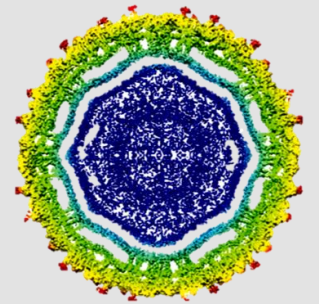


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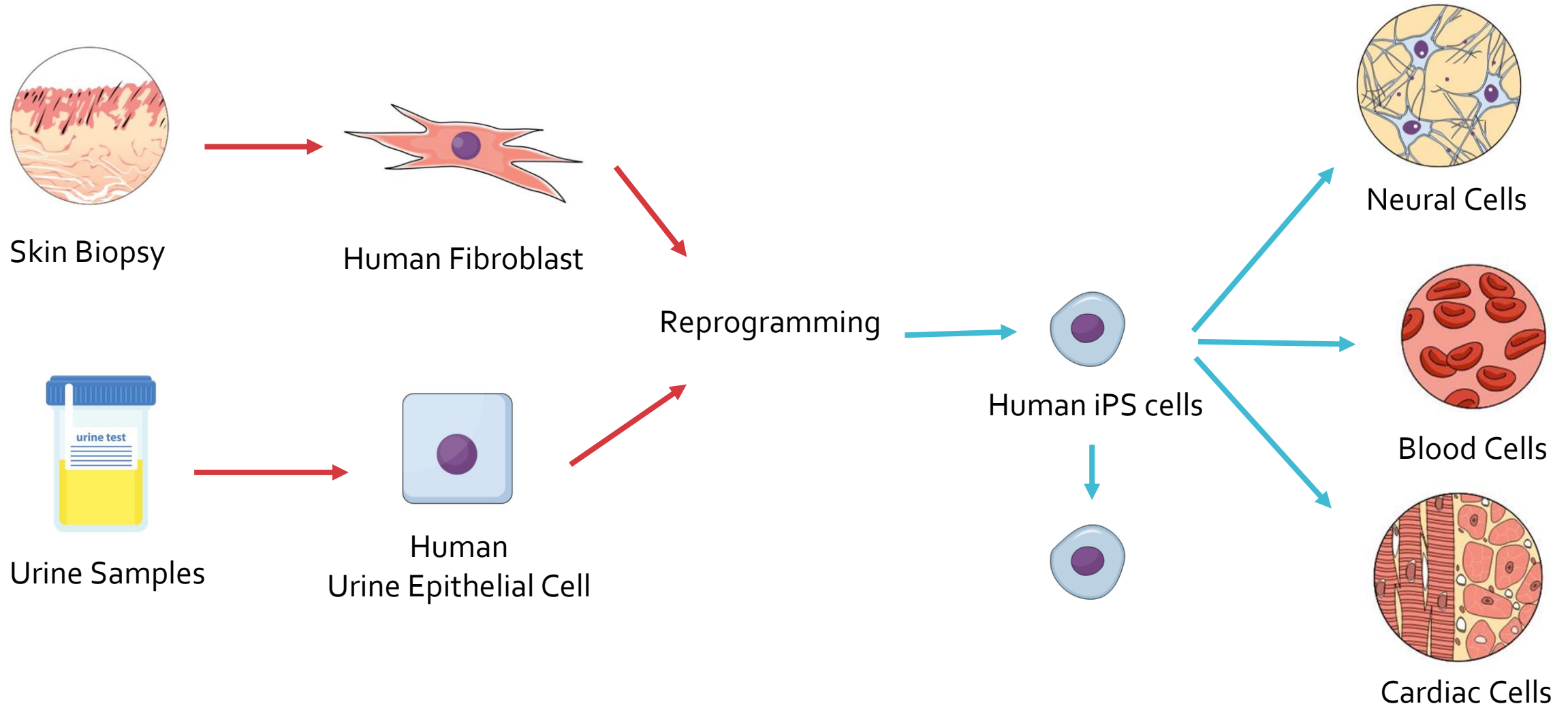
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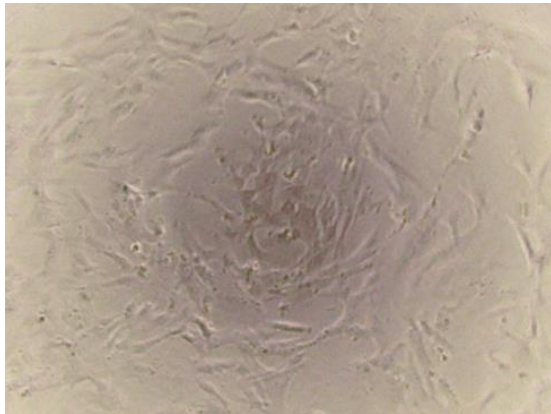
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# Automated platform to evaluate cellular responses to viral infection in human neural cells derived from induced pluripotent stem (iPS) cells



