



Inflammation, Immunity & Neurodegeneration

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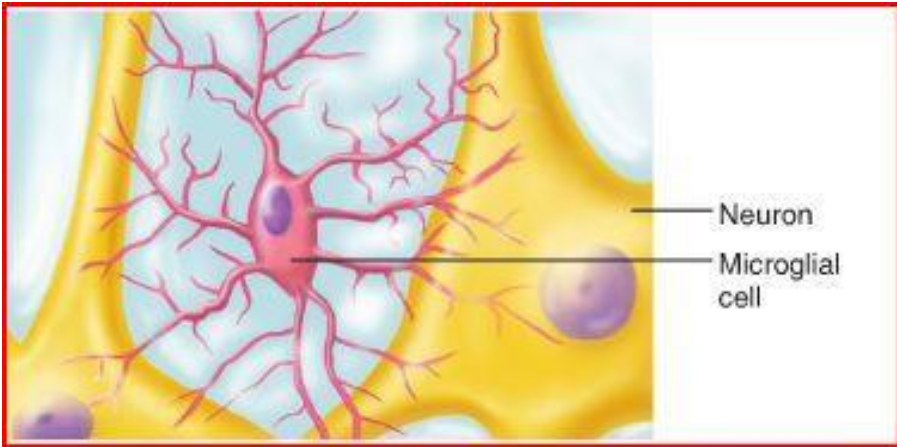
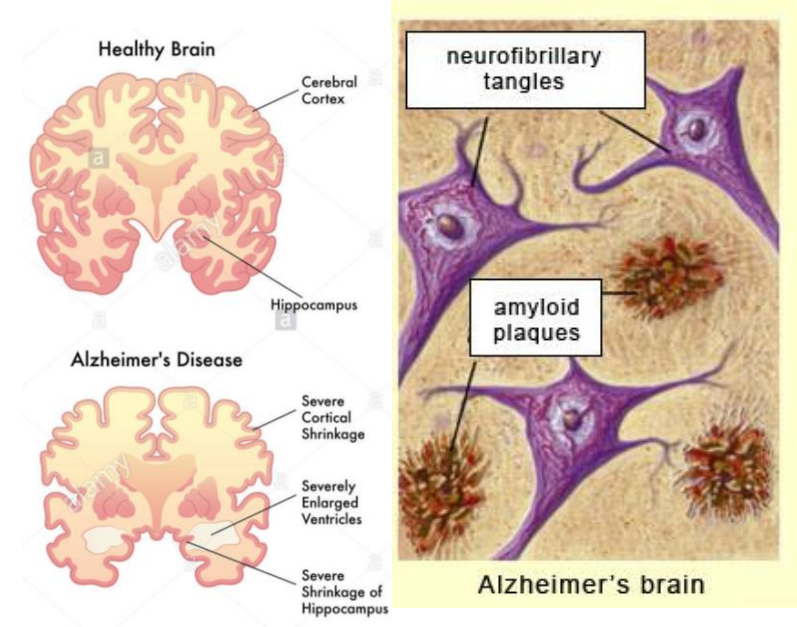


Dr. Alois Alzheimer

The presence of “**activated**” **microglia** were first described in the AD brain by Alois Alzheimer himself in his original report on **Auguste D. in 1907**. Alzheimer reported the presence of “**gliose**” **associated with the plaques and tangles**, which are the pathological hallmarks of AD

MICROGLIA

- Represents about 5-20% of glial cells
- Both at cerebral and spinal level



Two important functions:

IMMUNE DEFENCE

- Phagocytosis
- Cytotoxicity

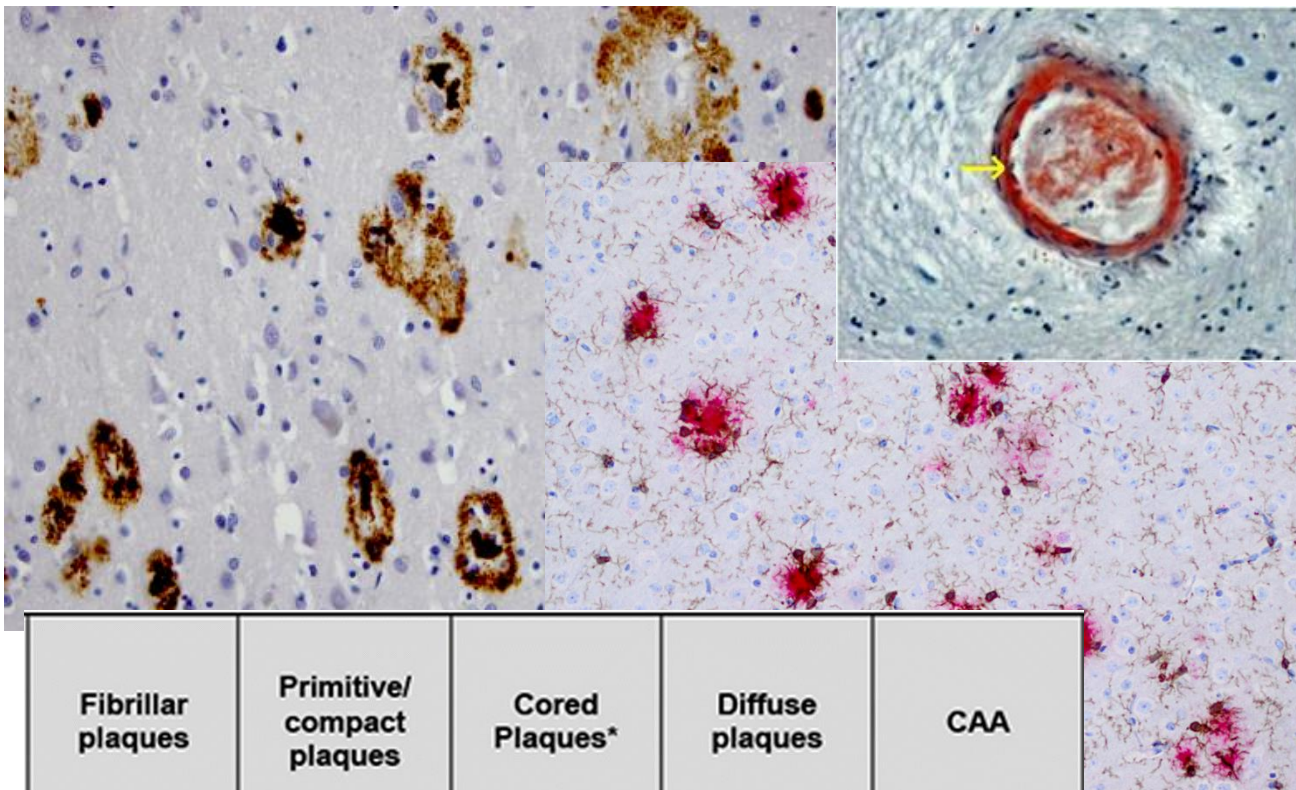


CNS HOMEOSTASIS MAINTENANCE

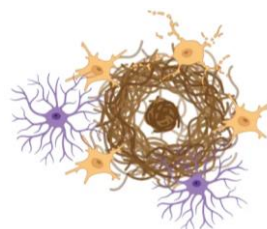
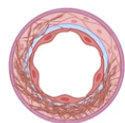


Plaque progression

Rozemuller JM, Eikelenboom P, Stam FC, Beyreuther K, Masters CL (1989) A4 protein in Alzheimer's disease: primary and secondary cellular events in extracellular amyloid deposition. *J Neuropathol Exp Neurol* **48**, 674-91.



Fibrillar plaques	Primitive/compact plaques	Cored Plaques*	Diffuse plaques	CAA



Neuritic

Abeta deposition is associated to:

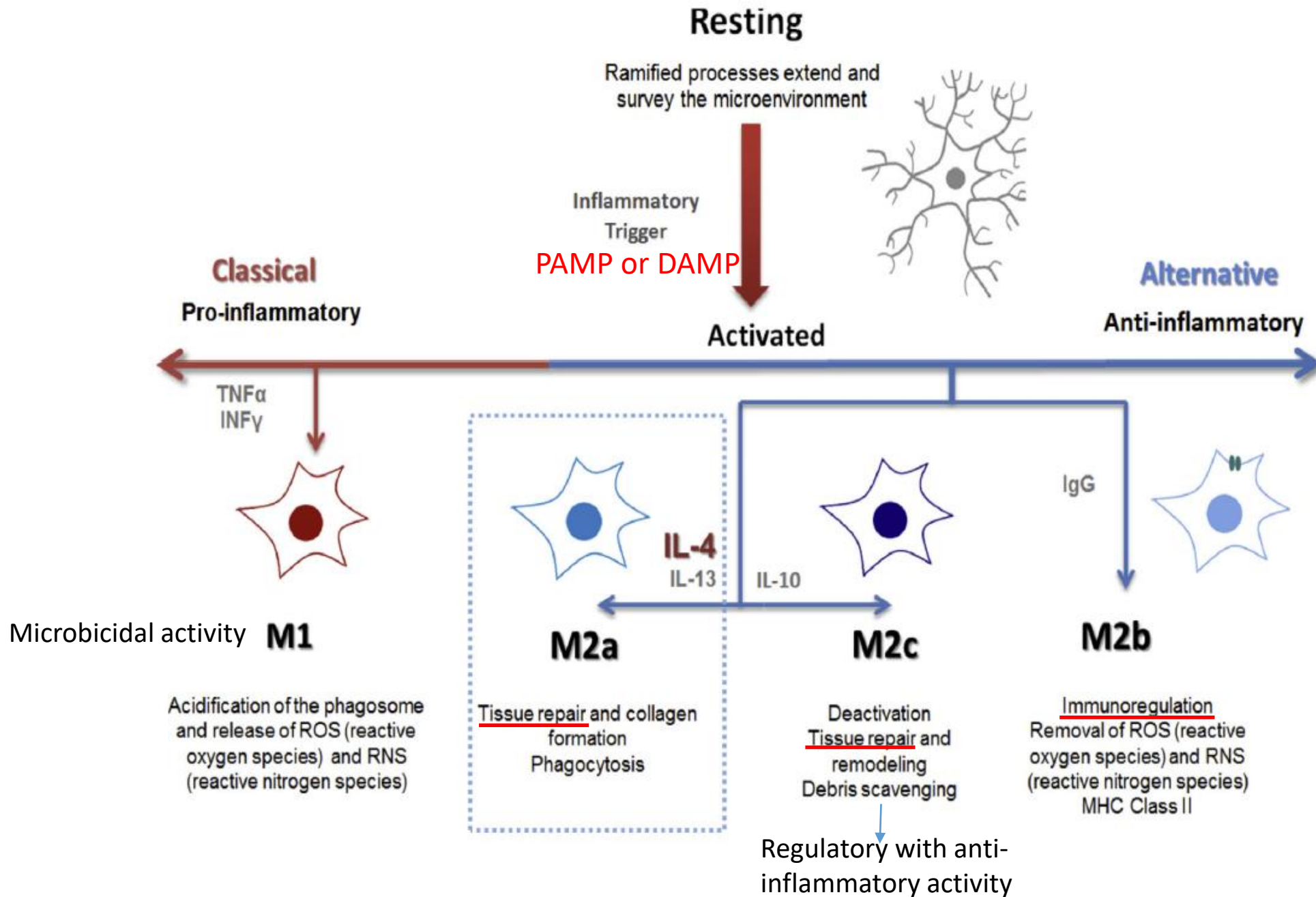
1. Dystrophic neurites
2. Neuron loss
3. **Microglial activation**
4. Astrocytes activation

Consequence or cause?

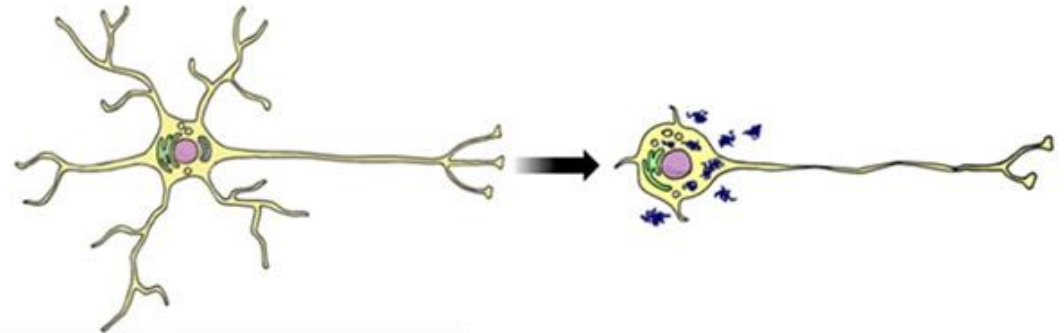
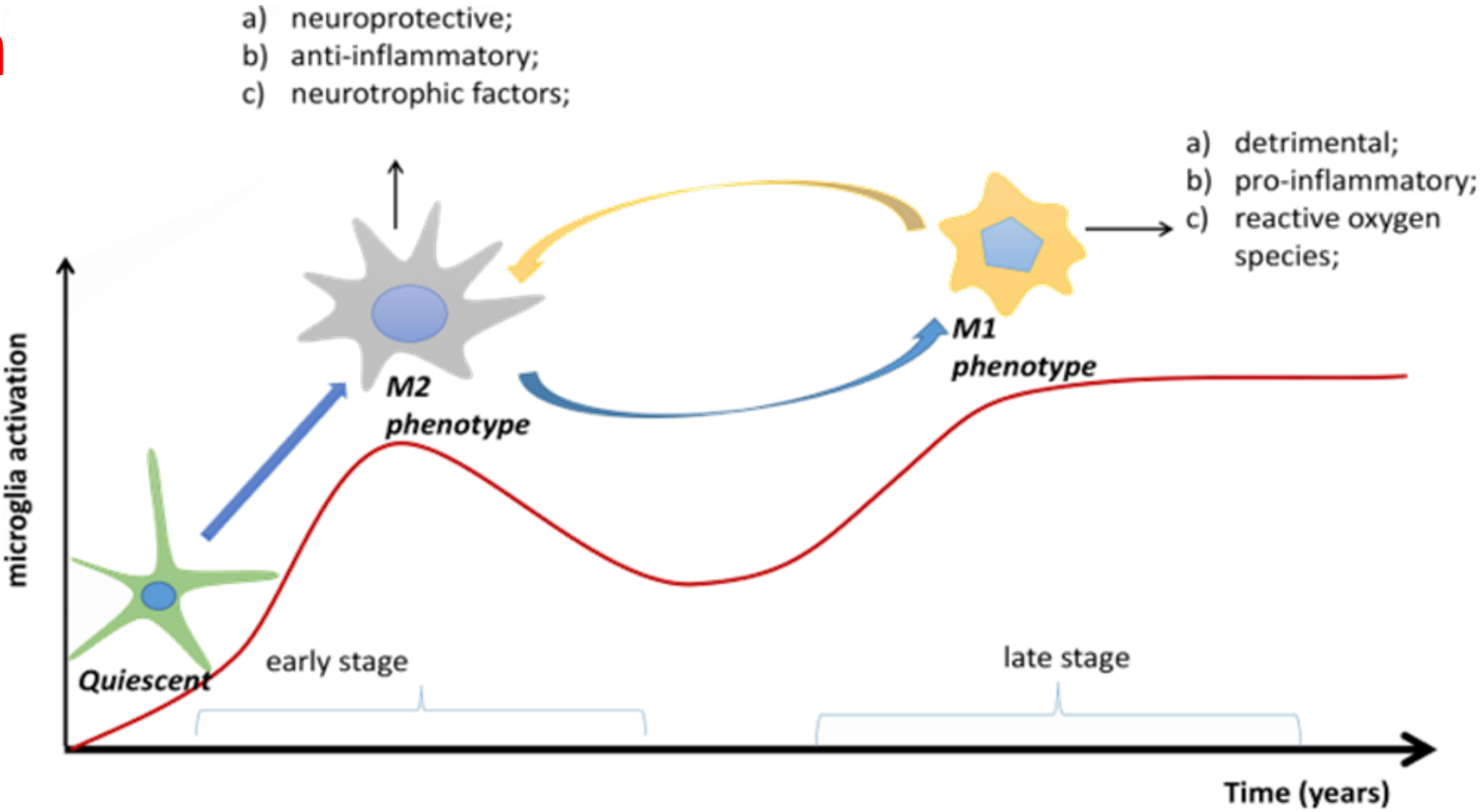
AD could have a possible «immunological or inflammatory» component...

At later stages, associated with degenerating axons and dendrites.





Microglia nell'AD



Brain interleukin 1 and S-100 immunoreactivity are elevated in Down syndrome and Alzheimer disease

(glia/trisomy 21/temporal lobe/neurodegenerative disorders)

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In 1989 Griffin demonstrates that Abeta plaque associated microglia express IL1, which in turn regulates APP synthesis. This is the first demonstration of immunological properties of microglia.

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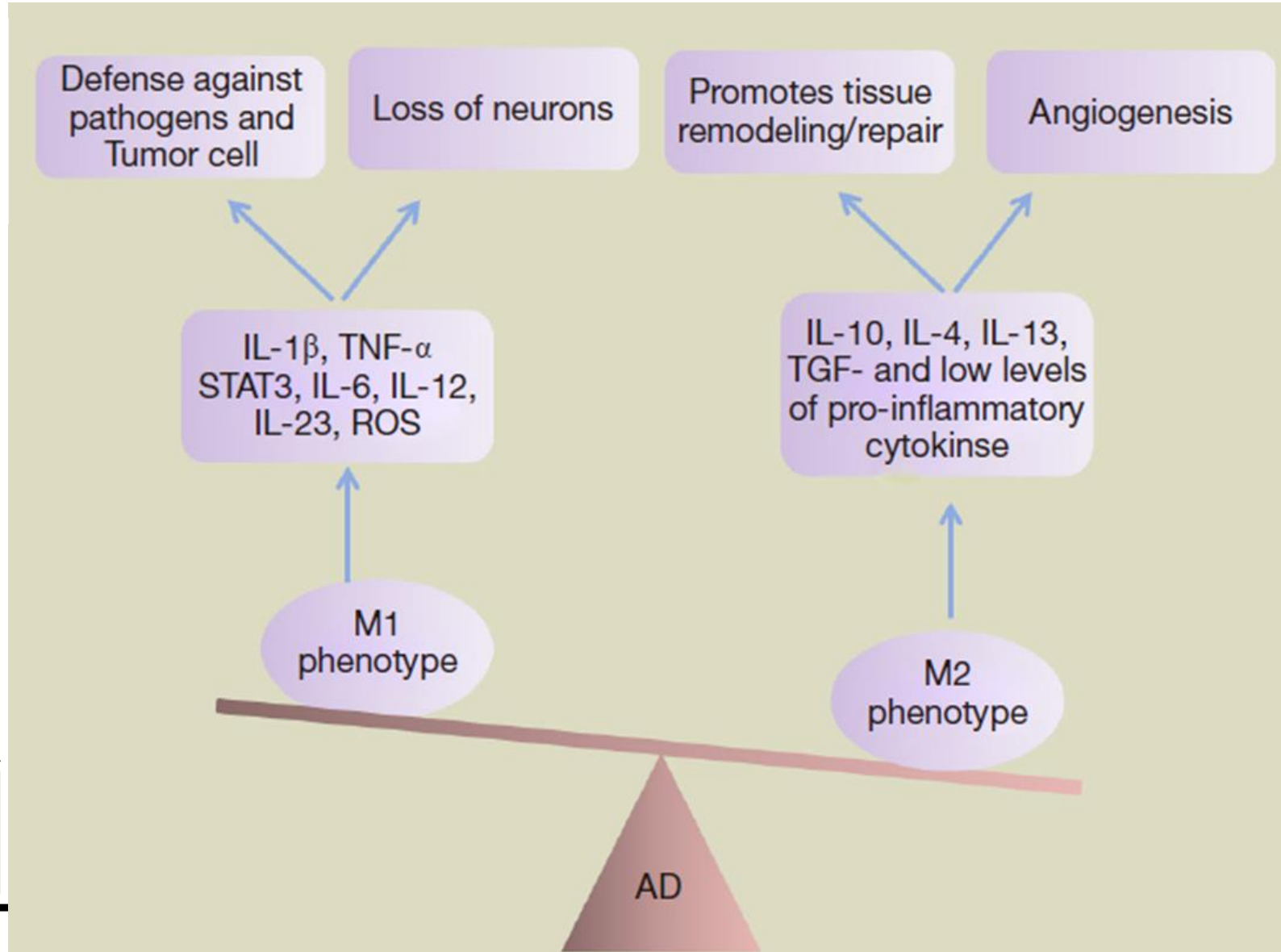
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Anti-inflammatory (M2) macrophage media reduce transmission of oligomeric amyloid beta in differentiated SH-SY5Y cells

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La capacità di fagocitare Abeta da parte della microglia si riduce nelle fasi avanzate di malattia

Microglial activation in Alzheimer's disease: an (R)-[¹¹C]PK11195 positron emission tomography study

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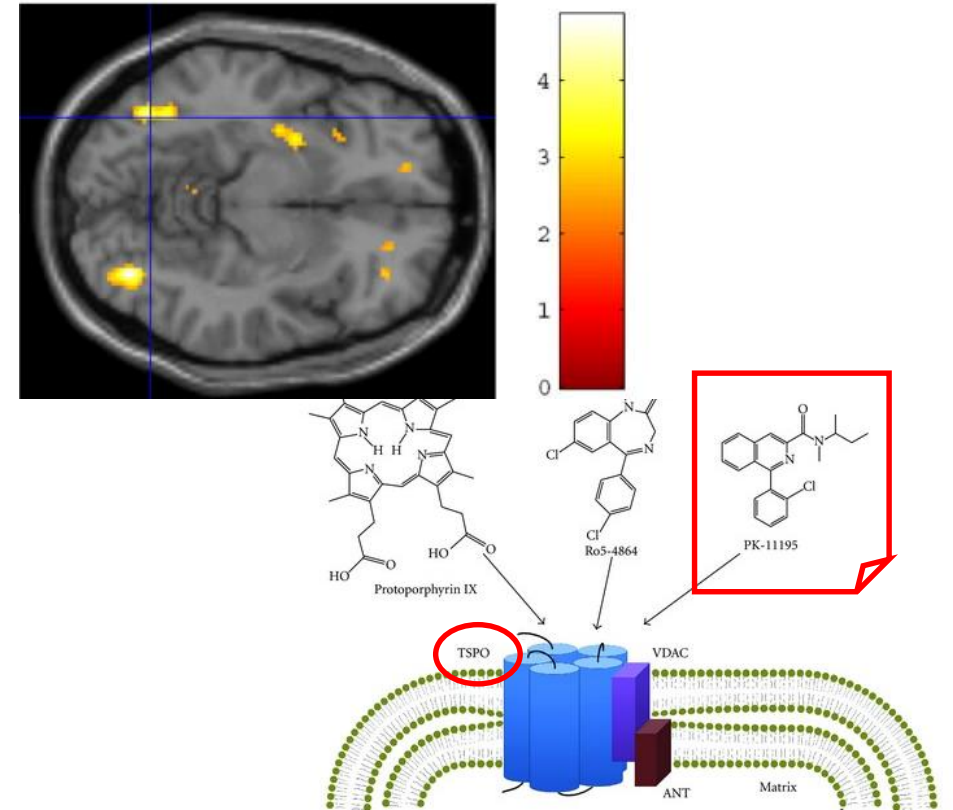
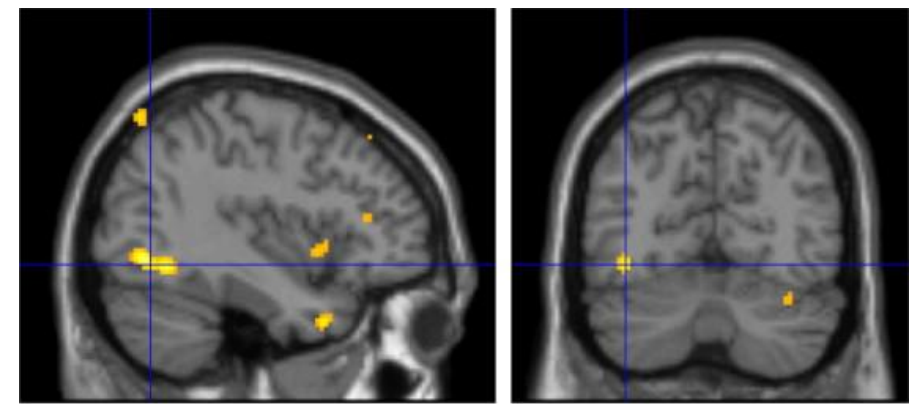
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Microglia, amyloid, and cognition in Alzheimer's disease: An [11C](R)PK11195-PET and [11C]PIB-PET study

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Federico E. Turkheimer^a, Alexander Hammers^a, Yen Fong Tai^a, Nick Fox^b, Angus Kennedy^a,
Martin Rossor^{a,b}, David J. Brooks^{a,c}



MMSE scores in AD subjects **correlated with levels of cortical microglial activation but not with amyloid load**. The inverse correlation between MMSE and microglial activation is compatible with a role of microglia in neuronal damage.

Activated macrophages release microvesicles containing polarized M1 or M2 mRNAs

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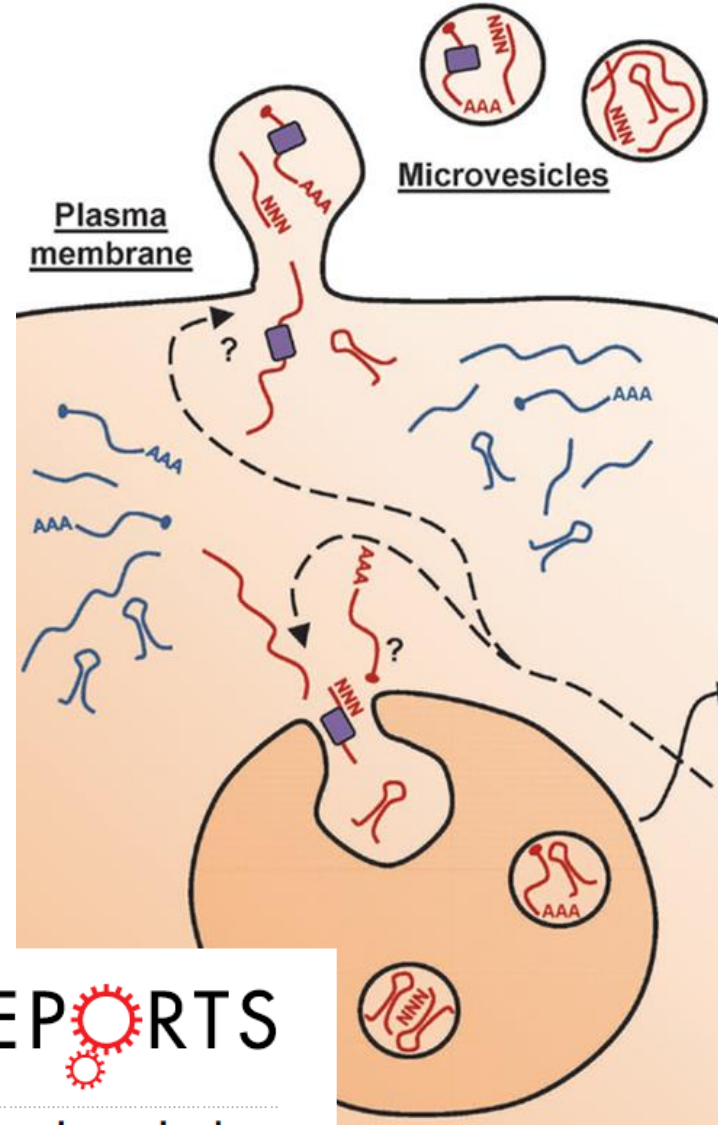
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Myeloid Microvesicles in Cerebrospinal Fluid Are Associated with Myelin Damage and Neuronal Loss in Mild Cognitive Impairment and Alzheimer Disease

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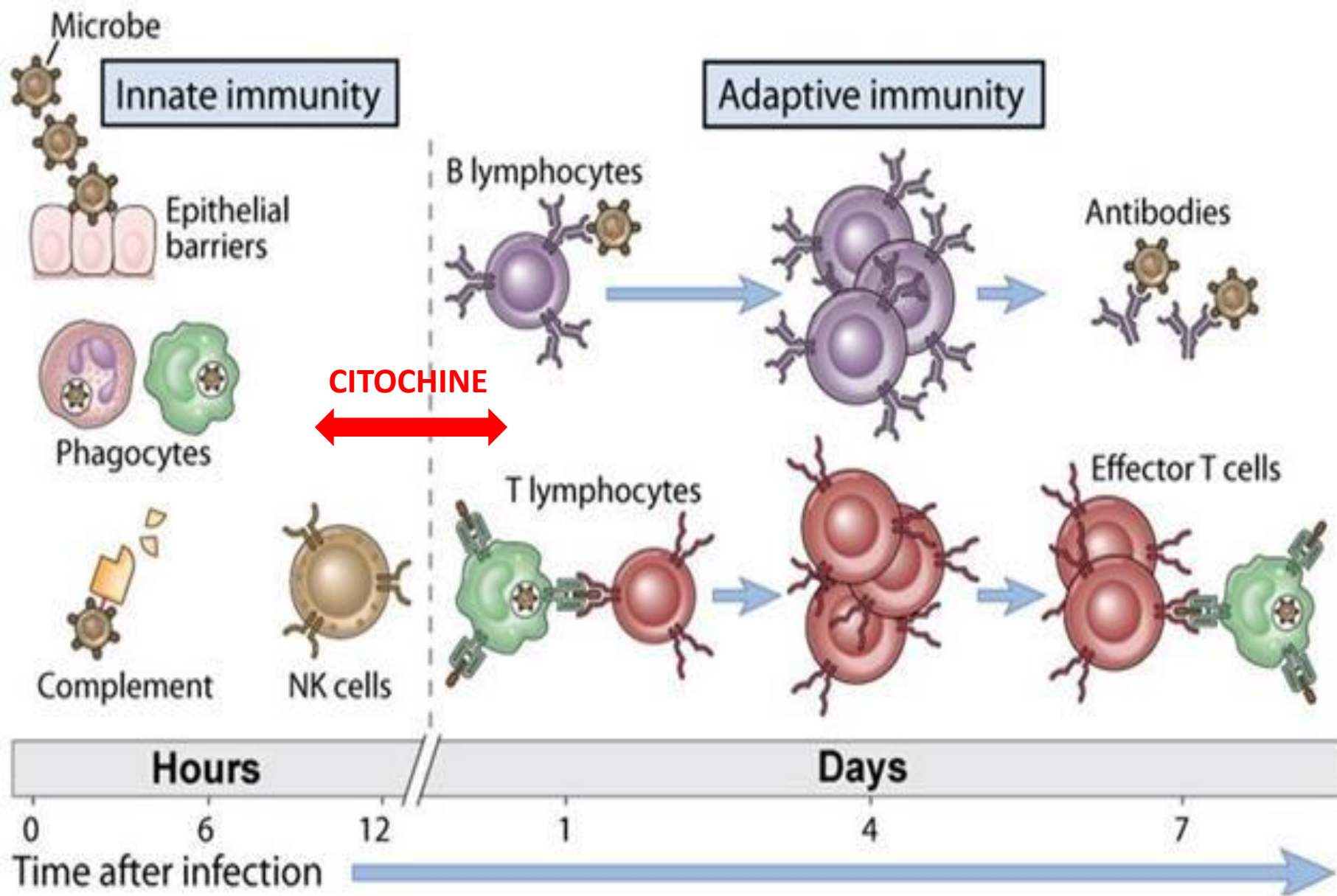


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Microvesicles from cerebrospinal fluid of patients with Alzheimer's disease display reduced concentrations of tau and APP protein

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Innate immunity

- No time lag
- Not antigen specific
- No memory

Le citochine fanno da tramite fra immunità innata ed adattativa.

Adaptive immunity

- A lag period
- Antigen specific
- Development of memory

INFLAMM-AGING

Optimal remodeling (hormesis)

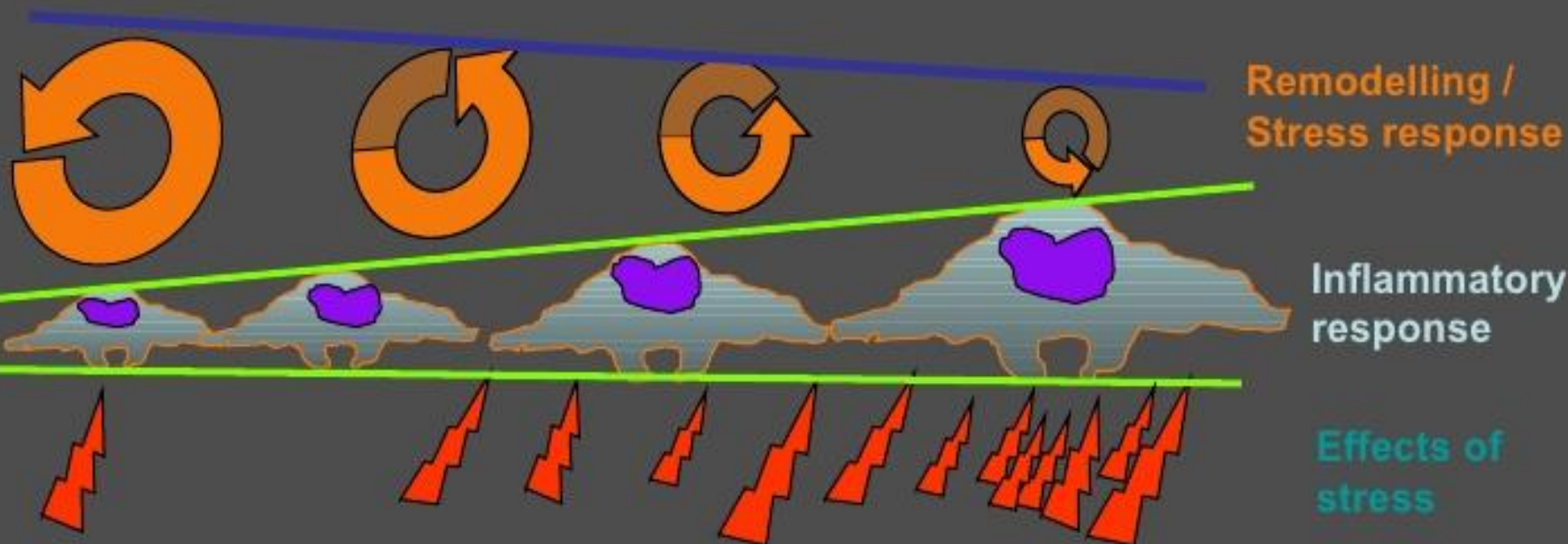
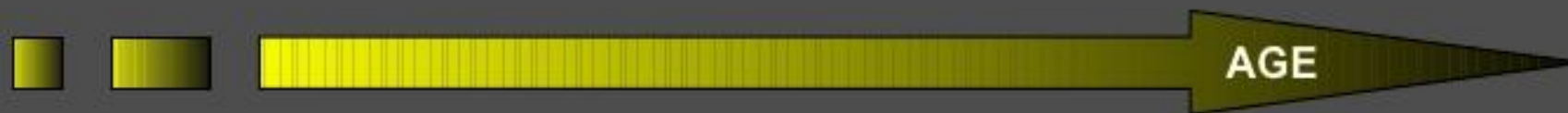
Low proinflammatory status

High efficiency of stress response

Inadequate remodeling

High proinflammatory status

Low efficiency of stress response



INFLAMMAGING

(Franceschi)

Progressiva perdita di competenza immunologica.

Stato Infiammatorio:

1. Di basso grado
2. Controllato
3. Asintomatico
4. Cronico
5. Sistemico

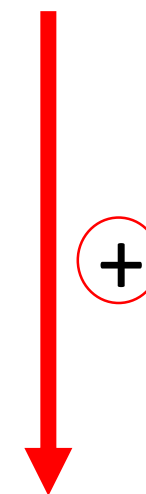
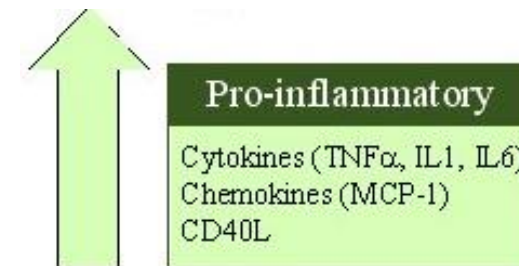
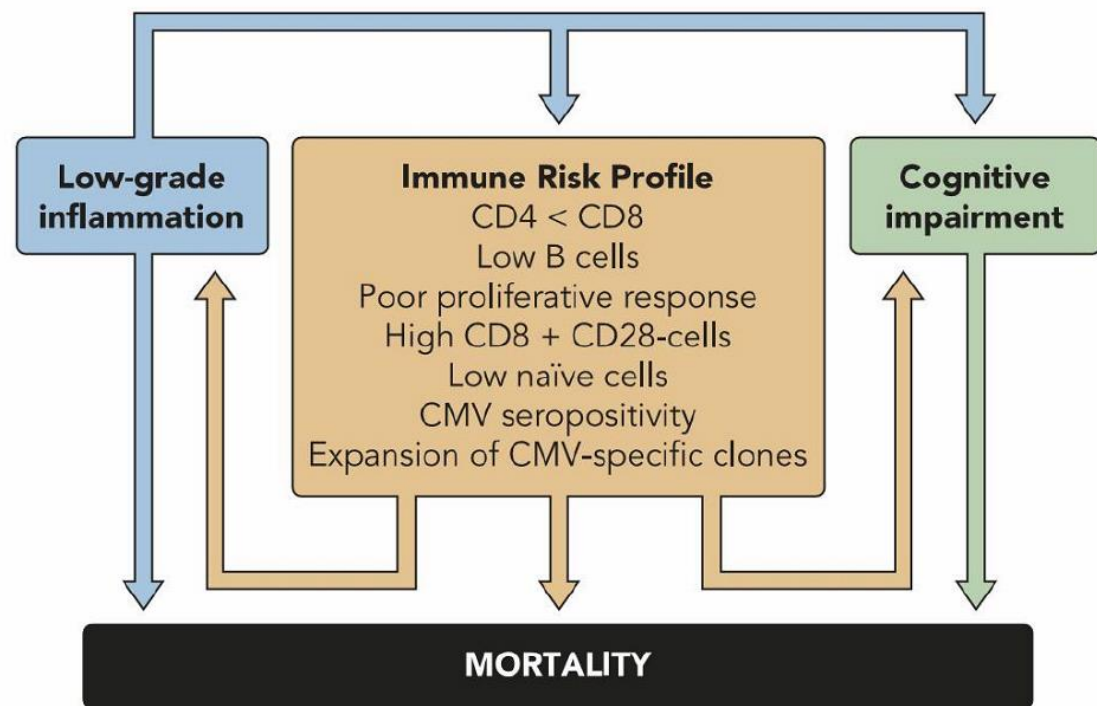
- **Declino immunità adattativa:** riduzione dei linfociti T naive e risposta Th2
- **Aumento immunità innata** sostenuta da fagociti

Review

Inflammaging as a prodrome to Alzheimer's disease

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Demian Obregon², Elona Rrapo¹, Terrence Town^{3,4,5} and Jun Tan²

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Interplay between the IRP, low grade inflammation, and cognitive impairment in mortality



Versatility of the complement system in neuroinflammation, neurodegeneration and brain homeostasis

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NEUROINFIAMMAZIONE: risposta infiammatoria all'interno del cervello e del midollo spinale. I mediatori dell'infiammazione sono prodotti sia da cellule residenti che da cellule periferiche.

