

# Defense Systems

# What might scare an aquatic organism?



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- **Anatomic Features**
- **Immunity**
- **Response to Pollution**

# Anatomic Features



Chemical

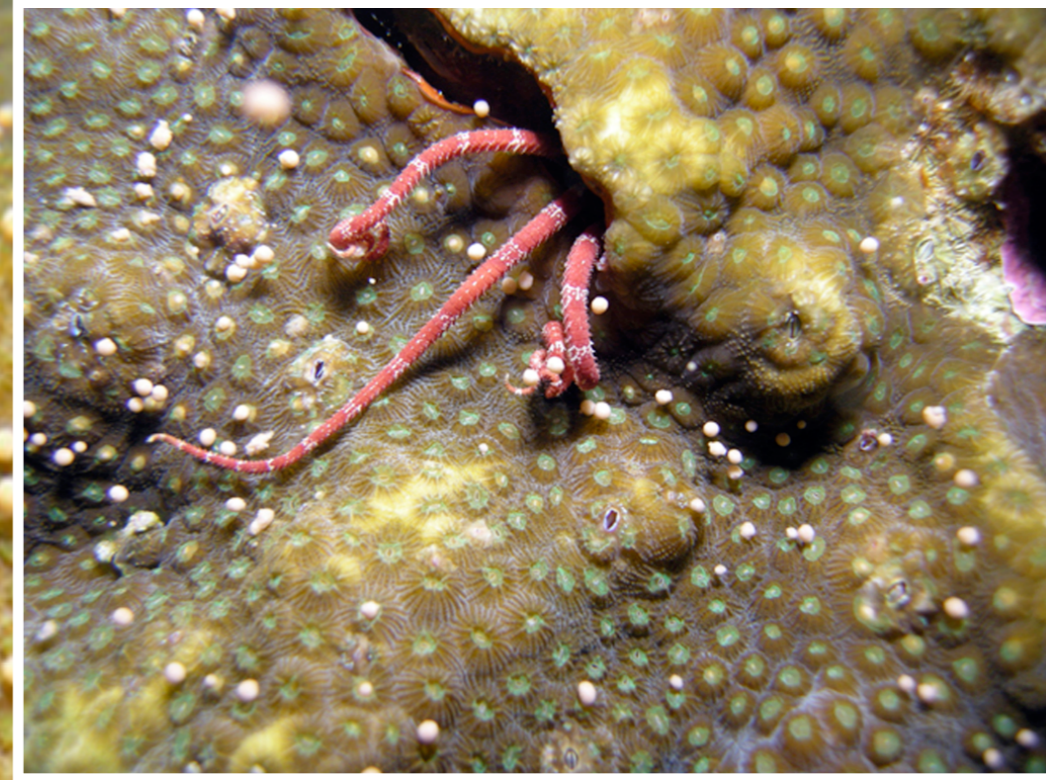
# Anatomic Features



## Escape

*Key reference:* Arnott, S. A., Neil, D. M. and Ansell, A. D. (1999). Escape trajectories of the brown shrimp *Crangon crangon*, and a theoretical consideration of initial escape angles from predators. *J. Exp. Biol.* **202**, 193-209.

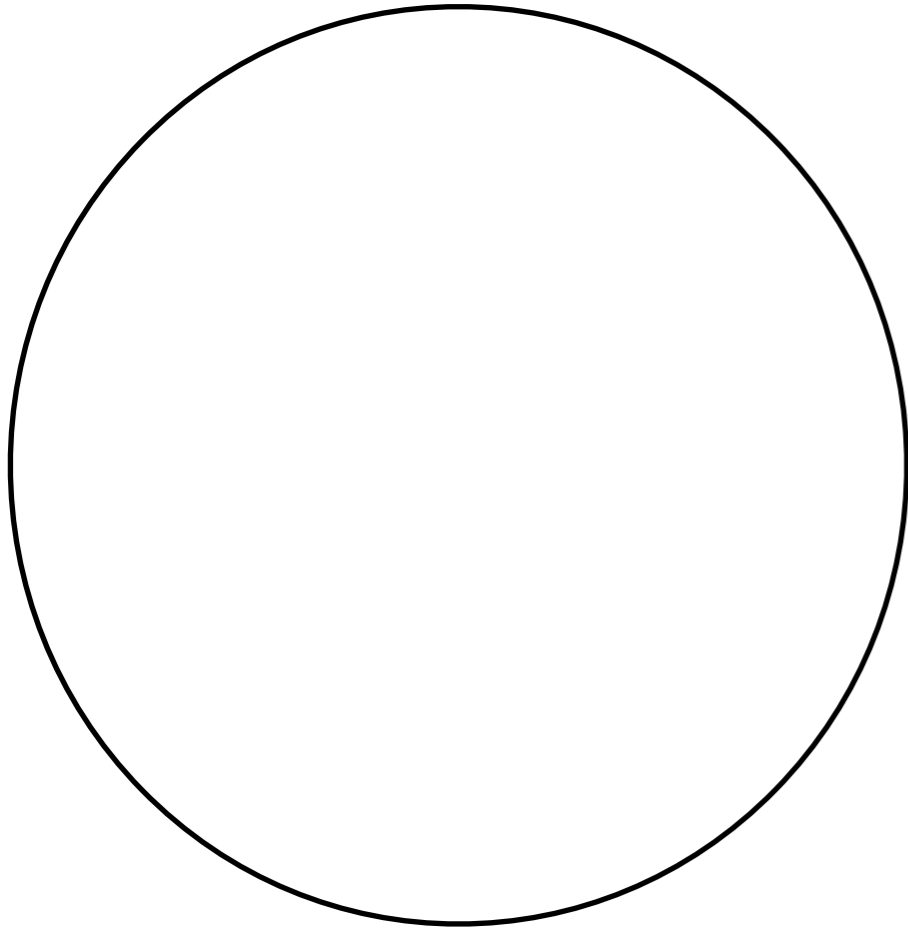
# Anatomic Features



# Reproductive Strategy

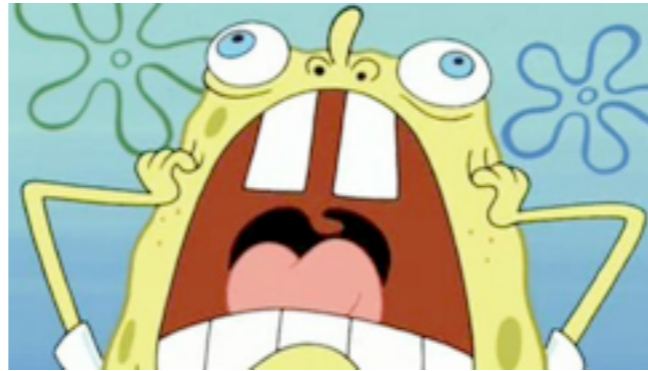
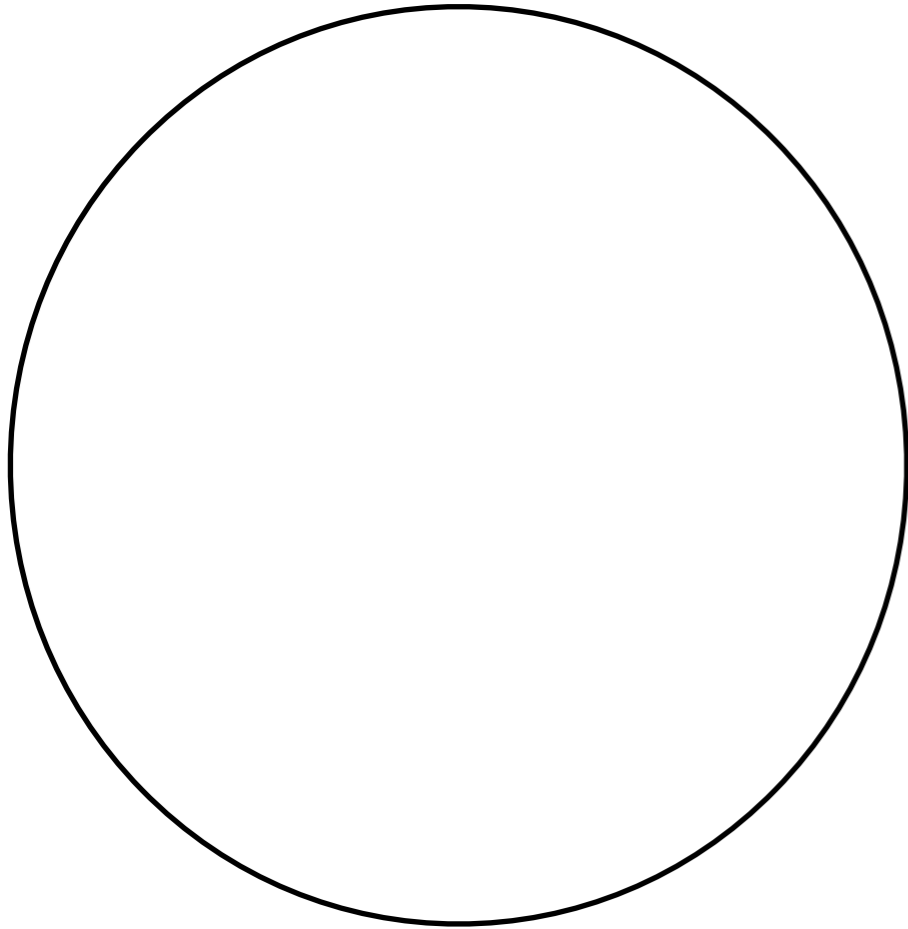
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# Immune System

