

# Glucocorticoid Signaling

- Glucocorticoids are important for lung development, carbohydrate metabolism, and the inflammatory response.
- Dexamethasone binds tighter to the GR (Glucocorticoid receptor)
- Tighter binding= more of an effect

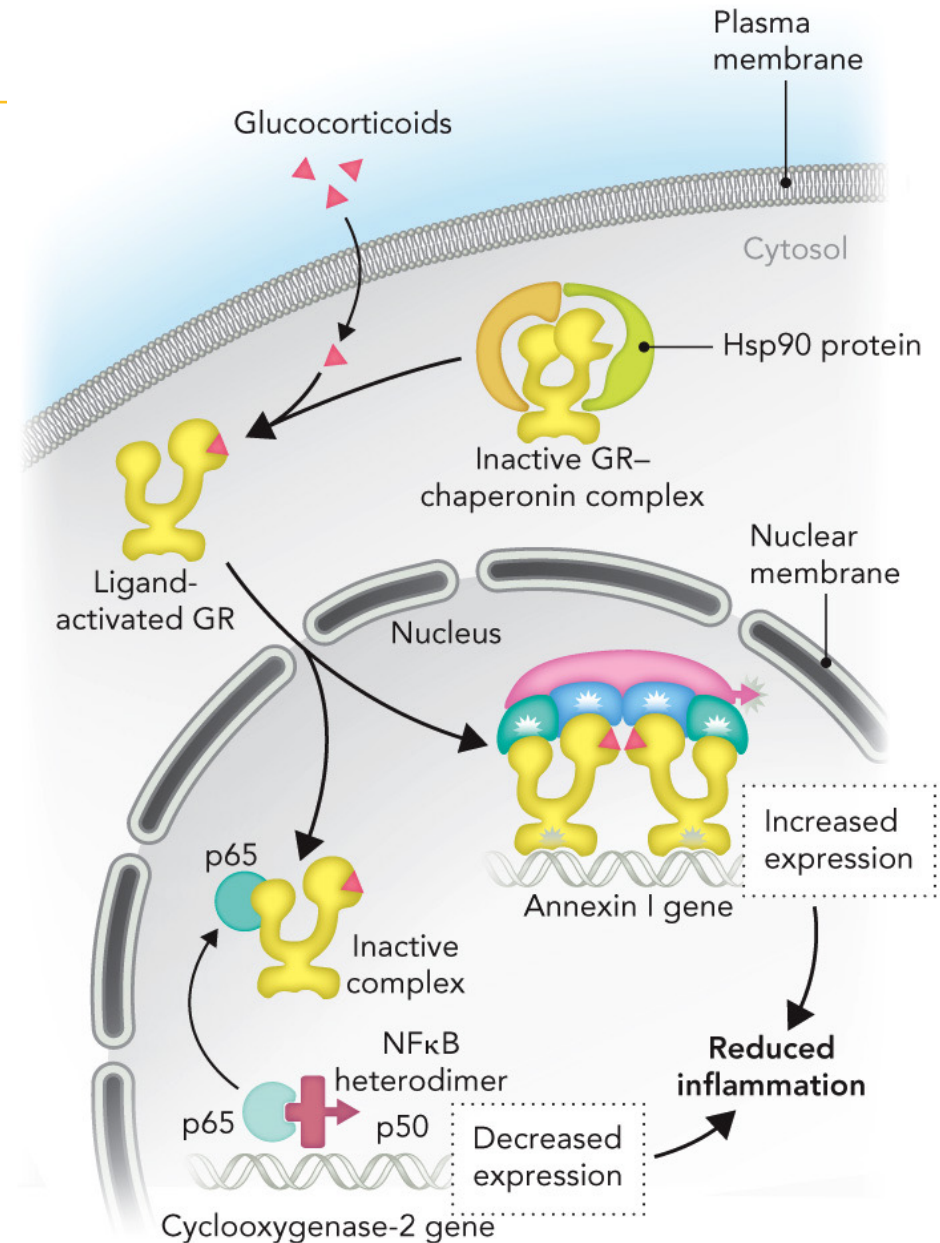
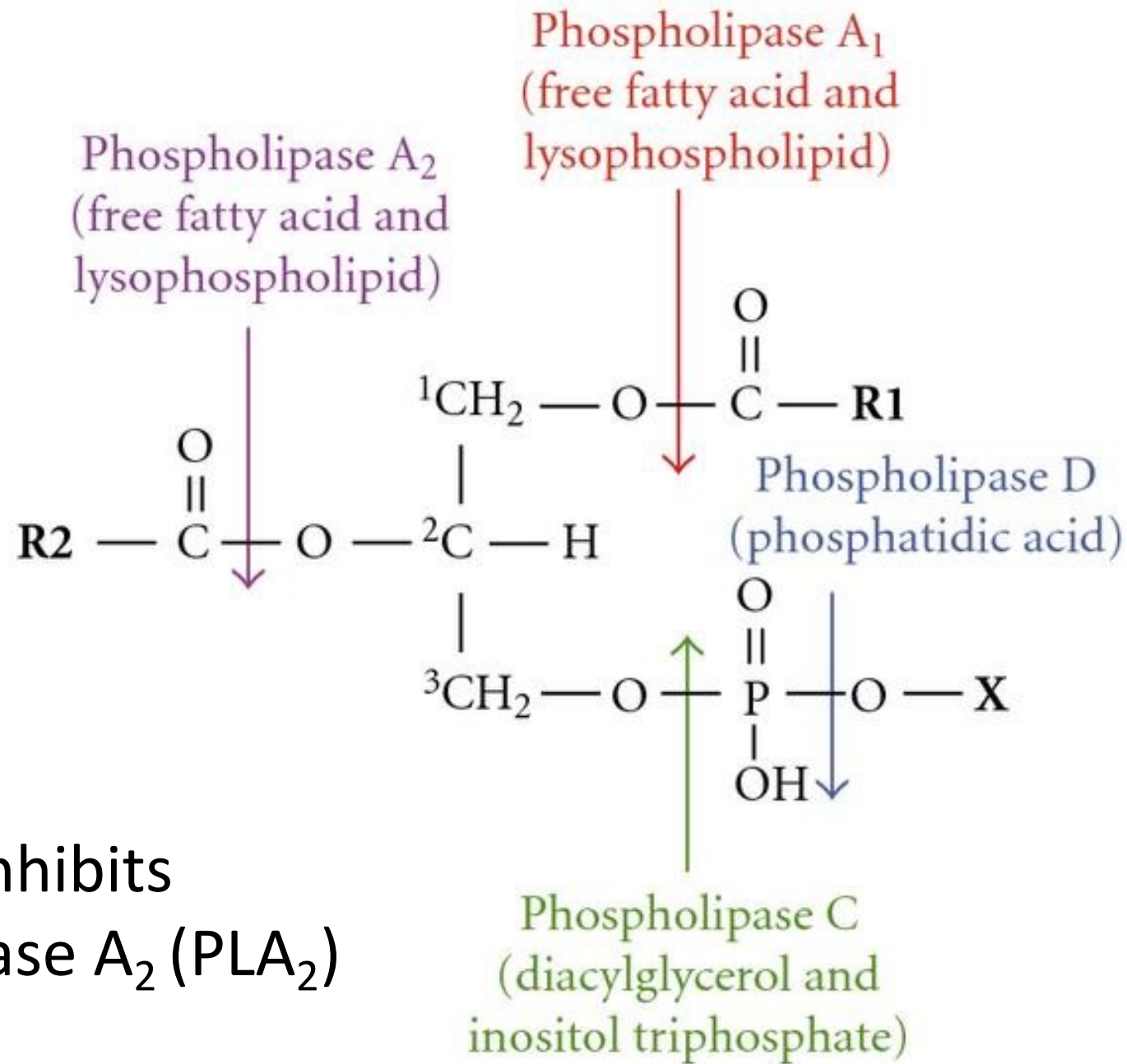
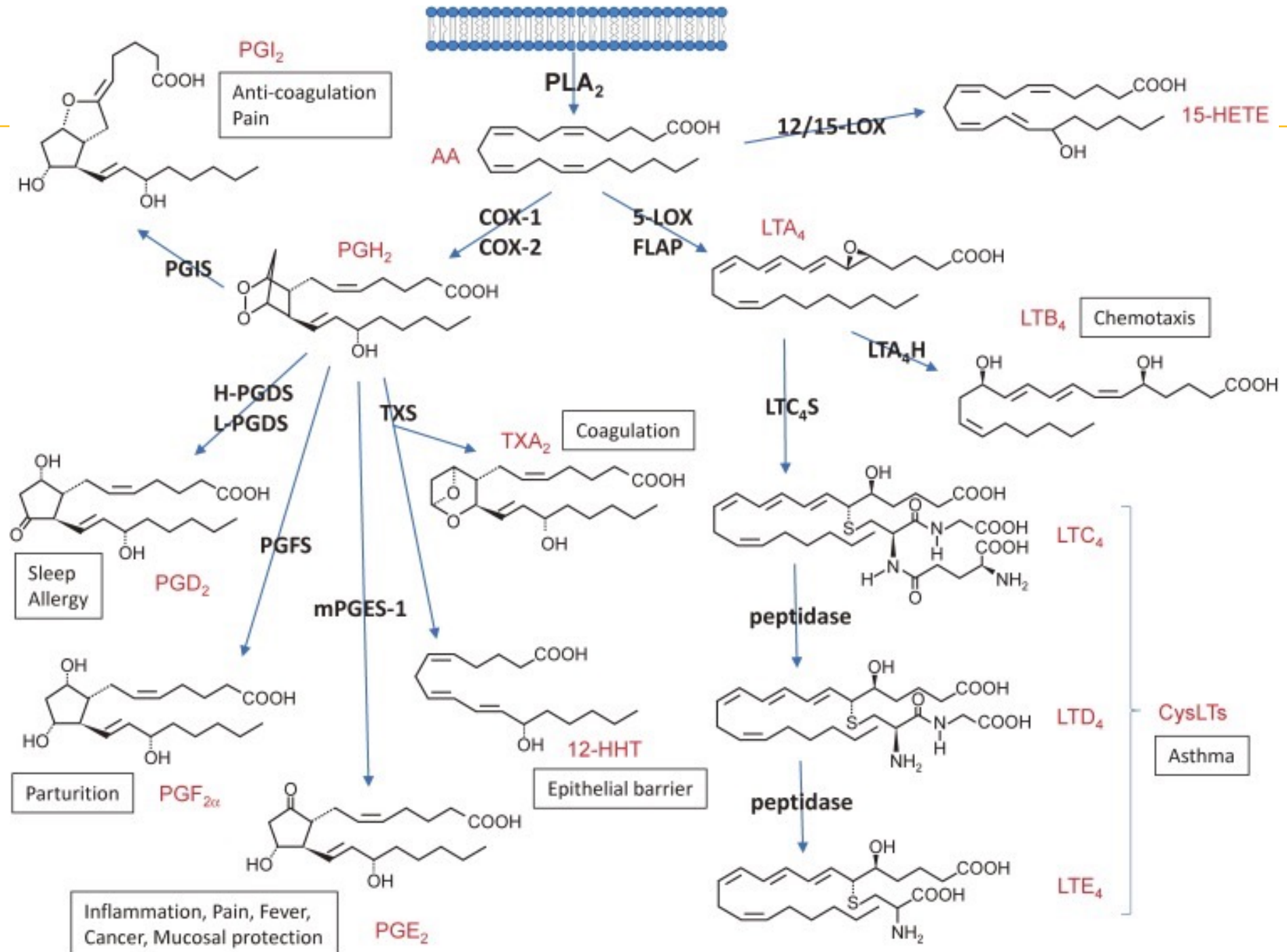
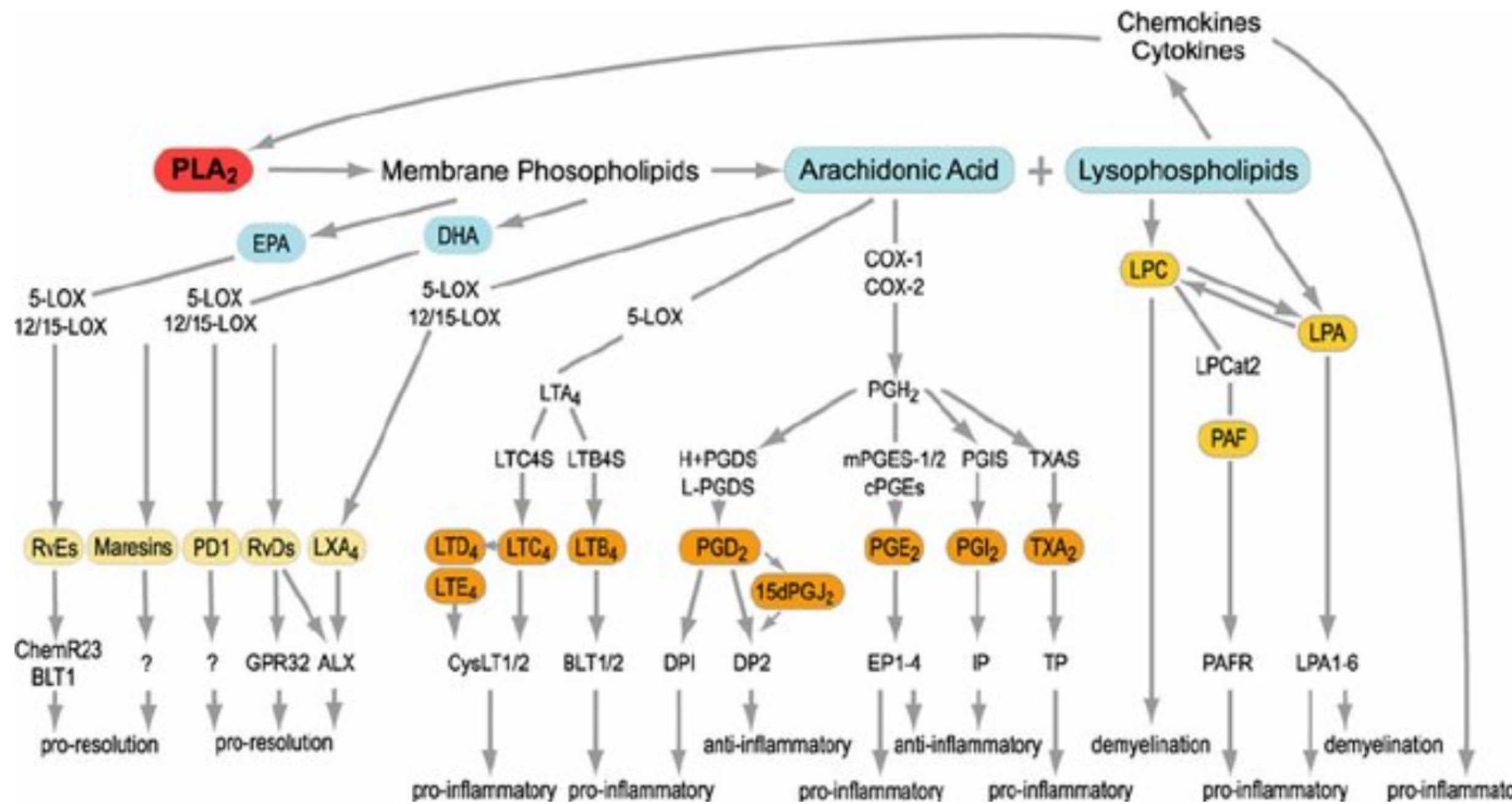


