

BERGEN DIVING SEMINAR, 13TH NOVEMBER 2019

# PROTEOMICS APPLIED TO DECOMPRESSION SICKNESS

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**INFLAMMATION**

**ROS PRODUCTION**

**THROMBOSIS**

**VASCULAR DYSFUNCTION**

**HYDRATION**

**MICROPARTICLES...**

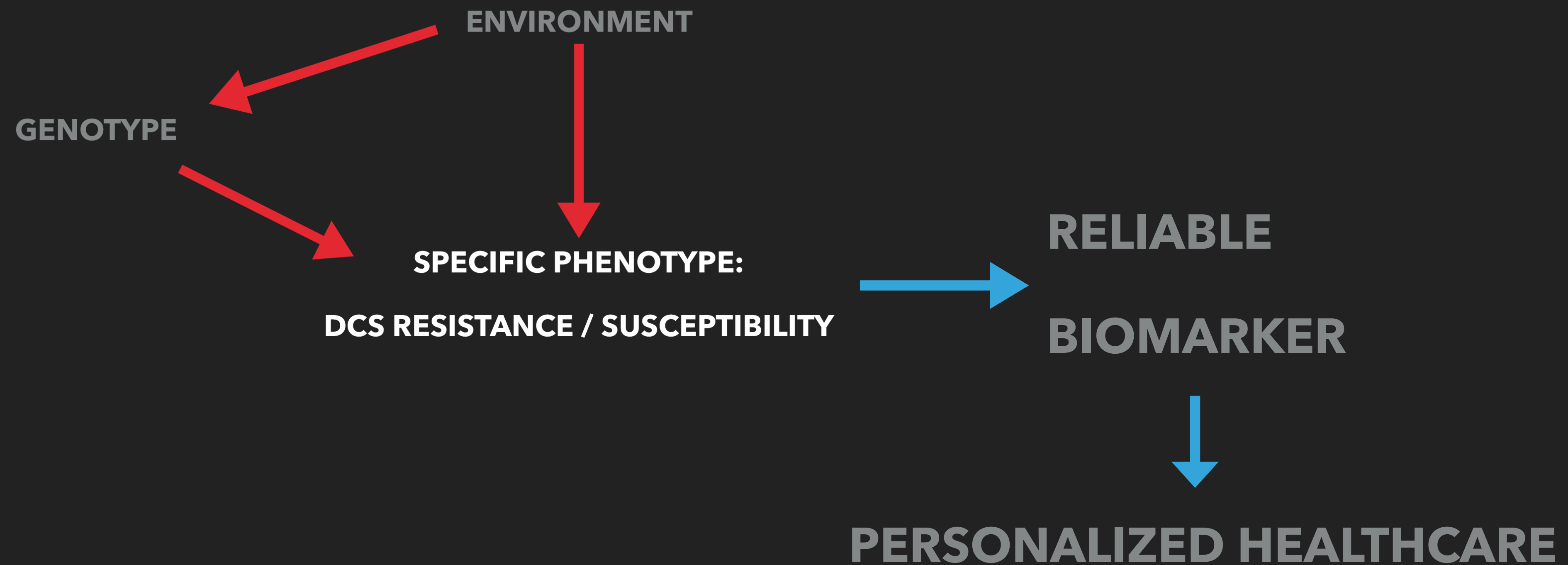
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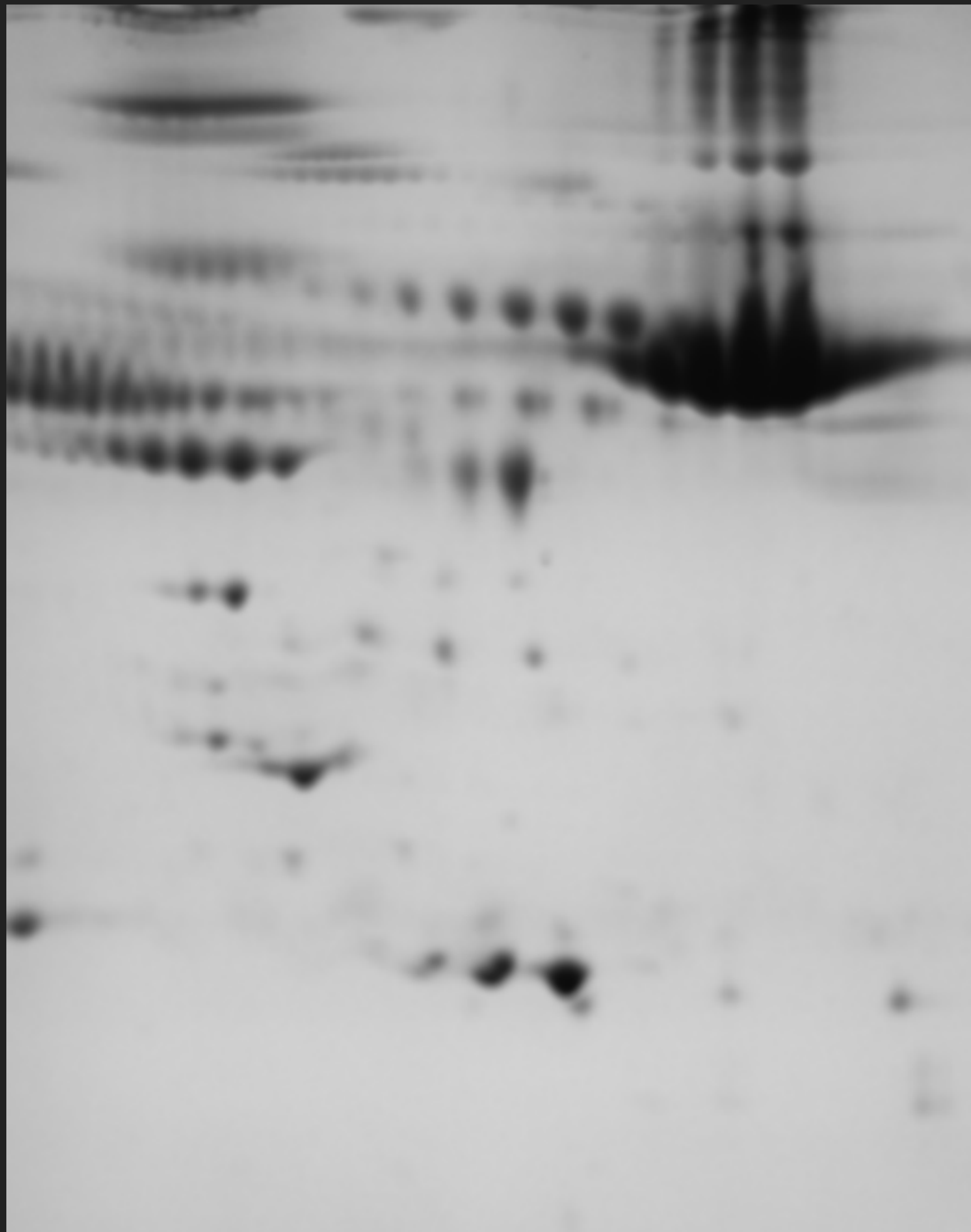
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**LACK OF INTEGRATIVE DATA**