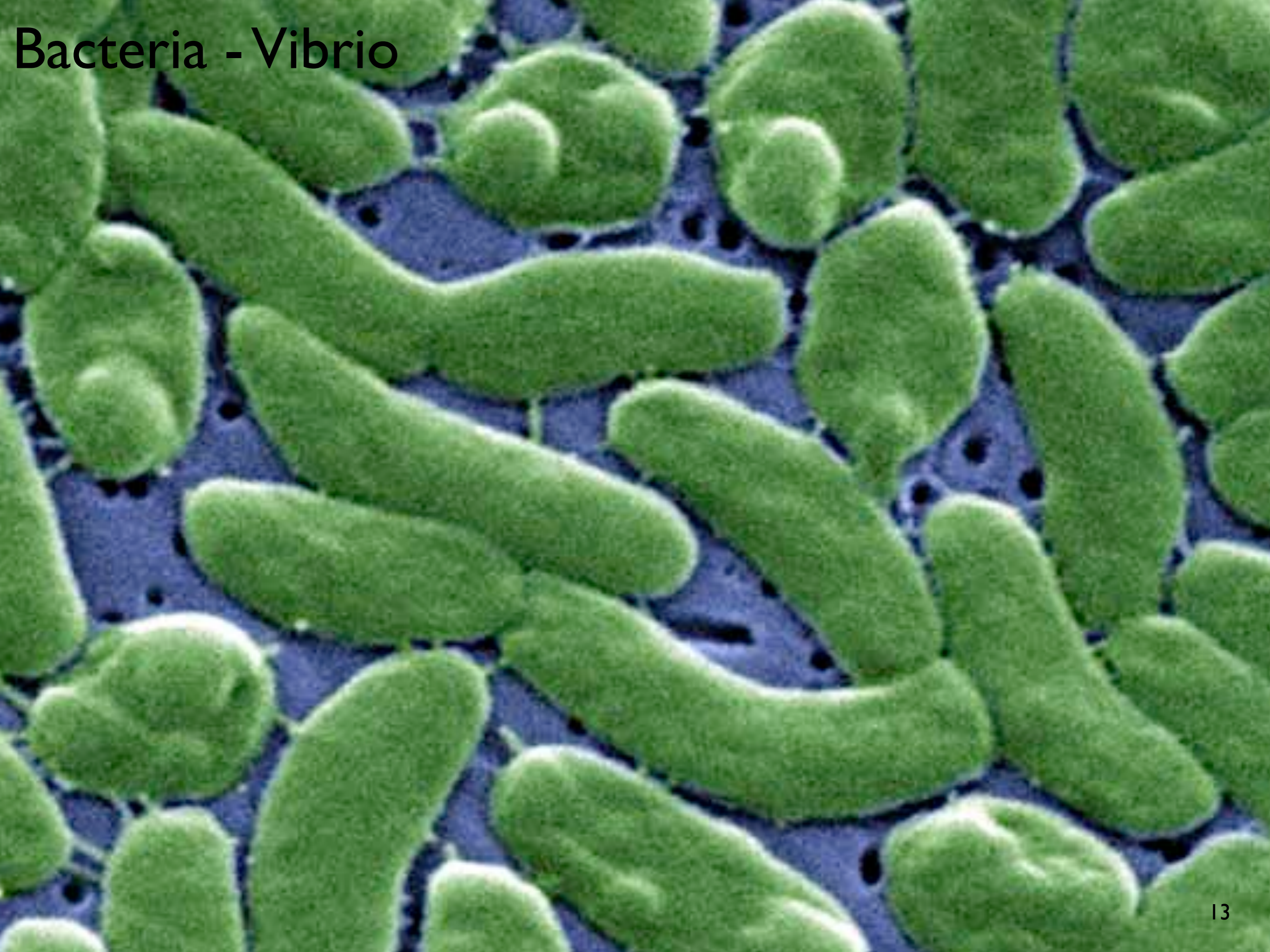
- Defense against *pathogens*
- Removal of “worn-out” cells and tissue debris (wound healing and tissue repair)
- ID and destruction of abnormal cells that originate in the body.

# Pathogens

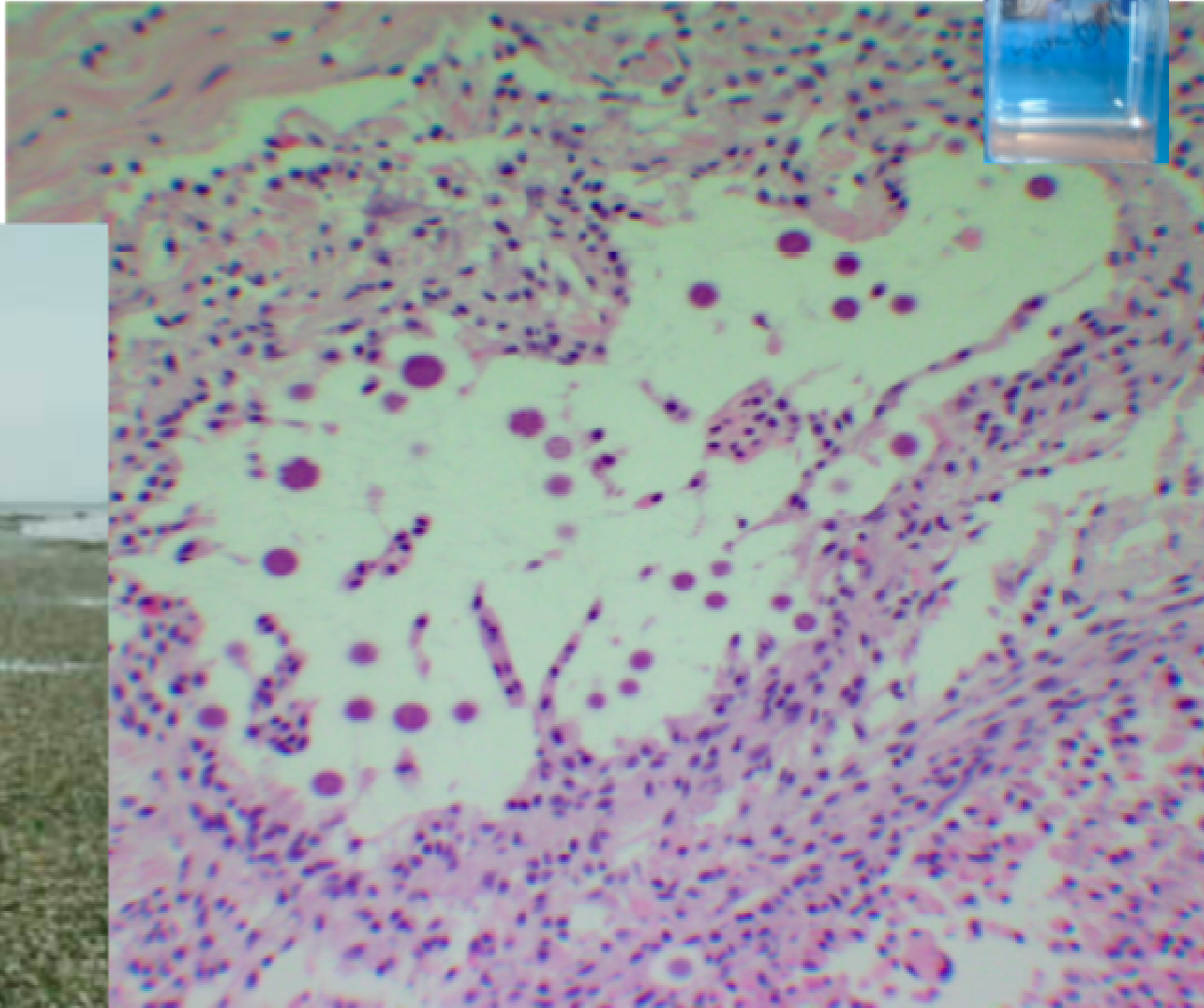
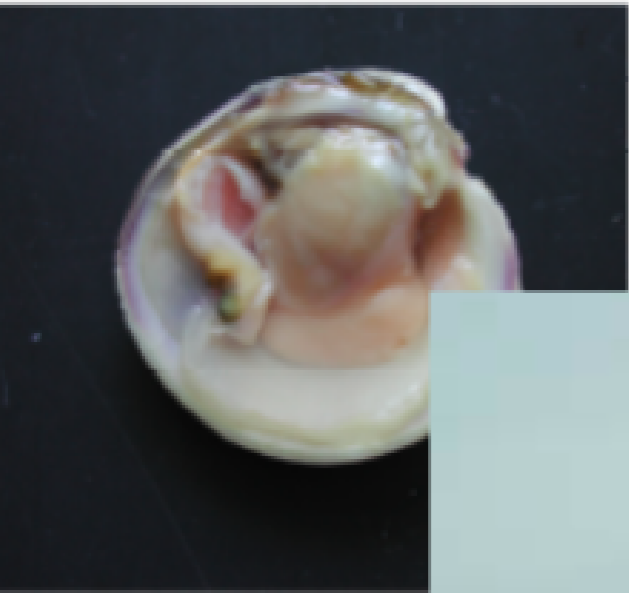
- Disease producing power known as  

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- Bacteria - release enzymes or toxins
- Internal parasites (larger; protozoa, fungi) - use resources, damage tissue
- Virus - not self sustaining; lack ability to for *energy production and protein synthesis*

# Bacteria - Vibrio



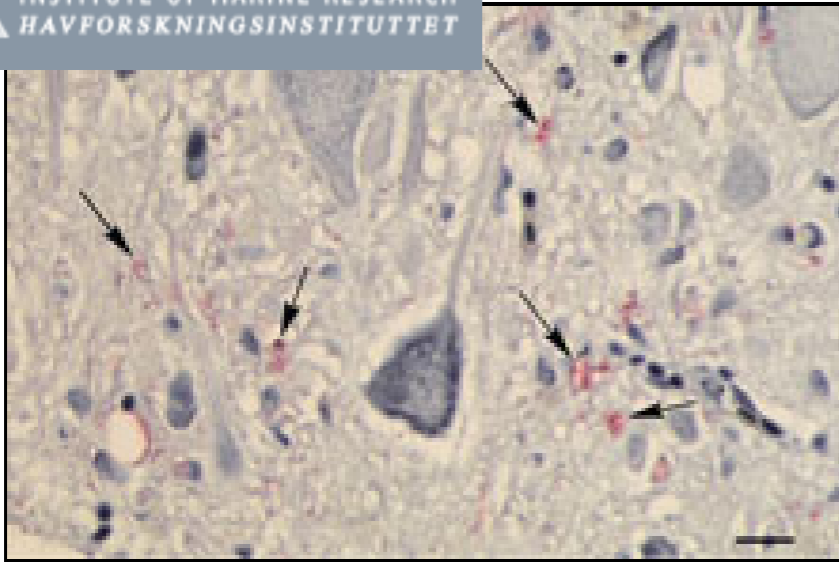
# Fungi - QPX



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# Virus - Nodavirus

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*Brain of salmon contaminated by nodavirus.*



Development of diagnostic and management techniques to select cod broodstocks and hatchery stocks free from nodavirus



