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# Sleeping and waking: Deciphering the game plan of chronic *M. tuberculosis*

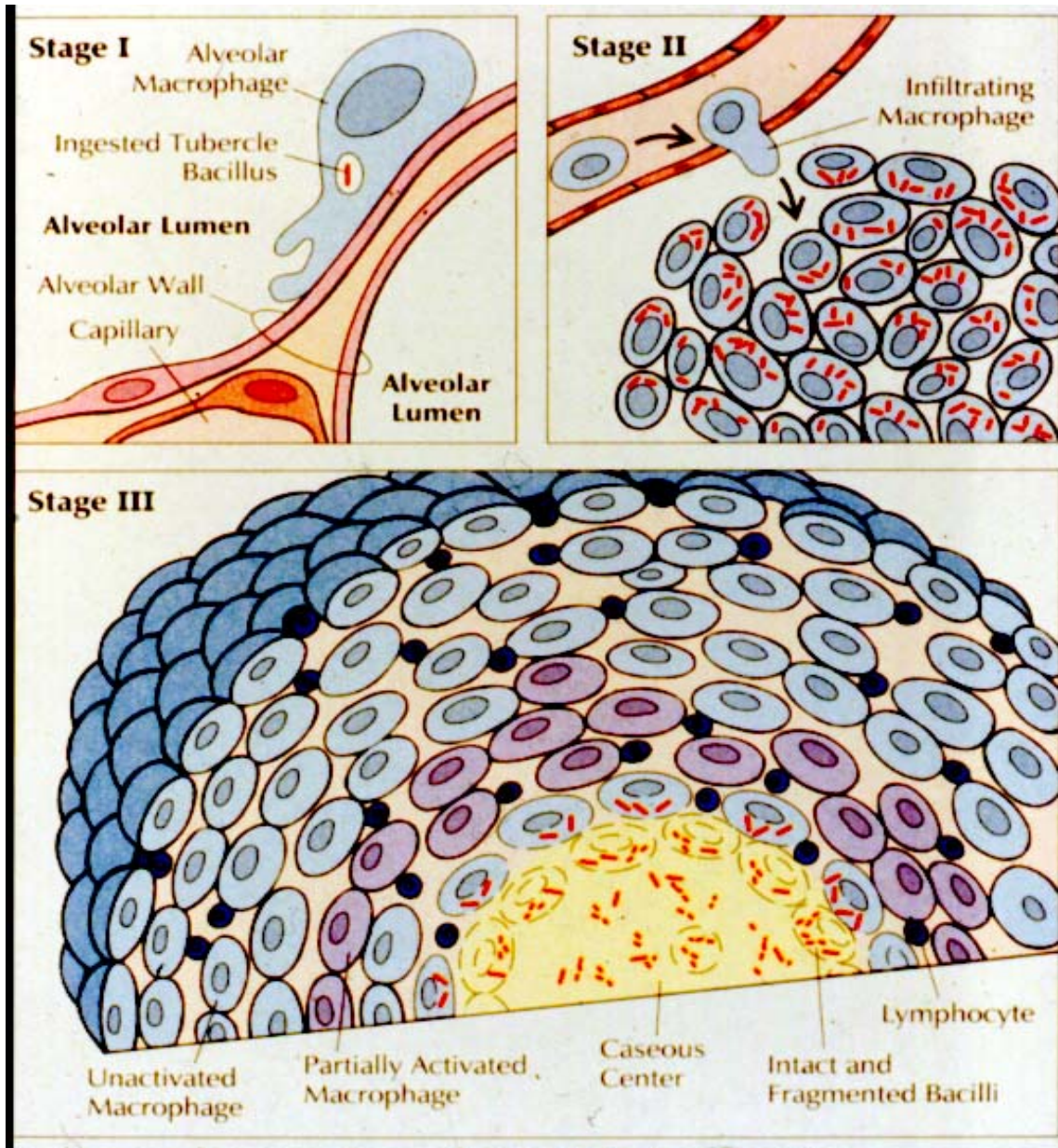
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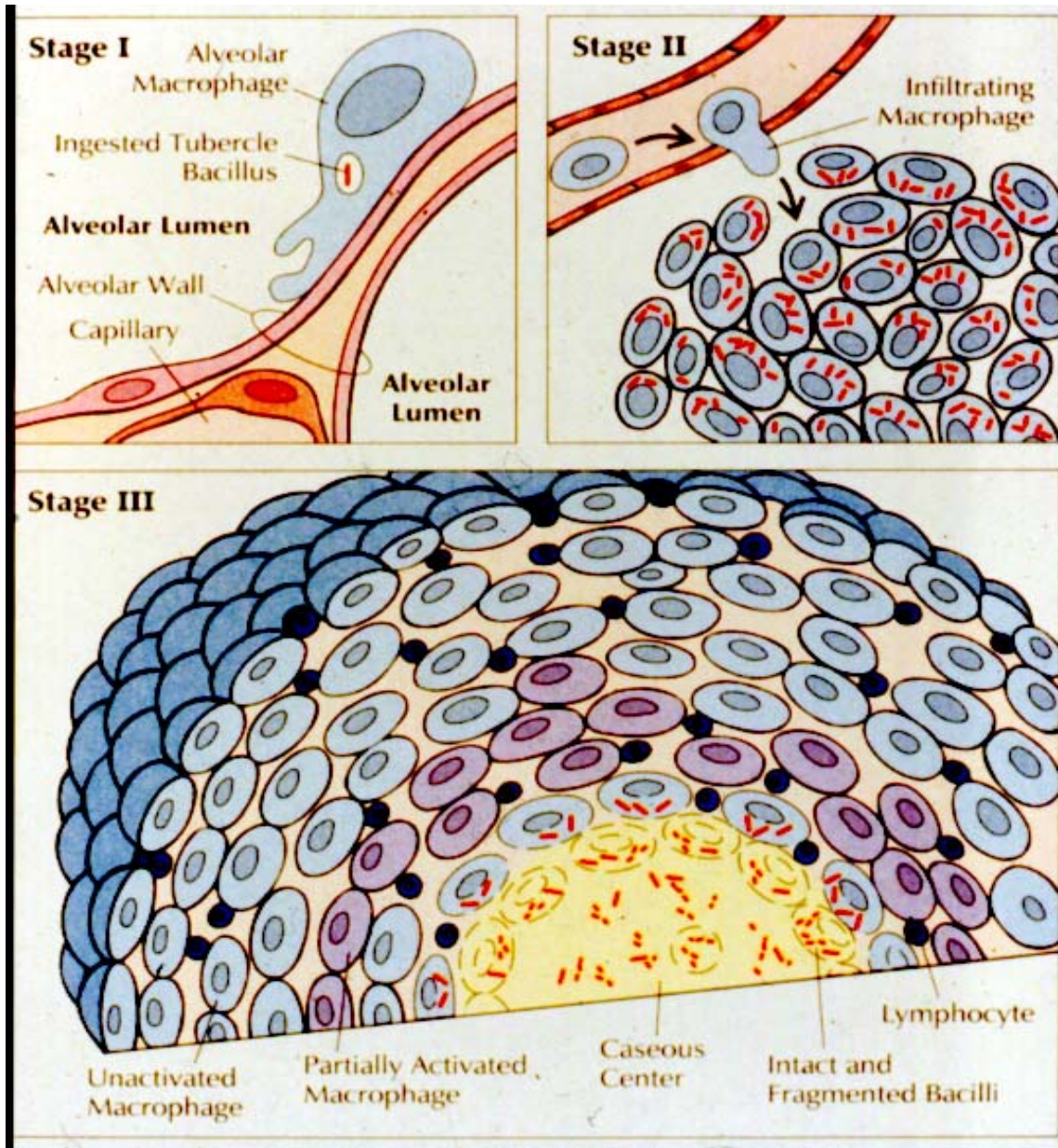


