

# **Signatures in Blood**

## **Senescence, Exosomes and Aging Markers**

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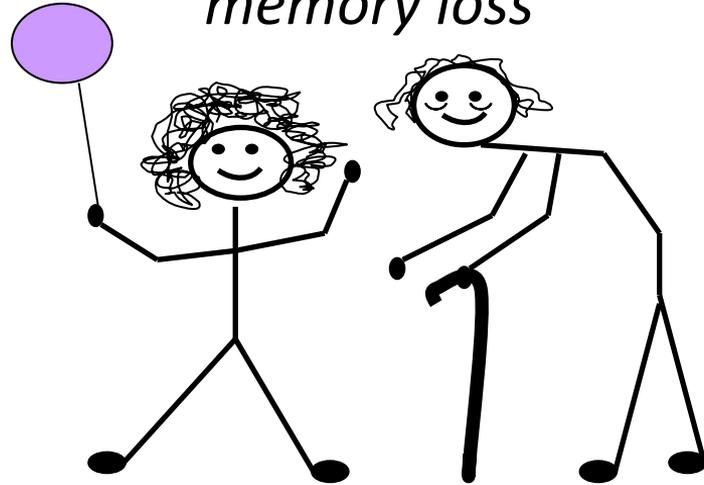
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**Live better longer**

# ***Aging = susceptibility to (chronic) disease***

***not a coincidence! caused by basic aging process(es)***

*Neurodegeneration,  
memory loss*



*Decreased  
lung, kidney, etc function*

*Osteoporosis*

*Macular degeneration,  
hearing loss*

*Heart disease*

*Sarcopenia,  
frailty*

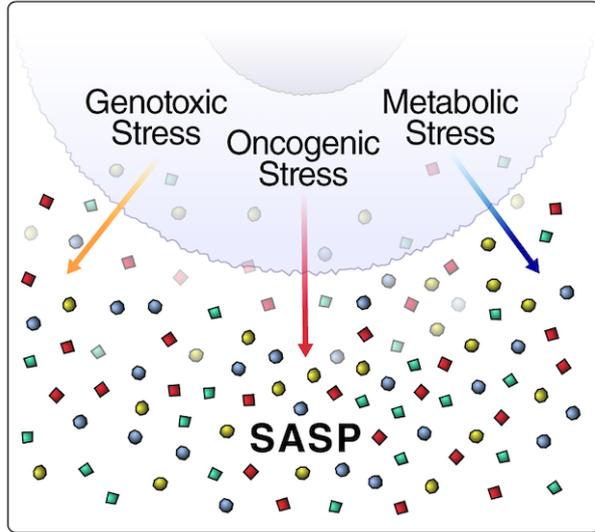
*Vascular disease*

*Diabetes,  
metabolic syndrome*

***CANCER***

***Cellular senescence: a candidate basic aging process***

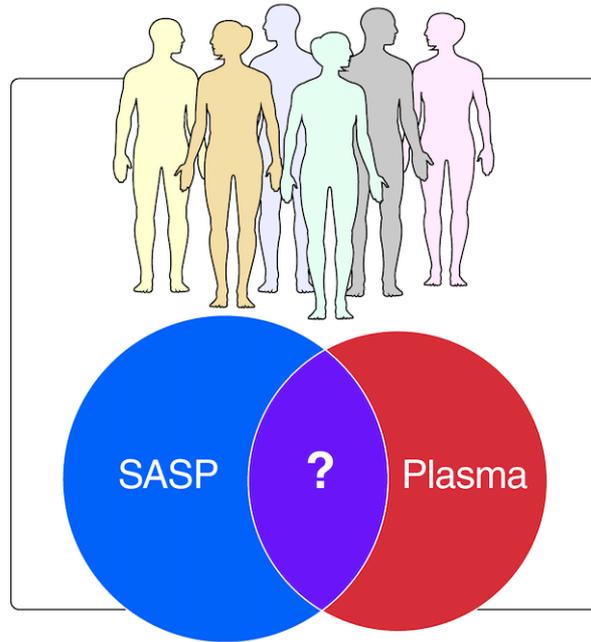
# Senescence-derived Biomarkers of Aging



## Phase 1: **Discovery**

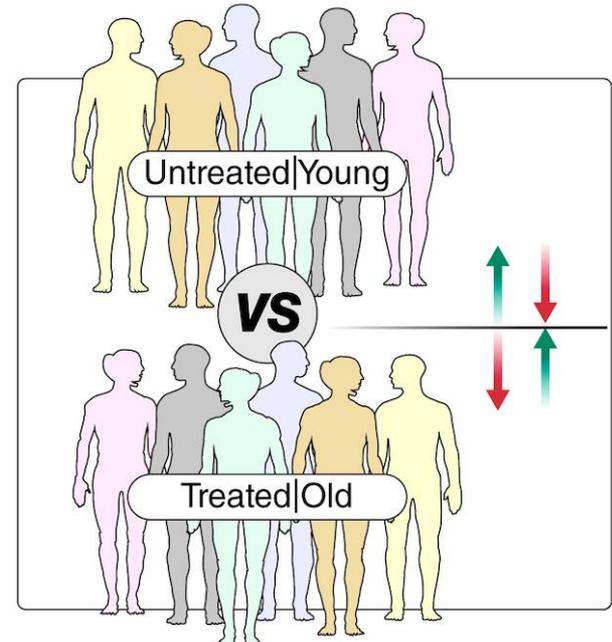
Which proteins are secreted?

Cell Culture Experiments



## Phase 2: **Verification**

Which SASP proteins  
can be detected in plasma?



## Phase 3: **Validation**

Are biomarkers elevated with age/disease?  
Are biomarkers reduced with treatments?

