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# **UVC resistance in non-pigmented yeasts isolated from the Atacama Desert**

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00:00:04,789 --> 00:00:02,389  
hello everyone my name is mariani i'm a

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00:00:06,869 --> 00:00:04,799  
phd student based in brazil

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00:00:09,110 --> 00:00:06,879  
and i'll be presenting some preliminary

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00:00:11,669 --> 00:00:09,120  
results of the uvc resistance

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00:00:14,030 --> 00:00:11,679  
in non-pigmented yeasts isolated from

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00:00:16,310 --> 00:00:14,040  
the atacama desert

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00:00:17,990 --> 00:00:16,320  
microorganisms have long been known for

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00:00:19,510 --> 00:00:18,000  
their importance not only for the

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00:00:22,230 --> 00:00:19,520  
ecological balance

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00:00:24,029 --> 00:00:22,240  
but also for biotechnology processes

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00:00:27,109 --> 00:00:24,039  
this is especially true for

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00:00:29,349 --> 00:00:27,119  
extremophiles which can withstand

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00:00:30,150 --> 00:00:29,359

extreme environmental conditions such as

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00:00:32,430 --> 00:00:30,160

heat or

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00:00:35,750 --> 00:00:32,440

ph and those are very useful for

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00:00:38,069 --> 00:00:35,760

biotechnological processes

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00:00:40,630 --> 00:00:38,079

besides thermophiles and alkali files

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00:00:41,990 --> 00:00:40,640

the radio-resistant microorganisms have

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00:00:44,069 --> 00:00:42,000

also been studied

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00:00:46,389 --> 00:00:44,079

not only because of the bioproducts that

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00:00:48,950 --> 00:00:46,399

they offer with special application

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00:00:50,549 --> 00:00:48,960

in the pharmaceutical industry but also

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00:00:53,350 --> 00:00:50,559

because of the recent advent

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00:00:53,750 --> 00:00:53,360

of techniques for synthetic biology in

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00:00:55,910 --> 00:00:53,760

which

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00:00:57,830 --> 00:00:55,920

broadly speaking their molecular

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00:00:58,869 --> 00:00:57,840

mechanisms of resistance could be

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00:01:02,709 --> 00:00:58,879

applied to improve

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00:01:05,109 --> 00:01:02,719

non-resistant microorganisms

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00:01:05,990 --> 00:01:05,119

radio-resistant microorganisms can also

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00:01:08,469 --> 00:01:06,000

be applied for

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00:01:10,310 --> 00:01:08,479

studies on astrobiology including the

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00:01:10,950 --> 00:01:10,320

better understanding of how this could

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00:01:12,789 --> 00:01:10,960

cope

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00:01:15,190 --> 00:01:12,799

with the extreme parameters of

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00:01:17,030 --> 00:01:15,200

extraterrestrial habitats but also on

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00:01:19,270 --> 00:01:17,040

primitive earth

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00:01:21,749 --> 00:01:19,280

ultraviolet radiation is primarily

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00:01:26,070 --> 00:01:21,759

composed of three wavelength ranges

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00:01:28,230 --> 00:01:26,080

uva uvb and uvc only the uva and uvb

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00:01:30,310 --> 00:01:28,240

ranges can reach the earth's surface and

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00:01:30,950 --> 00:01:30,320

although being essential for our life on

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00:01:33,350 --> 00:01:30,960

earth

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00:01:35,030 --> 00:01:33,360

this can still cause direct and indirect

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00:01:37,590 --> 00:01:35,040

deleterious effects

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00:01:41,270 --> 00:01:37,600

such as mutagenic lesions and increases

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00:01:43,670 --> 00:01:41,280

in the levels of reactive oxygen species

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00:01:45,109 --> 00:01:43,680

mars on the other hand is affected also

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00:01:48,230 --> 00:01:45,119

by the ultraviolet

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00:01:50,389 --> 00:01:48,240

wavelengths of the uvc range uvc

51  
00:01:52,469 --> 00:01:50,399  
is even more deleterious leading to

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00:01:53,350 --> 00:01:52,479  
higher rates of mutations compared to

53  
00:01:56,469 --> 00:01:53,360  
uva

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00:01:59,510 --> 00:01:56,479  
or uvb while you still cannot take these

55  
00:02:01,990 --> 00:01:59,520  
organisms to be studied in side on mars

56  
00:02:03,749 --> 00:02:02,000  
the so-called analogous environments are

57  
00:02:06,469 --> 00:02:03,759  
still a very useful way

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00:02:09,669 --> 00:02:06,479  
of understanding how organisms can cope

