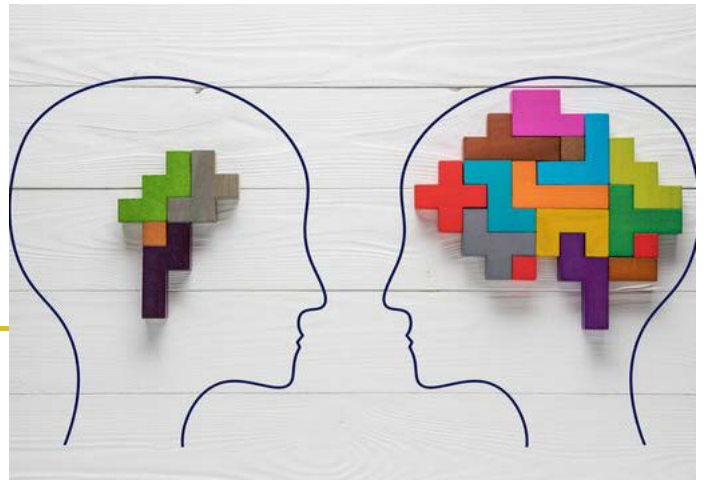
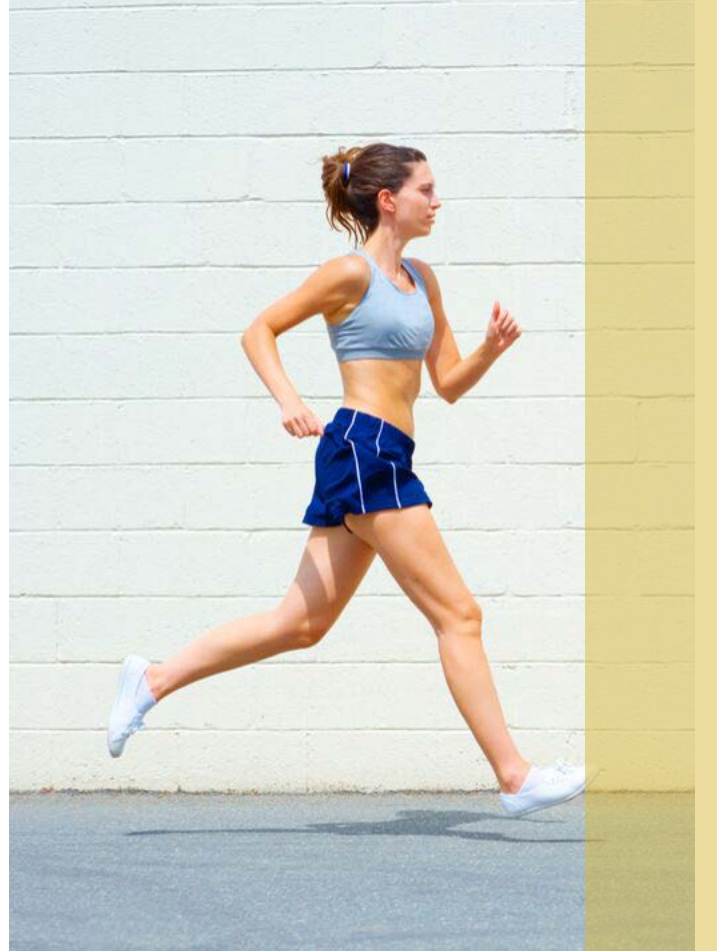


Exercise and diet effects on chemical-induced toxicity

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IN AN EXPOSED POPULATION
OF HUMANS, VERY FEW GET
SICK.

HOW CAN WE PREDICT WHO
WILL? AND PROTECT THEM?

Factors that determine response to chemical exposures

IMPACTS TO UPTAKE/DISTRIBUTION, TOXICODYNAMICS, EXCRETION, AND METABOLISM.



ENVIRONMENT



LIFESTYLE



GENETICS

Muscular and systemic exercise adaptations

Within Muscle

- MITOCHONDRIAL CONTENT
- MITOCHONDRIAL PROTEIN SYNTHESIS
- FATTY ACID/KETONE METABOLISM
- PYRUVATE METABOLISM
- NADH IMPORT INTO MITOCHONDRIA

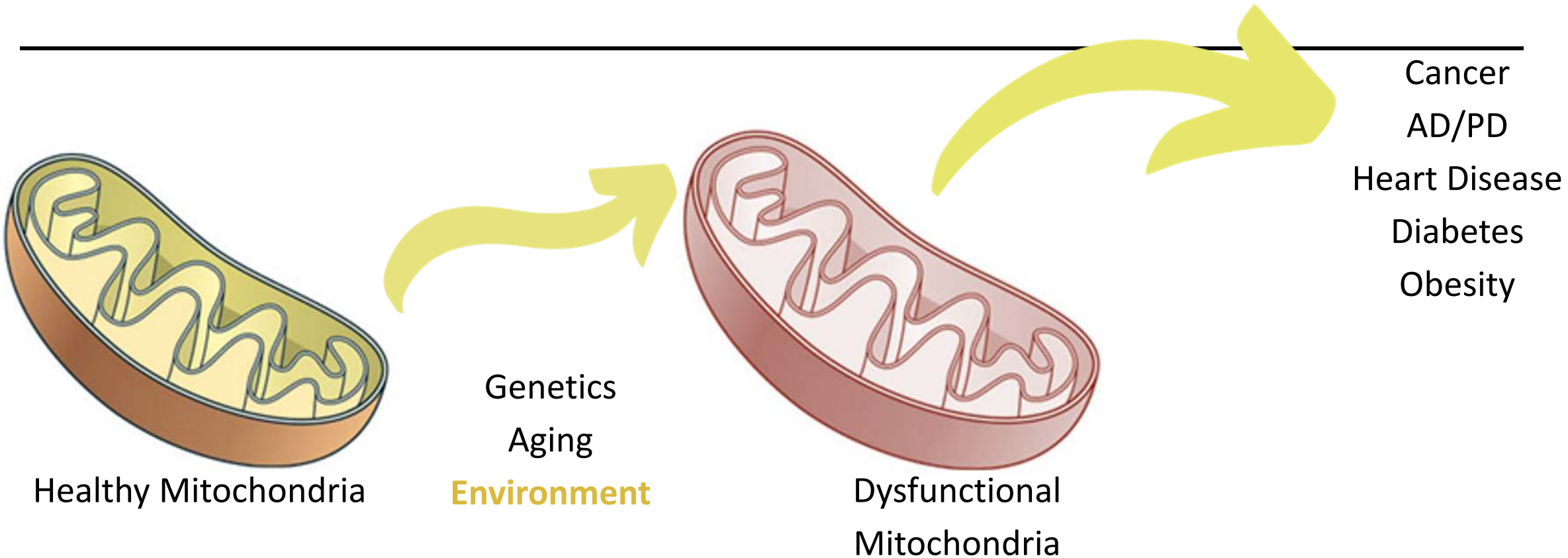
Systemically

- INCREASED MITOCHONDRIA IN NON-EXERCISED TISSUES
- CARDIOMETABOLIC IMPROVEMENTS
- PROTECTION FROM NEUROLOGICAL DISEASE, CANCER, OTHERS

