

Mechanisms of bacterial pathogenesis

***Staph. aureus***  
***Str. pyogenes***

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# STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS

Type of virulence factors	Selected factors <sup>a</sup>	Associated clinical syndromes
Involved in attachment	MSCRAMMs (e.g., clumping factors, fibronectin-binding proteins, collagen, and bone sialoprotein-binding proteins)	Endocarditis, osteomyelitis, septic arthritis, and prosthetic-device and catheter infections
Involved in persistence	Biofilm accumulation (e.g., polysaccharide intercellular adhesion), small-colony variants, and intracellular persistence	Relapsing infections, cystic fibrosis, and syndromes as described above for attachment
Involved in evading/destroying host defenses	Leukocidins (e.g., PVL and $\gamma$ -toxin), capsular polysaccharides (e.g., 5 and 8), protein A, CHIPS, Eap, and phenol-soluble modulins	Invasive skin infections and necrotizing pneumonia (CA-MRSA strains that cause these are often associated with PVL) abscesses (associated with capsular polysaccharides)
Involved in tissue invasion/penetration	Proteases, lipases, nucleases, hyaluronate lyase, phospholipase C, and metalloproteases (elastase)	Tissue destruction and metastatic infections
Involved in toxin-mediated disease and/or sepsis	Enterotoxins, toxic shock syndrome toxin-1, exfoliative toxins A and B, $\alpha$ -toxin, peptidoglycan, and lipoteichoic acid	Food poisoning, toxic shock syndrome, scalded skin syndrome, bullous impetigo, and sepsis syndrome
With poorly defined role in virulence	Coagulase, ACME, and bacteriocin	

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# Adherence:

## MSCRAMMs

(microbial surface components recognizing adhesive matrix molecules)

Cna (Collagen - binding protein)

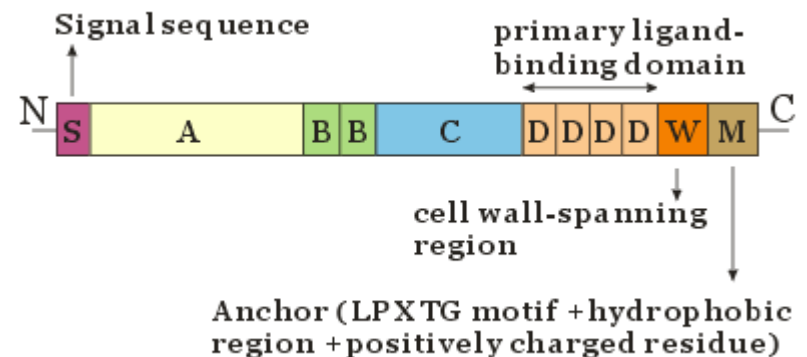
EbpS (elastin-binding proteins)

Intercellular adhesion proteins (icaA; icaB; icaC; icaD; icaR)

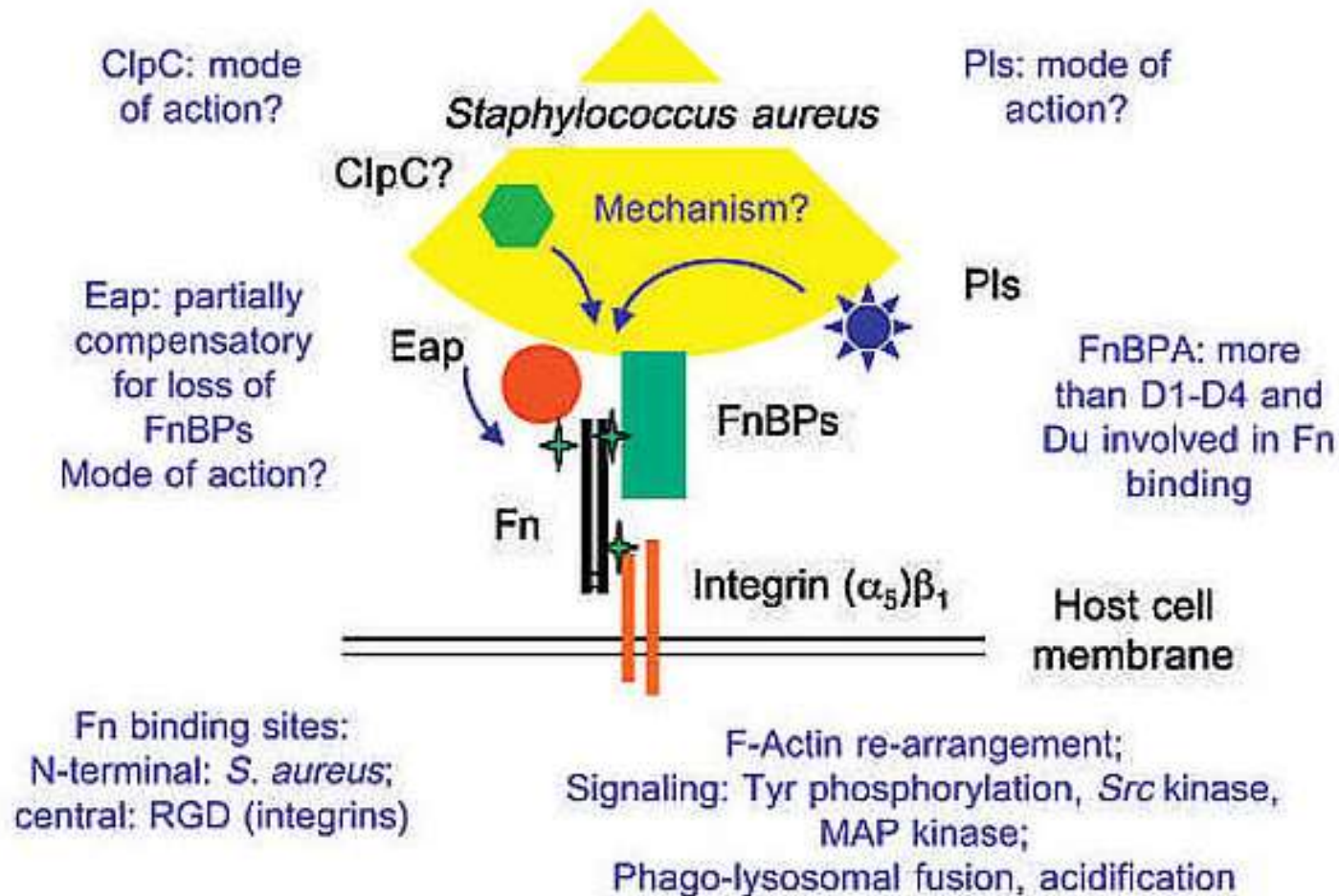
Eap/Map (Extracellular adherence protein/MHC analogous protein)

SDr (Ser-Asp rich proteins - *sdrC*; *sdrD*; *sdrE*)

FnBPs (fibronectin bindings proteins)



# Interaction of *S. aureus* with host cells through FnBP

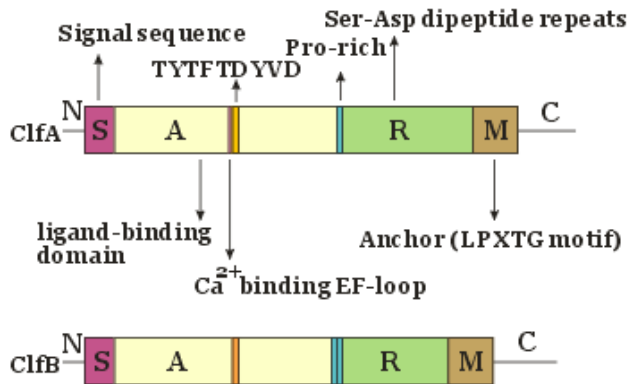


# Invasion:

proteases, lipases, hyaluronide lyase, nuclease, staphylokinase  
(=fibrinolysin, plasminogen activator), aureolysin



