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# **The role of xenobiotic-responsive transcription factors in the gene expression of drug-metabolizing enzymes**

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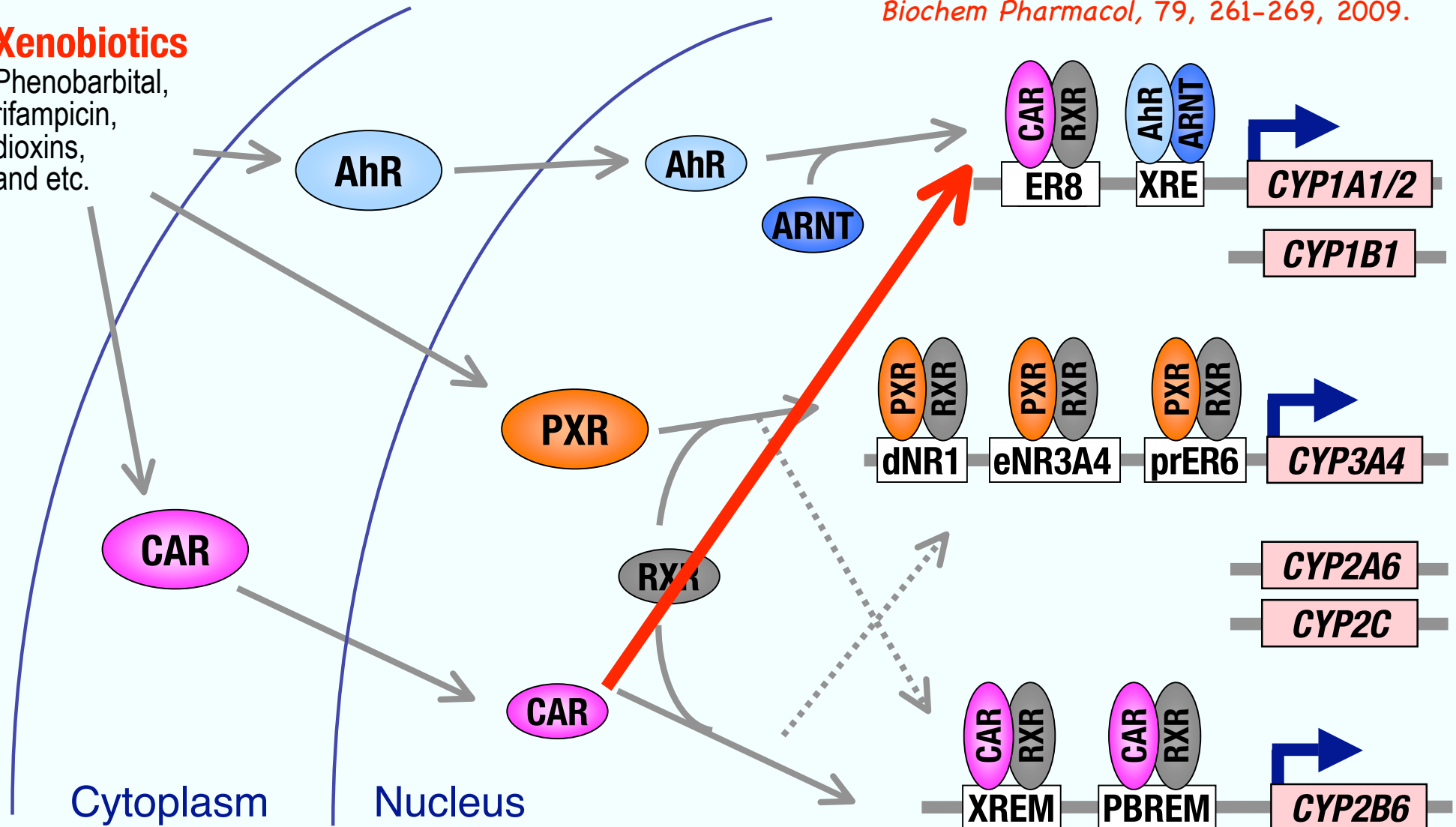
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# Xenobiotic-induced expression of CYP genes through xenobiotic-responsive nuclear transcription factors

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## Xenobiotics

Phenobarbital,  
rifampicin,  
dioxins,  
and etc.



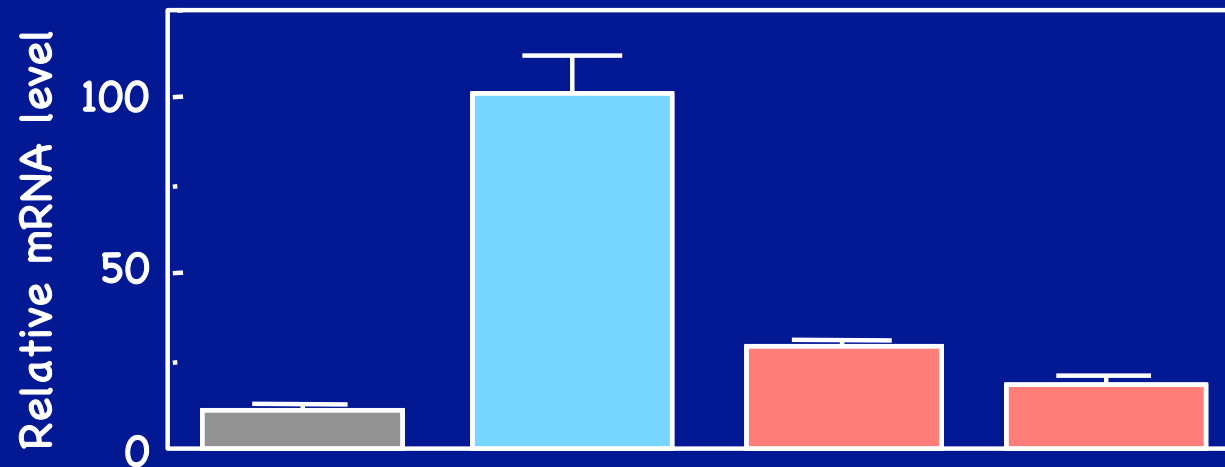
AhR; aryl hydrocarbon receptor, XRE; xenobiotic-responsive element, XREM; xenobiotic-responsive enhancer module, PBREM; phenobarbital-responsive enhancer module,

# Summary

1. HSP90 and protein phosphatase PP2A are associated with **nuclear translocation of CAR.**
2. **CAR** is a major determinant for the **variations of CYP2B expression** in rodent livers.
3. **Cyp3a** expression is attenuated in the liver and intestine of **obese mice fed a high-fat diet.**
4. **AhR** ligands alter the **adipose gene expression** profile for the lipid/carbohydrate metabolism as well as drug metabolism.

# Hsp90 inhibitor **geldanamycin (GA)** and protein phosphatase inhibitor **okadaic acid (OA)** inhibit Cyp2b10 induction and CAR nuclear translocation in mouse hepatocytes

