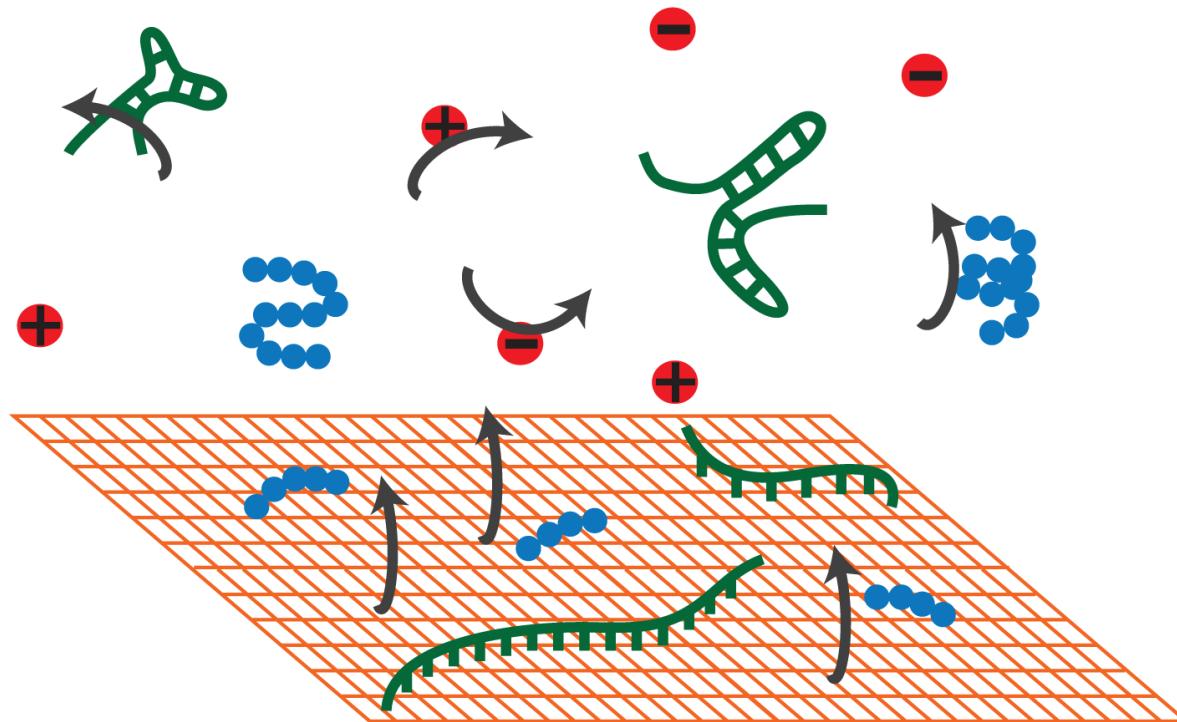


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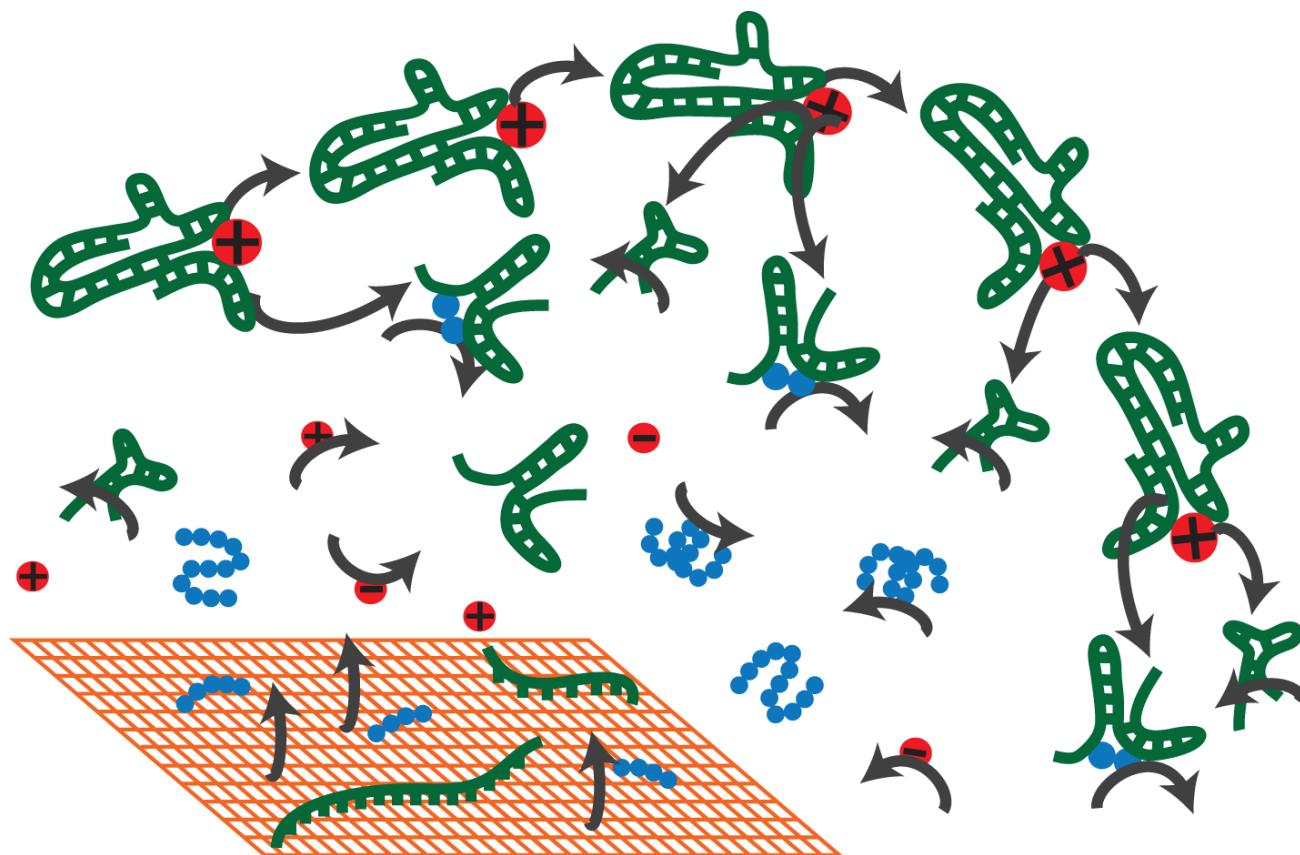
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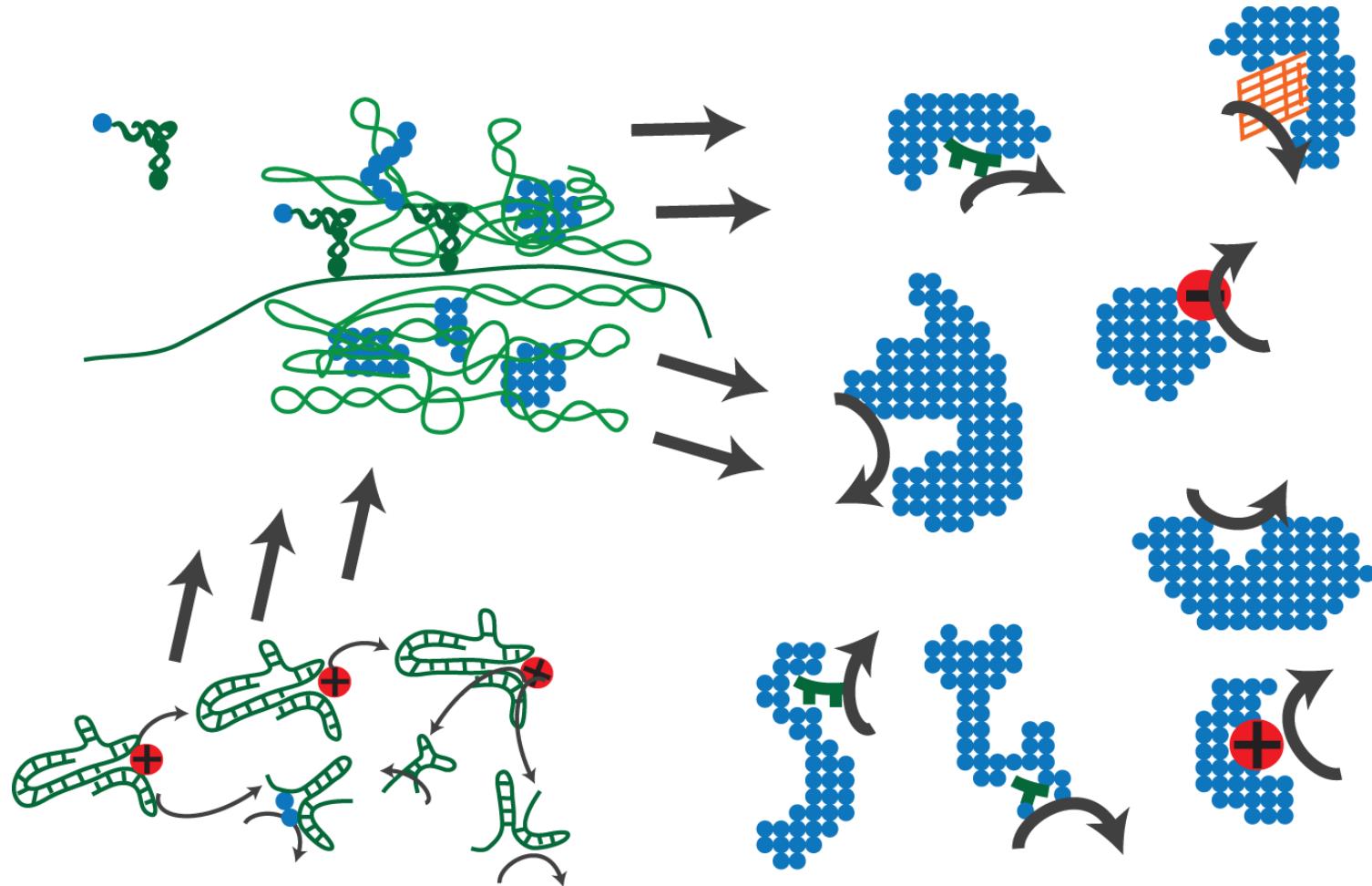
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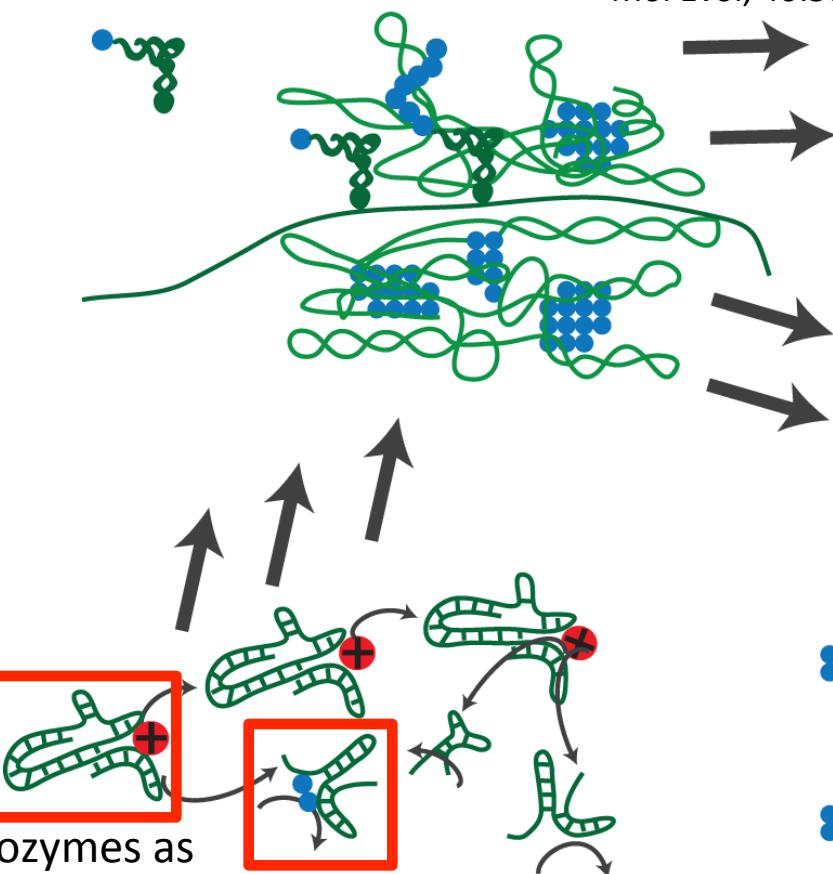
# Protein-mediated metabolism