# Clumping factor & Plasmacoagulase



## Clumping factor A and B

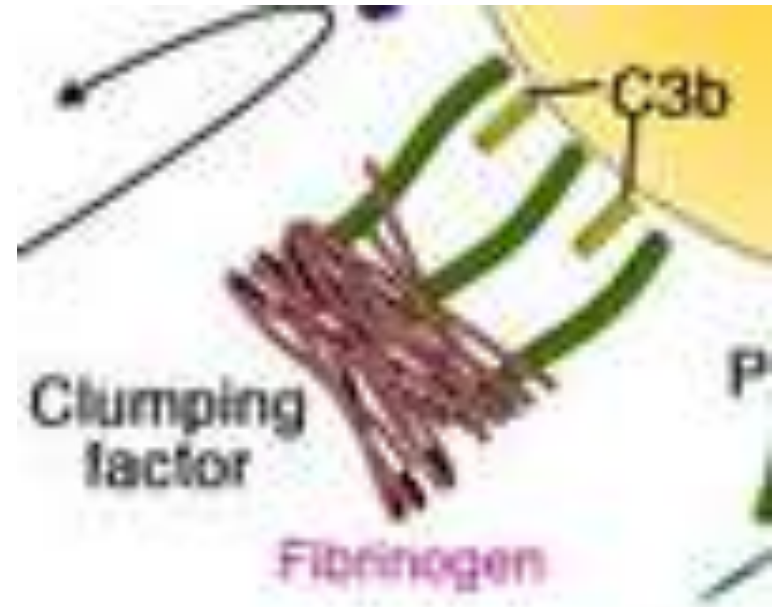
→ Clf + fibrinogen → fibrin  
Clf + C3b

## Tefibazumab

- humanized monoclonal antibody against Clf

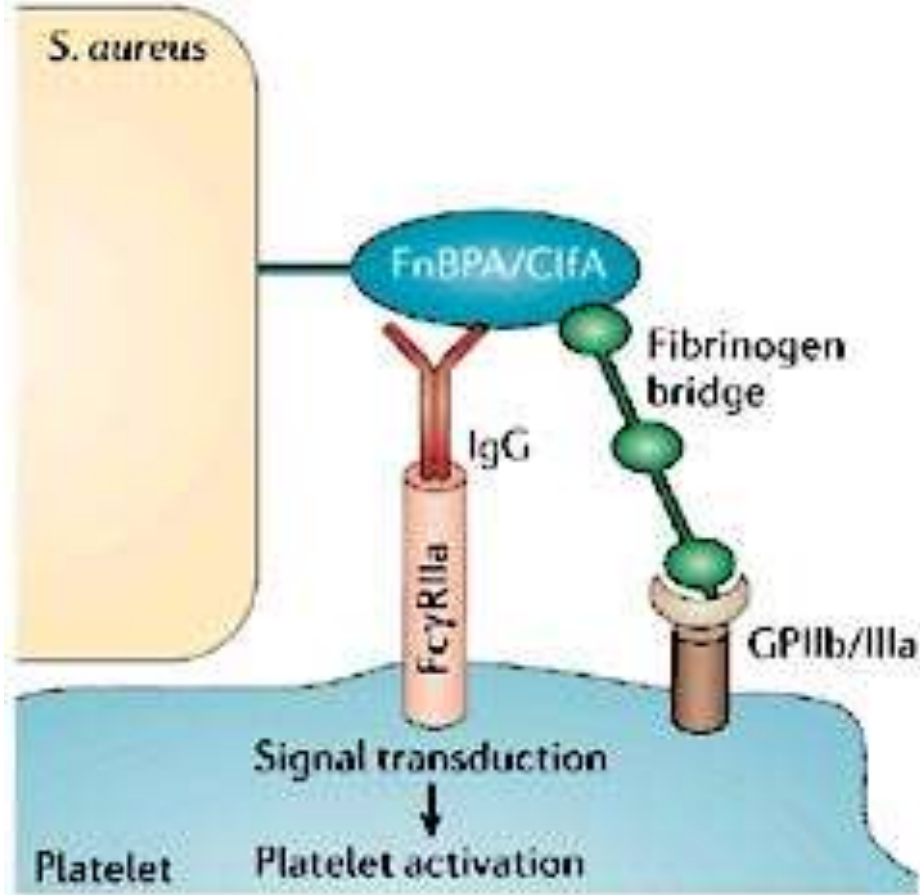
## Plasmacoagulase

- protrombin → trombin

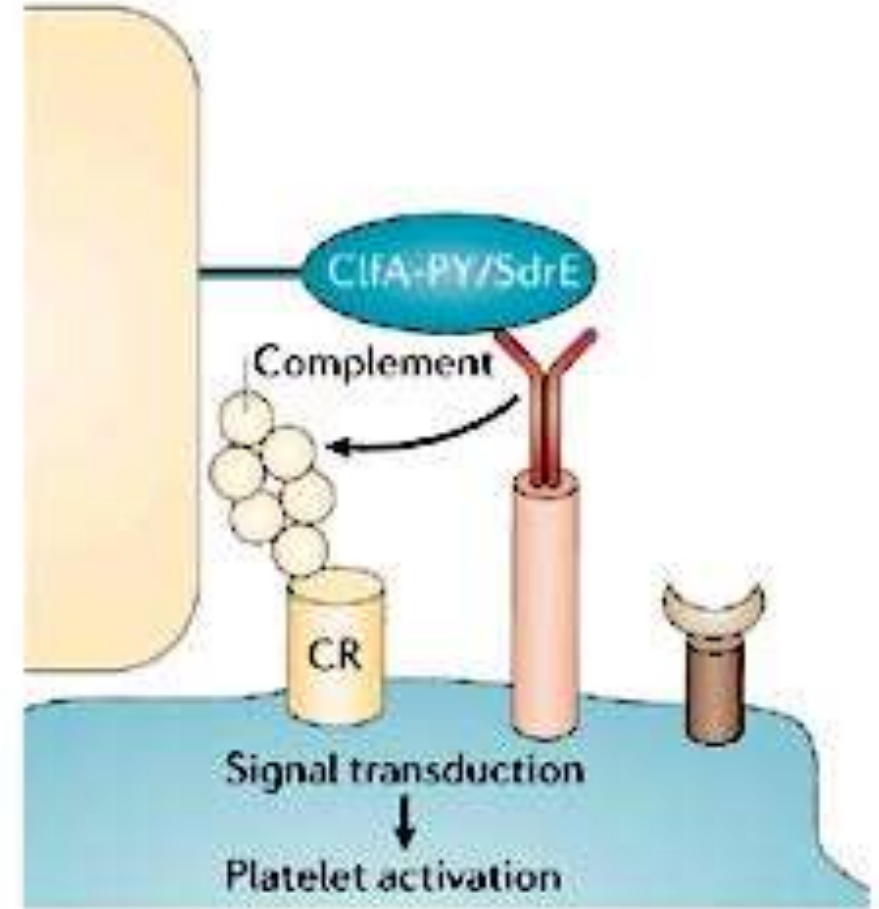


