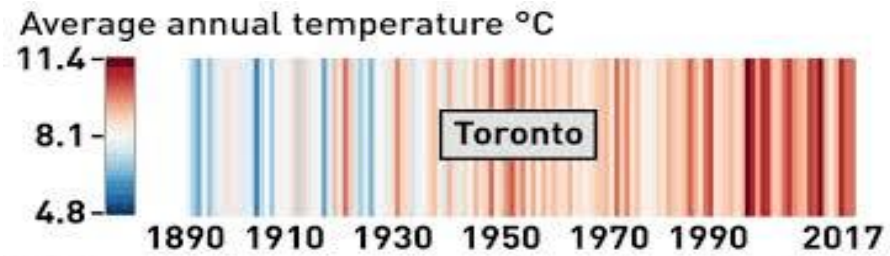
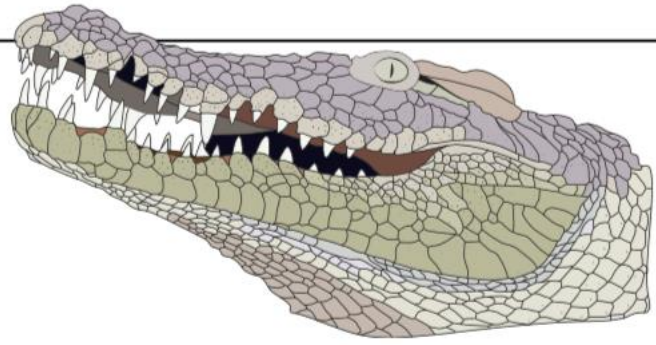


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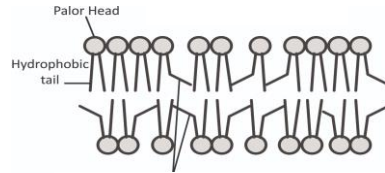
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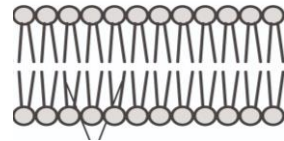
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unsaturated FA

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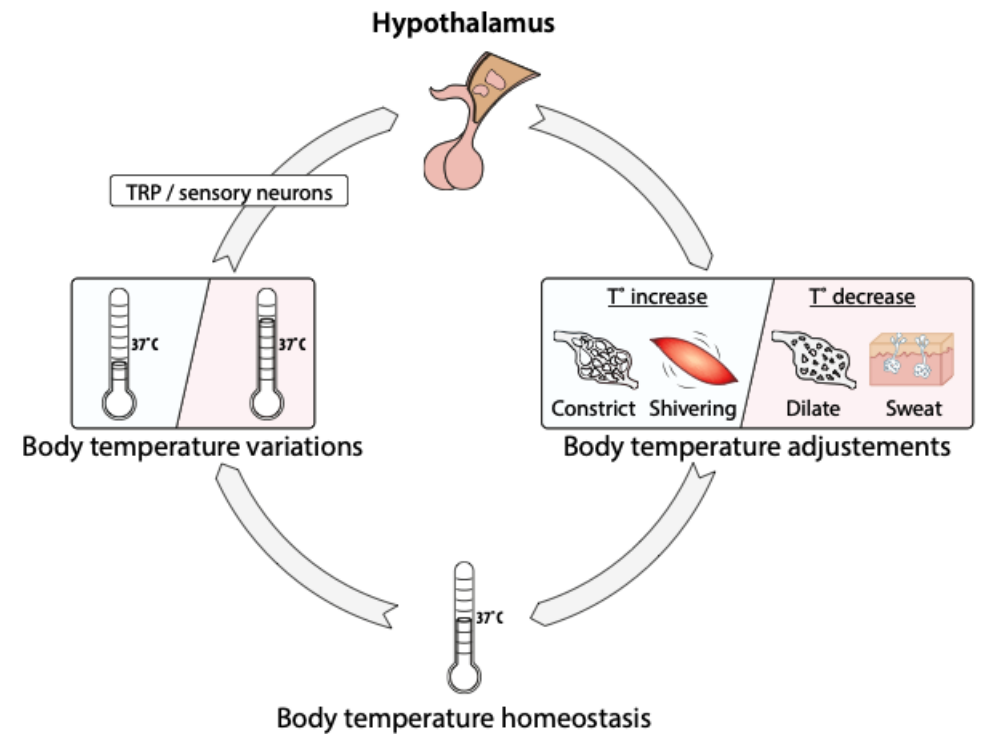
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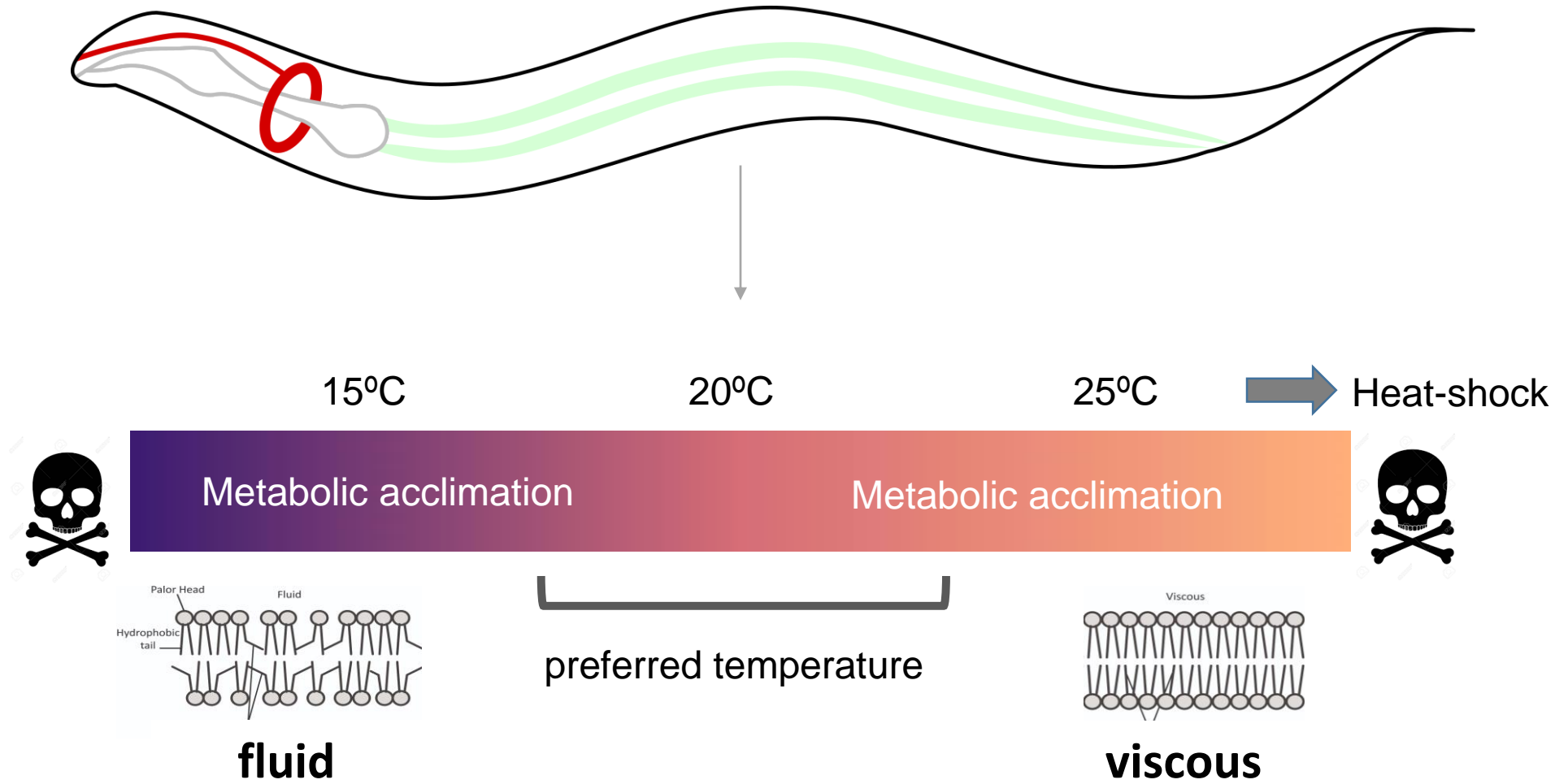
## Metabolic thermogenesis



**Membrane fluidity has to be adjusted within the cells**

**How are cells sourced with the right type of Fatty acid?**

# Soil nematodes are ectotherms

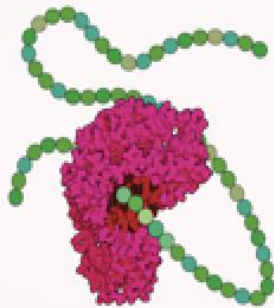


# The Heat Shock response at the cellular level

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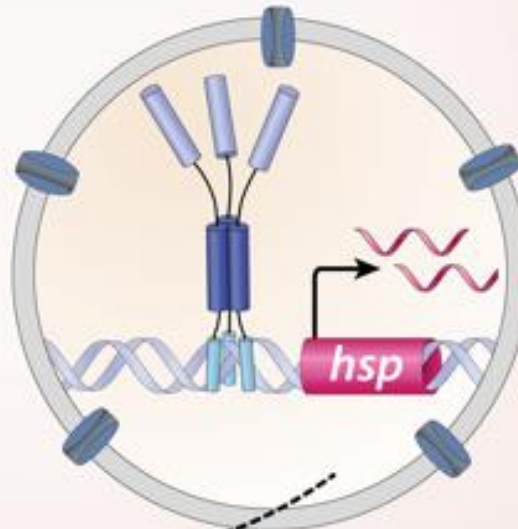
No heat shock

