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# **Changes in Expression Profiles of Energy Metabolism and Cellular Calcium Balance Genes in the Mammalian Inner Ear During Development**

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# Outline

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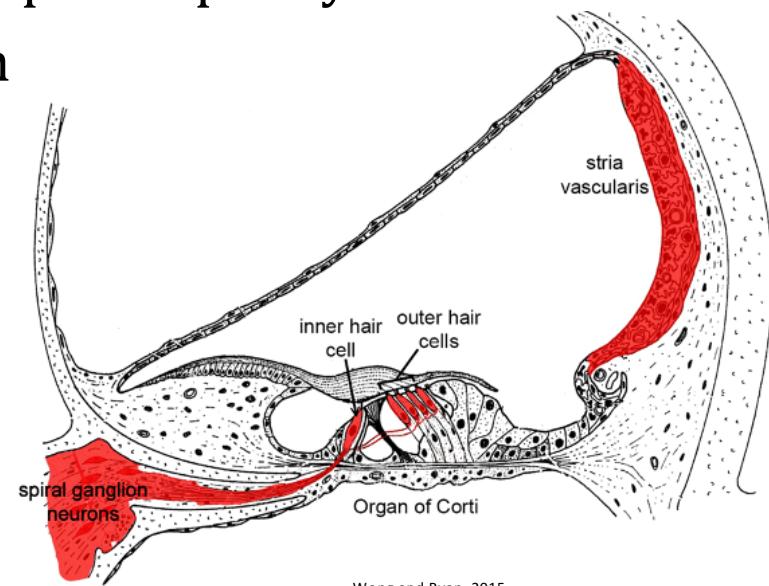
# Introduction

- Major: Biology
- Future plans
- Interest in research



# Age-Related Hearing Loss (ARHL)

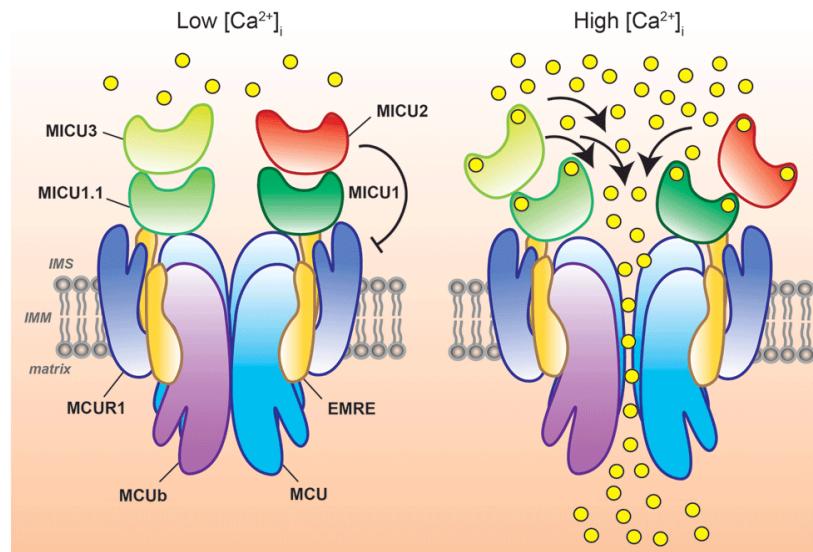
- 50-80% individuals over age of 80
- No cure (yet)
- Sensorineural tissues have limited repair capacity
- High in mitochondrial concentration



Wong and Ryan, 2015

# Mechanism Behind Hearing

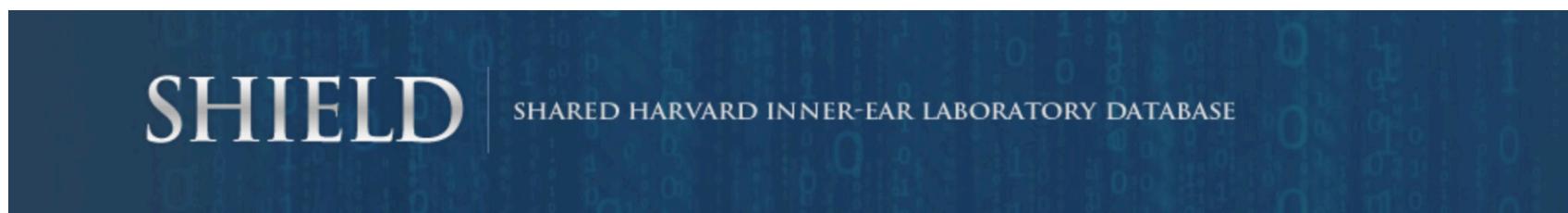
- Transduction channels
- Calcium is a intracellular regulatory signaling molecule



