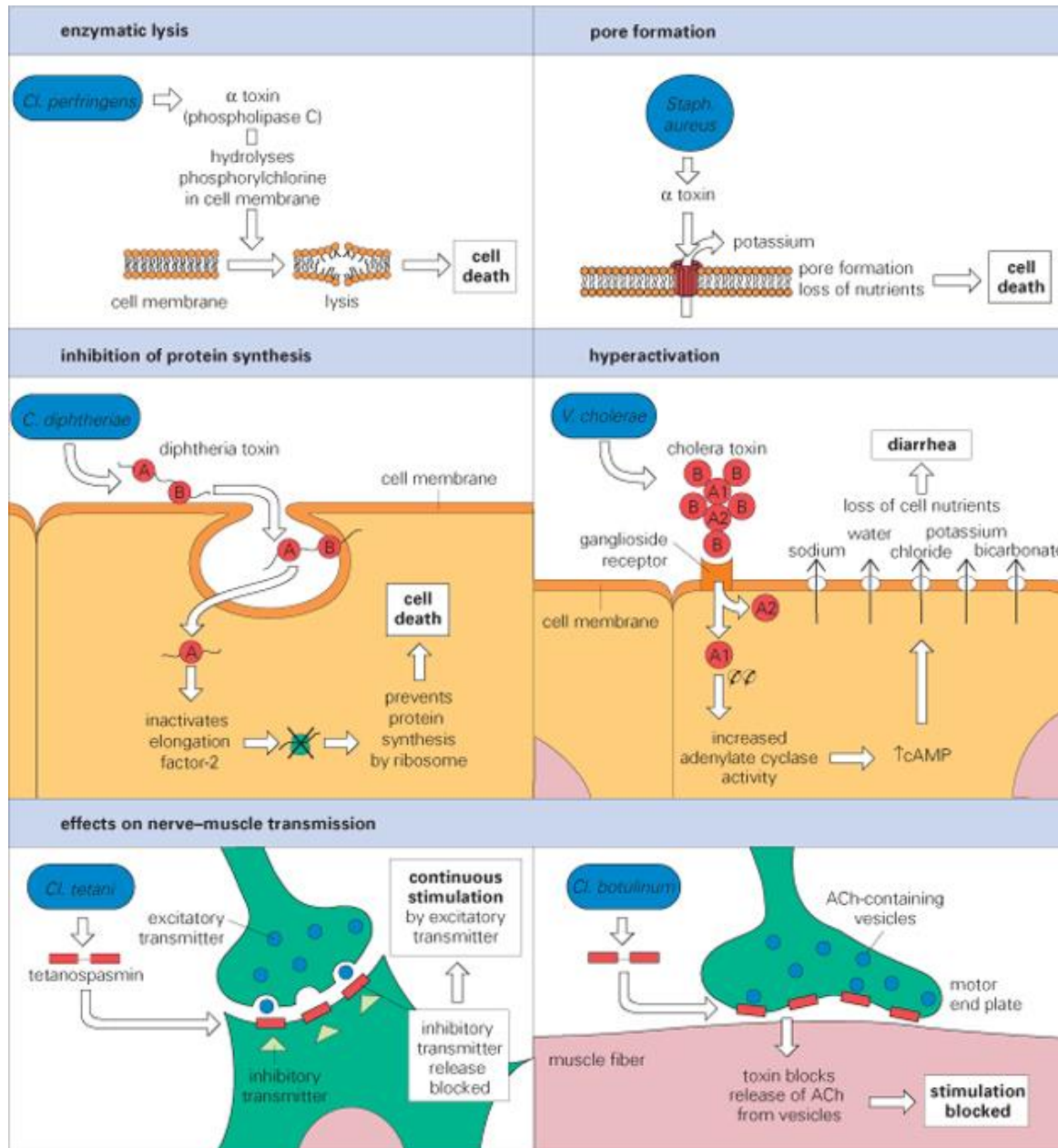
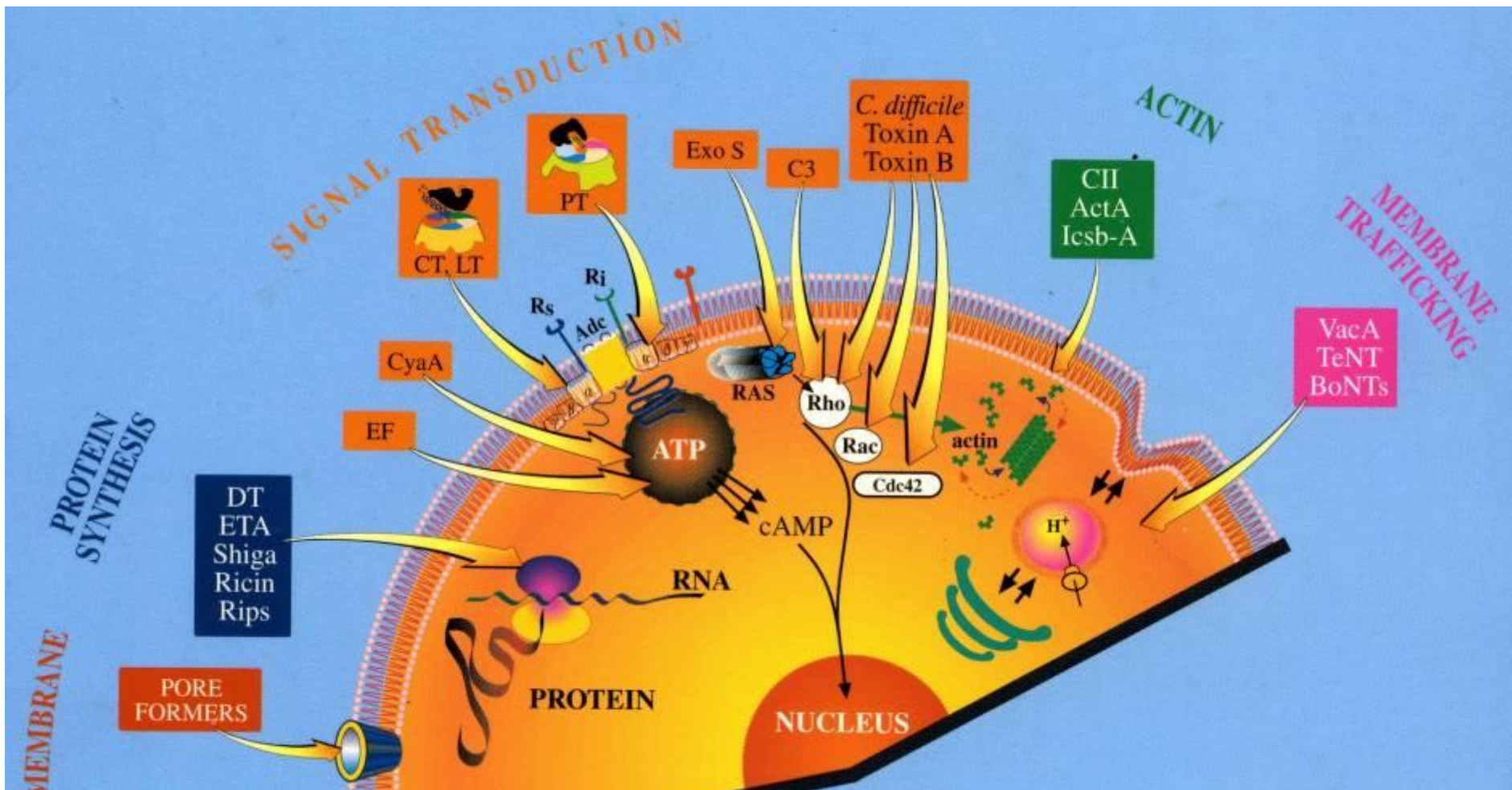


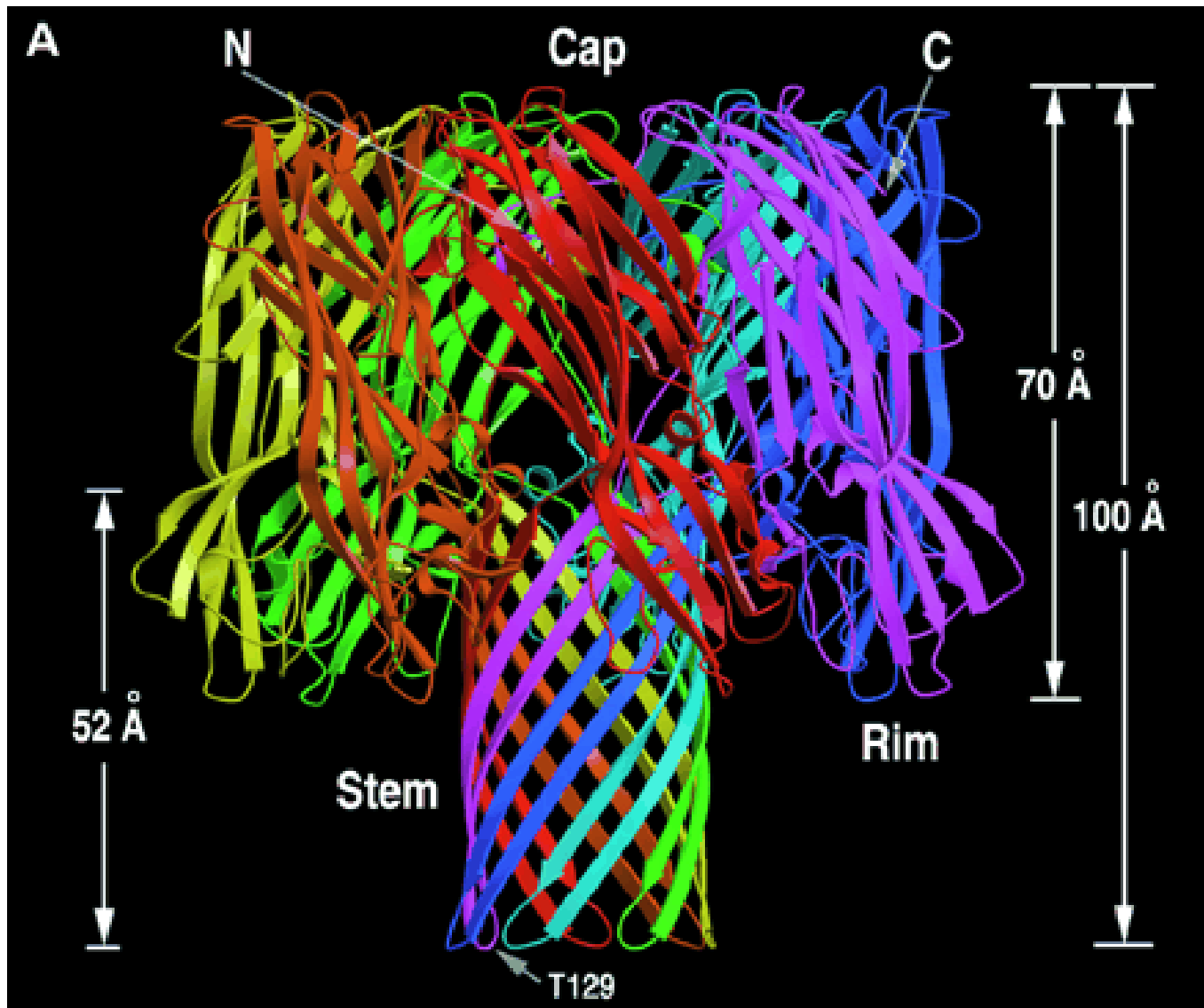
Principles of toxin action



Bacterial toxins are “smart, pretty and useful”

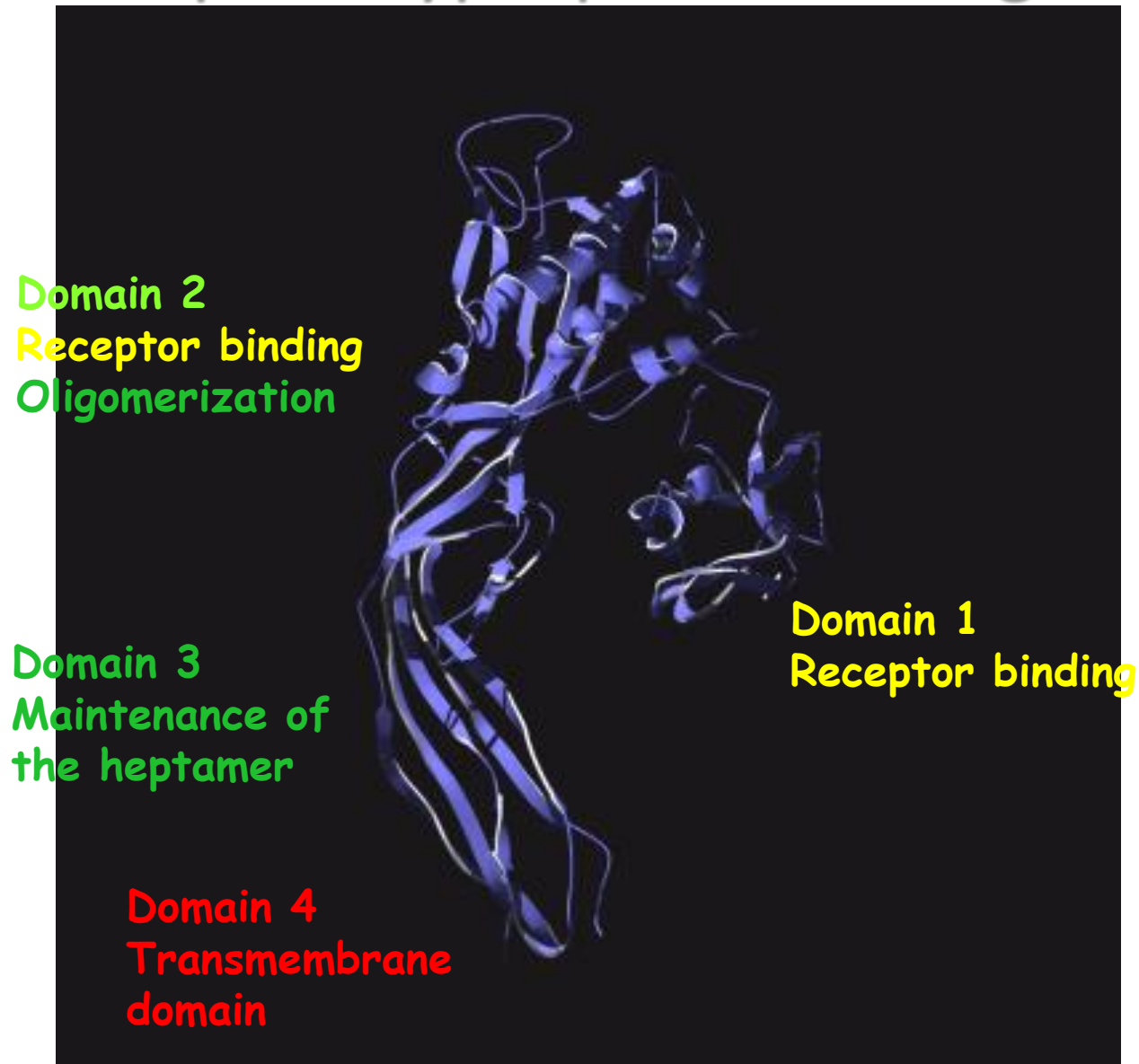


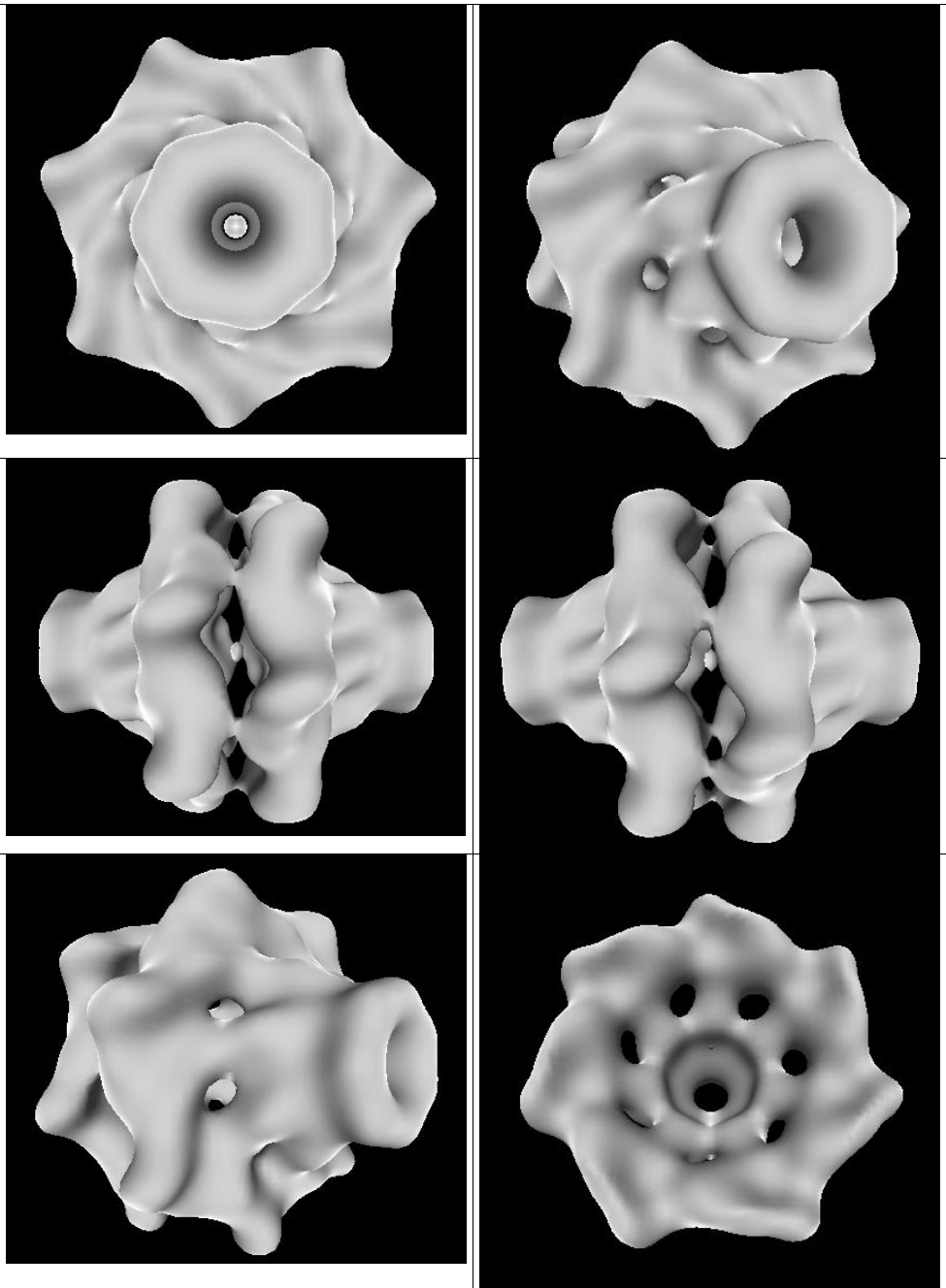
Hard to find a cellular process not targeted by some toxin...



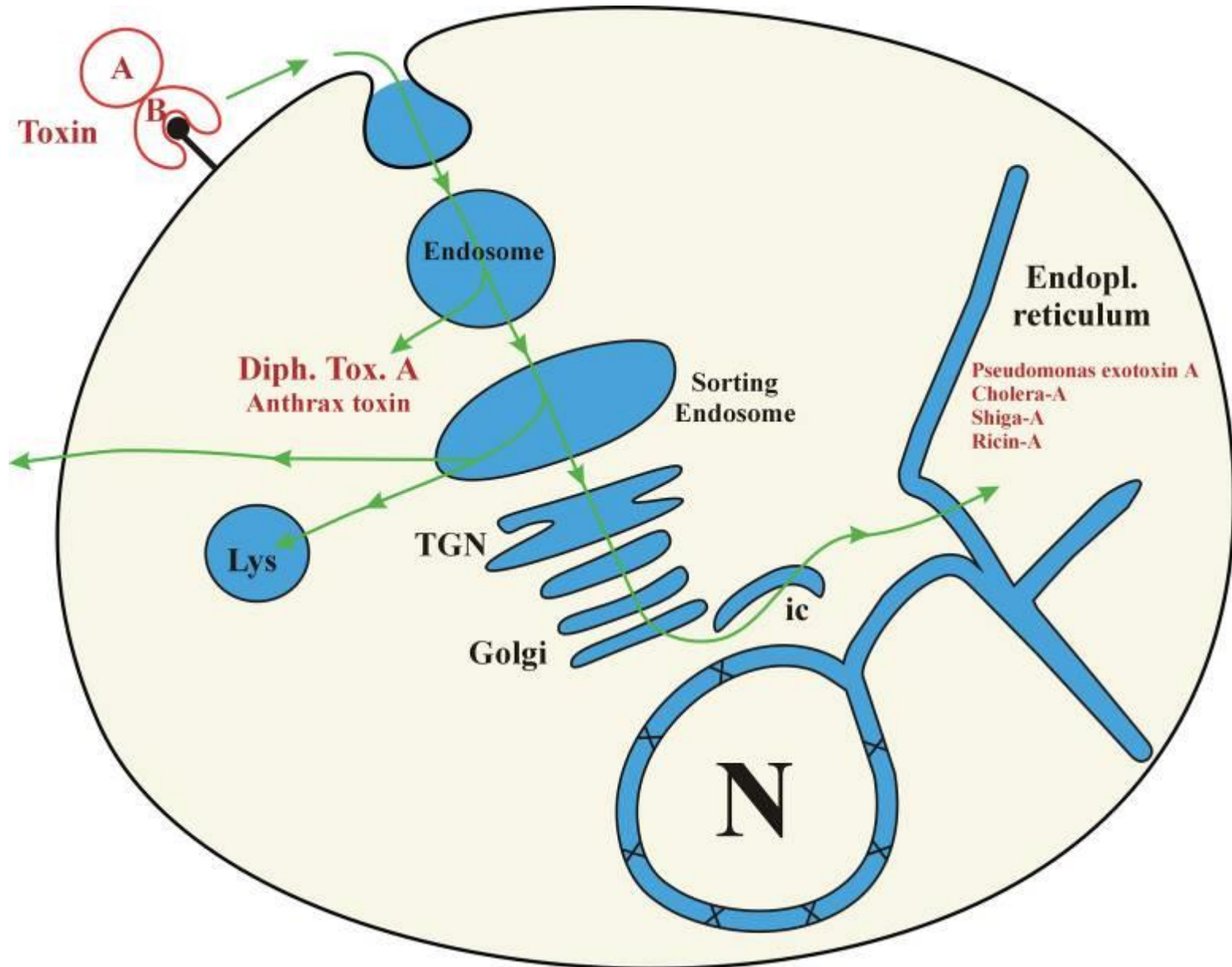
heptamer of alpha-toxin

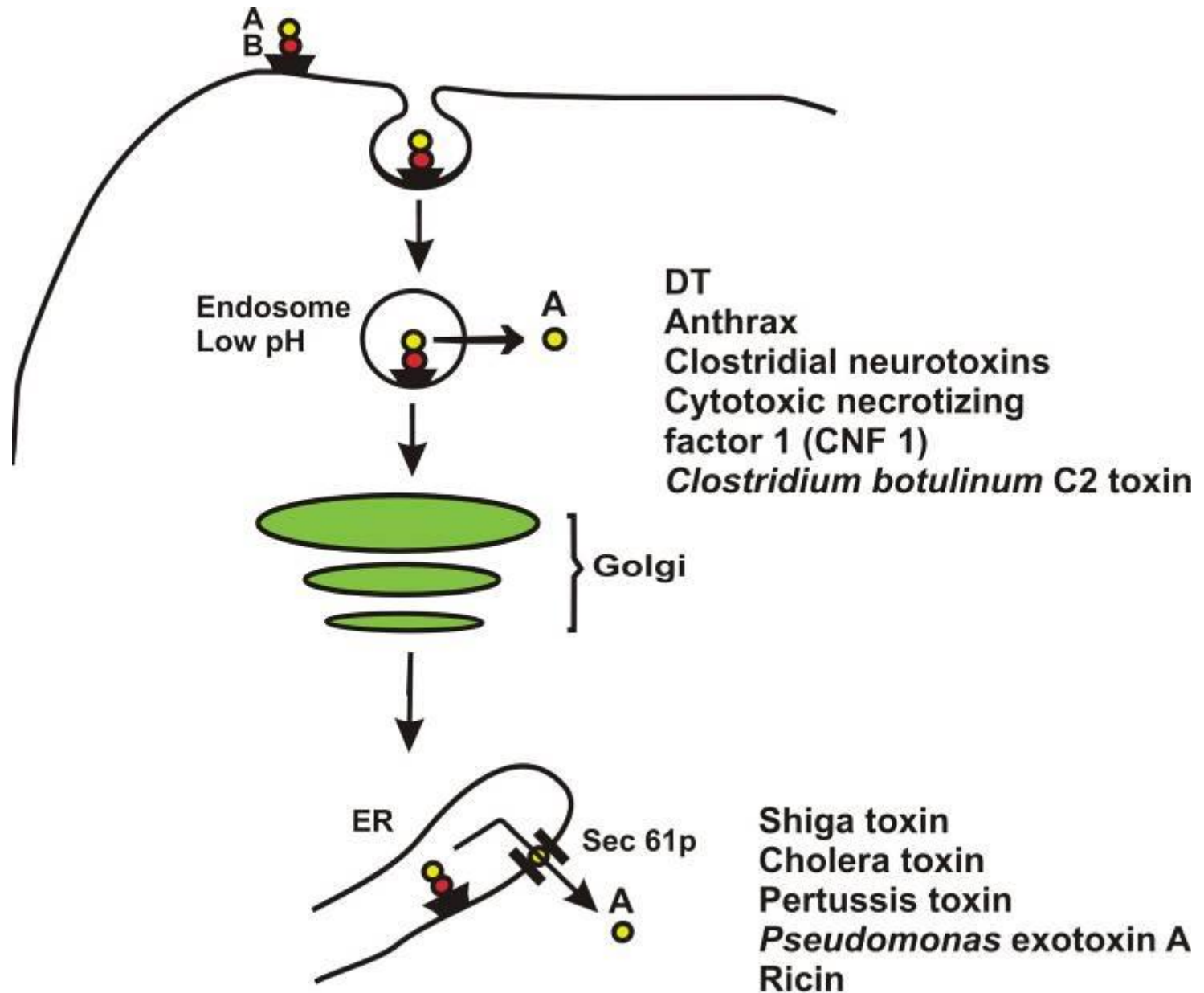
Aerolysin a prototypic pore-forming toxin



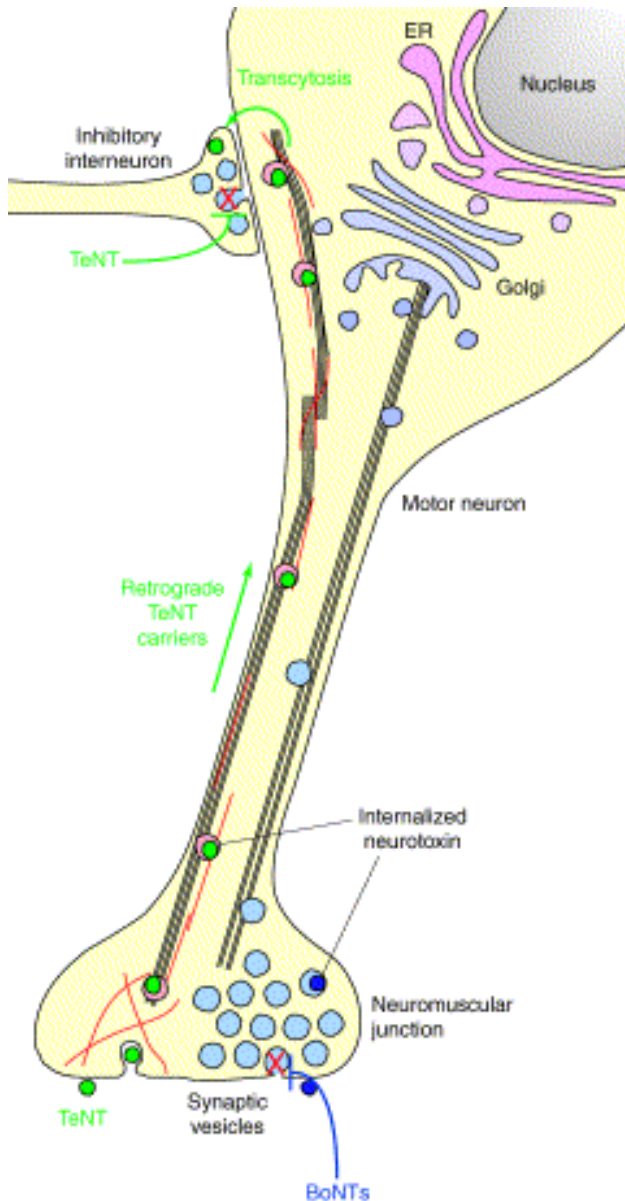


Intracellular transport and translocation of toxins to the cytosol





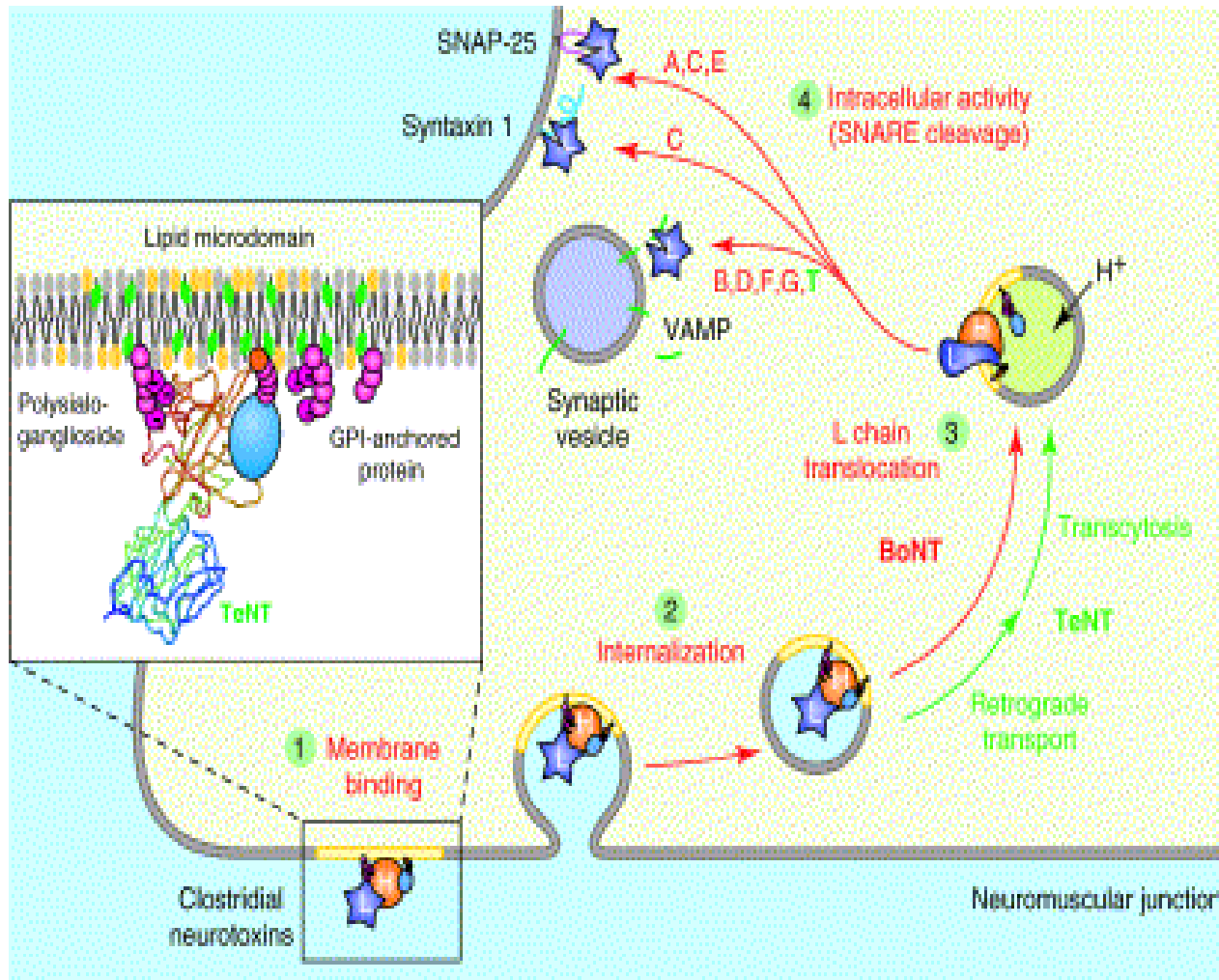
Clostridial neurotoxin trafficking



The sites of action of tetanus (TeNT; green) and botulinum neurotoxins (BoNTs; blue) on mammalian motor neuron and an interacting spinal inhibitory interneurons.

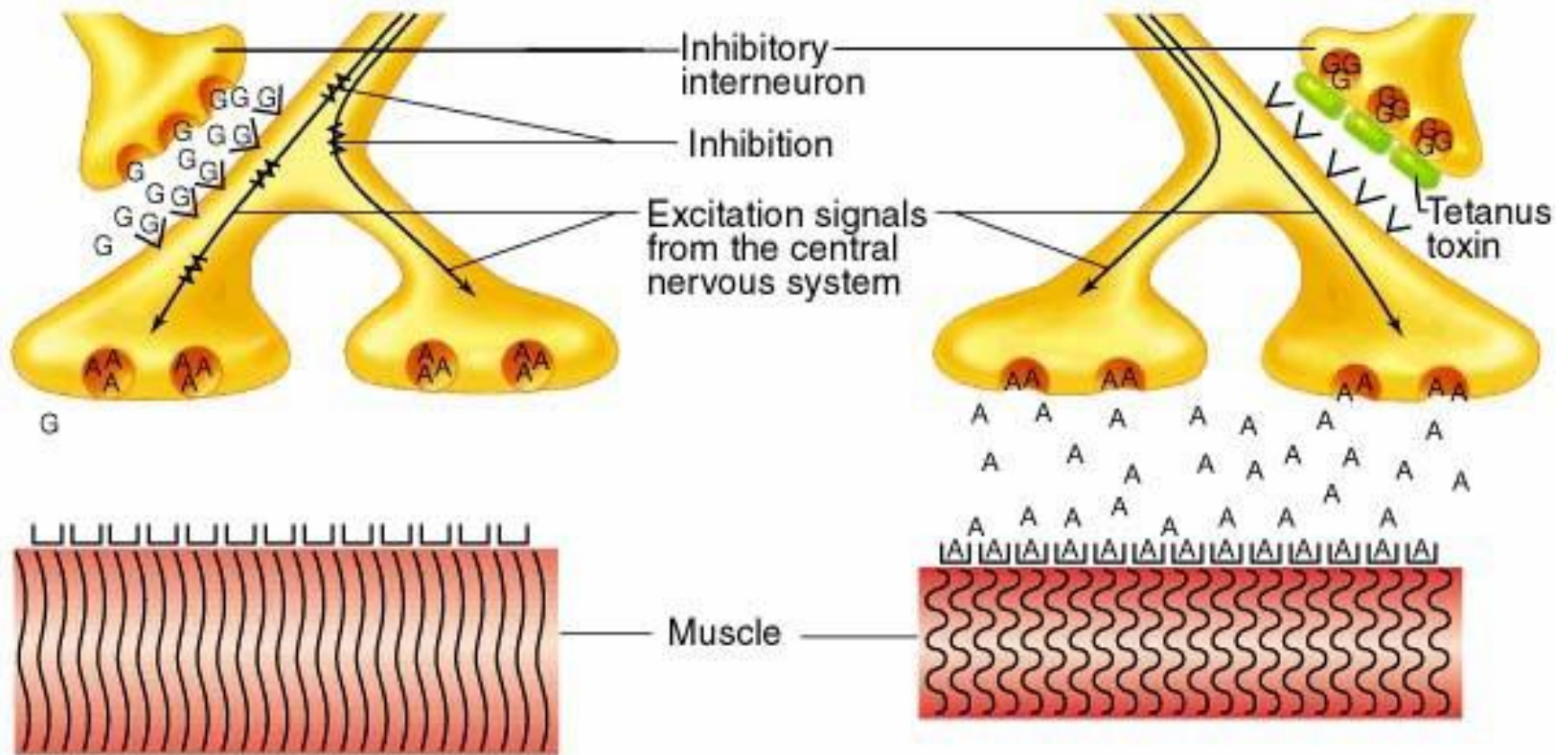
At the neuromuscular junction (NMJ), BoNTs are internalized in synaptic endosomal compartments, one of which might coincide with synaptic vesicles. By contrast, TeNT is sorted to the retrograde transport pathway. Microtubule tracks are shown in dark brown, whereas actin microfilaments are in red. Both cytoskeletal elements are required for fast retrograde transport of TeNT in motor neurons. Red crosses indicate the preferential sites of neurotransmitter release inhibition caused by BoNTs (NMJ) and TeNT (inhibitory interneuron synapse of the spinal cord).

Mechanism of action



TeNT binds polysialogangliosides (in magenta) and GPI-anchored proteins (in blue) within lipid rafts. (2) Neurospecific binding is followed by internalization and sorting to specific intracellular routes which differ for BoNTs and TeNT. **TeNT enters non-acidified carriers that are recruited to the fast retrograde transport pathway and then reaches adjacent inhibitory interneurons via transcytosis.** BoNT-containing endocytic structures instead remain at the neuromuscular junction. (3) The light (L) chains cross the endocytic membrane to reach the cytoplasm. This is assisted by the N-terminal portion of the heavy chain (H_N) (4) **Different L chains specifically cleave distinct members of the SNARE family.** TeNT (T) and BoNT serotype B, D, F and G act on VAMP/synaptobrevin (in green) on synaptic vesicles. BoNT-A and E cleave SNAP-25 (in pink), whereas BoNT-C cleaves both syntaxin 1 (in cyan) and SNAP-25, two proteins of the pre-synaptic plasma membrane.

Clostridium tetani toxin (tetanospasmin)



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Glycine (G) release stops acetylcholine (A) release and allows relaxation of muscle

Tetanus

Tetanus toxin binds to inhibitory interneurons, preventing release of G and relaxation of muscle

Clostridium tetani toxin (tetanospasmin)



soldier dying of tetanus - spasms of respiratory muscles

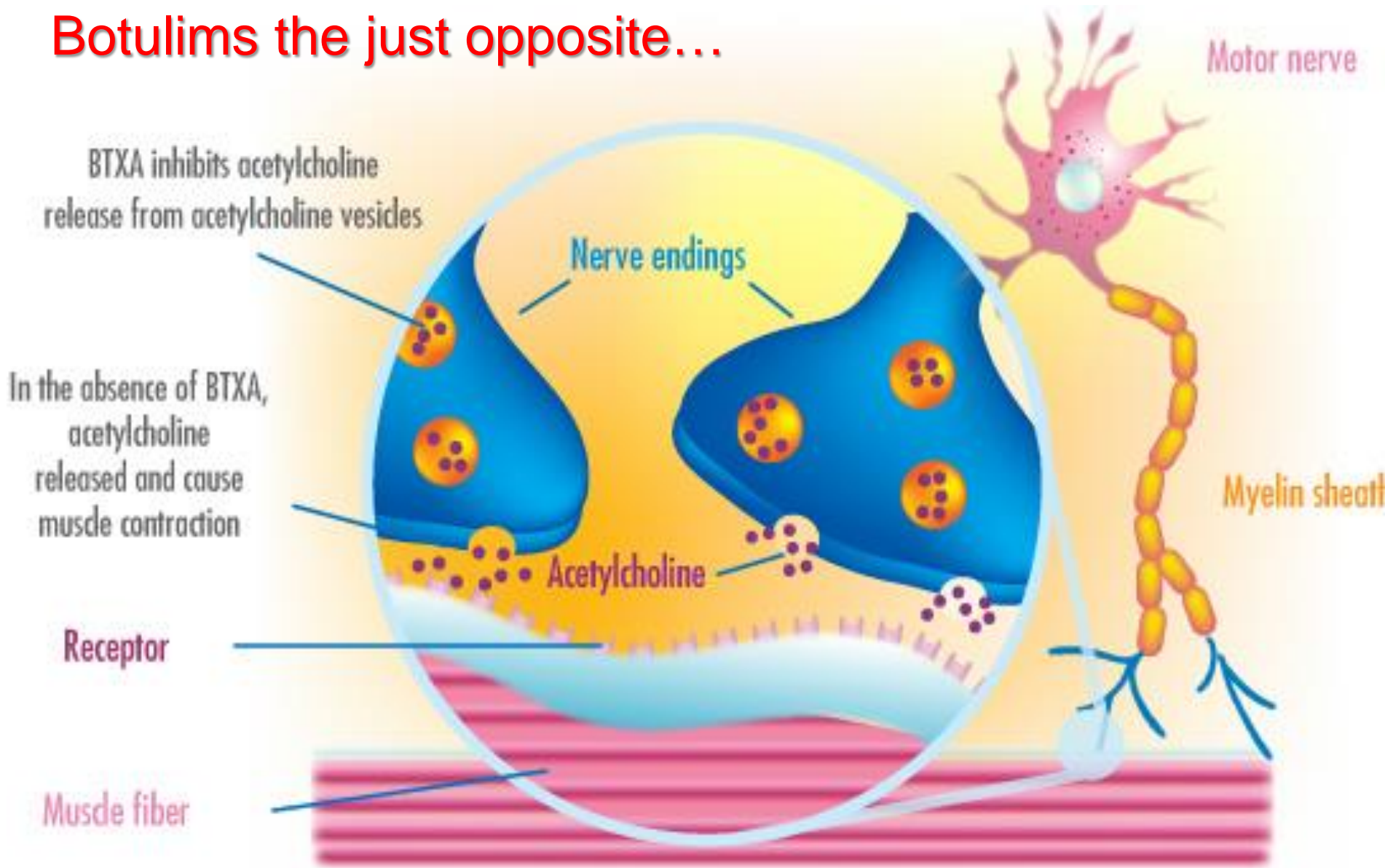
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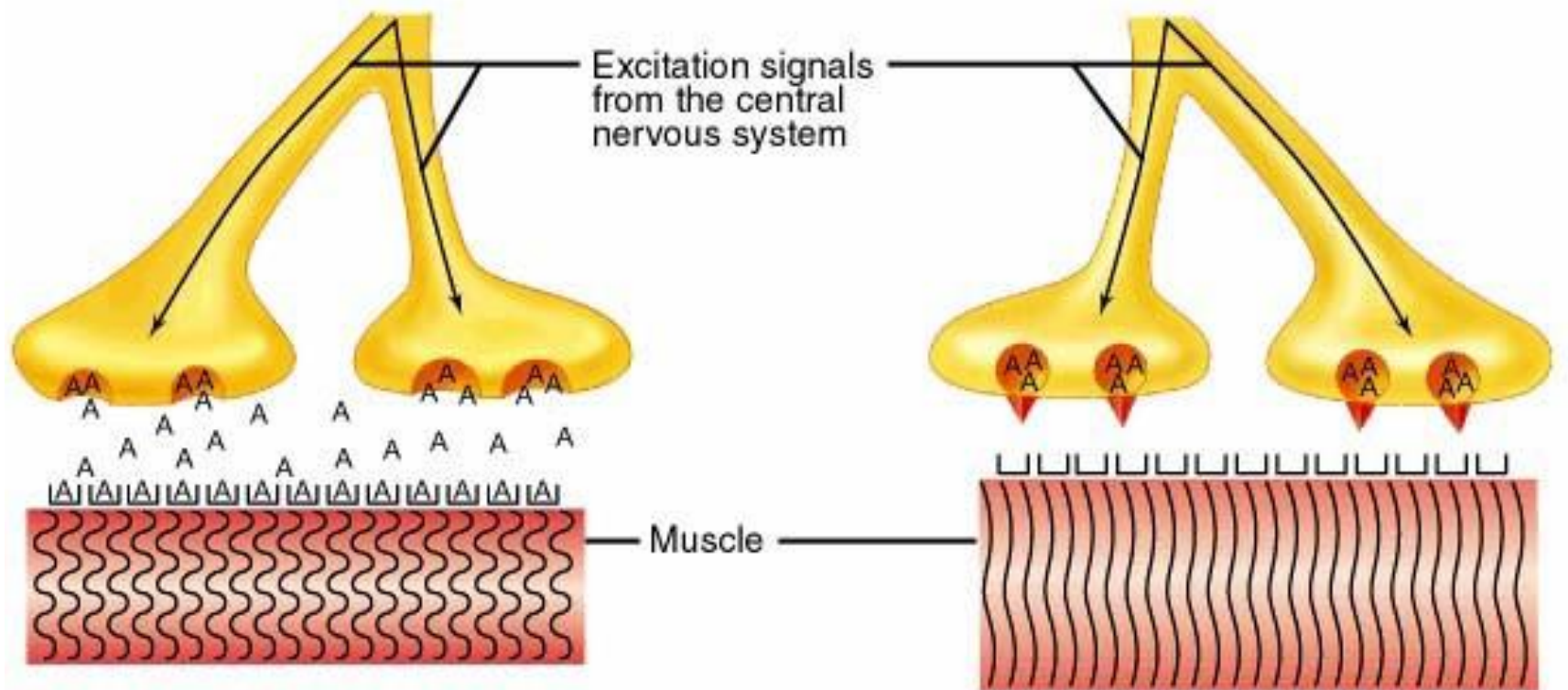
Botulins the just opposite...



BTXA Mechanism of Action

Clostridium botulinum toxin (botulism)


blocking acetylcholine release causes descending weakness of skeletal muscles and death from respiratory paralysis due to interferences with muscle contraction



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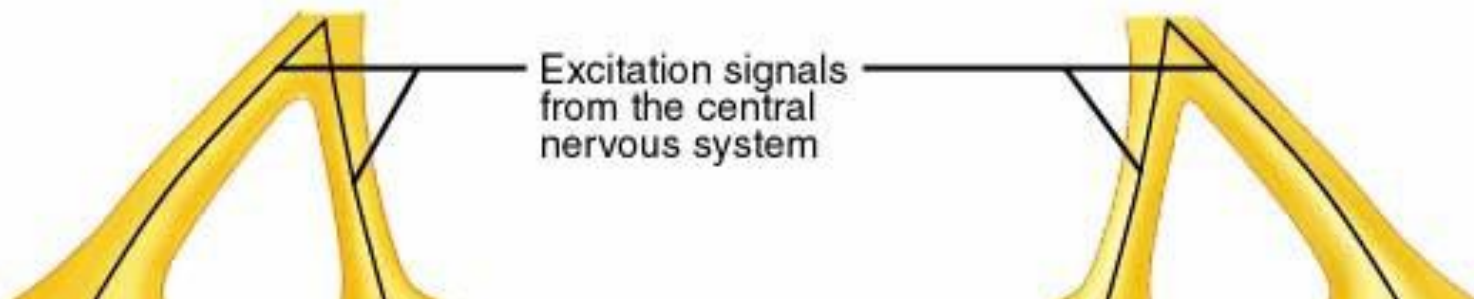
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Botulism

Botulinum toxin, , blocks release of A, inhibiting contraction

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The estimated human dose LD50, based on animal studies, is approximately 0.09 to 0.15 μg by intravenous administration
0.7 to 0.9 μg by inhalation and 70 μg by oral administration

Death is usually the result of respiratory failure or secondary infection associated with prolonged mechanical ventilation.

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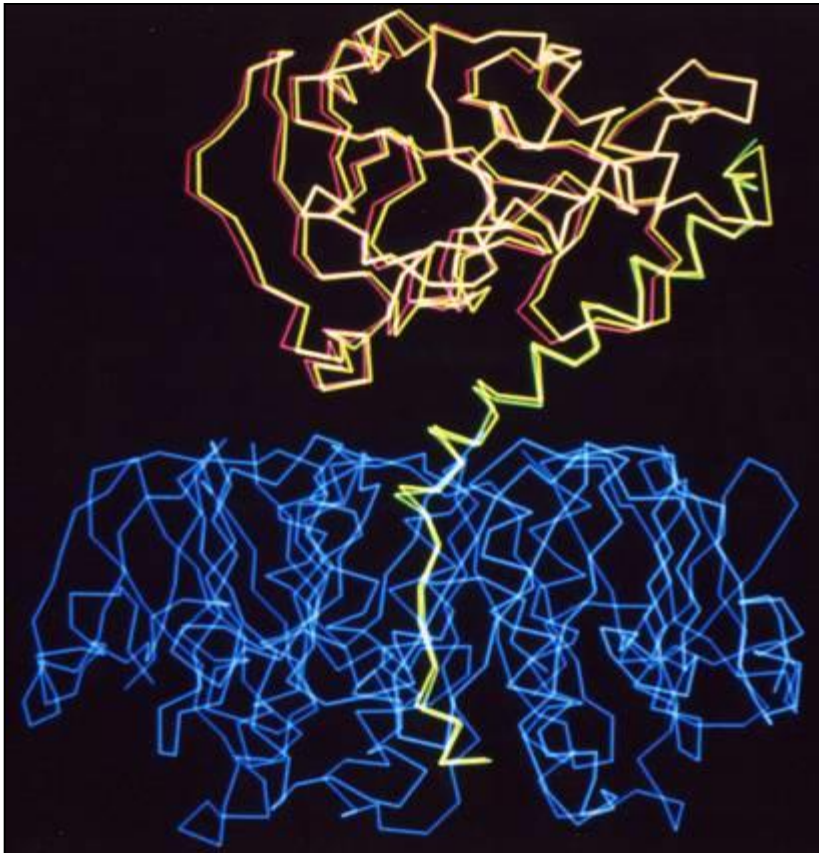
Botulinum toxin can make you pretty...



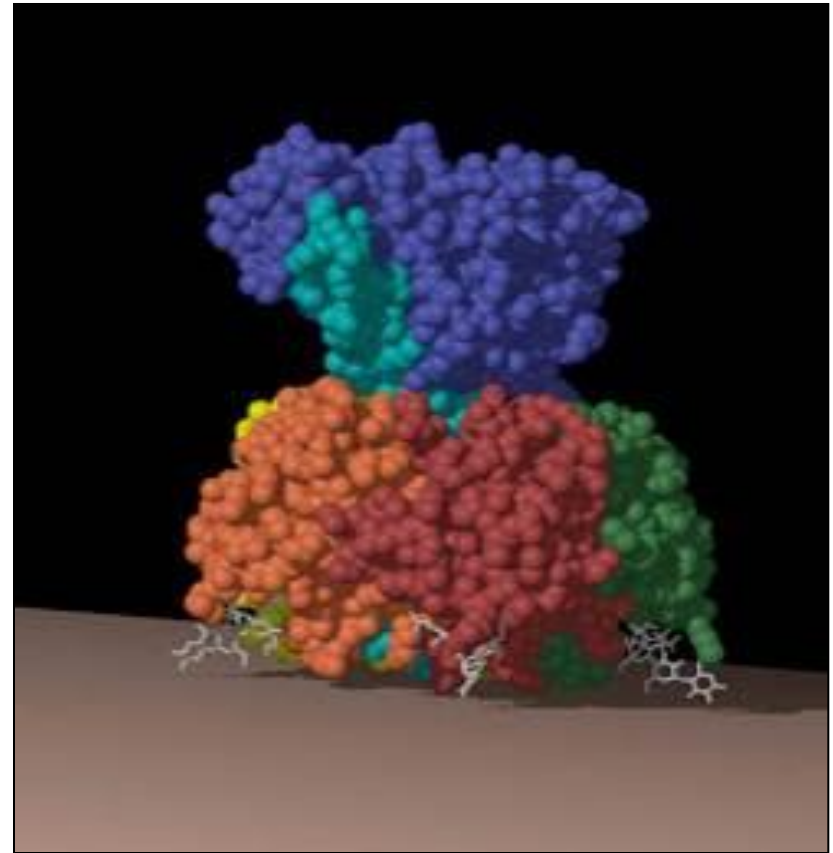
removing wrinkles

BoTox application

Cholera and *E. coli* heat-labile toxin: 3D structure

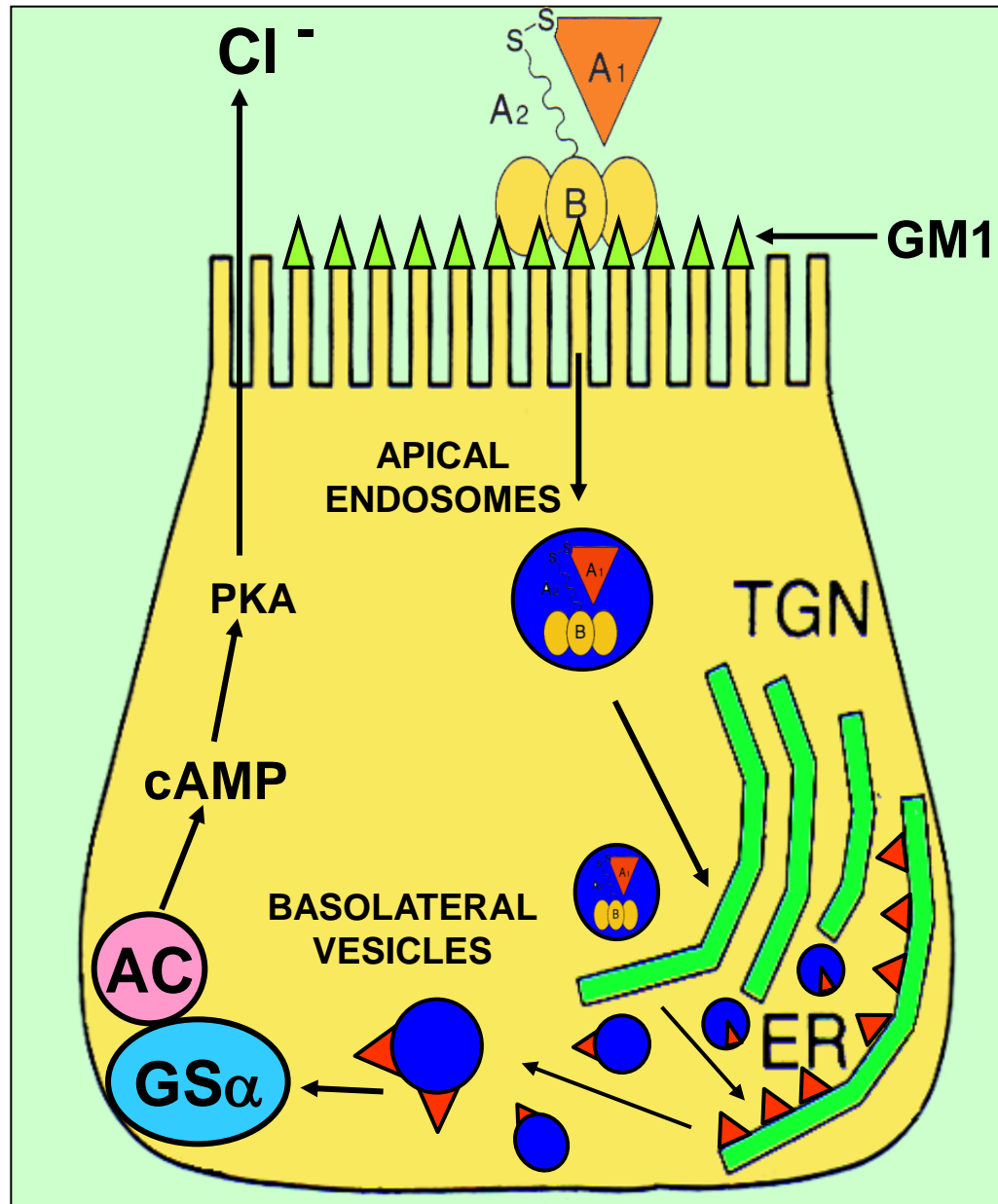


Sixma *et al.*, Nature 351: 371-377, 1991



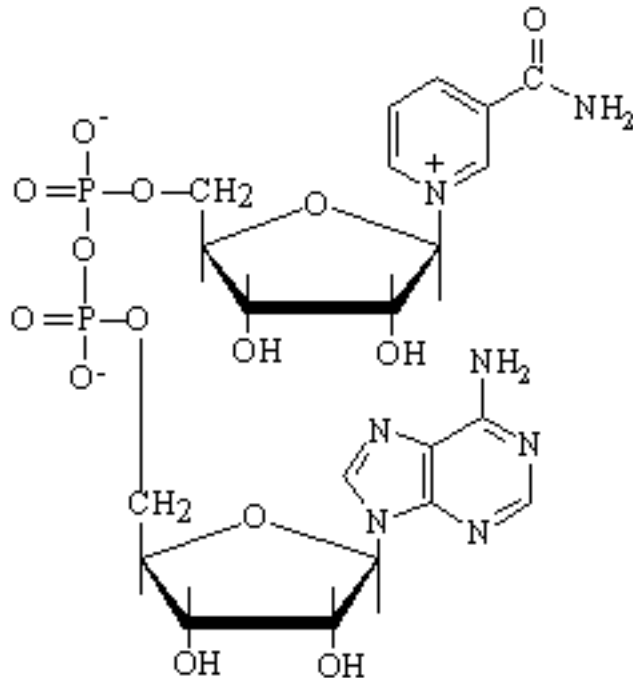
Merritt *et al.*, Prot. Sci. 3: 166-175, 1994

Action of cholera toxin and related enterotoxins





ADP-ribosyltransferase toxins



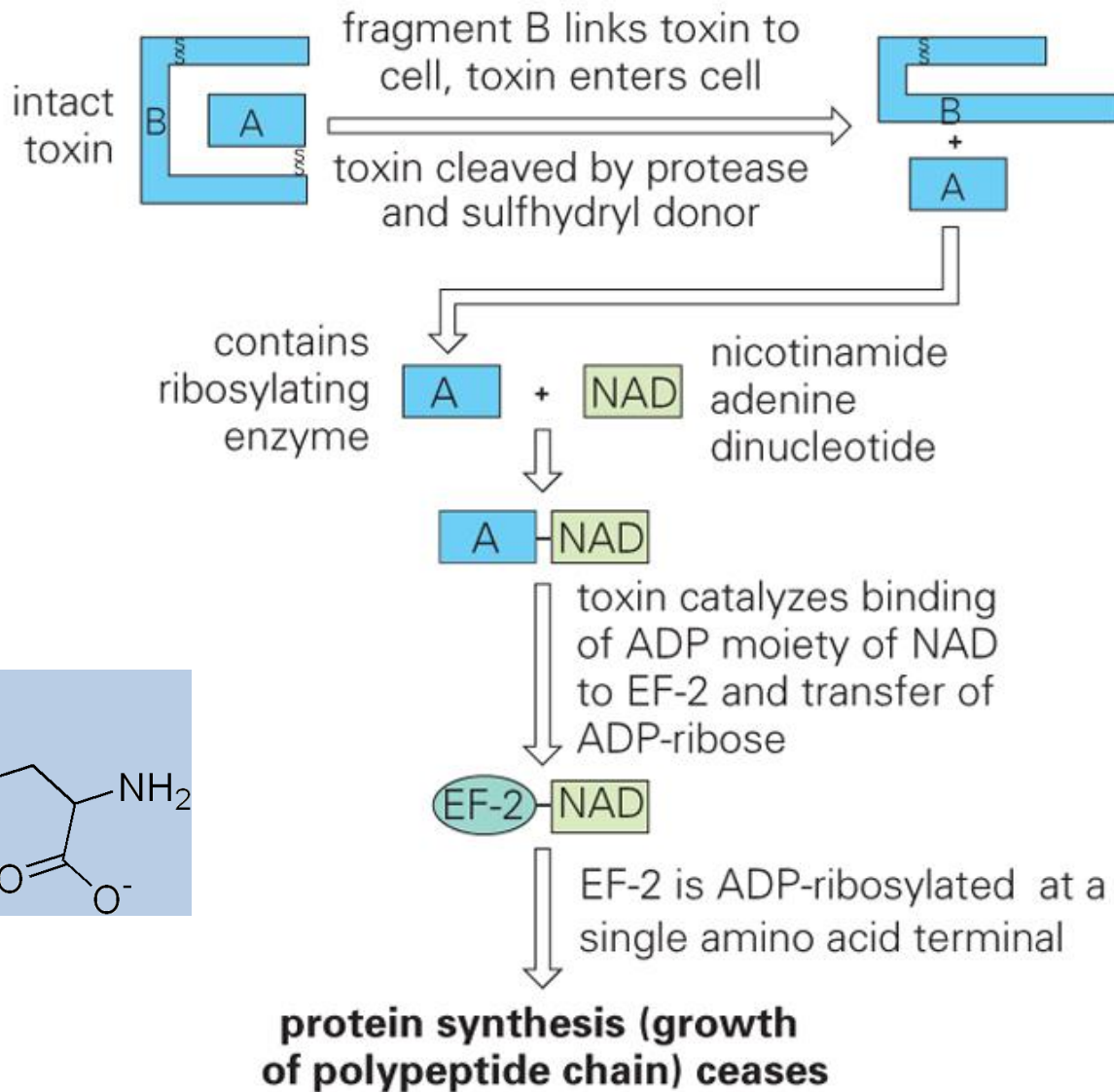
Cholera toxin
Pertussis toxin
Diphtheria toxin
Exotoxin A of *Pseudomonas*
T3SS effectors ExoS and ExoT
of *Pseudomonas*

Clostridial C3-like toxins

etc...

Diphtheria toxin action

Diphthamide is a modified histidine amino acid found in eukaryotic elongation factor 2 (eEF-2). It is ADP-ribosylated by diphtheria toxin, which renders the elongation factor inactive.

