

Control of calcium metabolism

Calcium and phosphorus homeostasis

Primary elements of blood tissue are calcium (Ca) and phosphorus (P).

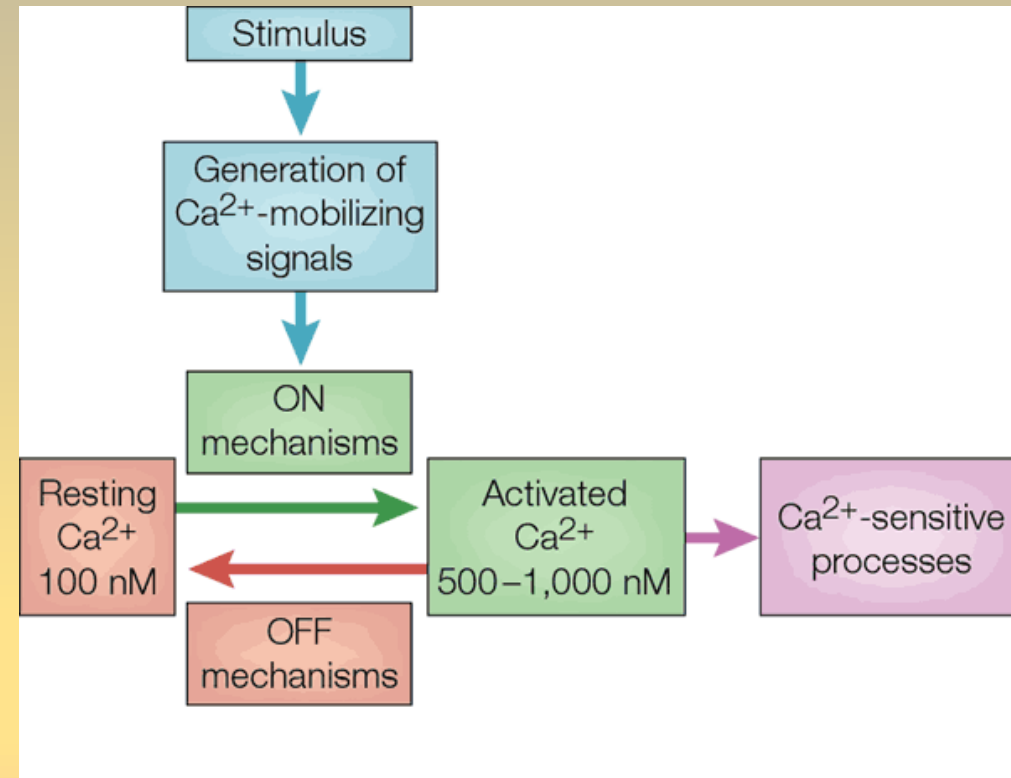
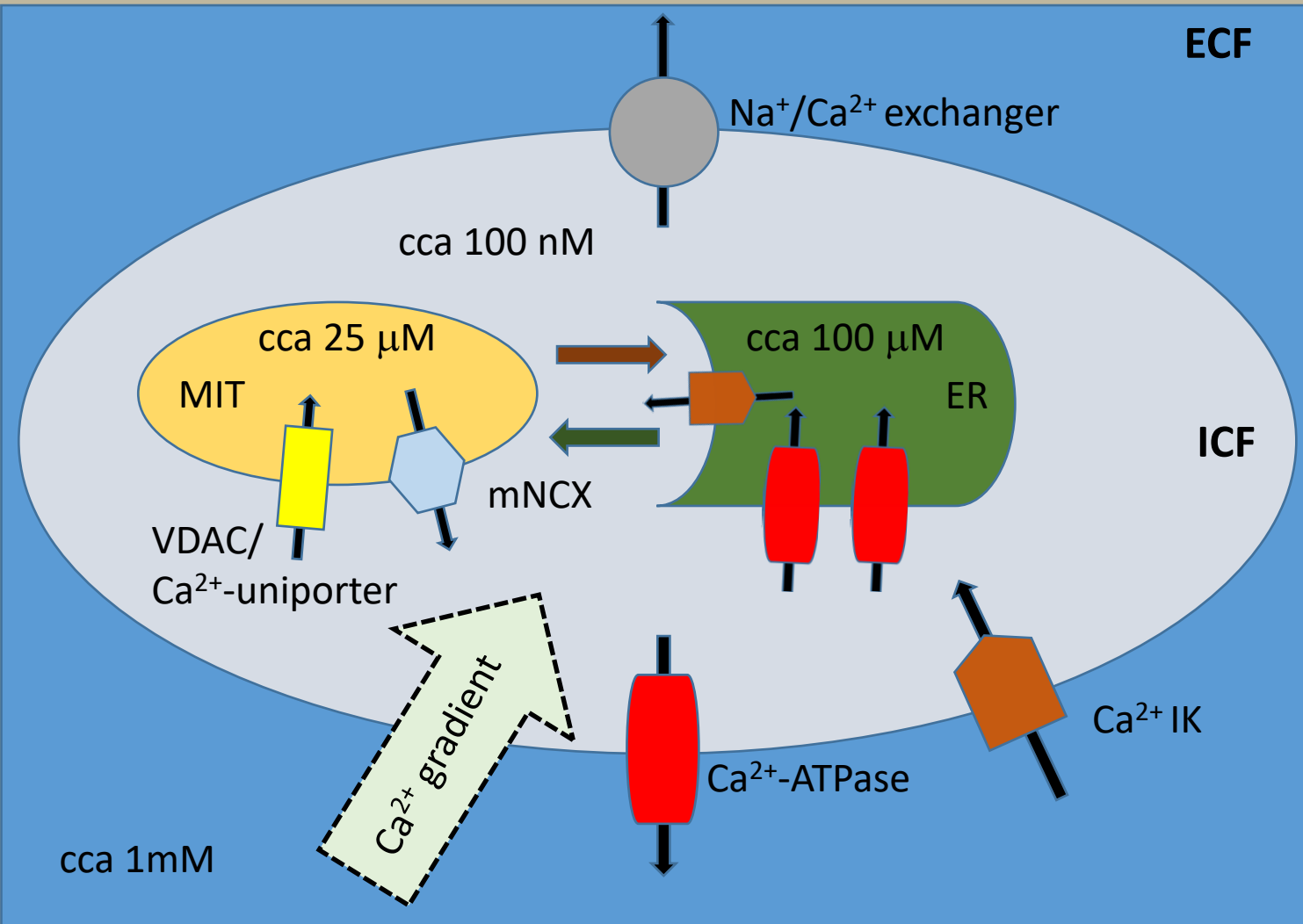
- up to 65 % of bone weight
- almost all Ca and P supply, half of supply of Mg in human body
- Essential role of these elements in physiological processes

Bone tissue

- 99 % of overall Ca, of it 99 % in mineral component
- 1 % - quickly mobilizable and convertible (ICF - ECF)

	Calcium ions	Phosphate ions
Extracellular		
Concentration		
total, in serum	$2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$	$1.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$
free	$1.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$	$0.85 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$
Functions	Bone mineral Blood coagulation Membrane excitability	Bone mineral
Intracellular		
Concentration	10^{-7} M	$1-2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$
Functions	Signal for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neuron activation • Hormone secretion • Muscle contraction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structural role • High energy bonds • Regulation of proteins by phosphorylation

Extra- and intracellular calcium



Calcium and its intake

Calcium absorption

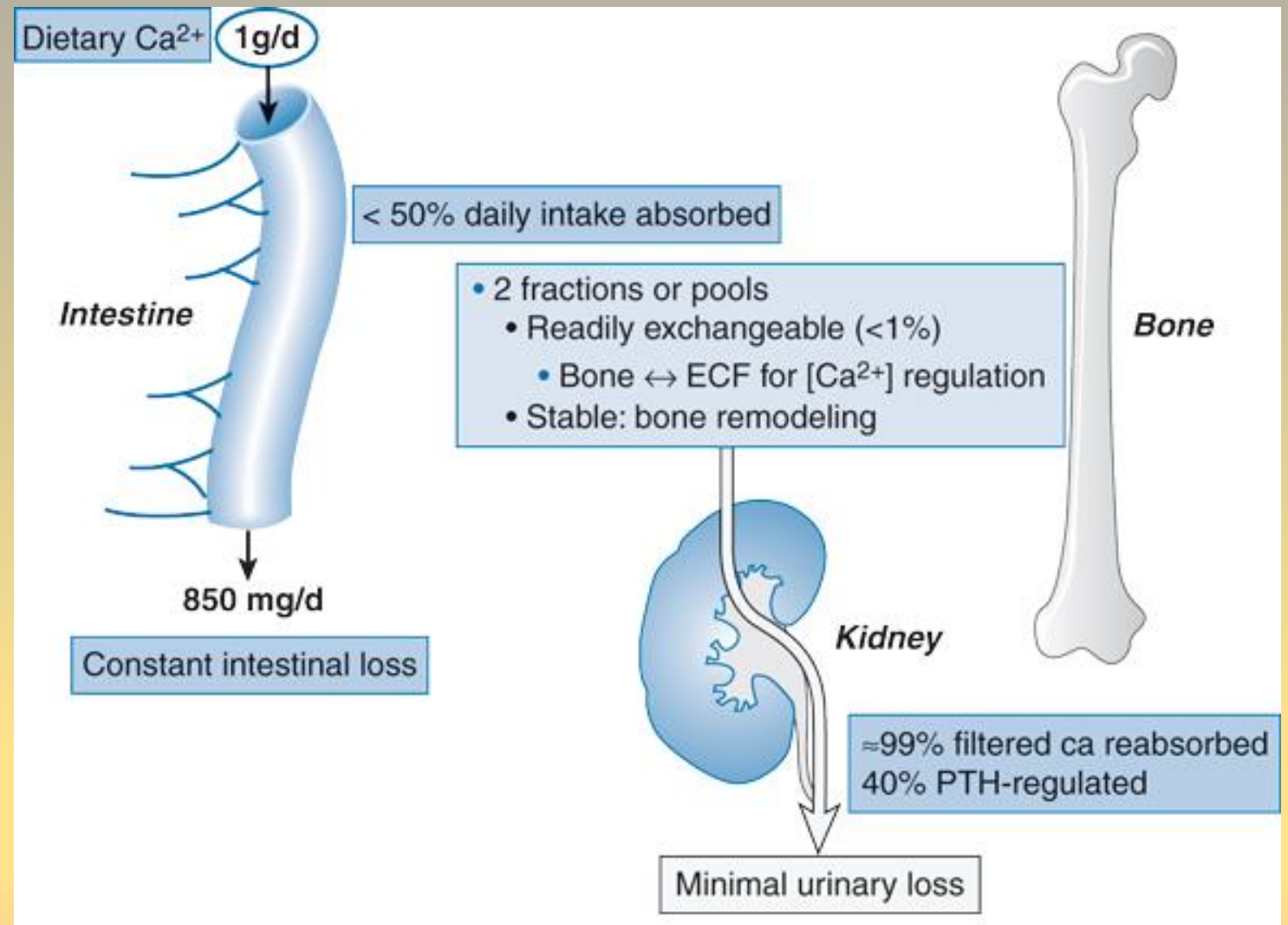
- 25 – 60 %
- Age
- Dietary habits and calcium content in diet
- Bone tissue requirements
- Vitamin D

Stomach

- Gastric juice and role of HCl
- Signalization connected to HCl production

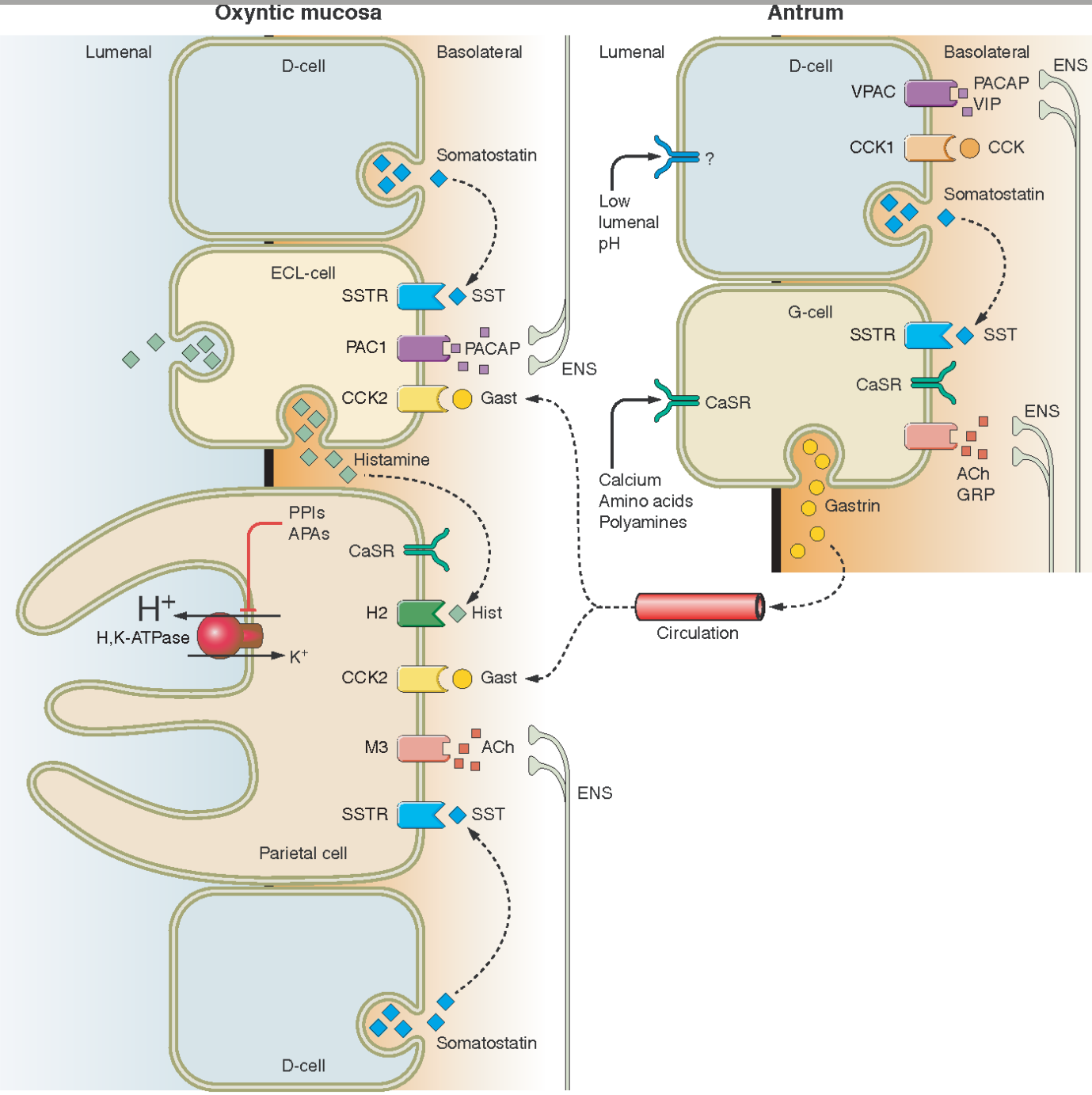
Small intestine

- Duodenum and jejunum – 90 %
- Adaptive intake – duodenum and ileum



Bone tissue is crucial calcium and phosphorus storage tissue. Age-related negative calcium balance is an osteoporosis risk factor.

Calcium absorption and stomach



Mechanisms of calcium absorption

Vitamin D

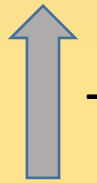
Paracellular

- Luminal electrochemical gradient
- Integrity of intercellular connections
- Claudins and their role in paracellular transport

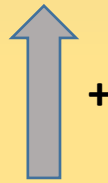
Transcellular

- TRPV6 and associated proteins
- Recycling of TRPV6
- Alternative mechanisms?

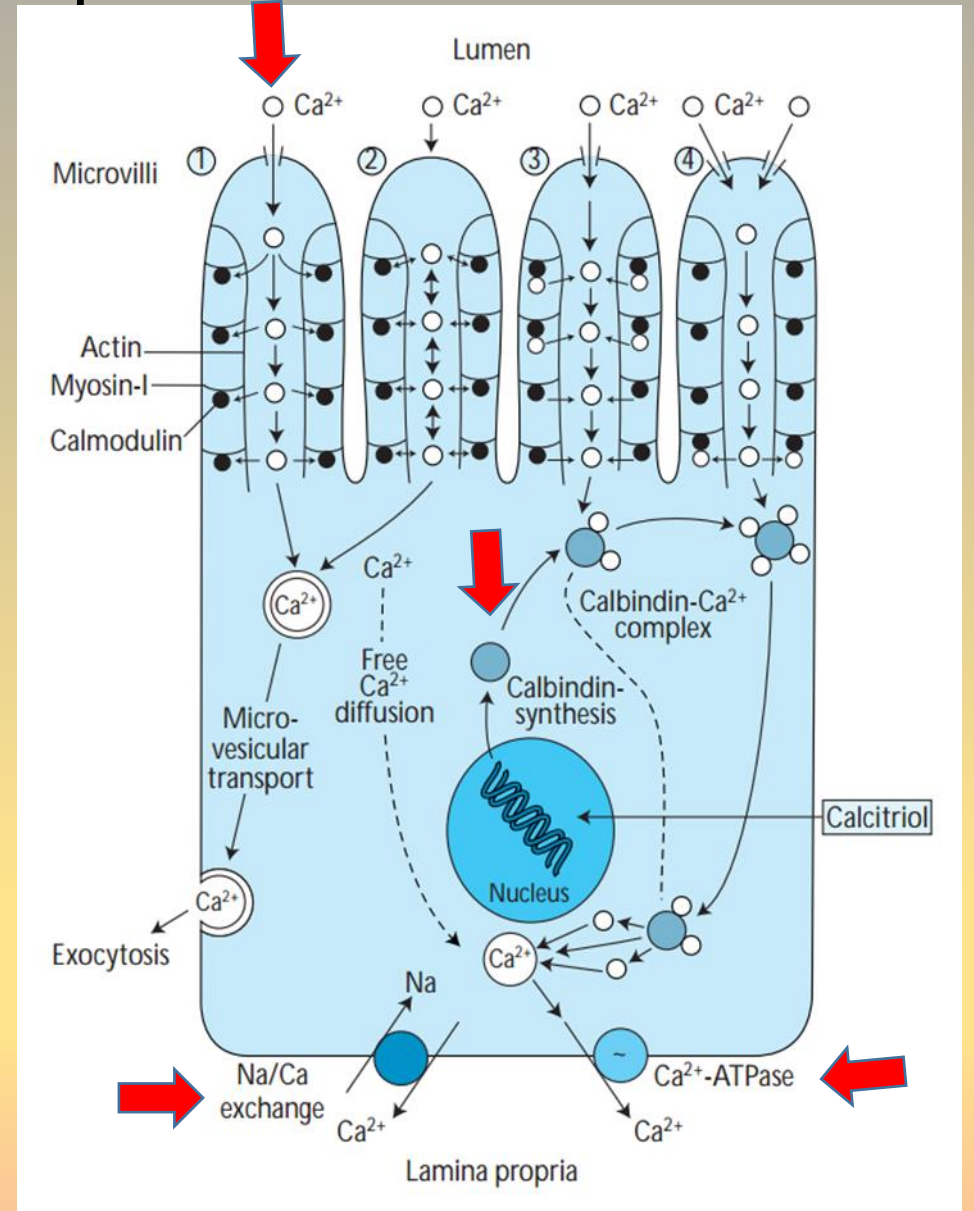
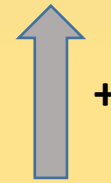
Glucocorticoids