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PAST TO FUTURE

Neuroinflammation: the devil is in the details

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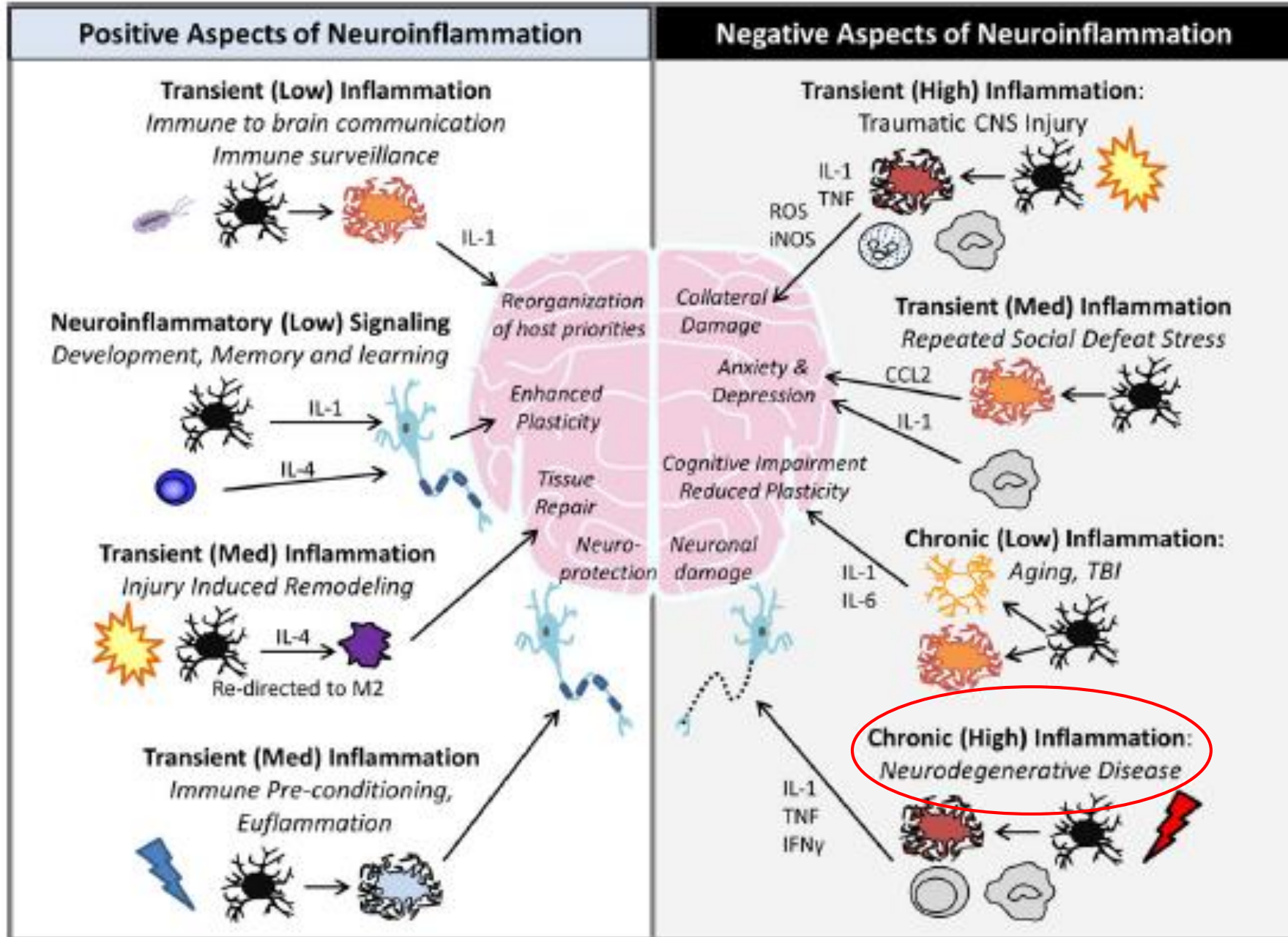


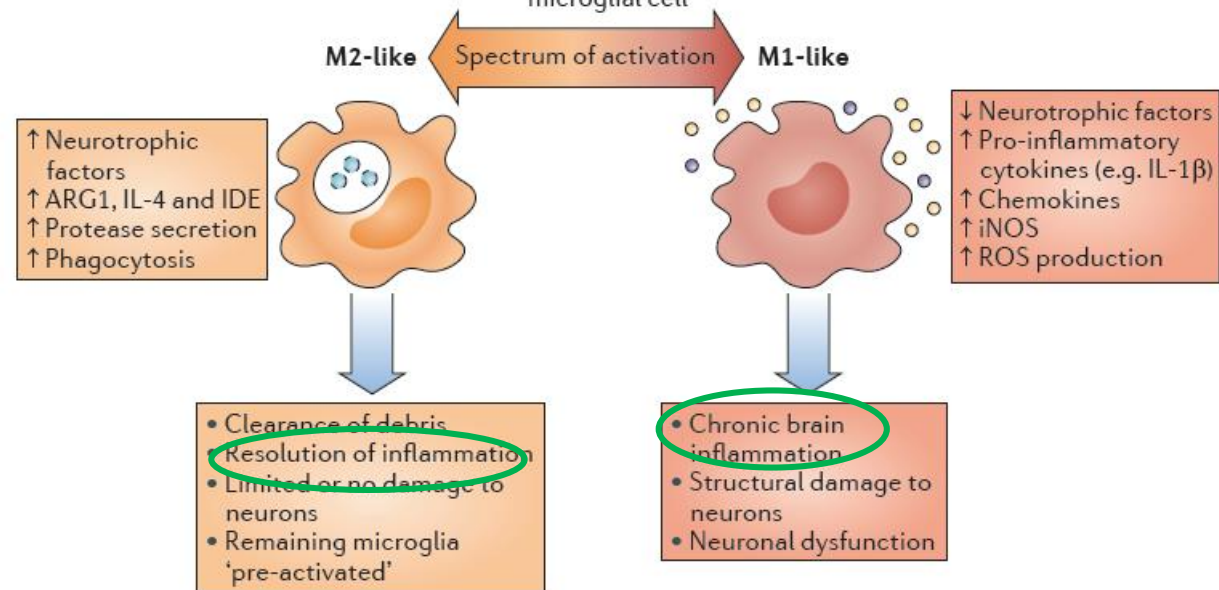
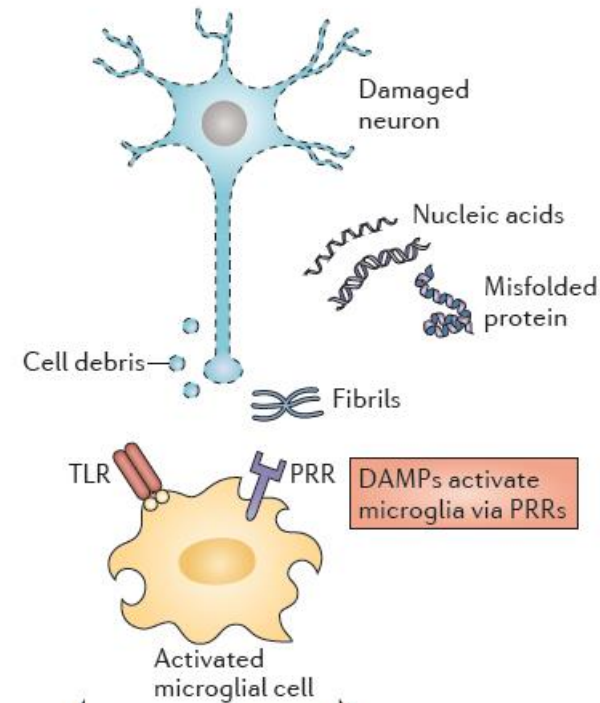
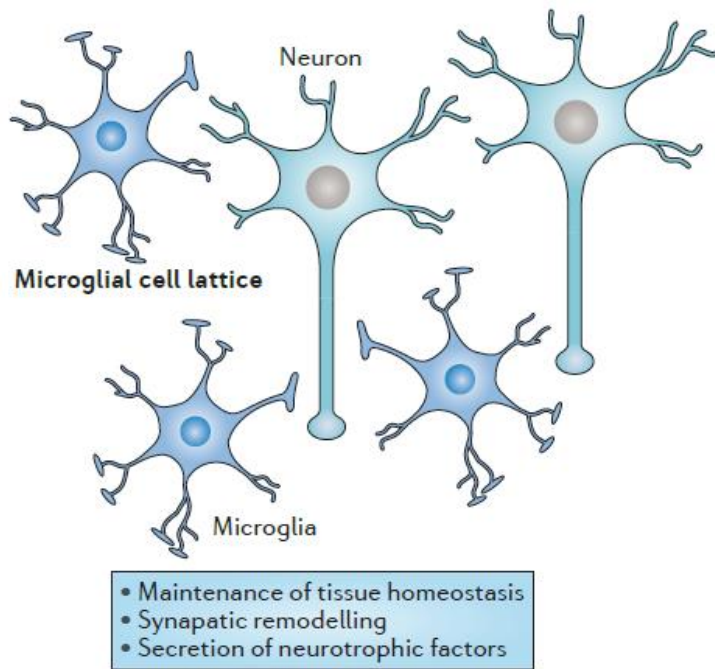
Neuroinflammation in Alzheimer's disease

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Da metà anni '90 si inizia a parlare di «NEUROINFIAMMAZIONE»

- Intensity
- Duration

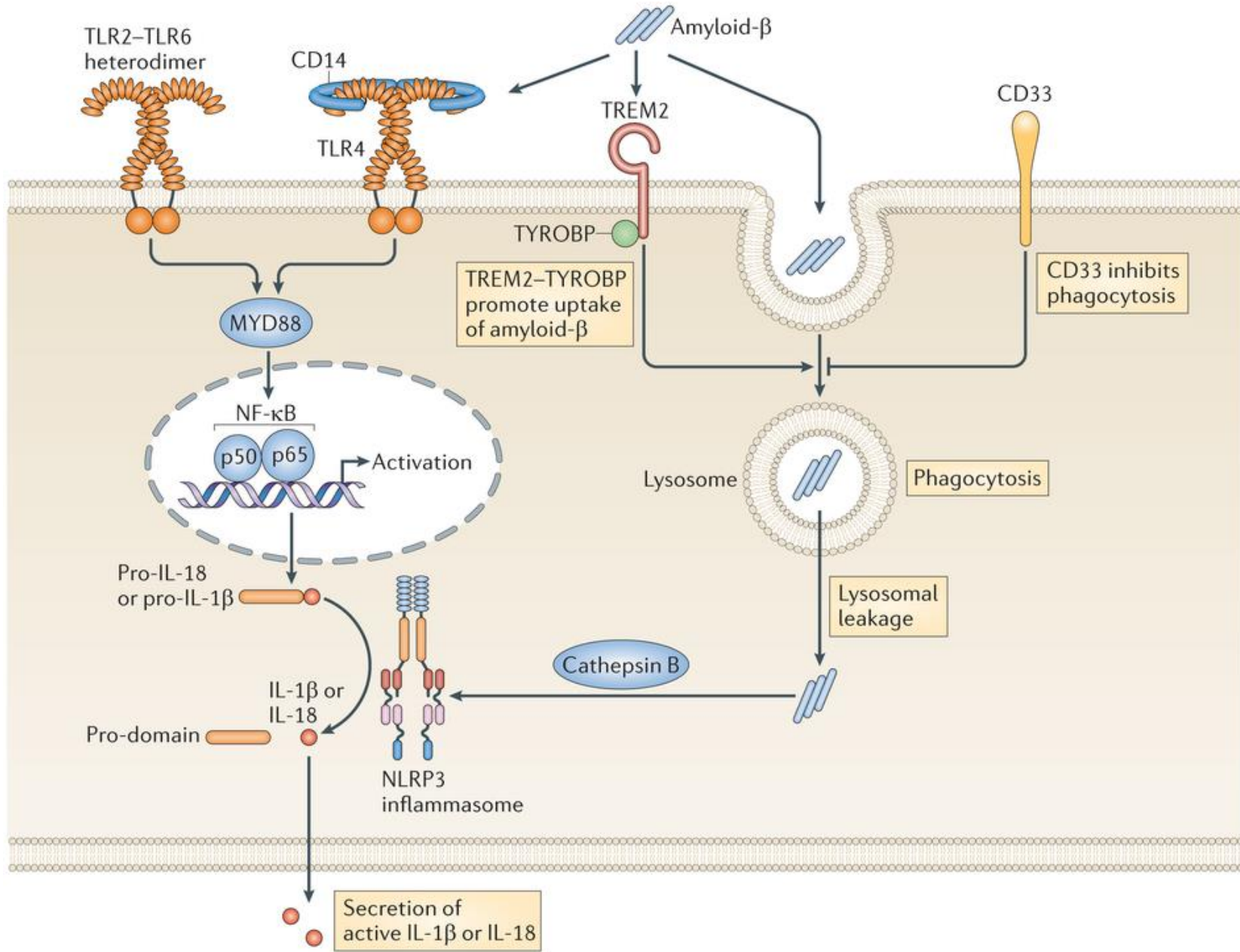




PRR, pattern recognition receptors (TLR2, TLR4, TLR6)
...able to *trigger inflammatory pathways*

DAMP, danger-associated molecular patterns
...i.e., misfolded proteins

PAMP, pathogen-associated molecular patterns
...i.e., *microbial molecules*



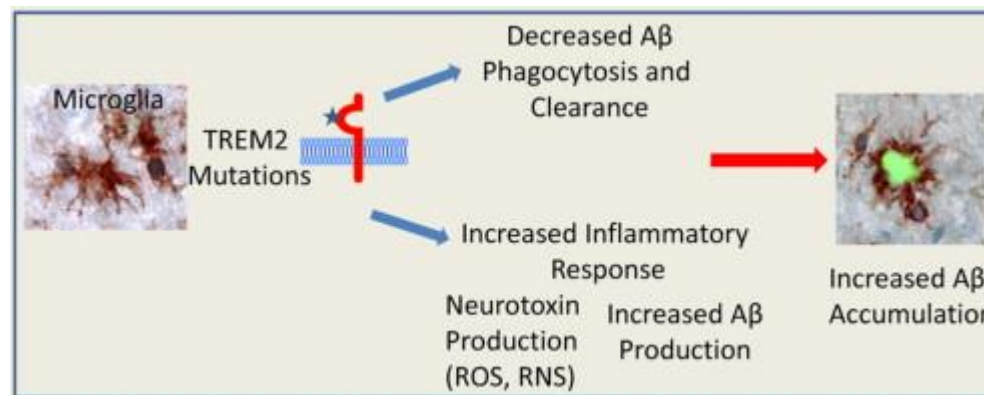
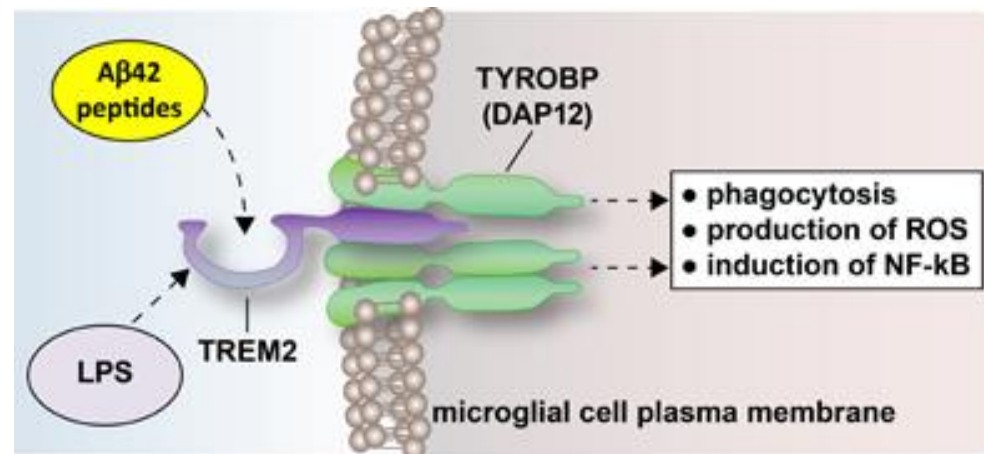
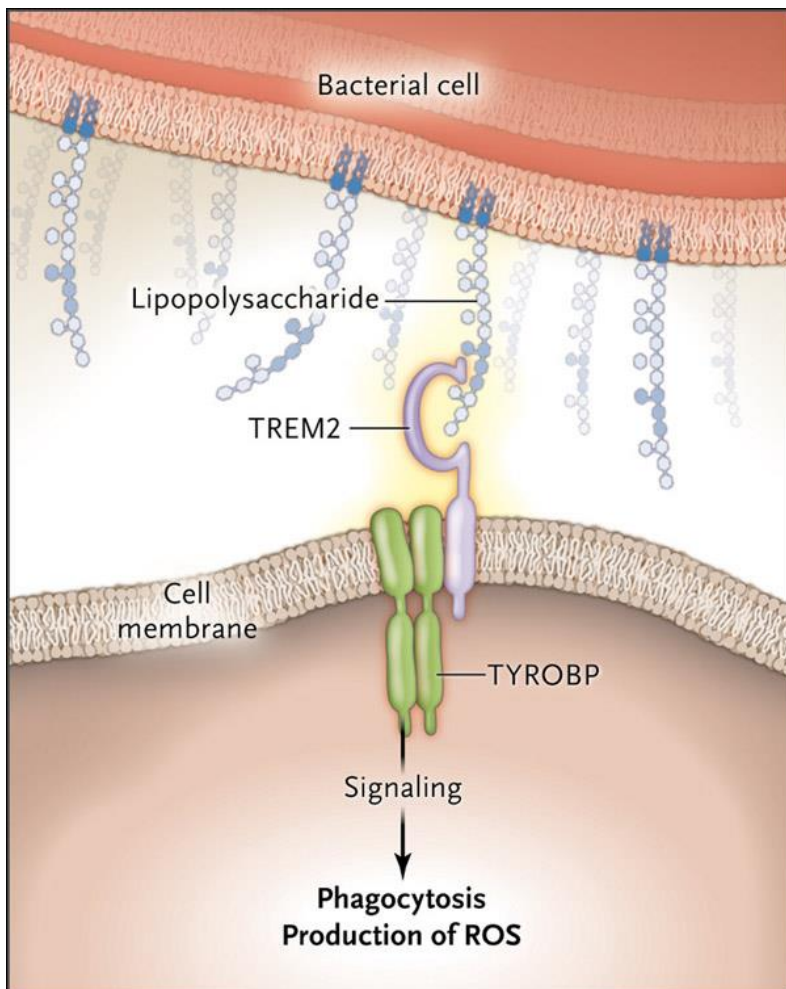
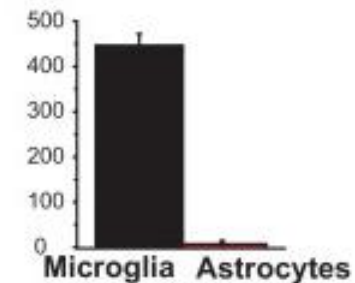
In AD the immune response could reduce microglial Abeta clearance favouring AD progression.

Triggering receptor expressed on myeloid cells 2

Mutazione omozigote = NHD (demenza)

Missenso rs75932628-T → R47H ↑ rischio LOAD (*Guerriero et al.2013*)

C TREM 2 Expression
Microglia vs. Astrocytes



TREM2 and Risk of Alzheimer's Disease — Friend or Foe?

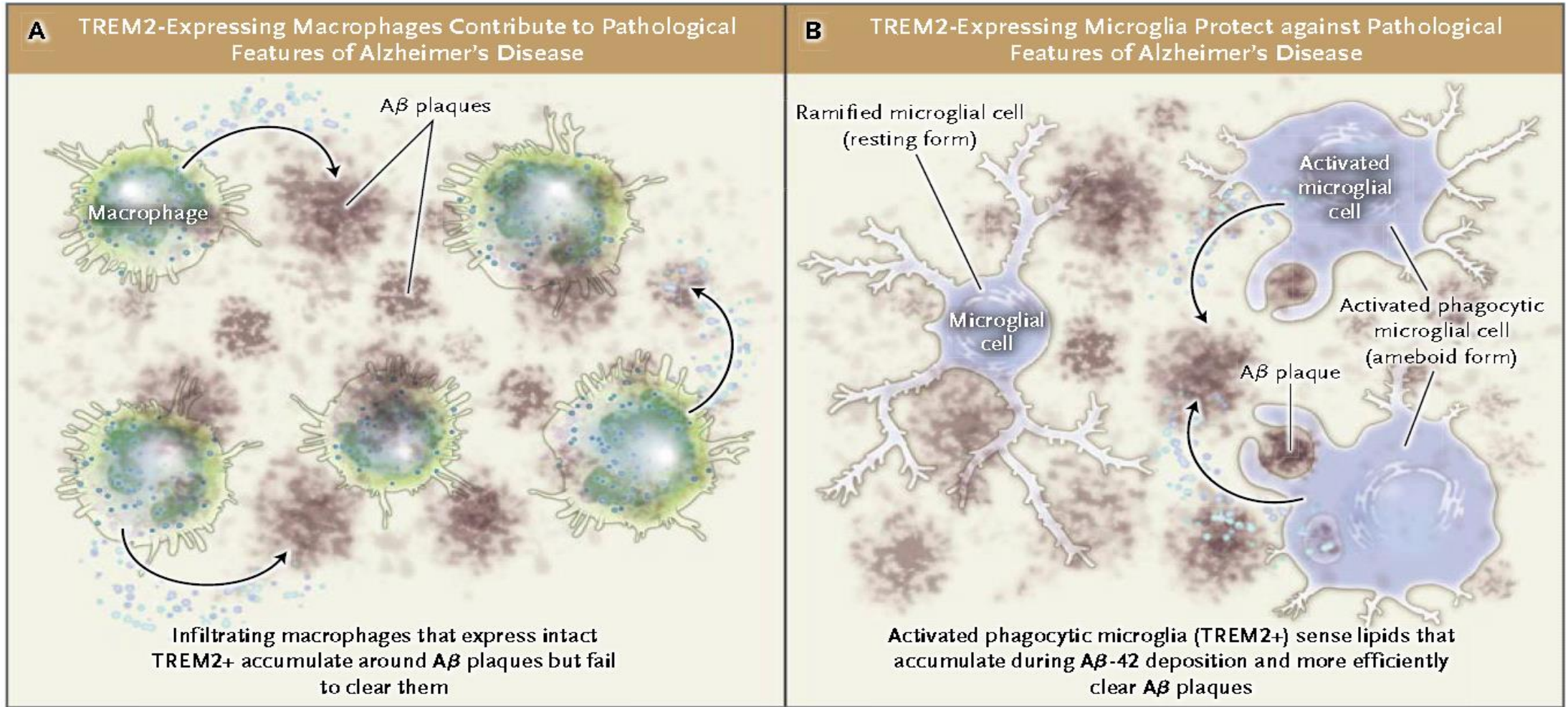


Figure 1. Different Takes on TREM2.

How variant *TREM2*, the gene encoding the triggering receptor expressed on myeloid cells 2 protein, confers susceptibility to Alzheimer's disease is not clear. Experiments with the use of mouse models indicate different potential mechanisms. Jay et al.⁴ recently found that infiltrating macrophages in the brain (Trem2+ and CD45+) accumulate around amyloid-beta (A β) plaques but fail to efficiently clear them — that is, macrophages expressing intact TREM2 may contribute to the pathological features of the disease. In contrast, Wang et al.⁵ found that TREM2+ microglia, resident in the brain, sense lipids that accumulate during A β -42 deposition and thereby more efficiently clear pathologic plaques.

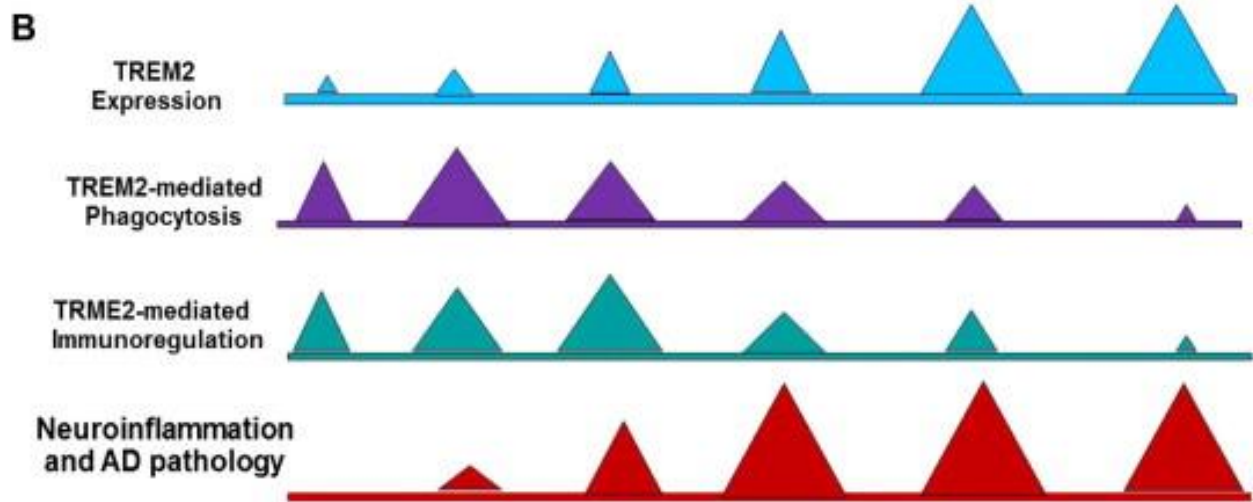
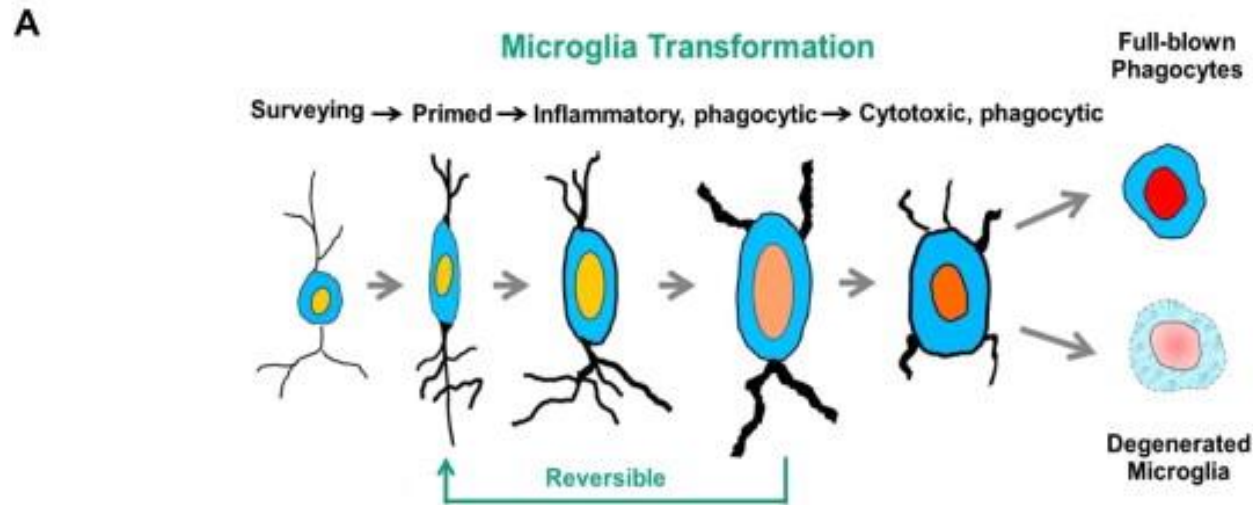


Fig. 1. Scheme showing possible relationship between **microglia phenotypes** and **TREM2**. (A) Microglia activation is characterized by the transformation of morphology. The main function and properties corresponding to morphology are **surveying, primed, inflammatory, phagocytic, and cytotoxic**. We propose that microglia could return to a less inflammatory state before becoming cytotoxic or turning into macrophage-like cells and eventually degenerated. (B) We hypothesize the changes of TREM2 expression and function according to microglia transformation stages and AD pathology. The magnitude of the changes is reflected by the size of the triangles. At an early stage of the transformation, microglia perform TREM2-mediated phagocytosis and immunoregulation. It is possible that if TREM2 function is insufficient at early stages of the disease, as disease progresses, regardless of TREM2 expression, loss of function of TREM2 occurs, which could result in failure to regulate microglia inflammatory properties. **Upregulation of TREM2 could be a response to increased presence of ligands as a result of neuronal loss**. Loss of TREM2 function could also be due to impaired ligand binding and signaling. All of these could increase microglial activation and chronic inflammation, which in turn exacerbate neurodegeneration.

Macrophages in Alzheimer's disease: the blood-borne identity

David Gate · Kavon Rezai-Zadeh · Dominique Jodry ·
Altan Rentsendorj · Terrence Town

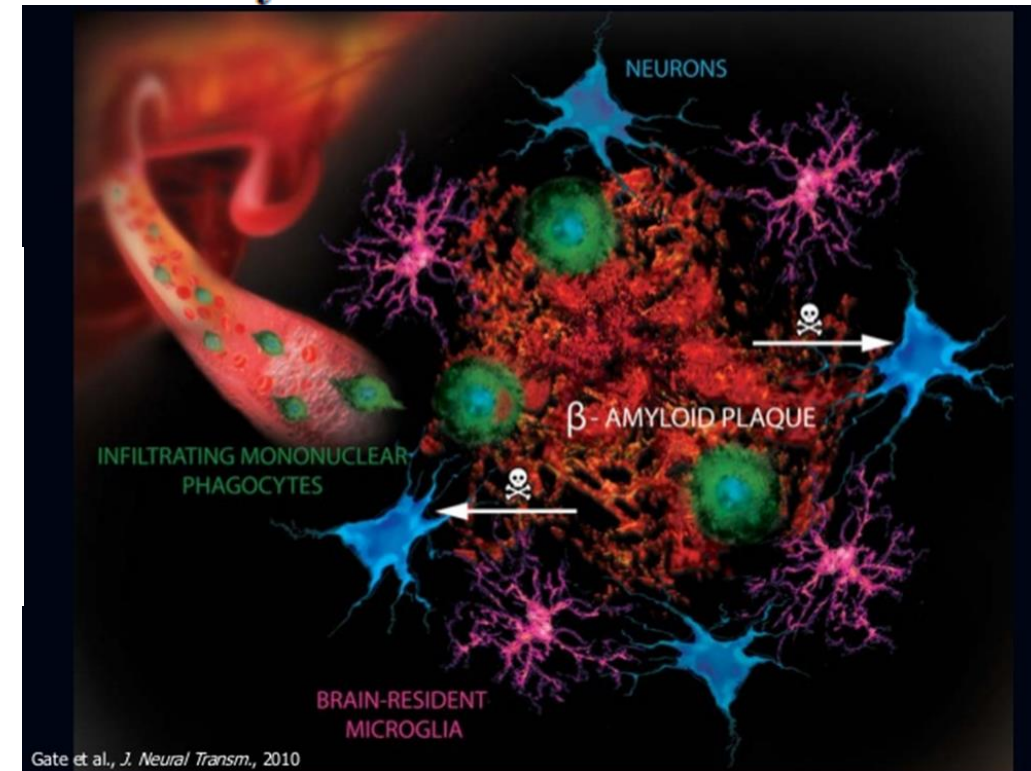
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Invasion of Hematopoietic Cells into the Brain of Amyloid Precursor Protein Transgenic Mice

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Janaky Coomaraswamy,¹ Matthias Staufenbiel,⁵ Regine Landmann,³ and Mathias Jucker^{1,2}

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Only a **subpopulation of amyloid deposits was surrounded by invading cells**. This suggests that not all amyloid plaques are a target for invading cells or, alternatively, all amyloid plaques attract invading cells but only for a limited time, possibly at an early stage of plaque evolution.



Gate et al., *J. Neural Transm.*, 2010

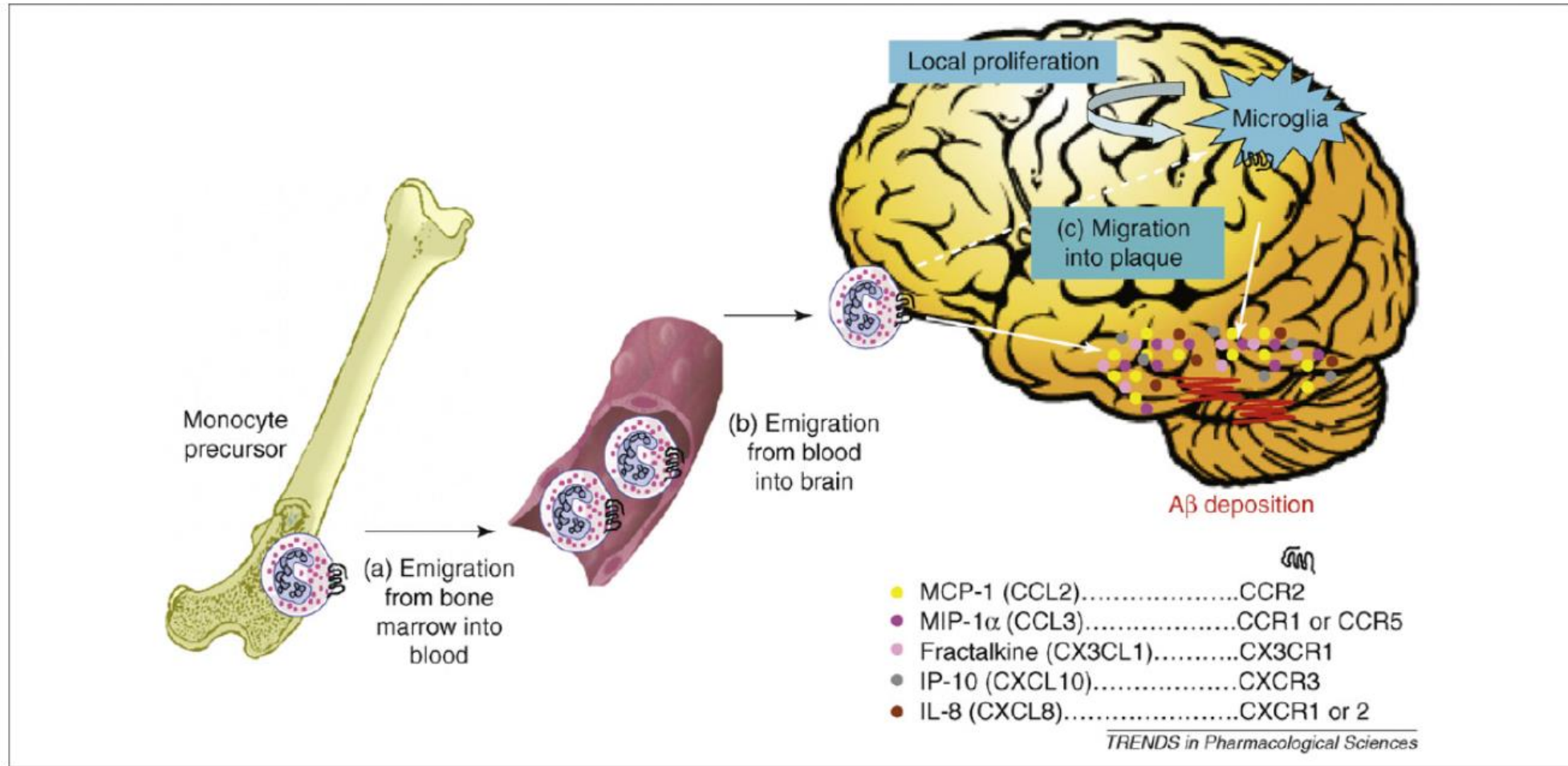
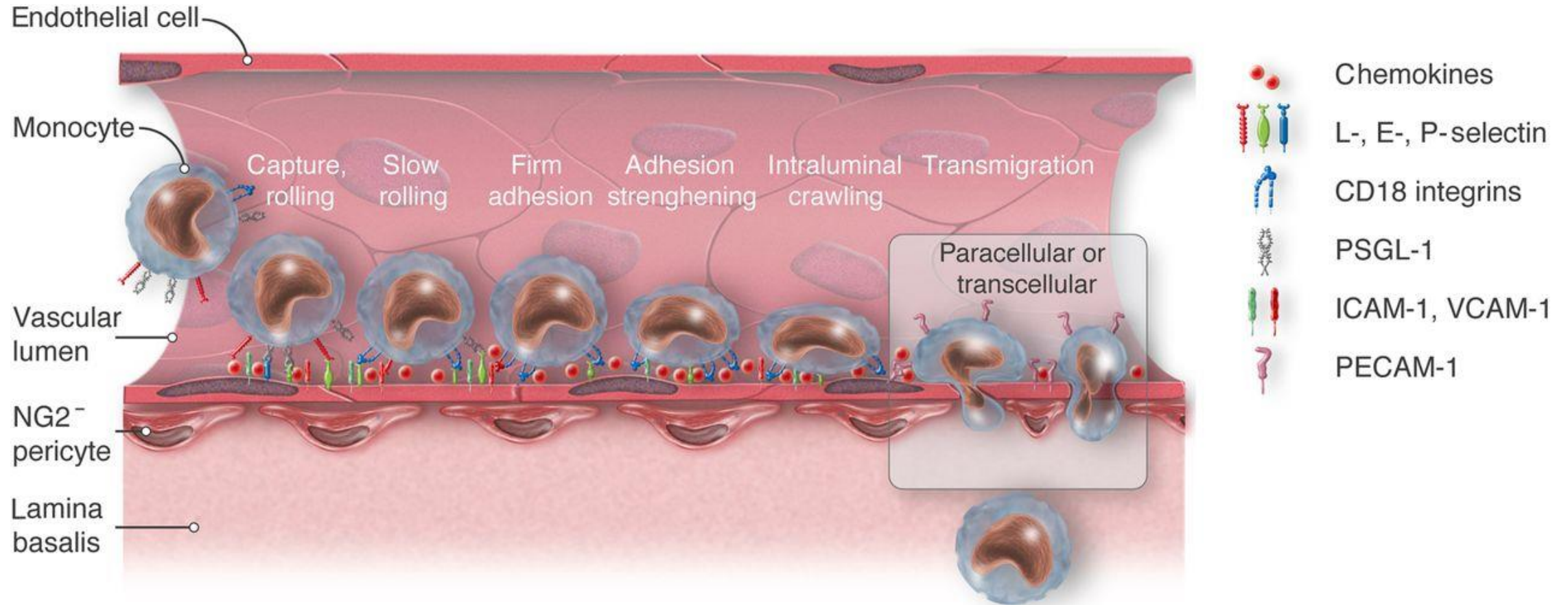


Figure 4. A proposed model for microglia accumulation in AD highlighting the potential role of both local proliferation and the recruitment of bone-marrow-derived cells in this process. Local microglia, in response to Aβ accumulation, produce growth factors that stimulate microglia proliferation. In addition, these local microglia produce several chemokines that will recruit cells from (a) bone marrow → blood (b) blood → brain (c) brain → plaque. This is likely to be controlled by distinct subsets of chemokine-receptor pairs that act at one or more steps in this multistep process. The chemokine/chemokine receptor pairs implicated in microglial trafficking into the AD brain are indicated.