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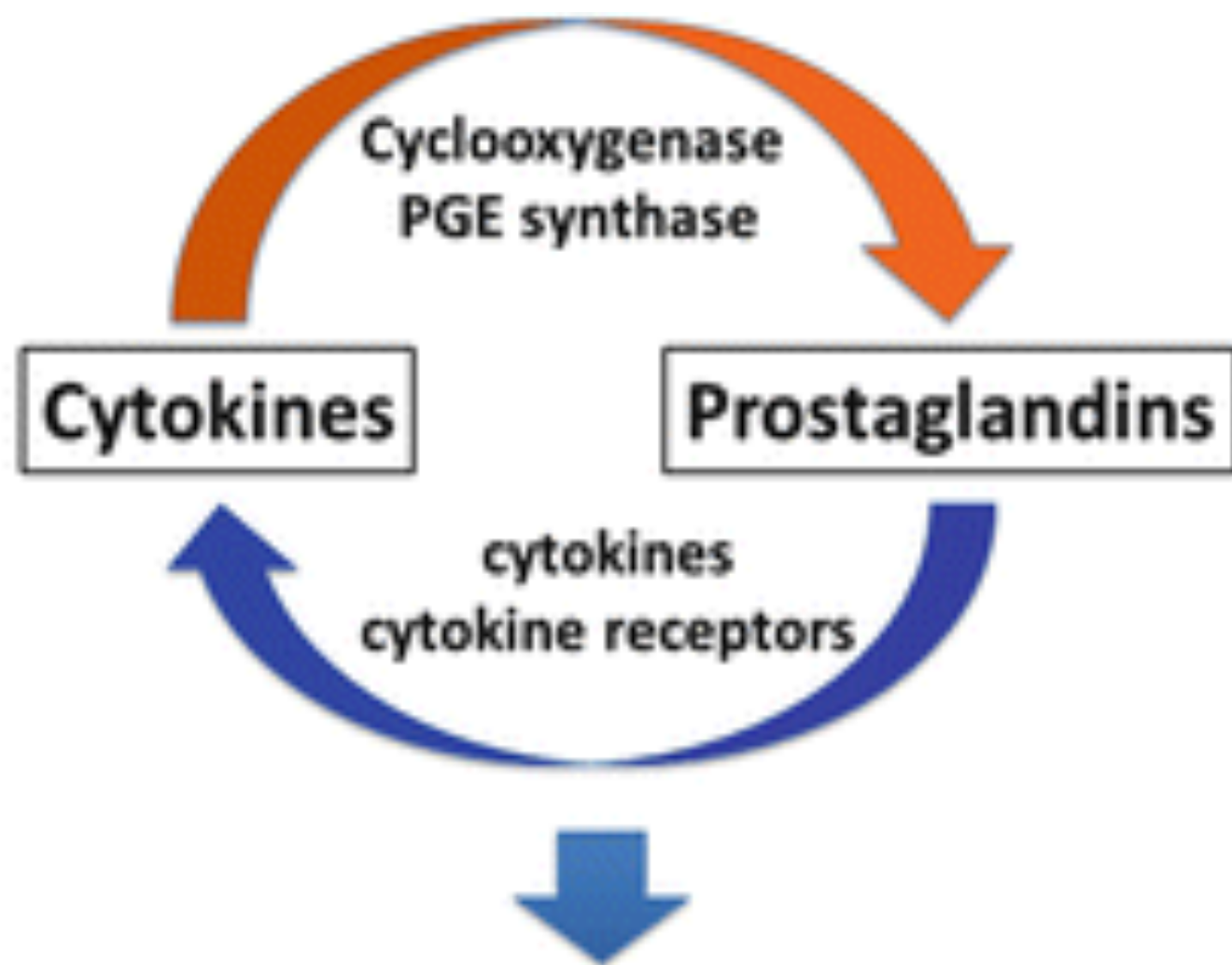