# Automated analysis system

Brain cells derived from human iPS cells



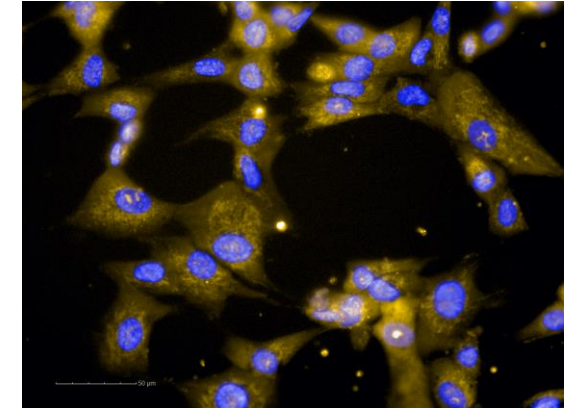
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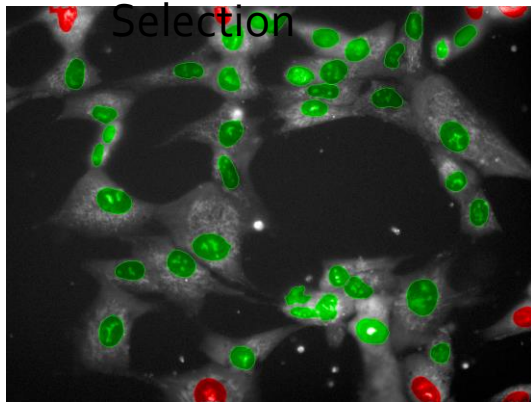
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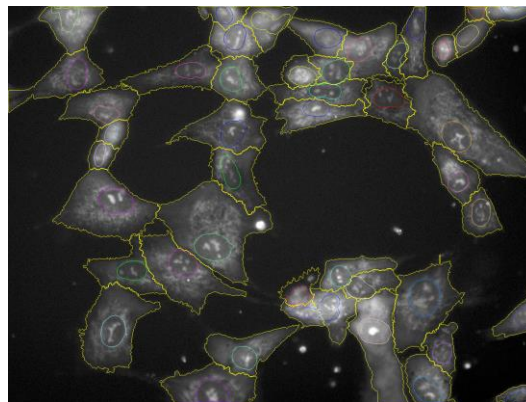
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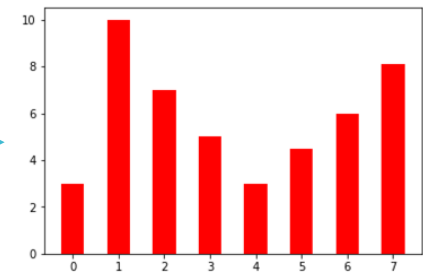
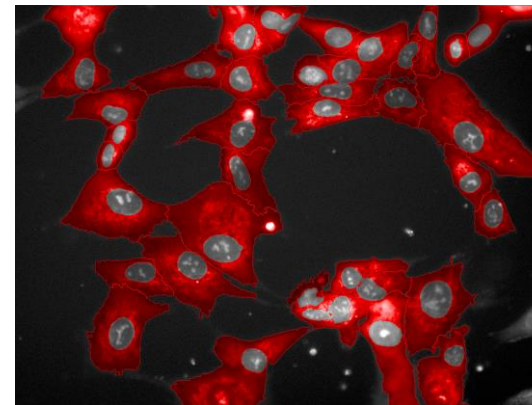
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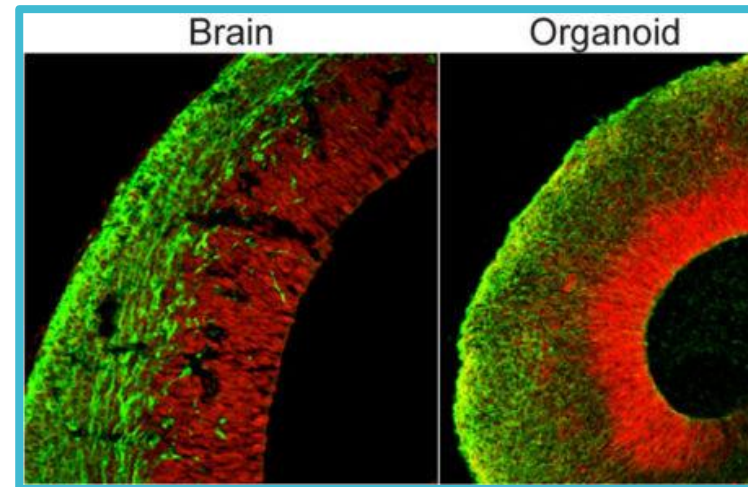
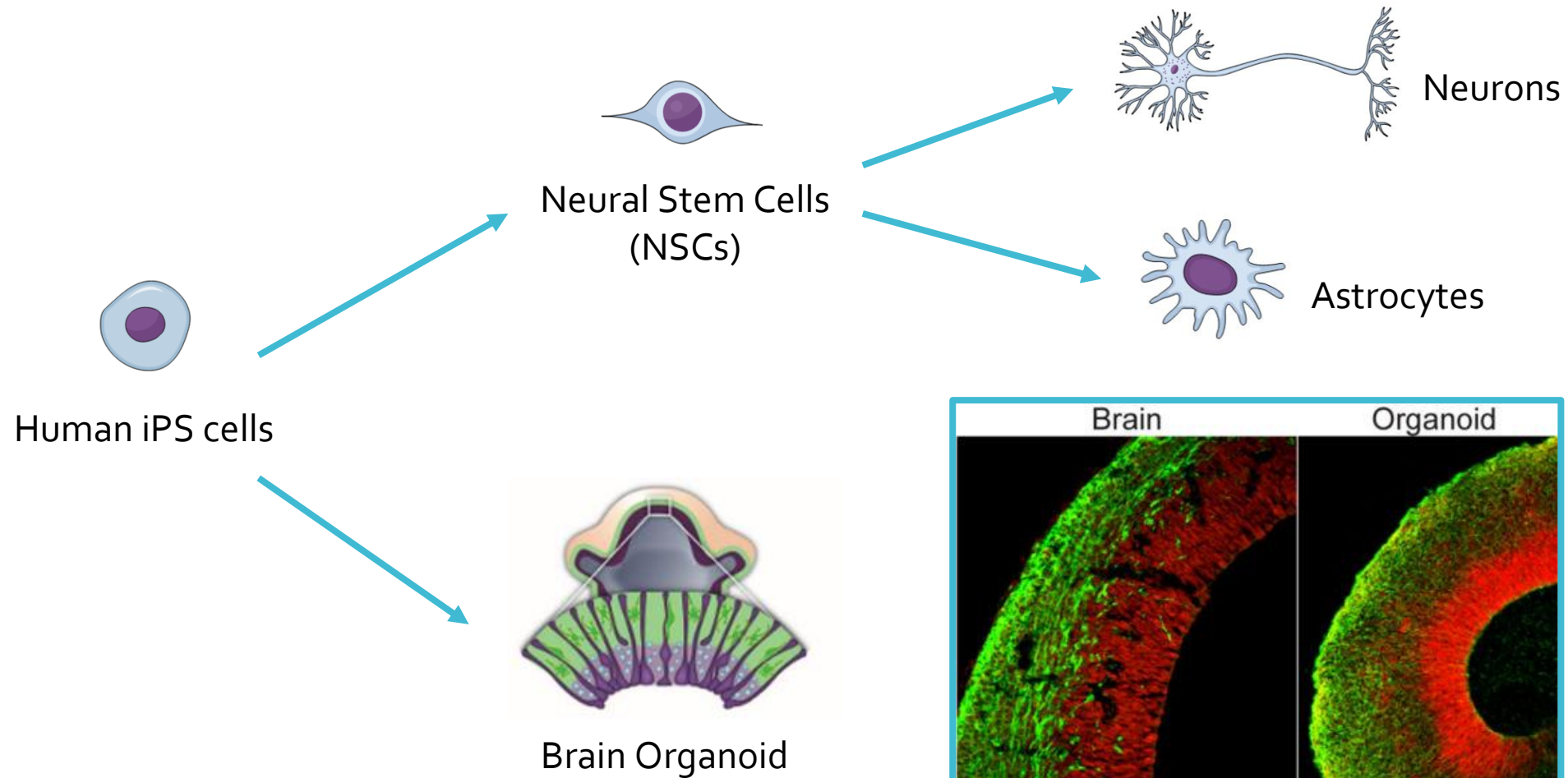
Cytoplasm Selection



