



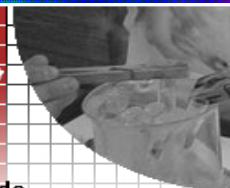
# EFECTES PROTECTORS DE LA LEPTINA EN LES MALALTIES NEURODEGENERATIVES



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Una lección de Claude Bernard (León Lhermitte, 1889)





**Es la tendencia de los organismos vivos y otros sistemas a adaptarse a las nuevas condiciones y a mantener el equilibrio a pesar de los cambios.**



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## "Tenemos dos cerebros: el de la cabeza y el del estómago"

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### El universo interior

Leyendo *Inteligencia digestiva* (La Esfera de los Libros) me entero de que la capacidad de mi estómago de generar ácido clorhídrico puede llegar a niveles industriales, mi zumo gástrico puede disolver un trozo de metal, y el plástico en pocas horas. Me entero de que tenemos un "estado microbiano" inteligente con sus propias divisiones sociales

**M**i estómago es inteligente? Absolutamente, es una red extensa de neuronas (100 millones) interconectadas.

#### ¿Un segundo cerebro?

Sí, su estructura neuronal posee la capacidad de producir y liberar los mismos neurotransmisores, hormonas y moléculas químicas que produce el cerebro superior.

#### ¿Mi barriga tiene emociones?

En nuestro sistema digestivo se produce y almacena el 90% de la serotonina de nuestro cuerpo; su función es esencial: absorción, aporte nutricional y movimientos

- Tengo 46 años. Nací en Rusia. He vivido en Polonia, Praga y Alemania. Desde el 2003 vivo en Madrid. Casada, tengo un hijo (23). Los políticos deben involucrarse más en la vida ciudadana -sentirse ciudadanos- y los ciudadanos más en la política. Somos pequeñas partes de Dios.

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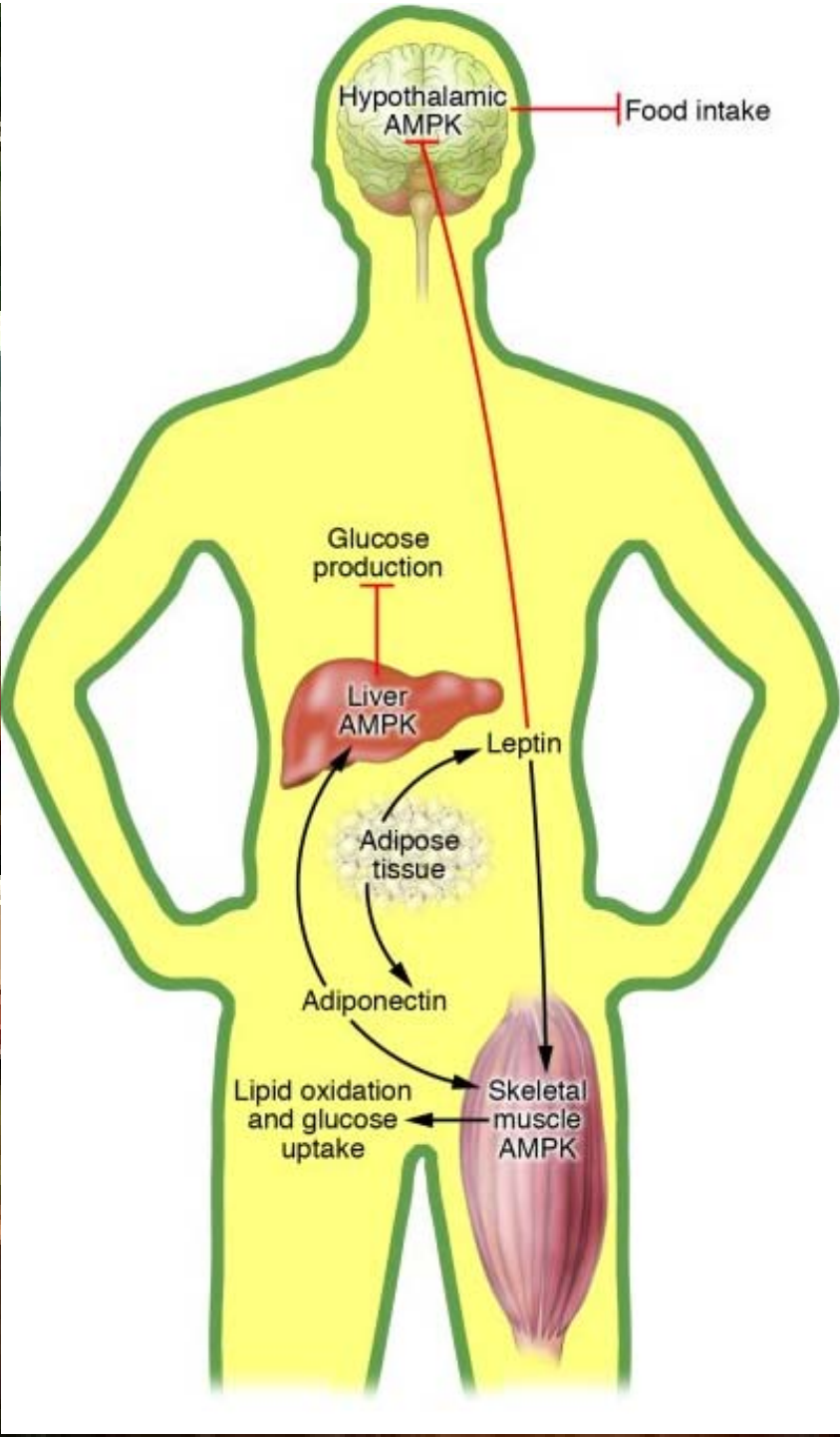
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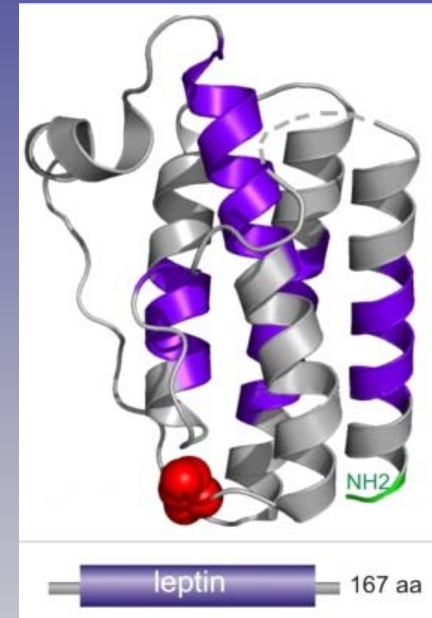
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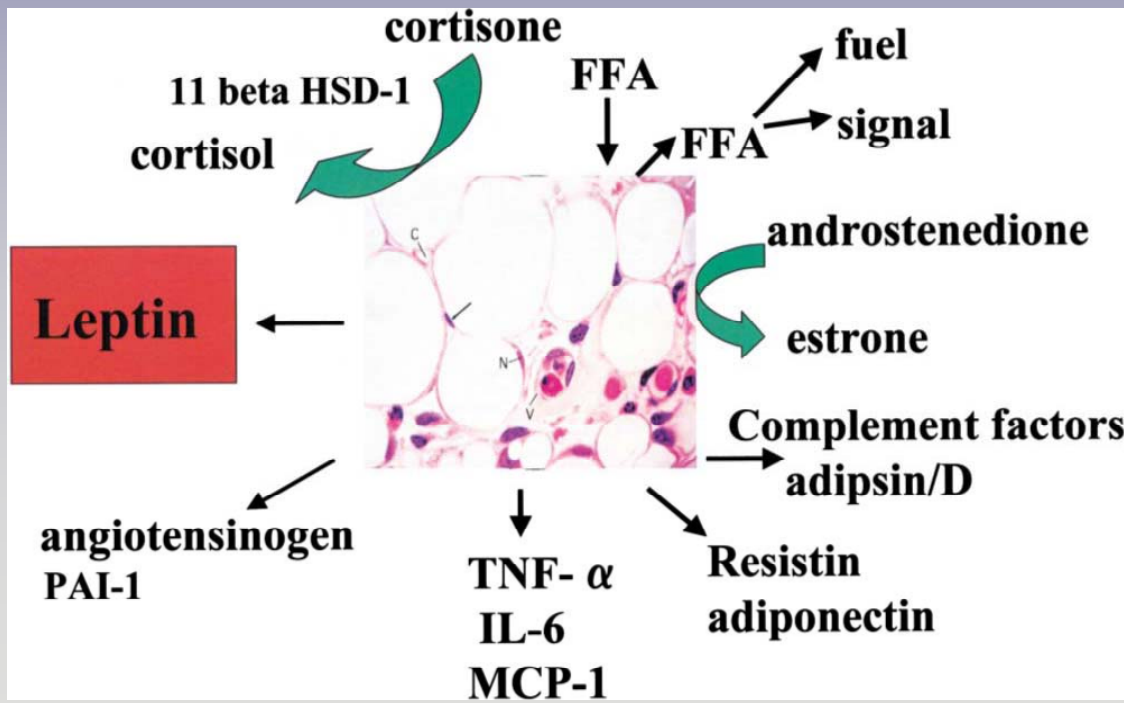
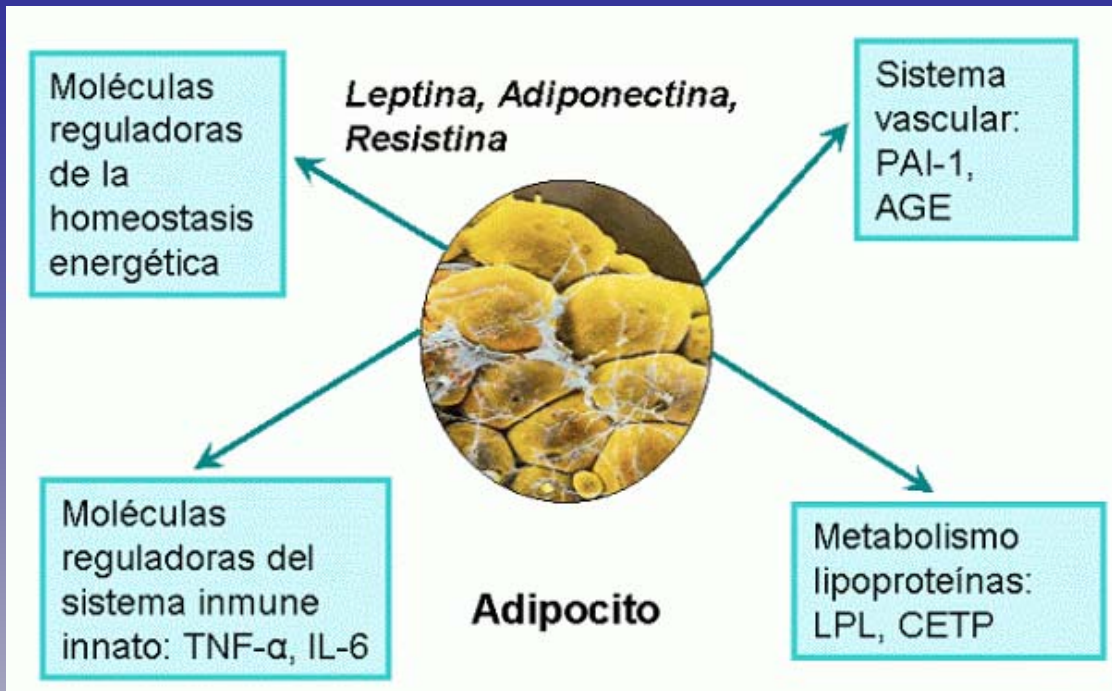


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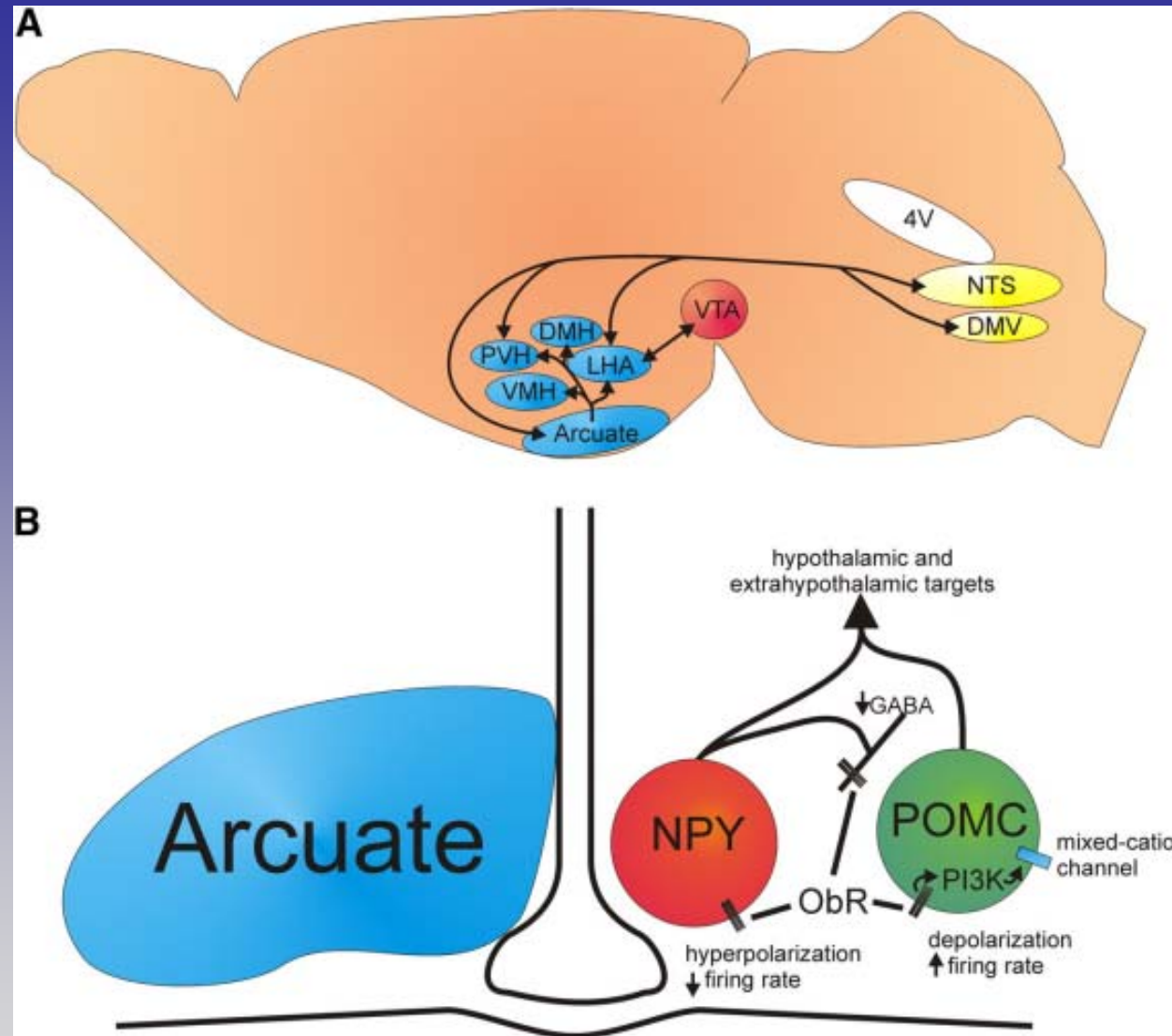


Estructura tridimensional de la molécula de leptina. De *Institut Européen de Chimie et Biologie*, <http://www.cellbiol.net/>





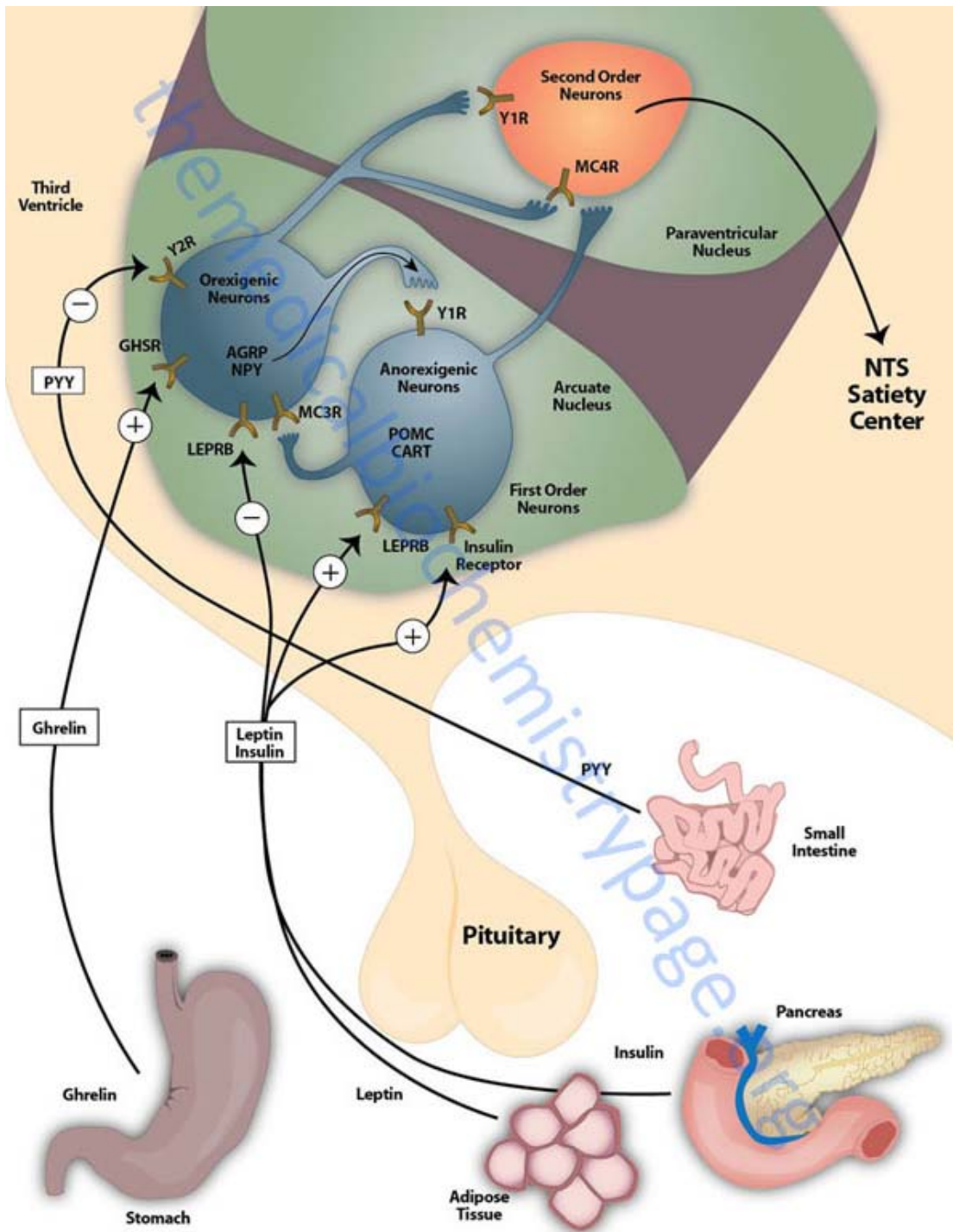
**The Adipocyte as an Endocrine Cell.**  
 Jeffrey S. Flier. *Obesity Wars: Molecular Progress. Cell*, Vol. 116, 337–350, January 23, 2004.



Targets of leptin action in the brain.

(A) Illustration shows hypothalamic (blue) and extrahypothalamic (yellow and red) sites of leptin action that are or may be involved in the control of energy and glucose homeostasis.

(B) Illustration shows our current understanding of the pro-opiomelanocortin (POMC) and neuropeptide Y–Agouti-related peptide (NPY-AgRP) circuit in the arcuate nucleus.



Circuitos hormonales en el intestino (estómago, intestino delgado, y páncreas) y grasa (tejido adiposo) que afectan a las sensaciones del hambre y la saciedad que se ejercen a través de las vías neuroendocrino hipotálamo. La grelina desde el estómago, la leptina del tejido adiposo, la insulina del páncreas, y péptido tirosina tirosina (PYY) del intestino delgado se unen a los receptores sobre las neuronas orexigénicos y / o anorexígenos en el núcleo arqueado (ARC) de el hipotálamo.



**Únicamente saciedad??**



## **HIPÓTESIS:**

**Las enfermedades neurodegenerativas pueden constituir la manifestación neurológica de una disfunción sistémica relacionada con la regulación del metabolismo energético.**

**En ese contexto, moléculas como la leptina y la insulina tendrían un papel significativo.**

*"No deben preocuparnos las arrugas del rostro sino las del cerebro. Estas no las refleja el espejo, pero las perciben nuestros amigos..."*

Santiago Ramón y Cajal (*El Mundo Visto a los Ochenta Años*)

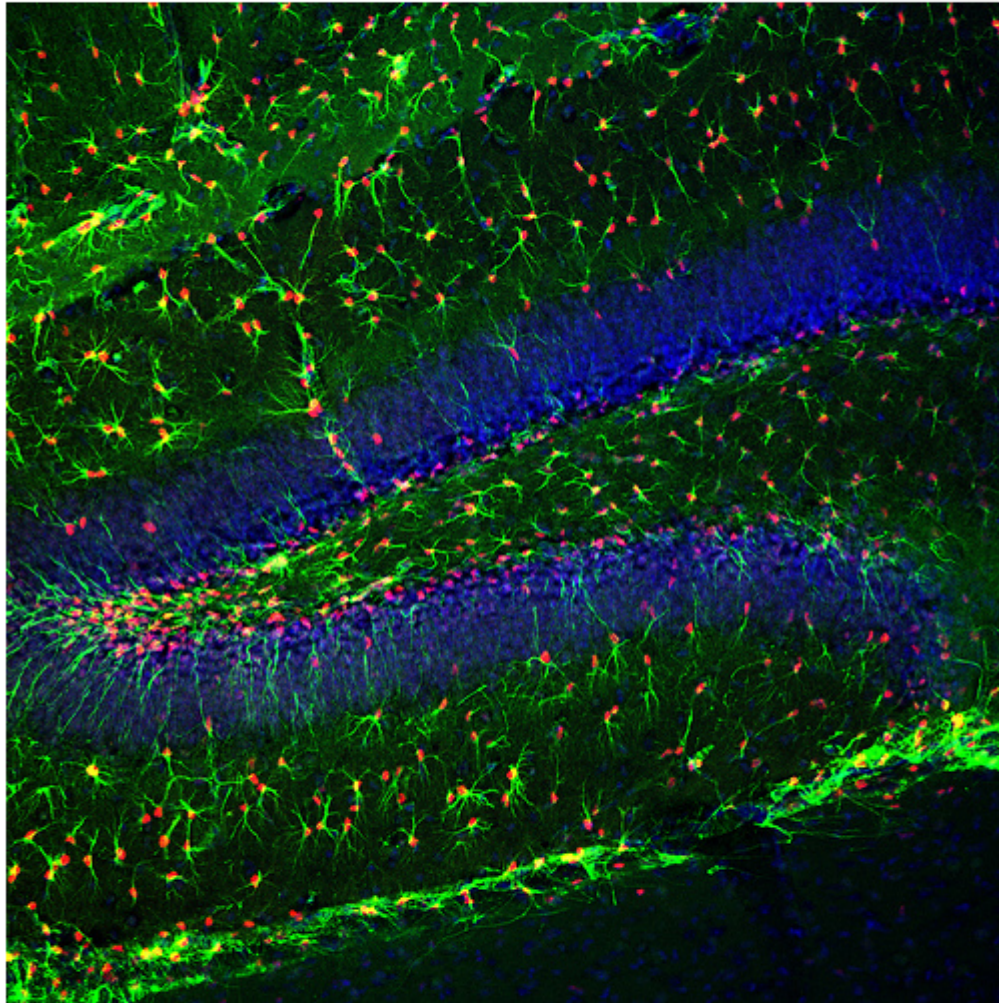
*"En el cerebro, todo puede morir, pero ninguna célula se regenera".*





## In press: The neurogenesis-depression hypothesis, confirmed.

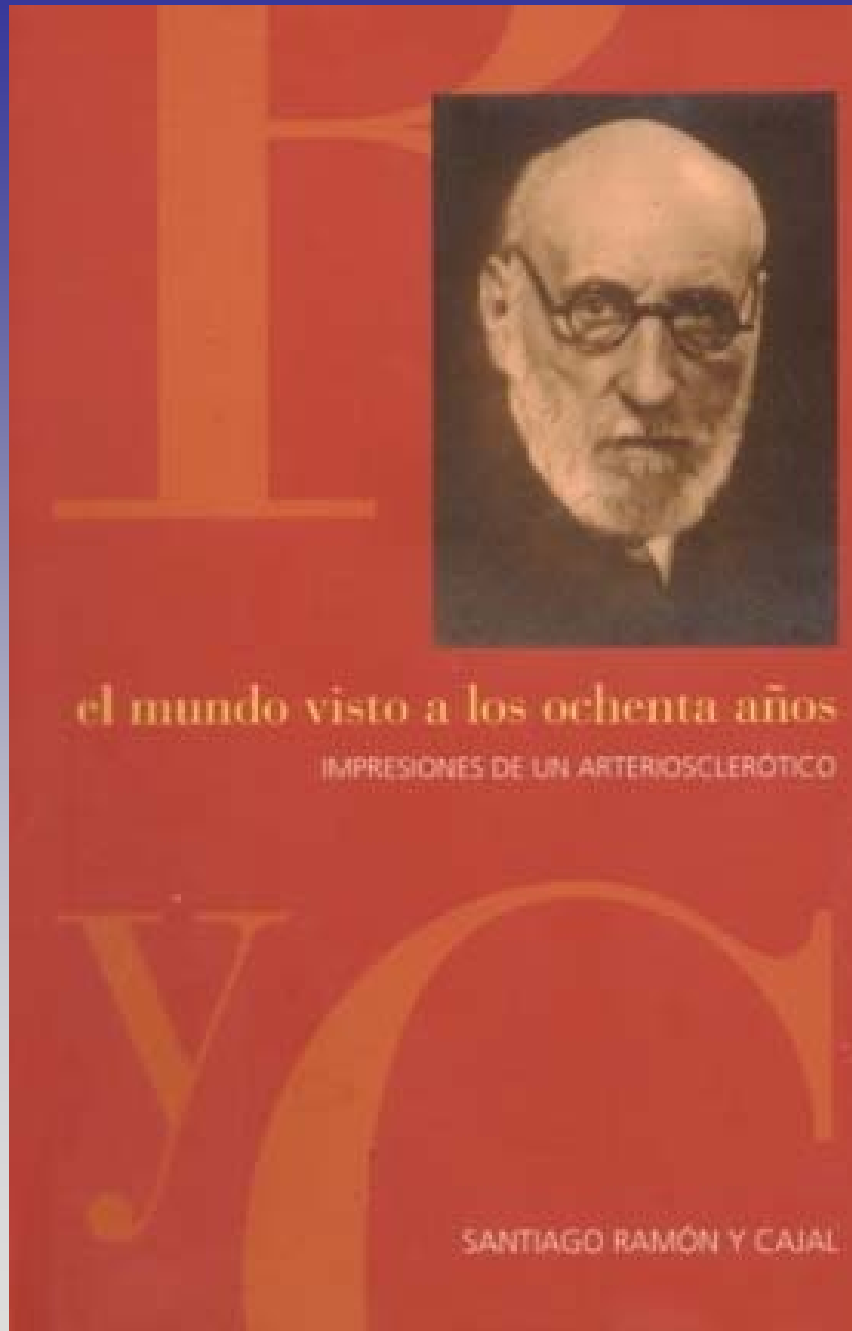
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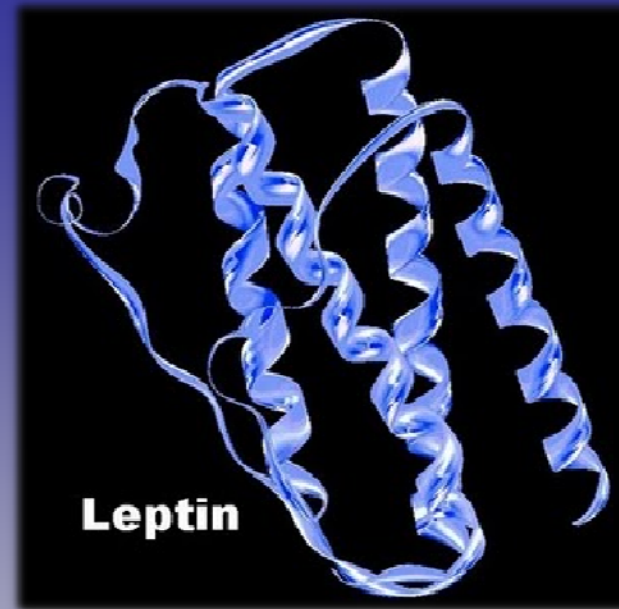
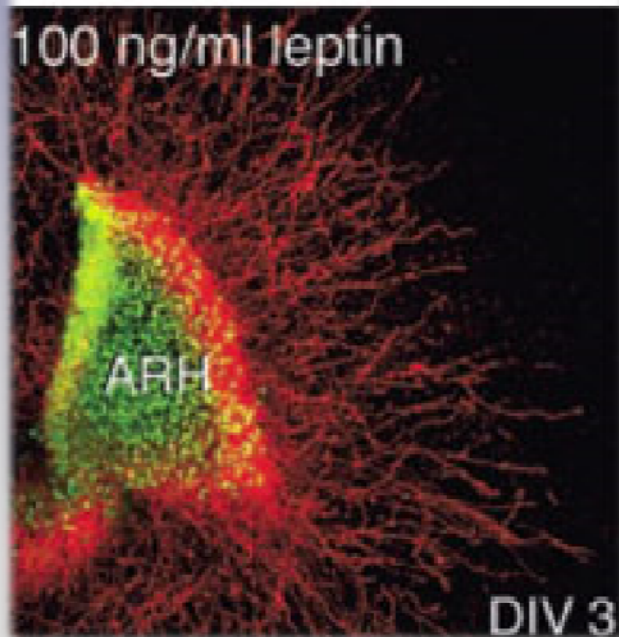
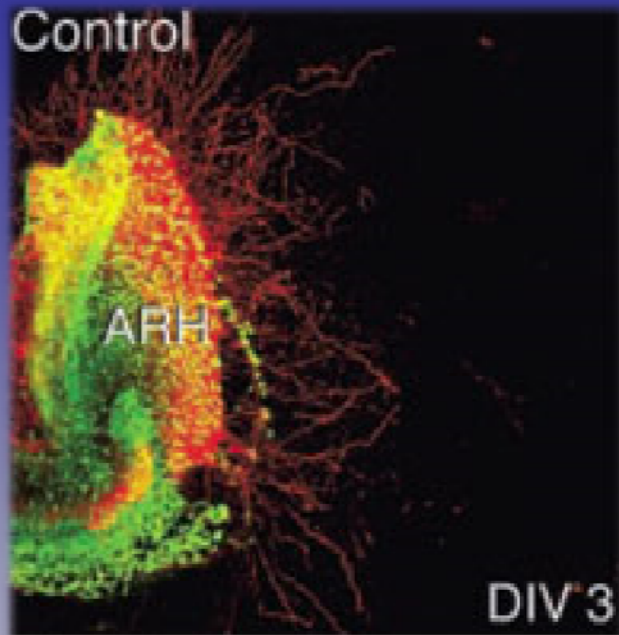
The **idea** that adult neurogenesis protects individuals from depression is perhaps the single greatest motivator driving neurogenesis research. Not surprisingly, "neurogenesis depression" is the most common behavioral keyword that brings people to this blog (followed closely by "pattern separation"). So I'm excited to say that we will soon be publishing what (I think) is the best evidence that impaired adult neurogenesis actually causes depressive symptoms (in mice). The neurogenesis-depression hypothesis is over 10 years old and yet there is largely

[Snyder JS](#), [Soumier A](#), [Brewer M](#), [Pickel J](#), [Cameron HA](#).

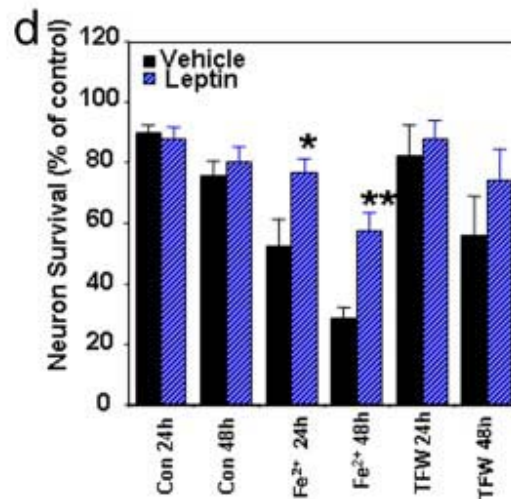
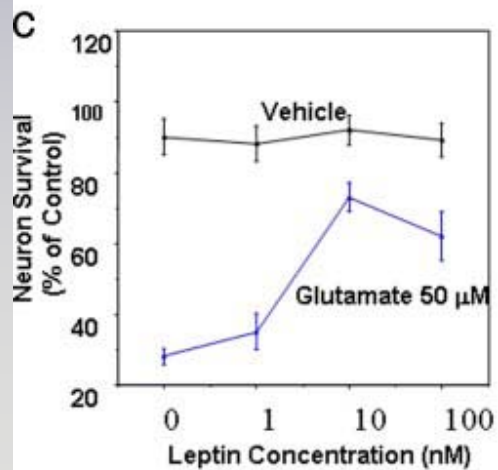
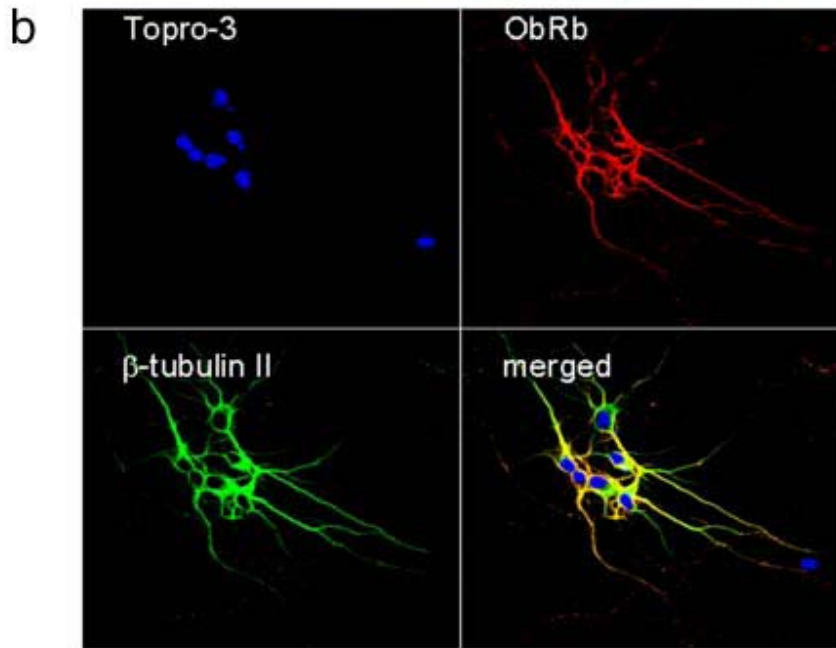
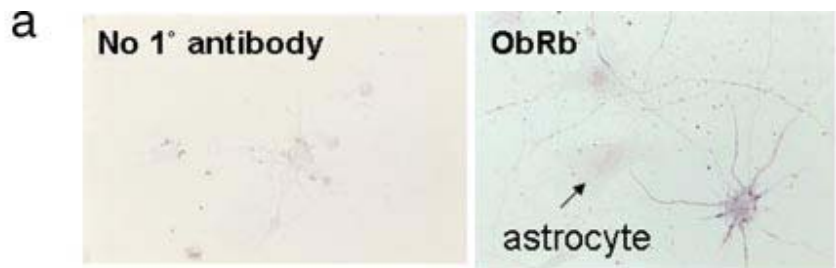
**Adult hippocampal neurogenesis buffers stress responses and depressive behaviour.** [Nature](#). 2011 Aug 3;476(7361):458-61. doi: 10.1038/nature10287.