# Cofactors reflect ancient catalysis:

White (1976) J Mol Evol 7:101–104

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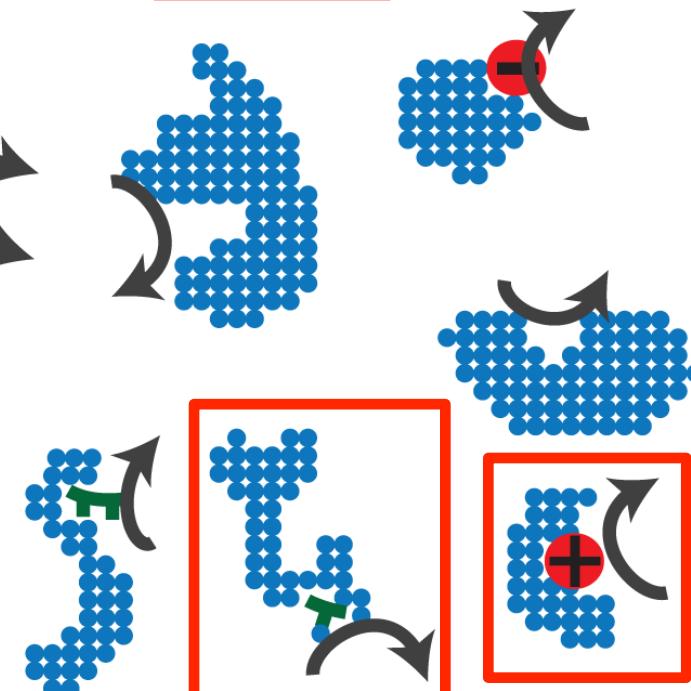
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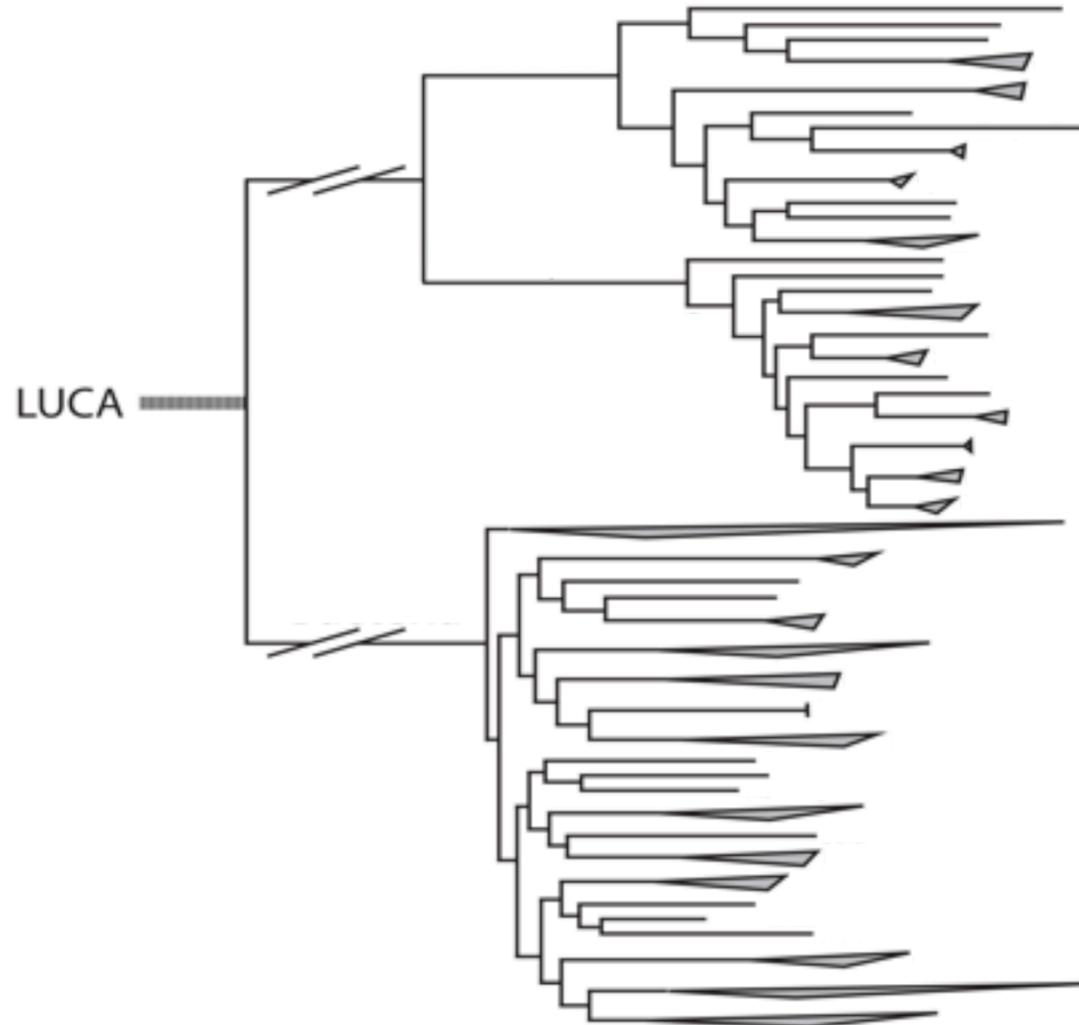


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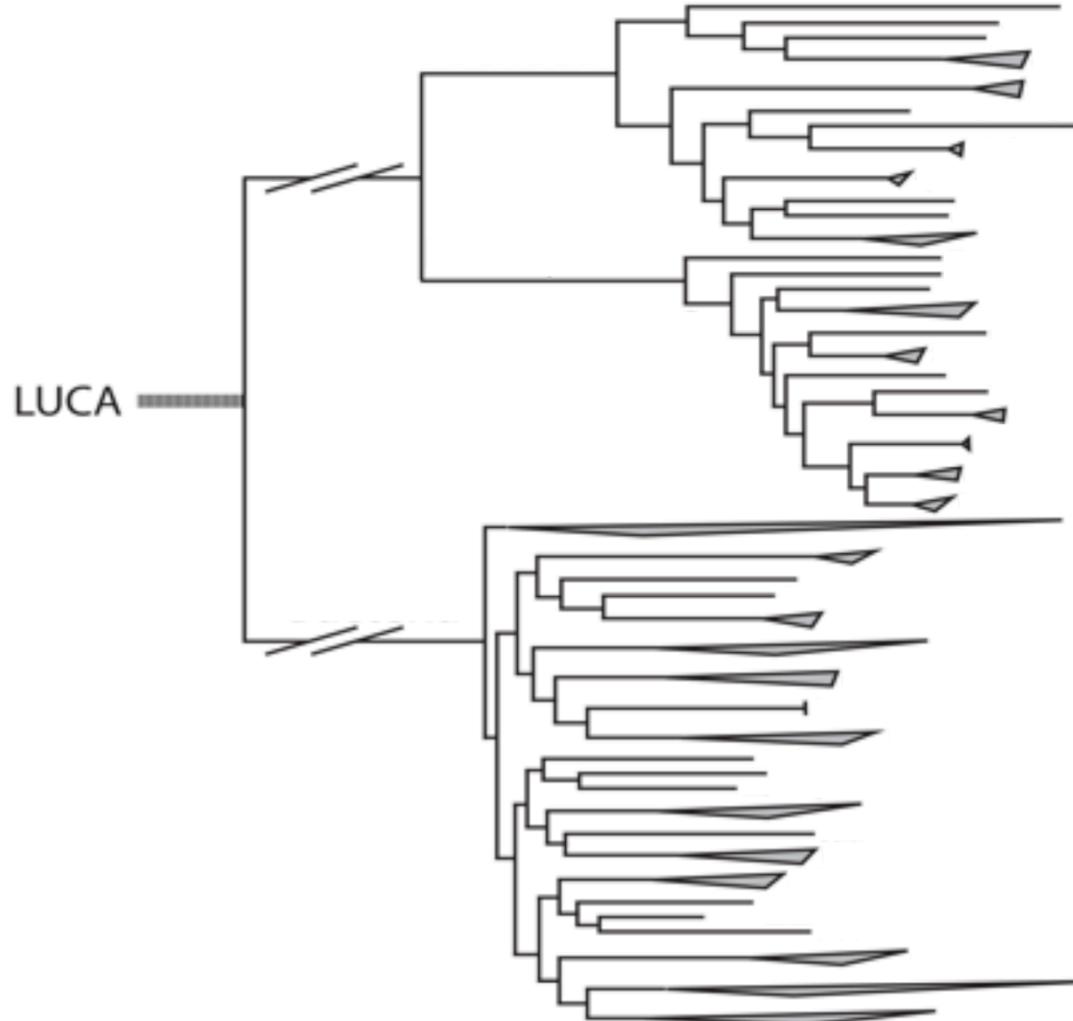


