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***Cell, Inflammation,  
Wound healing***

# Cell

Mitochondrial function/dysfunction

ROS

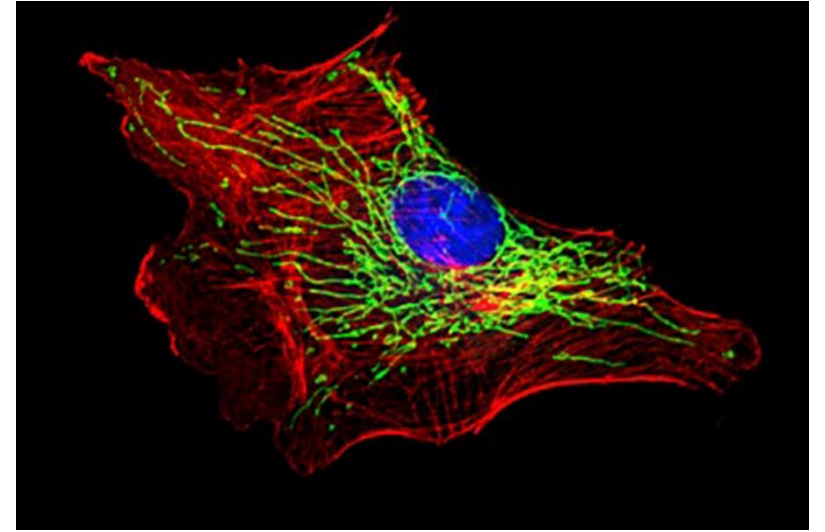
Hypoxia

Lysosomal function/dysfunction

Cell death

# Mitochondria

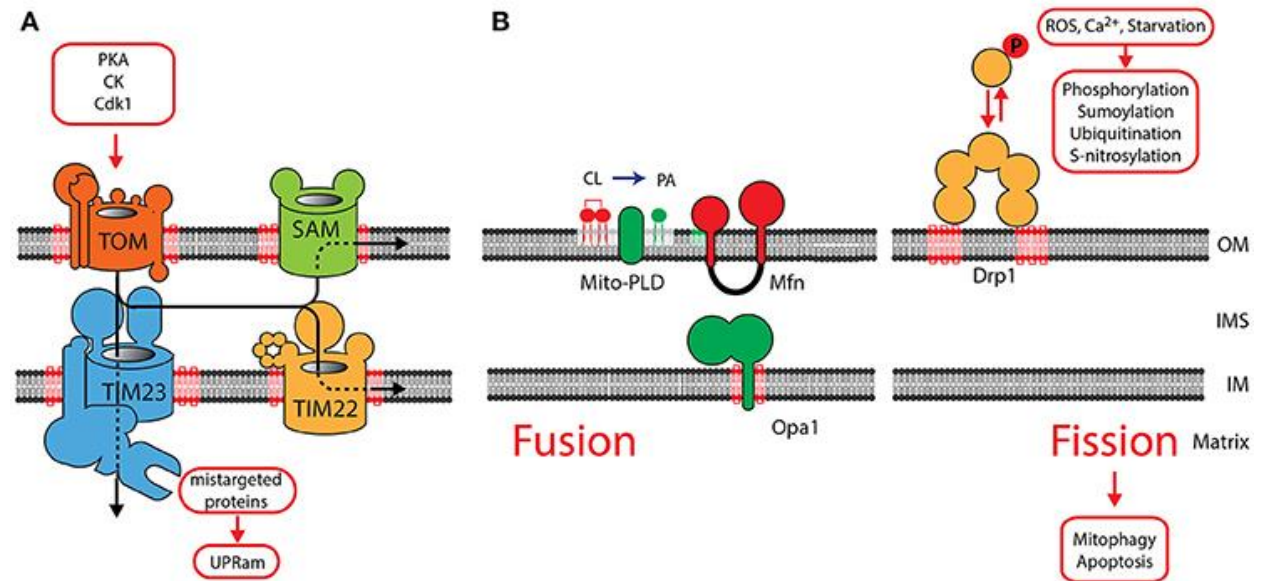
- production of ATP for cellular energy needs
- metabolism of amino acids
- regulation of the redox state of cells
- heme synthesis
- differentiation and activation processes of immune cells
- crucial functions in the cell death program



Mitochondrial network

# Mitochondrial fusion and fission

- processes occur in response to various extra- or intracellular changes
- changes in nutrient supply, energy or redox status, during cell differentiation in a cell-type dependent manner



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# Mitochondrial fusion and fission

– response to metabolic/pathogenic condition

– **FUSION = autonomously integrate**

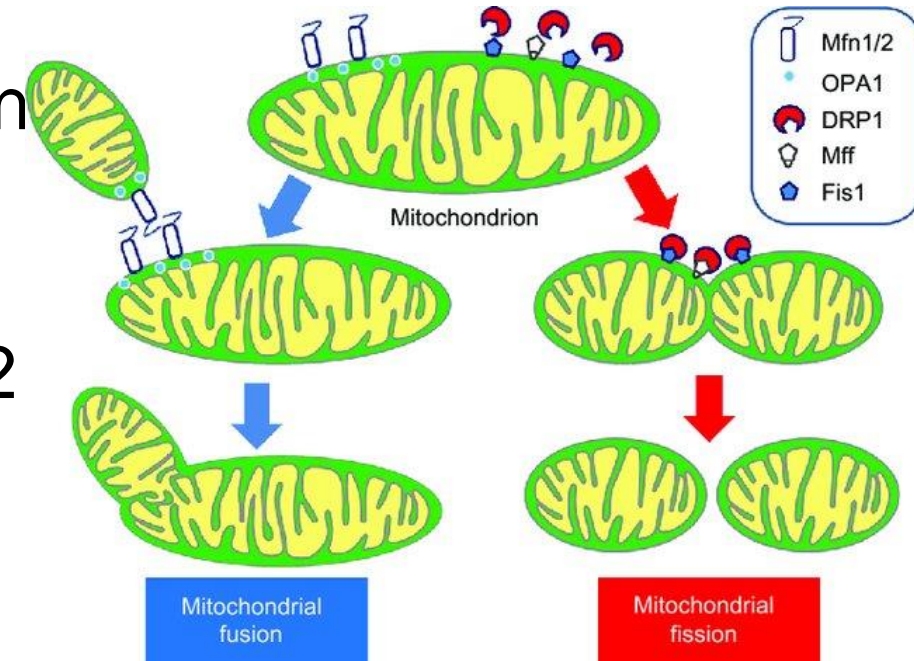
– 1. fusion of the outer membrane between 2 adjacent mitochondria

– mediated by mitofusin 1 and 2

– 2. fusion of the inner membrane

– cardiolipin, dynamin-like GRPase optic atrophy (OPA)

– important for maintenance of mitochondrial DNA integrity and cellular respiration



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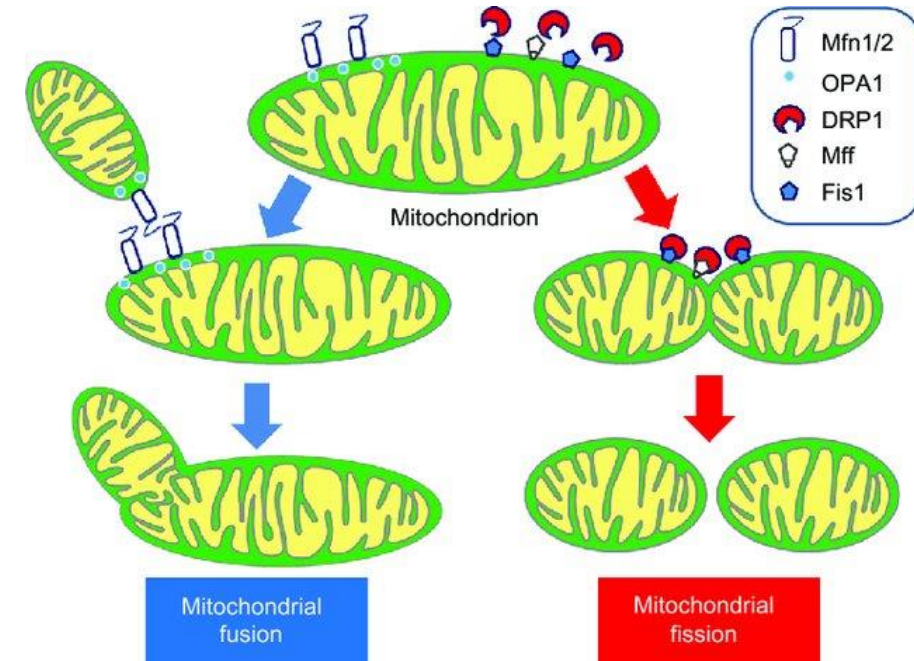
# Mitochondrial fusion and fission

## – FISSION

– important to allow inheritance of mitochondria by daughter cells during cell division

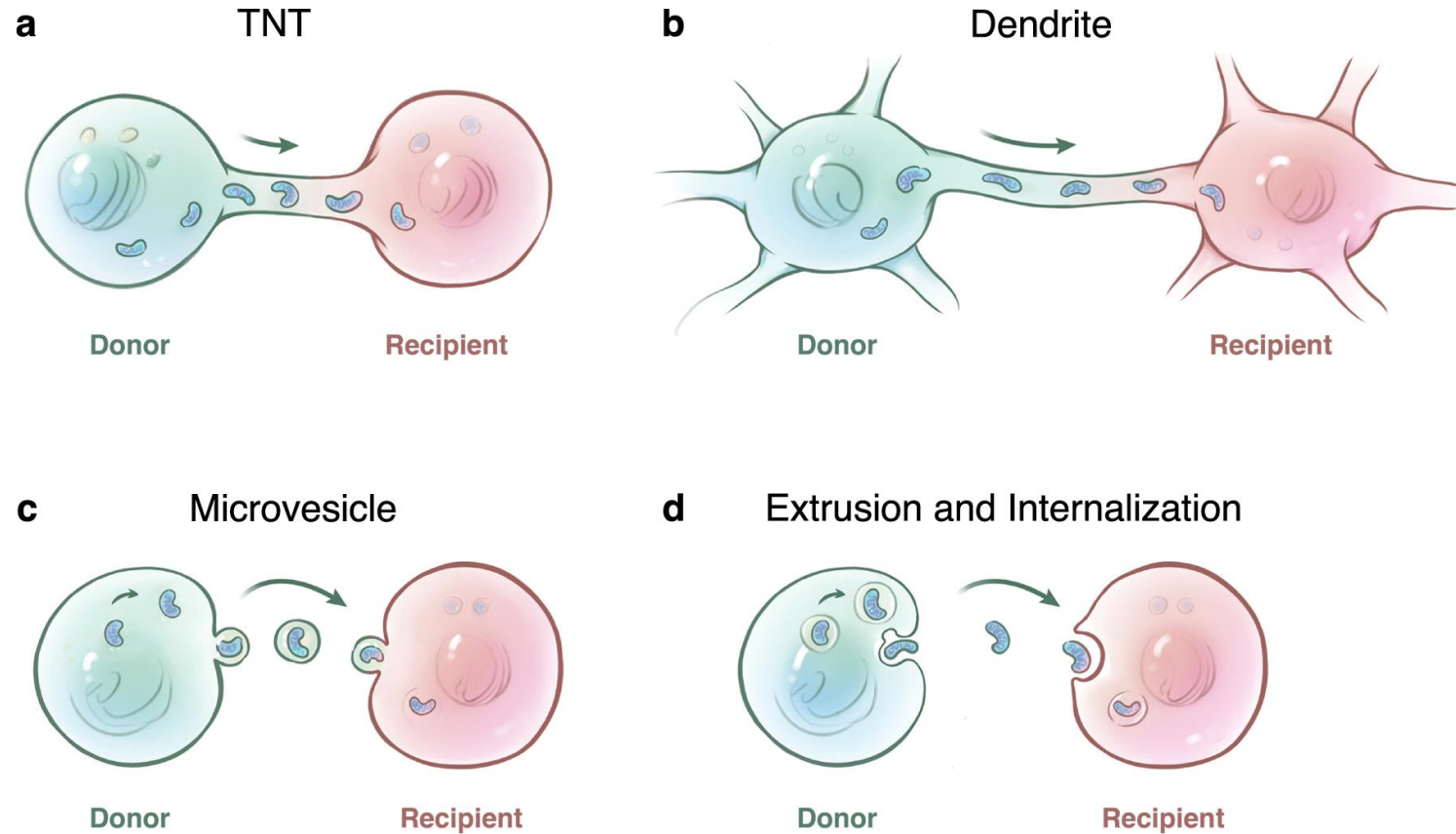
– when damaged and deleted - damaged mitochondria facilitates their removal by

**mitophagy**



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# Routes of mitochondrial transfer from donor cells to recipient cells



**a** TNT is a membranous tubular protrusion that extends from the plasma membrane, with a variety of diameters between 50 and 1500 nm and lengths from several tens to hundreds of microns. TNT is the most popular route of mitochondrial transfer between the connected cells. **b** Dendrite is another form of the membranous protrusion. Some cells with dendrites (e.g., osteocytes) are connected to each other via intrinsic dendrites to form an intercellular network, which provides a highway for mitochondrial transfer. **c** Microvesicles formed by blebbing of the cellular plasma membrane were reported as another route for mitochondrial transfer. **d** Free mitochondria alone can be extruded or internalized without carriers, which provides a possible route for intercellular mitochondrial transfer



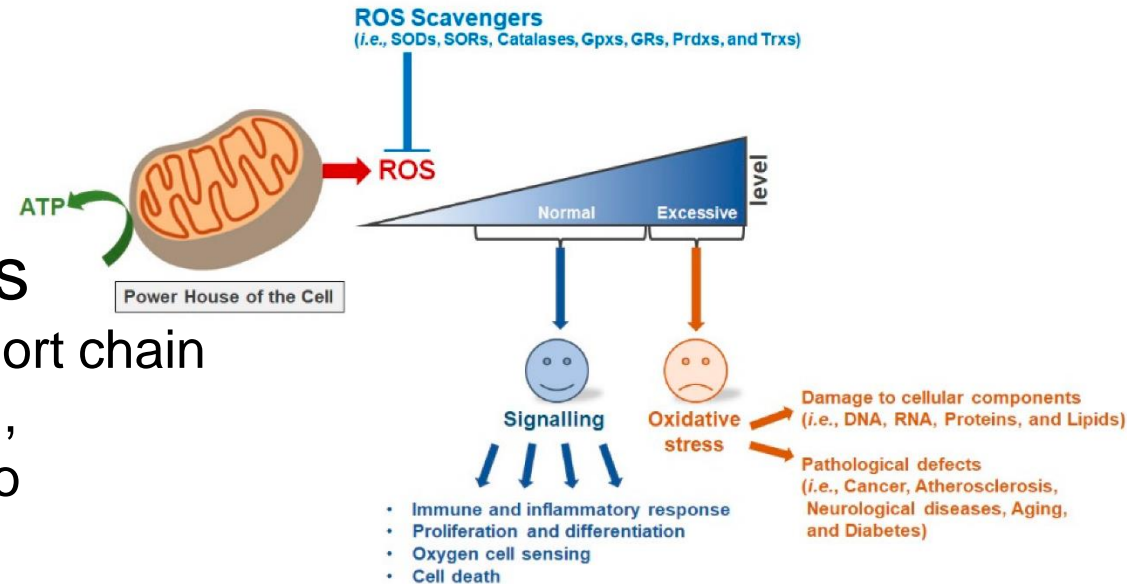
# Mitochondria and ROS

- production of reactive oxygen species

- generated by mitochondria via the electron transport chain
- byproduct during mitochondrial energy production, consequence of fatty acid  $\beta$ -oxidation, exposure to radiation, light, metals, and redox drugs

- ROS function:

- second messengers in various signaling pathways
  - in immune cells:  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -NFAT signaling pathway, which is critical in T cell activation.
- ROS can also damage bacterial pathogens, but
- if produced excessively - damage the producing cell or neighboring cells.

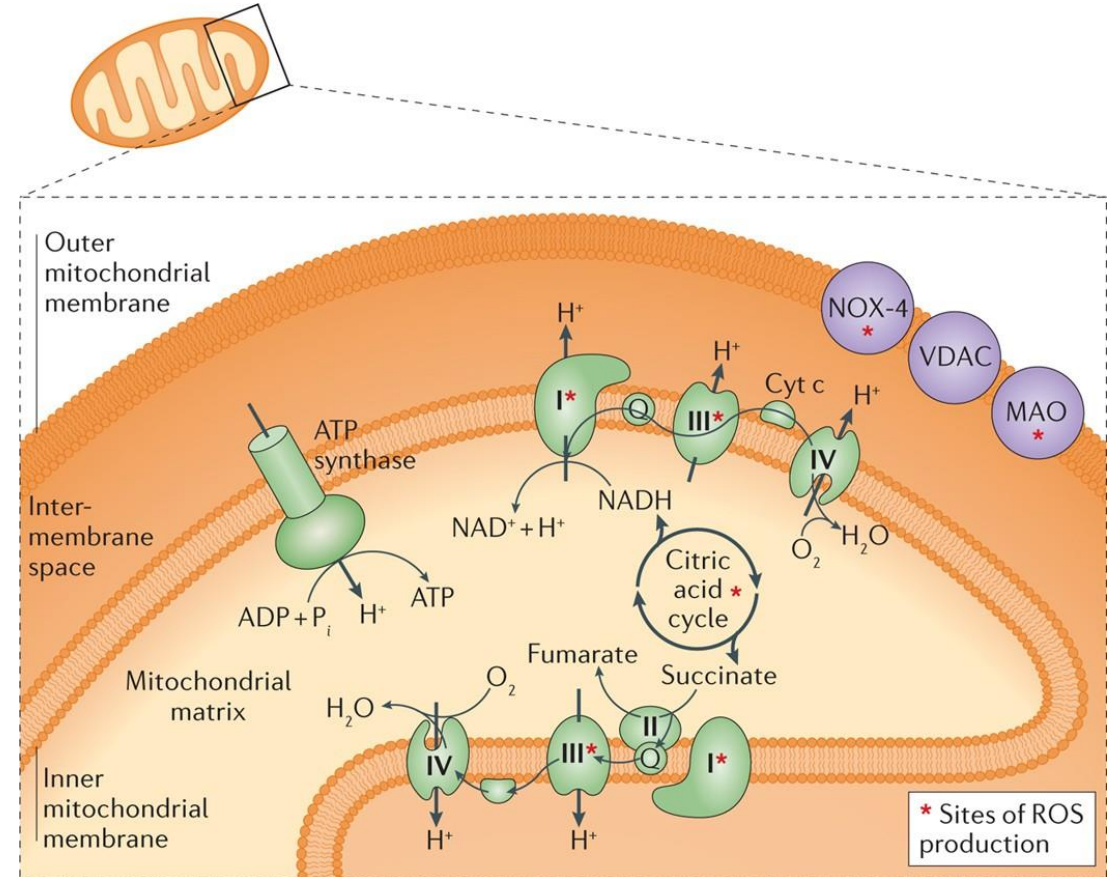


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# Sites of ROS production

- mitochondrial ROS (mROS) are basically produced as byproducts of this bioenergetic metabolism
- Cyt c, cytochrome c; MAO, monoamine oxidase; NOX-4, NADPH oxidase 4; VDAC, voltage-dependent anion channel



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# Oxidative stress

– result of imbalance between

## ROS production and antioxidation

– pathological defects in living organisms

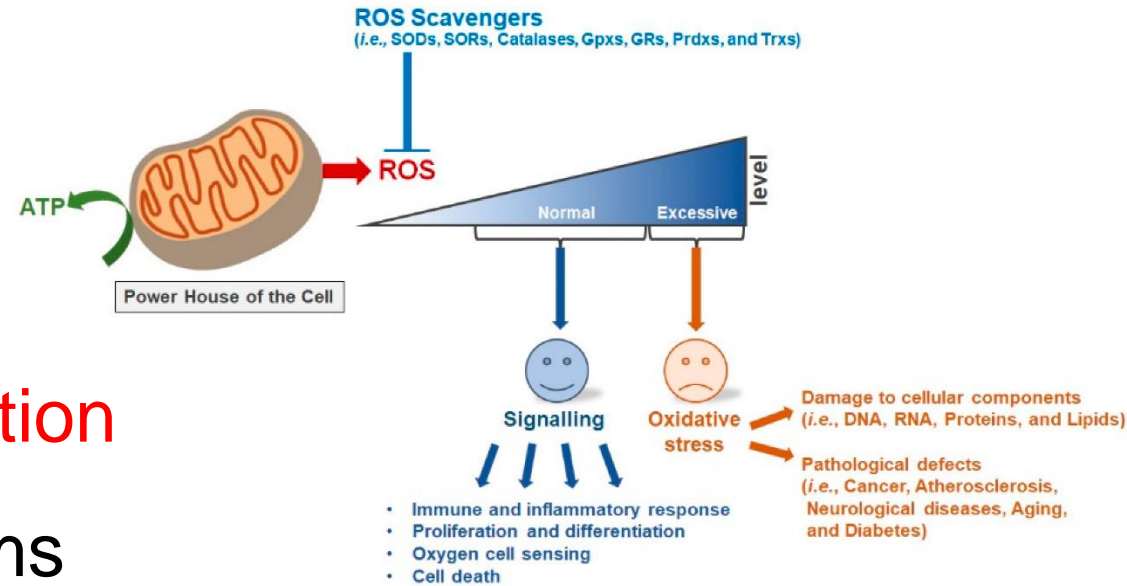
– cancer, atherosclerosis, neurological diseases, aging, and diabetes, damage of cellular components (DNA, RNA, lipids, and proteins)

– non-enzymatic defense:

– flavonoids, vitamins (A, C, and E), and glutathione

– enzymatic antioxidants:

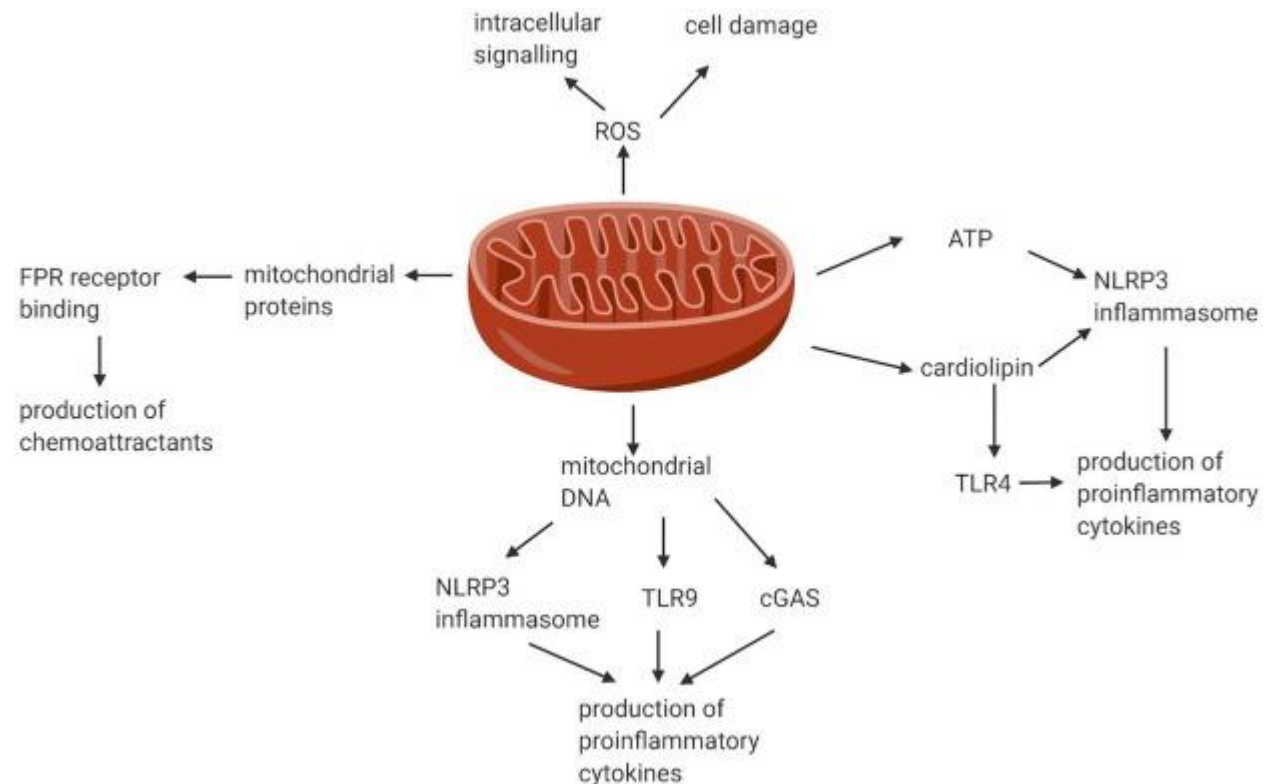
– Superoxide dismutase (SOD), superoxide reductase, catalase, glutathione peroxidase, glutathione reductase, peroxiredoxins (Prdxs), and thioredoxins (Trx)



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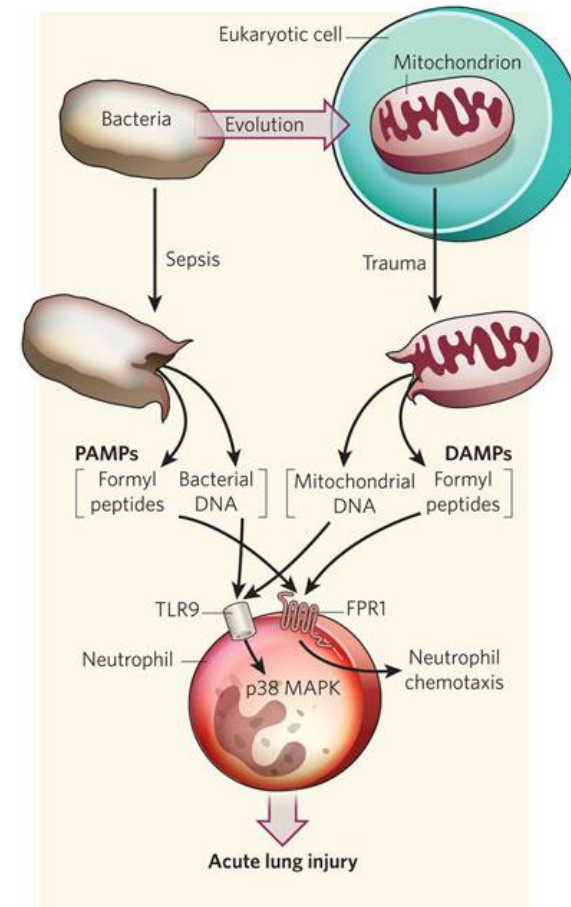
# Effect of mitochondria in immune reaction

- mitochondrial DAMPs
  - in extracellular space and circulation.
- mitochondrial proteins
  - FRP receptors - production of chemoattractants.
- mitochondrial ROS
  - intracellular signaling, damage cells.
- mitochondrial ATP and cardiolipin
  - activate the NLRP3 inflammasome or TLR4 - production of pro-inflammatory cytokines.
- mitochondrial DNA
  - activate TLR9, NLRP3 inflammasomes or the cGAS pathway - production of pro-inflammatory cytokines.



