## **ENGINEERING PROTEIN DYNAMICS: DIVERGENCE OF ENZYME ACTIVITIES AT THE ENZYME CLASS LEVEL**

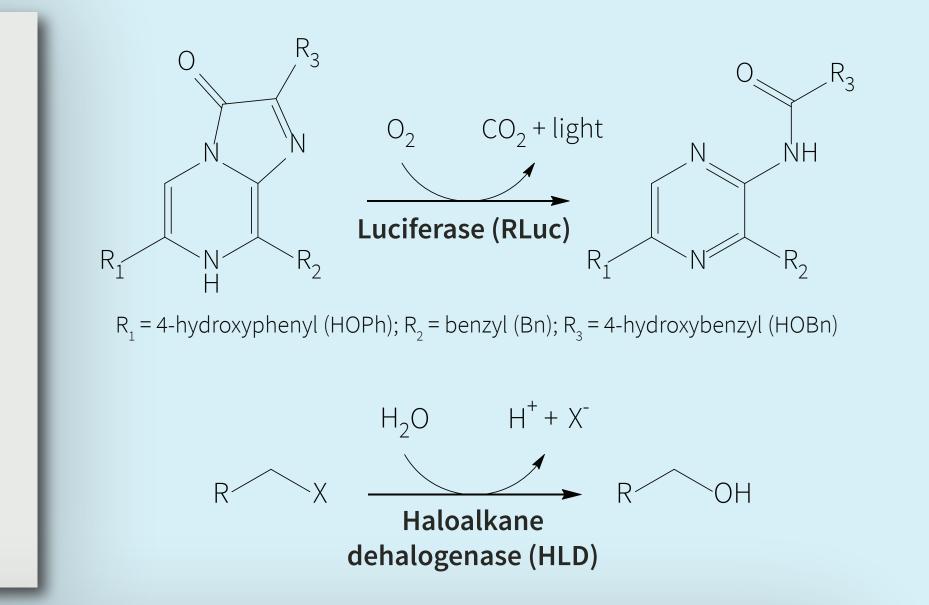


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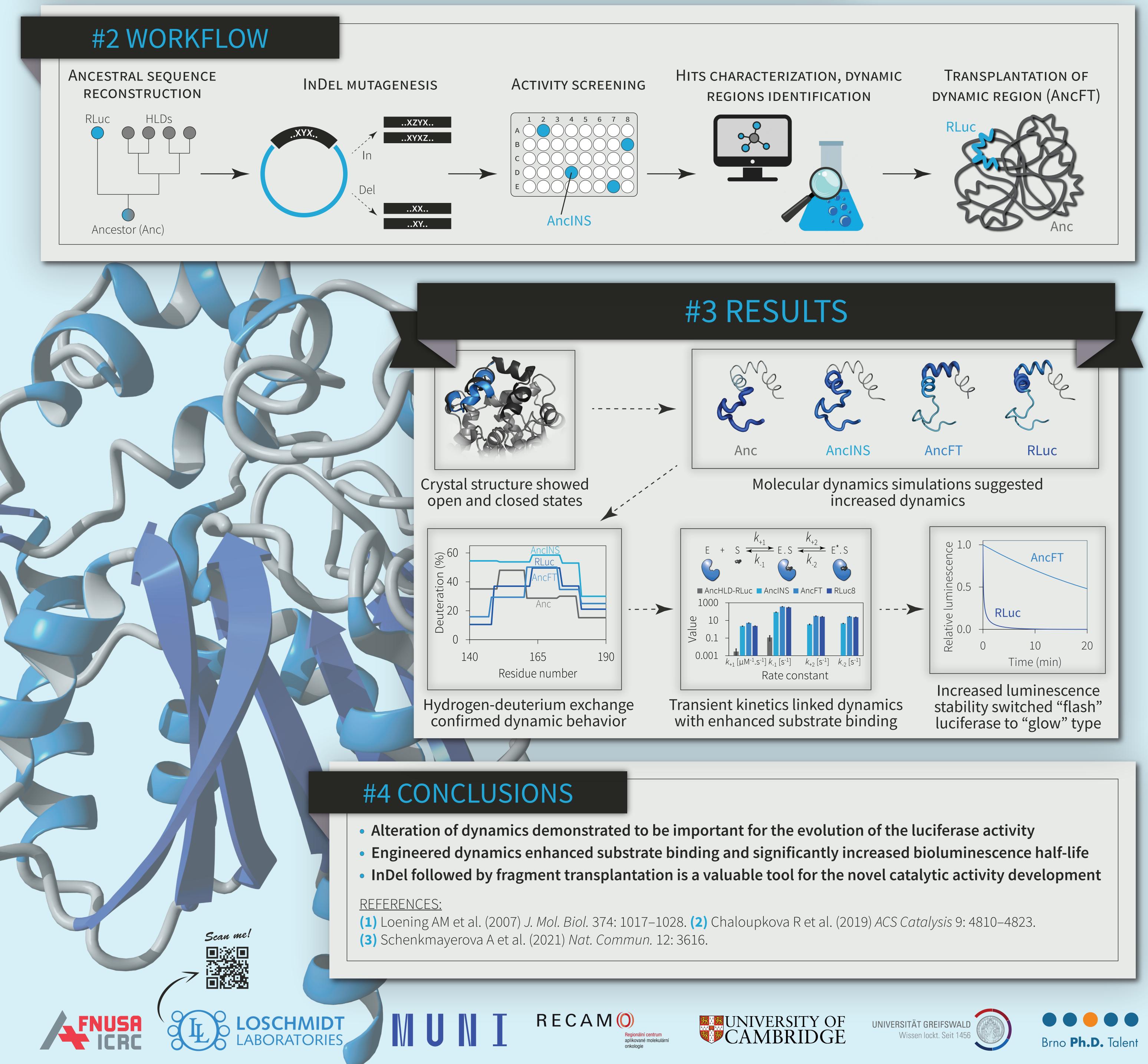
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## **#1 INTRODUCTION**

- **1.** Two enzyme groups **luciferases** (oxidoreductase, EC **1**.13.12.5) and **haloalkane dehalogenases** (hydrolase, EC **3**.8.1.5) – functionally distinct but evolutionarily related<sup>1</sup>
- 2. A stable ancestral protein<sup>2</sup> exhibiting a dual promiscuous activity (starting point of evolutionary divergence)
- 3. An urge to identify the driving force of the emergence of a new enzymatic function and understand the process of evolution at the molecular level







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