Estradiol



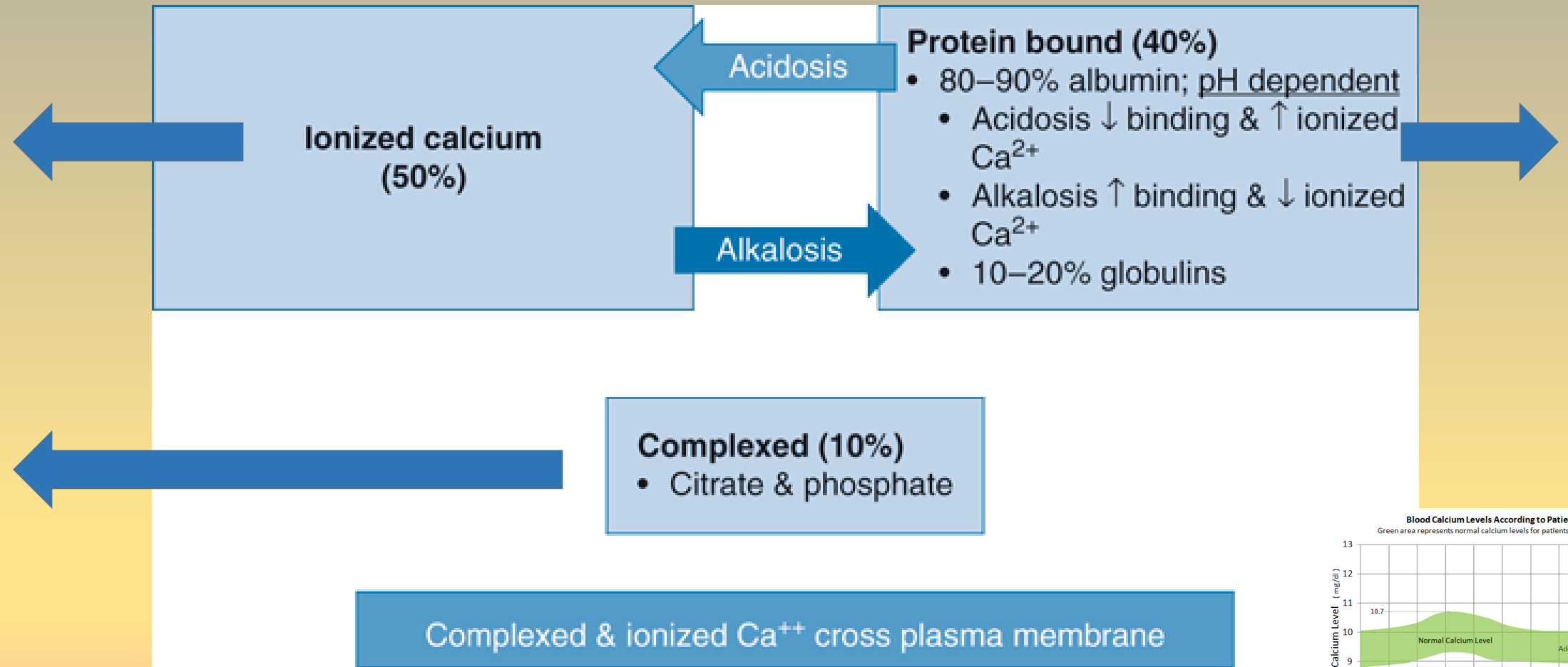
Prolactin



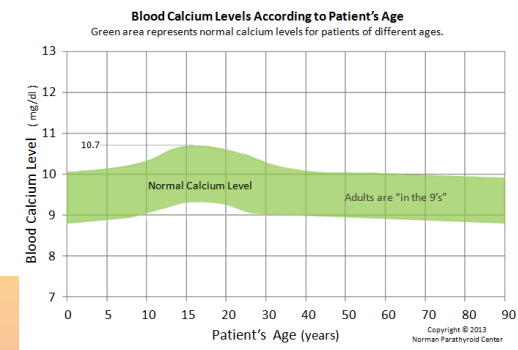
Calcium on blood (calcemia)

Glomerular filtration YES

Endocrine control



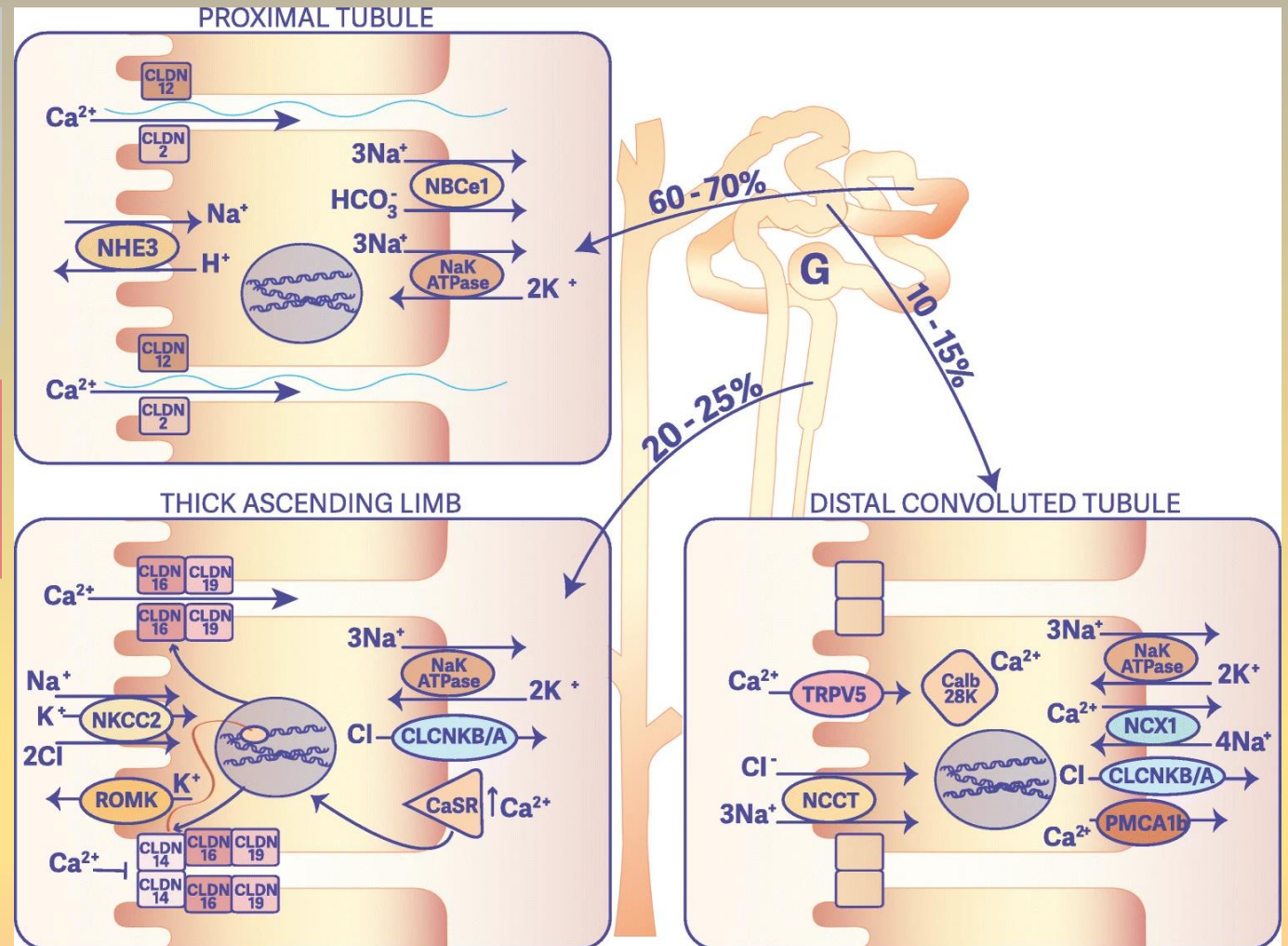
Glomerular filtration NO



Calcium excretion

- **98 % of filtered Ca is reabsorbed**
- 70 % proximal tubule
- 20 % thick ascending limb of HL
- 5 % collecting duct
- 2 % urine

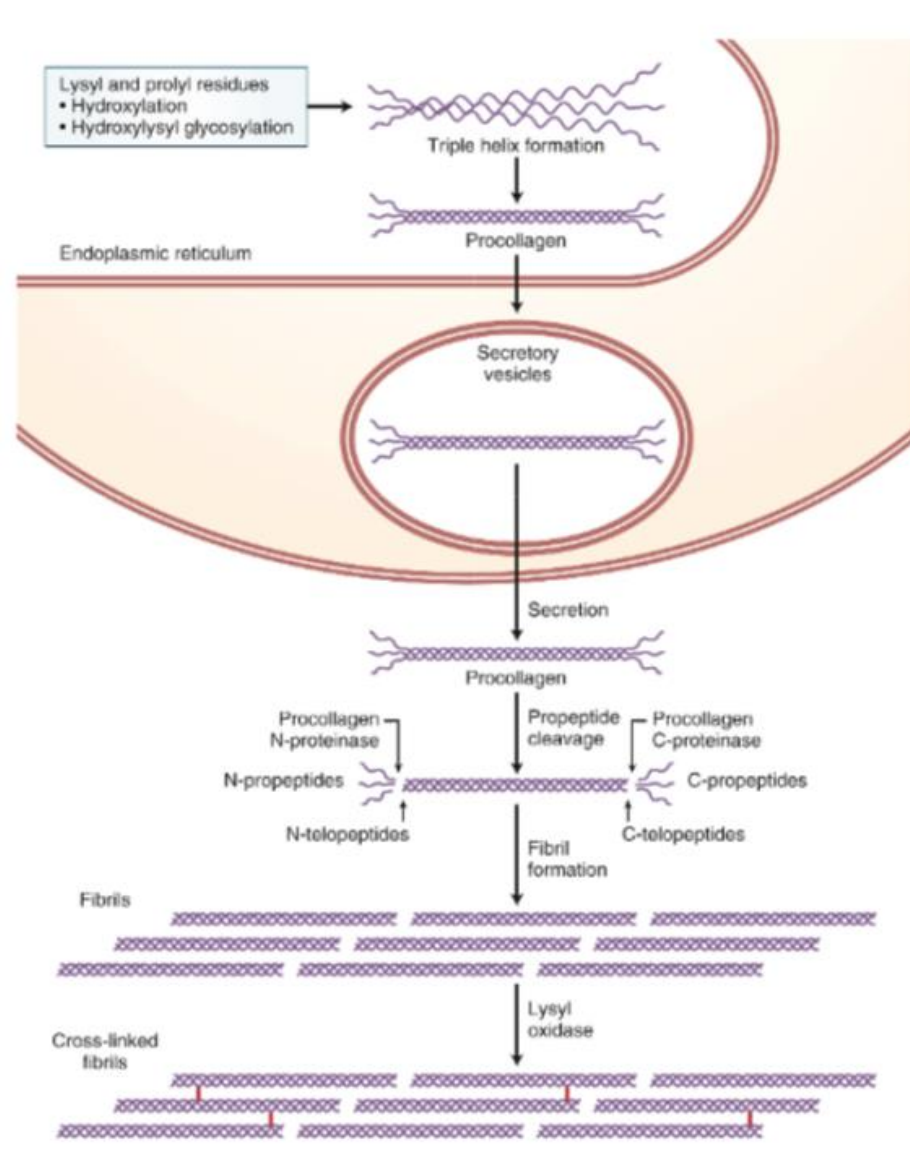
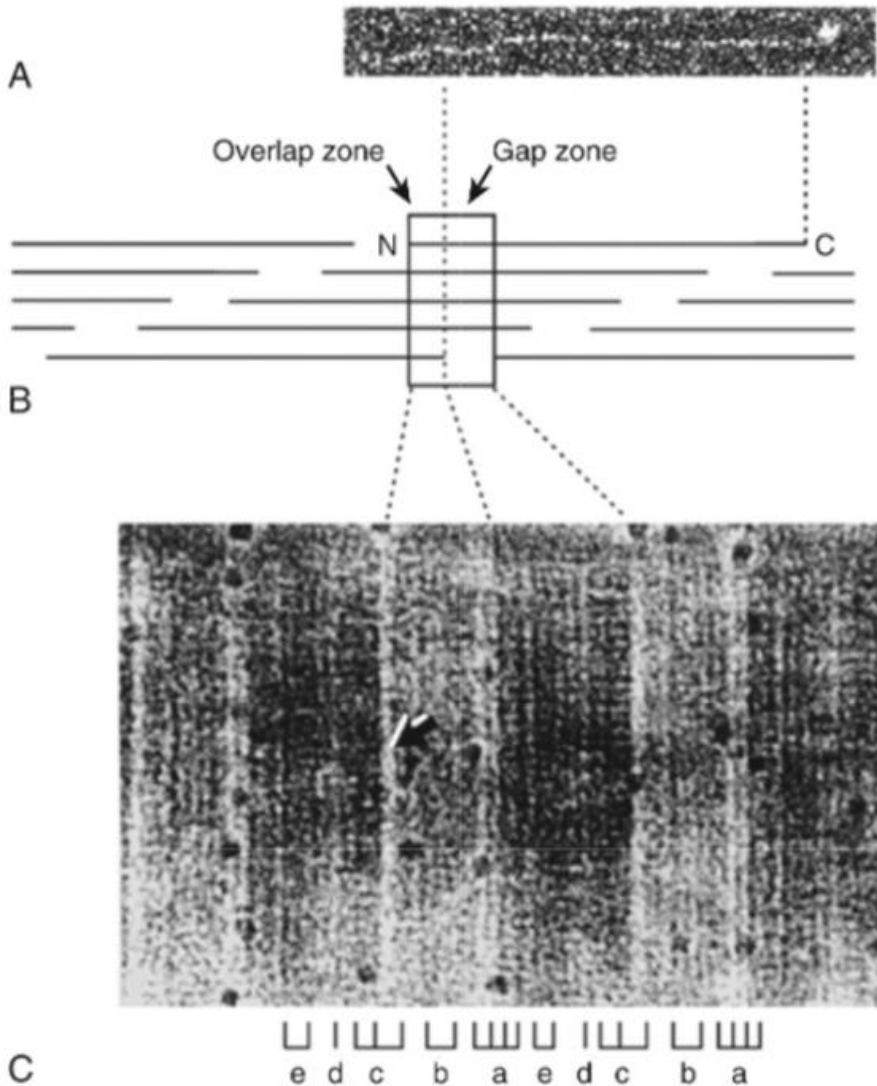
- CaSR (TALH)
- Paracellin-1
- PTH



Collagen type I = most important protein of bone matrix

Bone matrix and bone mineral

Type I collagen monomeric and fibrillar structure



- Trombospondin
- Fibronectin
- Matrix Gla protein
- Osteocalcin
- Biglykan
- Decorin
- Bone sialoprotein
- Osteopontin
- Osteoadherin

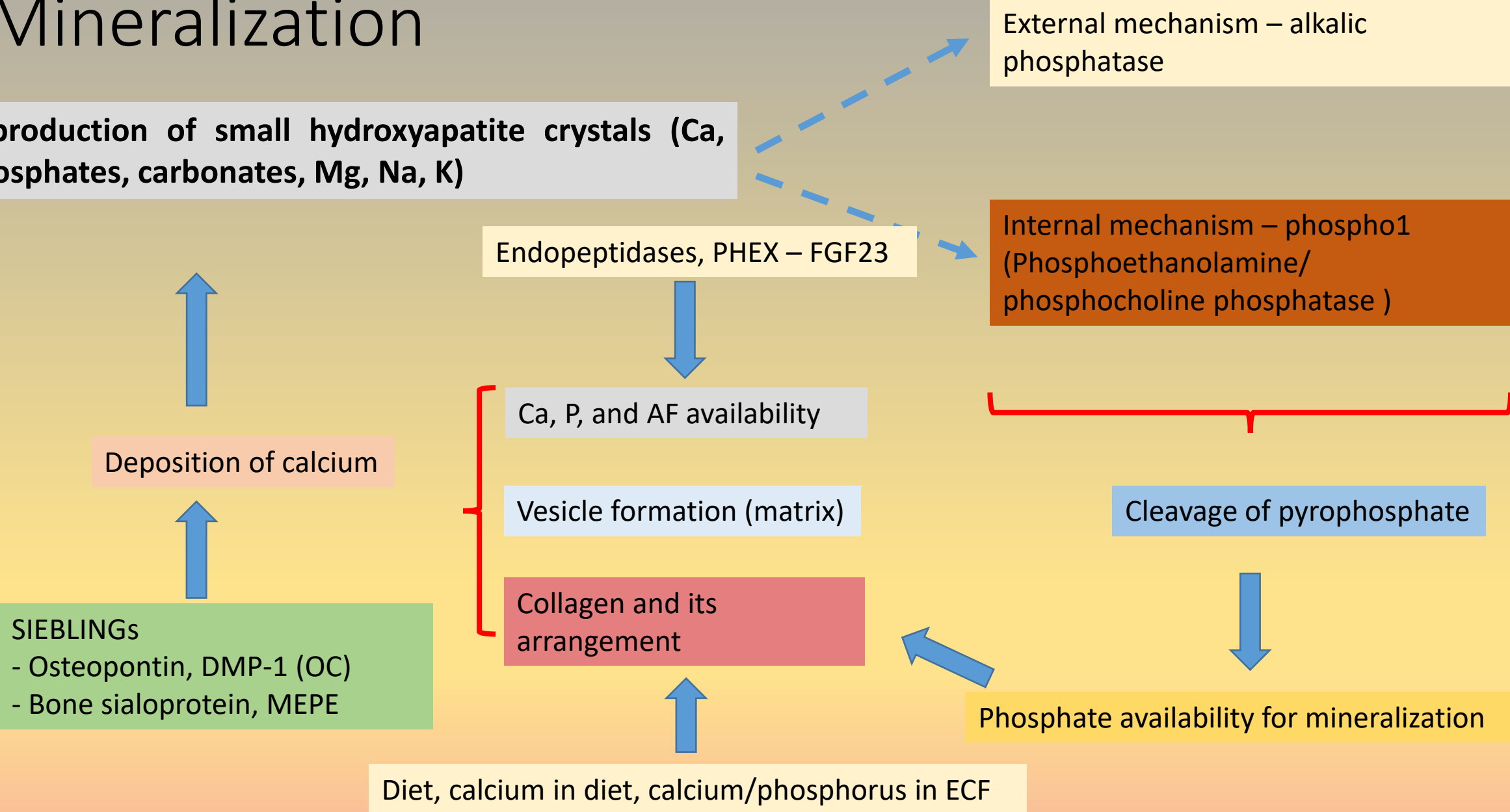
Signaling + haematopoiesis

Vitamin K-dependent γ carboxylation and phosphorylation

Ca affinity and mineralization

Mineralization

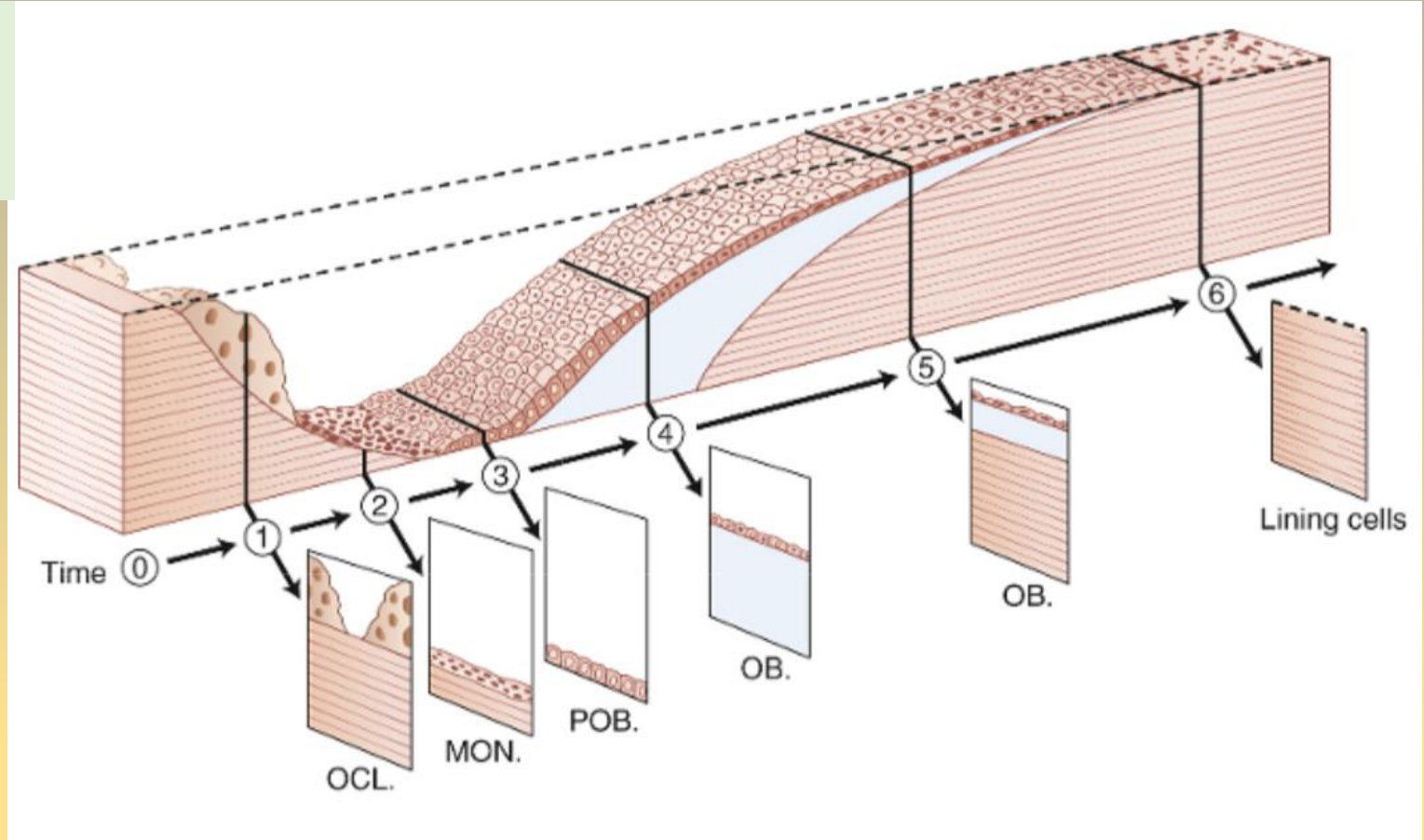
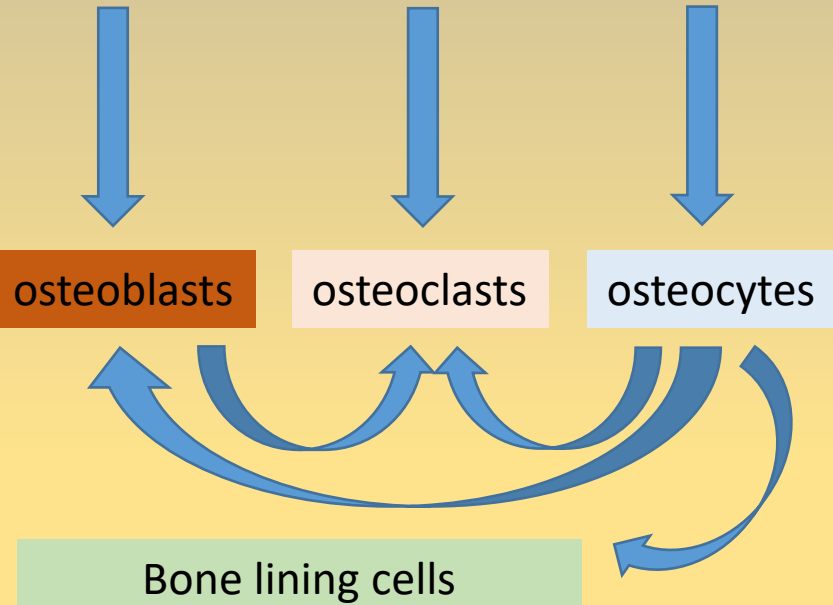
= production of small hydroxyapatite crystals (Ca, phosphates, carbonates, Mg, Na, K)