# Trombocytes activation

**a Rapid activation**



**c Slow activation**

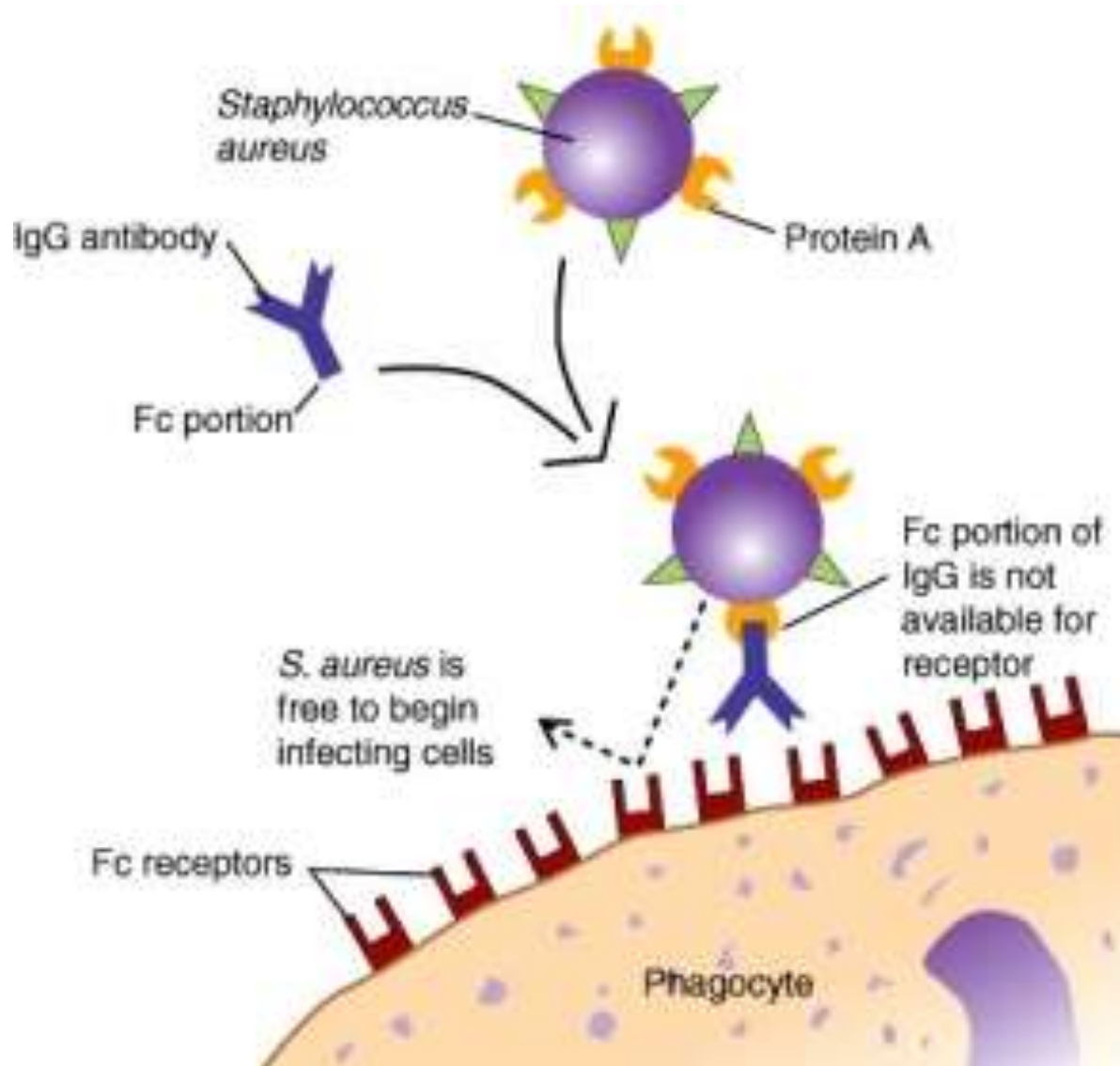


# Immune suppression

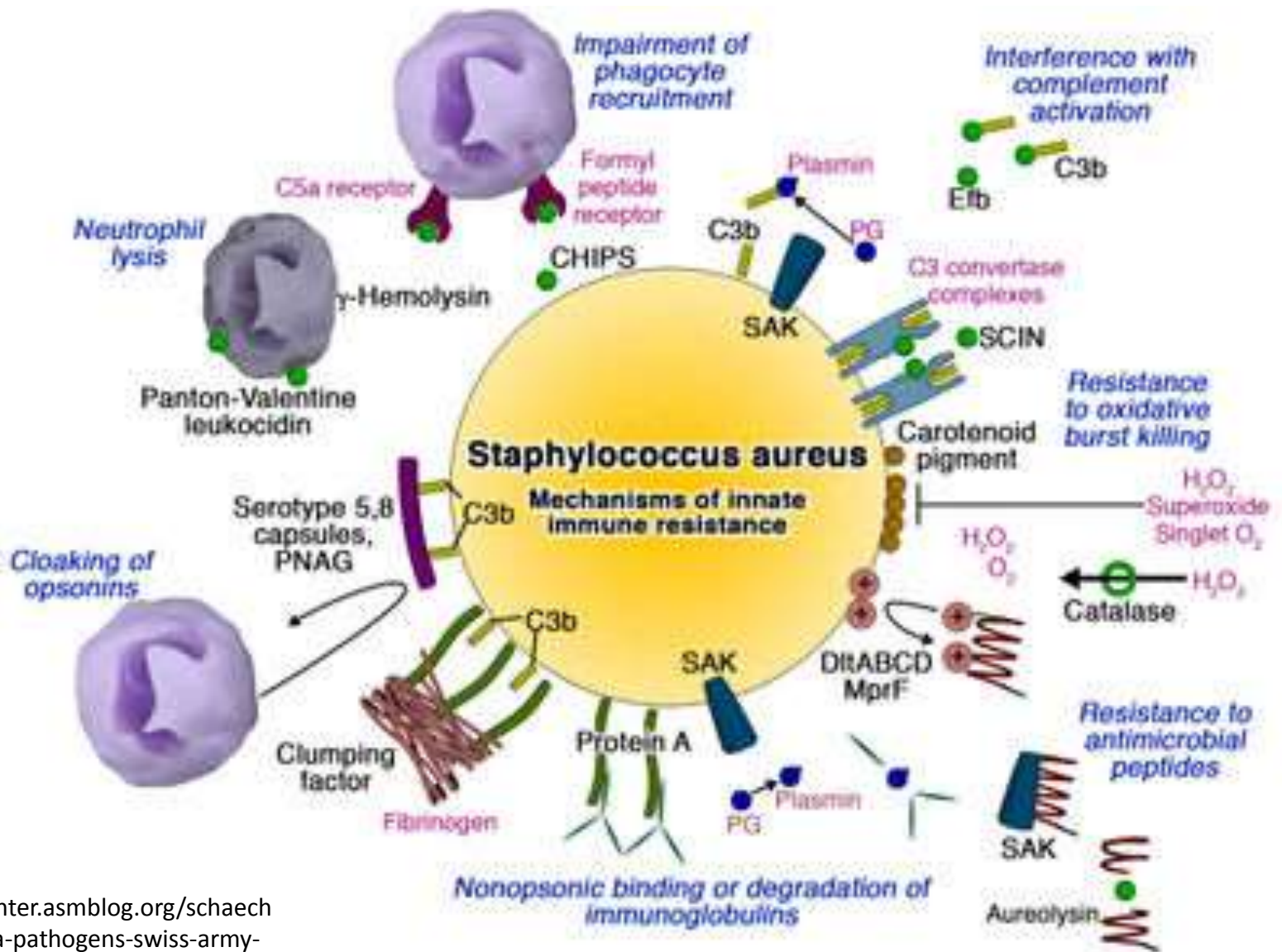
- Leukocidins
- CHIPS (chemotaxis inhibiting protein)
- SCIN (Staphylococcal complement inhibitor)
- Protein A
- Staphyloxantins
- Staphylokinase
- Capsule with PNAG



