

# **Site-specific Profiles of Fish Feminization in Surface Waters of California Indicate Multiple Causes of Estrogenic Activities**

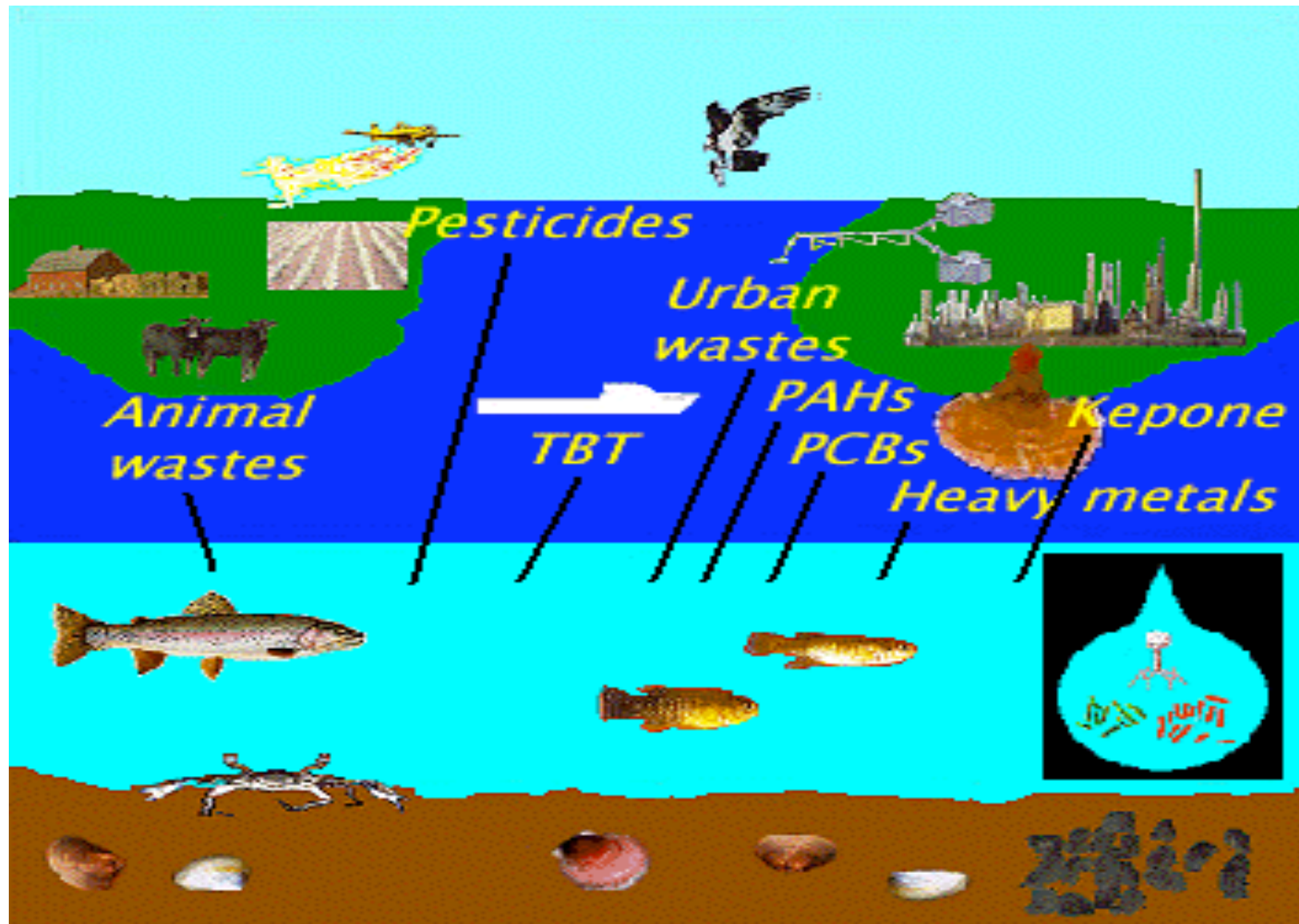
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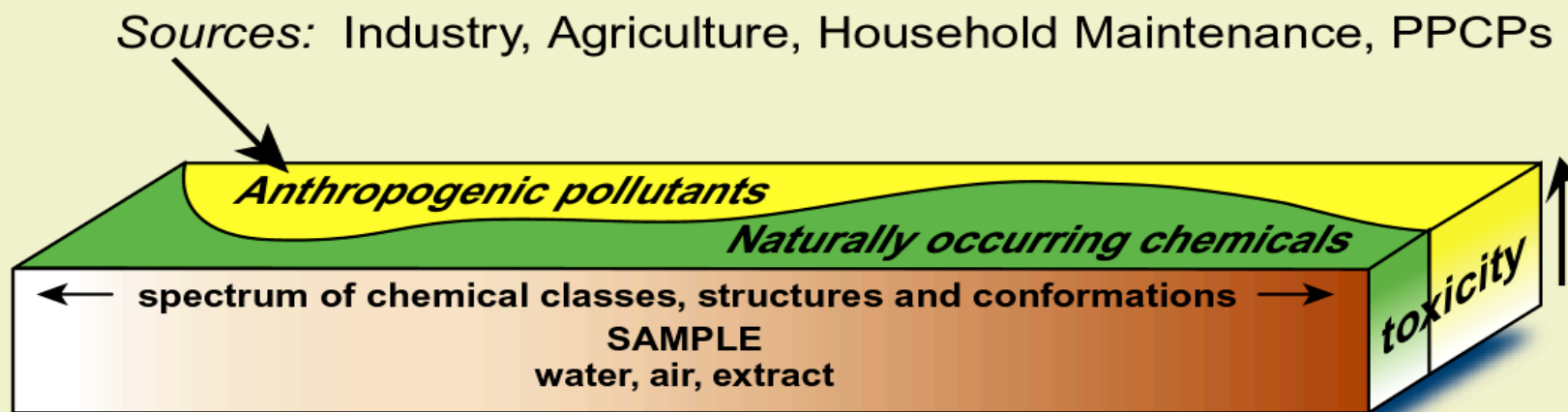
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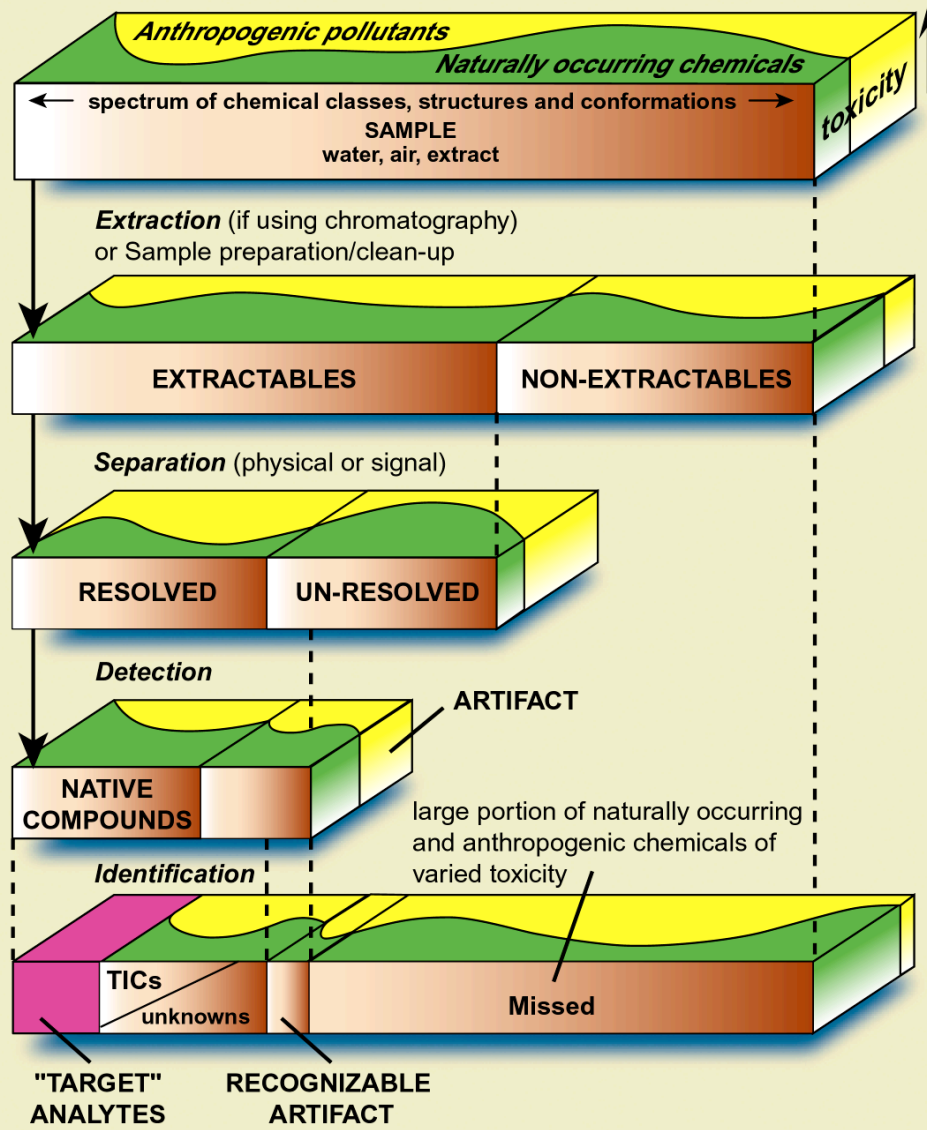


# Universe of Chemicals in the Environment



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# Limitations and Complexity of Environmental Chemical Analysis