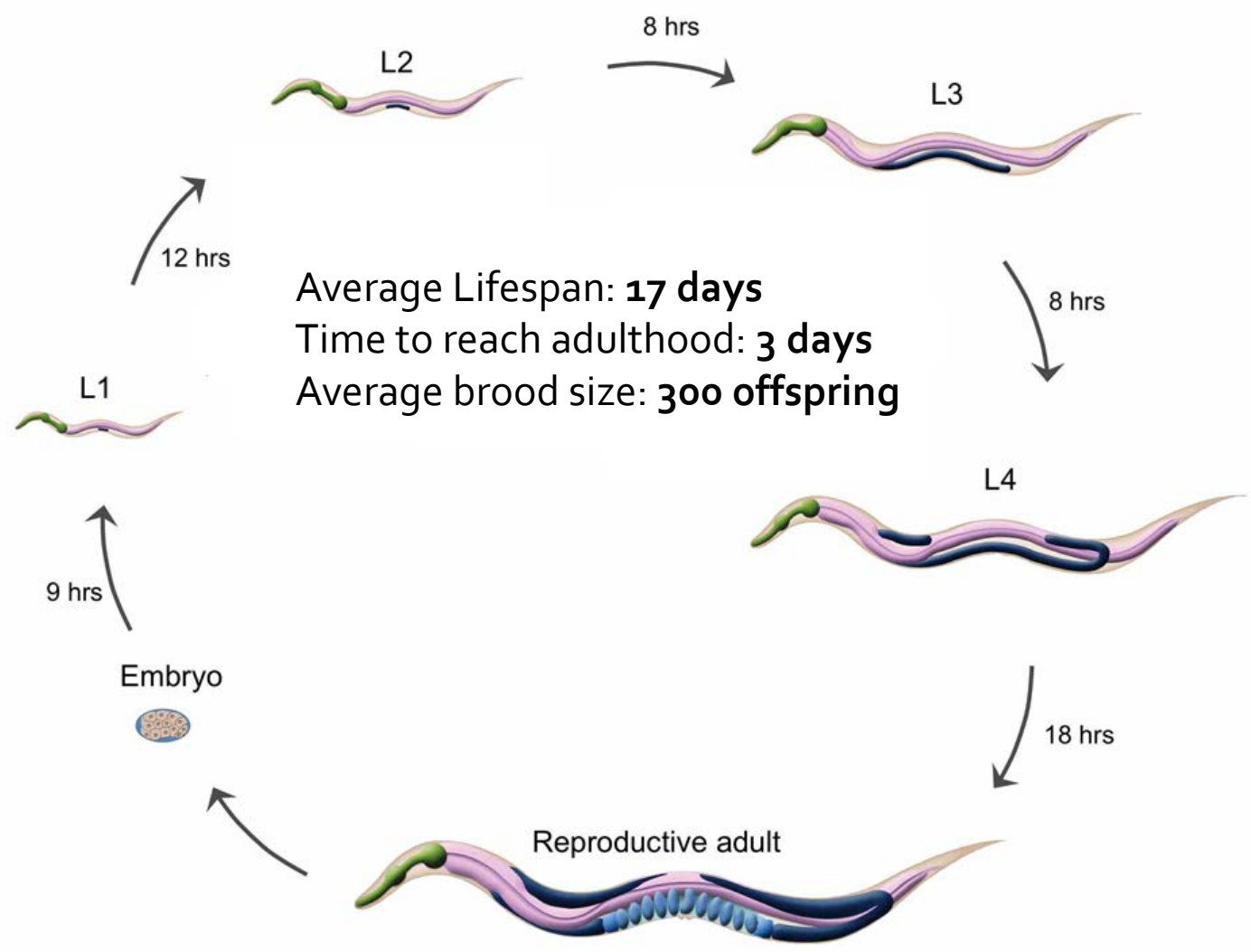


Mitochondrial dysfunction and disease

A POTENTIAL ROLE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSURES



Caenorhabditis elegans is an attractive model organism for toxicology/biochemistry

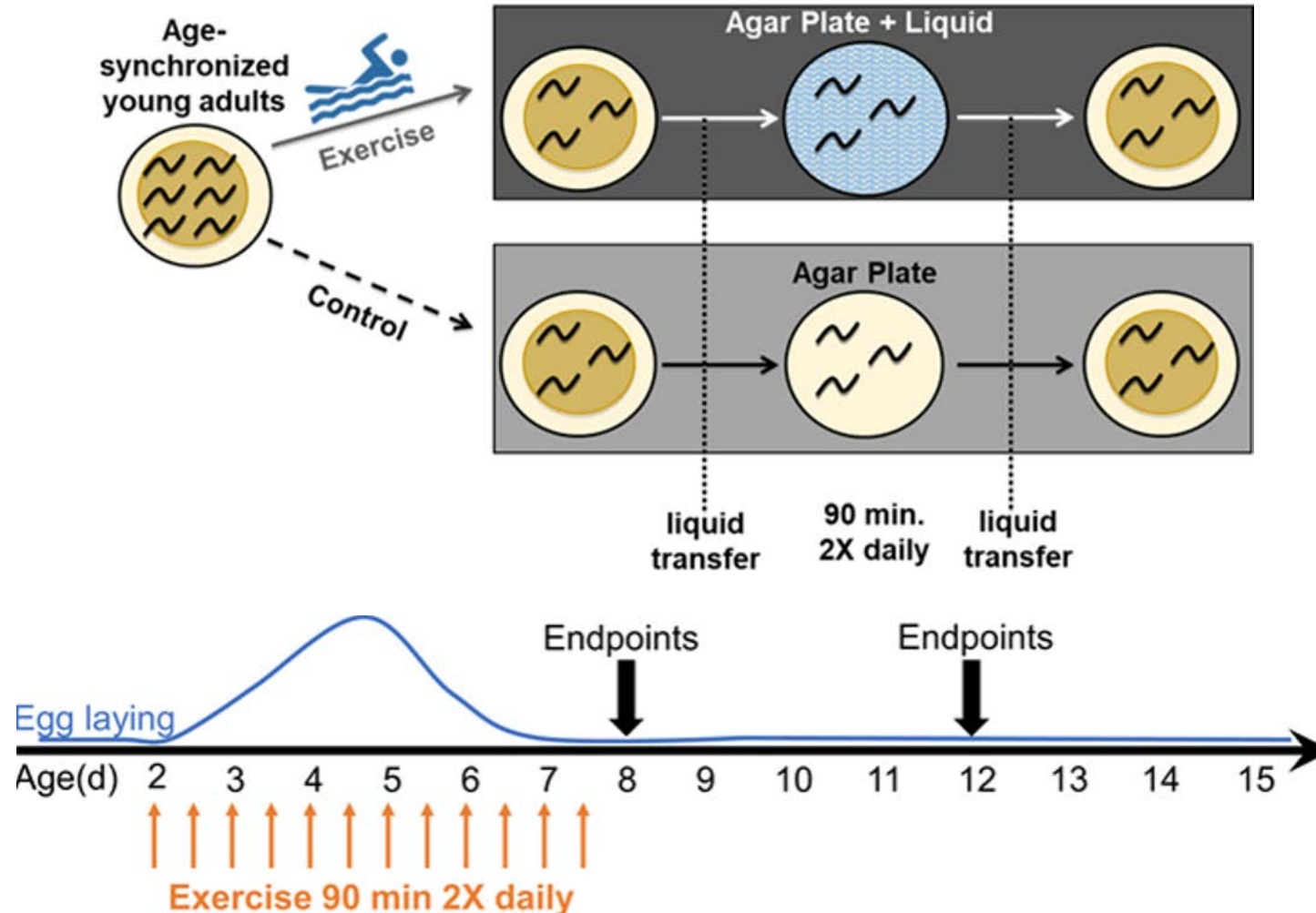


“So how do you exercise a worm?”