Annexin 1 inhibits  
Phospholipase A<sub>2</sub> (PLA<sub>2</sub>)

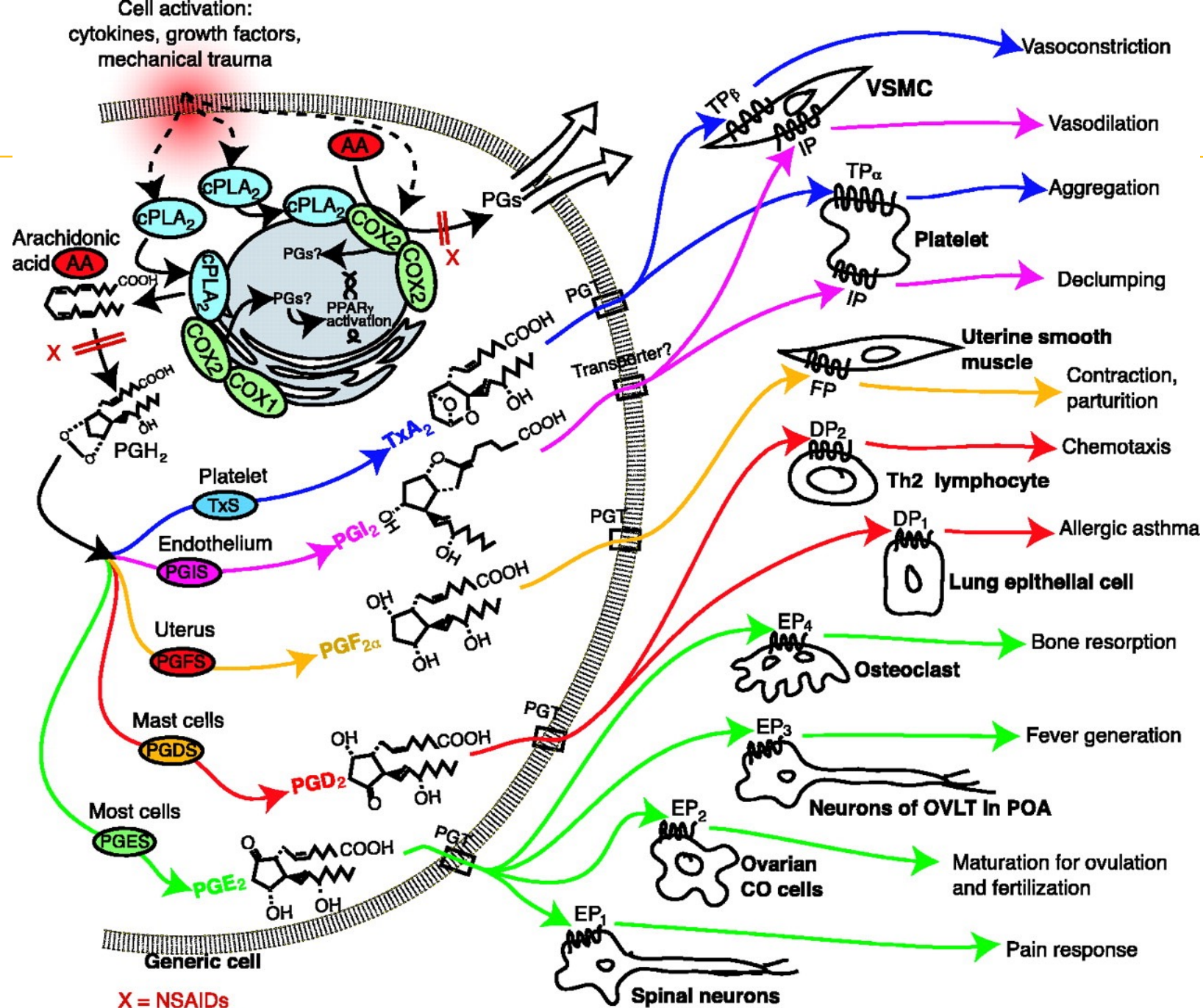




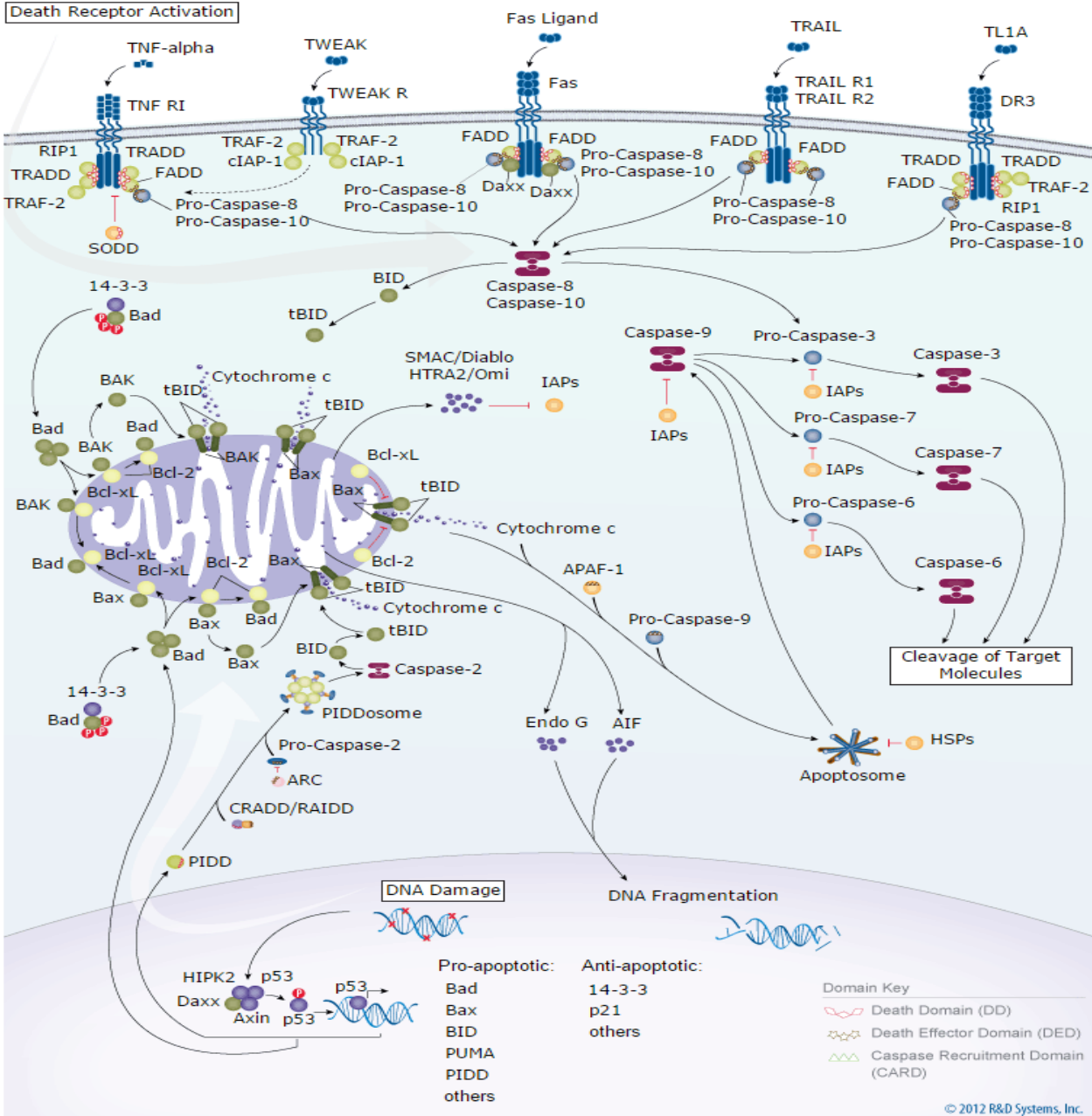


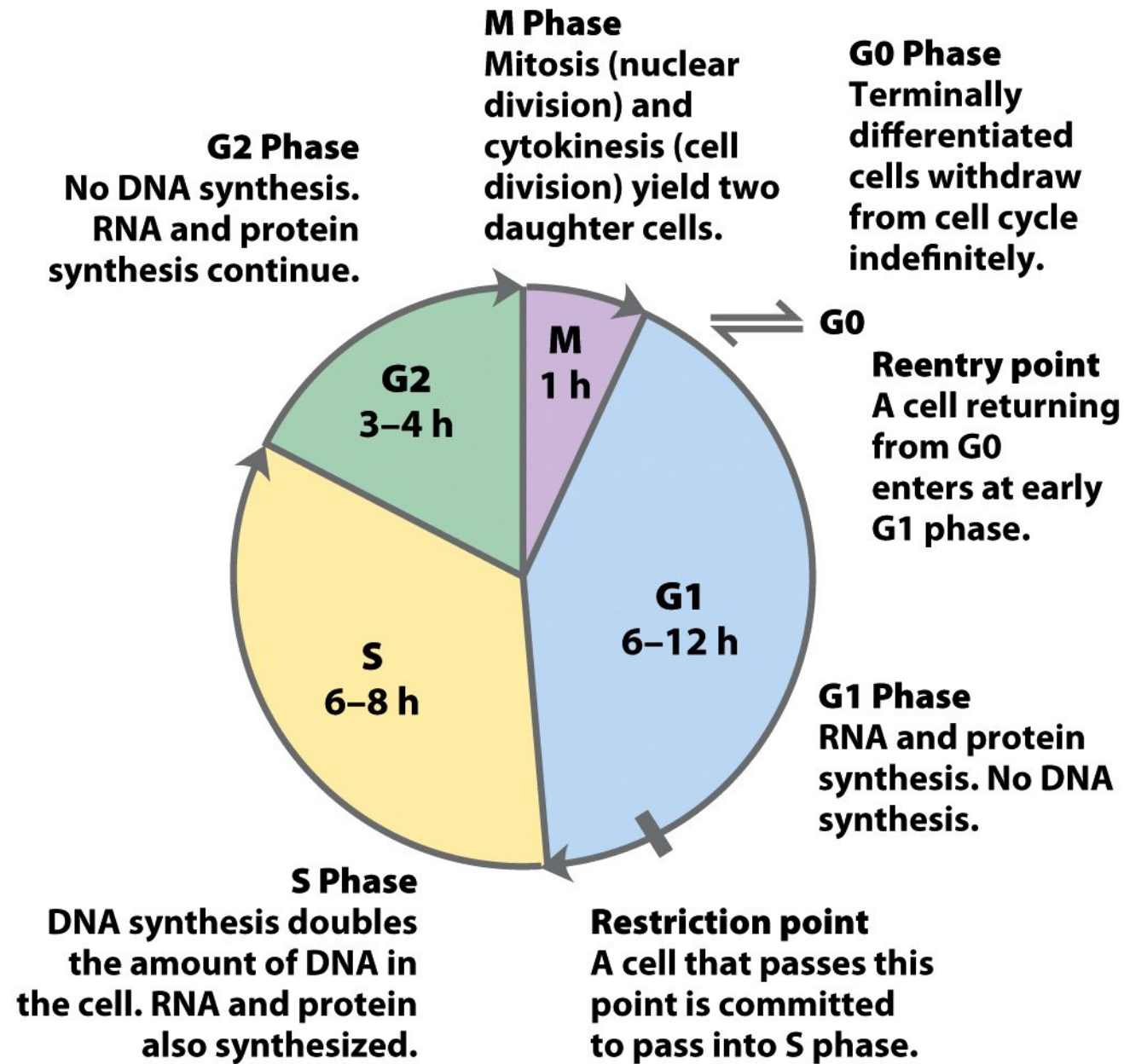


**Amplification of cytokine actions and exacerbation  
of inflammation-related gene expressions**



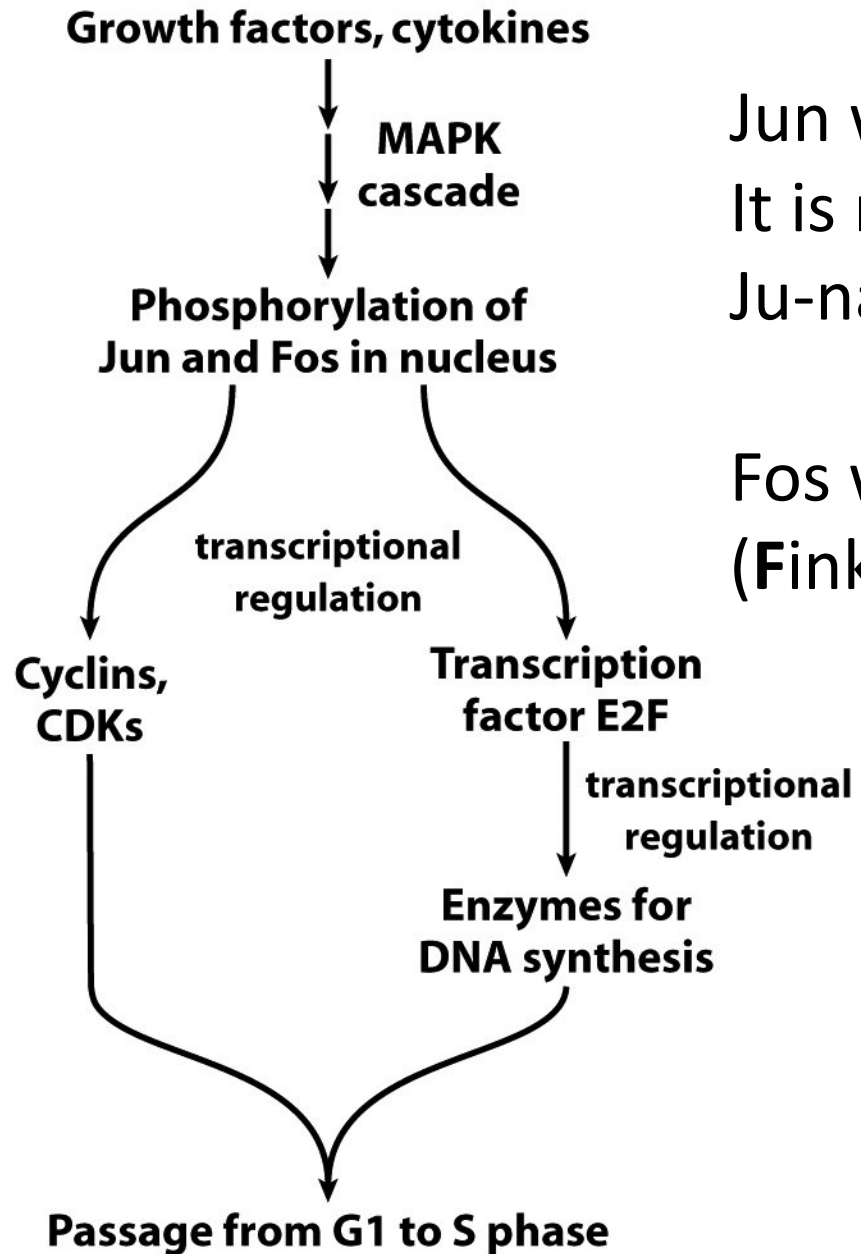
# Articular Cartilage Extracellular Matrix Pathway