## A NEW SET OF TOOLS:





A NEW BIO MARKER?

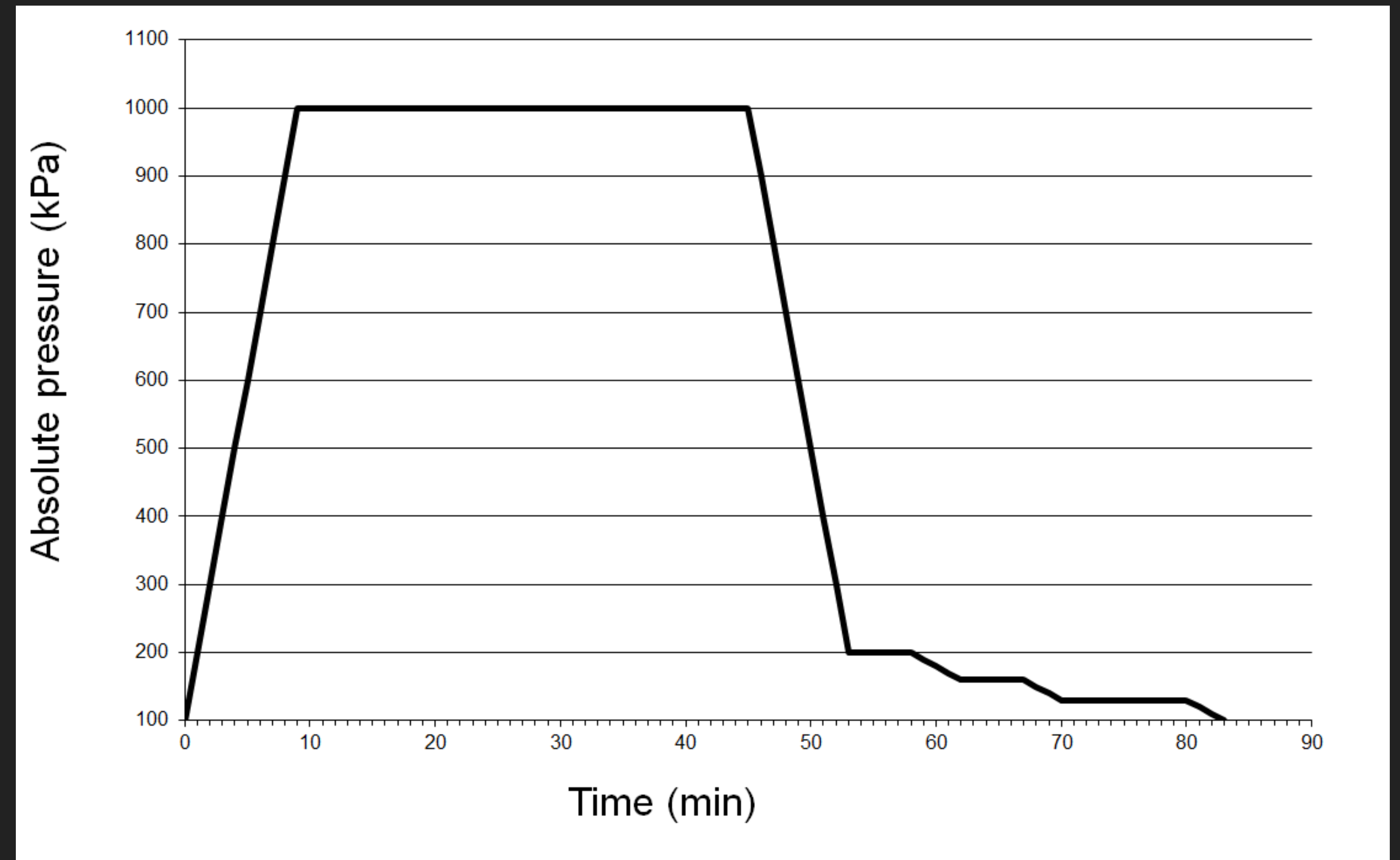
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# EFFECT OF SIMULATED AIR DIVE AND DCS ON THE PLASMA PROTEOME OF RATS

