

Impacts of PAH-contaminated sediment on early life history stages of benthic fish

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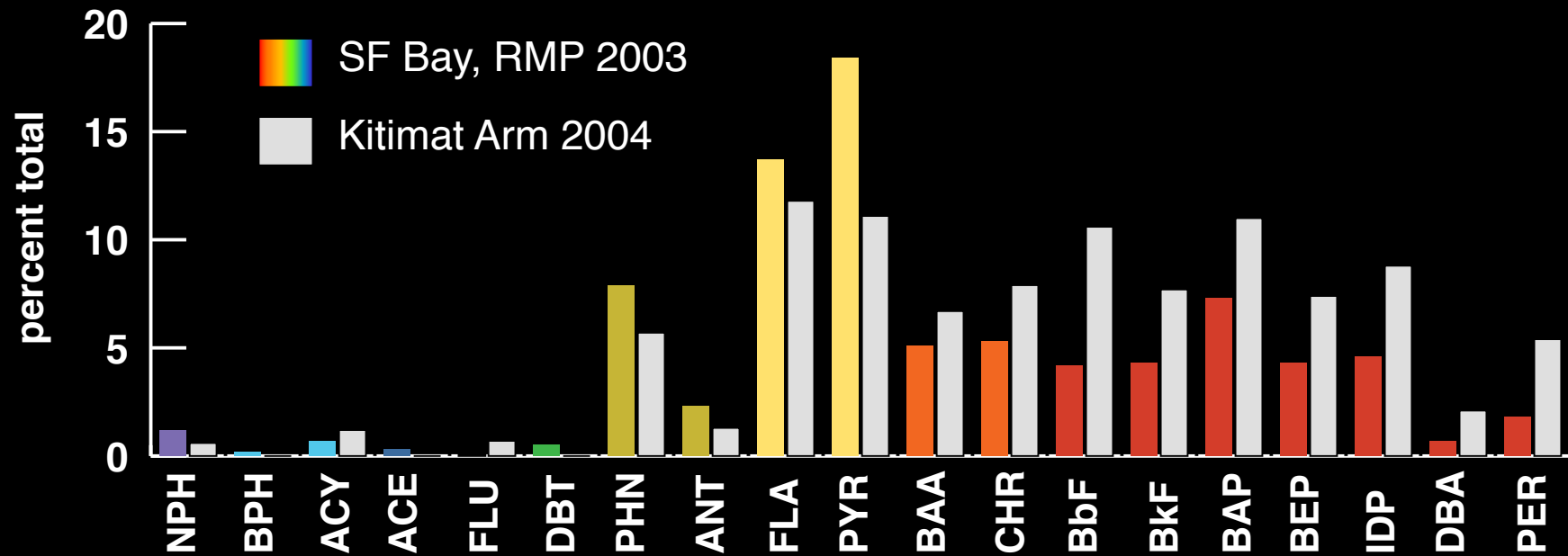
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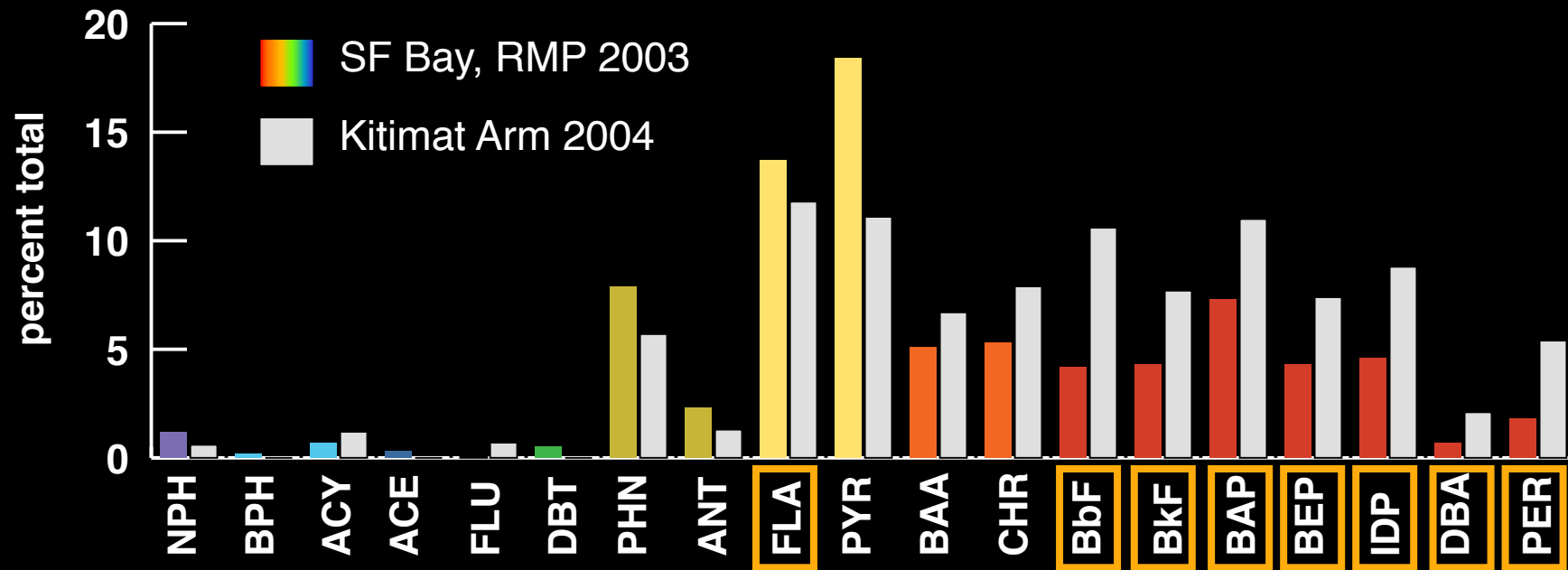
Seattle



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Kitimat PAH bioavailability estimates from stomach contents (PAHs in benthic prey)

| | Puget Sound | Kitimat |
|-------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| juvenile salmon | 15,000 ng/g | 1500 ng/g |
| flatfish (English sole) | 8000 ng/g | 2000 ng/g |

