

# Growth factors in cancer cell signaling

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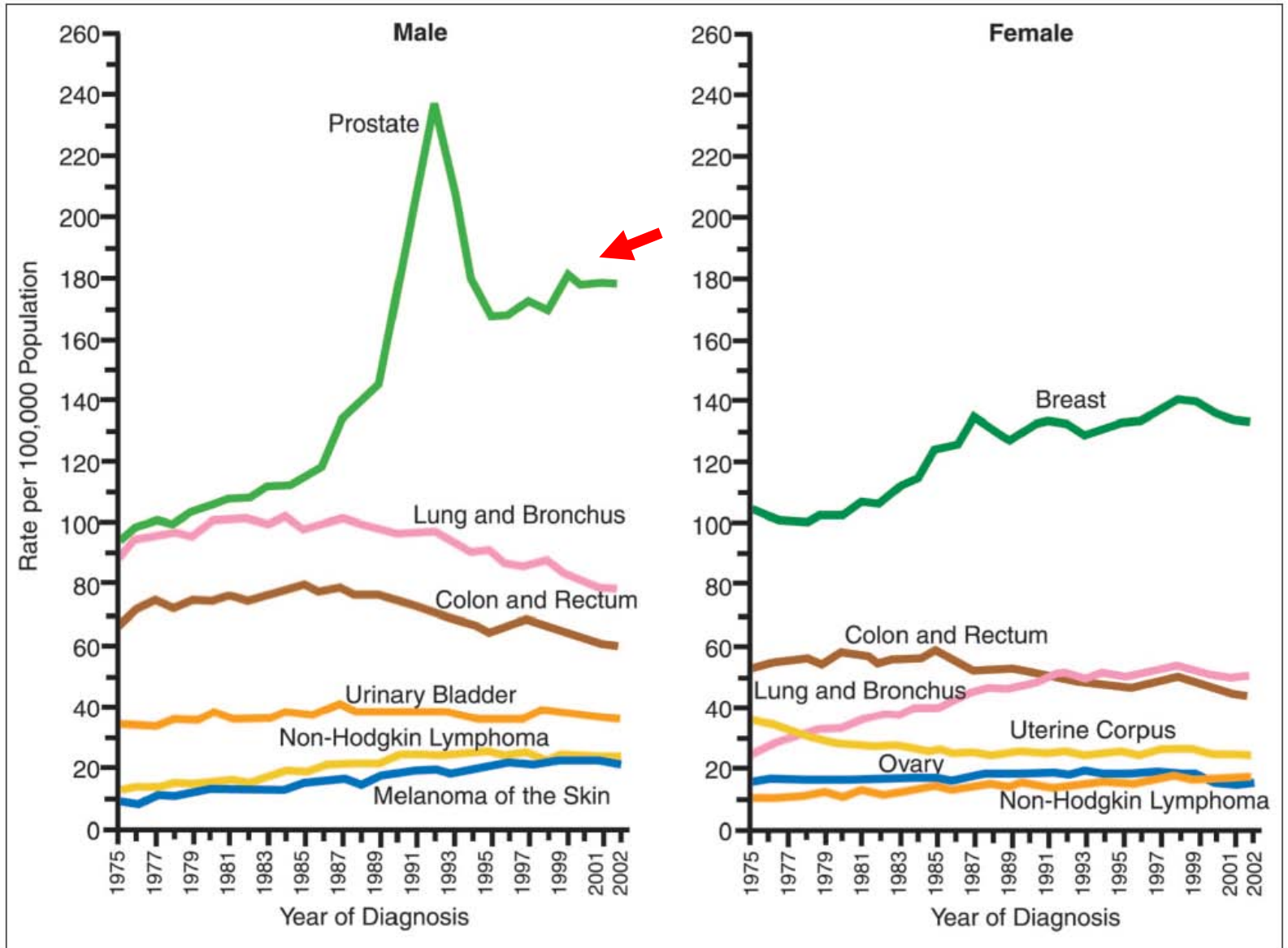
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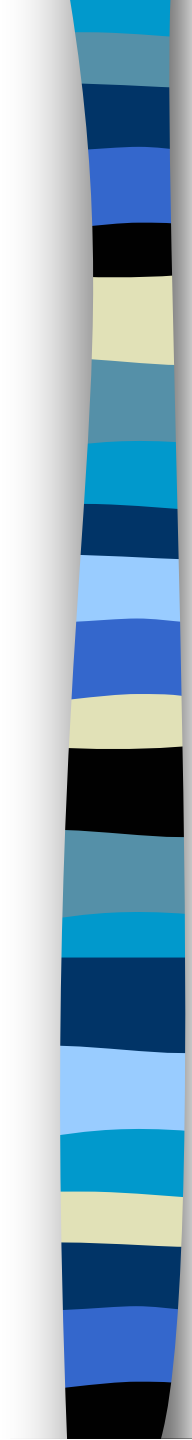
- cancer **is not** single cell disease;
- **tissue microenvironment** plays an important role in tumor initiation and progression;
- **growth factors - cytokines** - play crucial role in cancer development and some of them belong to the **significant autocrine/paracrine factors** produced by various cell types in tumor microenvironment;
- modulation of their signal transduction represent potential target for therapy.



# Growth factors in cancer cell signaling

- What is a role of TGF- $\beta$  family cytokines in chemopreventive action of inhibitors of arachidonic acid metabolism?
- How we can effectively modify neuroendocrine differentiation of the cancer cells?





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## Growth Differentiation factor – 15 (GDF-15)

### **NAG-1 (Non Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs)-Activated Gene)**

placental transforming growth factor beta (PTGF- $\beta$ )

macrophage inhibitory cytokine-1 (MIC-1)

placental bone morphogenetic protein

Prostate-derived factor (PDF)

- TGF- $\beta$  family member
- Cancer progression inhibitor
  - Inductor of apoptosis
  - Inhibitor of proliferation?