# Protein A



# Immune suppression



# Toxins

## **Exfoliative toxins:**

Serine proteases

## **Cytotoxins:**

pores in the  
membranes of  
target cells

## **Enterotoxins:**

Conventional antigens  
or superantigens

## **Superantigene TSST:**

Immunity-activation

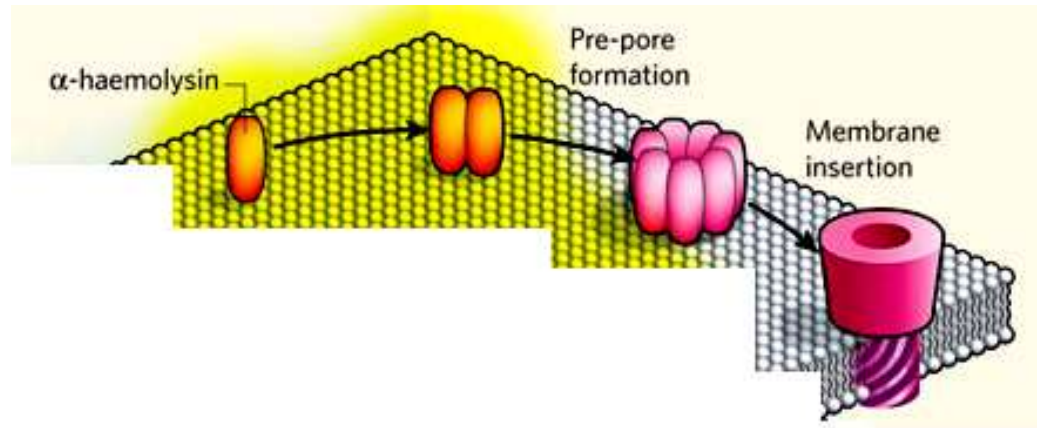
# Cytotoxins (cytolysins, hemolysins):

**Alpha toxin**

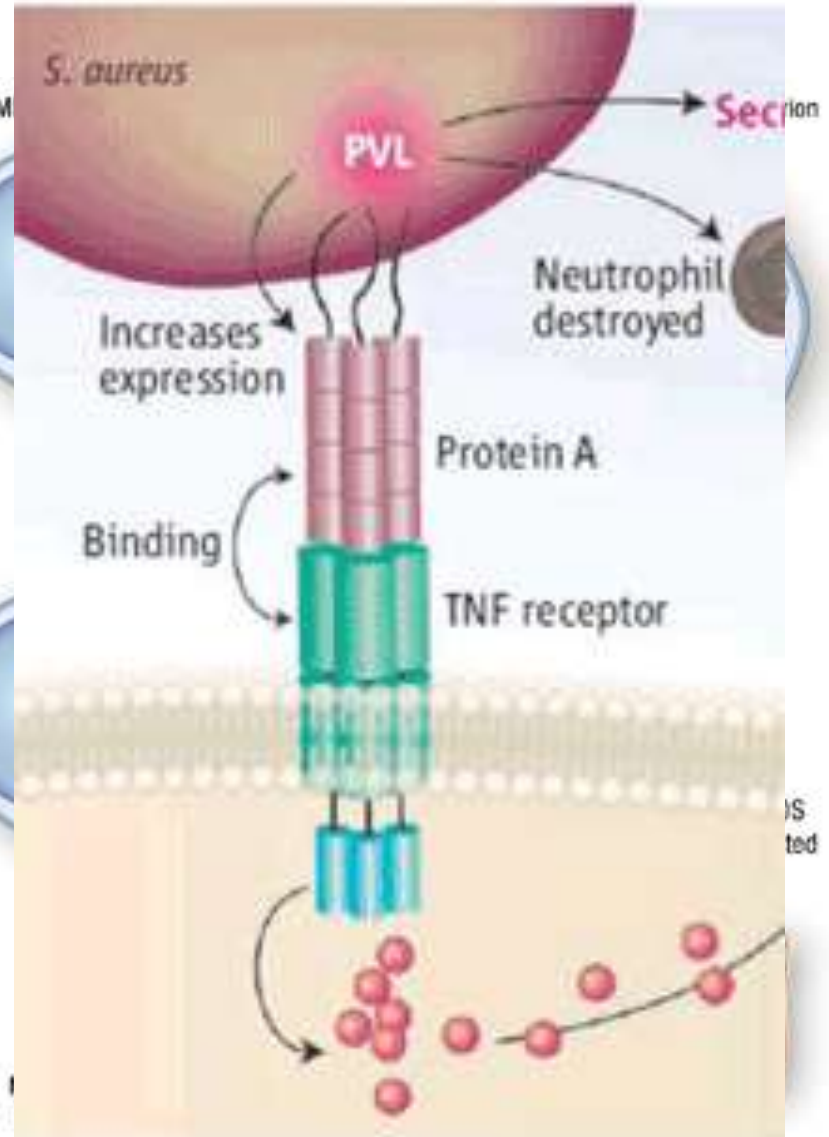
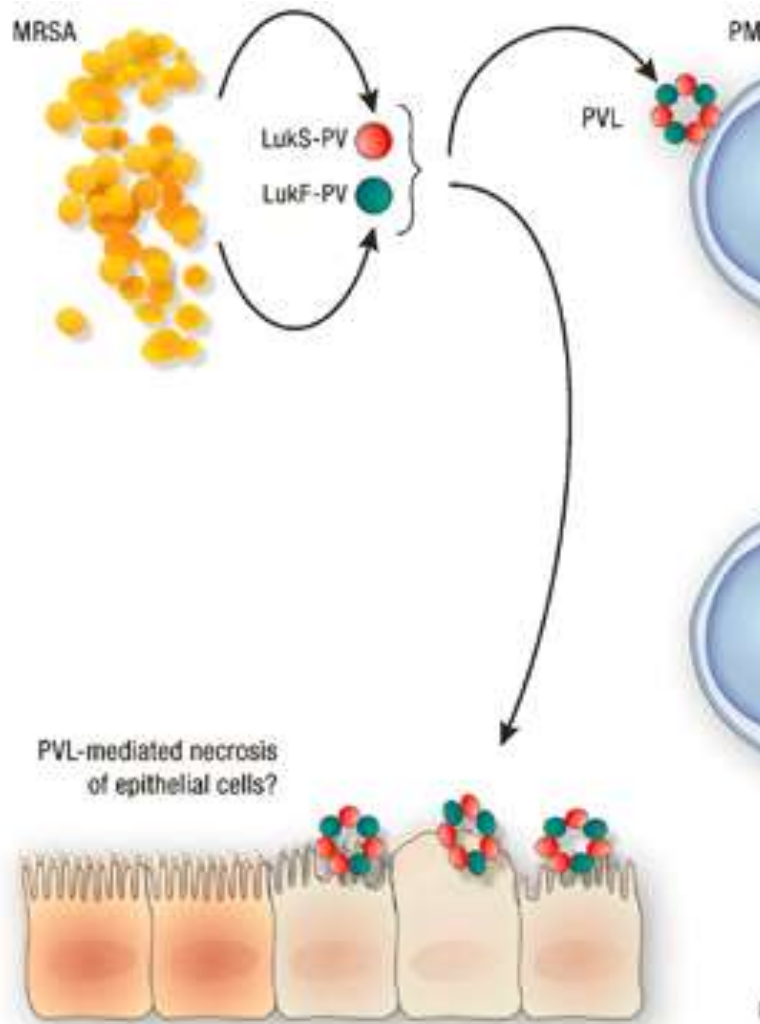
**Beta toxin**

