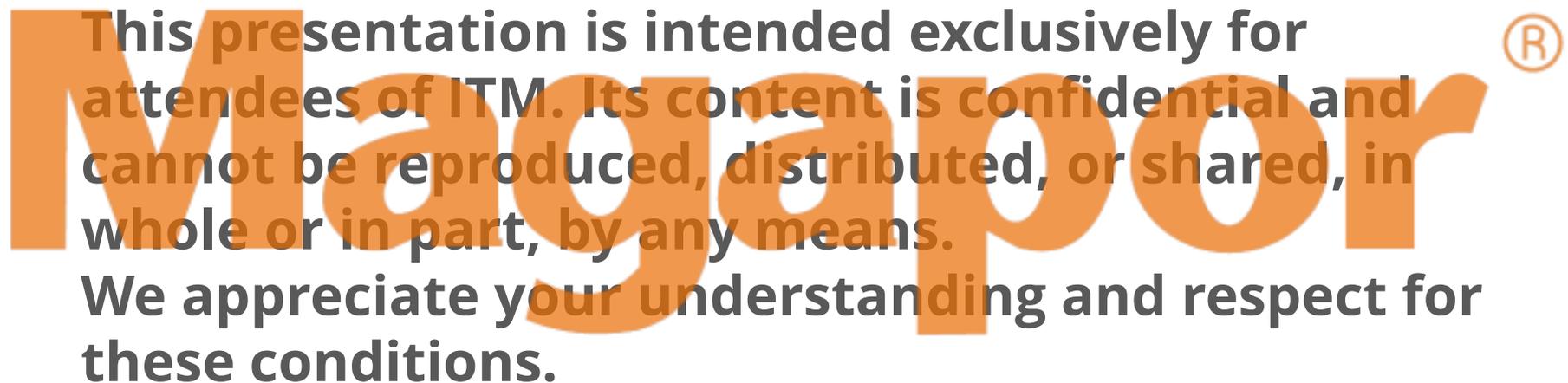




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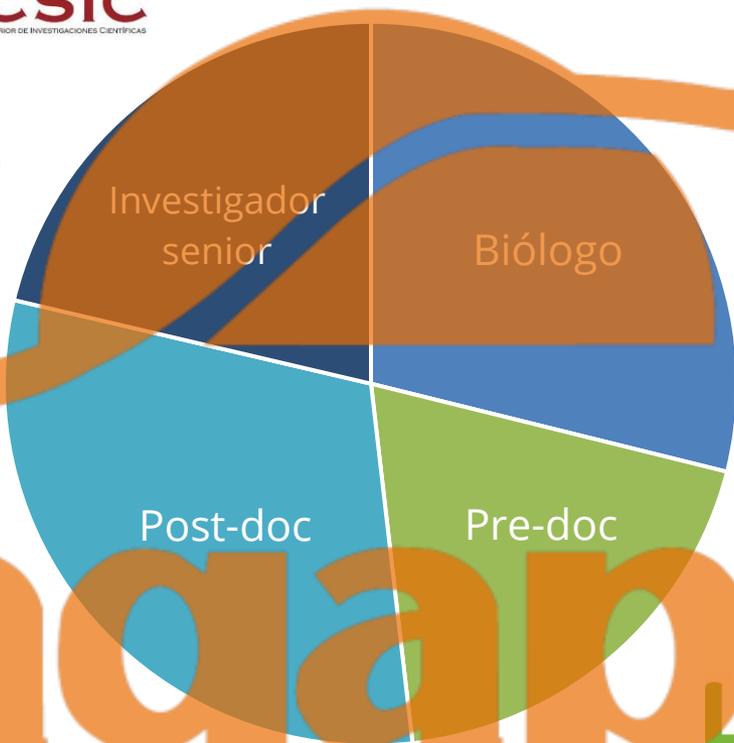
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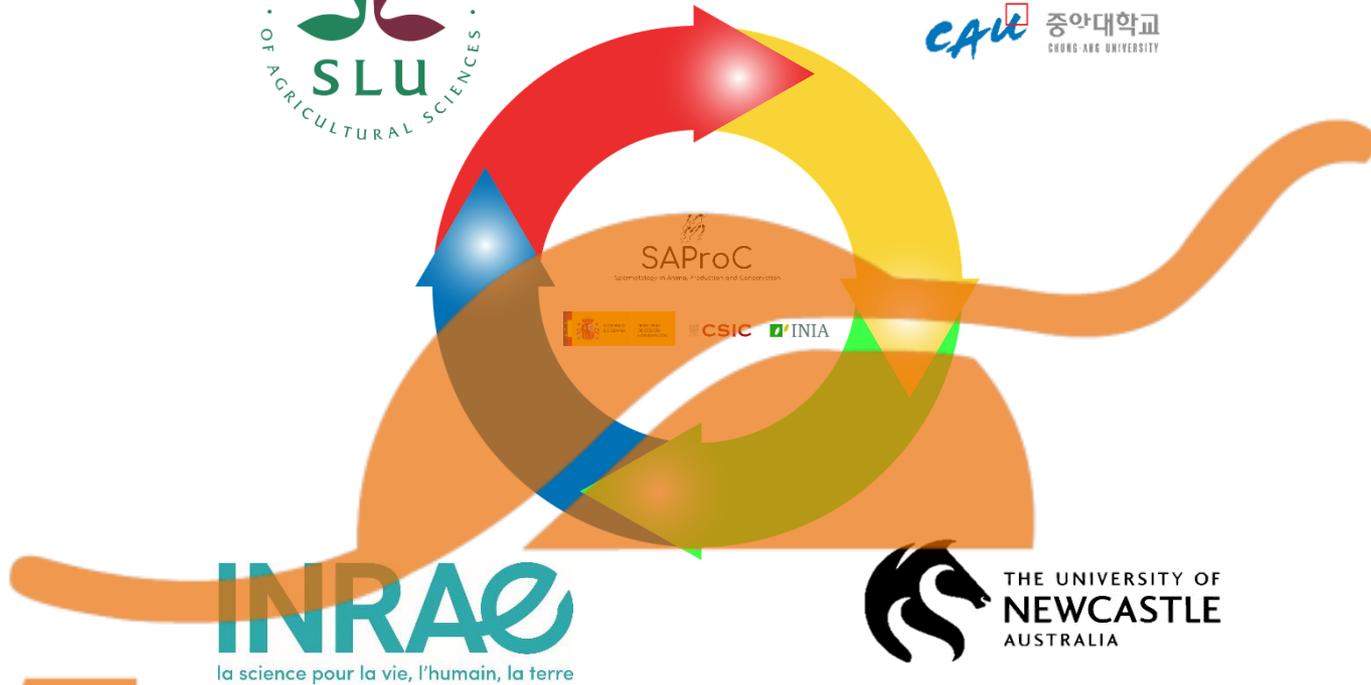


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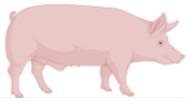


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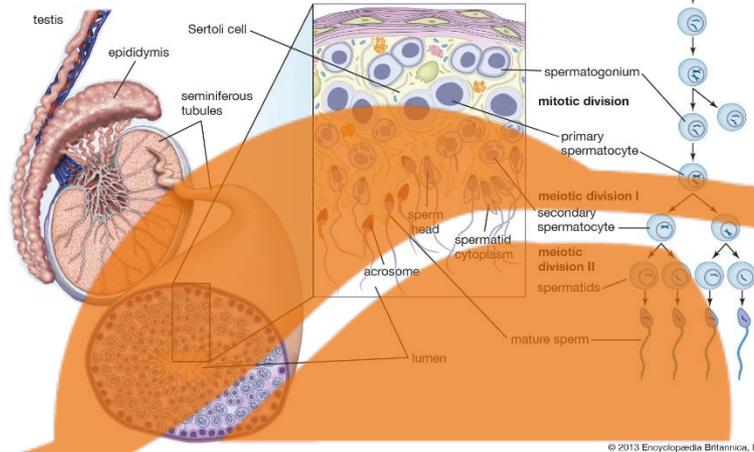
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Spermatogenesis



Maduración

Espermatogénesis

20 doses for DIU-AI  
0.5-1 billion sperm

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2.3-2.5 billion sperm

Sperm concentration (x10<sup>7</sup>)

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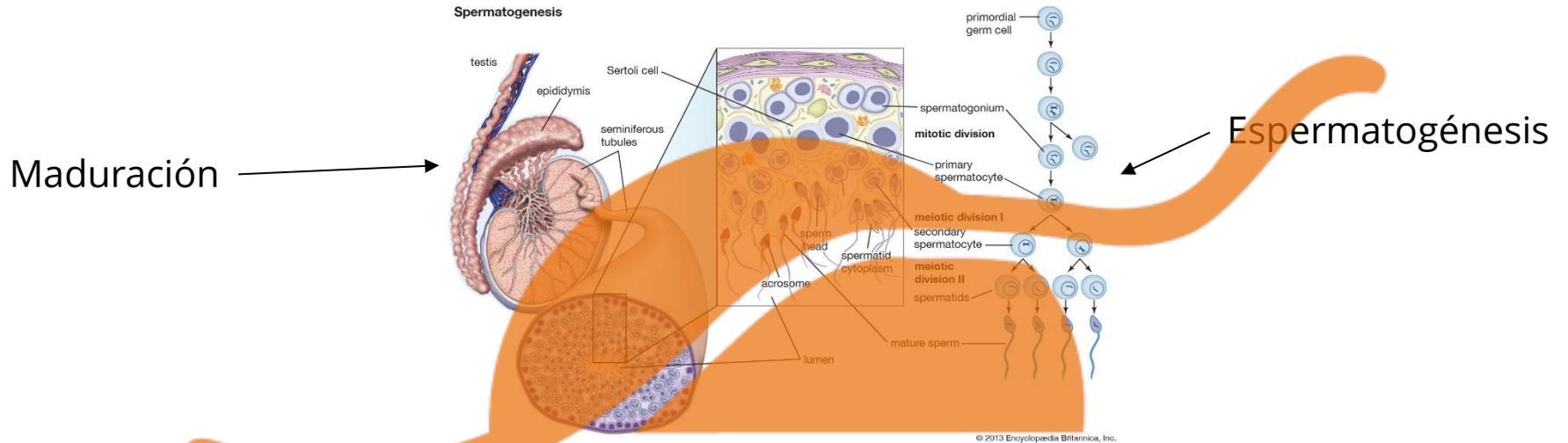
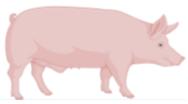
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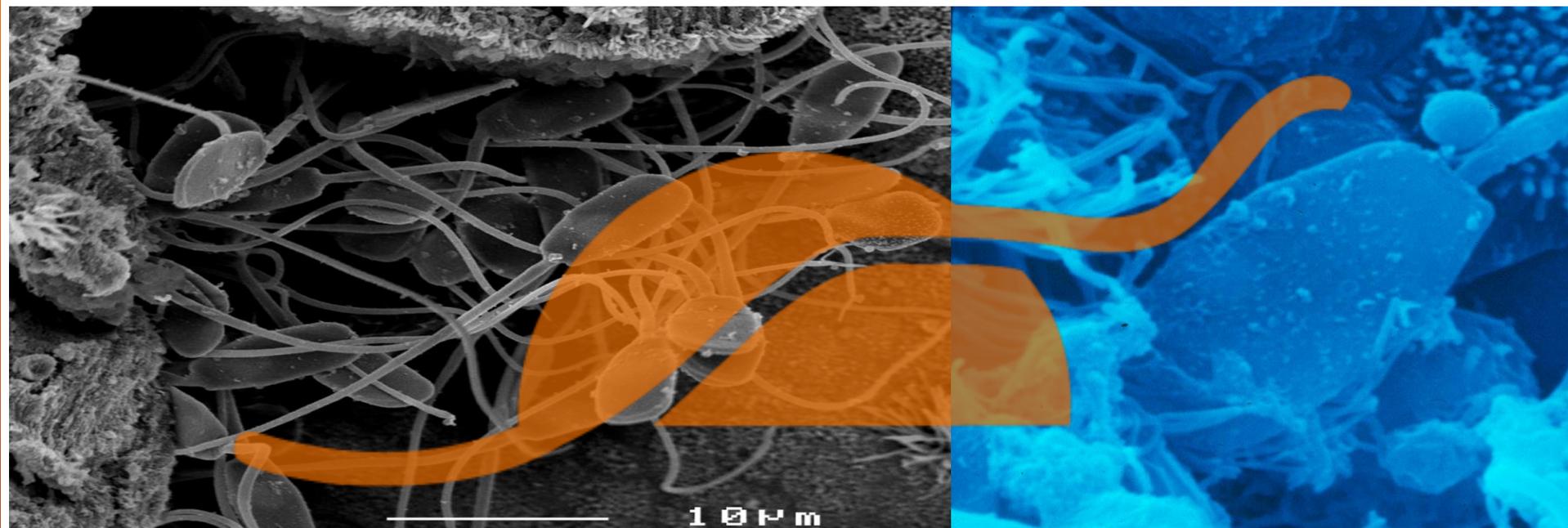
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PSRF