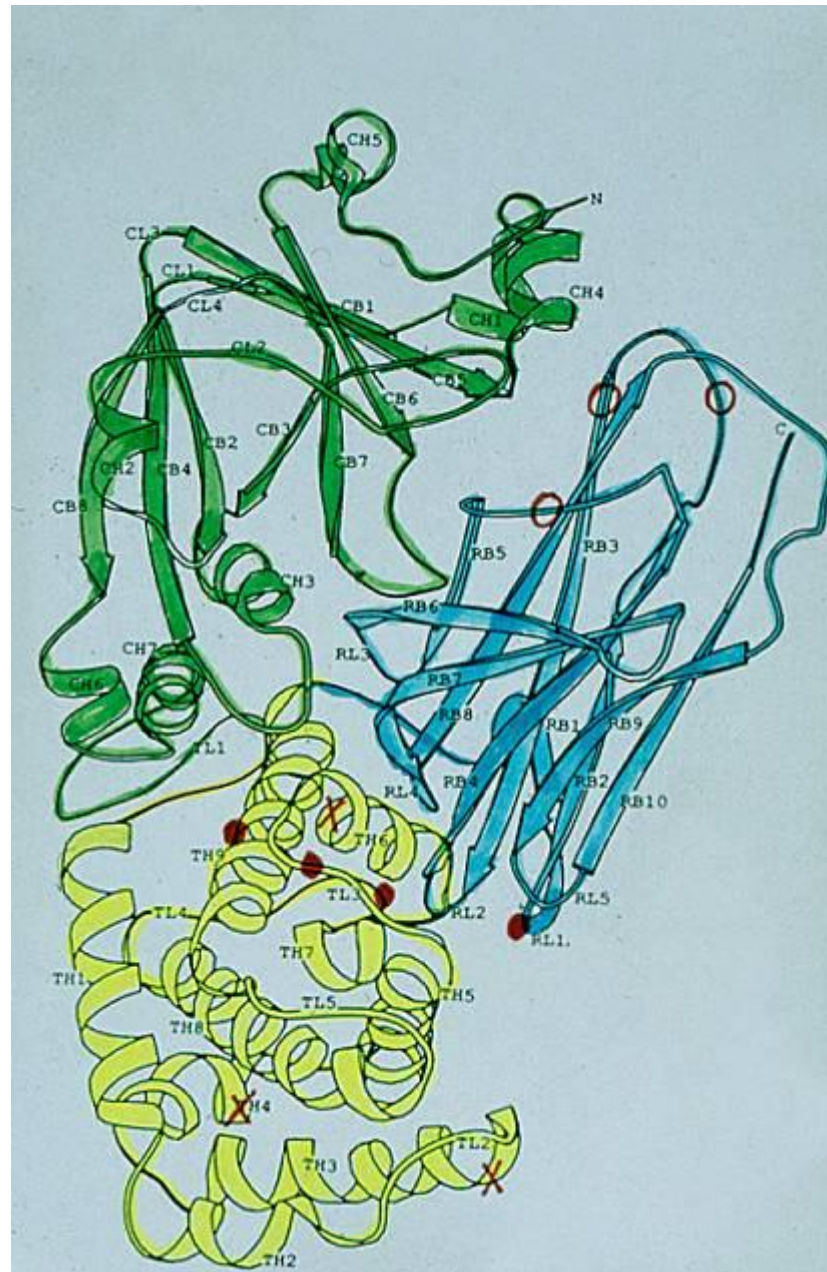


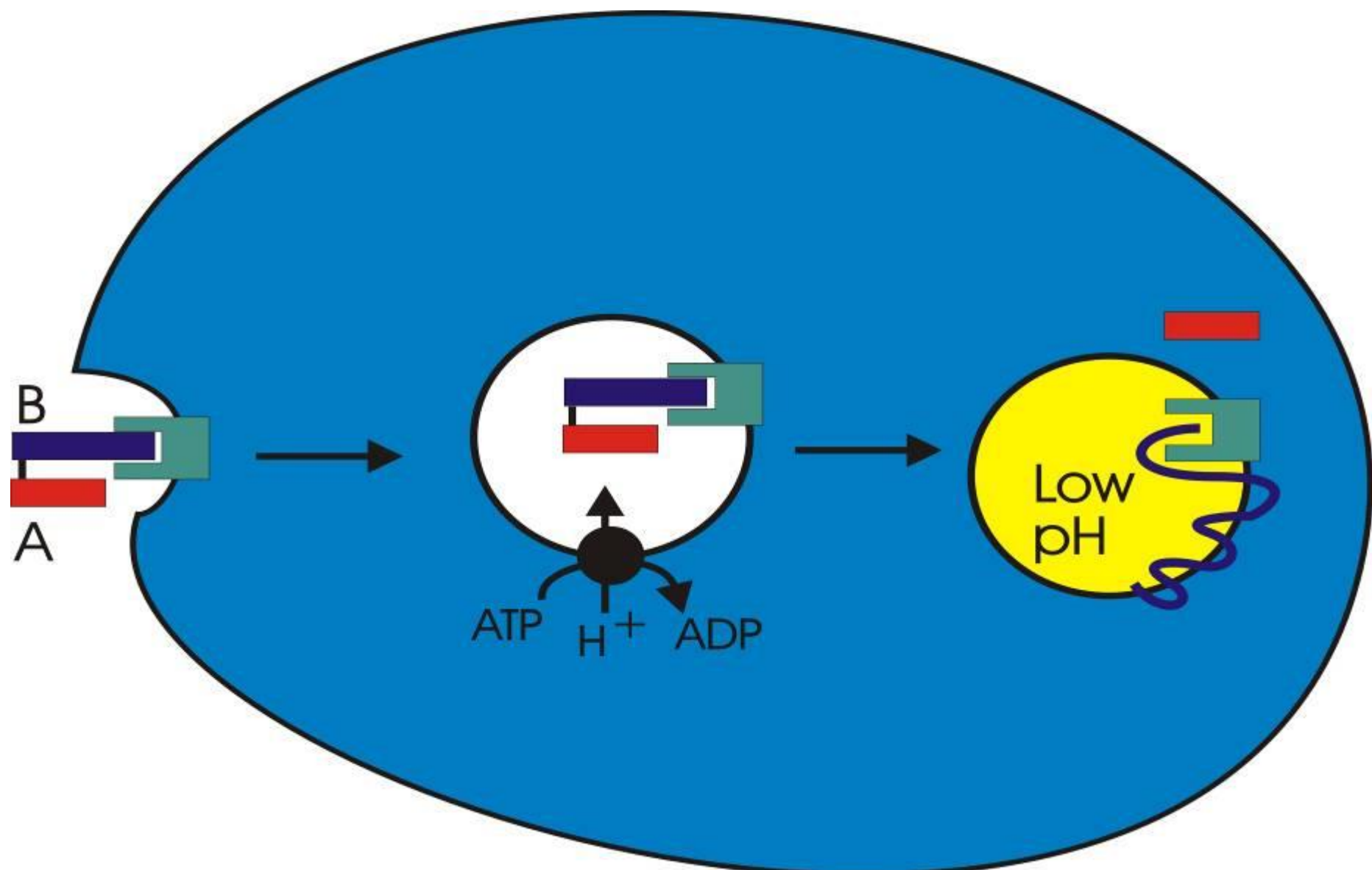
Structure of diphtheria toxin

A-fragment

T-domain

R-domain

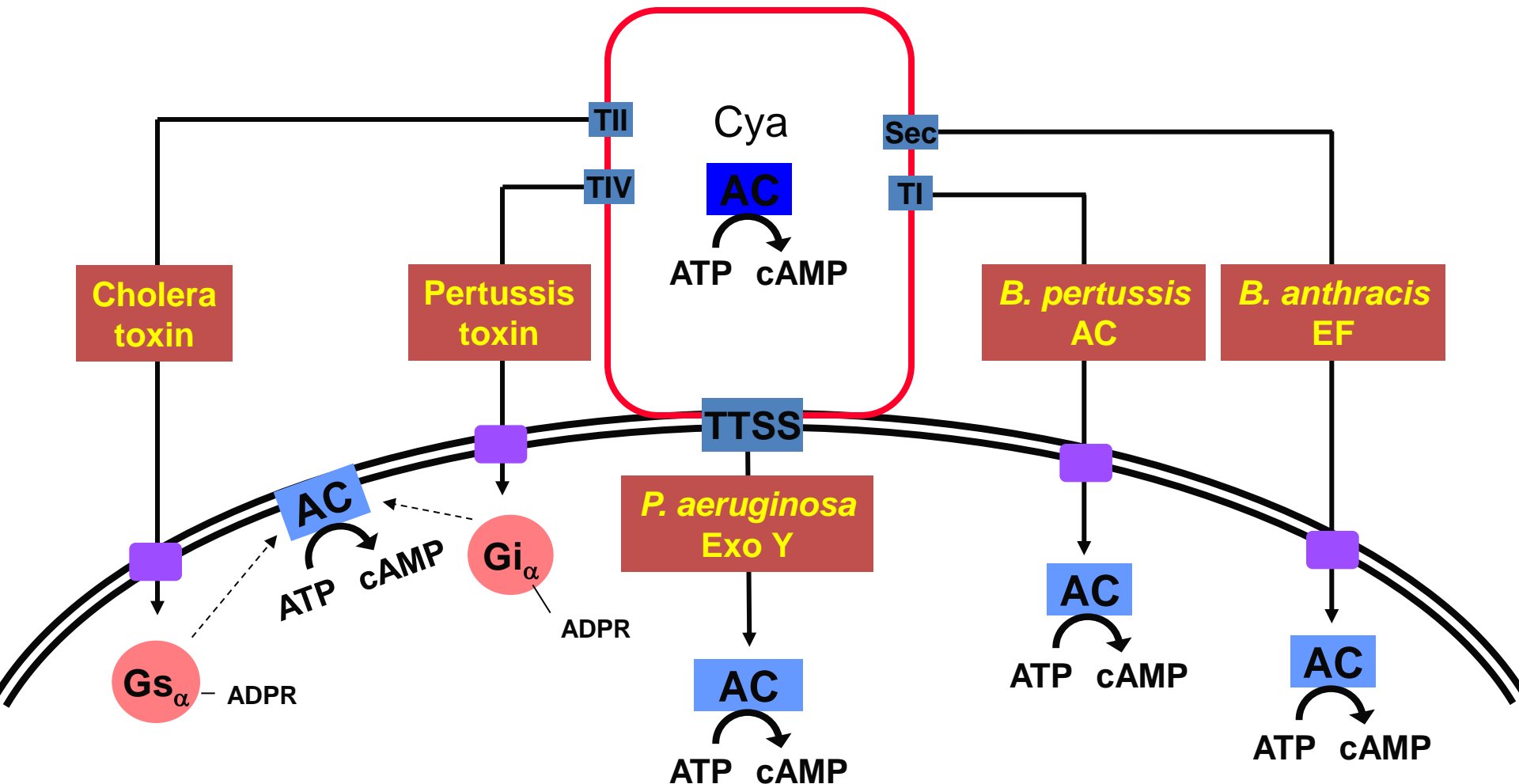




Toxins interfering with cellular signaling

The 'smartest' toxins subvert cell signaling

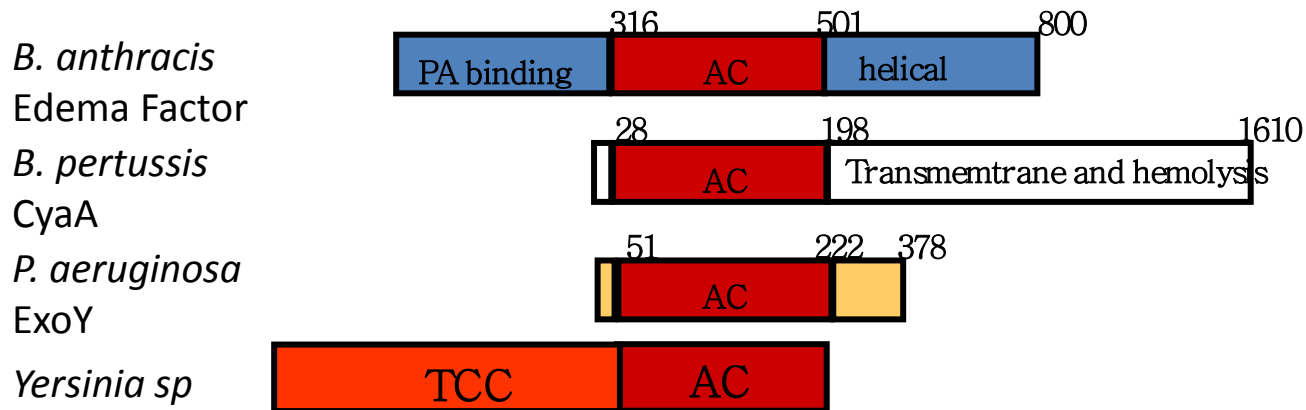
Such as fooling cells by cAMP – the second messenger...!



Bacterial Toxins fooling cell signaling through elevating intracellular cAMP Levels

1. Adenylyl cyclase toxins:

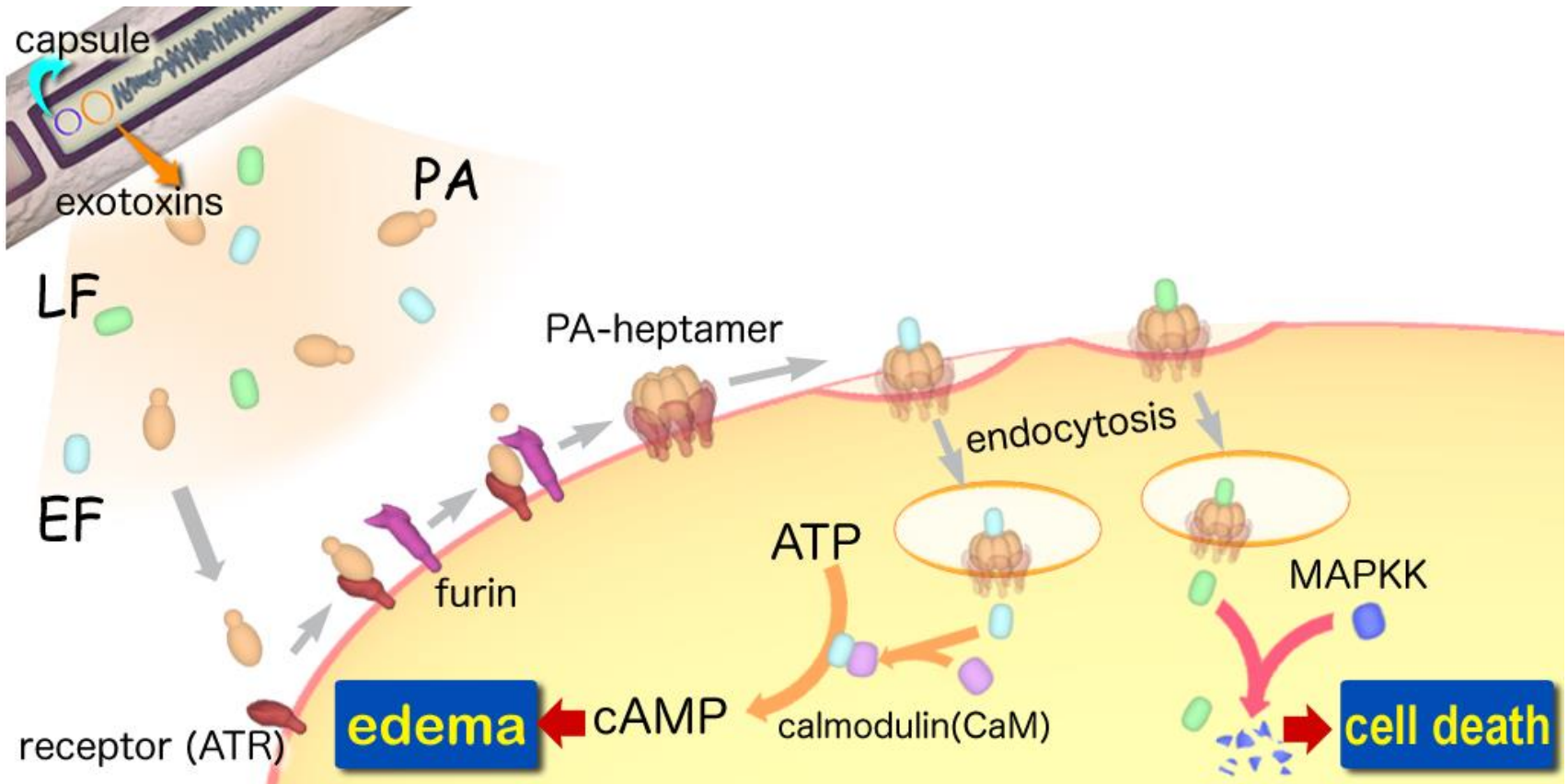
<u>Exotoxin</u>	<u>Activator</u>	<u>Disease</u>
Edema factor	calmodulin	Anthrax
CyaA	calmodulin	Whooping cough
ExoY	?	10-20% nosocomial infections
Tcc-AC	?	Plague



2. ADP ribosylation factors:

<u>Exotoxin</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Disease</u>
Cholera toxin	a subunit of Gs	Massive diarrhea
Pertussis toxin	a subunit of Gi	Whooping cough

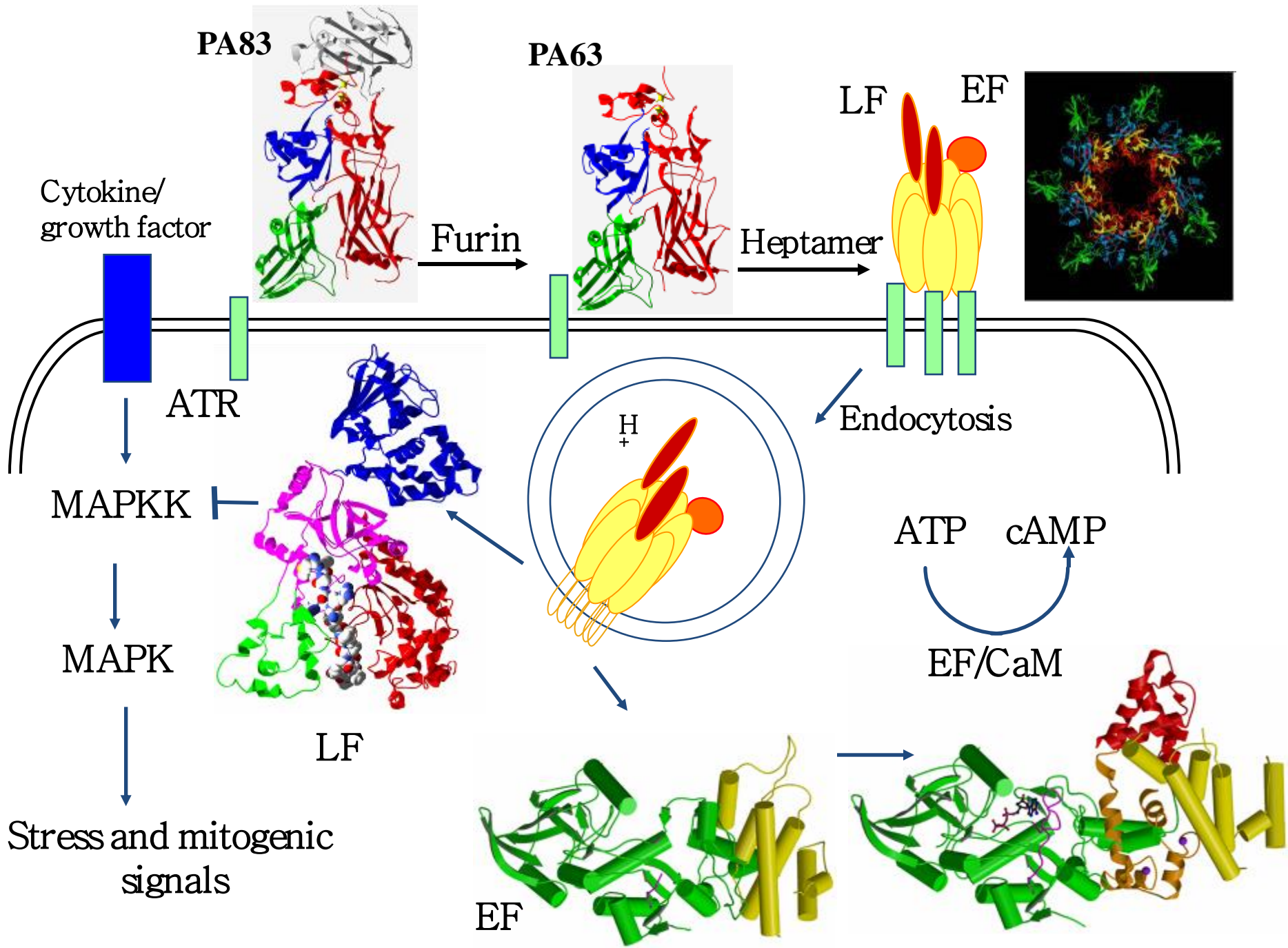
Mechanism of action of anthrax toxins



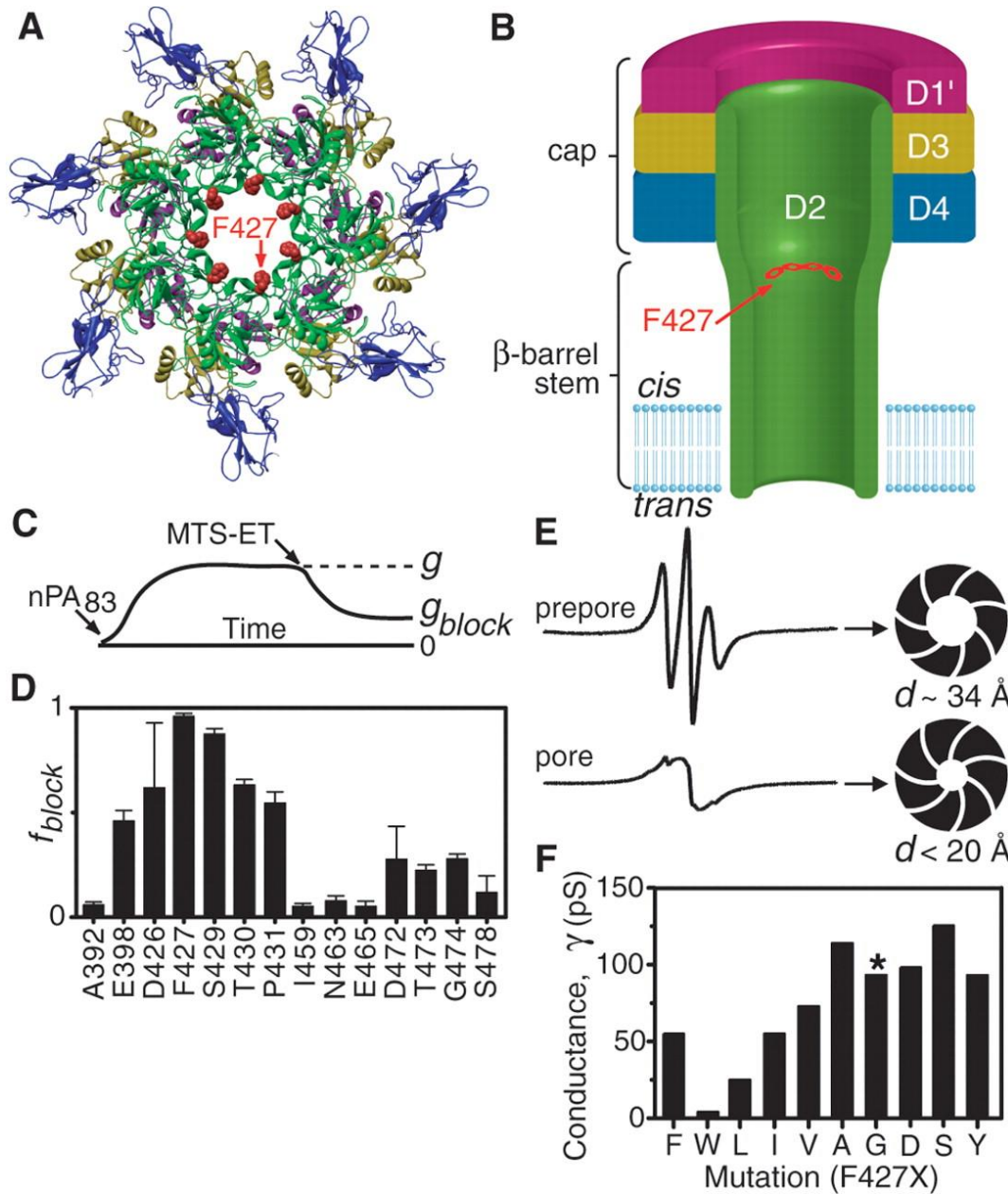
EF acts as a Ca²⁺ and [calmodulin](#) dependent adenylate [cyclase](#) that greatly increases the level of [cAMP](#) in the cell. This increase in cAMP upsets water [homeostasis](#), severely throws the intracellular [signaling pathways](#) off balance, and impairs macrophage function, allowing the bacteria to further evade the immune system.

LF also helps the bacteria evade the immune system through killing macrophages. Once in these cells, LF acts as a Zn²⁺-dependent [endoprotease](#) that snips off the N-terminus of [mitogen-activated protein kinase kinases \(MAPKK\)](#). This inhibits these kinases by not allowing them to efficiently bind to their substrates, which leads to altered signaling pathways and ultimately to [apoptosis](#).

Thus, the synergistic effect of these three proteins leads to cellular death through a cascade of events that allow the proteins to enter the cell and disrupt cellular function.

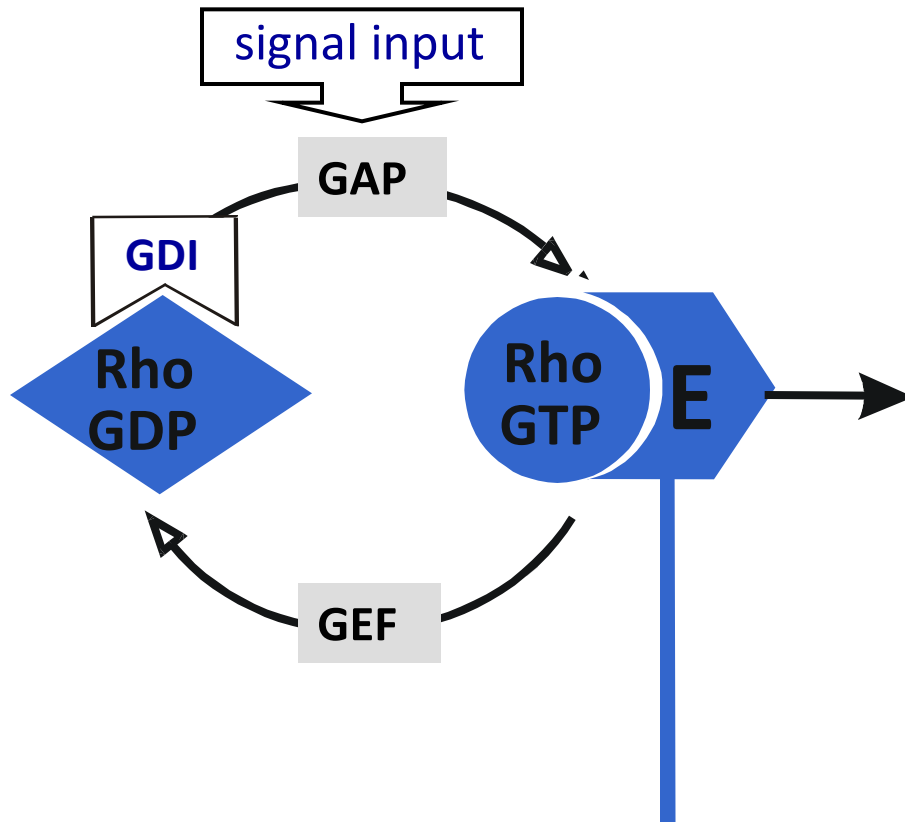


A Phenylalanine Clamp Catalyzes Protein Translocation Through the Anthrax Toxin Pore



Structural models of a lumen-facing phenylalanine heptad. (A) A ribbons rendering of the PA63 prepore (27), viewed axially, where domain 4 is proximal. Domains are colored: D1' (magenta), D2 (green), D3 (gold), and D4 (blue). F427 (red, space filling) is modeled into the structure. (B) Hypothetical cross section of the PA63 channel, or pore, colored as in (A). The membrane-spanning tube is the 14-stranded β barrel from domain 2 (5, 6). (C) Illustration of the effect of MTS-ET modification on Cys-substituted mutants of PA63 in macroscopic conductance studies. Conductance, g , is determined from the current, I , and as $g = I/V$. (D) Fraction of conductance blocked (f_{block}) by MTS-ET modification (28) in domain 2 cap residues [as in (C), where $f_{block} = 1 - g_{block}/g$] (table S2). Error bars show means + SE ($n = 3$). (E) EPR spectra of PA63 heptamers uniformly labeled at F427C with a Cys-reactive nitroxide spin label in the prepore state at pH 8.5 (upper spectrum) and the pore state at pH 6 (lower spectrum). Approximate luminal diameters, d , are based on the observed spin-spin interactions. (F) Unitary conductance, γ , of single PA63 channels, with indicated substitutions at F427. Channels formed by F427G PA63 (*) initially opened to a conductance of 90 pS, but, unlike any of the other channels, flickered to 60 and 30 pS substates. values are accurate to at least $\pm 10\%$, except for F427L and F427W, which are accurate to $\pm 20\%$.

Targeting the Rho-GTPase family cycle...



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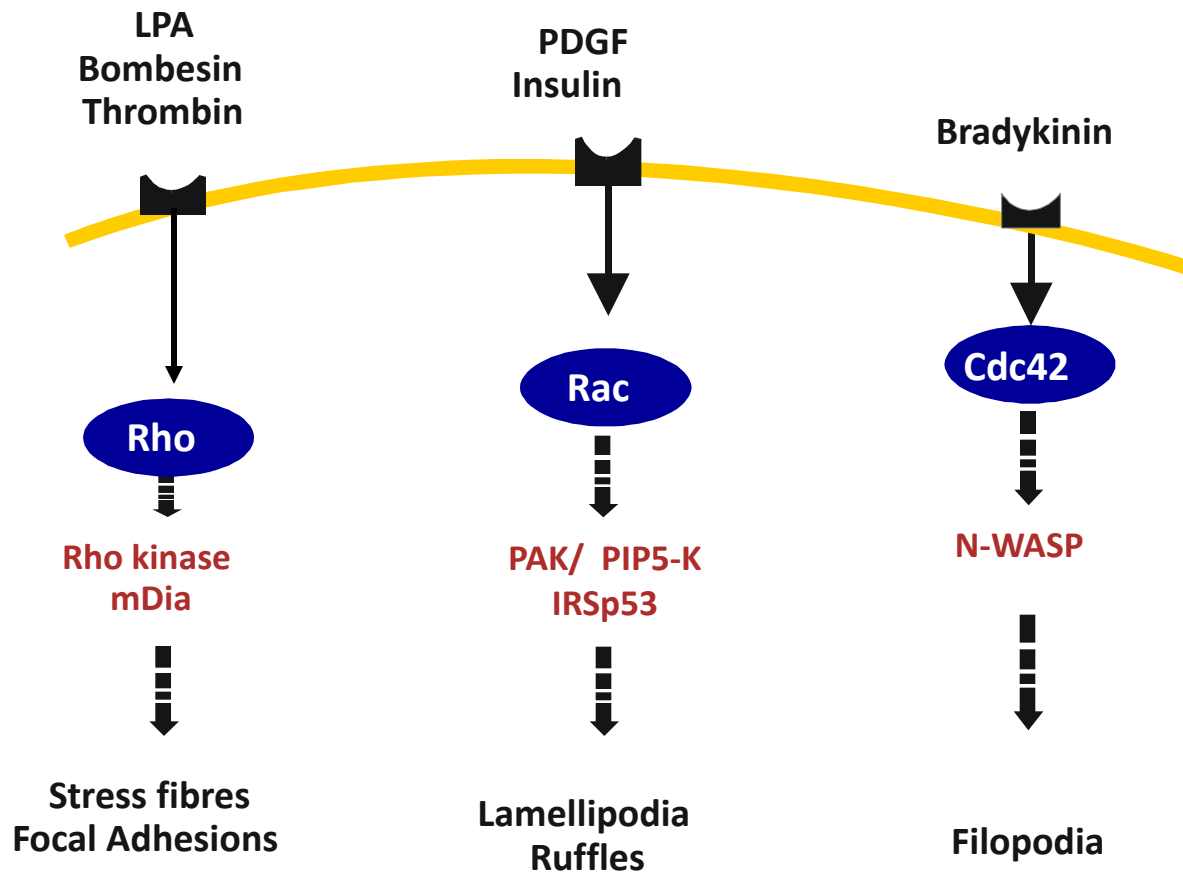
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Rho-GTPase cascade



RhoA,B,C

Rac1,2,3

Cdc42

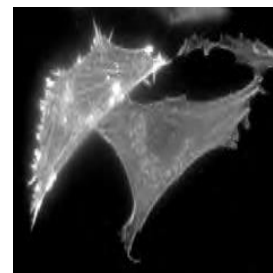
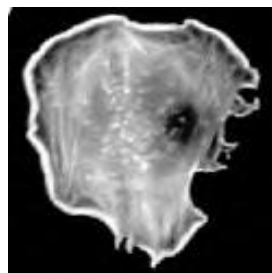
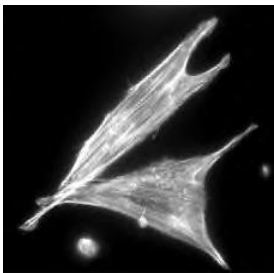
RhoG

TC10

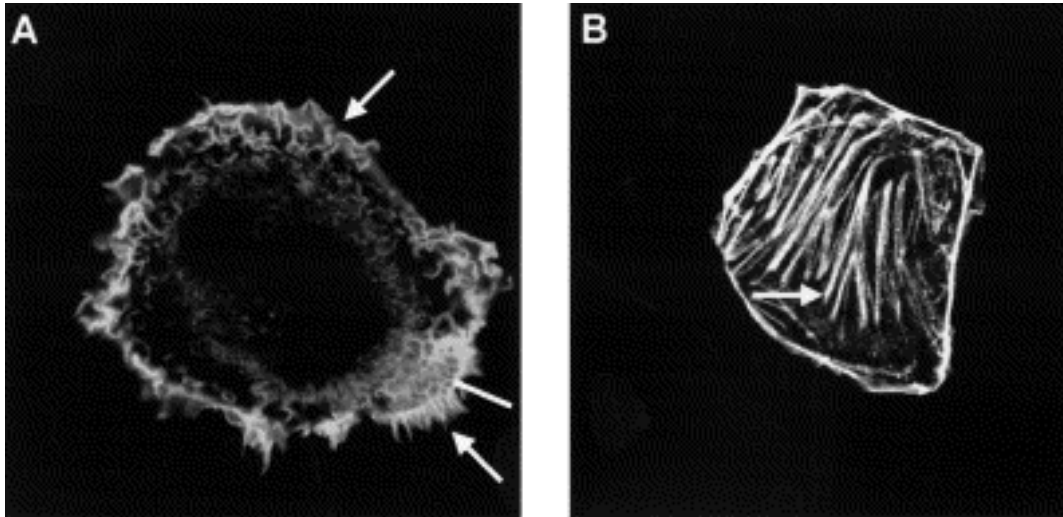
Rnd1,2,3 (RhoE)

RhoD

RhoH (TTF)

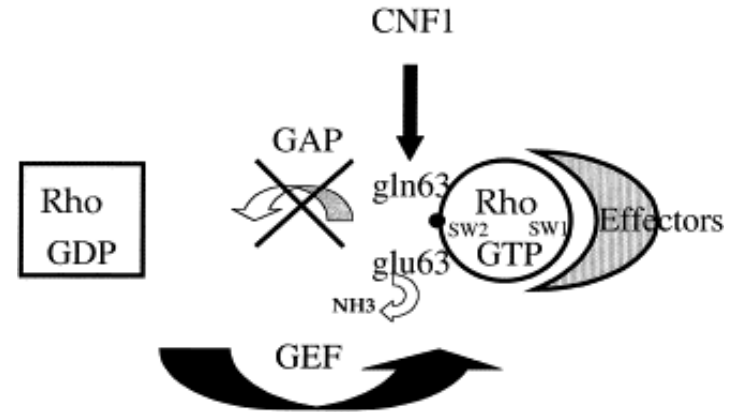


Action of *E. coli* CNF1



Effects of CNF1 on the actin cytoskeleton of HEP-2 and Vero cells

The actin cytoskeleton is stained by fluorescein isothiocyanate-phalloidin. (A) HEP-2 cell treated with 10^{-10} M CNF1 for 12 h. Thin arrow: lamellipodia; thick arrow: filopodia; line: pinocytic vacuoles. (B) Vero cells treated with 10^{-10} M CNF1 for 12 h. Arrowhead: stress fiber.



Molecular mechanism of CNF1 on Rho GTP-binding proteins This figure depicts the current status concerning the mechanism of action *E. coli* CNF1/CNF2 on the small GTPases activation/deactivation cycle. GEF, guanine exchange factor; GAP, GTPase activating protein; SW1 switch 1 domain, SW2 switch 2 domain. CNF1/CNF2 modify by deamidation glutamine 63 of Rho (61 of Rac, Cdc42) and thus inhibit GAP activity toward the GTPases which remain in their active state bound to GTP thus able to permanently activate their downstream effectors.

Deaminating Rho-family GTPases as mechanism of altering actin cytoskeleton homeostasis

the case of *E. coli* cytotoxic necrotizing factor 1 (CNF1)

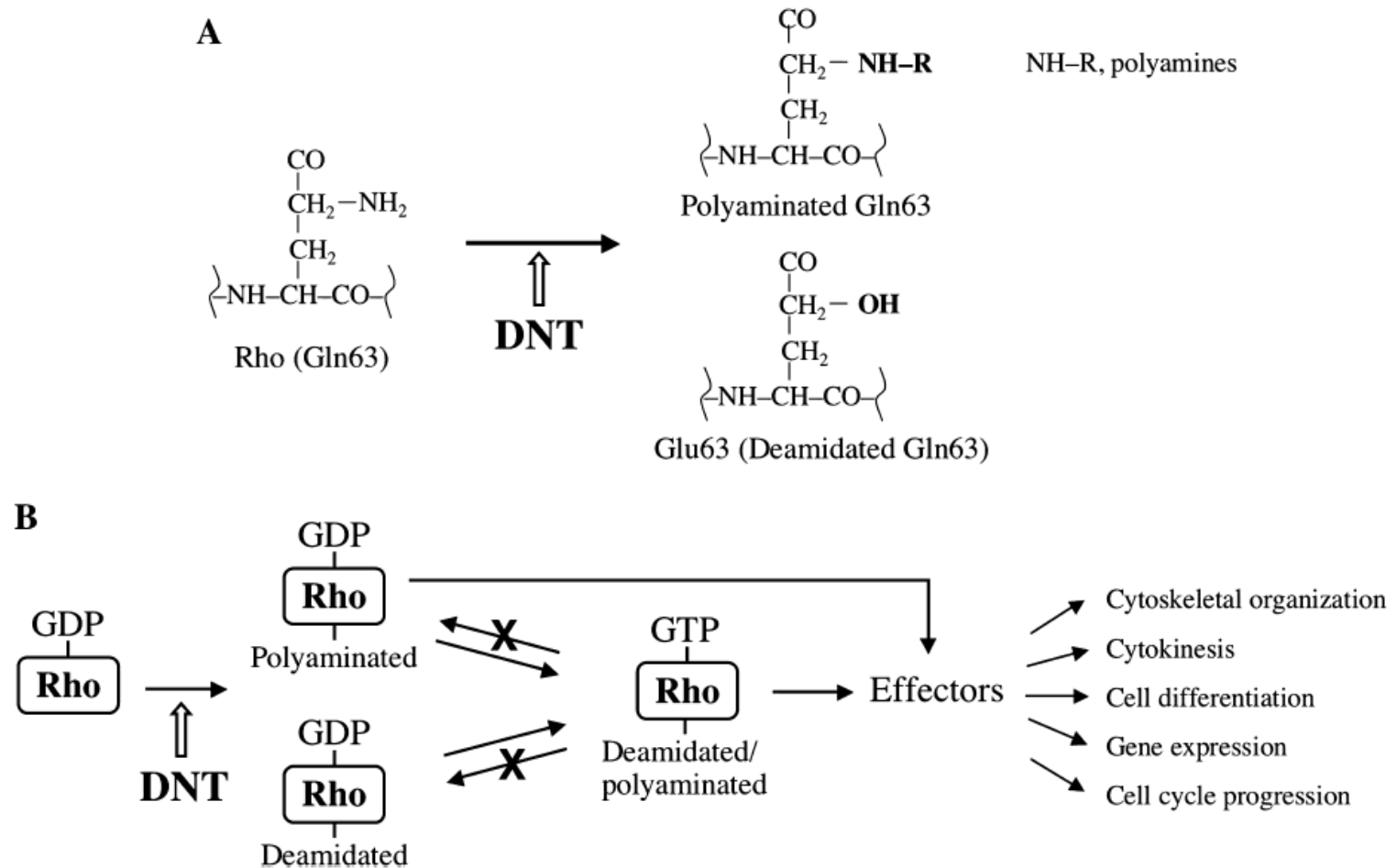
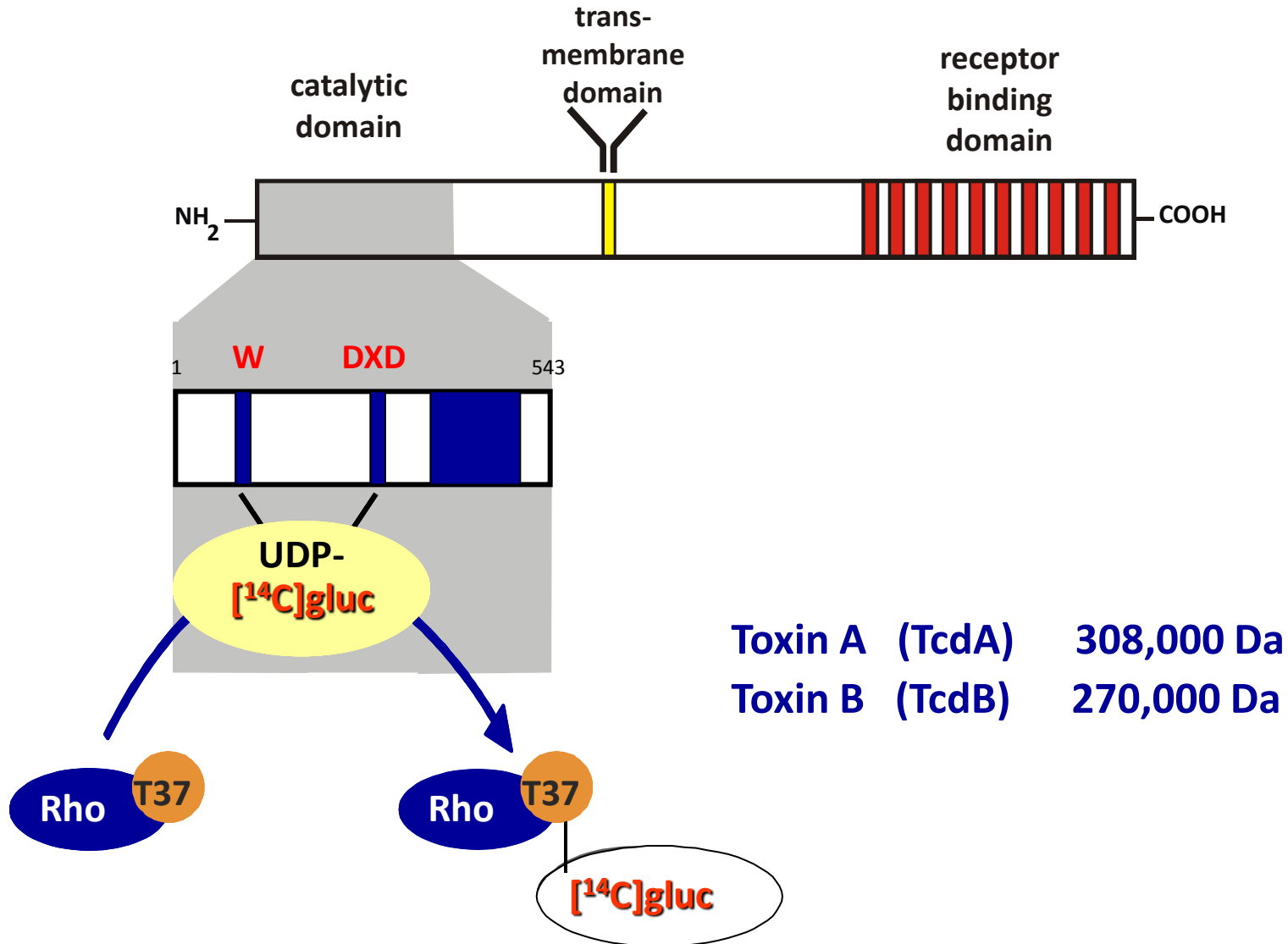


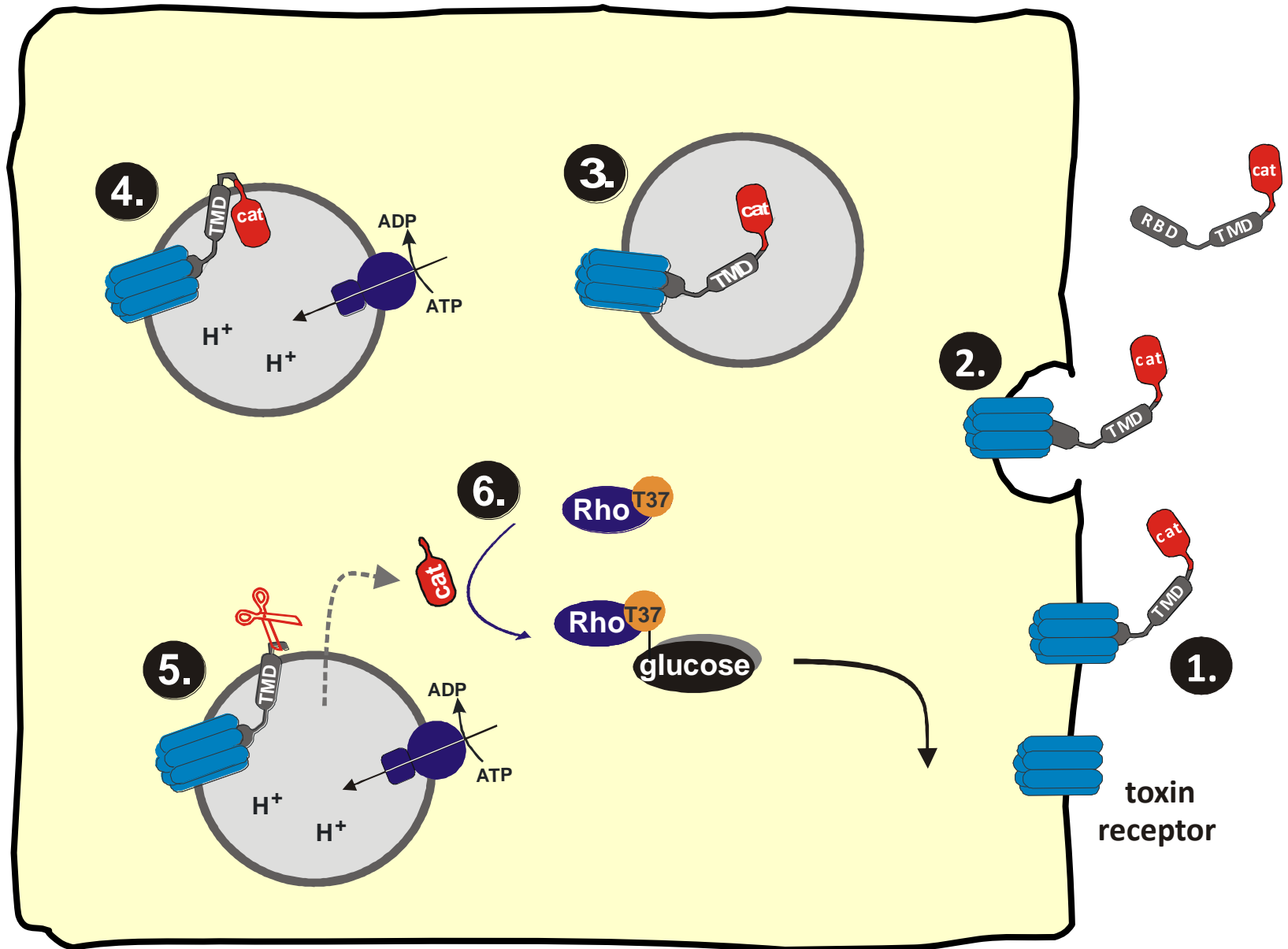
Fig. 2. **Modification of Rho GTPase by DNT.** (A) Transglutaminase activity of DNT. DNT catalyzes polyamination or deamidation at Gln63 of RhoA. See the text for details. (B) The modifications abrogate the GTP-hydrolyzing activity of the GTPases. Furthermore,

in the case of the polyamination, the GTPases gain the ability to interact with downstream effectors (especially ROCK) in a GTP-independent manner. As a result, the modified GTPases function as constitutive analogues and induce anomalous-cellular events.

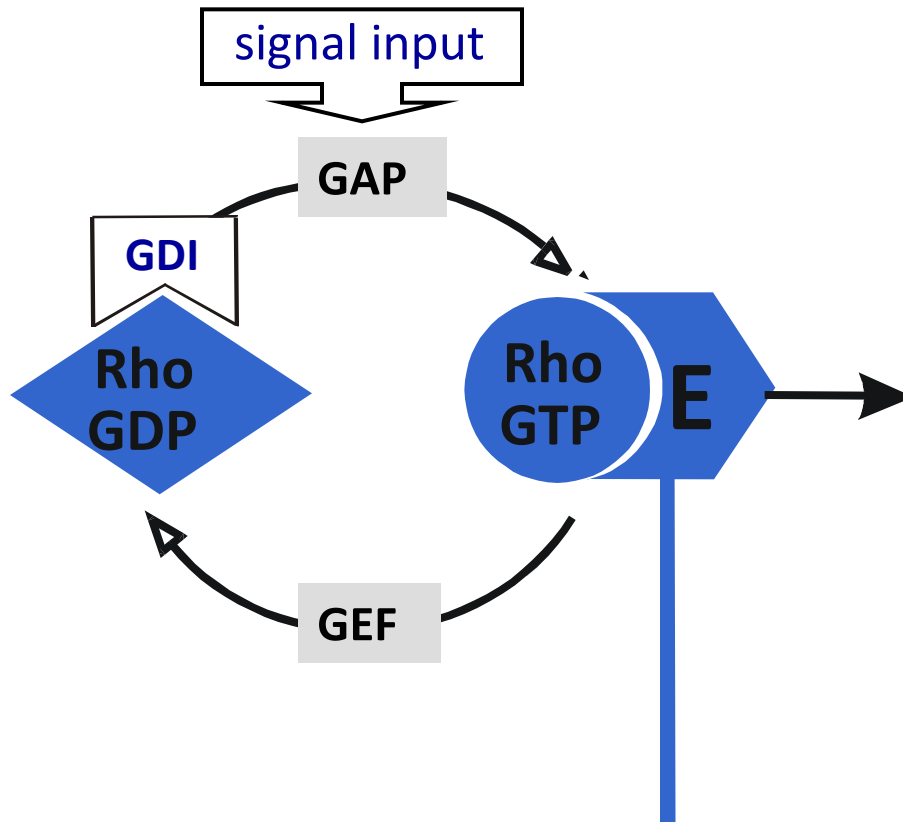
Clostridium difficile glucosylating toxin



Cell entry of *C. difficile* Toxin A and Toxin B



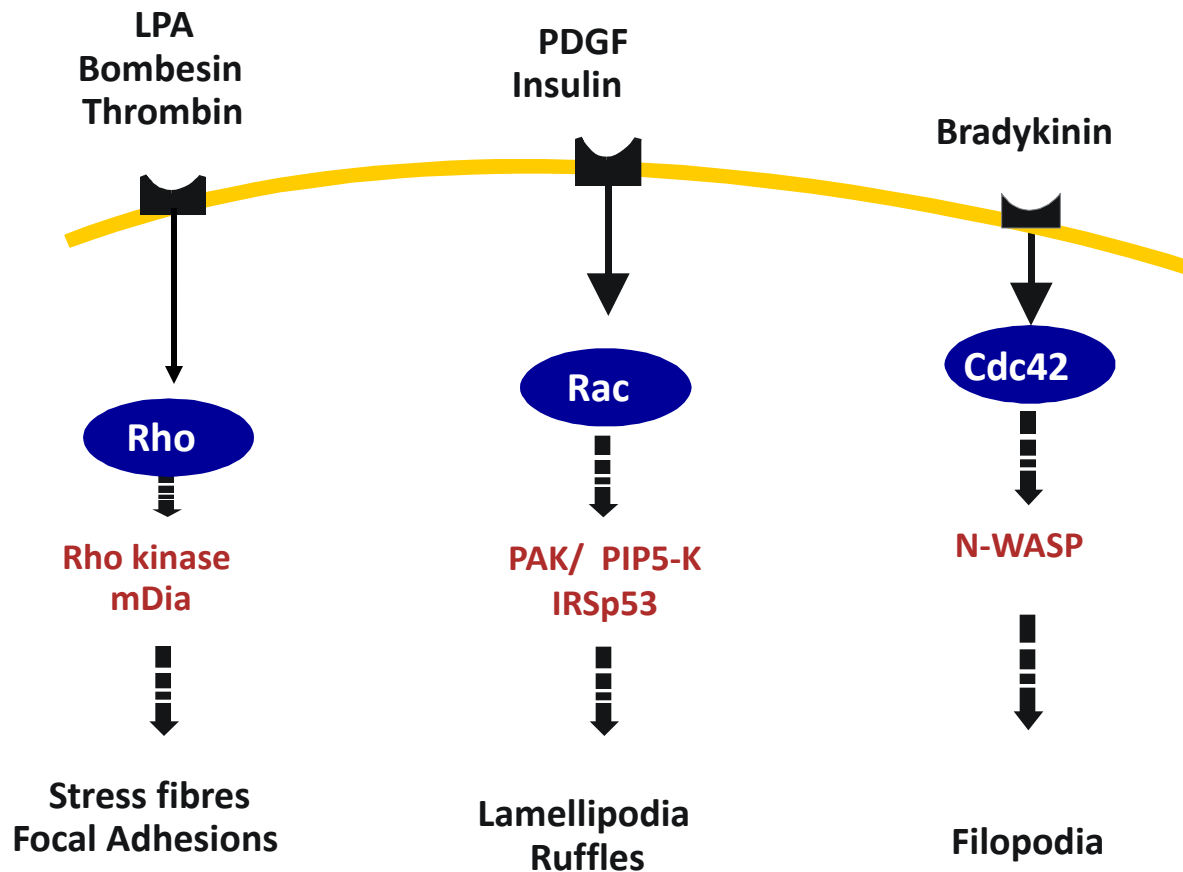
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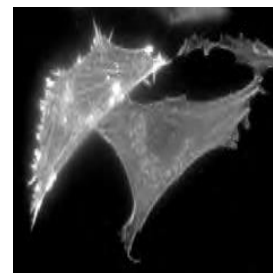
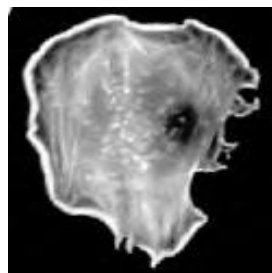
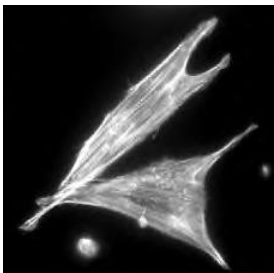
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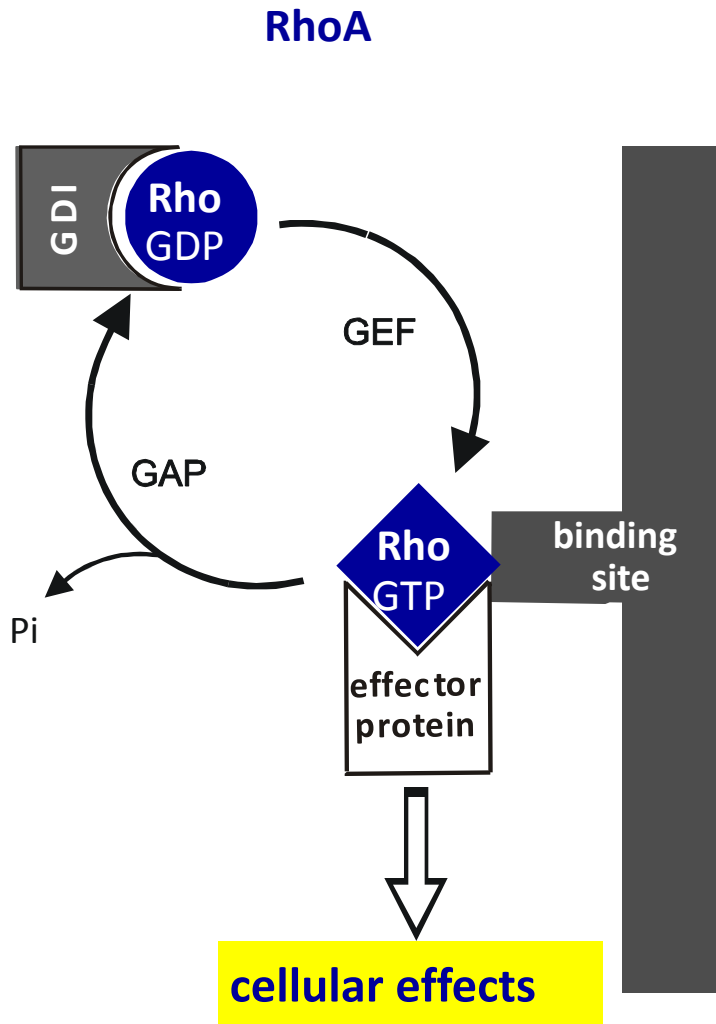
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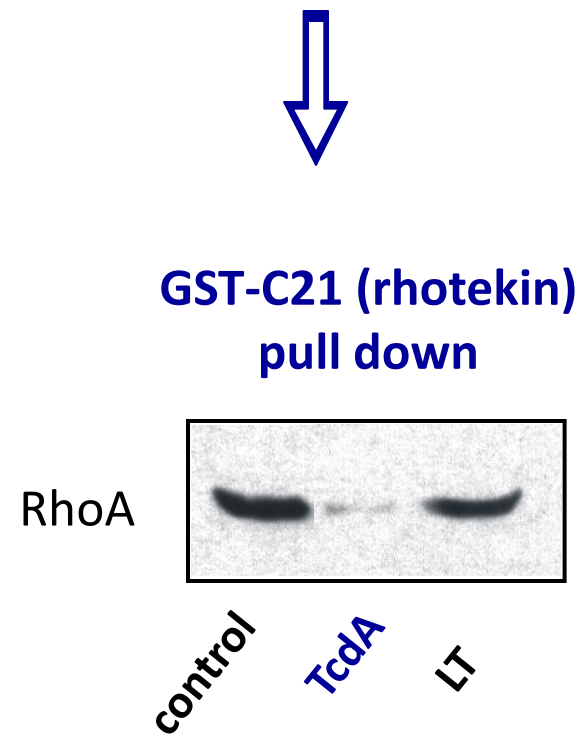
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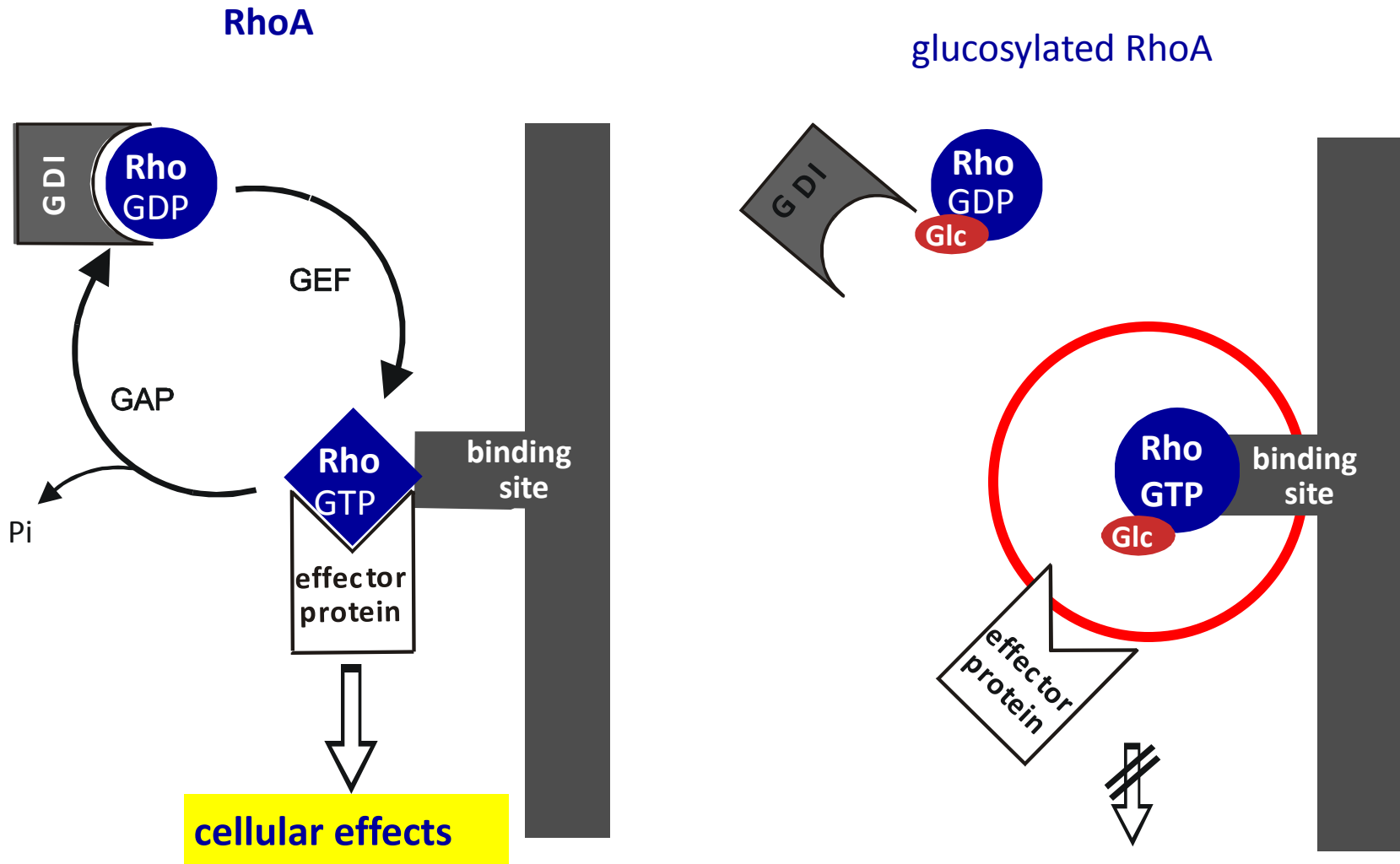
Cytosol – membrane cycling of Rho GTPases



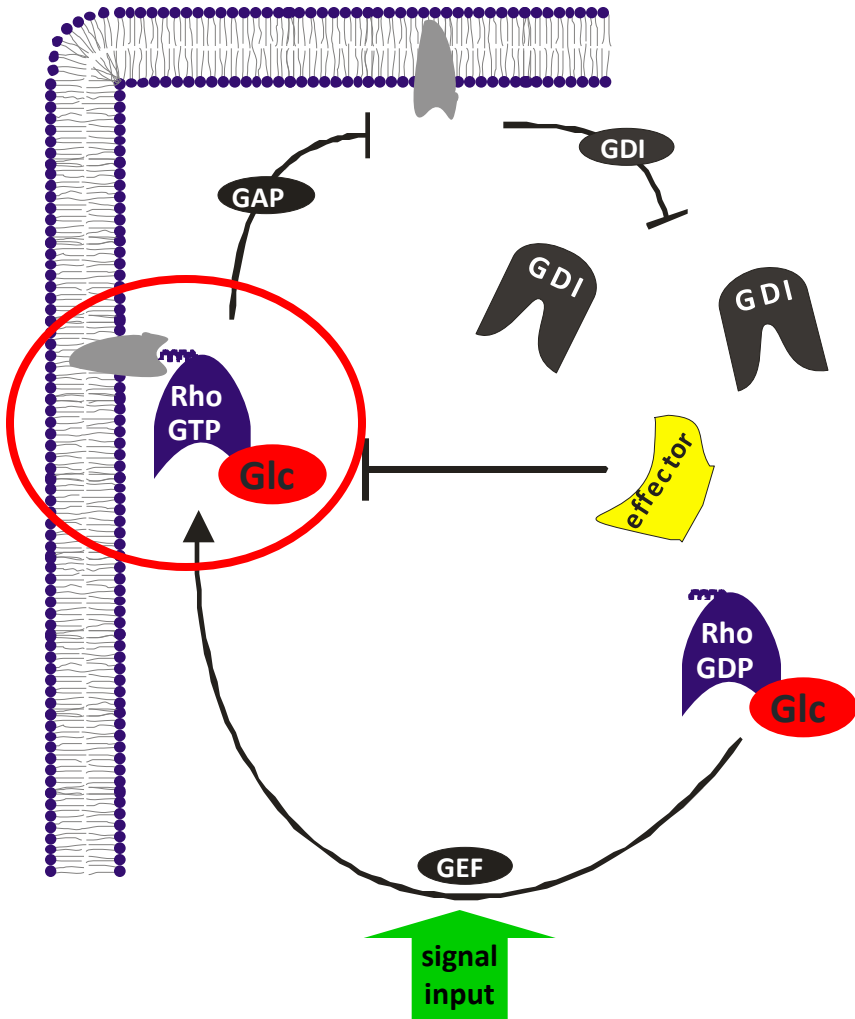
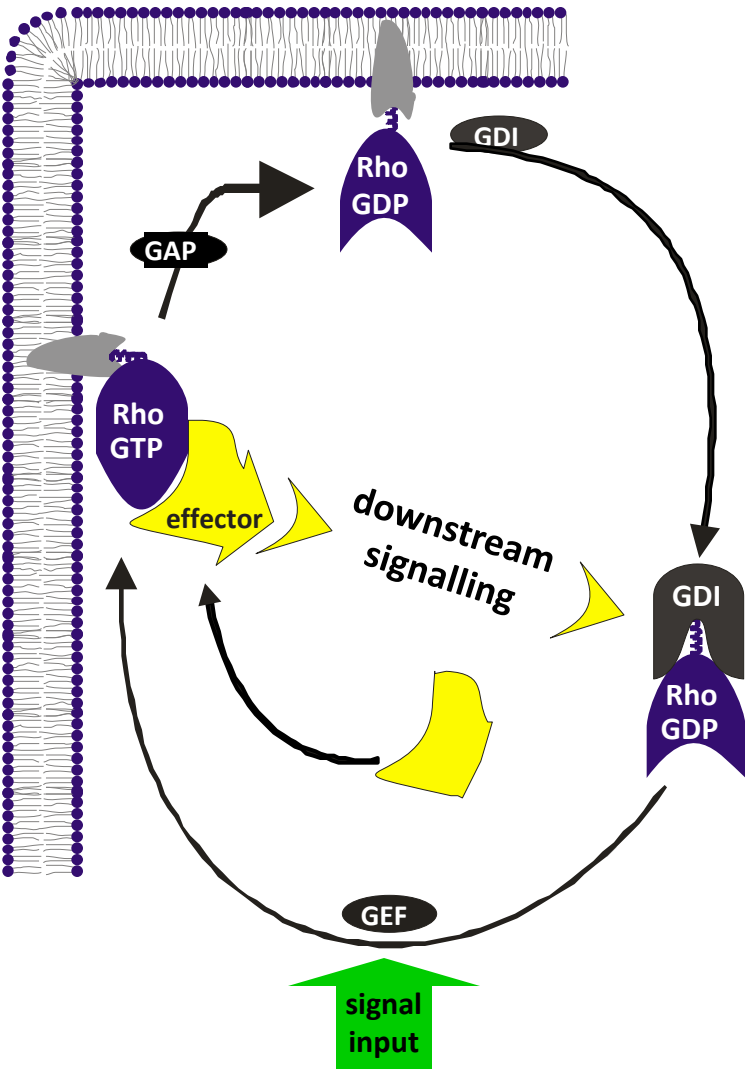
glucosylated RhoA



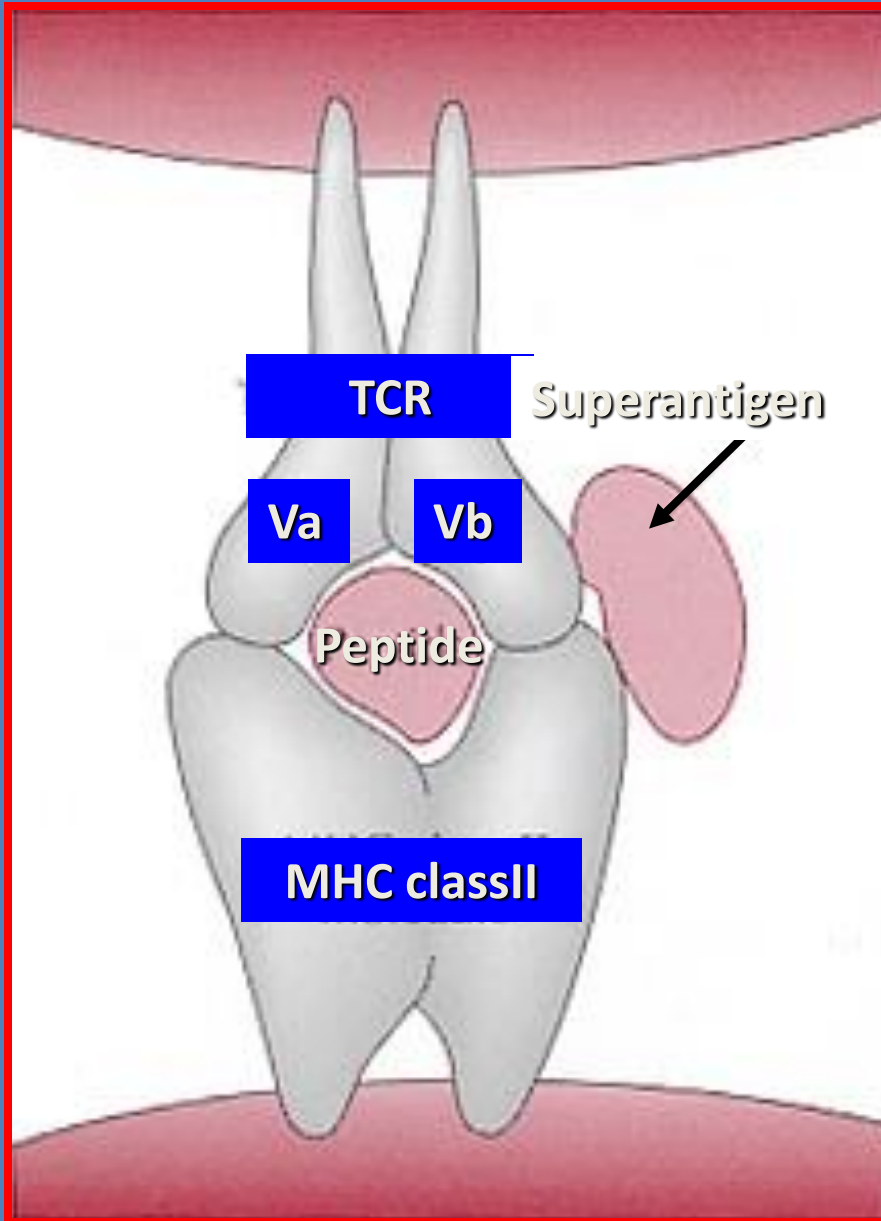
cellular mode of action



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Superantigens



Superantigen

Disease

S.aureus exotoxins

- Enterotoxins
SEA, SEB, SEC1,
SEC2, SEC3, SED,
SEE, SEA G-L

Food poisoning
& TSS

- TSST-1
- ETA, ETB

Toxic shock
Exfoliatins
(SSSS)

S.pyogenes exotoxins

- Erythrogenic toxins
SPE A-C
- Exotoxines mitogènes
SPEF, SSA, SPM,
SPM-2, SMEZ, SPEG
SPEH, SPEJ, SMEZ-2

Scarlet fever,
Toxic shock
Toxic shock

Y.pseudotuberculosis mitogen (YPM)

C.perfringens enterotoxin

M.arthritis supernatant

Results of superantigen activation of T cells

- Increased IL-2 and TNF- α production; edema; hypotension, multiorgan failure, rash; possible death
- Expansion of, followed by depletion of specific T cell populations
- T cell anergy

Staphylococcal Toxic Shock Syndrome

Age	Primarily 15-35 yrs
Sex	Greatest in women
Severe pain	Rare
Hypotension	100%
Erythroderma rash	Very common
Renal failure	Common
Tissue necrosis	Rare
Predisposing factors	Tampons, packing
Mortality	<3%

Streptococcal Superantigens

SpeA Scarlet fever, shock, necrotising fasciitis

SpeB Cellulitis, invasive infections, cysteine protease, SAg??