Misfolded protein

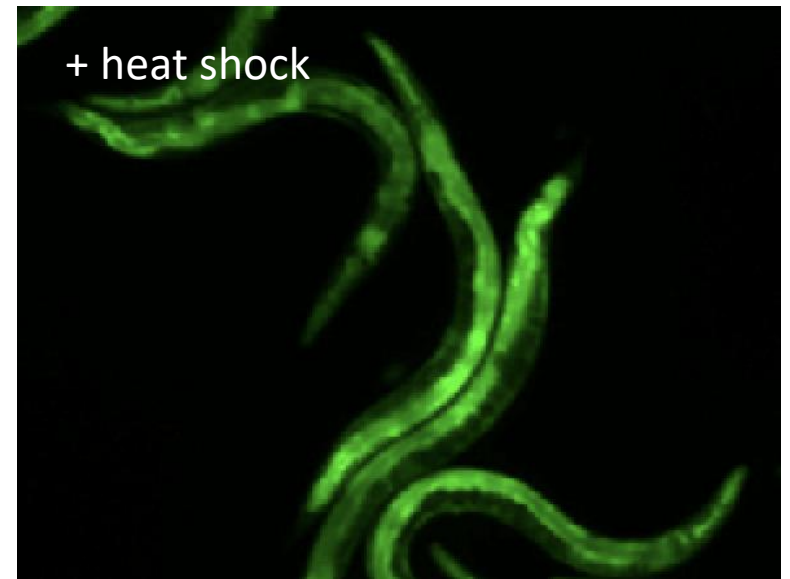


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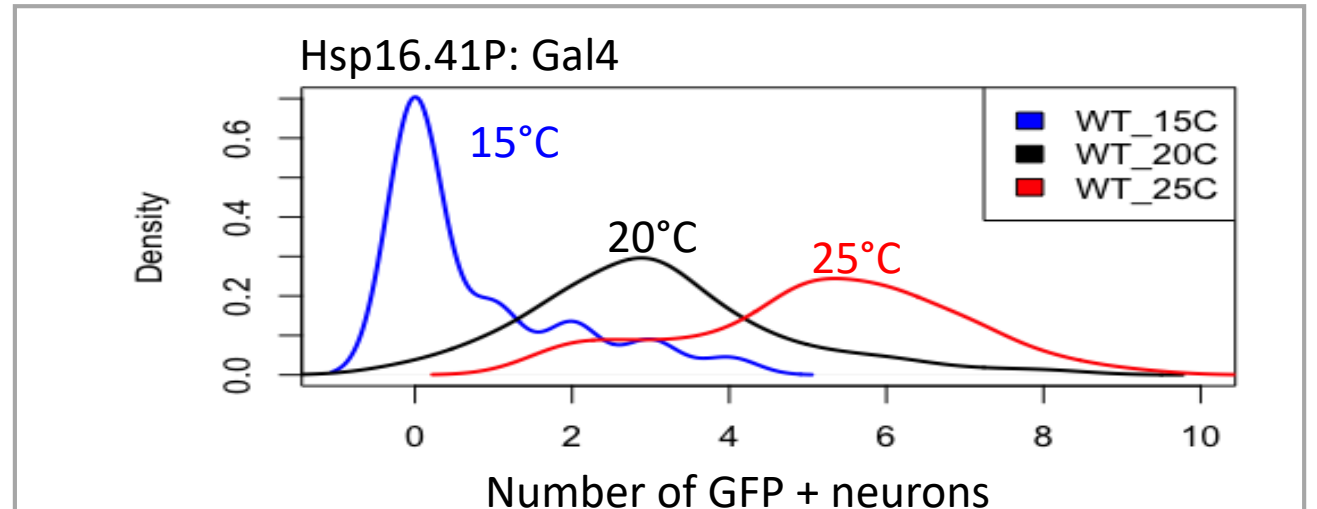
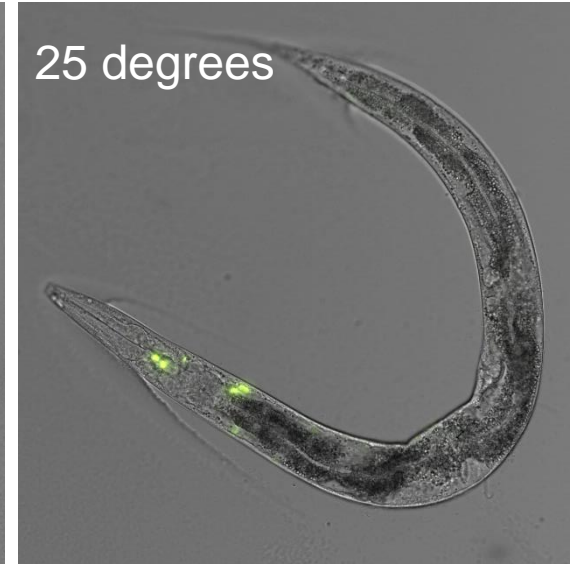
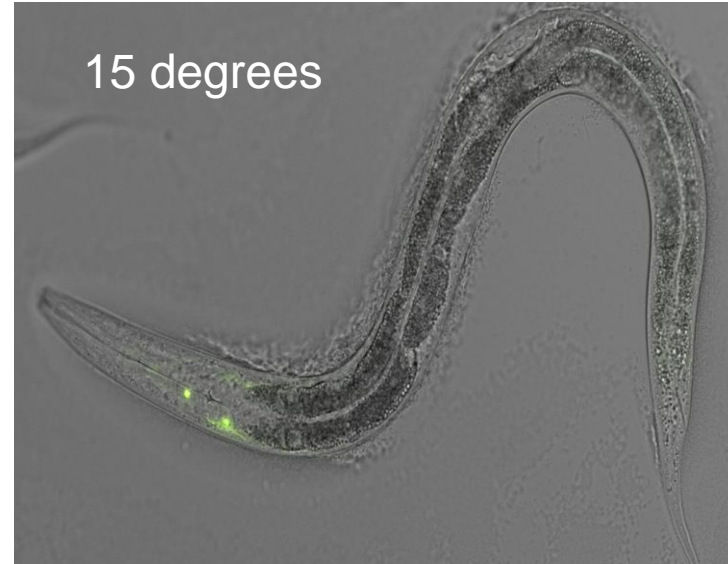
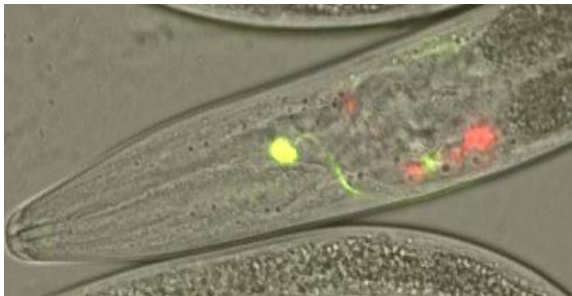
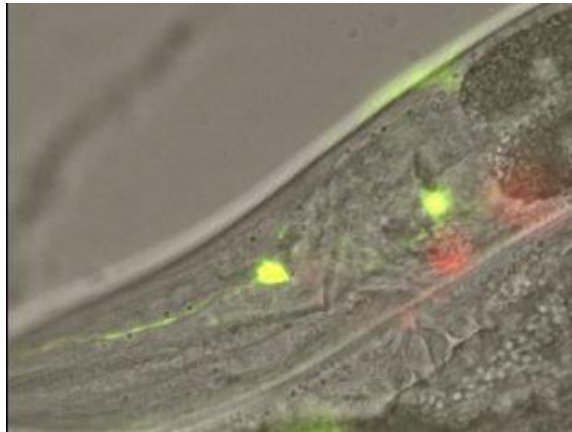
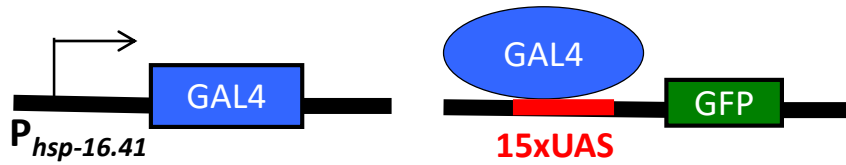
HSF-1



+ heat shock



# Sensory neurons are very sensitive to temperature



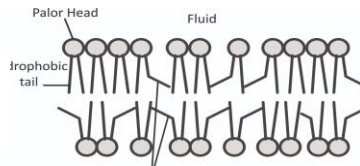
# Neuronal stress and fat desaturases are opposite

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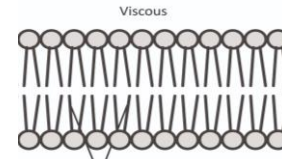
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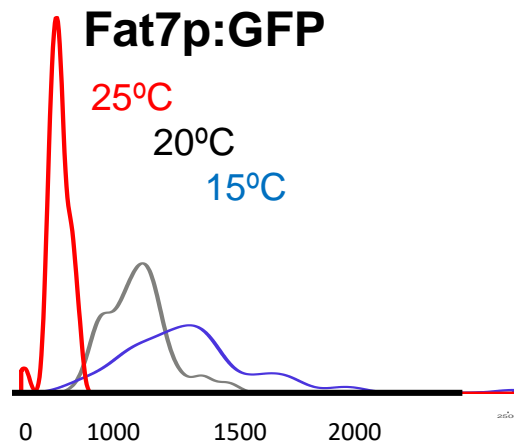


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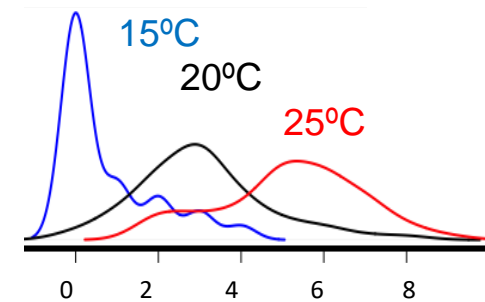


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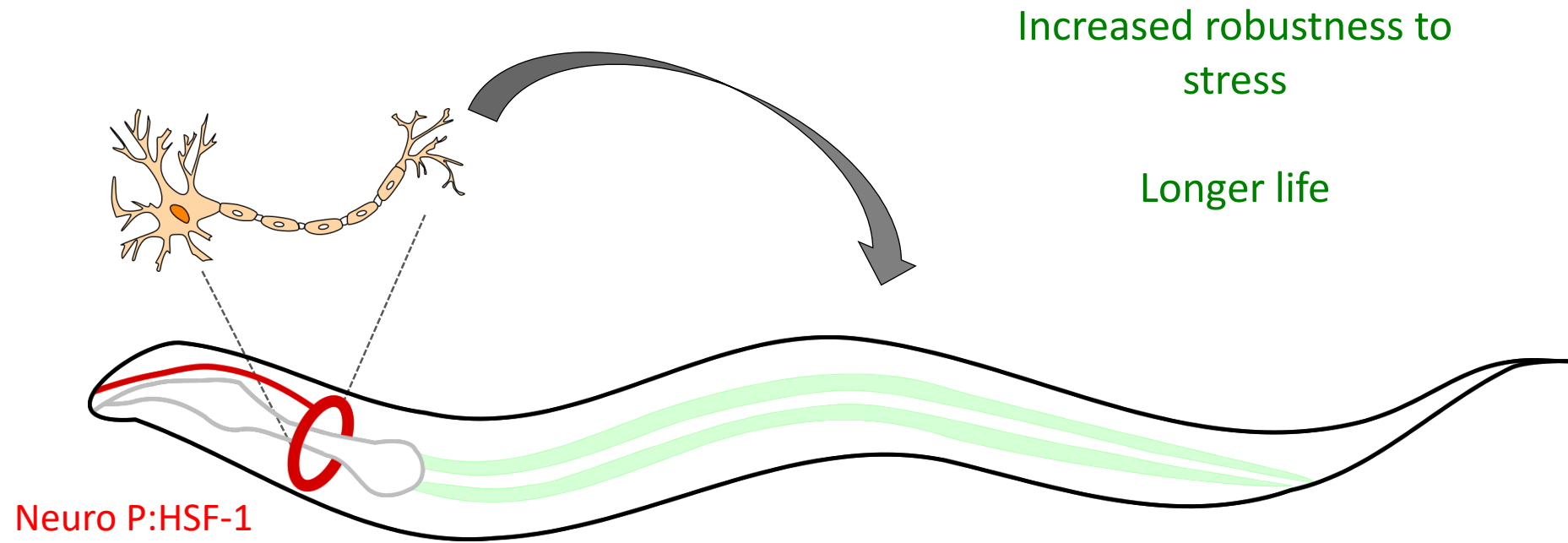
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### Stressed neurons



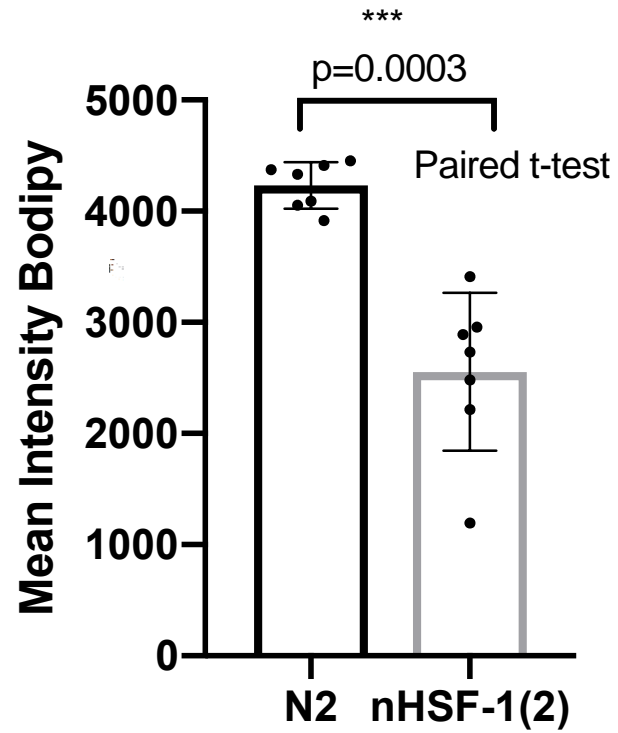
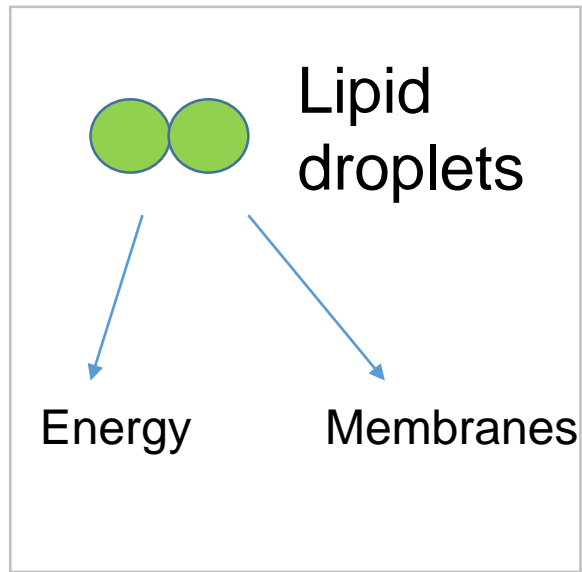
# What is the function of neuronal stress?



