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## Gli Interferoni come meccanismo di difesa dai patogeni

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*' IGRAs nella diagnosi e monitoraggio delle malattie infettive ', Trento, 19 Aprile 2013*

# The mission of immune system



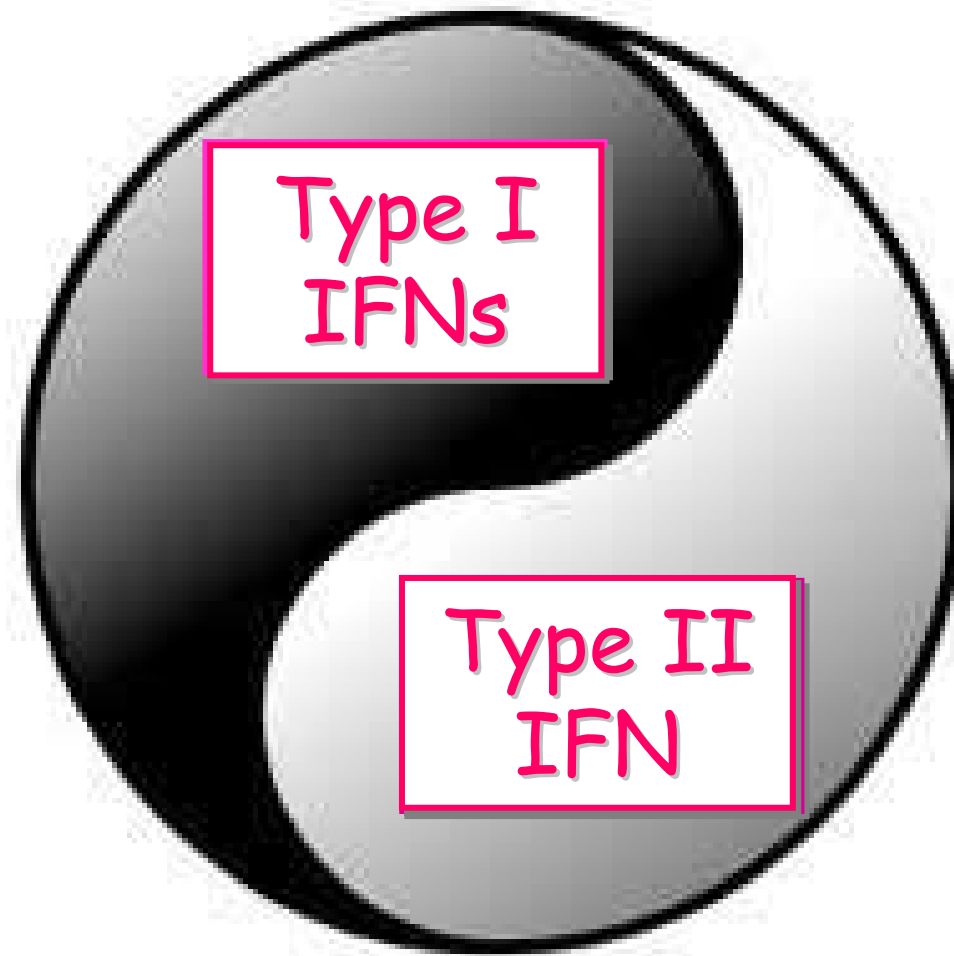
*Druides militiae vacationem  
omniumque rerum habent immunitatem.  
Caes*

# The mission of immune system



→ *Garanzia protettiva*

# The two levels for immune defense

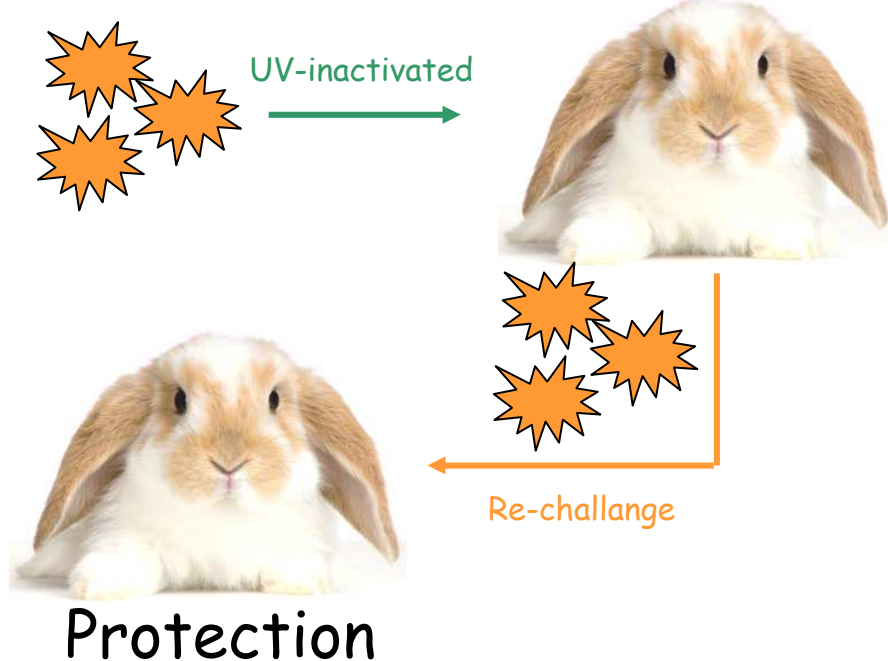


# Crucial involvement of the interferon family in host defense

1954

"facteur inhibiteur"

