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A short history of immunology: from phagocytosis to the human genome

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The Toll of infectious diseases

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Black Death kills 3000 in one week

This week more than 3,000 people in Britain have died from the Black Death.

This brings the total dying across Europe to 15 million dying from the bubonic plague and 10 million dying from the terrible pneumonic plague. Will this ever stop? Will anyone survive?

Already 17 of our best writers have died and 20 are at home sick.

Whose fault is it? In Strasbourg, it is said that the Jews are to blame, in Italy, God has supposedly brought this upon them. However the real reason is that our roads are simply not clean enough.

The Lord Mayor of London has ordered the streets to be cleaned and others are following this ingenious order.

With doctors still not being able to find a cure we can only hope that this disease simply goes away.

The Black Death is usu-



ally associated with Europe but it neither began nor ended then. The earliest records of this pestilence are in China.

In 46 AD an epidemic in Mongolia killed two-thirds of the population.

In 312 northern and central China became a wasteland and in the province of Shensi, only one or two out of 100 taxpayers survived. In 468, 140,000 people died in the Chinese cities of Honan, Hopei, Shantung and others.

Estimated population of Europe from 1000 to 1352.

- 1000 38 million
- 1100 48 million
- 1200 59 million
- 1300 70 million
- 1347 75 million
- 1352 50 million

25 million people died in just under five years between 1347 and 1352.



October 2004



Miasmae vs germs



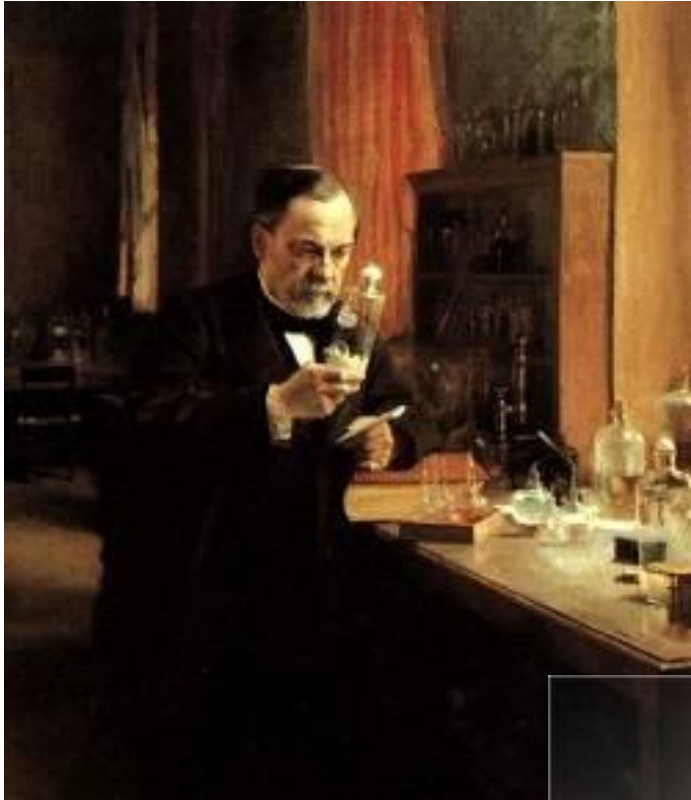
A representation of the cholera epidemic of the 19th century depicts the spread of the disease in the form of poisonous air

- The theory of miasma disease made sense to the English sanitary reformers of the mid-19th century.
- Miasma explained why cholera and other diseases were epidemic in places where water was undrained and foul-smelling.
- The theory led to improvements in water drainage and sanitation, which decreased cholera outbreaks, leading to increased support for the theory.
- Florence Nightingale was a strong supporter of the theory



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The golden age of microbiology



Louis Pasteur



Robert Koch





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How do we kill microorganisms ?

By eating them:
the phagocytosis





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Ilya Metchnikov

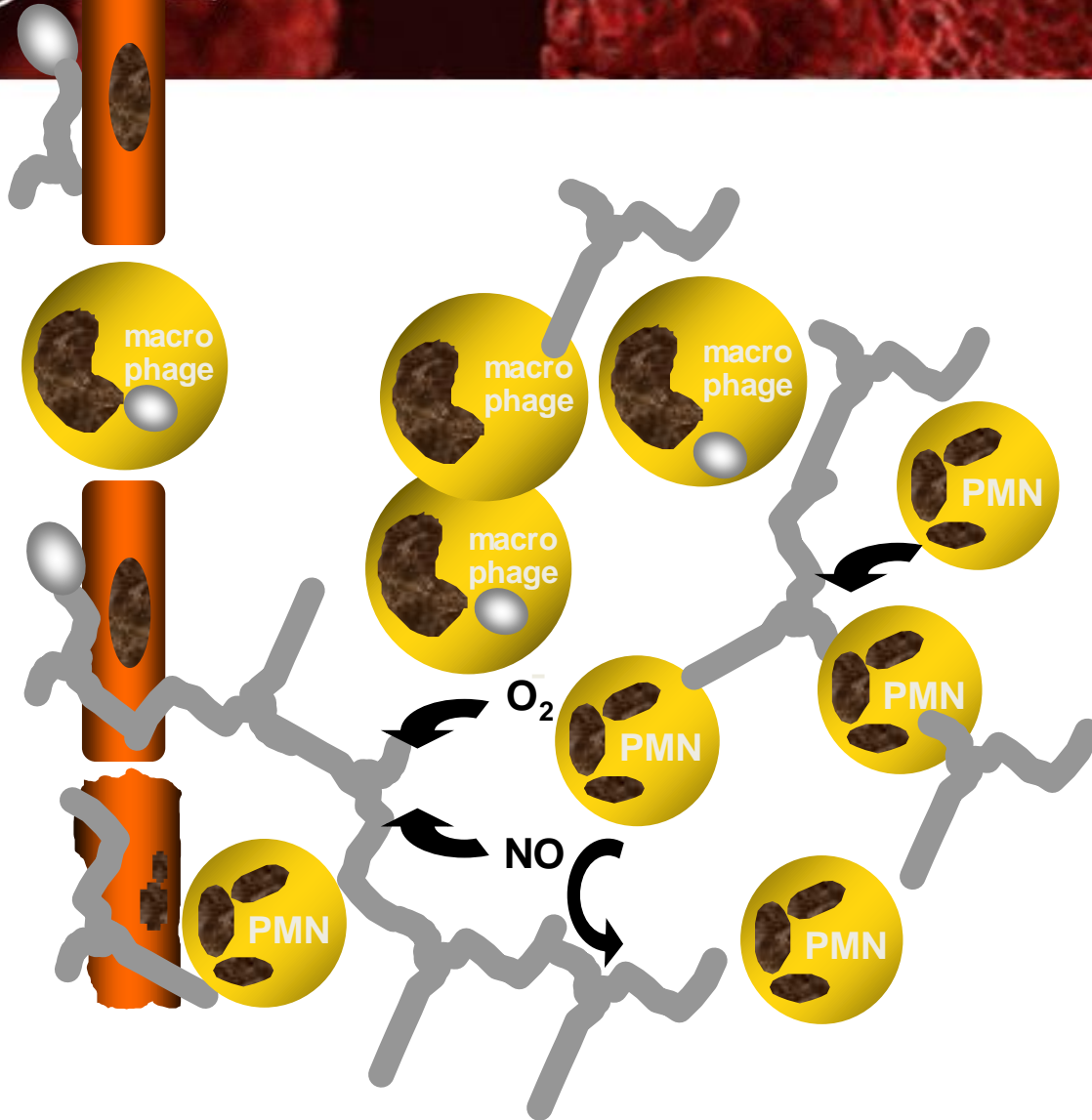
1905 Nobel speech:

“eventually molecules
will be identified on the
surface of leukocytes
which could identify
microorganisms”





Innate immunity





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Humoral immunity



Emile von Behring



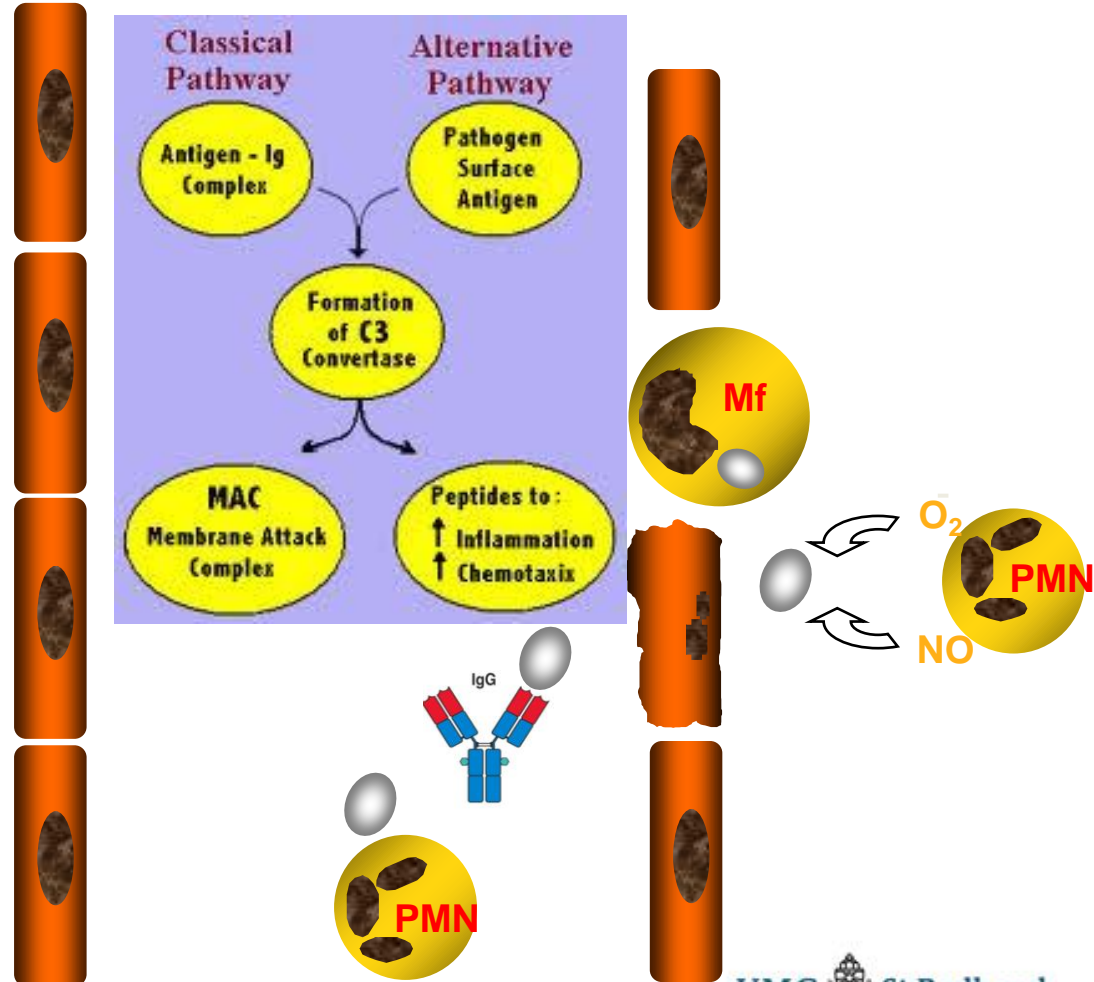
Paul Ehrlich



Complement



Jules Bordet



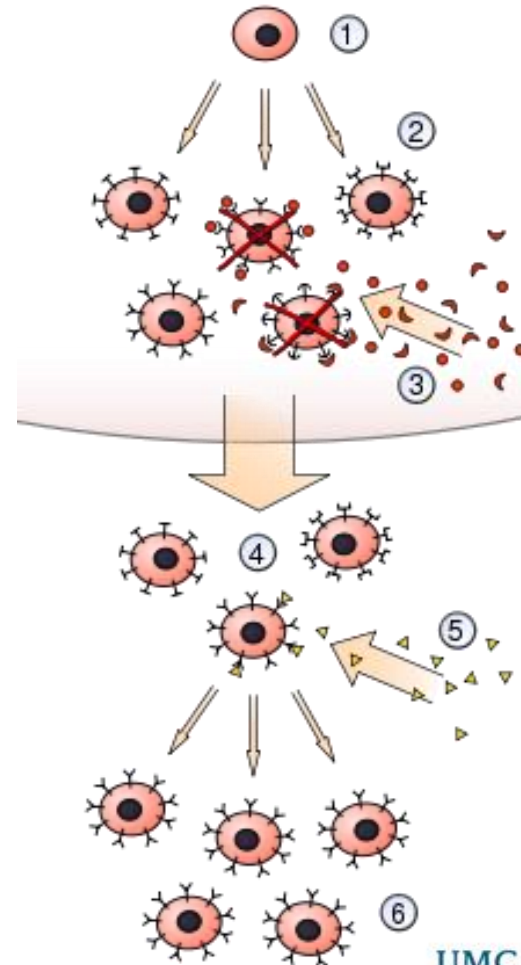


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Clonal selection

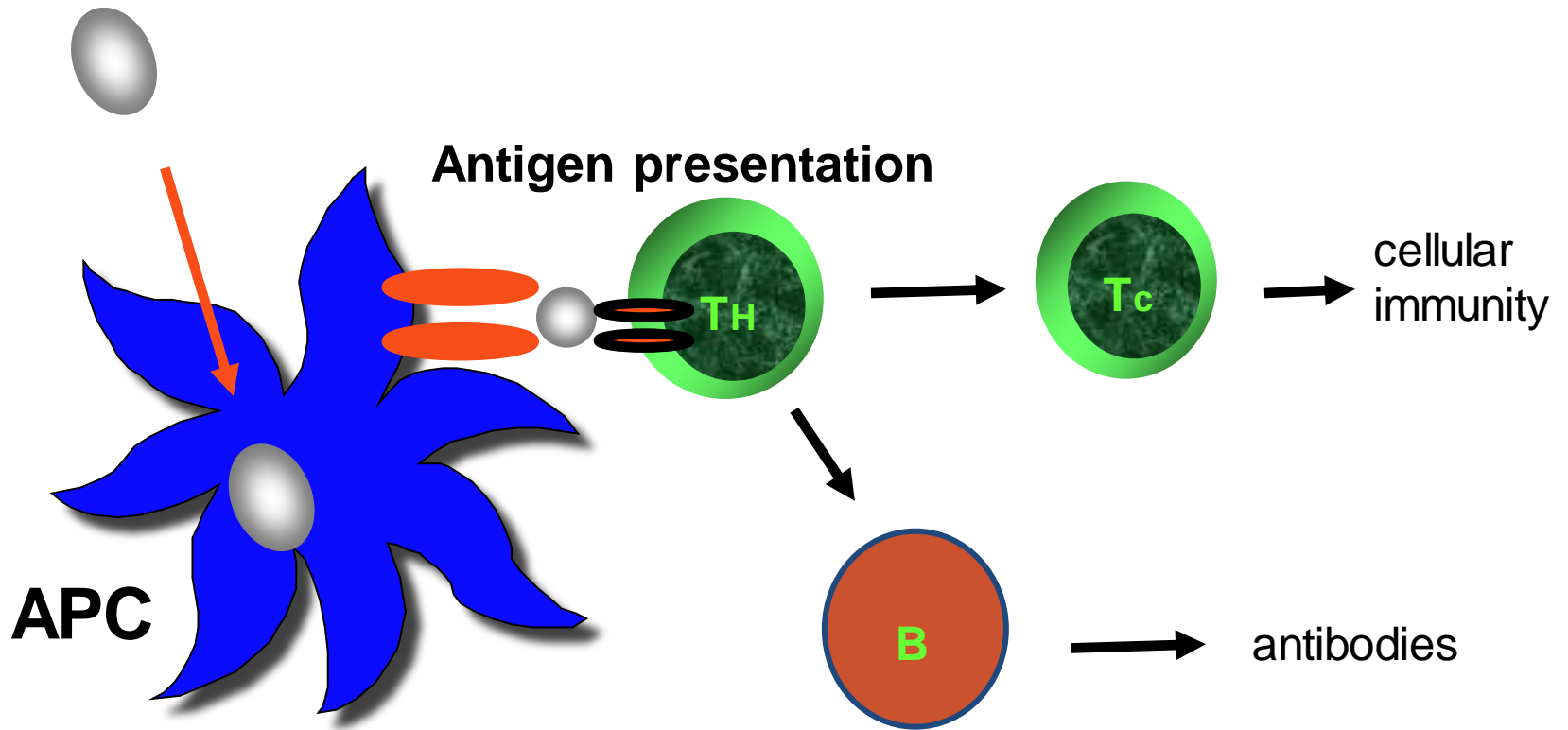


Frank Macfarlane Burnet



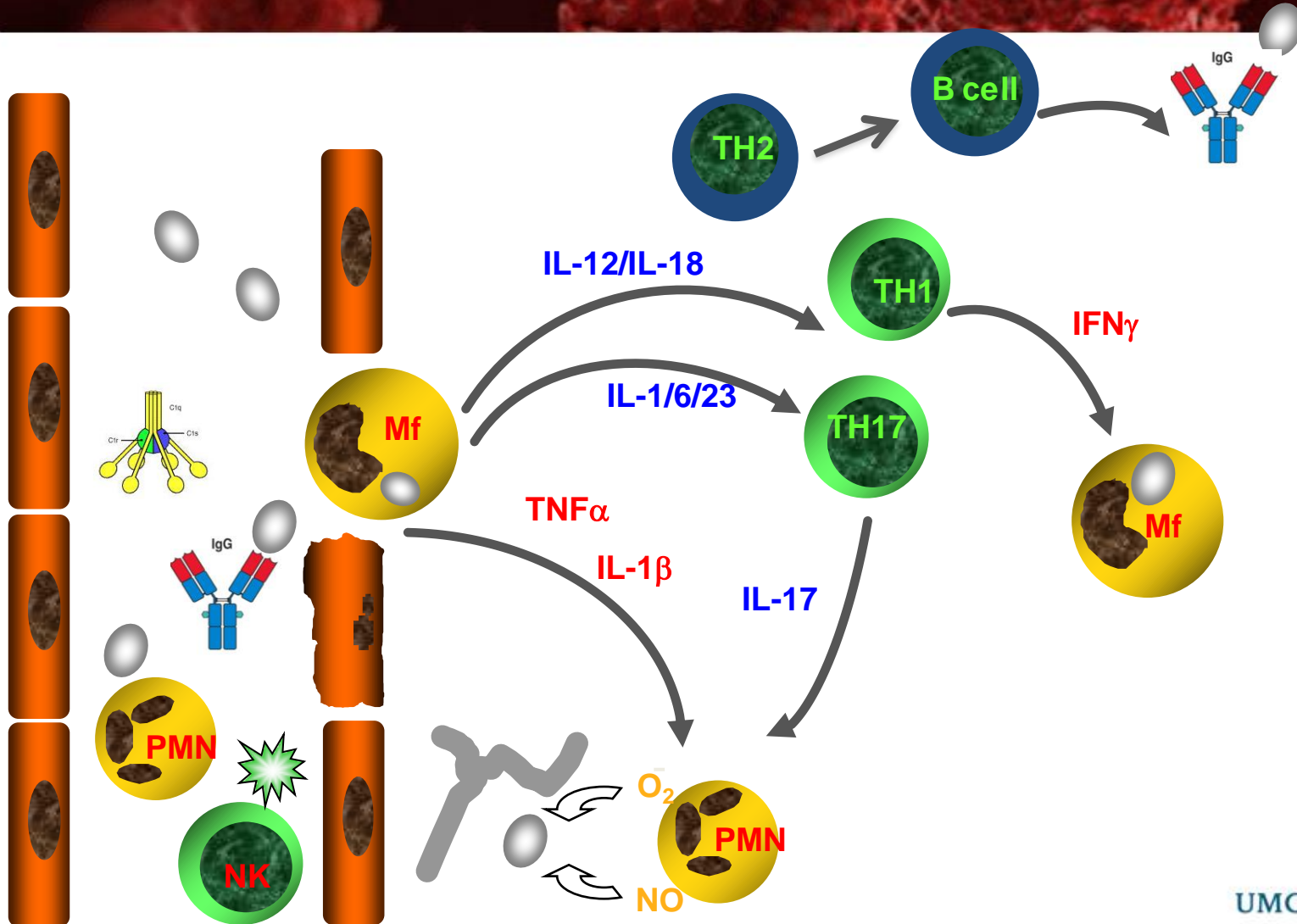


Adaptive immunity





The host defense





Innate versus adaptive immunity

- **Innate immunity:**
 - STRONG but STUPID
 - - rapid
 - effective
 - - not-specific, indiscriminate
- **Specific immunity:**
 - LAZY but SMART
 - - needs 10-14 days
 - - a specific activation against a particular microorganism, enhancing the effectivity of the response