# Mitochondria – induction of immune response

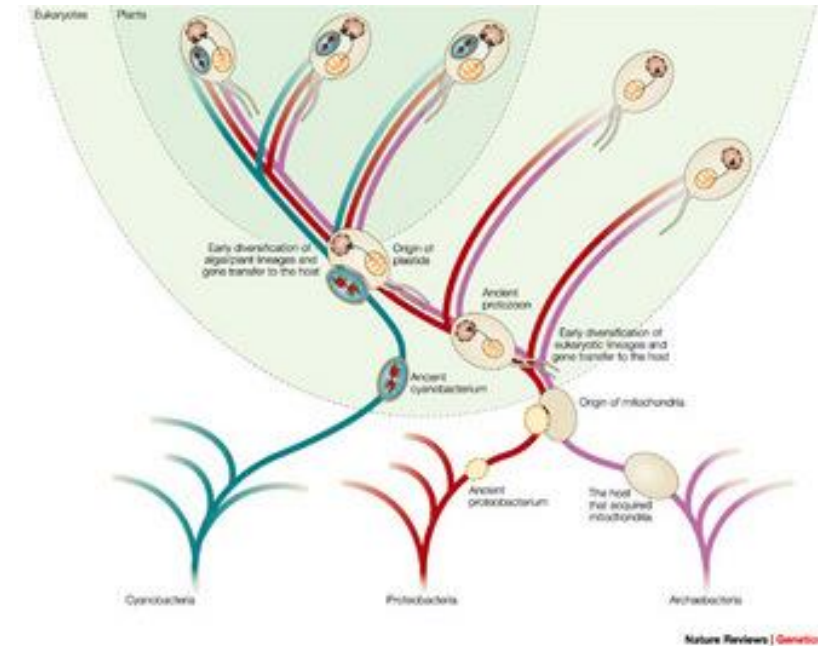
- mitochondrial danger associated molecules (DAMPs) that resemble structures of bacterial derived pathogen associated molecular patterns (PAMPs)
  - mitochondrial DAMPS - mitochondrial DNA with hypomethylated CpG motifs, specific lipid present in prokaryotic bacteria and mitochondria, i.e. cardiolipin.
- via DAMPs mitochondria guide the immune response
- mitochondrial DAMPs - **negative impact**- released by damaged cells, without the presence of an infection - undesired inflammatory response, resulting in tissue damage and organ dysfunction
  - after a trauma



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# PRRs as "microbial sensors"

- to detect a set of evolutionarily conserved molecules found in a variety of pathogens - PAMPs, expressed in a wide variety of microorganisms, including those that do not cause disease.
  - In patients with severe infections such as sepsis, PAMPs are the major external "stimulators" of the inflammatory response.
- DAMPs are capable of initiating an inflammatory response similar to that produced by PAMPs, no microbial infections present.
  - DAMPs in SIRS (internal or endogenous "stimulators")



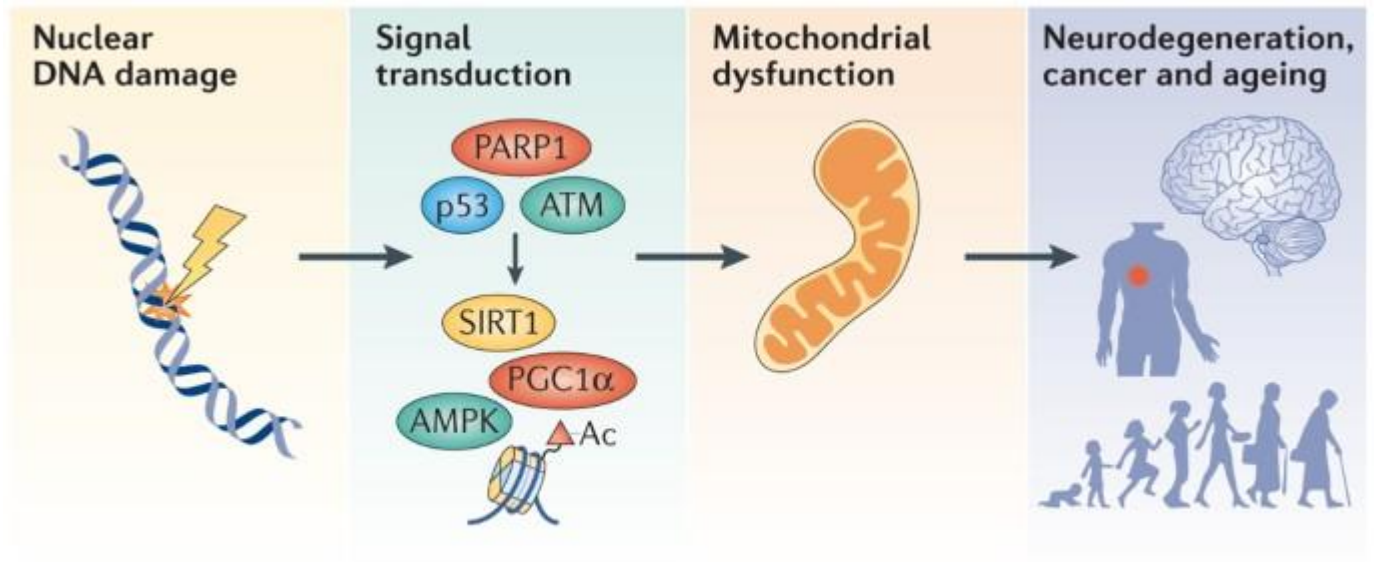
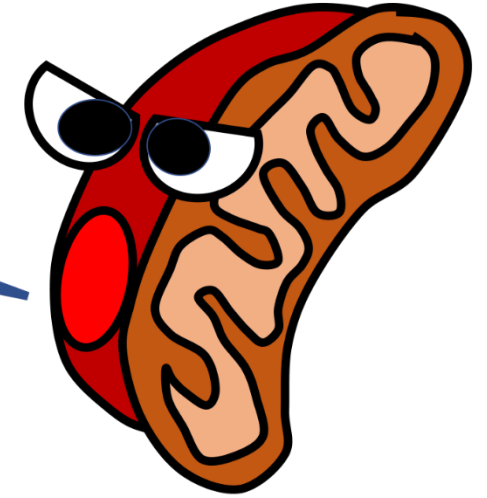
Mitochondria originated following endocytosis of a proteobacteria by another prokaryotic cell.

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# Mitochondrial dysfunction

Are you calling me dysfunctional?



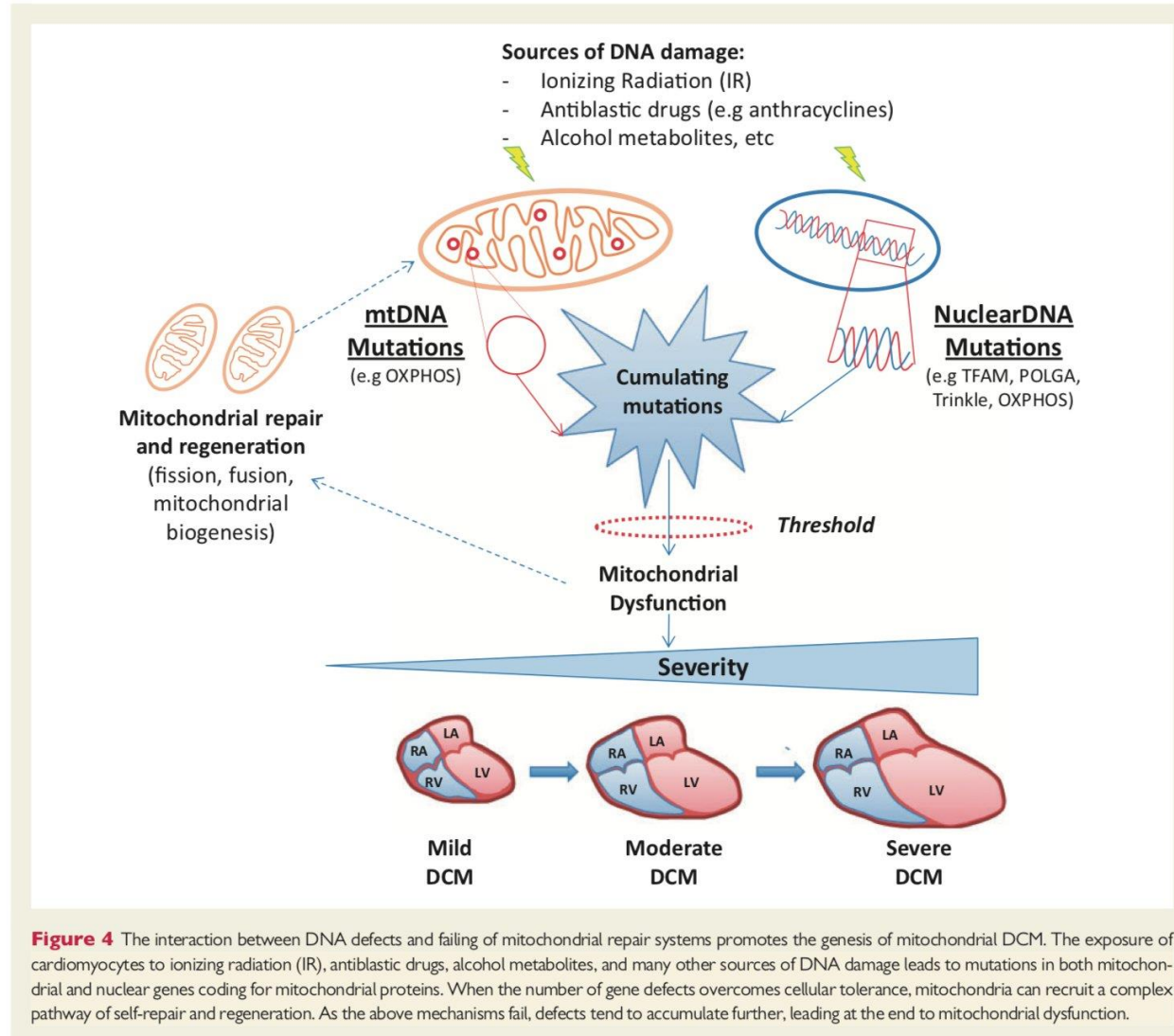
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# Mitochondrial dysfunction





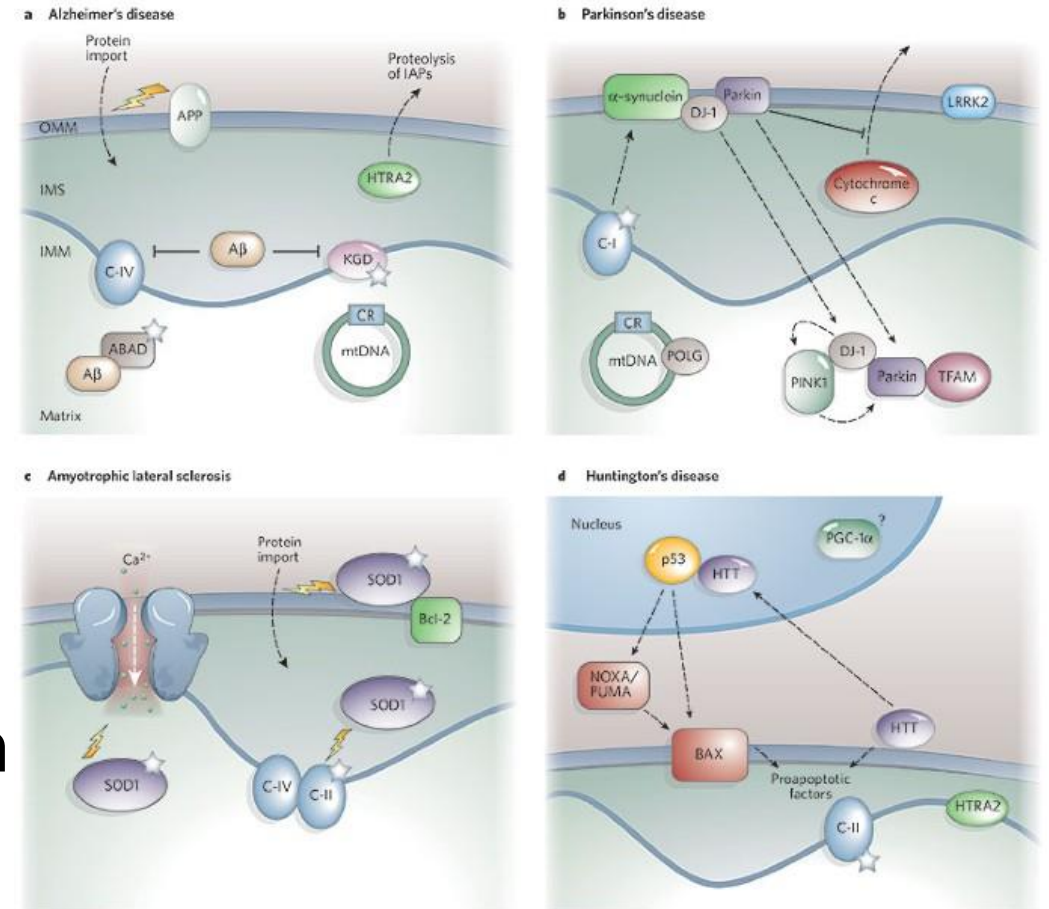
# Mitochondrial dysfunction and heart



**Figure 4** The interaction between DNA defects and failing of mitochondrial repair systems promotes the genesis of mitochondrial DCM. The exposure of cardiomyocytes to ionizing radiation (IR), antineoplastic drugs, alcohol metabolites, and many other sources of DNA damage leads to mutations in both mitochondrial and nuclear genes coding for mitochondrial proteins. When the number of gene defects overcomes cellular tolerance, mitochondria can recruit a complex pathway of self-repair and regeneration. As the above mechanisms fail, defects tend to accumulate further, leading at the end to mitochondrial dysfunction.

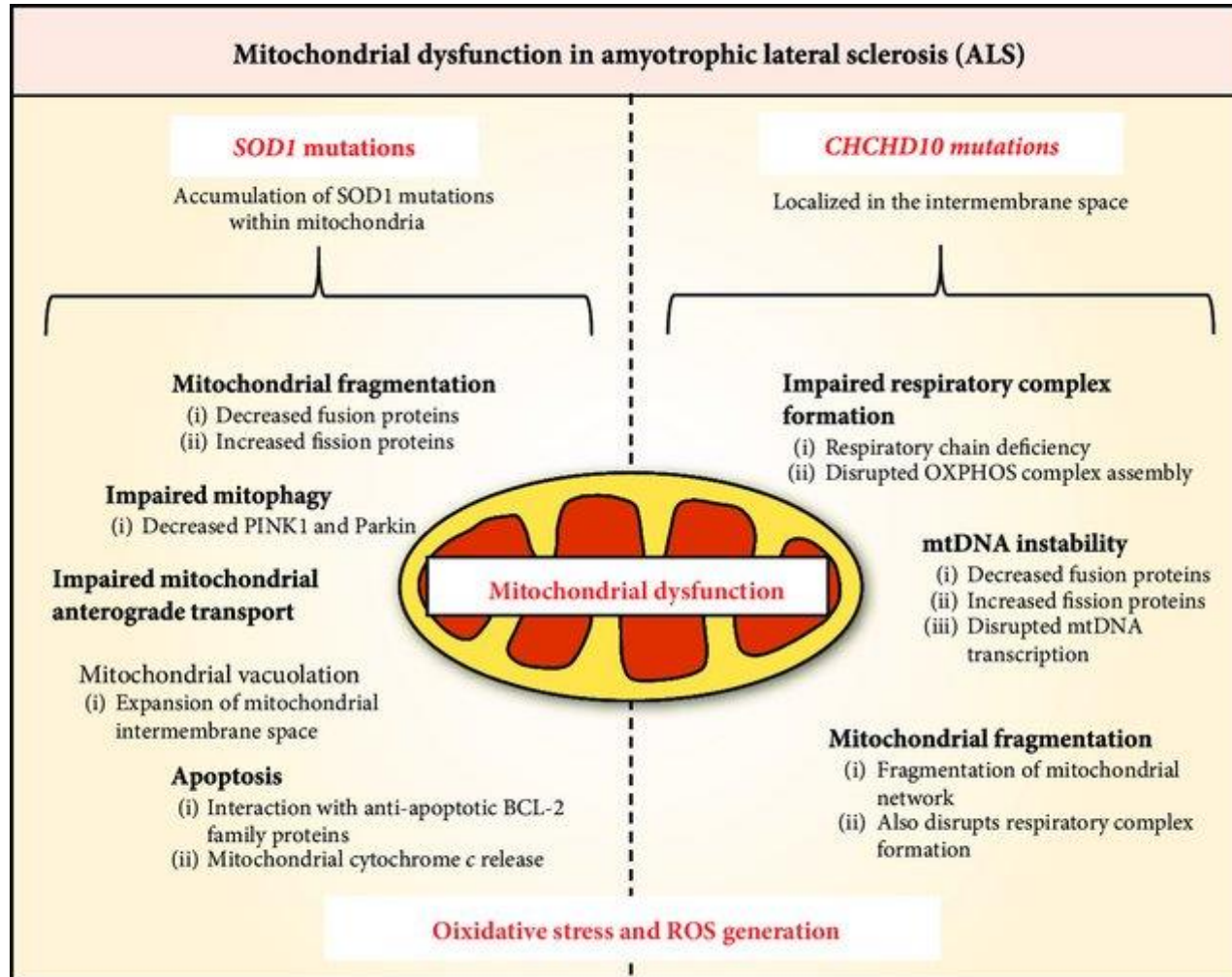
# Mitochondrial dysfunction

- mutations in mitochondrial DNA and oxidative stress – risk factor for neurodegenerative diseases
  - strong evidence that mitochondrial dysfunction occurs early and acts causally in disease pathogenesis
- disease-specific proteins interact with mitochondria



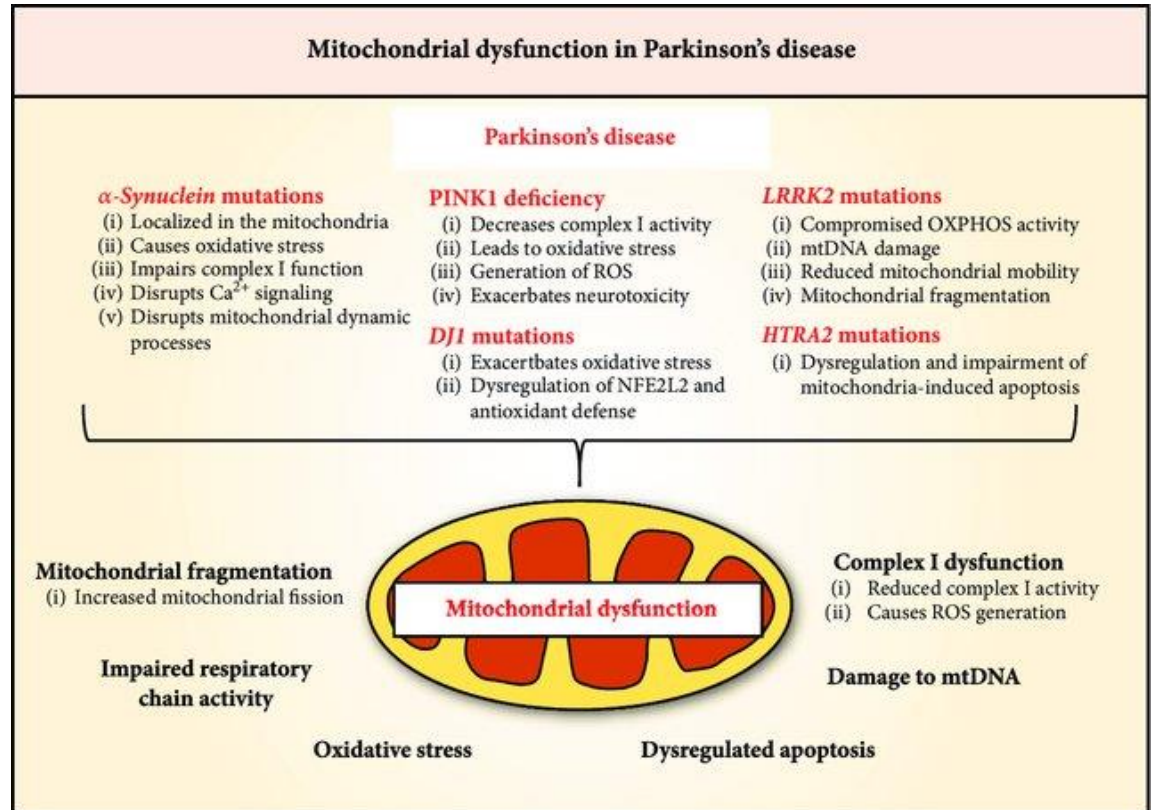
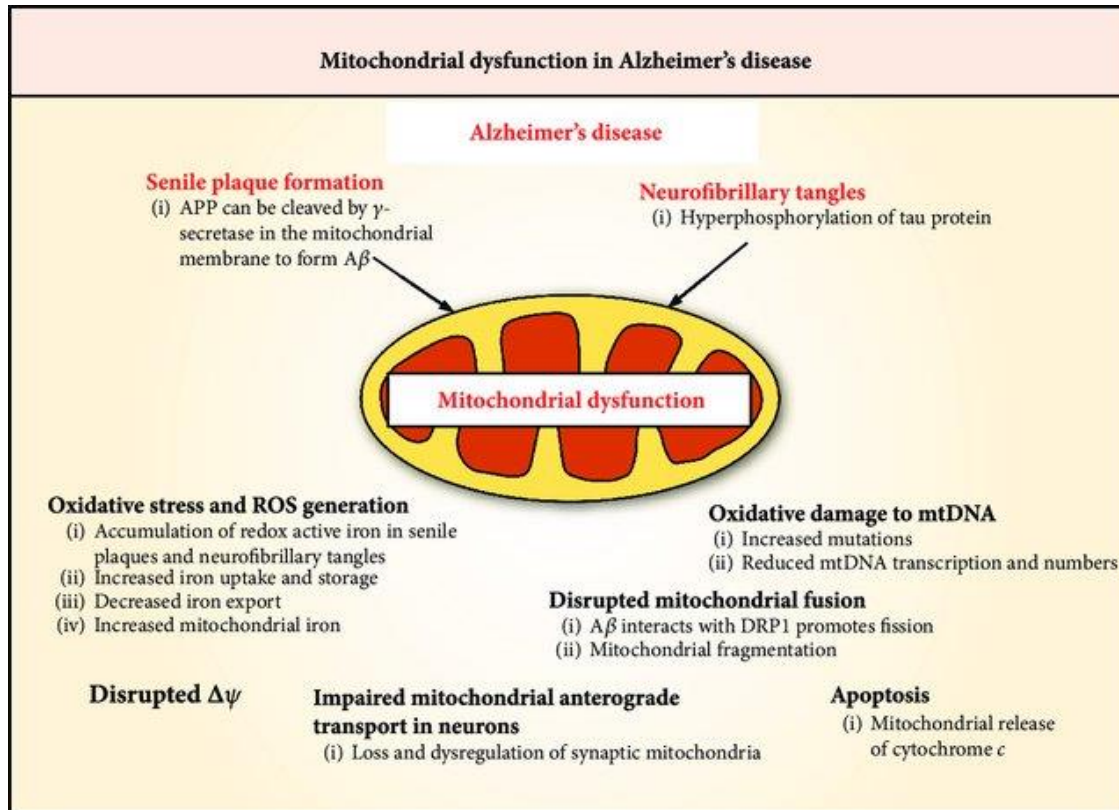
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# Mitochondrial dysfunction