Bone tissue and its remodeling

Modeling
versus remodeling
of bone tissue

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Bone resorption

Bone formation

osteoclasts

mononuclear cells

preosteoblasts

osteoblasts

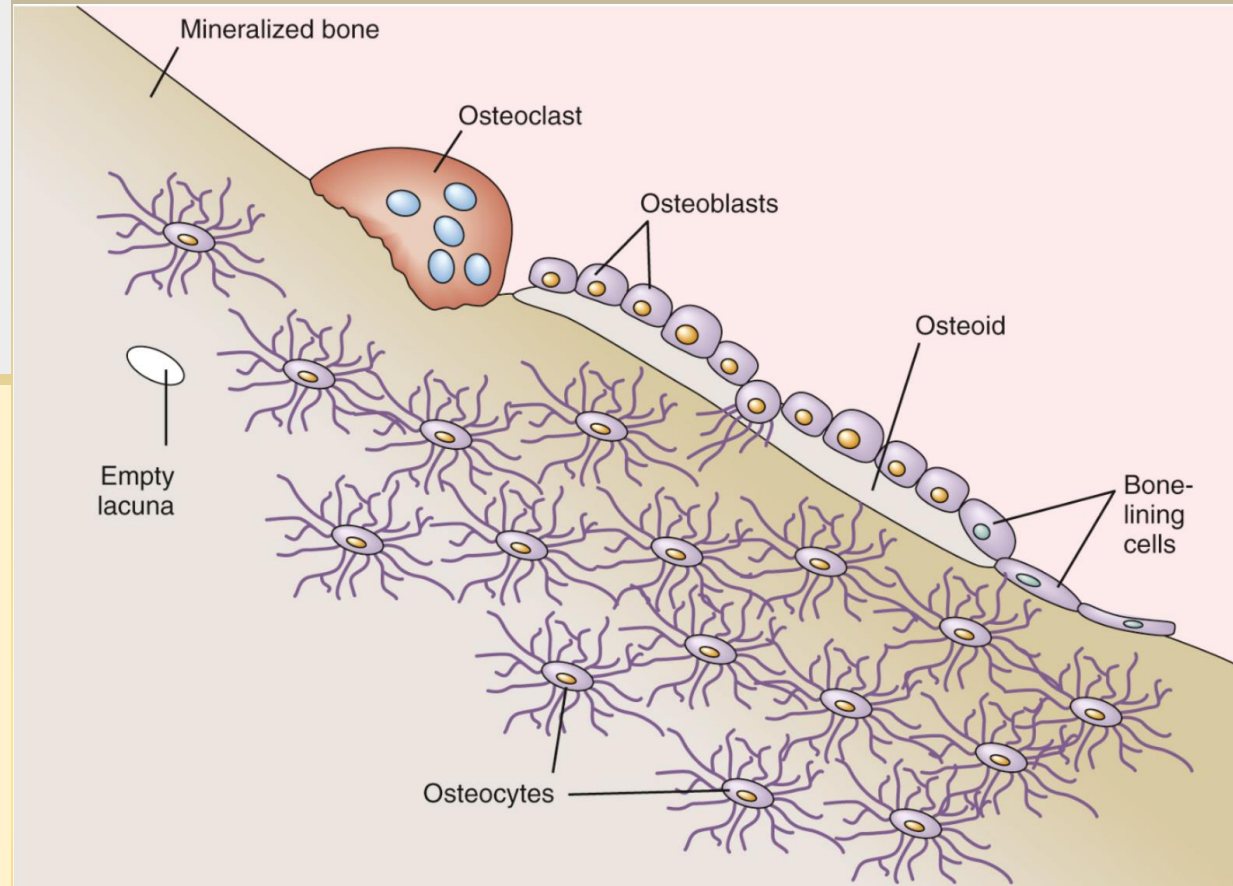
Bone tissue and its remodeling

Osteocytes (OC)

- Metabolic activity
- PTH receptors
- Communication with bone surface
- Mechanic sensing
- RANKL production
- Direct degradation of bone tissue (osteocytic osteolysis)
- Adaptive remodeling

Osteoblasts (OB)

- Bone matrix production
- Production of collagen and non-collagen peptides + their orientation
- Regulation by hormones, local factors and cytokines
- Differentiation and further fate – apoptosis, osteocytes, lining cells
- „recruitment“ of other cells – IGF-1, IGF-2, TGF- β



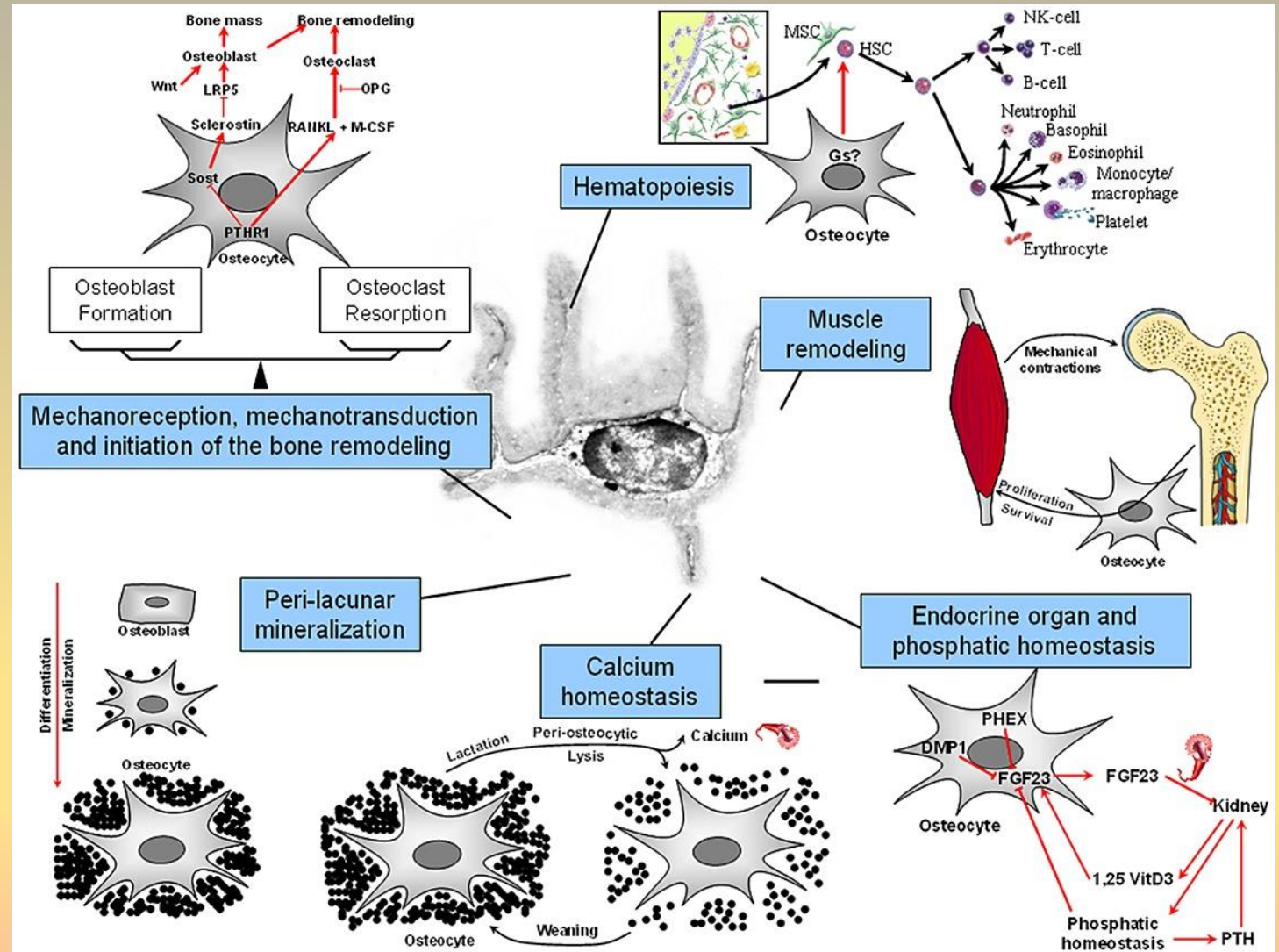
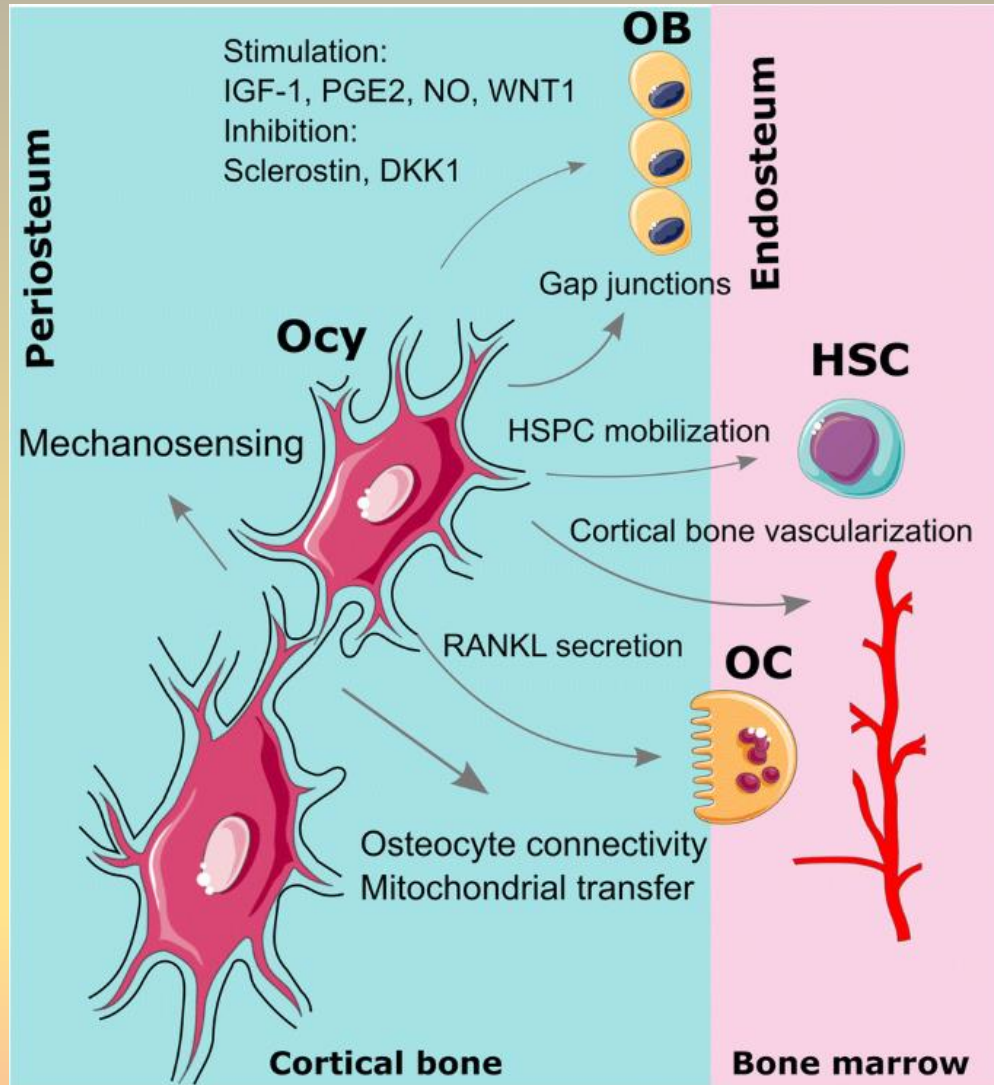
Lining cells

- Stimulation of OB differentiation
- OC communication
- Differentiation to OB stimulated by PTH

Osteoclasts (OK)

- Bone tissue reabsorption

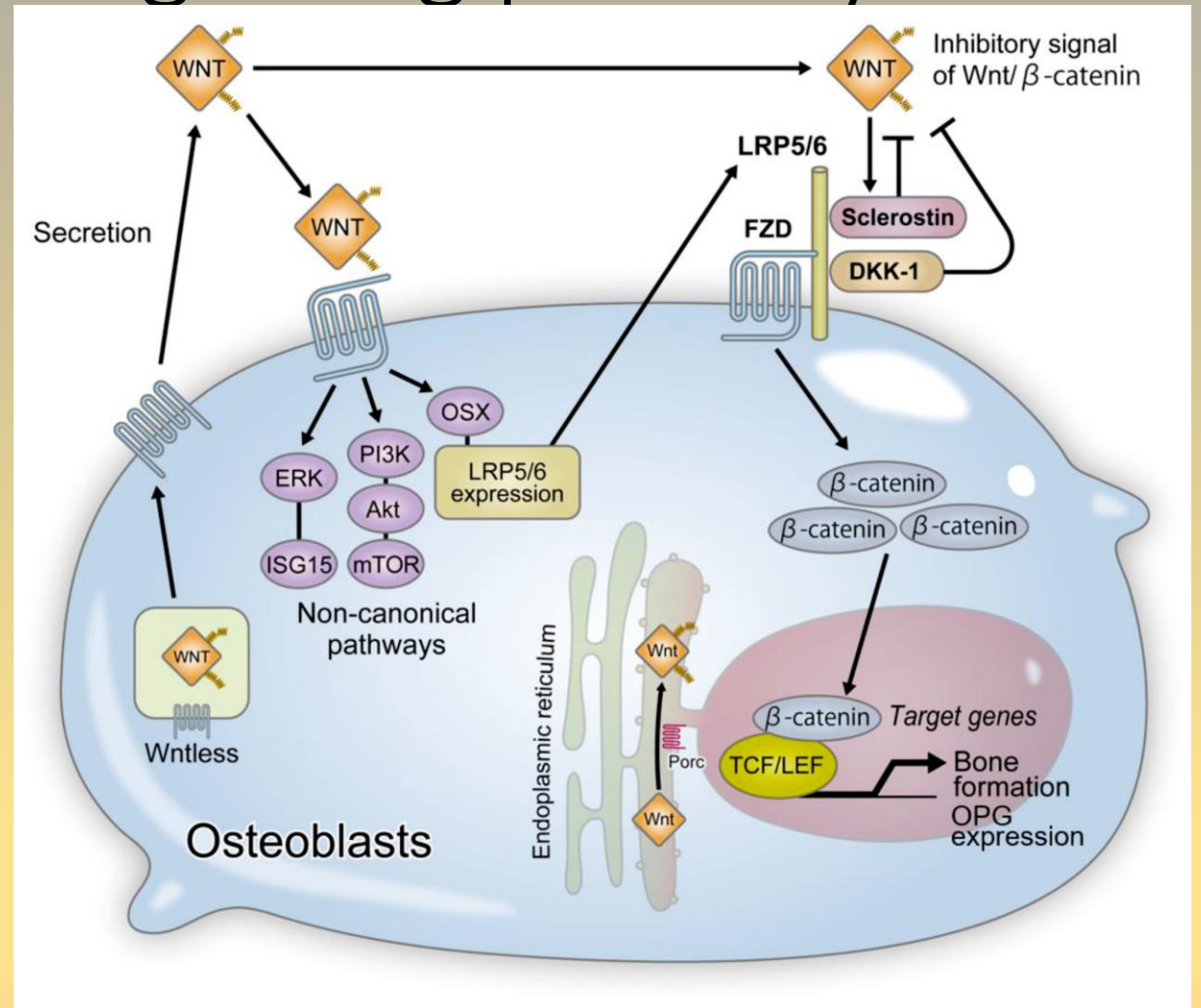
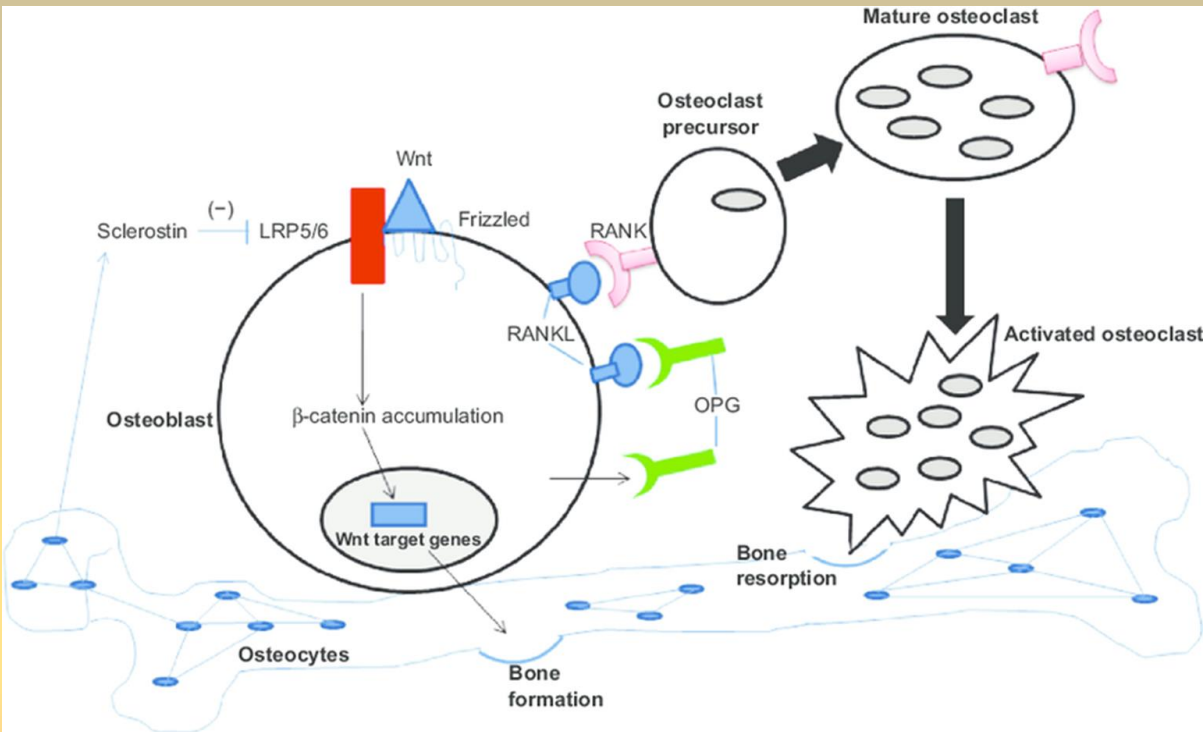
Bone mechanosensing