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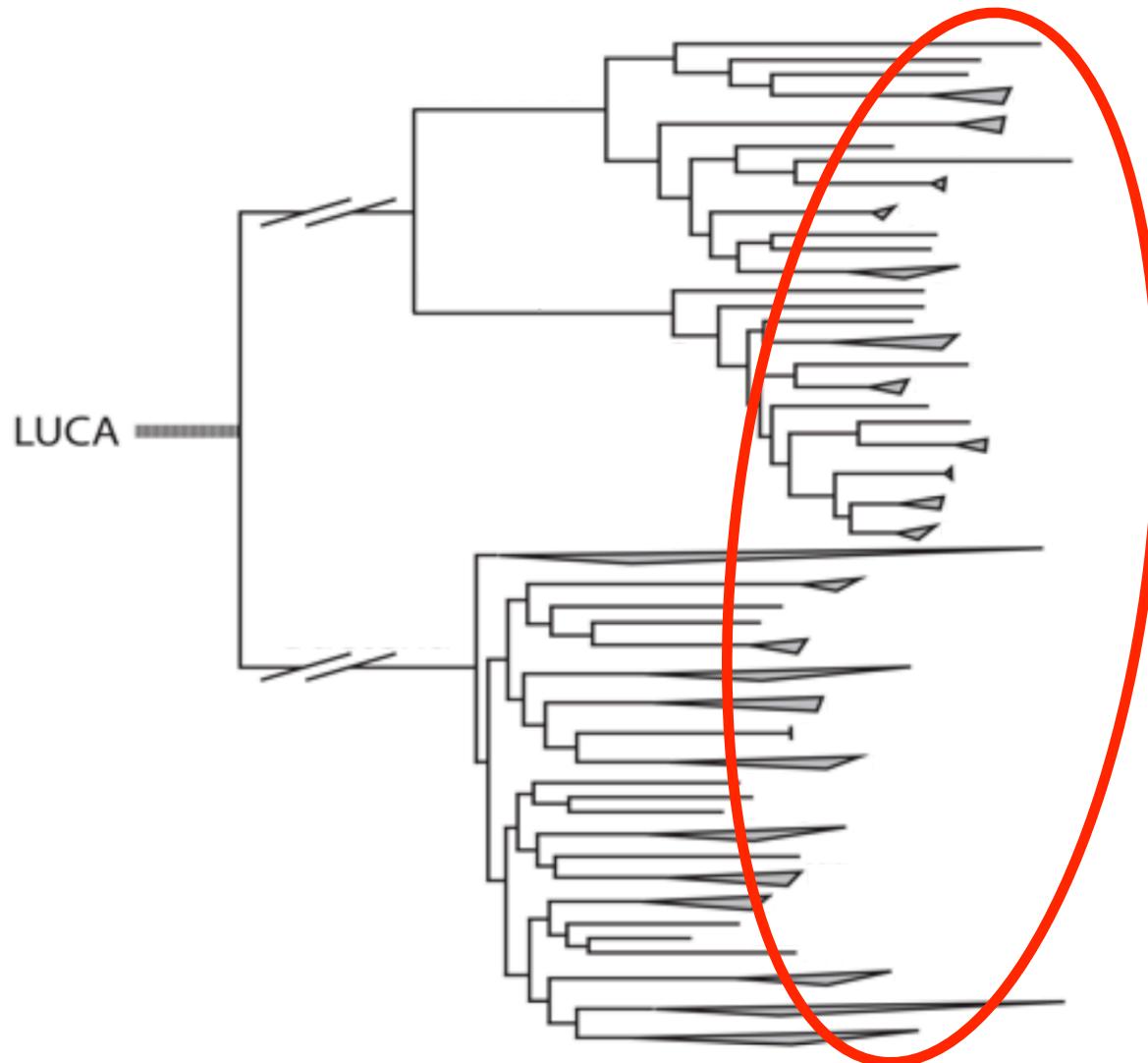
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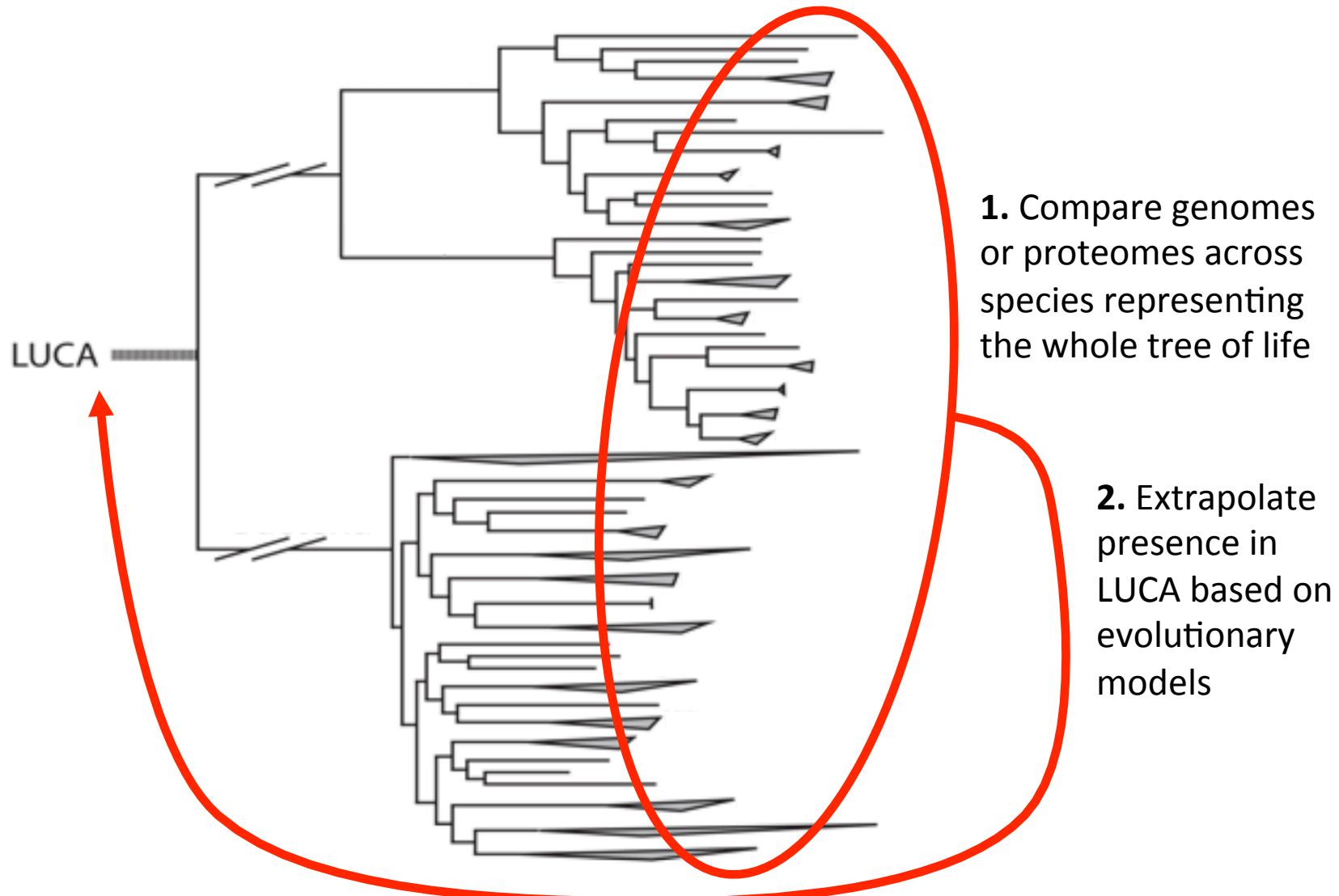
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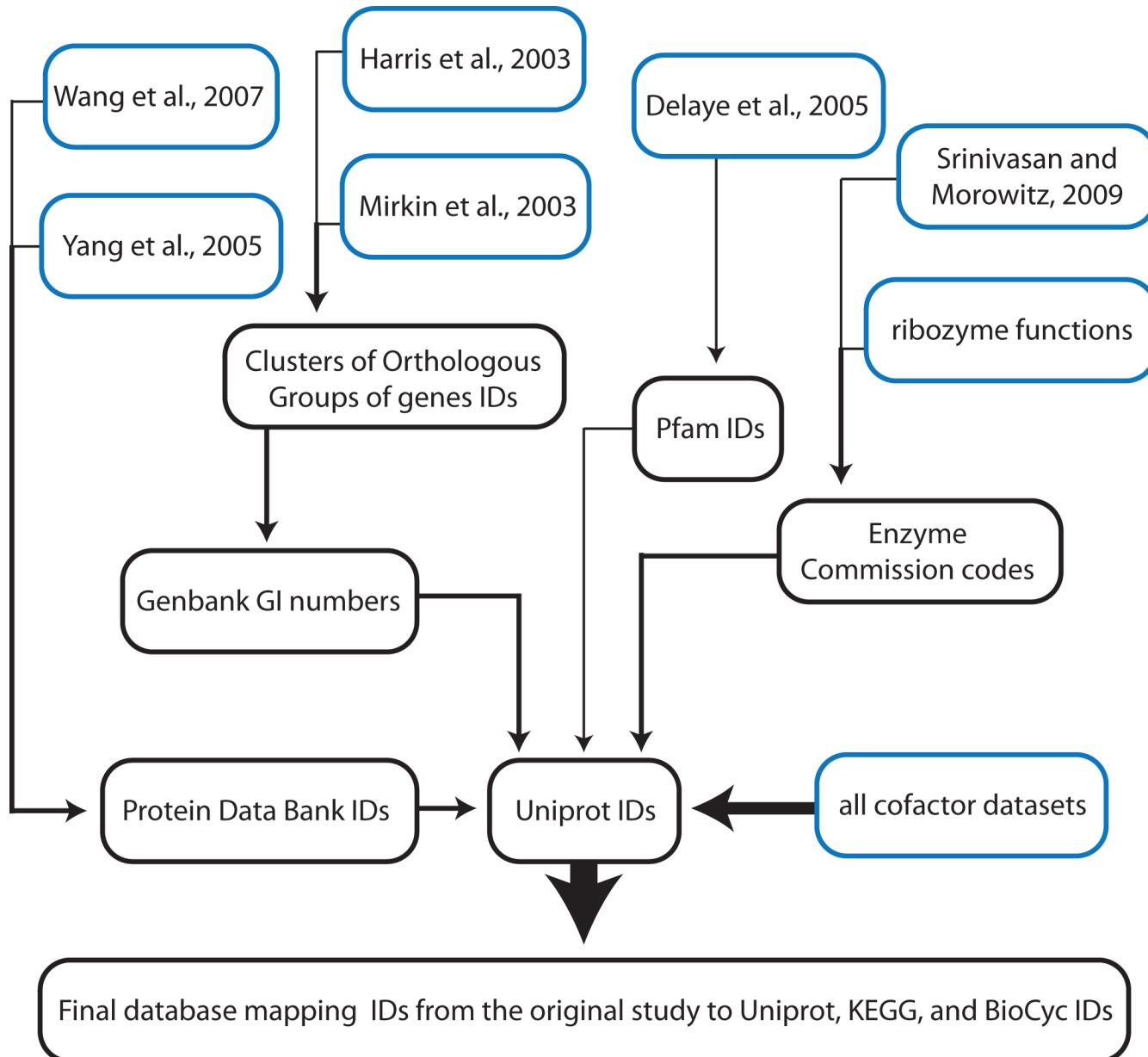
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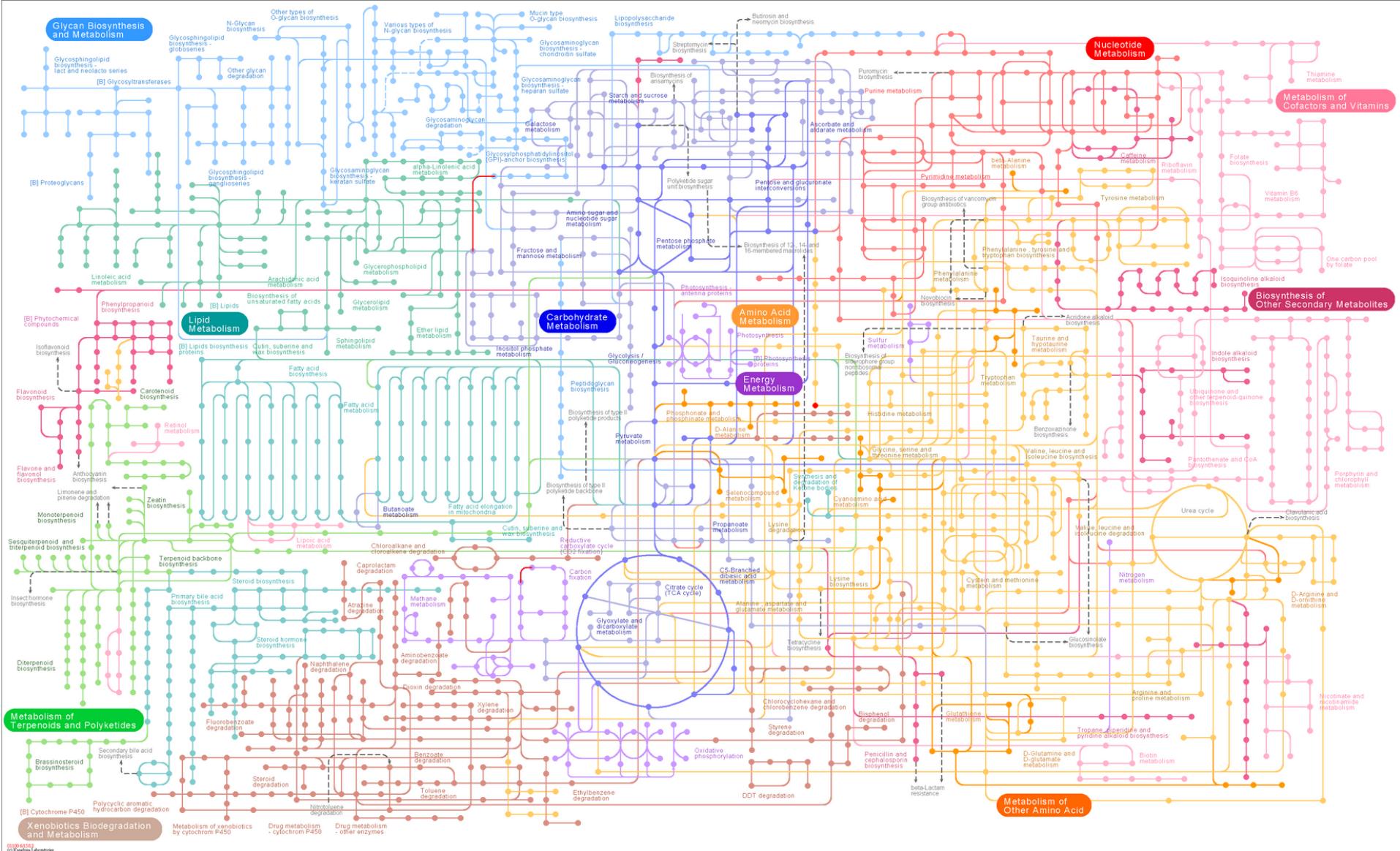
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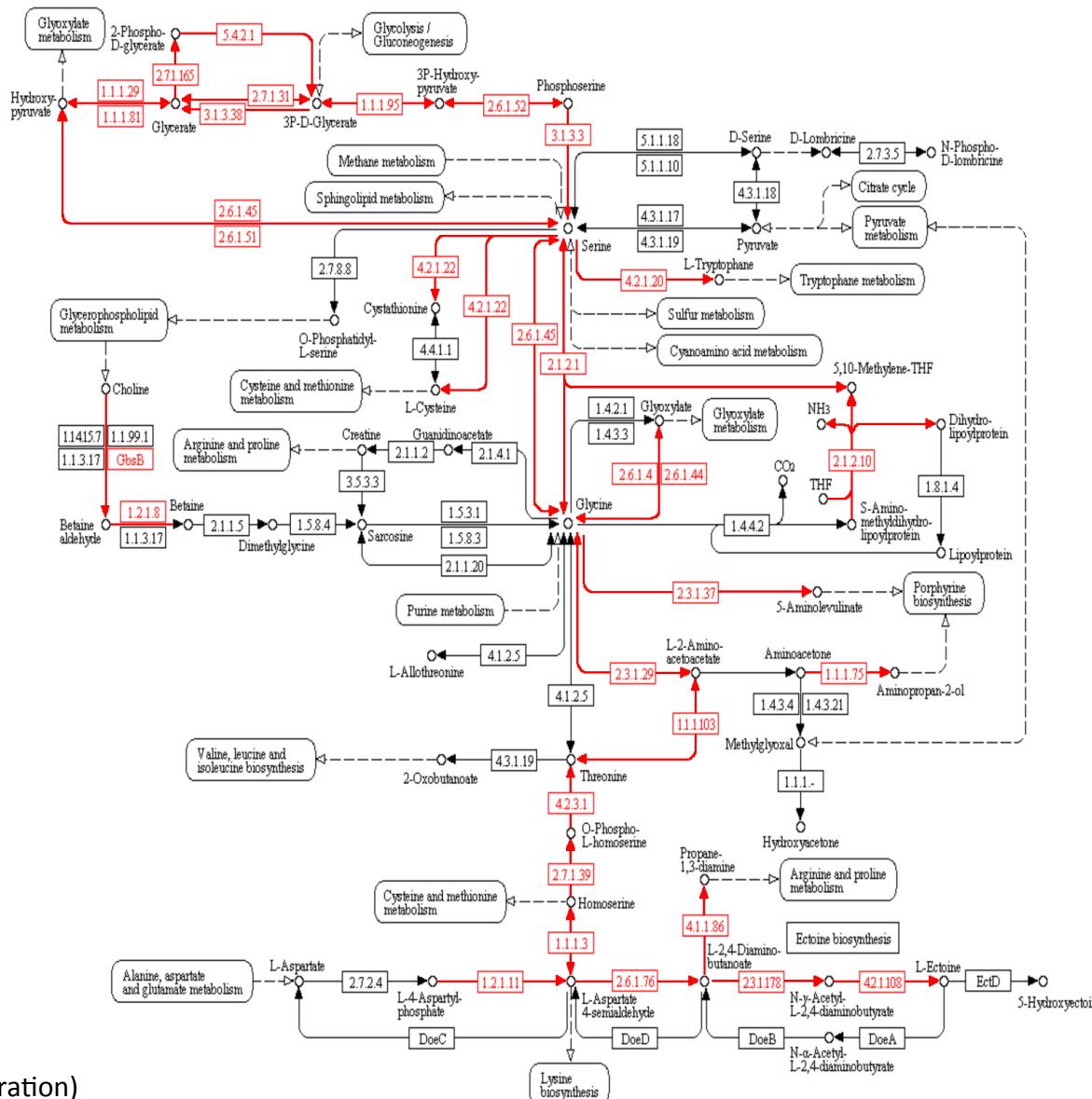
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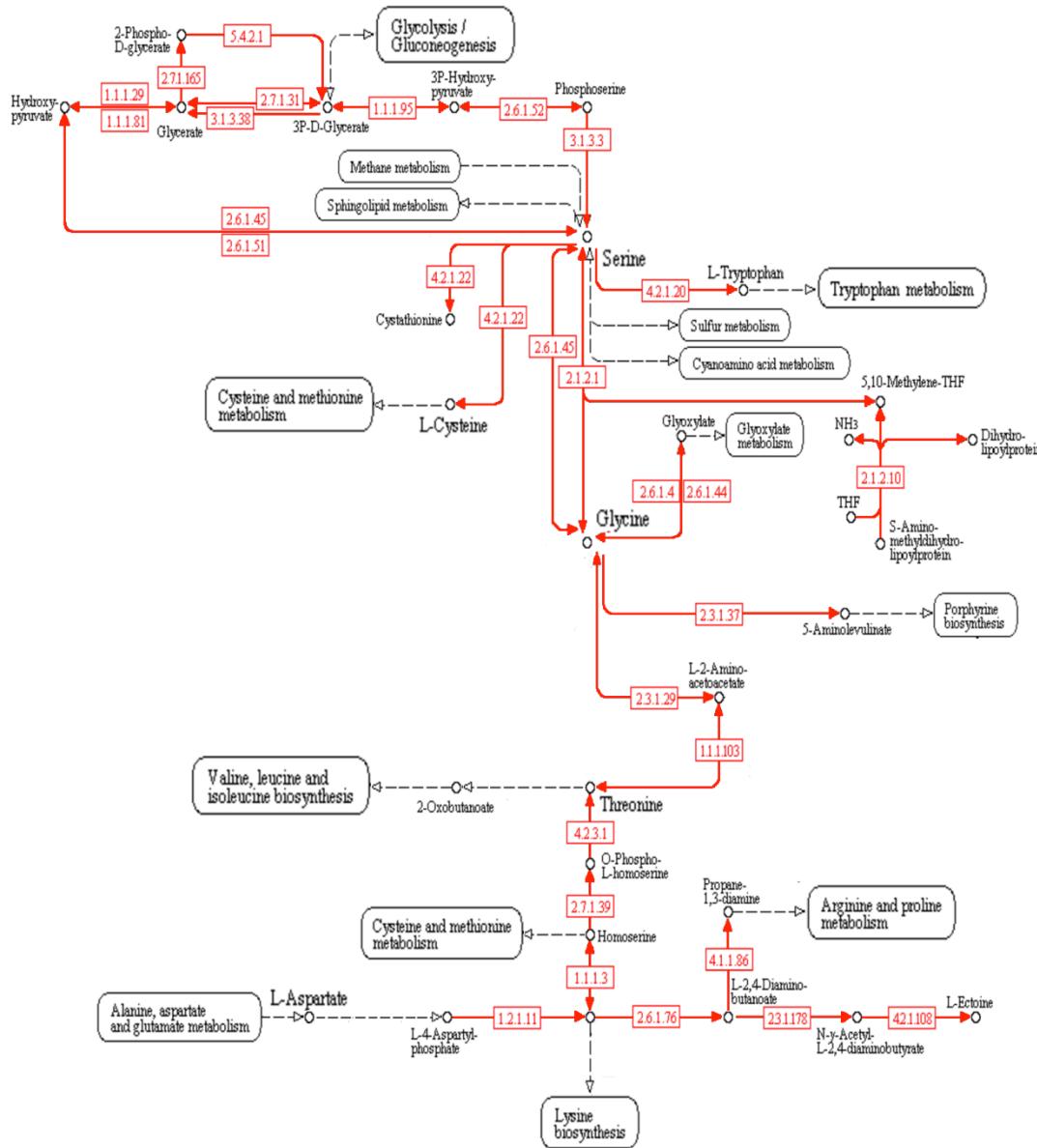


