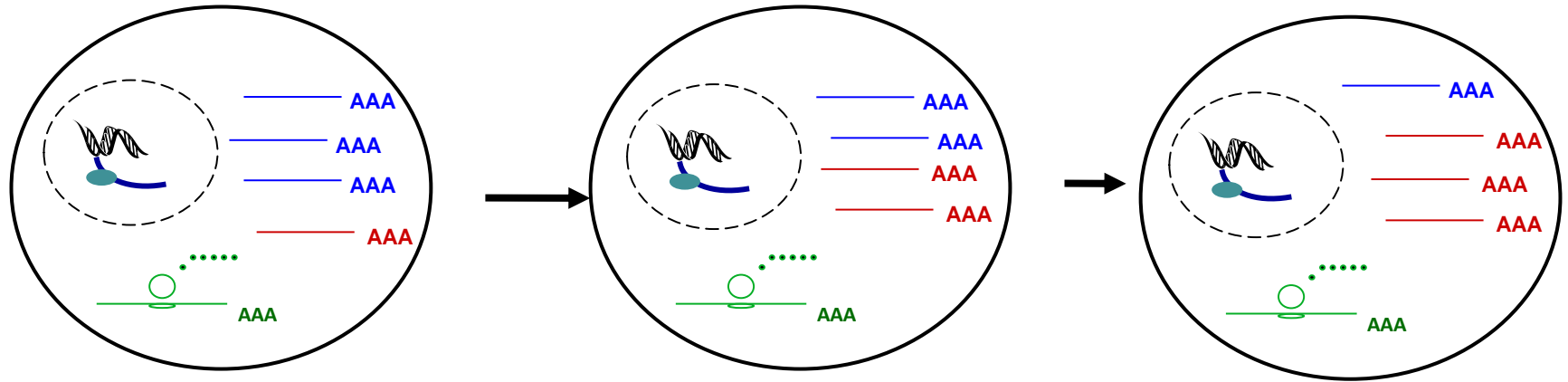


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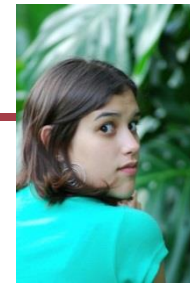
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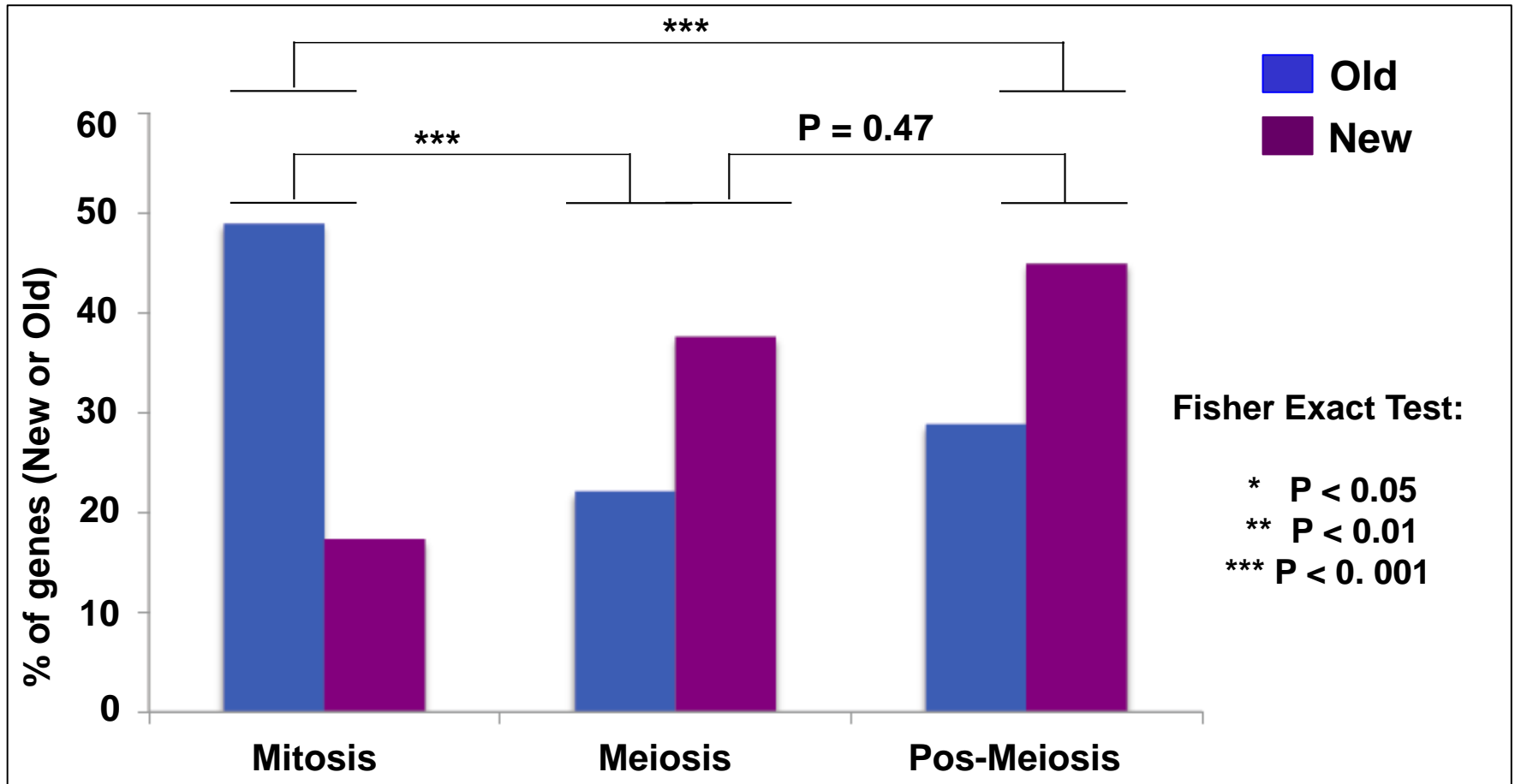