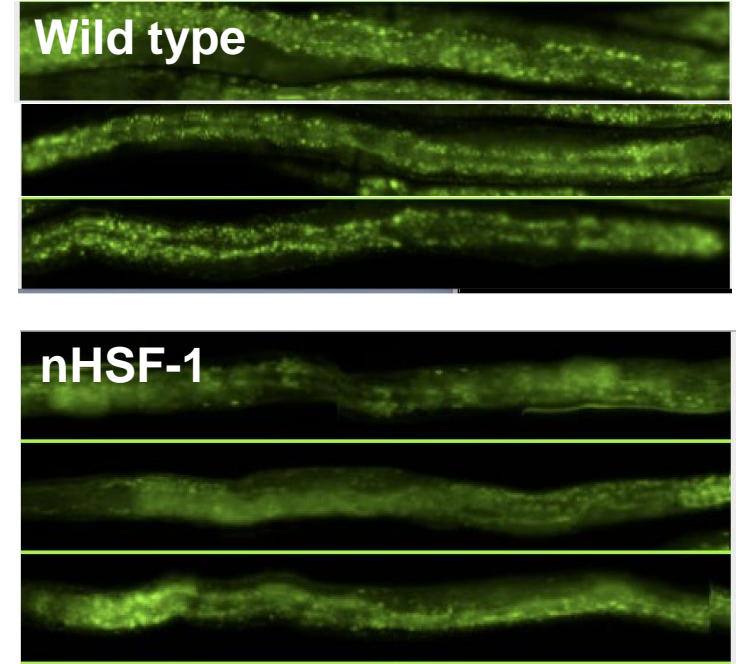


# nHSF-1 worms are leaner

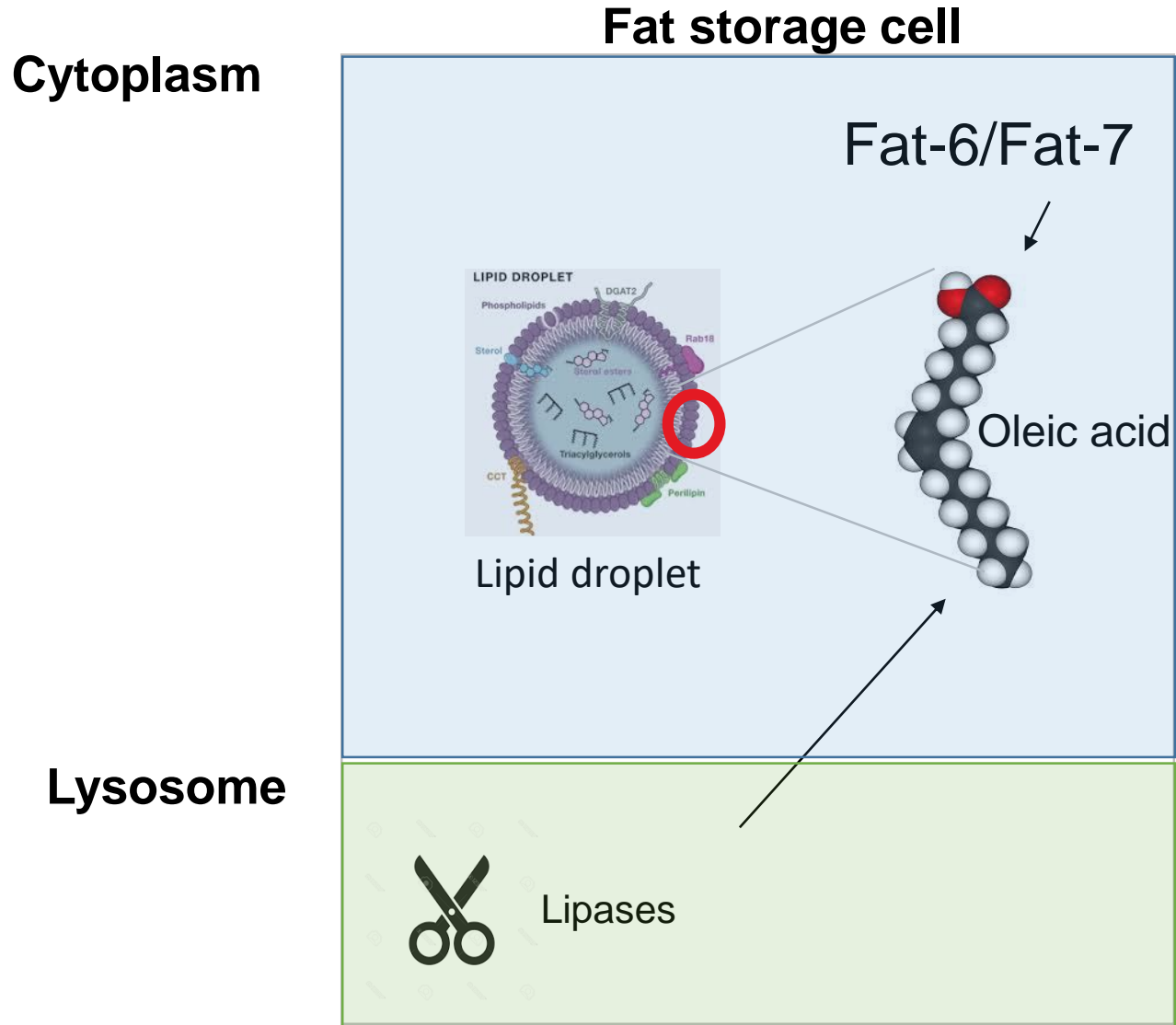
## Fat storage



## Bodipy staining



# Synthesis and degradation of lipids that coat Lipid droplets



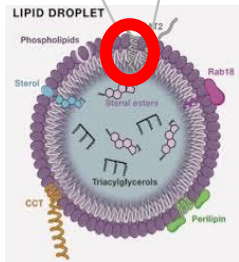
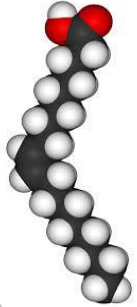
# nHSF-1 has lower levels of unsaturated fatty acids

Stearoyl-CoA  
desaturase (SCD)

FAT6/7

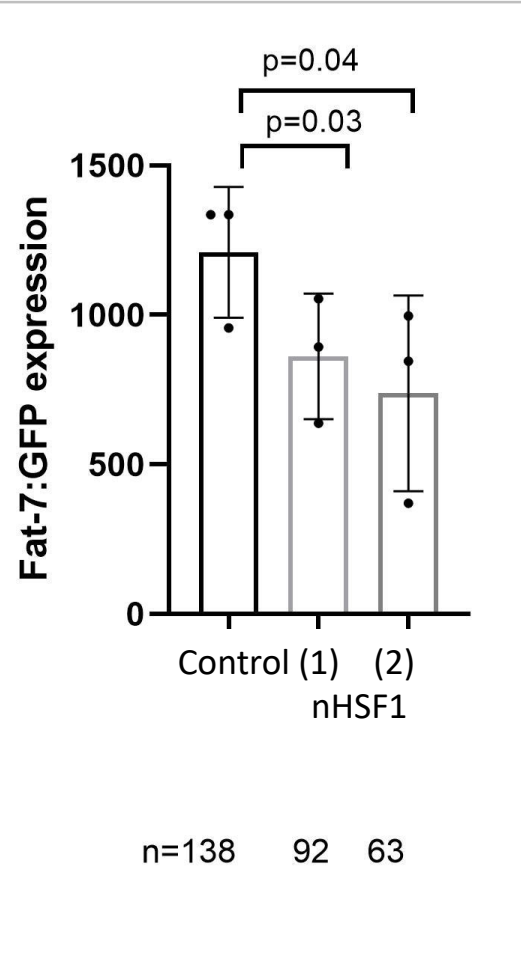
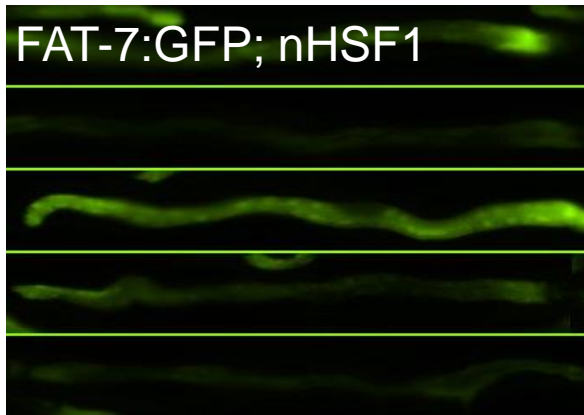
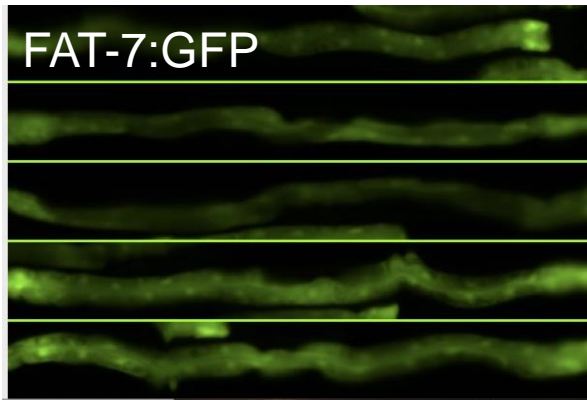


Oleic acid



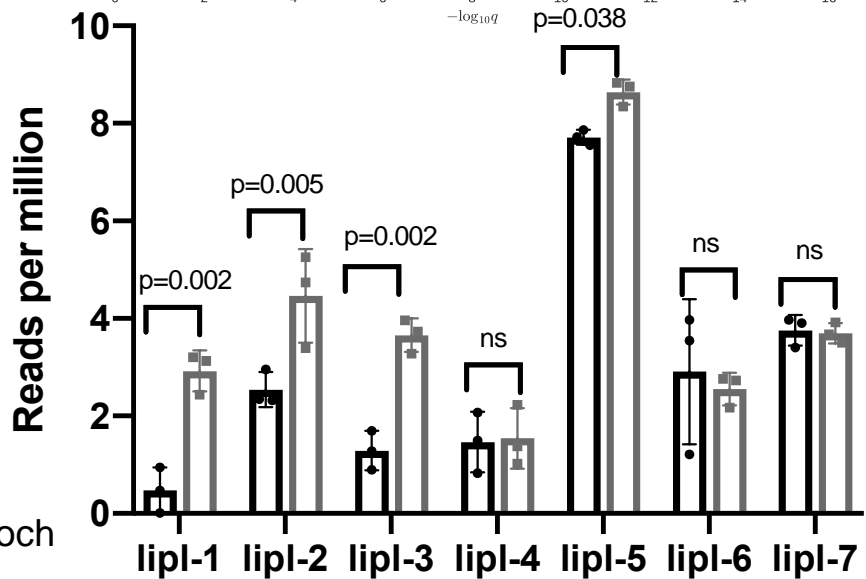
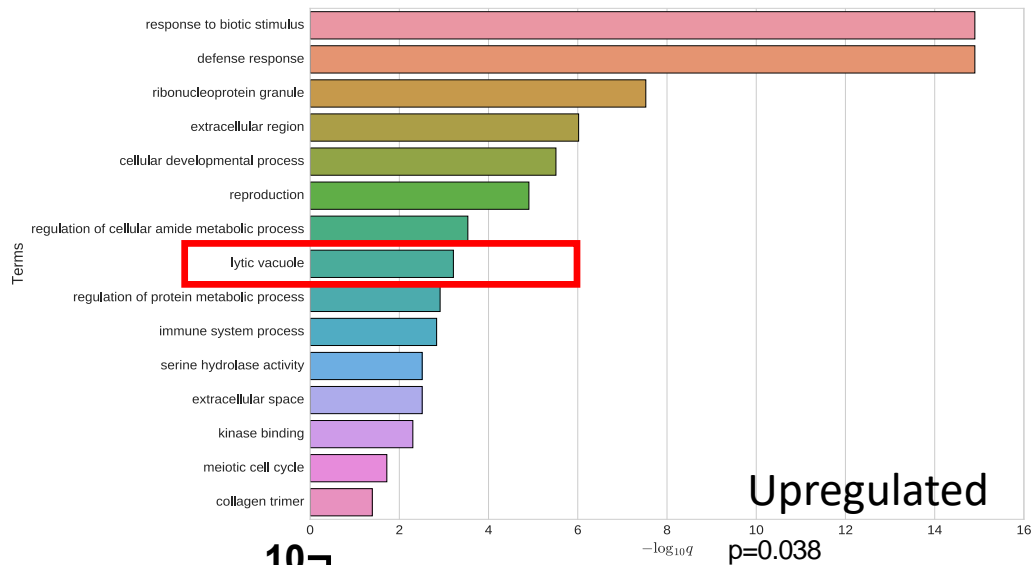
Lipid droplet