# Human Plasma Aging Biomarkers are Enriched with SASP

Core SASP

Plasma Aging Biomarkers



Nathan Basisty  
& Birgit Schilling

128 proteins

40 proteins

GDF15  
STC1  
SERPINs  
MMP1

\*\*P = 0.0009

177 proteins

~220 Significant  
Biomarkers of aging  
in human plasma



Toshiko Tanaka  
& Luigi Ferrucci

Basisty et al., Plos Biology 2020

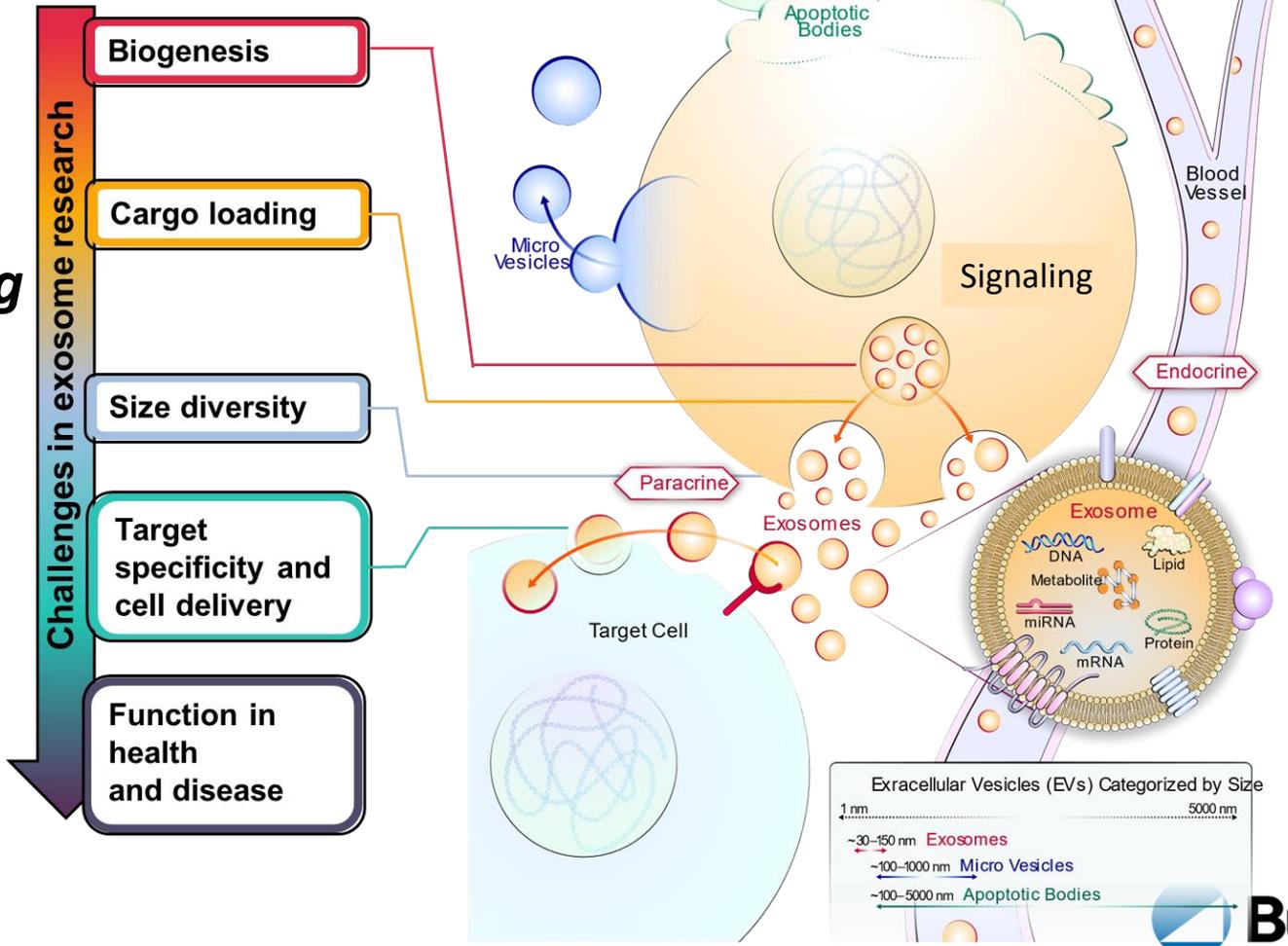
Tanaka et al., Aging Cell 2018

SASP: Senescence-Associated Secretory Phenotype

(healthy aging cohort)  
now InChianti cohort



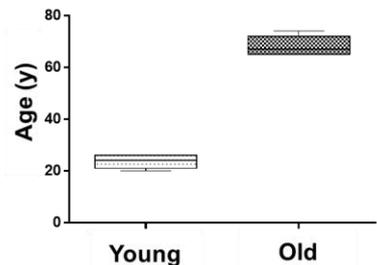
# Exosome Characteristics and Challenges in Aging Research



# Exploring Exosomes in Plasma with DIA-MS Proteomics

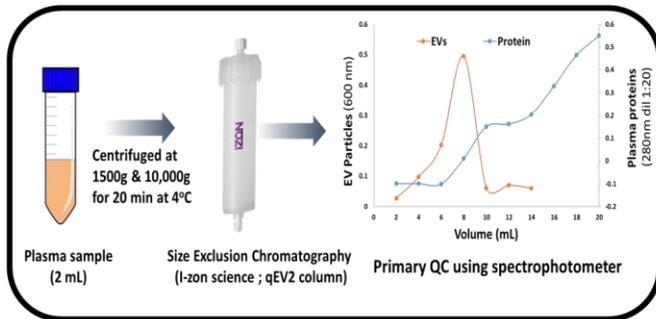
(a) Sample selection

PILOT Study

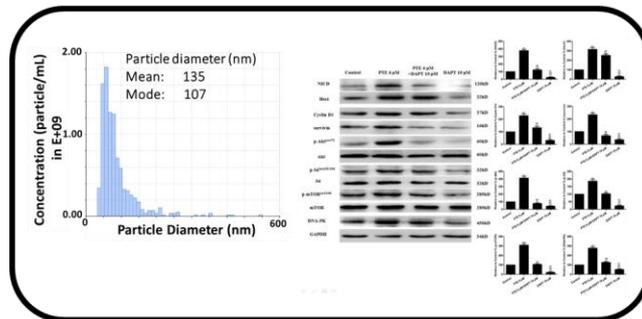


Age (n=5)

