

Environmental health perspectives on coal pollution: a view from different toxicological models



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COAL MINING IN COLOMBIA

COVER



Oil Refinery... **Santander**



Oil Refinery... **Bolivar**



Coal mining... **Guajira**



Coal mining... **Cesar**



Gold mining... **Amazon**



Gold mining... **Choco**



Gold mining... **Bolivar**



Our Researches

Damage to DNA
Cabarcas-Montalvo et al.



2012

**Chlorosis, reduction in the size of leaves,
abscission of leaves and roots, necrotic tissues**

Coronado-Posada et al.



2013

**Presence of PAH and heavy
metals in marine Sediments of
Coal export terminals**

Caballero-Gallardo et al.



2015

Timeline – 10 Years

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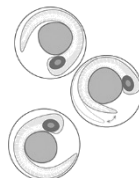


**Coal dust induces molecular,
cellular and histopathological
changes in mice**

Caballero-Gallardo et al.



2016



2018

**Transcriptome results signifying functions
and systems to target in future studies**

Caballero-Gallardo et al.

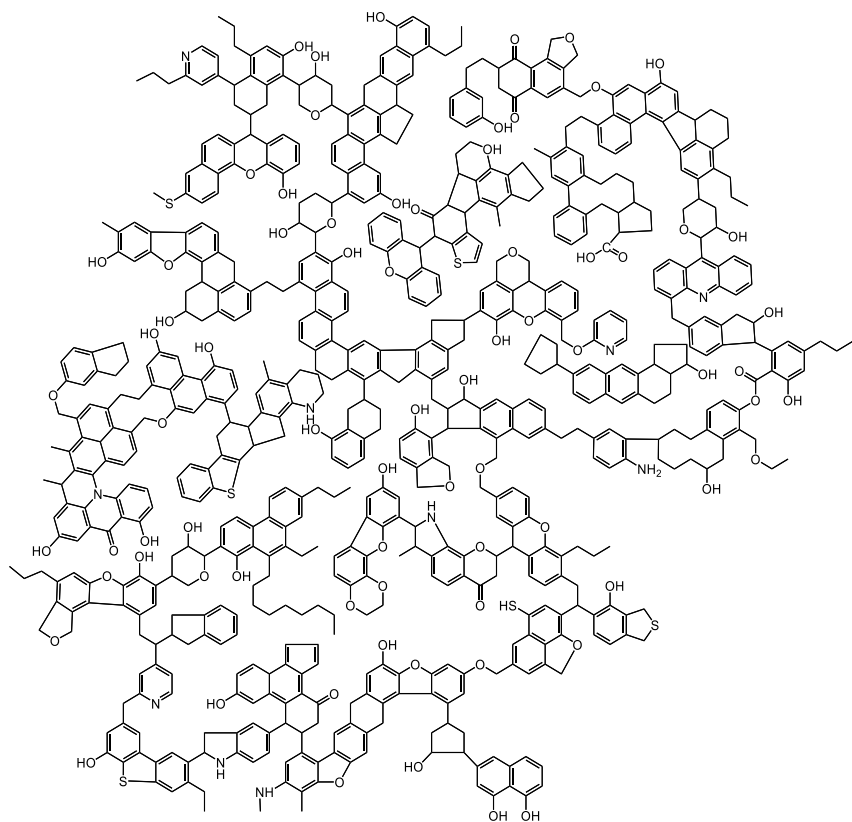
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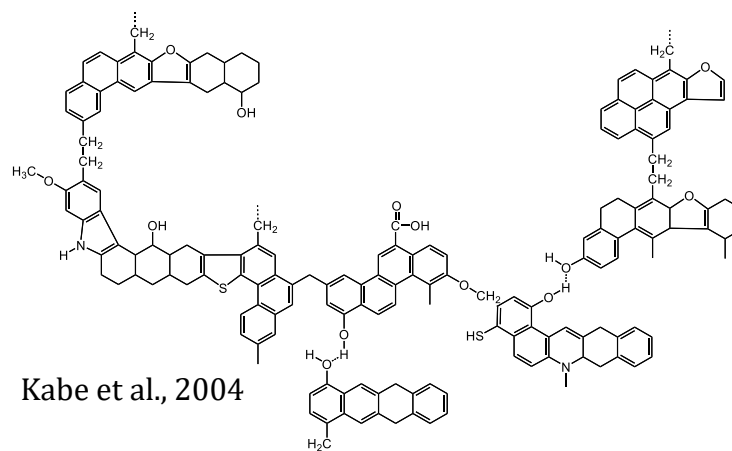
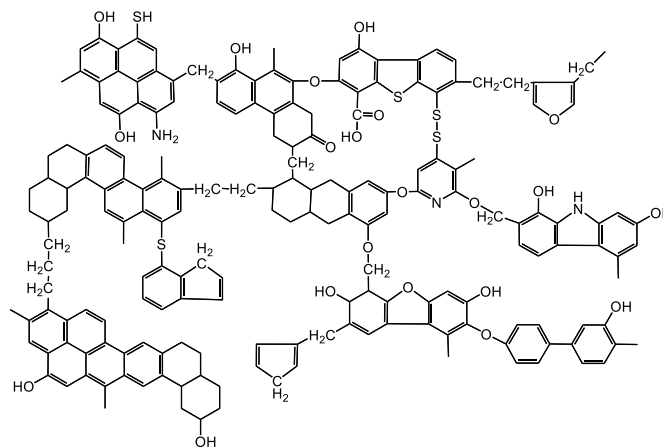
Coal

Coal molecular structure model

Shinn



Wiser



Kabe et al., 2004

Solomon



The phases of coal mining



Exploration



Exploitation



Transport

Coal dust



Thomas (2013).



Coal dust particles are formed when two pieces of mineral crush or get in close contact



1

PAHs

2

Heavy metals

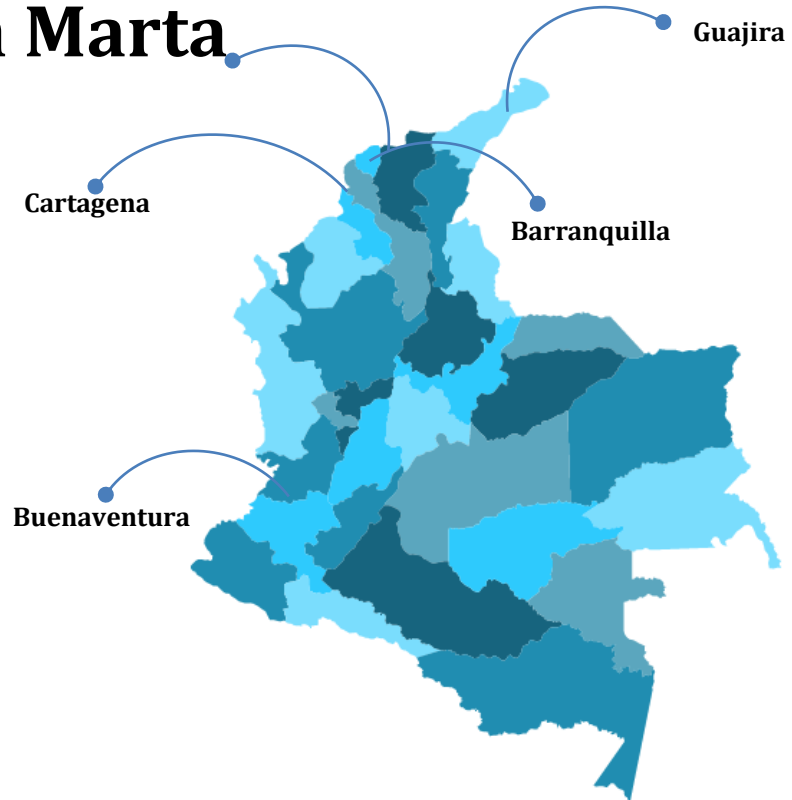
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Dust particles

Coal Port in Santa Marta, Colombia

Colombian Ports for Coal

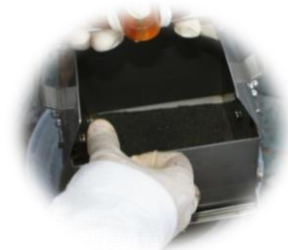
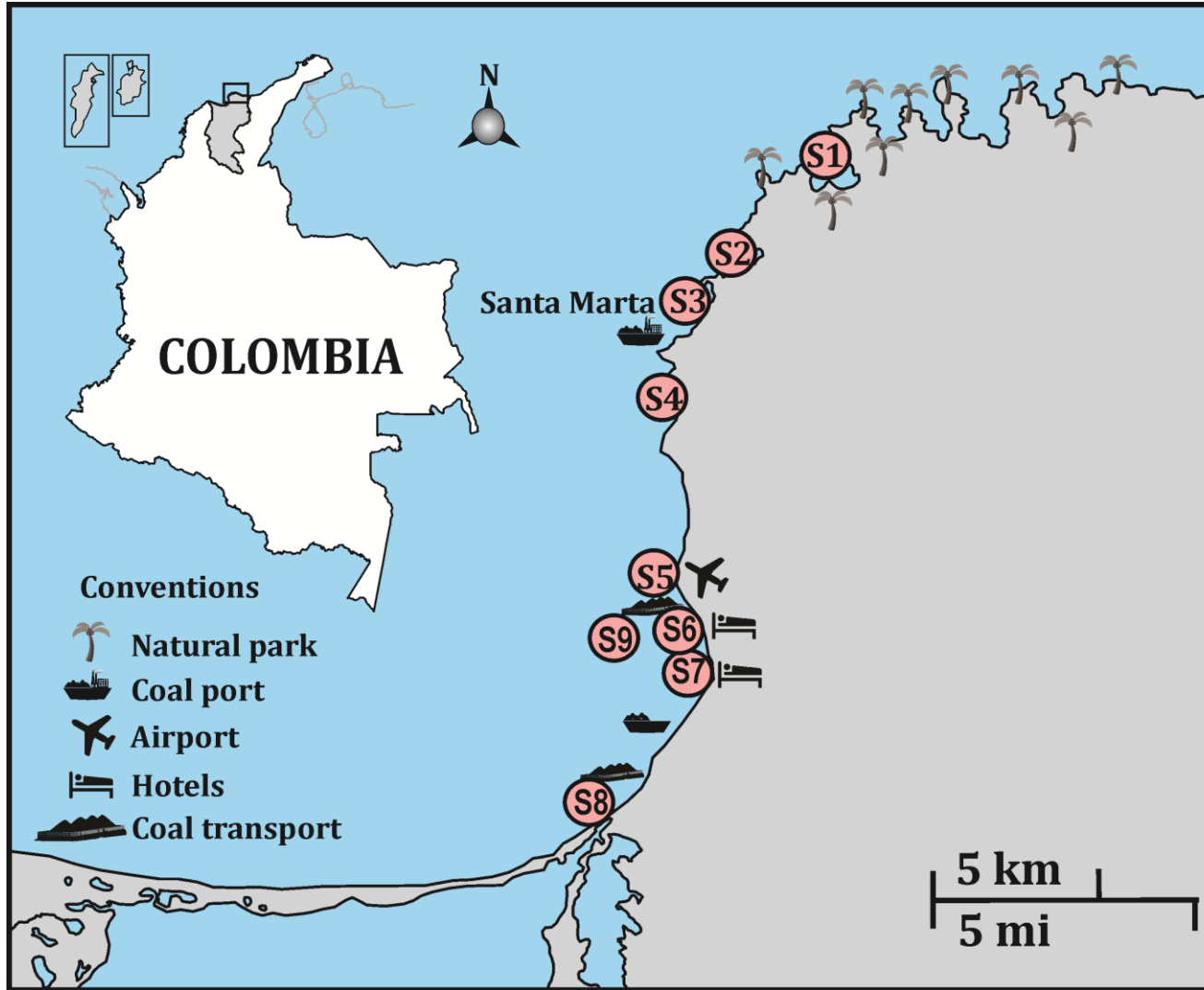
Santa Marta