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00:02:12,229 --> 00:02:09,679  
with such extreme conditions

60  
00:02:14,150 --> 00:02:12,239  
in that regard the atacama desert is an

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00:02:15,589 --> 00:02:14,160  
analogous environment with lots of

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00:02:18,790 --> 00:02:15,599  
similar conditions

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00:02:20,630 --> 00:02:18,800

as what we would observe in mars surface

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00:02:23,510 --> 00:02:20,640

the high incidence of ultraviolet

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00:02:25,670 --> 00:02:23,520

radiation is one of these parameters

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00:02:27,910 --> 00:02:25,680

and so the study of organisms coping

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00:02:30,229 --> 00:02:27,920

with such extreme uv levels

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00:02:32,070 --> 00:02:30,239

is a very good way of learning more

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00:02:34,949 --> 00:02:32,080

about how life could survive

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00:02:36,150 --> 00:02:34,959

on mars most of the radio resistant

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00:02:38,470 --> 00:02:36,160

microorganisms

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00:02:41,110 --> 00:02:38,480

retrieved from the soils of the atacama

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00:02:43,910 --> 00:02:41,120

desert are pigmented bacteria

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00:02:46,309 --> 00:02:43,920

with melanin and carotenoids as they

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00:02:48,550 --> 00:02:46,319

primarily found pigments

76  
00:02:51,030 --> 00:02:48,560  
non-pigmented microorganisms on the

77  
00:02:53,350 --> 00:02:51,040  
other hand still lacking studies and are

78  
00:02:55,589 --> 00:02:53,360  
only currently being receiving

79  
00:02:57,750 --> 00:02:55,599  
the deserved attention this is

80  
00:02:59,030 --> 00:02:57,760  
especially true for non-pigmented

81  
00:03:02,550 --> 00:02:59,040  
eukaryotes such as

82  
00:03:04,630 --> 00:03:02,560  
its east isolates therefore this study

83  
00:03:05,670 --> 00:03:04,640  
aimed to provide the first understanding

84  
00:03:08,149 --> 00:03:05,680  
of the

85  
00:03:10,550 --> 00:03:08,159  
resistance to utter violent radiation of

86  
00:03:16,790 --> 00:03:10,560  
non-pigmented extremophilic yeast

87  
00:03:22,070 --> 00:03:19,110  
these were isolated from the soils of

88  
00:03:23,589 --> 00:03:22,080

the atacama desert back in 2012

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00:03:25,270 --> 00:03:23,599  
and two of them were already

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00:03:28,229 --> 00:03:25,280  
characterized by potion and

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00:03:29,990 --> 00:03:28,239  
collaborators in 2015.

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00:03:32,309 --> 00:03:30,000  
so here we have a picture of two

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00:03:33,190 --> 00:03:32,319  
pigmented yeasts isolated during that

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00:03:36,149 --> 00:03:33,200  
campaign

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00:03:38,229 --> 00:03:36,159  
exophiala and brothers peridot as well

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00:03:39,750 --> 00:03:38,239  
as the two non-pigmented yeasts

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00:03:43,830 --> 00:03:39,760  
naganisha fridamani

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00:03:47,830 --> 00:03:46,149  
in their paper push and collaborators

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00:03:50,710 --> 00:03:47,840  
demonstrated with raymond

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00:03:52,869 --> 00:03:50,720  
spectrometry that neither melanine nor

101  
00:03:56,149 --> 00:03:52,879  
carotenoids could be identified

102  
00:03:57,589 --> 00:03:56,159  
in the two non-pigmented isolates later

103  
00:04:00,390 --> 00:03:57,599  
on the team could also

104  
00:04:02,550 --> 00:04:00,400  
isolate eight more of the non-pigmented

105  
00:04:04,869 --> 00:04:02,560  
yeasts from the same samples

106  
00:04:07,110 --> 00:04:04,879  
these are yet to be identified and were

107  
00:04:07,830 --> 00:04:07,120  
used for the uvc experiments in this

108  
00:04:09,670 --> 00:04:07,840  
study

109  
00:04:11,830 --> 00:04:09,680  
so the non-pigmented yeasts were

110  
00:04:15,270 --> 00:04:11,840  
cultivated in yeast media for

111  
00:04:17,670 --> 00:04:15,280  
48 hours at 25 degrees celsius

112  
00:04:19,749 --> 00:04:17,680  
and then replicated to solid media for

113  
00:04:22,629 --> 00:04:19,759

the uvc exposure

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00:04:25,030 --> 00:04:22,639