**Cyp2b10 mRNA**

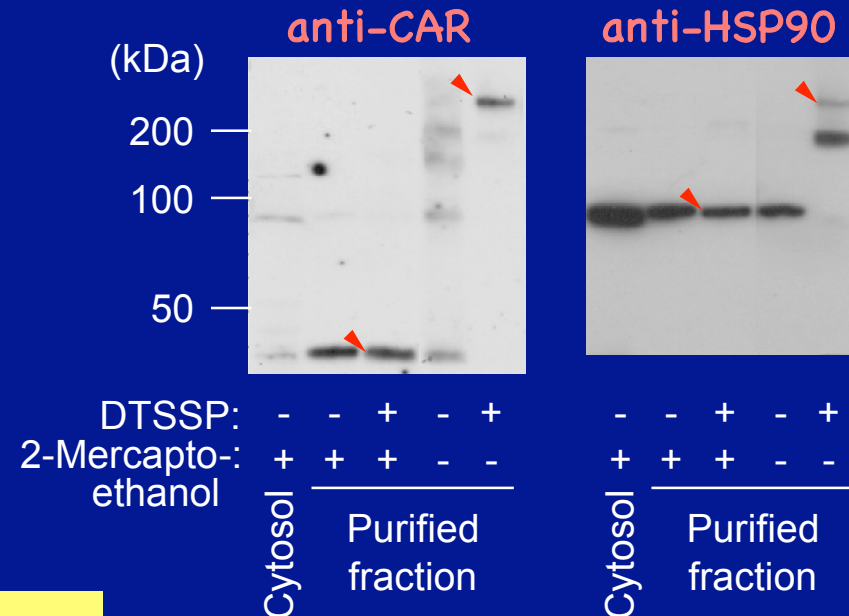
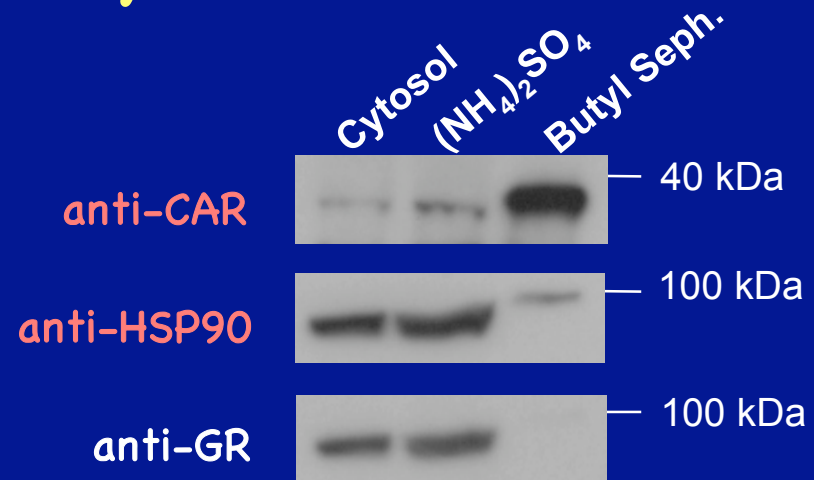
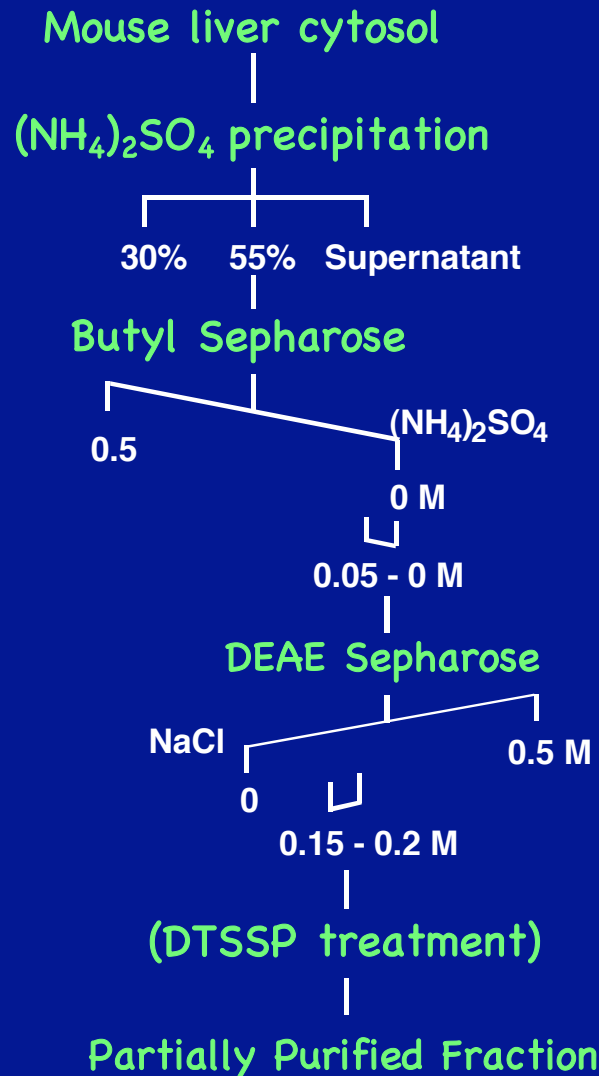


**Nuclear CAR**



Pretreatment:	-	-	<b>GA</b> (20 μM)	<b>OA</b> (10 nM)
Inducer:	Vehicle	<b>TCPOBOP (0.25 μM)</b>		

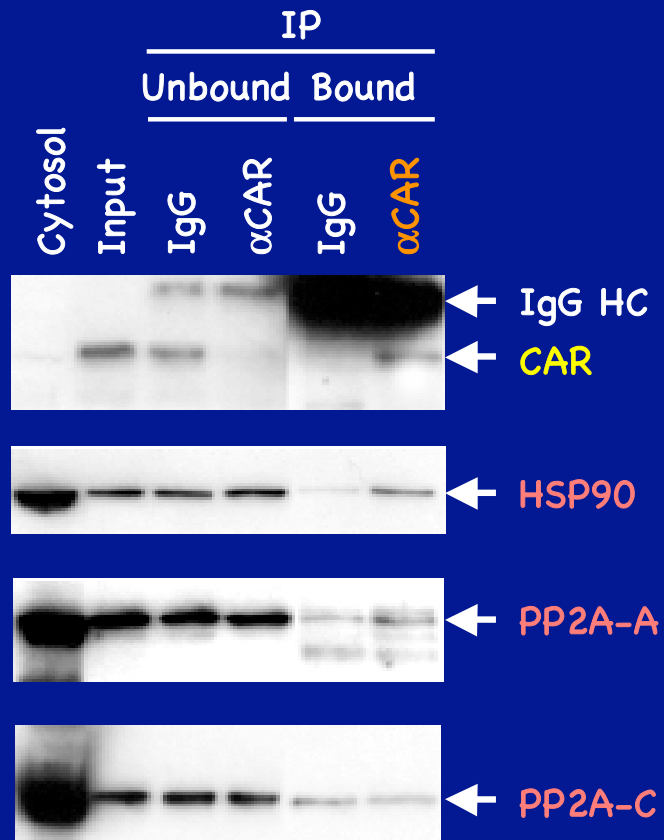
# Partial purification of CAR complex from mouse liver cytosol



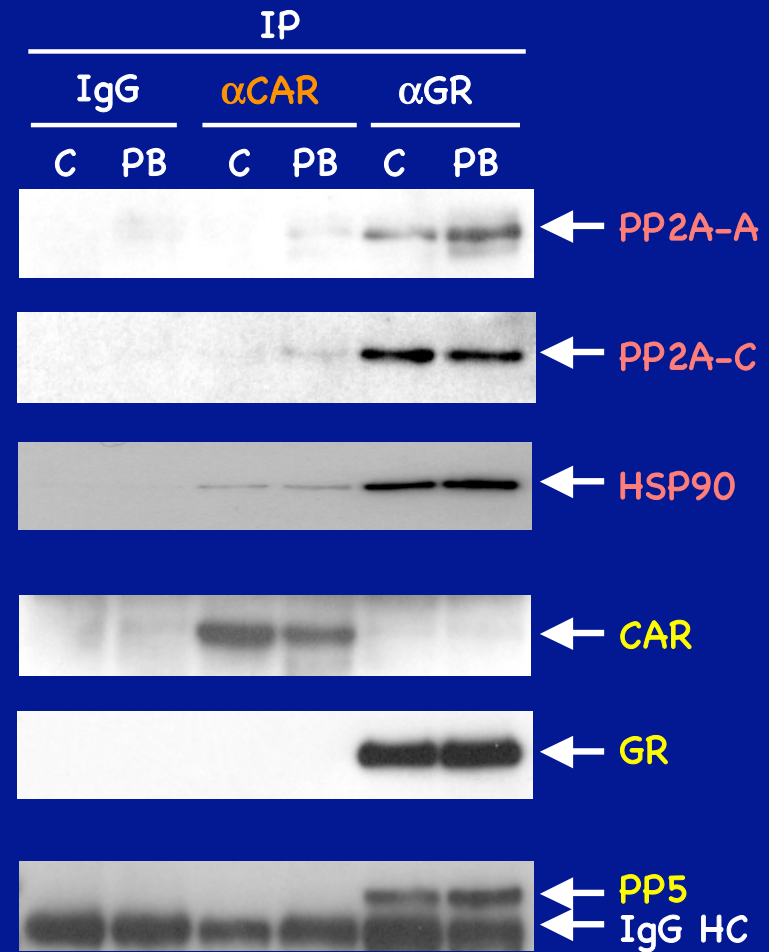
DTSSP; 3,3'-dithiobis(sulphosuccinimidyl propionate):  
Water-soluble and thiol cleavable homobifunctional crosslinker