Caballero-Gallardo et al., 2015



Study area



Marine sediments



**ICP-MS
Trace elements**

1

**GC-MS
PAHs**

2



Cell cultures (HepG2)



3



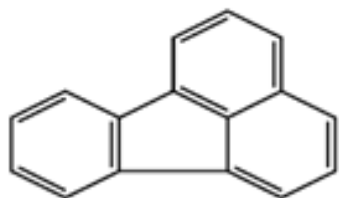
Trace element concentrations ($\mu\text{g/g}$, dry weight) in sediments from Santa Marta shoreline, Colombia, compared to marine Sediment Quality Standards

Station/index name		Cd	Cr	Cu	Pb	Zn	As
S1		0.1	30.5	13.3	6.3	46.8	2.7
S2		0.1	141.2	22.0	6.6	59.2	3.1
S3		0.2	48.8	9.77	11.0	69.7	3.2
S4		0.1	44.9	4.16	6.6	54.9	3.0
S5		0.1	39.7	29.9	7.1	53.7	2.5
S6		0.1	38.8	3.5	6.5	48.9	2.8
S7		0.1	33.7	4.0	5.7	58.3	2.4
S8		0.2	64.9	21.4	10.0	89.3	7.4
S9		0.1	67.1	22.1	12.2	106.0	11.2
Marine sediment pollution index (MSPI) Shin y Lam (2001)	Percentile 0–20	0.6	2.0	3.0	3.3	15.4	7.0
	Percentile 21–40	1.0	5.0	6.0	5.0	34.0	8.0
	Percentile 41–60	1.5	9.2	12.0	8.0	57.0	10.2
	Percentile 61–80	2.9	19.6	30.6	18.2	101.6	21.0
	Percentile 81–100	8.0	63.0	191.0	69.0	507.0	58.0

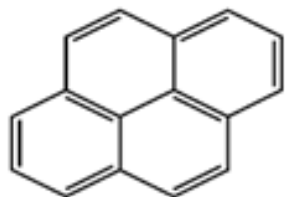
The sediment quality based on MSPI, as follows: MSPI 0-20: sediment in excellent condition; MSPI 21-40: sediment in good condition; MSPI 41-60: sediment in average condition; MSPI 61-80: sediment in poor condition; MSPI 81-100: sediment in bad condition.



PAHs in marine sediments



Fluoranthene
FL



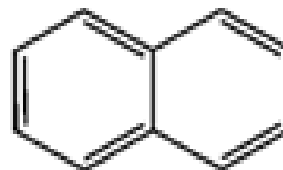
Pyrene
Pyr



Phenanthrene
Phe

Coal waste materials from coal areas

Ribeiro et al., 2012



Naphtalene
Nap

Coal cargo transport

Various types of coal
(Achten y Hofmann, 2009;
Van Kooten et al., 2002;
Tripp et al., 1981).
S9, S8 y S7



Coal pollution in beaches



Coal cargo transport



Touristic places

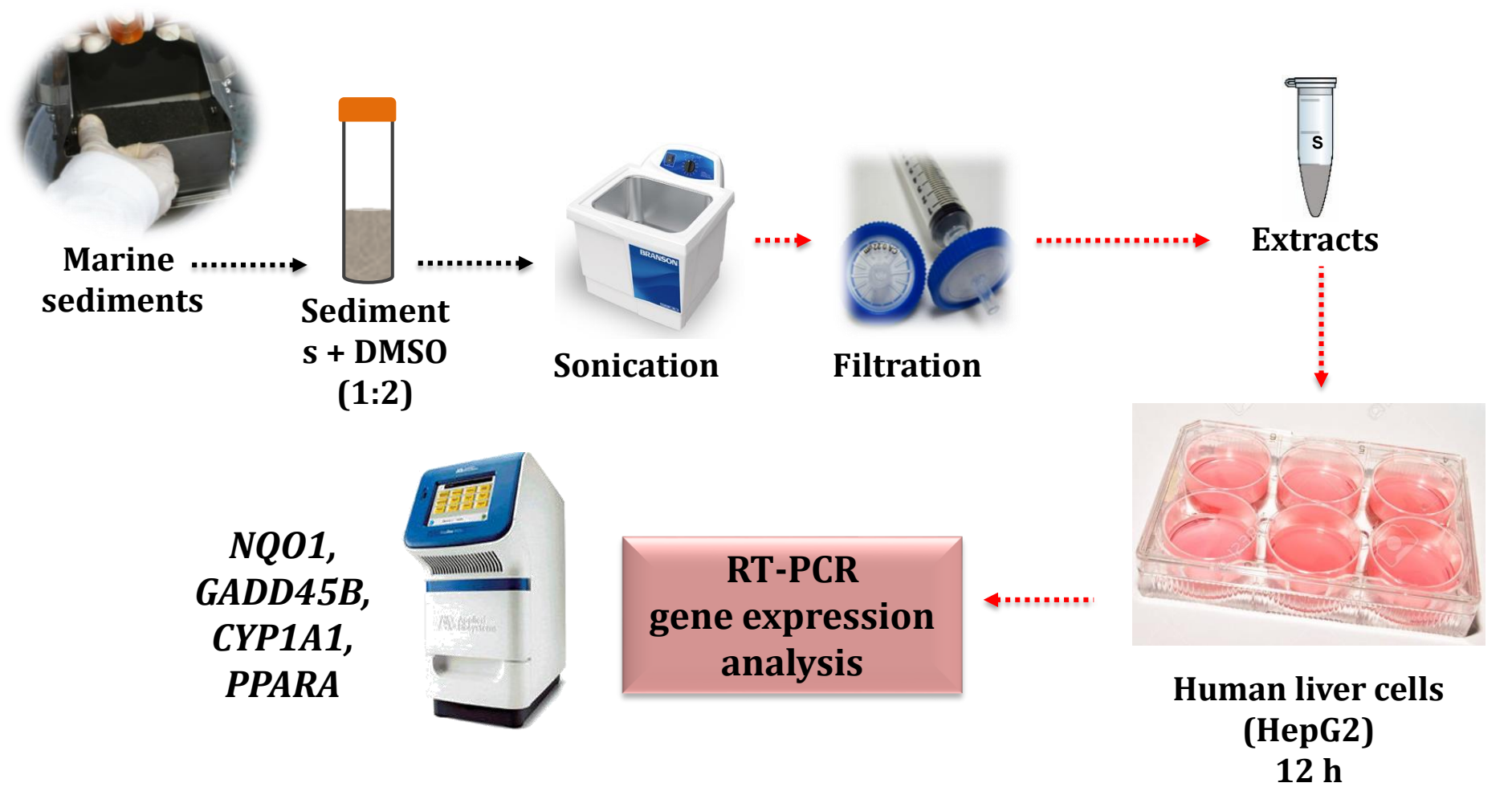
Metals
PAHs

Are those chemicals biologically active?

Do they represent a problem for the biota or maybe the humans?



Biological experiments with sediment extracts



Relative quantification of mRNA of *CYP1A1* (Cytochrome P450, family 1, subfamily A, polypeptide 1), *NQO1* (NAD(P)H dehydrogenase quinone 1), *GADD45B* (DNA damage inducible gene 45 b) and *PPARA* (Peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor alpha) in HepG2 Cells treated with 1% marine sediment extracts

RELATIVE QUANTIFICATION OF mRNA								
	<i>CYP1A1</i>		<i>NQO1</i>		<i>GADD45B</i>		<i>PPARA</i>	
SAMPLE	HMBS	B2M	HMBS	B2M	HMBS	B2M	HMBS	B2M
C-	1.0 ± 0.2	1.0 ± 0.2	1.0 ± 0.1	1.0 ± 0.1	1.0 ± 0.1	1.0 ± 0.1	1.0 ± 0.2	1.0 ± 0.2
CE (500 ppm)	176.4 ± 23.0*	189.9 ± 31.8*	1.9 ± 0.0	2.6 ± 0.6	6.8 ± 1.7*	7.3 ± 1.8*	1.1 ± 0.3	1.2 ± 0.4
CE (1000 ppm)	307.2 ± 40.5*	231.9 ± 73.0*	3.9 ± 0.4*	4.0 ± 0.1*	30.2 ± 9.5*	19.0 ± 4.0*	1.6 ± 0.9	0.8 ± 0.0
S1	3.6 ± 0.4	2.7 ± 0.1	1.8 ± 0.4	1.3 ± 0.1	1.4 ± 0.3	1.0 ± 0.0	0.6 ± 0.1	0.5 ± 0.0
S2	2.6 ± 0.9	1.6 ± 0.2	1.2 ± 0.1	1.2 ± 0.1	1.3 ± 0.2	0.9 ± 0.2	0.7 ± 0.2	0.4 ± 0.1
S3	61.5 ± 13.1*	36.6 ± 2.4*	2.1 ± 0.2	1.7 ± 0.0	1.4 ± 0.2	0.8 ± 0.1	0.6 ± 0.1	0.4 ± 0.1
S4	1.2 ± 0.2	1.7 ± 0.3	1.0 ± 0.3	1.2 ± 0.1	0.7 ± 0.3	0.8 ± 0.3	0.5 ± 0.1	0.8 ± 0.2
S5	0.5 ± 0.1	1.0 ± 0.1	1.4 ± 0.1	2.7 ± 0.1	0.1 ± 0.0	0.3 ± 0.0	0.8 ± 0.1	1.6 ± 0.1
S6	1.1 ± 0.4	1.5 ± 0.5	3.3 ± 0.9*	3.4 ± 0.4*	0.1 ± 0.0	0.1 ± 0.0	1.4 ± 0.2	1.8 ± 0.9
S7	1.1 ± 0.3	1.3 ± 0.4	4.3 ± 1.3*	3.0 ± 0.4*	0.1 ± 0.0	0.2 ± 0.0	0.9 ± 0.1	1.6 ± 0.2
S8	2.2 ± 0.2	3.3 ± 0.7	2.4 ± 0.1*	3.5 ± 0.5*	0.1 ± 0.0	0.2 ± 0.0	0.8 ± 0.1	1.2 ± 0.3
S9	11.9 ± 4.5*	11.4 ± 3.2*	3.7 ± 0.9*	3.6 ± 0.1*	0.2 ± 0.0	0.2 ± 0.1	1.0 ± 0.1	1.1 ± 0.2

Gene expression was normalized with HMBS and B2M. C-, Negative control; CE, Coal Extract (Positive control); S1-S9, marine sediment extracts.* Significant difference ($P < 0.05$) compared to the Negative control.