Line: sperm concentration along a typical boar ejaculate  
PSF: pre-sperm fraction  
SRF: sperm-rich fraction

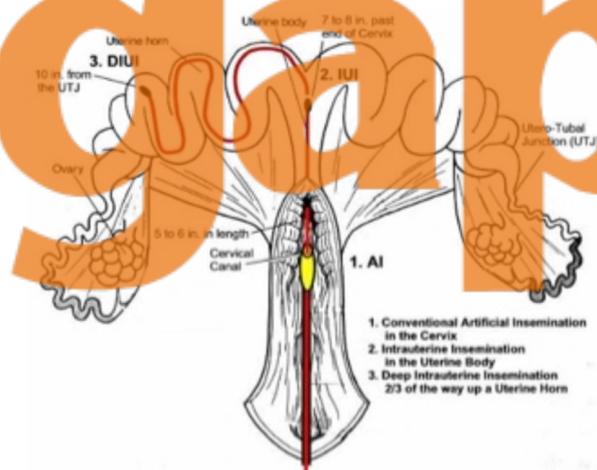
PSRF: post-sperm rich fraction  
DIU-AI: deep intra-uterine AI)

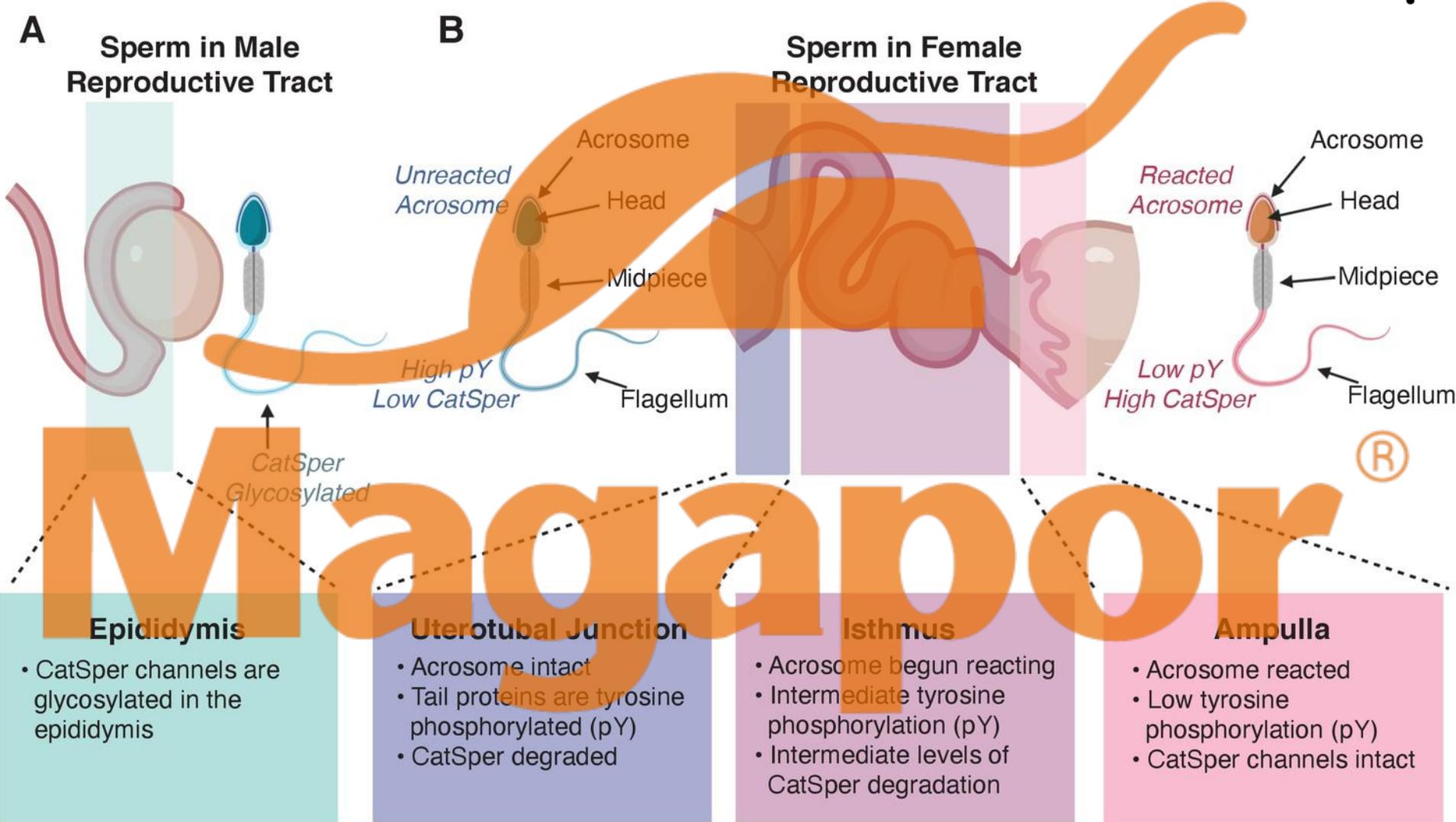




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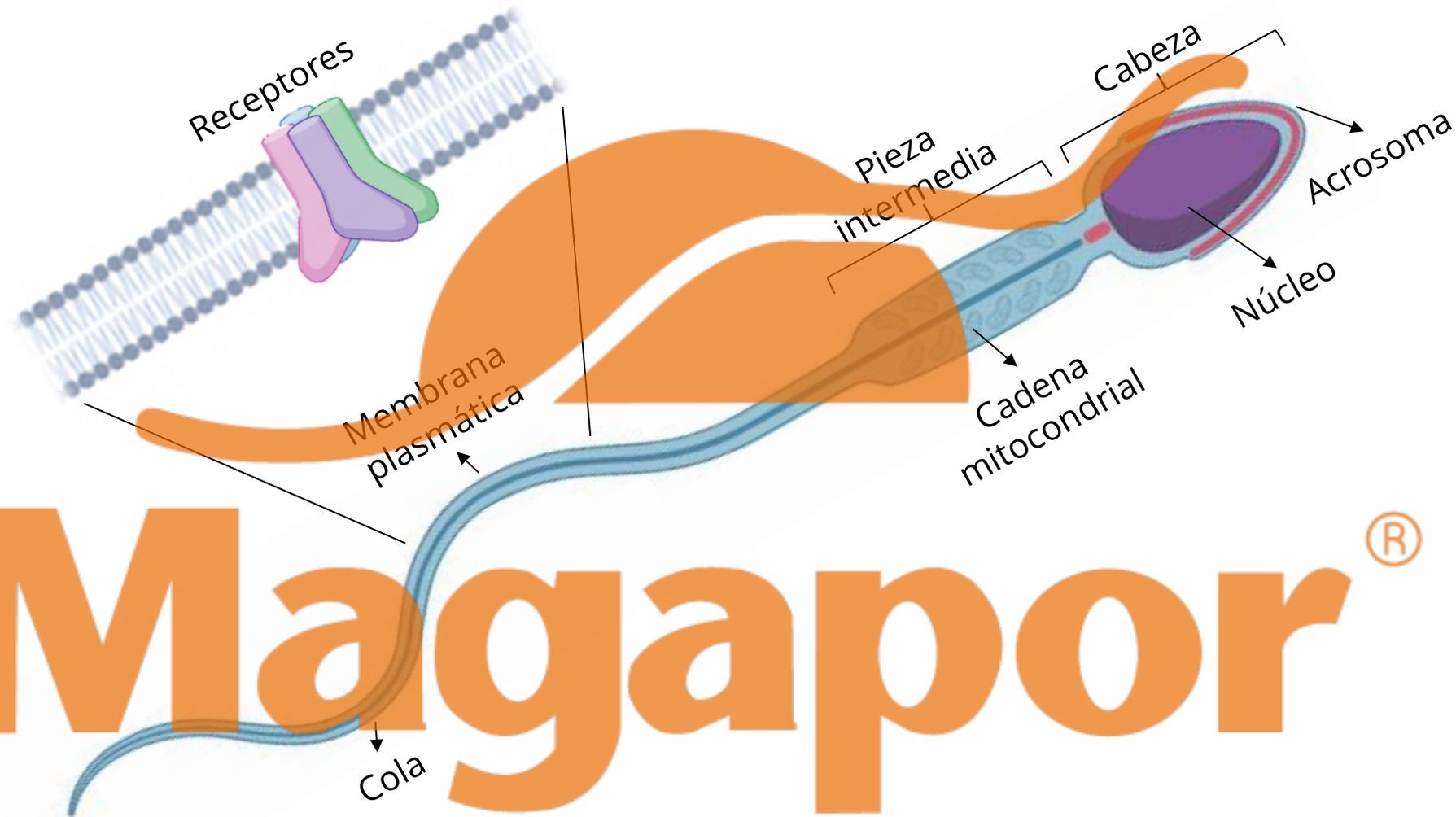