# Presence of Hsp90 and protein phosphatase PP2A in the cytoplasmic CAR complex

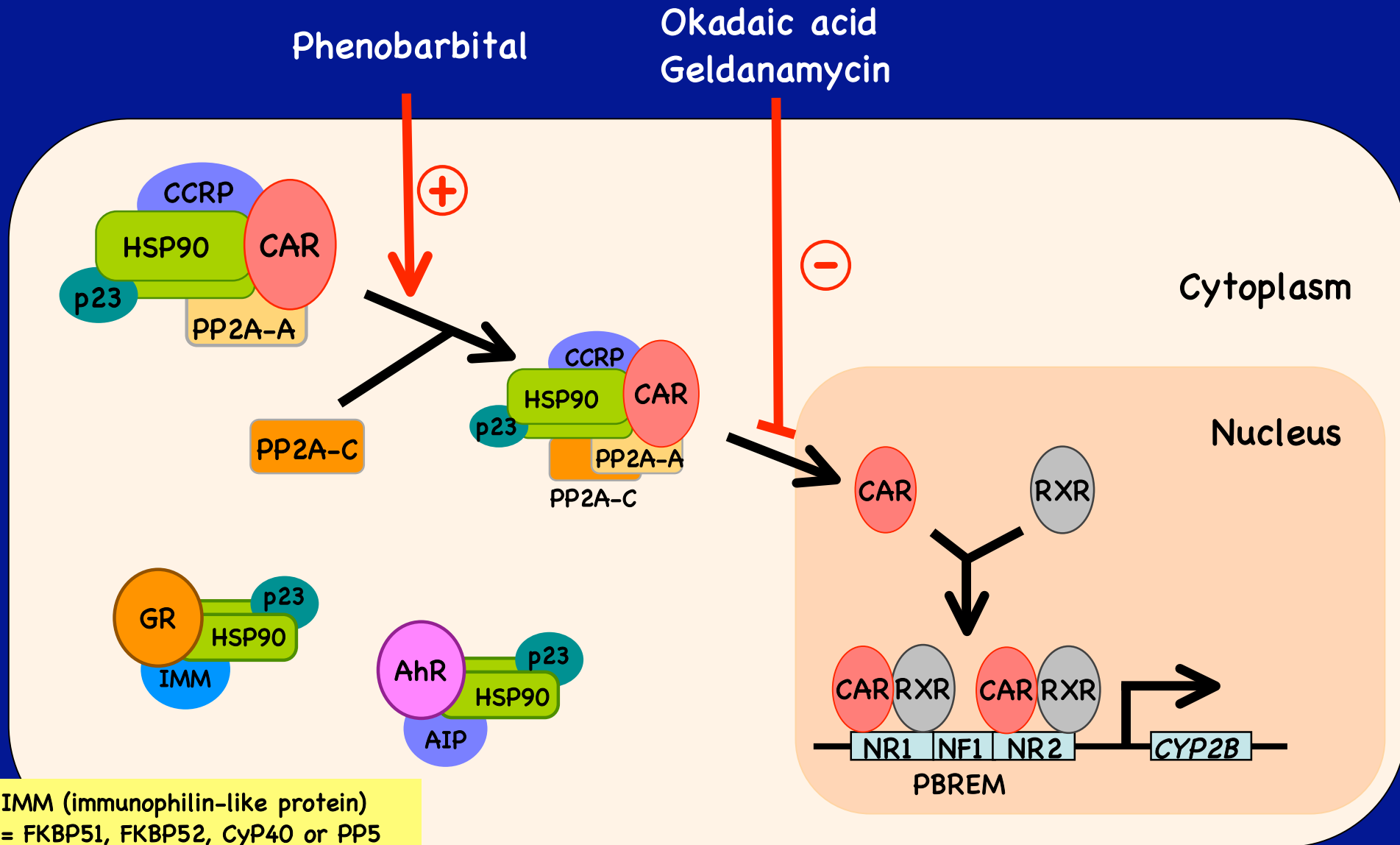
## Partially purified fraction



## Mouse liver cytosol



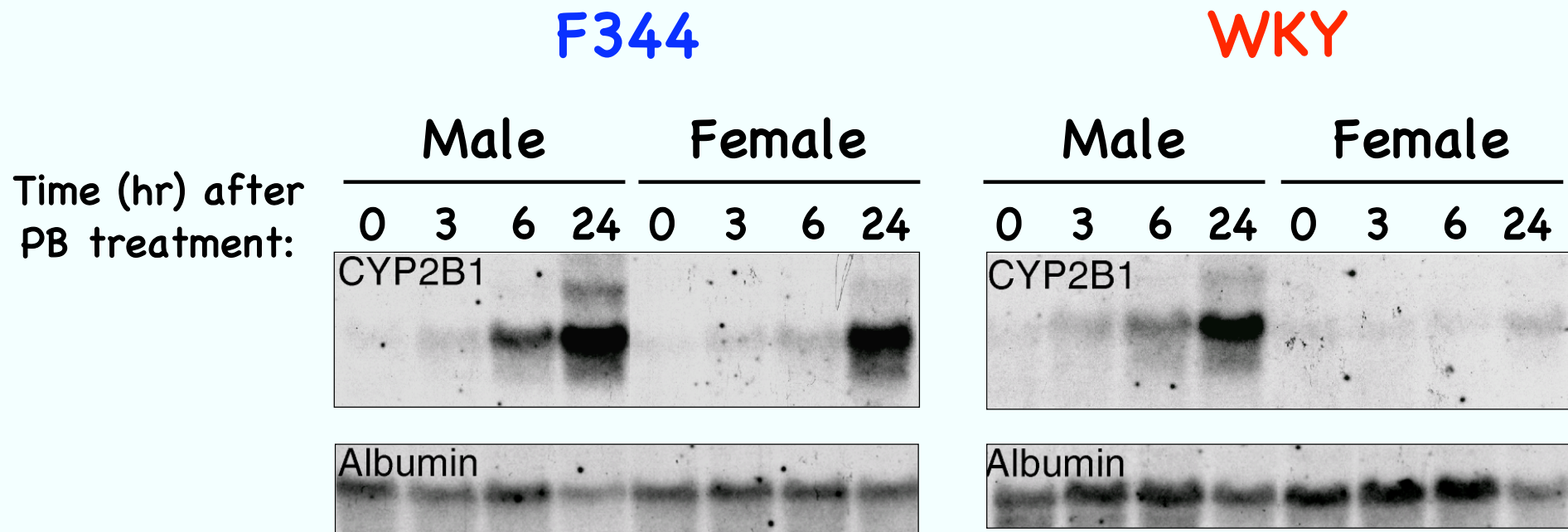
# Cytoplasmic CAR complex and CAR nuclear translocation



CCRp, cytoplasmic CAR retention protein; AIP, AhR-interacting protein.

# Sex- and strain-dependent differences in phenobarbital induction of CYP2B1 in rat livers

## CYP2B1 mRNA levels

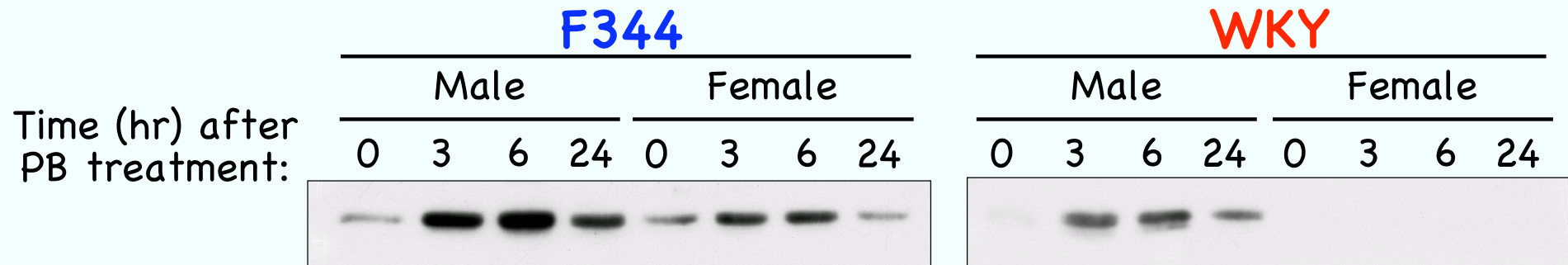


WKY; Wistar-Kyoto  
PB; phenobarbital

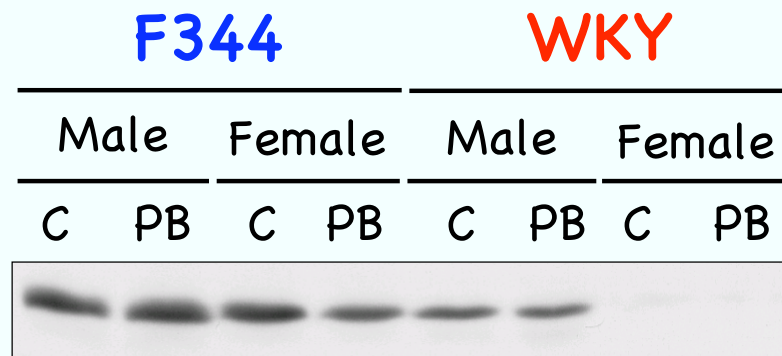


# Sex- and strain-dependent differences in CAR expression in the liver of F344 and WKY rats

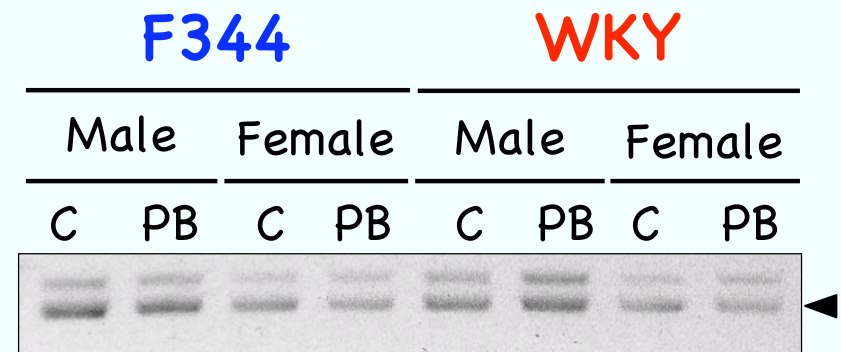
## Nuclear CAR (NR1-bound)