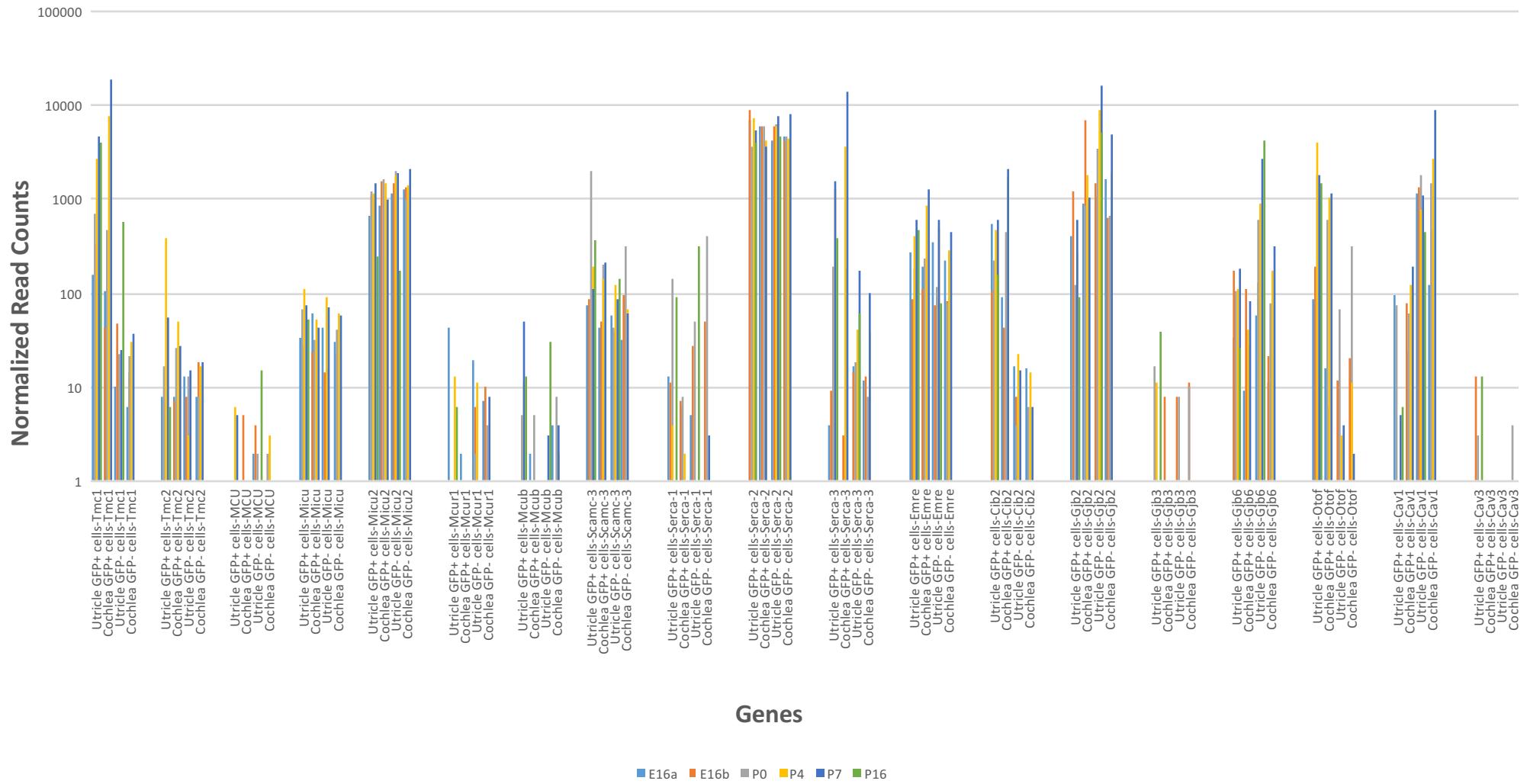
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# Aim of Study & Methods