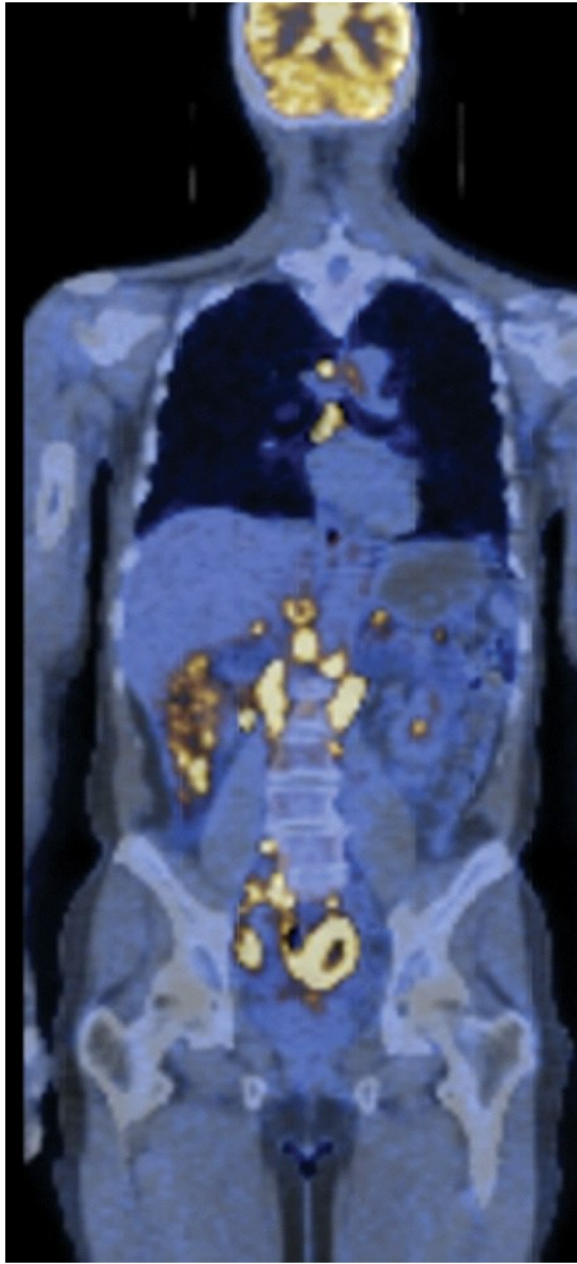


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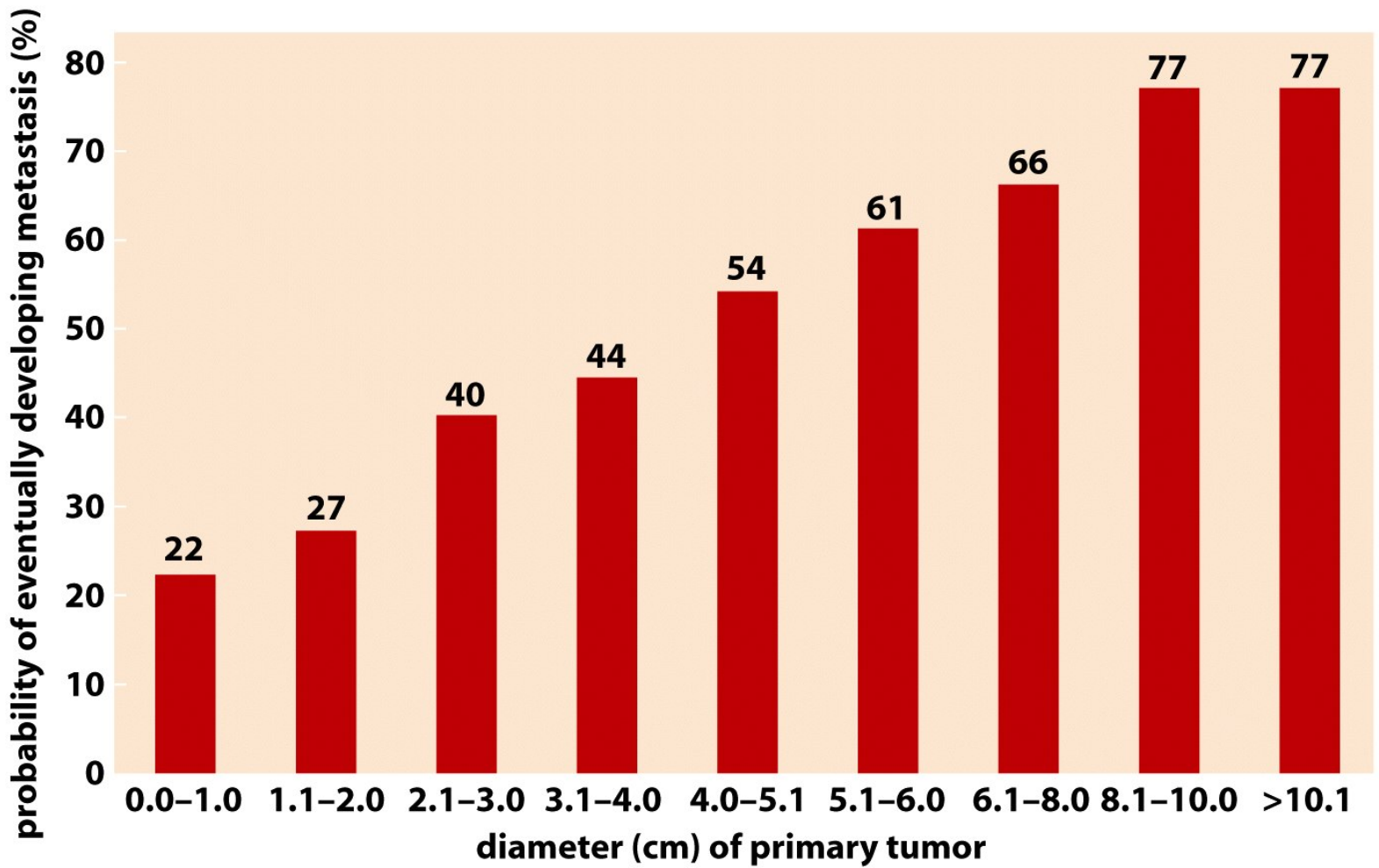


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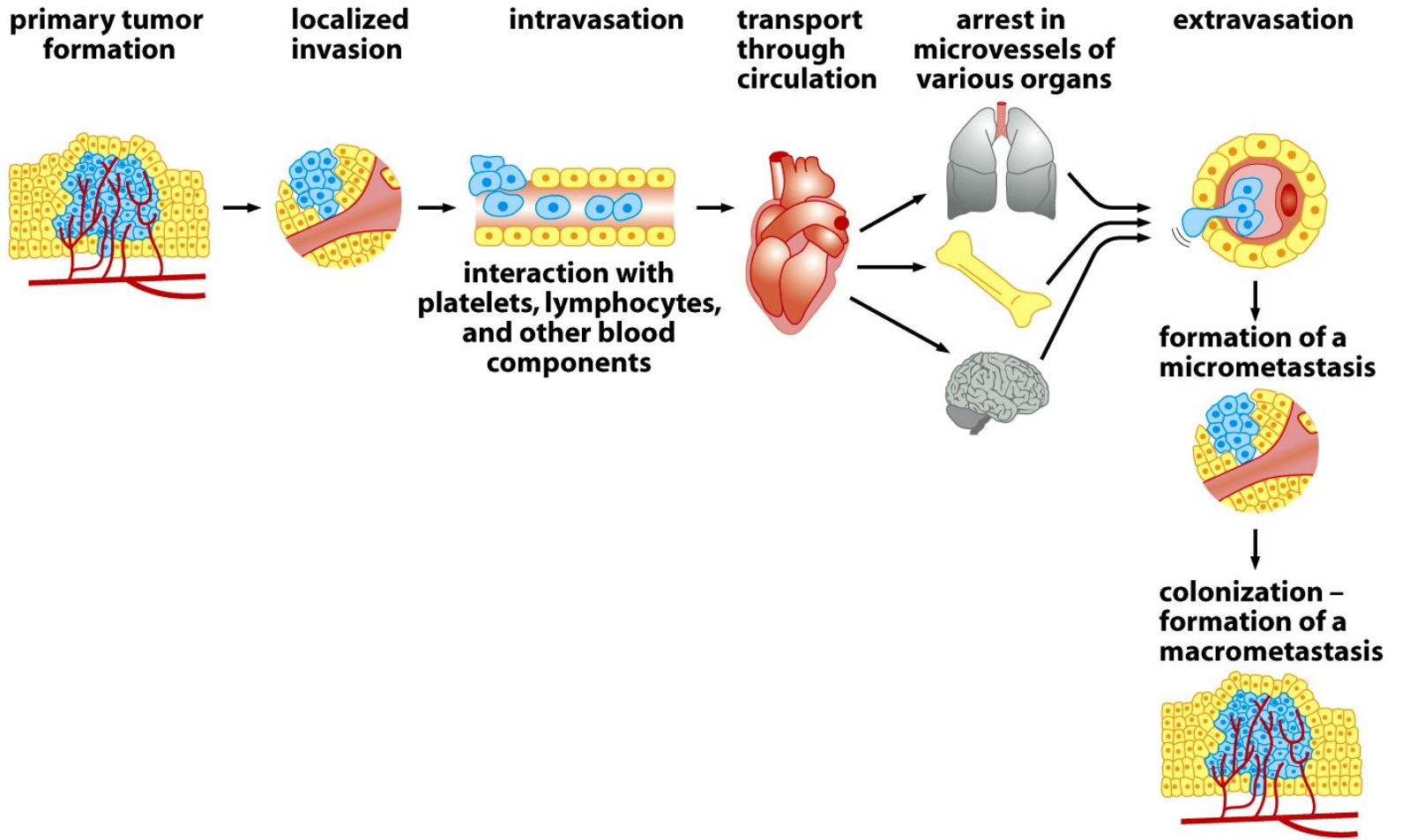
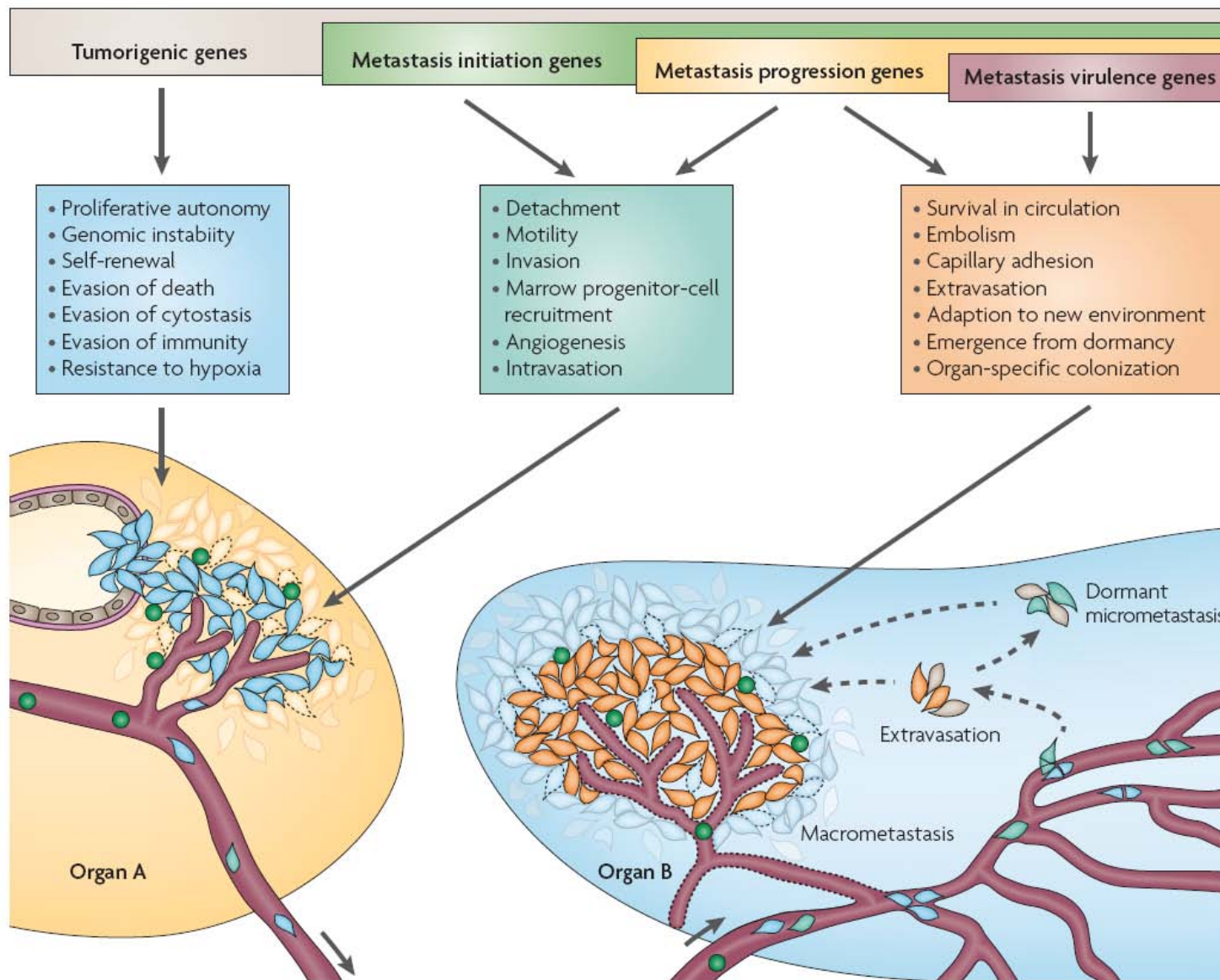