## CAR total protein



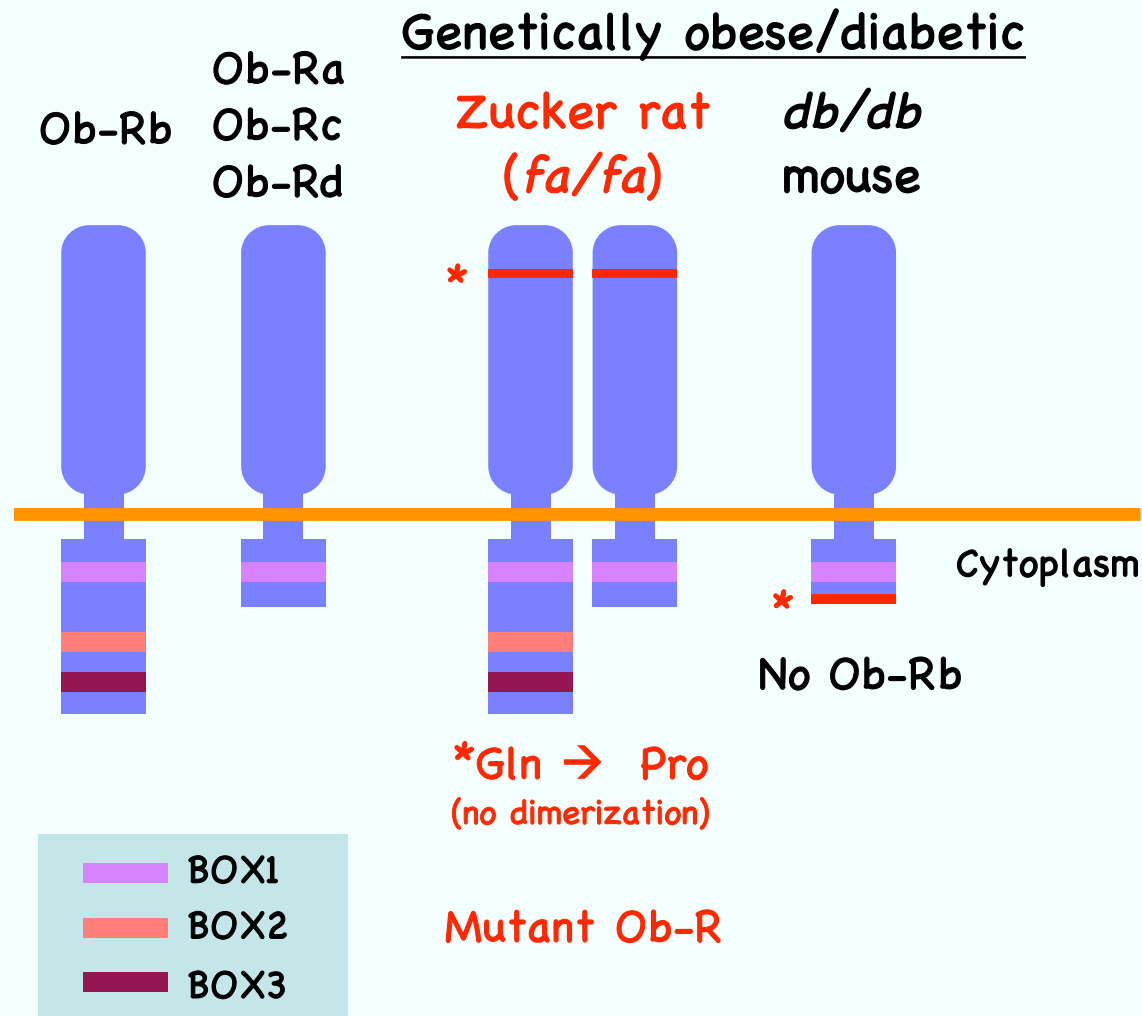
## CAR mRNA



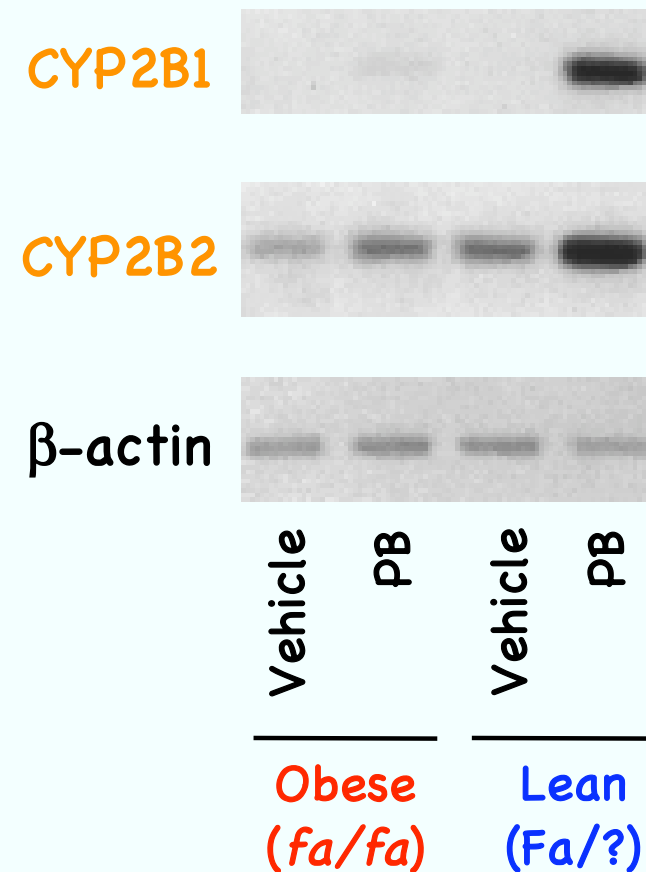
**Lack of PB induction of CYP2B1 in the liver of female WKY rats is attributed to the strikingly reduced CAR protein levels.**

# Expression of CYP2B1/2B2 in the liver of genetically obese/diabetic Zucker rats

## Leptin receptor (Ob-R)

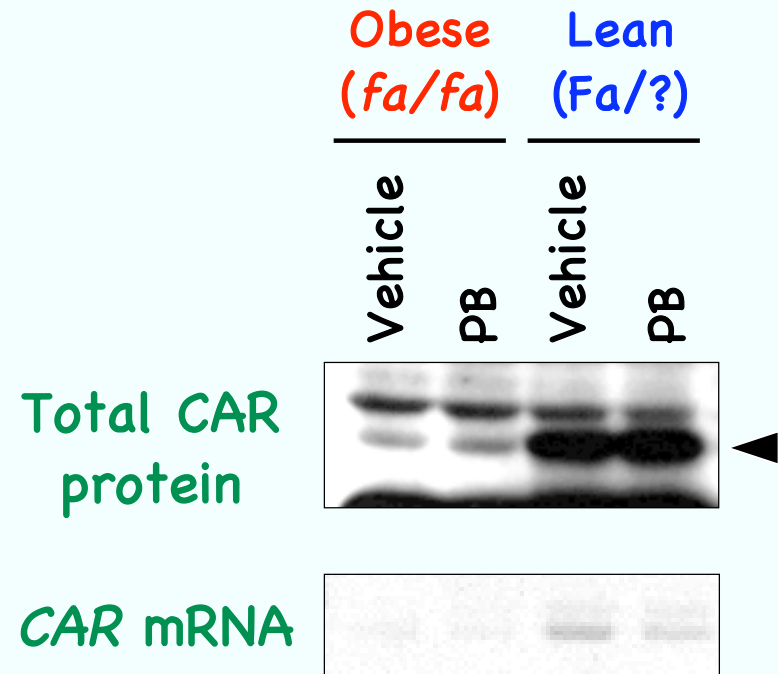
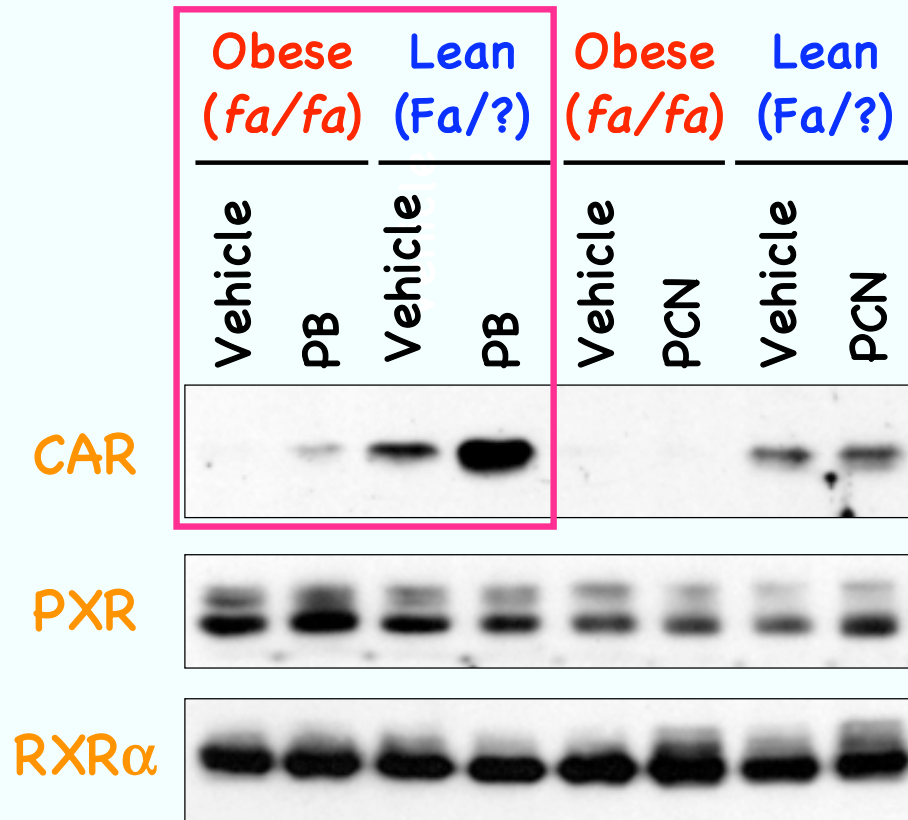