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# Stages of TB pathogenesis

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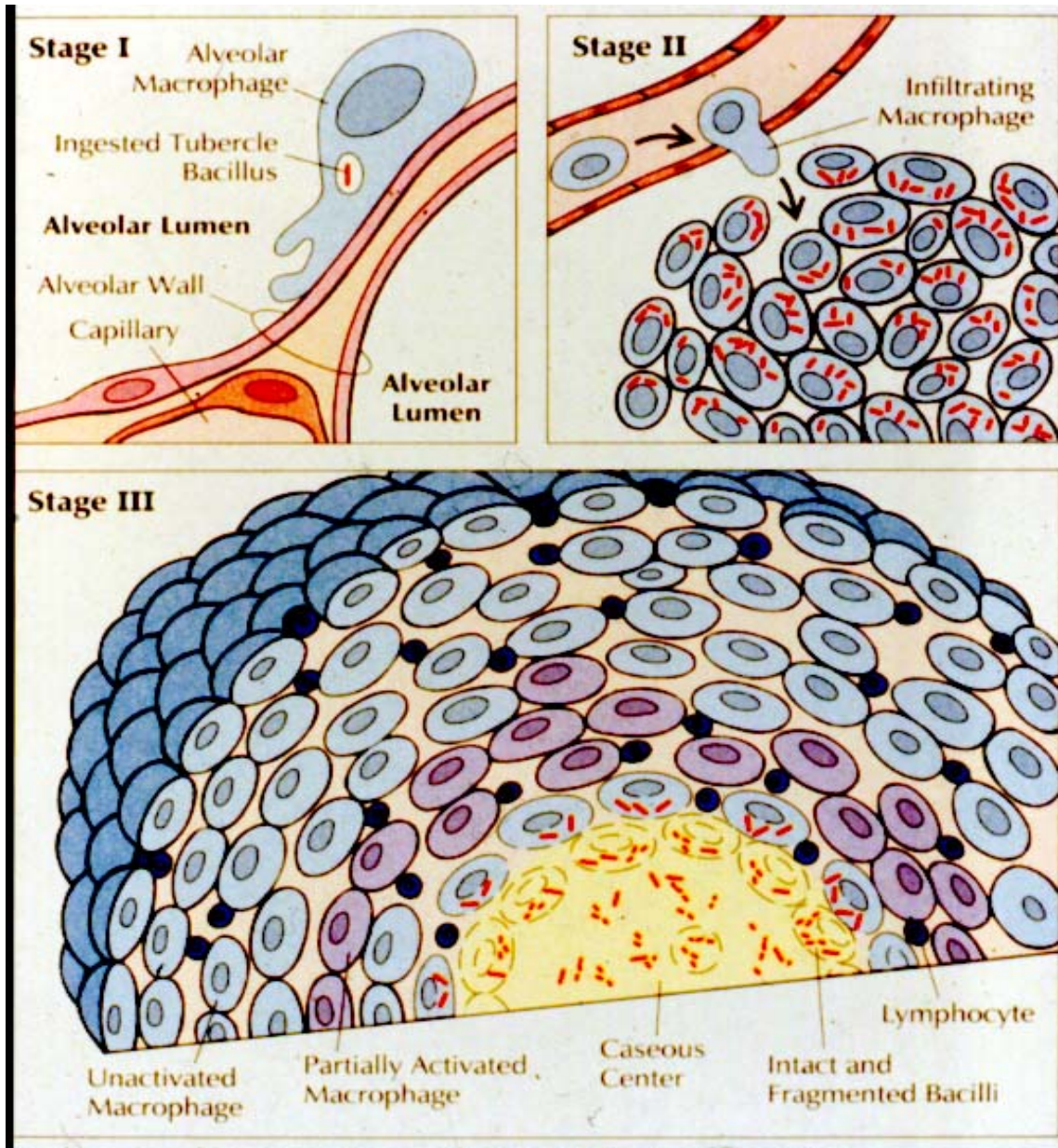