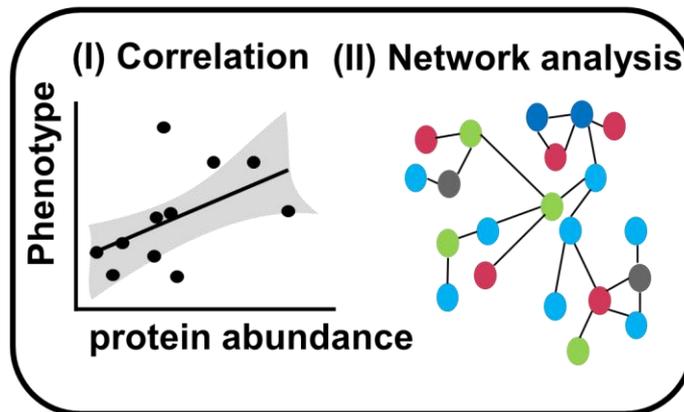
(b) Optimization of exosome extraction



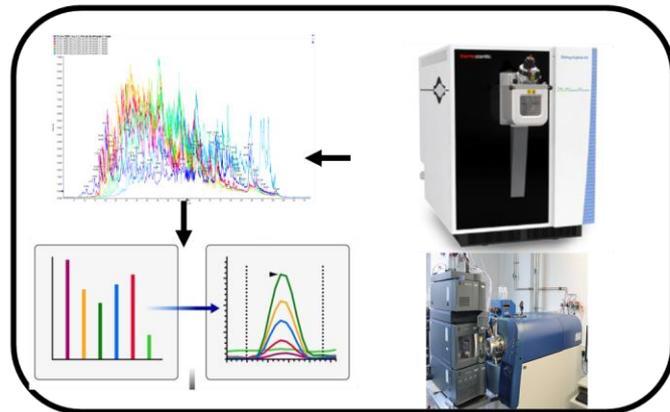
(c) Characterization of exosomes



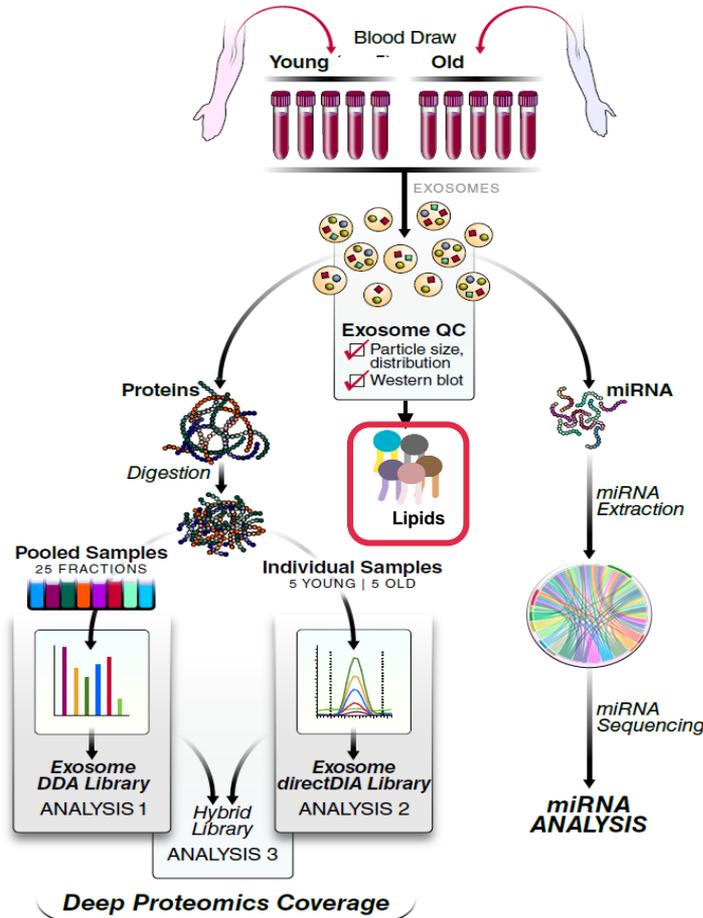
(e) Data analysis



(d) DIA/DDA proteomics analysis



# Plasma Exosome Workflow for Multi-Omics Study



## Exosome Purification from Plasma

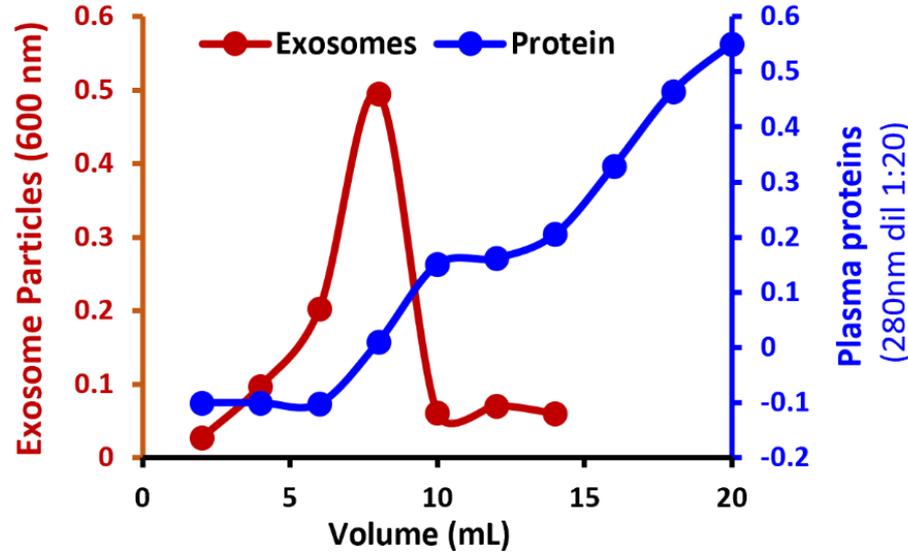
- Proteomics
- Micro RNA
- Lipidomics (with Erin Baker, NCS)

received more plasma samples  
In preparation

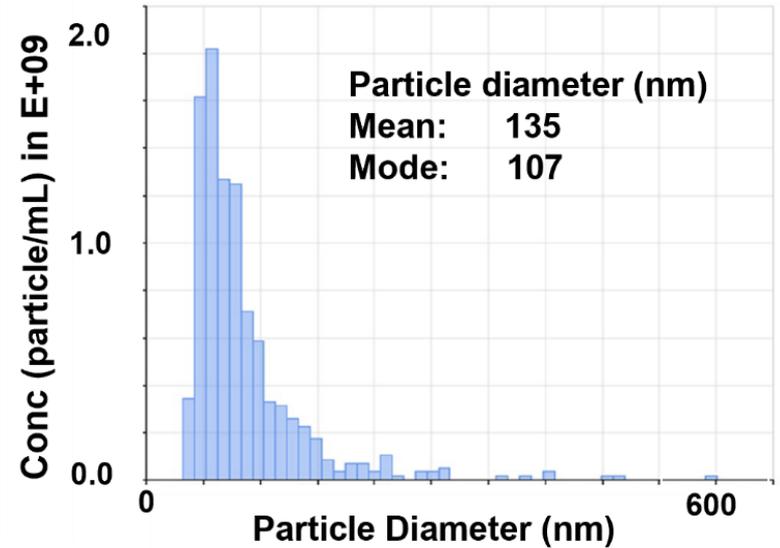
# Plasma Exosome Workflow for Multi-Omics Study