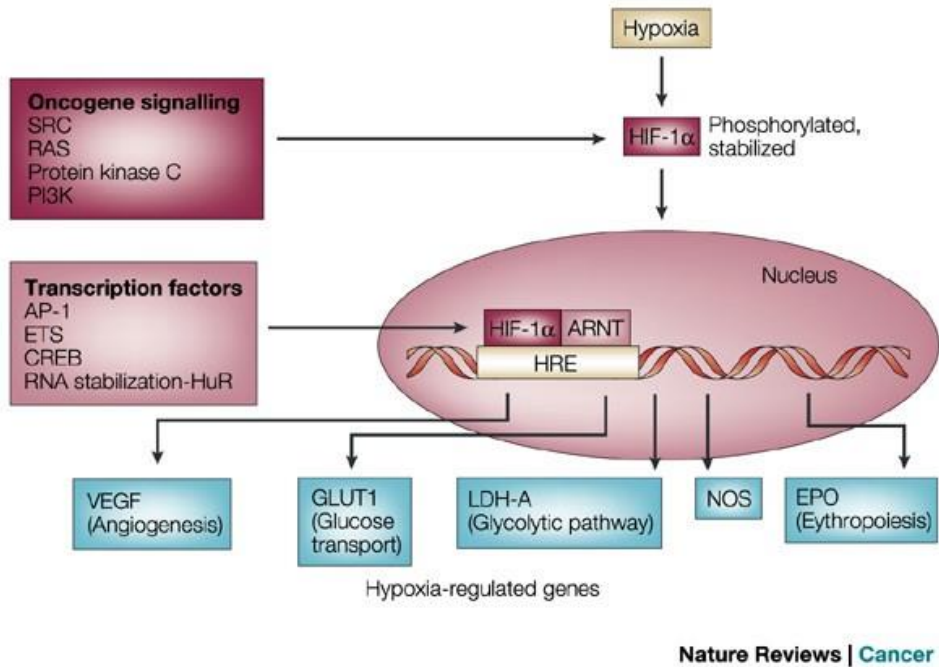
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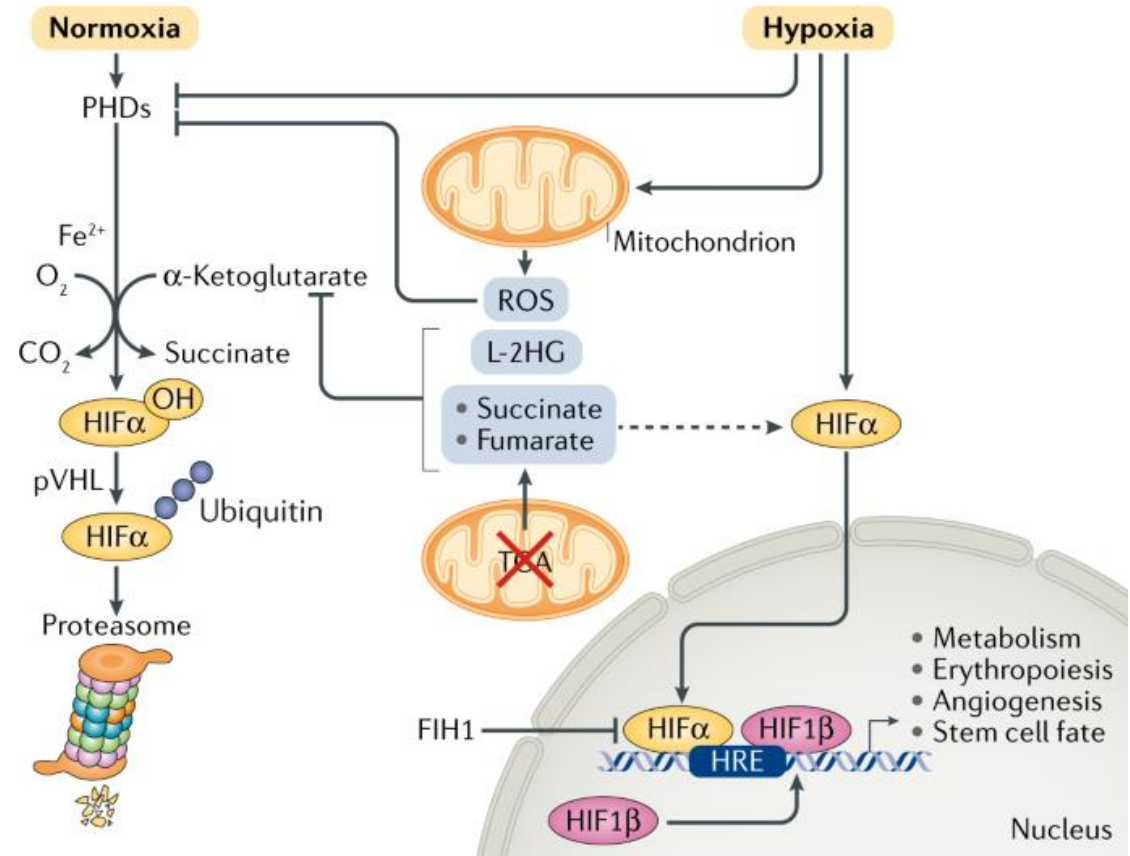




# Mitochondria and hypoxia



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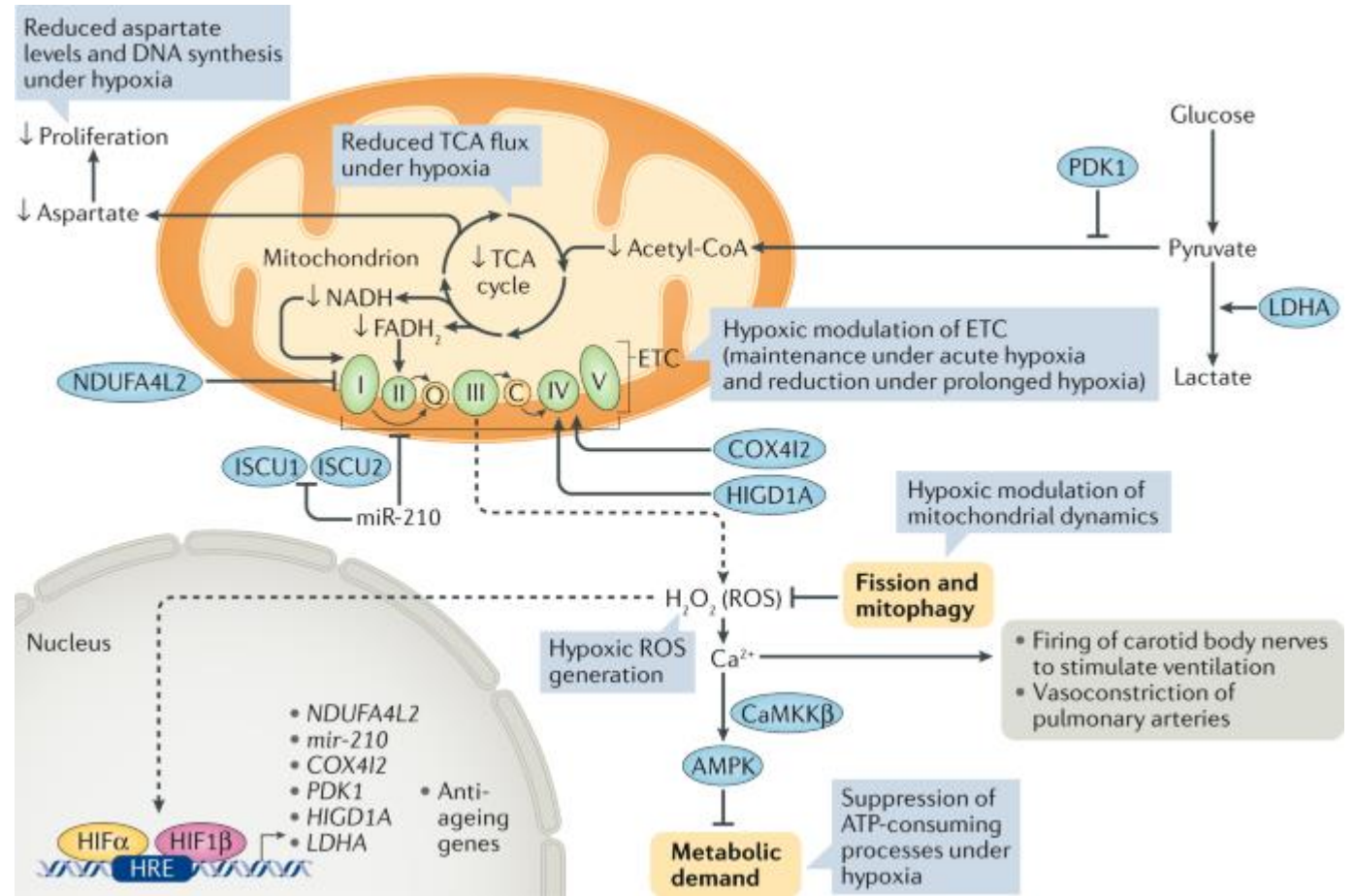


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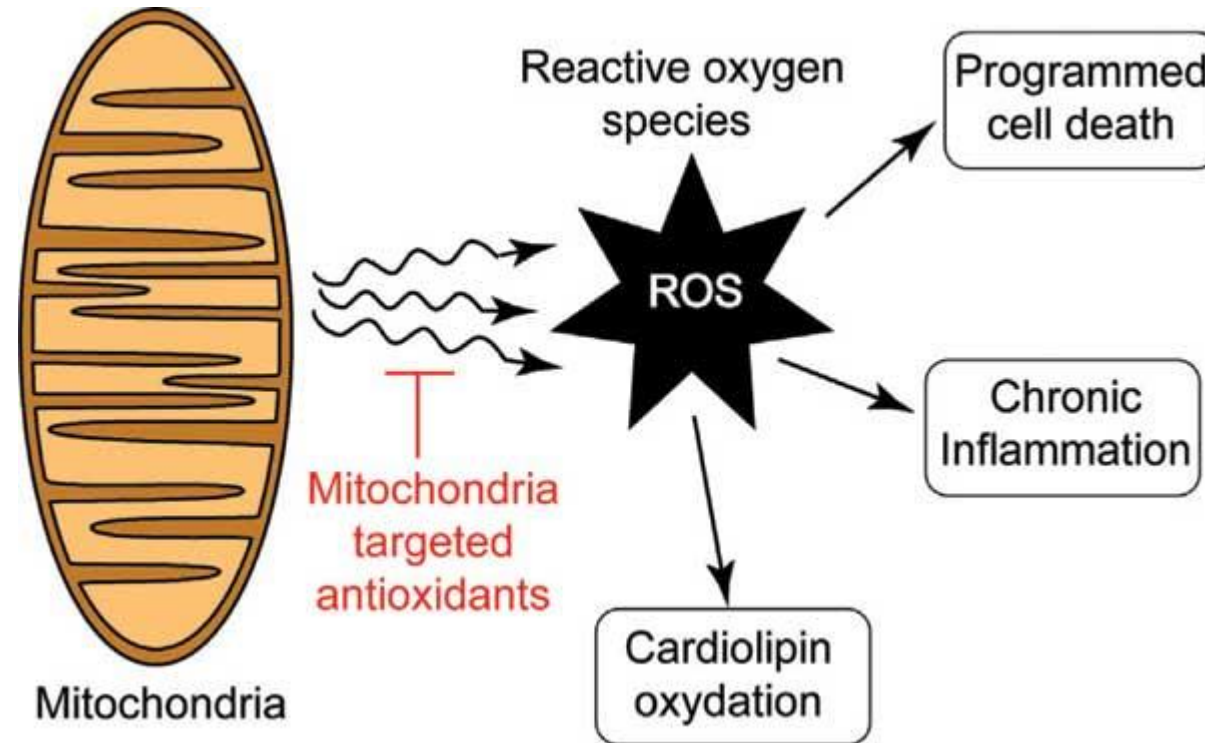
## – Acute/chronic

- decreased flux through the tricarboxylic acid (TCA) cycle
- activity of the electron transport chain (ETC)
- hypoxia-induced ROS, ...

## – low vs. no oxygen



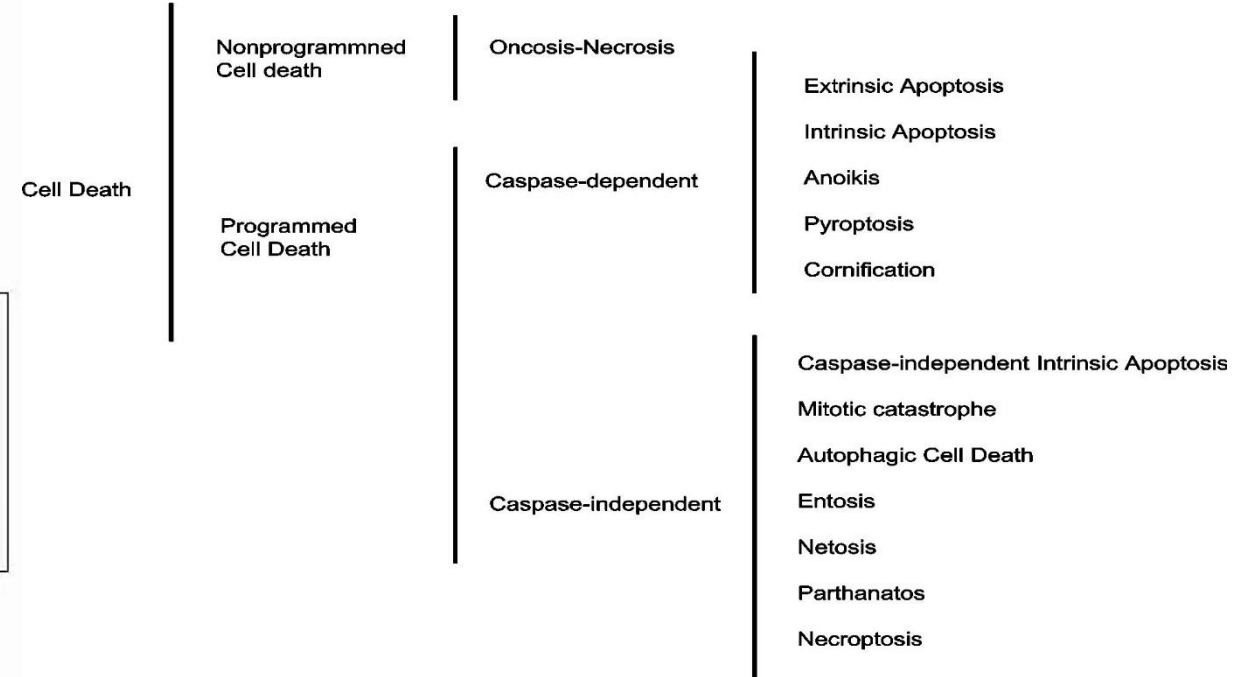
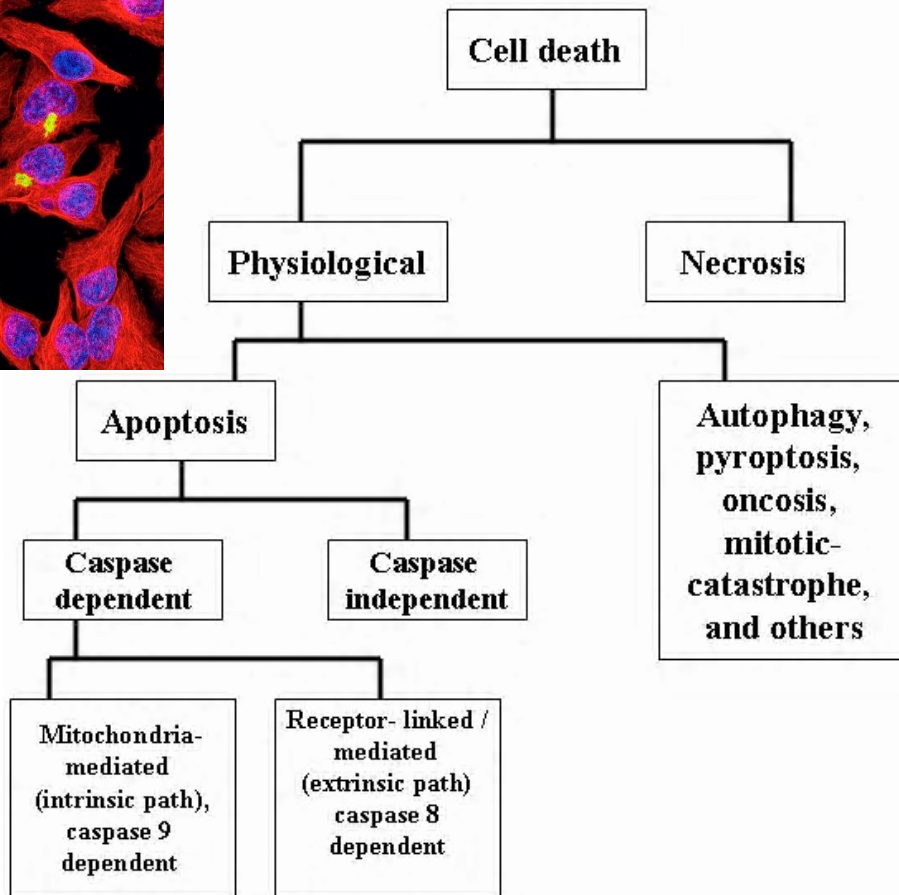
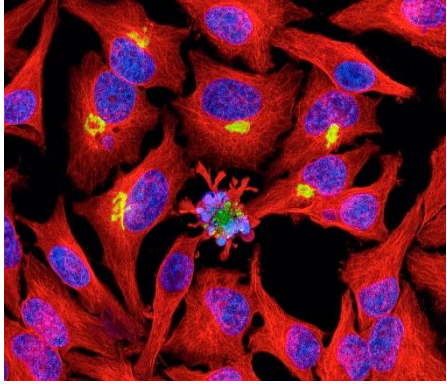
# Cell death



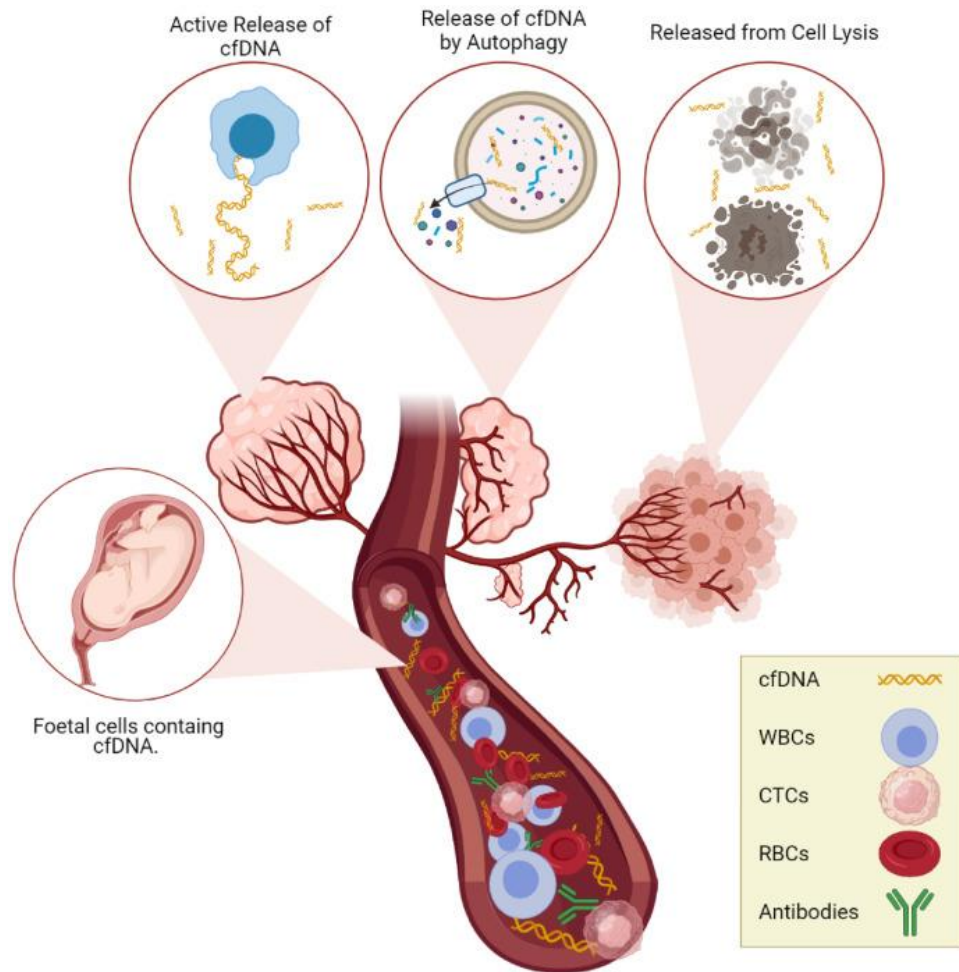
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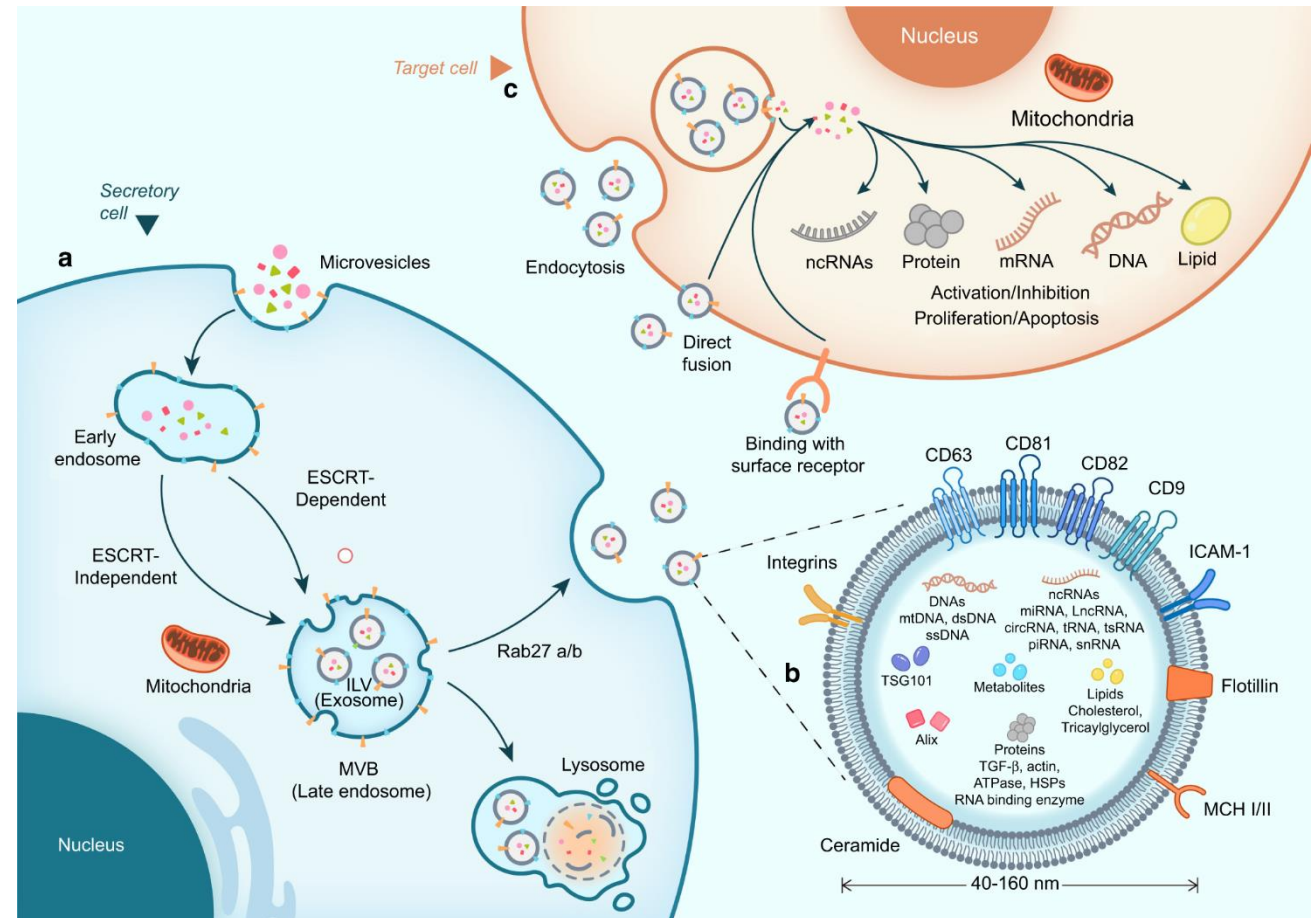
# Cell free DNA