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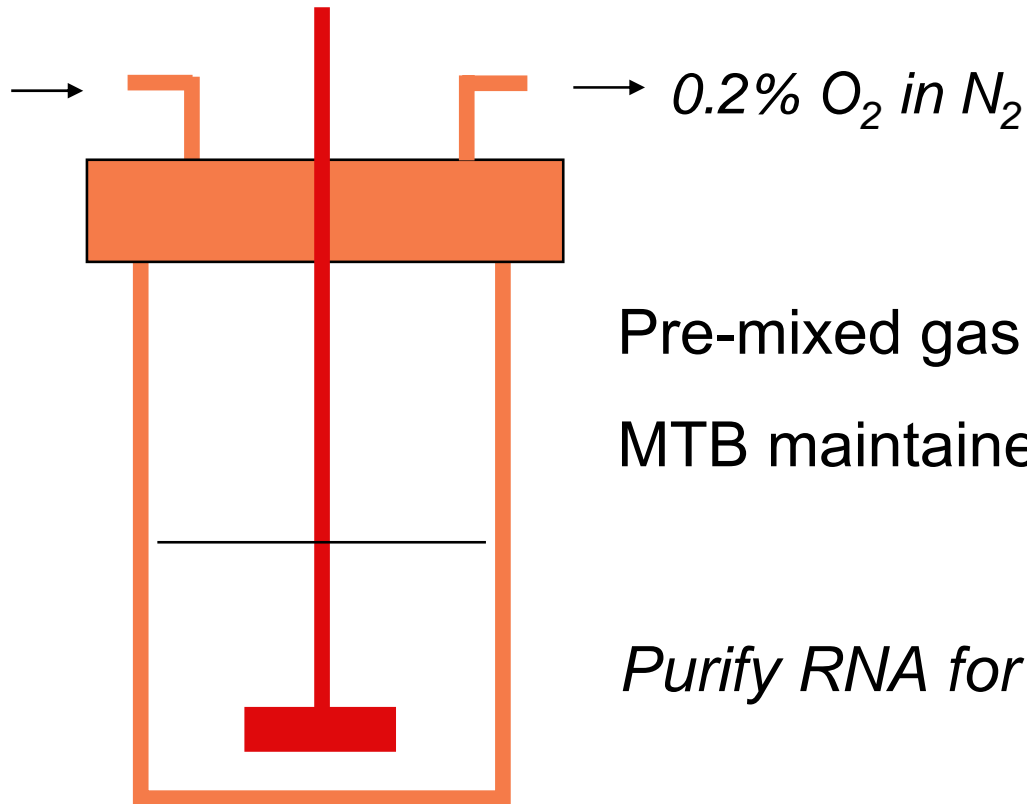
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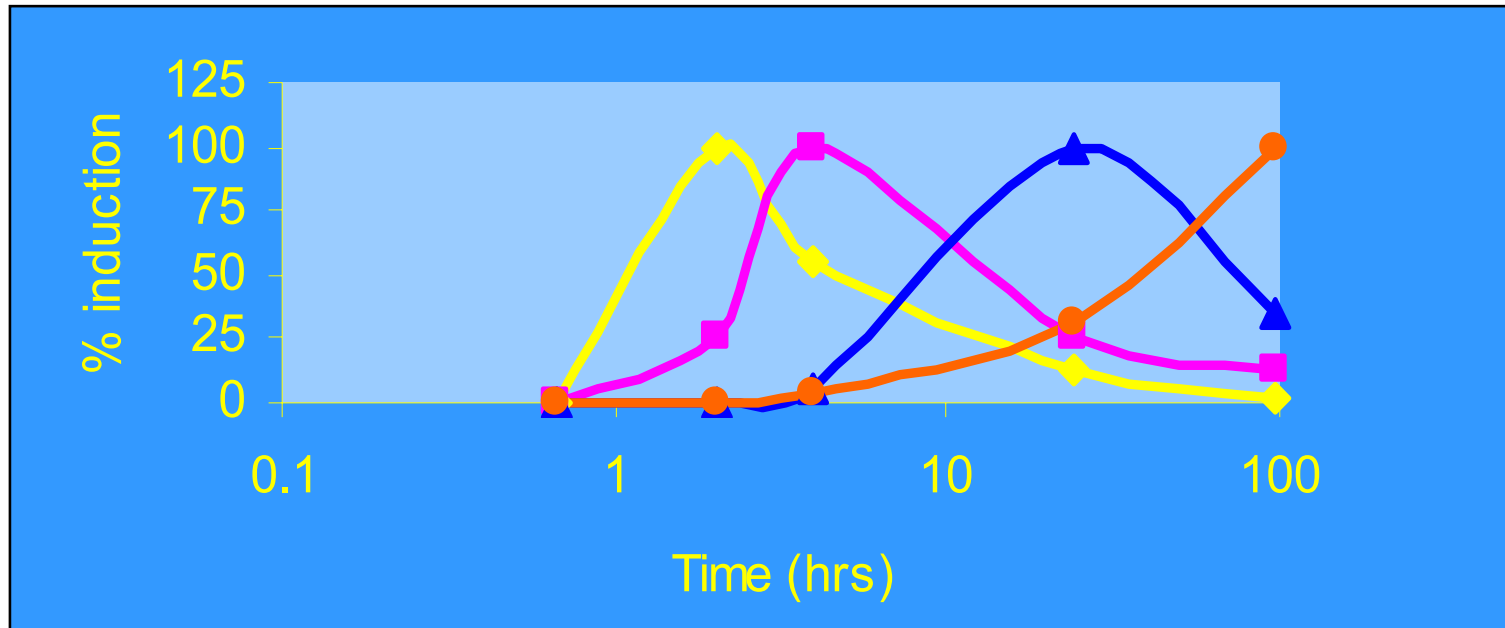
Pre-mixed gas is continuously introduced.  
MTB maintained in a non-replicative state.

*Purify RNA for analysis by microarray.*

# MTB hypoxic gene expression: first assumptions

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*Collect RNA, analyze by microarray*



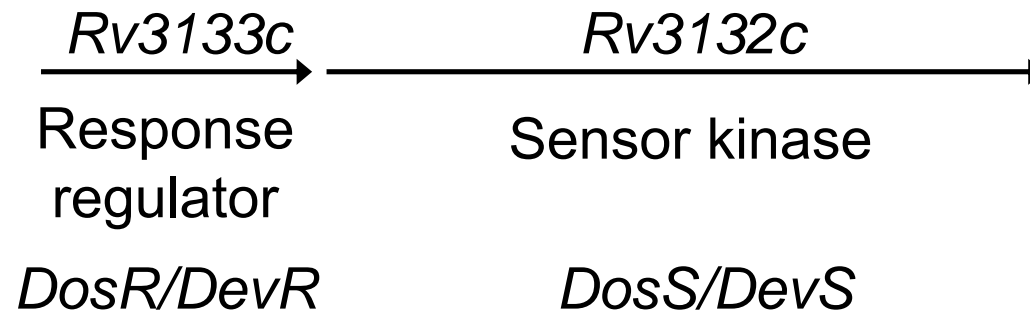
*What sets this process in motion?*

# The initial MTB hypoxic response

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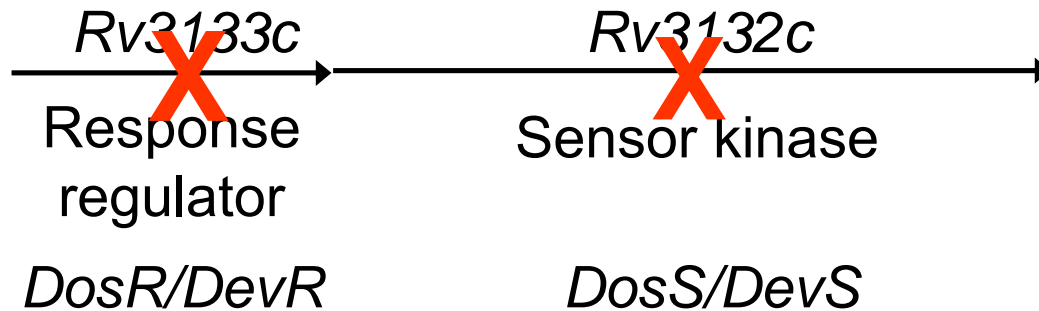
*47 genes induced.*

*One putative transcription factor:*



# Regulators of the initial MTB hypoxic response

*Targeted gene disruptions --*



# MTB genes induced by hypoxia:

H37Rv	47
H37Rv: $\Delta$ <i>dosR</i>	8

## Is DosR really a transcription factor?

Yes:

DosR binds upstream of initial hypoxic response genes.