...."la clave es hacer un esfuerzo muy grande por no perder la curiosidad por las cosas de la vida e incluso inventarse nuevas curiosidades, siempre está uno a tiempo de inventarse nuevas aficiones"



Leptin promotes the growth of mouse neurons. Images show growth patterns without leptin (top) and with leptin. Image courtesy Science.



Zhihong Guo et al., Leptin-mediated Cell Survival Signaling in Hippocampal Neurons Mediated by JAK/STAT3 and Mitochondrial Stabilization. *THE JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY* VOL. 283, NO. 3, pp. 1754–1763, January 18, 2008



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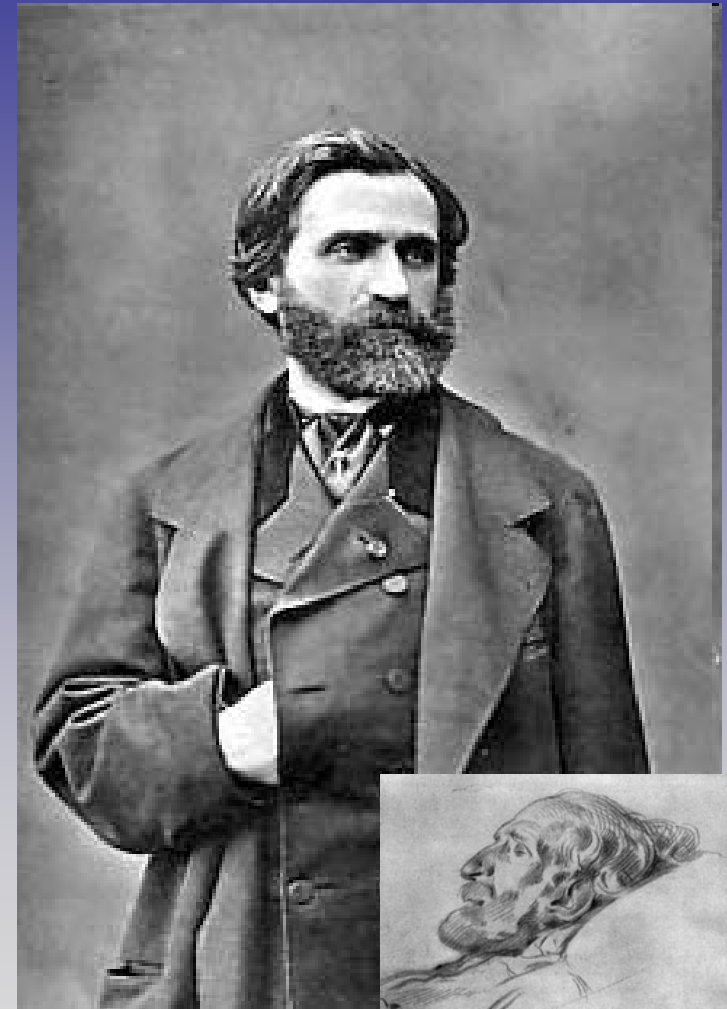
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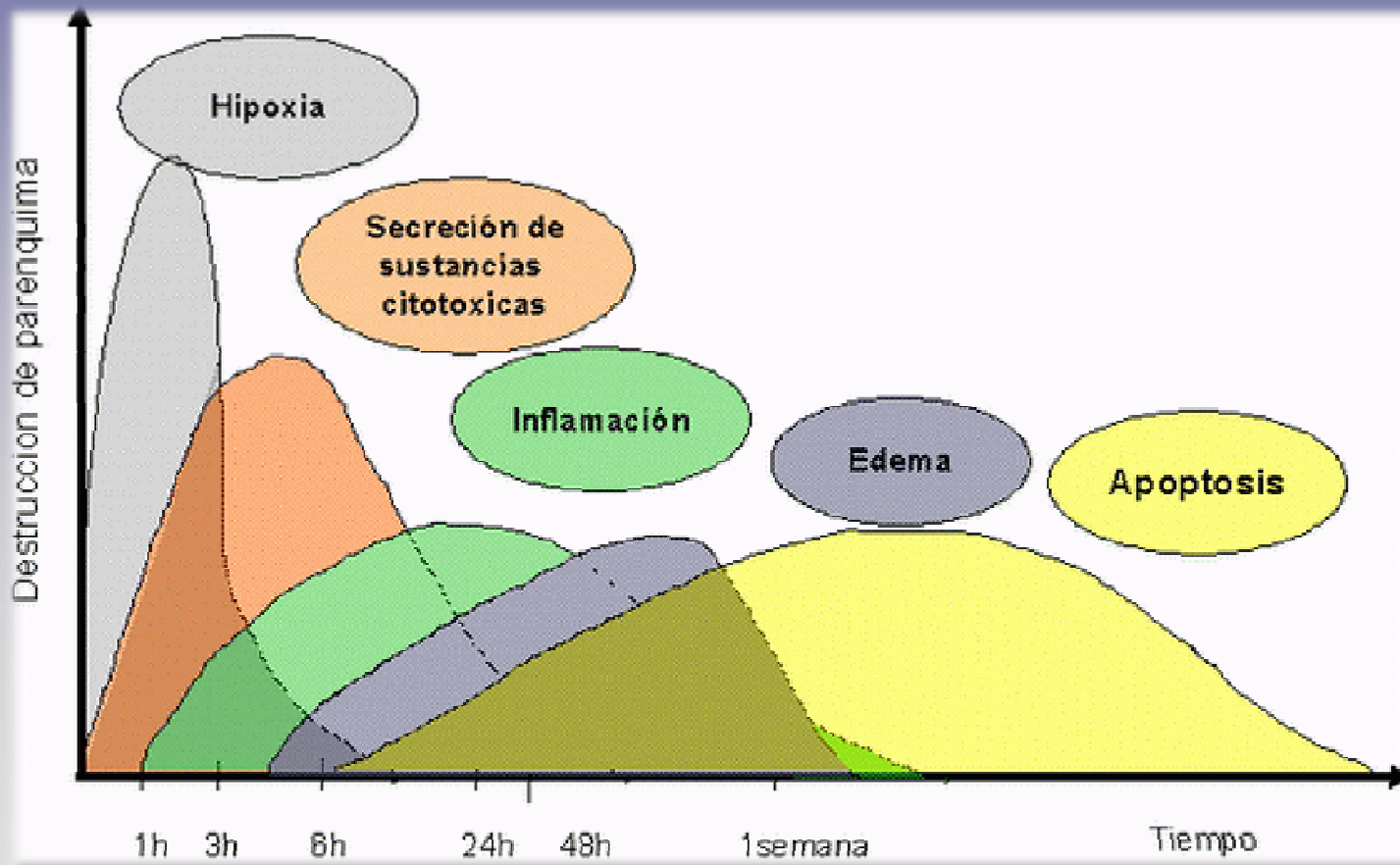
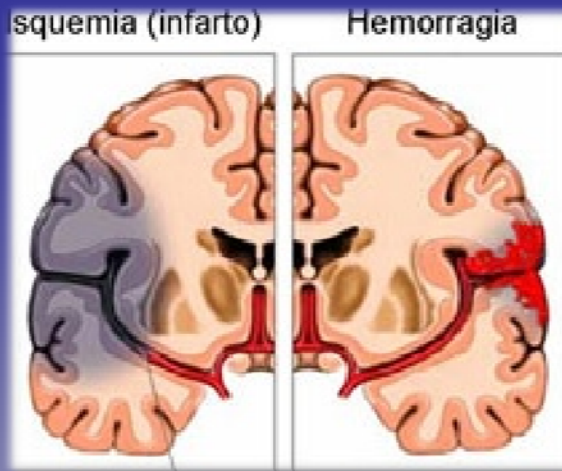
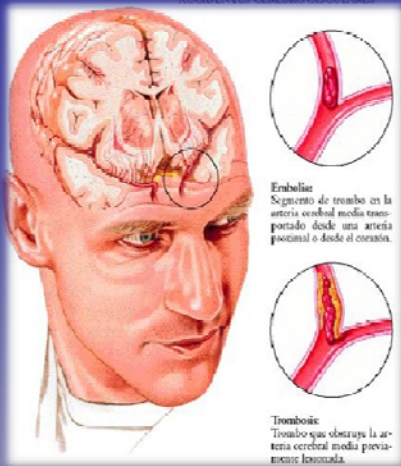
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### Giuseppe Fortunino Francesco Verdi

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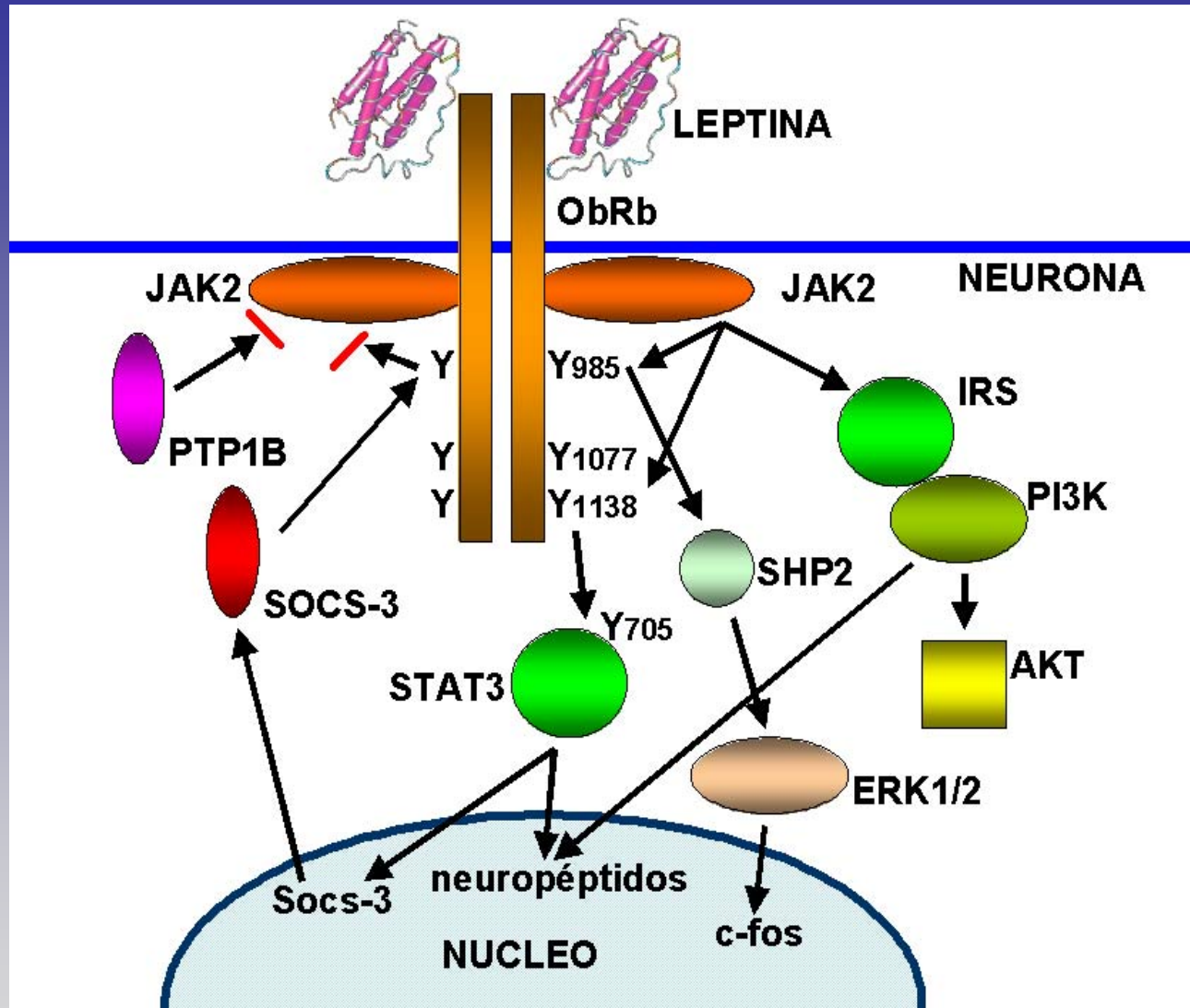
## Leptin reduces infarct size in association with enhanced expression of CB2, TRPV1, SIRT-1 and leptin receptor.

Avraham Y, Davidi N, Porat M, Chernoguz D, Magen I, Vorobeiv L, Berry EM, Leker RR.

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### Abstract

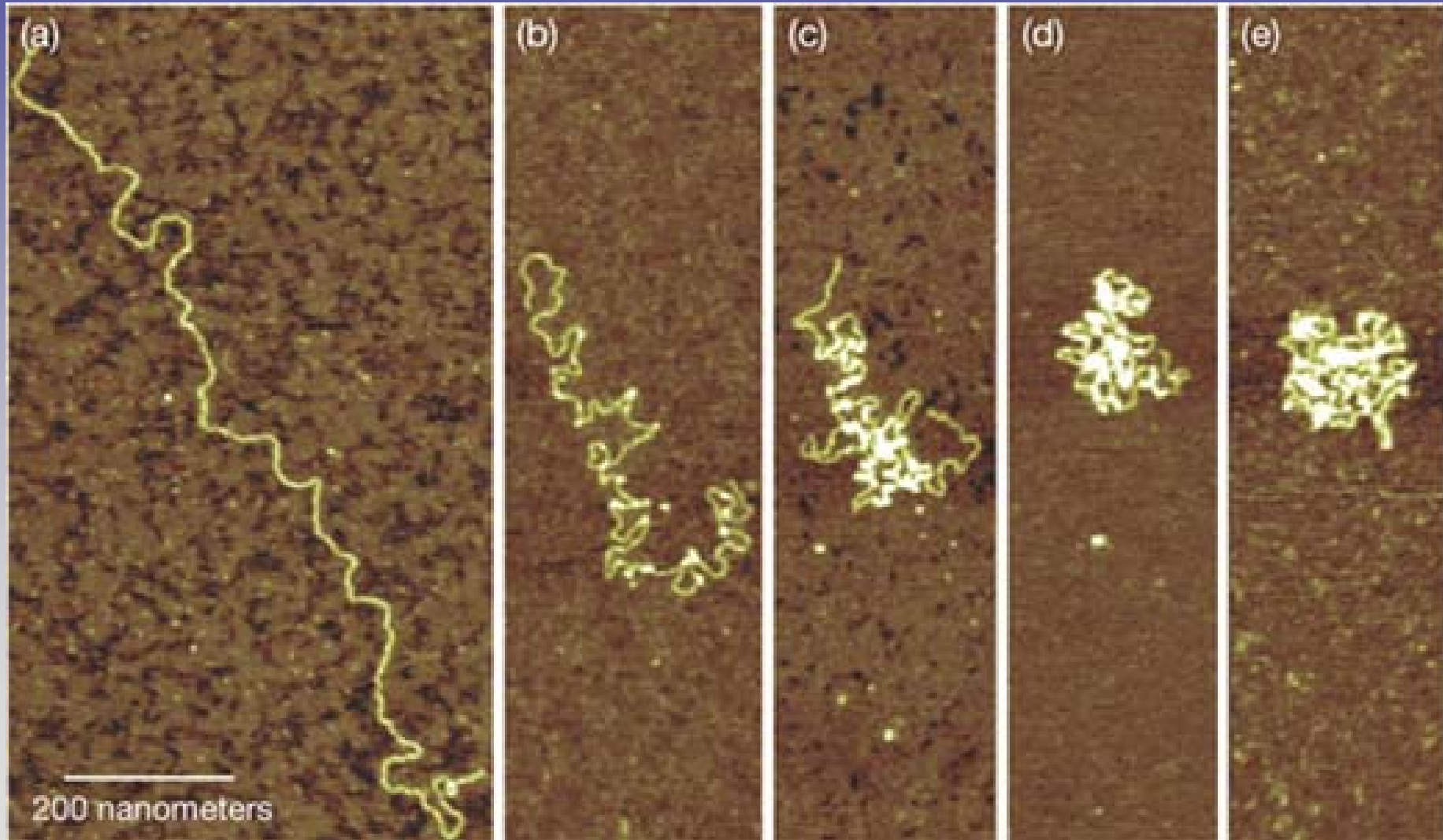
Brain ischemia is associated with detrimental changes in energy production and utilization. Therefore, we hypothesized that leptin, an adipokynin hormone protecting against severe energy depletion, would reduce infarct volume and improve functional outcome after stroke. Male Sabra mice underwent permanent middle cerebral artery occlusion (PMCAO) by photothrombosis. Following initial dose-response and time-window experiments animals were treated with vehicle or leptin, were examined daily by a neurological severity score (NSS) and were sacrificed 72 hours after stroke. Infarct volume was determined and the expression of key genes involved in neuroprotection and survival including the cannabinoid receptors CB1, CB2 and TRPV1, SIRT-1, leptin receptor and Bcl-2 was quantified in the cortex. A separate group of mice were examined with the neurological severity scale 1, 24 and 48 hours and 1, 2 and 3 weeks after stroke, and were killed 3 weeks post stroke to examine metabolic status in the peri-infarct area. Leptin given at a dose of 1 mg/kg intra-peritoneally 30 minutes after PMCAO significantly improved neurological disability and reduced infarct volume. Leptin treatment led to increased expression of CB2 receptor, TRPV1, SIRT-1 and leptin receptor and reduced expression of CB1 receptor. There was also a non-significant increase in Bcl-2 gene expression following leptin administration. These results suggest that leptin may be used for attenuating ischemic injury after stroke via induction of an anti-apoptotic state.



**Figura 5.** Mecanismo de señalización del receptor de leptina. La activación del Ob-Rb por leptina incrementa la actividad de las quinasas JAK2 que fosforilan diversos sustratos intracelulares como Y985 y Y1138 (pertenecientes a Ob-Rb) y a Y705 (perteneciente a STAT3). Adaptado de Bjørbaek y Kahn, 2004.

# SIRTUÍNA 1

NAD-dependent class Histone deacetylase III family



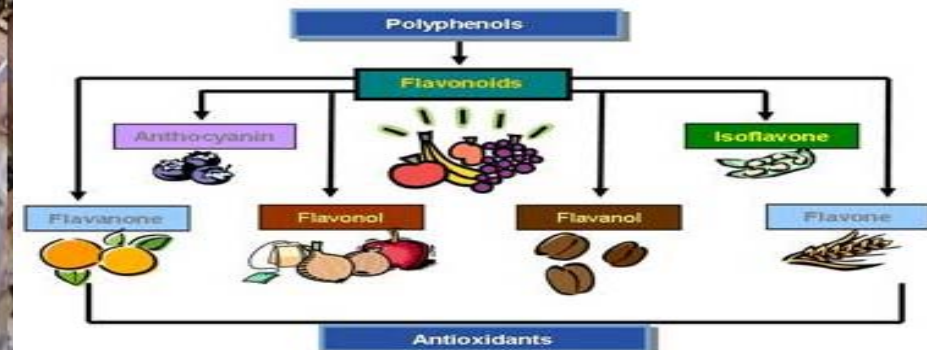




Braz. J. Plant Physiol., 18(1):23-36, 2006

**Table 1.** Main classes of phenolic compounds in higher plants.

Classes and sub-classes	Examples of specific compounds
<b>Non-flavonoid compounds</b>	
Phenolic acids	
Benzoic acids	Gallic acid; protocatechuic acid; <i>p</i> -hydroxybenzoic acid
Hydroxycinnamic acids	Coumaric acid; caffeic acid; ferulic acid; sinapic acid
Hydrolyzable tannins	Pentagalloylglucose
Stilbenes	Resveratrol
Lignans	Secoisolariciresinol, matairesinol, lariciresinol, pinoresinol
<b>Flavonoid compounds</b>	
Flavonols	Kaempferol; quercetin; myricetin
Flavones	Apigenin; luteolin
Flavanones	Naringenin; hesperetin
Flavanols	Catechins; gallocatechins
Anthocyanidins	Pelargonidin; cyanidin; malvidin
Condensed tannins or proanthocyanidins	Trimeric procyanidin, prodelphinidins
Isoflavones	Daidzein; genistein; glycitein





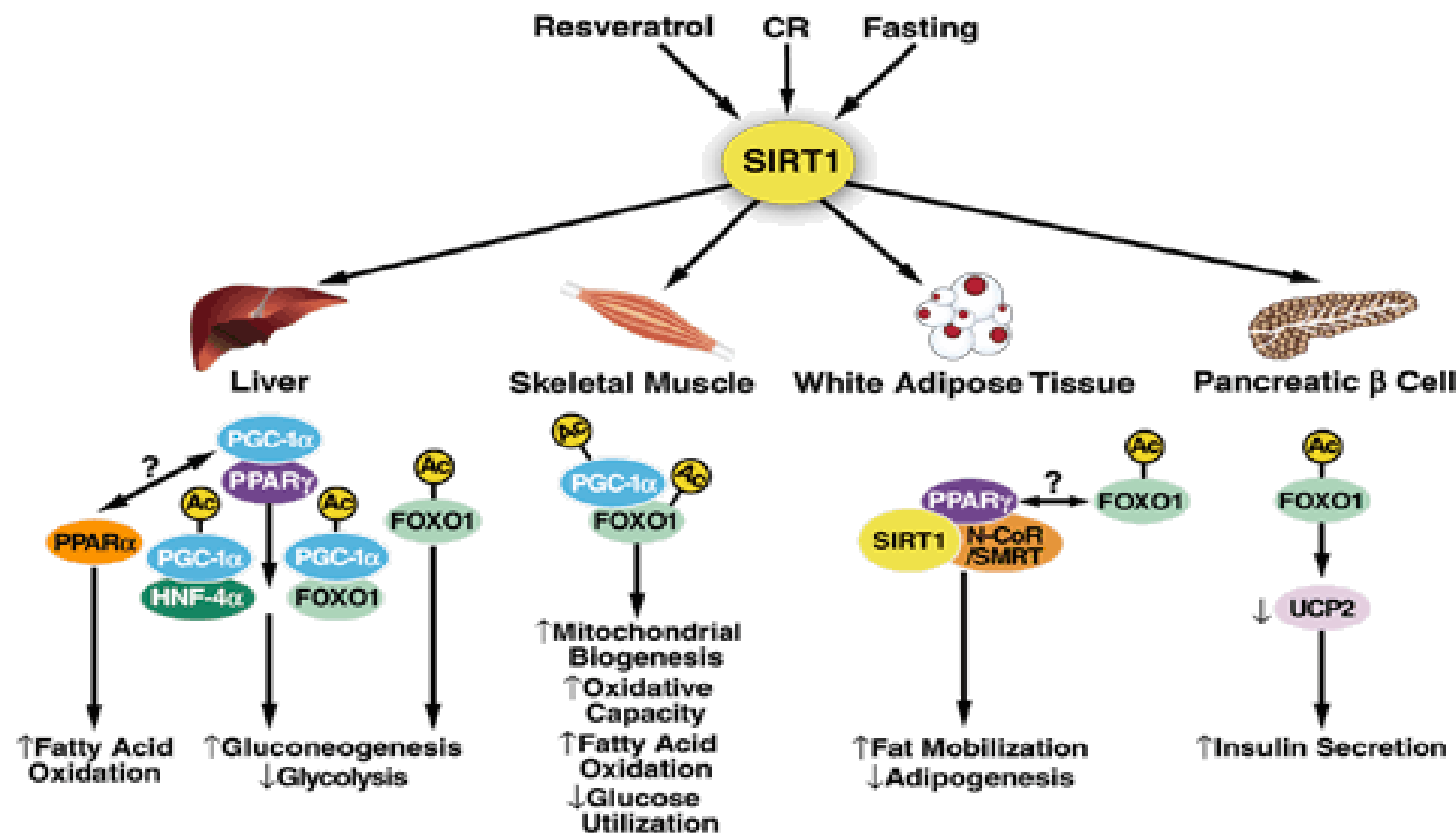
## Sirt1 promotes fat mobilization in white adipocytes by repressing PPAR- $\gamma$

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methylxanthine, we observed that Sirt1 protein levels increased and peaked at day 5 after hormonal stimulation (Fig. 1a). *Sirt1* expression in 3T3-L1 cells was then modified through retroviral infection with either pBABE-*Sirt1* or pSUPER-*Sirt1* RNA interference (RNAi) for overexpression (tenfold) or downregulation (sevenfold) of the *Sirt1* gene, respectively (Fig. 1b). 3T3-L1 cells undergo one or two mitotic divisions after induction as a prelude to terminal differentiation<sup>9,10</sup>. This occurred normally in cells that overexpressed or underexpressed Sirt1 as evaluated by 5-bromo-deoxyuridine (BrdU) incorporation (data not shown). However, compared with cells infected with the control vector, stable 3T3-L1 cells overexpressing Sirt1 accumulated much less fat as determined by Oil red O staining after 7 days of differentiation (Fig. 1c) or direct measurement of intracellular triglyceride content (Fig. 1d). In contrast, downregulation of Sirt1 expression resulted in a significant





1 Review

## 2 Sirtuin activators: Designing molecules to extend life span

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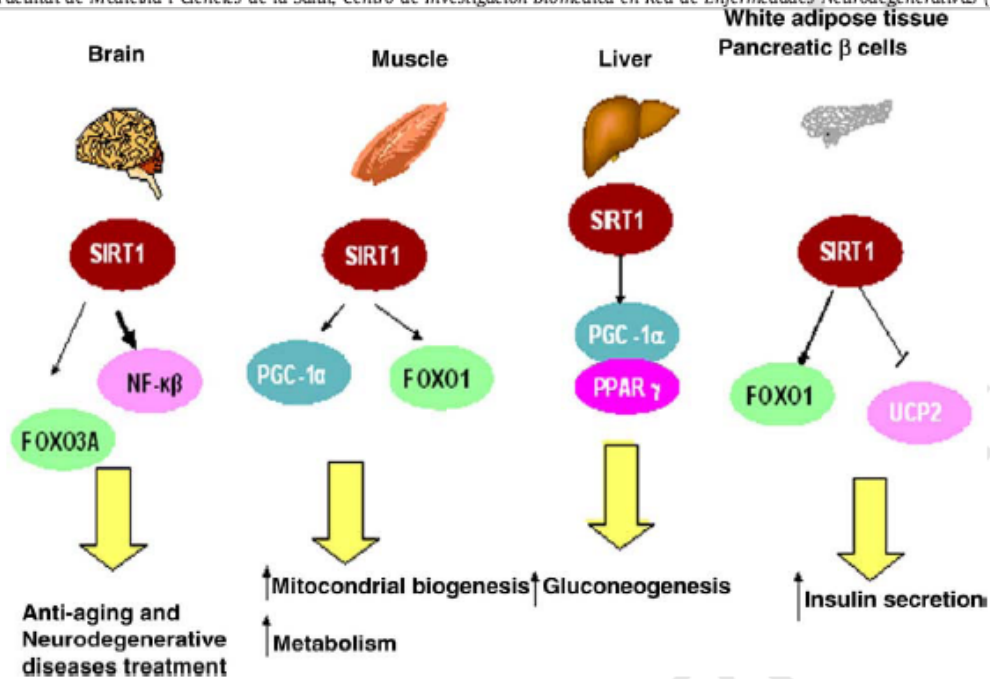


Fig. 1. SIRT1 produces different outputs as a result of different stimuli. Activation of SIRT1 to the brain causes an increase in the expression of the transcription factor FOXO 3A with antiaging properties. Besides an increase in NF transcription factor may explain, among others, the neuroprotective properties of SIRT1. SIRT1 protects pancreatic cells and muscle cells against stress-induced apoptosis by increasing activity of the forkhead protein FOXO1. In the liver, SIRT1 deacetylates the coactivator PGC-1α, thereby increasing the expression of genes for gluconeogenesis. In the muscles, the effect of SIRT1 on FOXO1 increases mitochondrial biogenesis and insulin secretion.

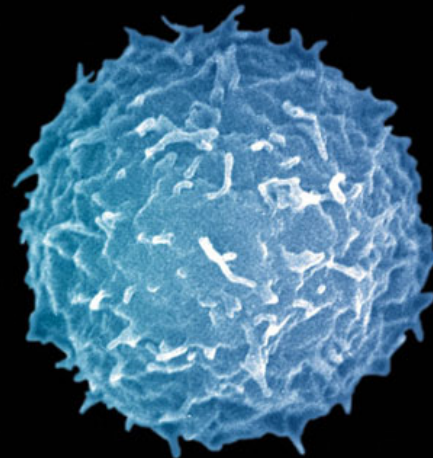


**“Eat less, age well, remember well...”**

**Eat less= caloric restriction (CR)**



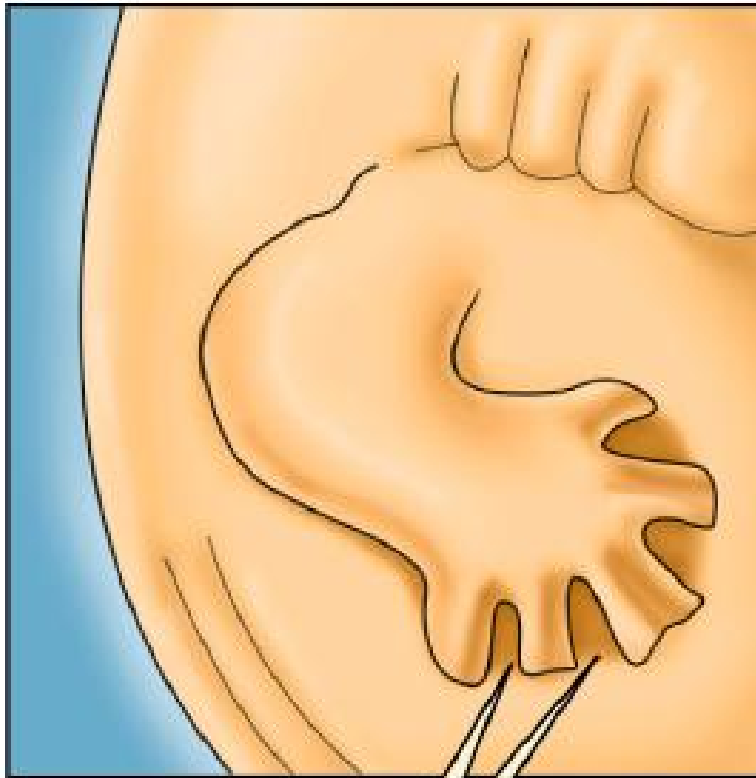
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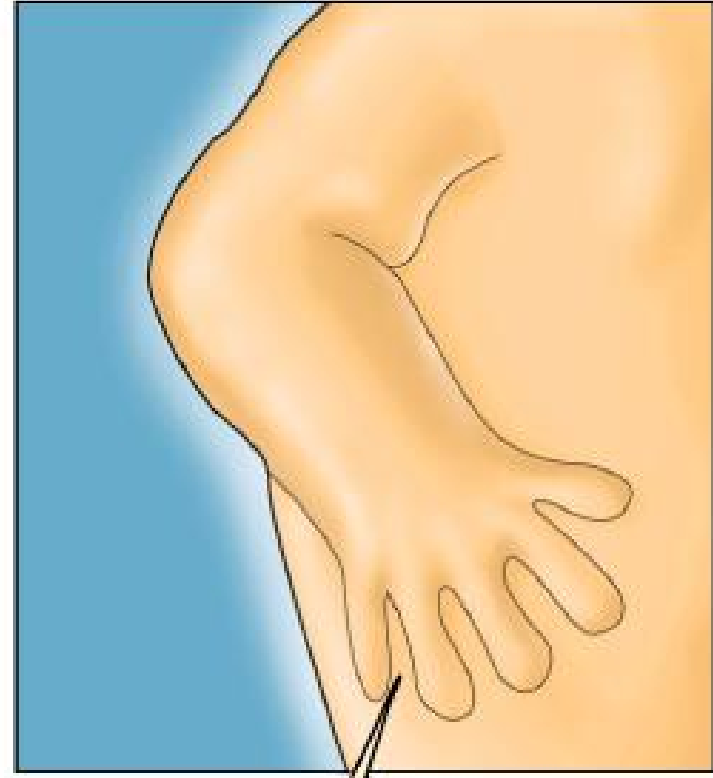
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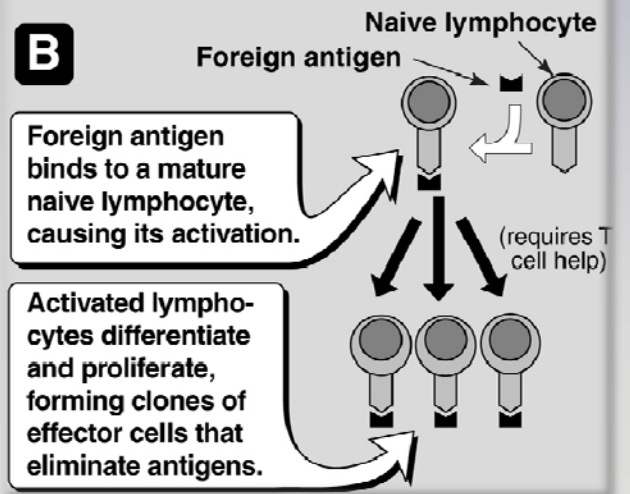
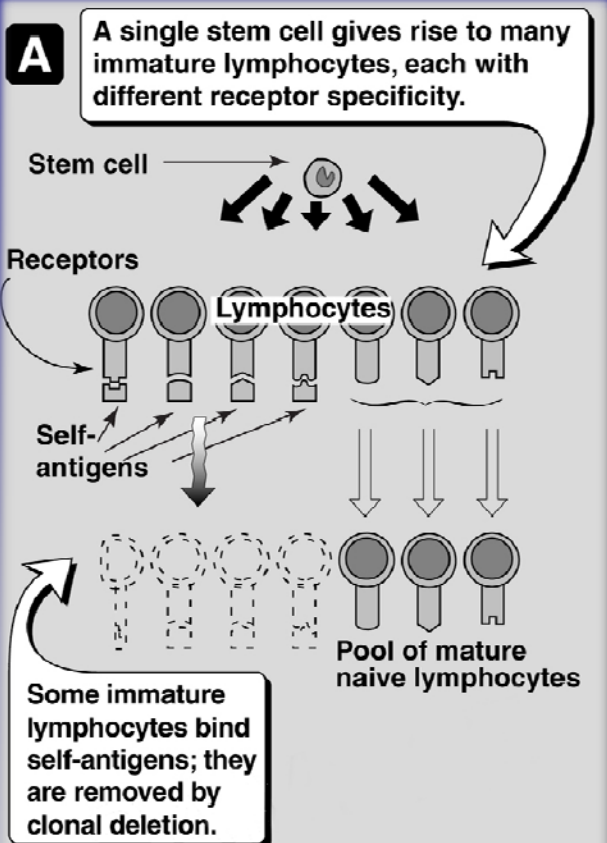
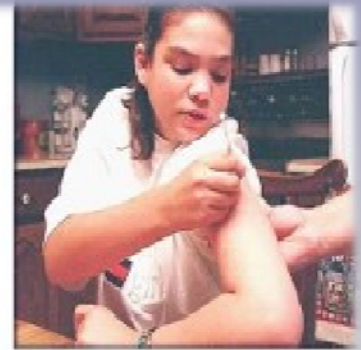
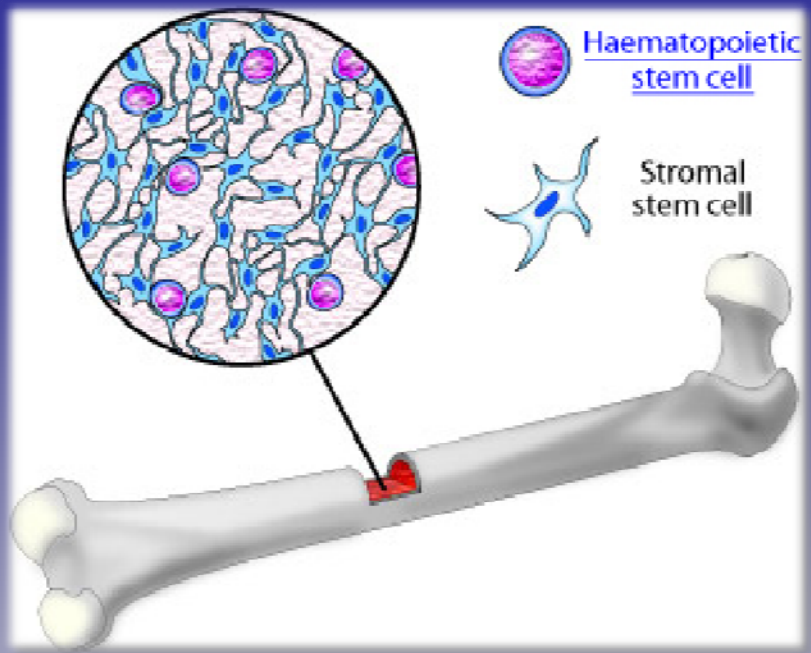