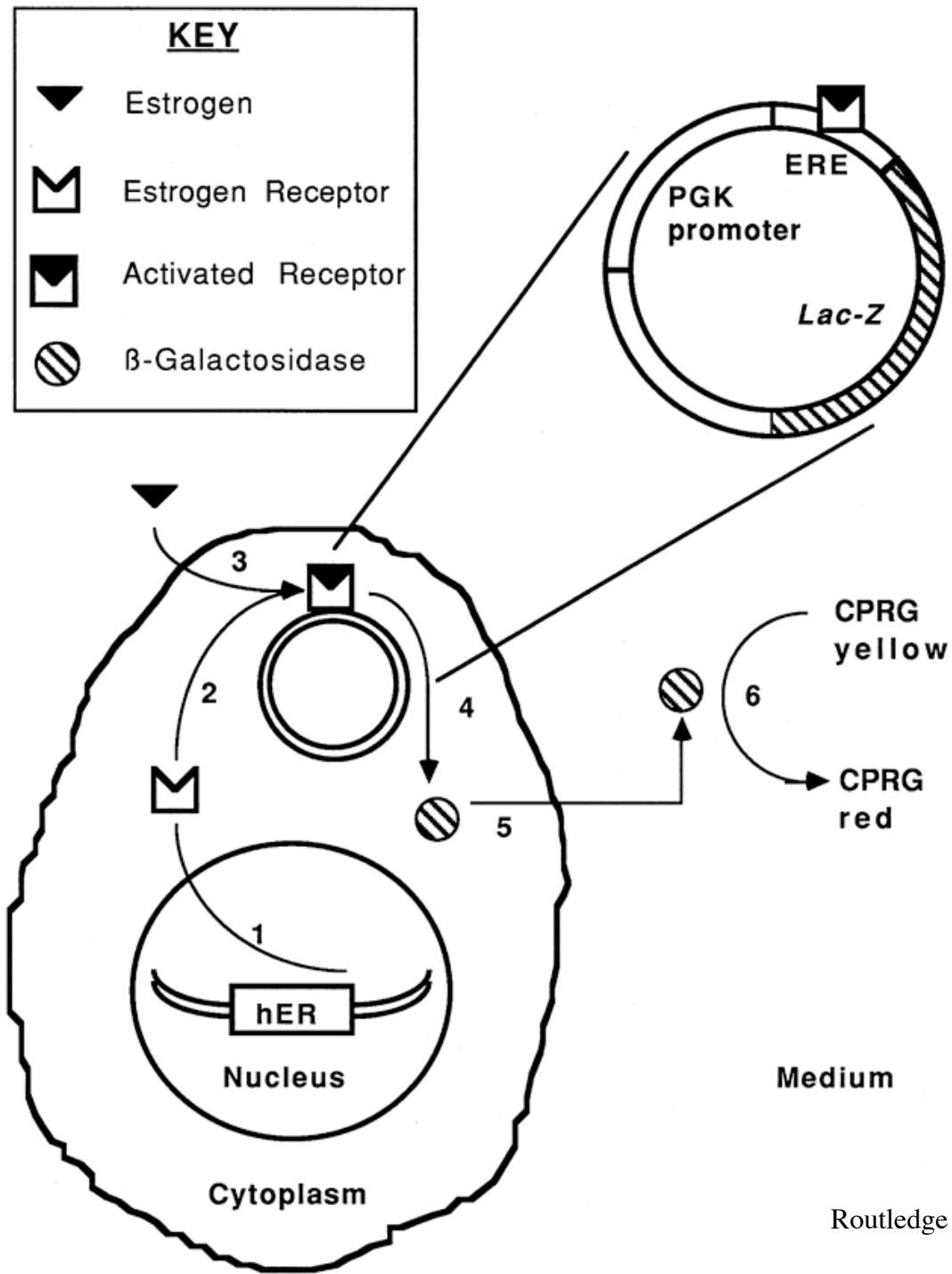


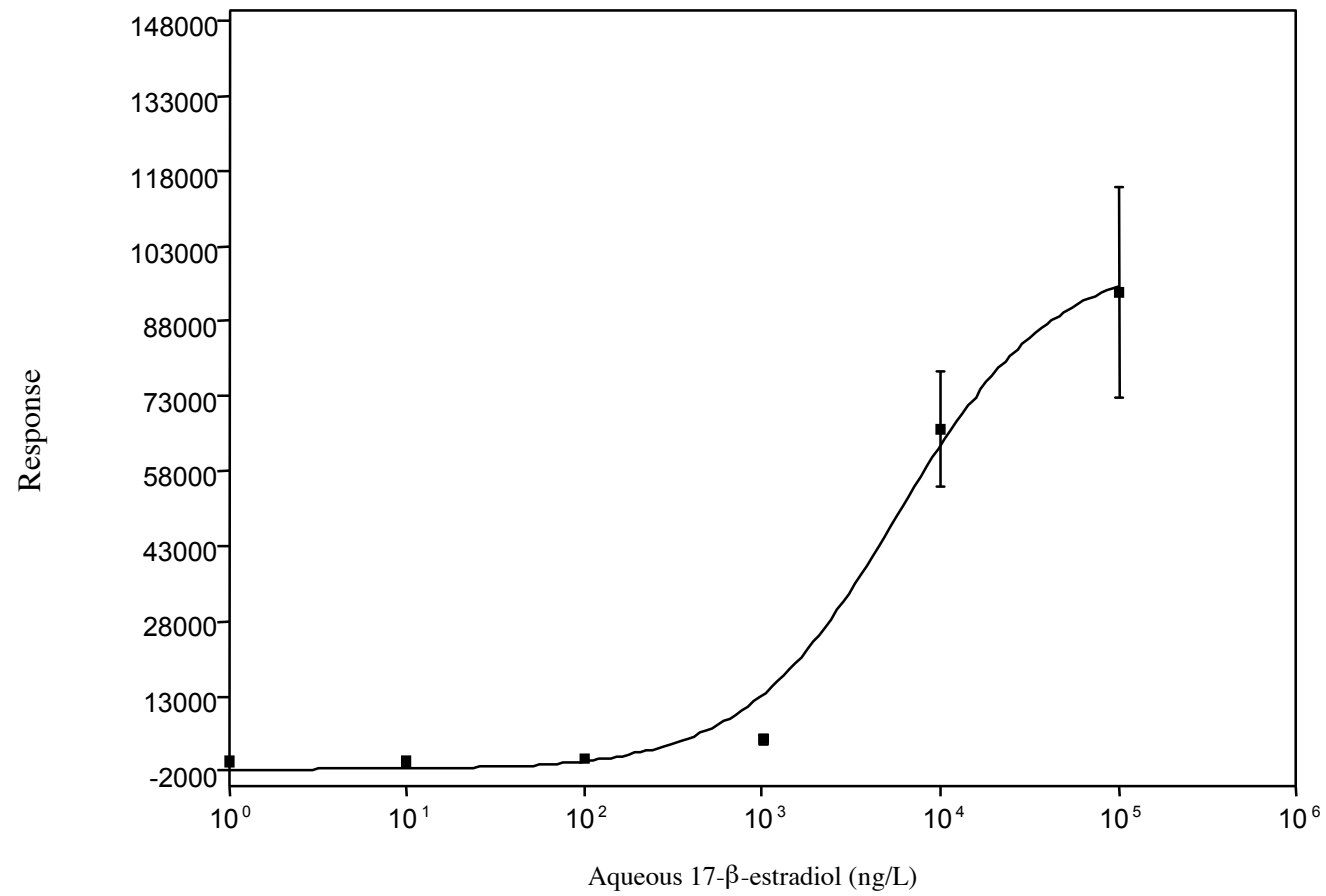
TICs = tentatively identified compounds

# How to Measure Pharmaceutically Active Compounds

- Analytical Chemistry
  - Bioavailability?
  - Unknowns?
- Bioassay
  - In vitro (Receptor driven--Cell lines)
  - In vivo (Receptor driven--whole animal)

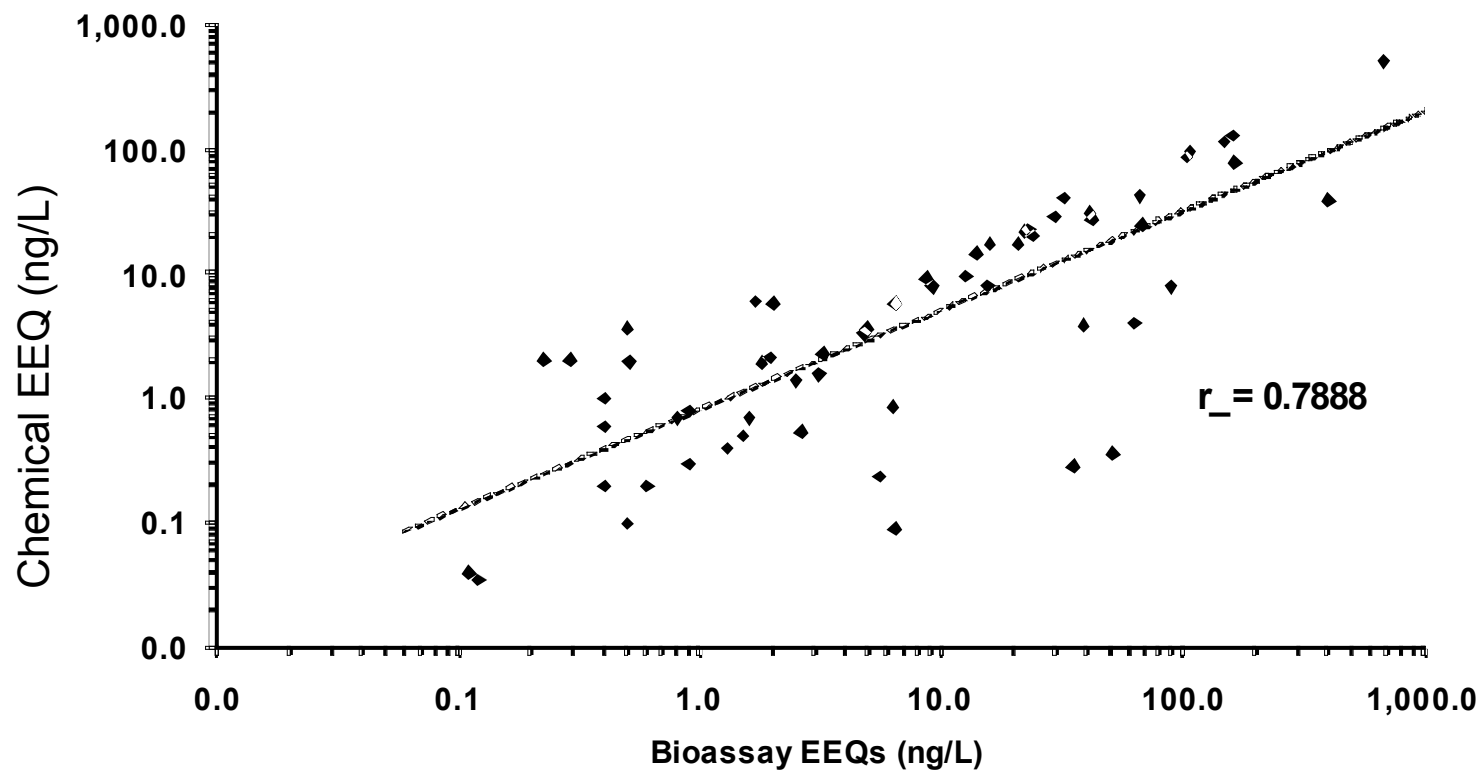
# Yeast Estrogen Screen





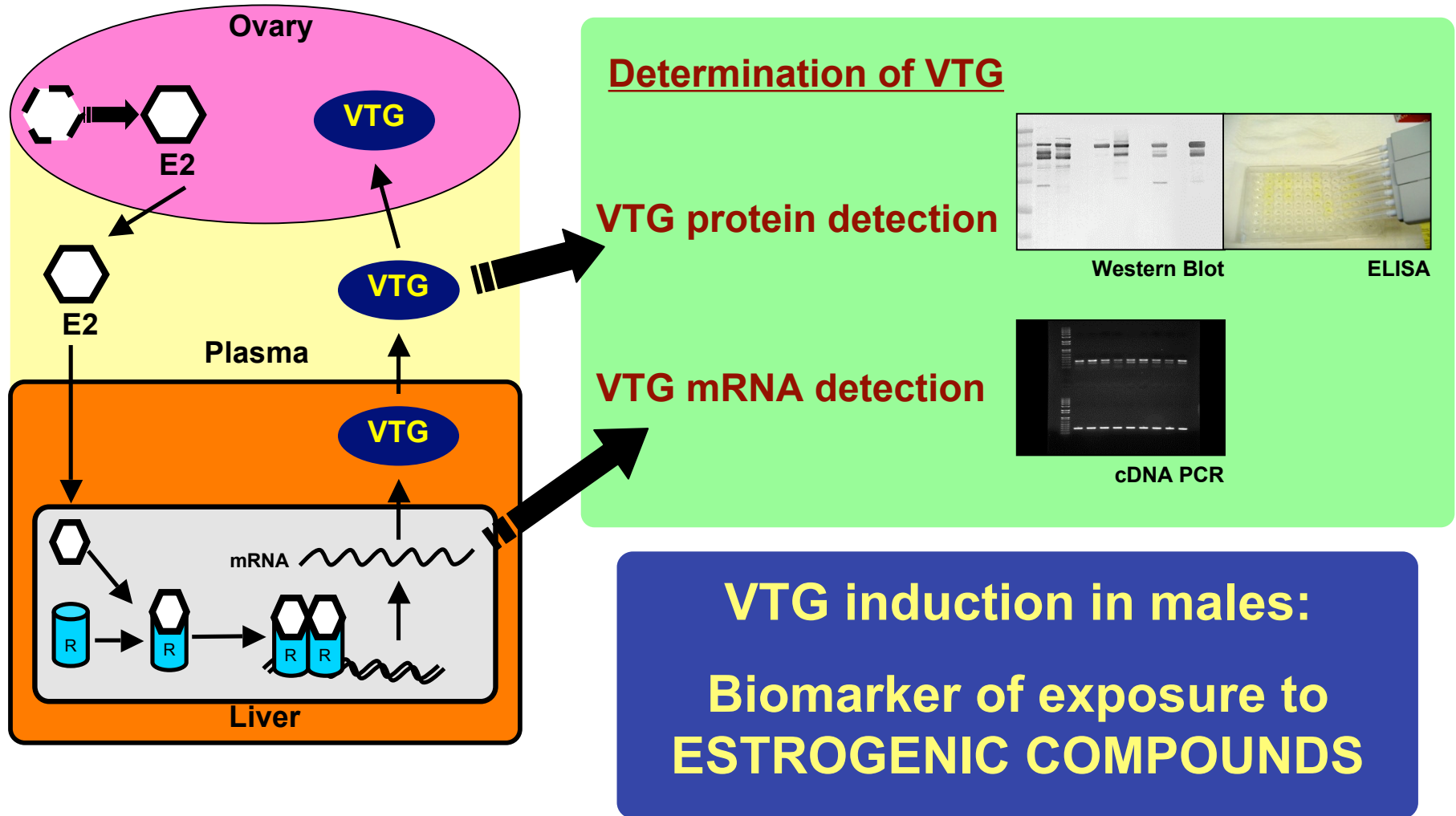


**Figure II.** Relationship between *in vitro* bioassay EEQs and chemically estimated EEQs in various studies (30, 33, 36, 38, 39, 64-67).

