

Calcium-regulated photoproteins and their “color” mutants as bioluminescent reporters

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Bioluminescence - light emission of organisms

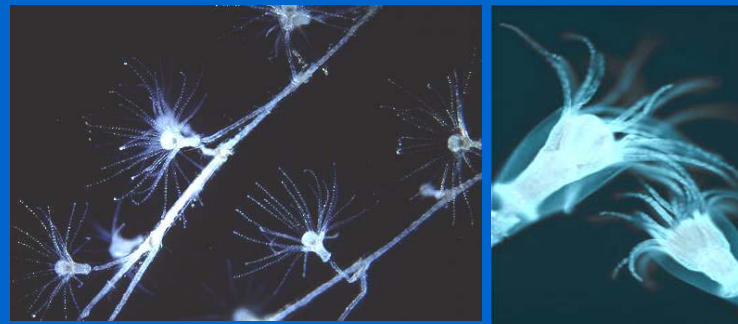
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fireflies



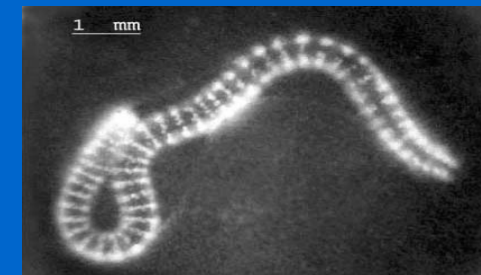
hydroid polyps



marine copepods



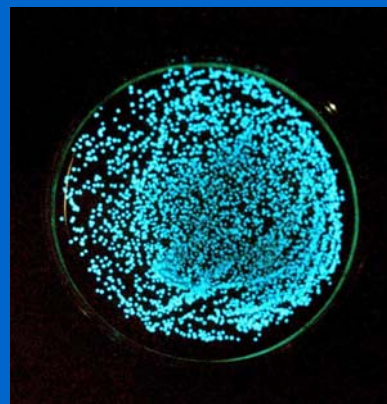
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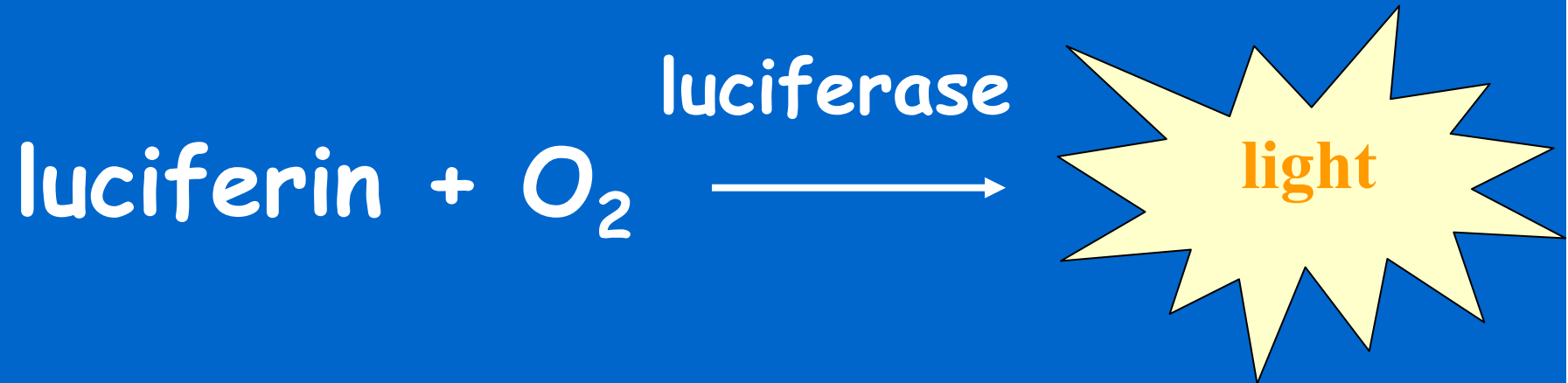
bacteria