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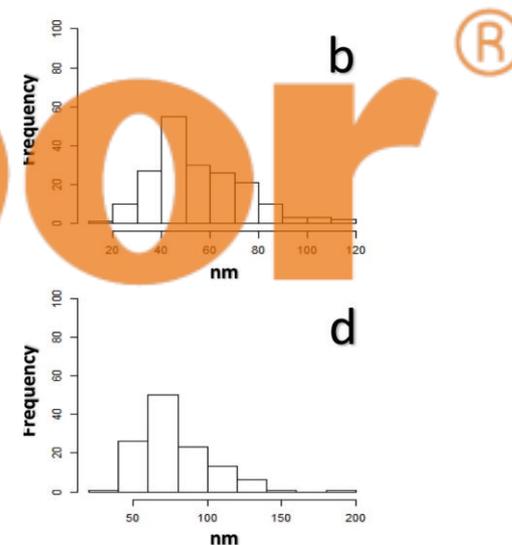
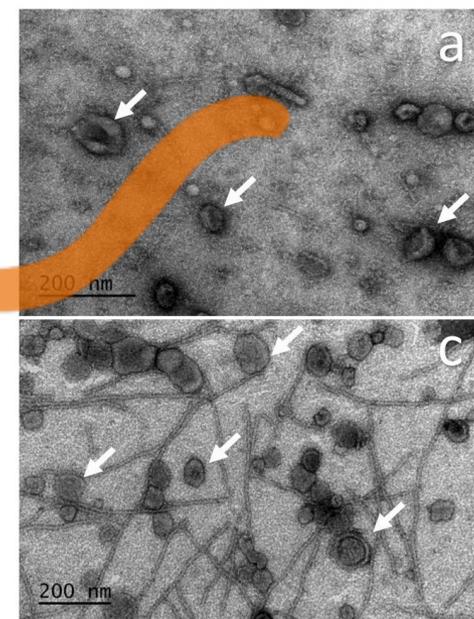
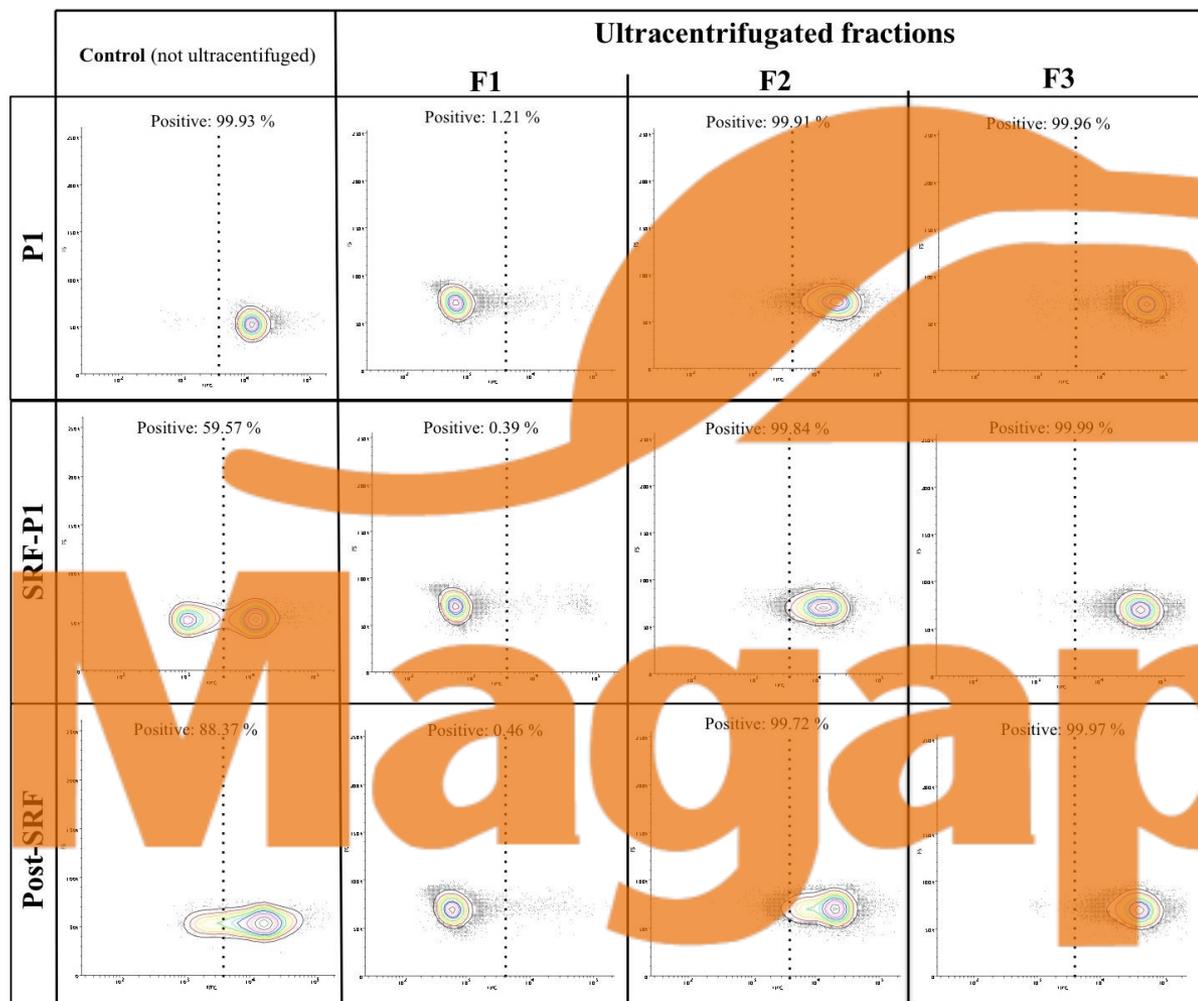
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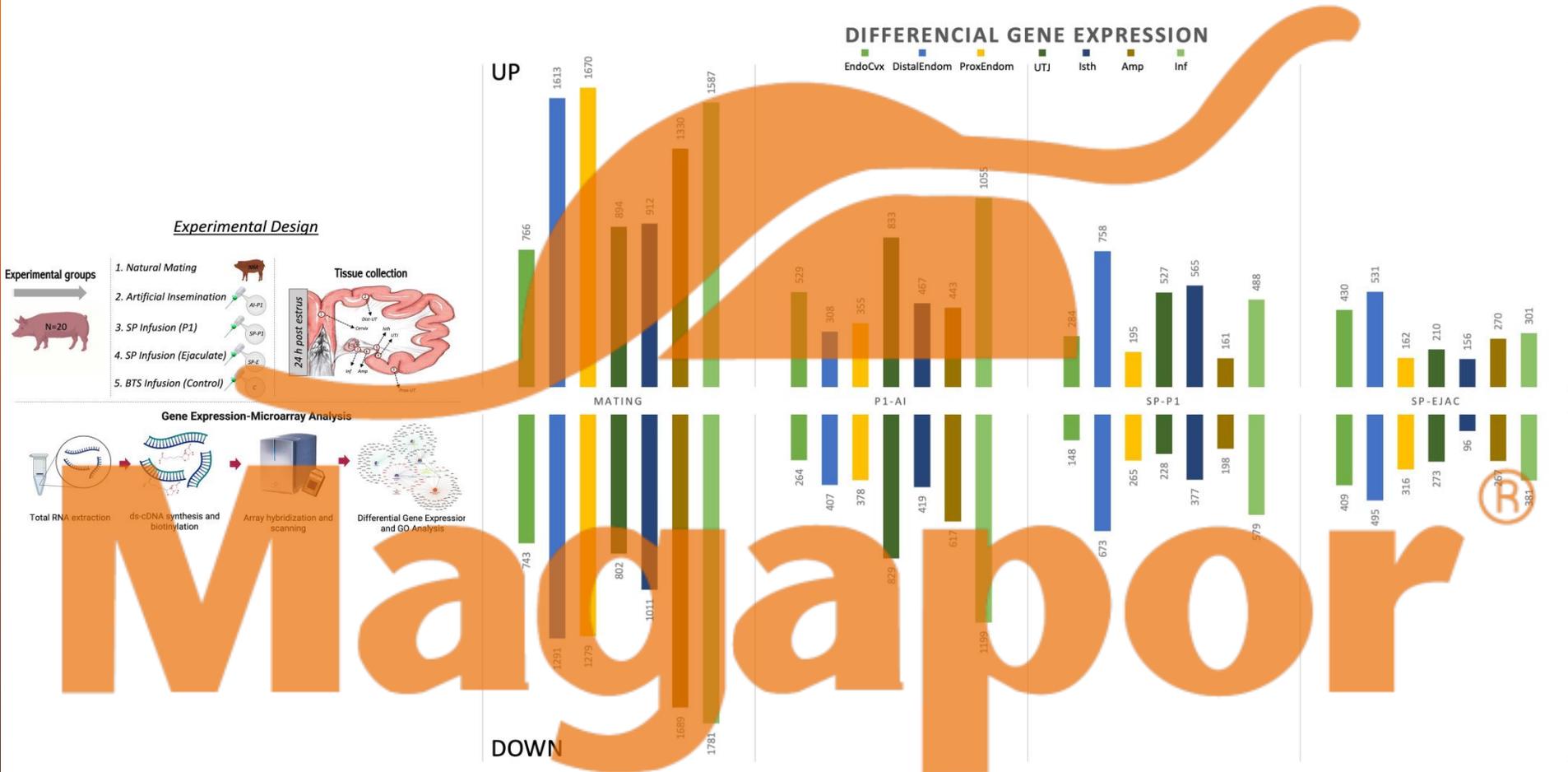
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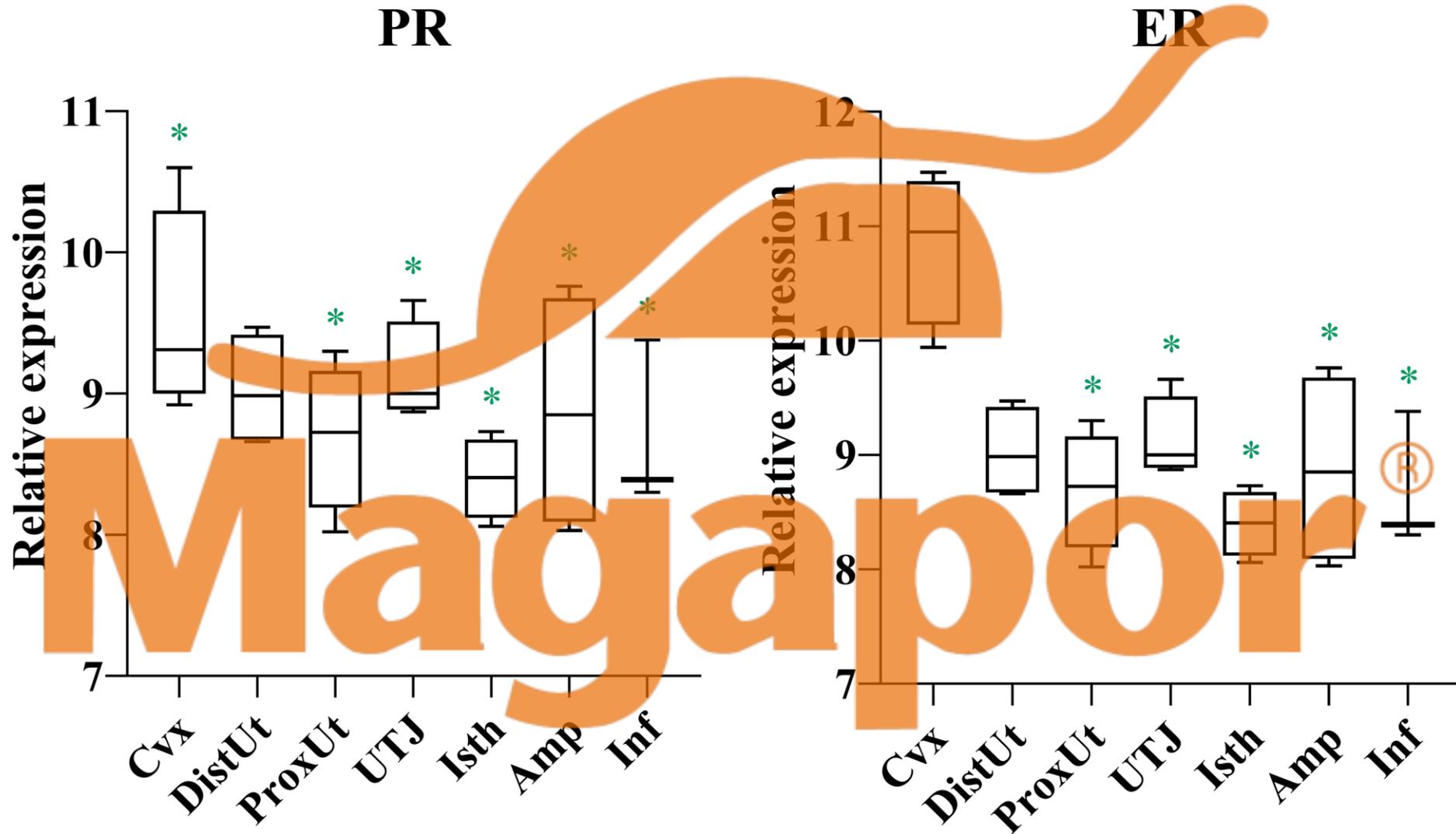
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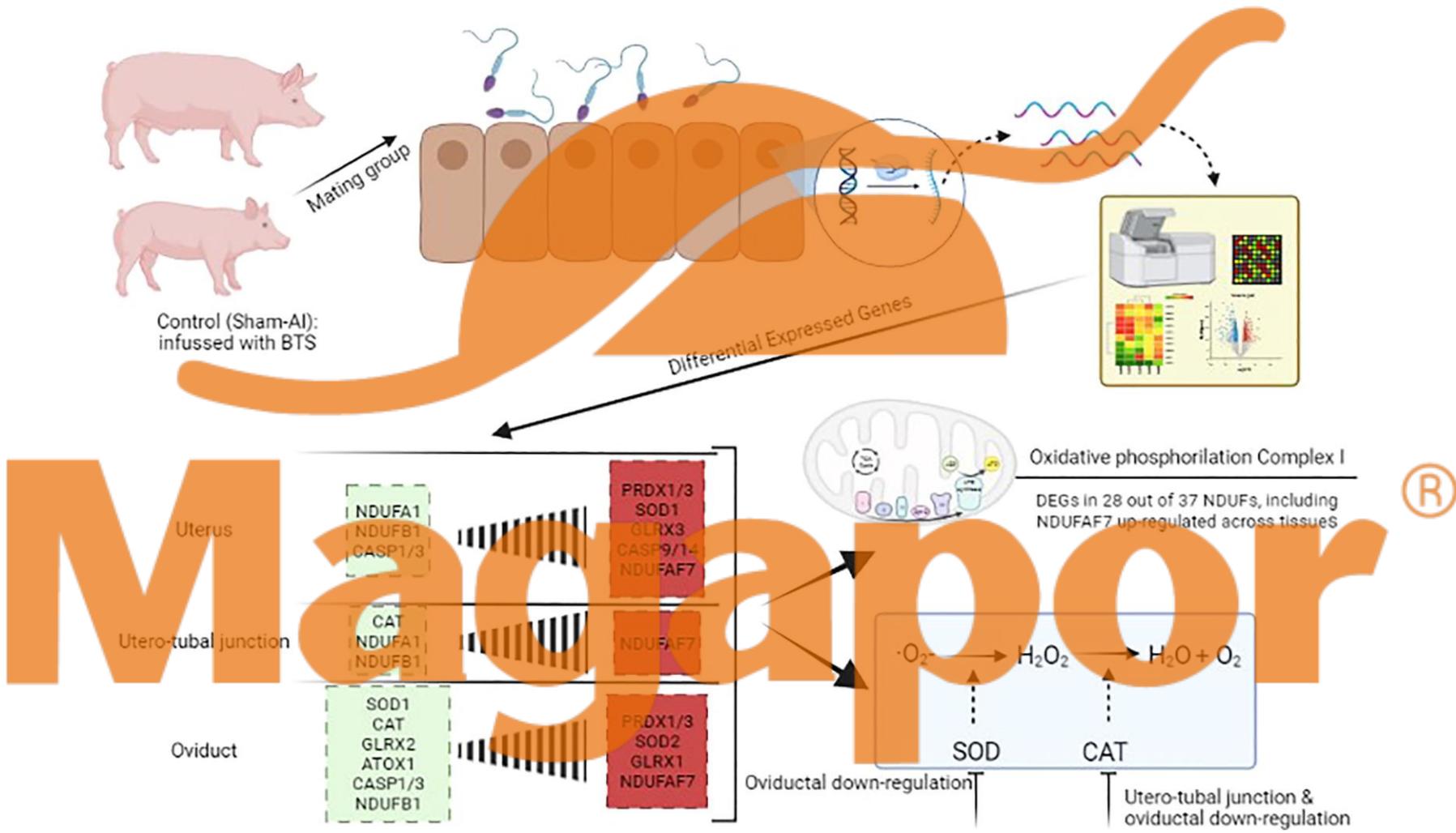