- Cellular processes, from cell lysis to DNA release the major sites for cfDNA synthesis.
- cfDNA is often used in its ability to analyze cancer and related diseases in a diagnostic or prognostic aspect
  - present in fetal fluids - an important biomarker, to diagnose abnormalities and as a prenatal analysis - example is Down's Syndrome

# Exosomes

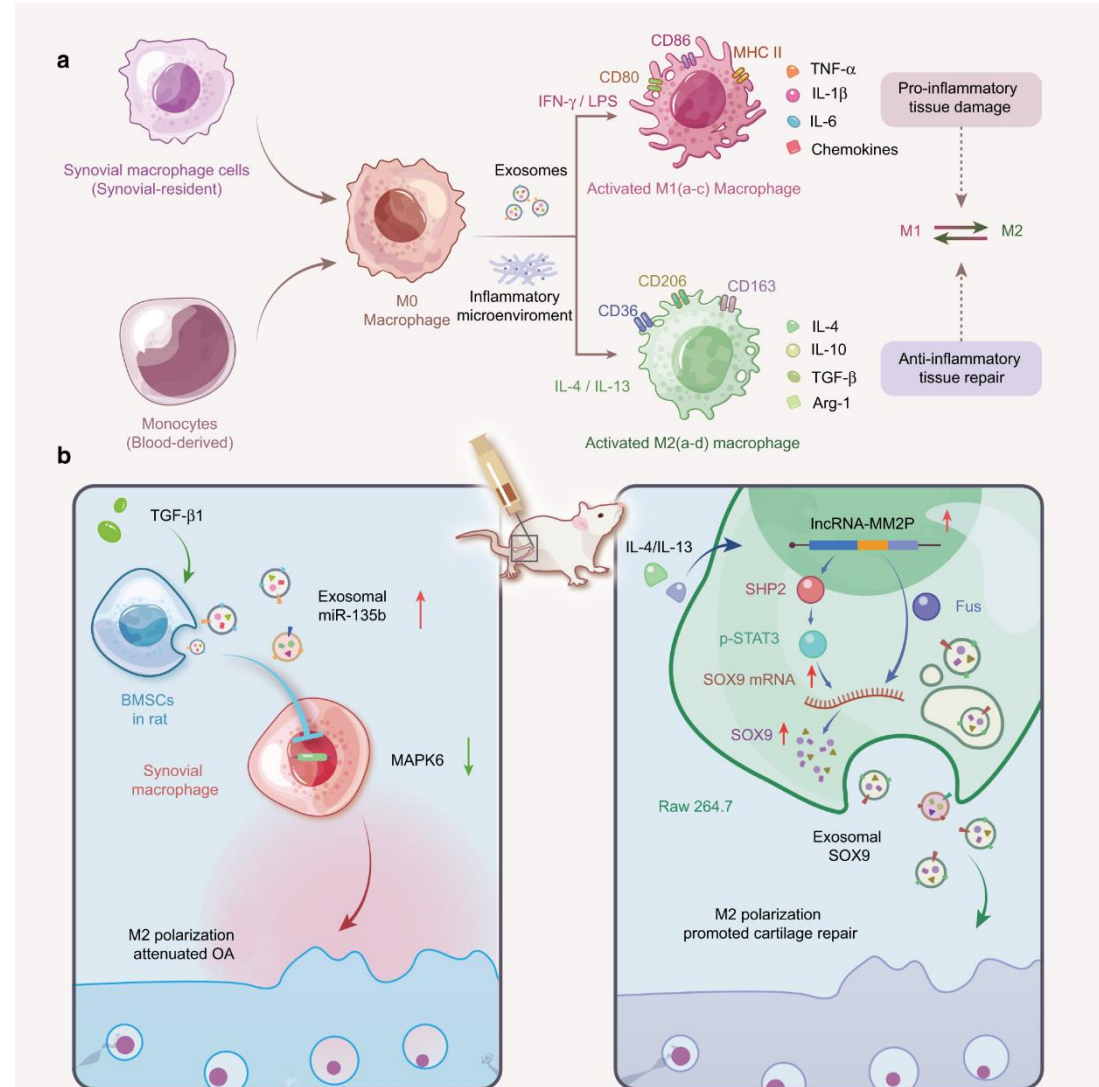
- contain a variety of intrinsic components and variable cargoes, varying from proteins, lipids, metabolites, and DNAs to ncRNAs
- onboard cargoes initiate biological responses and phenotypic changes in recipient cells
  - carrying anabolic/catabolic and anti-/proinflammatory factors
- exosomes serve as a key medium for cell–cell communication



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# Exosomes in therapy

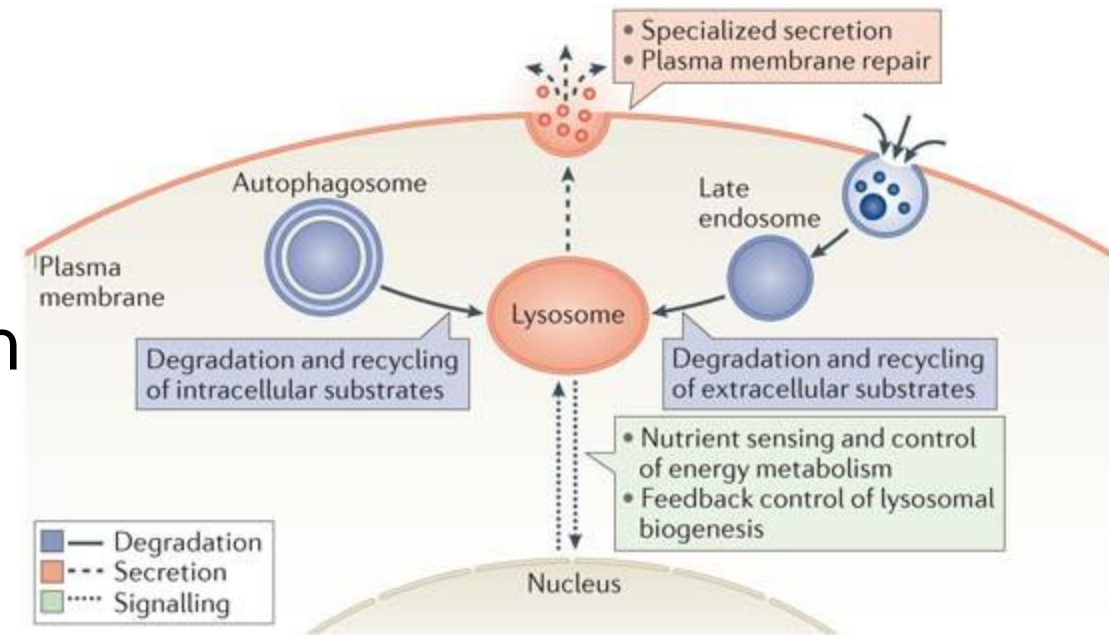
- progression of OA can be alleviated by facilitating the reprogramming of macrophages from the proinflammatory M1 to the anti-inflammatory M2 subset





# Signals from the lysosome: a control centre for cellular clearance and energy metabolism

- degradation and recycling of cellular waste
- via endocytosis and autophagy
- Lysosomal and autophagy dysfunction
  - lysosomal storage diseases (LSDs) and
  - common neurodegenerative diseases
- defective cellular clearance and accumulation of toxic material

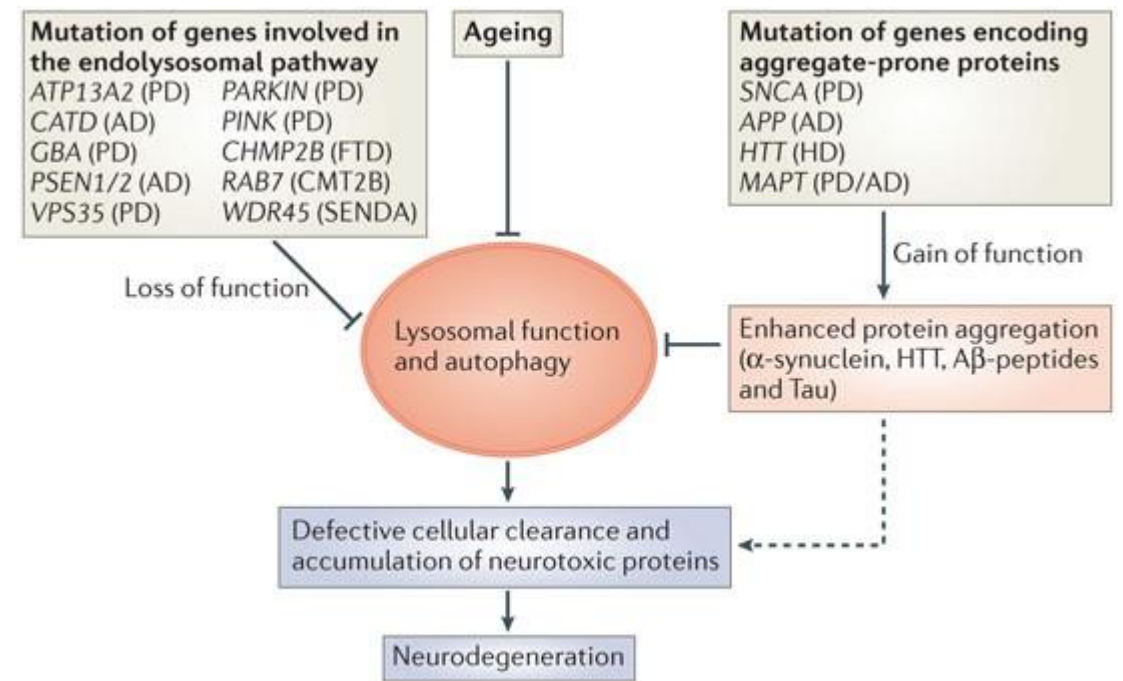


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# Defective cellular clearance in neurodegenerative diseases

- loss-of-function mutations of genes involved in the lysosomal–autophagic pathway
- gain-of-function mutations of aggregate-prone proteins
  - enhanced protein aggregation and impairment of lysosomal–autophagic pathways

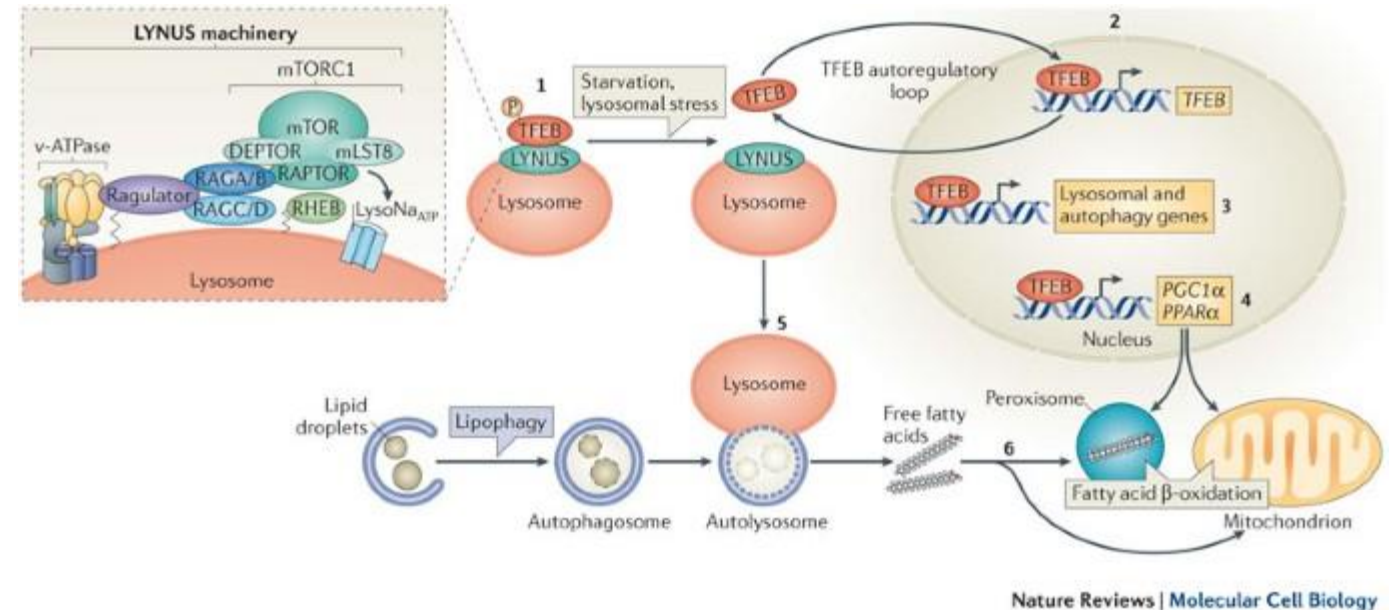


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# Lysosomes and starvation

- limited nutrient availability and mediates the starvation response by regulating lipid catabolism
- used also by tumor cells



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# Inflammation

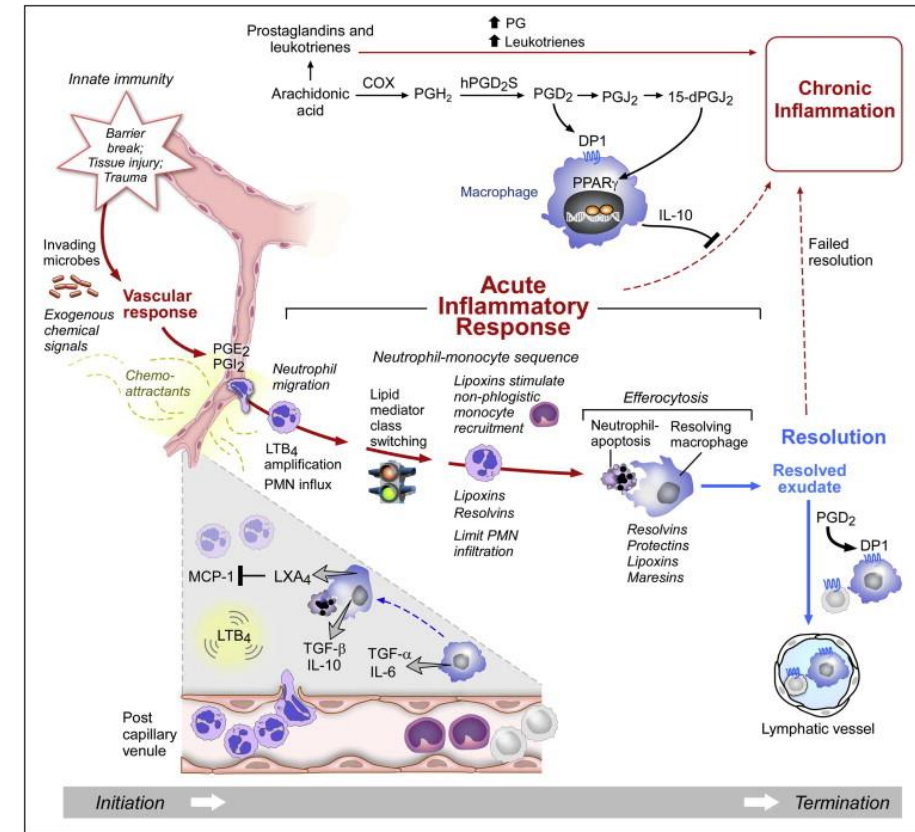
Inflammation

Acute fase reaction

Cytokines, chemokines

# Inflammation

- Inflammation is the response of living tissue to damage.
- The **acute inflammatory response** has 3 main functions:
  - The affected area is occupied by a transient material called the **acute inflammatory exudate**. The exudate carries proteins, fluid and cells from local blood vessels into the damaged area to mediate **local defences**.
  - If an infective causative agent (e.g. **bacteria**) is present in the damaged area, it can be **destroyed and eliminated** by components of the exudate.
  - The damaged tissue can be broken down and partially liquefied, and the **debris removed** from the site of damage.



# Inflammation

- In all these situations, the inflammatory stimulus will be met by a series of changes in the human body; it will induce production of certain cytokines and hormones, which in turn will **regulate haematopoiesis, protein synthesis and metabolism**.
- Most inflammatory stimuli are controlled by a normal immune system. The human immune system is divided into two parts which constantly and closely collaborate - the innate and the adaptive immune system.

# Inflammation – innate system

- The innate system reacts promptly **without specificity and memory**.

**Phagocytic cells** are important contributors in innate reactivity together with **enzymes, complement activation and acute phase proteins**.

- When phagocytic cells are activated, the synthesis of different cytokines is triggered. These **cytokines** are not only important in regulation of the innate reaction, but also for induction of the adaptive immune system. There, **specificity and memory** are the two main characteristics.

# Inflammation – adaptive immune response

- In order to induce a strong **adaptive immune response**, some **lymphocytes** must have been educated to recognize the specific antigen on the **antigen-presenting cell (APC)** in context of **self major histocompatibility molecules**. The initial recognition will mediate a **cellular immune reaction**, production of **antigen-specific antibodies or a combination of both**. Some of the cells, which have been educated to recognize a specific antigen will survive for a long time with the memory of the specific antigen intact, rendering the host "immune" to the antigen.

# Differences between innate (non-specific) and specific (adaptive) immunologic reaction of organism

## Non-specific Immunity

- Response is **antigen-independent**
- There is **immediate** maximal response
- **Non**-antigen-specific
- Exposure results in **no immunologic memory**

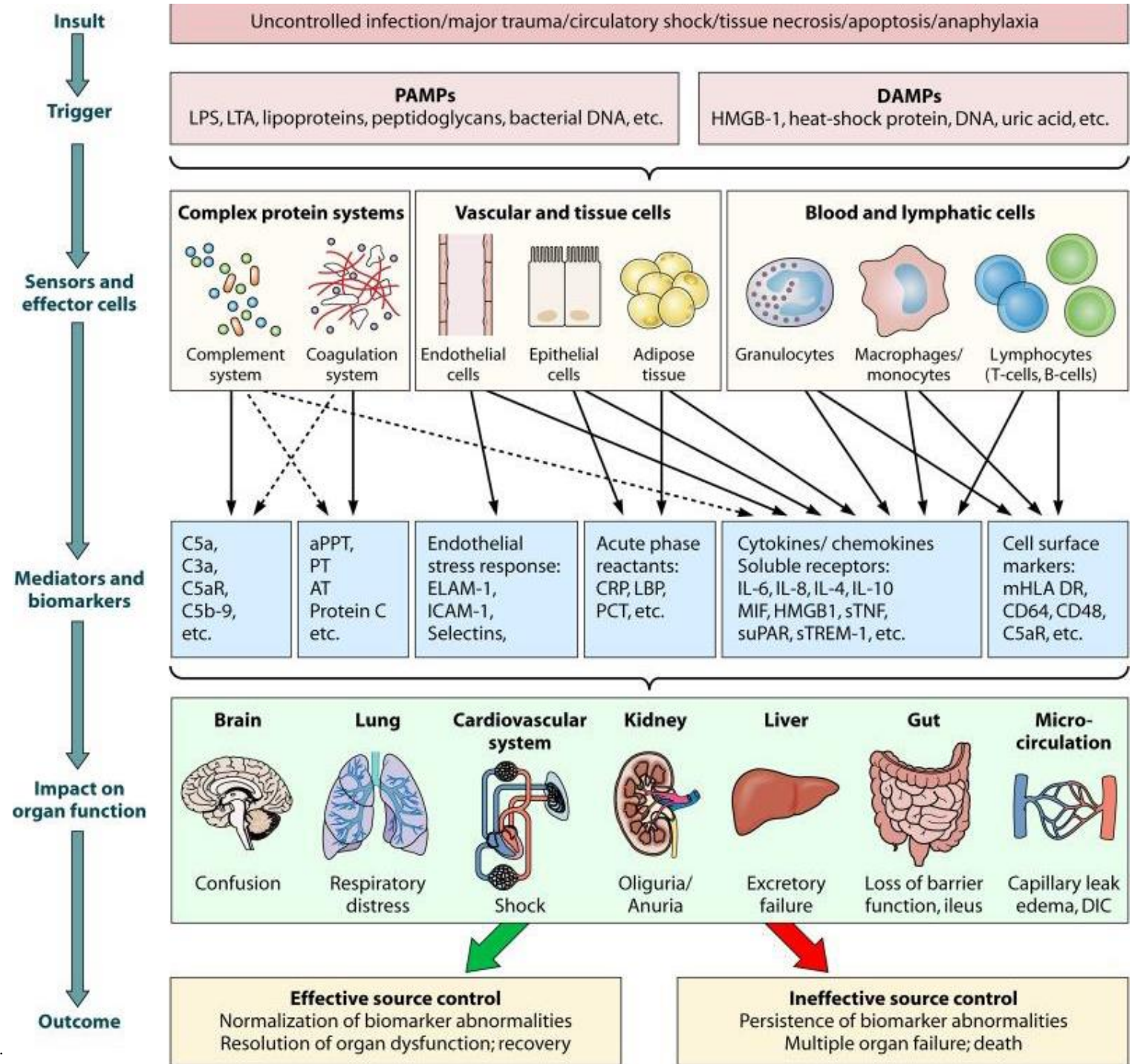
## Specific Immunity

- Response is **antigen-dependent**
- There is **a lag time** between exposure and maximal response
- Antigen-specific
- Exposure results in **immunologic memory**

# Causes of Inflammation

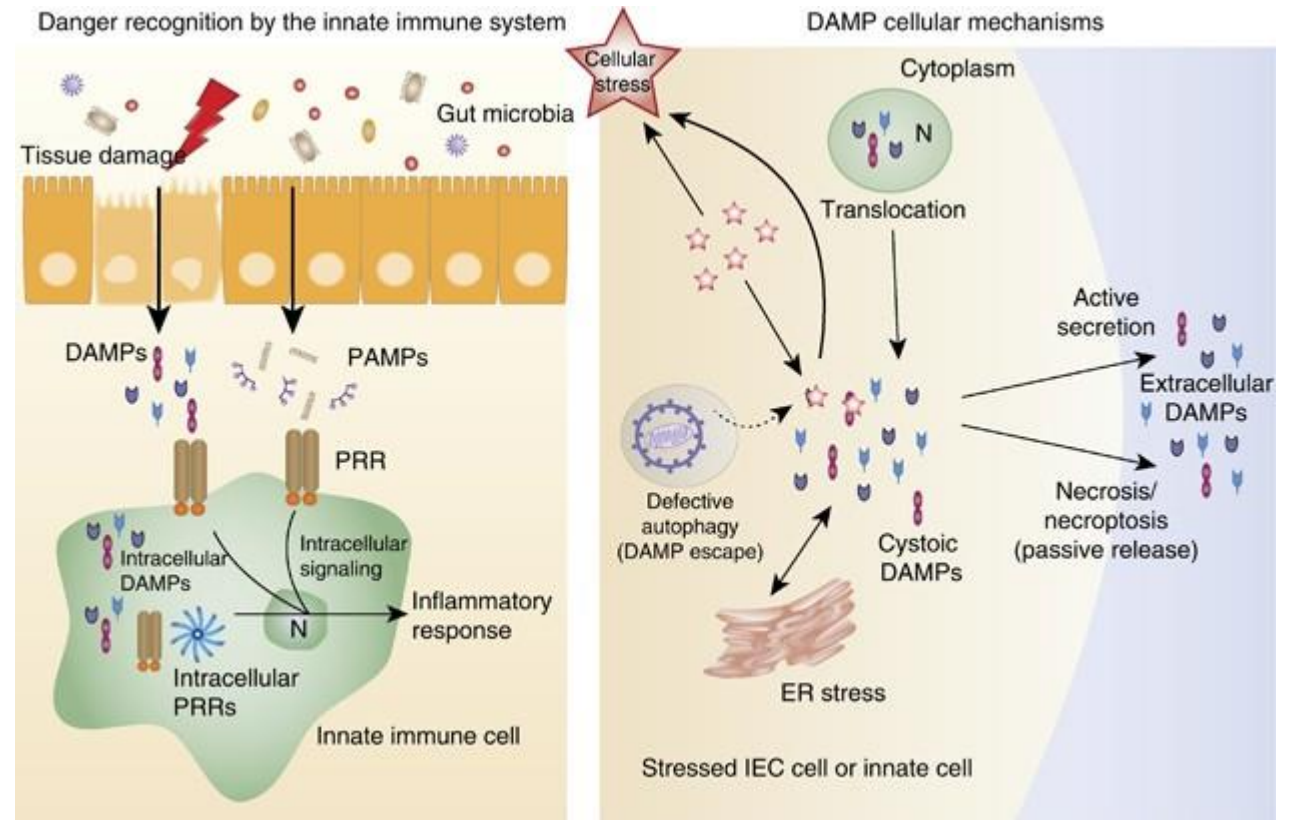
- **infectious inflammatory stimuli** (viruses, bacteria, fungi and parasites)
- by **non-infectious inflammatory stimuli**, as in rheumatoid arthritis and graft-versus host disease
- by **tissue necrosis** as in cancer
- by **burns and toxic influences** caused by drugs or radiation