RANK/RANKL – Wnt signaling pathway

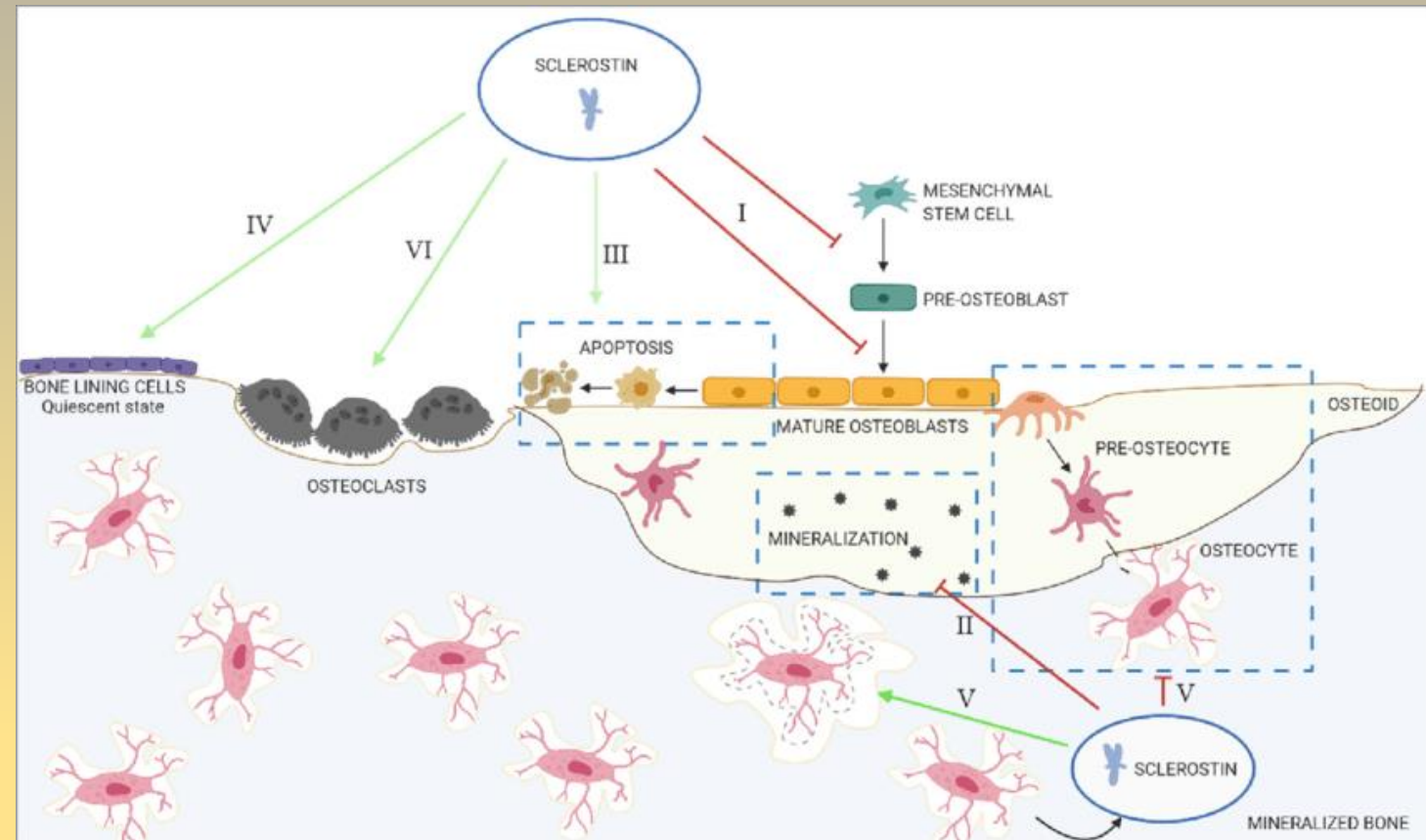
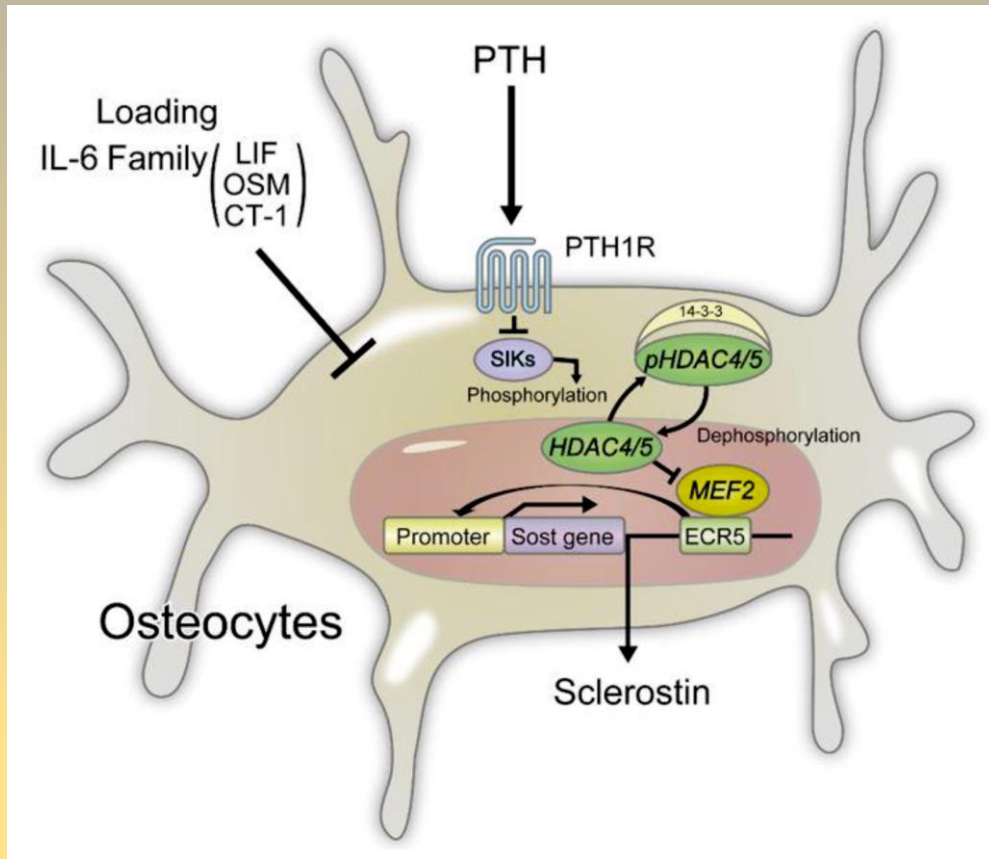
Key factor regulating bone resorption is RANKL/OPG ratio.

Osteoclastogenesis (+) RANKL (-) OPG



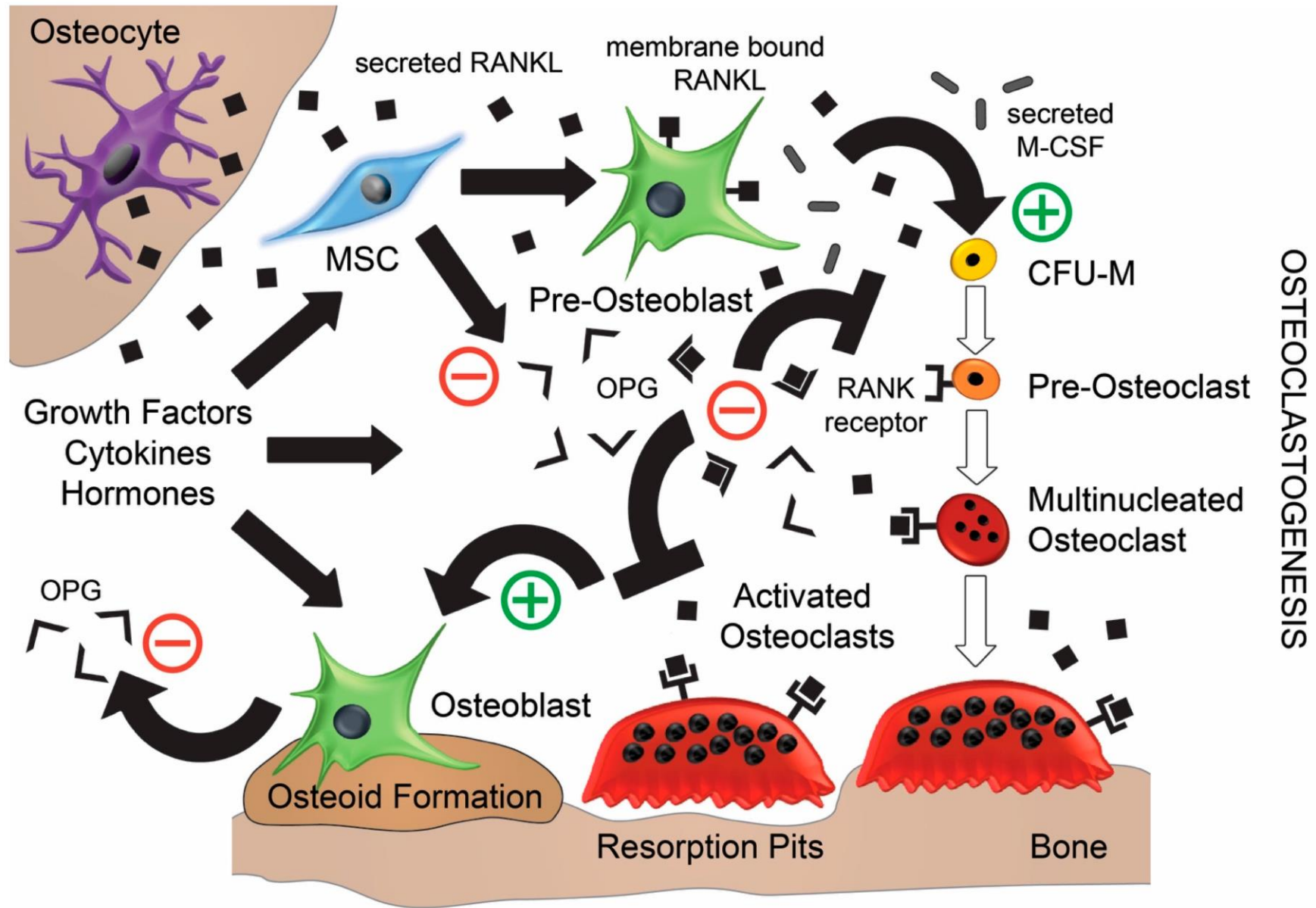
Wnt is synthesized, subjected to Porc-mediated lipidation by palmitoleic acid, and is secreted from cells; Porc is an acyltransferase found in the endoplasmic reticulum. Wls is involved in the extracellular secretion of Wnt. Lipidation by palmitoleic acid is required for the binding of Wnt to Wls. Wls-deficient cells failed to secrete all Wnt ligands. Wnt ligands activate β -catenin-dependent canonical and -independent non-canonical signals. β -catenin-dependent canonical signal induces bone formation through promotion of osteoblastogenesis and OPG expression. β -catenin-independent non-canonical signals enhance LRP5/6 expression, thereby promoting osteoblast differentiation. OPG: osteoprotegerin, Porc: porcupine, Wls: wntless.

Sclerostin



I: Inhibition of proliferation and differentiation of osteoprogenitor/pre-osteoblastic cells, as well as decreased activation of mature osteoblasts; II: decreased mineralization; III: increased apoptosis of the osteogenic cells; IV: maintenance of bone lining cells in their quiescent state; V: regulation of osteocyte maturation and osteocytic osteolysis; VI: stimulation of bone resorption.

RANKL-OPG



RANK/RANKL

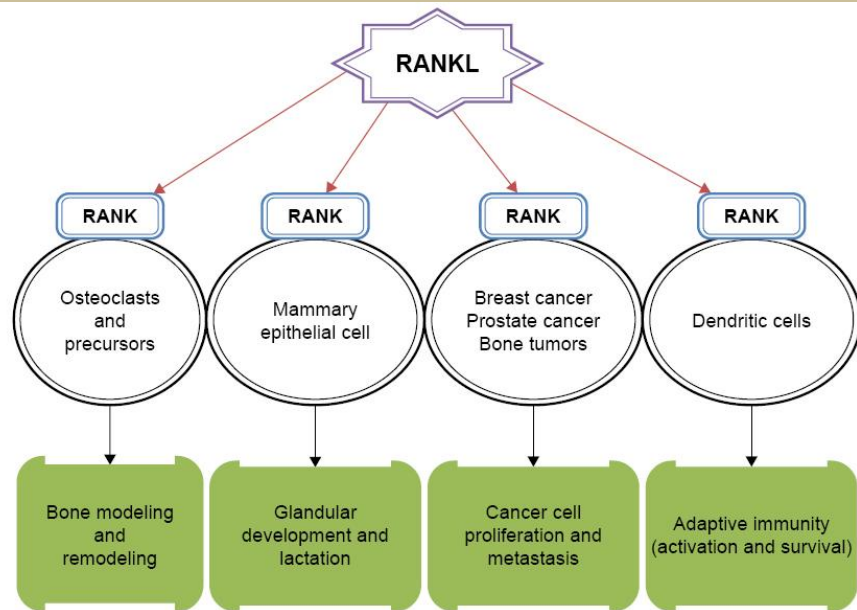
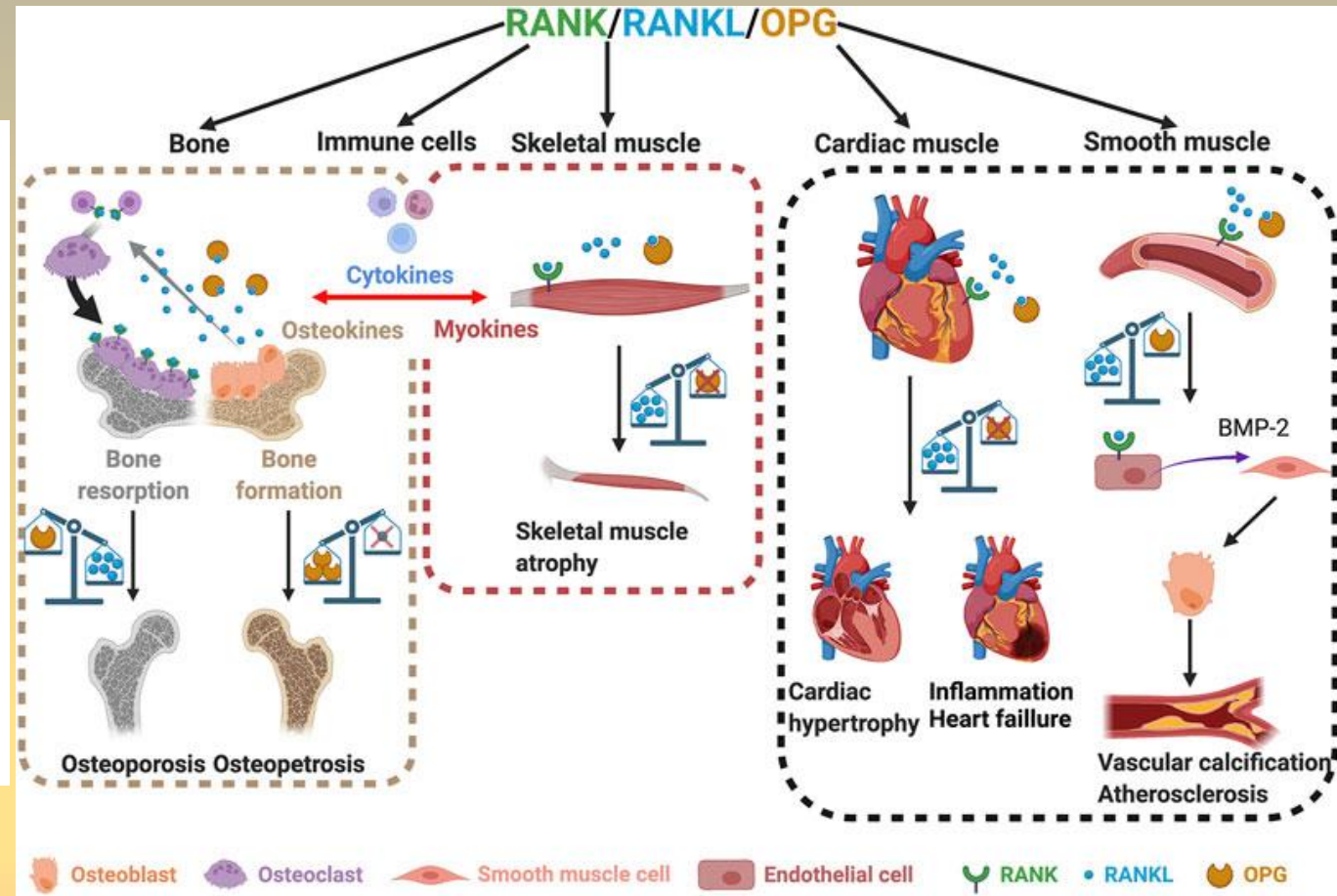
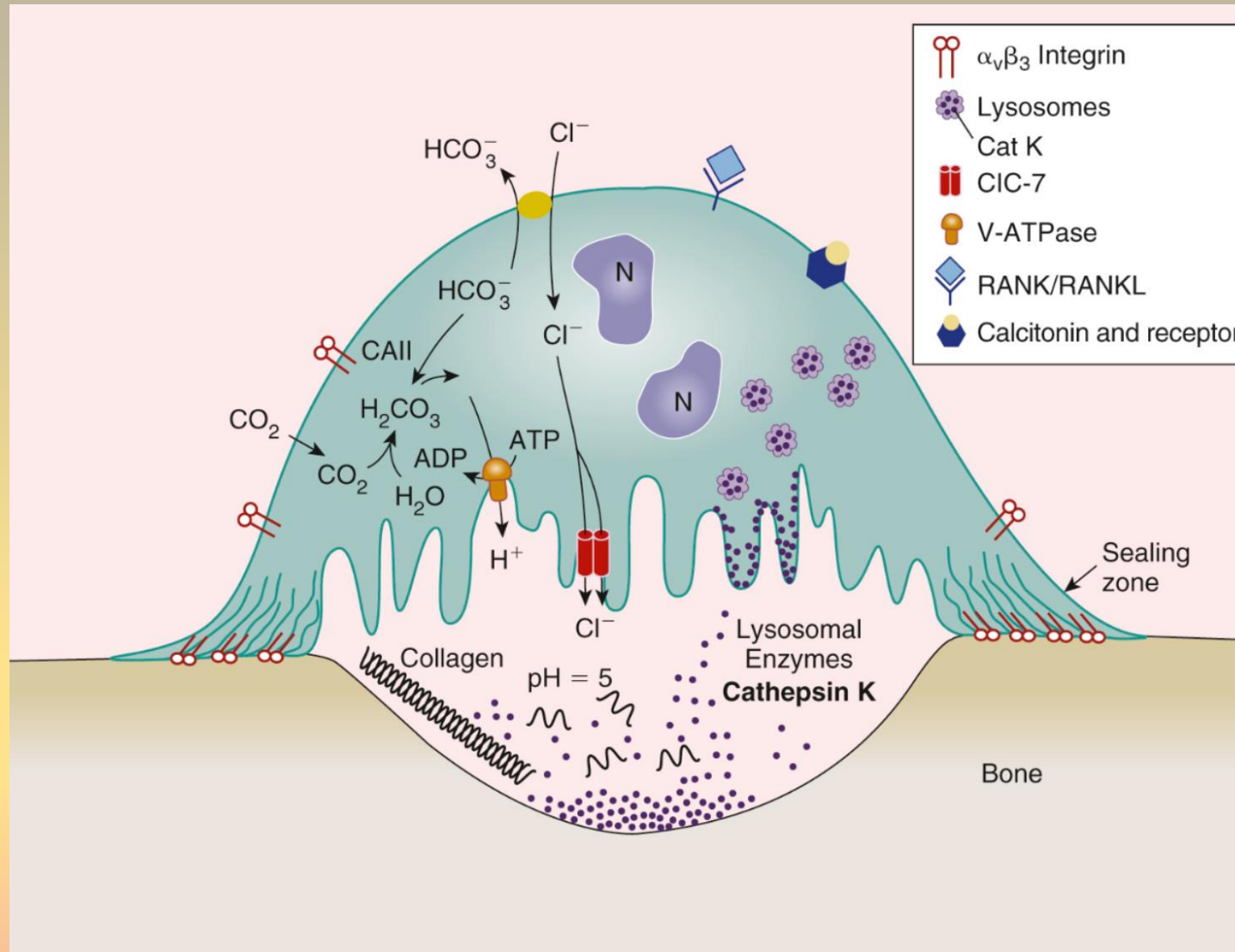


Figure 1 The role of RANK/RANKL signaling system in various physiological and pathophysiological processes. Abbreviations: RANK, receptor activator of nuclear factor κ B; RANKL, RANK ligand.



Bone tissue resorption by osteoclasts



Role of compartmentalization in bone resorption - *podosomes*

Resorption and secretion of bone resorption products - transcytosis

Essential role of pH for bone tissue resorption

Factors affecting bone tissue remodeling

Resorption takes approx. 2 weeks
 Mineralization and formation approx. 12 weeks

In pathophysiologic conditions is disrupted the continuity of bone tissue resorption and formation.