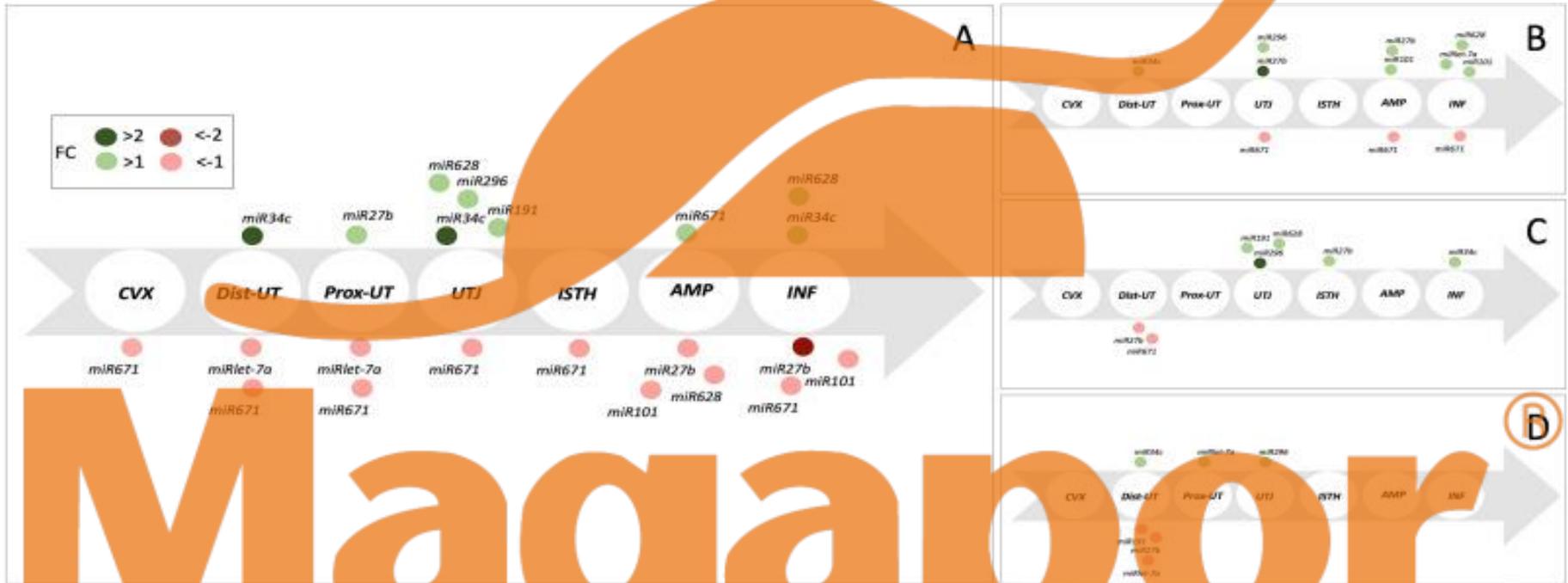
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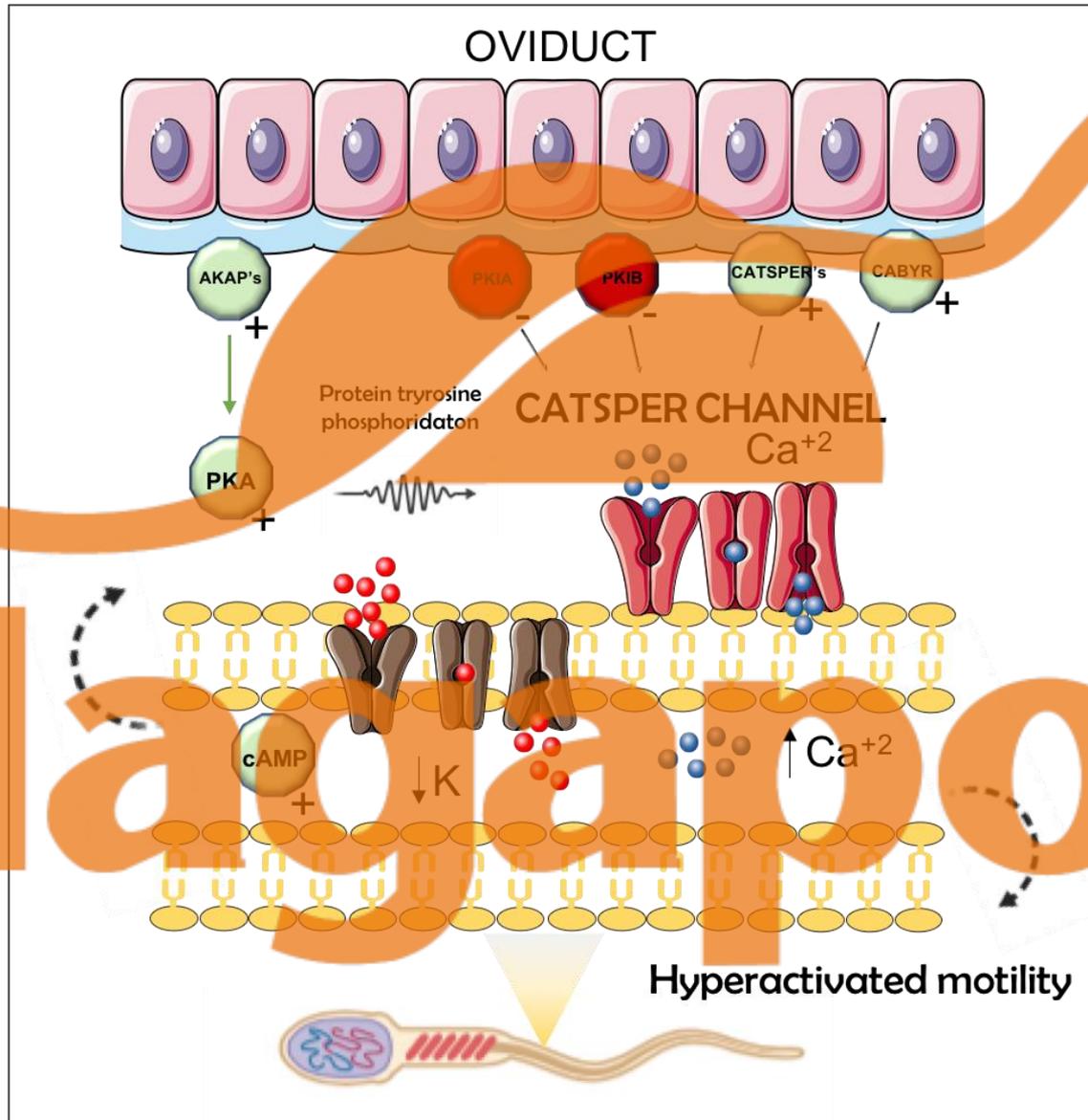


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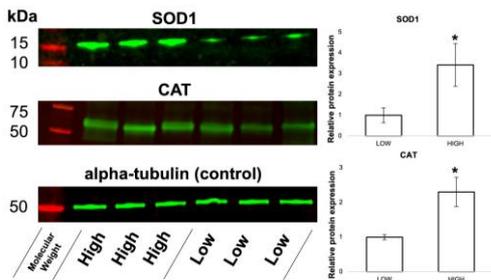




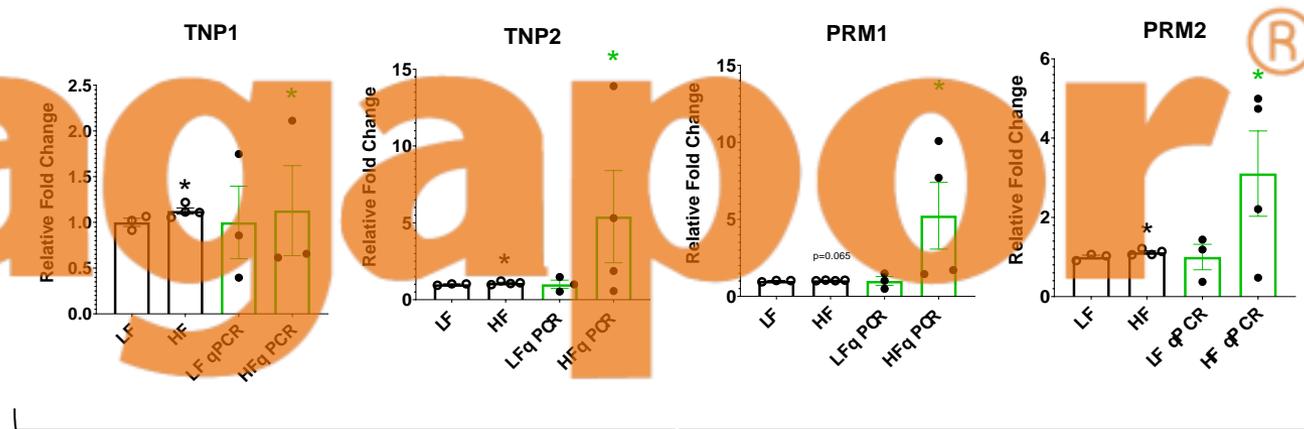
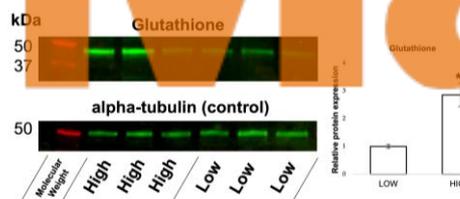
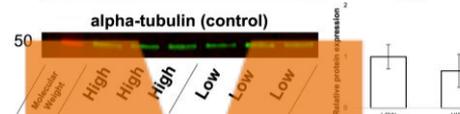
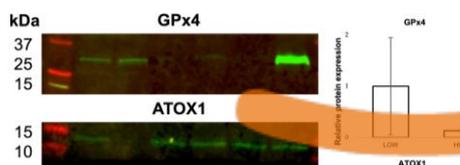
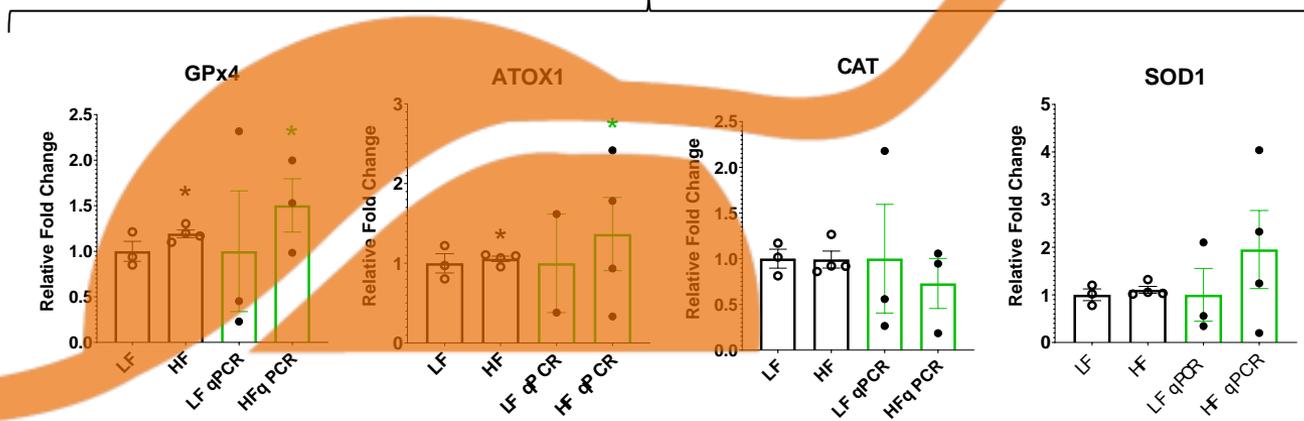
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# Carga de ARN y proteínas vs. fertilidad



