

***FURTHER
DEVELOPMENT OF
THE NCTC 2544
IL-18 ASSAY TO
IDENTIFY CONTACT
ALLERGENS***

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PERCORSO FORMATIVO

- **Luglio 2010:** Laurea in Farmacia conseguita presso l'Università degli Studi di Milano, con tesi sperimentale svolta nel Laboratorio di Tossicologia del Prof. C.L. Galli (Dipartimento di Scienze Farmacologiche) sotto la guida della Prof.ssa Emanuela Corsini. Titolo della tesi: *"Valutazione del potenziale allergenico di composti a basso peso molecolare basata sull'induzione selettiva di IL-18 in una linea di cheratinociti umani"*.
- **Dicembre 2010:** Esame di Stato. Abilitazione alla professione di farmacista.
- **Febbraio 2011:** vincitrice della selezione pubblica, per titoli ed esami, per il conferimento di una **borsa di studio per il proseguimento della formazione dei giovani più promettenti** di durata annuale, per l'area scientifico-disciplinare delle Scienze Farmaceutiche e Farmacologiche, presso il Dipartimento di Scienze Farmacologiche sotto la guida del Prof. Corrado Galli, con titolo *"Valutazione della potenza allergenica e determinazione della fototossicità attraverso metodi alternativi in vitro"*.



HYPERSENSITIVITY

ALLERGIC CONTACT DERMATITIS

IS A FORM OF DELAYED TYPE HYPERSENSITIVITY REACTION AND AS SUCH IS DEPENDENT UPON CELL-MEDIATED IMMUNE RESPONSES AND THE ACTIVITY OF T CELLS



METHODS IN IMMUNOTOXICOLOGY

Hypersensitivity Testing

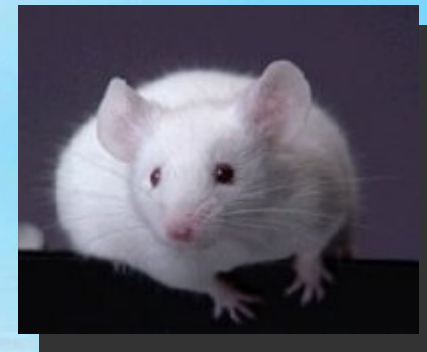
➤ *Guinea Pig Tests*

- Maximization Test
- Occlusive Patch Test
- Respiratory Challenge
- Systemic Anaphylaxis



➤ *Mouse Tests*

- Local lymph node assay (LLNA)
- Mouse Ear Swelling Test



SCENARIO LEGISLATIVO IN EU

- ❖ 7° Emendamento della Direttiva sui cosmetici (2003/15/CE)
- ❖ REACH (nuova legislazione delle sostanze chimiche)



Esigenza di metodi alternativi validati in tutti campi dove sono richiesti studi di tossicità



KERATINOCYTES and IL-18





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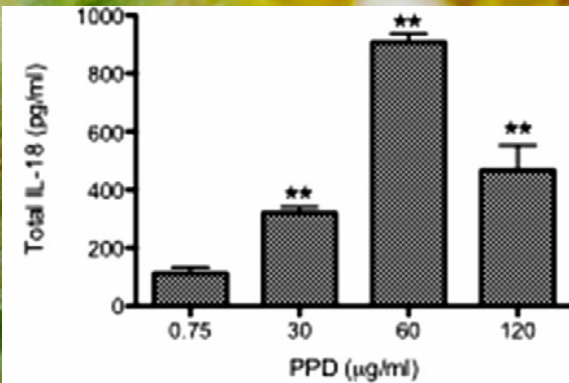
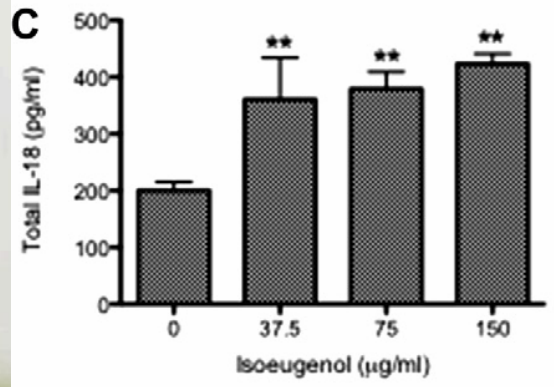


Further development of the NCTC 2544 IL-18 assay to identify *in vitro* contact allergens