SpeC Scarlet fever

SpeF DNaseB, streptodornase, SAg??

SSA

SpeG, SpeH, SpeJ, SMEZ identified from genome sequence

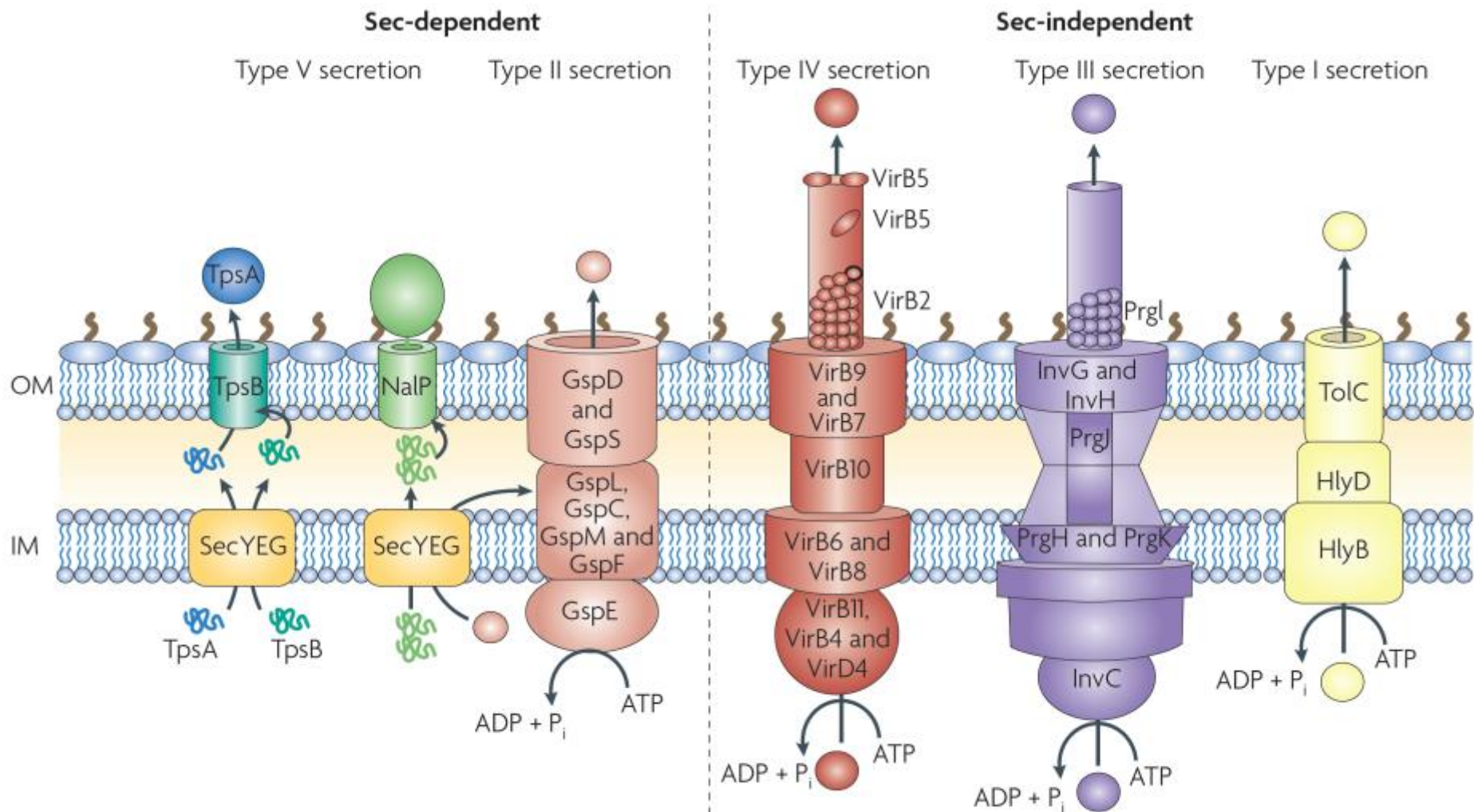
A fluorescence microscopy image showing numerous rod-shaped bacteria. The bacteria are primarily green, with some showing bright orange or yellow spots, likely representing specific cellular components or secretions. The background is dark, making the fluorescent bacteria stand out.

Type VI Secretion System

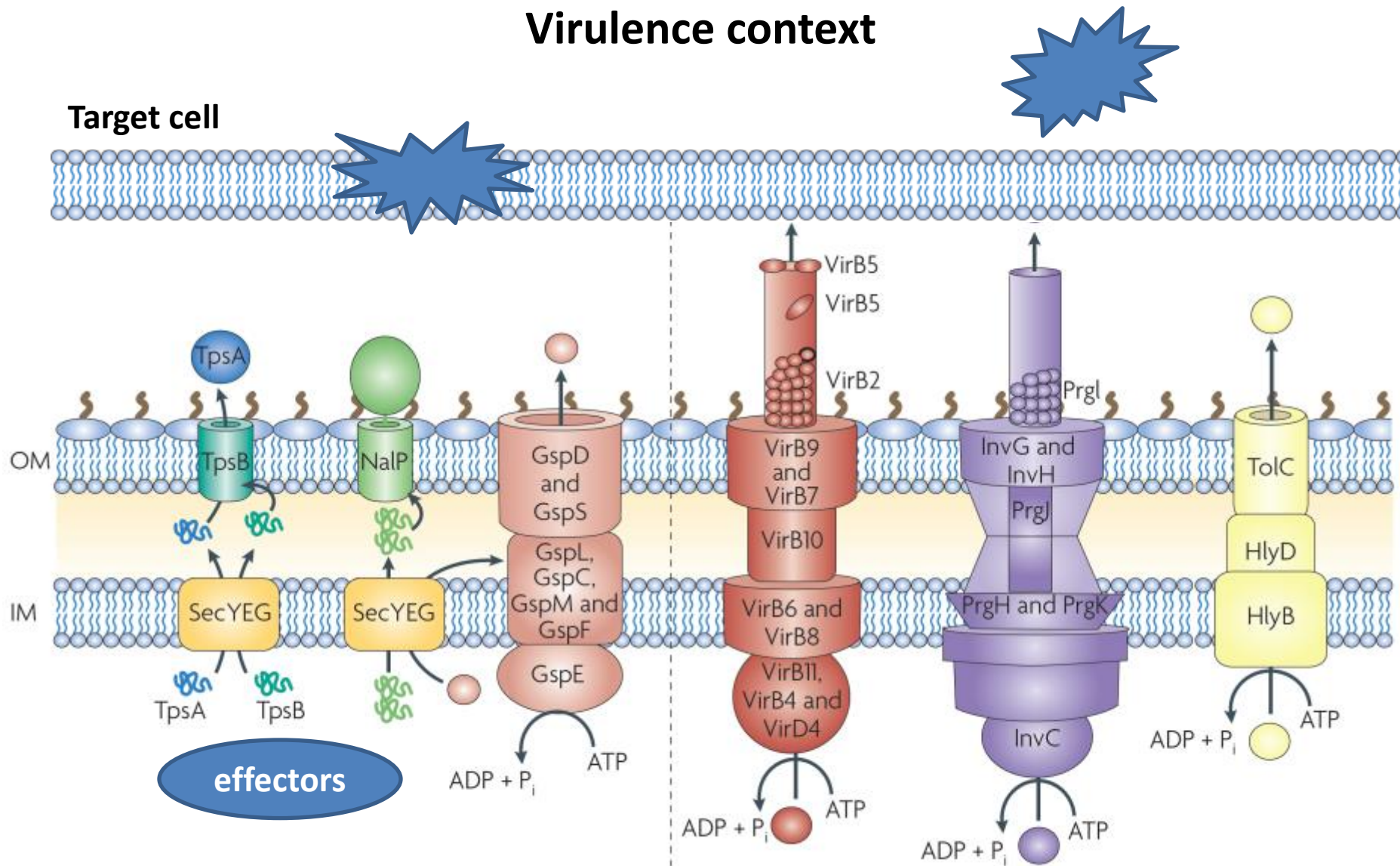
structure, function and dynamics of a
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Marek Basler
University of Basel, Biozentrum

Secretion systems of G- bacteria

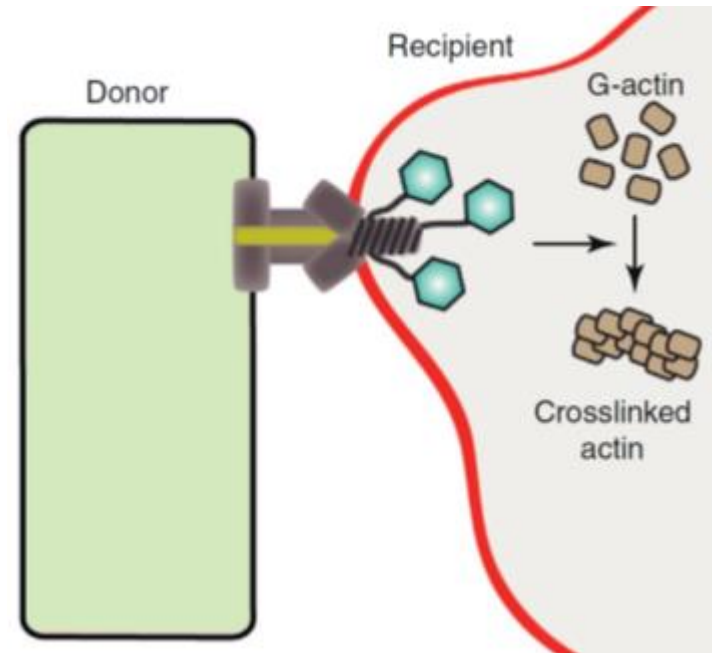


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T6SS is a virulence factor

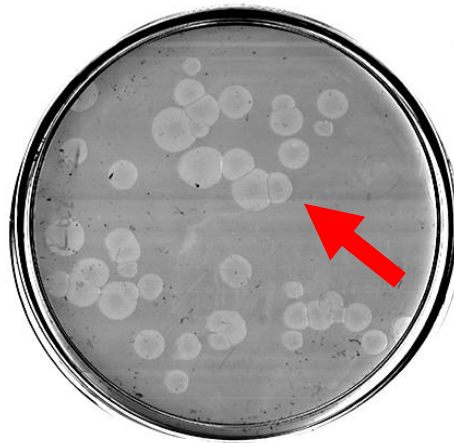
- *Dictyostelium* model to screen for novel virulence factors of *Vibrio cholerae*.
- Secretes **Hcp** and three **VgrG** proteins
- VgrG1-ACD effector delivered into target cells



Schwarz *et al.*, Trends 2010

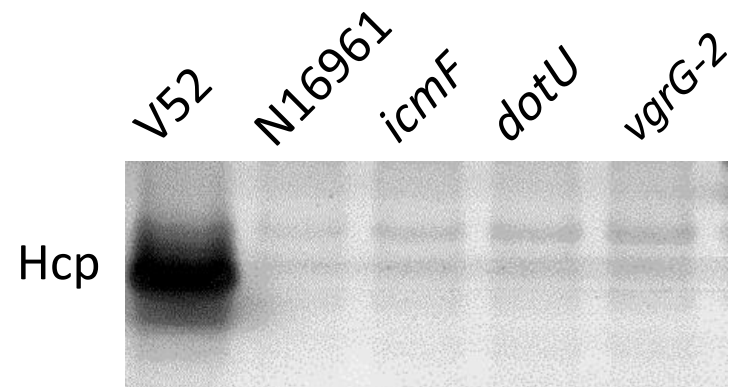
V52
virulent

N16961
avirulent



Pukatzki *et al.*, PNAS 2006

Culture supernatants analysis



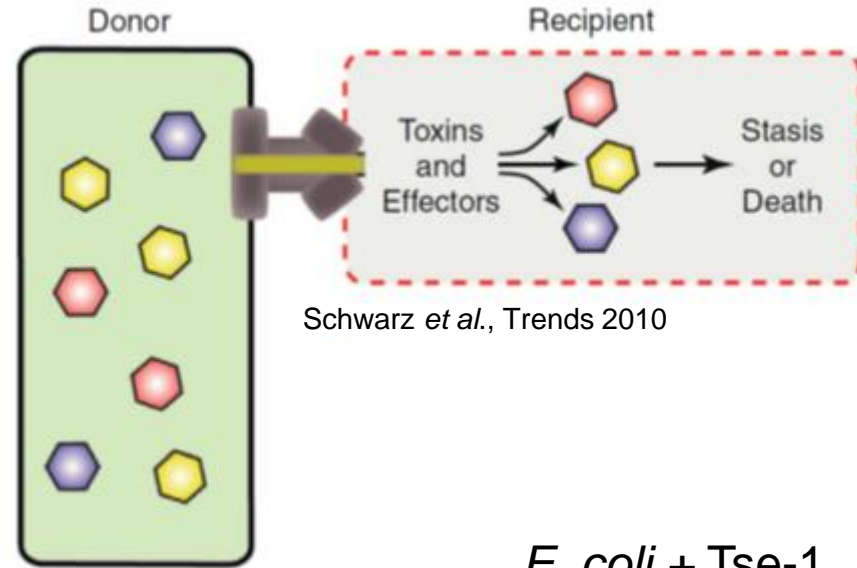
T6SS targets bacterial cells

P. aeruginosa T6SS-1:

- secretes cell wall-targeting effectors
- inhibits bacteria

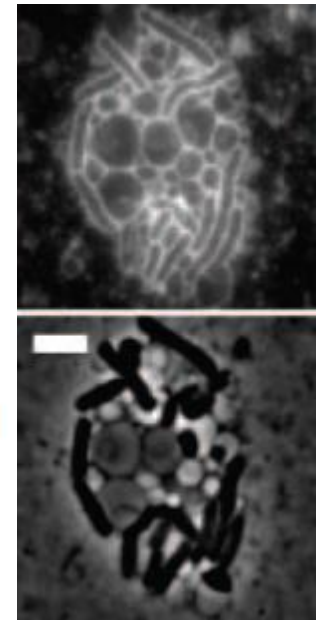
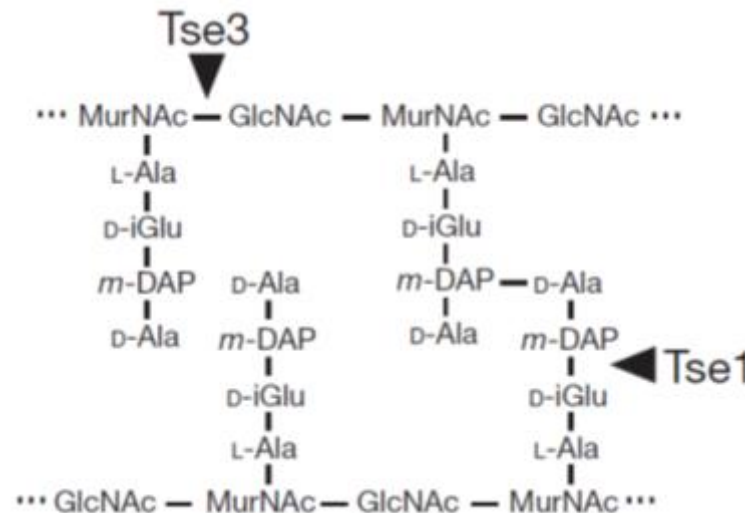
V. cholerae T6SS:

- kills *E. coli* quickly and efficiently
MacIntyre *et al.*, PNAS 2010
- secretes lipase
- lysozyme activity of VgrG3
Dong *et al.*, PNAS 2013



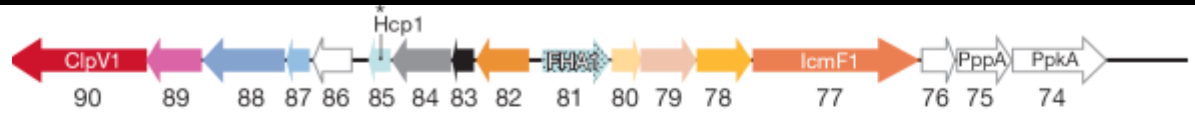
Schwarz *et al.*, Trends 2010

E. coli + Tse-1



T6SS is present in ~25% of all G- bacteria

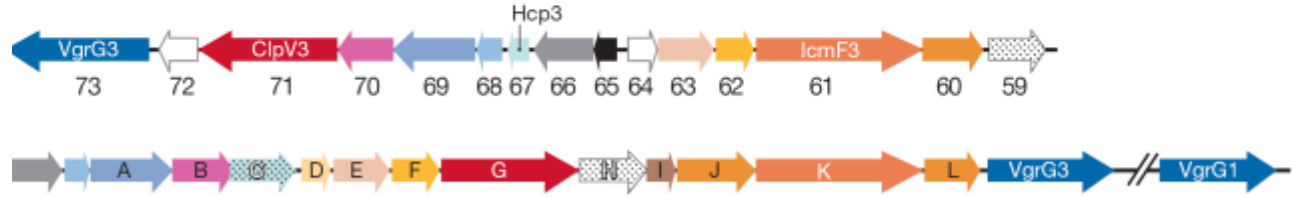
Pseudomonas



Vibrio



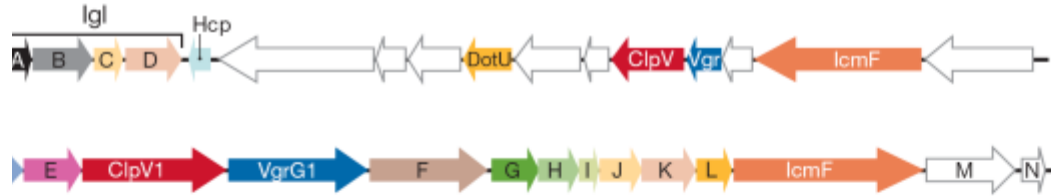
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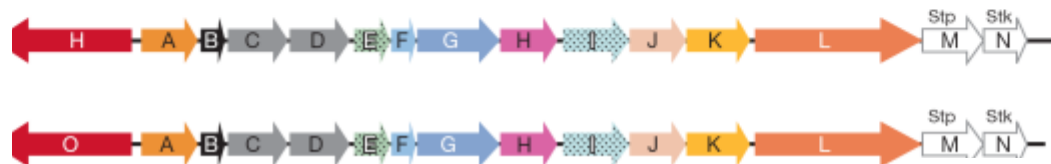
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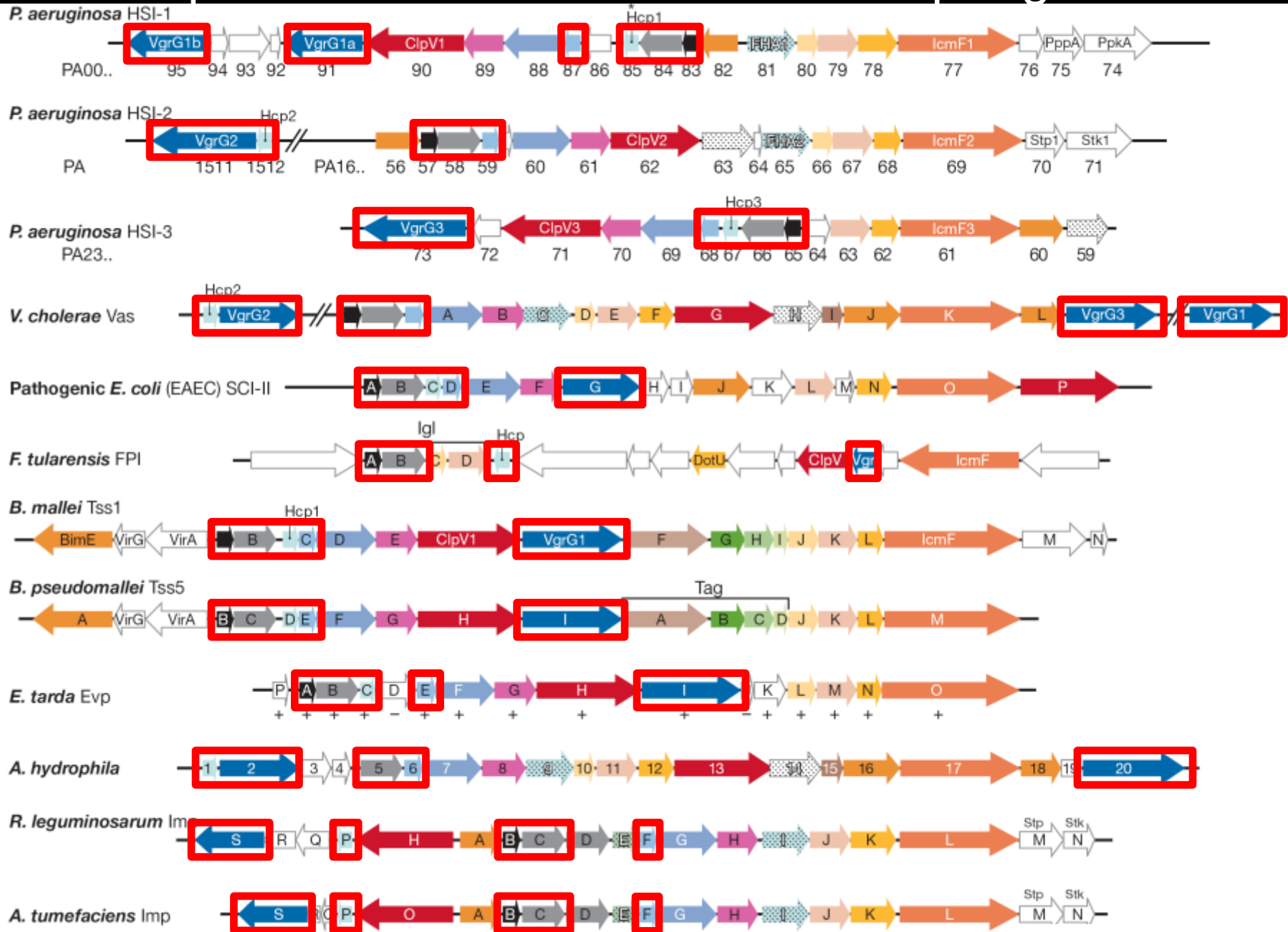
Salmonella



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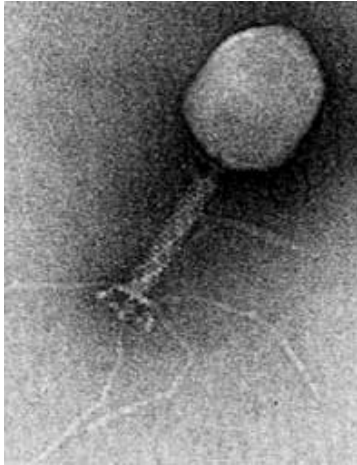
Components of T6SS are related to phage tail



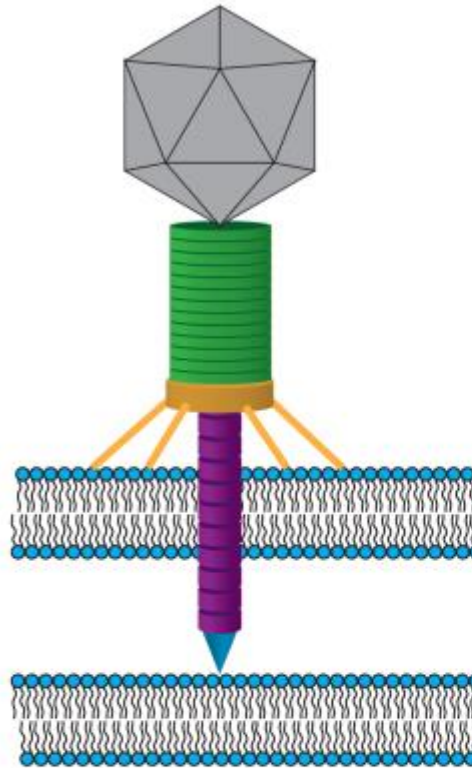
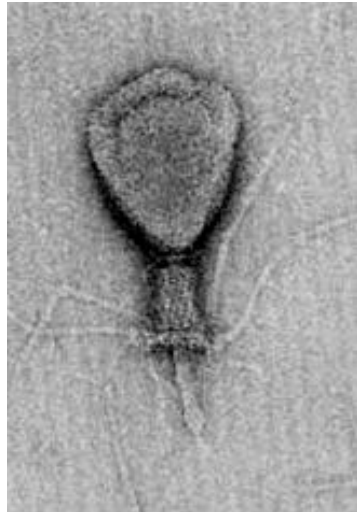
Simple model of T6SS based on phage homology

Protein translocation by sheath contraction

T4
extended tail



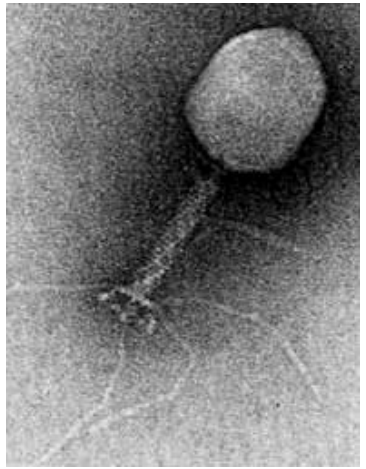
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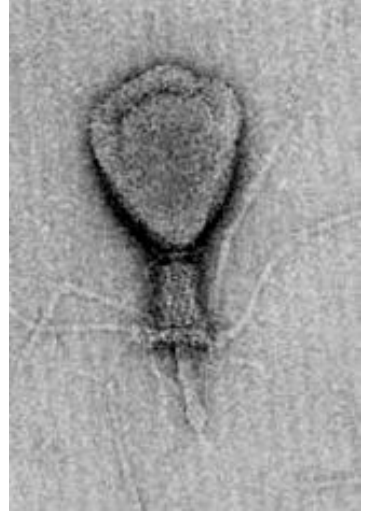
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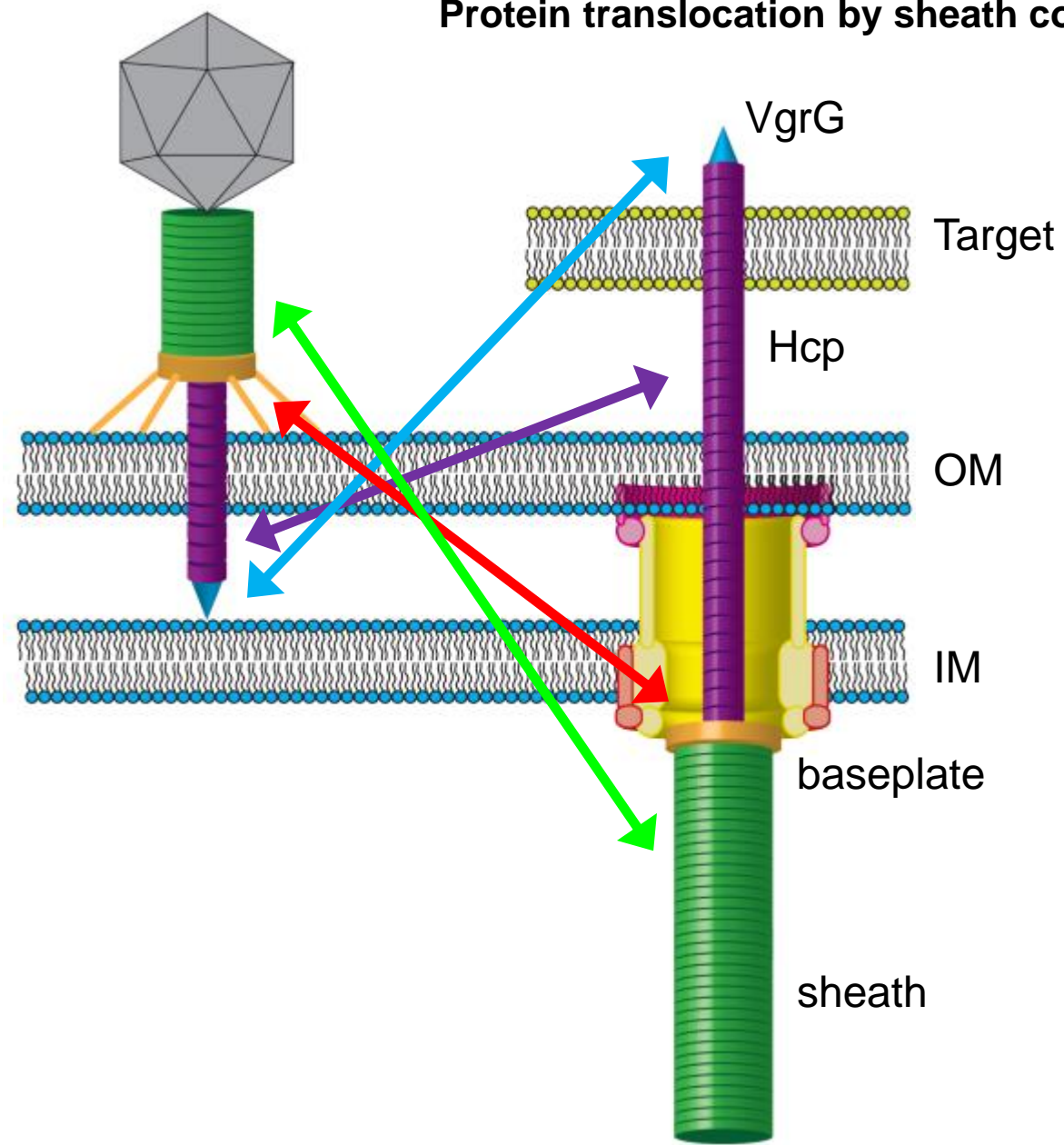
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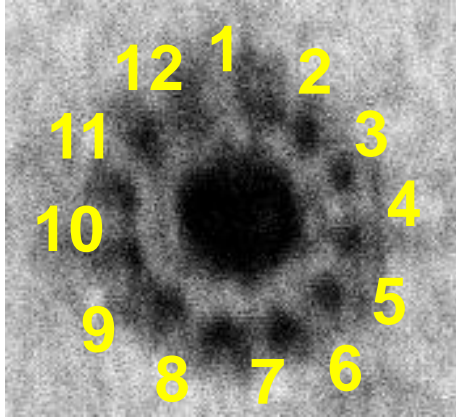


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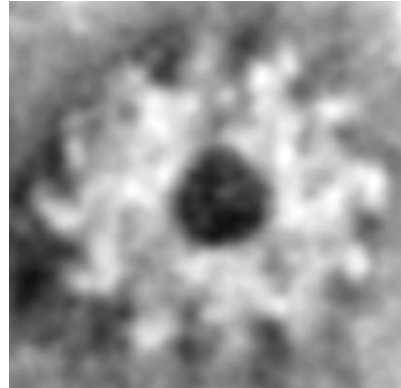


Purification of VipA/VipB sheath-like structures from *V. cholerae*

T6SS sheath

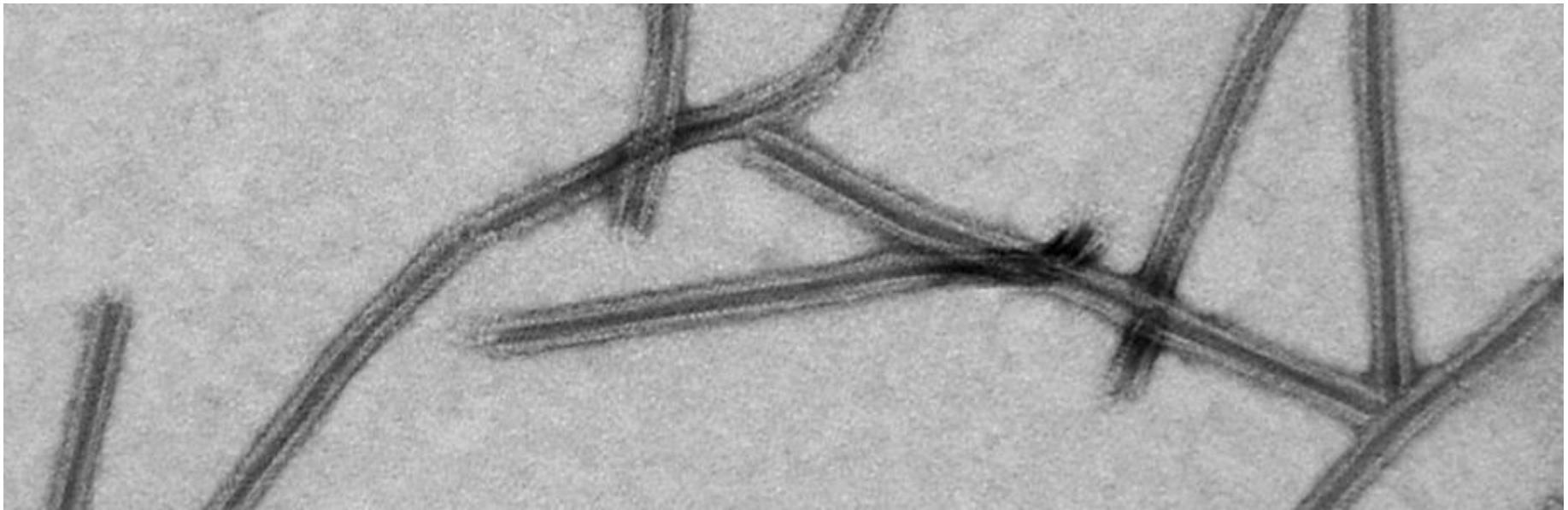


T4 sheath



~25nm wide, 10 nm inner diameter
up to 500nm long!

Moody M.F., J Mol Biol 1967



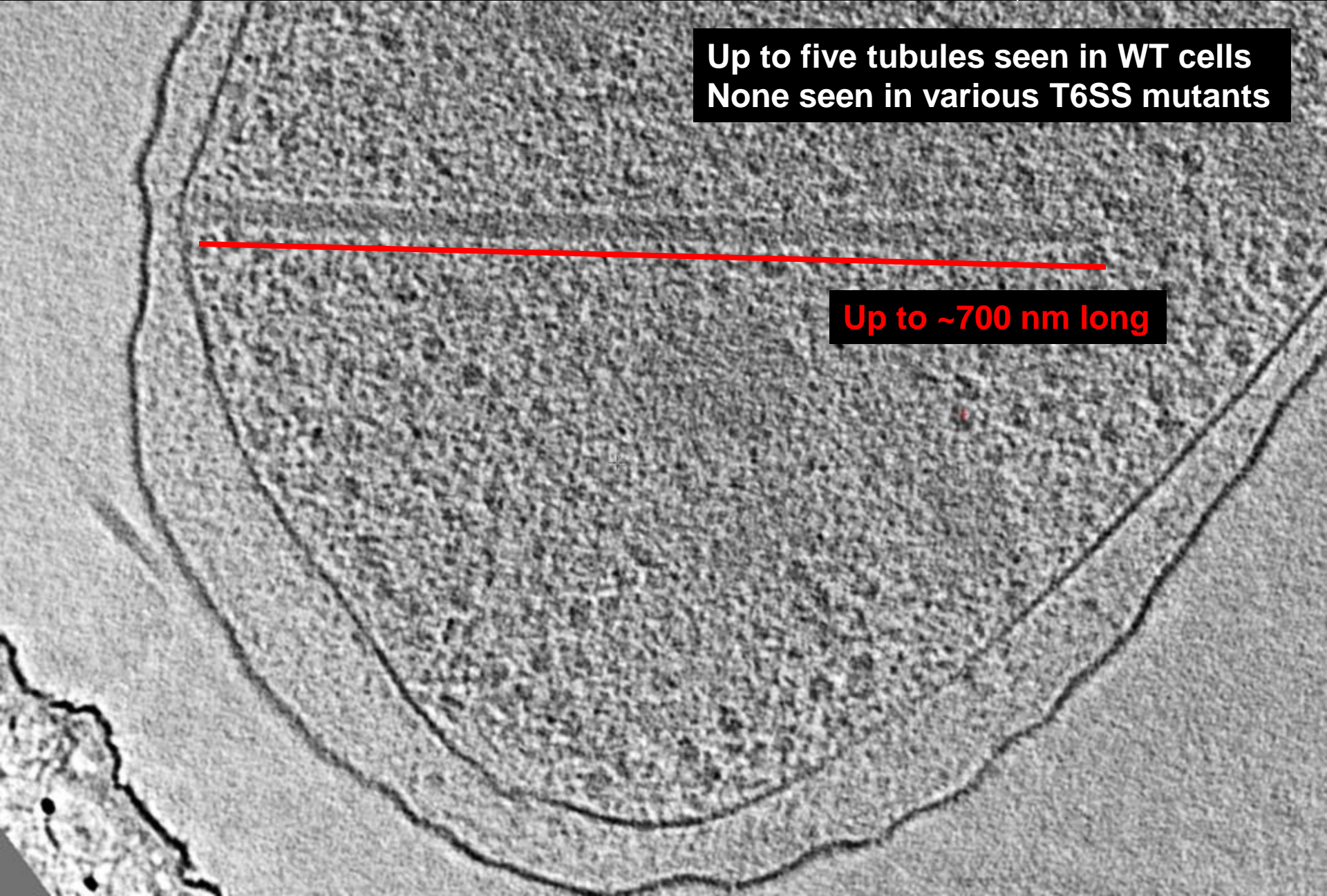
100 nm

Electron Cryo Tomography (ECT) of T6S+ *V. cholerae*

Collaboration with Martin Pilhofer and Grant Jensen, Caltech

Up to five tubules seen in WT cells
None seen in various T6SS mutants

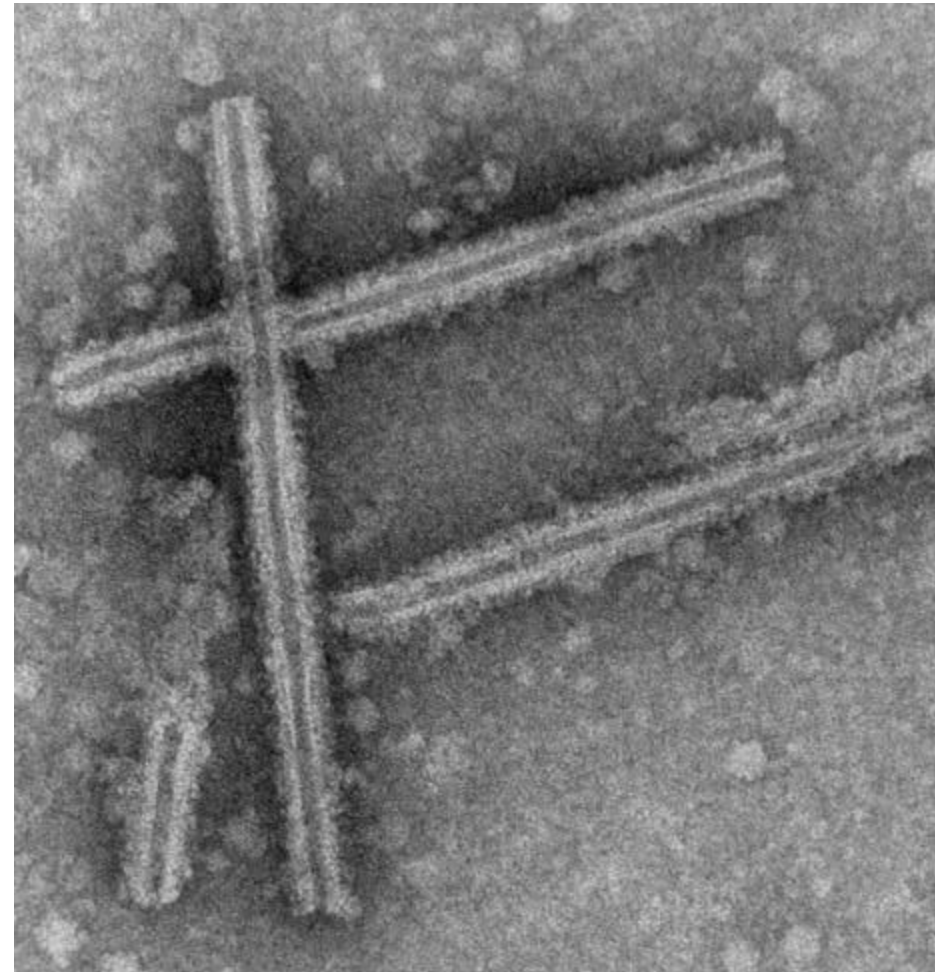
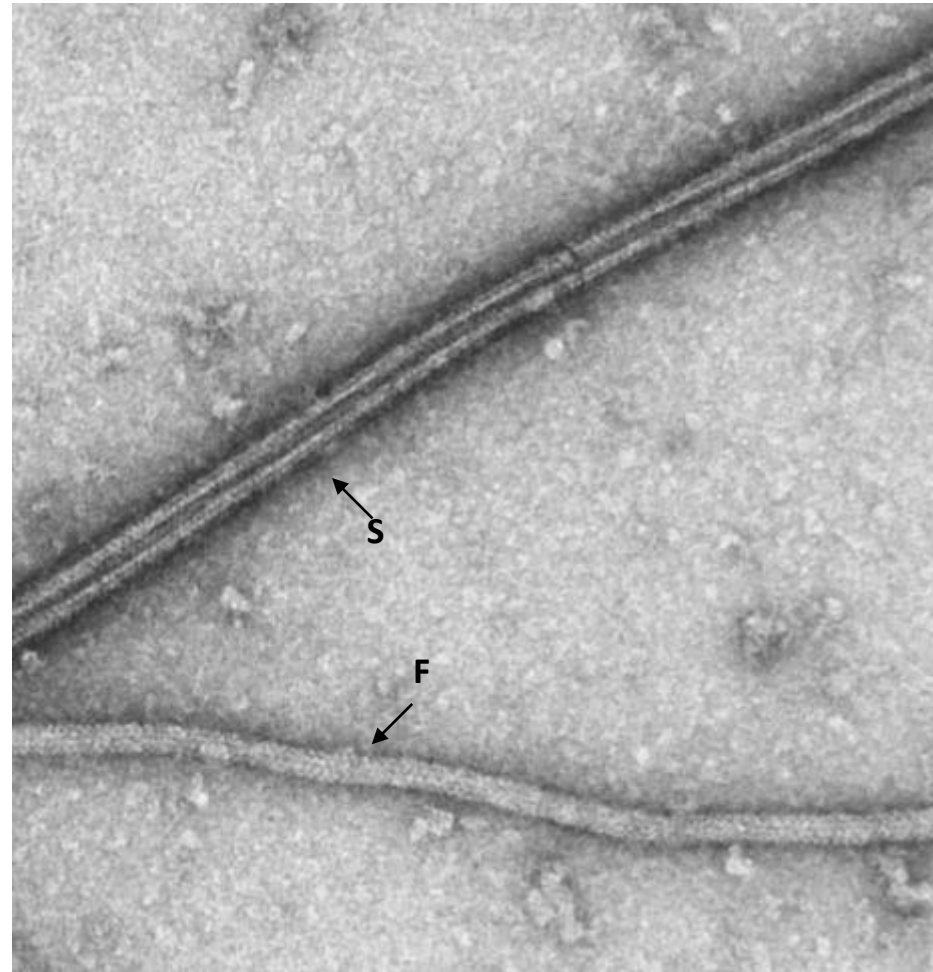
Up to ~700 nm long



VipA-sfGFP assembles into a long sheath

WT

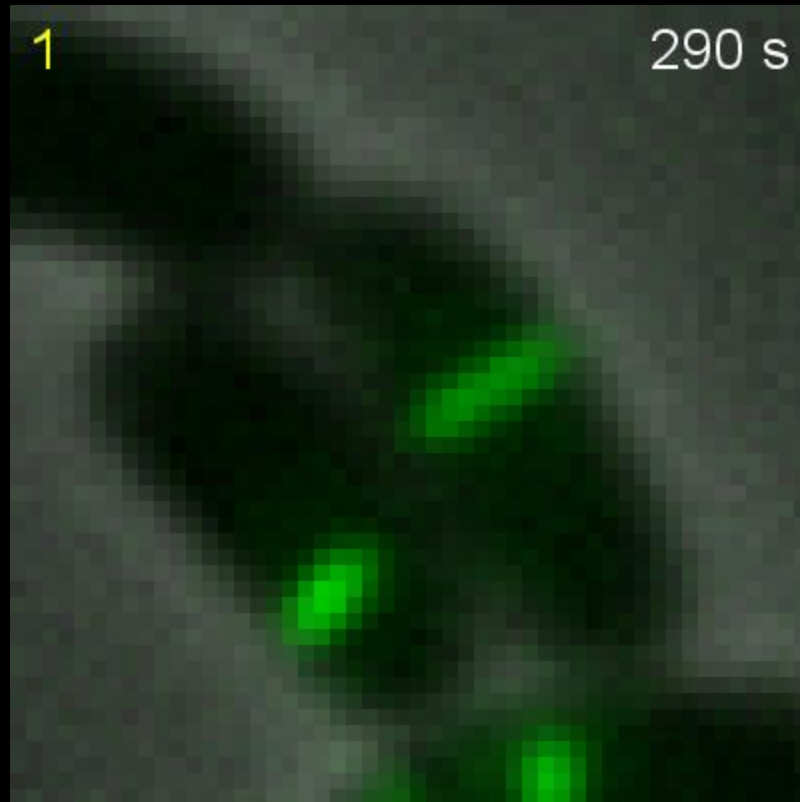
Δ VipA + VipA-sfGFP



100 nm

100 nm

Dynamics of T6SS sheath in *V. cholerae*



- Polymerizes from the membrane out in ~ 30 s
- Contracts to $\sim 50\%$ in less than 5ms!
- Disassembles in ~ 30 s
- Whole cycle restarts at apparently random location

V. cholerae VipA-sfGFP, 10s/frame, 50x speed

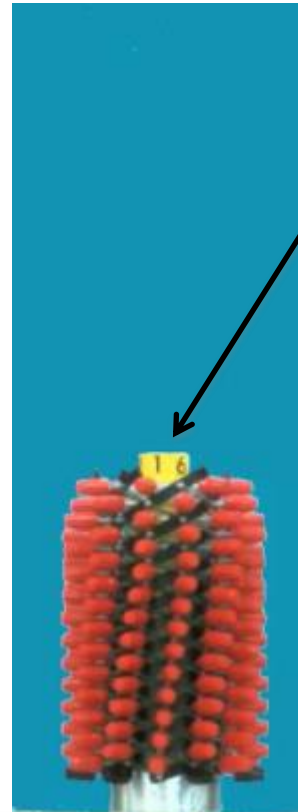
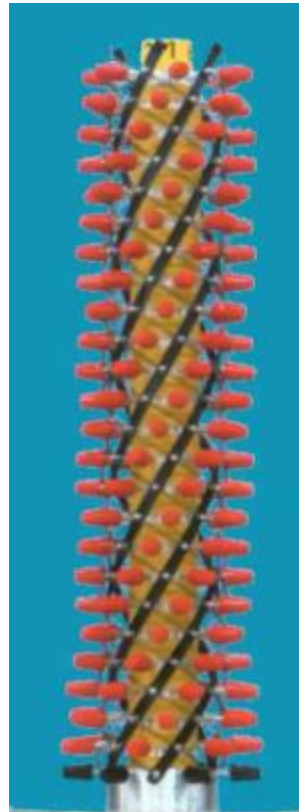
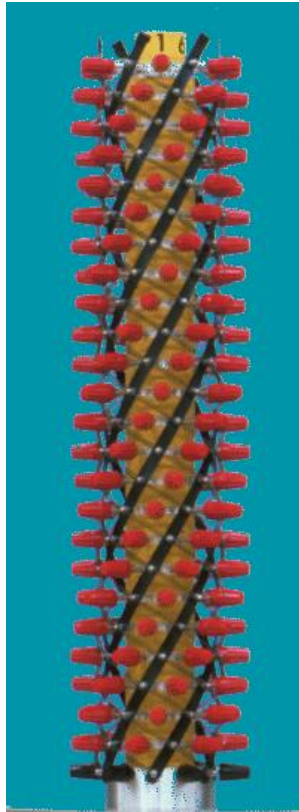
T4 phage tail sheath contraction

Full cycle

Extended

Contracted

Inside the
T6SS+ cell



One full turn of Hcp tube
per 100 nm length of
uncontracted sheath, full
sheath could be 5-10 turns
per less than 5ms!

Red - VipA/VipB
helical sheath

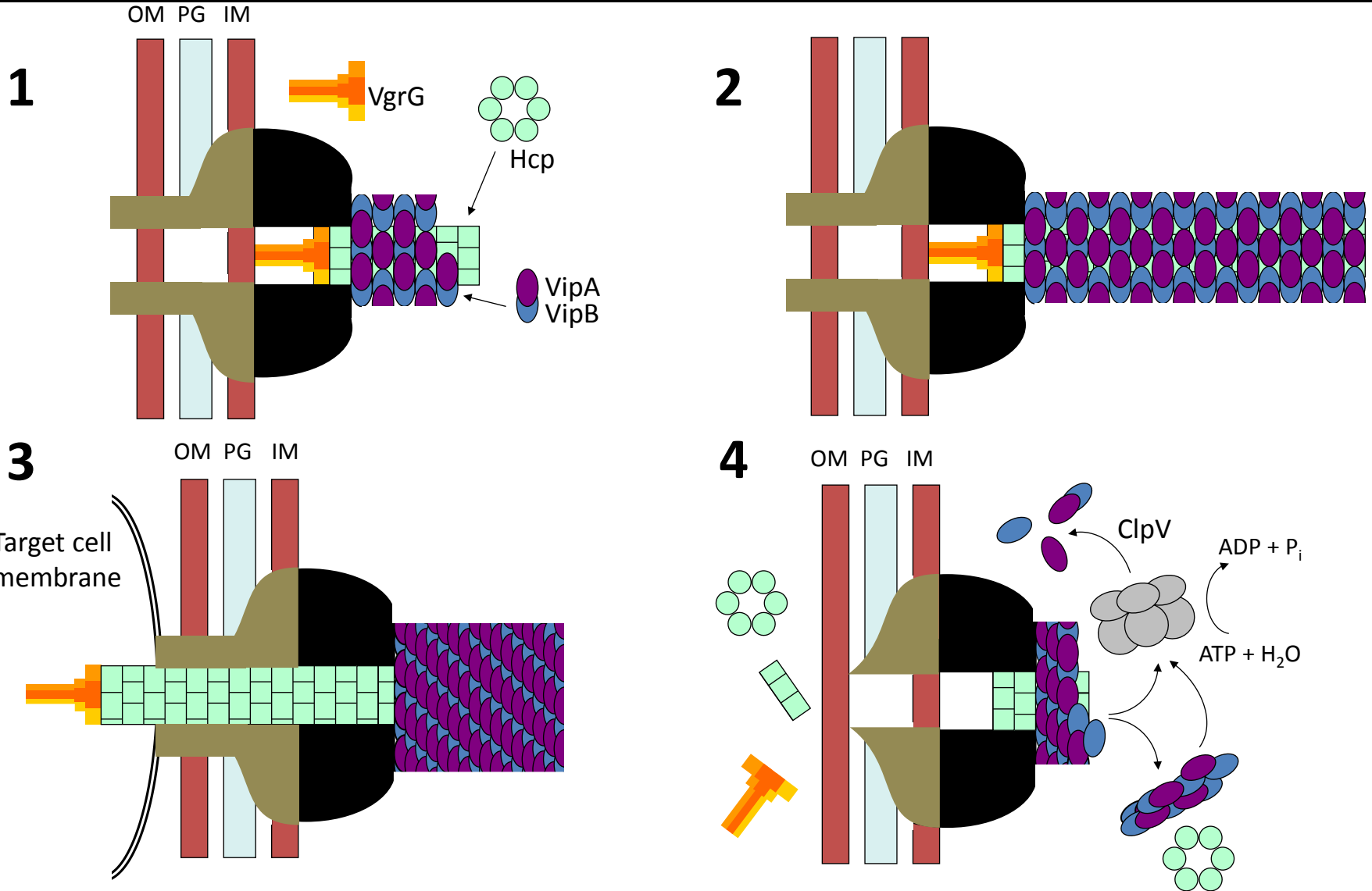
Outside the
T6SS+ cell



Yellow - Hcp tube

Animation by Don Casper

Model of T6SS dynamics



Cells respond to T6SS activity in a neighboring cell



P. aeruginosa ClpV1-GFP - 5s/frame, 50x speed

What is the signal for “dueling”?

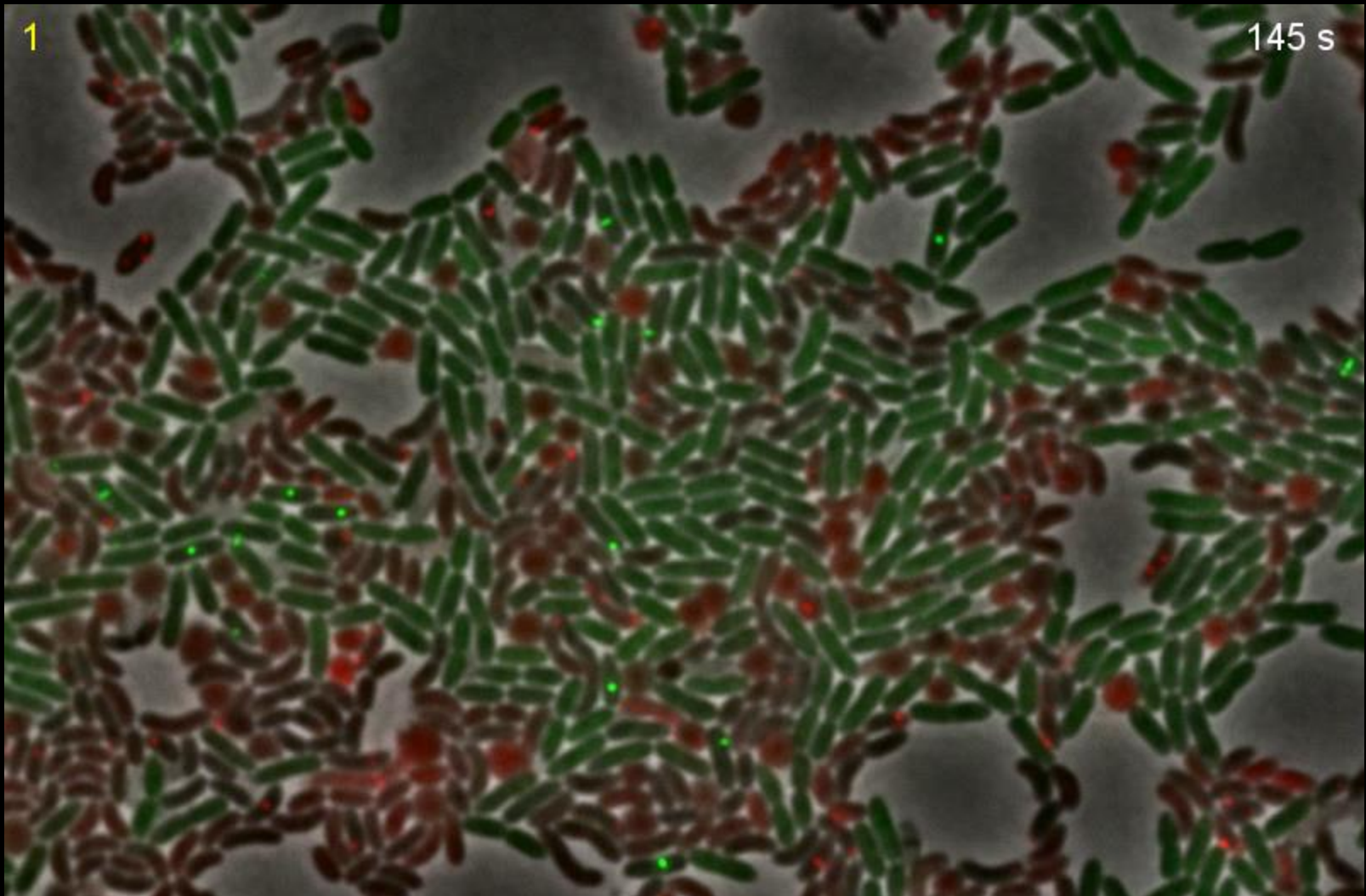
Can heterologous organisms trigger the dueling response?