## Size Exclusion Chromatography and Ultrafiltration

a. Exosome fraction validated by spectrophotometry



b. Exosome size distribution

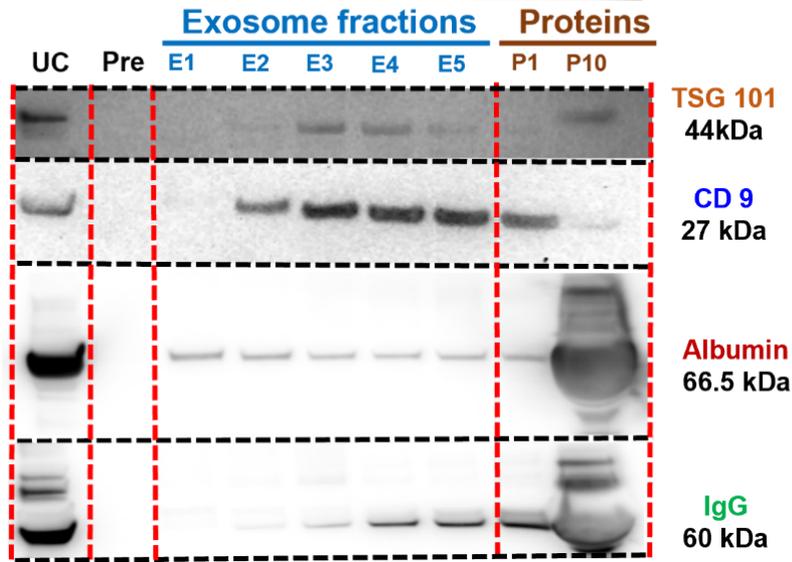


# Plasma Exosome Workflow for Multi-Omics Study

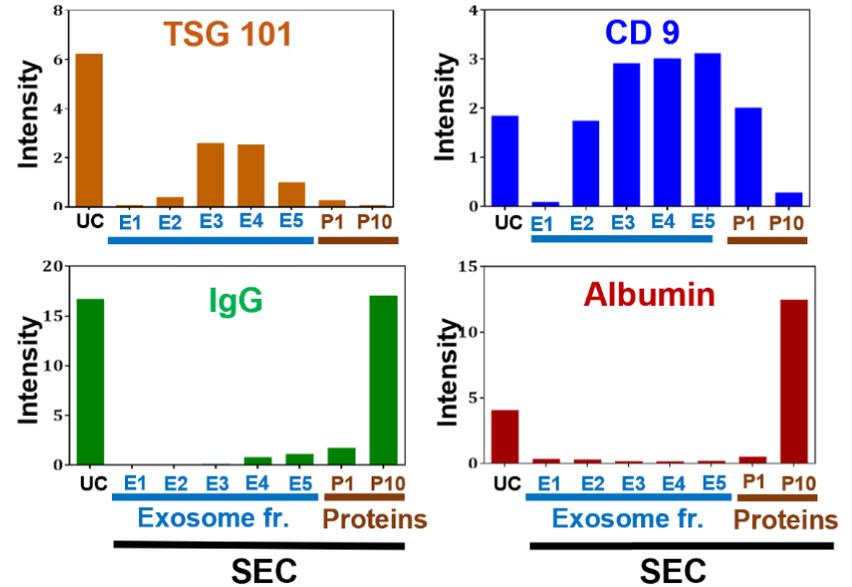
## Exosome Purification Quality Control

### c. Western blotting validation

#### Size Exclusion Chromatography (SEC)



### d. Volume intensities of western blot



# Generated Plasma Exosome Deep Spectral Libraries

Sample Details	Database	# precursors	# peptides	# proteins	# protein groups
(25 DDA)	Fractionation dataset (DDA)	43,201	26,655	5,186	2,323
(15 DIA)	directDIA dataset (DIA)	23,444	13,091	1,909	906
(25 DDA+15 DIA)	Combined dataset (DDA+directDIA)	43,492	26,745	5,221	2,341

## Cohort Analysis (young and old)

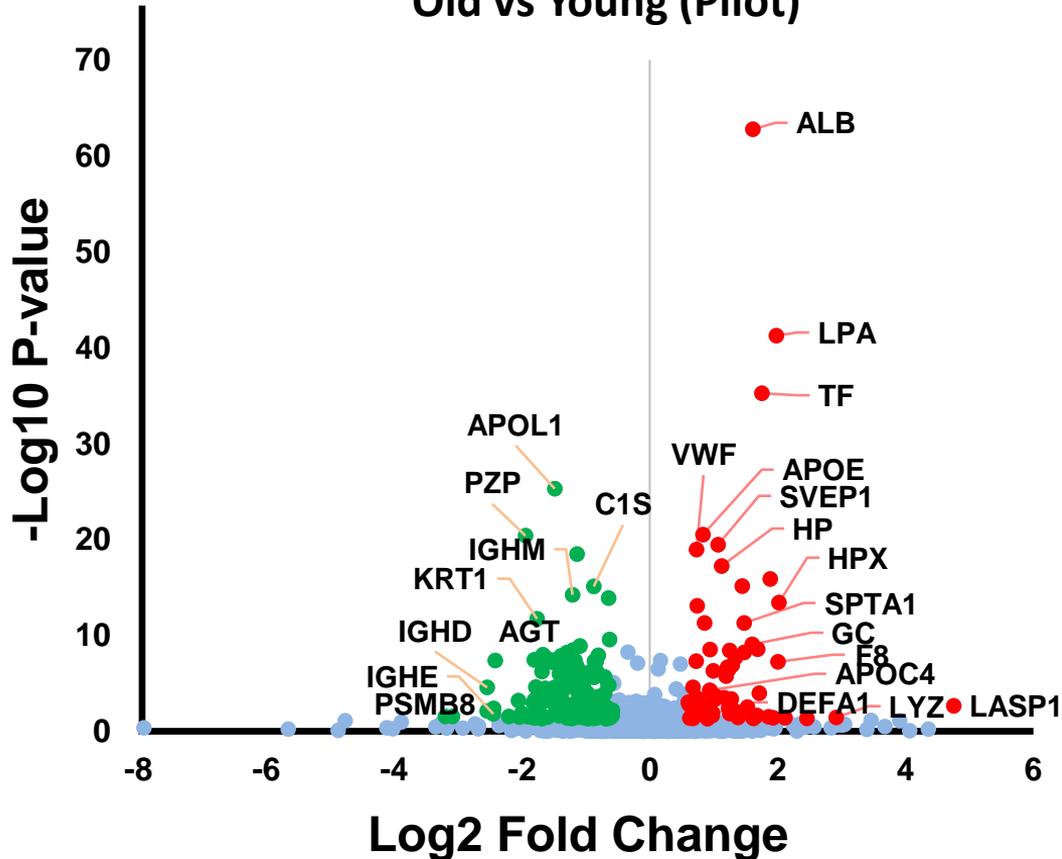
### Plasma Exosome DIA Quantitative analysis (young & old)

Database used	# Total Protein Groups identified & quantified in exosomes	# Proteins with exosome (GO) annotation
Combined dataset (DDA+DIA)	1,379	839
Fractionation dataset (DDA)	1,341	804

204 proteins are significantly changing !!