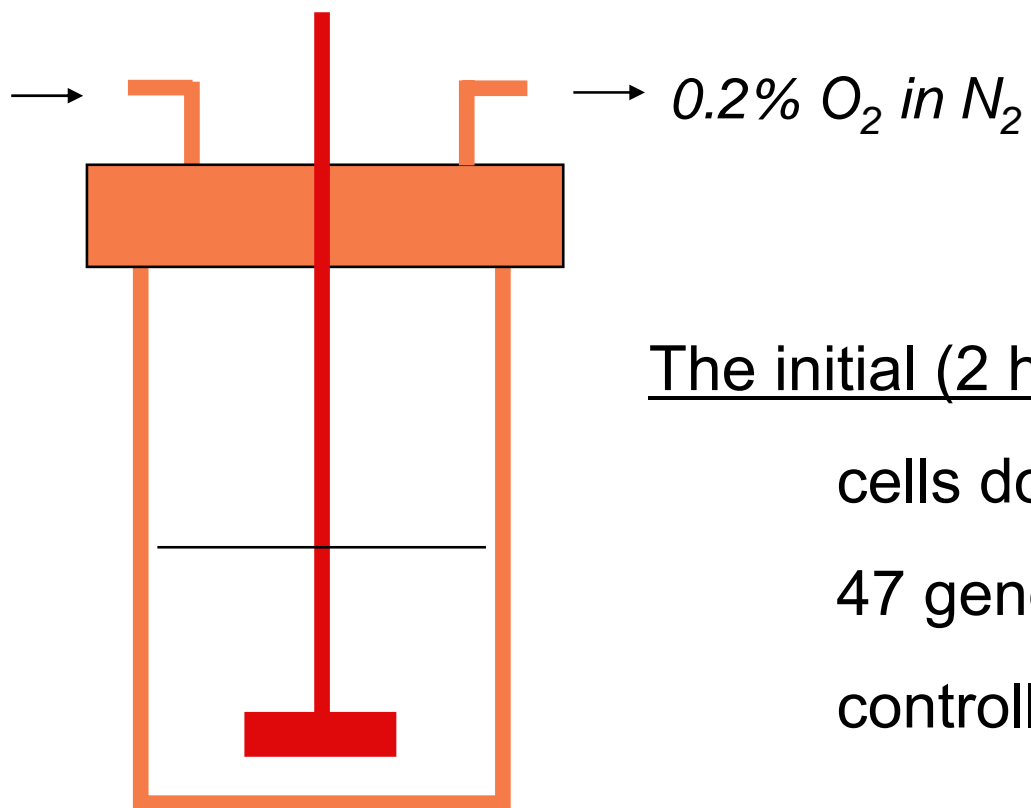
Consensus sequence identified.

Binding is required for induction of initial hypoxic genes.

*Park et al., Mol Microbiol, 2003, 48:833-843*

# MTB and hypoxia -- DosR and beyond

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The initial (2 hr) hypoxic response –

cells don't grow; don't die

47 genes induced

controlled by DosR

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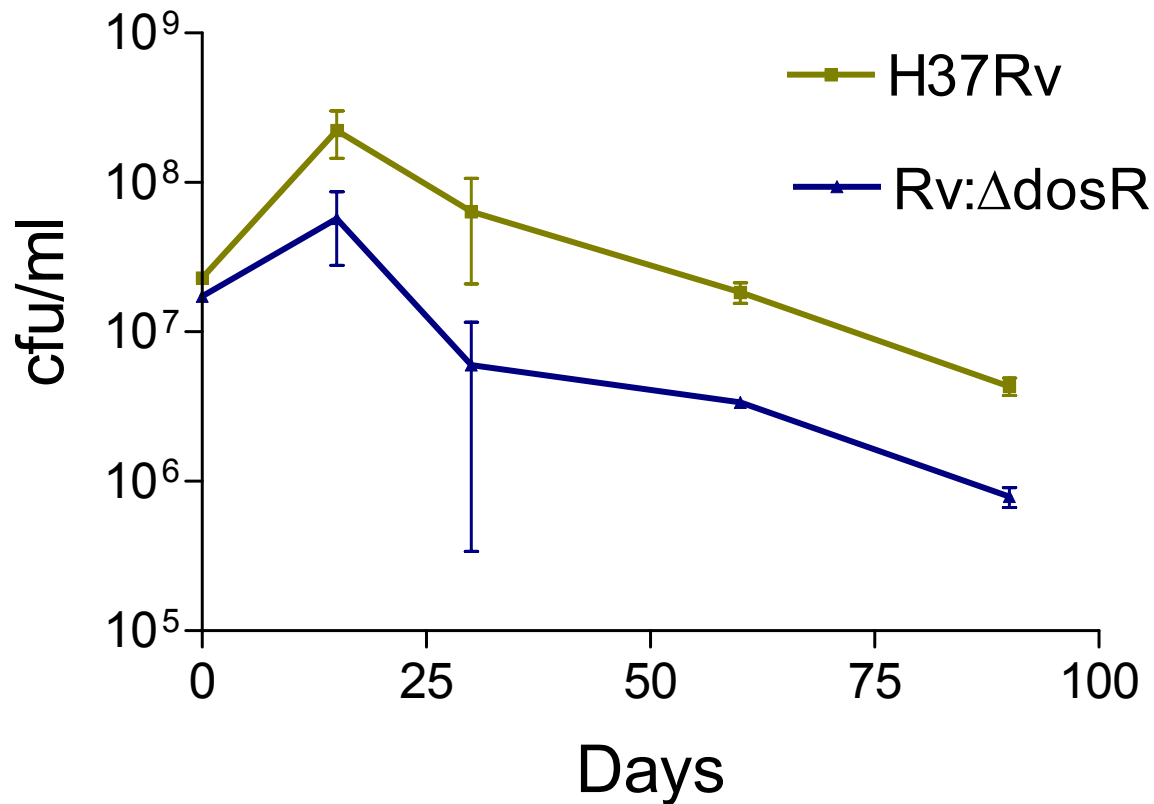
## NO:

DosR regulon is rapidly induced in macrophages and mice, when cells are growing.