California halibut larval development and metamorphosis

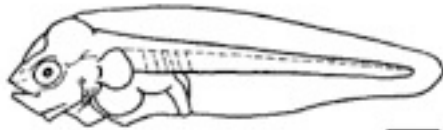
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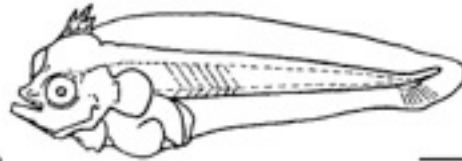
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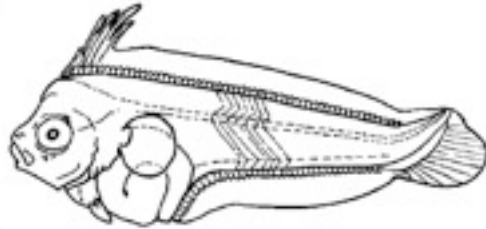
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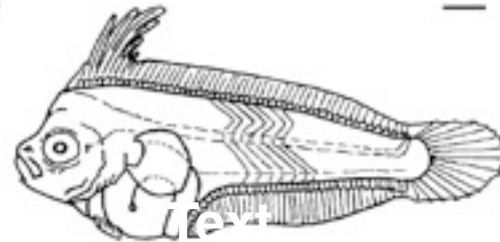
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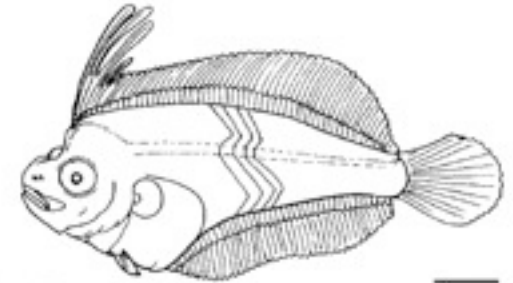
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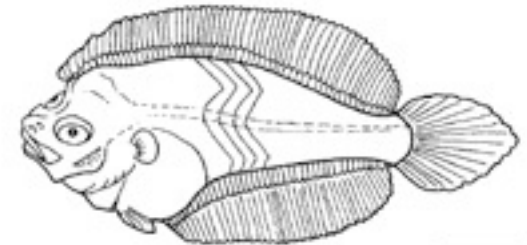
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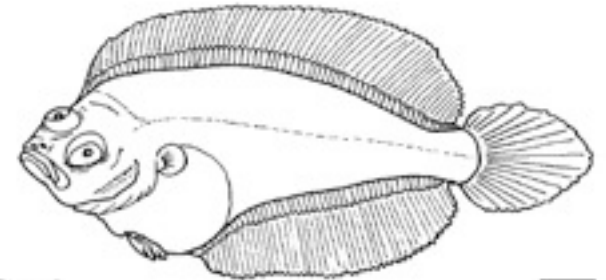
Stage G