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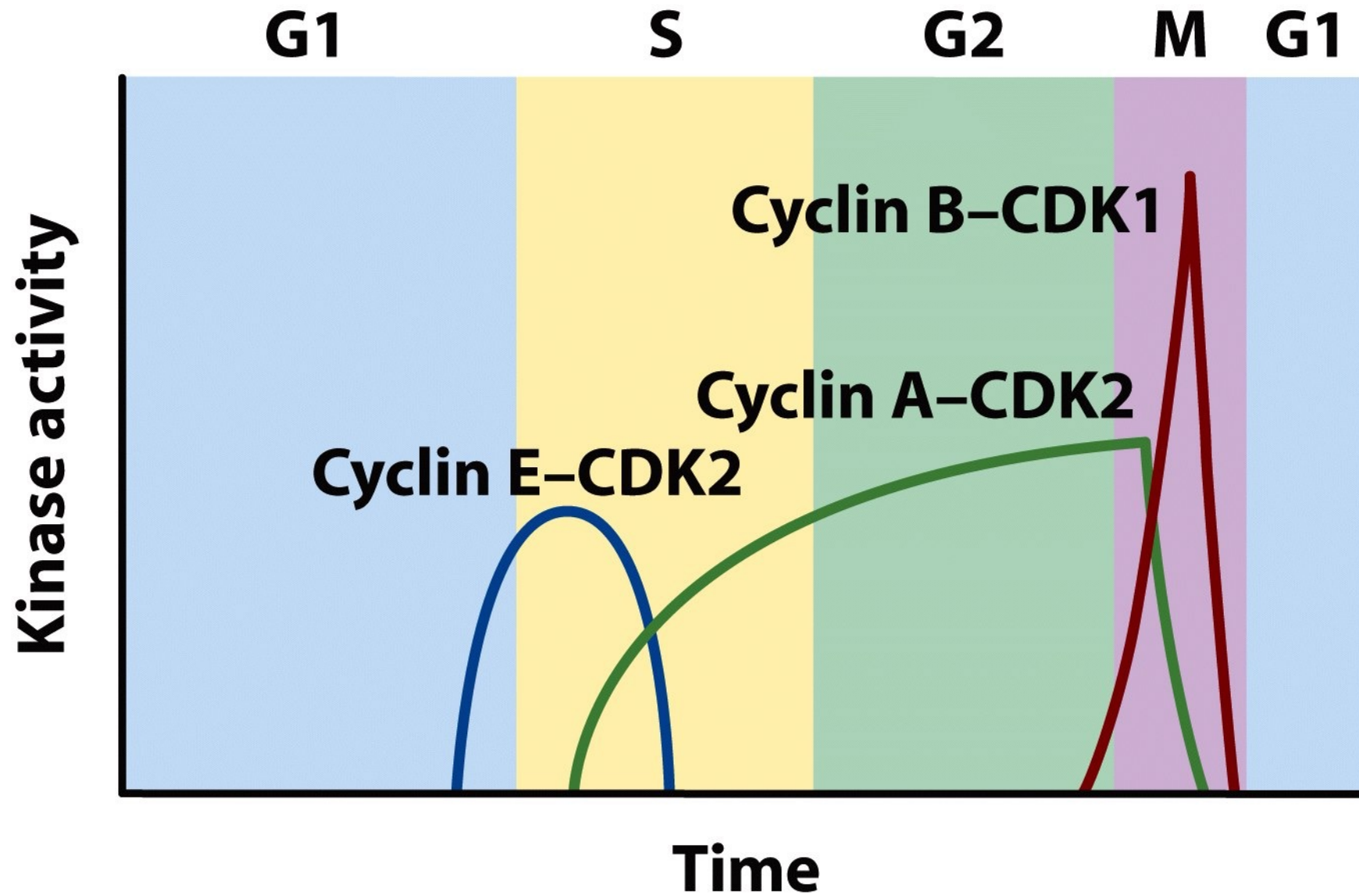




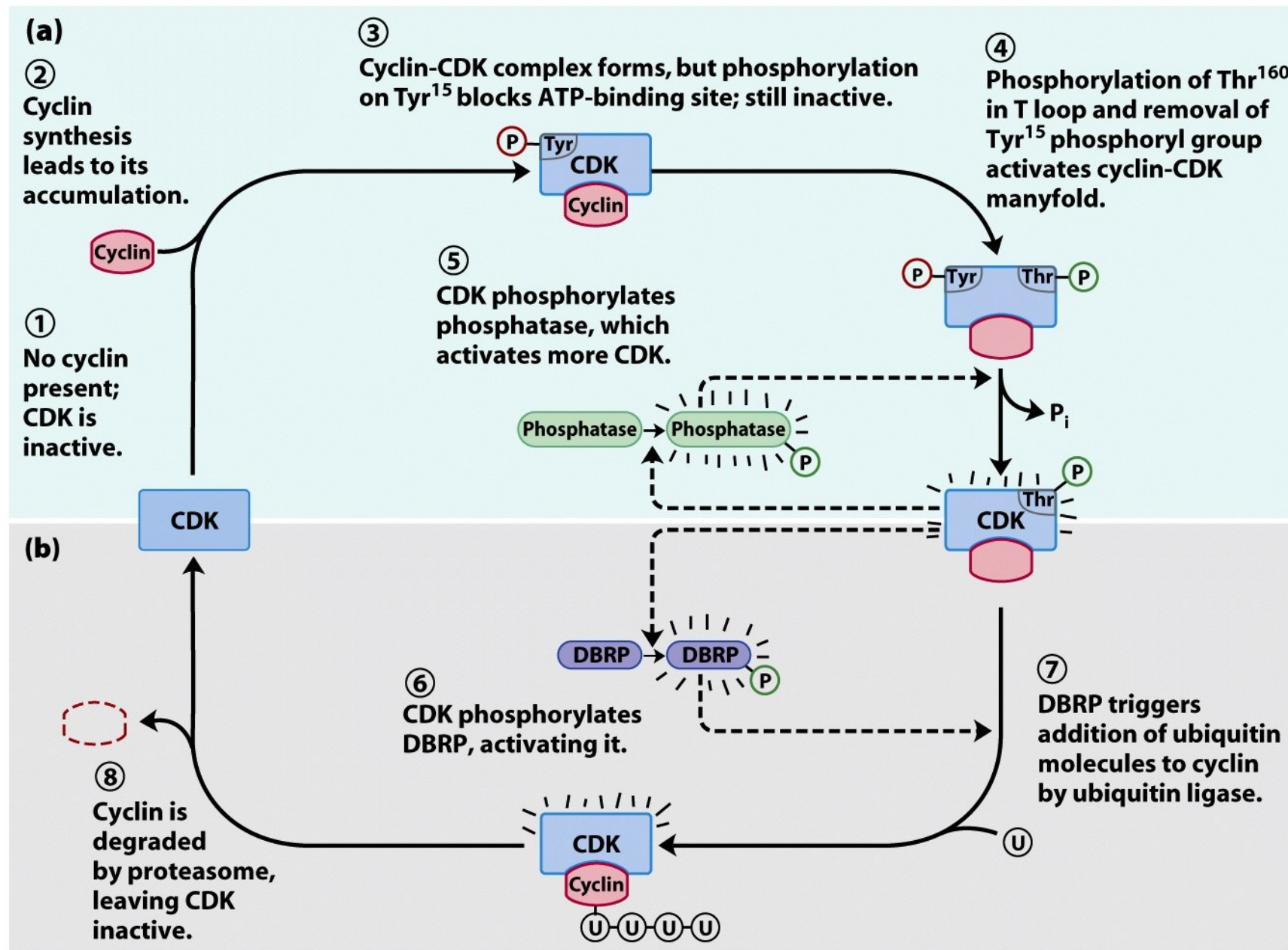
Jun was discovered in Avian sarcoma virus 17  
It is named after the Japanese word for 17,  
Ju-nana

Fos was discovered in the FBJ MSV  
(Finkel–Biskis–Jenkins murine osteogenic sarcoma virus)