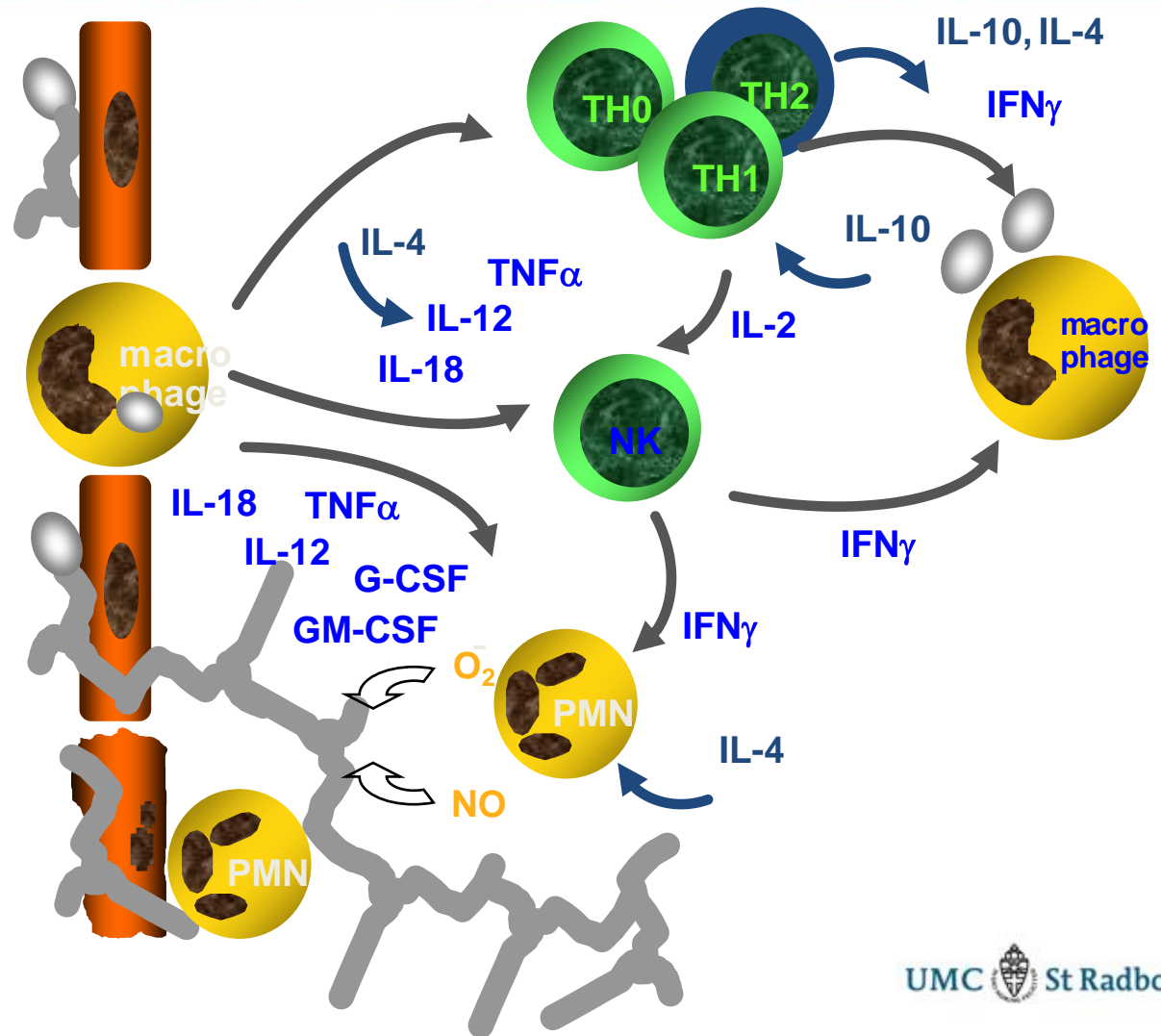


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Cytokines: the information network of innate immunity



Charles Dinarello

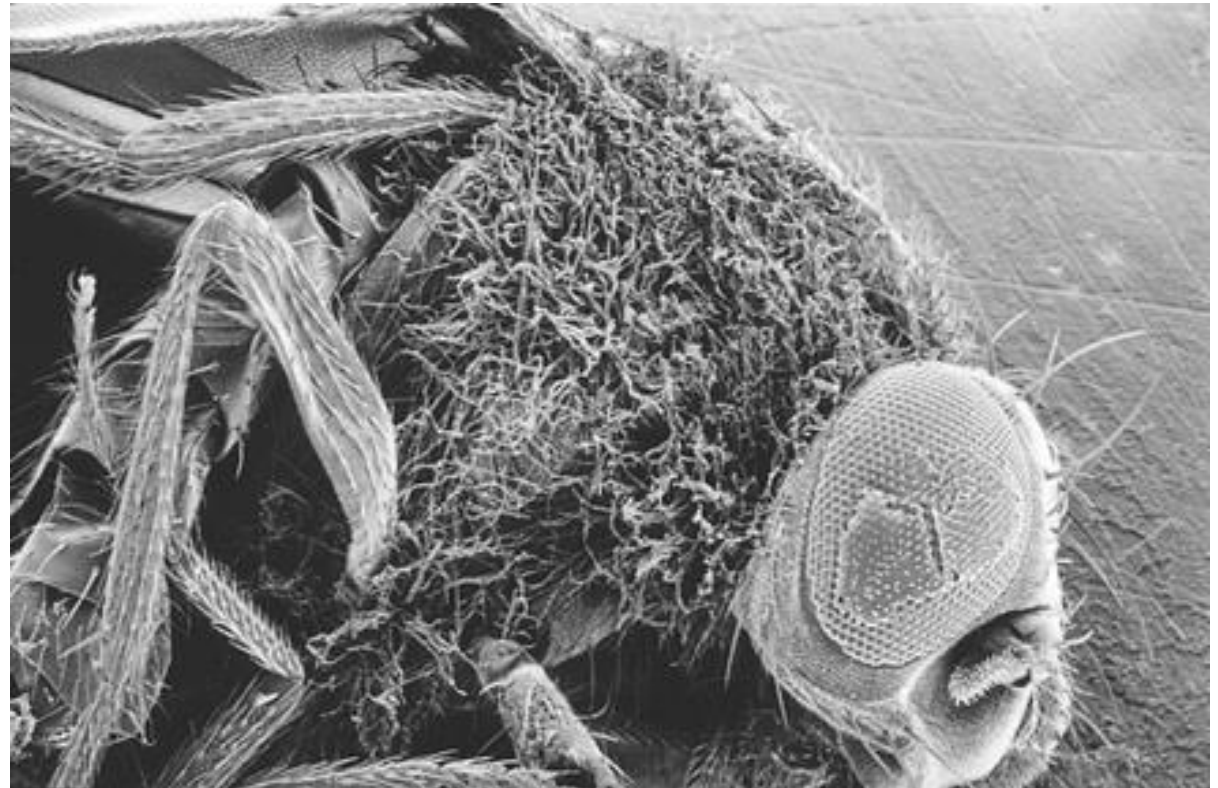




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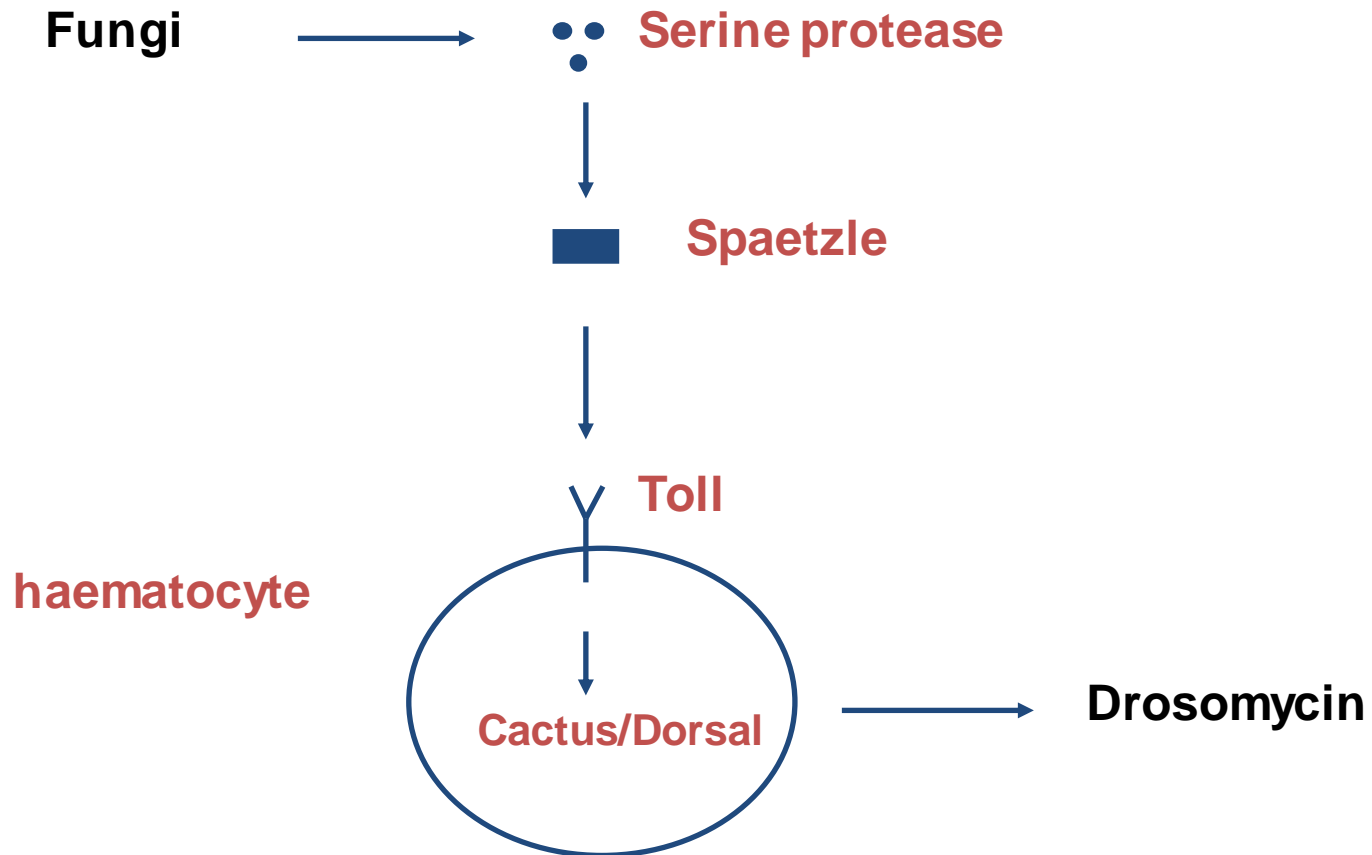
Cell. 1996 Sep 20;86(6):973-83.

**The dorsoventral regulatory gene cassette spatzle/Toll/cactus controls the potent antifungal response in Drosophila adults.
Lemaitre B, Nicolas E, Michaut L, Reichhart JM, Hoffmann JA.**





Drosophila Toll receptor





The Toll-like receptor signal pathway

Drosophila

Human

Ligands

Spaetzle

IL-1

Receptors

Toll

IL-1R

Signaling
proteins

Tube

MyD88

Pelle

IRAK, Traf6

Cactus

ikB

Dorsal, Dif

NFkB

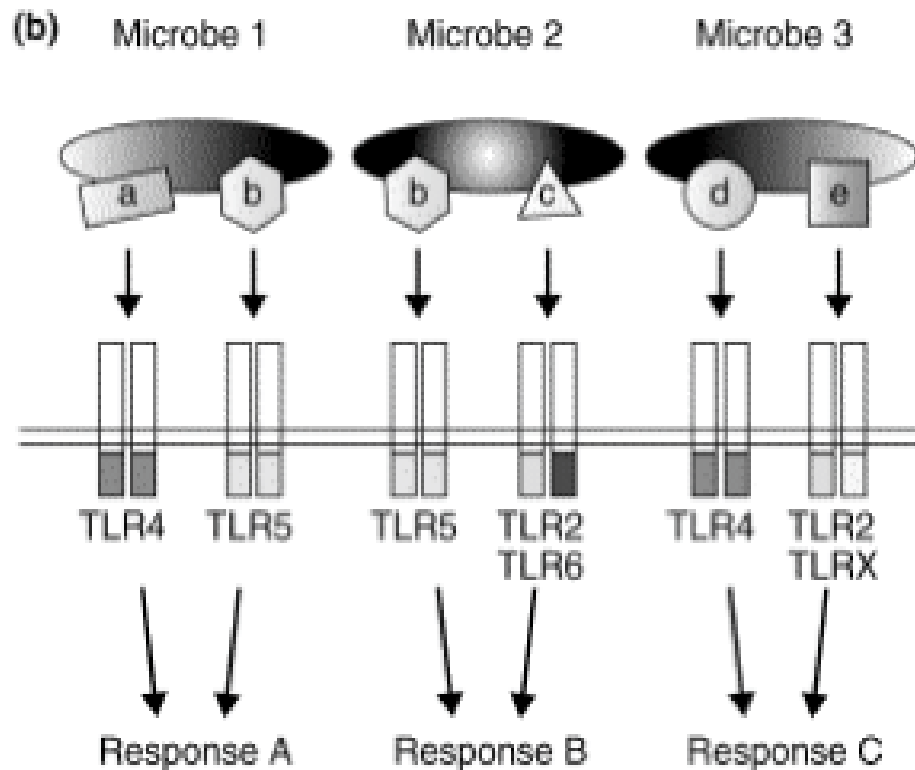
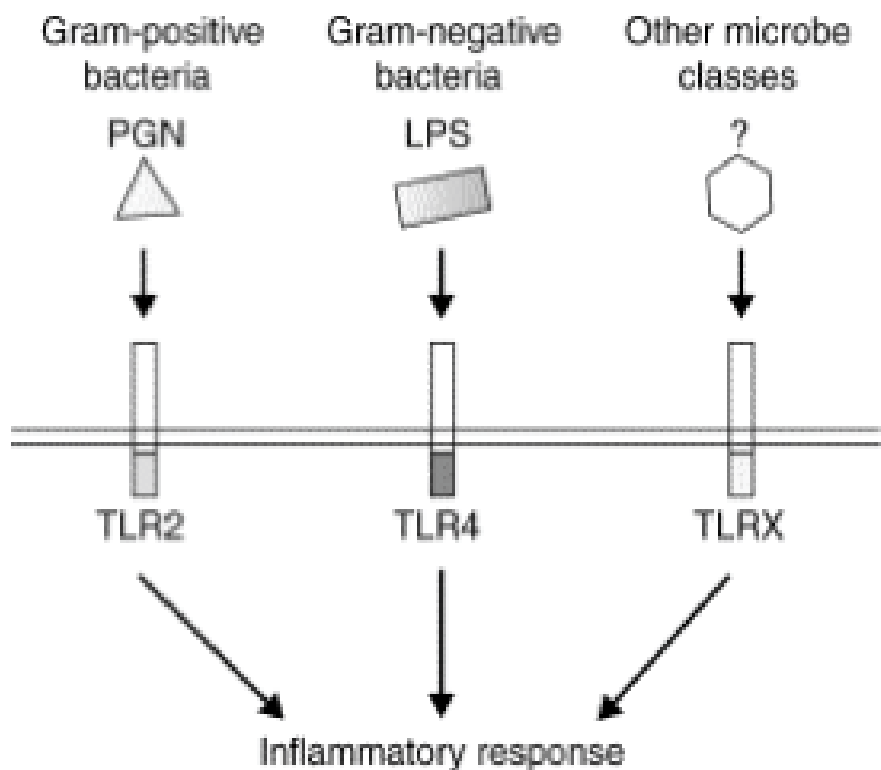
Target proteins

Drosomycin

IL-6, TNF



Pattern recognition receptors

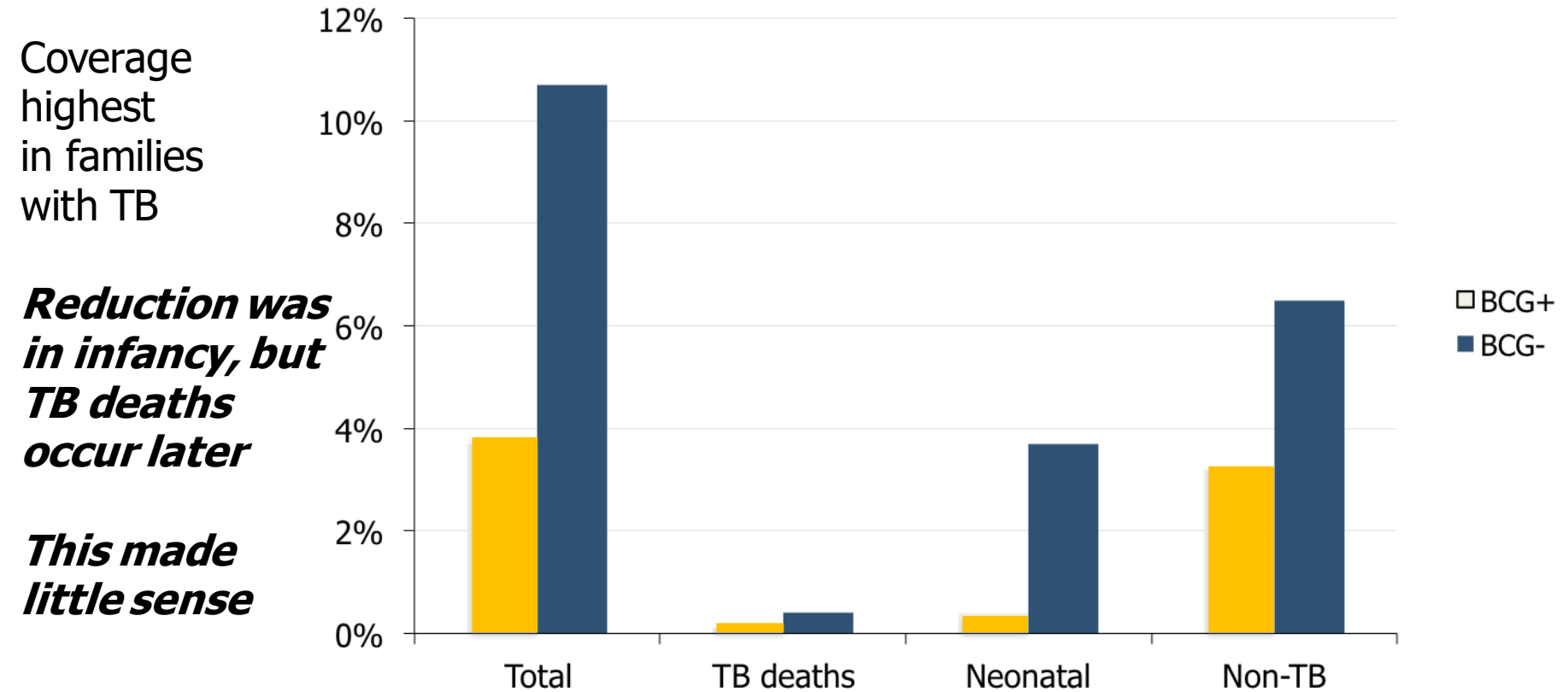




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Trained Immunity: a memory for innate host defense

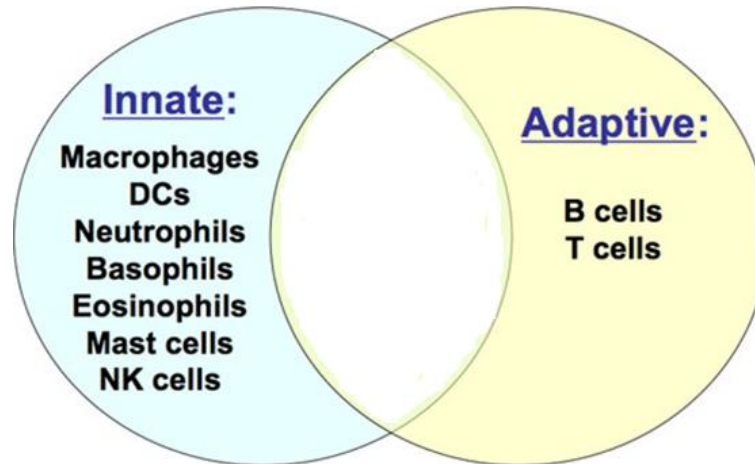
Introducing BCG in Norrbotten, Sweden, 1927-31: Mortality at 0-4 years - 20,000 children