ctenophores



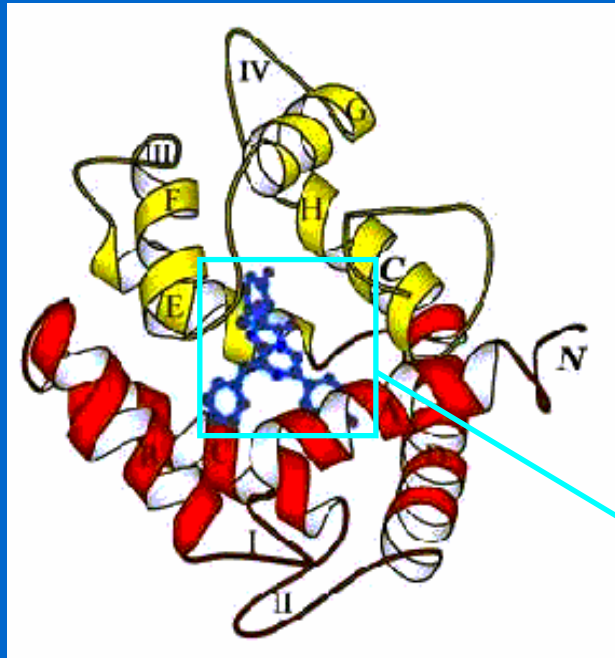
Bioluminescence is a chemiluminescent reaction
in which **luciferin** (substrate)
is oxidized by **luciferase** (specific enzyme)



Obelin - stable "pre-charged" protein
(single-chain, 22.2 kDa) triggered by calcium
to emit light



Obelia longissima



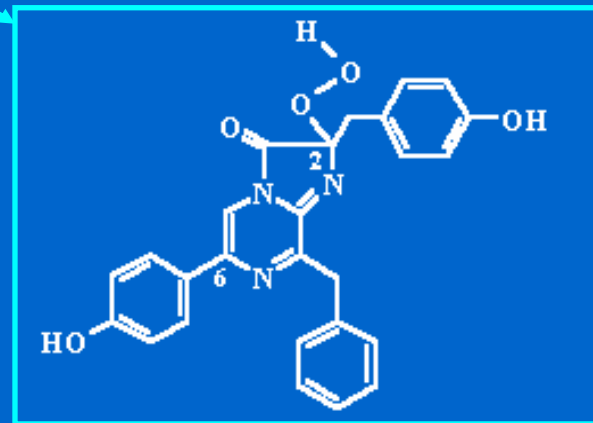
obelin molecule

Ca^{2+}



light

$\lambda_{\text{max}} = 485 \text{ nm}$



substrate: 2-hydroperoxycoelenterazine

Application of photoproteins:

✓ *in vivo*

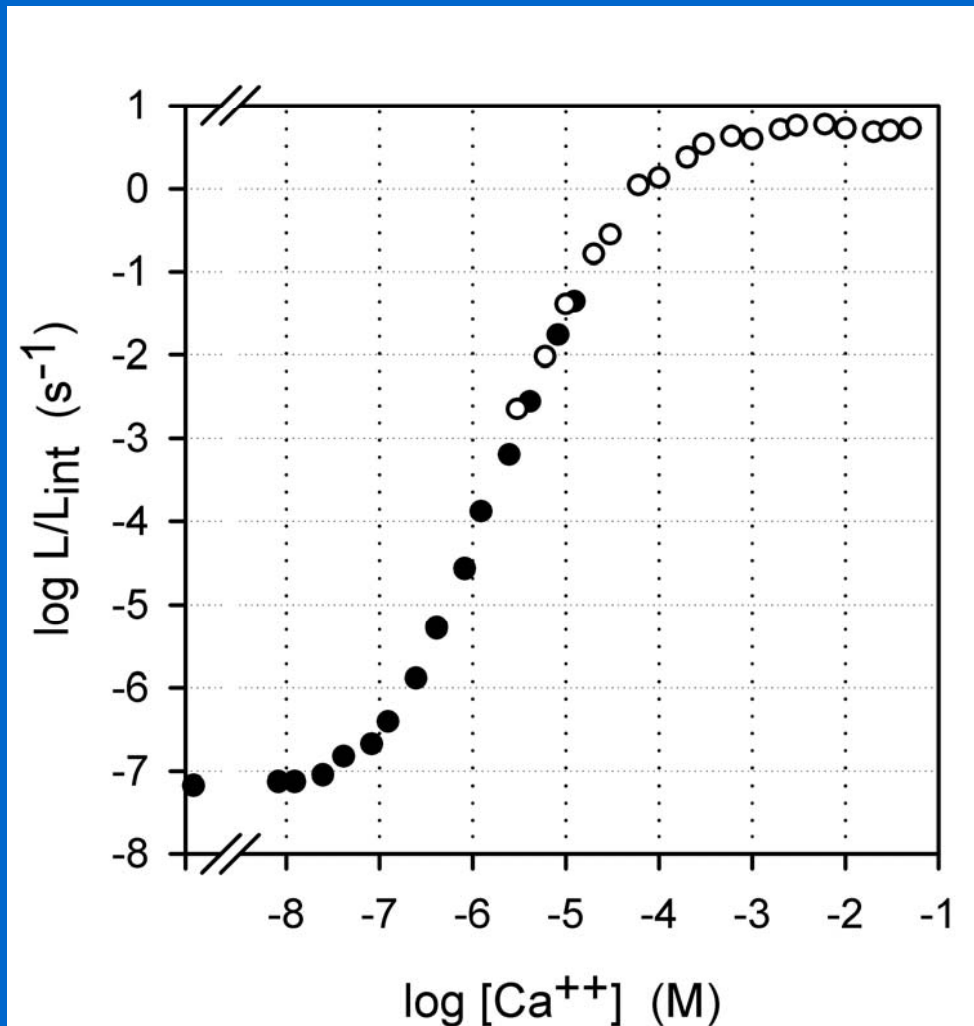
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Ca^{2+} concentration-effect curve for WT obelin