# Exosome Proteins changing during Aging (Pilot Study)

Old vs Young (Pilot)



ALB	Serum albumin
LPA	Apolipoprotein(a)
TF	Serotransferrin
VWF	von Willebrand factor
APOE	Apolipoprotein E
HP	Haptoglobin
PZP	Pregnancy zone protein
IGHM	Ig mu chain C region
AGT	Angiotensinogen
LYZ	Lysozyme C
LASP1	LIM and SH3 domain protein 1

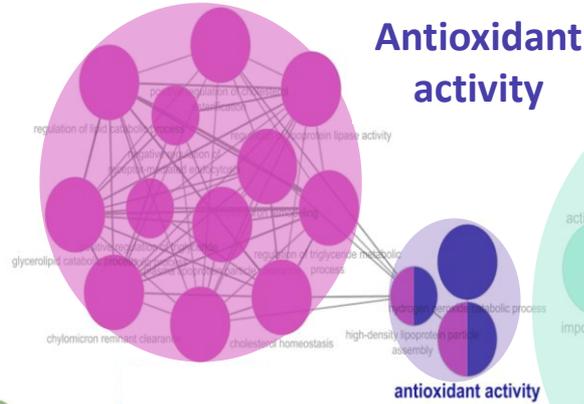
~ 200 of 1,300 proteins are changing

# Pathway and Network Analysis Plasma Exosomes

old vs young

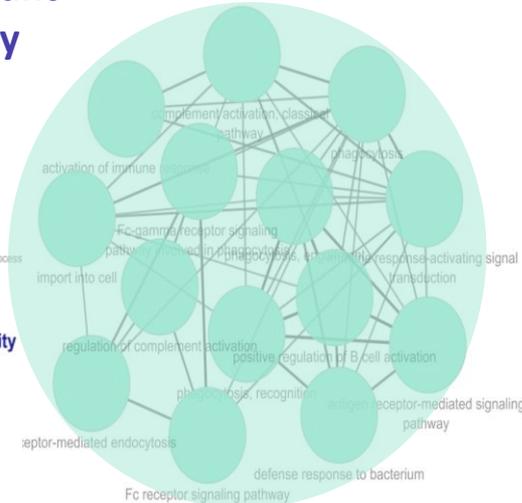
## (i) Up-regulated

Plasma lipoprotein particle remodeling



## (ii) Down-regulated

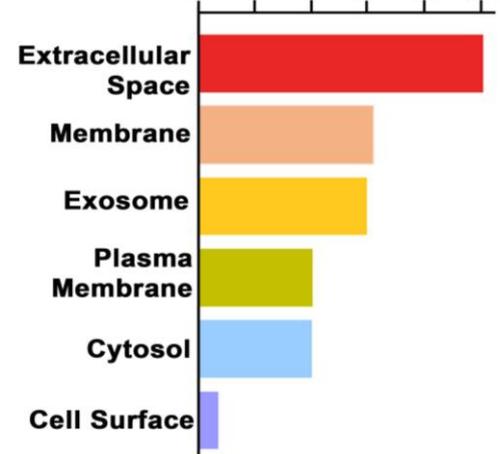
Defense response



antibacterial humoral response

intermediate filament cytoskeleton organization

% of All Exosome Proteins



Acute inflammatory response

Regulation of humoral immune response

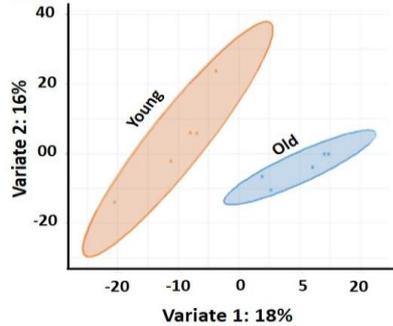
Blood coagulation intrinsic pathway

Proteins include:  
 (≥2 peptide, Q value <0.01)  
 (P value <0.05, FC= 1.5)

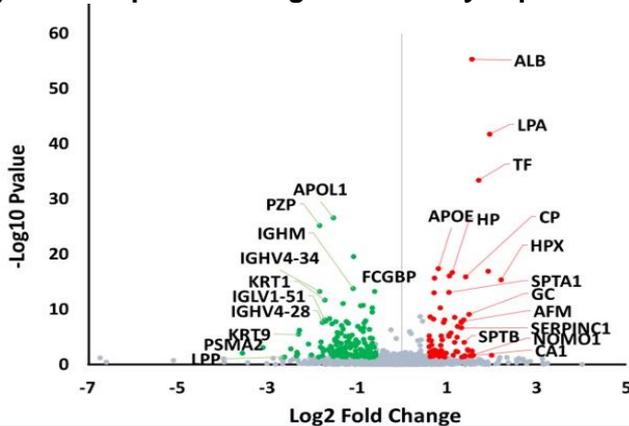
# Exosome miRNA and proteins classify old and young plasma