Stage H



Stage I

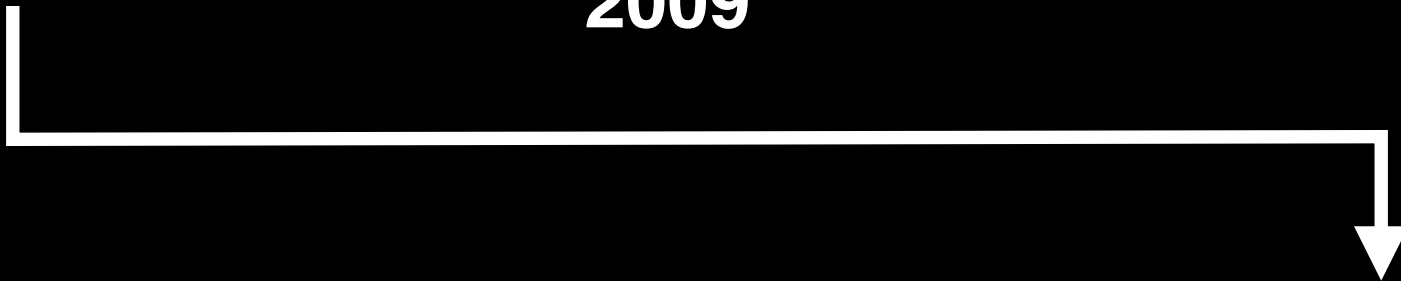


Los Pensaquitos Lagoon,
San Diego

Experimental design

25 per tank, 3 tanks per dose,
3 Σ PAH levels + control

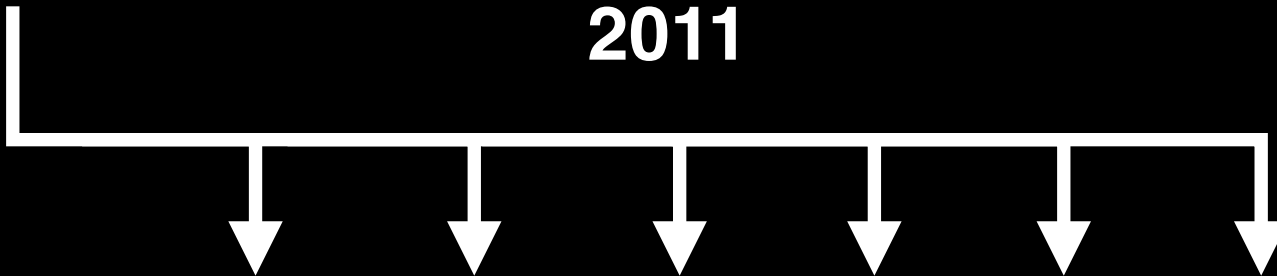
2009



survival at 47 days

15 per tank, 6 tanks per dose,
4 Σ PAH levels + control

2011

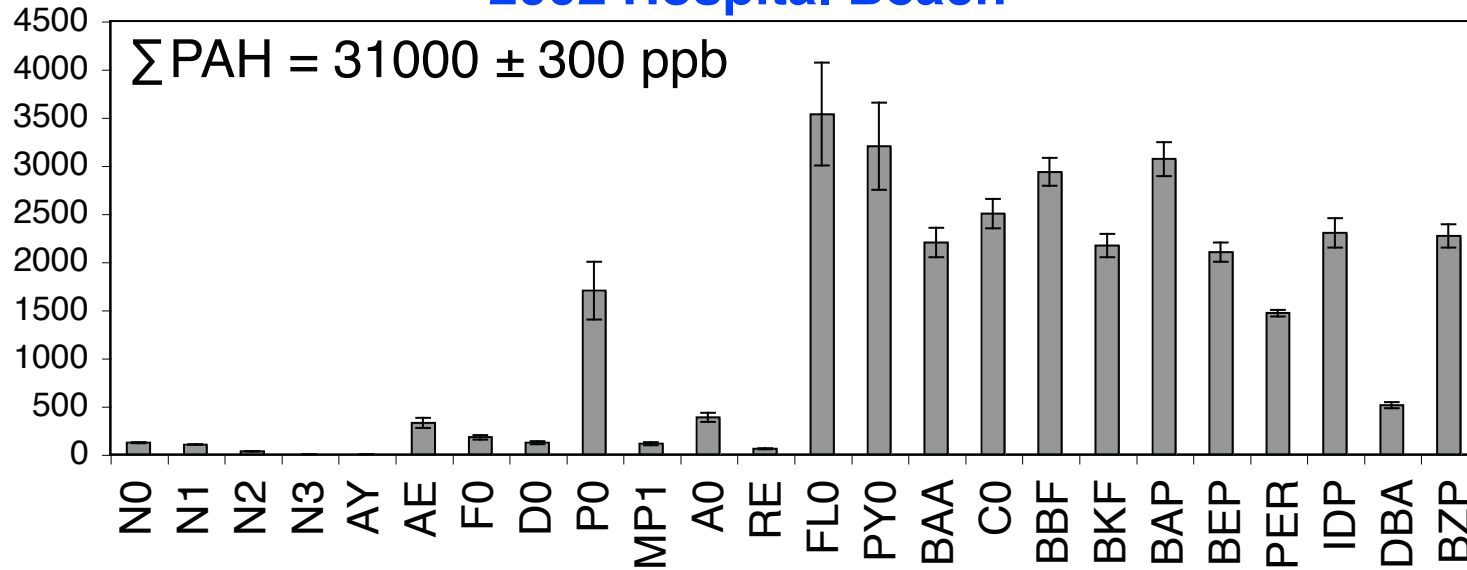


harvest weekly to 42 days

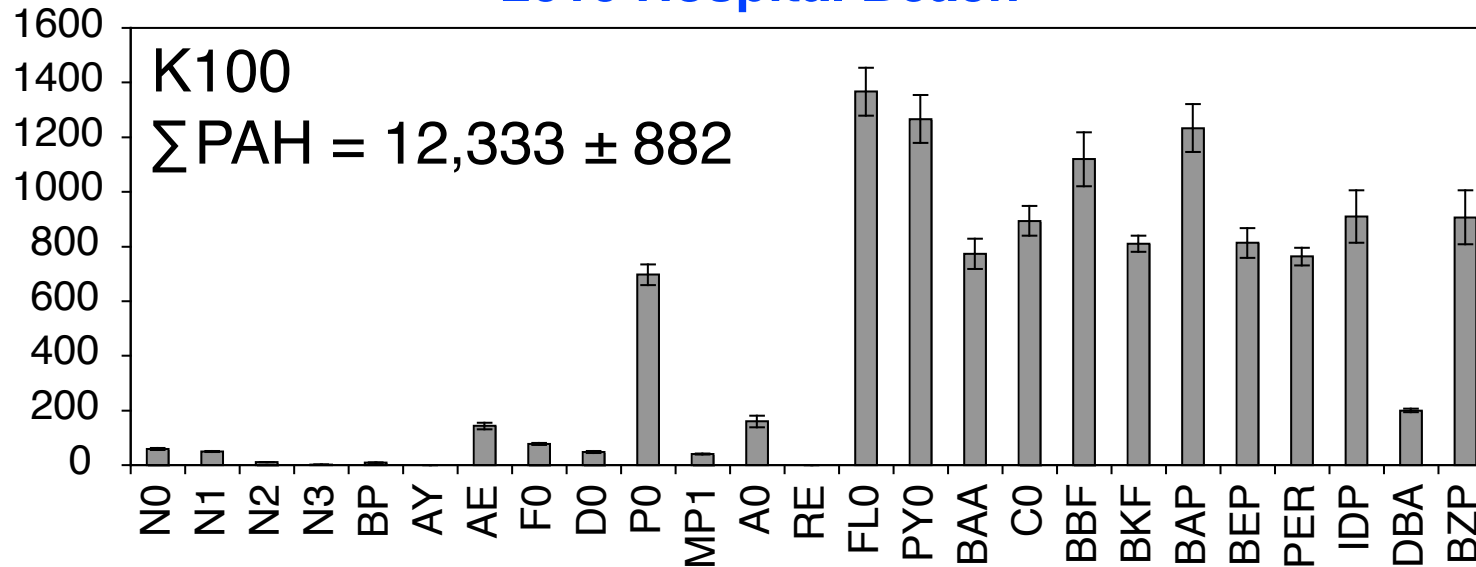
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- 2009, clean and hot sediments mixed by hand in exposure tanks, allowed to settle
- 2011, clean and hot sediment homogenized as mud with a paint mixer, then distributed to tanks