CHEMOTAXIS AND CELL INVASION



CXCL1 Contributes to β -Amyloid-Induced Transendothelial Migration of Monocytes in Alzheimer's Disease

Ke Zhang¹, Li Tian¹, Li Liu², Yu Feng², Yan-Bin Dong¹, Bo Li¹, De-Shu Shang¹, Wen-Gang Fang¹, Yun-Peng Cao², Yu-Hua Chen^{1*} 2013

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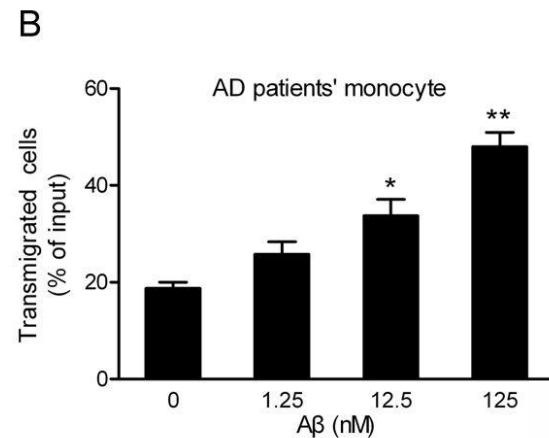
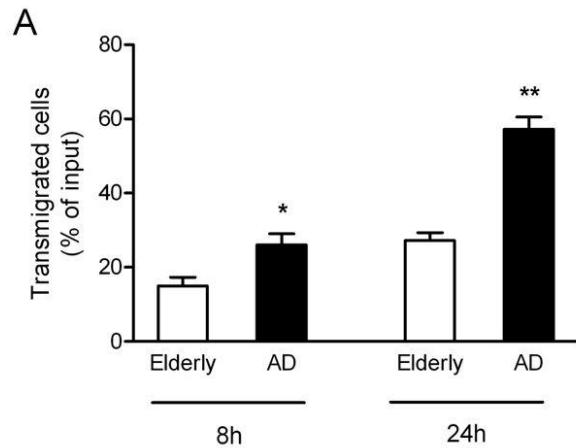
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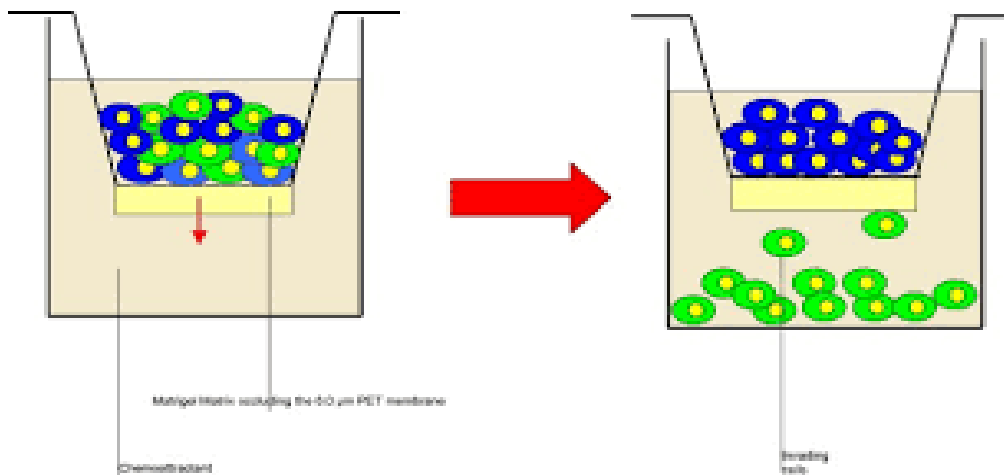
Hyperactivation of monocytes and macrophages in MCI patients contributes to the progression of Alzheimer's disease

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Increased monocytes chemotaxis to MCP-1



Non physiological nanomolar concentrations!



Our Aim:

To verify if patho-physiological Abeta 1-42 levels (125 pM) are able to induce monocyte chemotaxis in AD patients. Possible mechanisms?

TSPO Modulates Oligomeric Amyloid- β -Induced Monocyte Chemotaxis: Relevance for Neuroinflammation in Alzheimer's Disease

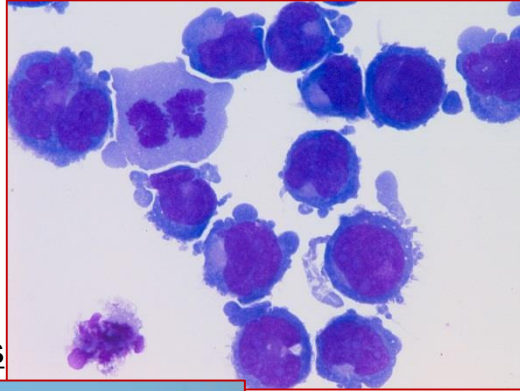
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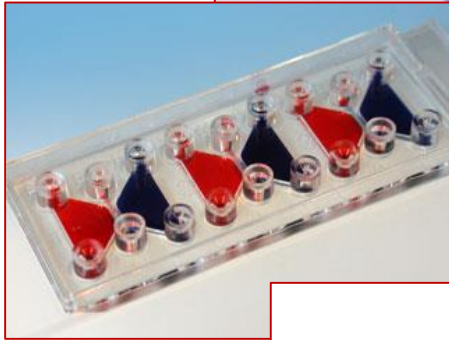
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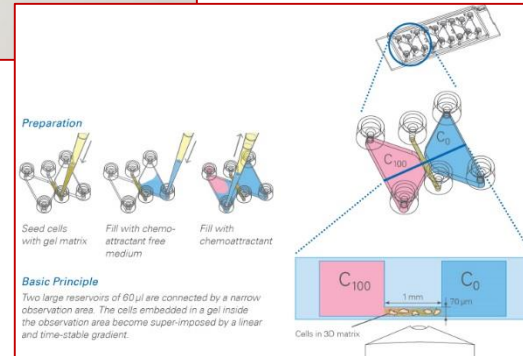
Cellule THP-1 (leucemia mieloide acuta)



μ-slide chambers



- ✓ Incubazione 24 h
- ✓ Immagini acquisite ogni 4 minuti



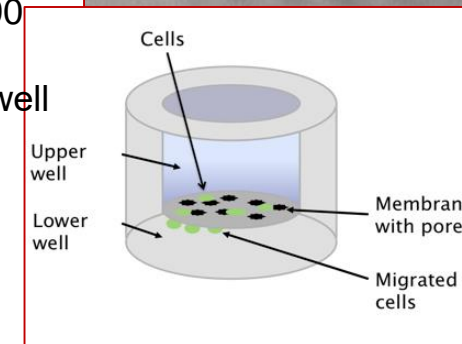
Monociti umani (da CTRL e AD)



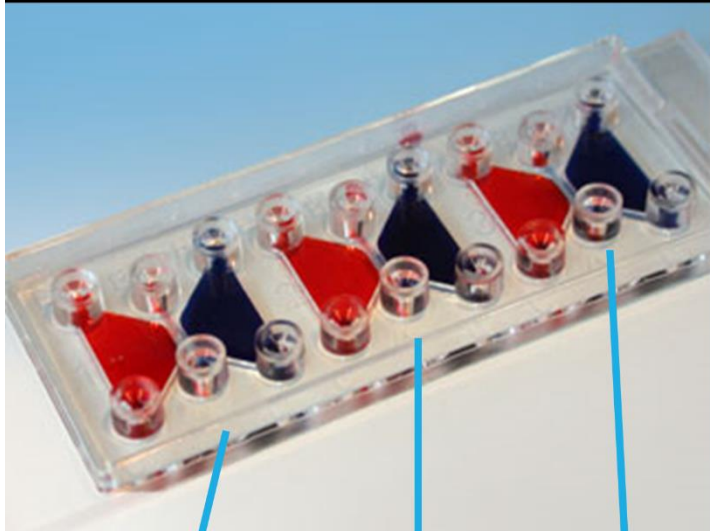
Boyden chambers



- ✓ Incubazione 90 minuti
- ✓ 50'000 cellule/well



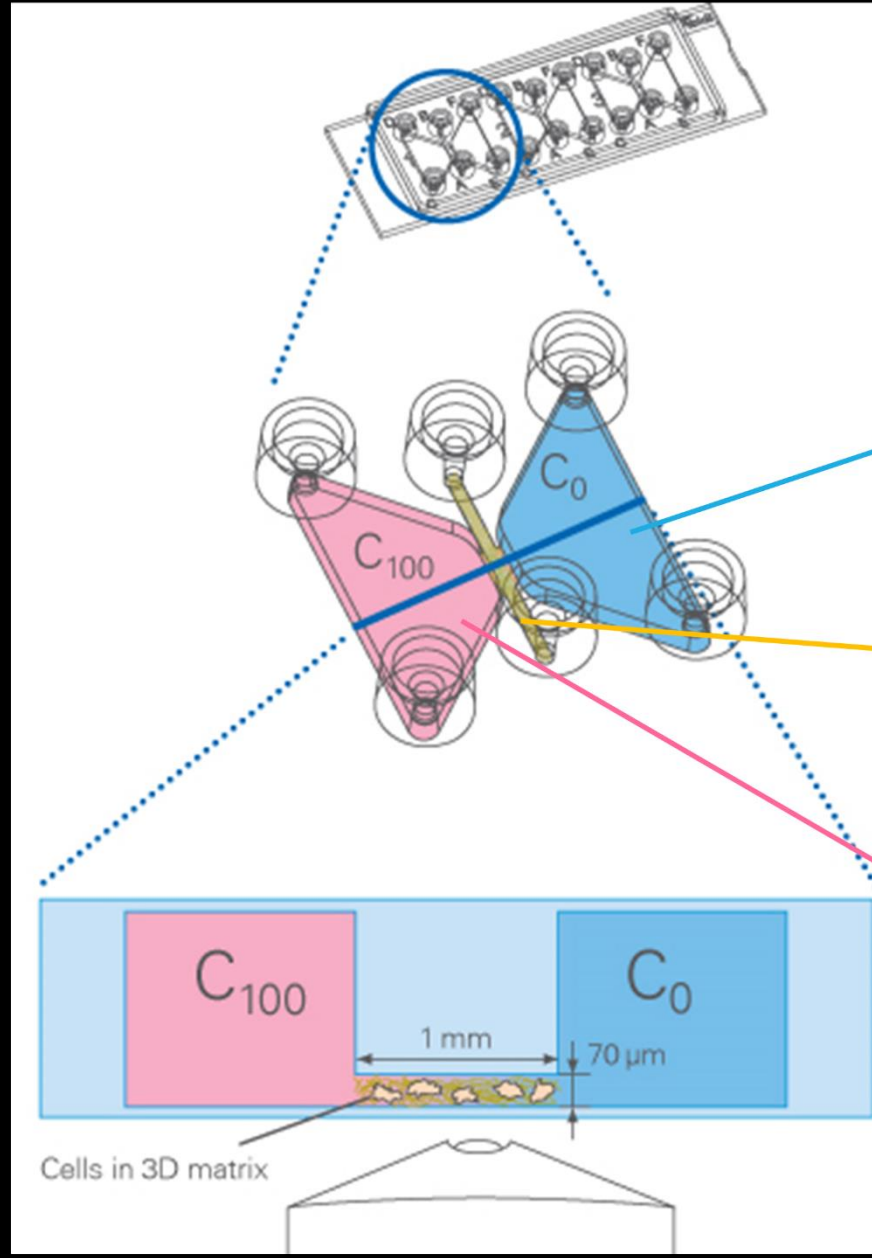
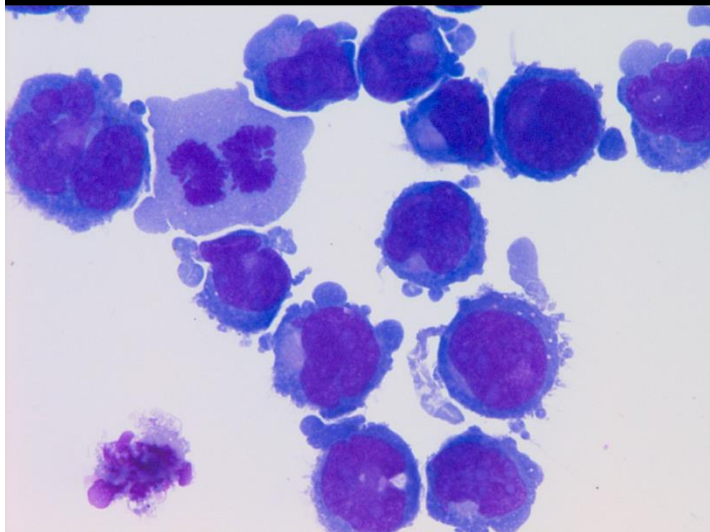
Ibidi Chambers



B/B

B/C

C/C



Basale
(RPMI con FBS 2%)

Cellule
($3 \cdot 10^6$ /ml)

Chemoattraente
(MCP-1 10 ng/ml
Abeta 125 nM)

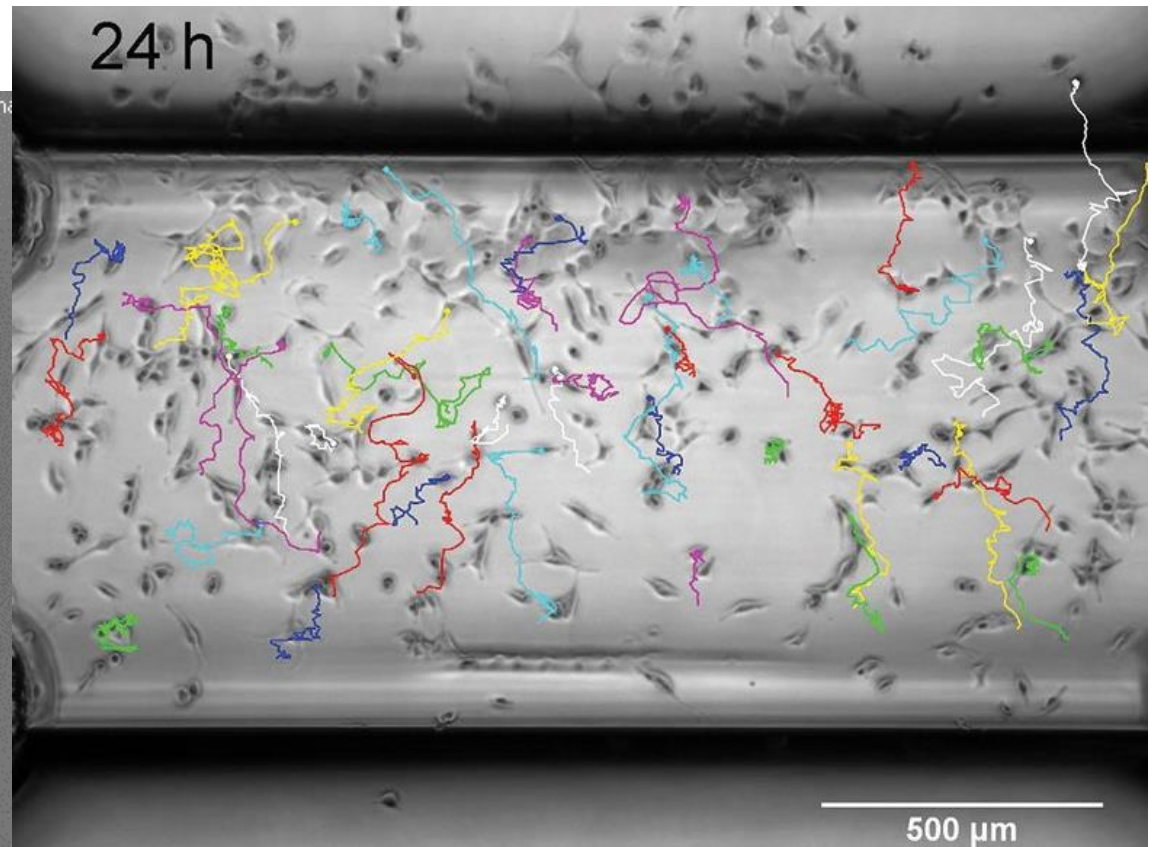
Time-lapse microscopy

Filter : Ph
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Light : 95
Exposure time : 1/60s
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Resolution : 800 x 600

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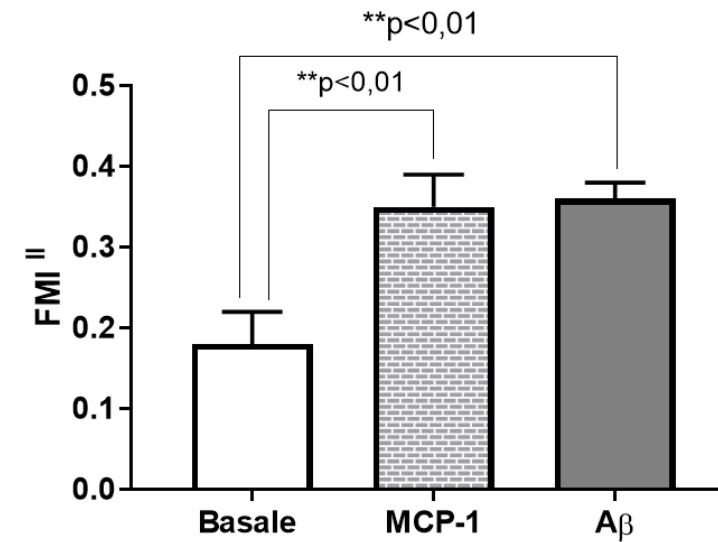
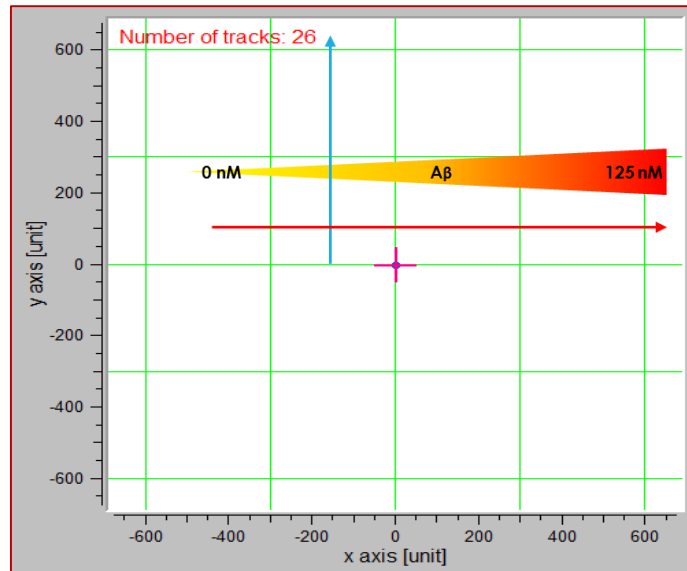
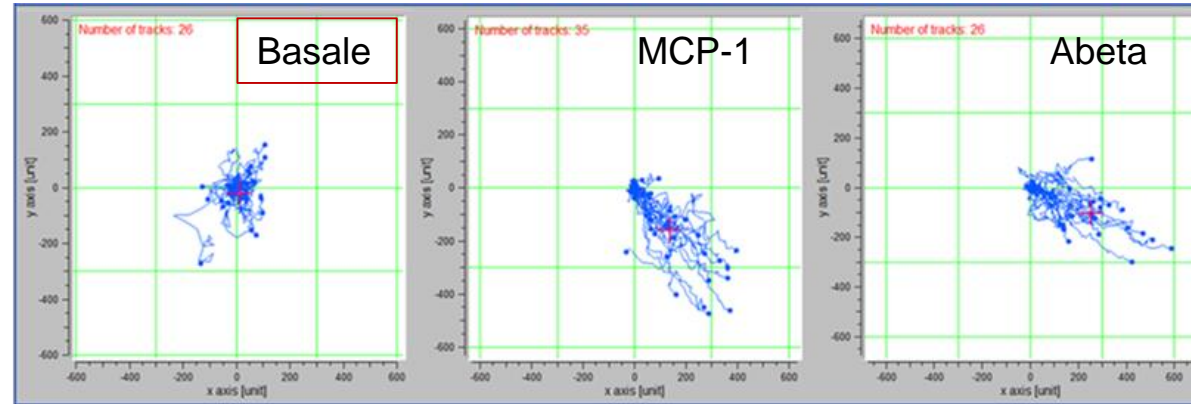
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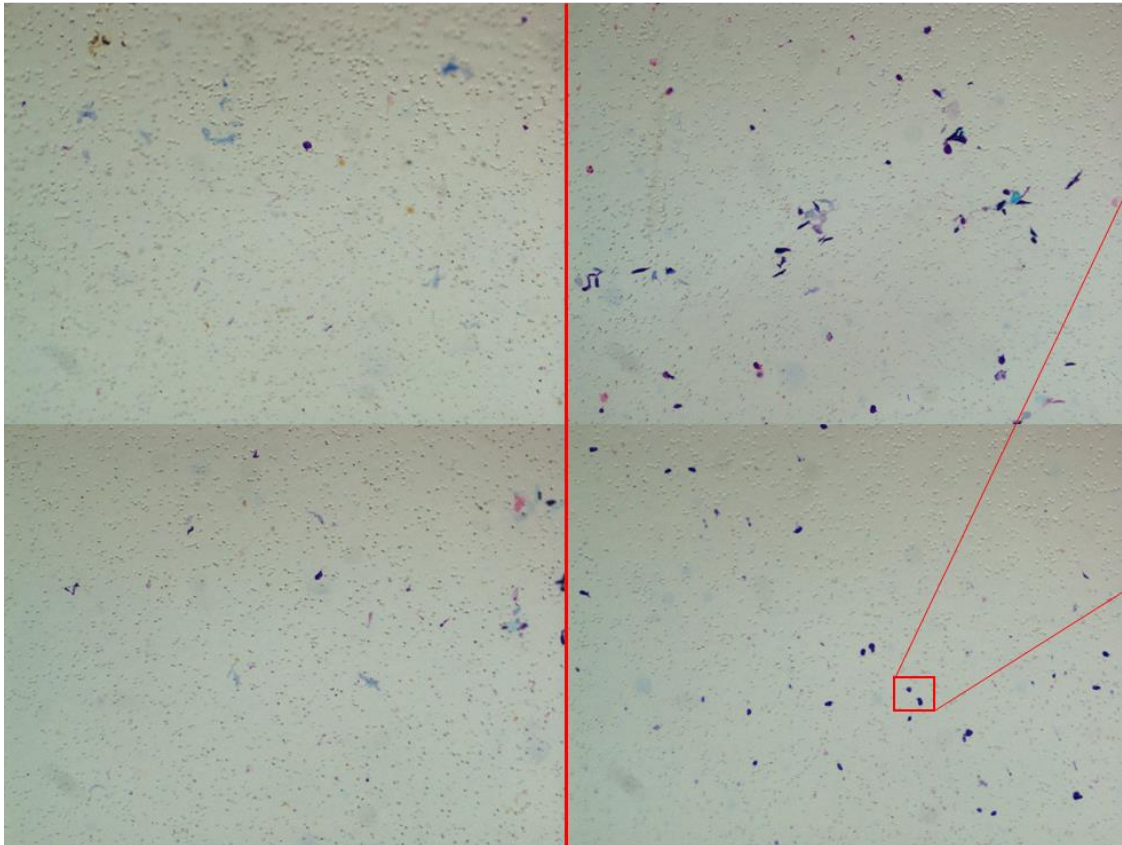
Results: Abeta induces chemotaxis

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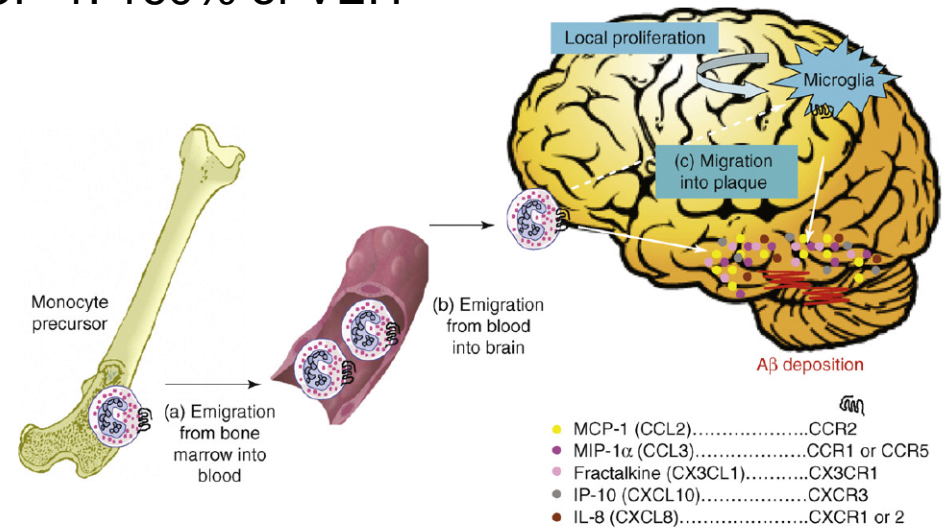
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MCP-1: 160% of VEH

Monocyte Chemotaxis

- MCP-1 (CCL-2) → CCR2
- TSPO receptor

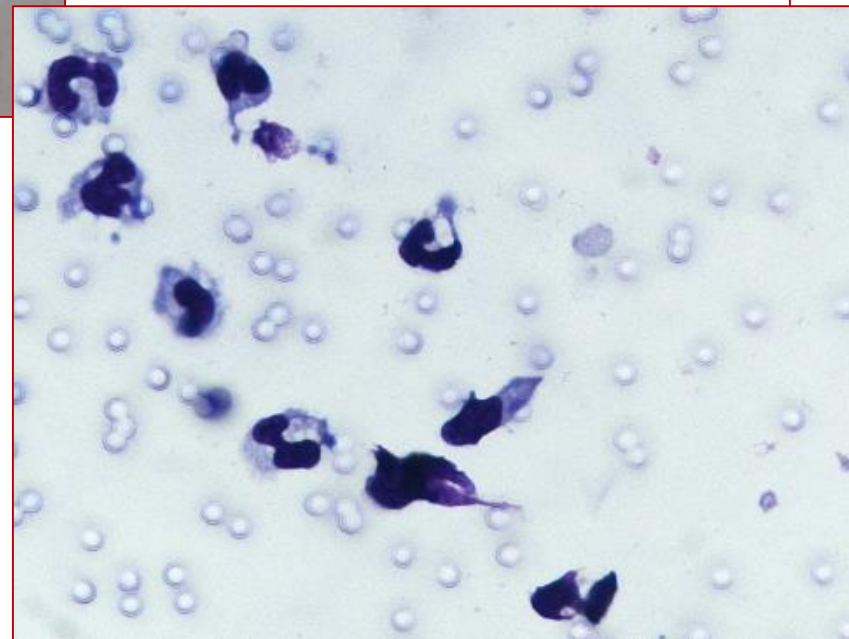
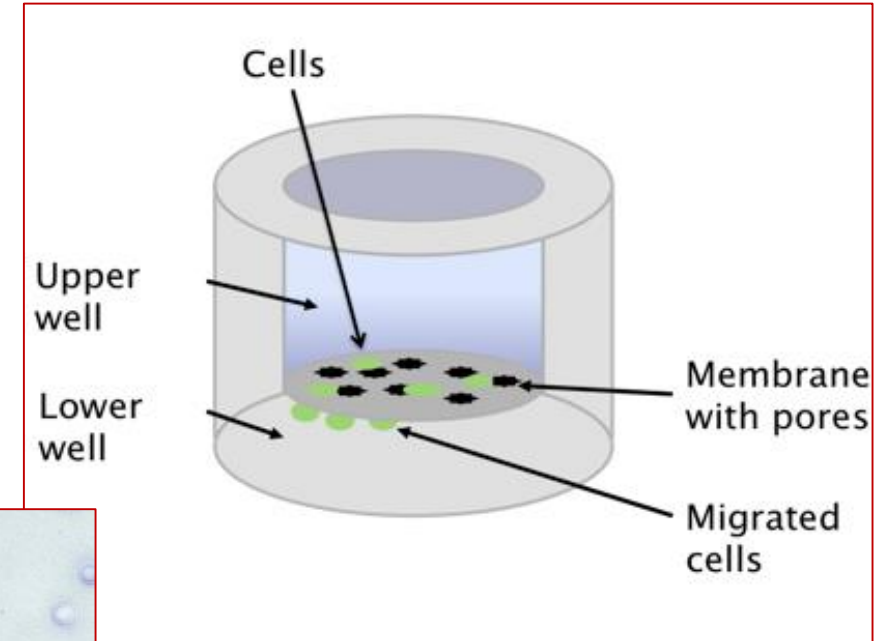


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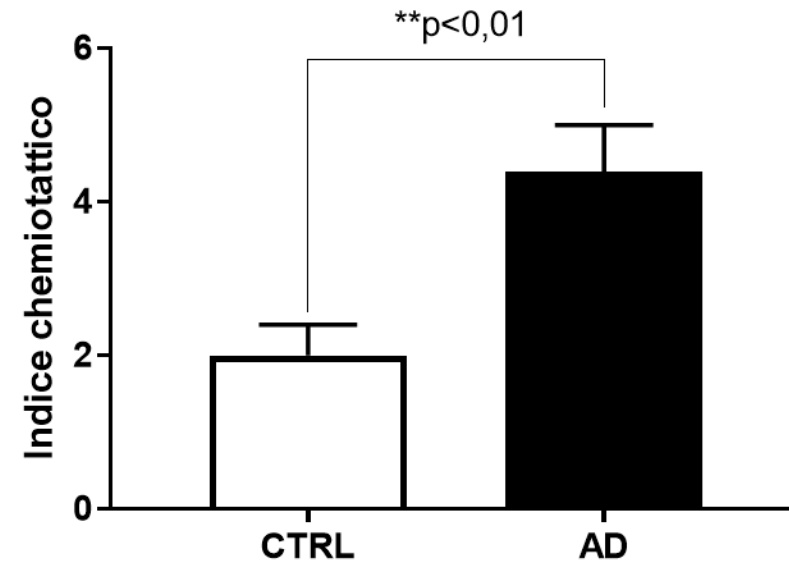
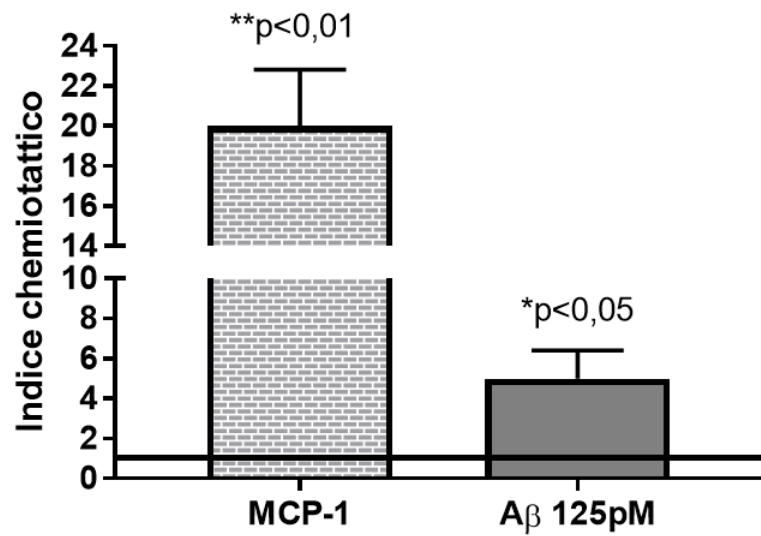
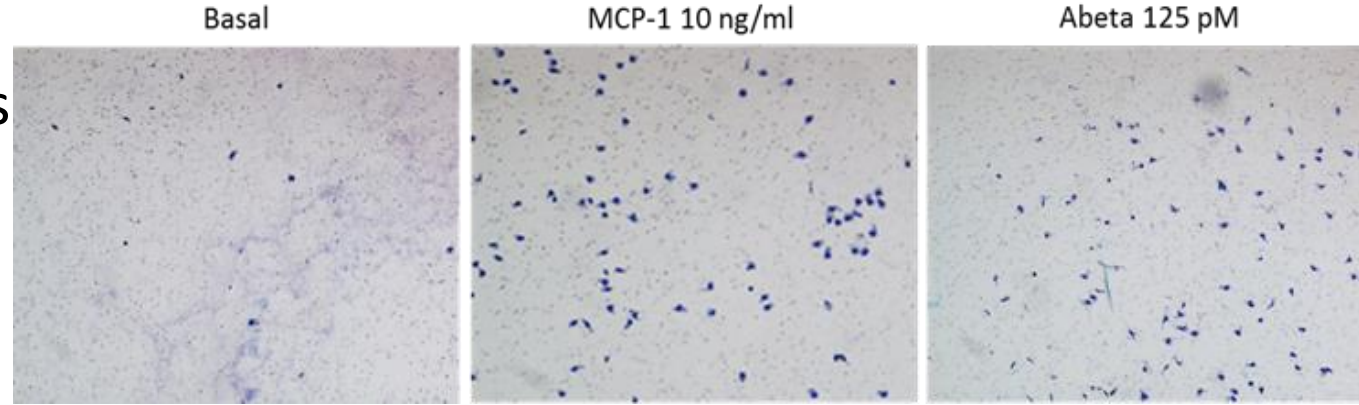
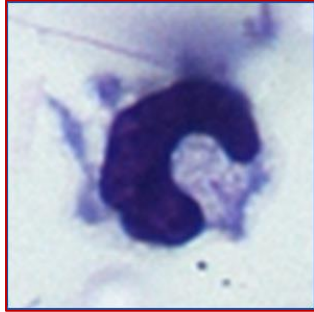
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- ✓ Incubazione 90 minuti
- ✓ 50'000 cellule/well

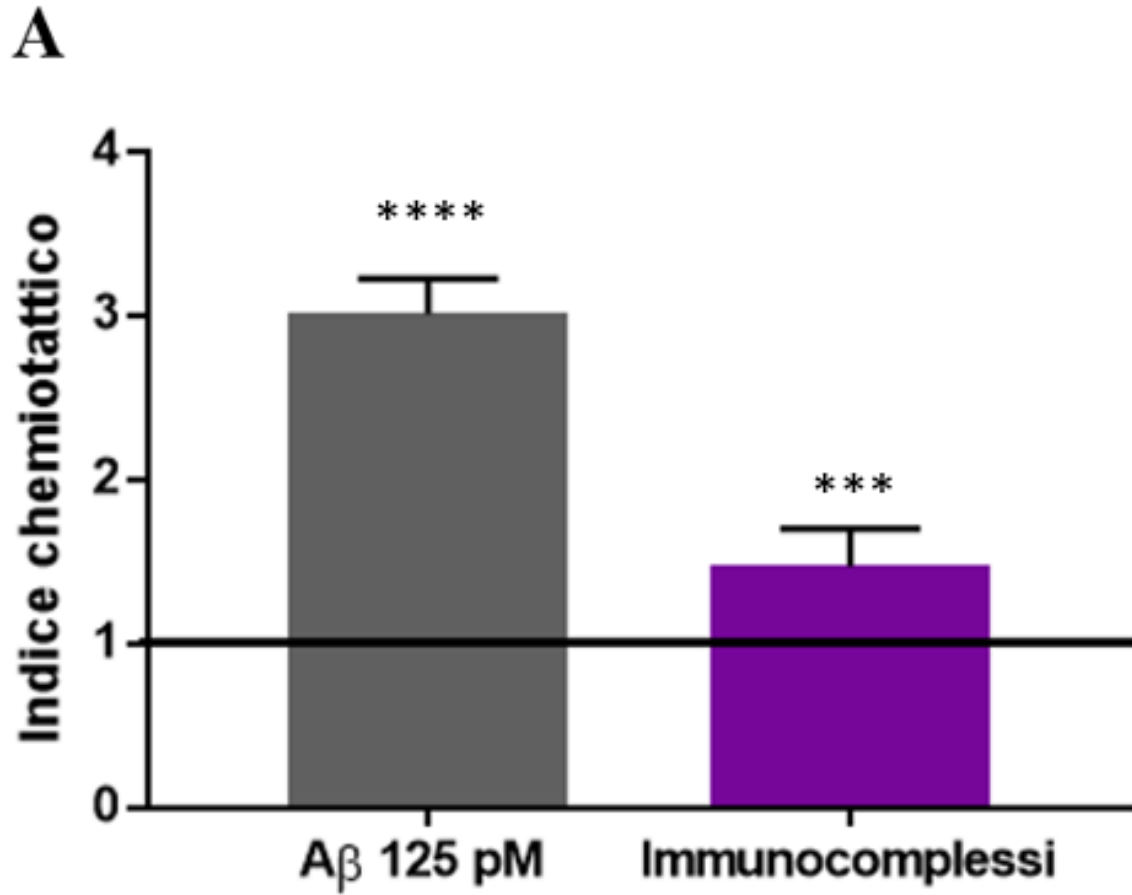


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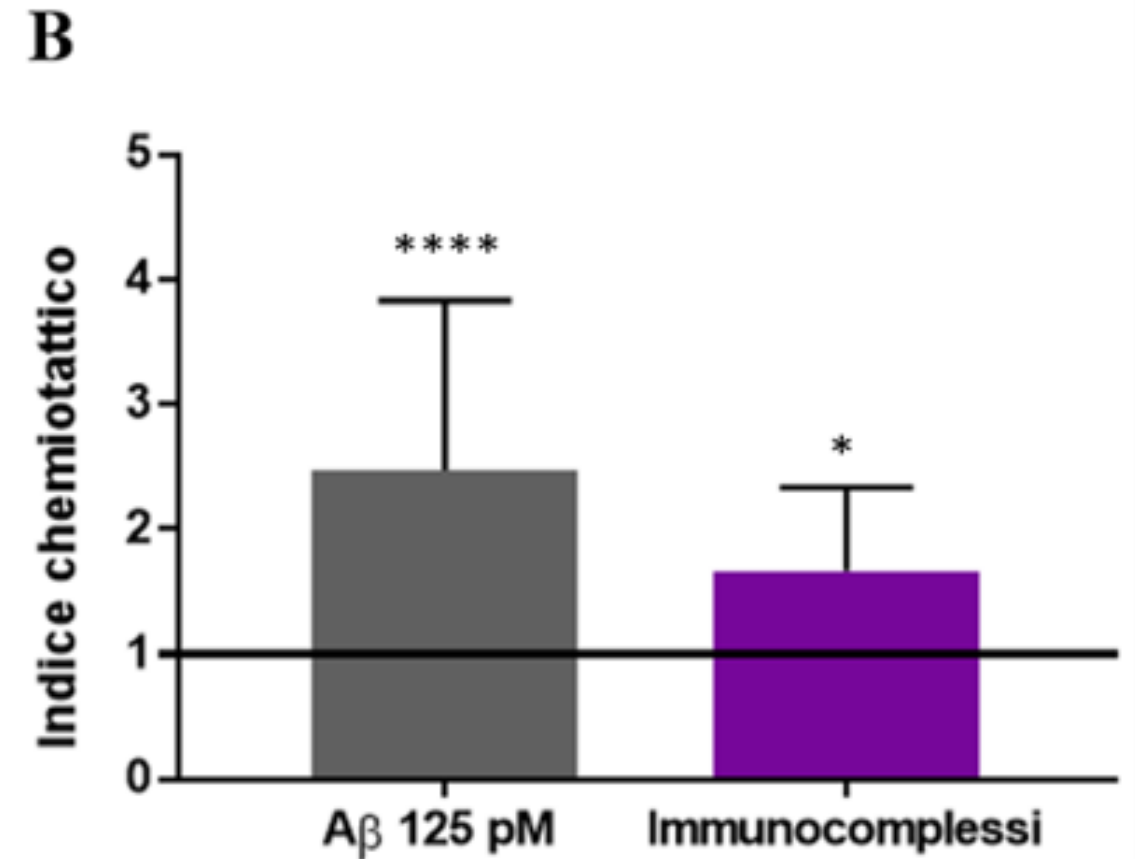
Human monocytes



Results: anti Aβ antibodies block chemotaxis in cell line and human monocytes

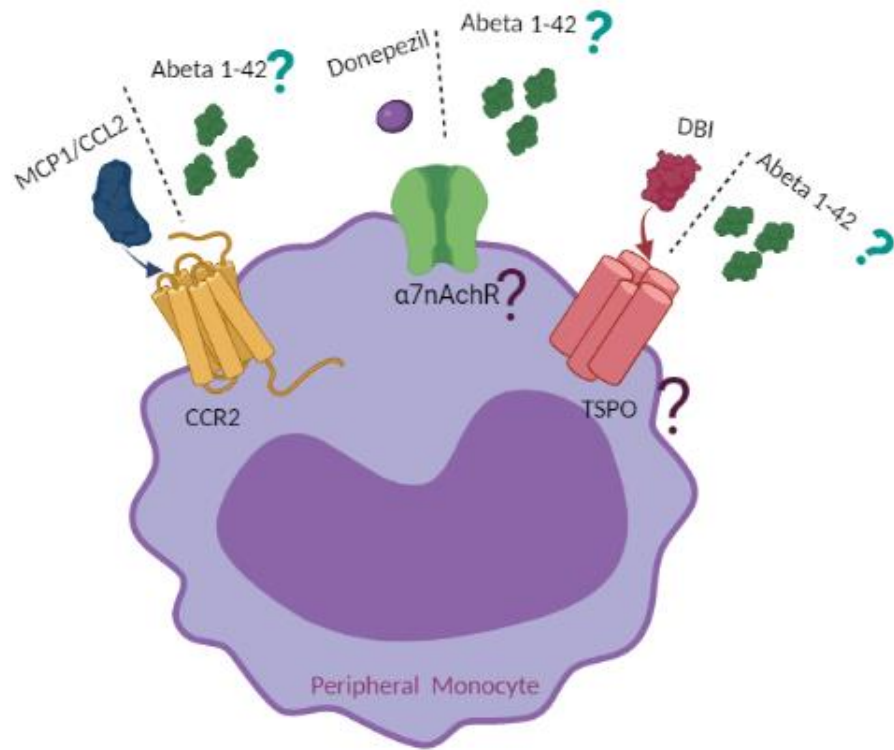


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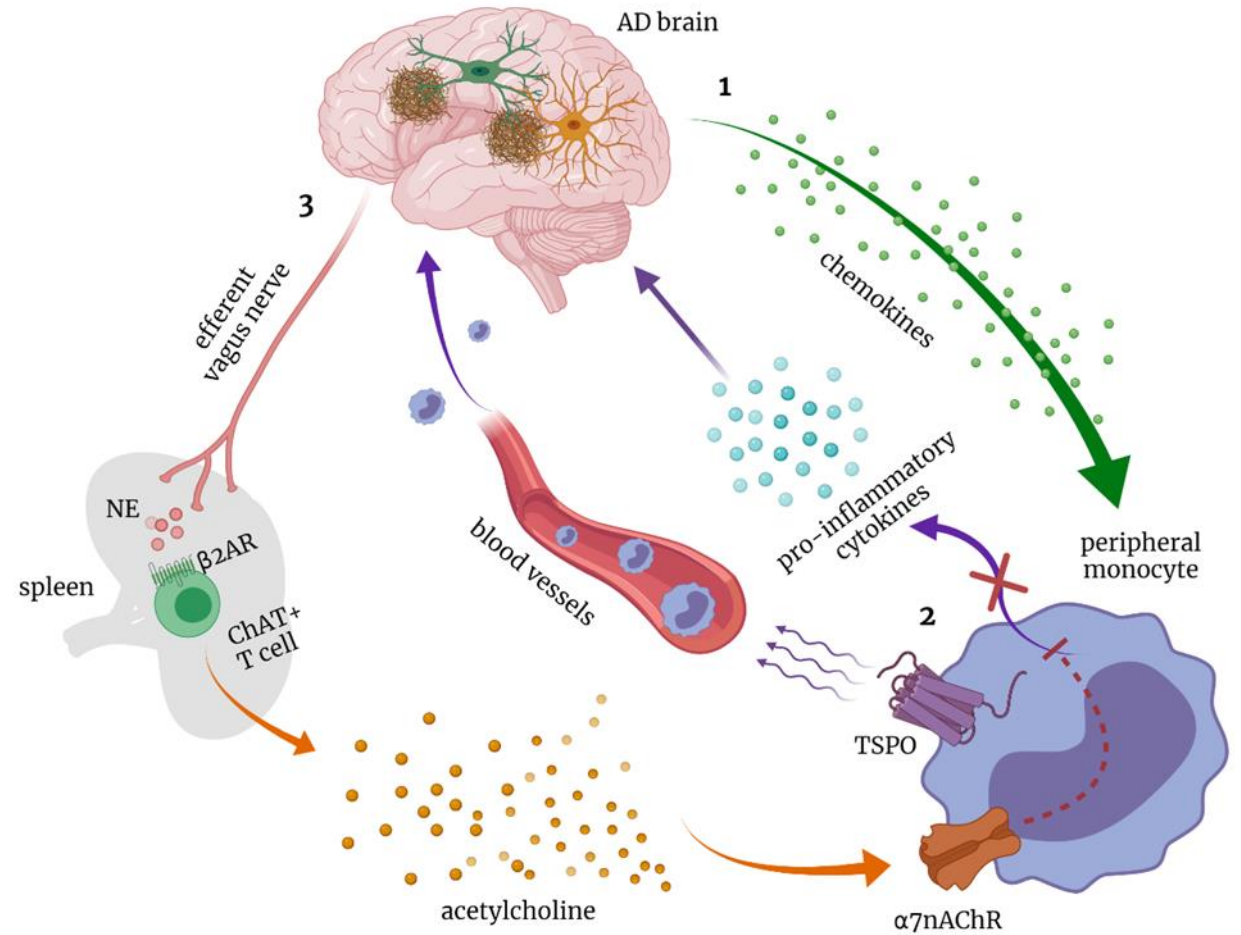


AD Monocytes

Which receptors may be involved in Abeta-induced chemotaxis?