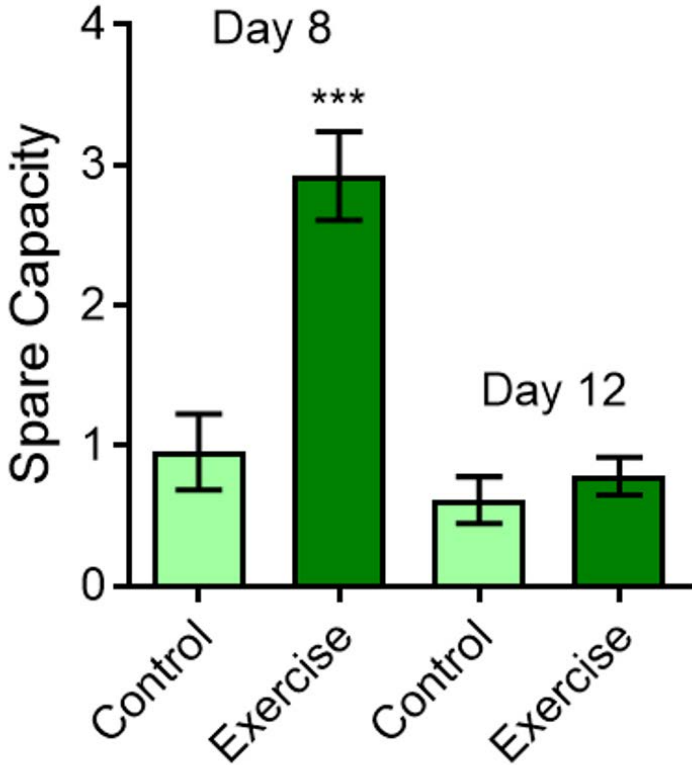
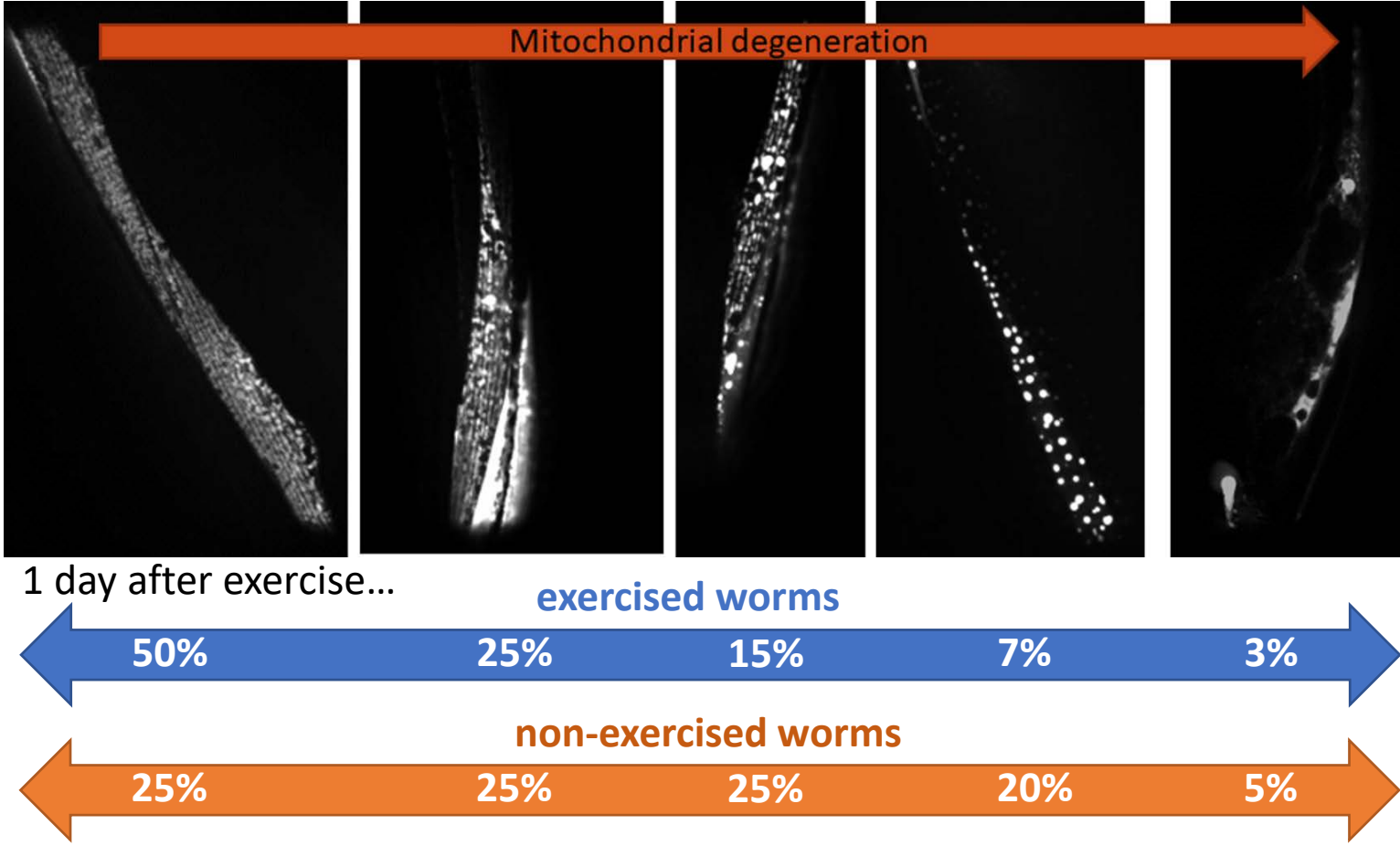


Exercise Protocol

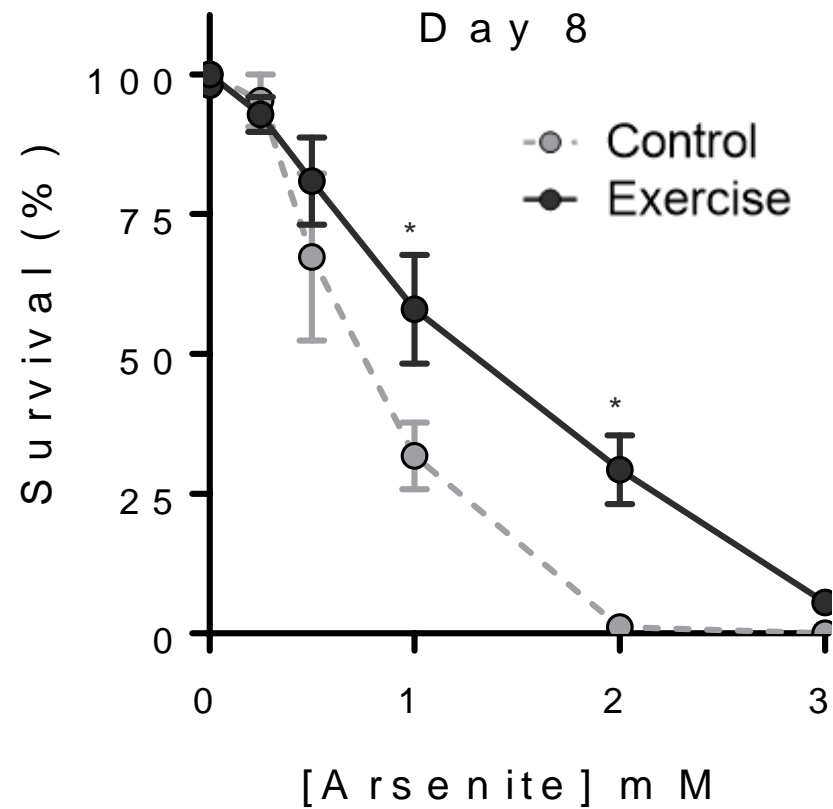
TWELVE 90 MINUTE SWIM SESSIONS OVER 6 DAYS



