

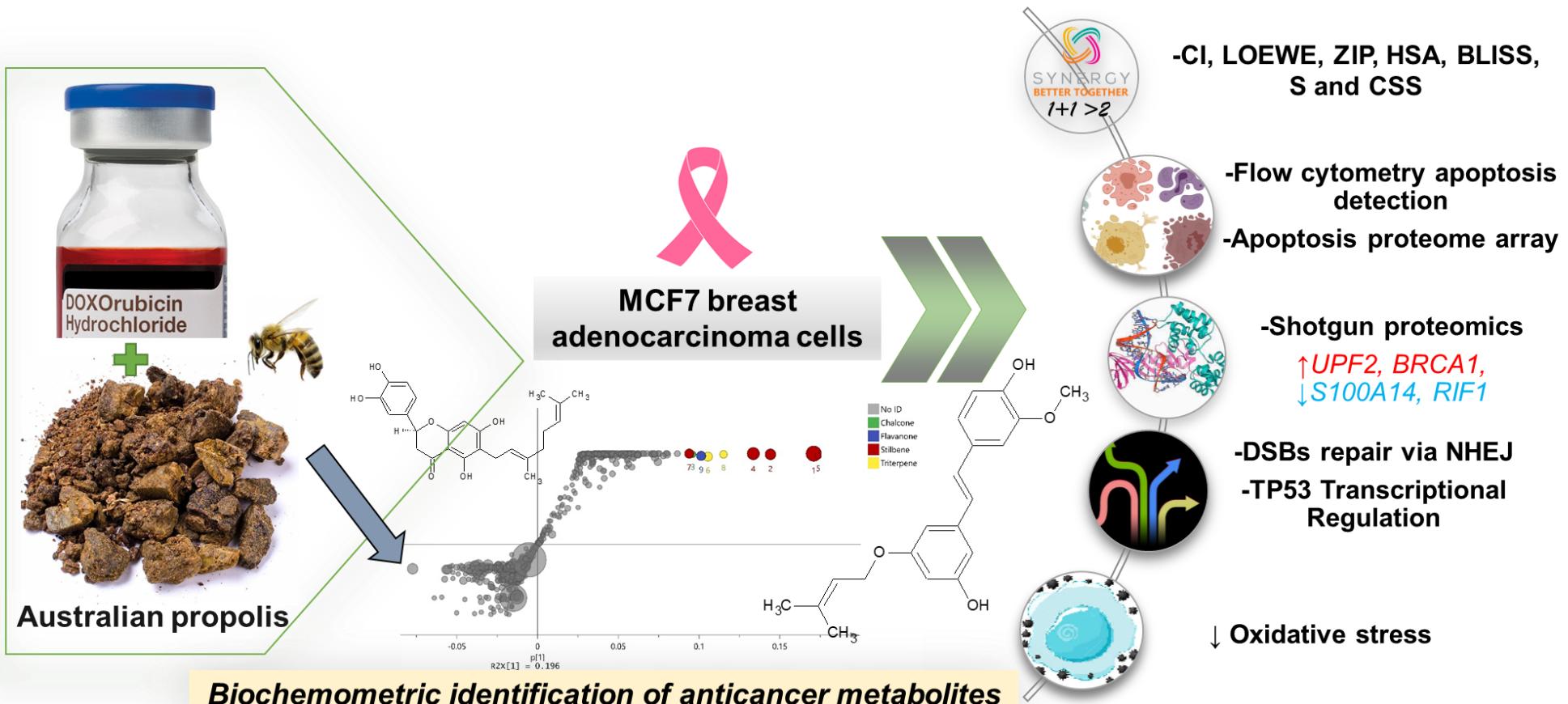
**Metabolomic identification of anticancer metabolites of Australian propolis and proteomic elucidation of its synergistic mechanisms with Doxorubicin in the MCF7 cells**

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**Table S1 Metabolomic-driven identified active metabolites of propolis samples against MCF-7 cells using UPLC-qTOF-MS and chemometrics**

CPD ID	m/z	Rt (min)	CCS (A <sup>2</sup> )	Accepted Identification	Adducts*	Formula	Class	MS <sup>n</sup>	Mass Error (ppm)
1	341.1358	16.71	181.5785	Prenyl-tetrahydroxy-methoxy-stilbene (5,2',3',4'-tetrahydroxy-3-methoxy-2-prenyl-(E)-stilbene)	M-H	C20H22O5	Stilbene	<b>341.1419(100%), 323.1281, 244.0374, 242.0561, 188.0480, 144.0580</b>	-10.58
2	341.1374	17.29	181.5784	Prenyl-tetrahydroxy-methoxy-stilbene (5,6,3',4'-tetrahydroxy-3-methoxy-2-prenyl-(E)-stilbene)	M-H	C20H22O5	Stilbene	341.1406, 323.1273, 244.0374, 242.0571, <b>188.0479 (100%), 144.0579</b>	-5.99
3	323.1264	18.17	183.7832	Prenyl-trihydroxy-chalcone	M-H	C20H20O4	Chalcone	323.1281(100%), 255.0615 254.0567, 226.0616	-7.63
4	325.1337	18.22	181.9172	Trihydroxy-methoxy-prenyl-(E)-stilbene	M-H	C20H22O4	Stilbene	325.1468, 272.0685, 241.0497, <b>188.0491 (100%), 144.0583</b>	-14.74
5	325.1417	18.79	180.0948	Dihydroxy-methoxy-prenyloxy-(E)-stilbene	<b>M-H, M-H2O-H</b>	C20H22O4	Stilbene	325.1477, 241.0503, <b>188.0499 (100%), 144.0587</b>	-8.61
6	489.3525	19.00	229.2606	Undefined triterpene	M-H2O-H, <b>M-H</b>	C30H50O5	Triterpene	M-H (489.3601 (100%), 235.1326, 207.1019, M-H2O-H (471.3428, 235.1327, 207.1020, 144.9221))	-14.72
7	379.1881	19.14	213.2551	Bisprenyl-tetrahydroxystilbene [(E)-2,6-bis(3-methyl-2-butene-1-yl)-3,3',5,5'-tetrahydroxystilbene]	M-H2O-H, <b>M-H,</b> M+FA-H	C24H28O4	Stilbene	379.1935 (100%), 309.1111, 323.1289, 267.0652, 255.0663, 254.0558, 257.1533	-8.92
8	489.3535	19.68	229.2606	Undefined triterpene	M-H	C30H50O5	Triterpene	489.3598(100%), 235.1329, 207.1017	-10.23
9	423.1806	20.94	210.7108	Geranyl-tetrahydroxyflavanone (propolin C/D/F)	M-H2O-H, <b>M-H,</b> M+Na-2H, M+K-2H	C25H28O6	Flavanone	423.1822 (M-H), 287.1306 (100%), 135.0472 (95%)	-8.66