*Must test phenotypes.....*

# DosR mutants in long-term static culture

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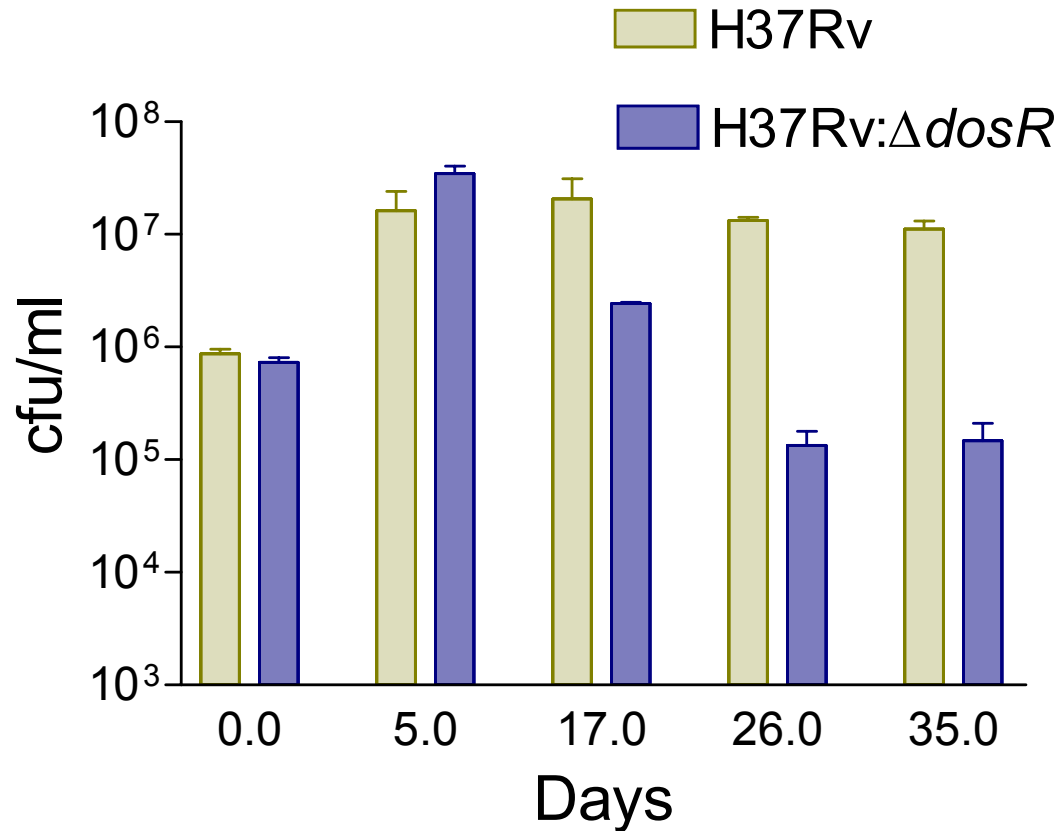


*Repeated 2X*

# DosR mutants in Wayne model experiments

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*Gradual adaptation to hypoxia in vitro*



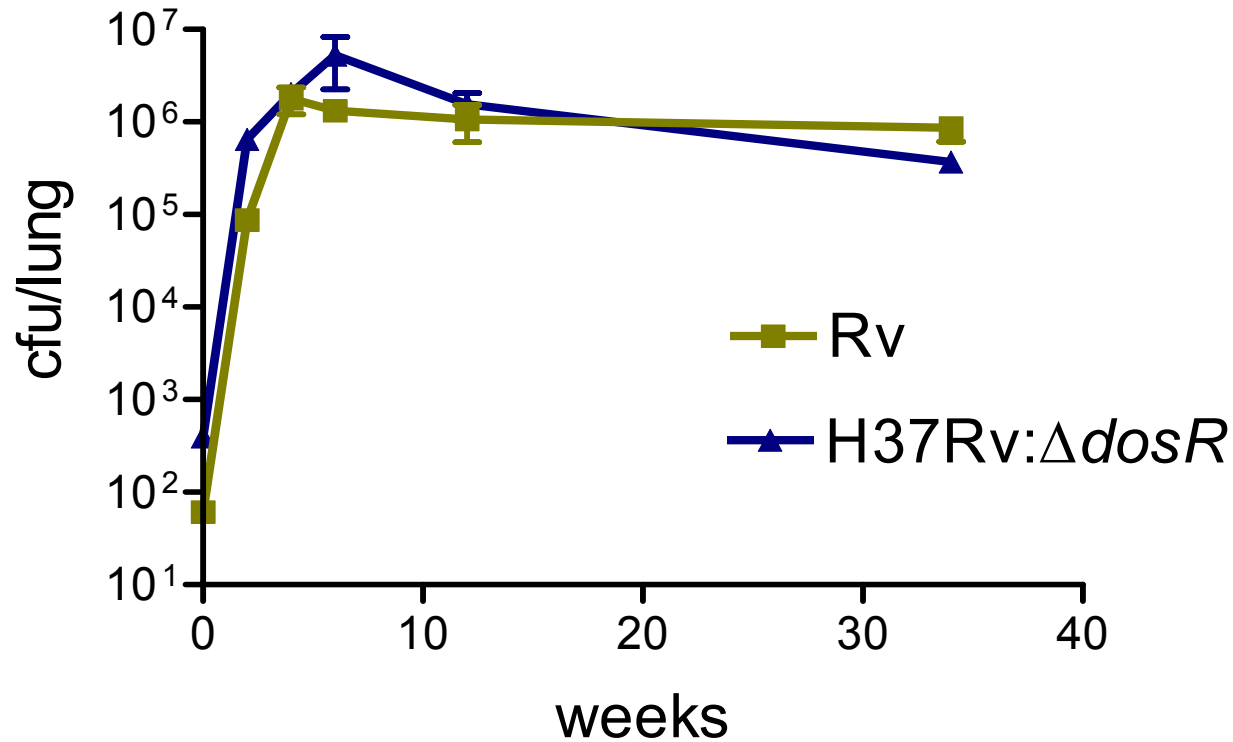
“Repeated” 5X

Range: 8 - 100X diff.