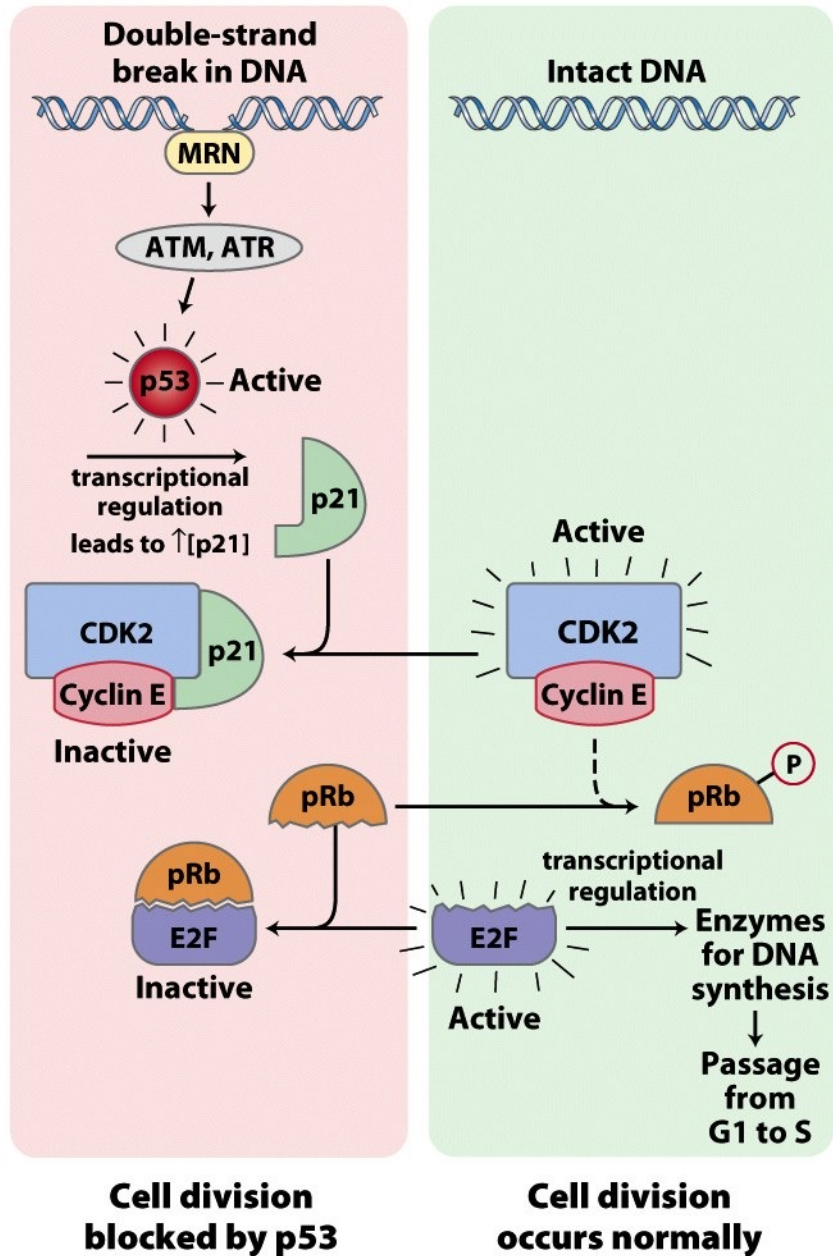
CDK: Cyclin dependent kinase  
E2F: Eukaryotic transcription factor



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MRN = Mre + rad50 + Nbs1

Mre= recombinations

Rad50 = DNA repair protein for radiation damage

Nbs1 = Nijmegen breakage syndrome  
 (autosomal recessive, chromosomal instability)

ATM-check point kinase, Ataxia telegiectasia mutated, discolored skin, problems walking, mental development stops at age 12

ATR-ATM and Rad3 related, activated by single strand DNA breaks

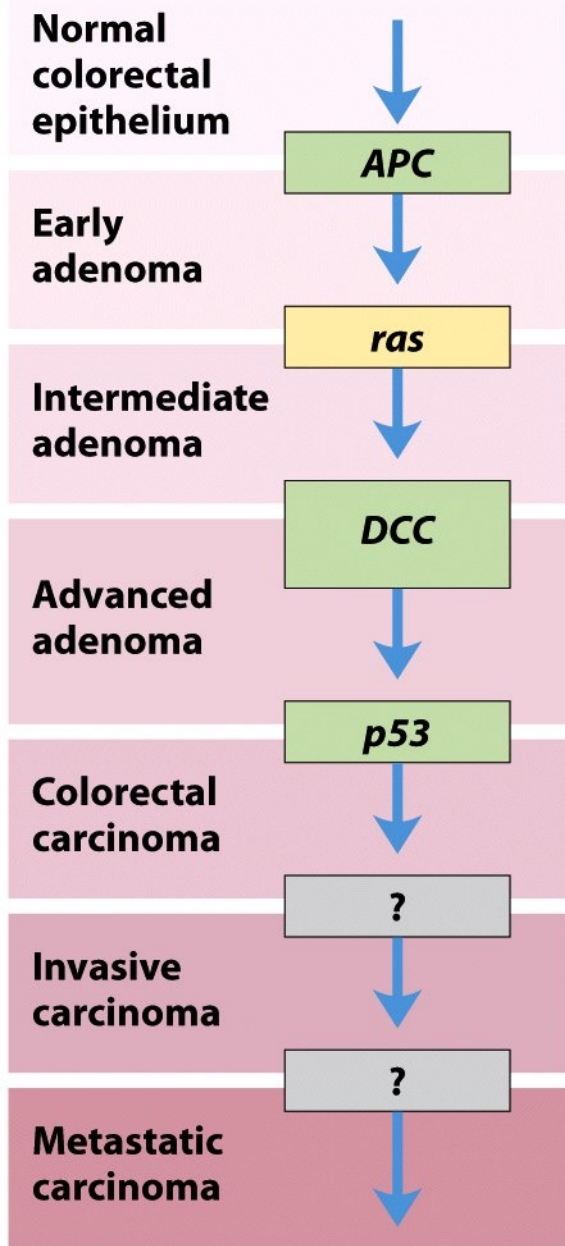
p53 53kD protein Transcription factor, increases p21

P21 21 kD protein

CDK2 cyclin dependent kinase

pRB Retinoblastoma protein



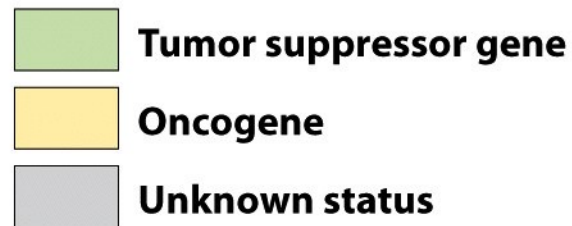


APC: Adenomatous polyposis coli, tumor suppressor, mutation removes ability of cell to differentiate => tumor.

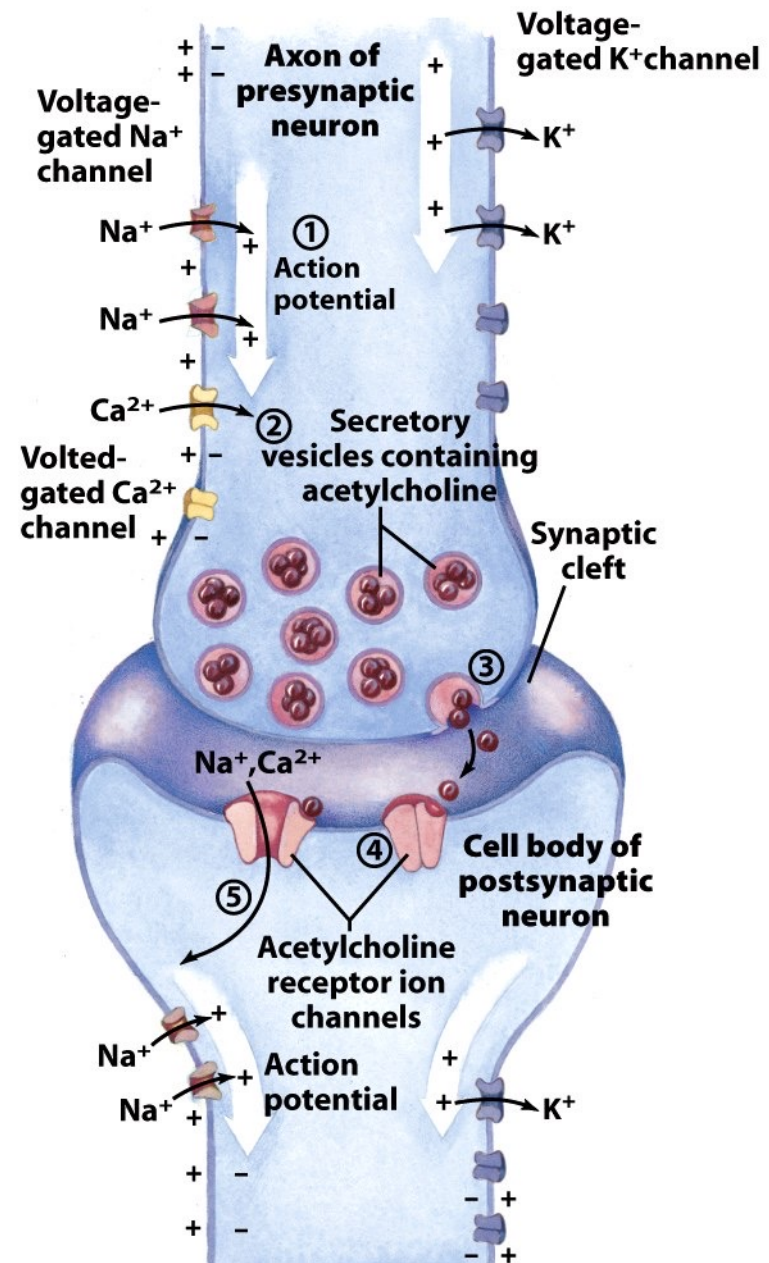
Ras: rat associated sarcoma, GAP, mutation lacks GTPase activity, signal to divide is always on.