40 % reduction in the transcription of Fat-7

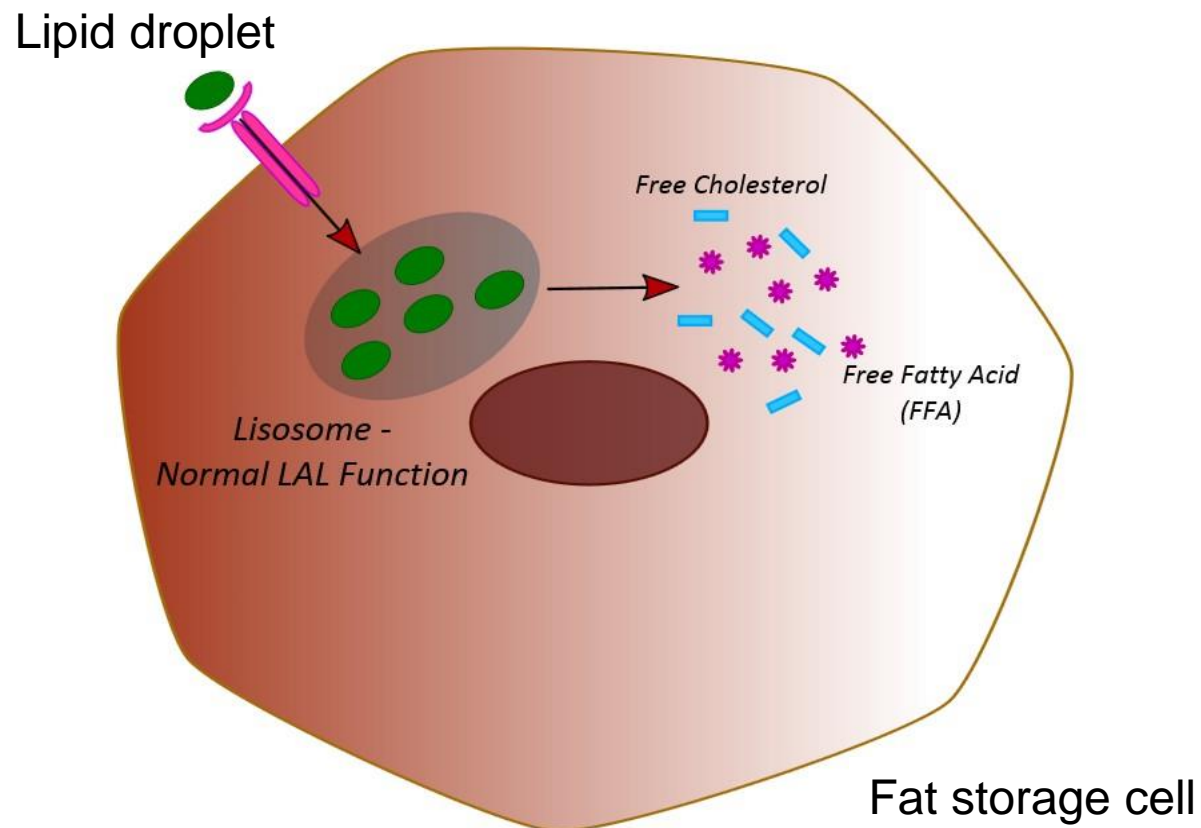


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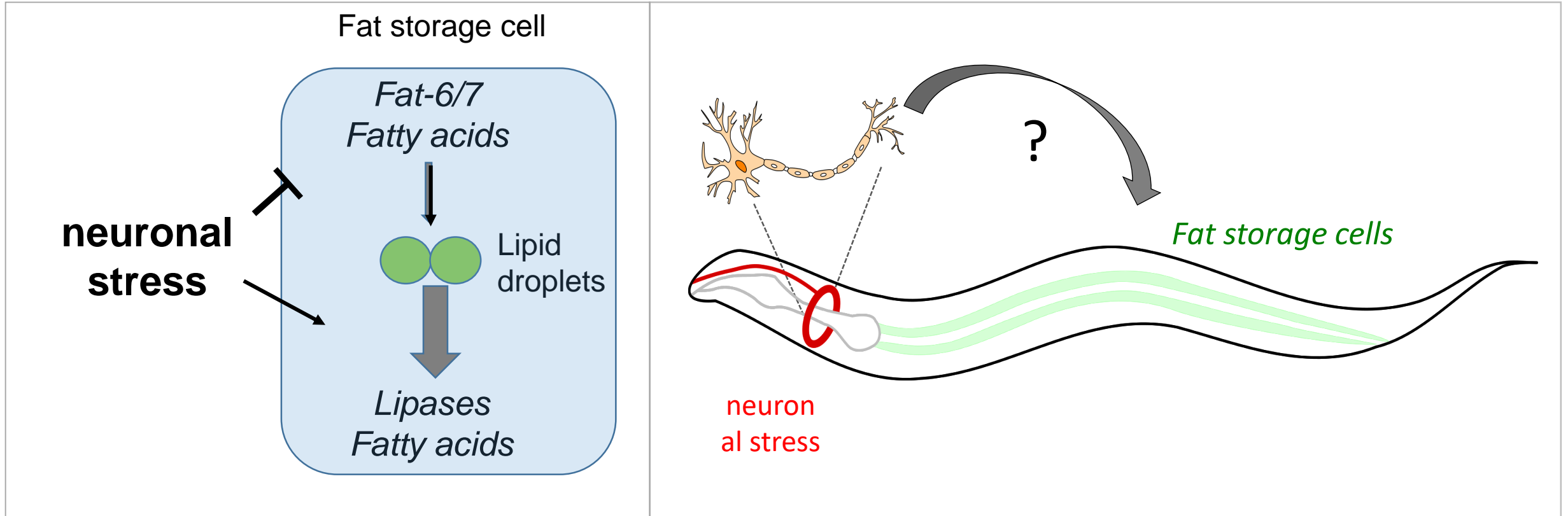
# RNA-seq reveals that Lysosomal lipases are upregulated in response to neuronal stress



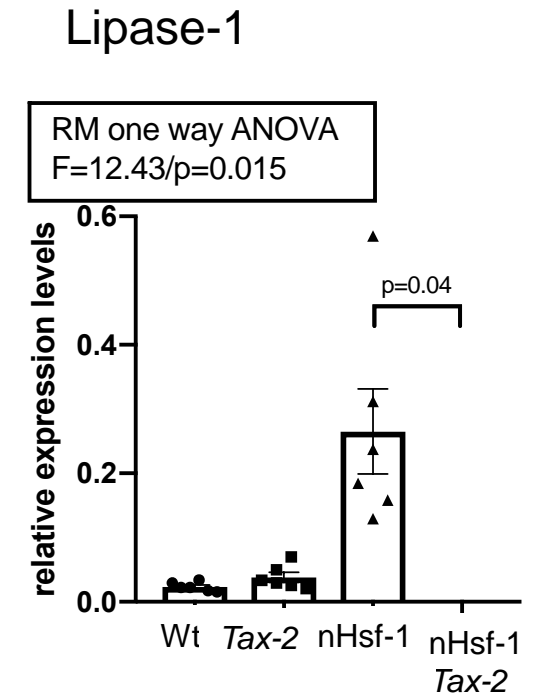
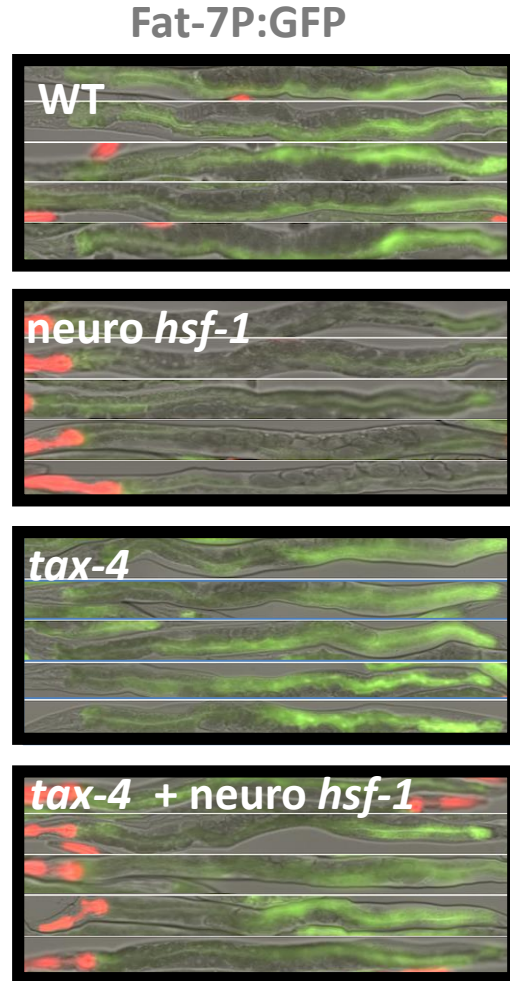
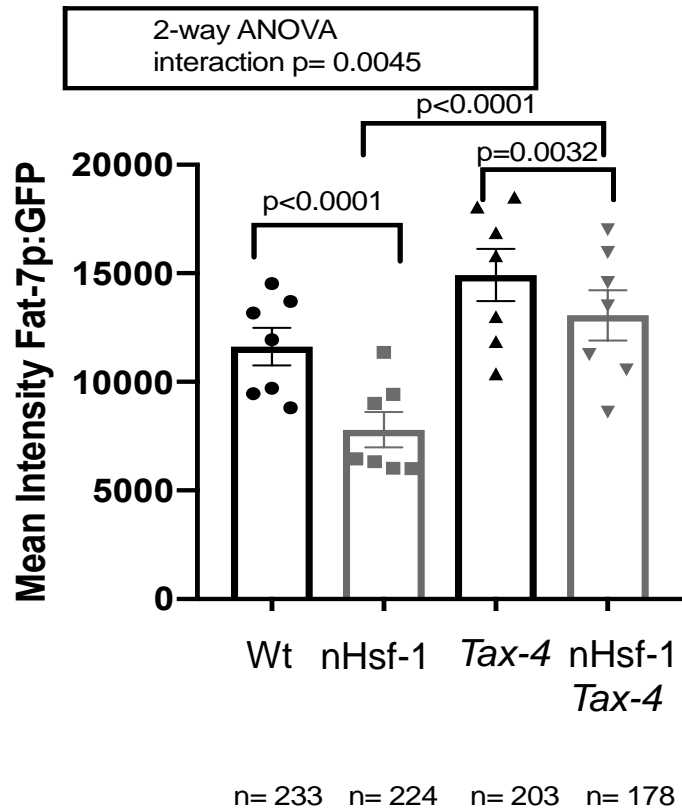
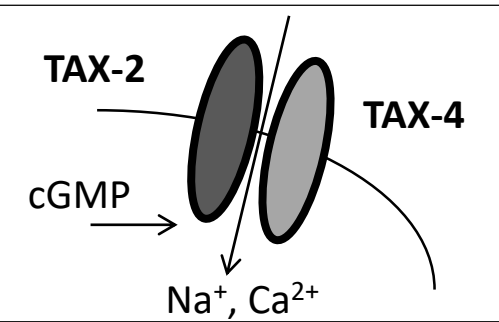
## Physiological role of lysosomal acid lipase