# Immune Response

- Innate Immunity - non-specific
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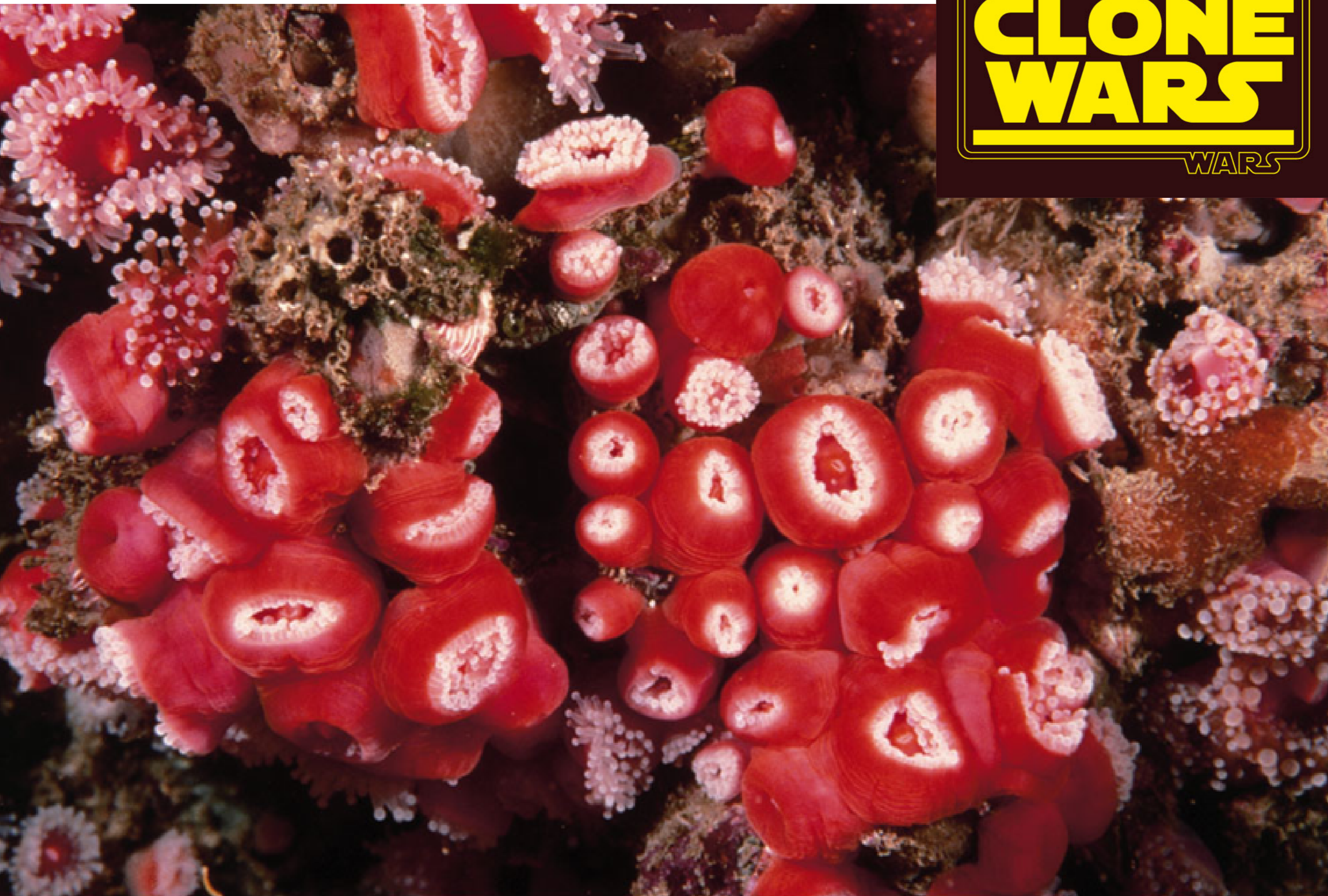


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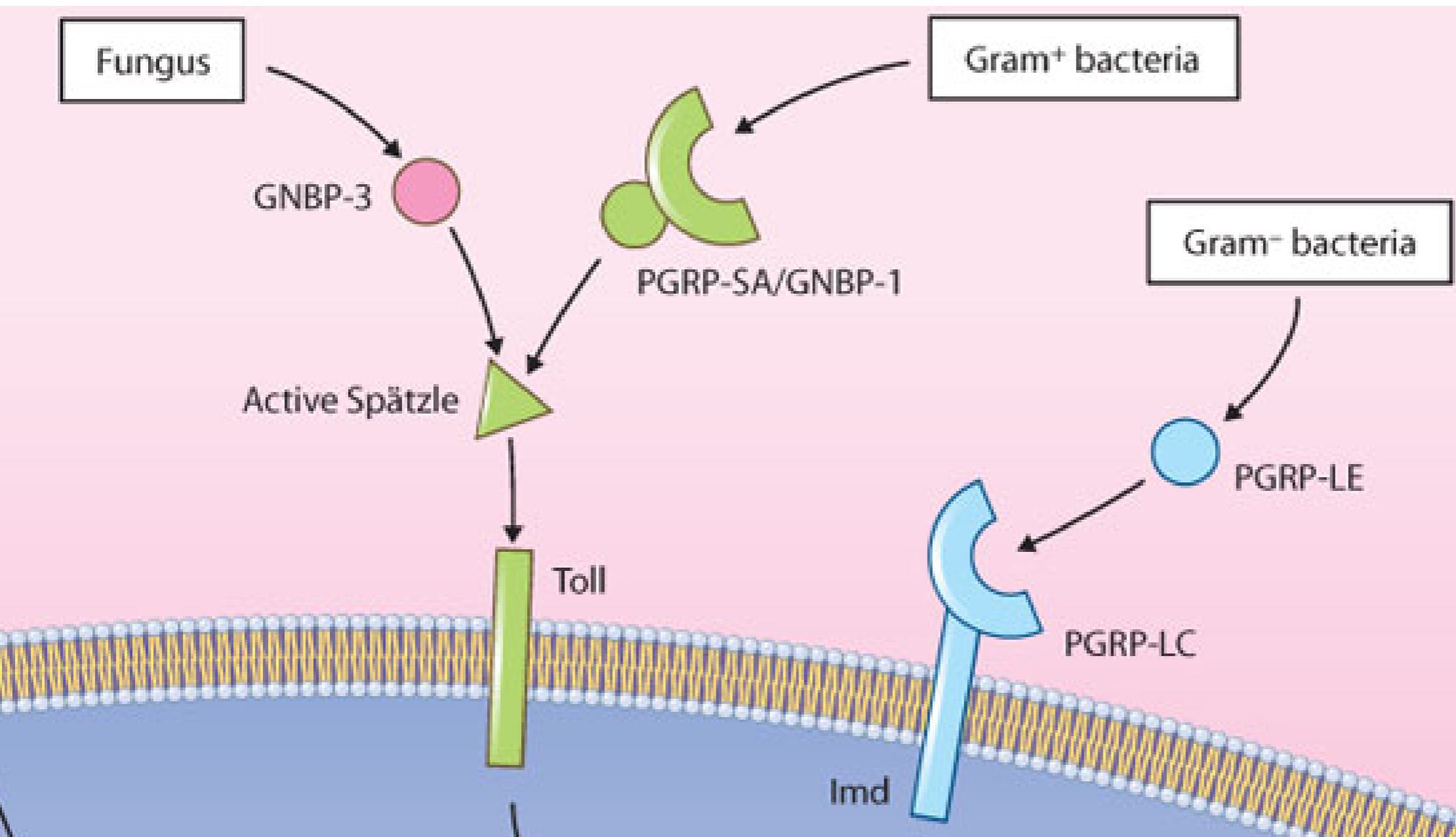


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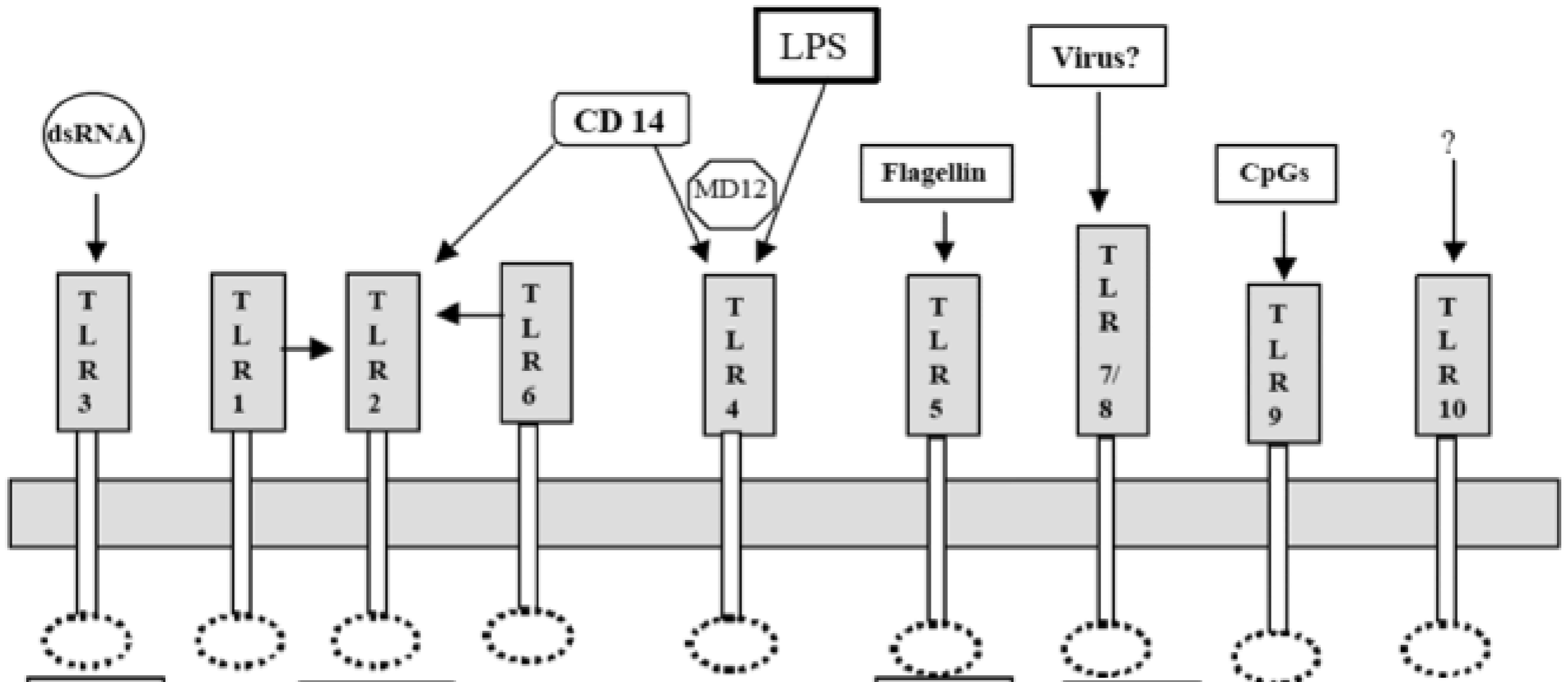
*pattern recognition proteins (PRPs)*

# PRPs



Toll-like Receptors  
Peptidoglycan recognition proteins

# PRPs - Toll-like Receptors





That's how the immune system  
knows bad things are there...