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# Genetic determinants of cancer metastasis

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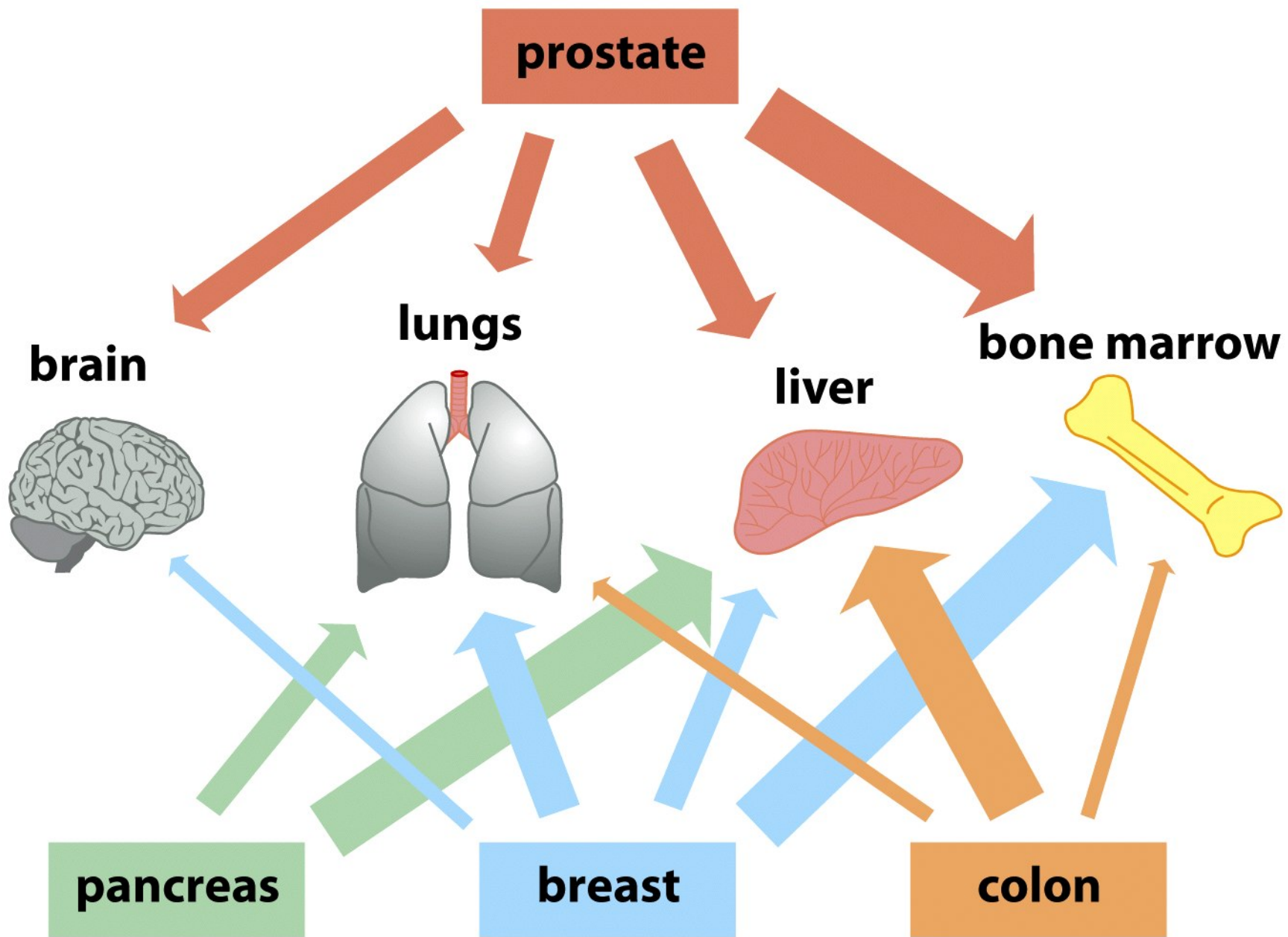
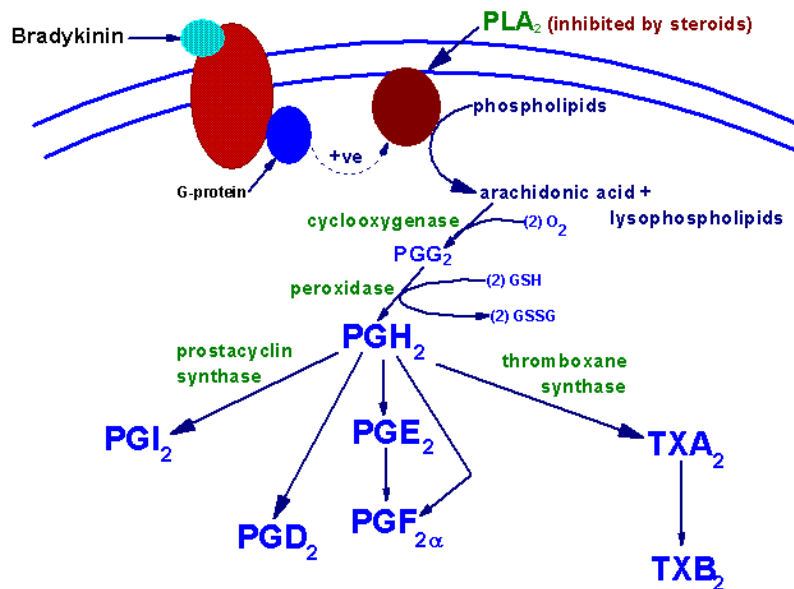


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# Cyclooxygenases (COX-1, -1b, -2)

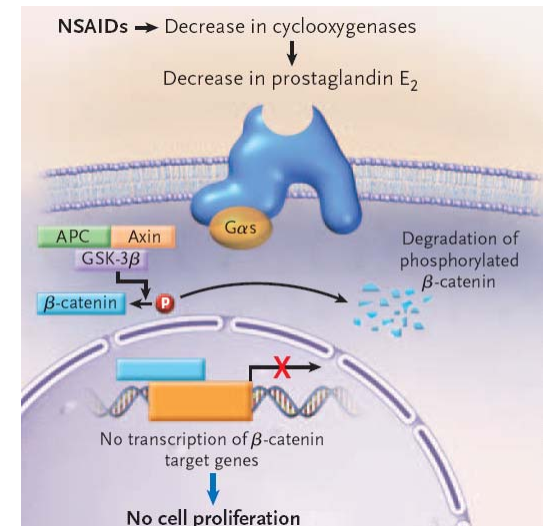
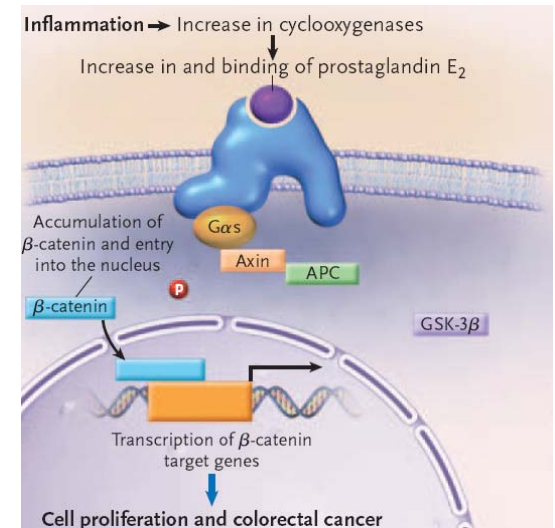
- key enzymes of arachidonic acid metabolism



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... and its inhibitors

- Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)
- COX-2 specific inhibitors

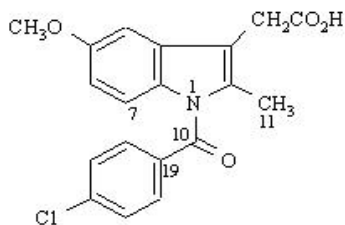


# Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)

- variety of mechanisms
- cancer chemoprevention



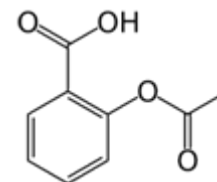
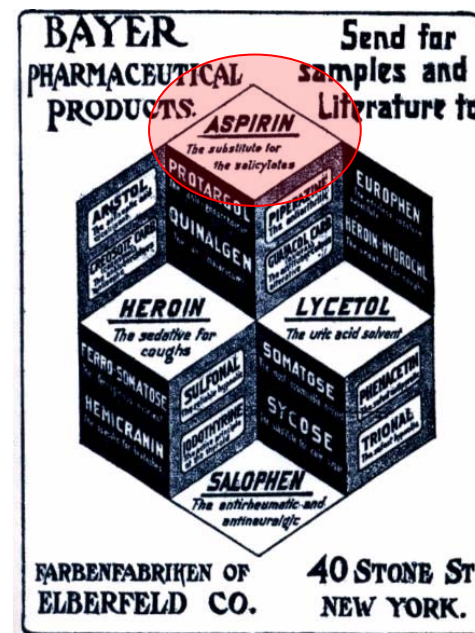
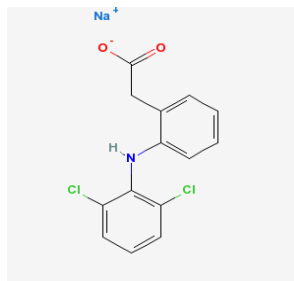
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# Some effects of NSAIDs are independent on inhibition of prostaglandin synthesis