# DosR mutants in C57BL/6 mice

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*Aerosol infection*



*Repeated 3X*

*Also in:*

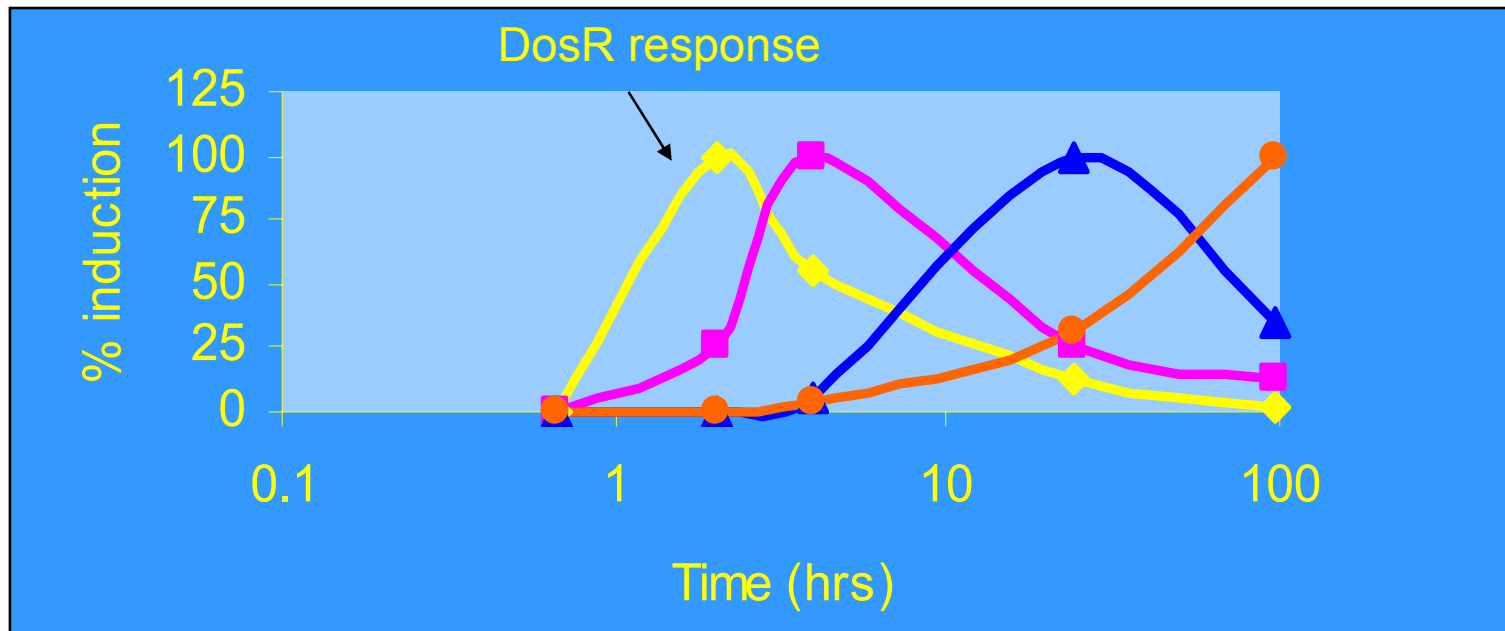
*DBA/2*

*C3HeJ*

# Why isn't the DosR phenotype stronger?

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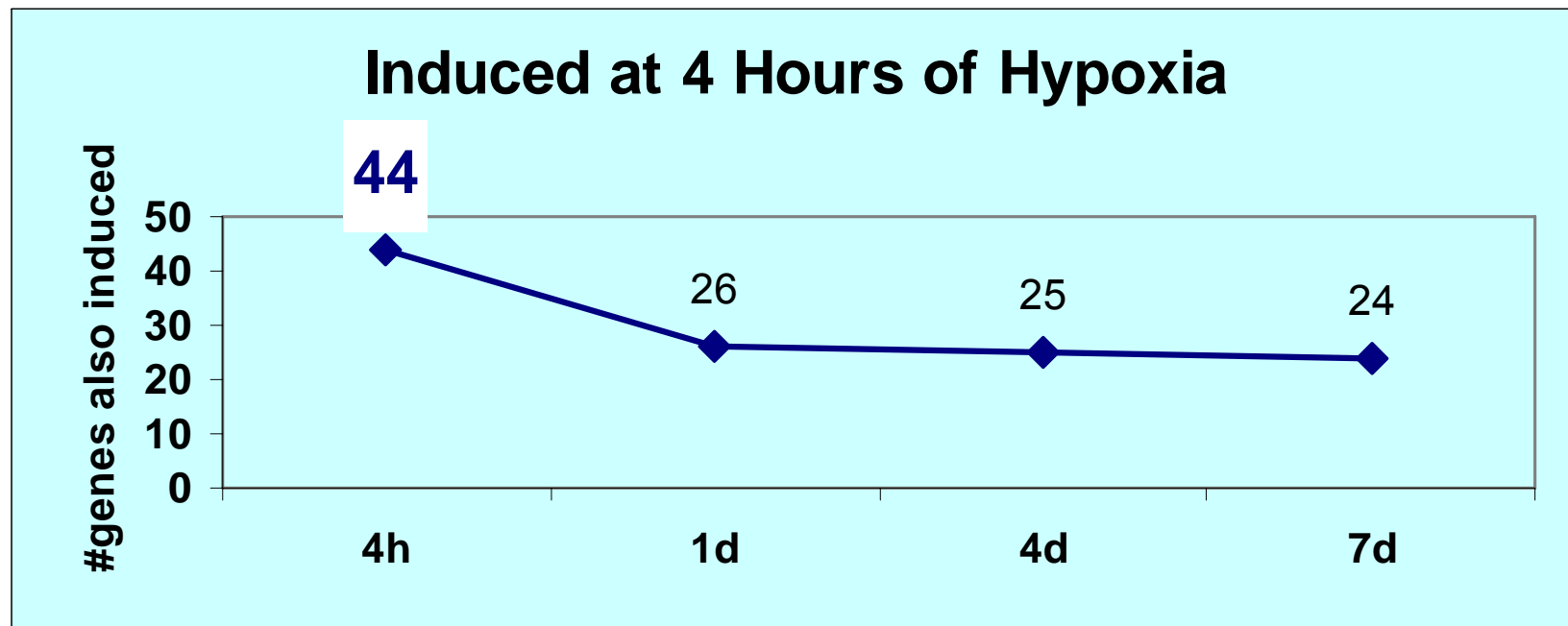
*My assumption.....*



