



# ***Low Dose Medicine: a new pharmacological paradigm for the immunomodulation***

***Roundtables around the world***

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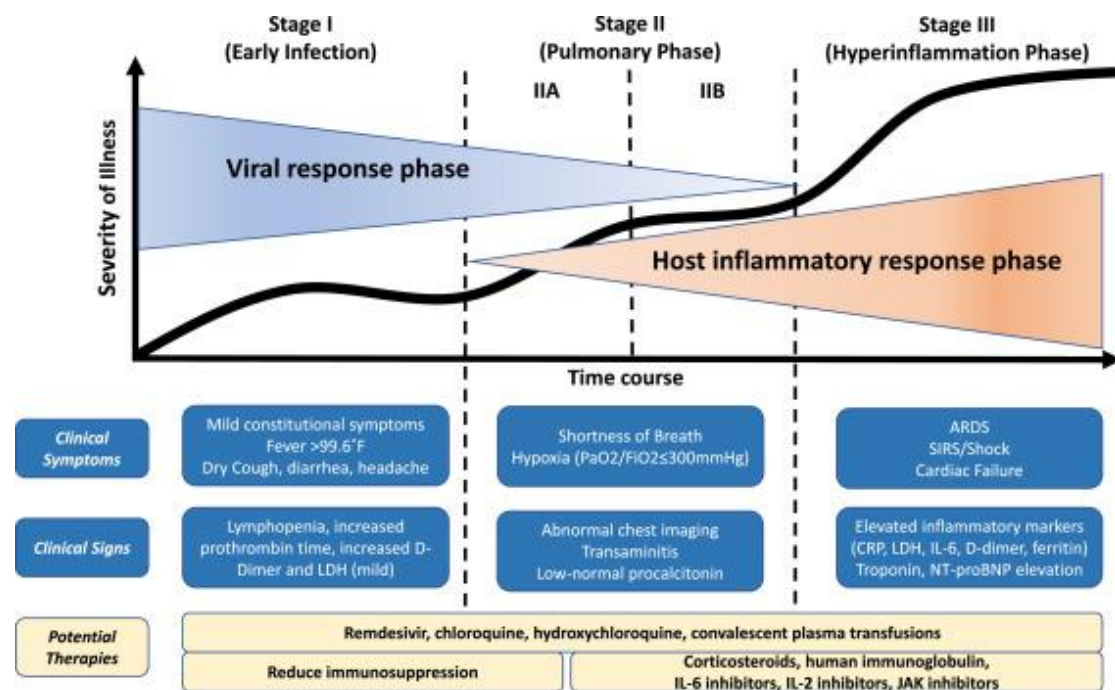
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# Our (unique) goal

- *To immunostimulate without inflaming*
- *To reduce the inflammation without immunosuppressing*

# Our (unique) goal

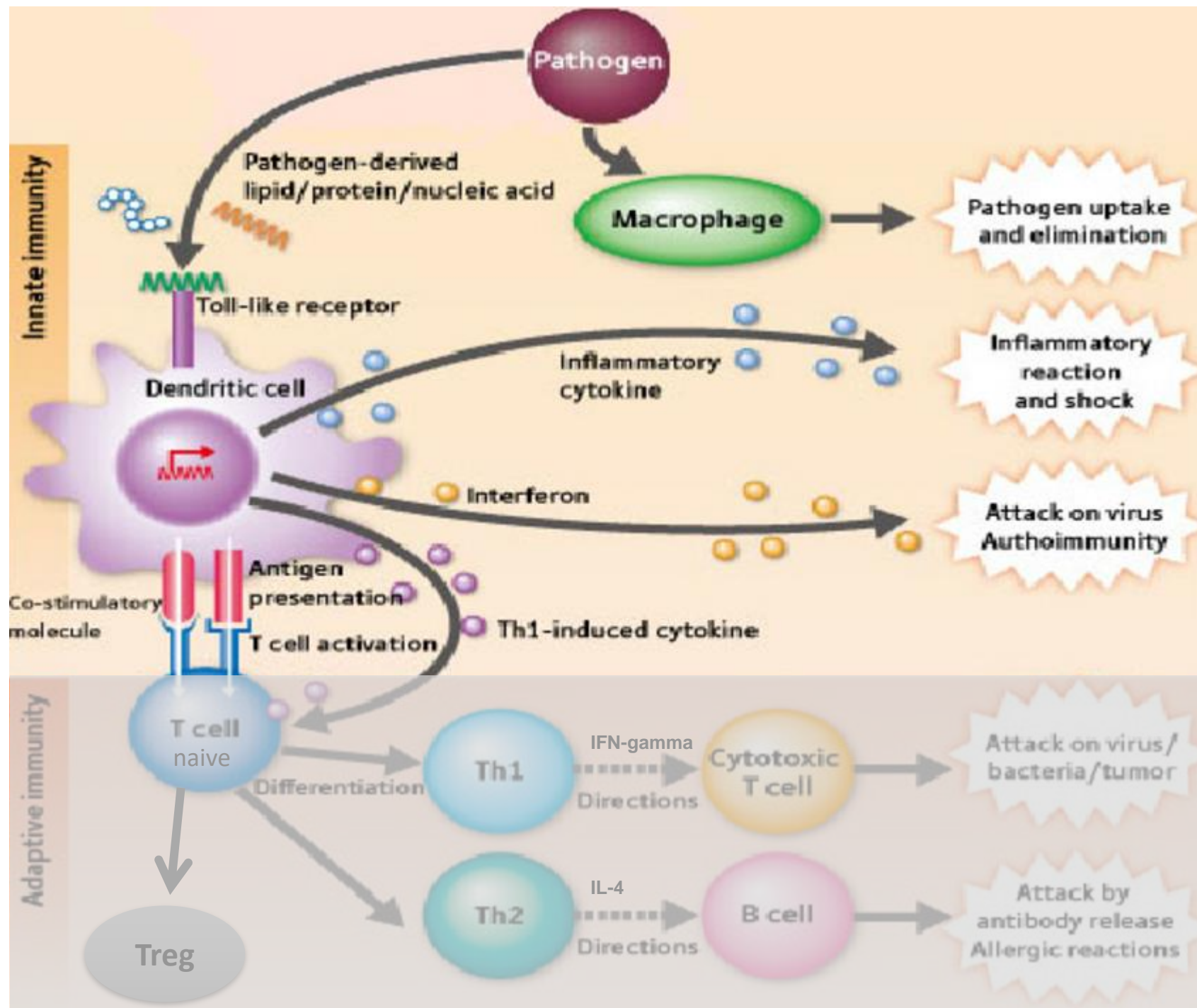
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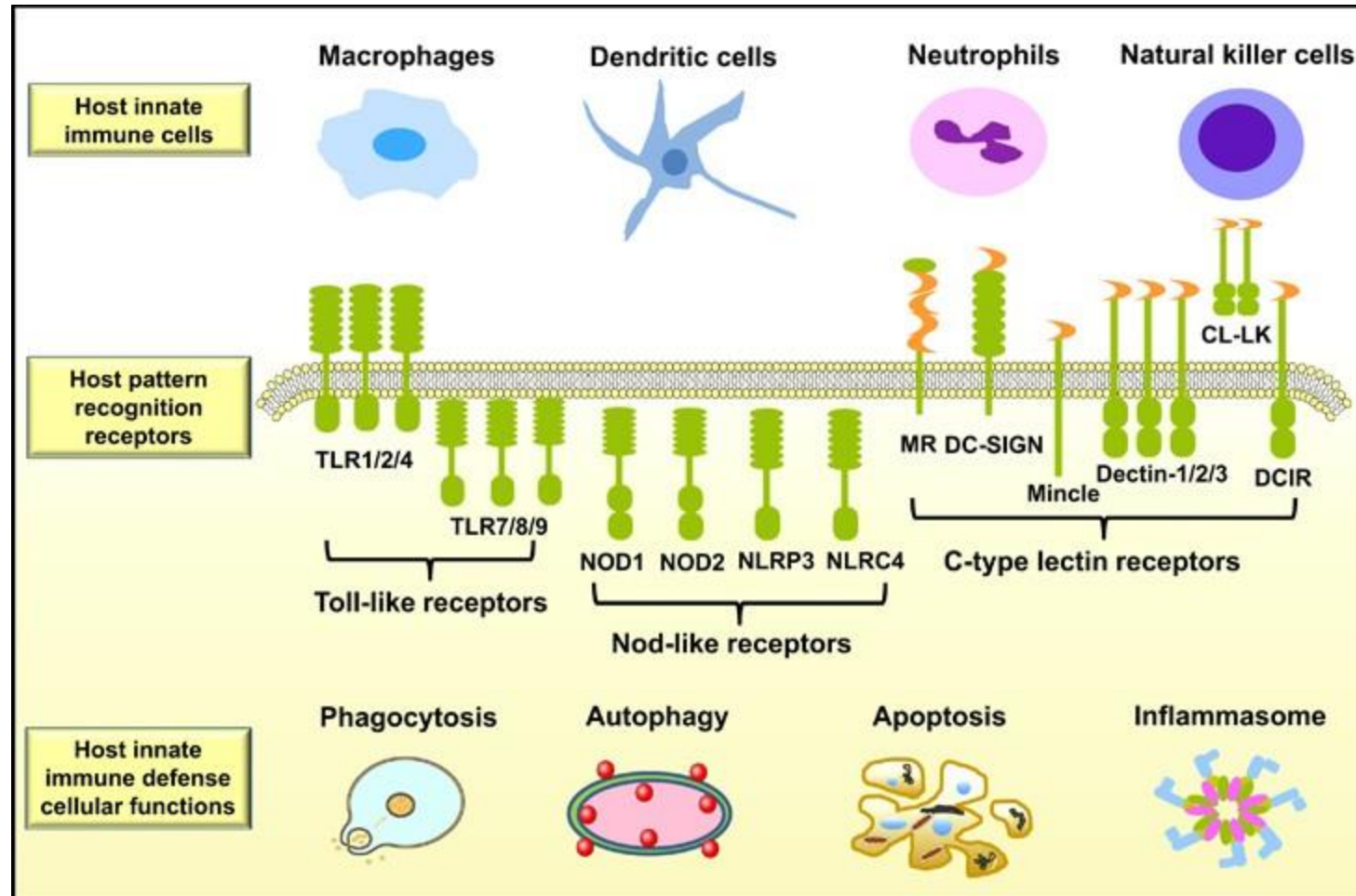
# The bag of tools





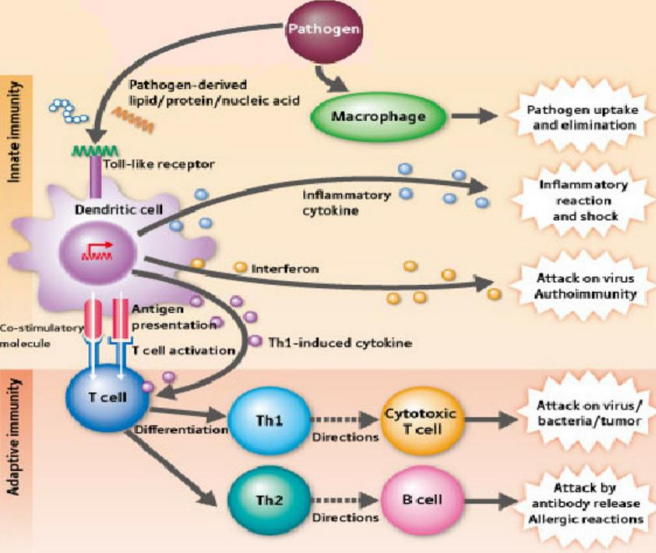


# INNATE IMMUNITY

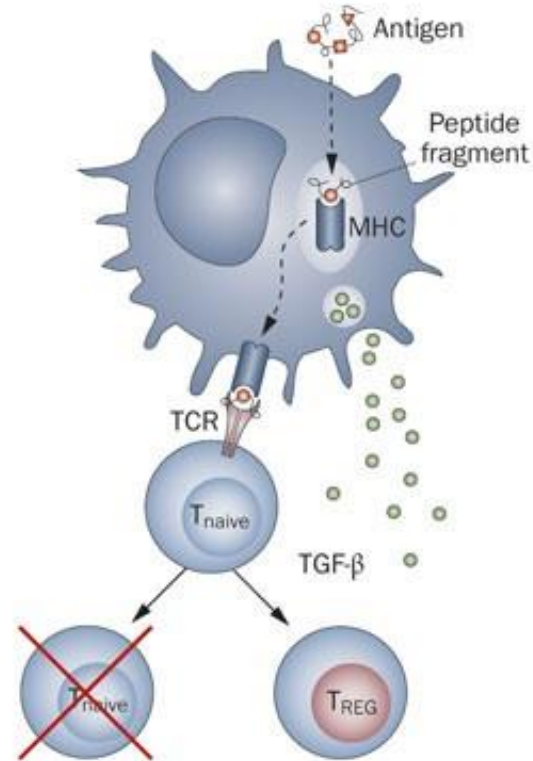


# DENDRITIC CELLS

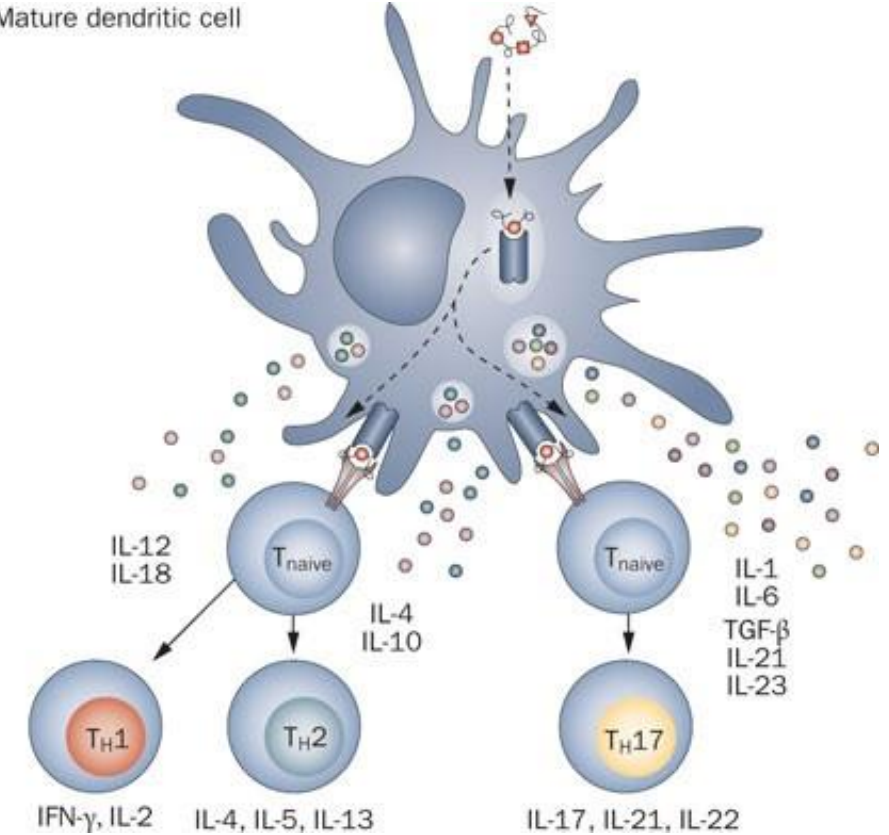
## The link between innate and adaptive immunity