**Gamma toxin**

**Delta toxin**



# Panton-Valentine Leucocidin



# Exfoliative toxins:

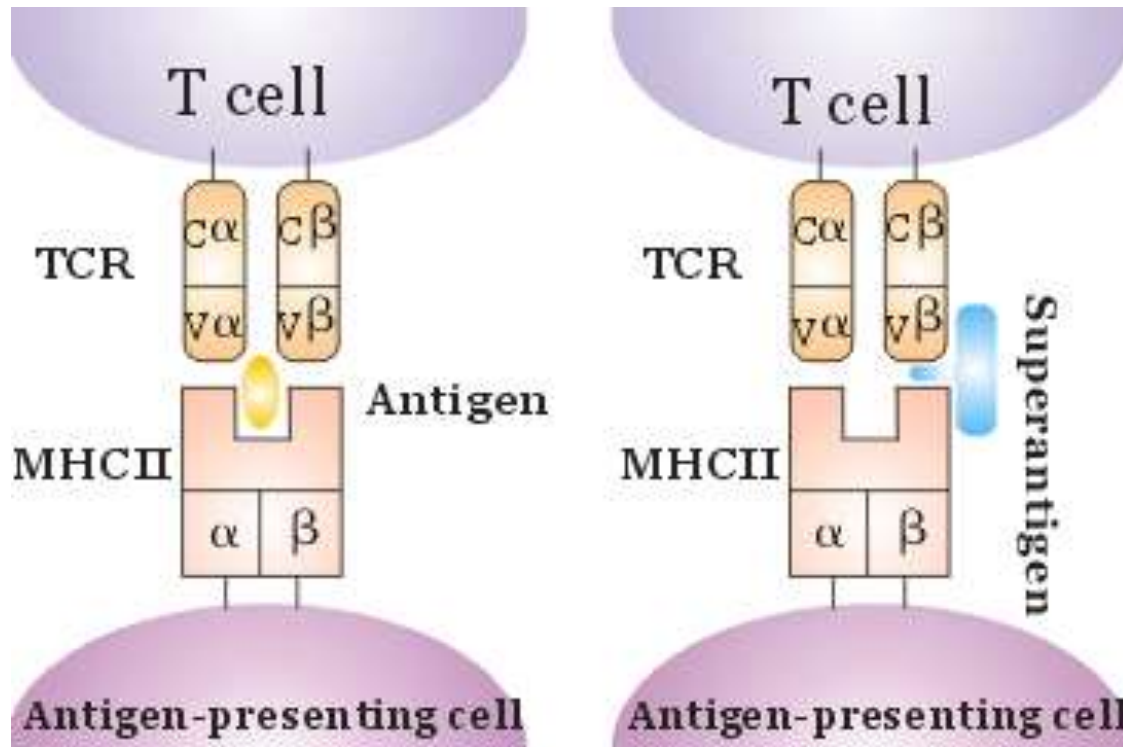


serin proteases **ETA, ETB**  
→ cleavage of Dsg-1  
→ intraepidermal peeling

**ETC**

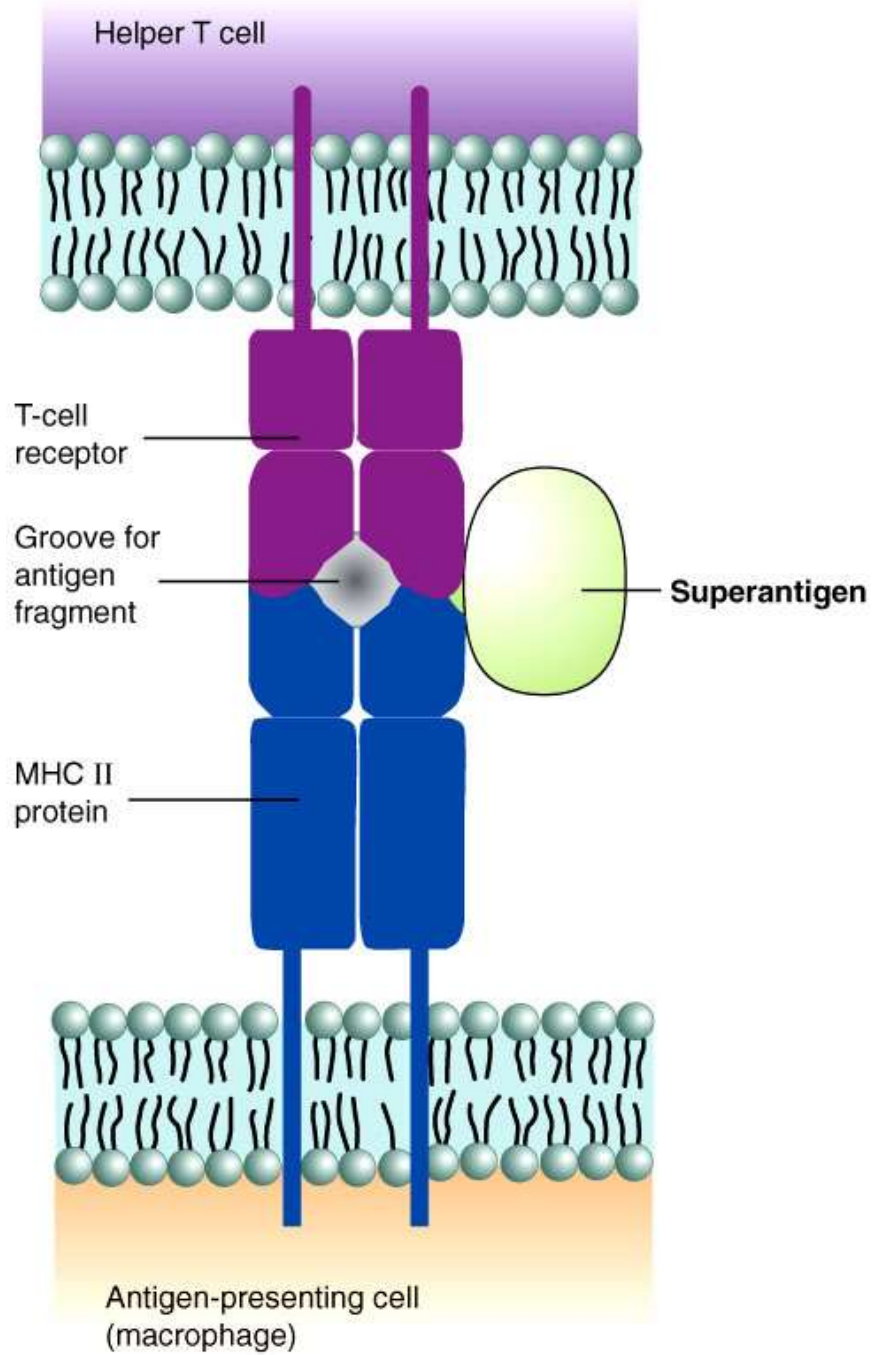
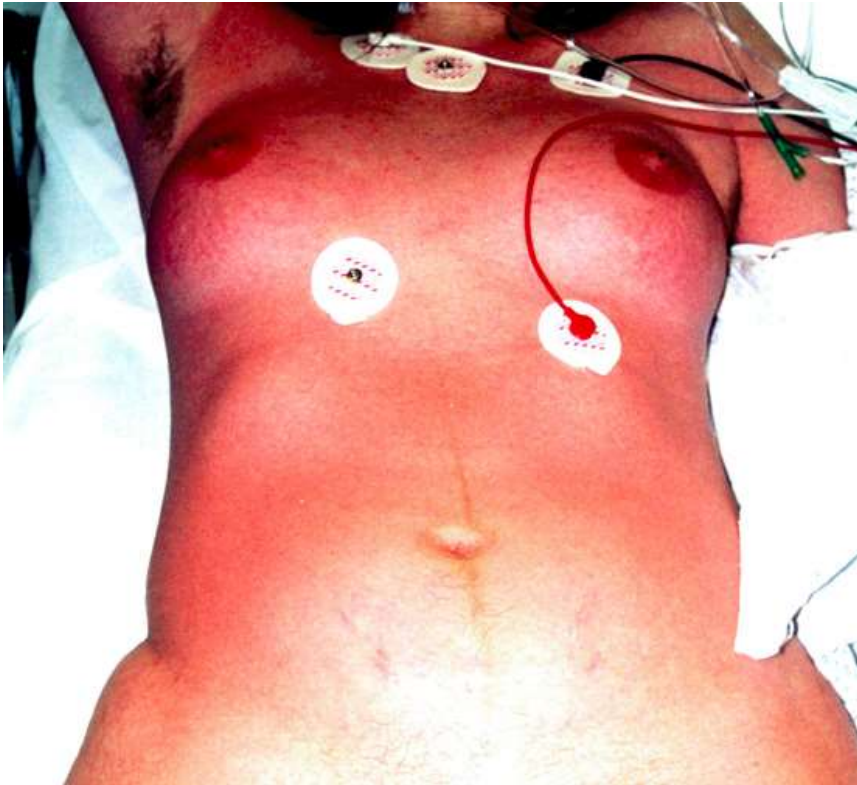
**ETD**