Sediments from coal ports



Pollutants

Biologically
Active

Biota

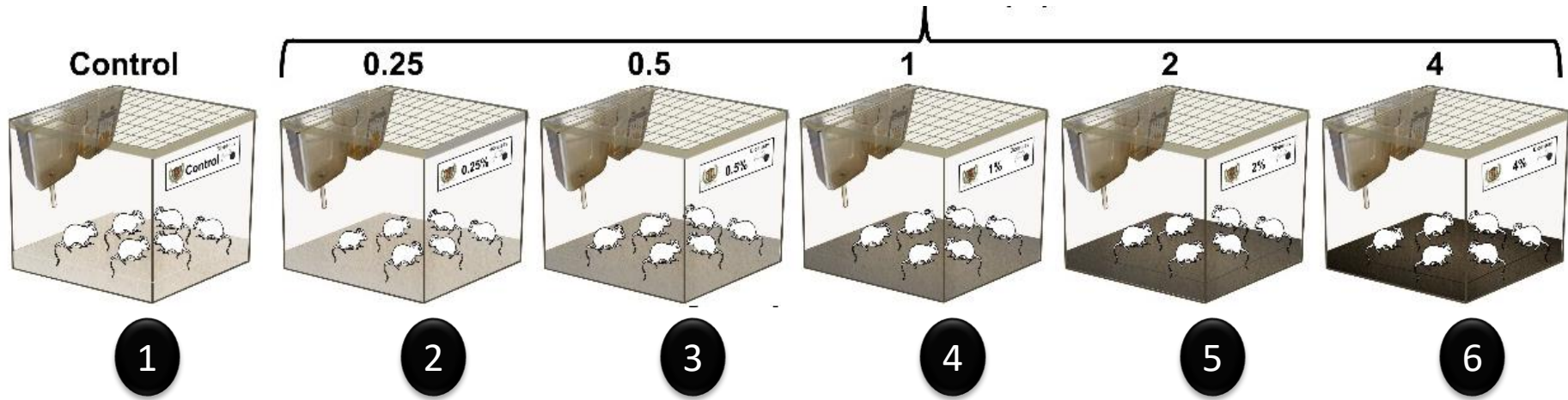
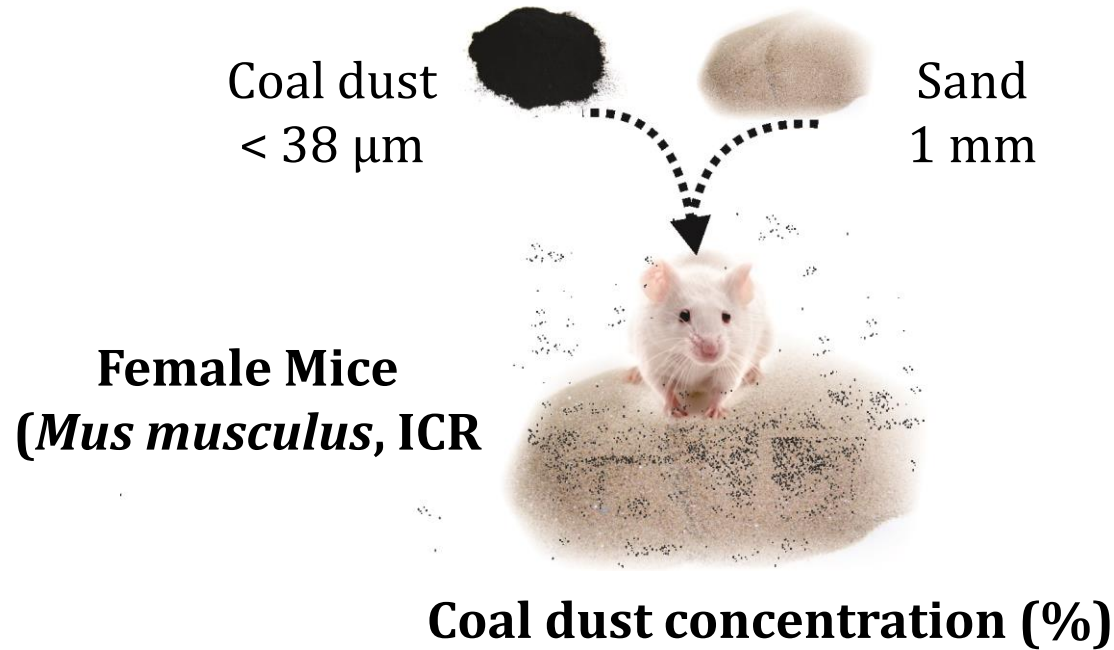
Humans



Is it possible that these effects also occur in the soil, when biota organisms have direct contact with coal dust particles?



Model of coal dust exposure in sand



For eight weeks exposure



Coal dust <38 μm



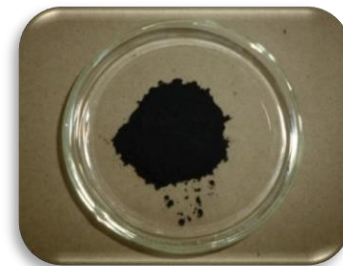
Coal sample
(Cesar, Colombia)



**Crushed with a
pestle and mortar**



Sieved
(20/40/60/100/400)



Coal dust
<38 μm

The routes of exposure

Coal dust ingestion



Dermal contact



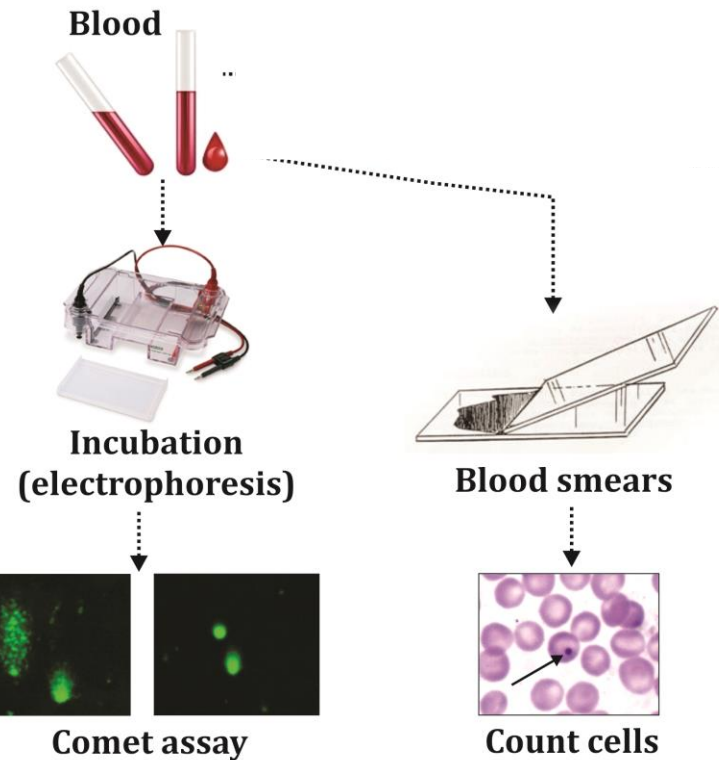
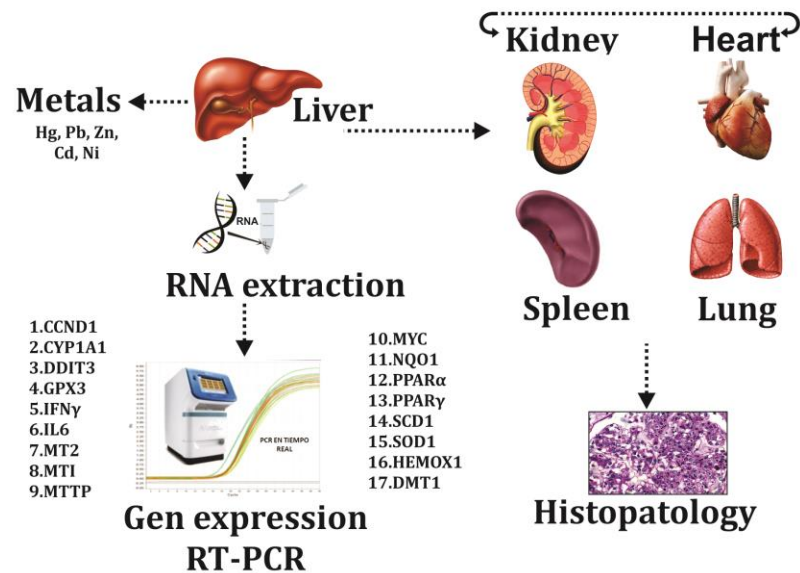
Coal dust inhalation



Caballero-Gallardo et al., 2016



Blood and tissue collection



Caballero-Gallardo et al., 2016



Metals concentrations ($\mu\text{g/g}$) in hepatic tissue

Metal	n	Control	2 %	4 %
Hg	6	<DL	<0.0004	<0.0004
Pb	5	<DL	<0.038	<0.038
Ni	6	0.07 \pm 0.003	0.07 \pm 0.001	0.09 \pm 0.001*
Cd	6	0.07 \pm 0.001	0.06 \pm 0.001	0.07 \pm 0.002
Zn	6	78.92 \pm 0.10	80.22 \pm 0.20*	87.74 \pm 0.59*

*. Significant difference ($P<0.05$) when compared to non-exposed group (sand without coal dust).