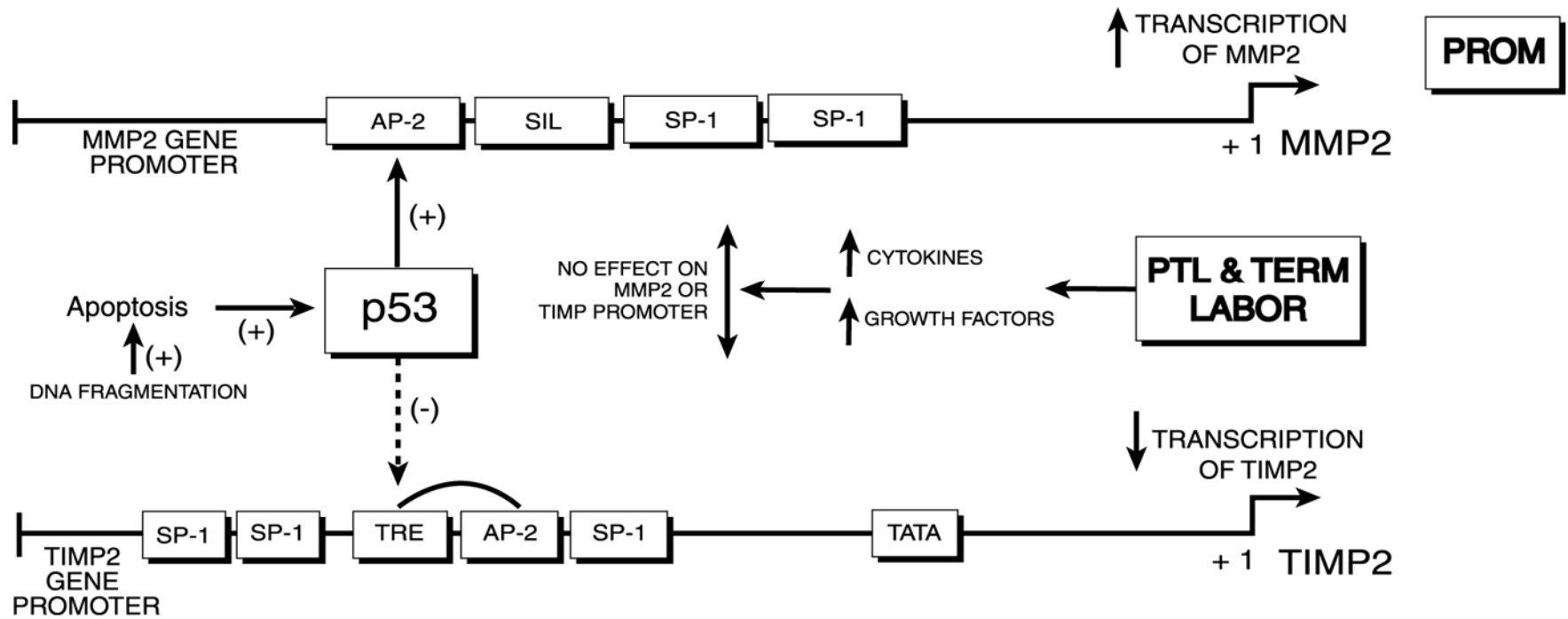


41 days after fertilization:  
Genes expressed.

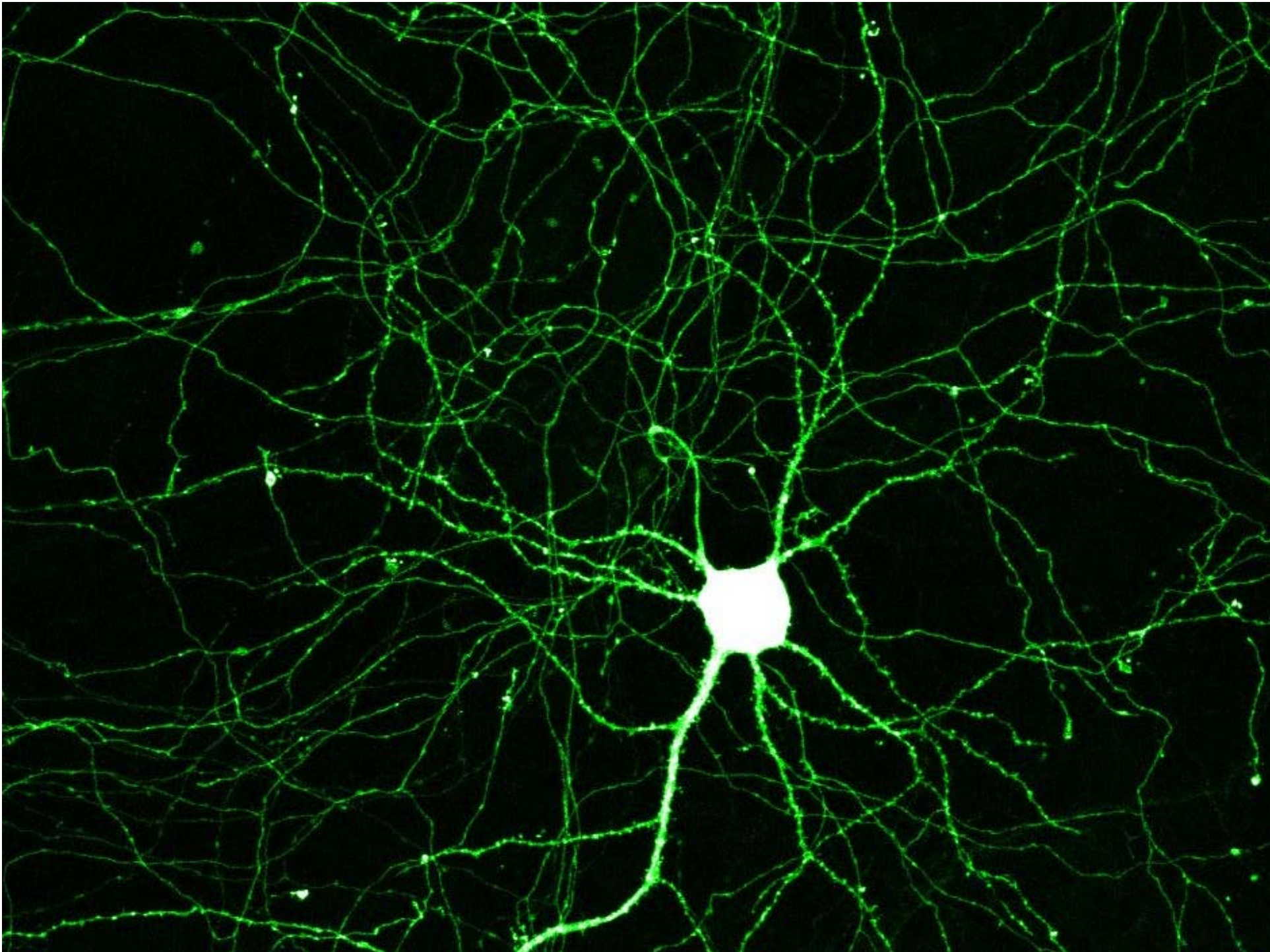


56 days after fertilization:  
Apoptosis complete.

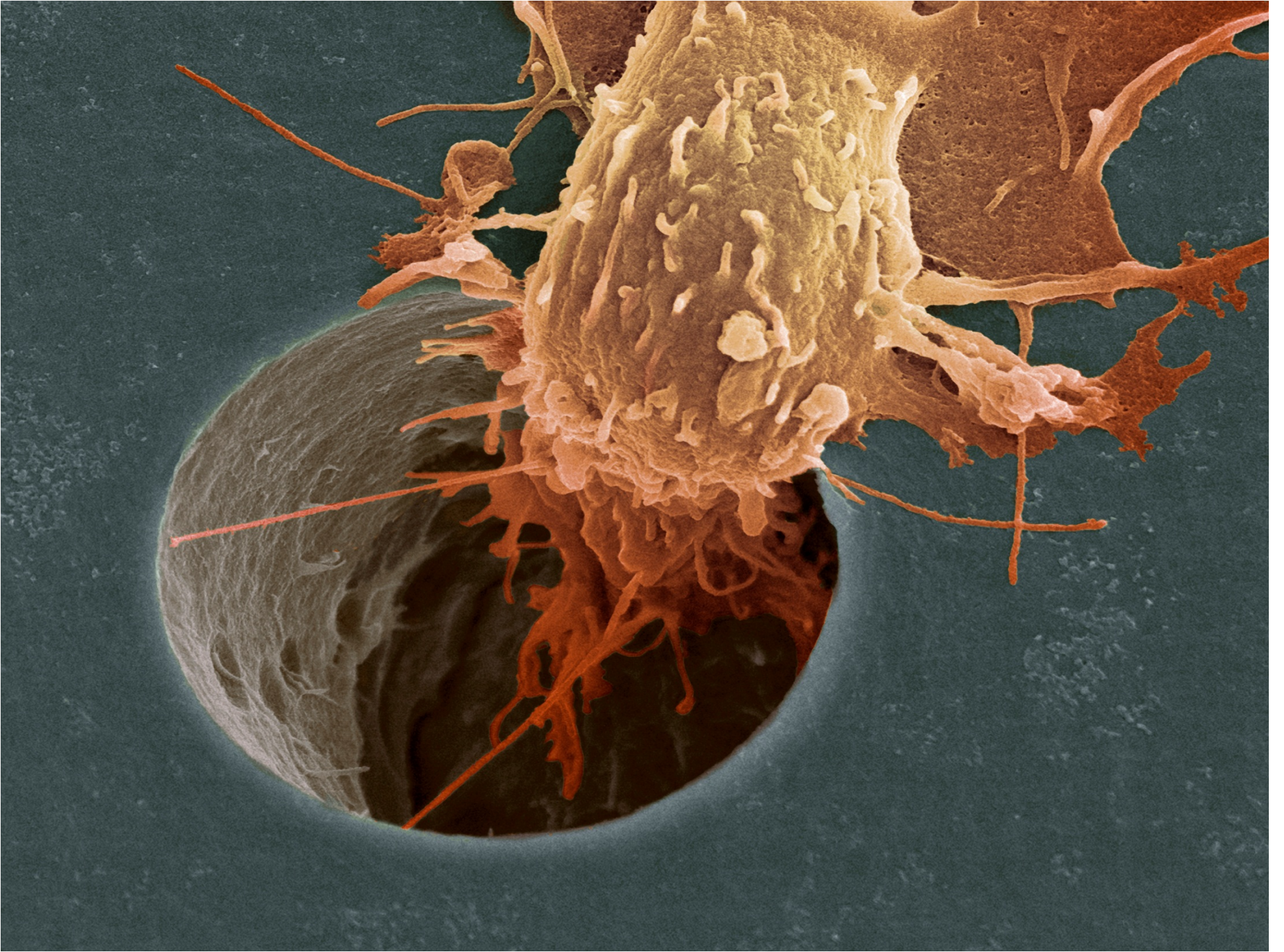






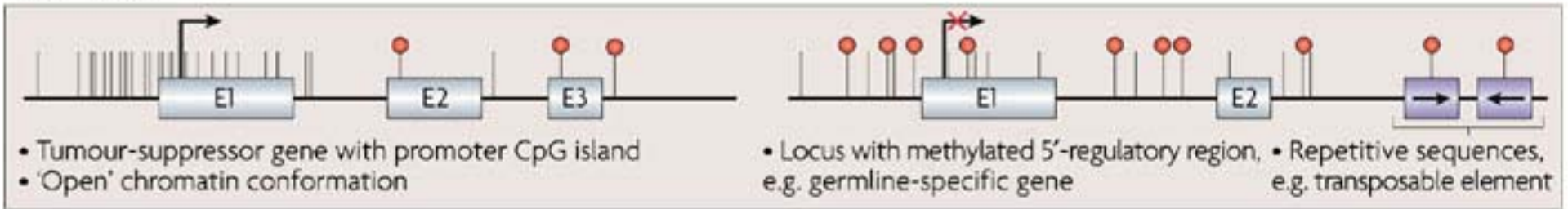




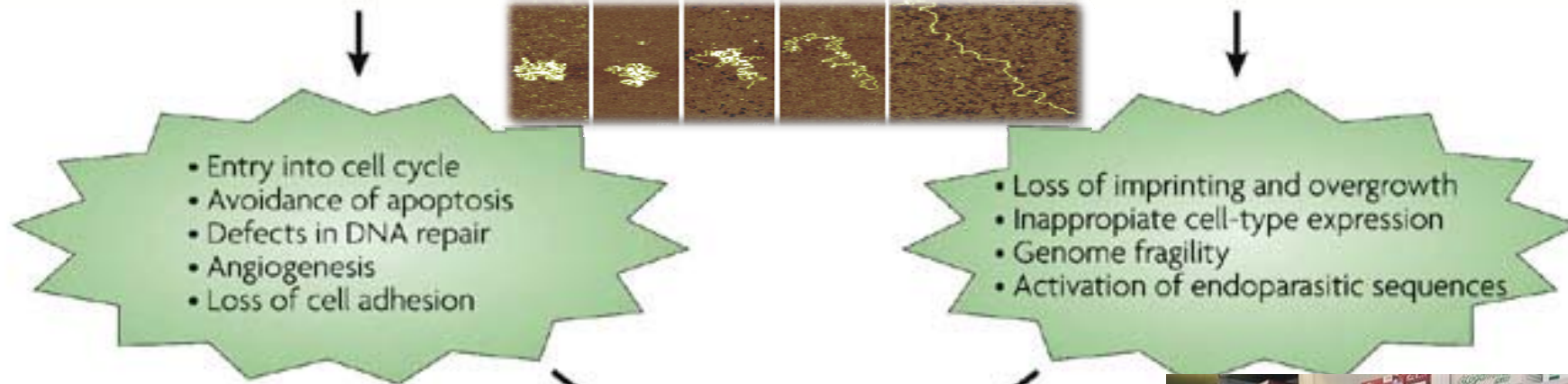
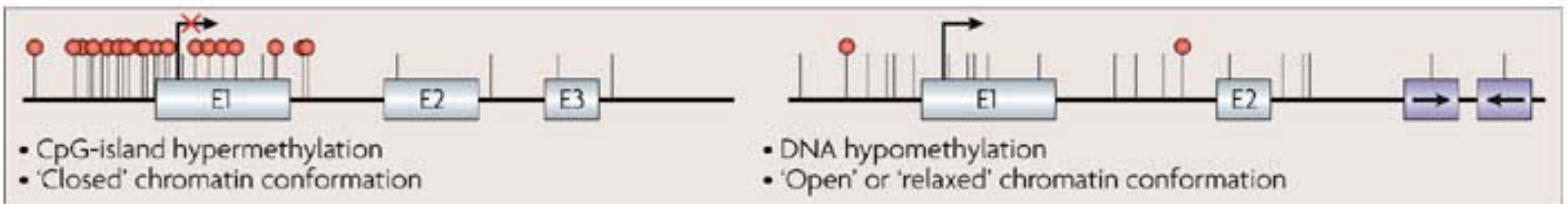




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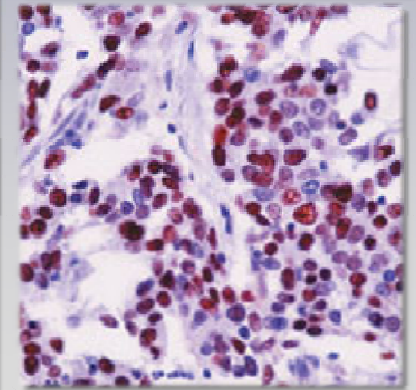
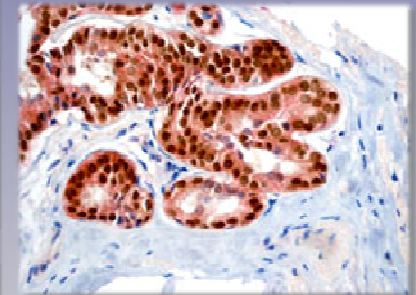
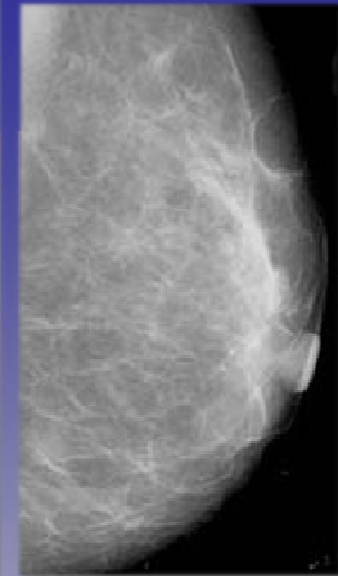
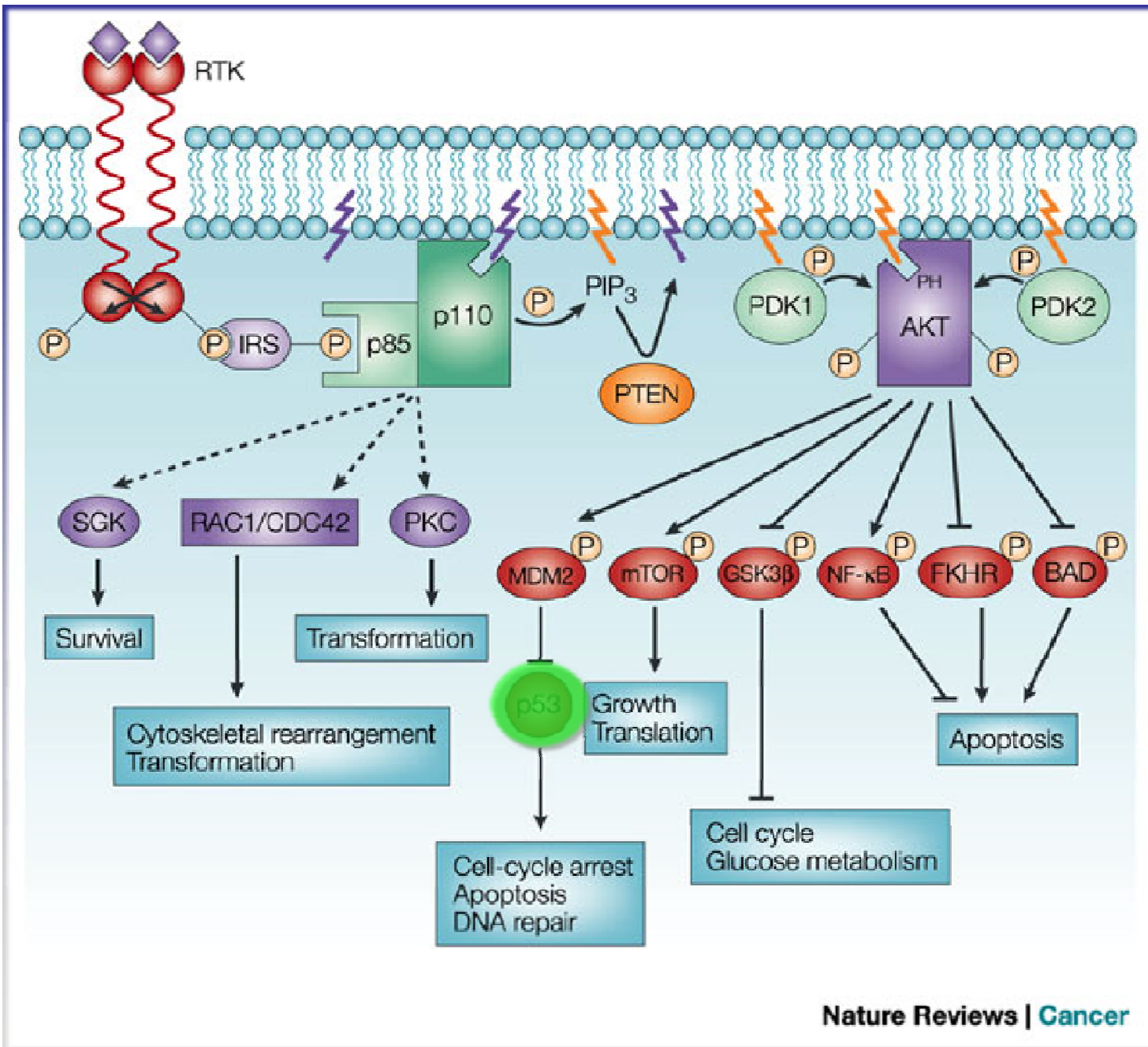
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Tumorigenesis

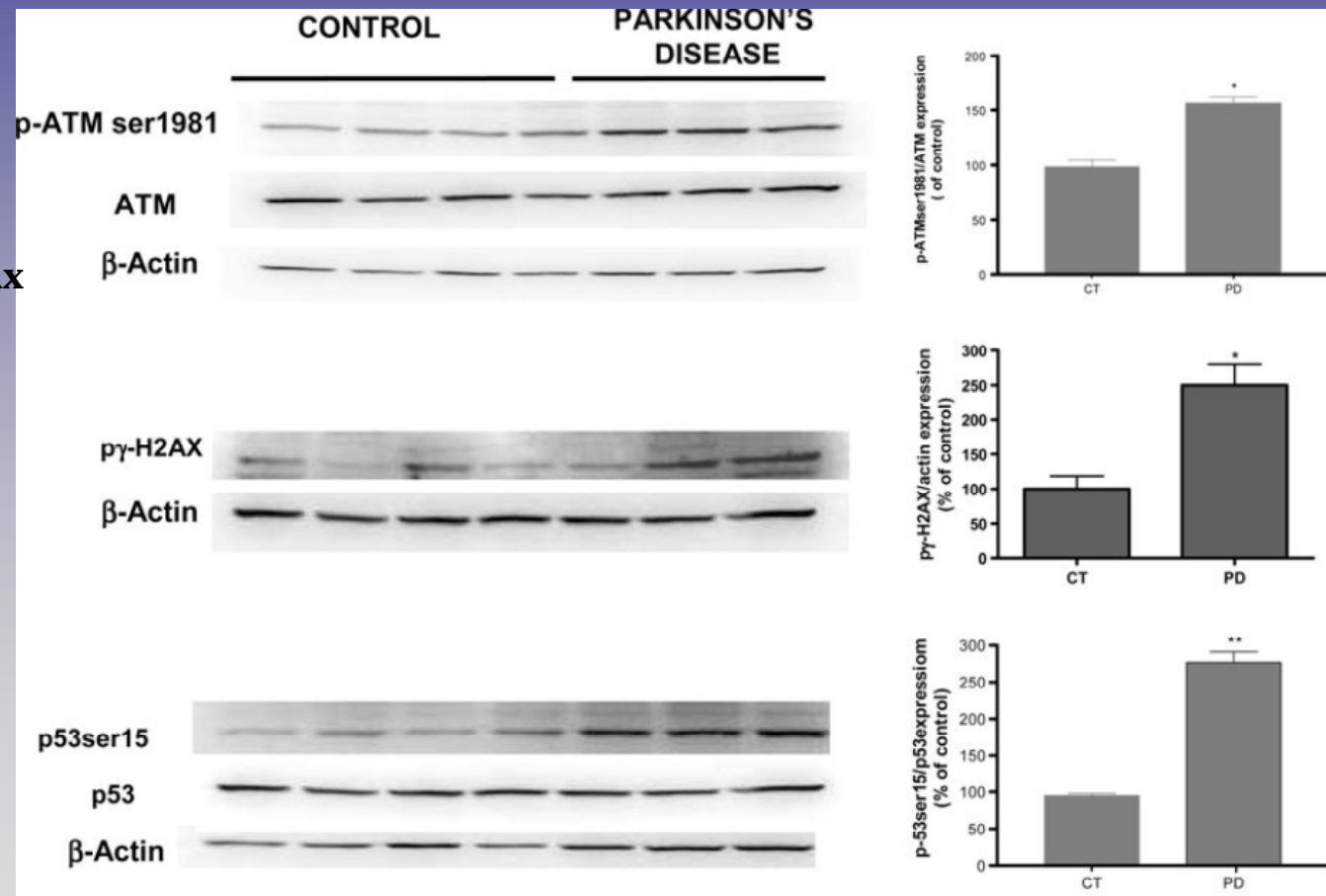
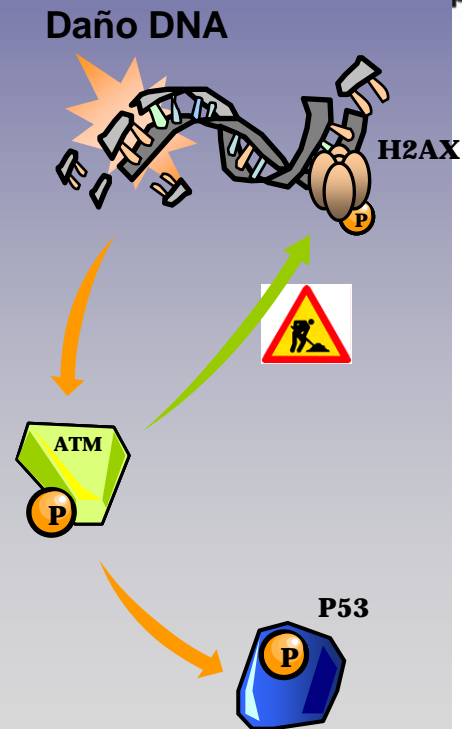




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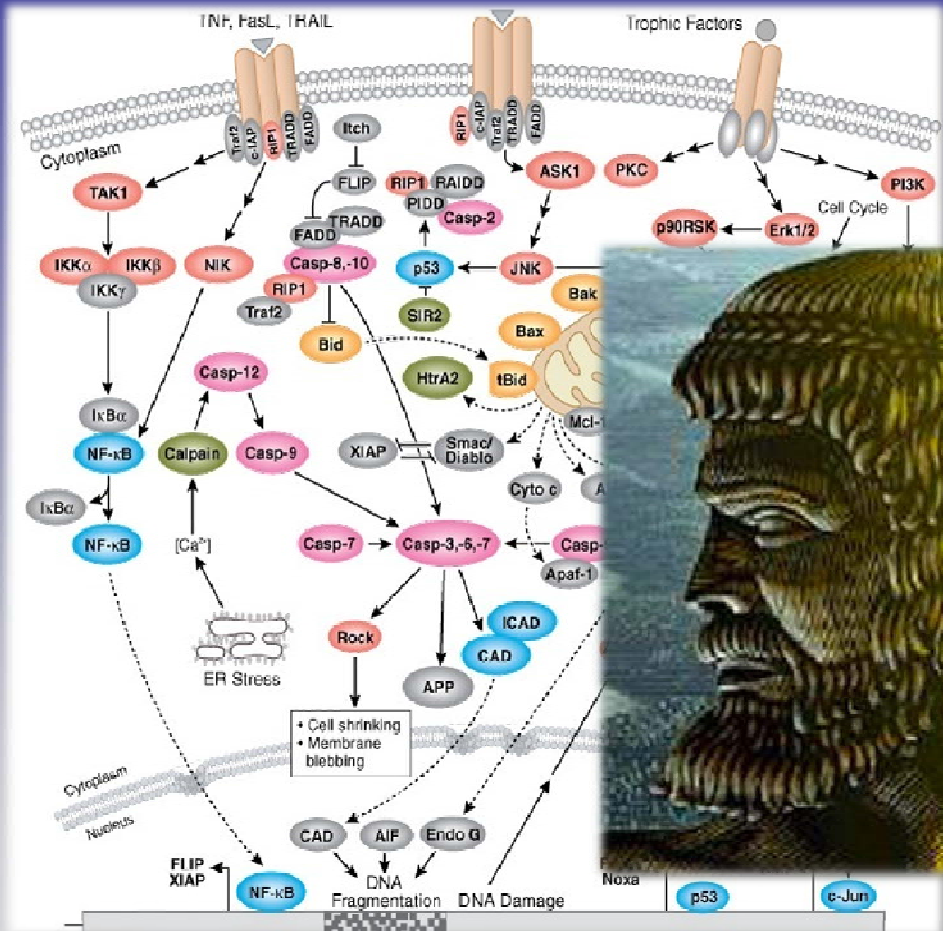
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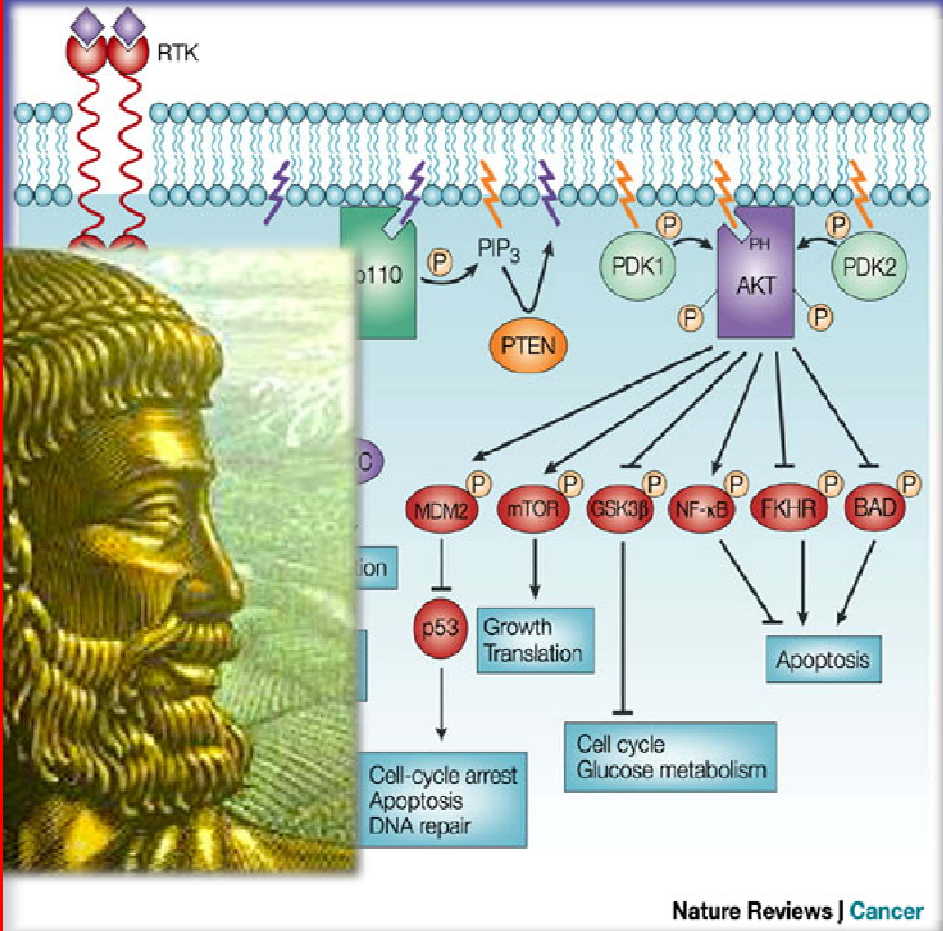
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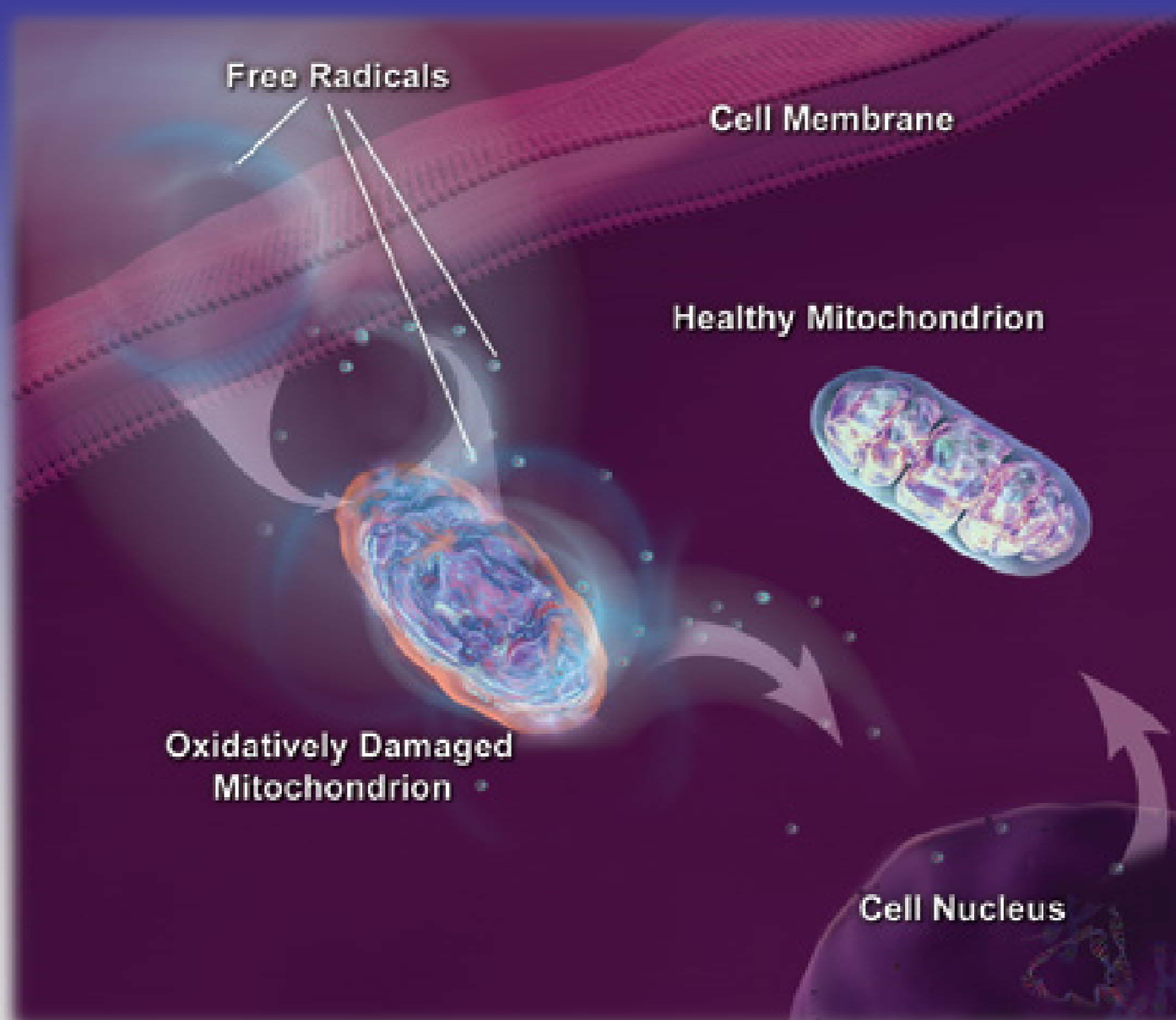