“One could evidently be tempted to find an explanation for this much lower mortality among vaccinated children in the idea that BCG provokes *a non-specific immunity...*”
Carl Naeslund 1932



Innate versus specific immunity



Innate immunity:

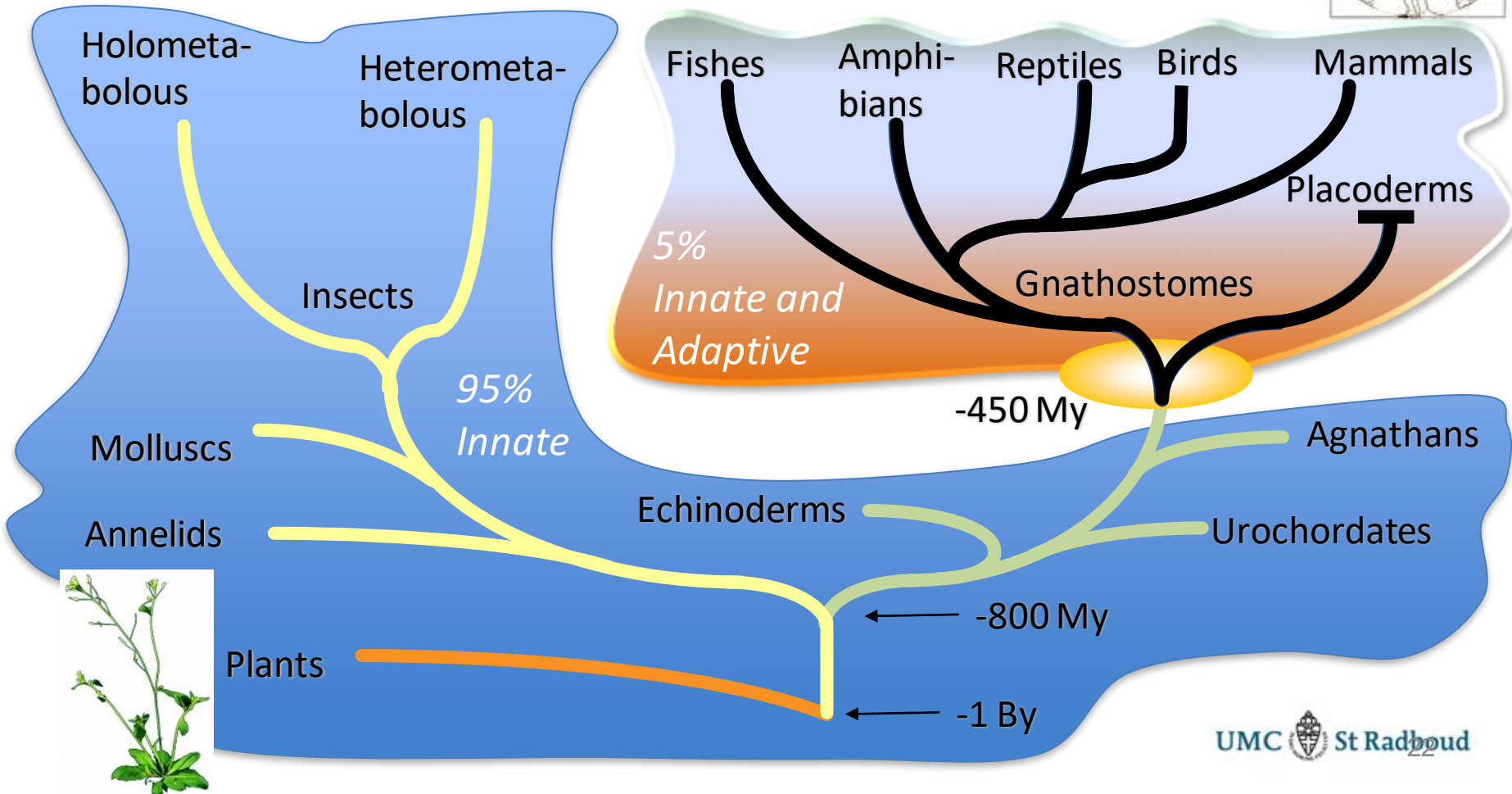
- rapid
- effective
- not-specific, indiscriminate
- lacks immunological memory

Adaptive immunity:

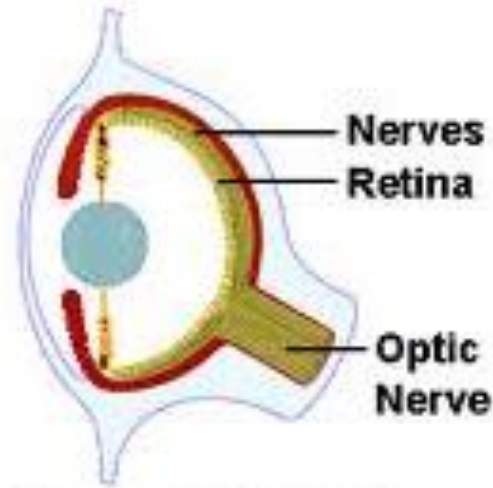
- needs 10-14 days
- a specific activation against a particular microorganism, enhancing the effectivity of the response
- builds immunological memory



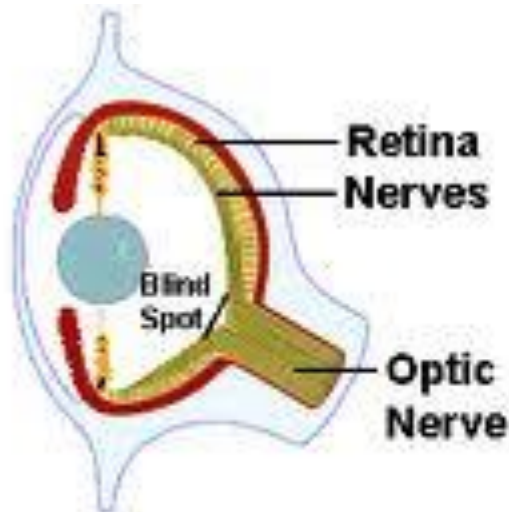
Memory: the ability of a system to store and recall information on previously encountered characteristics



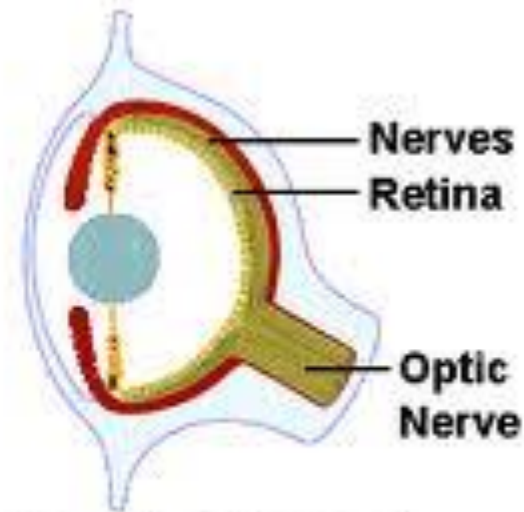
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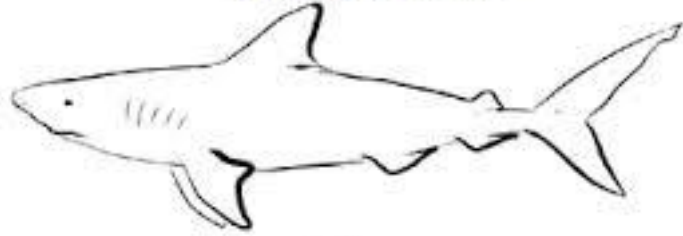


Vertebrate



Cephalopod

SHARK (Fish)



DOLPHIN (Mammal)



Falcon



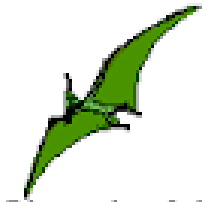
Ancestral bird



Bat



Ancestral mammal



Pterodactyl



Ancestral reptile





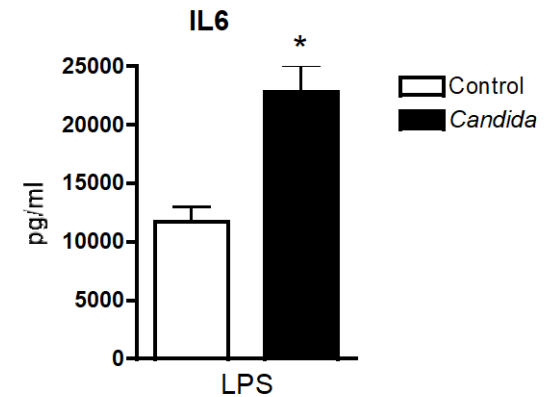
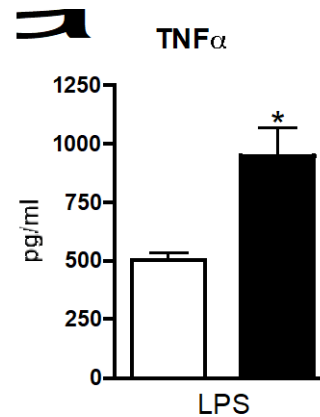
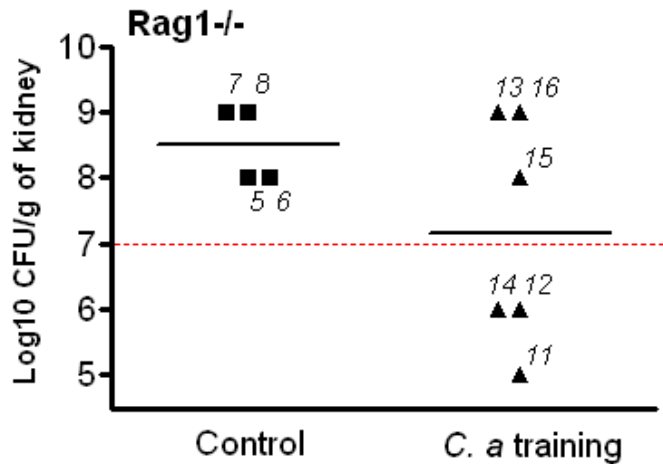
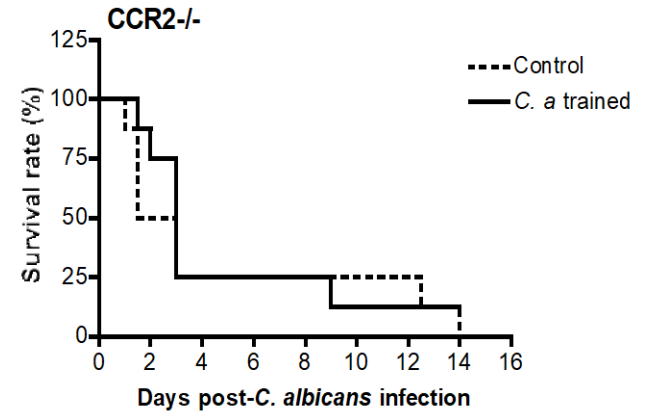
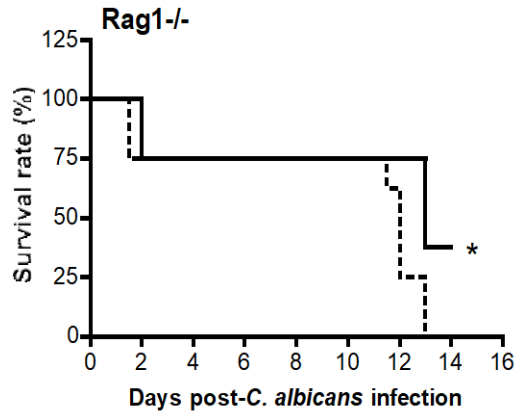
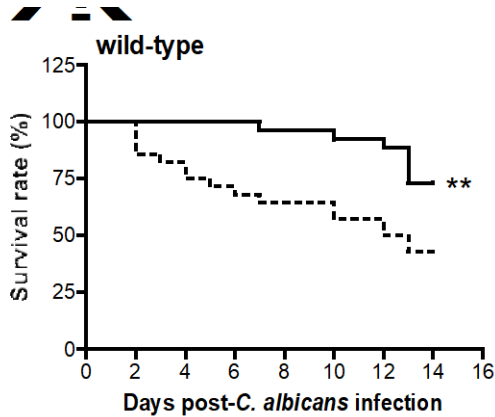
Increased response to secondary infection

Table 1. Selected Experimental Models in which Biological Activity Compatible with the Concept of Trained Innate Immunity Has Been Reported

Organism	Experimental Model	Biological Effect	Specificity	References
Plants—Systemic Acquired Resistance				
Large variety of plants	Viruses, bacteria, fungi	Protection against reinfection	Variable	Durrant and Dong, 2004; Sticher et al., 1997
Nonvertebrates				
Mealworm beetle	LPS, or bacterial prechallenge	Protection against secondary infection	No	Moret and Siva-Jothy, 2003
<i>Drosophila</i>	<i>S. pneumoniae</i> prechallenge	Protection against <i>S. pneumoniae</i>	Uncertain	Pham et al., 2007
<i>Anopheles gambiae</i>	<i>Plasmodium</i> prechallenge	Protection against <i>Plasmodium</i>	No	Rodrigues et al., 2010
Sponges	Transplantation	Rejection	Yes	Hildemann et al., 1979
Corals	Transplantation	Rejection	Yes	Hildemann et al., 1977
Vertebrates				
Mice	BCG	Protection against candidiasis	No	Van 't Wout et al., 1992
Mice	<i>Candida</i> vaccination	T/B cell-independent protection	No	Bistoni et al., 1986, 1988
Mice	Murine CMV infection	NK-dependent protection	No	Sun et al., 2009
Humans	BCG	Nonspecific protection to secondary infections	No	Garly et al., 2003

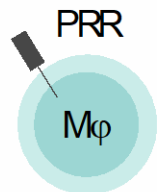
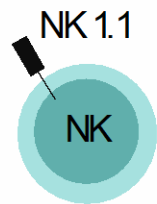
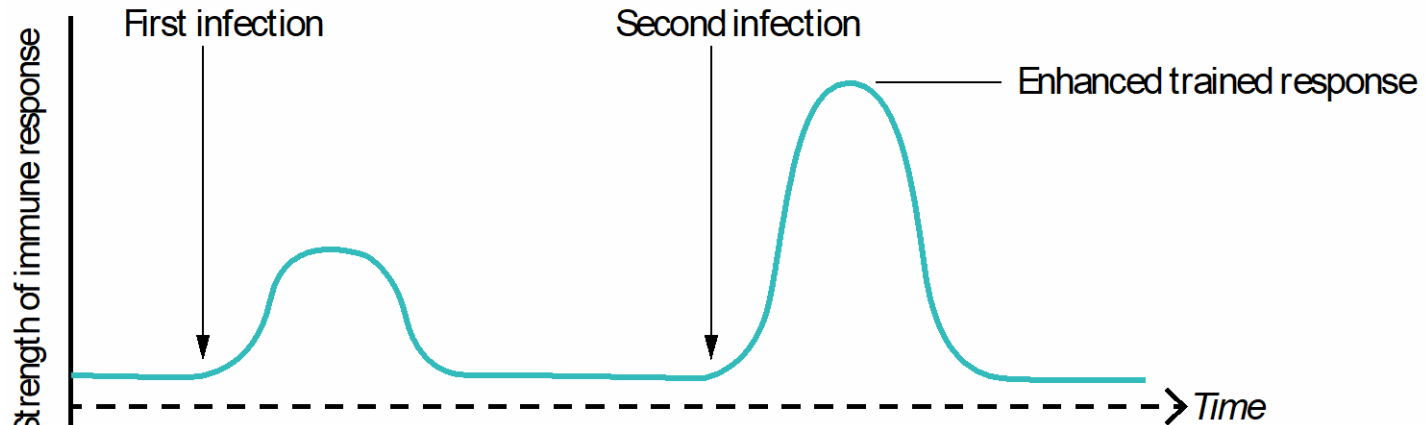


Innate immunity-dependent protection in mice

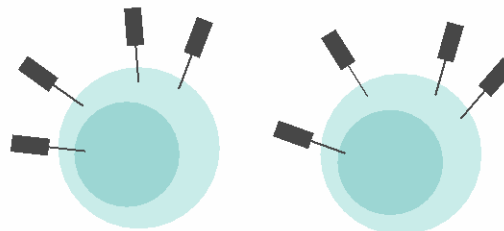
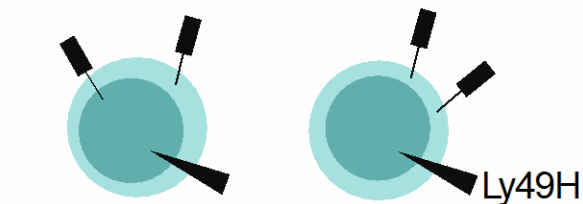