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Review

Biomarkers of neuroinflammation in Alzheimer's disease: a central role for periphery?

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Microglial activation is revealed by PK11195 binding to TSPO receptor

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The peripheral benzodiazepine binding site in the brain in **multiple sclerosis**

Quantitative *in vivo* imaging of microglia as a measure of disease activity

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In-vivo measurement of activated microglia in **dementia**

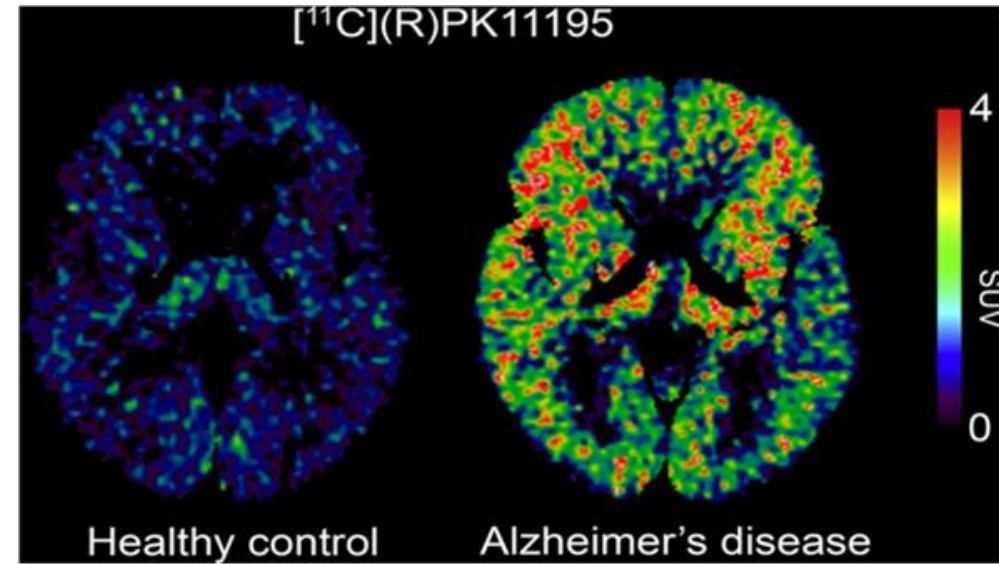
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Microglial Activation and Dopamine Terminal Loss in Early **Parkinson's Disease**

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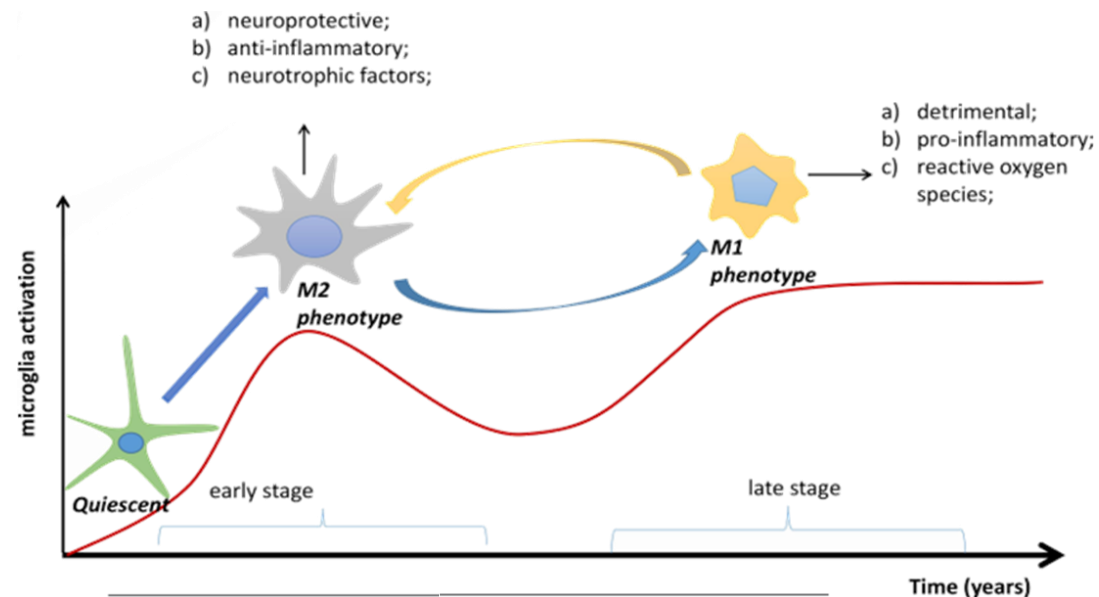
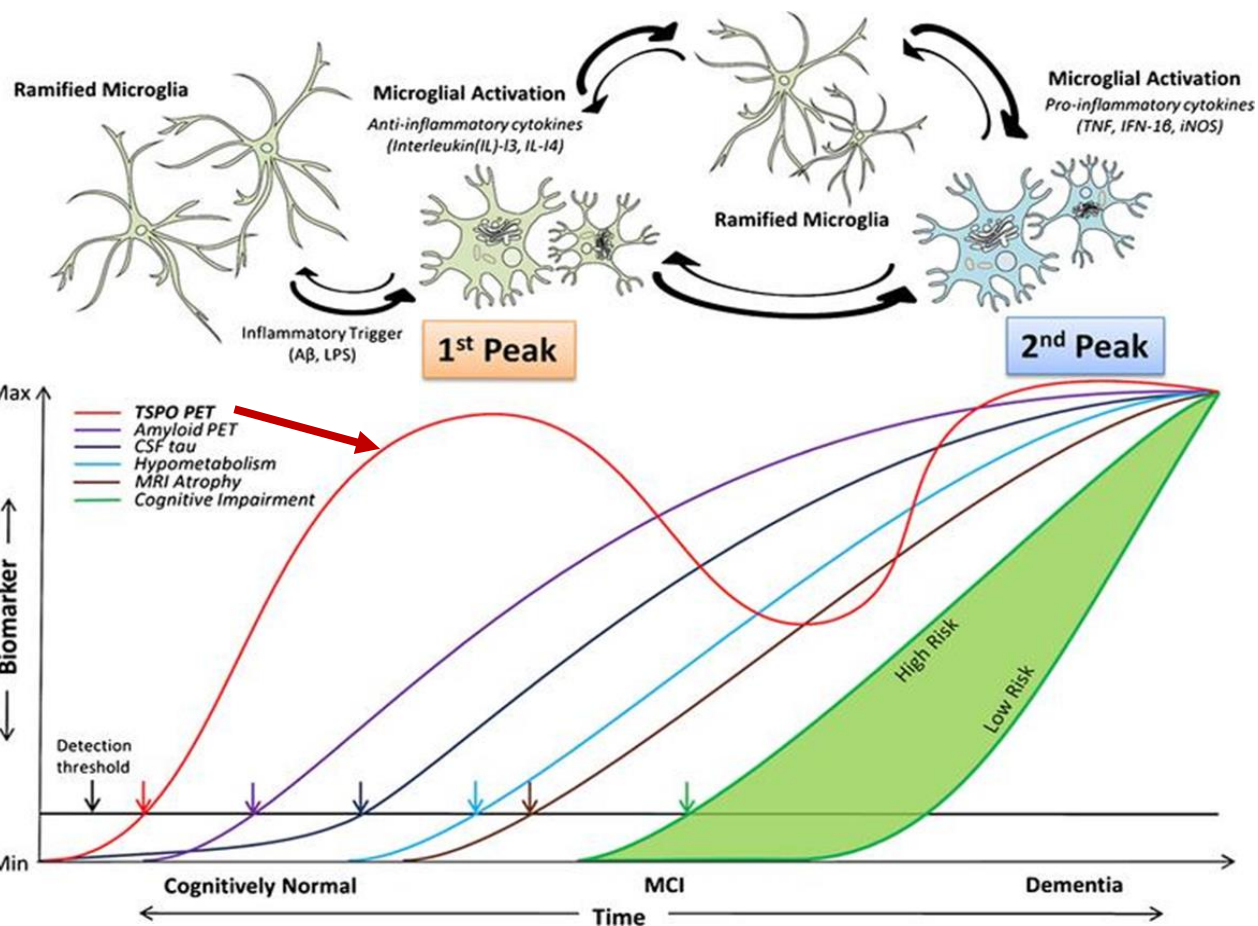
Evidence of widespread cerebral microglial activation in **amyotrophic lateral sclerosis** an [¹¹C](R)-PK11195 positron emission tomography study

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Role of Neuroinflammation in the Trajectory of Alzheimer's Disease and *in vivo* Quantification Using PET

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TSPO is a negative regulator of microglial activation and it reduces inflammation. An up-regulation of TSPO in activated microglia correspond to an adaptive response to reduce inflammation


Topology of two DBI receptors in human lymphocytes

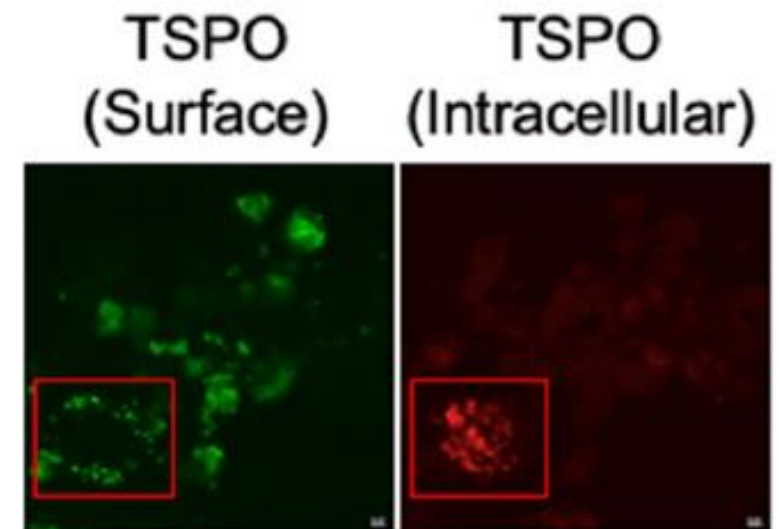
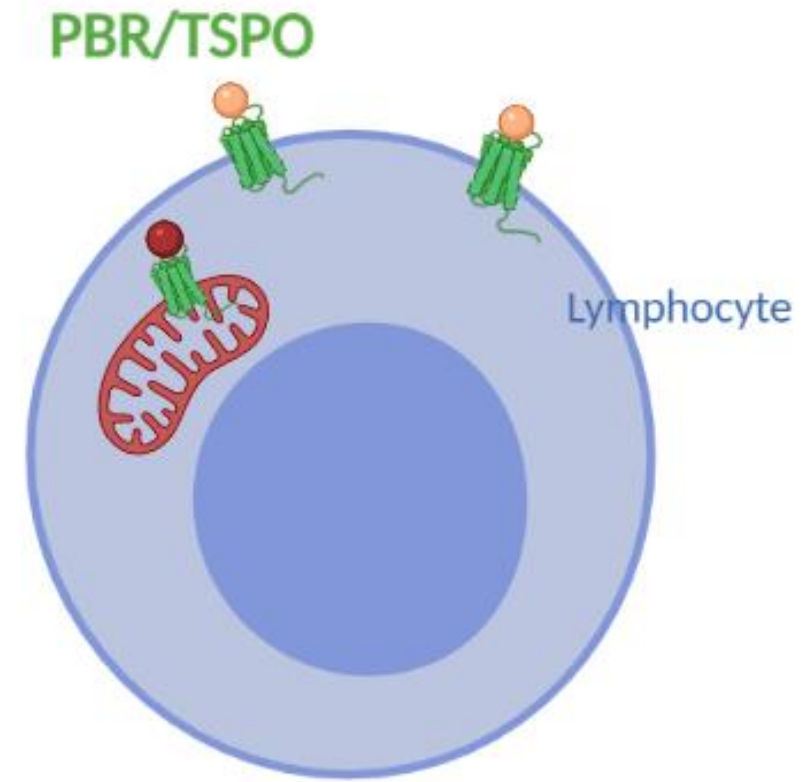
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PBR/TSPO is present on mitochondrial and plasma membrane

Surface translocator protein 18 kDa (TSPO) localization on immune cells upon stimulation with LPS and in ART-treated HIV⁺ subjects

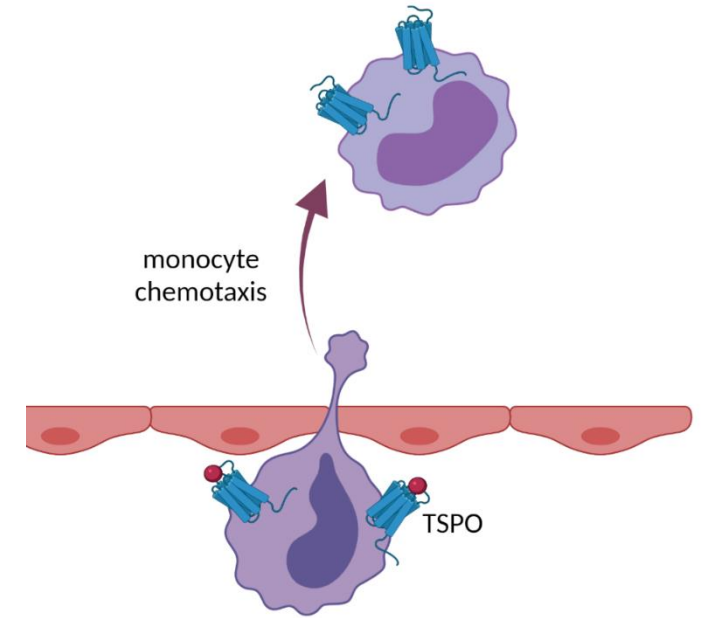
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BENZODIAZEPINE INDUCED CHEMOTAXIS OF HUMAN MONOCYTES: A TOOL FOR THE STUDY OF BENZODIAZEPINE RECEPTORS

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Alberto E.Panerai



Acta Psychiatr Scand. 1990 Aug;82(2):169-73.

Decreased density of benzodiazepine receptors in lymphocytes of anxious patients: reversal after chronic diazepam treatment.

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Benzodiazepine-induced chemotaxis is impaired in monocytes from patients with generalized anxiety disorder

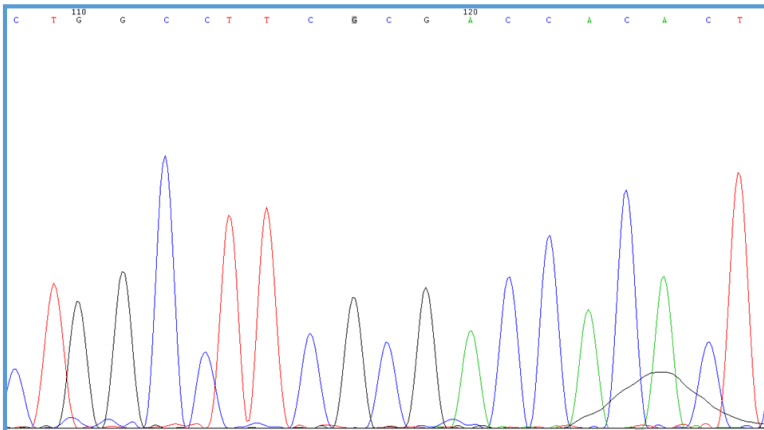
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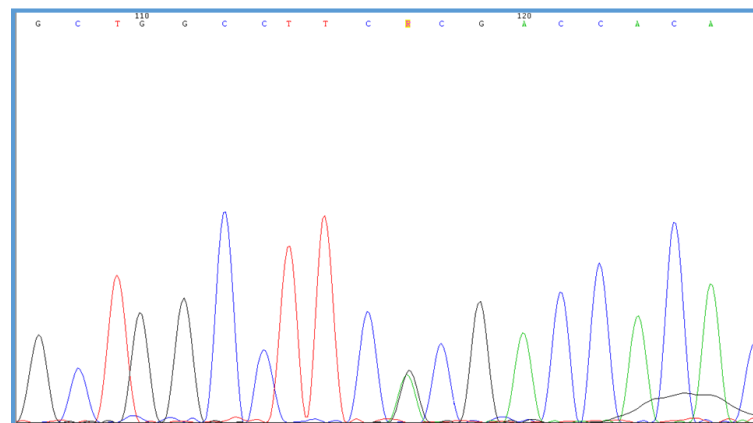
A genetic polymorphism for translocator protein 18 kDa affects both *in vitro* and *in vivo* radioligand binding in human brain to this putative biomarker of neuroinflammation

Second-generation radioligands for translocator protein (TSPO), an inflammation marker, are confounded by the **codominant rs6971 polymorphism that affects binding affinity**. The resulting **three groups are homozygous for high-affinity state (HH), homozygous for low-affinity state (LL), or heterozygous (HL)**. We tested if *in vitro* binding to leukocytes distinguished TSPO

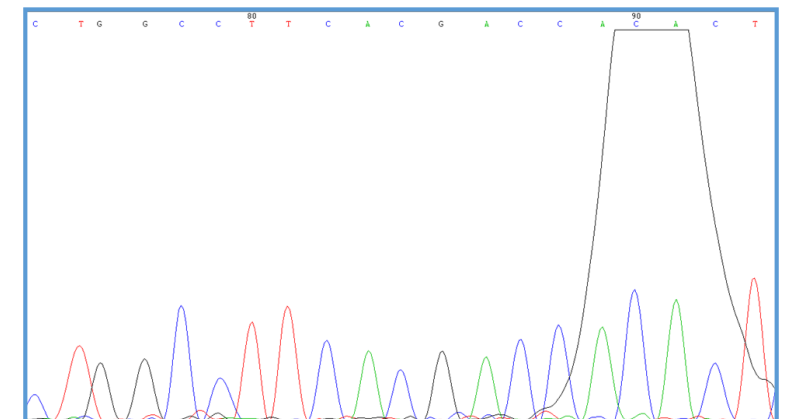
G/G H/H 49%



A/G L/H 42%



A/A L/L 9%



Mechanisms involved in Abeta induced chemotaxis: Possible role of PBR/TSP0 receptor?

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CHARACTERIZATION OF PERIPHERAL BENZODIAZEPINE RECEPTORS IN HUMAN BLOOD MONONUCLEAR CELLS

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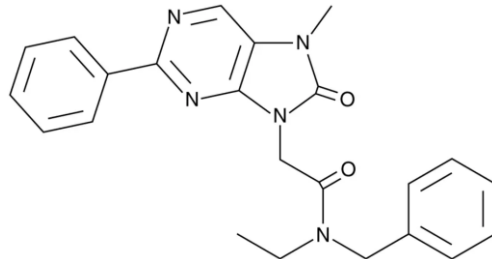
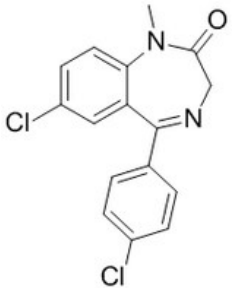
Translocator protein (18 kDa): new nomenclature for the peripheral-type benzodiazepine receptor based on its structure and molecular function

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Exogenous PBR (TSP0) ligands

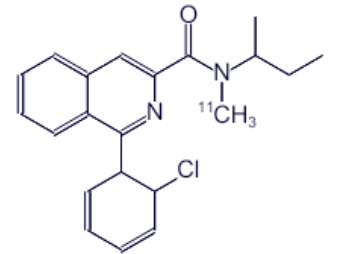
Agonists

- Ro5-4864
- Emapunil (XBD-173)



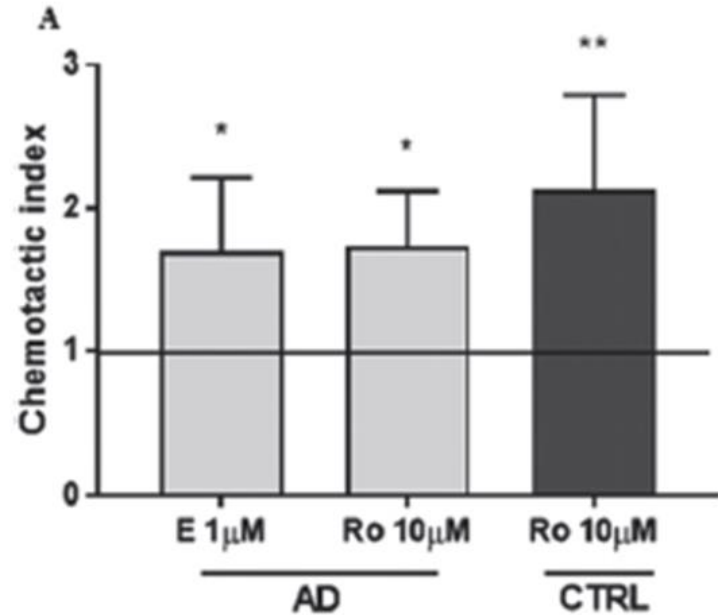
Antagonist

- PK11195

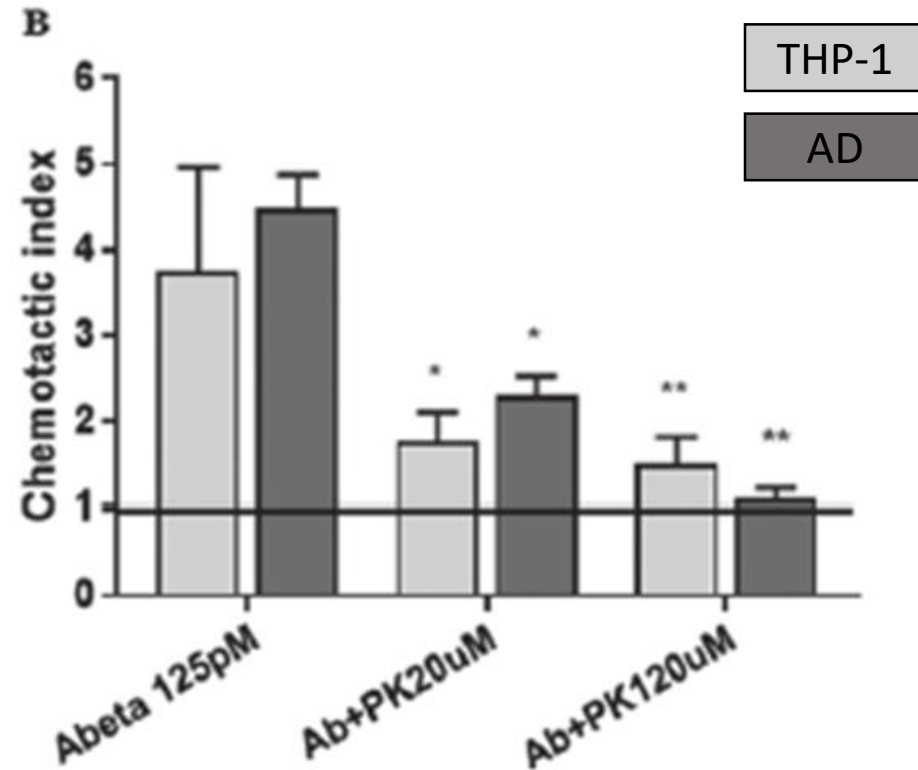


Results: TSPO pharmacological modulation

TSPO Agonist: Ro5-4864 (10 μ M) and Emapunil stimulate monocyte chemotaxis



TSPO Antagonist: PK-11195 blocks Abeta induced chemotaxis

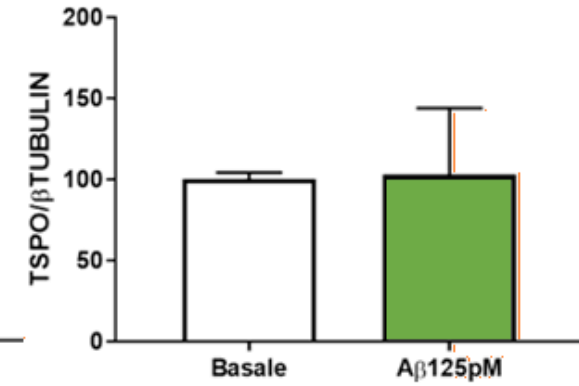
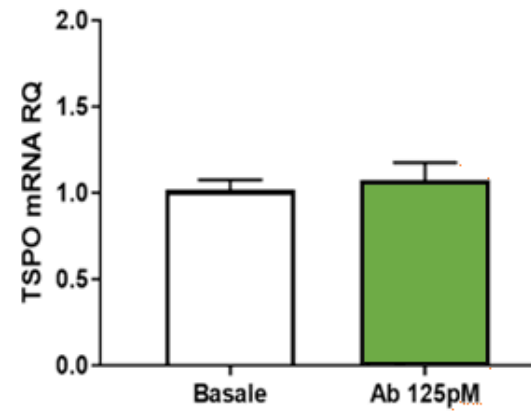
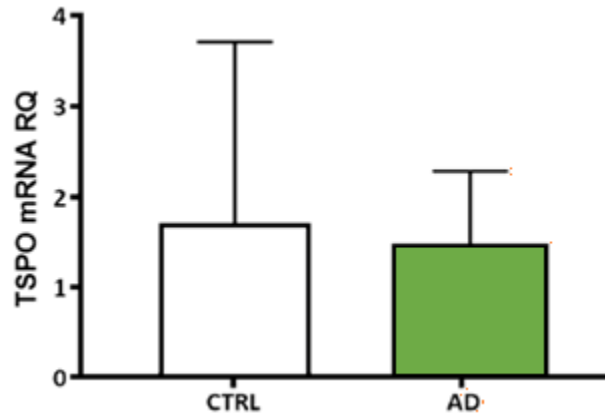


Results: TSPO and CCR2 expression

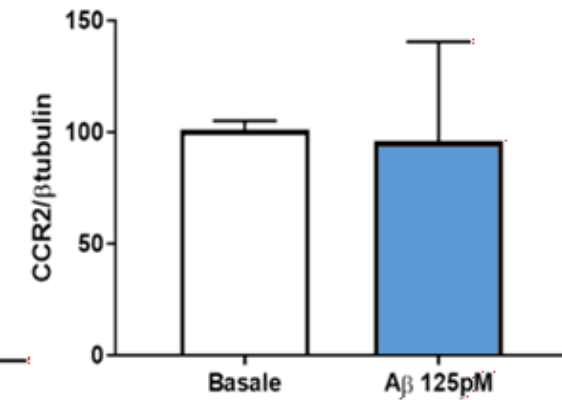
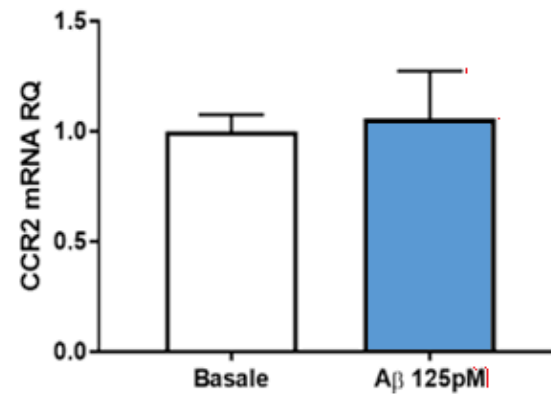
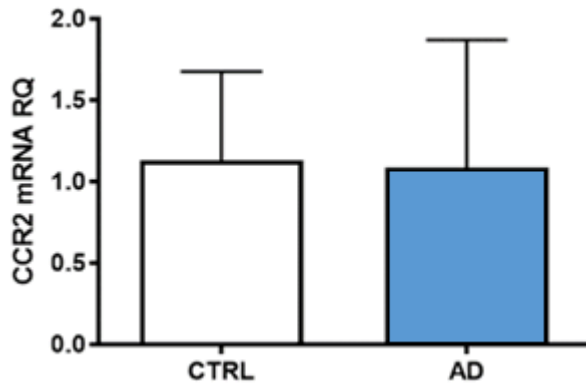
Human monocytes

THP-1:with A β 125pM

TSPO



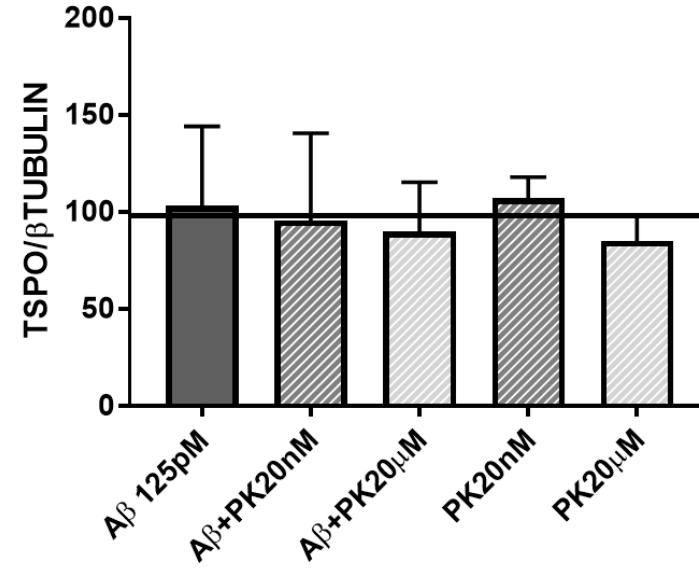
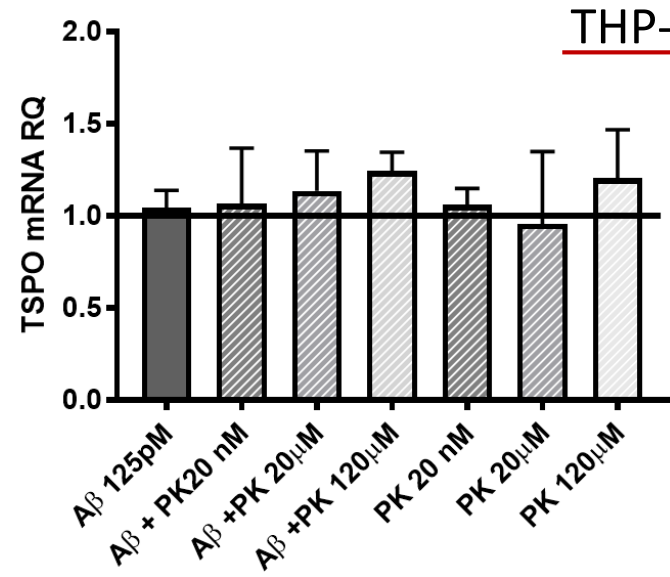
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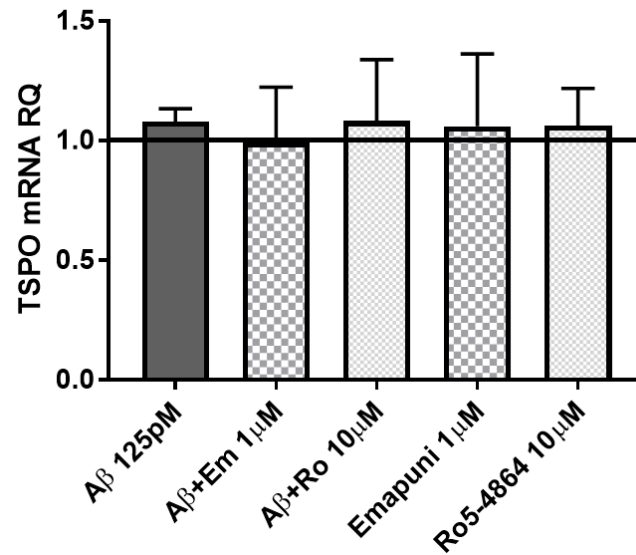
Results: TSPO pharmacological modulation

TSPO ligands: receptor expression

PK-11195

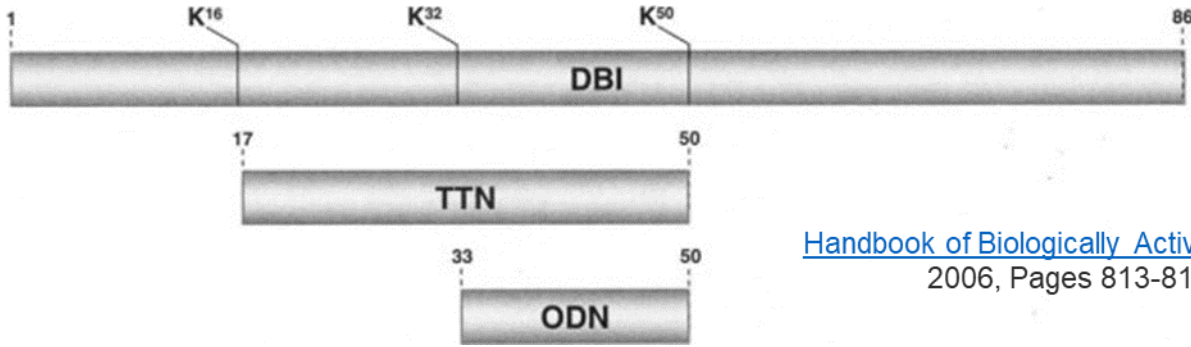


Emapunil, Ro5-4864



Abeta could increase soluble mediator levels but not levels of receptors.