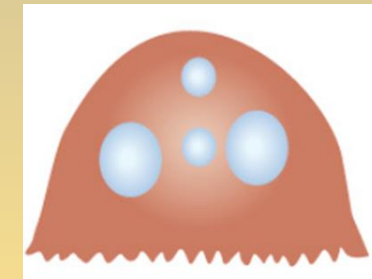
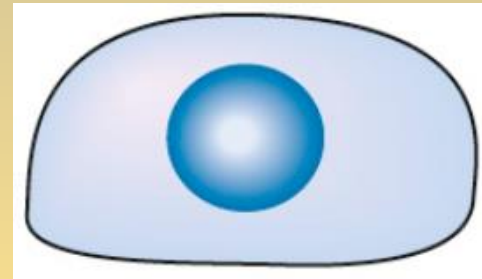
Systemic signals



Local signals



Remodeling of bone tissue



Osteoblasts
 Lining cells

Osteoclasts

Trabecular bone



Immediate calcium need - homeostasis

Ensuring mechanical requirements

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 Cytokines - IL-1 α , IL-1 β ,
 TNF- α , TNF- β ,
 proinflammatory IL (7,
 15, 17)

TGF- α and EGF, FGF21,
 FGF23

Prostaglandins

PDGF

+
 Cytokines - IL-4, IL-13, IL-
 10, IL-18

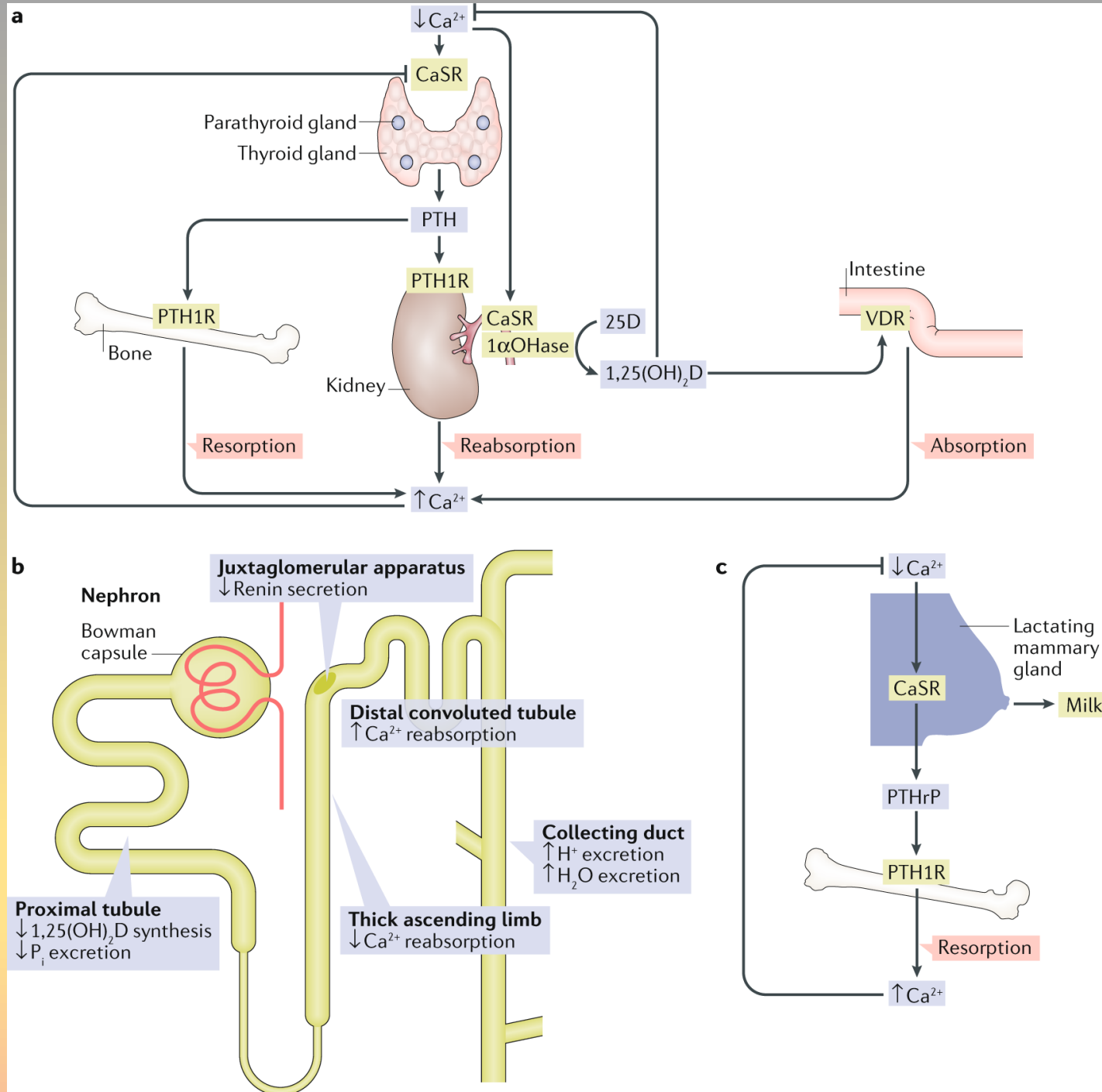
Prostaglandins

VEGFA, HIF-1 α (+/-)

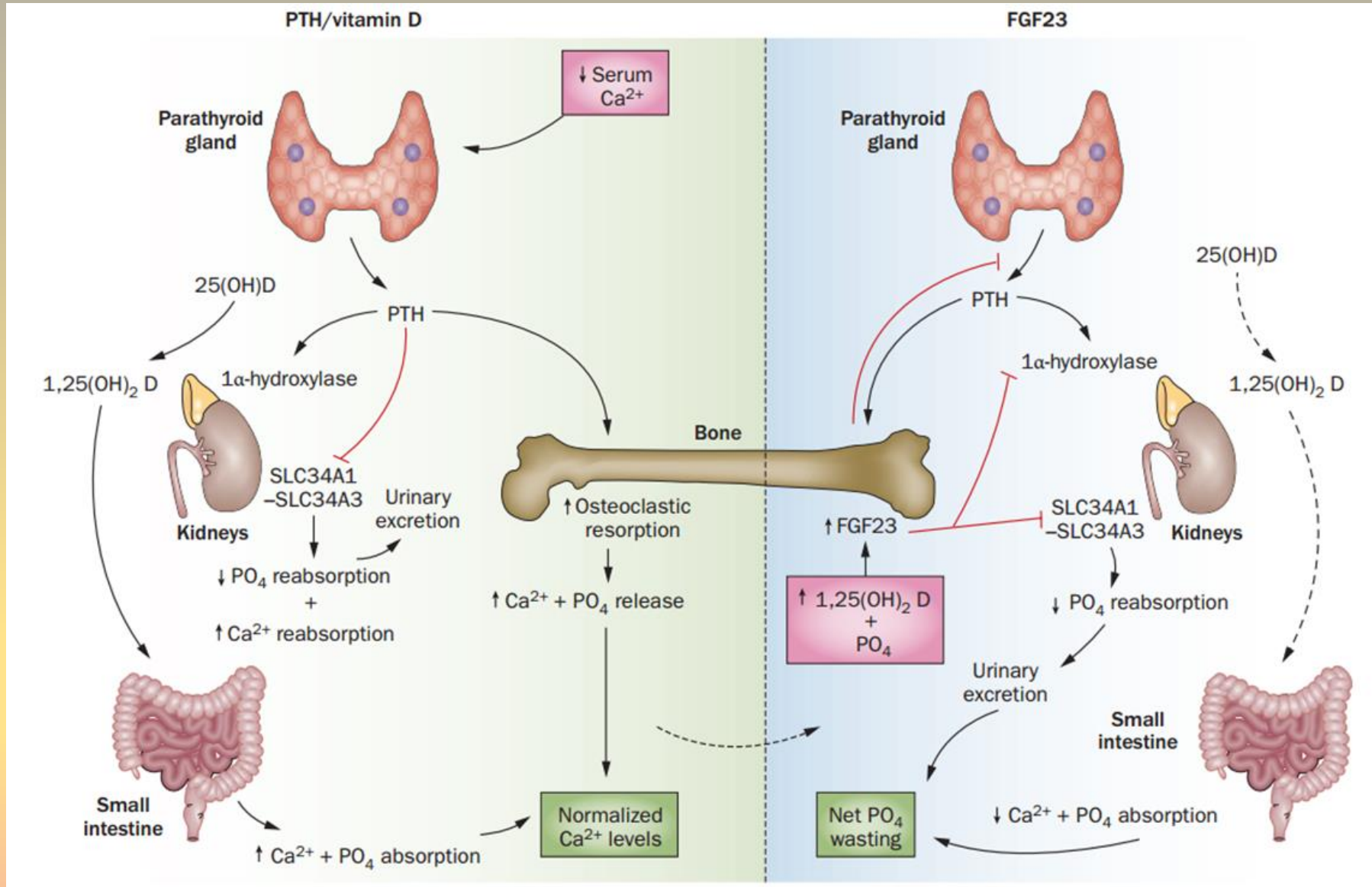
IGF-1 (endo-/paracrine)

BMPs (OB, autocrine)

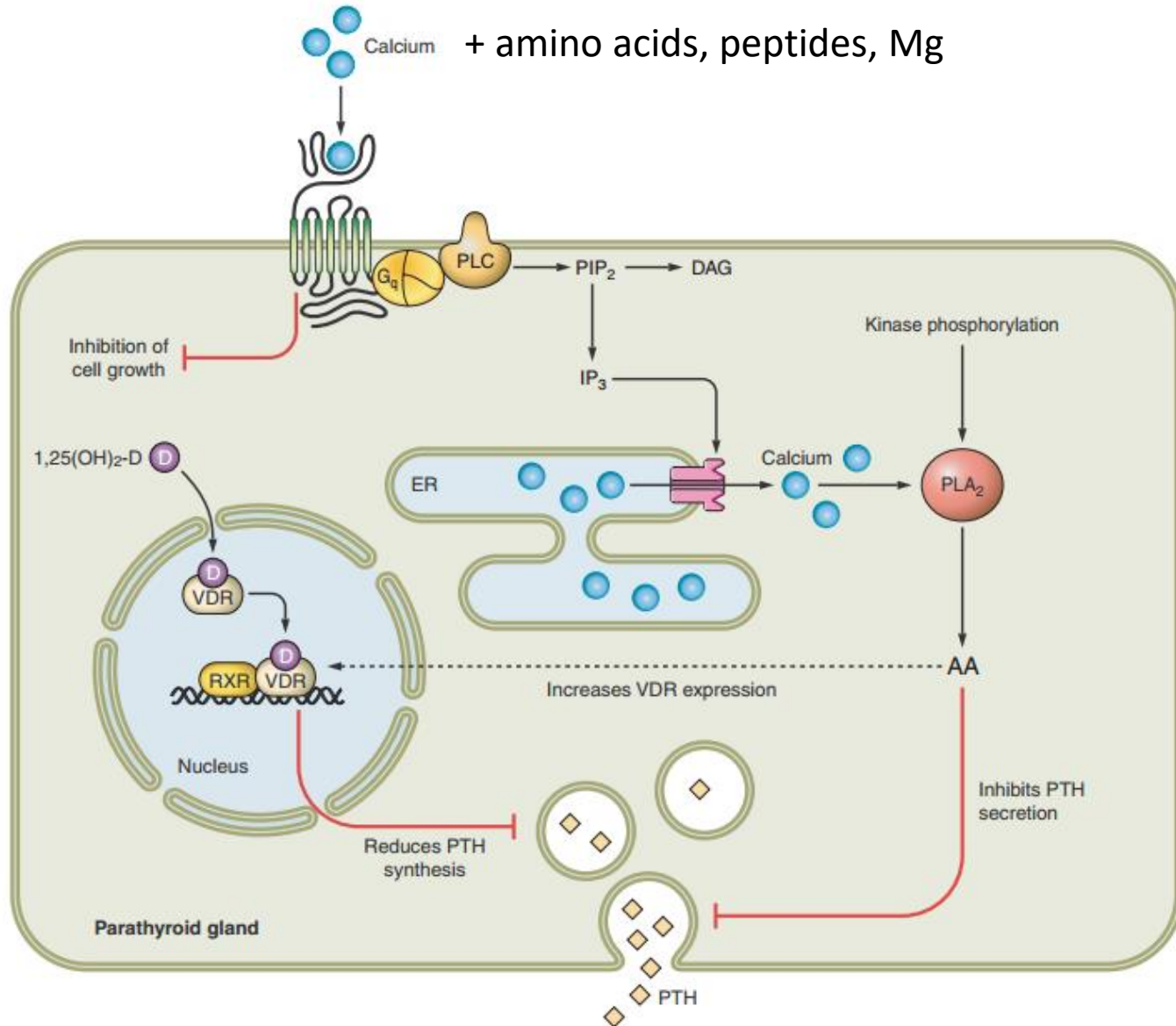
Calcium sensing receptors (CASRs)



Endocrine regulation of bone tissue – PTH, vitamin D, FGF23



Calcium sensing receptors - CaSR - and PTH secretion



CaSR – G-protein coupled receptor

- Activation of PLC
- Inhibition of cAMP production

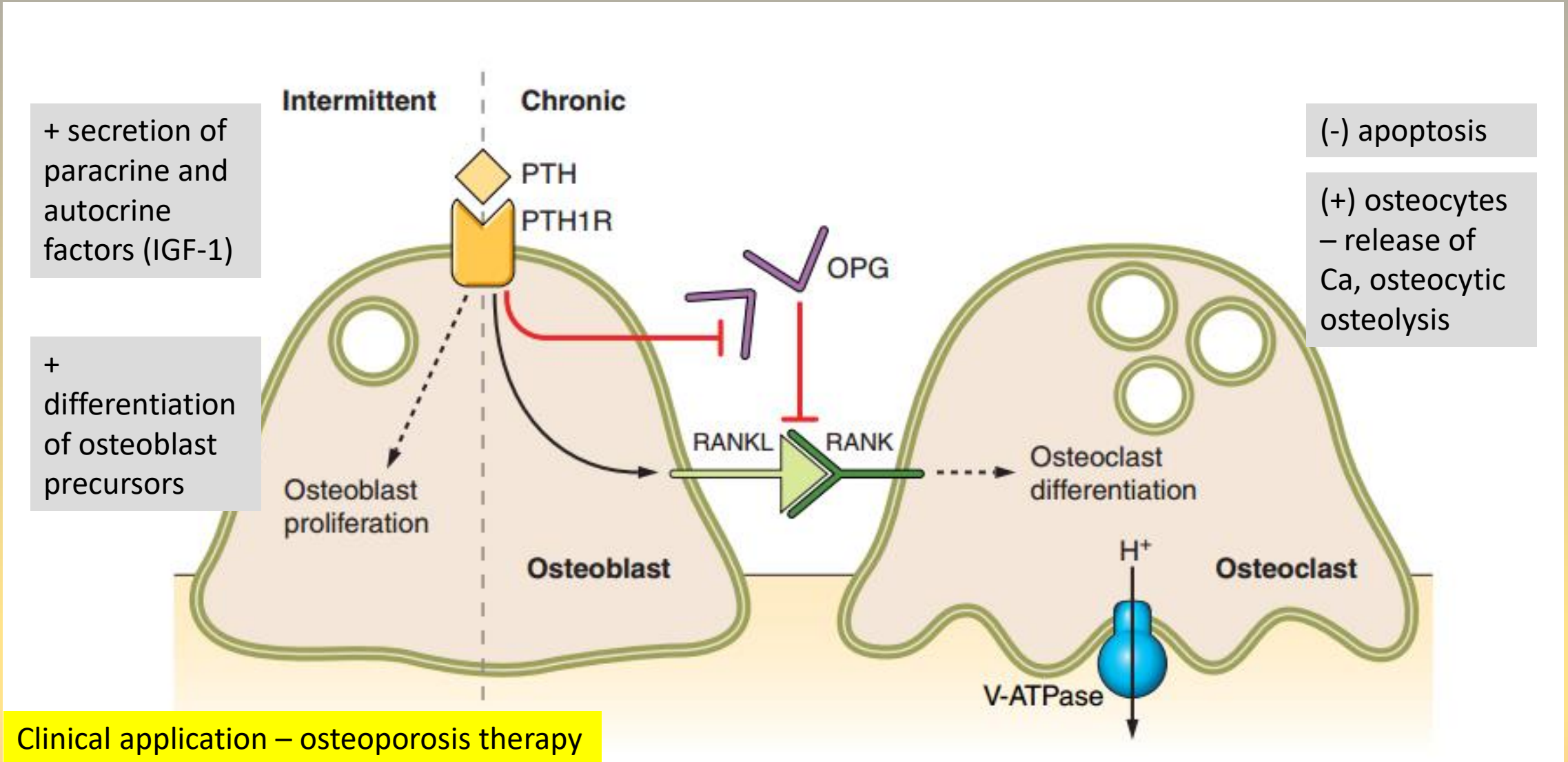
Various distribution in tissues – all tissues participating in calcium homeostasis

- Parathyroid glands
- Kidneys
- Skin
- GIT epithelium, enterocytes
- G cells of stomach
- CNS

Clinical aspects

- Mutation – inactivation/activation
- familial hypocalciuric hypercalcemia (in.)
- Familial hypoparathyroidism with hypercalciuria (ac.)
- Calcimimetics – inhibition of PTH secretion

PTH and bone tissue physiology



Effect of PTH on osteoclasts is indirect. Pulsatile secretion stimulates osteoblasts, chronic continual osteoclasts.

PTHrP

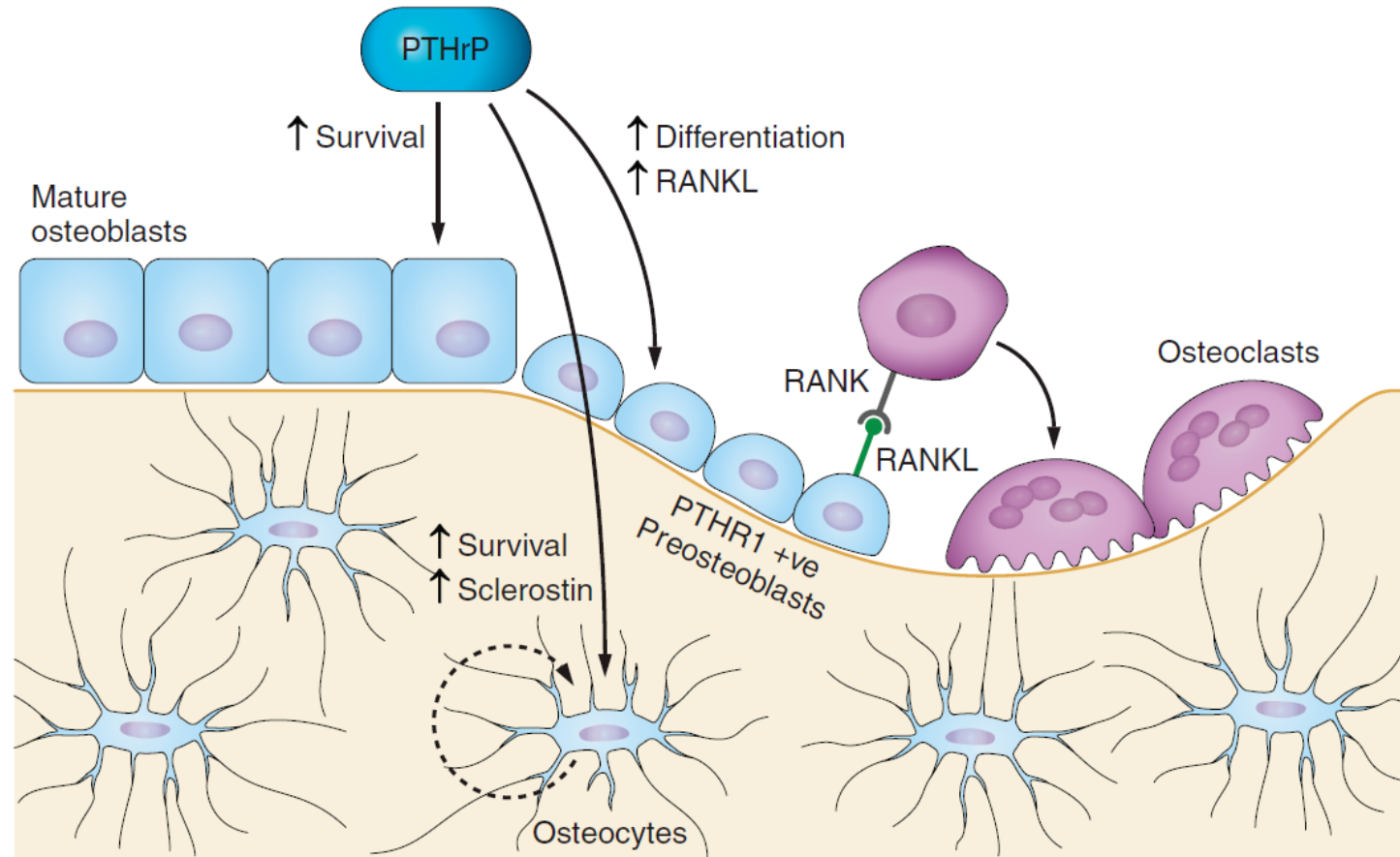
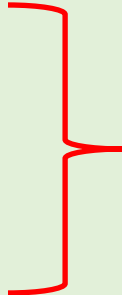


FIGURE 12. Paracrine actions of PTHrP in bone remodeling. PTHrP produced by cells early in the osteoblast lineage acts on cells of the lineage that have differentiated to the stage of possessing the PTH1R, promoting their differentiation and therefore bone formation, as well as increasing production of RANKL and osteoclast formation. PTHrP also inhibits apoptosis of mature osteoblasts, of earlier cells, and of osteocytes (see text for details).