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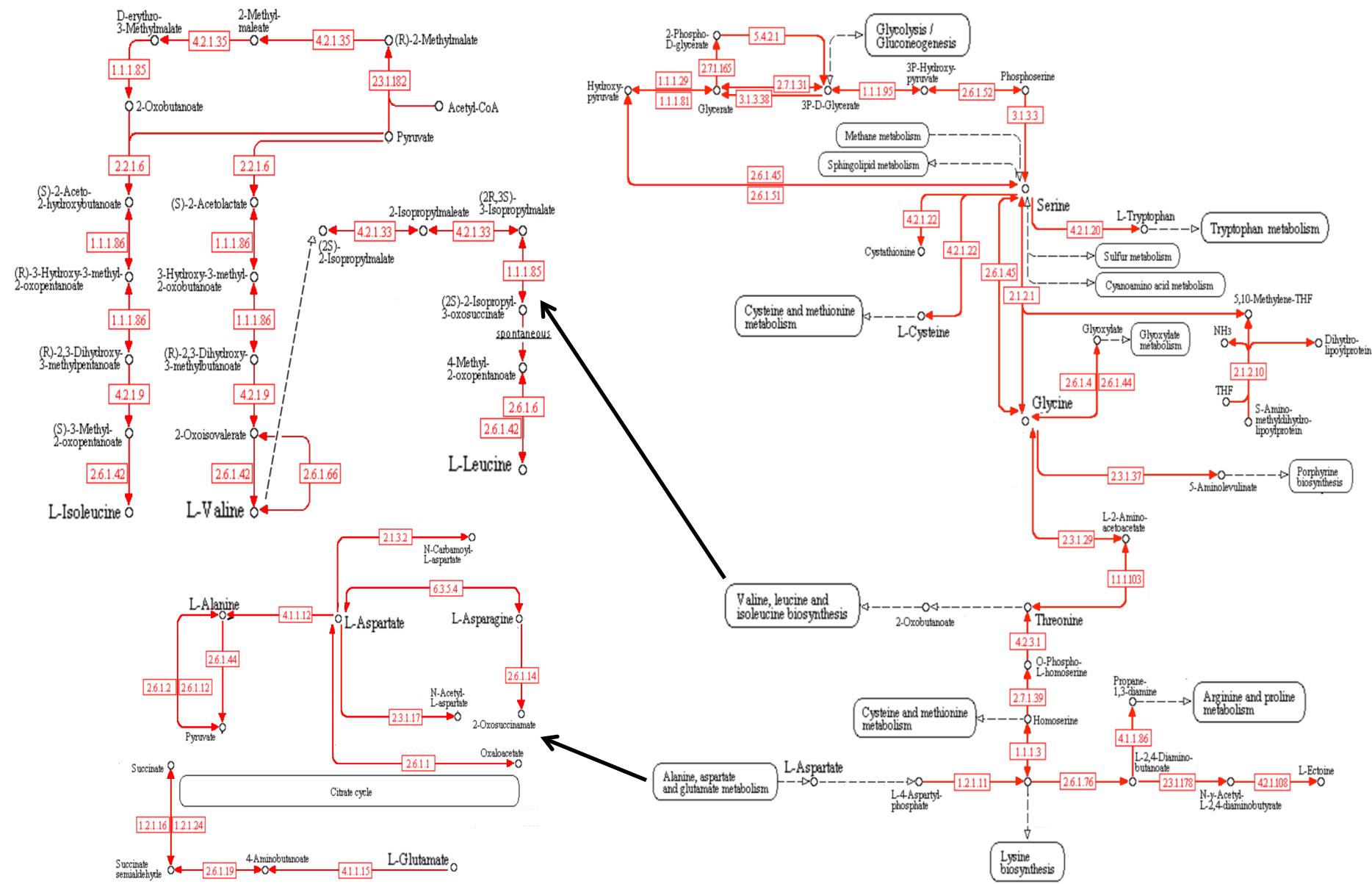
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# Hypothesis Testing

# Ribozymes found in life

Peptidyl transferase 23S rRNA  
is the RNA component of the ribosome

CoTC ribozyme  
self cleavage

Group I and Group II introns  
self splicing

glmS ribozyme  
catalyzes the production of  
glucosamine-6-phosphate

Hammerhead ribozyme  
self cleavage



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Mammalian CPEB3 ribozyme  
self cleavage

HDV ribozyme  
process the RNA transcripts to unit lengths

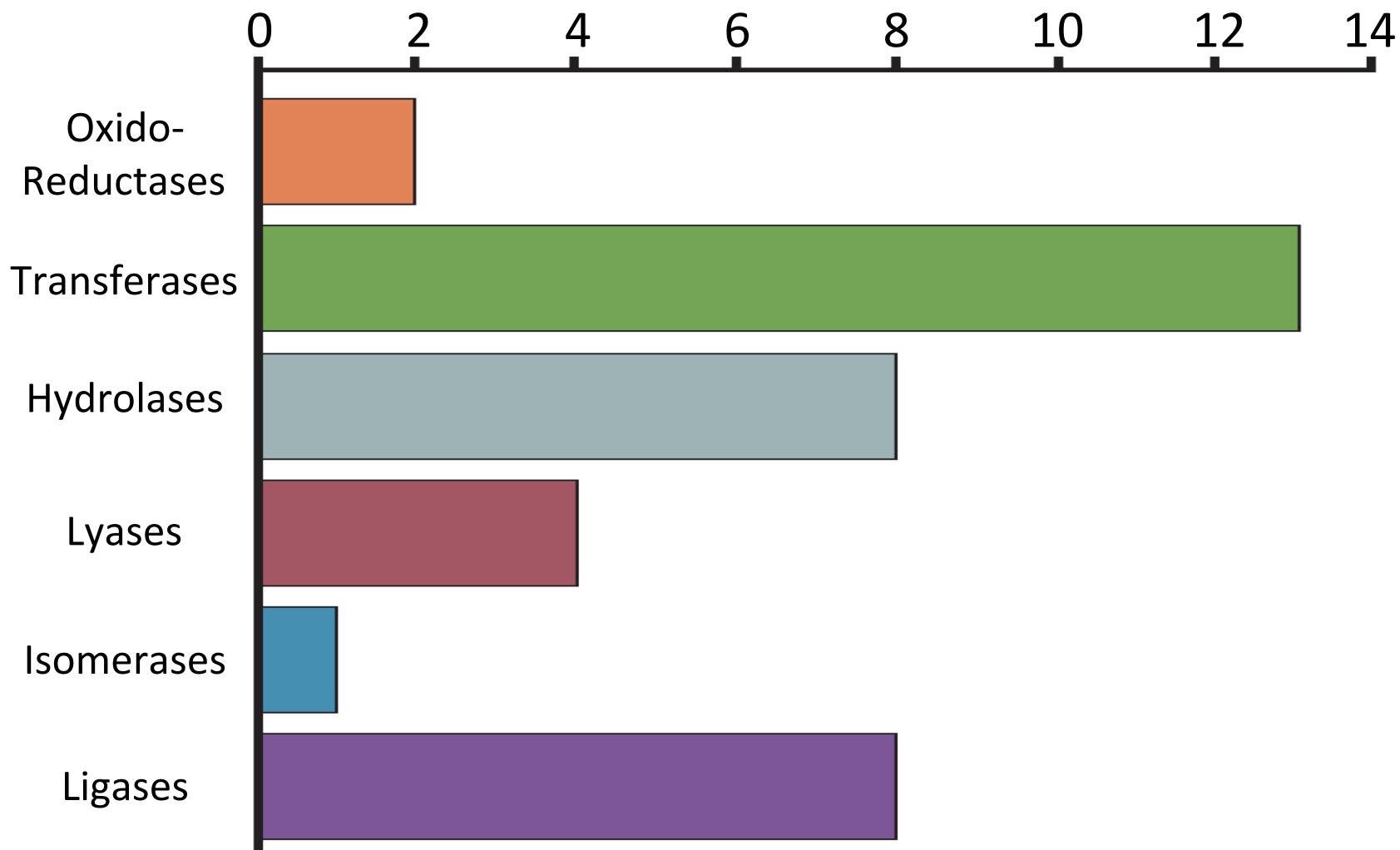
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cleavage of a phosphodiester bond