P. aeruginosa delivers cell wall-targeting effectors to *V. cholerae*

Delivery is contact dependent

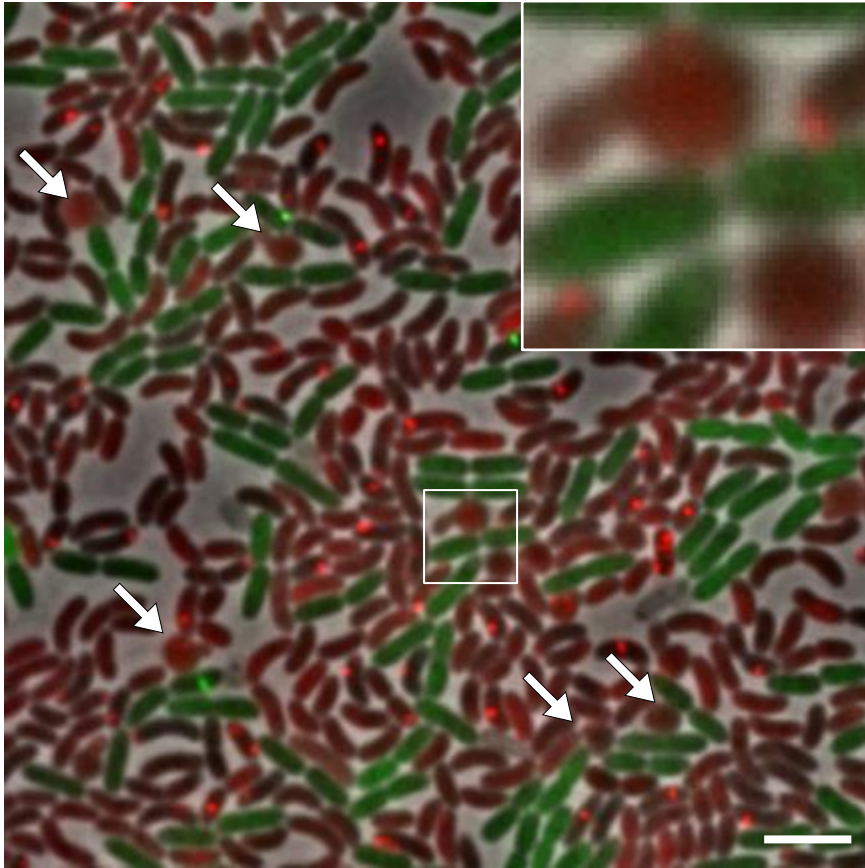
P. aeruginosa ClpV

V. cholerae ClpV



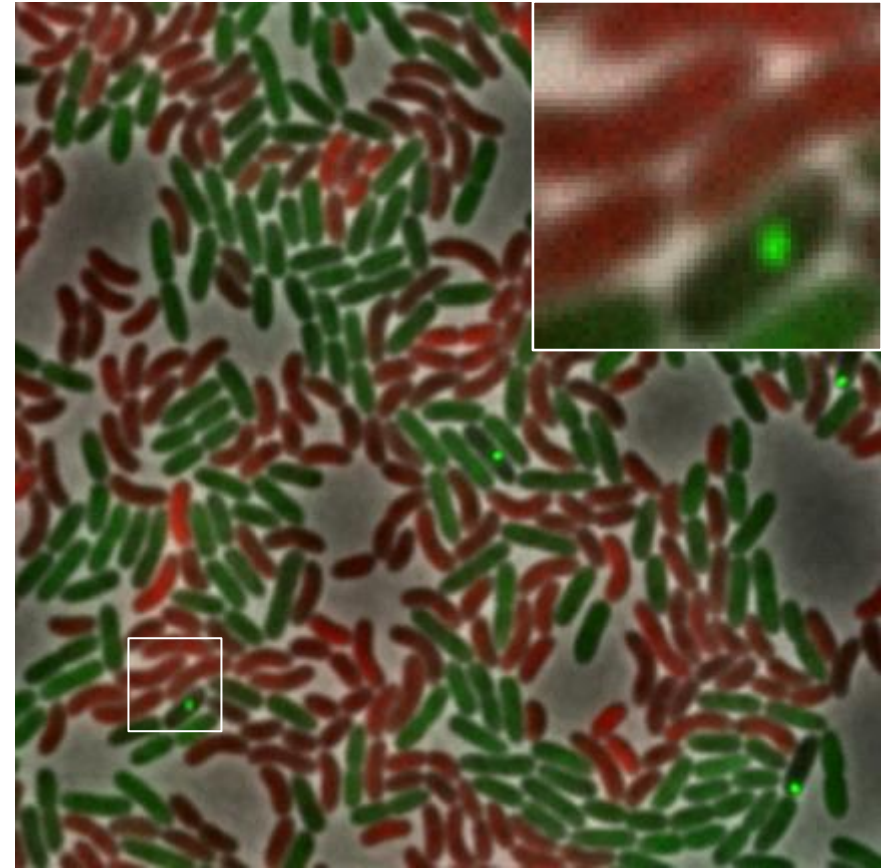
Pseudomonas targets only T6SS+ *Vibrio*

V. cholerae T6SS+



30 ± 14 round cells/field (n = 60 fields)

V. cholerae T6SS-

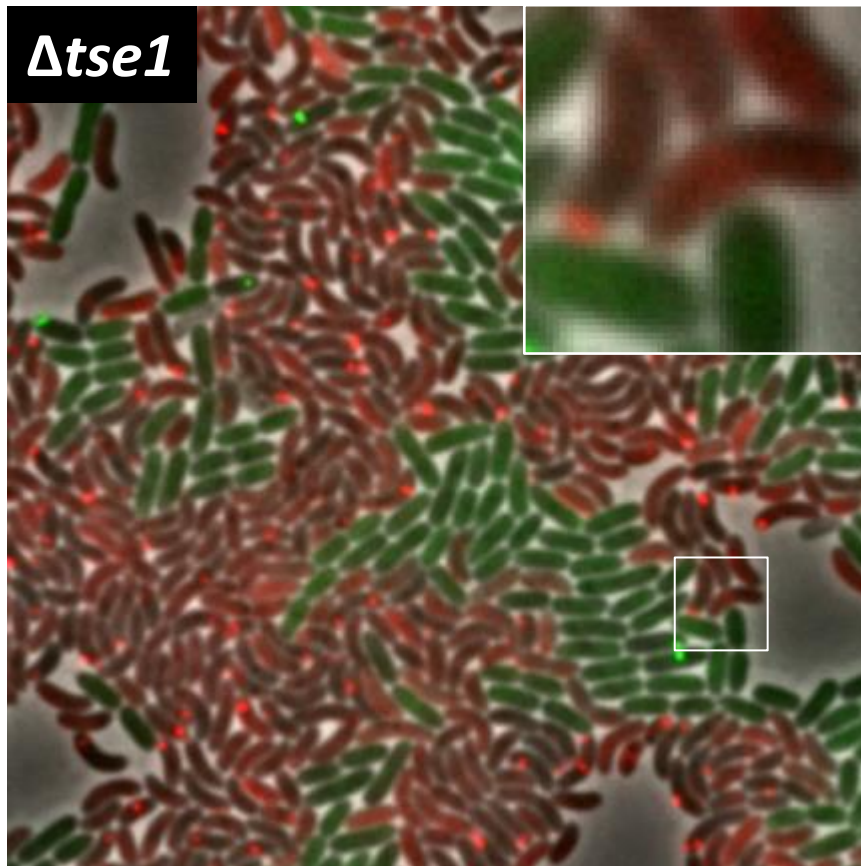


1.1 ± 1.2 (n = 30, p-val < 10^{-22})

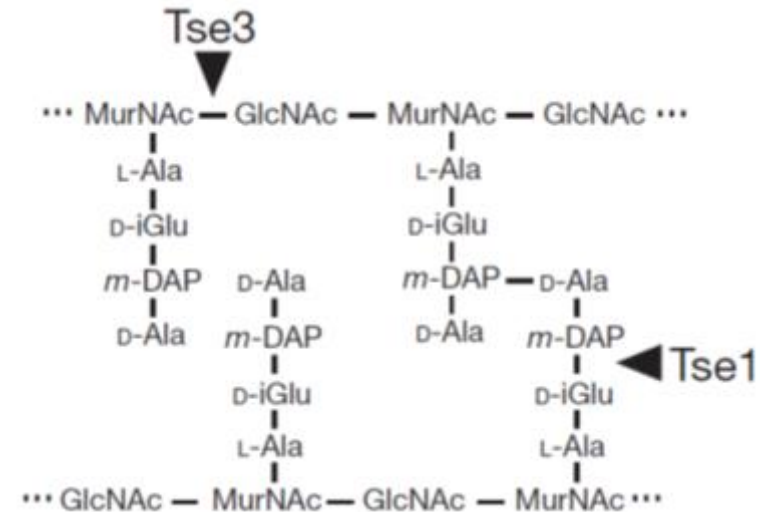
Pseudomonas Tse1 effector is responsible for rounding

P. aeruginosa T6SS-1:

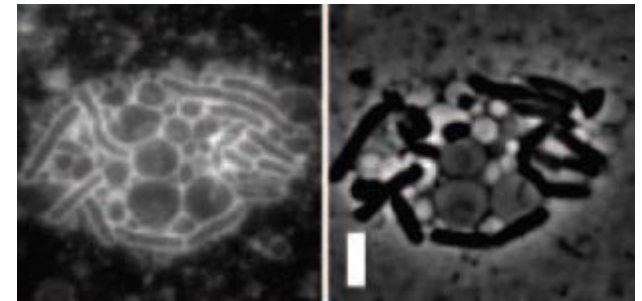
- secretes cell wall-targeting effectors
- inhibits bacteria



0.03 ± 0.18 (n = 30, p-val < 10^{-22})

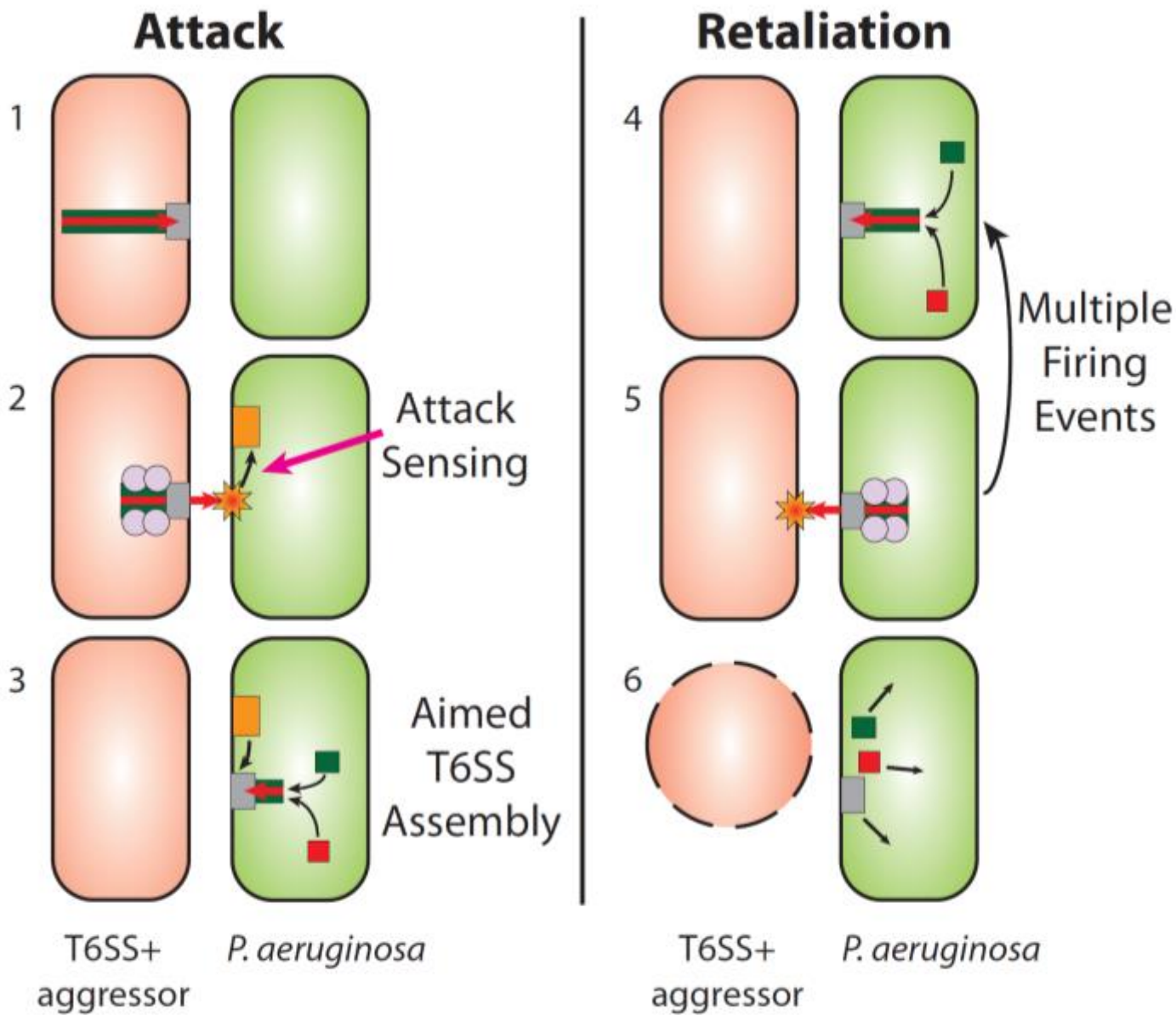


E. coli + Tse-1

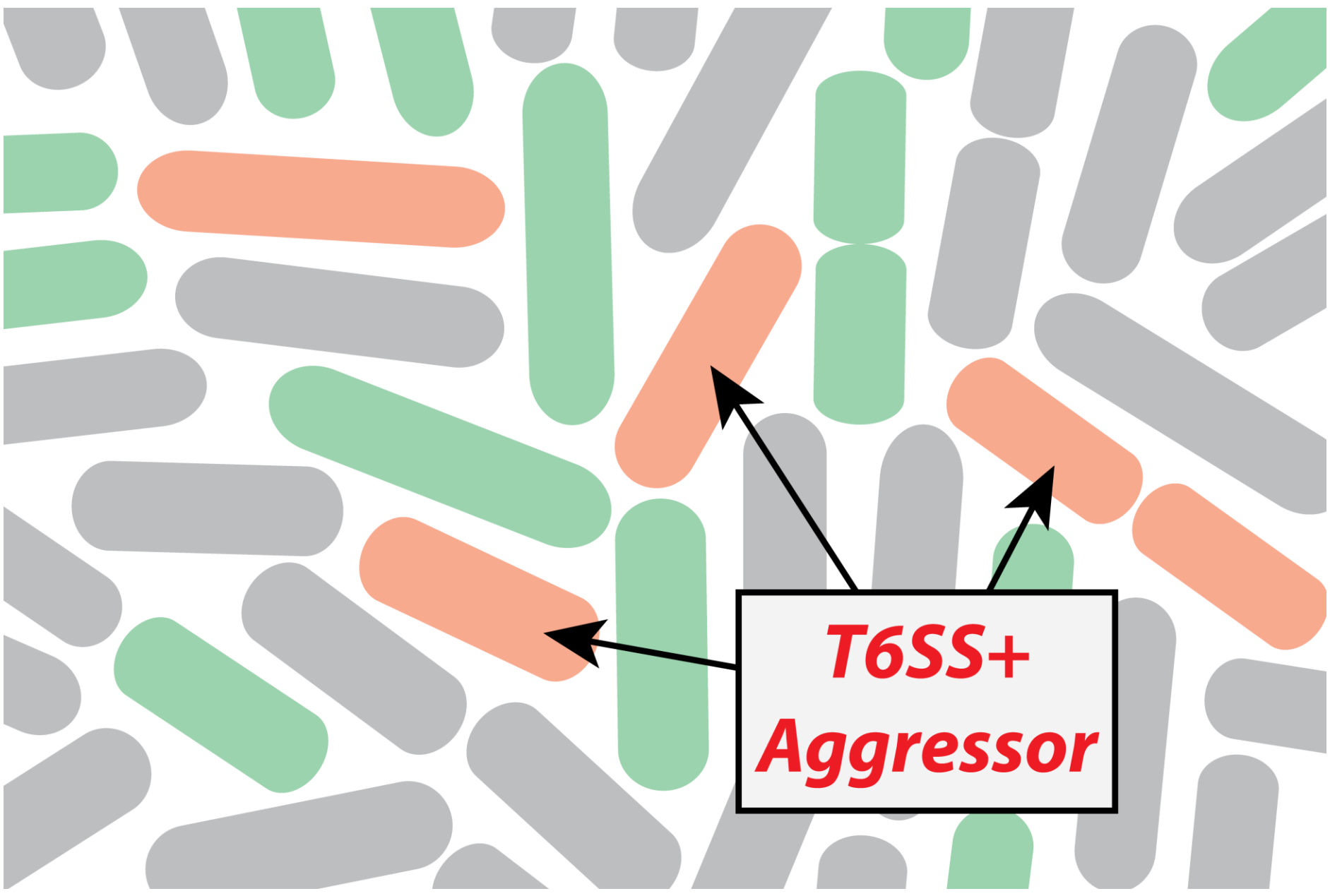


Hood *et al.*, Cell Host & Microbe 2010,
Russell *et al.*, Nature 2011

Tit-for-tat: *P. aeruginosa* kills in self defense

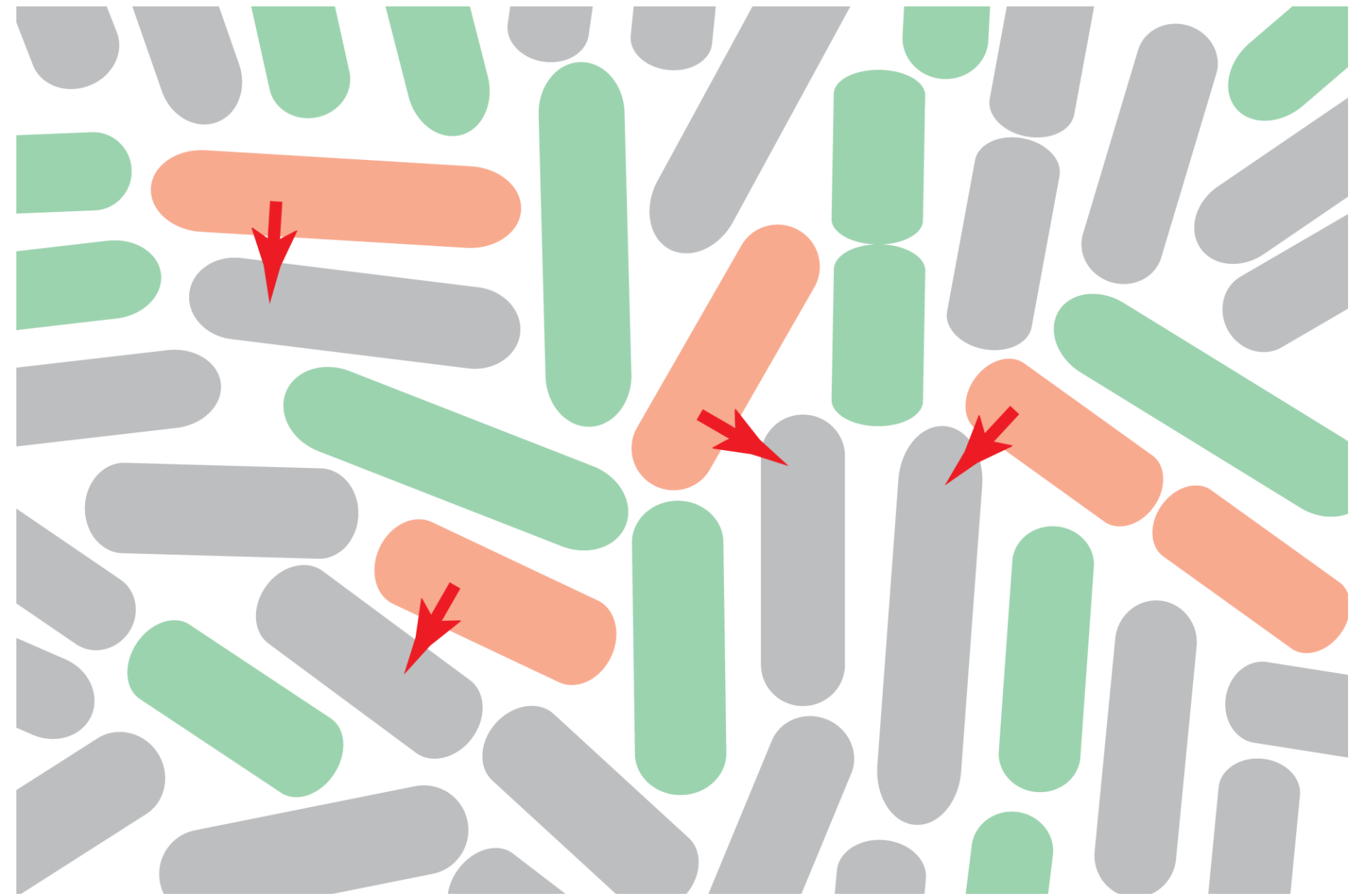


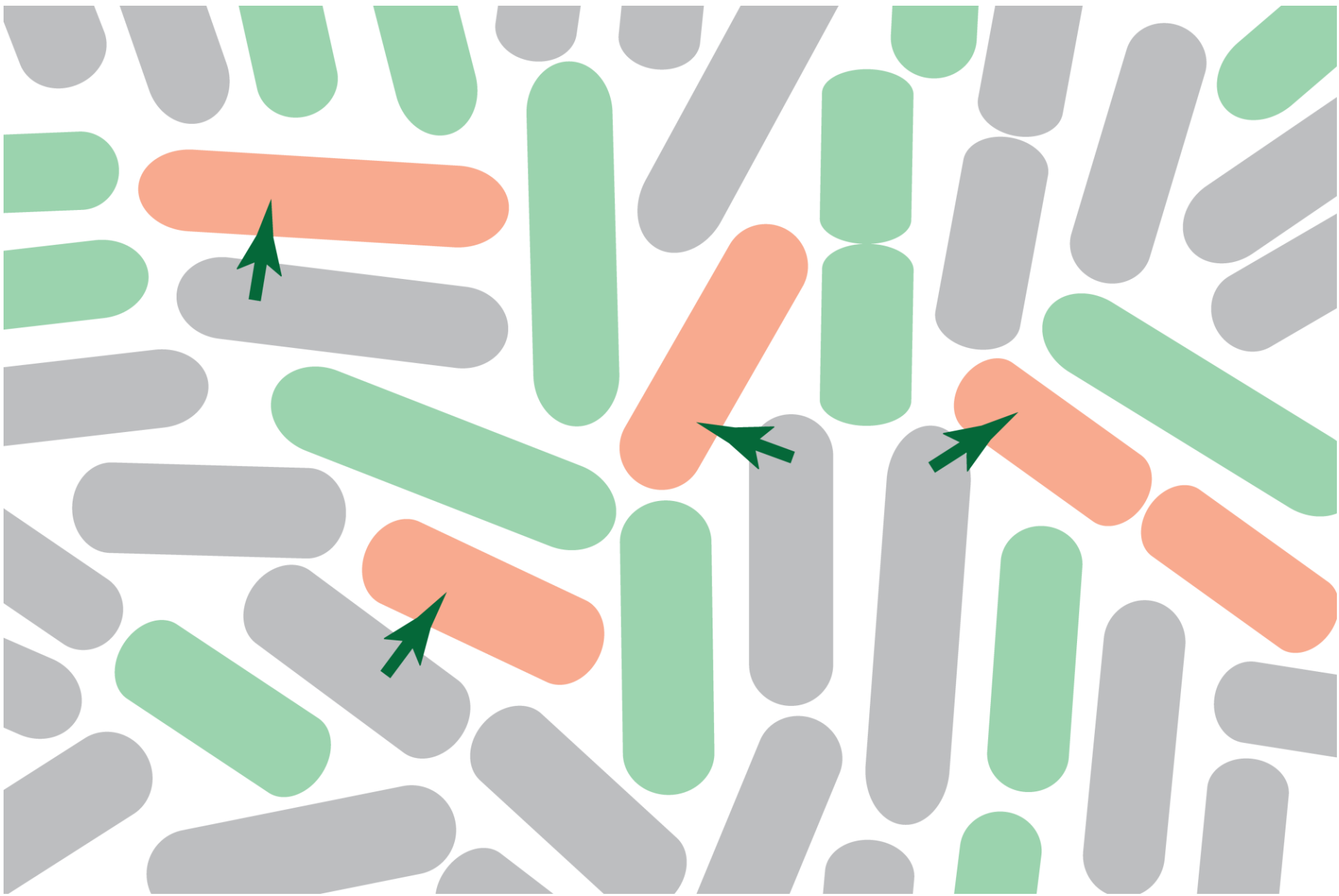
T6SS+
Aggressor



***T6SS-
Cooperator***

A diagram illustrating the concept of T6SS-cooperating bacteria. The background is filled with numerous rod-shaped bacteria, each represented by a rounded rectangle. These bacteria are colored in three distinct ways: green, orange, and grey. A white rectangular box with a black border is positioned in the upper right quadrant. Inside this box, the text "T6SS-Cooperator" is written in a bold, green, italicized font. Three black arrows originate from the box: one points to the left towards a green rod, one points down and to the left towards another green rod, and one points down and to the right towards a third green rod. The overall scene suggests a population of bacteria where some individuals (green) are cooperators and others (orange and grey) are likely non-cooperators or cheaters.







The diagram illustrates a population of cells represented by various shapes and colors: green rounded rectangles, grey rounded rectangles, and orange circles. Three orange circles are highlighted with dashed black outlines. Three black arrows originate from a central text box and point to these three dashed orange circles. The text box is a white rectangle with a black border containing the text "Death of Aggressor".

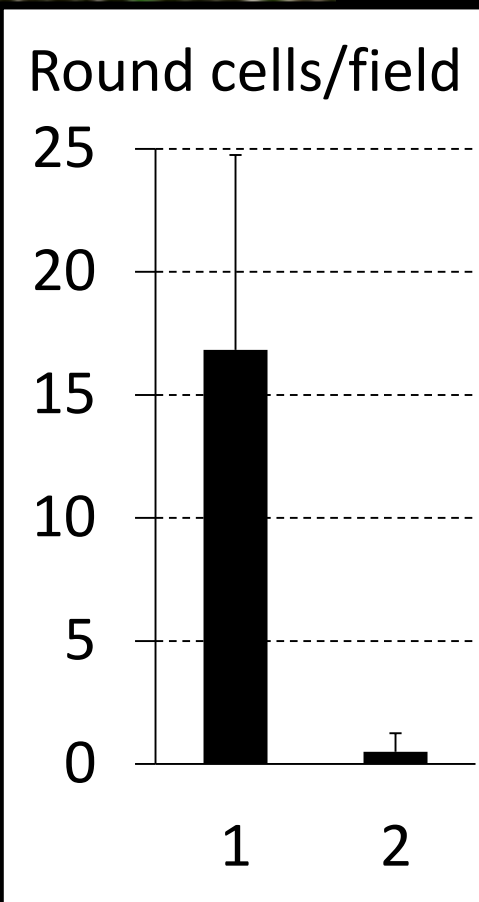
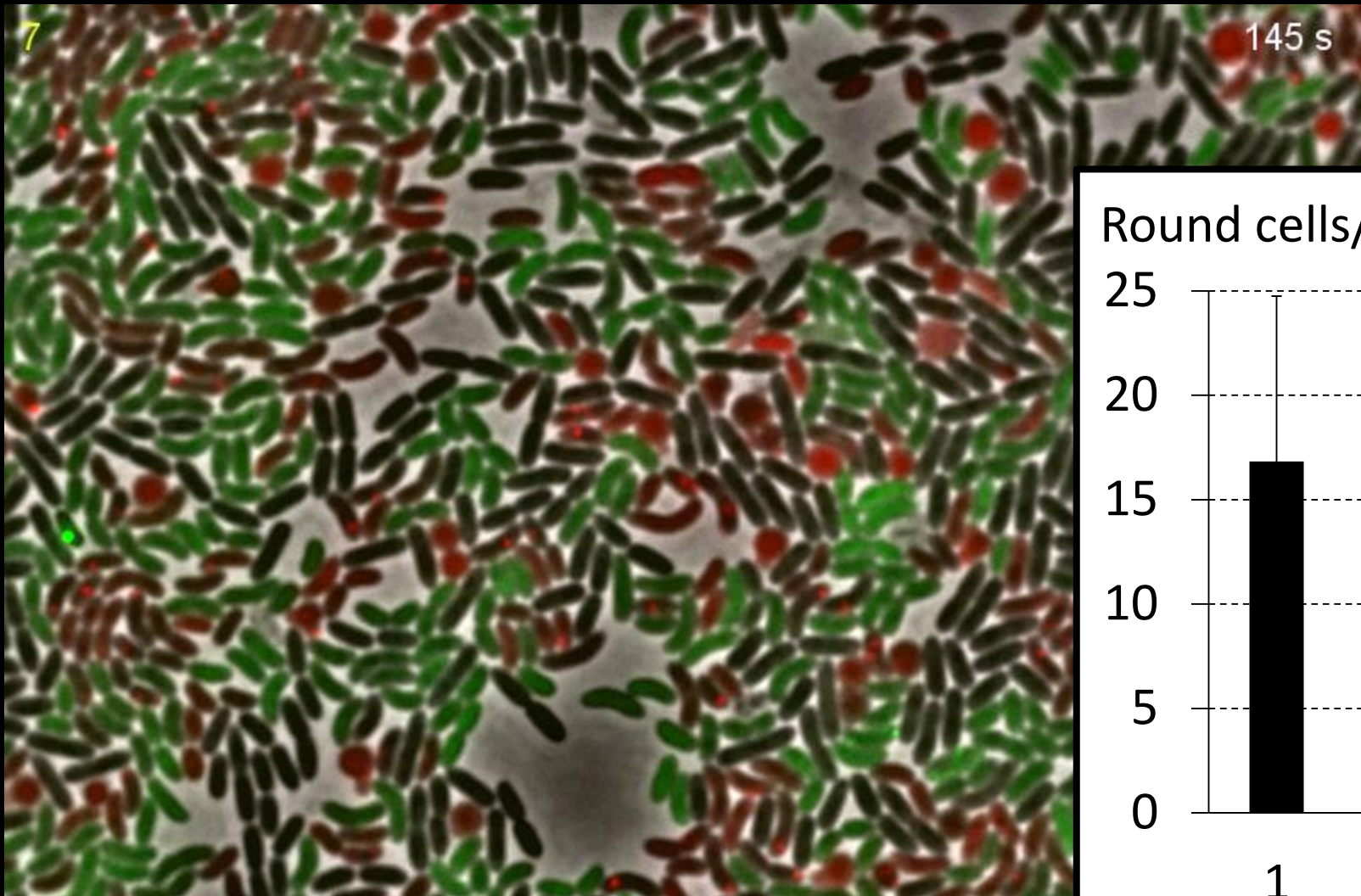
**Death of
Aggressor**

T6SS+ *Vibrio* is targeted with high precision

Peaceful bystanders are fine

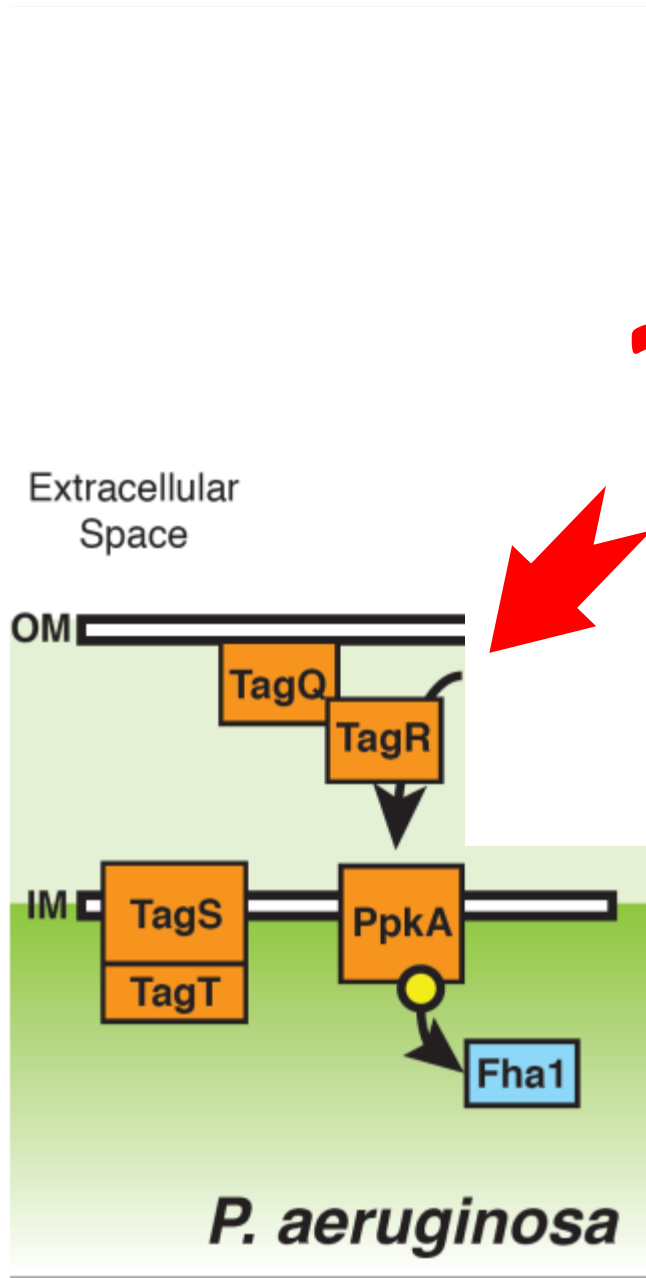
V. cholerae T6SS-

V. cholerae T6SS+



How is the dueling response regulated?

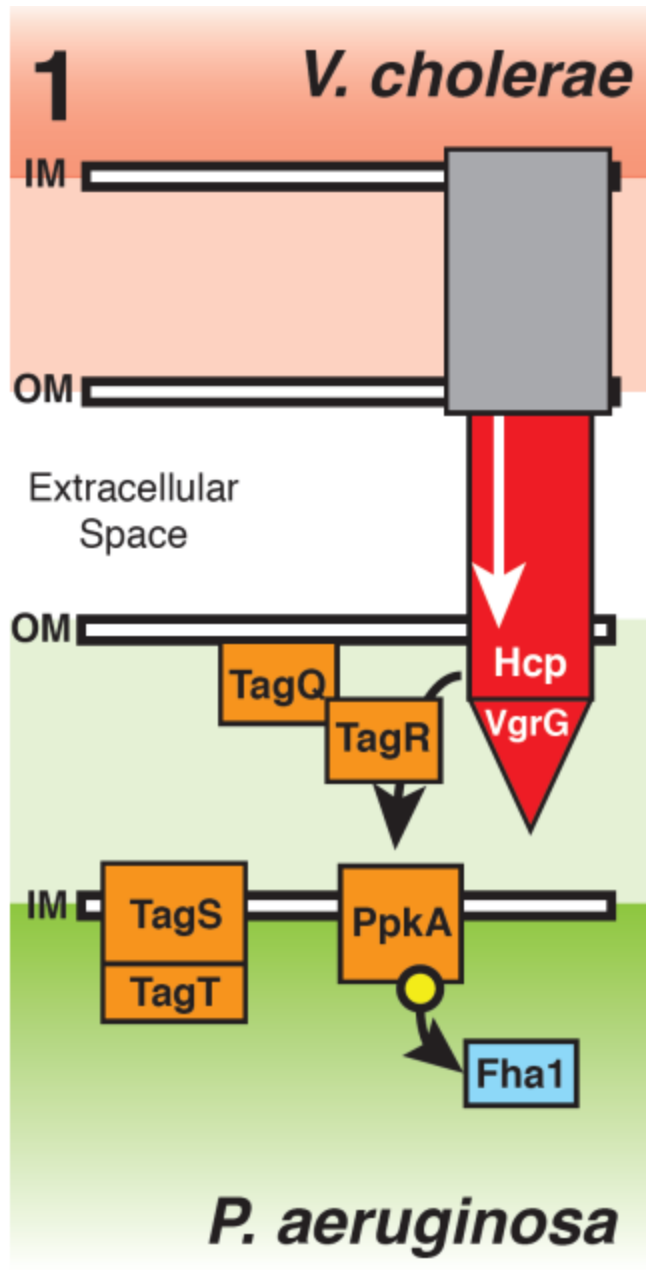
Regulation of T6SS dueling in *Pseudomonas*



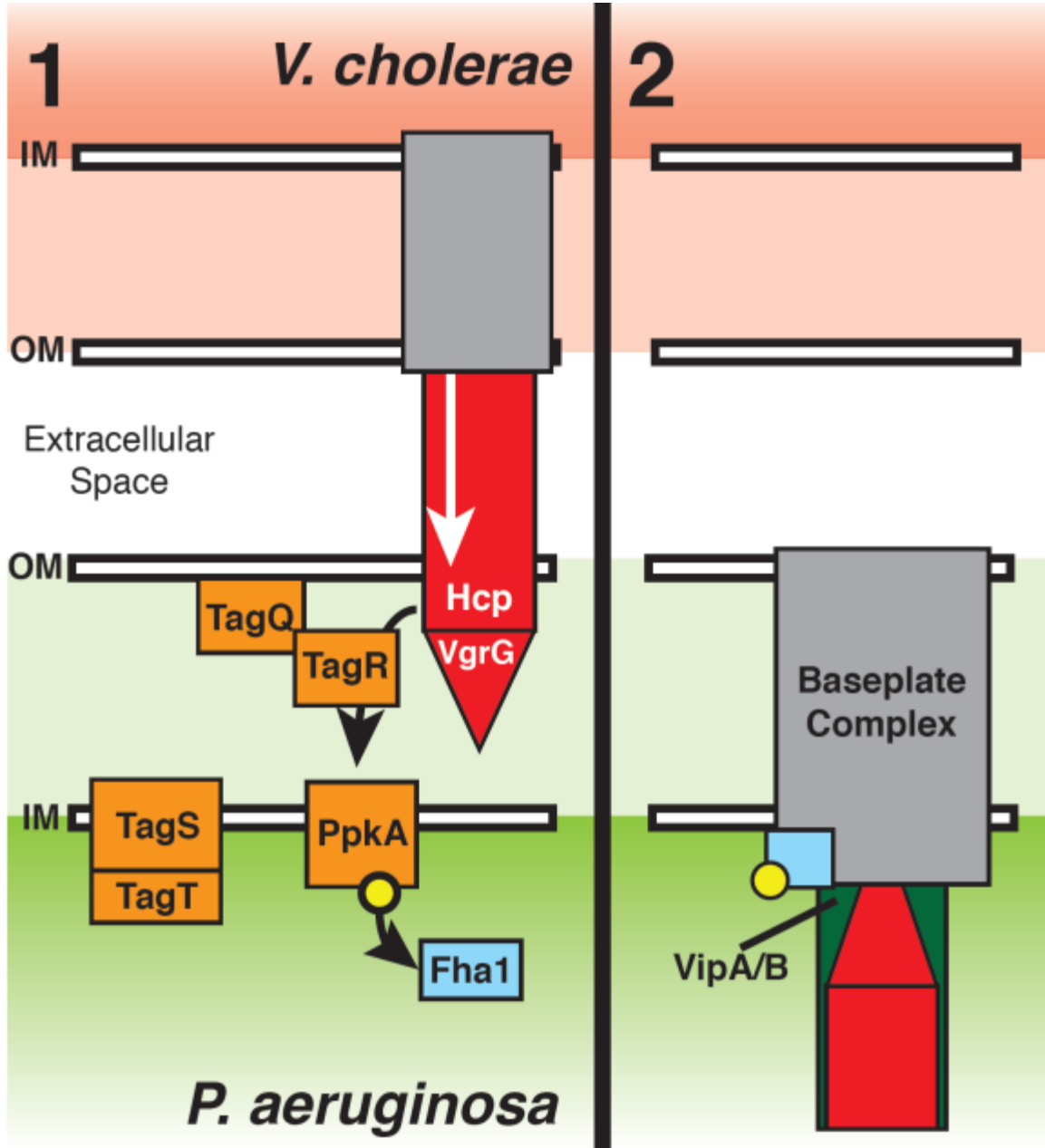
Mougous *et al.*, Nature Cell Biol. 2007

Casabona *et al.* Env Microbiol, 2012

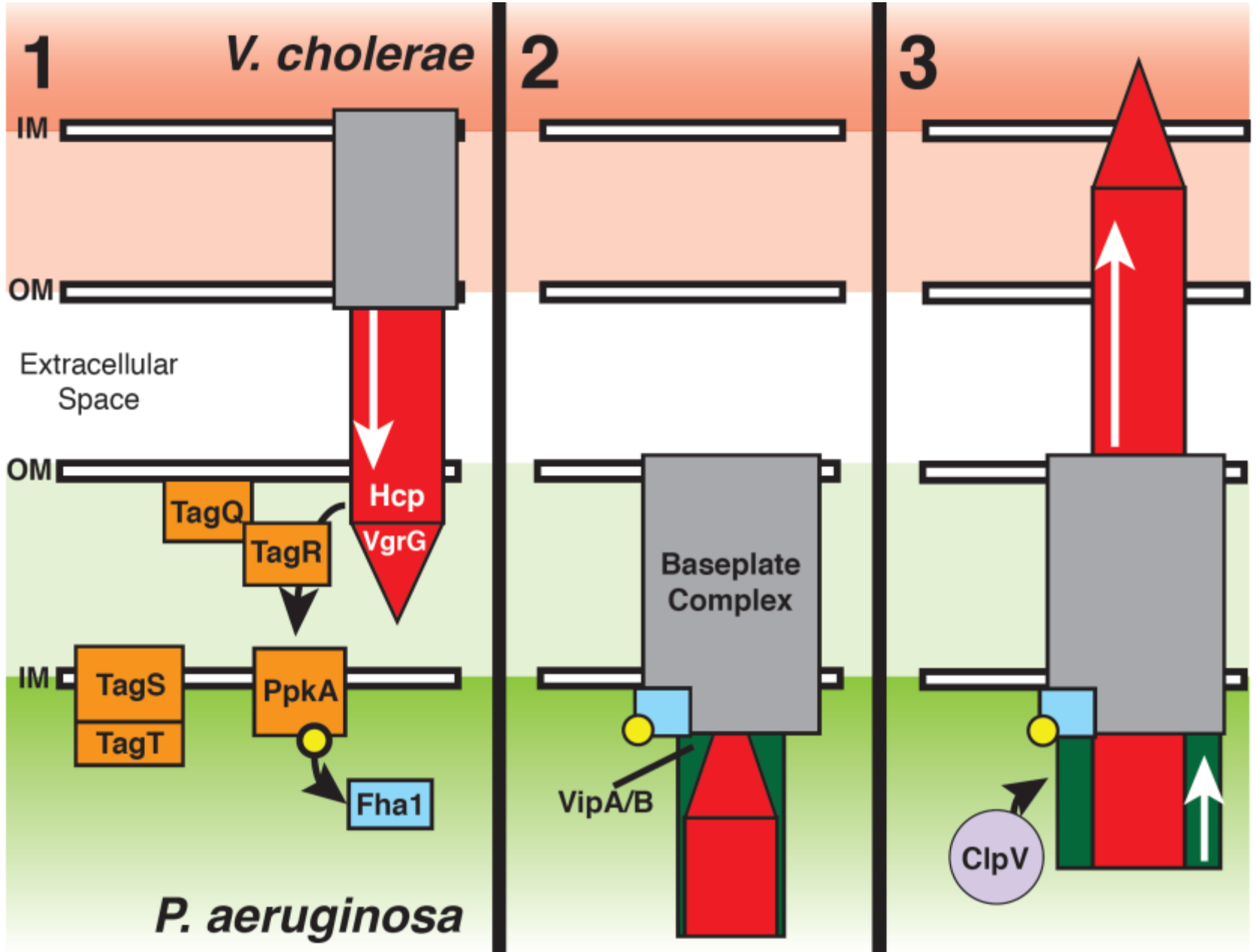
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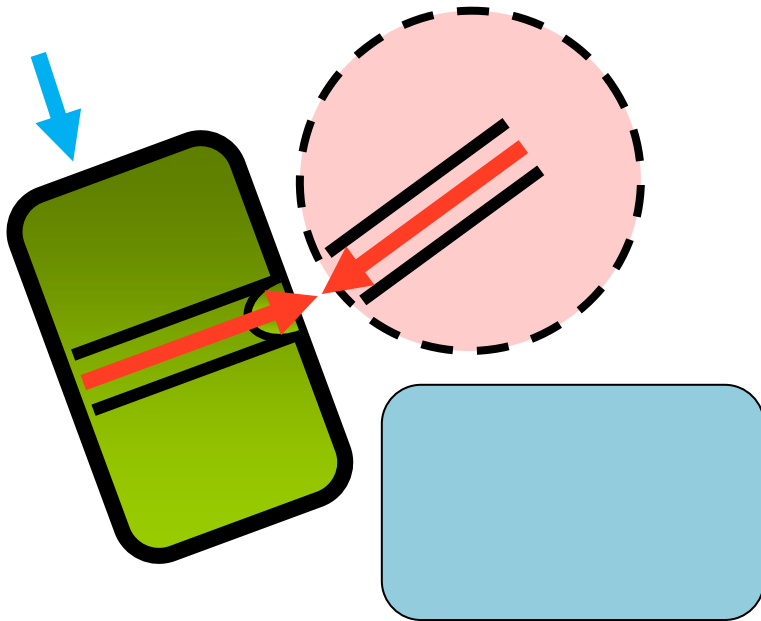
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Summary of different T6SS killing strategies

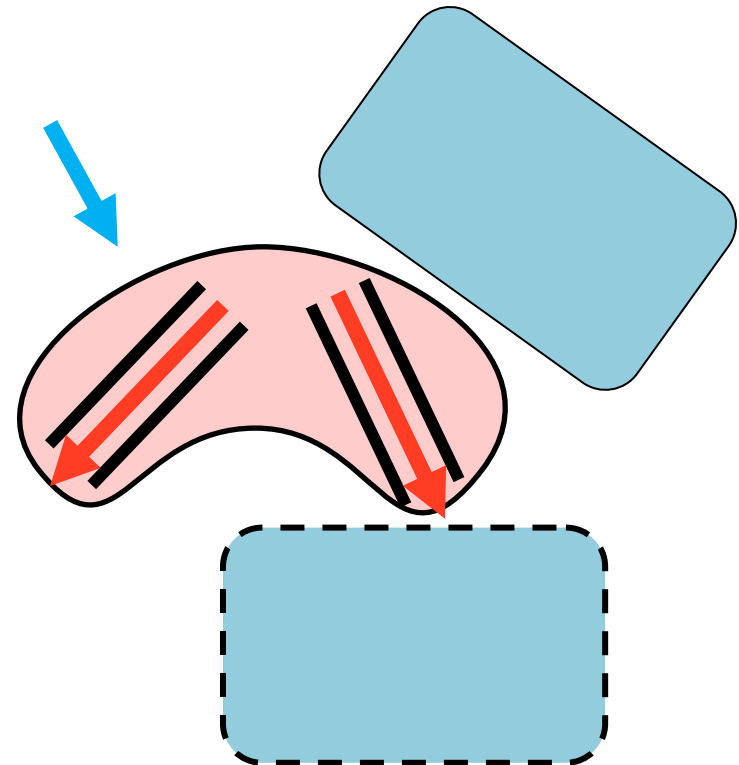
Pseudomonas aeruginosa

- highly regulated
- kills in self defense
- sensing membrane damage
- precise aiming



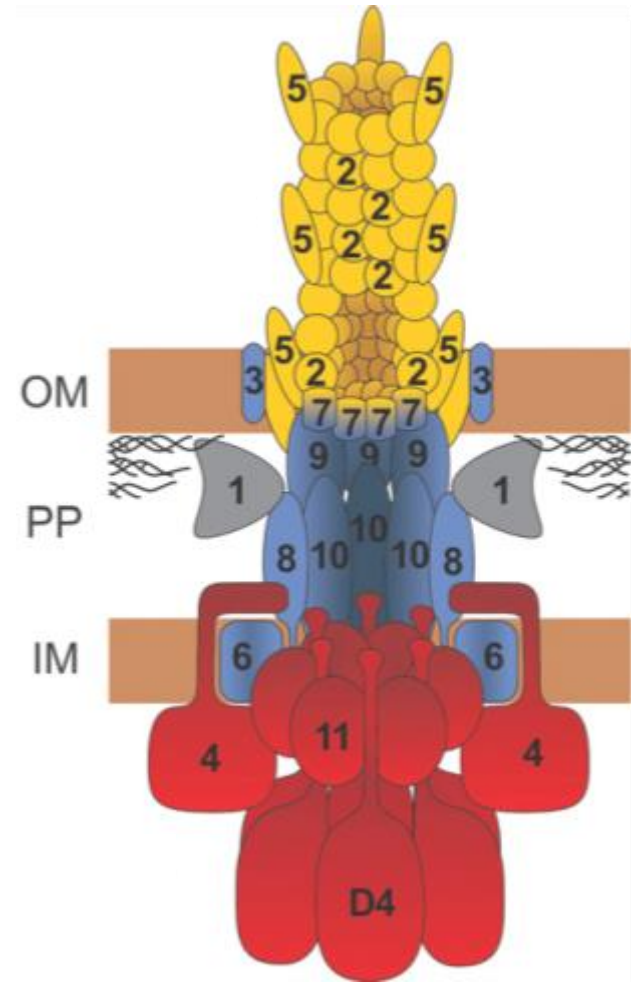
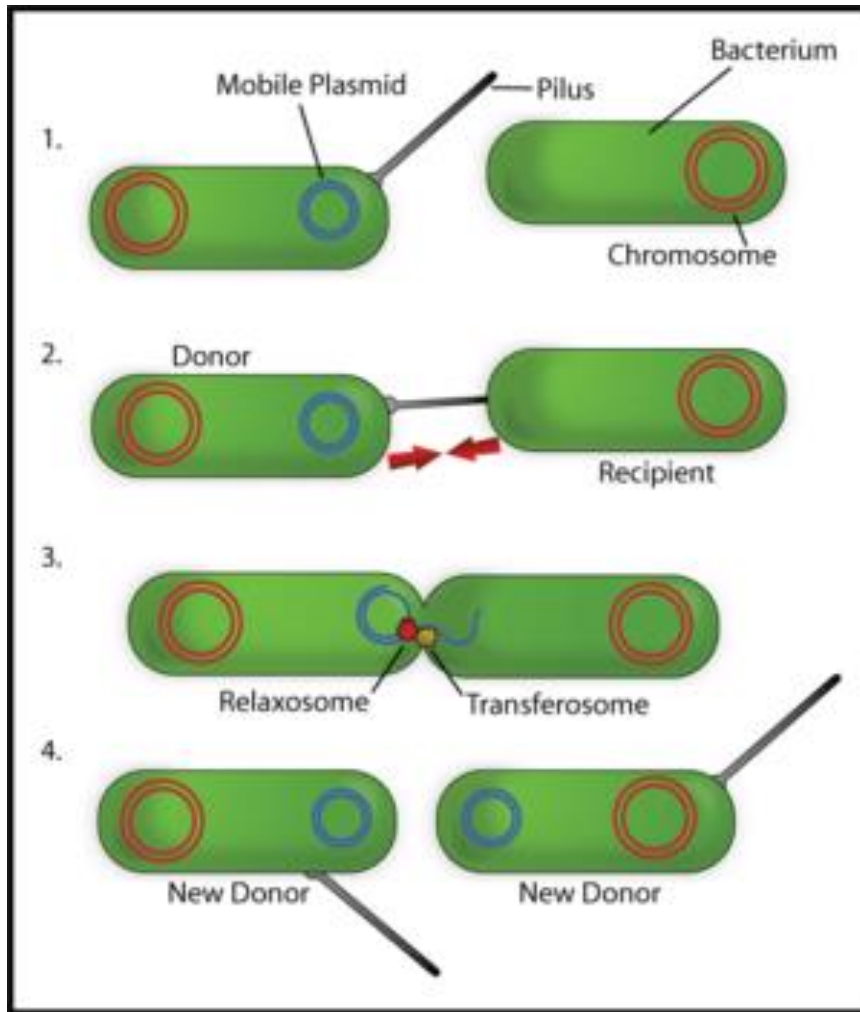
Vibrio cholerae

- highly active
- no aiming, random firing
- kills without provocation



T6SS-mediated immunity to T4SS-mediated gene transfer

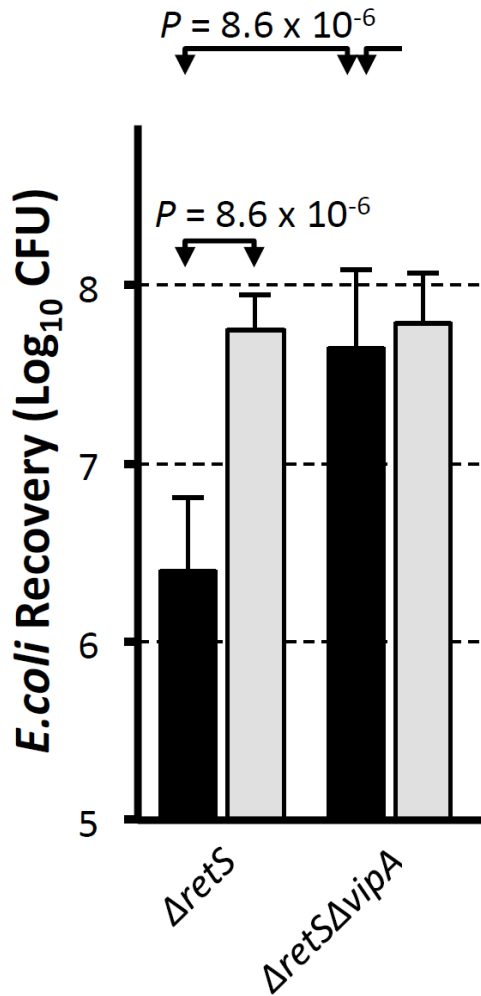
Conjugation mediated by T4SS



P. aeruginosa specifically kills *E. coli* carrying RP4 plasmid

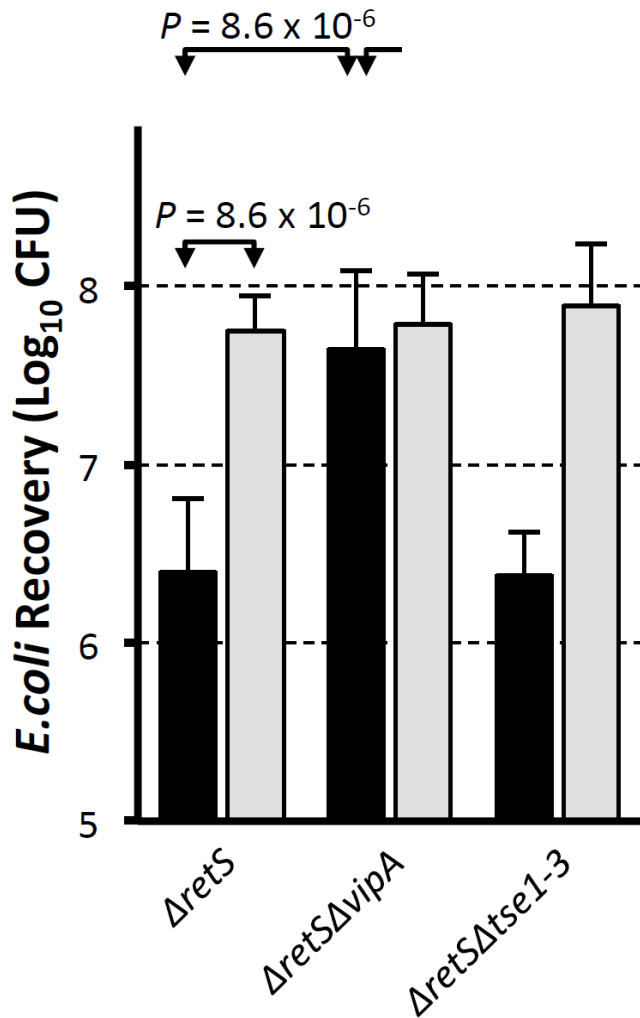


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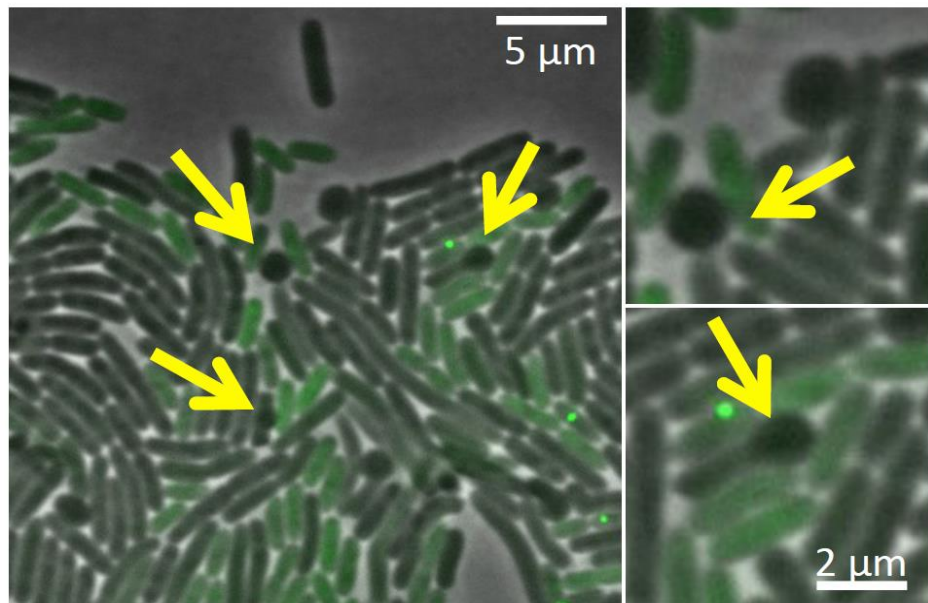
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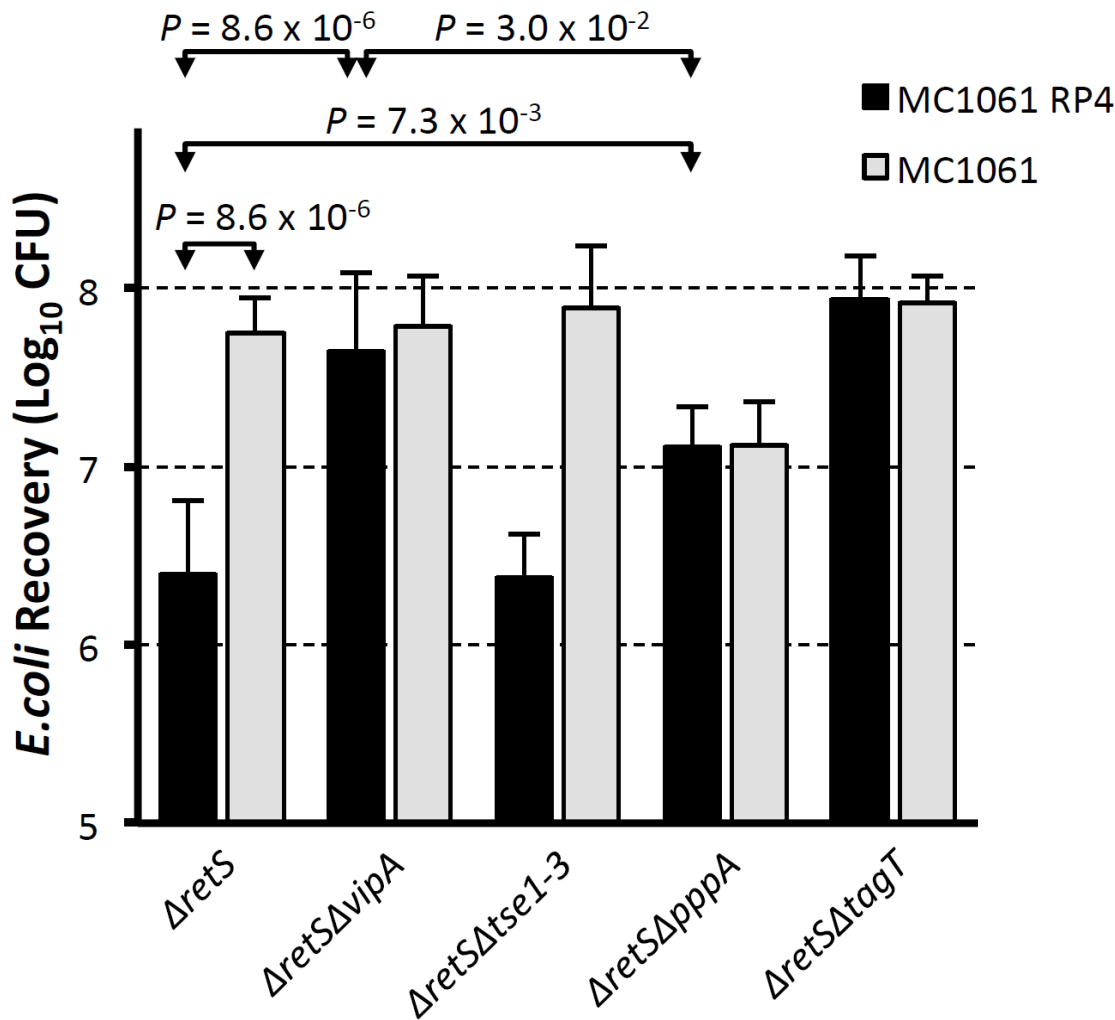


■ MC1061 RP4
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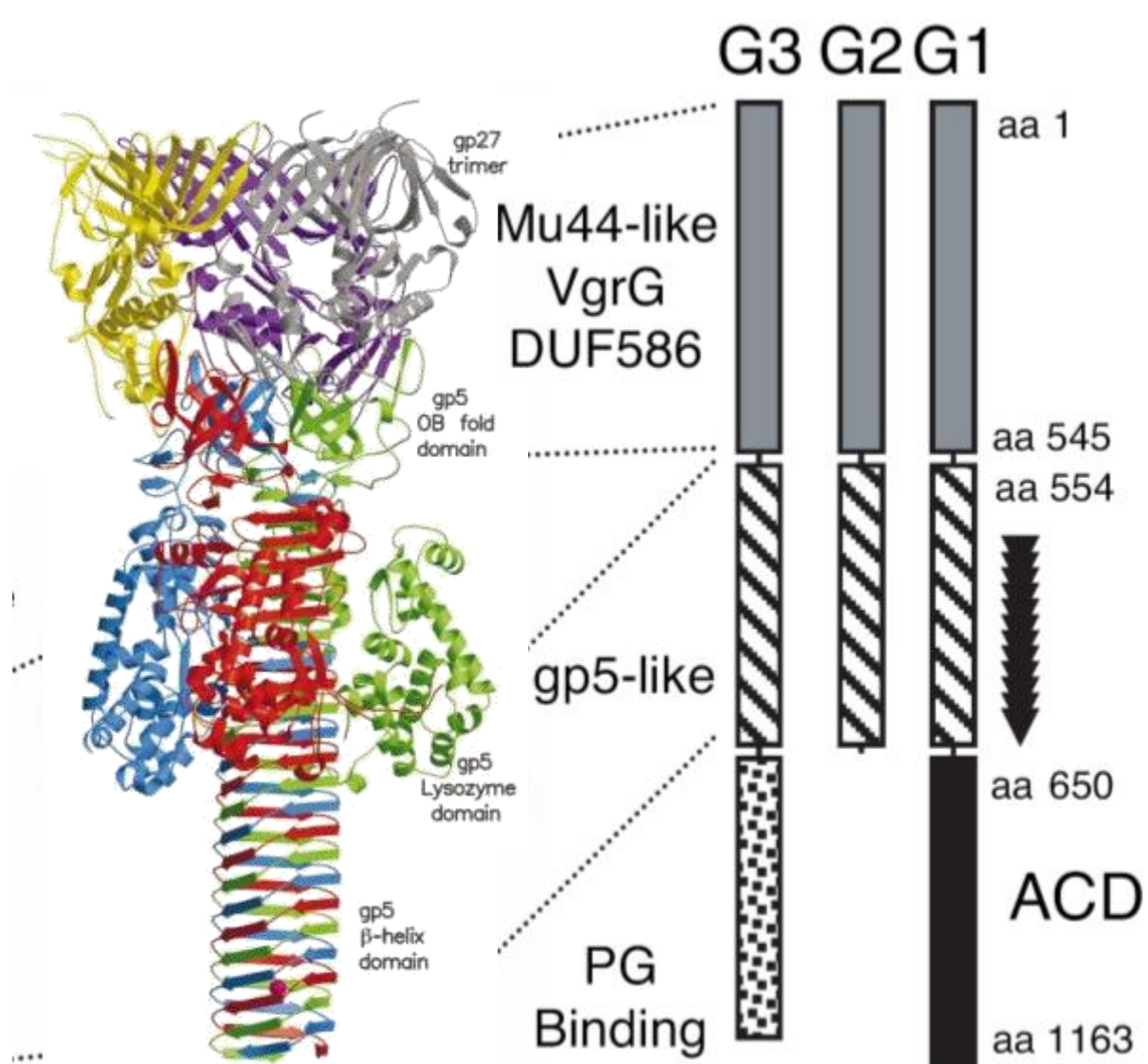


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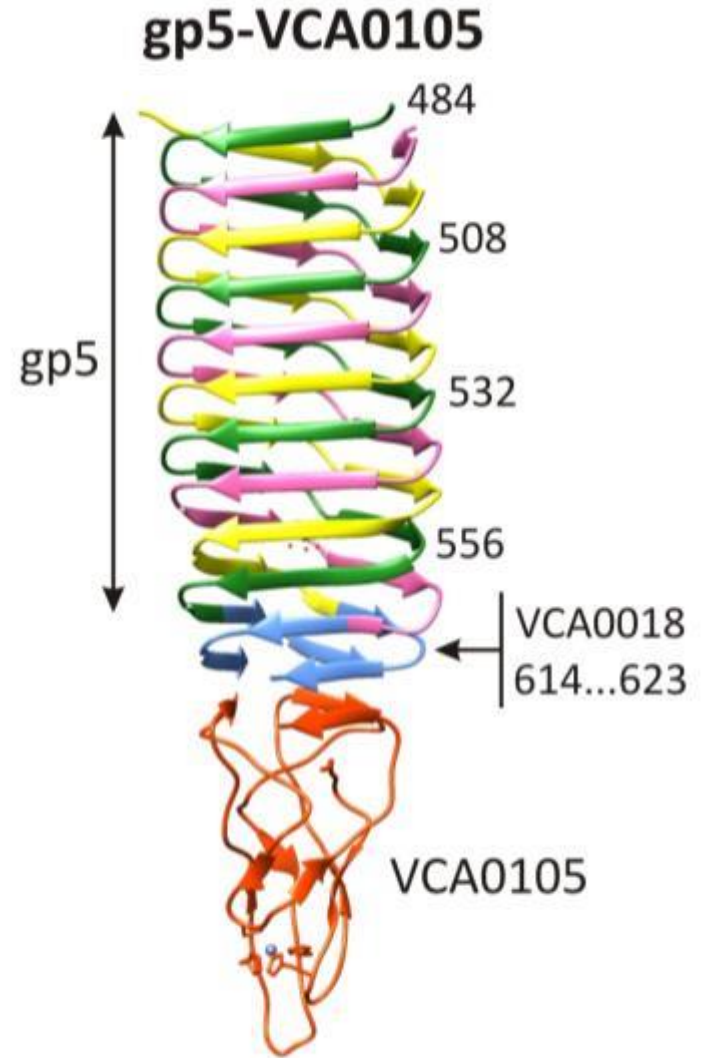
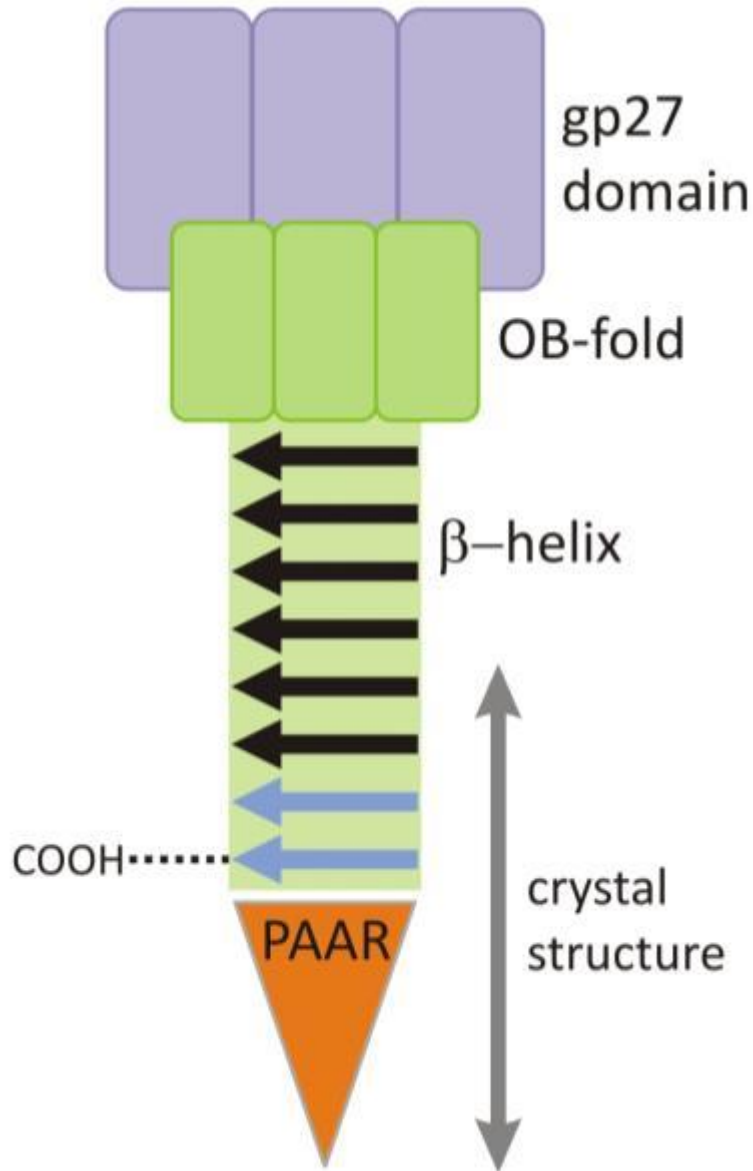


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- Dependent on TagQRST signaling cascade
- RP4 plasmid does not make *E. coli* more sensitive