Calcitonin

Characteristics

- C cells of thyroid gland
 - Family of peptides (amylin, CGRPs, adrenomedulin)
 - Different distribution in various tissues
 - Secretion is determined by level of ionized calcium (CaSR)
 - Stimulation of secretion:
 - Glucocorticoids
 - CGRP
 - Glucagon
 - Enteroglucagon
 - Gastrin
 - Pentagastrin
 - Pancreozymin
 - β -sympatomimetics
 - Inhibition of secretion - somatostatin
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- Function unclear

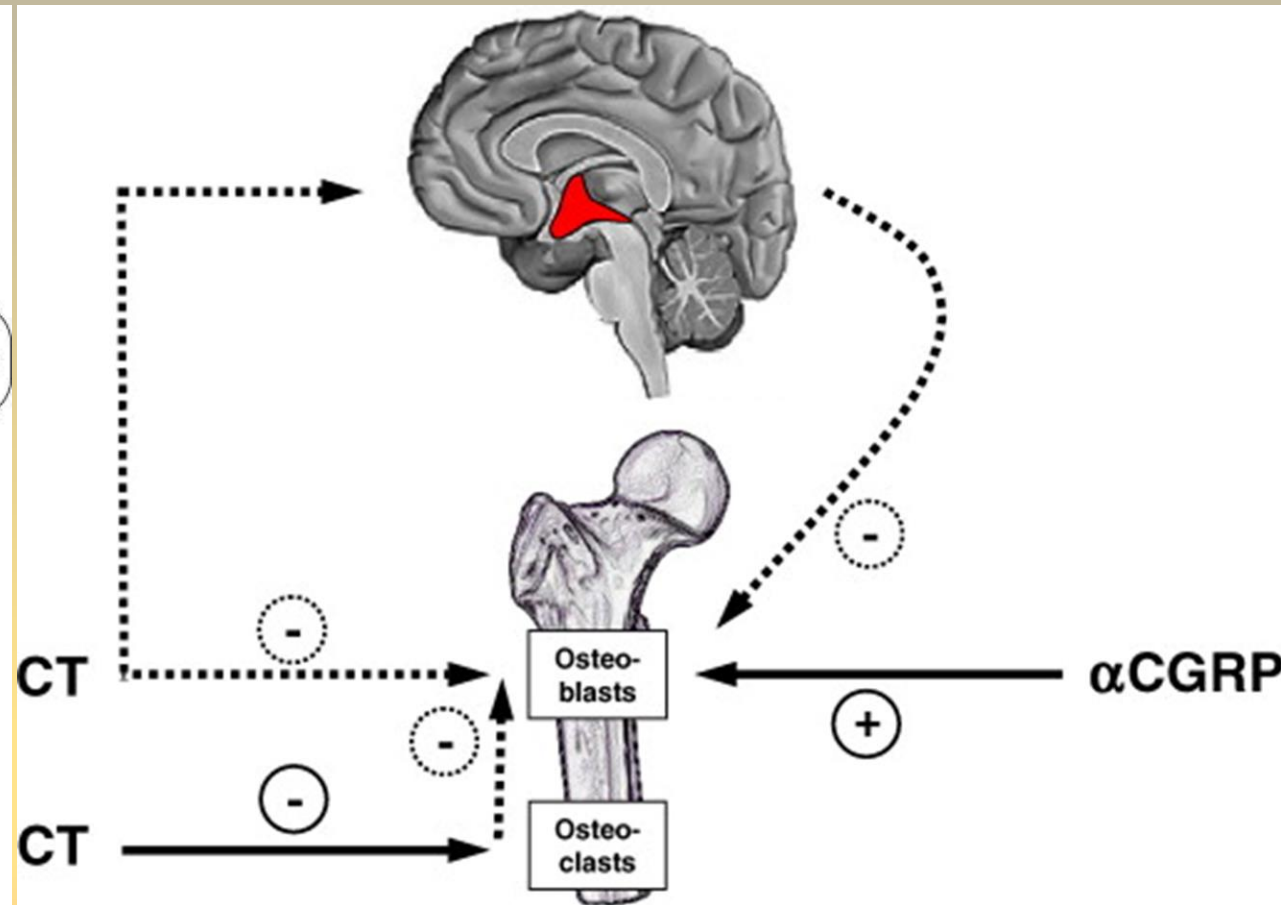
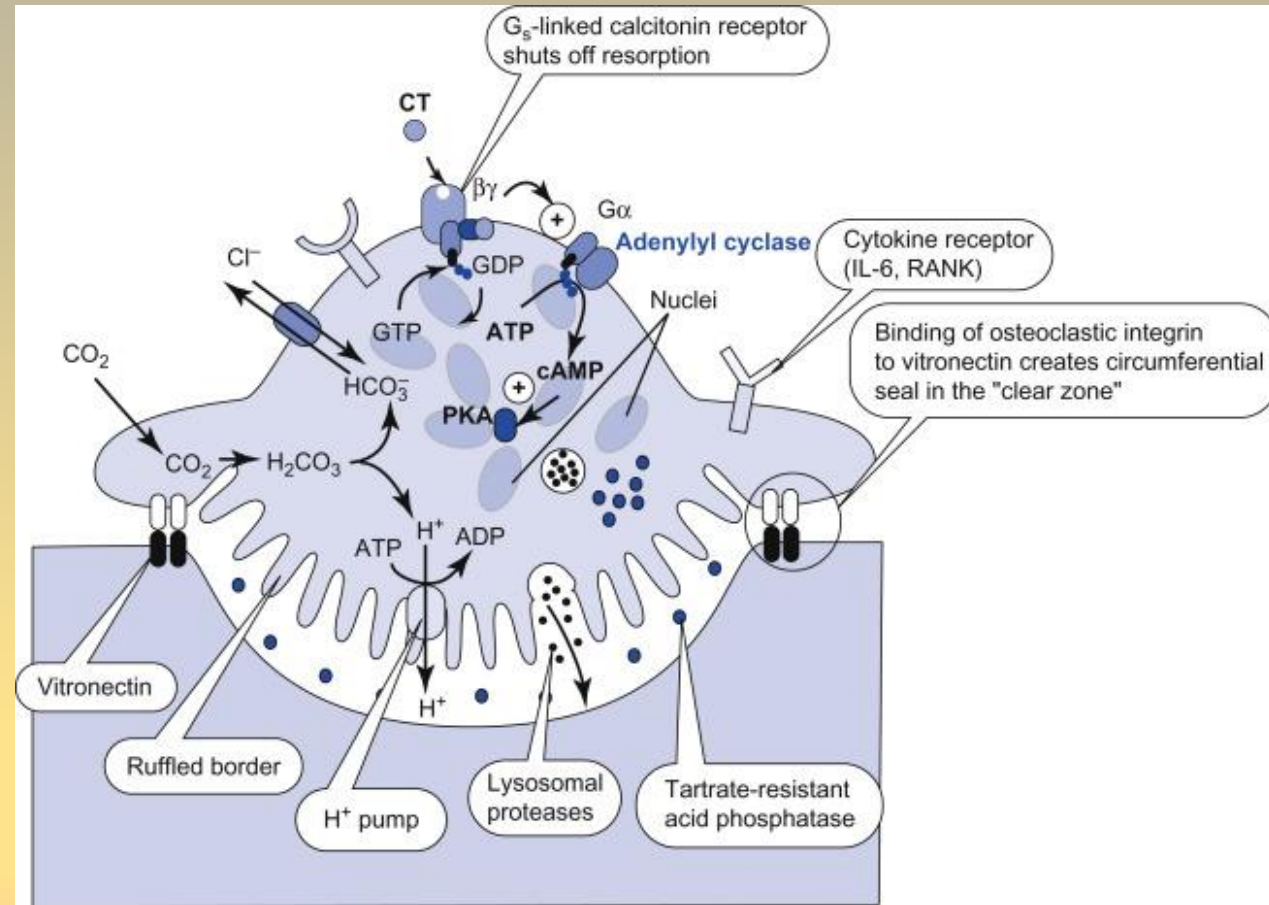
Functions

- Bone tissue
 - Inhibition of osteoclast motility and differentiation
 - Inhibition of osteoclast secretion
 - ATPase inhibition
- Kidneys
 - Increased excretion of Ca – inhibition of resorption (Ca²⁺ ion channels – LS, Na⁺/Ca²⁺ - BM)
- Skeleton development?
- Skeleton protection during pregnancy?

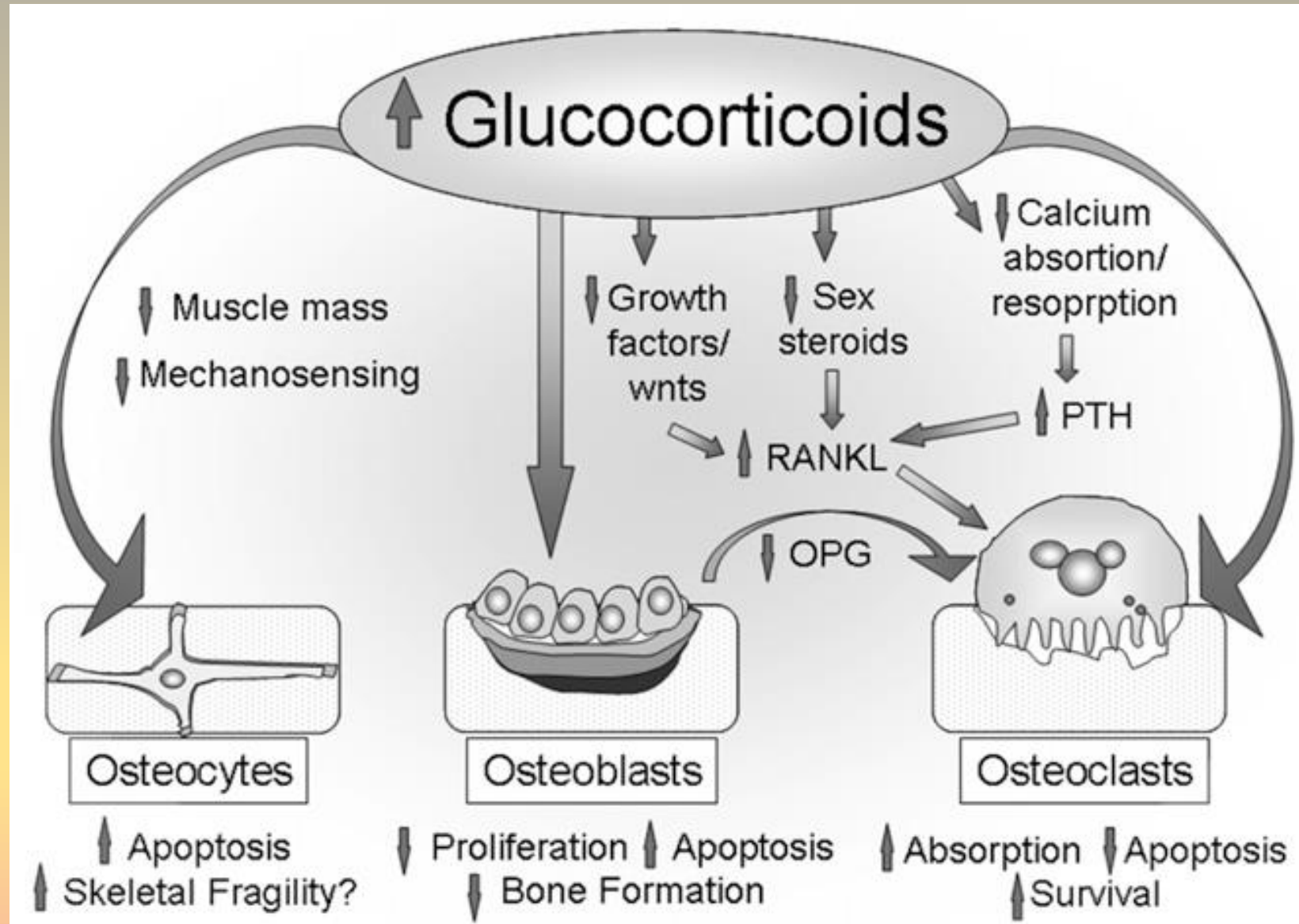
Clinical relevance

- Osteoporosis therapy
- Paget disease therapy
- Treatment of pain (bones metastases)
- ! Increased risk of cancer

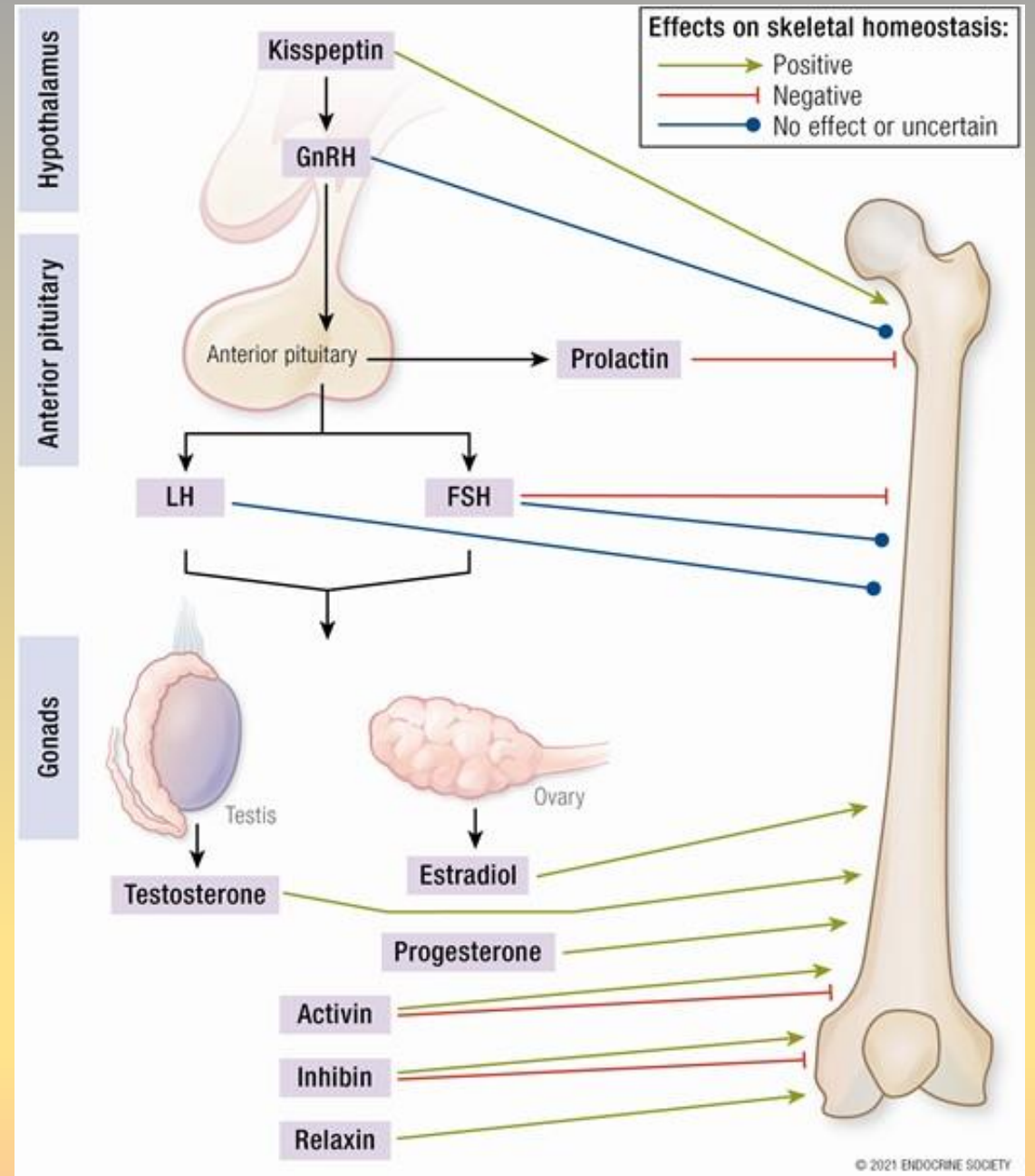
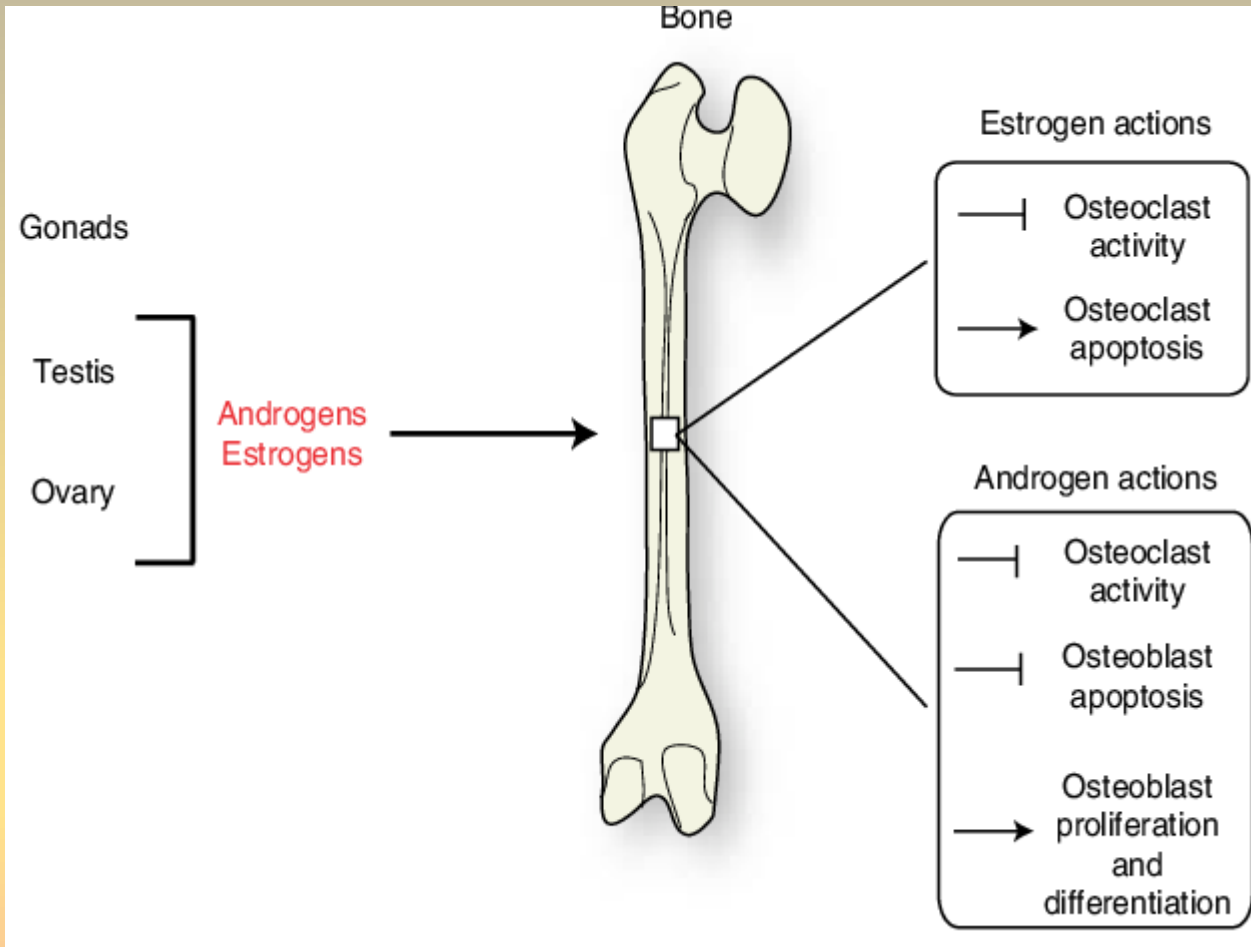
Calcitonin and α -CGRP