Lautridou et. al., Proteomics: Clinical Applications, 2016

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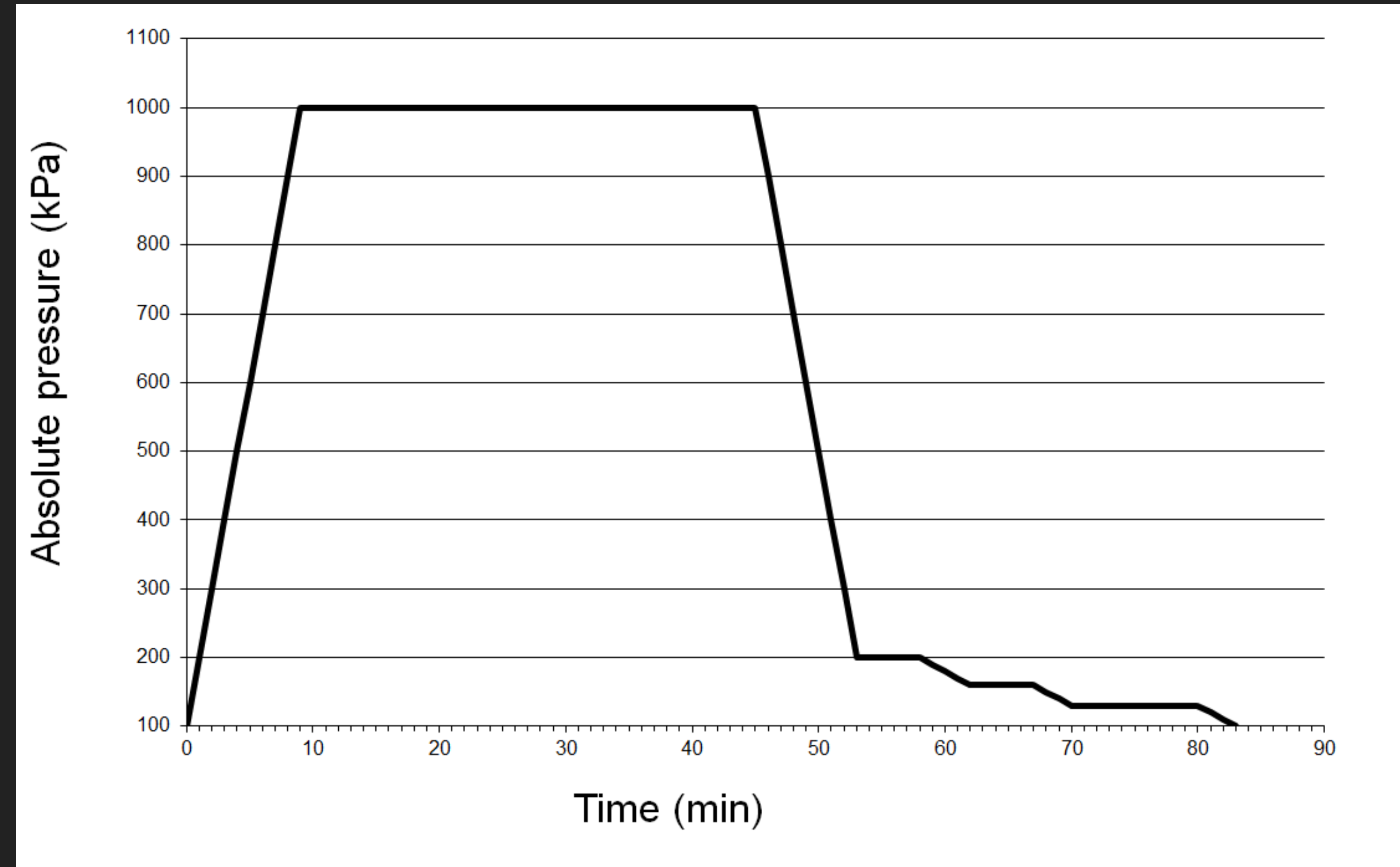
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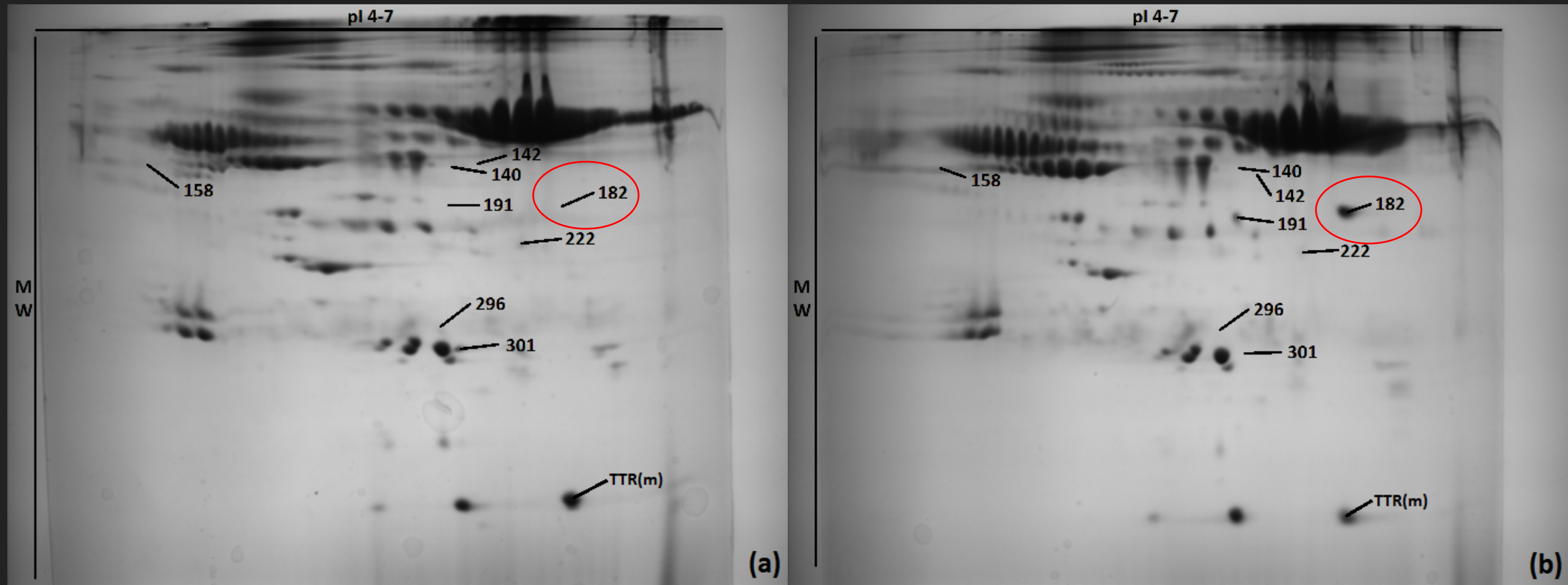


