

Platelet Genomics *In Injury*

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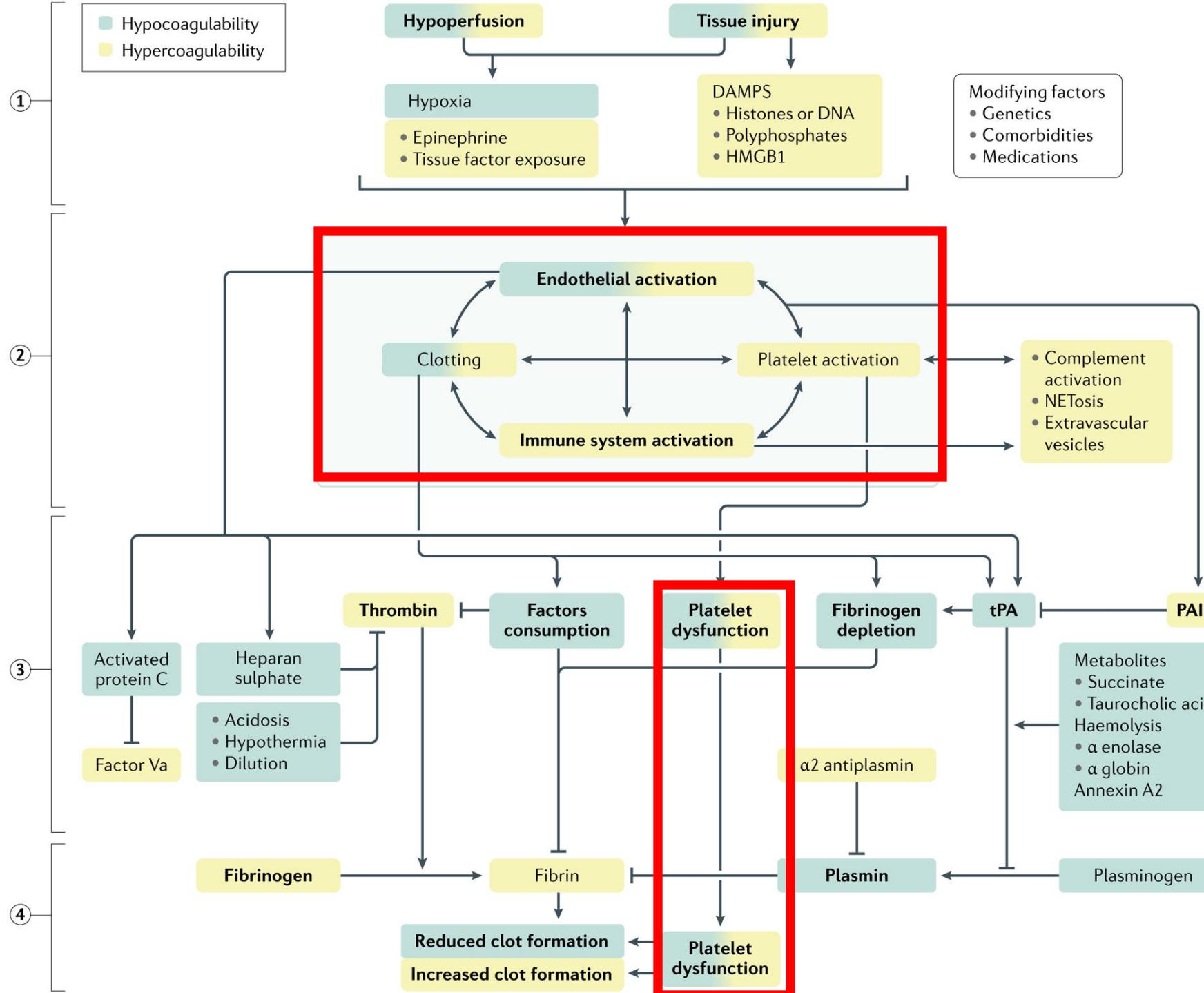
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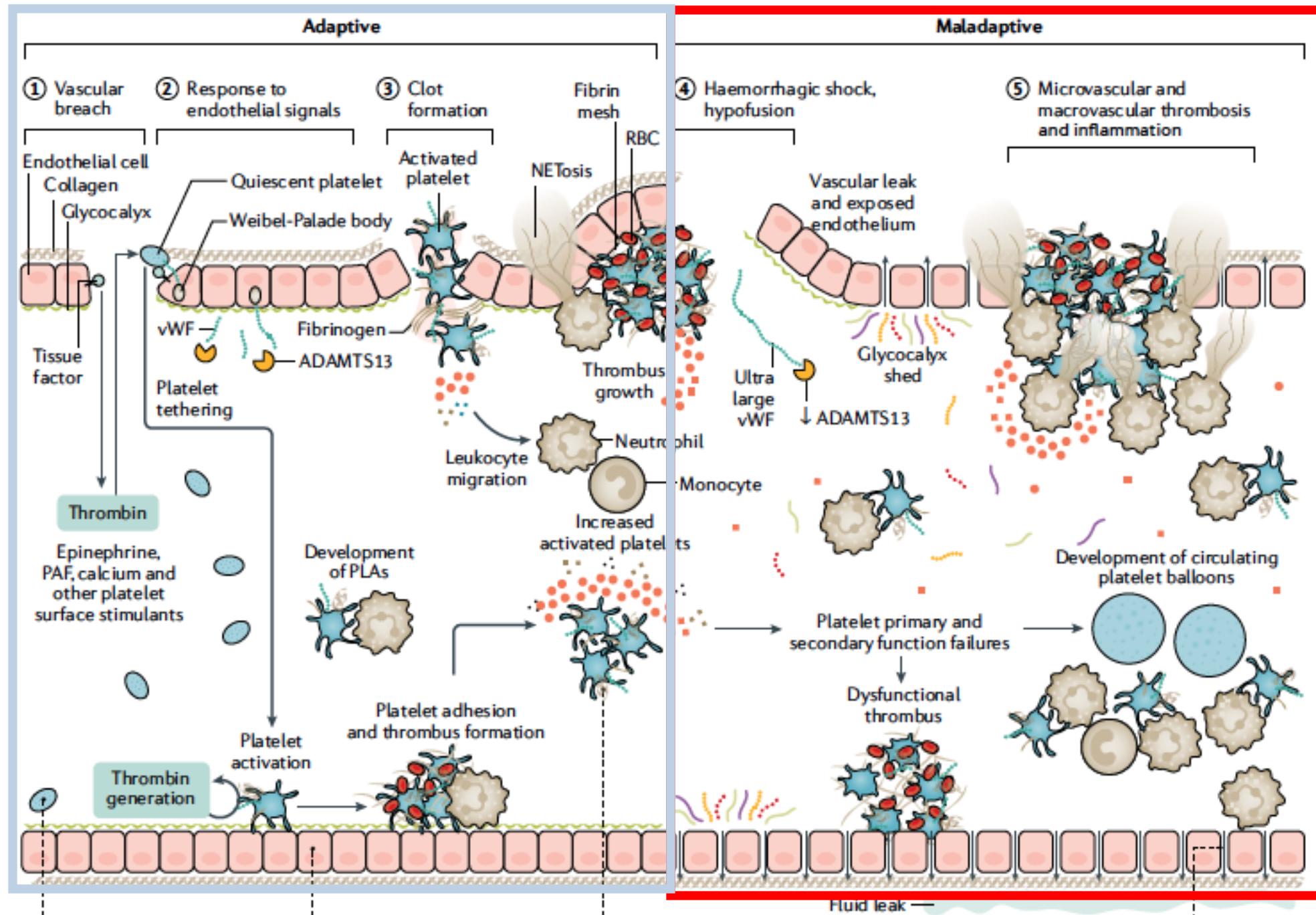
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Platelets