Bats



79.67 \pm 11.8 $\mu\text{g/g}$
 Zocche et al. (2010)
 Brazil

Amphibians



87.4 \pm 6.4 $\mu\text{g/g}$
 Zocche et al. (2013)
 Brazil

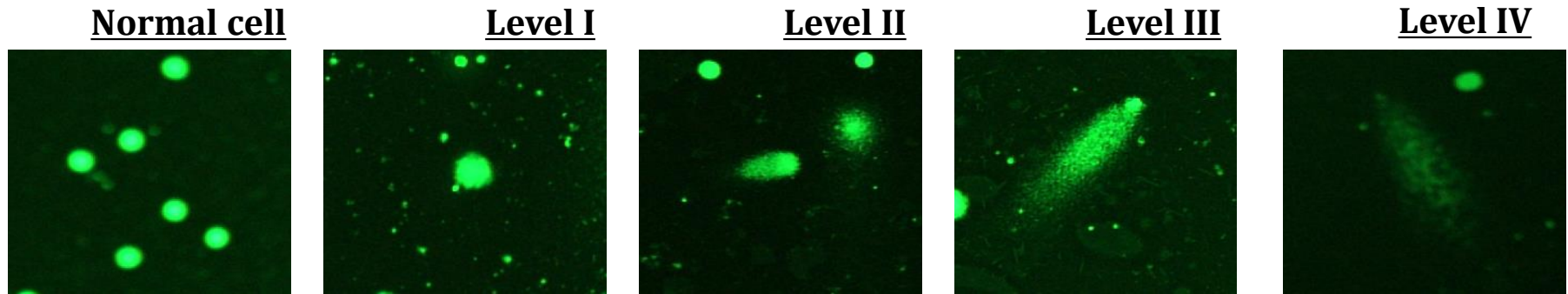
Mice



16.73 \pm 4.73 $\mu\text{g/g}$
 Guerero-Castilla et al. (2014)
 Colombia



Comet assay



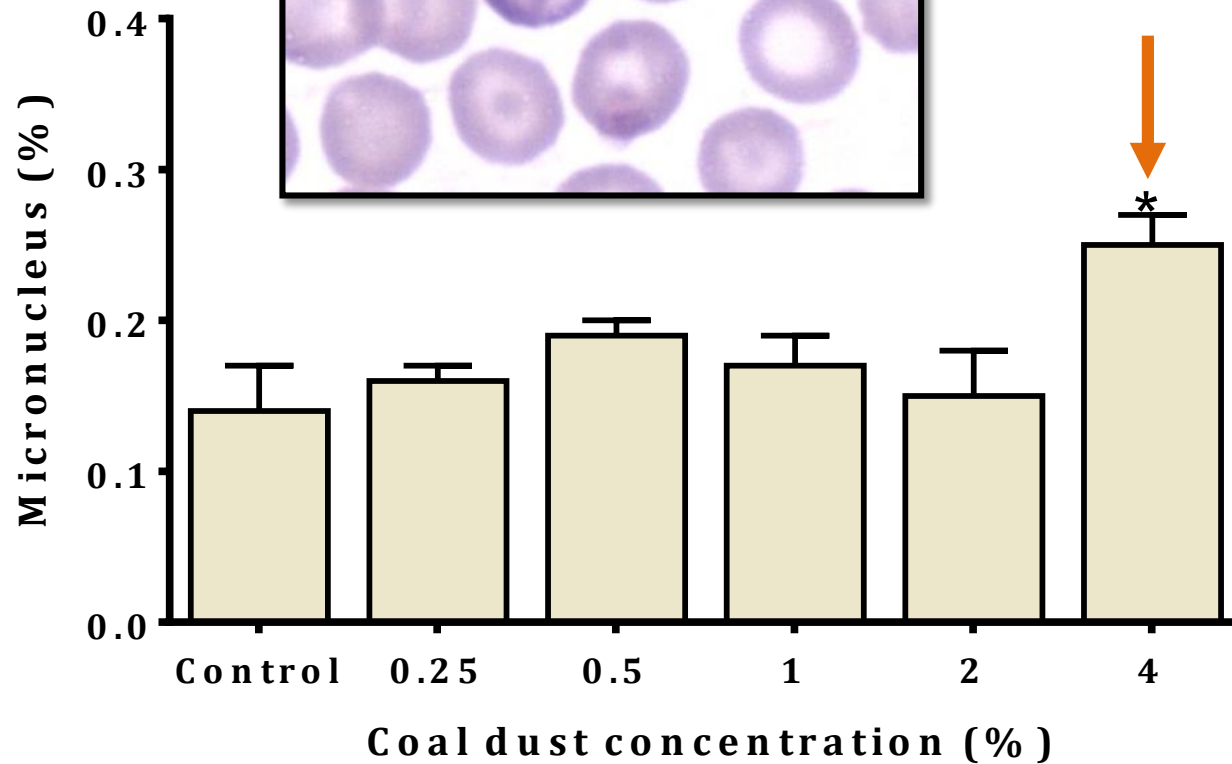
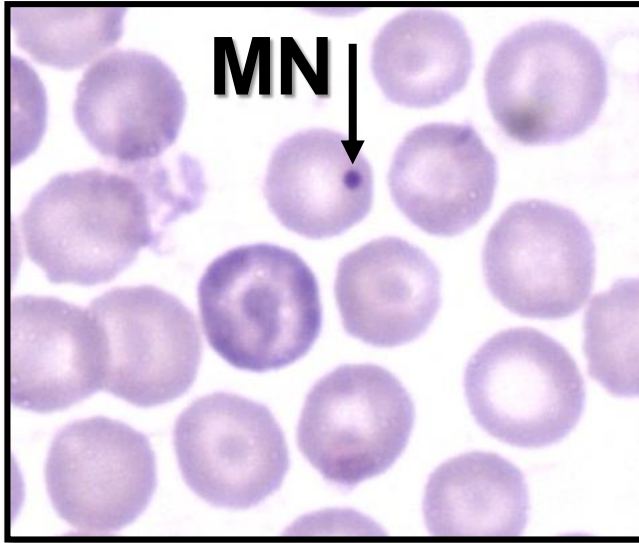
Group (Coal dust % in sand)	n	GDI \pm SD	F ₂₊₃₊₄ \pm SD
0	6	0.96 \pm 1.02	0.09 \pm 0.16
0.25	6	2.72 \pm 4.29	0.07 \pm 0.16
0.5	6	6.27 \pm 6.80	0.53 \pm 1.30
1	5	6.90 \pm 0.51	0.63 \pm 0.81
2	6	12.98 \pm 3.45*	2.50 \pm 0.11*
4	6	16.87 \pm 5.13*	5.38 \pm 1.00*

*. Significant differences ($p < 0.05$) compared to control group (sand without coal dust)

Organisms monitoring can be used to predict possible genotoxic effects on humans



Micronucleus in blood smears



Rodents

Cabarcas-Montalvo et al. 2012



Mining workers

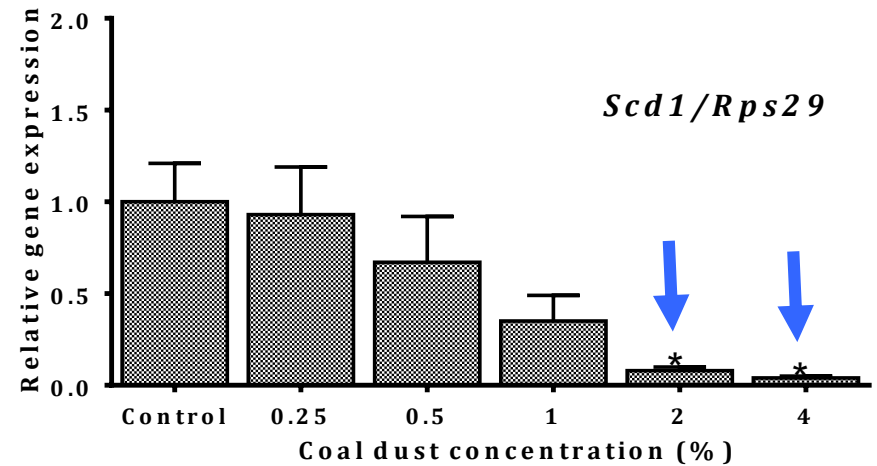
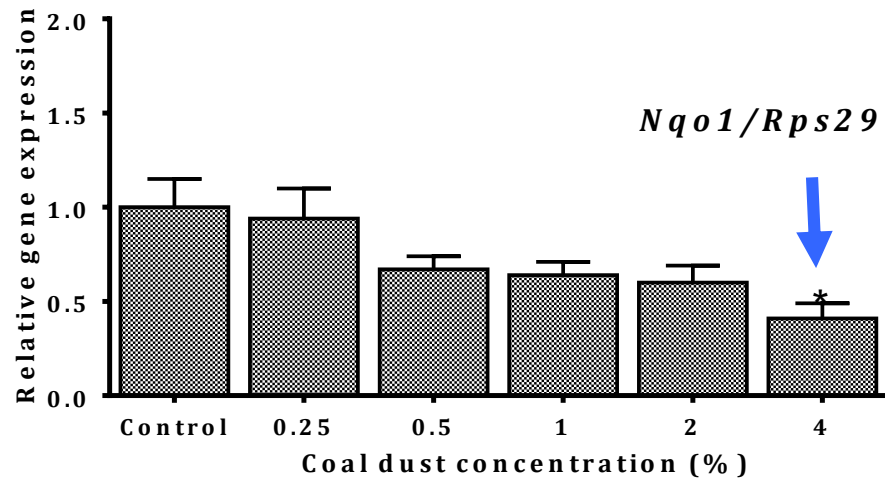
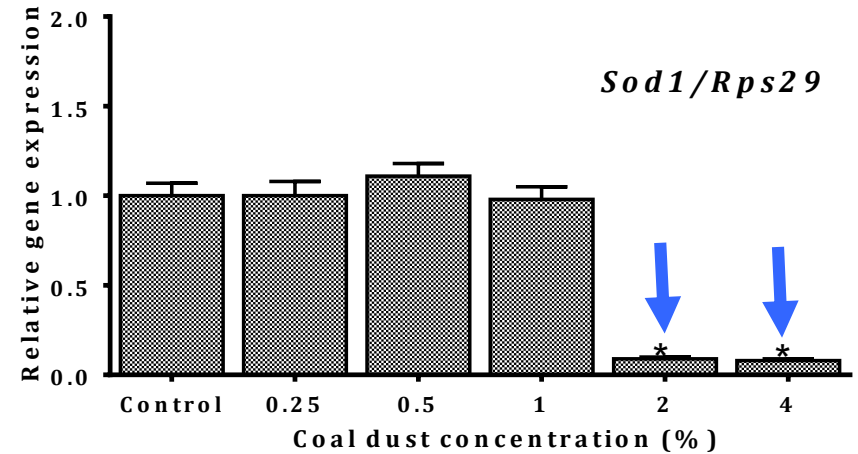
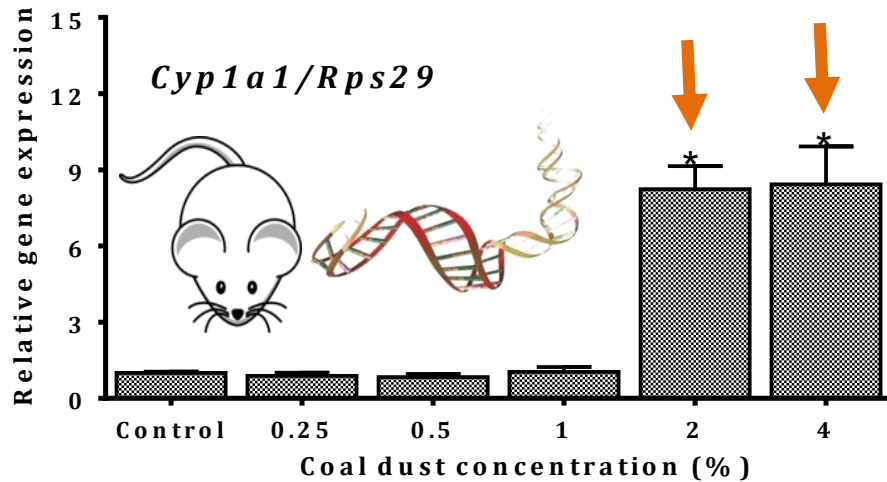
León-Mejía et al. 2011

*. Significant difference ($P < 0.05$) when compared to control group.