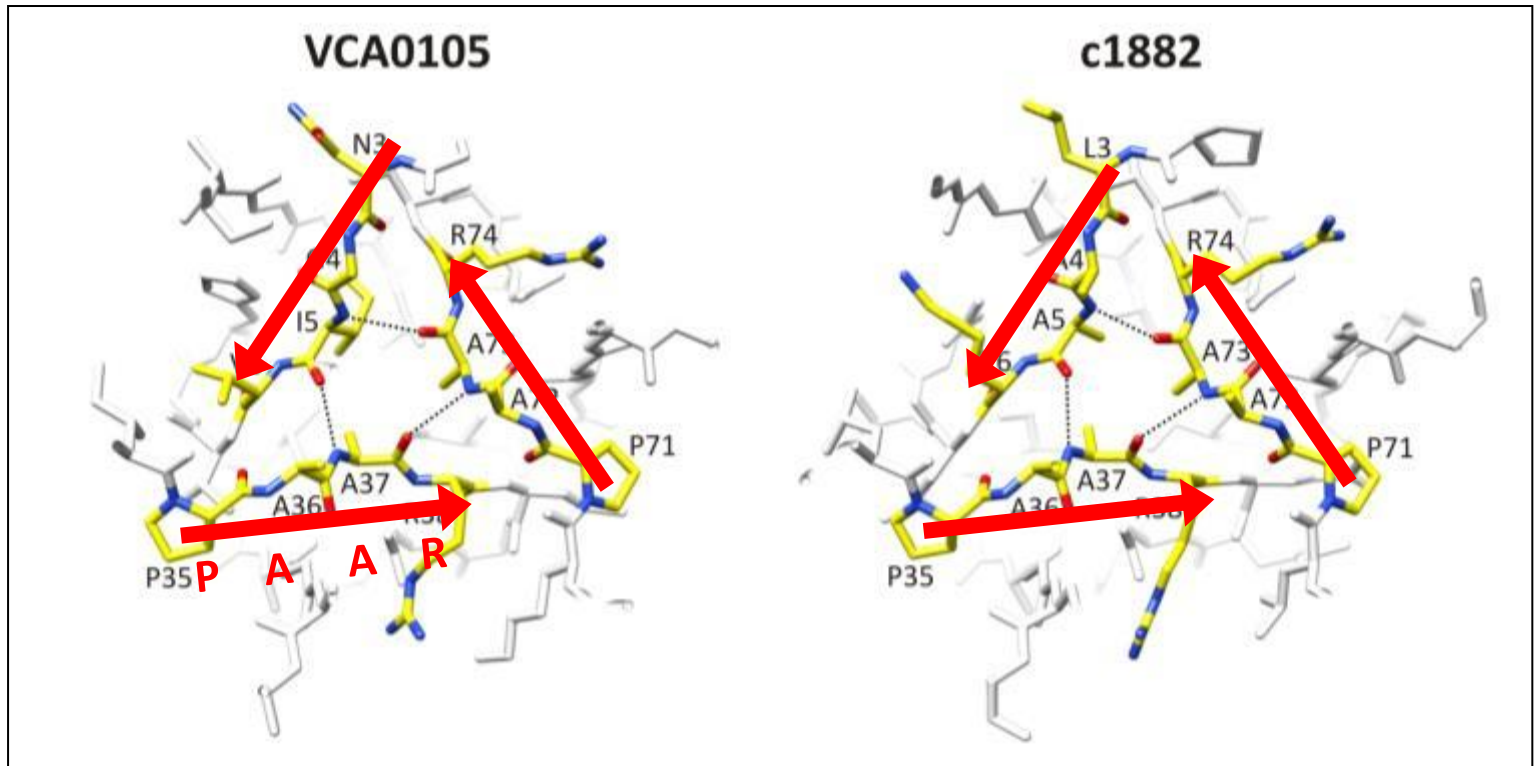
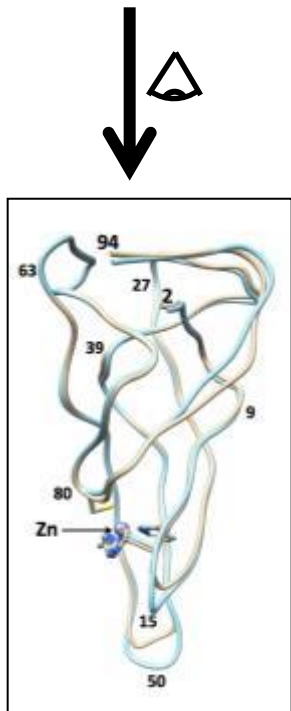
Some VgrGs are T6SS effectors



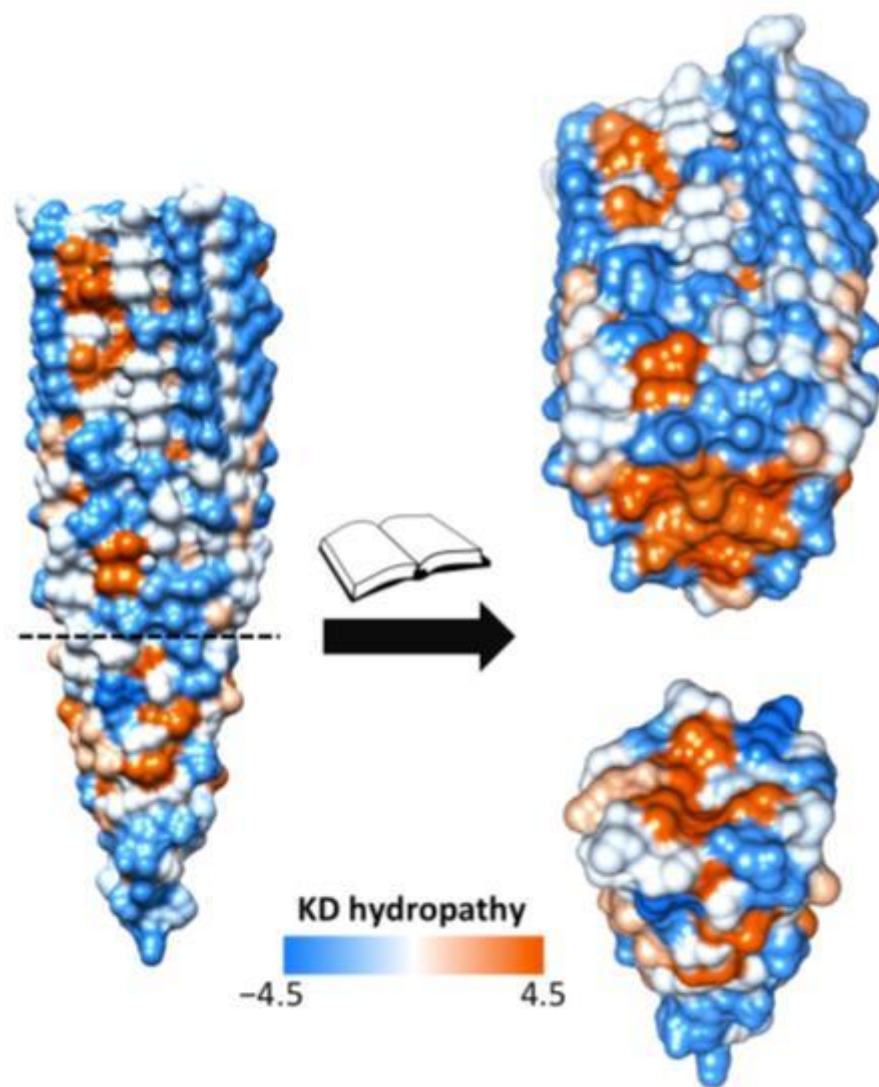
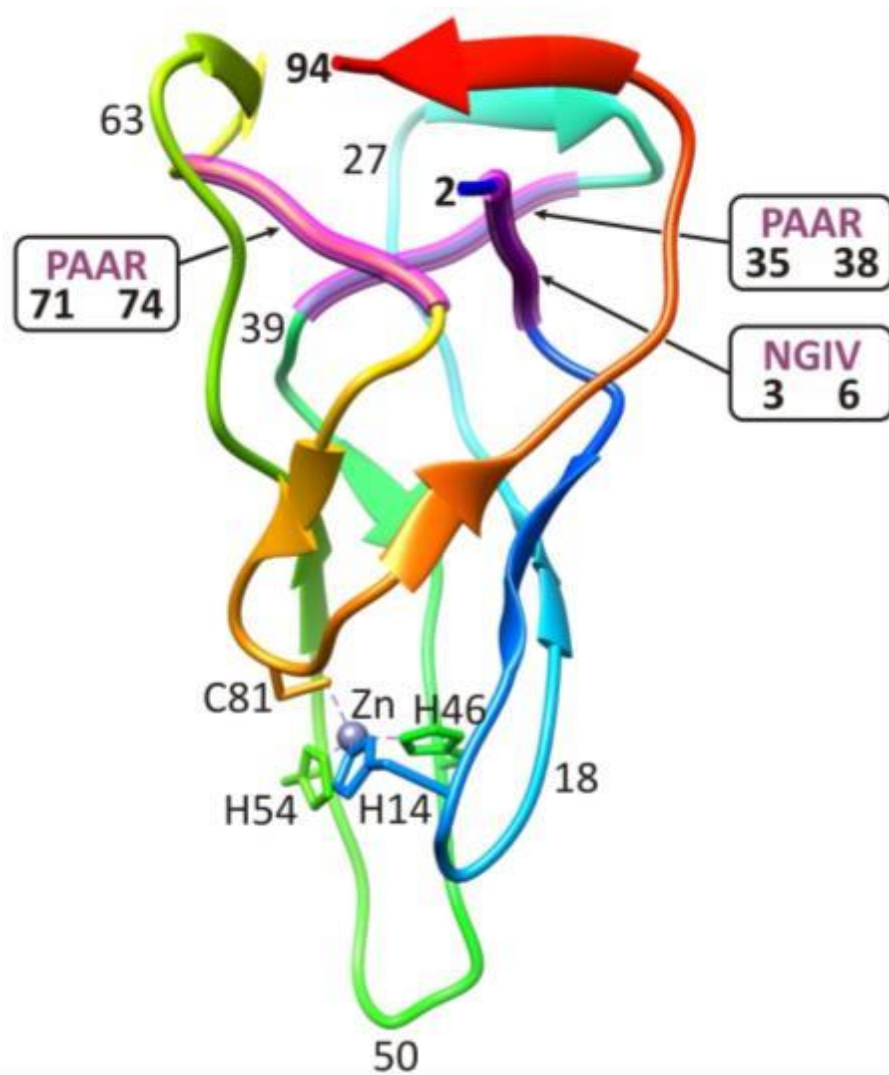
PAAR-protein sharpens the tip of VgrG



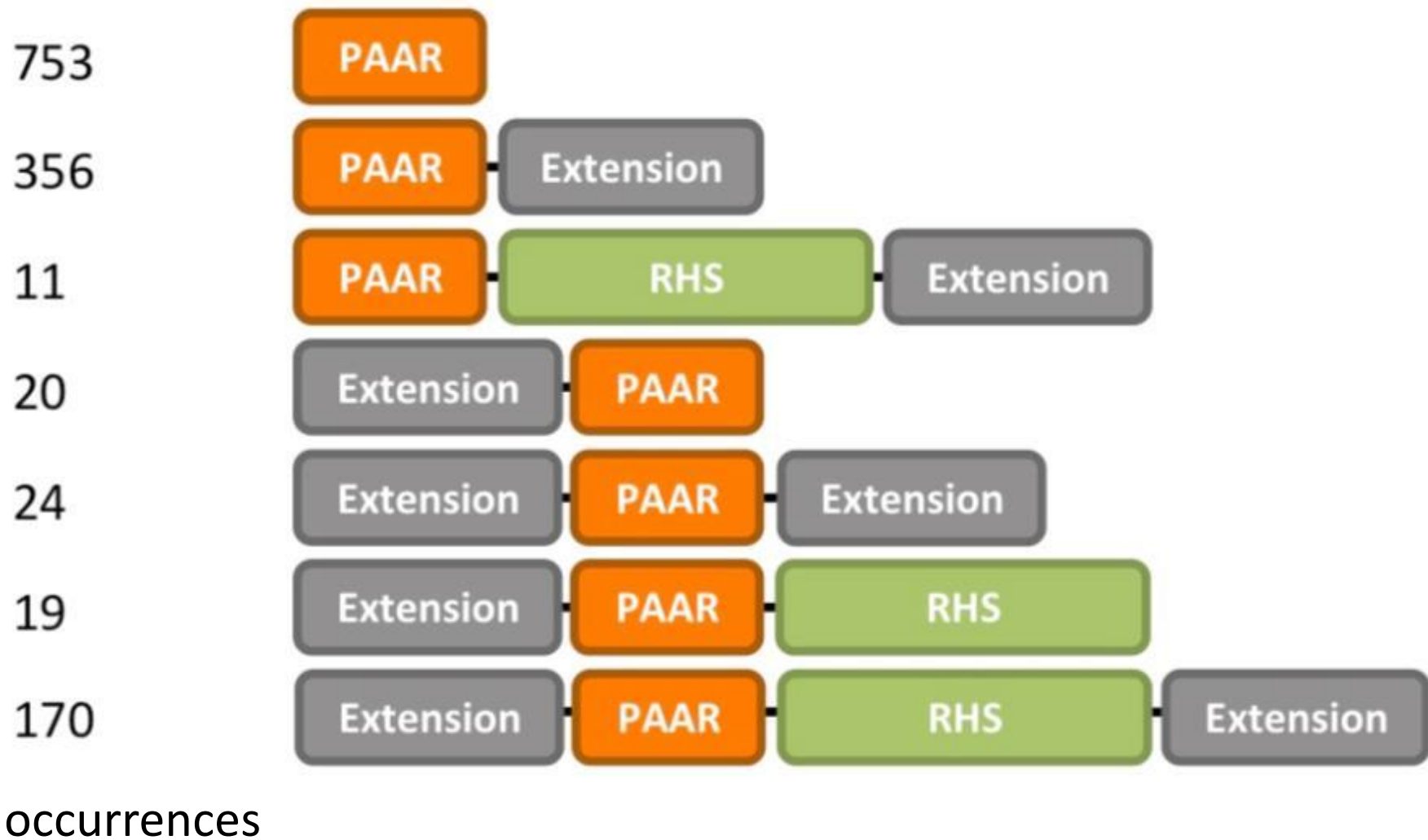
Pseudotrimeric structure of PAAR



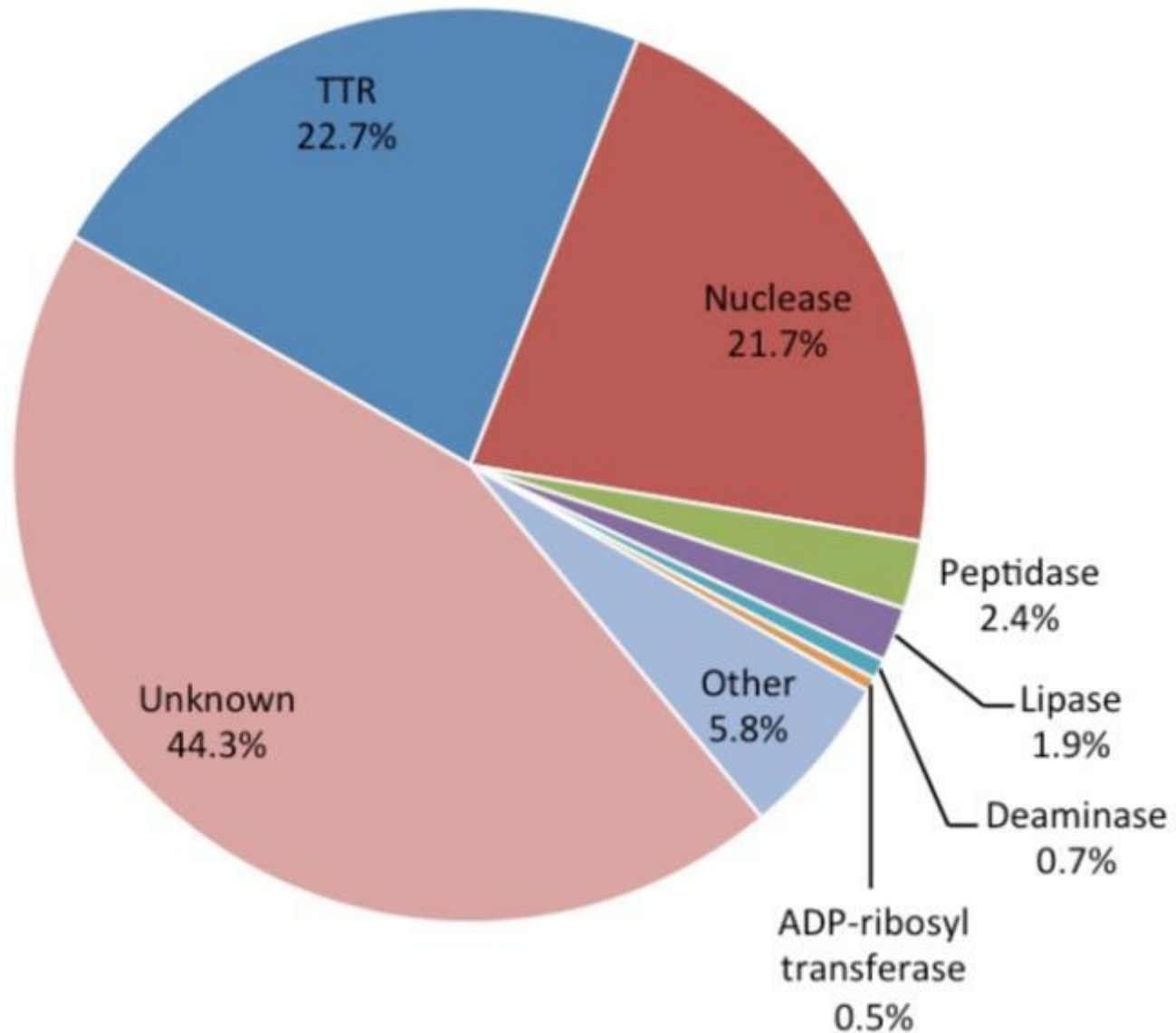
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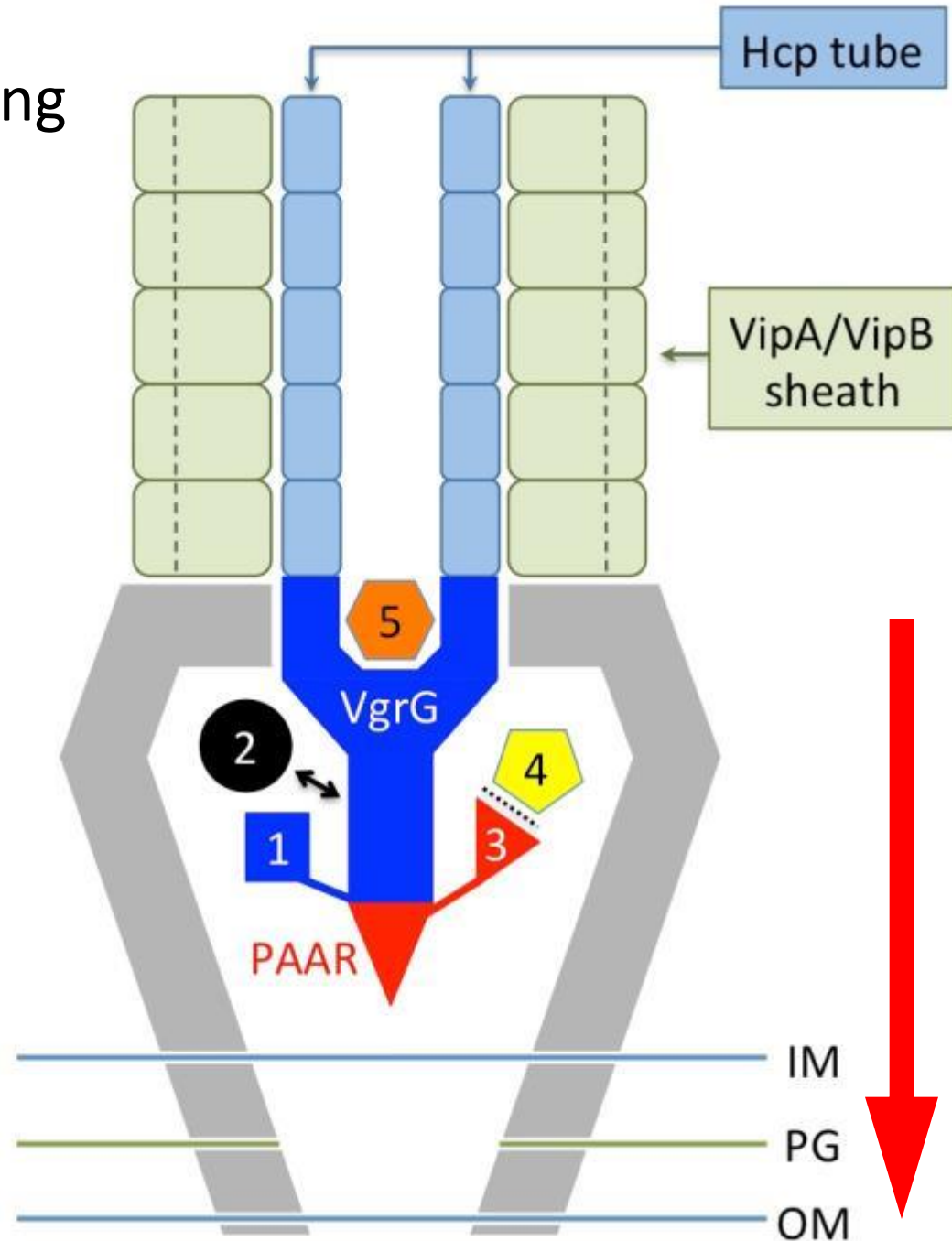
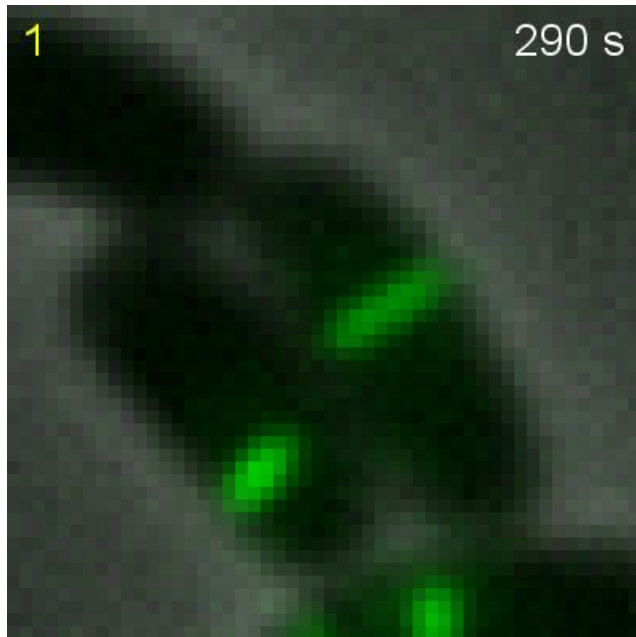
Domain architectures of PAAR proteins



Predicted functions of PAAR proteins



All cargo proteins interacting with the VgrG spike are translocated into a nearby target cell upon a single T6SS sheath contraction.



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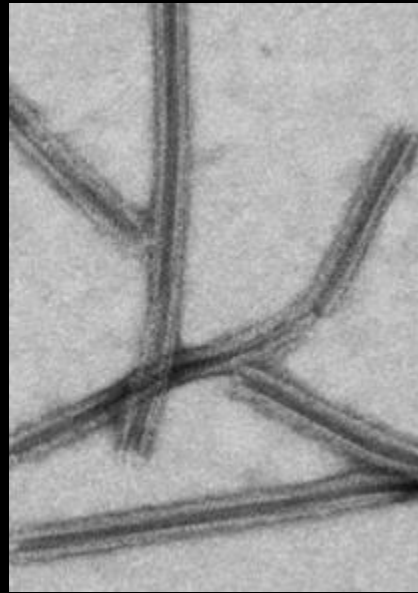
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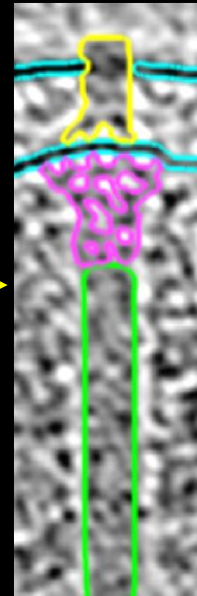
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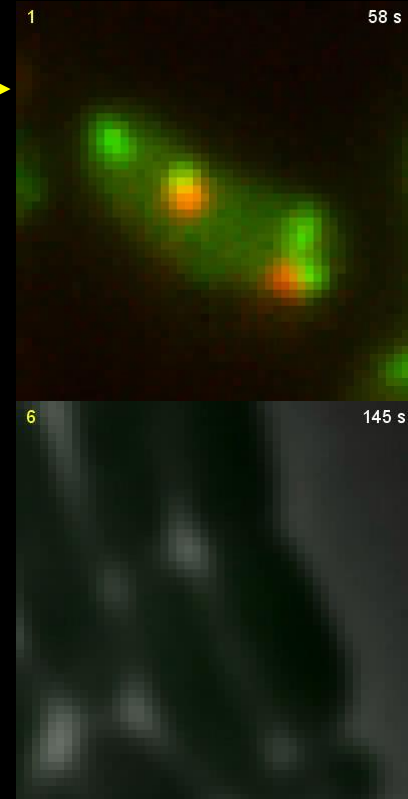
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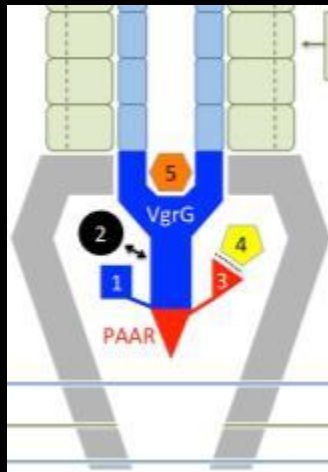
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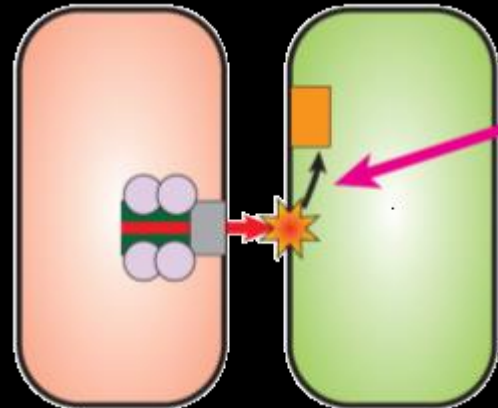
Live cell imaging



Substrate translocation



Sensing, prey selection

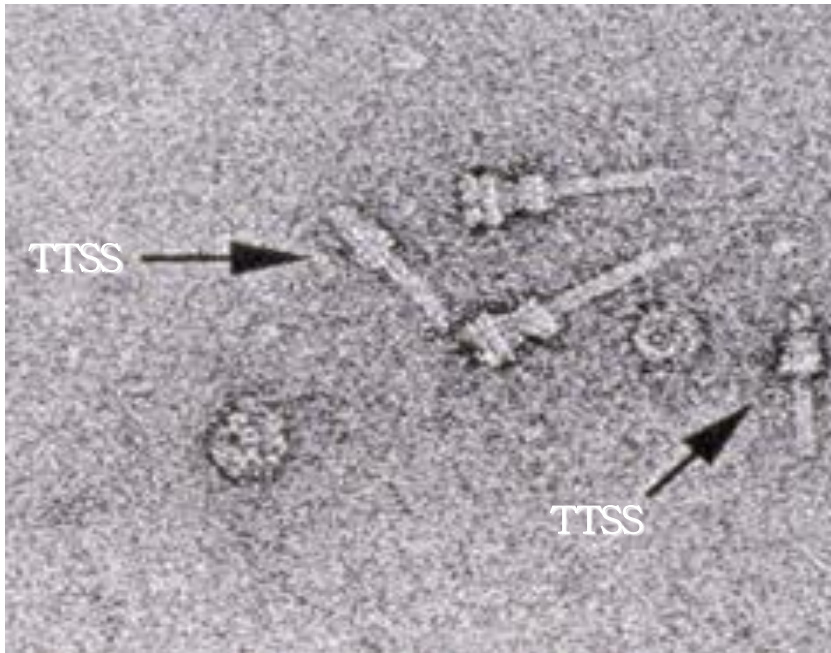


Immunity to T4SS-med.
gene transfer

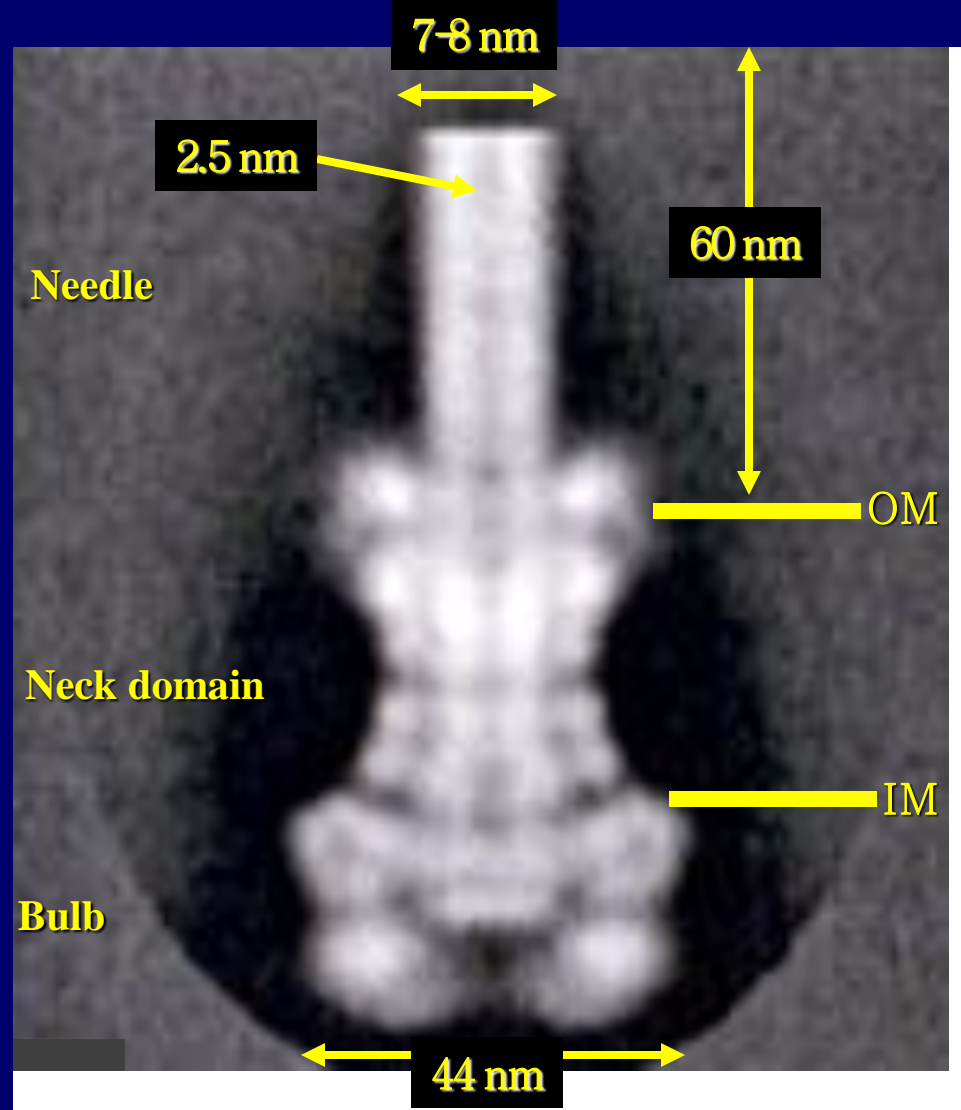
Dueling

The Type III secretion system effectors

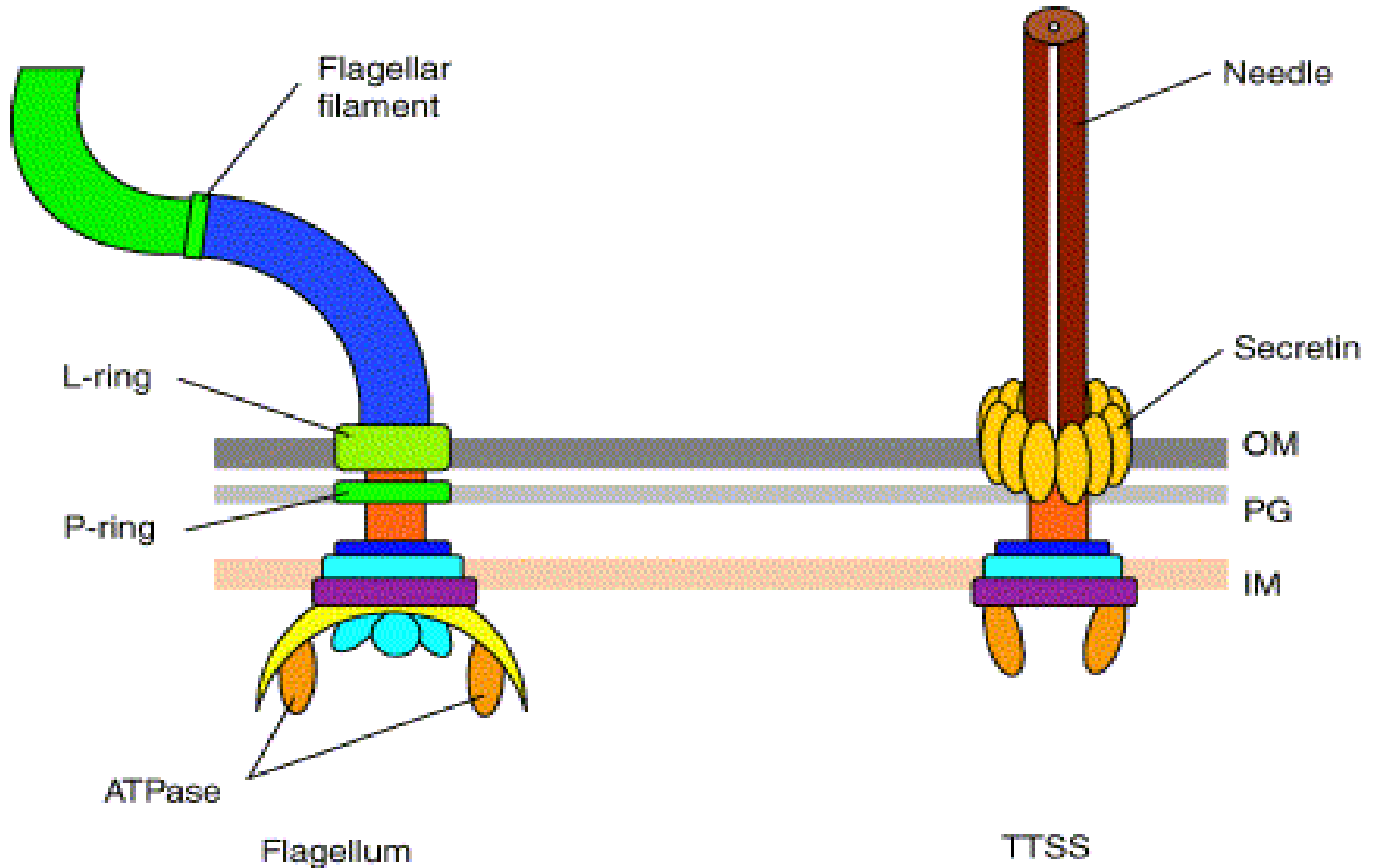
Shigella Type Three Secretory System



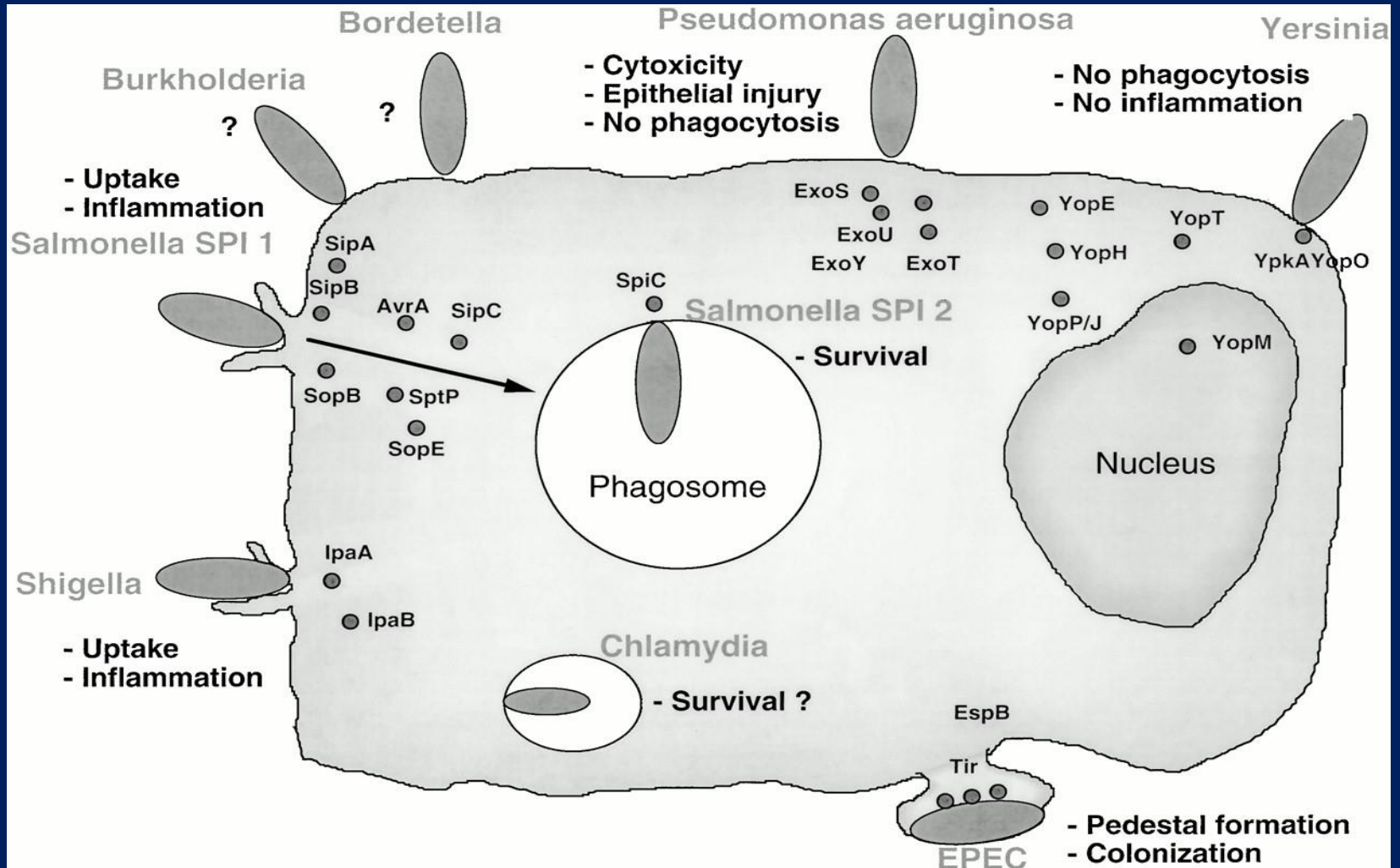
TTSS



Resemblance between flagella and type III injectosomes

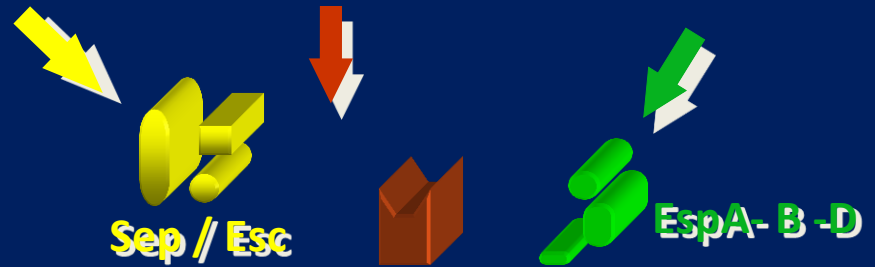


Type III secretion systems in animal pathogens

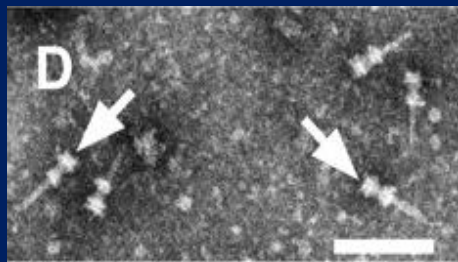


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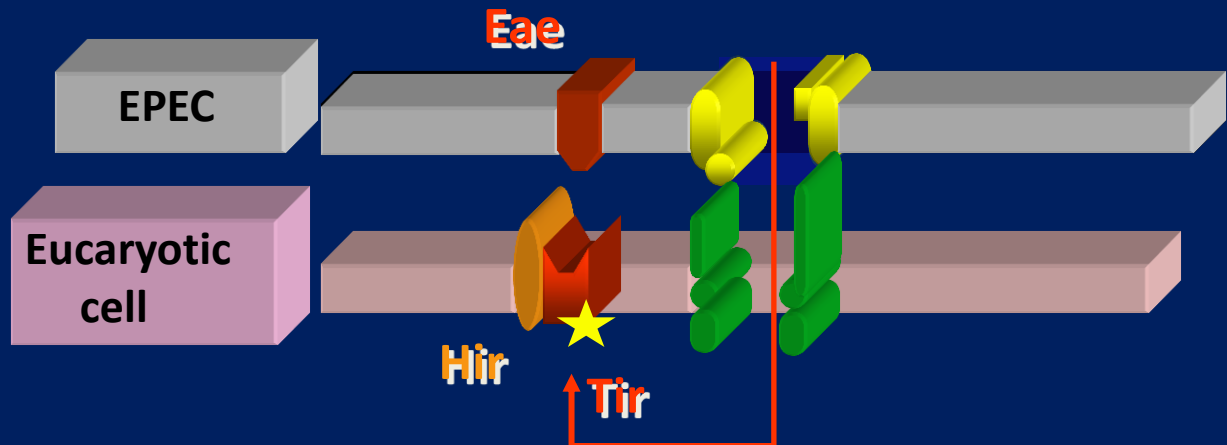
The LEE codes for a TTSS



« The needle »



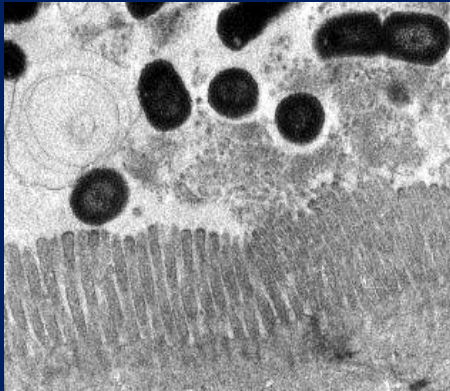
Abe et al



A/E Lesions , FAS, diarrhea

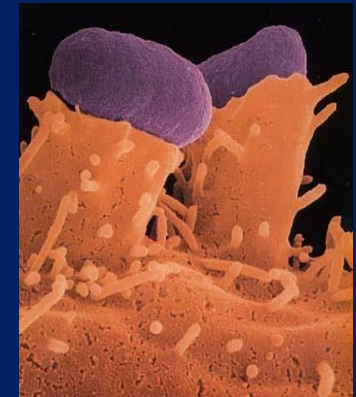
Phenotypes associated with AEEC infection

In vivo
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Transmission EM

Attaching-Effacing
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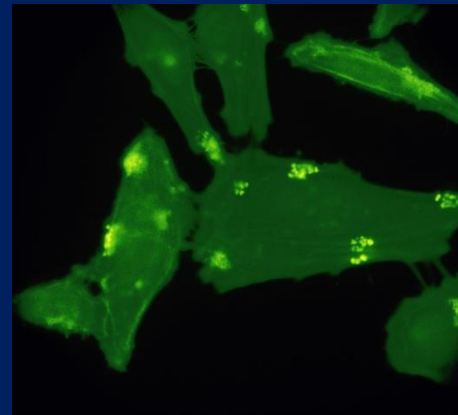
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Fluorescent Actin
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In vitro
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Congo red
Phase contrast



FITC-phalloidin

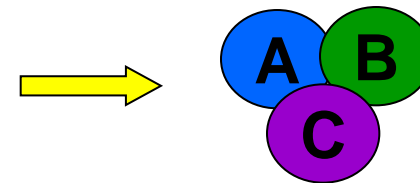
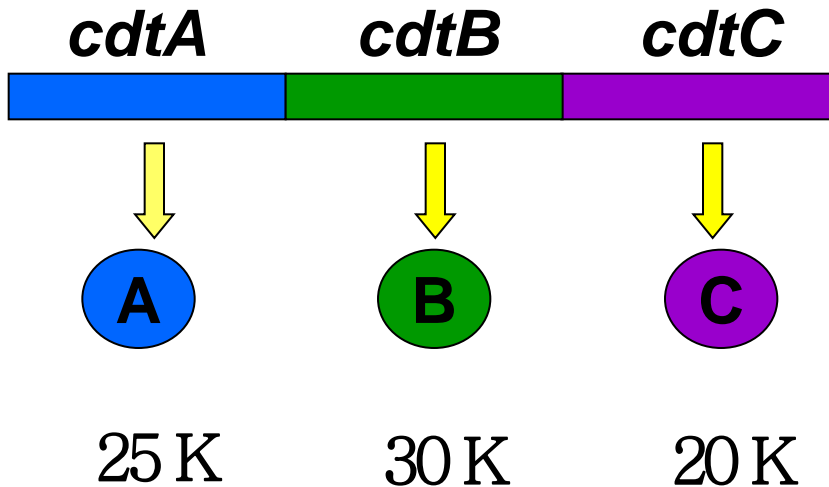
Cytolethal distending toxins

- ❖ Newly discovered family of bacterial toxins
- ❖ Cell distention followed by cell death (1987)
- ❖ Produced by several Gram negative bacterial species
- ❖ CDT from *Haemophilus ducreyi* (HdCDT)
- ❖ Cause of CHANCROID, a sexually transmitted disease, characterised by slowly healing genital ulcers

1994: CDTs are encoded by 3 linked genes

Expression of all the three genes is required to produce an active toxin

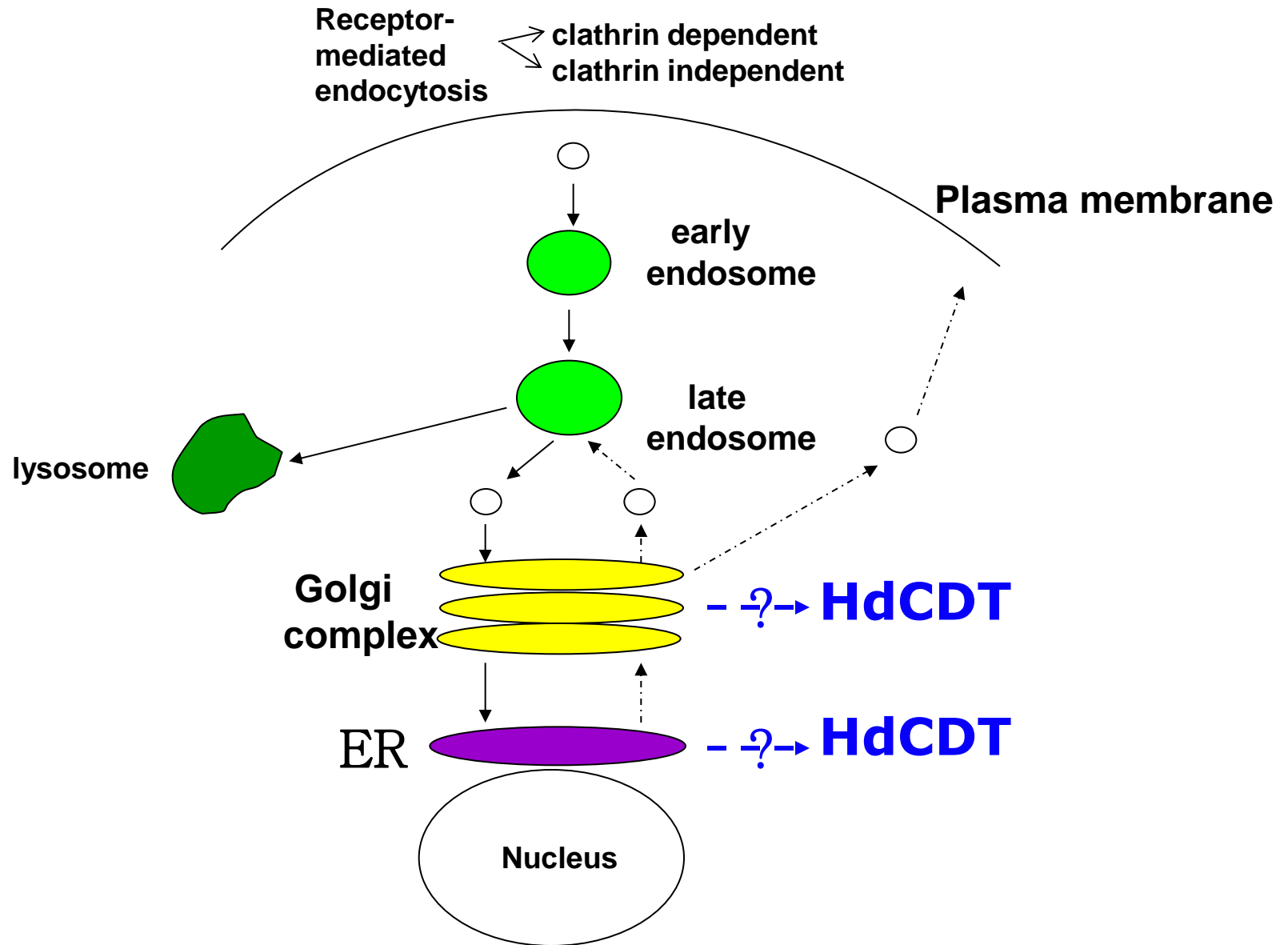
1997: CDTs induce G2 arrest



2000:

- B is active subunit
- A & C for binding??
- Receptor structure??

Cellular internalization of HdCDT



Structural and functional homology between CdtB and mammalian DNase I

1. Plasmid digestion in vitro by the *E. coli* cdtB

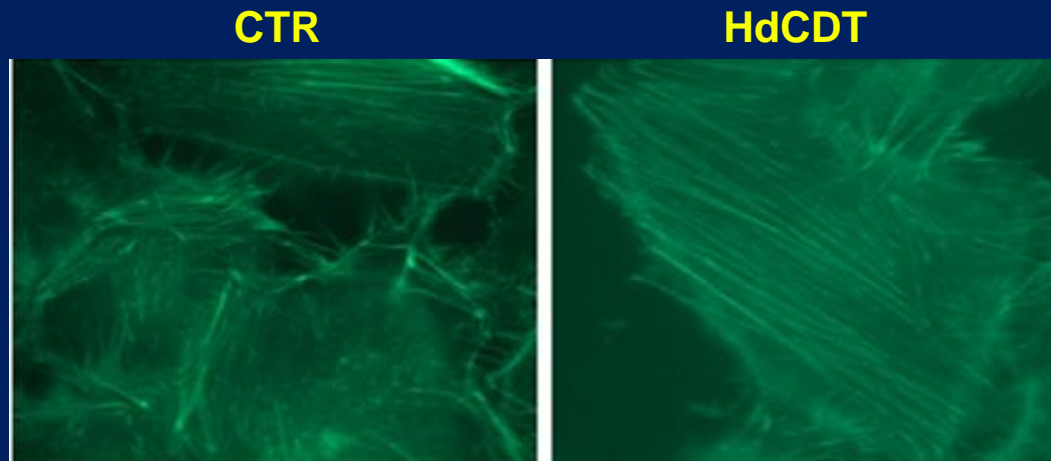
Elwell & Dreyfus Mol. Microbiol. 37, 952 (2000)

2. Nuclear fragmentation and chromatin collapse by transfection of *C. jejuni* cdtB

Lara-Tejero and Galan Science 290, 354 (2000)

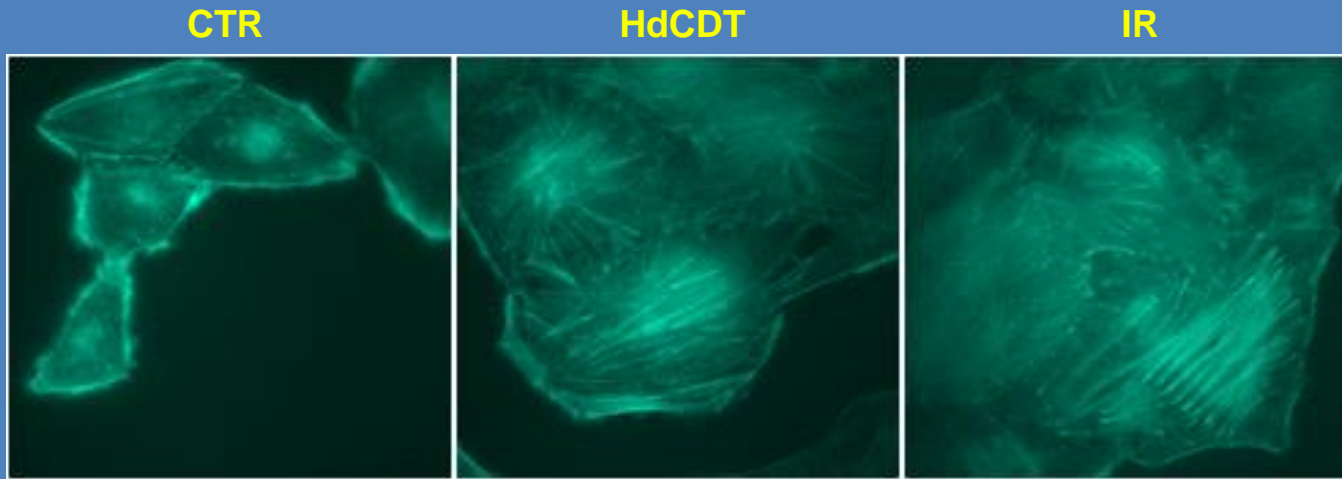
**In both studies, mutations in residues critical
for DNase activity abolished cell intoxication**

Actin stress fibers are promoted in CDT-treated cells



What is the molecular mechanism(s)?

Ionizing radiation also induces stress fibers and RhoA activation

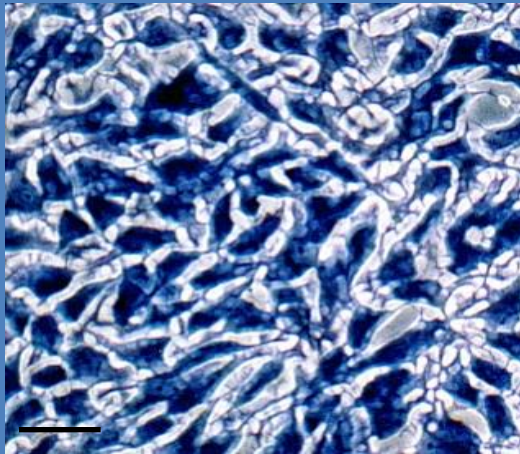


Take home message

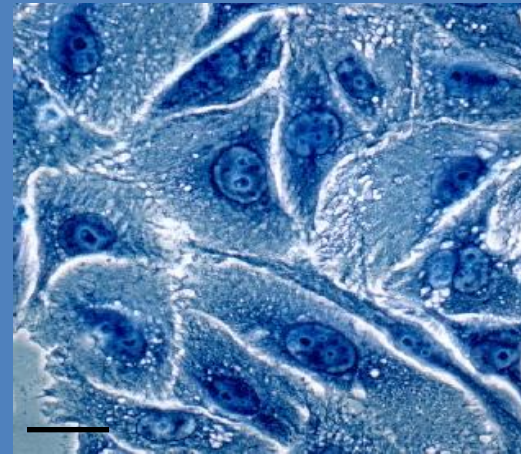
CDTs induce DNA damage evoking:

- check point responses
- cell cycle arrest
- cell distention
- stress fiber promotion

Certain EPEC and EHEC strains are able to induce an original CytoPathic Effect (CPE)



control
(72 h)



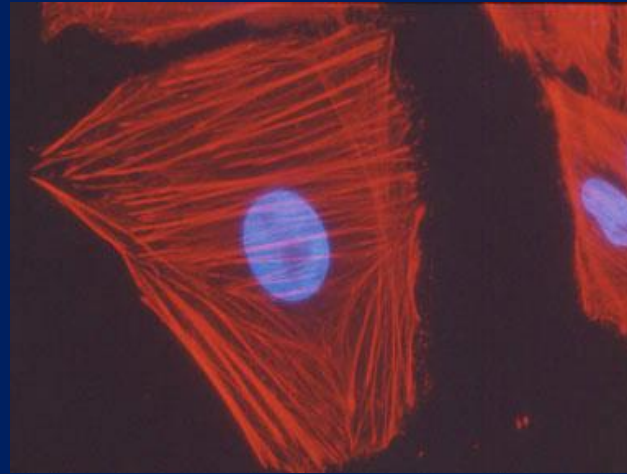
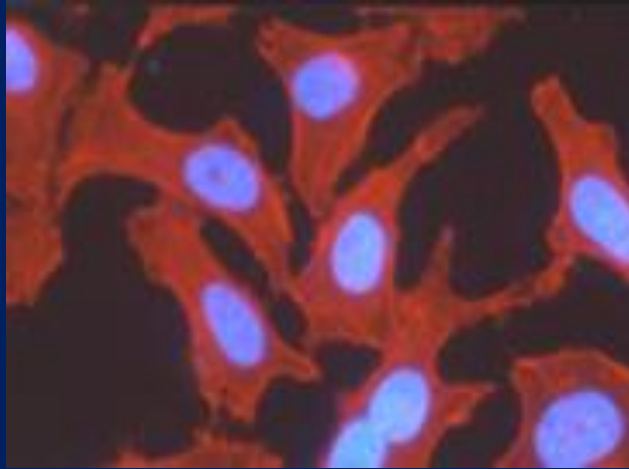
EPECwt
(72 h)

HeLa cells

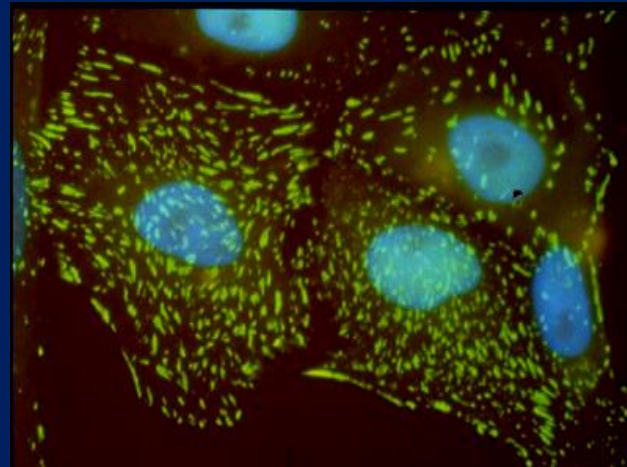
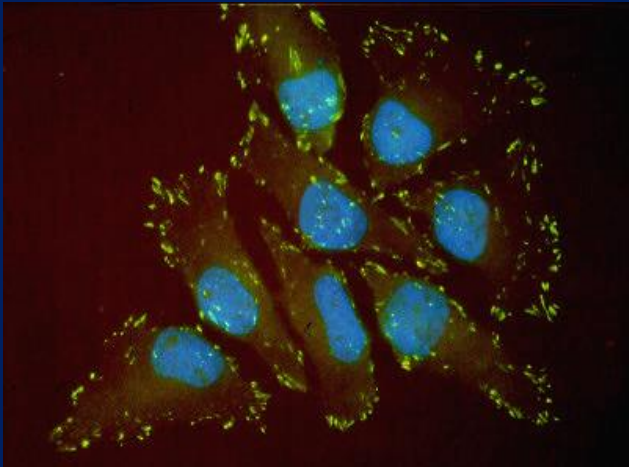
CPE is a progressive and irreversible effect characterised by the induction of large mononucleated cells

CPE: alterations of cytoskeleton

HeLa cells



Stress Fiber
(F-actin)

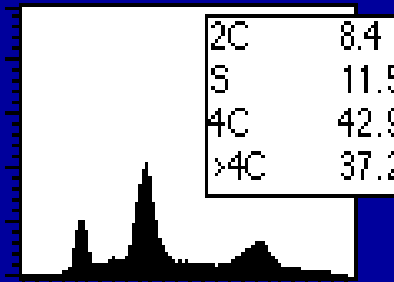
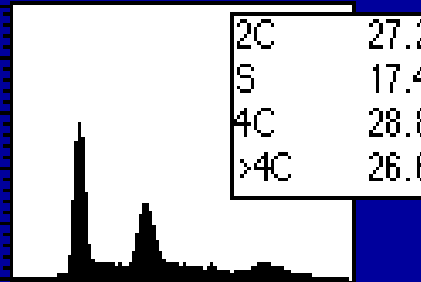
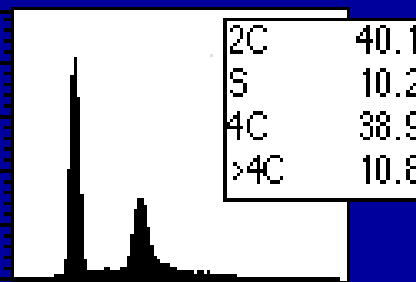
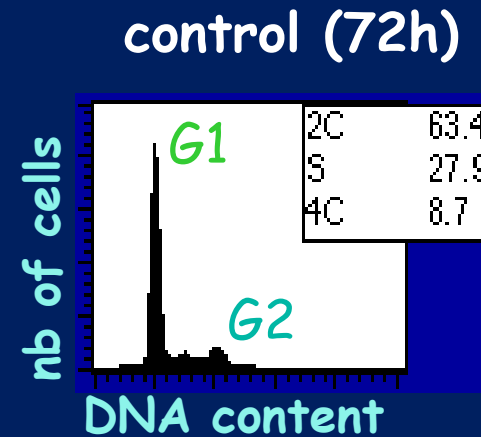
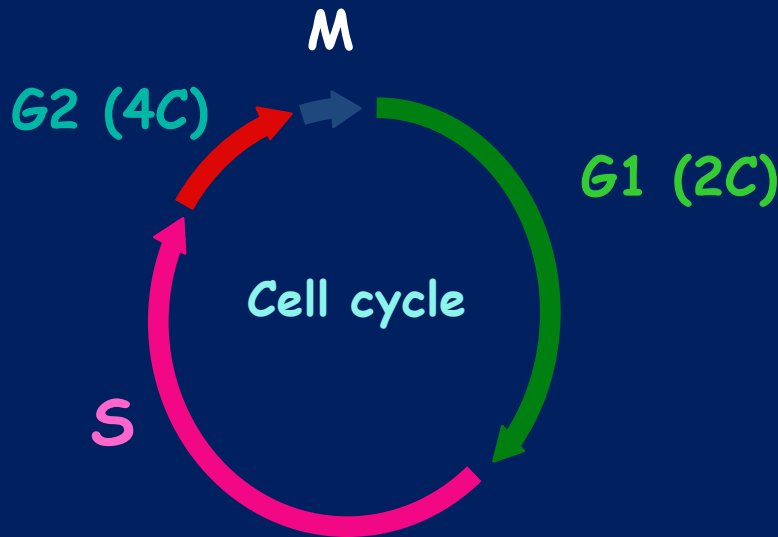


focal adhesions
(vinculin)

control
(72h)

EPEC
(72h)

CPE: inhibition of mitosis



EPEC

(24h)

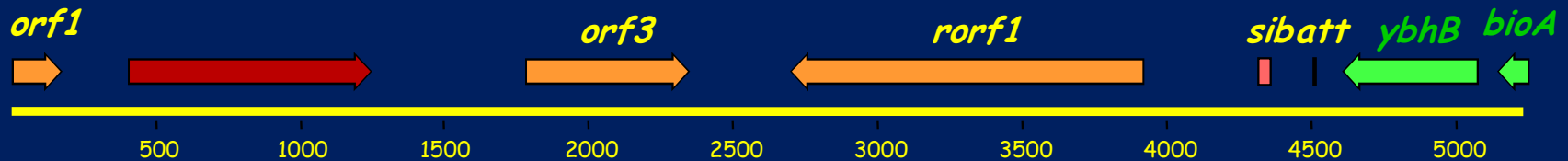
(48h)

(72h)

HeLa cells

Cif is encoded by a lambdoid prophage present in EPEC and EHEC

(Cycle Inhibiting Factor)
CIF

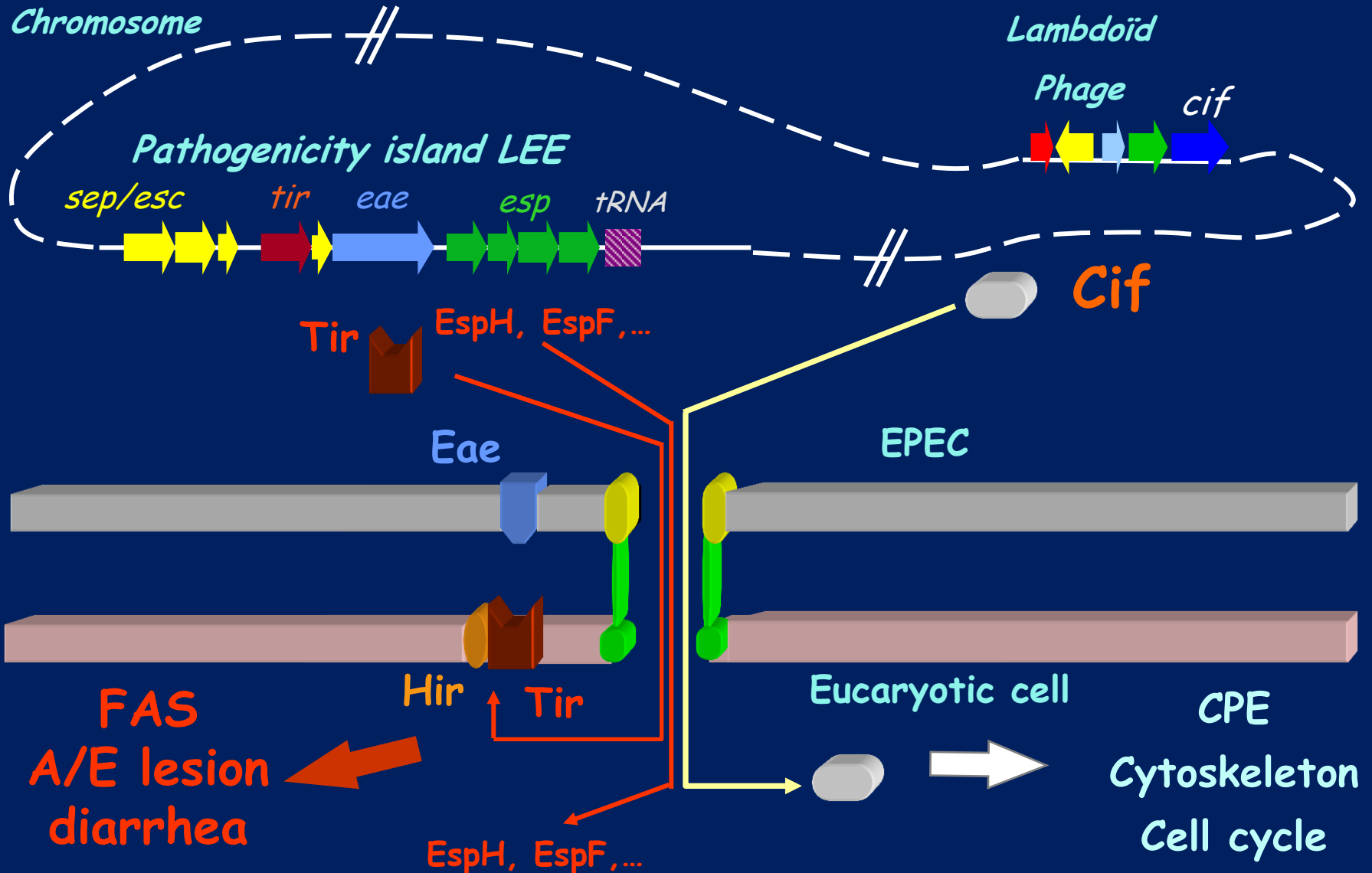


orf1, *orf3* and *rorf1* are similar to lambda-phages genes present in EHEC O157:H7 strains EDL933 and Sakai.