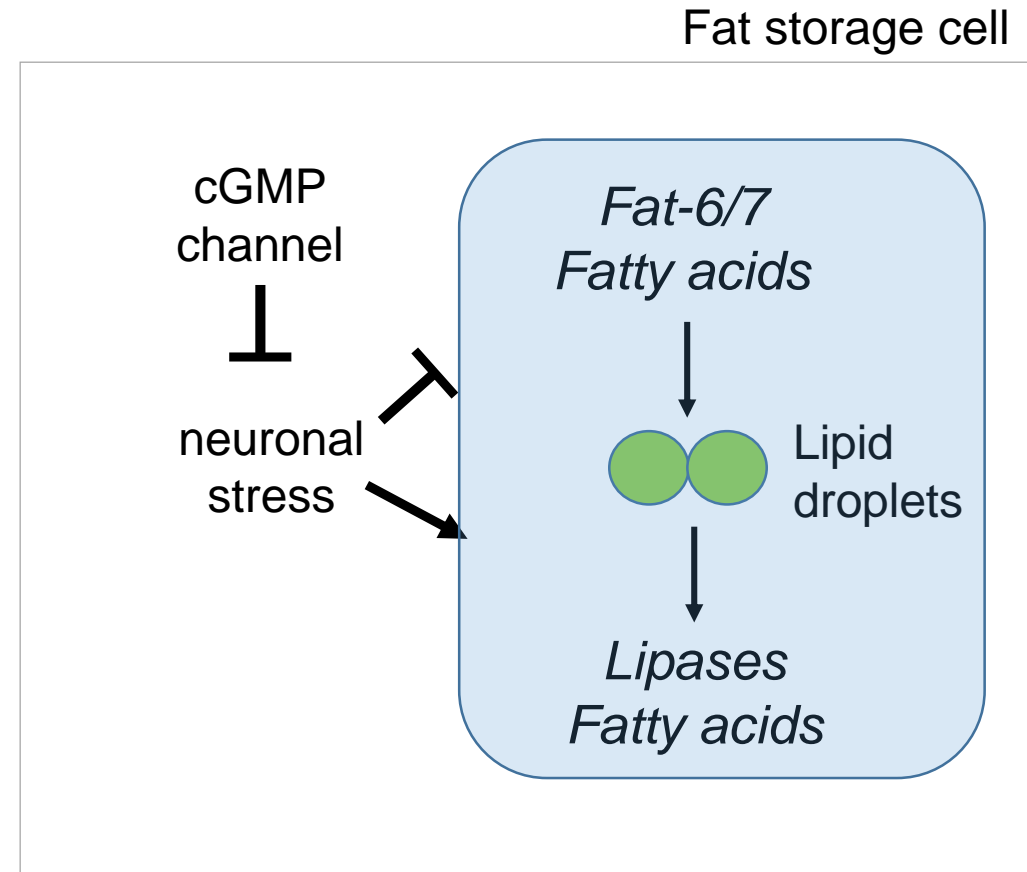
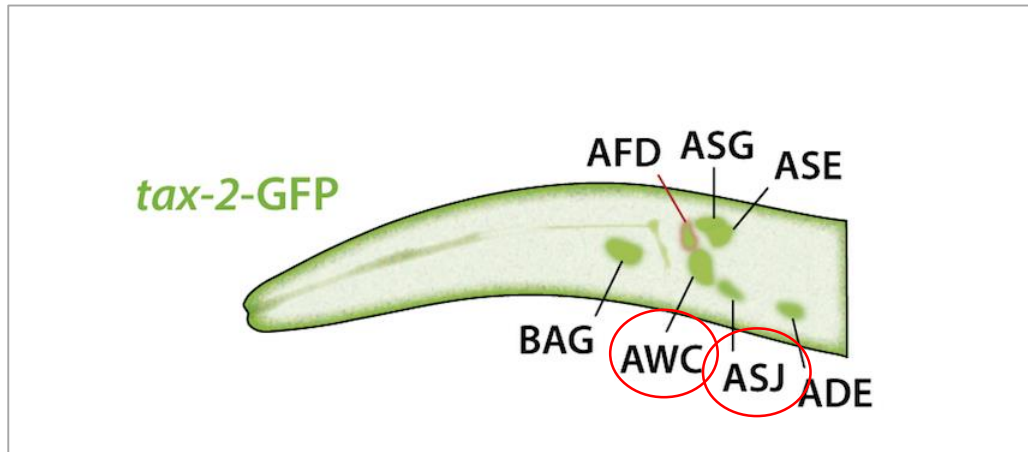
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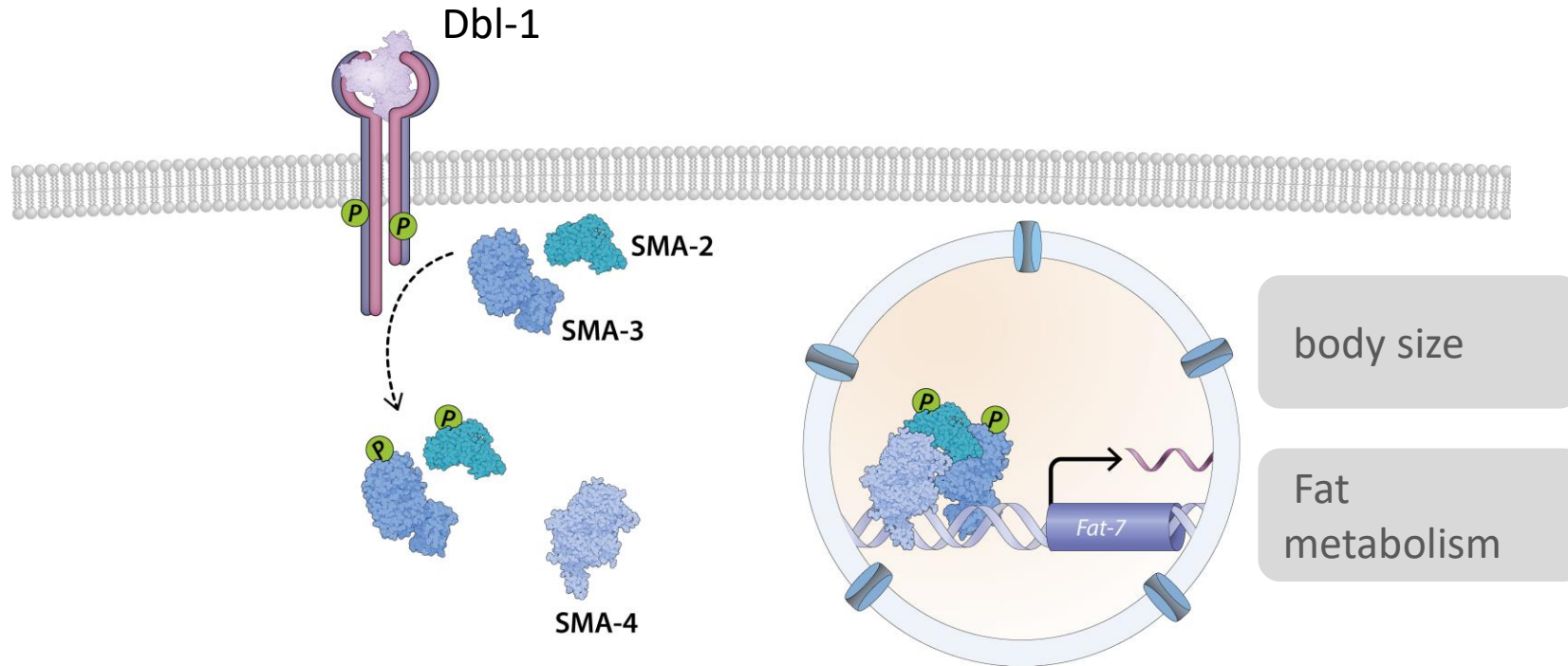
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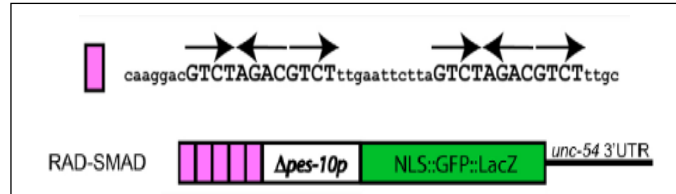


# BMP signaling in *C.elegans*

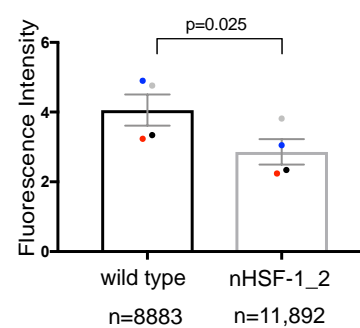
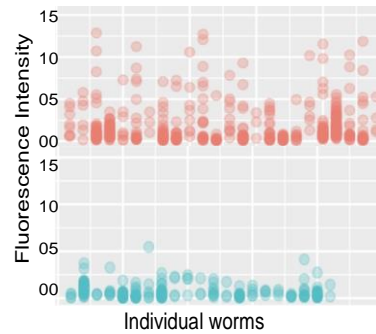
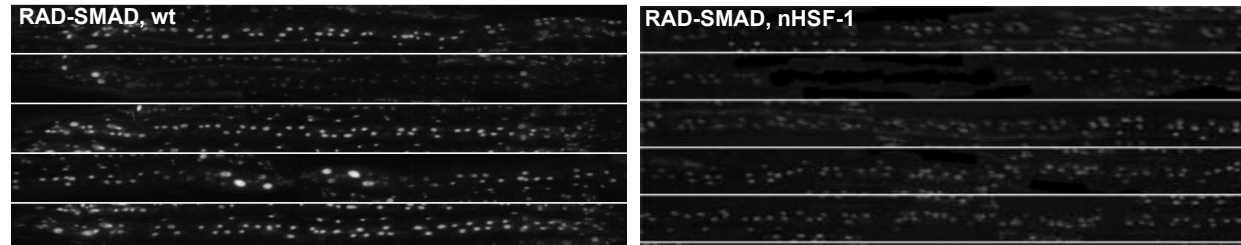




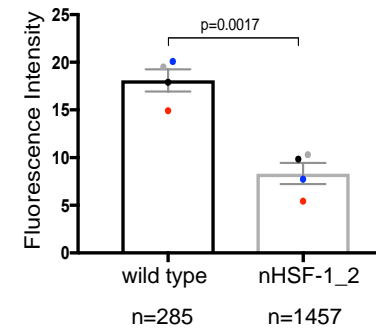
# Neuronal stress causes a reduction in BMP activity