Endogenous PBR/TSPO ligands: DBI (Diazepam Binding Inhibitor)

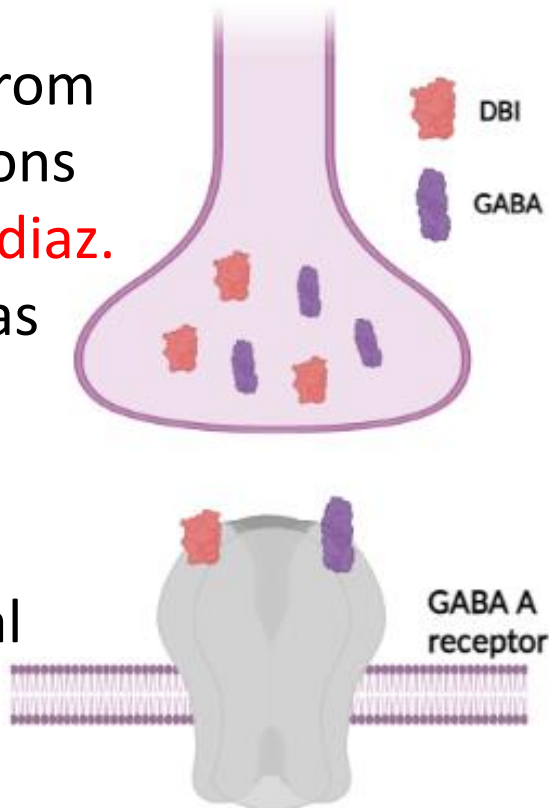


PROCESSING OF DBI (biologically active peptides):

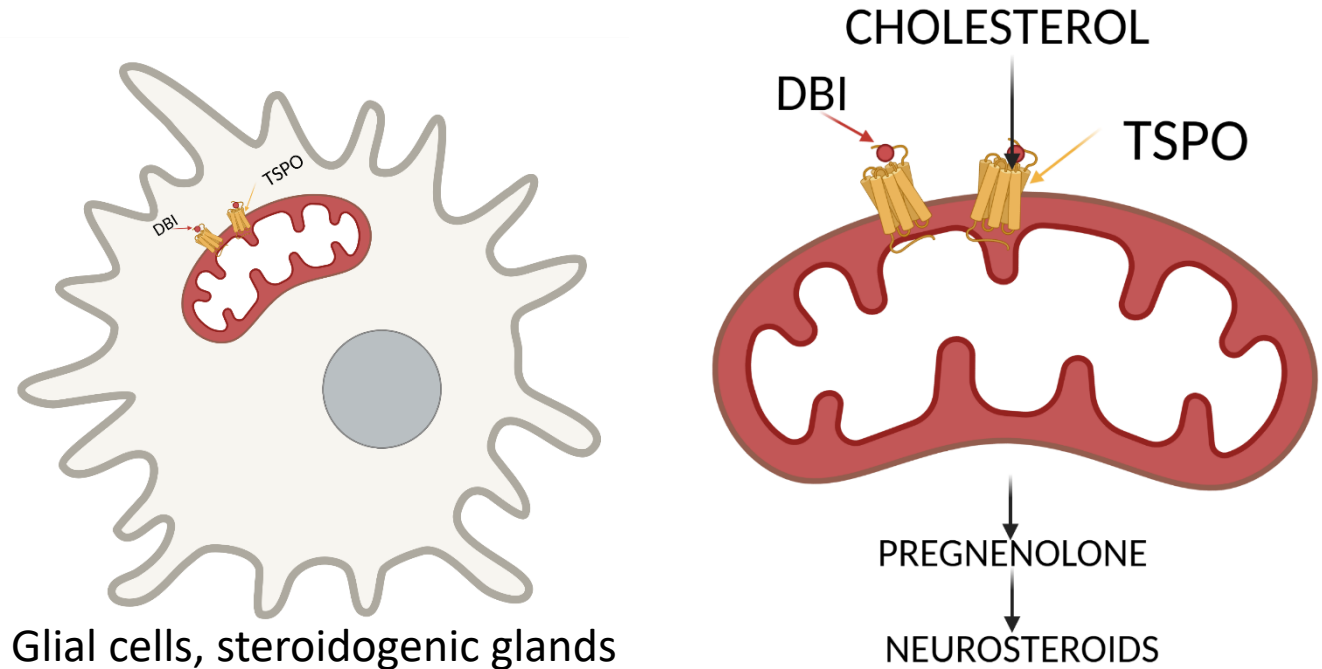
- triakontatetrapeptide TTN (DBI17–50)
- octadecaneuropeptide ODN (DBI33–50)

[Handbook of Biologically Active Peptides](#)
2006, Pages 813-819

1. DBI is released from GABAergic neurons
Binds **Central Benzodiaz. Receptors** and acts as negative allosteric modulator
→ ansiogenic and epileptogenic clinical effect

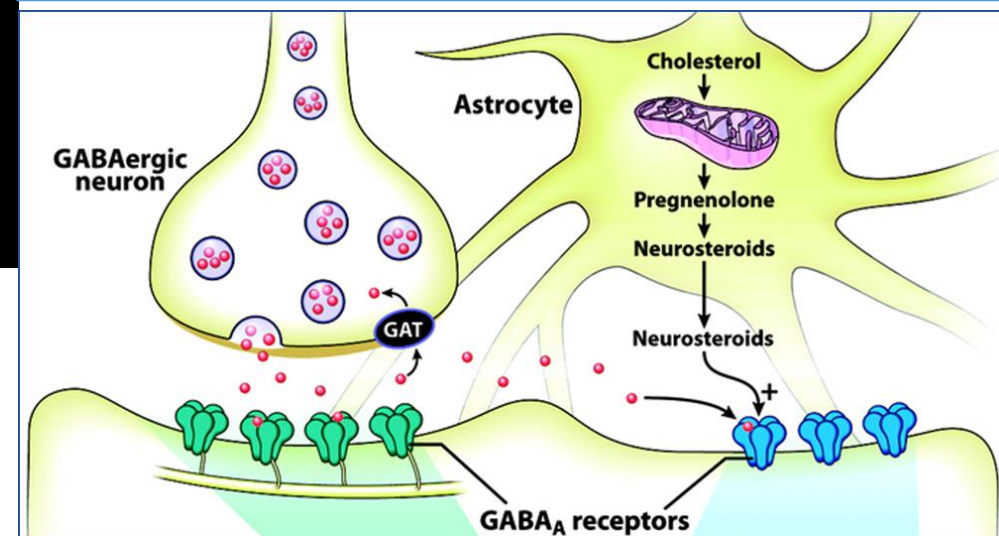
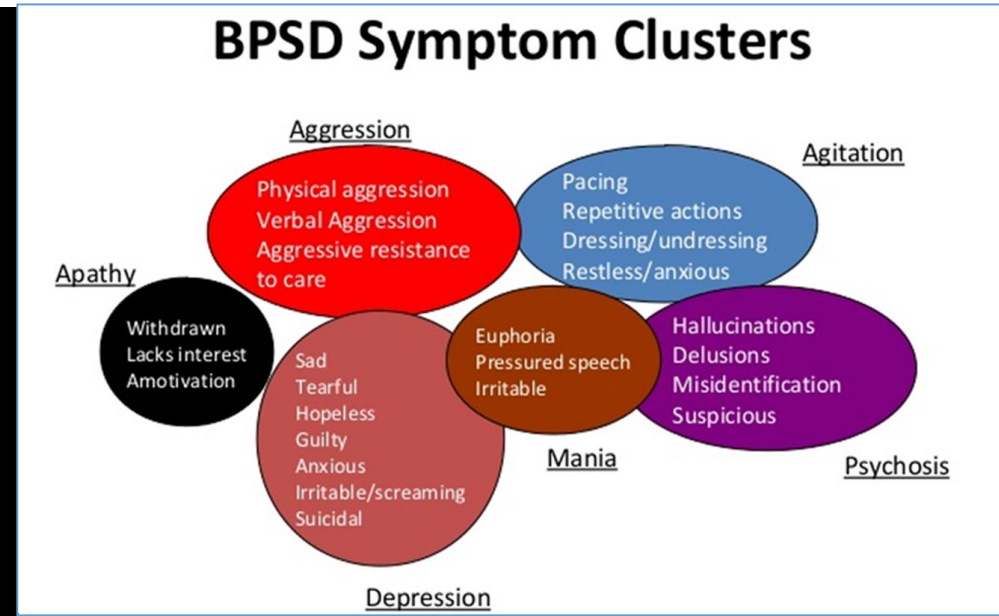
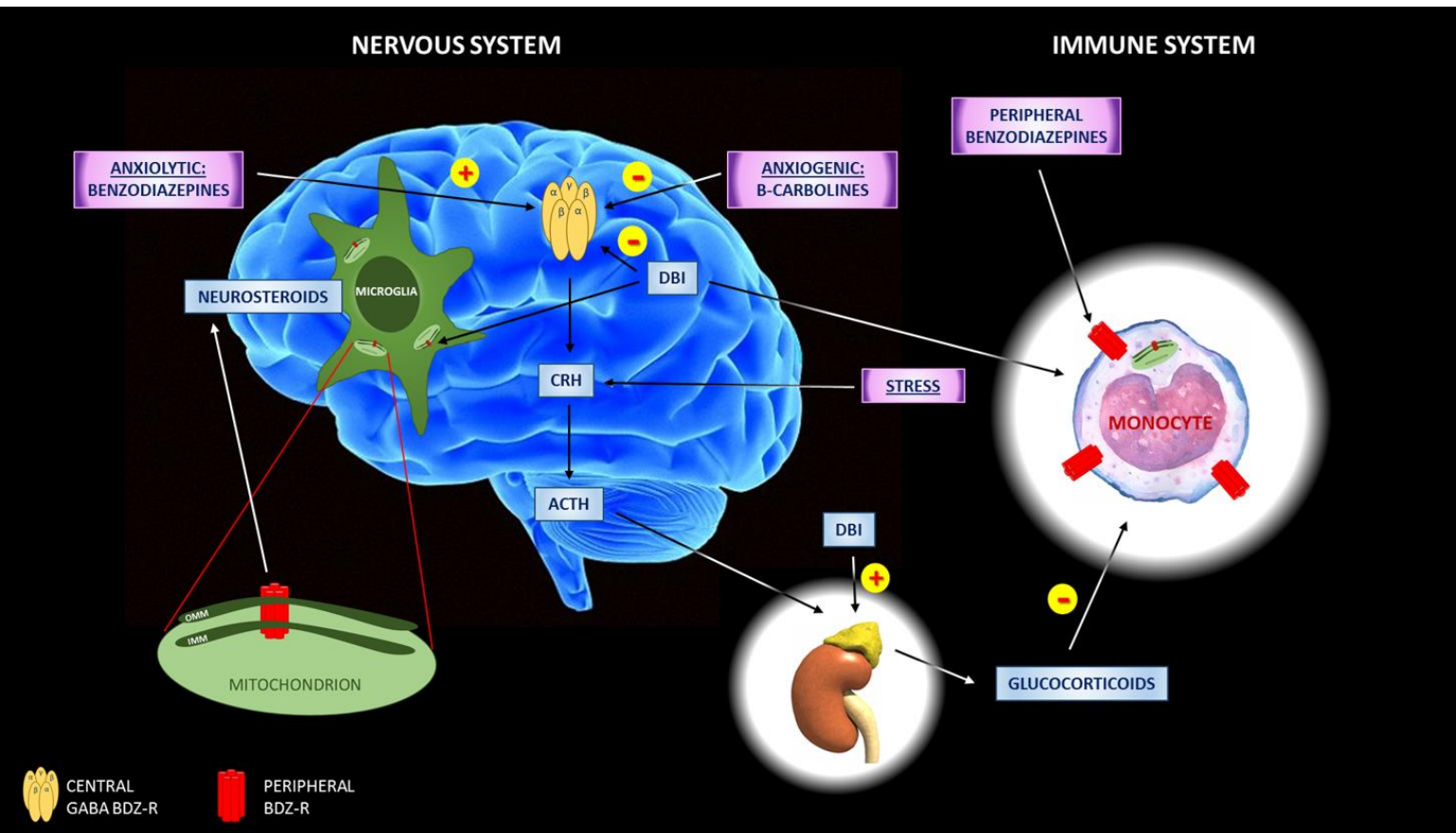


2. DBI binds **PBR/TSPO** in mitochondria of glial cells/steroidogenic glands and lymphomonocytes

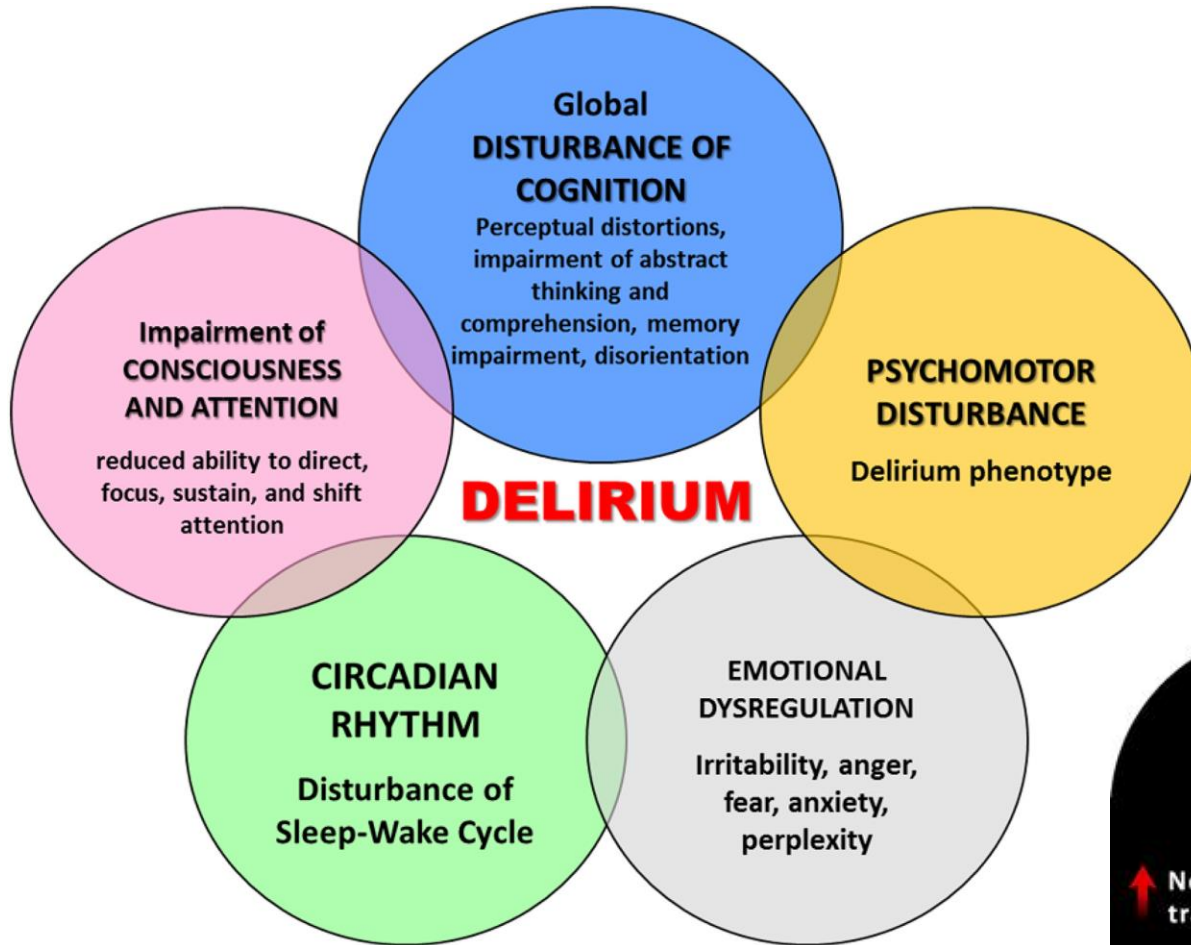


Glial cells, steroidogenic glands

Neurinflammation oltre il piano cognitivo sul piano comportamentale?



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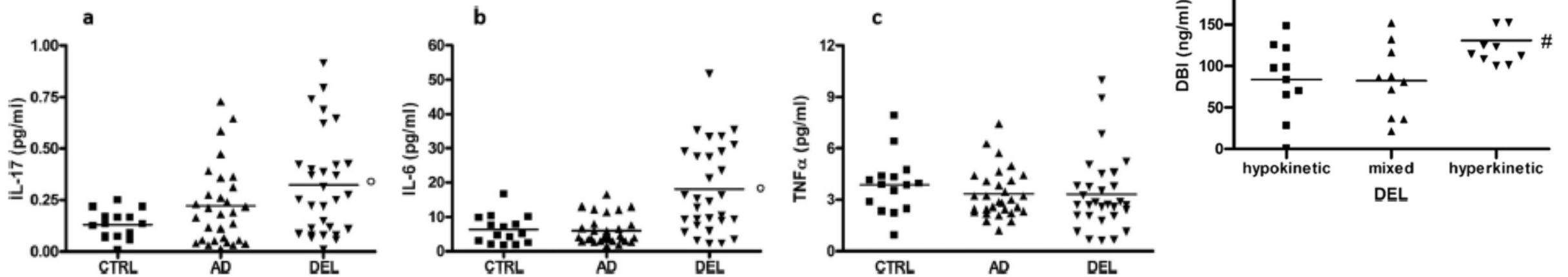
E' un deficit acuto dell'attenzione e delle funzioni cognitive (soprattutto memoria, orientamento, identificazione delle persone).
E' presente disorganizzazione di comportamento, comunicazione, ritmo sonno-veglia.





Serum DBI and biomarkers of neuroinflammation in Alzheimer's disease and delirium

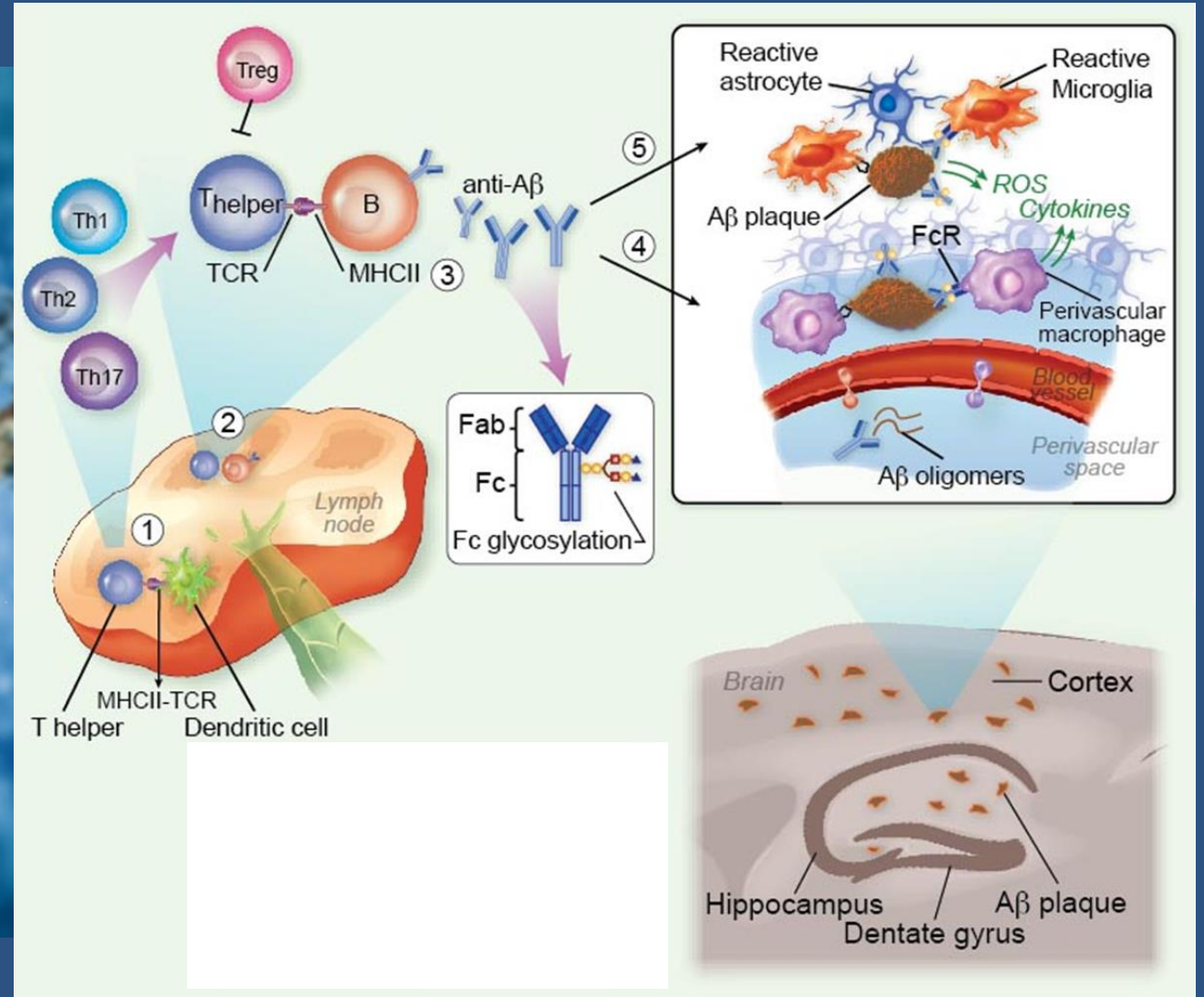
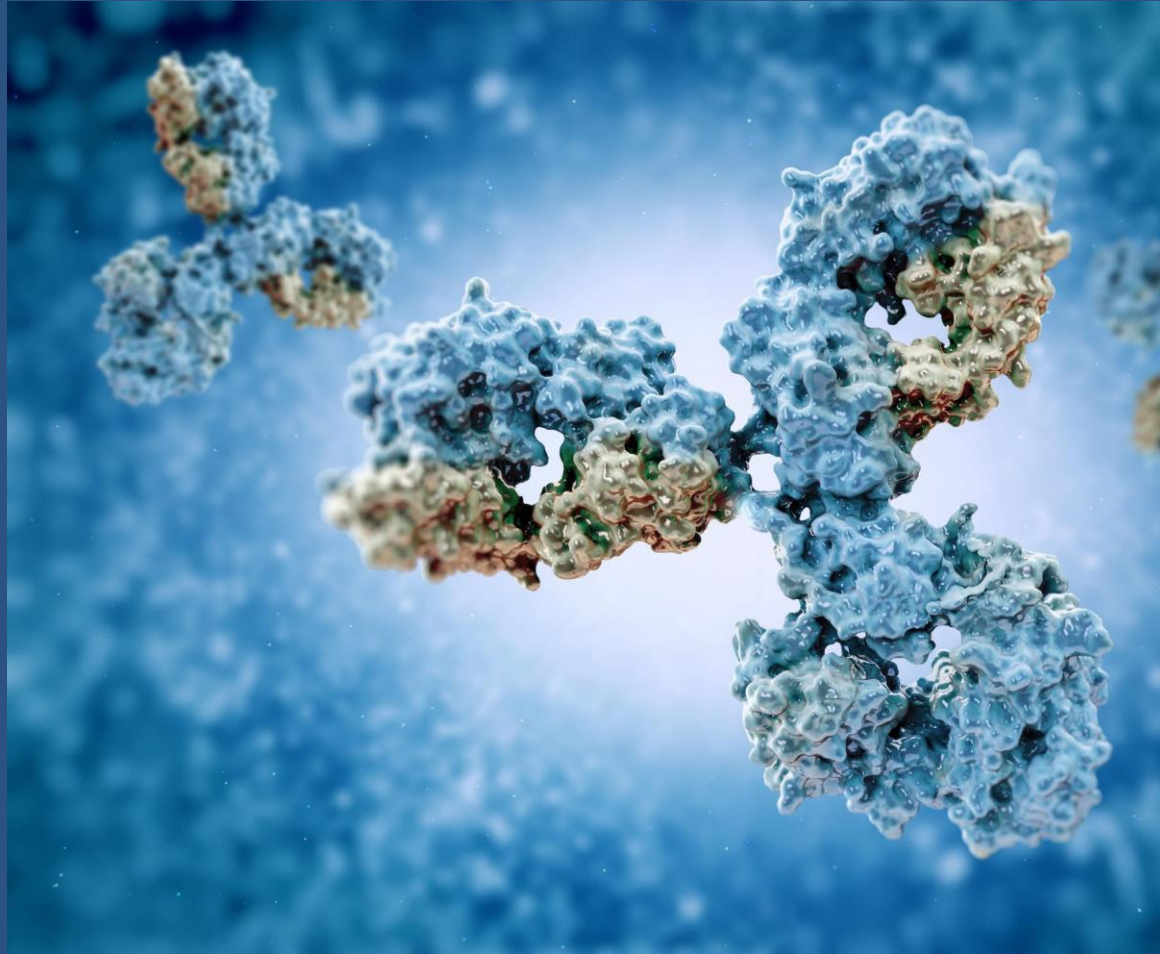
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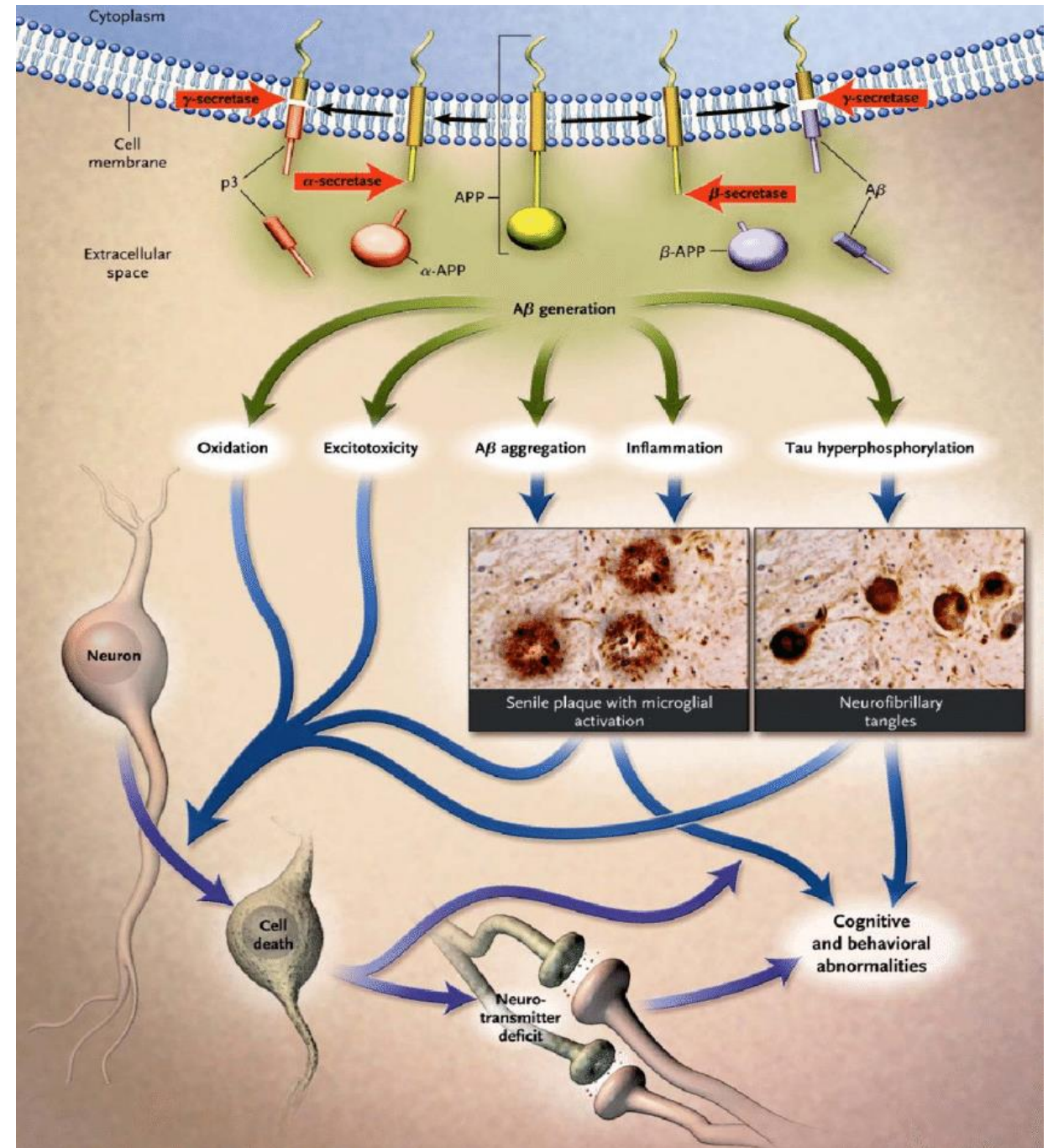
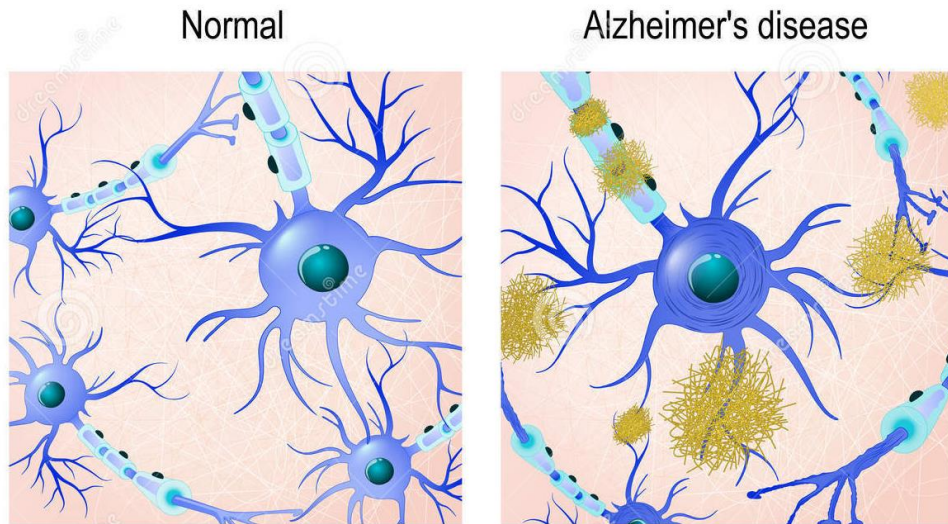
In conclusion, DBI may be a very promising candidate for marking the psychomotor cluster of BPSD in AD patients, perhaps offering in the future a valuable helping tool to prac-

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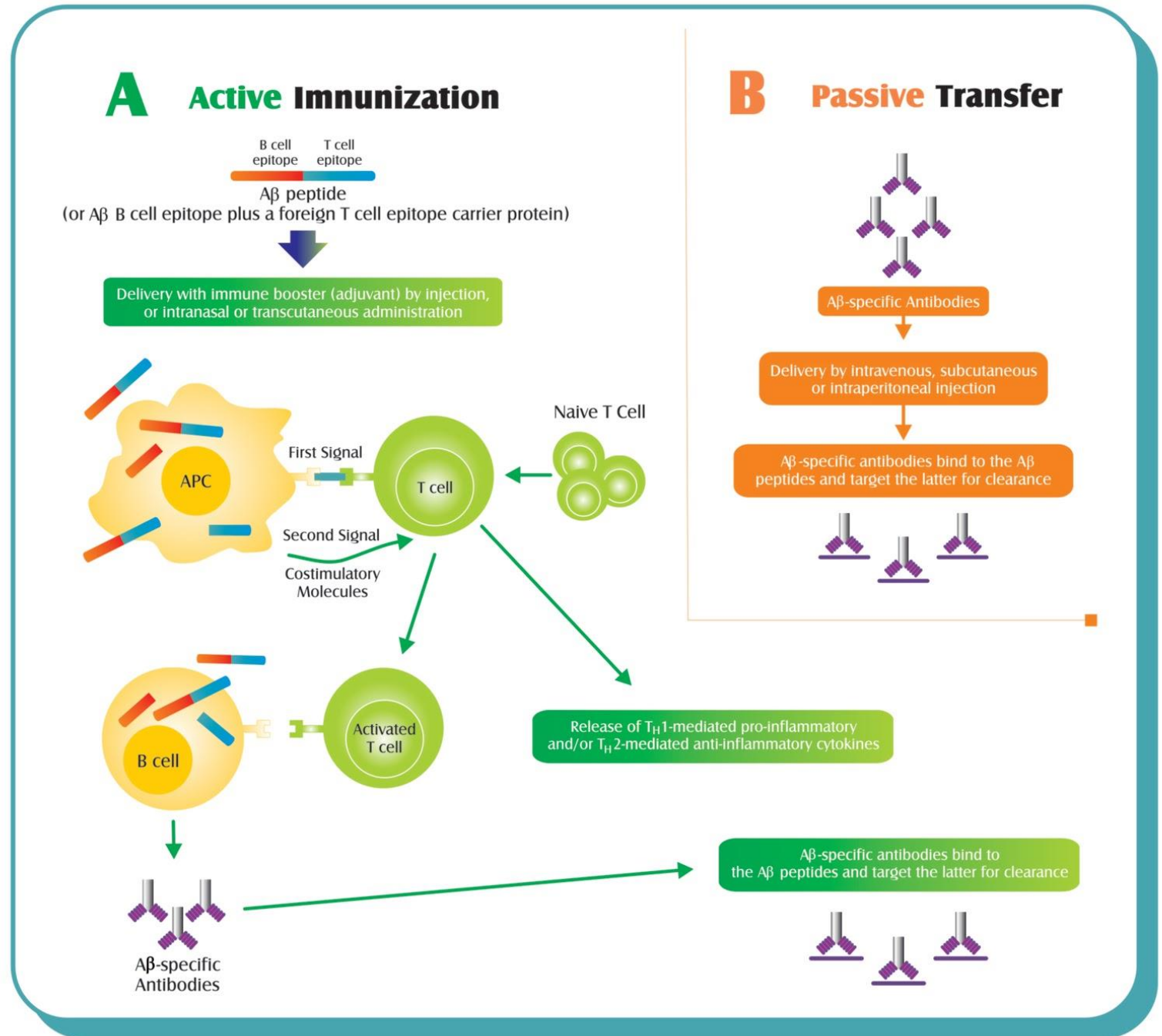
Adaptive immunity



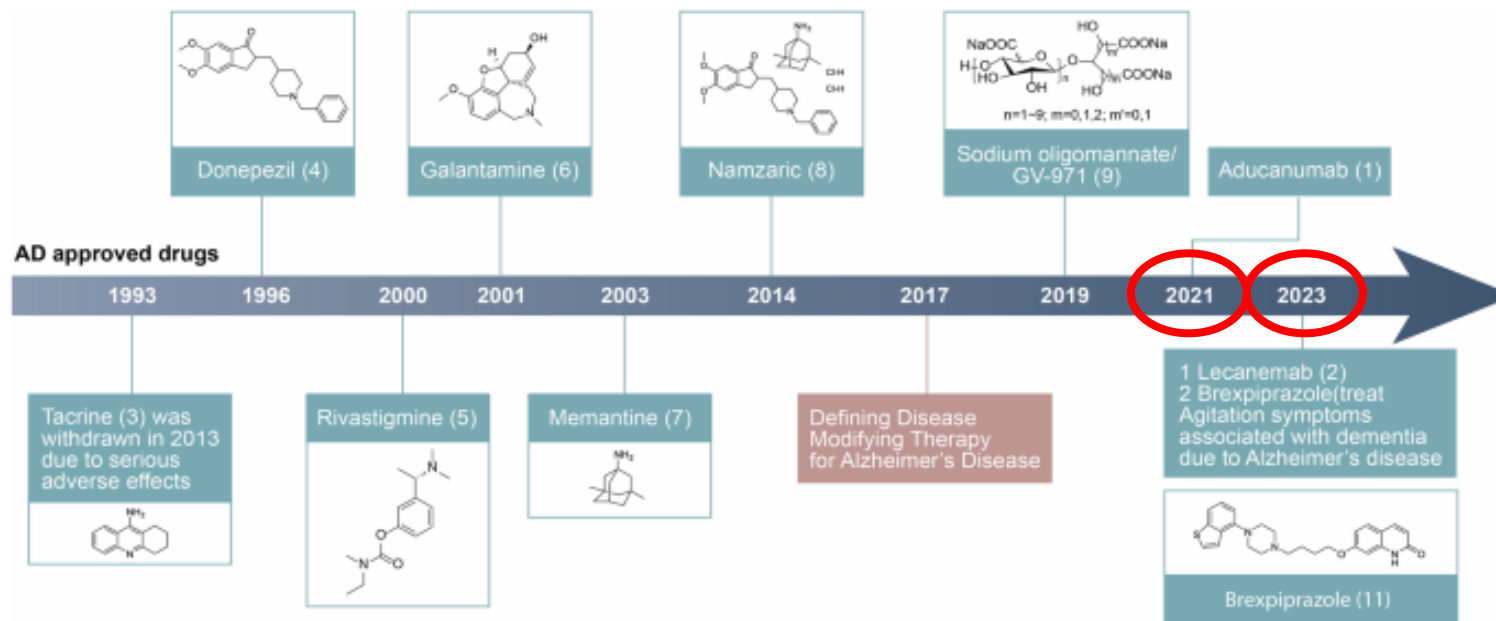
The amyloidogenic hypothesis of Alzheimer's disease



Vaccination in Alzheimer's disease



Compound	Mechanism of action	Relevant clinical outcome	Fluid biomarker outcome
AN1792	Active immunization against full-length A β 42	PII: halted because of the development of meningoencephalitis (169)	PII: reduction in CSF tau; no change in CSF A β 42 (169)
CAD106	Active immunization against A β fragment	PI: well tolerated in subject with AD (176)	PI: no changes in CSF A β 40, A β 42, p-tau, or t-tau; increase in total serum plasma A β and decrease in free A β (176)
Bapineuzumab	Monoclonal antibody directed against N-terminus of A β	PII: <i>post hoc</i> analysis showed effect on cognition in APOE ϵ 4 non-carriers (185) PIII: two separate studies (one with APOE ϵ 4 carriers and one with non-carriers) failed to reach clinical endpoints (70) Development of MRI changes in ~20% of treated patients (210)	PII: reduction in CSF p-tau and t-tau; no effect on CSF A β 40 or 42 (186) PIII: decrease in CSF p-tau (carriers); no effect on any CSF measures (A β 42, p-tau, t-tau) in non-carriers; no effect on A β 42 in carriers (70)
Solanezumab	Monoclonal antibody against middle portion of A β	PIII: two large trials failed to reach clinical endpoints. A pooled analysis of the two trials demonstrated an effect on cognition in subjects with mild dementia (142)	PII: increase in serum and CSF A β 40 and 42 (190) PIII: increase in both CSF A β 40 and 42; no effect on CSF p-tau or t-tau; increases in serum A β 40 and 42 (142)
Crenezumab	Monoclonal antibody against middle portion of A β ; built on IgG1 backbone	PI: well tolerated in subjects with mild to moderate AD (211)	PI: increase in serum A β levels (211)
Gantenerumab	Entirely humanized monoclonal antibody binds the N-terminus of A β fibrils	PIII: results not yet published, trial discontinued	No fluid biomarker data have been reported
Ponezumab	Humanized monoclonal antibody binds the C-terminus of A β	PI: well tolerated in subjects with AD (212–214)	PI: increase in serum and CSF A β levels w/single dose (212)
Tramiprosate	Molecule that binds A β and prevents aggregation	PIII: no benefit on clinical endpoints (215)	PII: reduction in CSF A β 42 (216)
Avagacestat	Gamma secretase inhibitor	PII: well tolerated at low doses; at doses found to have CSF effects, a trend worsening cognition was detected (109)	PII: at higher, poorly tolerated doses, reductions in CSF A β 38, 40, and 42 were reported. Non-significant trend toward reduction in CSF p-tau and t-tau at all doses No changes in CSF A β at lower doses (109)
Semagacestat	Gamma secretase inhibitor	PIII: preplanned analysis showed an association with worsening cognitive and functional outcomes resulting in early termination (71)	PII: no effect on CSF A β 40 or 42; reduction in plasma A β 40 (201) PI: dose-dependent reduction in A β production as measured by SILK (18) PIII: no changes in CSF A β or t-tau; p-tau remained the same (increased in placebo) dose-dependent reduction in serum A β 40 and 42 (71)