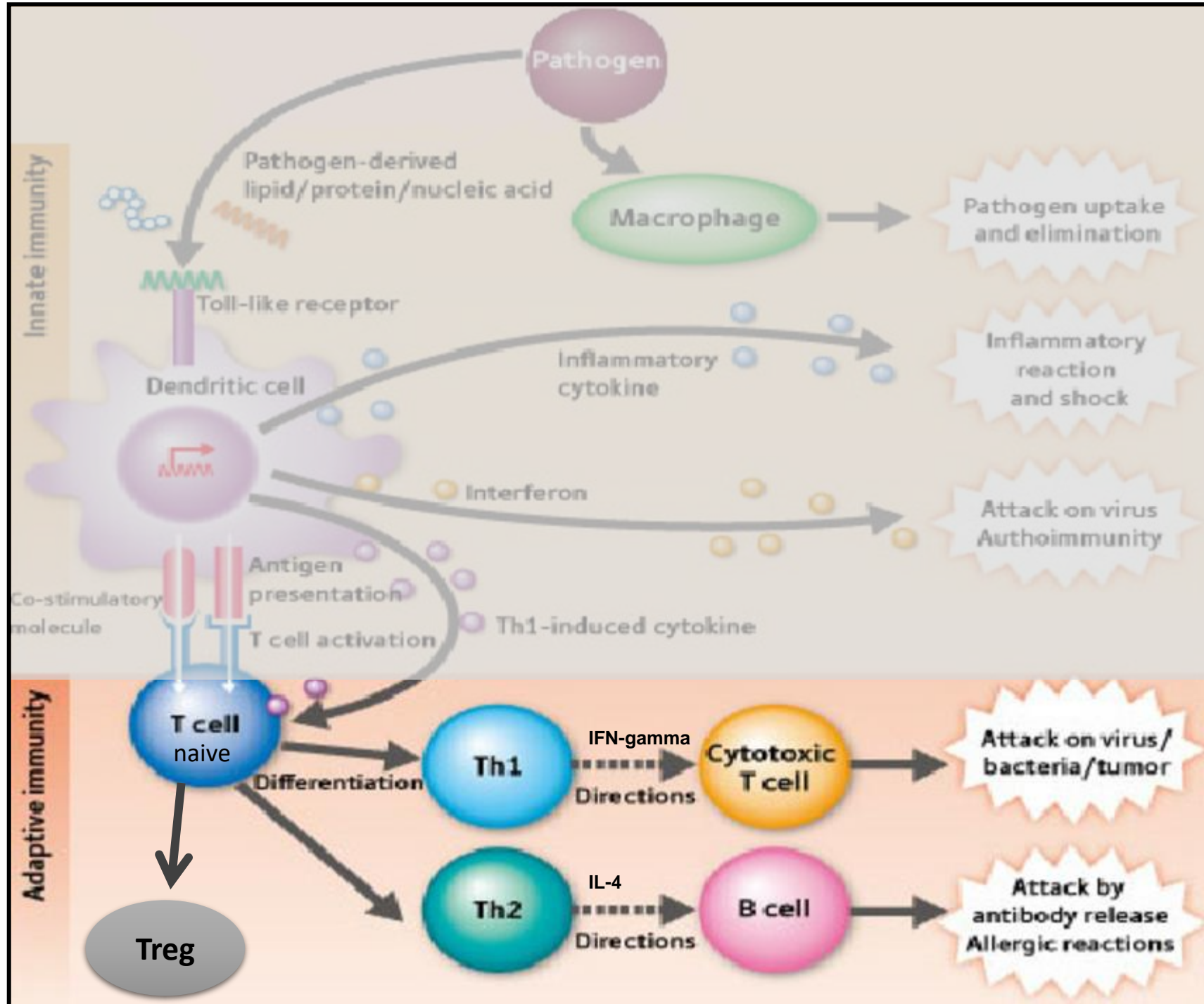
Immature dendritic cell



Mature dendritic cell







# ADAPTIVE IMMUNITY

## HUMORAL ANTIBODY DRIVEN IMMUNE RESPONSE

- Th2 DRIVEN IL-4
- B CELLS
- ANTIBODIES

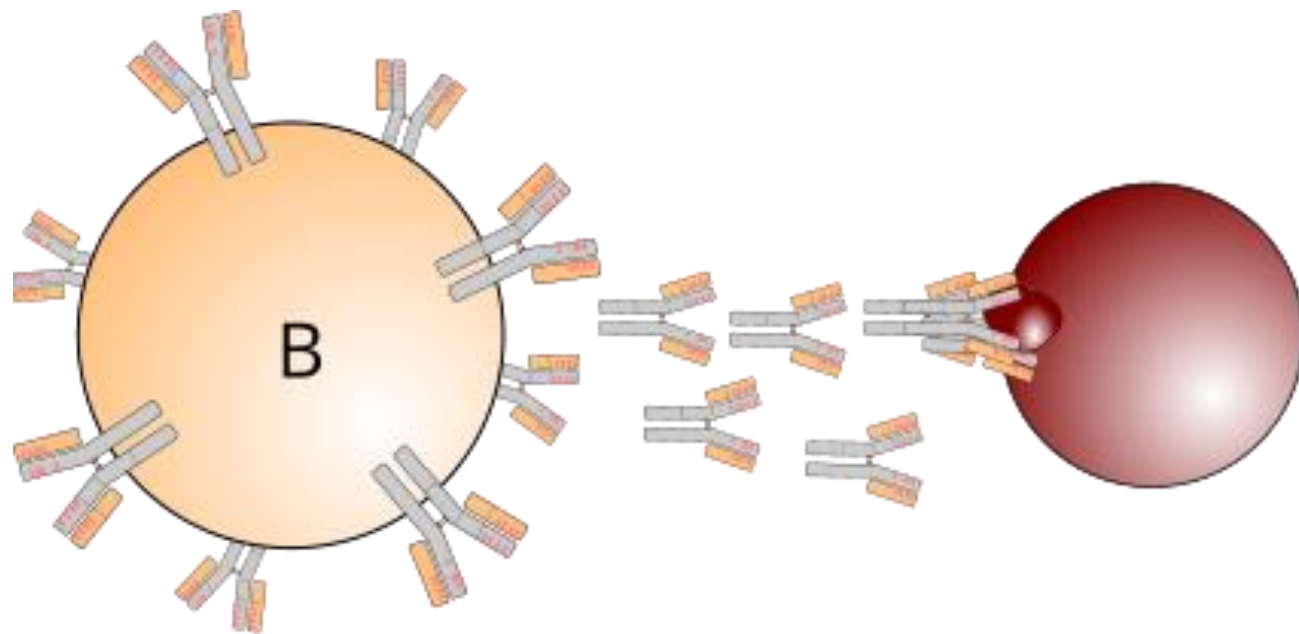


## CELL MEDIATED IMMUNE RESPONSE

- Th1 DRIVEN IFN- $\gamma$
- T CELLS – NK CELLS
- CITOTOXICITY



IMMUNE RESPONSE





# *The viral infection*

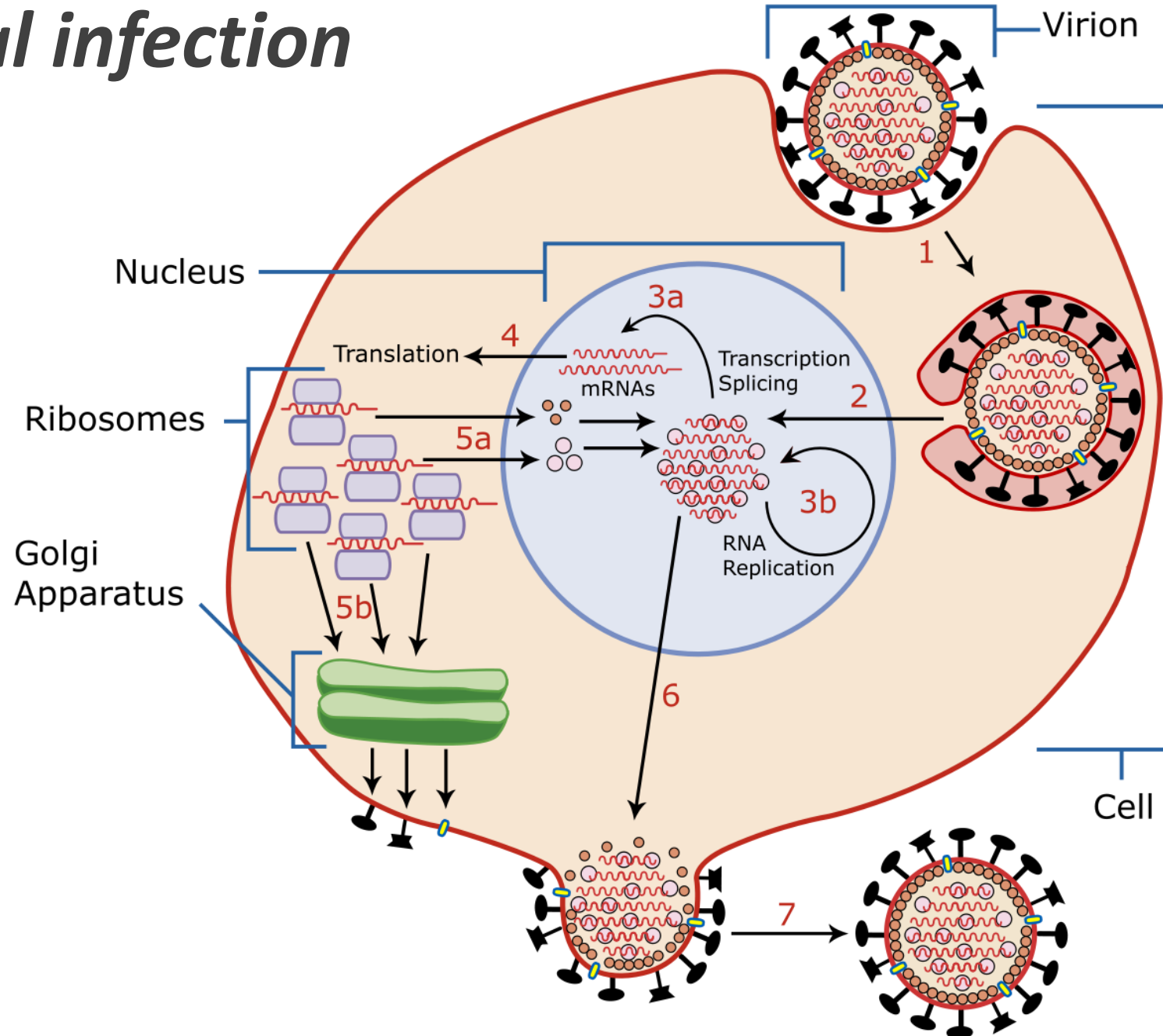
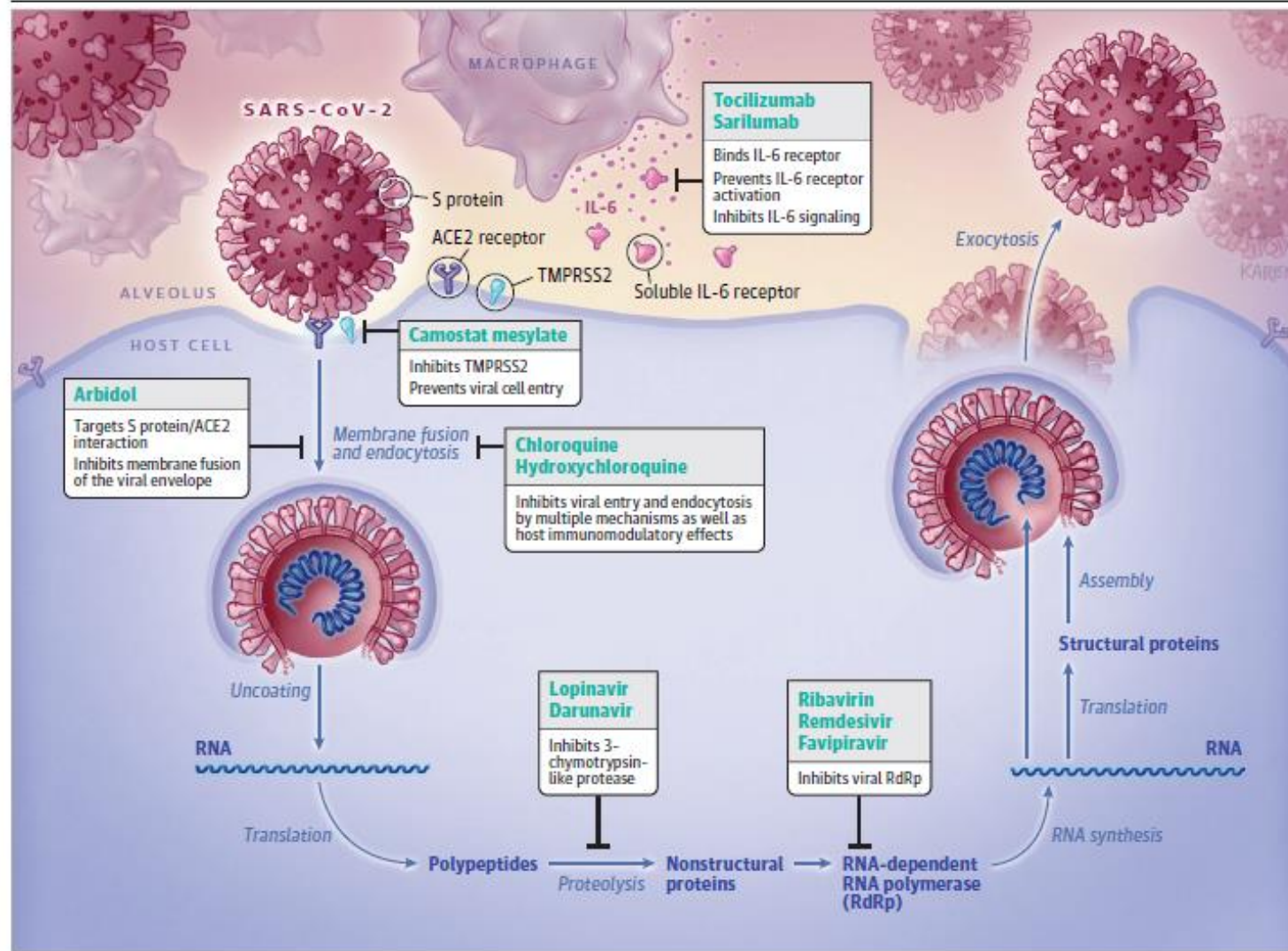


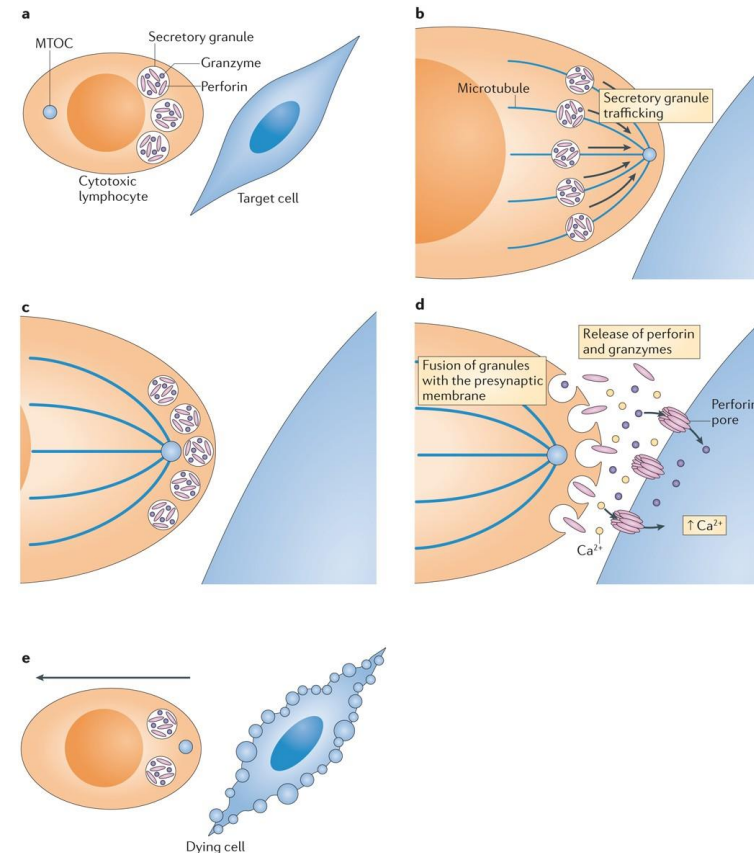
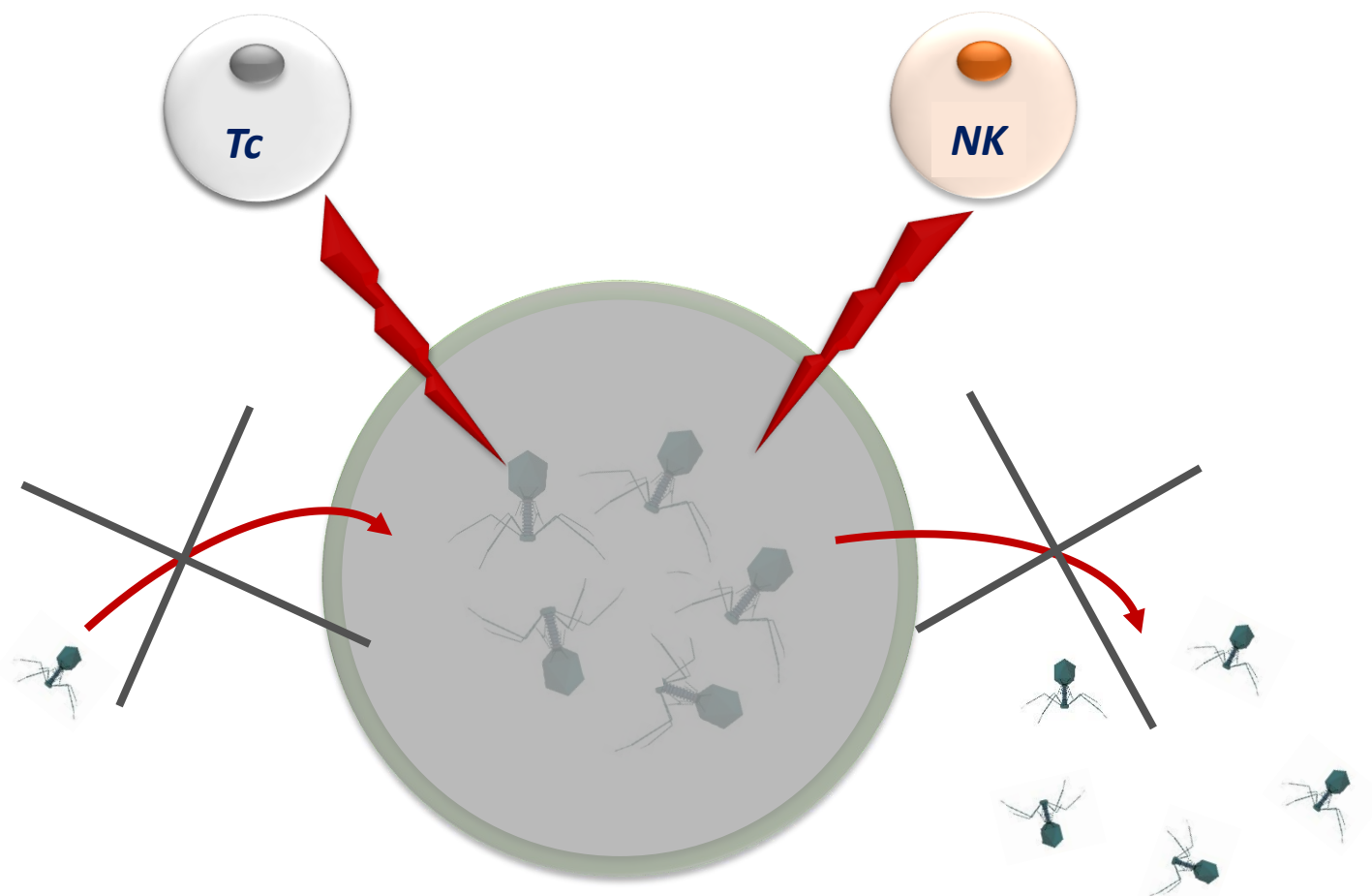
Figure. Simplified Representation of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) Viral Lifecycle and Potential Drug Targets



Schematic represents virus-induced host immune system response and viral processing within target cells. Proposed targets of select repurposed and investigational products are noted. ACE2, angiotensin-converting enzyme 2; S protein, spike protein; and TMPRSS2, type 2 transmembrane serine protease.

# Everything but the CELL MEDIATED IMMUNE RESPONSE

# CYTOTOXIC ACTIVITY OF Tc and NK-cells

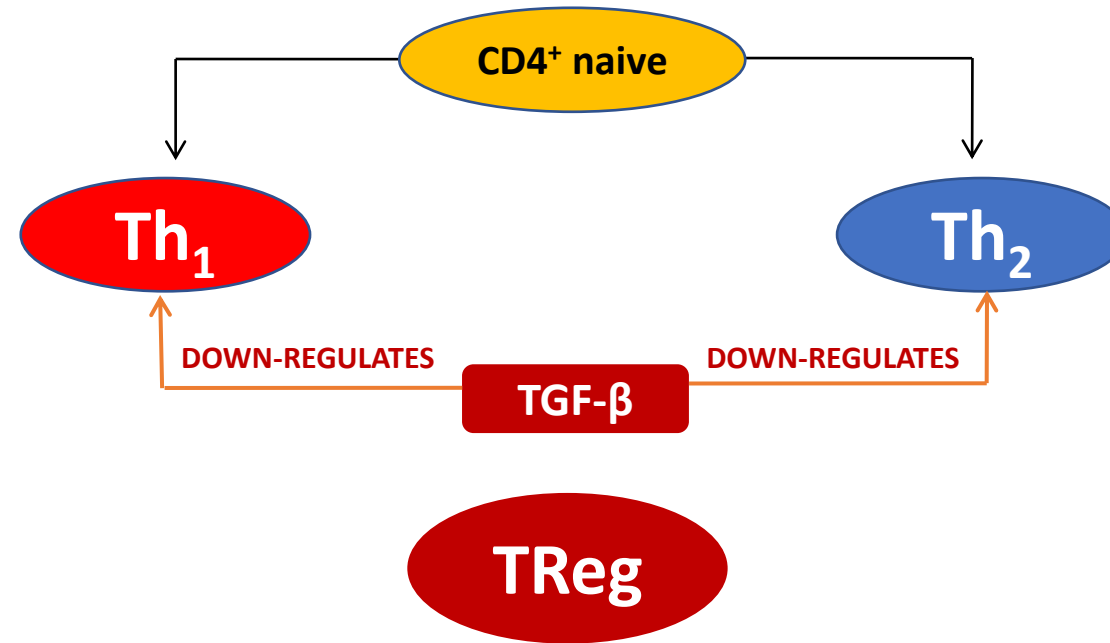


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# SIGNALING MOLECULES AND DISEASES

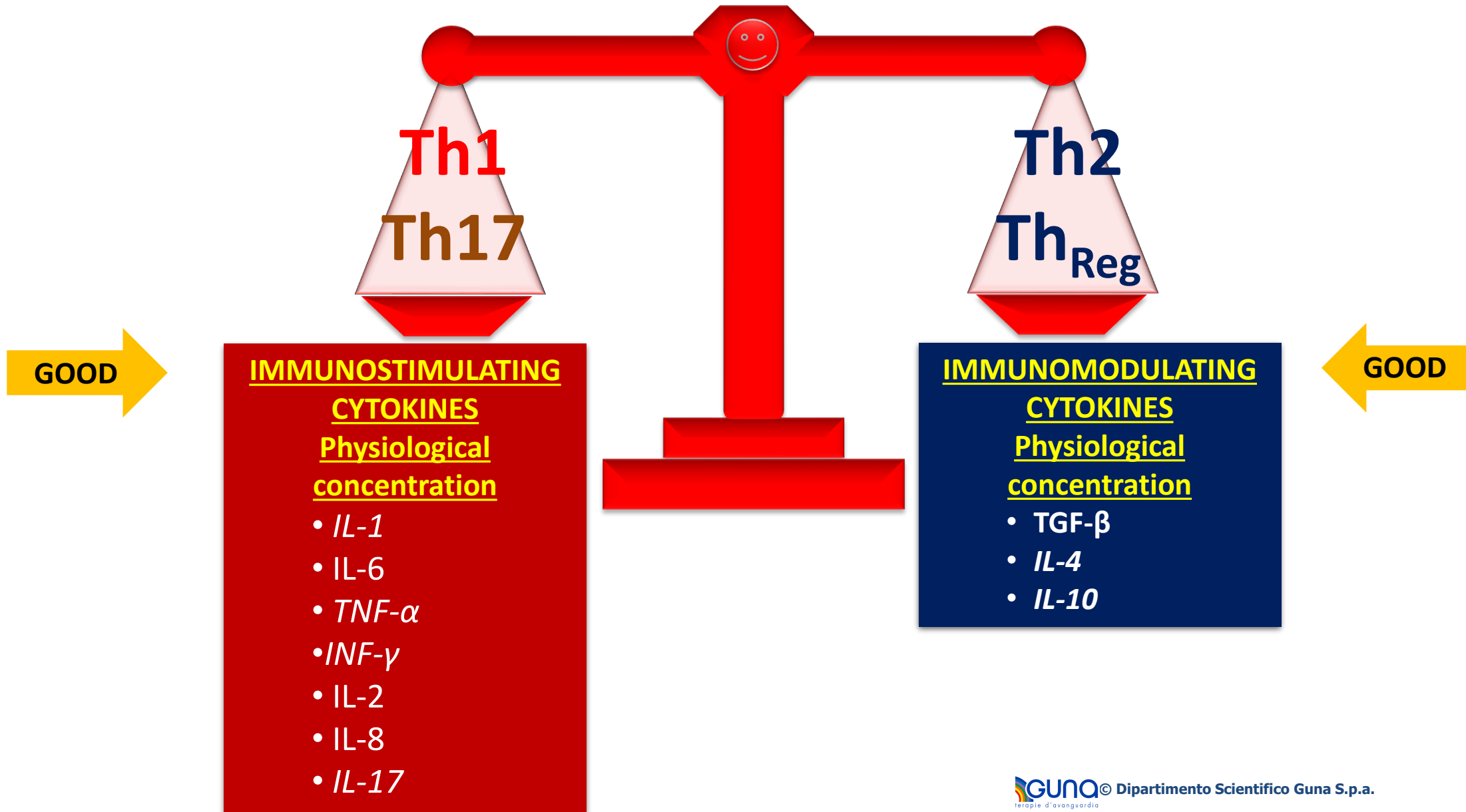
DISEASES CAN BE CONSIDERED AS AN  
EXPRESSION, A CONSEQUENCE OF AN  
UNBALANCE OF T- HELPER SUBSETS AND  
CHANGED EXPRESSIONS OF *SIGNALING*  
*MOLECULES* CONCENTRATION