RNase P  
cleaves RNA

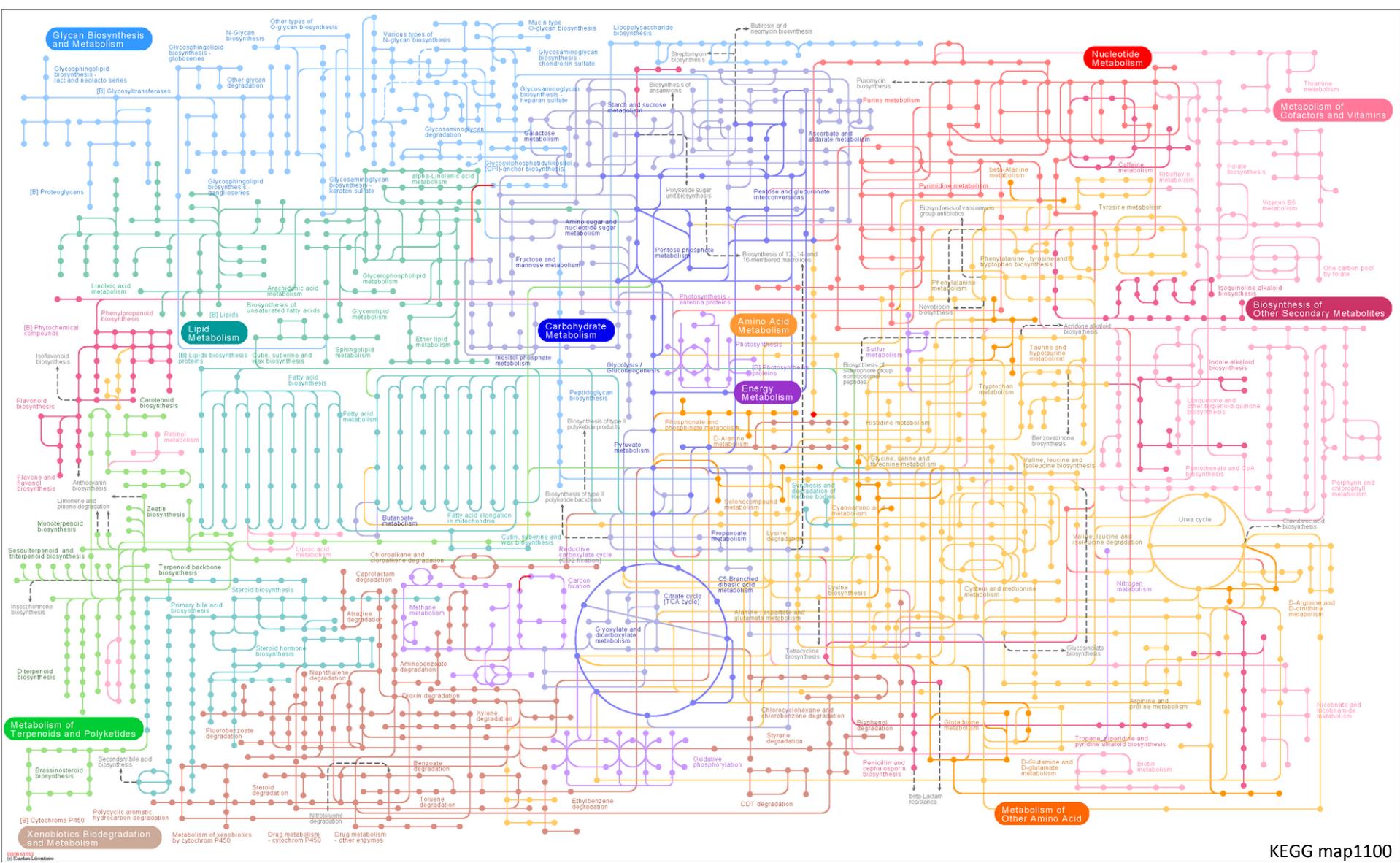
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Hairpin ribozyme  
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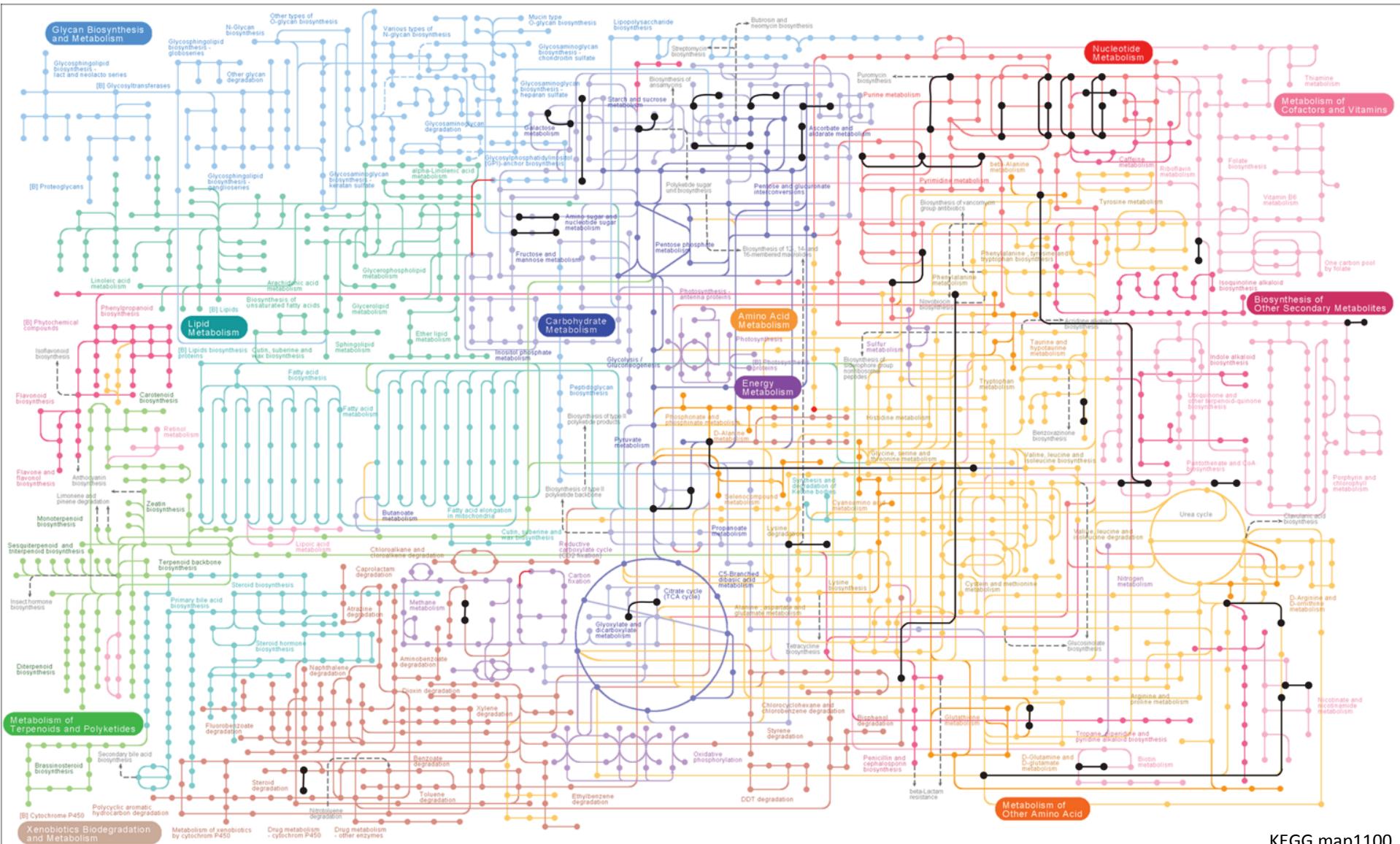
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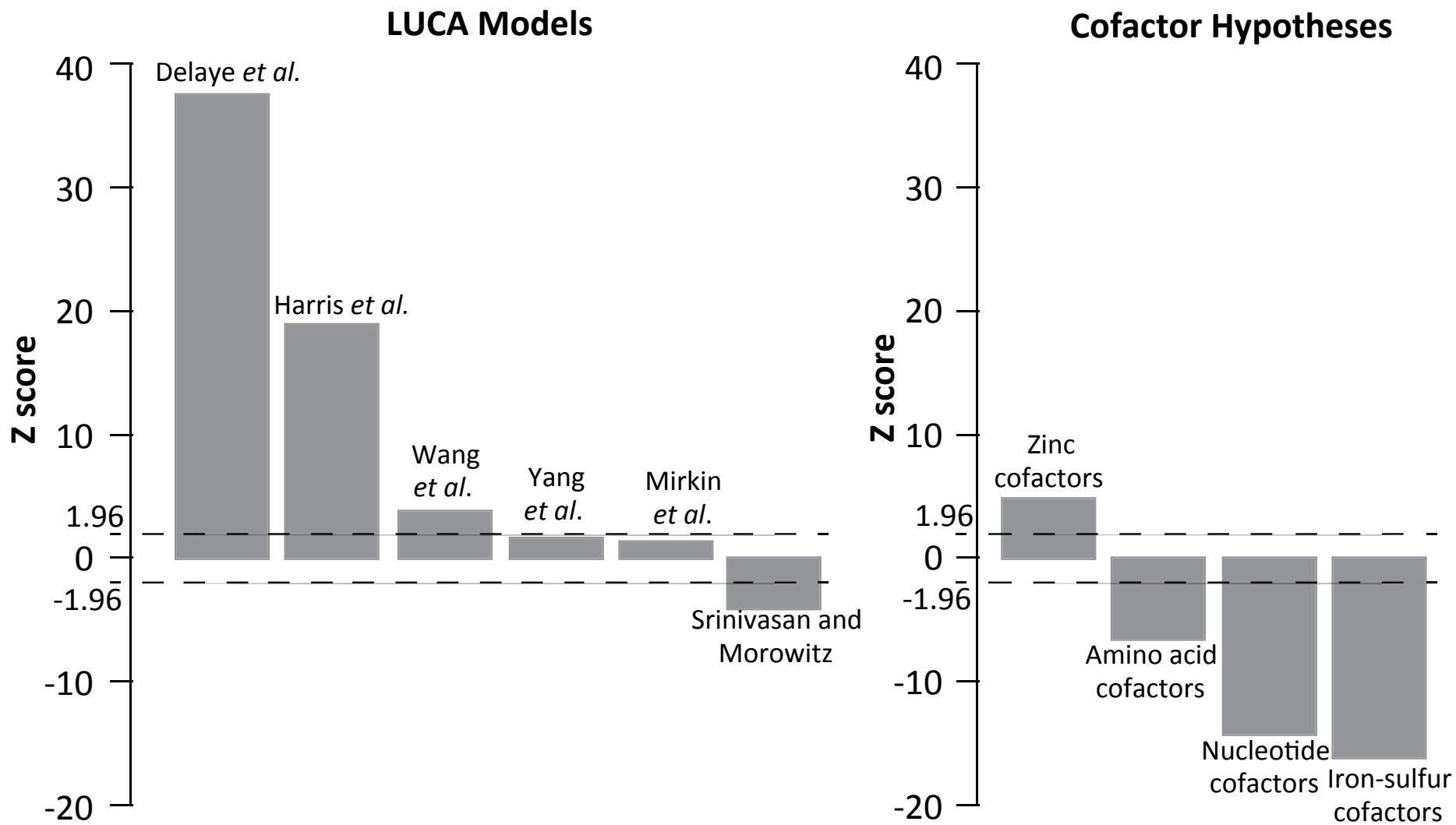
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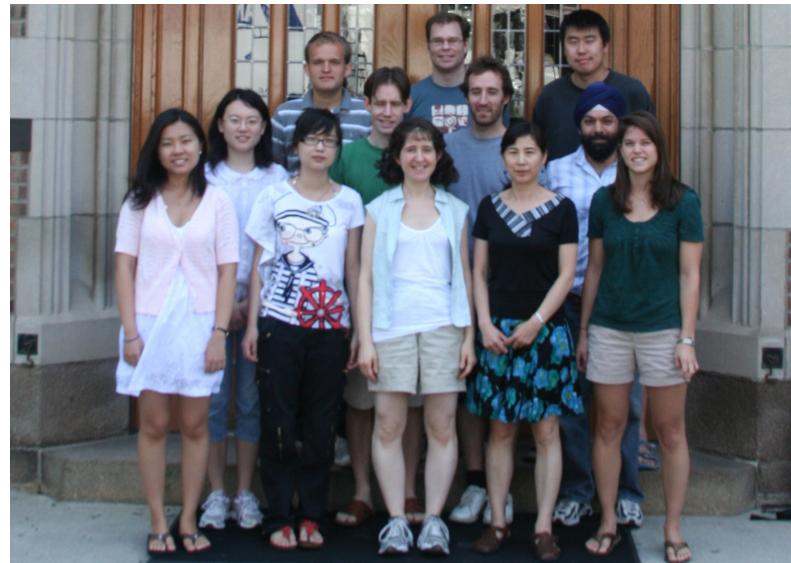
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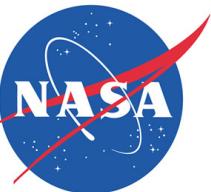


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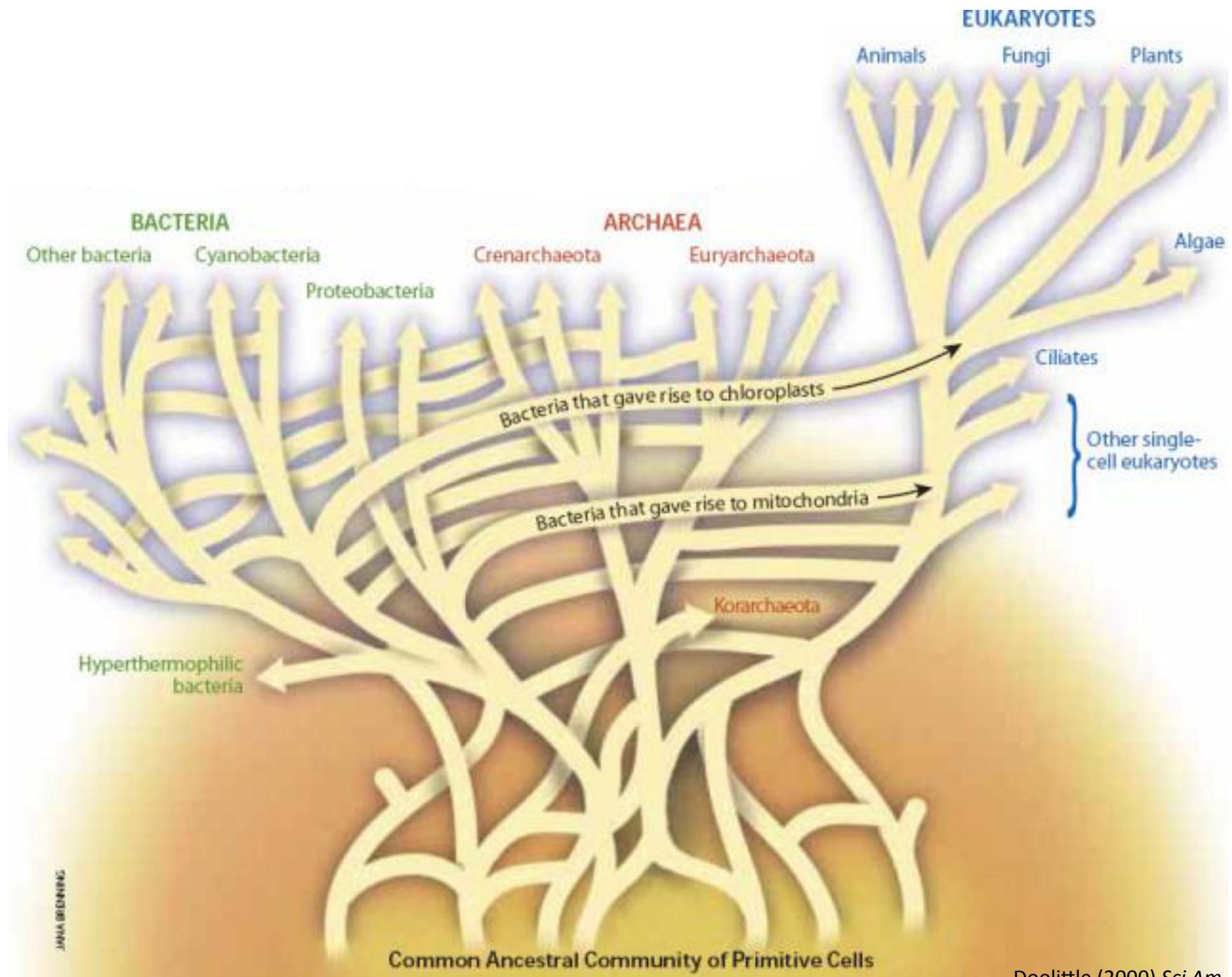