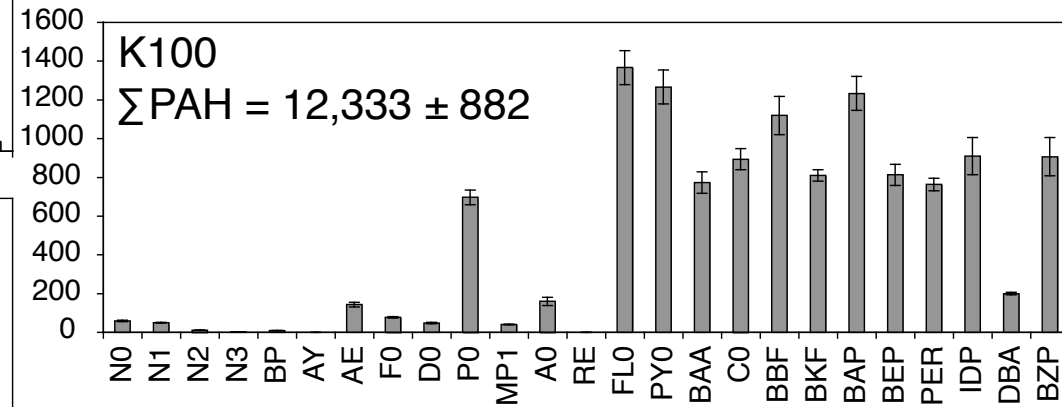
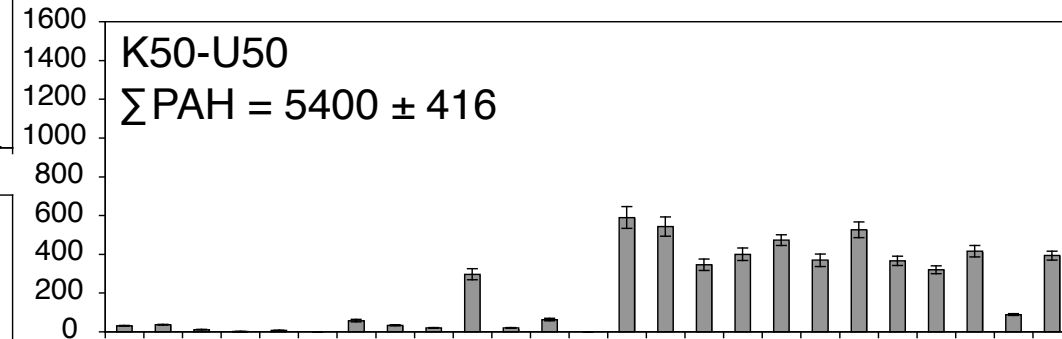
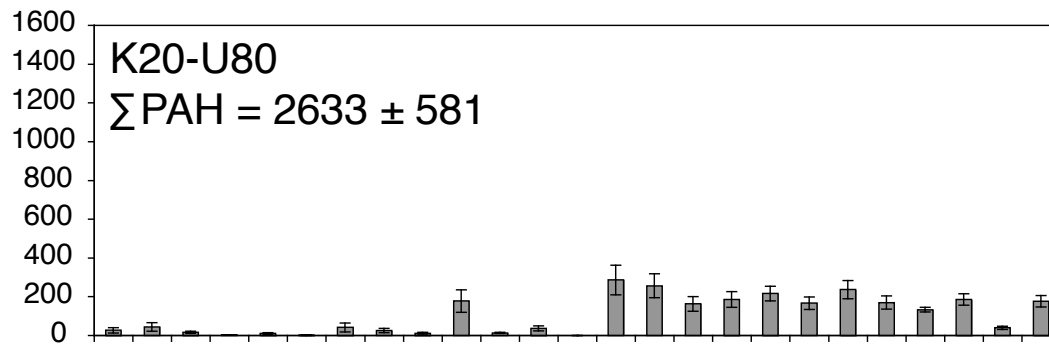
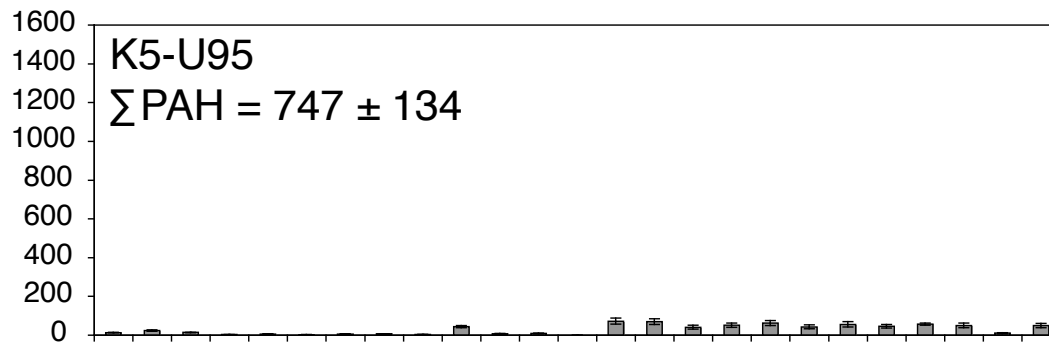
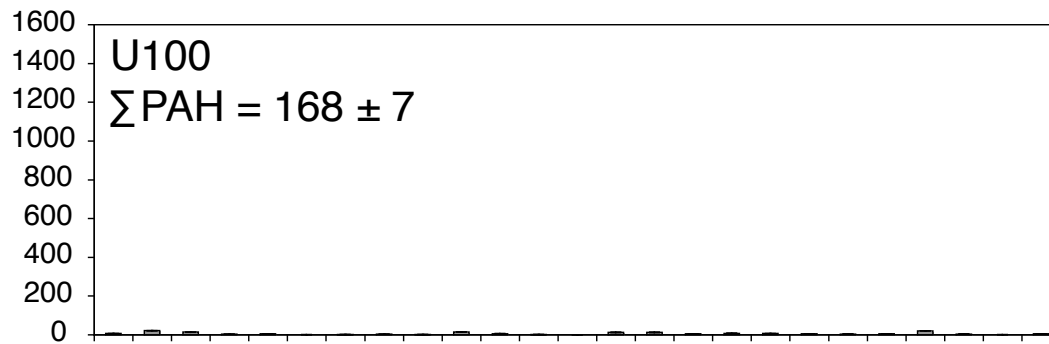
2002 Hospital Beach



2010 Hospital Beach



Verification of PAHs in sediment dilutions



Stage E, ~30 dph

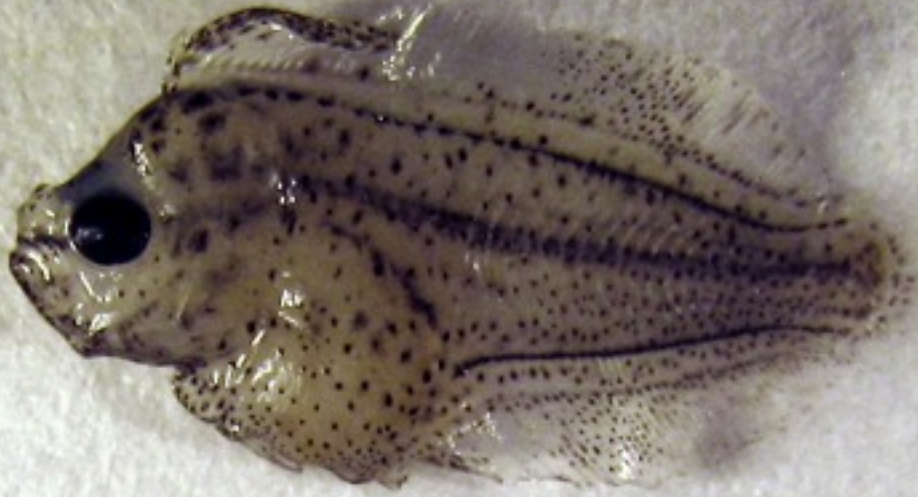


early juvenile, ~87 dph (42 days on sed)