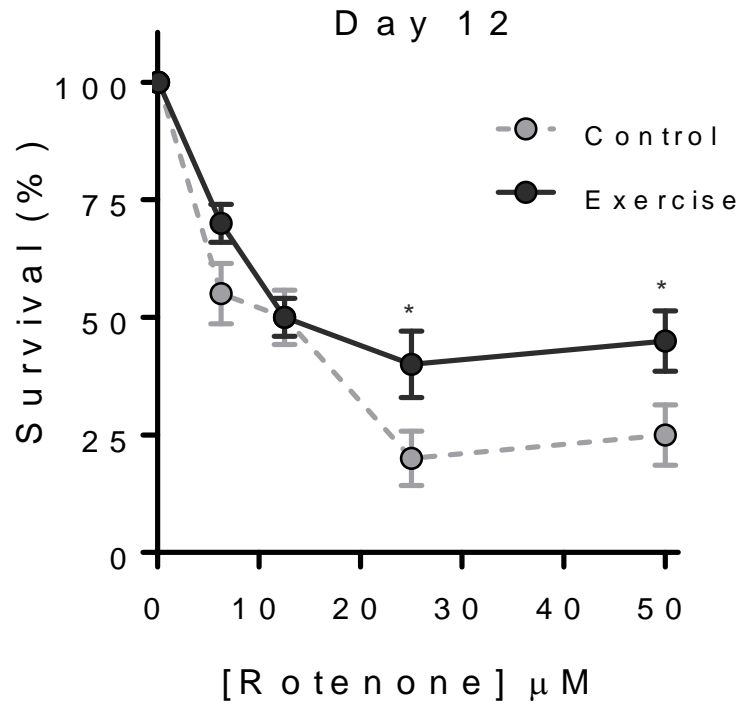
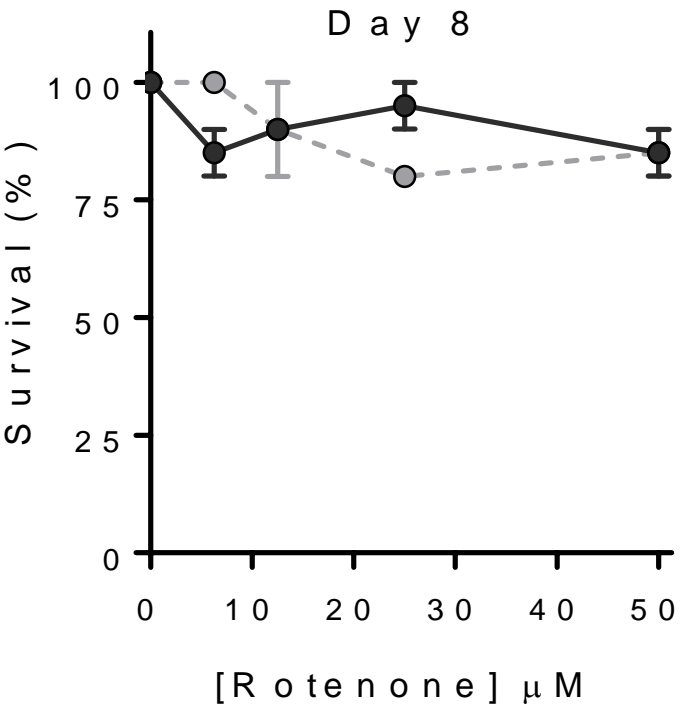
Exercise improves mitochondrial *morphology* and *function*



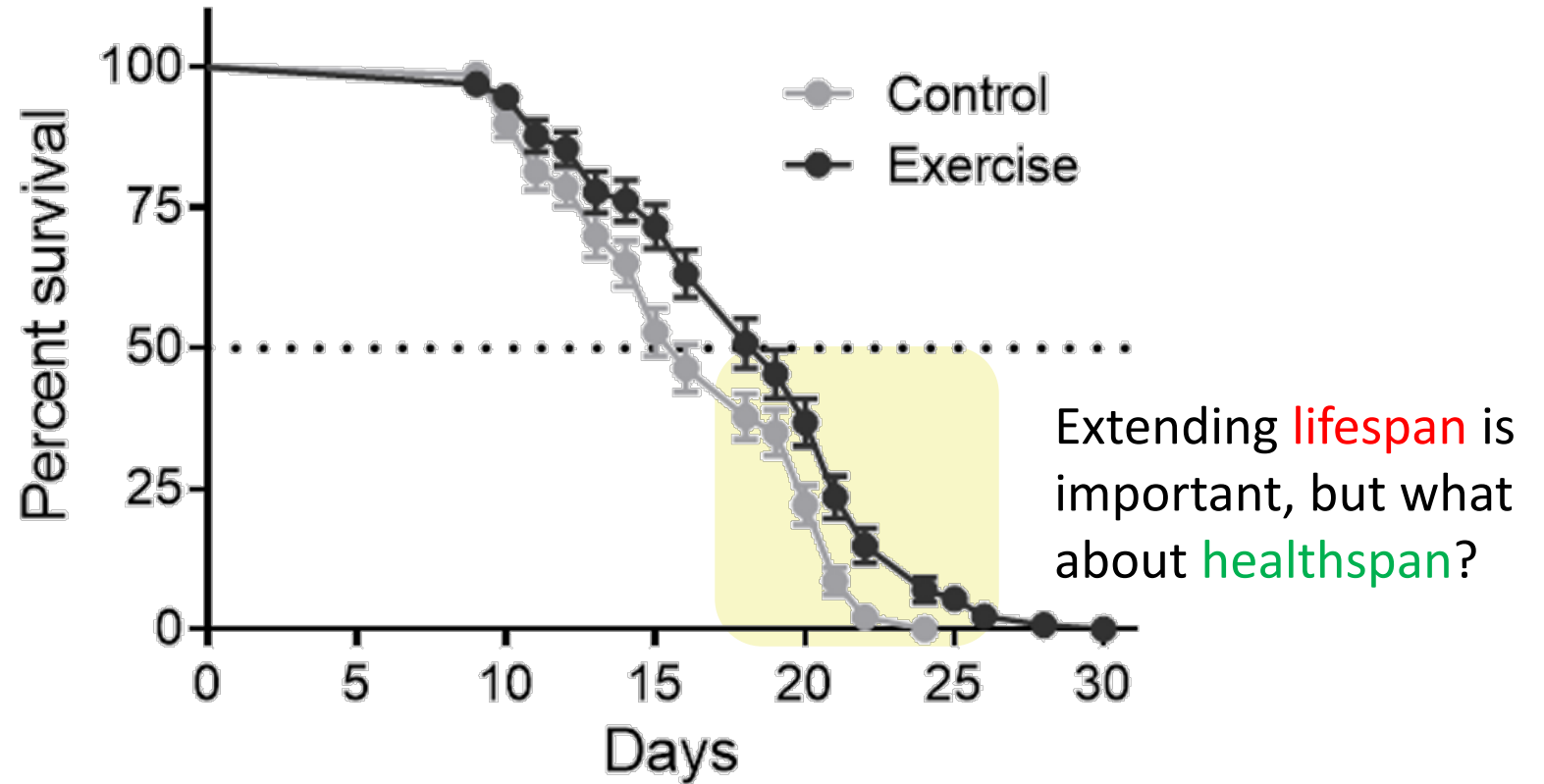
Exercise protects from arsenic lethality