Genes *ybhB* and *bioA* are part of the *bio* operon located at 17.3 min in the K12 chromosome

Cif a novel AEEEC type III effector not coded by the LEE

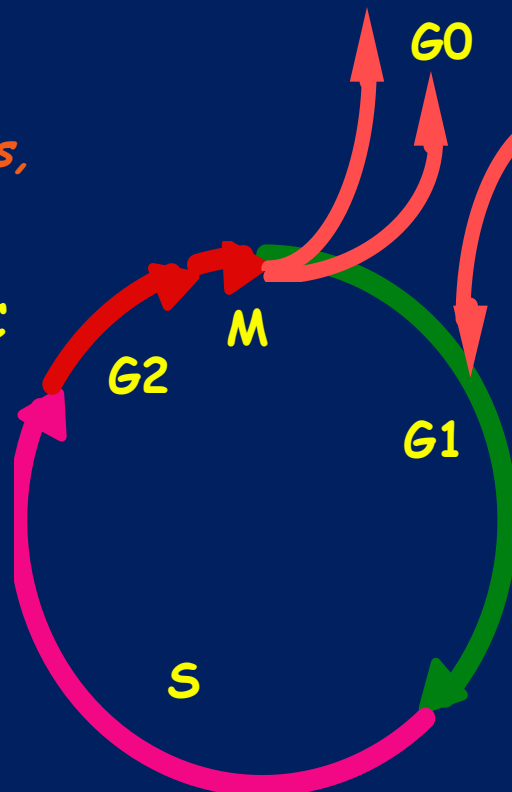


Cif belongs to the expanding family of virulence factors subverting the host cell cycle

Terminal differentiation

CDT produced by *E. coli*, *C. jejuni*, *A. actinomycetemcomitens*, *H. ducreyi* etc.

CIF produced by AEEC



Quiescent

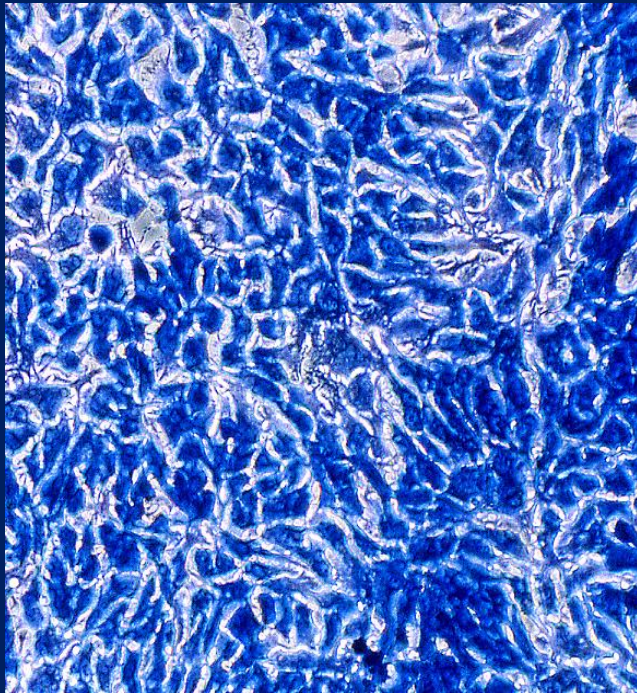
CNF produced by *E. coli*
DNT produced by *Bordetella*
PMT produced by *P. multocida*

Fip produced by *F. nucleatum*

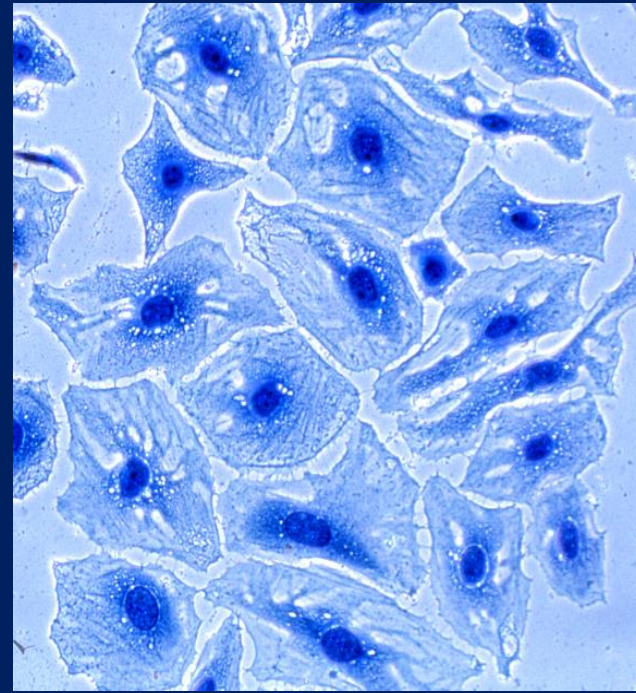
H. pylori

Colibactin, a hybrid peptide-polyketide genotoxin produced by *Escherichia coli*

Cytopathic Effect (CPE) produced by NewX 72h after the interaction

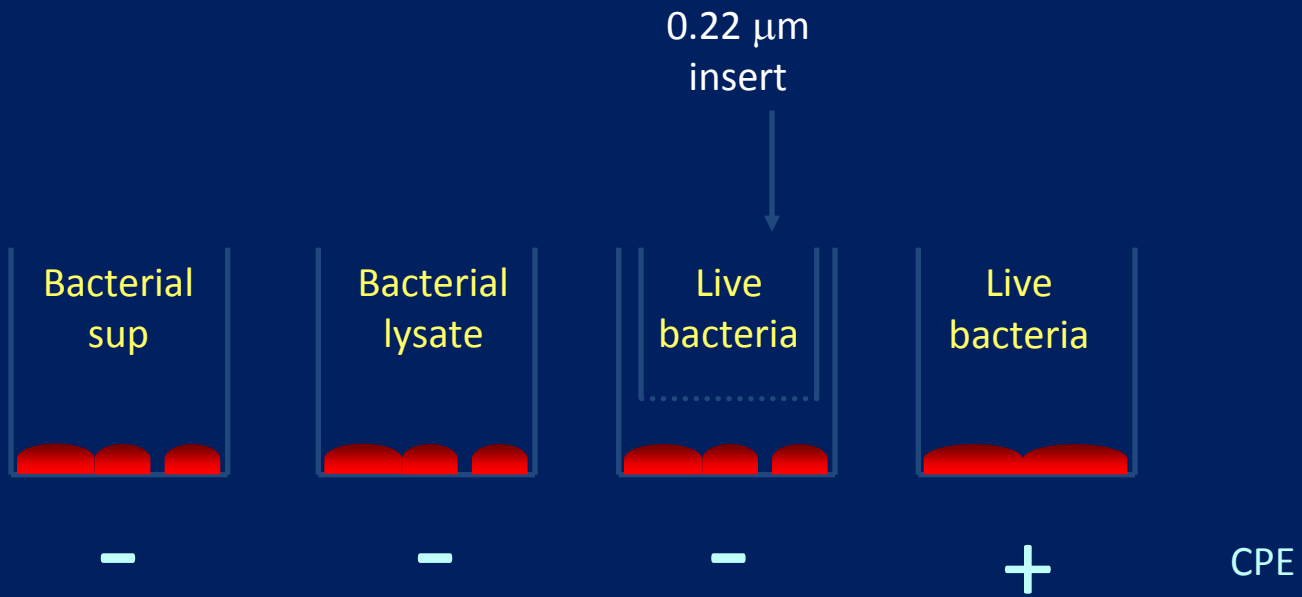


HeLa cells previously
infected with *E. coli*
MG1655

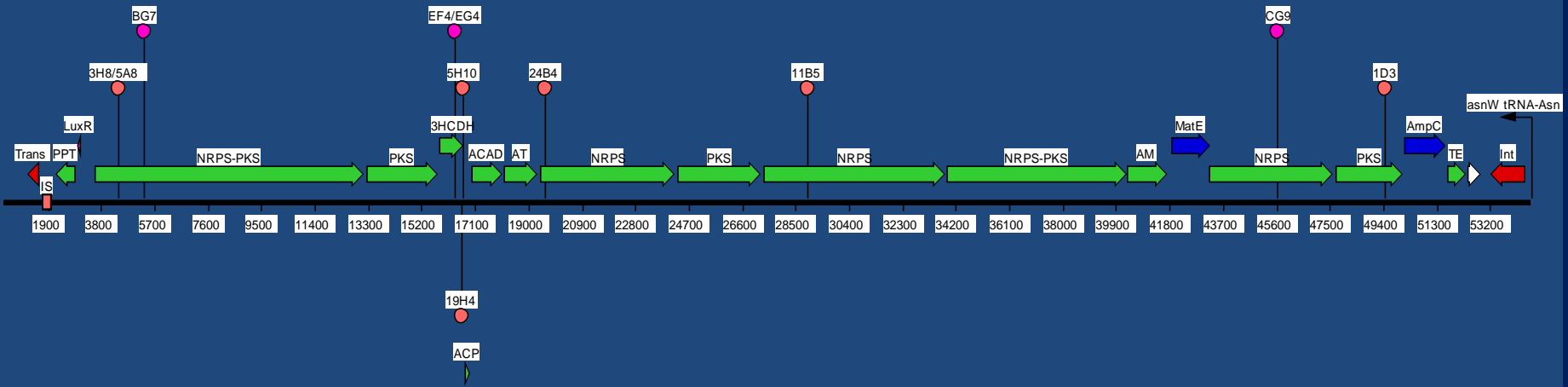


HeLa cells previously
infected with ExPEC
strain IHE3034

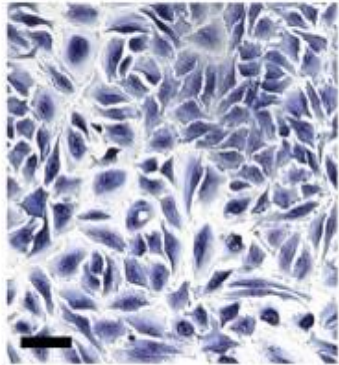
CPE-triggering is “contact-dependent”



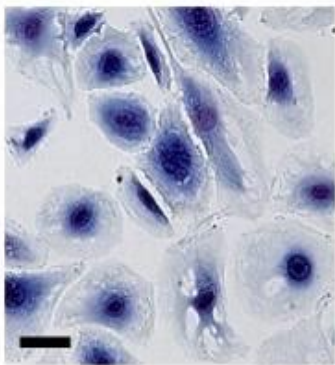
A genomic island confer cytopathic activity



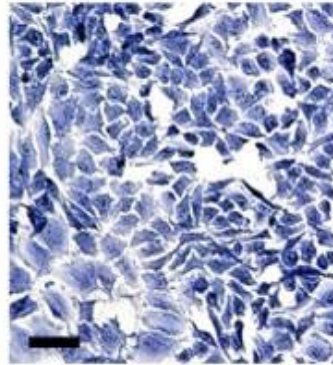
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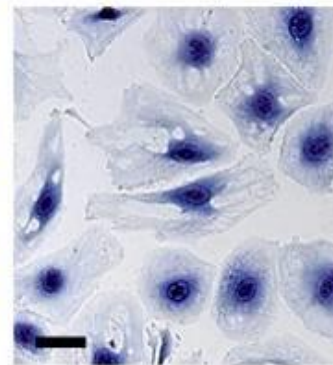
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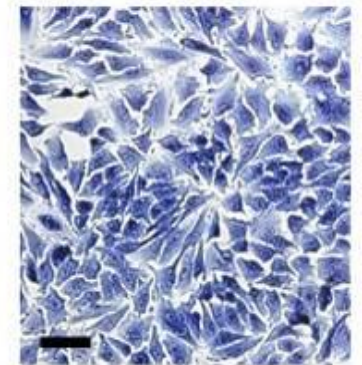
BAC vector



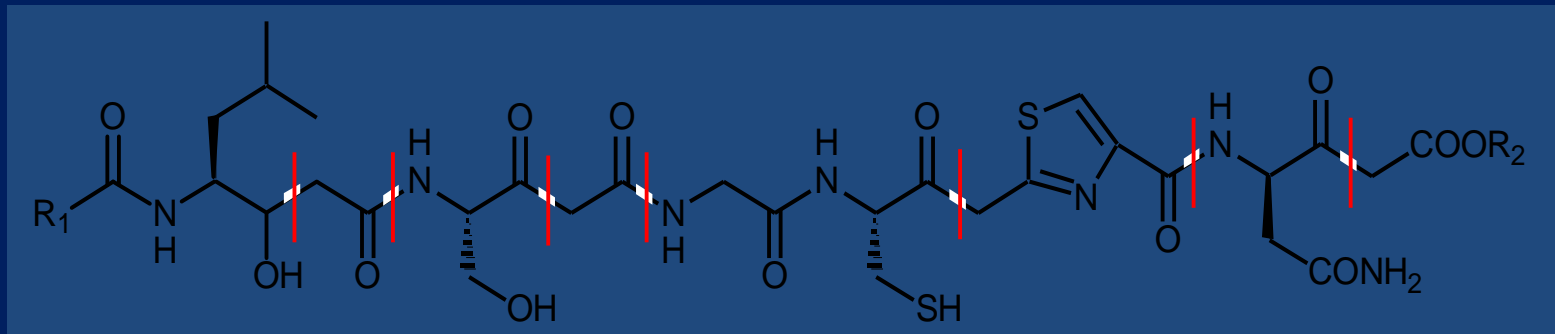
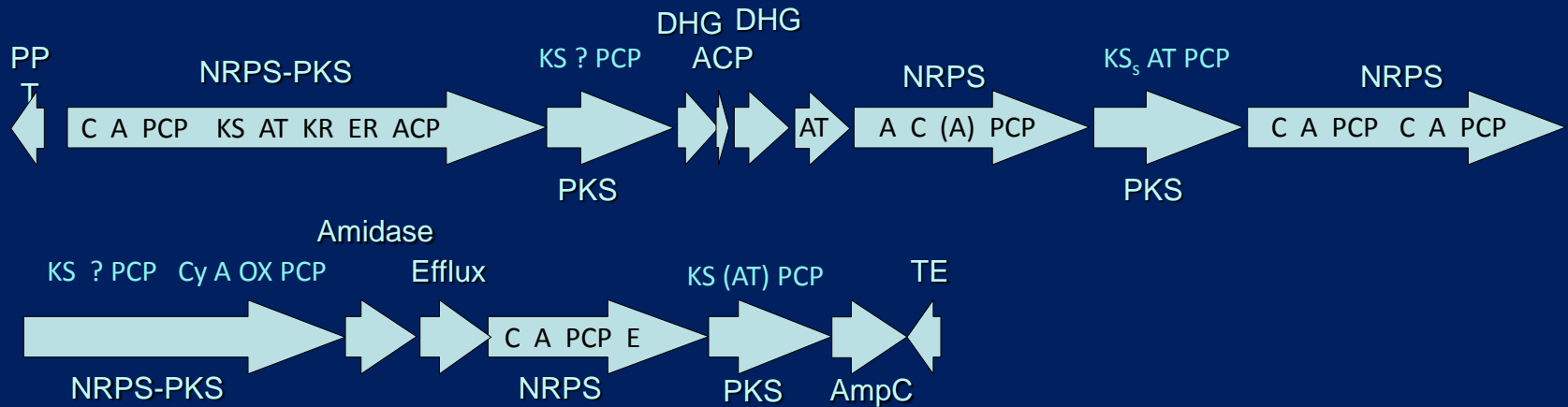
BAC *pks*



***ppt* mutant**



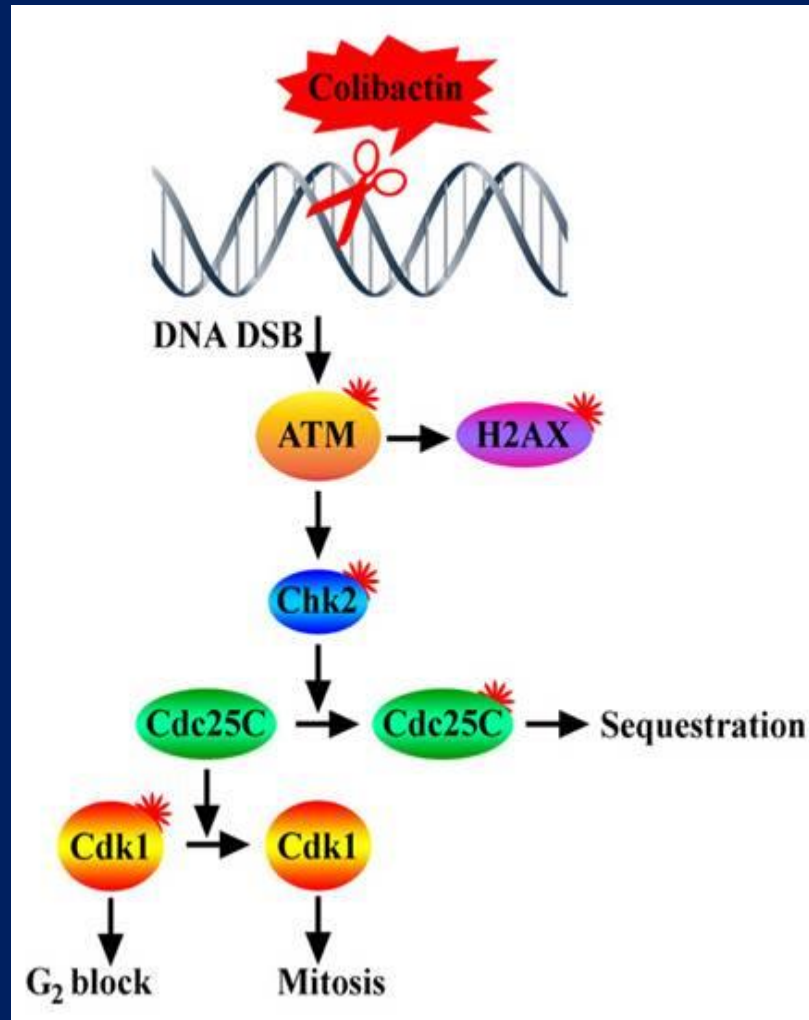
This cluster allows synthesis of a secondary metabolite: A polyketide-peptide hybrid compound



Predicted structure

Colibactin

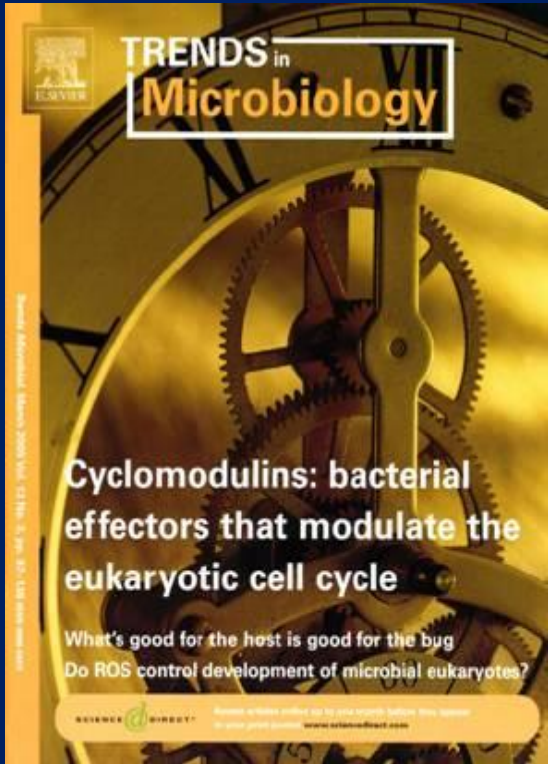
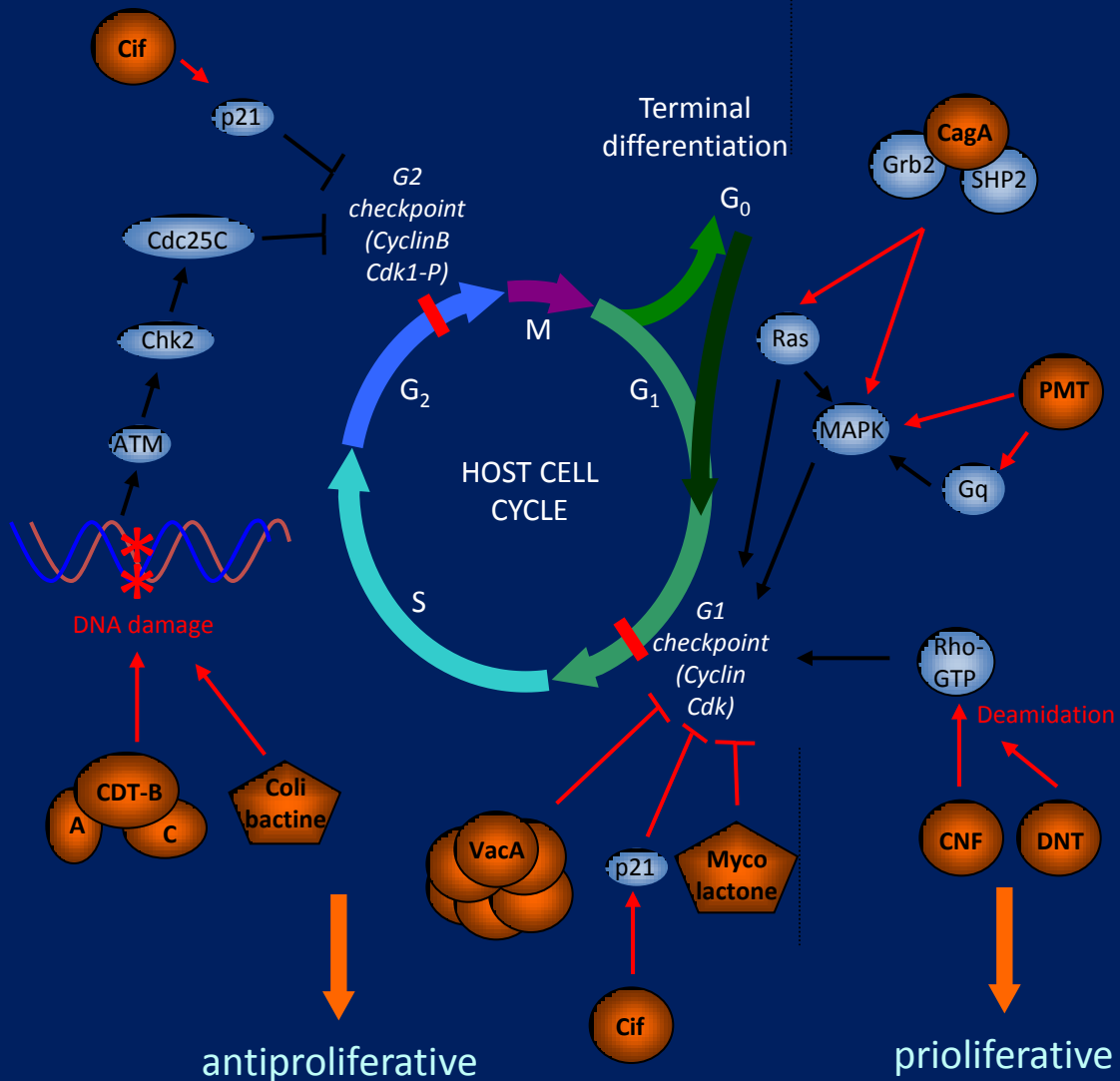
Colibactin mode of action



The cyclomodulins

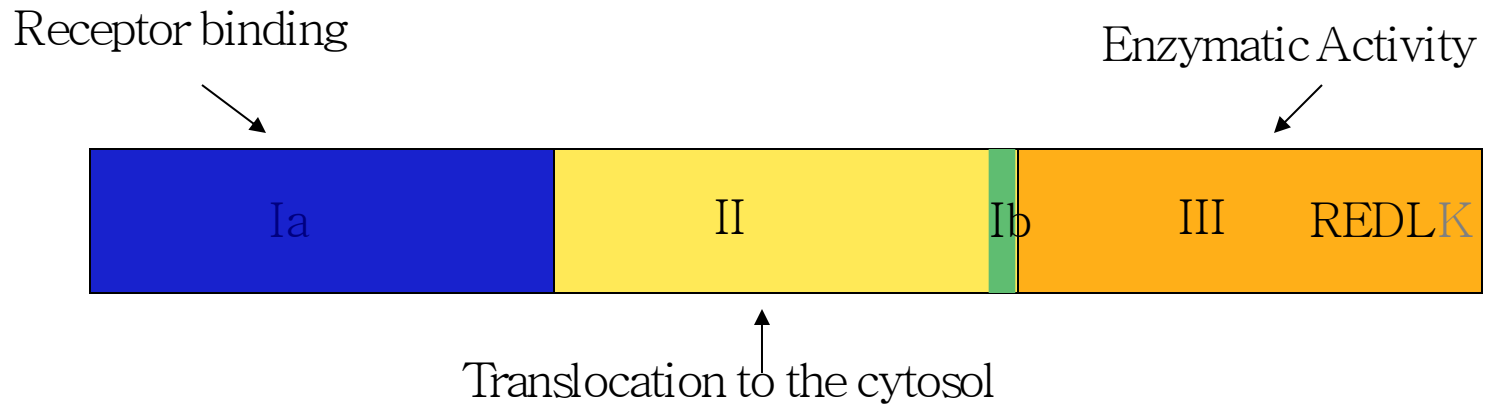
Inhibitors

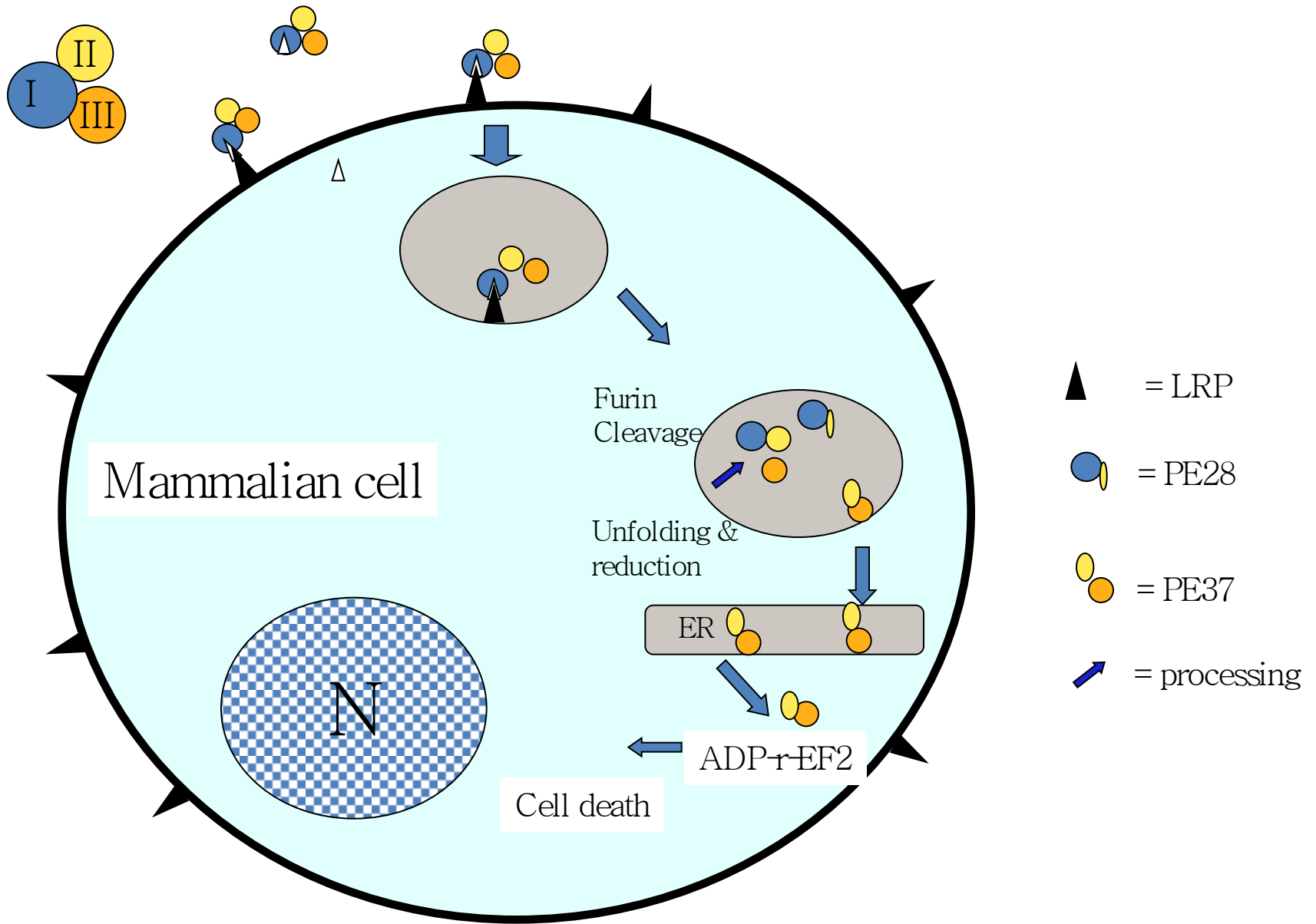
Activators



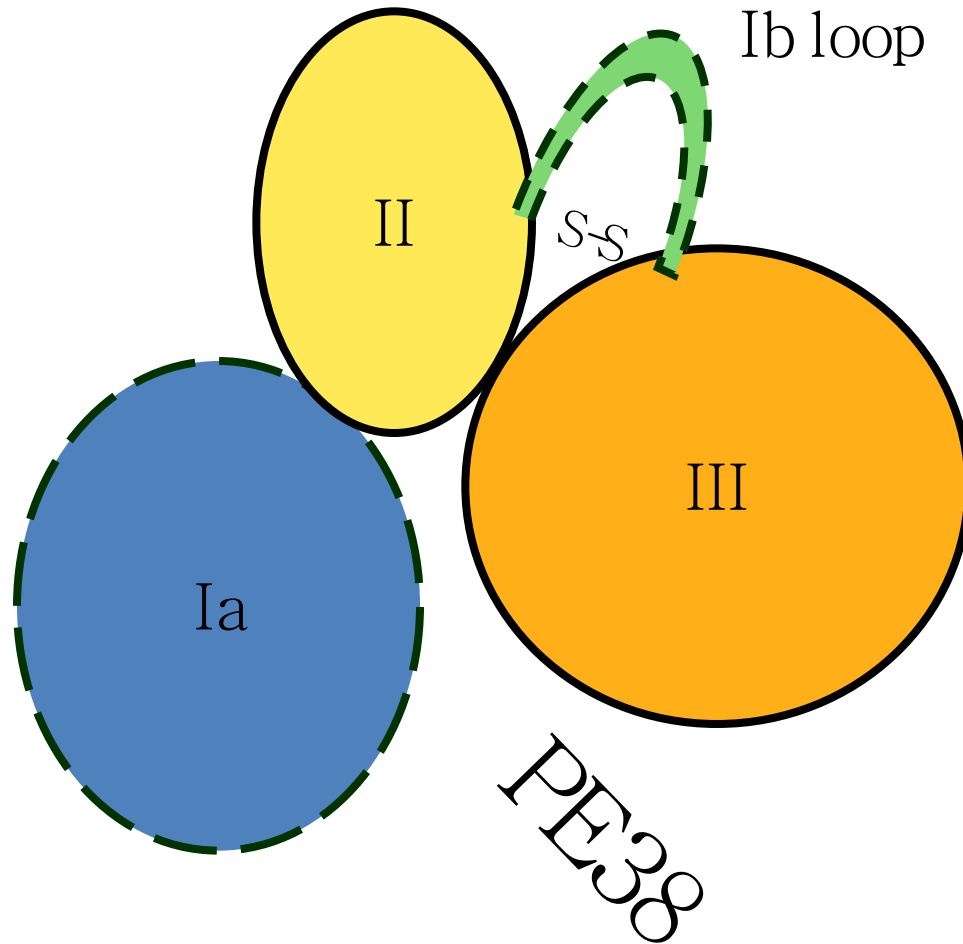
Recombinant Immunotoxins for the Treatment of Cancer.

Functional domains of Pseudomonas Exotoxin A





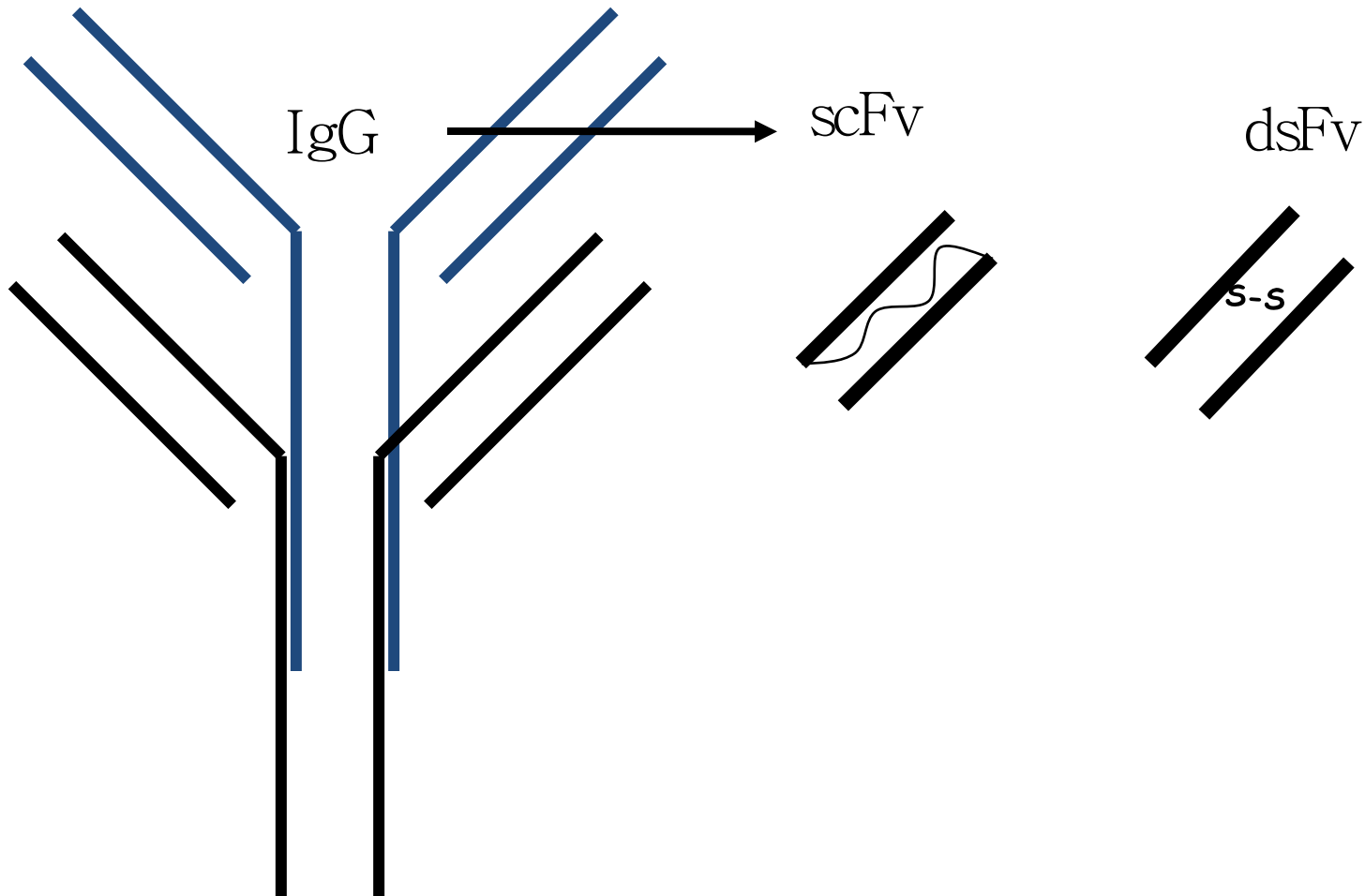
Structure of Pseudomonas Exotoxin



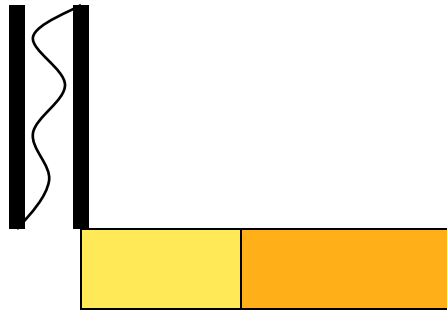
This is a 3-part problem.

- Antibody - recombinant fragment.
- Toxin - bacterial.
- Target - cell surface -allow internalization, not shed and expressed on every cell.

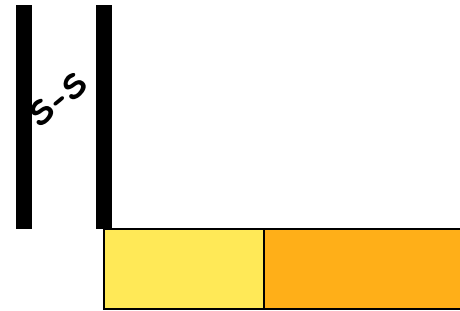
Generation of recombinant antibody fragments.



Antibody-toxin fusions - recombinant Immunotoxins



scFv-PE38



dsFv-PE38

Surface Target

Recombinant Immunotoxin

Cancer type

Lewis y	LMB1, LMB7 & LMB9	Epithelial cell Cancers (colon, stomach, breast etc)
CD25	LMB2	Leukemias (ATL, CLL etc)
CD22	BL22	Leukemias & Lyphomas (HCL, CLL, ALL, NHL etc)
Mesothelin	SS1	Ovarian and Mesothelioma
EGF-R (mut)	MR1	Glioblastoma multiforme
CD30	???	Hodgkin's Disease

Surface
Target

Toxin
Agent

Cancer-related
Target.

EGF-R

TGF α -PE38

brain tumors

IL4/IL13

IL4/13-PE38

brain and kidney tumors

NK1-R

SubP-PE35

Neurons CNS - pain control

**Clinical development of the recombinant
Immunotoxin,
BL22.**

CD22 as a surface target.

- Primarily a B-cell marker.
- Expressed on mature B-cells and B-cell malignancies but not on precursors/stem cells.
- Lectin - involved in adhesion of activated B-cells.
- Co-receptor with BCR.
- Internalized efficiently - not shed.

Phase I trial - patient eligibility.

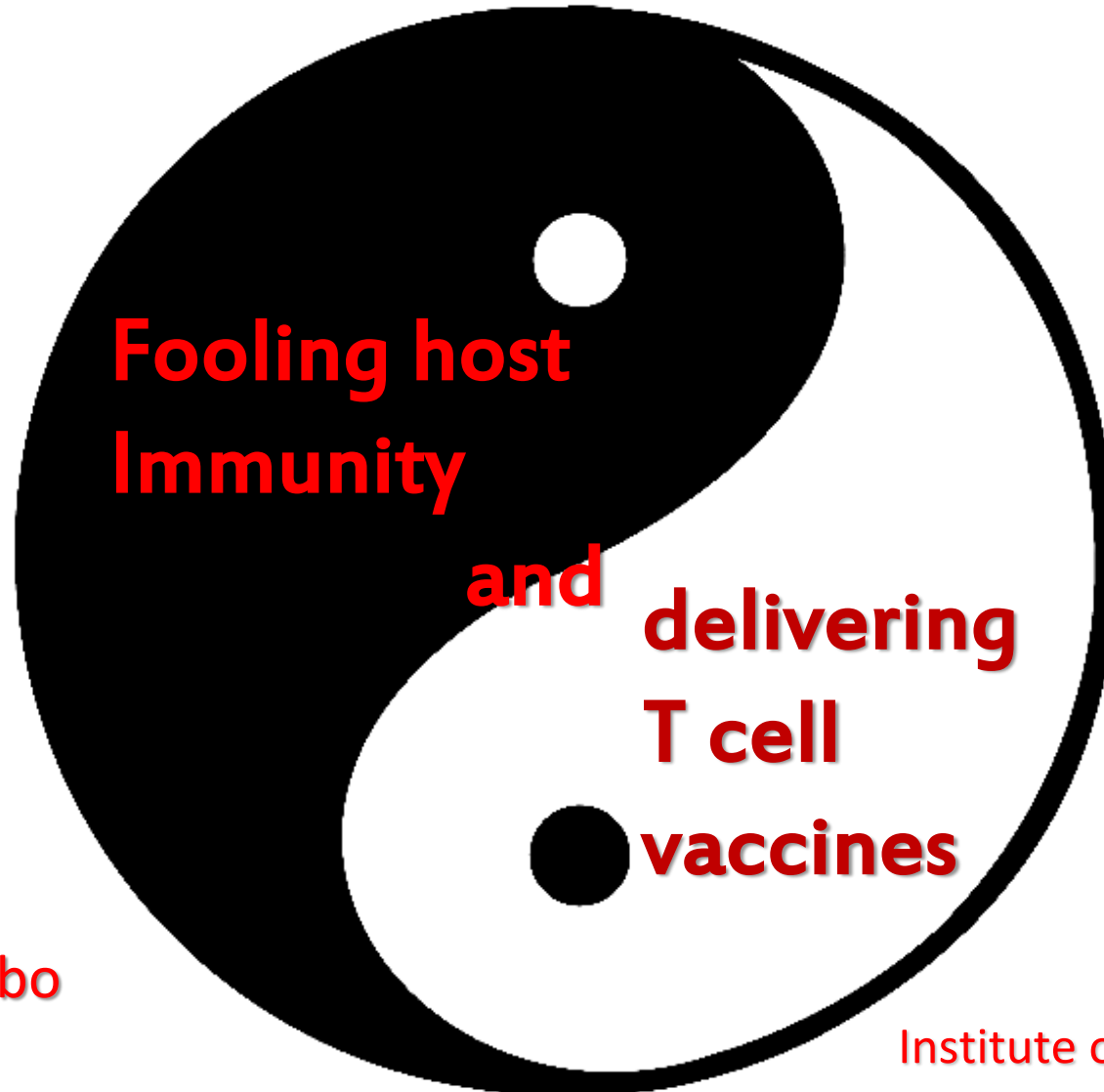
- Diagnosis of B-cell leukemia/lymphoma
- Failed standard treatments
- CD22-positive malignant cells
- Adequate hepatic, renal and pulmonary function
- Absence of CNS disease
- No pre-existing neutralizing antibodies

BL22 - summary.

Complete remissions were obtained in the majority of patients with HCL.

Stable disease and partial remissions were seen with CLL patients. CLL - fewer CD22 sites on their leukemic cells.

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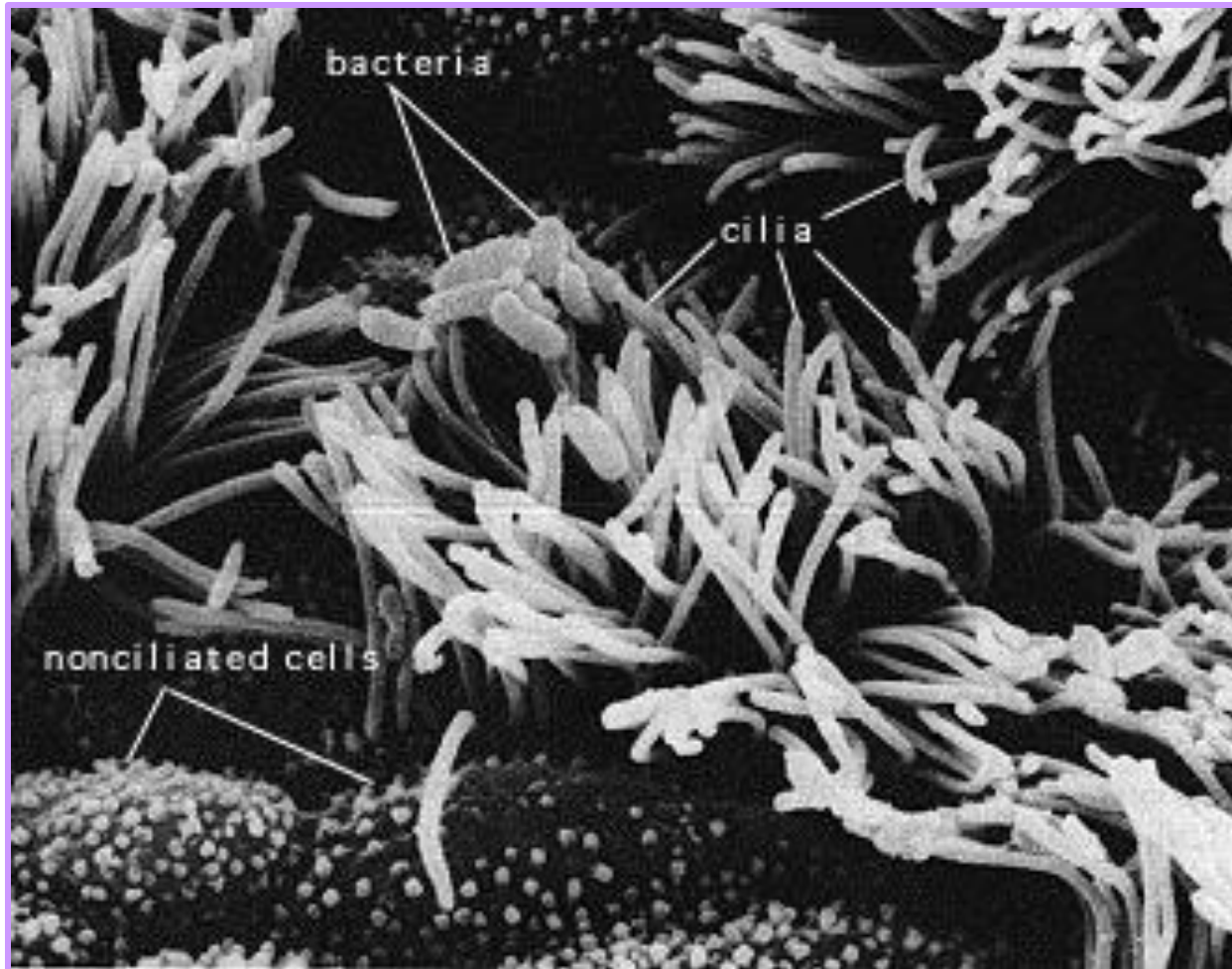
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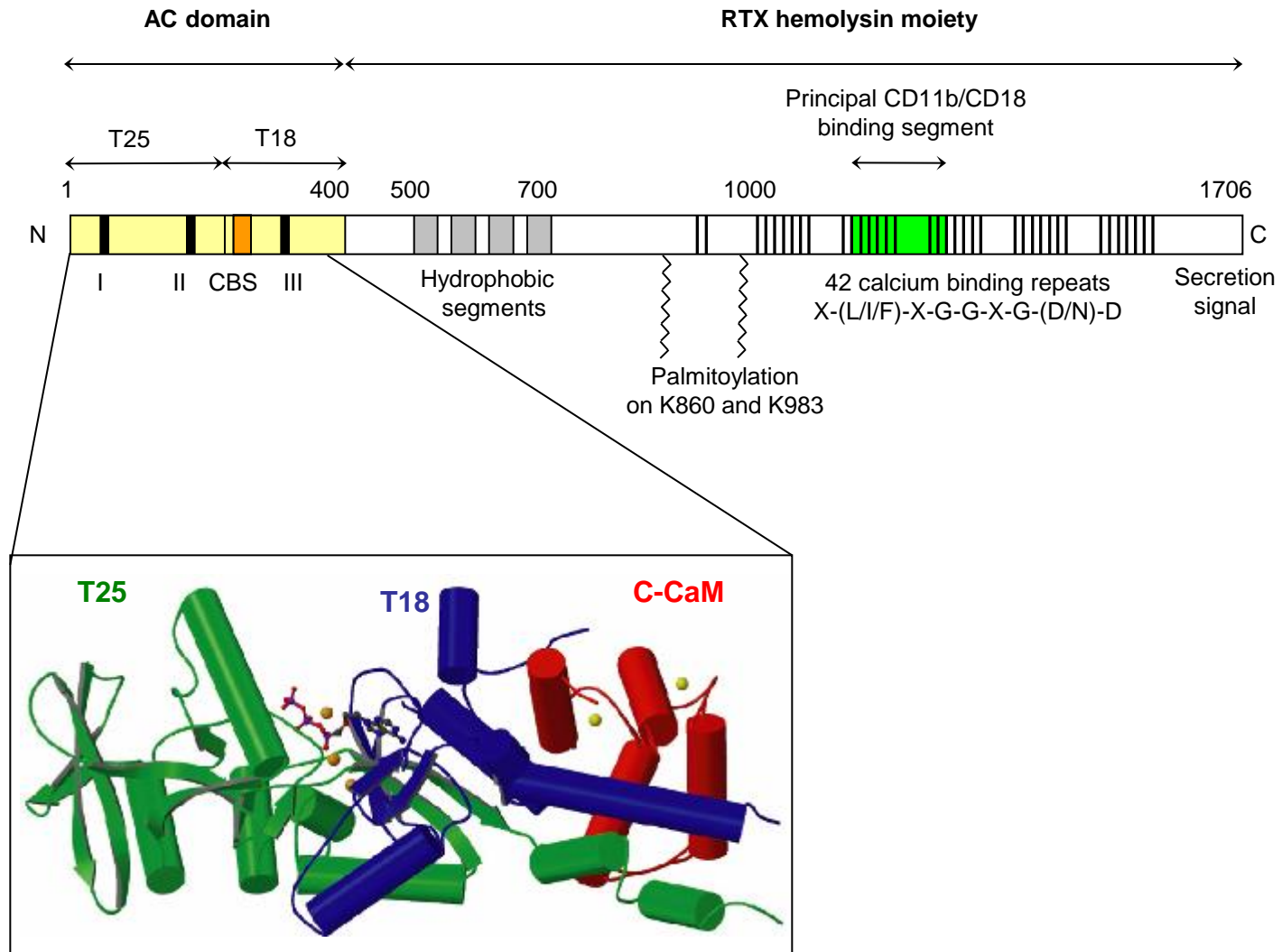
Drugs from Bugs...

**Without Adenylate cyclase toxin
Bordetella pertussis is avirulent**

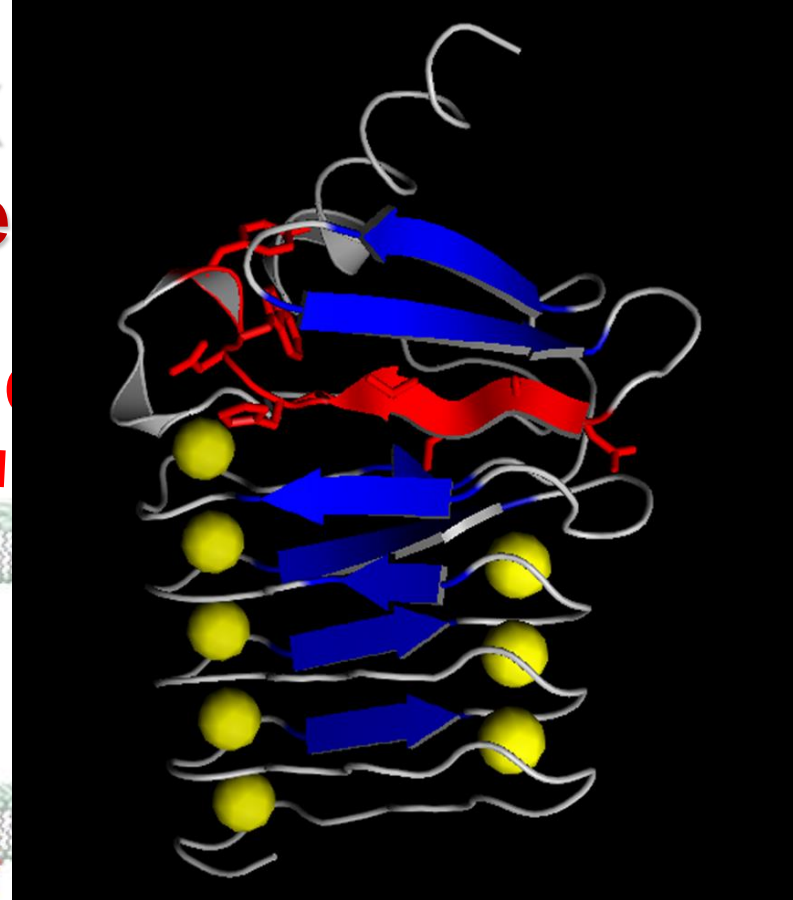
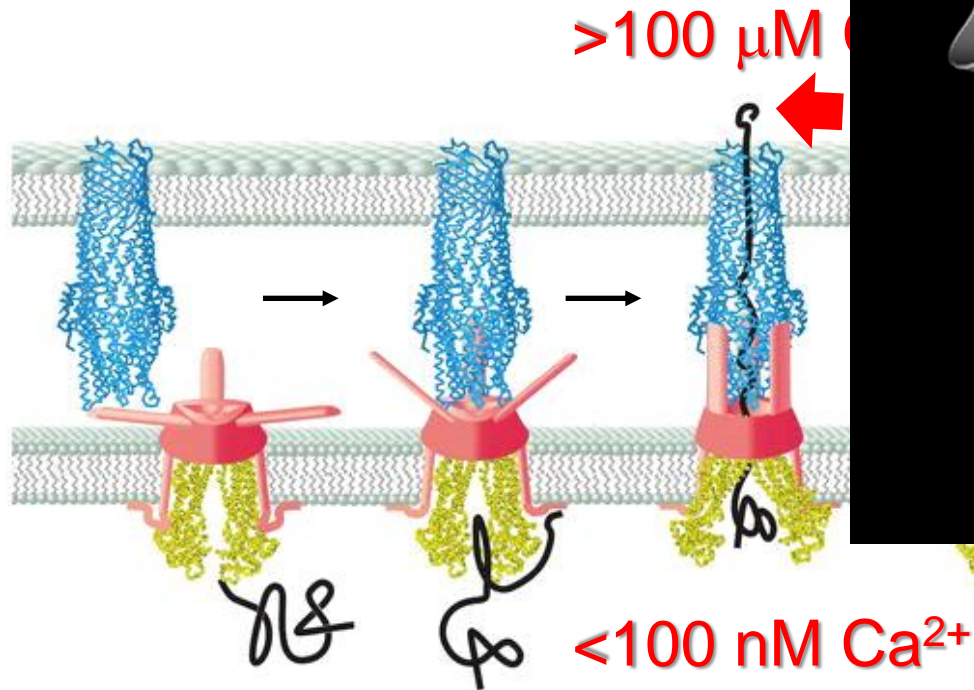


Colonisation of respiratory epithelium by *B. pertussis*
www.textbookofbacteriology.net

Adenylate cyclase toxin - cytolysin



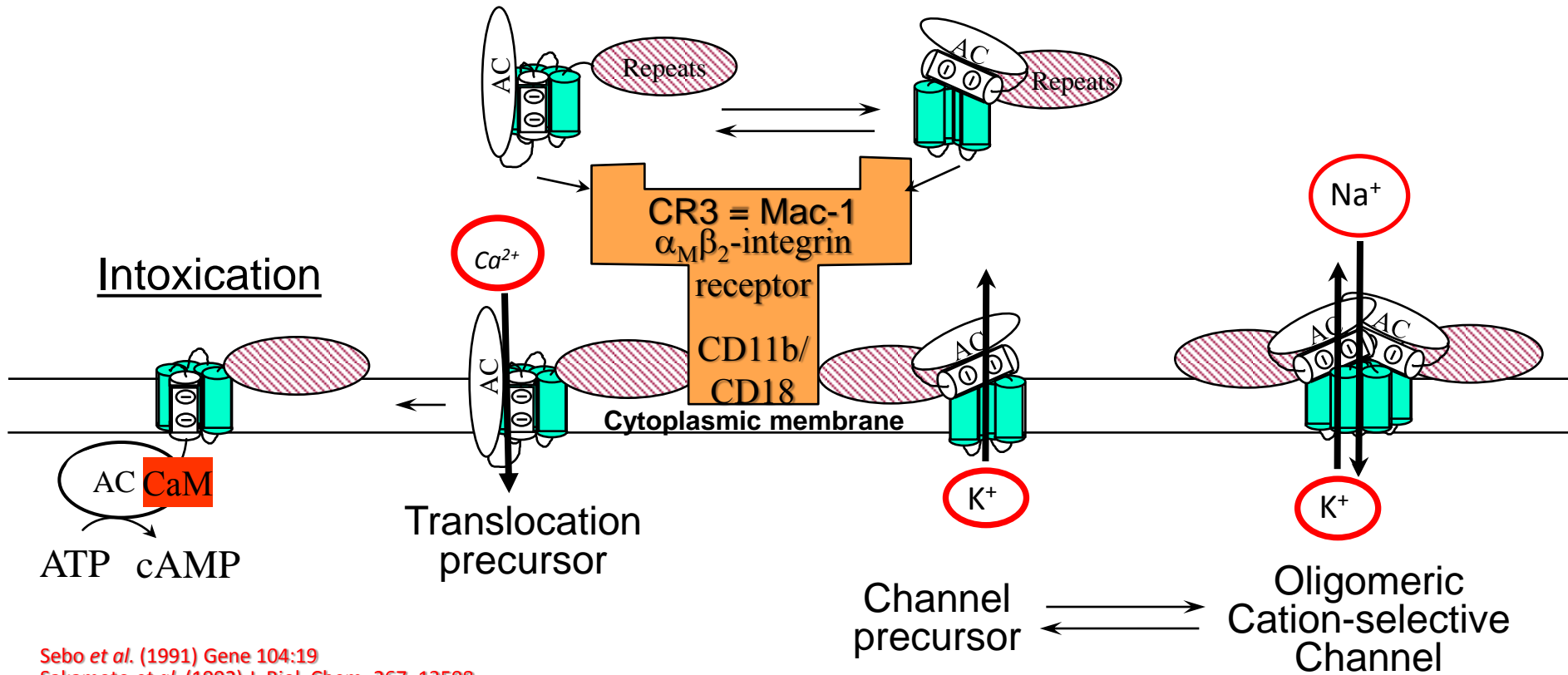
ACT is an RTX secreted by a type



Need to unfold and refold
on the way to target...

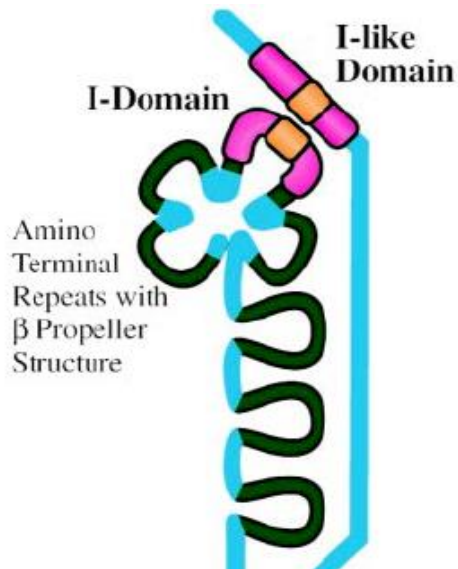


The three cytotoxic activities of ACT adenylate cyclase toxin & pore-forming hemolysin/Cytolysin



Sebo *et al.* (1991) *Gene* 104:19
 Sakamoto *et al.* (1992) *J. Biol. Chem.* 267, 13598
 Benz *et al.* (1994) *J. Biol. Chem.* 269, 27231
 Hackett *et al.* (1995) *J. Biol. Chem.* 270, 20250
 Gray *et al.* (1998) *J. Biol. Chem.* 273, 18260
 Osickova *et al.* (1999) *J. Biol. Chem.* 274, 37644
 Basler *et al.* (2007) *J. Biol. Chem.* 282, 12419
 Fiser R. *et al.* (2007) *J. Biol. Chem.* 282, 2808
 Osickova *et al.* (2010) *Mol. Microbiol.* 75:15450-1562

ACT targets myeloid phagocytes bearing $\alpha_M\beta_2$ integrin CD11b/CD18



- β_2 subfamily
- complement receptor 3 (CR3), Mac-1, Mo-1, $\alpha_M\beta_2$
- monocytes, granulocytes, macrophages, NK cells, neutrophils and **dendritic cells**, certain B cell subtypes



ACT first recognizes N-linked glycans of CD11b/CD18

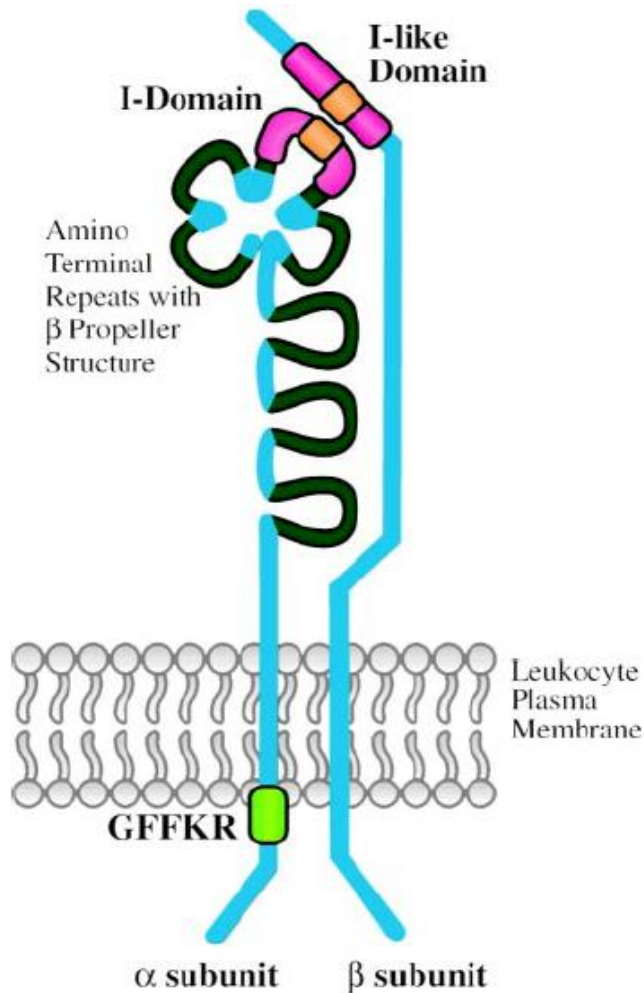
Morova et al. (2008) PNAS 105, 5355

α subunit

β subunit

Guermanprez et al. 2001, J Exp. Med.

