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Chicken Macrophage Transcriptional Response to TLR Pathway Stimulants
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Background

Chicken Macrophages

- Utilize many receptors for microbial recognition and internalization
- Major roles in innate immune response
- HD11 cell line: virus-transformed, bone-marrow derived

Toll-like Receptors

- Recognize many specific PAMPs
- Initiate innate immune response by activating pro-inflammatory cytokine genes

OBJECTIVE 1: Characterize the stimulants and functions of TLR15 in early immune response in chicken macrophages.

OBJECTIVE 2: Determine the kinetic profile of *Salmonella* endotoxin-induced transcriptional response of chicken macrophages.

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<http://genomebiology.com/content/figures/gb.2009.1.6.reports1179-1.pdf>

Beug et al., 1979
 Bliss et al., 2005

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Summary and Discussion I

CpG ODN
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 mammalian TLR9
 chicken – no TLR9???

TLR2, TLR15, TLR21 (not TLR4)
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 IFN α IL10

- What functions as the “missing” TLR9?
- Brownlie et al. (2009) propose chicken TLR21 as one functional homolog of mammalian TLR9 in recognition of CpG ODN.
- Our data on HD11 cell response supports their hypothesis, as well as suggesting that chicken TLR2 and TLR15 may also respond to CpG.
- Future studies will further characterize the roles of each of these TLRs.

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Materials and Methods II

2.8x10⁶ cells/flask (3X)

HD11 Photomicrograph

Time (hr)	1	2	4	8
Endotoxin ST-798	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dose (μg/ml)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
	10	10	10	10

qPCR

IL1 β
 IL6
 IL8
 IL10
 IFN- γ
 TLR15

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Ingenuity Pathway Analysis Software

Affymetrix GeneChip chicken genome array
 N = 20

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Differentially expressed genes, by time

Results II-A Number of genes differentially expressed ($q < 0.05$) in chicken HD11 cells, ST-798 stimulated versus non-stimulated

Time	1hC	2hC	4hC	8hC
Down-reg	~10	~10	~600	~10
Up-reg	~10	~10	~1100	~10

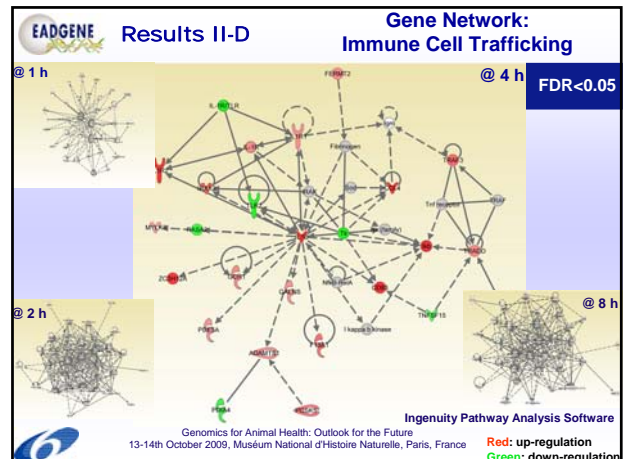
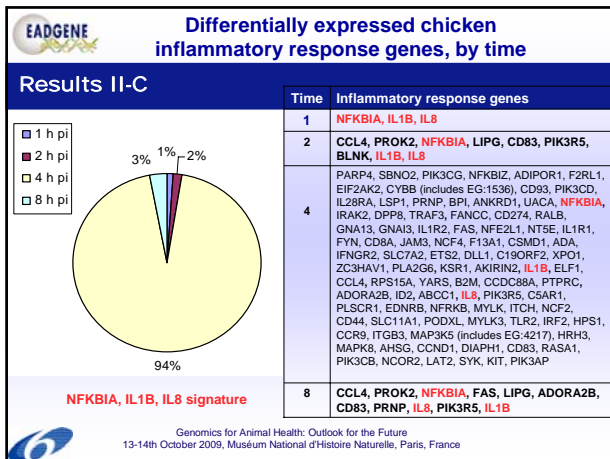
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Differentially expressed genes, by time

Results II-B Toll-like receptor canonical signalling pathways

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Summary and Discussion II

- Maximal numbers of differentially expressed genes occurred at 4 hours after in vitro stimulation with bacterial endotoxin.
- Higher number of differentially expressed genes after 4 hr endotoxin treatment gave rise to a more refined gene interaction map.
- 10% of the quantified genes were involved in the inflammatory response.
- **NFKBIA + IL1B + IL8 = persistent signature of induction of inflammatory response by bacterial endotoxin.**

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