

# **Genotype-specific immune response in cold water fish**

**(Transcriptomic analysis of immune response in wild, domesticated, and  
growth hormone transgenic salmon)**

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# Research Backgrounds

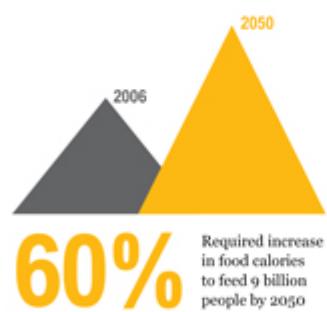
# Global Challenges

## THE GREAT BALANCING ACT

The world must achieve a "great balancing act" in order to sustainably feed 9 billion people by 2050.

Three needs must be met at the same time.

### CLOSING THE FOOD GAP



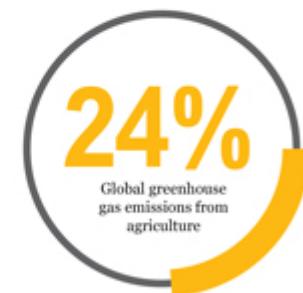
### SUPPORTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



**28%**

Global population directly or indirectly employed by agriculture

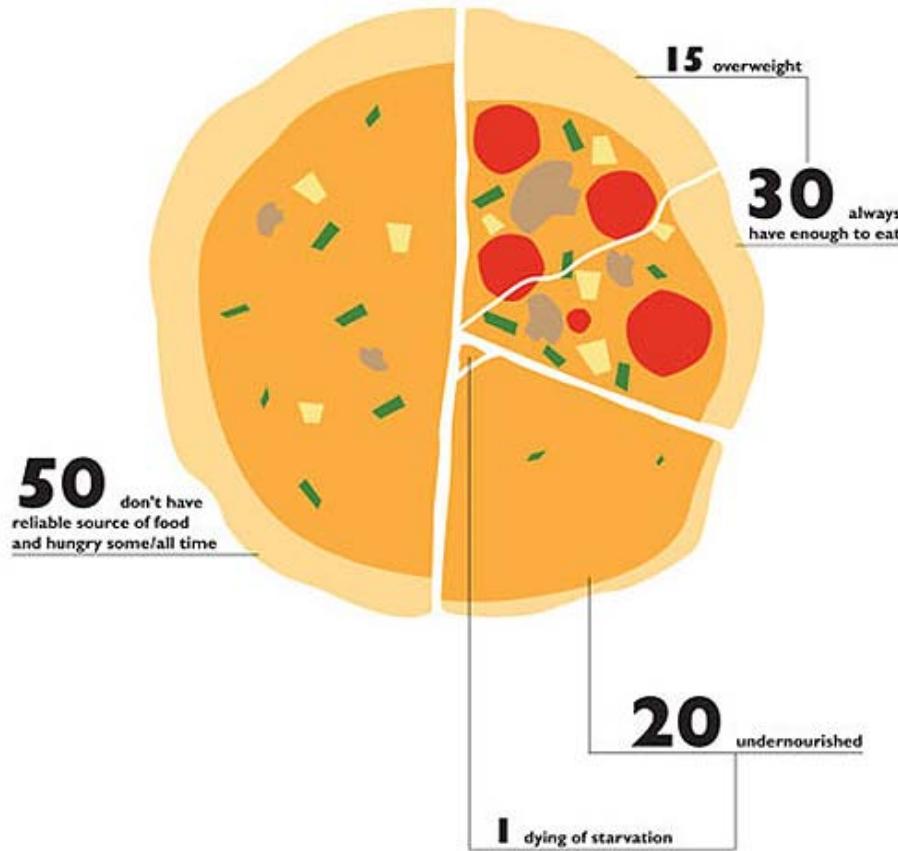
### REDUCING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT



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If the world were a village of 100 people

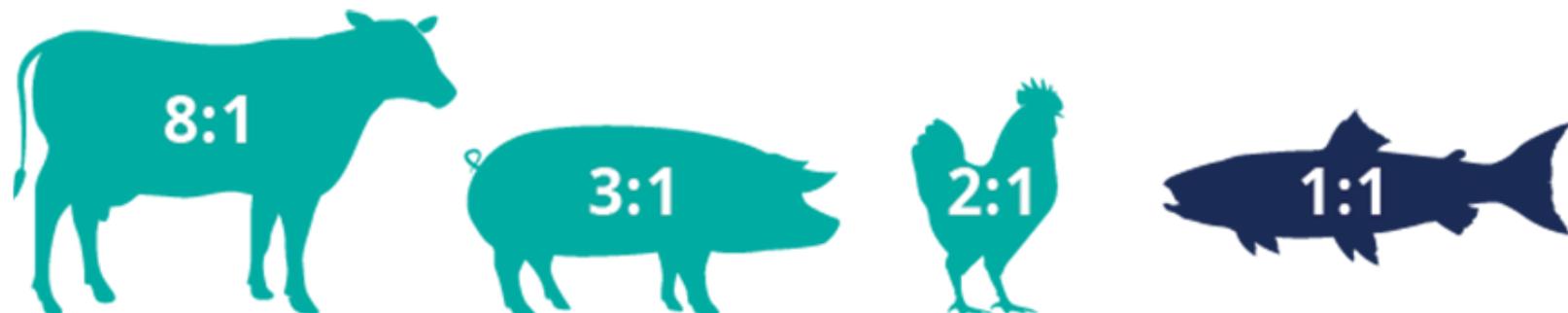
# FOOD



# Aquaculture technology as a solution

## Conserving Wild Fish Populations

Aquaculture feed relies on wild fish to deliver the Omega-3 fatty acids that make fish so healthy to eat. Salmon is already one of the world's most efficient protein producers. Our AquAdvantage® Salmon grows to market-size using 25 percent less feed than traditional Atlantic salmon on the market today. This makes an already efficient protein producer even better because it requires less wild fish to be converted into salmon feed.



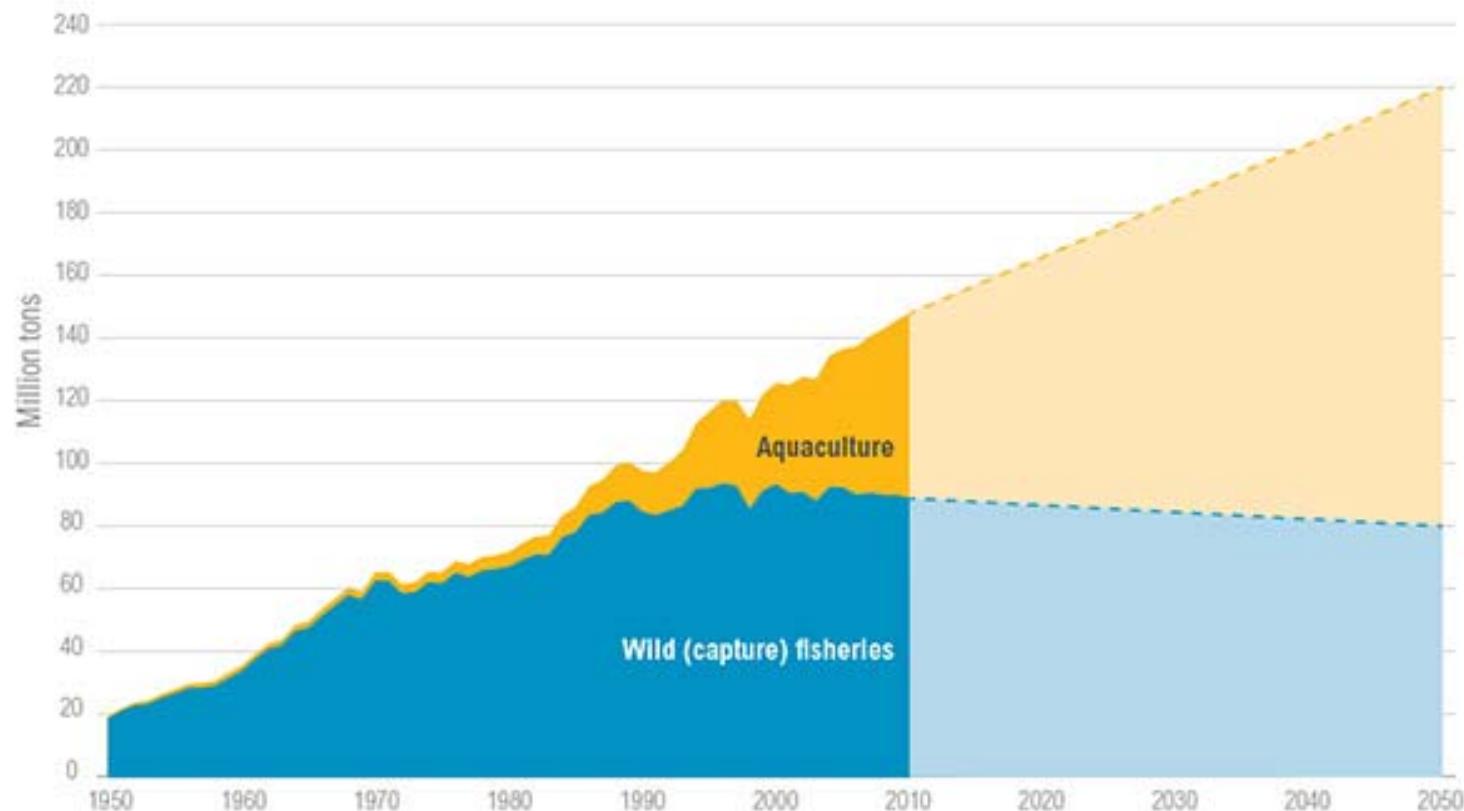


|  | 2.9 kg                     | 3.4 kg      | 5.9 kg      | 30 kg        |
|--|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Carbon footprint<br>kg CO <sub>2</sub> /kg edible meat |                            |             |             |              |
| Water consumption<br>litre/kg edible meat              | 1,400 litre <sup>(1)</sup> | 4,300 litre | 6,000 litre | 15,400 litre |

Note: 1) The figure reflects traditional smolt production in plants with water flow through. Recirculation plants, which are being implemented to an increasing extent, requires significantly less fresh water (up to 99% of the fresh water is recycled).

# World Fish Production (in million tons)

Aquaculture Is Expanding to Meet World Fish Demand

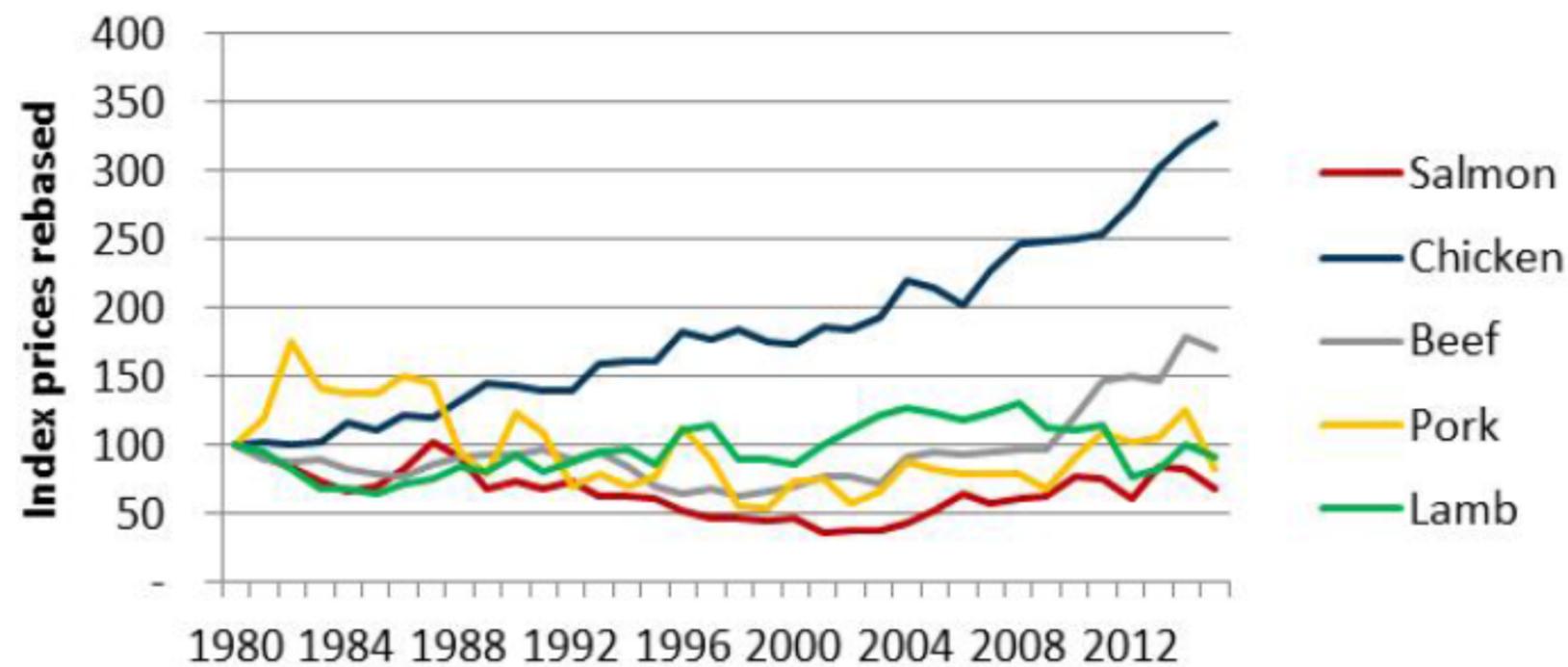


Source: Historical data 1950–2010: FAO. 2014. "FishStatJ." Rome: FAO. Projections 2011–2050: Calculated at WRI, assumes 10 percent reduction in wild fish catch between 2010 and 2050, and linear growth of aquaculture production at an additional 2 million tons per year between 2010 and 2050.

See [www.wri.org/publication/improving-aquaculture](http://www.wri.org/publication/improving-aquaculture) for full paper.