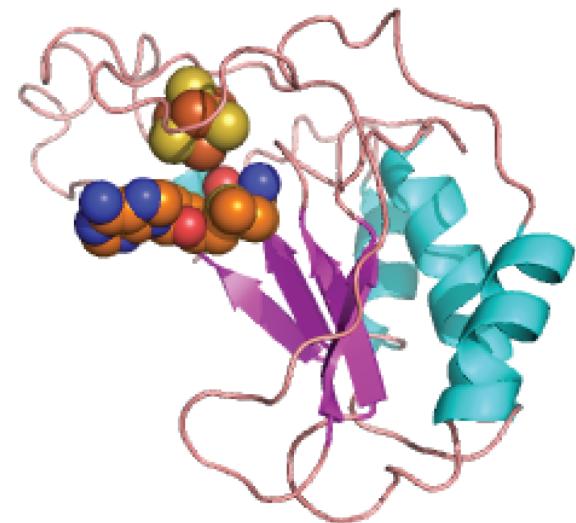
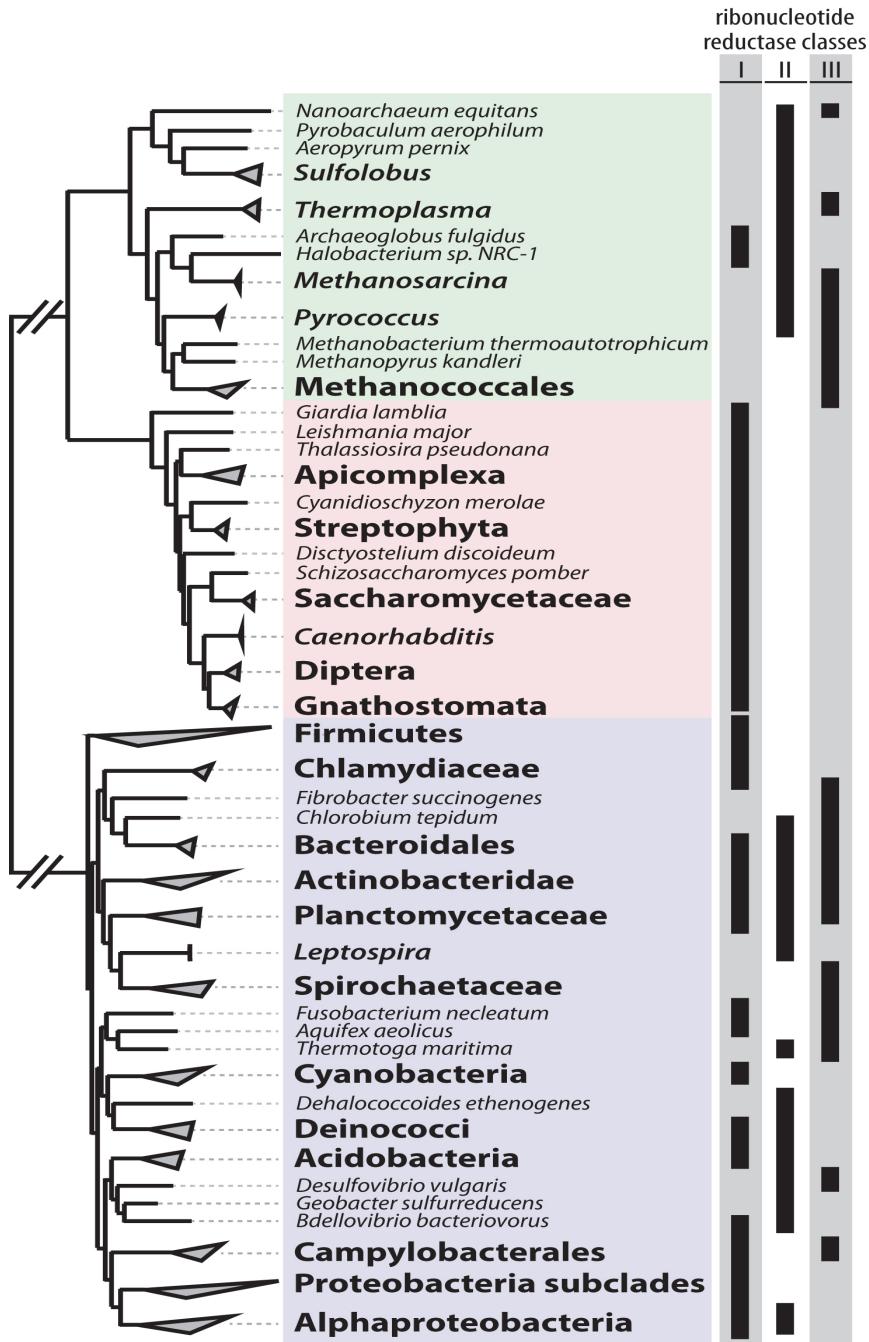
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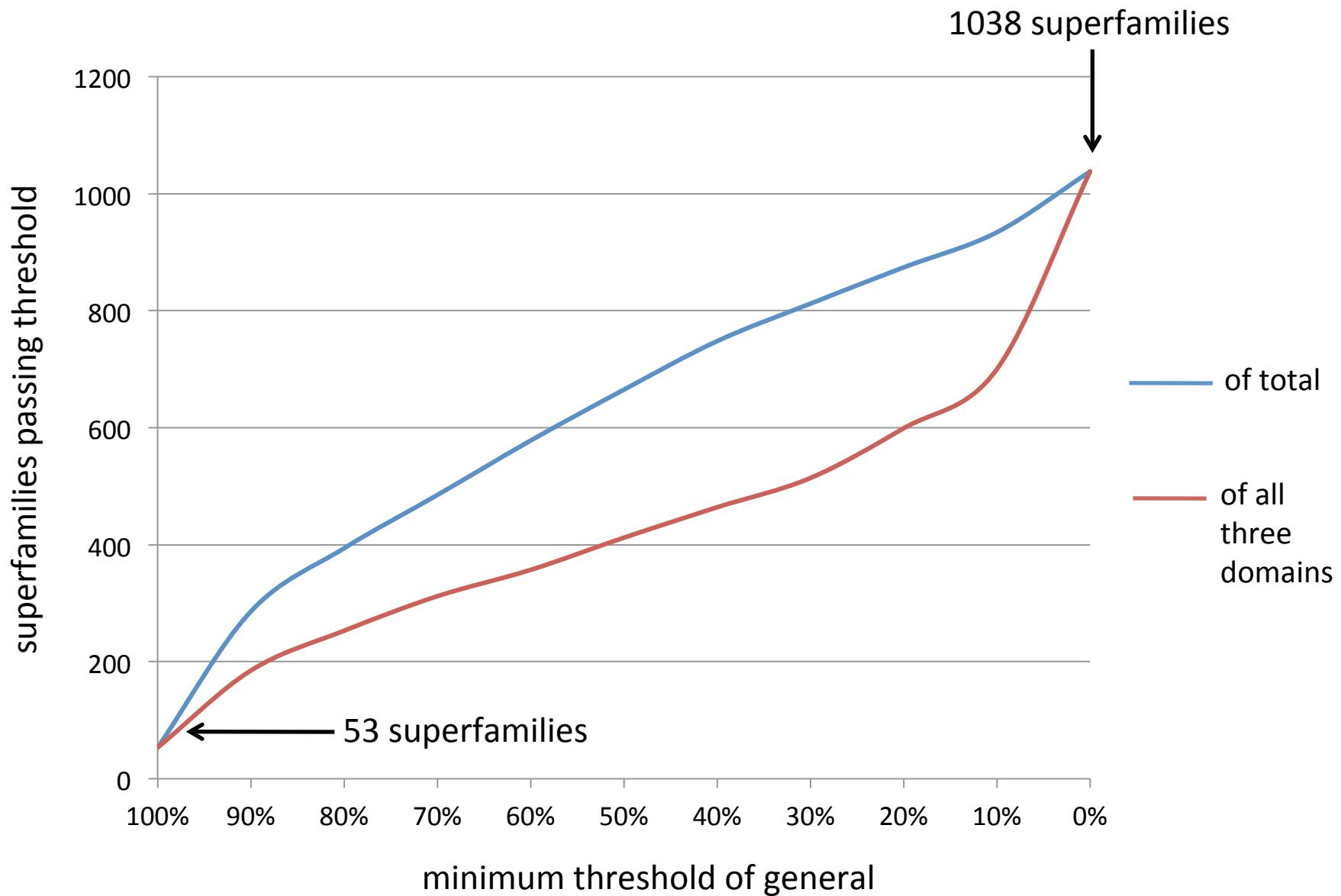