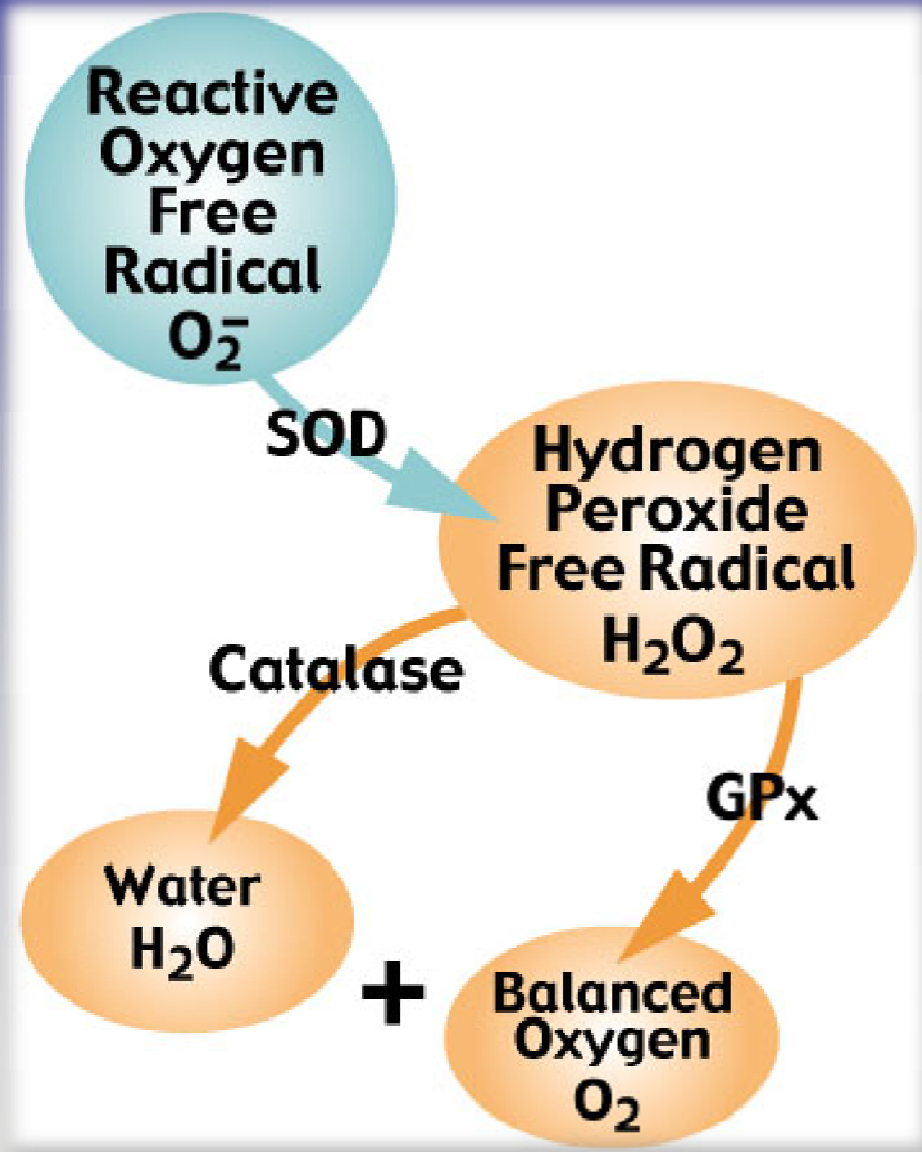
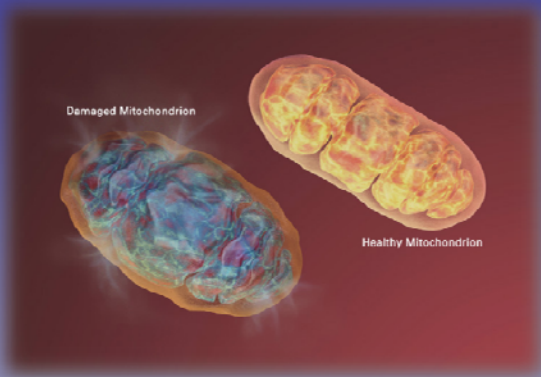


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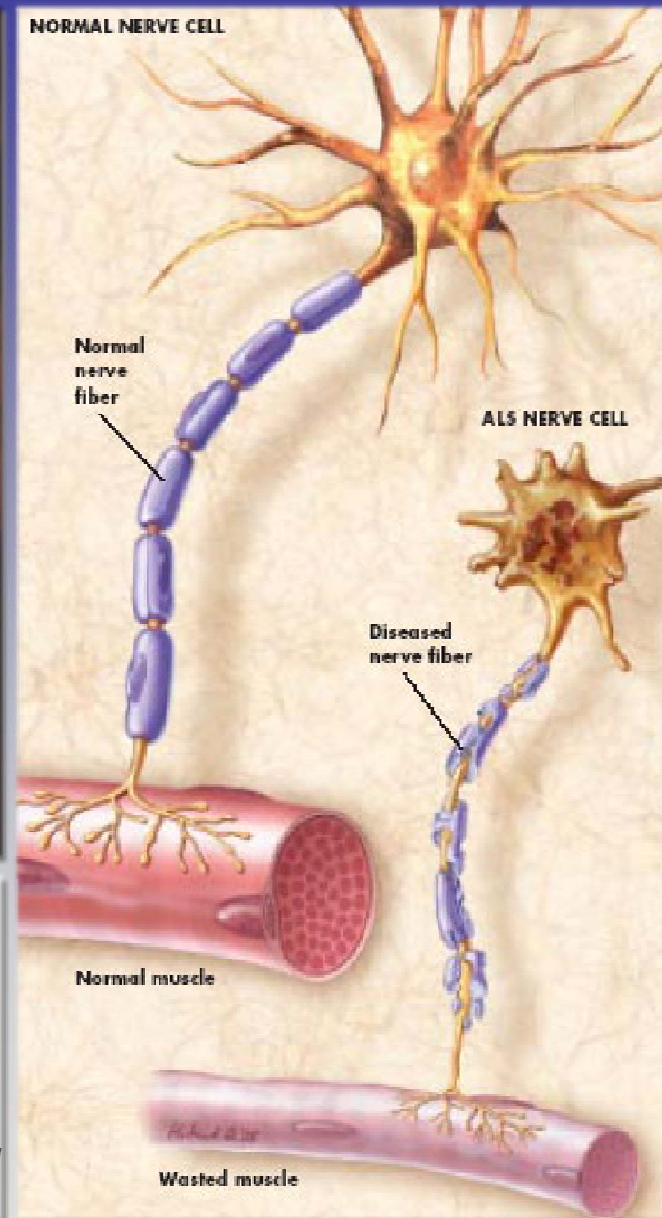
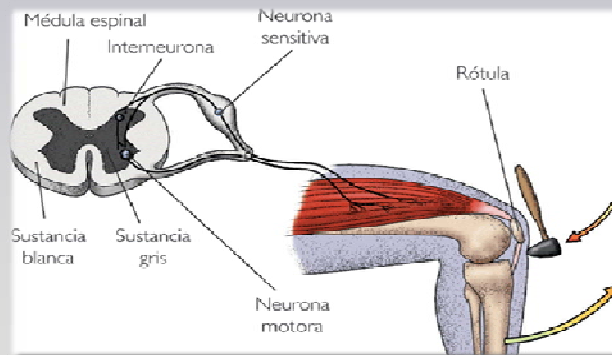


# APOPTOSIS CÁNCER





# Esclerosis Lateral Amiotrófica (ALS)





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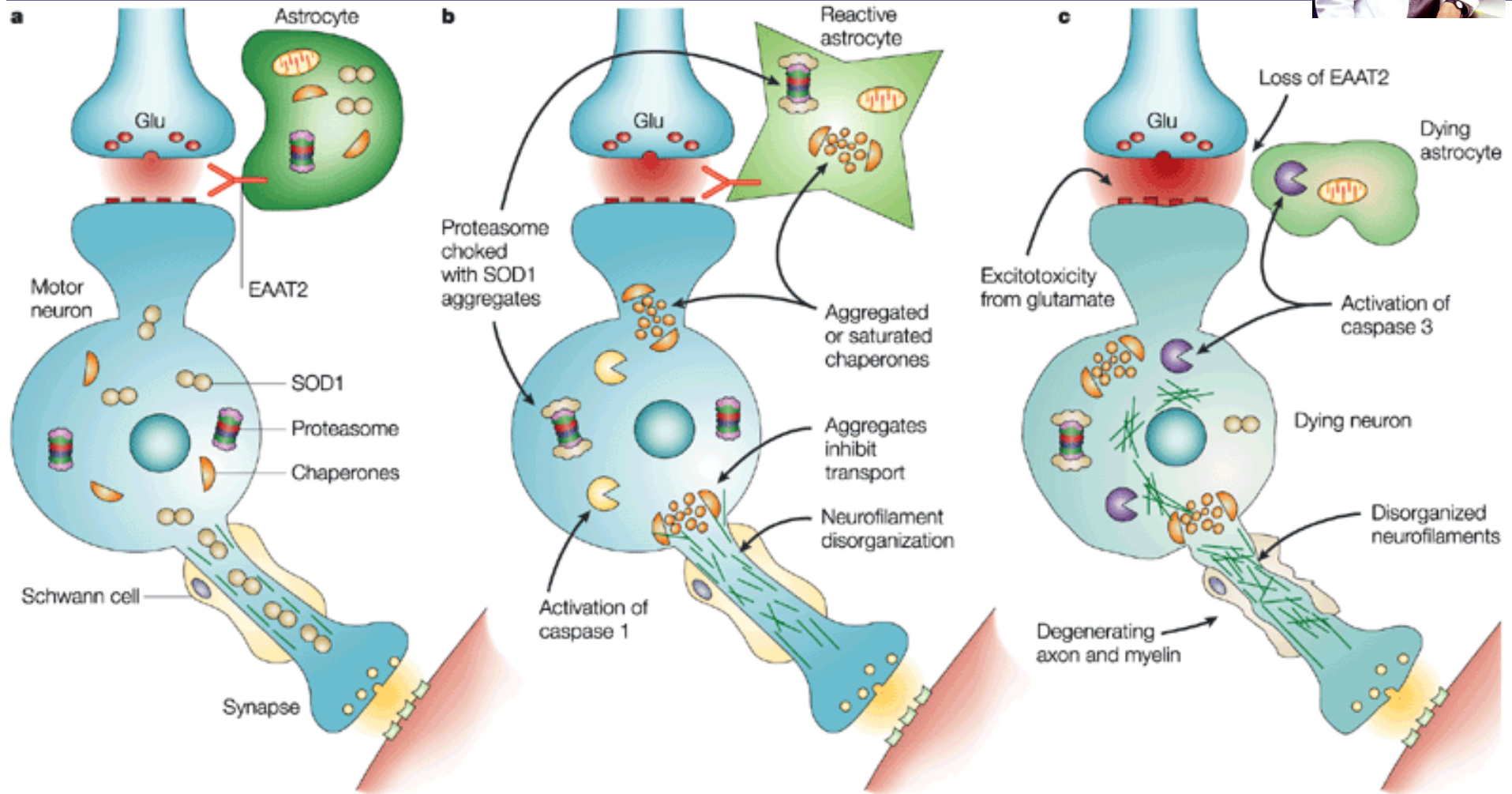
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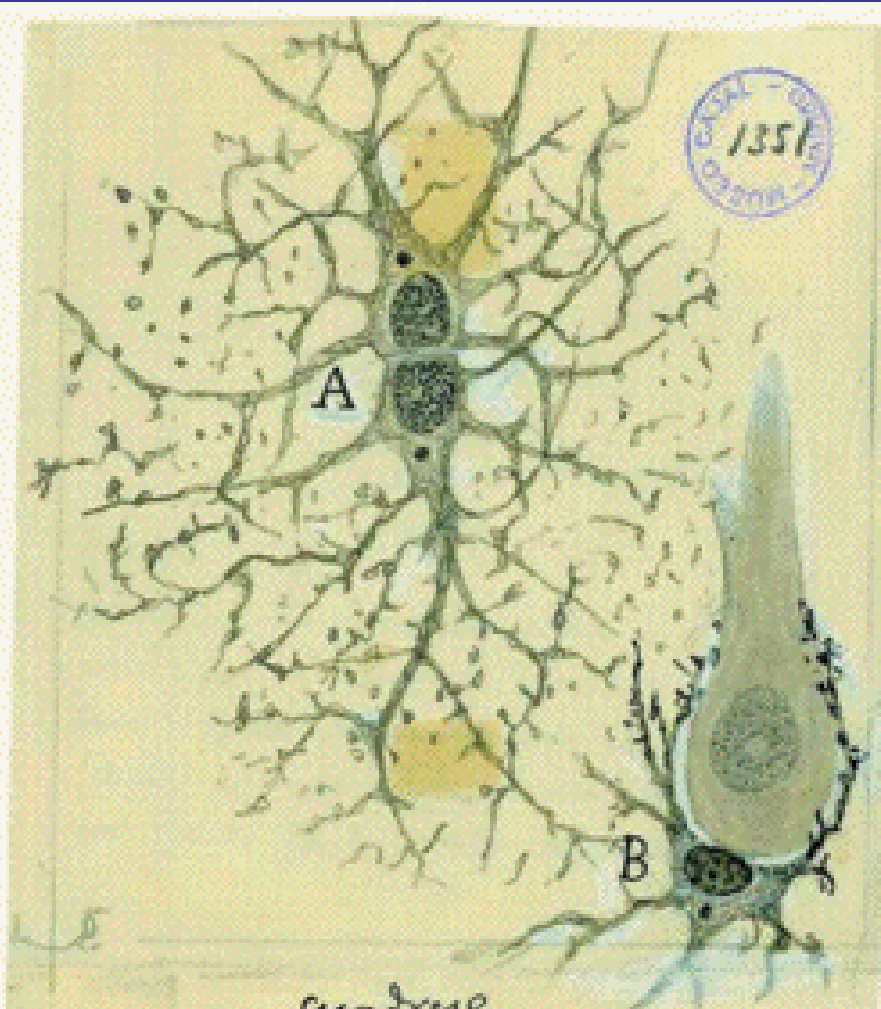
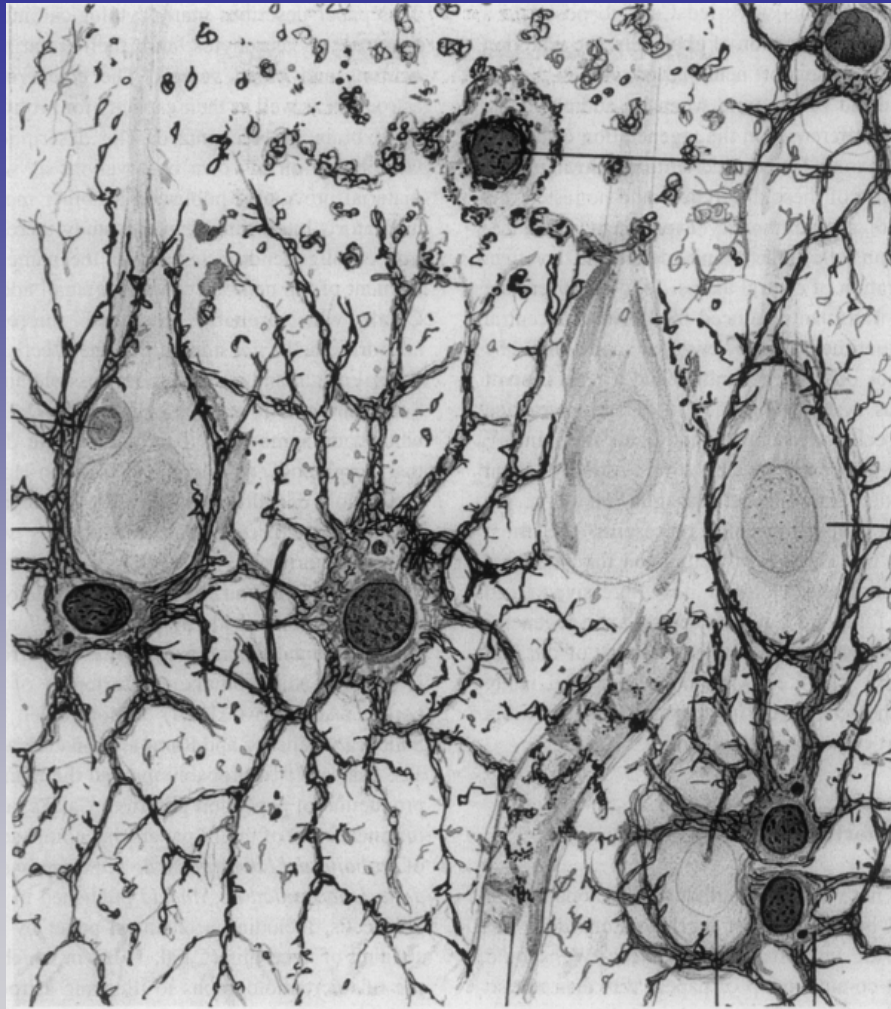
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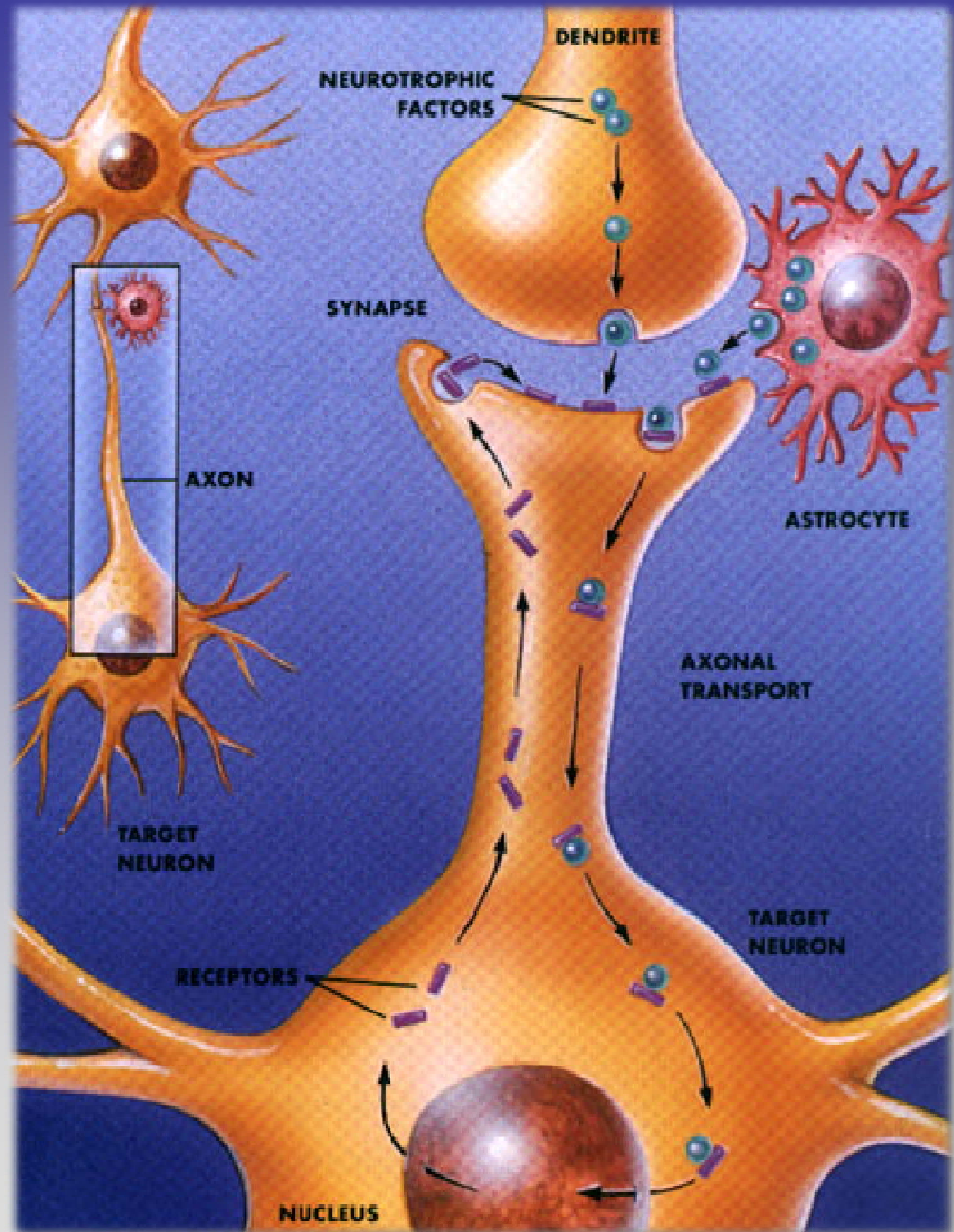
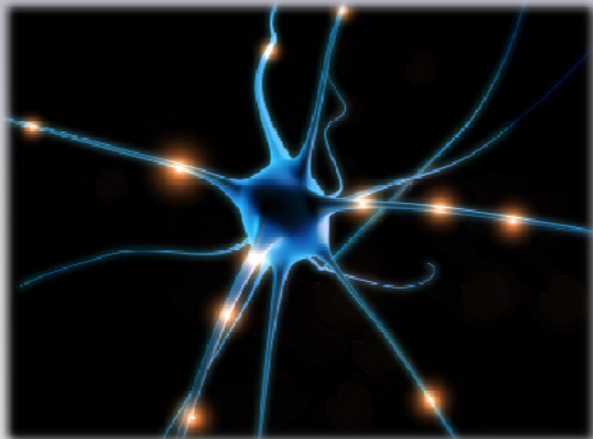
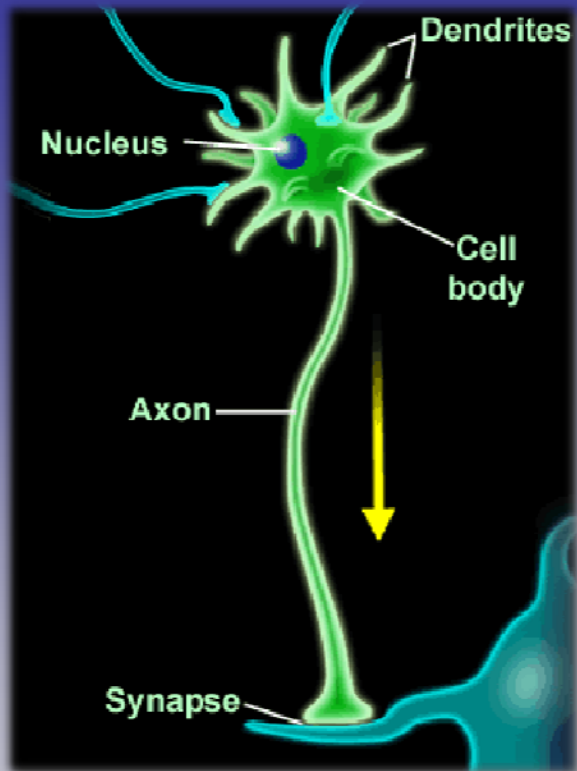
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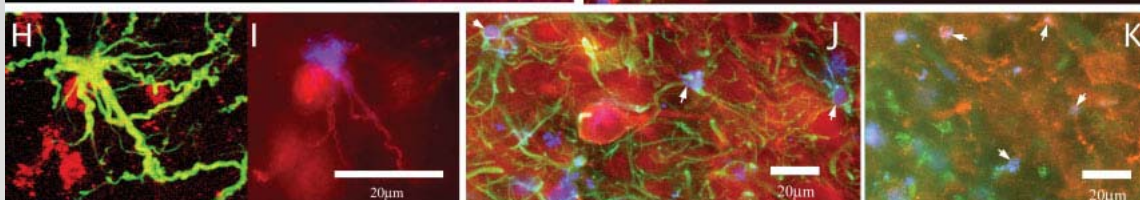
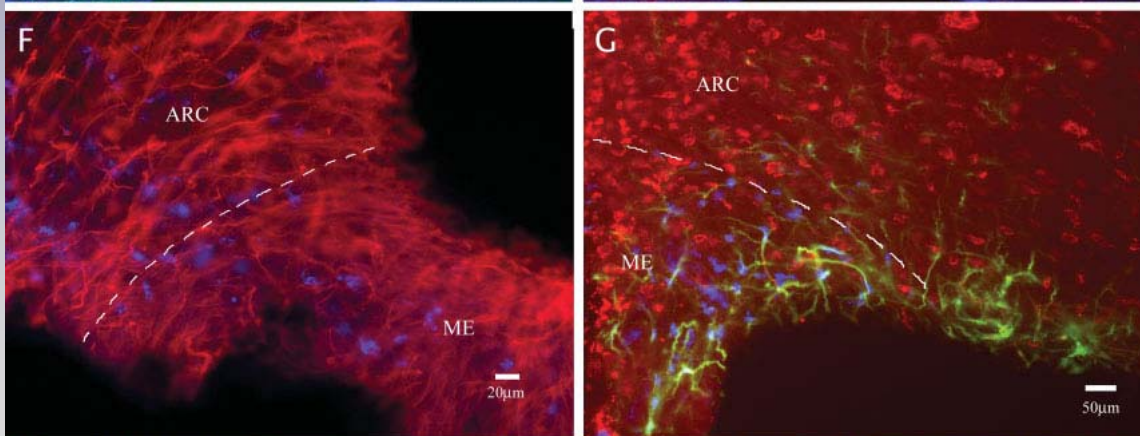
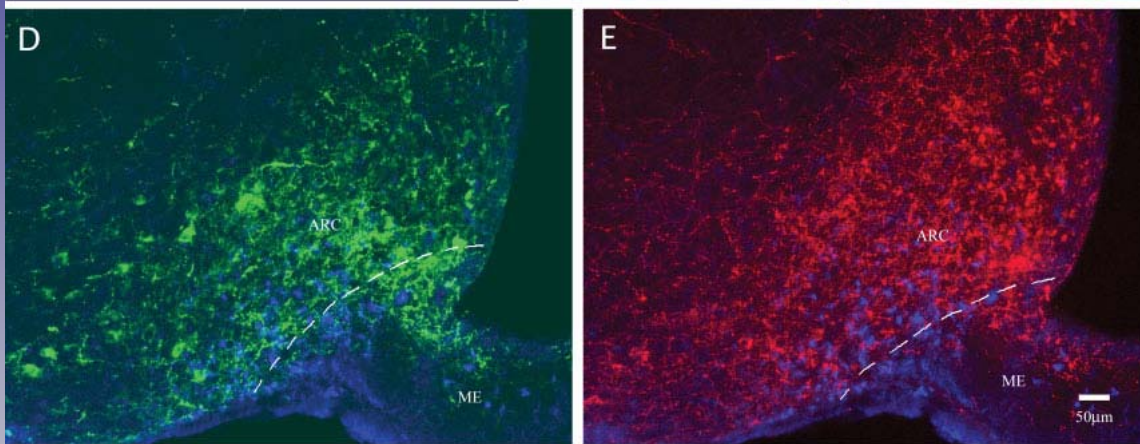
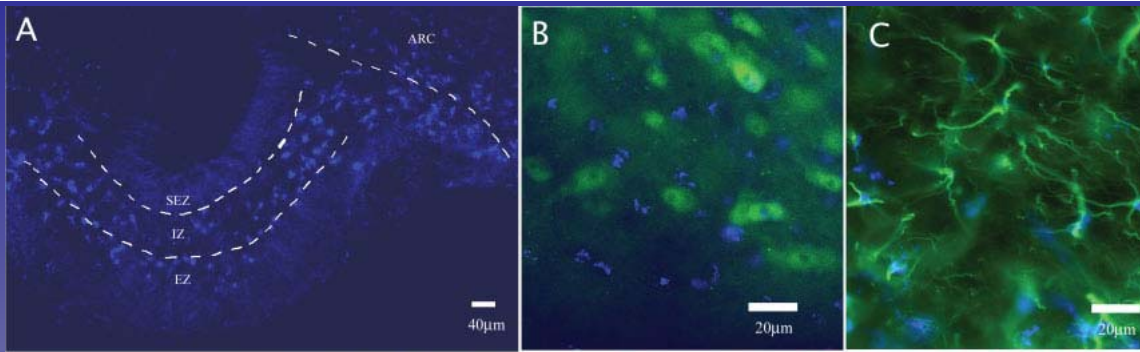


**Neuroglia from the hippocampal formation (stratum radiatum of the Ammon horn) of a human brain. In this drawing Cajal shows astrocytic processes embracing pyramidal neurons as well as astrocytic processes in contact with blood vessels.**

**From Legado Cajal - in: García Segura, 2002.**





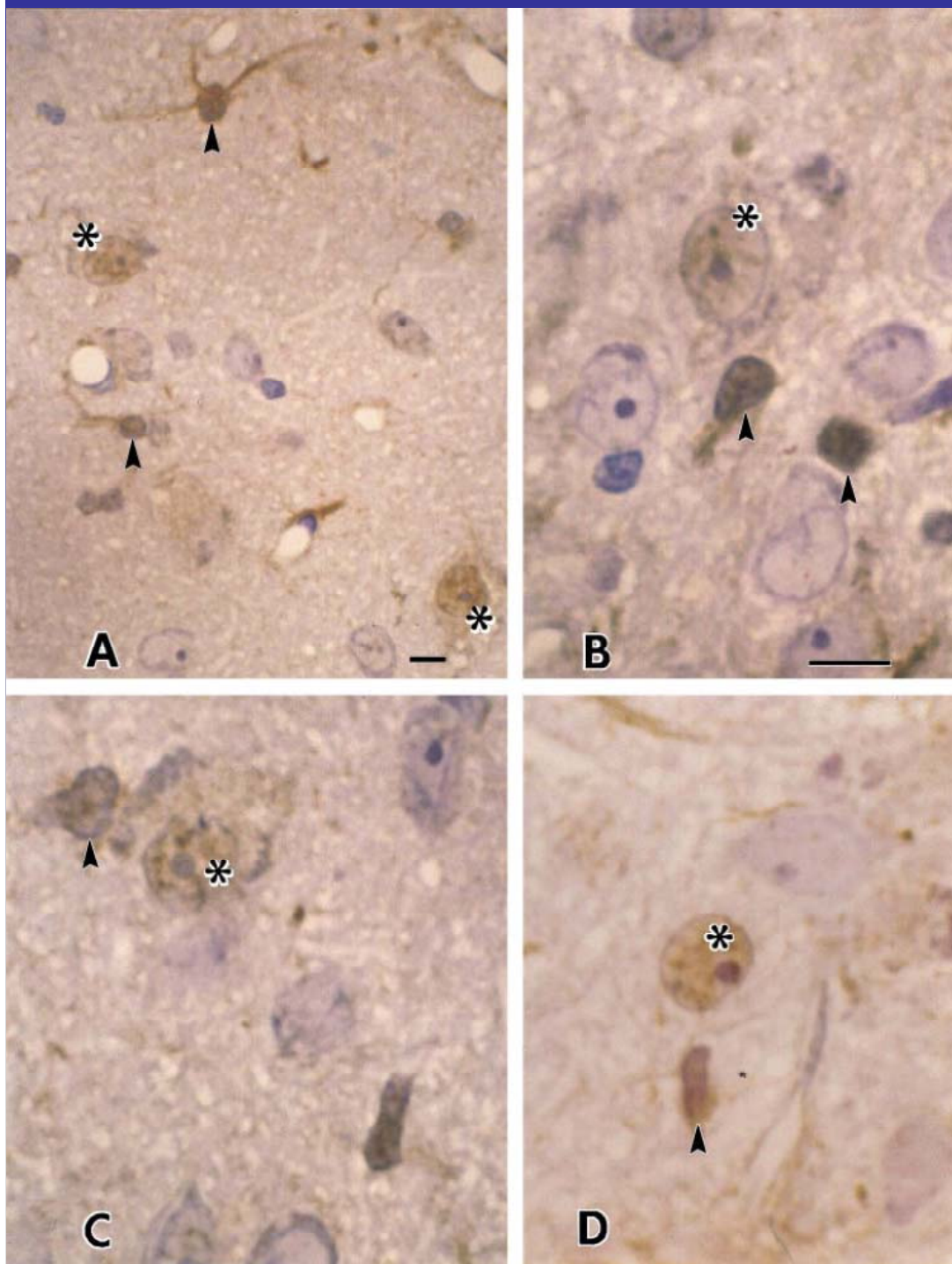


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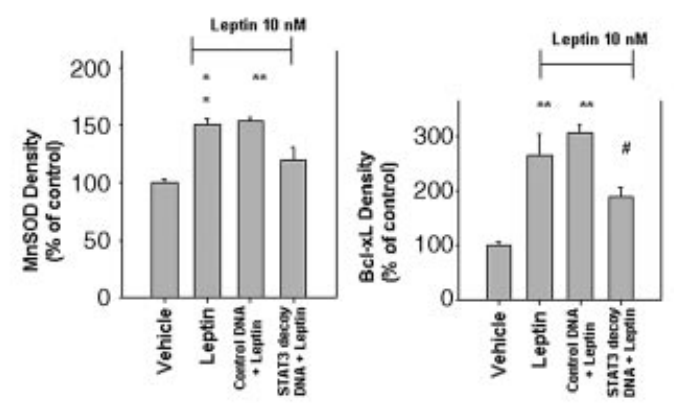
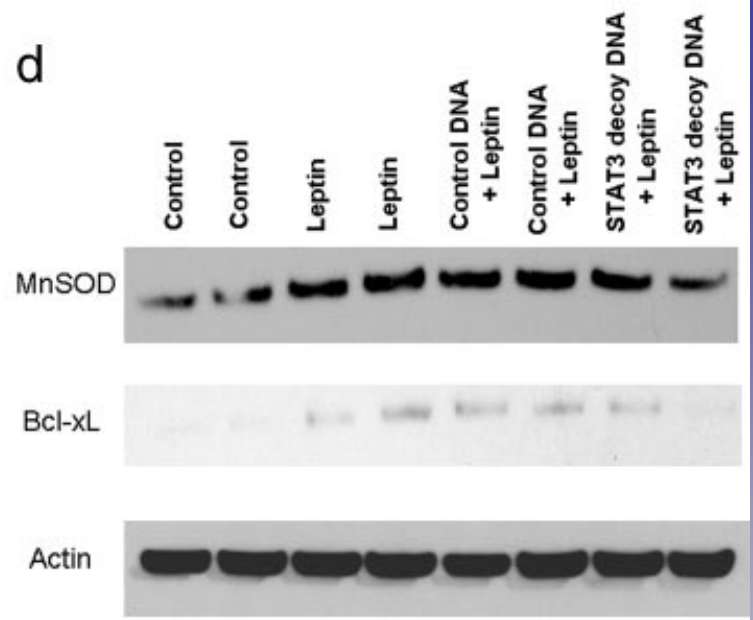
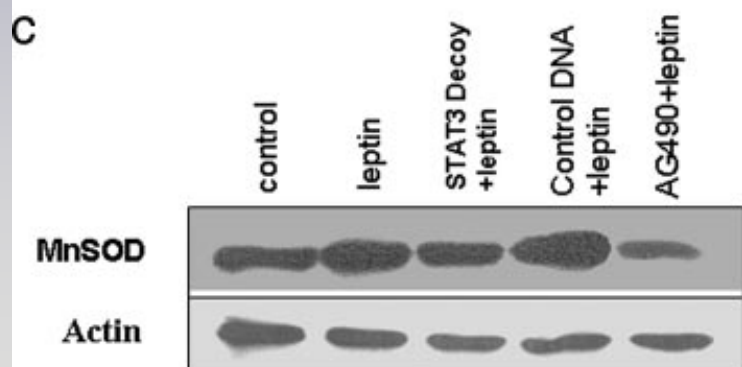
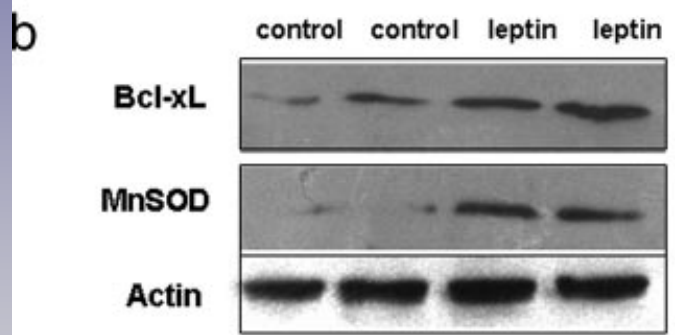
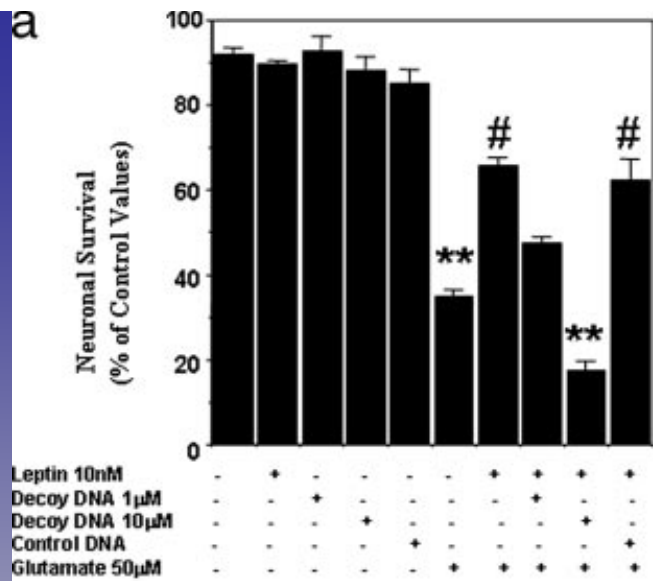
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Arcuate astrocytes and neurones. Panel A shows that bFABP-immunoreactive astrocytes (arrowheads) occupy the same general area as STAT3-immunoreactive neurones (asterisks).