Trained immunity



Infection
vaccination

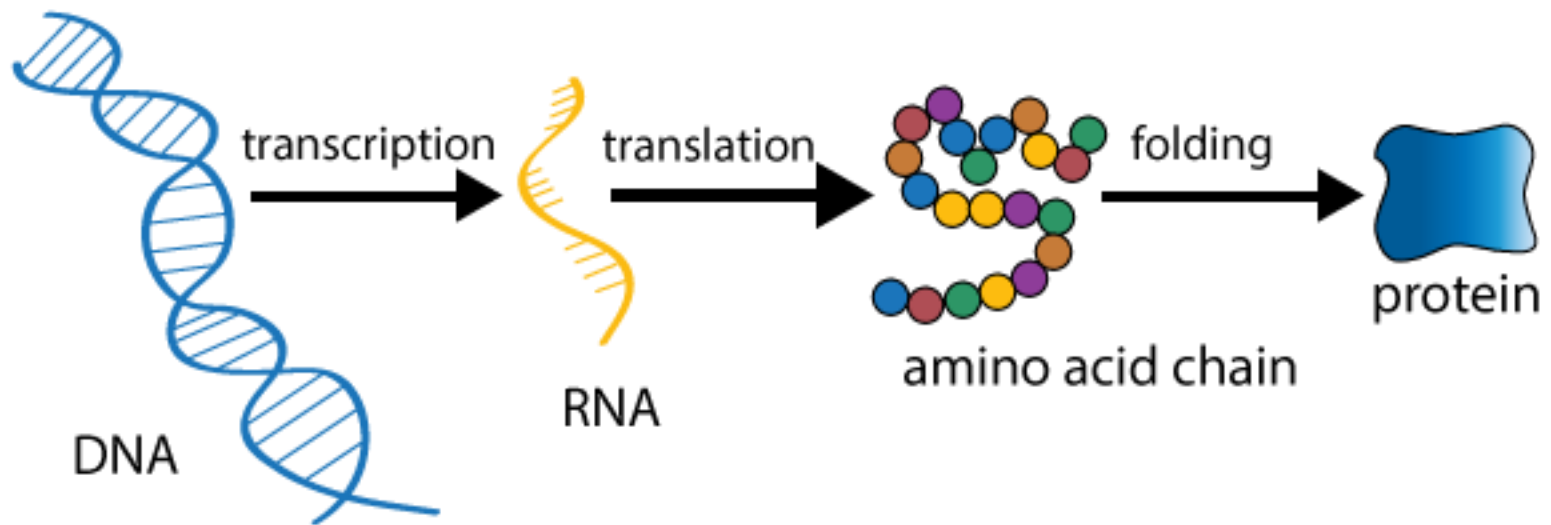


Epigenetic reprogramming

Enhanced effector
functions

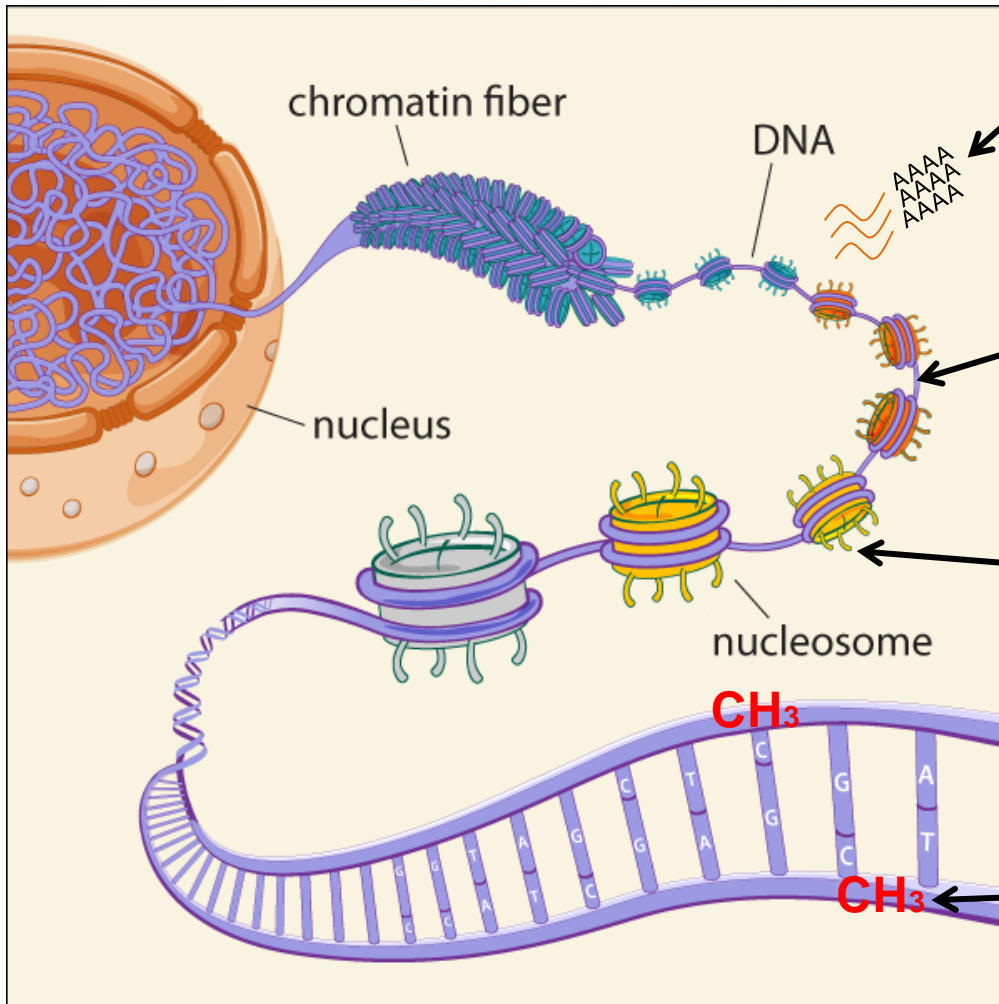


From DNA to protein





Long-term epigenetic reprogramming in myeloid cells



RNA-seq
Gene expression
Non-coding regulatory RNAs

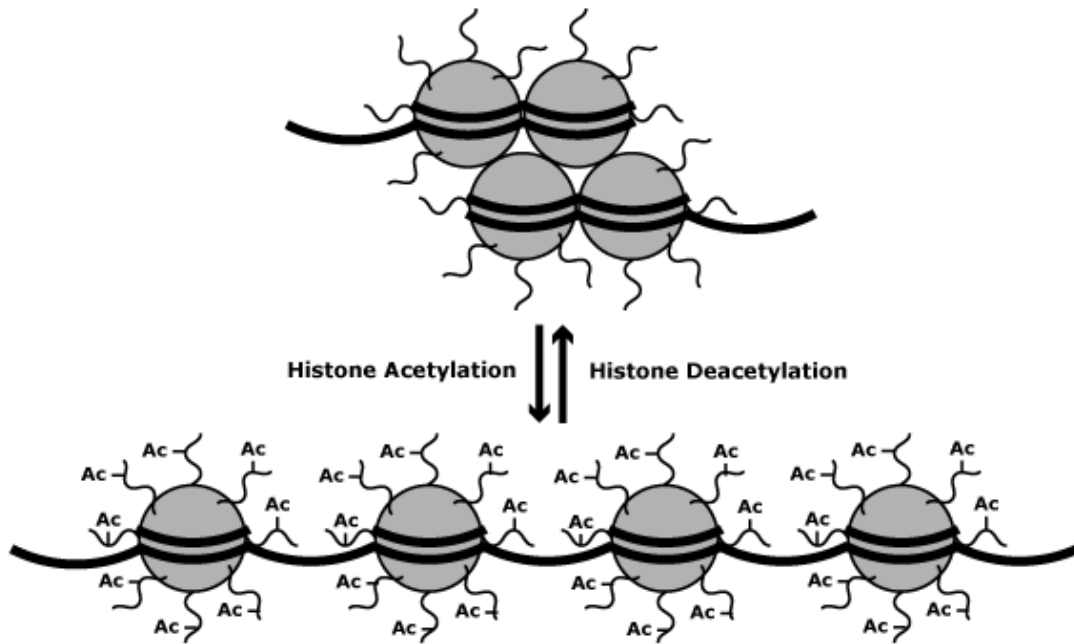
ATAC-seq
Open chromatin (i.e. nucleosome-free regions) can be bound by TFs, which can be identified by motif sequence

ChIP-seq
Histone tail modifications determine 'activity' by attracting TFs (we use 5 histone modifications)

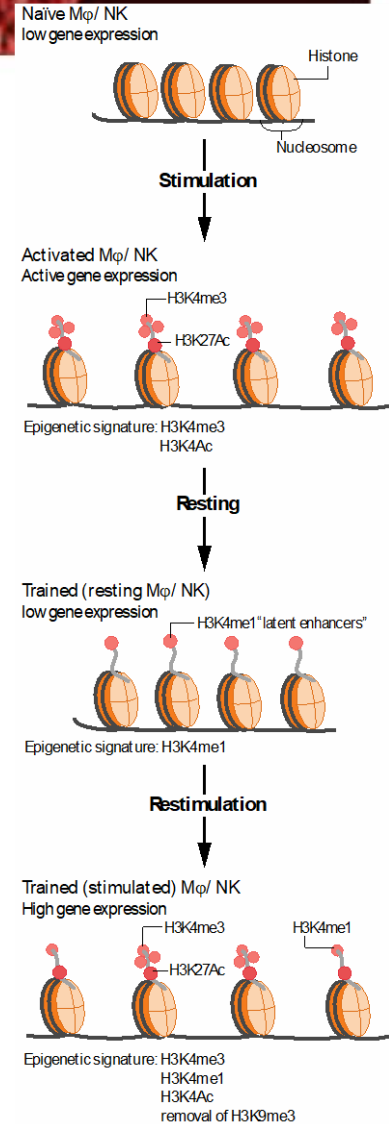
WGBS – whole genome bisulfite sequencing
DNA methylation maintains DNA in a closed state



