





Basel Computational Biology Seminar: 22830-01 Current Research in Bioinformatics I

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Temperature-controlled alternative splicing: From global analysis and mechanistic insights to translational research

In previous studies, we have characterized the impact of subtle changes in (human) core body temperature on alternative splicing and gene expression. We have shown how a family of kinases, CLKs, acts as temperature sensor to alter SR protein phosphorylation, which then globally controls alternative splicing in response to temperature changes. Many temperature-controlled alternative splicing events lead to nonsense-mediated decay, thus providing a connection of body temperature changes with gene expression. In recent work we have analysed how this mechanism controls the expression of genes implicated in anti-viral immunity, cancer and neurodegeneration. In this talk I will present mechanistic insights of cold-induced gene expression and ASO-based translational approaches that we develop to manipulate therapeutically relevant targets in an approach we call 'hypothermia in a syringe'.

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