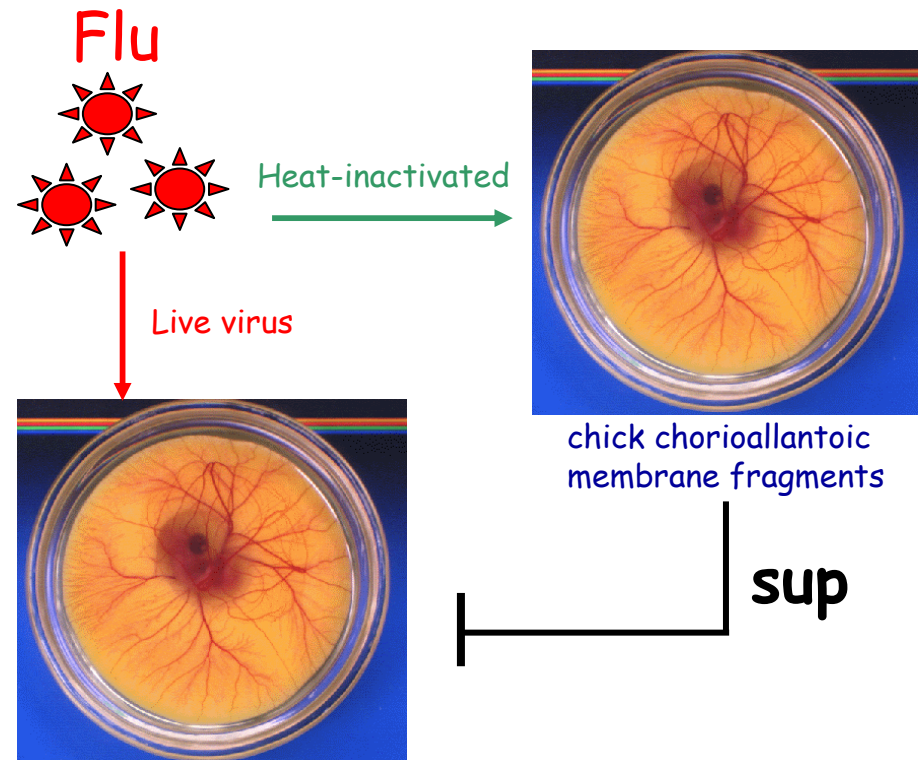
Vaccinia



Yasu-ichi Nagano and Yasuhiko Kojima  
University of Tokyo

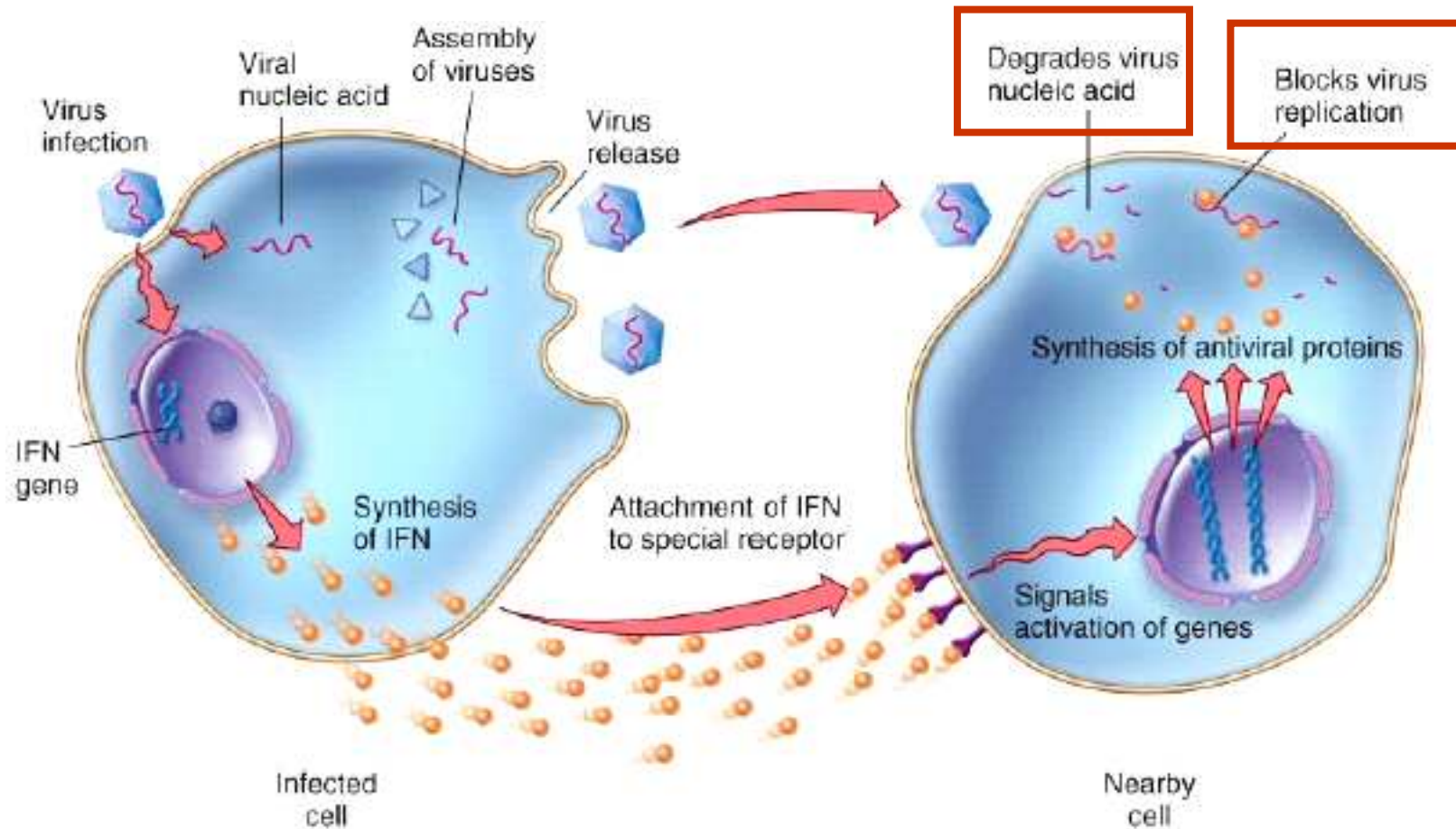
1957

viral interference



Alick Isaacs and Jean Lindenmann

# Interferons in the mechanisms of innate immunity



The Interferon story is  
characterized by

**MULTIPLICITY**  
of molecules

# The three types of Interferons for the immune defense

Type II

(immune)  $\gamma$

Type III

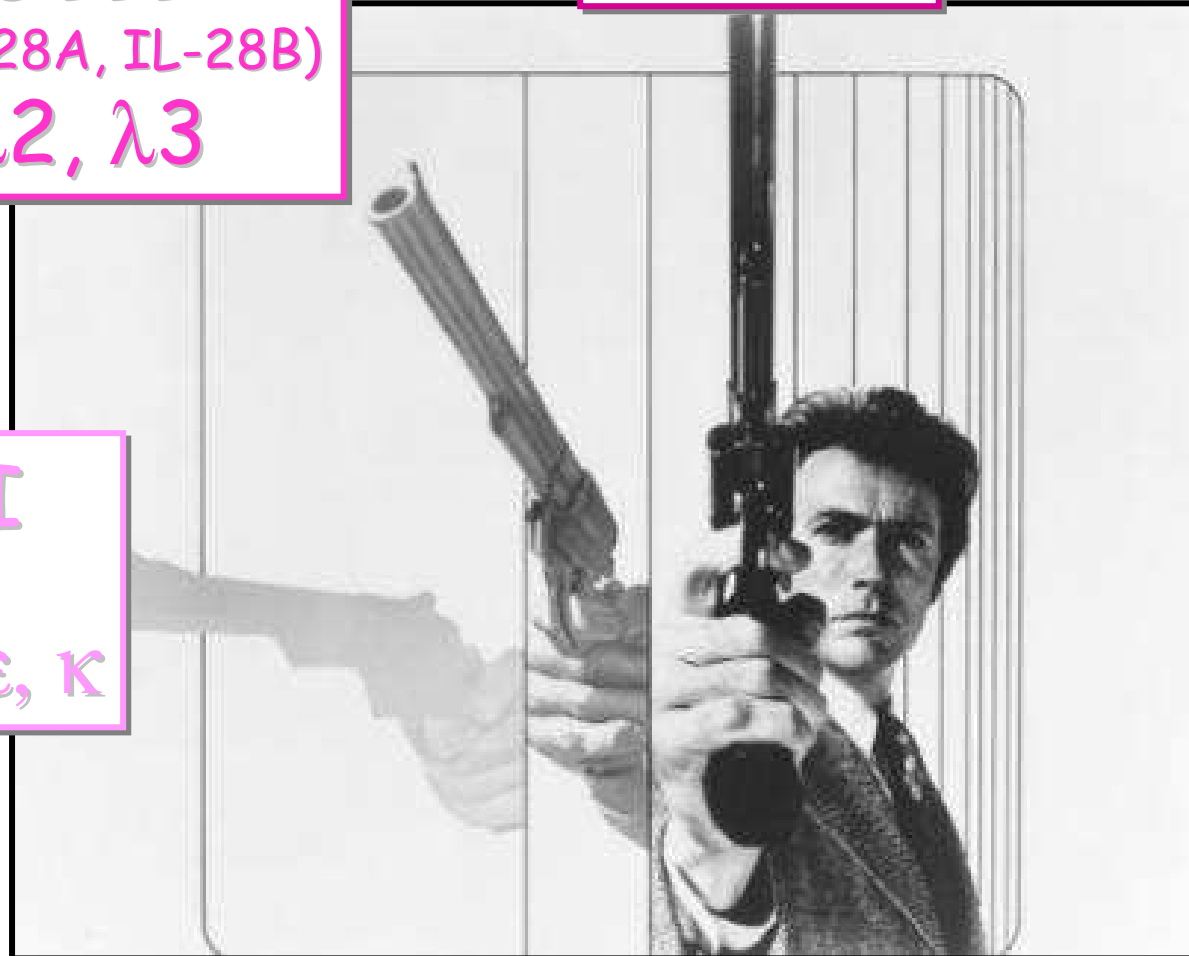
(IL-29, IL-28A, IL-28B)

$\lambda 1, \lambda 2, \lambda 3$

Type I

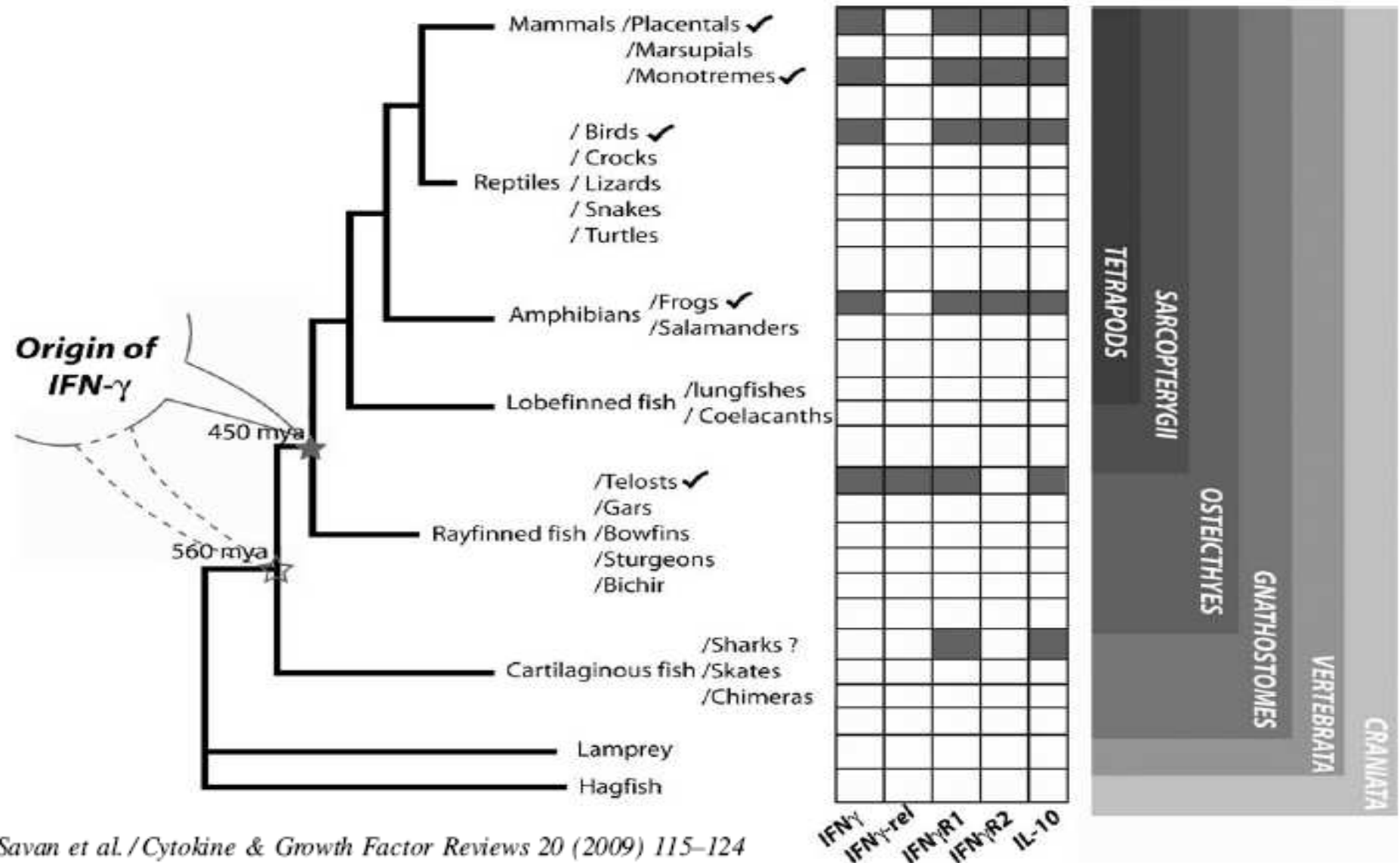
(innate)

$\alpha, \beta, \omega, \epsilon, \kappa$





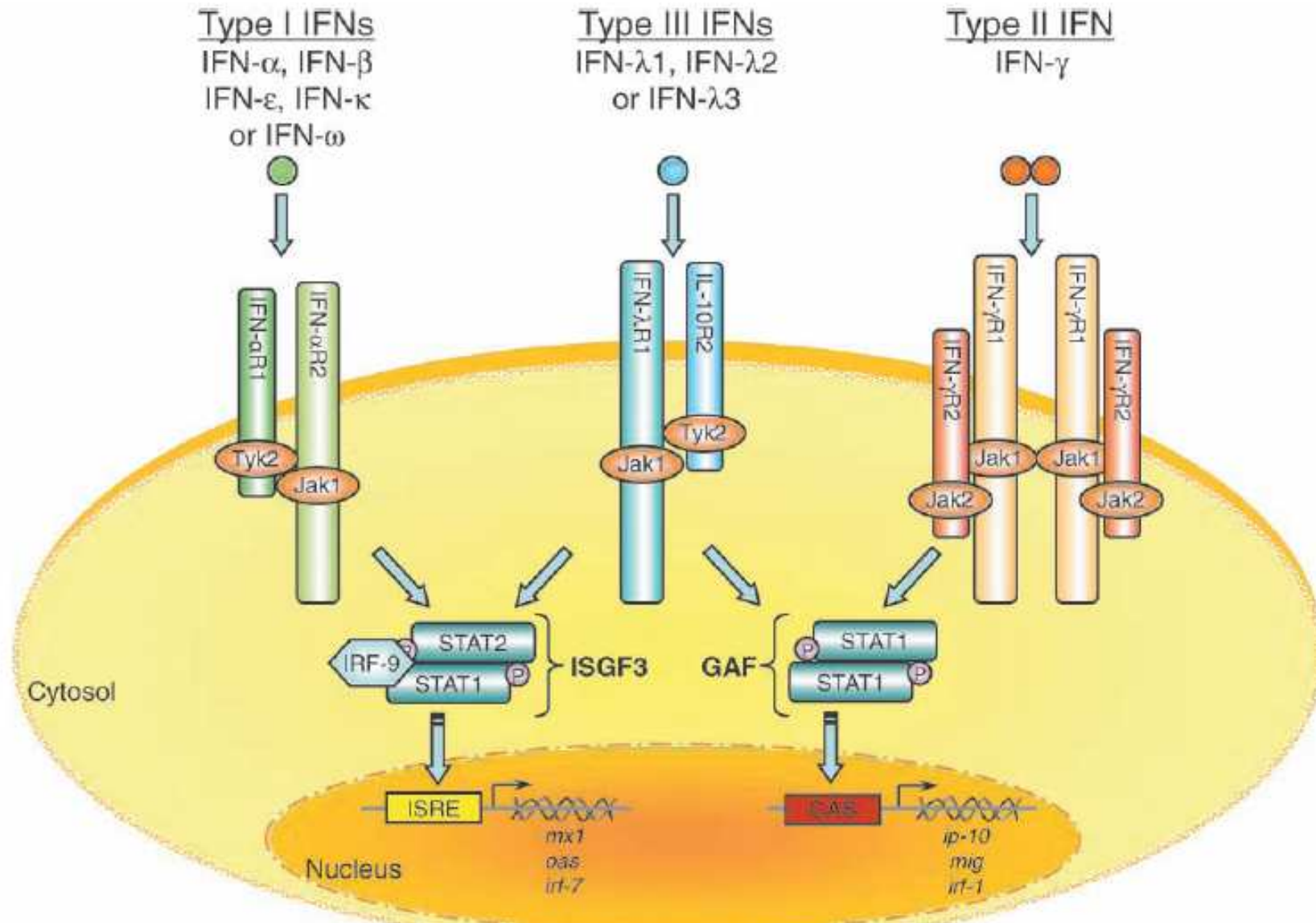
# The phylogenetic tree of class II cytokine family genes



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# Receptors of type I, II and III Interferons

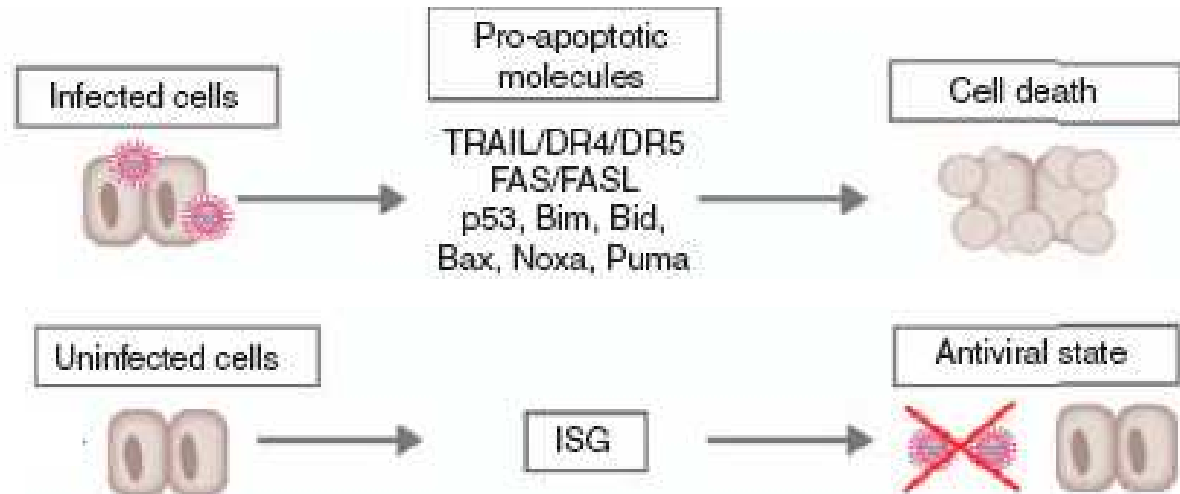
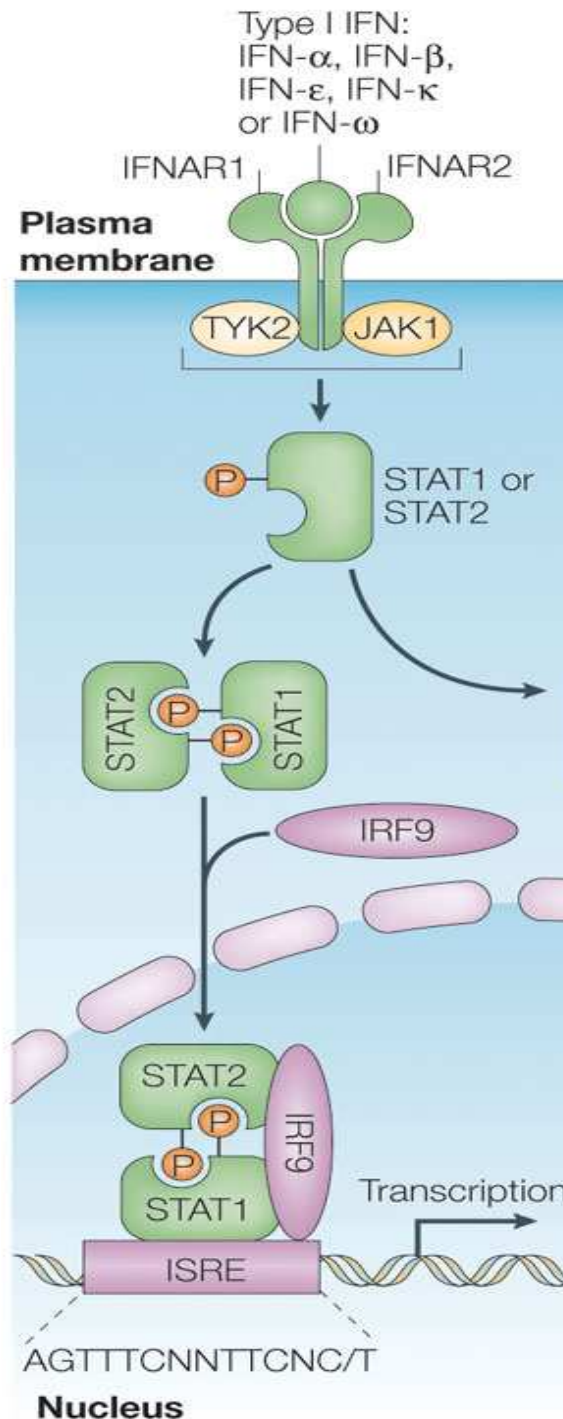