Calculate Intensity Properties

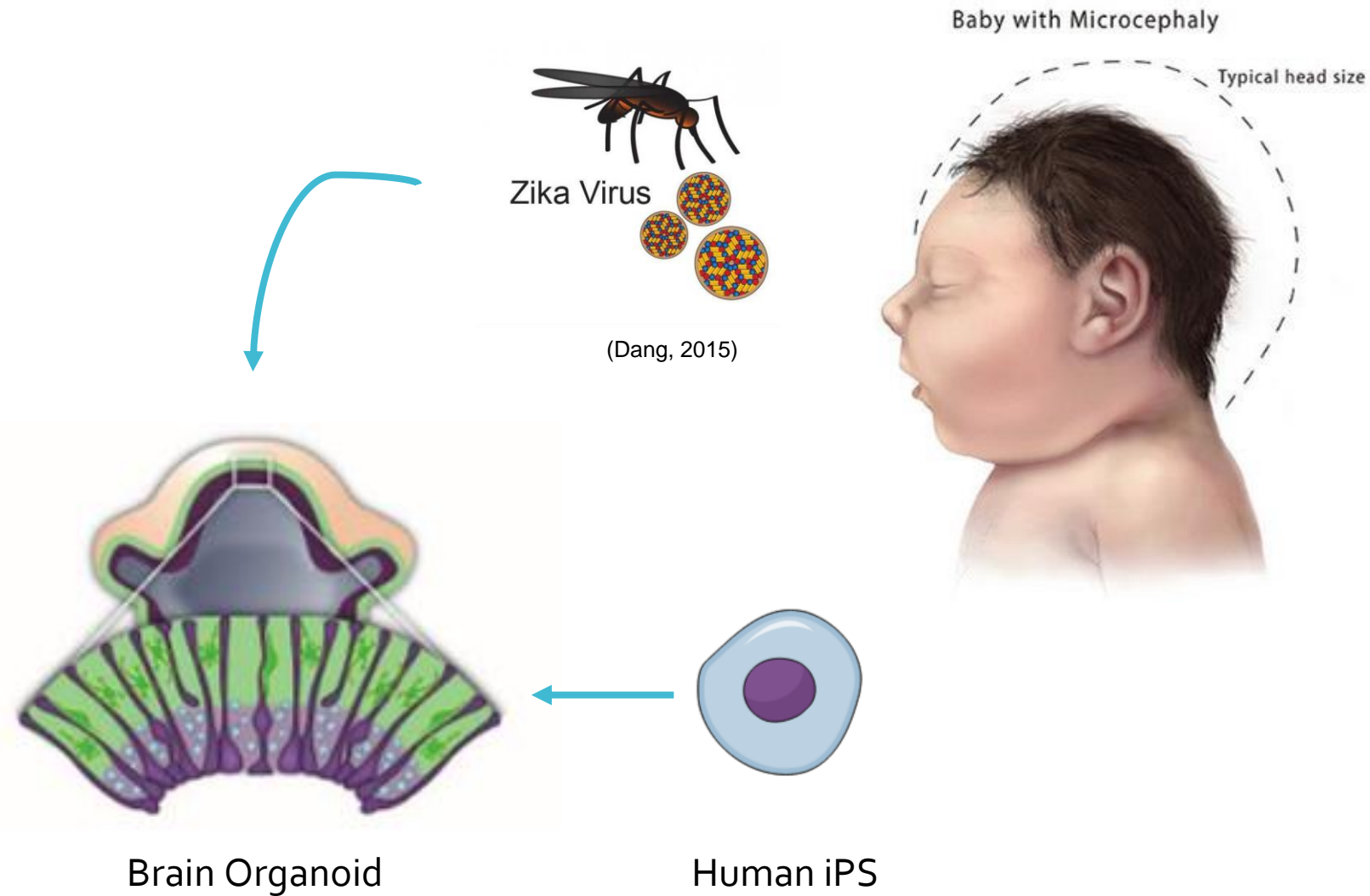


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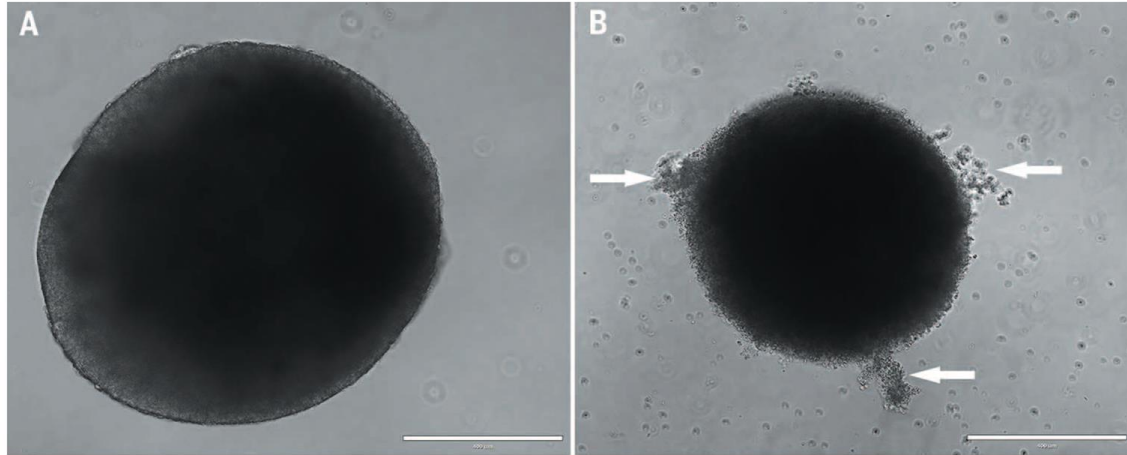