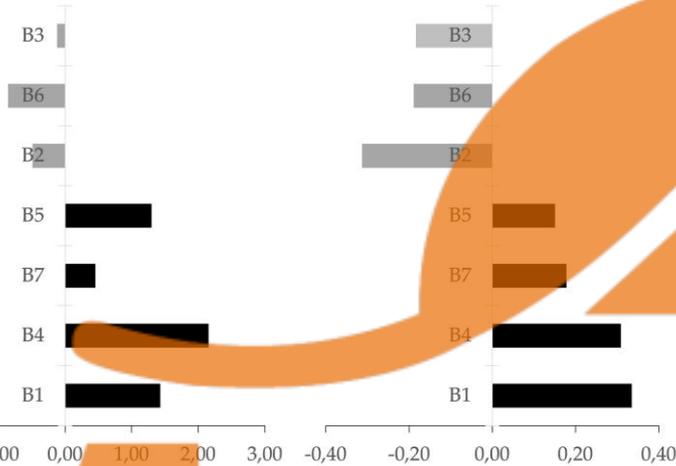
## Enzimas balance oxidativo



## Empaquetamiento material genético

# Cargo de ARN pequeños vs. fertilidad

Farrowing Rate Deviation



Litter Size Deviation



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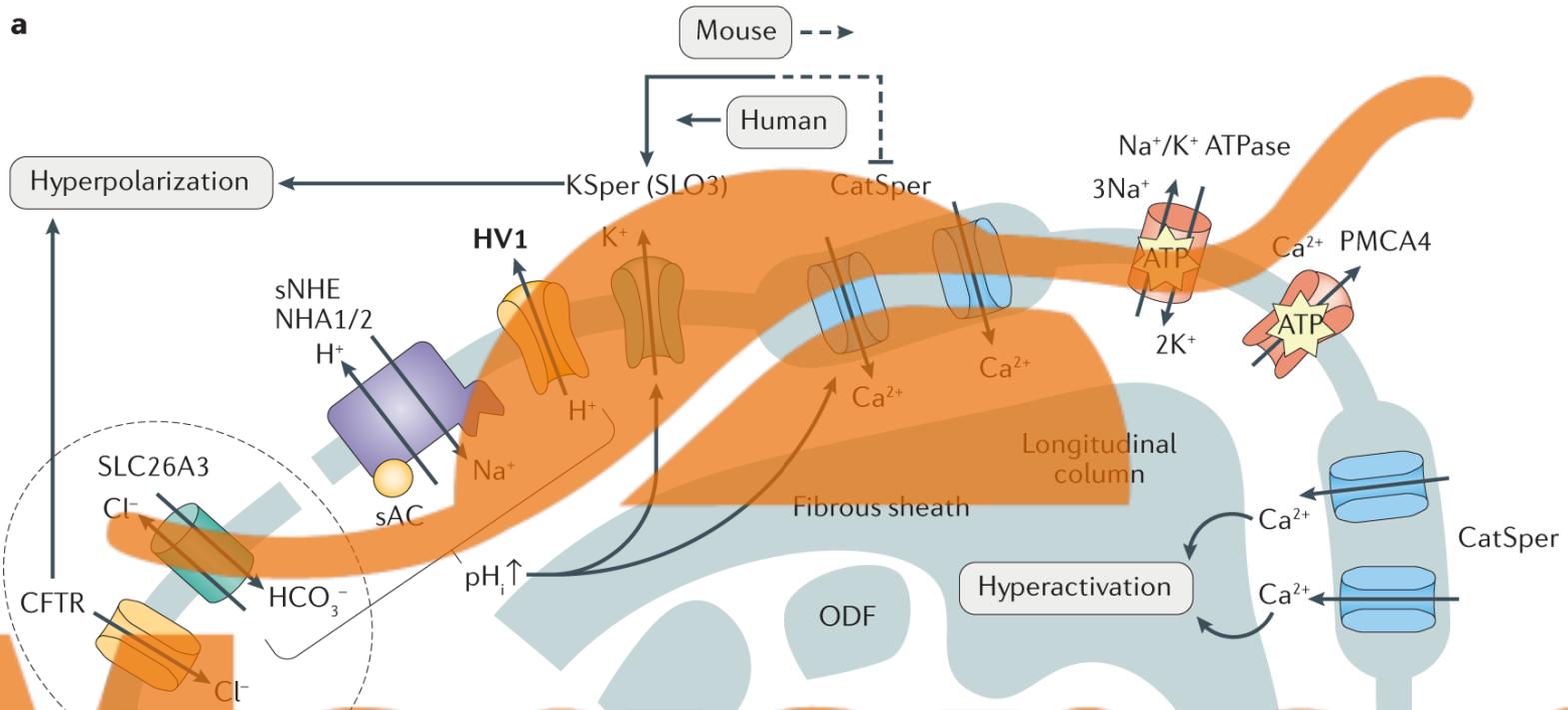
- **miR-221 (expression reducida)**  
previene de la migración delular y proliferación de las células endoteliales
- **mir-621 (expression aumentada)**  
Activador de *p53-signaling pathway*
- **Sub-unidad gamma CATSPER**
- **TNP1 transition protein 1** (reemplazo de histonas por protaminas)

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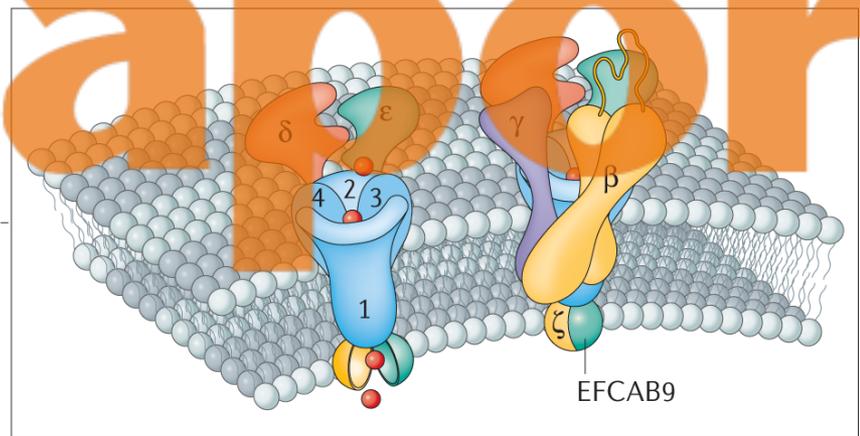
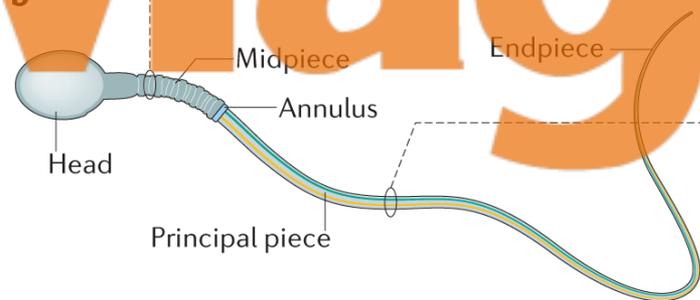
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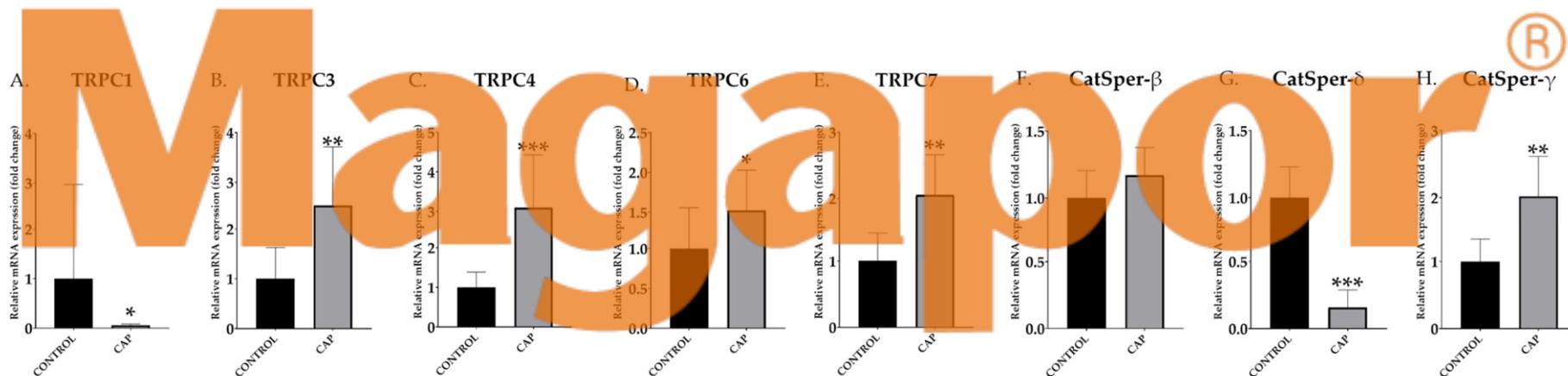
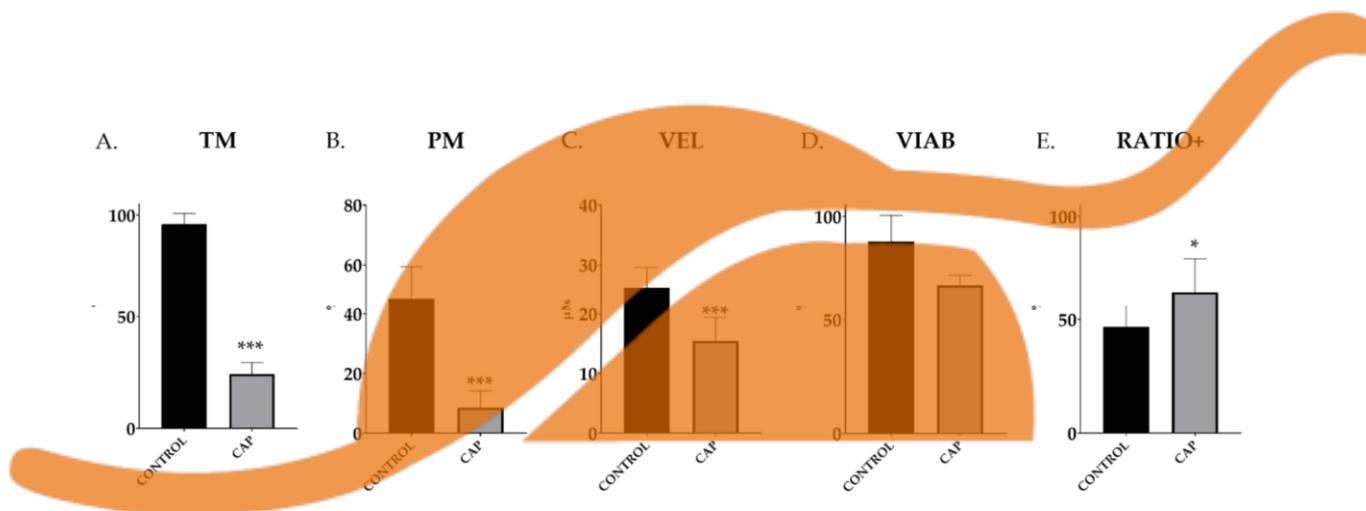
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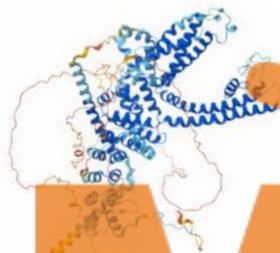
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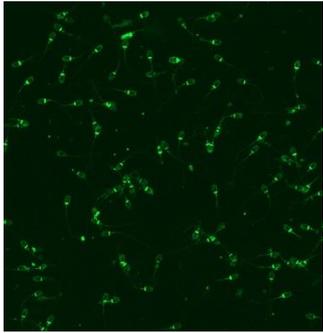
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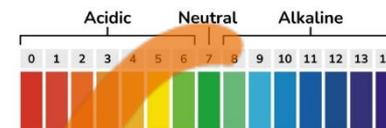
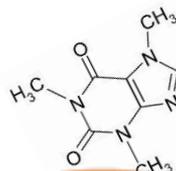
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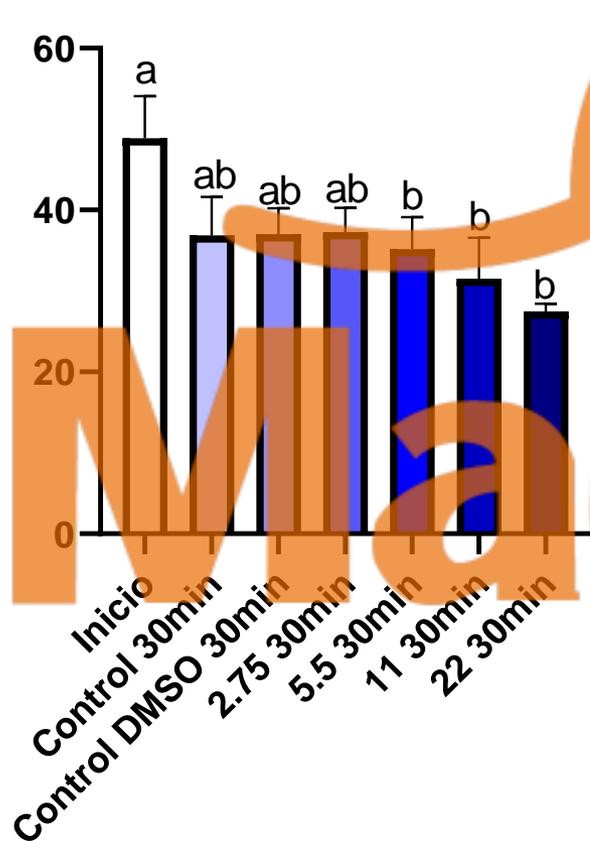
- **Receptor de potencial transitorio**
- No selectivo, pero principalmente activado por calcio
- Funciones descritas
  - proliferación celular, intercambio de calcio en epidídimo
- *Búsqueda en "TRPC sperm" en pubmed ¡solo 19 entradas!*
- Flagelo espermatozoide humano (Castellano et al. 2013)
- Potencialmente relacionado con: **cafeína y pH**