# Enterotoxins (A, B, C, D, E, G, H):



Increase of peristaltic, stimulation of emetic centre in brain by derivatives of arachidonic acid

# TSST:

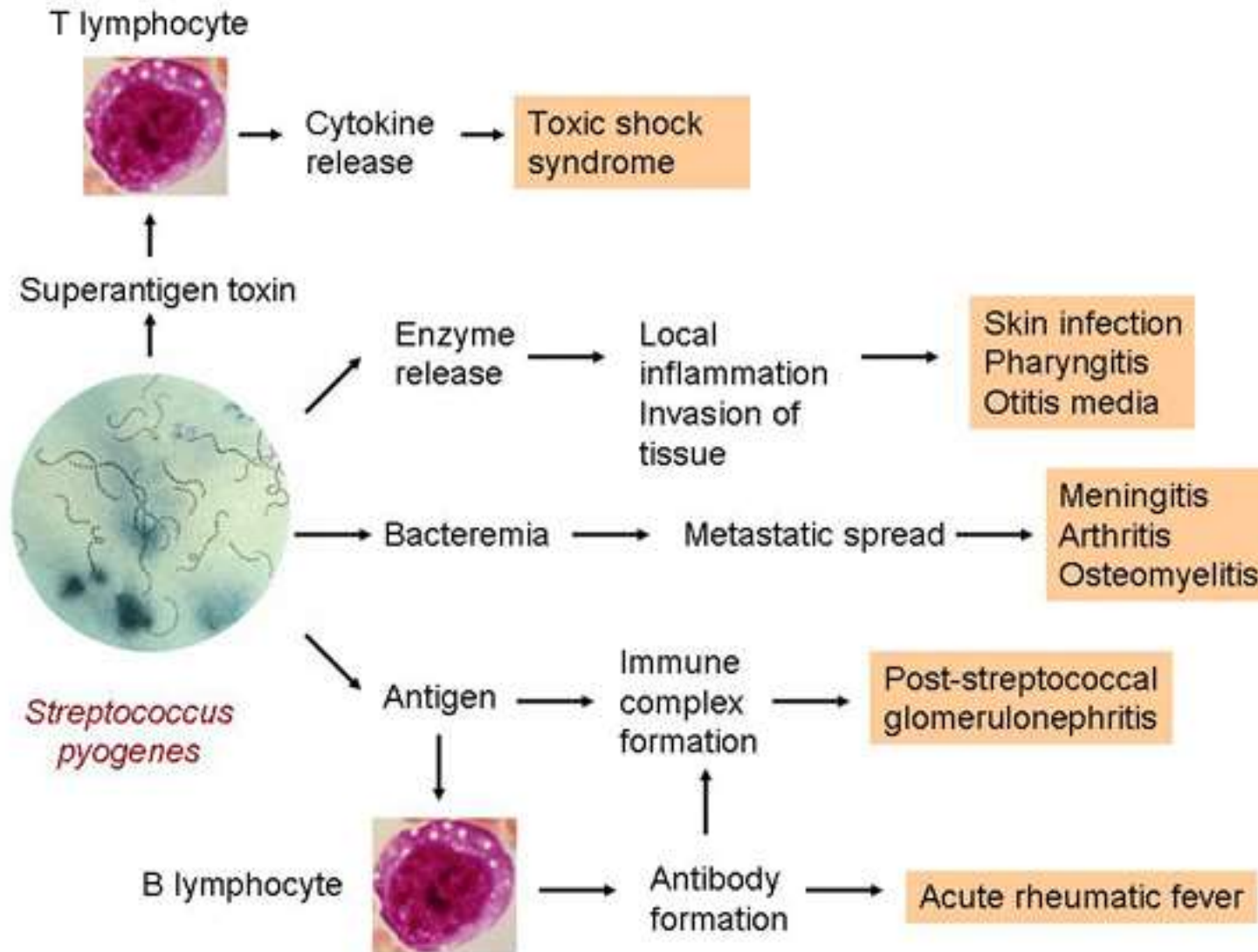




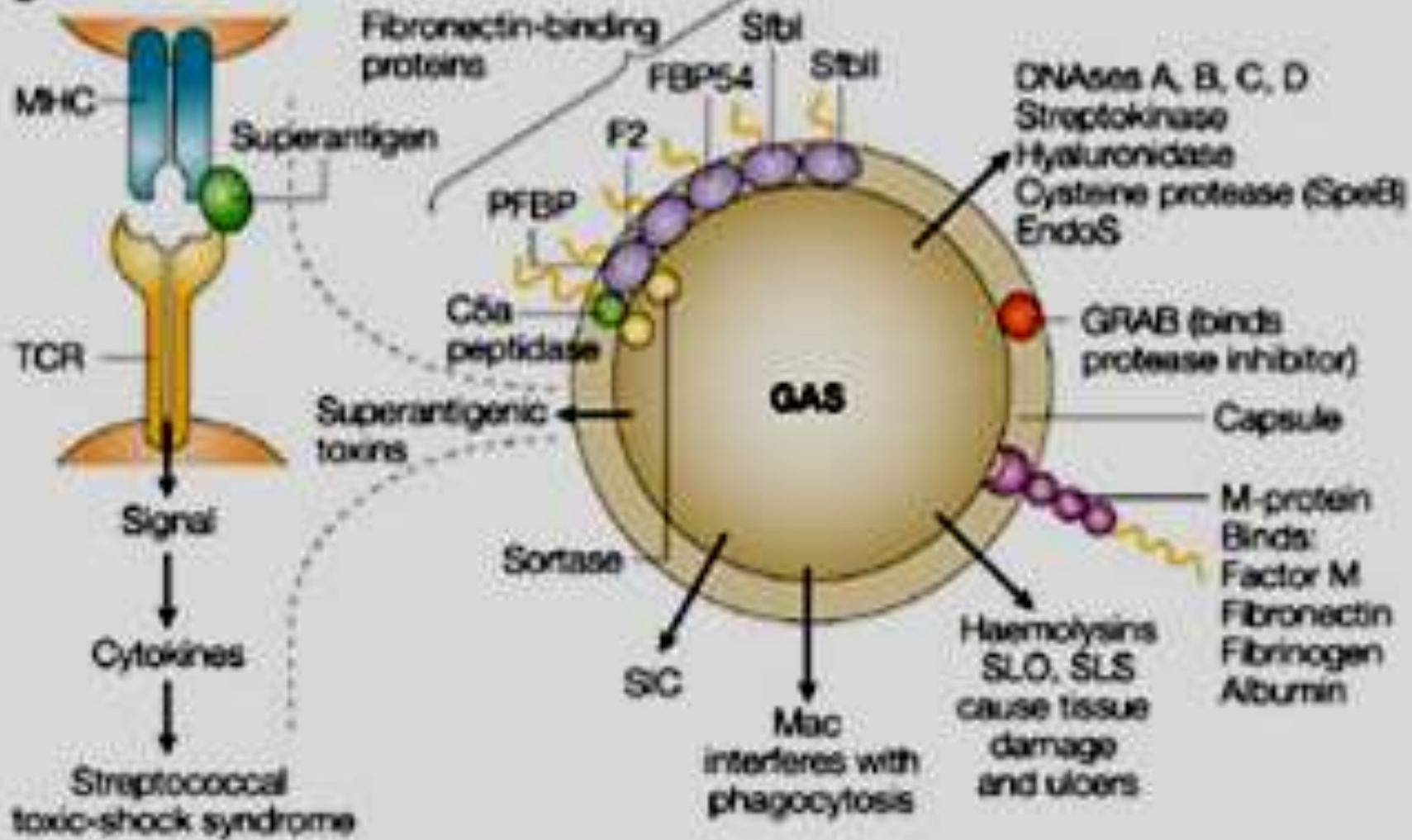
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# Adherence

– fibronectin binding proteins

**Sfbl** (streptococcal fibronectin binding protein I)

**SfbII/SOF** (serum