## mRNA levels



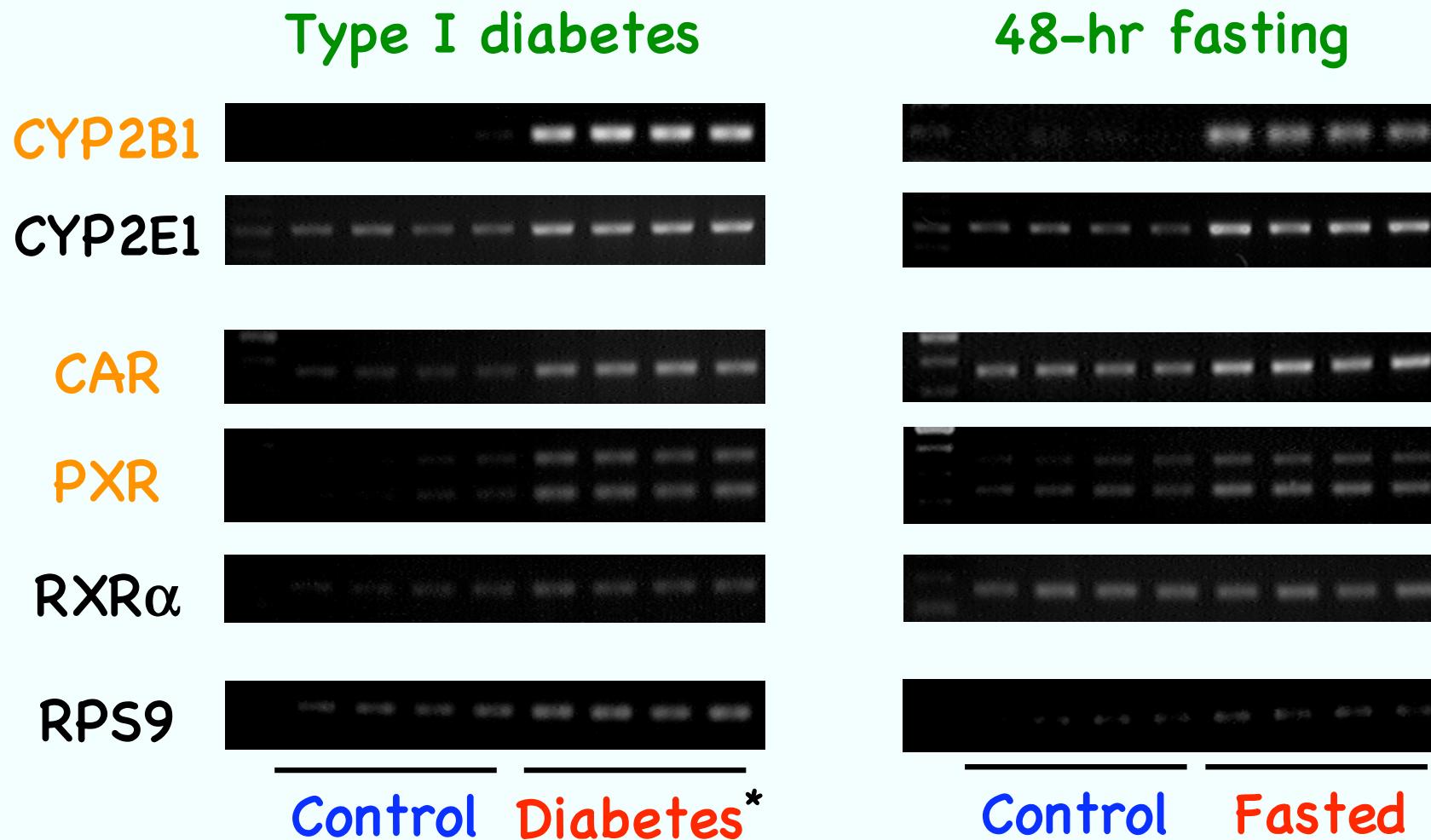
# CAR expression levels in Zucker fatty rat livers

## Nuclear CAR protein



**CAR expression is reduced in the liver of Zucker fatty rats, which leads to low basal expression and PB induction of CYP2B1/2B2.**

# Changes in the mRNA levels of CYPs and nuclear receptors in the liver of diabetic and fasted rats



\*Male SD rats were treated with streptozotocin (65 mg/kg, i.p.) and killed 2 weeks later.

# Hepatic CYP levels in obese/diabetic animals

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Model animal

Hepatic CYP mRNA levels

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STZ-induced diabetes  
(type I)

CYP2B/2E/4A ↑

Zucker fatty rat  
(leptin receptor mutation)

CYP2E ↑, CYP2B/3A ↓

*db/db* mouse  
(leptin receptor mutation)

CYP2B/2E ↑, CYP3A →

*ob/ob* mouse  
(leptin mutation)

CYP2B/2E ↑

High-fat diet feeding  
(high calorie intake)

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# Production of obese mice with high-fat diet

Male ICR mouse  
(5-wk-old)

35 - 40 d



**High-fat diet #1 (HFD1)**

Ingredient	%
Casein	24.0
L-Methionine	0.3
Lard	36.0
Cornstarch	10.0
Maltose	10.0
Sucrose	15.0
AIN76 vitamin	1.0
AIN76 mineral	3.5
Choline bitartrate	0.2

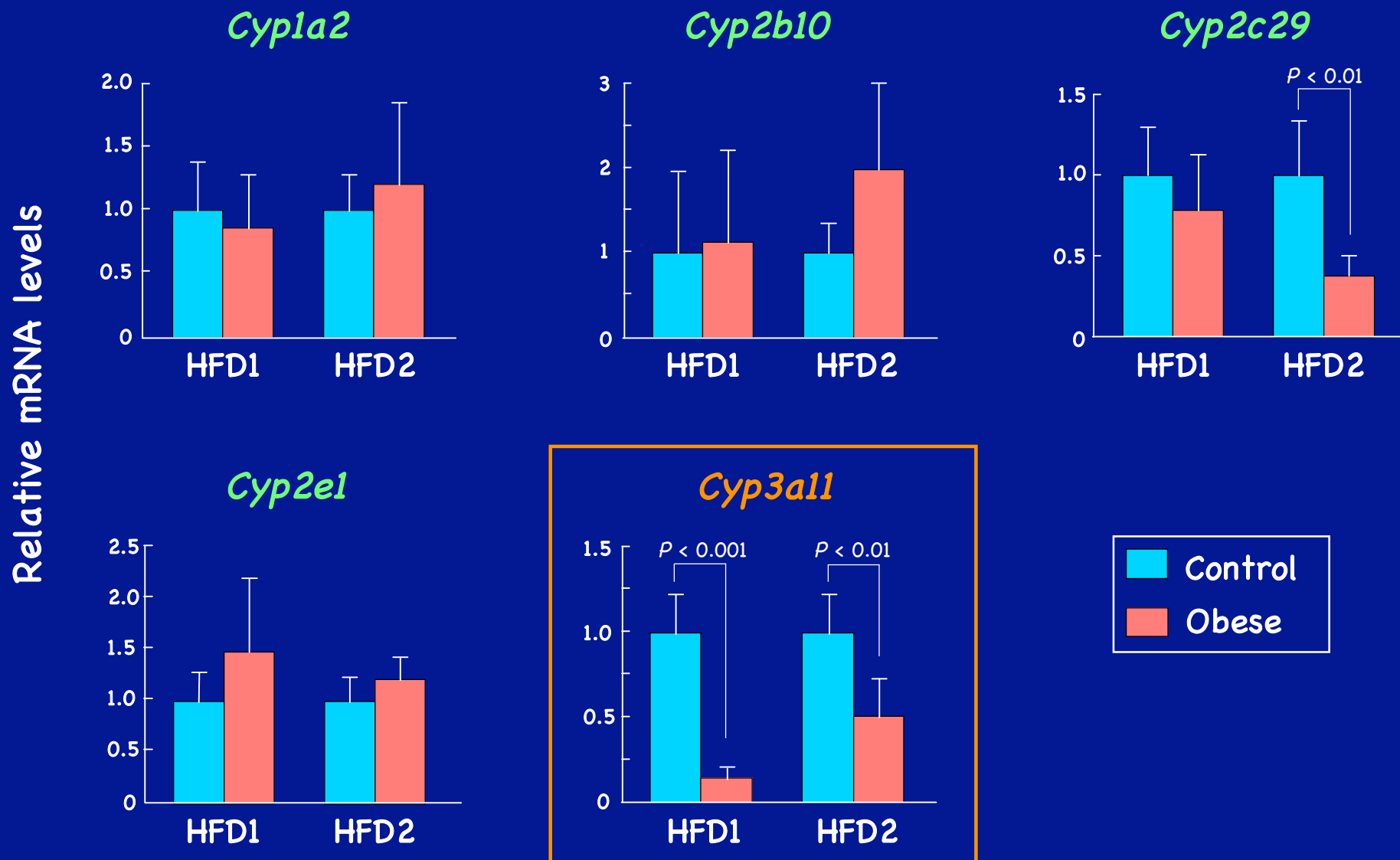
**High-fat diet #2 (HFD2)**

Ingredient	%
Casein	24.5
Egg albumin	5.0
L-Cystine	0.43
Lard	15.9
Safflower oil	20.0
Cellulose	5.5
Maltodextrin	8.25
Lactose	6.93
Sucrose	6.75
AIN93 vitamin	1.4
AIN93G mineral	5.0
Choline bitartrate	0.36
Butylhydroquinone	0.002

Assays:

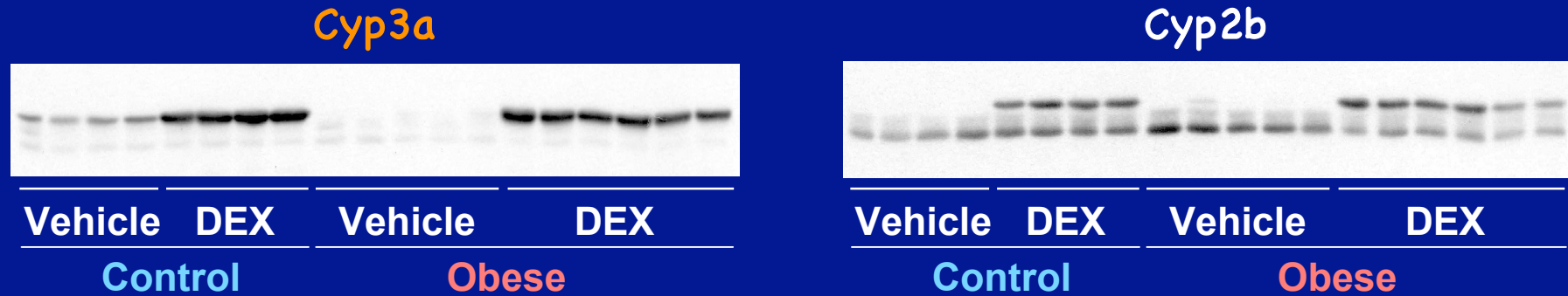
- Serum biochemistry
- Quantitative RT-PCR
- Western blotting

# Hepatic CYP mRNA levels in obese mice fed a high-fat diet

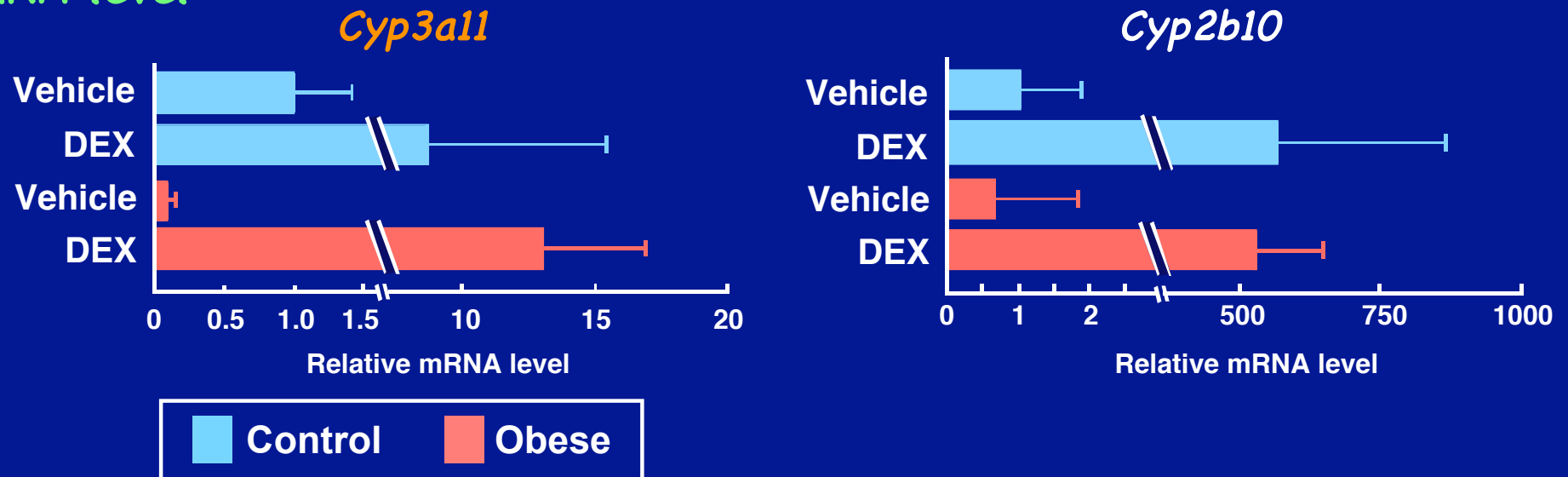


# Unchanged Cyp3a induction by dexamethasone (DEX) in the liver of obese mice fed high fat diet

## Protein level



## mRNA level

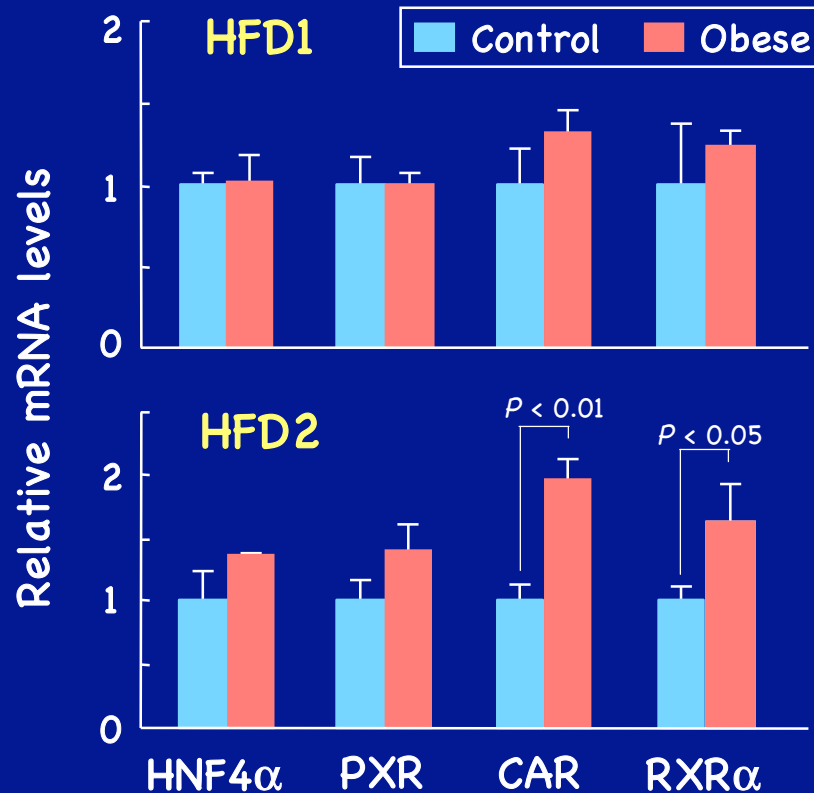


Mice fed a control chow or HFD1 for 5 wk were treated with DEX (100 mg/kg) or vehicle (corn oil) intraperitoneally 24 hr before sacrifice, and microsomes and total RNA were prepared from the liver.