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- ▶ Bi-dimensional electrophoresis
- ▶ Mass Spectrometry



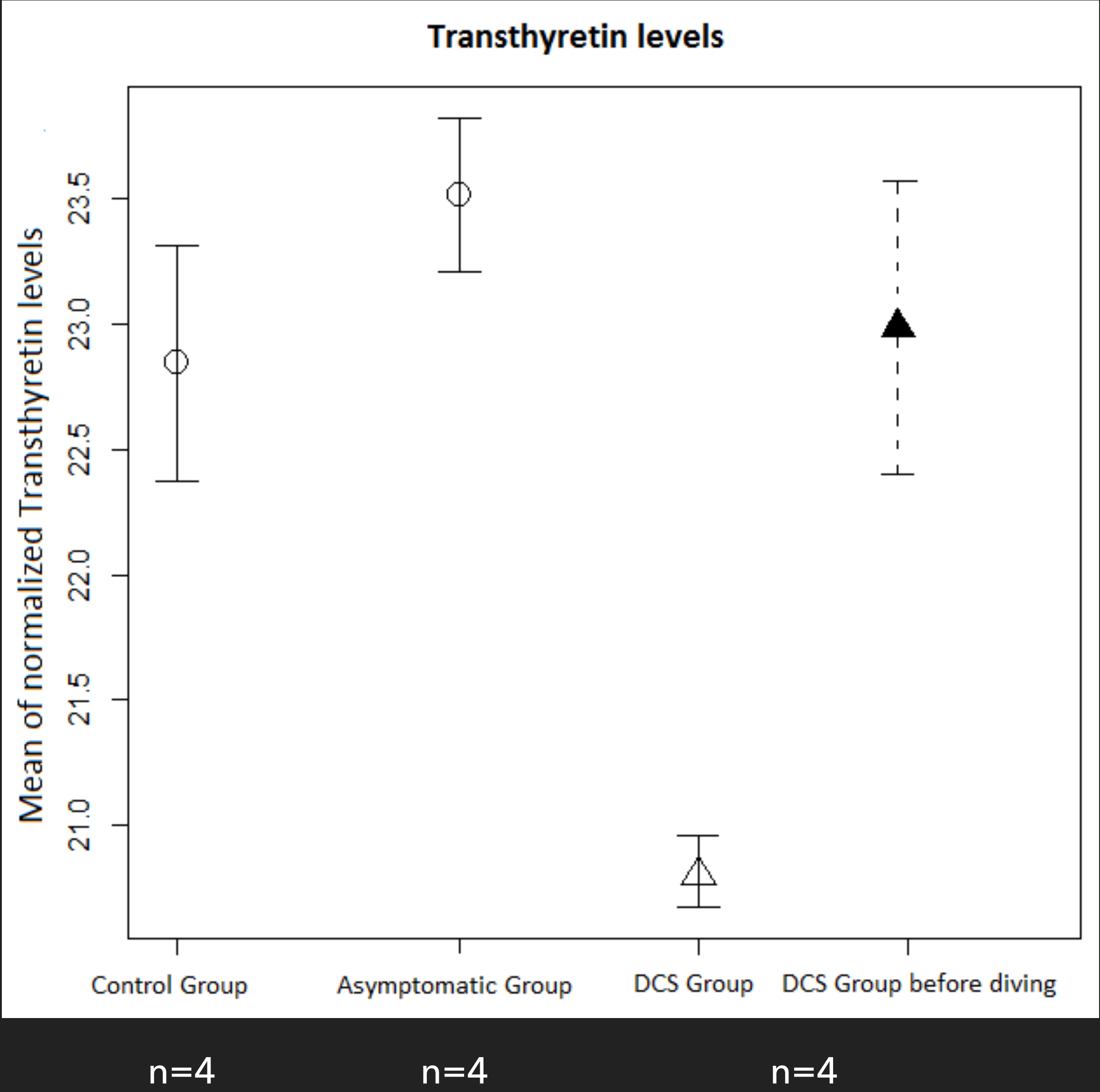
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DCS