John K. Young.  
**Anatomical relationship between specialized astrocytes and leptin-sensitive neurones**  
*J. Anat.* (2002) **201**, pp85–90



Zhihong Guo et al., Leptin-mediated Cell Survival Signaling in Hippocampal Neurons Mediated by JAK/STAT3 and Mitochondrial Stabilization\*. THE JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY VOL. 283, NO. 3, pp. 1754–1763, January 18, 2008



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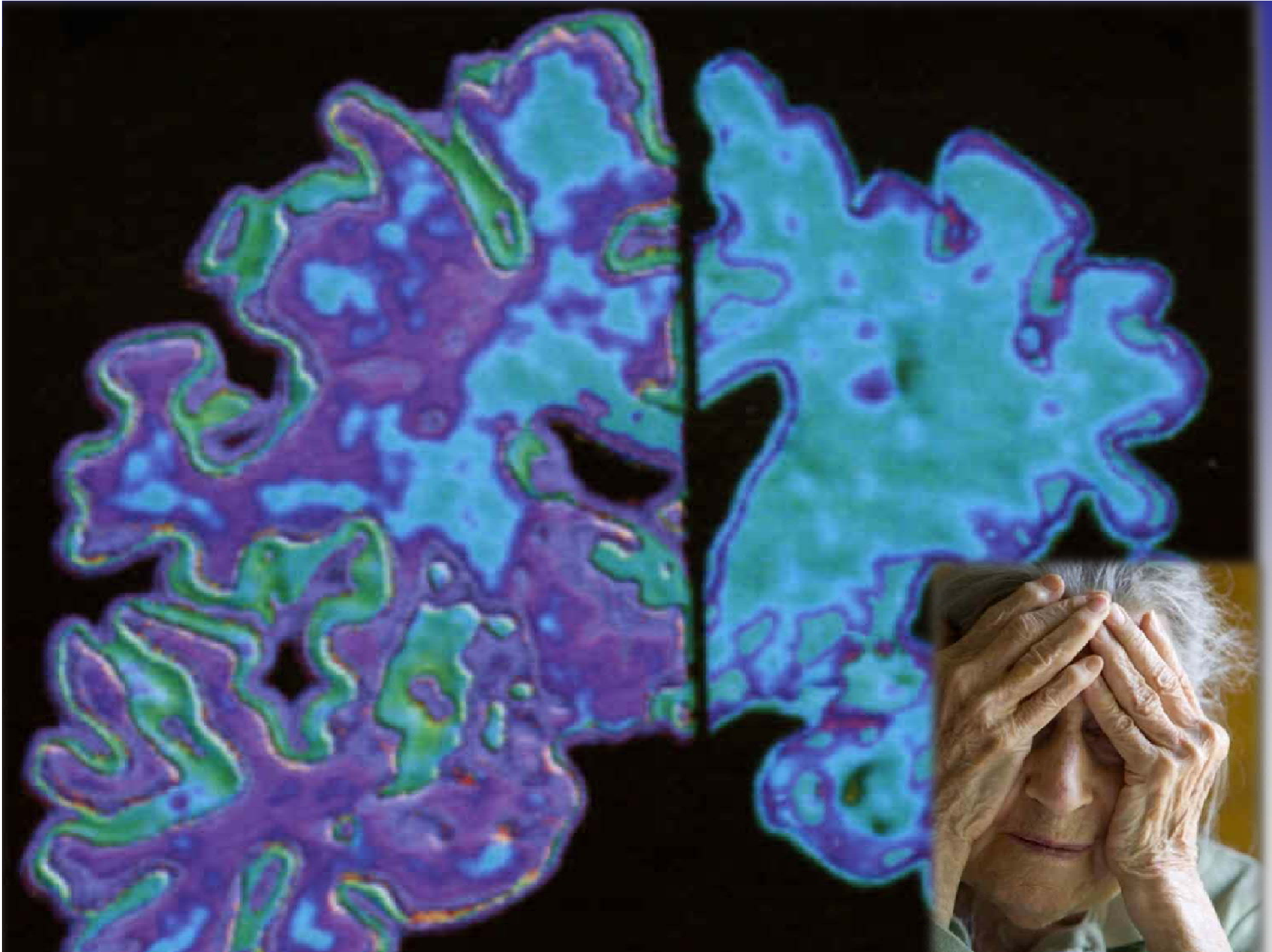


**normal  
lifespan**

**longevity**

**birth**

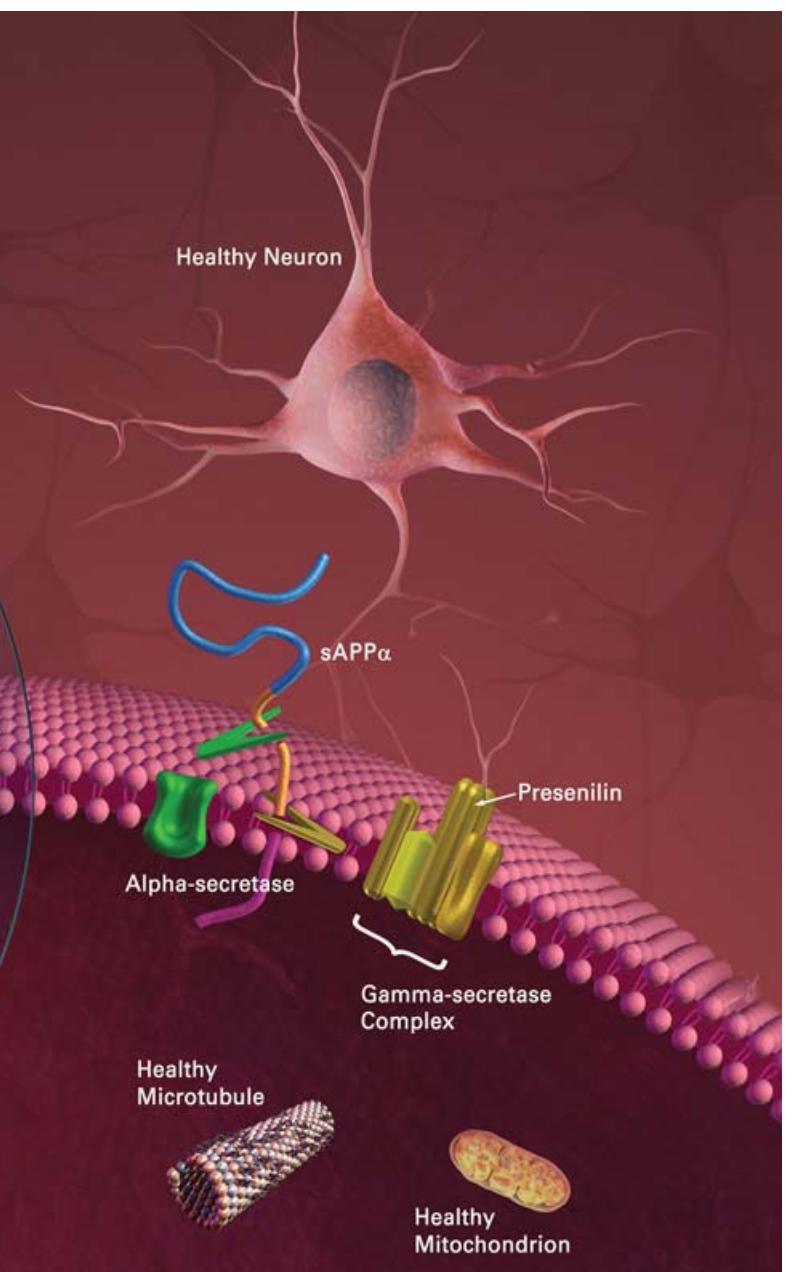
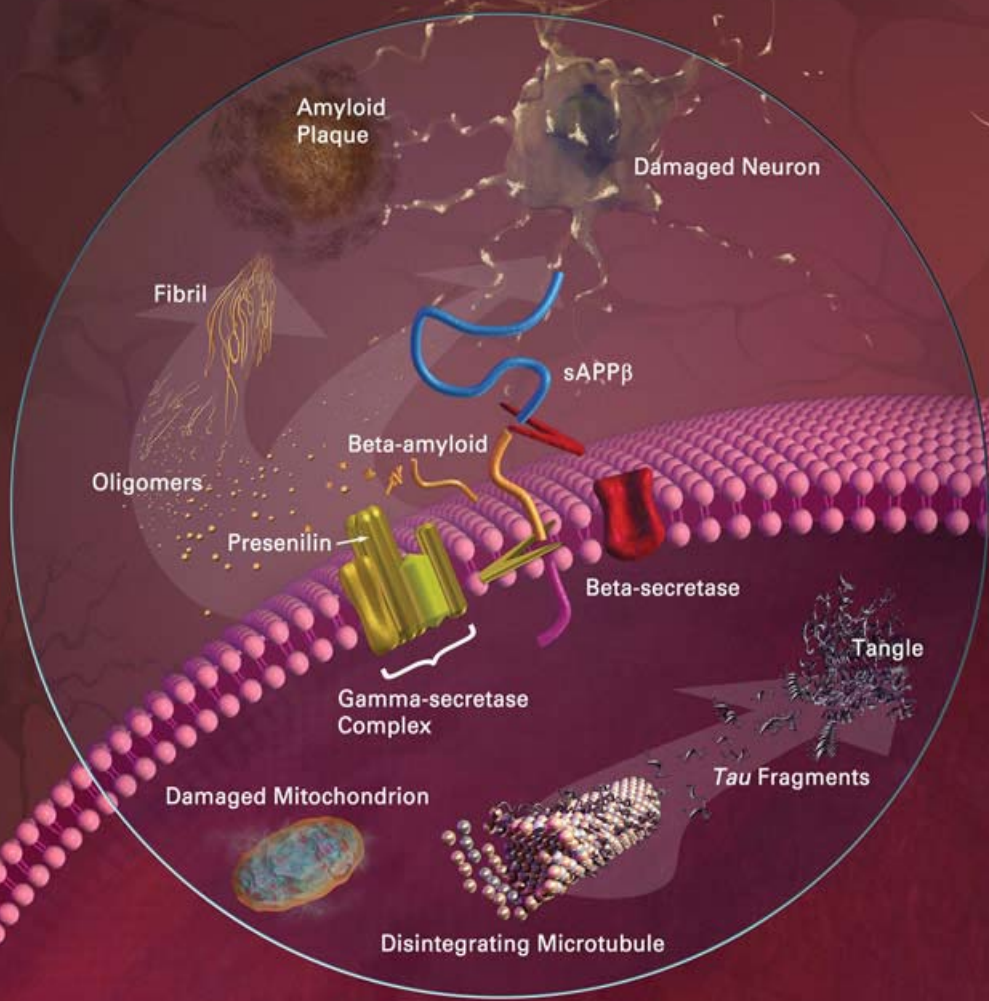
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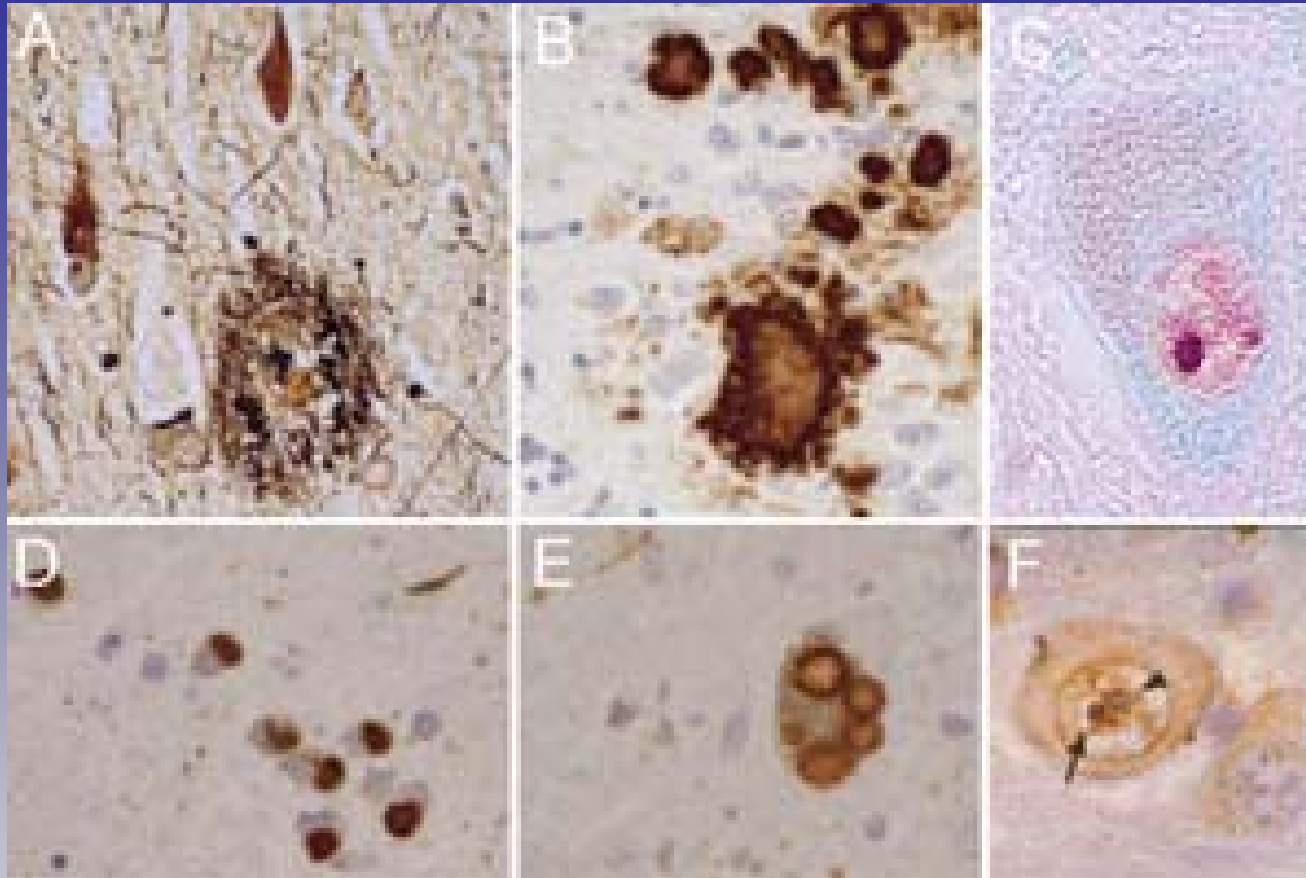




# Alzheimer's Disease

Healthy Neuron



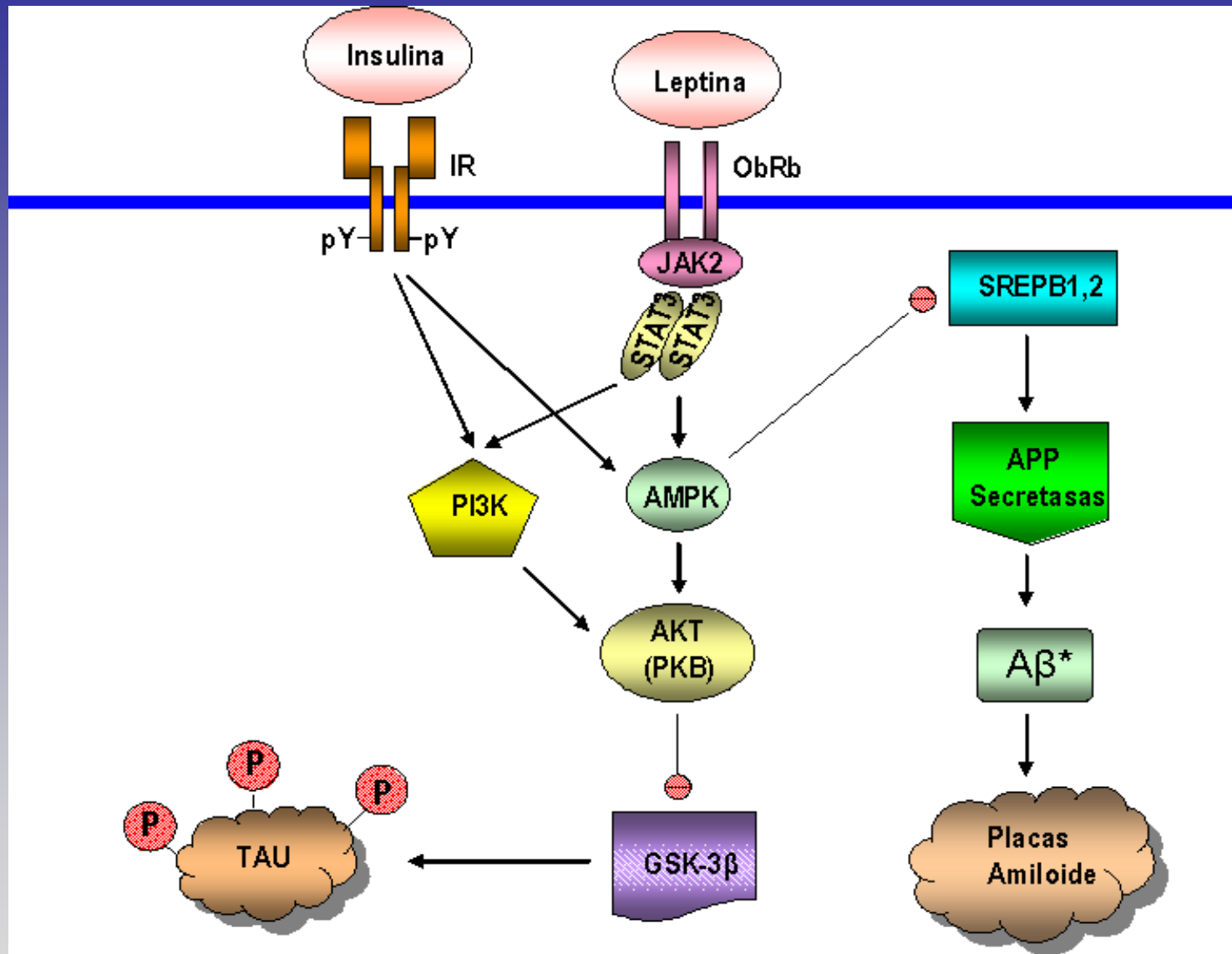


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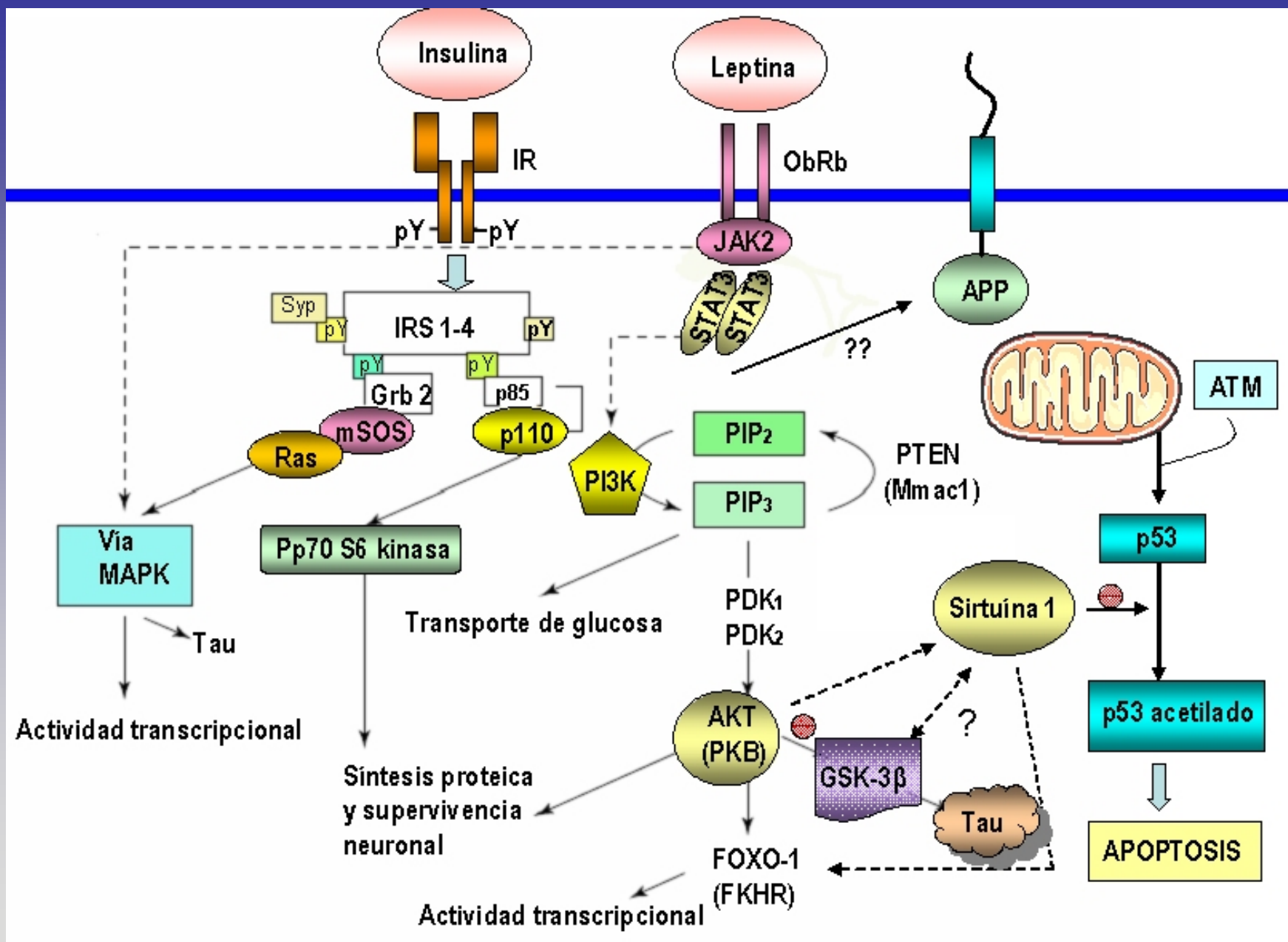
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- B. the PrPSc aggregates in prion diseases;
- C. intranuclear inclusions in Kennedy disease;
- D. Tau inclusions in Pick disease;
- E. Lewy Bodies in Parkinson disease;
- F. Intranuclear inclusion of mutant ataxin-3 in Machado-Joseph disease (showing that it is distinct from the nucleolus).

J.P. Taylor et al., Science, 296:1991–5, 2002.)

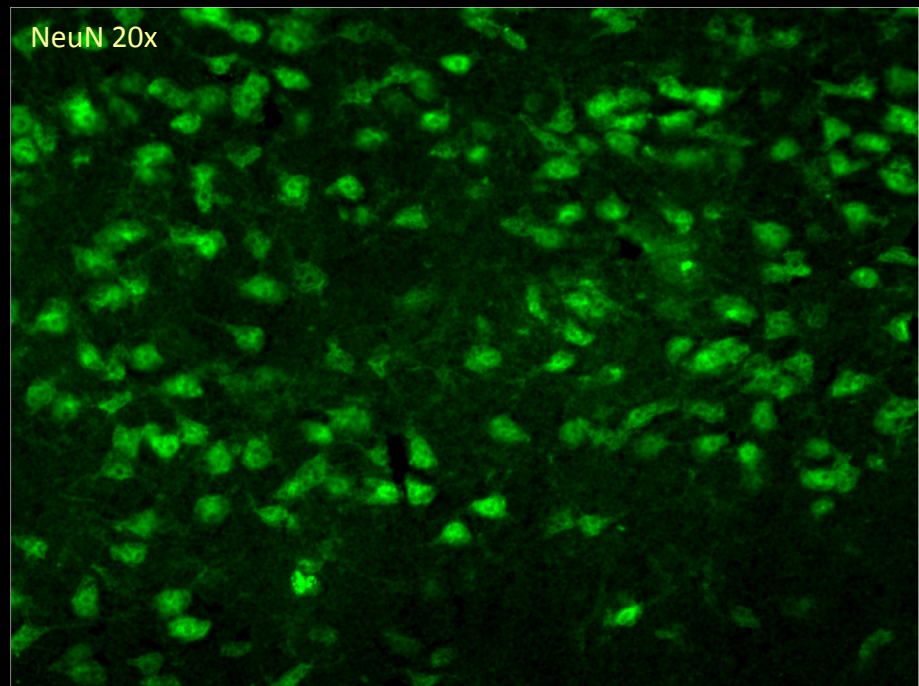
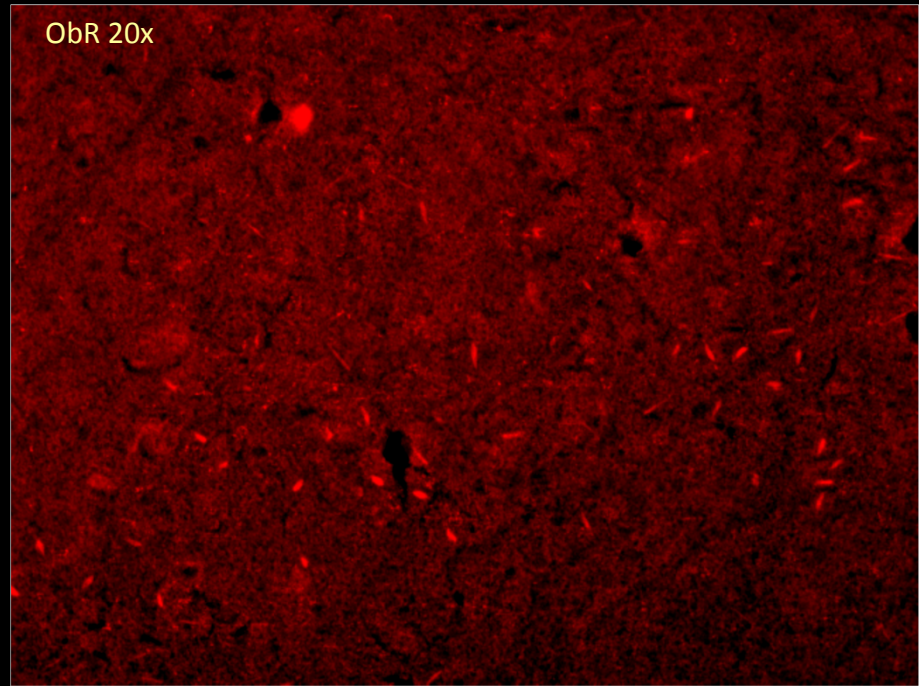
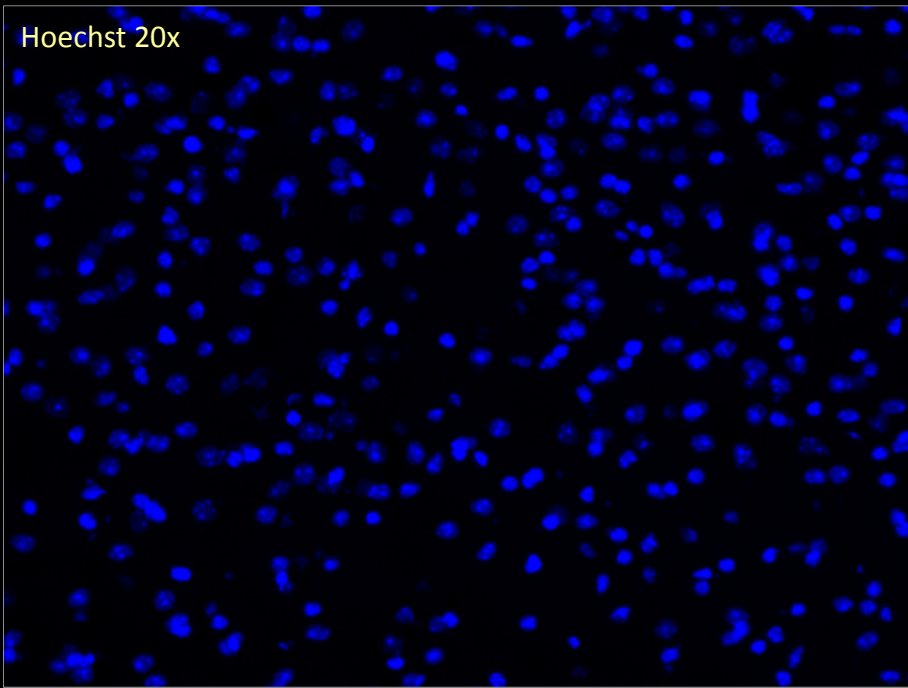


