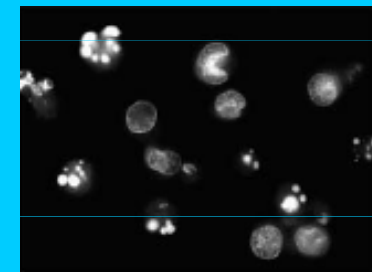
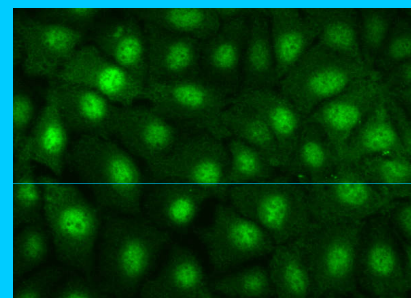
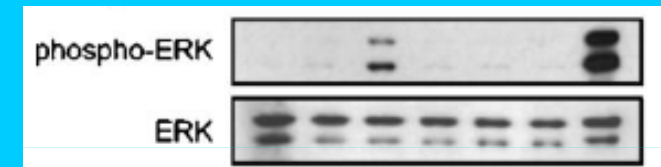
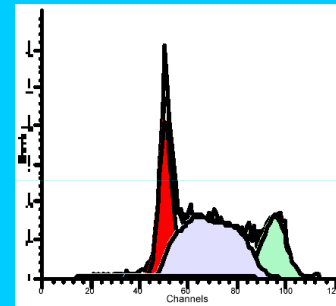
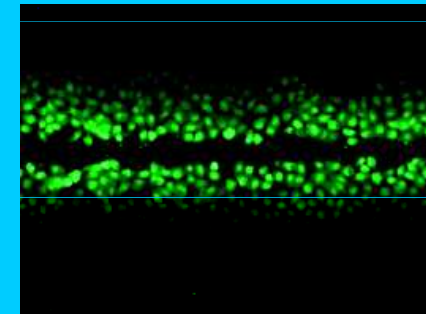
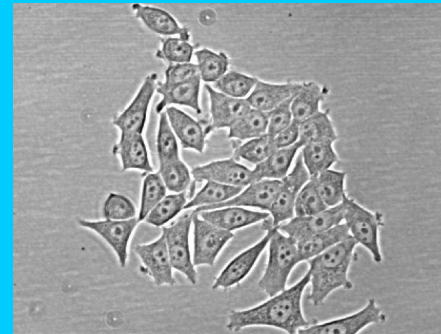
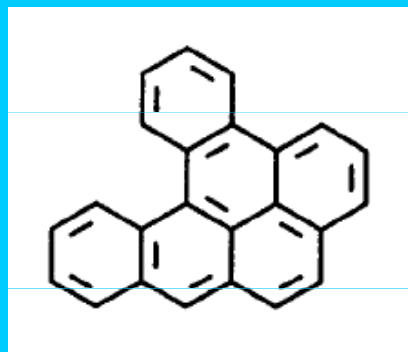
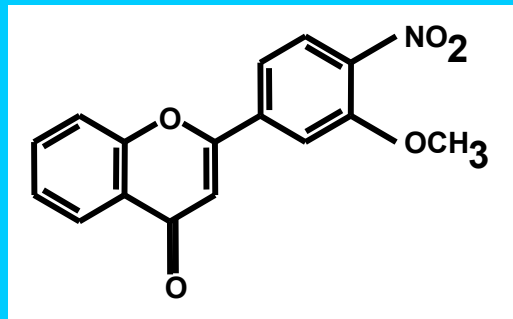
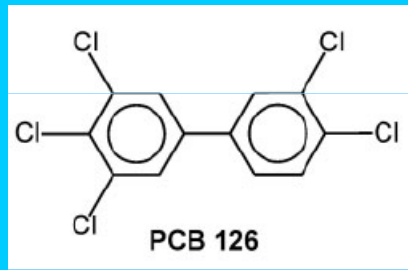
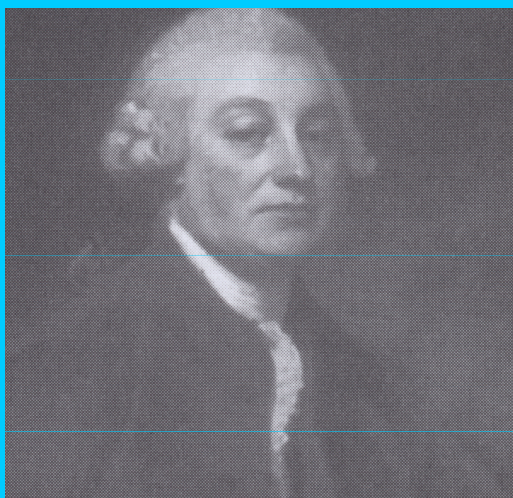


# Narušení regulace buněčného cyklu, programované buněčné smrti či mezibuněčné komunikace prostřednictvím organických polutantů – mechanismy karcinogeneze?



# Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs):

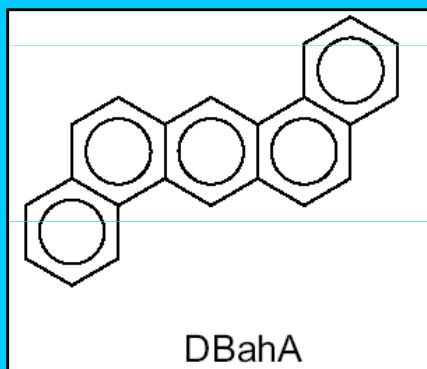


Sir John Percivall Pott (1775):

„first published description of an occupational cancer related to coal soot“

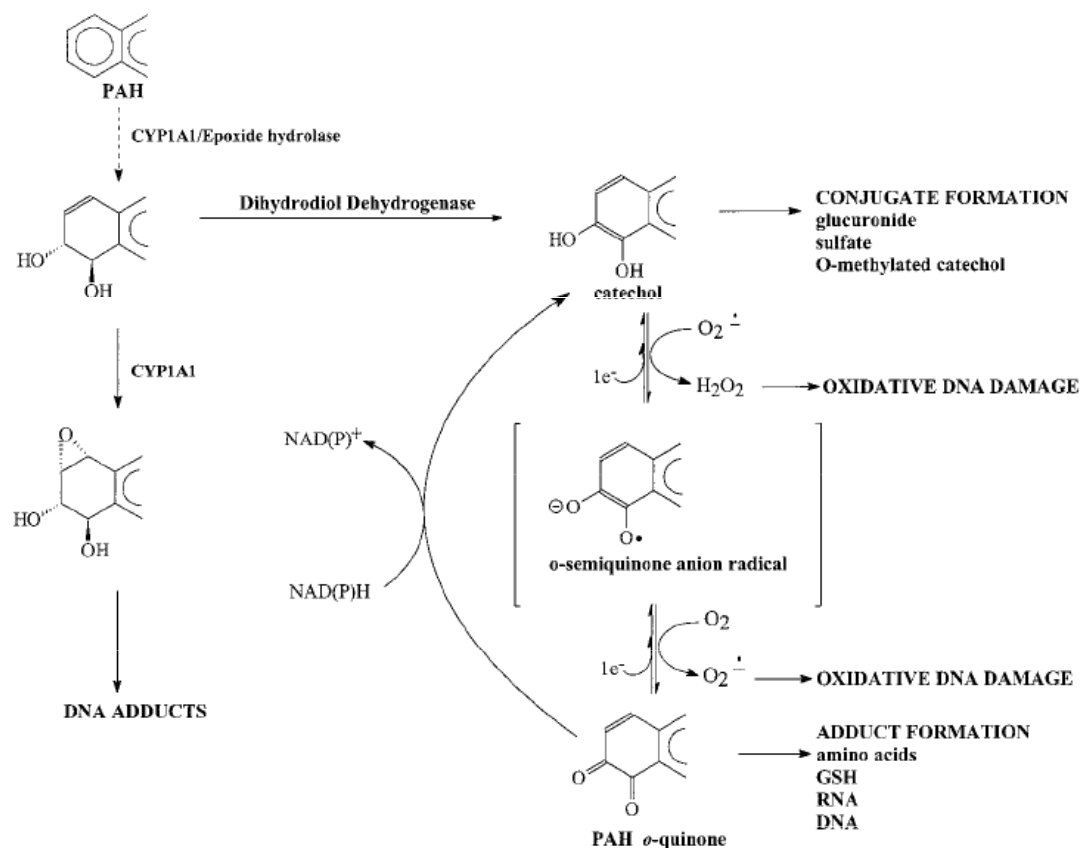


Sir Ernest Kennaway (1931): „first single PAH carcinogen“



Reality is not so simple:

- alternative bioactivation pathways;
- tumor promoting effects of PAH metabolites;
- direct cellular effects of parental compounds;
- to describe nongenotoxic effects of POPs, it is necessary to study their mechanisms of effects of at cellular and molecular level.