DCC: Deleted in colorectal cancer, mutated cells can not produce mucous.

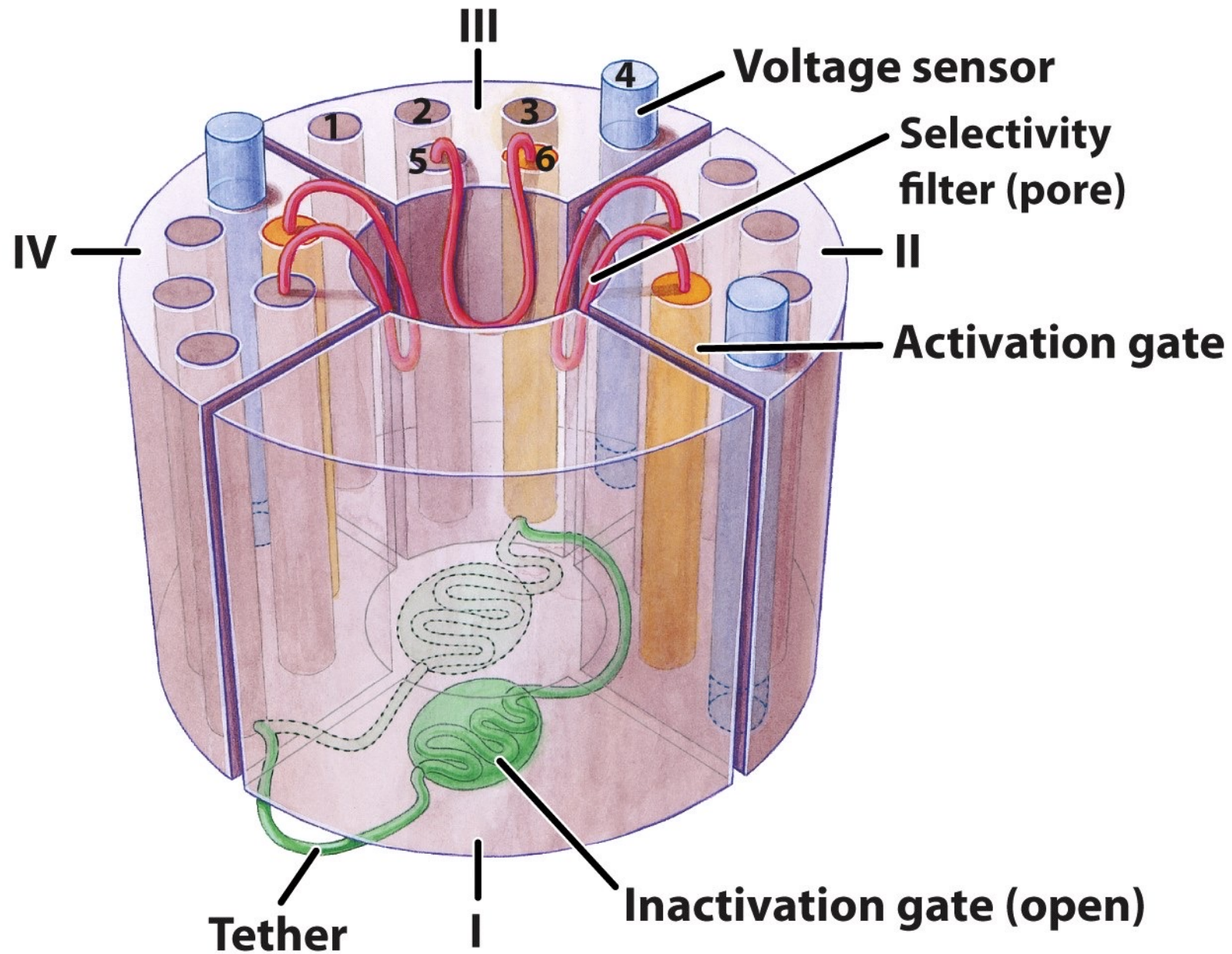
p53: tumor suppressor, prevents cell division if DNA is damaged.



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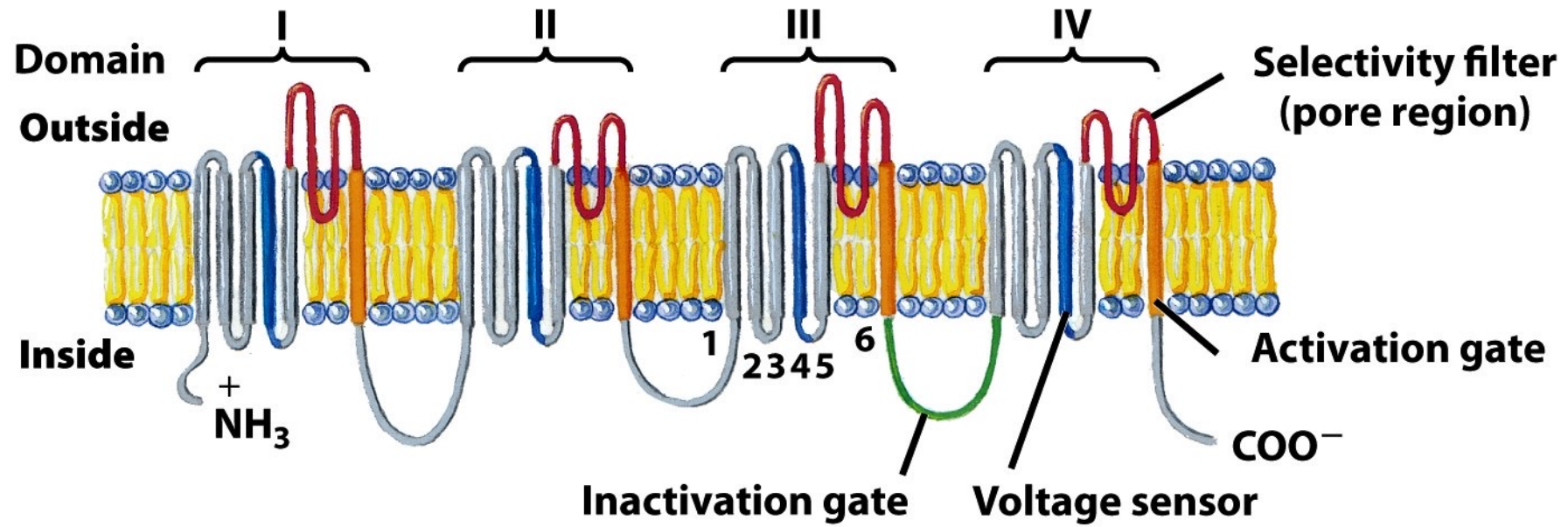