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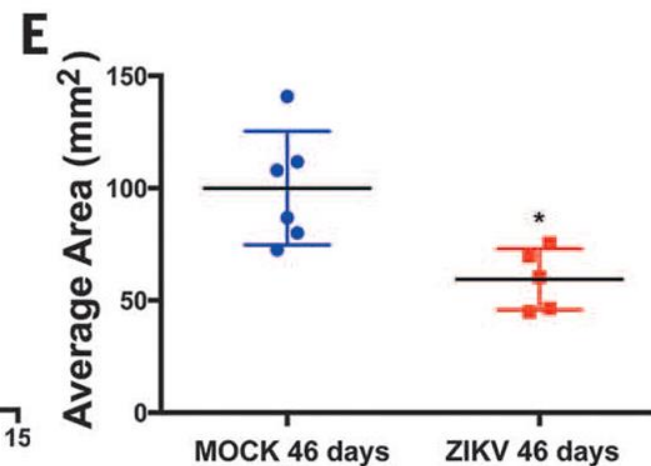
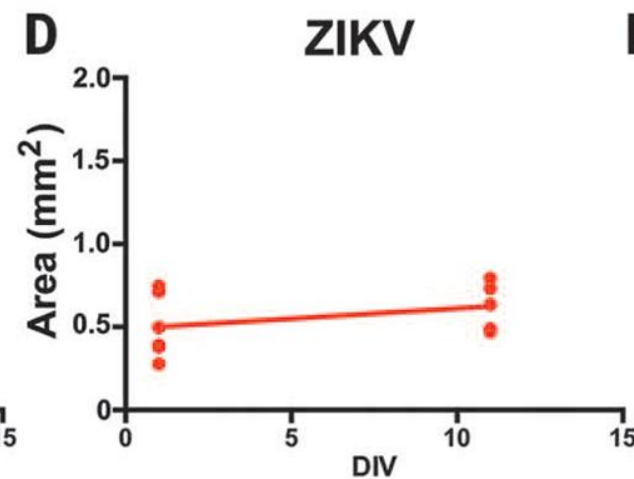
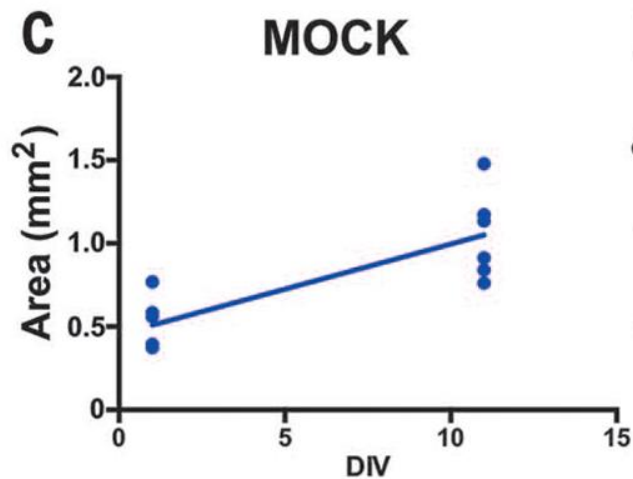
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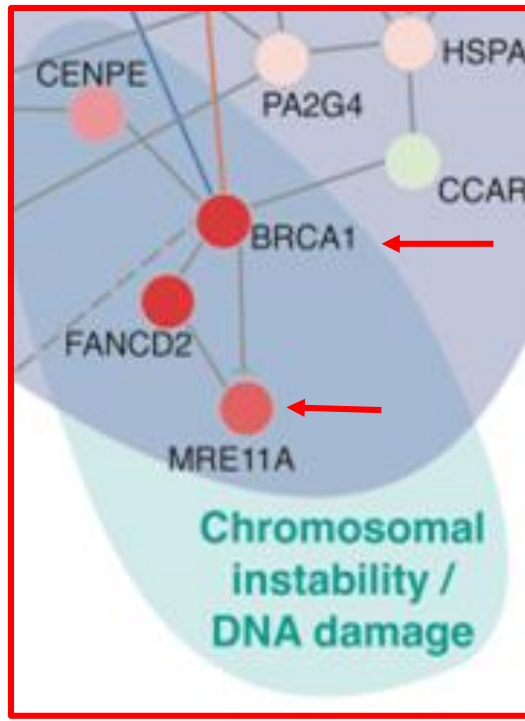
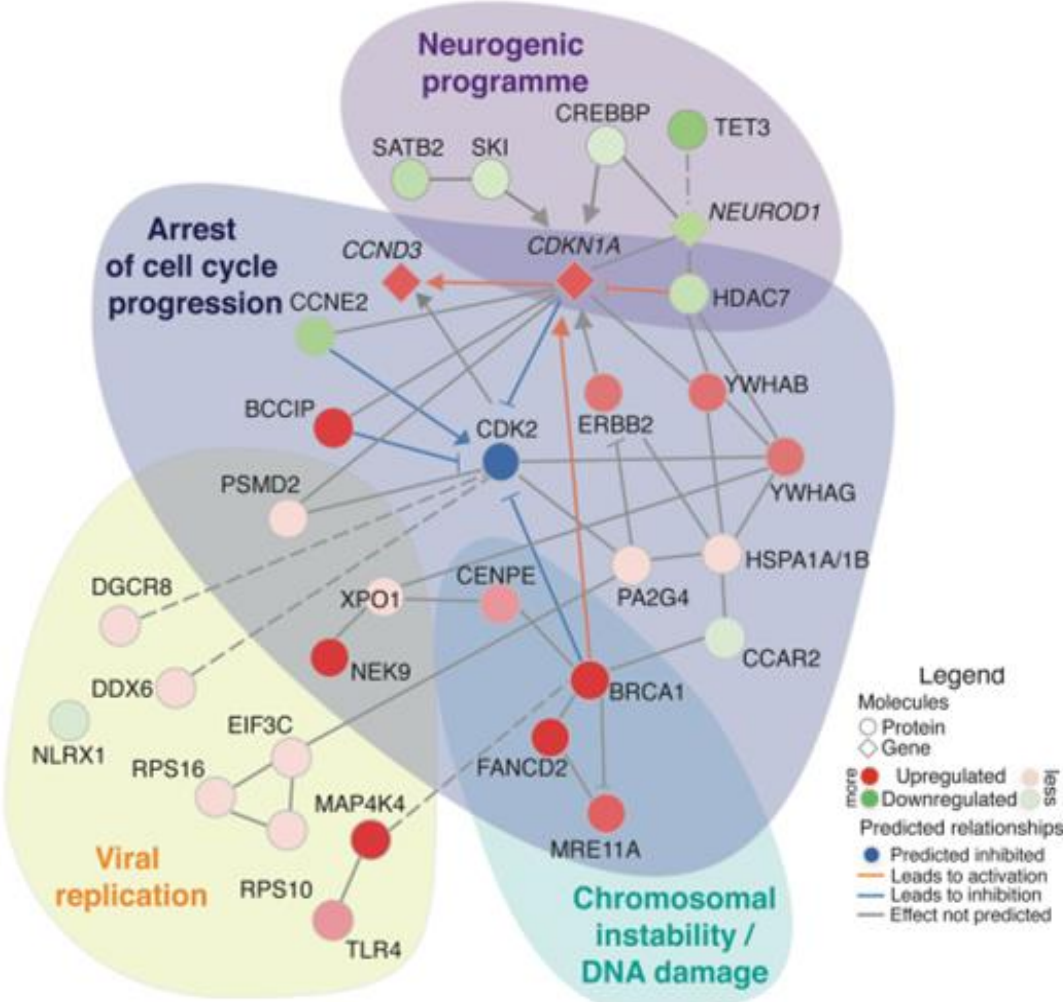
## Zika virus impairs growth in human neurospheres and brain organoids

