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**Abstract.**

*Escherichia coli* is a model organism that has been exploited to reveal key details of hydrogen peroxide stress: the biomolecules that H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> most rapidly damages and the defensive tactics that organisms use to fend it off. Much less clear is the amount of exogenous H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> that is sufficient to injure the bacterium and/or to trigger its stress response. To fill this gap, we need to study the behavior of cells

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