# *Relationship between Th1-Th2-TReg*

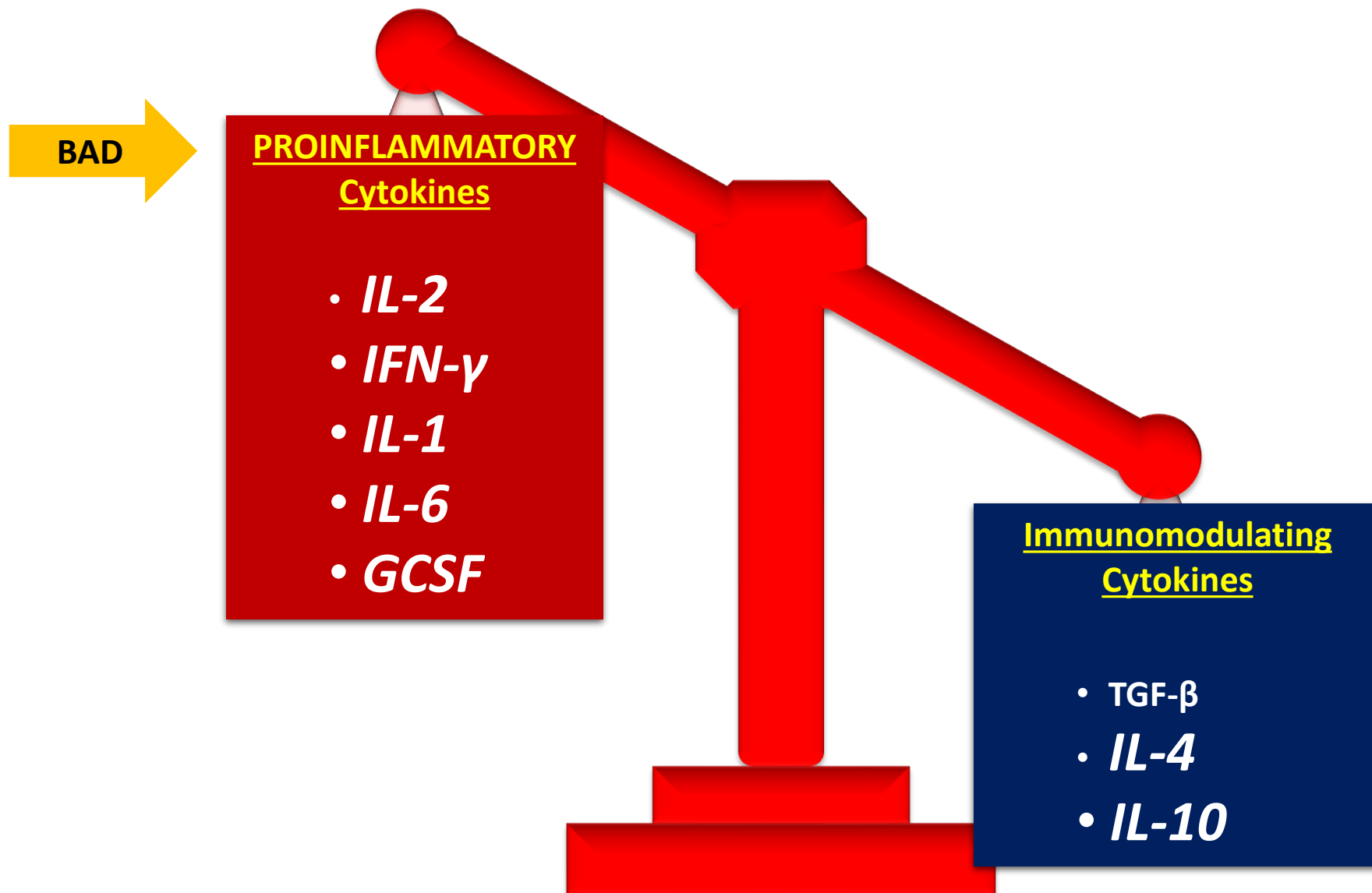




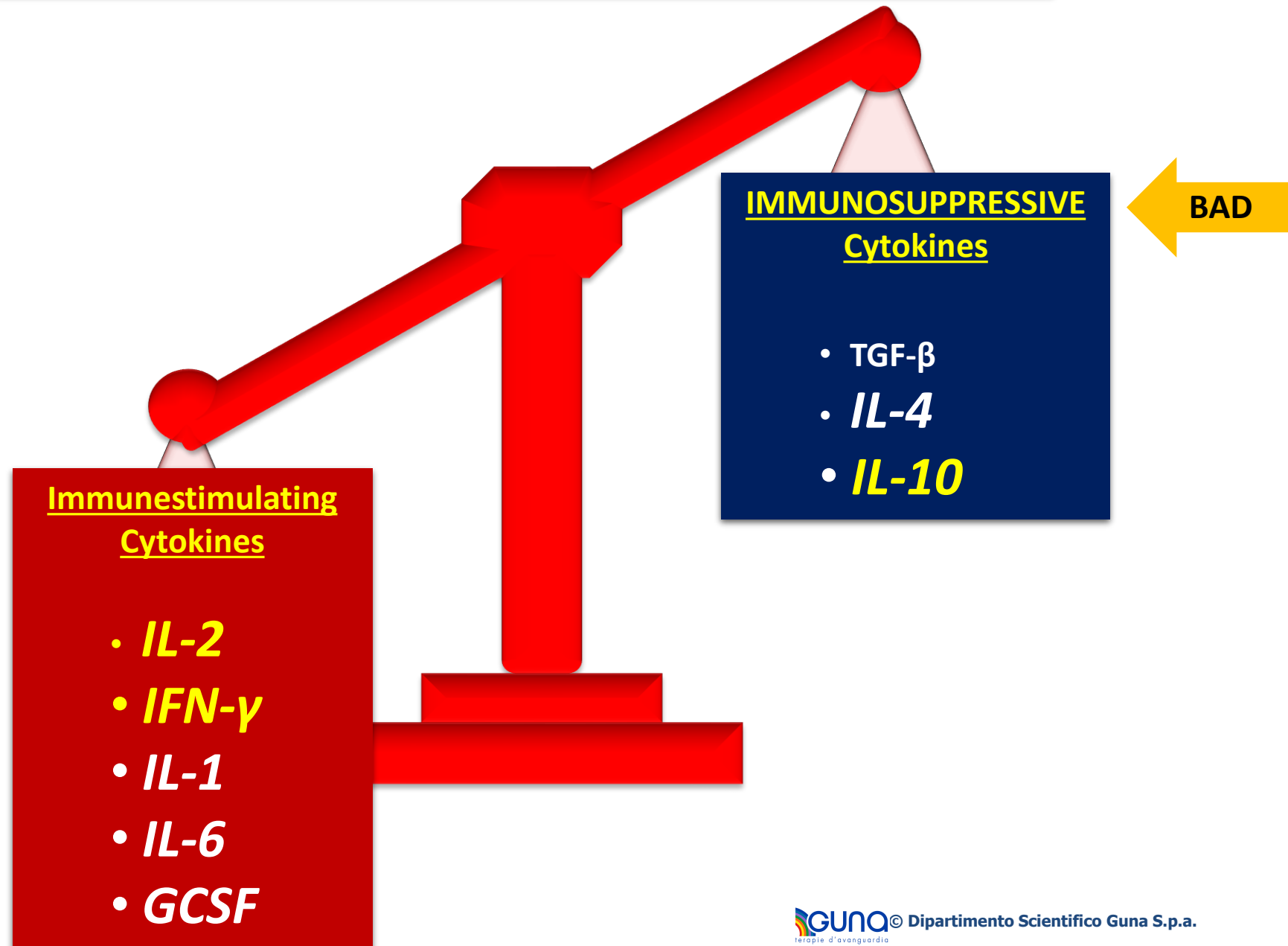
# Relationships between Th subsets



## ...in inflammation



# ...in Immune “deficiency”



### Cytokines UP

- *IL-1*
- *IL-6*
- *TNF- $\alpha$*
- *IL-17*

### Physiological concentration

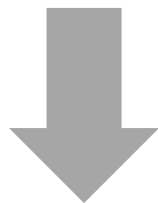
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HYPER



HEALTH



HYPO

### Cytokines UP

- TGF- $\beta$
- *IL-4*
- *IL-10*

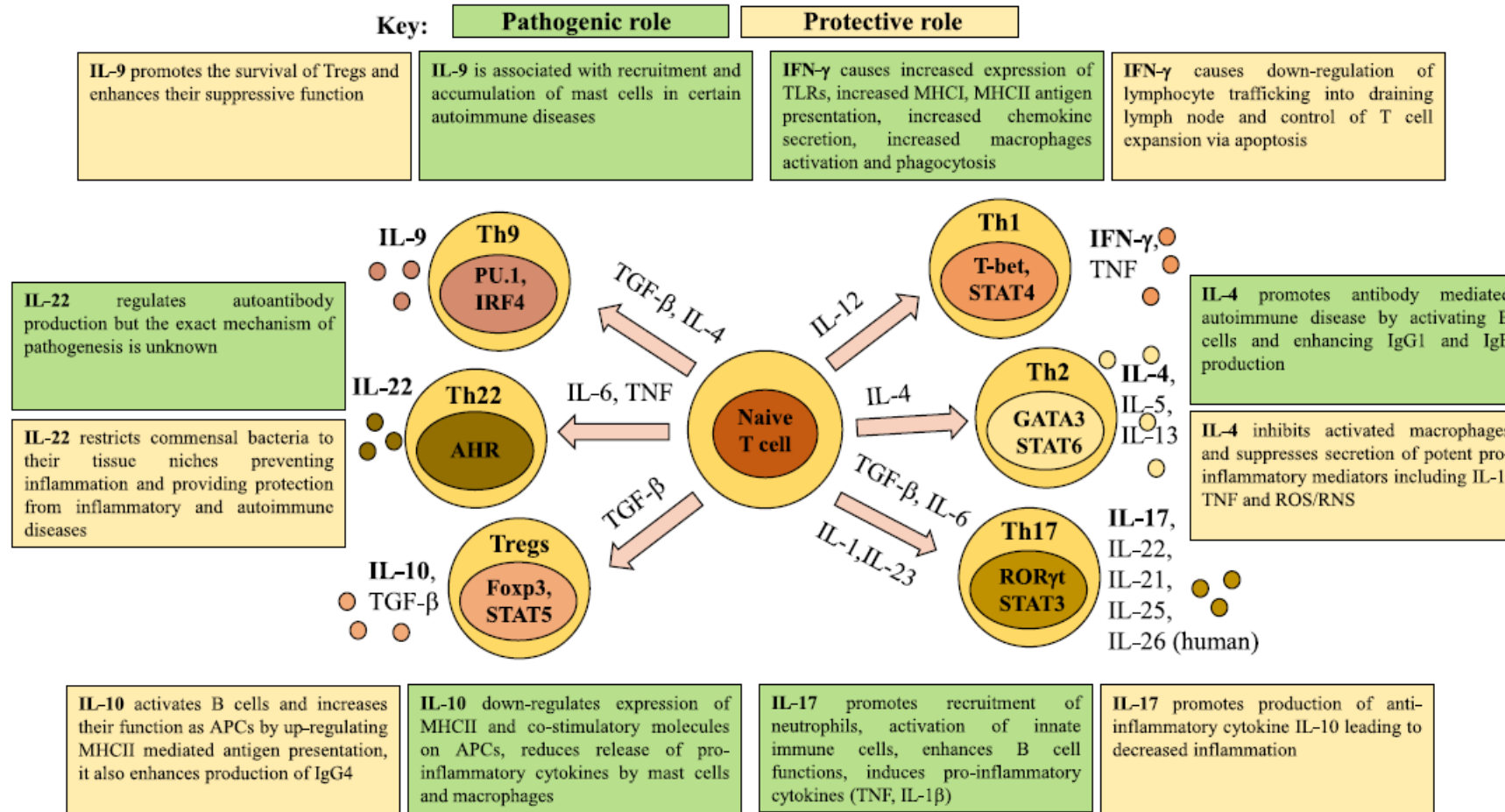
### Physiological concentration

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### Cytokines DOWN

- TGF- $\beta$
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- *IL-10*

# Neither good nor bad in Nature



Raphael I et al. T cell subsets and their signature cytokines in autoimmune and inflammatory diseases. Cytokine (2014), <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.cyto.2014.09.011>

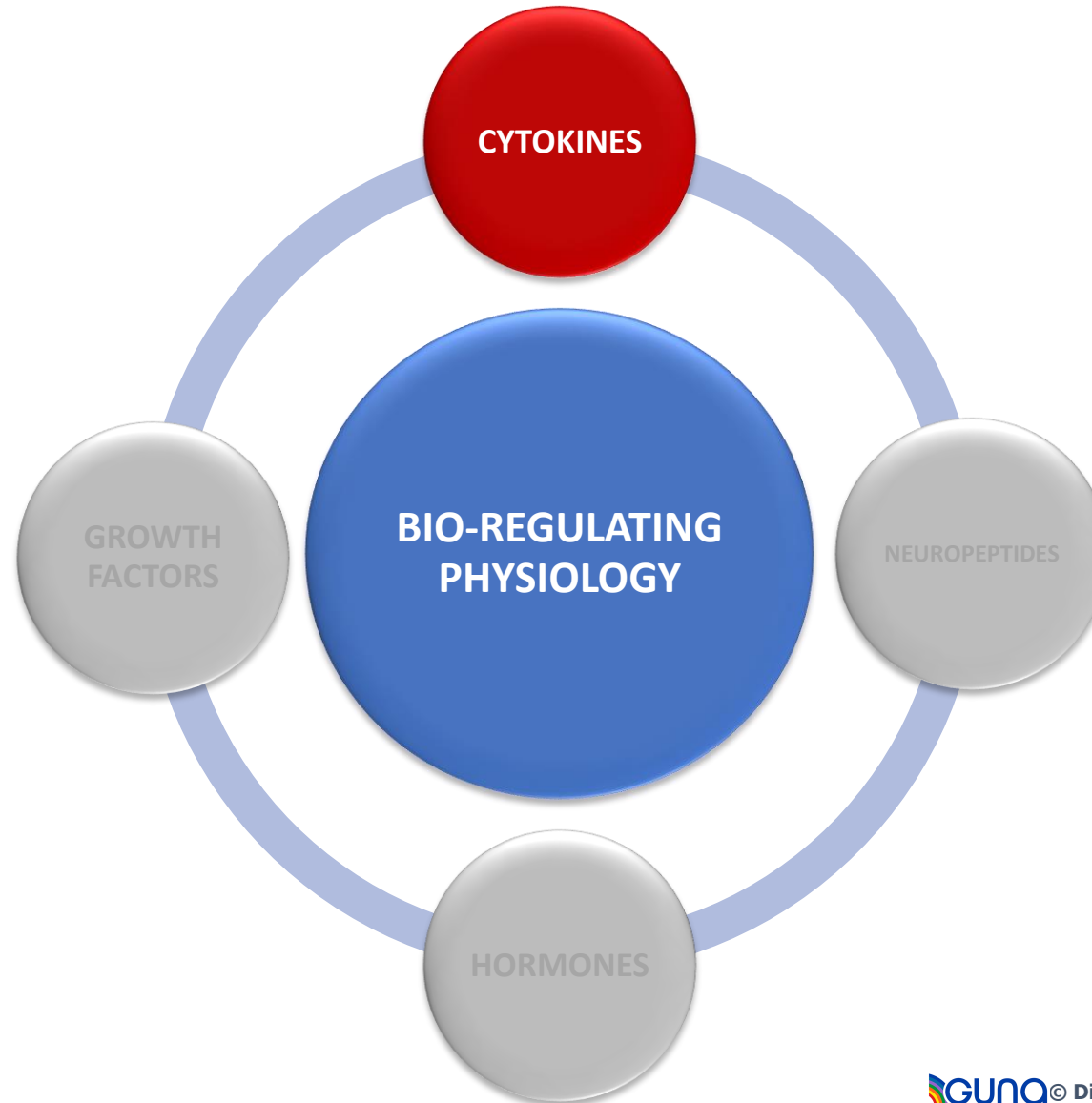
# **Clinical use of low dose SKA signaling molecules**

## **THE SCALES OF THE BODY**



# ***LOW DOSE SIGNALING MOLECULES***

## ***THE GREAT INNOVATION***



# ***GUNA Signaling Molecules***



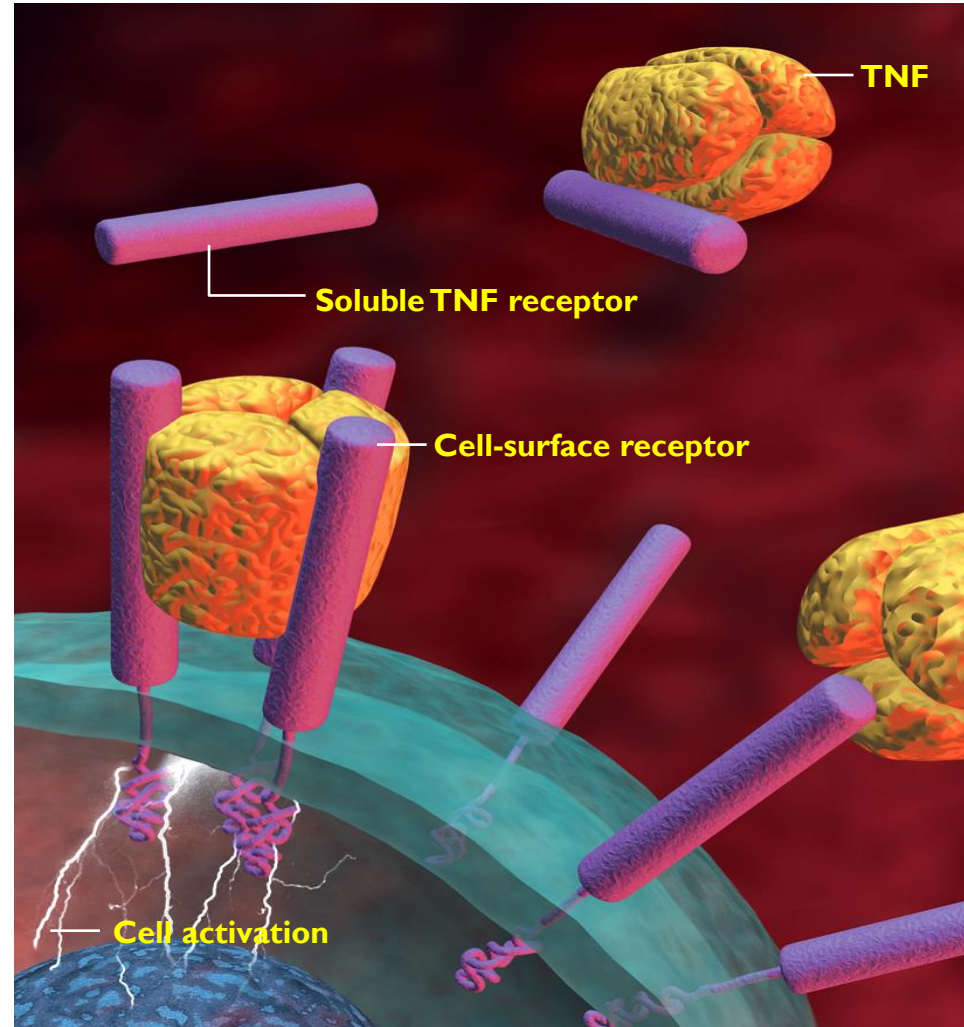
- Bio-Tech – human recombinant in *E. Coli* or in *SF21* (*Spodoptera frugiperda*); for Anti IL-1 in mouse.





# TRANS-MEMBRANE RECEPTORS

## Up- and Down-Regulation

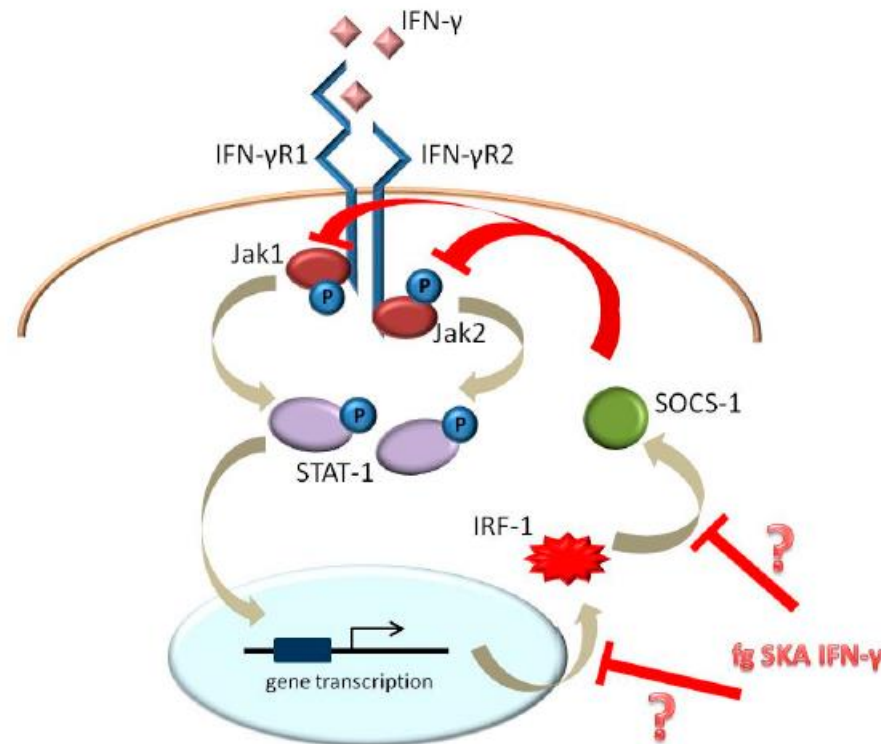




Article

# Femtograms of Interferon- $\gamma$ Suffice to Modulate the Behavior of Jurkat Cells: A New Light in Immunomodulation

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Jak-1: Tyrosine kinasis

STAT-1: Signal transducer and activator of transcription 1

SOCS-1:Suppressor of cytokin signaling 1

# Safety and biological “INTELLIGENCE” of LOW DOSES

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Published Online September 2012 (<http://www.SciRP.org/journal/jct>)



## **Low Dose of IL-12 Stimulates T Cell Response in Cultures of PBMCs Derived from Non Small Cell Lung Cancer Patients<sup>\*</sup>**