Caballero-Gallardo et al., 2016

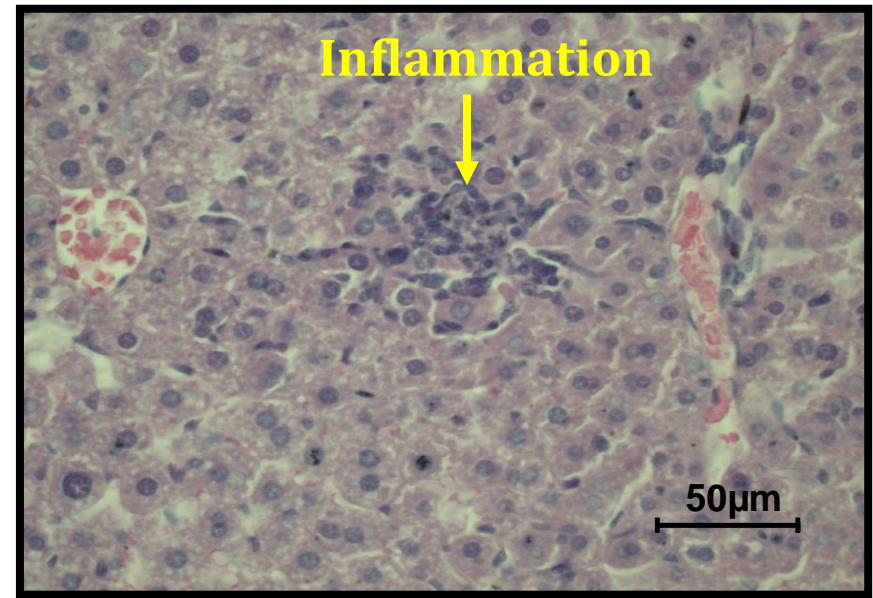
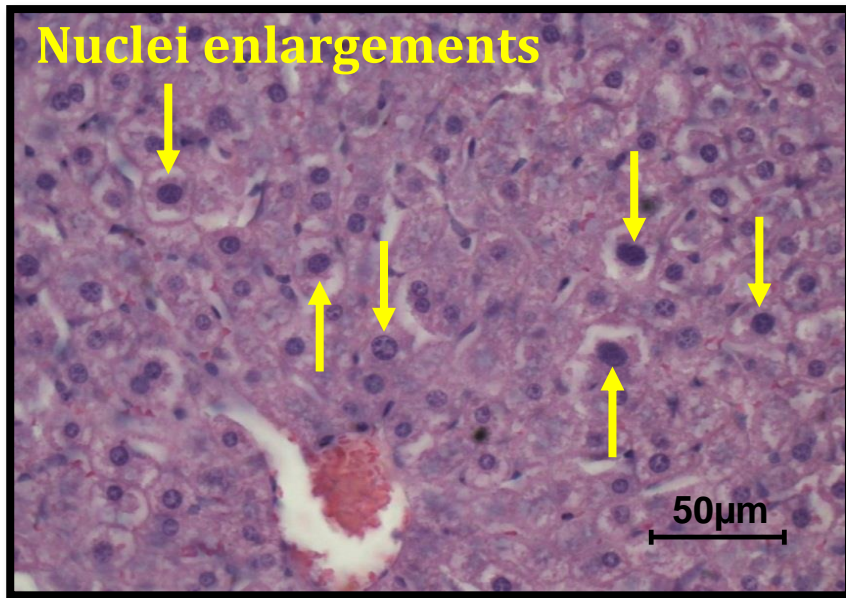
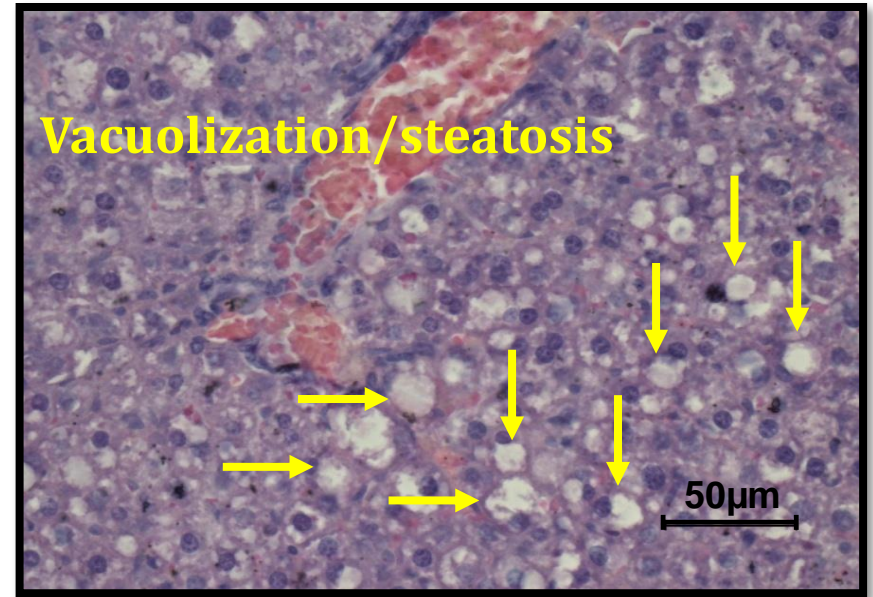
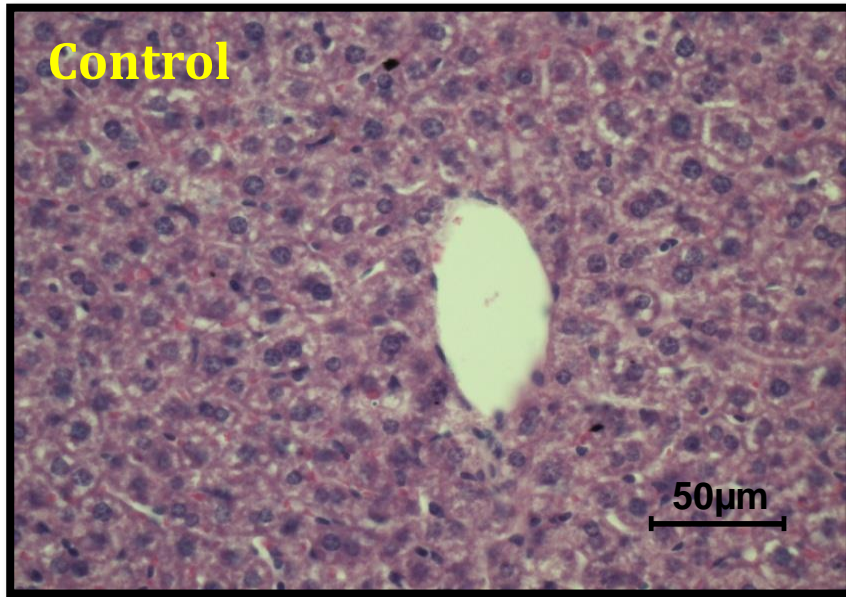


Hepatic gene expression profiles



*Significant difference ($p < 0.05$) when compared to control. **Rps29**: ribosomal protein S29. **Cyp1a1**: Cytochrome P450, family 1, subfamily A, polypeptide 1. **Sod1**: Superoxide dismutase [Cu-Zn]. **Nqo1**: NAD(P)H dehydrogenase quinone 1. **Scd1**: Stearoyl-CoA desaturase.

Morphological alterations in the liver tissue of mice after 8 weeks of exposure to sand contaminated with coal dust. Stain H&E (40×)





Mice exposed to coal dust under laboratory conditions, showed several toxicological effects at the molecular, cellular and tissue level, similar to those found in some organisms living near coal mining areas

Caballero-Gallardo et al., 2016





Metals
PAHs

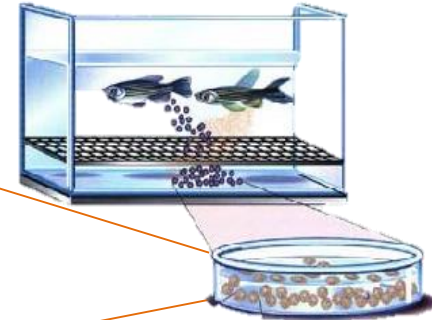
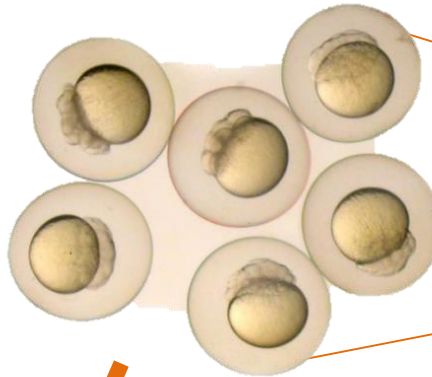
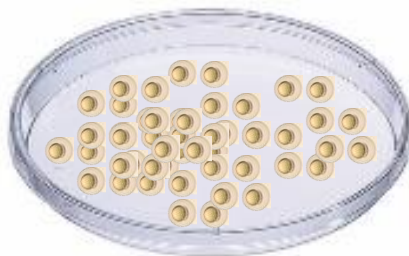


Toxic effects of an aqueous extract of coal dust in the embryonic development on Zebrafish (*Danio rerio*)

Aqueous
extract of
coal dust
<38 μm



Control
1 ppm
0.1 ppm
1 ppm
10 ppm
100 ppm
1000 ppm



From 1 to 72 hpf

Mortality,
alterations in
hatching and
morphological
assessment

Transcriptomic
profile

Microarrays and
qPCR validation

Caballero-Gallardo et al., 2018



Zebrafish: Advantages as a toxicological model

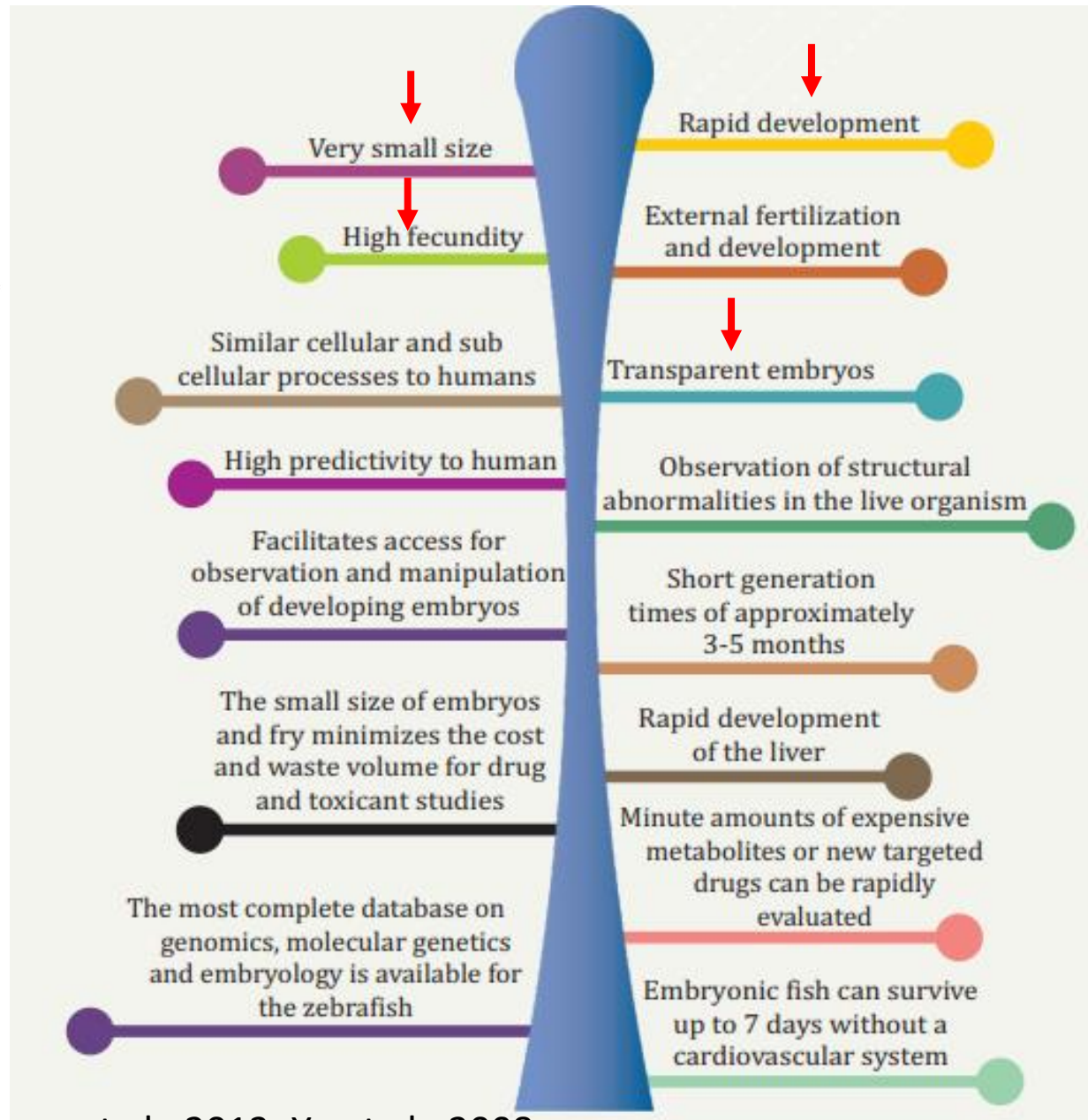
Order: Cypriniformes

Family: Cyprinidae



Zebrafish (*Danio rerio*)