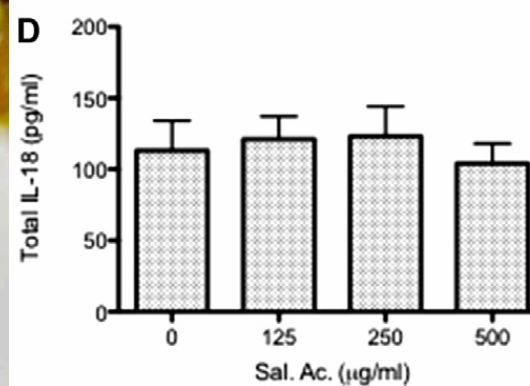
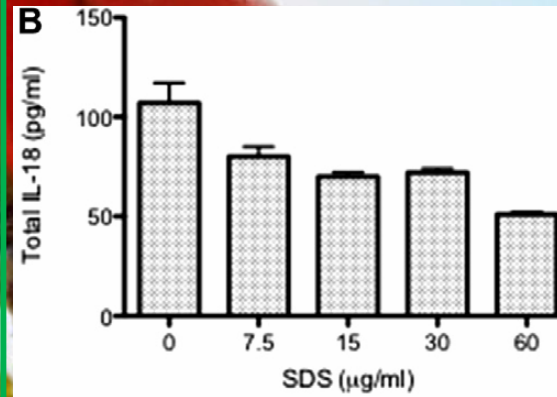
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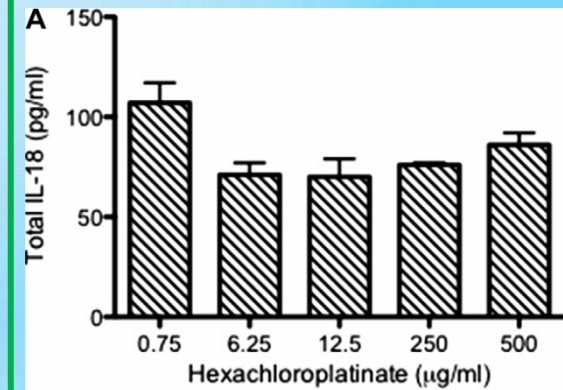
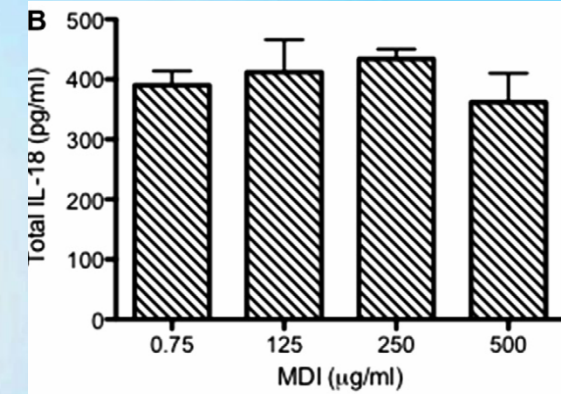
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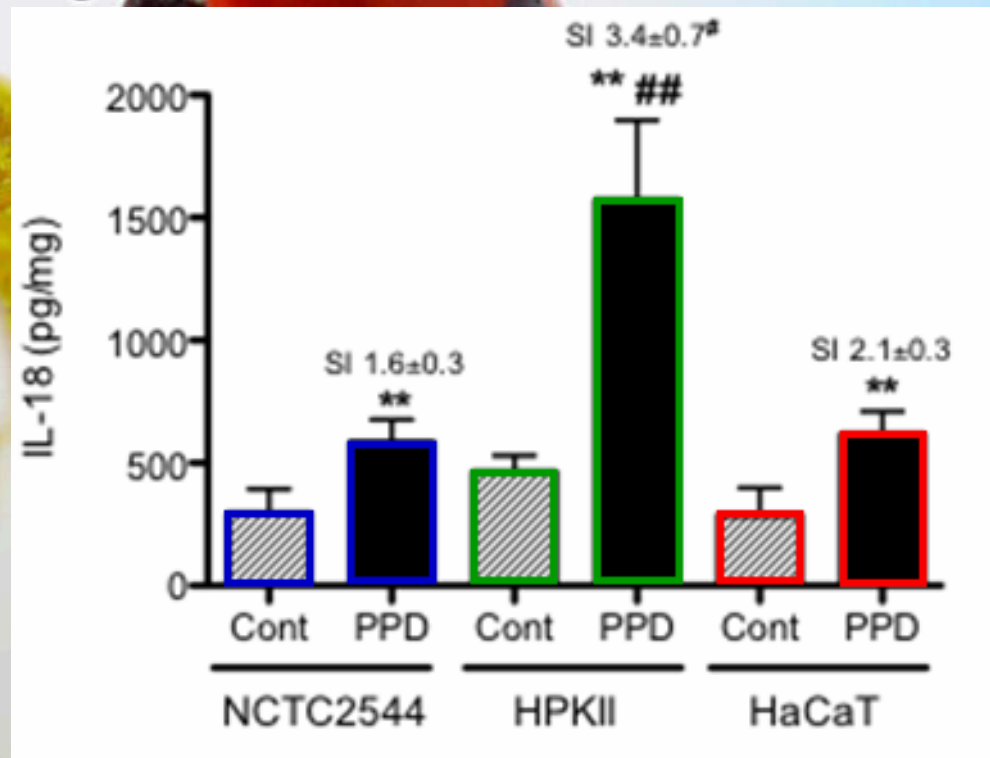
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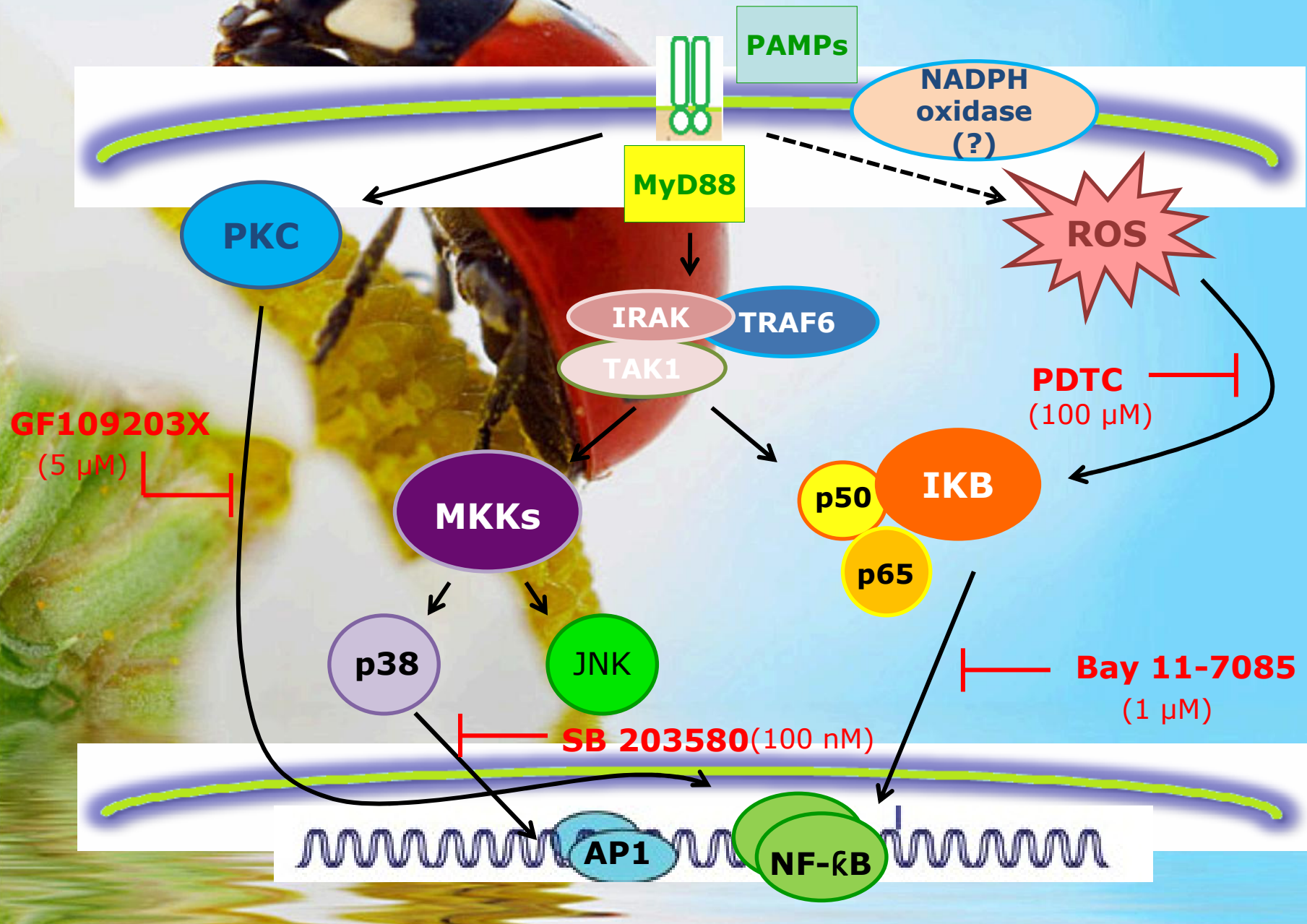
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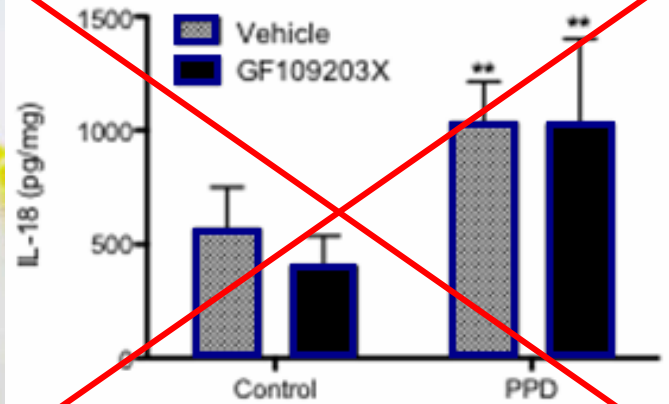
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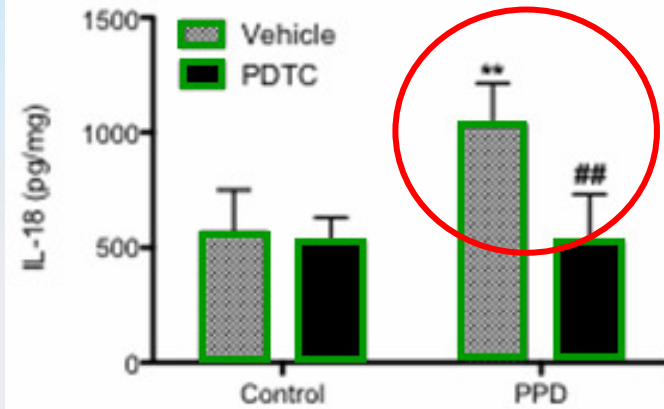
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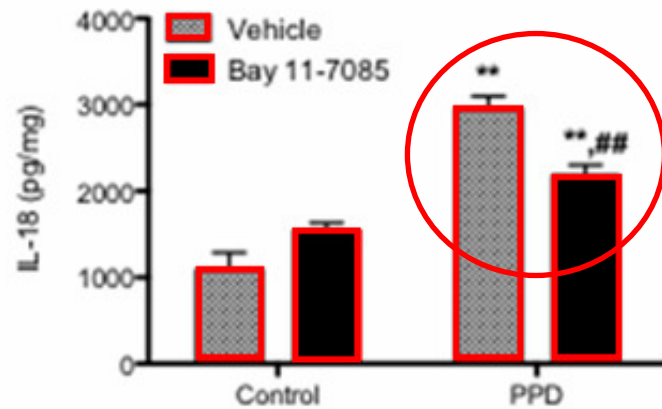