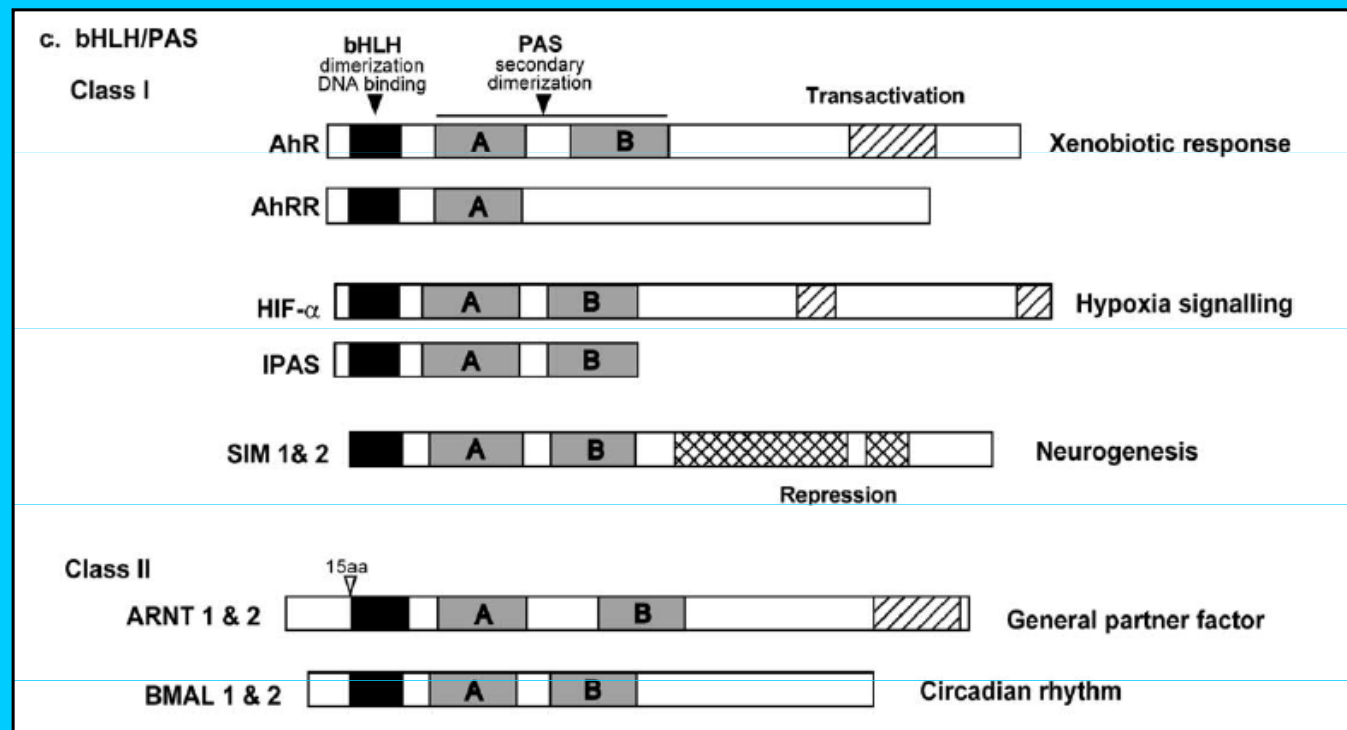


# Model chemical carcinogens vs. environmental pollutants

Possibilities open for alternative effects of PAHs:

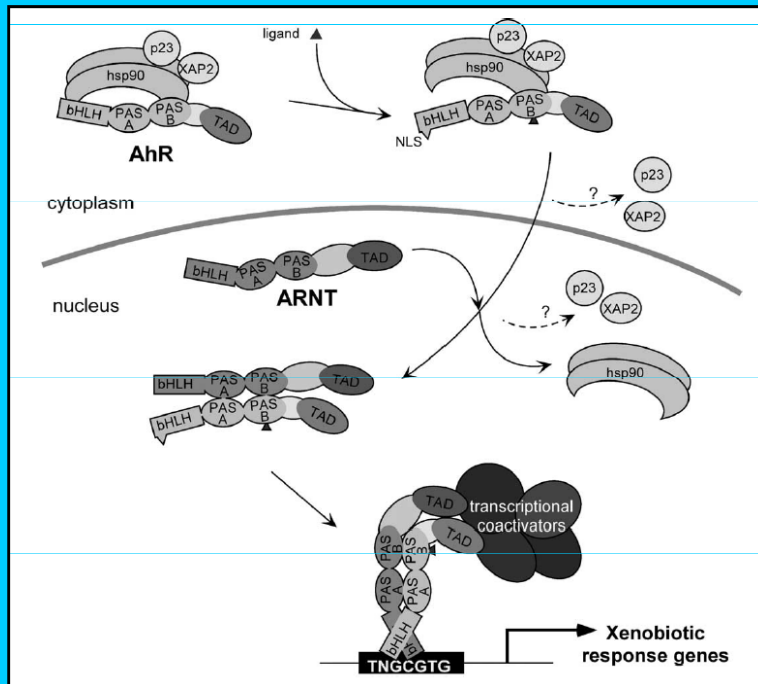
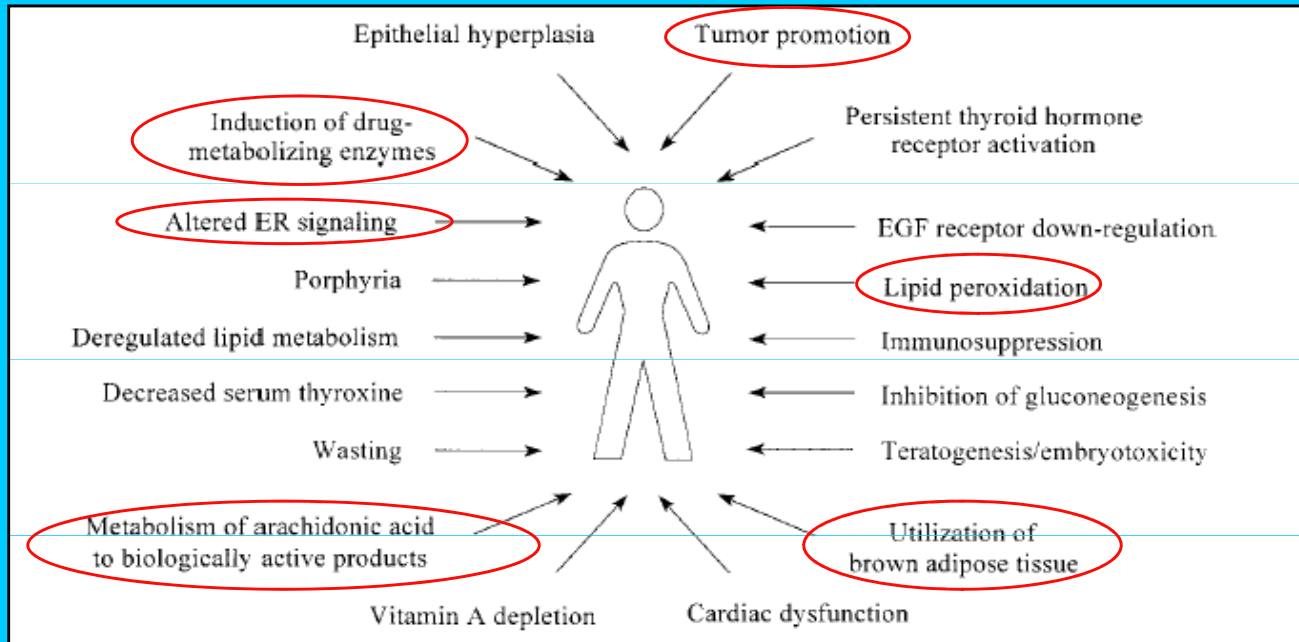
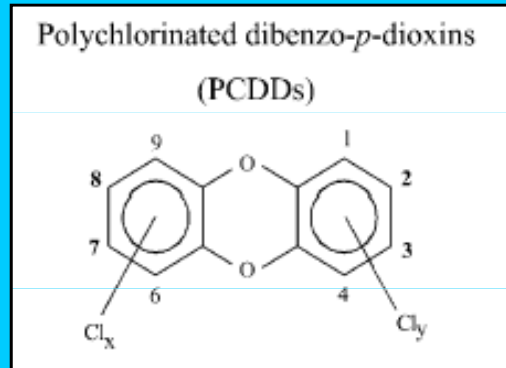
- direct alteration of signaling pathways (**mitogen-activated protein kinases**; tyrosine kinases;  $Ca^{2+}$ ; **modulation of phospholipid metabolism**)
- interaction with nuclear receptors (**estrogen receptor- $\alpha$** ; estrogen receptor- $\beta$ ; androgen receptor; peroxisome proliferator-activated receptors);
- deregulation of **cell-to-cell communication - gap junctions**; **adherens junctions**;
- deregulation of **cell proliferation** and programmed cell death;
- **aberrant function of cell cycle checkpoints** and DNA repair;
- epigenetic effects;
- **alternative biotransformation and oxidative stress**;
- **activation of the aryl hydrocarbon receptor (AhR) and related effects**;

**AhR**  
 =  
**bHLH-PAS**  
 family  
 protein



Organism:	Name:	Ligand-binding:	Physiological function:
<b>Nematodes:</b> <i>Caenorhabditis elegans</i>	AHR-1	No	Neuronal development; Behavioral effects.
<b>Insects:</b> <i>Drosophila melanogaster</i>	Spineless (Ss)	No	Development; Regulation of homeobox genes and dendrite morphology
<b>Vertebrates:</b>	AhR (AhR1, AhR2)	Yes	Toxicity mechanisms; Liver and kidney development; Neuronal differentiation? Circadian rhythms?