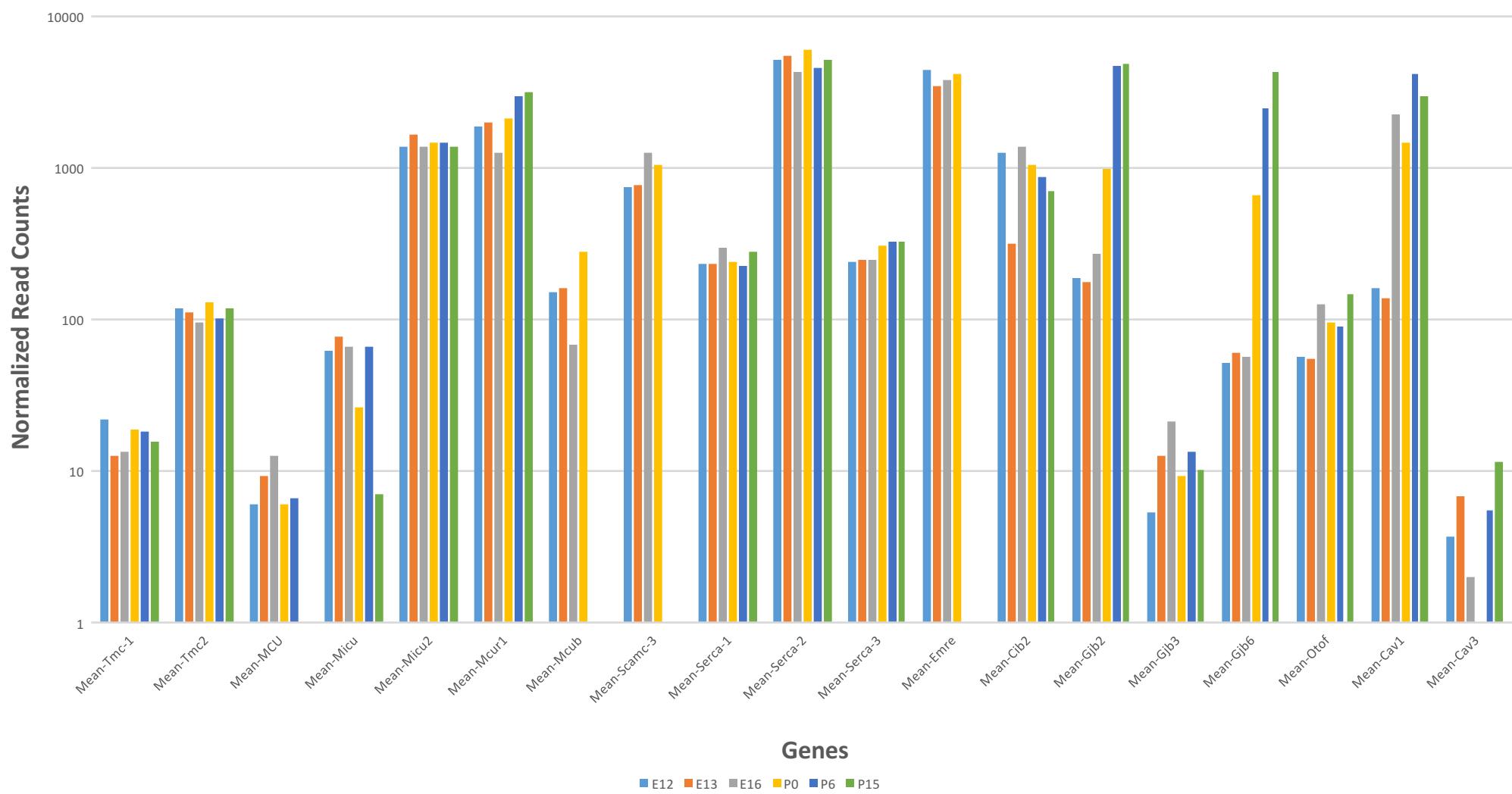
- Examine the changes in expression of energy metabolism genes in the inner ear cells in mouse model
- Databases – comparing genes high in mitochondrial concentration