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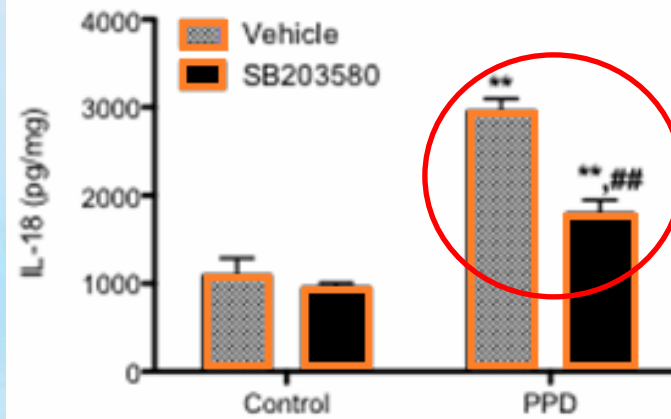
Oxidative stress



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p38 MAPK



A close-up photograph of a ladybug on a green leaf. The ladybug is red with black spots and a black head. The word "CONCLUSIONS" is written in large, bold, red capital letters across the top of the image, partially overlapping the ladybug's head and the leaf. The background is a light blue gradient.

CONCLUSIONS

- *Innate inflammatory reaction has several important consequences for development of allergic contact dermatitis both in the induction and elicitation phases:*
 - activation and maturation of skin DC
 - DC migration to the draining lymph nodes
 - recruitment of DC precursors (i.e. blood monocytes)
 - T cells activation
- *Among the pro-inflammatory cytokines produced by KC, we demonstrated a selective increase in **IL-18**, which was observed only following treatment with contact allergens, whereas both irritants and respiratory allergens failed.*
- *Results obtained indicated a role for **oxidative stress**, **NF- κ B** and **p38 MAPK** activation in PDD-induced IL-18 production.*



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