# Danger recognition by the innate immune system

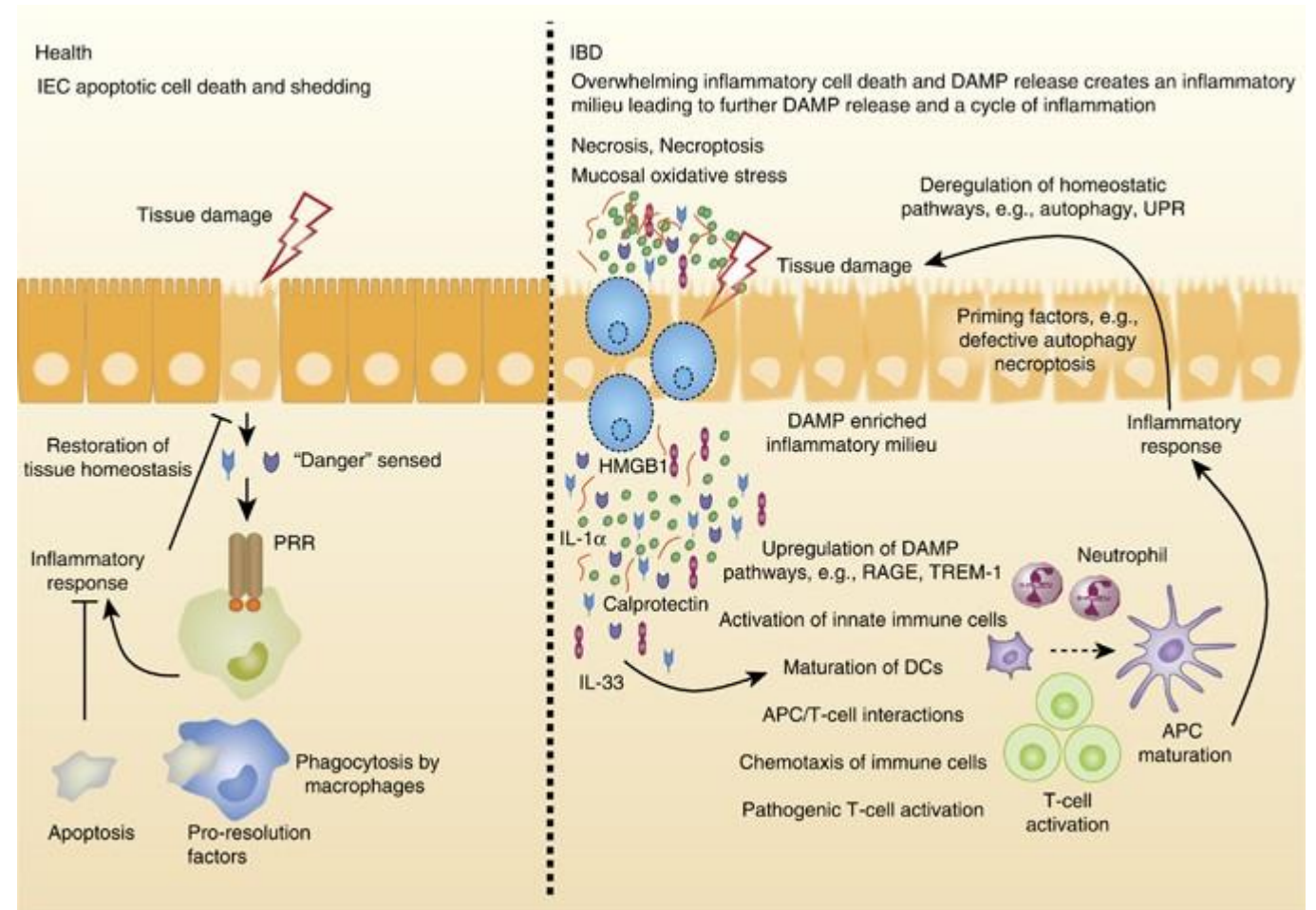
- PRRs such as TLR, NLR, and RAGE sense danger associated with infection via recognition of evolutionarily conserved PAMPs on pathogens or sterile injury via recognition of DAMPs.
- Activation of cell surface or intracellular PRRs leads to intracellular signaling and inflammatory responses



*Mucosal Immunology* volume 9, pages567–582 (2016)

# Contribution of DAMPs to inflammatory response in IBD

- nonapoptotic cell death, mucosal oxidative stress, and deregulation of homeostatic pathways lead to overwhelming release of DAMPs, creating a proinflammatory milieu



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# Types of inflammation

- Acute
- Chronic
  
- Local
- Systemic

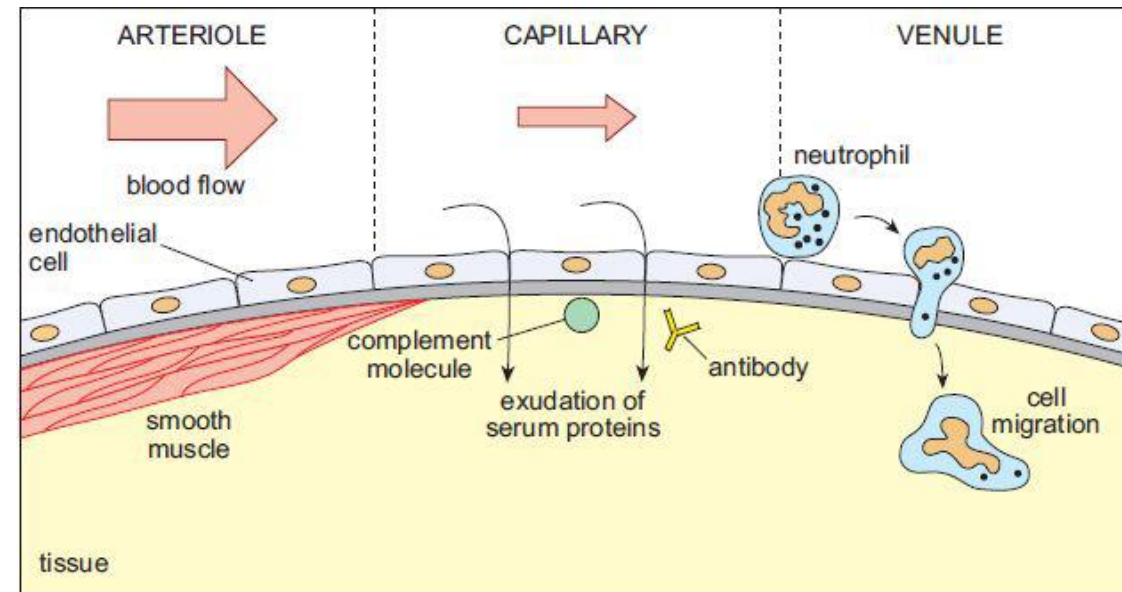
# General and local clinical symptoms of the acute phase reaction

Local symptoms	General symptoms
calor	fever
rubor	tachycardia
dolor	hyperventilation
tumor	tiredness
functio laesa	Loss of appetite

# Local Inflammation

The acute inflammatory response involves three processes:

- **changes in vessel caliber (= vasodilation)** and, consequently, **slower blood flow**
- **increased vascular permeability** and formation of the fluid exudate
- **formation of the cellular exudate** by emigration of the neutrophil polymorphs into the extravascular space.





# Early Stages

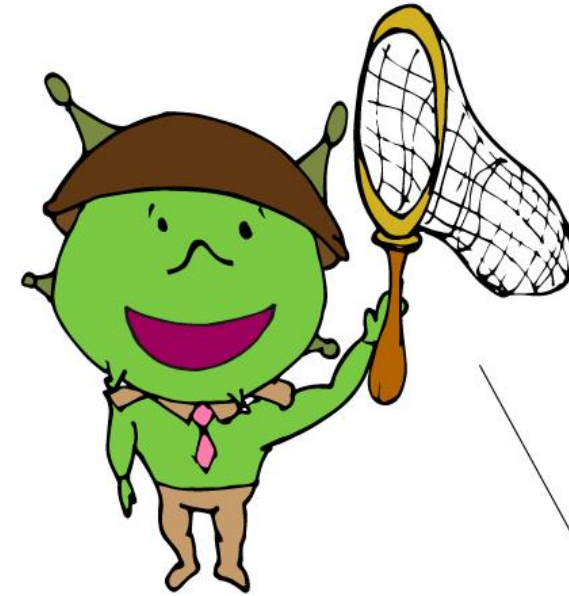
The steps involved in the acute inflammatory response are:

- Small blood vessels adjacent to the area of tissue damage initially become **dilated** with increased blood flow, then flow along them slows down.
- Endothelial cells **swell** and partially **retract** so that they no longer form a completely intact internal lining.
- The vessels become **leaky**, permitting the passage of water, salts, and some small proteins from the plasma into the damaged area (exudation). One of the main proteins to leak out is fibrinogen.
- Circulating neutrophil polymorphs initially adhere to the swollen endothelial cells (margination), then actively migrate through the vessel basement membrane (emigration), passing into the area of tissue damage.
- Later, small number of blood monocytes (macrophages) migrate in a similar way, as do lymphocytes.

# Systemic manifestation of inflammation



- Increase of body temperature (fever)
- Acute phase reaction



opsonin

Like the inflammation marker C Reactive Protein (CRP)

Justin Root

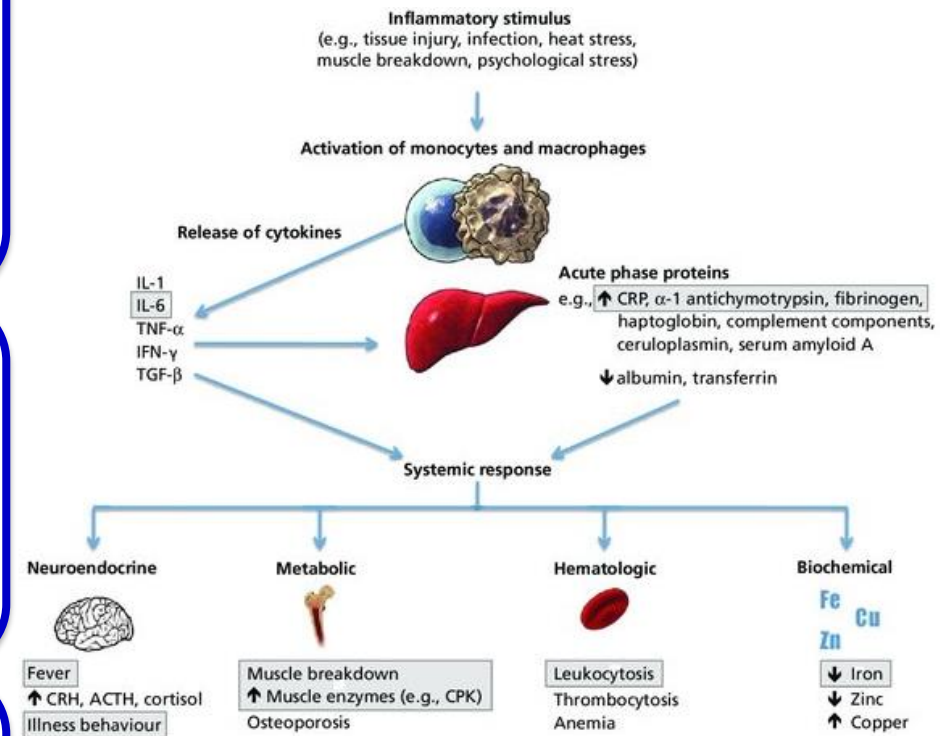
# Acute phase reaction

The acute phase reaction is the body's first-line inflammatory defense system, functioning without specificity and memory, and in front of, and in parallel with, the adaptive immune system.

In the acute phase reaction, several **biochemical, metabolic, hormonal and cellular changes** take place in order to fight the stimulus and re-establish a normal functional state in the body.

An **increase in the number of granulocytes** will increase the phagocytotic capacity, an increase in scavengers will potentiate the capability to neutralize free oxygen radicals, and an increase in metabolic rate will increase the energy available for cellular activities, despite a reduced food intake.

Some of these changes can explain the symptoms of an acute phase reaction, which are typically fever, tiredness, loss of appetite and general sickness, in addition to local symptoms from the inducer of the acute phase.



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# Systemic effects of acute/chronic inflammation

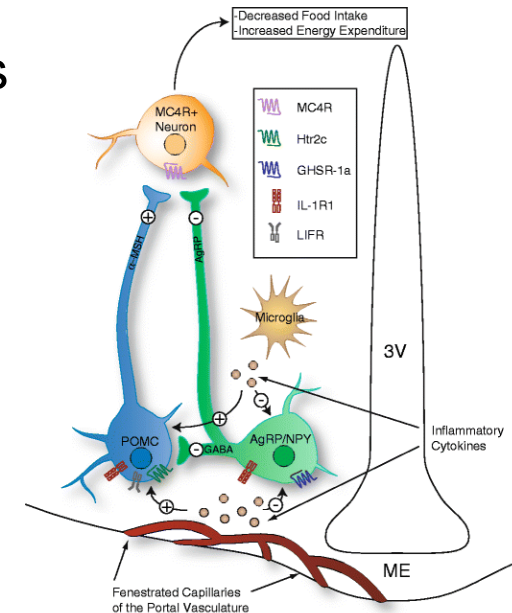
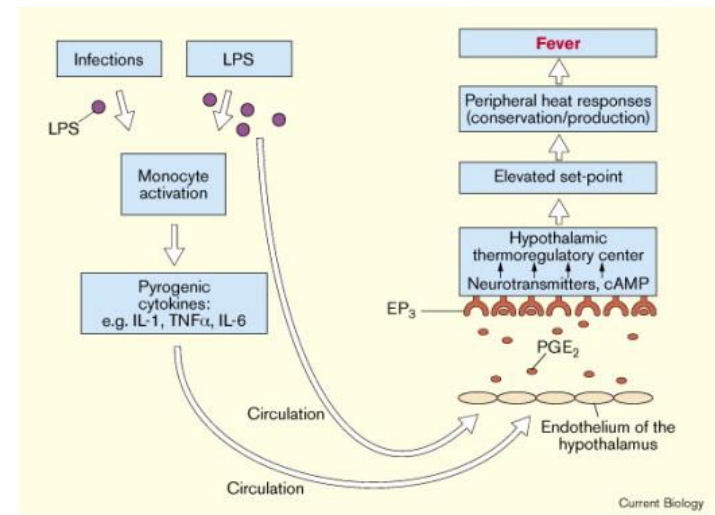
## → Pyrexia

Polymorphs and macrophages produce compounds known as endogenous pyrogens, which act on the hypothalamus to set the thermoregulatory mechanisms at a higher temperature. Release of endogenous pyrogen is stimulated by phagocytosis, endotoxins and immune complexes.

## → Constitutional symptoms

Constitutional symptoms include malaise, anorexia and nausea. Weight loss is common when there is extensive chronic inflammation.

→ Local or systemic lymph node enlargement commonly accompanies inflammation, while splenomegaly is found in certain specific infections (e.g. malaria, infectious mononucleosis).



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# Systemic effects of inflammation

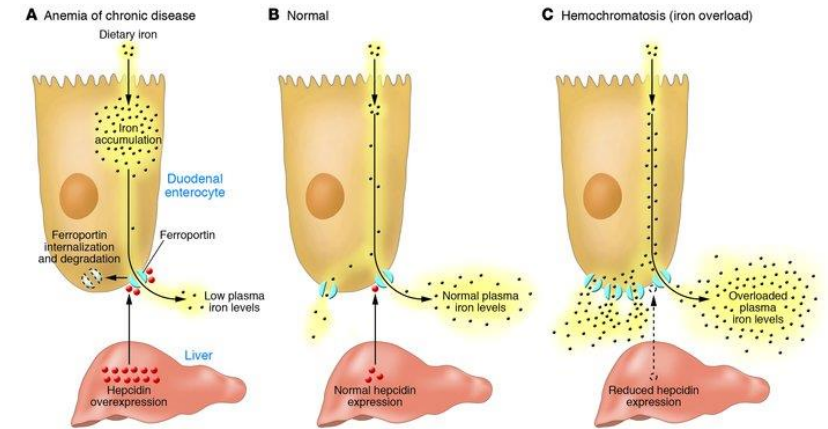
## Haematological changes

- Increased erythrocyte sedimentation rate. An increased erythrocyte sedimentation rate is a non-specific finding in many types of inflammation.
- **Leukocytosis.**
  - **Neutrophilia** occurs in pyogenic infections and tissue destruction;
  - **eosinophilia** in allergic disorders and parasitic infection;
  - **lymphocytosis** in chronic infection (e.g. tuberculosis), many viral infections and in whooping cough; and
  - **monocytosis** occurs in infectious mononucleosis and certain bacterial infections (e.g. tuberculosis, typhoid).
- **Anaemia.**
  - blood-loss in the inflammatory exudate (e.g. in ulcerative colitis),
  - haemolysis (due to bacterial toxins), and
  - **'the anemia of chronic disorders'** due to toxic depression of the bone marrow.

## Amyloidosis

- Longstanding chronic inflammation (for example, in rheumatoid arthritis, tuberculosis and bronchiectasis), by elevating serum amyloid A protein (SAA), may cause amyloid to be deposited in various tissues resulting in secondary (reactive) amyloidosis.

# Difference between anaemia of chronic disease and iron-deficiency anaemia



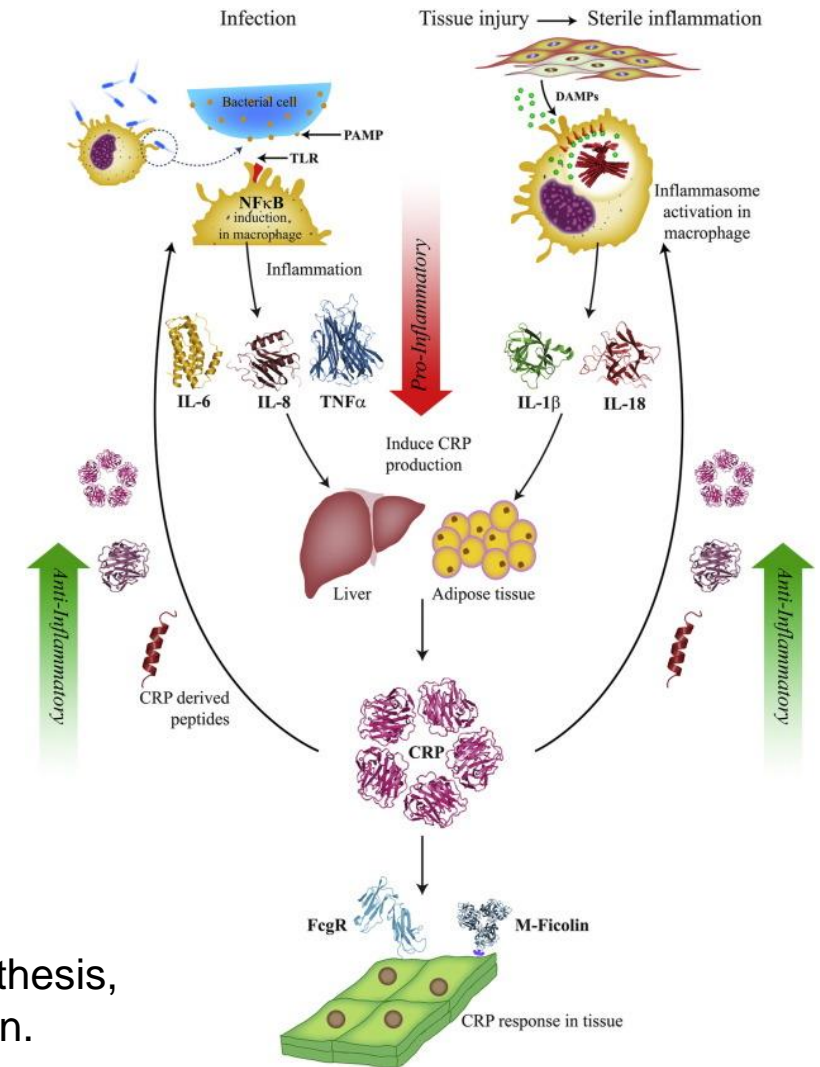
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	Anemia of Chronic Diseases	Iron Deficiency Anemia
Serum Iron	Reduced	Reduced
Transferrin	Reduced to normal	Increased
Transferrin Saturation	Reduced	Reduced
Ferritin	Normal to increased	Reduced
Soluble transferrin receptor	Normal	Increased
Cytokine level	Increased	Normal
Hepcidin	Increased	Reduced
Bone marrow iron stores	Normal to increased	Reduced
Ery	Normal, microcytes	Microcytes



# Acute phase proteins

- Induction of the acute phase reaction - changes in synthesis of many proteins in the **liver**
  - measured in plasma.
- Regulation of protein synthesis - at the level of both **transcription (DNA, RNA) and translation to protein.**
  - The cells have intricate systems for up- and down-regulation of protein synthesis, initiated by a complex system of signals induced in the acute phase reaction.



# Acute phase proteins

Function related to

- limiting the negative effects of the acute phase stimulus
- or
- repair of inflammatory induced damage.

Examples are enzyme inhibitors limiting the negative effect of enzymes released from neutrophils, scavengers of free oxygen radicals, increase in some transport proteins and increased synthesis and activity of the cascade proteins such as coagulation and complement factors.

The protein synthesis may be upregulated even if plasma levels are normal, due to increased consumption of acute phase proteins.

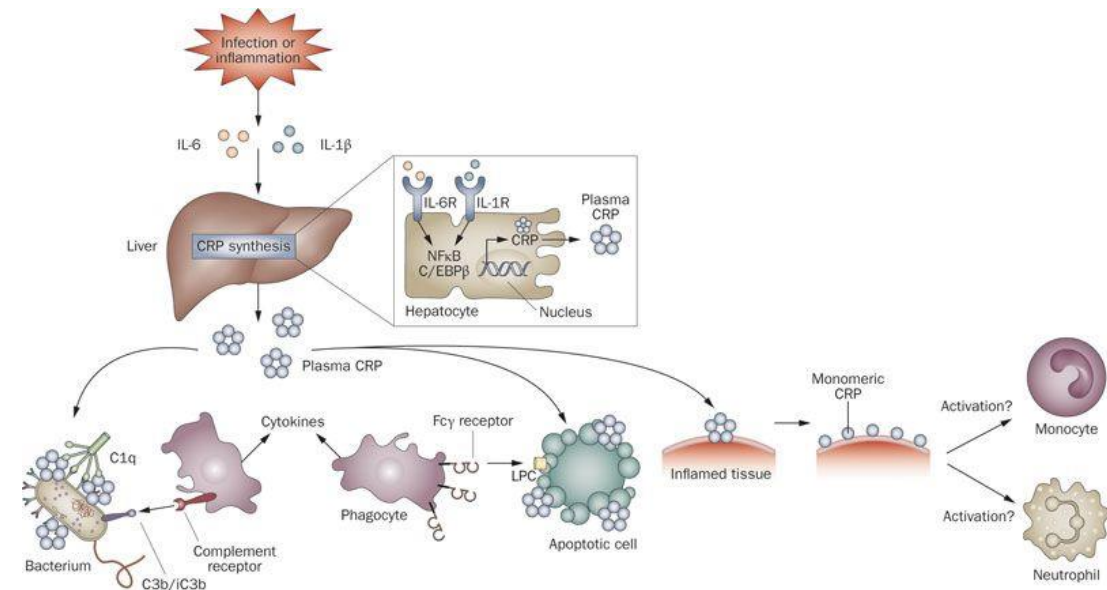
TABLE 1. HUMAN ACUTE-PHASE PROTEINS.