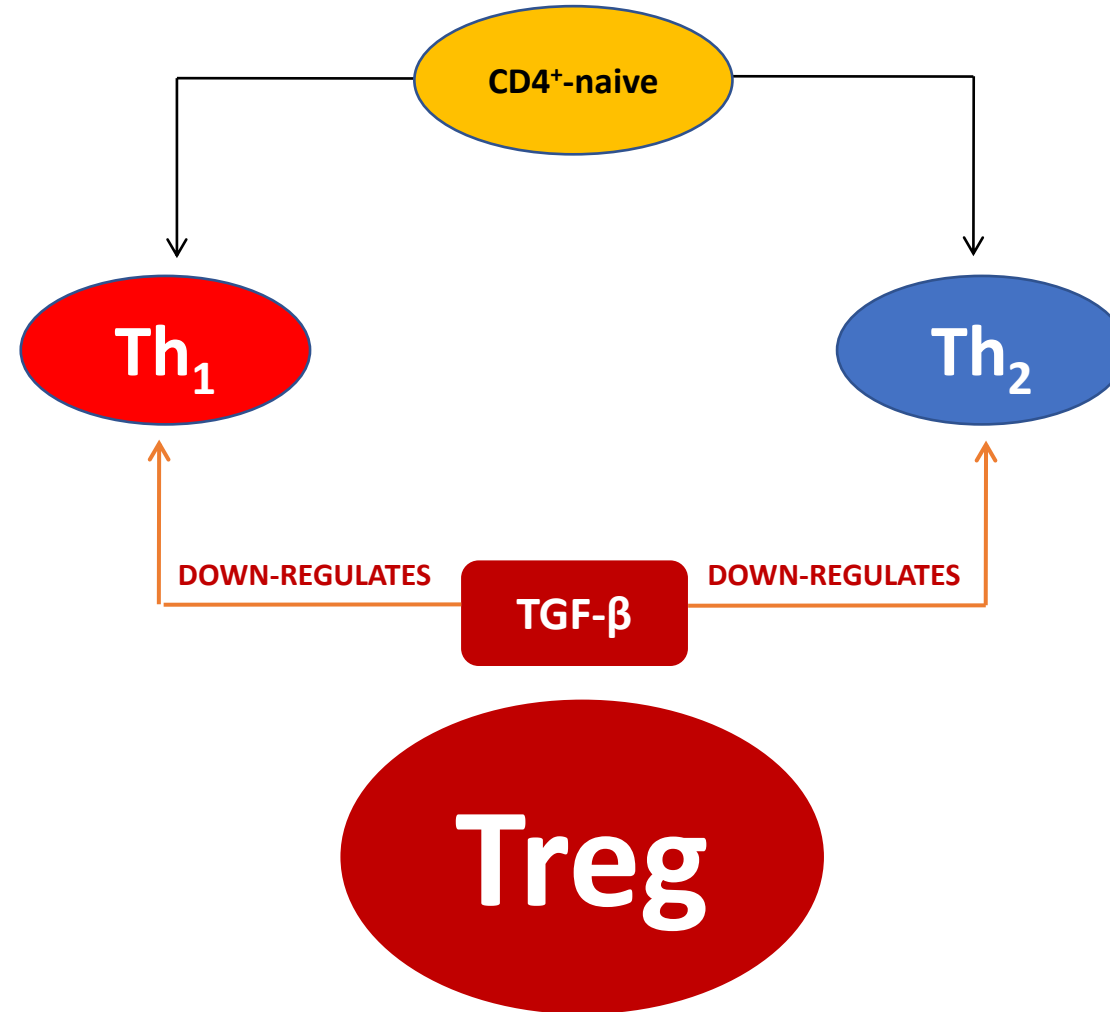
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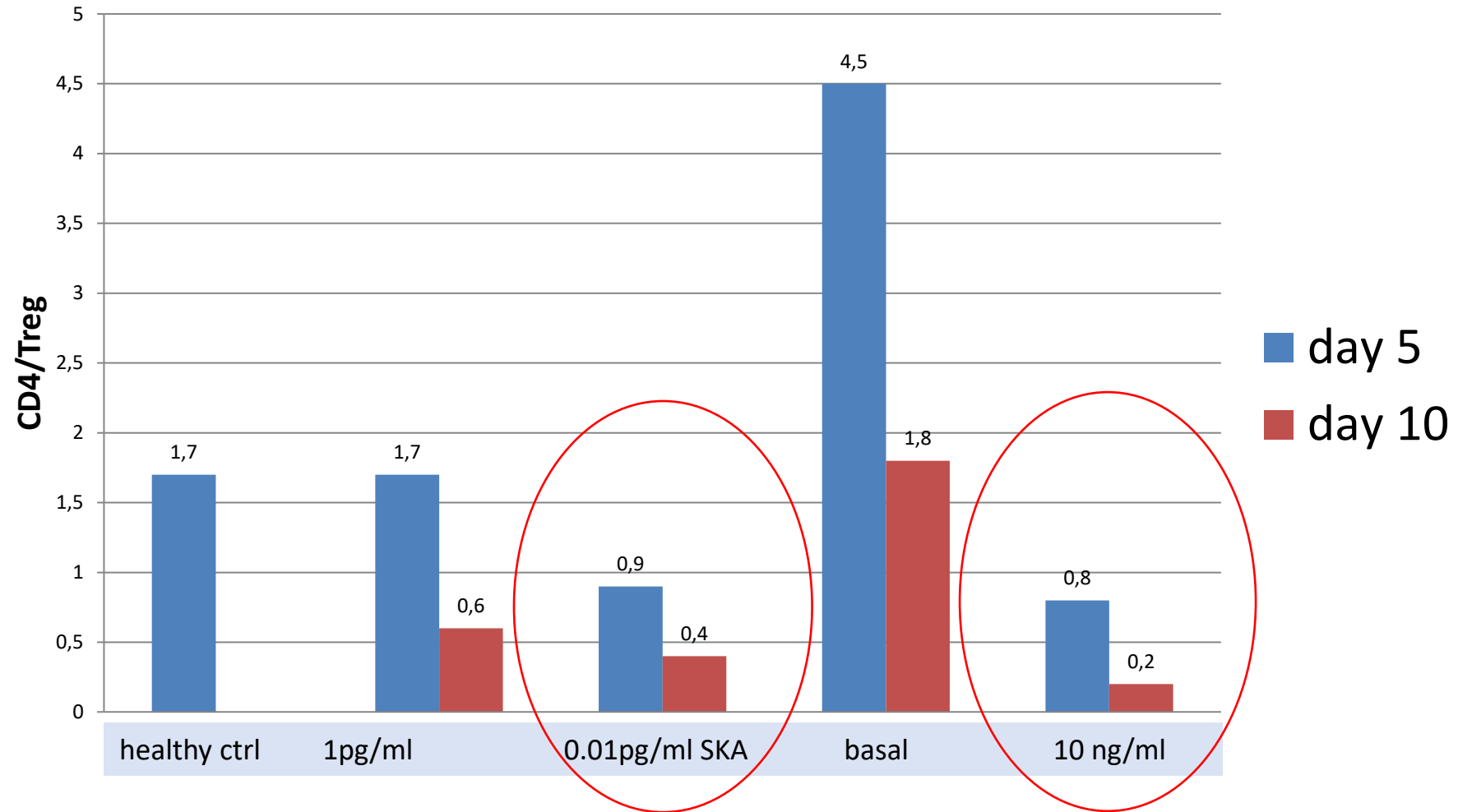
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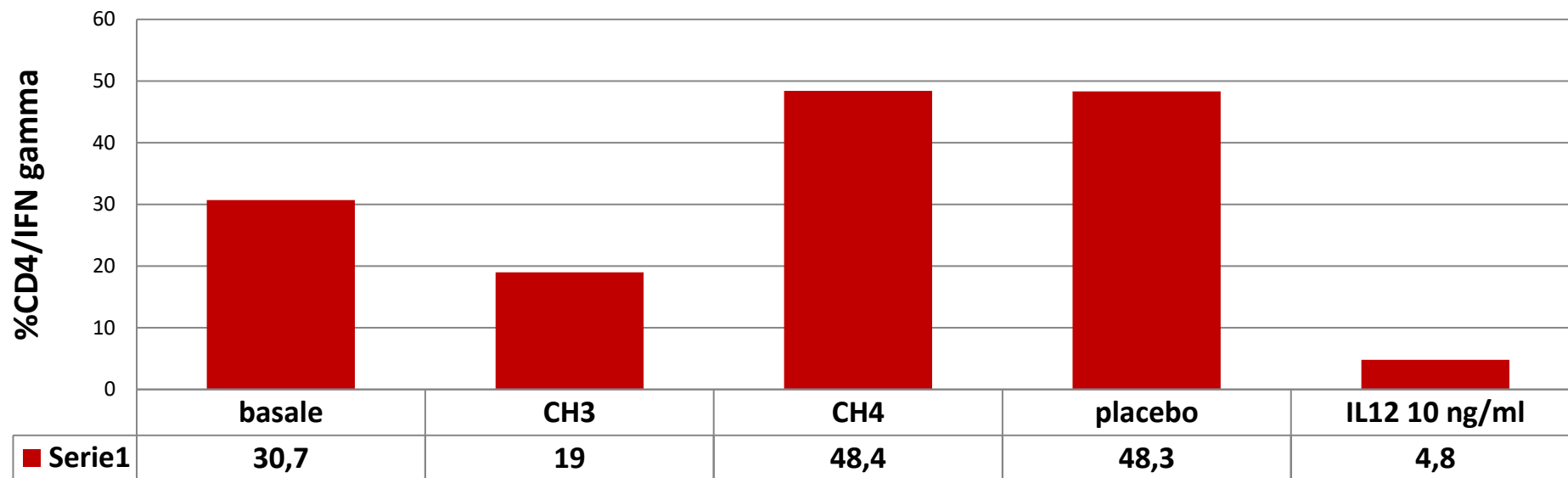
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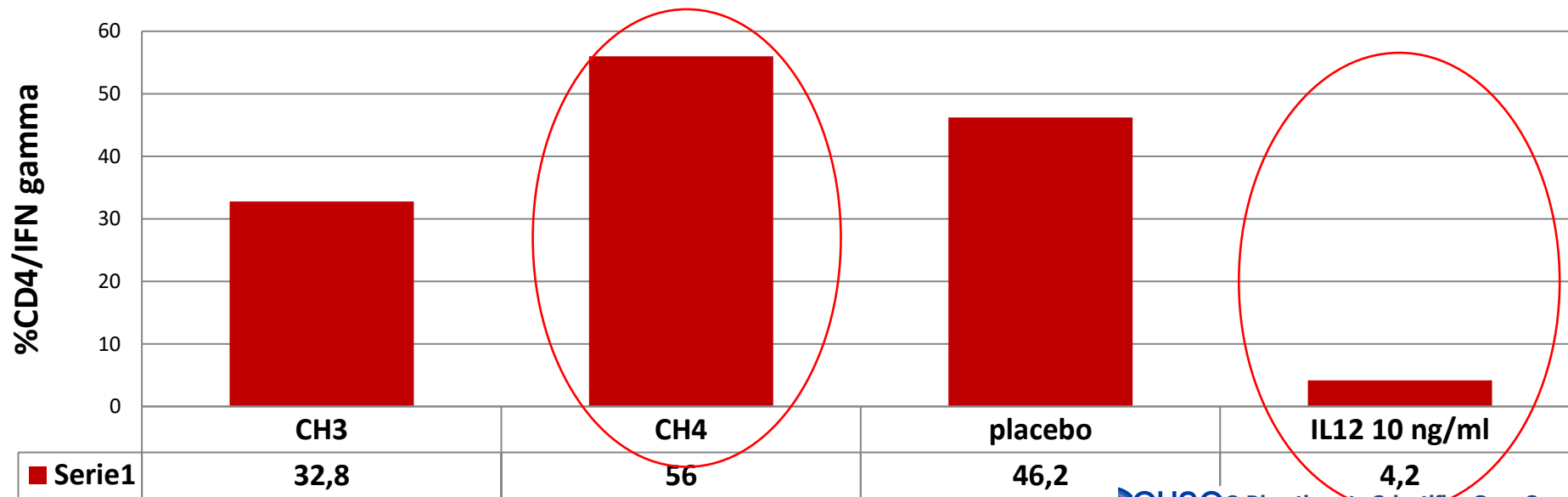
## *Safety of low dose cytokines*



## Day 5



## Day 10

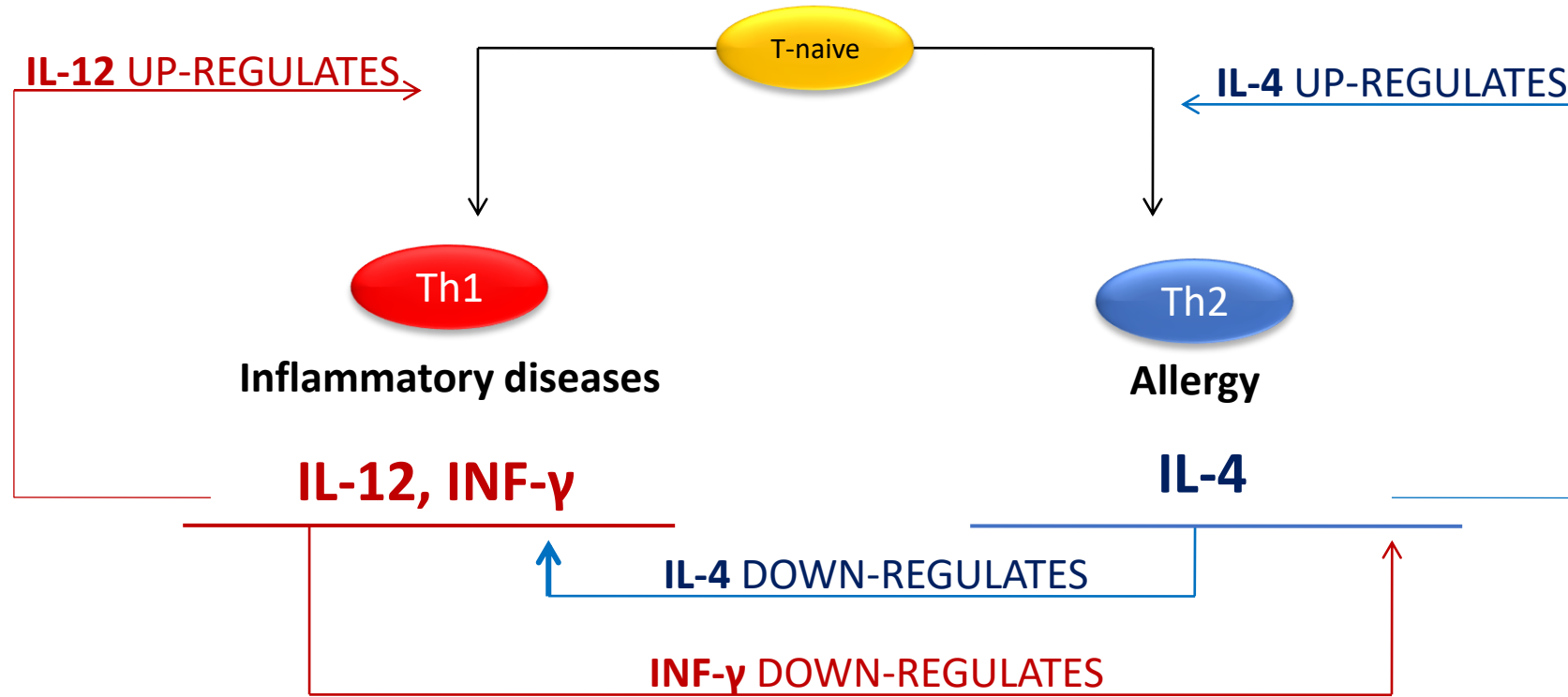


# *The concept of **BALANCE** and the use of SKA low dose cytokines*



**Antagonistic cytokines** are utilized in order to slow down a biological effect; **Same cytokines** in order to enhance a biological function.

## THE CONCEPT OF BALANCE – RECIPROCITY of TH CELLS



Th subsets **cross-regulate** expansion and functions each other.

- Cooke A. Th17 in Inflammatory Conditions. 2006, *Rev Diabetic Stud* 3: 72-7

- Bettelli E. et al. Th17: the third member of the effector T cell trilogy. *Current Opinion in Immunology* 2007, 19: 652-657

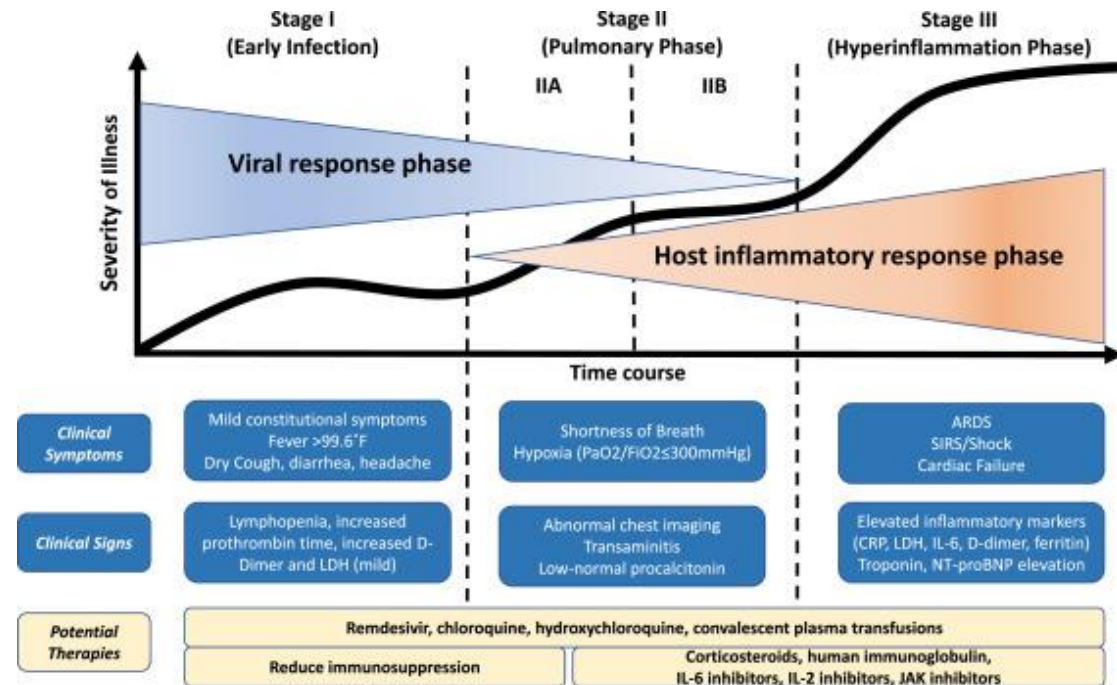
## PRESCRIPTION ACCORDING TO THE AETIOLOGICAL DECISIONAL PROCESS

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INF alpha/gamma	INF alpha/gamma 4C	IL-4 4C
IL-1	IL-1 4C	Guna Anti IL-1 4C/IL-10 4C
IL-2	IL-2 4C	IL-11 4C
IL-3	IL-3 4C	IL-10 4C
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IL-5	IL-5 4C	TGF-beta 4C
IL-6	IL-6 4C	IL-10 4C
IL-7	IL-7 4C	IL-10 4C/TGF-β1 4C
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IL-9	IL-9 4C	IL-10 4C
IL-10	IL-10 4C	IL-1 4C/TNF 4C/IL-6 4C
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IL-12	IL-12 4C	IL-4 4C/IL-10 4C
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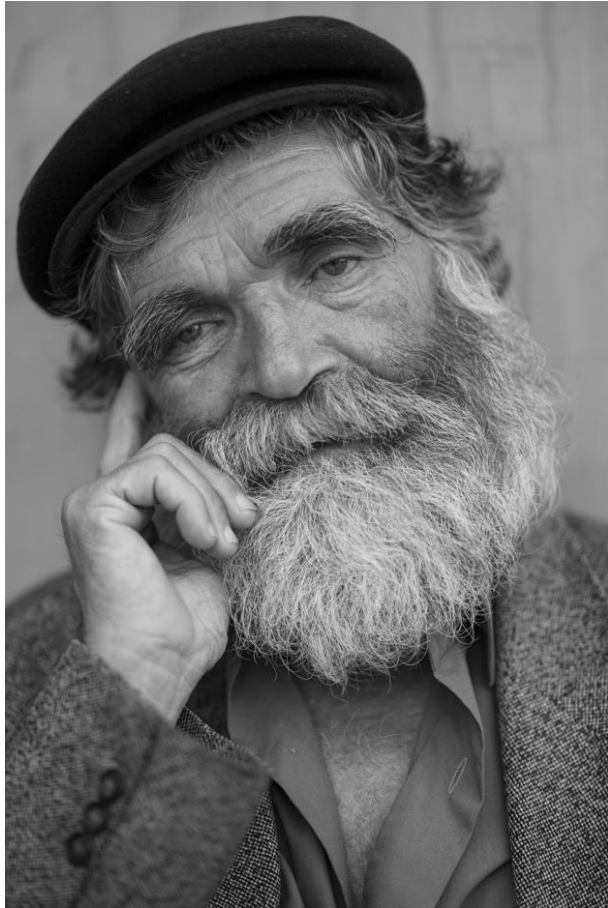


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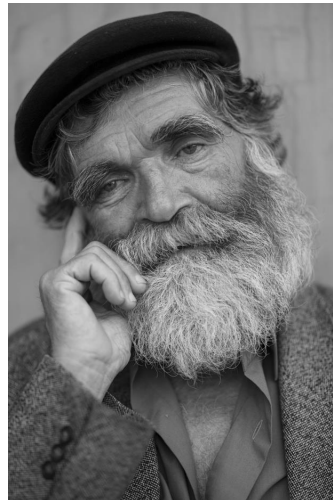


# Elderly people and kids

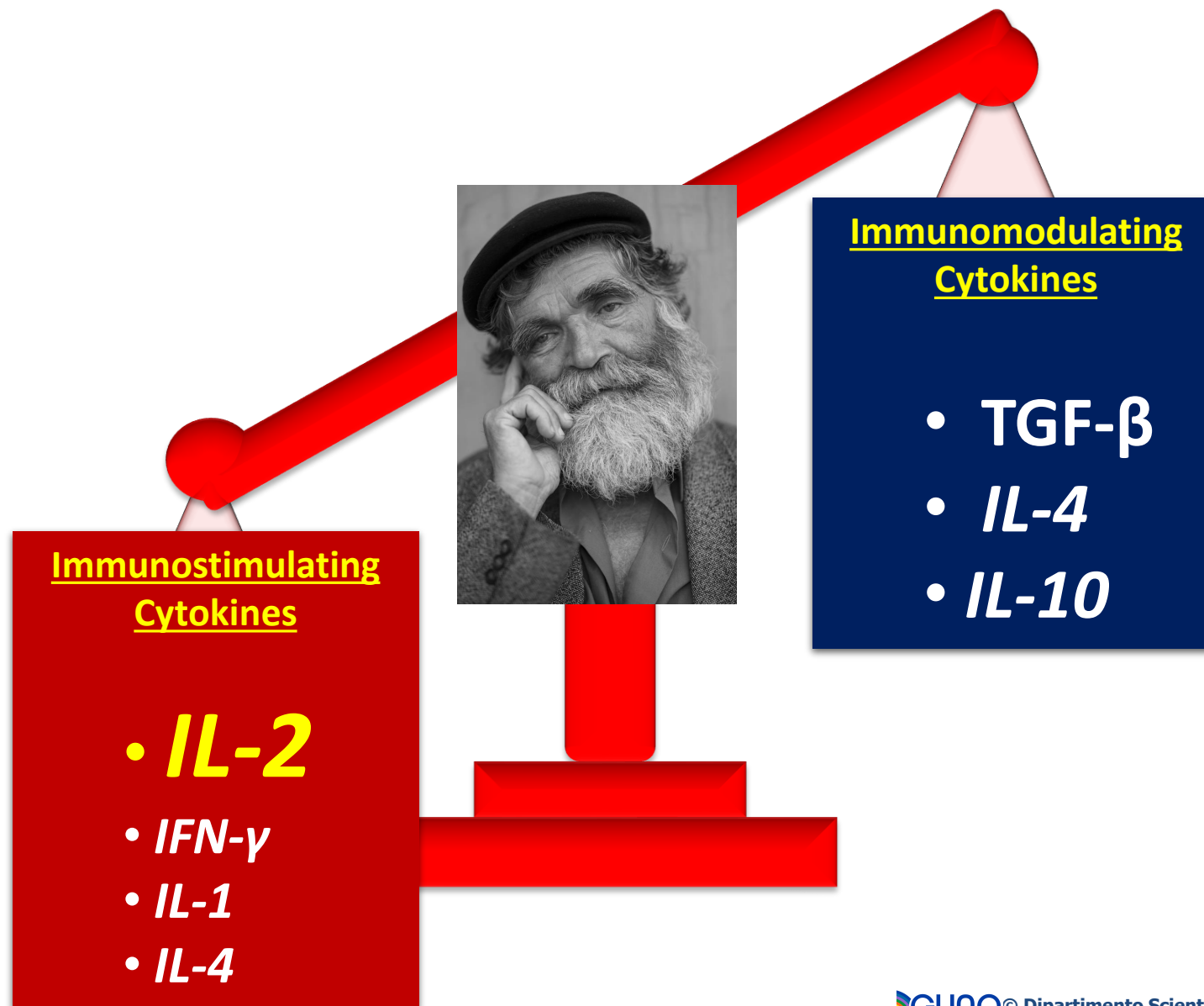


# Immune-aging and Immune-decline

*Modulation of the immune response*



# ...in age-related Immune “Decline”



# IL-2/IL-6 RATIO AND AGING

INCREASING OF:

- Coagulation factors
- Homocysteine
- IL6
- Proinflammatory cytokines
- Acute Phase Proteins
- Stress hormones
- ROS
- Lp(a)



**A**  
**PROINFLAMMATORY**  
**STATUS OF HEALTHY**  
**ELDERLY AND**  
**CENTENARIANS**

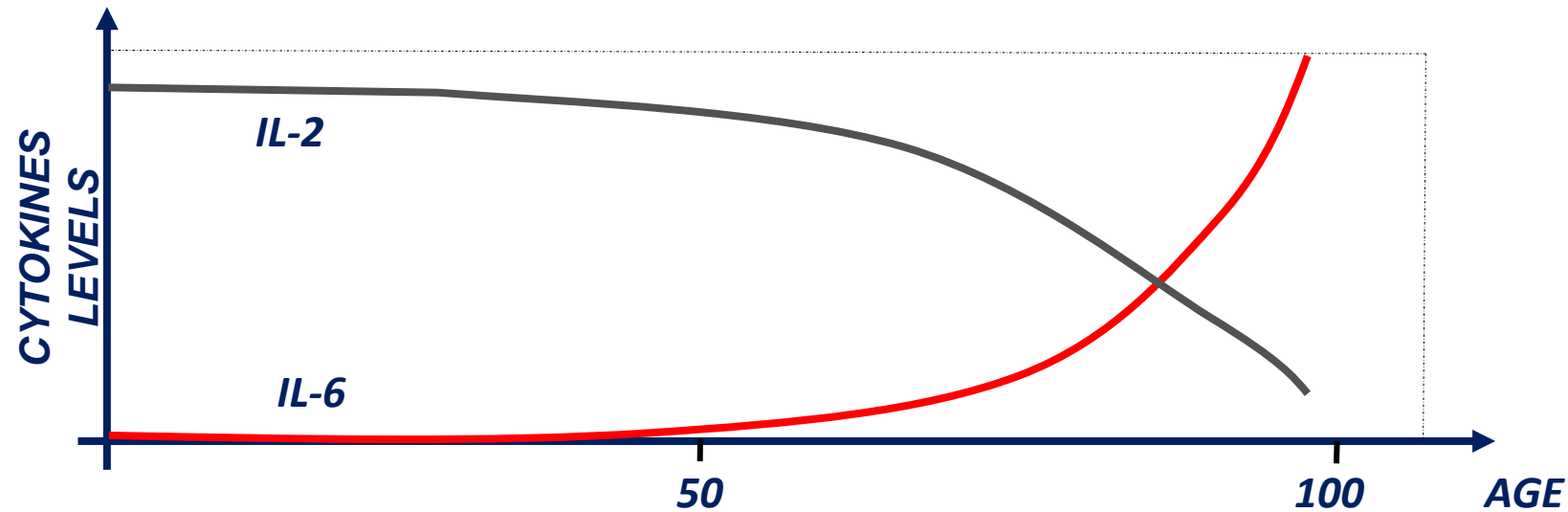


Mechanisms of Ageing and Development  
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and development