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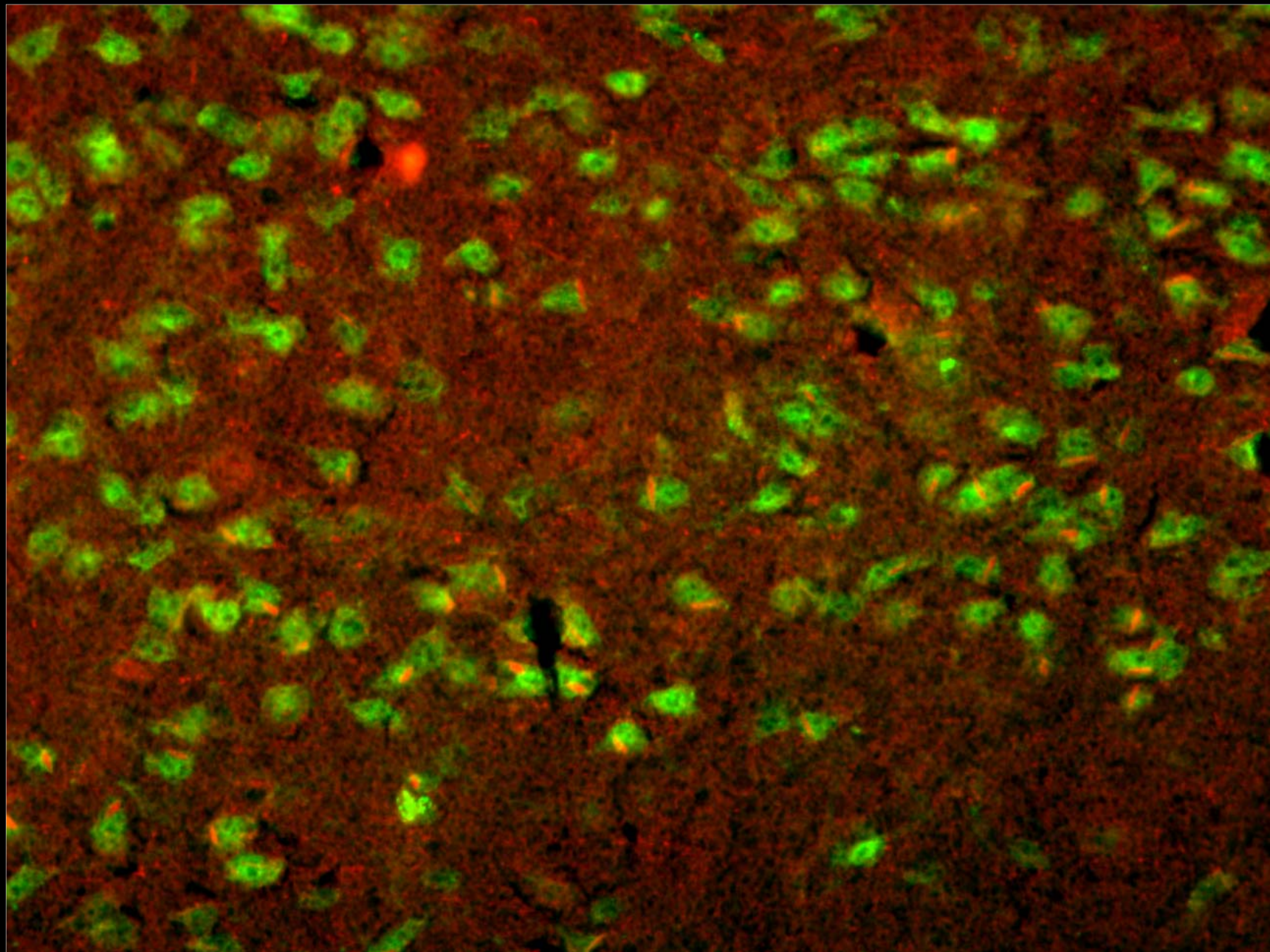
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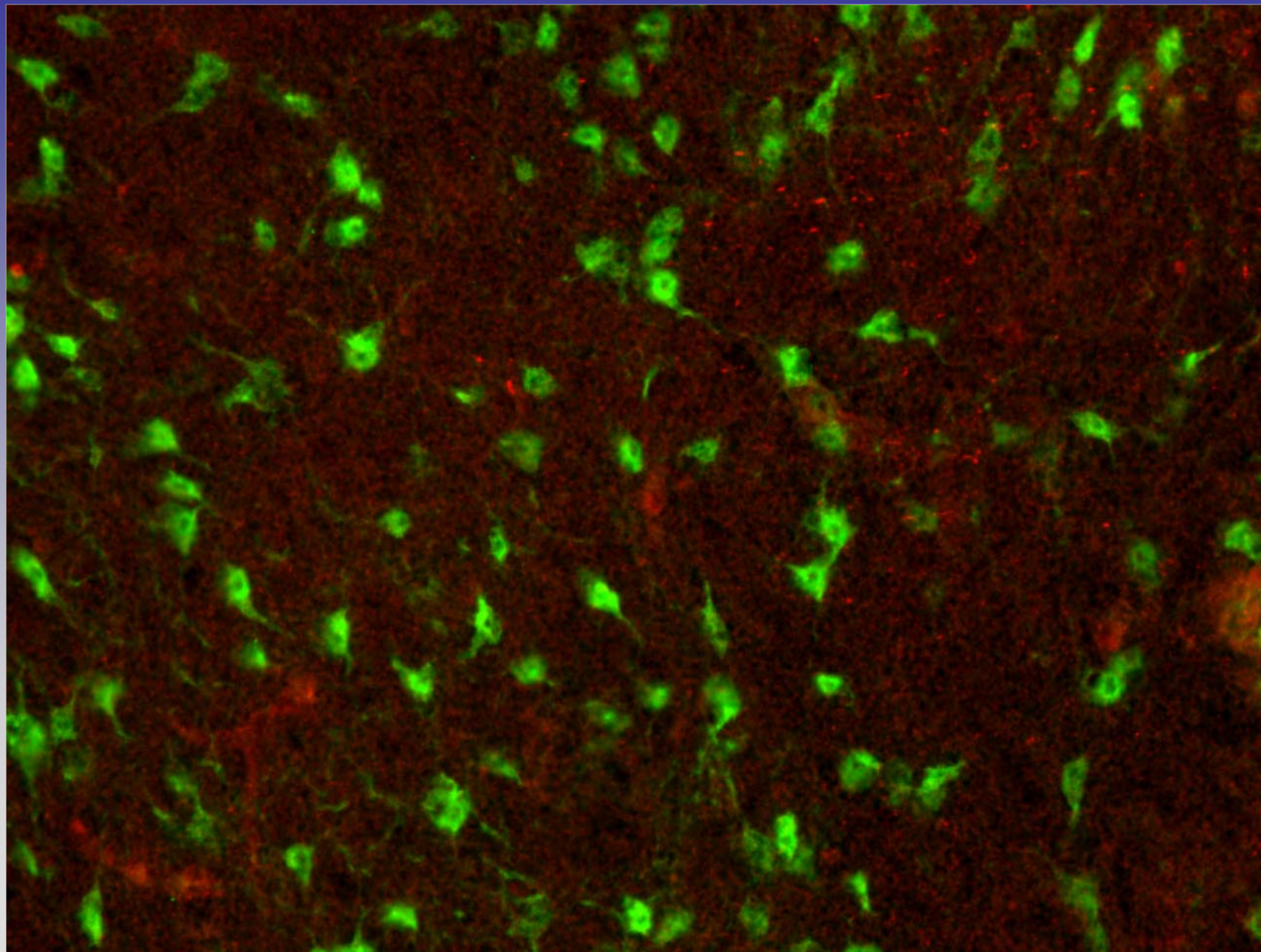
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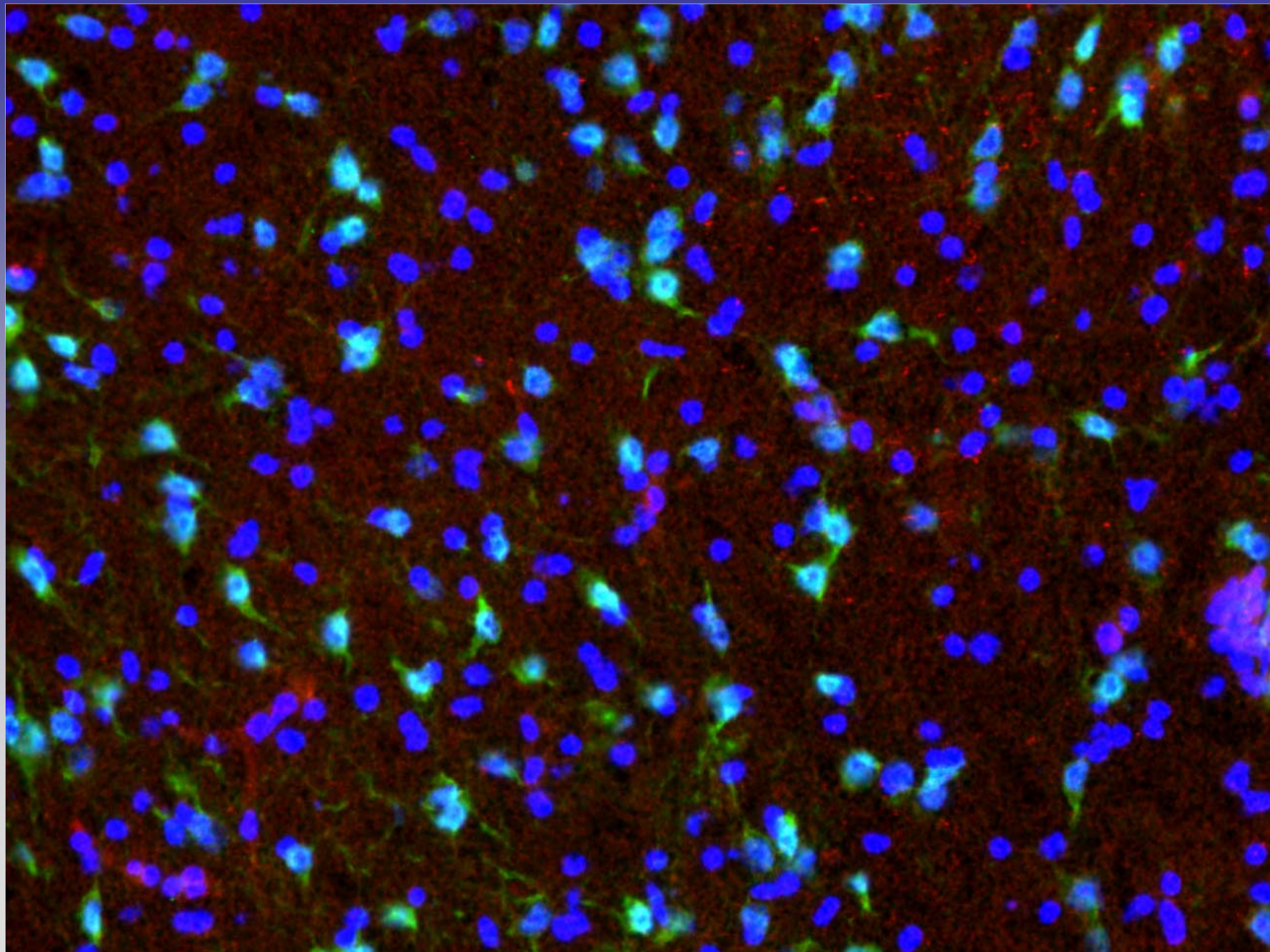
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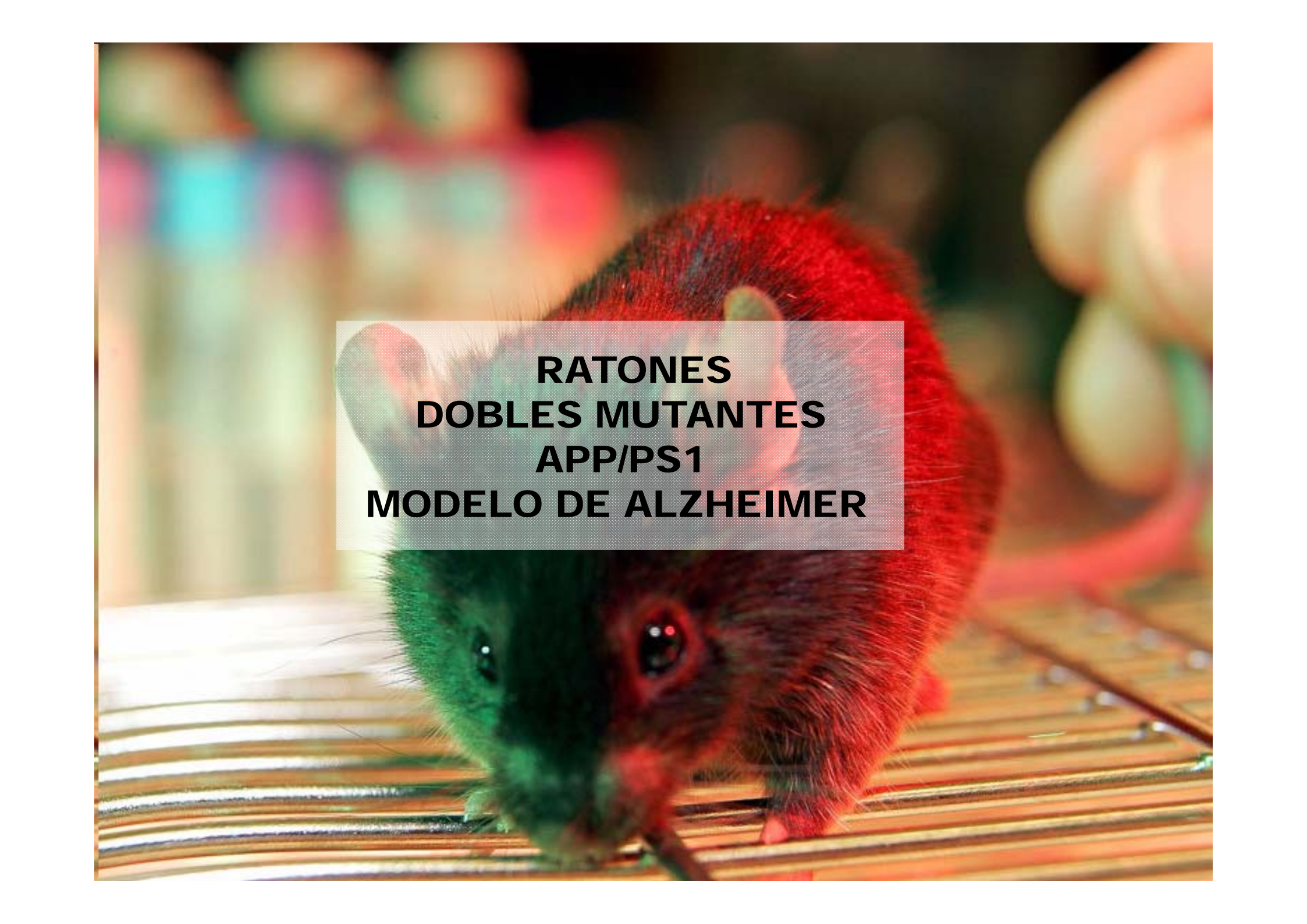


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ObR + NeuN + H 40x





A close-up photograph of a red mouse with a white patch on its face, standing on a metal wire mesh. The mouse is looking towards the left. A semi-transparent grey rectangular box is overlaid on the mouse's head, containing text. The background is blurred, showing colorful lights and a person's hand.

RATONES  
DOBLES MUTANTES  
APP/PS1  
MODELO DE ALZHEIMER



## Gene Info

ORF:	LOC14083
GENE:	Ptk2 FAK Fadk



Get New Interactions

### Screen Name:

NM\_007982

### Description:

NONE

### Go Component:

- focal adhesion

### Go Process:

- integrin-mediated signaling pathway

Source

GO Process

Turn Off Filters

### Connection Filters:

Minimum

Iterative Minimum

Depth

Turn Off Connectivity

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HM\_024435

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HM\_011665

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HM\_007949

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L17334

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### Go Special:

Signal transduction

Protein amino acid phosphorylation

Protein transport

Metabolism

Transport

Cell Growth and/or maintenance

# Malla de interacciones *human grid* (Alzheimer genes)

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Source

GO Process

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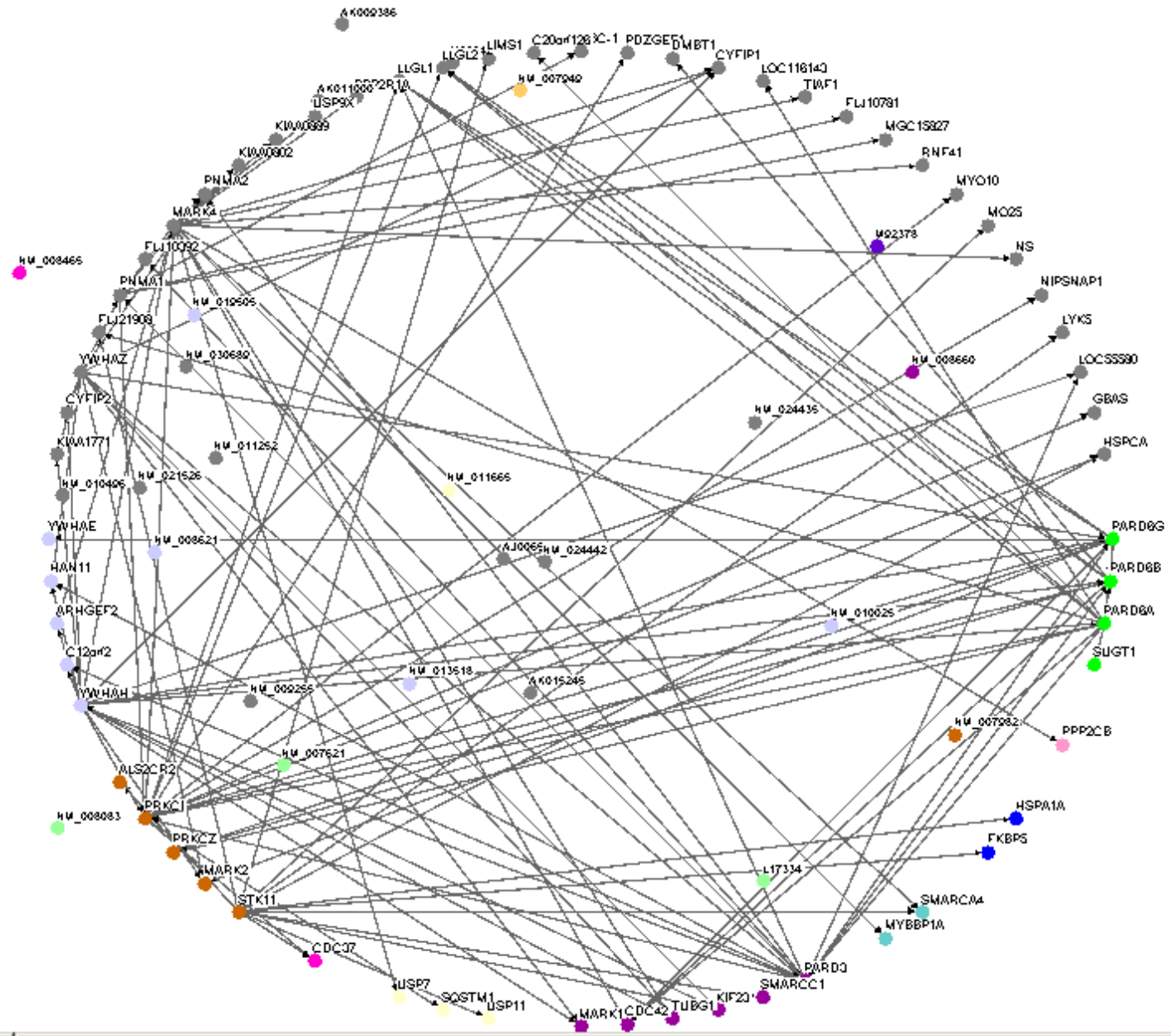
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# Genes “neuron associated”

Functional Annotation Chart [Help and Manual](#) [Current Gene List:](#)

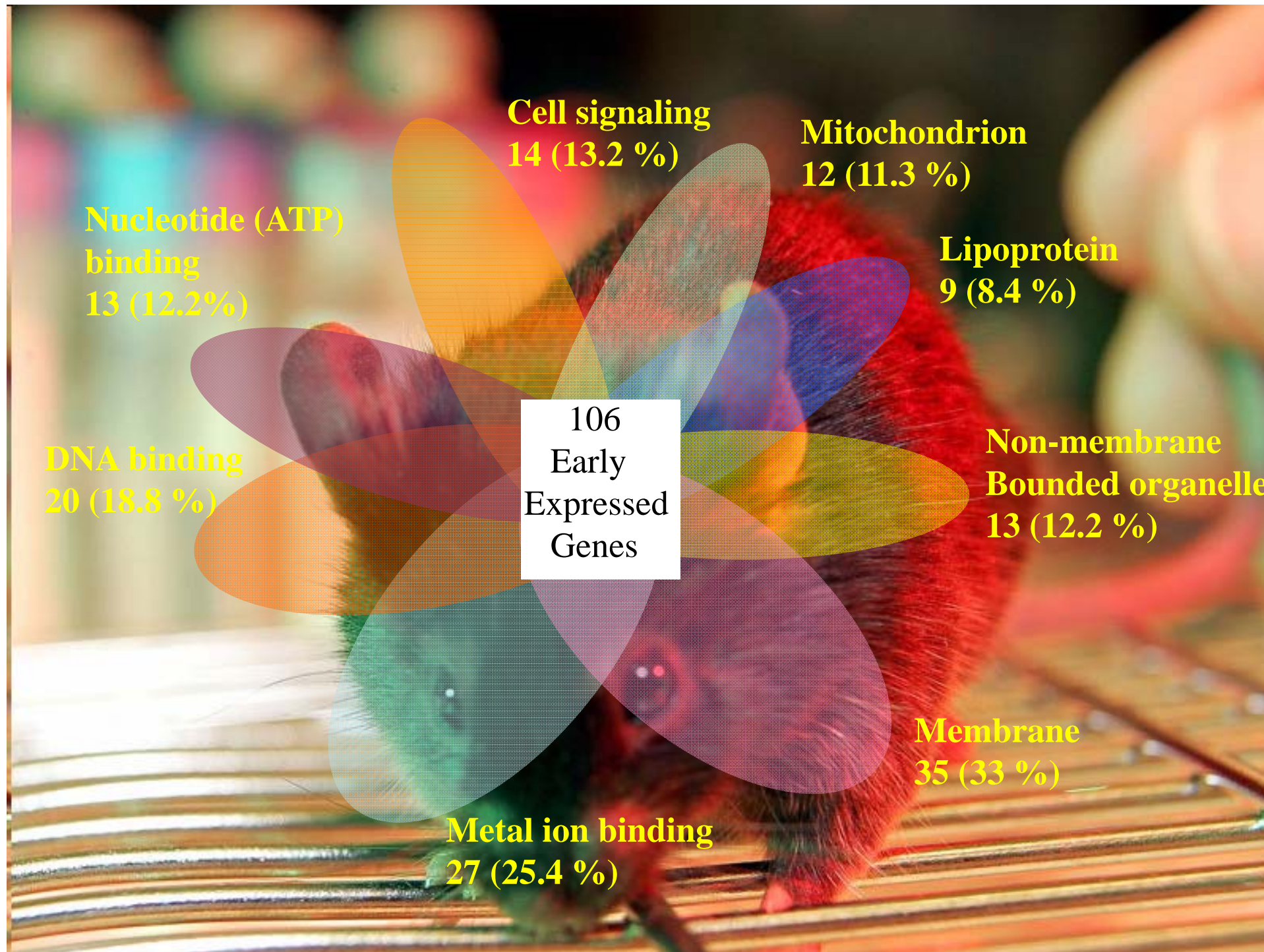
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## Disruption of G Protein-Coupled Receptor 39 Impairs Insulin Secretion *in Vivo*



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### Abstract

GPR39 is a G protein-coupled receptor expressed in liver, gastrointestinal tract, adipose tissue, and pancreas. We have recently shown that young GPR39<sup>-/-</sup> mice have normal body weight, food intake, and fasting glucose and insulin levels. In this study, we examined the role of GPR39 in aging and diet-induced obese mice. Body weight and food intake were similar in wild-type and GPR39<sup>-/-</sup> mice as they aged from 12 to 52 wk or when fed a low-fat/high-sucrose or high-fat/high-sucrose diet. Fifty-two-week-old GPR39<sup>-/-</sup> mice showed a trend toward decreased insulin levels after oral glucose challenge. When fed either a low-fat/high-sucrose or high-fat/high-sucrose diet, GPR39<sup>-/-</sup> mice had increased fed glucose levels and showed decreased serum insulin levels during an oral glucose tolerance test in the face of unchanged insulin tolerance. Pancreas morphology and glucose-stimulated insulin secretion in isolated islets from wild-type and GPR39<sup>-/-</sup> mice were comparable, suggesting that GPR39 is not required for pancreas development or *ex vivo* insulin secretion. Small interfering RNA-mediated knockdown of GPR39 in clonal NIT-1  $\beta$ -cells revealed that GPR39 regulates the expression of insulin receptor substrate-2 and pancreatic and duodenal homeobox-1 in a cell-autonomous manner; insulin receptor substrate-2 mRNA was also significantly decreased in the pancreas of GPR39<sup>-/-</sup> mice. Taken together, our data indicate that GPR39 is required for the increased insulin secretion *in vivo* under conditions of increased demand, *i.e.* on development of age-dependent and diet-induced insulin resistance. Thus, GPR39 agonists may have potential for the treatment of type 2 diabetes.

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## Obestatin acts in brain to inhibit thirst

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Samson WK, White MM, Price C, Ferguson AV. Obestatin acts in brain to inhibit thirst. *Am J Physiol Regul Integr Comp Physiol* 292: R637–R643, 2007. First published August 24, 2006; doi:10.1152/ajpregu.00395.2006.—Derived from the same prohormone, obestatin has been reported to exert effects on food intake that oppose those of ghrelin. The obestatin receptor GPR39 is present in brain and pituitary gland. Since the gene encoding those two peptides is expressed also in those tissues, we examined further the possible actions of obestatin *in vivo* and *in vitro*. Intracerebroventricular administration of obestatin inhibited water drinking in ad libitum-fed and -watered rats, and in food- and water-deprived animals. The effects on water drinking preceded and were more pronounced than any effect on food intake, and did not appear to be the result of altered locomotor/behavioral activity. In addition, obestatin inhibited ANG II-induced water drinking in animals provided free access to water and food. Current-clamp recordings from cultured, subfornical organ neurons revealed significant effects of the peptide on membrane potential, suggesting this as a potential site of action. In pituitary cell cultures, log molar concentrations of obestatin ranging from 1.0 pM to 100 nM failed to alter basal growth hormone (GH) secretion. In addition, 100 nM obestatin failed to interfere with the stimulation of GH secretion by GH-releasing hormone or ghrelin and did not alter the inhibition by somatostatin *in vitro*. We conclude that obestatin does not act in pituitary gland to regulate GH secretion but may act in brain to alter thirst mechanisms. Importantly, in rats the effects of obestatin on food intake may be secondary to an action of the peptide to inhibit water drinking.

ghrelin; appetite; growth hormone

secretion, although ghrelin, as expected, significantly elevated GH release in their cell cultures (14). We hypothesized that obestatin's action may not, in fact, be on basal, but instead be on releasing-factor stimulated or somatostatin-inhibited GH release *in vitro*, and we tested a wide range of concentrations of obestatin in rat anterior pituitary cell cultures for these potential actions. To verify the biologic activity of obestatin in rats, as had been described in mice (14), we examined the effects of centrally administered peptide on food intake and water drinking in fed and fasted male rats.

### MATERIALS AND METHODS


**Animals.** All procedures have been approved by the Animal Care Committee of Saint Louis University or Queen's University. Adult male rats (Harlan Sprague Dawley, Indianapolis, IN or Charles River, Quebec, Canada) were employed as tissue donors and for *in vivo* protocols. They were maintained (12:12-h light-dark cycle, lights on 0600, 23–25°C) with free access to food and water, unless otherwise indicated.

***In vitro* studies.** Dispersed anterior pituitary cell cultures. Rats (250–300 g) were killed by decapitation (9). Anterior pituitary glands were collected into minimum essential medium containing HEPES (20 mM), 1% penicillin-streptomycin (all obtained from Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA), 0.1% BSA (Sigma, St. Louis, MO), and 0.1% trypsin (1:250, Difco, Detroit, MI) and mechanically dispersed until a single-cell suspension was obtained (37°C). Single-cell suspensions were aliquoted into 12 × 75-mm test tubes (~200,000 cells/tube) and incubated for 72 h at 37°C (room air) in Medium 199 (Sigma) containing 20 mM HEPES and 10% horse serum and 1% penicillin-



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### Gene Identifiers

**Gene Identifier Platform**

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### Compendia expression profiles

- Human tissue compendium (Novartis)
- Global Cancer Map (Broad Institute)
- NCI-60 cell lines (National Cancer Institute)

### Gene families

## Expressed at 3m

original id	gene symbol	description
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C4BP	no mapping	
CBY3	no mapping	
CX3CL1	CX3CL1	chemokine (C-X3-C motif) ligand 1
CYTH1	no mapping	
DEFOR14	no mapping	
FRP	FRP	fmopamil binding protein (sterol isomerase)
EGLYC	no mapping	
ERCC2	ERCC2	excision repair cross-complementing rodent repair deficiency, complementation group 2 (xeroderma pigmentosum D)
FAM53C	FAM53C	family with sequence similarity 53, member C
GM1419	no mapping	
HK1	HK1	hexokinase 1
HK2	HK2	hexokinase 2
HP1BP3	HP1BP3	heterochromatin protein 1, binding protein 3
KIF11	KIF11	kinesin family member 11
NTS	NTS	neurotensin
ULFR4	no mapping	
PARK2	PARK2	Parkinson disease (autosomal recessive, juvenile) 2, parkin
PCDH1B15	PCDH1B15	protocadherin beta 15
PNMAL1	no mapping	
PRNP	PRNP	prion protein (p27-30) (Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, Gerstmann-Strausler-Scheinker syndrome, fatal familial insomnia)
RBMX	RBMX	RNA binding motif protein, X-linked
RNF113A2	no mapping	
RPUSD4	RPUSD4	RNA pseudouridylylase synthase domain containing 4
SNORD23	SNORD23	small nucleolar RNA, C/D box 23
TET1	no mapping	
TMEM63A	TMEM63A	transmembrane protein 63A
TMEM81	TMEM81	transmembrane protein 81
UBE2I	UBE2I	ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme E2I (UBC9 homolog, yeast)
UCP2	UCP2	uncoupling protein 2 (mitochondrial, proton carrier)
V1RD10	no mapping	
VMN2R88	no mapping	
WFS1	WFS1	Wolfram syndrome 1 (wolframin)
ZCCHC21	no mapping	

Gene Set Name [# Genes (K)]	Description	# Genes in Overlap (k)	k/K	p value
MACROMOLECULE_CATABOLIC_PROCESS [135]	Genes annotated by the GO term GO:0009057. The chemical reactions and pathways resulting in the breakdown of a macromolecule, any large molecule including proteins, nucleic acids and carbohydrates.	4		3.59 e <sup>-6</sup>
CELLULAR_CATABOLIC_PROCESS [209]	Genes annotated by the GO term GO:0011210. The chemical reactions and pathways resulting in the breakdown of substances, carried out by individual cells.	4		2.02 e <sup>-5</sup>
CATABOLIC_PROCESS [221]	Genes annotated by the GO term GO:0009056. The chemical reactions and pathways resulting in the breakdown of substances, including the breakdown of carbon compounds with the liberation of energy for use by the cell or organism.	4		2.51 e <sup>-5</sup>
CELLULAR_MACROMOLECULE_CATABOLIC_PROCESS [103]	Genes annotated by the GO term GO:0044265. The chemical reactions and pathways resulting in the breakdown of a macromolecule, any large molecule including proteins, nucleic acids and carbohydrates, as carried out by individual cells.	3		7.21 e <sup>-5</sup>
BIOPOLYMER_CATABOLIC_PROCESS [115]	Genes annotated by the GO term GO:0043265. The chemical reactions and pathways resulting in the breakdown of biopolymers, long, repeating chains of monomers found in nature e.g. polysaccharides and proteins.	3		1 e <sup>-4</sup>
KEGG_GALACTOSE_METABOLISM [26]	Galactose metabolism	2		1.93 e <sup>-4</sup>
KEGG_FRUCTOSE_AND_MANNOSE_METABOLISM [34]	Fructose and mannose metabolism	2		3.31 e <sup>-4</sup>
SYSTEM_DEVELOPMENT [855]	Genes annotated by the GO term GO:0048731. The process whose specific outcome is the progression of an organismal system over time, from its formation to the mature structure. A system is a regularly interacting or interdependent group of organs or tissues that work together to carry out a given biological process.	5		4.53 e <sup>-4</sup>
KEGG_AMINO_SUGAR_AND_NUCLEOTIDE_SUGAR_METABOLISM [44]	Amino sugar and nucleotide sugar metabolism	2		5.55 e <sup>-4</sup>
RESPONSE_TO_OXIDATIVE_STRESS [45]	Genes annotated by the GO term GO:0006979. A change in state or activity of a cell or organism in response to oxidative stress.	2		5.82 e <sup>-4</sup>

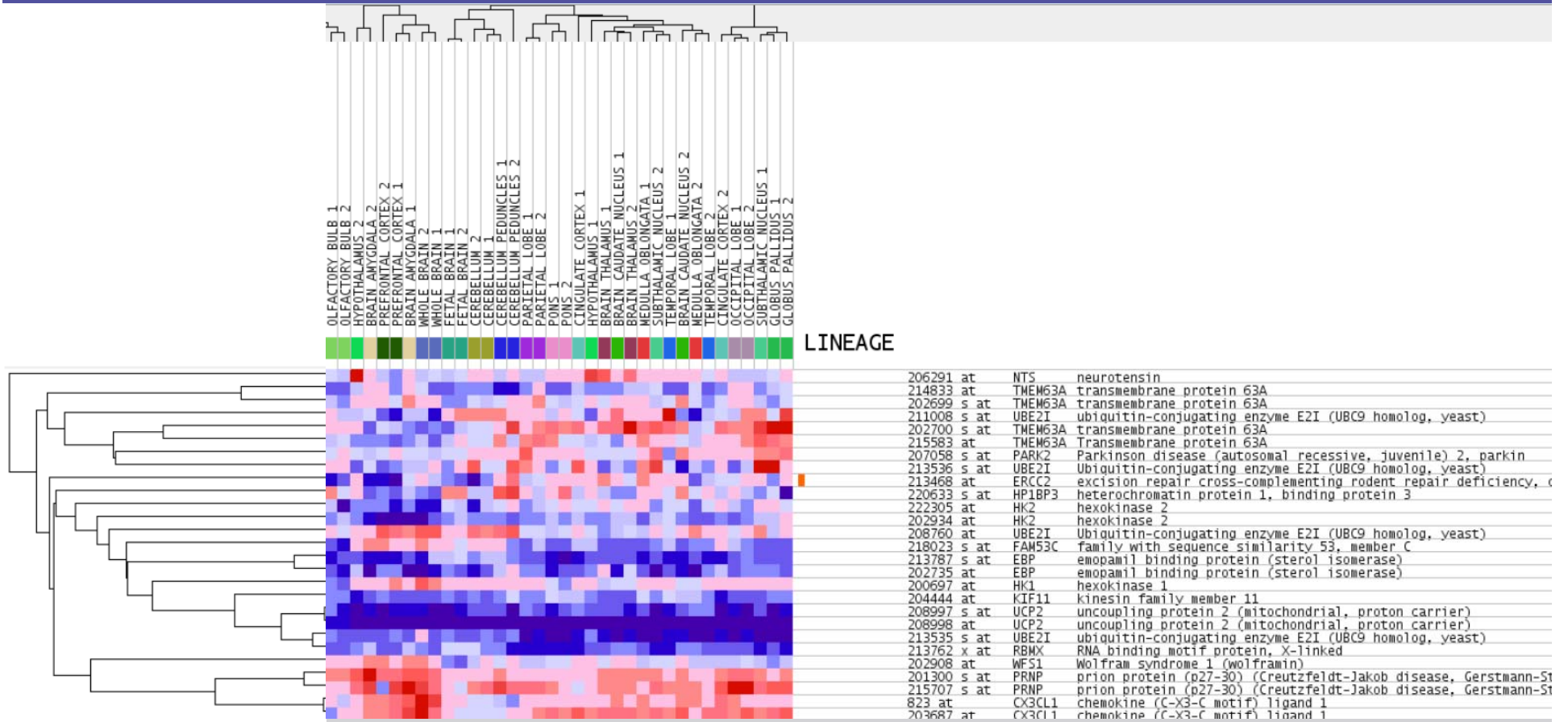
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PARK2												s	Parkinson disease (autosomal recessive, juvenile) 2, parkin
UBE2I												s	ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme E2I (UBC9 homolog, yeast)
HK1												s	hexokinase 1
ERCC2												s	excision repair cross-complementing rodent repair deficiency, complementation group 2 (xeroderma
HK2												s	hexokinase 2
PCDHB15												s	protocadherin beta 15
WFS1												s	Wolfram syndrome 1 (wolframin)
EBP												s	emopamil binding protein (sterol isomerase)
PRNP												s	prion protein (p27-30) (Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, Gerstmann-Strausler-Scheinker syndrome, fatal f
CX3CL1												s	chemokine (C-X3-C motif) ligand 1
FAM53C												s	family with sequence similarity 53, member C
KIF11												s	kinesin family member 11
SNORD23												s	small nucleolar RNA, C/D box 23
UCP2												s	uncoupling protein 2 (mitochondrial, proton carrier)
HP1BP3												s	heterochromatin protein 1, binding protein 3
TMEM81												s	transmembrane protein 81
RBMX												s	RNA binding motif protein, X-linked
TMEM63A												s	transmembrane protein 63A
RPUSD4												s	RNA pseudouridylate synthase domain containing 4
NTS												s	neurotensin