*Time to test. Collect RNA, analyze by microarray.....*

# The MTB hypoxic response – 4 hour genes

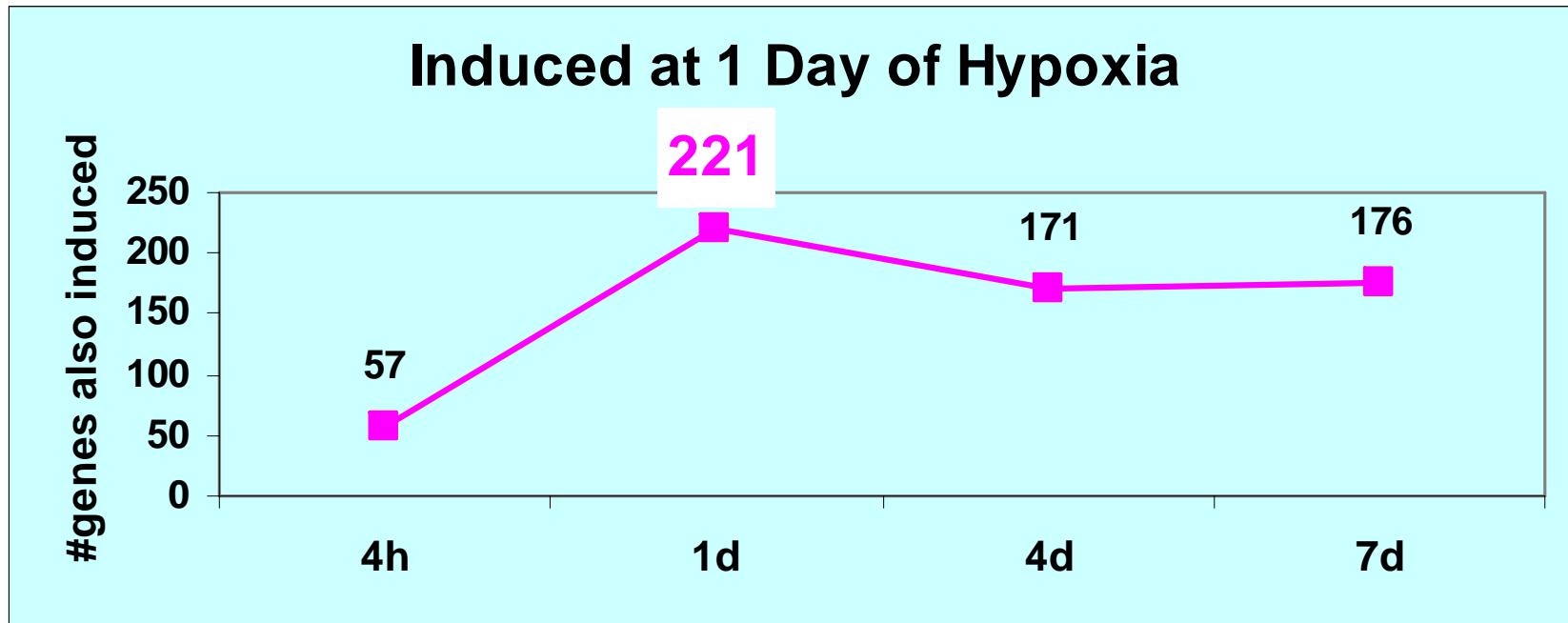
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*Nearly all are DosR-regulated*

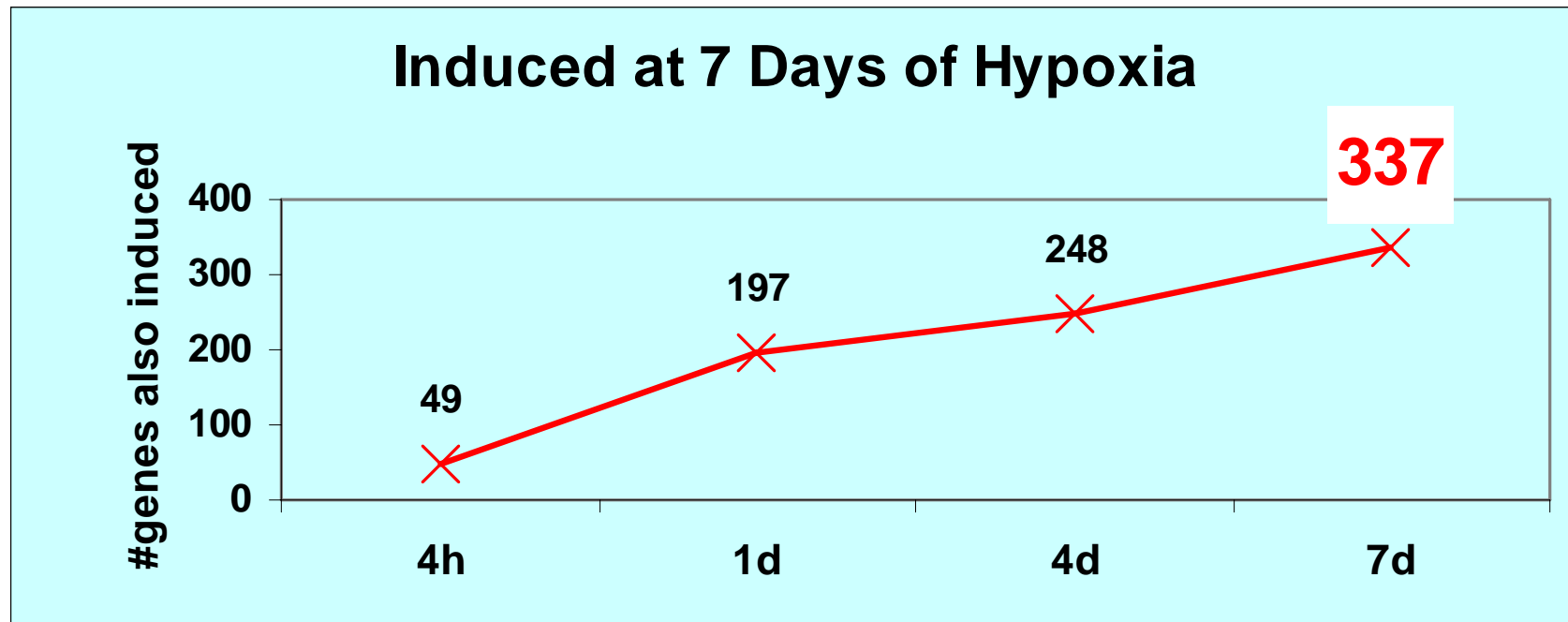
# The MTB hypoxic response – 1 day genes

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# The MTB hypoxic response – 7 day genes

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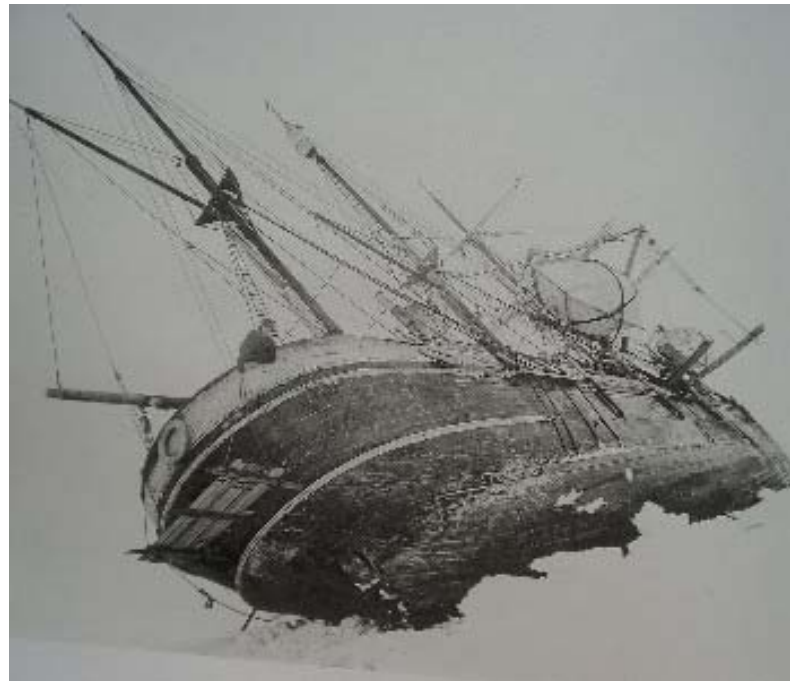
# Introducing the enduring hypoxic response (EHR)

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Defined as all MTB genes induced at 4 AND 7 days hypoxia.