CCS; collision cross-section, \*; Bold adducts are the most abundant ones with the reported precursor ion m/z and CCS.

**Table S2 Pearson's correlation of different DrugComb metrics and CI values at different inhibitory concentrations**

	CI at				
	ED50	ED75	ED90	ED95	ED97
CSS	0.96	0.89	0.83	0.78	0.75
S	0.95	0.88	0.83	0.78	0.75
ZIP	0.83	0.78	0.74	0.71	0.68
BLISS	0.83	0.78	0.74	0.71	0.68
LOEWE	0.81	0.75	0.70	0.67	0.64
HSA	0.87	0.81	0.76	0.72	0.69

**Table S3 Percentage of necrotic, apoptotic, and living cells retrieved from Annexin V-7AAD flowcytometry apoptosis analysis among propolis, doxorubicin and their mixture**

	% Necrotic cells	% late apoptotic cells	%living cells	% Early apoptotic cells
<b>Negative</b>				
Control	0.56±0.32 <sup>a</sup>	8.7±2.39 <sup>a</sup>	87.63±2.52 <sup>a</sup>	3.12±0.35 <sup>a</sup>
Propolis	3.41±0.84 <sup>a</sup>	43.53±12.89 <sup>b</sup>	10.04±8.22 <sup>b</sup>	43.02±5.46 <sup>b</sup>
Doxorubicin	83.85±3.15 <sup>b</sup>	13.46±3.38 <sup>a</sup>	2.16±0.44 <sup>b</sup>	0.53±0.09 <sup>a</sup>
Combination	4.25±4.04 <sup>a</sup>	87.59±7.44 <sup>c</sup>	6.39±3.78 <sup>b</sup>	1.77±0.91 <sup>a</sup>

Superscript letters indicate statistical significance derived from two-way ANOVA and Tukey's multiple comparisons where different letters within the same column are statistically significant with P<0.0001, n=4.

**Table S4 Human apoptosis array coordinates and corresponding proteins**

Coordinates	Protein	Coordinates	Protein
A1, A2	<b>Reference Spots1</b>	C17, C18	HSP60
A23, A24	<b>Reference Spots2</b>	C19, C20	HSP70
B1, B2	Bad	C21, C22	HTRA2/Omi
B3, B4	Bax	C23, C24	Livin
B5, B6	Bcl-2	D1, D2	PON2
B7, B8	Bcl-x	D3, D4	p21/CIP1/CDKN1A
B9, B10	Pro-Caspase-3	D5, D6	p27/Kip1
B11, B12	Cleaved Caspase-3	D7, D8	Phospho-p53 (S15)
B13, B14	Catalase	D9, D10	Phospho-p53 (S46)
B15, B16	cIAP-1	D11, D12	Phospho-p53 (S392)
B17, B18	cIAP-2	D13, D14	Phospho-Rad17 (S635)
B19, B20	Claspin	D15, D16	SMAC/Diablo
B21, B22	Clusterin	D17, D18	Survivin
B23, B24	Cytochrome c	D19, D20	TNF RI/TNFRSF1A
C1, C2	TRAIL R1/DR4	D21, D22	XIAP
C3, C4	TRAIL R2/DR5	D23, D24	<b>PBS (Negative Control)</b>
C5, C6	FADD		
C7, C8	Fas/TNFRSF6/CD95		
C9, C10	HIF-1 $\alpha$		
	HO-		
C11, C12	1/HMOX1/HSP32		
C13, C14	HO-2/HMOX2	E1, E2	<b>Reference Spots3</b>
C15, C16	HSP27		

**Table S5 Significant apoptotic proteins in MCF-7 cell lysate upon treatment by doxorubicin, propolis or its synergistic combination**