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Key to lineages: gene families

■ transcription factors

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Converted 19 submitted identifiers into 17 gene symbols. [click here for details.](#)

## Conversion Details

Converted from "GENE\_SYMBOL" to "GENE\_SYMBOL"

original id	gene symbol	description
AFP	AFP	alpha-fetoprotein
APP	APP	amyloid beta (A4) precursor protein (peptidase nexin-II, Alzheimer disease)
CCDC105	CCDC105	coiled-coil domain containing 105
CHRNA6	CHRNA6	cholinergic receptor, nicotinic, alpha 6
CNOT10	CNOT10	CCR4-NOT transcription complex, subunit 10
DMRTC1C1	no mapping	
IL2RA	IL2RA	interleukin 2 receptor, alpha
MCART6	MCART6	mitochondrial carrier triple repeat 6
NGB	NGB	neuroglobin
POU2F1	POU2F1	POU domain, class 2, transcription factor 1
PRNP	PRNP	prion protein (p27-30) (Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, Gerstmann-Strausler-Scheinker syndrome, fatal familial insomnia)
PTK2	PTK2	PTK2 protein tyrosine kinase 2
RPUSD1	RPUSD1	RNA pseudouridylate synthase domain containing 1
SMAD4	SMAD4	SMAD, mothers against DPP homolog 4 (Drosophila)
SOD1	SOD1	superoxide dismutase 1, soluble (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis 1 (adult))
SSSCA1	SSSCA1	Sjogren's syndrome/scleroderma autoantigen 1
SUMO2	SUMO2	SMT3 suppressor of mif two 3 homolog 2 (S. cerevisiae)
USMG5	USMG5	upregulated during skeletal muscle growth 5 homolog (mouse)
ZFP84	no mapping	

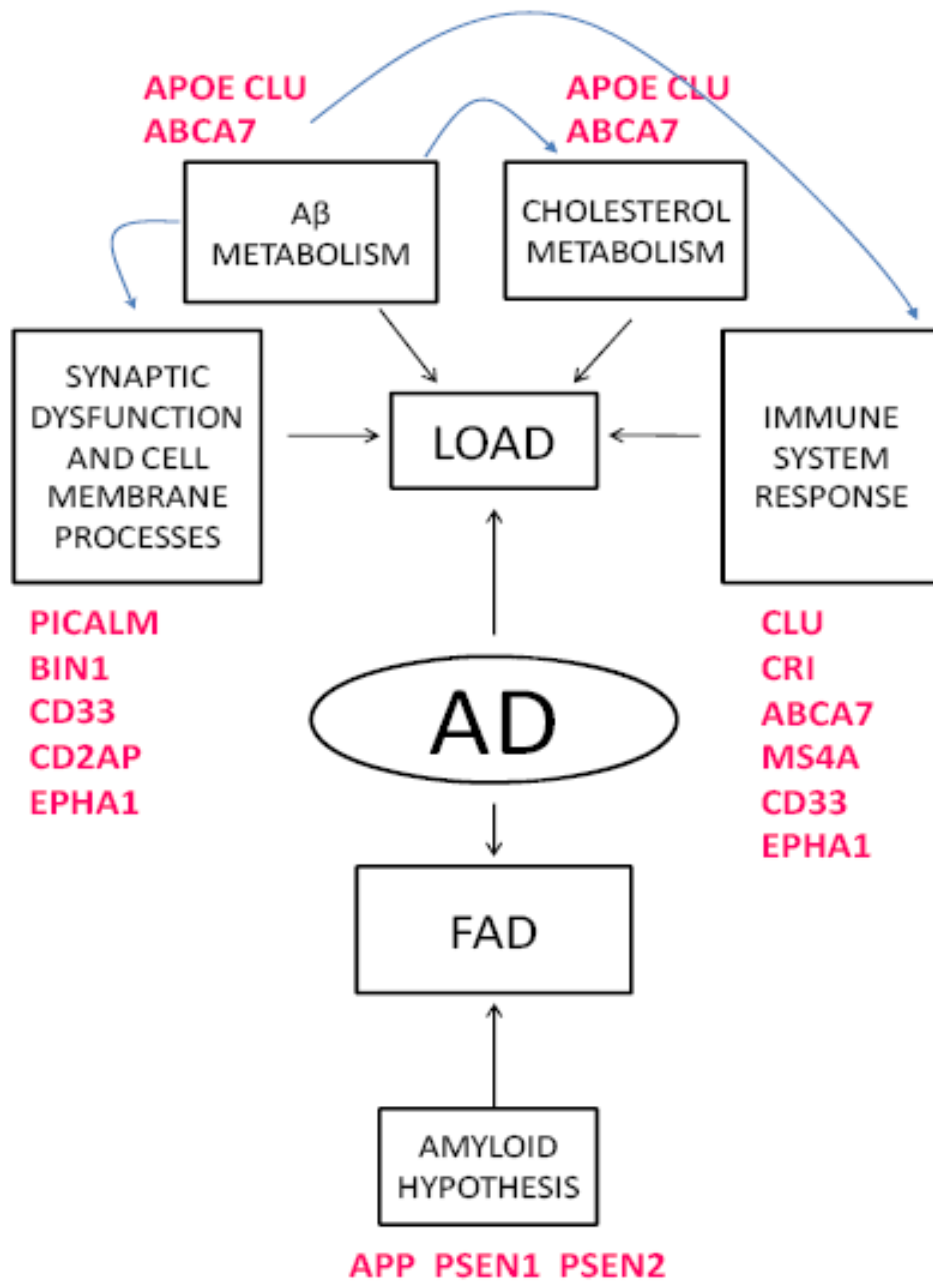
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REGULATION_OF_CYTOKINE_PRODUCTION [25]	Genes annotated by the GO term GO:0001817. Any process that modulates the frequency, rate, or extent of production of a cytokine.	2		1.28 e <sup>-5</sup>
KEGG_PRION_DISEASES [35]	Prion diseases	2		2.52 e <sup>-6</sup>
RESPONSE_TO_OXIDATIVE_STRESS [45]	Genes annotated by the GO term GO:0006979. A change in state or activity of a cell or an organism (in terms of movement, secretion, enzyme production, gene expression, etc.) as a result of oxidative stress, a state often resulting from exposure to high levels of reactive oxygen species, e.g. superoxide anions, hydrogen peroxide (H2O2), and hydroxyl radicals.	2		4.18 e <sup>-6</sup>
REGULATION_OF_GROWTH [54]	Genes annotated by the GO term GO:0040000. Any process that modulates the frequency, rate or extent of the growth of all or part of an organism so that it occurs at its proper speed, either globally or in a specific part of the organism's development.	2		6.02 e <sup>-4</sup>
NEGATIVE_REGULATION_OF_CELLULAR_METABOLIC_PROCESS [252]	Genes annotated by the GO term GO:0031324. Any process that stops, prevents or reduces the frequency, rate or extent of the chemical reactions and pathways by which individual cells transform chemical substances.	3		6.08 e <sup>-6</sup>
NEGATIVE_REGULATION_OF_METABOLIC_PROCESS [255]	Genes annotated by the GO term GO:0009892. Any process that stops, prevents or reduces the frequency, rate or extent of the chemical reactions and pathways within a cell or an organism.	3		6.29 e <sup>-6</sup>
GROWTH [71]	Genes annotated by the GO term GO:0040007. The increase in size or mass of an entire organism, a part of an organism or a cell.	2		1.04 e <sup>-5</sup>
CYTOKINE_PRODUCTION [72]	Genes annotated by the GO term GO:0001016. The appearance of a cytokine due to biosynthesis or secretion following a cellular stimulus, resulting in an increase in its intracellular or extracellular levels.	2		1.07 e <sup>-5</sup>
CELLULAR_CATION_HOMEOSTASIS [101]	Genes annotated by the GO term GO:0030003. The regulation of the levels, transport, and metabolism of cations within a cell or between a cell and its external environment.	2		2.09 e <sup>-5</sup>
CATION_HOMEOSTASIS [104]	Genes annotated by the GO term GO:0055080. The regulation of the levels,	2		2.21 e <sup>-5</sup>

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## Gene/geneset overlap matrix

overlap matrix by gene and geneset	REGULATION_OF_CYTOKINE_PRODUCTION	KEGG_PRION_DISEASES	RESPONSE_TO_OXIDATIVE_STRESS	REGULATION_OF_GROWTH	NEGATIVE_REGULATION_OF_CELLULAR_METABOLIC_PROCESS	NEGATIVE_REGULATION_OF_METABOLIC_PROCESS	GROWTH	CYTOKINE_PRODUCTION	CELLULAR_CATION_HOMEOSTASIS	CATION_HOMEOSTASIS	Entrez	Source	description
SOD1	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	s superoxide dismutase 1, soluble (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis 1 (adult))
SMAD4	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	s SMAD, mothers against DPP homolog 4 (Drosophila)
PRNP	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	s prion protein (p27-30) (Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, Gerstmann-Strausler-Scheinker)
POU2F1	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	s POU domain, class 2, transcription factor 1
APP	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	s amyloid beta (A4) precursor protein (peptidase nexin-II, Alzheimer disease)
CHRNA6	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	s cholinergic receptor, nicotinic, alpha 6
IL2RA	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	s interleukin 2 receptor, alpha
PTK2	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	s PTK2 protein tyrosine kinase 2
CCDC105	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	s coiled-coil domain containing 105
SSSCA1	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	s Sjogren's syndrome/scleroderma autoantigen 1
RPUSD1	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	s RNA pseudouridylylase domain containing 1
SUMO2	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	s SMT3 suppressor of mif two 3 homolog 2 (S. cerevisiae)
NGB	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	s neuroglobin
USMG5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	s upregulated during skeletal muscle growth 5 homolog (mouse)
MCART6	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	s mitochondrial carrier triple repeat 6
CNOT10	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	s CCR4-NOT transcription complex, subunit 10
AFP	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	s alpha-fetoprotein



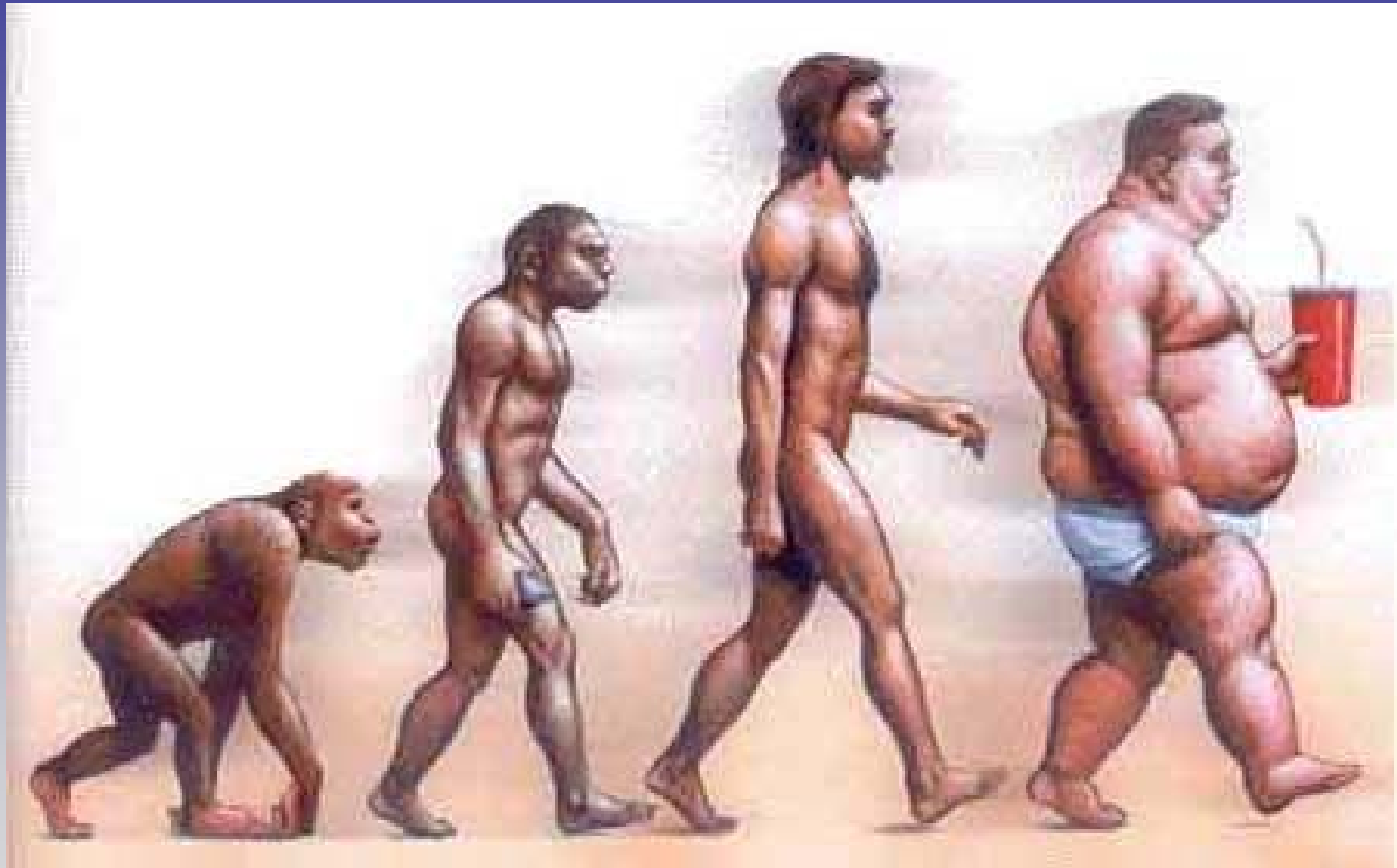


New genes and disease pathways in Alzheimer's disease implicated from recent genome-wide association studies (GWAS). Aβ may have a modulatory effect on these new pathways as indicated by the blue arrows.

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**The three new pathways leading to Alzheimer's disease.\***

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Lack of Exercise



High Carb Intake



Vitamin D Deficiency



High Fructose Intake



Trans-fats & Omega 6

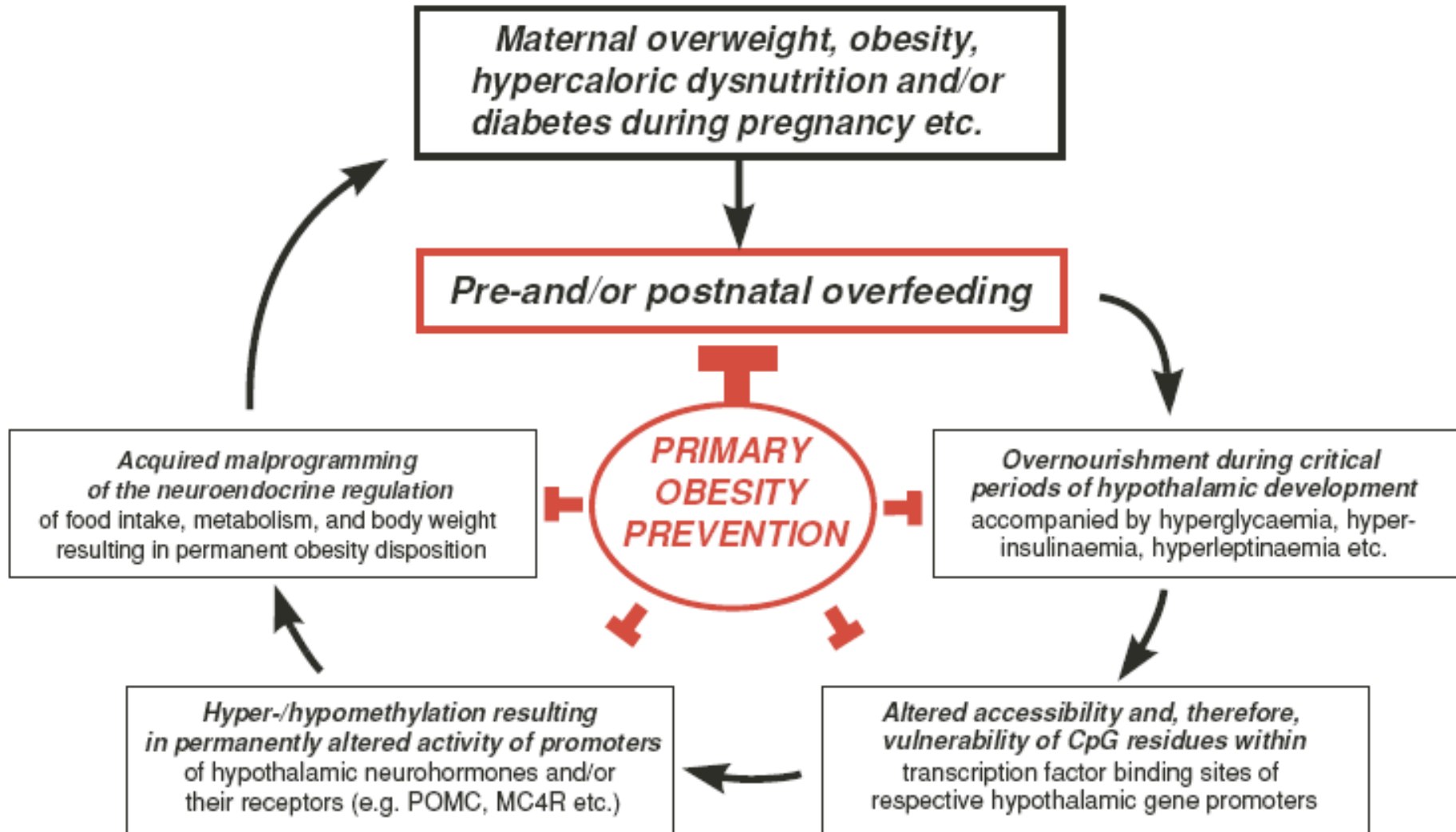


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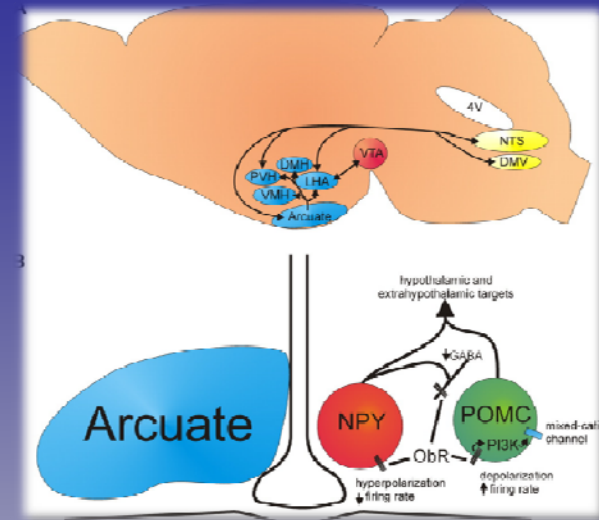
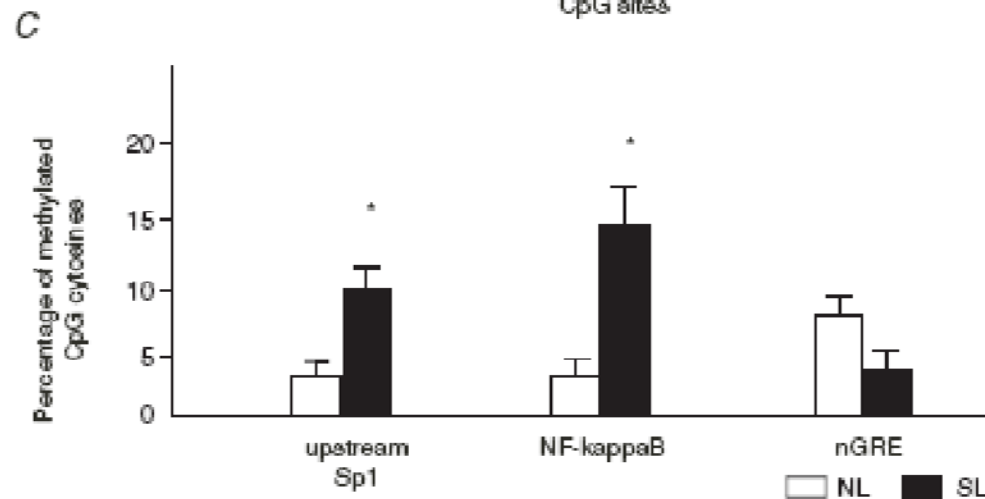
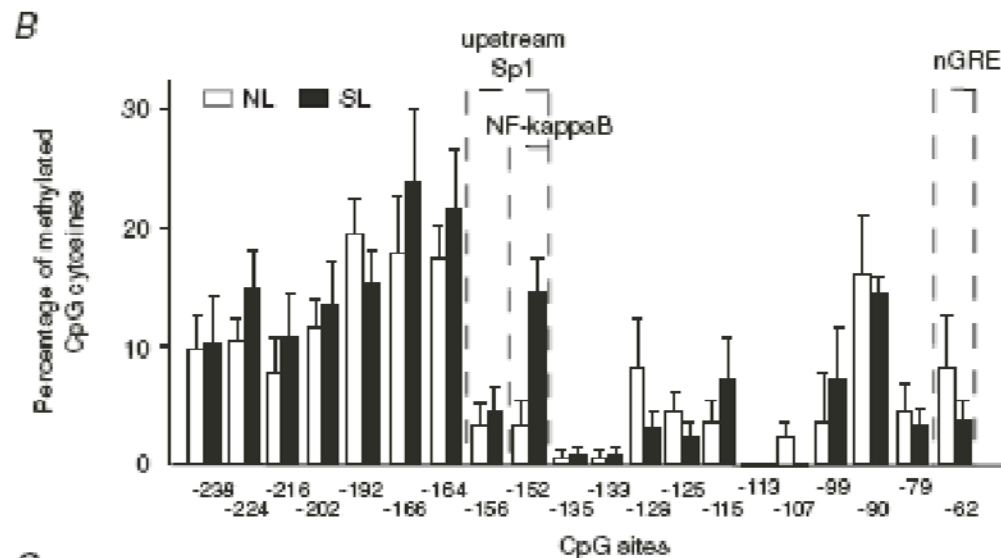
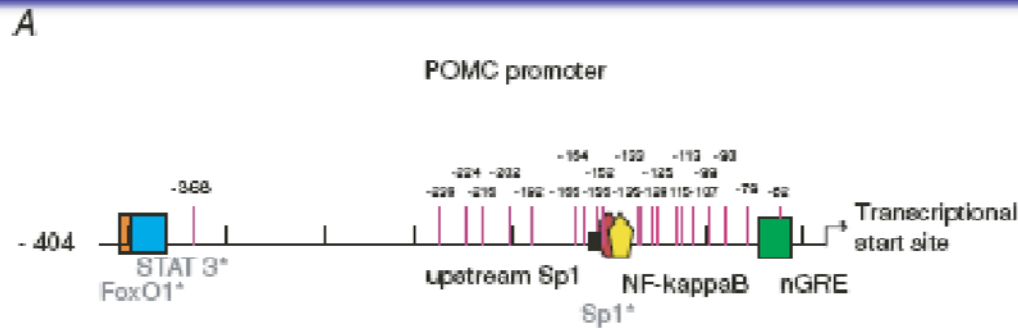


If you don't move,  
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## Protective effects of leptin during the suckling period against later obesity may be associated with changes in promoter methylation of the hypothalamic pro-opiomelanocortin gene

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### Abstract

Leptin supplementation of neonatal rats during the suckling period protects against being overweight in adulthood and ameliorates the control of food intake. This was associated with changes in the expression of hypothalamic genes involved in the central action of leptin: pro-opiomelanocortin (*Pomc*), leptin receptor (*LepR*) and suppressor of cytokine signalling (*Socs3*). The purpose of the present study was to determine the methylation status within the promoter regions of these genes and to assess whether the observed changes in the expression levels of these genes could be explained by changes in their methylation status. Male rats were treated daily with an oral physiological dose of leptin or vehicle during the suckling period. After weaning, animals were fed with a normal-fat or a high-fat (HF) diet until aged 6 months. DNA was extracted from the hypothalamus and methylation within the promoter regions of the gene panel was measured by pyrosequencing. *Pomc* promoter methylation increased in control animals fed the HF diet but decreased in leptin-treated animals. In addition, there was a weak negative correlation between DNA methylation and POMC mRNA levels ( $P=0.075$ ). There were no changes in the methylation status of the CpG sites studied within the promoter regions of *LepR* and *Socs3* in response to leptin or HF treatments. This is the first demonstration that leptin treatment during lactation may programme methylation of an appetite-related gene in the hypothalamus of animals fed HF diets, with possible implications for gene expression and protection against the development of obesity.

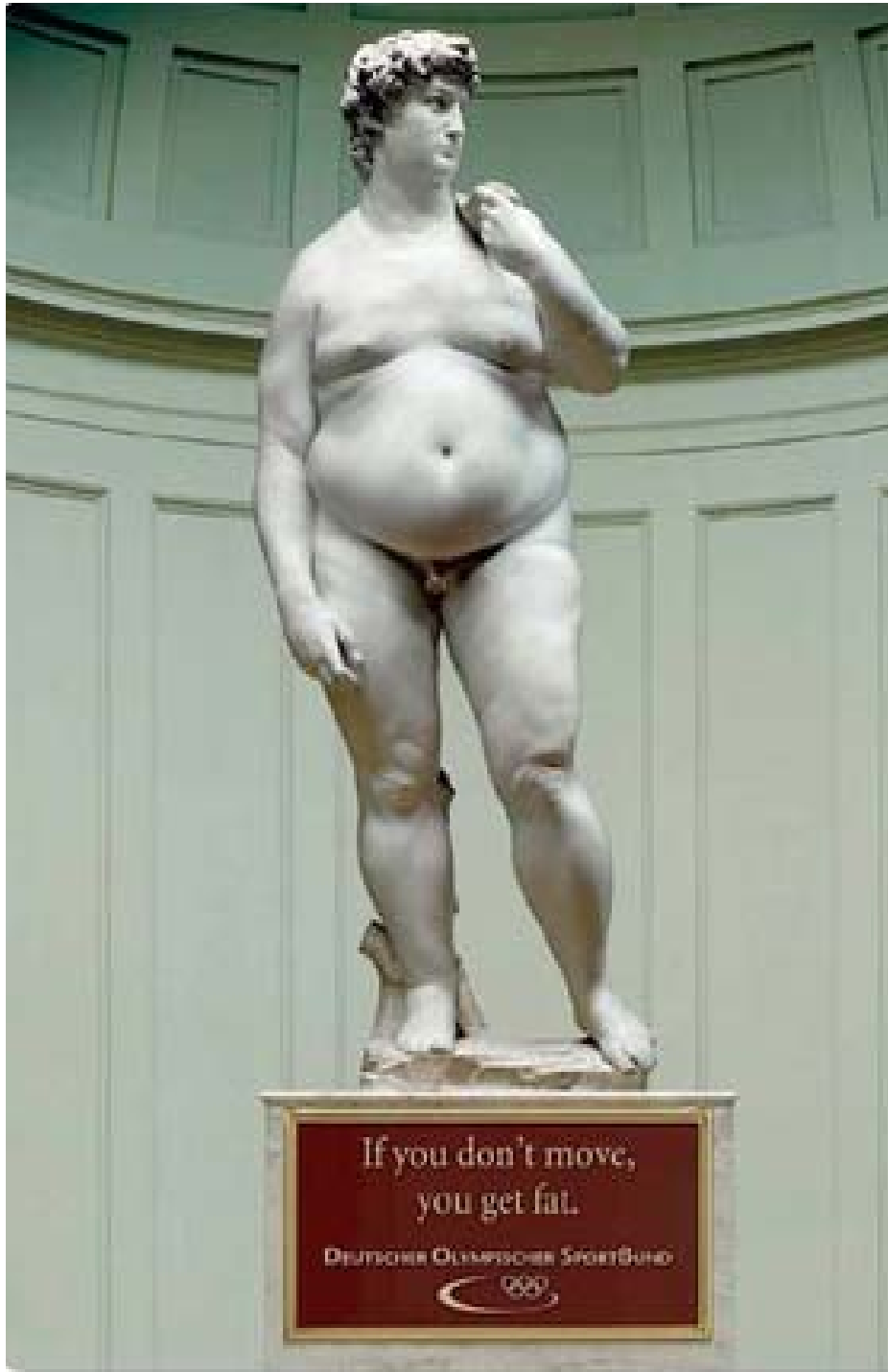
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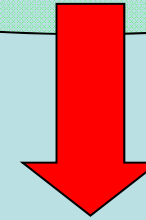
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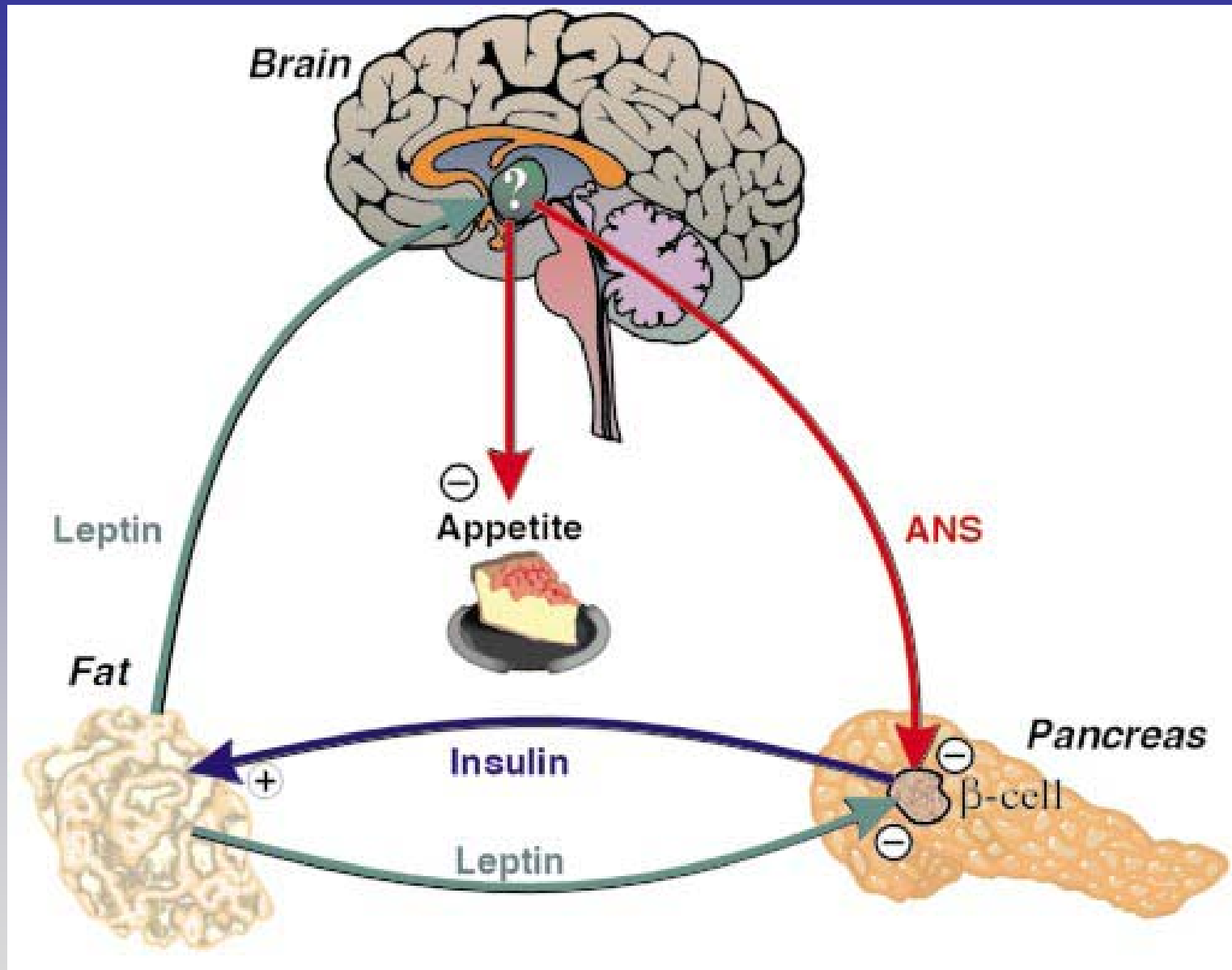


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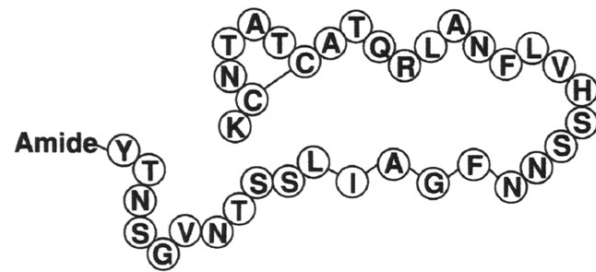


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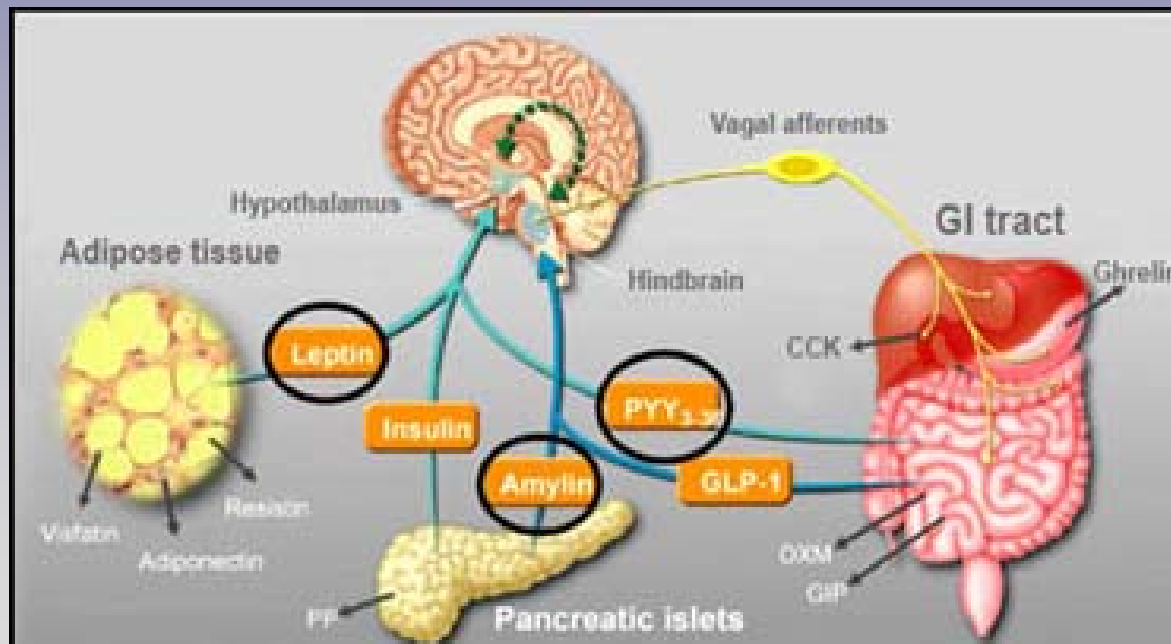
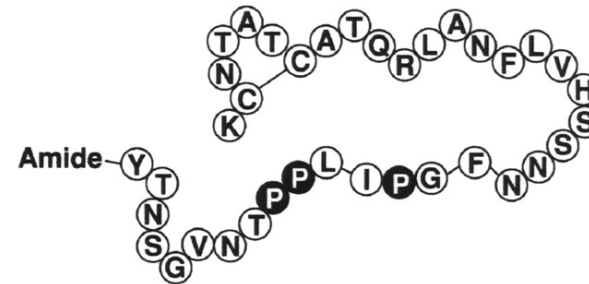