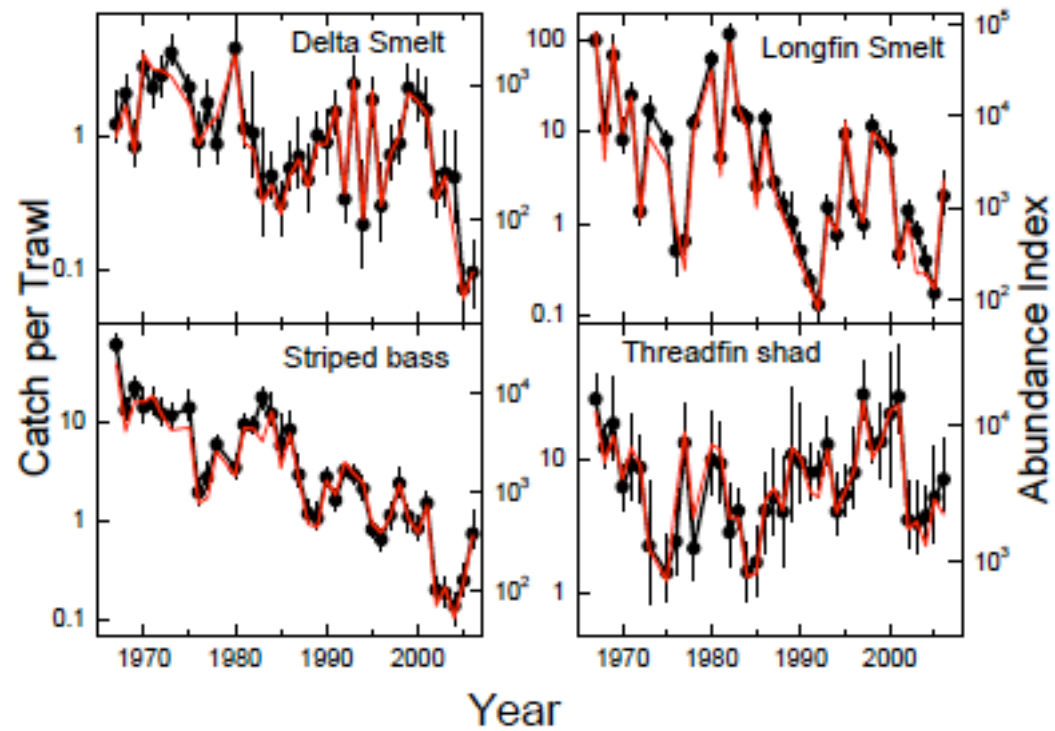


# Material & Methods: Estrogenicity

## VTG induction as a tool to evaluate estrogenic exposure in fish

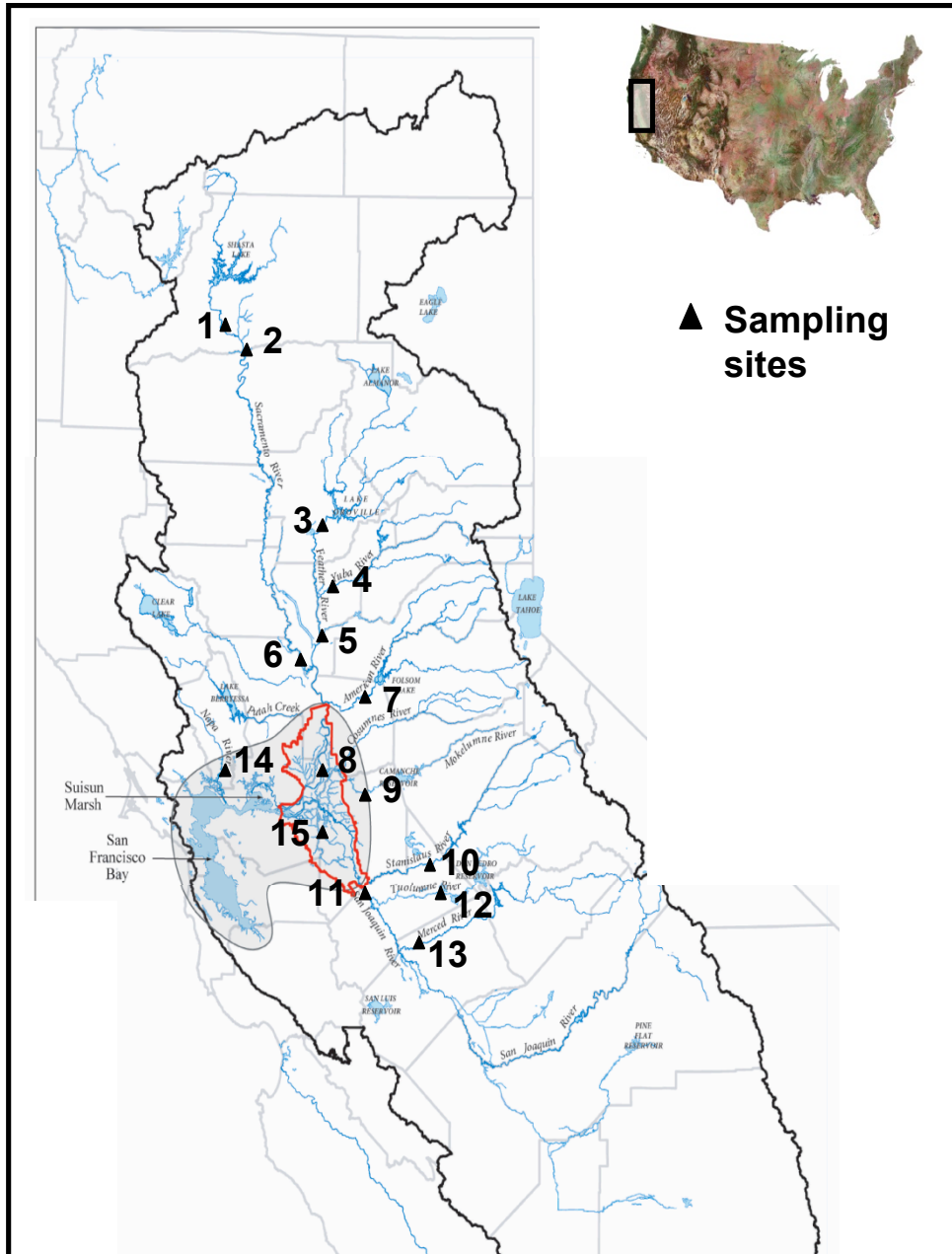


# Pelagic Organism Decline



Sommers et al. 2009

# Material & Methods: Sampling sites



Site	Site name
1	Upper Sacramento River
2	Battle Creek
3	Upper Feather River
4	Yuba River
5	Lower Feather River
6	Lower Sacramento River
7	Lower American River
8	Sacramento River in Delta
9	Mokelumne River
10	Stanislaus River
11	San Joaquin River
12	Tuolumne River
13	Merced River
14	Napa River
15	Clifton Court Forebay



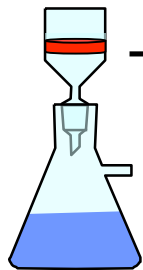
# Material & Methods: Extracts & Exposures

## Water extracts



Water (1 L)

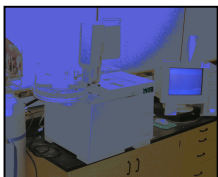
Solid-phase  
Extraction



C18 Disks

Elution  
10 mL MetOH

Hormone  
determination  
(GC-MS)



Exposures *in vitro/in vivo*



## Extract exposures

*In vitro* hepatocytes  
exposure



Primary Hepatocytes  
isolation and culture

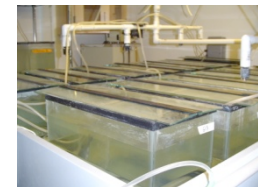
Extract added in the  
media (0.6% v/v)

Incubation  
24 h

Total mRNA extract

VTG mRNA  
determination

*In vivo* whole fish  
exposure

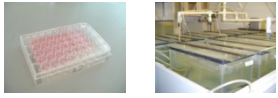


Intraperitoneal  
extract injection (x2)

Incubation  
7 days

Plasma collection

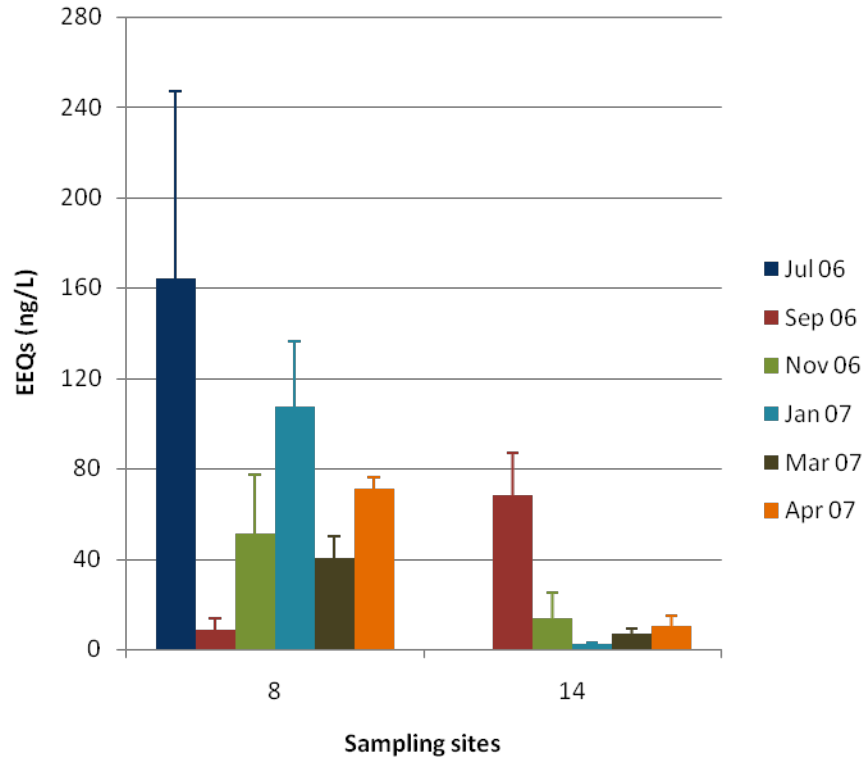
VTG protein levels  
determination



# Results: Water extracts

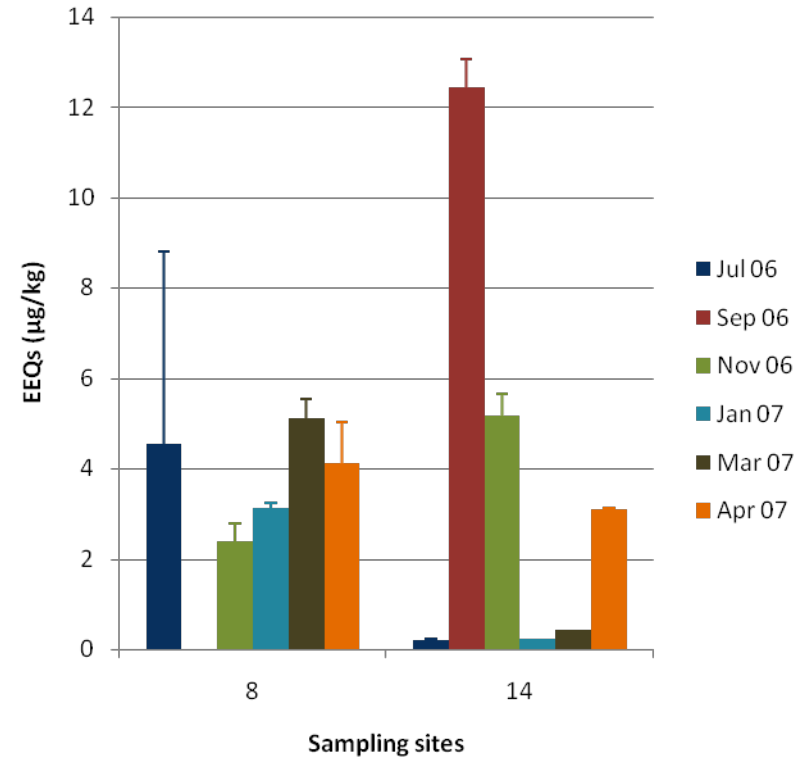
## High Estrogenicity Areas (both methods)

### Cells Exposure



Data presented as Mean ± SEM

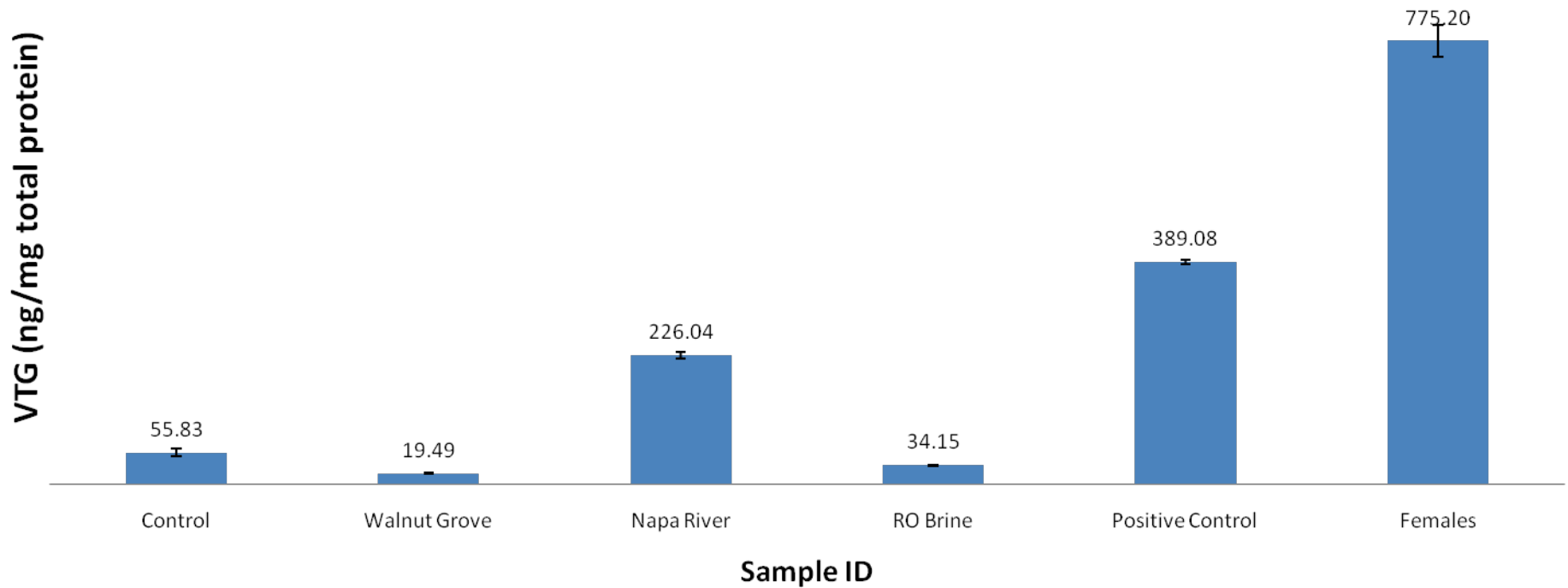
### Whole Animal Exposure



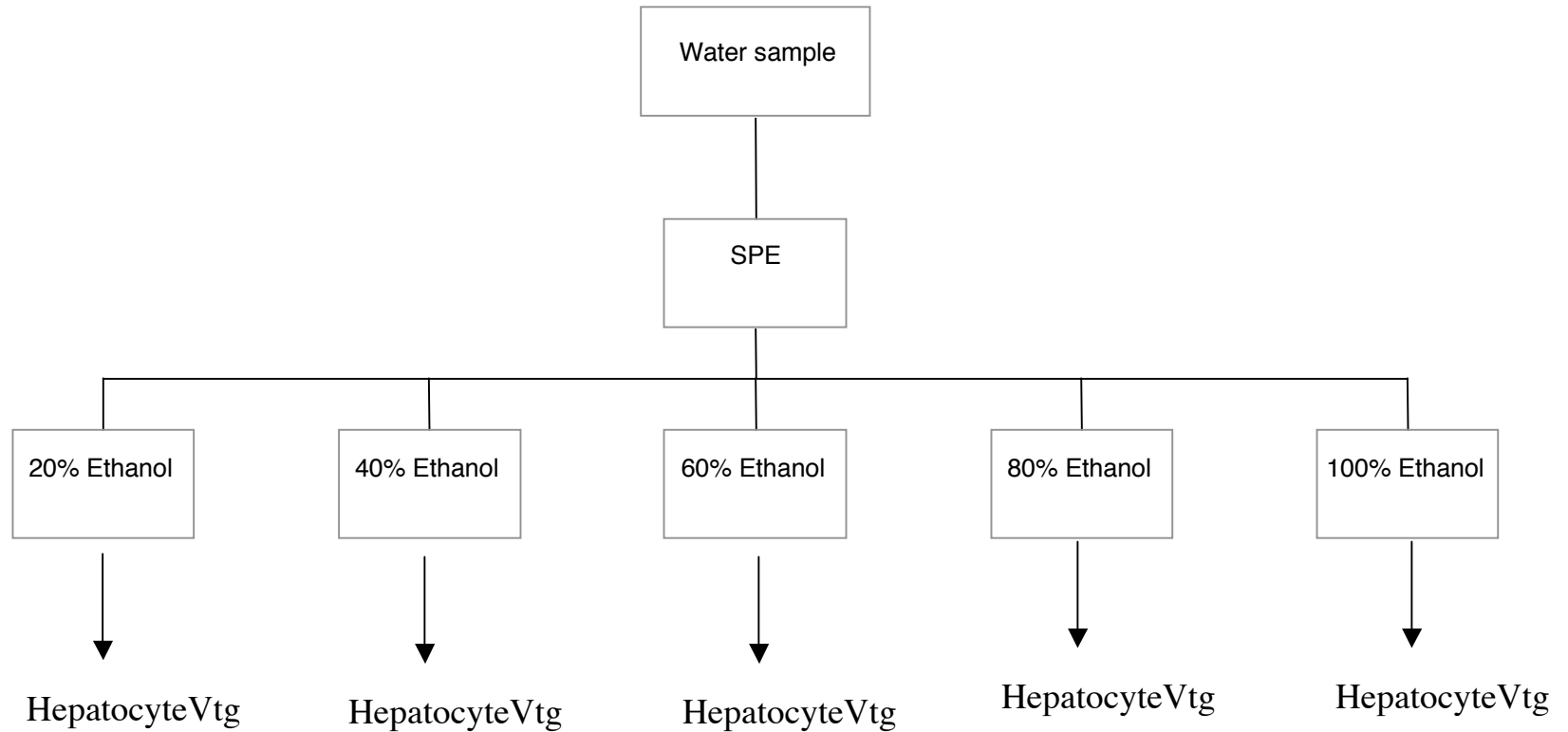
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# In Vivo Estrogenicity