Dysregulated proteins* & pairwise comparisons	p value	-Log10(p)	FDR	Fold Change	log2(FC)
<b>Doxorubicin vs control</b>					
Bcl-x	0.000385	3.42	0.000923	0.32	-1.63
Claspin	0.000345	3.46	0.000923	0.43	-1.21
Bad	0.000117	3.93	0.000453	0.52	-0.95
Pro-Caspase-3	1.89E-07	6.72	3.31E-06	0.58	-0.80
Survivin	0.000105	3.98	0.000453	0.59	-0.75
Cleaved Caspase-3	4.86E-06	5.31	5.68E-05	0.64	-0.65
cIAP-2	0.000593	3.23	0.001298	0.71#	-0.50
Clusterin	0.000961	3.02	0.001869	0.72#	-0.48
Bcl-2	0.00023	3.64	0.000805	0.72#	-0.47
Phospho-p53 (S15)	0.002082	2.68	0.003644	1.36#	0.45
HO-1/HMOX1/HSP32	0.001036	2.98	0.001908	1.42	0.50
Livin?	0.000371	3.43	0.000923	1.43	0.52
HO-2/HMOX2	0.000259	3.59	0.000824	1.51	0.59
p21/CIP1/CDKN1A	1.69E-05	4.77	0.000148	1.59	0.67
Fas/TNFRSF6/CD95	0.000783	3.11	0.001612	1.64	0.71
TRAIL R1/DR4	0.000115	3.94	0.000453	1.90	0.93
TRAIL R2/DR5	7.04E-08	7.15	2.46E-06	2.37	1.25
Phospho-p53 (S392)	0.000396	3.40	0.000923	3.81	1.93
<b>Propolis vs control</b>					
Bcl-x	9.42E-05	4.03	0.000389	0.28	-1.86
Claspin	0.000188	3.73	0.000689	0.41	-1.29
Pro-Caspase-3?	1.54E-05	4.81	0.00017	0.50	-1.00
TNF RI/TNFRSF1A	0.003504	2.46	0.007227	0.66	-0.60
Survivin	9.33E-05	4.03	0.000389	0.67	-0.58
Phospho-p53 (S392)?	0.012868	1.89	0.020221!	0.71#	-0.50
HIF-1 $\alpha$	0.001659	2.78	0.004211	1.32#	0.41
HSP70	2.10E-05	4.68	0.000173	1.35#	0.43
FADD	4.36E-06	5.36	7.19E-05	1.40	0.48
HTRA2/Omi	0.000241	3.62	0.000796	1.66	0.73
Catalase	0.008252	2.08	0.013616!	1.68	0.74
TRAIL R1/DR4	0.000431	3.37	0.001292	1.89	0.92
TRAIL R2/DR5	3.03E-05	4.52	0.0002	2.30	1.20
HO-1/HMOX1/HSP32	1.64E-07	6.78	5.42E-06	2.84	1.51
<b>Mixture vs (Doxorubicin and propolis)</b>					
XIAP	0.001724	2.76	0.012071!	0.71#	-0.49

Dysregulated proteins* & pairwise comparisons	p value	-Log10(p)	FDR	Fold Change	log2(FC)
HSP60	0.006935	2.16	0.026969!	0.71#	-0.49
Cytochrome c	0.00385	2.41	0.016845!	0.72#	-0.47
HIF-1 $\alpha$	0.00381	2.42	0.016845!	0.77#	-0.38
cIAP-2	0.000396	3.40	0.00462	1.50	0.58
p27/Kip1	0.001031	2.99	0.009018	1.50	0.58
Claspin	0.000272	3.57	0.00462	1.62	0.69
PON2	3.11E-08	7.51	1.09E-06	1.88	0.91
Catalase	0.002956	2.53	0.016845!	2.04	1.03

\*red and blue coloured font of the proteins is significantly upregulated and downregulated respectively in its corresponding pairwise comparison. #; Slightly above the threshold for protein filtration,!; FDR>0.01.

**Table S6 Reactome overrepresented pathways using dysregulated proteins in MCF-7 cells treated with the synergistic propolis and doxorubicin combination**

Pathway name	#Entities found	#Entities total	pValue	Entitie s FDR	found	Rx	Rx	Submitted entities found
					d	total	ratio	
TP53 Regulates Transcription of DNA Repair Genes	3	89	1.88E-05	6	3	17	0.001266	BRCA1
					0.01530			
Transcriptional Regulation by E2F6	2	46	3.56E-04	4	2	33	0.002458	BRCA1
					0.01734			
Ion transport by P-type ATPases	2	71	8.41E-04	3	2	15	0.001117	ATP8B4
					0.01734			
Diseases of DNA Double-Strand Break Repair	1	2	0.001239	3	2	2	1.49E-04	BRCA1
Defective DNA double strand break response due to BRCA1 loss of function	1	2	0.001239	3	1	1	7.45E-05	BRCA1
Transcriptional Regulation by TP53	3	487	0.002721	0.03265	4	259	0.019291	BRCA1
TP53 Regulates Transcription of DNA Repair Genes	3	89	2.07E-04	0.02227	3	17	0.001266	MDC1
								MDC1;CHD3;
Transcriptional Regulation by TP53	5	487	3.32E-04	0.02227	5	259	0.019291	COX6B1

\*Upregulated and downregulated proteins are red and blue coloured, respectively.