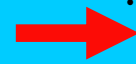
# Activation and effects of AhR:



## „Classical“ AhR-regulated genes:

contain xenobiotic response elements (XRE) or dioxin responsive elements (DRE) in their promoter region:

- phase I and II enzymes - *CYP1A1*, *CYP1A2*, *CYP1B1*, *UDP-glucuronosyltransferase*, *GST-Ya*, *NQO1*;
- AhRR.



**AhR-regulated genes involved in control of cell proliferation and cell death:**

- pro-apoptotic genes - *Bax*;
- immediate - early response genes - *Jun*, *Fos*;
- cell cycle regulation - *p27<sup>Kip1</sup>*, *p21<sup>Waf/Cip</sup>*.

Majority of cells are not actively proliferating - they are in a quiescent G0 phase of cell cycle.  
*In vitro* model of contact-inhibited cells.

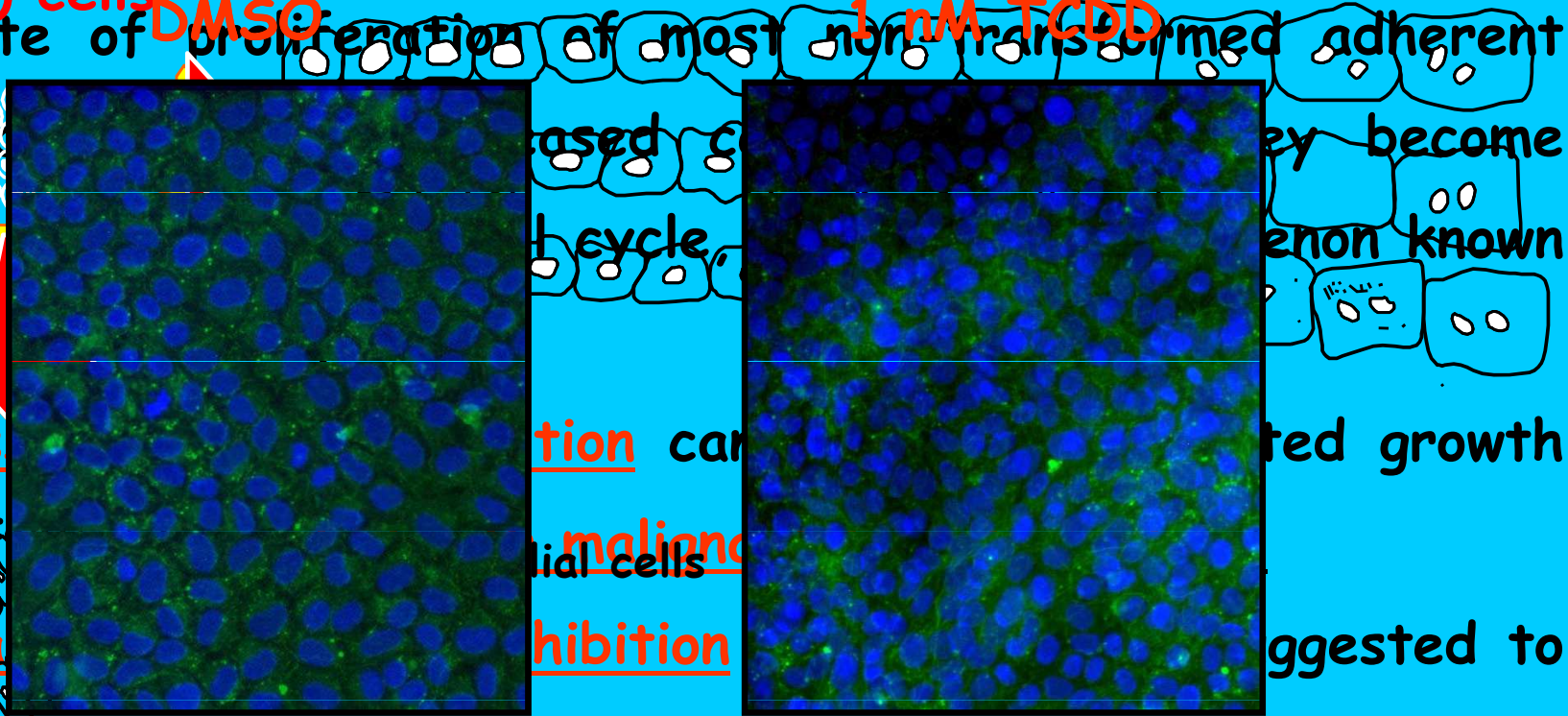
Progenitor  
 (oval) cells

Contact inhibition Hepatocytes

• the rate of proliferation of most non-transformed adherent cells decreases as they become arrested in G0 phase of cell cycle. This phenomenon is known as contact inhibition.