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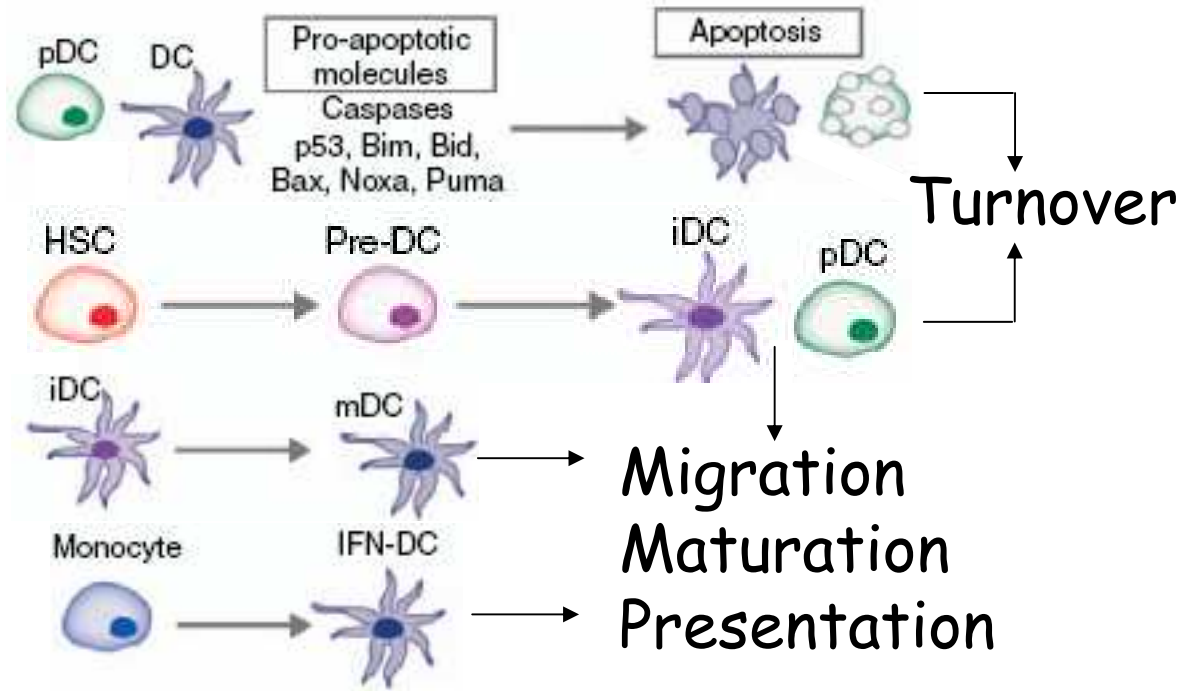
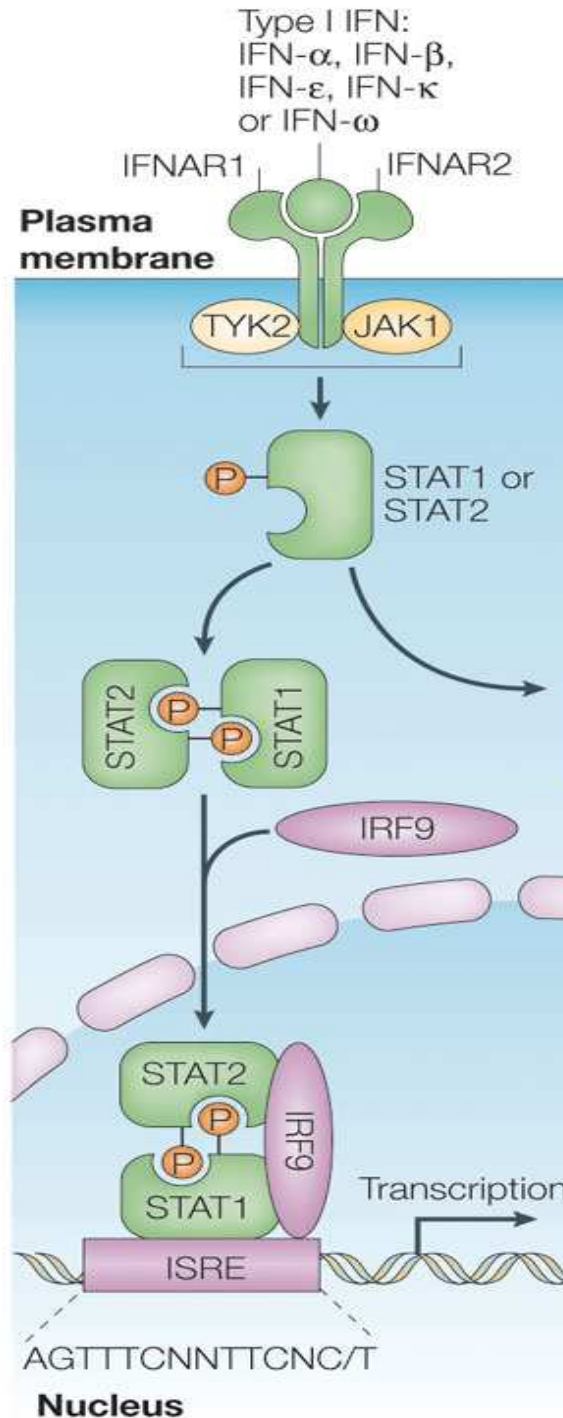
of effects

# Effects of IFNs



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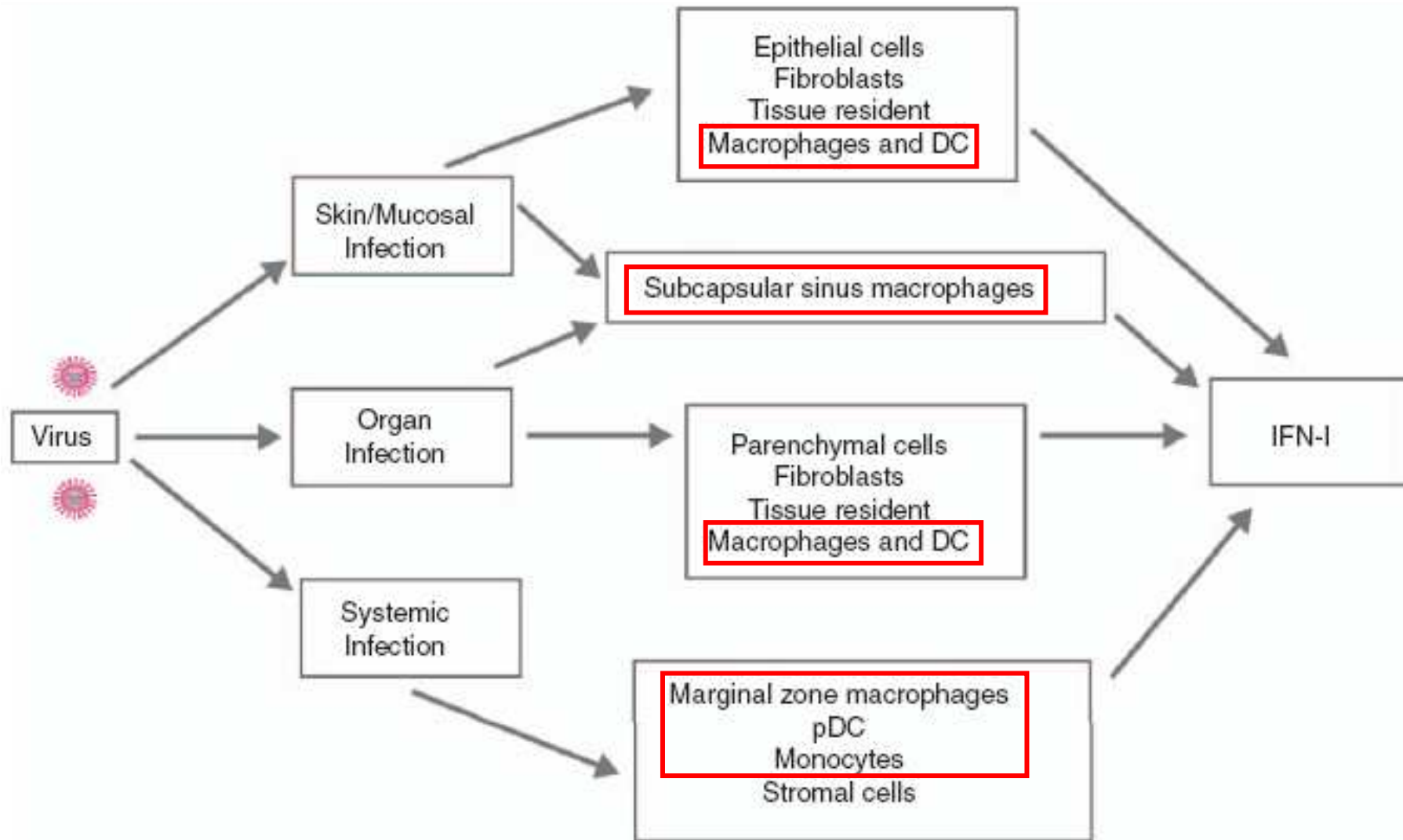


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# Cellular sources of Type I Interferons