Proteins whose plasma concentrations increase
Complement system
C3
C4
C9
Factor B
C1 inhibitor
C4b-binding protein
Mannose-binding lectin
Coagulation and fibrinolytic system
Fibrinogen
Plasminogen
Tissue plasminogen activator
Urokinase
Protein S
Vitronectin
Plasminogen-activator inhibitor 1
Antiproteases
$\alpha_1$ -Protease inhibitor
$\alpha_1$ -Antichymotrypsin
Pancreatic secretory trypsin inhibitor
Inter- $\alpha$ -trypsin inhibitors
Transport proteins
Ceruloplasmin
Haptoglobin
Hemopexin
Participants in inflammatory responses
Secreted phospholipase A <sub>2</sub>
Lipopolysaccharide-binding protein
Interleukin-1-receptor antagonist
Granulocyte colony-stimulating factor
Others
C-reactive protein
Serum amyloid A
$\alpha_1$ -Acid glycoprotein
Fibronectin
Ferritin
Angiotensinogen
Proteins whose plasma concentrations decrease
Albumin
Transferrin
Transthyretin
$\alpha_2$ -HS glycoprotein
Alpha-fetoprotein
Thyroxine-binding globulin
Insulin-like growth factor I
Factor XII

Function	Positive acute phase protein	Increase up to
Protease inhibitors	Alfa 1-antitrypsin	4 x
	Alfa 1-antichymotrypsin	6 x
Coagulation proteins (serin proteinases)	fibrinogen prothrombin factor VIII plasminogen	8 x
Complement factors	C1s C2b C3, C4, C5 C9 C5b	2 x
Transport proteins	haptoglobin	8 x
	hemopexin	2 x
	ferritin	4 x
Scavenger proteins	ceruloplasmin	4 x
Others	alfa1-acid glycoprotein (orosomukoid)	4 x
	serum amyloid A protein	1000 x
	C-reactive protein	1000 x

# Biochemistry and physiology of the acute phase reaction

- **CRP** is a major acute phase protein acting mainly through  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -dependent binding to, and clearance of, different target molecules in proteins, having evolved almost unchanged from primitive to advanced species.



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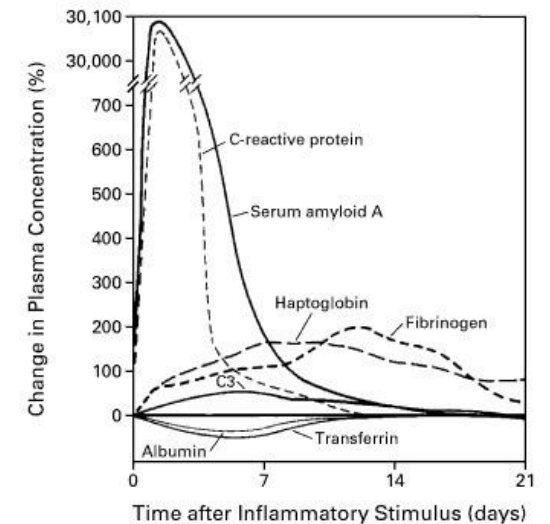
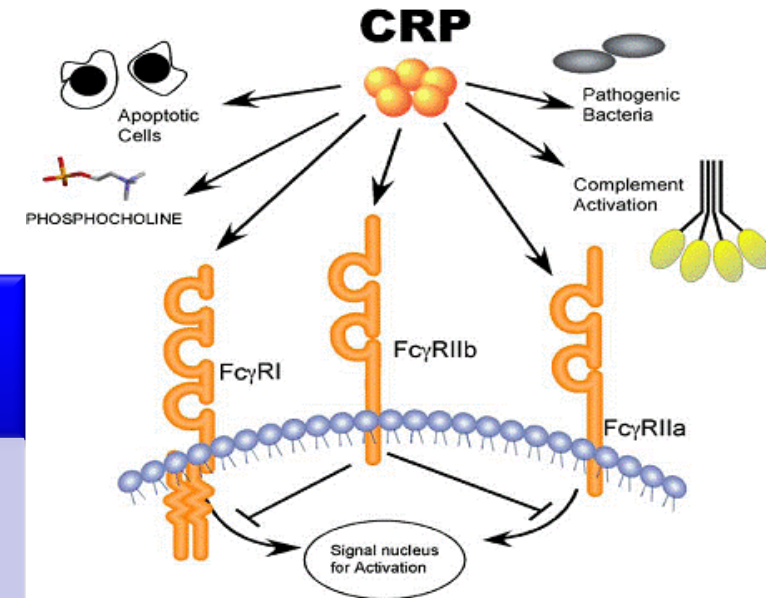
microbes, cell debris and cell nuclear material.

In an acute phase reaction there may be a more than 1000-fold increase in the serum concentration of CRP. CRP is regarded as an important member of the family of acute phase, having evolved almost unchanged from primitive to advanced species.

# C-reactive protein

Most functions of CRP are easily understood in the context of the body's defenses against infective agents.

- The **bacteria are opsonized** by CRP and increased phagocytosis is induced.
- CRP **activates complement** with the split product being chemotactic, increasing the number of phagocytes at the site of infection. Enzyme inhibitors protect surrounding tissue from the damage of enzymes released from the phagocytes.
- CRP **binds to chromatin from dead cells** and **to cell debris** which are cleared from the circulation by phagocytosis, either directly or by binding to Fc-, C3b- or CRP-specific receptors. Platelet aggregation is inhibited, decreasing the possibility of thrombosis.
- CRP **binds to low density lipoprotein (LDL)** and may clear LDL from the site of atherosclerotic plaques by binding to cell surface receptors on phagocytic cells.



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# Biologically active products of complement activation

## Chemotactic factors

C5a and MAC (membrane attack complex C5b67) are both chemotactic. C5a is also a potent activator of neutrophils, basophils and macrophages and causes induction of adhesion molecules on vascular endothelial cells.

## Opsonins

C3b and C4b in the surface of microorganisms attach to C-receptor (CR1) on phagocytic cells and promote phagocytosis.

## Other biologically active products of C activation

Degradation products of C3 (iC3b, C3d and C3e) also bind to different cells by distinct receptors and modulate their function.



# Biologically active products of complement activation

Activation of complement results in the production of several biologically active molecules which contribute to resistance, anaphylaxis and inflammation.

## Kinin production

C2b generated during the classical pathway of C activation is a prokinin which becomes biologically active following enzymatic alteration by plasmin.

## Anaphylotoxins

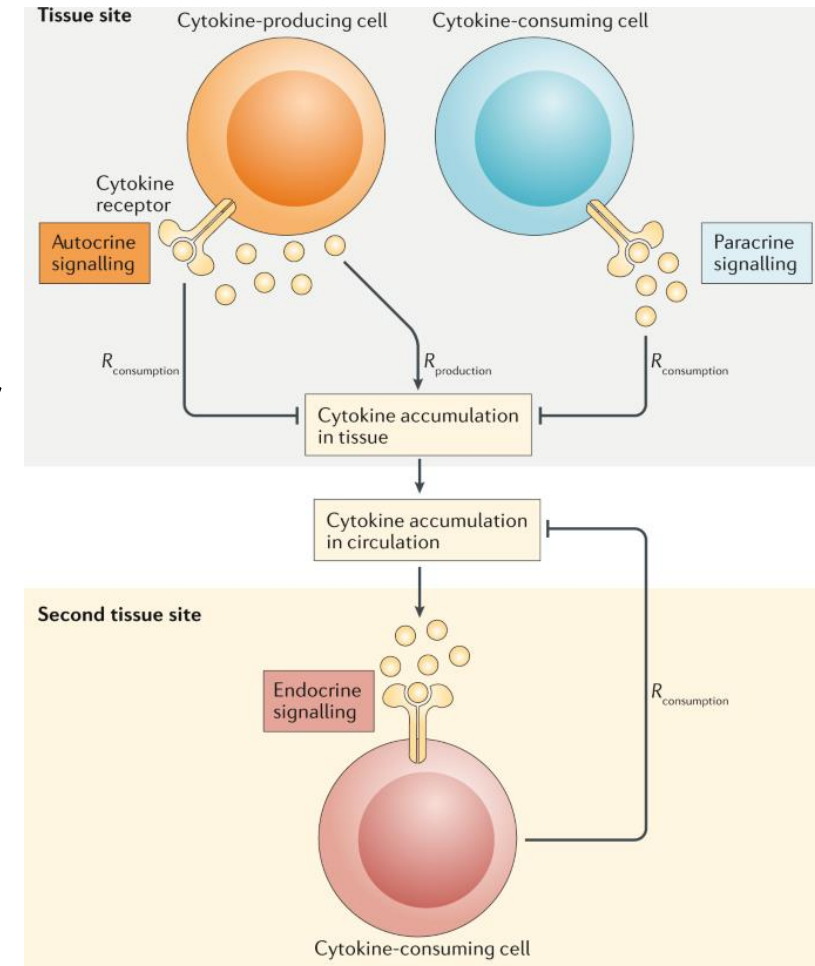
C4a, C3a and C5a (in increasing order of activity) are all anaphylotoxins, which cause basophil/mast cell degranulation and smooth muscle contraction.

# Negative proteins of acute phase

- Decreases in albumin, transferrin, cortisol-binding globulin, transthyretin and vitamin A binding protein temporarily lead to an increased supply of free hormones, which usually bind to these proteins.
- **Transthyretin** (pre-albumin binding thyroxine, transports thyroid hormones from the plexus choroideus to the cerebrospinal fluid) inhibits the production of IL-1 $\beta$  by monocytes and endothelial cells. Its decline can thus be considered as a pro-inflammatory mechanism. These changes in blood protein profiles appear to be partly related to muscle starvation and catabolism. It is also an offer of amino acids for the production of positive acute phase proteins.

# Cytokines

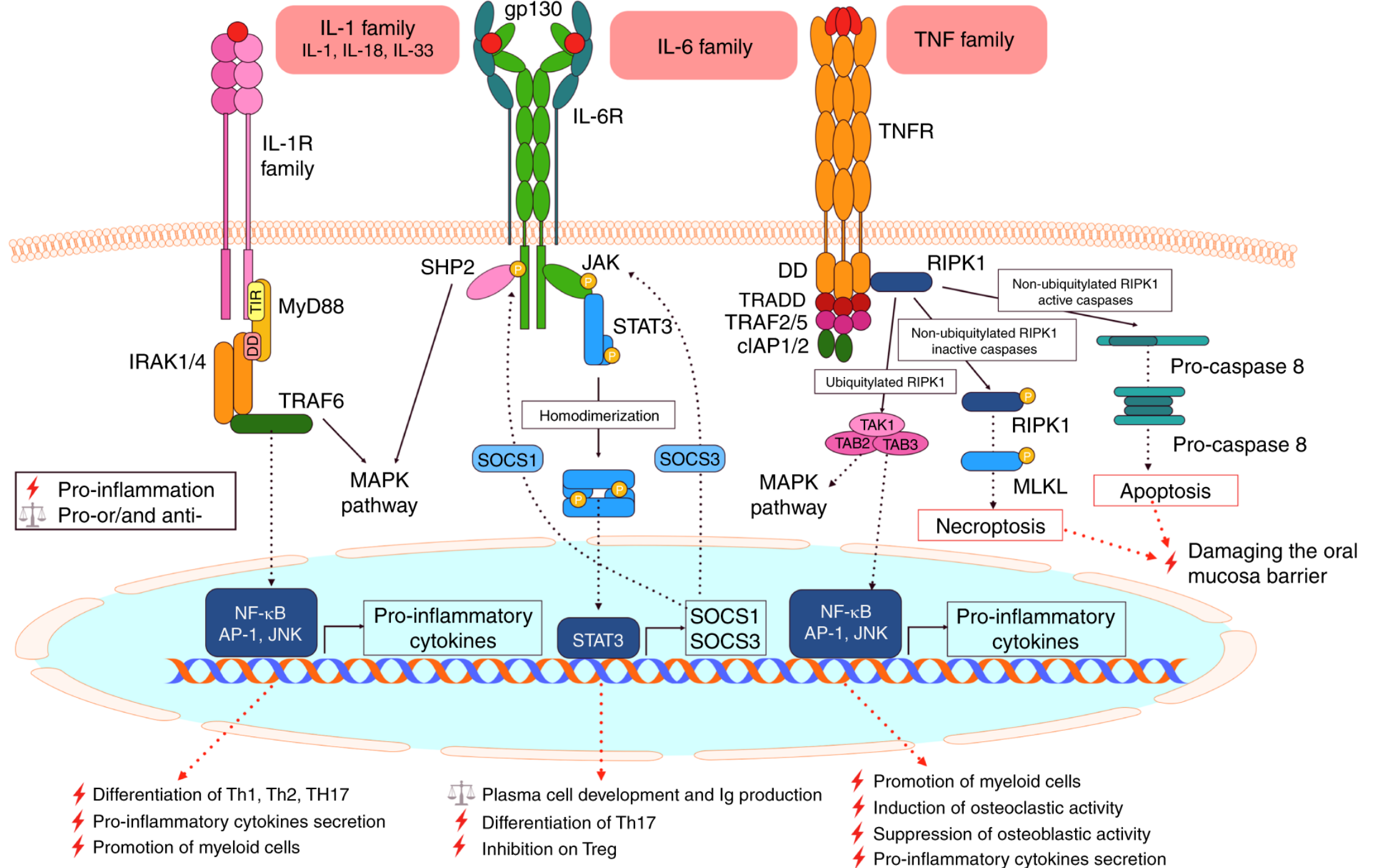
- generic name for a diverse group of soluble proteins and peptides
- act as humoral regulators at nano- to picomolar concentrations under normal or pathological conditions
- **modulate the functional activities of individual cells and tissues.**
- These proteins also mediate interactions between cells directly and regulate processes taking place in the extracellular environment.



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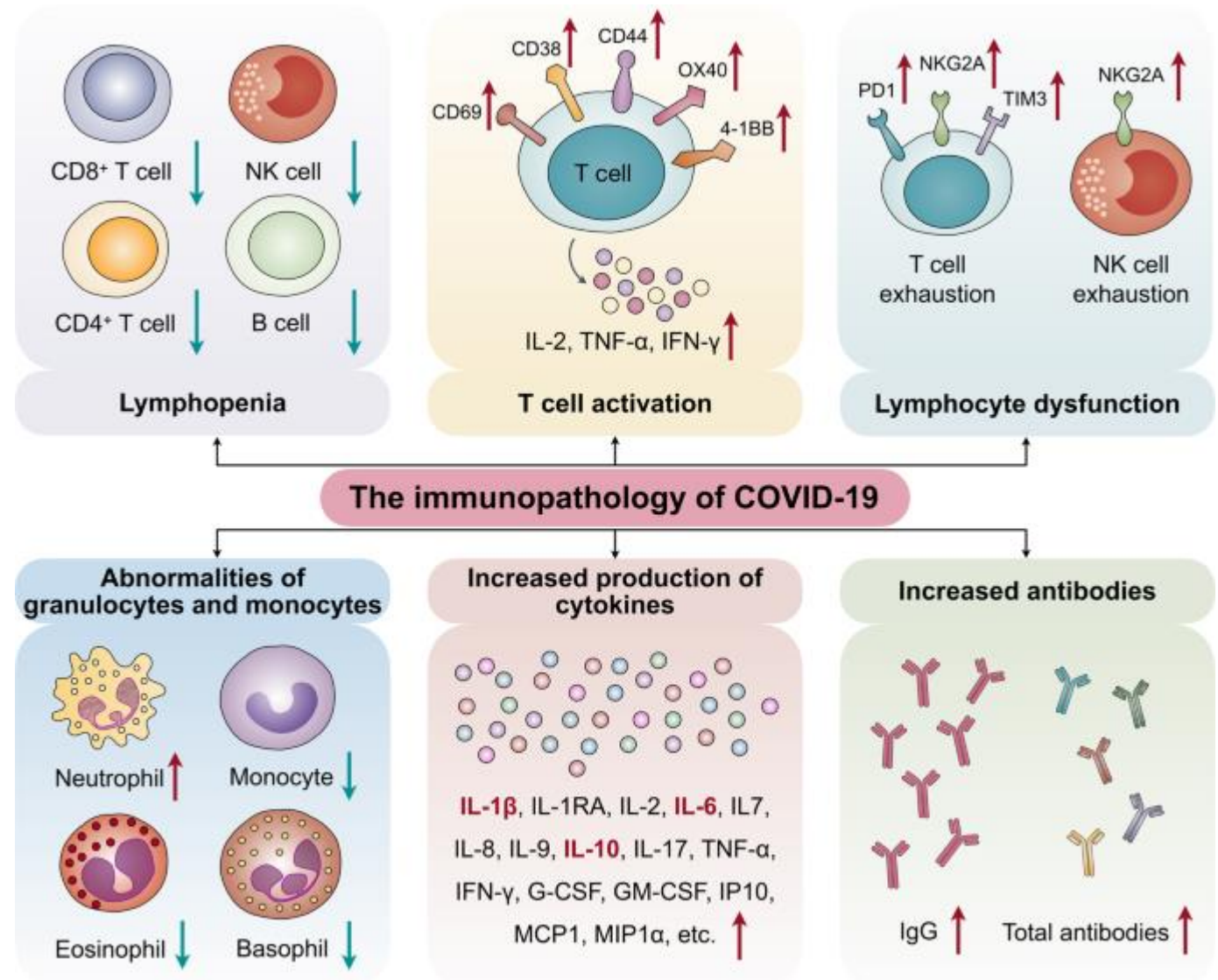
# Cytokine network

- This term essentially refers to the **extremely complex interactions of cytokines** by which they induce or suppress their own synthesis or that of other cytokines or their receptors, and antagonize or synergies with each other in many different and often redundant ways.
- These interactions often resemble Cytokine cascades with one cytokine initially triggering the expression of one or more other cytokines that, in turn, trigger the expression of further factors and create complicated feedback regulatory circuits.
- Mutually interdependent **pleiotropic cytokines** usually interact with a variety of cells, tissues and organs and produce various regulatory effects, both local and systemic.



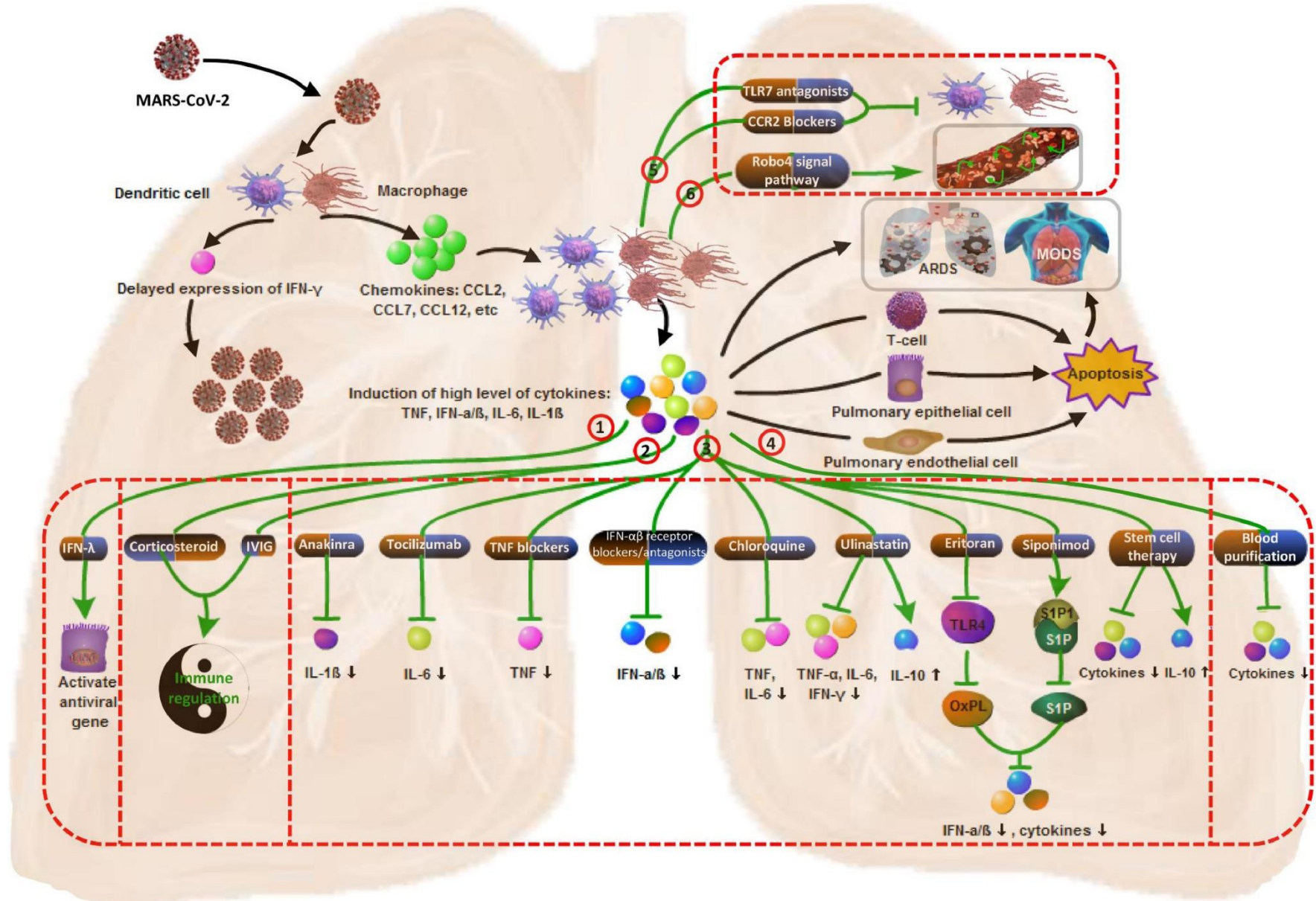
## “cytokine storm”

- extreme increase in inflammatory cytokines, including IL-1 $\beta$ , IL-2, IL-6, IL-7, IL-8, IL-10, granulocyte-colony stimulating factor (G-CSF), granulocyte macrophage-colony stimulating factor (GM-CSF), interferon-inducible protein-10 (IP10), monocyte chemotactic protein 1 (MCP1), macrophage inflammation protein-1 $\alpha$ , IFN- $\gamma$ , and TNF- $\alpha$ .



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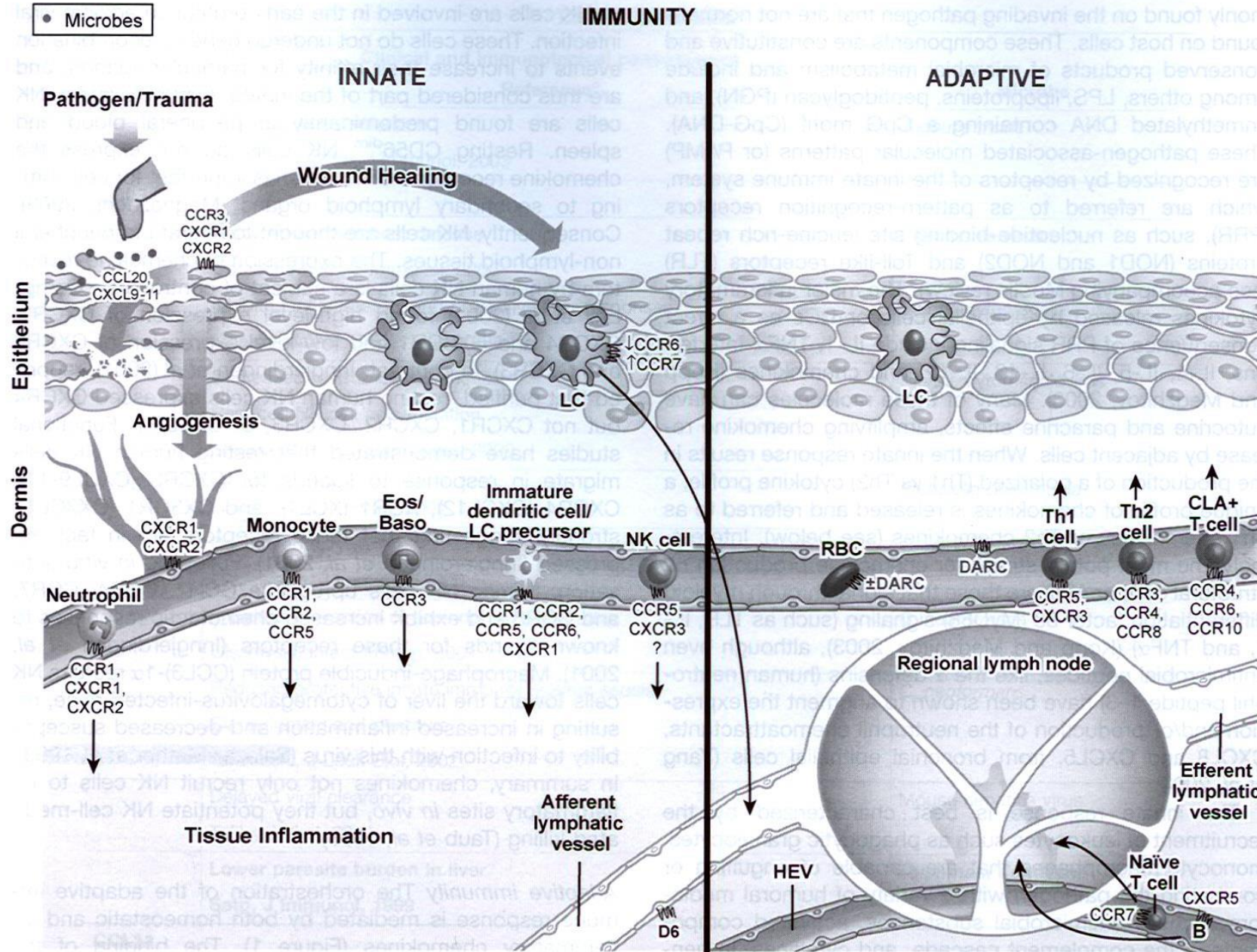
# Chemokines

- ✓ Generic name given to a family of pro-inflammatory activation-inducible cytokines. These proteins are mainly **chemotactic for different cell types.**
- ✓ All chemokines possess a number of conserved cysteine residues involved in intramolecular disulfide bond formation, which allows chemokines to be grouped into families according to the presence or absence of one or more conserved cysteine residues.