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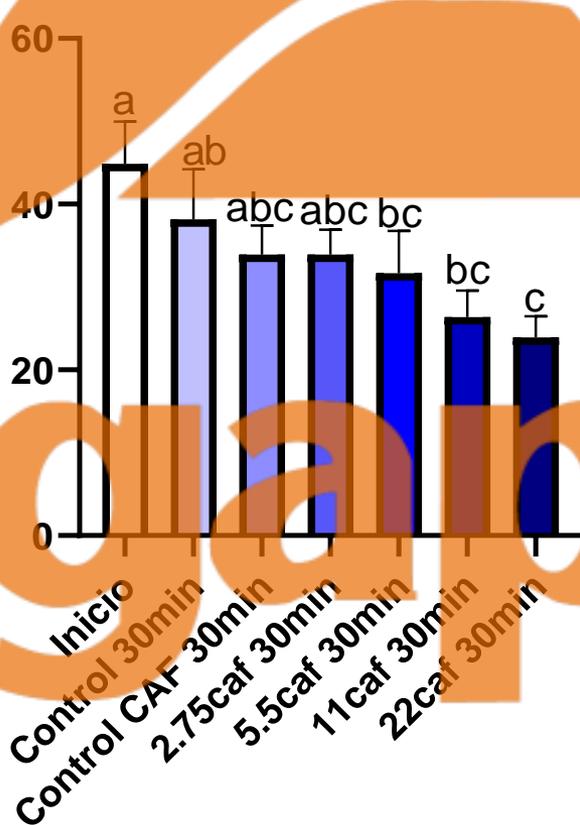
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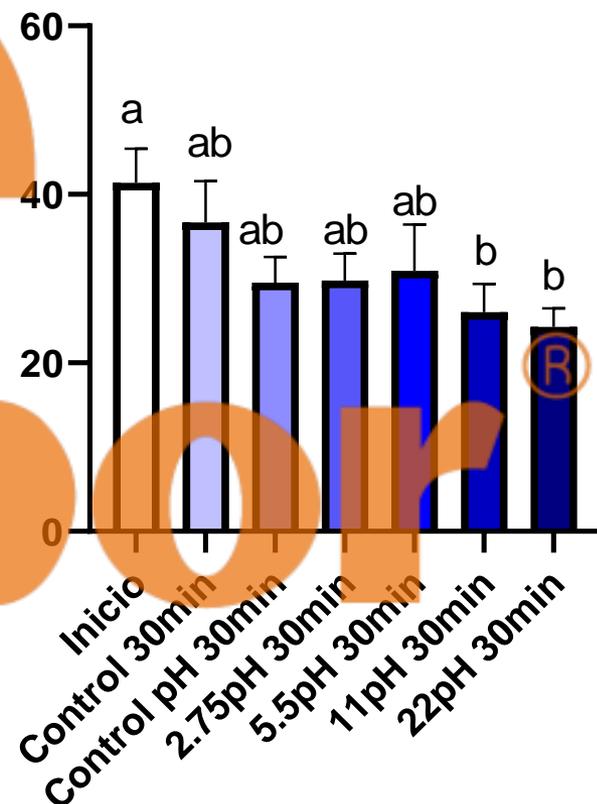
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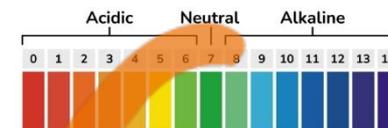
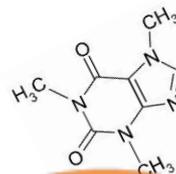
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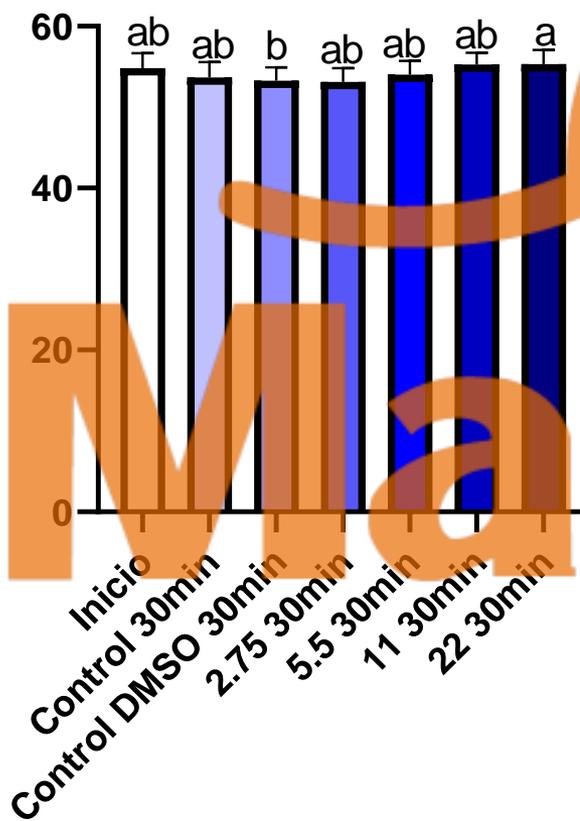
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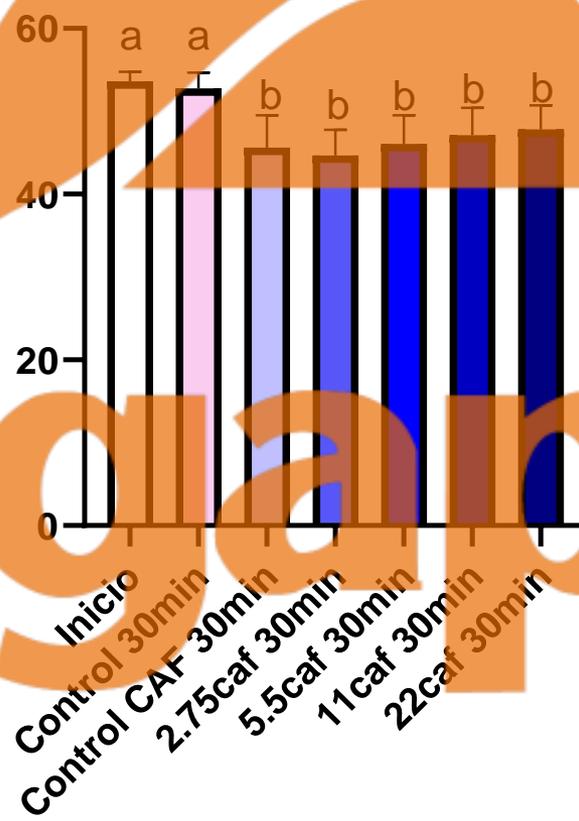
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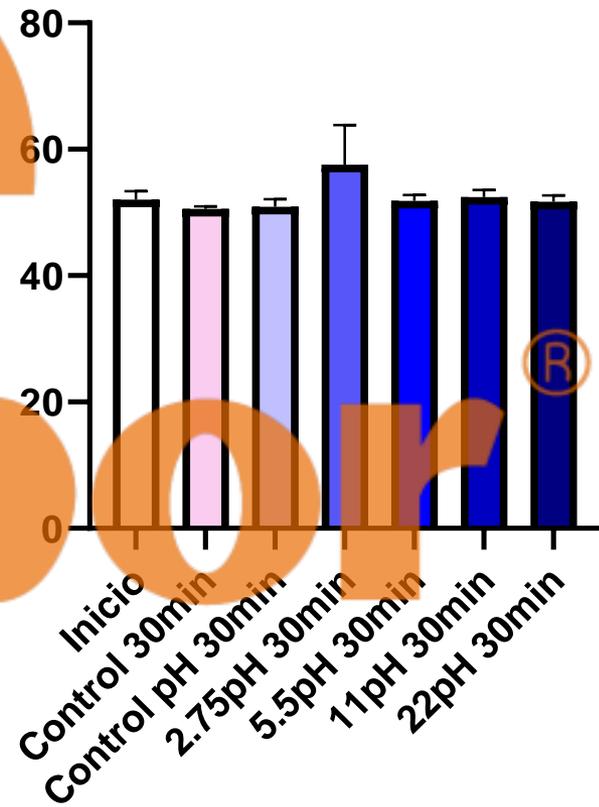
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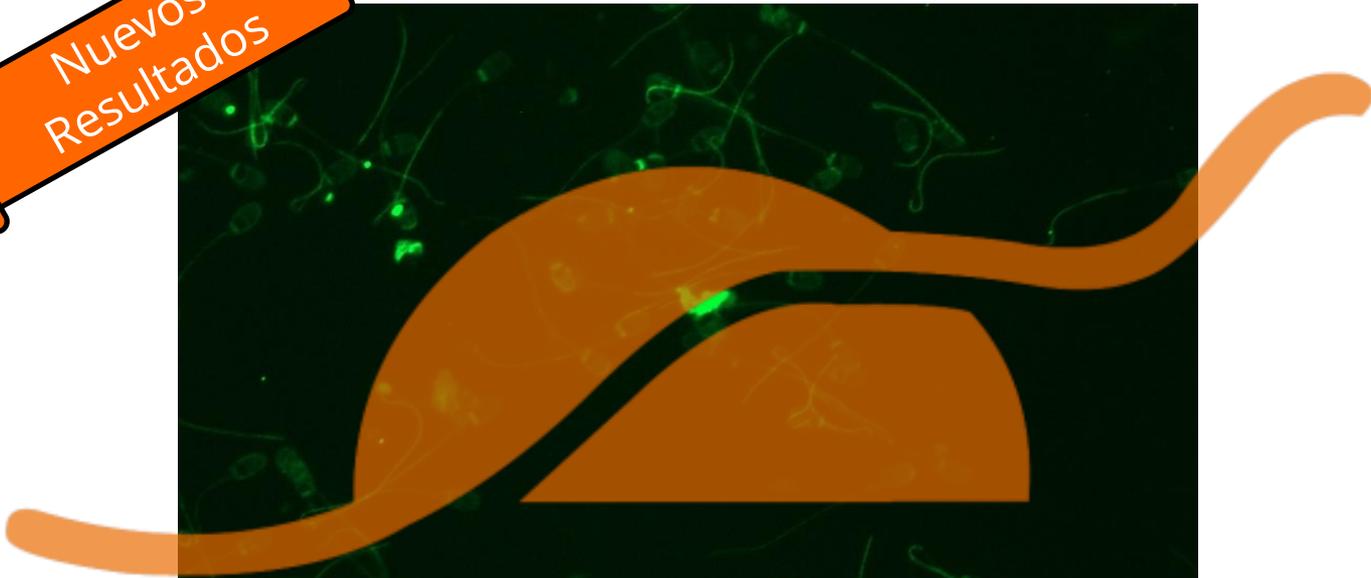
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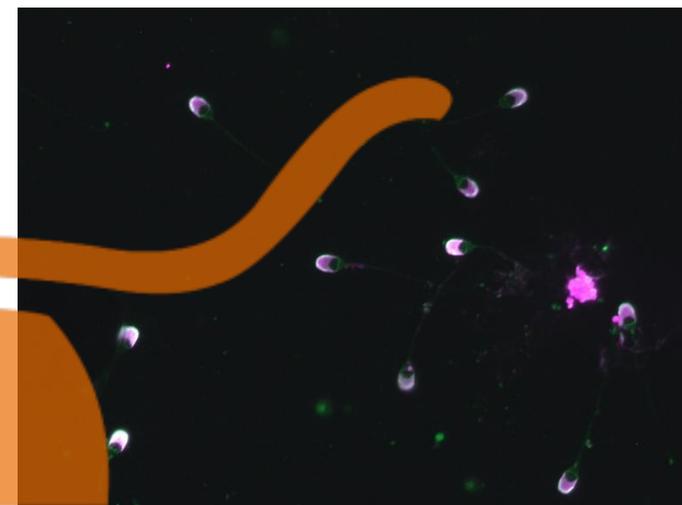
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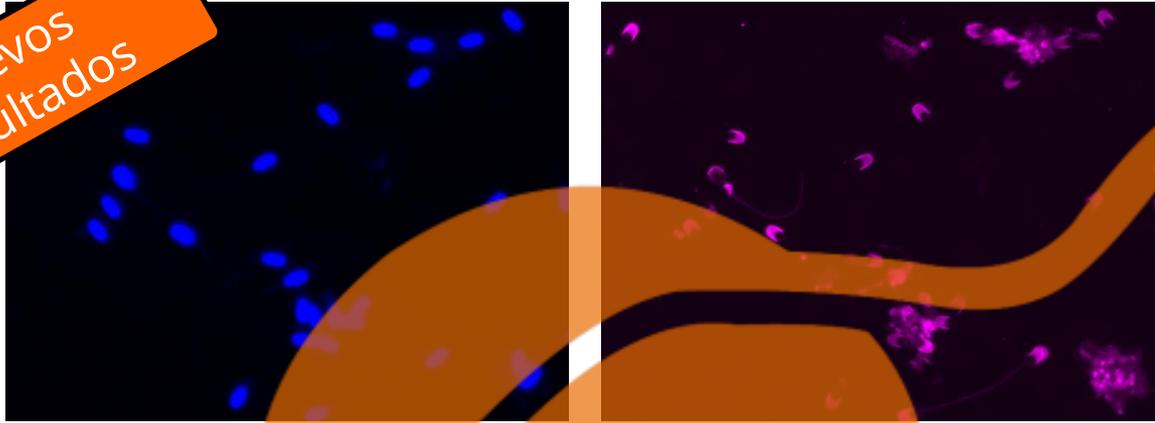
Effect of the addition of exogenous progesterone and the progesterone receptor inhibitor (RU 486) on boar cryopreservation semen extenders