Increase of interleukin 6 and decrease of  
interleukin 2 production during the ageing process  
are influenced by the health status

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## IMMUNE-AGING AND IMMUNE-DECLINE

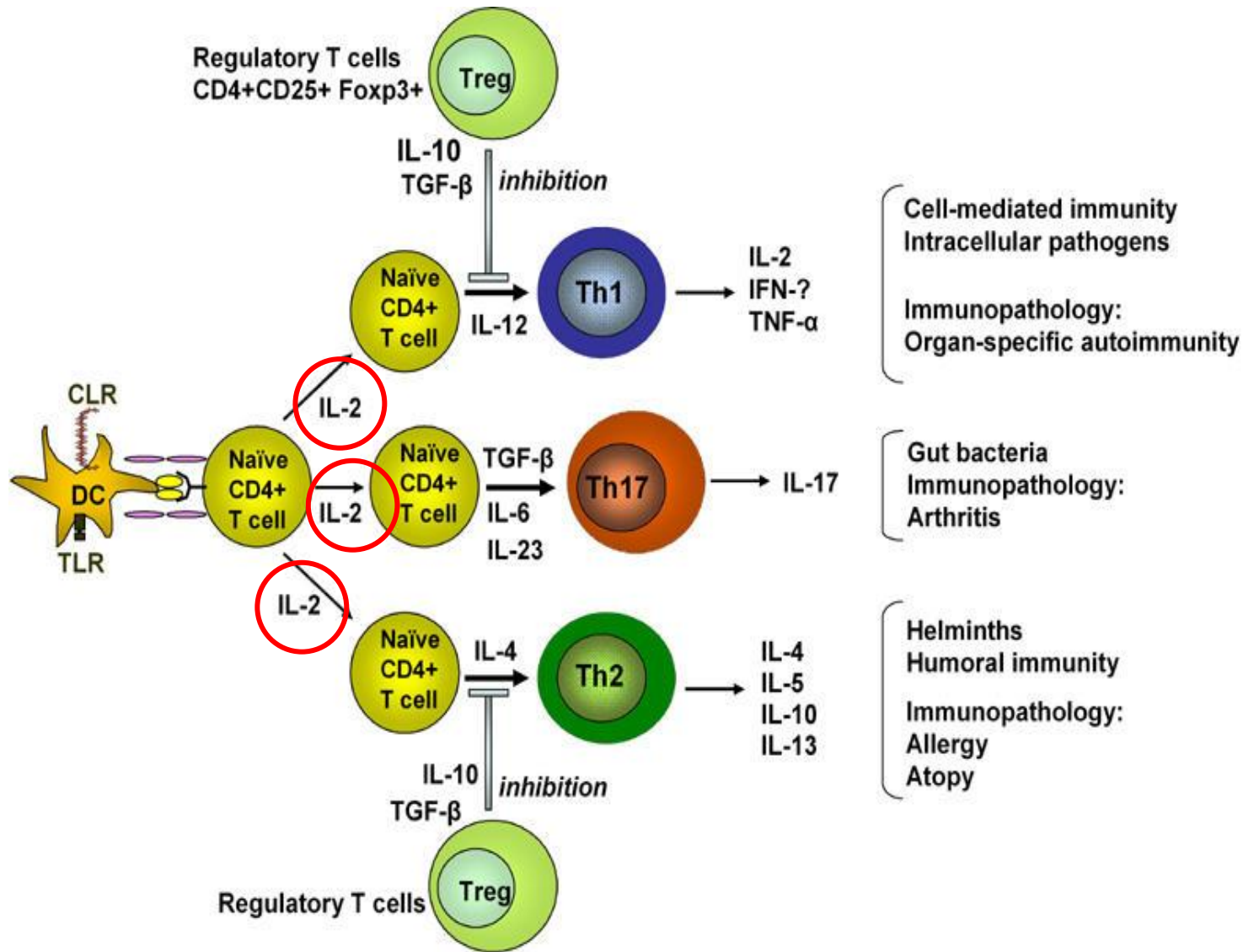
*Much of immune decline may be traceable to a decreased ability of activated T-cells (both helpers and cytotoxic cells) to undergo clonal expansion*



*Such an expansion has an absolute dependence on INTERLEUKIN-2 (IL-2) activity*

***THE PIVOTAL ROLE OF INTERLEUKIN-2***





Antigen presentation to naïve T cells results in the development of Th1, Th2 or Th17 cells depending on the cytokine milieu.

## A novel, systemic, approach to *Aspecific immunostimulation and immune decline-related disorders*



### DIRECTIONS AND WAY OF ADMINISTRATION

- Guna-Interleukin 2: 20 drops twice a day for 2 to 4 months (half dosage for children below 6 years)

Sublingual administration directly under the tongue or in a little water, preferably far from meals.

## INTERLEUKIN-2 INDUCES THE CLONAL EXPANSION OF T LYMPHOCYTES

- **Interleukin-2 (IL-2)**, identified more than 40 years ago, was initially called **T Cell Growth Factor**; it induces the T lymphocytes to enter the S phase of the cell cycle, favoring their expansion. From the outset, its fundamental role in the management of the immune response and the pharmacological potential associated with it was evident.
- **IL-2** is produced by activated T lymphocytes and has a key role in triggering immune responses. **The main effect of IL-2 is to induce the clonal expansion of T lymphocytes after antigen recognition**; moreover, **IL-2 induces the proliferation of activated B lymphocytes, increases the levels of Natural Killer (NK) cells, supports cytotoxicity mediated by T Lymphocytes (CTL - Cytotoxic T-lymphocytes)**, stimulates the production of other cytokines including **TNF, IFN- $\gamma$  and GM-CSF**.

# Immunodeficiency in childhood

*Modulation of the immune response*



# In childhood immunodeficiency...



## Immunostimulating Cytokines

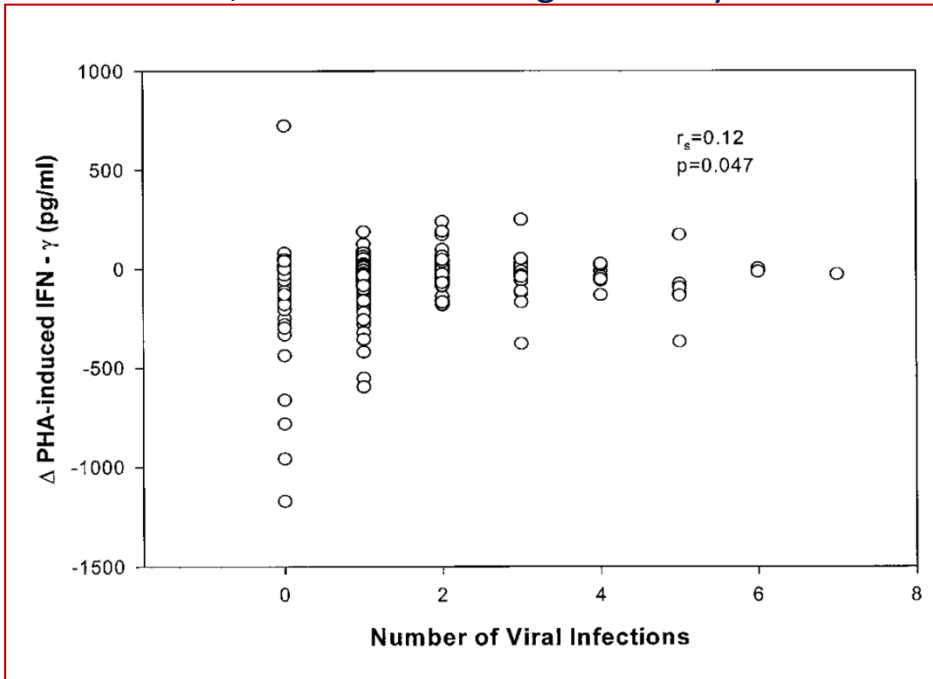
- *IL-2*
- ***IFN- $\gamma$***
- *IL-1*
- *IL-6*
- *GCSF*

## Immunomodulating Cytokines

- *TGF- $\beta$*
- *IL-4*
- *IL-10*

## Cytokines response pattern, viruses exposure and respiratory infections during the first year of life

285 children, monitored during the first year of life



**Reduced production of IFN-gamma**  
in the first year of life (57–26  
pg/ml,  $p = 0.001$ )

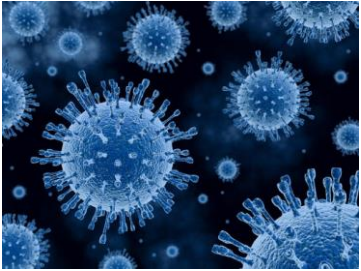
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( $r_s = 0.12$ ,  $p = 0.047$ )



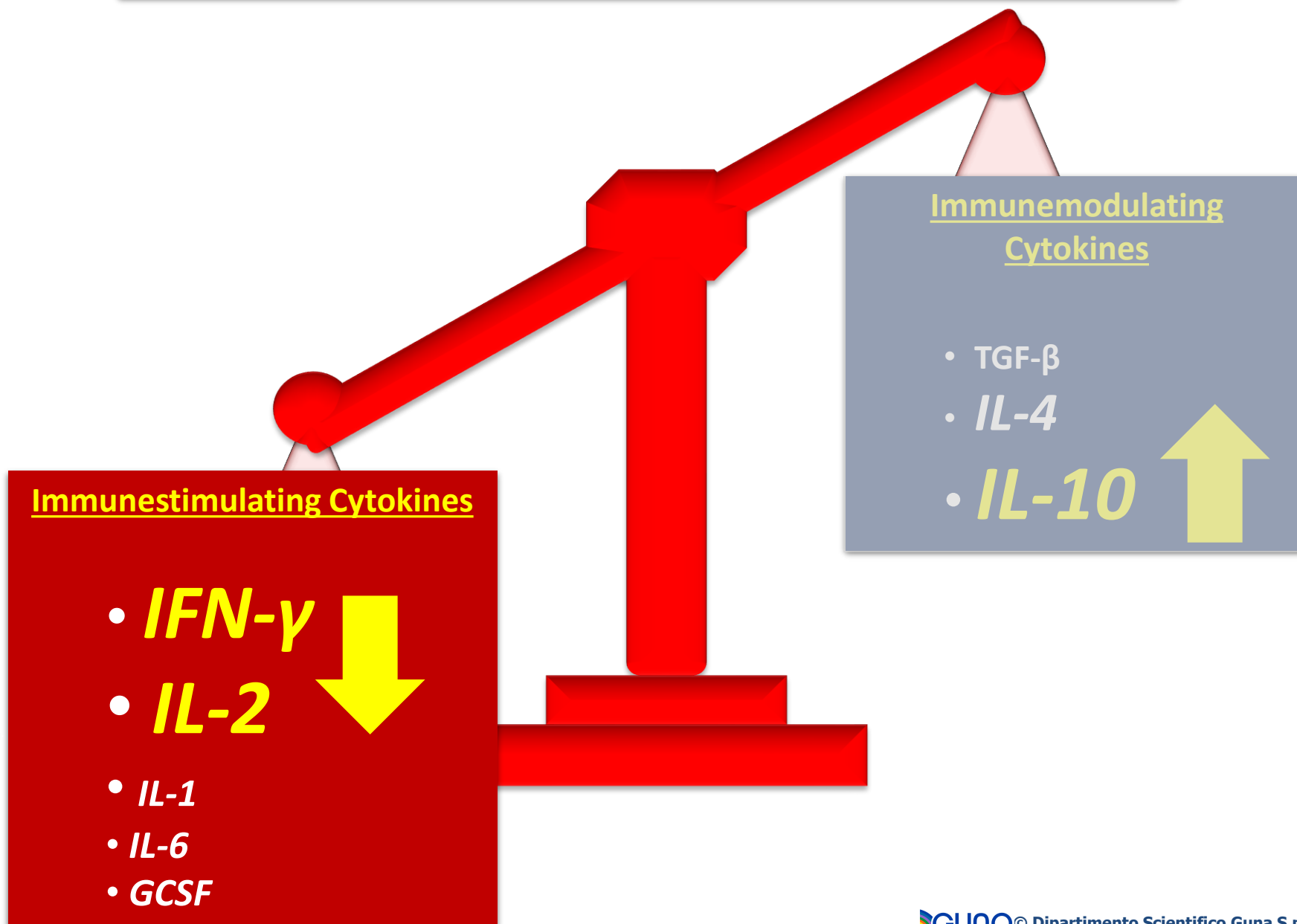
# When do viruses have a party?