In vivo vitellogenin induction in Japanese medaka exposed for 7 days,  
measured by ELISA



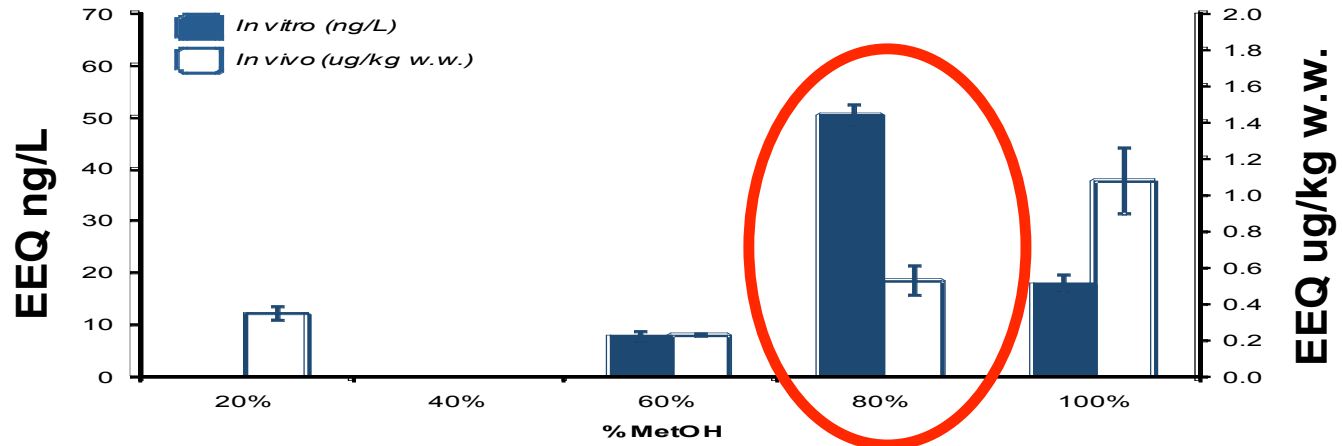
# Fractionation of Water Extracts from OCSD plume and Reference site for the Determination of unknown estrogens.



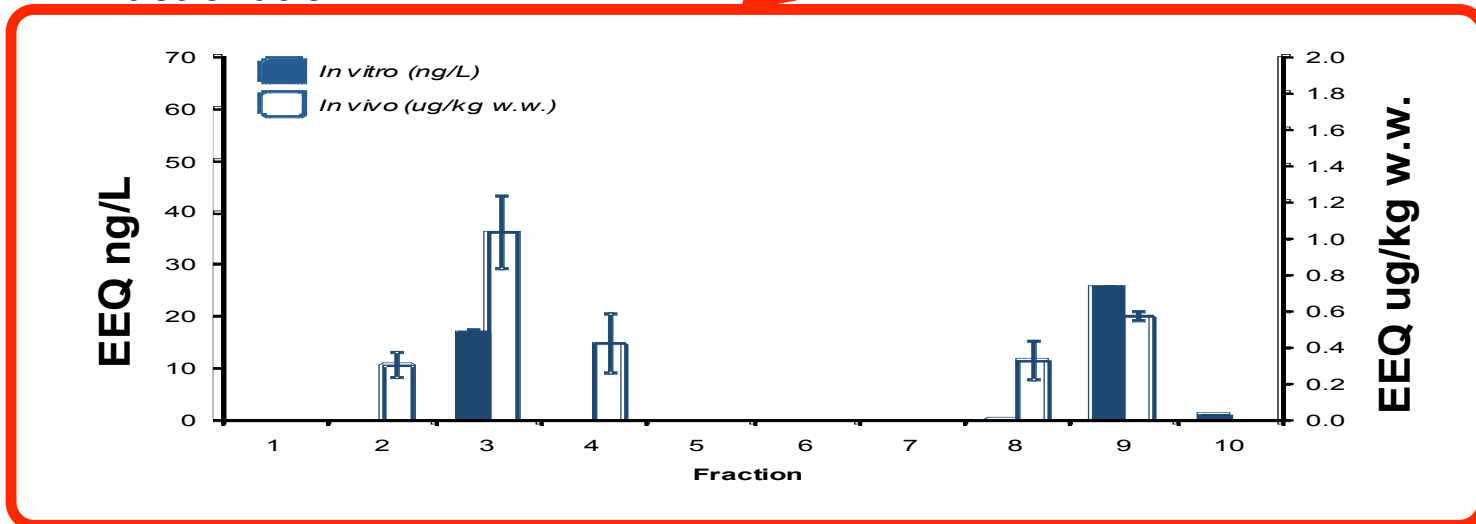


# NAPA River

## SPE fractionation

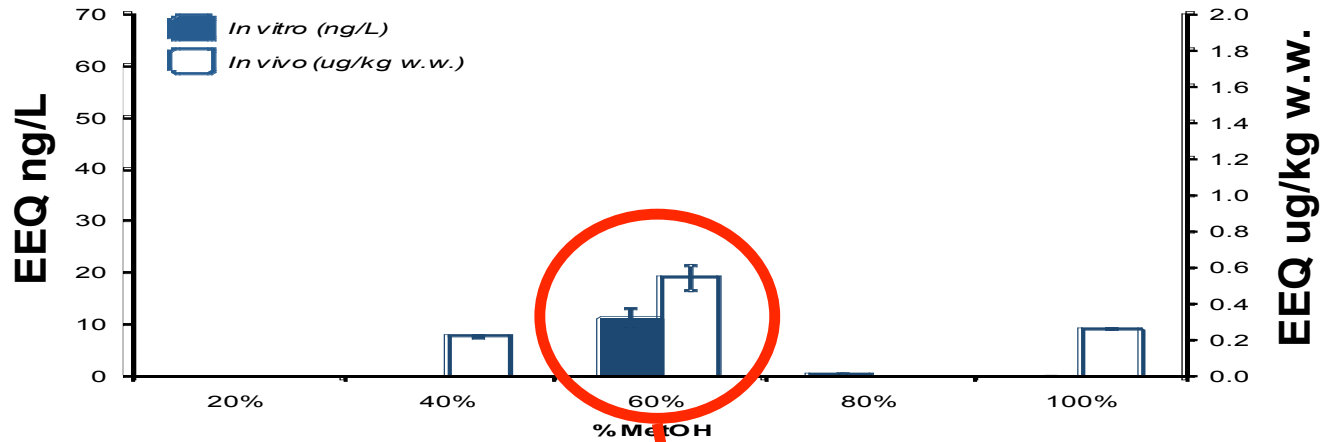


## HPLC fractionation

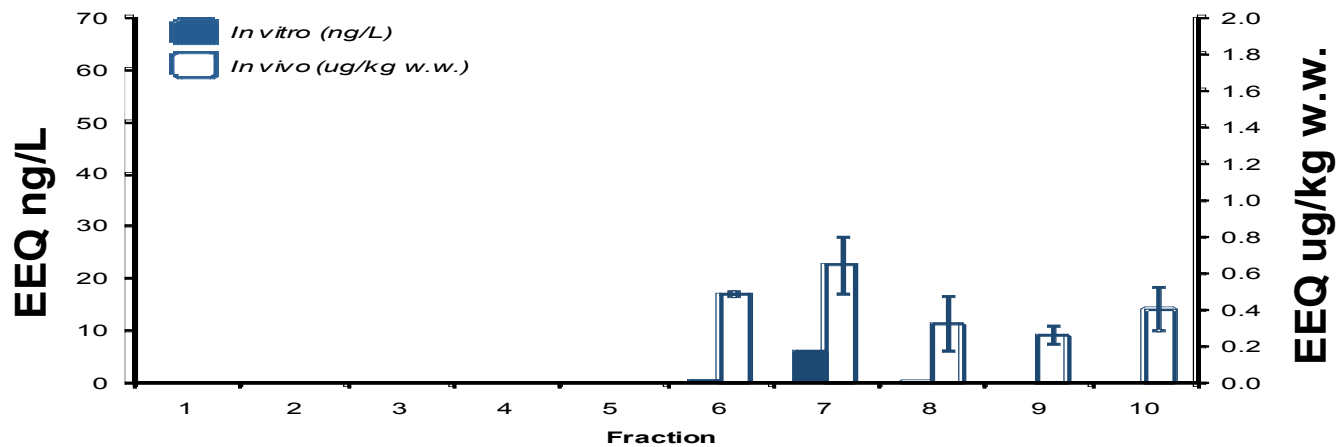


# SACRAMENTO RIVER DELTA

## SPE fractionation



## HPLC fractionation



## Measured Analytes for Bioactive Fractions

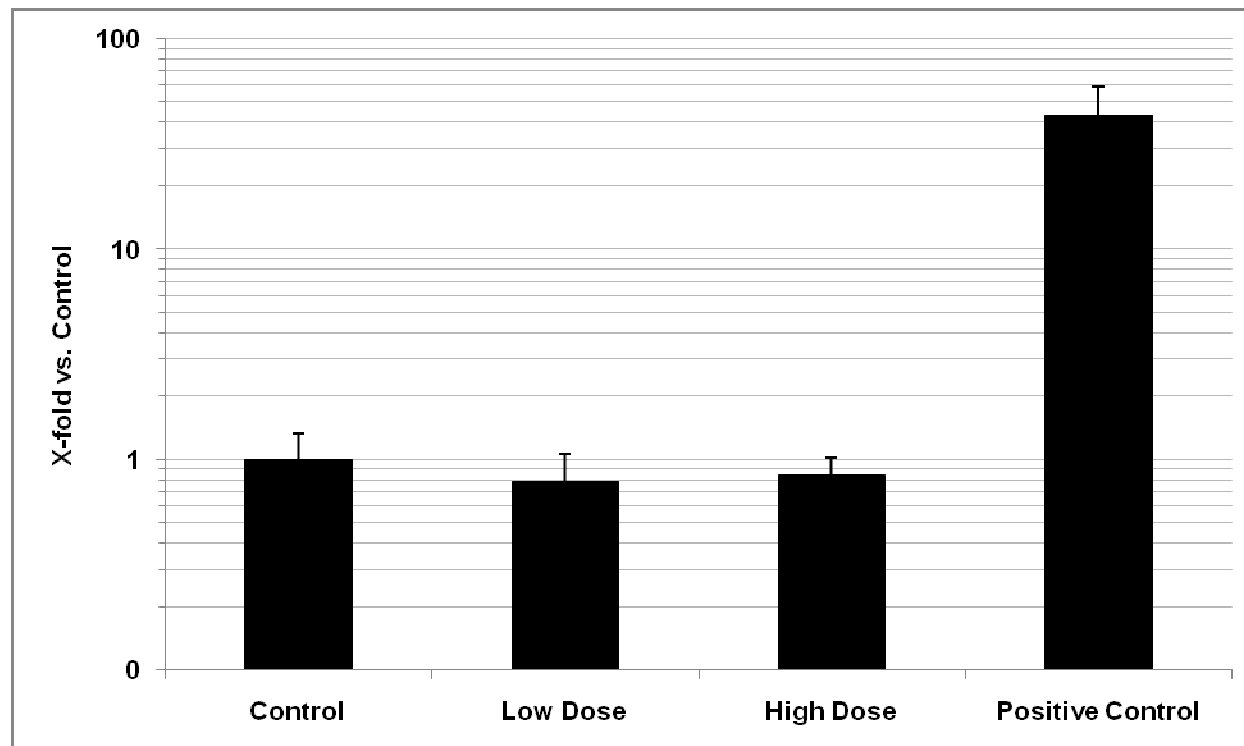
Phytoestrogens	Pharmaceuticals & Personal Care Products		Pesticides		Steroid Hormones	APEO/AP
Genistein	Sulfamethoxazole		Aldicarb	Promecarb	17 $\beta$ -Estradiol	4-Octylphenol
Daidzein	Atenolol		Aldicarb Sulfone	Propham	Estrone	OP1EO
Formononetin	Trimethoprim		Aldicarb sulfoxide	Siduron	Estriol	OP2EO
Biochanin A	Iopromide		Aminocarb	Swep	Progesterone	4-Nonylphenol
Apigenin	Caffeine		Barbamate	Chlorpyrifos	Testosterone	NP1EO
Naringenin	Fluoxetine		Baygon	Diazinon	Androstendione	NP2EO
Coumestrol	Meprobamate		Captan	Imidacloprid	Ethinylestradiol	
Chrysin	Dilantin		Carbaryl	Myclobutanil		
Matairesinol	Carbamazepine		Carbofuran	Oryzalin		
Equol	Diazepam		phenol-3-ketone	Oxyfluorfen	Deltamethrin	
Glycitein	Atorvastatin		Chlorpropham	Tebuconazole	Cyfluthrin	
	Benzophenone		Dioxacarb	Ametryn	Bifenthrin	
	Primidone		Diuron	Atraton	Triclopyr	
	TCPP		Fenuron	Atrazine	2,4-D	
	TCEP		Fluometuron	Cyanazine		
	Gemfibrozil		3-Hydroxycarbofuran	Deisopropyl-atrazine		
	Bisphenol A		Linuron	Desethyl-atrazine		
	Diclofenac		Methiocarb	Desmetryn		
	Naproxen		Methomyl	Dipropetryn		
	Triclosan		Monuron	2-Hydroxyatrazine		
	BHA		Neburon	Molinate		
	Musk ketone		Oxamyl	Prometon		
	Ibuprofen		Propazine	Prometryn		