**Table I.** A list of the 10 genes most highly induced by 5 mM aspirin treatment, together with their GeneBank accession numbers and the mean fold induction

GenBank acc. no.	Gene name	Mean fold induction
AF019770	Prostate differentiation factor	3.8
M29870	Small GTP binding protein Rac1	2.6
M80563	S100 calcium-binding protein A4 (metastasin)	2.5
S40706	DNA-damage-inducible transcript 3	2.5
X54941	CDC28 protein kinase 1	2.1
M60854	Ribosomal protein S16	2.1
J04111	v-jun avian sarcoma virus 17 oncogene homologue	2.1
X16277	Ornithine decarboxylase 1	2.0
K02770	Interleukin 1, beta	1.8
M27364	Eukaryotic translation elongation factor 1 alpha 1	1.7

**Table II.** A list of the 10 genes most highly repressed by 5 mM aspirin treatment, together with their GeneBank accession numbers and the mean fold repression

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X53587	HLA-G histocompatibility antigen, class I, G	1.69
X92106	Cyclin D3	1.56
M92287	Serine proteinase inhibitor	1.49
S85655	Glutathione transferase omega	1.45
M35543	Cell division cycle 42 (GTP-binding protein, 25 kDa)	1.39
U65410	Heat shock protein 70 kDa	1.33
X51521	Mitotic feedback control protein MADP2 homologue	1.30
U58048	Neurotrophic tyrosine kinase receptor type 1	1.30
X56681	NF- $\kappa$ B (p105)	1.28
M93056	Mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase 1	1.28

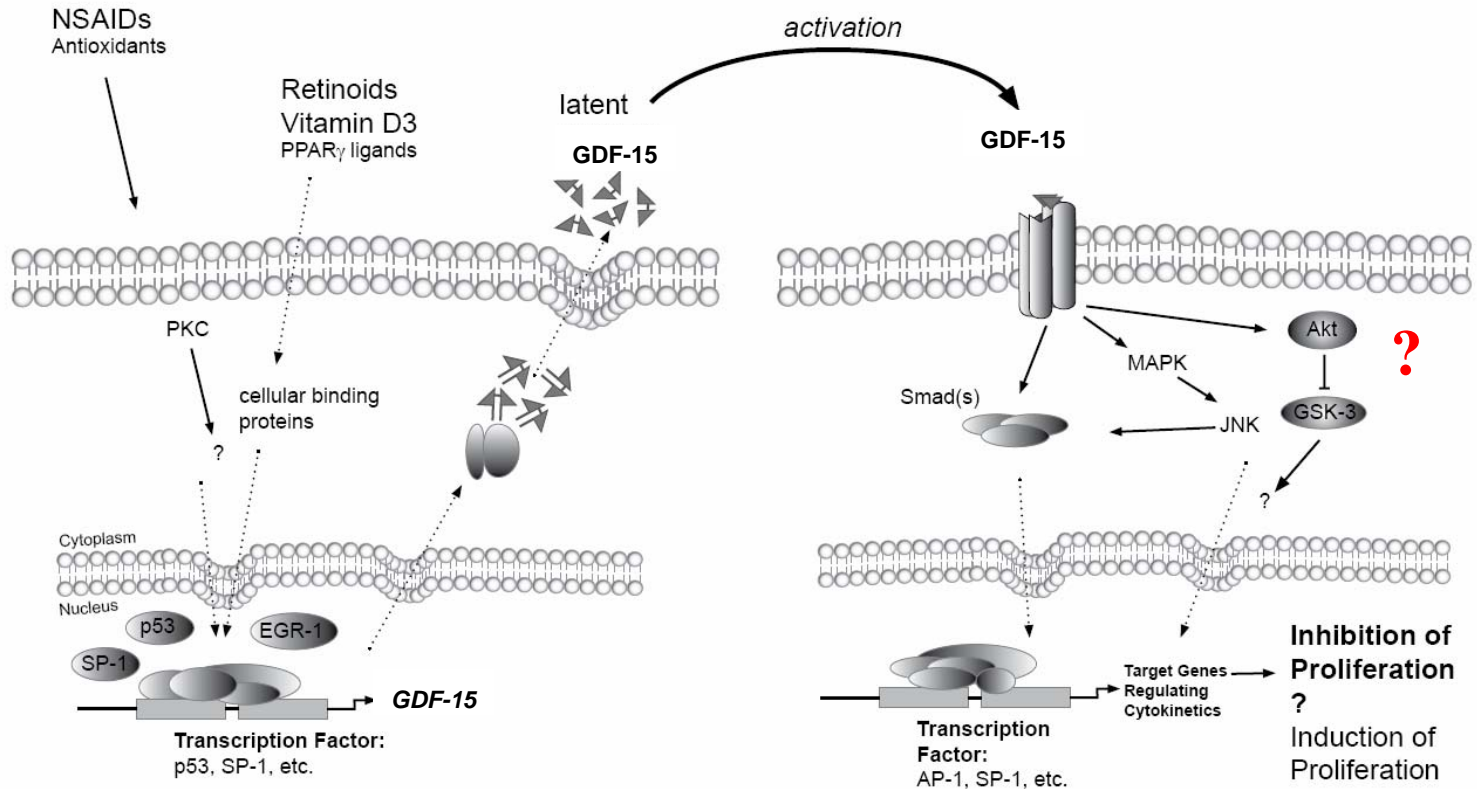
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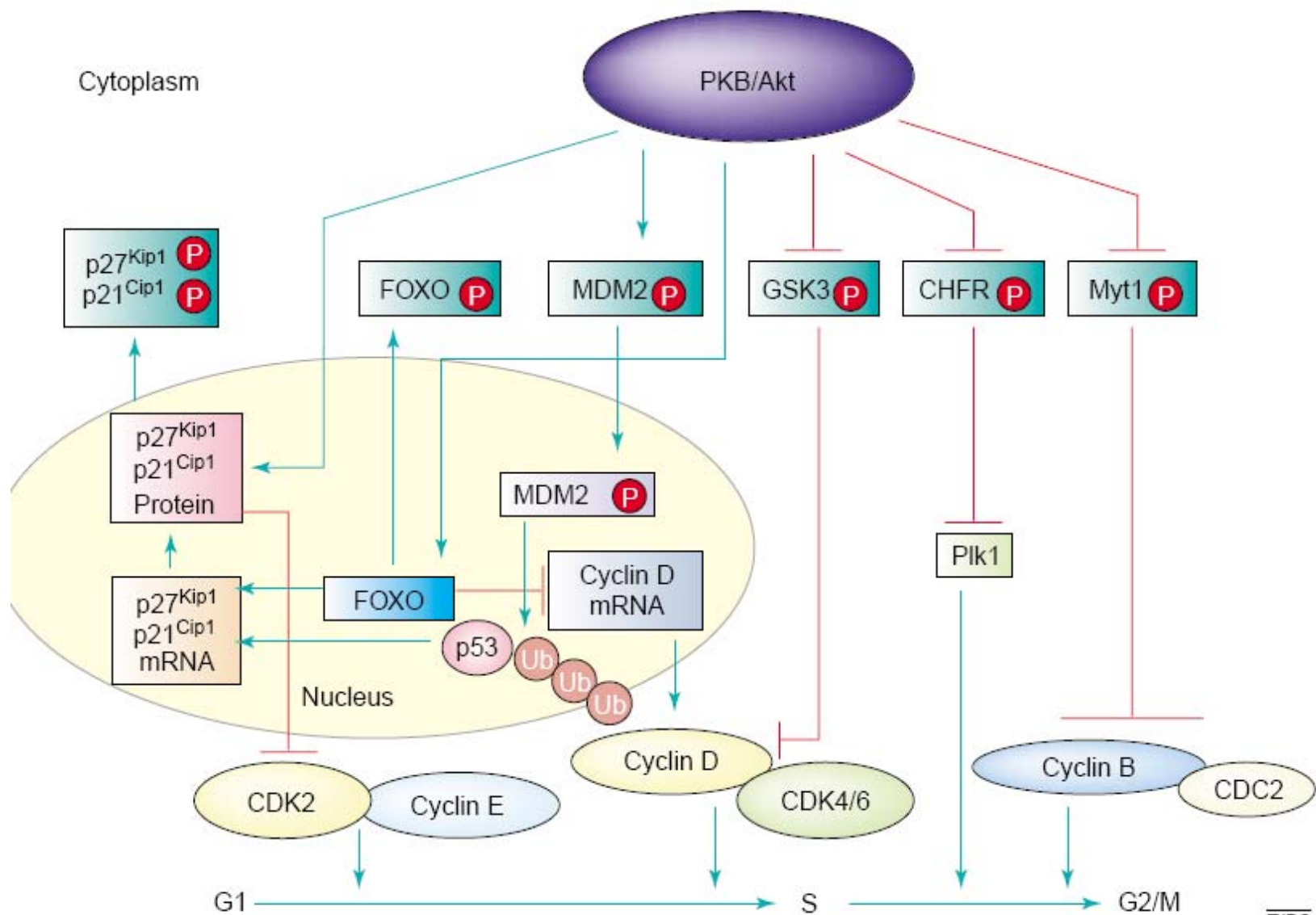
## DNA array analysis of the effects of aspirin on colon cancer cells: involvement of Rac1