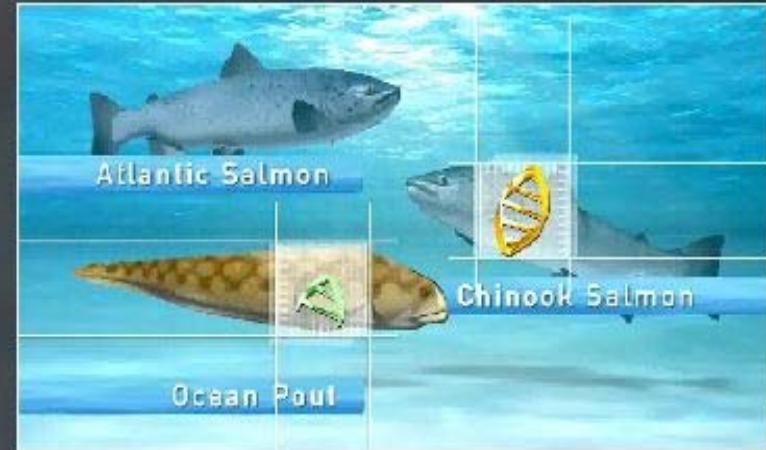
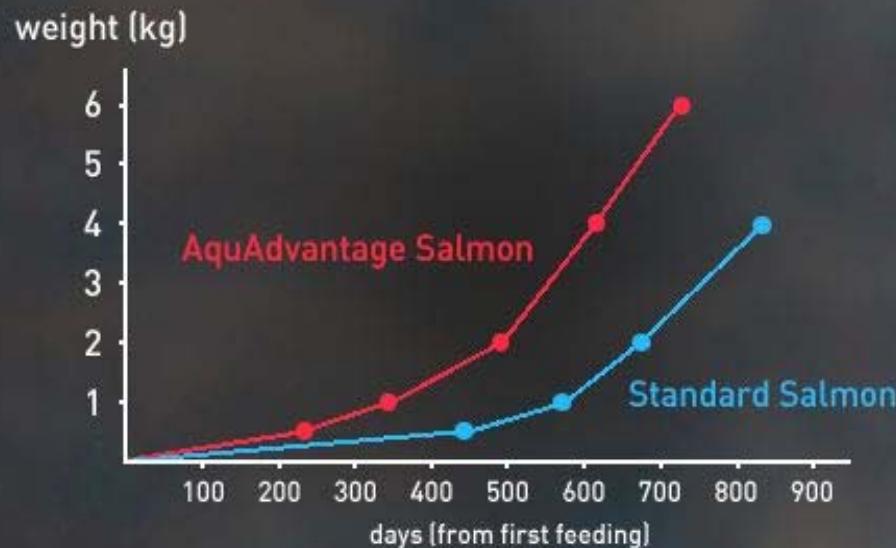
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### Relative price development 1980-2015 YTD



# BREAKING NEWS

## FDA Approves GMO Salmon



AquAdvantage salmon are Atlantic salmon with a growth hormone gene from chinook salmon, to accelerate growth, and a fragment of DNA from ocean pout, to help activate the chinook gene.



Source: Images, video and chart data courtesy of AquaBounty Technologies





**AquAdvantage® Salmon**

**Environmental Assessment**

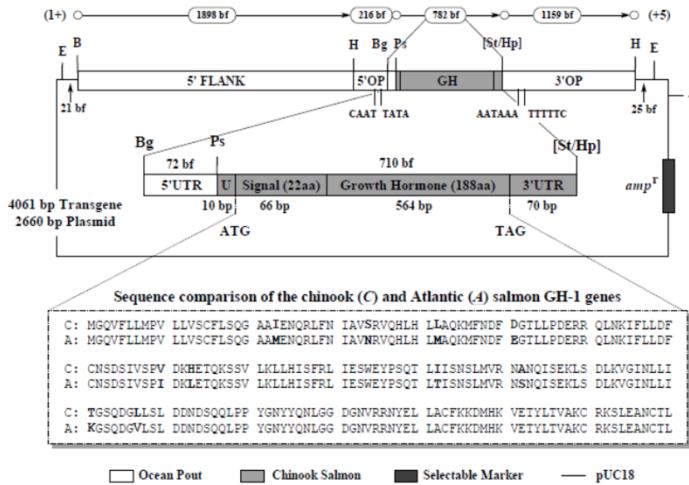
In support of an approval of  
a New Animal Drug Application related to AquAdvantage Salmon,  
which are triploid, hemizygous, all-female Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*)  
bearing a single copy of the  $\alpha$ -form of the *opAFP-GHc2* recombinant DNA construct  
at the  $\alpha$ -locus in the EO-1 $\alpha$  lineage

**November 12, 2015**

**Prepared by**

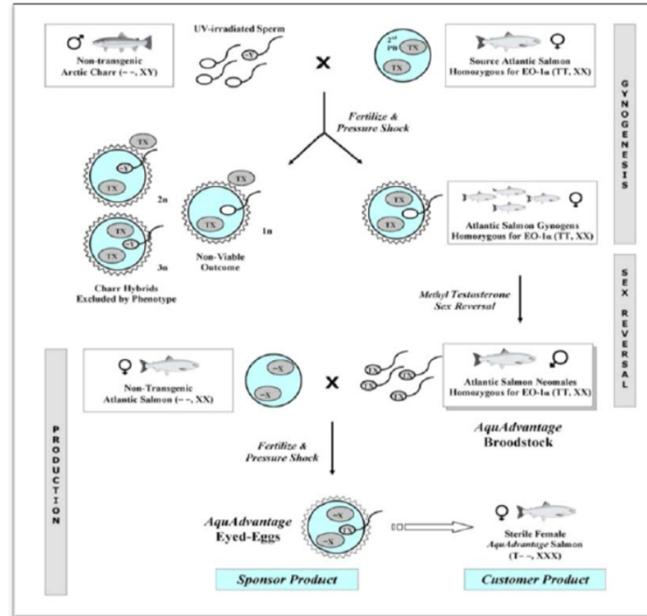
**Center for Veterinary Medicine  
United States Food and Drug Administration  
Department of Health and Human Services**

**Figure E.1. Physical Description of the AquAdvantage Construct, opAFP-GHc2 \***

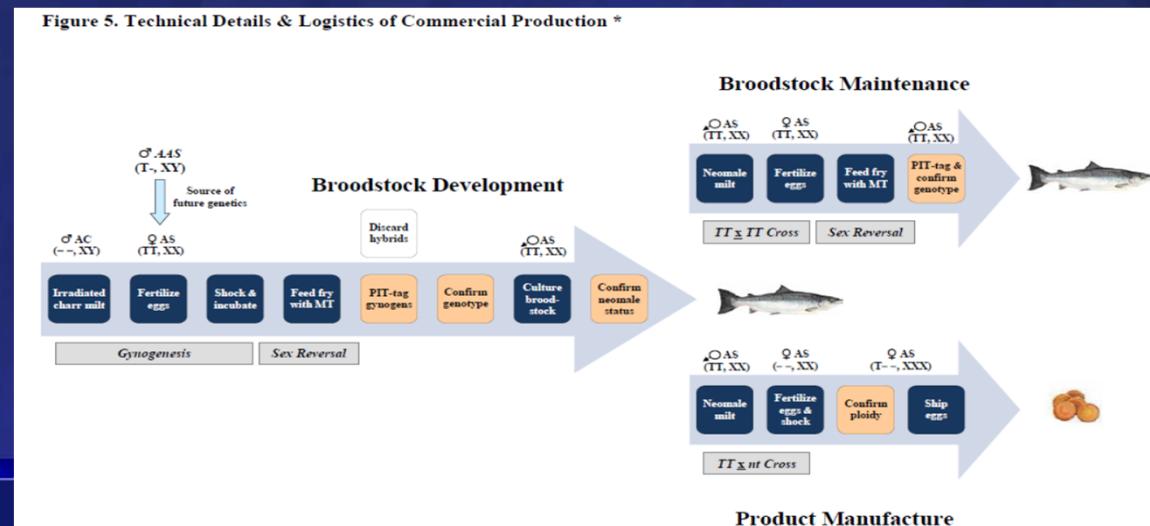


\* **bp** length is used in the narrative and figures in reference to the physical size of a DNA in fully-duplexed form; base fragment (**bf**) length is used in reference to the number of bases between, and inclusive of, the 5'- and 3'-nucleotides comprising the restricted recognition sequences on the boundaries of the + strand. **amp<sup>r</sup>**, bla gene providing ampicillin resistance.

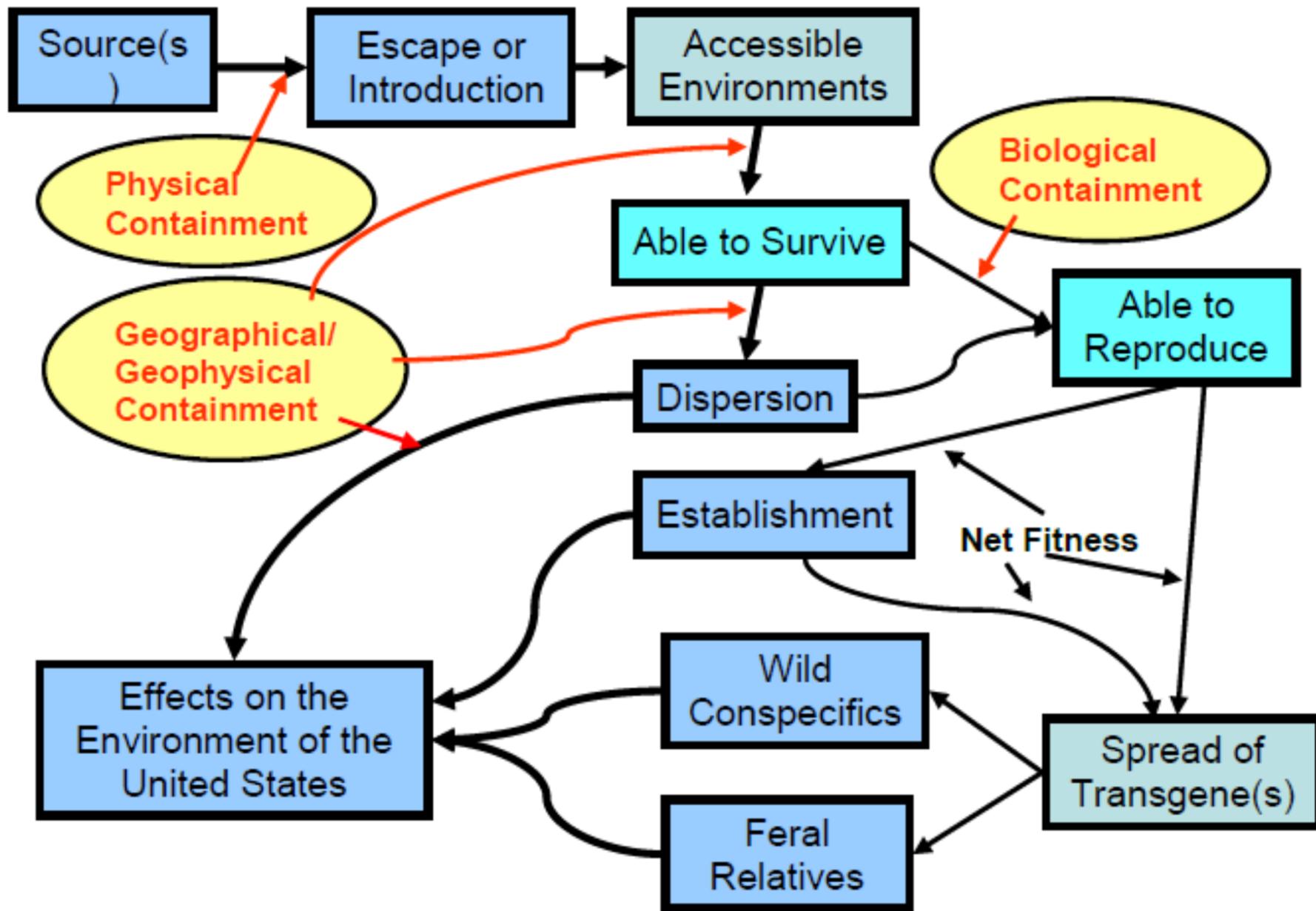
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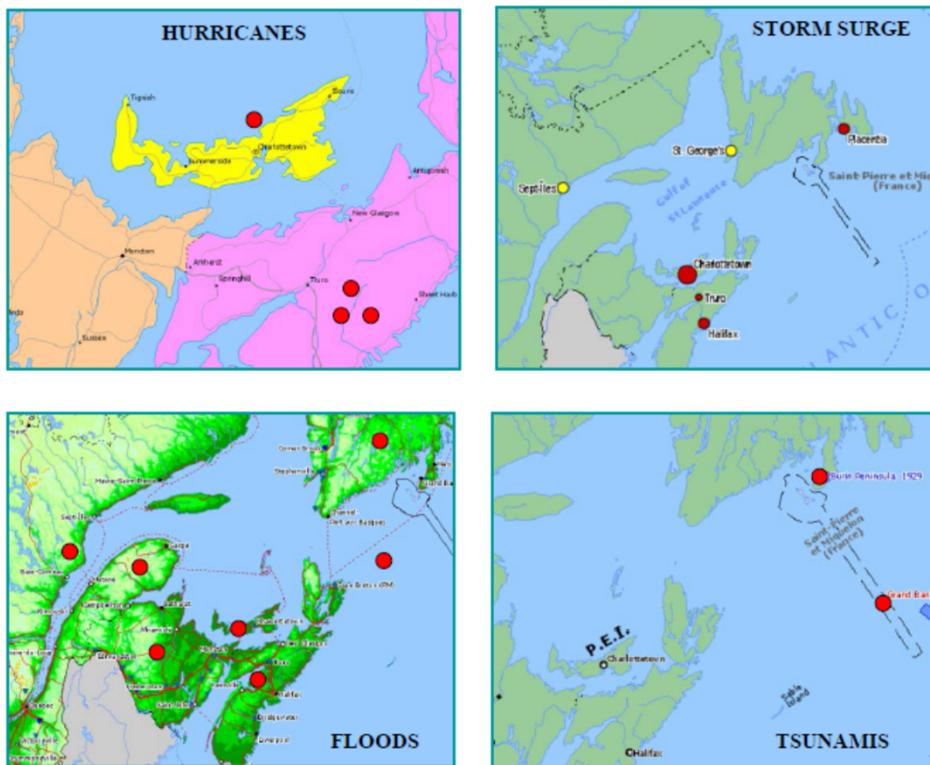
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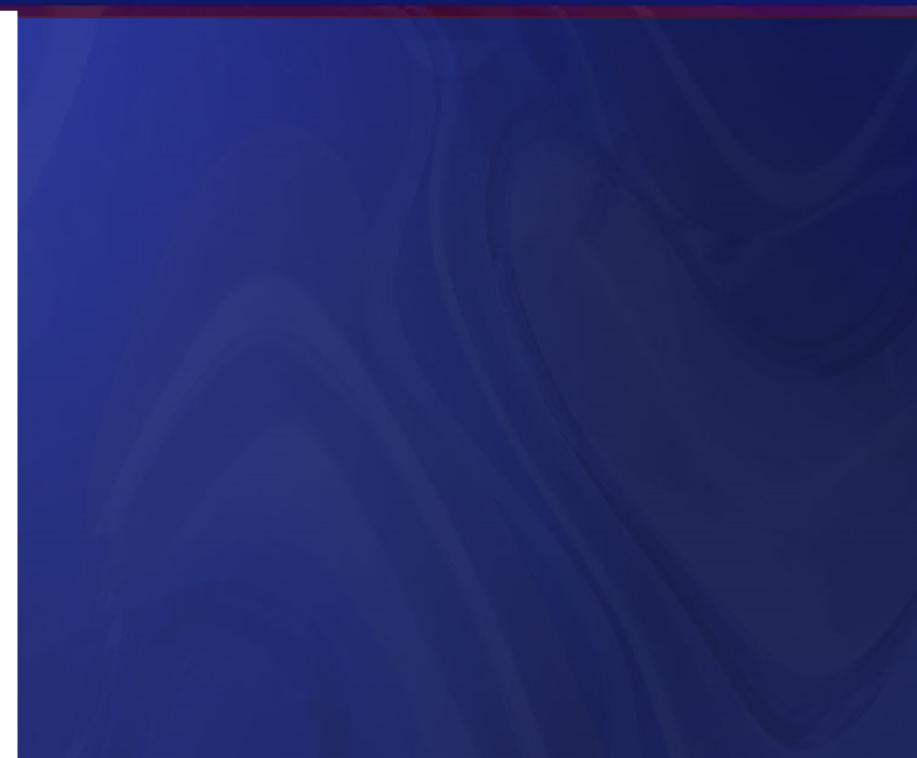
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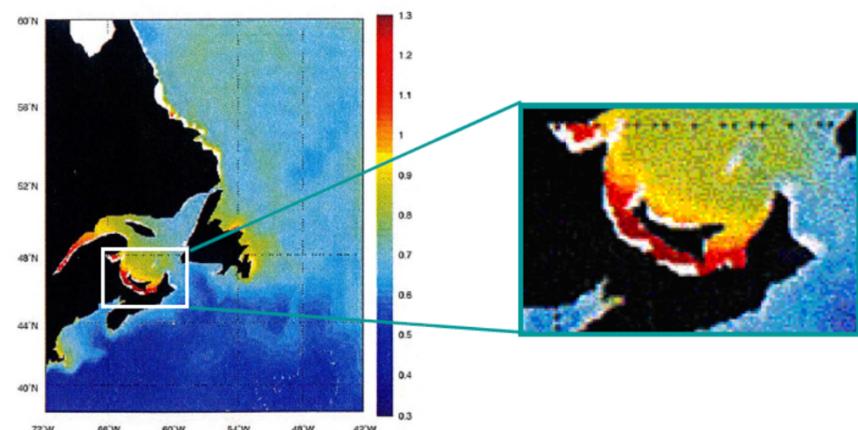
**Figure 8. Occurrence of Natural Hazards in Proximity to PEI \***