## Proteomics analysis

### (i) PLS-DA analysis classify old and young

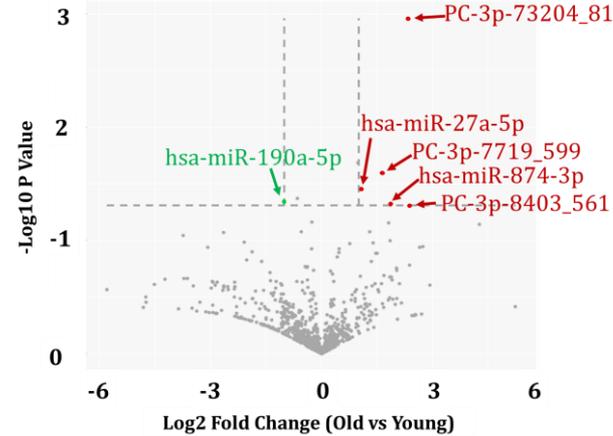


### (ii) Volcano plot showing differentially expressed proteins



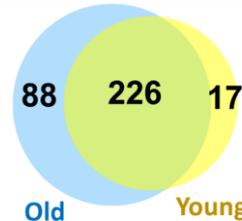
## miRNA analysis

### (i) Volcano plot showing differentially expressed miRNA



### (ii) Venn diagram showing common and unique miRNA

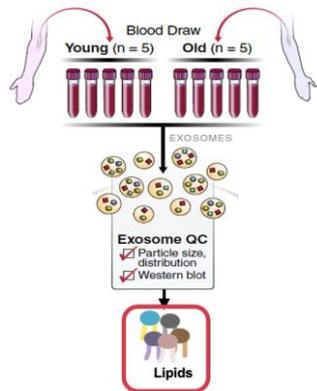
Total miRNA= 331



hsa-miR-199b-5p  
hsa-miR-409-3p

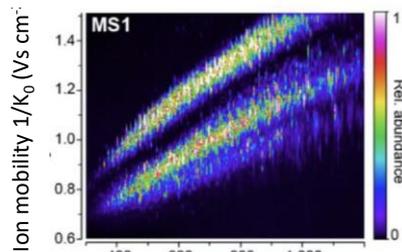
# Plasma Exosomes – Lipidomics with ion mobility LC-MS/MS

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## Lipid Preparation from plasma exosomes

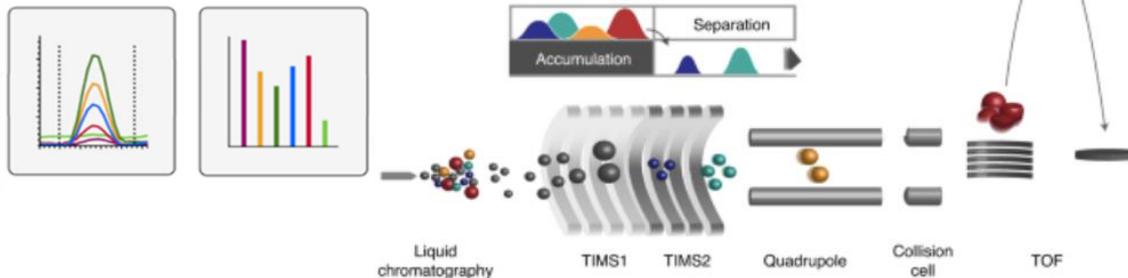
- Ultra filtration and size exclusion chromatography
- Antibody Enrichment



Ion mobility  
MS

DDA

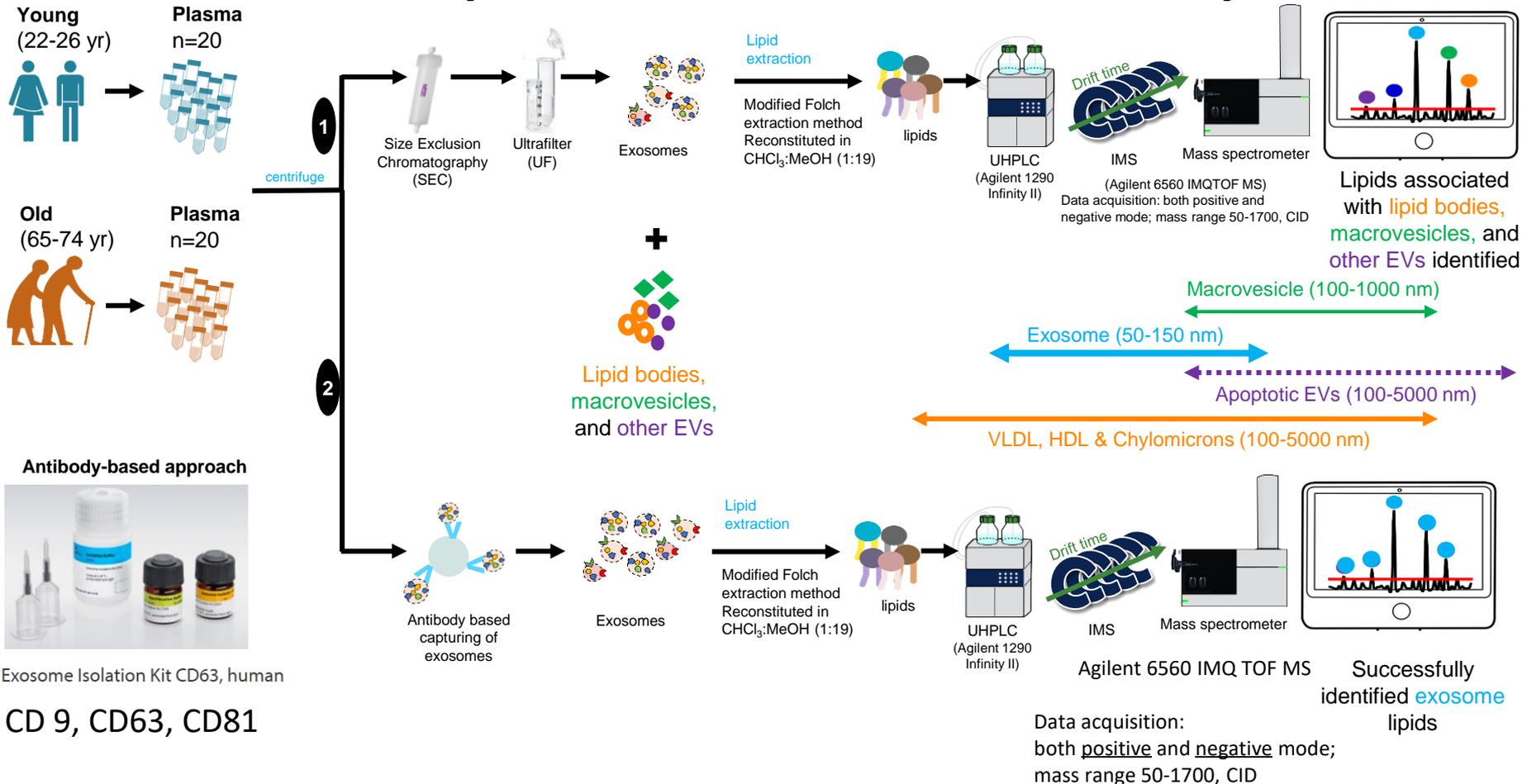
LC/MS-MS  
Acquisitions on  
Agilent system