Chromatin architecture

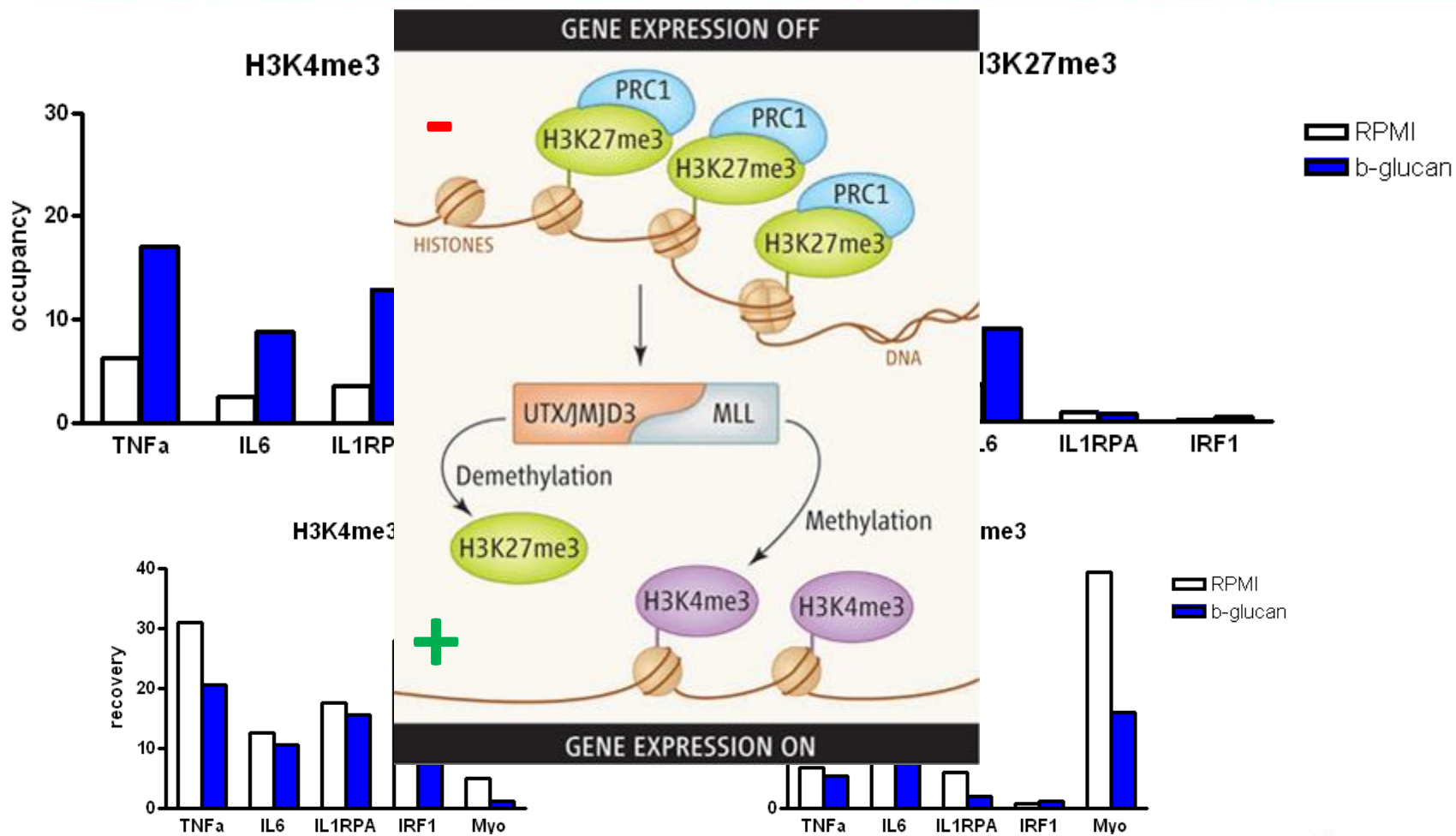


DNA in the nucleus





Methylation status of H3

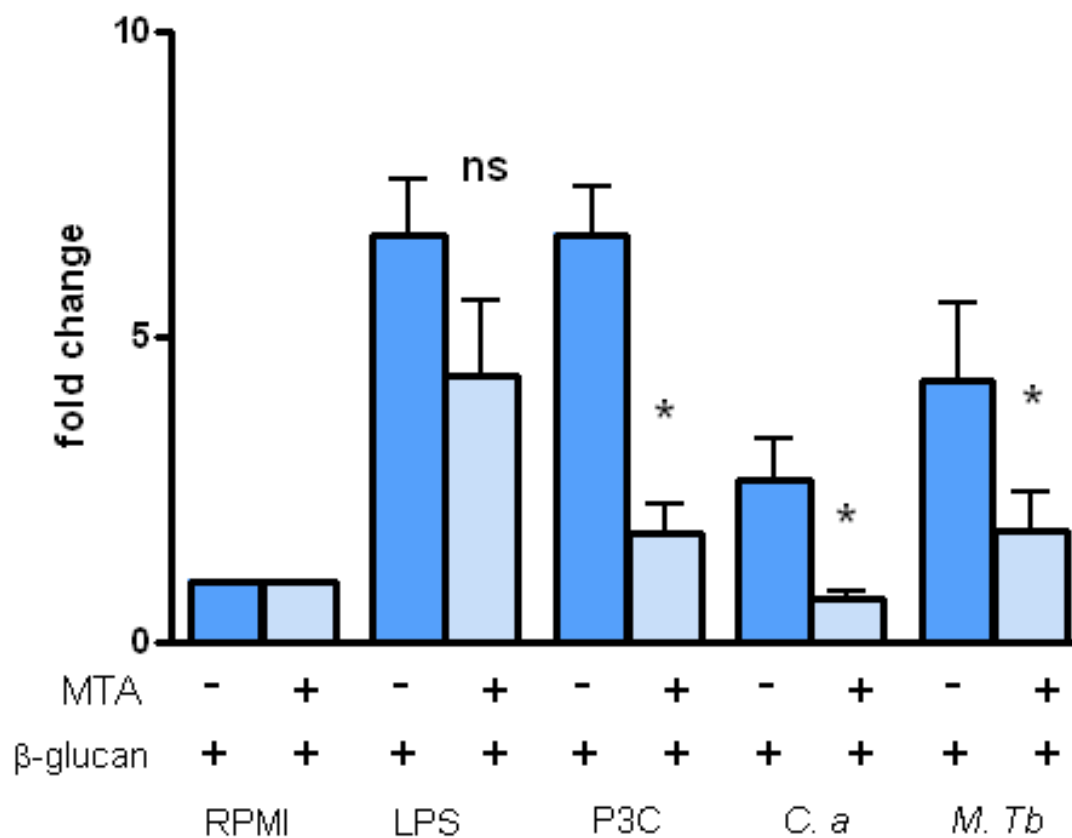




MTA: Histone methyltransferase inhibitor

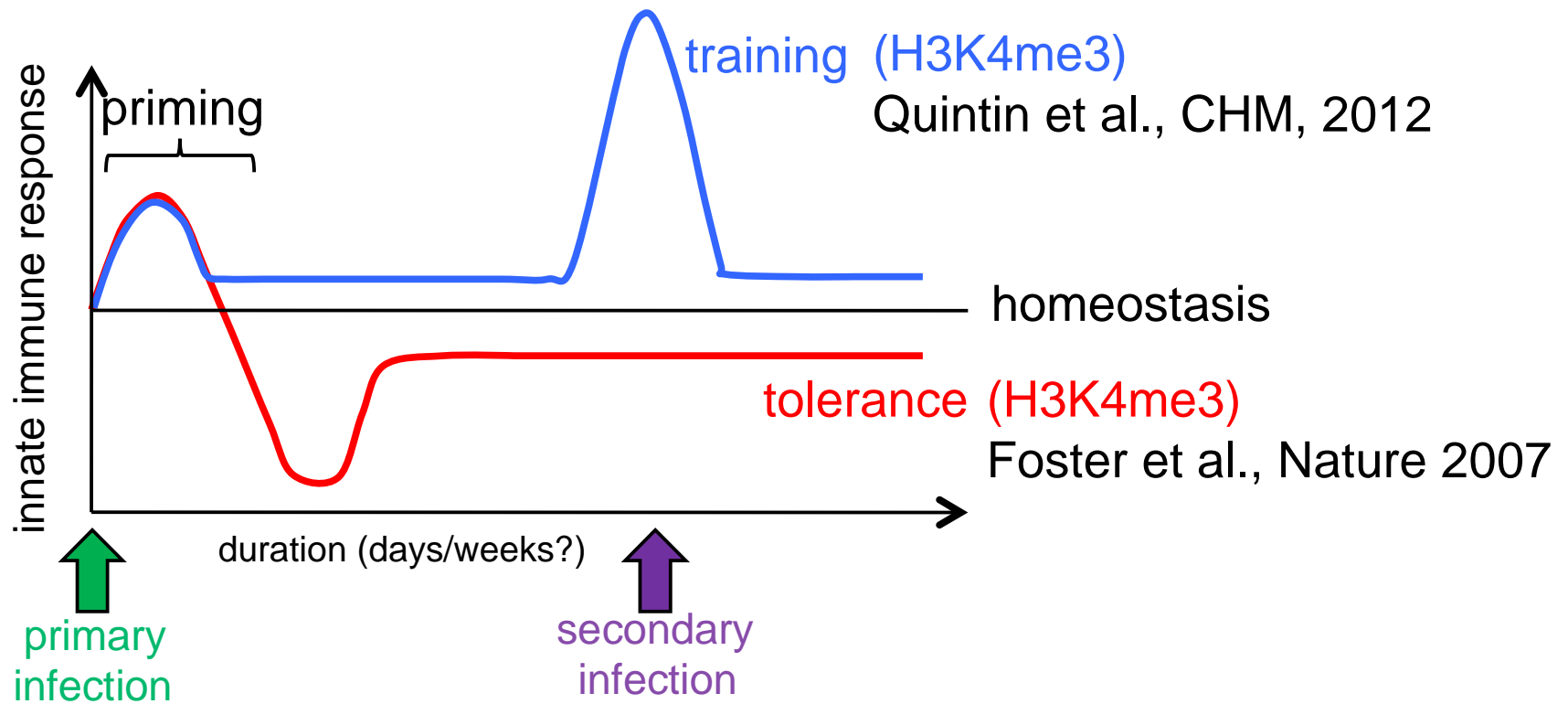
Less Methylation

TNF α



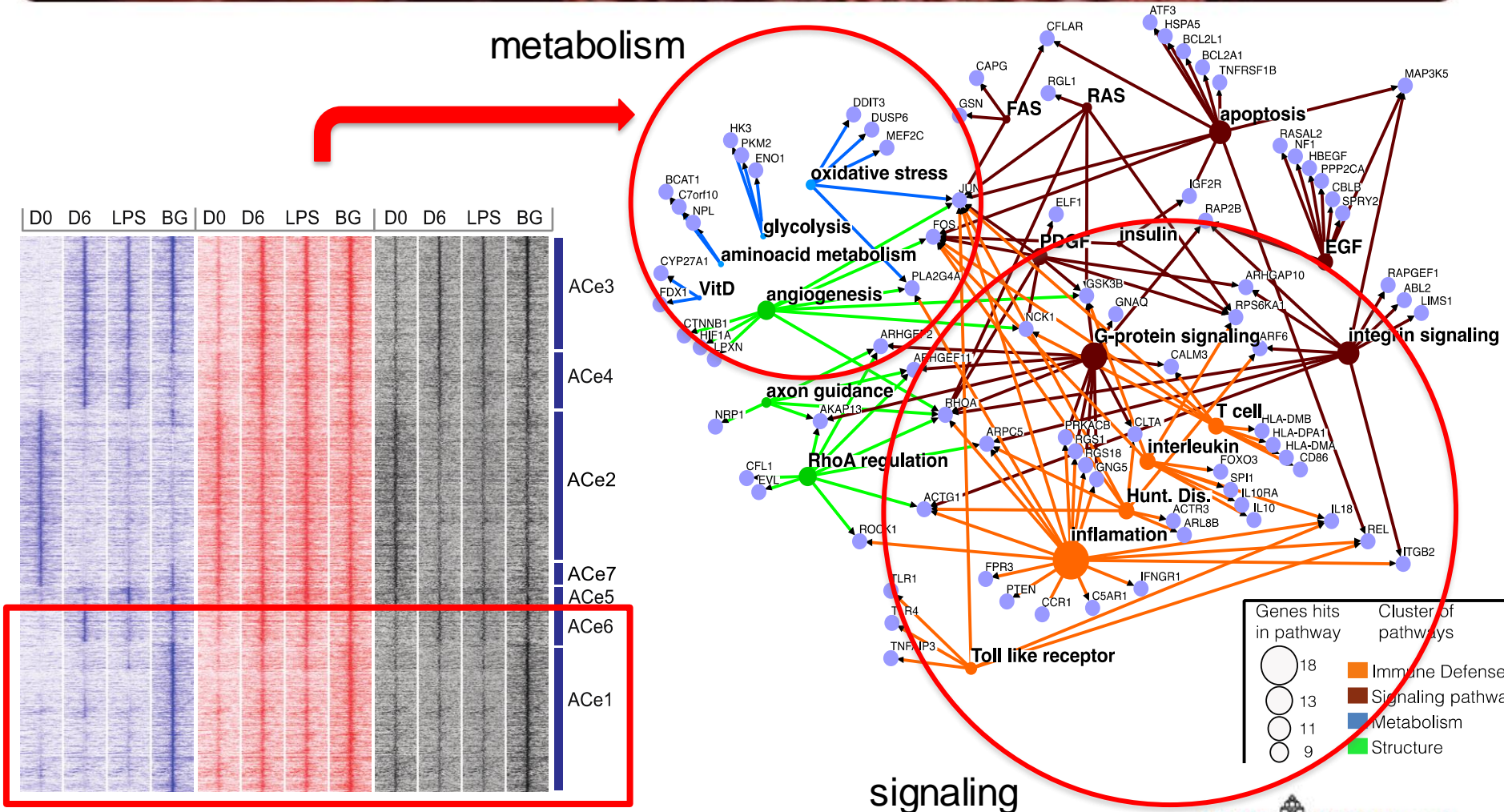


Trained immunity versus tolerance

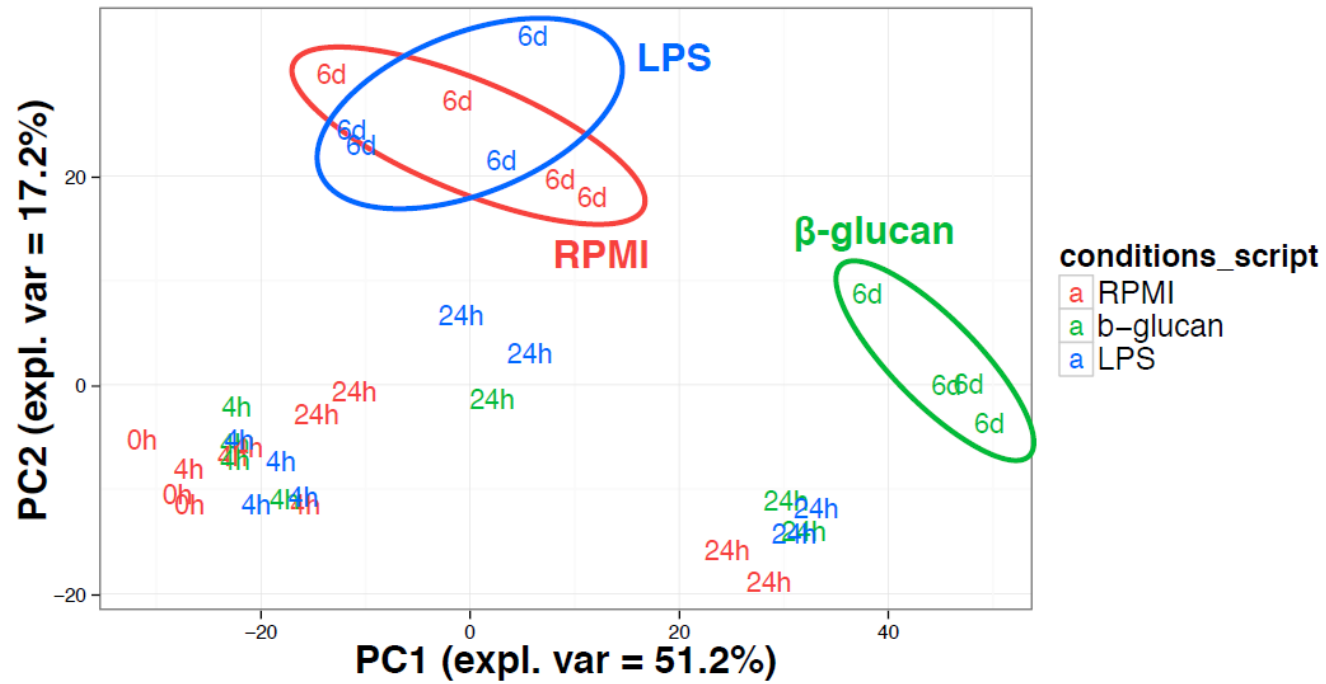
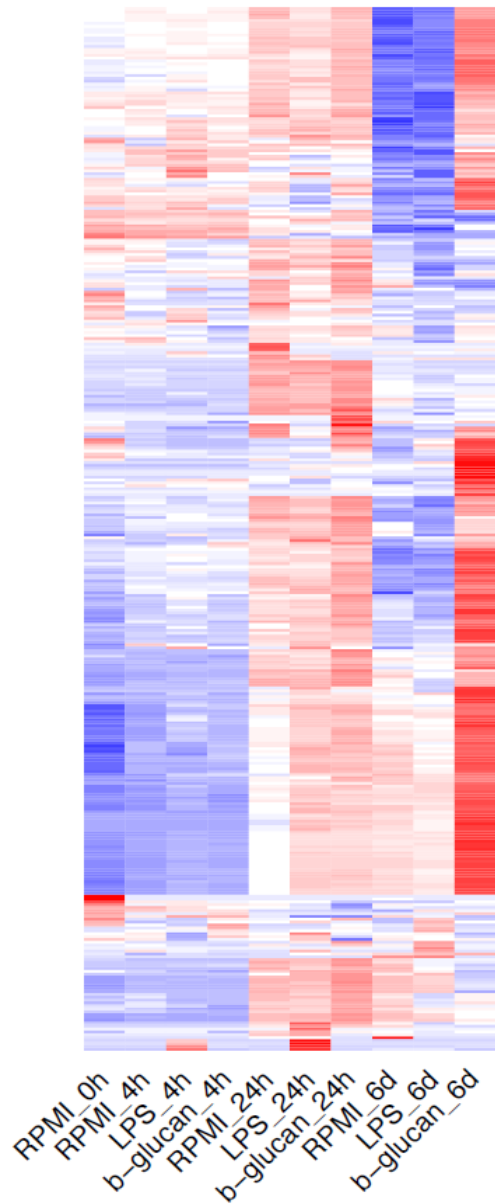




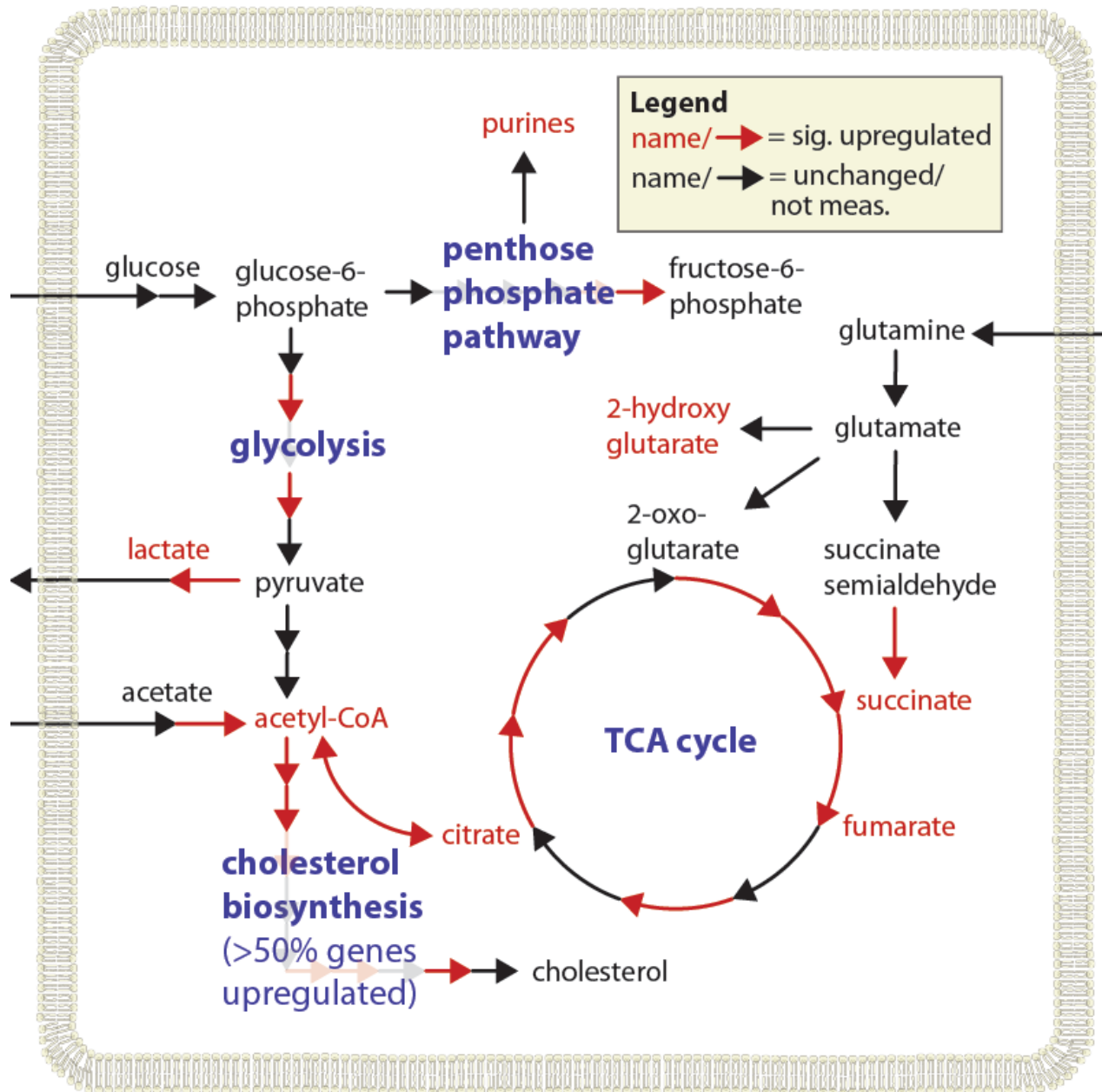
What are the pathways distinguishing Training vs Tolerance?



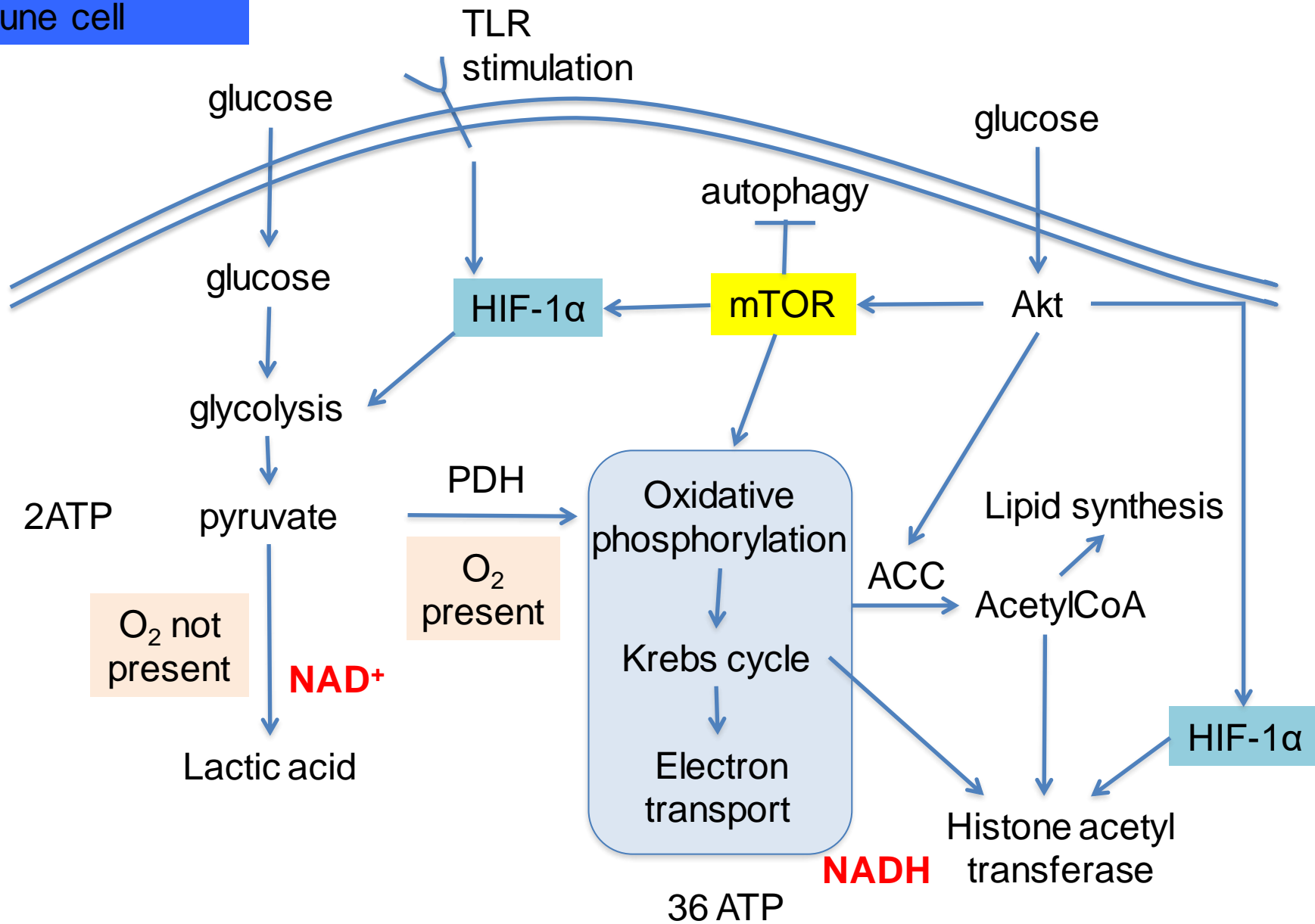
Metabolic status in trained monocytes



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Immune cell

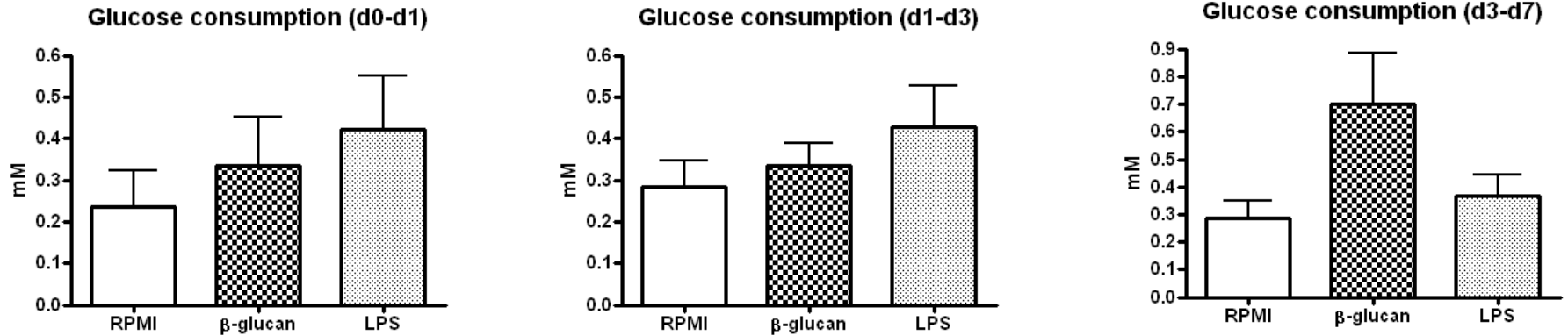


Active cells

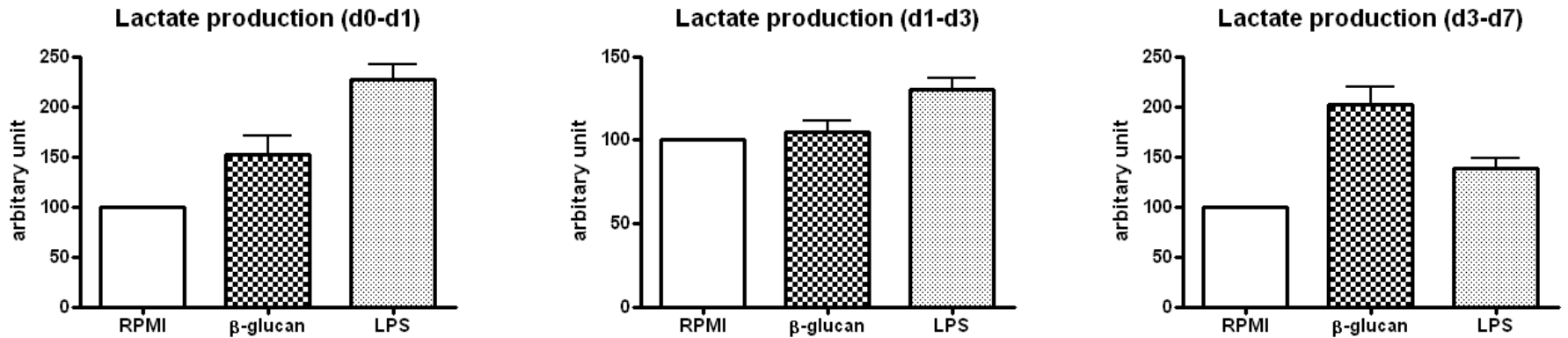
Naïve cells

Glucose consumption & lactate secretion

Glucose consumption



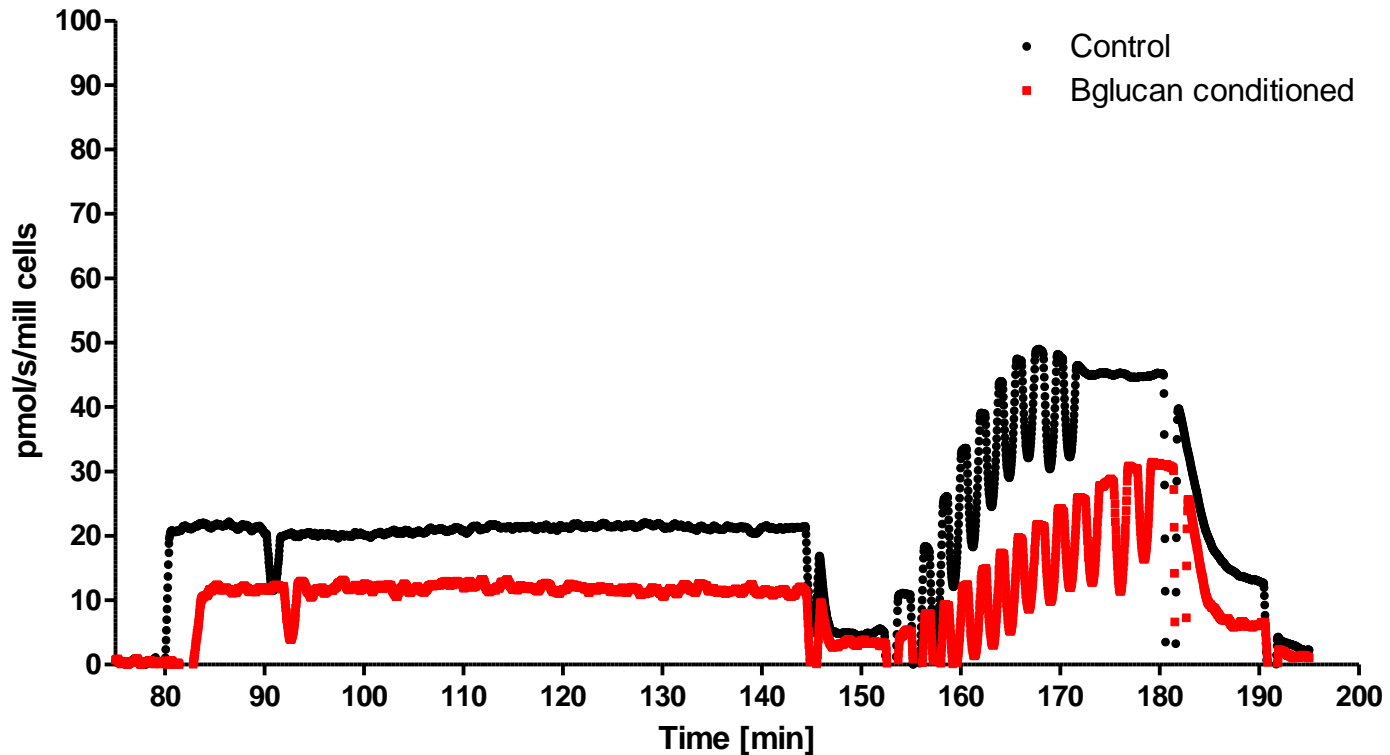
Lactate secretion





Reduced ATP-induced respiration

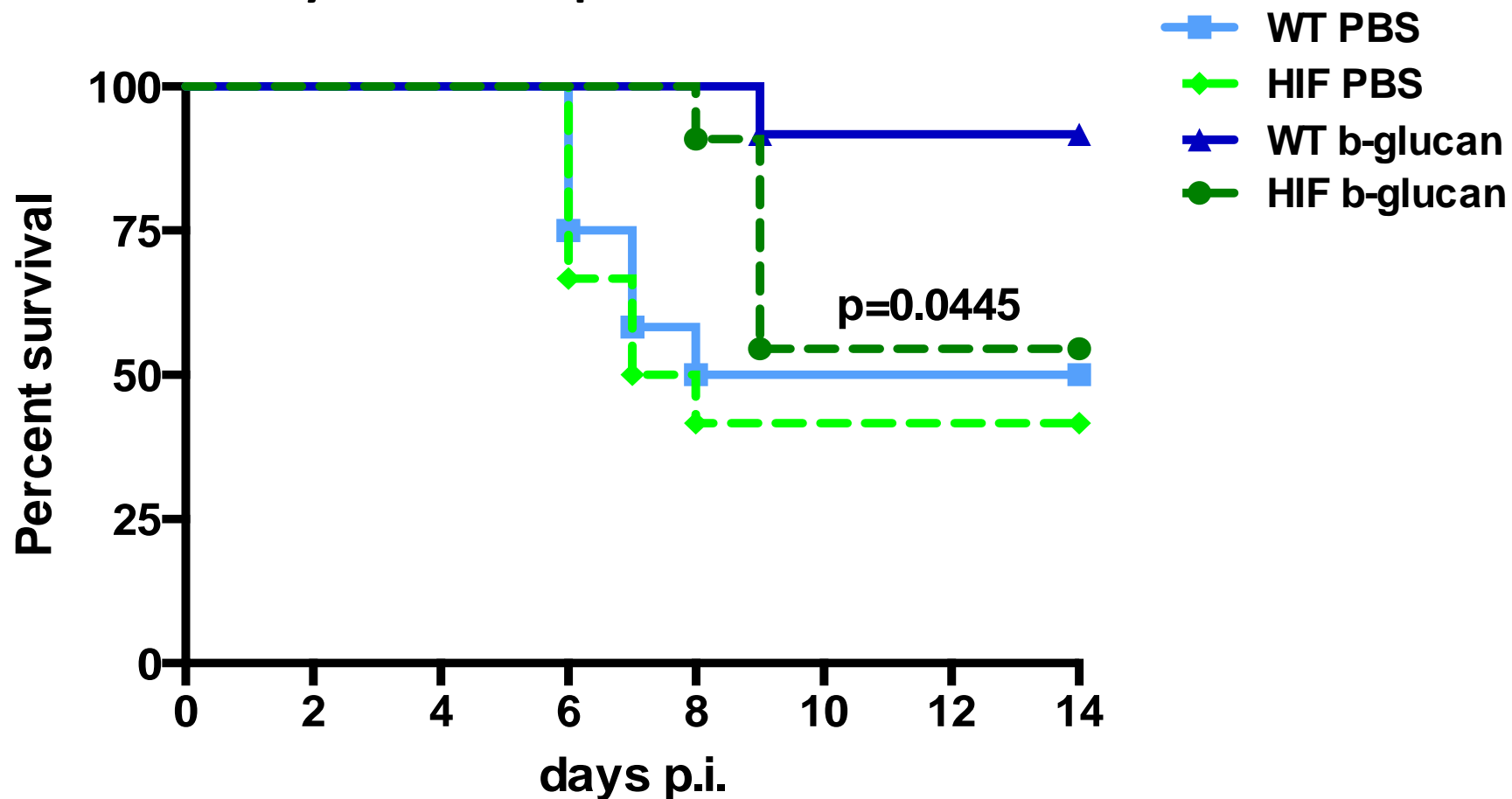
Control vs Bglucan conditioned



Cells	Basal	LPS 50 ng/ml	Oligomycin sensitive	Oli + FCCP	Rot + AA
Control	21.58	21.27	3.7	48.7	2.36
Bglucan conditioned	11.77	11.54	3.7	31.06	2.36