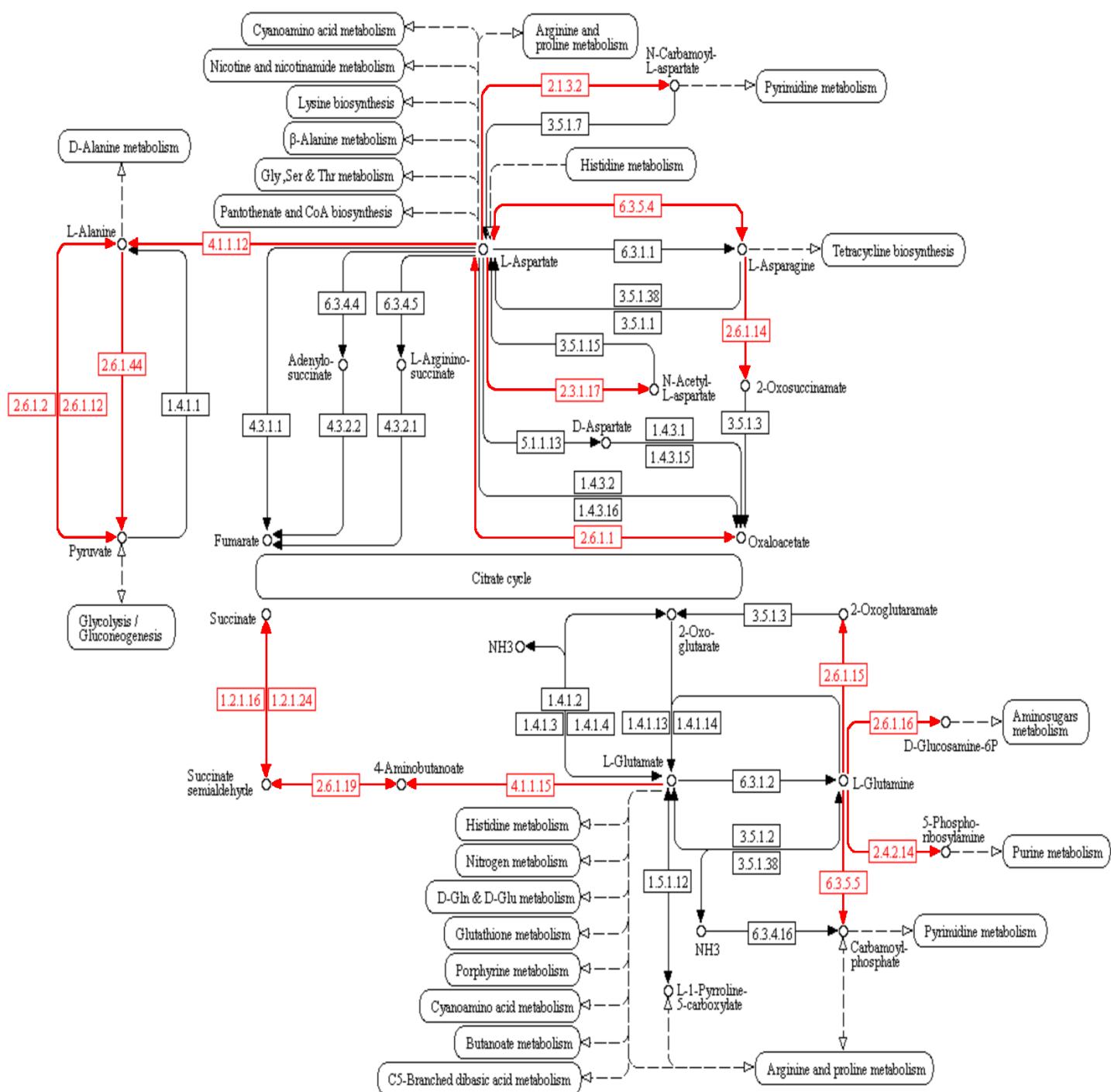


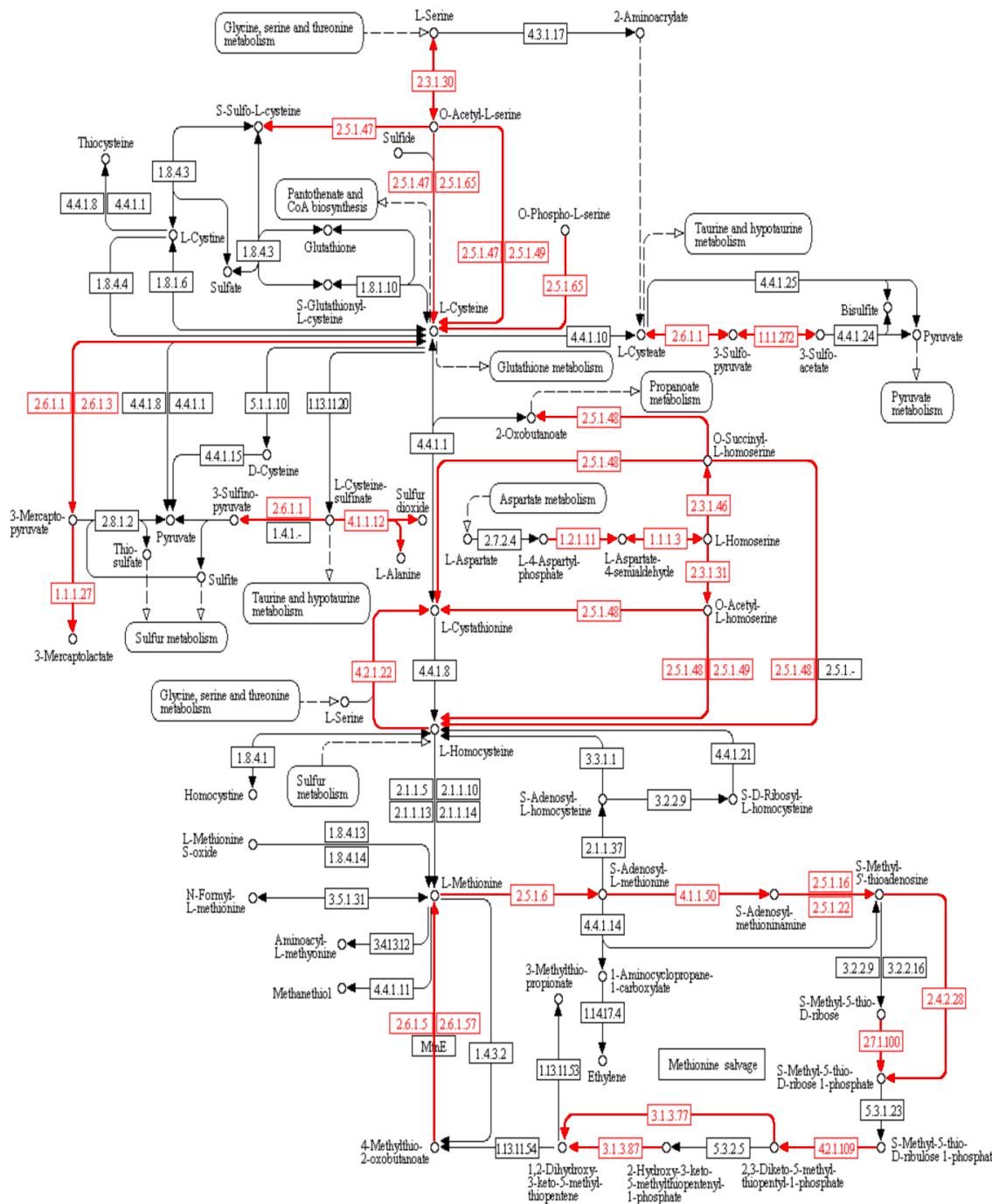


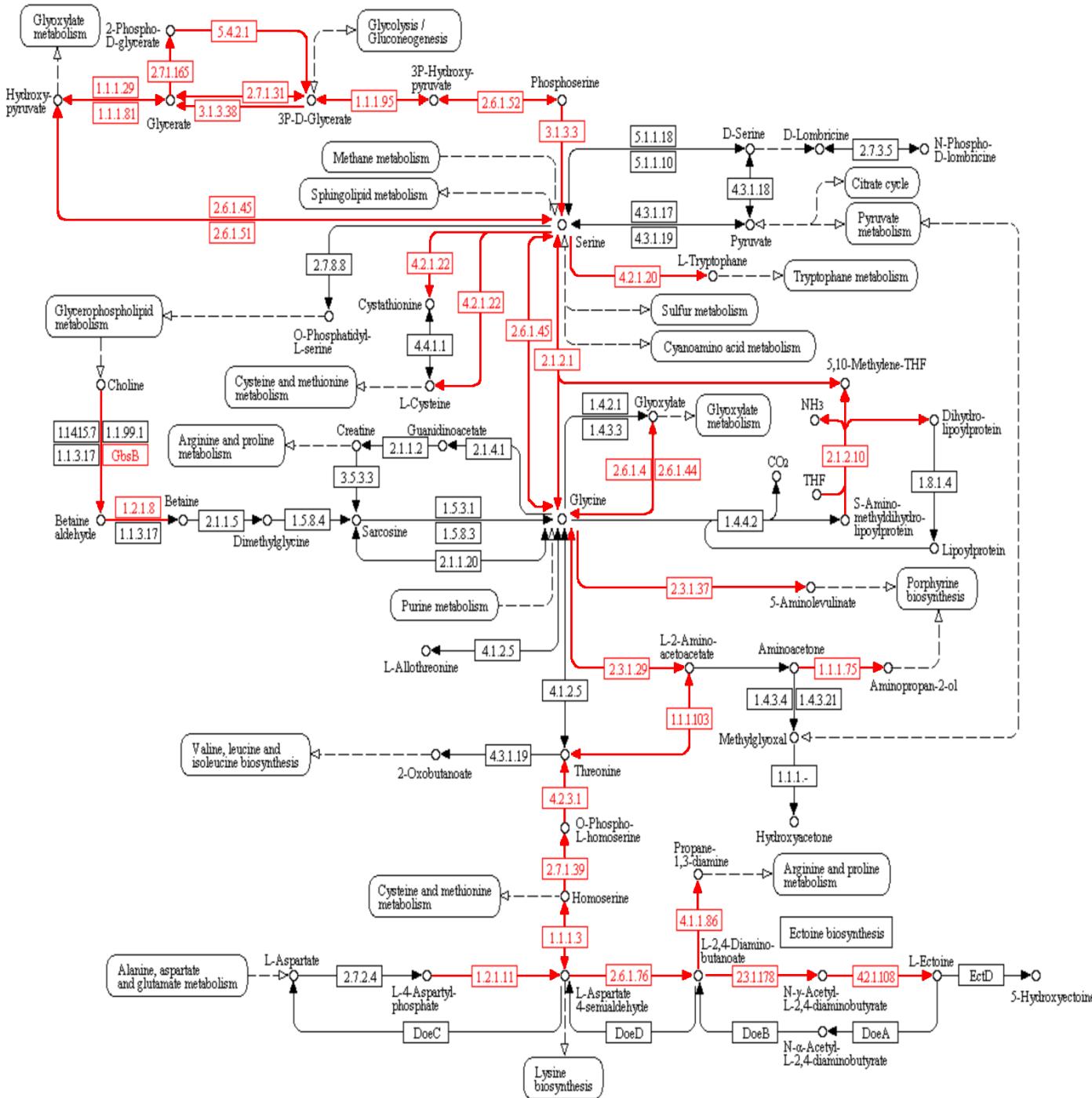
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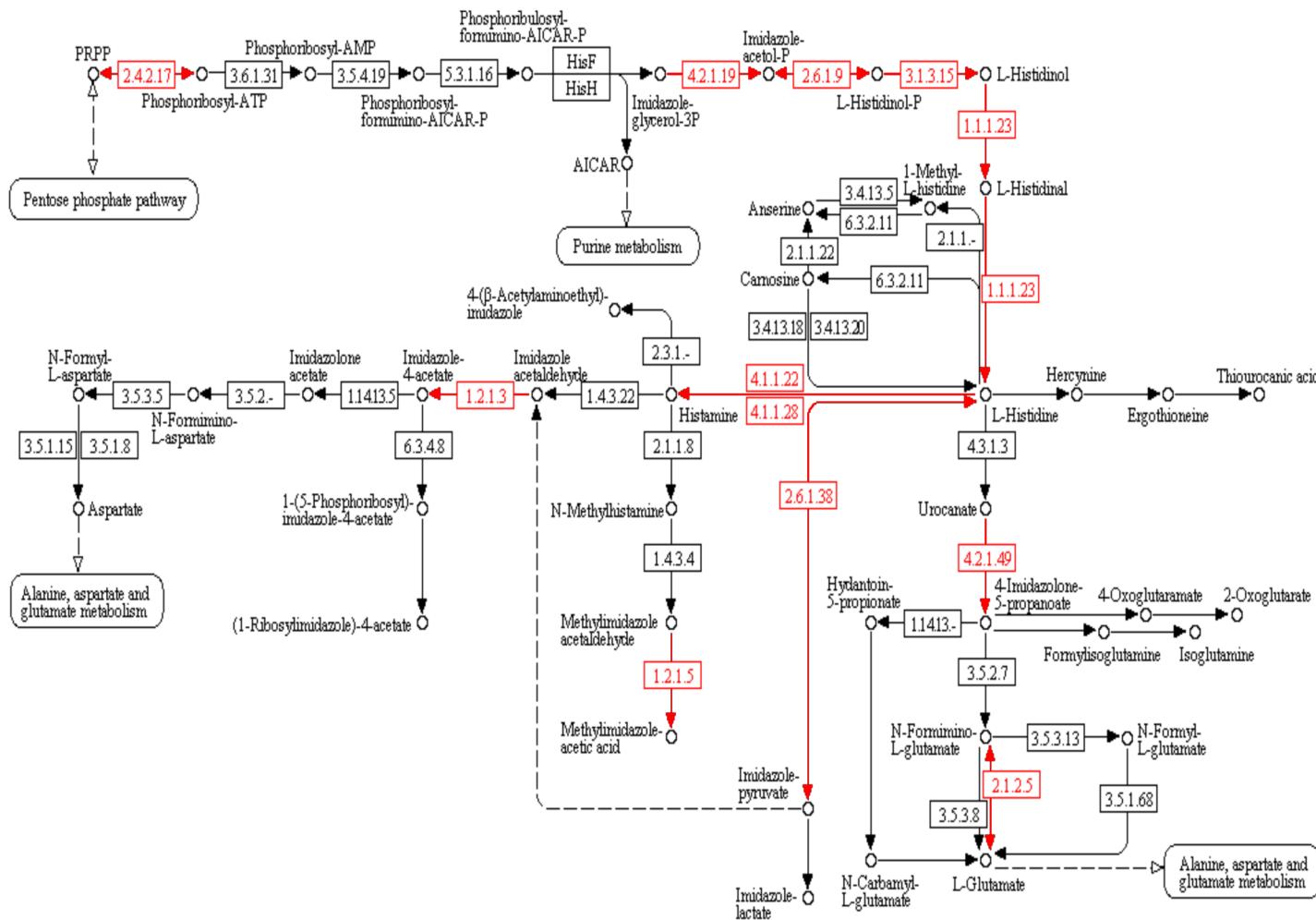
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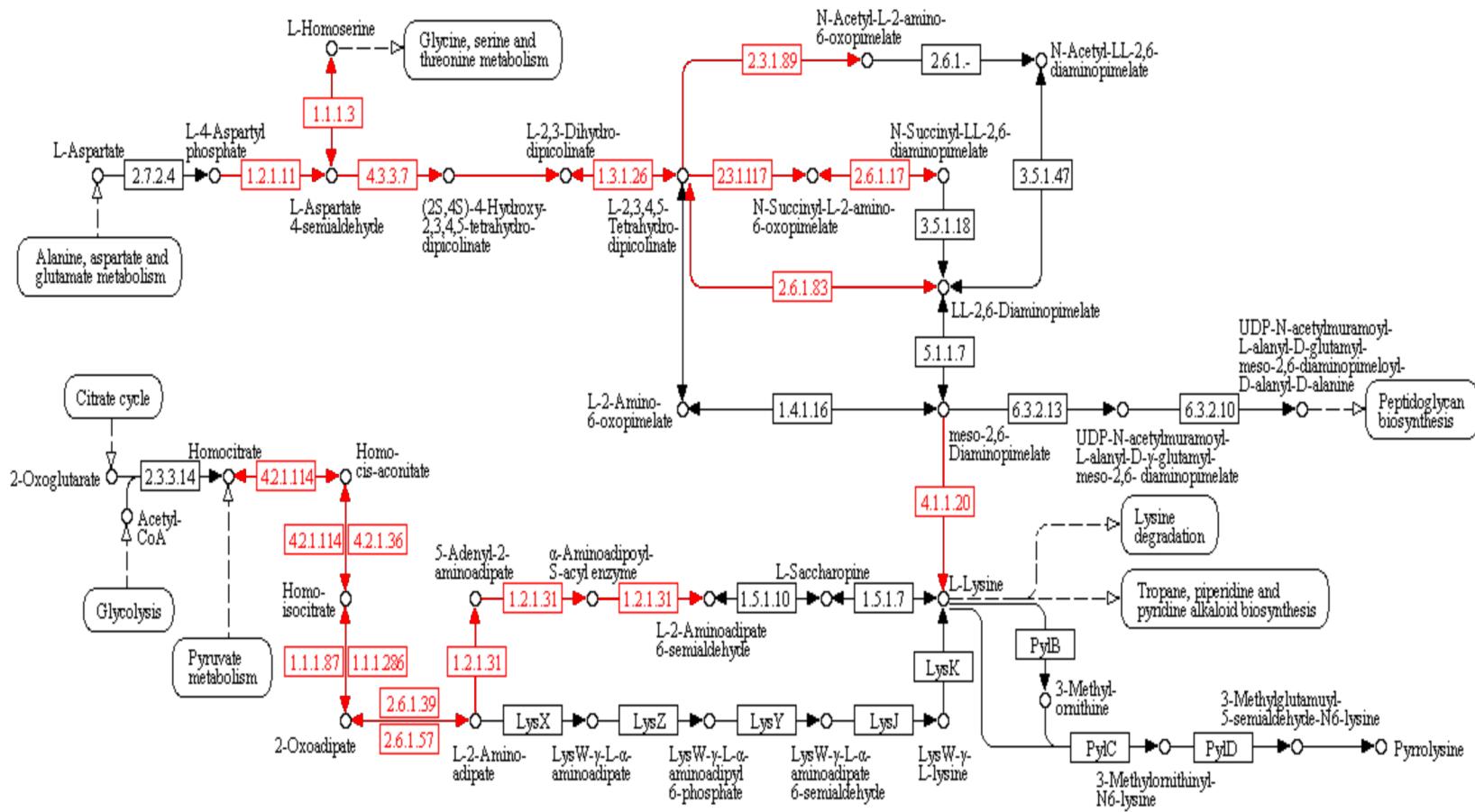