Exercise-conditioned worms are less sensitive to rotenone exposures



Lifespan is extended by exercise intervention



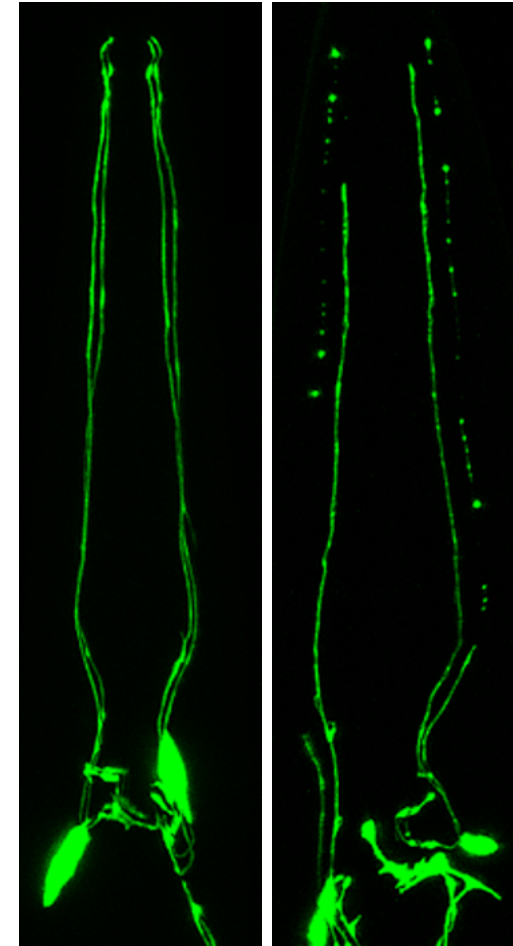
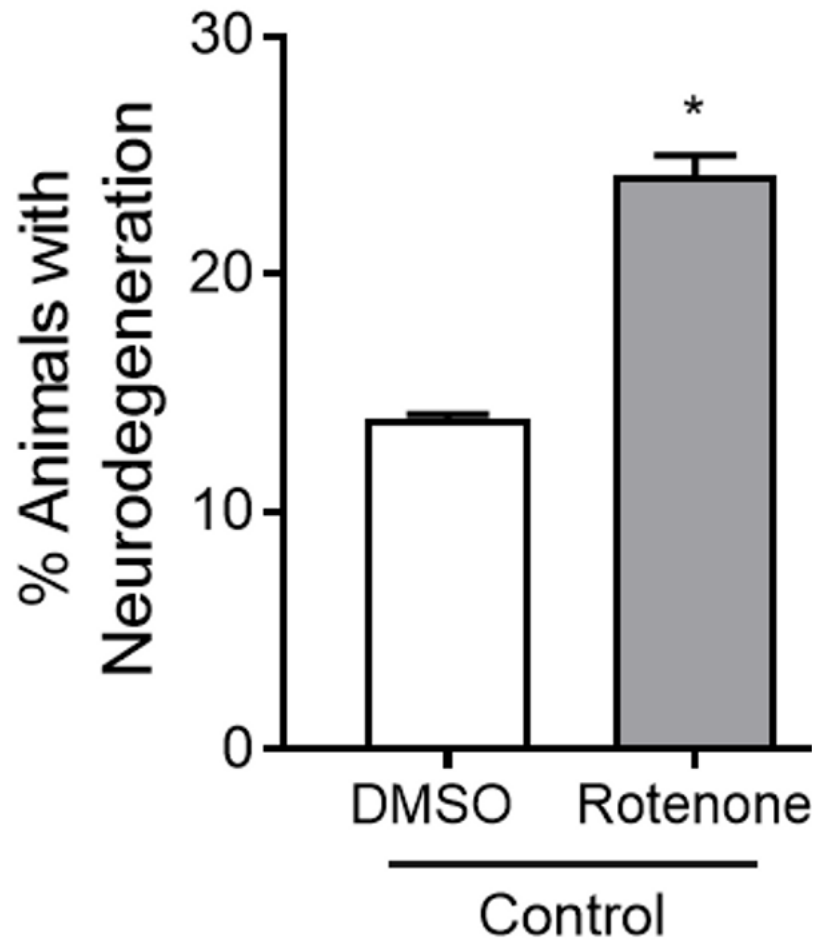
Currently no drugs that **modify** or **slow** the progression of Parkinson's Disease



Physical exercise improves patient symptoms through **unknown mechanisms.**



Exercise protects from age- and toxicant-induced neurodegeneration





If we think about our exercise results as an effect of **positive** energy balance, what about **negative** metabolic effects (i.e. from diet)?



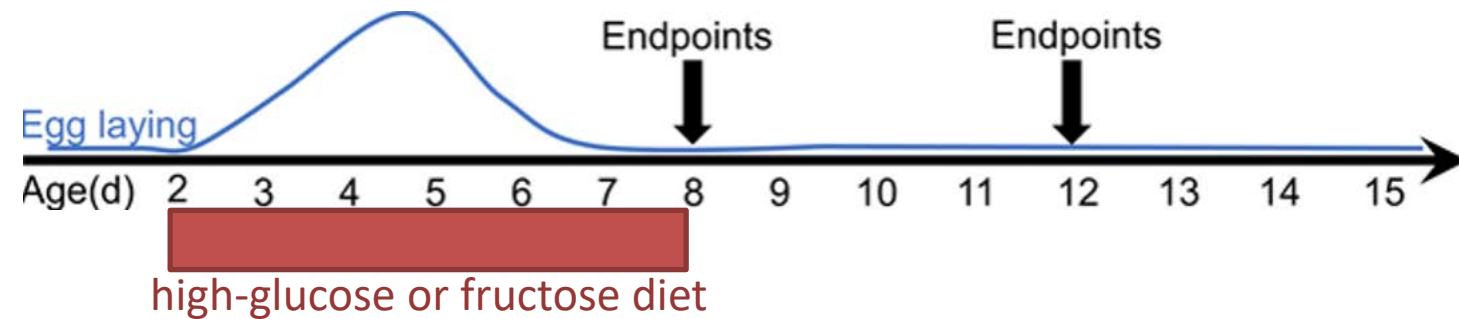
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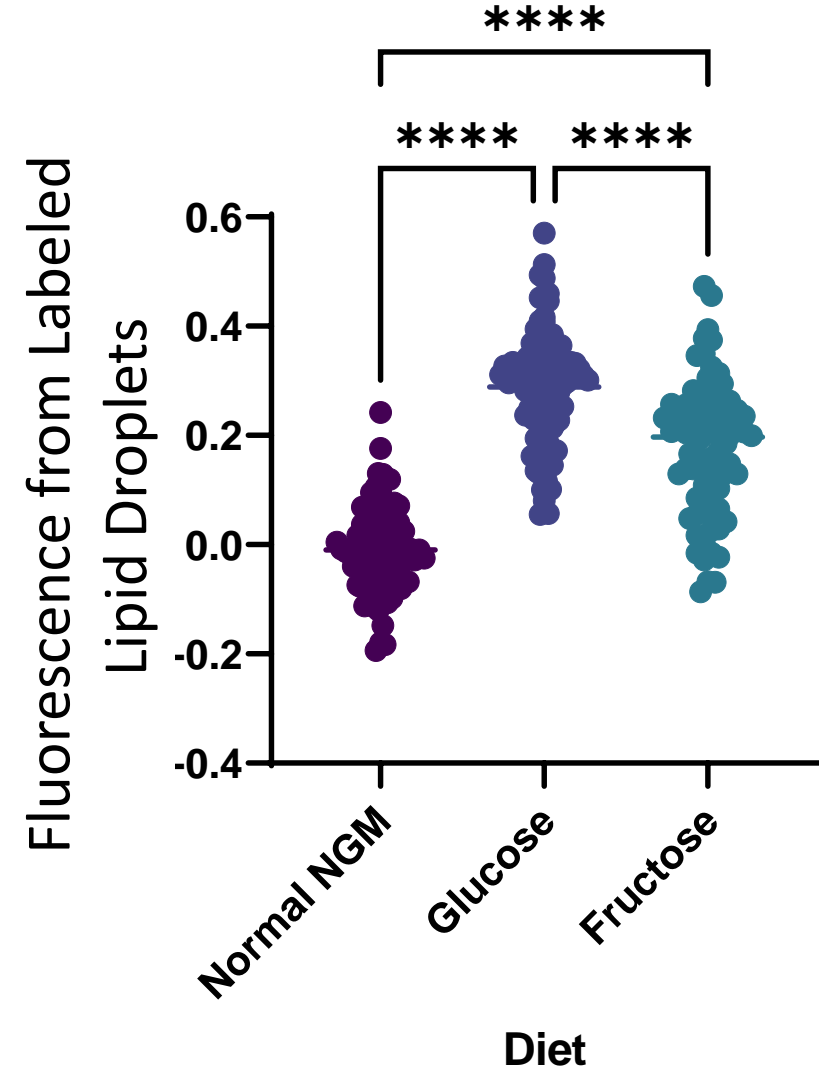
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Modeling negative metabolic effects in worms