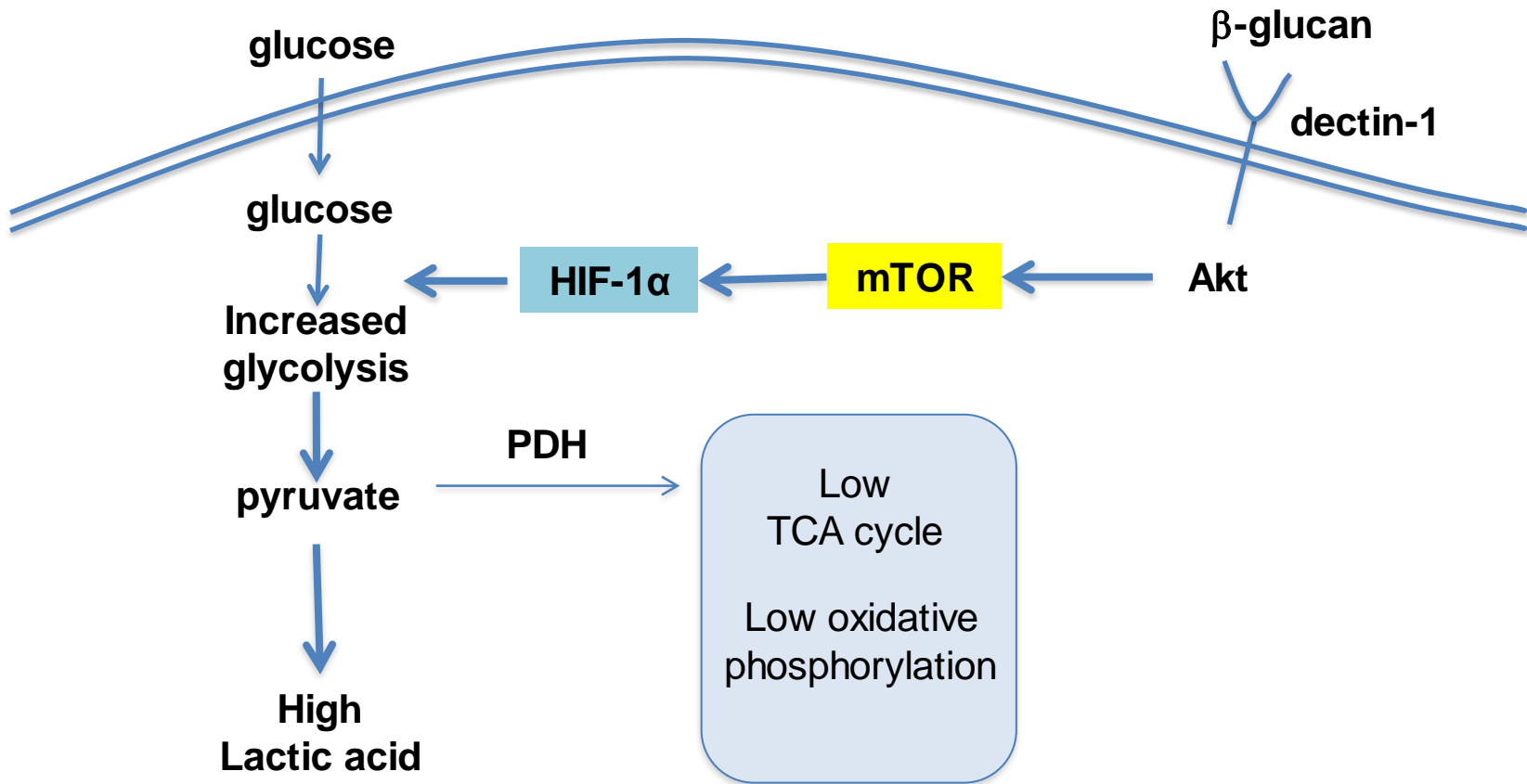
Blocking glucose consumption in-vivo inhibits trained immunity

Myeloid cell-specific HIF1a KO



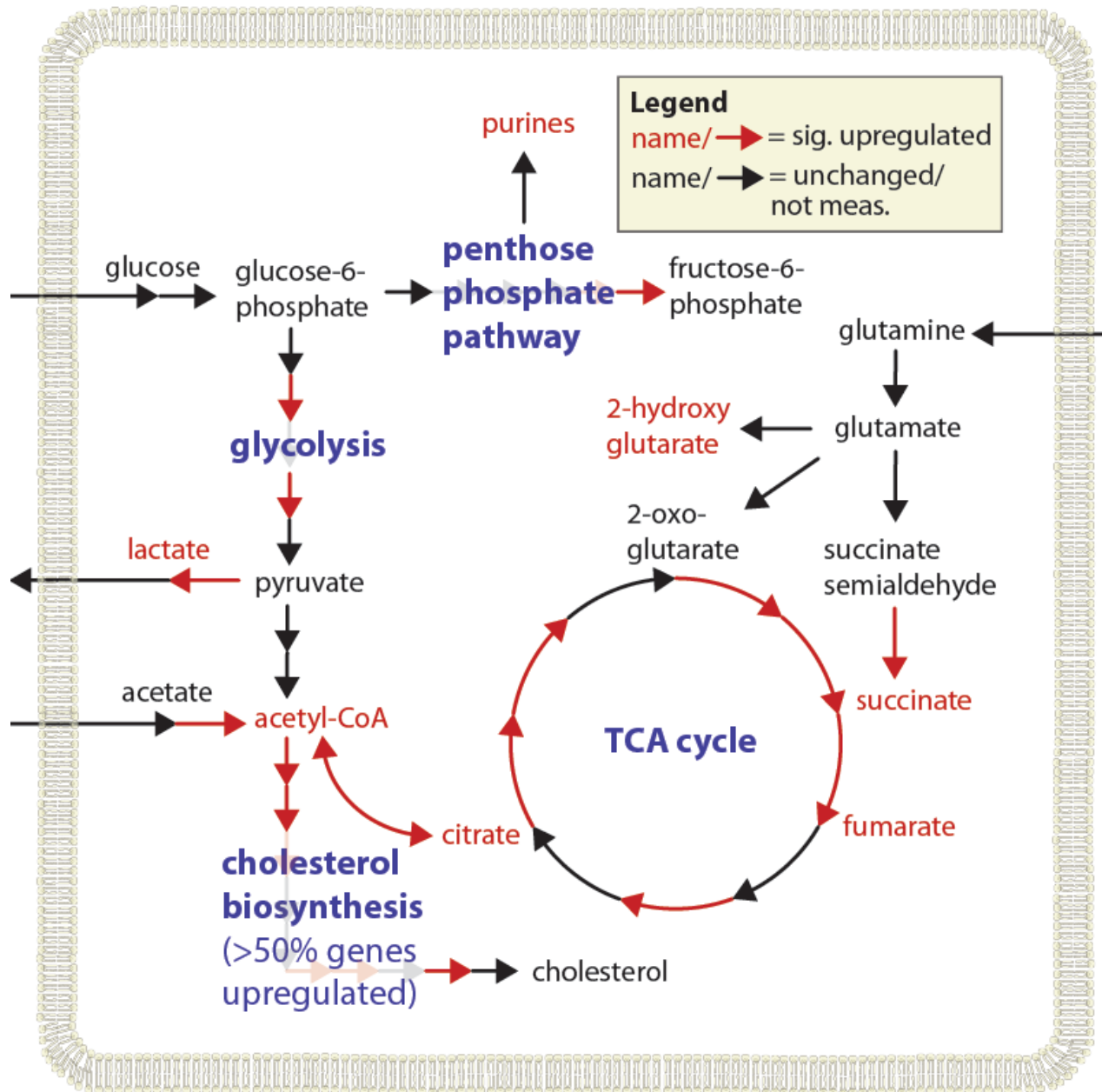


Model of metabolic activation of trained monocytes

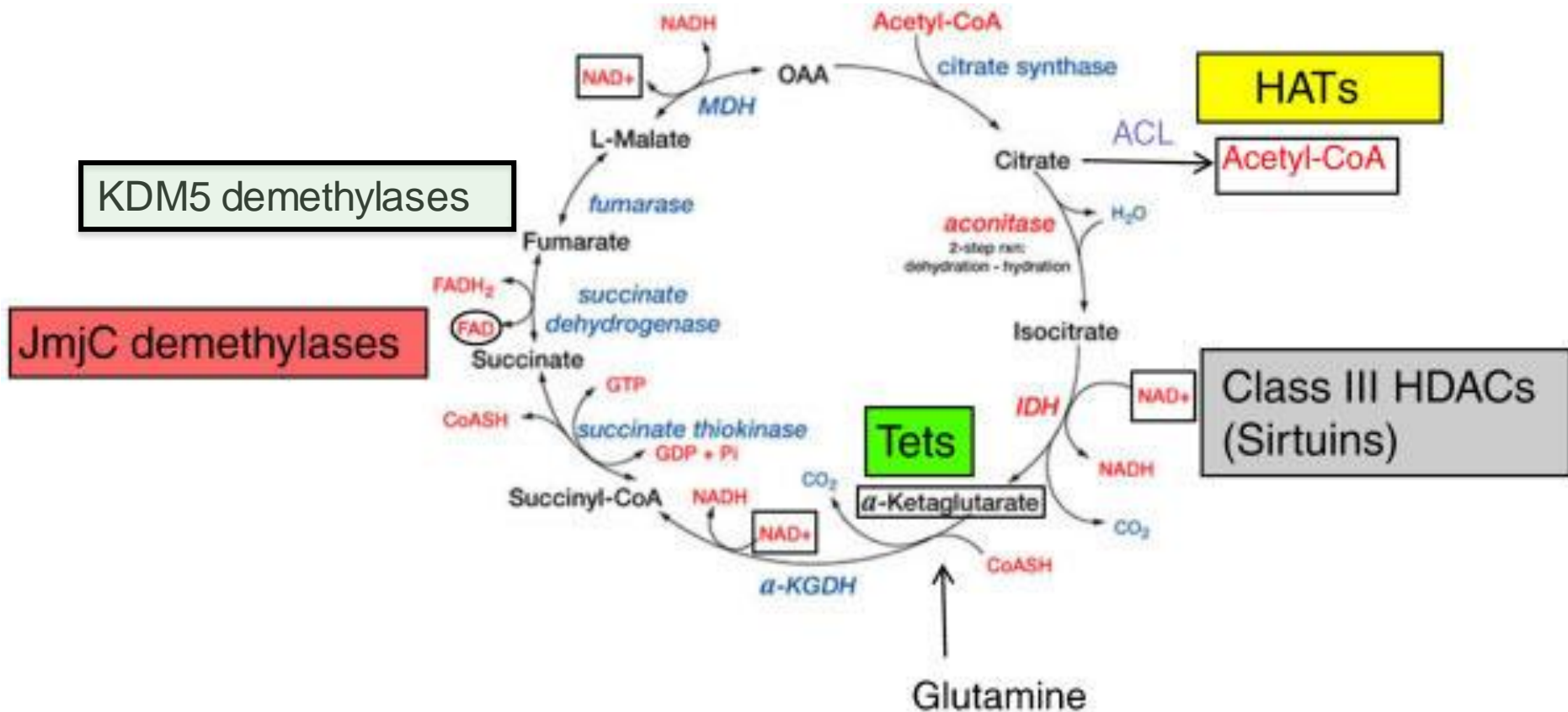


Metabolic activation of trained
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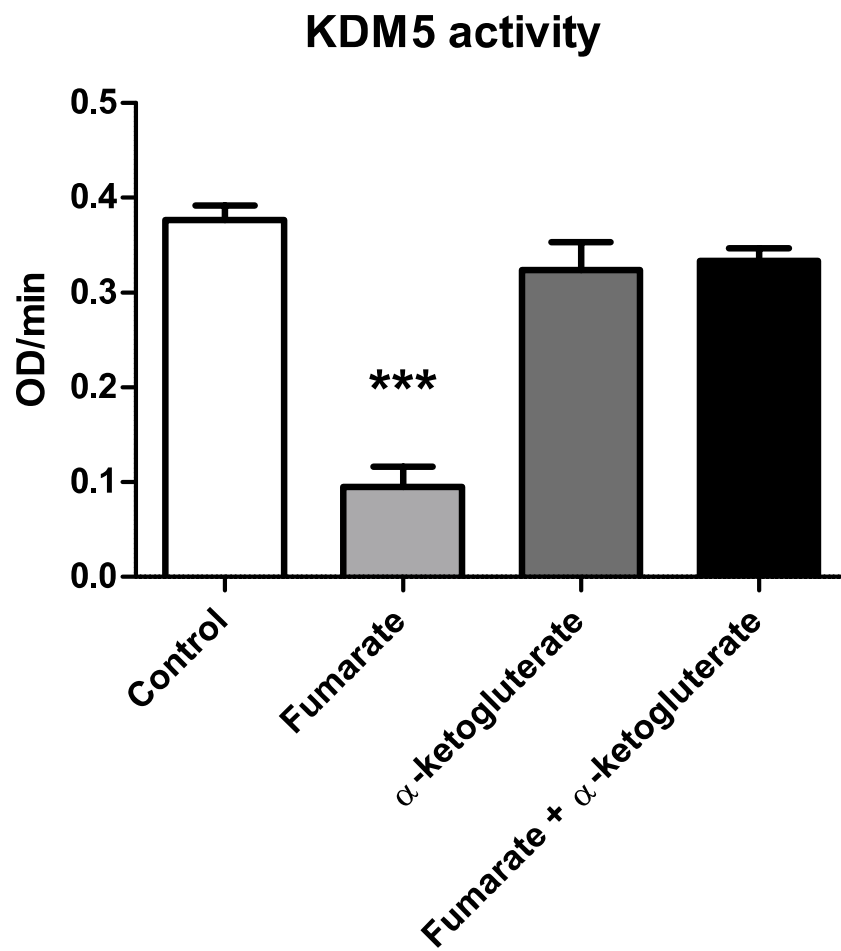
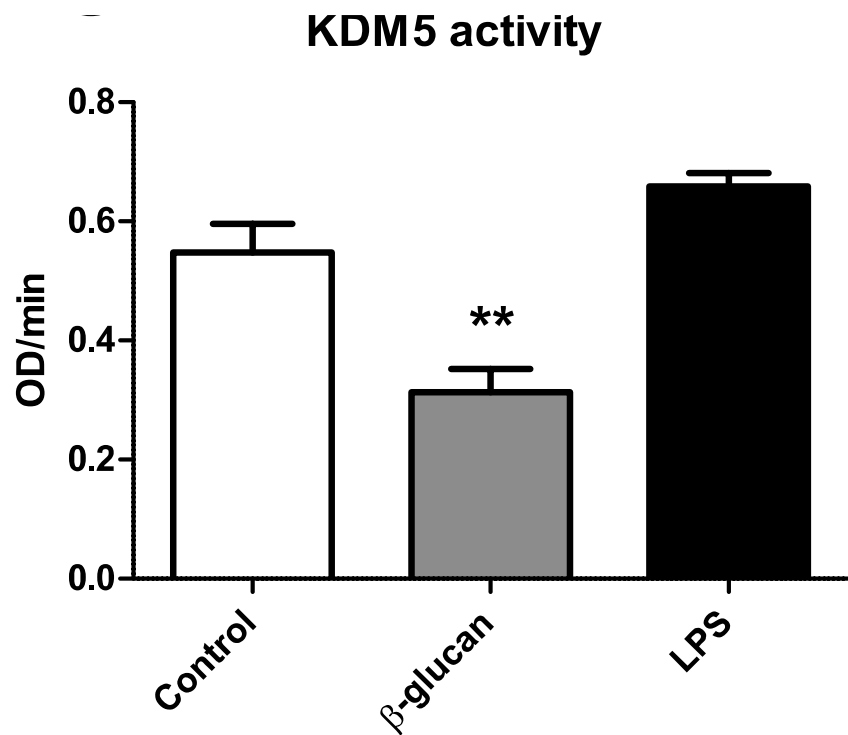
Metabolic status in trained monocytes



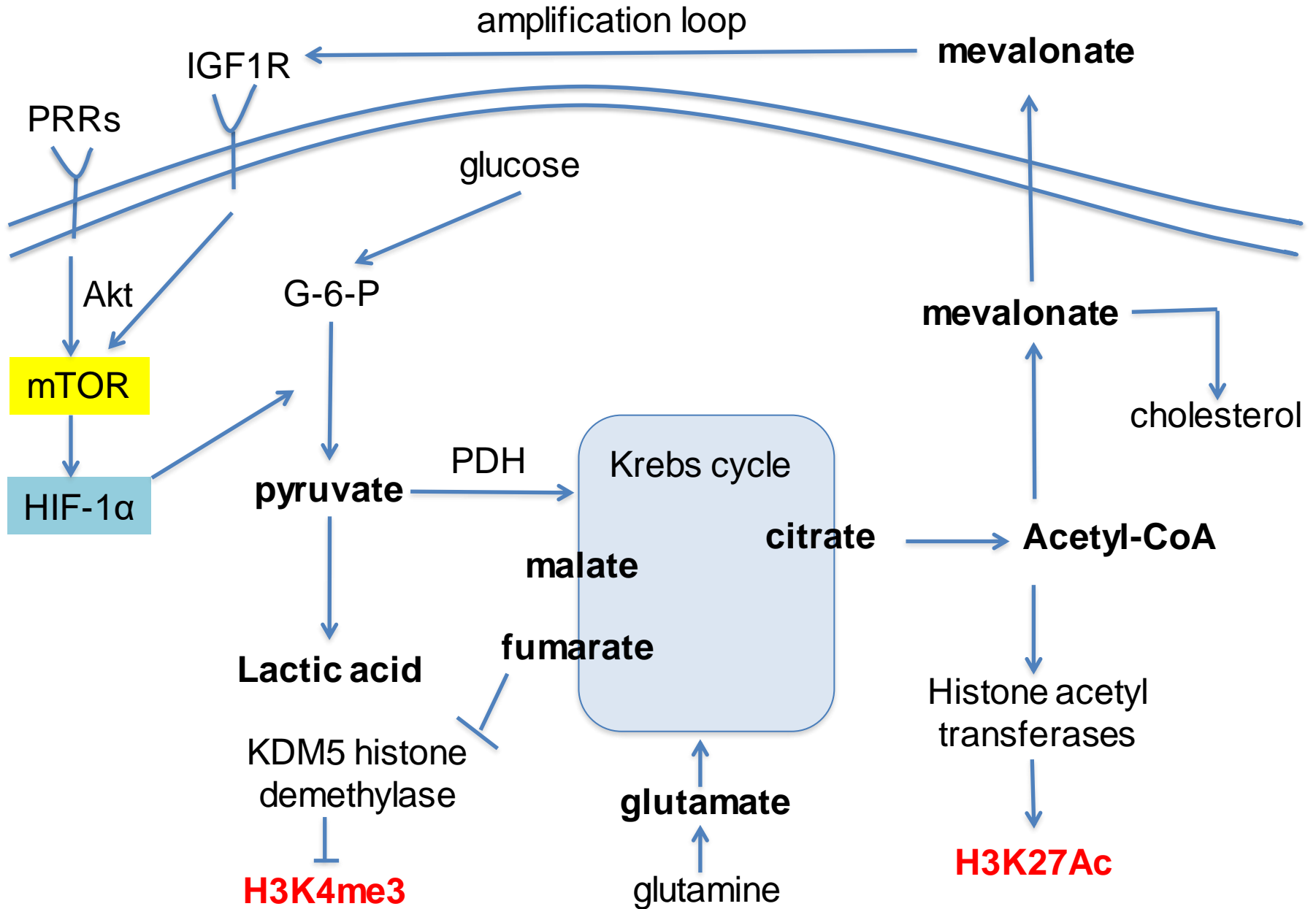
Metabolites are co-factors for epigenetic enzymes