Zebrafish are
genetically
similar to
humans with
approximately
70%



Howe et al., 2013; Yu et al., 2008

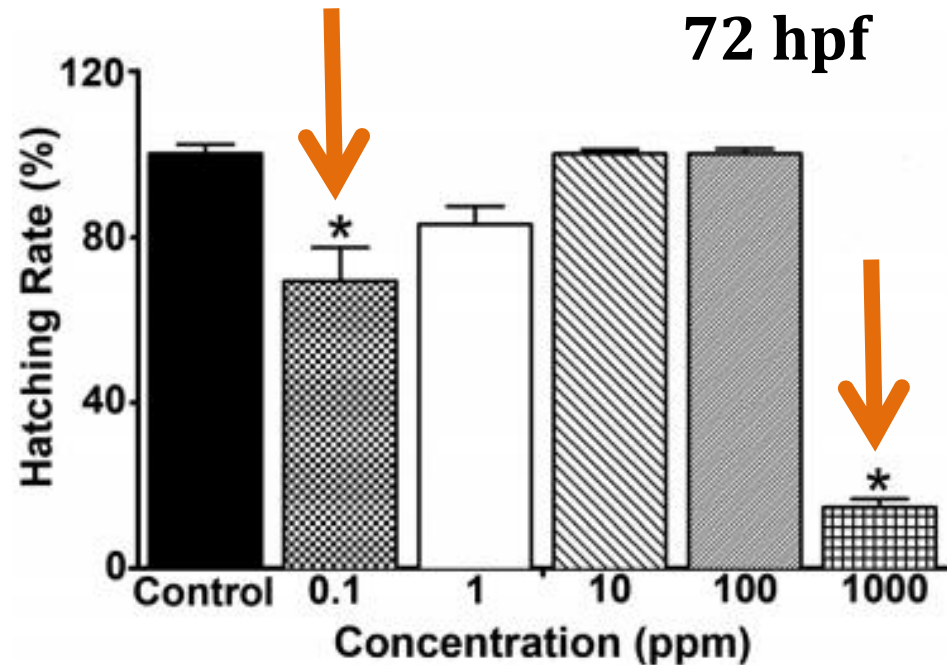
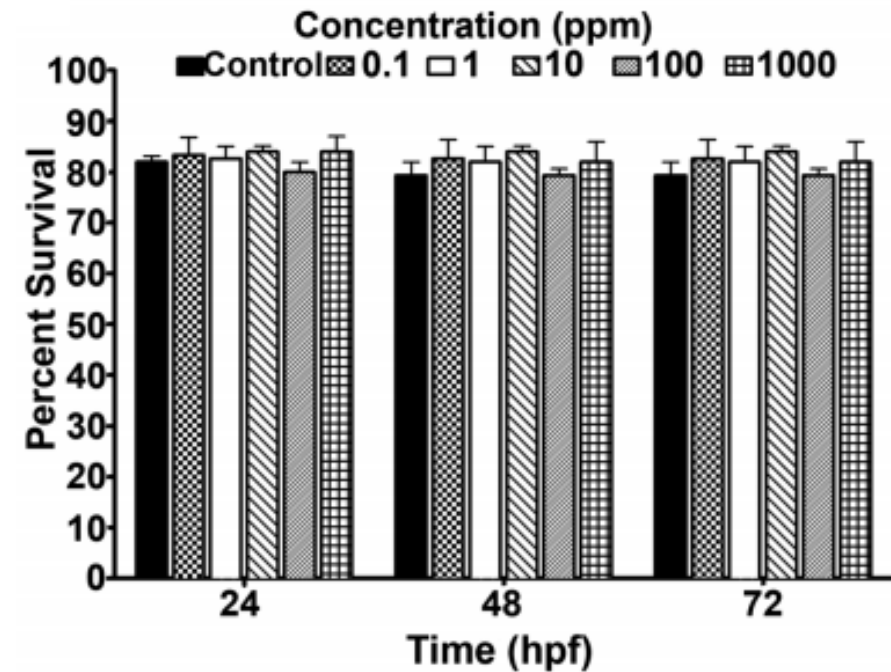
Trace element concentrations (ppb) in the aqueous coal dust extract, as well as Milli-Q water and coal dust (<38 μm) used for extraction

Elements	Concentration (ppb; $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$)			
	Aqueous coal dust extract	Milli-Q water	Δ concentration	Coal dust <38 μm ²⁷
Sr ^d	600 \pm 3 ^a	0	600	34 910
Zn ^c	88 \pm 0	3	85	8990
Ba ^d	67 \pm 0	1	66	57 200
As ^b	20 \pm 1	0	20	4380
Cu ^c	18 \pm 2	1	17	4260
Se ^b	12 \pm 0	0	12	1280
Li ^d	9.4 \pm 0.0	0.0	9.4	750
Ni ^c	4.4 \pm 0.1	0.0	4.4	870
Sb ^d	2.5 \pm 1.6	0.0	2.5	90
Rb	2.4 \pm 0.0	0.1	2.3	160
Co ^d	2.2 \pm 0.0	0.0	2.2	550
Cr ^c	1.3 \pm 0.0	0.8	0.5	1070
Mo ^b	0.9 \pm 0.0	0.0	0.9	900
Tl ^f	0.7 \pm 0.0	0.0	0.7	190
V ^c	0.5 \pm 0.0	0.2	0.3	1170
Sc	0.5 \pm 0.0	0.1	0.4	10
Pb ^b	0.4 \pm 0.3	0.0	0.4	710
Bi	0.6 \pm 0.2	0.0	0.6	20
Cs	0.2 \pm 0.0	0.0	0.2	10
Be	0.2 \pm 0.1	0.0	0.2	50
Zr	0.1 \pm 0.0	0.0	0.1	770
Ge ^d	0.1 \pm 0.0	0.0	0.1	80
U ^e	0.1 \pm 0.0	0.0	0.1	40
Cd ^b	0.1 \pm 0.0	0.0	0.1	40
Sn ^f	0.1 \pm 0.0	0.0	0.1	110
Ga	0.1 \pm 0.0	0.0	0.1	290

57% of the trace elements identified in the coal dust were found in the leachate.



Percent survival and alterations in hatching of zebrafish exposed to aqueous coal extract from 1 to 72 hpf



*. Significant difference ($p < 0.05$) when compared to control group.



Transcriptomic results of zebrafish exposed to aqueous coal extract showed alterations in 77, 61, and 1376 genes differentially expressed in all groups evaluated (1, 10, and 100 ppm)

Gene ontology analysis identified pathways related to:

19 genes

Number	Gene symbol	Biological process	Direction of change in expression
1	AIFM3	Apoptosis	Down
2	ARHGEF37	GTPase Activity	Up
3	BC051665	Proteolysis	Up
4	BTG4	Cell Cycle	Down
5	DZIP1L	Cilium Assembly	Down
6	FAM19A4	Membrane Potential	Up
7	FOS	Cellular Processes	Up
8	FOSB	Cellular Processes	Up
9	HPX	Iron Ion Homeostasis	Down
10	JDP2	Transcription	Down
11	MAPK3	MAPK Signaling	Down
12	MEF2D	Cell Signaling/Transcription	Down
13	NPAS4	Cellular Response to Stimuli/Transcription	Up
14	PTEN	Cellular Function	Down
15	PTPRC	Cellular Processes	Up
16	SOCS3	Cytokine Signaling	Up
17	SPRY1	Neurotrophin/TRK Signaling	Down
18	TGM1	Cellular Processes	Down
19	TMEM216	Cellular Organization	Up

Gene enrichment table of physiological system development and function for 72 hpf zebrafish larvae in all three groups

Gene alterations associated with

Physiological system development and function	<i>p</i> -Value ^a	Number of genes ^b
Hematological system development and function	7.14×10^{-3} – 1.06×10^{-6}	7
Quantity of T lymphocytes	1.06×10^{-6}	7
Development of lymphocytes	3.03×10^{-4}	5
Differentiation of blood cells	1.64×10^{-3}	5
Proliferation of T lymphocytes	1.99×10^{-3}	6
Tissue morphology	6.25×10^{-3} – 1.06×10^{-6}	8
Quantity of T lymphocytes	1.06×10^{-6}	7
Quantity of B lymphocytes	3.83×10^{-4}	4
Quantity of oligodendrocytes	4.43×10^{-4}	2
Tissue development	7.14×10^{-3} – 3.09×10^{-6}	10
Proliferation of smooth muscle cells	1.82×10^{-4}	4
Proliferation of fibroblasts	2.49×10^{-5}	5
Differentiation of bone cells	3.09×10^{-6}	6
Growth of connective tissue	5.83×10^{-5}	6
Connective tissue development and function	7.14×10^{-3} – 4.41×10^{-6}	10
Proliferation of fibroblast cells	2.49×10^{-5}	5
Formation of osteoclasts	4.21×10^{-6}	4
Differentiation of osteoclasts	3.34×10^{-5}	4
Embryonic development	7.14×10^{-3} – 4.41×10^{-6}	10
Development of body trunk	1.23×10^{-4}	7
Formation of osteoclasts	4.21×10^{-6}	4
Development of lymphatic system	4.99×10^{-4}	4
Development of abdomen	3.55×10^{-3}	4



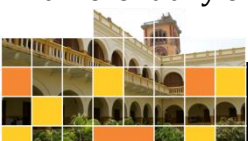
Gene enrichment table of diseases and disorders in 72 hpf zebrafish larvae in all three aqueous coal dust treatments

Diseases and disorders	<i>p</i> -Value ^a	Number of genes ^b
Connective tissue disorders	1.34×10^{-3} – 1.00×10^{-6}	7
Arthritis	5.50×10^{-4}	6
Rheumatoid arthritis	9.23×10^{-4}	5
Osteoporosis	1.34×10^{-4}	2
Immunological disease	7.14×10^{-3} – 1.00×10^{-6}	7
Rheumatoid arthritis	9.23×10^{-4}	5
Splenomegaly	1.15×10^{-6}	4
Thymic lymphoma	1.34×10^{-3}	2
Inflammatory disease	7.14×10^{-3} – 1.00×10^{-6}	8
Chronic inflammatory disorder	5.55×10^{-4}	6
Airway hyperresponsiveness	1.33×10^{-4}	3
Inflammation of the liver	2.93×10^{-3}	3
Skeletal and muscular disorders	6.25×10^{-3} – 1.00×10^{-6}	8
Arthritis	5.50×10^{-4}	6
Rheumatoid arthritis	9.23×10^{-4}	5
Arthritis of the ankle joint	1.59×10^{-5}	2
Cancer	7.14×10^{-3} – 5.38×10^{-6}	10
Hyperplasia	2.53×10^{-4}	5
Prostate cancer and tumors	9.23×10^{-4}	5
Bladder cancer	2.32×10^{-3}	4
Development of tumor	3.94×10^{-4}	4

Altered genes were associated with diseases and disorders

^a Derived from the likelihood of observing the degree of enrichment in a gene set of a given size by chance alone. ^b Classified as being differentially expressed that relate to the specified function category; a gene may be present in more than one category.