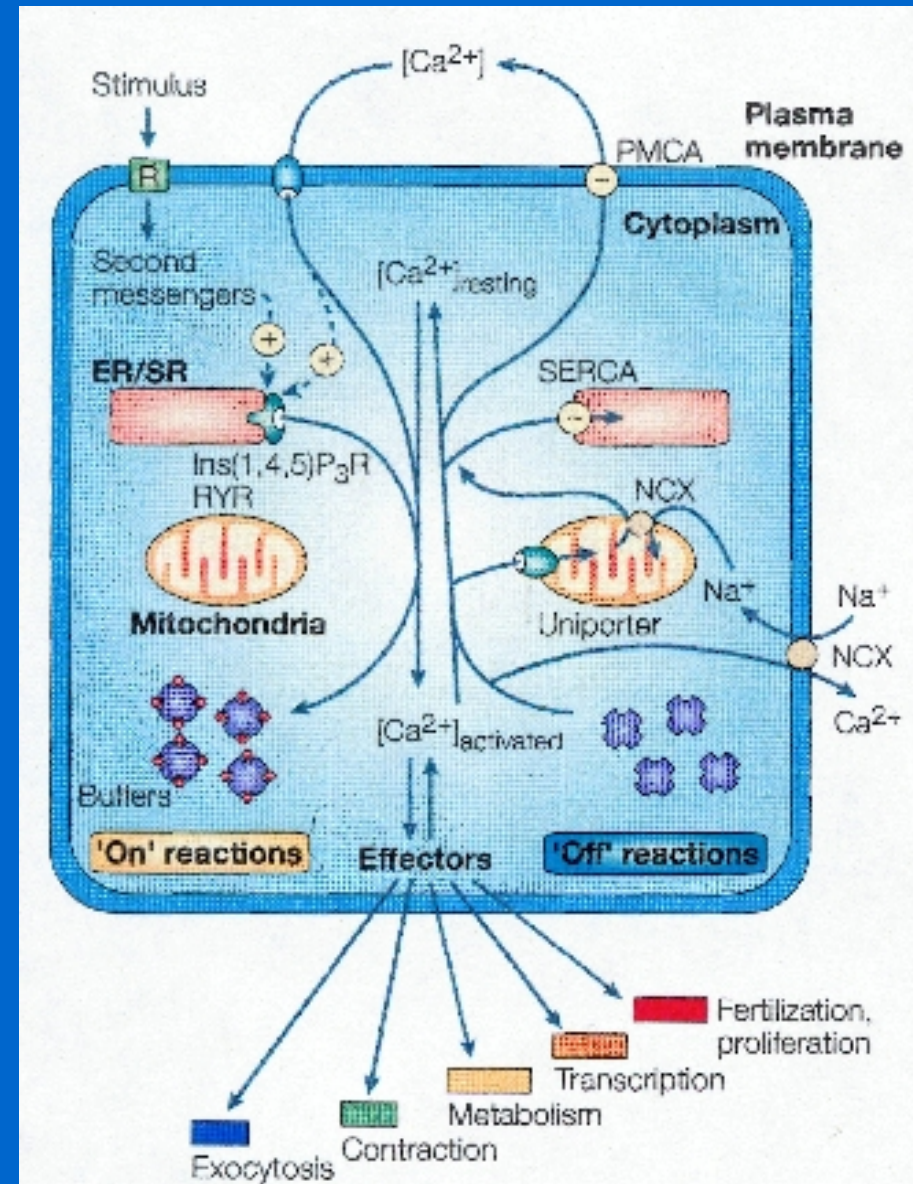


$[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$:

$10^{-7}\text{M} - 10^{-4}\text{M}$

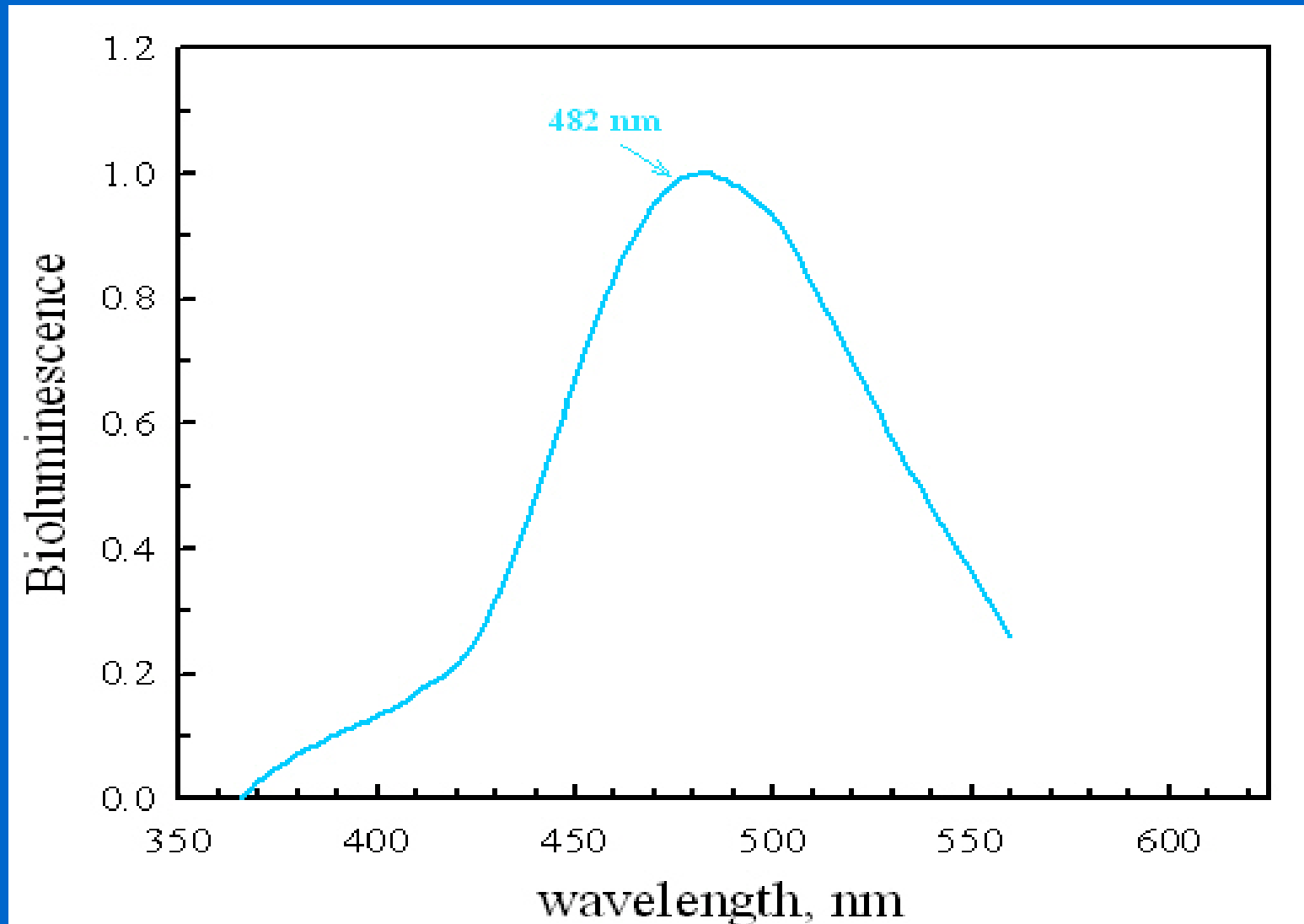
Physiological concentrations
of calcium in cells