opacity factor)

**FabA, FabB**

**FBP54** (fibronectin-binding protein 54)

**protein F2**

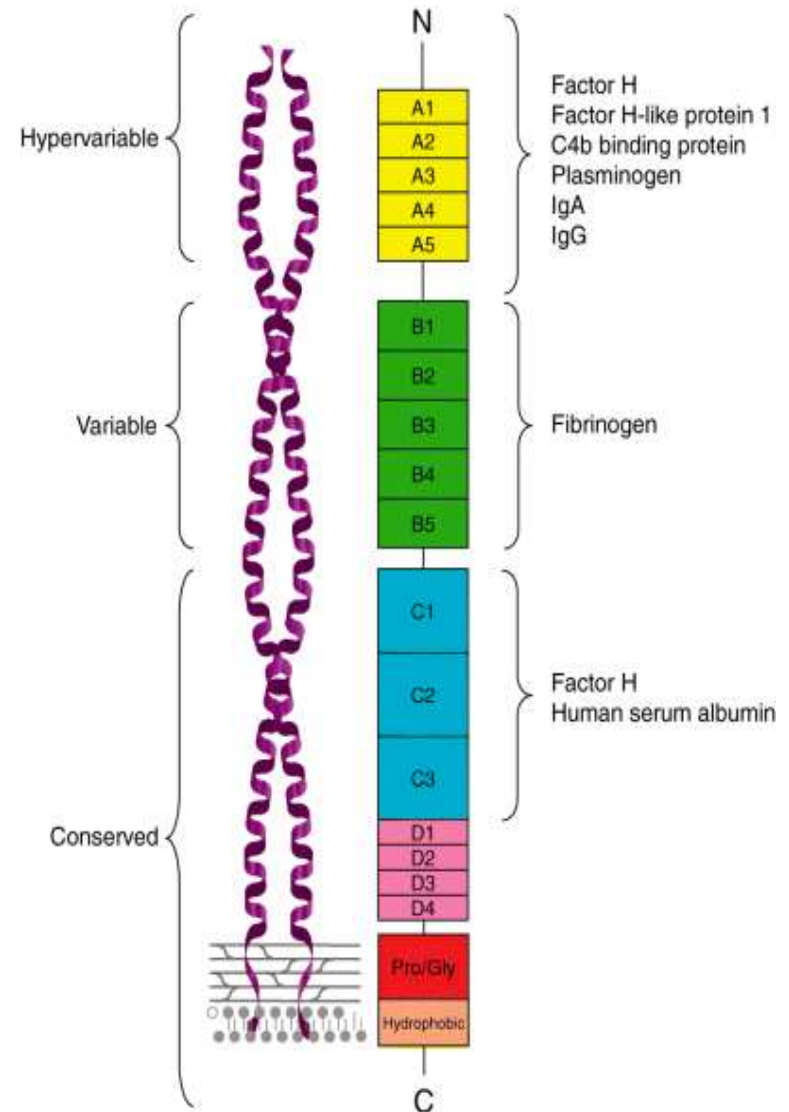
**PFBP** (*pyogene* fibronectin-binding protein)

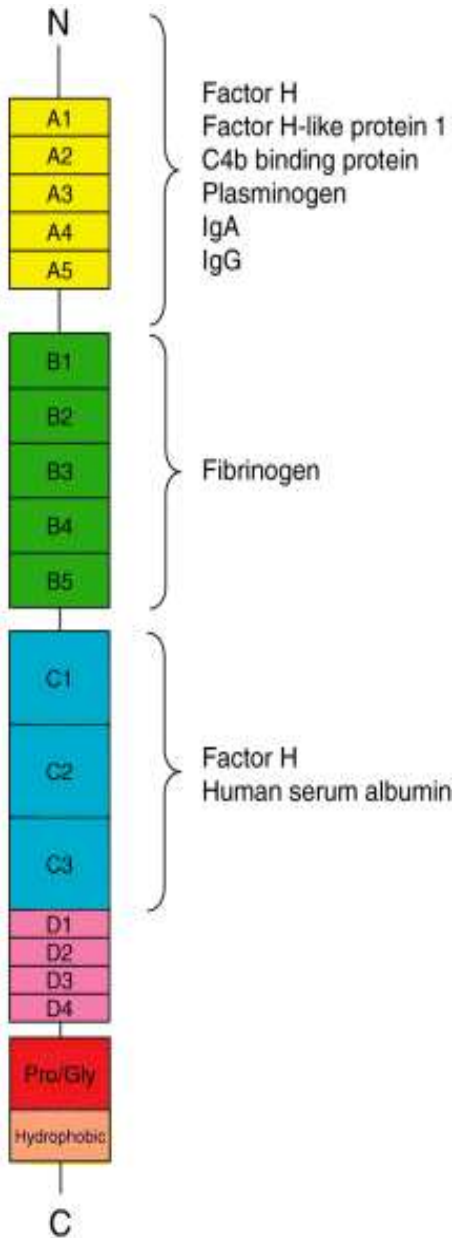
# GRAB

- **G-related  $\alpha_2$ macroglobulin-binding protein**
- **Antiproteolytic molecule**
- protect the M proteins and other surface structures from proteolytic degradation)