\* With the exception of *Storm Surge*, where circle size is indicative of frequency (small, medium, large = low, medium, high) and circle color is indicative of severity (green, yellow, red = low, medium, high), all other circles are location indicators for single events reported by National Resources Canada through 1999. **Note:** The red dots indicating location of weather-related events have been significantly increased in size for ease of identification; their exact locations may differ slightly from those in the original graphic on the National Resources Canada website.



**Figure 9. Variability of Storm Surge for the Atlantic Coast of Canada**



\* Left-most figure of Atlantic Canada abstracted from Lemmen et al., 2008, p. 132.



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# GMOS in public and media



FDA approves GMO Salmon.



**Historically, anti-GMOs  
movements are the most  
successful activity**



**Thus, in order to diminish the gap between public perception and truth, need for objective scientific data to allow informed discussion by the public, policy makers, NGOs, and regulators.**

**Our study is not about generating transgenic strains, but to provide scientific support to regulatory process.**

# Transgenic organism in science

**T**ransgenic organisms ( GMOs )  
**have received sequences of DNA by**  
**artificial means, followed by**  
**integration of one or more of the**  
**novel sequences into their**  
**chromosomal DNA.**

Macleanand Laight. 2000. Transgenic fish: an evaluation of the risks and benefits. Fish and Fisheries 1:146-172. Fish and Fisheries 1:146-172

# Transgenic Fish



*Carassius auratus*



*Danio rerio*



*Misgurnus anguillicaudatus*



*Oreochromis urolepis*



*Salvelinus alpinus alpinus*



*Catla catla*



*Esox lucius*



*Misgurnus fossilis*



*Oreochromis mossambicus*



*Sander vitreus*



*Cichlasoma nigrofasciatum*



*Fundulus heteroclitus*



*Misgurnus mizolepis*



*Oreochromis niloticus*



*Sparus aurata*



*Cirrihinus mrigala*



*Ictalurus punctatus*



*Oncorhynchus clarkii*



*Oryzias latipes*



*Xiphophorus sp.*



*Clarias gariepinus*



*Labeo rohita*



*Oncorhynchus kisutch*



*Poeciliopsis lucida*



*Mulinia lateralis*



*Ctenopharyngodon idellus*



*Leucopsarion petersii*



*Oncorhynchus mykiss*



*Salmo salar*



*Cyprinus carpio*



*Megalobrama amblycephala*



*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*



*Salvelinus fontinalis*

# Growth of GH overexpression

Atlantic salmon



Rohu



Tilapia



Carp



Mud loach



Channel catfish



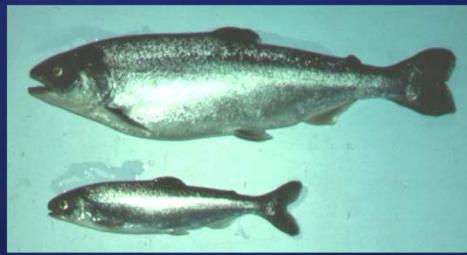
Rainbow trout



Arctic charr



Chinook salmon



# Benefits & Risks

## Benefits

### Content

### Probability

Low cost, fast growing



High

Cheaper and greener diet



Medium in long term

Disease resistance.



Low in short term

Cold and salinity tolerance



Low in short term

Sterilization



Not perfect

Pharmaceutical proteins



High

## Risks

No advantage



Law

Harmful to health



Law

Affect to other species.