Molecular Targets of Anti-Amyloid Monoclonal Antibodies

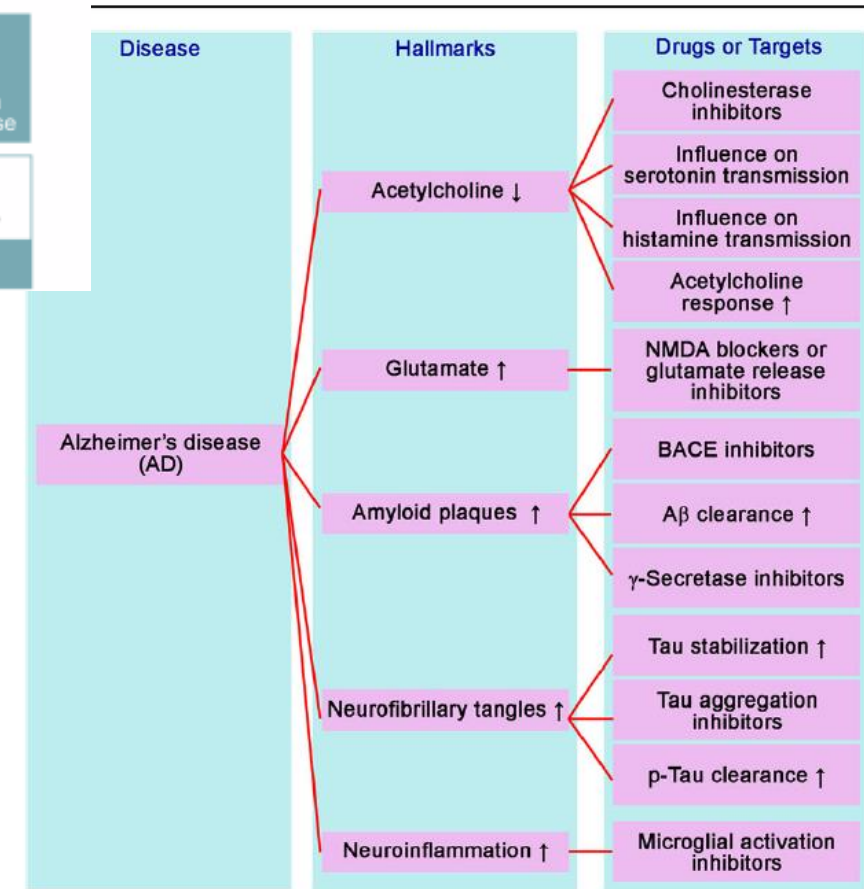
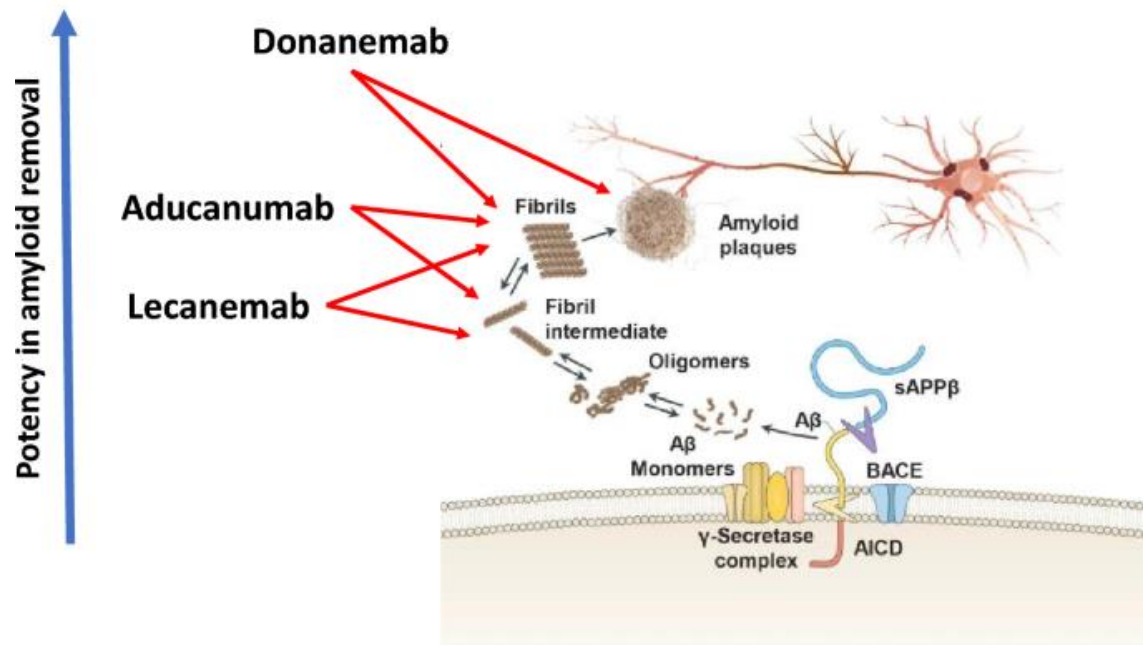
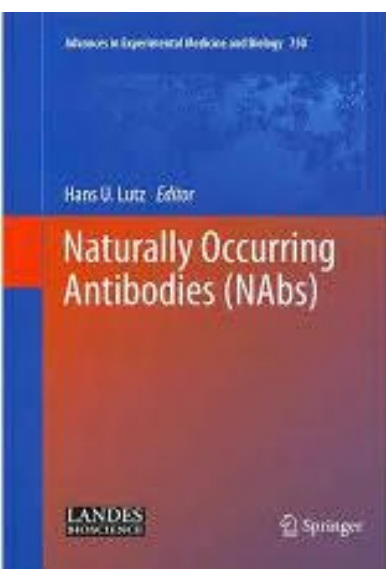


Fig. 1 Classification of therapeutic drugs or targets in the treatment of Alzheimer's disease according to neuropathological hallmarks



CHAPTER 7

NATURALLY OCCURRING AUTOANTIBODIES AGAINST β -AMYLOID

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Anti-amyloidogenic Activity of IgGs Contained in Normal Plasma

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Reduced serum level of antibodies against amyloid β peptide is associated with aging in Tg2576 mice

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INFLAMM-AGING

Optimal remodeling (hormesis)

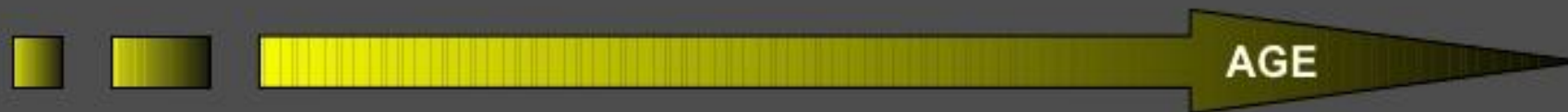
Low proinflammatory status

High efficiency of stress response

Inadequate remodeling

High proinflammatory status

Low efficiency of stress response



Remodelling /
Stress response



Inflammatory
response



Effects of
stress

INFLAMMAGING

(Franceschi)

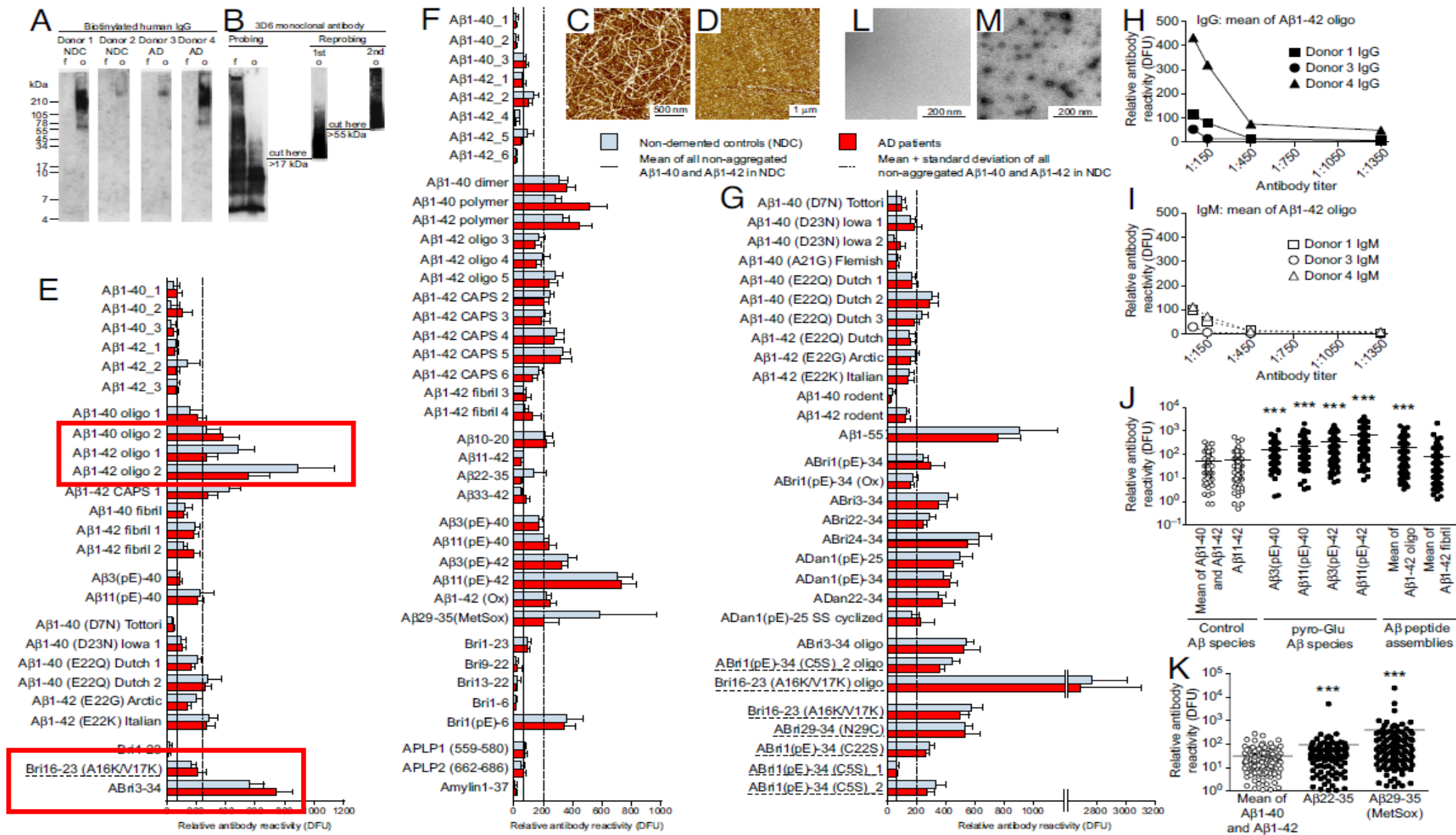
Progressiva perdita di competenza immunologica.

Stato Infiammatorio:

1. Di basso grado
2. Controllato
3. Asintomatico
4. Cronico
5. Sistemico

- Declino immunità adattativa e risposta Th2
- Aumento immunità innata sostenuta da fagociti

Neuroprotective natural antibodies to assemblies of amyloidogenic peptides decrease with normal aging and advancing Alzheimer's disease



Elevation of β -Amyloid 1-42 Autoantibodies in the Blood of Amnestic Patients With Mild Cognitive Impairment

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Increased Number of Plasma B Cells Producing Autoantibodies Against $A\beta_{42}$ Protofibrils in Alzheimer's Disease

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Cholinesterase inhibitor use is associated with increased plasma levels of anti-Abeta 1–42 antibodies in Alzheimer's disease patients[☆]

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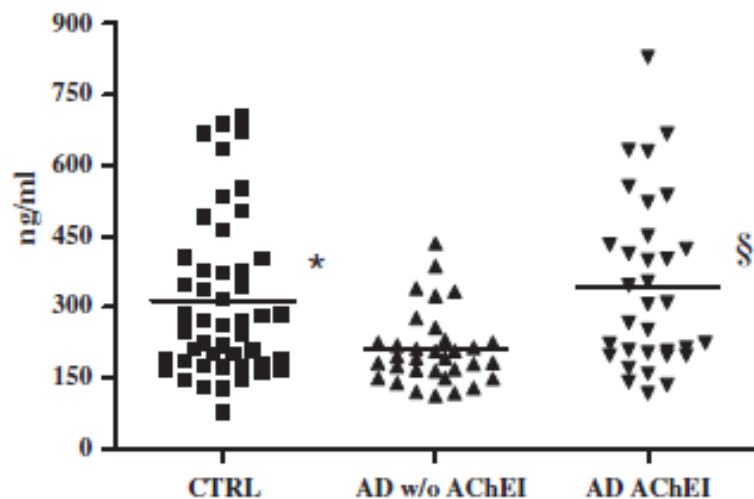
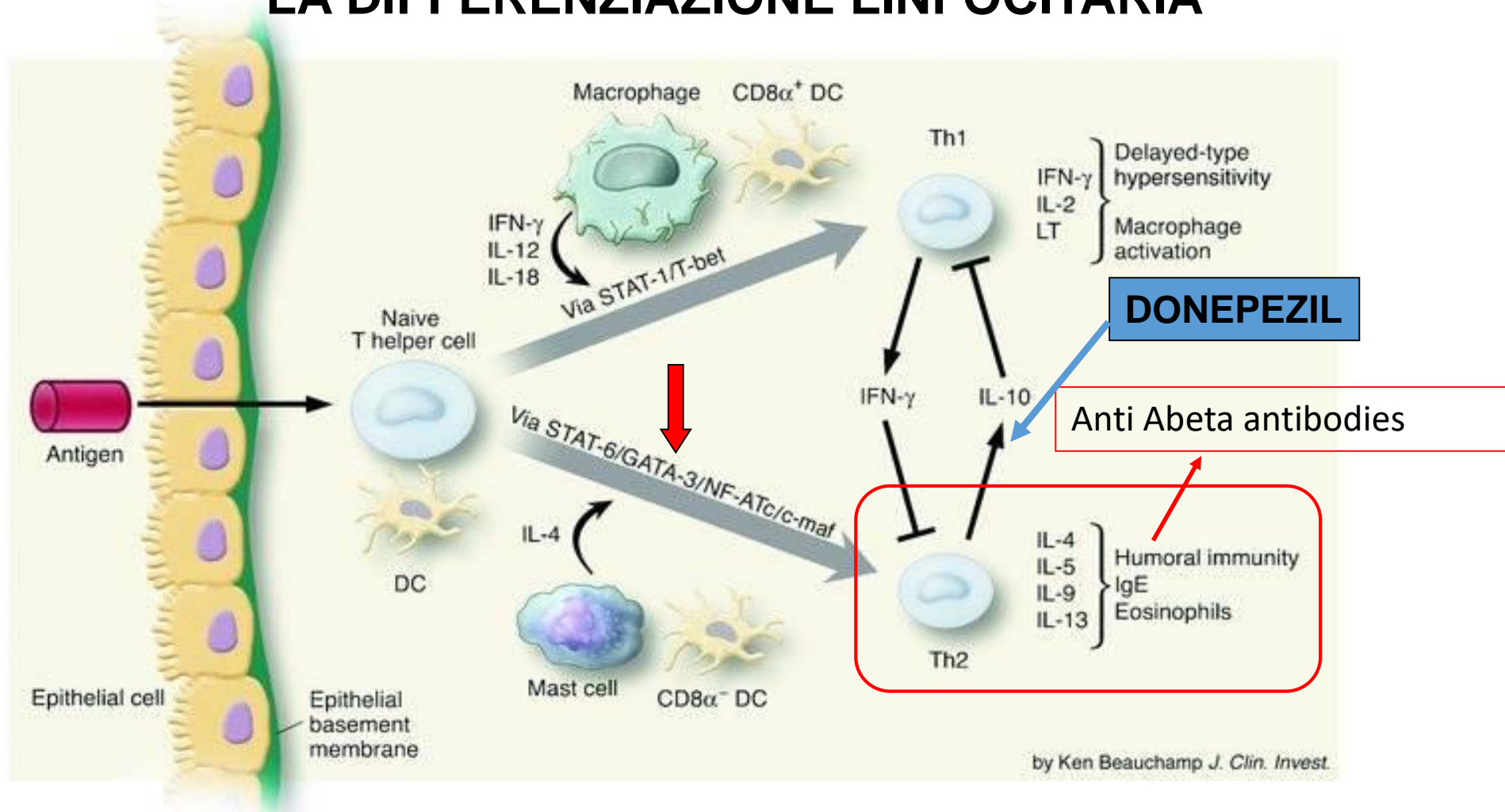


Fig. 1. Anti-Abeta 1–42 plasma levels in controls (CTRL), AD patients not receiving AChEI (AD w/o AChEI) and AD patients receiving AChEI (AD AChEI). § $p < 0.01$ AD AChEI vs. AD w/o AChEI, * $p < 0.01$ CTRL vs. AD w/o AChEI.

The acetylcholinesterase inhibitor, Donepezil, regulates a Th2 bias in Alzheimer's disease patients

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LA DIFFERENZIAZIONE LINFOCITARIA



CONTRO: evidenza che gli AChEI sono una terapia sostanzialmente sintomatica

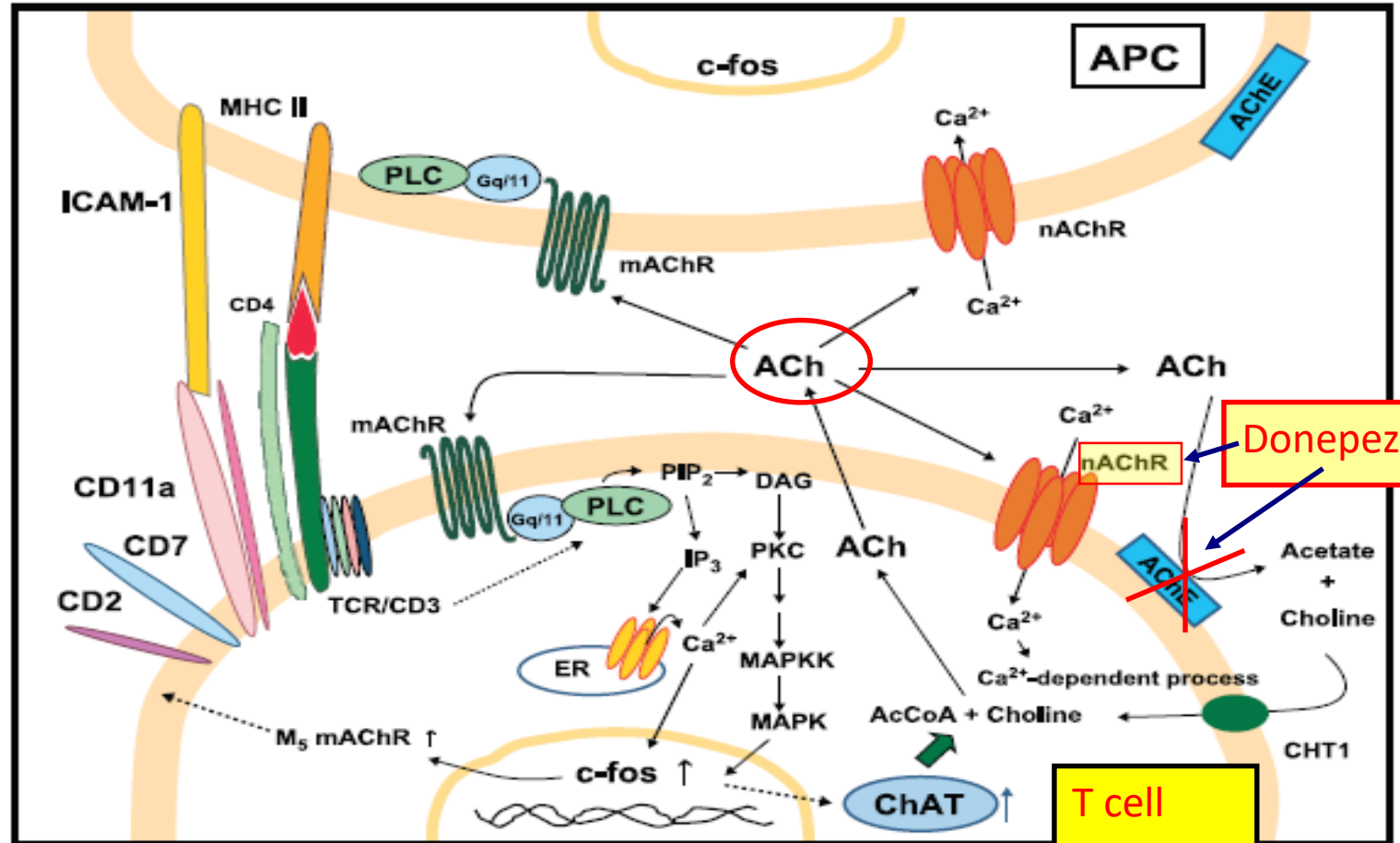
Potremmo osservare un effetto biologico del farmaco che non raggiunge la soglia di significatività clinica?

Minireview

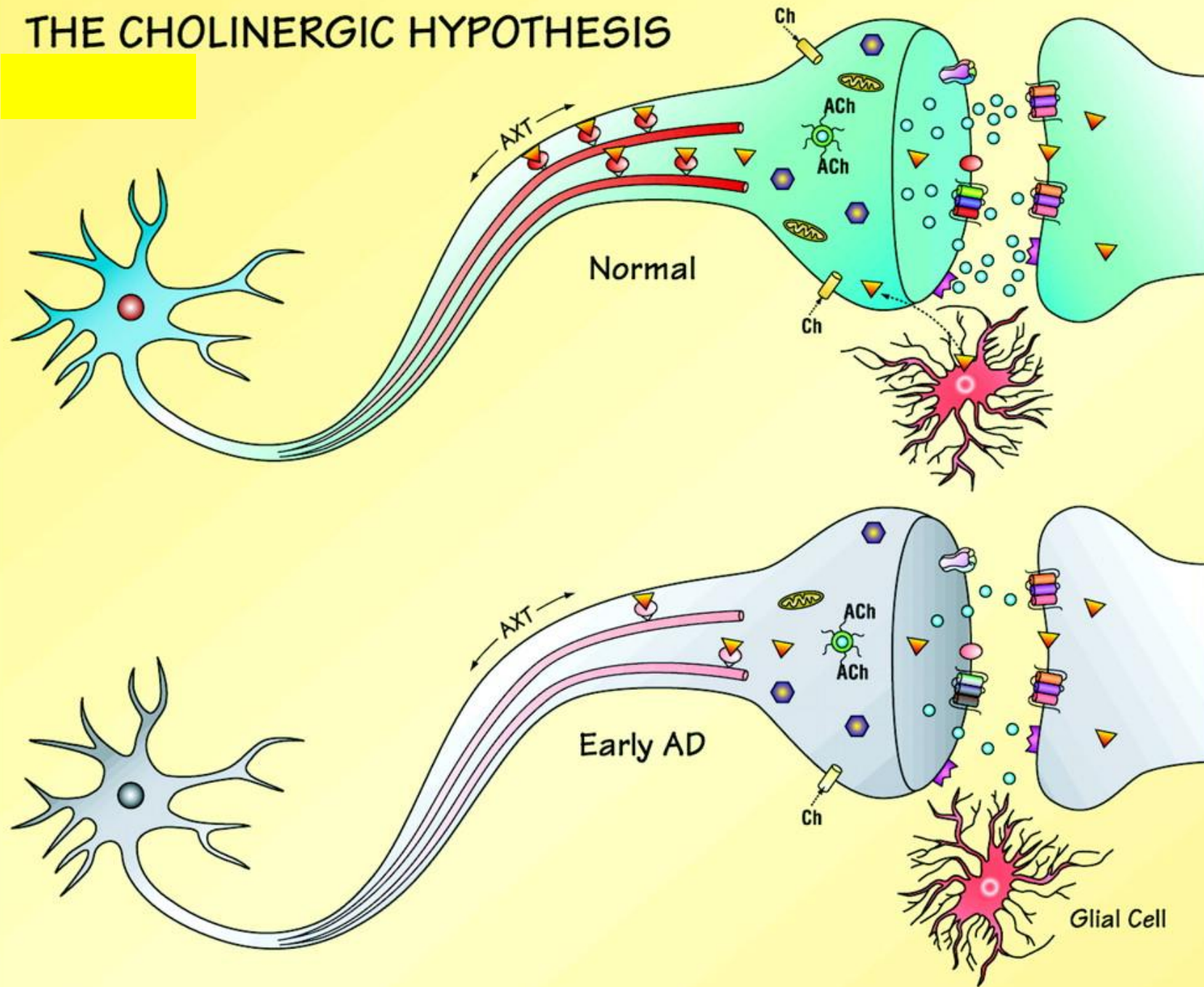
The lymphocytic cholinergic system and its contribution to the regulation of immune activity












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THE CHOLINERGIC HYPOTHESIS



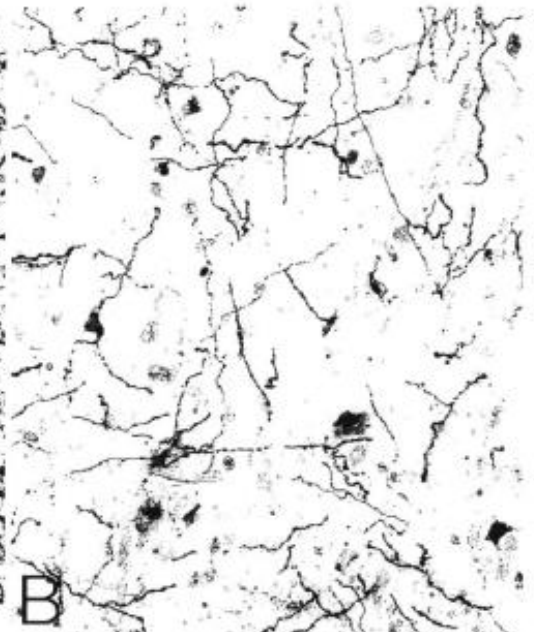
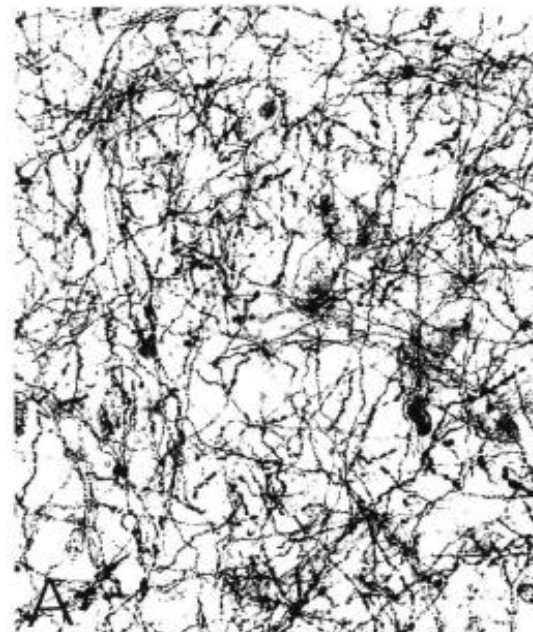
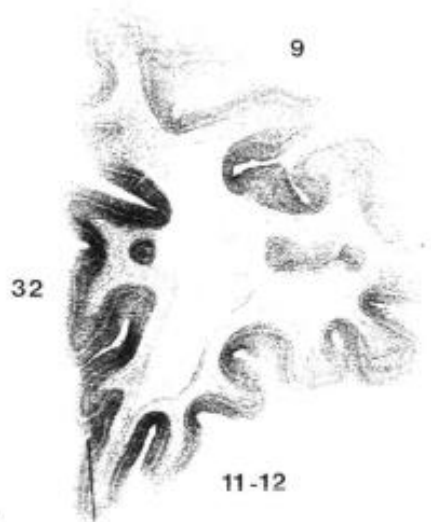
-  Ch Transporter
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-  NGF
-  M₂AChR
-  M₁AChR
-  ACh
-  TrKA^{NGFR}
-  nAChR
-  Microtubule
-  ChAT
-  AChE

Normal

AD

Normal

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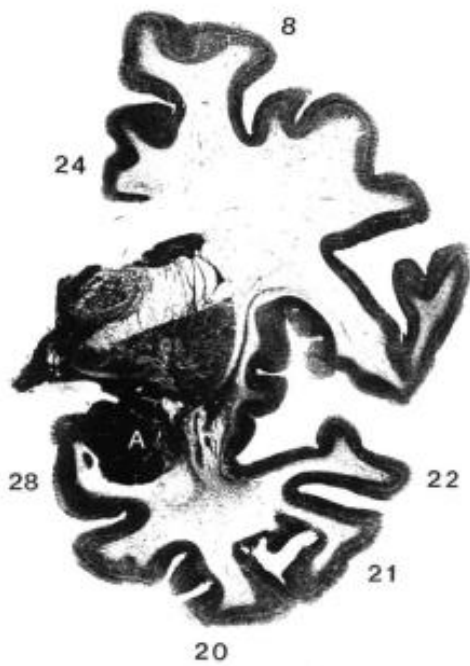


A

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C

D



AChE positive fibers

Staining for AChE

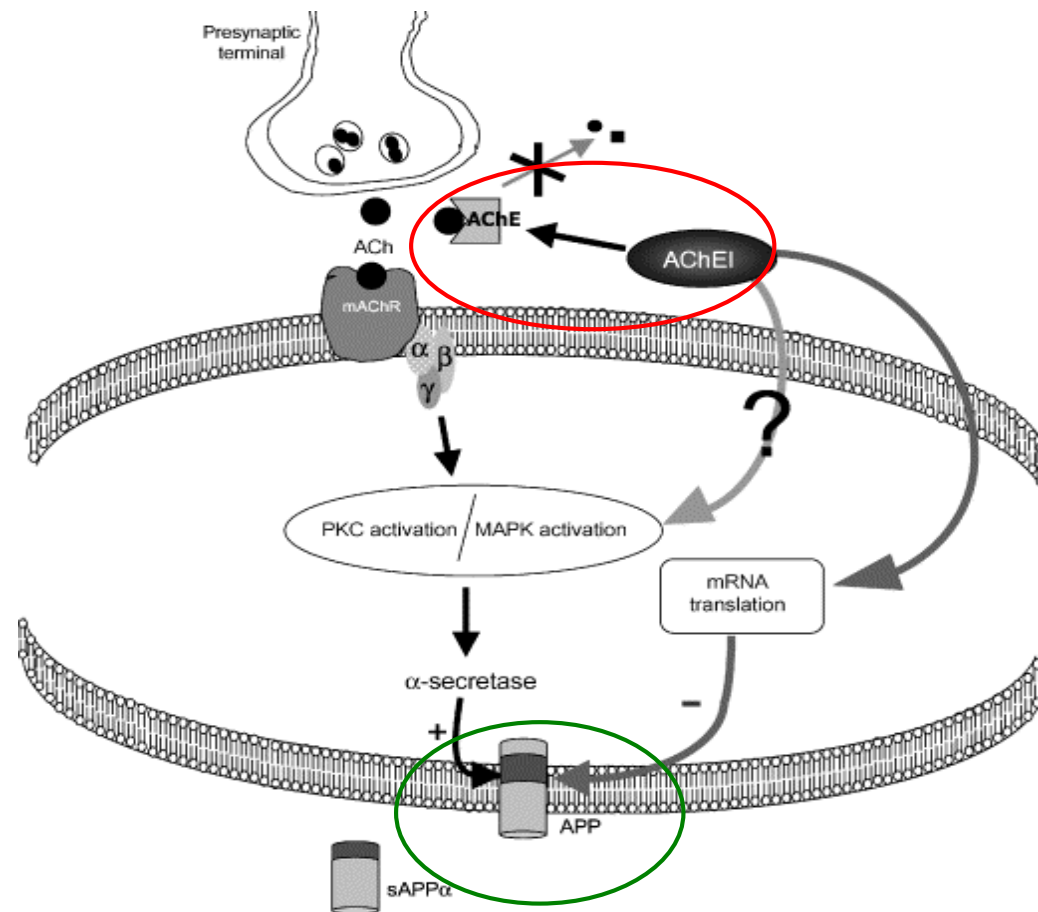
BASI MOLECOLARI DELLA TERAPIA ANTICOLINESTERASICA

IPOTESI AMILOIDOGENICA \longleftrightarrow IPOTESI COLINERGICA

Amplificazione della funzionalità colinergica



Promozione del metabolismo non amiloidogenico di APP



Interazioni fra meccanismi amiloidogenici e colinergici nell'AD

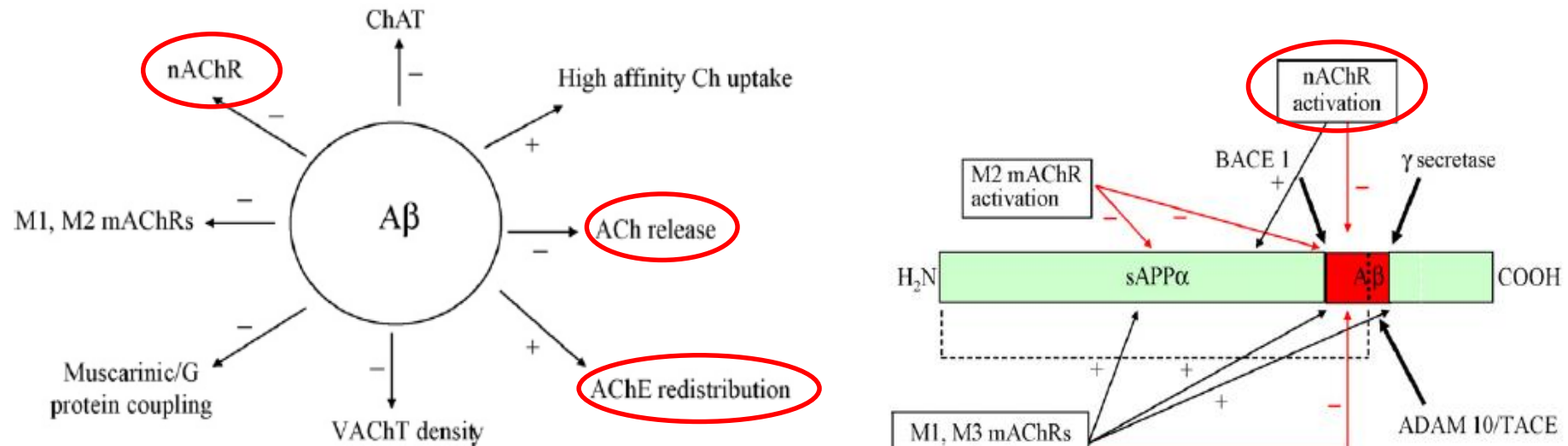


Fig. 1. Schematic representation of the known changes in cholinergic neurons that may be due to the action of A β .

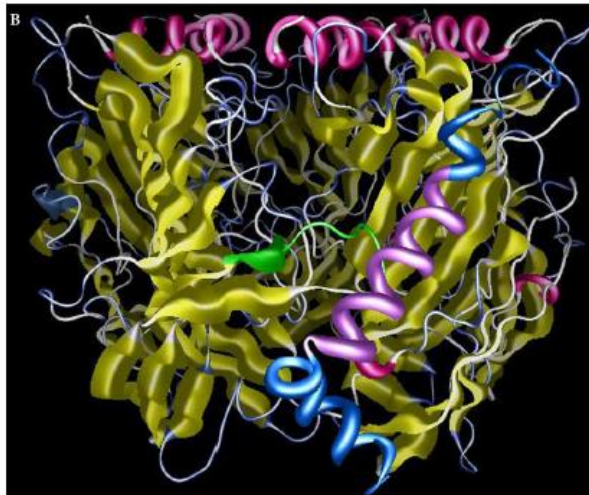
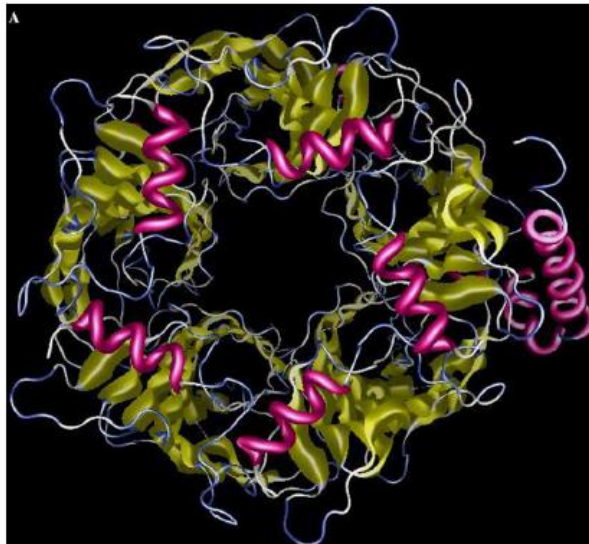
Different mechanisms of AChE inhibitors on the release of sAPP α

AChE inhibitor	Change	Cholinergic mechanism	Other mechanism	Reference
Tacrine	Decrease	-	nt	Lahiri et al. (1994); Lahiri et al. (1996)
Metrifonate	Increase	+	nt	Pakaski et al. (2000, 2001); Racchi et al. (2001)
Ambenonium	Increase	+	nt	Pakaski et al. (2001)
Ganstigmine	Increase	+	nt	Mazzucchelli et al. (2003)
Ladostigil	Increase	+	MAP-kinase or tyrosin kinase-dependent pathway	Yogev-Falach et al. (2002)
Donepezil	Increase	+	Enhancing trafficking and activity of ADAM 10	Zimmermann et al. (2004)
Phenserine	Decrease	-	Inhibition of APP mRNA translation	Lahiri et al. (2000); Shaw et al. (2001)
Galantamine	Increase	+	nt	Lenzken et al. (2007)

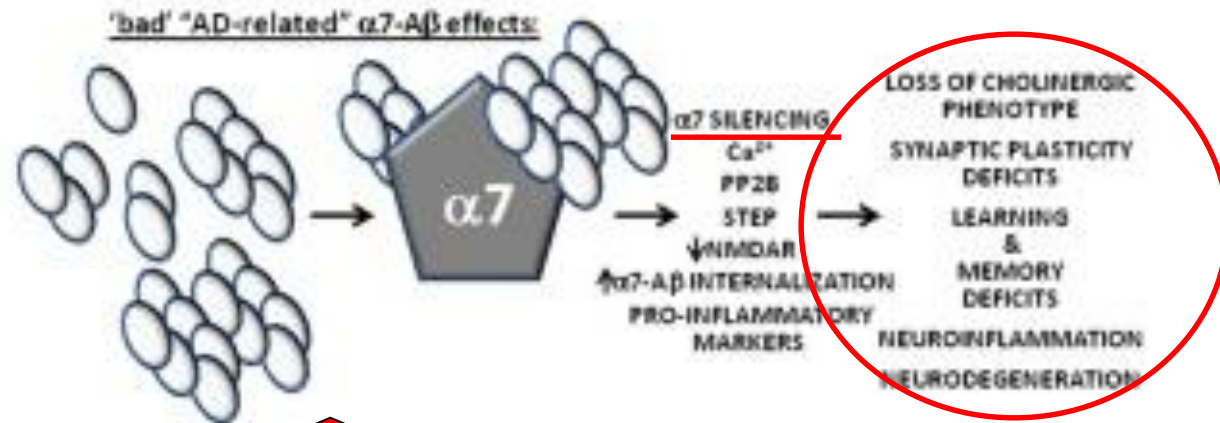
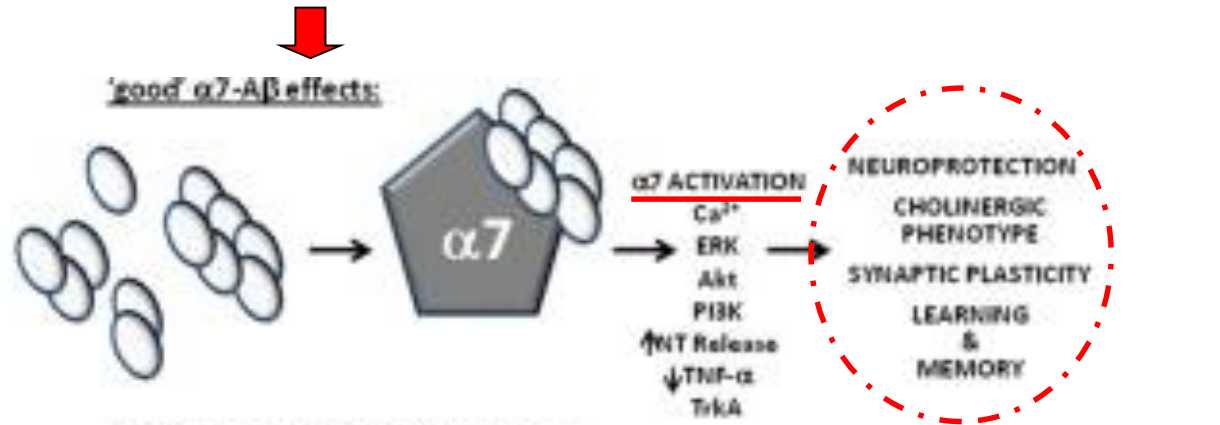
The table summarizes some of the effects of AChE inhibitors on the APP processing and their possible mechanisms. The symbol (nt) indicates that the parameter has not been tested. Different mechanisms of action AChE inhibitors on the release of sAPP α , relating to some of the effects of AChE inhibitors on APP processing and their possible mechanisms. The symbol (nt) indicates that the parameter has not been tested.