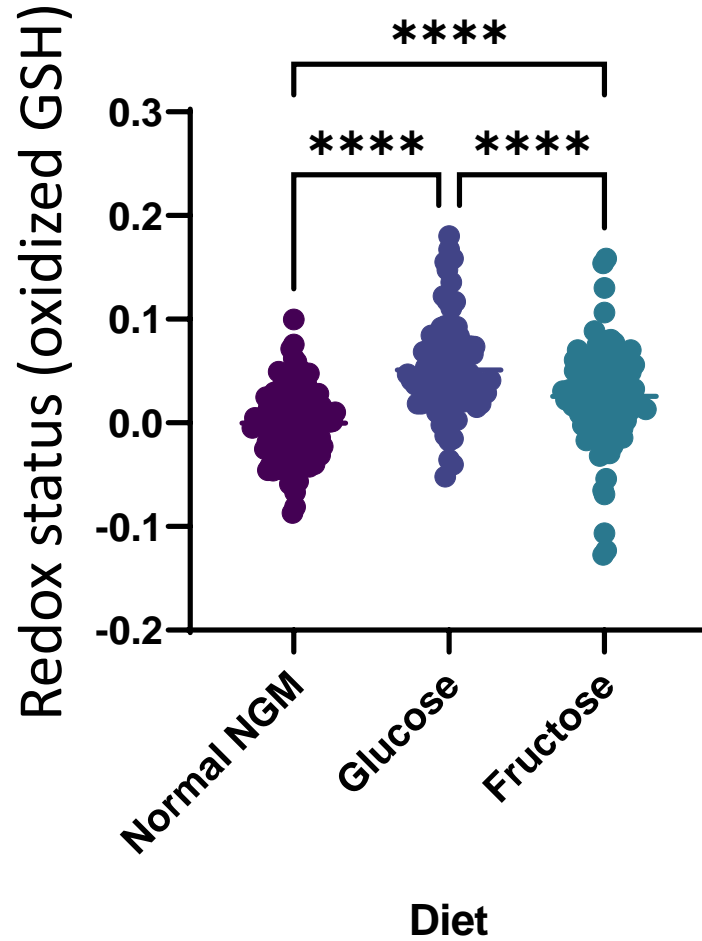
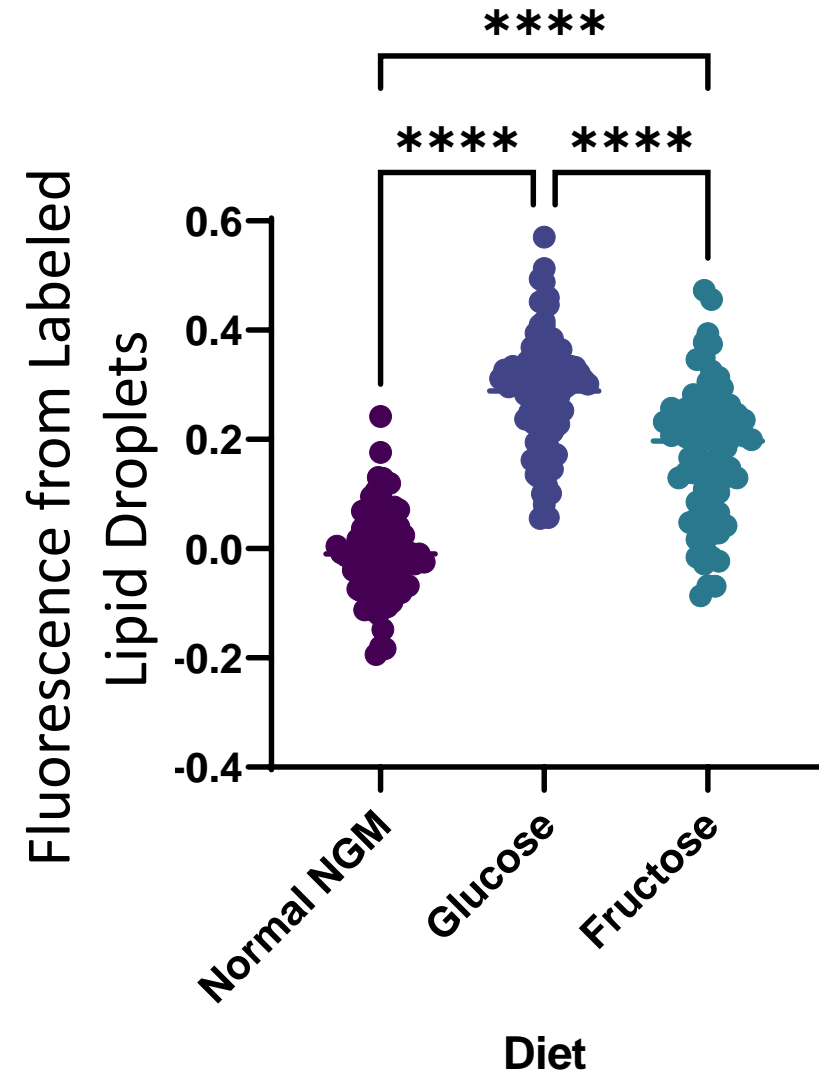
- Increasing metabolic dysfunction worldwide
- We modeled increased fat storage and metabolic disruptions by feeding the worms a high-sugar diet