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Post-injury platelet biology: *what we know*

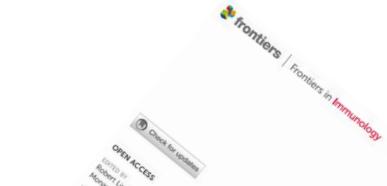
- Platelet counts are normal
- Platelets are activated

BUT

- Measured ex-vivo platelet aggregatory function is impaired
- AND.... clinical associations are variable
- AND... platelet impairments are not reversed with platelet transfusion
- Multiple pathways potentially contribute

Post-injury platelet biology: *what we don't know*

- Adaptive or maladaptive?
- Defined biology explained by ex-vivo assays?
- Requires treatment?
- What is the treatment?



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Postinjury platelet aggregation and venous thromboembolism

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Importance of catecholamine signaling in the development of platelet exhaustion after traumatic injury

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GOOD PLATELET PLASMA

GOOD PLATELETS GONE BAD: THE EFFECTS OF TRAUMA PATIENT PLASMA ON HEALTHY PLATELET AGGREGATION

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Trauma-induced coagulopathy

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Dynamic effects of calcium on in vivo and ex vivo platelet behavior
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**Y upstream: Fluctuating platelet-specific genes in cell-free
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to improve understanding of postinjury platelet biology**

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AAST 2013 PLENARY PAPER

**Fibrinogen and platelet contributions to clot formation:
Implications for trauma resuscitation and thromboprophylaxis**

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The problems with studying platelet function

- Highly sensitive
- Highly sticky
- Markedly diminutive
- Subpopulations likely have different biology
- Anucleate
- Model systems are imperfect

A guide to molecular and functional investigations of platelets to bridge basic and clinical sciences

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NATURE CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH

REVIEW ARTICLE

Table 4 | A concise guide to research approaches used to assess platelet properties

Platelet state	Immature/young	Resting	Activated	Apoptotic	Defective	Cell conjugates
Technique	Flow cytometry (reticulated platelets)	Flow cytometry Western blotting	Flow cytometry Western blotting	Flow cytometry Western blotting	Flow cytometry Lumiaggregometry	Flow cytometry
	Hematology analyzer (Sysmex IPF, Abbott retPLT)	Imaging (SEM, TEM) Phase-contrast/ confocal microscopy Proteomics	Aggregometry Imaging (SEM, TEM) ELISA PFA-100 Proteomics	Spectroscopy Confocal microscopy	ROTEM platelet PFA-100 Imaging (TEM) Genomic sequencing Immunofluorescence	Confocal microscopy Single-cell morphometry Mass cytometry Real-time microfluidic assays Intravital imaging
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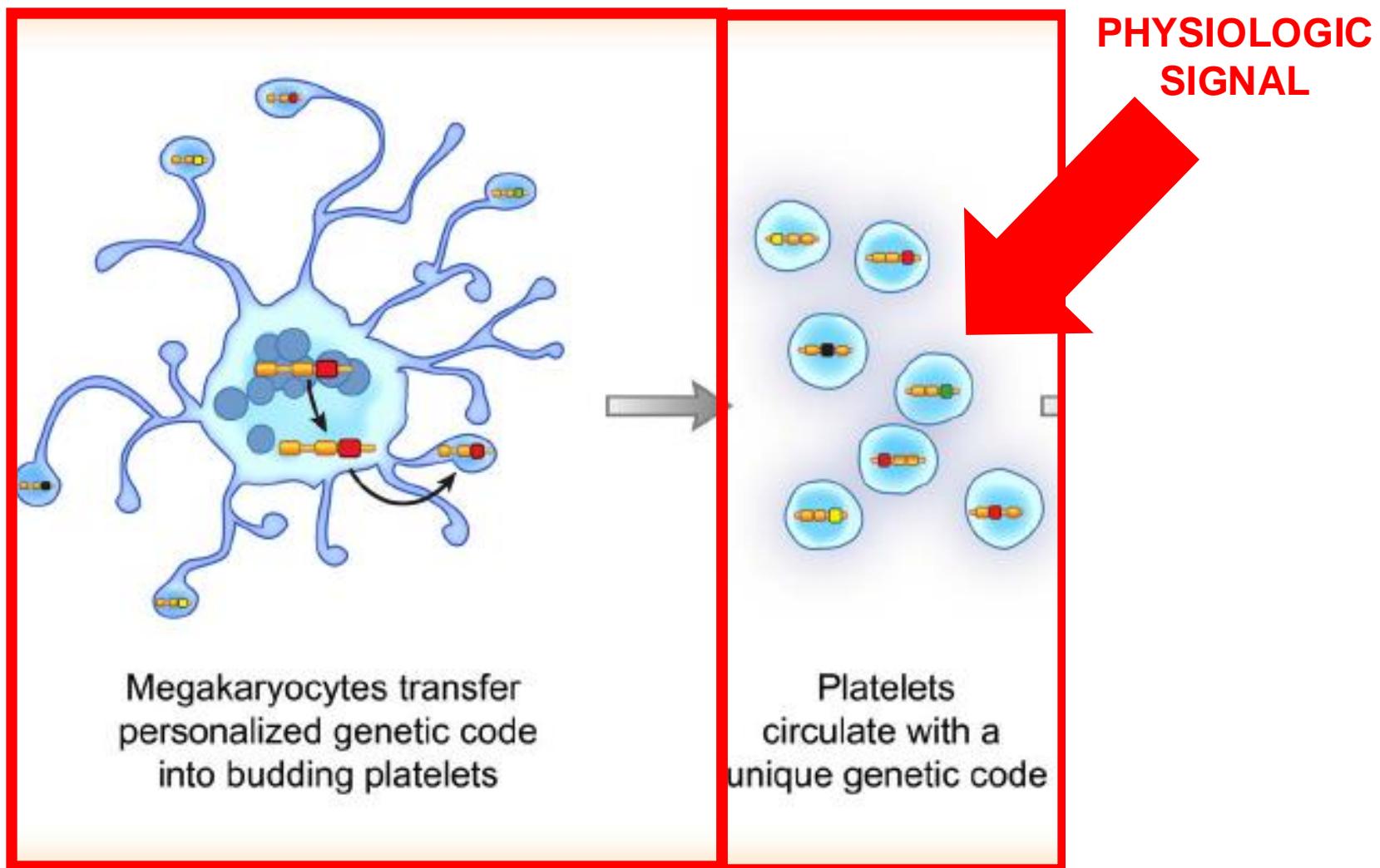
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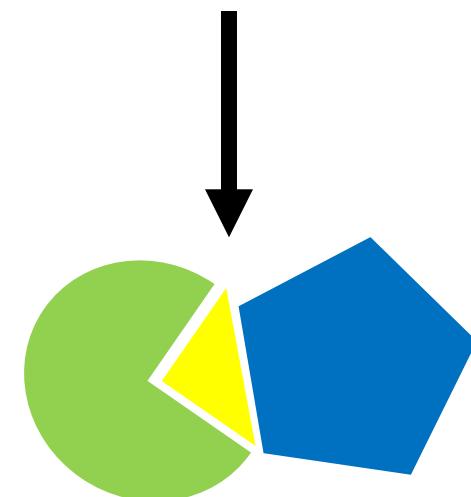
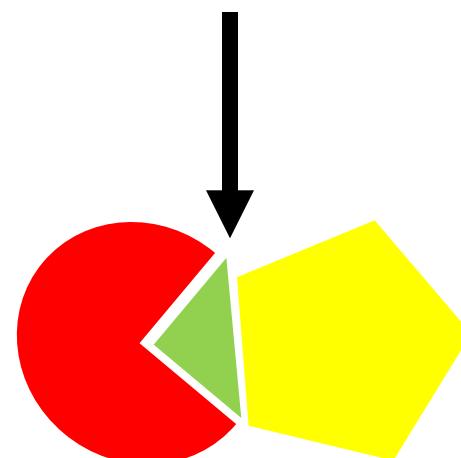
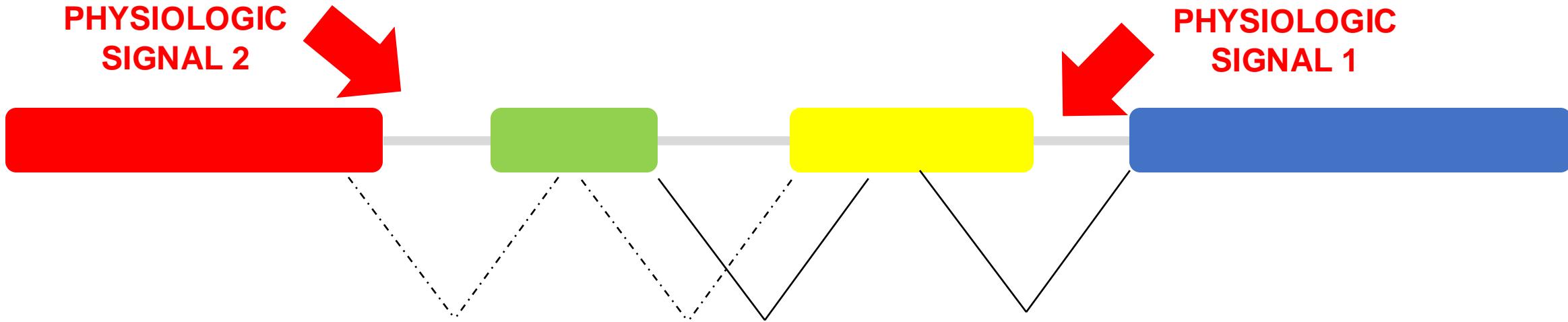