## Pesticides detected (ng/L) in Estrogenically active fractions

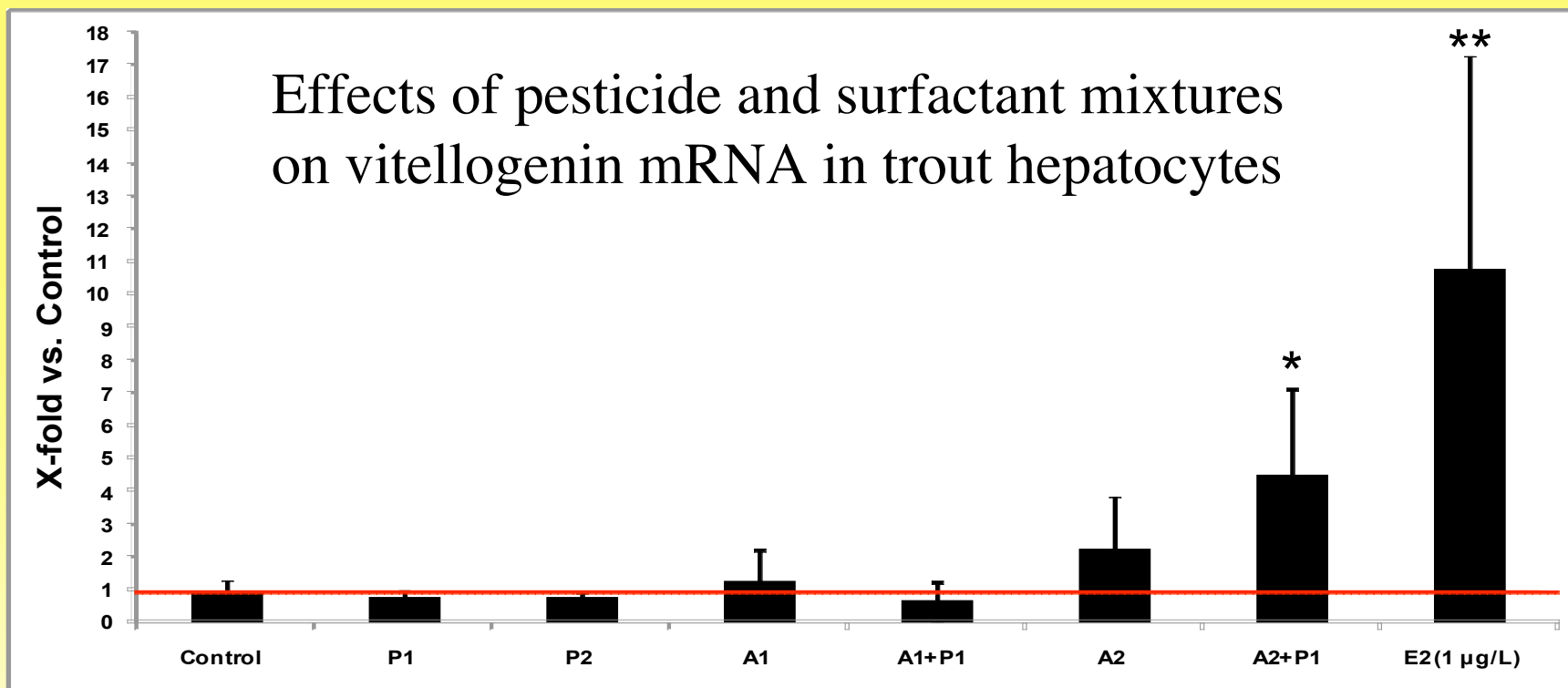
		diuron	simazine	2-hydroxyatrazine	<i>in vitro</i> , EEQ, ng/L	<i>in vivo</i> , EEQ, ug/kg
	Blk					
Delta	8/60	2.45		0.20	11.18	0.54
	8/80	0.31			0.49	BDL
Napa	14/80	6.16	4.13	2.77	50.4	0.53
	14/100	6.88	2.96	1.66	18	2.1

# Evaluation of Reconstituted Pesticide Mixture by In vitro Hepatocyte Vtg mRNA assay

Pesticide	Concentration			
	Low Dose (1X)		High Dose (5X)	
	Water	In cells	Water	In cells
Simazine	7.2 µg/L	428 µg/L	36 µg/L	2.16 mg/L
Diuron	7 µg/L	420 µg/L	35 µg/L	2.1 mg/L
Atrazine	0.5 µg/L	30 µg/L	2.5 µg/L	150 µg/L
Deisopropylatrazine	4.3 µg/L	256 µg/L	21.5 µg/L	1.29 mg/L
Hydroxyatrazine	5.7 µg/L	342 µg/L	28.5 µg/L	1.71 mg/L

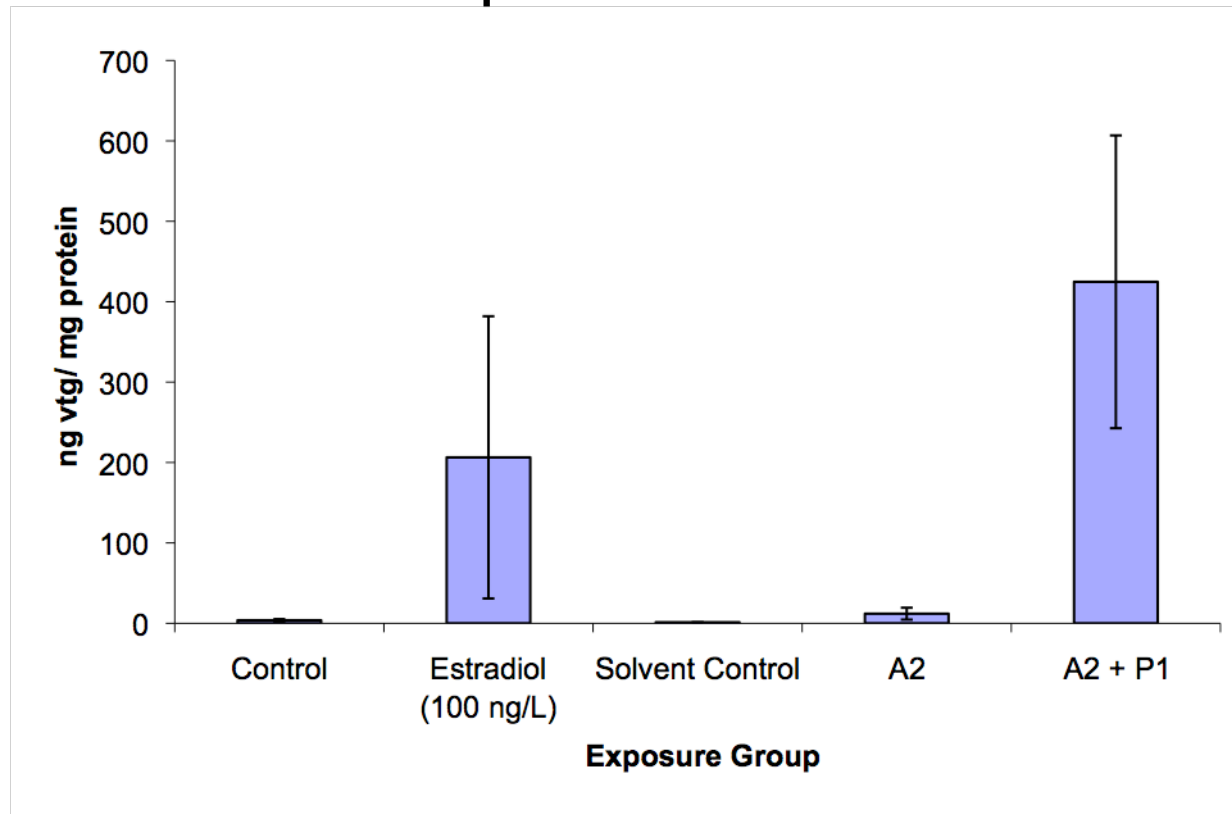


## Effects of pesticide and surfactant mixtures on vitellogenin mRNA in trout hepatocytes



	Concentration						
	Control	P1	P2	A1	A1+P1	A2	A2+P1
<b>Pesticides</b>							
Simazine	-	7.2 µg/L	36.0 µg/L	-	7.2 µg/L	-	7.2 µg/L
Diuron	-	7.0 µg/L	35.0 µg/L	-	7.0 µg/L	-	7.0 µg/L
Atrazine	-	0.5 µg/L	2.5 µg/L	-	0.5 µg/L	-	0.5 µg/L
Deisopropylatrazine	-	4.3 µg/L	21.5 µg/L	-	4.3 µg/L	-	4.3 µg/L
Hydroxyatrazine	-	5.7 µg/L	28.5 µg/L	-	5.7 µg/L	-	5.7 µg/L
<b>APEO</b>							
Octylphenol (OP)	-	-	-	2.4 ng/L	2.4 ng/L	260 µg/L	260 µg/L
Octylphenol	-	-	-	4.8 ng/L	4.8 ng/L	520 µg/L	520 µg/L
Polyethoxylates (OPEOs)	-	-	-	139.5 ng/L	139.5 ng/L	15.0 mg/L	15.0 mg/L
Nonylphenol (NP)	-	-	-	155.5 ng/L	155.5 ng/L	16.6 mg/L	16.6 mg/L
Nonylphenol	-	-	-	155.5 ng/L	155.5 ng/L	16.6 mg/L	16.6 mg/L
Polyethoxylates (NPEOs)	-	-	-	155.5 ng/L	155.5 ng/L	16.6 mg/L	16.6 mg/L

# Effects of Pesticide and Surfactant Mixtures on in vivo Vitellogenin Protein Expression in Japanese medaka



# Effects of APE surfactants on the Estrogenic activity of 2,4 D

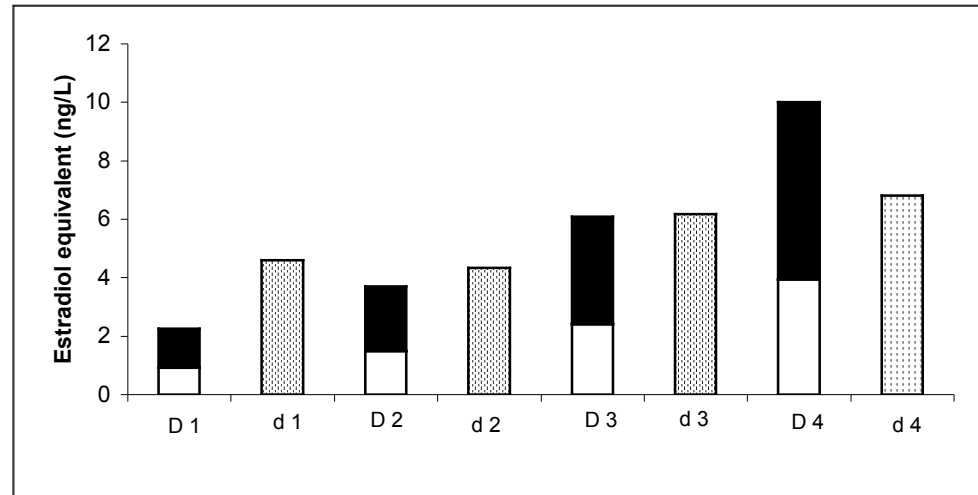
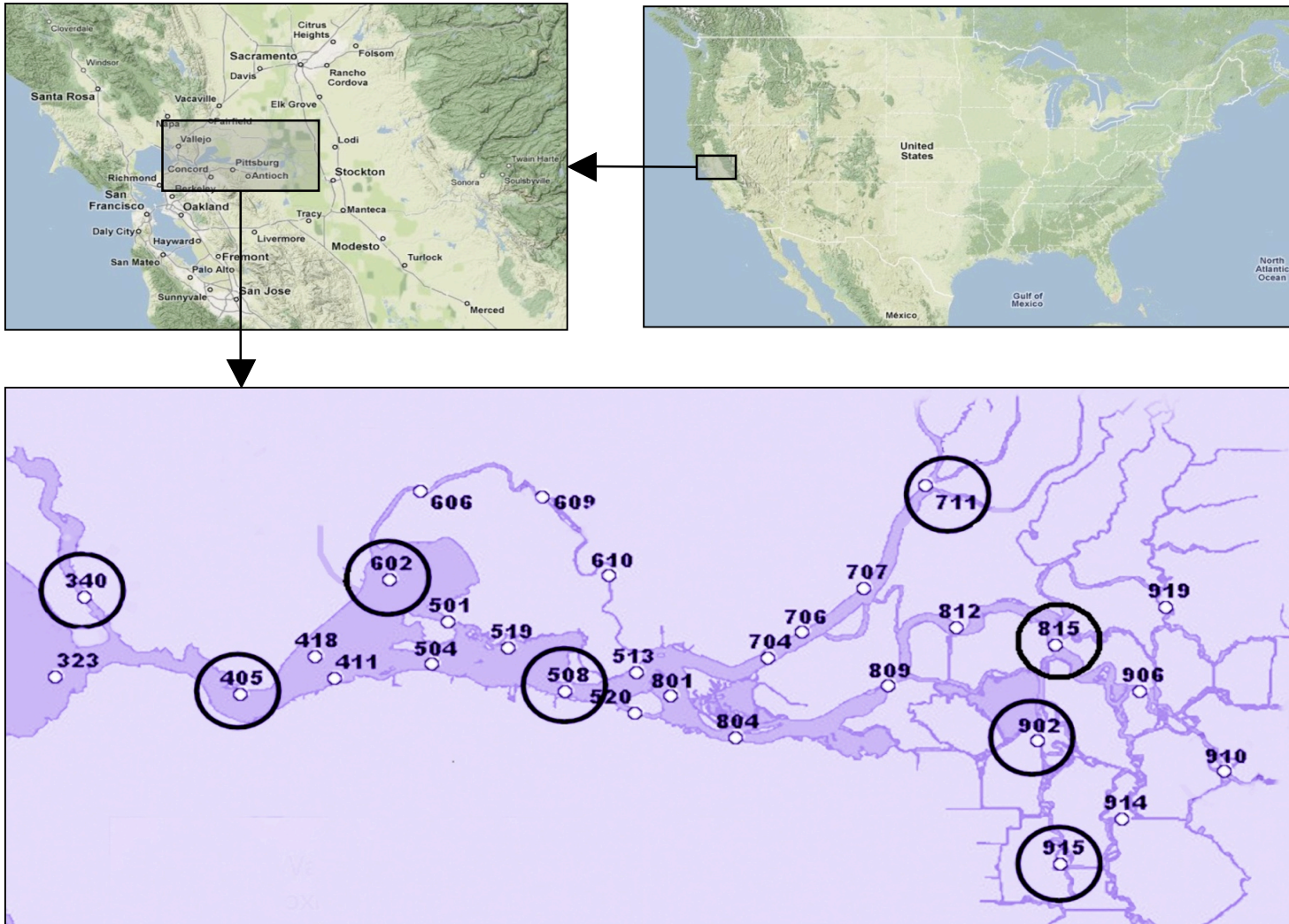


Figure 2. Estradiol equivalent concentrations (EEQs) of various concentrations of R-11 and 2,4-D. Solid bars are R-11, open bars are for 2,4-D, while dashed bars are for the mixture of R-11 and 2,4-D.