? Requires control

Interbreed with wild fish



? Requires control

Die out quickly



? Requires control

# **Materials and Methods**

# Centre for Aquaculture and Environmental Research



# Containment facilities



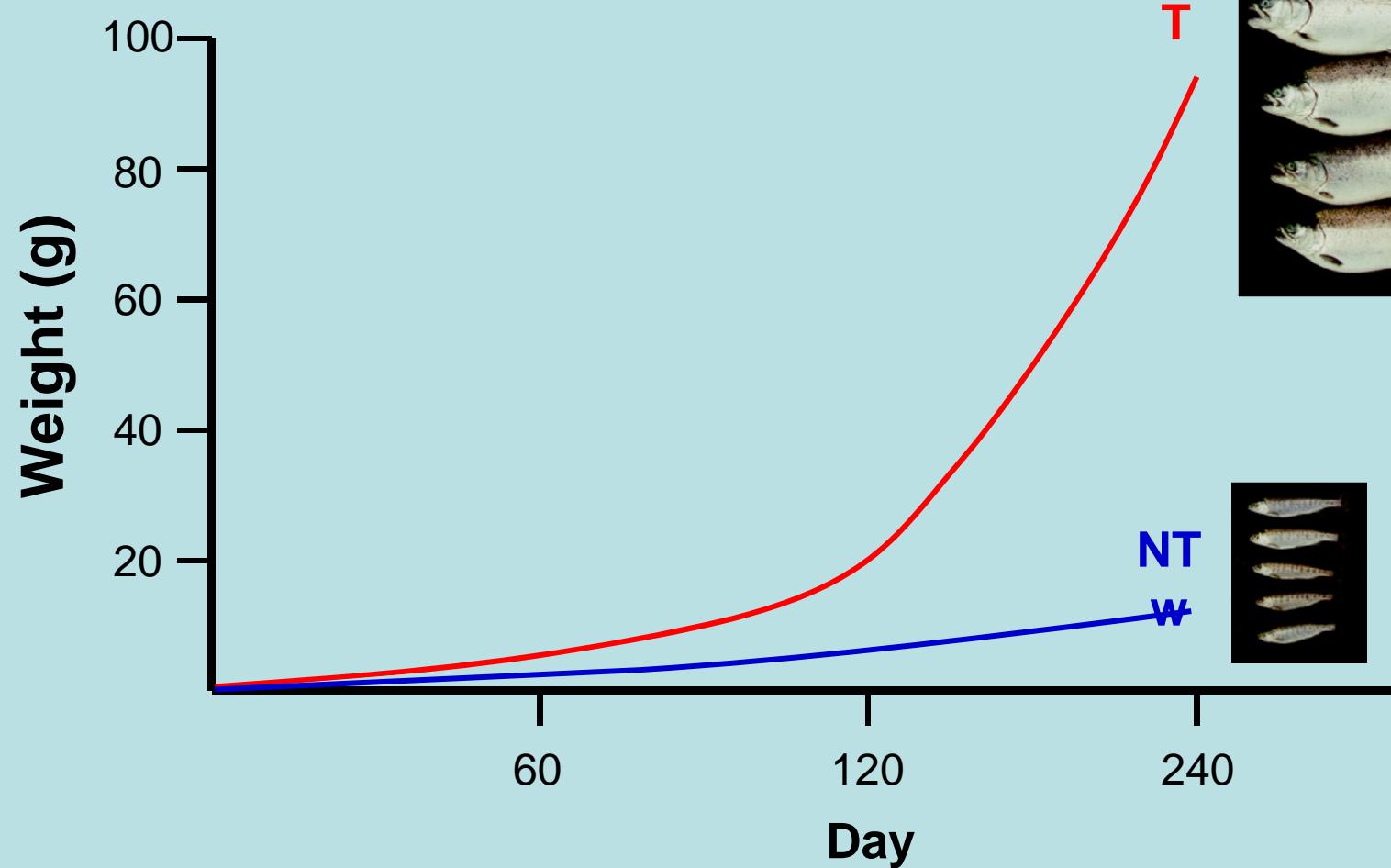
**Non-transgenic**



**Transgenic**



# Growth



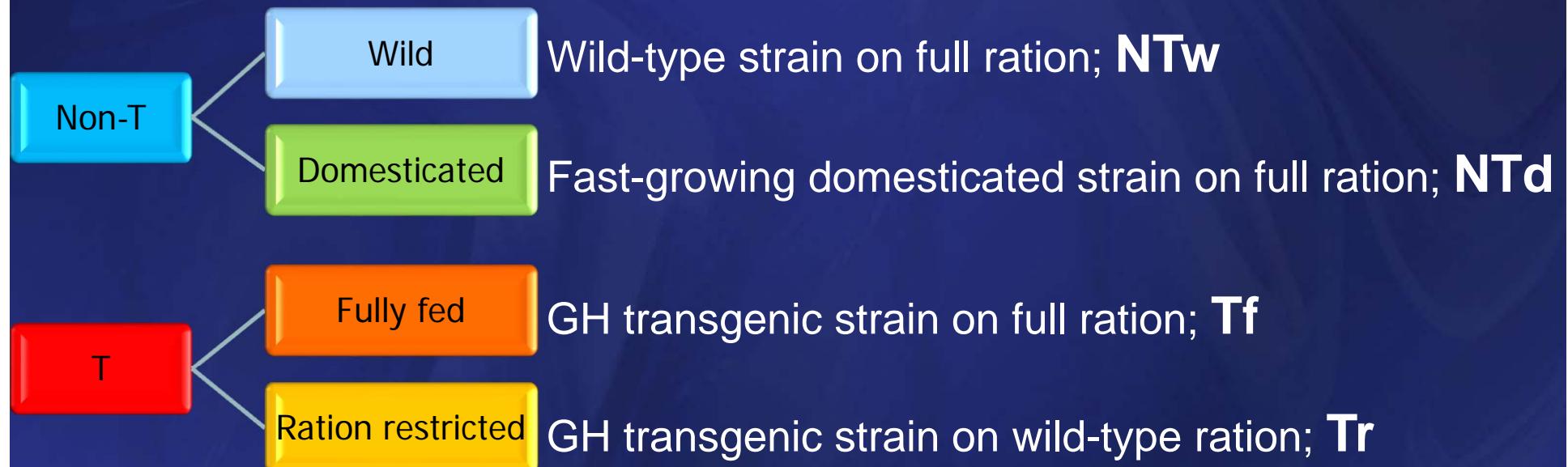


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2003 Nature

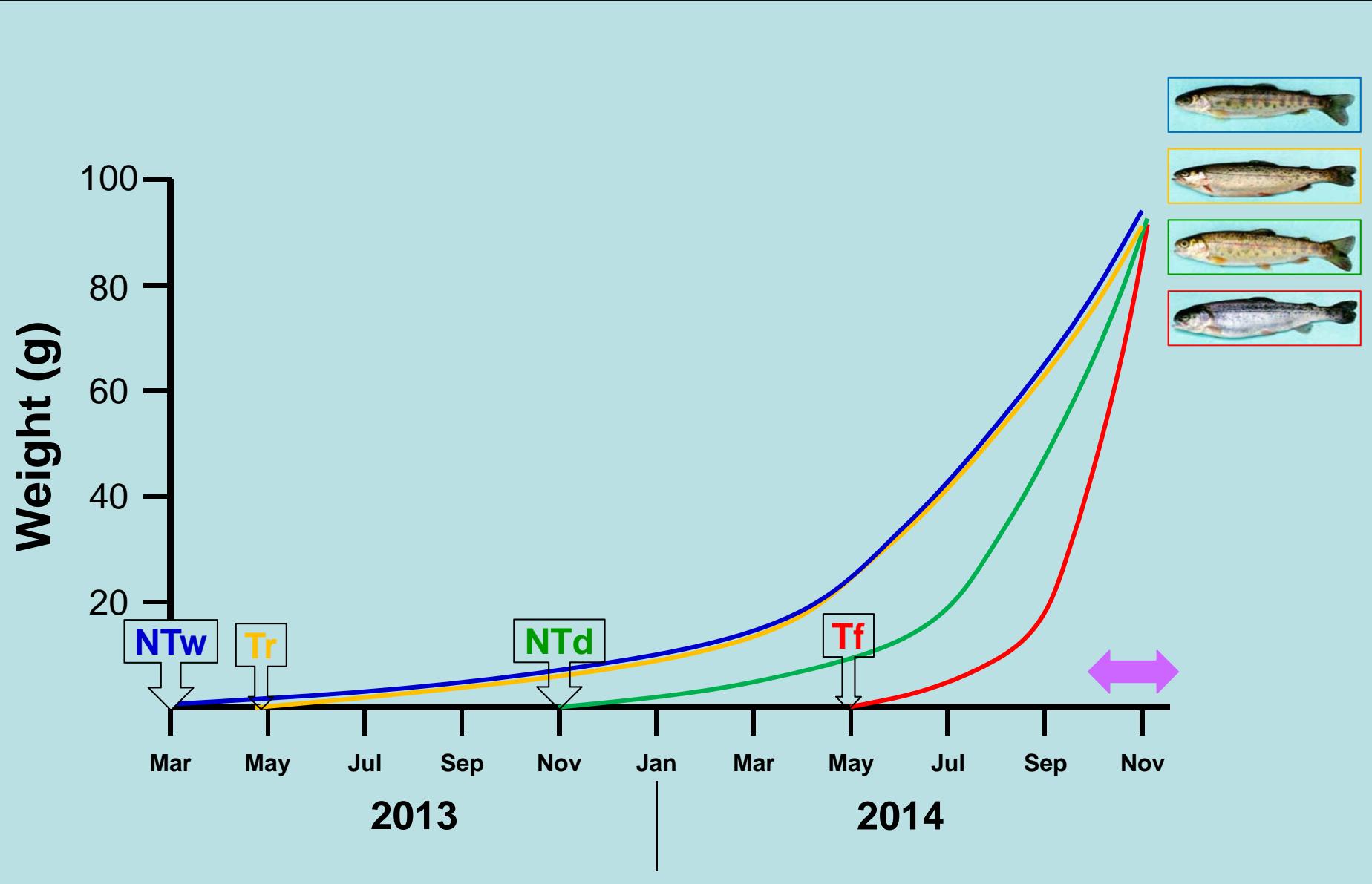
# Fish genotypes



## Four size matched fish strains

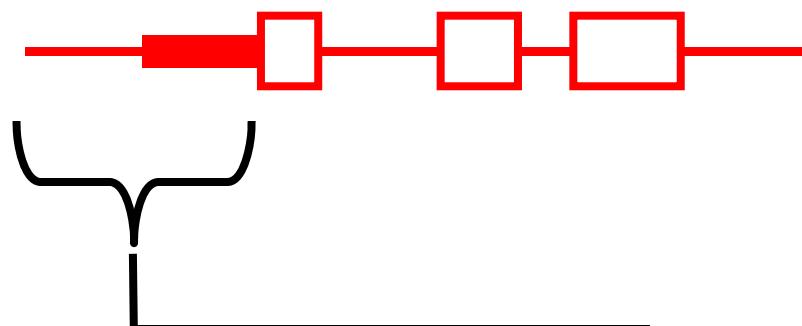


# How to get size-matched fishes ?



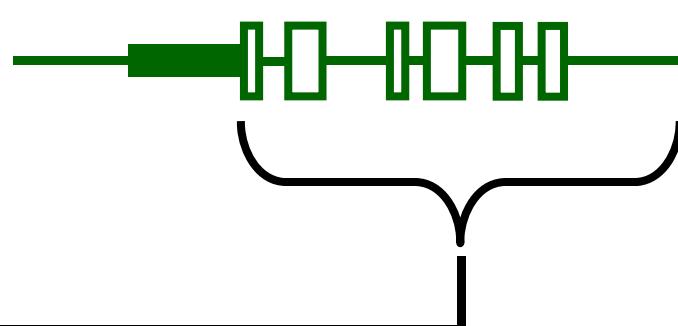
## Metallothionein Gene

- Expression in many tissues
- Moderate constitutive expression
- Inducible



## Growth Hormone Gene

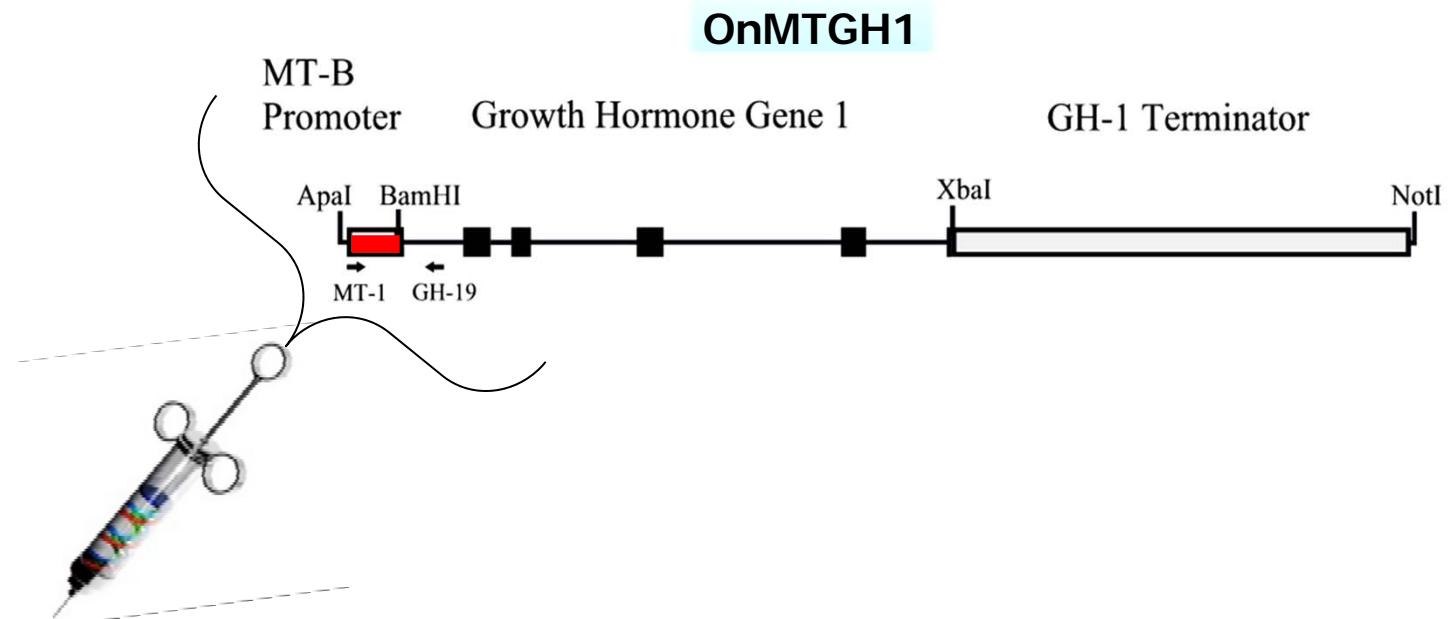
- Expression in pituitary gland
- Seasonal regulation
- Negative feedback regulation by GH/IGF-I



## Mt/GH Gene Construct

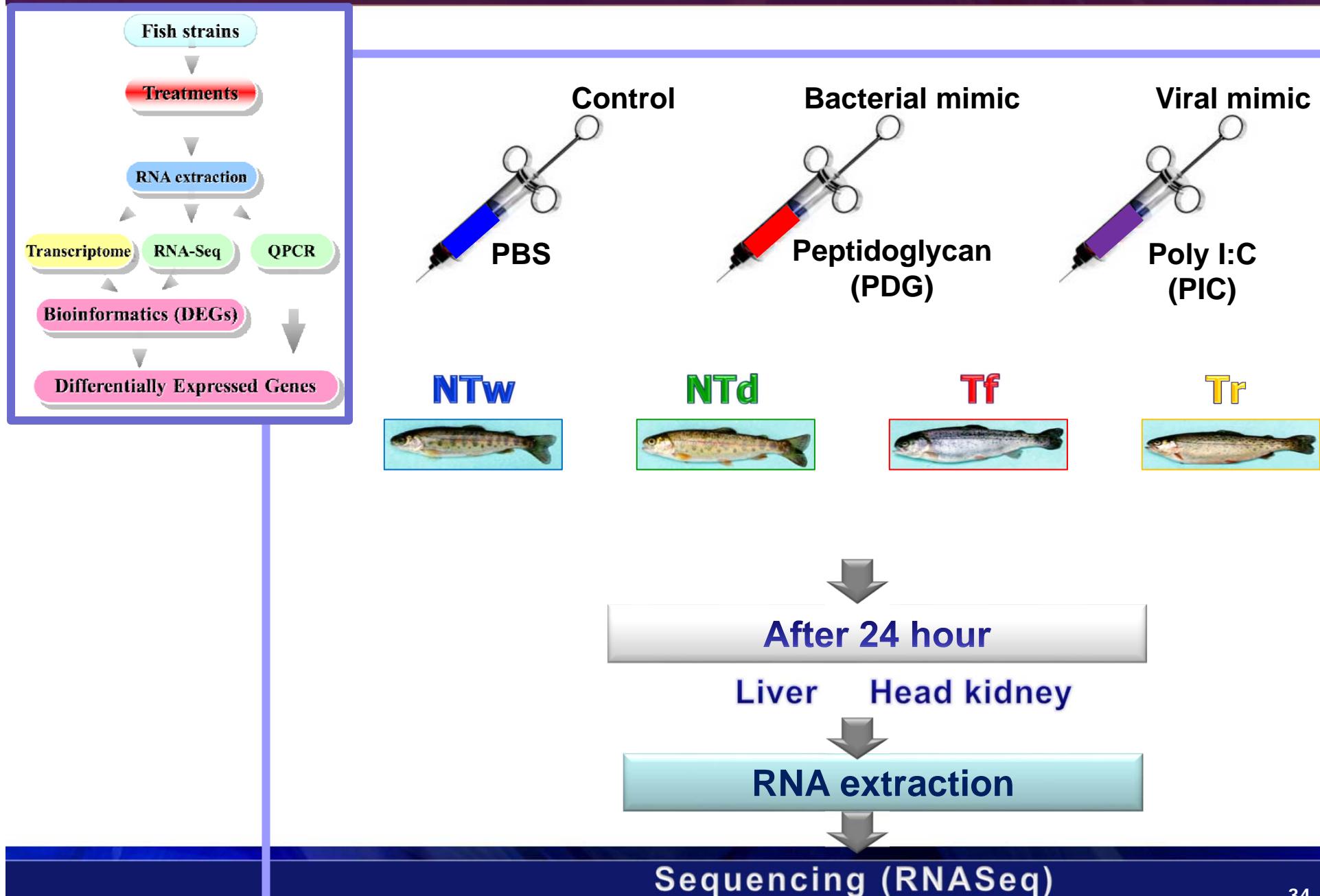
- Expression of GH in many tissues
- Insensitive to feedback regulation
- Seasonally uncoupled
- Inducible

# How to deliver of trans GH-gene into fish?

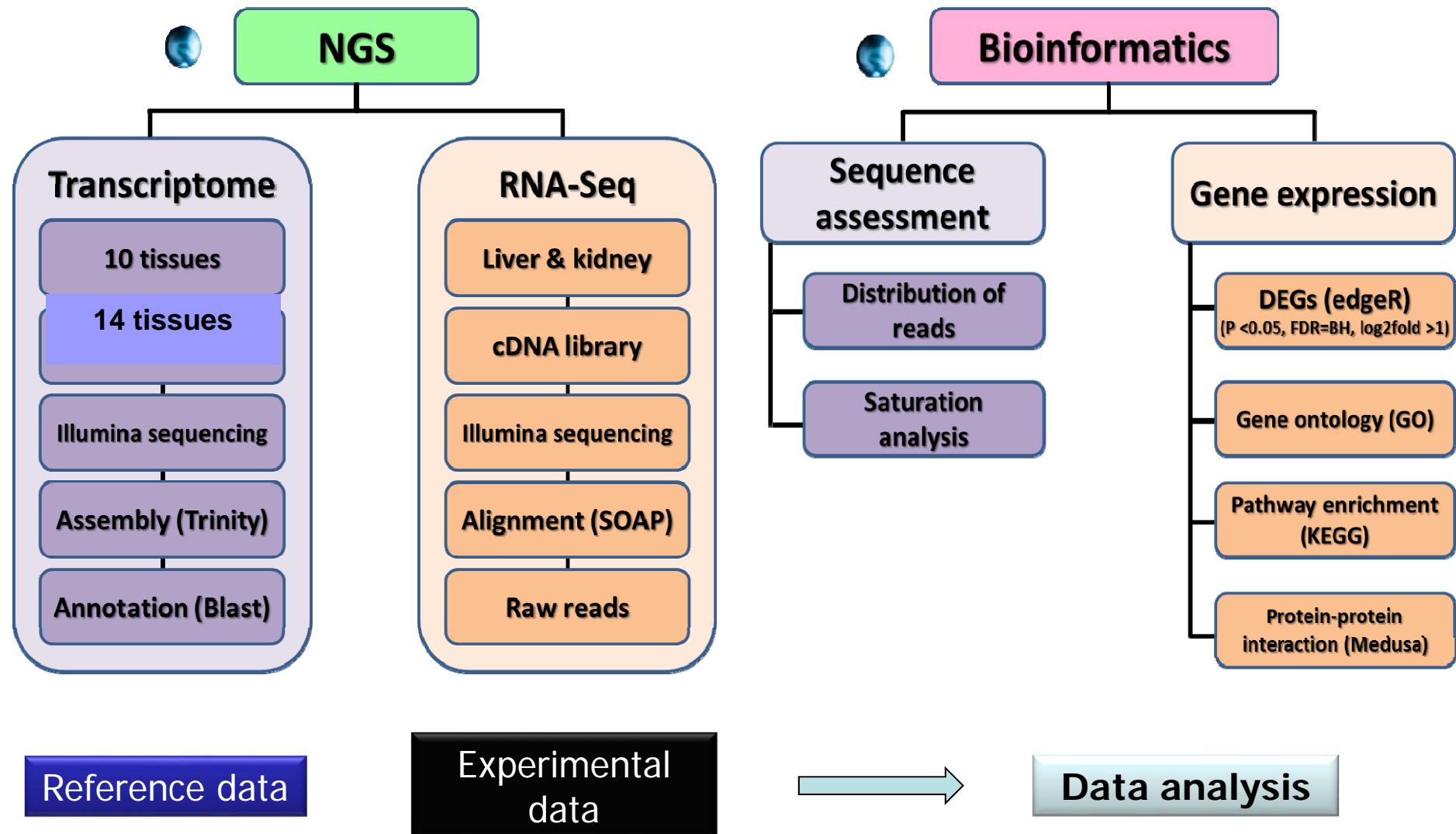


- Introduced into fertilized eggs by micro-injection.
- Insert into genome at a frequency of 1%
- Stable Mendelian transmission