ASYMPTOMATIC

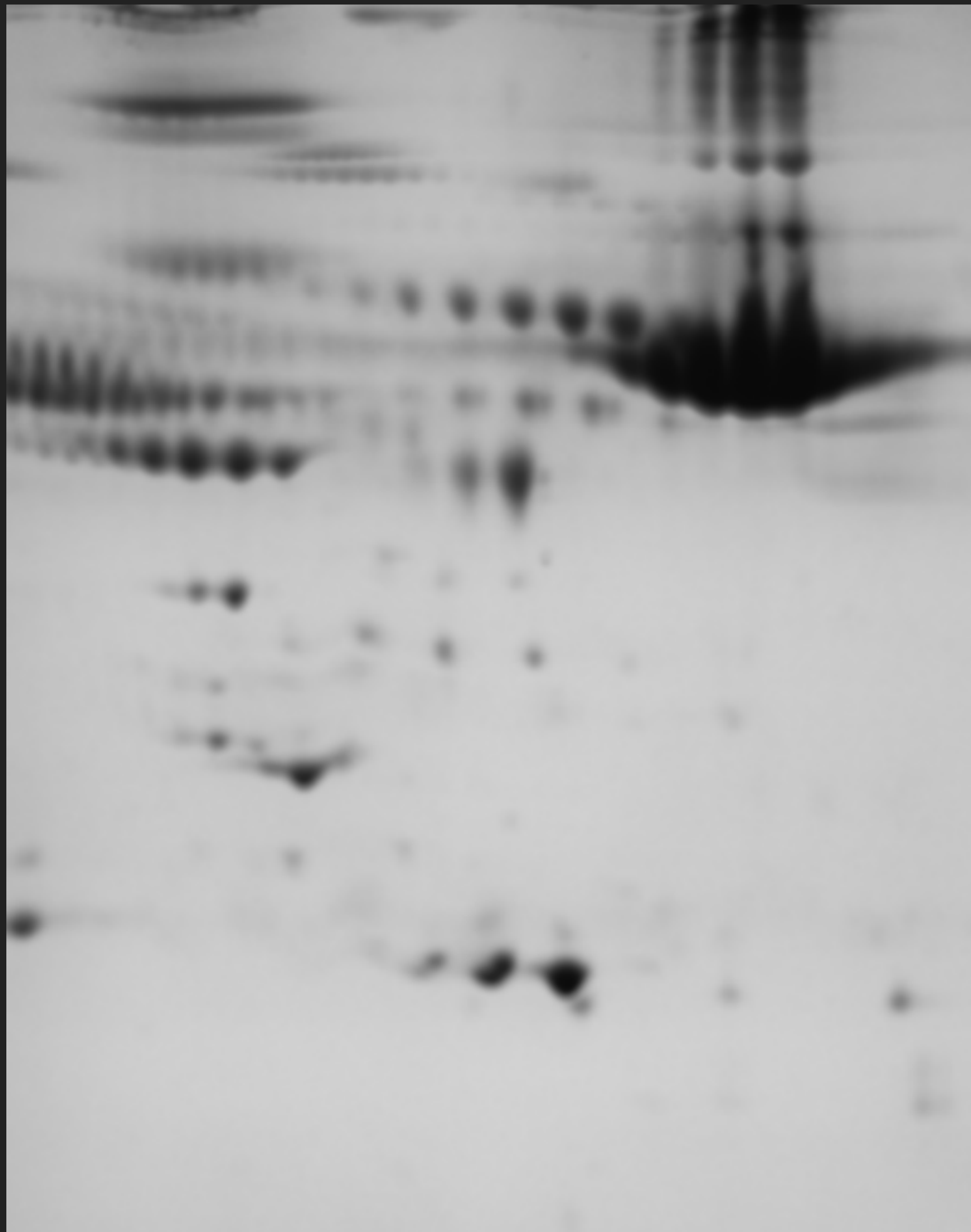
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Description		MASCOT score	Mass (kDa)	Coverage (%)	#Peptides (specific + dupli- cates)	Fold (asymptomatic/DCS)
140	Alpha-1-antiproteinase	57,55	46 106	7,40	3 + 0	0, 57
142	Alpha-1-antiproteinase	97,13	46 106	9,31	4 + 2	0, 70
158	Serine protease inhibitor A3K	174,81	46 532	12,77	4 + 2	2, 34
182	TTR OS = <i>Rattus norvegicus</i>	826,91	15 709	67,35	8 + 7	6, 18
191	Alpha-1-macroglobulin	580,99	167 019	8,83	10 + 7	1, 93
222	Alpha-1-macroglobulin	369,63	167 019	6,13	8 + 3	0, 7
296	Apolipoprotein A-I	505,28	30 043	40,66	9 + 5	0, 68
301	Apolipoprotein A-I	463,06	30 043	39,93	8 + 5	0, 28