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pathway_name	pathway_source	genes	overlapping_genes	num_all_pathway_genes	P_genes	Q_genes
brca1 dependent ub ligase activity	BioCarta	1	BRCA1	8 (8)	0.00308	1
Transcriptional Regulation by E2F6	Wikipathways	1	BRCA1	10 (10)	0.00384	1
TP53 Regulates Transcription of DNA Repair Genes	Wikipathways	1	BRCA1	14 (14)	0.00538	1
PI3K-Akt Signaling Pathway	Wikipathways	2	BRCA1;LAMA4	339 (340)	0.00644	1
atm signaling pathway	BioCarta	1	BRCA1	18 (18)	0.00691	1
MET activates PTK2 signaling	Reactome	1	LAMA4	18 (18)	0.00691	1
PI3K-Akt signaling pathway - Homo sapiens (human)	KEGG	2	BRCA1;LAMA4	353 (354)	0.00697	1
prion pathway	BioCarta	1	LAMA4	19 (19)	0.00729	1
cell cycle: g2/m checkpoint	BioCarta	1	BRCA1	21 (21)	0.00806	1
role of brca1 brca2 and atr in cancer susceptibility	BioCarta	1	BRCA1	22 (22)	0.00844	1
Laminin interactions	Reactome	1	LAMA4	23 (23)	0.00882	1
Antigen Presentation: Folding assembly and peptide loading of class I MHC	Reactome	1	SEC23A	24 (24)	0.0092	1
ATM Signaling Network in Development and Disease	Wikipathways	2	MDC1;RIF1	46 (46)	0.000661	1
Nonhomologous End-Joining (NHEJ)	Reactome	2	MDC1;RIF1	69 (70)	0.00148	1
Transcriptional Regulation by TP53	Reactome	3	MDC1;CHD3; COX6B1	371 (374)	0.00321	1
SUMO E3 ligases SUMOylate target proteins	Reactome	2	MDC1;CHD3	120 (120)	0.00441	1
SUMOylation	Reactome	2	MDC1;CHD3	126 (126)	0.00485	1
DNA Double-Strand Break Repair	Reactome	2	MDC1;RIF1	167 (169)	0.00837	1

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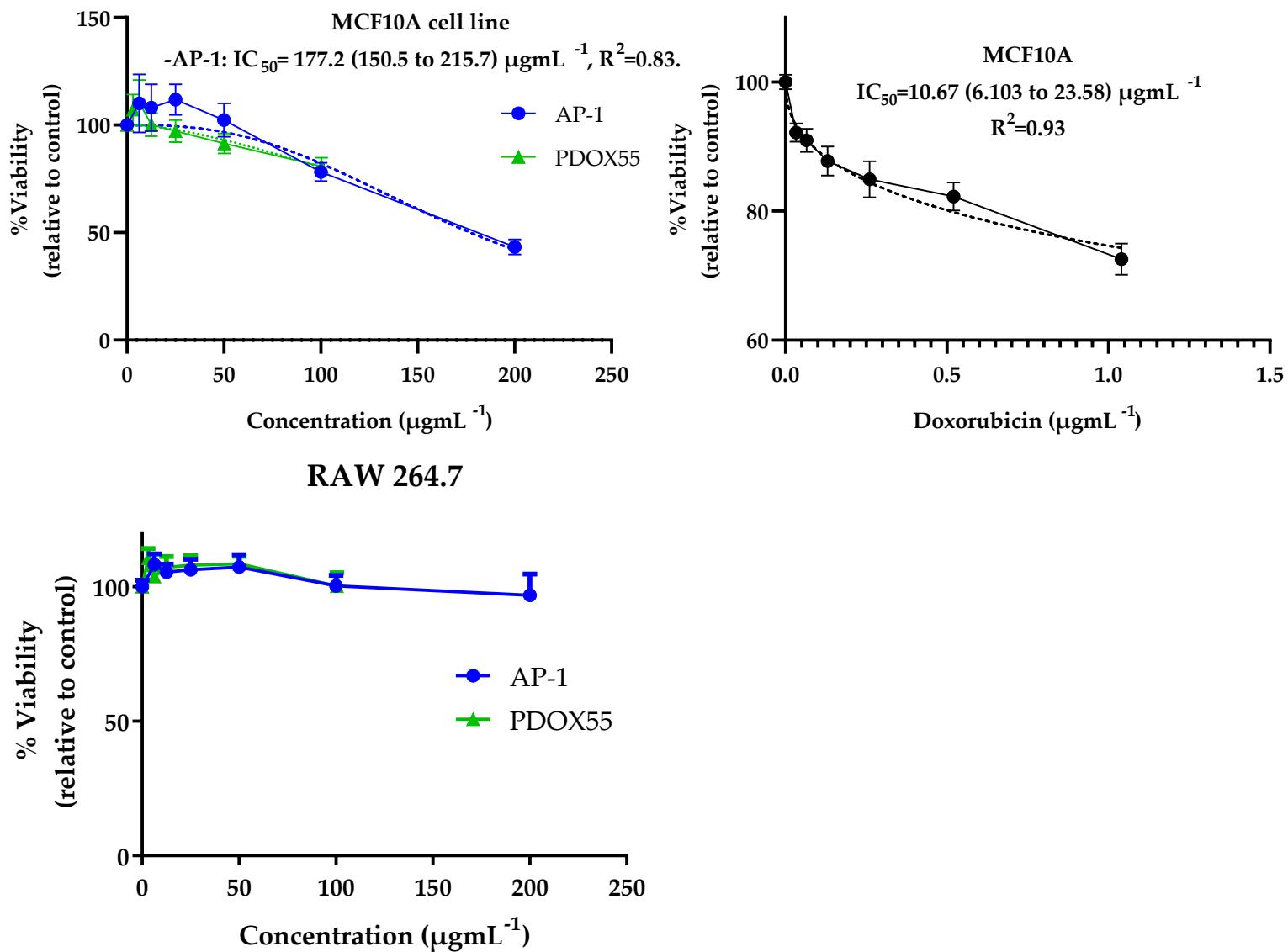
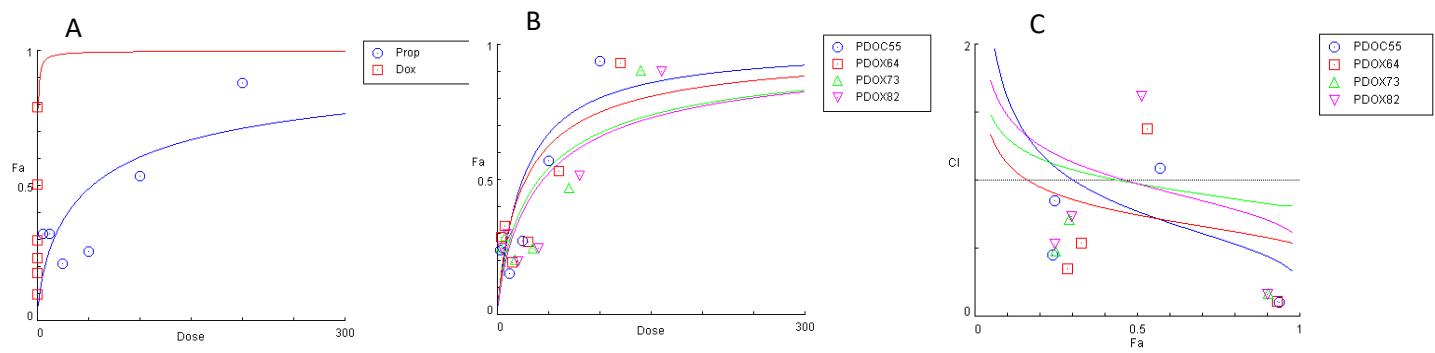
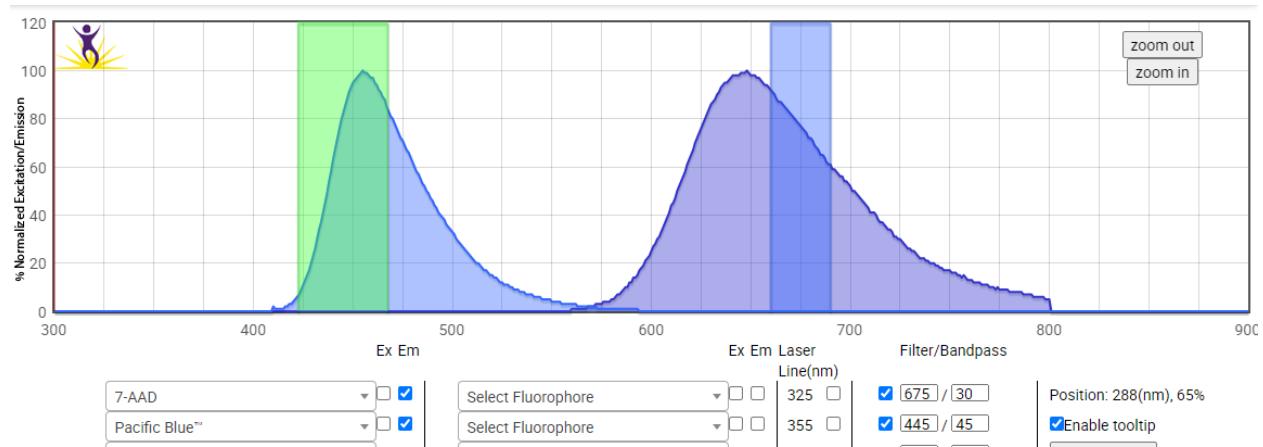