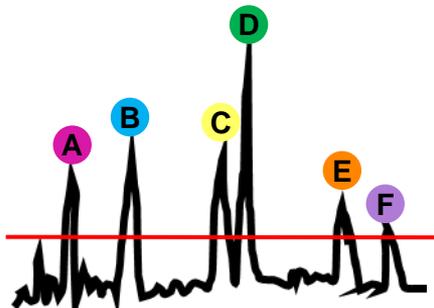
Bioinformatics



# Method Development for Plasma Exosome Lipidomics

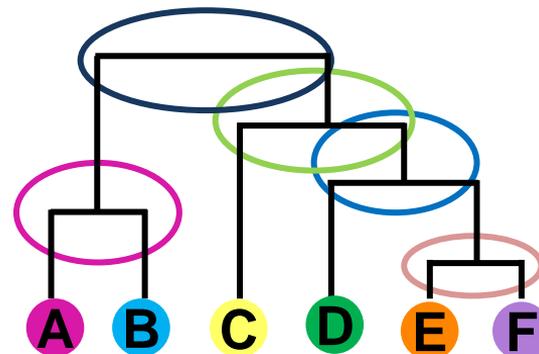
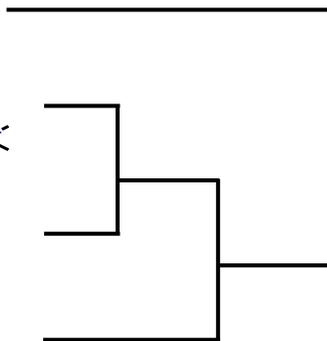
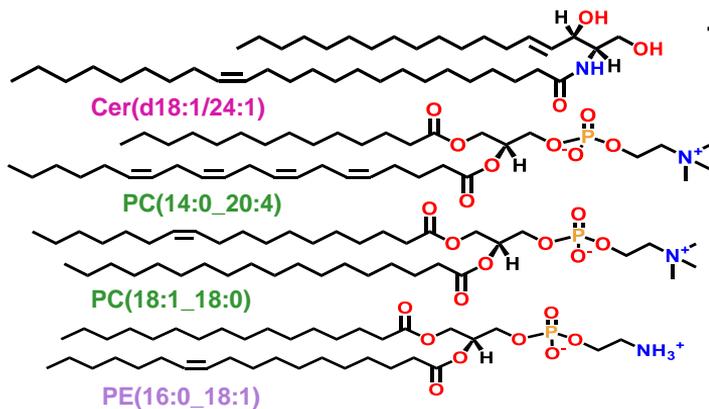
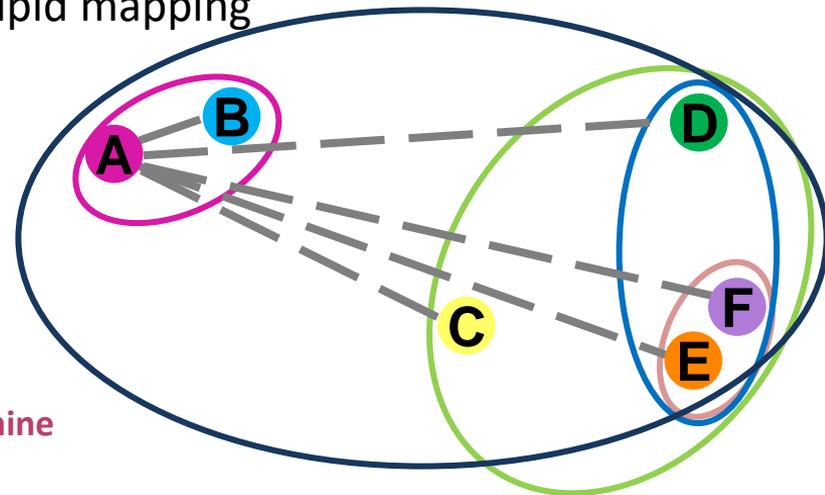


# Plasma exosome lipid mapping using Ion Mobility LC MS/MS



- DG = Diglycerides
- TG = Triglycerides
- PE = Phosphatidylethanolamine
- PC = Phosphatidylcholine
- CE = Cholesteryl Esters
- SM = Sphingomyelin
- Cer = Ceramide
- AC = Acetylcholines
- LPC = Lysophosphatidylcholine
- LPE = Lysophosphatidylethanolamine

lipid mapping

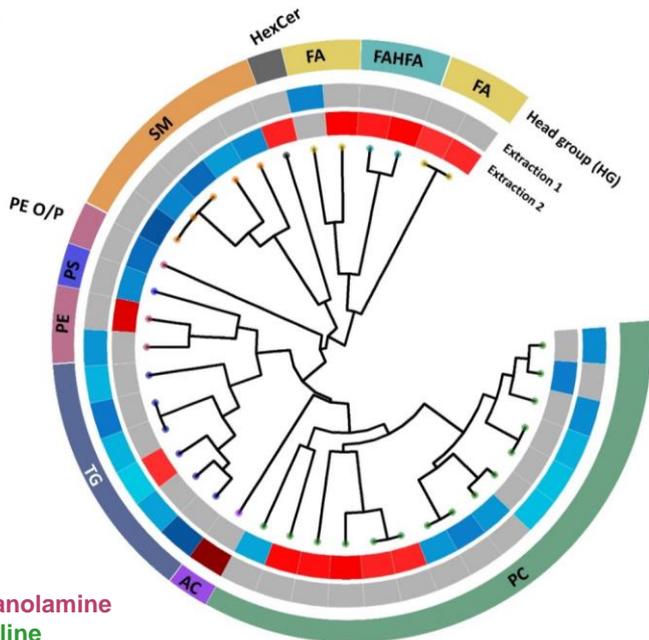


# Exosome lipids classify old and young plasma

A. Significantly altered plasma exosome lipid profile for two different methods

Lipid Bodies

Exosomes



DG=Diglycerides  
 TG=Triglycerides  
 PE=Phosphatidylethanolamine  
 PC=Phosphatidylcholine  
 CE=Cholesteryl Esters  
 SM=Sphingomyelin  
 Cer=Ceramide  
 AC= Acetylcholine  
 LPC=Lysophosphatidylcholine  
 LPE=Lysophosphatidylethanolamine