Caballero-Gallardo et al., 2018

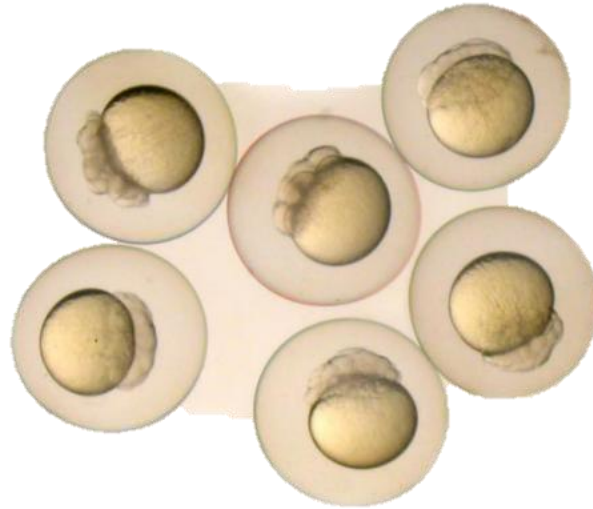


Gene enrichment table of molecular and cellular function in 72 hpf zebrafish larvae in all three aqueous coal dust treatments

Analysis of the 19 genes altered in all three groups showed that they were associated with:

Molecular and cellular function	<i>p</i> -Value ^a	Number of genes ^b
Cellular development	7.14×10^{-3} – 3.09×10^{-6}	13
Differentiation of cells	8.15×10^{-6}	11
Differentiation of connective tissue	8.23×10^{-6}	7
Differentiation of bone cells	3.09×10^{-6}	6
Differentiation of blood cells	1.64×10^{-3}	5
Cellular growth and proliferation	7.14×10^{-3} – 4.21×10^{-6}	11
Proliferation of cells	1.21×10^{-3}	11
Formation of cells	6.95×10^{-4}	6
Proliferation of fibroblasts	2.49×10^{-5}	5
Cell cycle	6.25×10^{-3} – 7.57×10^{-6}	7
Cell cycle progression	1.07×10^{-4}	7
Mitosis	1.85×10^{-3}	4
Senescence of cells	1.55×10^{-3}	3
Cell death and survival	7.14×10^{-3} – 7.57×10^{-6}	12
Necrosis	2.72×10^{-4}	10
Apoptosis	3.51×10^{-4}	10
Cell survival	8.91×10^{-5}	8
Cell viability	2.68×10^{-3}	6
Gene expression	5.36×10^{-3} – 1.52×10^{-5}	9
Transcription of RNA	7.80×10^{-4}	8
Binding of DNA	1.52×10^{-5}	6
Transactivation of RNA	2.85×10^{-4}	5





This was the first study to characterize gene expression changes in response to an aqueous coal dust extract

Although no morphological alterations were observed, transcriptome results suggested systems to target in future researches



The red flour insect *Tribolium castaneum*, Herbst

Adult insects



Coal dust <38 μm



Ingestion model

Oat flour
<38 μm

Control

0.25%

0.50%

1.00%

2.00%



30 days

50 insects per treatment

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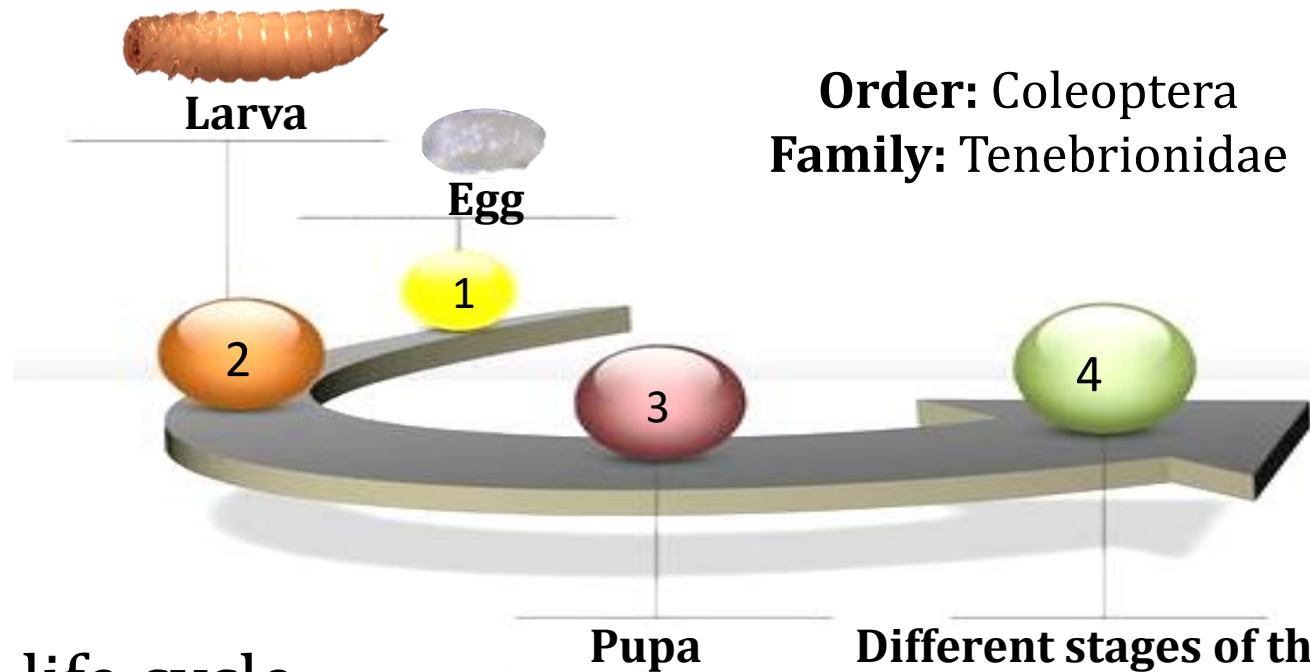
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Effects on Mortality and progeny



Tribolium castaneum an alternative model for the study of toxicological



Rapid life cycle
Very economical
Easy cultivation

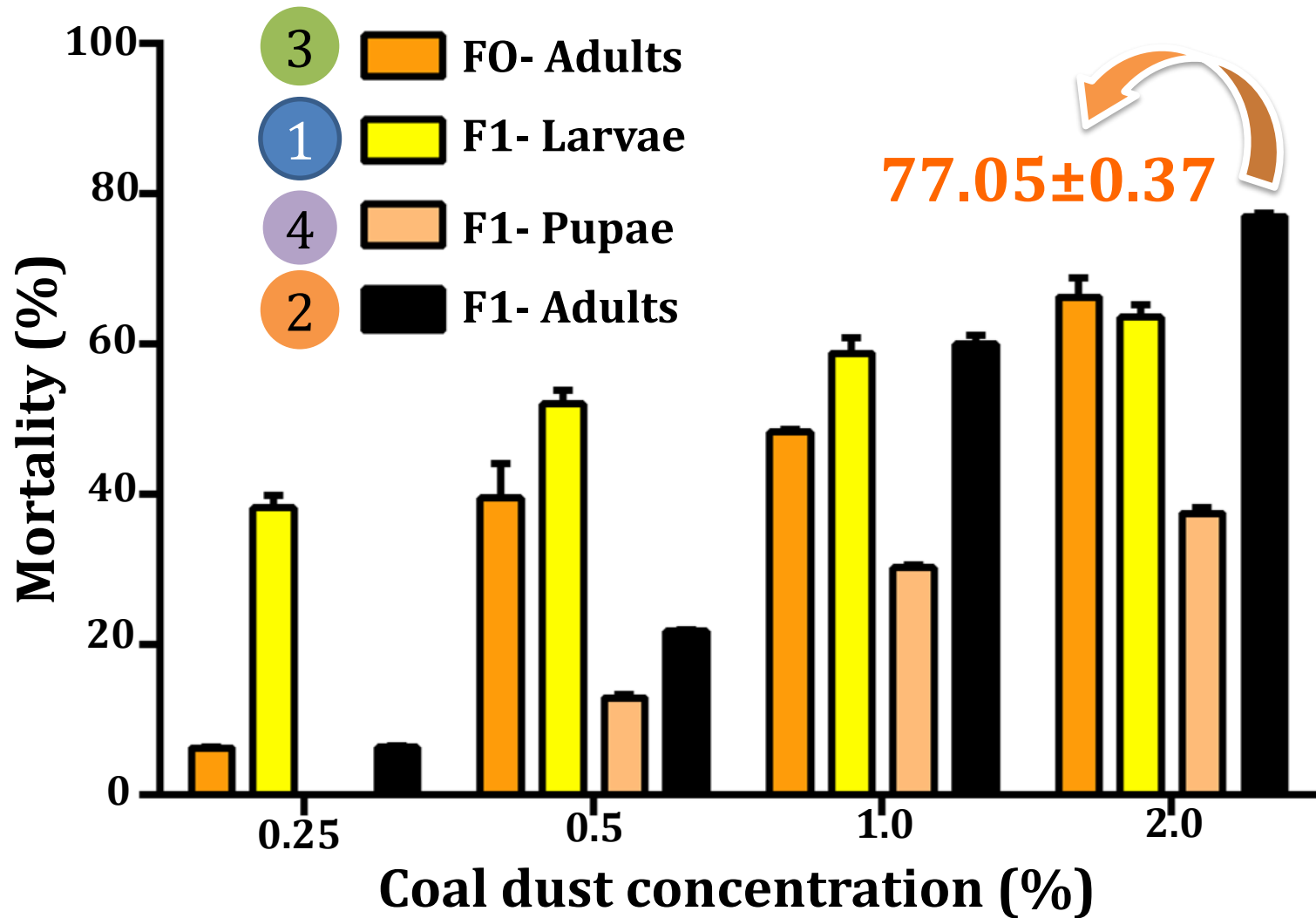
Its genome is sequenced

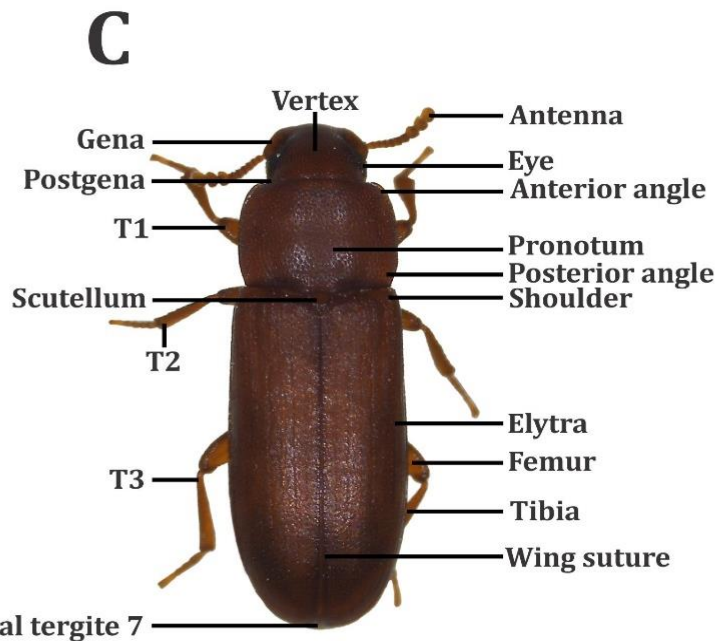
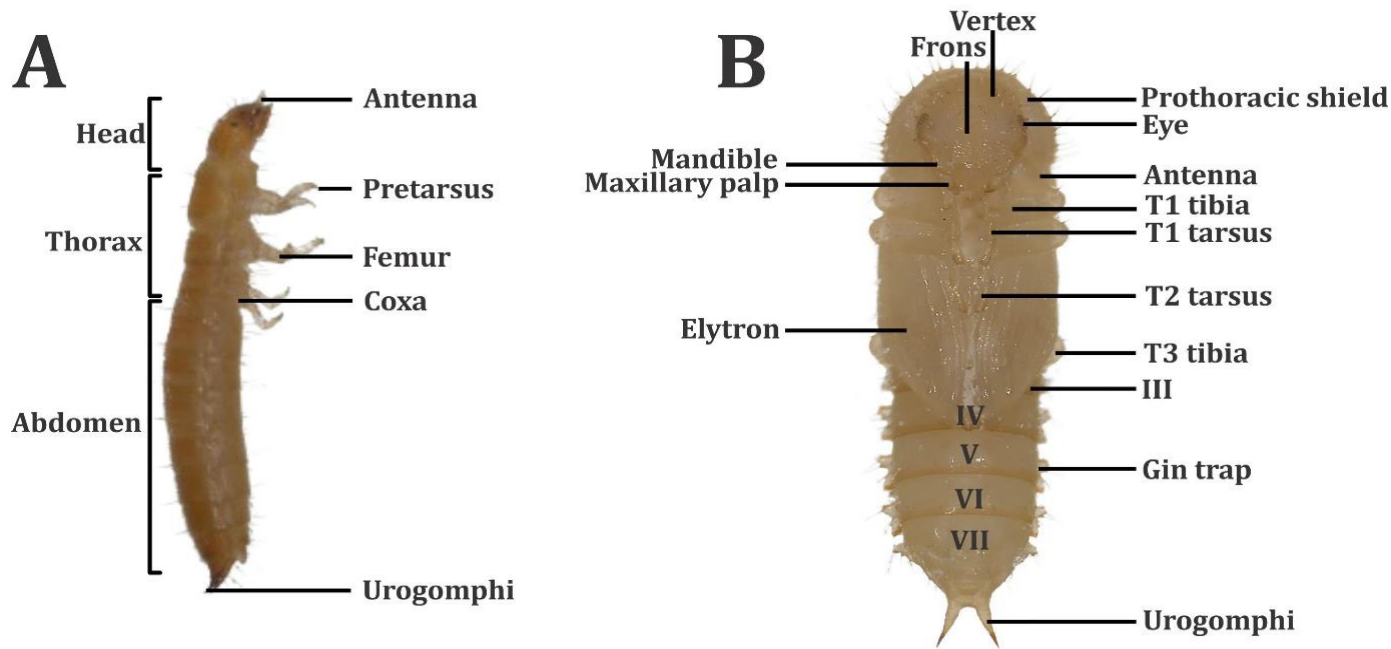