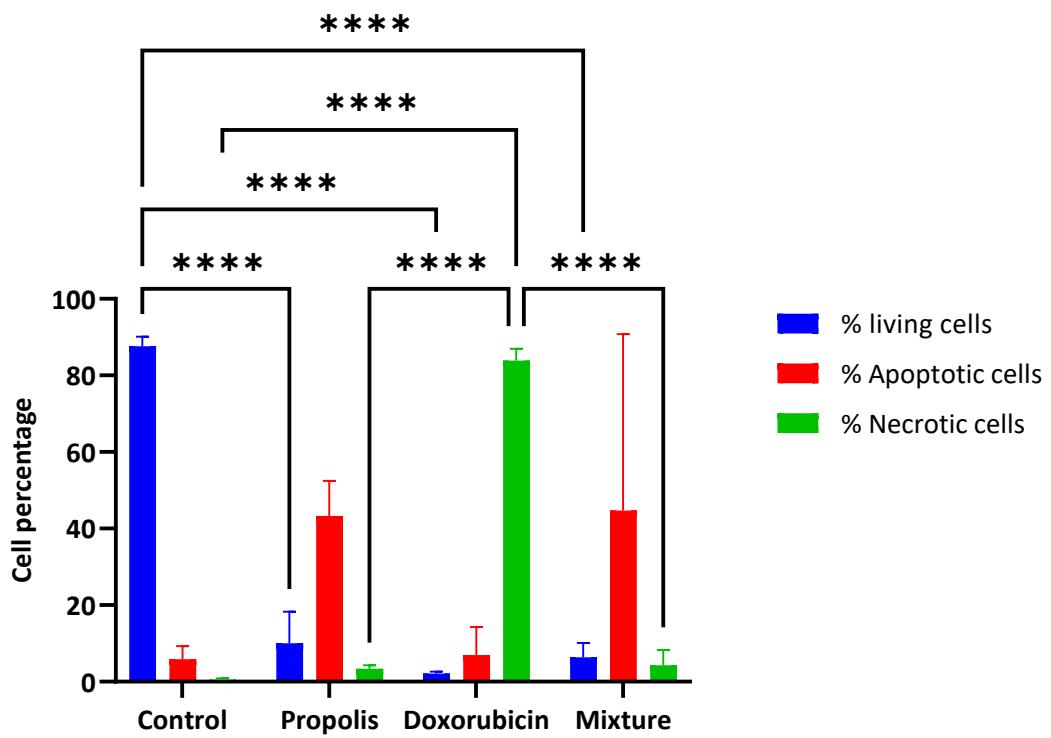
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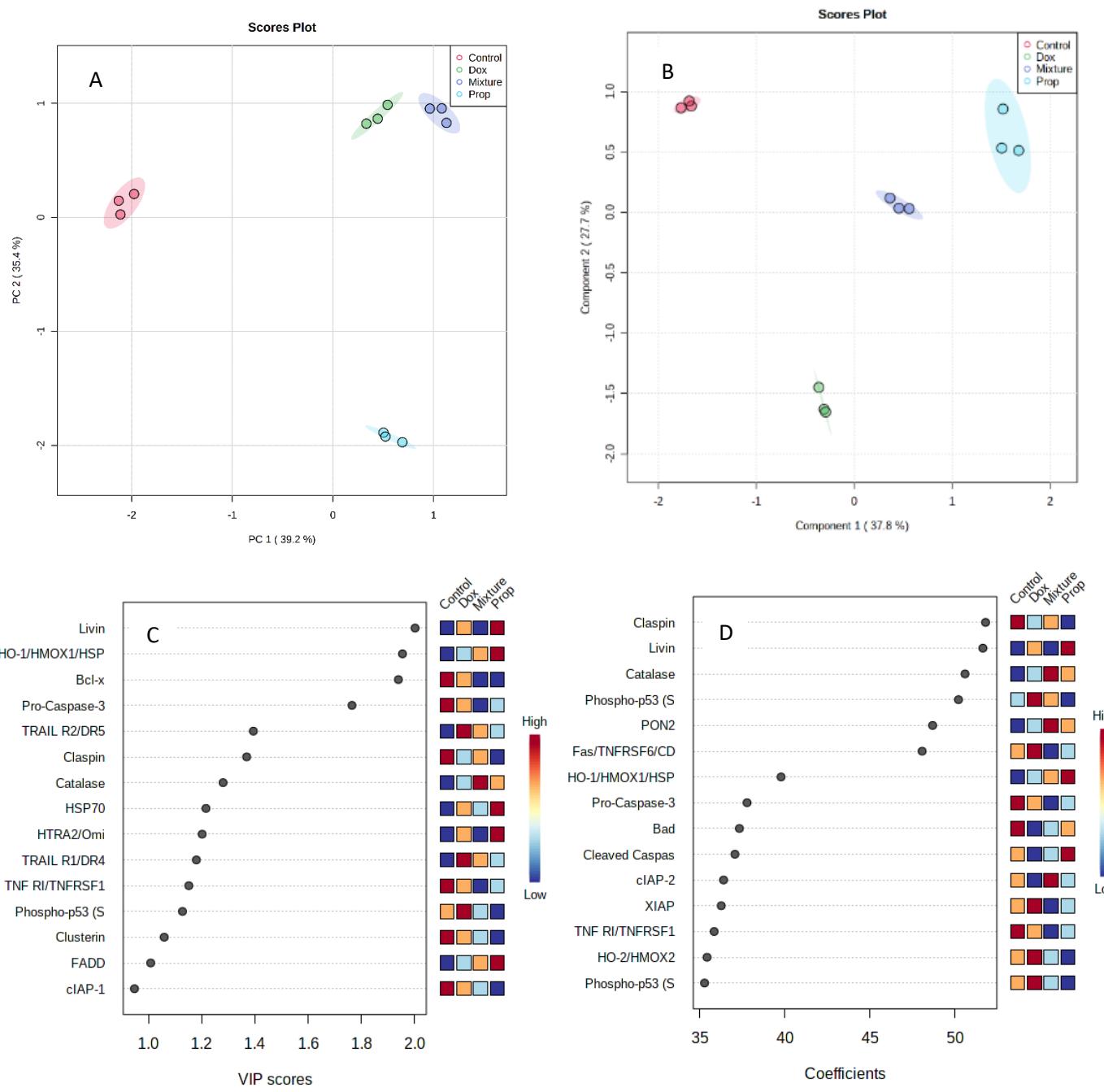