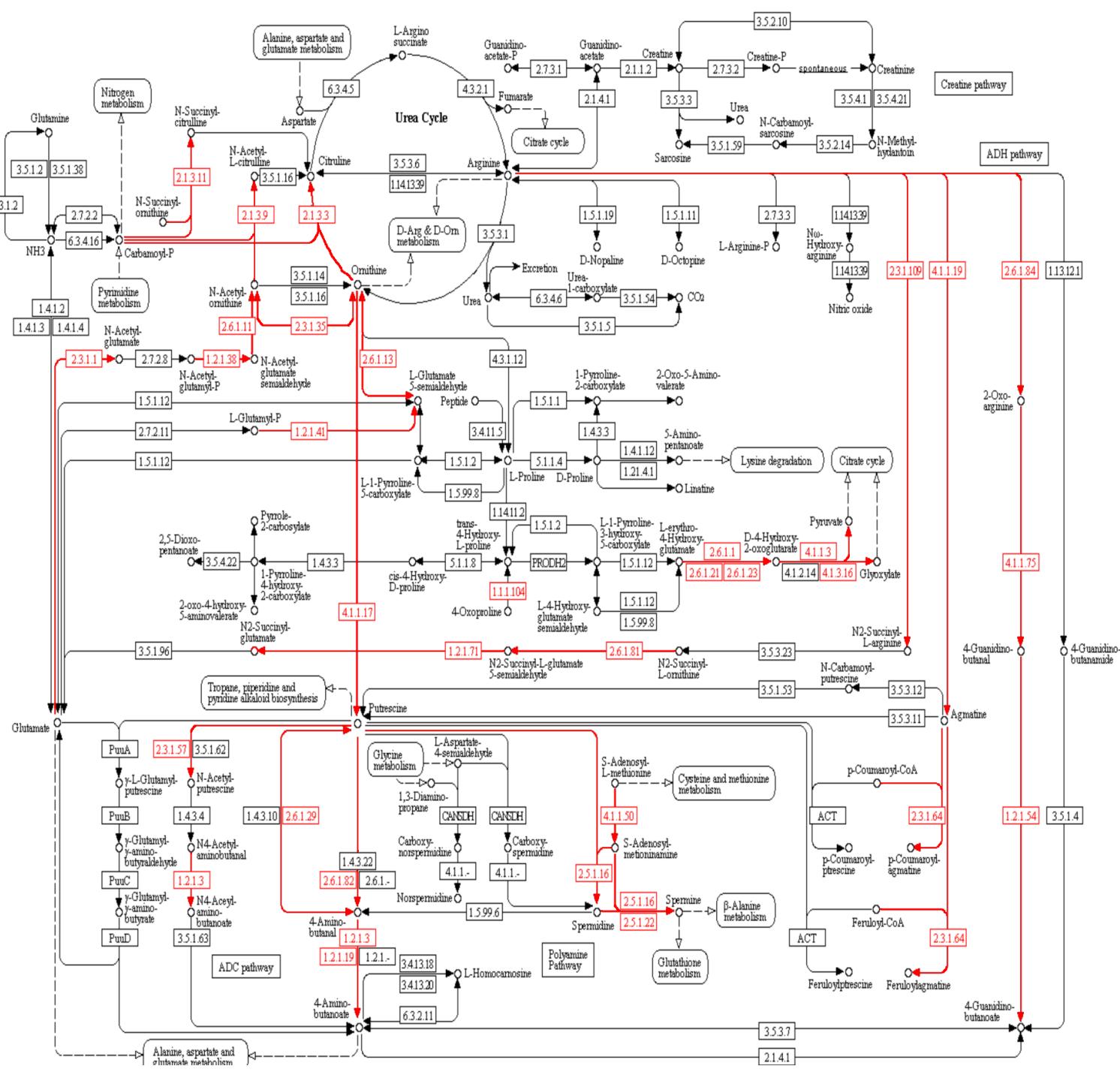


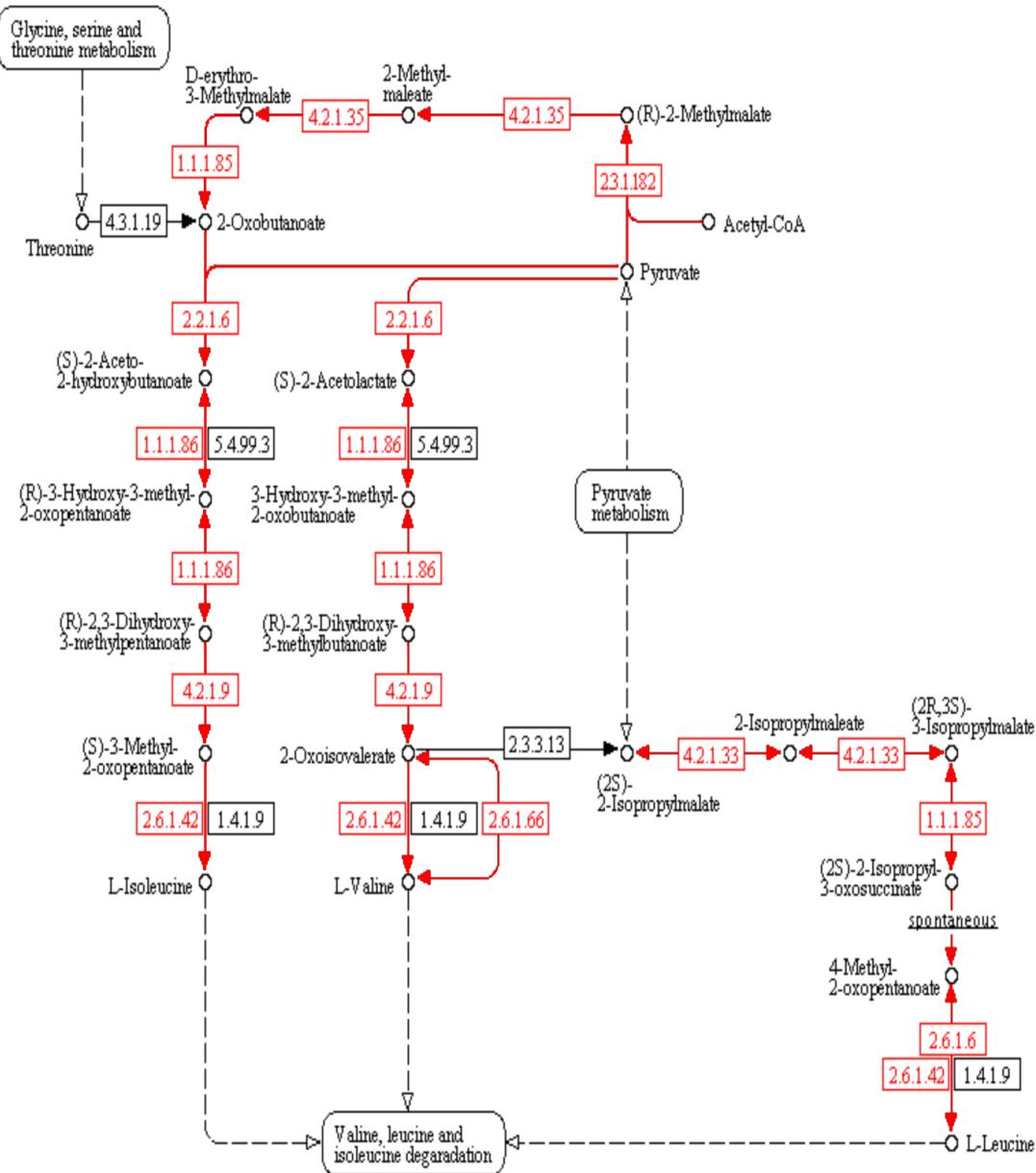


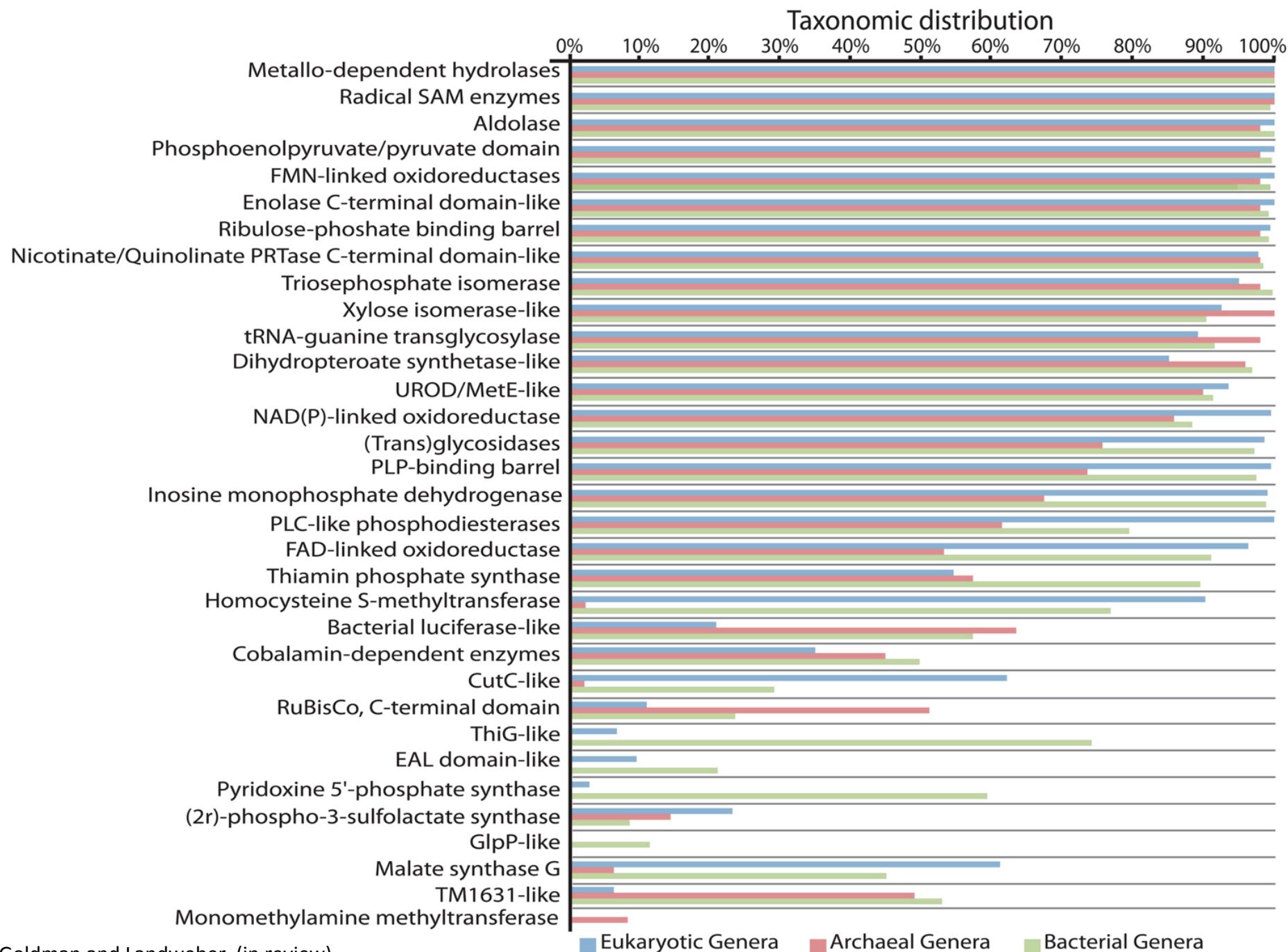




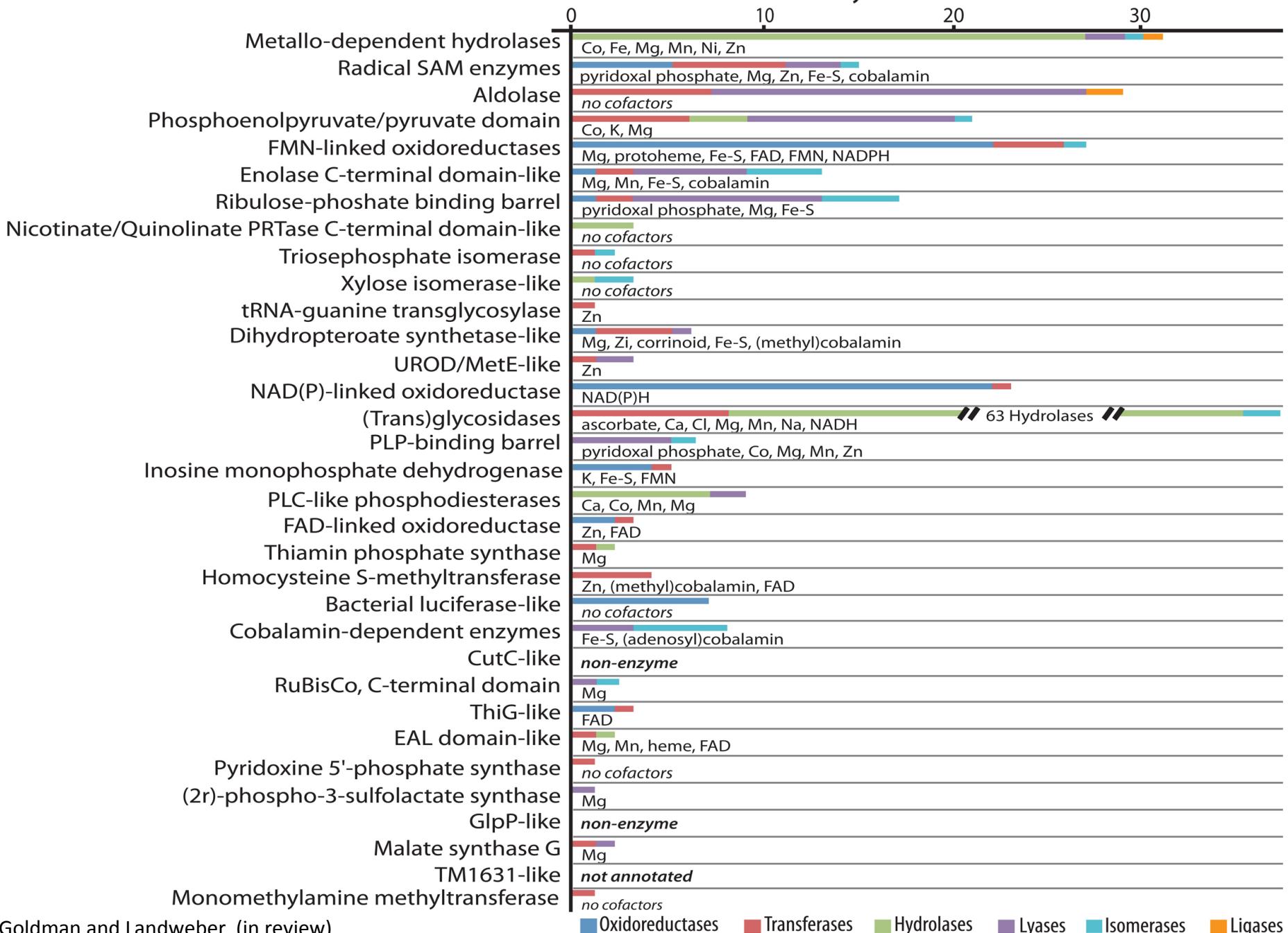






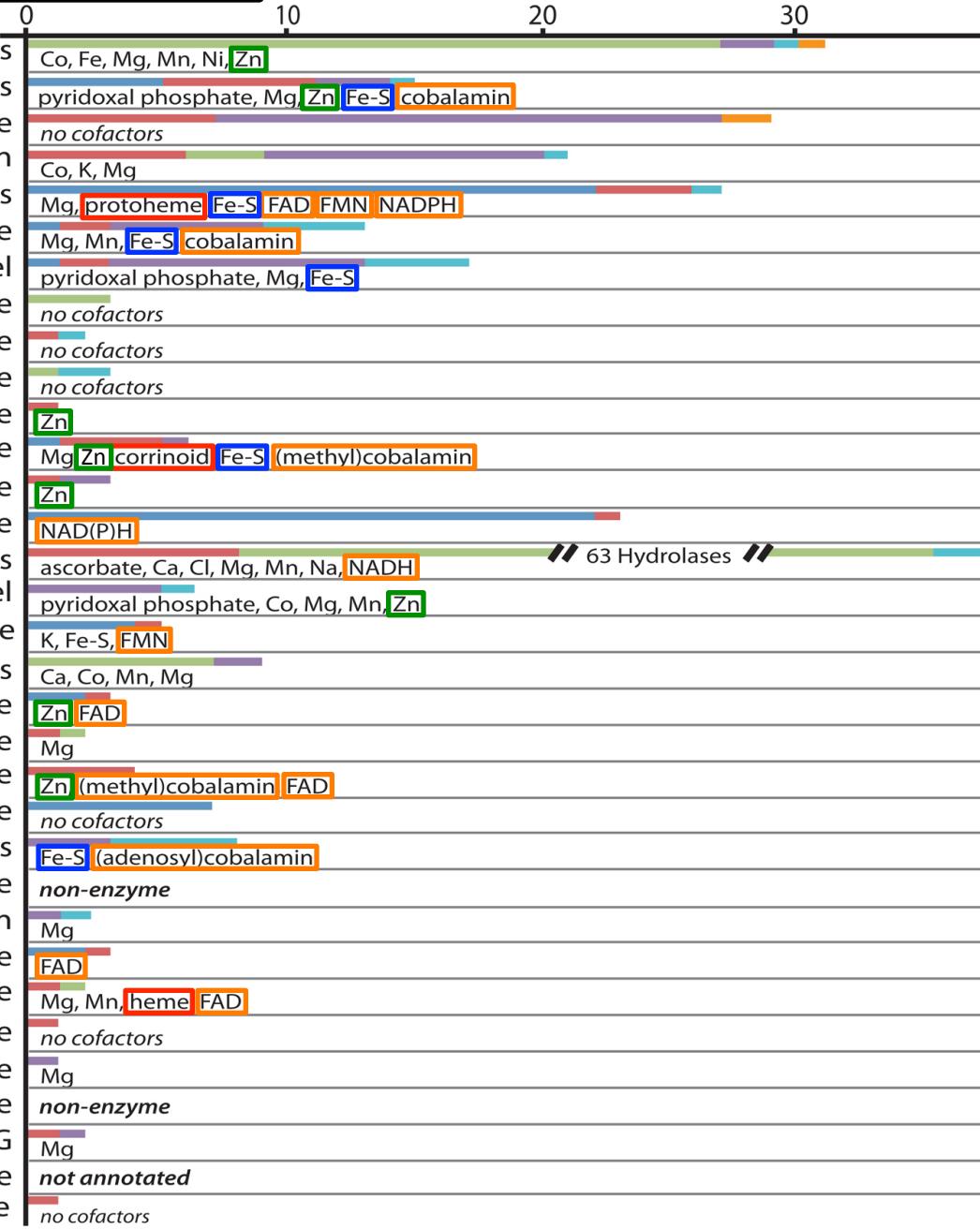


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