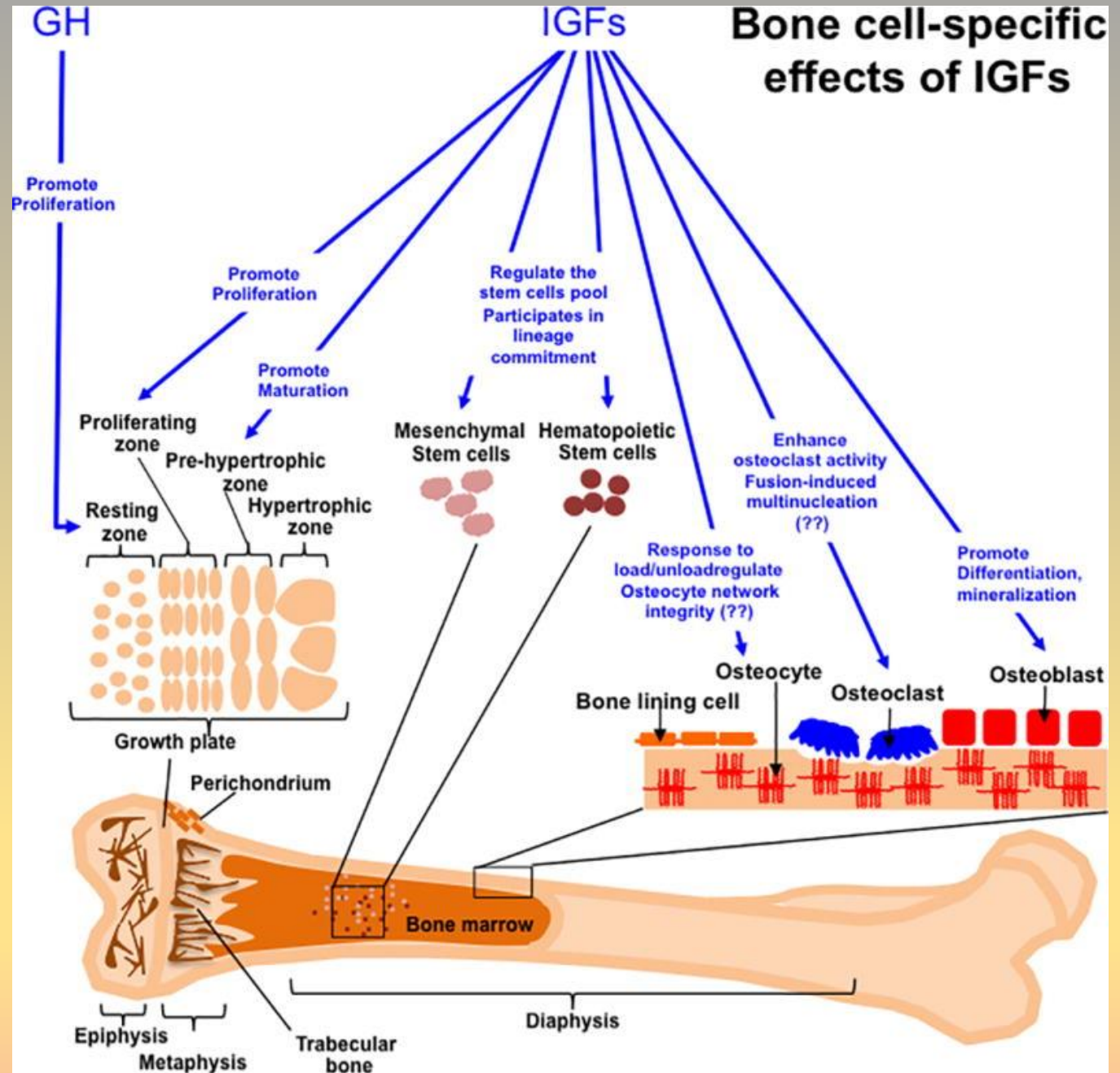
Glucocorticoids



Sex hormones



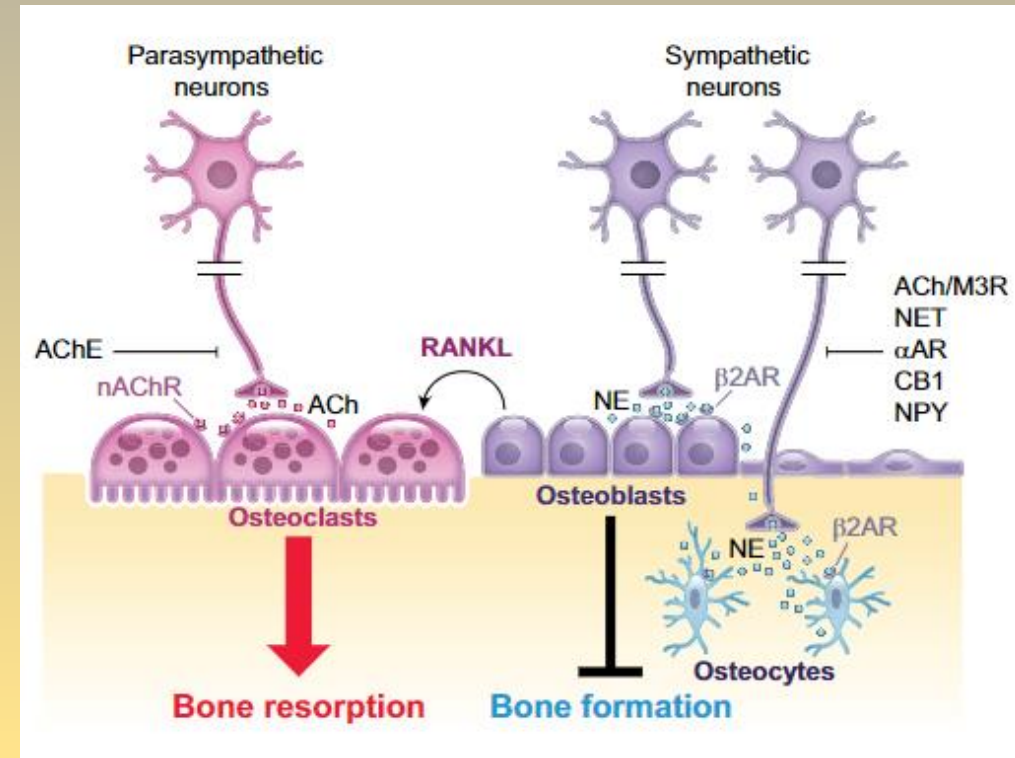
GH, IGF-1



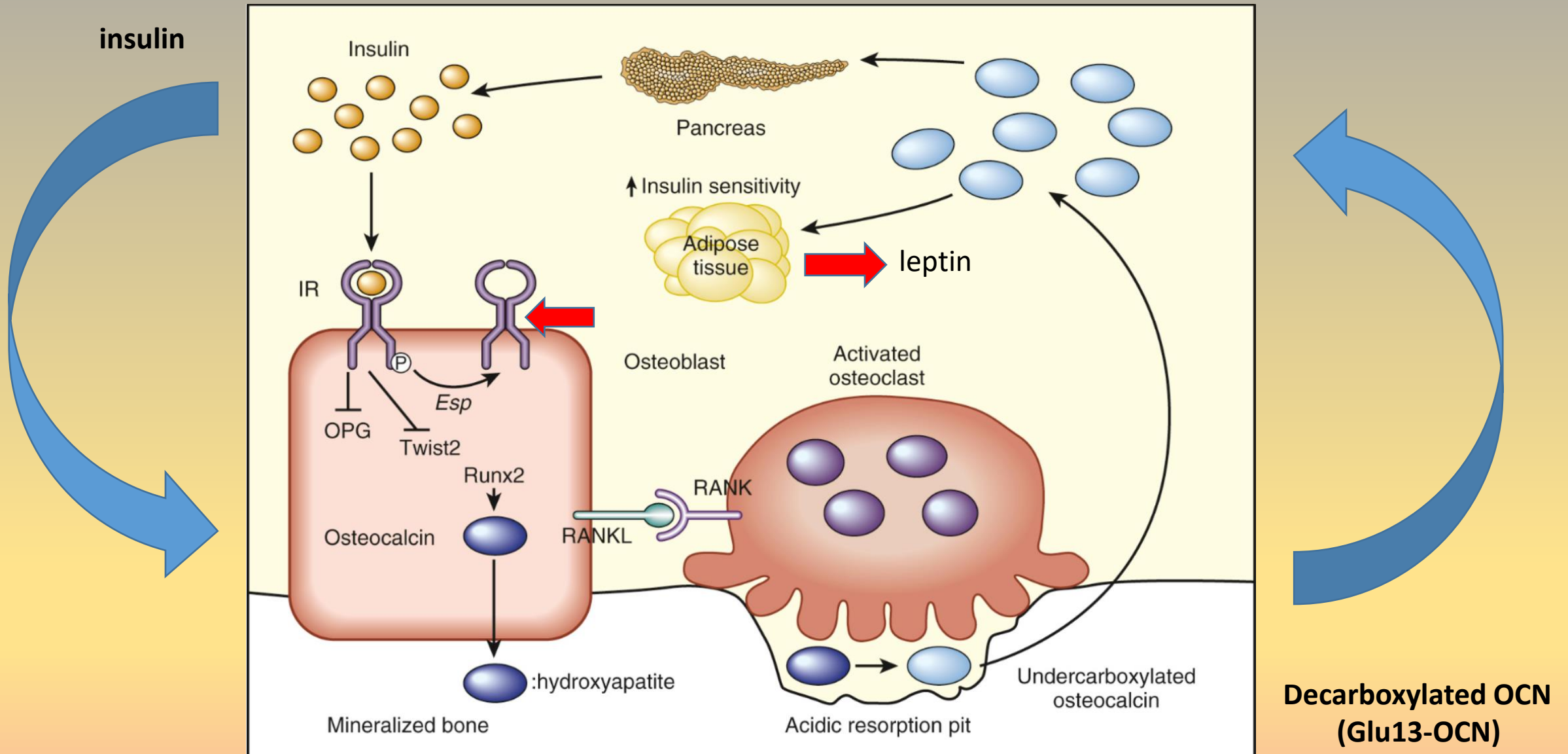
ANS and bone physiology

Table 1. Main adrenergic receptor and enzyme mRNAs expressed in bone cells

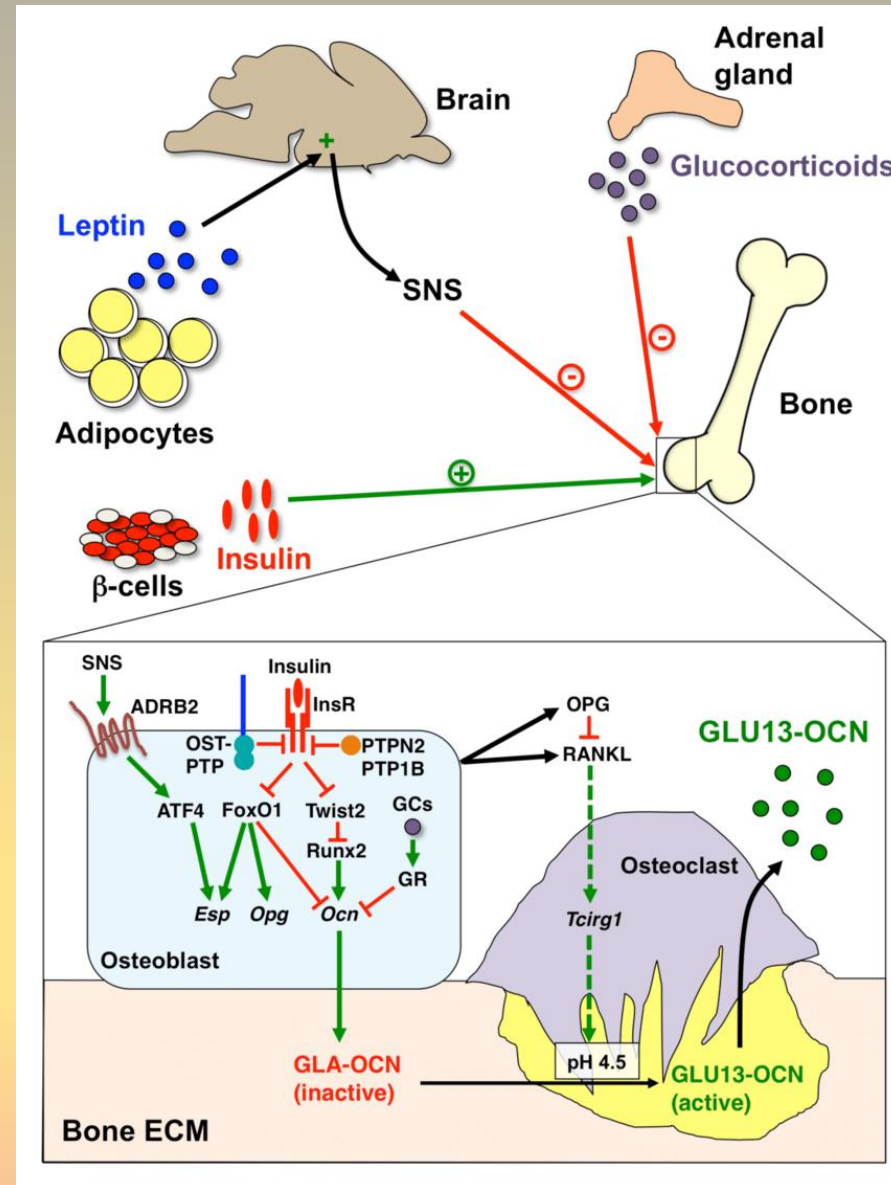
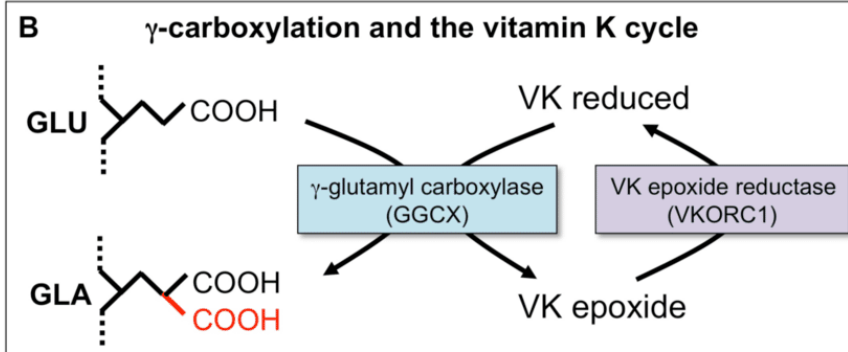
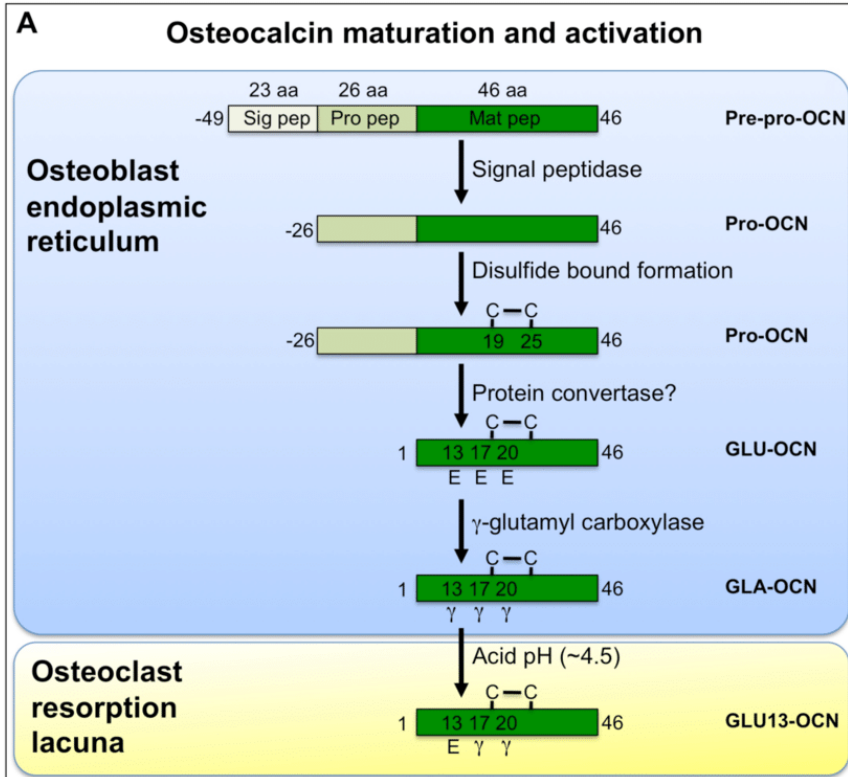
Cell Lineage	Cells Investigated	Receptor/Enzyme
Osteoclasts	Differentiated bone marrow macrophages and Raw 264.7 cells	β 2AR
		β 2AR
Chondrocytes	Mouse growth plate chondrocytes (IHC)	α 2AAR and α 2CAR
Immature osteoblasts (undifferentiated)	Rat bone marrow mesenchymal cells	α 1AR, α 1BAR, α 1DAR
	Mouse sarcoma C3H10T1/2 cells	α 1AAR
	Mouse MC3T3 cells	α 1AAR and α 1DAR
	Mouse MC3T3 cells	β 2AR, α 2AAR
	Human fetal long bone-derived osteoblasts	α 1BAR and β 2AR
	Human osteosarcoma MG63 cells	β 2AR
	Human osteosarcoma SaOS2 cells	β 2AR, β 1AR
	Human osteosarcoma TE-85 cells	β 2AR, β 1AR
	Human osteosarcoma OSH-4 cells	β 1AR
	Rat ROS 17/2.8 cells	β 2AR
	Human periosteum-derived osteoblastic SaM-1 cells	β 2AR
	Human osteosarcoma HOS cells	β 2AR
Differentiated osteoblasts	Mouse calvarial osteoblasts	β 2AR
	Mouse bone marrow stromal cells	α 1DAR
Osteocytes	Mouse bone marrow stromal cells	α 1AAR and α 1DAR
	Mouse IHC	β 2AR



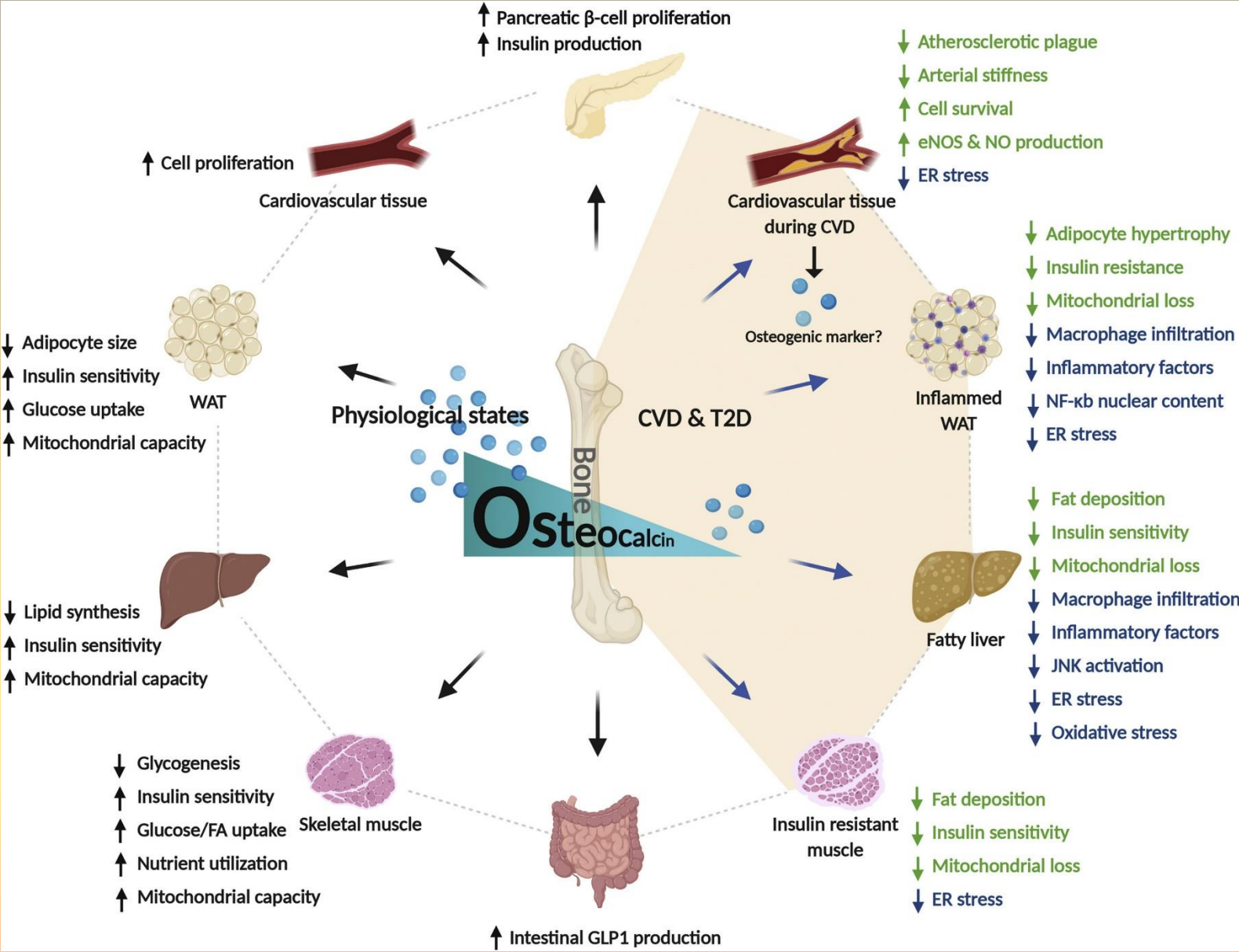
Bone as endocrine organ



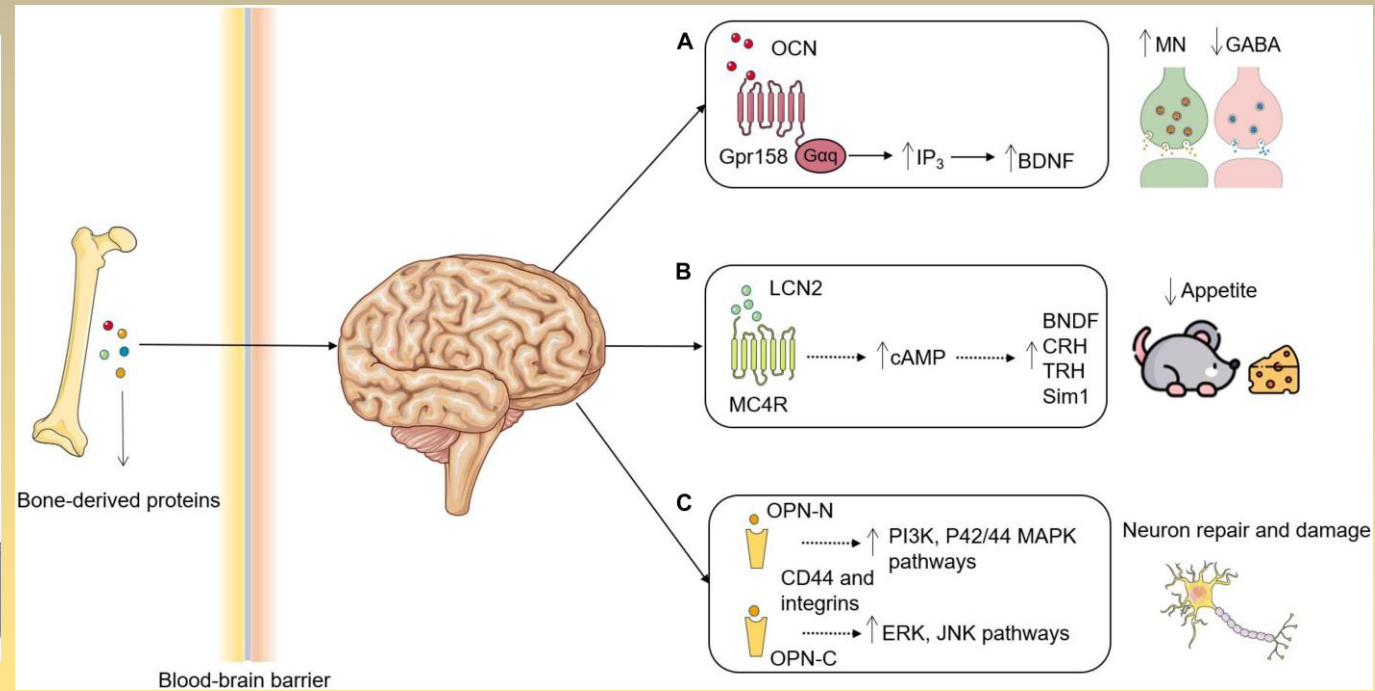
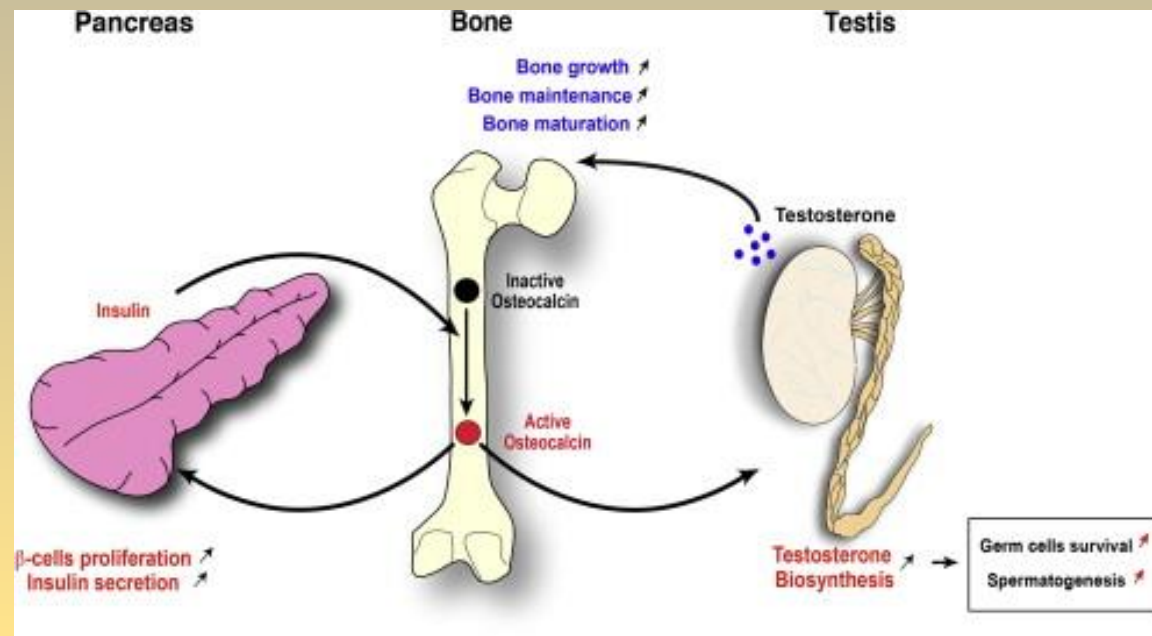
Osteocalcin



Osteocalcin



Osteocalcin



Vitamin D...hormone?...vitamin?