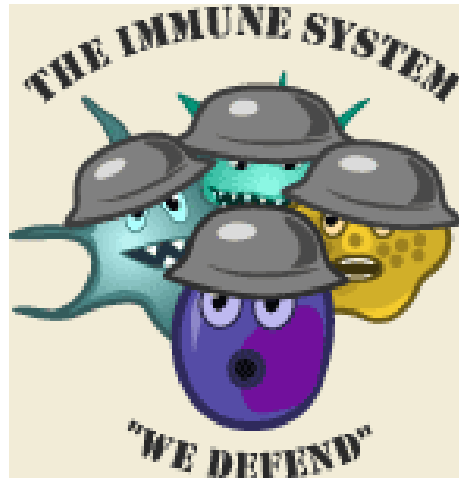


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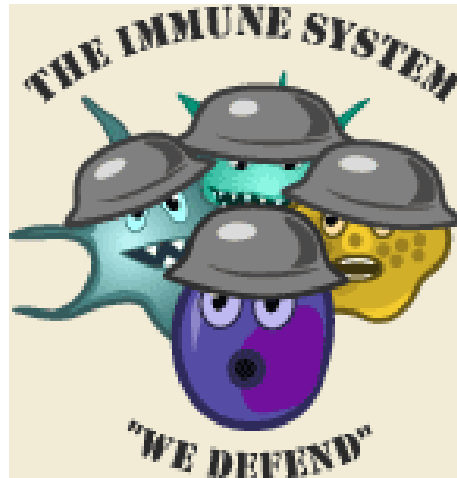
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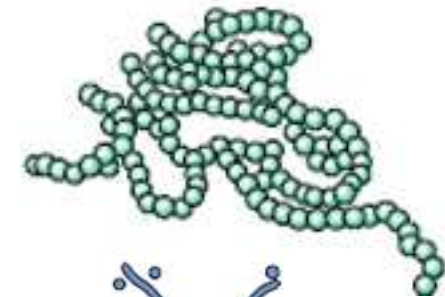
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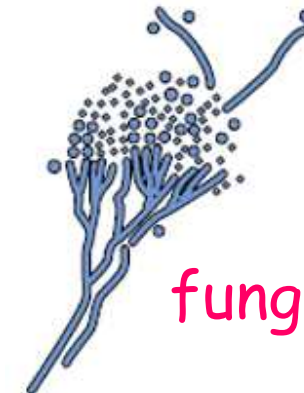
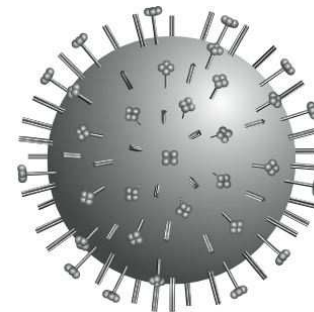


worms

bacteria



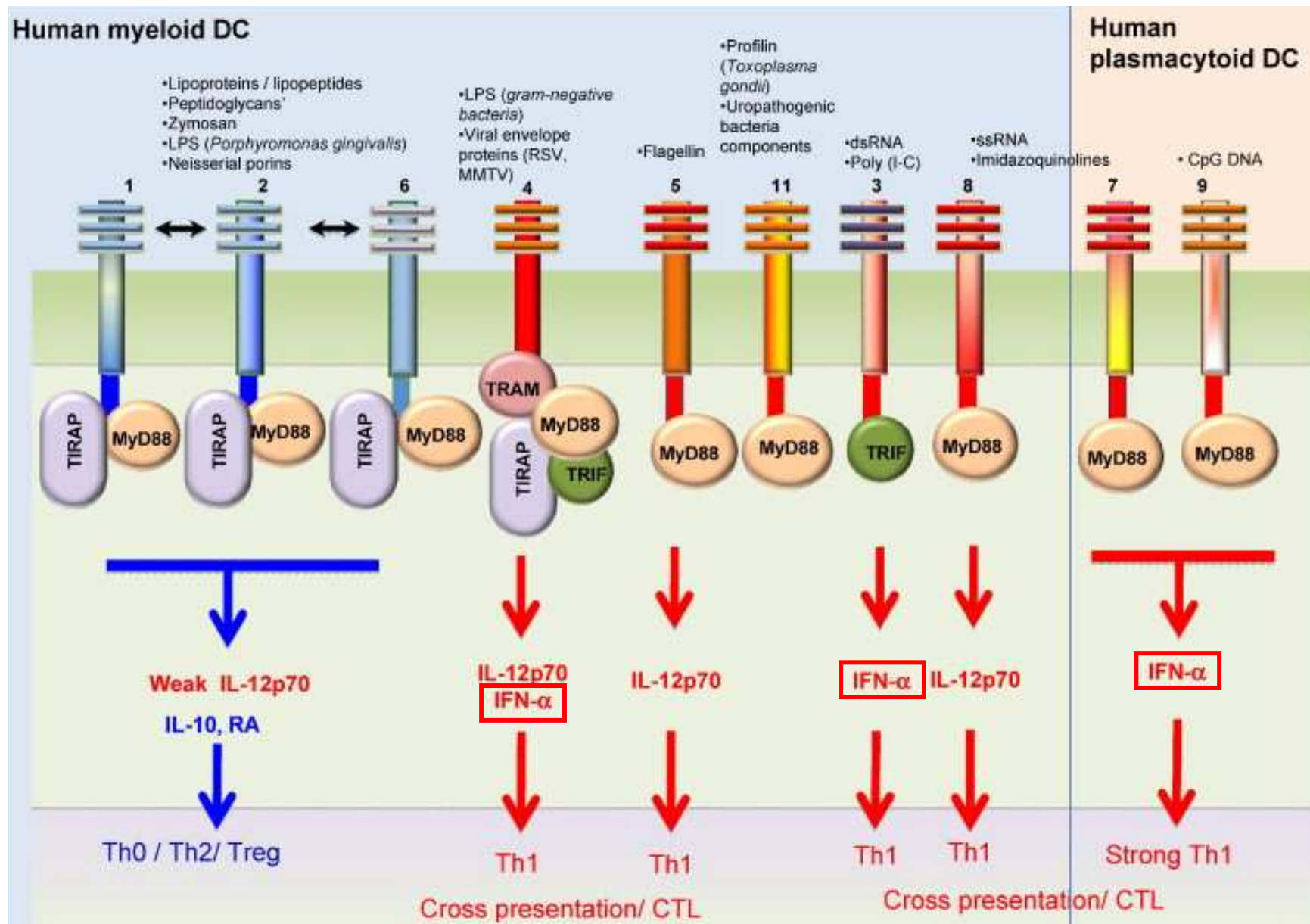
viruses



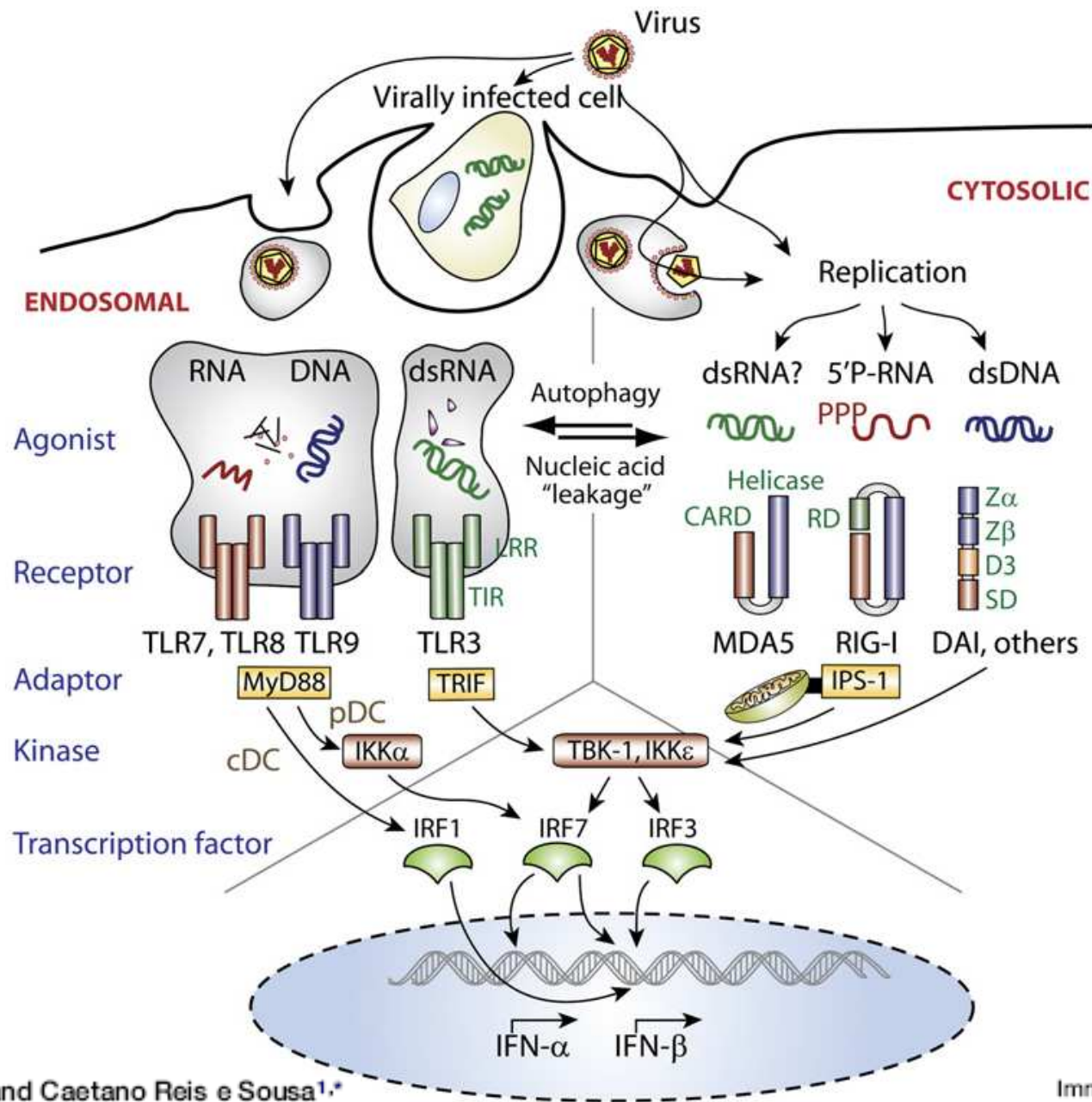
fungi

They share common recognition patterns  
(Pathogen-Associated Molecular Patterns-**PAMPs**)  
recognized by  
specific Pattern Recognition Receptors-**PRRs**