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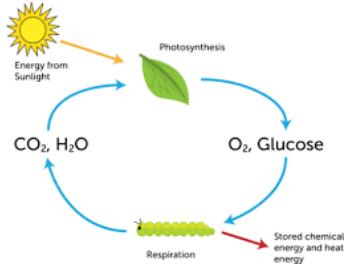
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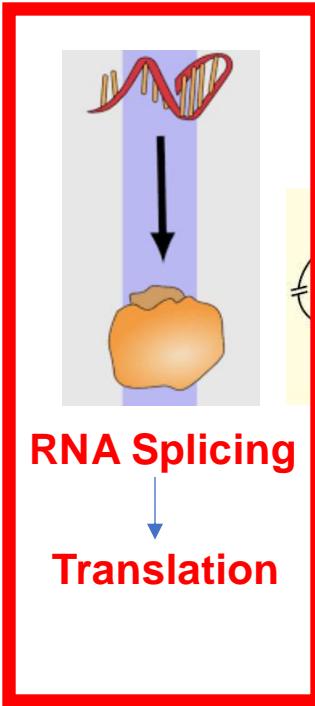
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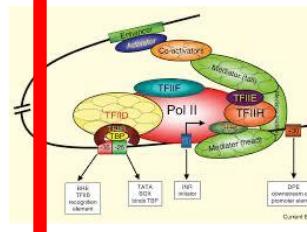
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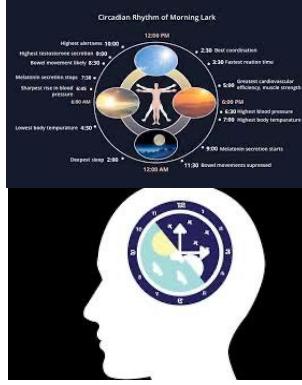
Neurophysiology



RNA Splicing
Translation



Novel
Transcription
Initiation



Circadian
Rhythms



Healing and
Repair



Aging

Microseconds

Milliseconds

Seconds
to
Minutes

Minutes
to
Hours

Fractions
of
a Day

Fractions
of
a Year

Years



Methods

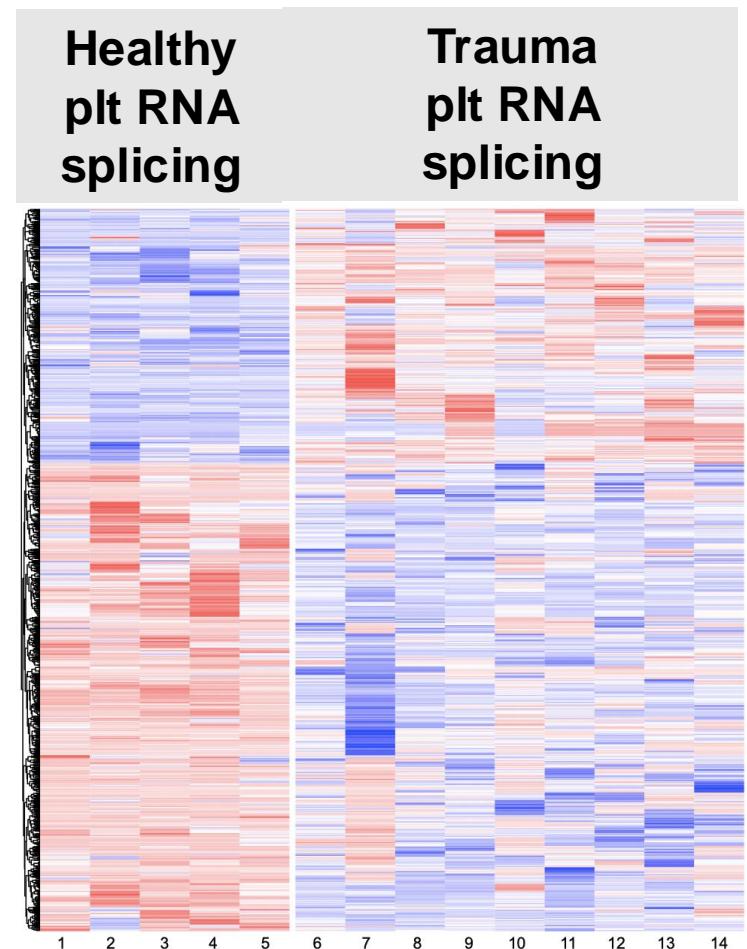
- Whole blood prospective collected
- Platelet aggregometry and rotational thromboelastometry
- Platelets isolated and stored in trizol