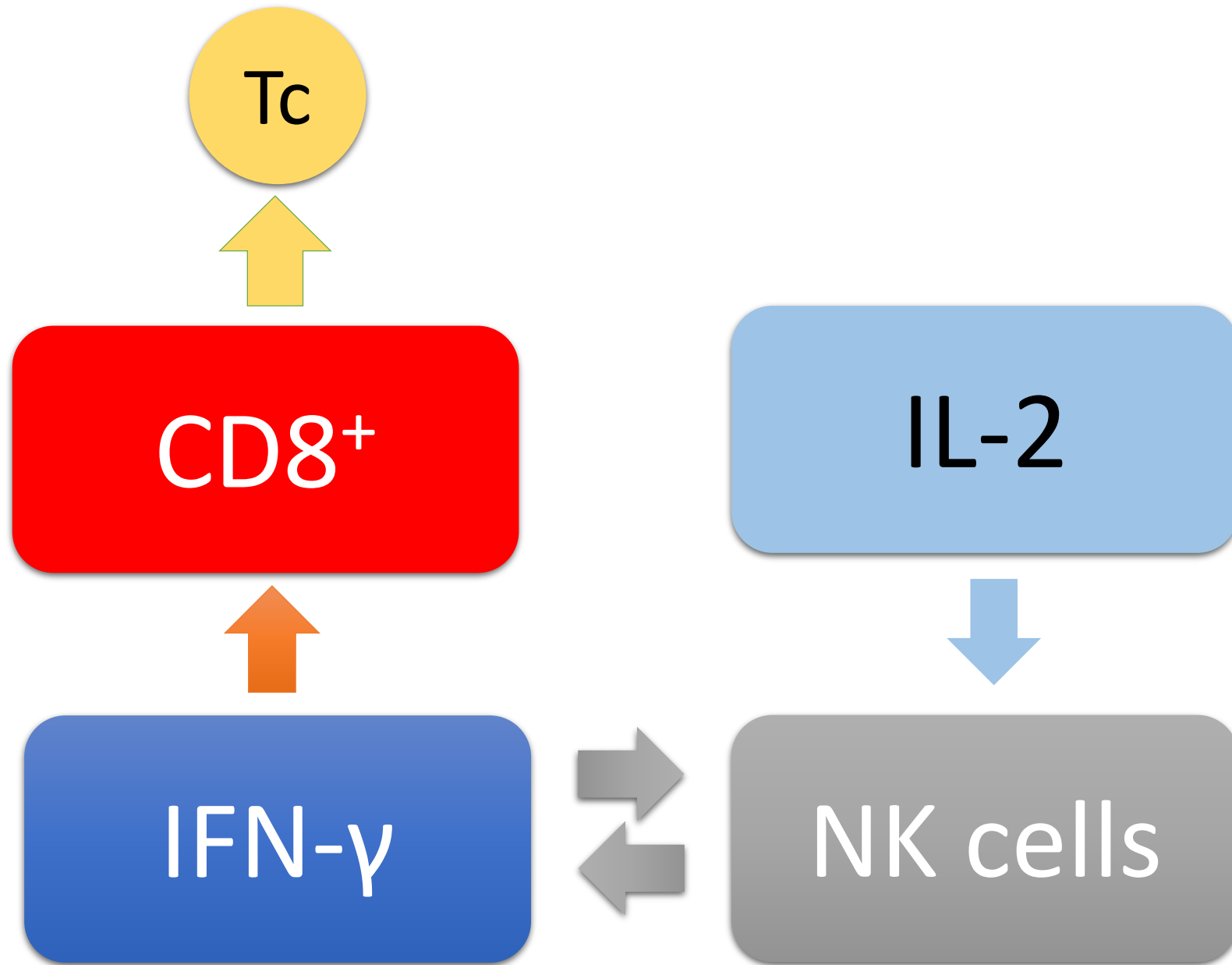




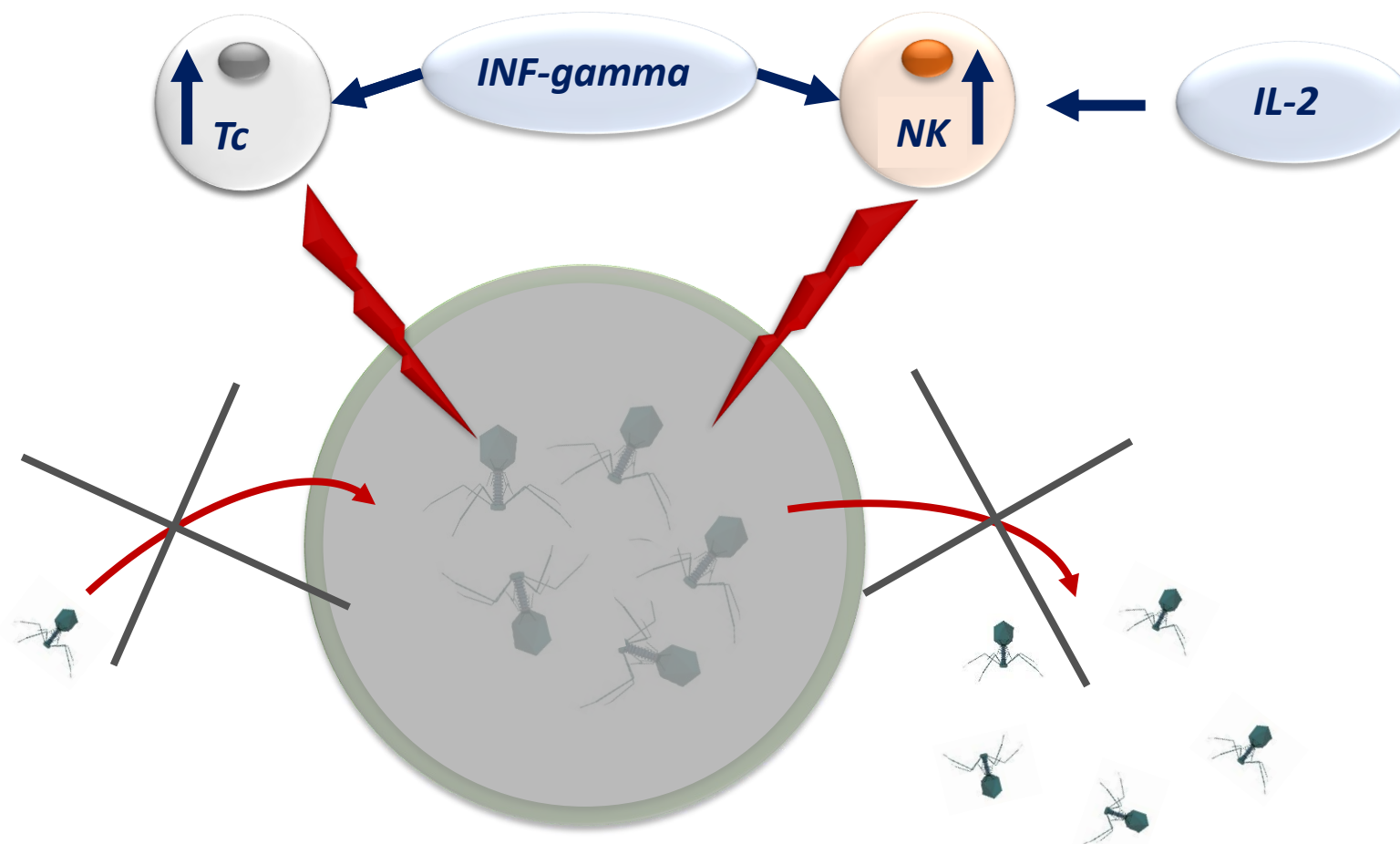


## ...under viral attack

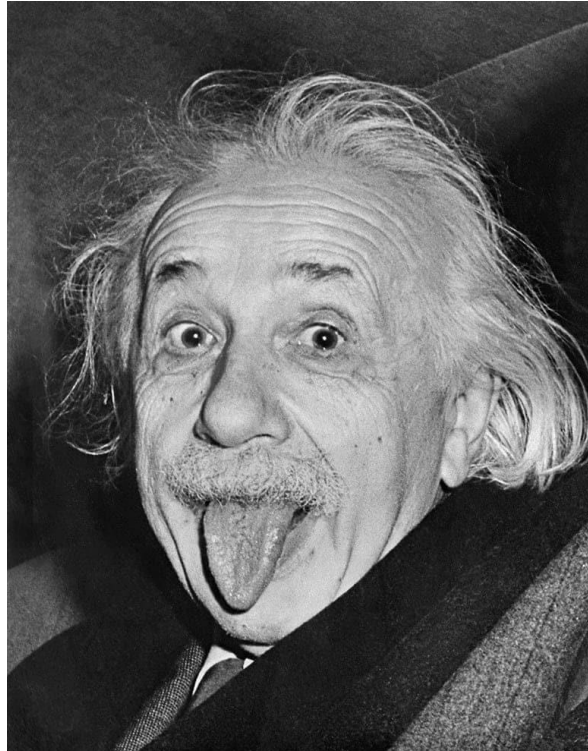




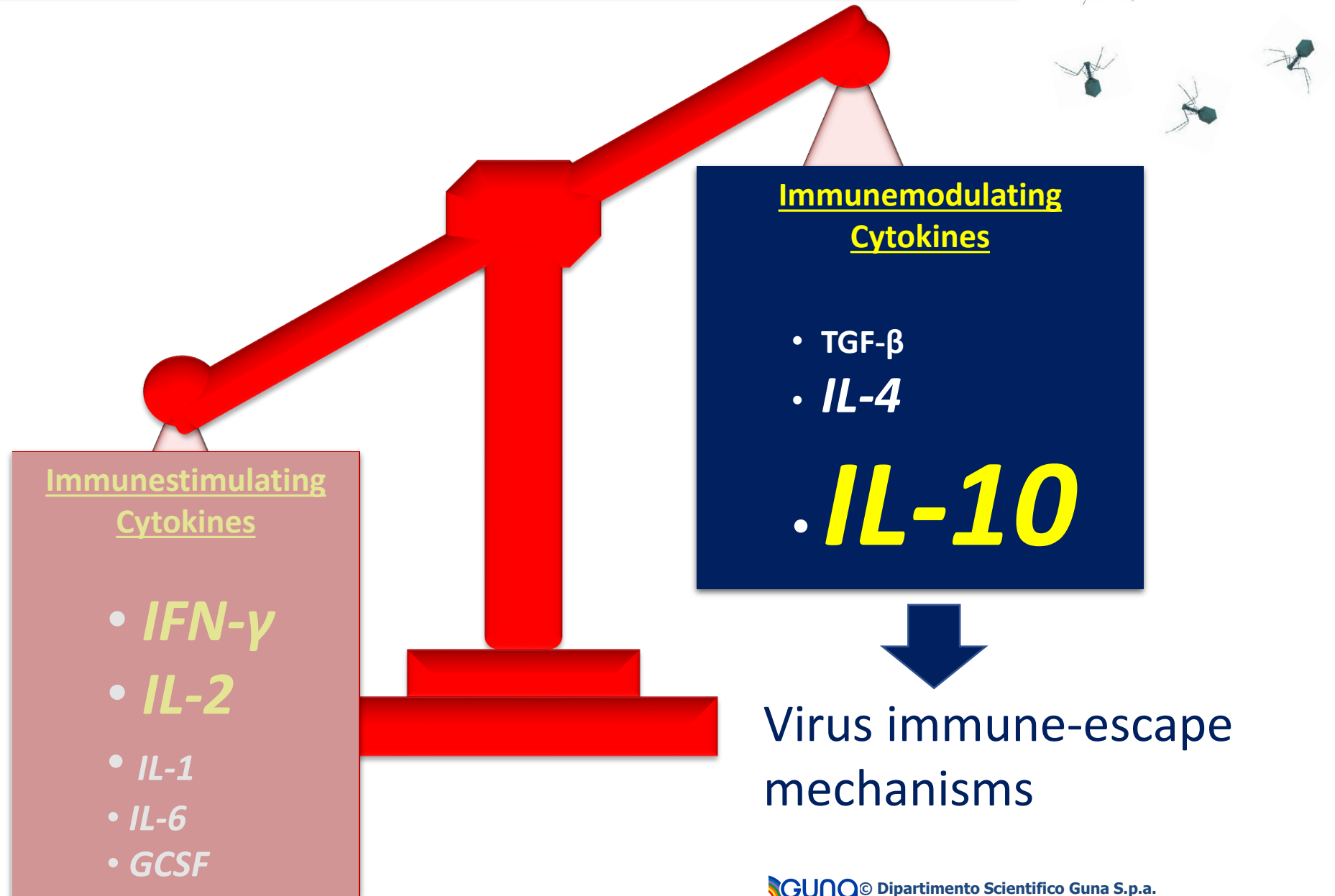
# CYTOTOXIC ACTIVITY OF IFN-gamma



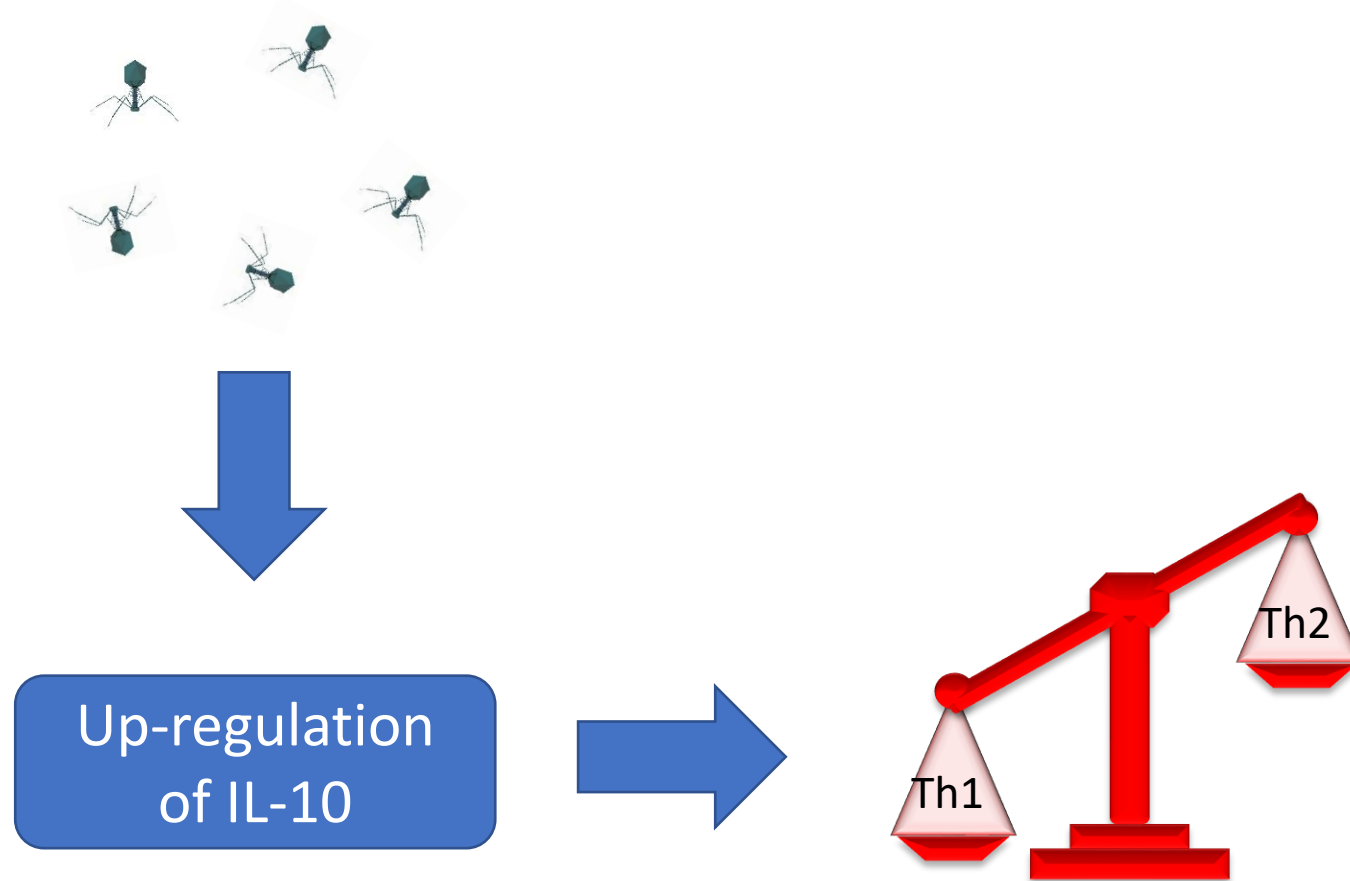
# *Viruses are super smart*



# ...under viral attack

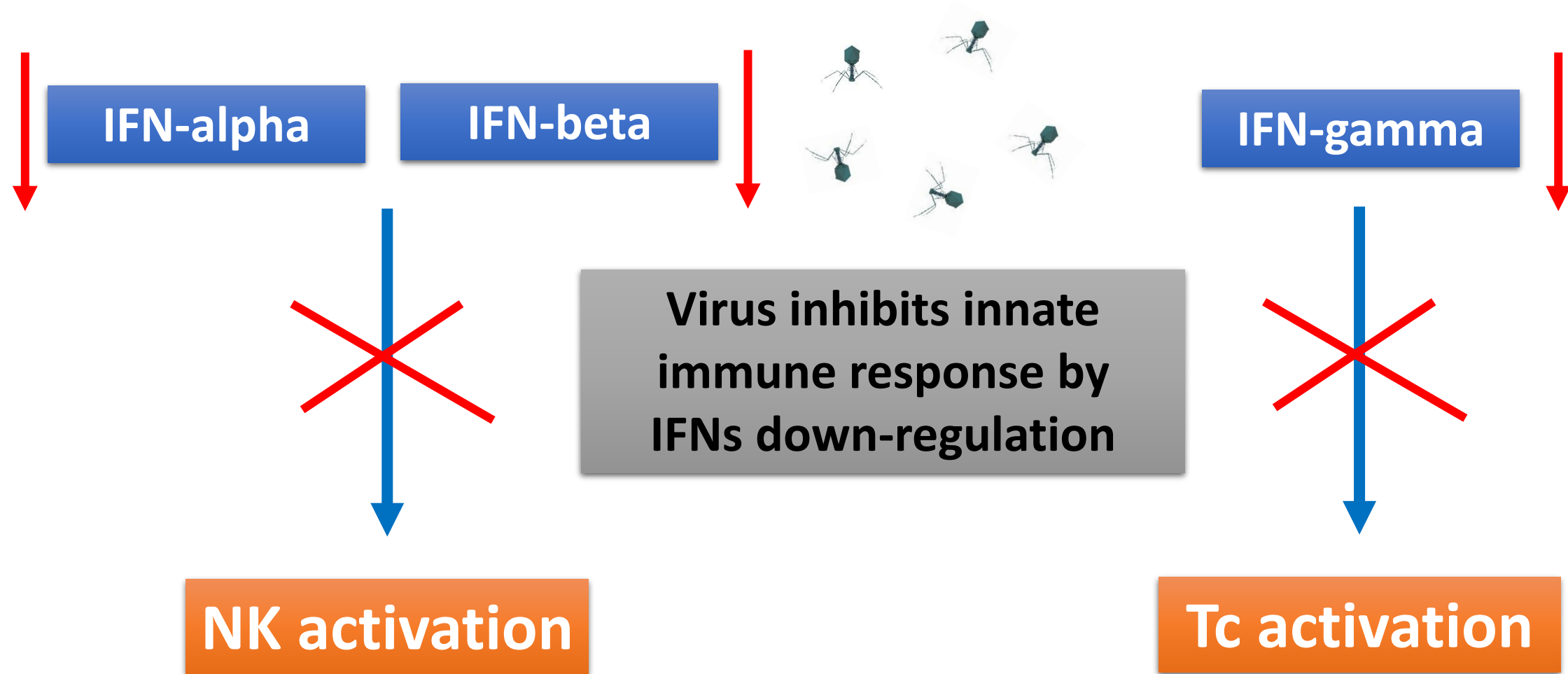


# Viral infection and cell-mediated immune response inhibition: an immune-escape mechanism





# Viral infection and IFNs inhibition: an immune-escape mechanism



# A novel, systemic, approach to *viral infections protection*

INTERFERONE GAMMA E ALFA SONO PARTICOLARMENTE ATTIVI SULL'INNESCO DELLA RISPOSTA CITOLITICA



## DIRECTIONS AND WAY OF ADMINISTRATION

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- Guna-Interferon alpha: 20 drops twice a day for 2 to 4 months (half dosage for children below 6 years)

Sublingual administration directly under the tongue or in a little water, preferably far from meals.

- IFN-gamma is able to activate a cell-mediated immune response (IFN-gamma stimulates CD8 + to differentiate into cytotoxic T effector cells) ideal against viruses. The Tc, in fact, operate the non-specific cytolysis of the cell infected with the virus (the Natural Killer - NK cells - instead, operate the specific cytolysis).
- Interferon-alpha (in some papers alpha seems to be favored over gamma; it is interesting how Interferon-alpha prevents the virus from penetrating through the viropexy mechanism, used by many viruses, into the cells not yet infected)

[IFN-gamma is also used by the body for the synthesis (conversion) into IFN-alpha (it is a bit like the mechanism of reciprocity between hormone T4 and T3, where T4 is the precursor of the hormone T3, true effector of the activity thyroid]

## PRESCRIPTION ACCORDING TO THE AETIOLOGICAL DECISIONAL PROCESS

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...and we need to counteract the  
ovrexpression of IL-10

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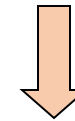
# CITOMIX

- VACCINIUM VITIS
- ANANASSA SATIVA
- HYDROCOTYLE ASIATICA  
(CENTELLA ASIATICA)

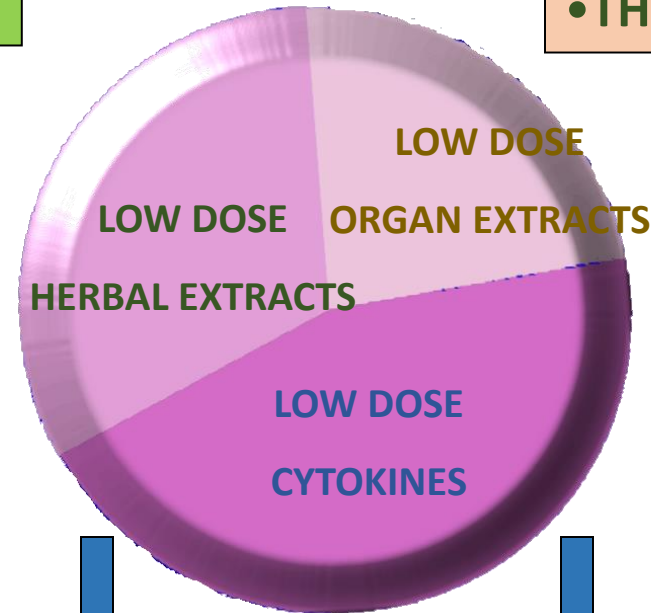


ANTINFLAMMATORY AND  
ANTIOXIDANT ACTION  
(*Vaccinium vitis*),  
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ANTINFIAMMATORY  
ACTION (*Hydrocotyle  
asiatica*)

- VASA LYMPHATICA SUIS
- MEDULLA OSSIS SUIS
- THYMULINE



TARGETED  
ANTINFLAMMATORY  
ACTION; STIMULATION OF  
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ONSET OF THE  
IMMUNE  
RESPONSE



- GCSF
- IL1-beta
- INF -gamma
- IL-6

- IL-4
- IL-2



B PROLIFERATION  
AND APC BOOSTING  
(IL-4); B, T AND NK  
STIMULATION (IL-2)

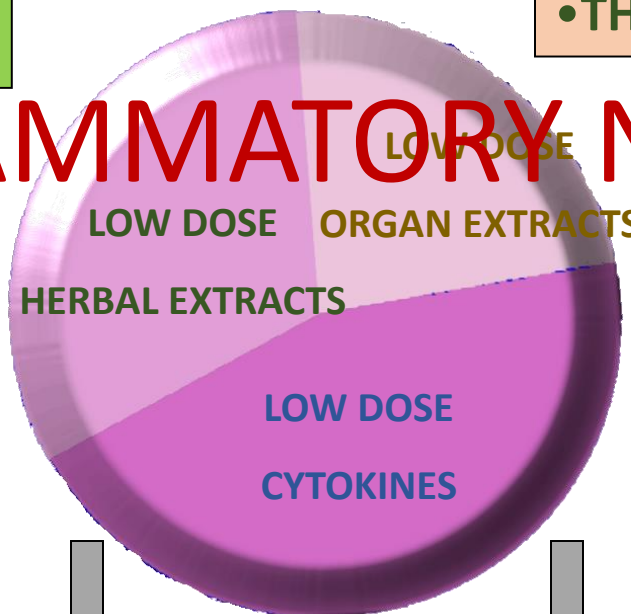
# CITOMIX

- **VACCINIUM VITIS** (MOUNTAIN CRANBERRY)
- **ANANASSA SATIVA**
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- **VASA LYMPHATICA SUIS**
- **MEDULLA OSSIS SUIS**
- **THYMULINE**

## ANTINFLAMMATORY NETWORK

ANTINFLAMMATORY AND ANTIOXIDANT ACTION (*Vaccinium vitis*),  
RES STIMULATION (*Ananassa sativa*),  
ANTINFIAMMATORY ACTION (*Hydrocotyle asiatica*)



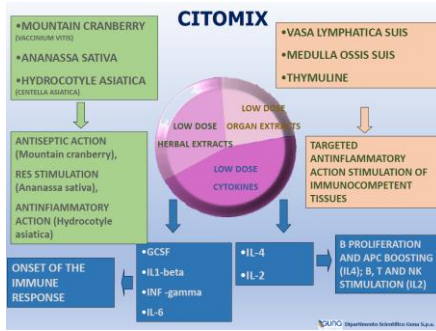
TARGETED ANTINFLAMMATORY ACTION; STIMULATION OF IMMUNOCOMPETENT TISSUES

ONSET OF THE IMMUNE RESPONSE

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B PROLIFERATION AND APC BOOSTING (IL-4); B, T AND NK STIMULATION (IL-2)

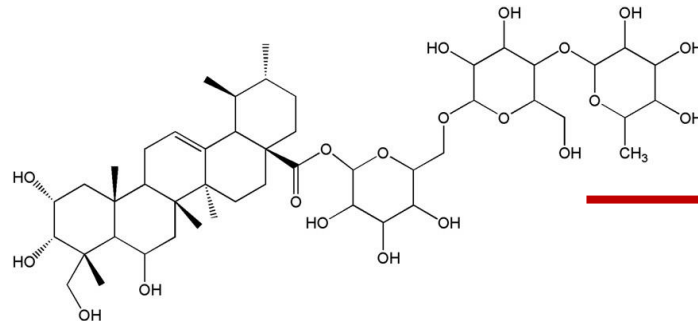


*Hydrocotyle asiatica* L. 3X  
*Centella asiatica*

### EFFECTS

- Anti-oxidant
- Anti-inflammatory

### MADECASSOSIDE



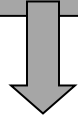
- Nitric Oxide (NO)
- Prostaglandin E2 (PGE2)
- TNF- $\alpha$
- Interleukin-1 $\beta$  (IL-1 $\beta$ )
- IL-6

Madecassoside (MA), major triterpenoid component of *Centella asiatica*

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# CITOMIX

- VACCINIUM VITIS (MOUNTAIN CRANBERRY)
- ANANASSA SATIVA
- HYDROCOTYLE ASIATICA (CENTELLA ASIATICA)

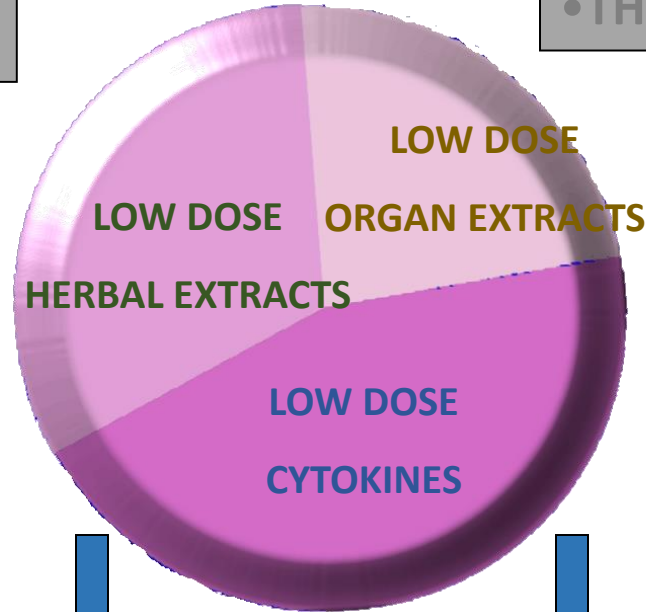


ANTINFLAMMATORY AND ANTIOXIDANT ACTION (*Vaccinium vitis*),  
RES STIMULATION (*Ananassa sativa*),  
ANTINFIAMMATORY ACTION (*Hydrocotyle asiatica*)

- VASA LYMPHATICA SUIS
- MEDULLA OSSIS SUIS
- THYMULINE



TARGETED ANTINFLAMMATORY ACTION; STIMULATION OF IMMUNOCOMPETENT TISSUES



## IMMUNOLOGIC NETWORK

ONSET OF THE IMMUNE RESPONSE

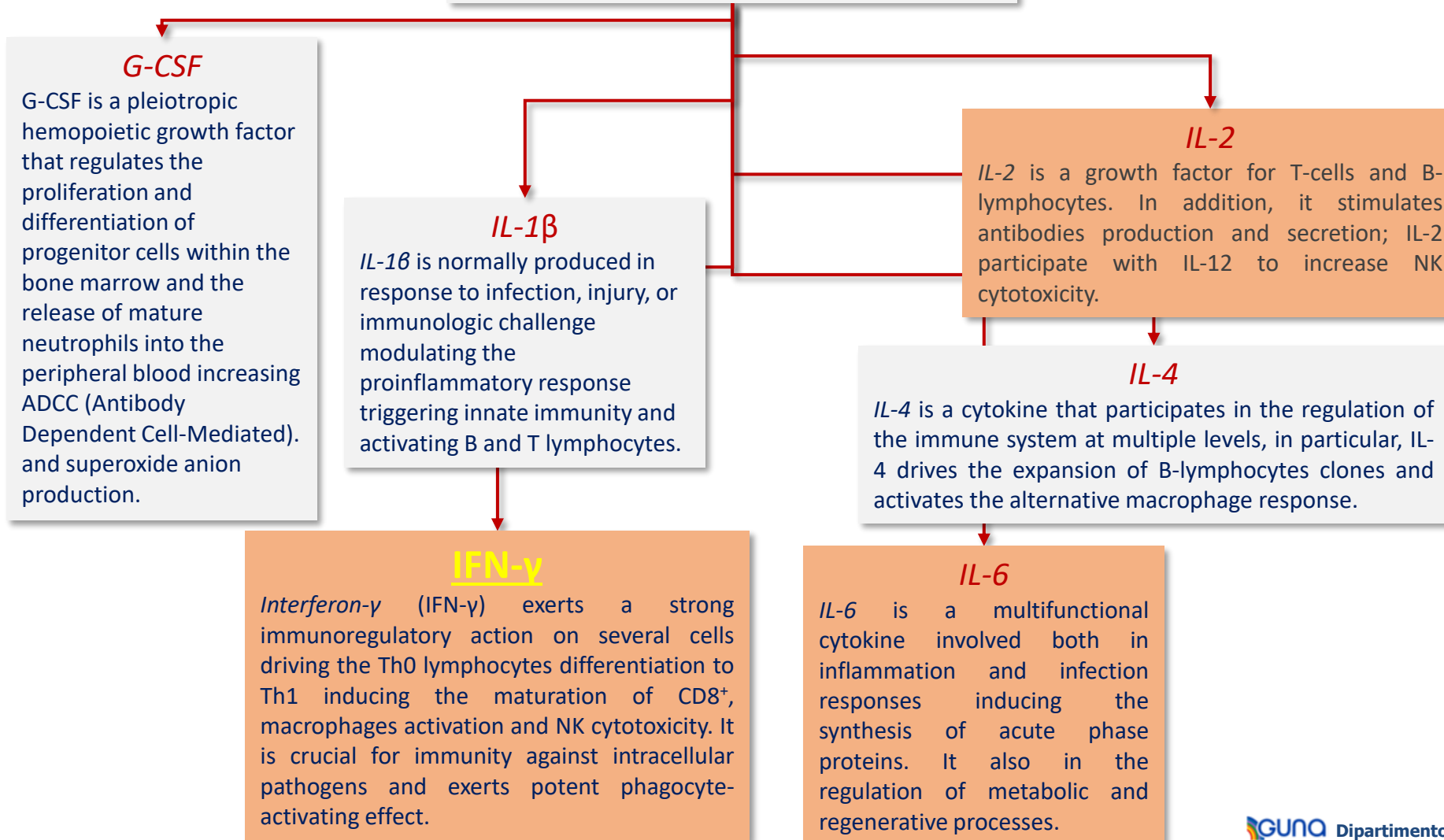
- G-CSF
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- IL-6