BMP sensor

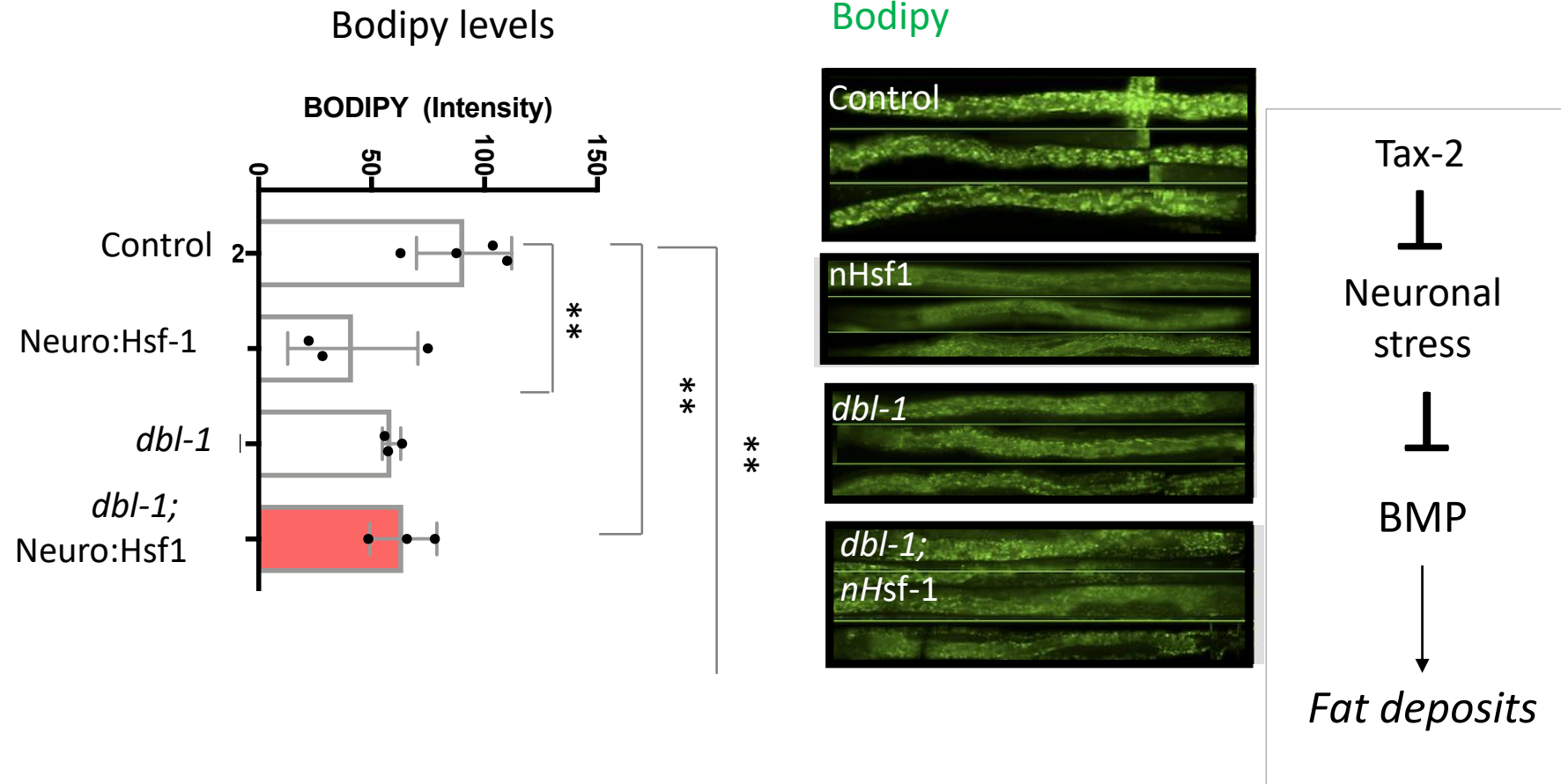


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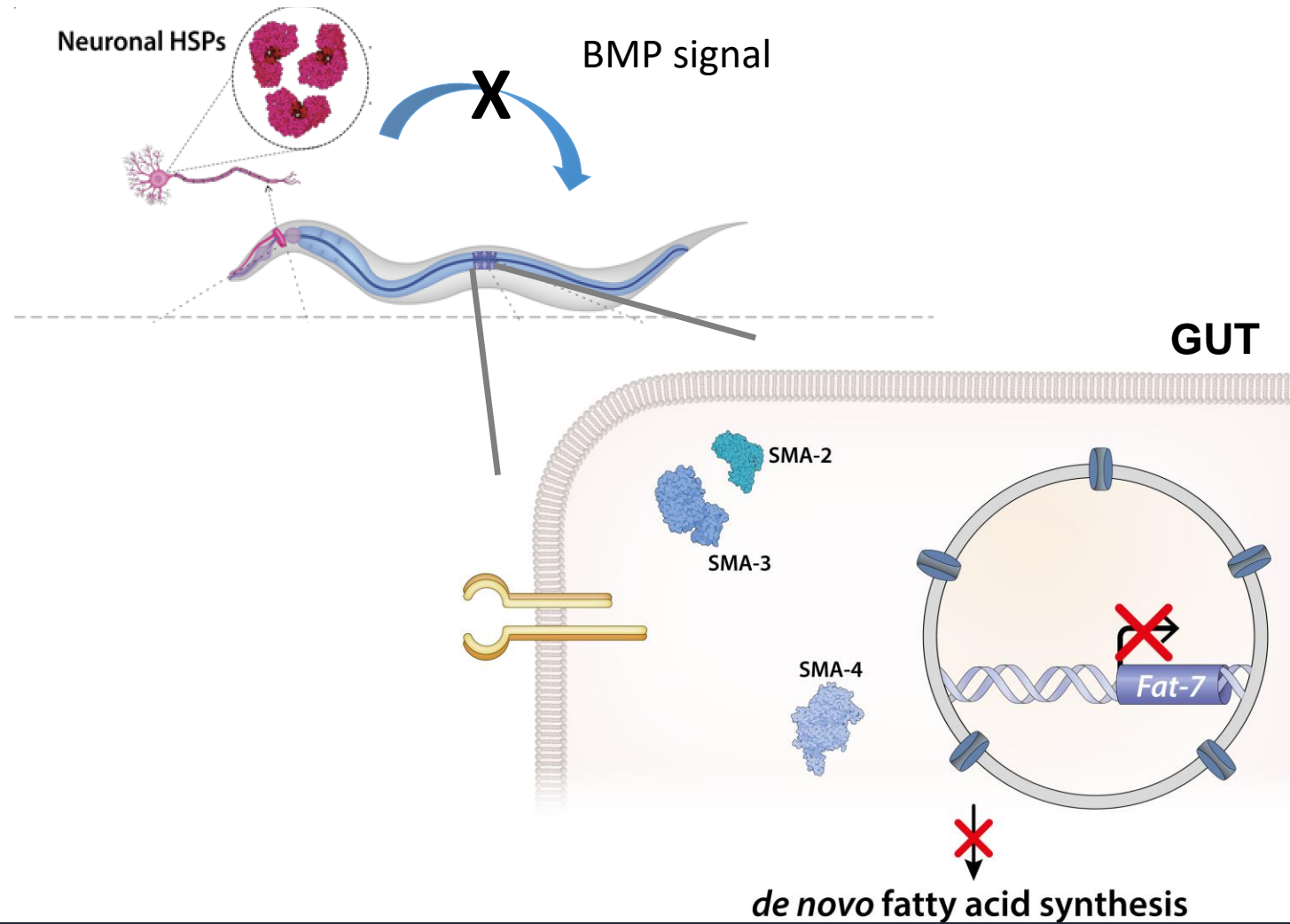
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# BMP signaling acts downstream of neuronal stress



# Model

Stressed neurons



# Neuronal stress as a thermostat

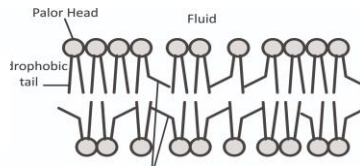
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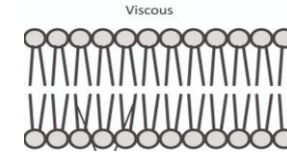
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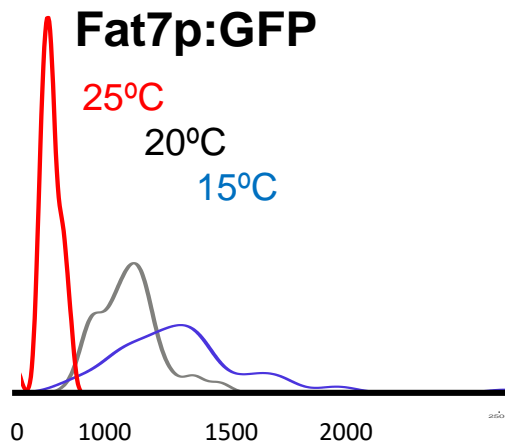
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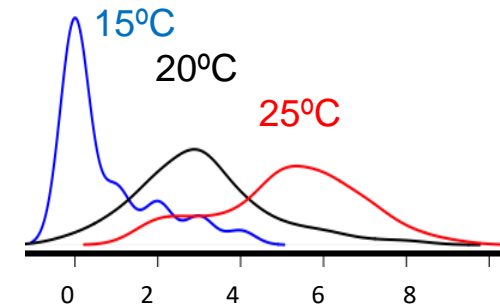


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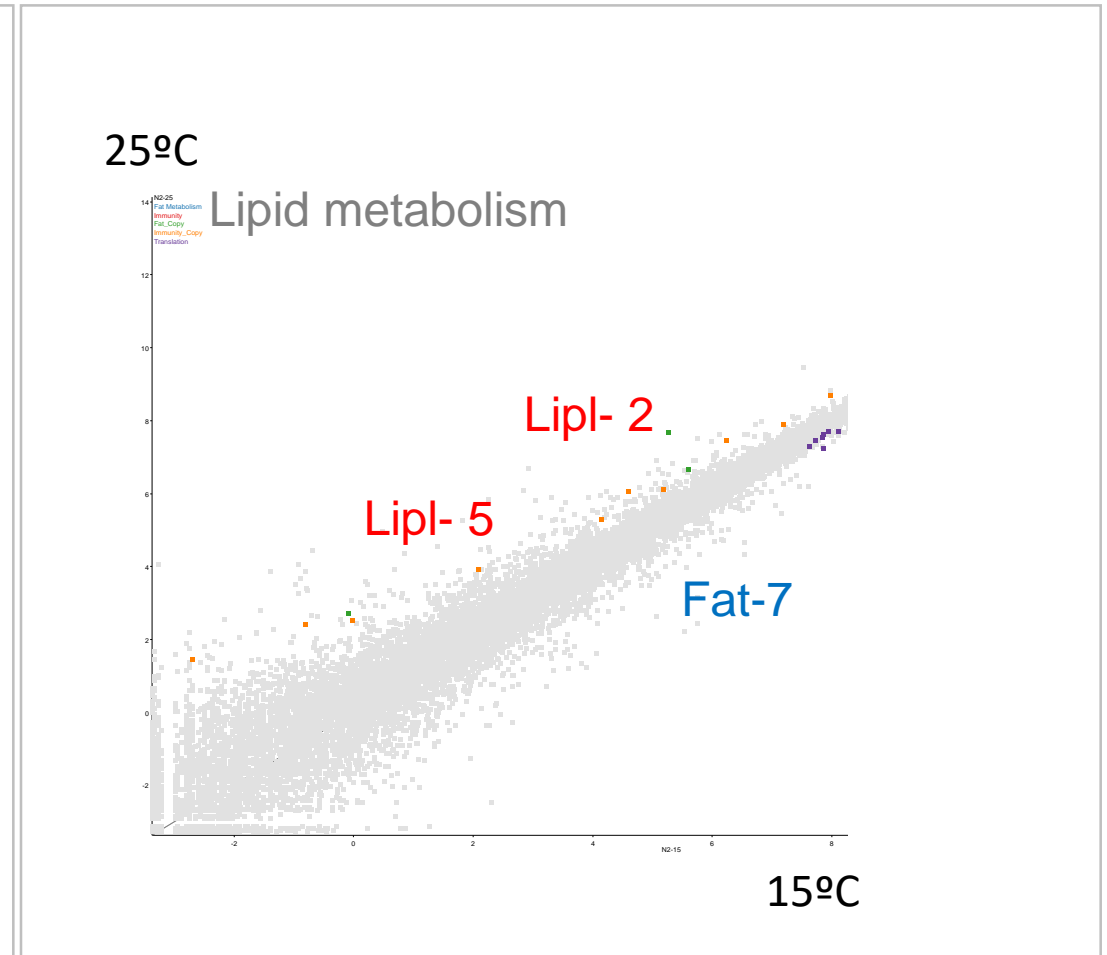
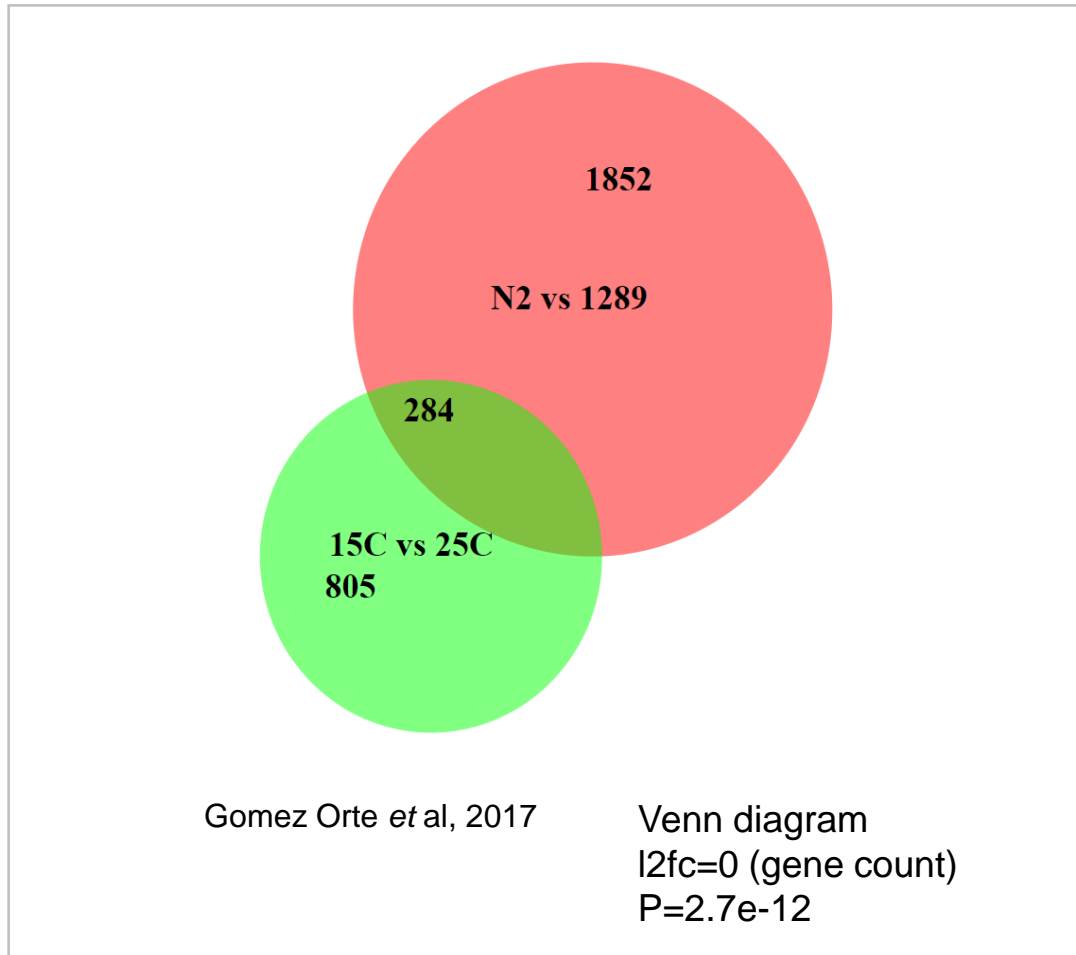