- RNA Sequencing of platelet isolates
 - RNA isolated (QIAamp RNA Blood Mini Kit)
 - 5 nanograms of RNA per sample, random primer based complementary DNA amplification
 - Sequenced at high-read depth (100-400 mil reads/sample)

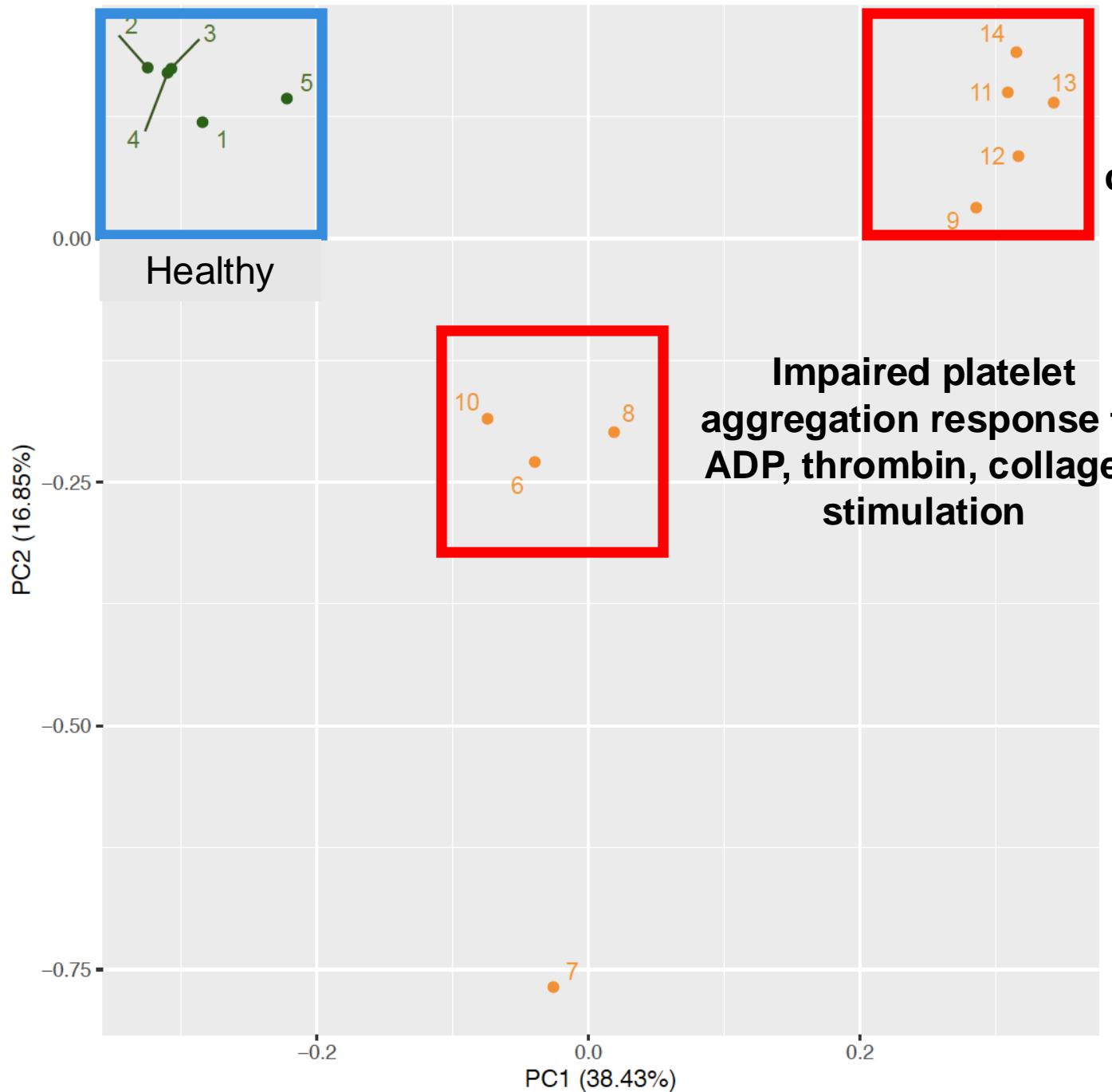
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Platelet RNA: trauma v. healthy

- 49 platelet genes with differing abundance
 - Primarily mitochondrial
- 1188 splicing events across 691 platelet genes (FDR <0.001)
 - Coagulation, platelet activation, wound healing
 - Immune responses, post-transcriptional gene regulation, other signaling and cell physiology



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Normal platelet aggregation responses BUT prolonged clot formation, decreased fibrin crosslinking, and weaker clot strength