# Innate Immunity

- Barrier tissue
- Inflammation
- Complement System

# Chemico-physical Barrier



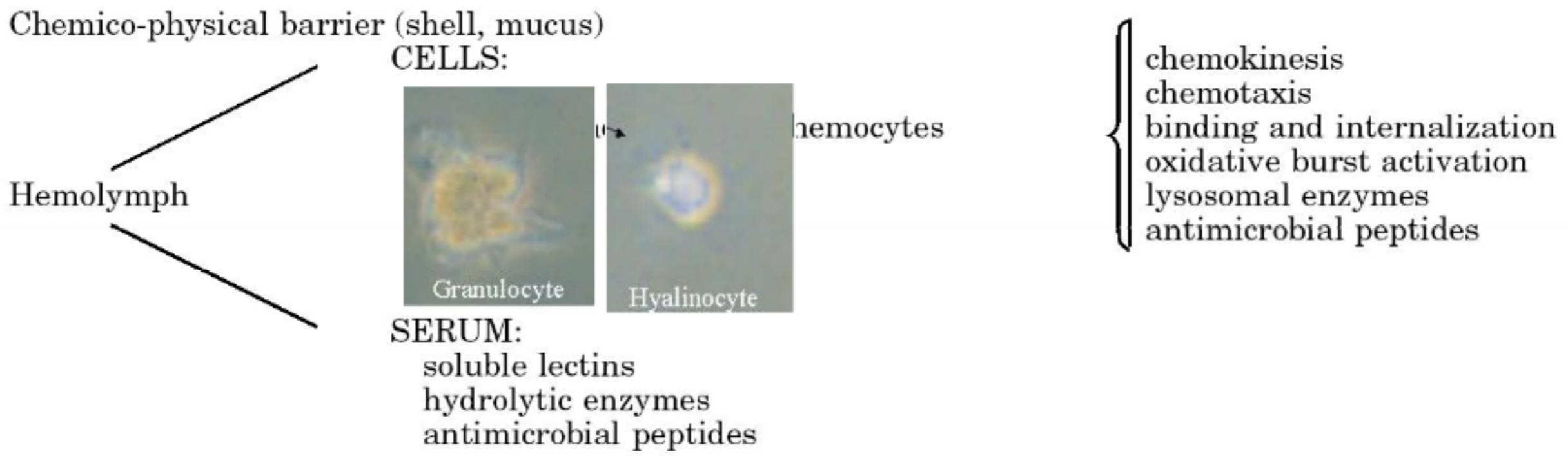
*anti-microbial peptides*

*beneficial microbial  
communities*

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Laura Canesi, Gabriella Gallo, Miriam Gavioli, and Carla Pruzzo  
Bacteria-hemocyte Interactions and Phagocytosis in Marine  
Bivalves. 2002. Microscopy Research And Technique 57:469-476

# Phagocytosis

- How do they know where to go?
- What do they do when they get there?

# Chemotaxis

# Phagocytosis

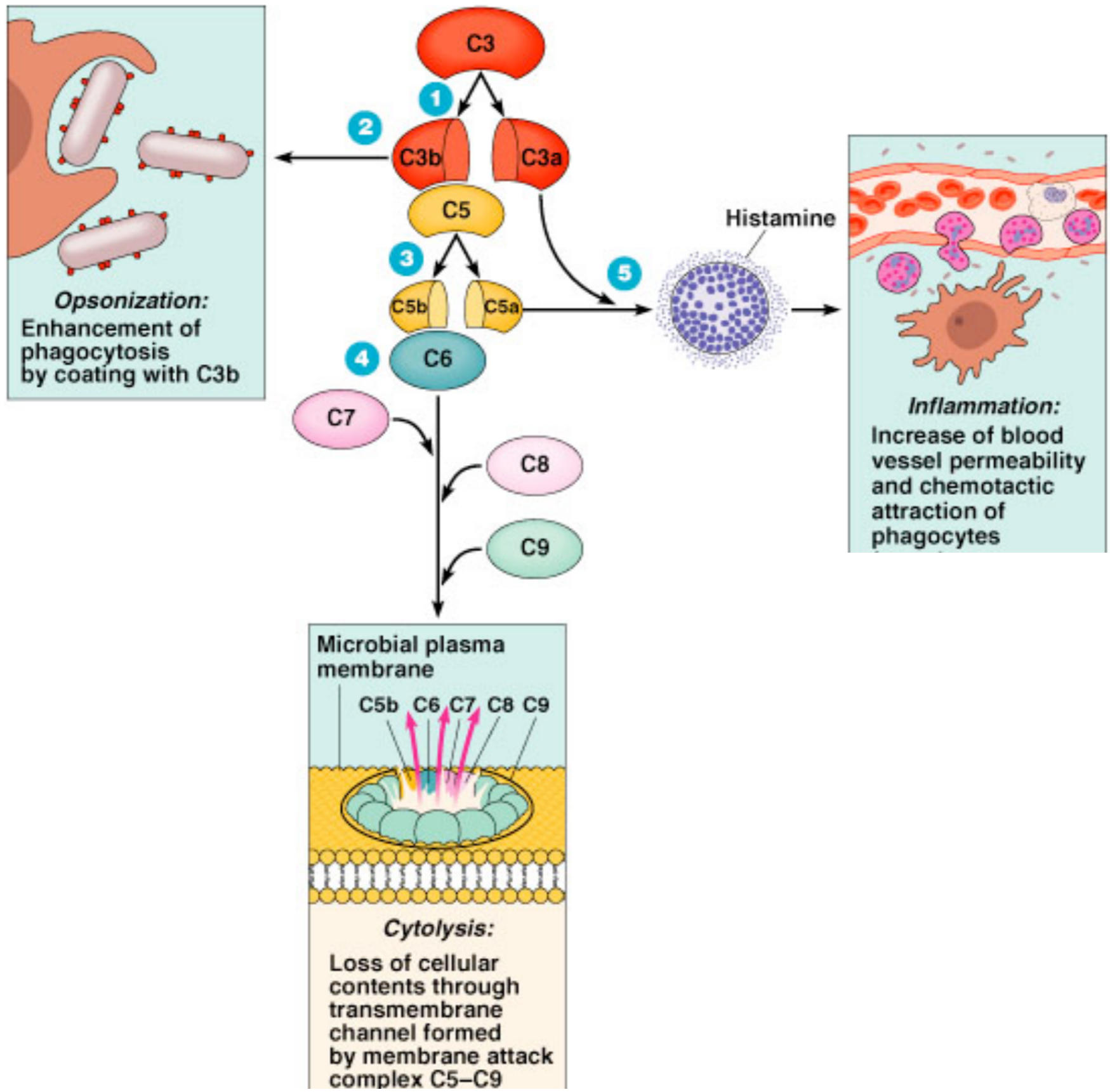
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# Non-phagocytic Destruction

- Nitric oxide
- Reactive oxygen species
- Lactoferrin
- Complement System

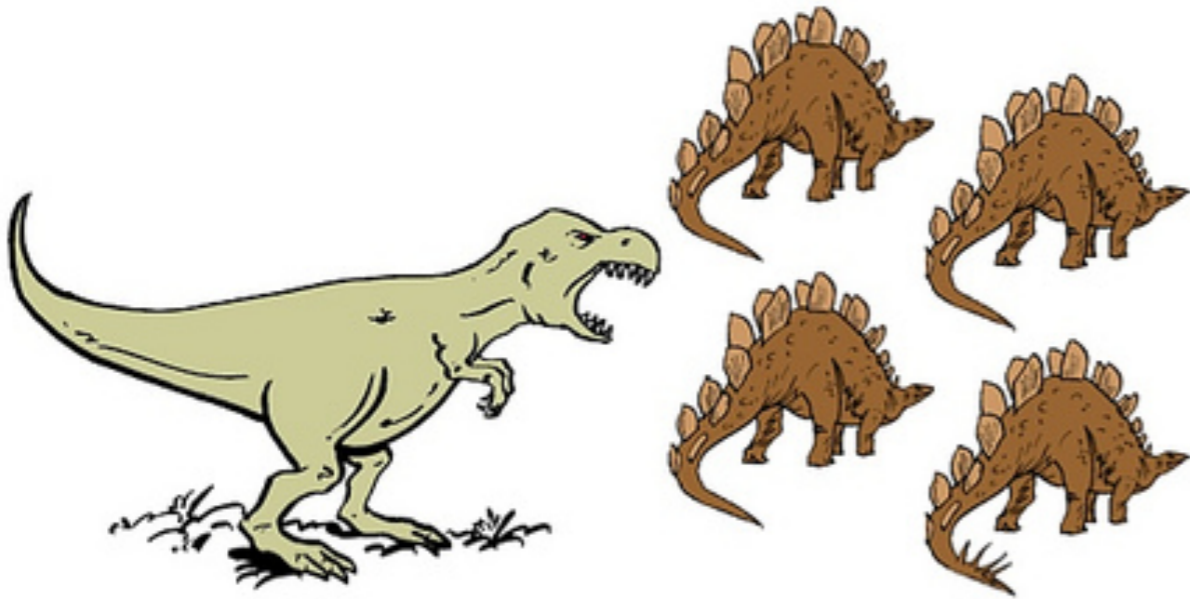
# Complement System



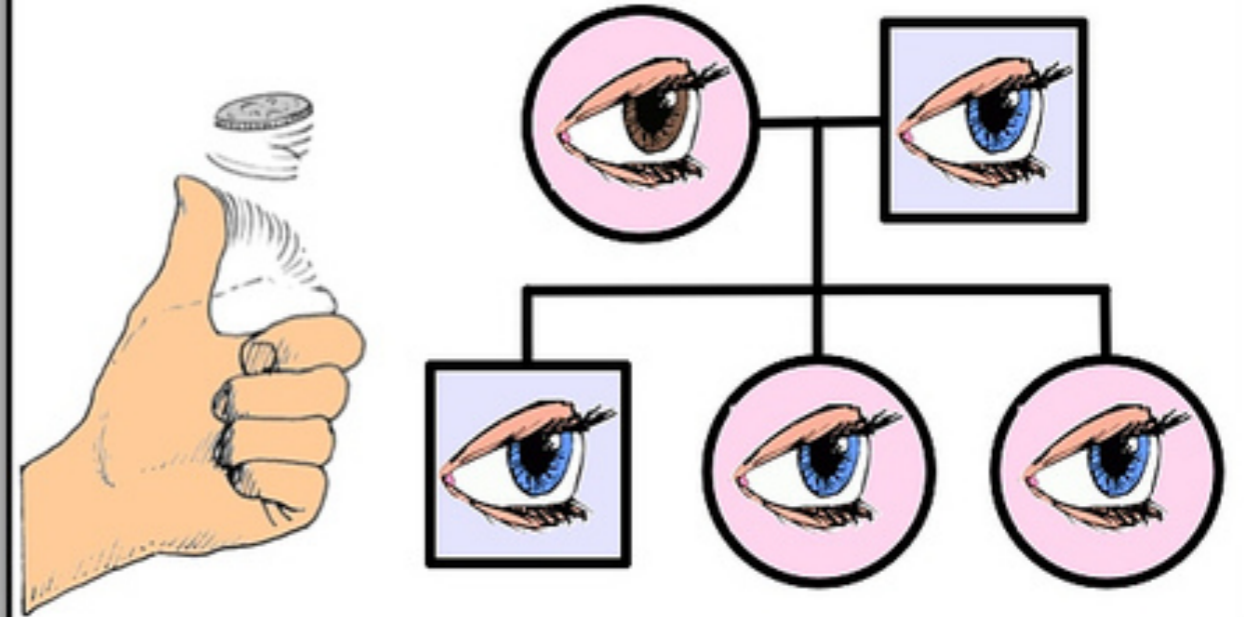
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## NATURAL SELECTION