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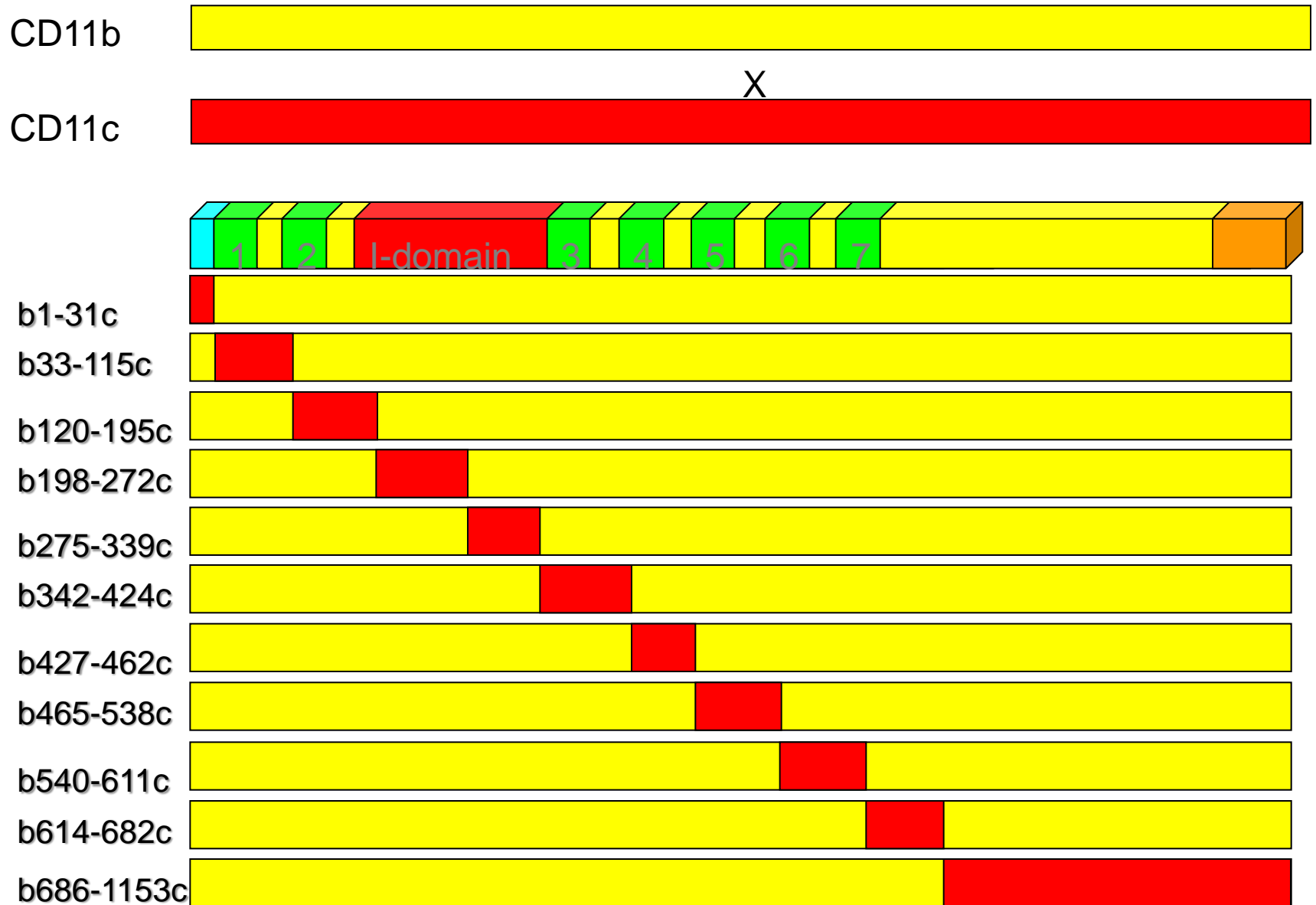
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Selectivity of ACT for the given $\alpha_M\beta_2$ integrin is, however, dictated by a CD11b-specific segment ...

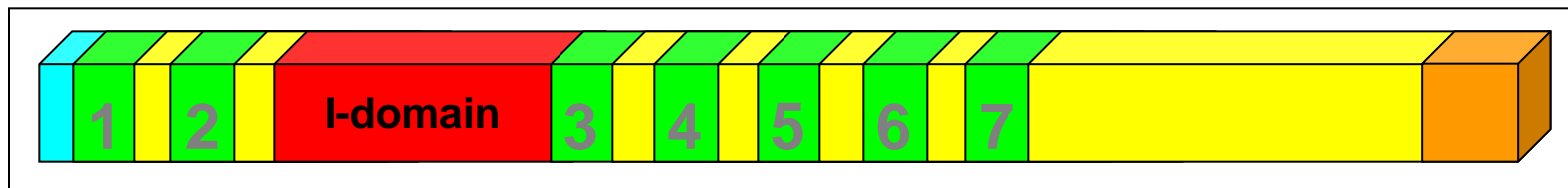


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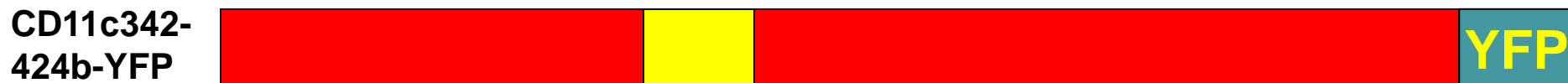
Mapping ACT binding site using CD11b/CD11c chimaeras



Construction of CD11c harboring residues 342-424 and/or 614-682 replaced with homologous segments of CD11b



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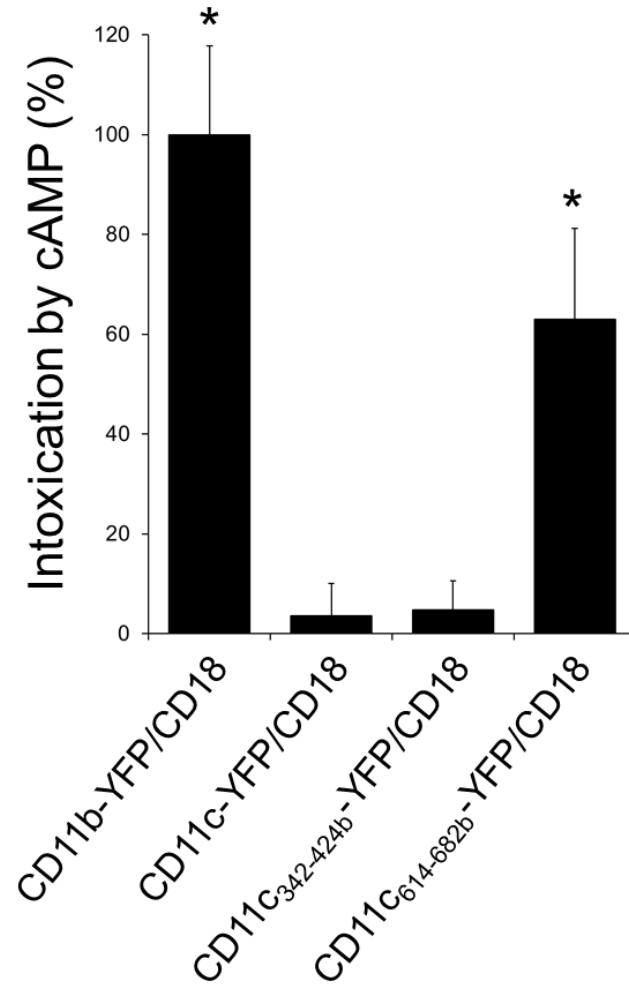
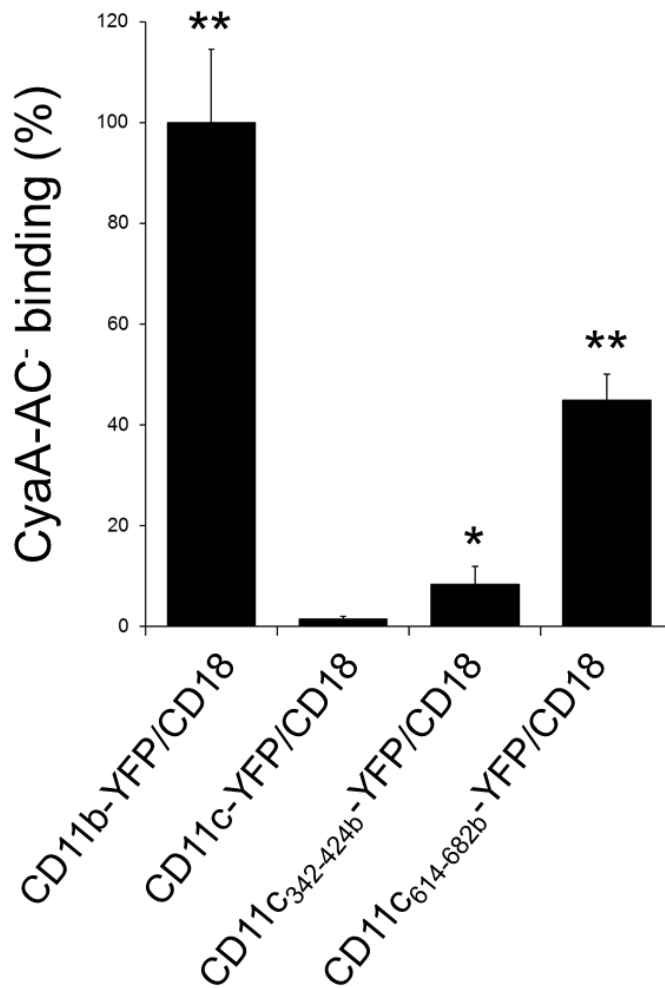


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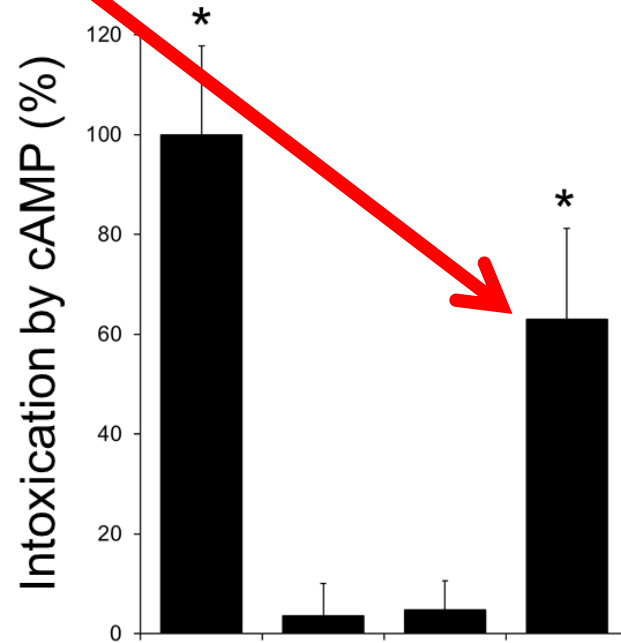
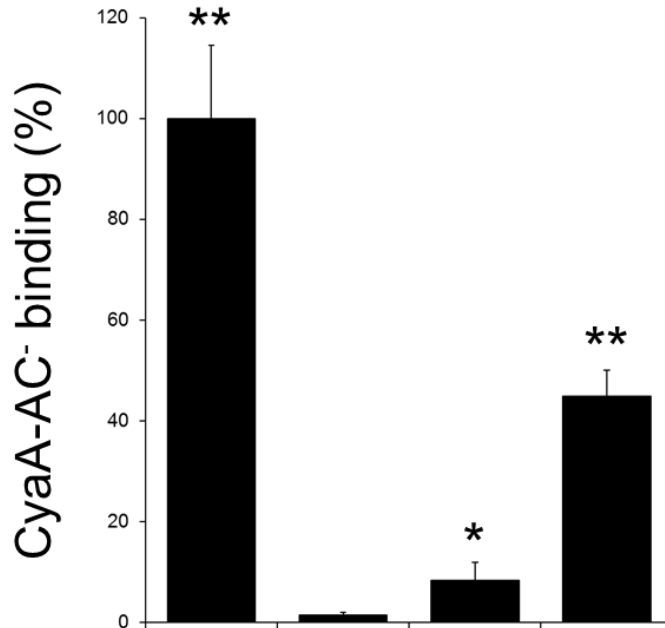
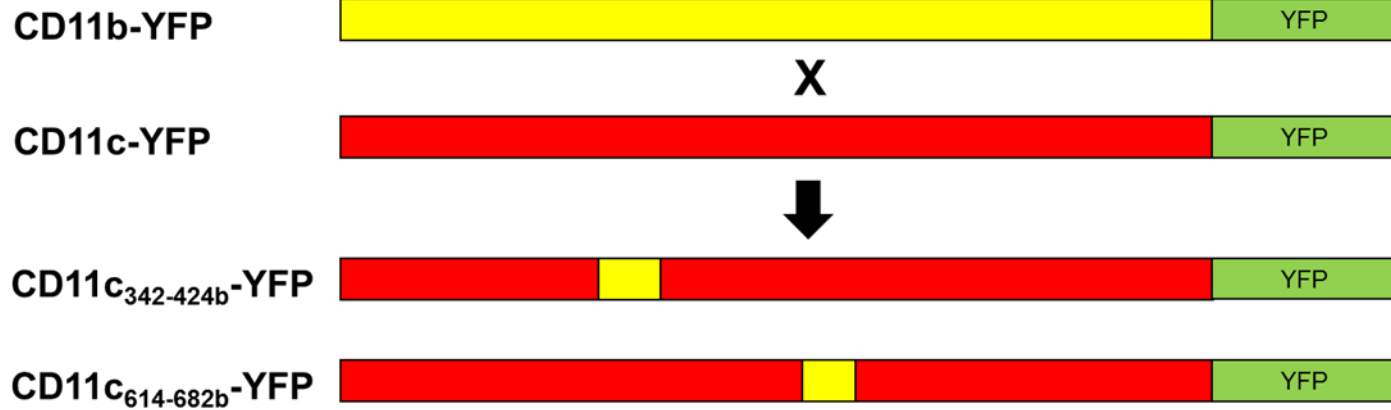


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The CD11c integrin with 'transplanted' residues 614-682 of CD11b productively binds CyaA



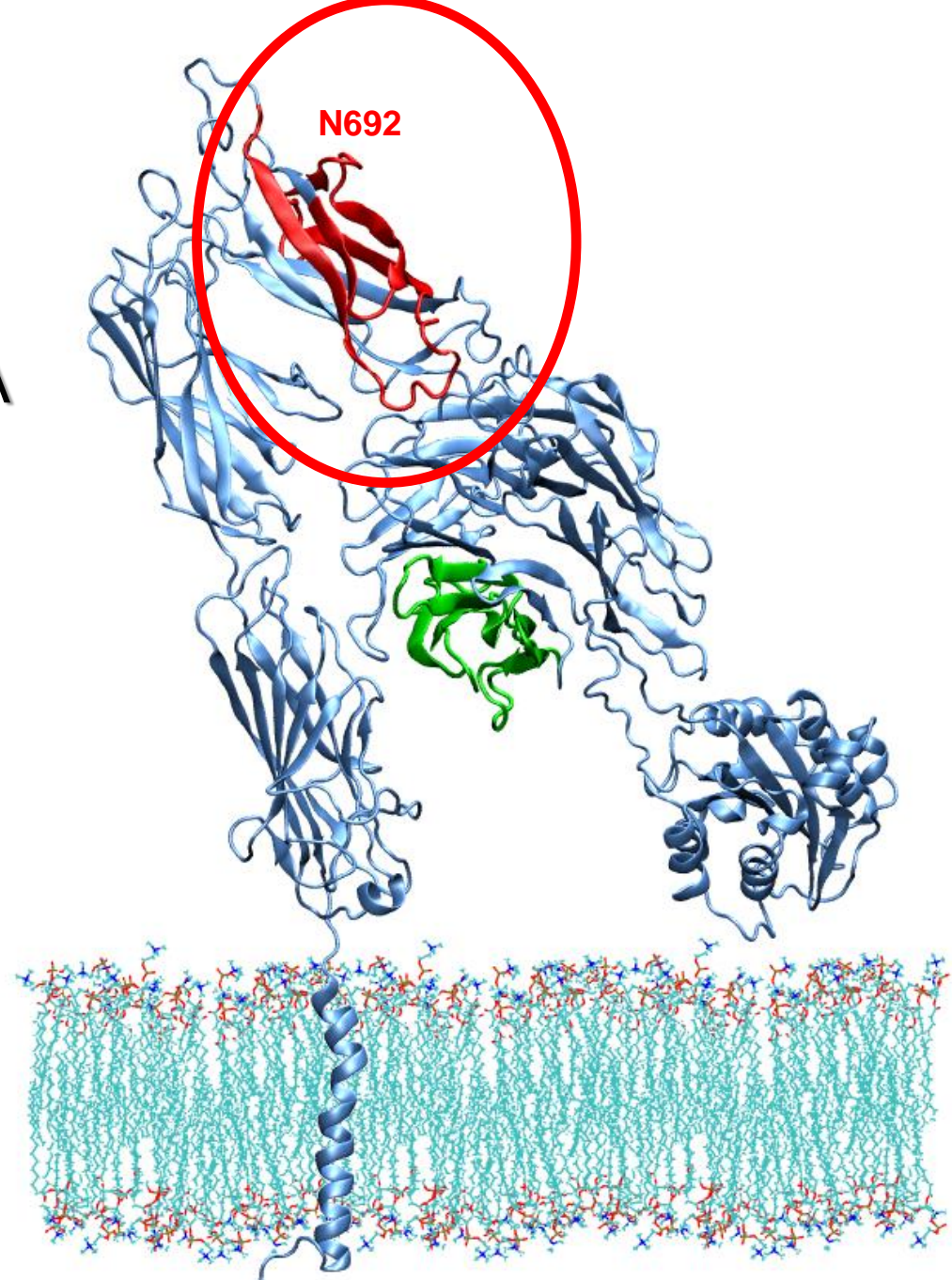
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Proteinaceous segments
Specifically involved in CyaA
binding:

CD11b – residues 614-682

CD11b - residues 342-424

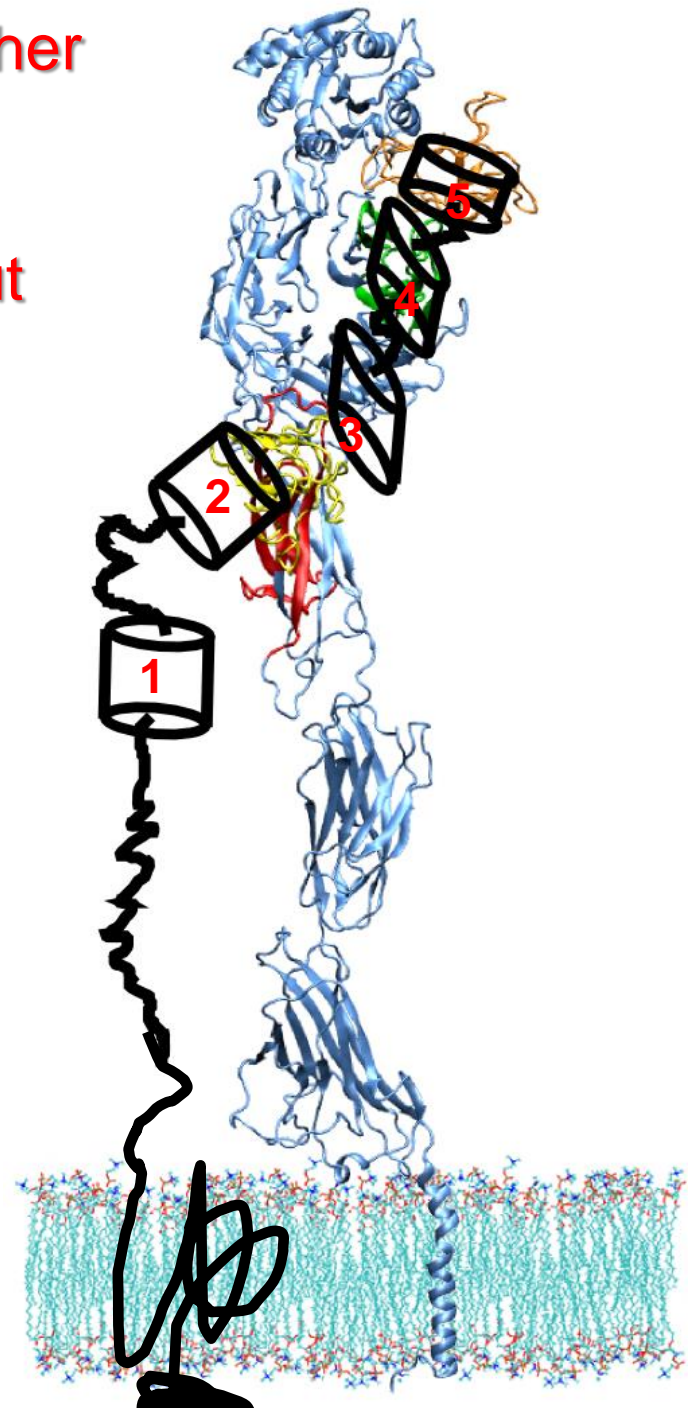
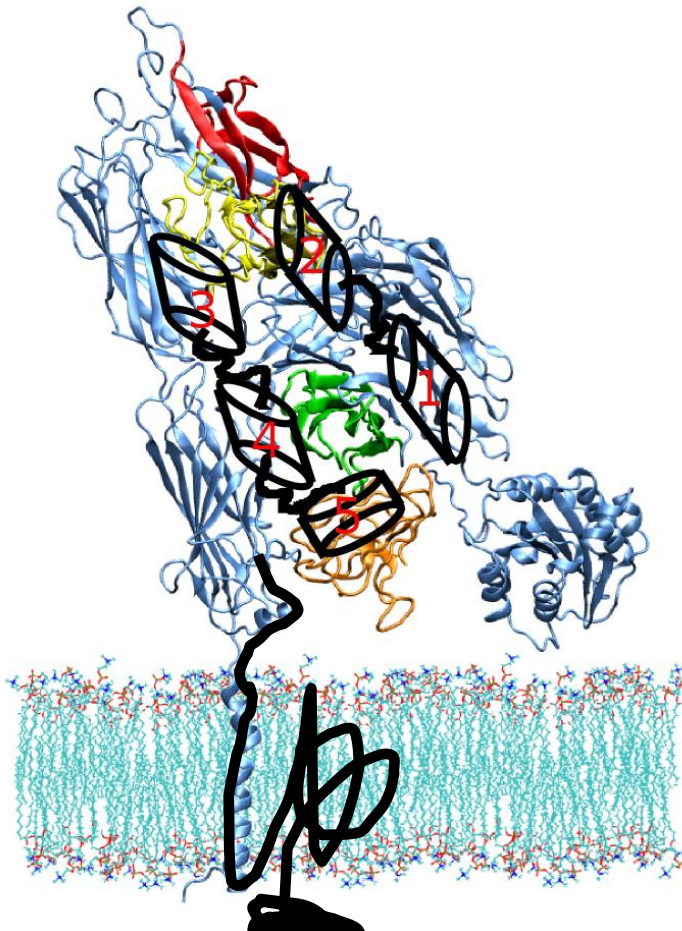


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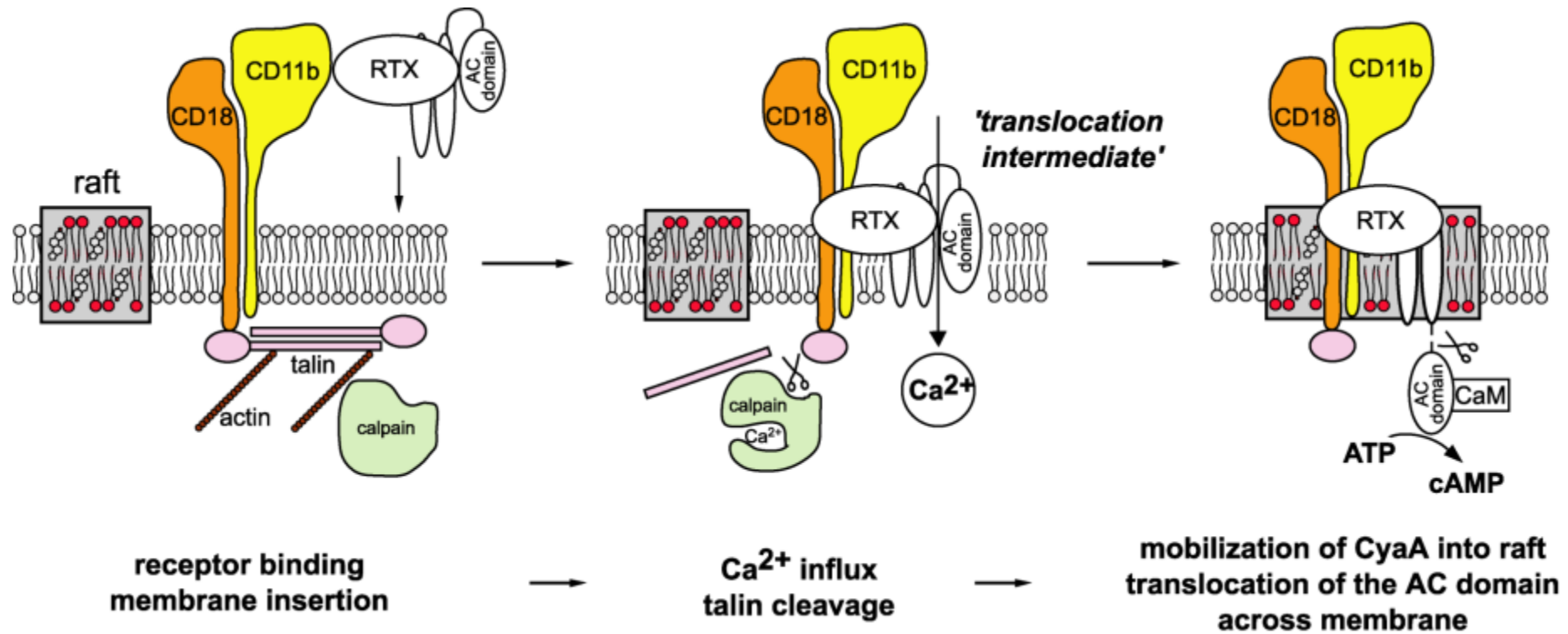
CyaA RTX domain – binds with 3 x higher affinity to ‘closed’ CD11b

Subversive toxin binding occurs without integrin Syk/Src signaling activation...

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Adenylate cyclase toxin hijacks the β_2 integrin receptor into lipid rafts to accomplish membrane translocation in two steps



Bumba et al. (2010). PLoS Pathog 6(5): e1000901.

ACT/cAMP signaling breaks the hell loose... and supresses TLR signaling of the bug...



signal transduction events:

NF- κ B, \downarrow MAPK – p38, ERK, JNK

expression and

upregulation of TLR:

TLR1-6, 9, TLR4, TLR2

mucin: MUC2, MUC5AC \uparrow

other soluble factors:

\downarrow O₂⁻, NO, \uparrow PGE2

\downarrow ciliary beating

defensins and other antimicrobial peptides:

h β defensin2,

\downarrow β defensin1,

\downarrow cathelicidin

AEC



cAMP

other cells

cytokine and chemokines:

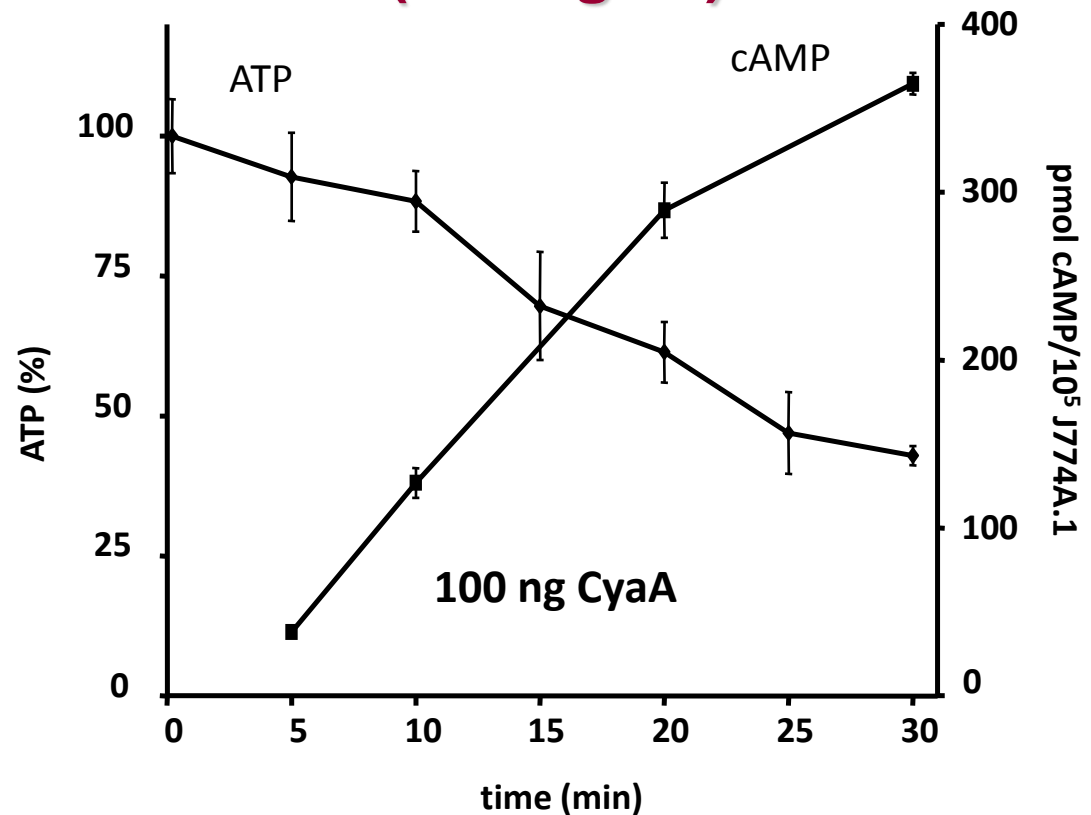
IL-1 α , \uparrow IL-1 β , \uparrow IL-6, \uparrow IL-8,
 \uparrow IL-10, \downarrow TNF α , \downarrow IFN β , TGF- β ,
 \downarrow GM-CSF, MCP-1, \downarrow MIP-1 α ,
RANTES,..

expression of costimulatory x

inhibitory molecules: \uparrow CD80, CD86, \downarrow
CD40, \downarrow CD54, B7-H2, B7-H3 x \uparrow FasL,
PD-L1, PD-L2

Death of CD11b⁺ cells induced by 'high' ACT doses (>50 ng/ml)

Cell lysis = ATP depletion + pore-forming activity



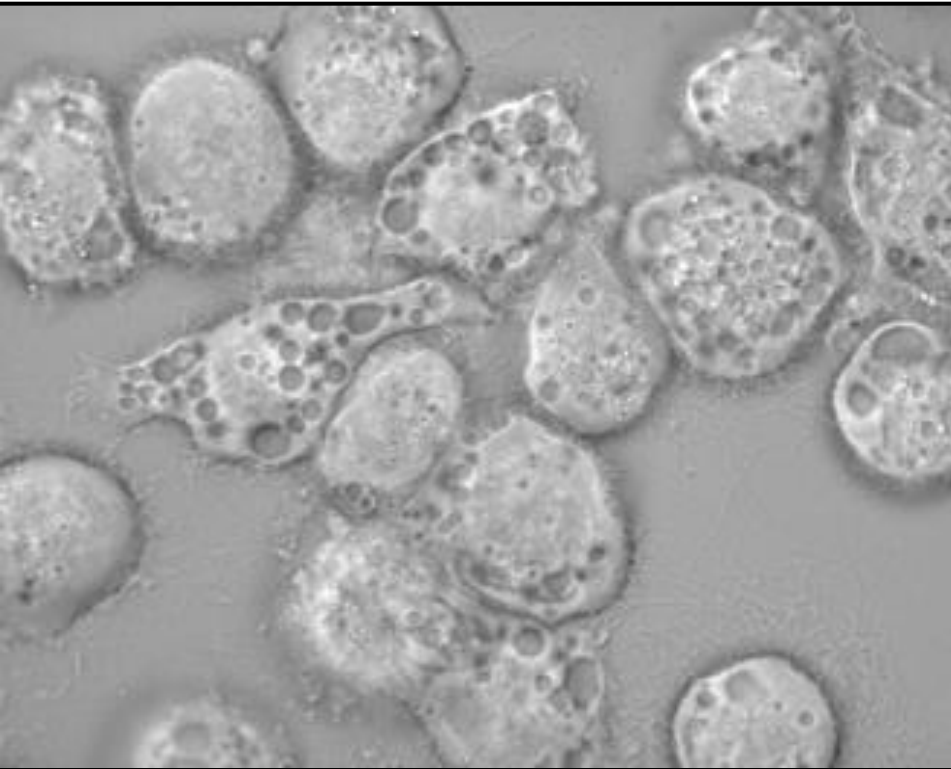
ATP depletion and pore-forming activity synergize in killing of CD11b⁺ cells

High toxin dose - Emmentaler...

(>100 ng/ml of LPS-free ACT)

induces vacuolization of J774A.1 cells

AC⁺ 200 ng/ml – 90 min



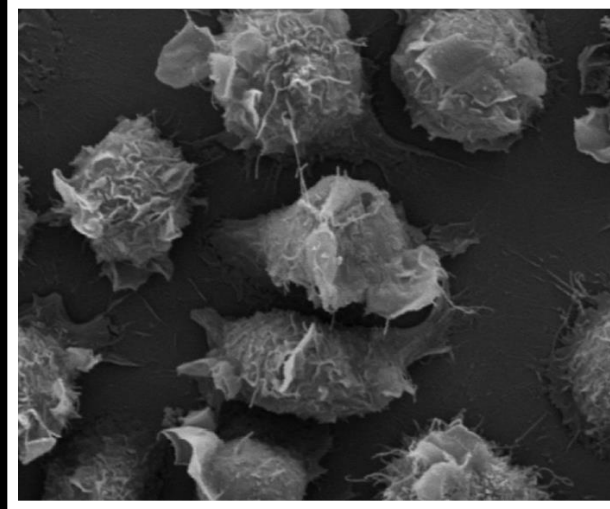
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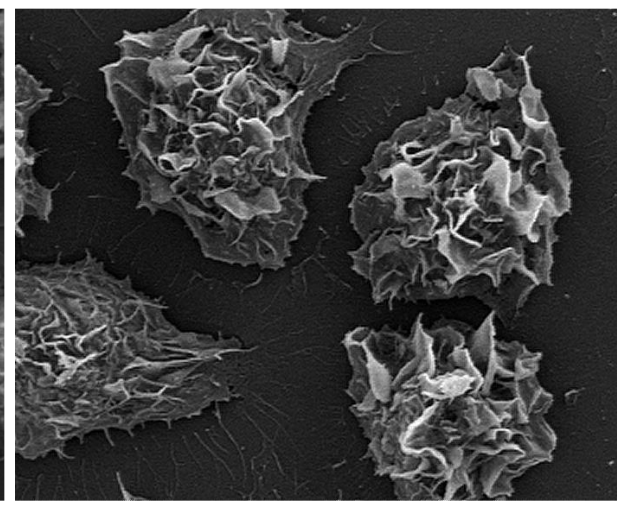
CyaA-induced morphological rearrangements

Mouse
macrophage-like
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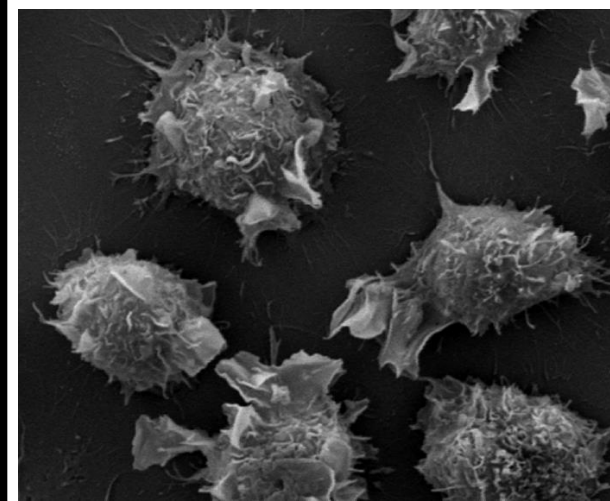
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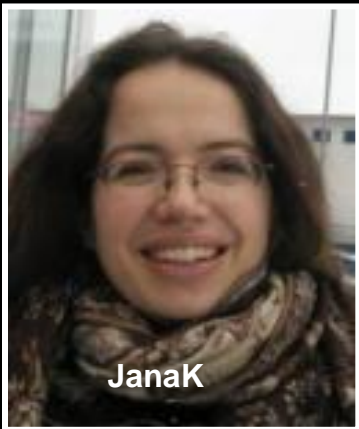
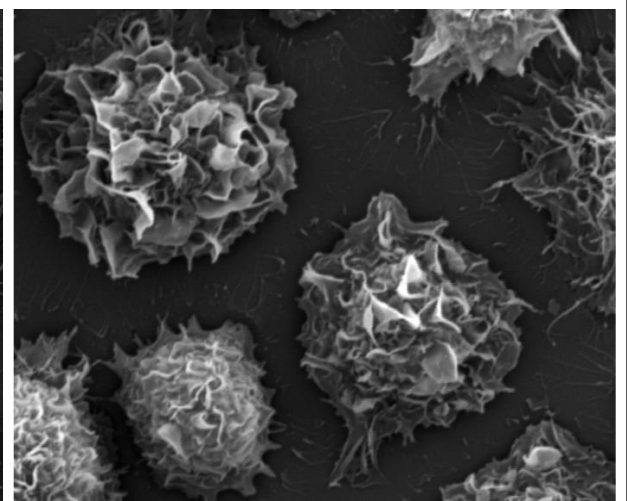
CyaA, **10 ng/ml**, 5 min



CyaA-AC⁻, 10 ng/ml, 5 min

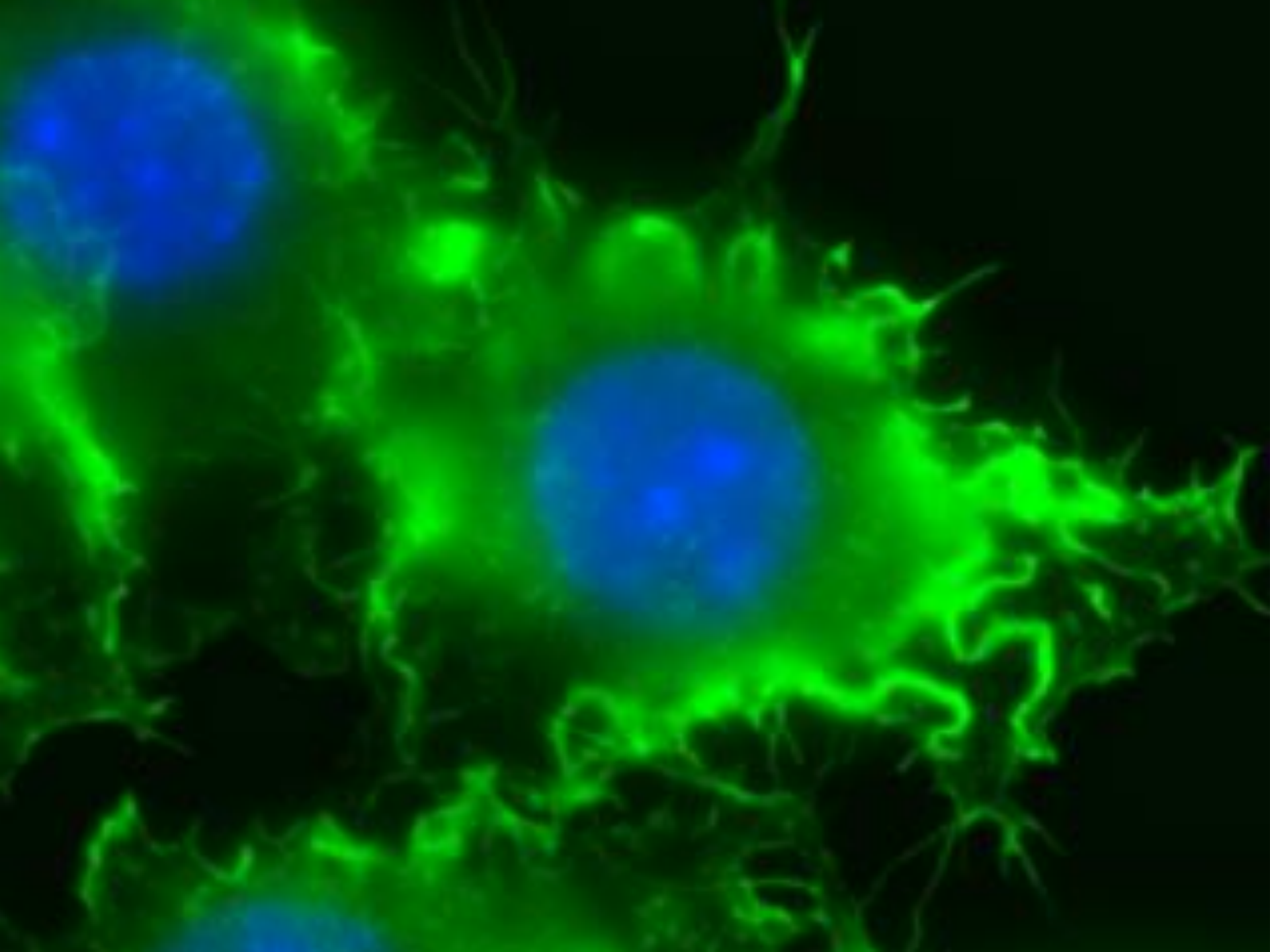


db-cAMP, 2mM, 10 min



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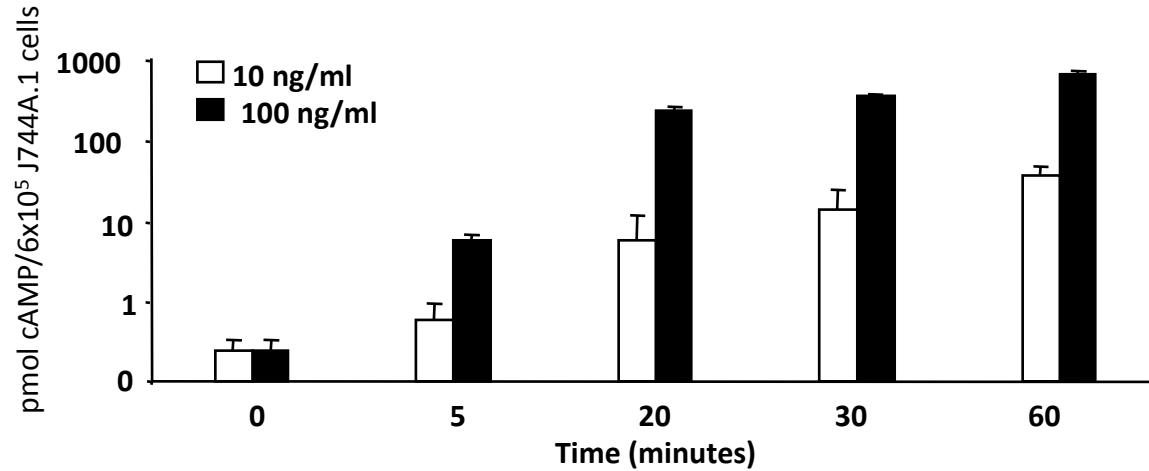
Kamanova et al. (2008)
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ACT at low doses ablates complement-mediated phagocytosis

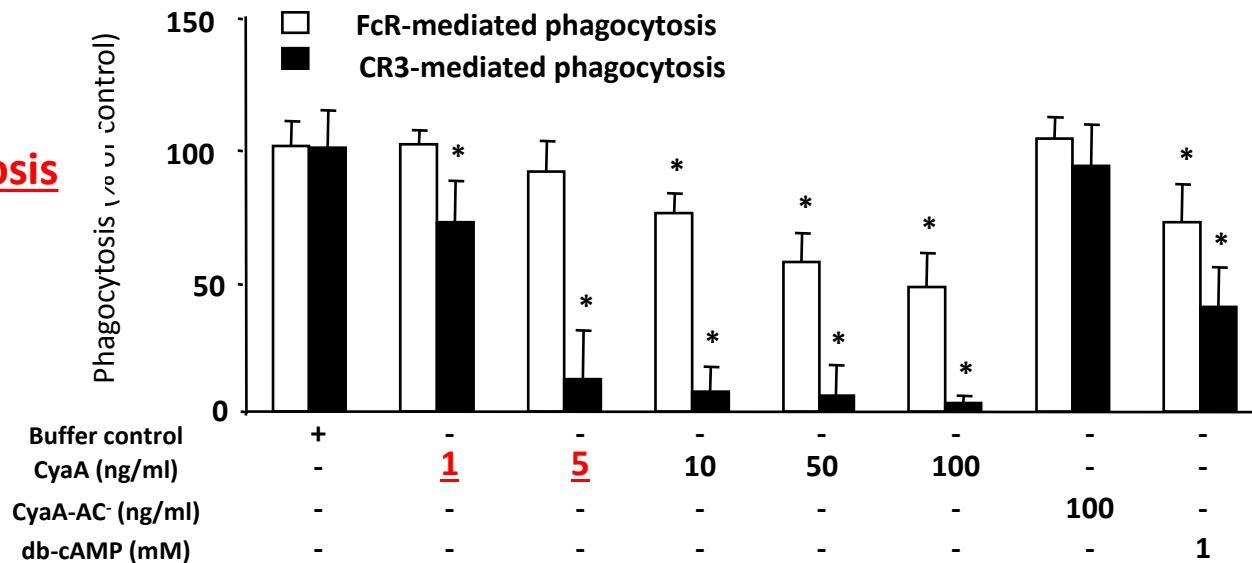
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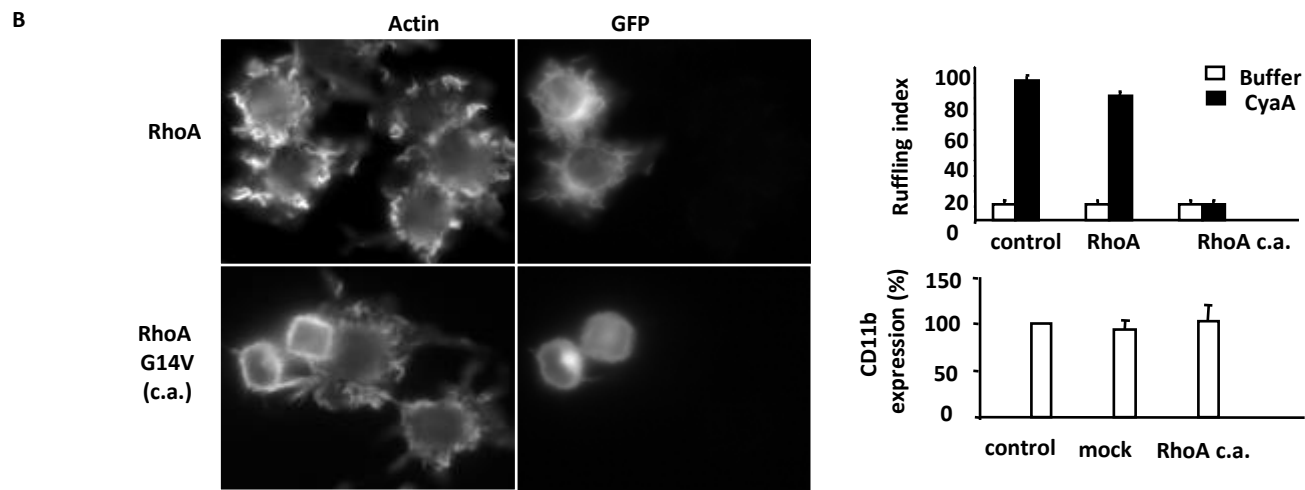
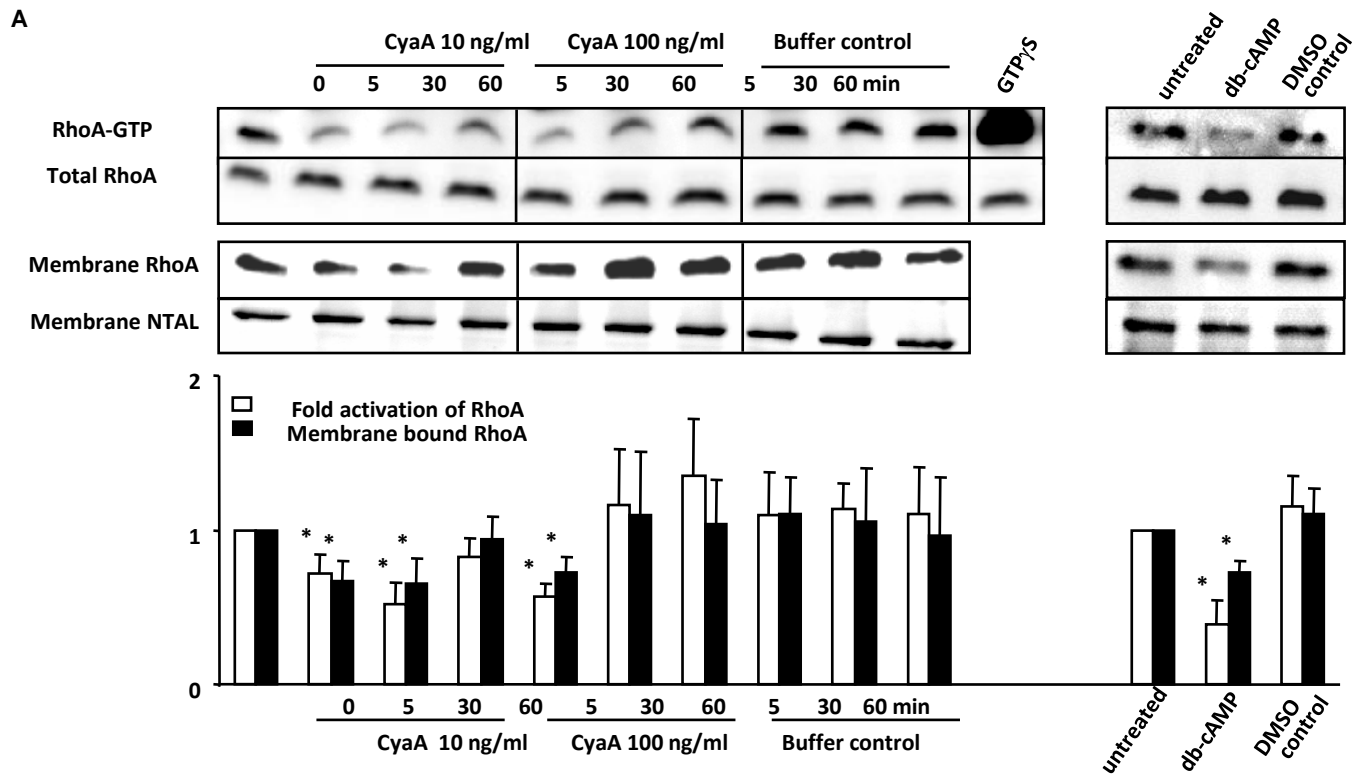


B

phagocytosis



ACT transiently inactivates RhoA



The bug really needs ACT for knocking down innate immunity:

- *All Bordetellae* pathogenic to mammals produce adenylate cyclase toxin-hemolysin (Except for certain *B. bronchispetica* lineages)
- ACT sequences are **highly conserved in *B. pertussis* isolates**
- **Strains not producing ACT have not been isolated** from patients, so far (in contrast to PT, FHA or pertactin, which all are dispensable)
- ACT is an extremely potent toxin that **knocks-down phagocytes in 30-60 seconds** (PT needs > 30 min (12 h) for that)
- ACT **instantaneously blocks oxidative burst of neutrophils** at pM conc. in 30 seconds
- ACT **blocks uptake of complement-opsonized particles** at pM conc.

Quantification of AC Toxin from *Bordetella pertussis* *in vitro* and during infection of Baboon/Human Infants

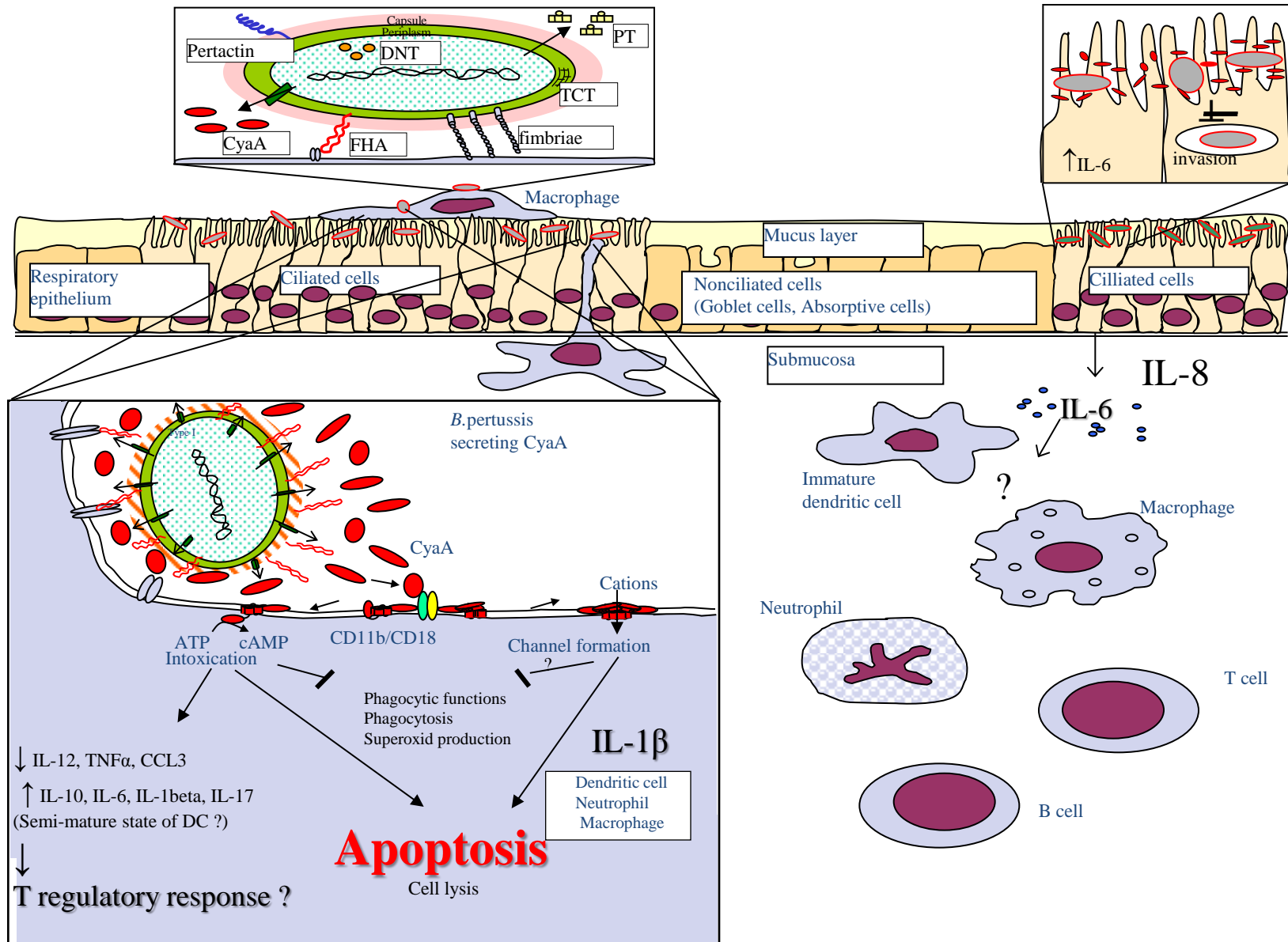
Eby, Gray, Warfel, Paddock, Jones, Day, Bowden, Poulter, Donato and Hewlett

- NP secretions with *B. pertussis* (10^8 /ml) –
infant baboons **1-5 ng/ml ACT**
human infants - **12-20 ng/ml ACT**
- *B. pertussis* cultured to 10^8 /ml *in vitro* produces
~60 ng/ml in 6 hours and centrifugation onto host
cells increases intoxication 4-fold

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ACT is a SWIFT SABOTEUR of immune responses

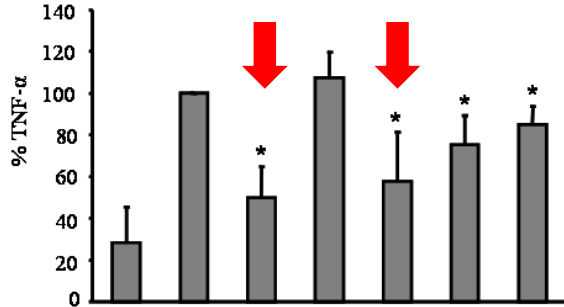
low ACT (CyaA) concentrations make a difference on respiratory mucosa...



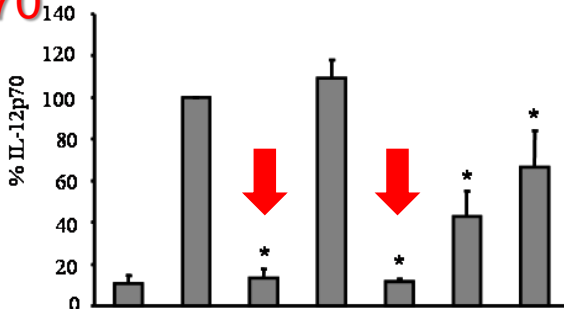
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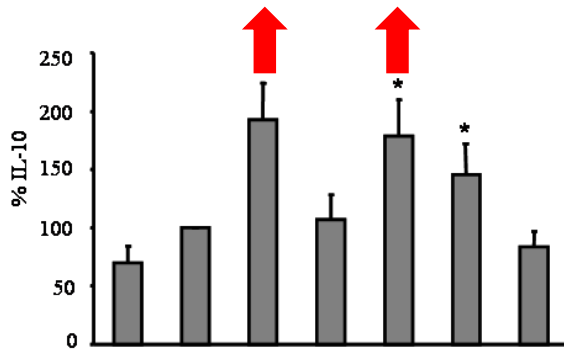
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IL-12p70



IL-10



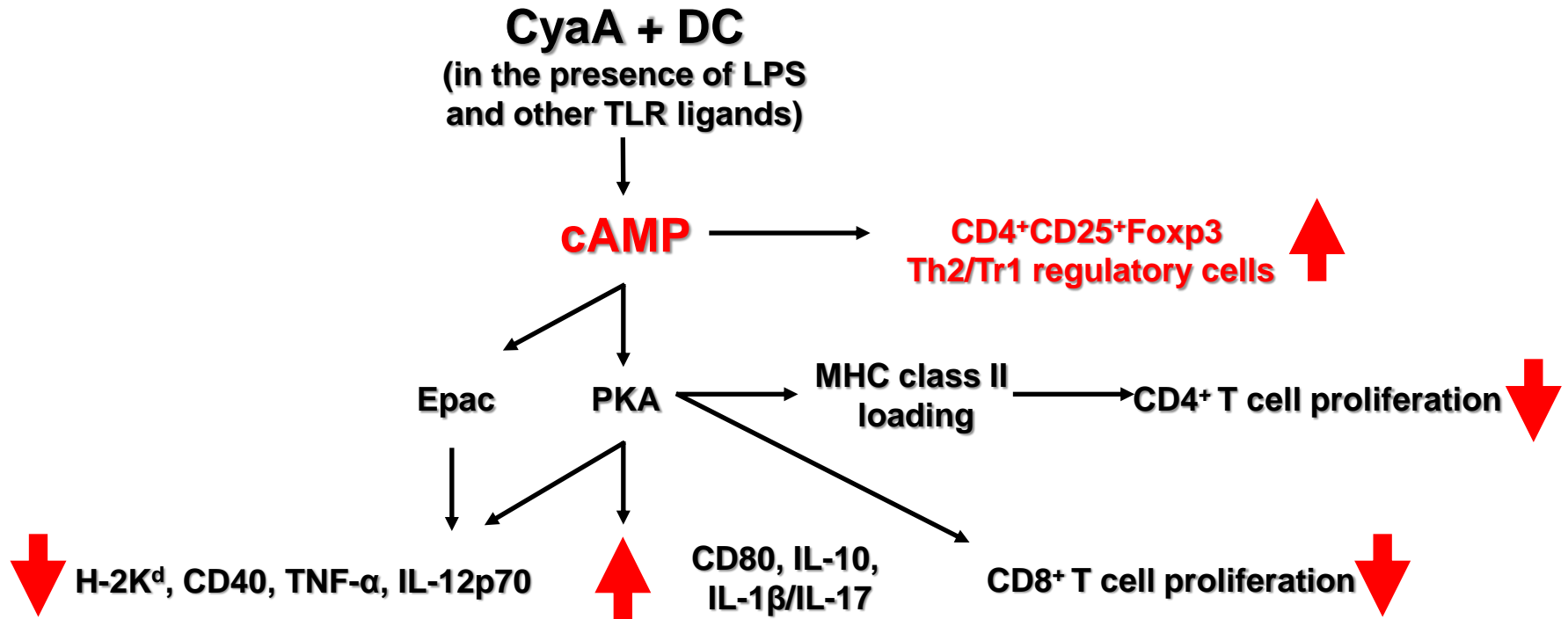
DC w/o LPS	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
buffer	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
CyaA	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
CyaA-AC	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
db-cAMP	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
6-Bnz-cAMP	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
8-pCPT-cAMP	-	-	-	-	-	-	+

ACT (CyaA) skews
TLR-stimulated
cytokine production
in DC
towards tolerance?

n = 4, * P < 0,05; 100 % urea + LPS (buffer)

Irena Adkins

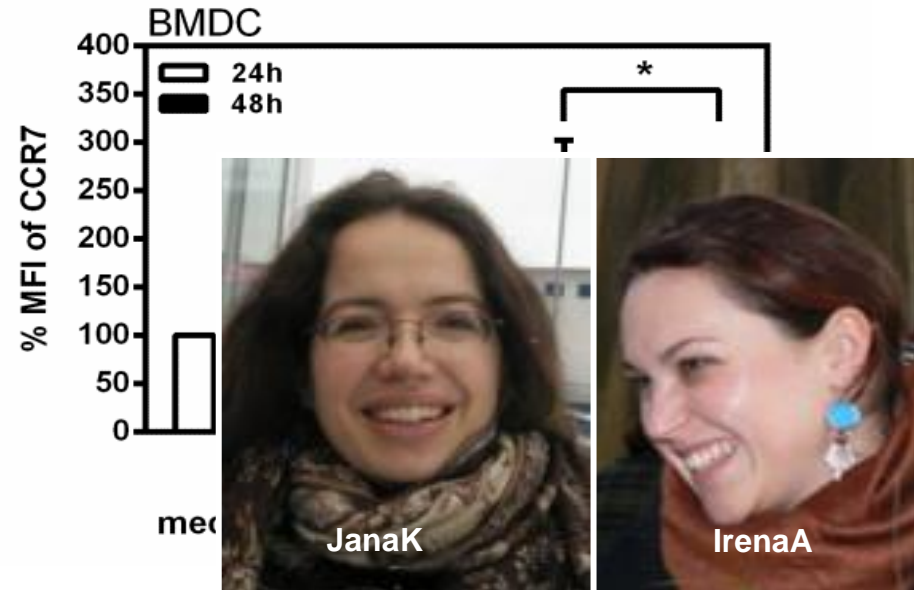
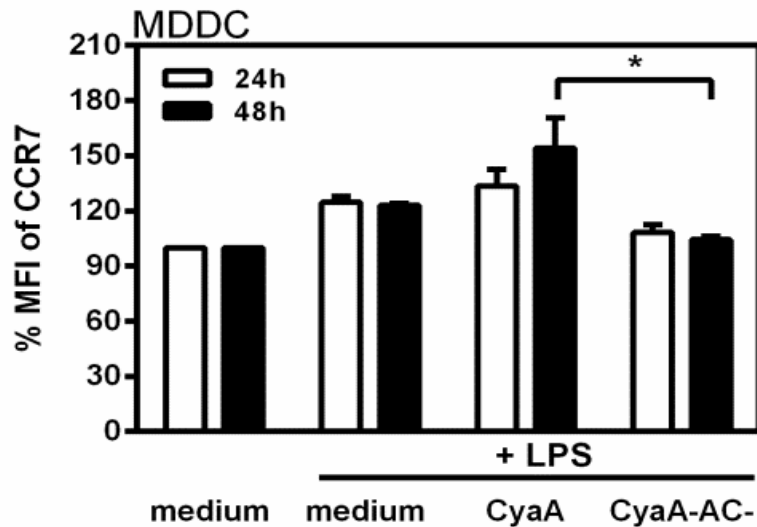
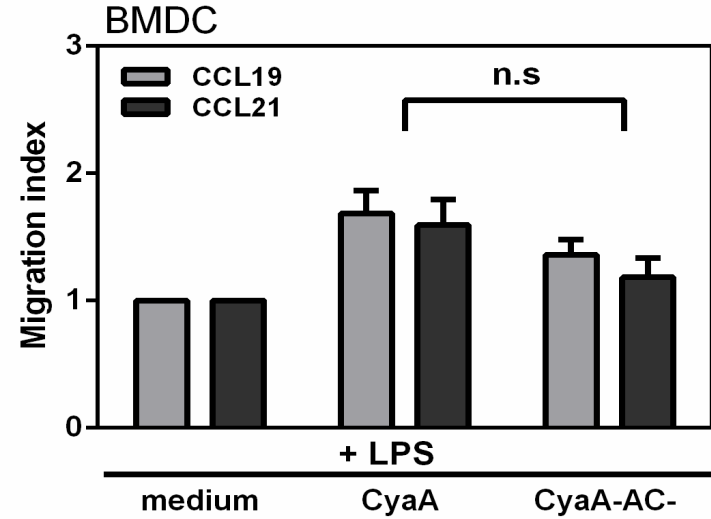
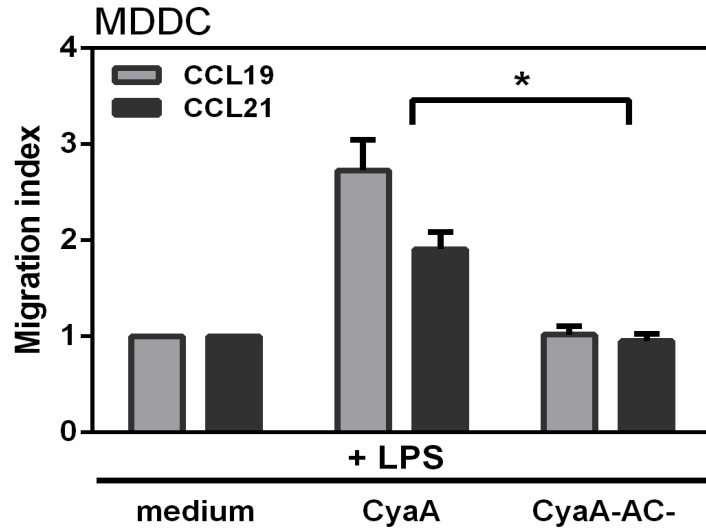
cAMP signaling of ACT dampens and skews adaptive immunity towards initial T_{h2}/T_{r1} -mediated tolerance of colonizing *Bordetellae* followed by delayed T_{h1}/T_{h17} mediated clearance?