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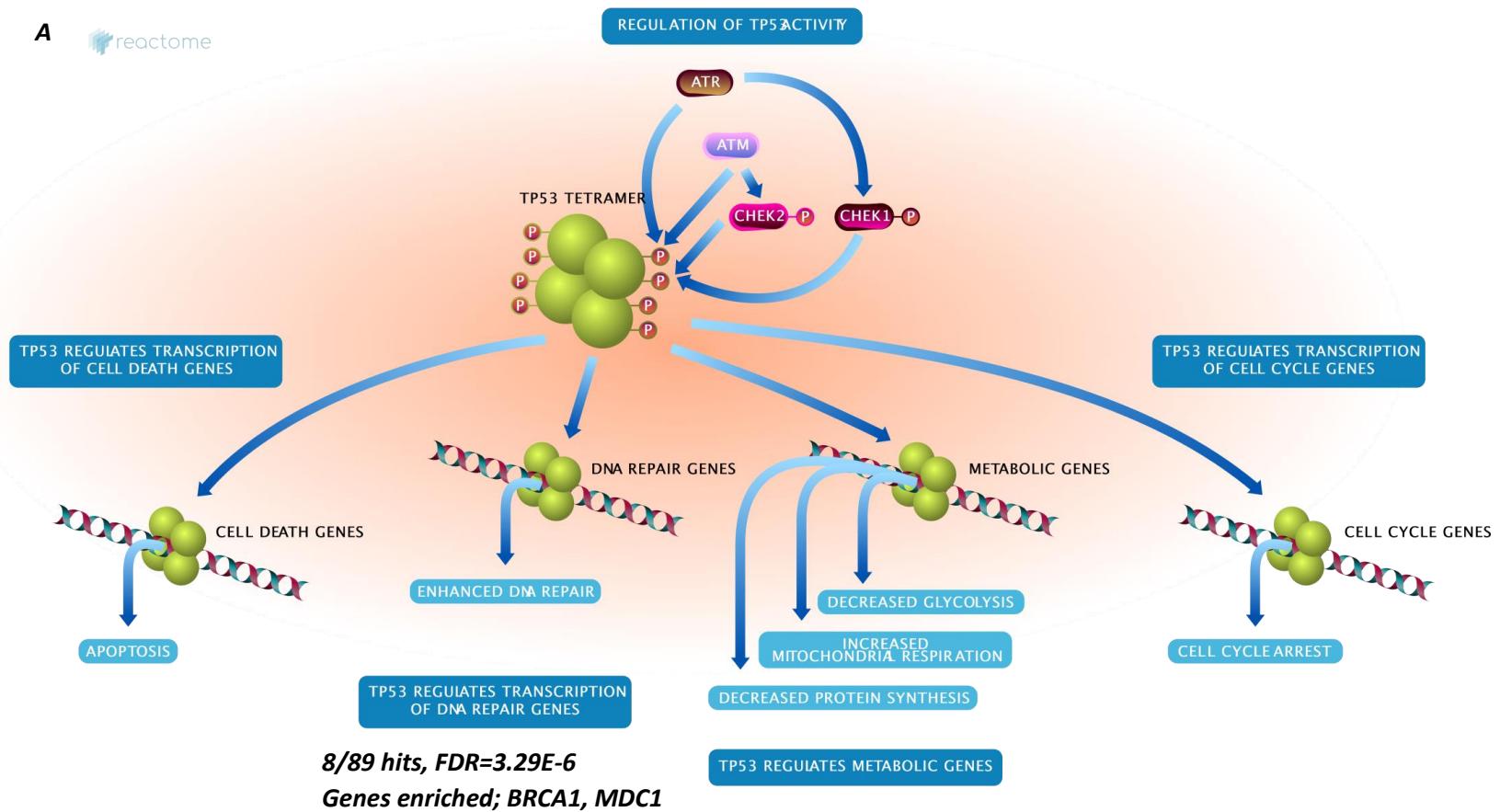
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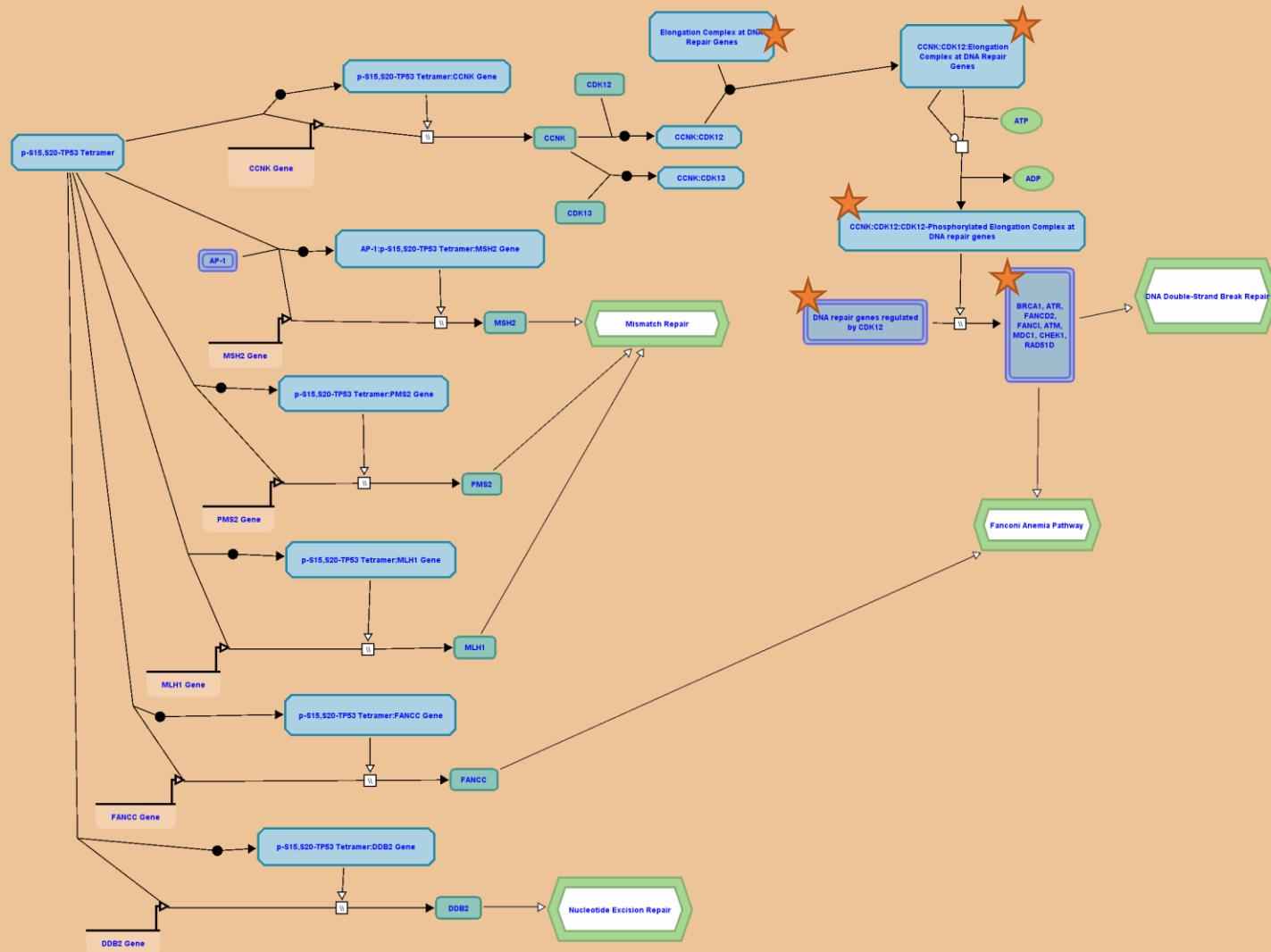