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# CD44

kDa L1 L2 L3 L4 L5

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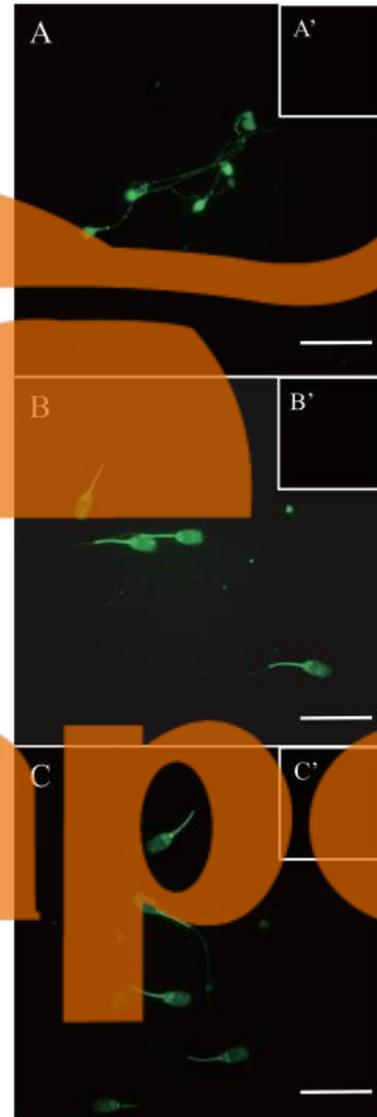
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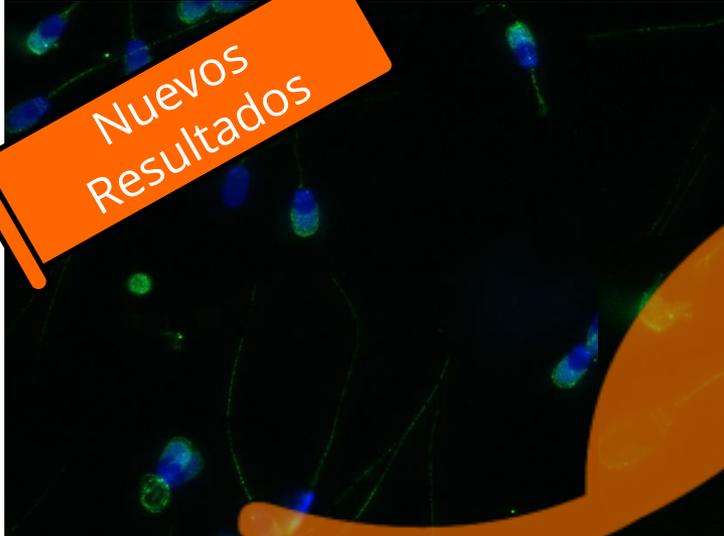
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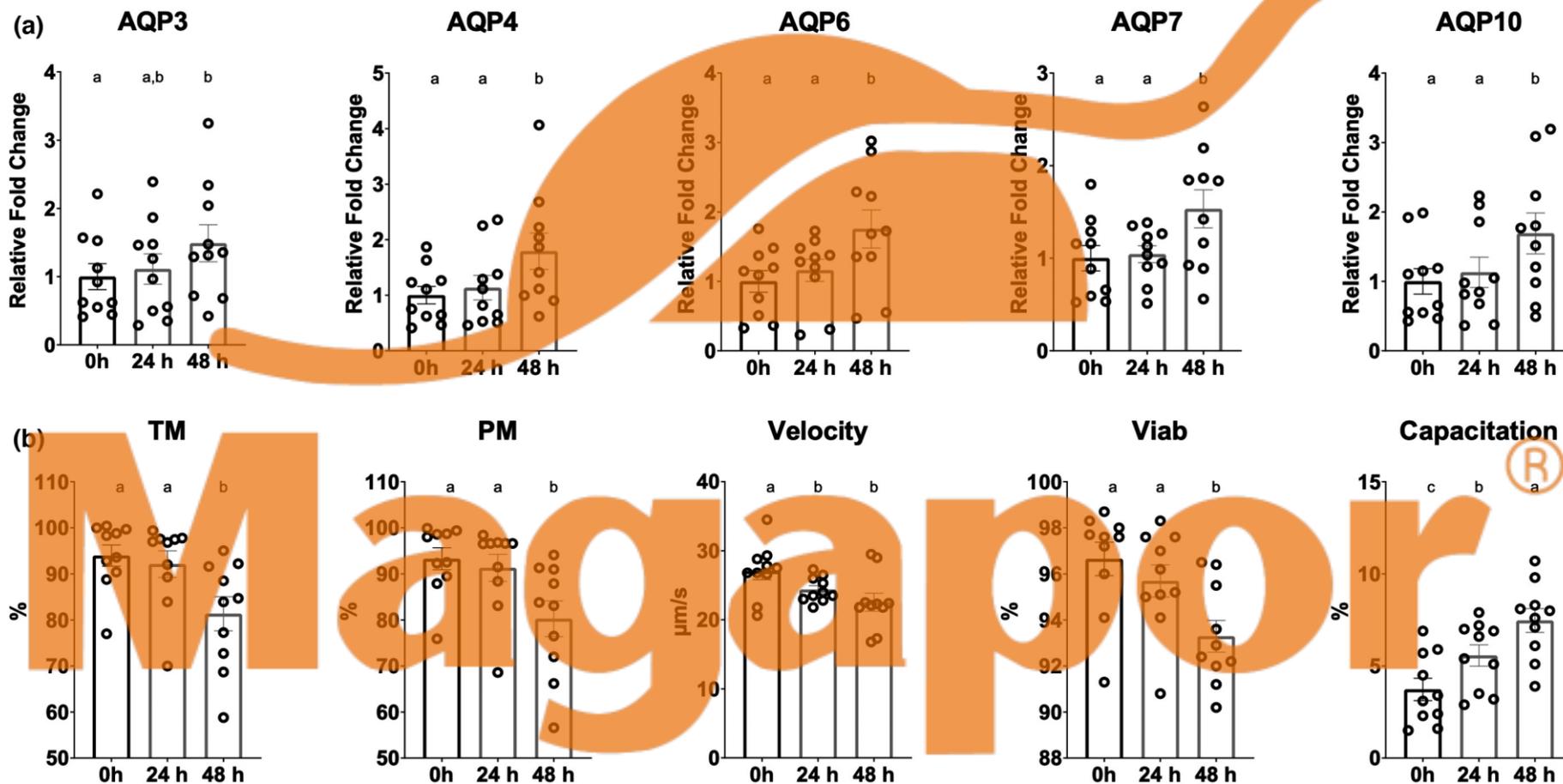