Relman lab: Boschwitz *et al.* (1997) *JID* 176:678
Guiso lab: Njamkempo *et al.* (2000) *J. Cell. Physiol.* 183:91
Lewis lab: Bagley *et al.* (2002): *J. Leukoc. Biol.* 72:962
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Sebo lab: Adkins *et al.* unpublished

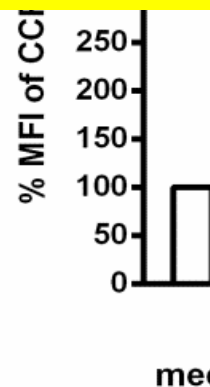
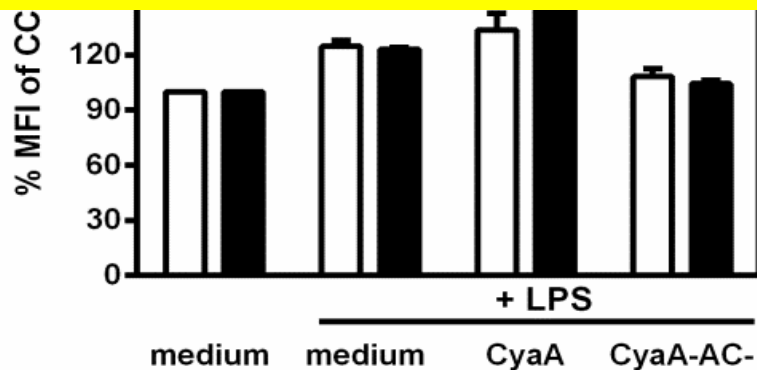
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cAMP signaling of ACT promotes migration of DC

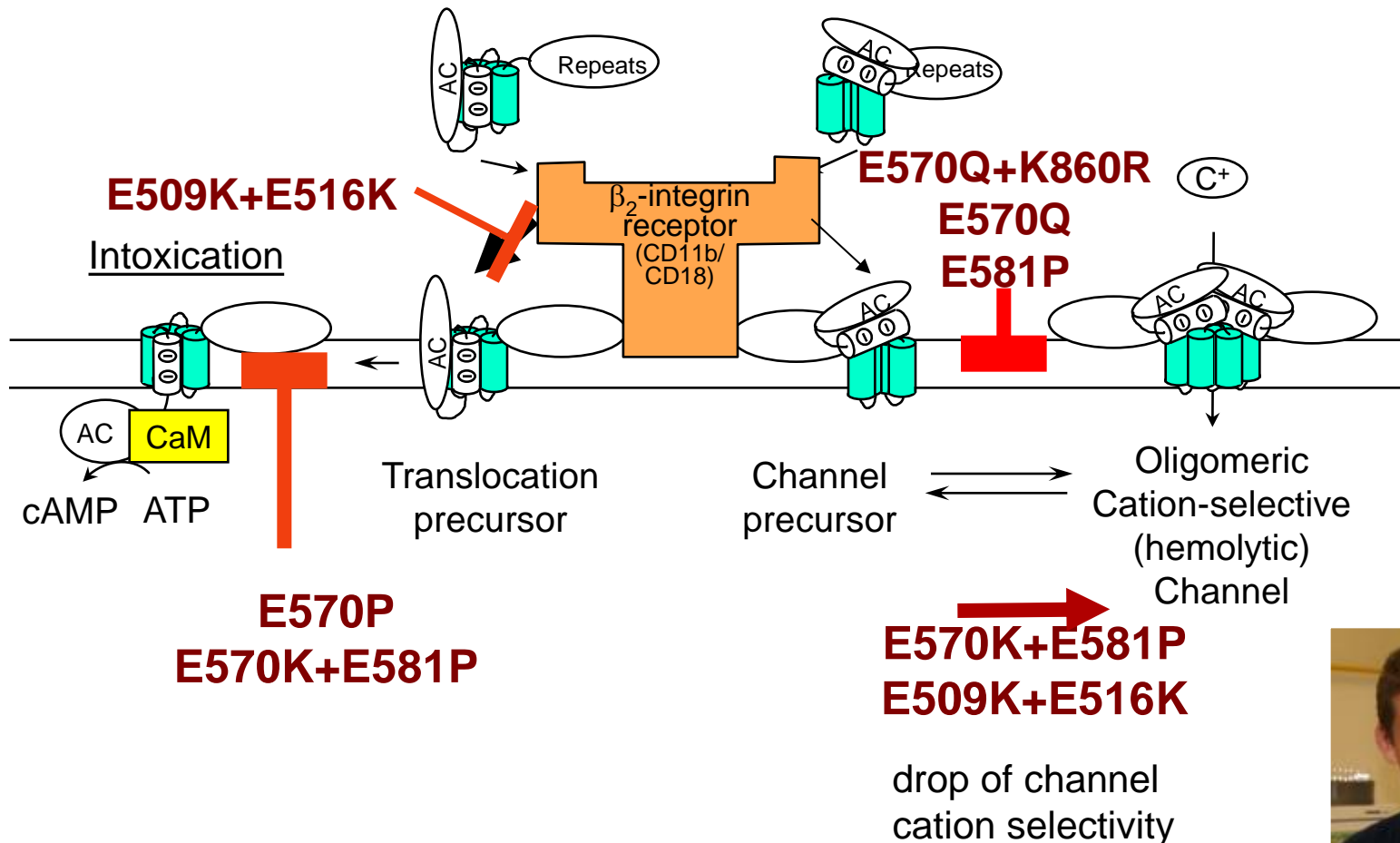


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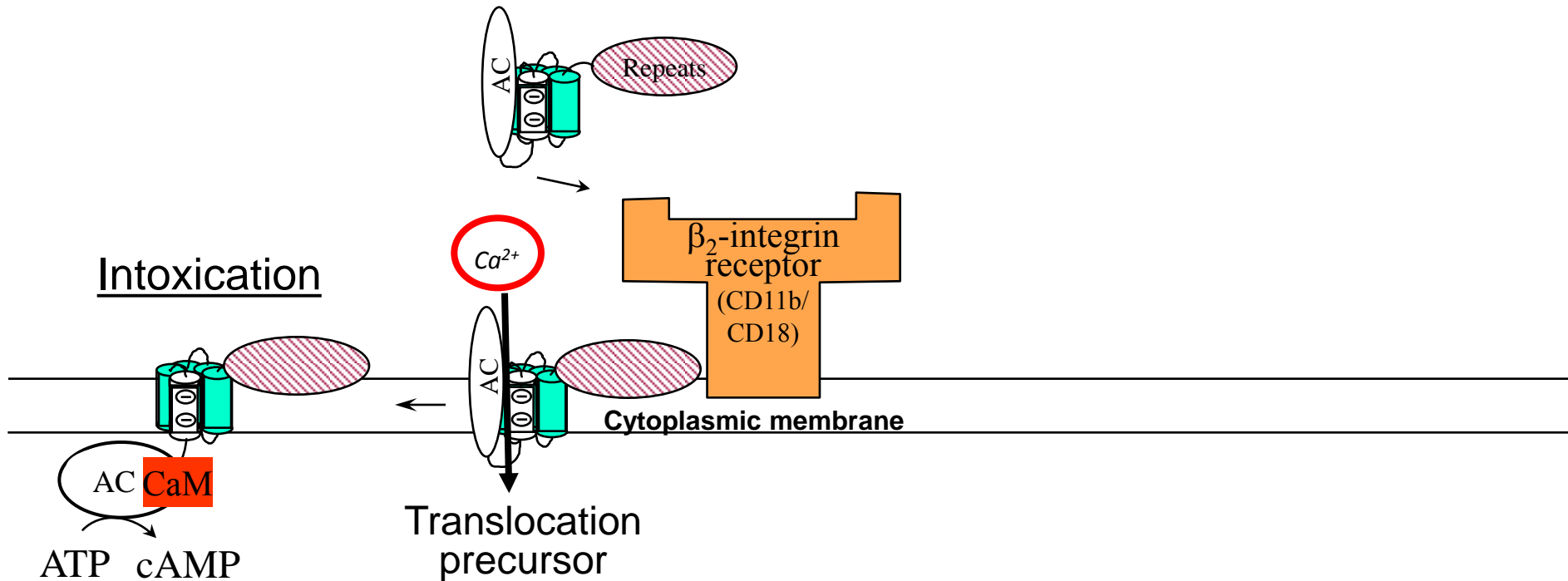
Outmigration of tolerogenic DC from mucosa into lymph nodes to hamper antigen-specific T cell responses???



The toolbox: A panel of mutations characterized that block ACT activity at each individual step of toxin action



So, this appears to be real...

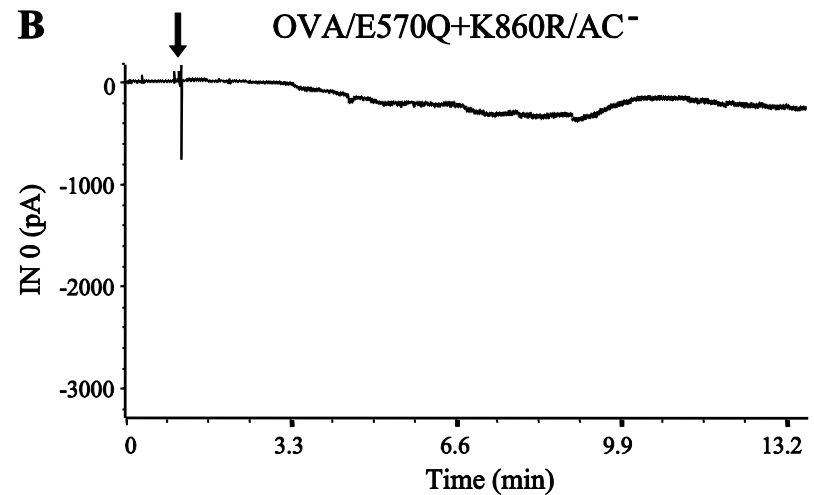
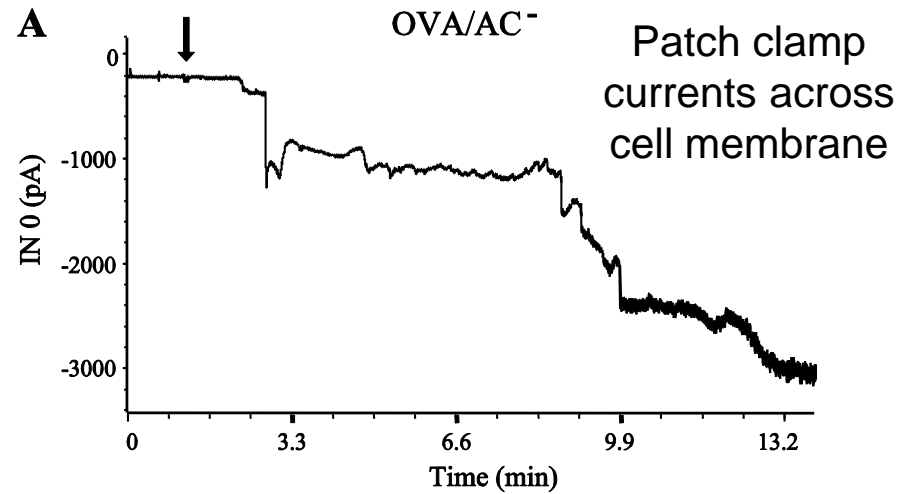
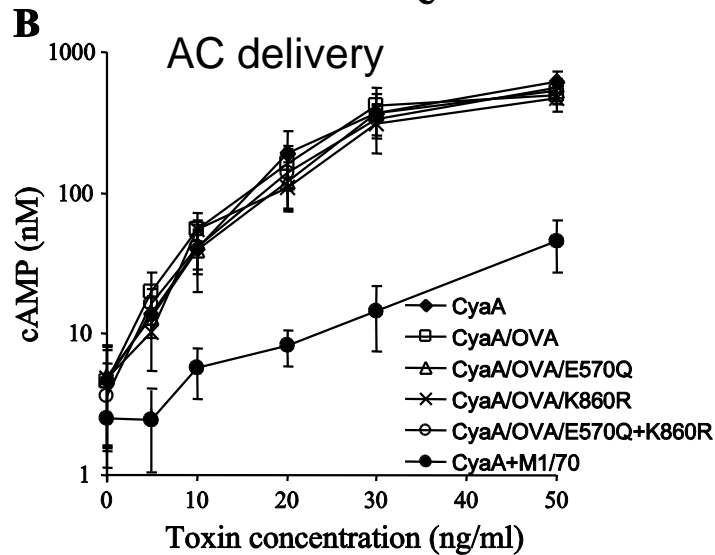
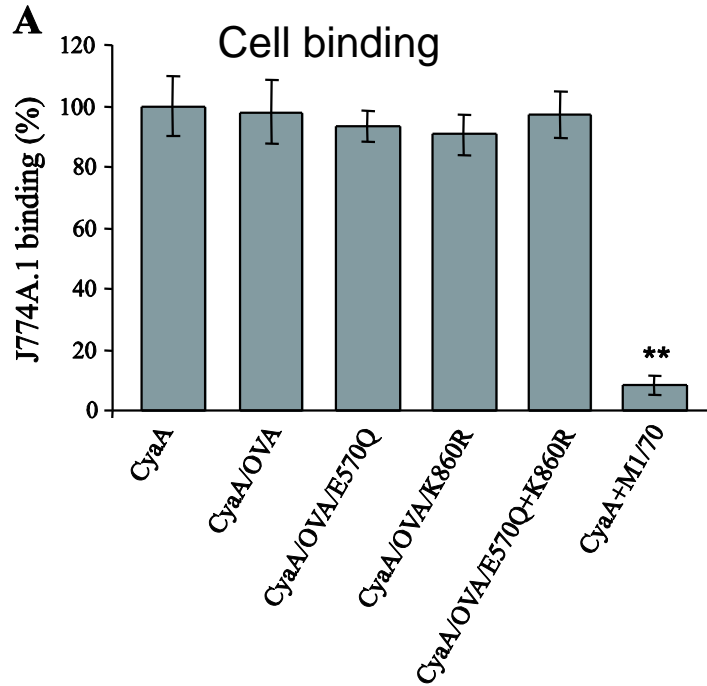


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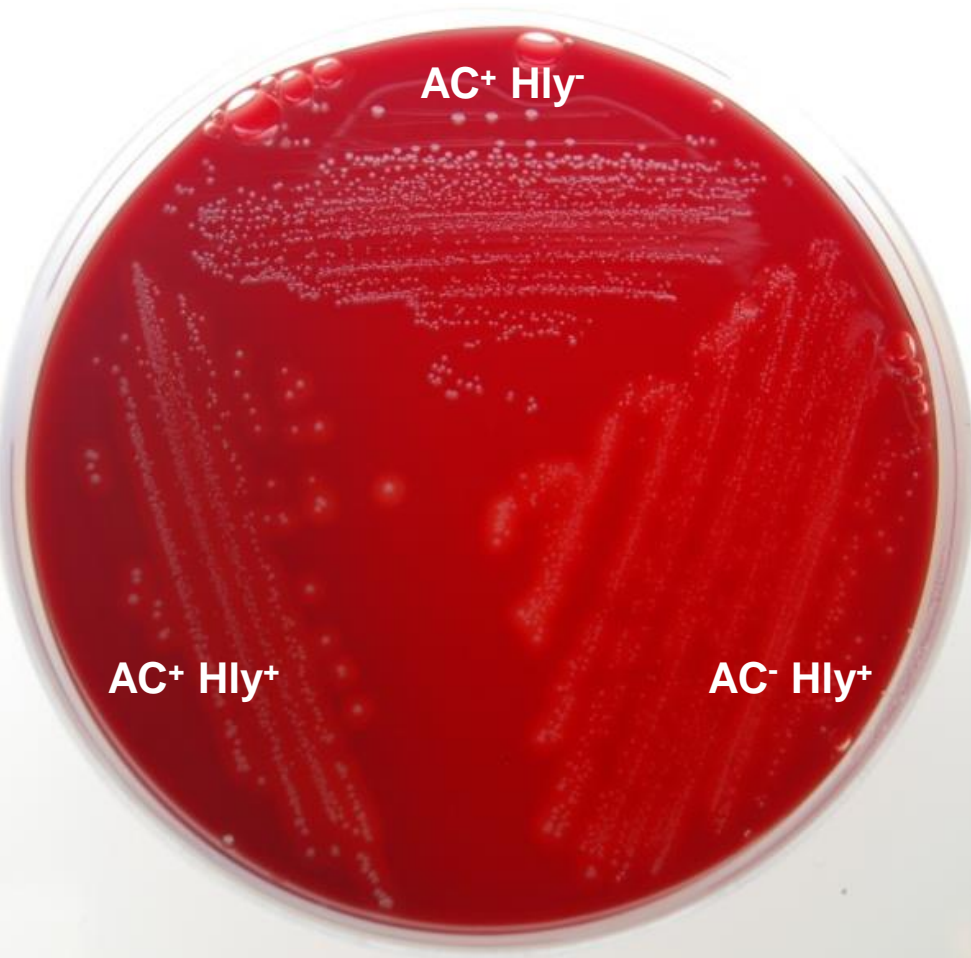
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AC domain is not translocated across the CyaA pore

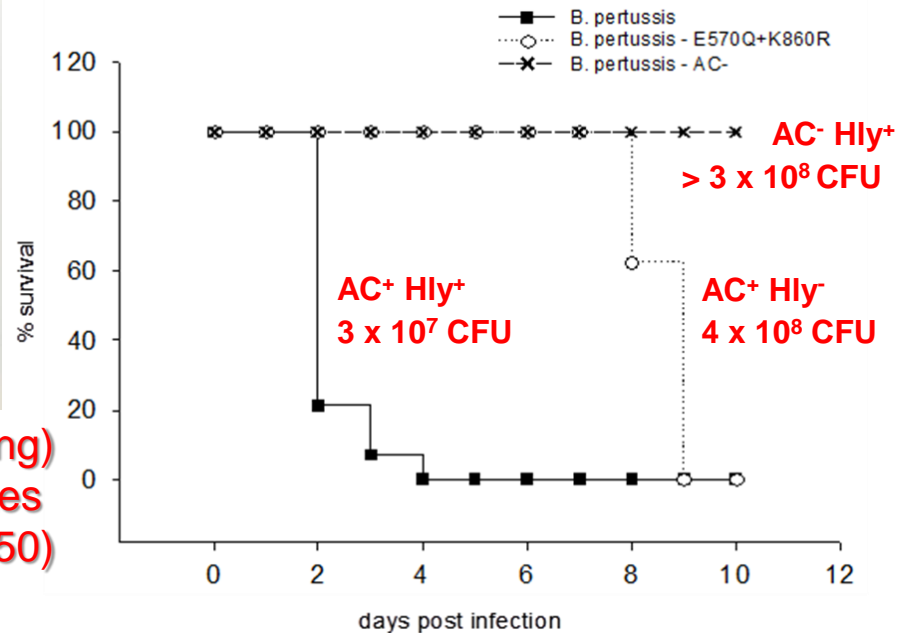
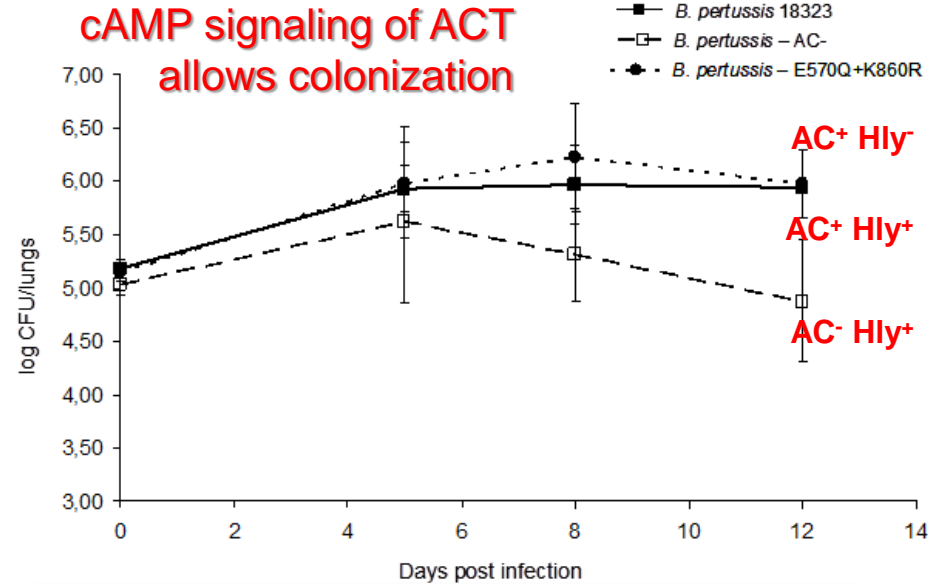


The E570Q+K860R toxin delivers the AC domain into cells without permabilizing the cell membrane

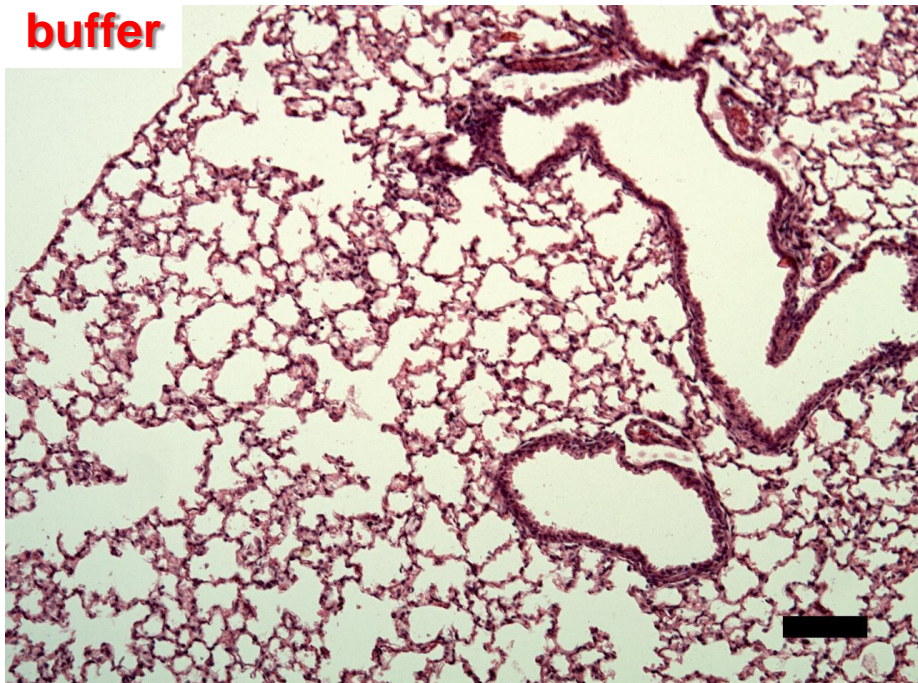
AC⁻ *B. pertussis* is avirulent and pore-forming (hemolytic) activity contributes virulence



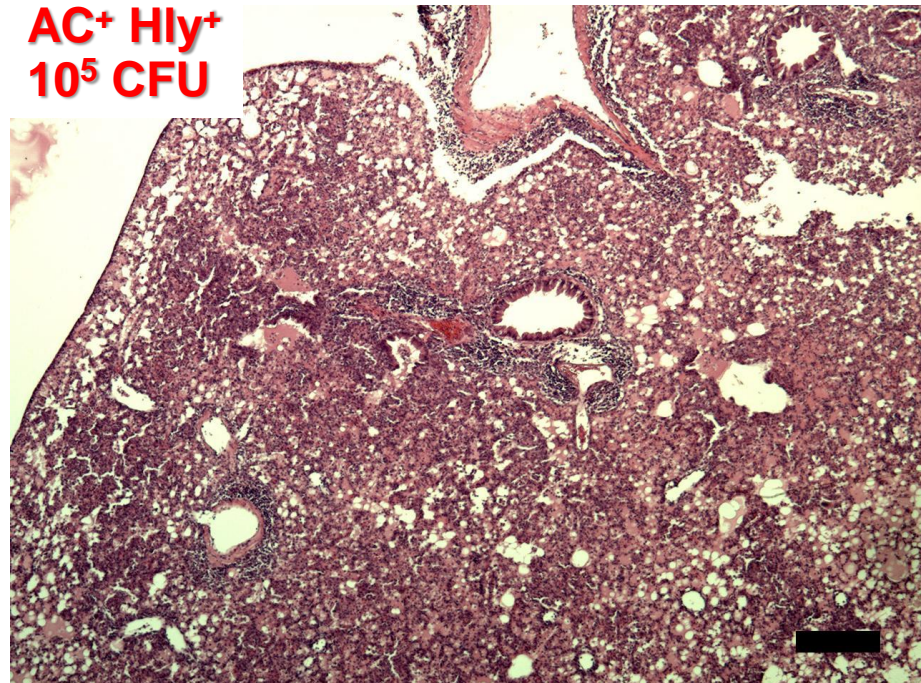
Hemolytic (pore-forming) activity contributes to pathology (LD50)



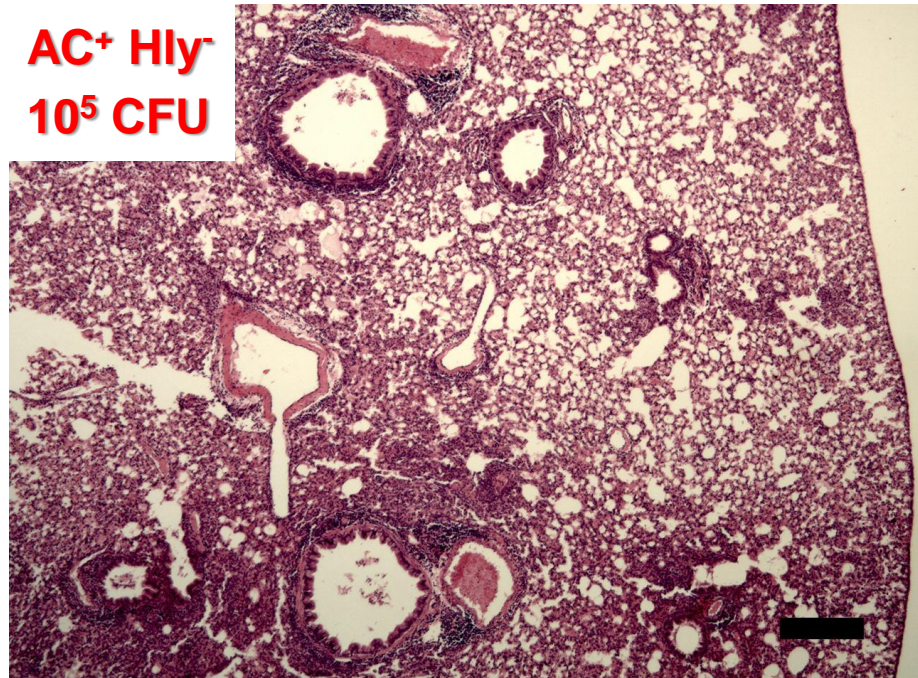
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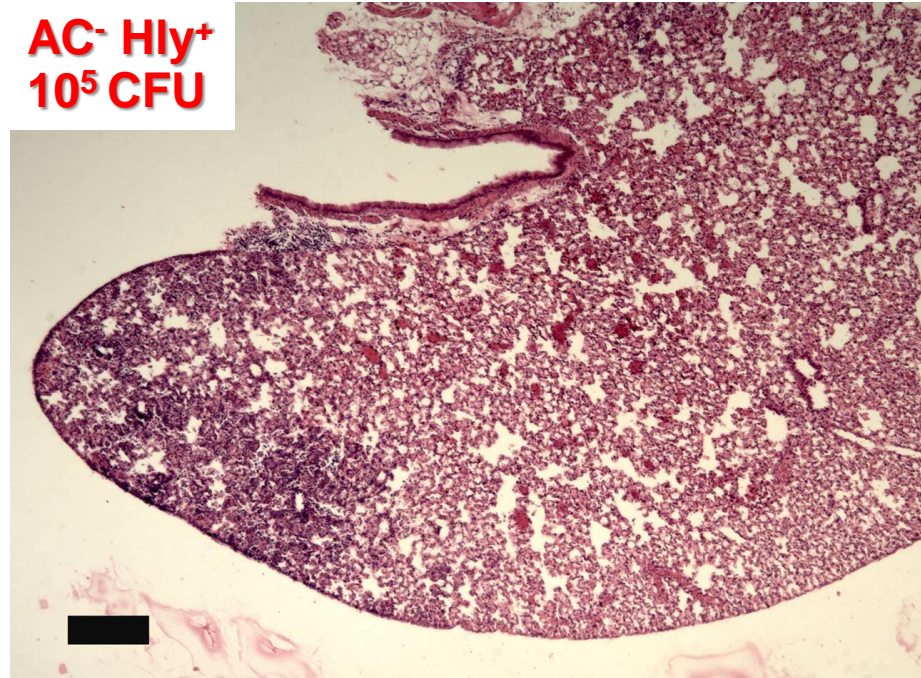
**AC+ Hly+
10⁵ CFU**



**AC+ Hly-
10⁵ CFU**



**AC- Hly+
10⁵ CFU**



In conclusion:

The pore-forming (hemolytic) activity of ACT is important for *B. pertussis* virulence, contributing to inflammation that will eventually help to clear the infection (in mice)

The **cAMP signaling of ACT,**

however, prevails and

knocks down the innate immunity

and

dampens the adaptive immune response

in order

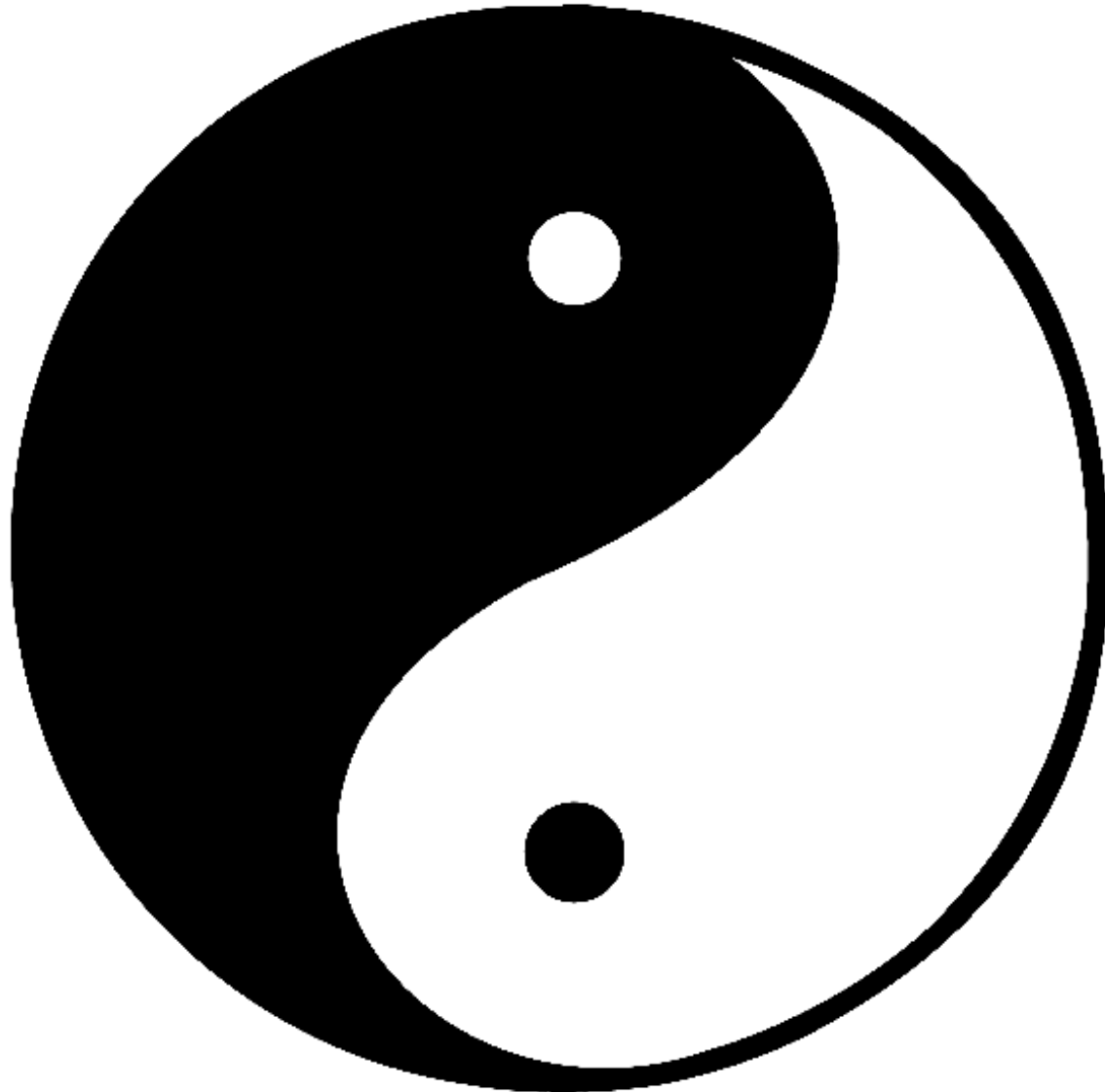
to enable host colonization

Explaining why is it so important
to add the AC toxoid
into the aP vaccine

if we are serious about

breaking the vicious circle
of epidemic whooping cough
spread in the most developed
countries ...

THE YIN OF A BACTERIAL TOXIN"



Not suprisingly, hence, ACT is a protective antigen

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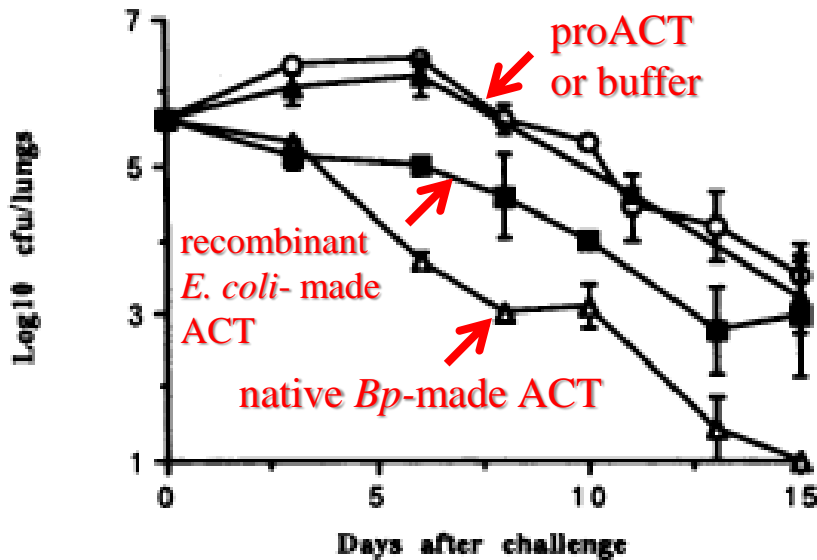
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CyaC-Mediated Activation Is Important Not Only for Toxic but Also for Protective Activities of *Bordetella pertussis* Adenylate Cyclase-Hemolysin

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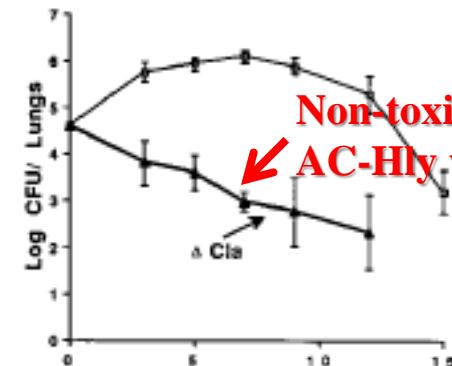
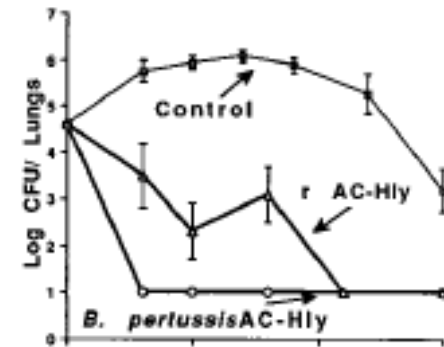
(at that time ACT samples contained LPS)

The C-Terminal Domain Is Essential for Protective Activity of the *Bordetella pertussis* Adenylate Cyclase-Hemolysin

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Non-toxic/non-hemolytic
AC-Hly variant

Highly purified CyaA-AC⁻ protects on its own



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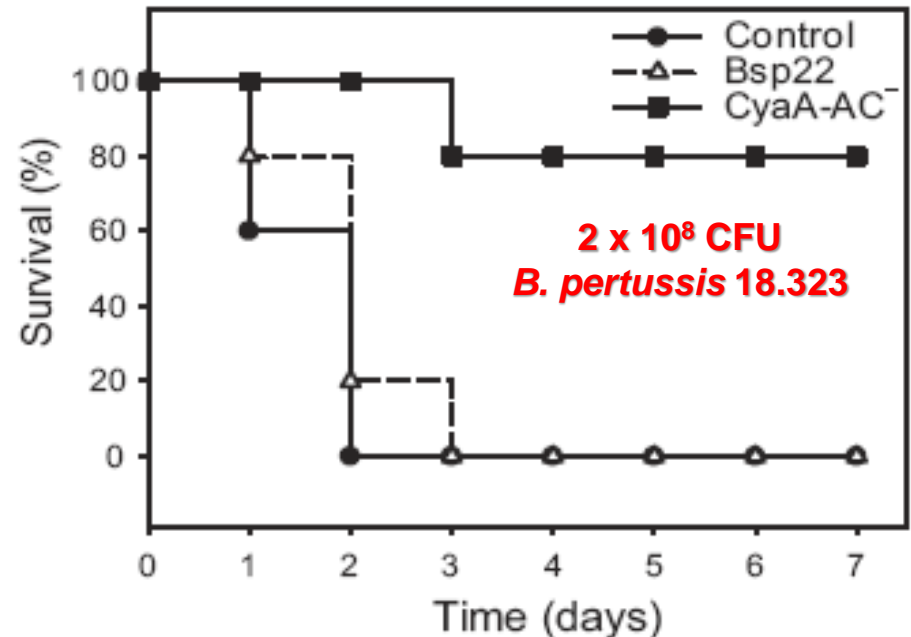
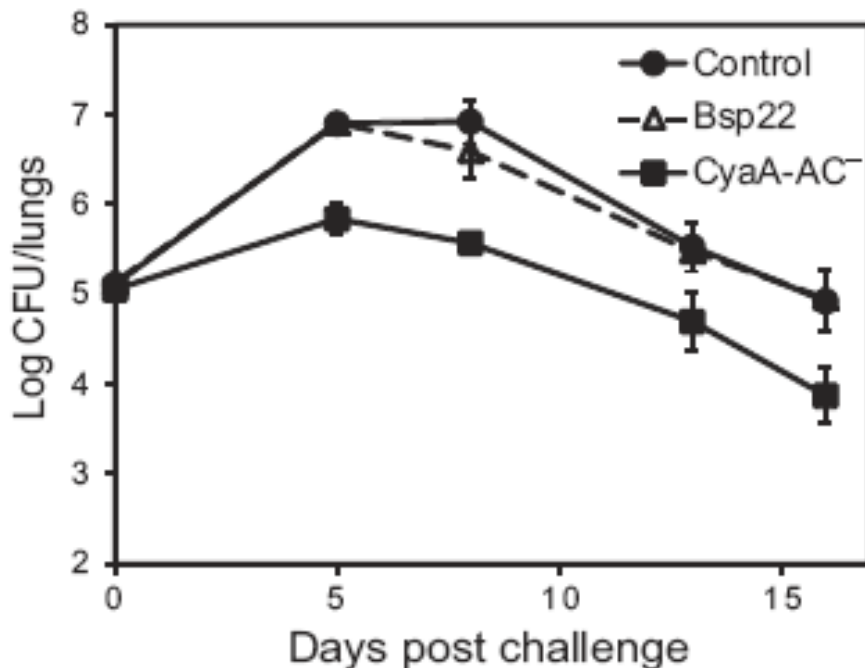
The *Bordetella pertussis* Type III Secretion System Tip Complex Protein Bsp22 Is Not a Protective Antigen and Fails To Elicit Serum Antibody Responses during Infection of Humans and Mice

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Poster: Villarino, Bibova *et al.*



Addition of CyaA-AC⁻ improves performance of the aP vaccine

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one-eighth of human dose of DTaP/ACV
(Infanrix, GSK) + **CyaA-AC⁻** 2 x i.p.
challenged with 4×10^6 *B. pertussis* 18.323 i.n.

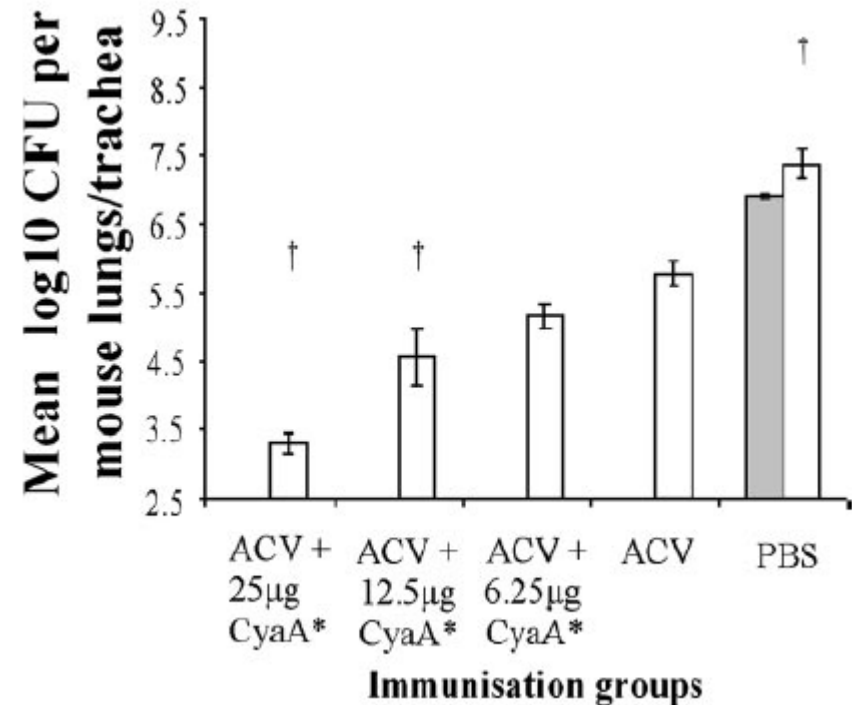
Effect of Different Forms of Adenylate Cyclase Toxin of *Bordetella pertussis* on Protection Afforded by an Acellular Pertussis Vaccine in a Murine Model^V

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Four recombinant forms of the cell-invasive adenylate cyclase toxin (CyaA) of *Bordetella pertussis* were compared for the ability to enhance protection against *B. pertussis* in mice when coadministered with an acellular pertussis vaccine (ACV). The four forms were as follows: fully functional CyaA, a CyaA form lacking adenylate cyclase enzymatic activity (CyaA*), and the nonacylated forms of these toxins, i.e., proCyaA and proCyaA*, respectively. None of these forms alone conferred significant ($P > 0.05$) protection against *B. pertussis* in a murine intranasal challenge model. Mice immunized with ACV alone showed significant ($P < 0.05$) reductions in bacterial numbers in the lungs after intranasal challenge compared with those for control mice. When administered with ACV, both CyaA and CyaA* further reduced bacterial numbers in the lungs of mice after intranasal challenge compared with those for ACV-immunized mice, but the enhanced protection was only significant ($P < 0.05$) with CyaA*. Coadministration of CyaA* with ACV caused a significant ($P < 0.05$) increase in immunoglobulin G2a antibody levels against pertactin compared with those in mice immunized with ACV alone. Spleen cells from mice immunized with ACV plus CyaA* secreted larger amounts of interleukin-5 (IL-5), IL-6, gamma interferon (IFN- γ), and granulocyte-macrophage colony-stimulating factor (GM-CSF) than did cells from mice immunized with ACV plus CyaA or ACV alone after stimulation in vitro with a mixture of *B. pertussis* antigens. Spleen cells from mice immunized with ACV plus CyaA* also secreted larger amounts of IFN- γ and GM-CSF than did cells from mice immunized with CyaA* alone after stimulation in vitro with CyaA*. Macrophages from mice immunized with ACV plus CyaA* produced significantly ($P < 0.05$) higher levels of nitric oxide than did macrophages from mice immunized with CyaA* alone, ACV alone, or ACV plus CyaA after stimulation in vitro with a mixture of *B. pertussis* antigens or heat-killed *B. pertussis* cells. These data suggest that the enhancement of protection provided by CyaA* was due to an augmentation of both Th1 and Th2 immune responses to *B. pertussis* antigens.

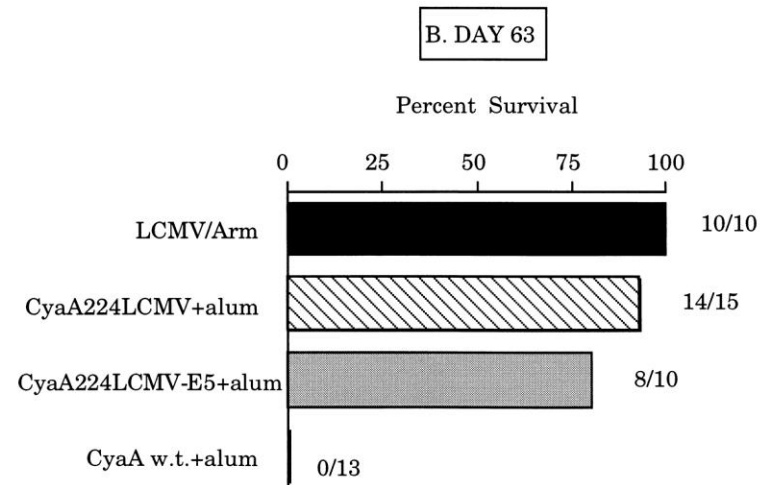
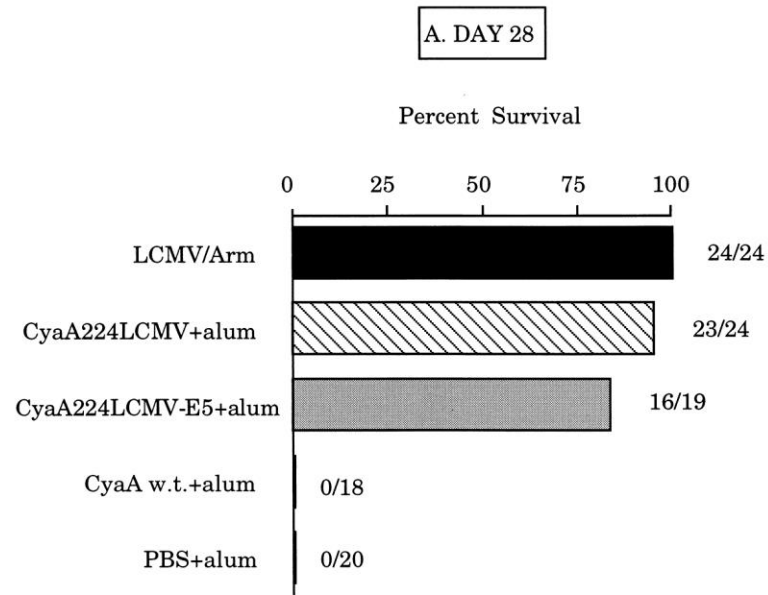


Make ACT to a tool of the immunologist:

- ACT targets the $\alpha_M\beta_2$ integrin CD11b/CD18 specifically present on professional antigen presenting cells:
 - dendritic cells
 - macrophages
- Use **DETOXIFIED dACT- AC** to a novel tool for antigen delivery to dendritic cells:
 - for vaccination against infections
 - Immunotherapy of certain tumors
 - diagnostics of infections and cancer

Exploit for antigen delivery to DCs...

Immunization with CyaA-LCMV affords protection against a lethal challenge by LCMV



dCyaA constructs allow induction of

POLYVALENT

CD8⁺ CTL responses



Insertion point

CTL induction

SSLAHG¹⁰⁷ VR-V3-LCMV-OVA-VH¹⁰⁸HTAVDL

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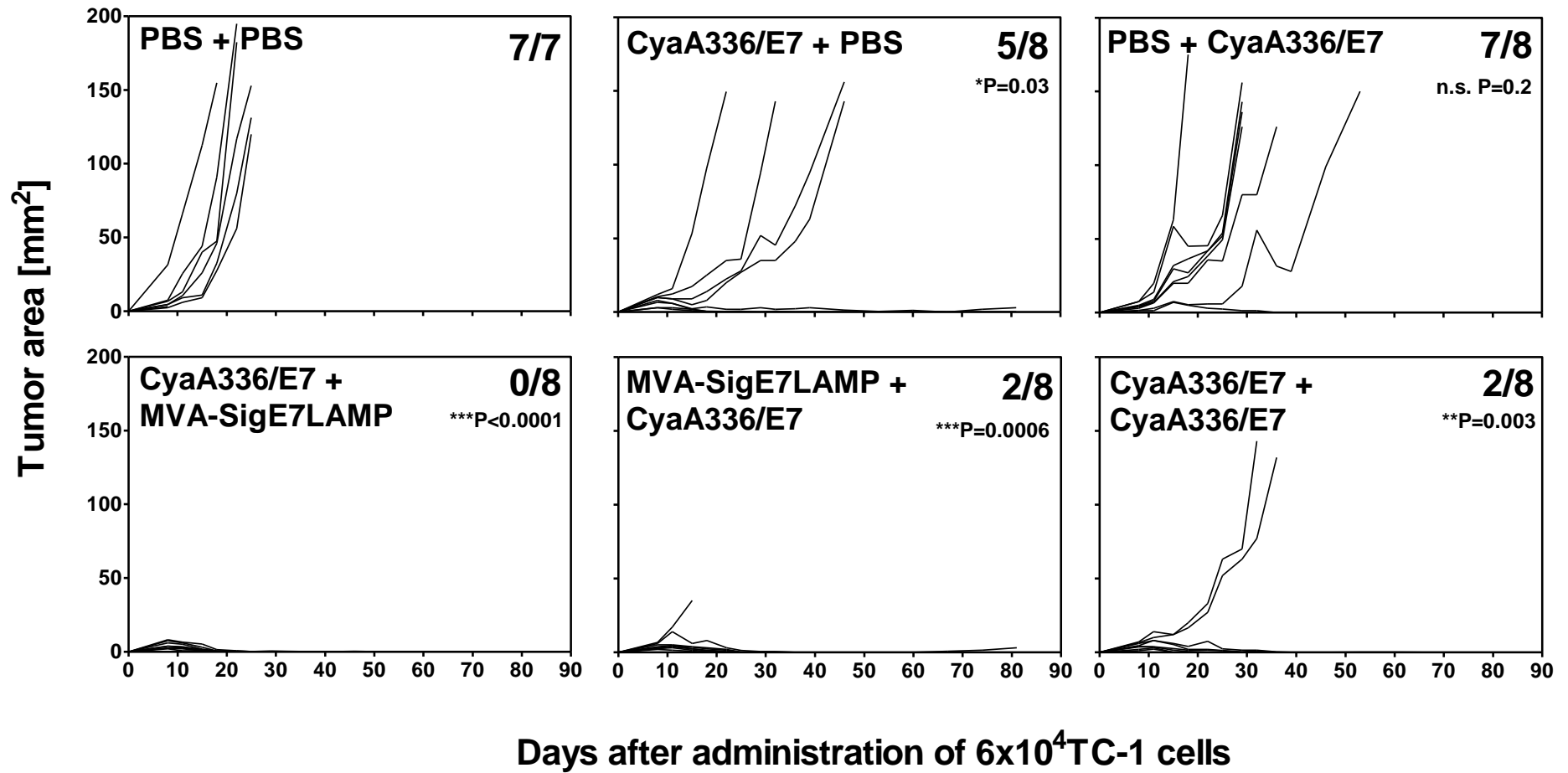
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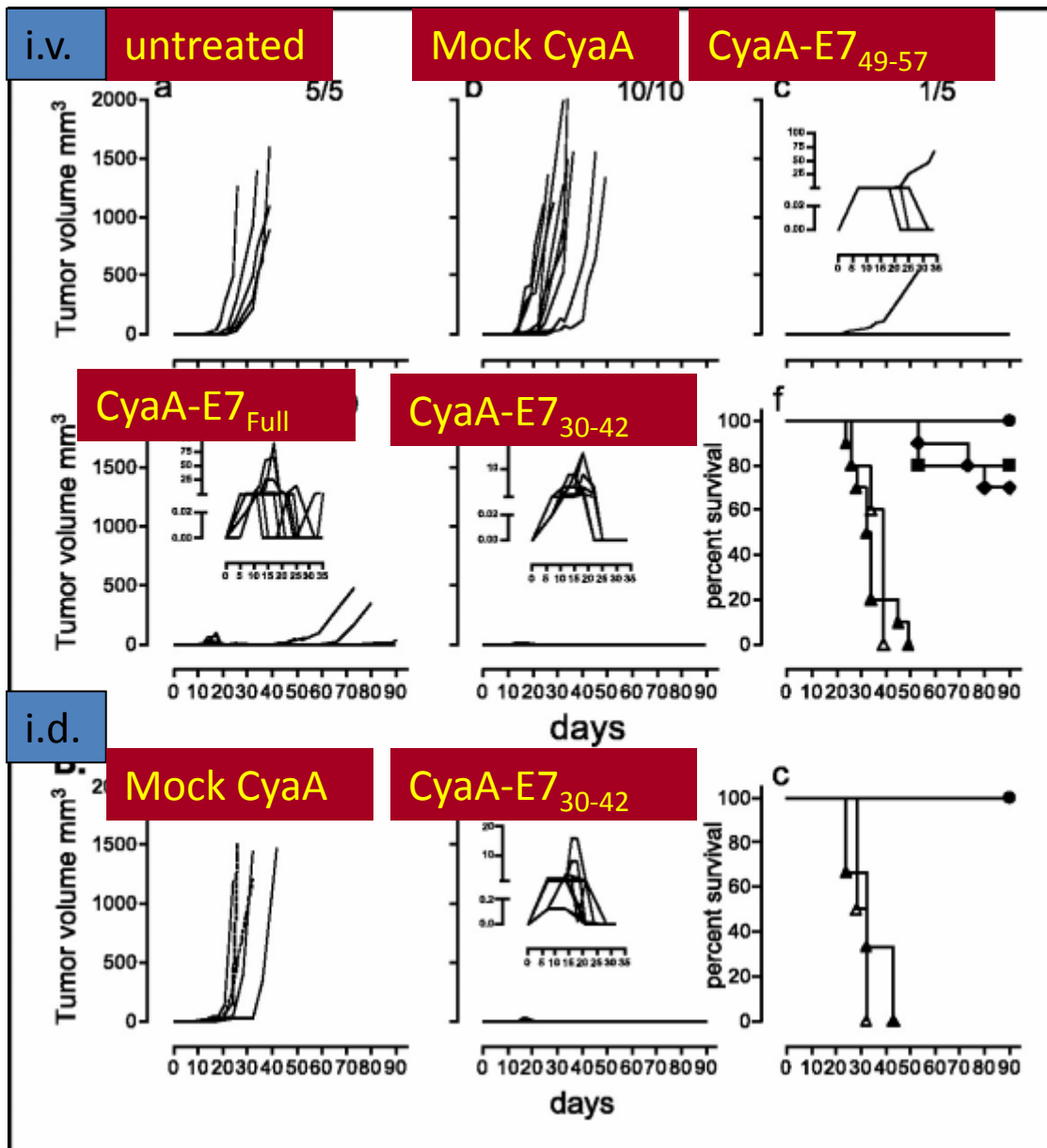
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Mice are protected against an LCMV challenge

Prime/Boost Immunotherapy of HPV16-induced tumors
by combinations of CyaA-E7 and MVA-E7 vaccines
(higher challenge dose)



Therapeutic vaccination with recombinant HPV16-E7 CyaAs allows eradication of established tumors and mice survival



Induction of protective immunity against mouse malaria

Mice immunized with:	infected	% protection
PBS	10/10	0%
α -CTLA-4	5/5	0%
ACT-CSP	9/9	0%
ACT-CSP + α -CTLA-4	4/10	60%

→ prime/boost immunisation with ACT-CSP does not induce protective immunity

→ blockade of CTLA-4 during boost immunisation leads to significantly enhanced protection against *P. berghei* challenge

dACT allows induction of antigen-specific T cell responses

CD8⁺ Antigens

OVA

LCMV

Apa, Cfp

gp120

E7

CSP

Melanoma tyrosinase

ESAT-6, CFP10

TB-10.4

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Saron *et al.*, 1997, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.*

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Majlessi *et al.*, 2006, *Infect. Immun.*

Hervas-Stubs *et al.*, 2006, *Infect Immun*

CD4⁺ Antigens

MalE

MAGE

ESAT-6, CFP10

TB-10.4

Ag85A

HIV, LCMV *in vitro*

HIV

LCMV *in vivo*

permissive sites

polyvalent CTL response

CD4⁺ T cell response

Mechanisms

Tumor immunotherapy

protection against malaria

Improvement of LTBI detection

Improvement of LTBI detection

IFN γ and immunity against MTB

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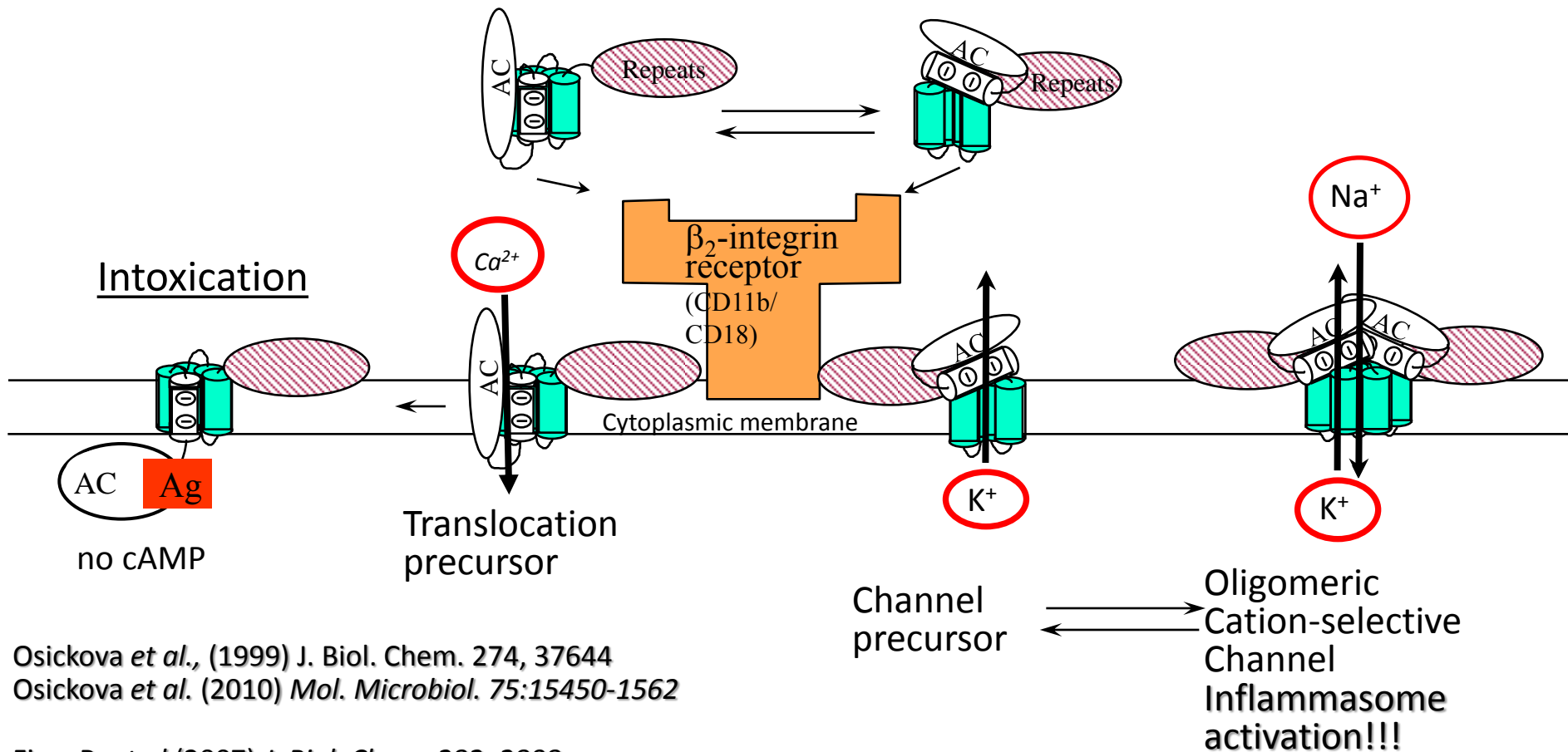
September 2012 - Gentical S.A. completed Phase I clinical trial for HPV16/18-induced cervical carcinoma

Using a cGMP batch of the adenylate cyclase (CyaA-AC⁻) toxoid for delivery of HPV E7 antigen as immunotherapeutic vaccine

safe, immunogenic, inducing CD8⁺ CTLs and HPV 16/18 virus load reduction demonstrated

...Heading for phase II trial = will be of interest to see pertussis incidence in CyaA-E7 toxoid treated woman...

Even the AC⁻ toxoid can exhibit immunomodulatory activity through calcium signaling, cell permabilization and inflammasome activation and other?...



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Current status of dACT-antigen delivery technology

1997 - Protective immunity against a virus (LCMV)

1999 - Immunotherapy of transplanted tumors in mice

2004 - Enhanced detection of latent tuberculosis

2005 - Protective immunity against *Plasmodium* (mouse malaria model)

2005 - immunotherapy of experimental tumors (such as HPV16 – induced)

(US Patent No. 5,503,829, No. 5,679,784, No. 5,935,580, EU Patent application No. 03291486.3, US Prov 03495, 6094 (2003))

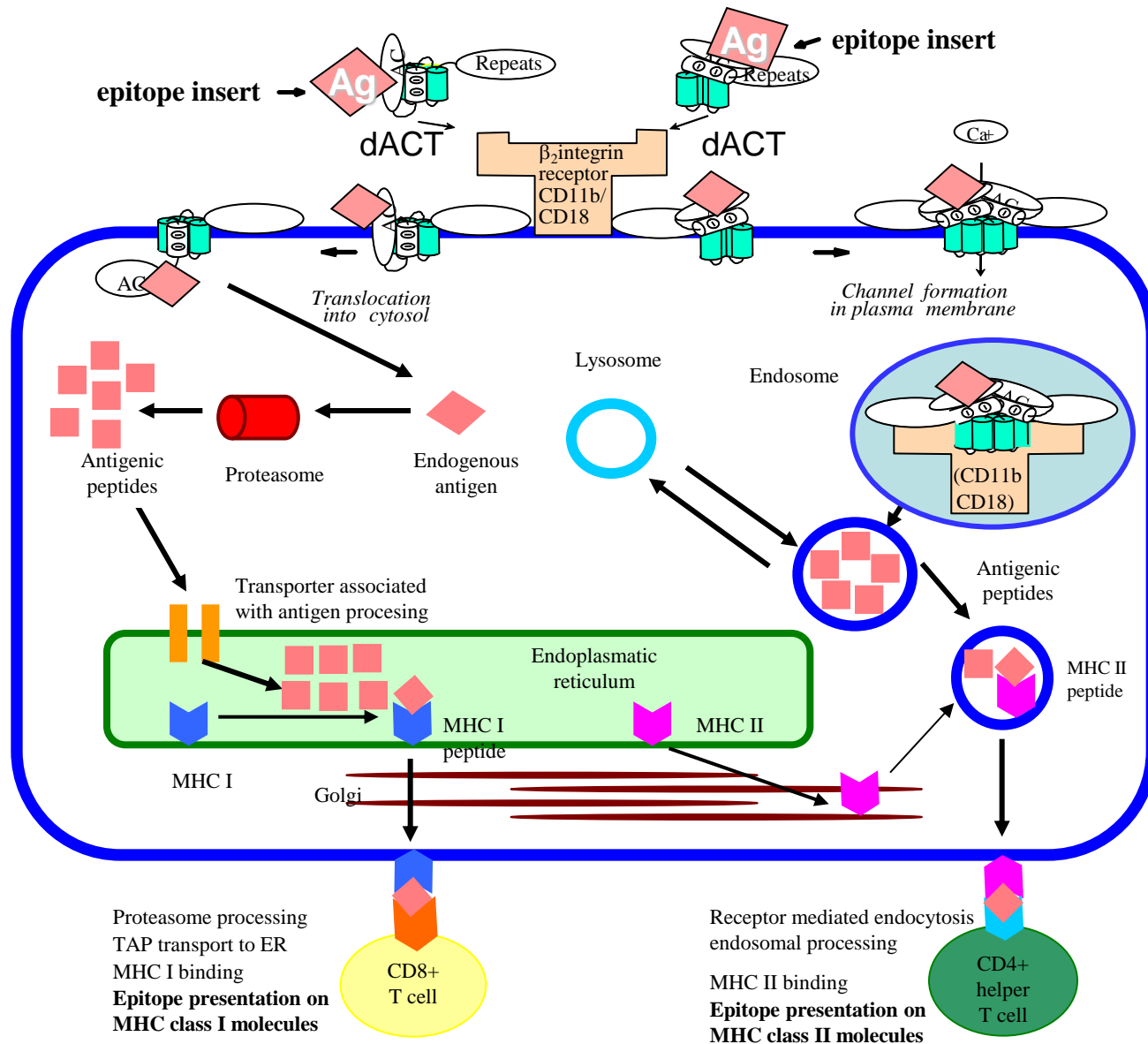
It flies or it dies???

tell you next time...

Phase 1/II clinical trial in melanoma patients starts soon (EU-USA consortium HERVAC)



dACT as a novel antigen delivery tool



Thanks to the team and you for patience...