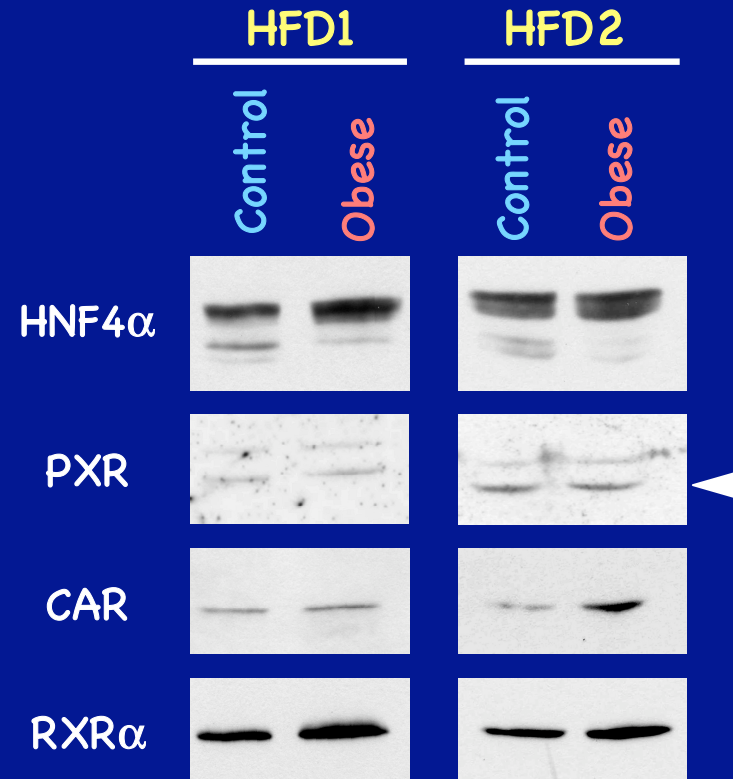


# Nuclear receptor levels in obese mouse livers

## mRNA level

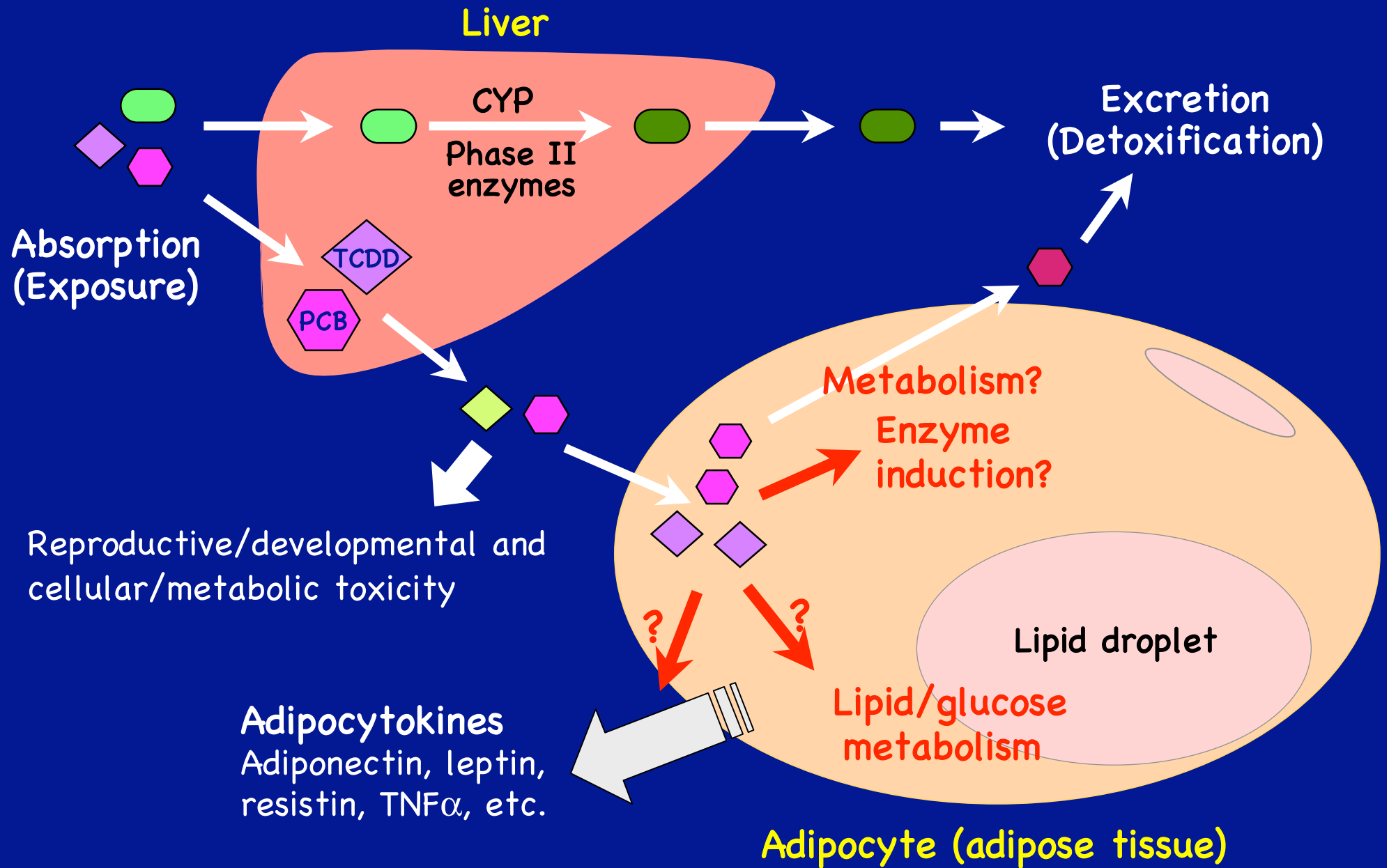


## Nuclear protein level

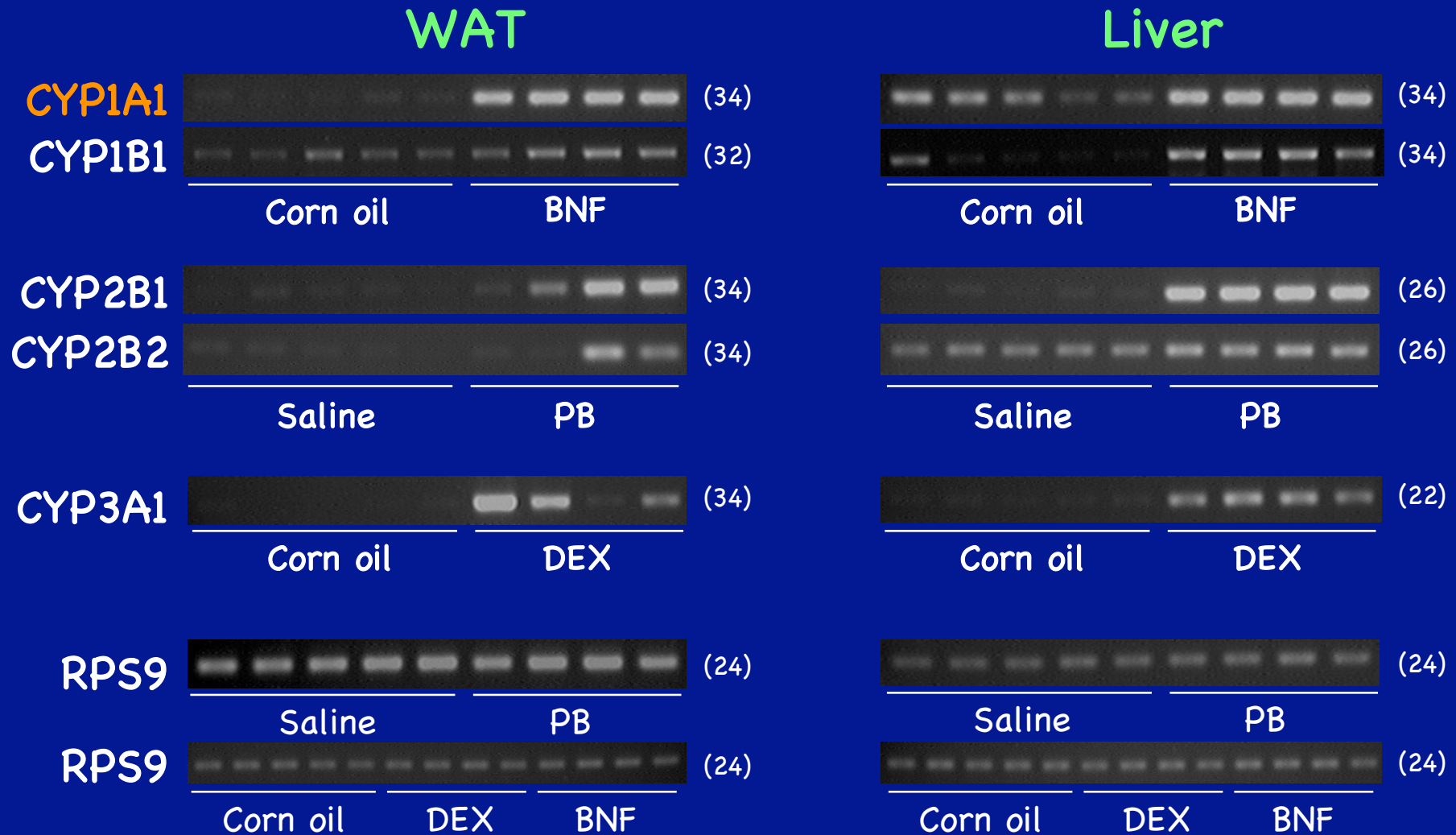


**Cyp3a expression is attenuated in the liver of obese mice fed a high-fat diet in a nuclear receptor-independent manner.**

# Metabolic fate of lipophilic xenobiotics



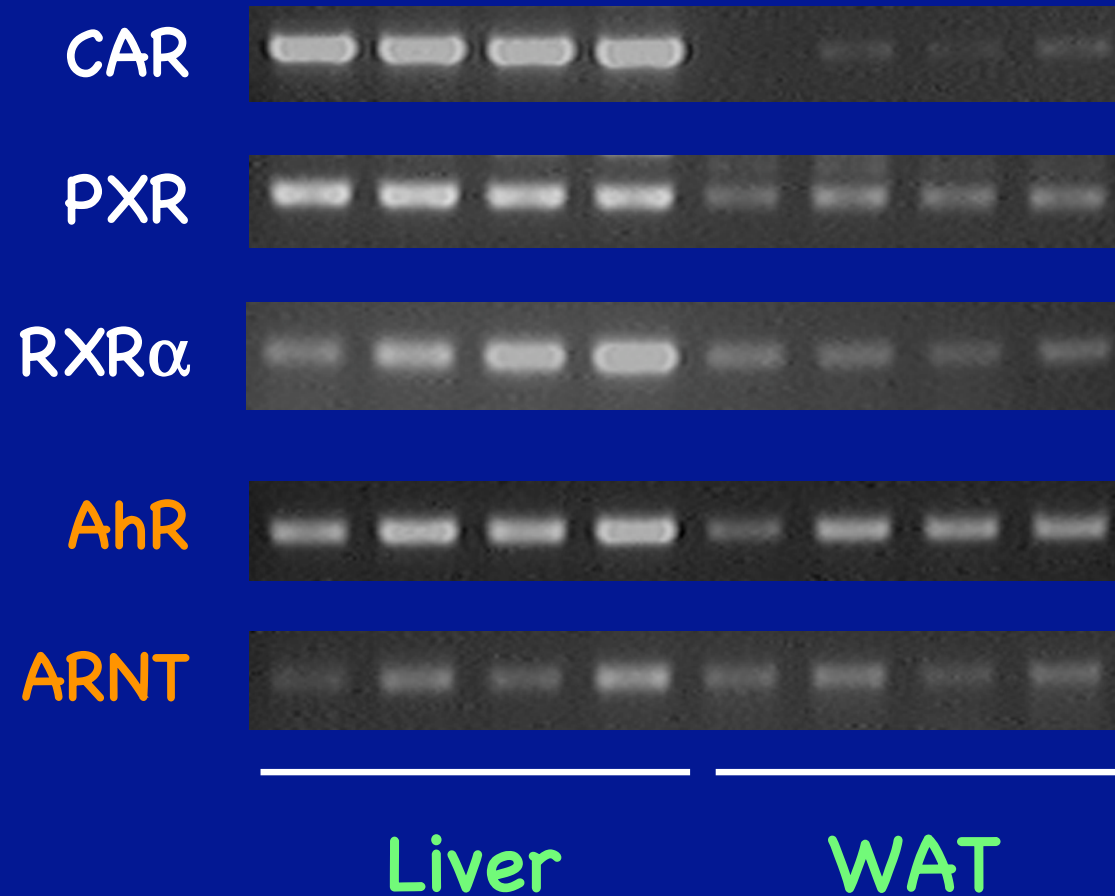
# CYP mRNA levels in rat epididymal WAT and livers after treatment with typical CYP inducers



Male SD rats were treated intraperitoneally with  $\beta$ -naphthoflavone (BNF; 40 mg/kg/day), PB (80 mg/kg/day) or DEX (40 mg/kg/day) for 3 days. The numbers in parentheses indicate the number of PCR amplification cycles.