Base docking model of the homomeric $\alpha 7$ nicotinic receptor- β -amyloid₁₋₄₂ complex

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Physiological conditions: Abeta in picomolar range



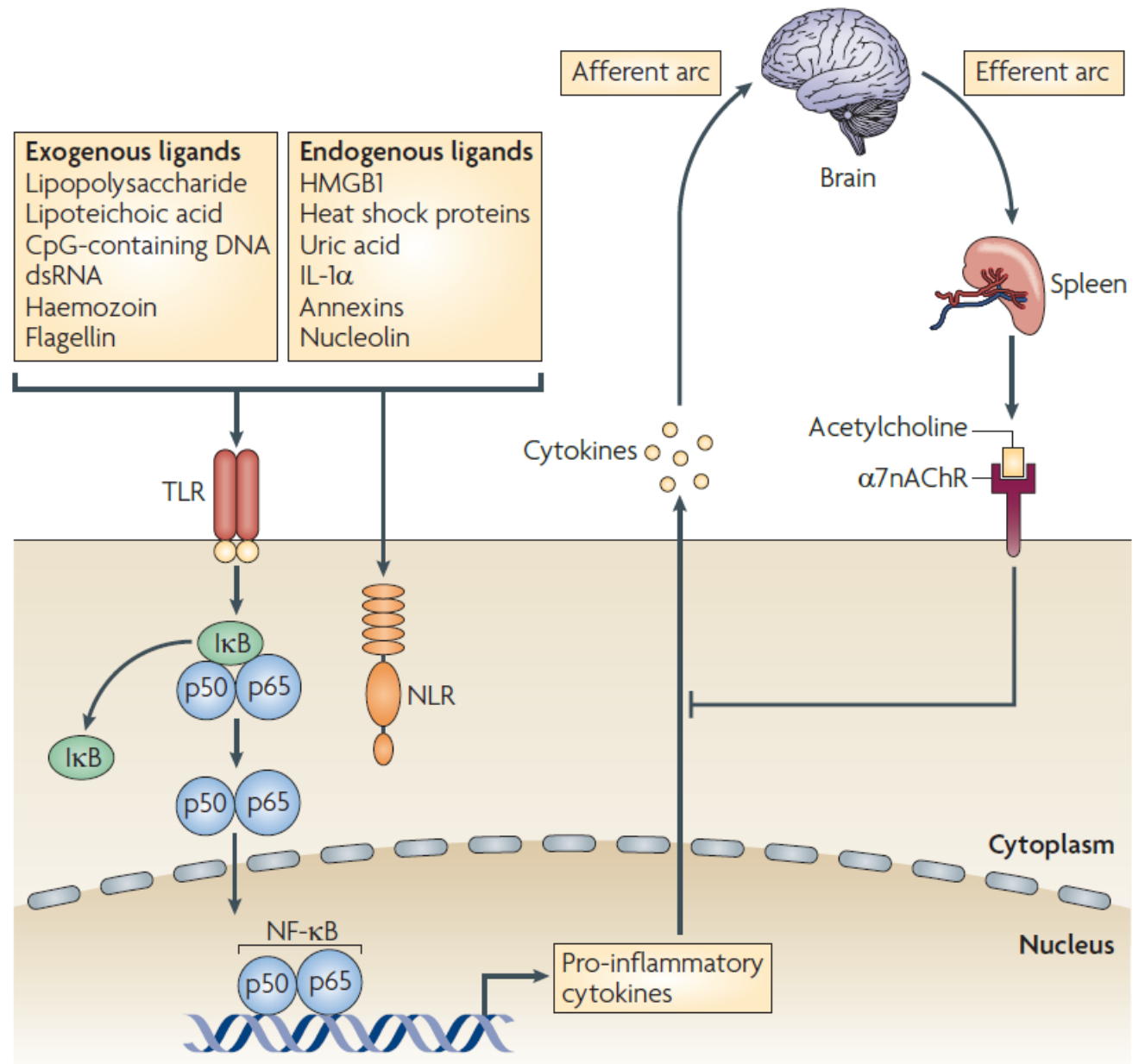
Pathological conditions: Abeta in nanomolar range

INFLAMMATORY REFLEX

Neural circuit that controls cytokine production in spleen. Action potentials transmitted via the **vagus nerve** to **spleen** mediate the release of **acetylcholine**, the neurotransmitter which **inhibits cytokine release** by interacting with **alpha7 nicotinic acetylcholine receptors** expressed on cytokine-producing cells. The **motor arc of the inflammatory reflex** is termed the

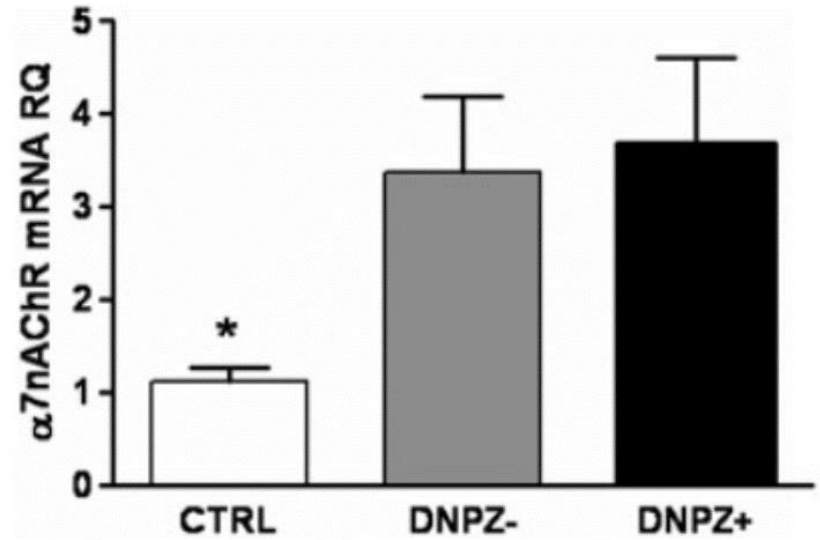
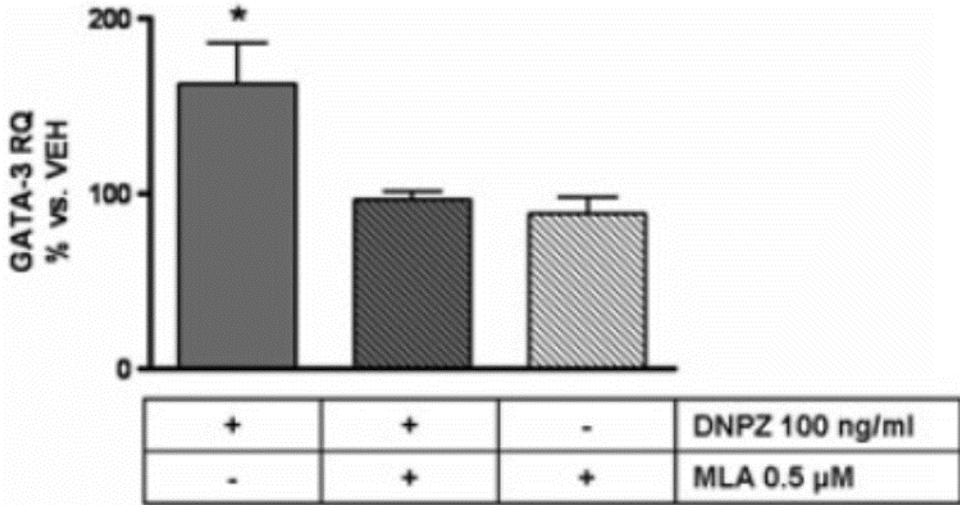
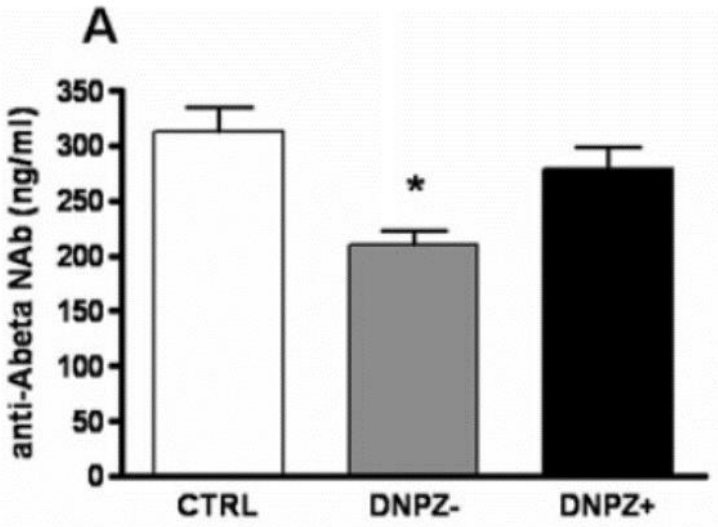
CHOLINERGIC ANTI-INFLAMMATORY PATHWAY.

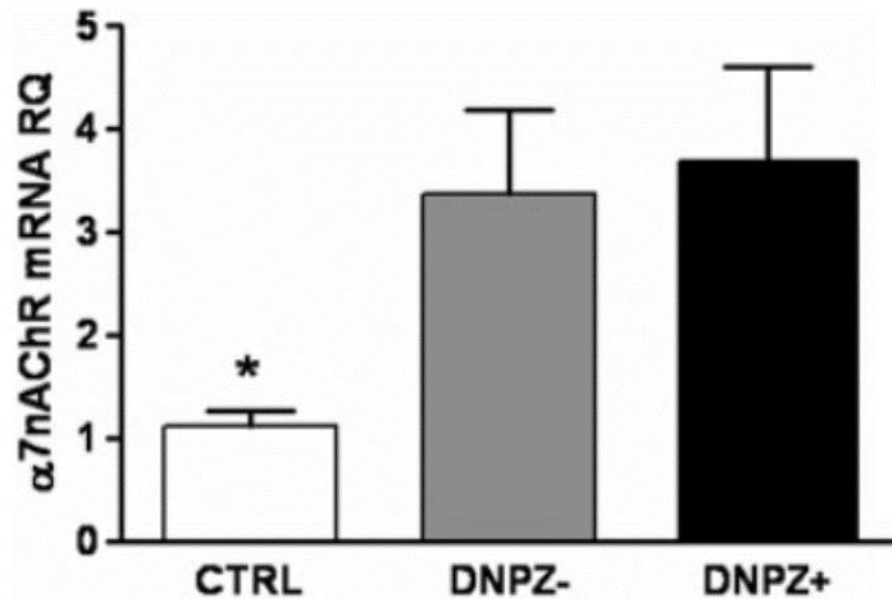
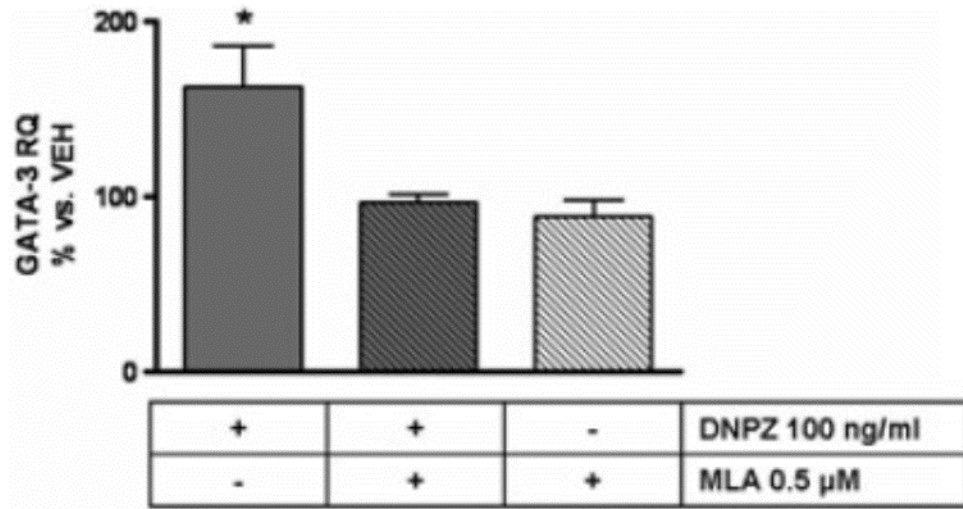
A cholinergic system is expressed by immune cells.



Donepezil modulates the endogenous immune response: implications for Alzheimer's disease

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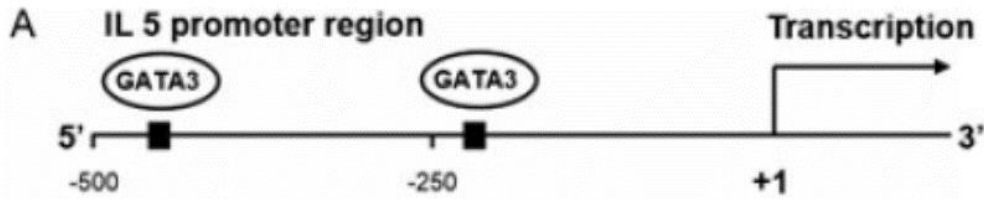




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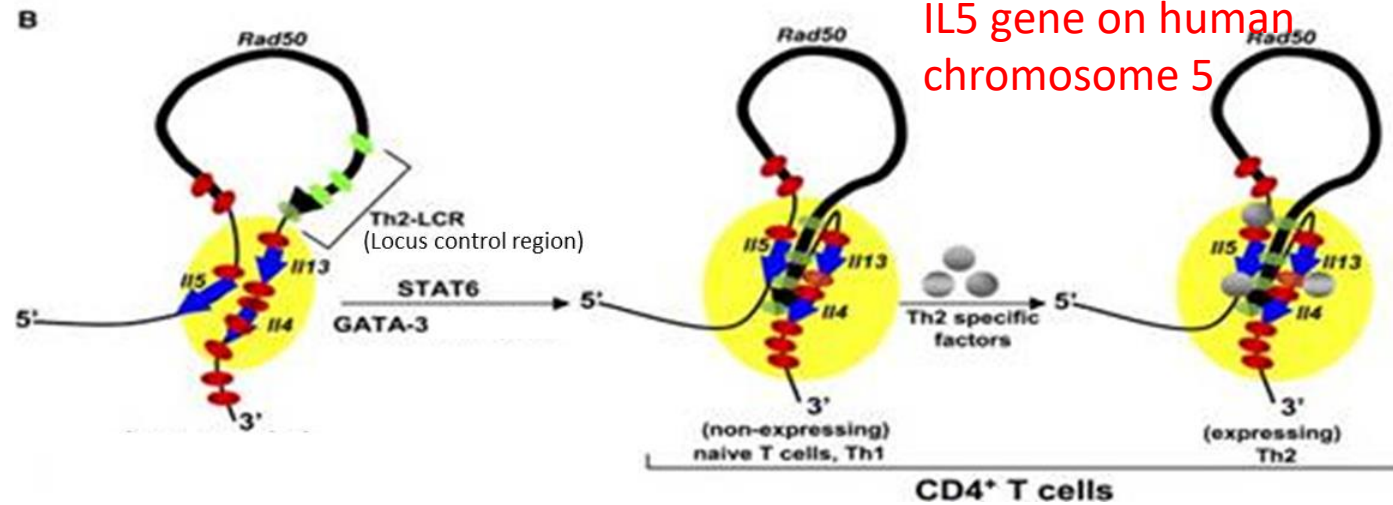
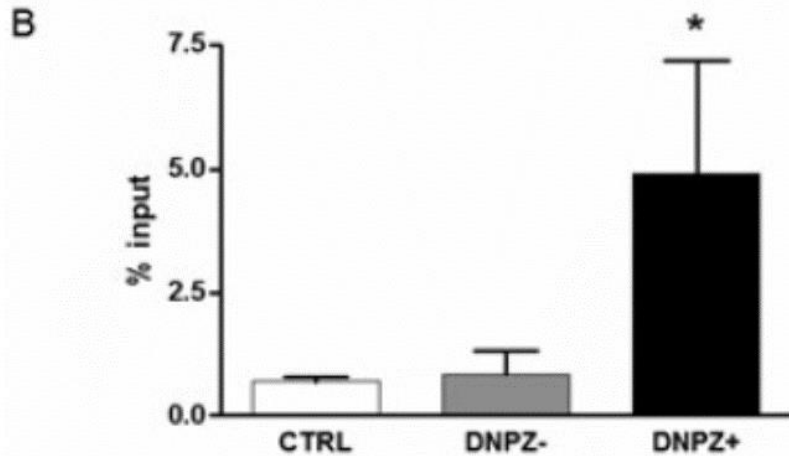
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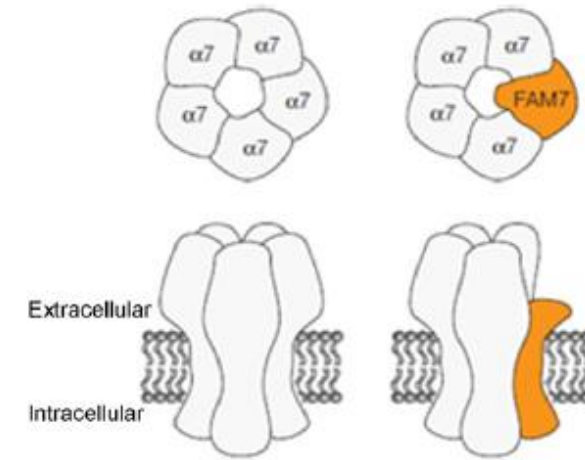
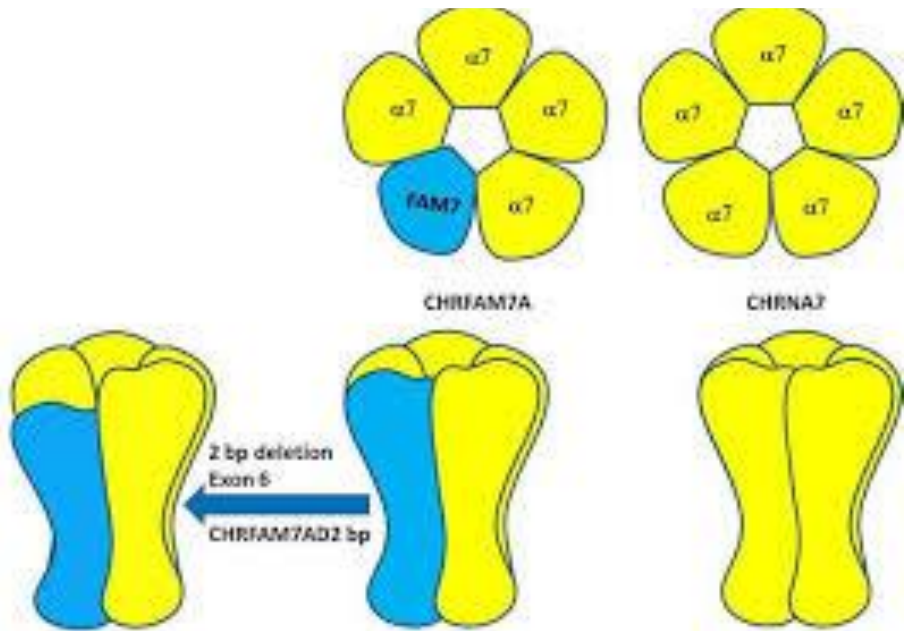
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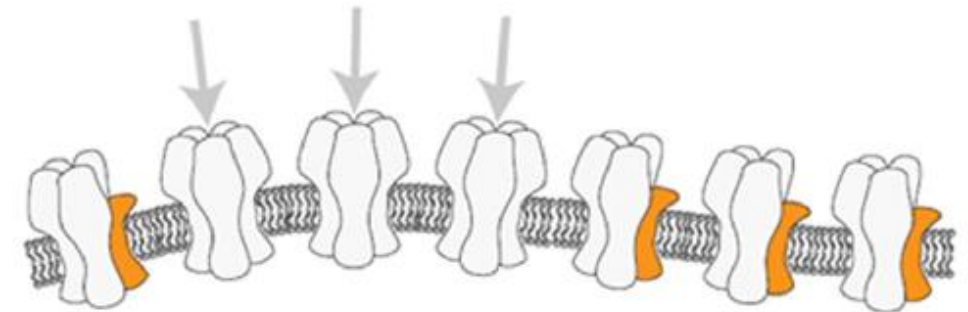


The chimeric gene *CHRFAM7A*, a partial duplication of the *CHRNA7* gene, is a dominant negative regulator of $\alpha 7^*$ nAChR function

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ACh



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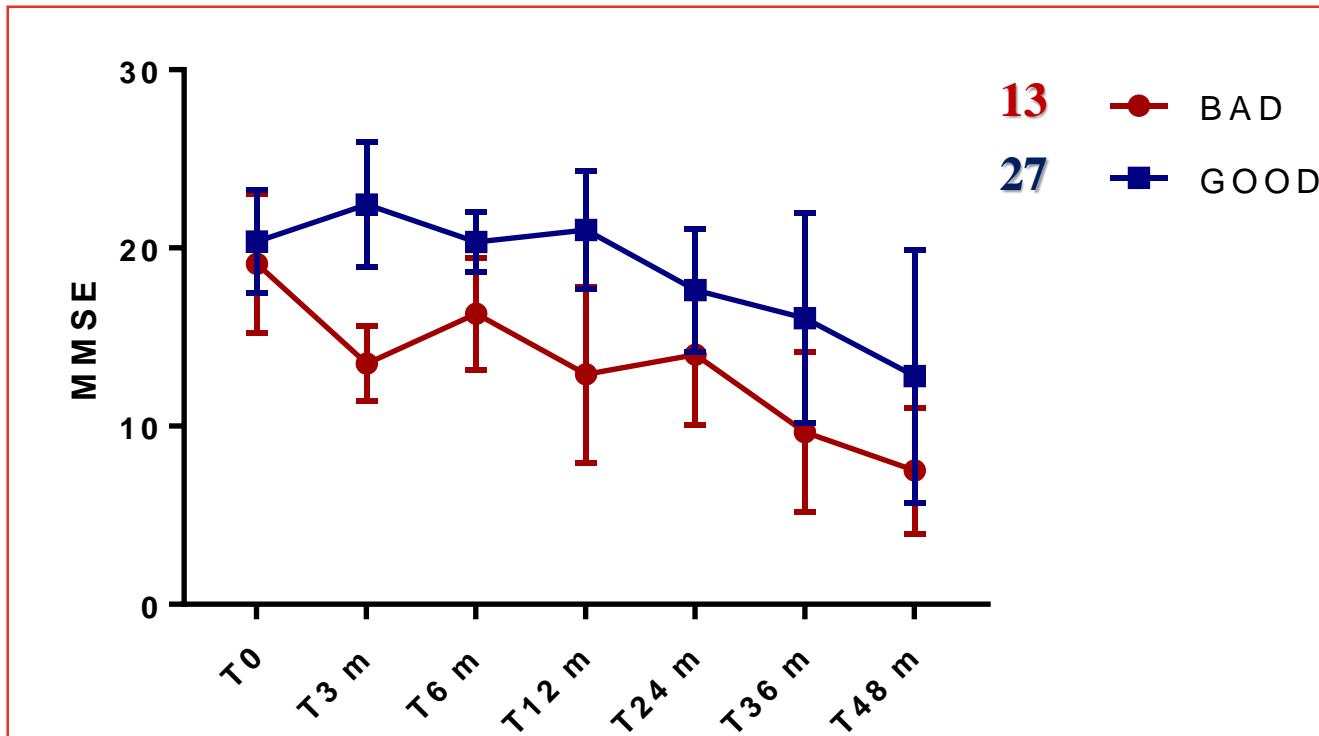
- *CHRNA7/FAM7A* FUSION GENE; *CHRFAM7A*
- The *CHRFAM7A* gene on chromosome 15 is a hybrid consisting of a partial duplication of the *CHRNA7* gene fused to a copy of the *FAM7A* gene (Riley et al., 2002). *CHRFAM7A* had a dominant-negative effect on the amplitude of ACh-elicited *CHRNA7* currents, which was due to reduced surface expression of *CHRNA7*. Stimulation of *CHRNA7* in macrophages induces an antiinflammatory response.

Risposta alla terapia e CHRFAM7A

Suddivisione in Good e Bad Responders

○ Valutazione retrospettiva del MMSE, Mini Mental State Evaluation

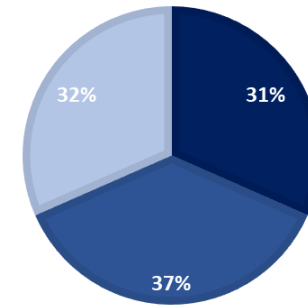
○ *Coefficiente di progressione di malattia* → cut-off = $\frac{-3 \text{ punti MMSE}}{12 \text{ mesi}} = -0,25$



In collaborazione con Dott.ssa Benfante

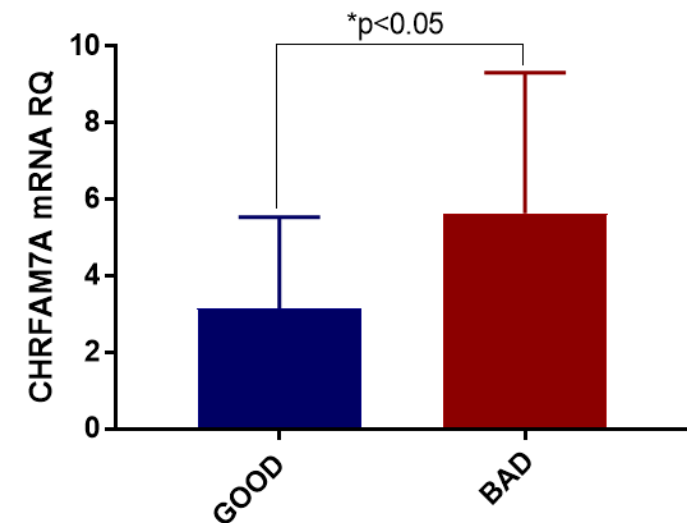
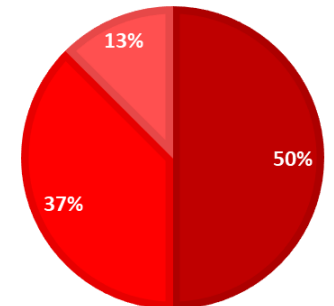
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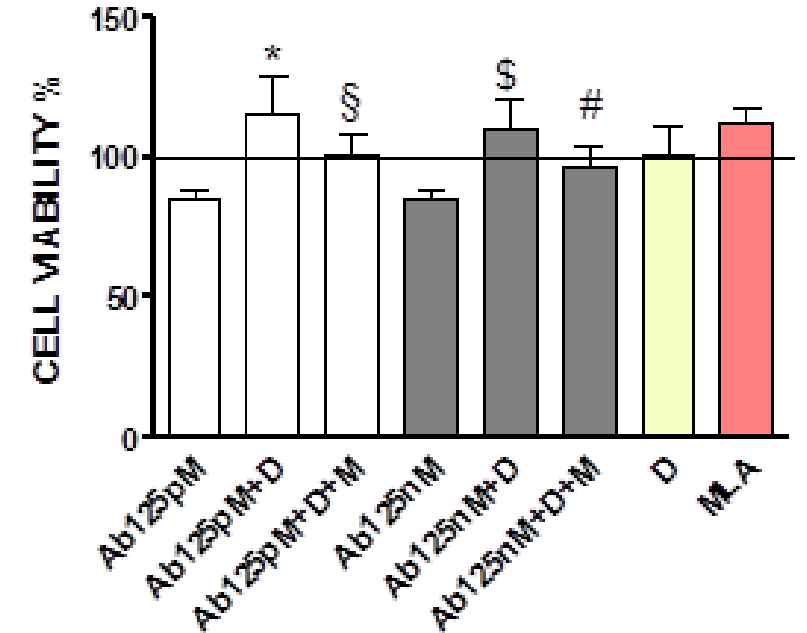
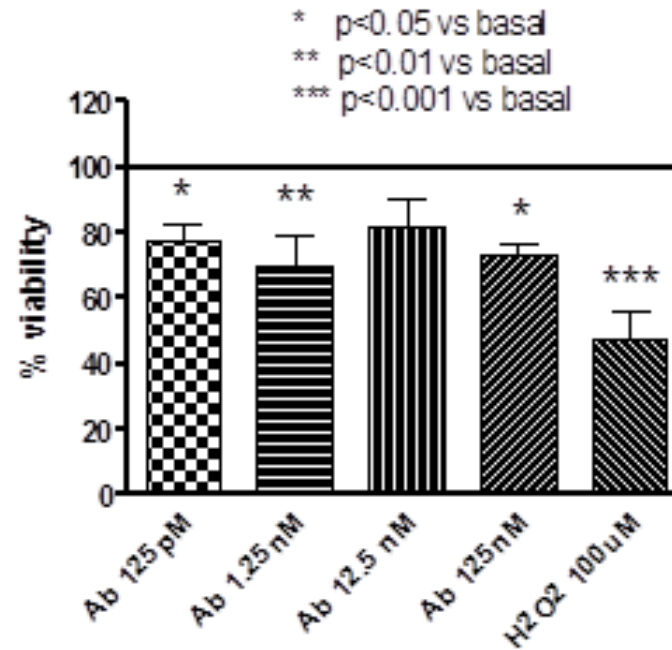
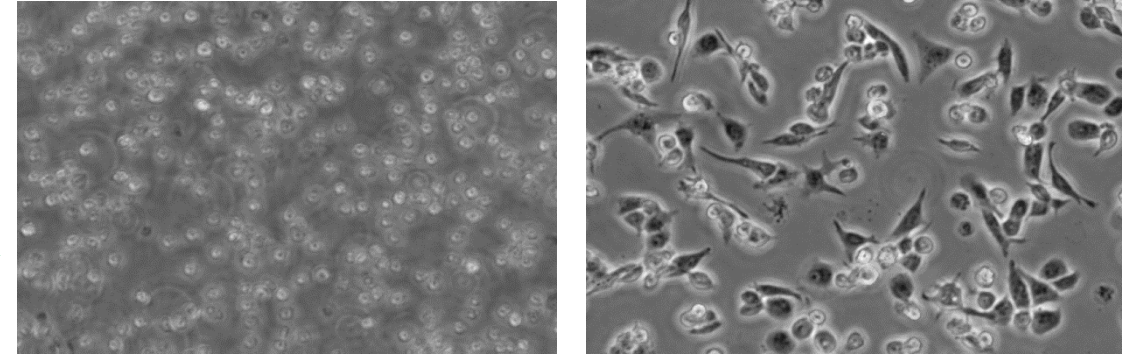
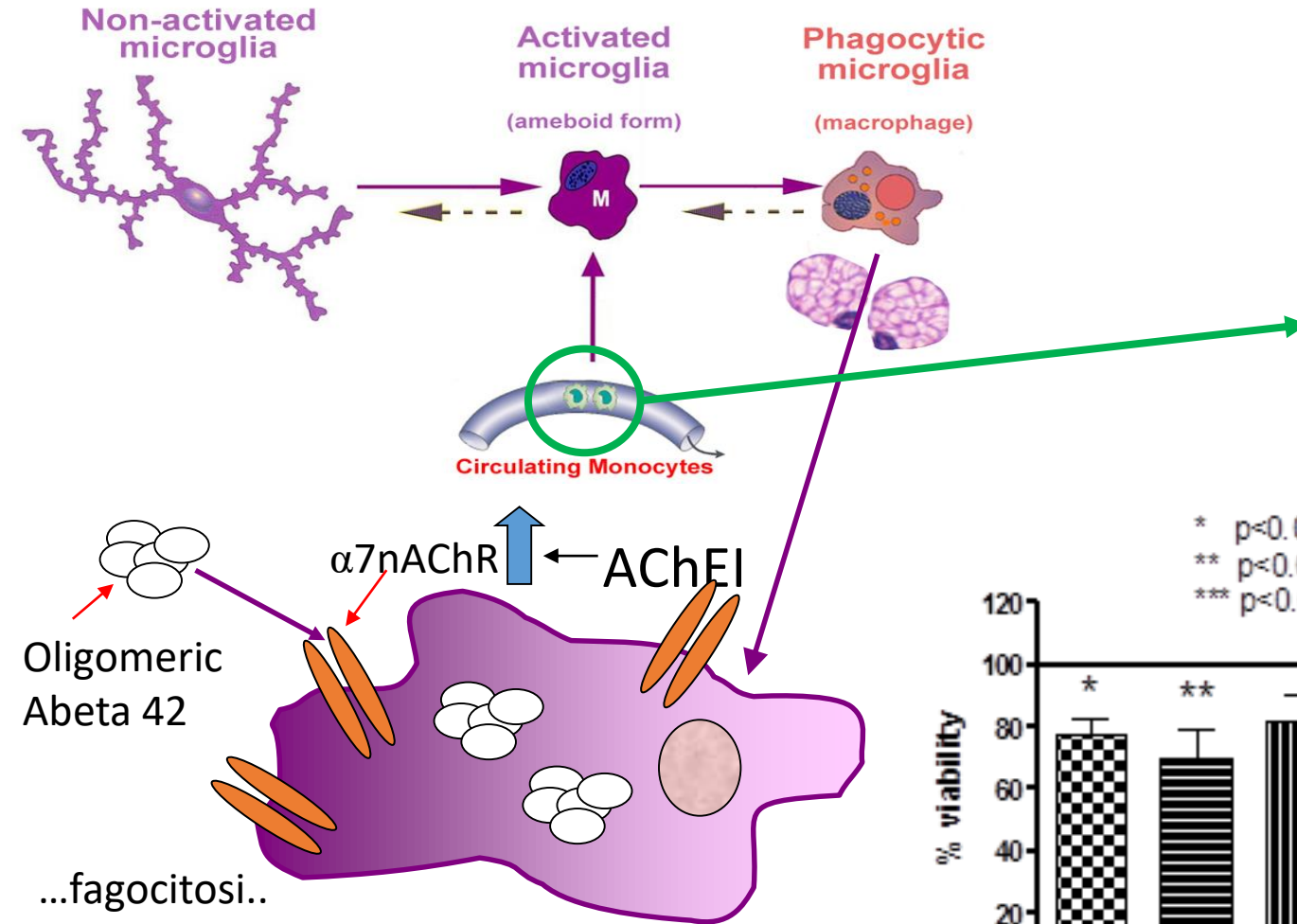
BAD RESPONDERS

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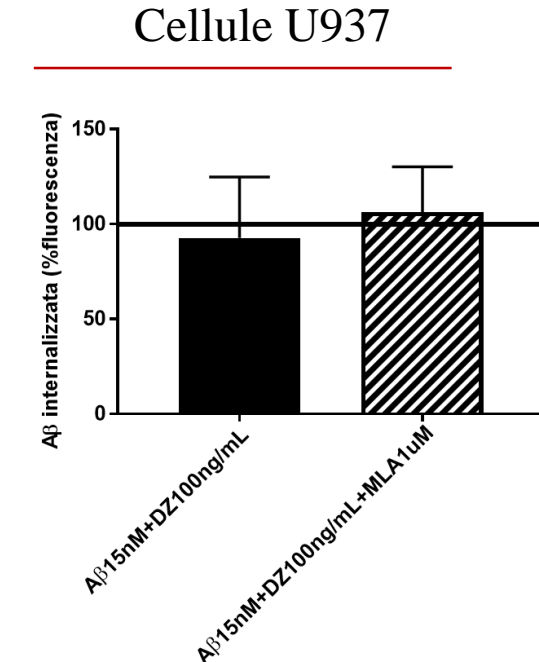
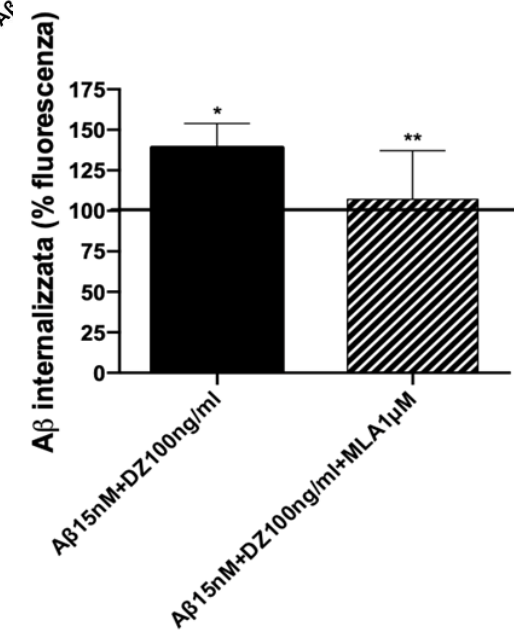
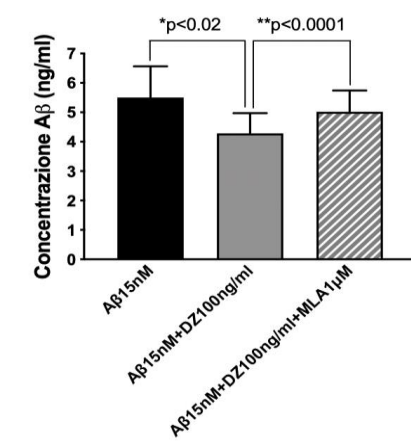
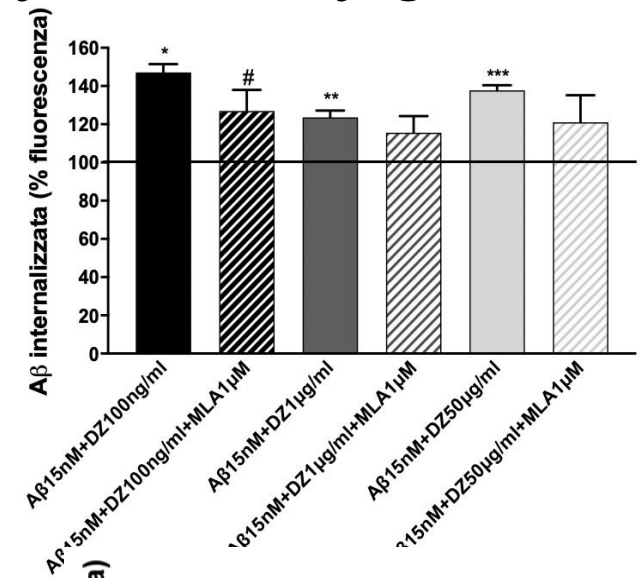
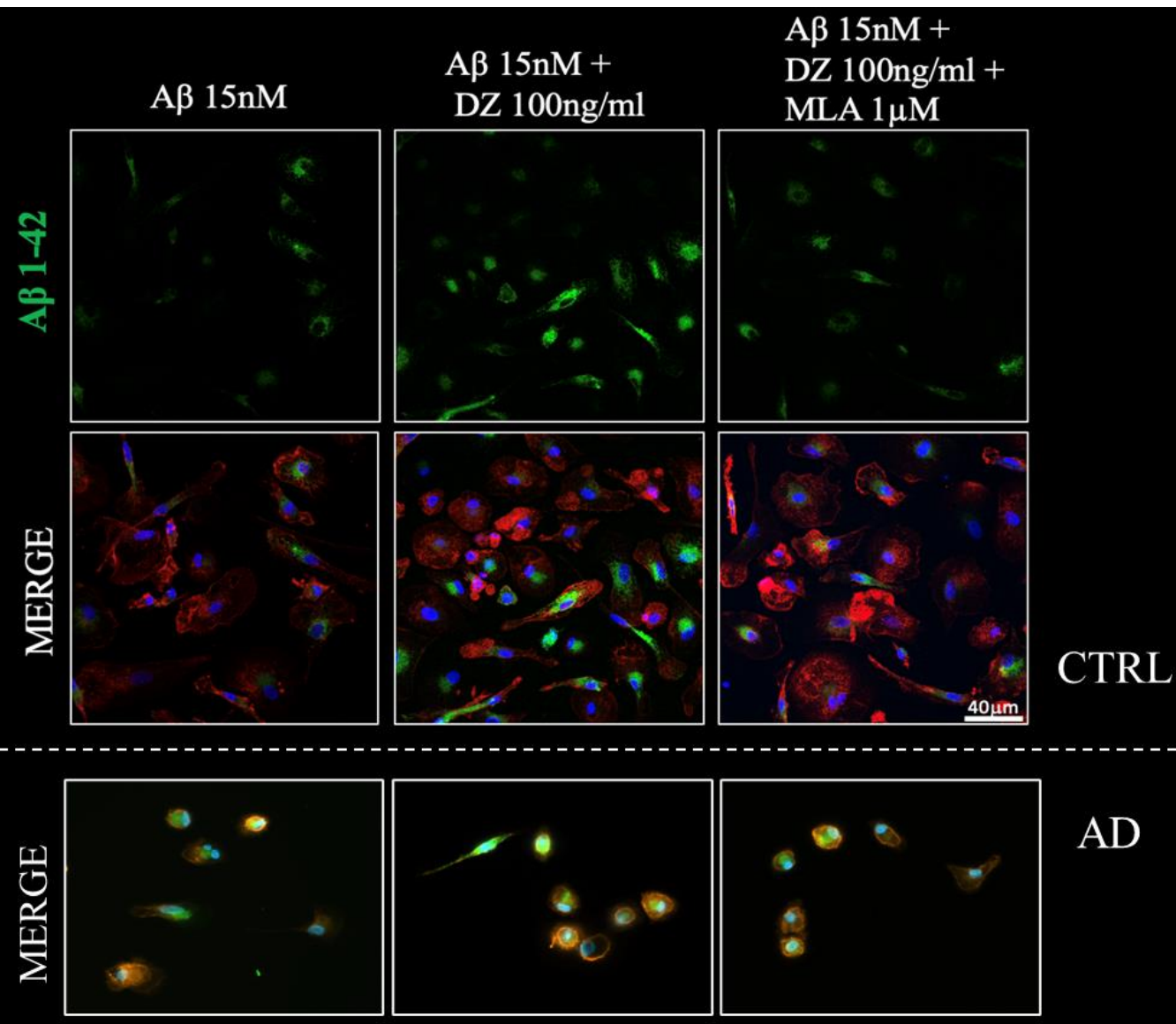