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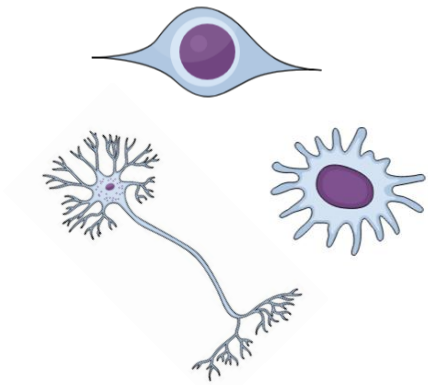
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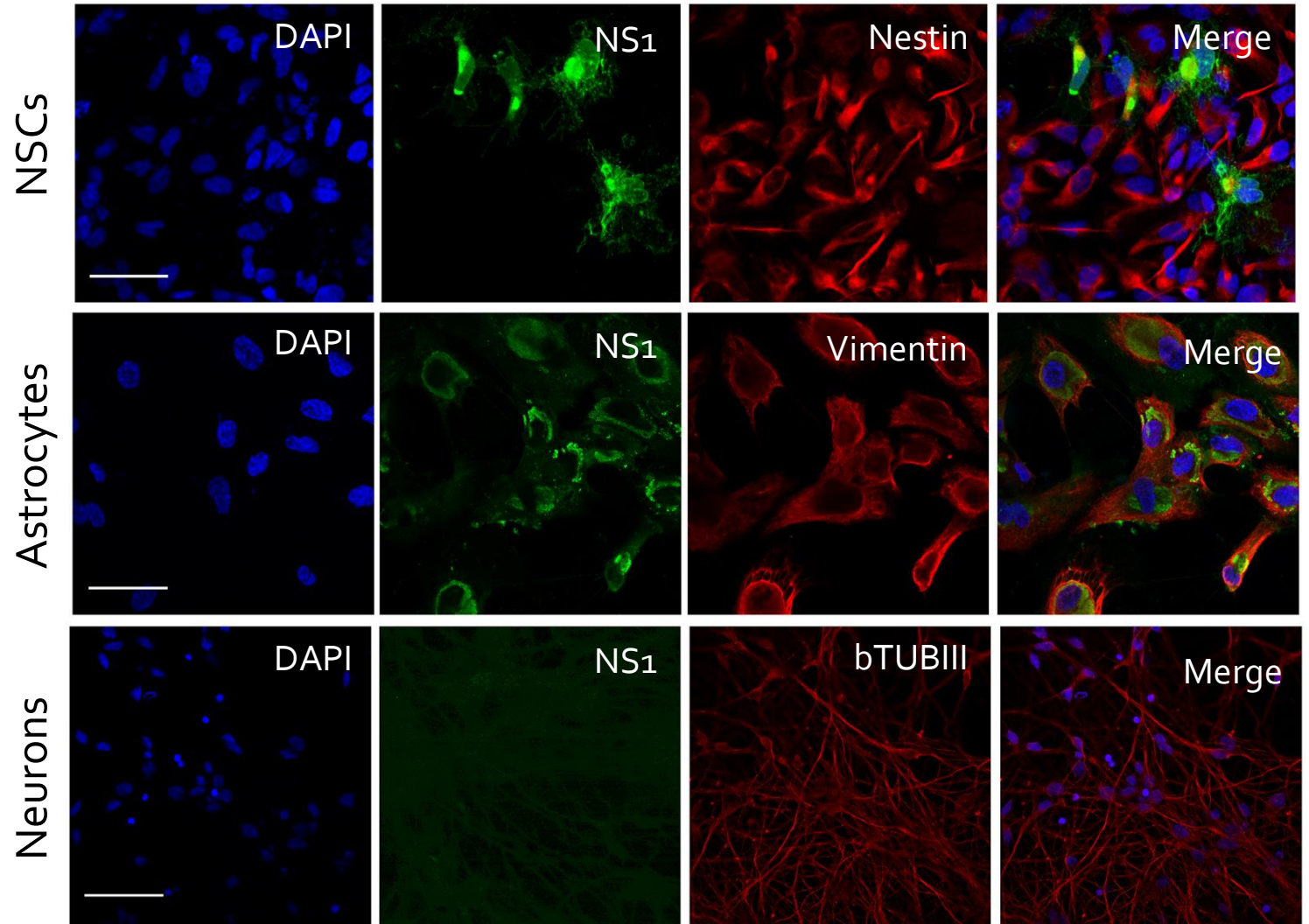
Reactive Oxygen Species (ROS)?



# ZIKV preferentially infects human astrocytes *in vitro*

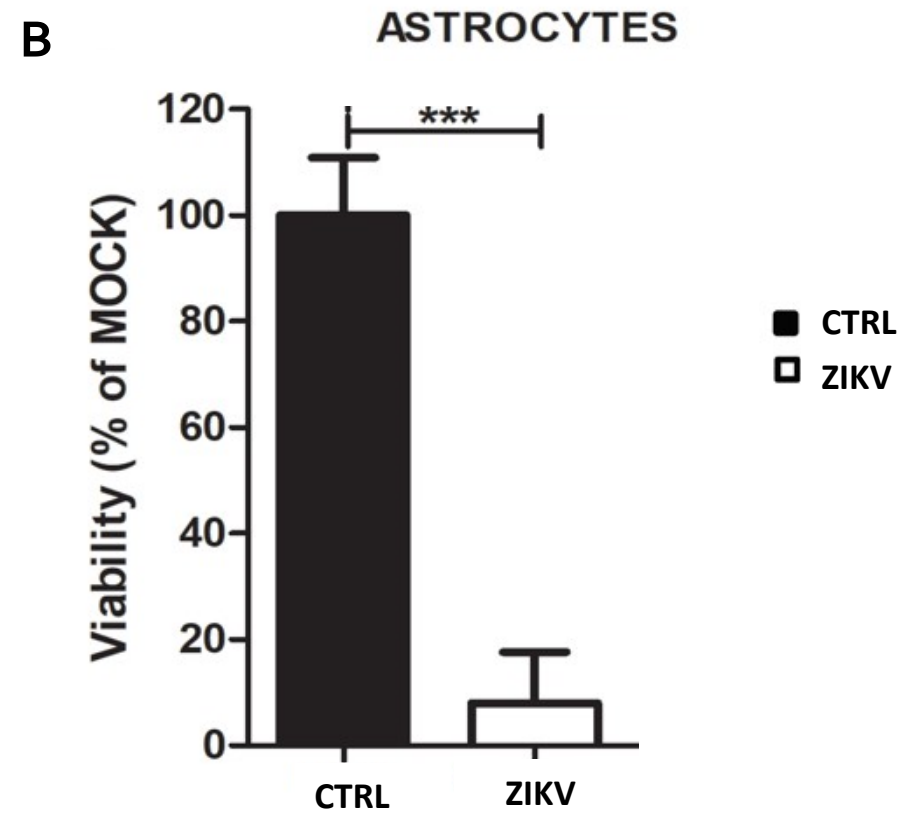
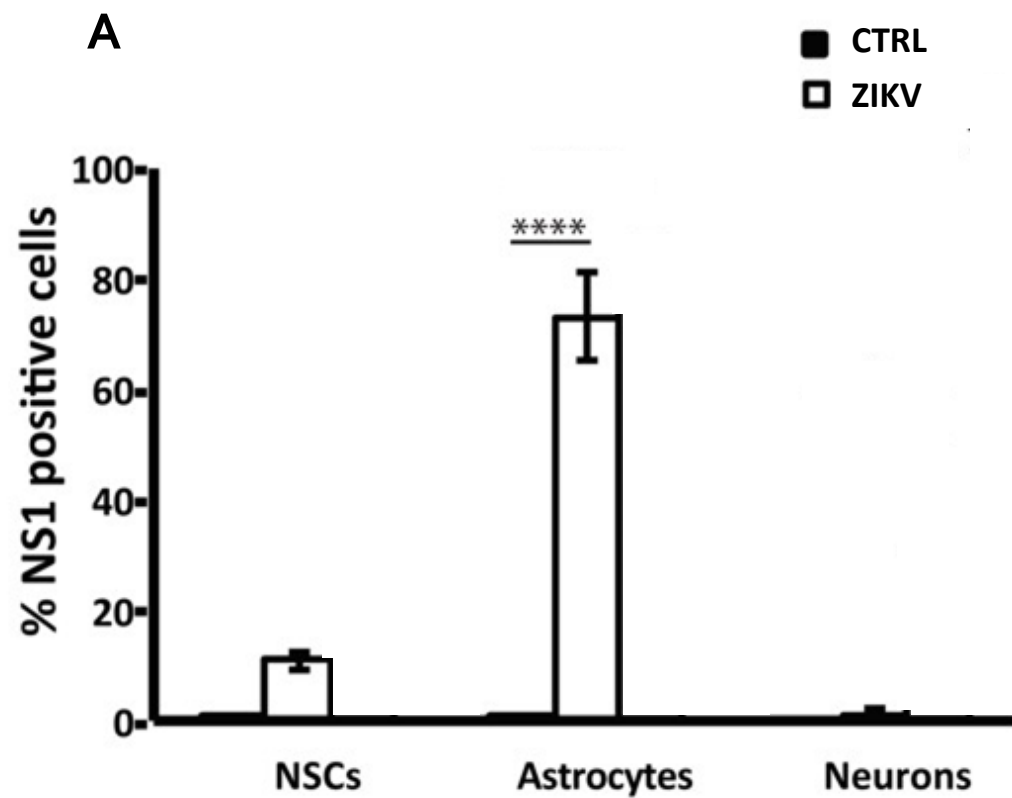