Calcium-signalling dynamics and homeostasis

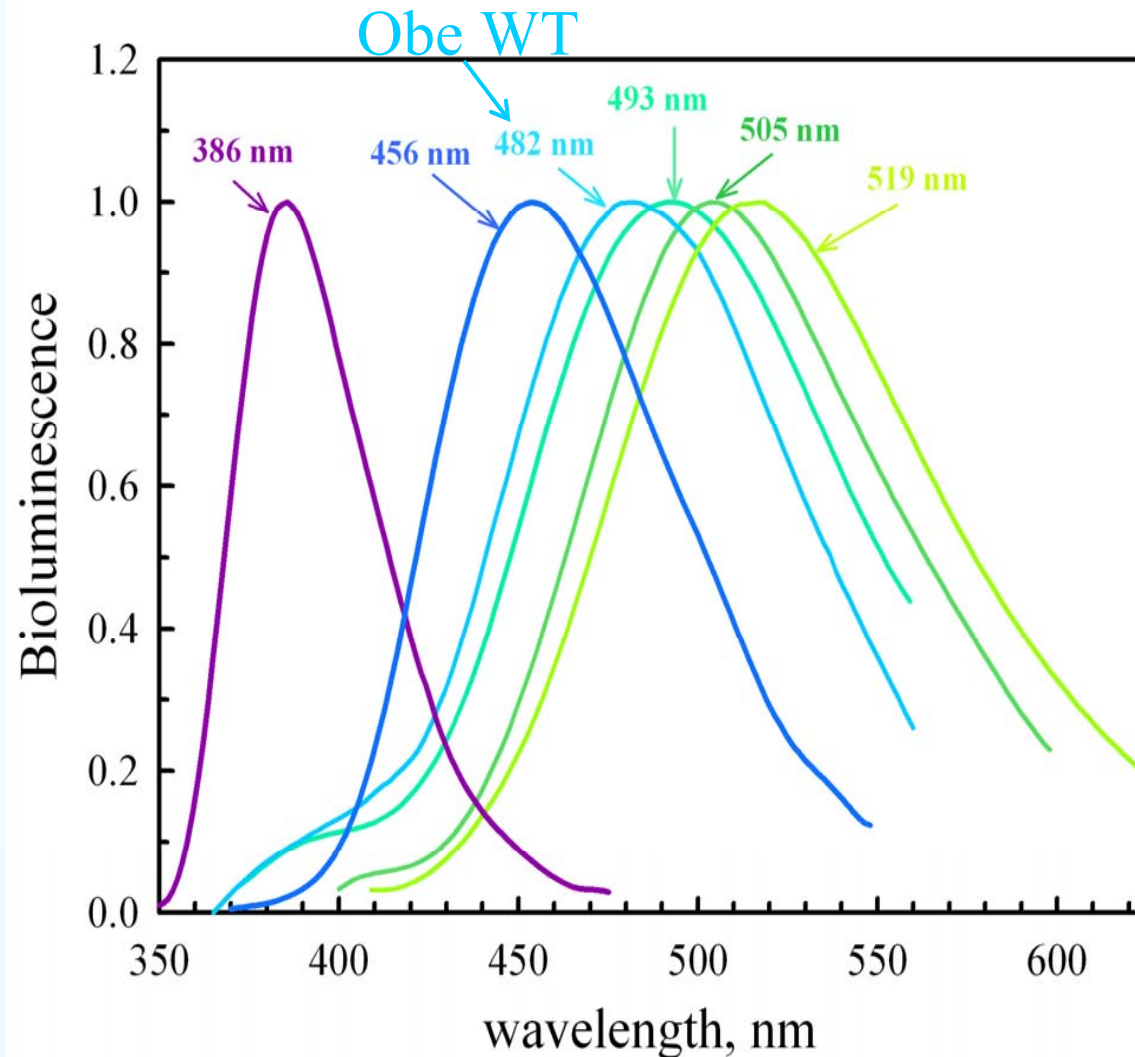


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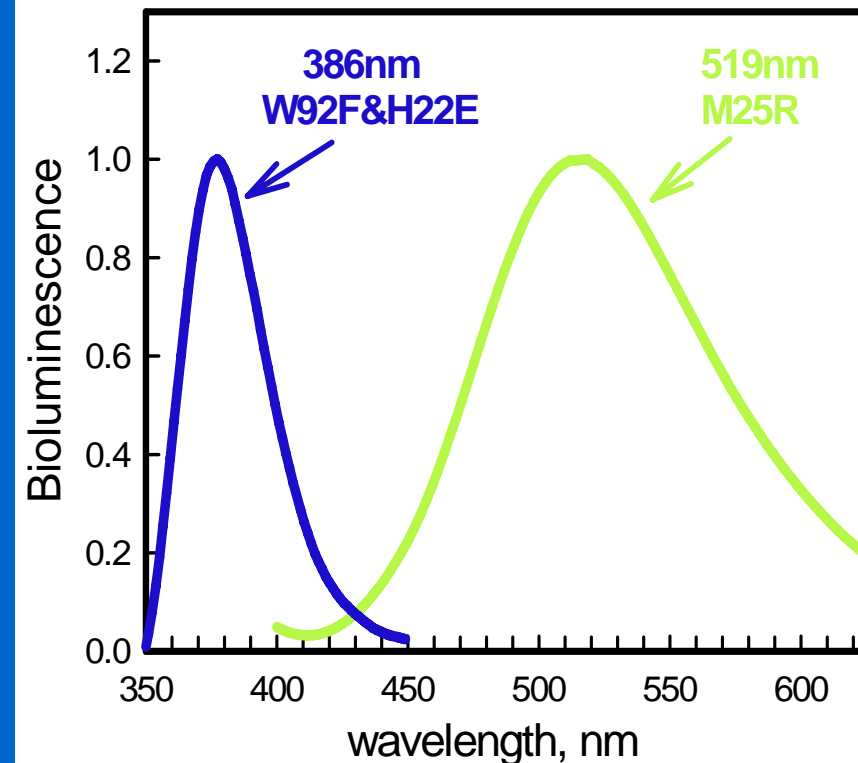
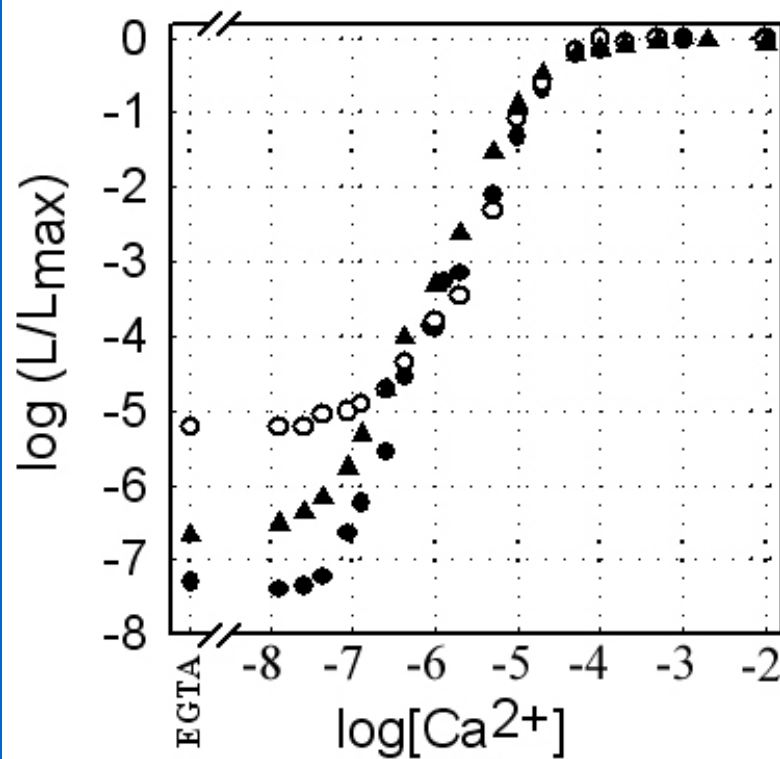
Bioluminescence spectrum of WT obelin



Site-directed mutagenesis of amino acids in obelin active site changes bioluminescence spectrum



Ca²⁺ concentration-effect curves for WT Obelin (●) W92F&H22E (▲) and M25R (○)