Fumarate induces trained immunity

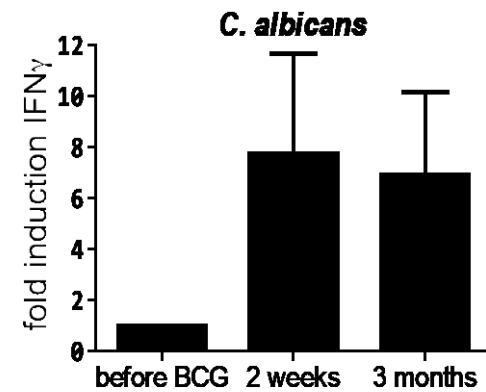
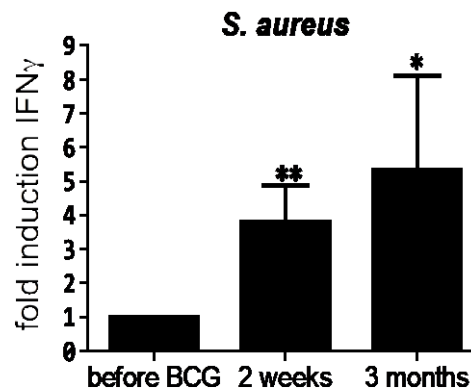
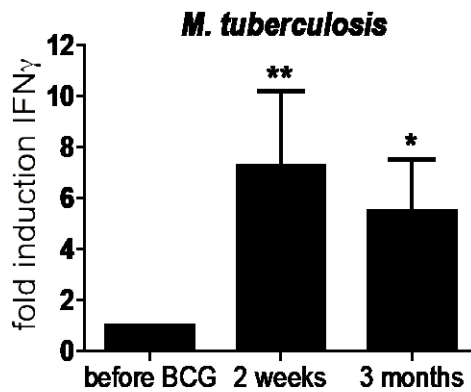
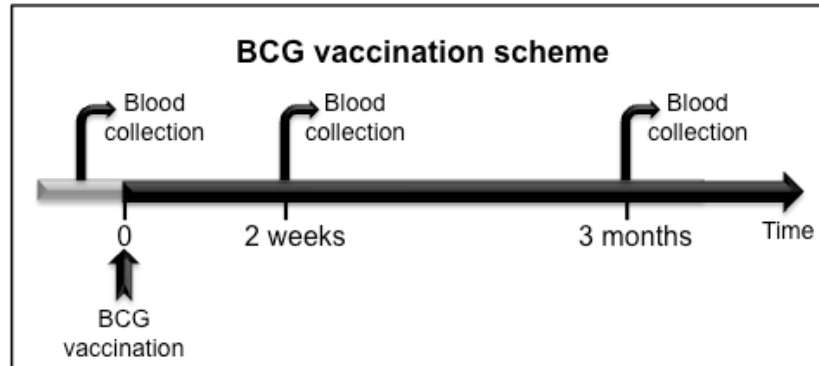


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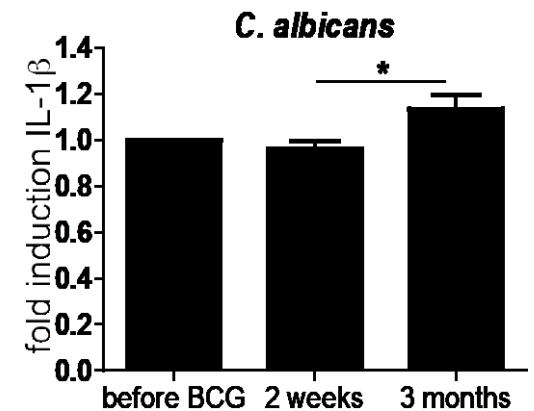
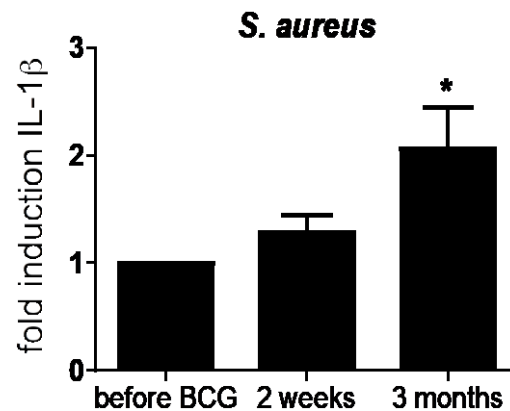
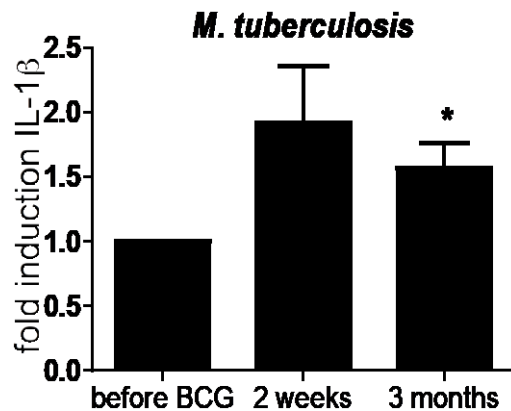
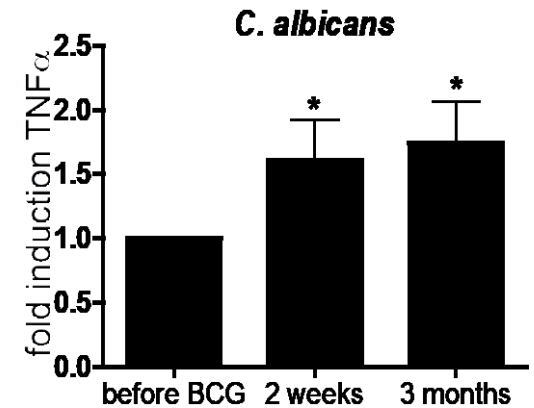
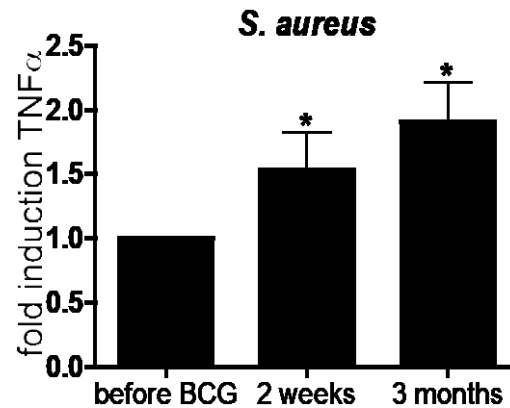
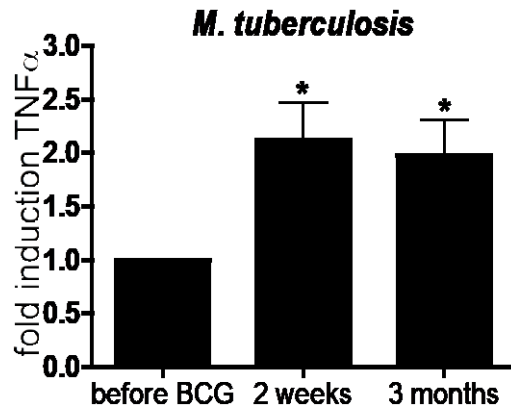


Does this happen in vivo in humans?

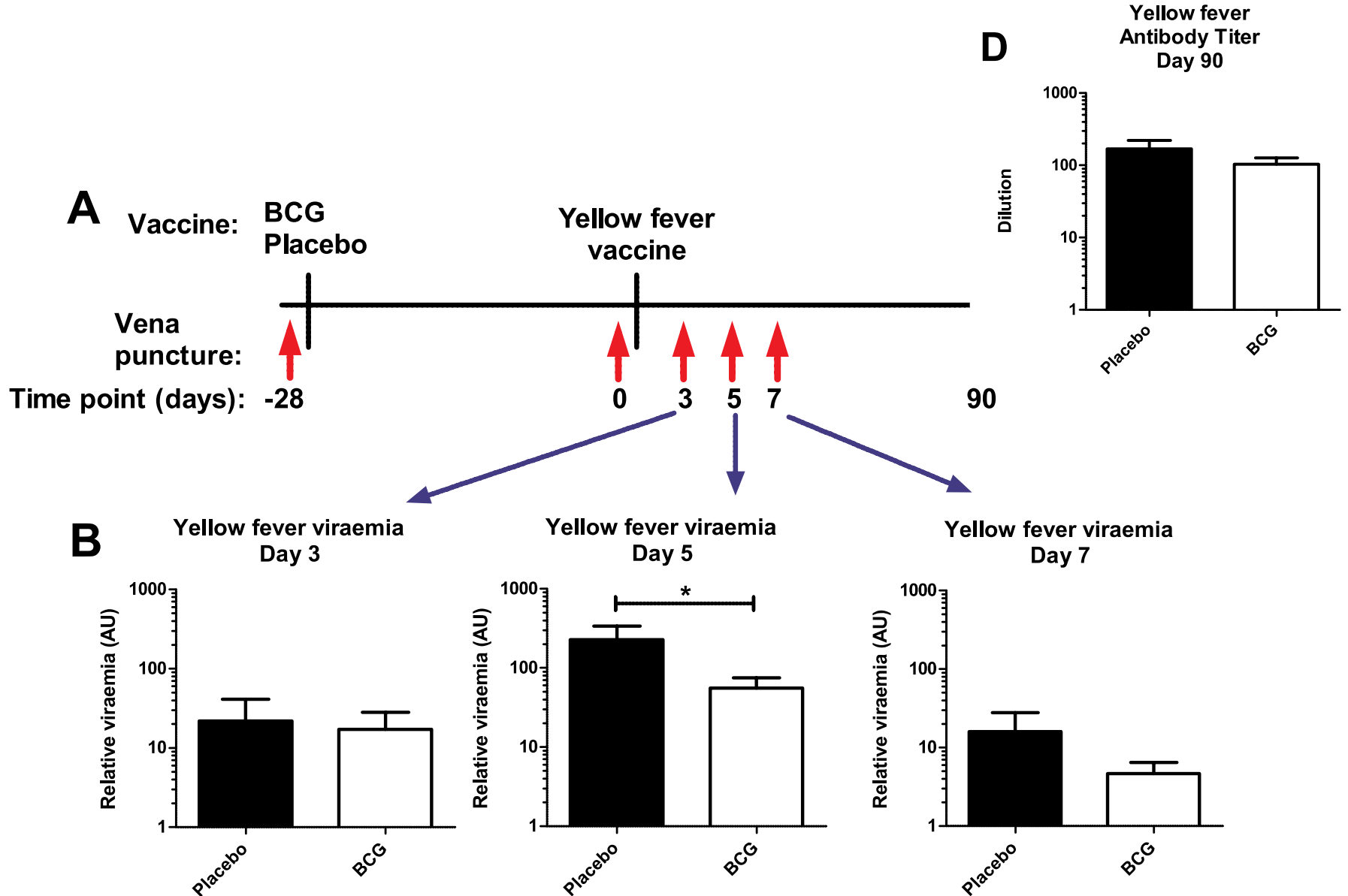




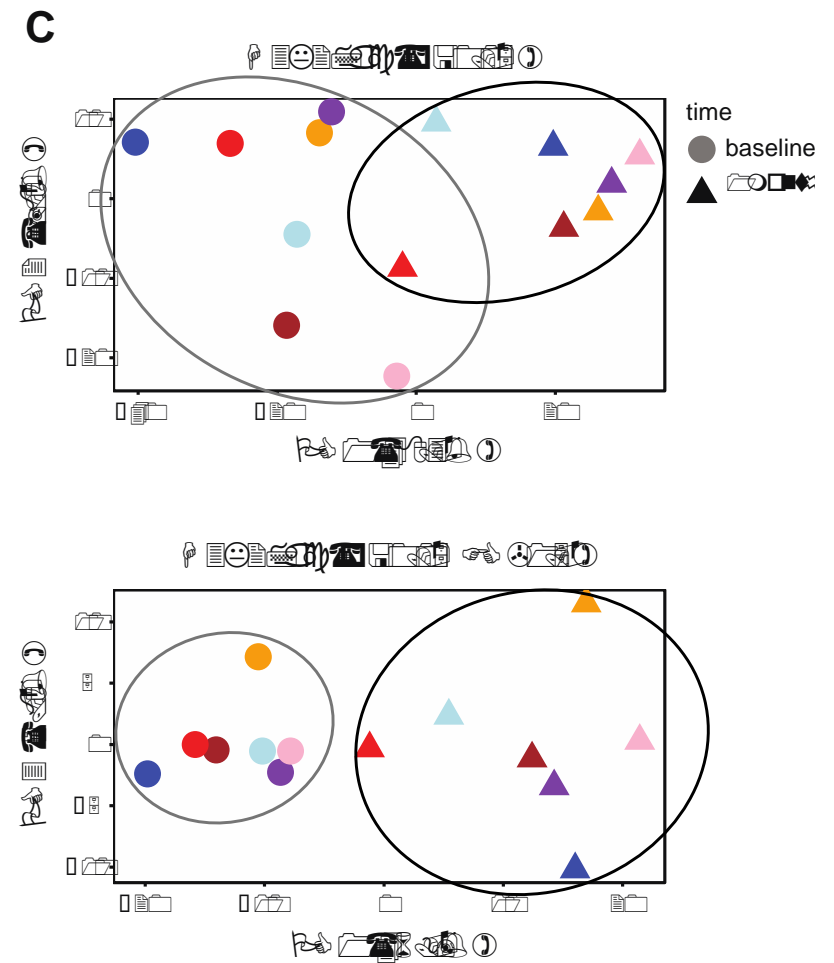
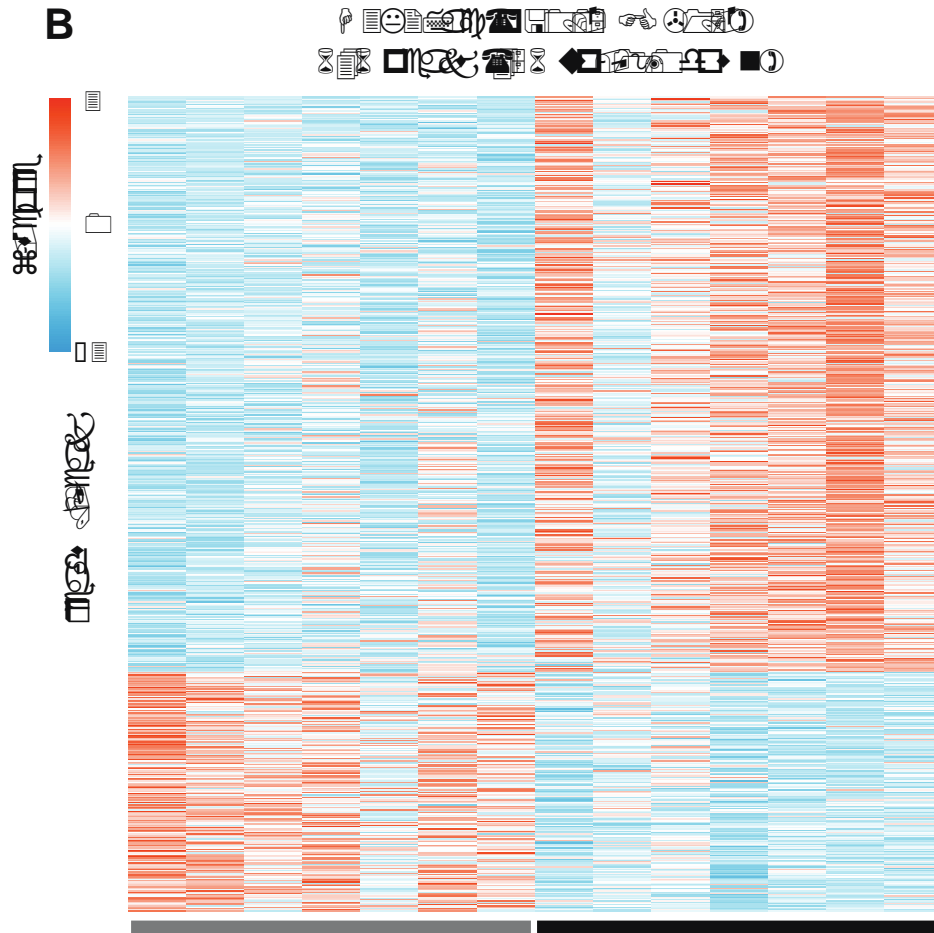
BCG enhances monocyte-derived cytokines



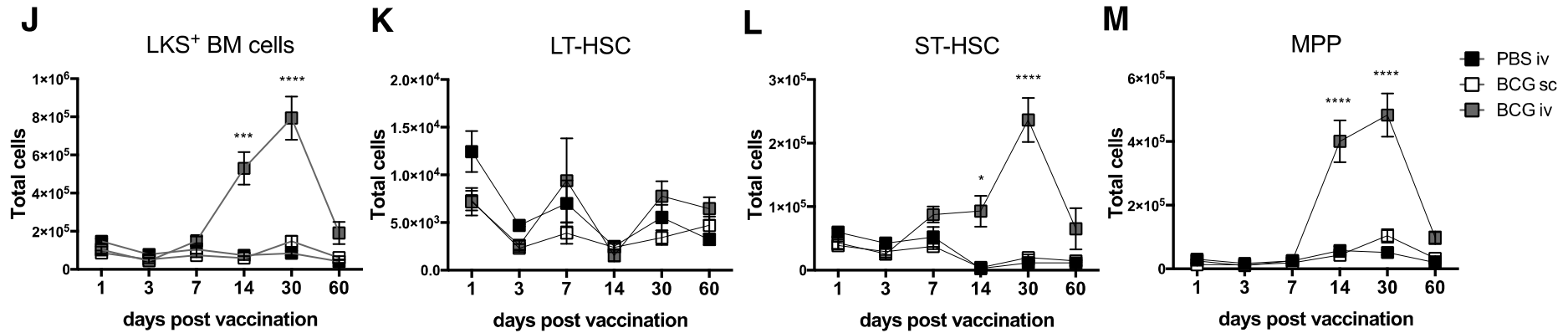
BCG vaccination in vivo yellow fever vaccine