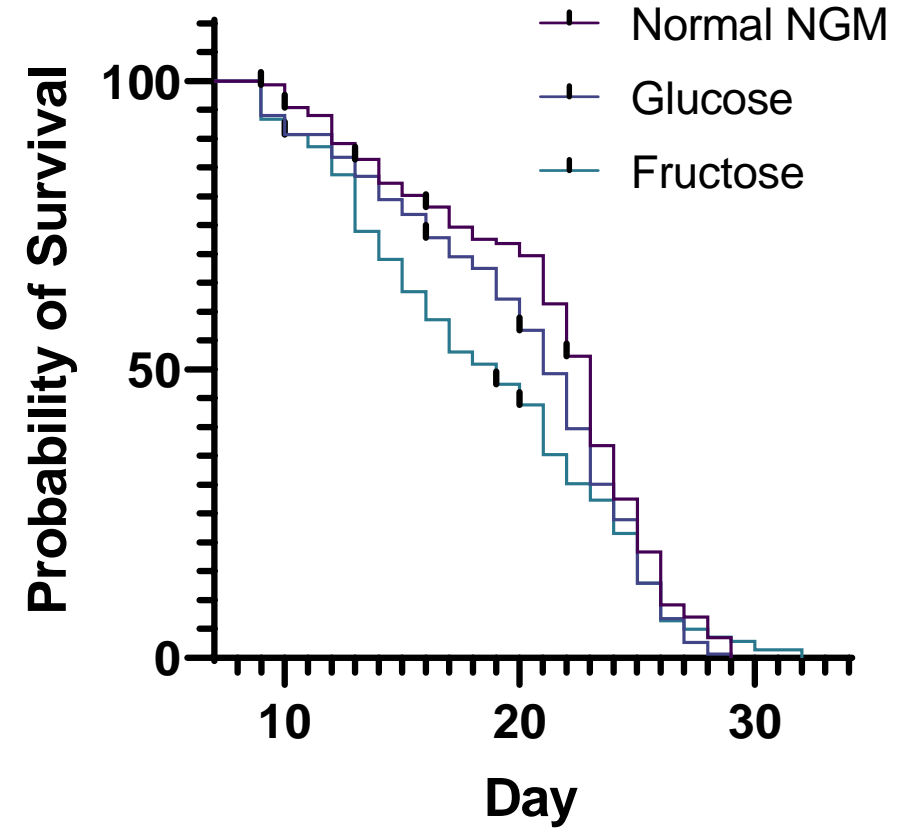
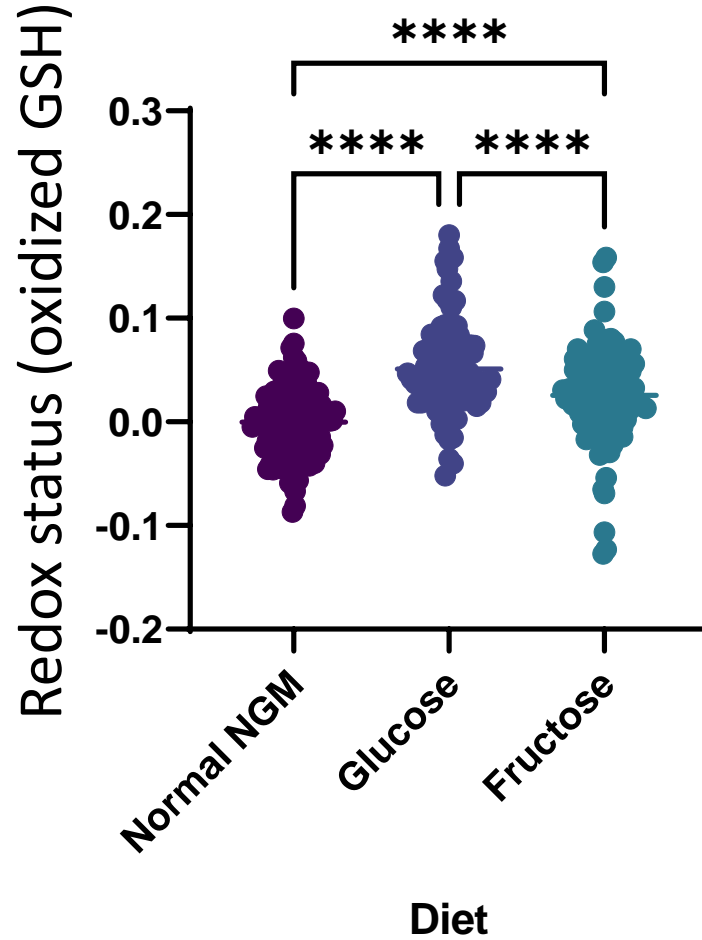
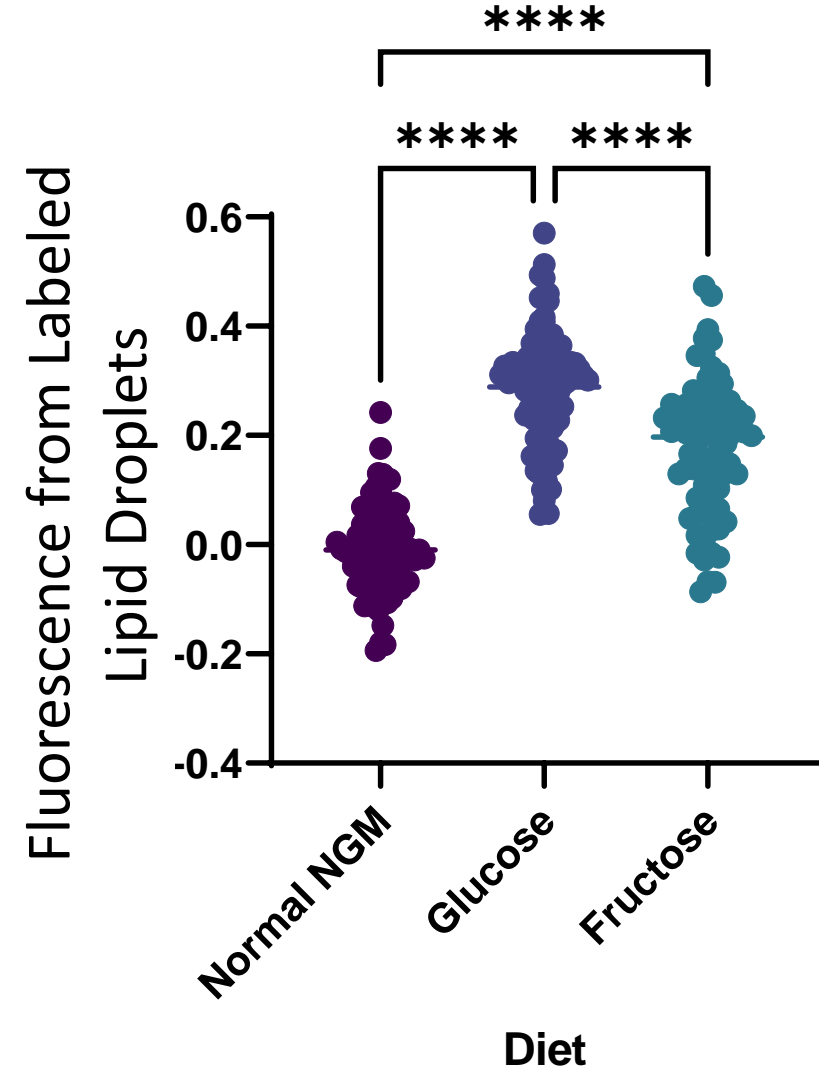
A high sugar diet (glucose or fructose supplementation) increases lipid storage