Characteristics

- Intake with diet or synthesized (UV)
- In blood bound to VDBP and albumin
- Very small free fraction $1,25(\text{OH})_2\text{D}$ – cca 0,4 %

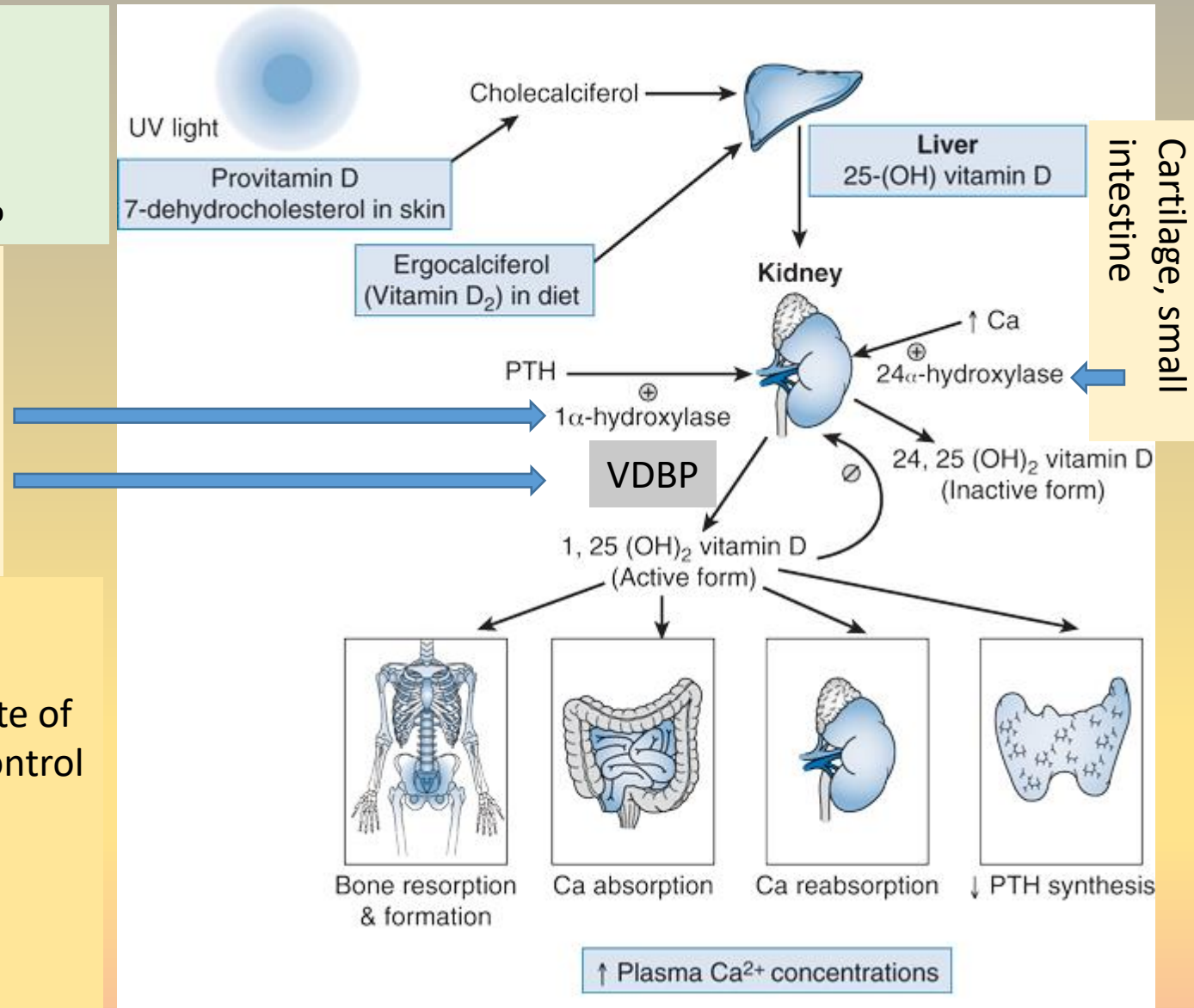
PTH, prolactin, *calcitonin*, *GH* (+)
 T3/T4, metabolic acidosis (-)
 Ca, phosphates, $1,25(\text{OH})_2\text{D}$,
 FGF23 (-)
 Ketoconazole
 Estrogens (+)

1α -hydroxylase

- Expression in various tissues
- Keratinocytes
- Placenta
- Macrophages

} Different rate of
feedback control

Different 1α -hydroxylase expression = local tissue homeostasis



Physiological effects of vitamin D

VDR

- High affinity to $1,25(\text{OH})_2\text{D}$
- Level of circulating $1,25(\text{OH})_2\text{D}$
- Heterodimer with RXR – coactivators, corepressors

Non-genomic effects

- Rapid increase of intracellular Ca concentration
- PLC activation
- Opening of some Ca ion channels
- Required VDR presence

Vitamin D and Ca absorption/reabsorption

- (+) CBP, AP, $\text{Ca}^{2+}/\text{Mg}^{2+}$ -ATPase
- (+) TRPV6 – absorption (GIT)
- (+/-) TRPV5 – reabsorption (kidneys)
- Calbindin-9K
- $1,25(\text{OH})_2\text{D}$ -inducible ATP-dependent Ca^{2+} pump
- $\text{Na}^+/\text{Ca}^{2+}$ exchanger

Parathyroid glands

- Gene expression regulation
- Cell proliferation regulation
- (-) PTH gene transcription

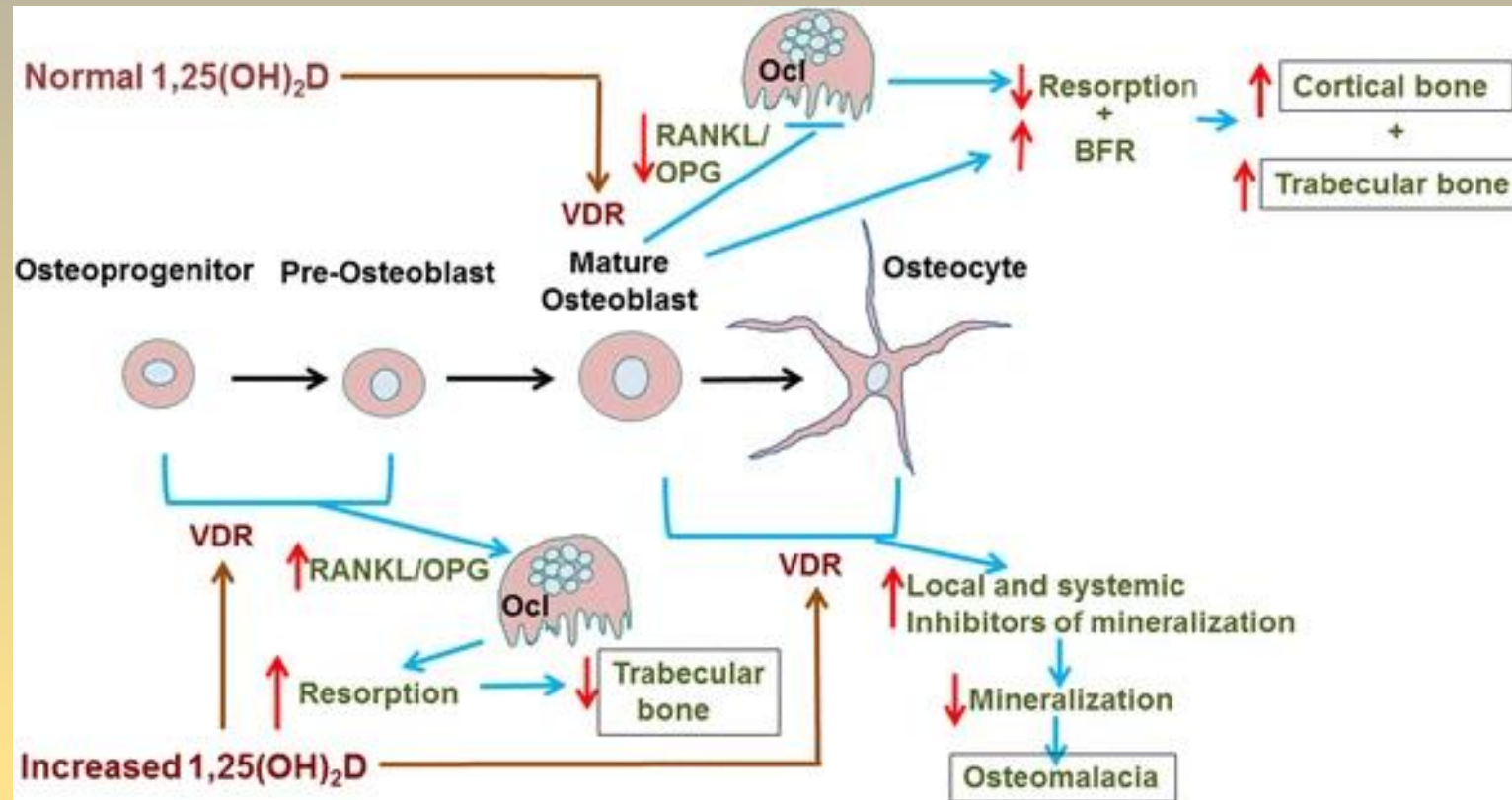
Bones and bone tissue

- (-) collagen synthesis
- (+) osteocalcin synthesis
- (+) osteoclasts differentiation – osteoclastogenesis
- (+) RANKL
- Main function – ensuring the stability of the bone microenvironment for mineralization by the standard intake and availability of Ca and phosphates

Muscle tissue

- (+) uptake AAs
- (+) troponin C
- Phospholipids metabolism

Vitamin D and bone resorption



Tentative scheme of direct actions of 1,25(OH)₂D/VDR on bone. Normal levels of 1,25(OH)₂D act via the VDR in mature osteoblasts to decrease the ratio of RANKL/OPG and reduce osteoclastic bone resorption. As well, 1,25(OH)₂D action via the VDR in mature osteoblasts increases the bone formation rate (BFR). The net result is increased cortical and trabecular bone. Increased levels of 1,25(OH)₂D acting via the VDR in less mature osteoblasts may increase RANKL/OPG, stimulate osteoclastic bone resorption, and reduce trabecular bone. The action of high levels of 1,25(OH)₂D in mature osteoblasts and osteocytes can increase local and systemic inhibitors of osseous mineralization and decrease mineralization of bone leading to osteomalacia.

FGF23 – fibroblast growth factor 23

Characteristics

- New hormone?
- Overexpression = hypophosphatemia and decrease of 1α 25(OH)D hydroxylation

Functions

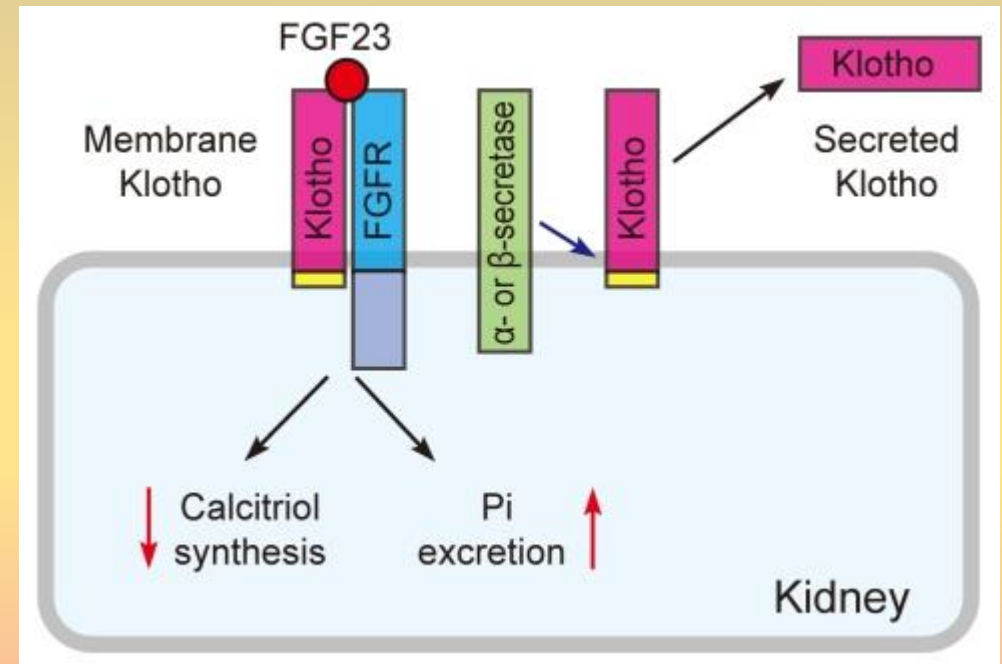
- maintaining normophosphatemia and regulation of vitamin D metabolism
- Increased expression of IIa, IIb, and IIc (NPT) – **phosphate transport**
- decreased expression of 24-hydroxylase – **inactive form**
- Klotho = co-receptor

Regulation

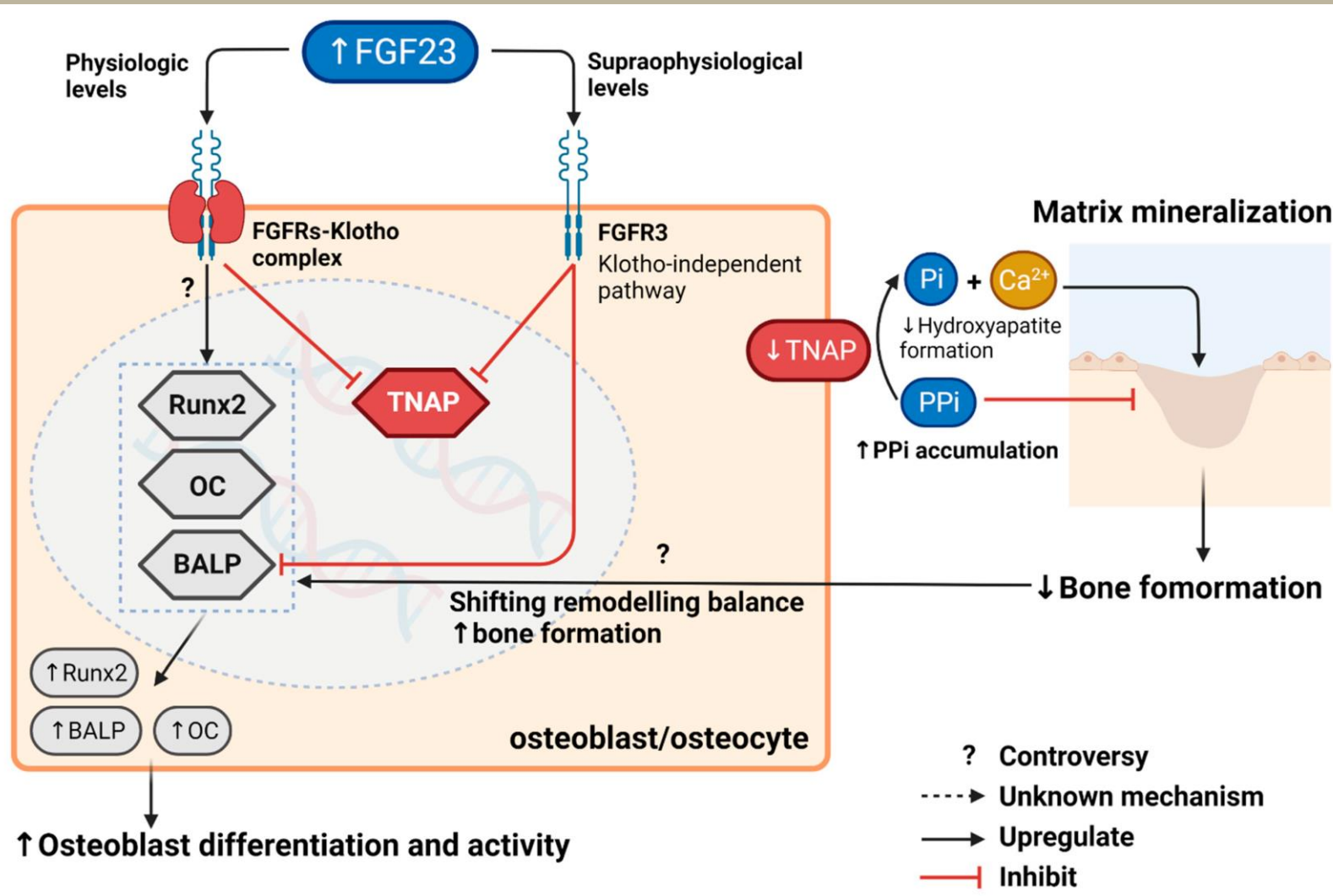
- Phosphorus availability in diet (-)
- Serum phosphorus
- $1,25(\text{OH})_2\text{D}$
- iron

Clinical relevance:

- Autosomal dominant hypophosphatemic rickets (ADHR)
- Tumor-induced osteomalacia (TIO)
- Klotho mutation
- Prediction of chronic kidney failure prognosis



FGF23 – fibroblast growth factor 23



Regulation of FGF23 and its autocrine/paracrine effects on bone formation. In supra physiological conditions, FGF23 acts directly on FGFR3 in a Klotho-independent manner, thereby inhibiting bone formation. Increased FGF23 suppresses differentiated osteoblast activity and TNAP transcription, which subsequently causes PPI accumulation in the ECM and inhibits matrix mineralization. In physiological conditions, the actions of FGF23 on canonical receptors (FGFRs-Klotho complex) also downregulate TNAP, decreasing matrix mineralization. However, the upregulation of osteoblastic markers in these conditions may be caused by the shifting of remodelling balance toward bone formation or direct action of FGF23 via canonical receptors. The symbol “?” and dash lines denote issues of controversy and unknown mechanisms, respectively. This figure was generated with publication licensed by BioRender, Toronto, ON, Canada (Agreement number: VC237SOKSX, 19 November 2021). Abbreviations: BALP, Specific bone Alkaline phosphatase; FGF23, Fibroblast growth factor 23; Pi, Inorganic phosphate; PPI, Pyrophosphate; Runx2, Runt-related transcription factor 2; TNAP, Tissue nonspecific alkaline phosphatase; OC, Osteocalcin.