# TLR signalling in conventional APCs



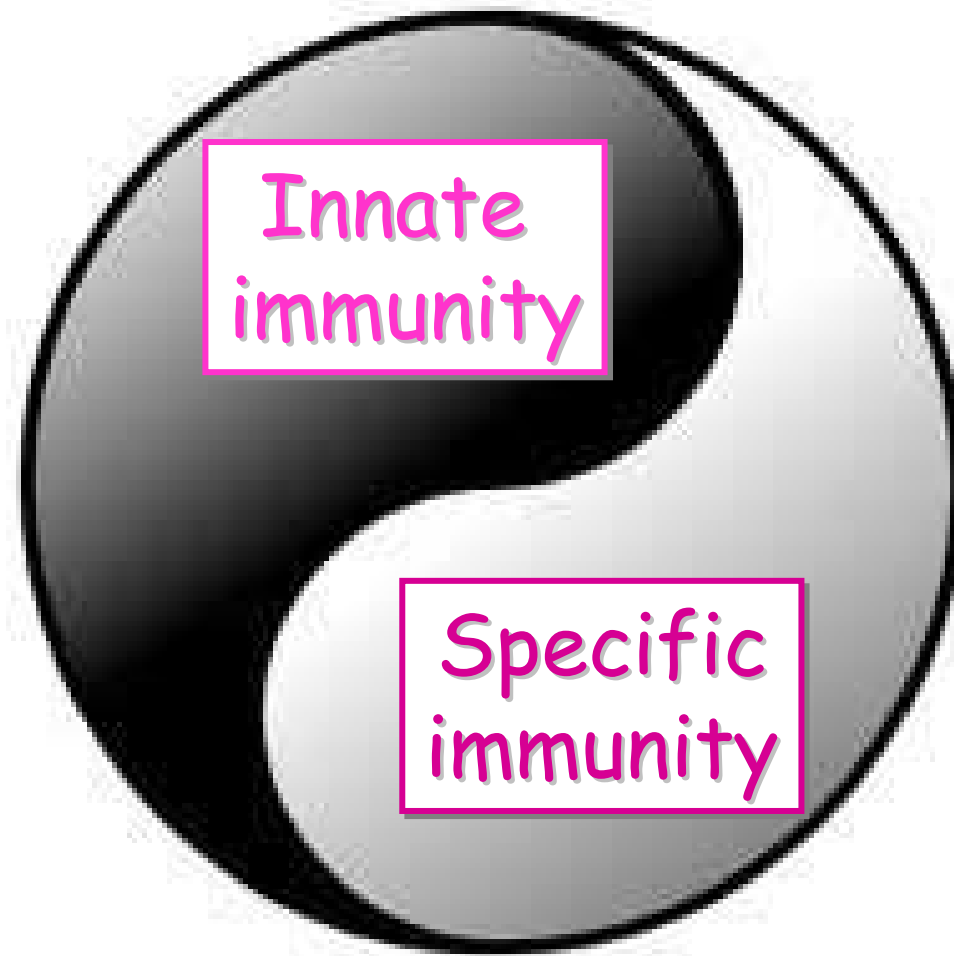
# Cytosolic sensors of nucleic acids



# Inducers of type I IFN and producing cells

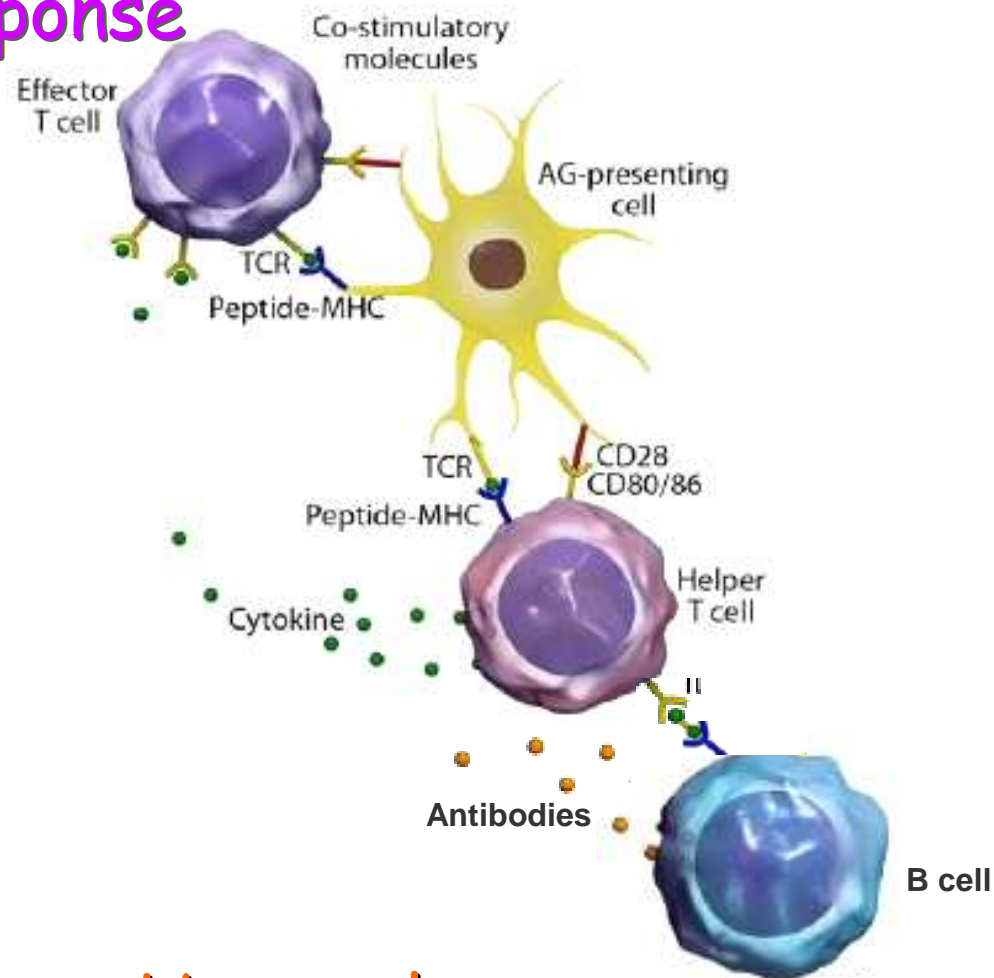
Inducer	Source	Receptor	Localization	Responding cell
ssRNA, dsRNA	Viruses	RIG-I and MDA5	Cytoplasm	Multiple cell types
Cytosolic DNA	Viruses or bacteria	STING, DAI and RNA polymerase III	Cytoplasm	Multiple cell types
dsRNA	Viruses	TLR3–TRIF	Endosomes	Macrophages, cDCs and epithelial cells
LPS	Gram-negative bacteria	TLR4–TRIF	Plasma membrane	Macrophages and cDCs
Viral glycolipids	Viruses	TLR4–TRIF	Plasma membrane	Macrophages and cDCs
ssRNA	Viruses or damaged host cells	TLR7–MYD88	Endosomes	pDCs, cDCs and macrophages
Imiquimod	Synthetic	TLR7–MYD88	Endosomes	pDCs, cDCs and macrophages
ssRNA	Viruses	TLR8–MYD88	Endosomes	cDCs
CpG DNA	Bacteria or viruses	TLR9–MYD88	Endosomes	pDCs, cDCs and macrophages

# The two levels for immune defense



# Mechanisms of immunity

## Cellular response



## Humoral response



# The T<sub>H</sub>1/T<sub>H</sub>2 story



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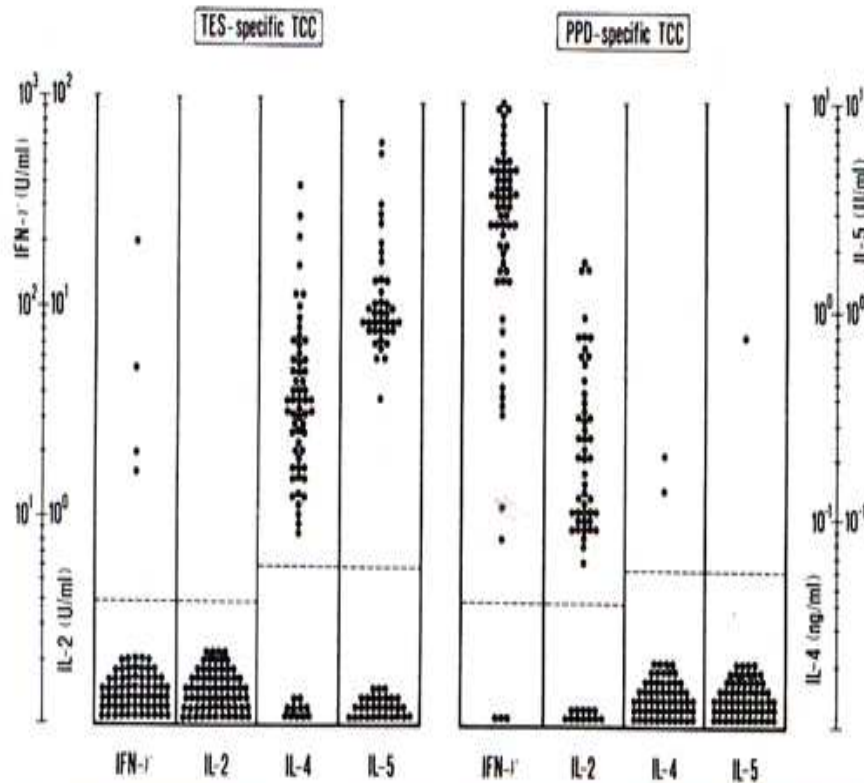
## TWO TYPES OF MURINE HELPER T CELL CLONE

### I. Definition According to Profiles of Lymphokine Activities and Secreted Proteins

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# Different antigens expand human T-cell clones with opposite (Th1 vs Th2) profile of cytokine production



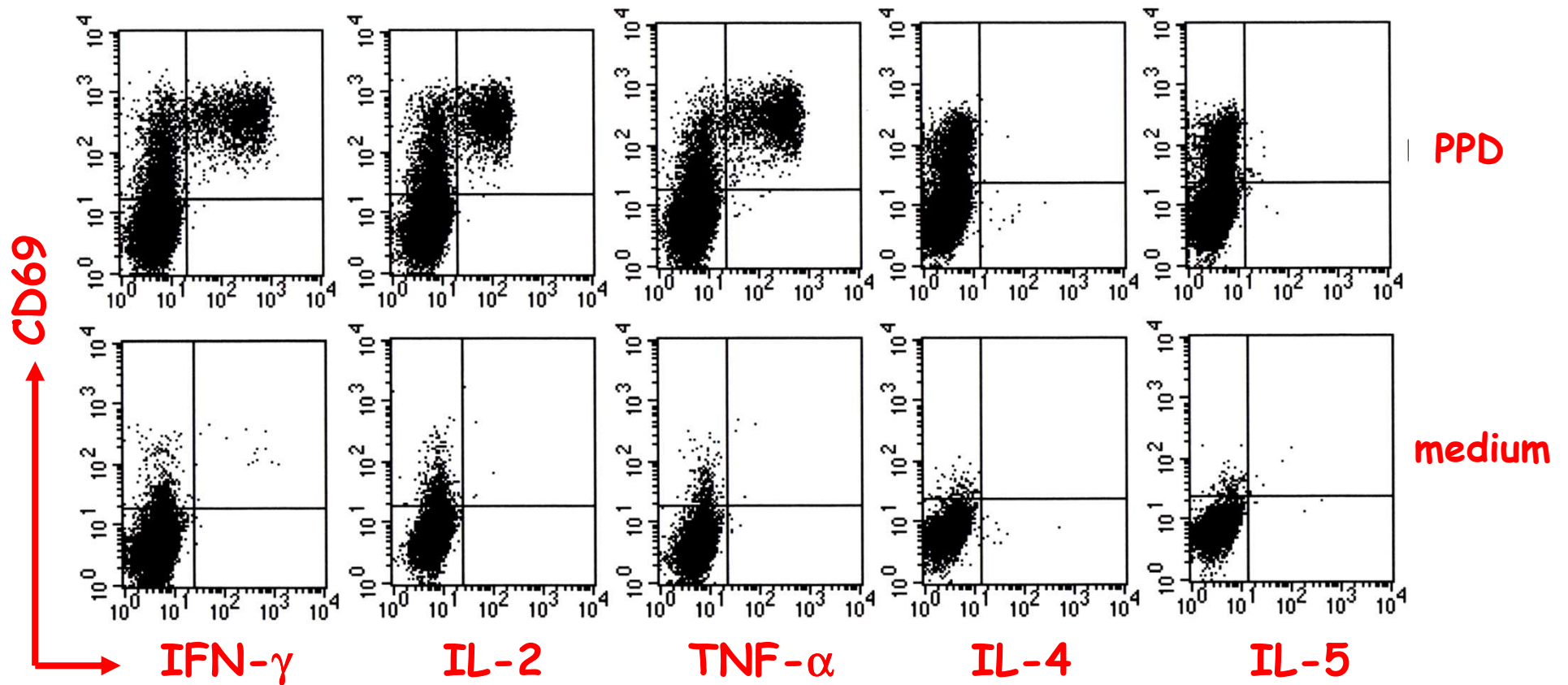
TCC	Antigen specificity	Cytokine production*		IgE synthesis by autologous B cells, <sup>†</sup> ng/ml
		IL-4, pg/ml	IFN- $\gamma$ , unit(s)/ml	
None	—	—	—	0.2
FS 47	<i>D. pteronyssinus</i>	793	2	2.3
FS 35	<i>D. pteronyssinus</i>	325	1	4.1
FS 18	<i>D. pteronyssinus</i>	436	1	3.3
FS 14	<i>D. pteronyssinus</i>	3223	2	15.1
FS 21	<i>D. pteronyssinus</i>	4125	3	9.8
FS 4	Tetanus toxoid	10	85	0.2
FS 3	Tetanus toxoid	1186	12	14.9
FS 8	Tetanus toxoid	460	10	9.4
FS 10	Tetanus toxoid	10	137	0.2
FS 17	Tetanus toxoid	1298	46	0.6
None	—	—	—	0.3
AM 41	<i>L. perenne</i> group I	2052	2	6.2
AM 15	<i>L. perenne</i> group I	6272	9	7.4
AM 65	<i>L. perenne</i> group I	4320	4	2.7
AM 57	<i>L. perenne</i> group I	5440	5	4.1
AM 29	PPD	1000	28	2.9
AM 16	PPD	19	236	0.9
AM 17	PPD	112	225	0.3
AM 50	PPD	415	240	0.3

Del Prete et al., *J.Clin.Invest.* 88: 346-350, 1991

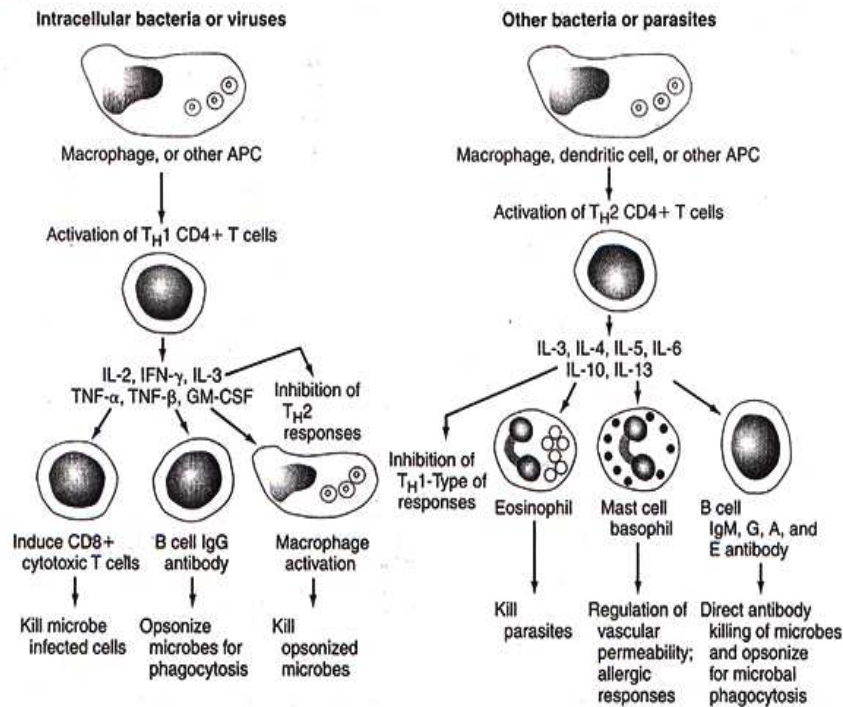
Parronchi et al., *PNAS* 88: 4538-4542, 1991