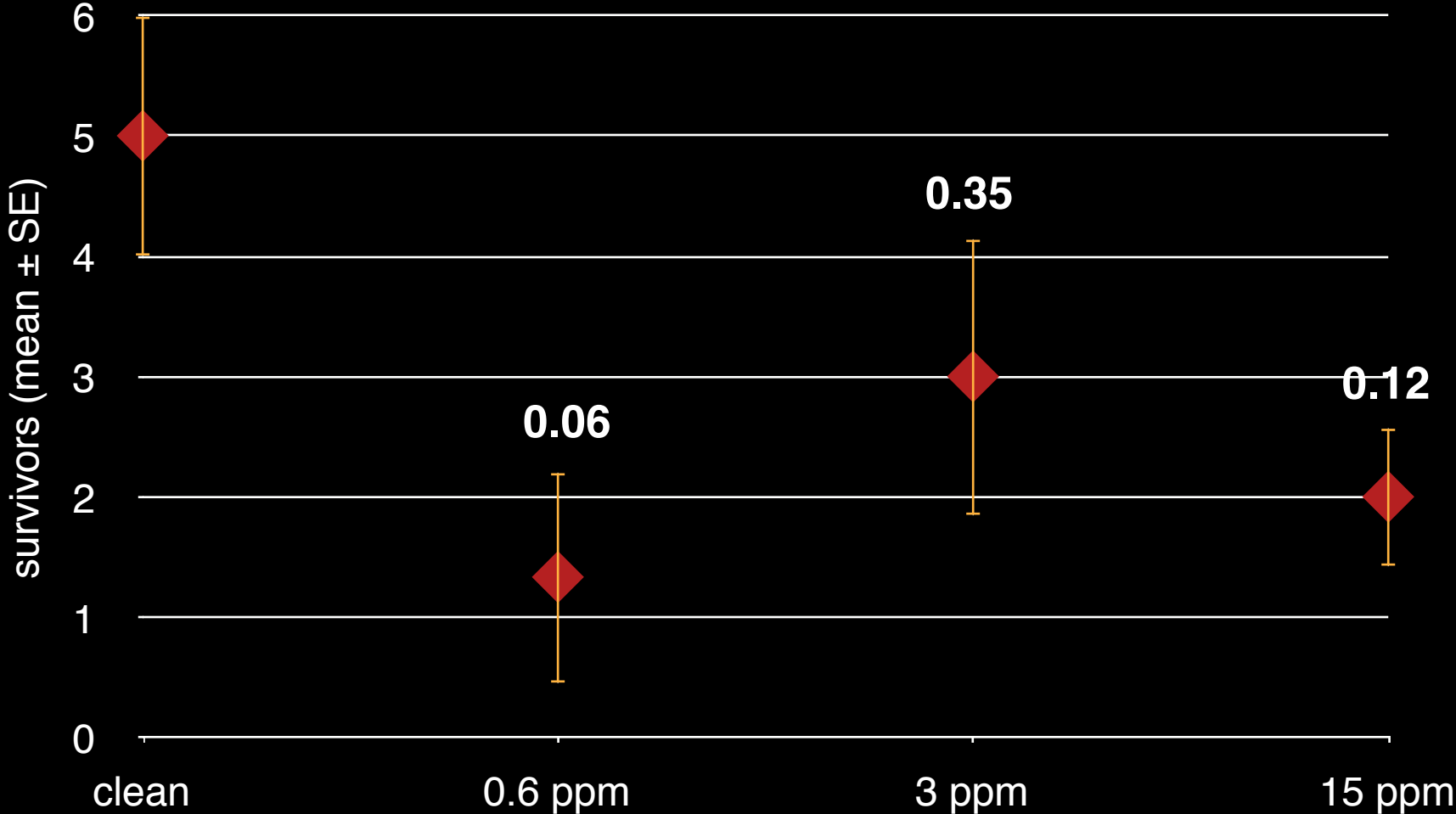
2.7 cm

Stage G, ~42 dph (7 days on sed)



0.9 cm

Survival on Kitimat sediment at 47 days (2009)



ANOVA effect of treatment $p = 0.1$
Dunnett's post-hoc

Mortality 2011

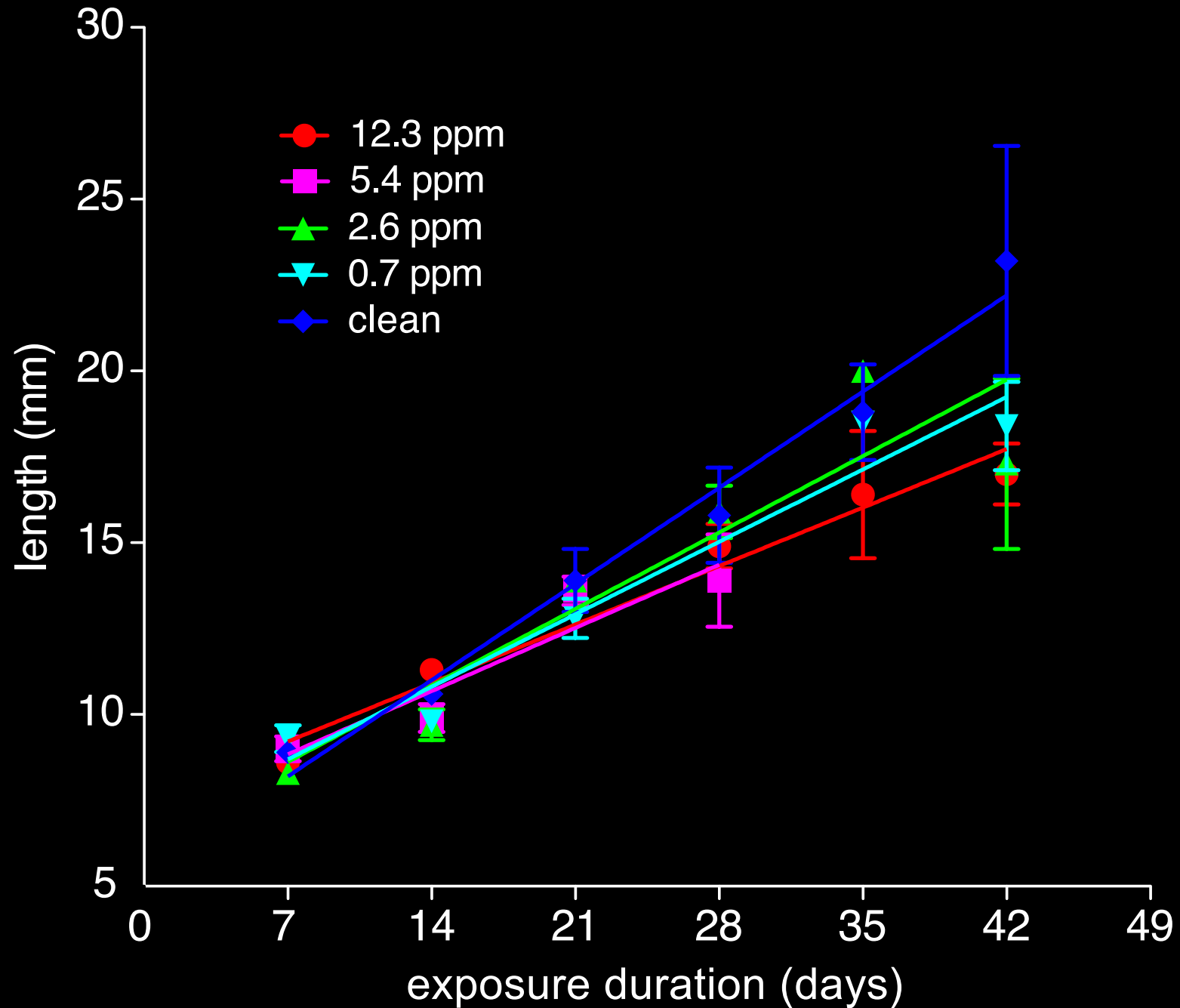
Table 3: Cumulative mortality among treatment groups