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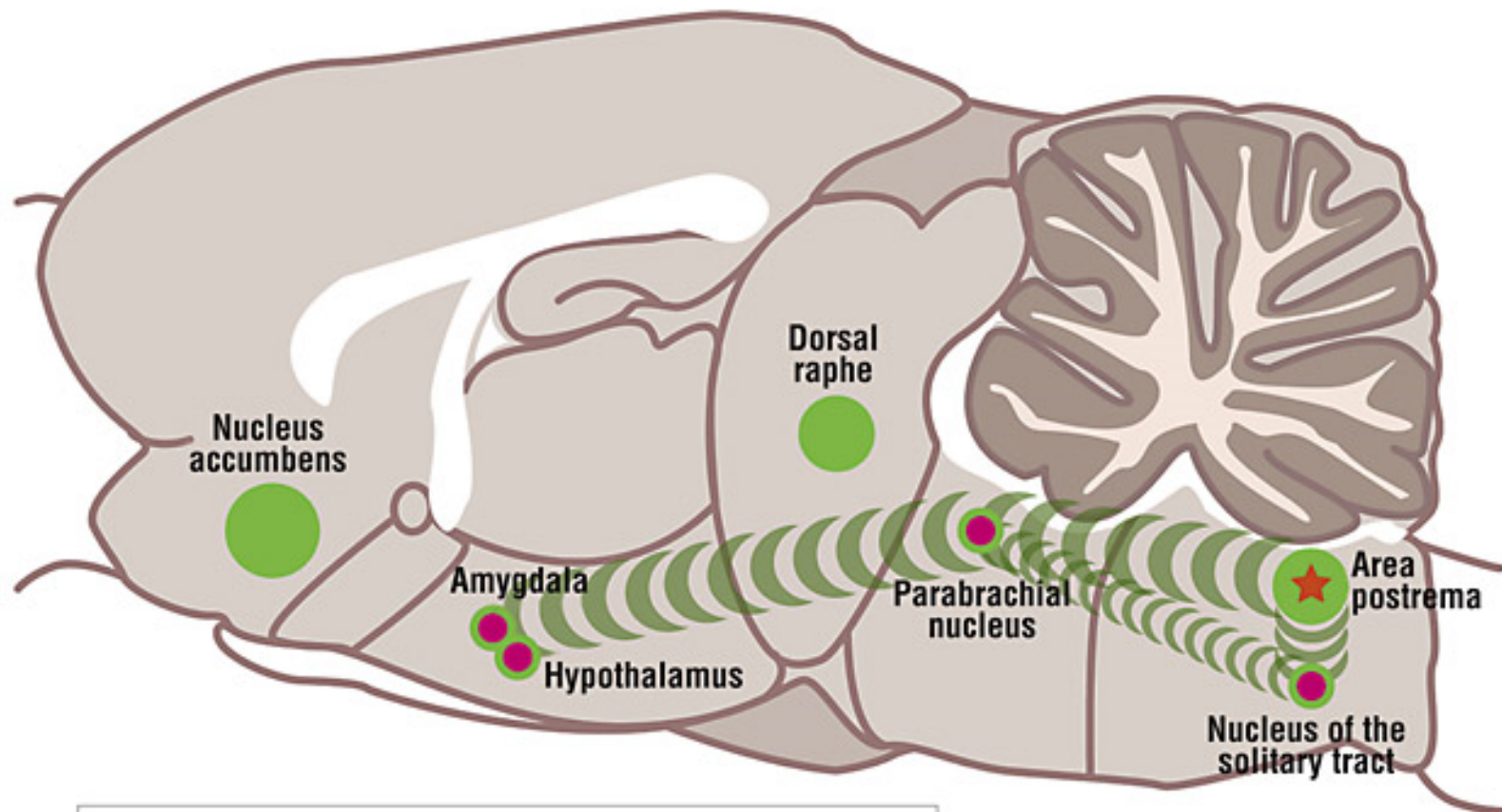
## Human Amylin



## Pramlintide (<sup>25, 28, 29</sup>Pro-h-amylin)



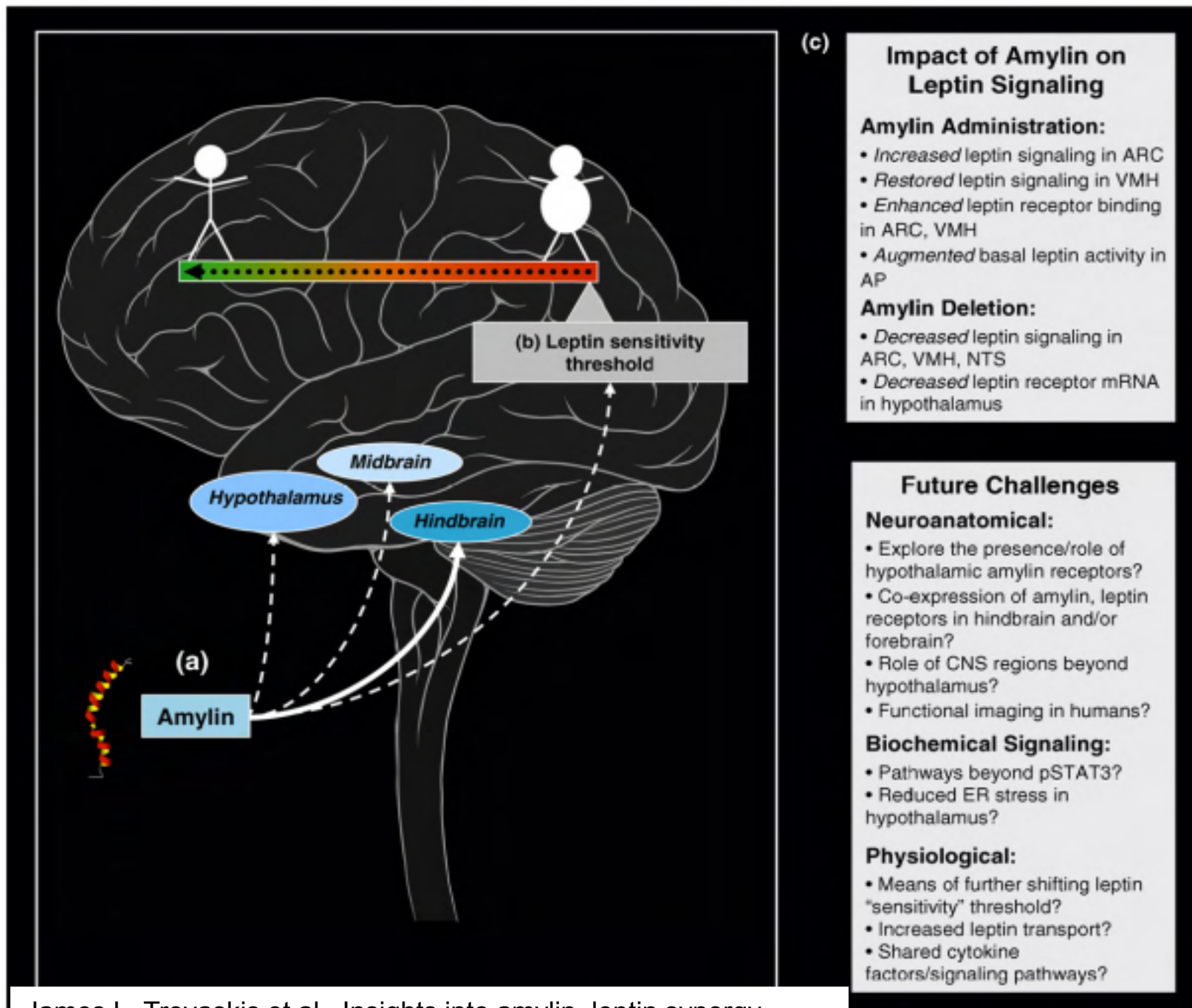




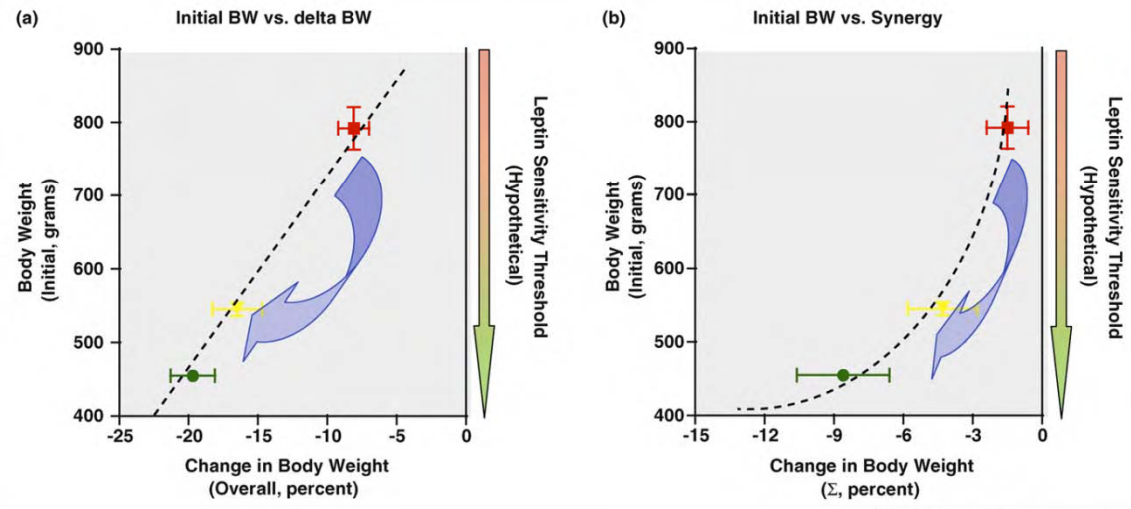
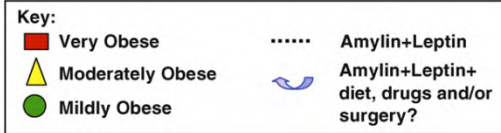
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- Sites indirectly activated or modulated by amylin
- ☞ Amylin activation circuit

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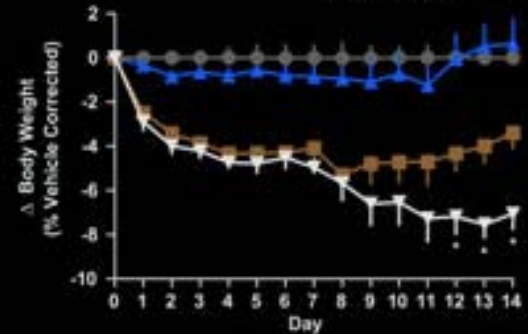
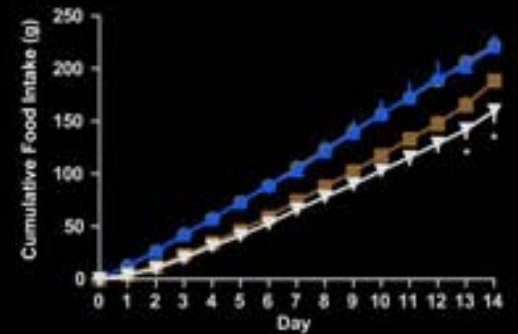


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Amylin + leptin significantly decreased cumulative intake (Days 13-14) and body weights (Days 12-14)

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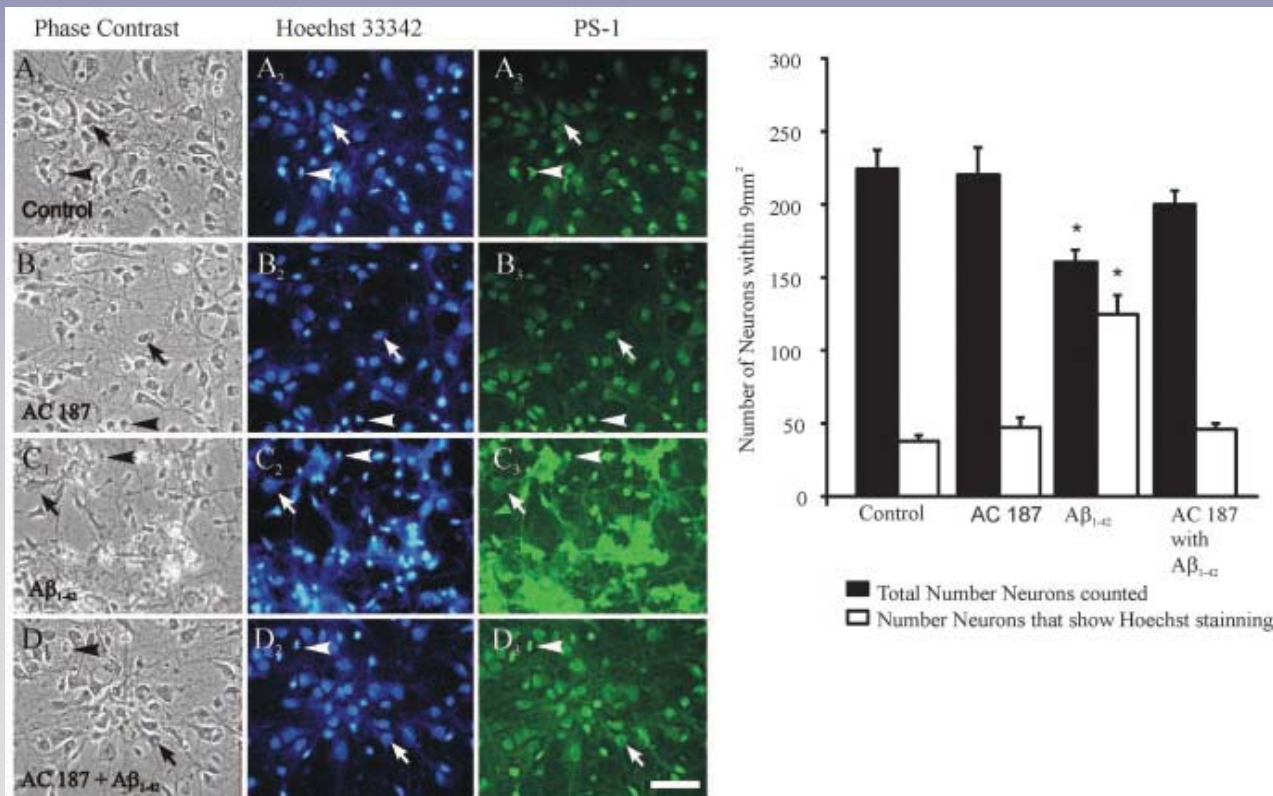
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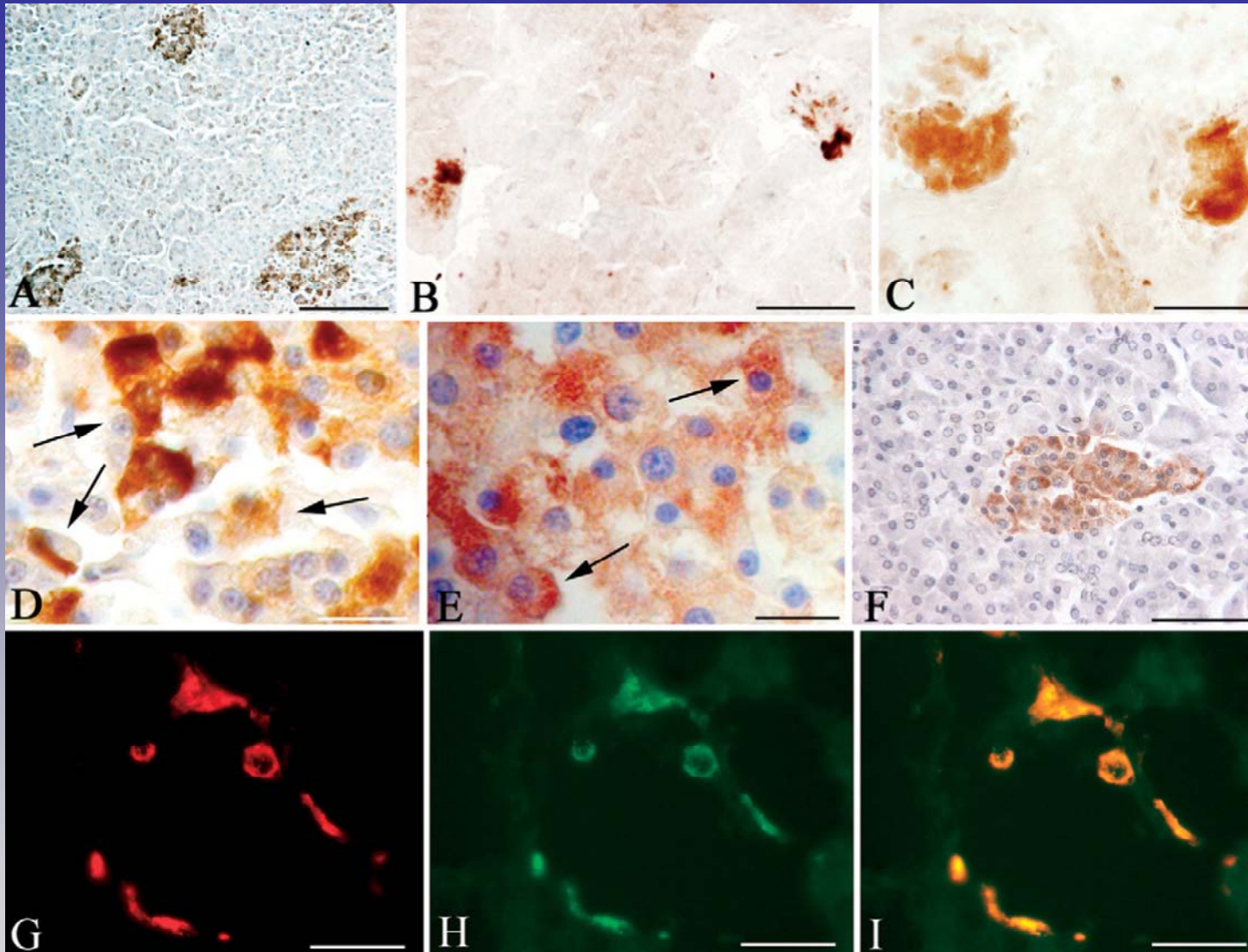
### Abstract

Disruption of neurotoxic effects of amyloid  $\beta$  protein ( $A\beta$ ) is one of the major, but as yet elusive, goals in the treatment of Alzheimer's disease (AD). The amylin receptor, activated by a pancreatic polypeptide isolated from diabetic patients, is a putative target for the actions of  $A\beta$  in the brain. Here we show that in primary cultures of human fetal neurons (HFNs), AC253, an amylin receptor antagonist, blocks electrophysiological effects of  $A\beta$ . Pharmacological blockade of the amylin receptor or its down-regulation using siRNA in HFNs confers neuroprotection against oligomeric  $A\beta$ -induced caspase-dependent and caspase-independent apoptotic cell death. In transgenic mice (TgCRND8) that overexpress amyloid precursor protein, amylin receptor is up-regulated in specific brain regions that also demonstrate an elevated amyloid burden. The expression of  $A\beta$  actions through the amylin receptor in human neurons and temporospatial interrelationship of  $A\beta$  and the amylin receptor in an in vivo model of AD together provide a persuasive rationale for this receptor as a novel therapeutic target in the treatment of AD.

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A in islet amyloid deposits in type 2 diabetes. (A) Islet amyloid deposits showing positive A immunoreaction with anti-A antibodies 21F12 (A), 2F9AF (B) and 4G8 (C) which recognize different epitopes of the molecule (see Table 1). (D and E) Sections of the pancreas from a diabetic patient immunostained with rabbit anti-amylin antibody (D, IAPP 1-37, Dr. A. Clark) and with the 4G8 monoclonal anti-A antibody (E) showing their intracellular localization (arrows). (F) Small group of affected acinar cells showing A immunoreaction demonstrated with the anti-A monoclonal antibody 21F12. (G-I) Pancreas section of a patient with type 2 diabetes doubly immunostained with an anti-amylin monoclonal antibody (GTX 74673, GeneTex, Inc.) labeled with TRITC-tagged secondary anti-mouse antibody (which gives a red fluorescence for amylin) (G) and with a polyclonal antibody to the C terminus of A 40 (Dr. H. Mori) which was labeled with a FITC-tagged anti-rabbit secondary antibody shows a green fluorescence. The orange color of the merged image shows the co-localization of amylin and A in islet amyloid deposits. Bars: (A and C) 250m, (B) 70m, (D and E) 50m, (F) 200m, (G-I) 120m.

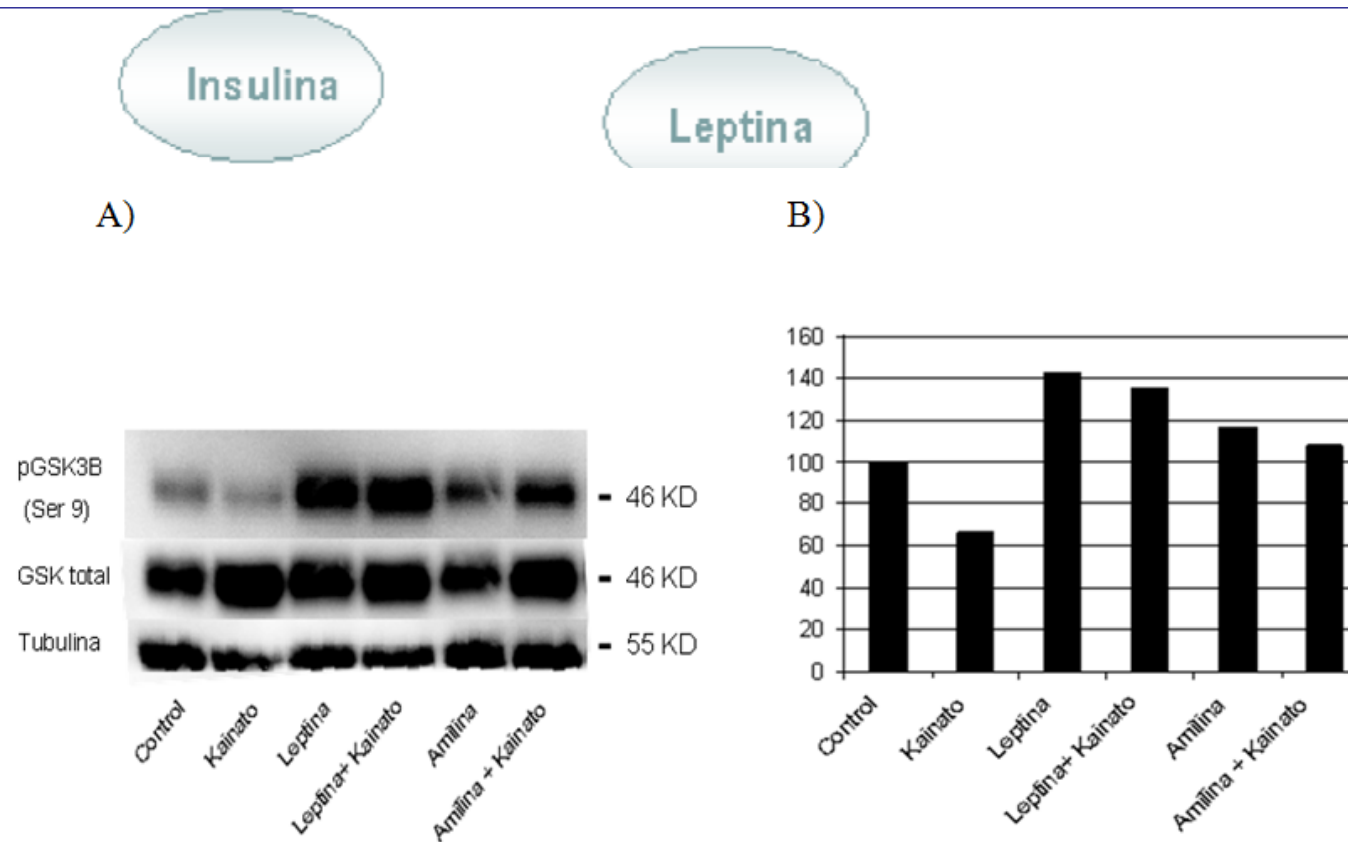
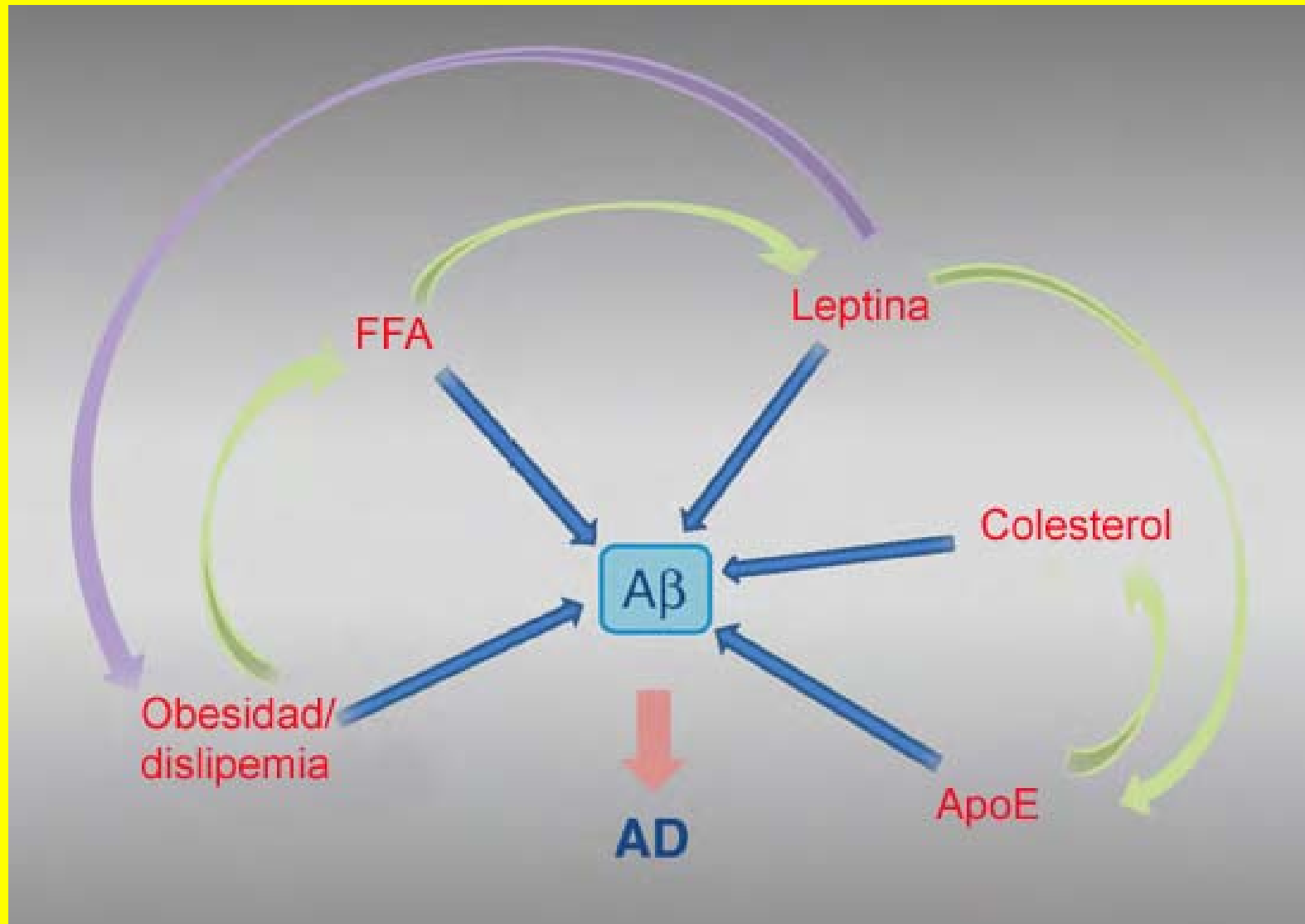


Figura 1. El tratamiento con leptina, y con el efecto combinado de leptina y amilina, aumenta significativamente los niveles de pGSK- $\beta$  (Ser 9). (A) Extracto de tejido hipocampal de ratones C57BL/6J tratados con 1mg/Kg de leptina, 50ug/Kg de amilina y 25,6 mg/kg de Kainato, 24h. Se cargaron 30 $\mu$ g de proteina. (B) La densitometría muestra como la leptina y la amilina revierten los efectos de la exposición a kainato.





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**INSULINA?¿**  
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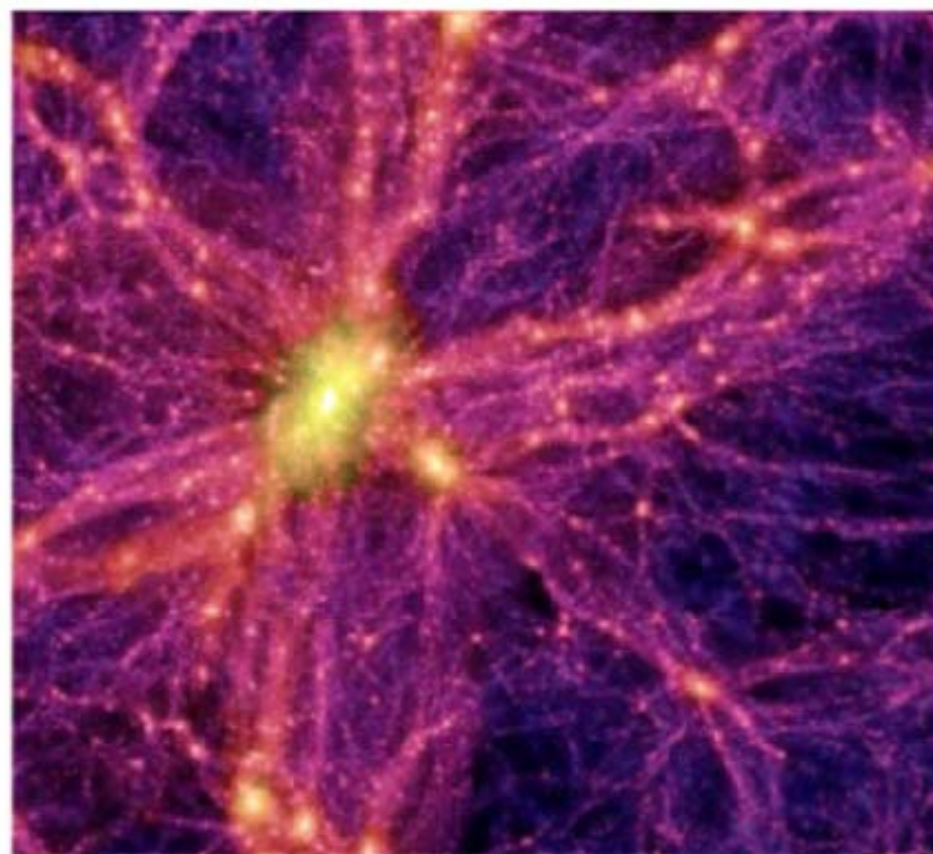
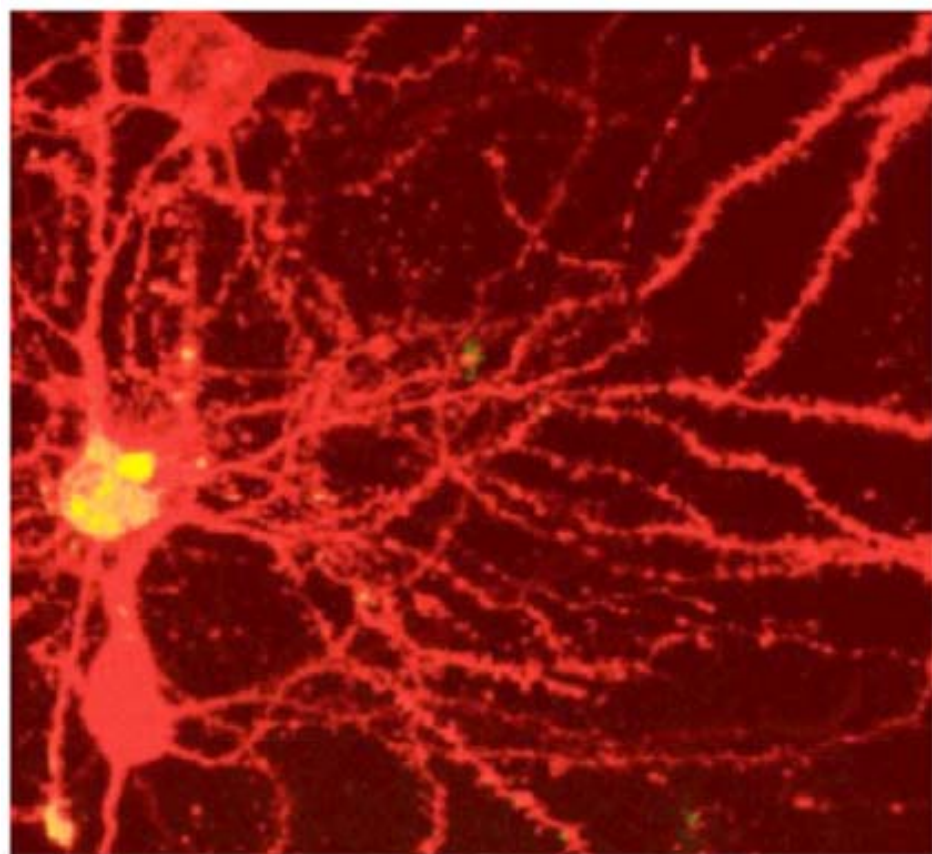
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Como el clavel sobre su vara,  
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sube hasta el cielo y desgrana  
canto de pájaro en un pino.  
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el caracol es un cohete:  
petrificado movimiento.  
Y la espiral en cada cosa  
su vibración difunde en giros:  
el movimiento no reposa.  
El caracol ayer fue ola,  
mañana luz y viento, son,  
eco del eco, caracola.

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