# Flow cytometric evaluation of cytokines producing cells upon 8h PPD stimulation of PB from an active TB patient

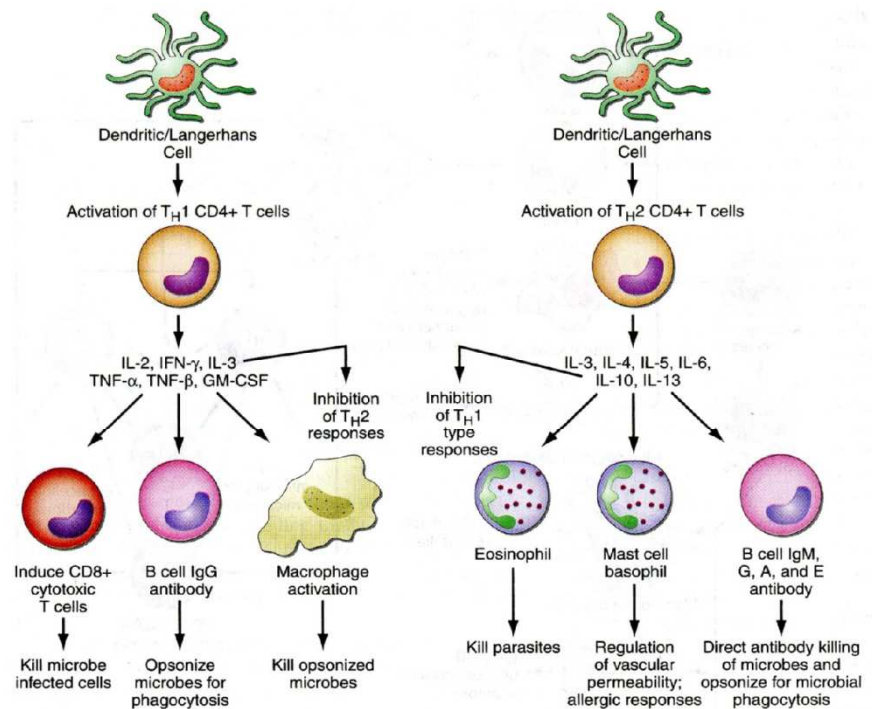
CD3+CD4+ gated



# The Th1/Th2 paradigm has become an established fact



**FIGURE 305-13** CD4+ helper T 1 ( $T_H1$ ) cells and  $T_H2$  T cells secrete distinct but overlapping sets of cytokines.  $T_H1$  CD4+ cells are frequently activated in immune and inflammatory reactions against intracellular bacteria or viruses, while  $T_H2$  CD4+ cells are frequently activated for certain types of antibody production against parasites and extracellular encapsulated bacteria; they are also activated in allergic diseases. APC, antigen-presenting cell; GM-CSF, granulocyte-macrophage colony stimulating factor; IFN, interferon; IL, interleukin; TNF, tumor necrosis factor.



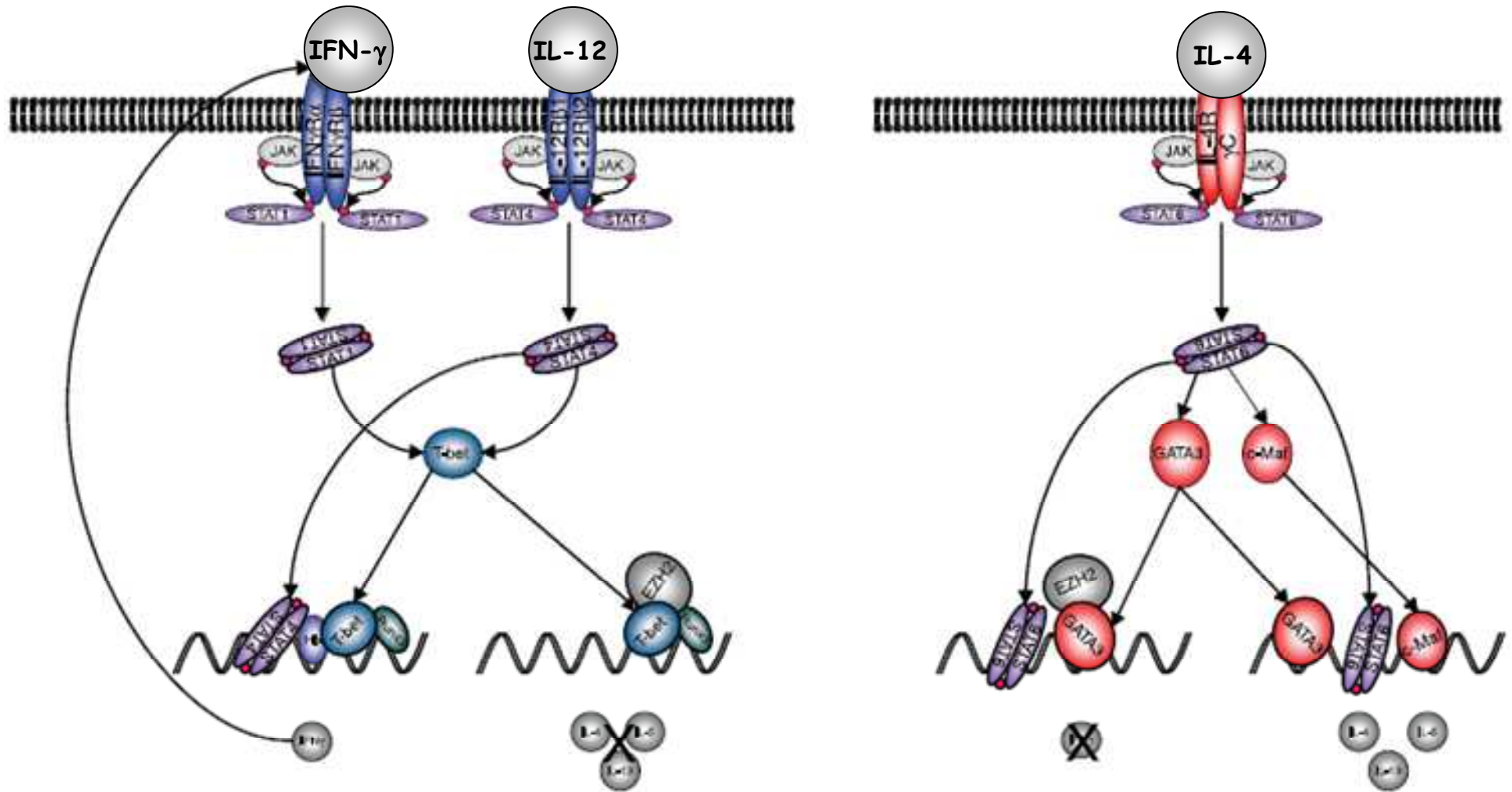
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15th edition, 2001, p.1826

16th edition, 2004, p.1924

*Harrison's. Principles of Internal Medicine (adapted from Romagnani, 1999)*

# Mutually exclusive expression of transcription factors in $T_H1$ and $T_H2$ cells



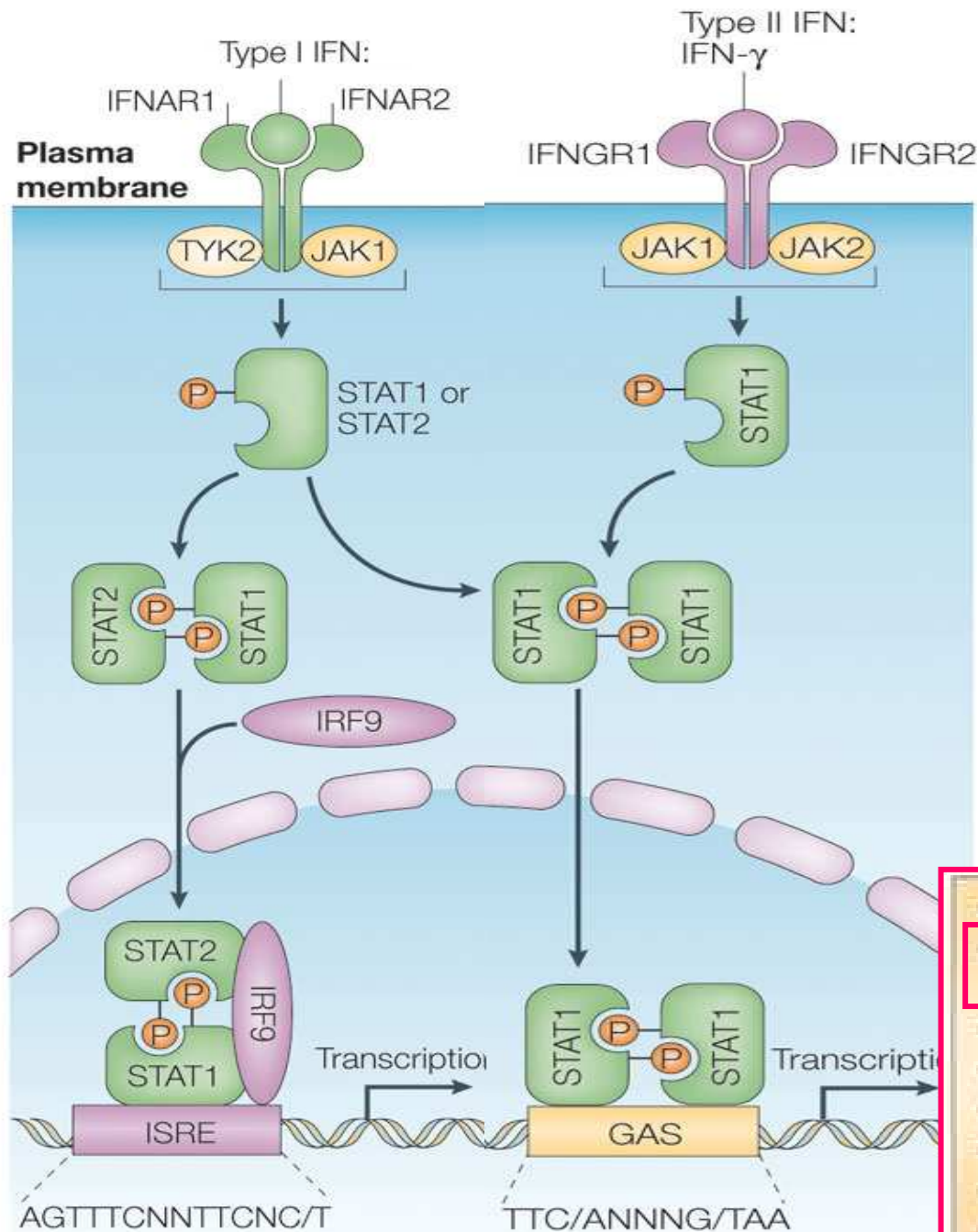
# IFN- $\gamma$ is highly conserved among species

(a)



# Interferon- $\gamma$

- is the sole Type II IFN
- is structurally unrelated to Type I IFN
- is encoded by a separate chromosomal locus
- binds to different receptor