# Experimental design



# Pipeline for sequencing

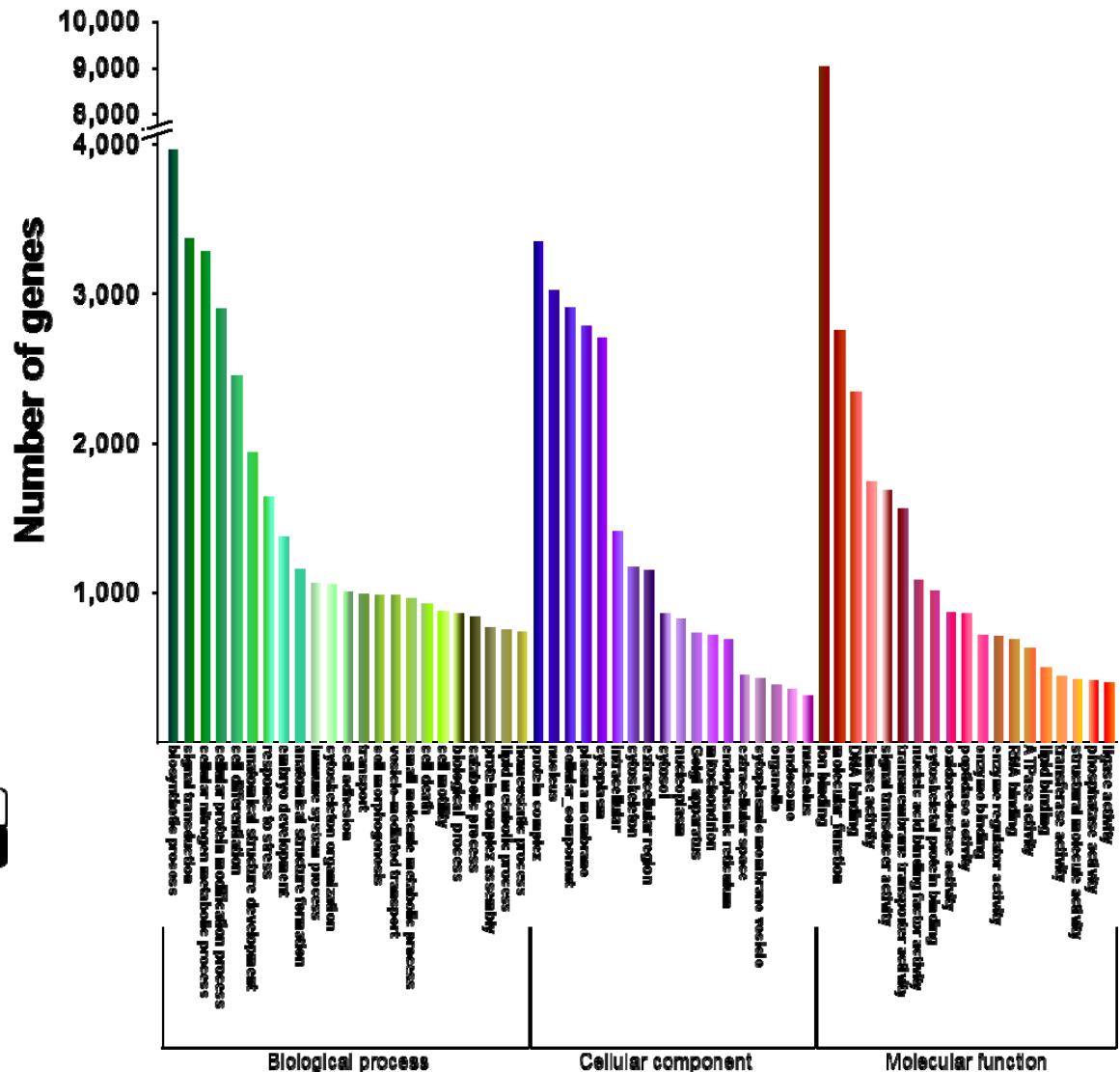
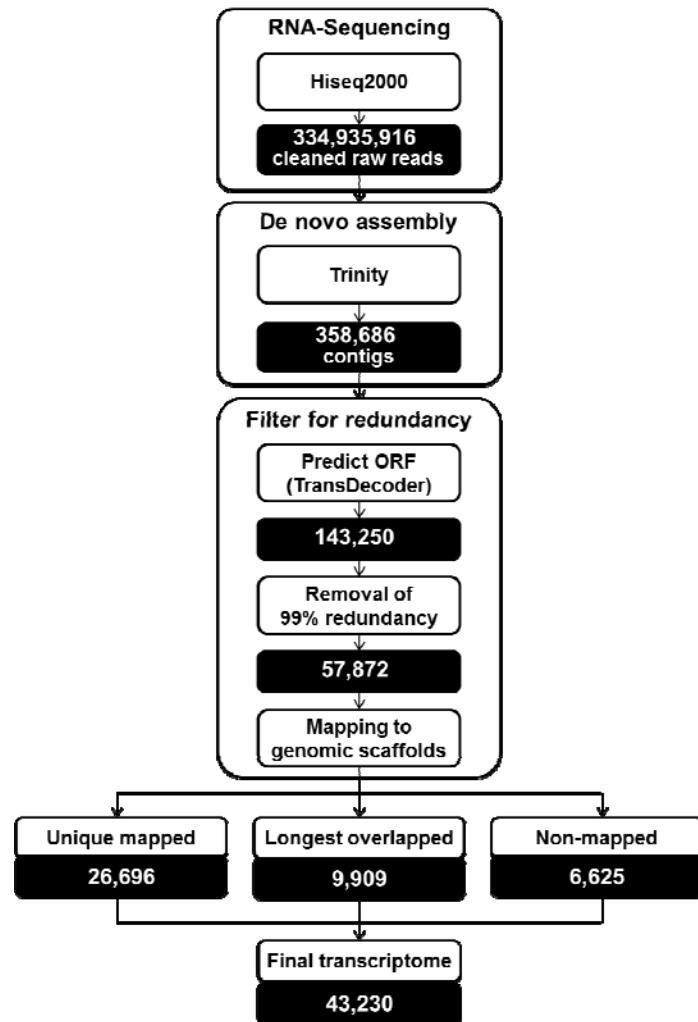


# Statistic analysis by Two-way ANOVA

| Genotype                         | NTw | NTd | Tf | Tr |
|----------------------------------|-----|-----|----|----|
| Treatment                        |     |     |    |    |
| Pathogen                         |     |     |    |    |
| Control                          |     |     |    |    |
| Main effect + Interaction effect |     |     |    |    |

# Results & Discussion

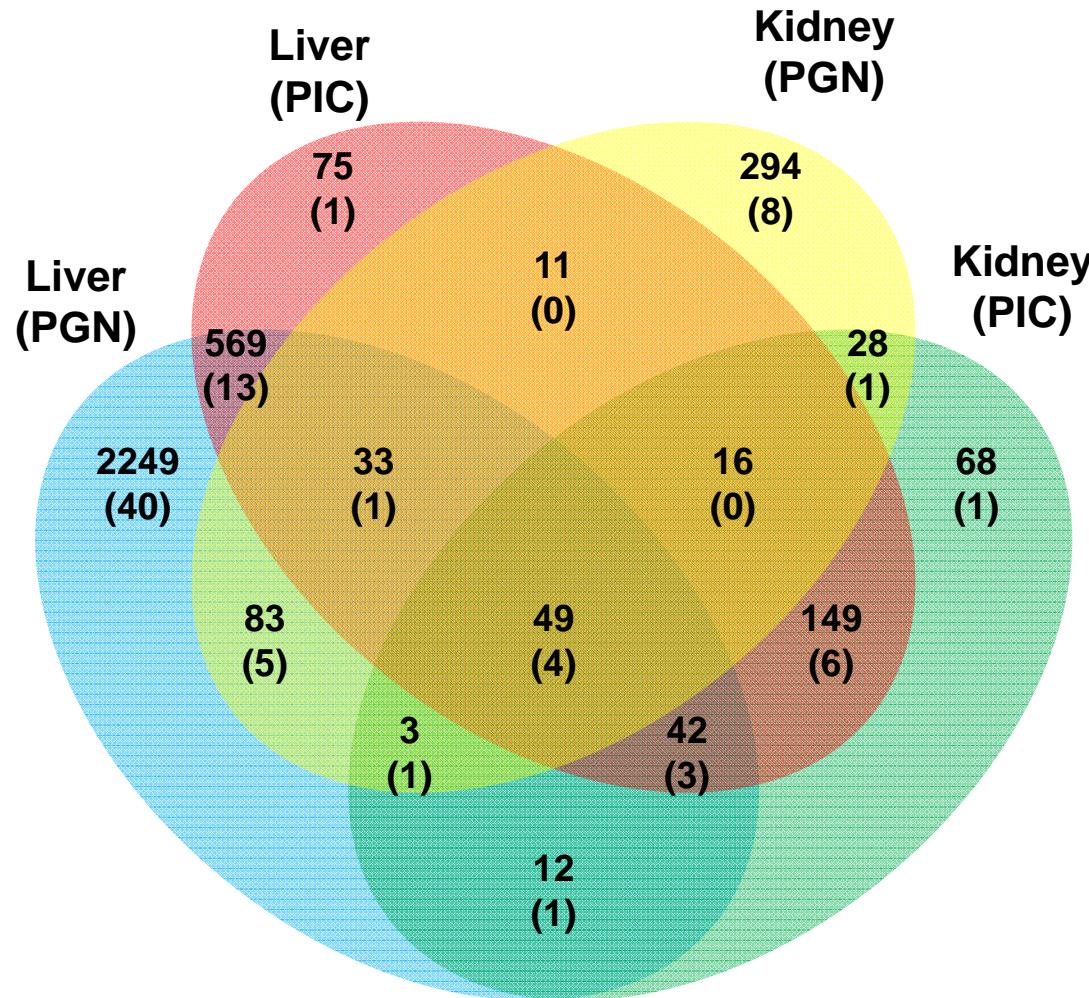
# Construction of transcriptome



# Differentially Expressed Genes (DEGs)

| Gene            | Annotation  | Liver         |               | Kidney        |               |
|-----------------|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                 |   | Peptidoglycan | Poly I:C      | Peptidoglycan | Poly I:C      |
| unigene22407215 | <b>Proto-oncogene c-fos-like</b>  | 1.1           |               | 1.5           |               |
| Unigene22398575 | <b>Marcks-related</b>   | 1.4           |               | 1.9           |               |
| Unigene22394700 | <b>Tumor necrosis factor alpha-2 precursor</b>                                  | 4.7           |               | 3.9           |               |
| Unigene22393447 | <b>Interleukin-1 beta</b>   | 5.4           |               | 4.2           |               |
| Unigene22398574 | <b>Marcks-related</b>   | 1.6           |               | 1.9           |               |
| unigene22402141 | <b>Interferon regulatory factor 7</b>   |               | 2.9           |               | 2.1           |
| Unigene22392264 | <b>Signal transducer and activator of transcription 2 isoform x1</b>            |               | 2.3           |               | 1.5           |
| Unigene22411959 | <b>Sub-family b atp-binding cassette transporter 2</b>                          |               | 2.6           |               | 1.5           |
| Unigene22420866 | <b>E3 ubiquitin ISG15 ligase trim25</b>   |               | 2.0           |               | 1.4           |
| Unigene22392028 | <b>Probable atp-dependent rna helicase ddx58</b>                                |               | 3.6           |               | 2.4           |
| Unigene22405102 | <b>Platelet basic protein precursor</b>   |               | 3.9           |               | 2.8           |
| Unigene22419730 | <b>Heat shock 7 kda protein 4-like</b>  | 3.0           | 2.2           |               |               |
| Unigene22391490 | <b>Tumor necrosis factor receptor superfamily member 5 precursor</b>            | 5.4           | 2.1           |               |               |
| Unigene22419732 | <b>Heat shock 7 kda protein 4-like</b>  | 3.4           | 2.6           |               |               |
| Unigene22404762 | <b>Claudin 5b</b>   | 1.1           | 1.2           |               |               |
| Unigene22420793 | <b>Stat3_chick ame: full=signal transducer and activator of transcription 3</b> | 1.4           | 1.7           |               |               |
| Unigene22414431 | <b>Mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase kinase 8</b>                         | 1.7           | 1.5           |               |               |
| Unigene22401110 | <b>Lipid phosphate phosphohydrolase 1-like</b>                                  | 3.9           | 2.2           |               |               |
| Unigene22418403 | <b>Dna-directed rna polymerase iii subunit rpc5</b>                             | 1.5           | 1.1           |               |               |
| Unigene22407565 | <b>Interferon-gamma receptor alpha chain</b>                                    | 2.3           | 1.8           |               |               |
| Unigene22404345 | <b>High affinity immunoglobulin gamma fc receptor i precursor</b>               | 2.0           | 1.2           |               |               |
| Unigene22400526 | <b>Nf-kappa-b inhibitor epsilon</b>   | 3.2           | 1.7           |               |               |
|                 |   |               |               |               |               |
| Gene            |   | Annotation    |               | Liver         |               |
| Unigene22406581 | <b>C-C motif chemokine 19 precursor</b>   |               | Peptidoglycan | Poly I:C      | Peptidoglycan |
| unigene22422936 | <b>Matrix metalloproteinase-9</b>   | 3.0           | 1.5           | 1.2           | 1.1           |
| unigene22418378 | <b>Growth-regulated alpha</b>   | 1.9           | 2.0           | 1.1           | 1.1           |
| unigene22426238 | <b>---NA---</b>   | 3.5           | 2.5           | 1.9           | 1.8           |

# Differentially Expressed Genes (DEGs)



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a) Liver on PGN

| Tissue | Treatment     | Gene            | Annotation                                      | Tf | Tr | NTw  | NTd  | Tf   | Tr   |
|--------|---------------|-----------------|---|----|----|------|------|------|------|
| Liver  | Peptidoglycan | unigene22407215 | Proto-oncogene c-fos-like                       |    |    | 2.1  | 2.3  | 0.1  | -0.1 |
|        |               | unigene22424575 | Guanylate cyclase soluble subunit beta-1        |    |    | -1.8 | -1.9 | -1.4 | -1.7 |
|        |               | unigene22418378 | Growth-regulated alpha                          |    |    | 3.1  | 3.2  | -0.2 | 1.7  |
|        |               | unigene22426238 | Unknown   |    |    | 3.9  | 3.9  | -0.6 | 2.7  |
| Kidney | Peptidoglycan | unigene22394700 | TNF alpha-2                                     |    |    | 4.5  | 4.0  | 2.3  | 4.8  |
|        |               | unigene22413649 | Actin-related protein 2 complex subunit 1a-like |    |    | -1.4 | -1.5 | -1.0 | -1.0 |
|        |               | unigene22419733 | Heat shock 70 kda protein 4-like                |    |    | 1.3  | 1.2  | 0.7  | 1.1  |