| Treatment | Control | 0.8 ppm | 2.6 ppm | 5.4 ppm | 12.3 ppm |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| Mortality | 56 ± 7 | 68 ± 13 | 73 ± 7 | 67 ± 13 | 64 ± 9 |

Table 1: Comparable metamorphosis on control and highest concentration of Kitimat sediment

| Treatment | Time point | N | % Stage G | % Stage H | % Stage I | % Left-sided | % Right-sided |
|-----------|------------|----|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|---------------|
| Control | day 7 | 9 | 56 | 7 | 0 | 25 | 75 |
| | day 14 | 7 | | 43 | 57 | 71 | 29 |
| | day 21 | 10 | | 40 | 60 | 60 | 40 |
| | day 28 | 6 | | 33 | 67 | 67 | 33 |
| | day 35 | 5 | | 60 | 40 | 40 | 60 |
| | day 42 | 3 | | 0 | 100 | 67 | 33 |
| 12.3 ppm | day 7 | 8 | 50 | 50 | 0 | 75 | 25 |
| | day 14 | 4 | | 75 | 25 | 50 | 50 |
| | day 21 | 0 | | | | | |
| | day 28 | 6 | | 33 | 67 | 67 | 33 |
| | day 35 | 7 | | 57 | 43 | 57 | 43 |
| | day 42 | 10 | | 20 | 80 | 40 | 40 |

Growth on Kitimat sediment (2011)