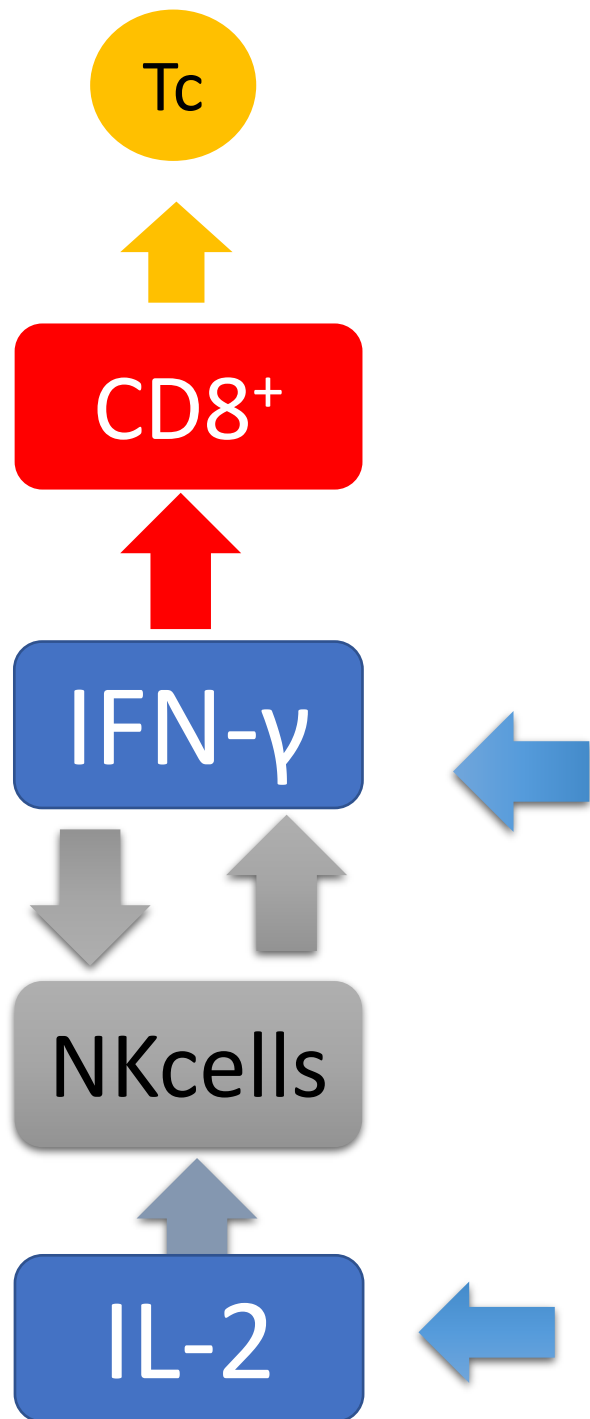
- IL-4
- IL-2

B PROLIFERATION AND APC BOOSTING (IL-4); B, T AND NK STIMULATION (IL-2)



## BIOLOGICAL ORIGIN COMPONENTS







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## Immunology Letters

journal homepage: [www.elsevier.com/locate/immlet](http://www.elsevier.com/locate/immlet)



### Low-dose multicomponent medication modulates humoral and cellular immune response in an ex-vivo study on children subjected to adenoid surgery

Sara Carlotta Tagliacarne<sup>a</sup>, Chiara Valsecchi<sup>b</sup>, Marco Benazzo<sup>c</sup>, Michele Nichelatti<sup>d</sup>, Alessia Marseglia<sup>b</sup>, Giorgio Ciprandi<sup>e,\*</sup>, Sergio Bernasconi<sup>f</sup>

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<sup>e</sup> Department of Medicine, IRCCS-Ospedale Policlinico San Martino, Genoa, Italy

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### EPIDEMIOLOGY

- Under 5 years of age: **20%** of population suffer for RRI
- **1/3** of pediatric consultations and **8-18%** of hospitalizations
- **Il 25-45%** of children with RRI needs **surgery (adeno-tonsillar Hypertrophy)**

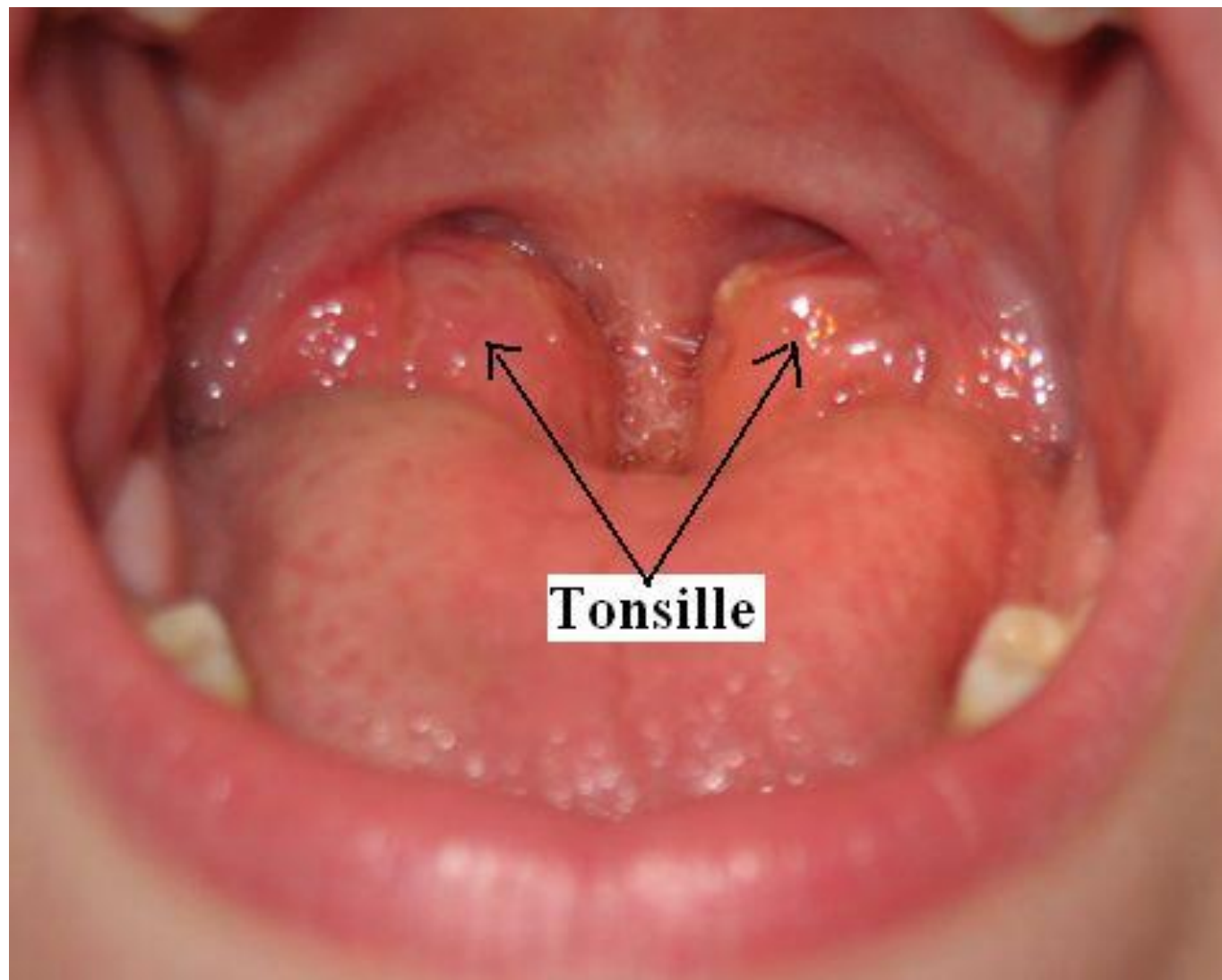
### DIAGNOSIS:

- More than 6 infections/year
- More than 1 infection/month between September and April

### TREATMENTS

Mainly symptomatic (**corticosteroids and acetaminophen**) and prophylactic (**antibiotics**).

**Bacterial lysates**



# STUDIO CITOMIX - SCOPO

## Valutare l'attività immunomodulante "in vitro" di CITOMIX

- *AMCs (Adenoidal Mononuclear Cells)* di pazienti pediatrici.

### Parametri immunologici:

- capacità proliferativa delle sottopopolazioni linfocitarie B
- produzione di citochine e immunoglobuline.

### **CRITERI DI INCLUSIONE:**

- necessità di asportazione chirurgica delle adenoidi.

### **CRITERI DI ESCLUSIONE:**

- condizioni di immunodeficienza,
- presenza di patologie autoimmuni,
- obesità,
- assunzione cronica di farmaci steroidei,
- presenza di disabilità fisiche e psichiche.

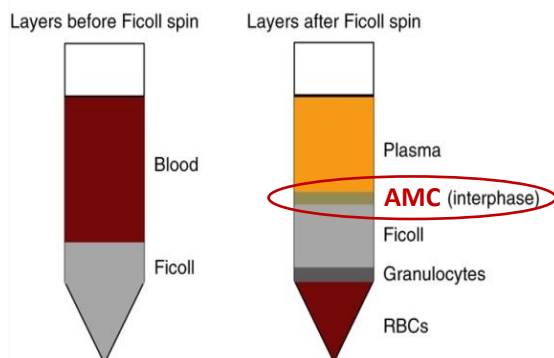
## ATTIVITA' IMMUNOMODULANTE DI CITOMIX -DISEGNO DELLO STUDIO

Campione: adenoidi di **50 soggetti pediatrici** (35 maschi, 15 femmine, età media 6 anni) con Infezioni Respiratorie Ricorrenti (IRR)



Schiacciamento meccanico

### Isolamento cellule



### Espansione delle AMC *in vitro*

#### Quantificazione delle citochine

- IL-6
- IL-10
- IFN- $\gamma$

#### Quantificazione delle immunoglobuline

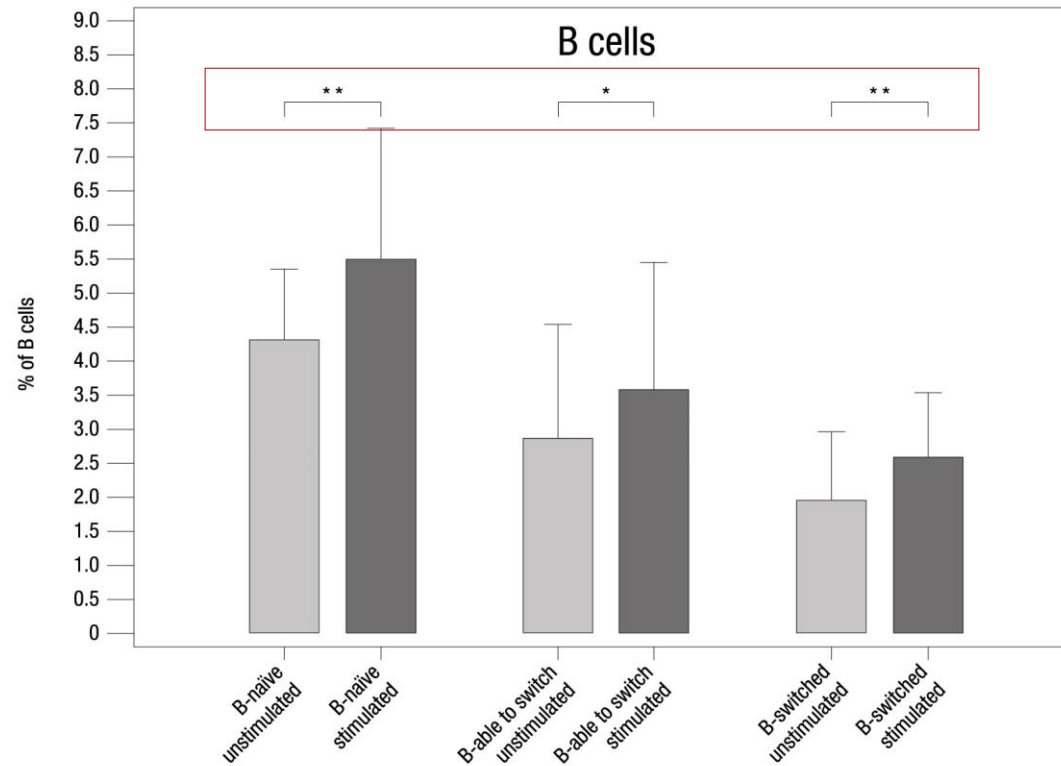
- IgA
- IgG
- IgM

#### Caratterizzazione dei sub-cloni di Linfociti B

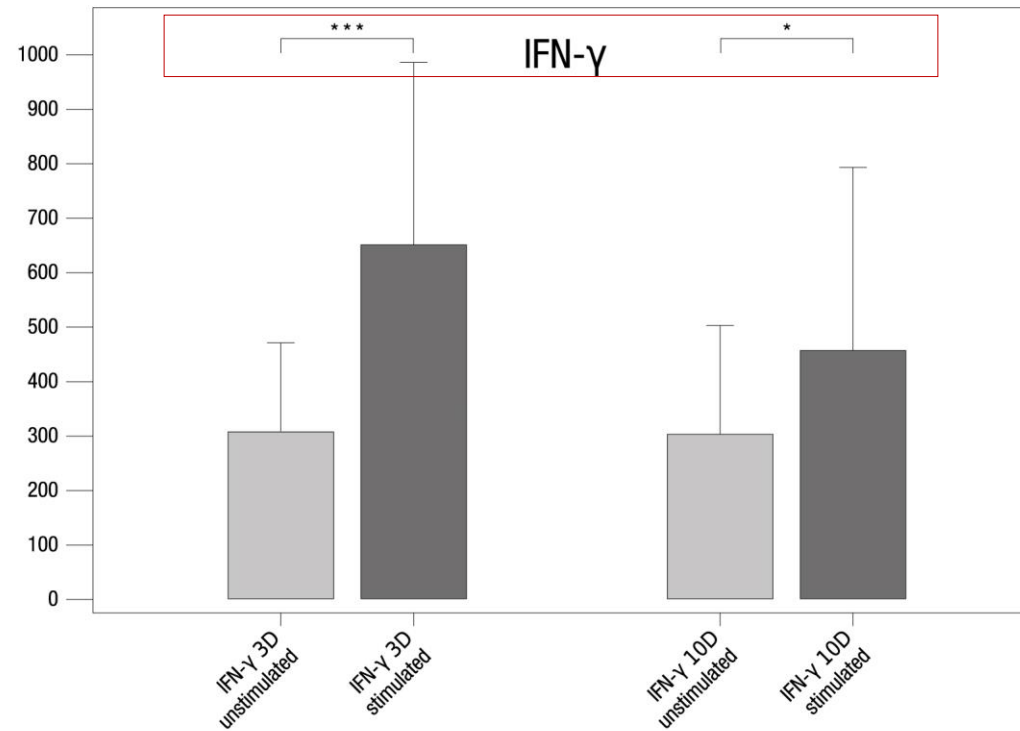


# ***RESULTS***

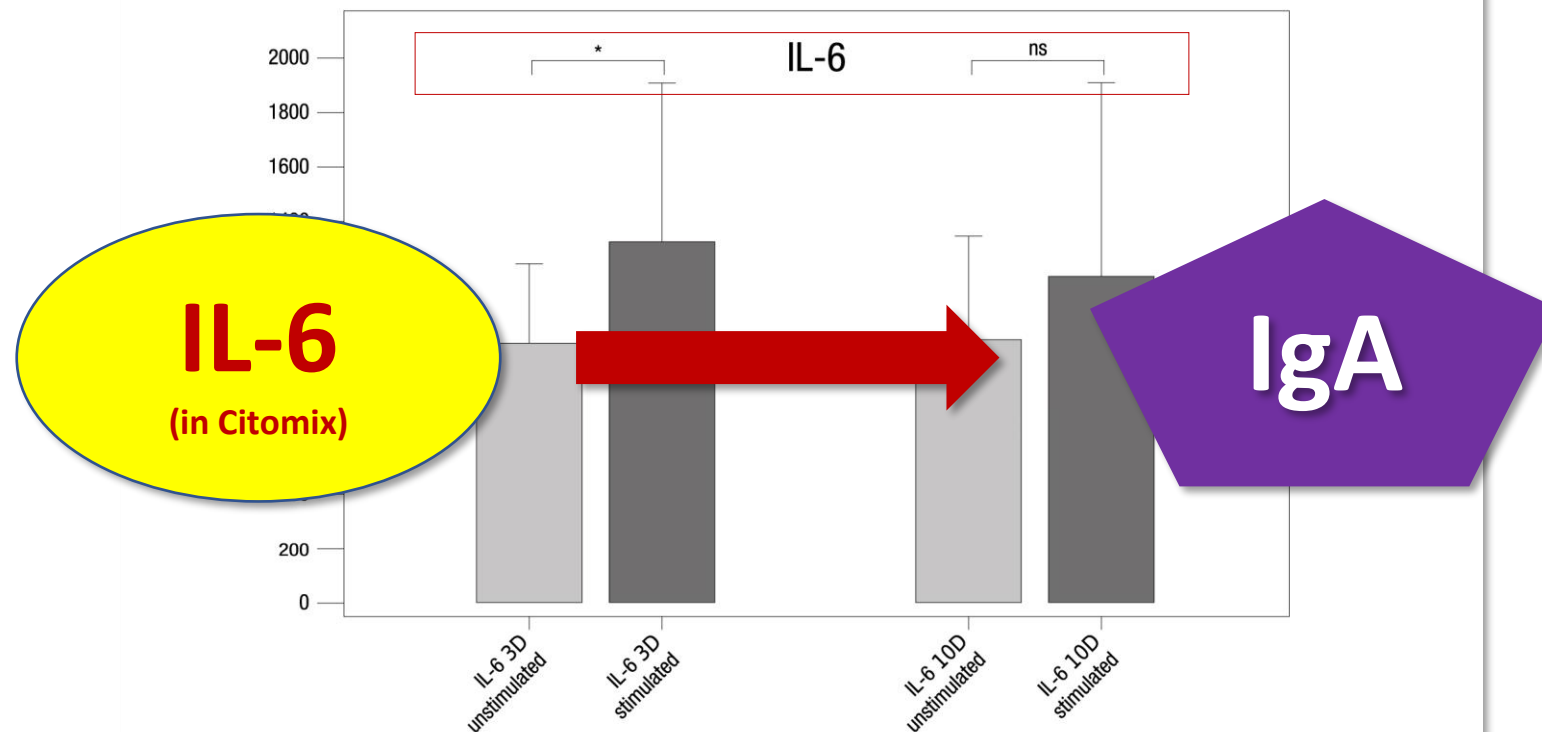
# CITOMIX INDUCES A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OF *B NAÏVE, B ABLE TO SWITCH AND B SWITCHED*



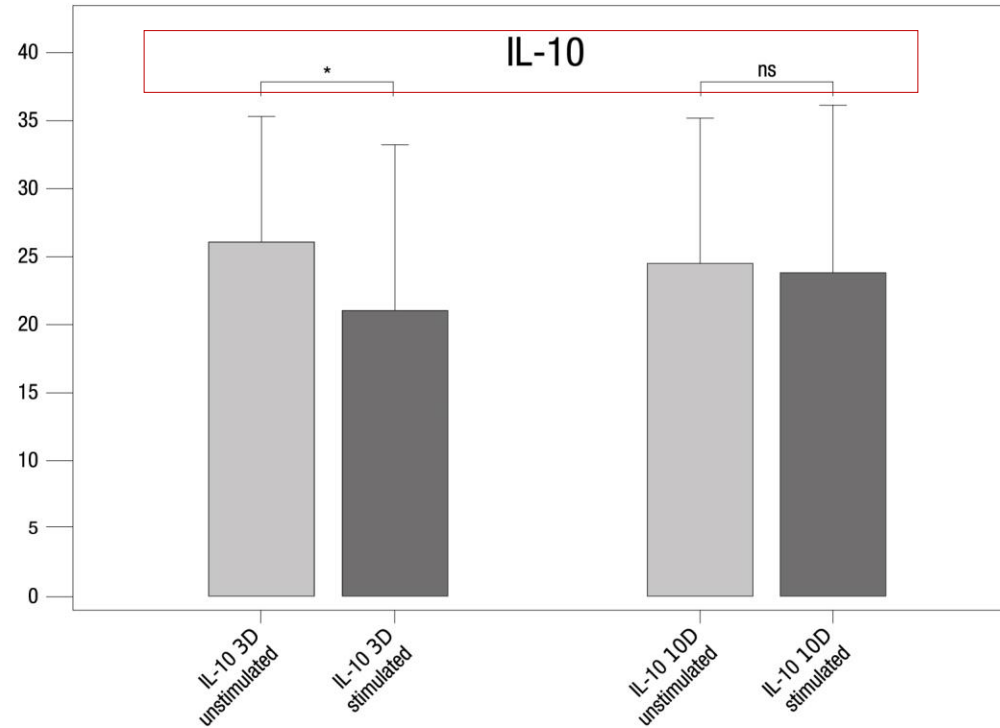
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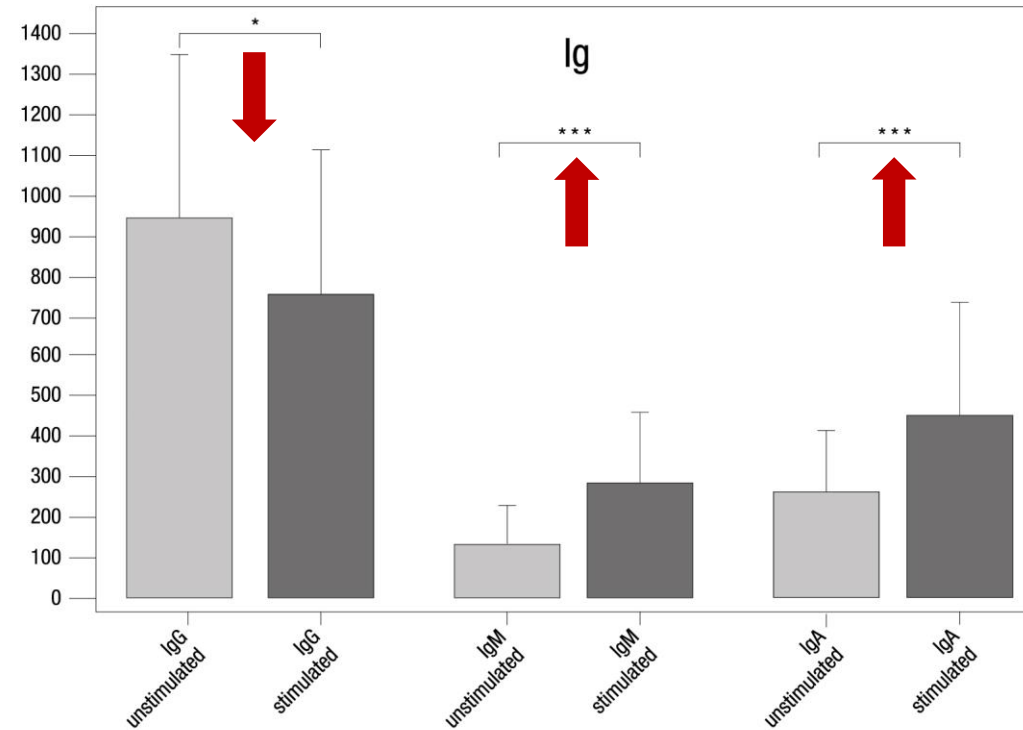
# CITOMIX INDUCES A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OF IL-6 AFTER 3 AND 10 TREATMENT DAYS