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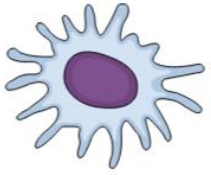


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# ZIKV infection leads to reactive oxygen species (ROS)

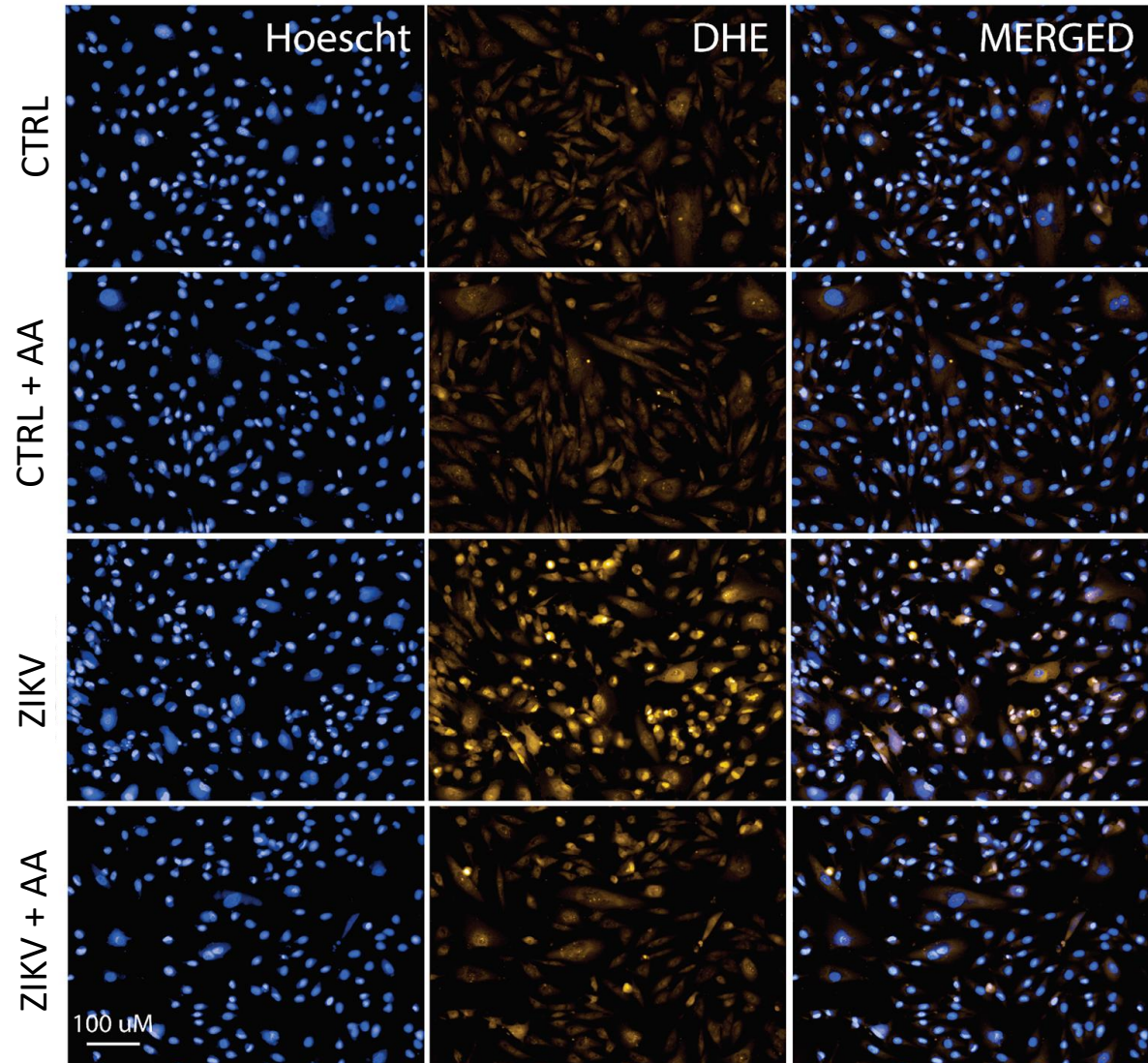
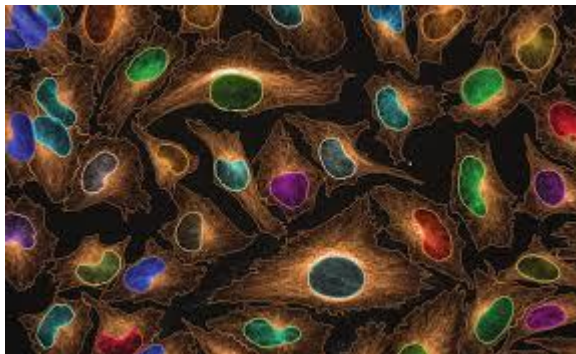