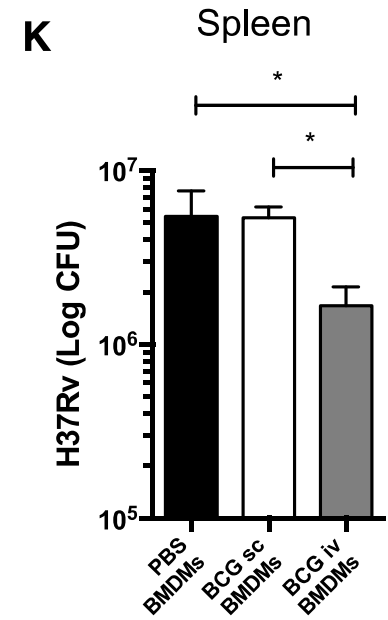
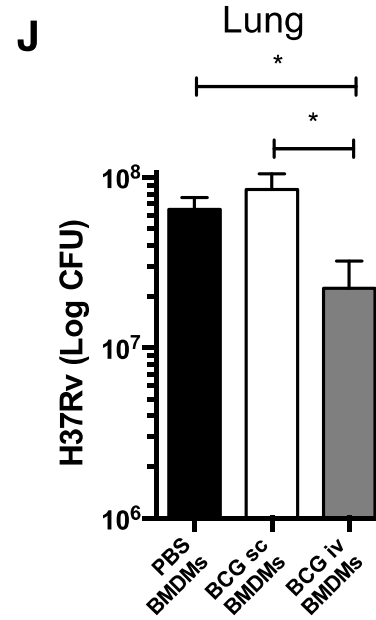
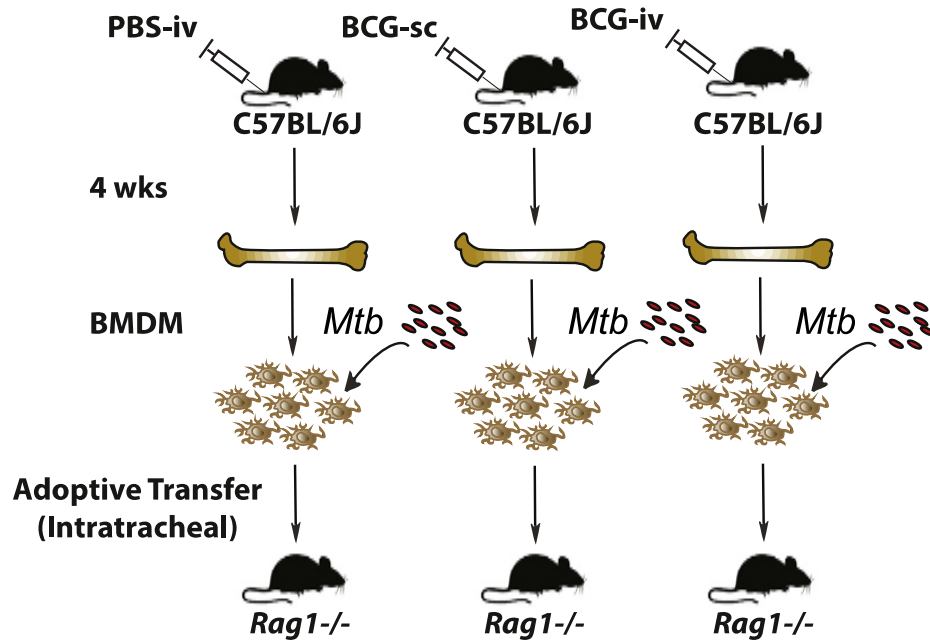
BCG vaccination induces epigenetic reprogramming



BCG acts on myeloid cell progenitors



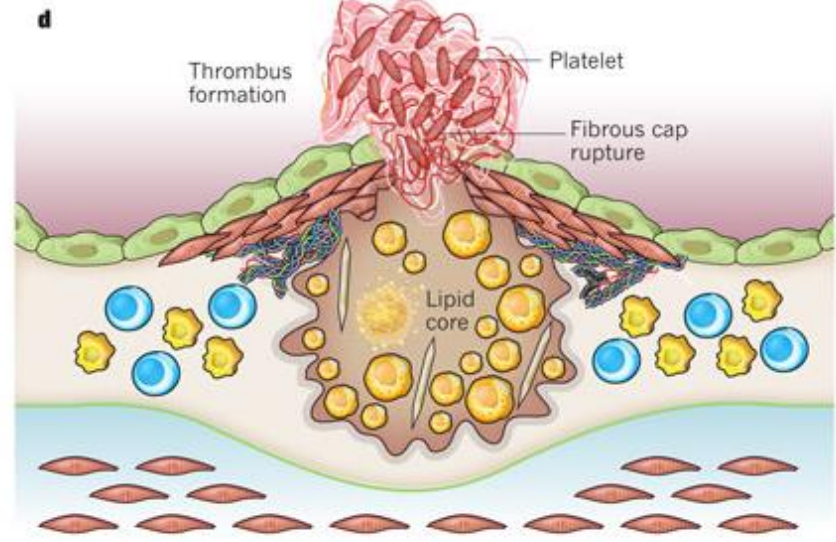
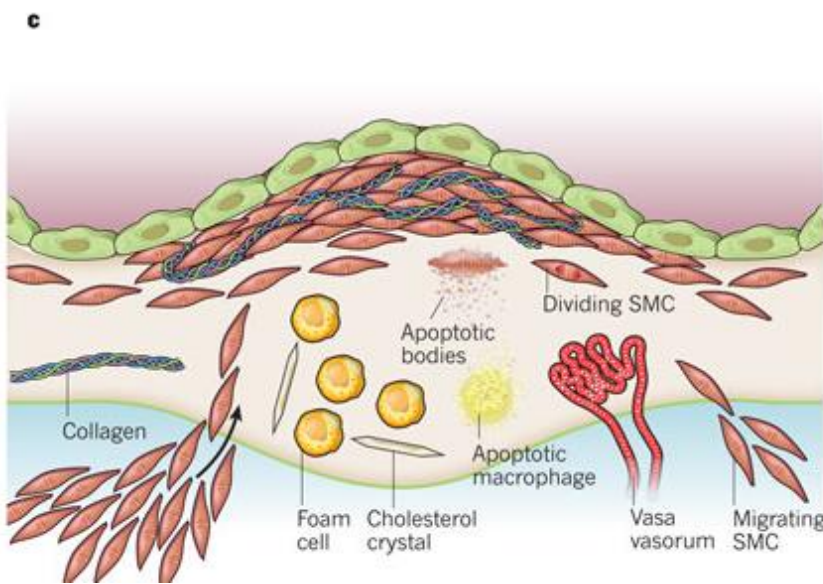
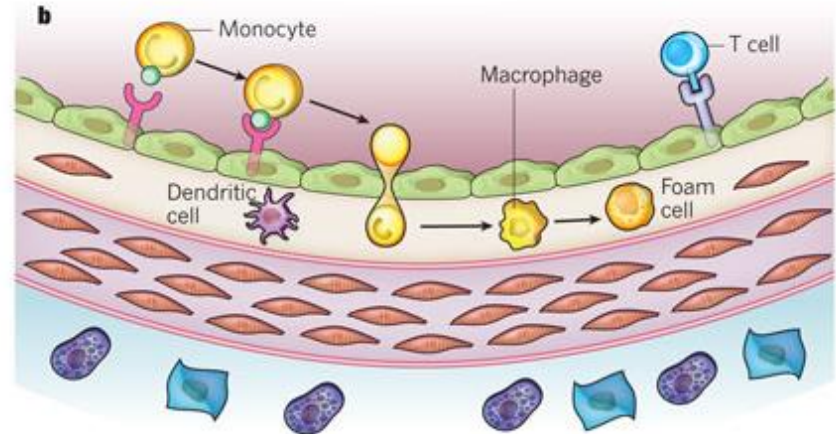
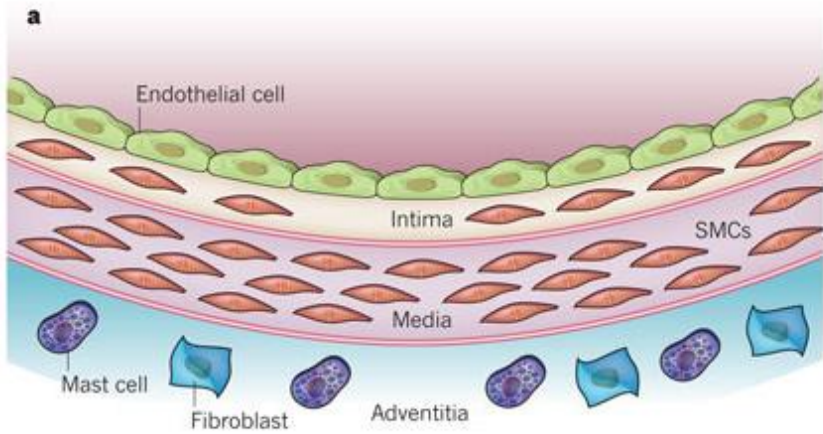
BCG trained effects are sustainable in vivo



Conclusions BCG vaccination

- BCG vaccination induces trained immunity in circulating monocytes
- BCG induces long-term reprogramming at the level of myeloid cell progenitors in the bone marrow
- BCG vaccination leads to non-specific protection against unrelated infections: e.g. yellow fever vaccine viremia, malaria
- Responses to other vaccines are influenced as well

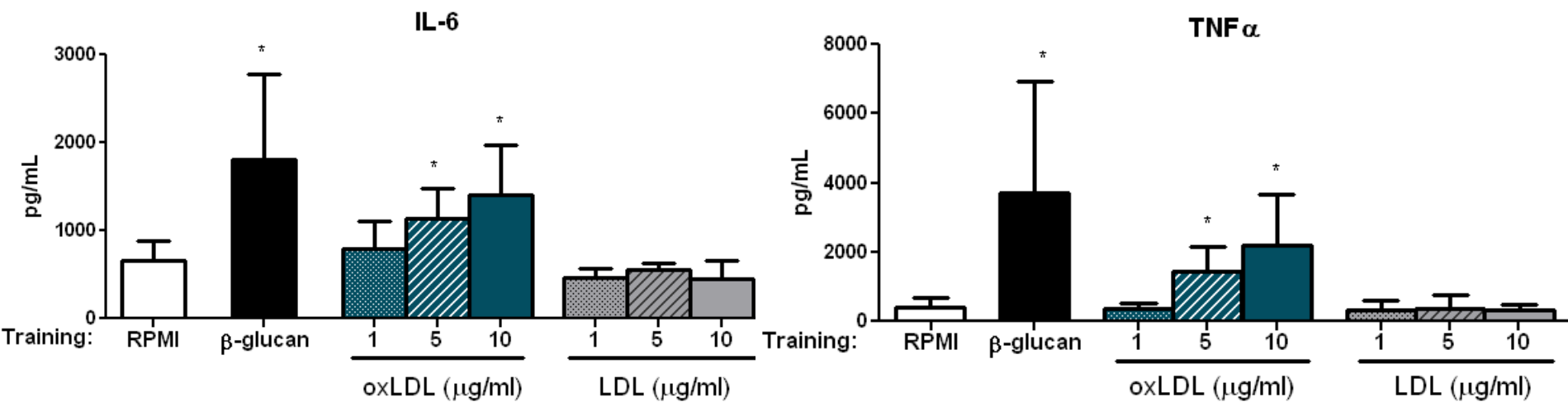
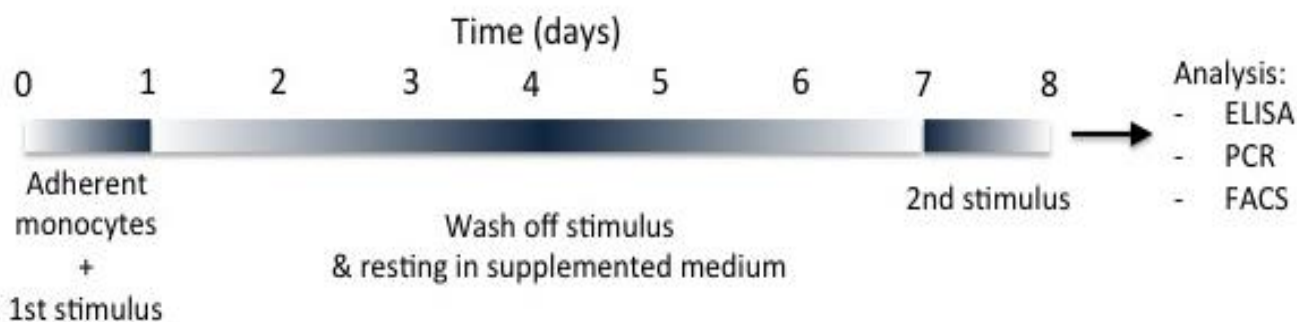
Atherosclerosis: non-resolving inflammation





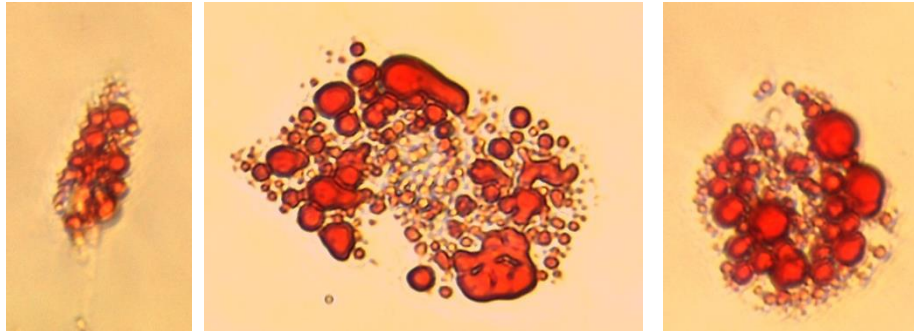
oxLDL but not LDL can train monocytes *in vitro*

Methods:





Trained monocytes show increased foam cell formation

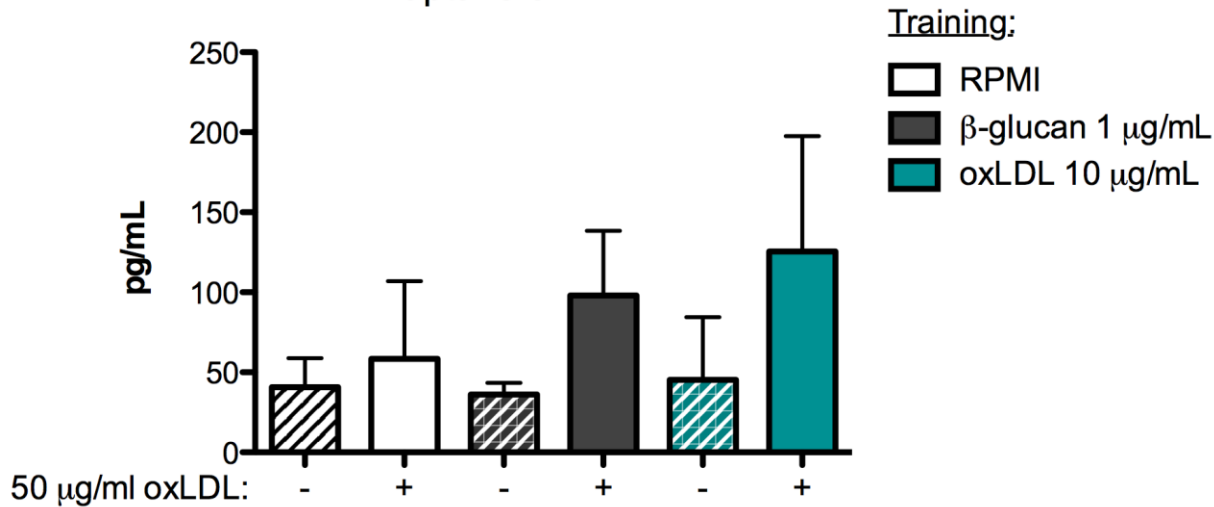


RPMI

β -glucan

oxLDL

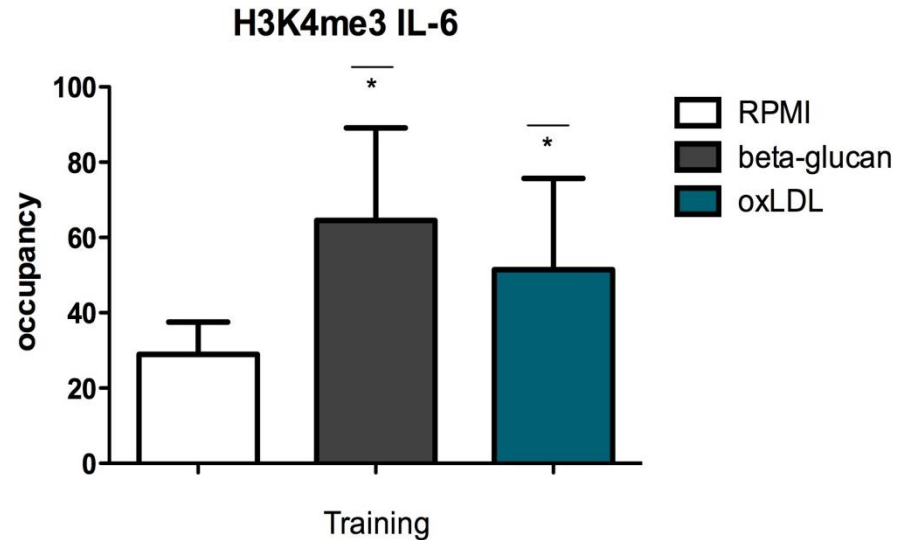
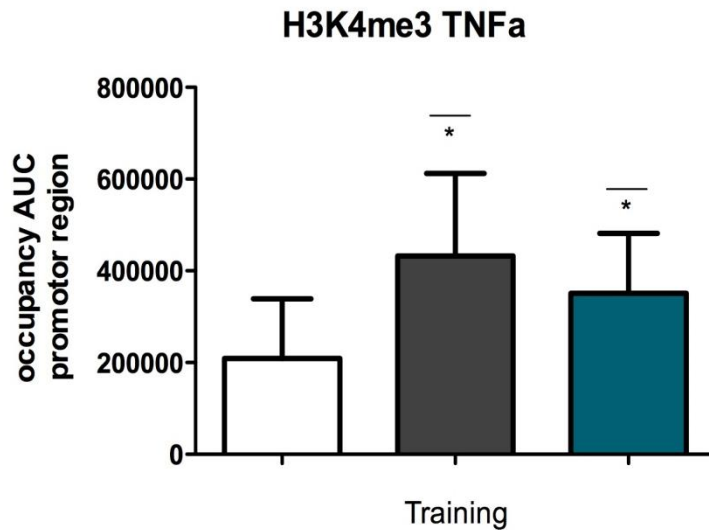
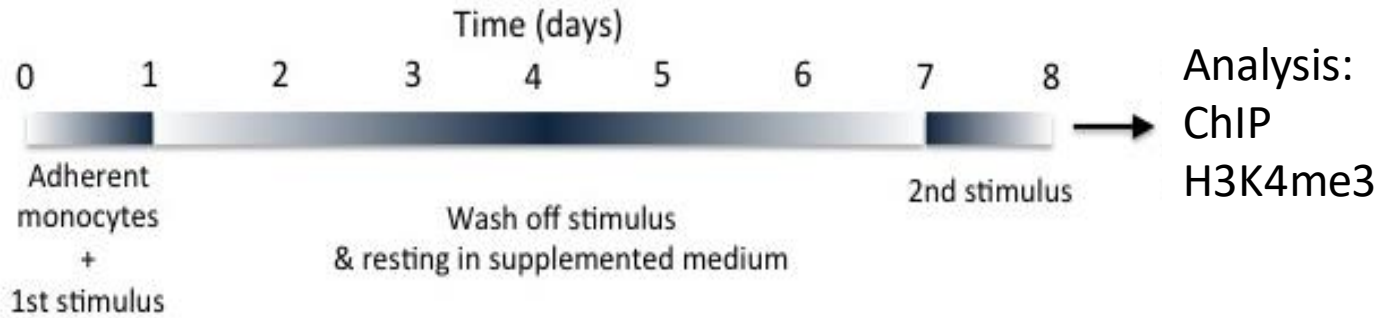
uptake oxLDL





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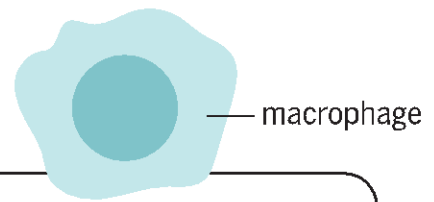
oxLDL training induces upregulated H3K4me3 on the promotor of TNF α



Infection or vaccination



Epigenetic reprogramming in innate immune cells

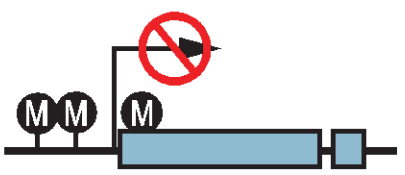
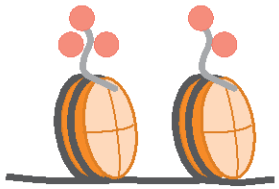


• Histone modification

• DNA methylation

• Modulation of miRNA

• Long-noncoding RNA expression



Trained immunity transcriptional & functional programs

Adaptive states

Maladaptive states

Tolerance programs

Training programs

- Mucosal tolerance
- Limitation of tissue damage in infection

- Innate immunity maturation
- Nonspecific protection by vaccines

- Immune paralysis in sepsis

- Hyperinflammation in tissues
- Atherosclerosis