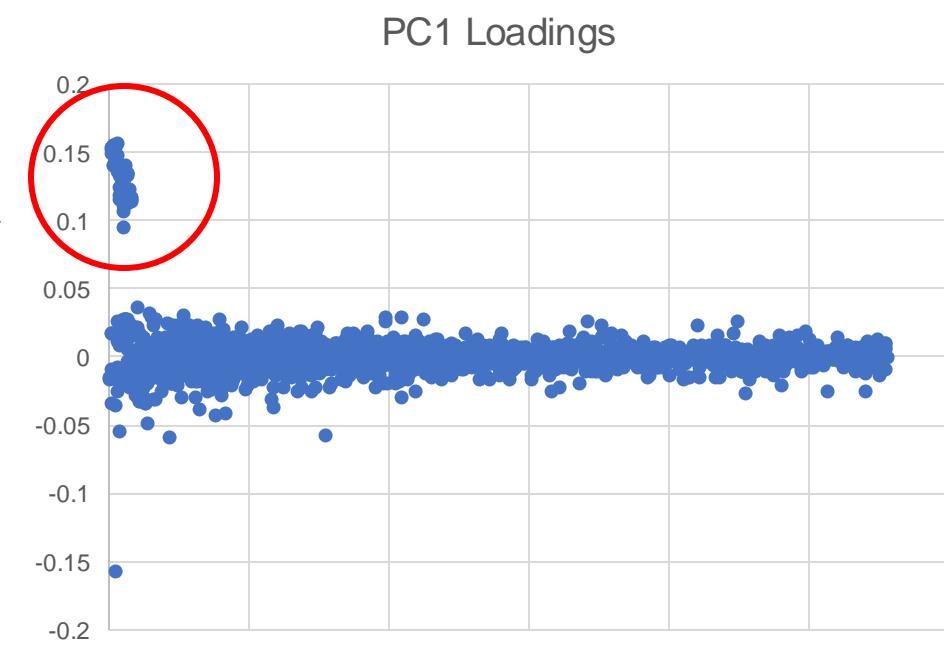
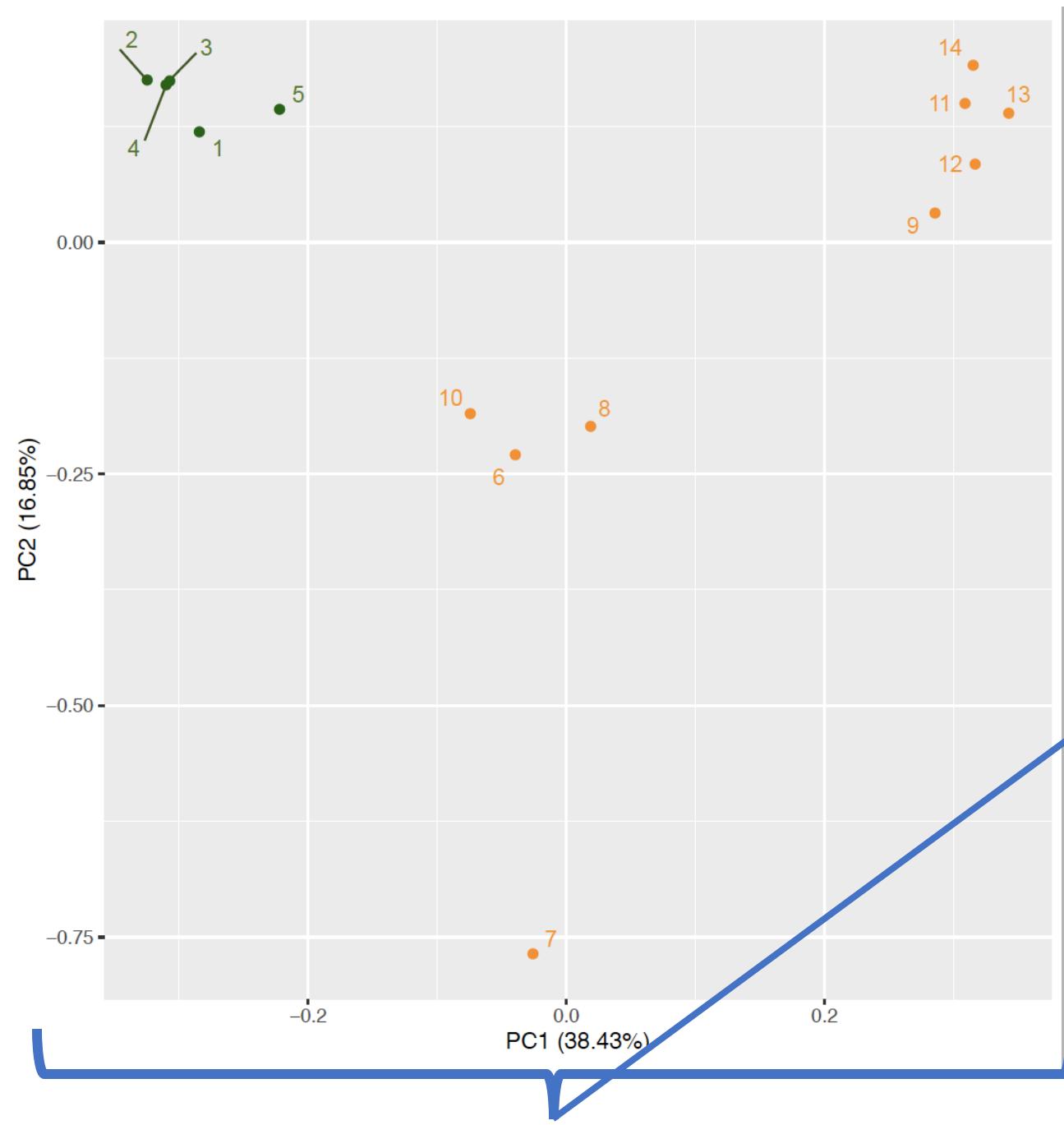
Impaired platelet aggregation response to ADP, thrombin, collagen stimulation

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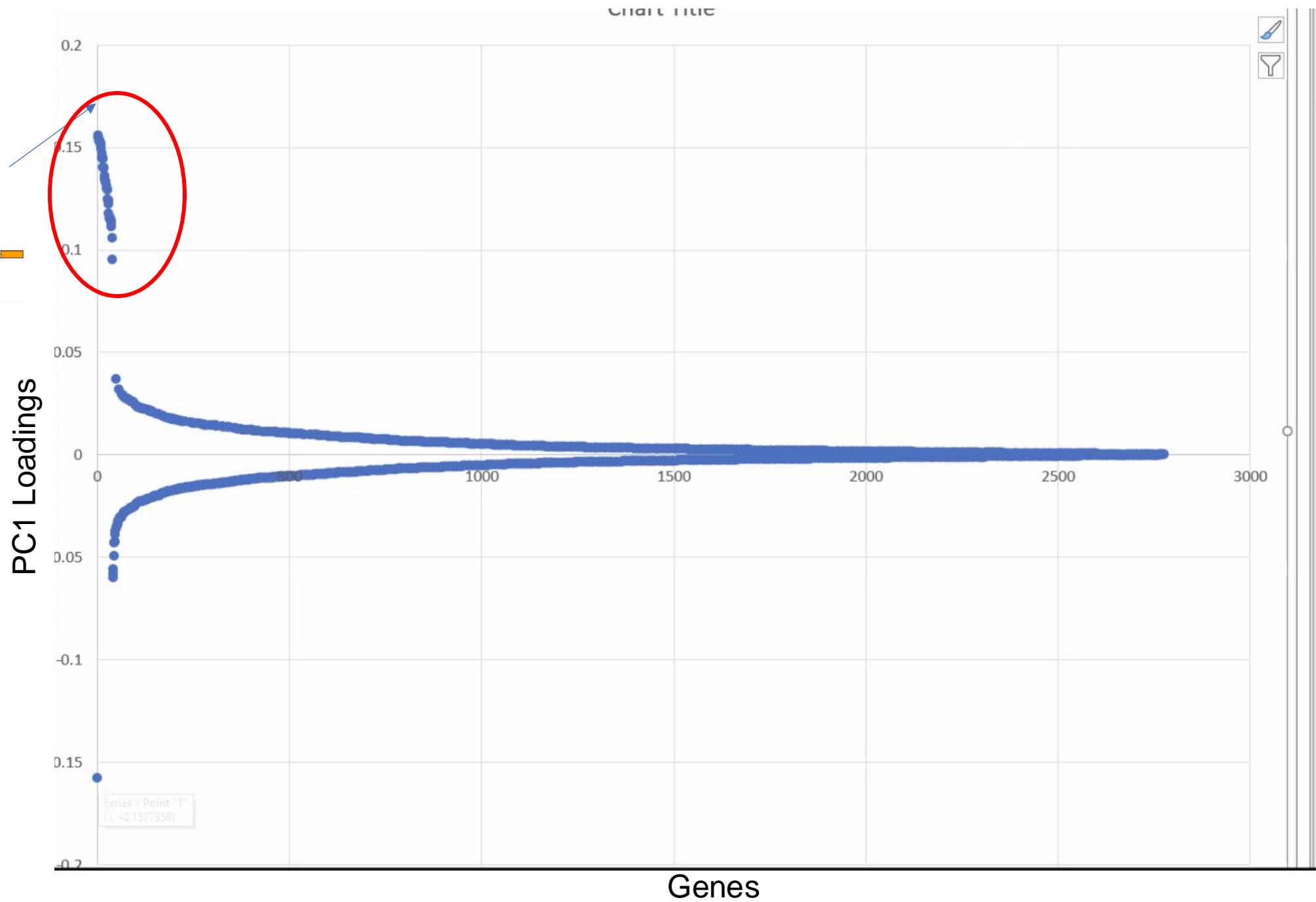
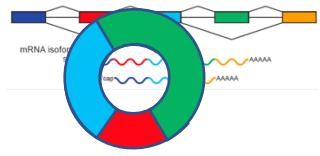
Unique platelet transcriptome of trauma