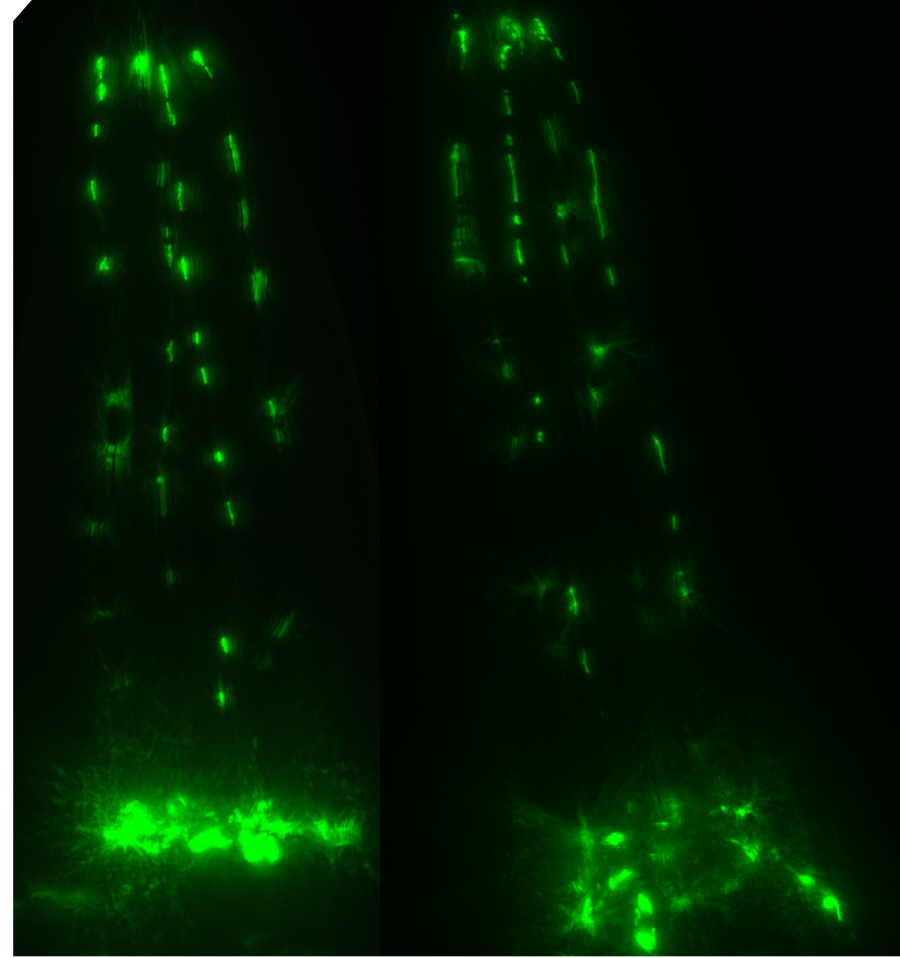
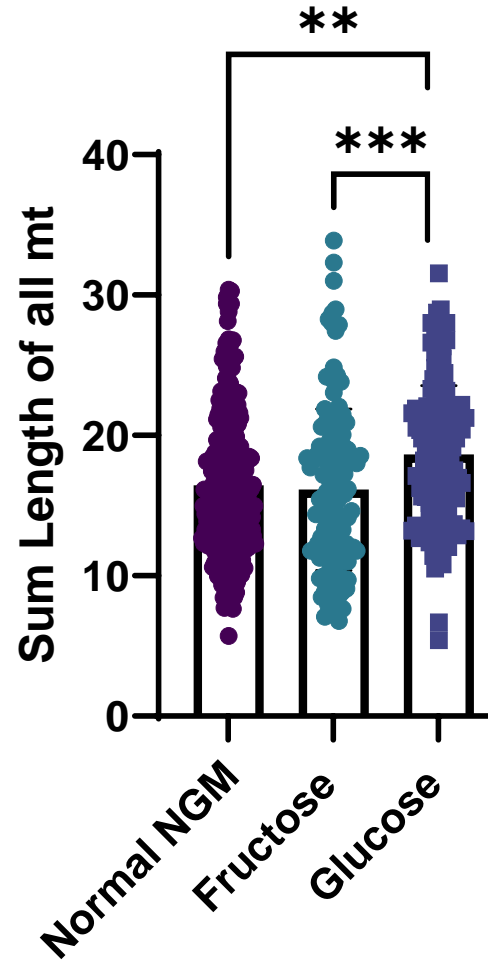
...and increases oxidation of glutathione



...and shortens lifespan

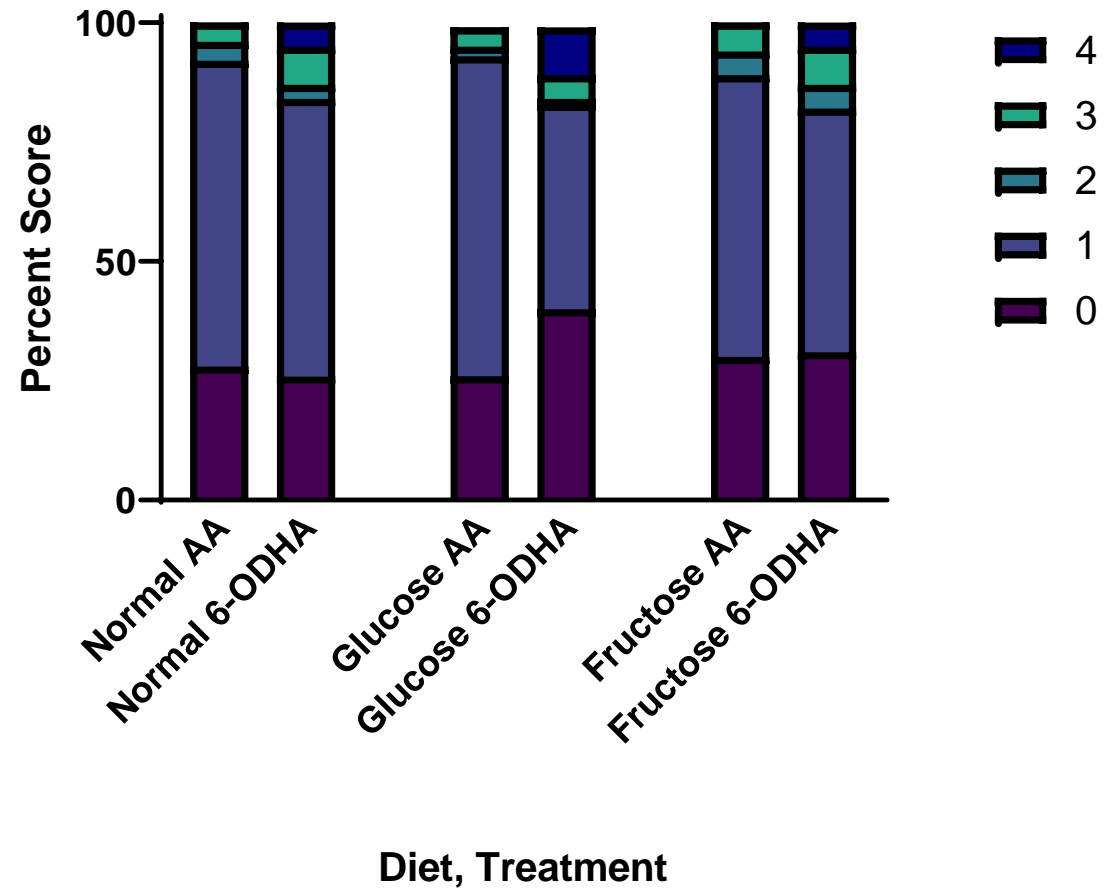


Mitochondria are more fused in dopamine neurons after high-glucose diet



Despite mitochondrial changes, no impact on neurotoxicity from 6-hydroxydopamine

6-OHDA Induced Dopaminergic Neurodegeneration



AS IN HUMANS,
EXERCISE IMPROVES
WORM
MITOCHONDRIA



morphology and function

EXERCISE PROTECTS
AGAINST CHEMICAL
EXPOSURES



aging and toxicant exposures

EXERCISE ALSO
PROTECTS
DOPAMINERGIC
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aging and neurotoxicant
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SURPRISINGLY, DIET-
AND GENETIC-
INDUCED FAT STORAGE
ALSO IS PROTECTIVE



metabolic alterations from
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complex effects

Major Conclusions (so far)

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