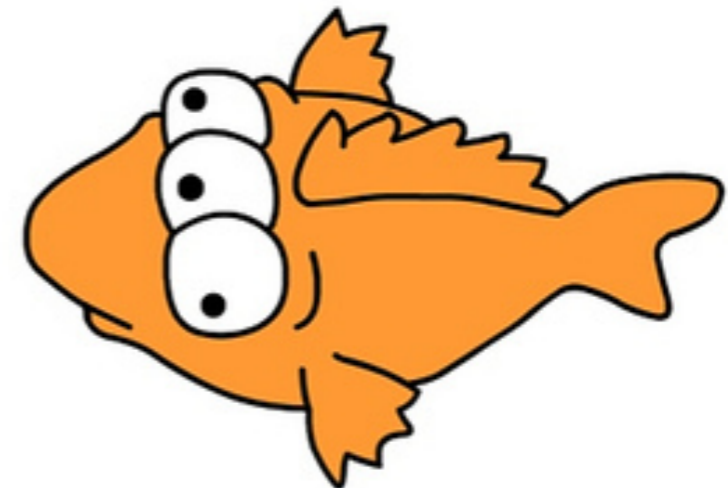
## GENETIC DRIFT



## MIGRATION

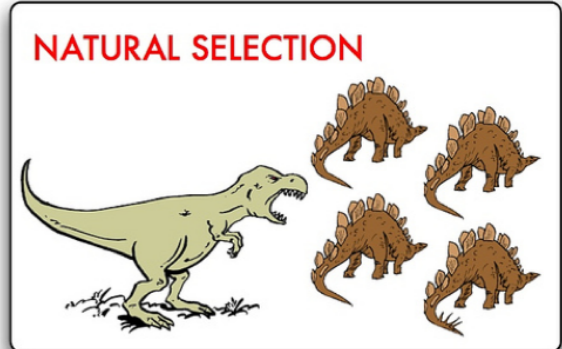
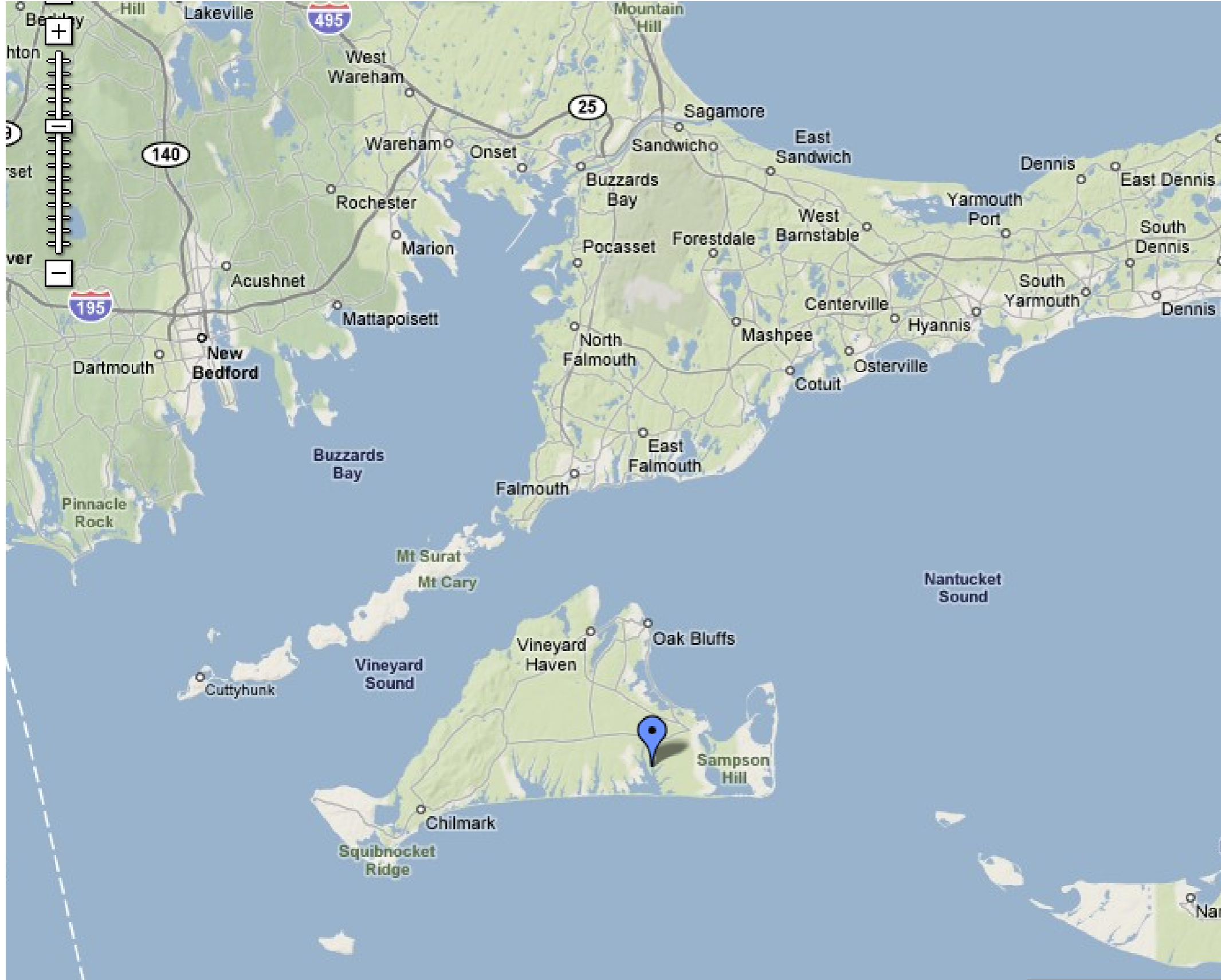


## MUTATION

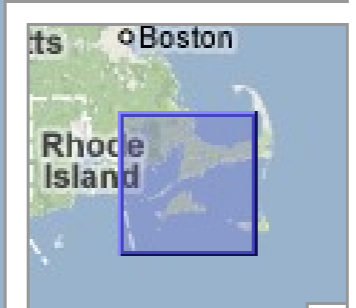


# Two part story





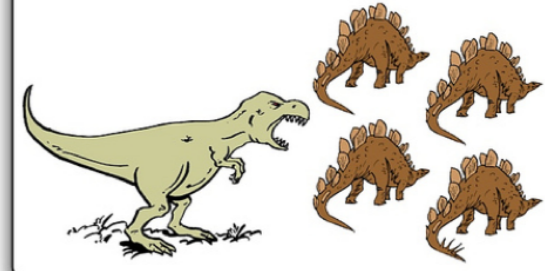
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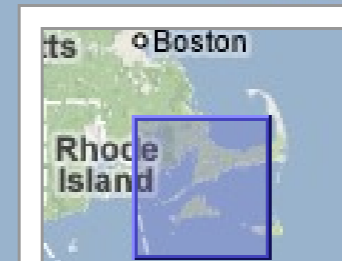
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Rick Karney

