# Host-pathogen Protein Profiling of Coccidioidomycosis In Multiple Host Species



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## Host-Coccidioides Battle



## Host-Pathogen Interactions



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# Rationale:



How do we currently study host-pathogen interaction in Cocci? In mouse models

Are mice comparable to mice?

Yes, within inbred strains.

### Are mouse models comparable to humans?

Not really (different immune systems, flora, genetics...)

Are humans comparable to humans?

Somewhat. Hopefully not inbred. Multiple co-morbidities may exist though.

# Laser Capture Microdissection (LCM) -Spherule capture





**Protein Digestion** 



20x Human Lung Tissue 10um thick, H&E stained

# Laser Capture Microdissection (LCM) -Proteomics





Nano LC-MS/MS



Normalization of spectral abundance

## Laser Capture Microdissection (LCM) -Experimental Samples

![](_page_7_Picture_1.jpeg)

![](_page_7_Picture_2.jpeg)

4 Diseased, 3 Control2 HIV+ patients1 Adalimumab1 Immunocompetent

**3 Diseased, 3 Control** All Balb/c mice

![](_page_7_Picture_5.jpeg)

1 Diseased, 1 Control Diseased unknown breed Control was a Beagle

# Coccidioidal Proteins

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## Coccidioidal Proteins

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### **Cocci Proteins Found in Common**

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# Lung Grown ≠ Lab Grown

Low Abundance

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Row Z-Score

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# Lung Grown ≠ Lab Grown

### **Gene Ontology (Biological Process)**

Protein Production Translation [GO:0006412] Cellular Amino Acid Biosynthetic Process [GO:0008652] mRNA Splicing, via Spliceosome [GO:0000398]

Carbohydrate Metabolism Metabolic Process [GO:0008152] Carbohydrate Metabolic Process [GO:0005975] Polysaccharide Catabolic Process [GO:0000272]

General Metabolic Processes Translation [GO:0006412] ATP synthesis Coupled Proton Transport [GO:0015986] Carbohydrate Derivative Metabolic Process [GO:1901135] Cell Redox Homeostasis [GO:0045454] Protein Folding [GO:0006457] TCA cycle [GO:0006099]

![](_page_11_Picture_8.jpeg)

Low Abundance

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Row Z-Score

**High Abundance** 

# Host Proteins

![](_page_12_Picture_1.jpeg)

## Host Proteins

**Significantly Higher Abundance** 

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### **Significantly Lower Abundance**

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# Significant Reduction in ECM Proteins

Laminin
Fibrillin
Collagen

![](_page_14_Figure_2.jpeg)

Adapted from Singh, *et al*; Human pathogens utilize host extracellular matrix proteins laminin and collagen for adhesion and invasion of the host, *FEMS Microbiology Reviews*, Volume 36, Issue 6, 1 November 2012, Pages 1122–1180

# Significant Increase in Immune System and Disease Pathway Proteins

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# Significant Increase in Immune System and Disease Pathway Proteins

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# Significant Increase in Immune System and Disease Pathway Proteins

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# Same Host -2 different Cocci strains

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![](_page_21_Figure_2.jpeg)

## $\Delta cps1$ mutant vs. WT

### - Coccidioidal Proteins Similar; Host Proteins are Different

### **Coccidioidal Proteins**

![](_page_22_Figure_3.jpeg)

## $\Delta cps1$ mutant vs. WT

- Coccidioidal Proteins Similar; Host Proteins are Different

![](_page_23_Figure_2.jpeg)

## **Δcps1 mutant vs. WT** – Significant Host Proteins are Different

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## Conclusions

- In the limited samples tested, *in vivo* Coccidioidal proteins and abundances were similar in human, mouse and dog lungs.
- Cocci grown in human, mouse and dog lungs were more similar than in vitro grown Cocci.
- Significant differences in host proteins was observed, suggesting caution should be taken when extrapolating findings about immune responses from mouse models.
- Also provided is data suggesting that the *△cps1* strain may alter the host proteins towards a protective Th1 response rather than altering expression of Coccidioidal proteins in mice.

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