CLEARANCE DI ABETA

THP1 differenziate a macrofagi con 25ng/ml PMA per 48 ore



L'interazione *Donepezil- $\alpha 7nAChR$ favorisce la fagocitosi di $A\beta$*



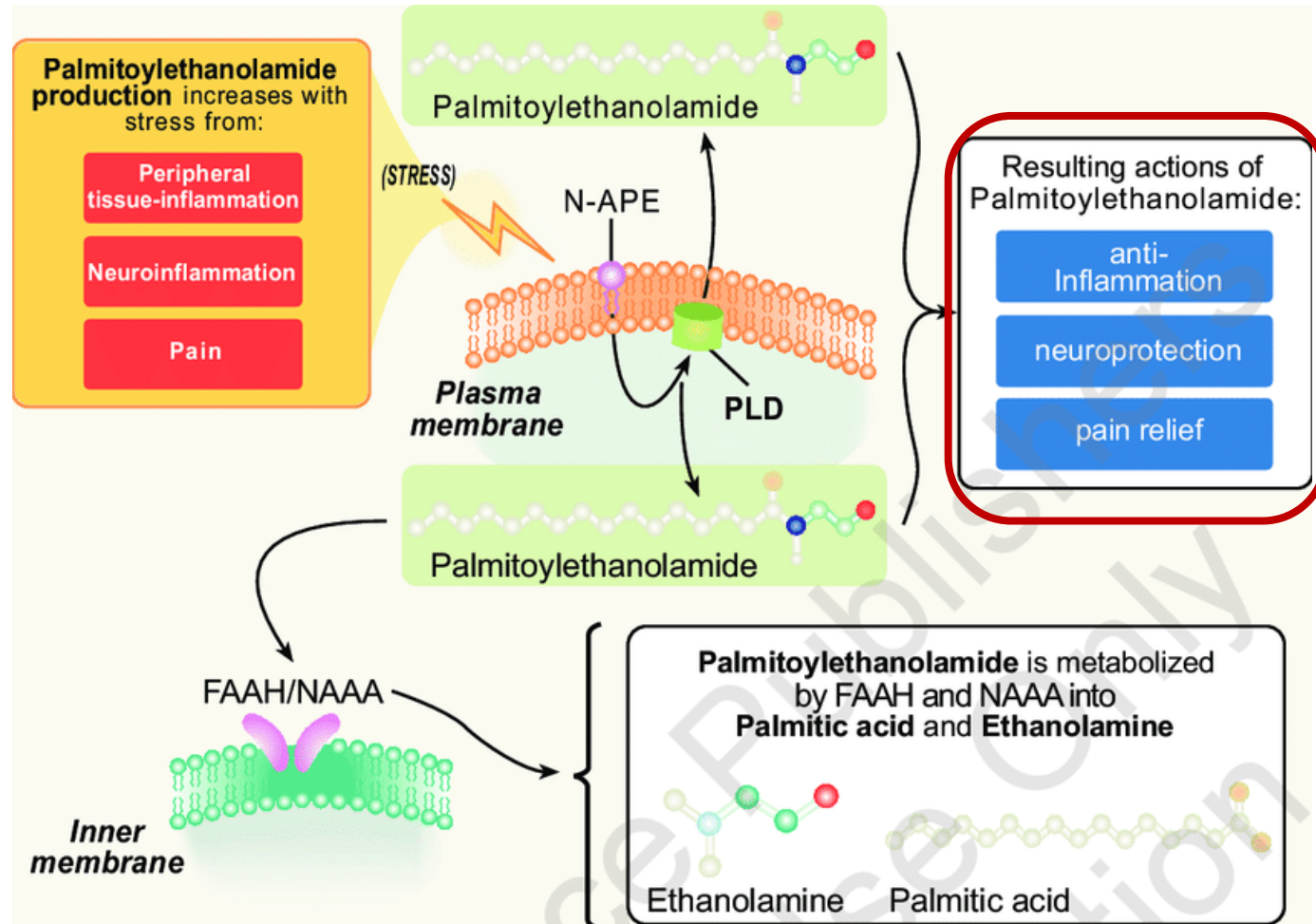
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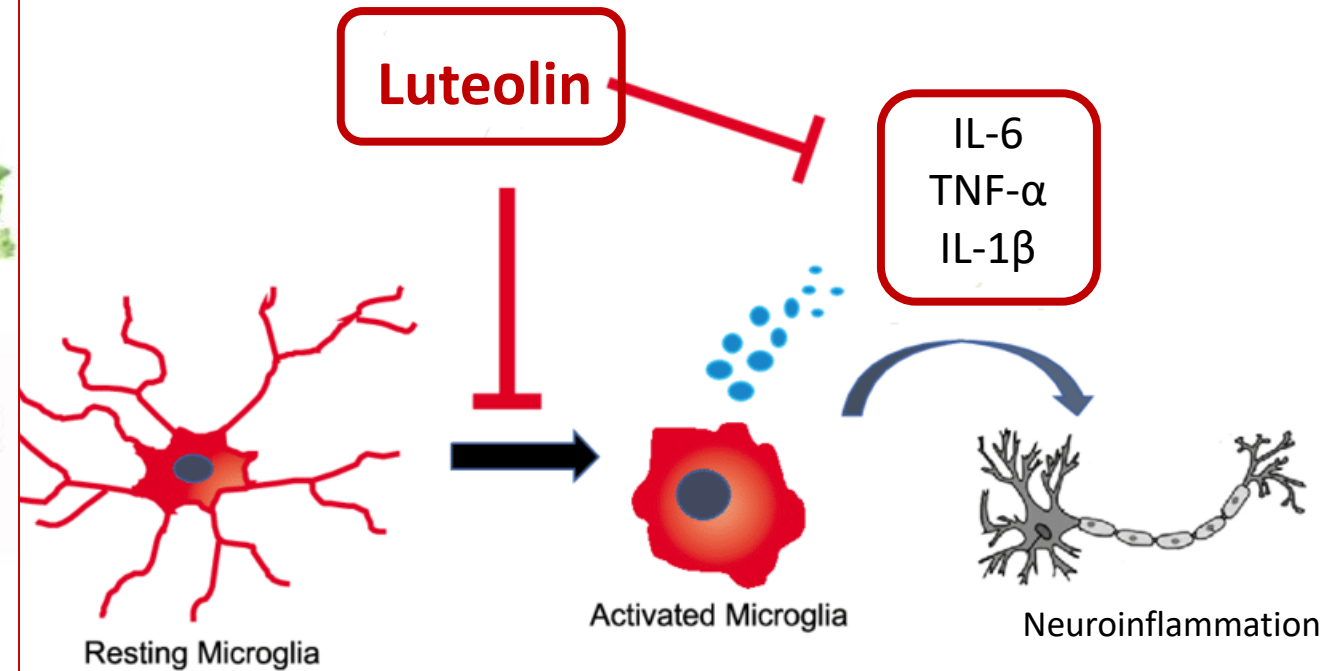
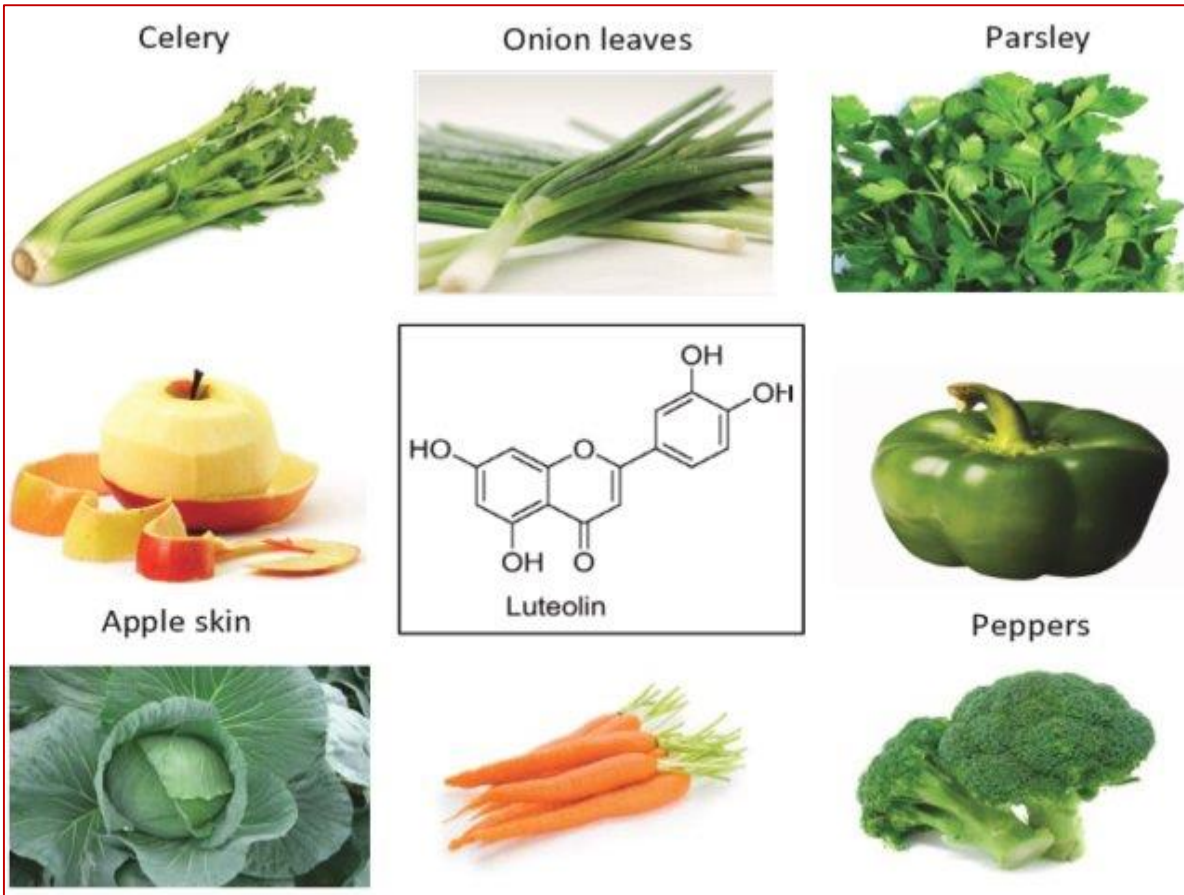
Macrophagi AD

Altre sostanze sono in grado di contrastare la chemiotassi Abeta indotta?

PEA è l'ammide di un acido grasso di natura endogena e si trova in diversi tessuti umani. La sua produzione è indotta in mastociti e cellule microgliali in presenza di danno.



Luteolina



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Luteolin Inhibits Microglial Inflammation and Improves Neuron Survival Against Inflammation

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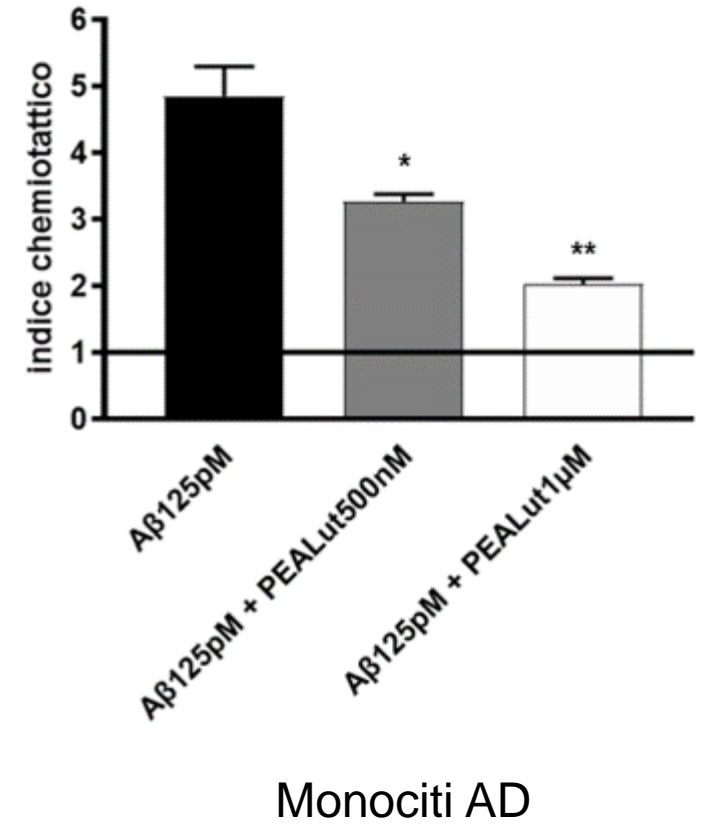
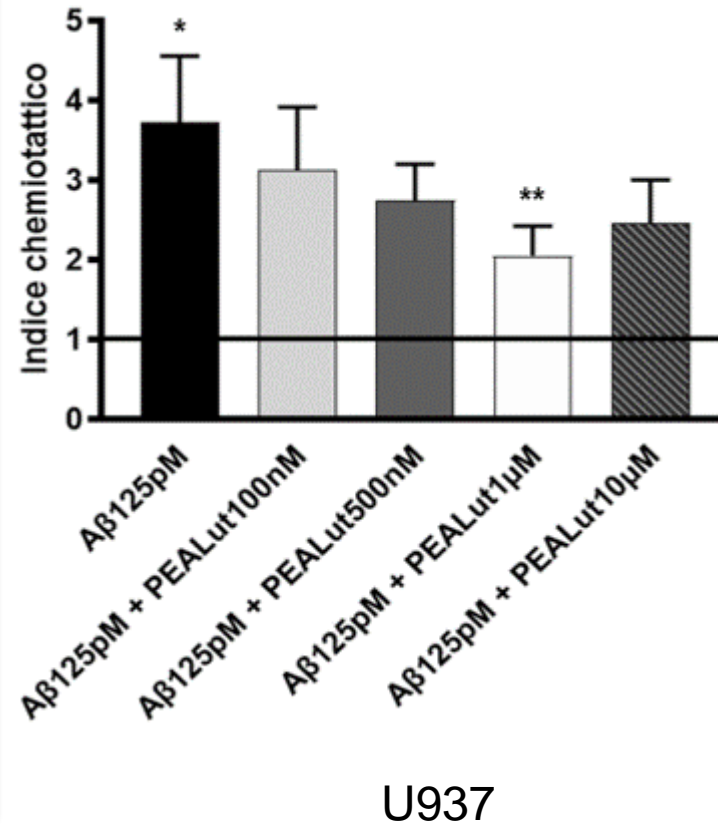
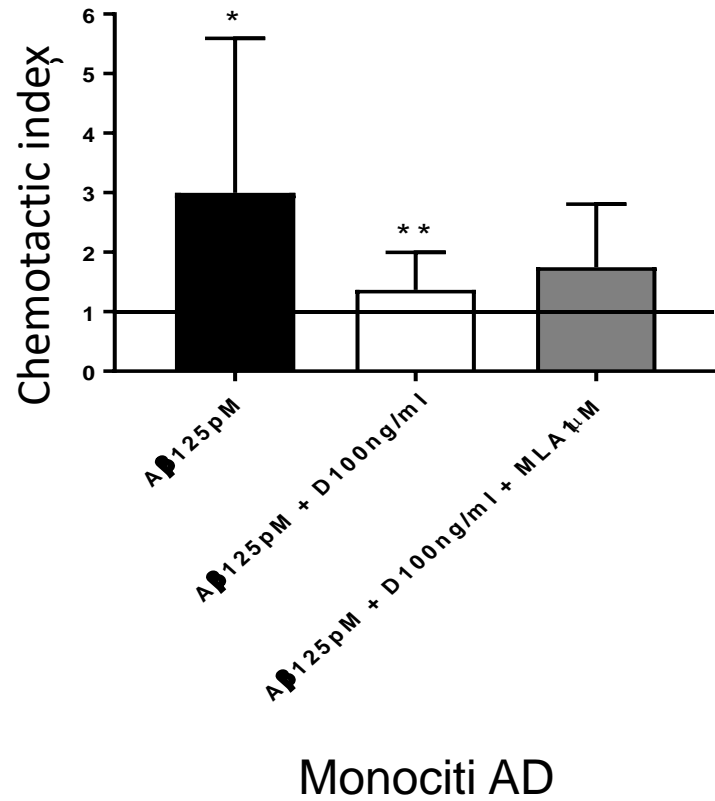
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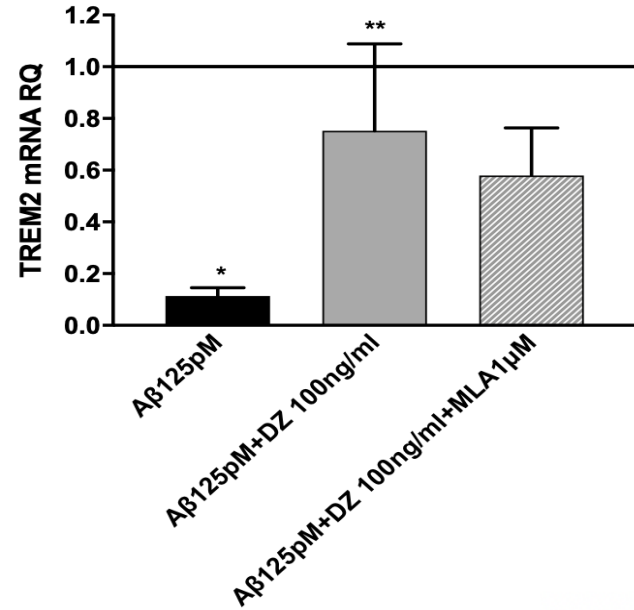
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Donepezil e Co-ultraPEALut contrastano la chemiotassi A β -indotta

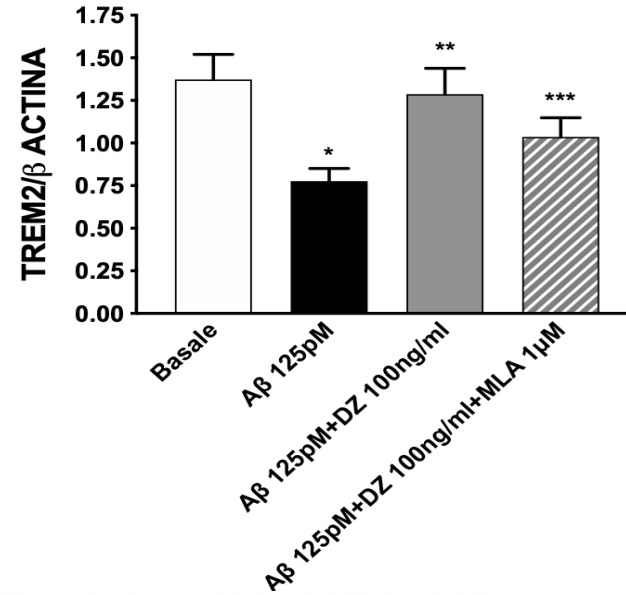


Donepezil e Co-ultraPEALut aumentano l'espressione di TREM2

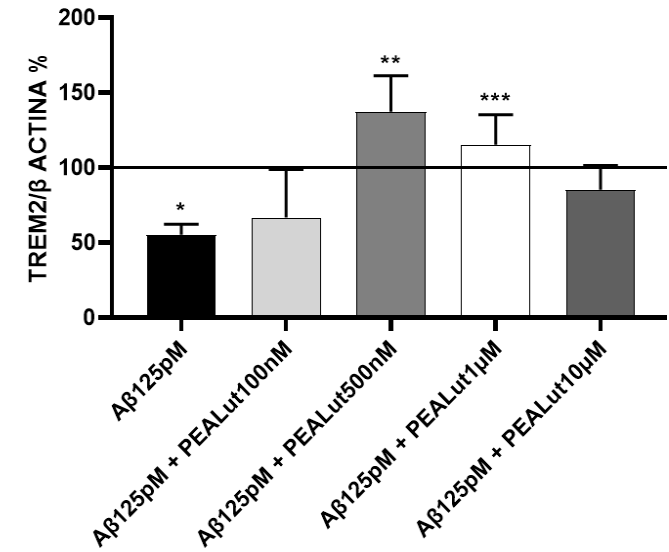
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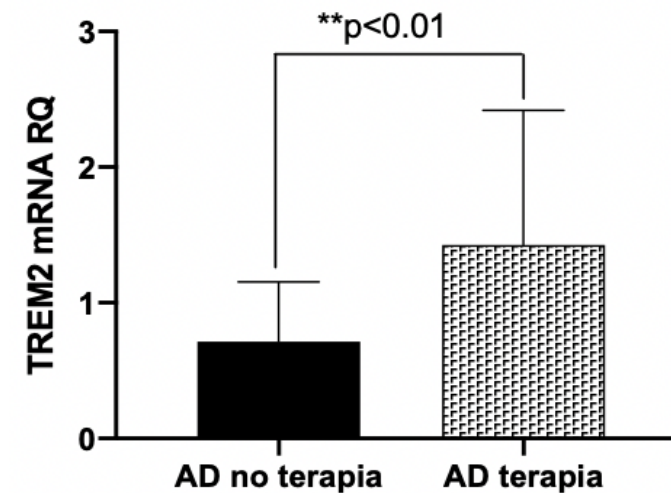
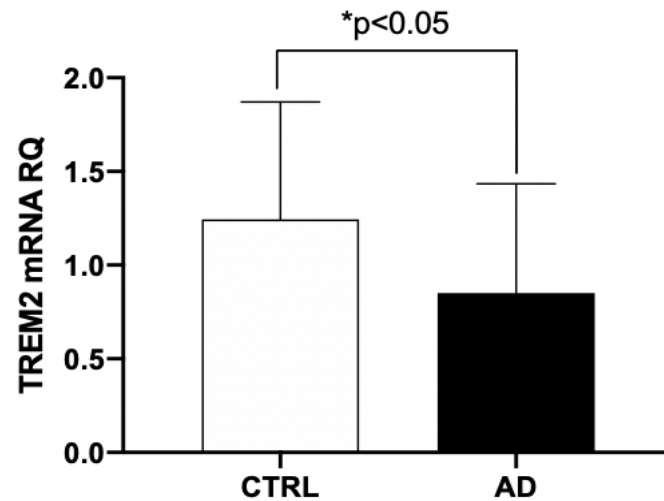
Donepezil



Co-ultraPEALut

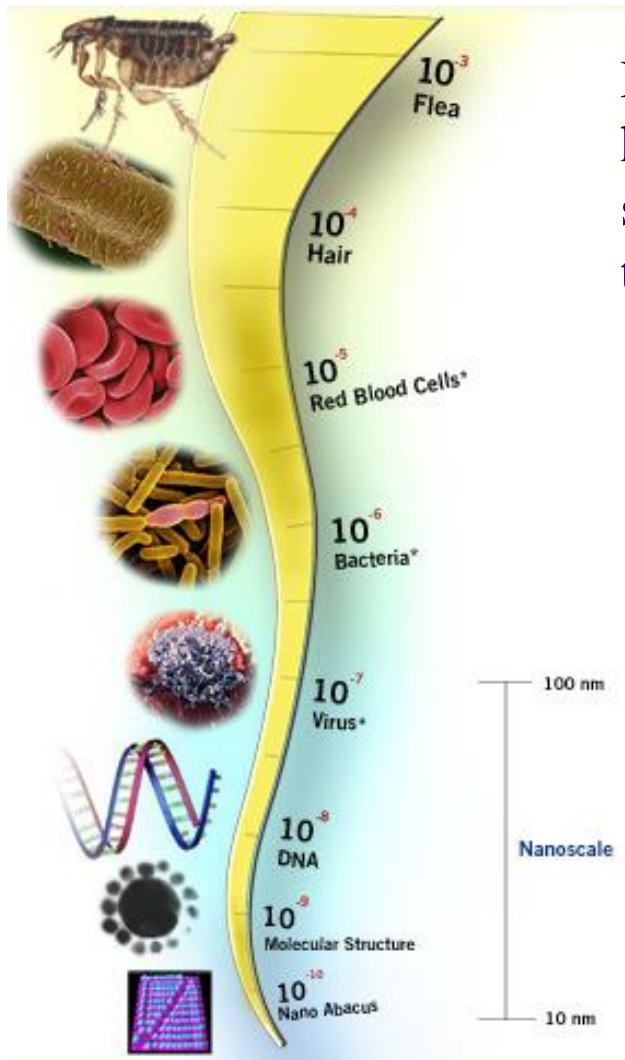


Monociti
Umani
(Donepezil)



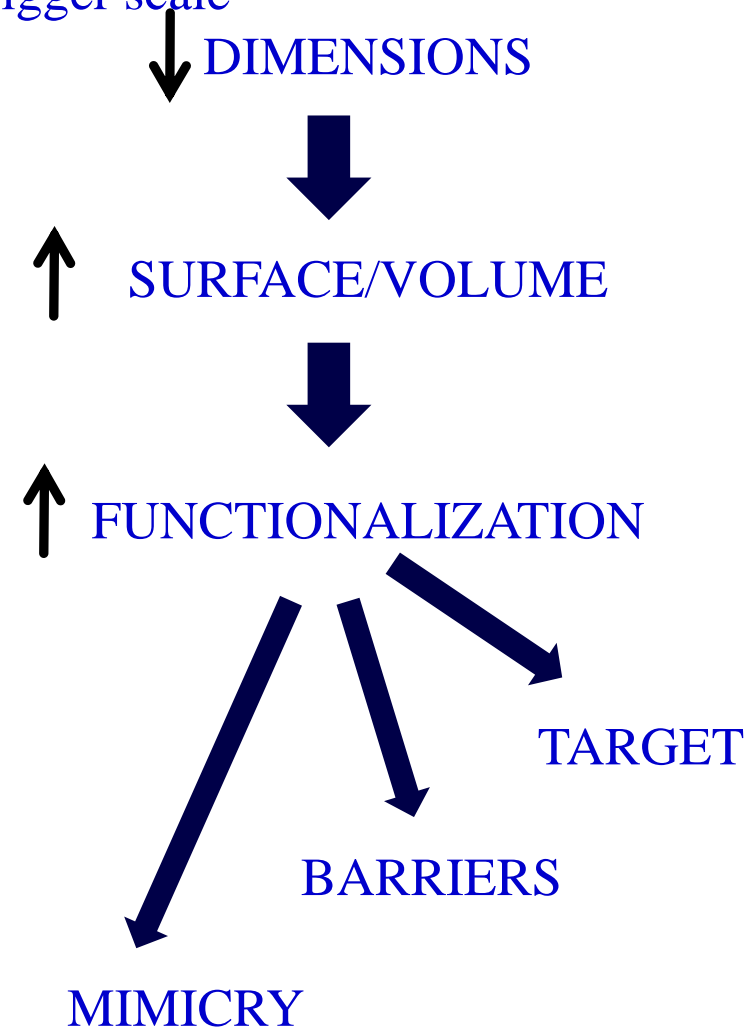
Nanomedicine

Nanomedicine is the application of nanotechnology to achieve innovation in healthcare. It uses the properties developed by a material at its nanometric scale 10^{-9} m which often differ in terms of physics, chemistry or biology from the same material at a bigger scale

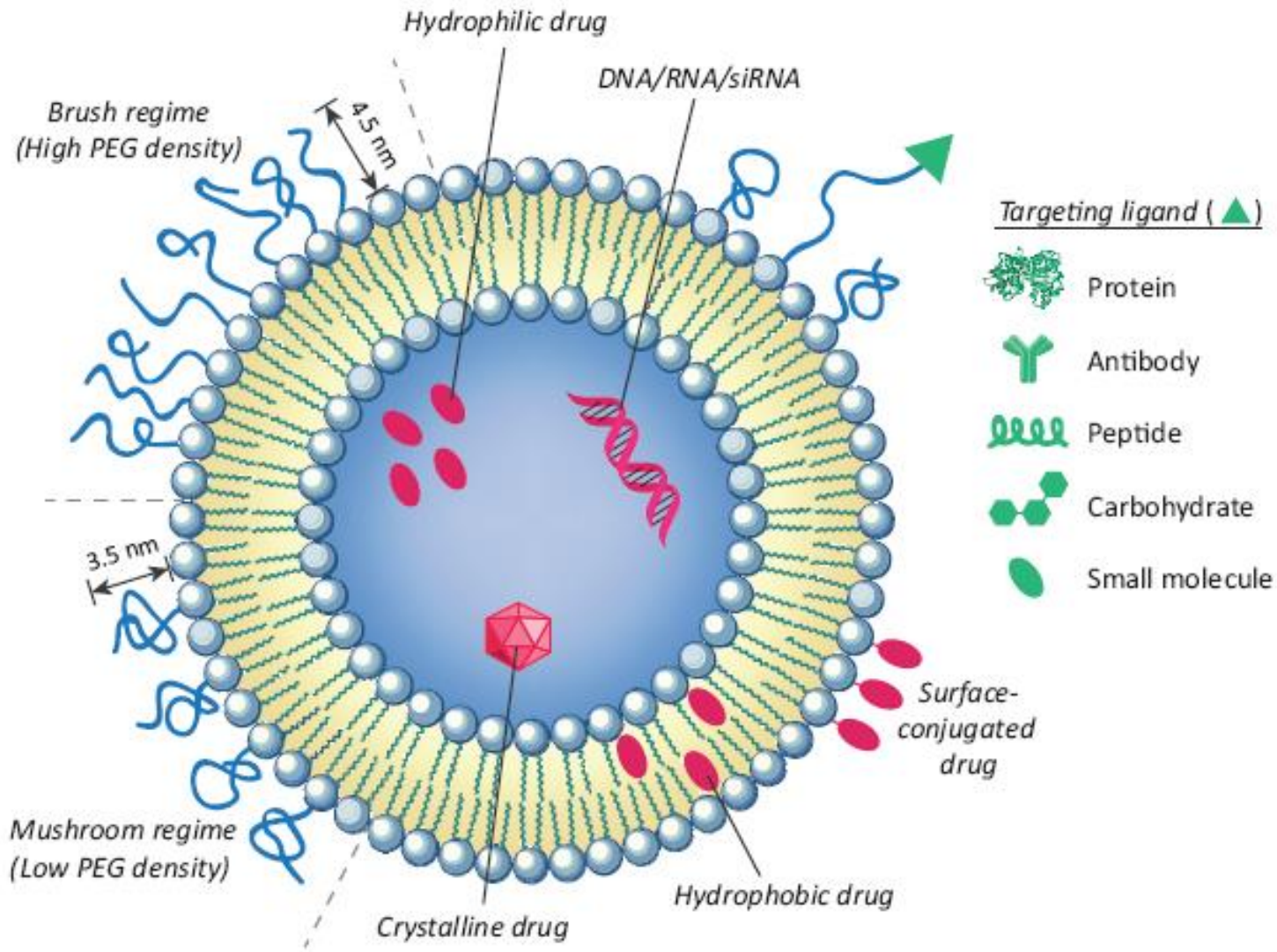


USED IN:

- DIAGNOSTIC,
- DRUG DELIVERY,
- REGENERATIVE MEDICINE



LIPOSOMES



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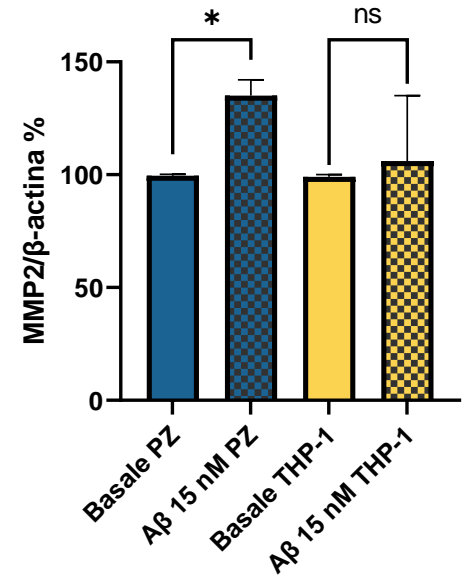
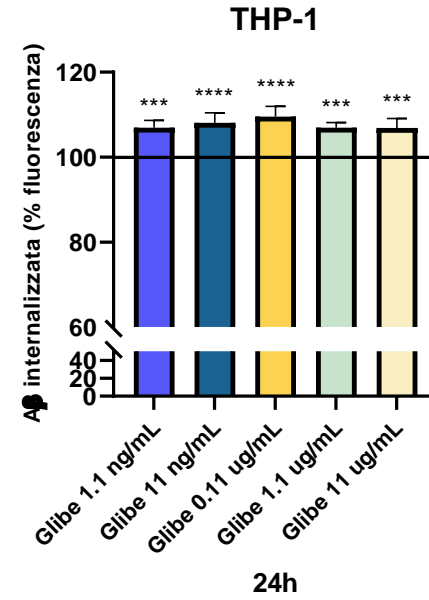
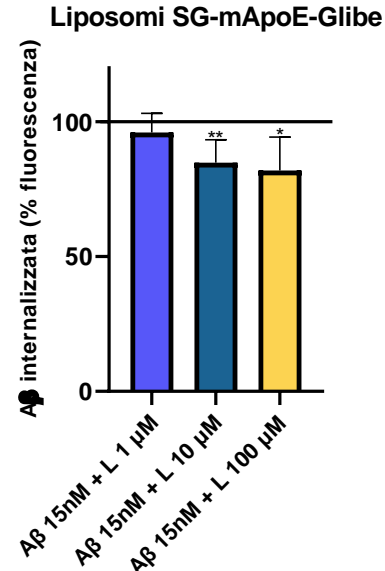
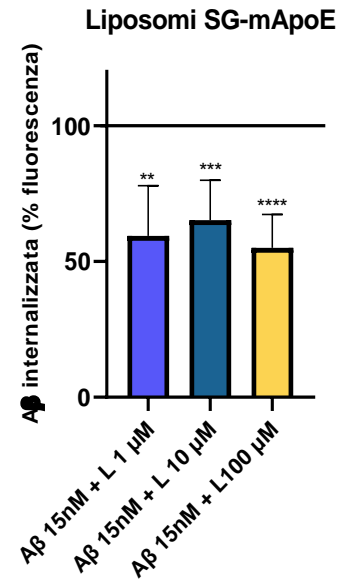
➤ *MApoE: monomero di ApoE*

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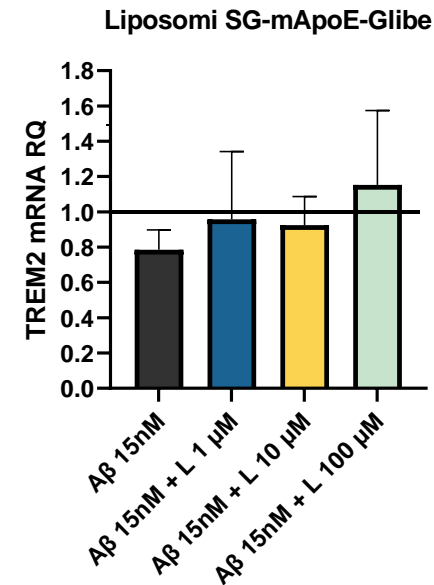
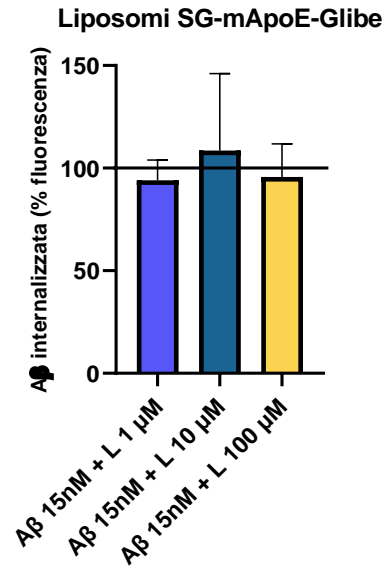
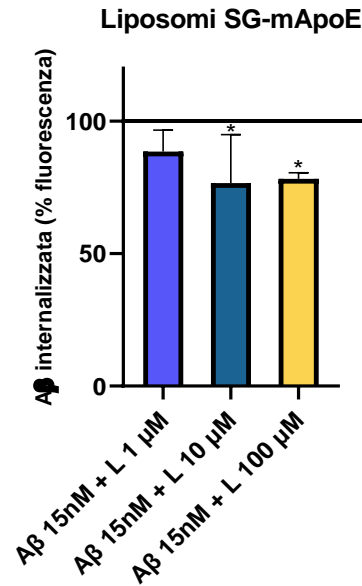
➤ *glibenclamide*

Liposomi: modulano in maniera diversa l'internalizzazione di A β

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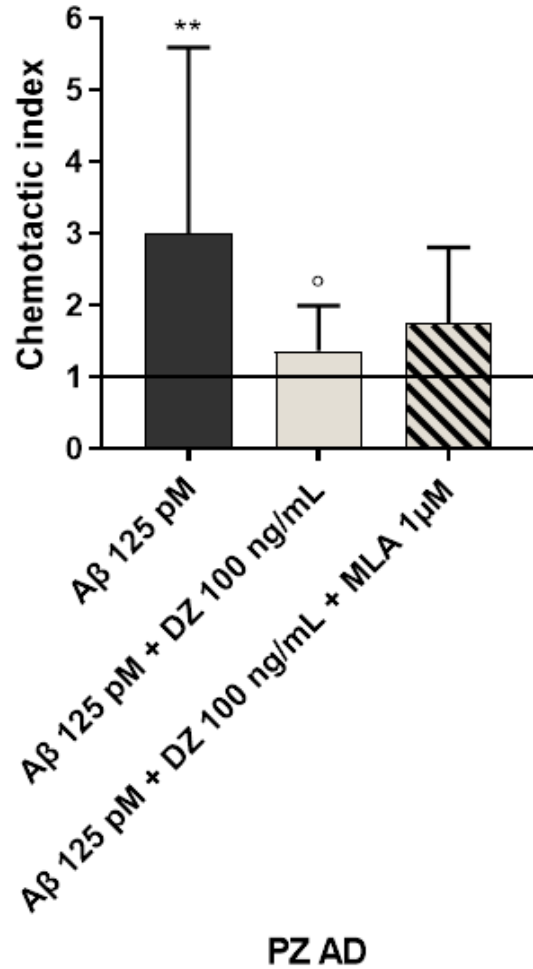


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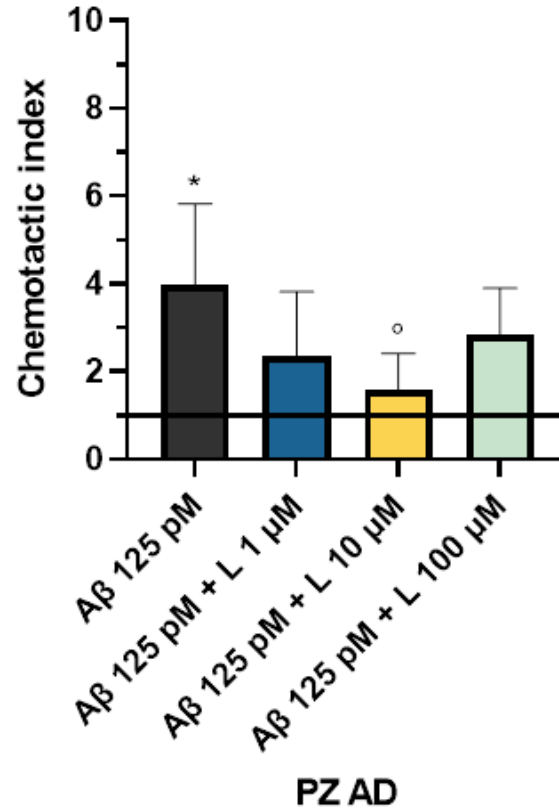


I trattamenti: modulano la chemiotassi monocitaria A β -indotta

Donepezil



Liposomi SG-mApoE-Glibe



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