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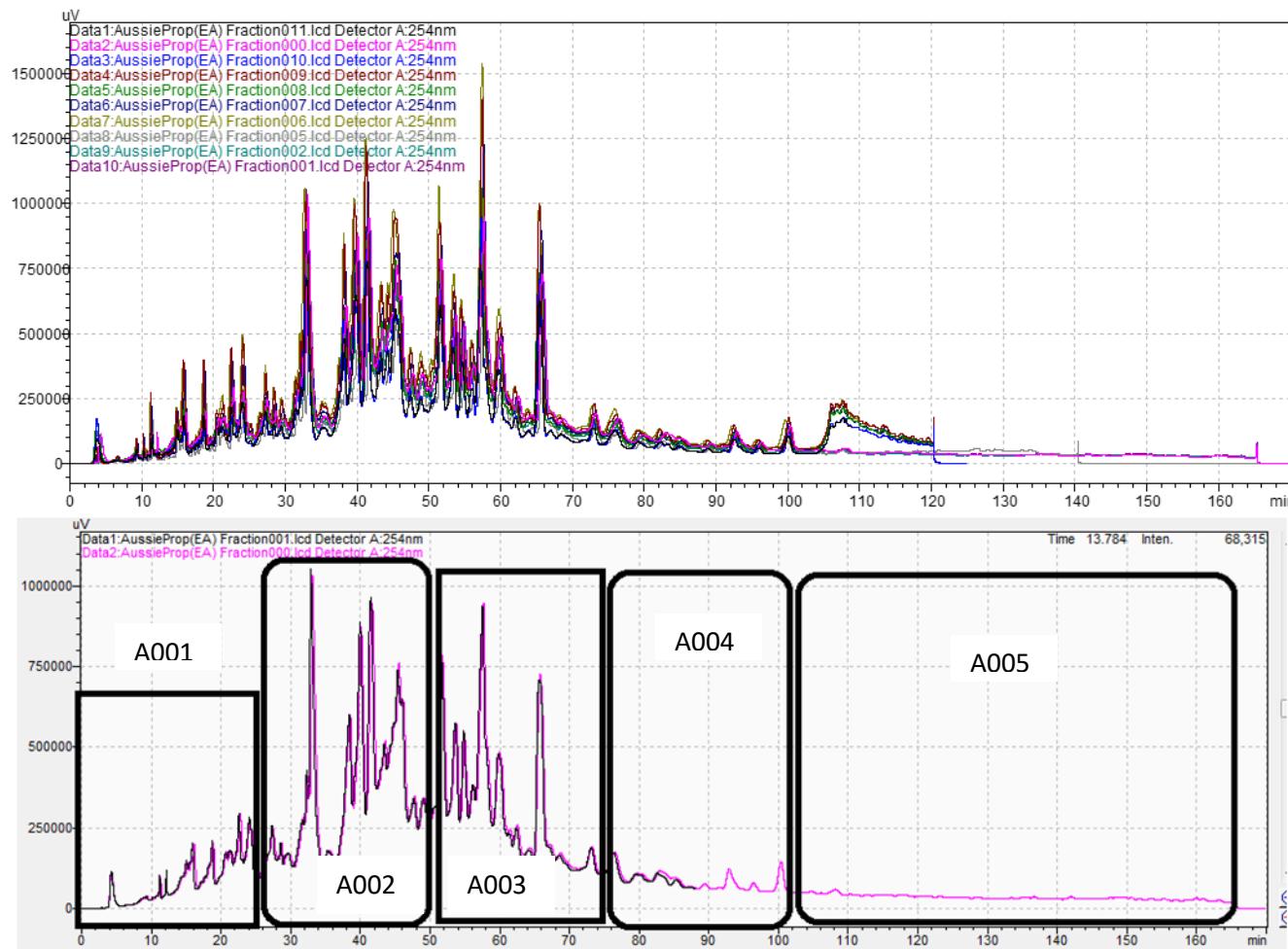


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