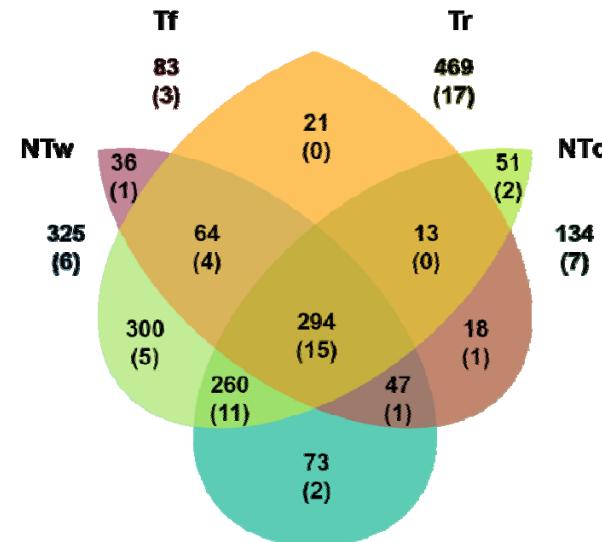
b) Liver on PIC



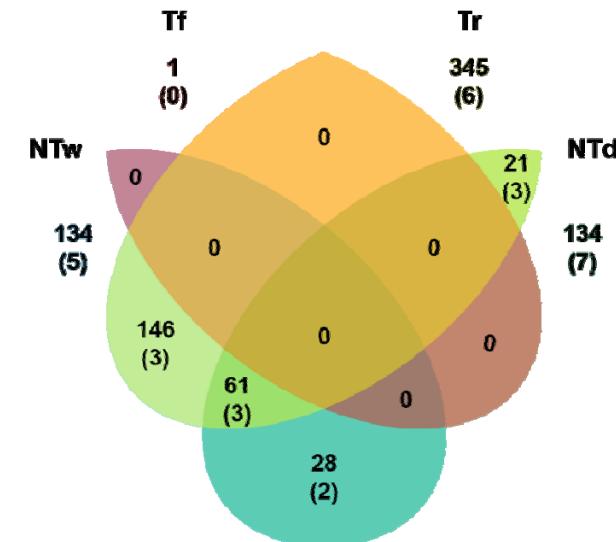
| Tissue | Treatment     | Gene            | Annotation  | NTw  | NTd  | Tf   | Tr   |
|--------|---------------|-----------------|---|------|------|------|------|
| Liver  | Peptidoglycan | unigene22385939 | Claudin-14-like isoform X1  | -0.7 | -0.5 | -0.1 | -1.2 |
|        |               | unigene22386649 | Transforming growth factor beta-1                                       | 0.3  | 0.2  | 1.3  | 2.4  |
|        |               | unigene22393807 | Caspase   | 1.0  | 0.9  | 0.5  | 1.7  |
|        |               | unigene22397333 | Serine threonine-protein kinase TBK1                                    | 0.2  | 0.2  | 0.4  | 1.3  |
|        |               | unigene22398557 | Tir domain-containing adapter molecule 1-like                           | 0.7  | 0.4  | -0.2 | 1.1  |
|        |               | unigene22398574 | MARCKS-related  | 1.1  | 1.3  | 1.8  | 2.3  |
|        |               | unigene22399760 | Plasminogen activator inhibitor 1                                       | 1.4  | 0.8  | 1.7  | 2.5  |
|        |               | unigene22401602 | Caspase-8-like isoform X3   | 0.6  | 1.2  | 0.4  | 2.0  |
|        |               | unigene22401732 | 5-azacytidine-induced protein 2   | 0.9  | 0.5  | 0.4  | 1.4  |
|        |               | unigene22391490 | TNF receptor superfamily member 5                                       | 6.0  | 5.5  | 4.0  | 6.0  |
|        |               | unigene22391703 | Complement component C7-like  | 2.7  | 2.8  | 2.9  | 2.9  |
| Liver  | Peptidoglycan | unigene22392836 | Toll-like receptor 5  | 4.0  | 4.1  | 4.6  | 3.9  |
|        |               | unigene22396127 | Clusterin   | 1.7  | 2.3  | 2.8  | 2.1  |
|        |               | unigene22400525 | NF-kb inhibitor epsilon   | 3.2  | 3.3  | 3.6  | 2.6  |
|        |               | unigene22400526 | NF-kb inhibitor epsilon   | 2.6  | 3.2  | 3.3  | 3.8  |
|        |               | unigene22401110 | Lipid phosphate phosphohydrolase 1-like                                 | 5.0  | 4.1  | 3.3  | 3.2  |
|        |               | unigene22401681 | Mucosa-associated lymphoid tissue lymphoma translocation protein 1-like | 1.1  | 1.1  | 1.4  | 1.1  |
|        |               | unigene22401878 | SHC-transforming protein 2 isoform X1                                   | -2.0 | -2.1 | -1.8 | -2.0 |
|        |               | unigene22404345 | High affinity immunoglobulin gamma FC receptor I                        | 1.4  | 2.7  | 1.7  | 2.0  |
|        |               | unigene22416115 | Junctional adhesion molecule B isoform X1                               | 2.0  | 1.9  | 2.5  | 2.6  |
|        |               | unigene22418403 | DNA-directed RNA polymerase III subunit RPC5                            | 1.7  | 1.2  | 1.2  | 1.8  |
|        |               | unigene22419732 | Heat shock 70 kda protein 4-like  | 3.8  | 3.8  | 2.6  | 3.2  |
|        |               | unigene22422936 | Matrix metalloproteinase-9  | 3.4  | 3.2  | 2.5  | 3.1  |
|        |               | unigene22423393 | Ubiquitin carboxyl-terminal hydrolase CYLD                              | 1.5  | 1.3  | 1.3  | 1.5  |

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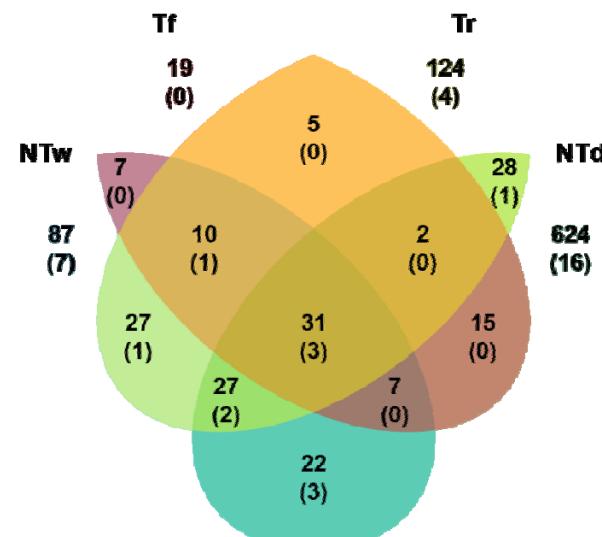
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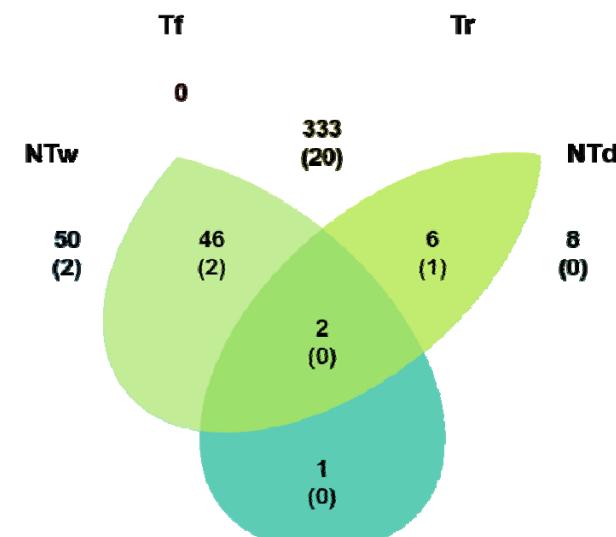
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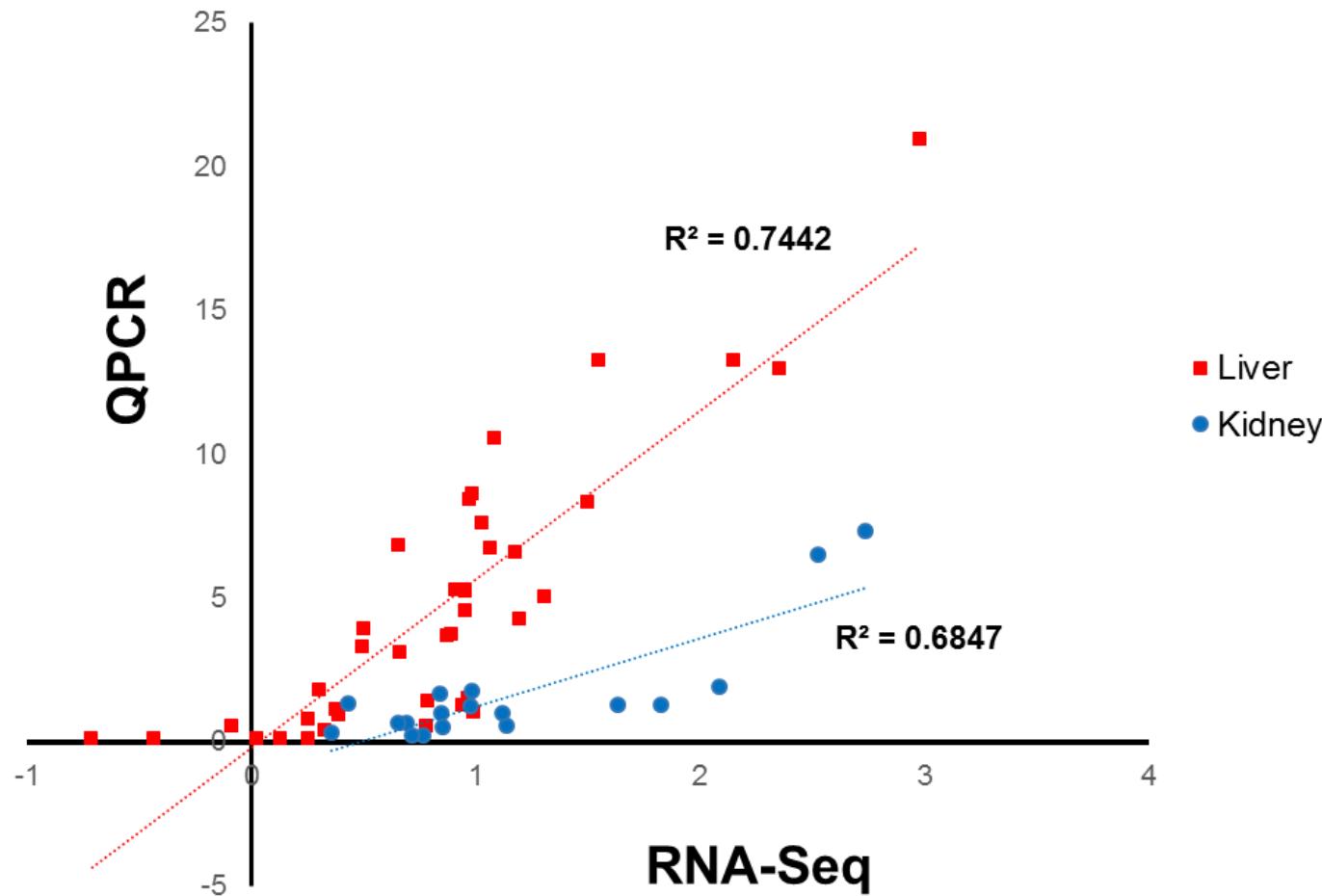
c) Kidney on PGN