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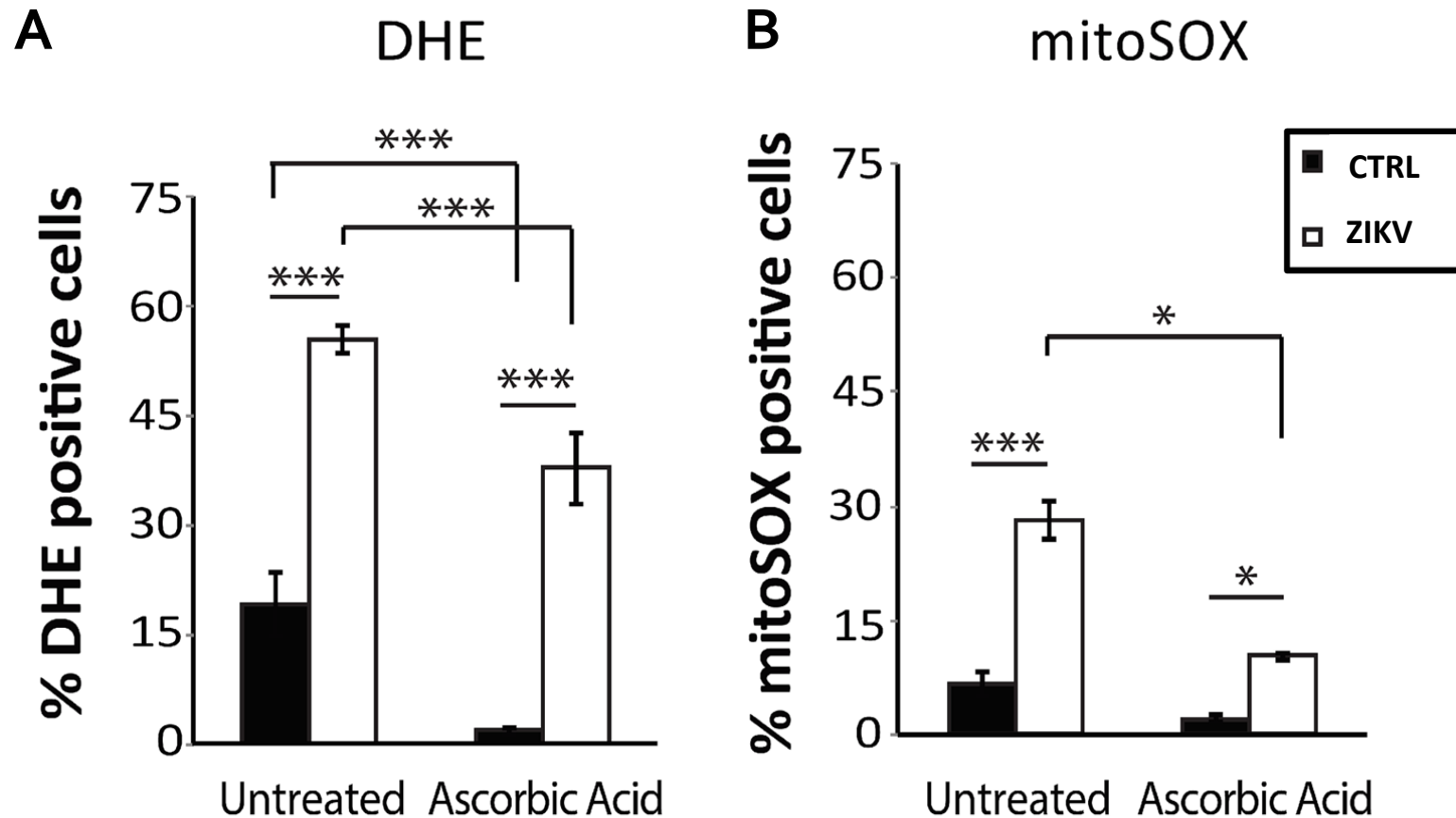
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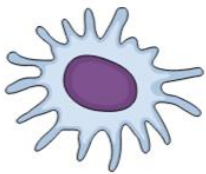
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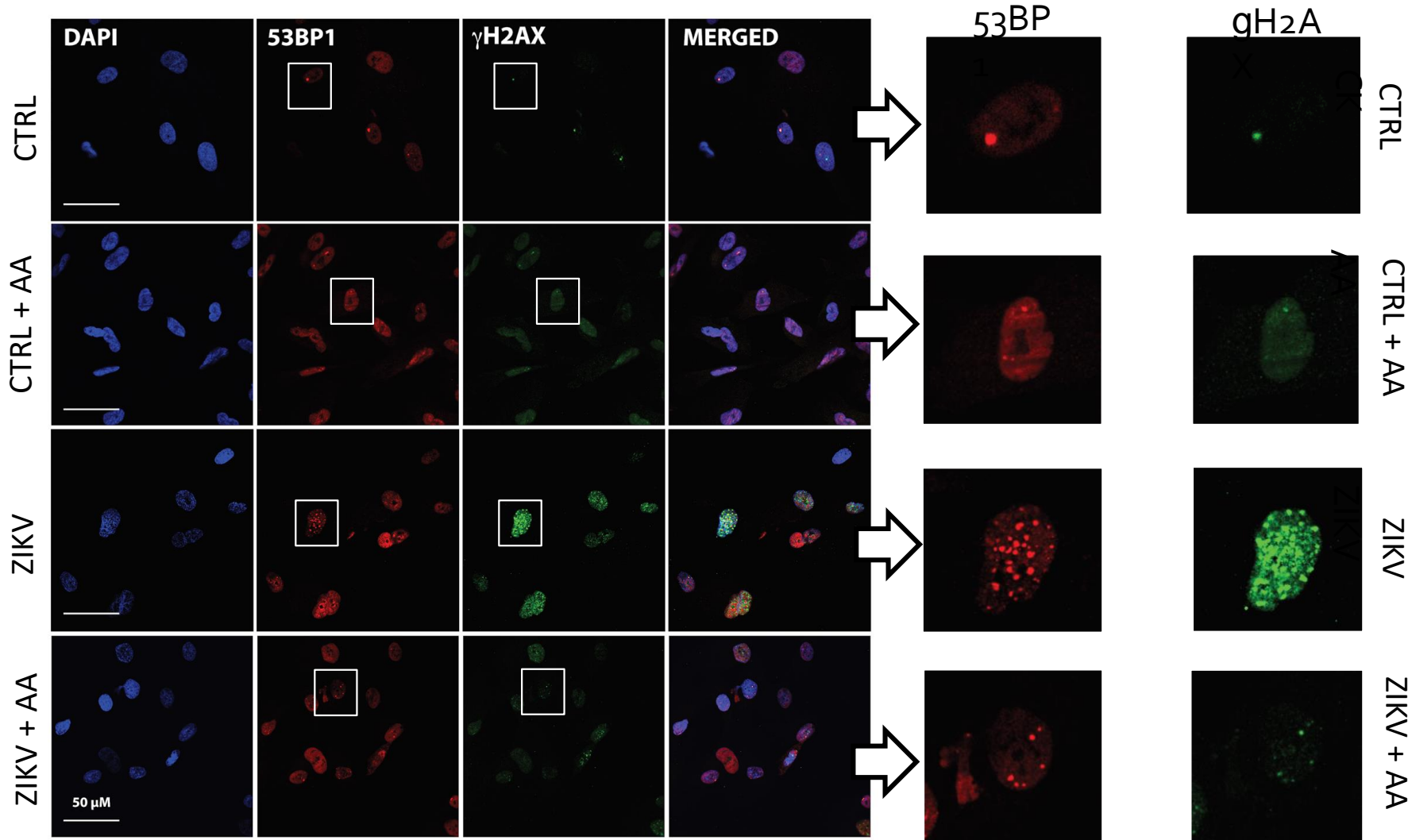
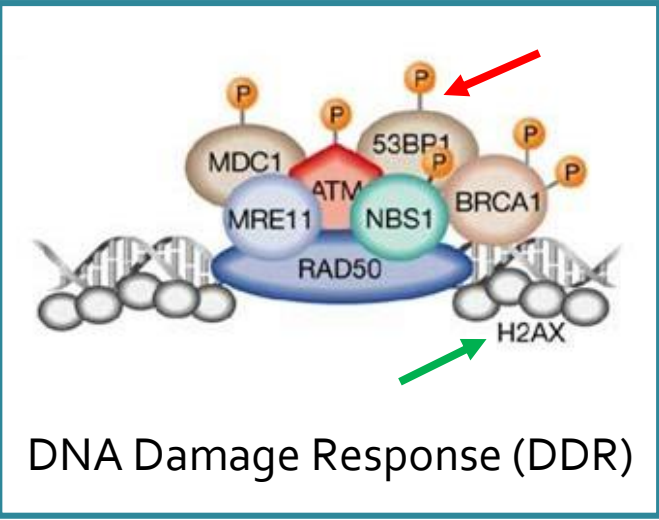
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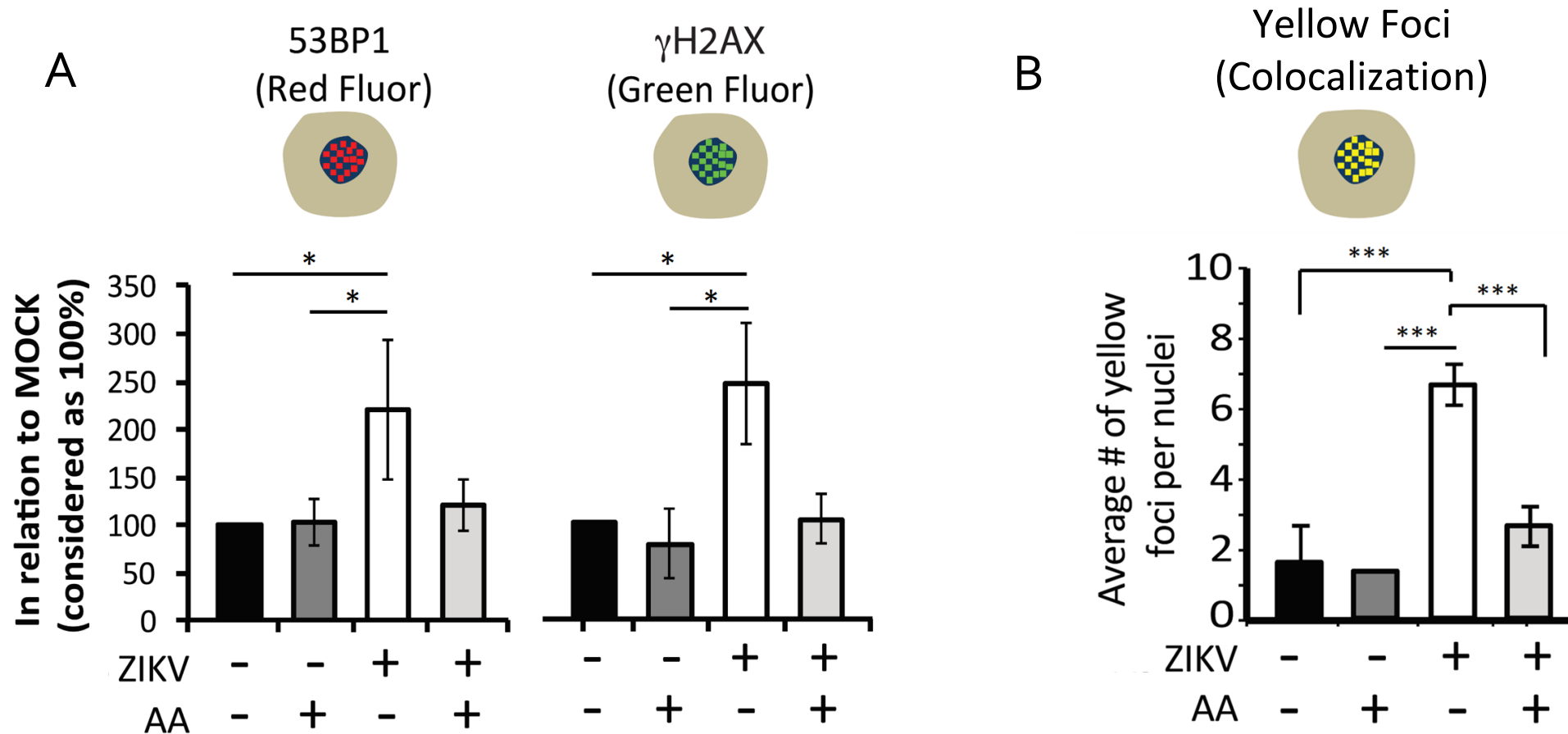
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# SUMMARY

- ❖ Our **automated analysis system** combined to iPS can be applied to investigate molecular and cellular responses to pathogens and environmental factors anticipating future consequences;
- ❖ ZIKV preferentially infects **human astrocytes**;
- ❖ ZIKV infection leads to **ROS production**;
- ❖ ROS leads to **DNA damage** (53BP1 and γH2AX), which is rescued by ascorbic acid;
- ❖ We propose that oxidative stress and DNA damage response could be linked to consequences besides **microcephaly** and also to future neural disorders.

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