# Chemokines

- According to their mode of expression and function, chemokines have been categorized as inflammatory chemokines and homeostatic chemokines.
- **Inflammatory chemokines** are expressed usually by leukocytes or related cells only upon cell activation. These factors mediate emigration of leukocytes.
- **Homeostatic chemokines** are expressed constitutively and are involved usually in relocation of lymphocytes or other cell types.
- **Dual-function chemokines** can act as inflammatory cytokines or homeostatic cytokines.





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# Wound healing

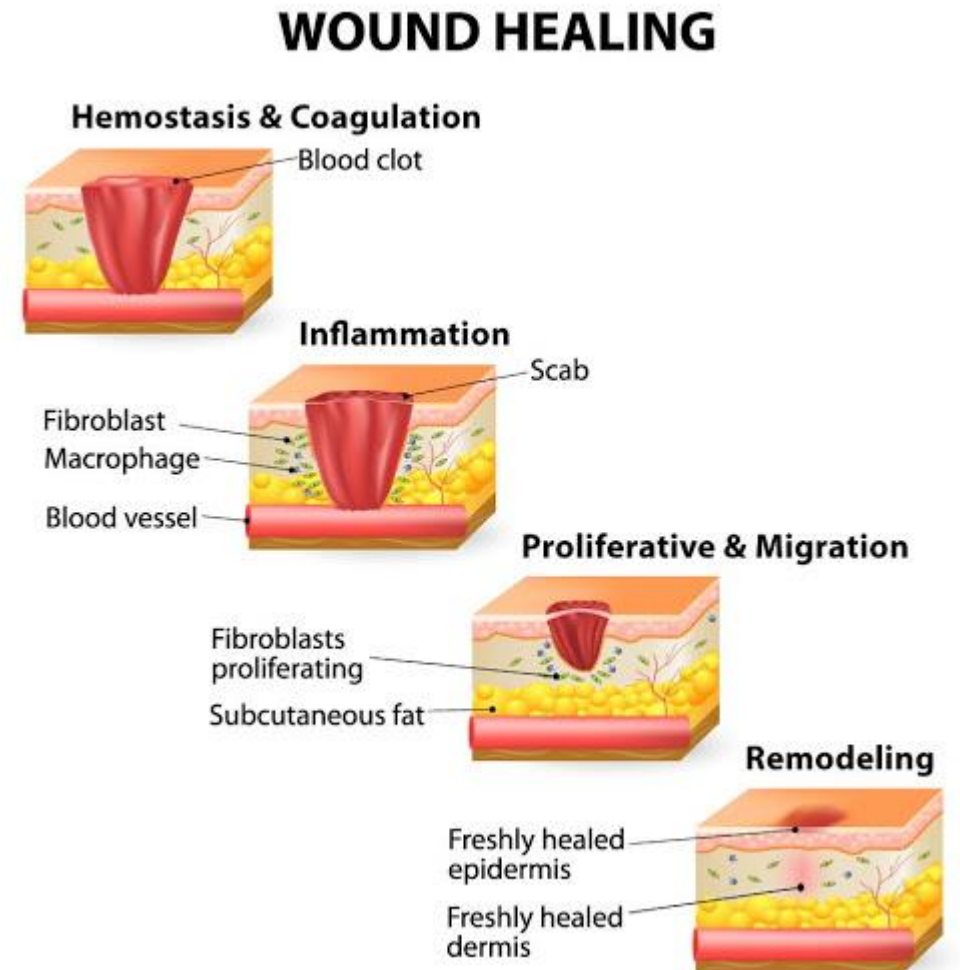
# Wound healing

- Wound healing is the process of repair that follows injury to the skin and other soft tissues.
- Healing is the interaction of a complex cascade of cellular events that generates resurfacing, reconstitution, and restoration of the tensile strength of injured tissue.
- Under the most ideal circumstances, healing is a systematic process, traditionally explained in terms of 3 classic phases: **inflammation, proliferation, and maturation.**

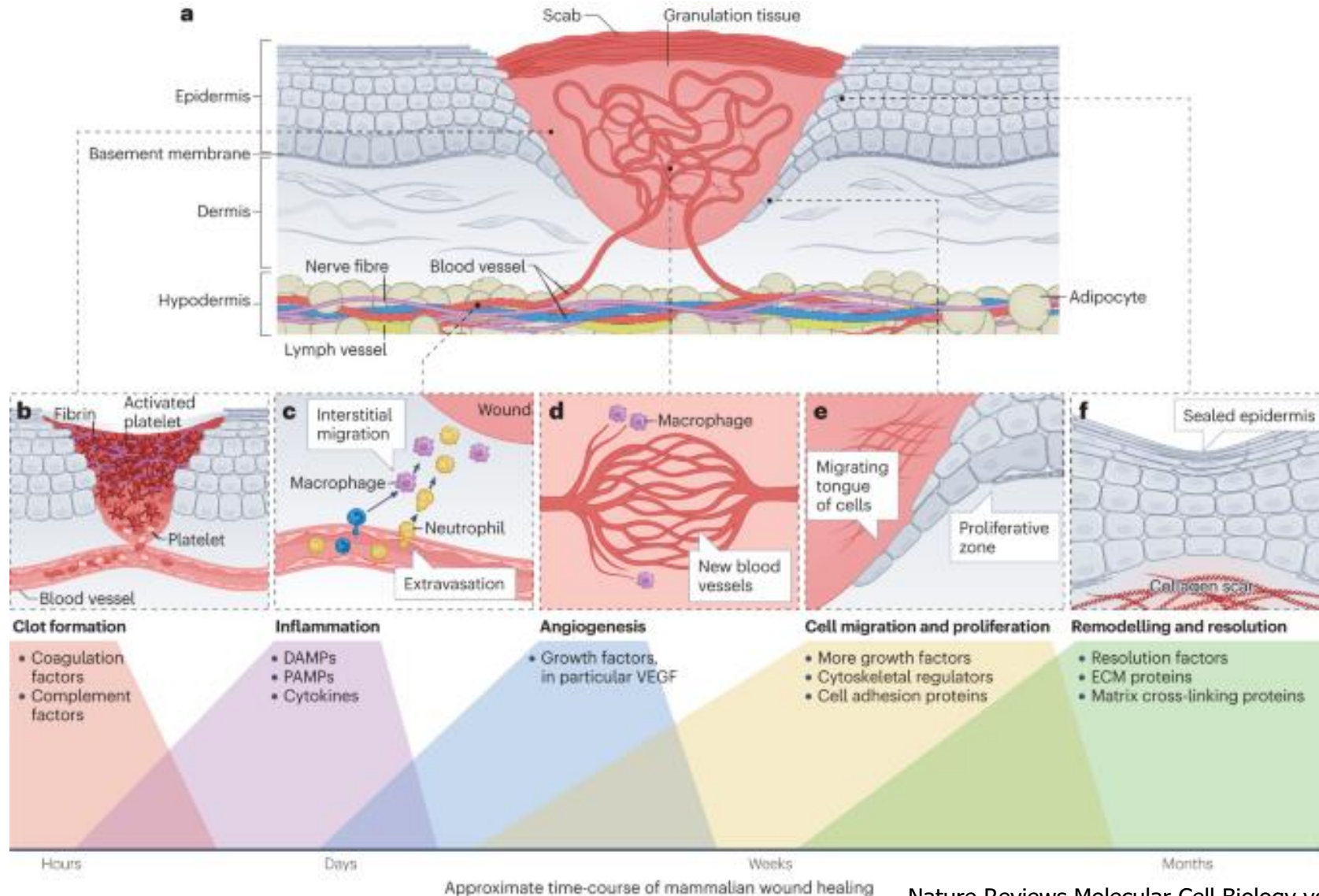


# Wound healing

- **The inflammatory phase:**
  - a clot forms and cells of inflammation debride injured tissue.
- **The proliferative phase:**
  - epithelialization, fibroplasia, and angiogenesis occur; additionally, granulation tissue forms and the wound begins to contract.
- **The maturation phase:**
  - Collagen forms tight cross-links to other collagen and with protein molecules, increasing the tensile strength of the scar.



# Phases of wound healing



# I. Inflammatory Phase

Immediate to 2-5 days

## – Hemostasis

- Vasoconstriction
- Platelet aggregation
- Clot formation

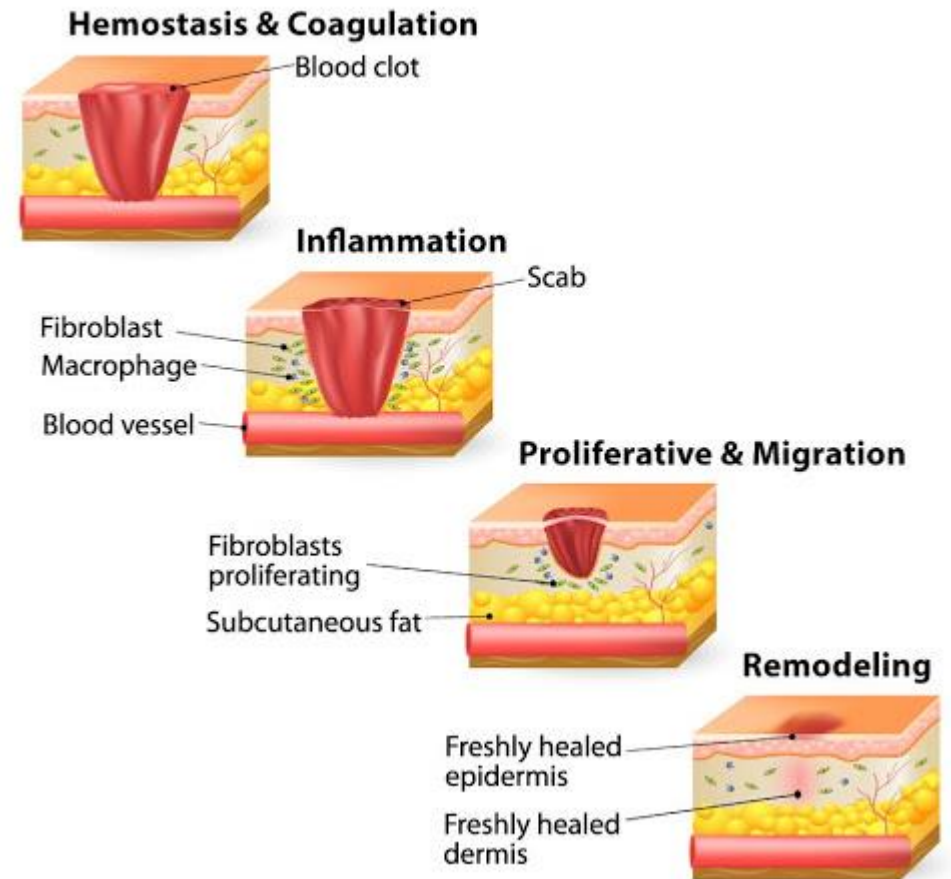
## – Inflammation

- Vasodilation
- Phagocytosis

## – Fibrin products

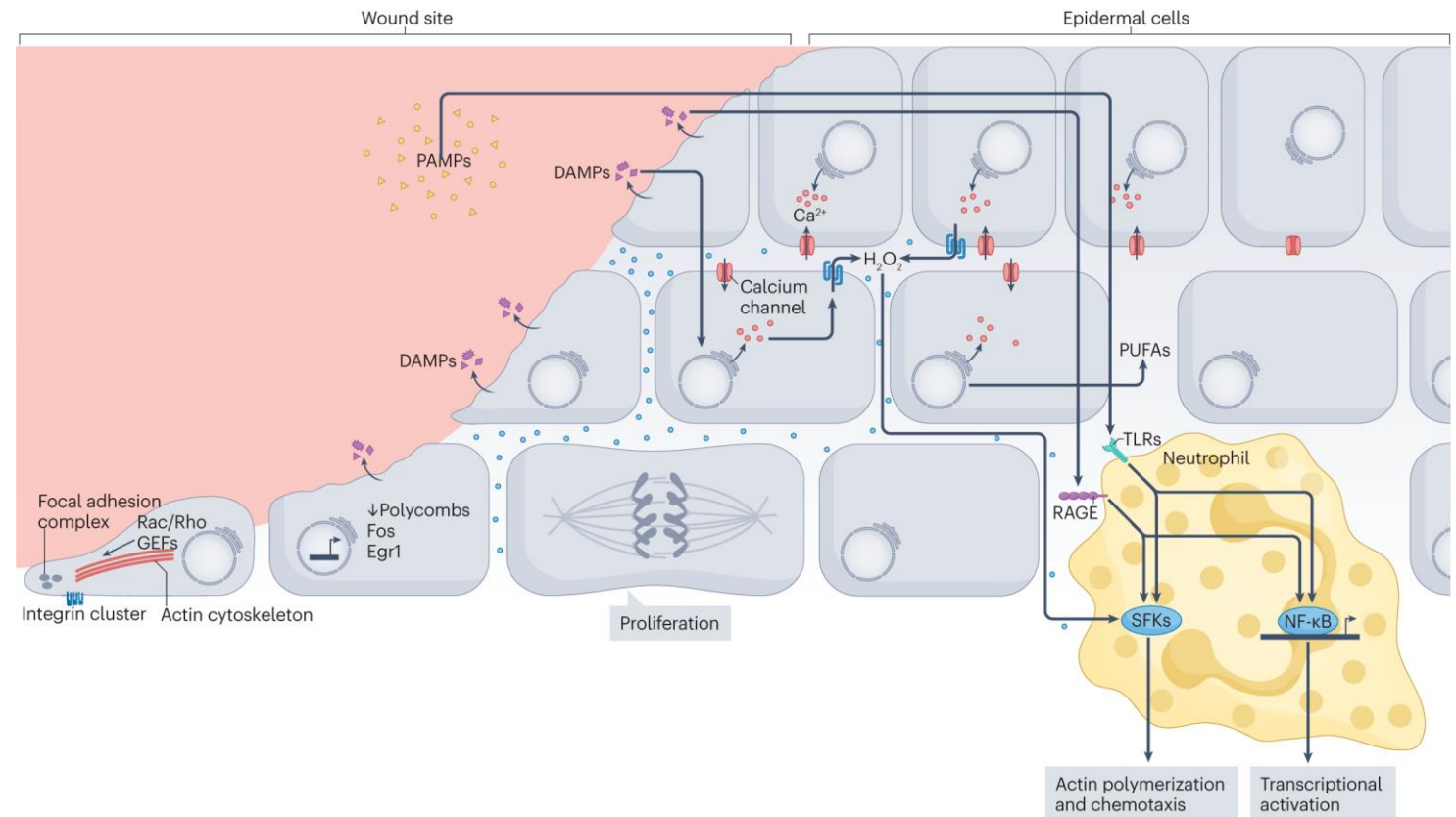
- essential to wound healing and
- primary component of the wound matrix into which inflammatory cells, platelets, and plasma proteins migrate.
- Removal of the fibrin matrix impedes wound healing.

## WOUND HEALING



# Activation of inflammation

- damage-associated molecular patterns (DAMPs) and pathogen-associated molecular patterns (PAMPs) from damaged neighbouring cells and microorganisms, and both will activate various Toll-like receptors (TLRs) and receptors such as receptor for advanced glycosylation end products (RAGE)
- DAMPs or any membrane damage to wound edge cells will trigger  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  influx into the cytoplasmic space
- $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  wave and the release of ROS generated by Nox (NADPH oxidase) and Duox (dual oxidase) enzymes

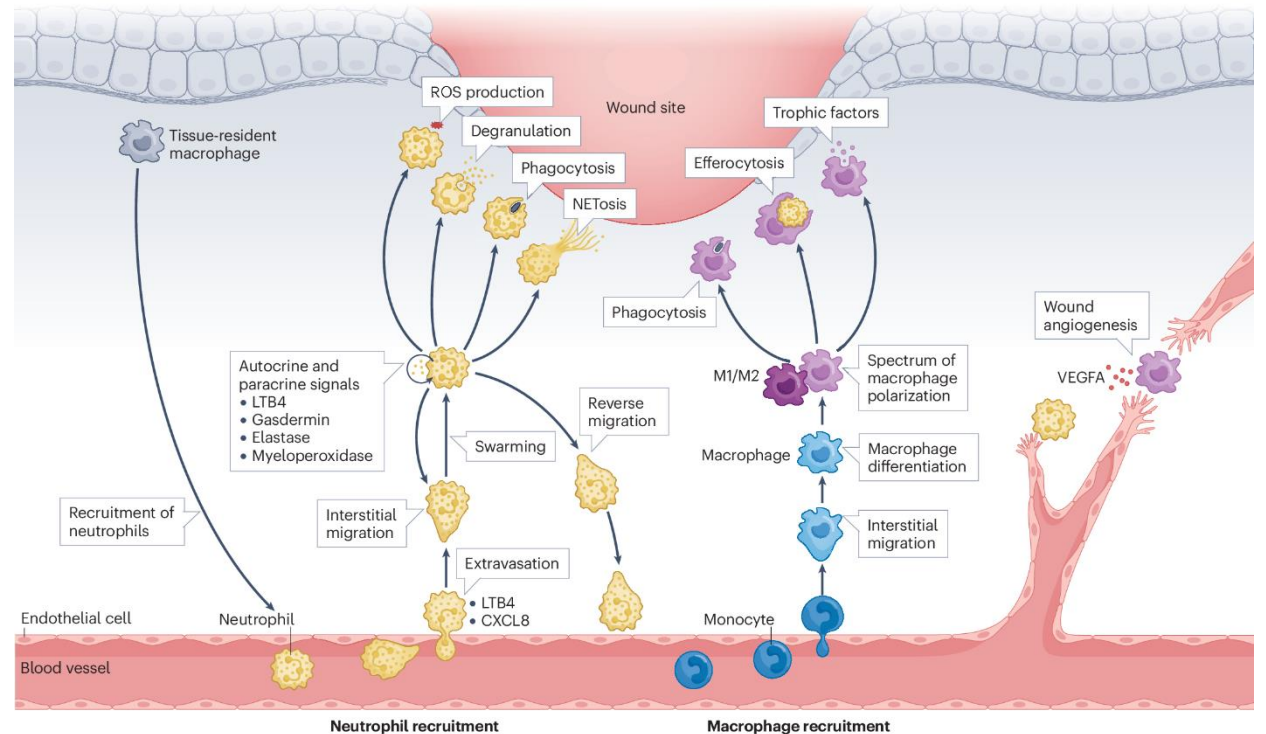


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# Wound inflammatory response and the roles of neutrophils and macrophages

- Neutrophils are recruited
  - passively through blood loss or by active extravasation from the vasculature.
- macrophages
  - local tissue residents or derive from extravasating monocytes from the vasculature.
- Extravasated immune cells migrate interstitially towards the wound following gradients of different inflammatory signals such as  $H_2O_2$ , DAMPs and PAMPs.
  - at the site of the wound - release signals to recruit more inflammatory cells



## II. Proliferative Phase

**2 days to 3 weeks**

### – B) Granulation

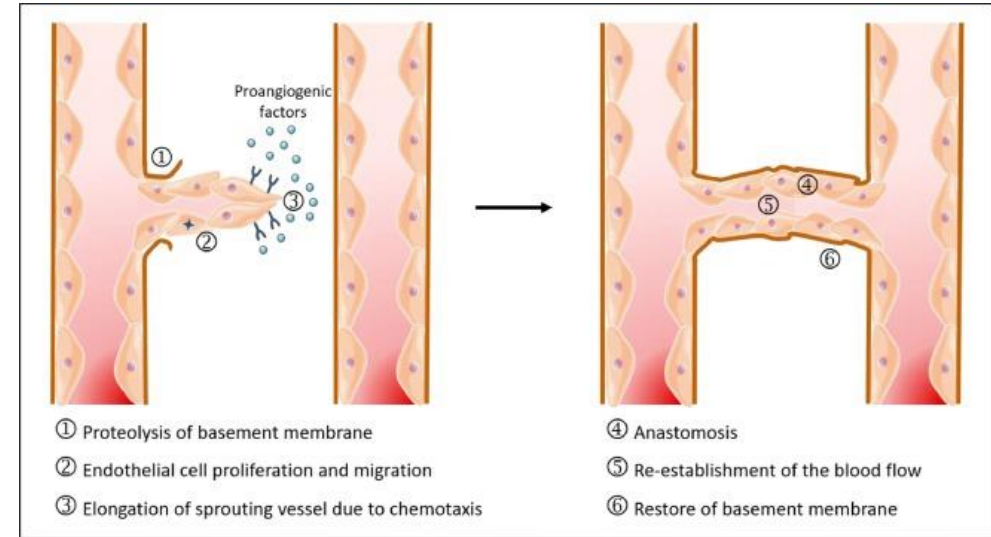
- Fibroblasts lay bed of collagen - scaffold for migration and further fibroblast proliferation

### – C) Contraction

- Wound edges pull together to reduce defect

### – D) Epithelialization

- Crosses moist surface
- Cell travel about 3 cm from point of origin in all directions



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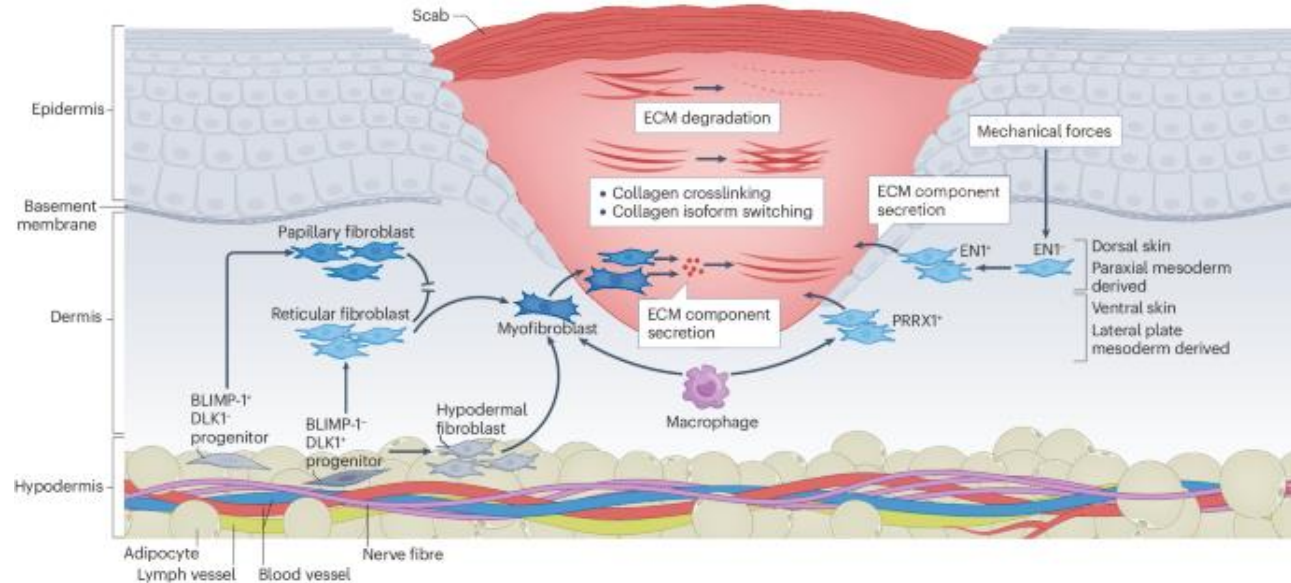
vascular network is also re-established through **angiogenesis**

- main regulator of angiogenesis is the vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) family, which includes VEGF-A, VEGF-B, VEGF-C, VEGF-D and placental growth factor (PIGF)