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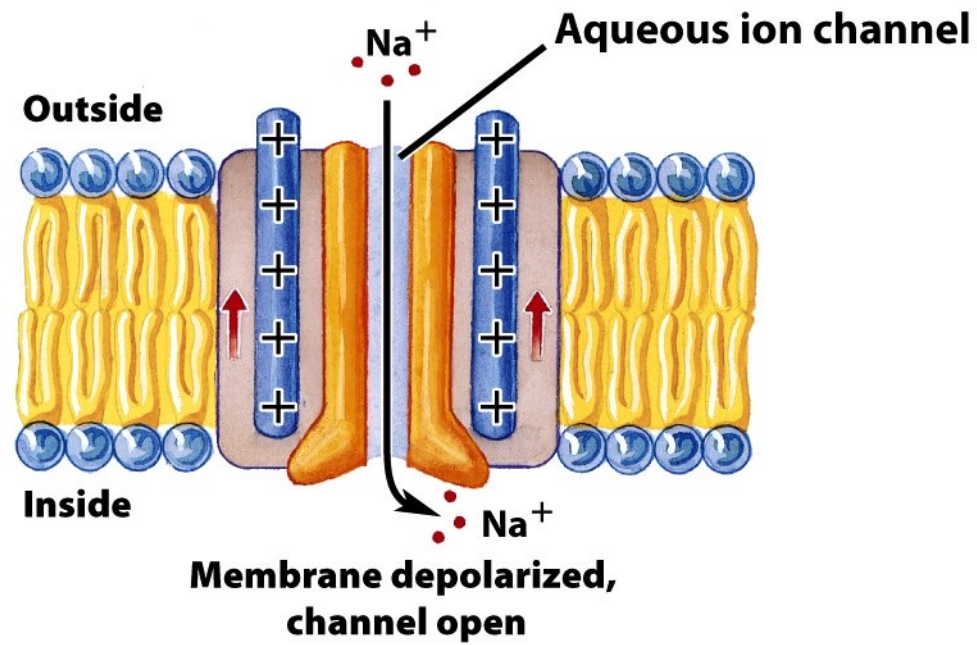
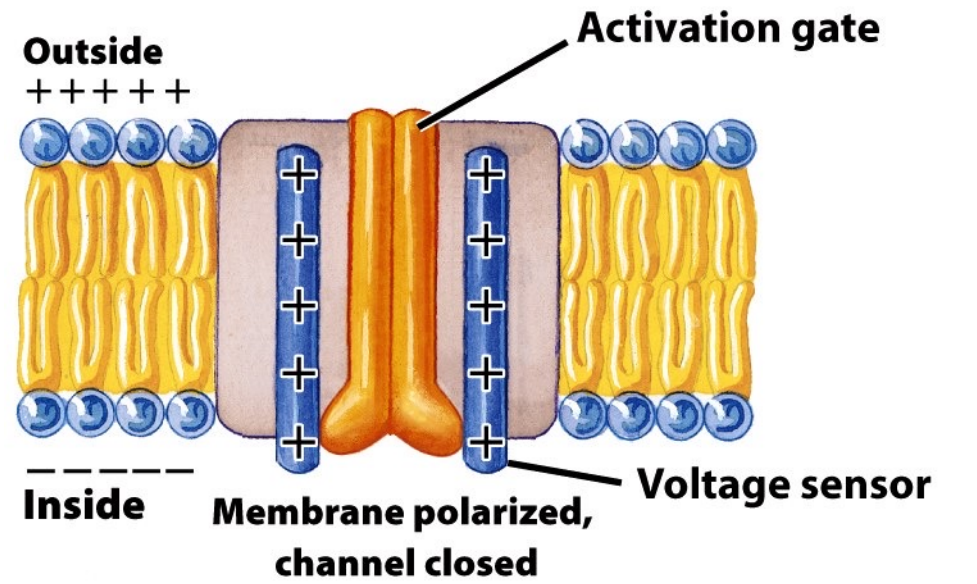
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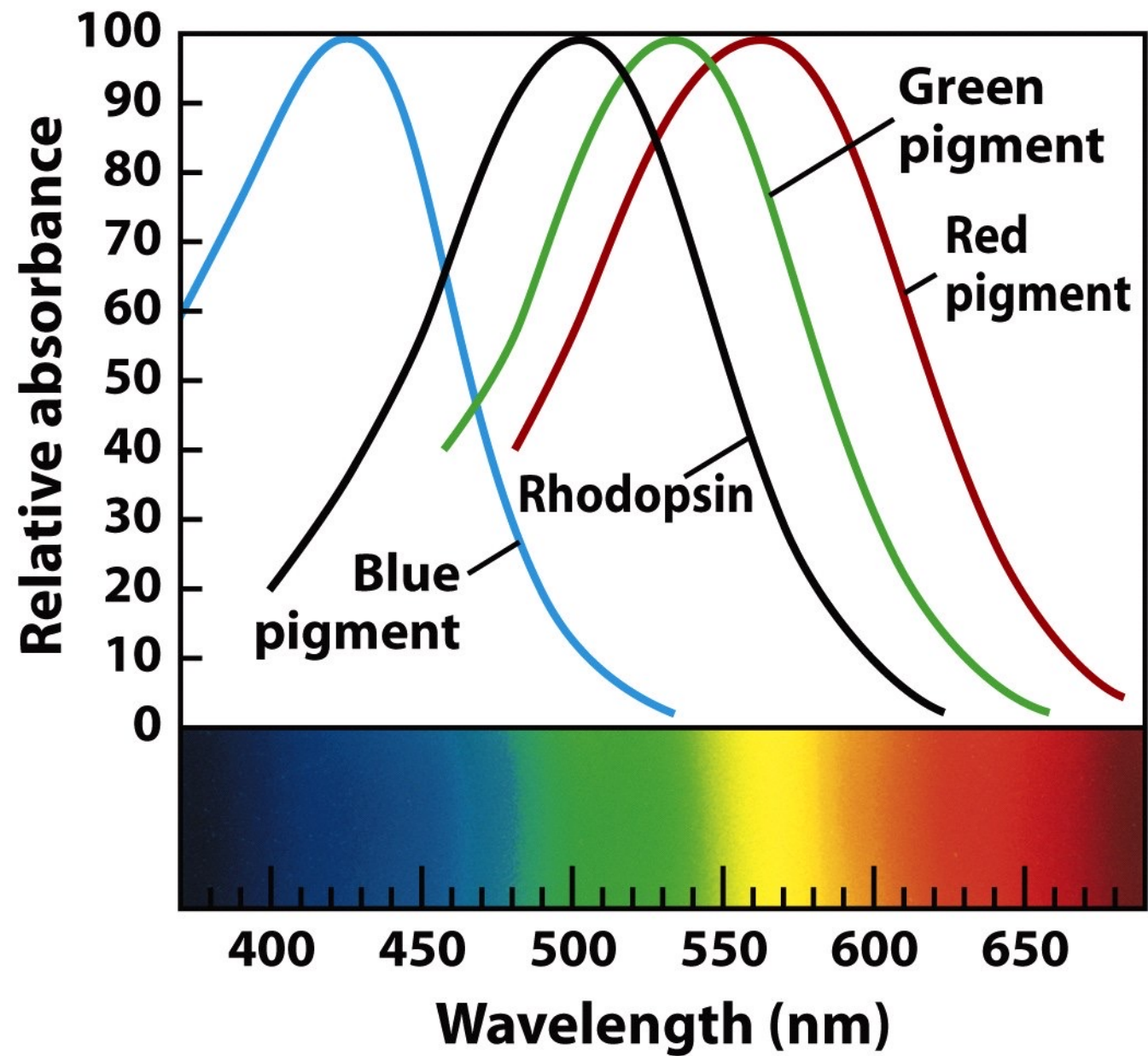


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The  $\alpha$ 1A-Adrenergic receptor cascade involves Gq, PLC,  $IP_3$ ,  $Ca^{+2}$  and diacyl glycerol.  $Ca^{+2}$  and diacyl glycerol activate PKC and PKC phosphorylates GSK3 $\beta$  (Glycogen Synthase Kinase -3 $\beta$ ). The phosphorylated form of GSK3 $\beta$  is inactive and thus can not phosphorylate Glycogen Synthase (GS). This makes Glycogen Synthase **more active** and promotes glycogen synthesis; this is the opposite of what is in your book.

The book gives a general statement that activation of PKC inhibits glycogen synthase. After reading this journal article, the full story becomes clearer. The  $\alpha$ 1A-Adrenergic receptor has another pathway that does inhibit glycogen synthesis. The  $\alpha$ 1A-Adrenergic receptor cascade **inactivates** Akt (aka PKB). Akt is activated by the Insulin cascade: which is shown in the powerpoint slides. When Akt is inactivated by the  $\alpha$ 1A-Adrenergic receptor cascade, it does not phosphorylate GSK3 $\beta$ . The unphosphorylated form of GSK3 $\beta$  is active, it phosphorylates Glycogen Synthase to make GS less active.

Catecholamines work against insulin by binding to the Gq coupled receptor that results in the **inactivation** of Akt (mechanism under study). This allows GSK3 $\beta$  to remain active and it phosphorylates and inactivates GS. The net result of catecholamines binding to the  $\alpha$ 1A-Adrenergic receptor is less glycogen synthesis, as stated (vaguely) in the text.

Lisa M. Ballou, Pei-Yu Tian, Hong-Ying Lin, Ya-Ping Jiang and Richard Z. Lin “Dual Regulation of Glycogen Synthase Kinase-3 $\beta$  by the  $\alpha$ 1A-Adrenergic Receptor” (2001) *Journal of Biological Chemistry*, 276: 40910-40916  
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