- Unique platelet transcriptome in trauma patients vs. healthy donors
- Trauma platelet transcriptome
 - Physiologic driven finetuning of platelet RNA
 - Clusters trauma patients
 - Clusters differ in platelet hemostatic responses

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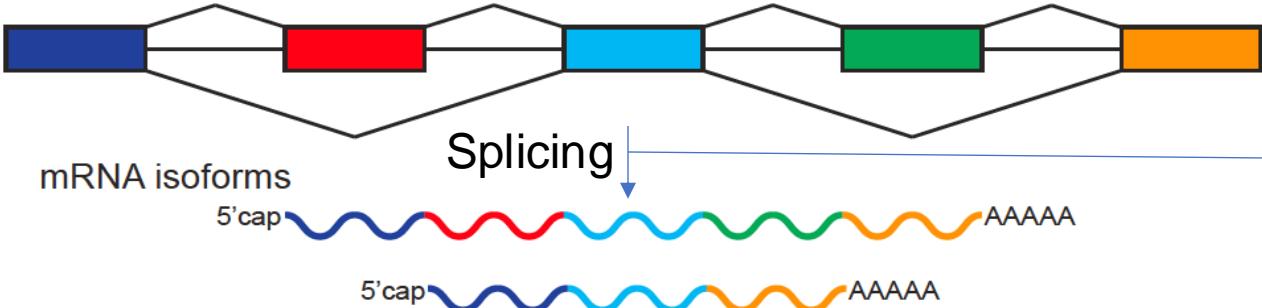


Splice Variants of One Gene

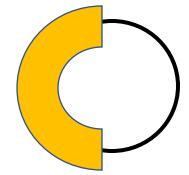
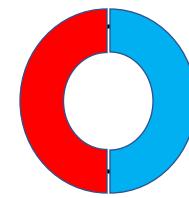
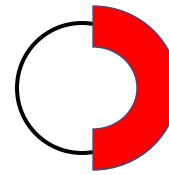


Circular RNA

Gene structure

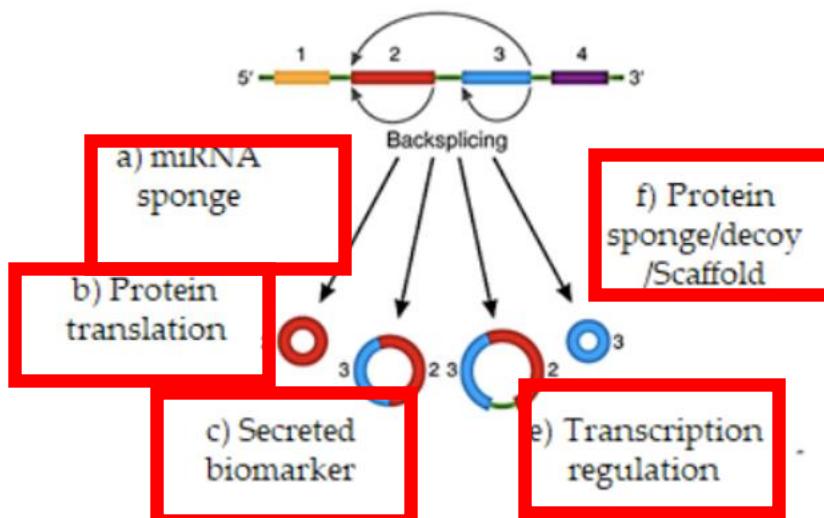


Back
Splicing



RNA Circles

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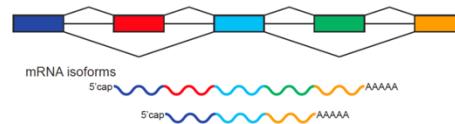
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Trauma patients v. healthy donors

RNA Expression
FDR < .05

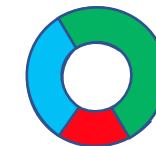
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RNA Splicing
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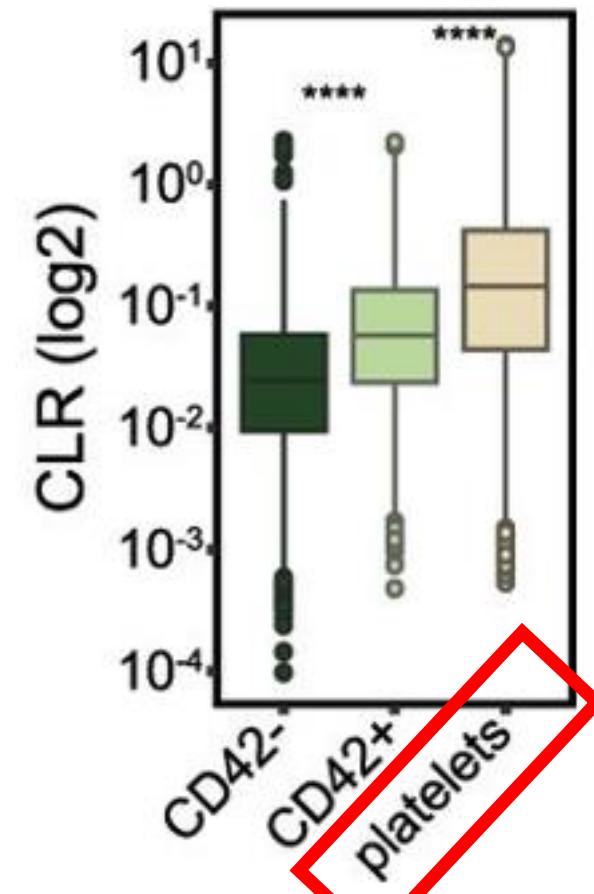
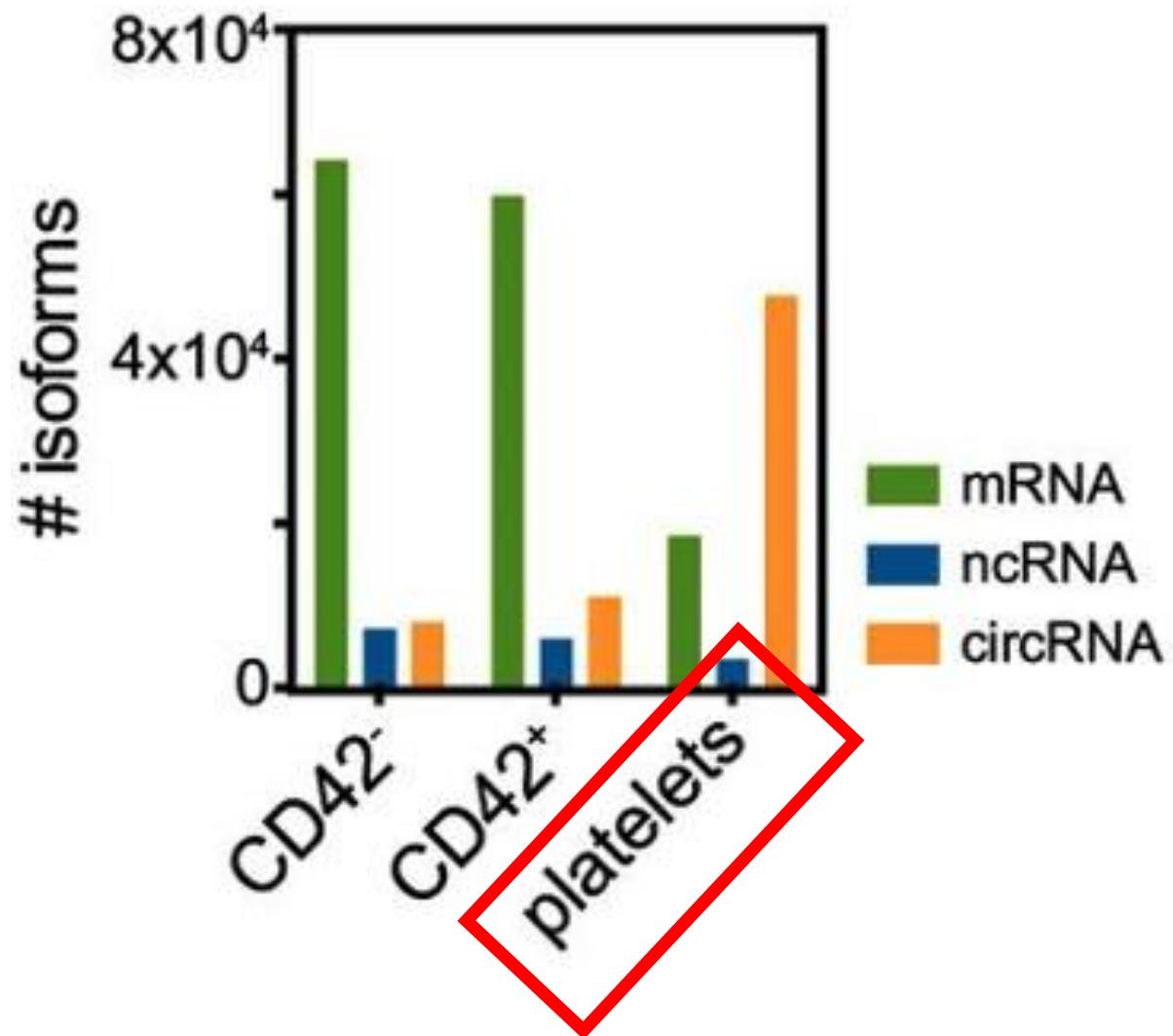