FAO, 2009, 2010; Olivero-Verbel et al., 2009



Percentages of mortality found for different life stages of *T. castaneum* from two generations, after 30 days of exposure



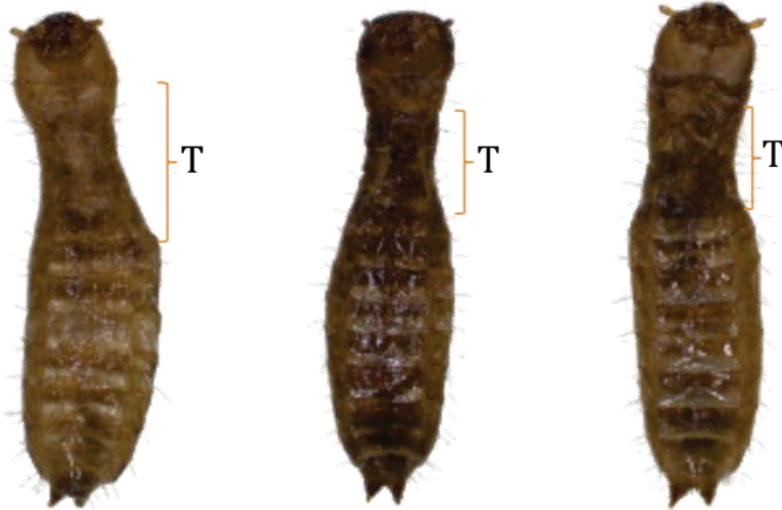


Morphological structures of Larvae (A), Pupae (B) and Adults (C) of the *Tribolium castaneum* species.

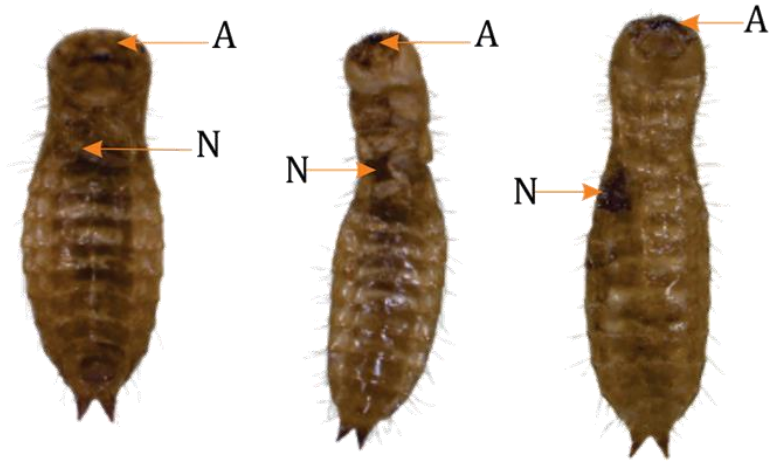


Morphological abnormalities on the development of the insect progeny after exposure to coal dust in flour

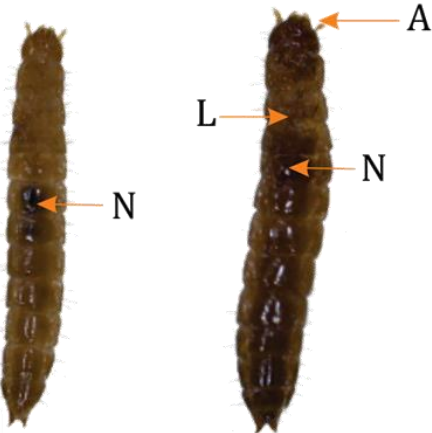
Larvae with thorax size reduction



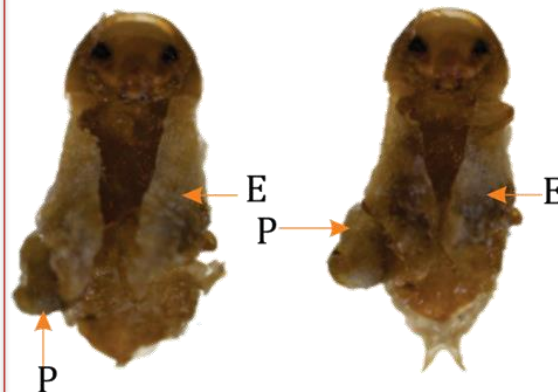
Larvae with absence of antennas (A) and necrosis (N)



Larvae with lack of legs (L) and necrosis (N)



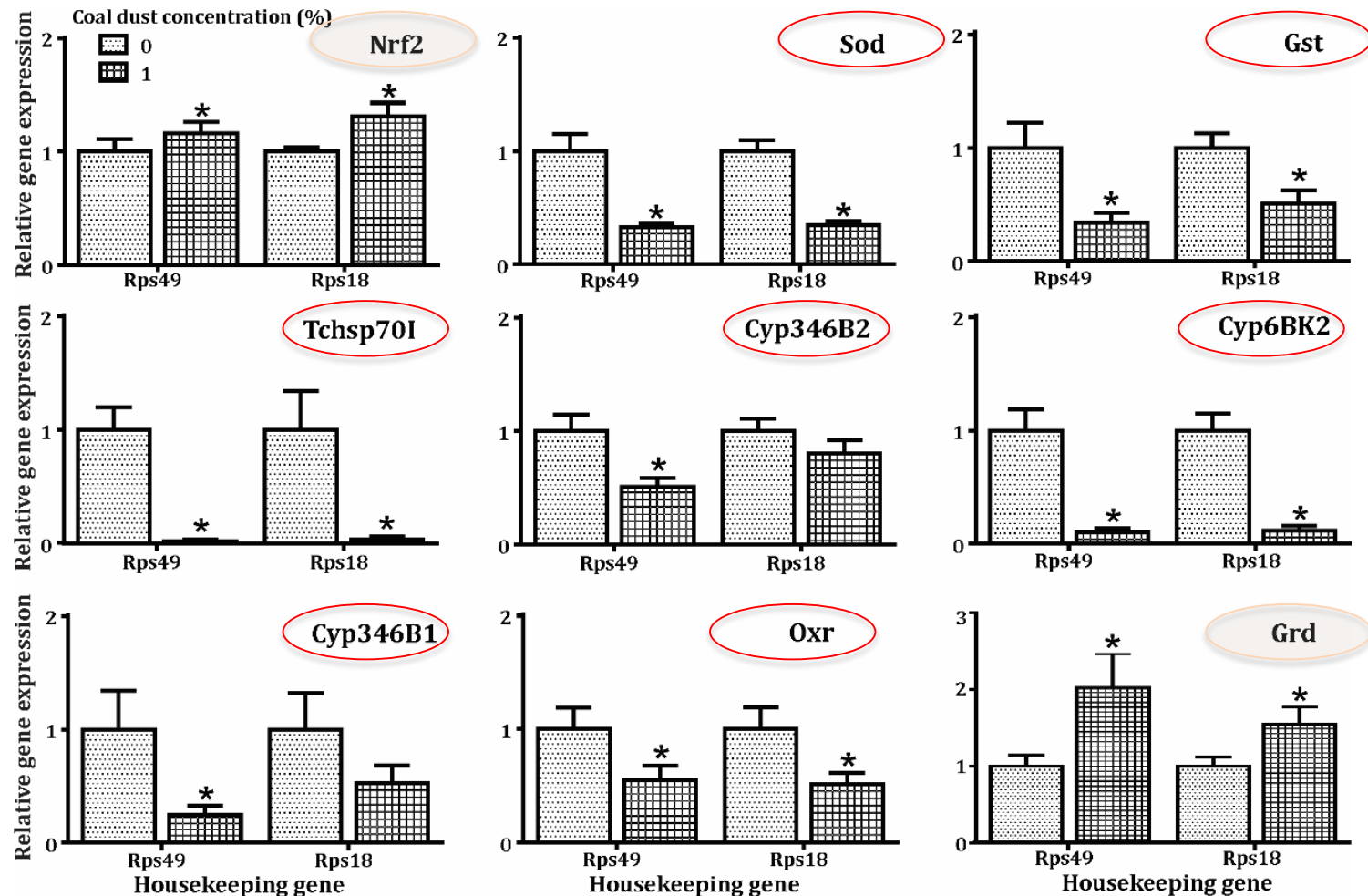
Pupae with protuberance (P) and malformed elytron (E)



Adults with malformed elytra (E) and necrosis (N)



Relative expression of genes related to oxidative stress, thermal shock, metabolism, and synaptic transmission in adult *T. castaneum* after exposure to coal dust



Expression was normalized against Rps49 and Rps18 (housekeeping genes). * Significant differences ($p < 0.05$) when compared to the control. Nrf2: Nuclear factor erythroid 2-related factor 2.



Remarks

- ❑ Parental exposure implies several morphological, genetic and survival responses on progeny, which highlights the great toxicological potential that this air pollutant has.
- ❑ A number of complex effects at molecular and morphological level were observed when the biological model was fed on coal dust-contaminated diet.
- ❑ High percentages of mortality were found at all life stages as a result of the concentration used.
- ❑ We consequently propose *T. castaneum* as an alternative organism to evaluate the potential toxicological effects on following generations associated with the exposure to coal dust in high-polluted environments, as is the case of the areas in which mining activities are carried out.



The shipment of coal in Colombian ports has a negative impact on marine sediments. These effects are measurable in cellular models, suggesting these residues aren't inert at all and interact with biota.

Aqueous coal extracts, similarly as sediment particles do, are active in a fish toxicity model, producing genomic alterations. Finally, exposure to coal dust can generate a series of toxicological effects at molecular, cellular and physiological levels, as well as in the progeny.

Pollutants derived from coal

Ecosystem

Organic and Systemic Level

Activation pathways :

Metabolism
Oxidative stress
Xenobiotic
Thermal shock
Synaptic transmission

Gene alterations associated with:

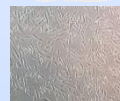
Development and function of connective tissue and the hematological system, immunological and inflammatory disease, and cancer

Molecular level

Mice



HepG2



Zebrafish



Insects
(*T. castaneum*)



Zebrafish



Cellular level

Genotoxicity

Mice



HepG2



Embryotoxicity
Transgenerational alteration

Zebrafish



Insects
(*T. castaneum*)







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