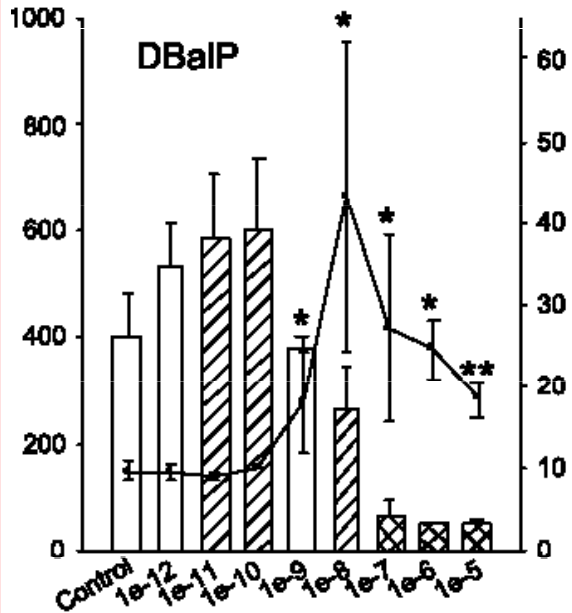
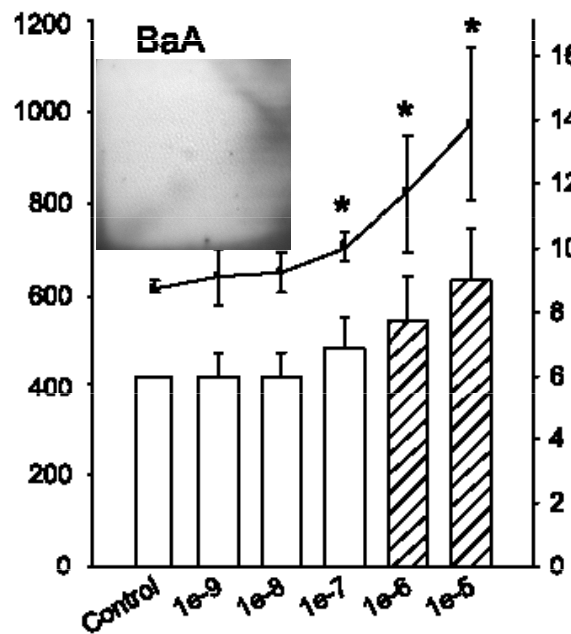
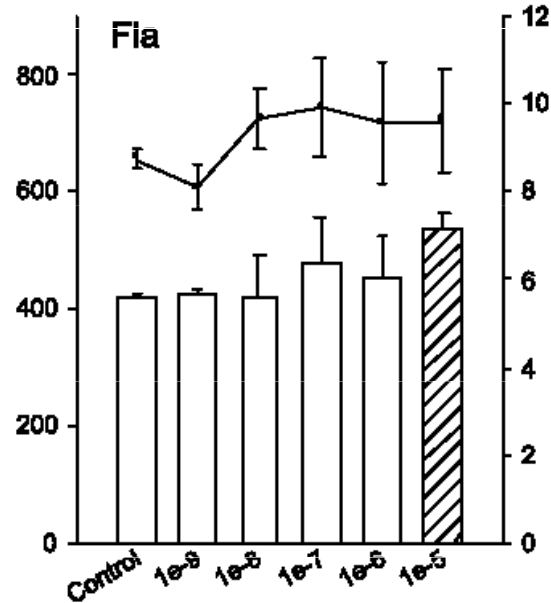
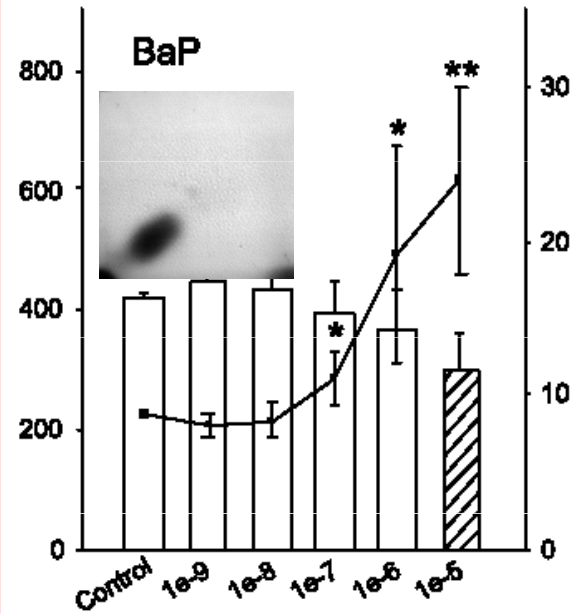
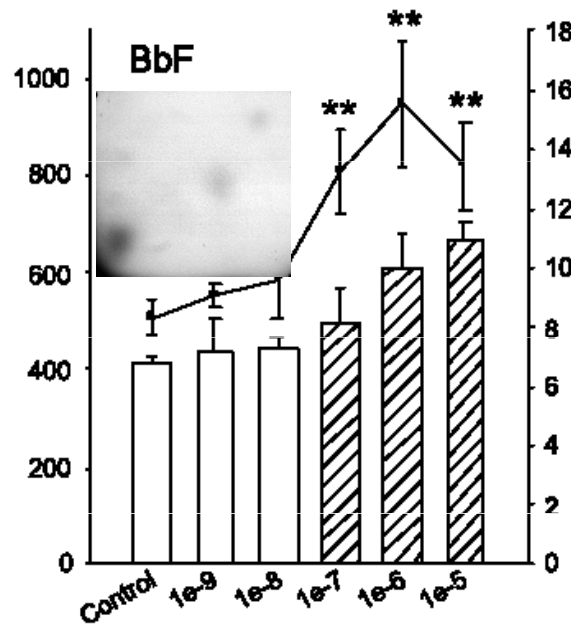
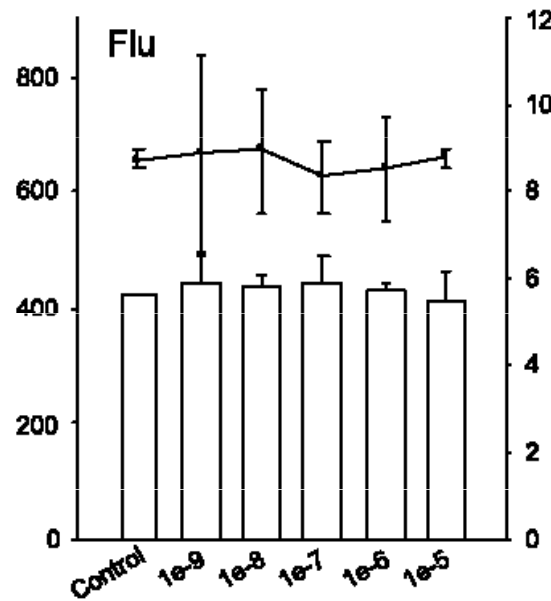
• the loss of contact inhibition can be observed in transformed cells. This is often associated with uncontrolled growth and is of great importance in the development of malignant tumors.

• a model of contact inhibition has been suggested to be an important part of effects of tumor promoters, such as TPA or TCDD.



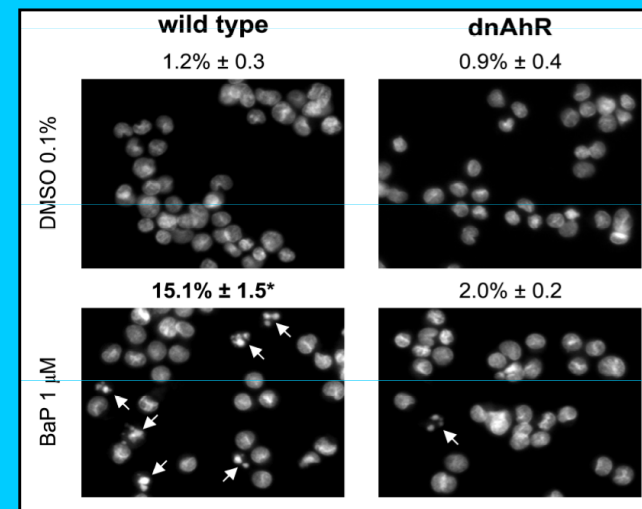
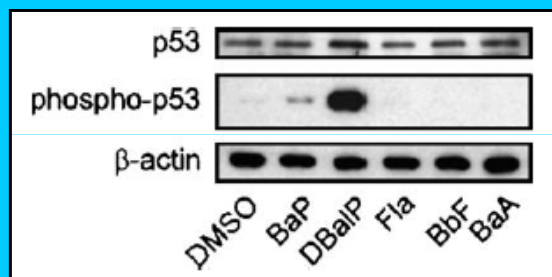
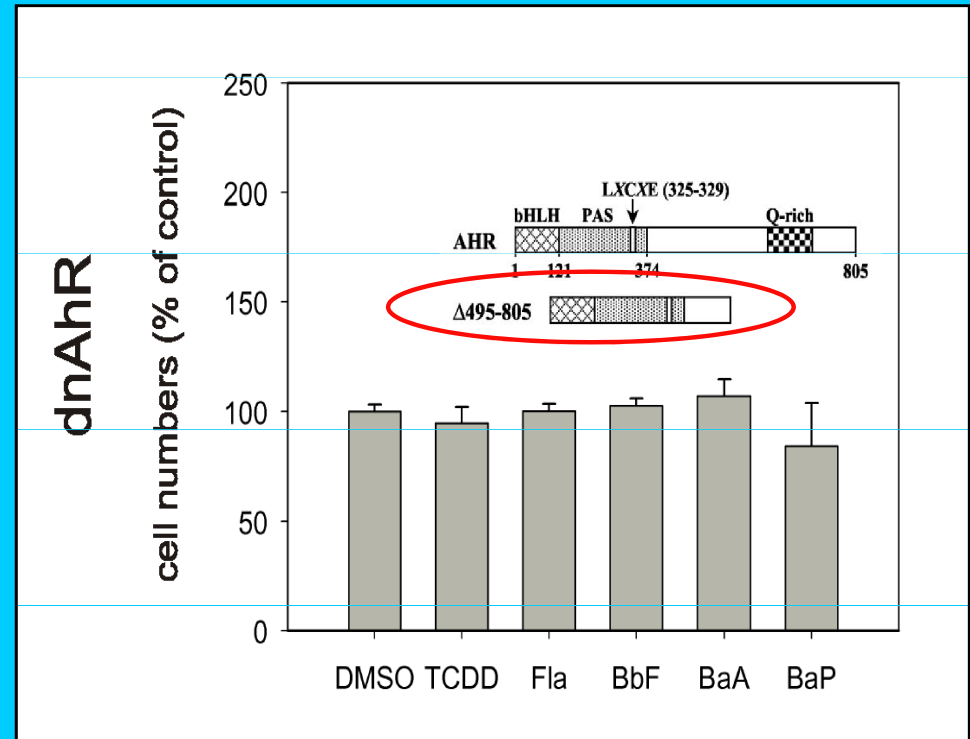
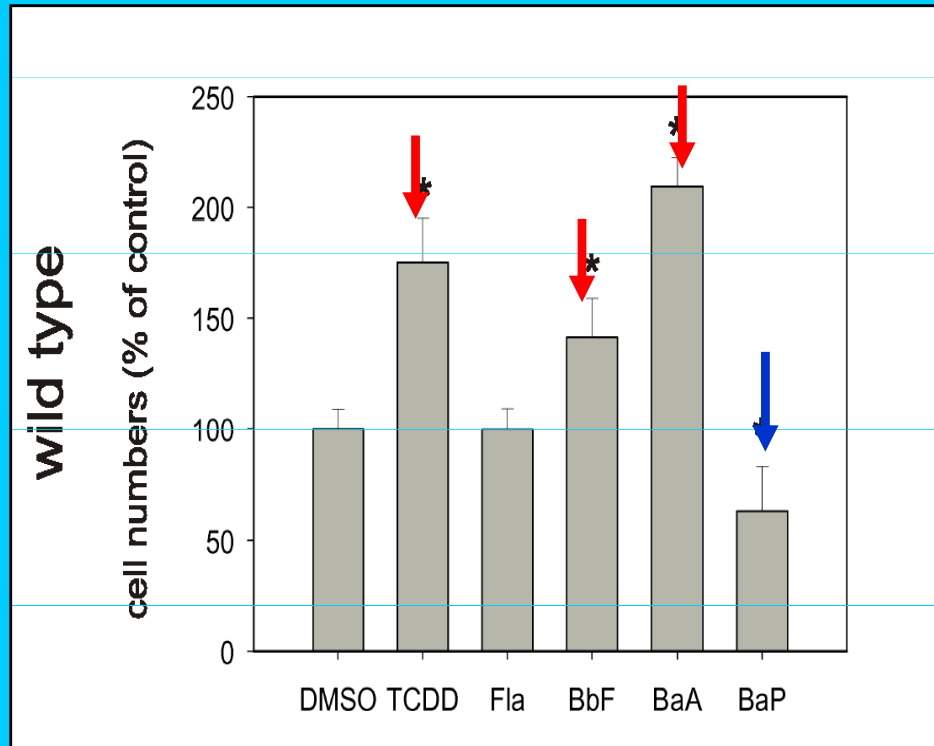
# Effects of PAHs on contact-inhibited WB-F344 cells