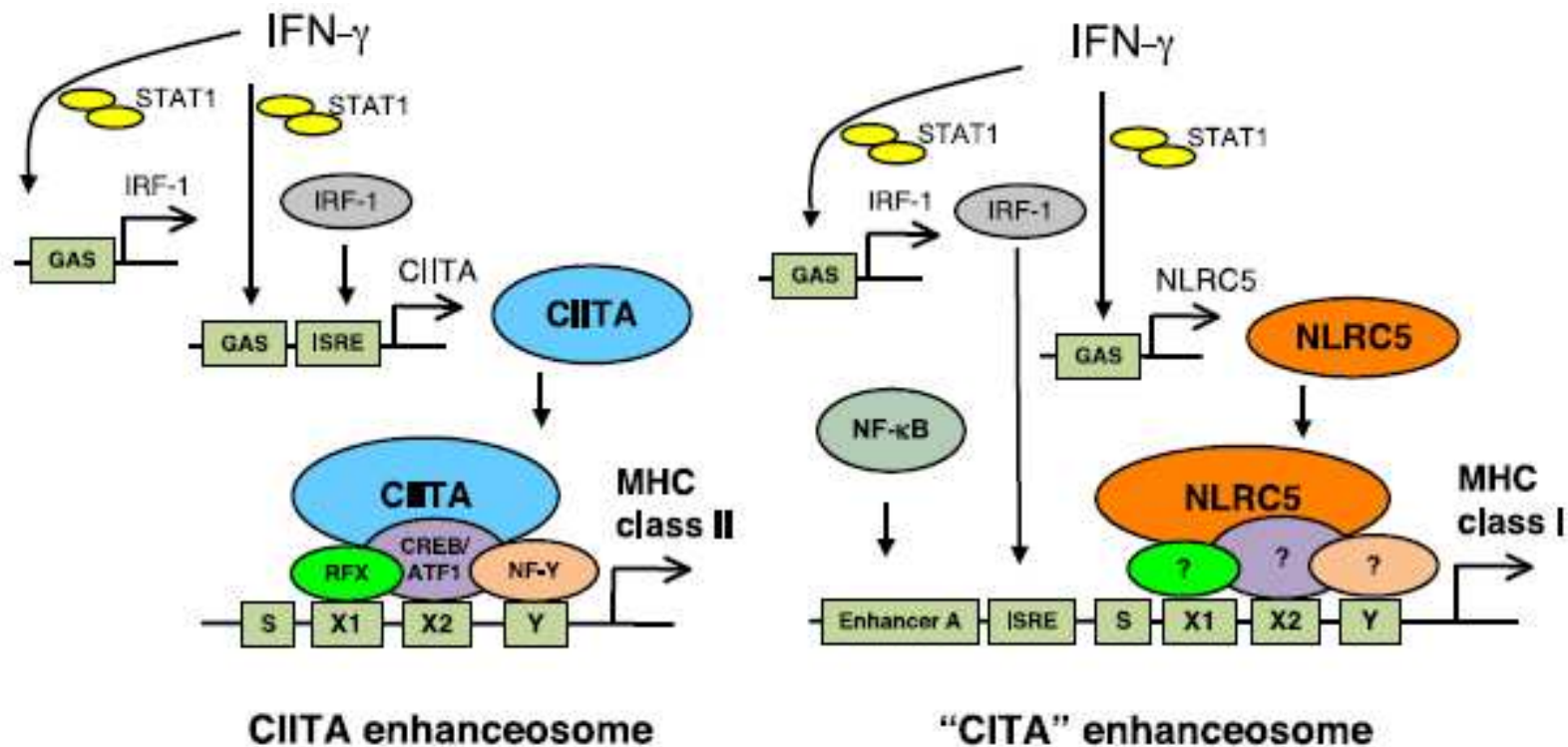


# The cross-talk between IFN- $\alpha/\beta$ and IFN- $\gamma$ pathways

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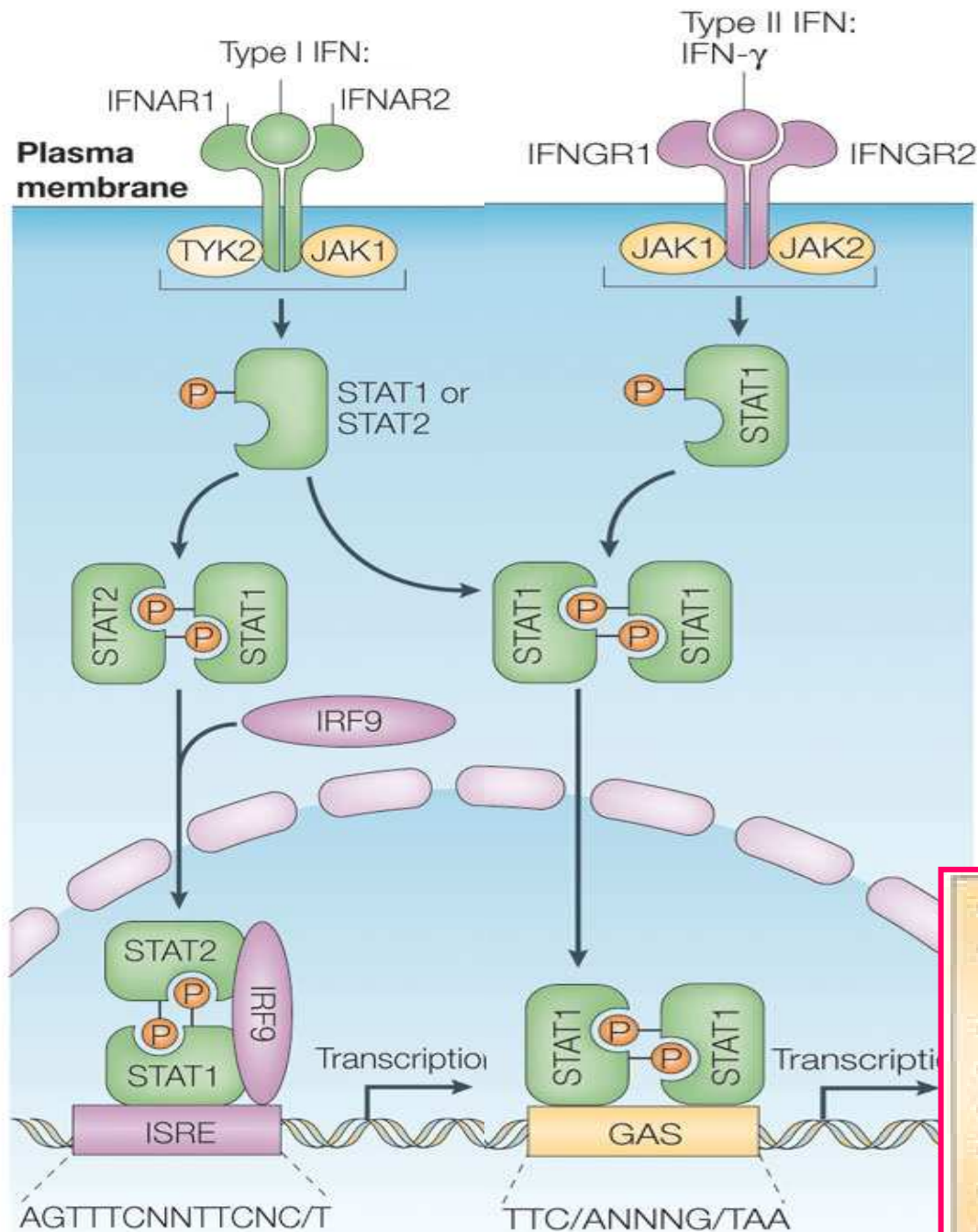


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MHC class I		MHC class II	
LMP-2, LMP-7, MECL-1	Enzymatic proteasome subunits	$\alpha$ and $\beta$ chains	Constituents of MHC
PA28a, PA28b	Proteasome activators	Ii chain, DM	
TAP-1, TAP-2	Transporter proteins	Cathepsins B, H, L	Involved in peptide production
Class I MHC heavy chain		CIITA	Master of regulator
Tapasin	Chaperone in ER		



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# Effects of IFN- $\gamma$ on antibacterial and antiviral response

## Other antimicrobial mechanisms

### Gene/protein up-regulated by IFN- $\gamma$

### Function

NRAMP1

The natural resistance-associated macrophage protein (NRAMP1) confers resistance to macrophage intracellular pathogens by largely unknown mechanisms.

Fc $\gamma$ I

Expression of the high-affinity Fc receptor (Fc $\gamma$ RI) is increased in myeloid cells by IFN- $\gamma$  stimulation. Fc $\gamma$ I binds extracellular pathogens via IgG in the adaptive phase of the immune response.

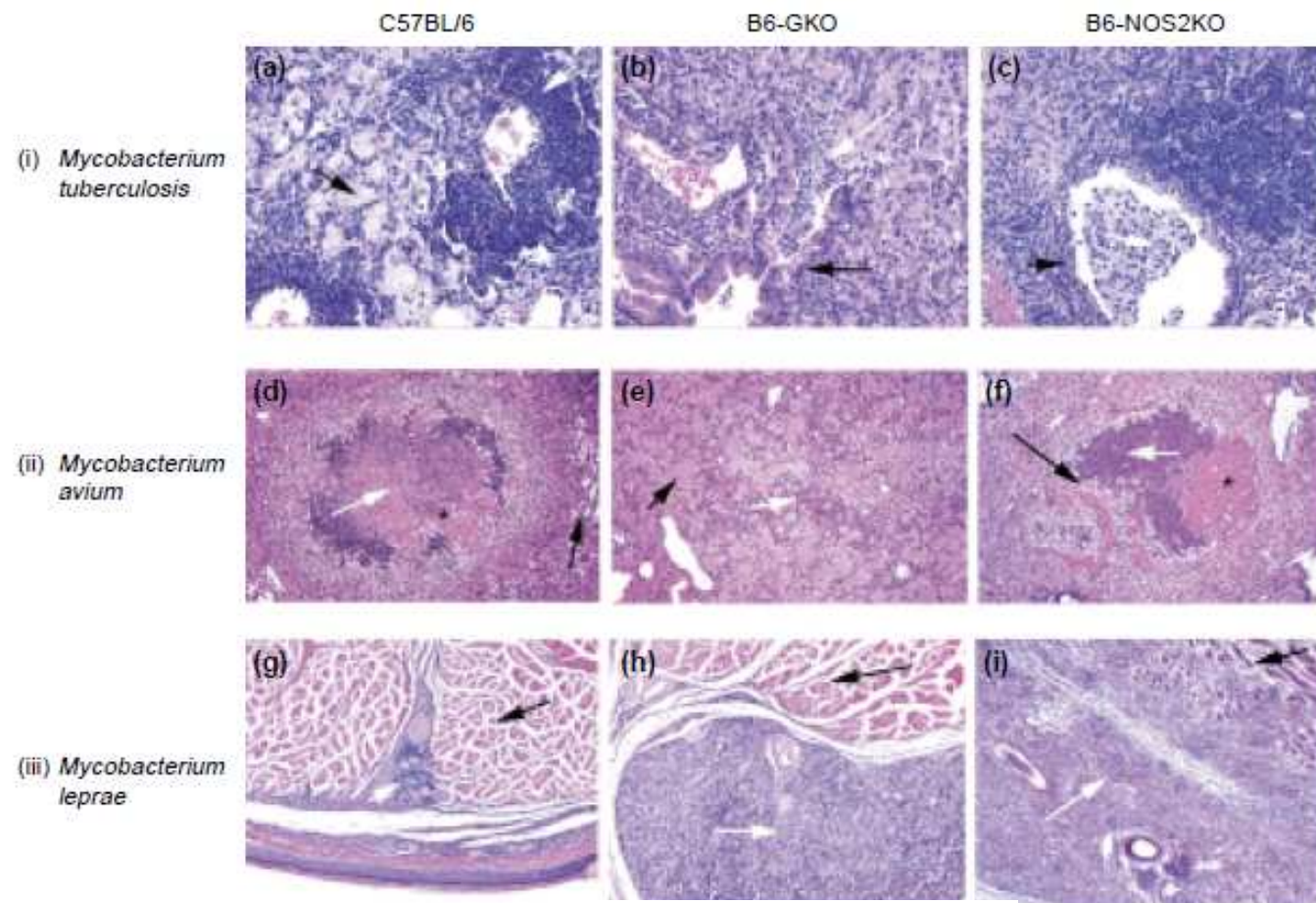
C2, C4, Factor B

Complement proteins are secreted by macrophages and fibroblasts in response to IFN- $\gamma$ . Complement functions to opsonize extracellular pathogen for receptor-mediated phagocytosis by mononuclear phagocytes.

Complement receptor CR3  
(Mac-1)

Complement receptors of mononuclear phagocytes are up-regulated by IFN- $\gamma$  to promote receptor-mediated phagocytosis of opsonized extracellular pathogens.