Dose	Conc.s of chemicals		dose	Conc.s of chemicals
	R-11 (mg/L)	2,4-D (mg/L)		
D 1	0.00089	0.00164	d 1	0.00089 R-11 + 0.00164 2,4-D
D 2	0.0089	0.0164	d 2	0.0089 R-11 + 0.0164 2,4-D
D 3	0.089	0.164	d 3	0.089 R-11 + 0.164 2,4-D
D 4	0.89	1.64	d 4	0.89 R-11 + 1.64 2,4-D



# Delta Sampling in 2008 (POD samples)



# In vivo Estrogenic Activities of 2008 POD samples

Sample	<i>In vivo</i> EEQs (ng/L)
340	0.90 ± 0.03
<b>405</b>	<b>25.65 ± 4.01</b>
508	<i>bdl</i>
602	1.05 ± 0.10
<b>711</b>	<b>12.79 ± 1.65</b>
815	0.80 ± 0.12
902	<i>bdl</i>
915	2.02 ± 0.32

**In vitro Vitellogenin induction of APEOs' plus  
selected pesticides (POD Samples)**

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<b>Pesticide</b>	<b>River water concentration</b>	<b>Code</b>	
		<b>Cell Concentraion</b>	
		<b>P1 (1x)</b>	<b>P5 (5x)</b>
Bifenthrin	1 ng/L	24 ng/L	119 ng/L
Diuron	41 ng/L	972 ng/L	4862 ng/L

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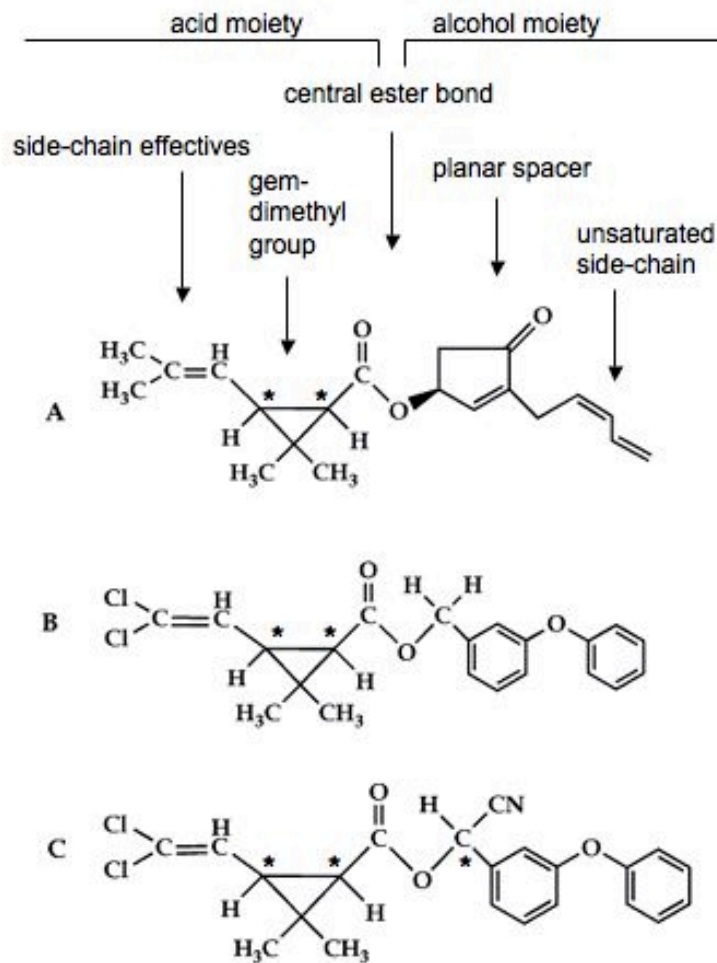
<b>APEO</b>	<b>River water concentration</b>	<b>Code</b>	
		<b>Cell Concentraion</b>	
		<b>A1 (1x)</b>	<b>A5 (5x)</b>
NP	90 ng/L	2.134 ug/L	10.672 ug/L
NPEOs	606 ng/L	14.372 ug/L	71.858 ug/L
OP	13 ng/L	308 ng/L	1.542 ug/L
OPEOs	84 ng/L	1.992 ug/L	9.960 ug/L

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# SYNTHETIC PYRETHROIDS

- Neurotoxicant
- OP substitutes
- Extensively used in agriculture and urban/household insect control
  - 40% of all registered insecticide products
  - Use in CA has nearly tripled in the last decade
    - 1.4M lbs total sales in 2004
    - 550k lbs (for PM in 2006; 30% agric.; 60% commercial; 10% household)
- Highly hydrophobic
- Broad-spectrum insecticides
- Low mammalian and avian toxicity
- Highly toxic to aquatic organisms
- EDC

# CHIRALITY IN SYNTHETIC PYRETHROIDS



- Chiral
- Structural derivative of natural pyrethrins
- Conforms to a single SAR for insecticidal activity based on the shape of the 3-D configuration
- Activity results from the appropriate fit of the entire molecule at the site of action

# THE SAME BUT NOT THE SAME

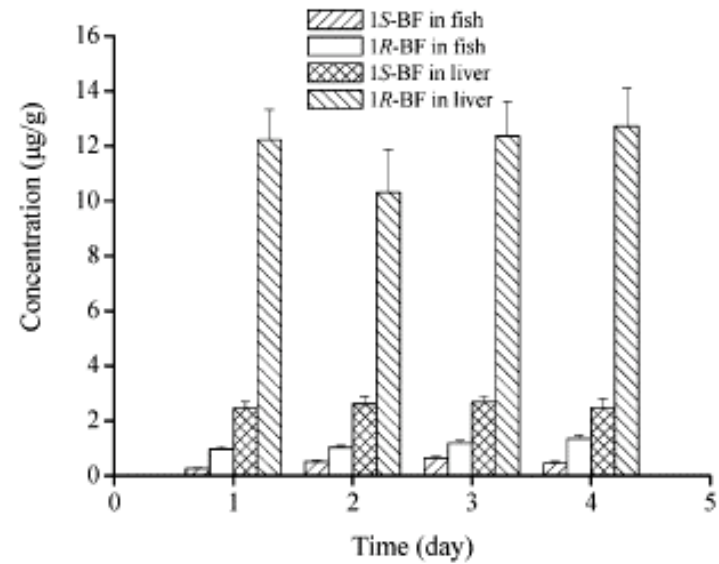
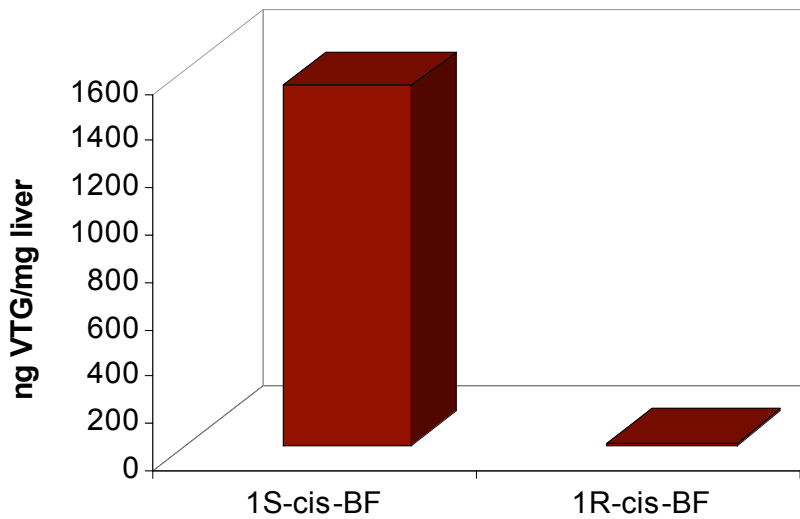
## ENANTIOSELECTIVE NON-TARGET ACUTE TOXICITY

		<i>D. pulex</i> <sup>2</sup>	<i>D. magna</i> <sup>3</sup>		<i>C. dubia</i> <sup>3</sup>	
<i>cis</i> -Bifenthrin	Selectivity ratio <sup>1</sup>	14.0	22.0		18.0	
	Active enantiomer	(-)	<i>1R-cis</i>		<i>1R-cis</i>	
Permethrin	Selectivity ratio <sup>1</sup>	-	>15.5	>19.5	>38.5	>30.5
	Active enantiomer	N.D. <sup>4</sup>	<i>1R-cis</i>	<i>1R-trans</i>	<i>1R-cis</i>	<i>1R-trans</i>
Cypermethrin	Selectivity ratio <sup>1</sup>	-	-		>10	>8
	Active enantiomer	N.D. <sup>4</sup>	N.D. <sup>4</sup>		<i>1R-cis-αS</i>	<i>1R-trans-αS</i>
Cyfluthrin	Selectivity ratio <sup>1</sup>	-	-		>96	>47
	Active enantiomer	N.D. <sup>4</sup>	N.D. <sup>4</sup>		<i>1R-cis-αS</i>	<i>1R-trans-αS</i>

<sup>1</sup>Selectivity ratio is the ratio of the LC50 (or TLM) of less active enantiomer(s) to that of the active enantiomer(s); <sup>2</sup>[44]; <sup>3</sup>[11]; <sup>4</sup>N.D. (no data)

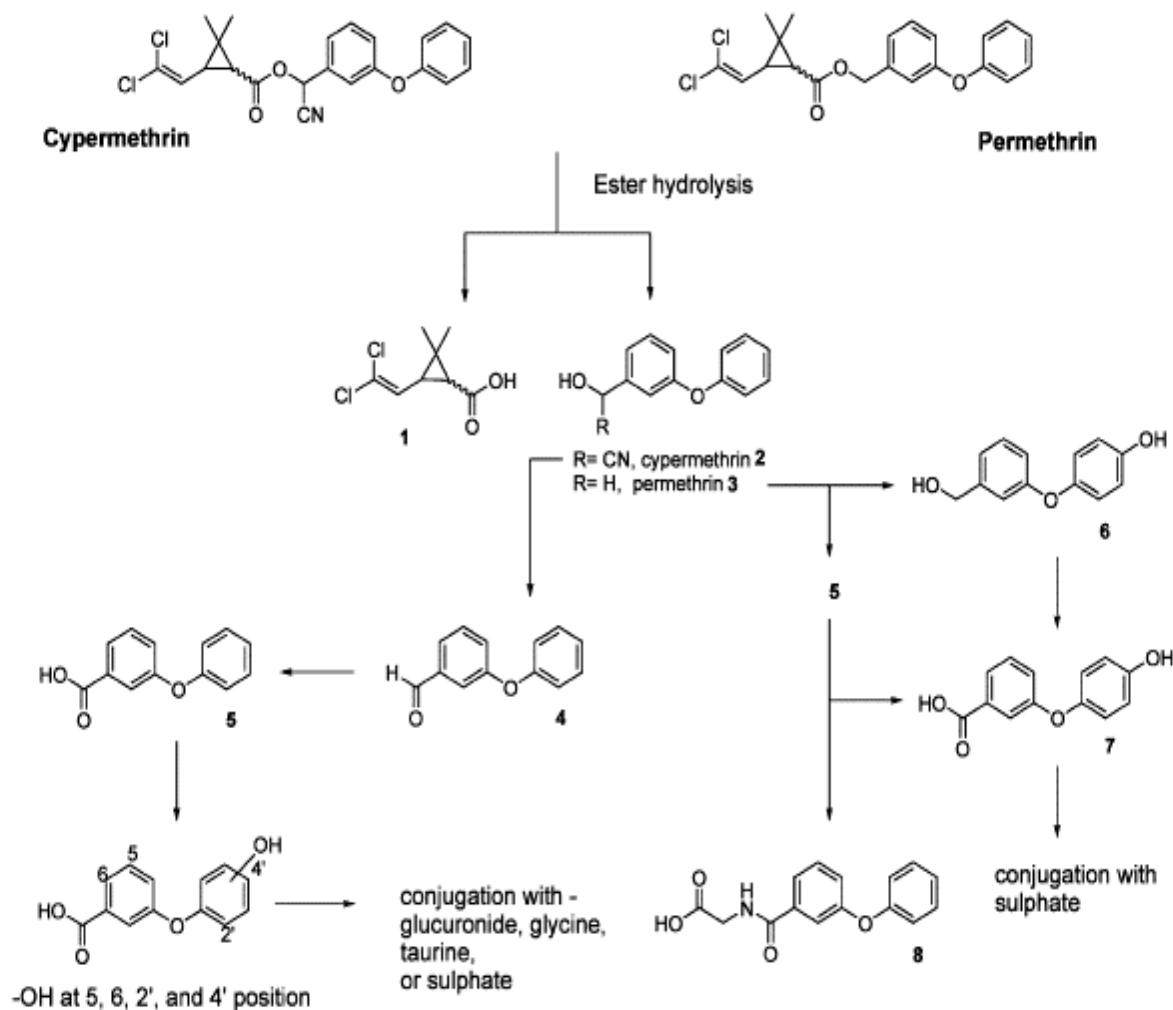
# ESTROGENIC ACTIVITY AND PYRETHROIDS

**1S-cis-BF is 123 times more  
active than 1R-cis-BF**



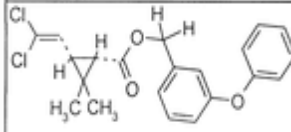
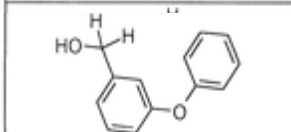
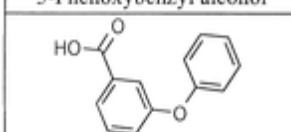
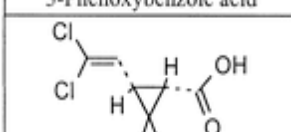
**Enantioselectivity in in vivo vitellogenin induction in adult male Japanese medaka (ELISA Assay)**