# Disease Resistance?

## NATURAL SELECTION



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Edgartown  
Great Pond

Crackatuxet  
Cove

Water Rd

Bold Water Rd

Kanonika Rd

Kanonika Rd

Brown

Wilson's Landing

Meeting House Way

Hotchkiss Ln  
Rd to the Plains  
Court St  
Zoll Rd

Jacob's Neck Rd

Bold Water Rd

Wilson's Landing

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Meeti

Slough Cove Rd

Motick Trail

Jacob's Neck Rd

Jacob's Neck Rd

Swan Lake Farm

Turkeyland Cove Rd

Kingpoint Way

Turkeyland Cove Rd

Loon Cove Rd

Jobes Neck Cove Rd

Eastern Point

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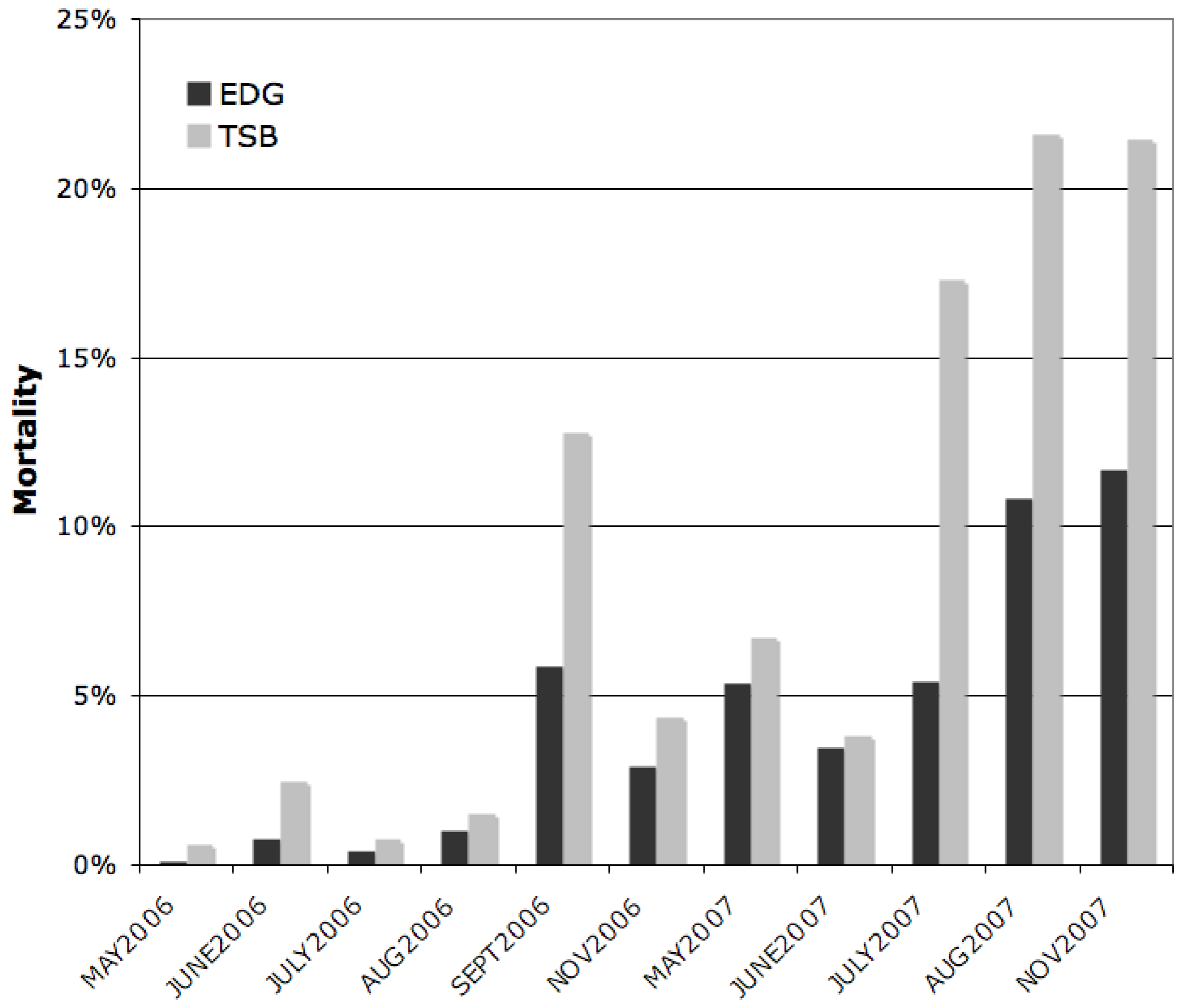
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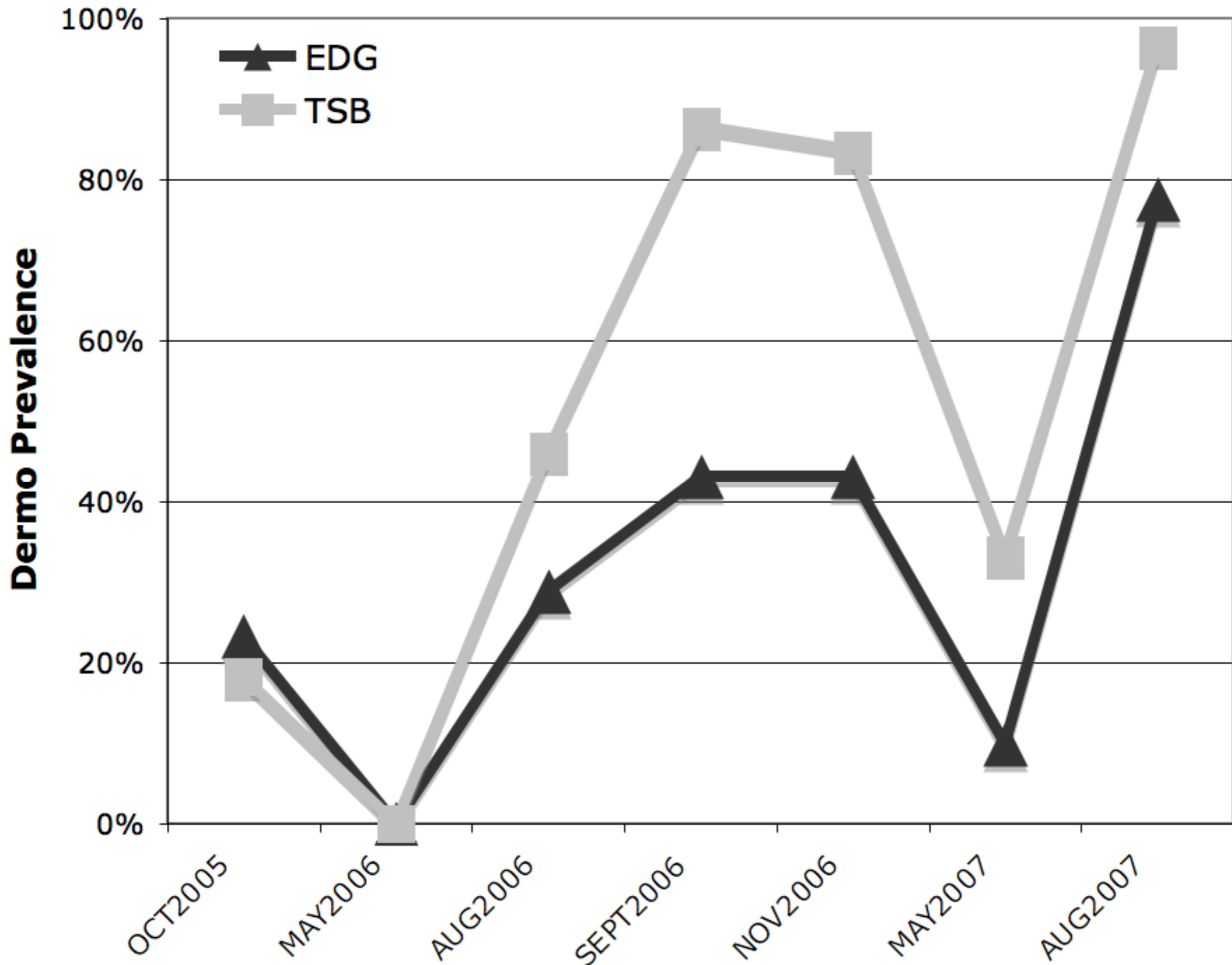




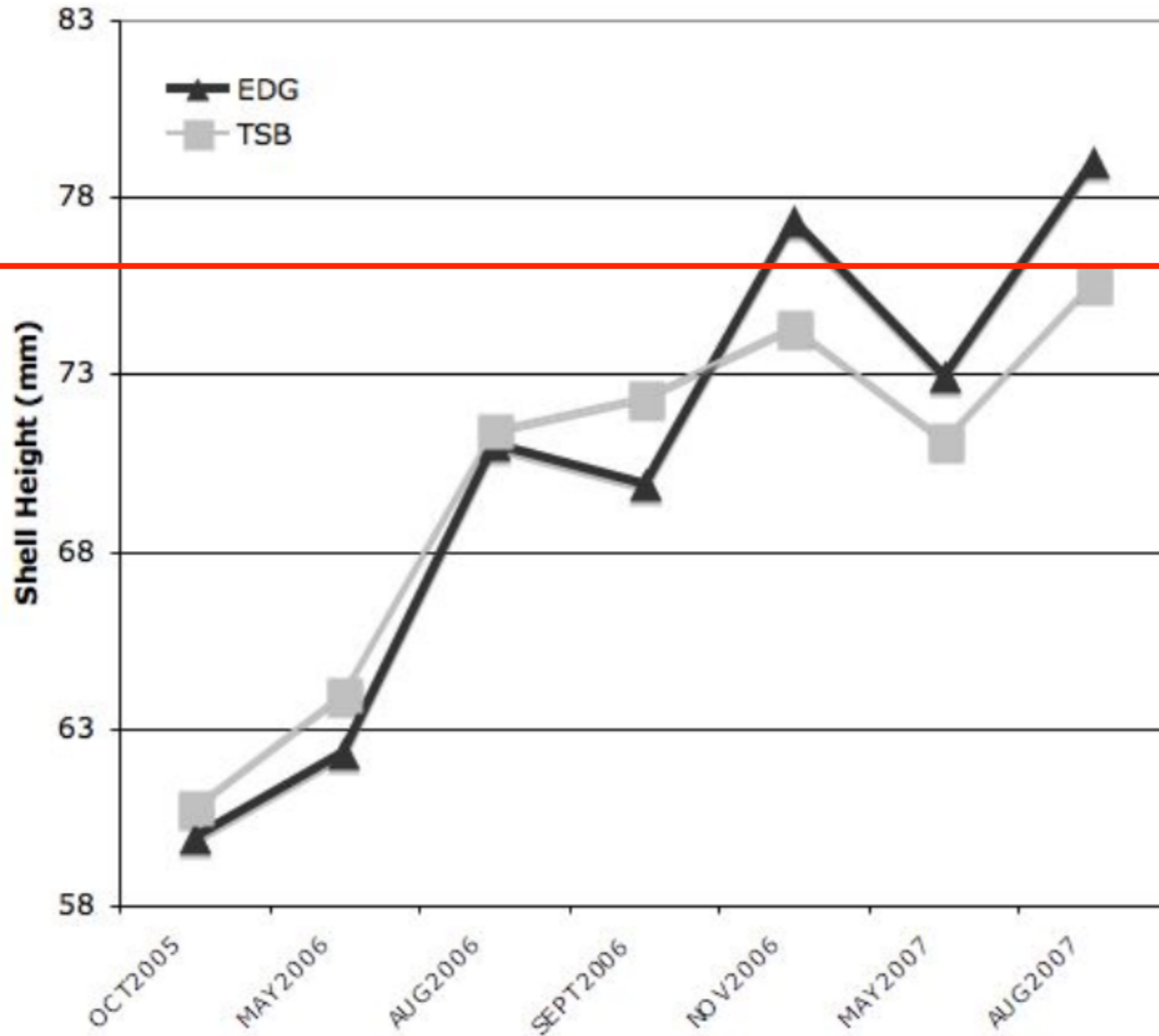








# Market size

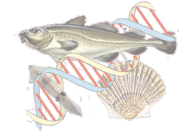


# Mechanisms

They are different,  
but how / why?