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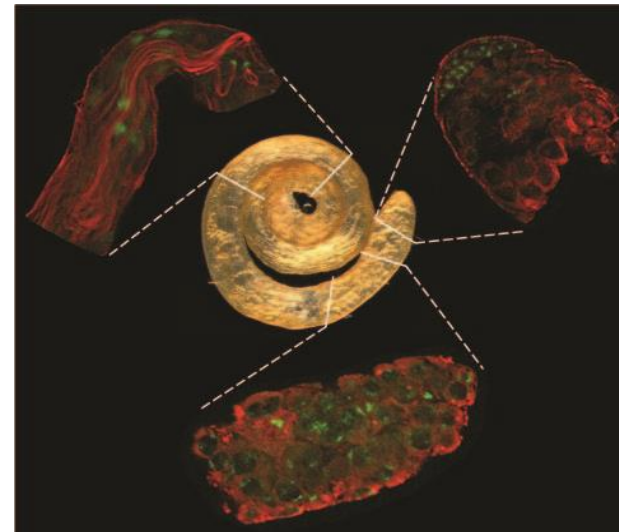
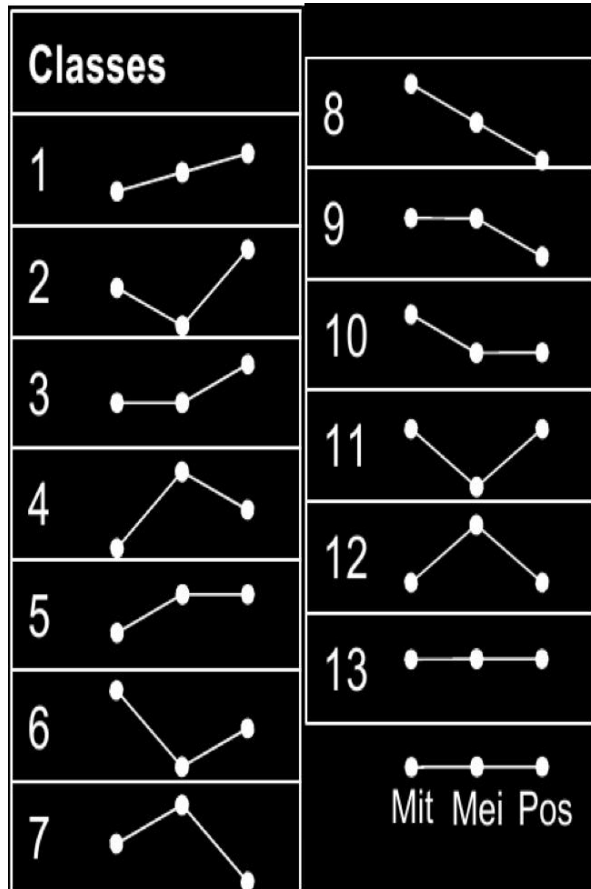
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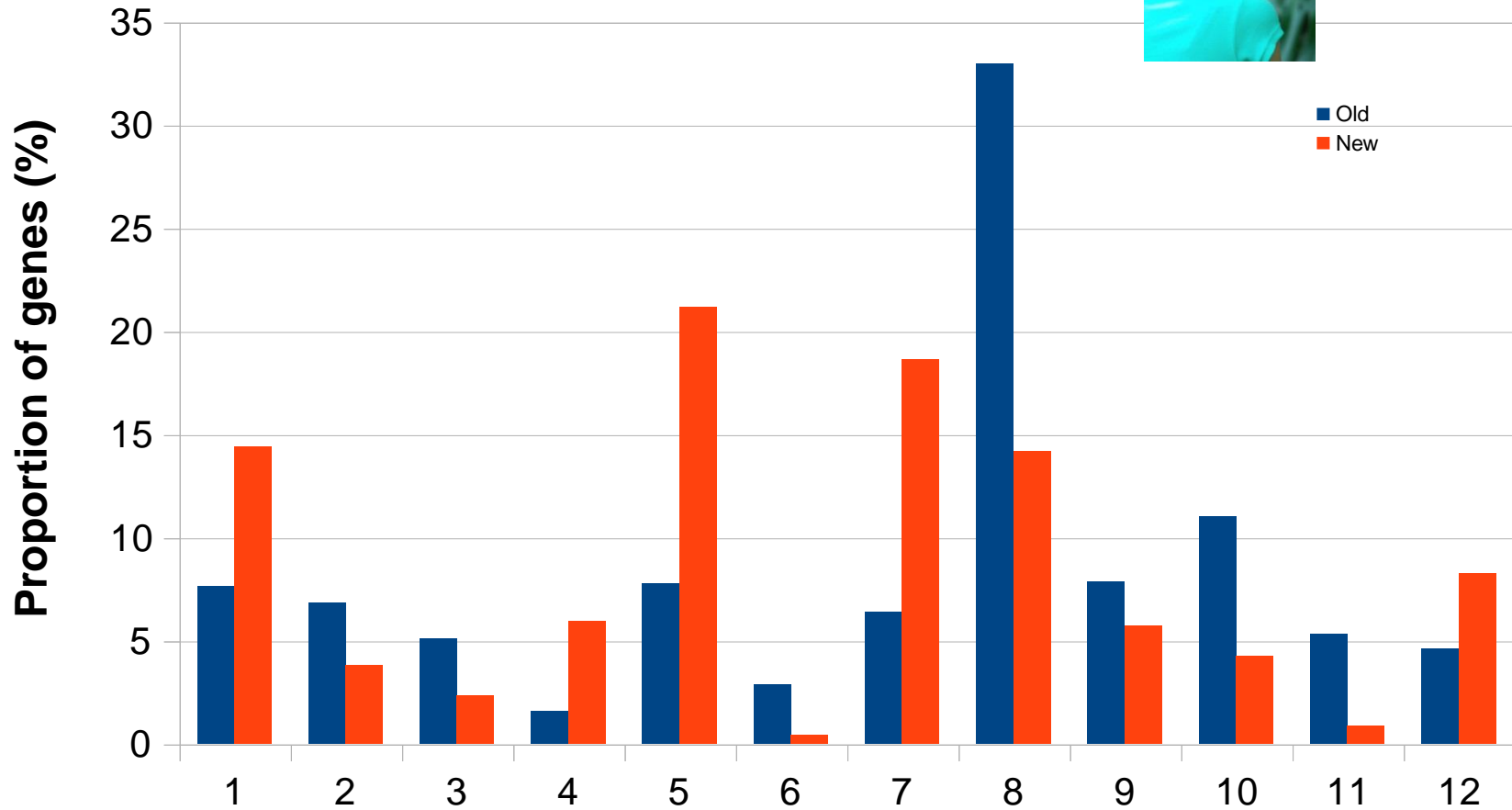