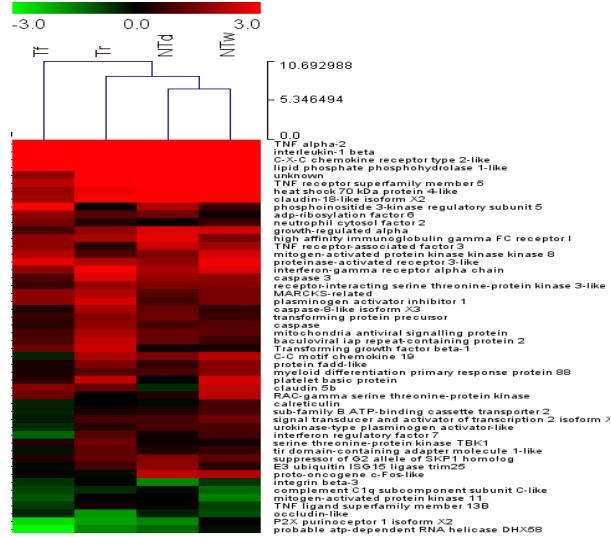
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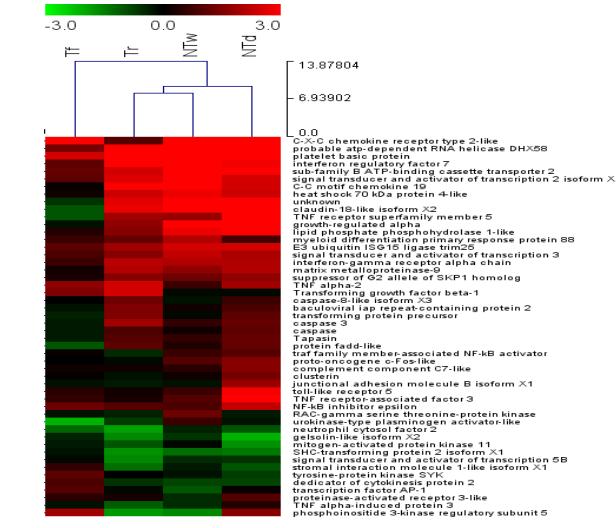
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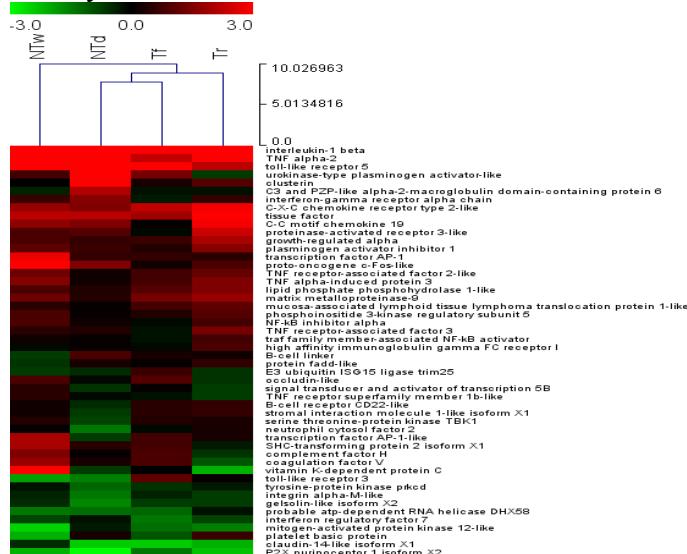
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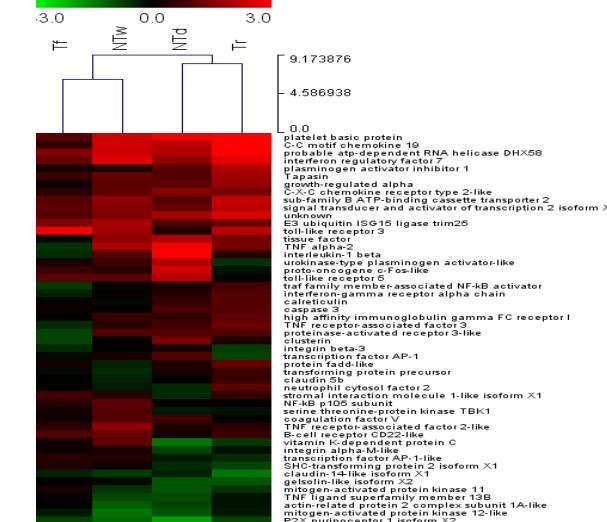
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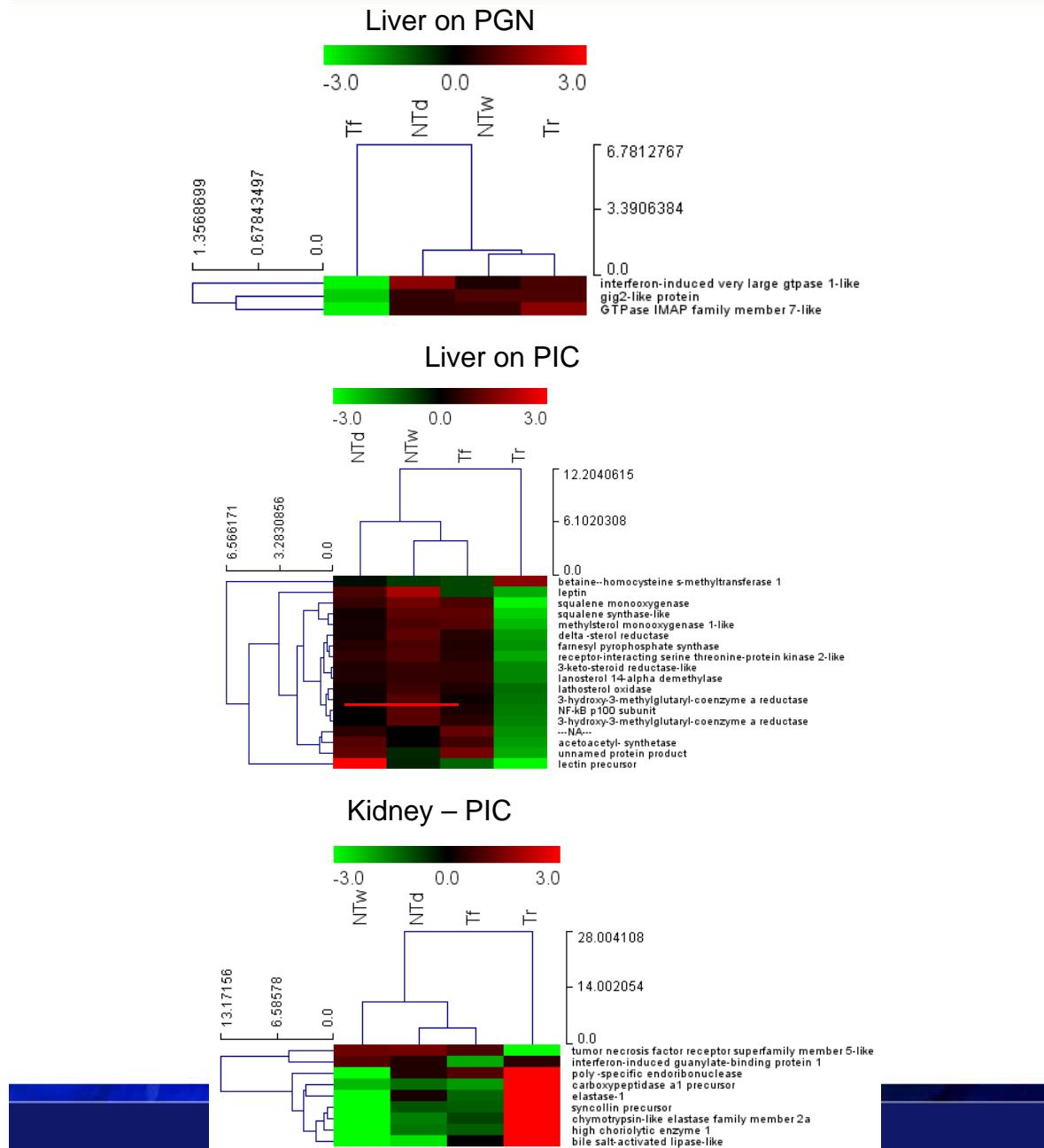
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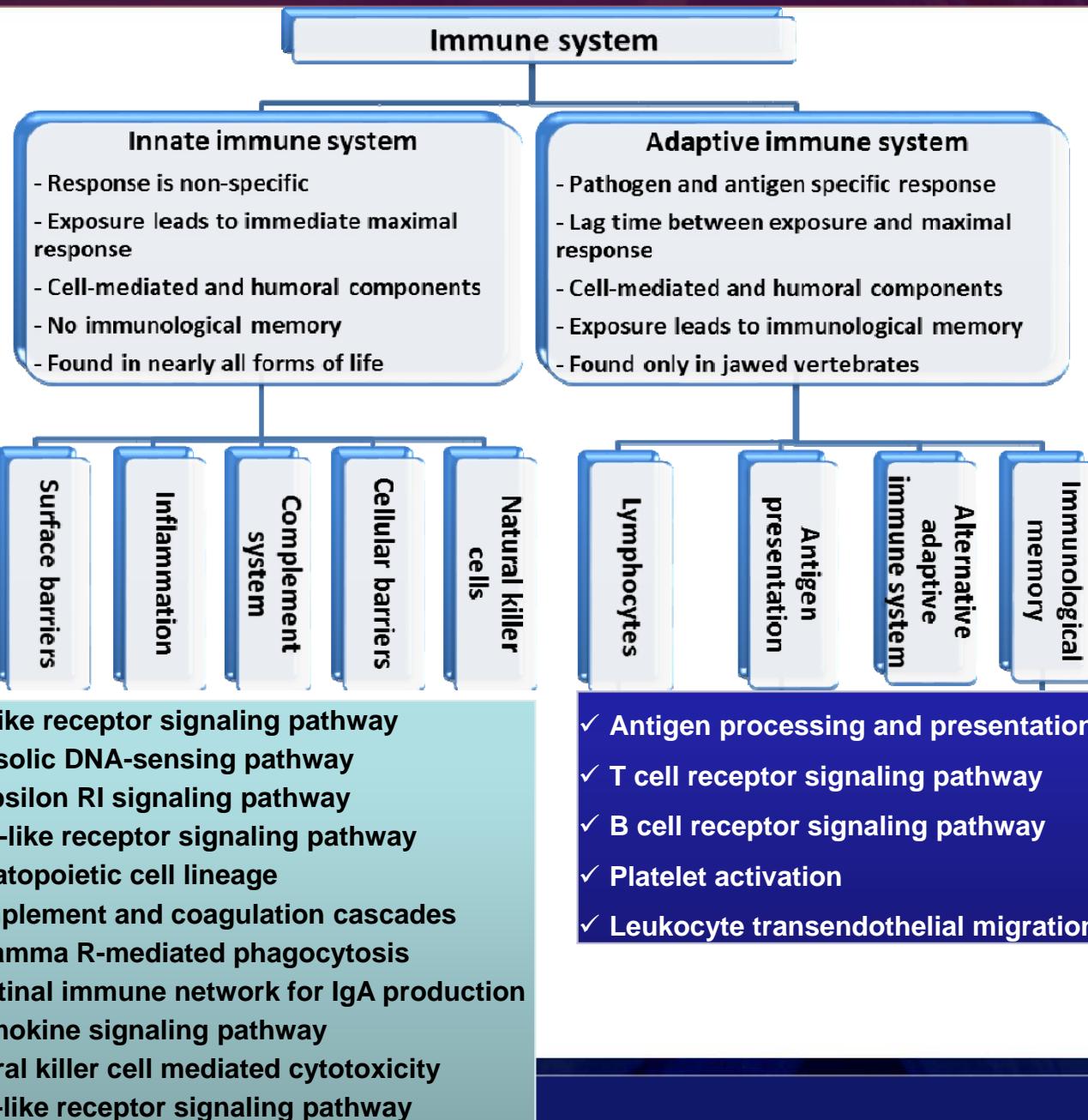
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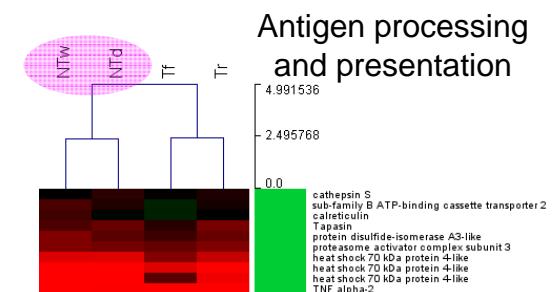
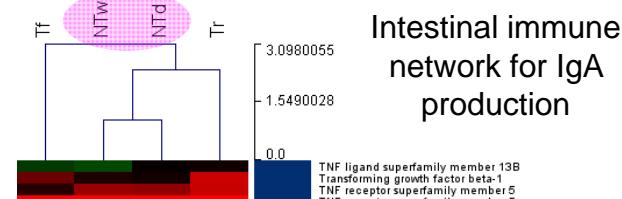
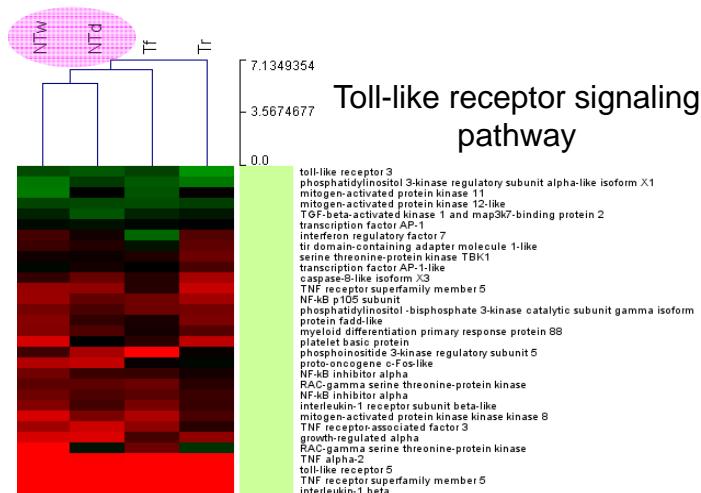
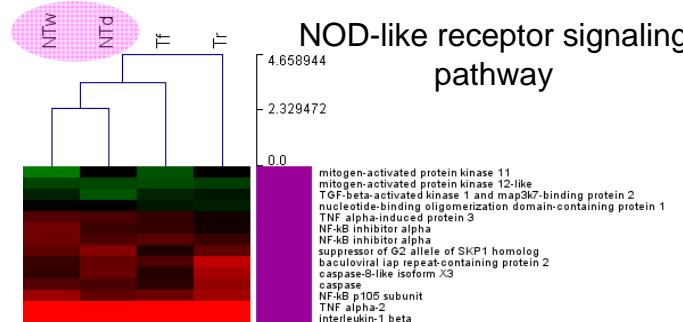
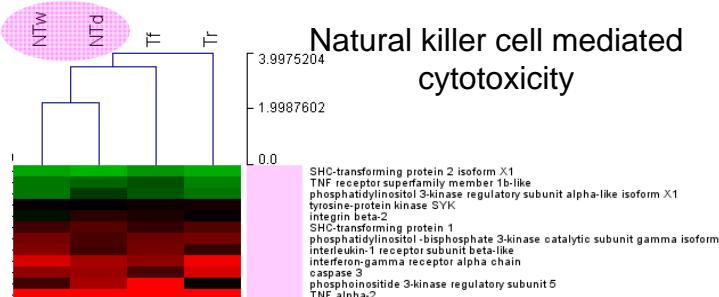
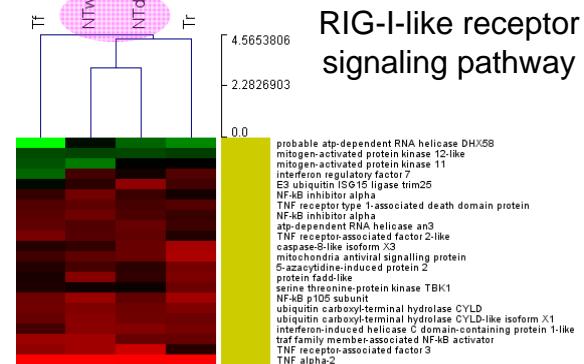
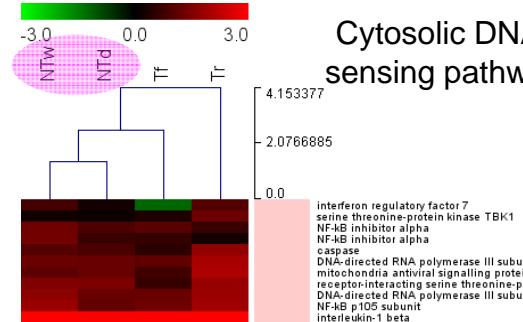
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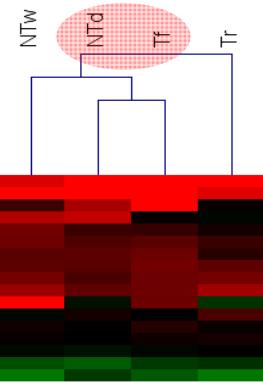