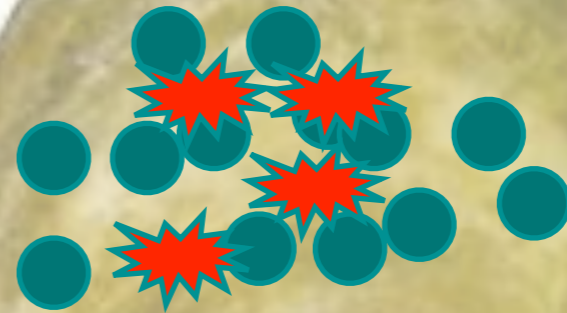


# Schematic

Parasite



Hemocytes



BCL-X

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Resistant

Wild-type





# Apoptosis – BCL-X

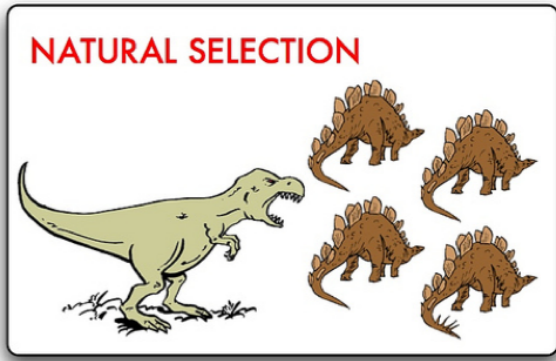
- Resistant oyster strains could downregulate apoptosis suppression
- Allowing for increased apoptosis
- Decreasing number of cells available for *Perkinsus* proliferation

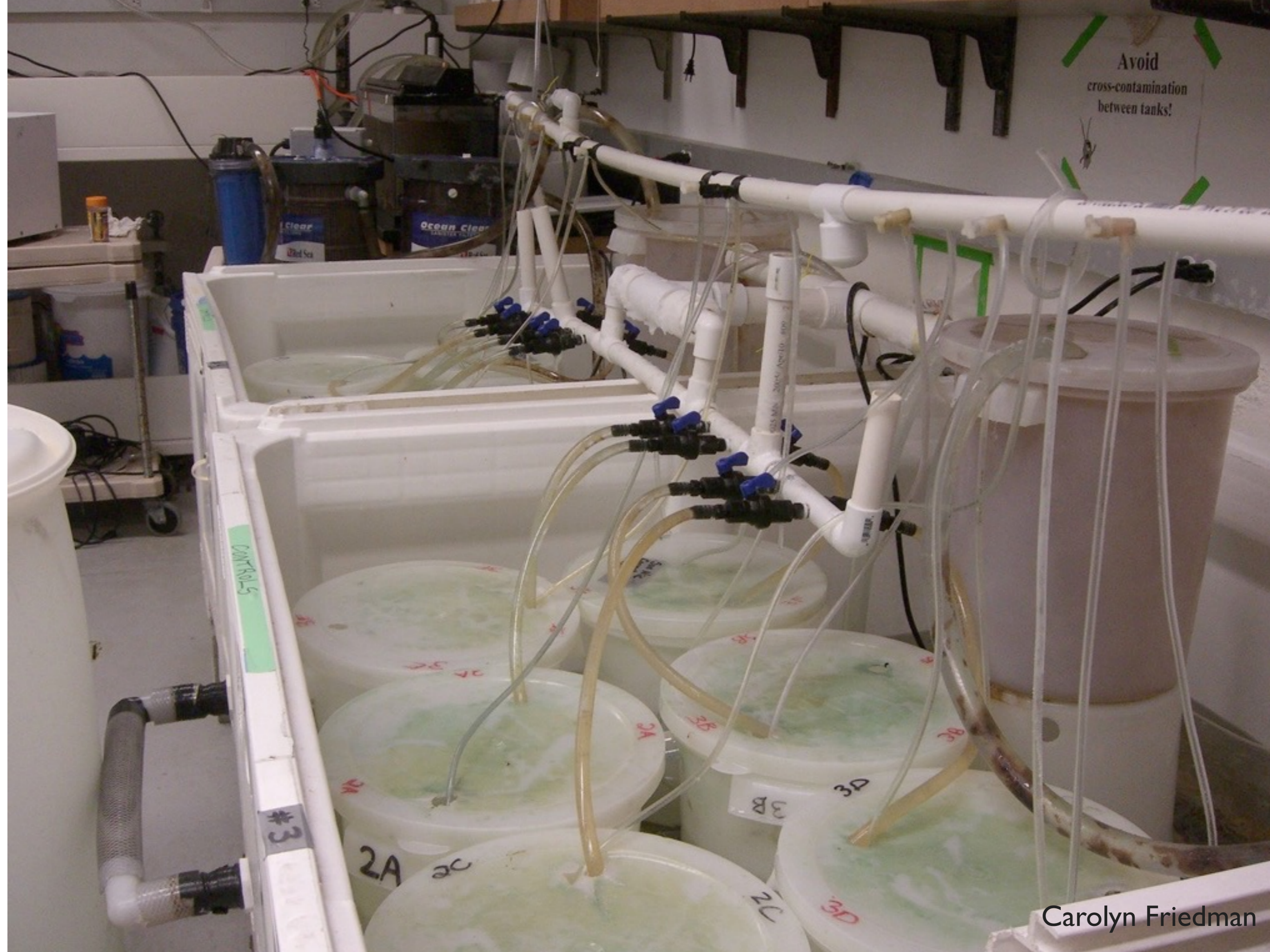
# Summary - Oyster

- Offspring of survivors of heavy disease pressure are more tolerant to disease
- Mechanisms involved in host responses to *P. marinus* include proteases and apoptosis

# Abalone







Avoid  
cross-contamination  
between tanks!

