

WEEK 1: Problem Set

1. What makes a good model organism? Describe the advantages and disadvantages of using the following model organisms:

- a. Bacteria such as *E. coli*:
- b. Yeast such as *S. cerevisiae*:
- c. Nematodes such as *C. elegans*:
- d. Zebrafish:
- e. Mice:

2. Describe the advantages and disadvantages of the various visualization techniques used in biology as discussed in lecture, including:

- a. Bright field microscopy
- b. Electron microscopy
- c. Confocal microscopy
- d. Fluorescence microscopy combined with genetic approaches
- e. X-ray crystallography