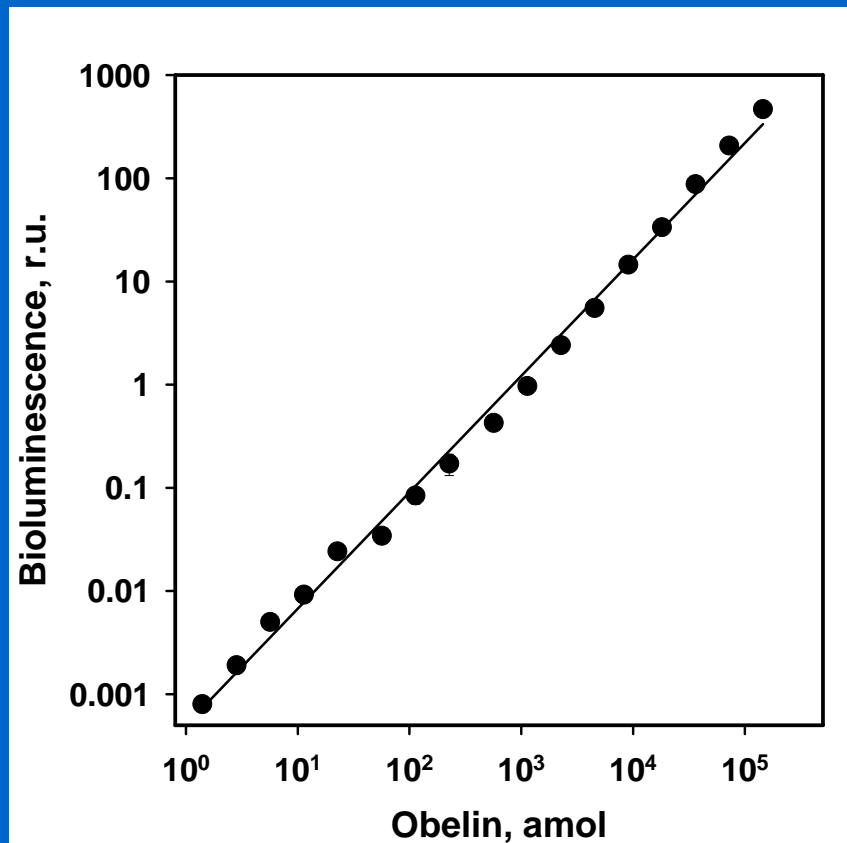


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Dependence of bioluminescence on photoprotein concentration