James C.H.Hardwick<sup>1</sup>, Marije van Santen, Gijs R.van den Brink, Sander J.H.van Deventer and Maikel P.Peppelenbosch

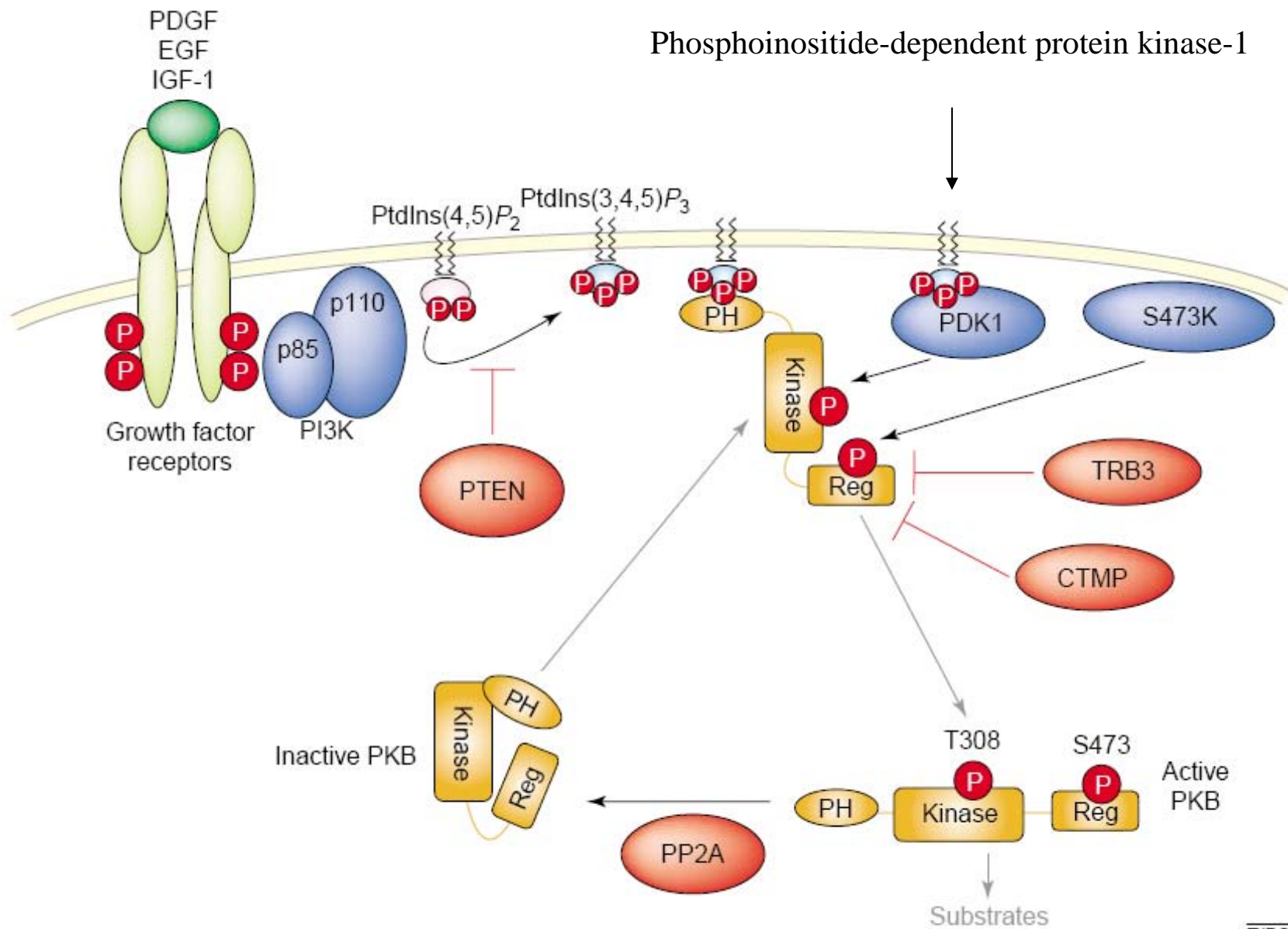
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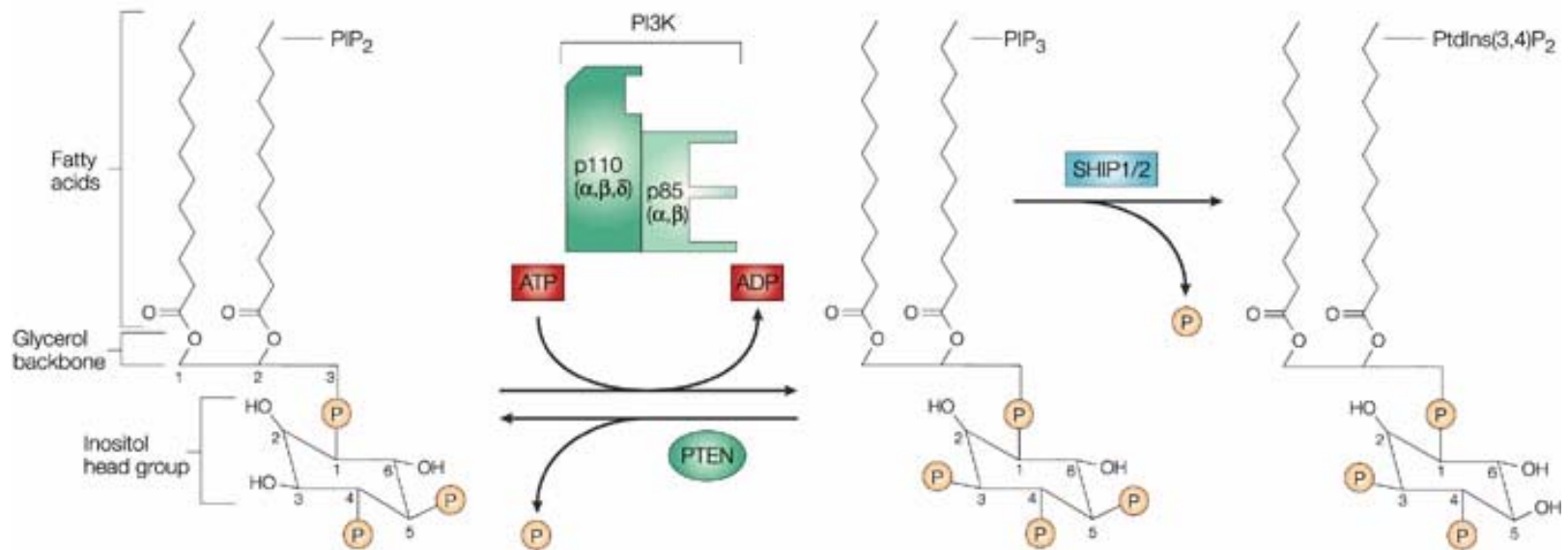
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# Negative regulators of PI3K

- PTEN - phosphatase and tensin homolog
  - Tumor suppressor;
  - dual-specificity protein phosphatase;
  - lipid phosphatase, removing the phosphate in the D3 position of the inositol ring from PI3P
- SHIP1/2- inositol polyphosphate 5-phosphatases
  - Regulators of proliferation
  - key role in insulin metabolism and obesity





# Presumptions

- NSAIDs induce expression of GDF-15.
- GDF-15 is an autocrine mediator of proapoptotic effects of NSAIDs.



# Hypotheses

- GDF-15 is a mediator of antiproliferative effects of NSAIDs;
- GDF-15 induction is one of the key determinant of different sensitivity of cancer cells to the antiproliferative effects of NSAIDs;
- PKB/Akt activation is part of the mechanism of NSAIDs effects.