FAT-7

### Stressed neurons

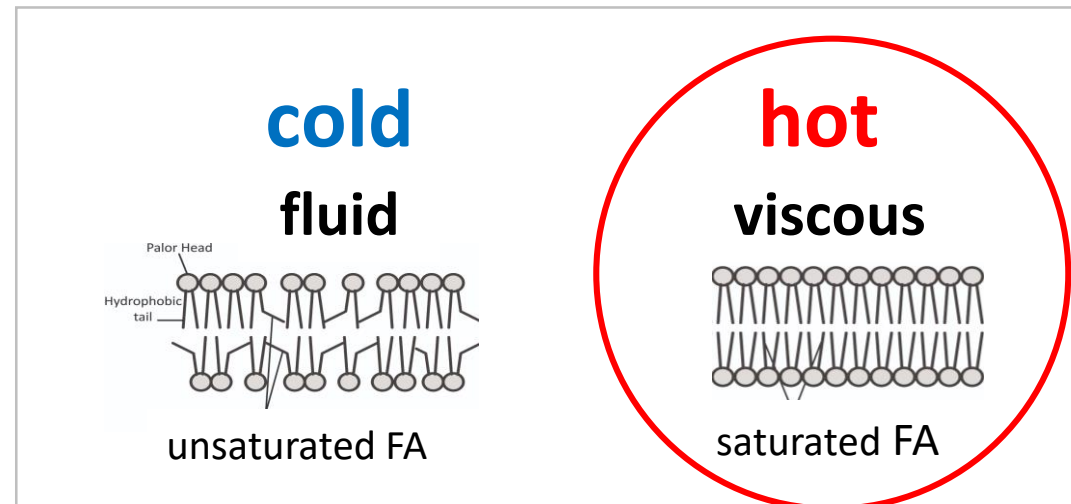
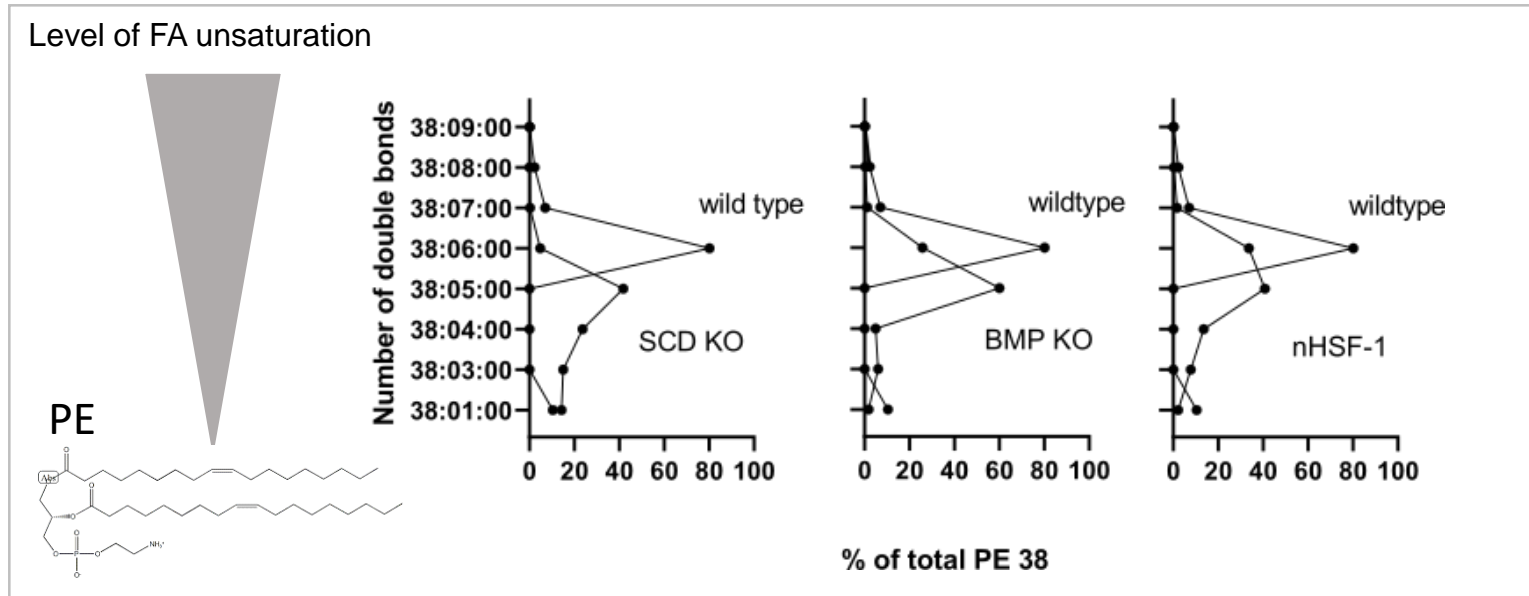


# nHSF1 phenocopies high temperature with regards to lipid metabolism

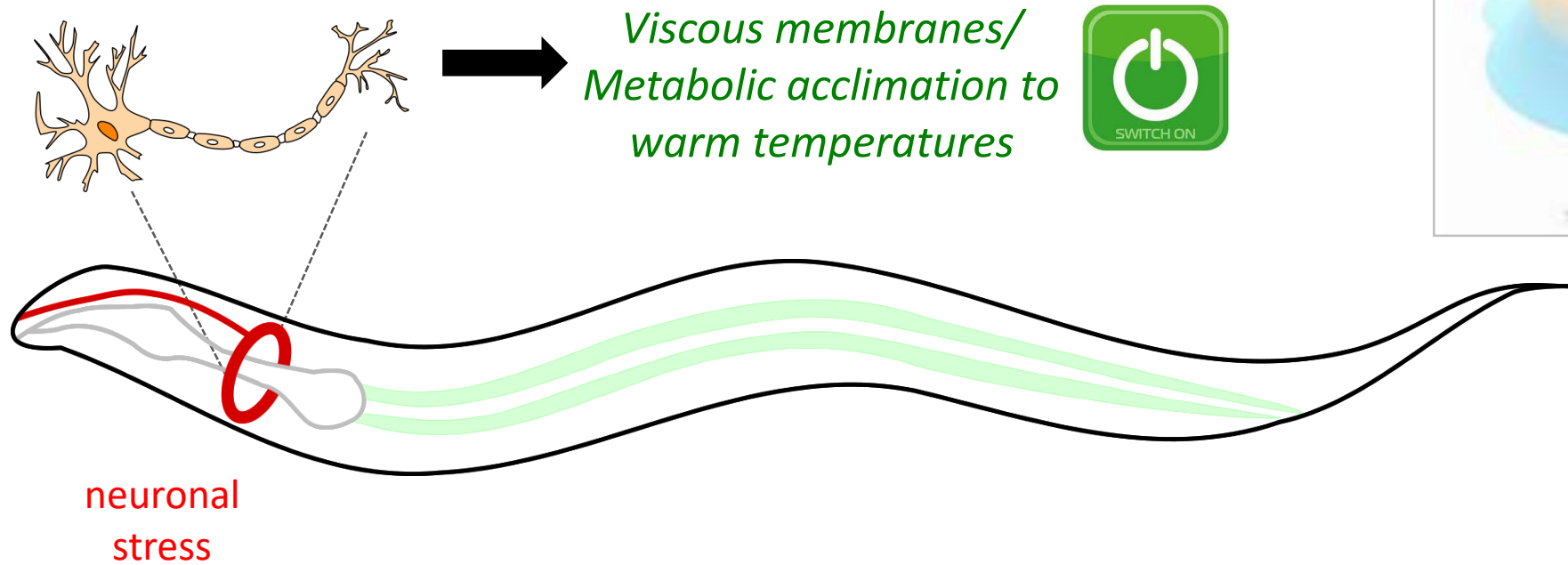


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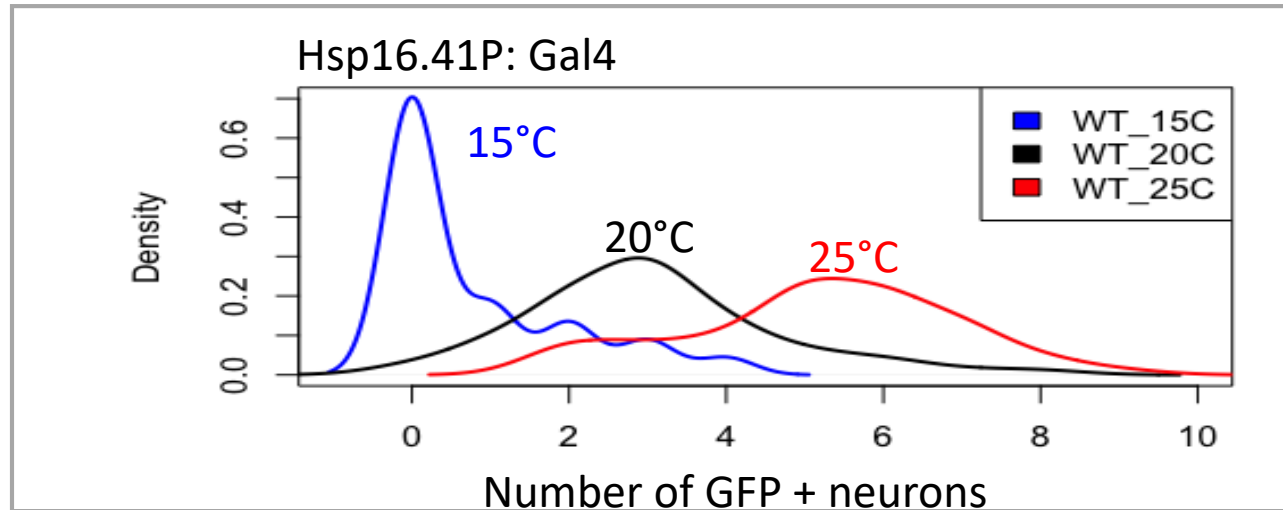
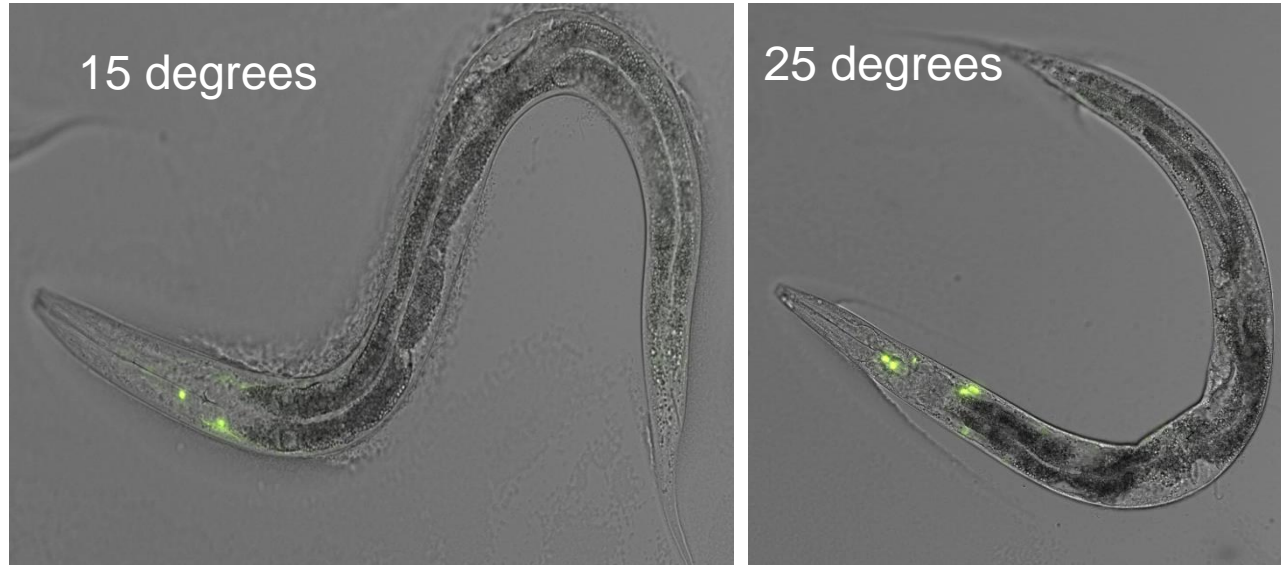
# Neuronal stress increases membrane viscosity



# Worms get ready for the heat-wave

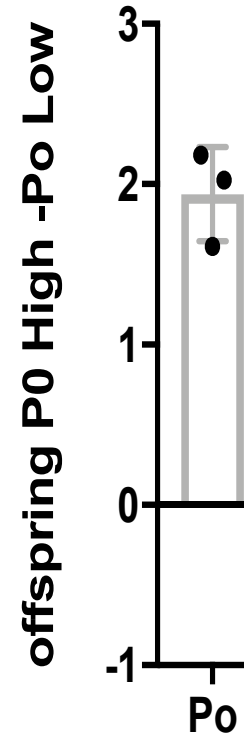
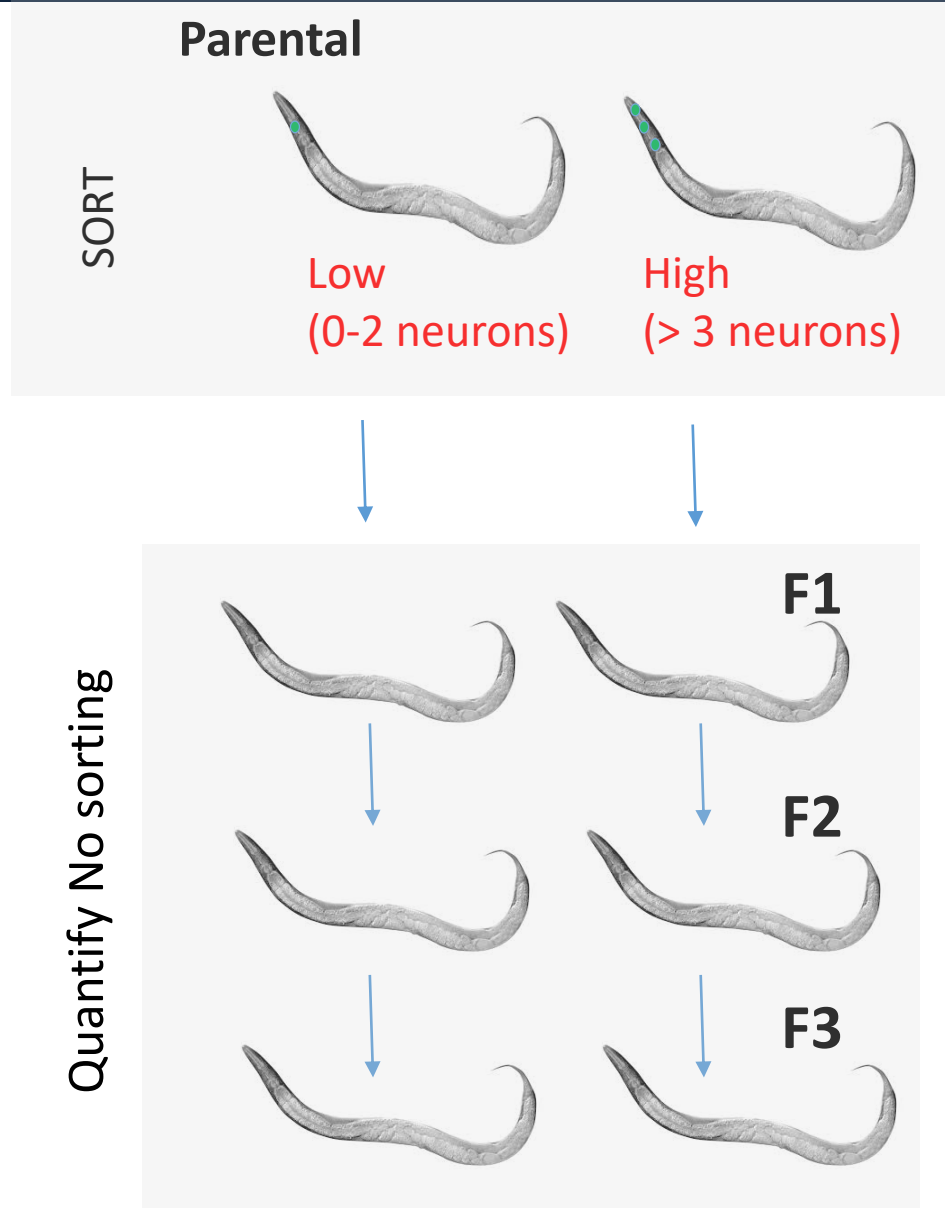