48 hours after the exposure the colony

115

00:04:26,710 --> 00:04:25,040

farming units were counted and compared

116

00:04:28,950 --> 00:04:26,720

to non-exposed

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00:04:31,510 --> 00:04:28,960

control colon because we don't have a

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00:04:33,430 --> 00:04:31,520

radiometer in our lab we use the growth

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00:04:35,110 --> 00:04:33,440

of the previously characterized

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00:04:37,909 --> 00:04:35,120

naganisha predomini

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00:04:39,189 --> 00:04:37,919

as a pattern to estimate the uvc fluency

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00:04:40,790 --> 00:04:39,199

being used

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00:04:44,310 --> 00:04:40,800

so as you can see in these graphs

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00:04:47,590 --> 00:04:44,320

naganisha's growth is reduced in one log

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00:04:50,710 --> 00:04:47,600

order after 30 seconds of exposure

126

00:04:51,830 --> 00:04:50,720

which falls well into the 0.6 kilojoules

127

00:04:55,510 --> 00:04:51,840

per square meter

128

00:04:57,909 --> 00:04:55,520

observed on pushon's experiment likewise

129

00:05:00,070 --> 00:04:57,919

after 60 seconds of exposure

130

00:05:02,230 --> 00:05:00,080

naganisha's growth is reduced to

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00:05:04,150 --> 00:05:02,240

one-third of the original growth

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00:05:05,990 --> 00:05:04,160

endorsing the estimates of a double

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00:05:09,749 --> 00:05:06,000

fluency of 1.2

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00:05:11,990 --> 00:05:09,759

kilojoules per square meter

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00:05:14,710 --> 00:05:12,000

thus we can conclude that naganisha's

136

00:05:16,150 --> 00:05:14,720

survival cfu numbers can be used as a

137

00:05:18,790 --> 00:05:16,160

reliable pattern

138

00:05:21,670 --> 00:05:18,800

for estimating the uvc fluids for our

139

00:05:24,070 --> 00:05:21,680

our experiments

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00:05:26,070 --> 00:05:24,080

then we exposed all us isolates

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00:05:30,310 --> 00:05:26,080

intruplicates to the same uvc

142

00:05:33,110 --> 00:05:30,320

fluences of 0.6 and 1.2 kilojoules

143

00:05:35,110 --> 00:05:33,120

per squared meter and we can see from

144

00:05:35,590 --> 00:05:35,120

this graph that most of the isolates

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00:05:38,070 --> 00:05:35,600

present

146

00:05:38,950 --> 00:05:38,080

a singular resistant pattern to what's

147

00:05:41,990 --> 00:05:38,960

observed

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00:05:43,909 --> 00:05:42,000

with naganisha some of the yeasts even

149

00:05:45,590 --> 00:05:43,919

presented a potentially higher

150

00:05:46,790 --> 00:05:45,600

resistance compared to naganisha

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00:05:49,189 --> 00:05:46,800

frederimani

152

00:05:50,790 --> 00:05:49,199

this is especially true for the 13b

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00:05:53,670 --> 00:05:50,800

isolate with a reduction

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00:05:56,550 --> 00:05:53,680

of only one log fold even after exposure

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00:05:58,309 --> 00:05:56,560

to the highest uvc dose

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00:06:00,230 --> 00:05:58,319

in conclusion we can state that the

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00:06:02,710 --> 00:06:00,240

growth pattern observed for naganisha

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00:06:05,590 --> 00:06:02,720

fregimony after uvc exposure

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00:06:06,870 --> 00:06:05,600

can be used as an estimate for total uvc

160

00:06:09,510 --> 00:06:06,880

fluency

161

00:06:11,990 --> 00:06:09,520

east isolate 13b presented the highest

162

00:06:14,309 --> 00:06:12,000

uvc resistance and provides a powerful

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00:06:17,430 --> 00:06:14,319

potential for further studies

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00:06:18,950 --> 00:06:17,440

all other es isolates presented overall

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00:06:21,430 --> 00:06:18,960

resistance to uvc

166

00:06:23,990 --> 00:06:21,440

and endorse the potential of desert

167

00:06:25,270 --> 00:06:24,000

non-pigmented yeasts as radio-resistant

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00:06:27,350 --> 00:06:25,280

organisms

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00:06:29,029 --> 00:06:27,360

these isolates shall be further explored

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00:06:31,830 --> 00:06:29,039

for the potential

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00:06:33,350 --> 00:06:31,840

sources of bioproducts with importance

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00:06:35,749 --> 00:06:33,360

for biotechnology

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00:06:38,790 --> 00:06:35,759

as well as for their potential as role