# The examples of IFN- $\gamma$ k.o. mice

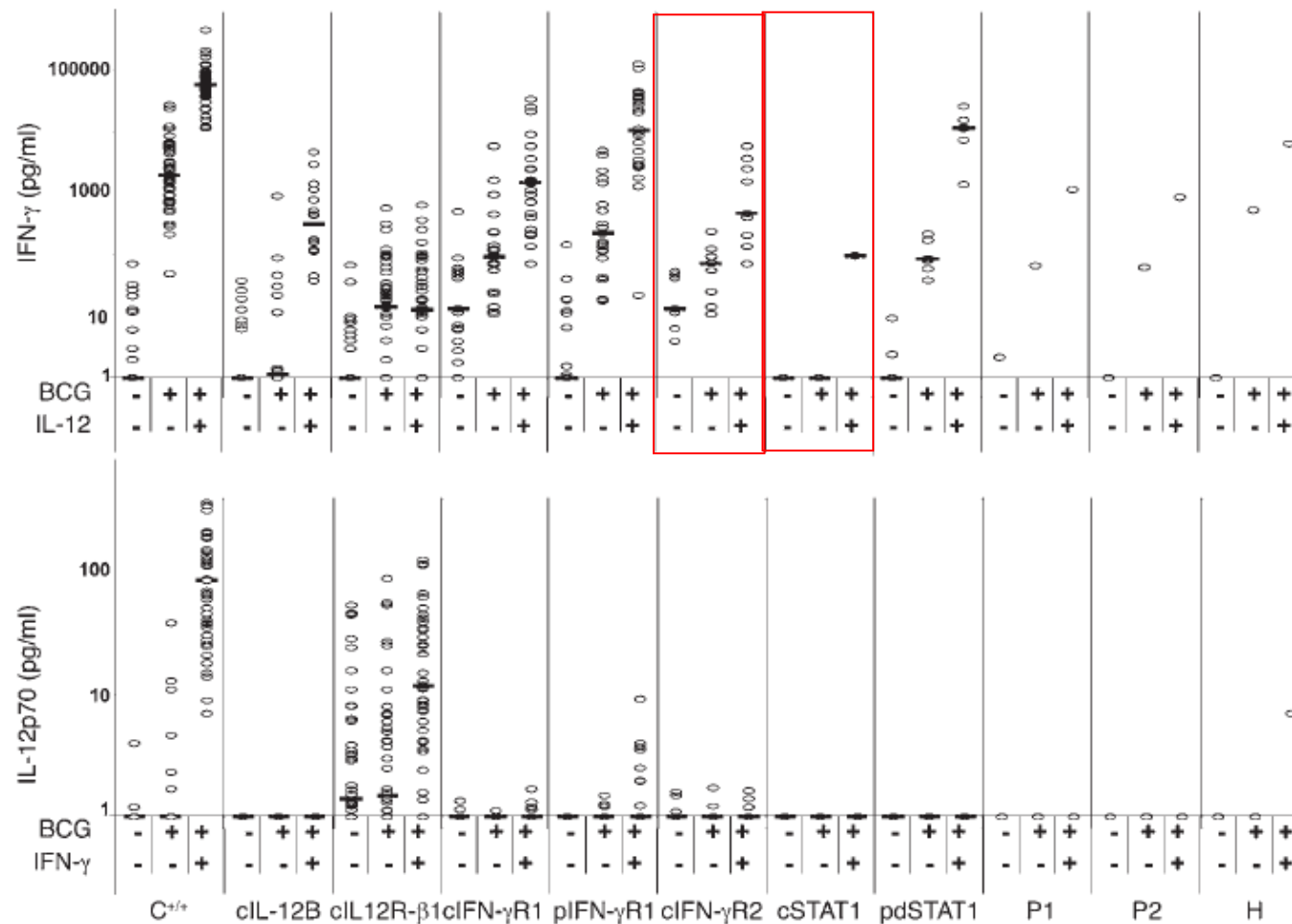


# Effects of Interferon deficiencies

IL-12 and IL-23 receptor deficiency	L + NK	IFN- $\gamma$ secretion	Susceptibility to <i>Mycobacteria</i> and <i>Salmonella</i>	AR	Elastase <i>IL-12R<math>\beta</math>1</i> :IL12 and IL23 receptor $\beta$ 1 chain
IL-12p40 deficiency	M	IFN- $\gamma$ secretion	Susceptibility to <i>Mycobacteria</i> and <i>Salmonella</i>	AR	<i>IL-12p40</i> subunit of IL12/IL23: IL12/IL23 production
IFN- $\gamma$ receptor deficiencies	M + L	IFN- $\gamma$ binding or signaling	Susceptibility to <i>Mycobacteria</i> and <i>Salmonella</i>	AR, AD*	<i>IFN-<math>\gamma</math>R1</i> : IFN- $\gamma$ R binding chain
				AR	<i>IFN-<math>\gamma</math>R2</i> : IFN- $\gamma$ R signaling chain
STAT1 deficiency(2 forms)	M + L	-IFN $\alpha/\beta/\gamma$ signaling IFN- $\gamma$ signaling	Susceptibility to <i>Mycobacteria</i> , <i>Salmonella</i> , and viruses Susceptibility to <i>Mycobacteria</i> and <i>Salmonella</i>	AR AD*	STAT1: STAT1

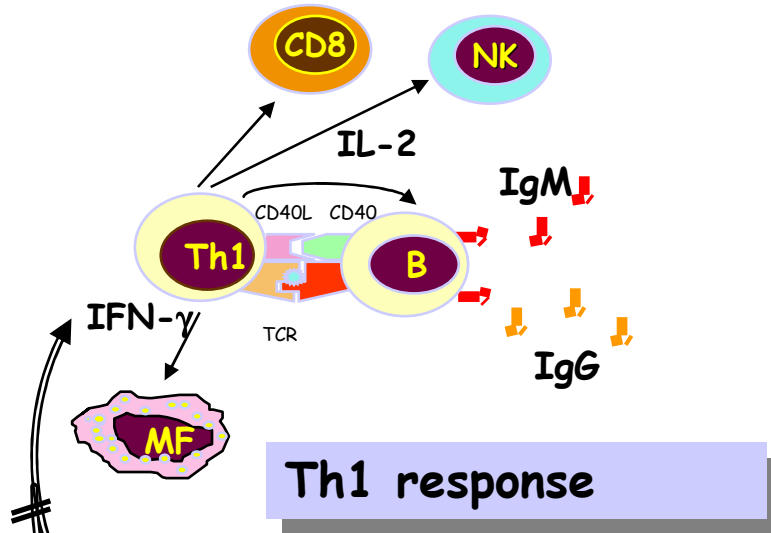
# STAT1 deficiency is associated with susceptibility to mycobacterial and viral diseases

The Journal of Clinical Investigation <http://www.jci.org> Volume 119 Number 6 June 2009



# The Th1/Th2 paradigm

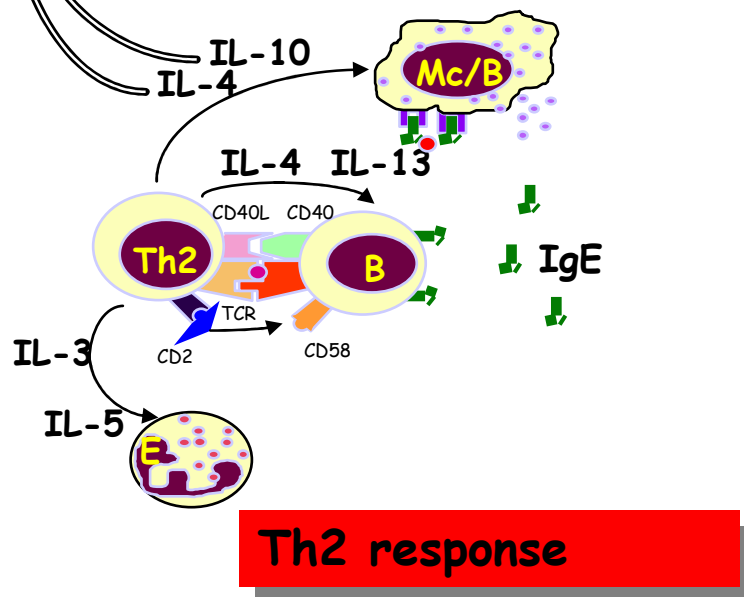
(Romagnani S. *Immunol. Today* 18, 263, 1997)



## Th1-associated conditions

Organ-specific autoimmune diseases  
Rheumatoid arthritis  
Sarcoidosis  
Atherosclerosis  
Acute allograft rejection

Some unexplained recurrent abortion  
Proliferative glomerulonephritis  
Crohn's disease  
Helicobacter pylori-induced peptic ulcer



## Th2-associated conditions

Omenn's syndrome  
Some idiopathic hyper-eosinophilic syndromes  
Vernal conjunctivitis  
Progression to AIDS of HIV infection

Atopic disorders  
Chronic GVHD  
Progressive systemic sclerosis  
Idiopathic fibrosing alveolitis



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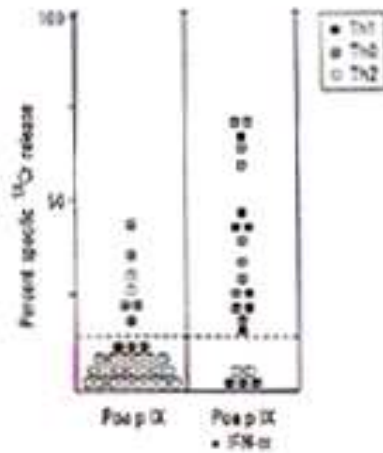
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# Human $T_H1$ and $T_H2$ subsets: "eppur si muove"!

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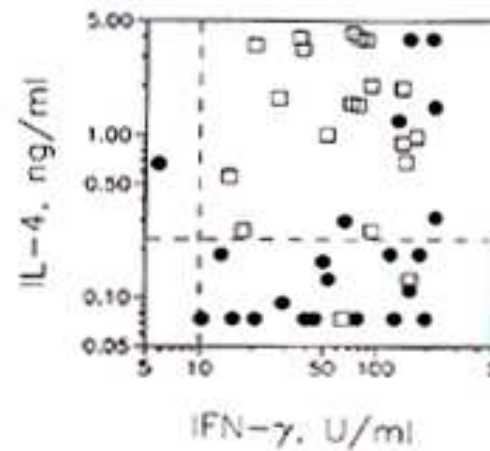
# Innate cytokines promote the $T_H1/T_H2$ shift

## IFN- $\alpha$



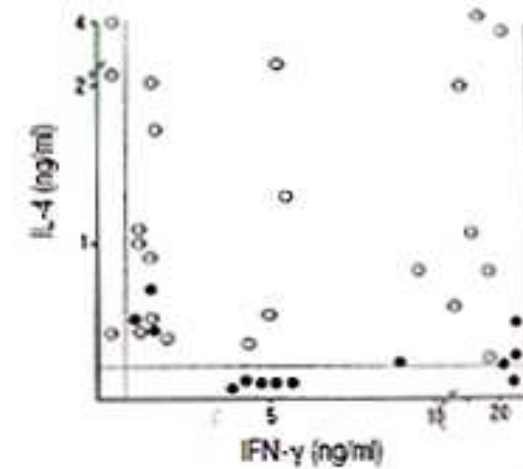
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## IL-12



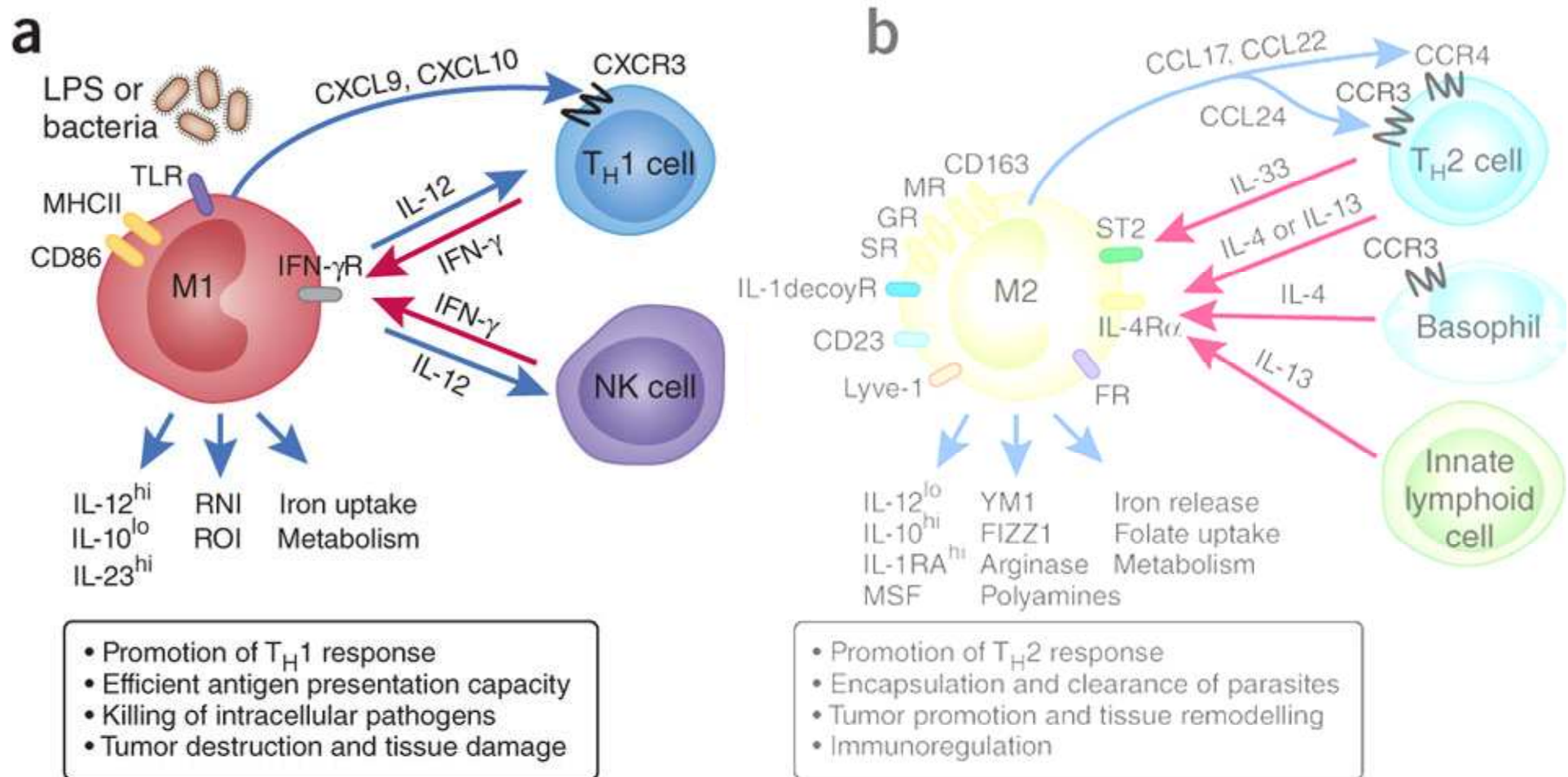
Manetti et al.,  
J. Exp. Med. 177:1199,1993

## Poly I:C



Manetti et al.,  
Eur. J. Immunol. 25:2656,1995

# The orchestration of macrophage activation and polarization by lymphoid cells



# Concluding remarks

Class I antigen presentation pathway

Class II antigen presentation pathway

The IFN-induced antiviral state

Cell cycle, growth, and apoptosis

Activation of microbicidal effector functions

Immunomodulation and leukocyte trafficking

IFN- $\gamma$  priming of the macrophage LPS response

IFN- $\gamma$  and development of Th1 response

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