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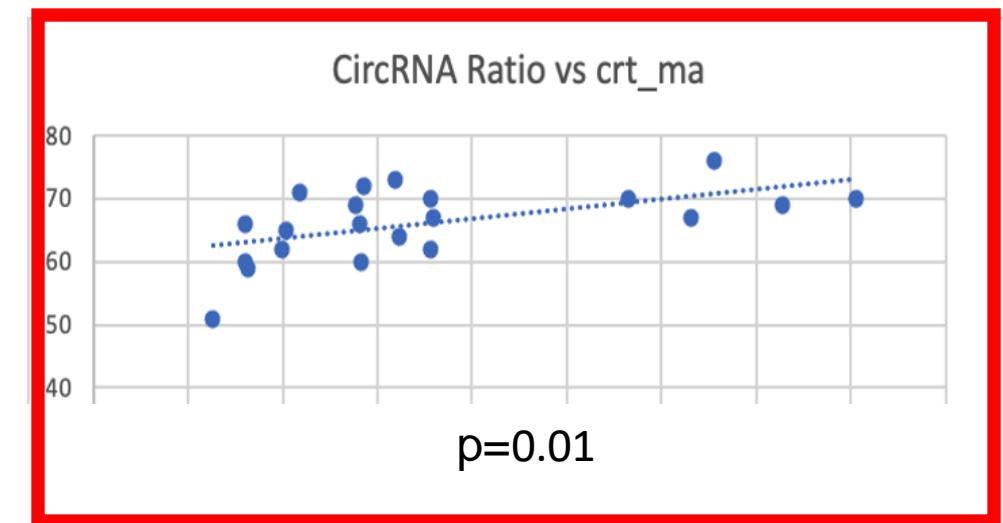
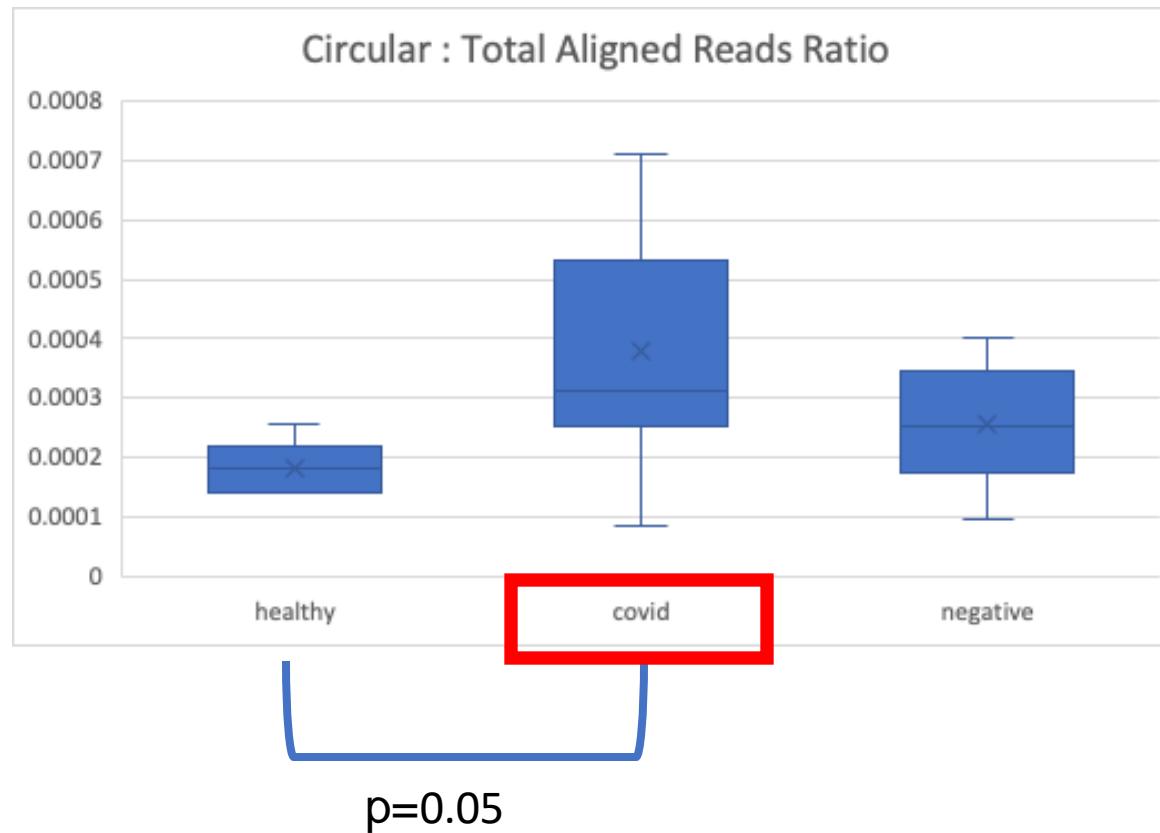
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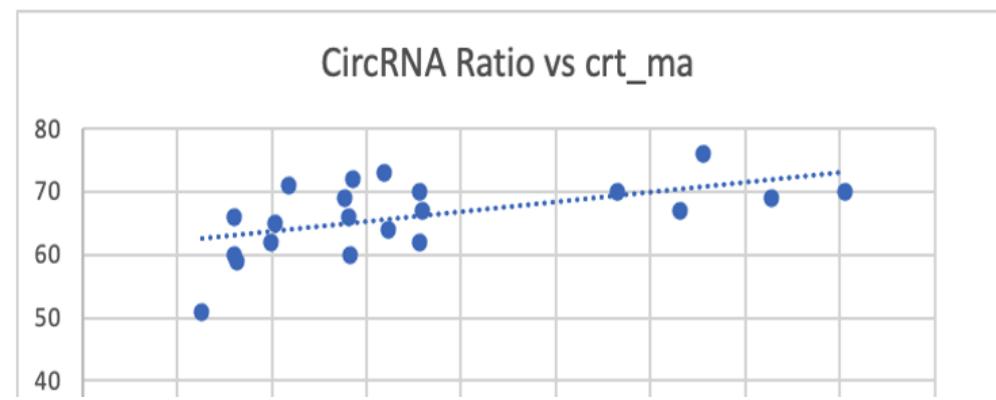
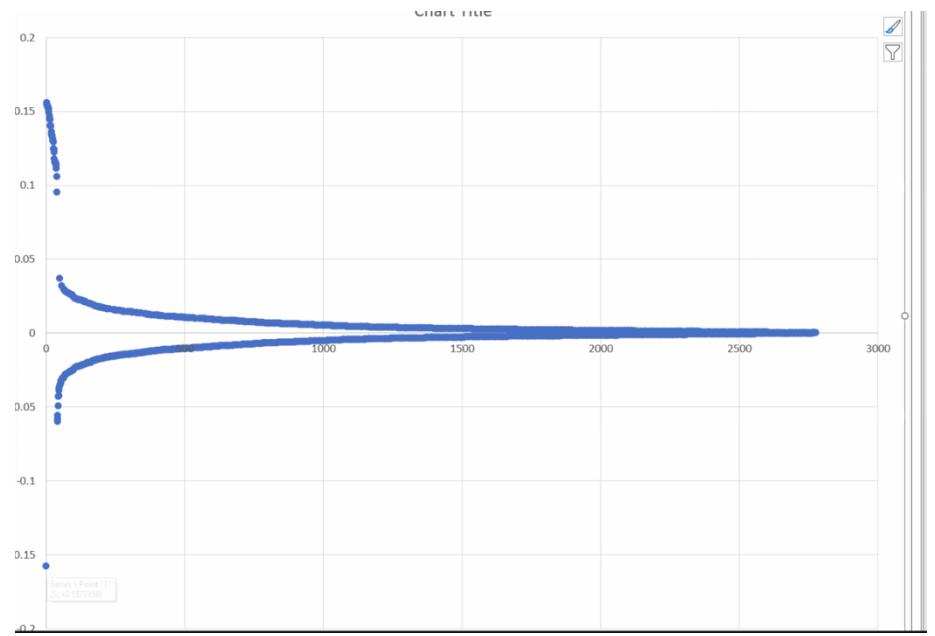
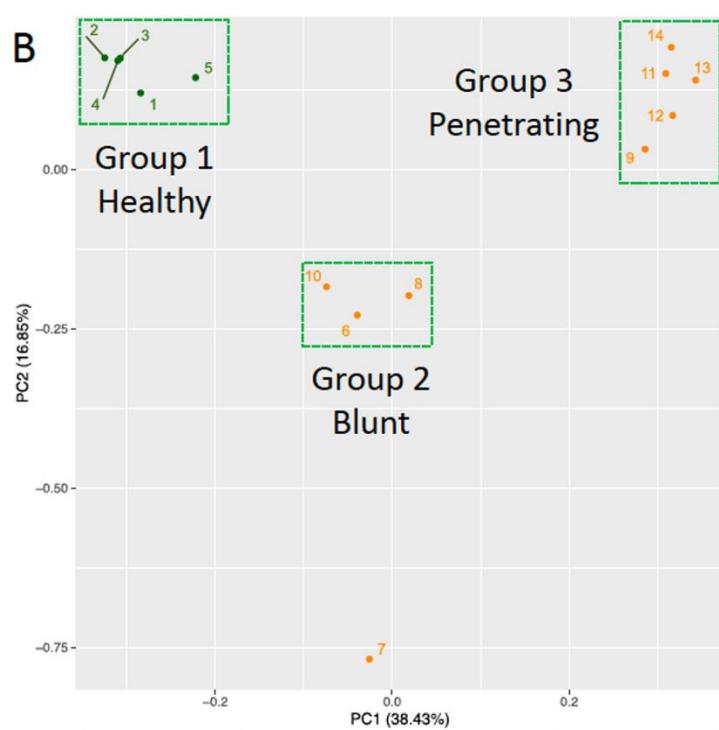
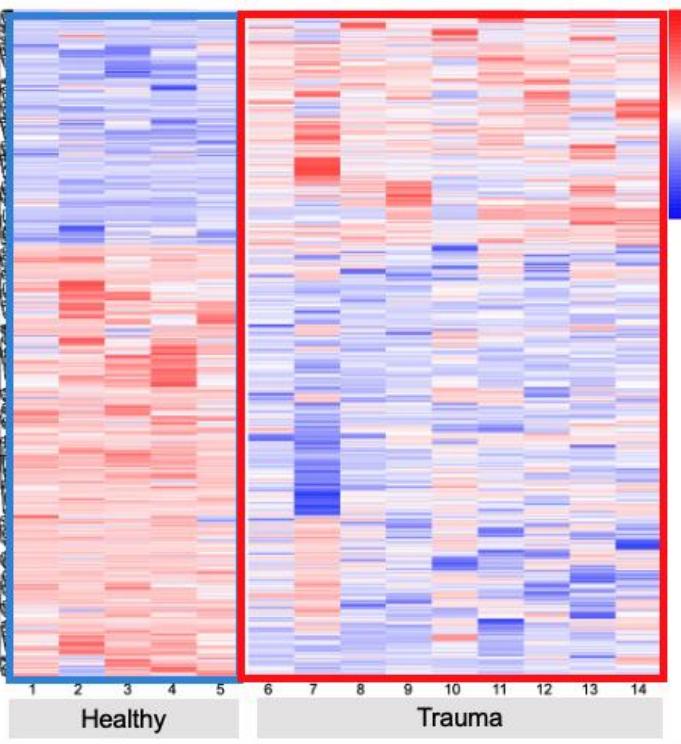


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Total circular RNA increases in COVID-19





Future

- Extensive methods of studying post-injury platelet biology...
 - In-vivo systems
 - Microfluidics
 - Cell culture
 - Mitochondrial respiration
 - Ultrastructure microscopy
 - ***Platelet genomics***
- What should a native platelet be doing?
- What should a transfused platelet be doing?

WHAT NOW?

Bulk sequencing larger number of platelet
PCR of candidate RNAs
Ribosome footprint profiling
Westerns of protein products
Inducing trauma genomic signatures ex-vivo with plasma treatments
Model systems: ex-vivo CD34+ cell culture models, KO and humanized platelet murine models

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