# ESTROGENIC ACTIVITY AND PYRETHROID BIOTRANSFORMATION





# ENANTIOSELECTIVE ESTROGENIC ACTIVITY IN PYRETHROIDS

Chemical structure and name	Activity in Yeast Screens			
	Estrogenic	Anti-estrogenic	Androgenic	Anti-androgenic
 <p>Permethrin</p>	+ LOEC $3.1 \pm 0.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$ EC50 $2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$	-	-	+ LOIC $3 \pm 0.57 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ IC50 $7.3 \pm 1.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$
 <p>3-Phenoxybenzyl alcohol</p>	+ LOEC $3.2 \pm 0.58 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$ EC50 $2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$	-	-	+ LOIC $3.5 \pm 0.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$ IC50 $3.67 \pm 0.67 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$
 <p>3-Phenoxybenzoic acid</p>	-	+ LOIC $1.25 \pm 0.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ IC50 $6.5 \pm 2.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$	-	-
 <p>Permethrin cyclopropane acid</p>	-	+ LOIC $6 \pm 4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ IC50 $6.5 \pm 3.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$	-	-

(Tyler et al., 2000, *Environ Toxicol Chem*, 19: 801-809)

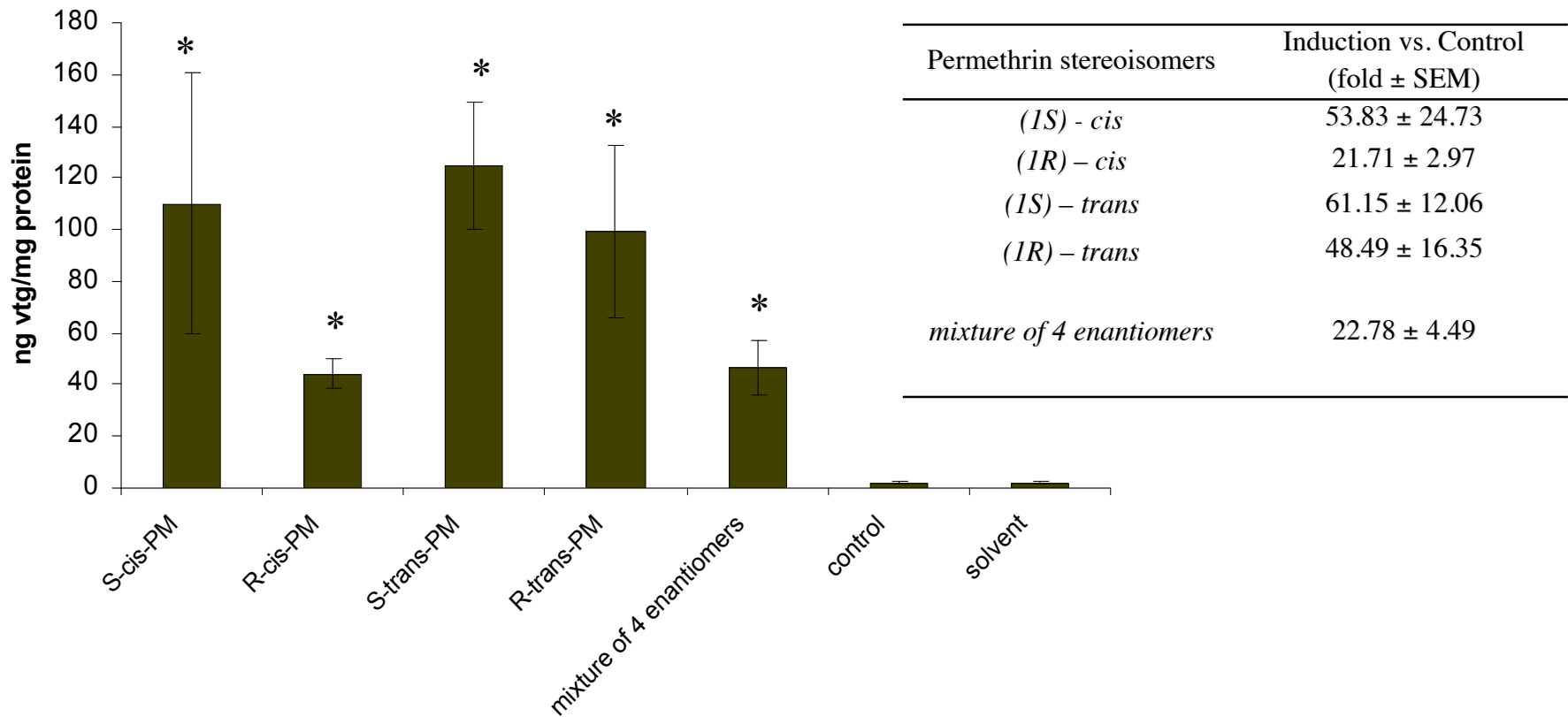
Relative estrogenic potencies of pyrethroid parent compounds and degradation products:

Pyrethroid metabolite	Estrogenic activity ( $EC_{50}/\mu\text{M}$ )	Relative potency (estradiol = 1)
3-phenoxybenzyl alcohol	$6.67 \pm 3.11$	$5 \times 10^{-5}$
3-phenoxybenzaldehyde	$4.8 \pm 3.42$	$7 \times 10^{-5}$
3-phenoxybenzoic acid	NA	-
3-(4-hydroxy-3-phenoxy)-benzyl alcohol	$6.75 \pm 2.28$	$5 \times 10^{-5}$
3-(4-hydroxy-3-phenoxy)-benzoic acid	NA	-
N-3-(phenoxybenzoyl)glycine	NA	-

(McCarthy et al., 2006, *J. Environ. Monit.*, 8: 197-202)

# ENANTIOSELECTIVE ESTROGENIC ACTIVITY

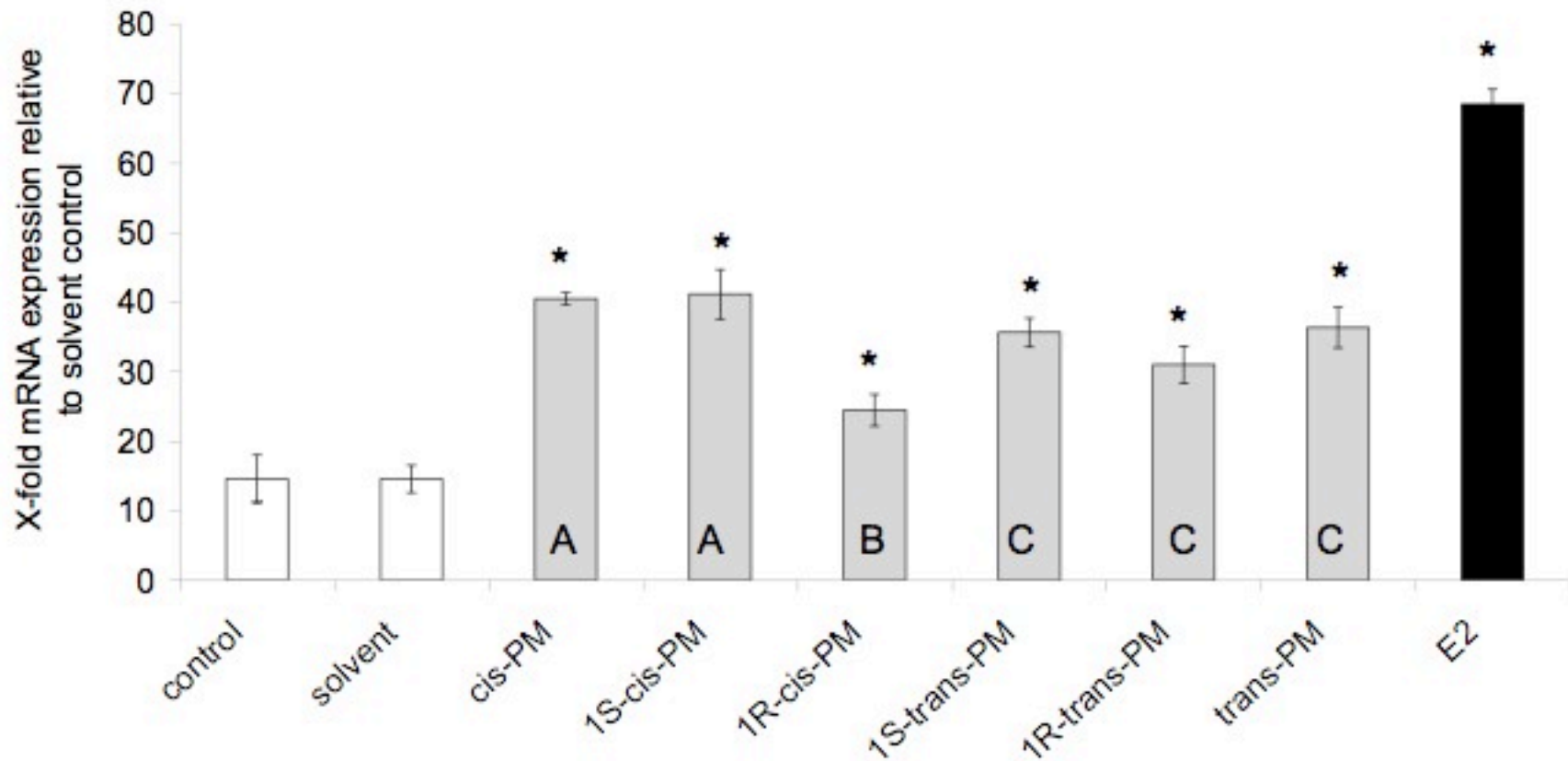
- permethrin (*In vivo*; Japanese medaka ELISA)



Values indicate mean  $\pm$  SD; Treatment concentration = 10  $\mu$ g/L; n = 3; positive control (E2) induction =  $8.1 \times 10^3 \pm 3.3 \times 10^3$  ng Vtg/mg protein; E2 concentration = 0.10  $\mu$ g/L; \* Indicate significant difference from control ( $P < 0.05$ ); \*\* ( $P < 0.1$ ).

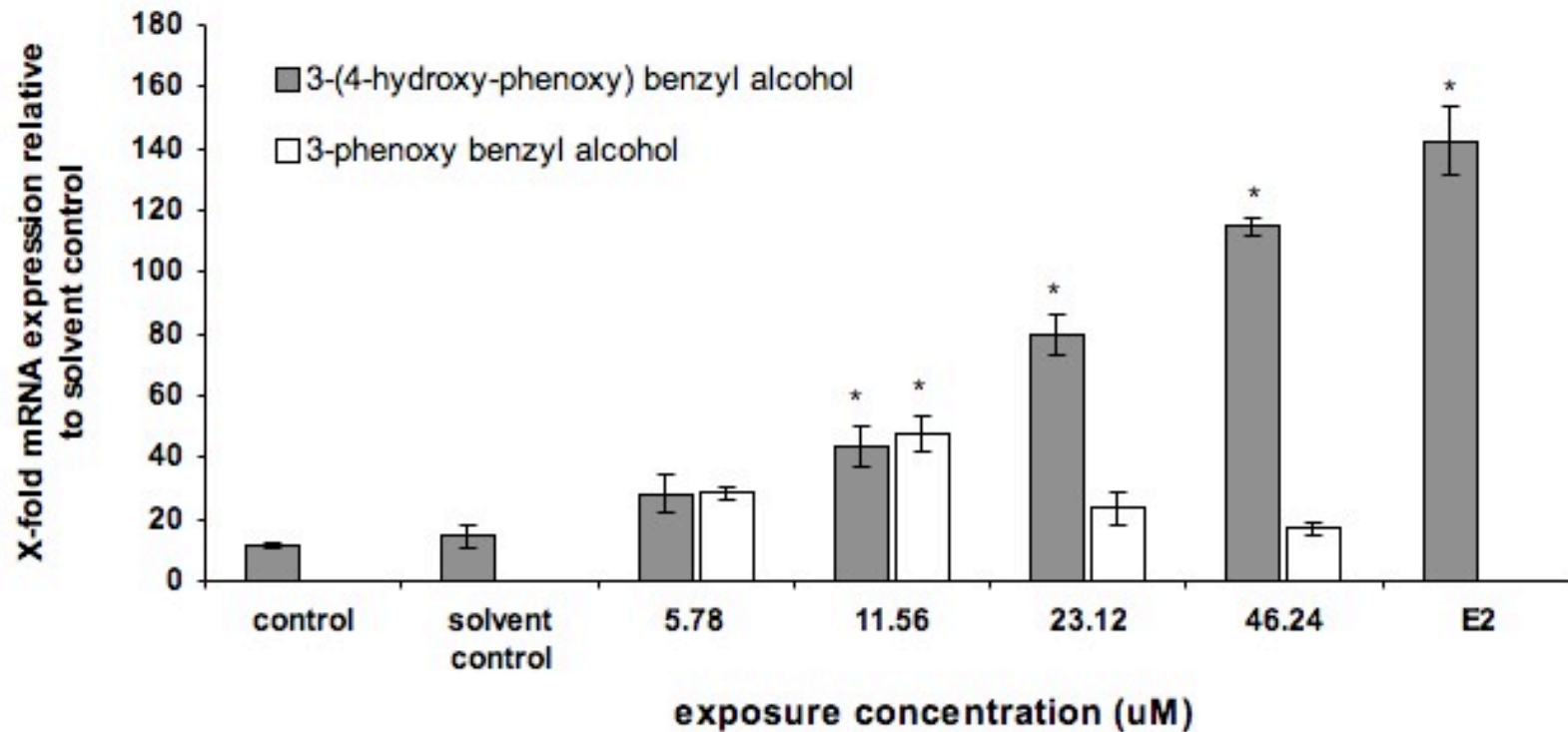
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- permethrin (*In vitro*; primary hepatocytes)



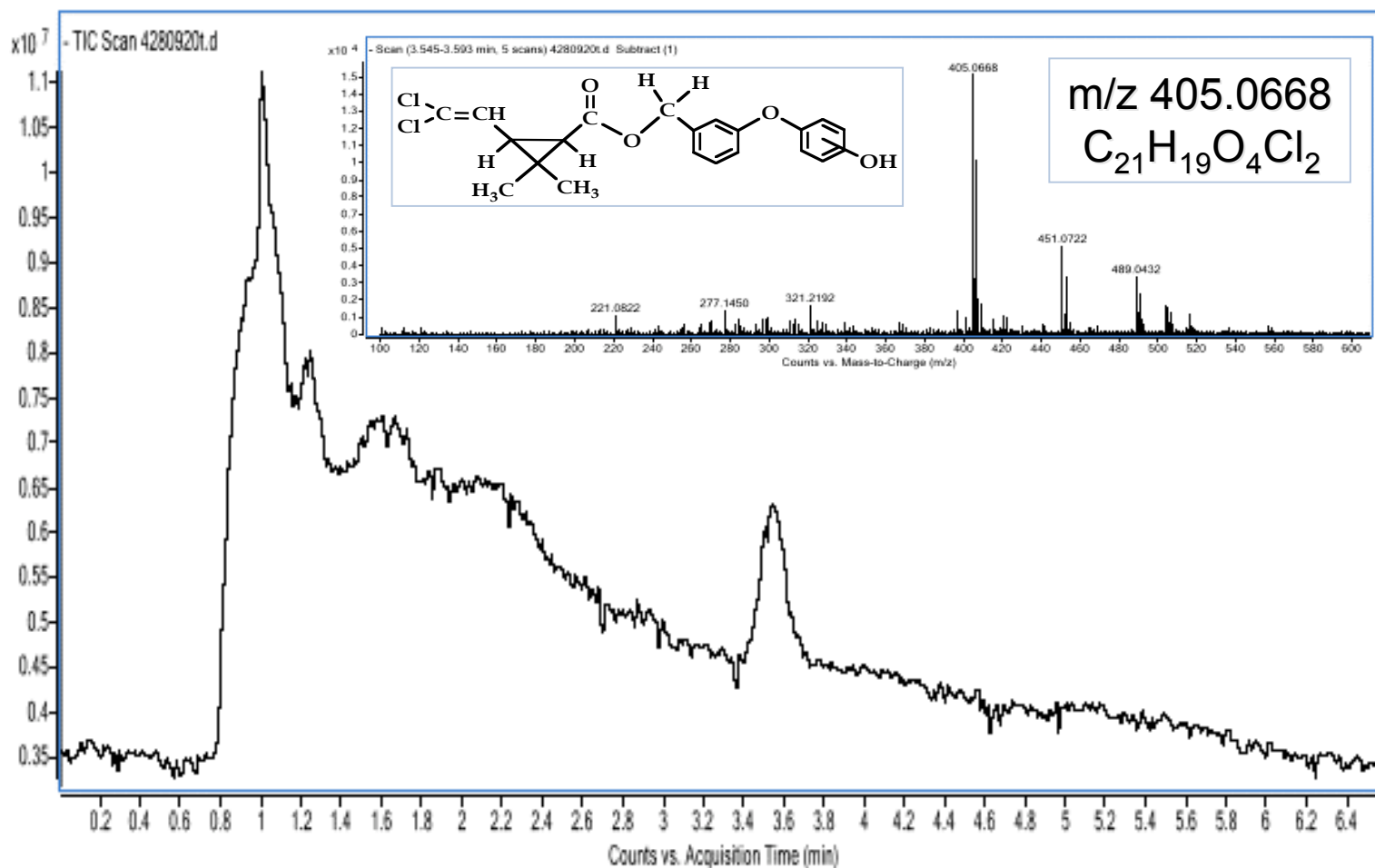
Values indicate mean  $\pm$  SEM. Enantiomer concentration = 46  $\mu$ M. Positive control (E2) concentration =  $3.6 \times 10^{-3}$   $\mu$ M; solvent (acetone). Treatments between enantiomers that share the same letter are not significantly different ( $P > 0.05$ ). \* Indicate significant difference from solvent control ( $P < 0.05$ ).

# BIOACTIVATION TO ESTROGENIC METABOLITES



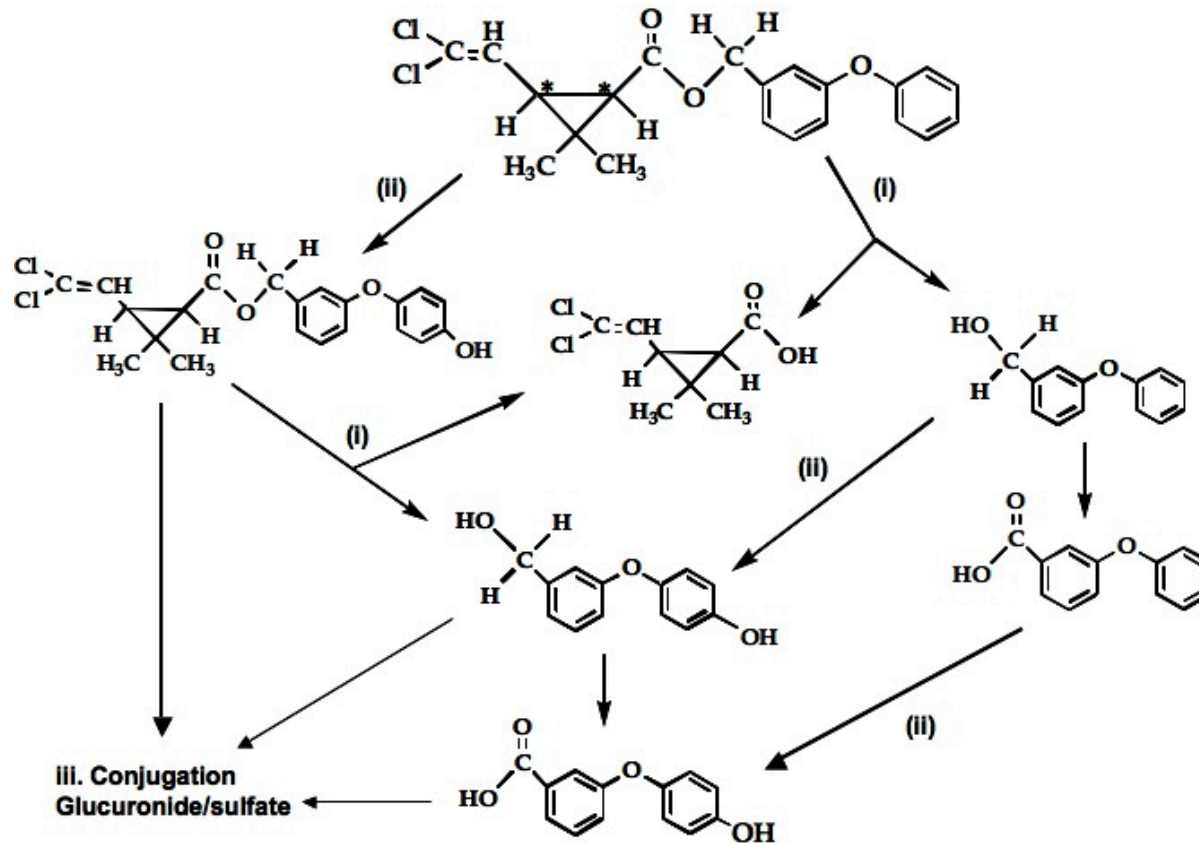
Values indicate mean  $\pm$  SEM. Positive control (E2) concentration =  $3.6 \times 10^{-2}$   $\mu$ M; solvent (acetone). \* Indicate significant difference from solvent control ( $p < 0.01$ ).

# Permethrin - Enantioselective Biotransformation



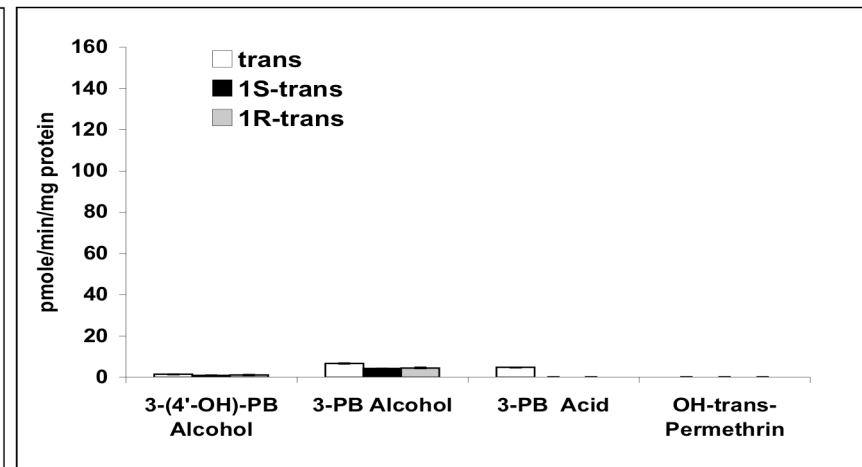
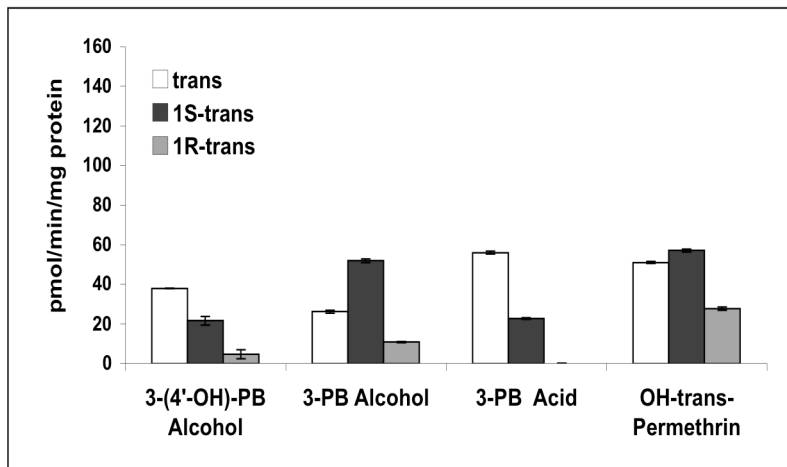
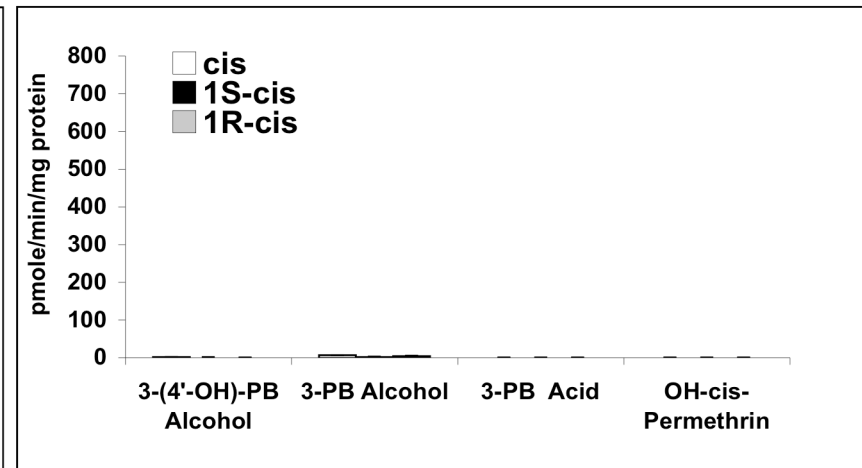
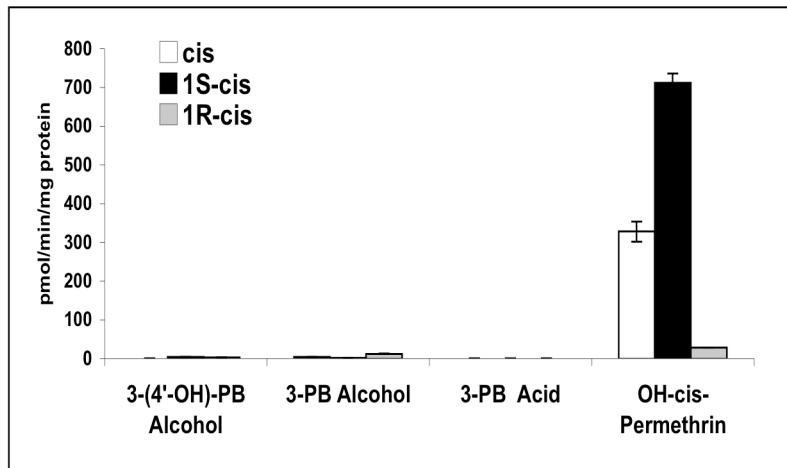
LC/MS TOF trace with accurate mass and molecular formula of major metabolite from *1S-cis*-permethrin metabolism in trout liver microsomes. The most probable structure of metabolite is indicated. (Note: LC/MS trace and mass spectrum of metabolite from *1S-trans*-permethrin metabolism is identical to the figure shown here).

# STEREOSELECTIVE BIOACTIVATION TO ESTROGENIC METABOLITES



Biotransformation pathway of permethrin in fish

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**NO INHIBITOR**

**KETOCONAZOLE INHIBITION**

# SUMMARY

- *In vivo* and *in vitro* evaluation in fish indicate stereoselective estrogenic activity of permethrin.
- The *1S-cis*-PM was more estrogenic than the *1R-cis* enantiomer. Similar trends have been observed in *trans*-PM enantiomers.
- PM biotransformation in trout liver microsome is more oxidative than hydrolytic.
- *trans*-PM was more susceptible to ester cleavage than *cis*-PM. *1S-trans*-PM was hydrolyzed more extensively than the *1R-trans* enantiomer.



# SUMMARY

- *cis*-PM was more susceptible to hydroxylation than *trans*-PM. *1S-cis*-PM was hydroxylated more extensively than *1R-cis*-PM.
- Respective inhibition studies with ketoconazole confirmed that permethrin enantiomer hydroxylation is CYP-catalyzed.
- Results highlights the potential for target-inactive enantiomer(s) of chiral bioactive compounds to produce unintended effects in non-target species.

# Delta Conclusions

- Individual sites carry unique TIE estrogenic signatures.
- Estrogenic activity was consistently observed in water extracts and whole water from surface waters.
- While several pesticides and surfactants were observed in fractions with estrogenic activity, reconstitution to environmental concentrations failed to demonstrate estrogenic activities observed in extracts or whole water exposures.

# Delta Conclusions Cont

- Additional “unknown” estrogenic chemicals are likely sources of estrogenic activity particularly in systems receiving agricultural effluents/runoff.
- Greater than additive responses were observed in surfactant/herbicide, but in high surfactant concentrations.

Questions??



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