# Experimental models

## ■ Prostate cancer cells

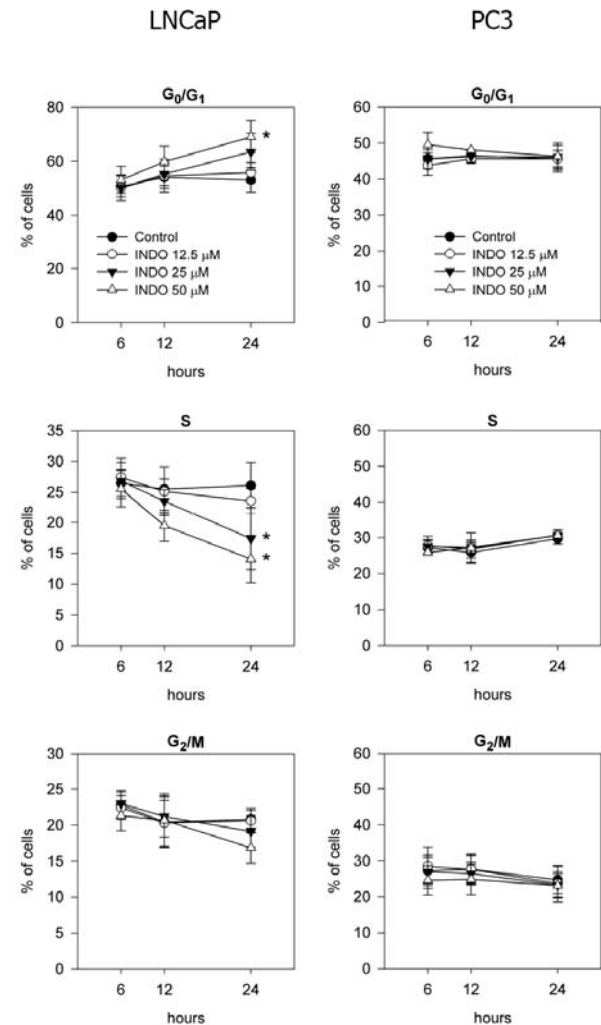
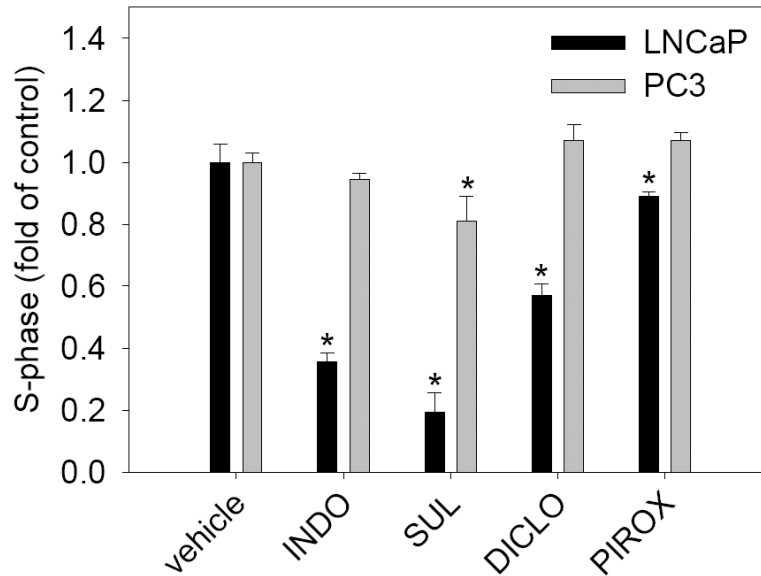
- **LNCaP** – androgen sensitive, p53 wt, PTEN -/-, SHIP2 -/-
- **PC3** – AR -/-, p53 -/-, PTEN -/-

## ■ Colon cancer cells

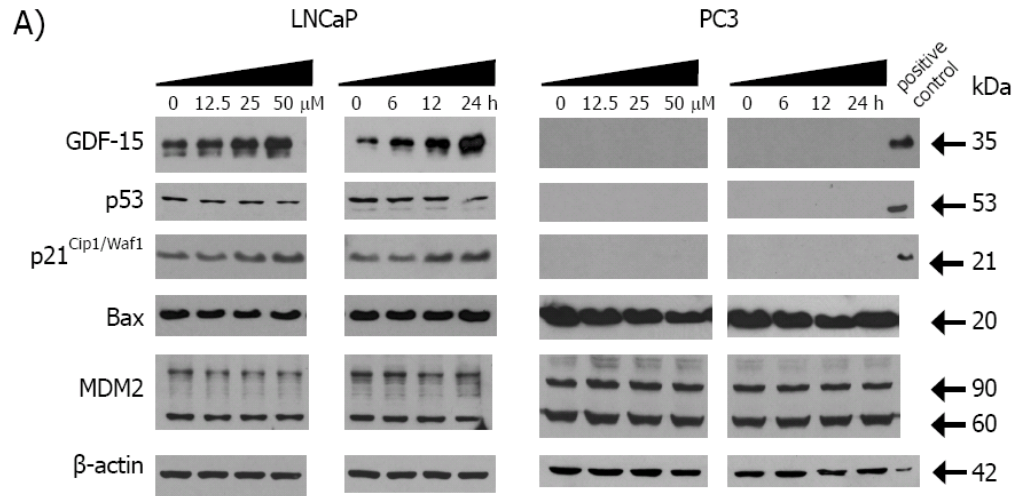
- **HCT-116 Neo**
- **HCT-116 PTEN -/-**

# LNCaP cells are more sensitive to the anti-proliferative effects of NSAIDs

24h

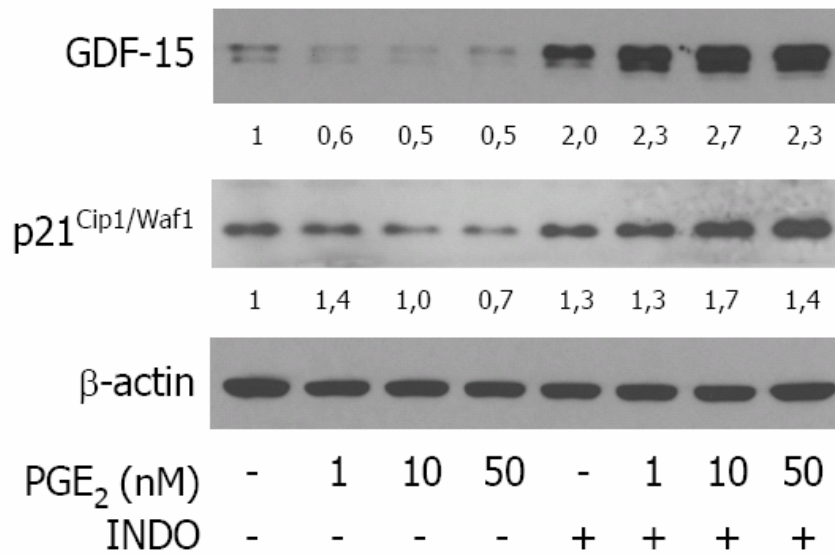


# Expression of p21 and GDF-15 proteins is induced by INDO in LNCaP cells

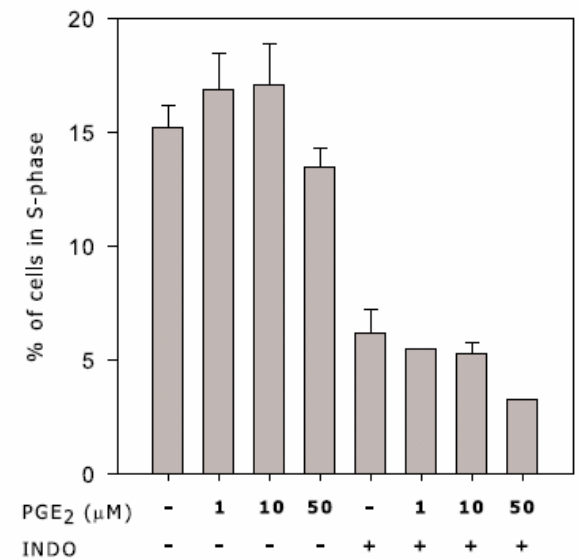


# INDO effects on LNCaP cells are independent on COX inhibition

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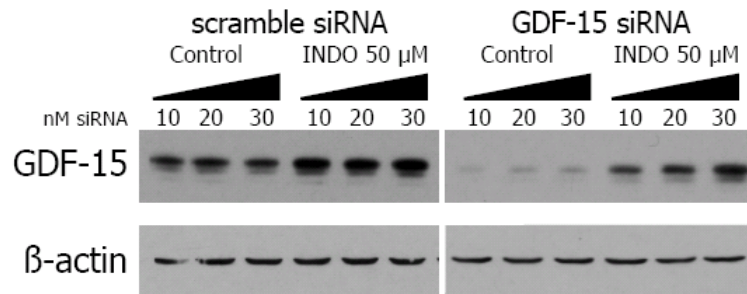


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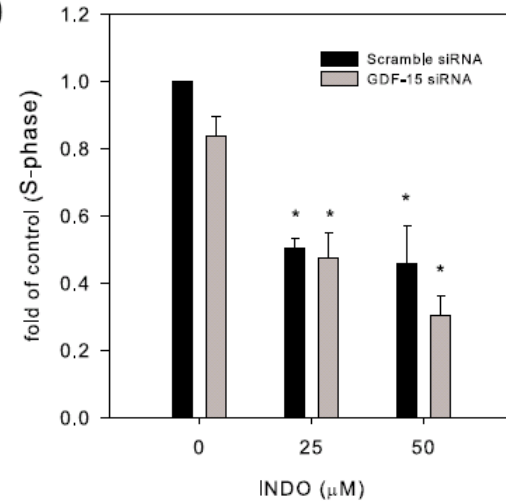


# GDF-15 siRNA does not affect INDO-induced cell cycle arrest in LNCaP cells

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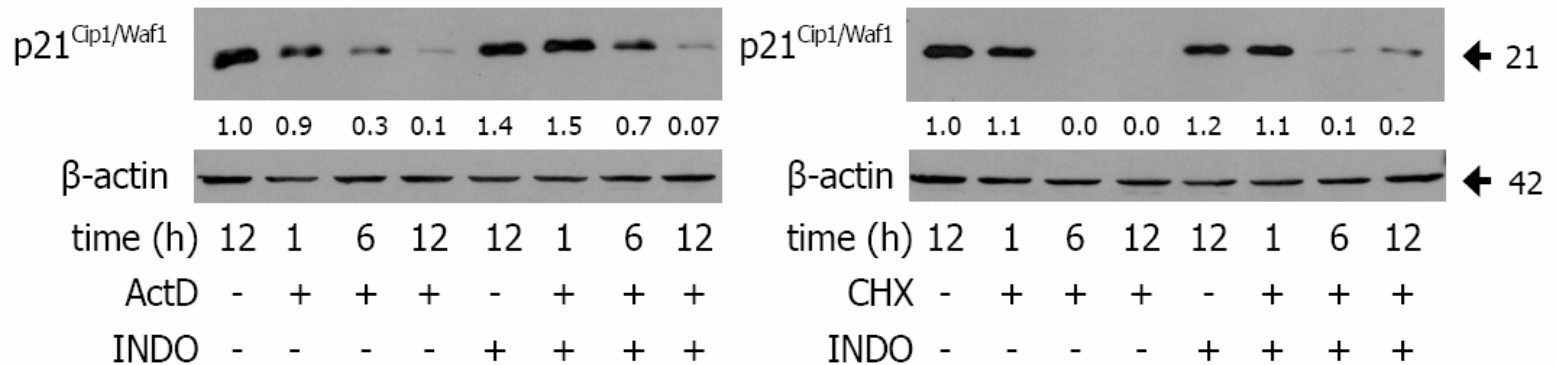