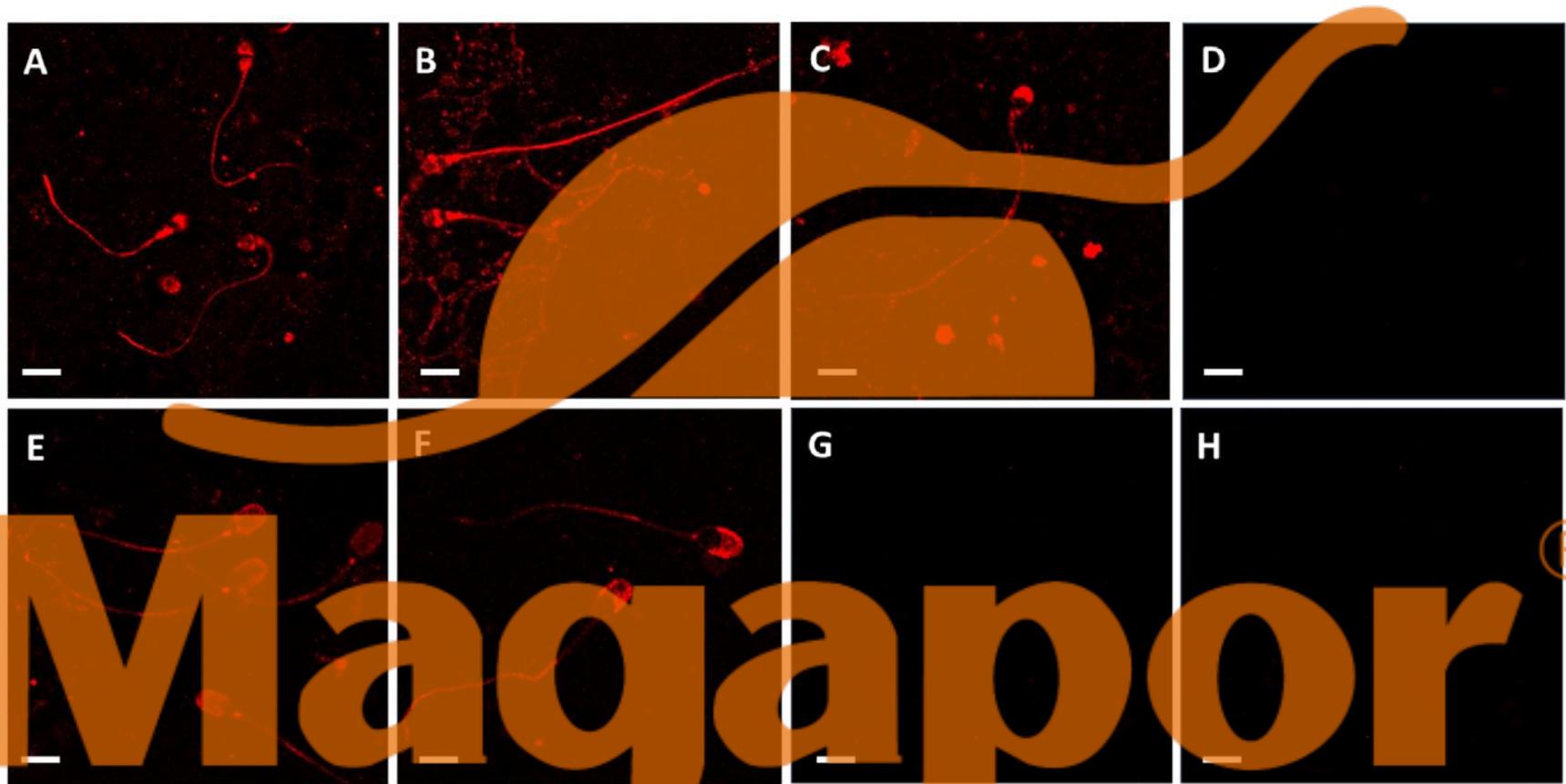
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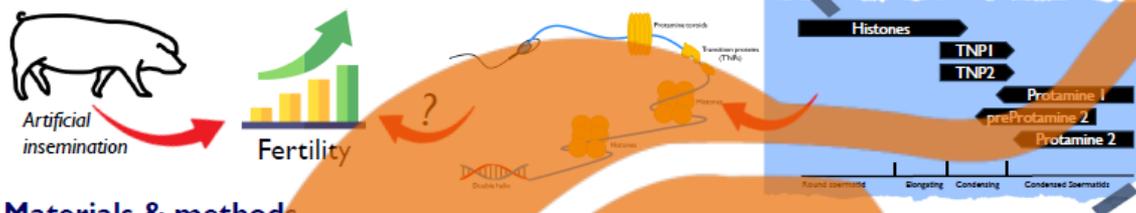
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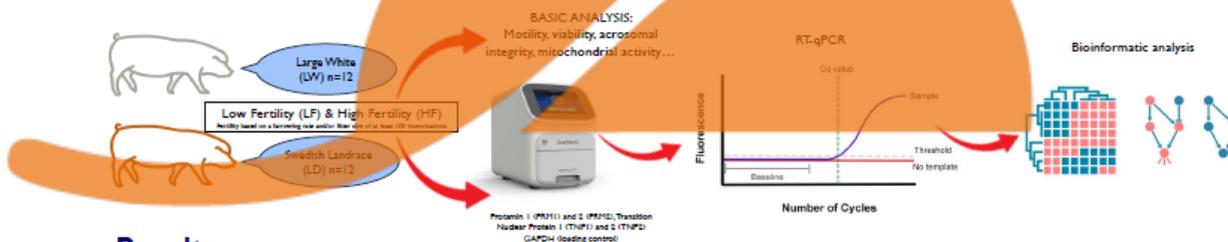
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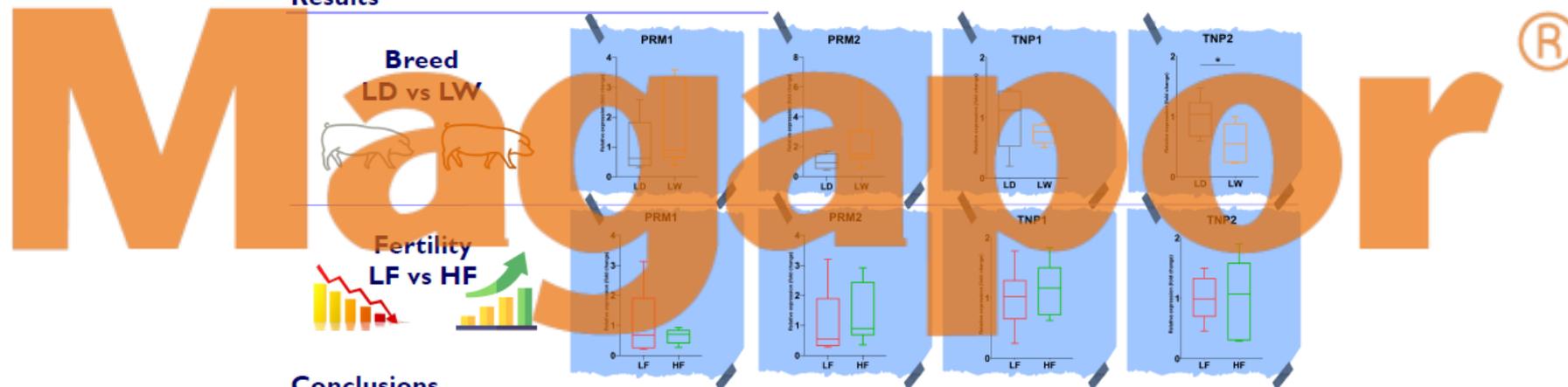
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Our preliminary results of breed-specific differences, mainly in **TNP2**, pave for further studies to elucidate whether this differential expression could have an impact on *sperm in vitro* handling techniques, in particular paying attention to DNA integrity preservation.

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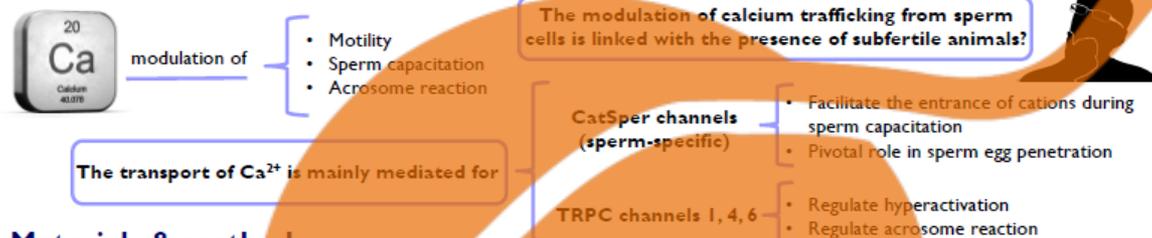
## High fertile boars present a decrease in the mRNA cargo of TRPC1, a key regulator of sperm motility

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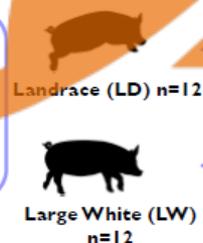
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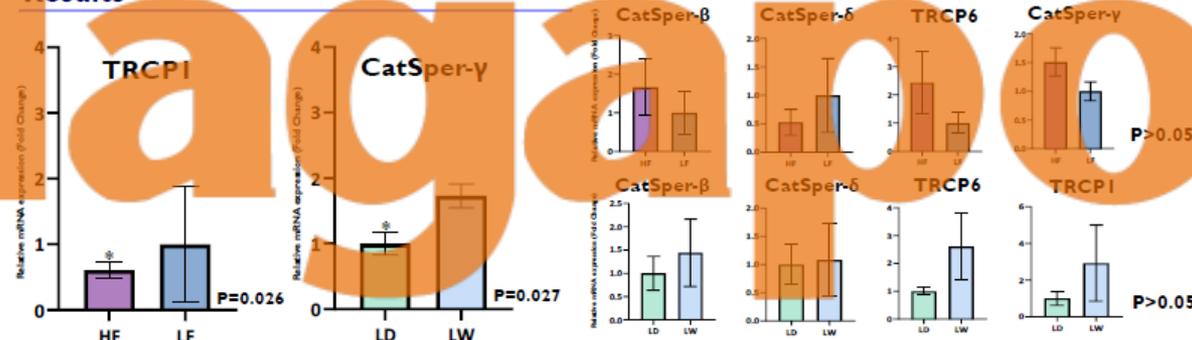


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This study aimed to investigate the mRNA transcript cargo for the  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ , and  $\delta$  subunits of CatSper, as well as TRPC channels 1, 4, and 6 in sperm samples of two different pig breeds



### Results



### Conclusions

Under our experimental conditions, a decrease in TRPC1 mRNA could be a potential biomarker for the early identification of fertile boars. Additionally, the study found an increase in CatSper- $\gamma$  mRNA in the Large White breed compared to the Landrace breed, highlighting breed-specific differences in fertility markers.

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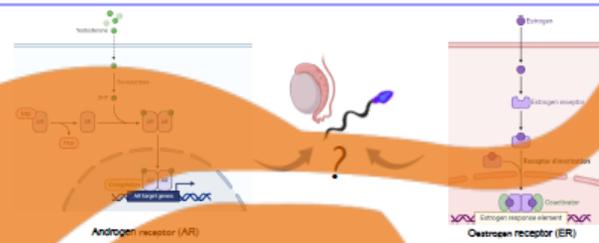
## Differential expression of oestrogen and androgen receptors in spermatozoa from different boar breeds and fertility levels

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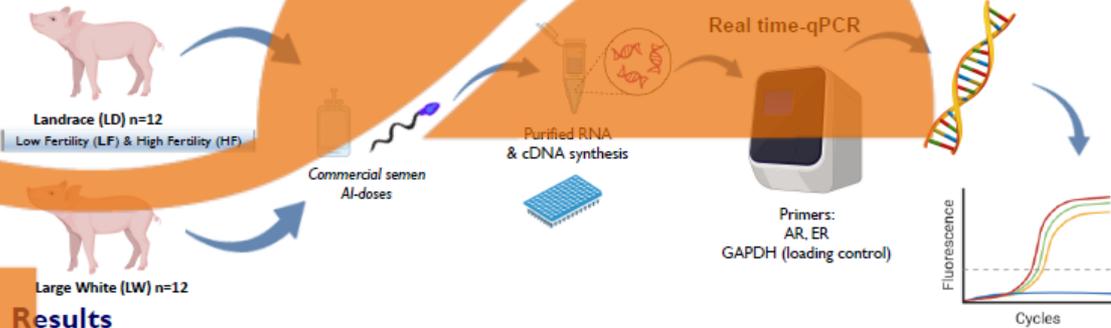
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### Introduction

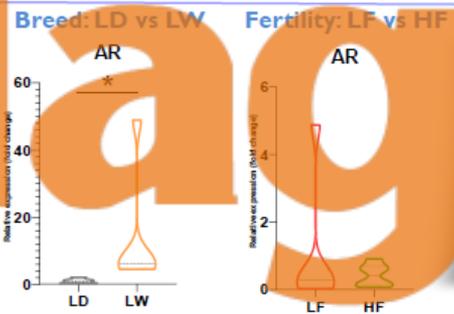
This study aimed to identify the presence of oestrogen (ER) and androgen receptors (AR) mRNA in pig spermatozoa from two different commercial hybrid breeds (Landrace (LD) vs Large White (LW)). Moreover, a comparative analysis between two fertility levels (High Fertility (HF) vs Low Fertility (LF)) was carried out to observe potential differences.



### Materials & methods



### Results



**Summary!**

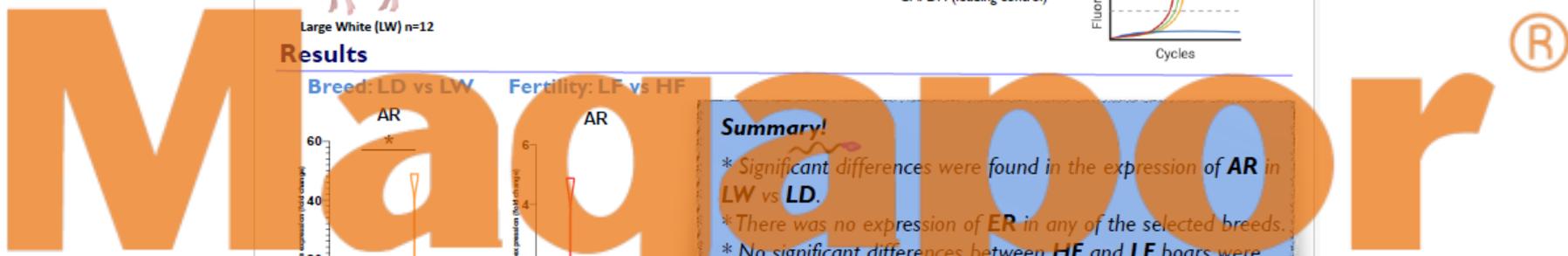
- \* Significant differences were found in the expression of AR in LW vs LD.
- \* There was no expression of ER in any of the selected breeds.
- \* No significant differences between HF and LF boars were found in any of the receptors (mRNA) analyzed.

### Conclusions

AR expression could be used as a quality biomarker under our experimental conditions, highlighting a potential key role of androgens in the maintenance and development of epididymal functions. However, further studies are needed to evaluate the specific mechanisms behind the mRNA expression of its receptor, AR, among groups of different breeds.

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