CONTROLS

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2A

2B

3B

3C

3D

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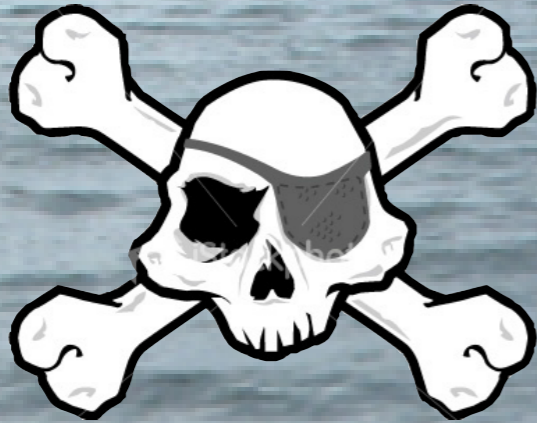
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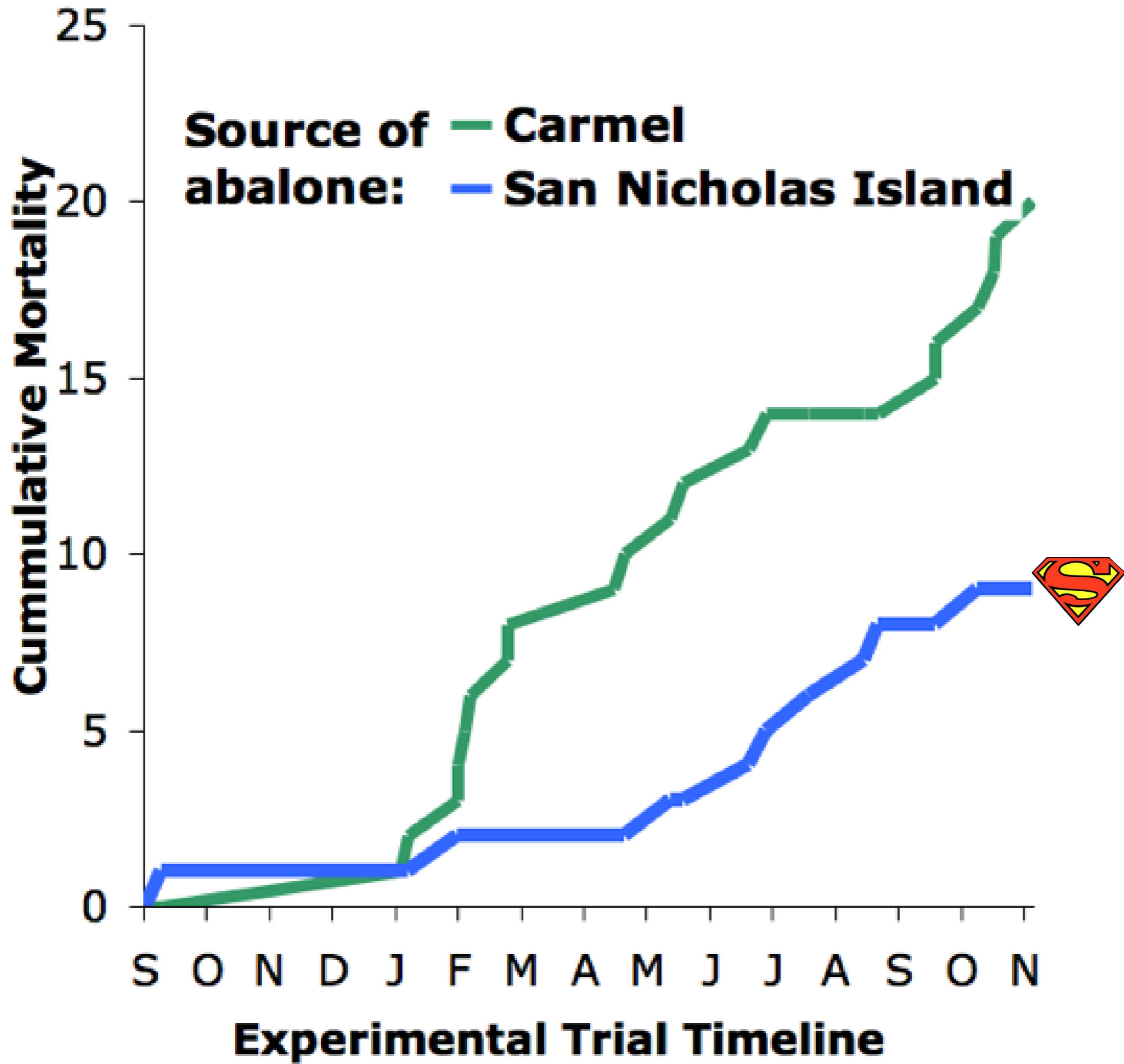
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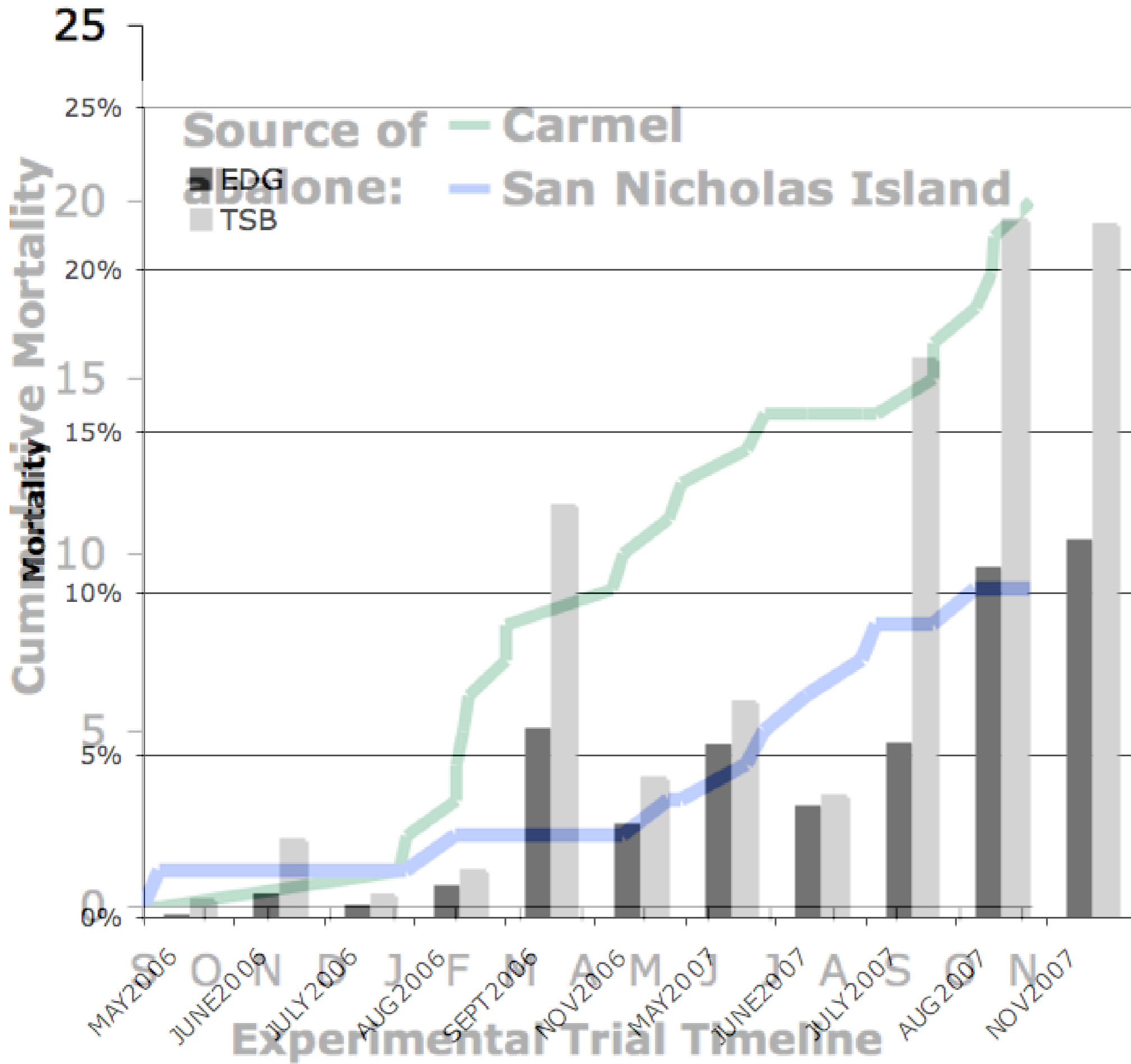
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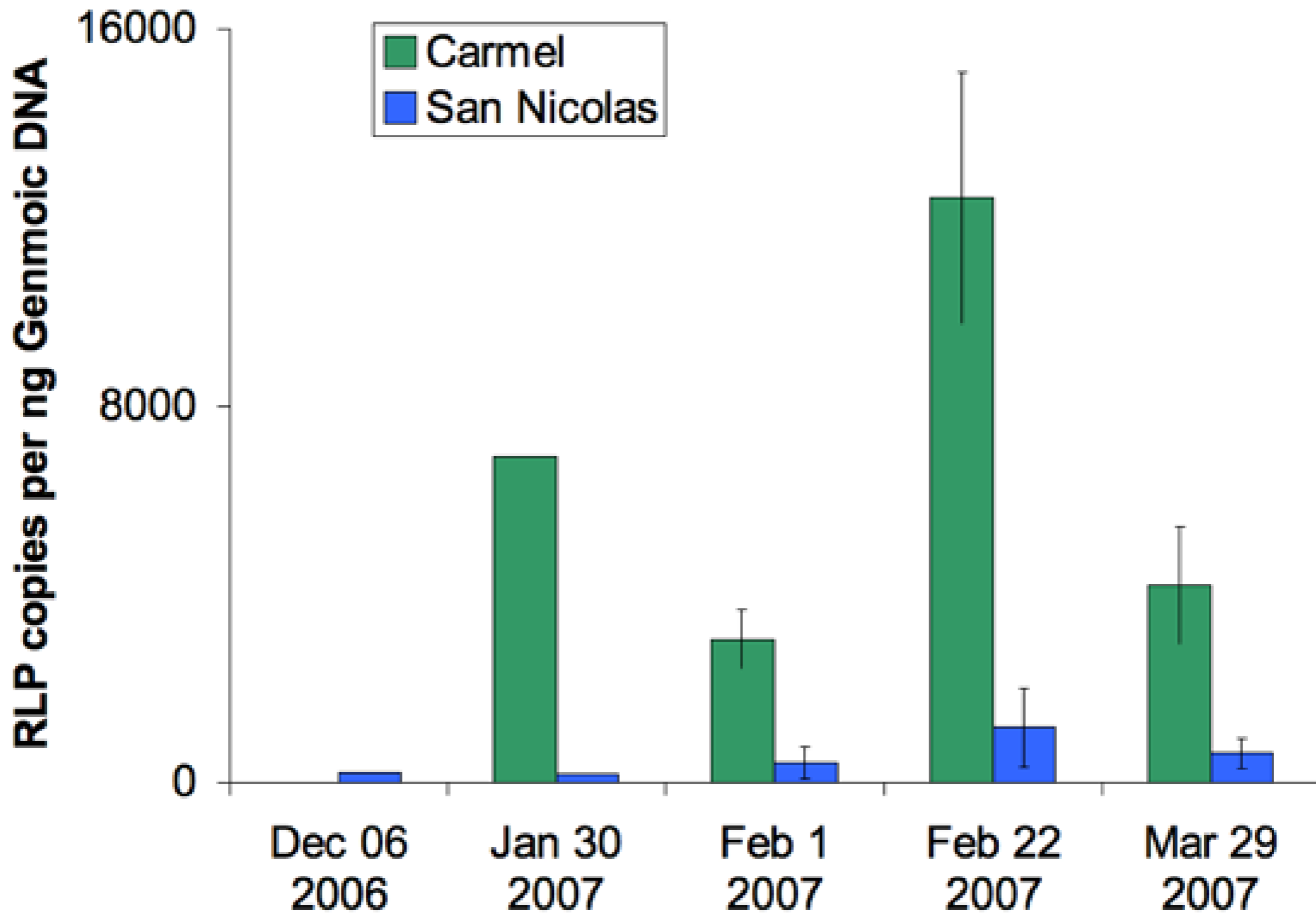
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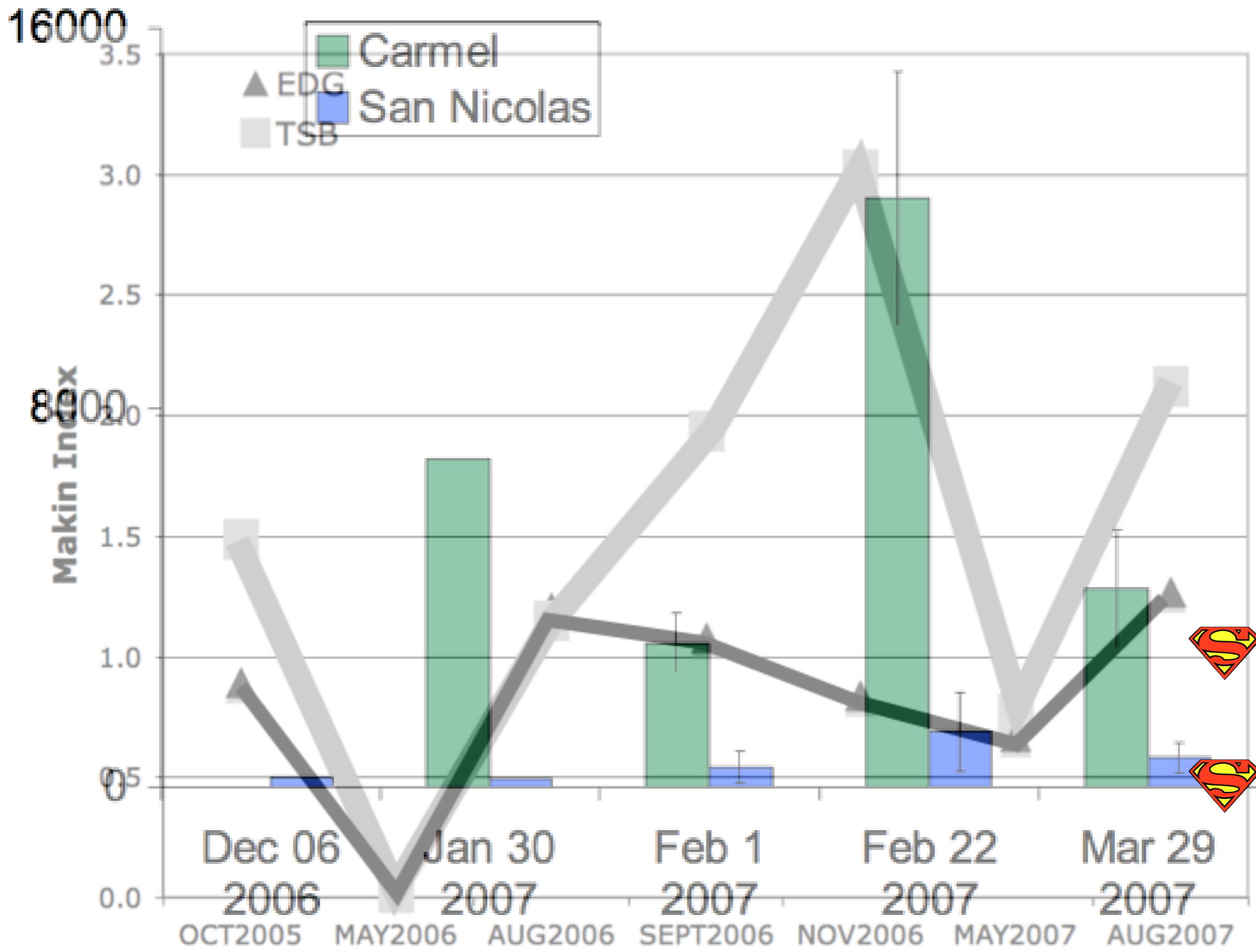








# RPLP copies per ng Genmoic DNA



# Increased Resistance

Better survival AND less pathogen load

How?

**Differences?**

Factors involved in tissue change, general immune responses, recognition of the pathogen....

<b>Gene</b>	<b>Molecular Function</b>	<b>Biological Process</b>
Rab1	GTPase activity	Vesicle-mediated transport
Rab7 (WSSV Receptor)	GTPase activity, protein binding	Intracellular Protein Transport
Catalase	Catalase activity, antioxidant activity	Determination of life span, response to oxidative stress
Toll Interacting Protein (TOLLIP)	Protein binding, signal transducer activity	Inflammatory response, intracellular signaling cascade
Bacterial Recognition Protein (BRP)	Bacterial binding	Regulation of innate immune response
Manganese Superoxide Dismutase (MnSD)	MnSD activity, antioxidant activity	Response to oxidative stress
Plancitoxin	Deoxiribonuclease II activity	DNA catabolism process, DNA binding

# Summary - Abalone

- Just as with oysters, processes of natural selection have resulted in populations with increased tolerance.
- Important mechanisms involved in the immune response to VWS are associated with initial pathogen recognition.



Small pockets of  shellfish.

What are the implications?

Who cares?