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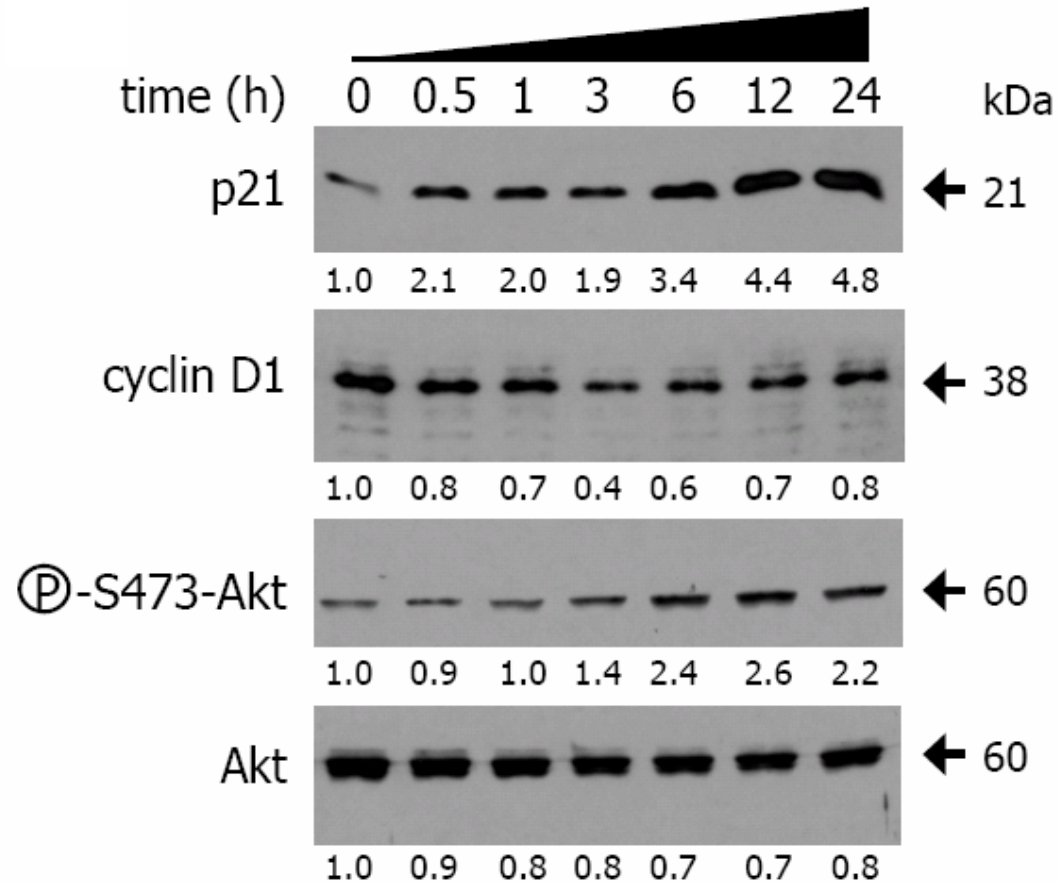




# INDO delays a decrease of p21<sup>WAP1/CIP1</sup> level induced by ActD and/or CHX



# PKB/Akt phosphorylation is induced by INDO in LNCaP cells





# Is SHIP2 expression responsible for resistance to NSAIDs in PTEN $-/-$ cells?

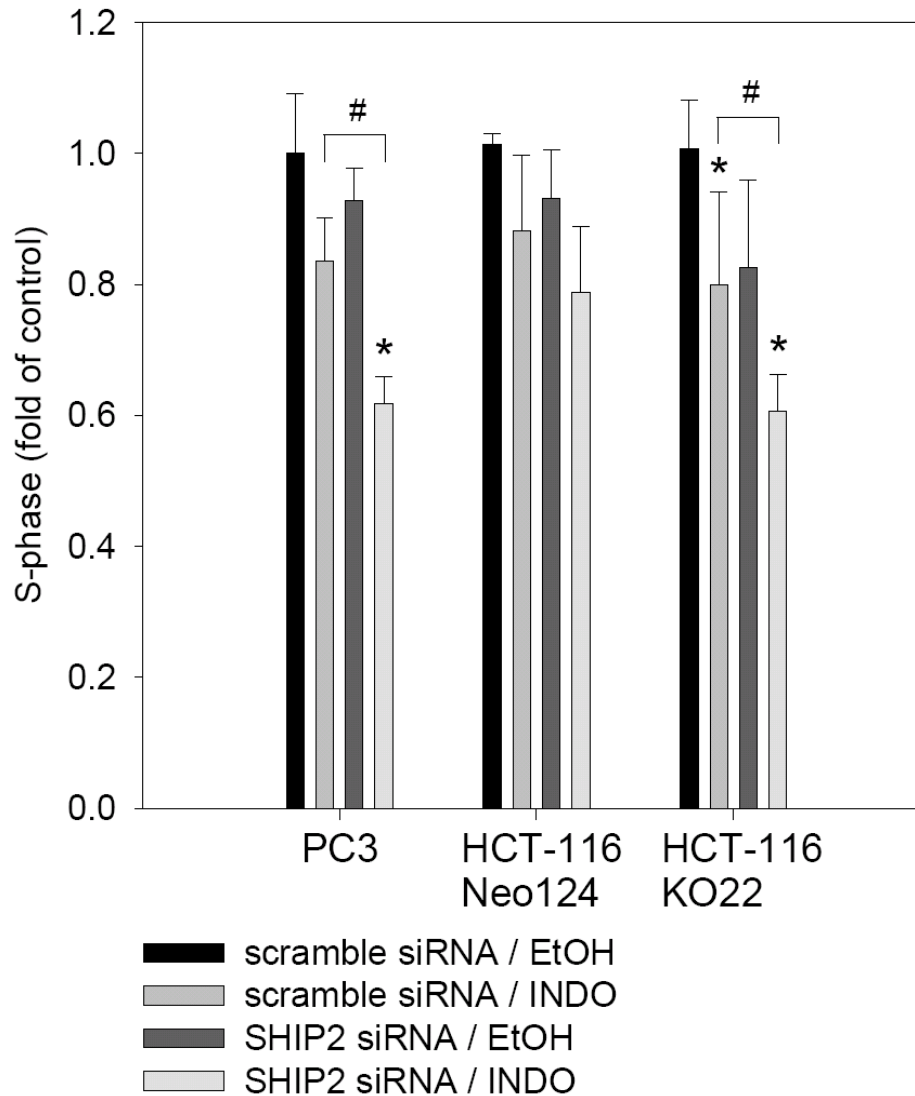
## ■ Prostate cancer cells

- **LNCaP** – PTEN  $-/-$ , SHIP2  $-/-$
- **PC3** – PTEN  $-/-$

## ■ Colon cancer cells

- **HCT-116 Neo**
- **HCT-116 PTEN  $-/-$**

# SHIP2 siRNA sensitizes PC3 and HCT116 PTEN <sup>-/-</sup> cells to the antiproliferative effects of INDO





# Summary I

- GDF-15 is not mediator of early induction of  $G_0/G_1$  arrest induced by NSAIDs;
- Posttranslational stabilization of p21<sup>WAF1/CIP1</sup> through PKB/AKT activation is a novel mechanism of NSAIDs effects;
- Multiple defects in negative regulation of PI3K/Akt activity sensitize cancer cells to the effects of NSAIDs.



# How we can effectively modify neuroendocrine differentiation of the cancer cells?

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## Neuroendocrine cells

- „hybrid“ epithelial/nerve/endocrine cells
- Secretion of various factors

## Produced factors

- Chromogranins
- **Serotonin**
- **Gastrin releasing peptide (bombesin)**
- Calcitonin gene family
- Somatostatin
- Parathyroid hormone-related protein
- Neuropeptide Y
- **Vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF)**
- Cholecystokinin
- Proadrenomedullin N-terminal peptide
- TSH-like peptide
- Histamine