Approx. 250 genes.

Very stably induced.



*HMS Endurance*

# Functional categories within the EHR

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Functional categories	EHR #genes	%EHR	%genome
conserved hypotheticals/unknown	80	34.8	31.9
intermediary metabolism and respiration	54	23.5	22.4
cell wall and cell processes	22	9.6	18.8
lipid metabolism	7	3.0	5.9
information pathways	6	2.6	5.8
regulatory proteins	30	13.0	4.8
PE/PPE	13	5.7	4.2
insertion seqs and phages	6	2.6	3.7
virulence, detoxification, adaptation	12	5.2	2.6

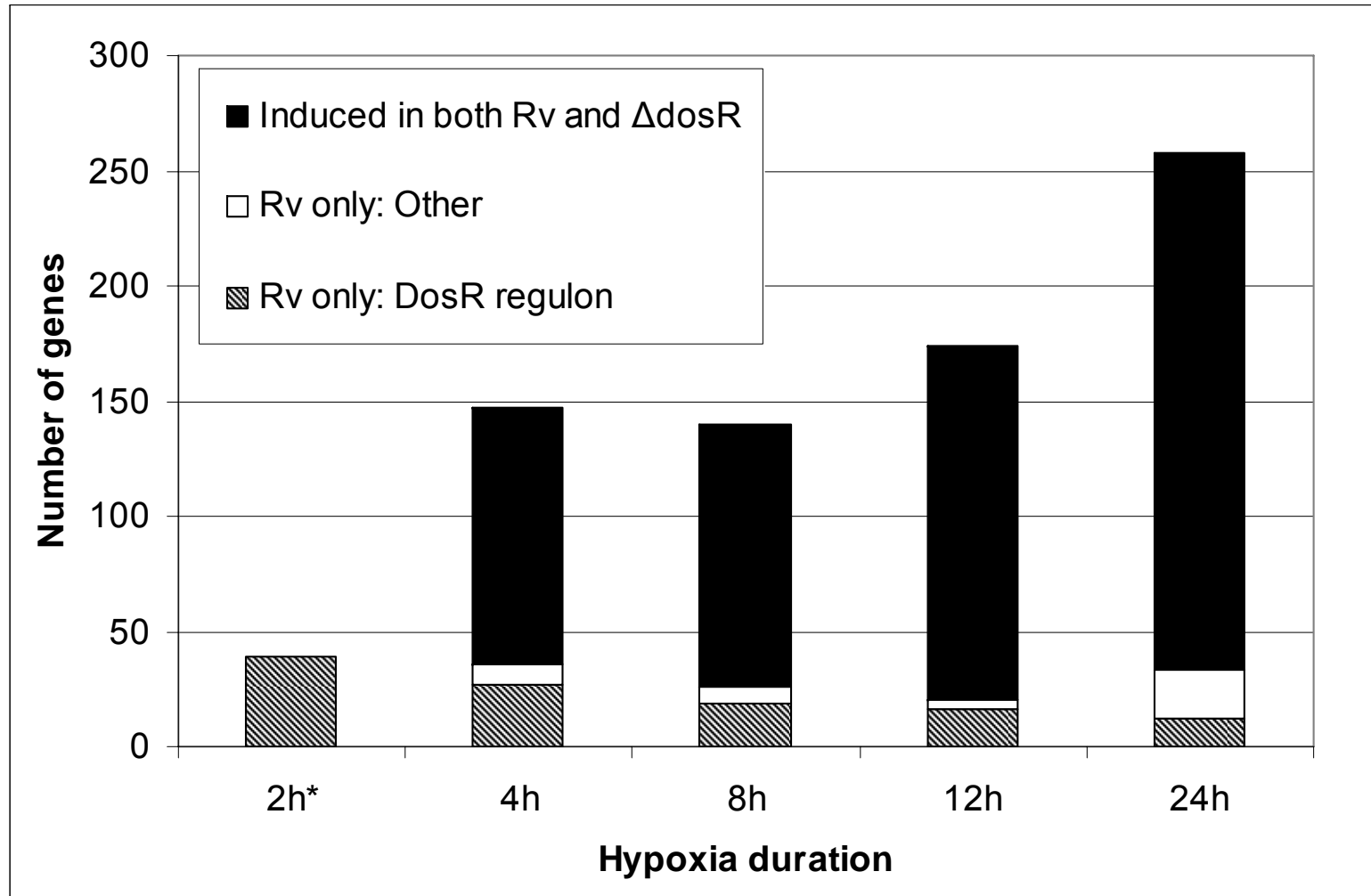
# The EHR vs. other responses

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		<b>EHR: 230 Genes</b>		<b>DosR: 49 genes</b>		
	<b>Condition</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Overlap (Chance)</b>		<b>Overlap (Chance)</b>	
<b>Starvation</b>	4 hours ND	170	<b>23</b>	(10)	<b>0</b>	(2)
	1 day ND	250	<b>54</b>	(15)	<b>0</b>	(3)
	4 day ND	276	<b>47</b>	(16)	<b>0</b>	(3)
<b>Wayne model</b>	NRP 4 days	78	<b>8</b>	(5)	<b>42</b>	(1)
	NRP 20 days	177	<b>73</b>	(10)	<b>33</b>	(2)
	NRP 80 days	9	<b>5</b>	(1)	<b>0</b>	(0)
<b>Control stresses</b>	pH 4.8	195	<b>18</b>	(11)	<b>1</b>	(2)
	Rifampin	375	<b>15</b>	(22)	<b>2</b>	(5)
	H2O2	199	<b>6</b>	(12)	<b>3</b>	(2)

# The $\Delta dosR$ mutant and Rv converge to a common transcriptional profile

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# Hypoxia summary

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The MTB response to hypoxia consists of two gene sets:

*the initial (DosR) response*

*the Enduring Hypoxic Response (EHR).*

The EHR is stably induced (~10 days).

A defining characteristic of the EHR is the abundance of regulatory proteins.

Disruption of DosR has little impact on the EHR.

# Key unanswered questions

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What are the crucial regulators of the EHR?

*sigma factors?*

What are the crucial metabolic adaptations to hypoxia?

How does hypoxia relate to MTB latency?

**THANK  
YOU!**



*Tige Rustad*

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HAVE A NICE  
FLIGHT, SIR.

HA! HE MISSED  
THE TB.