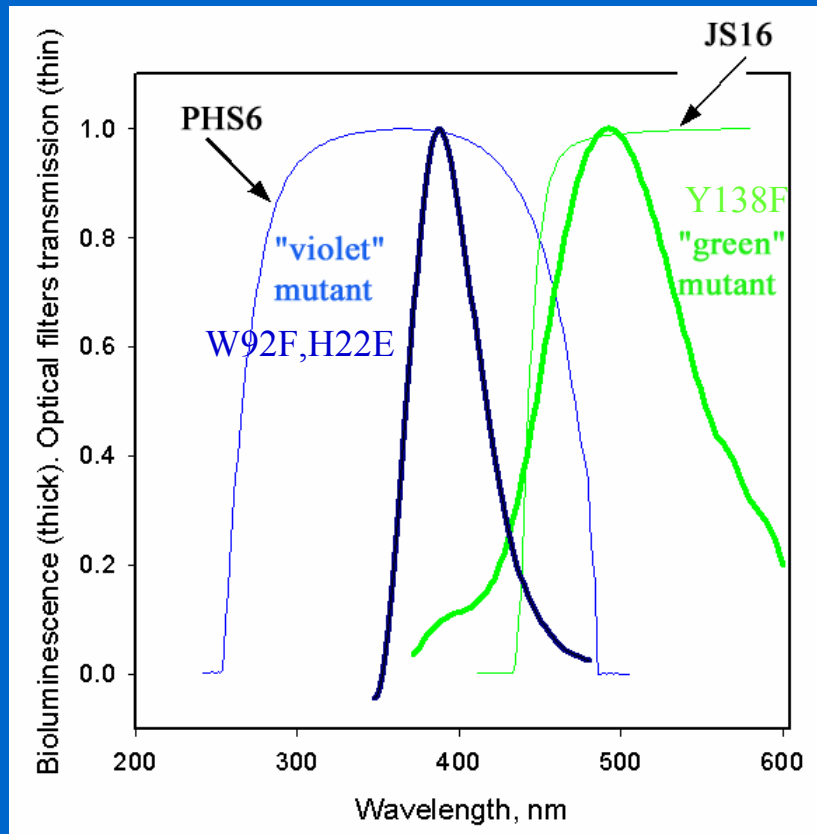
— in immunoassay

— in hybridization assay

Advantages of obelin label *in assays in vitro*

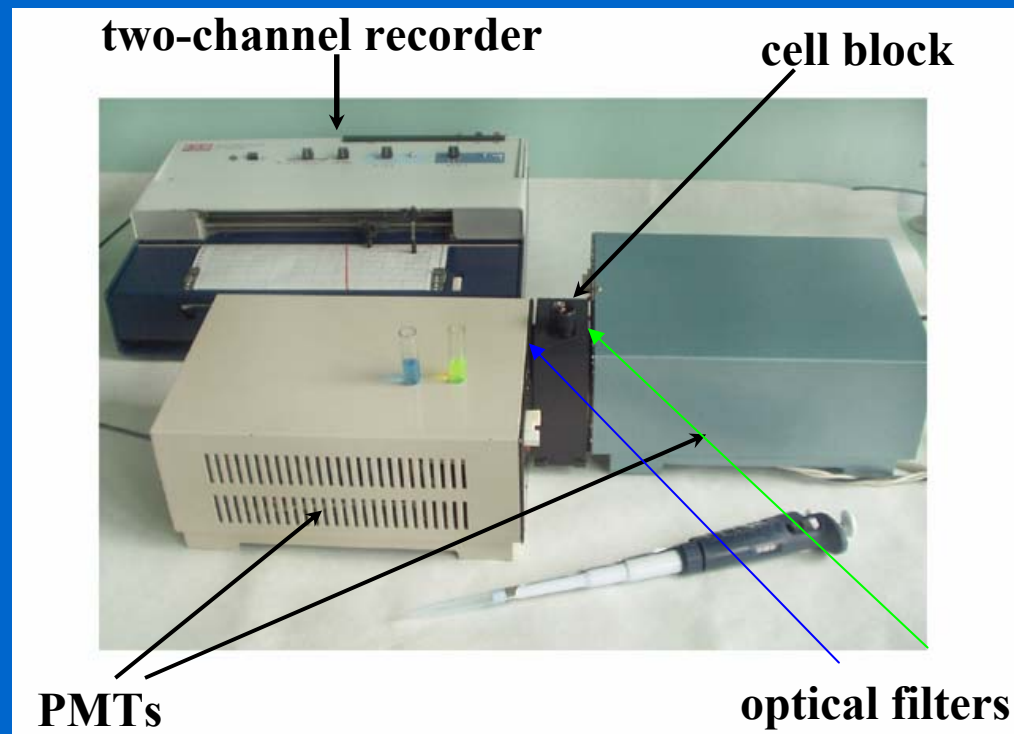
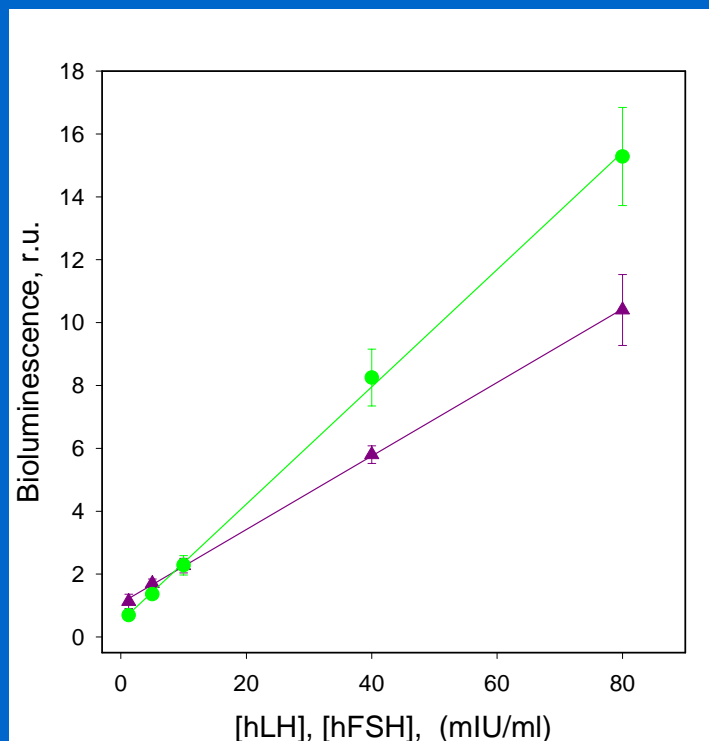
- Availability of recombinant protein and highly sensitive modern photometers
- High sensitivity
- Unlimited linear range to detect bioluminescent signal
- No background
- Simplicity of reaction triggering
- Stability when stored in soluble and lyophilized state and under modifications
- No radiation hazard and wastes

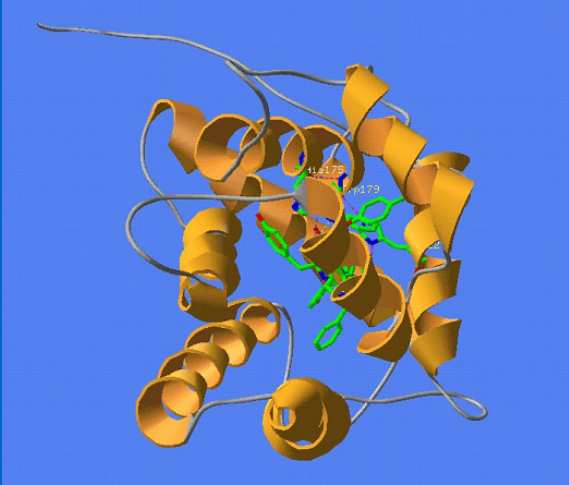
"Color" mutants of obelin in immunoassay



	λ_{max}	Activity%	$I_{\text{Ca free}}/I_{\text{Ca}} \times 10^{-8}$
<i>WT</i>	485	100	8.6
<i>W92F&H22E</i>	387	10	30
<i>Y138F</i>	493	67	25

Simultaneous bioluminescent immunoassay of LH and FSH





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Thank you for attention!