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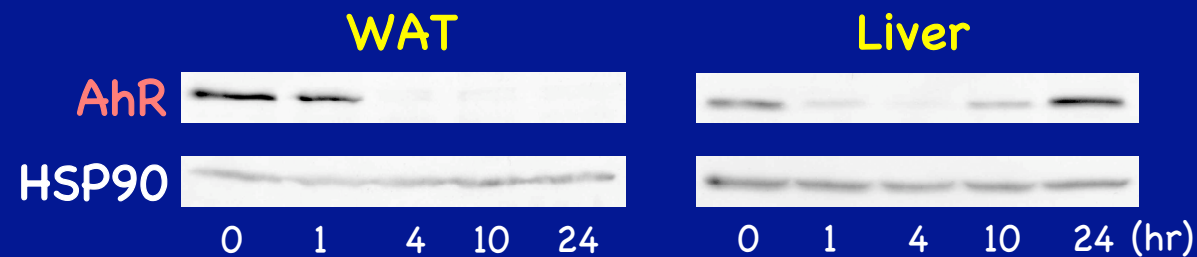
# mRNA levels of transcription factors in rat liver and epididymal WAT



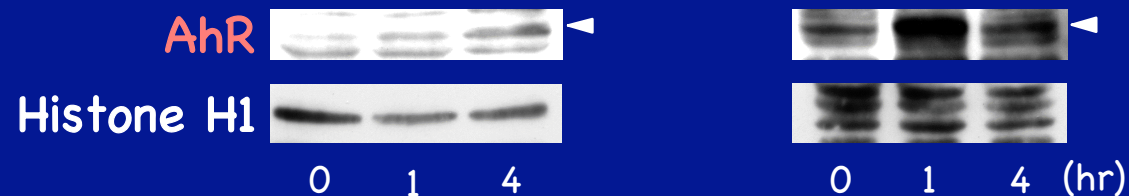
# BNF-induced nuclear translocation of AhR in rat WAT

## AhR protein

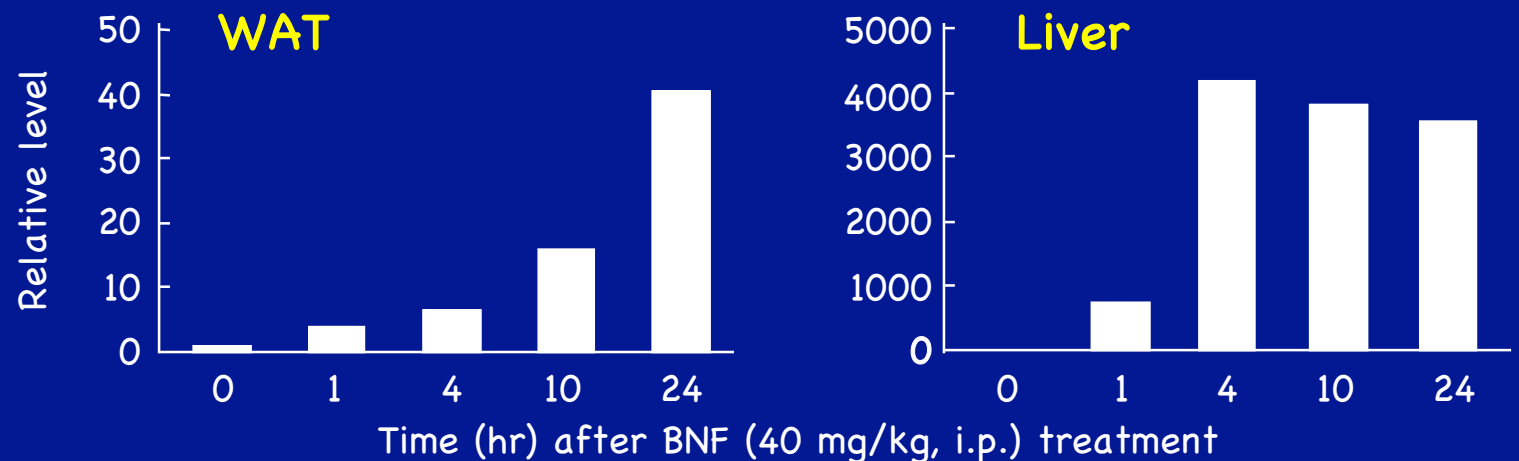
Cytoplasm



Nucleus



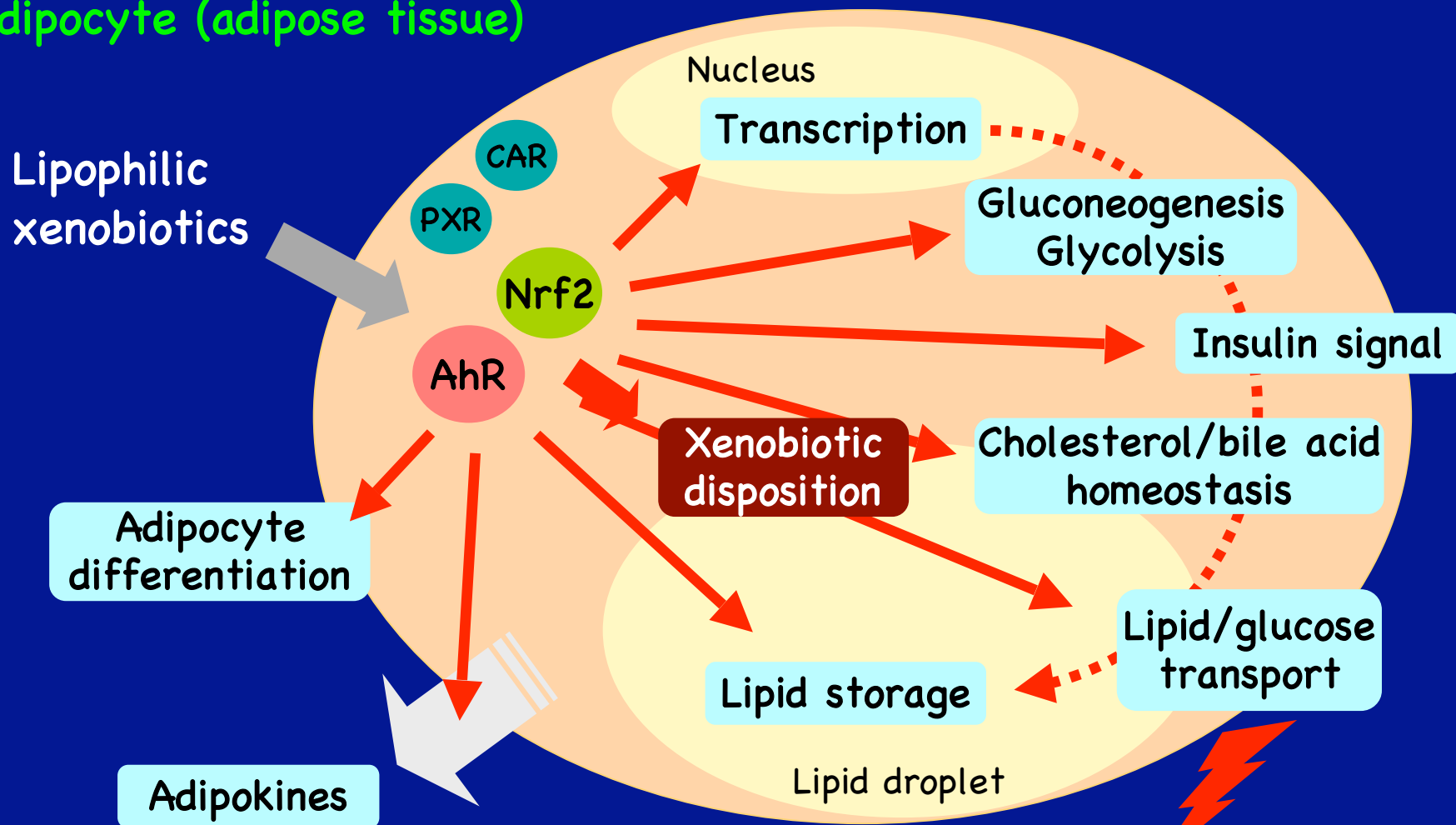
## CYP1A1 mRNA



**Lipophilic AhR ligands activate AhR in rat WAT to enhance the expression of CYP1A1.**

# Lipophilic xenobiotic may affect adipocyte function through changing its gene expression profile

Adipocyte (adipose tissue)



Systemic dysfunction of lipid/glucose homeostasis?

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