# M protein (and M-like proteins)

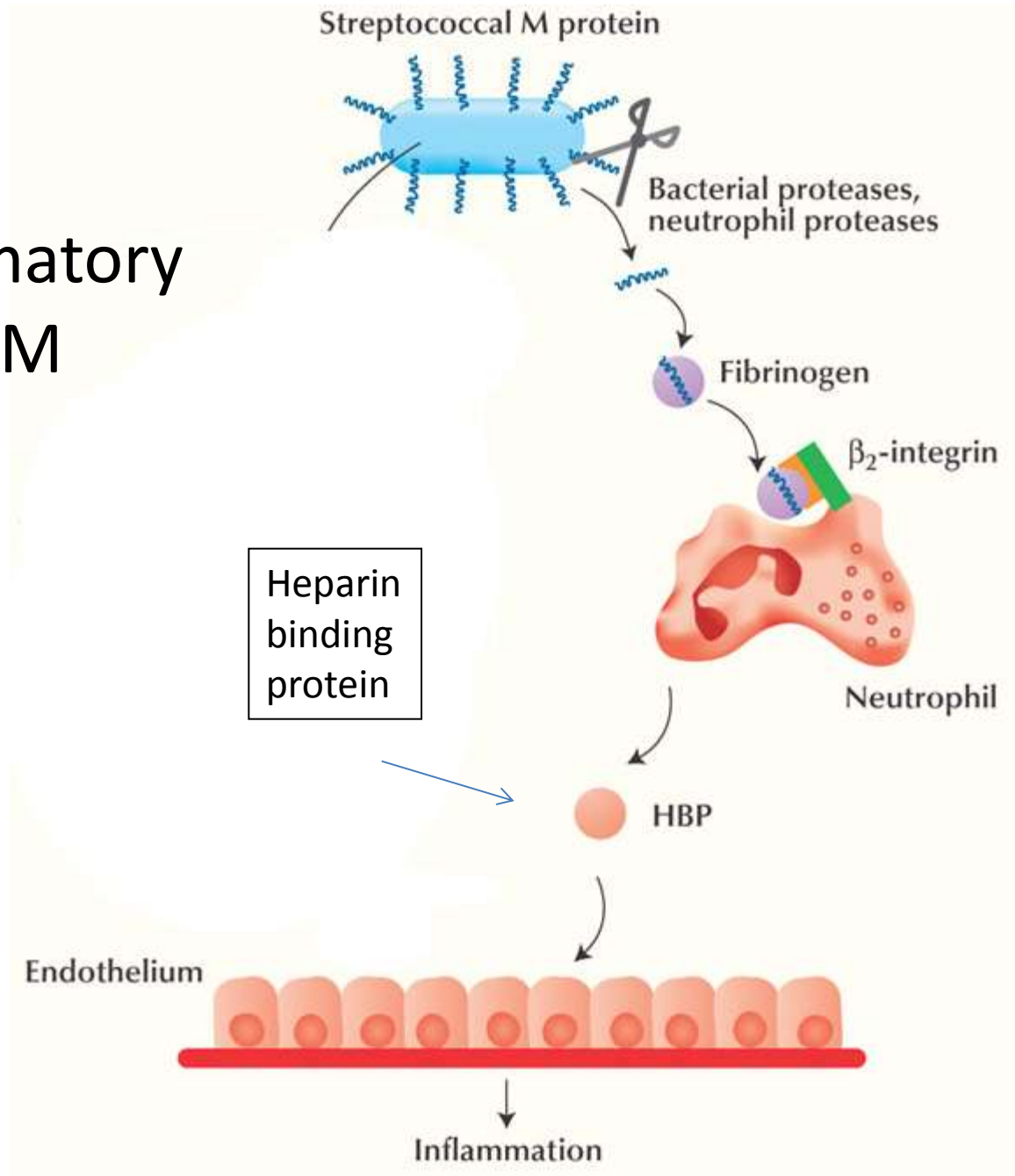
- anchored x cleaved
- coiled coil structure
- A-, B-, C- and D-repeats
- Different M proteins (150) → serotypisation





- Binds to complement control factors → inactivation
- Binds to surface molecule (CD46) on keratinocytes
- binds to fibrinogen, kininogen, or plasminogen → generation of inflammatory response

# Proinflammatory effect of M protein





# Bacteria invasion

- **Streptokinase & other „Plg binding proteins“**  
plasminogen → plasmin
- **Hyaluronidase**
- **DNAses** (four different DNAses (A,B,C,D))  
reduces the viscosity of pus

# Interaction with immunity (1)

**C5a peptidase**

**Serine protease ScpC** - degrades IL-8

**IdeS (IgG-degrading enzyme of *S. pyogenes*)**

**SpeB (streptococcal pyrogenic exotoxin B)**

cleavage of many proteins including M protein

# Interaction with immunity (2)

**EndoS** (secreted endoglycosidase)

hydrolysis of oligosacharides on IgG

**SIC**

(streptococcal inhibitor of complement-mediated lysis)

Binds to complement C5b67

Inhibits innate response

# Streptolysins (S, O)

## Streptolysin S:

- $\beta$ -hemolysis
- not immunogenic

## Streptolysin O:

- ASLO
- SLO pores  $\rightarrow$  translocation of NAD glycohydrolase into host cell



# Superantigens

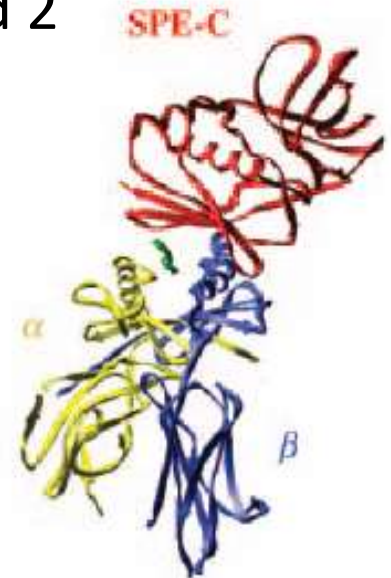
12 SAGs identified in GAS

→ **massive systemic release of pro-inflammatory cytokines,**

- streptococcal pyrogenic exotoxins (SPEs) A, C, G-M
- streptococcal superantigen (SSA)
- streptococcal mitogenic exotoxin (SMEZ) 1 and 2

→ ***Acute rheumatic fever (later, heart tissue)***

→ ***Streptococcal toxic shock syndrome (STSS)***



# Summary:

## Staphylococcus aureus:

**MSCRAMMS** → attachment

**Invasins** (enzymes)

**Protein A** (immunosuppres.)

**Clumping f. + plasmacoagulase**  
(abscess formation)

**Exotoxins, hemolysins**

## Streptococcus pyogenes:

**Fibronectin binding proteins**

**Invasins**

**Protein M** (immunomodulation)

**GRAB** (protease inhibition)

**Immune destructing proteins**

**Superantigenes, streptolysins**

Thank you for your attention!