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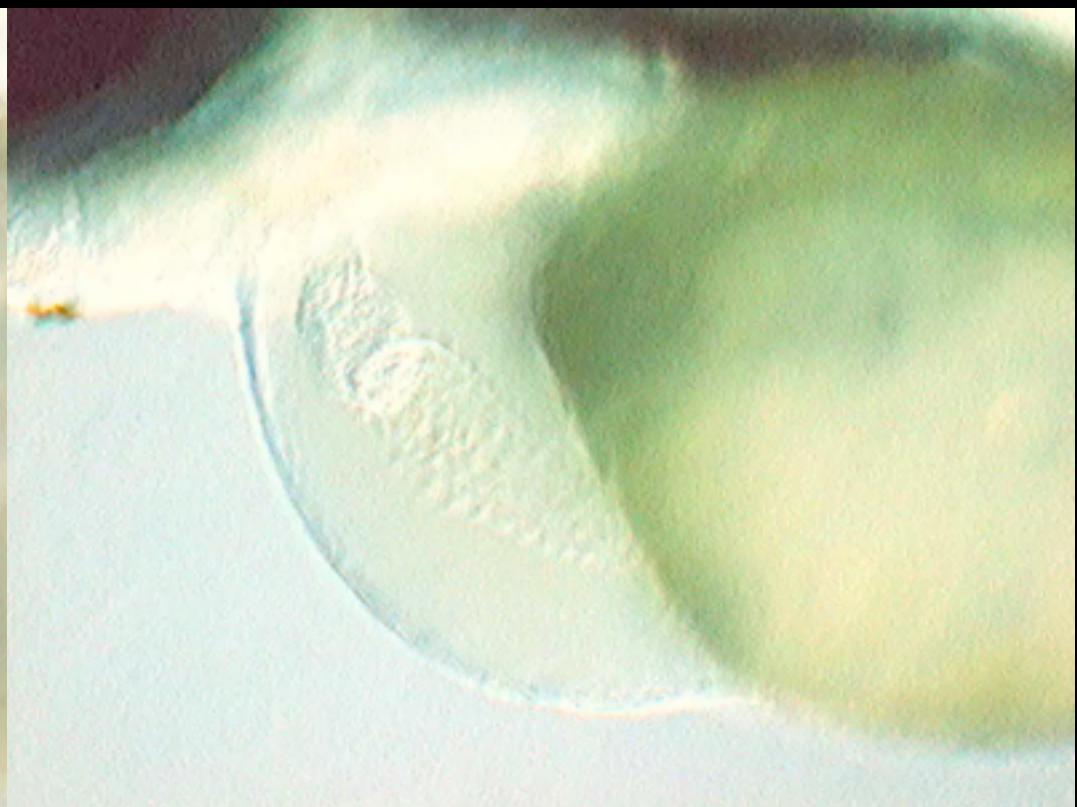
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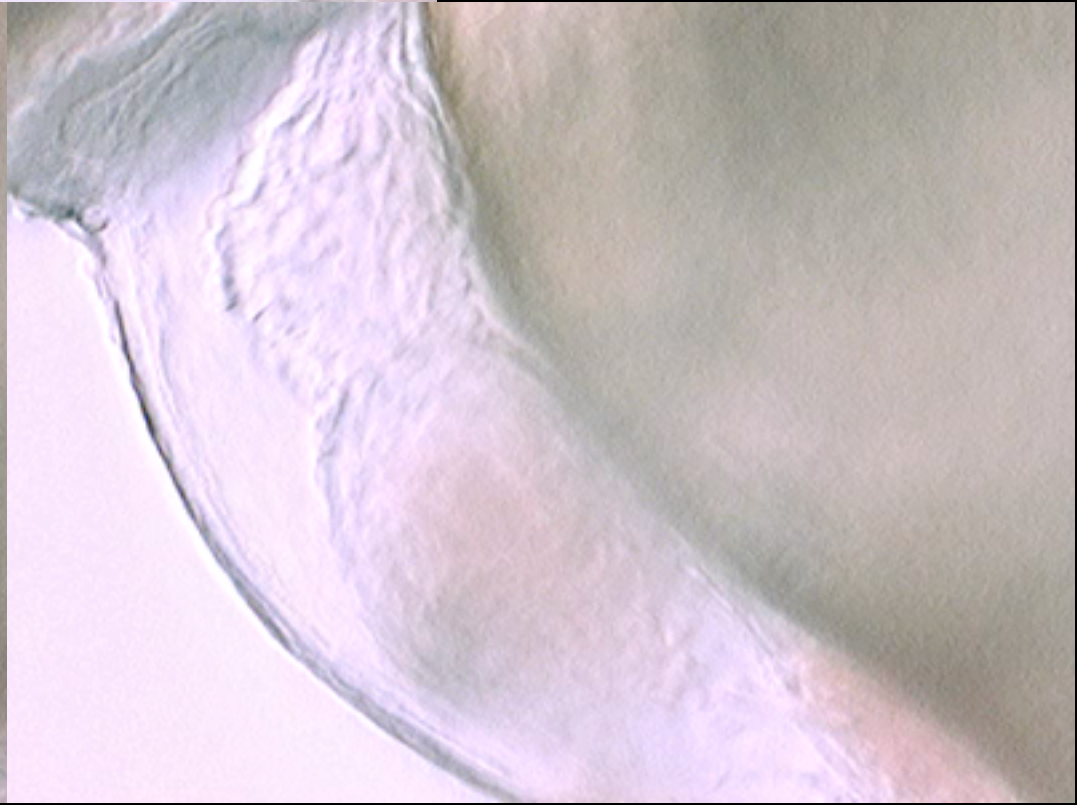
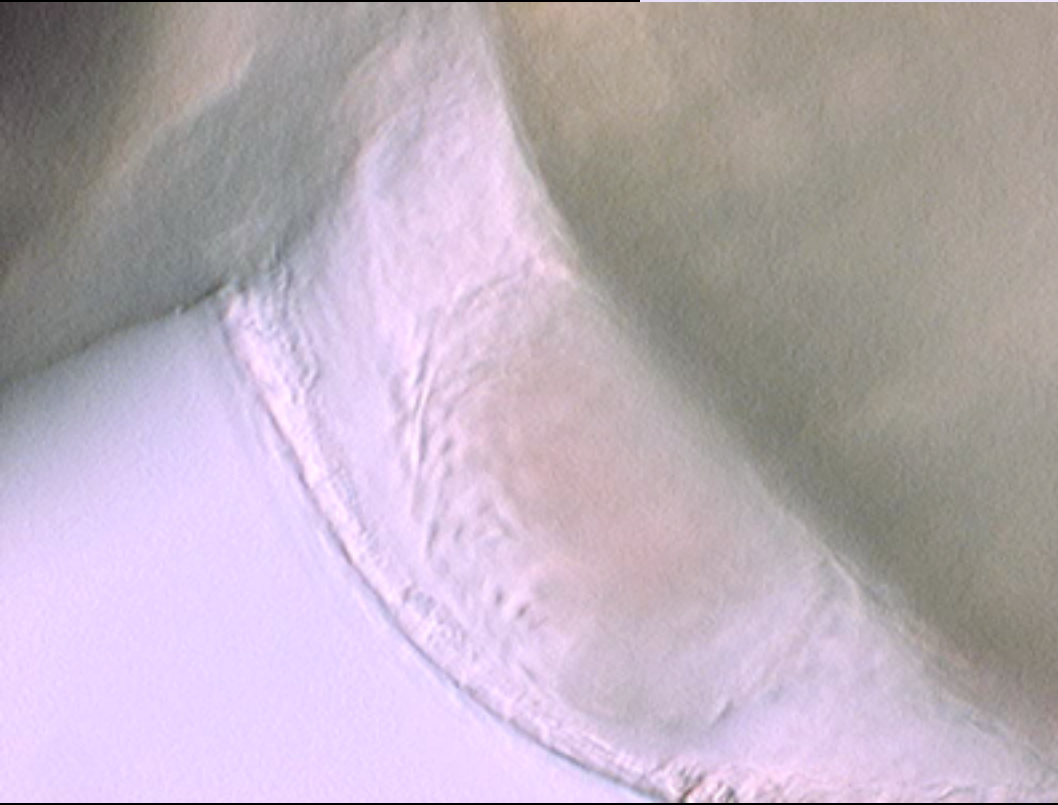
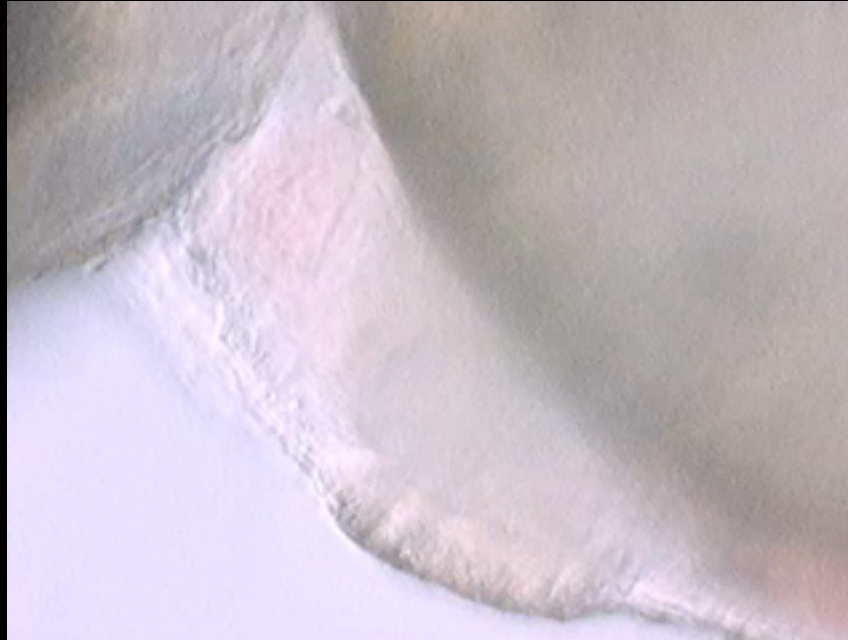
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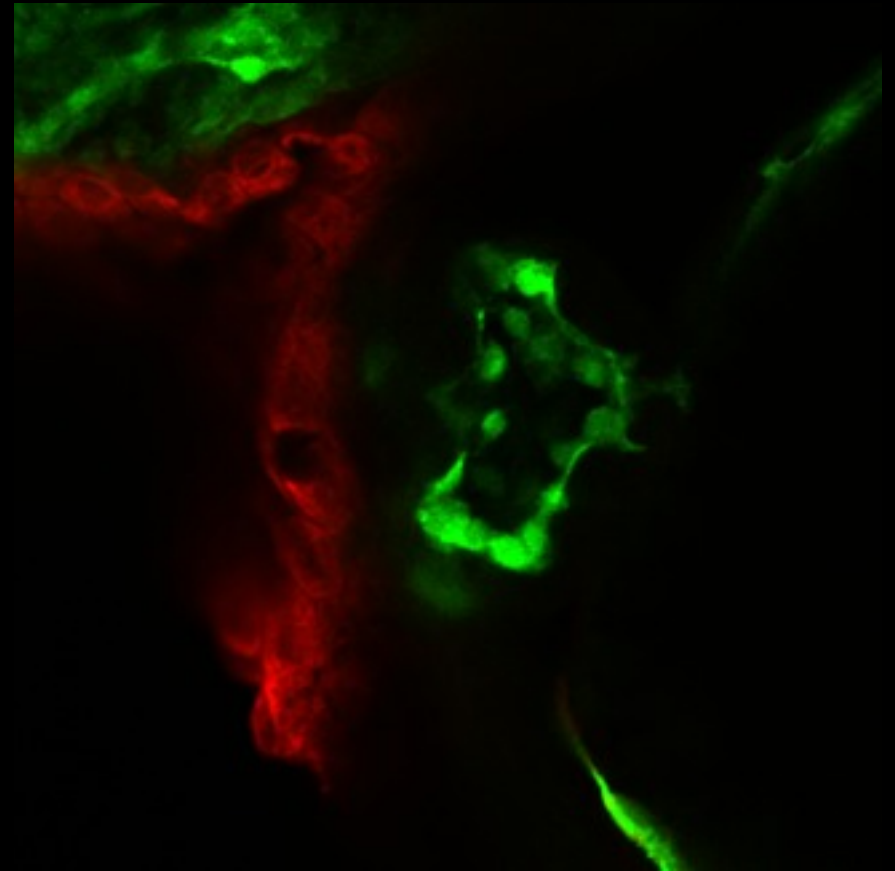