# Components of the immune system

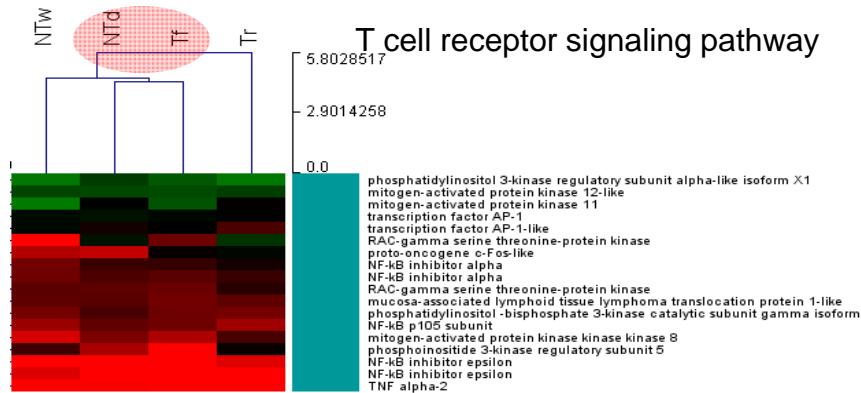


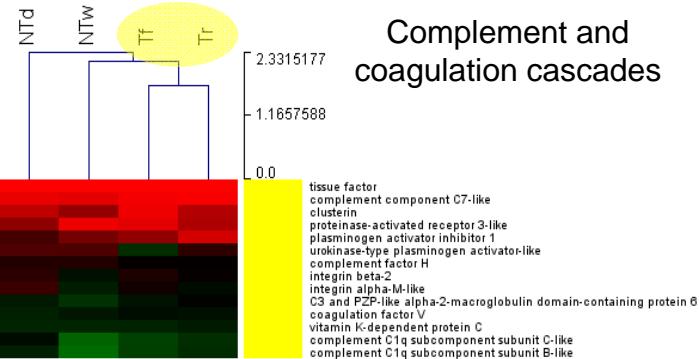
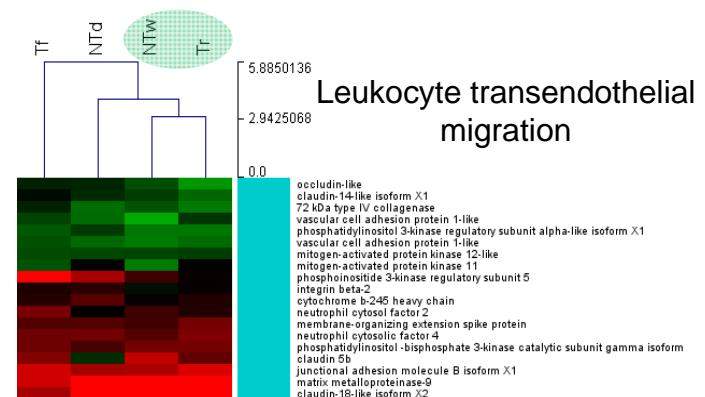
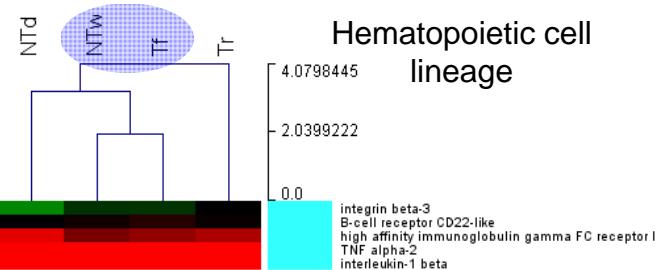
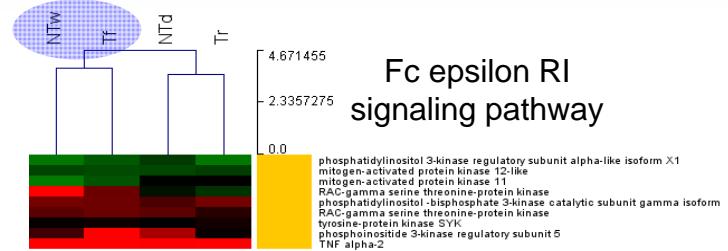
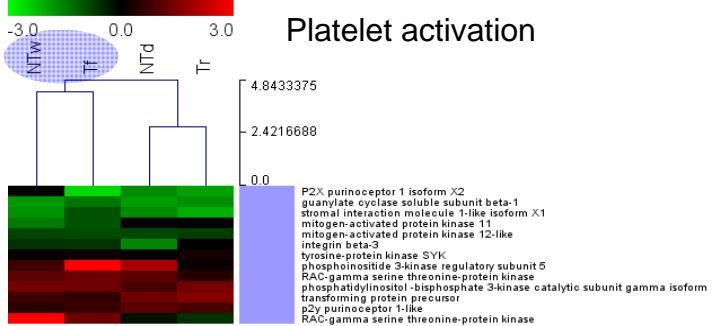
# Genotype-specific KEGG pathway analysis





B cell receptor signaling pathway

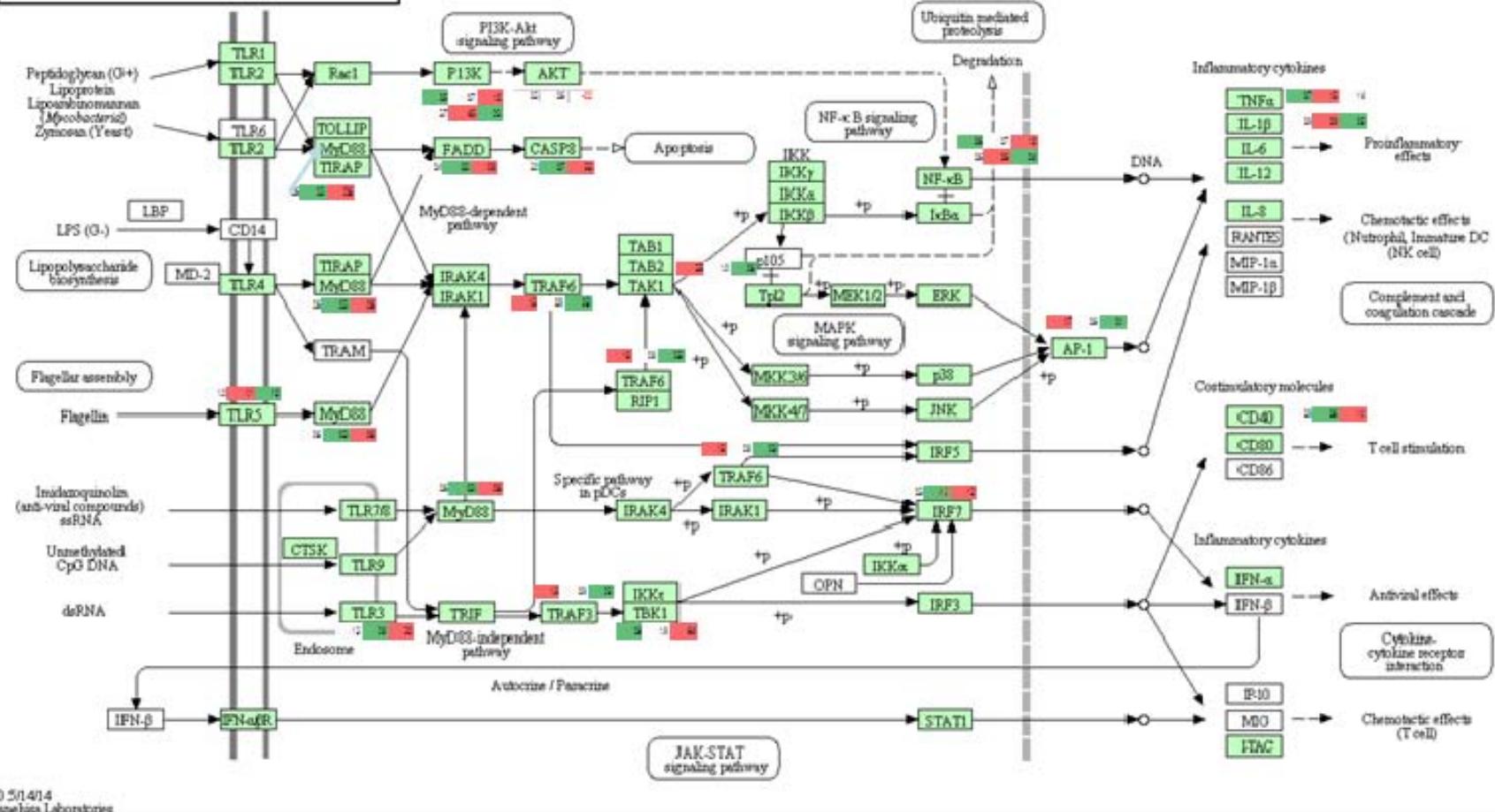




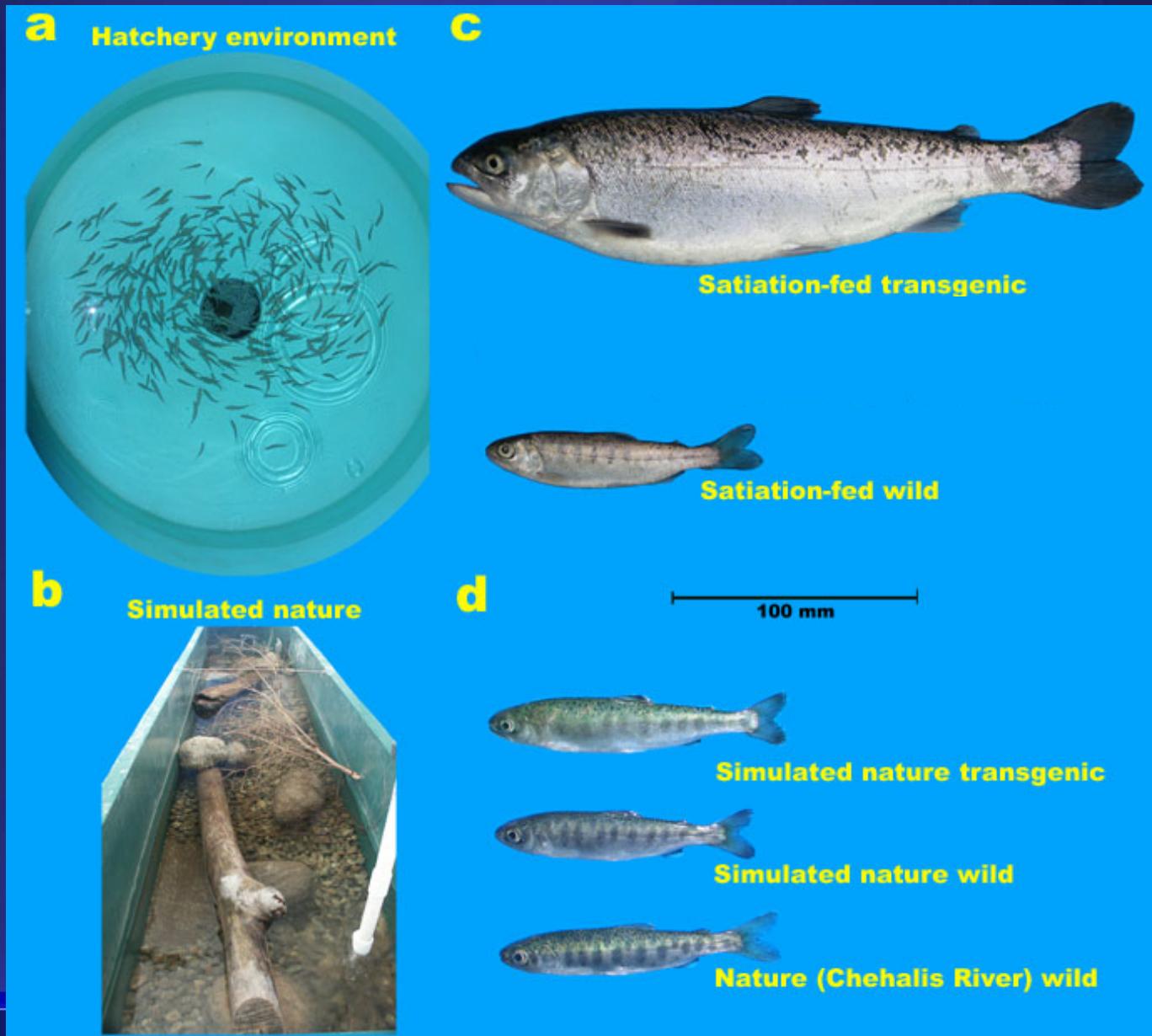
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|-----------|---------|---------|
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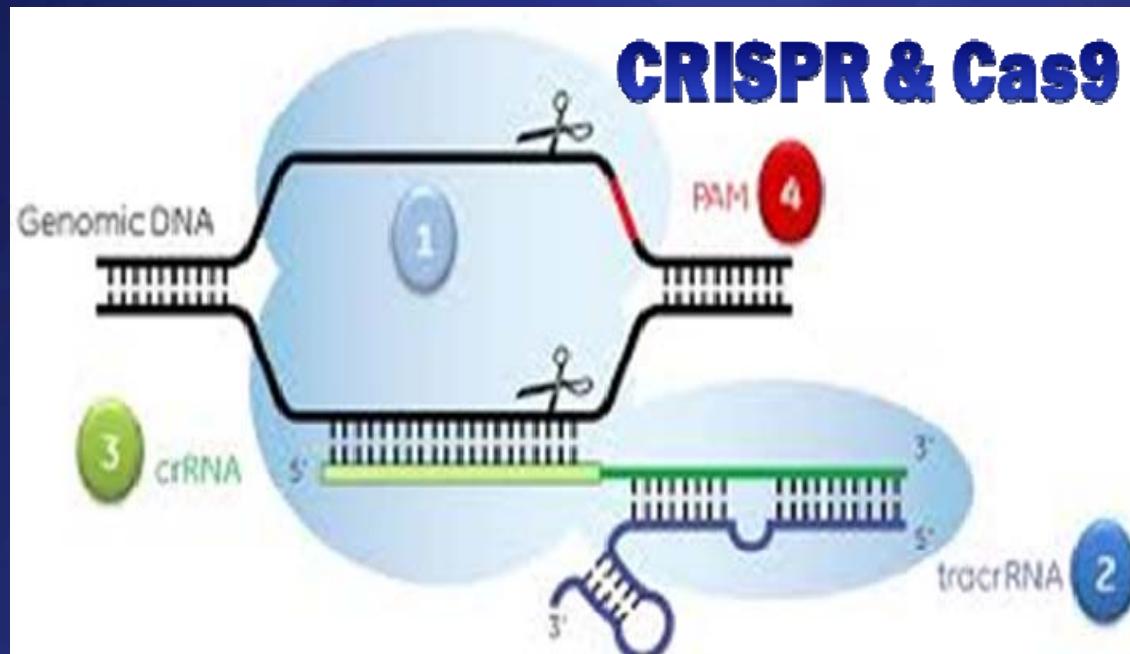
### TOLL-LIKE RECEPTOR SIGNALING PATHWAY



# Growth enhancement phenotype is reduced in naturalized vs. hatchery conditions



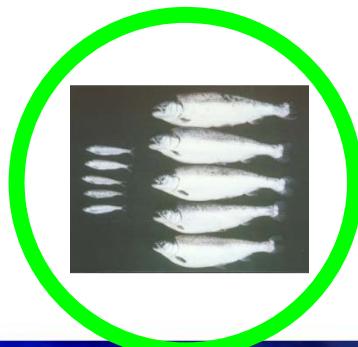
# Study for biological containment



Sterilization for  
Luteinizing hormone

# Summary

- Transgenesis has the potential to dramatically alter the phenotype
- The intended immune responses were strongly activated. There was evidence for major differences in mRNA expression responses of different fish groups according to immune treatment (pathogen-associated molecular patterns - PAMPs).
- No significance of immune gene response by transgene effects
- The results can be used to inform us about the likely resistance of the groups to challenges with actual pathogens by helping to understand of host-pathogen interactions.



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