B. Heat map showing lipid distribution in old plasma exosomes compared to young (significant)

Name	P-value	Old vs Young
AC(18:2)	2.14E-04	2.4
PE(18:0_18:3)b	1.93E-02	1.6
LPC(20:3/0:0)	4.75E-02	1.3
FA 19:3	4.17E-03	1.2
FAHFA(14:0/O-16:2)	5.79E-03	1.2
PC(O-18:0/22:5)	7.42E-03	1.1
PC(P-18:0/16:0)	2.48E-02	0.9
FAHFA(16:0/O-18:2)	3.07E-04	0.8
LPC(0:0/18:1)	1.15E-02	0.7
HexCer(d18:1/24:0)	3.46E-02	0.7
LPC(18:1/0:0)	3.11E-02	0.6
FA 12:0	2.68E-02	0.6
FA 14:0	3.29E-03	0.4
PC(16:0_20:4);PC(18:1_18:3)	4.53E-02	-0.9
PE(18:1_20:4)	4.18E-02	-0.9
PC(39:4)	2.35E-02	-1
SM(d42:5)b	3.70E-02	-1
PC(19:0_20:4)+	2.92E-02	-1
PS(18:1_22:0)	2.45E-02	-1
SM(d17:1/24:0);SM(d18:1/23:0)	4.54E-02	-1.1
FA 22:4	2.22E-02	-1.1
PC(18:0_20:1)	5.34E-03	-1.1
PC(15:0_20:4);PC(17:2_18:2)	4.97E-02	-1.2
TG(18:0_18:0_18:1)	4.60E-02	-1.2
PE(P-18:0/22:5)b	1.84E-02	-1.4
SM(d18:1/24:0)+	3.80E-02	-1.4
TG(58:8)a	2.46E-02	-1.7
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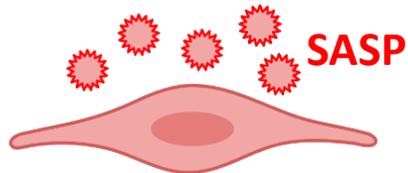


# Characterization of Senescent Endothelial Cells *in cell culture*



Normal  
Endothelial Cell

VS



Senescent  
Endothelial Cell

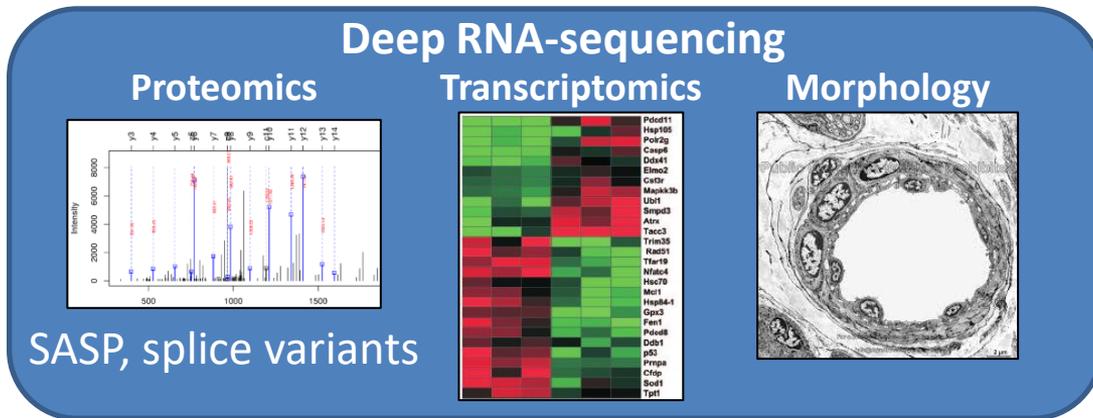
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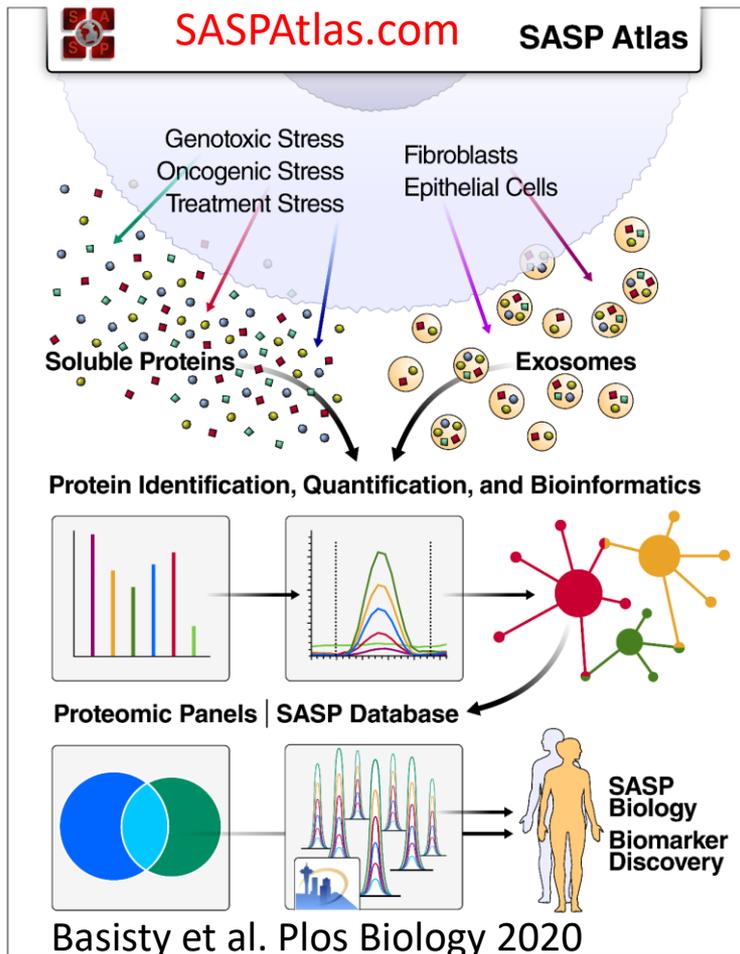


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- Senescence Biomarkers
- Therapeutic Targets (Senolytics)

# Heterogeneity of Senescence - Biomarkers



Aging  
Atlas

Geographical  
Atlas

- **DIA workflows** – deep libraries and **directDIA**
- Soluble SASP vs released exosomes
- Dynamic changes over time of SASP/exosomes
- Splice Variants during senescence?  
Proteogenomics, **PTMs (site localization)**
- Blood signatures and **multi omics**

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