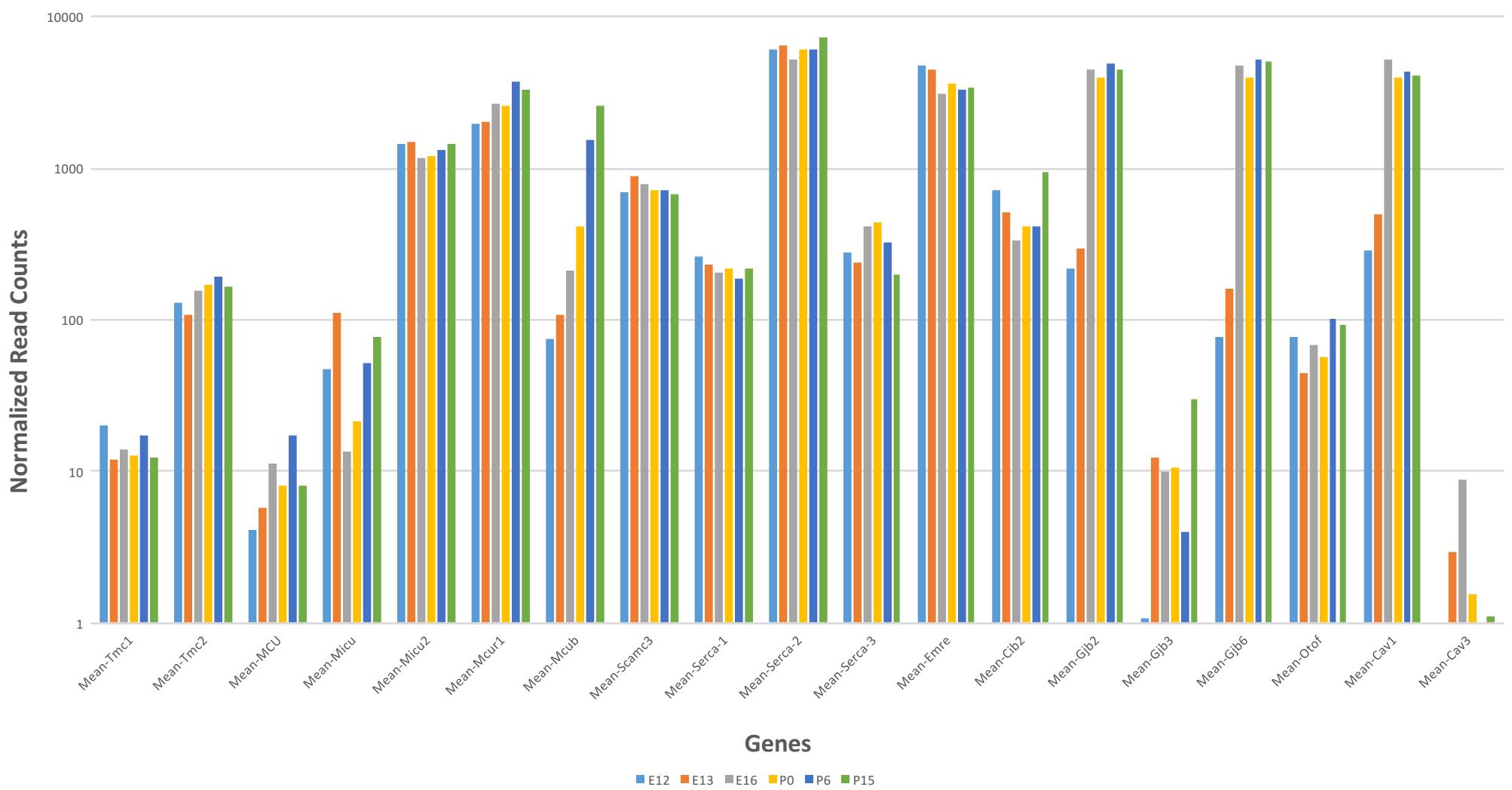
## FACS-Sorted Hair Cells



## Spiral Ganglion Neurons



## Vestibular Ganglion Neurons



# Findings

- FACS-Sorted Hair Cells
  - Tmc1
  - Micu-2
  - Serca-2
  - Gjb6
  - Otof
  - Cav1
- Spiral Ganglion Neurons
  - Micu2
  - Mcur1
  - Scamc-3 (early stages)
  - Serca-2
  - Emre (early stages)
  - Cib2
  - Gjb2 (later stages)
  - Gjb6 (later stages)
  - Cav1 (later stages)
- Vestibular Ganglion Neurons
  - Micu-2
  - Mcur1
  - Mcub (later stages)
  - Serca-2
  - Emre
  - Gjb2 (later stages)
  - Gjb6 (later stages)
  - Cav1

# Future Work and Conclusion

- Future research
- Questions



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