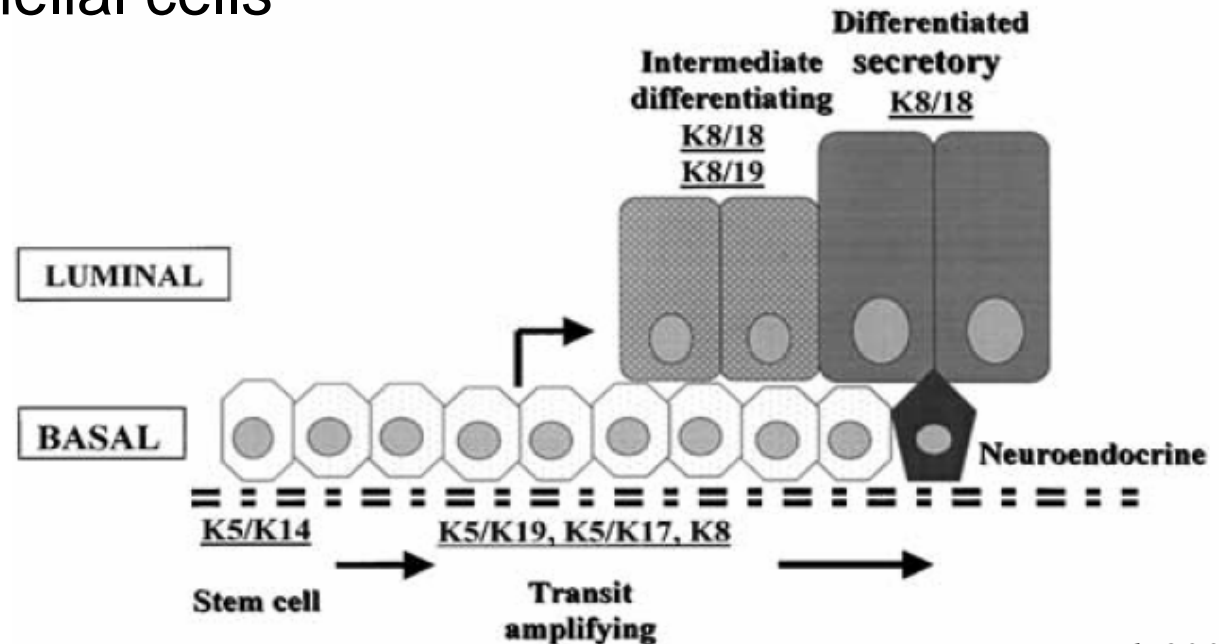
# Neuroendocrine prostate cancer

- develops as an aggressive disease that does not respond to androgen ablation therapy;
- paracrine action of NE cells promote the progression of androgen dependent adenocarcinoma to an androgen independent state;
- significant role for NE cells during failure of androgen ablation therapy.

# „normal“ prostate epithelium

- stem cells
- basal epithelial cells
- transitamplifying cells
- neuroendocrine cells
- secretory  
luminalepithelial cells

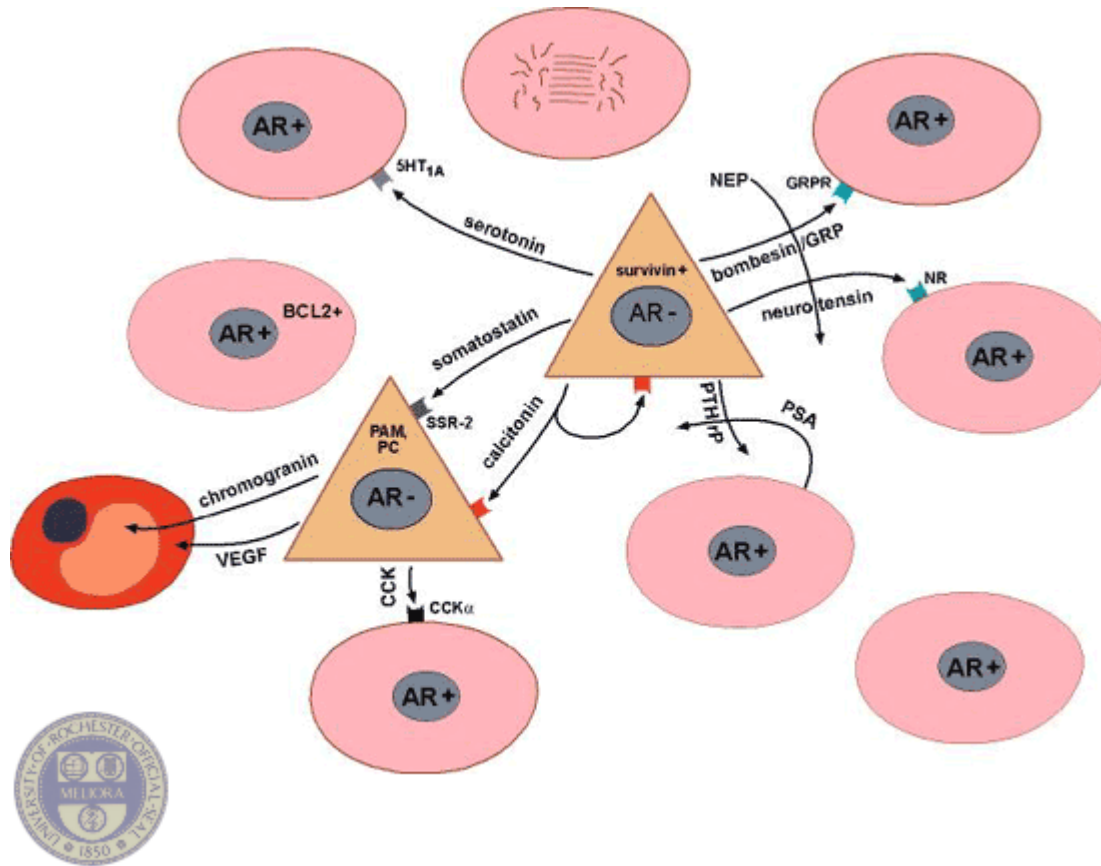
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# Neuroendocrine cells



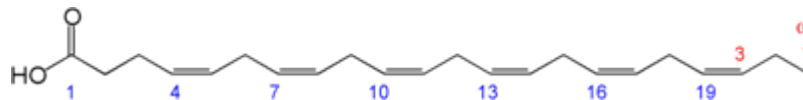


# Inflammation & Cancer

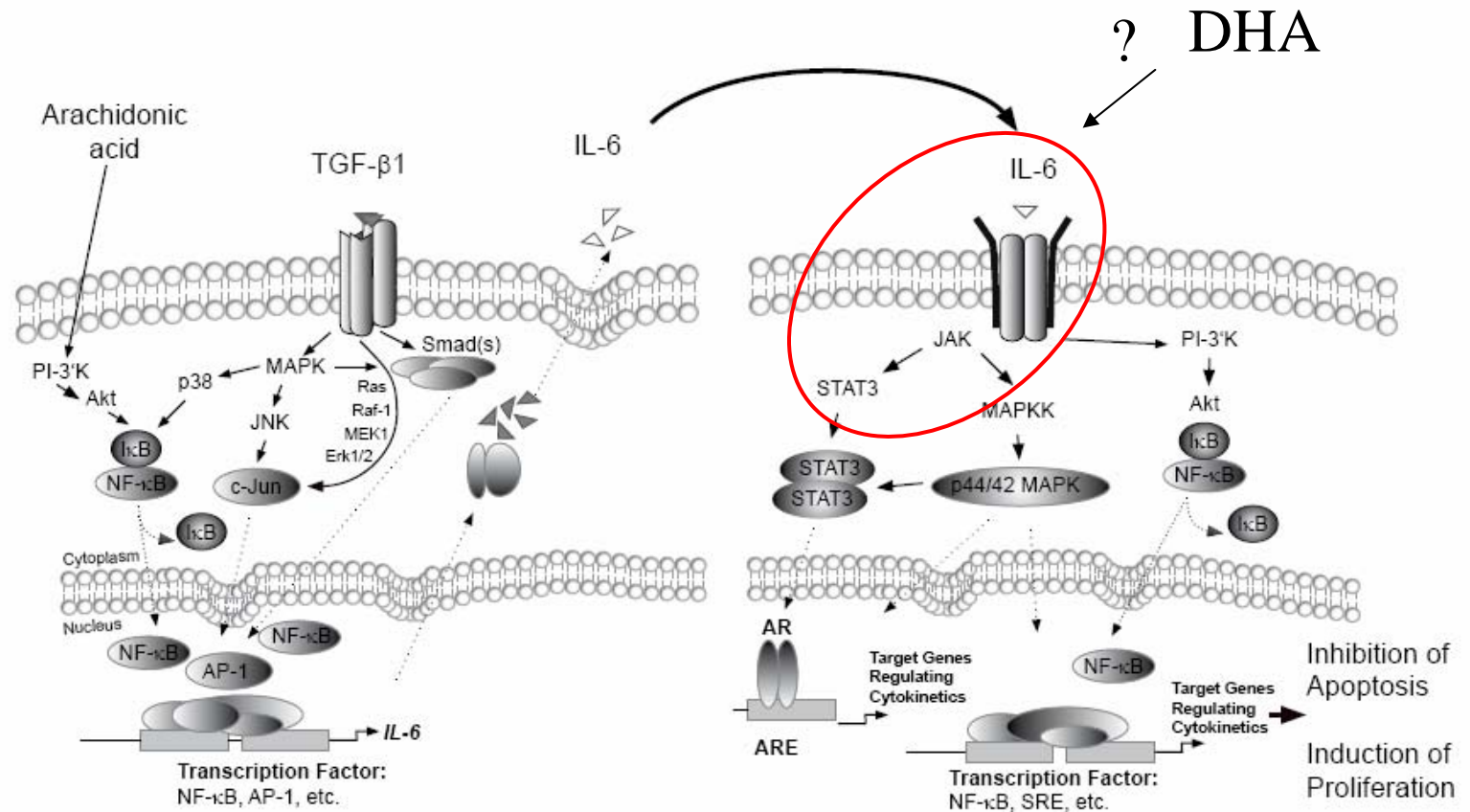
- Chronic inflammation plays important role in development of several type of cancer.
- Pro inflammatory cytokines such as IL-6 induce neuroendocrine differentiation.

## Polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFAs)

- Modulators of carcinogenesis
- n-6 – pro-inflammatory
- n-3 – anti-inflammatory
  
- Docosahexaenoic acid (DHA (n-3)) – modulates signal transduction of various cytokines through lipid rafts.



# Modulation of IL-6 signaling pathway







# Summary II

- We have characterized model of NED of LNCaP cells;
- DHA has potential to modulate signal pathway of IL-6.

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