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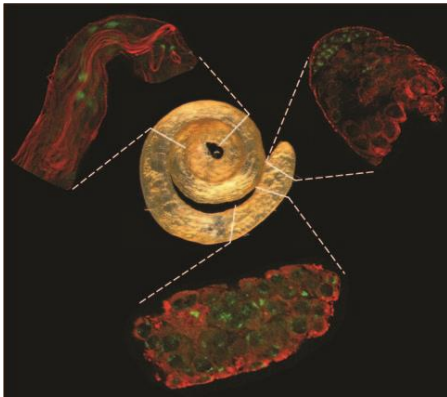


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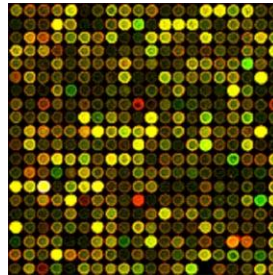


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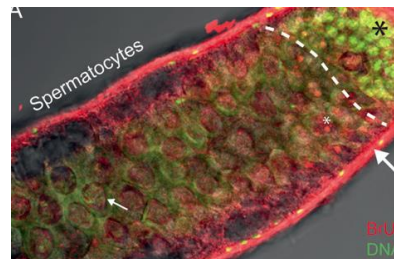


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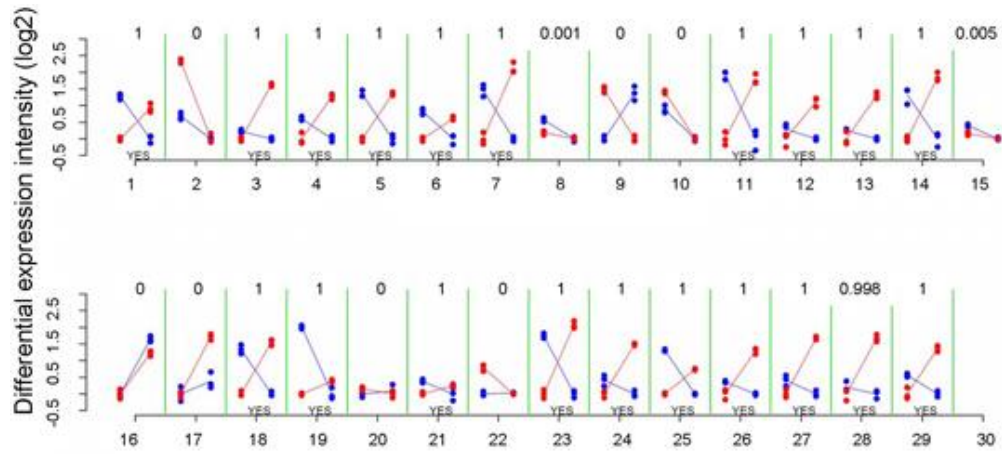
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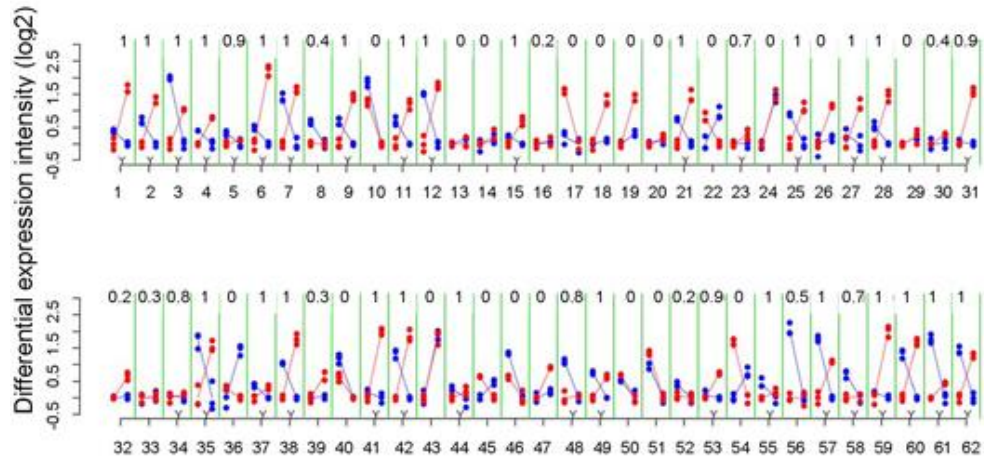
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