# Why is the thermostat variable at constant temperatures?

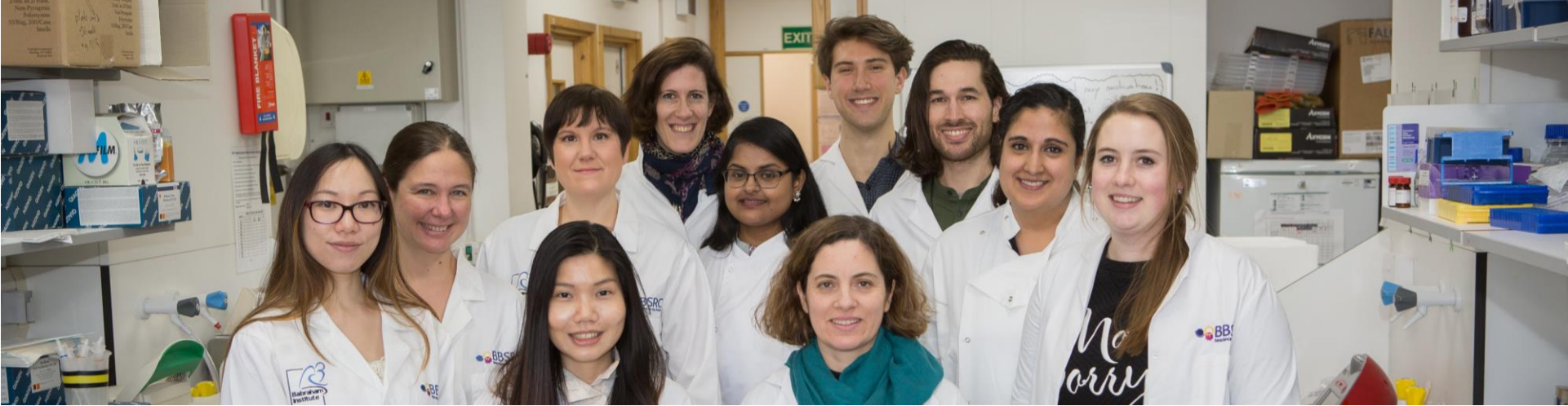




# Is the level of neuronal stress remembered across generations?



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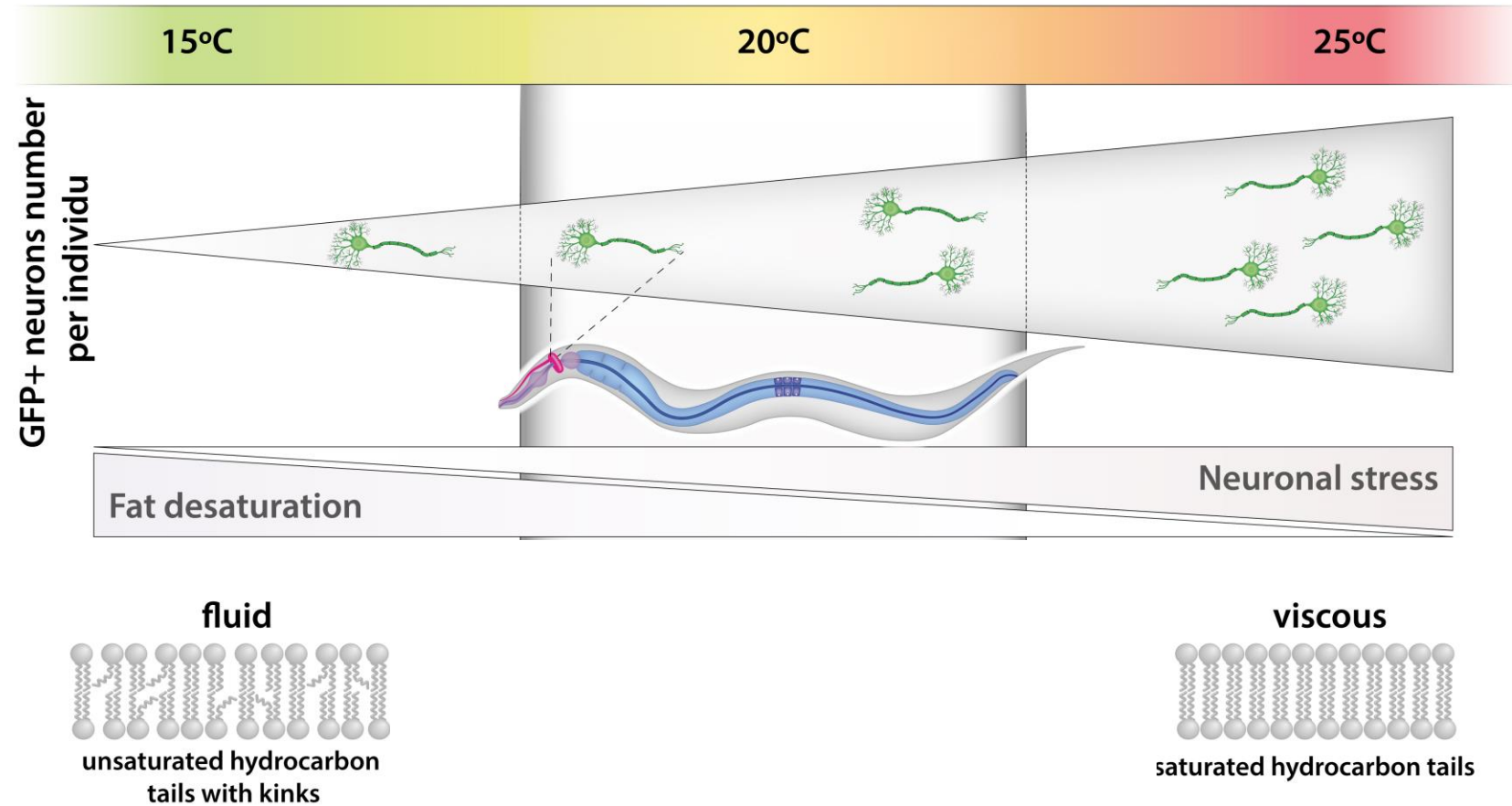
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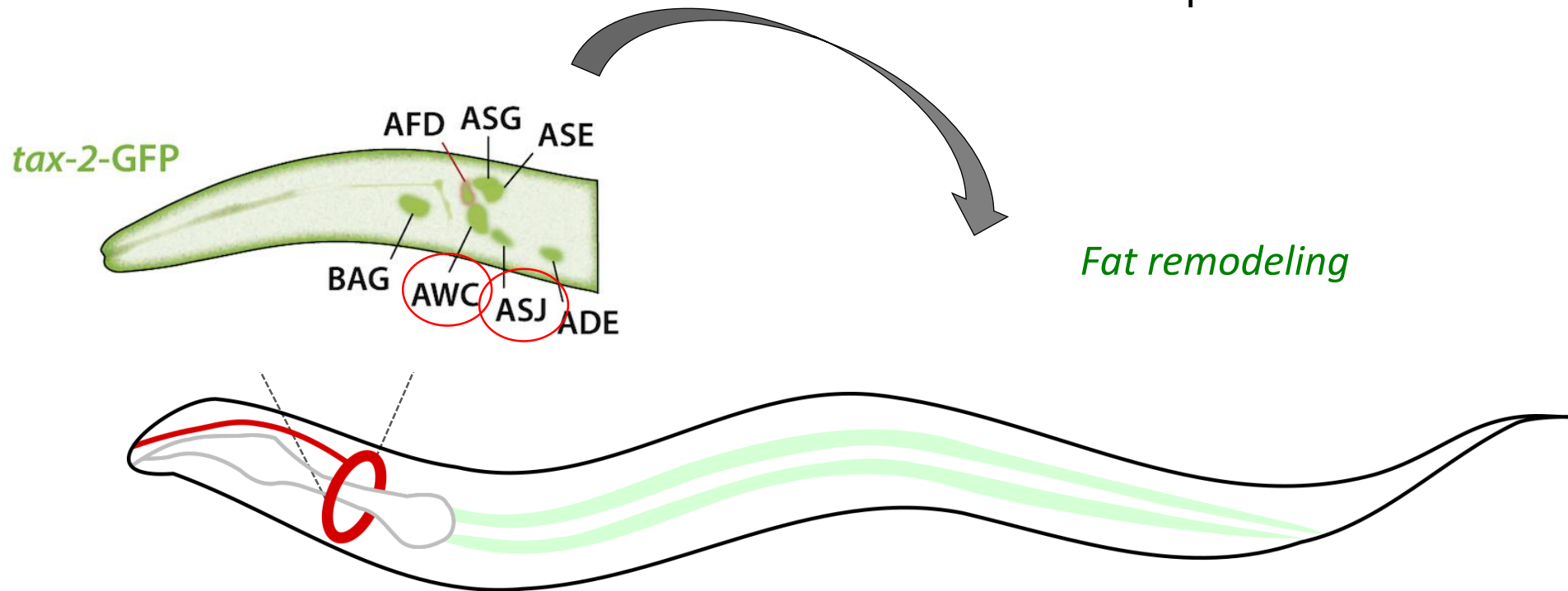
# Neuronal stress as an adaptive thermostat



**Prediction: nHSF1 worms have the thermostat switched on  
Are they constitutively acclimated to warmer temperatures?**

# Subsets of tax2/tax-4 cGMP expressing neurons are key to fat remodeling

AWC and ASJ are both responsive to temperature

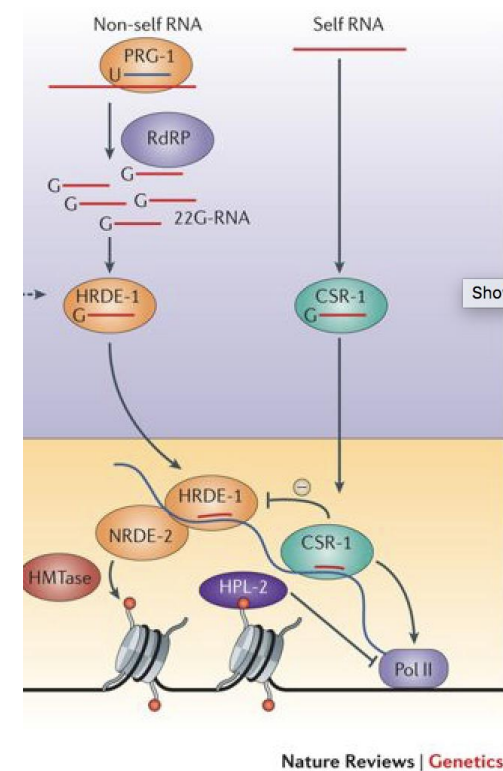


Key signals?

# Does the thermostat remember across generations?

## Natural RNA interference directs a heritable response to the environment

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**Hsp transcripts can be subject to the Germline RNAi pathway**

# Neuronal stress causes a massive increase in membrane phospholipids