# INFLAMMATION?



DCS VERSUS DECOMPRESSION STRESS

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# EVOLUTION OF THE PLASMA PROTEOME OF DIVERS BEFORE AND AFTER A SINGLE SCUBA DIVE

Lautridou et. al., Proteomics: Clinical Applications, 2017



# DCS VERSUS DECOMPRESSION STRESS

- ▶ 12 male divers
- ▶ Single dive: 18 msw, 47-mn bottom time, direct ascent (9 msw/mn)
- ▶ 3 venous blood sampling times:
  - Before diving
  - 30 mn after diving
  - 2 h after diving
- ▶ 4 individuals with different VGE scores, ranging from 1 to 4B
- ▶ Bi-dimensional electrophoresis

Parameter	Mean ± SD
Age, years	39.3 ± 9.2
Height, cm	186 ± 6.0
Weight, kg	88.0 ± 11.6
BMI	25.3 ± 2.8

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92	3.63	1,90	0.52	0.13
349	1.94	1.47	0.75	0.13
125	0.42	1.81	4.33	0.15
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**NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES WITH DECOMPRESSION STRESS ONLY**

**PROTEOMICS SEEMS TO DISCRIMINATE BETWEEN DECOMPRESSION STRESS AND DECOMPRESSION SICKNESS**



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- ▶ We did not find any diver wanting to develop DCS symptoms...

## ONGOING FOLLOW UP STUDY

- ▶ Collaboration with Malta: a DCS goldmine
- ▶ Third and last proteomic study: DCS vs Control among humans

**SIGNIFICANT CHANGES OF THE PLASMA PROTEOME?**

**SIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS OF TRANSTHYRETIN?**

**INFLAMMATION PROCESSES?**



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# TRANSTHYRETIN

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- ▶ Plasmatic protein
- ▶ **Transport of thyroxin and retinol**
- ▶ Significant amount 200mg/L (albumin : 40g/L)
- ▶ Involved in neuro and cardiopathies
- ▶ Insoluble Fibers
- ▶ Sensitive to pH changes : depolymerization
- ▶ Resistant to SDS (Sodium Dodecyl Sulfate)
- ▶ Sensitive to heating: thick fibrils at 55°C