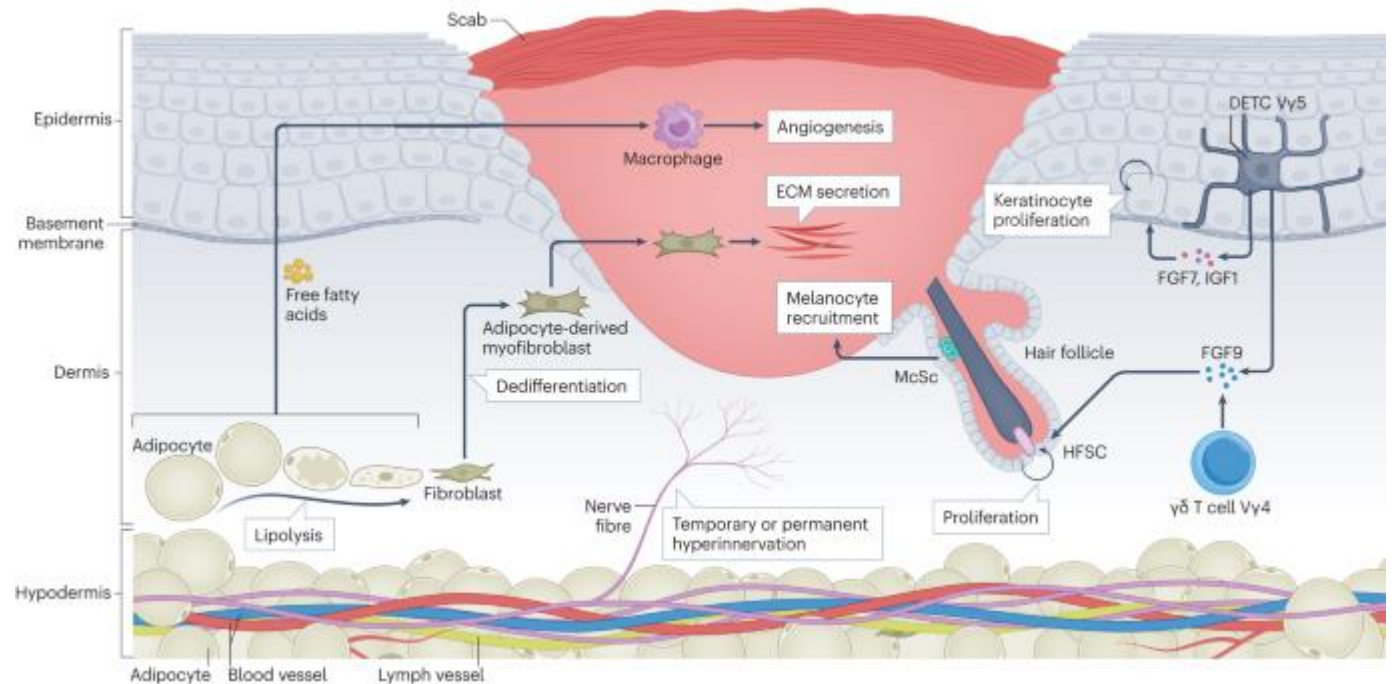
# Role of fibroblasts

- Various fibroblastic lineages from different anatomical locations contribute to the deposition of wound matrix mediated by mechanical signals and signals from inflammatory macrophages
- microanatomical cellular differences in contribution to scarring,
- gross anatomical locations of the body have different predispositions to scarring, with some sites being very prone to scarring, for example, the back, whereas other sites, most notably the mouth, tend to be almost scar resistant



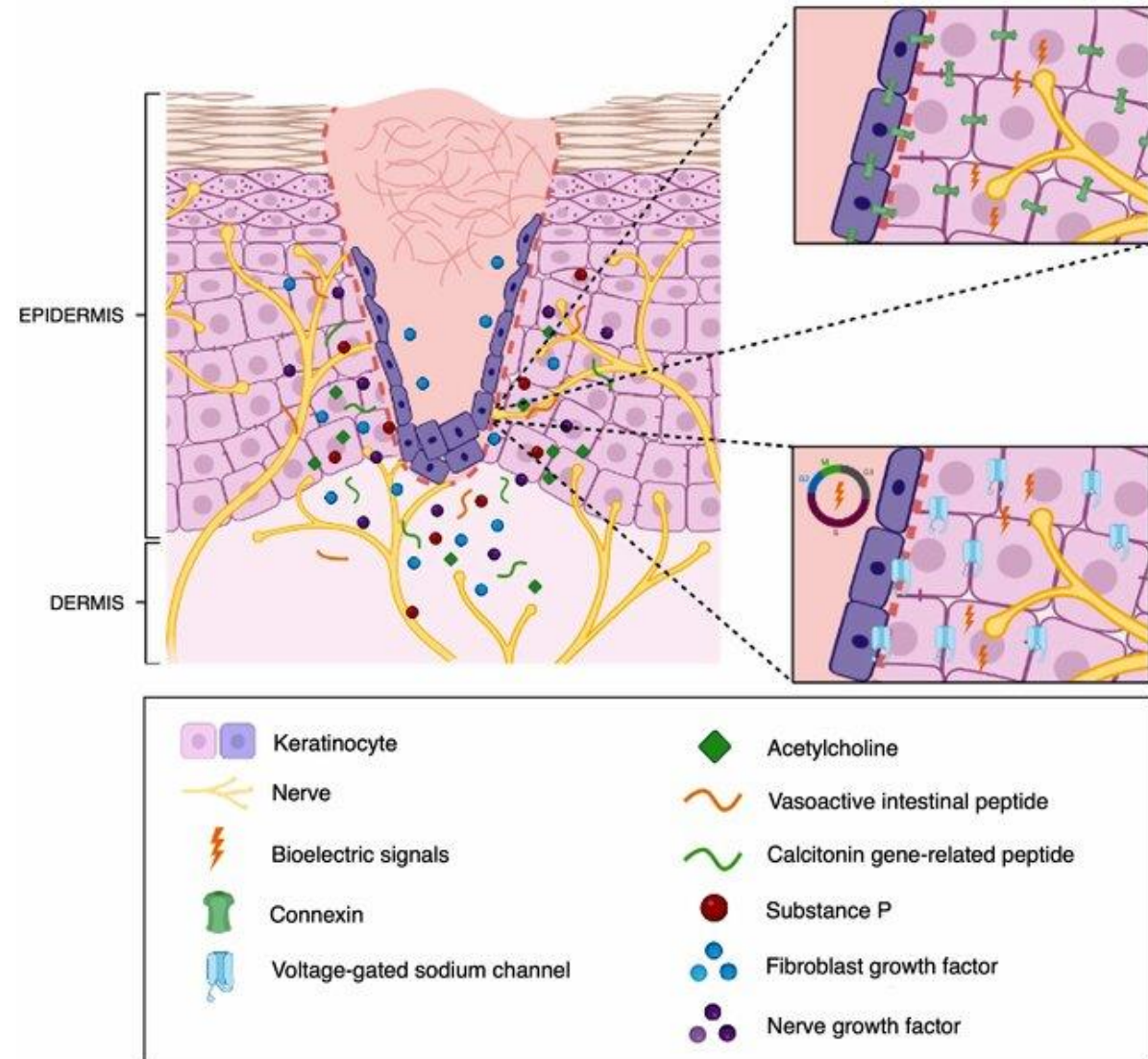
# Roles of other cell types in wound healing

- adipocytes at the wound edge
  - undergo lipolysis and release free fatty acids that activate macrophages and induce angiogenesis
  - dedifferentiate to become myofibroblasts and then migrate into the wound bed and secrete extracellular matrix (ECM) components
- melanoblasts and melanocytes
- mast cells
- neurones



# Nerves are important

- Nerve fibers infiltrate the epidermis and dermis of the skin. After injury, nerves secrete growth factors, neurotransmitters and neuropeptides, modulate gap junction expression, and influence bioelectric signaling to drive keratinocyte proliferation and migration during reepithelialization and wound healing.

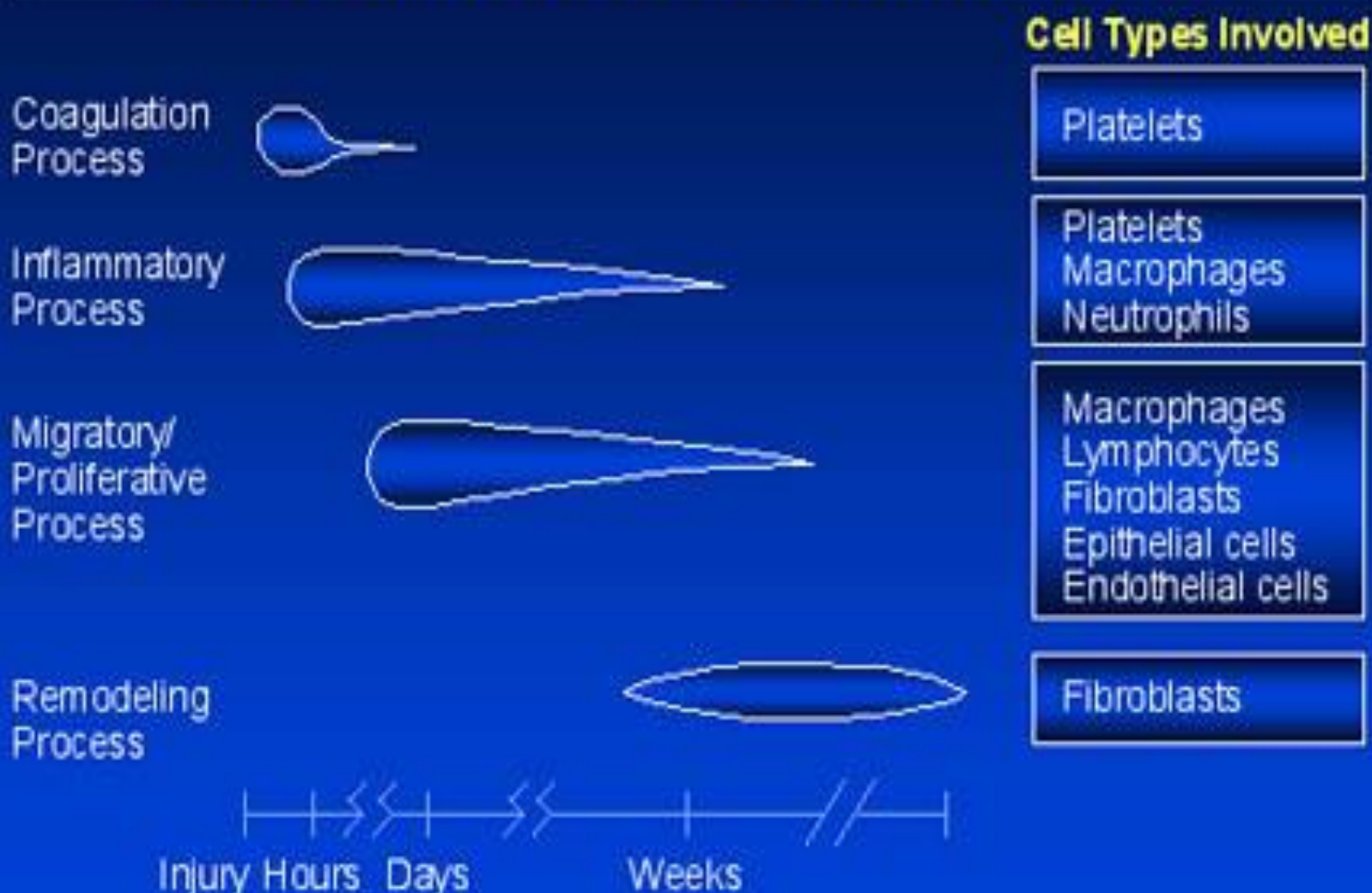


# III. Maturation Phase

- During the maturation phase, **fibroblasts leave the wound and collagen is remodeled** into a more organized matrix.
- **Tensile strength increases** for up to one year following the injury.  
While healed wounds never regain the full strength of uninjured skin, they can regain up to 70 to 80% of its original strength.



# COMPONENTS OF WOUND HEALING

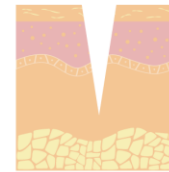


First intention healing occurs when there is no tissue loss, and the edges of the skin or its components are closely juxtaposed, resulting in relatively rapid healing.

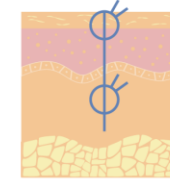
Second intention healing, conversely, is observed when tissue loss is significant, and the edges of the skin are distant, leading to a slower healing process.

Third intention healing involves surgically correcting wounds after the formation of granulation tissue or to control infection, ultimately yielding improved functional and aesthetic outcomes.

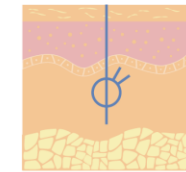
### Primary intention



Clean incision

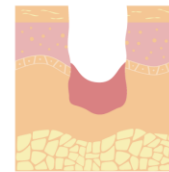


Early suture

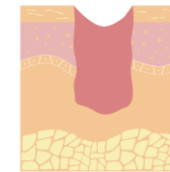


Hairline scar

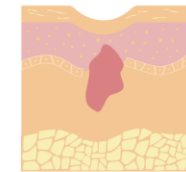
### Secondary intention



Gaping irregular wound

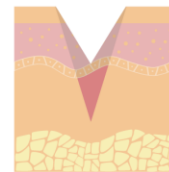


Granulation

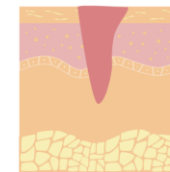


Epithelium grows over scar

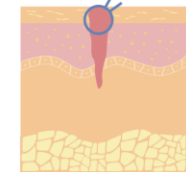
### Tertiary intention



Wound



Increased granulation



Late suturing with wide scar



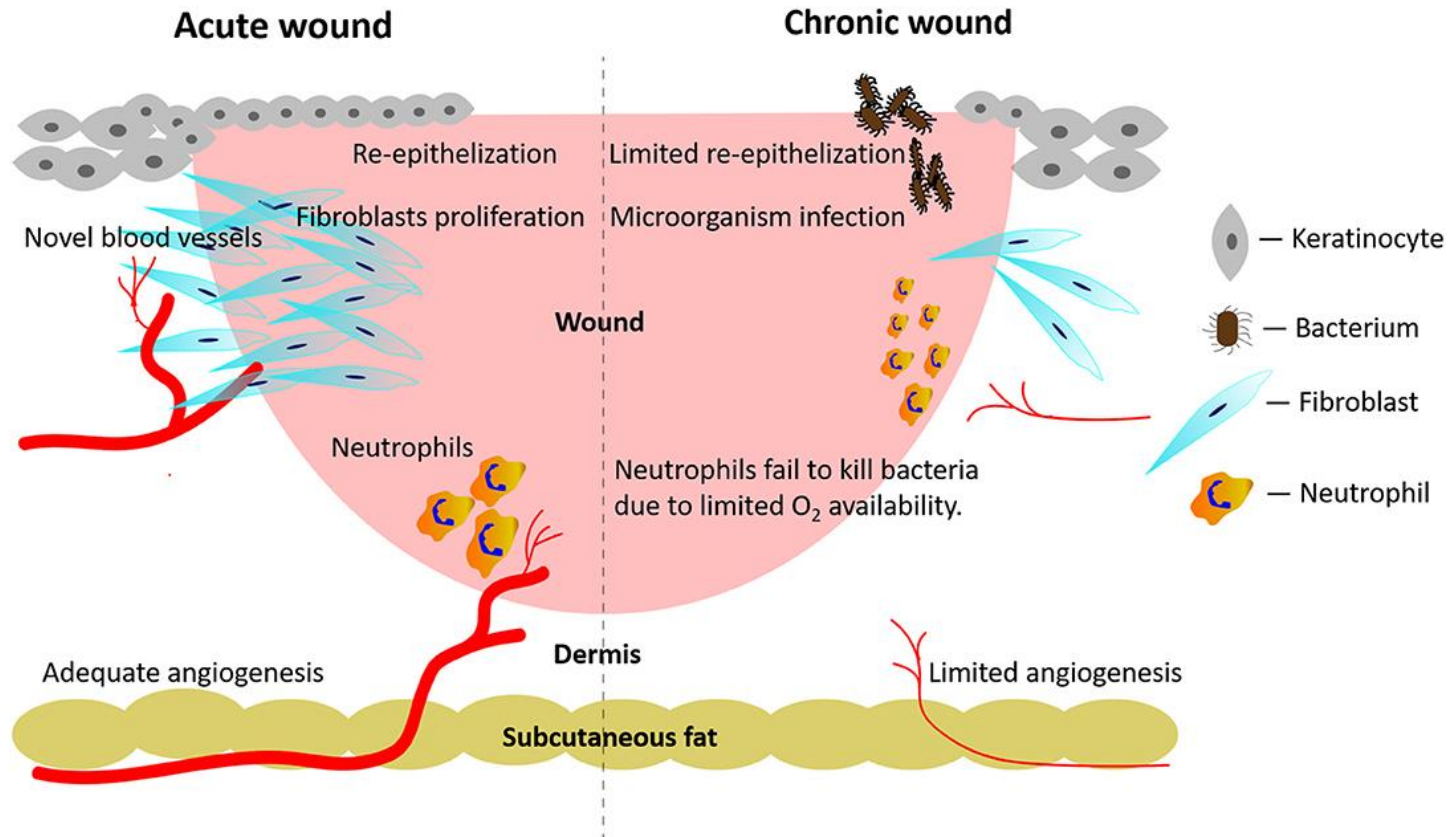
# Acute vs. chronic wound

## – Acute wounds

- adequate angiogenesis promotes re-epithelialization, fibroblasts' proliferation, and neutrophils' anti-infection activities.

## – Chronic wounds

- persistent local bacterial infections hinder the formation of novel blood vessels. The restricted angiogenesis hampers fibroblasts' proliferation and the neutrophils' anti-infection activities.



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# Factors affecting wound healing

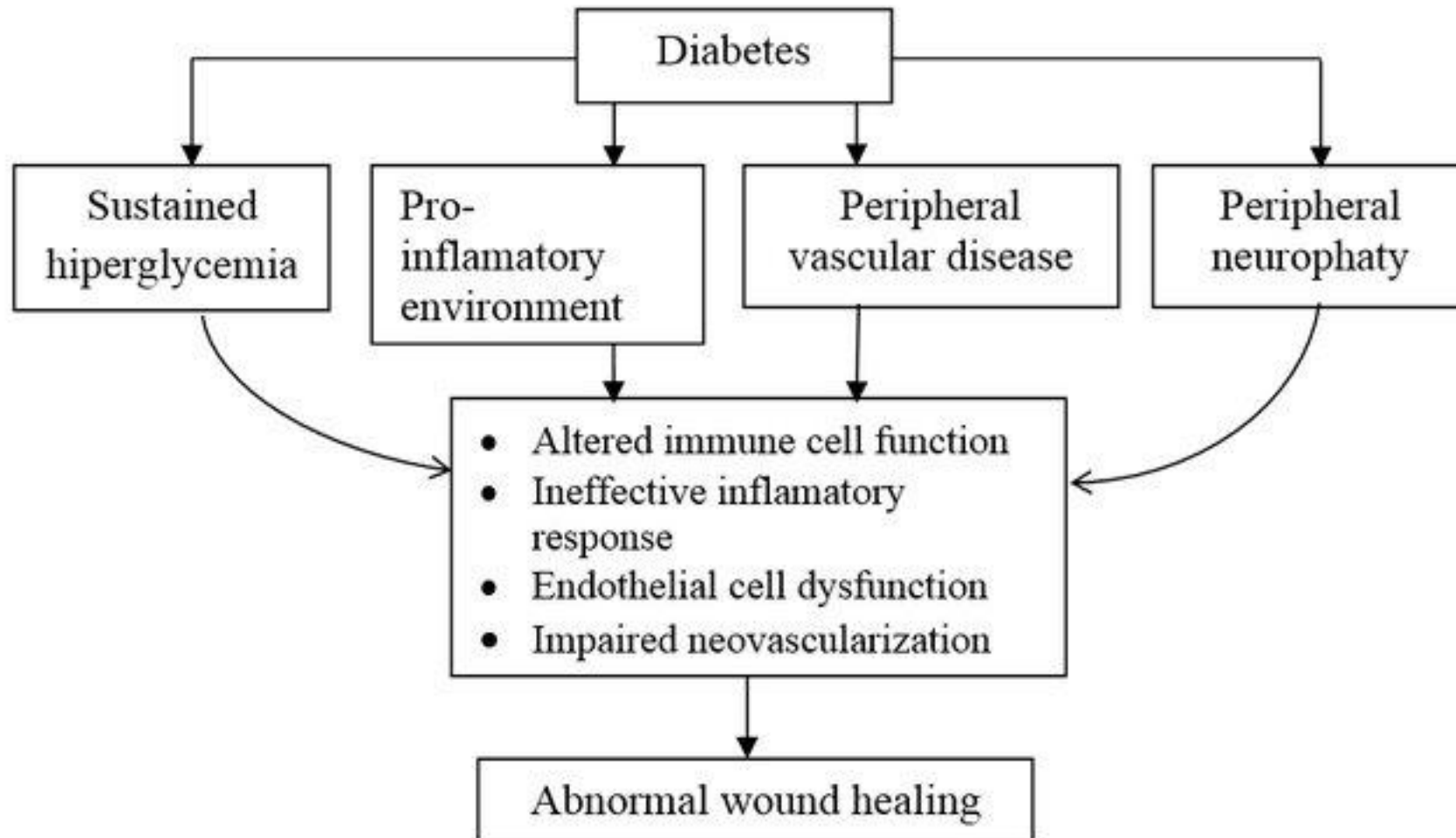
## Systemic factors

- Age
- Nutrition
- Trauma
- Metabolic diseases
- Immunosuppression
- Connective tissue disorders
- smoking

## Local factors

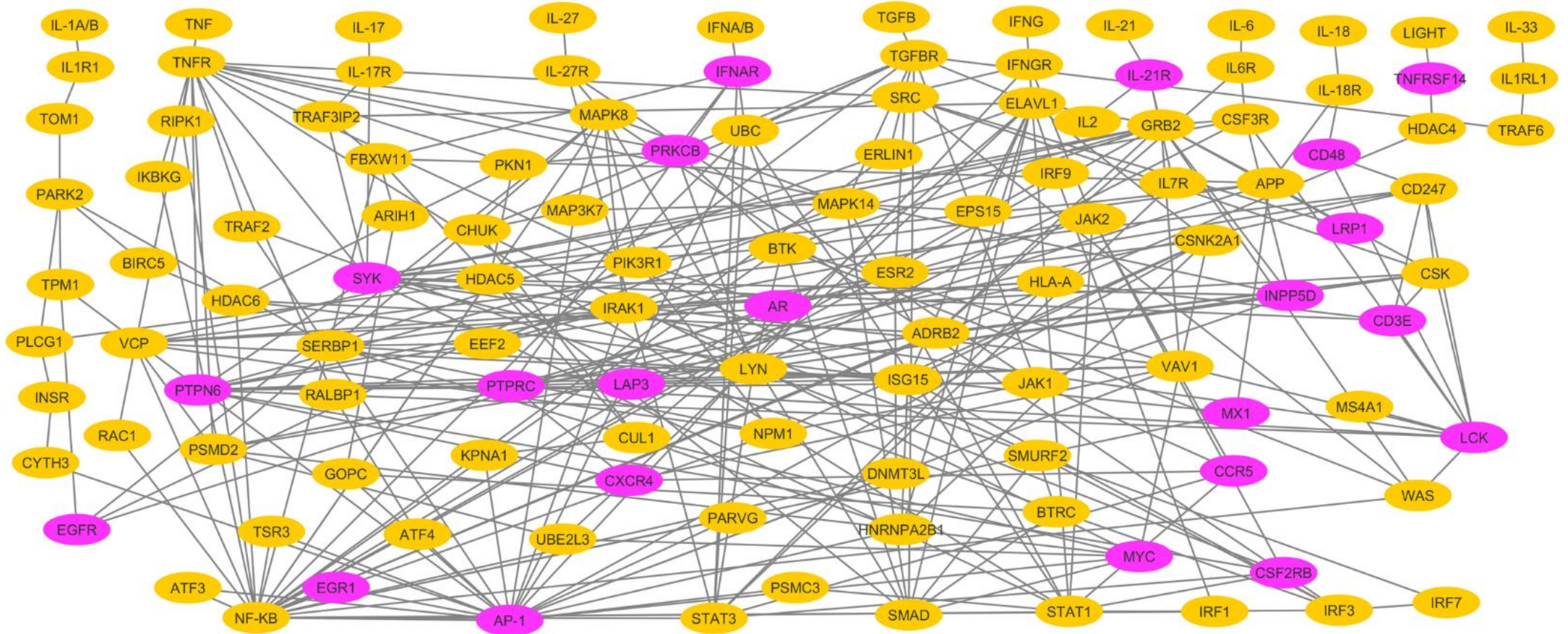
- Mechanical injury
- Infection
- Edema
- Topical agents
- Ionizing radiation
- Necrotic tissue
- Low oxygen tension
- Foreign bodies

# Wound healing in DM





# Thank you for attention



# Regenerative medicine