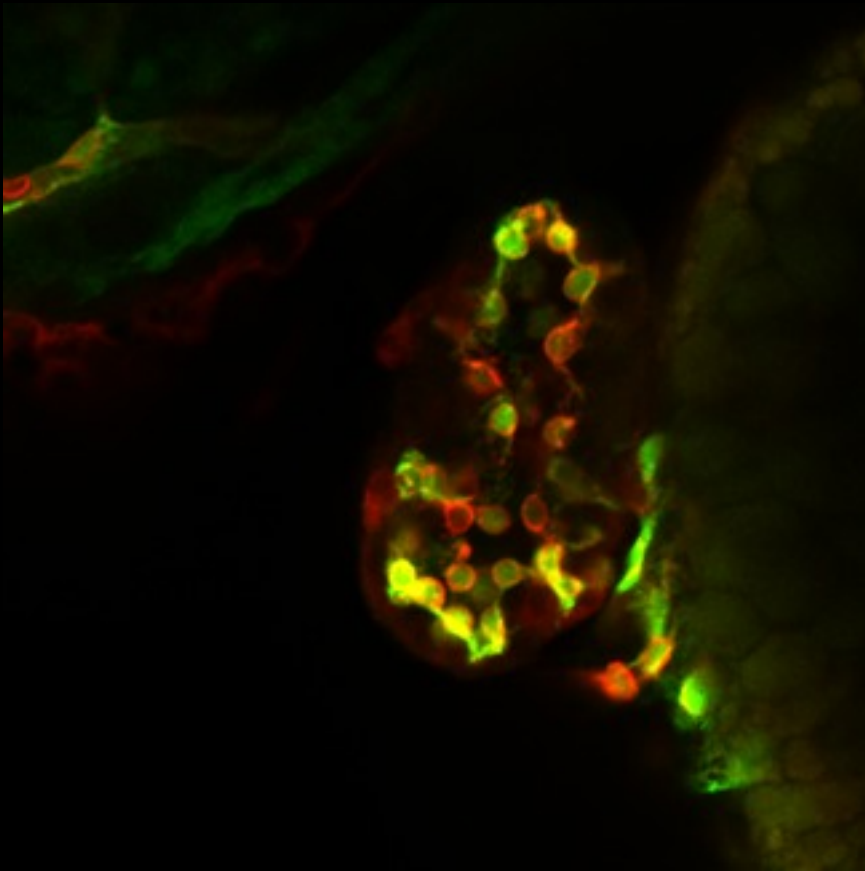
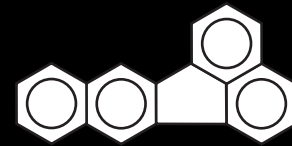
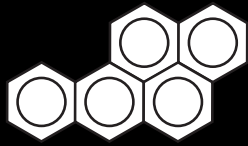
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- **Hand fed little baby pigs**

benzo[a]pyrene

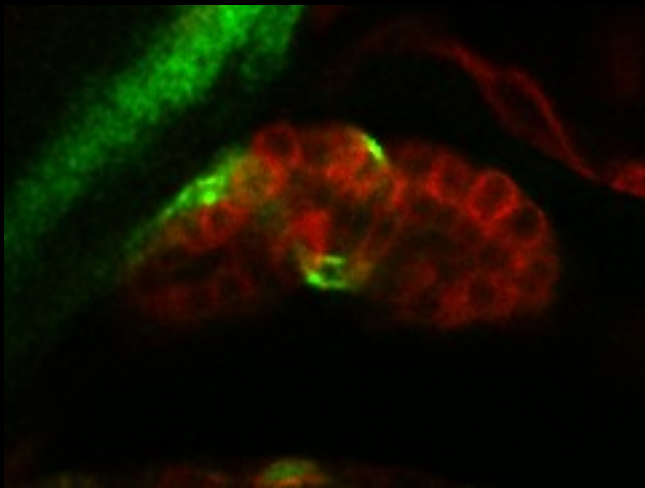


Distinct cardiac effects of BkF





heart: endothelium (fli1GFP) CYP1A



liver bud