cell numbers



% S-phase

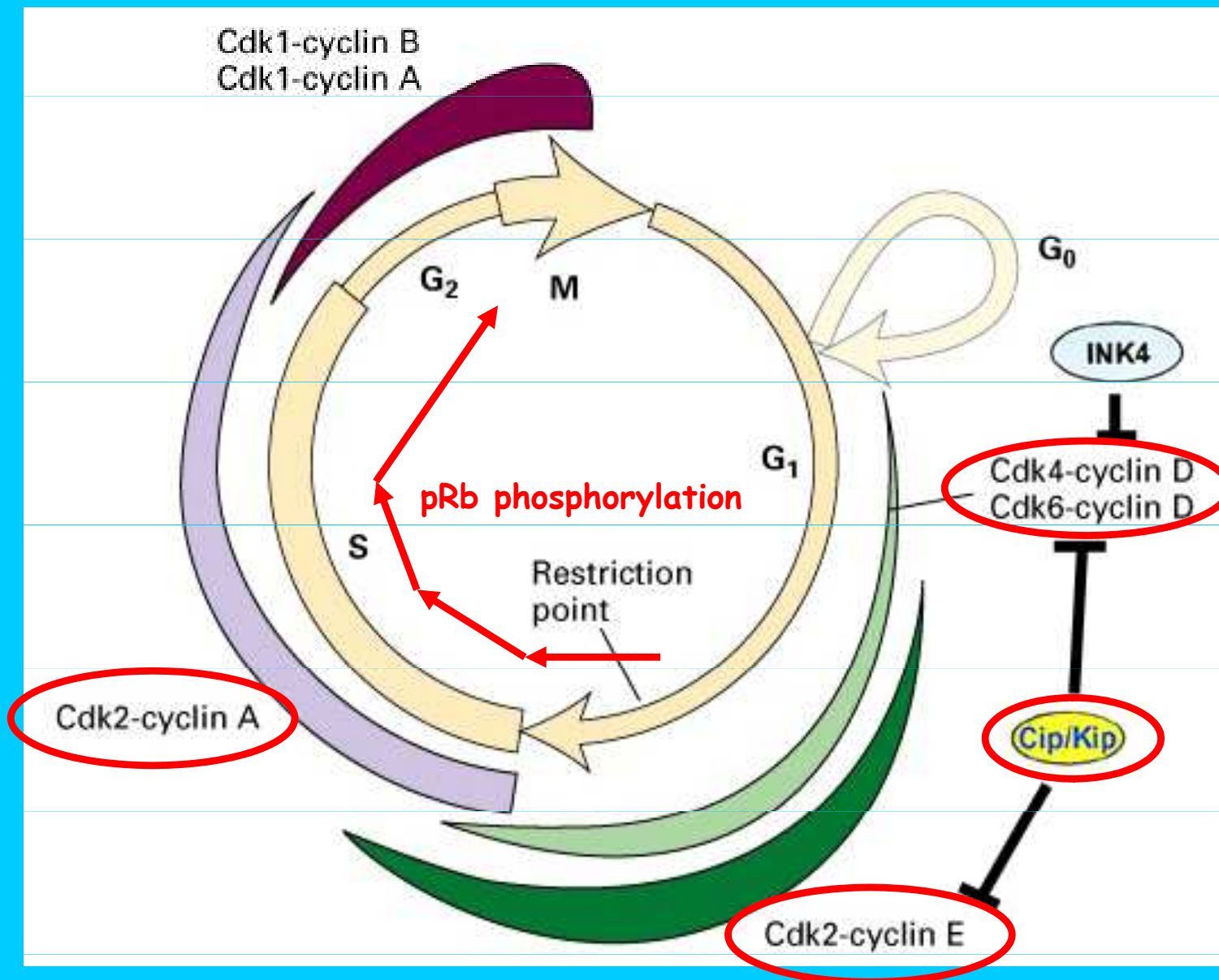
# Expression of dnAhR blocks the proliferative effects of AhR ligands:



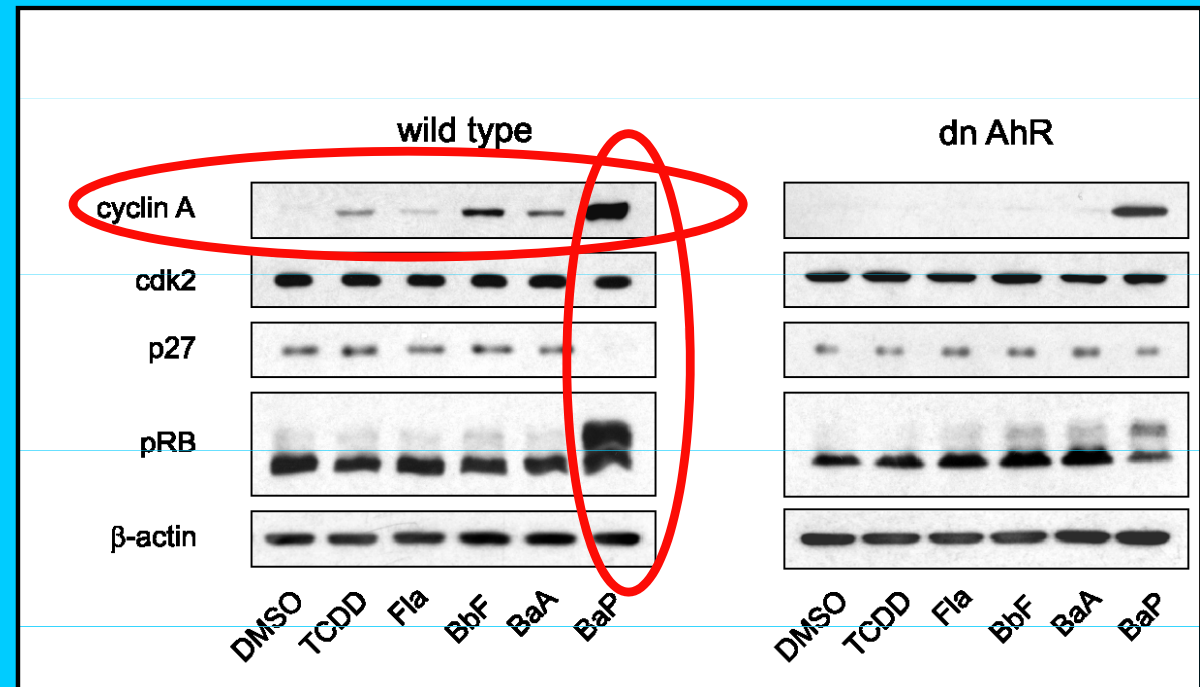
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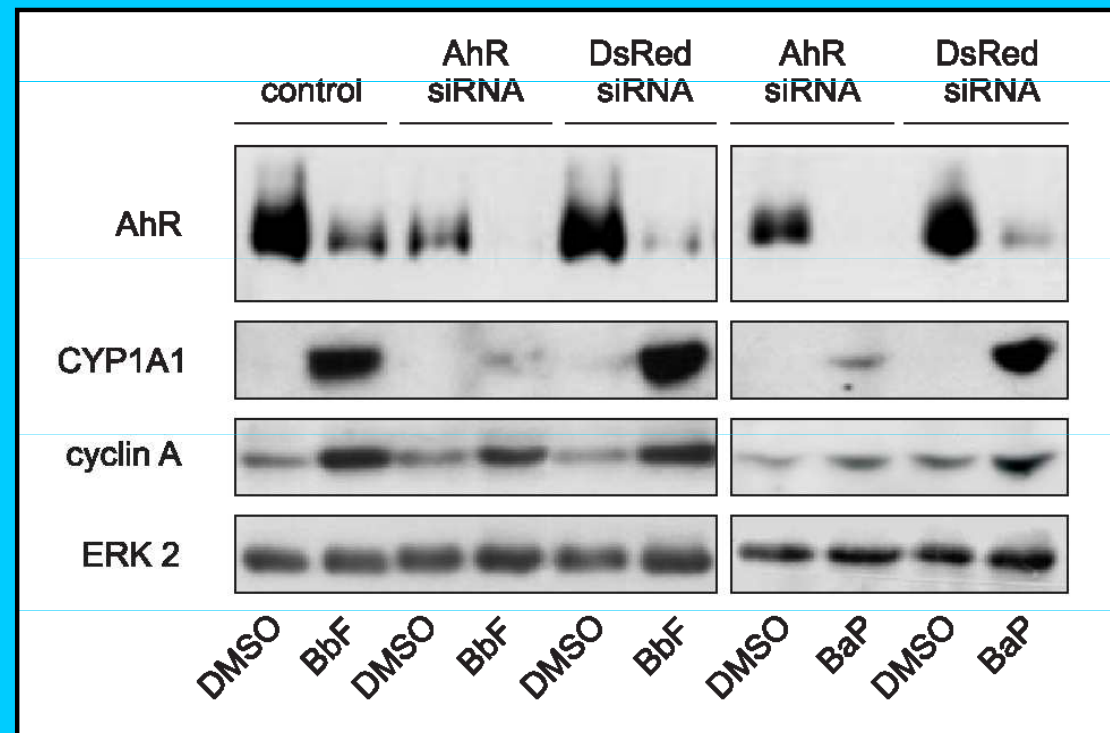
## Proteins involved in control of contact inhibition:



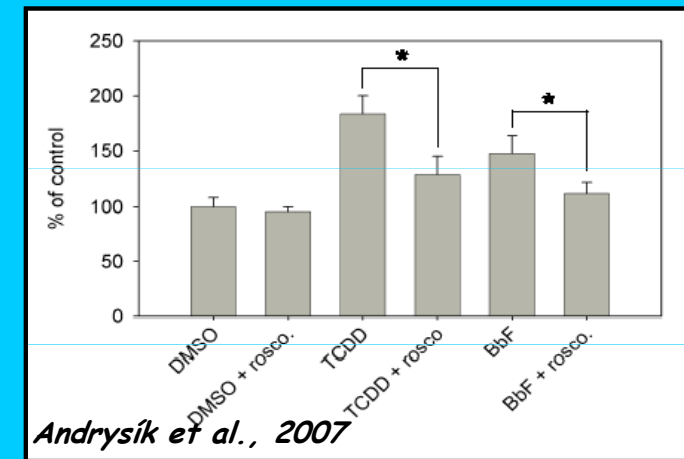
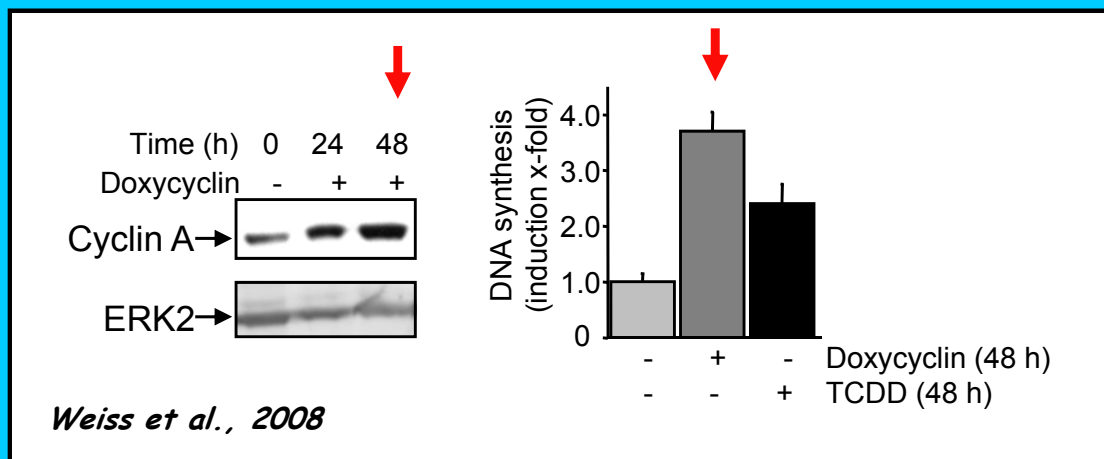
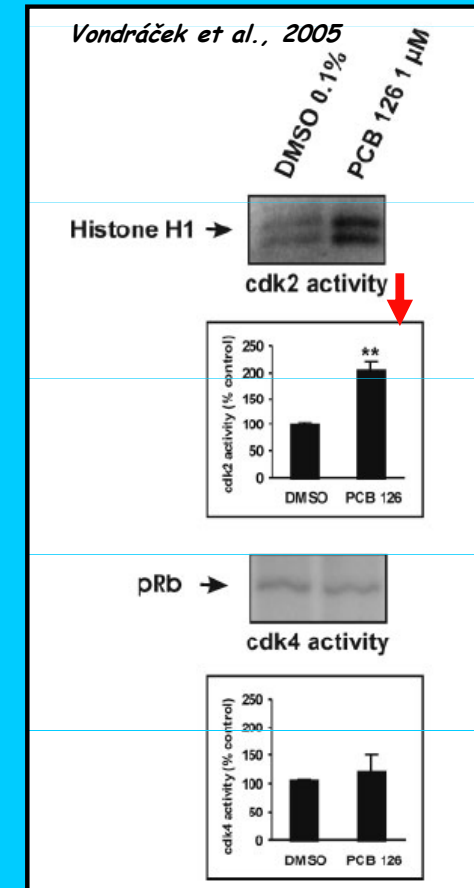
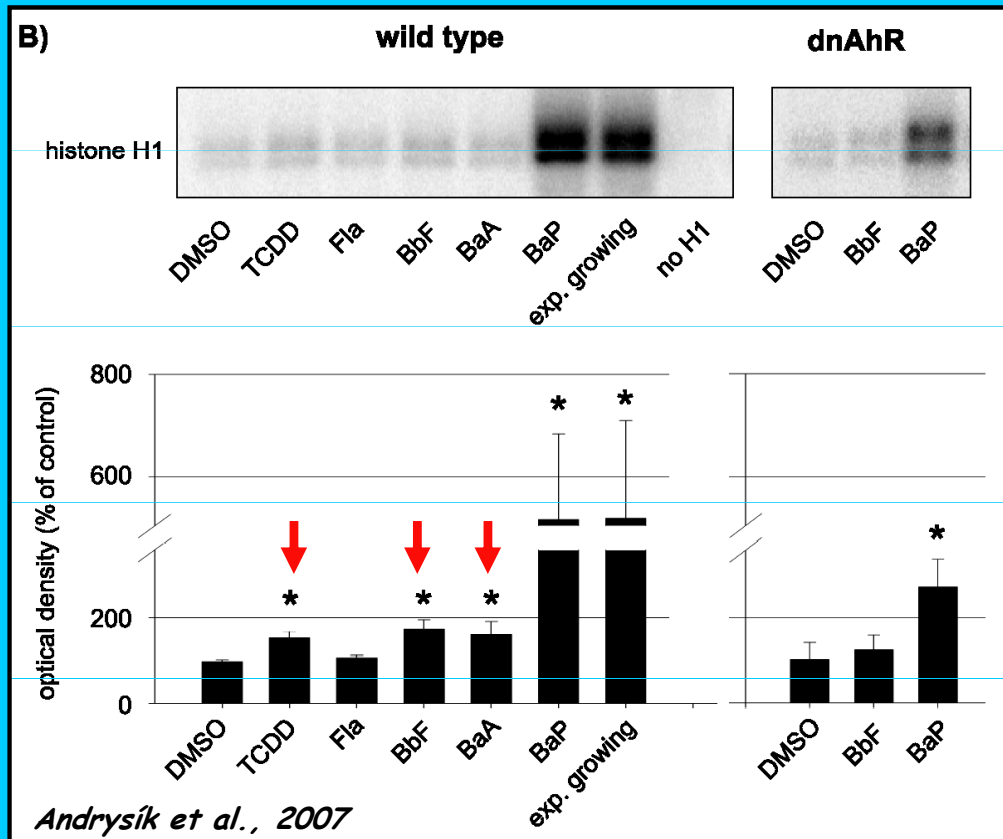
AhR ligands modulate expression of proteins involved in G1→S cell cycle transition:



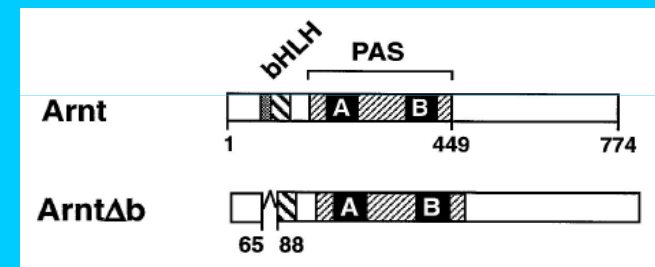
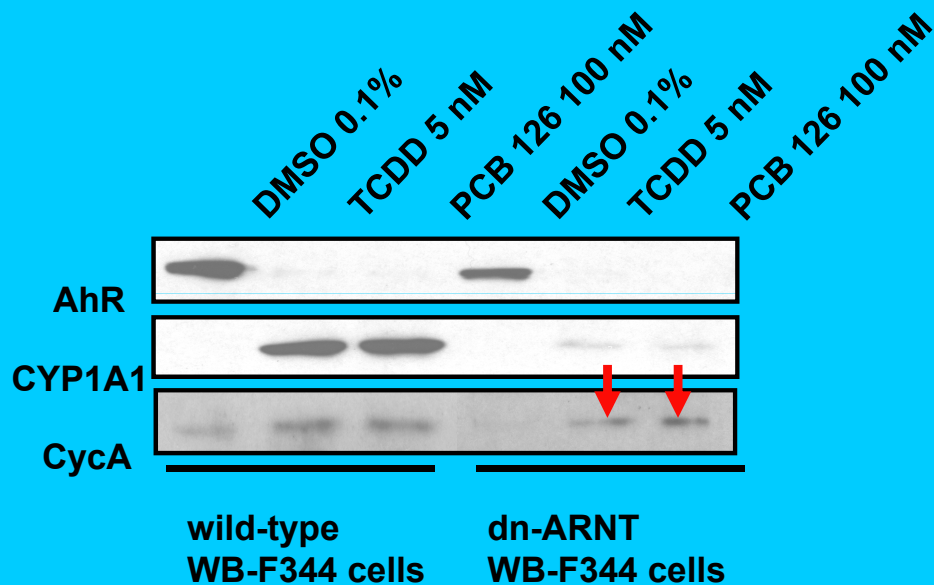
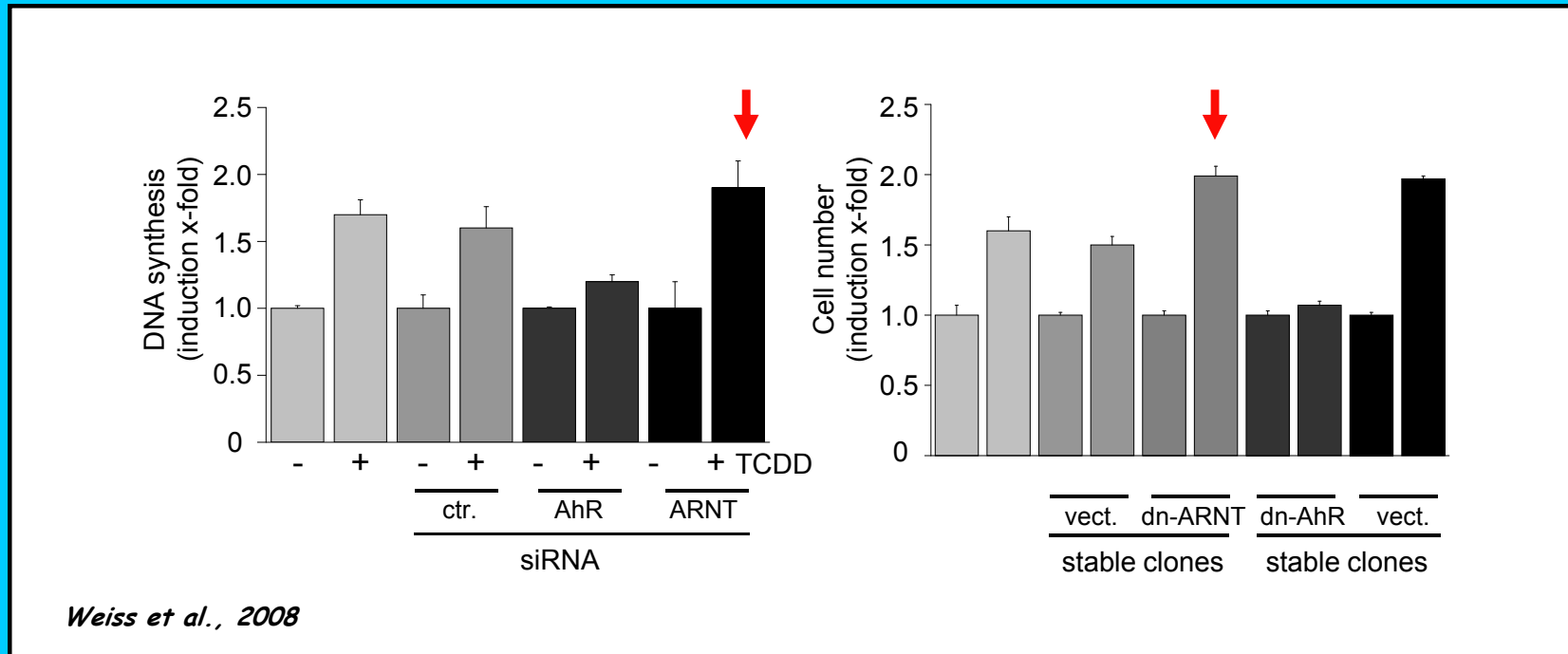
Transient knock-down of AhR blocks cyclin A induction:



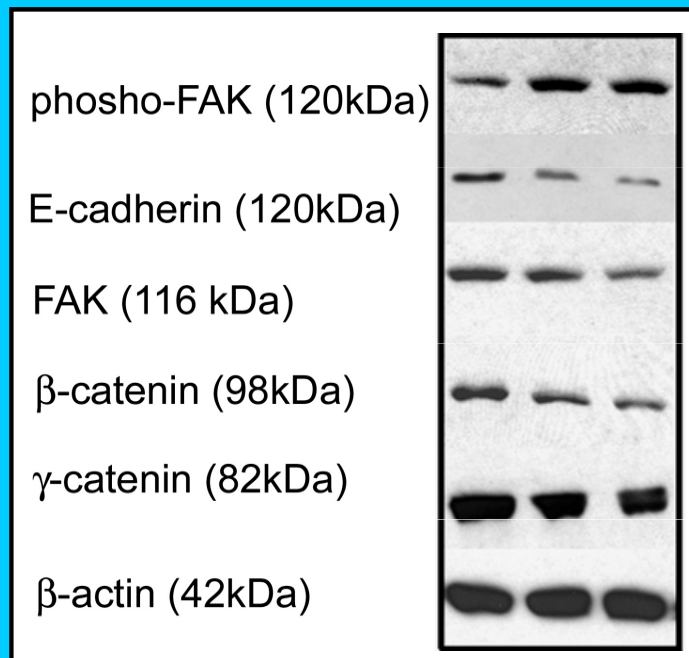
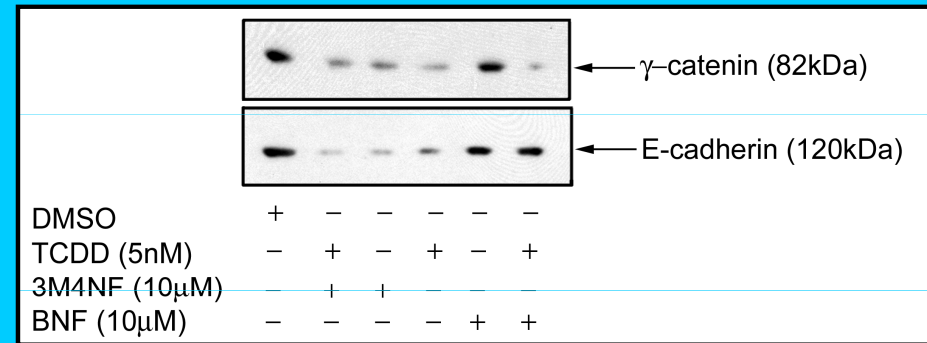
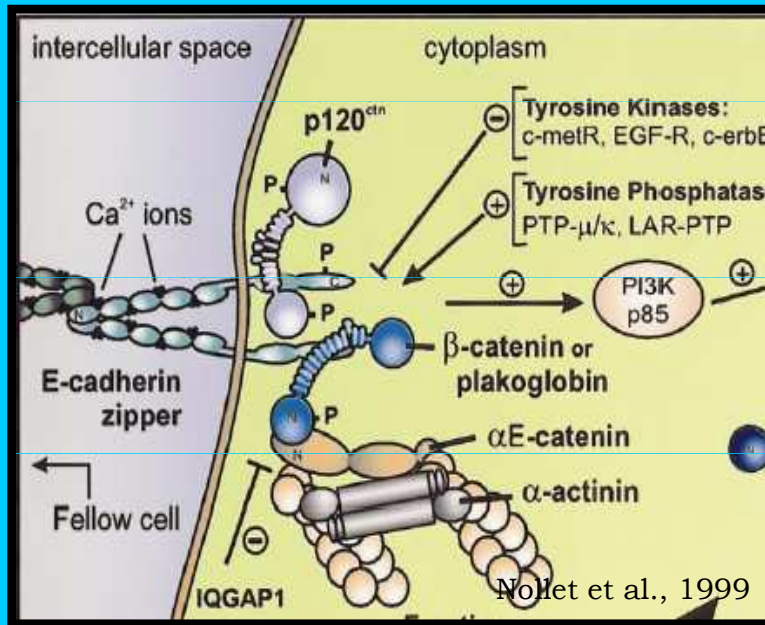
# Cyclin A/cdk2 activity control is essential for the maintenance of contact inhibition:



# Induction of cell proliferation is independent of the dimerization partner ARNT:



# The story is more complex - AhR ligands disrupt also control of cell-to-cell communication - cell adhesion and gap junctional intercellular communication:



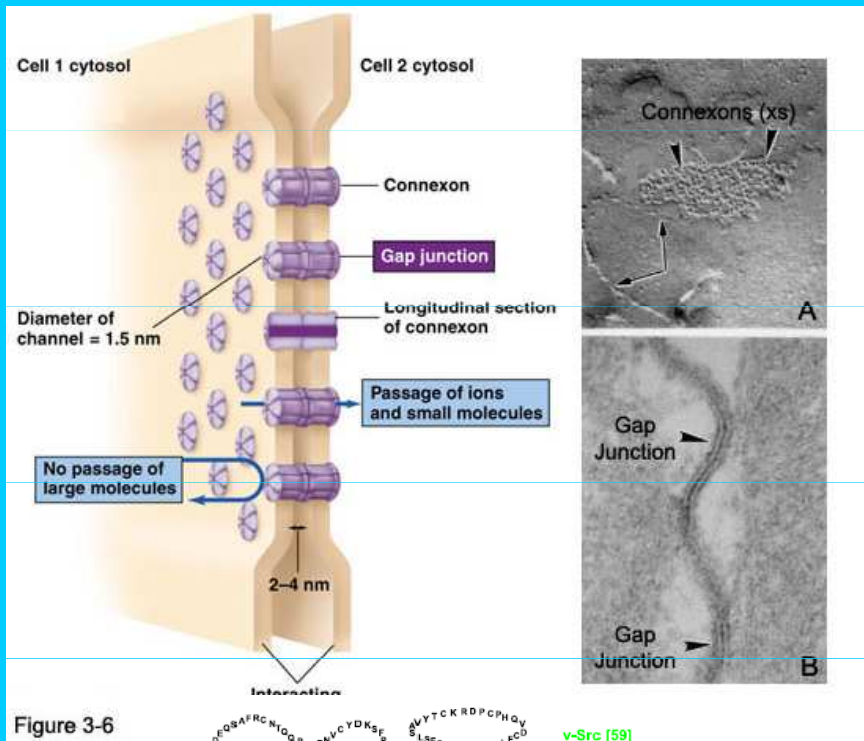
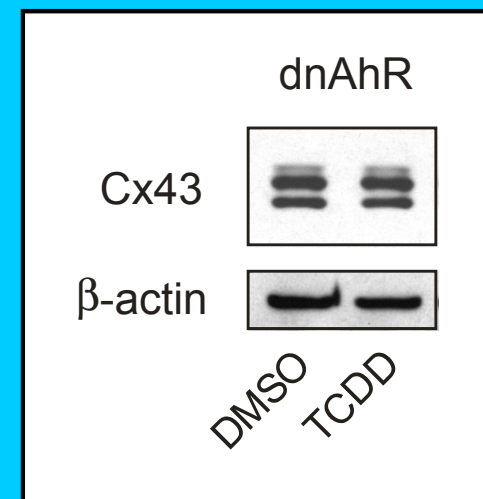
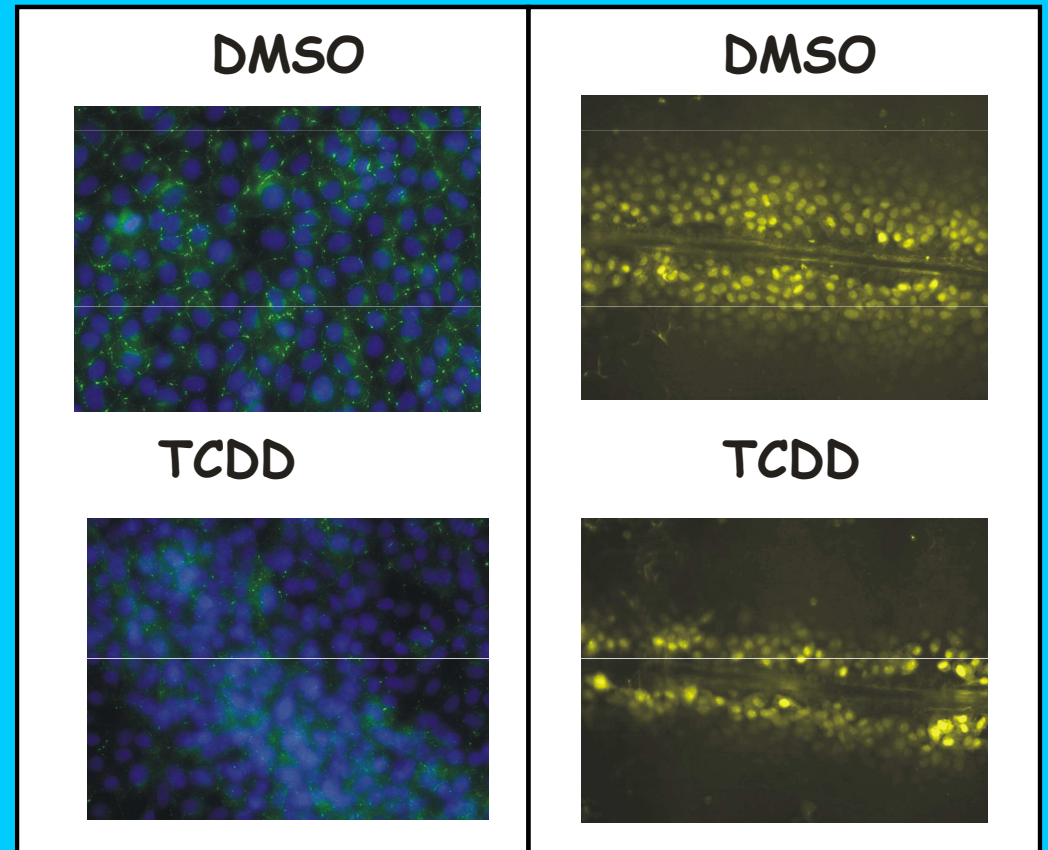
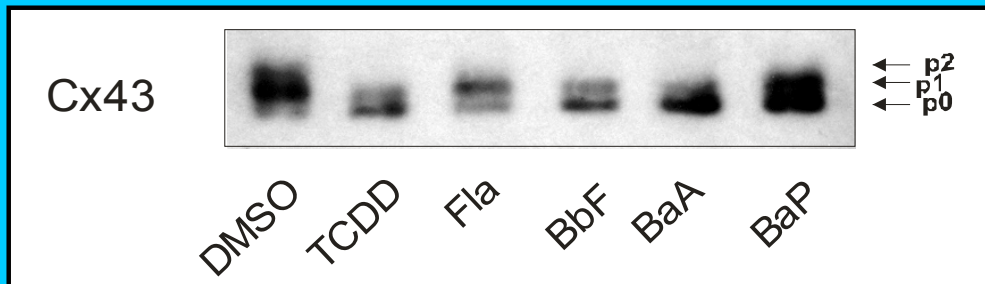
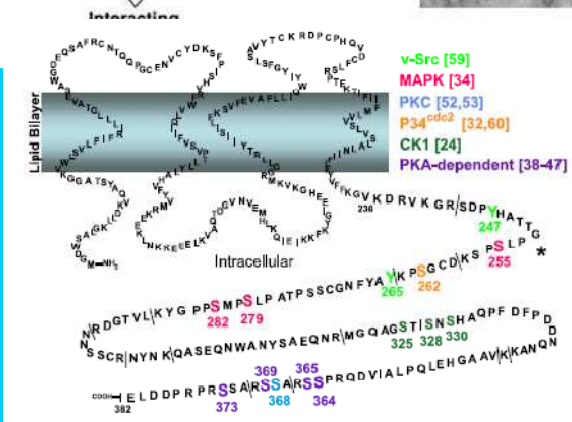


Figure 3-6



# The complex story gets even more complex - AhR ligands interact with inflammatory and growth regulators:

