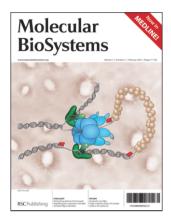
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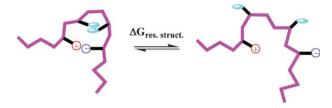
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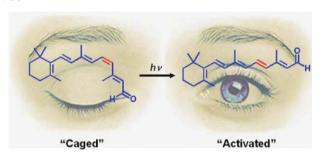


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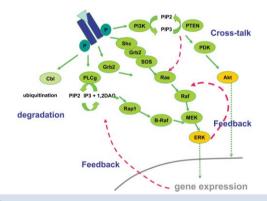


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XinJing Tang and Ivan J. Dmochowski*

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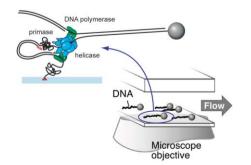
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Systems biology intensively tries to resolve complexity of ErbB receptor signaling for cancer progression. The article highlights dynamic properties of the ErbB receptors and its functions in cellular network.

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Single-molecule studies of complex systems: the replisome

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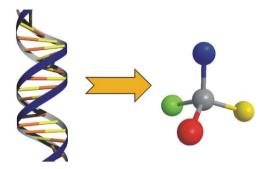
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Gerard Roelfes*

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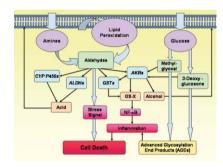


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Aldehyde metabolism in the cardiovascular system

Daniel Conklin, Russell Prough and Aruni Bhatanagar*

Aldehydes from oxidation of glucose, intermediates of glycolysis, amine deamination, and lipid peroxidation of membranes are metabolized by aldo–keto reductases (AKRs), glutathione S-transferases (GSTs), aldehyde dehydrogenases (ALDHs), and cytochromes P450 (CYP P450) to alcohols, glutathione conjugates (GS–X), and to acids, and excreted. Aldehydes, GS-X metabolites, or AGEs can trigger stress signaling, inflammation, and cell death.



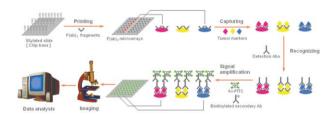
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A cancer protein microarray platform using antibody fragments and its clinical applications

Shiping Song,* Bin Li, Lihua Wang, Haiping Wu, Jun Hu, Minqian Li and Chunhai Fan*

An F(ab')₂ microarray platform for serum tumor markers was developed. Its clinical applications showed that such F(ab')2 microarrays exhibited both higher sensitivity and higher specificity than full-sized monoclonal antibody microarrays.





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