# CITOMIX INDUCES A SIGNIFICANT DECREASE OF IL-10 AFTER 3 AND 10 TREATMENT DAYS



## CITOMIX INDUCES A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OF IgA AND IgM AFTER 3 AND 10 TREATMENT DAYS





## DIRECTIONS

- **Prevention:** 5 granules twice a day, every day, for 3 month.  
*Children under 6 years:* 5 pellets once a day, for 3 months



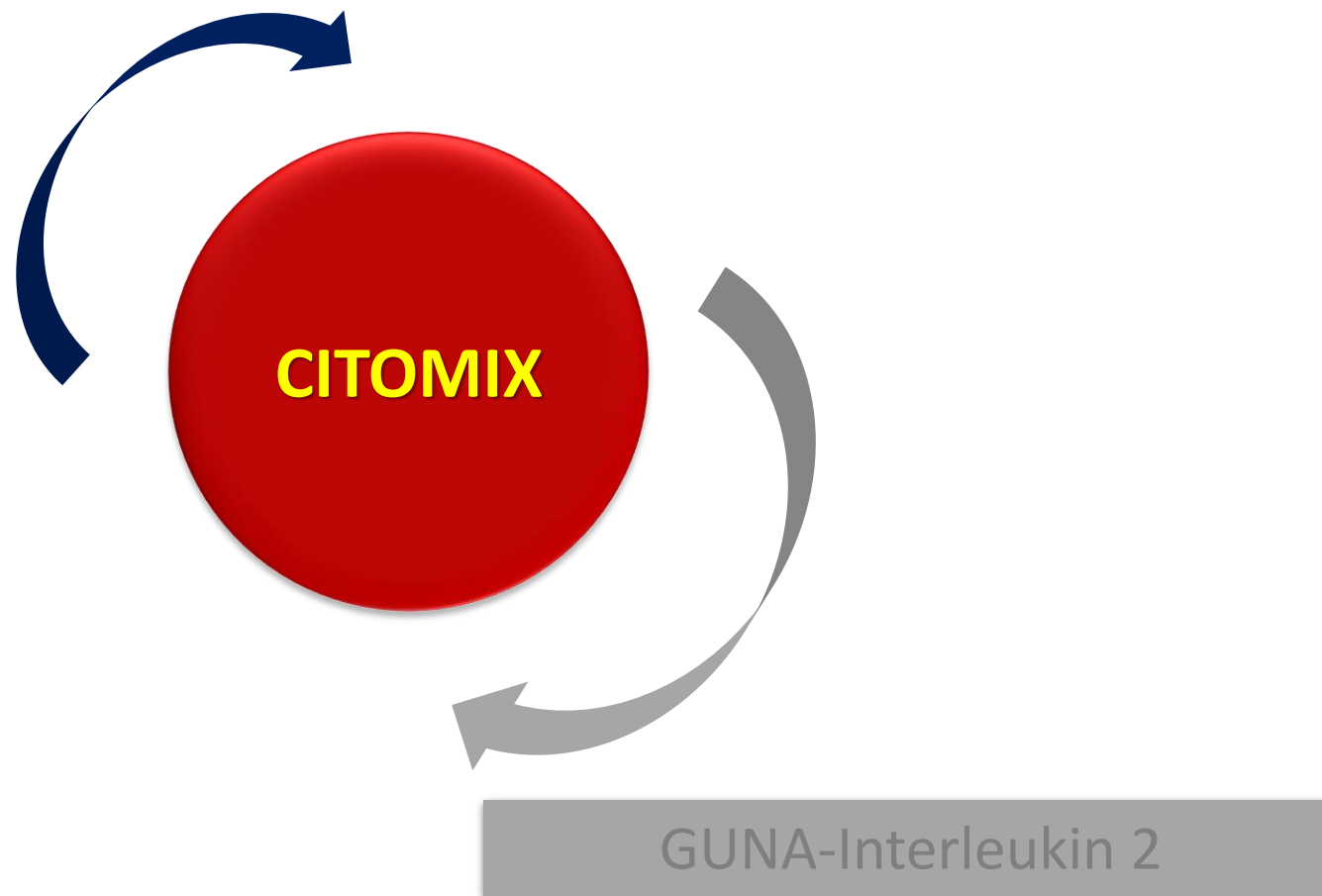
# In conclusion, TO SUMMARIZE

GUNA-Interferon-gamma

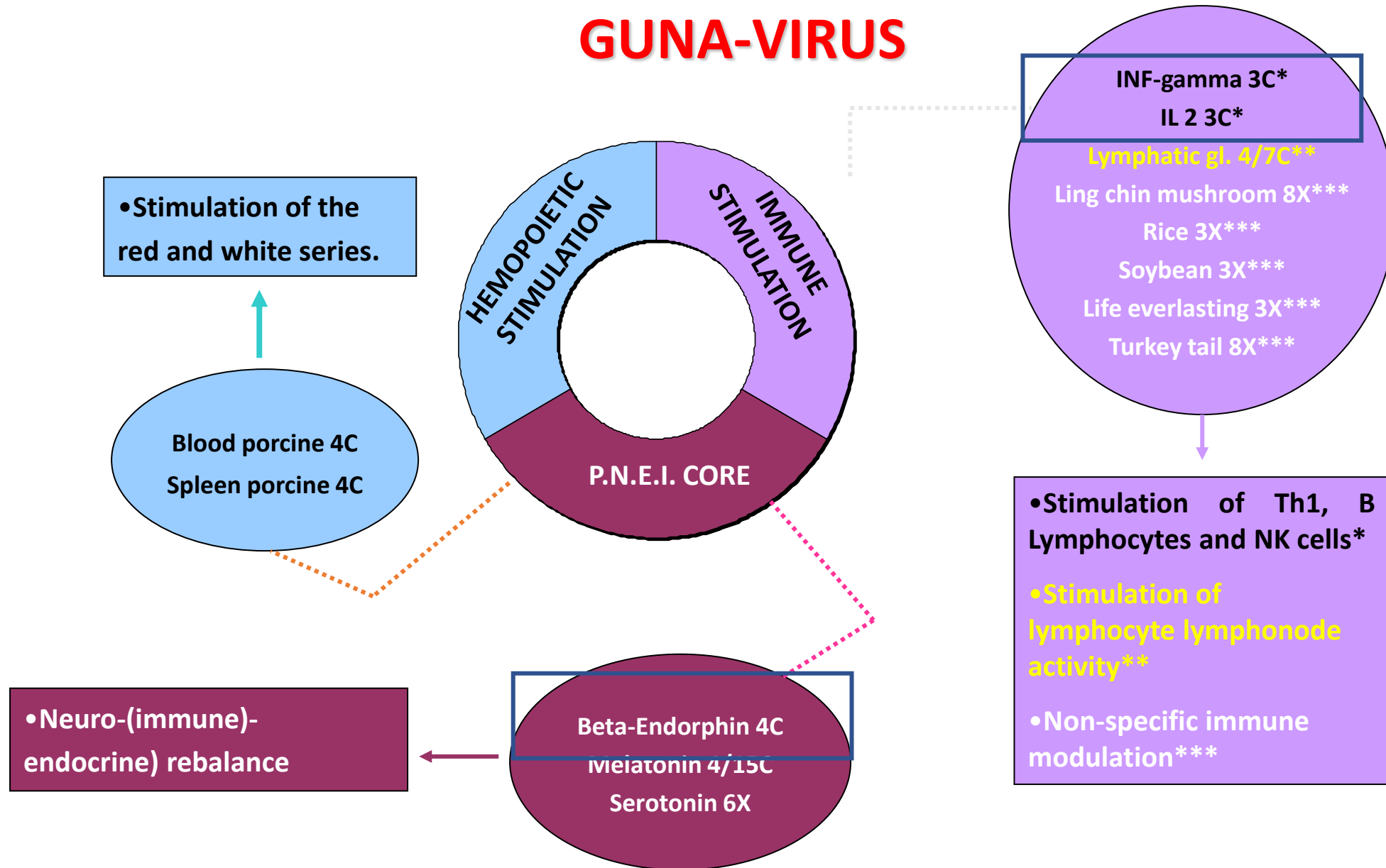


GUNA-Interleukin 2

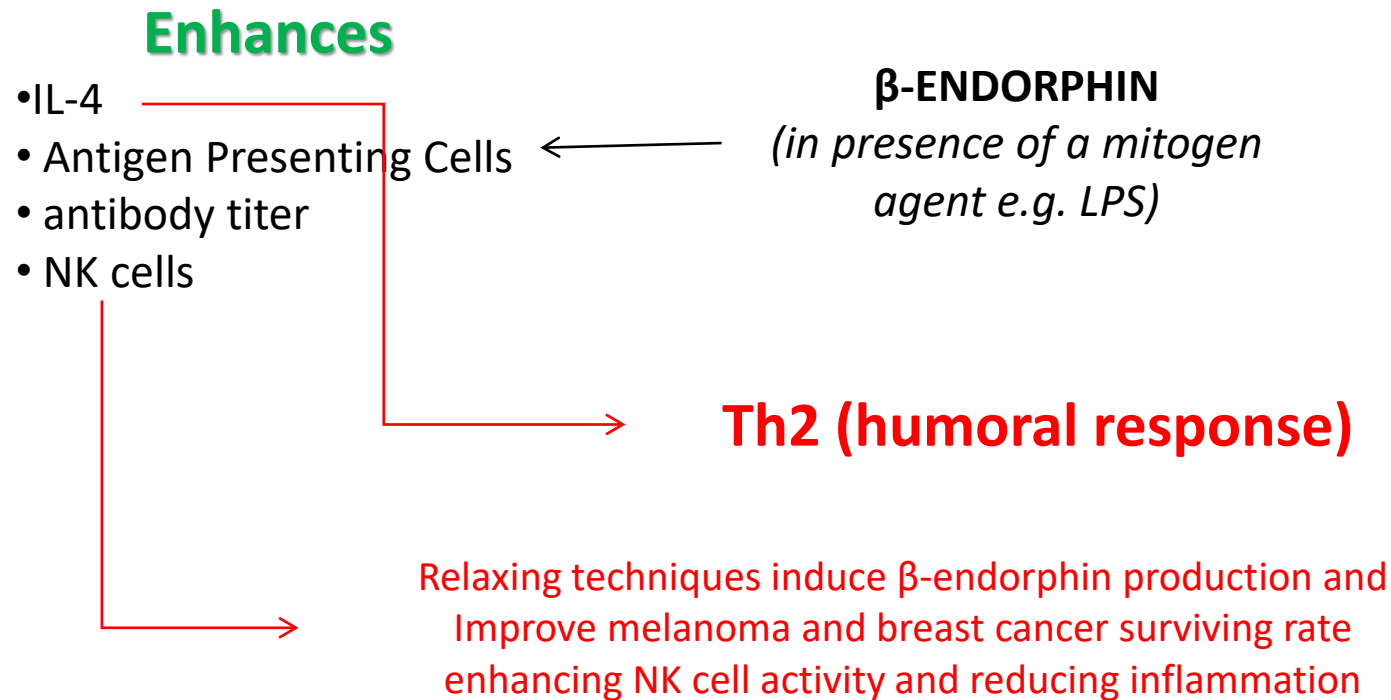
GUNA-Interferon-gamma



# GUNA-VIRUS



# β-ENDORPHIN and Immune System modulation

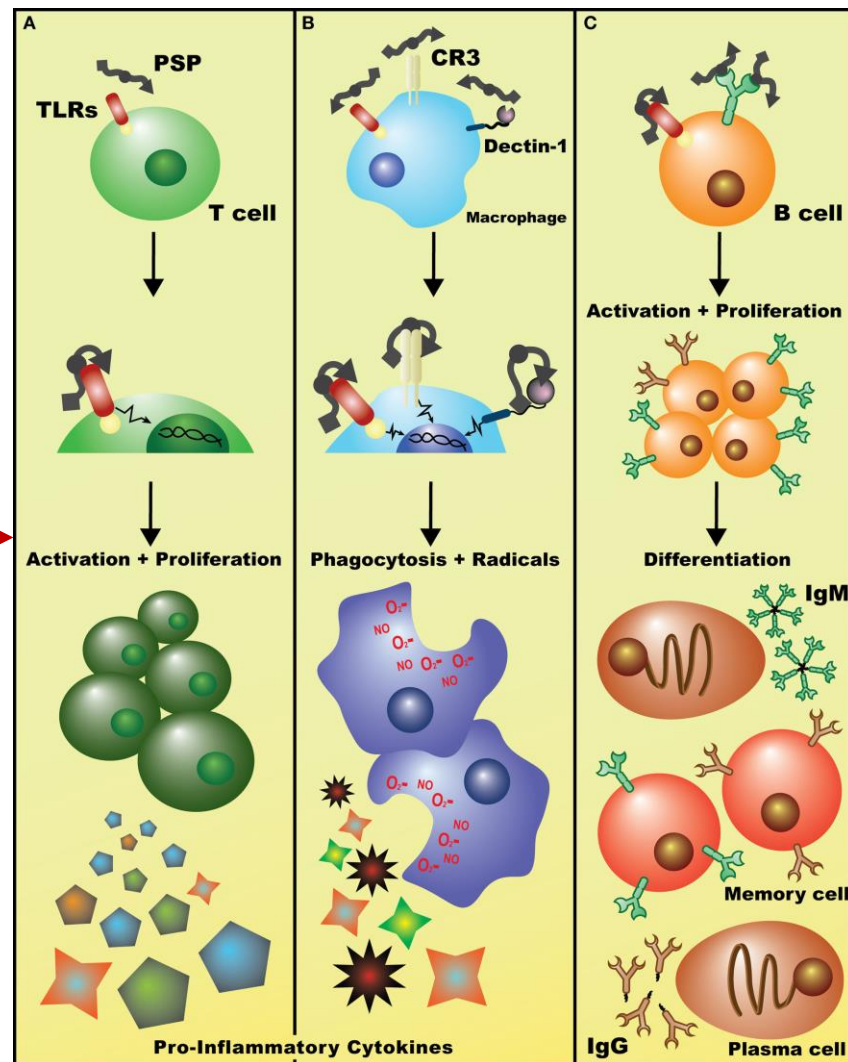
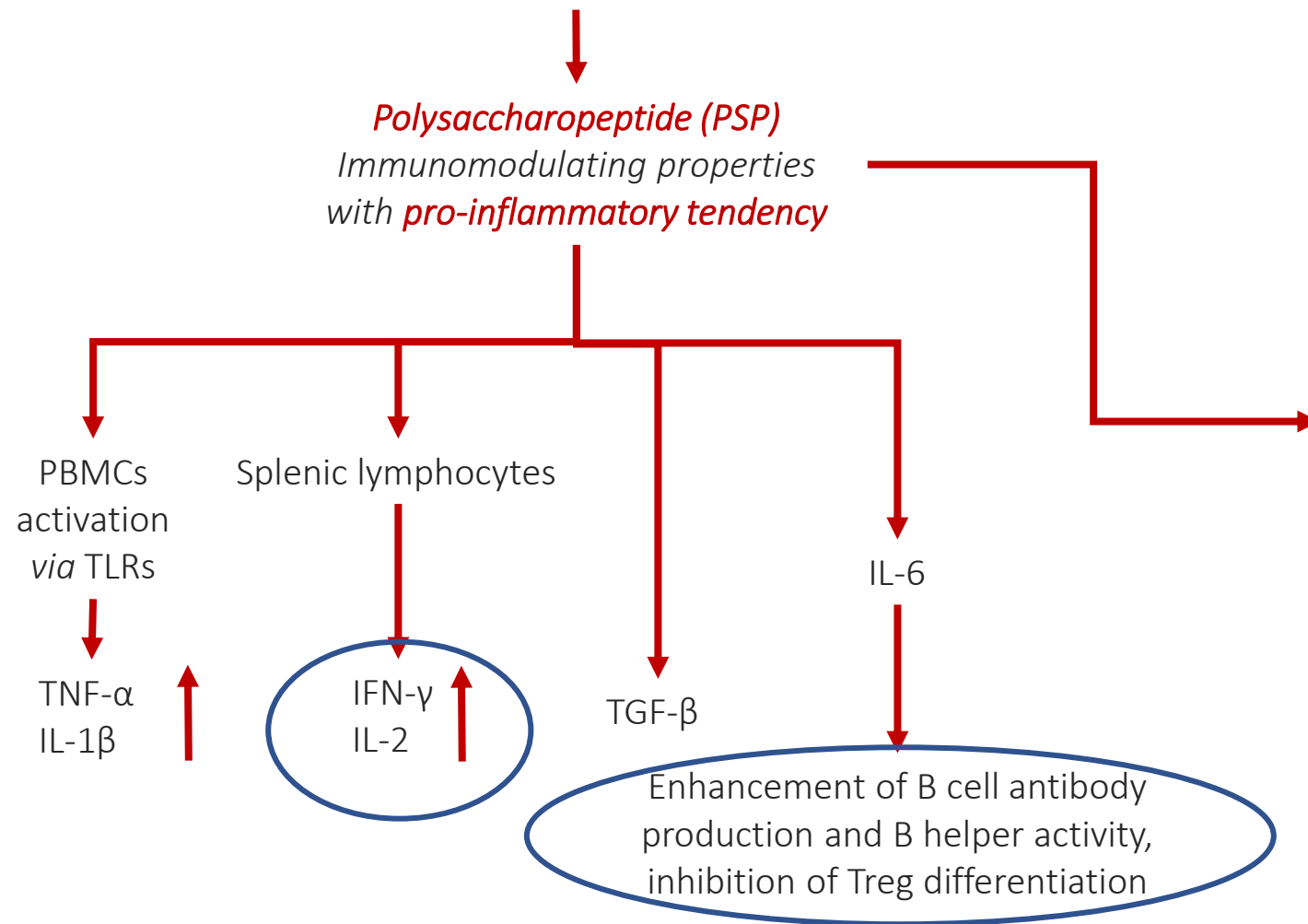


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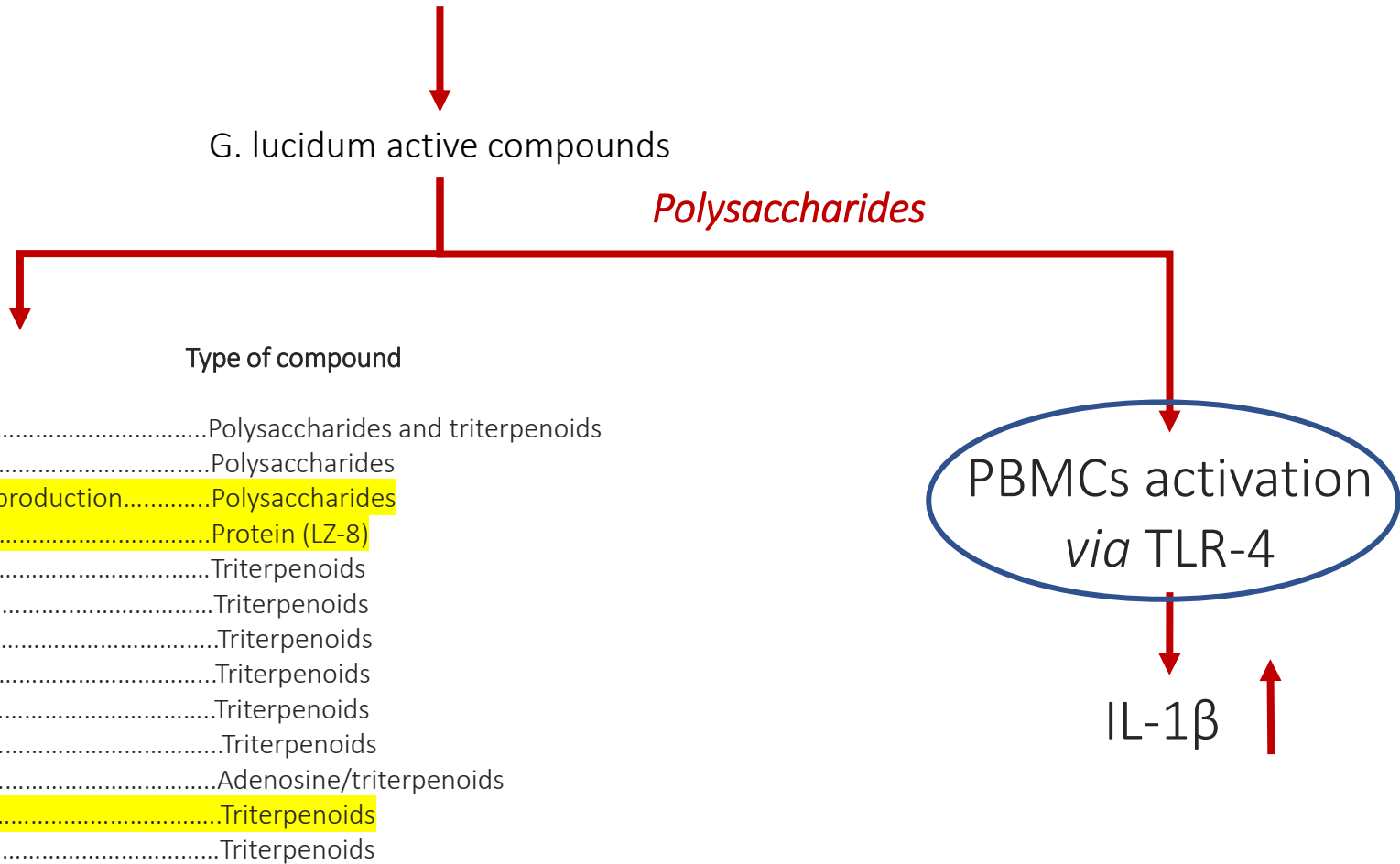
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## Rice - *Oryza sativa*

Gamma-oryzanol and rice bran fibers

NF-κB

iNOS  
COX2

Arabinoxylan (MGN-3) from rice bran

Activation of immune cells  
such as **NK cells**, **T and B cells**, and  
**macrophages**

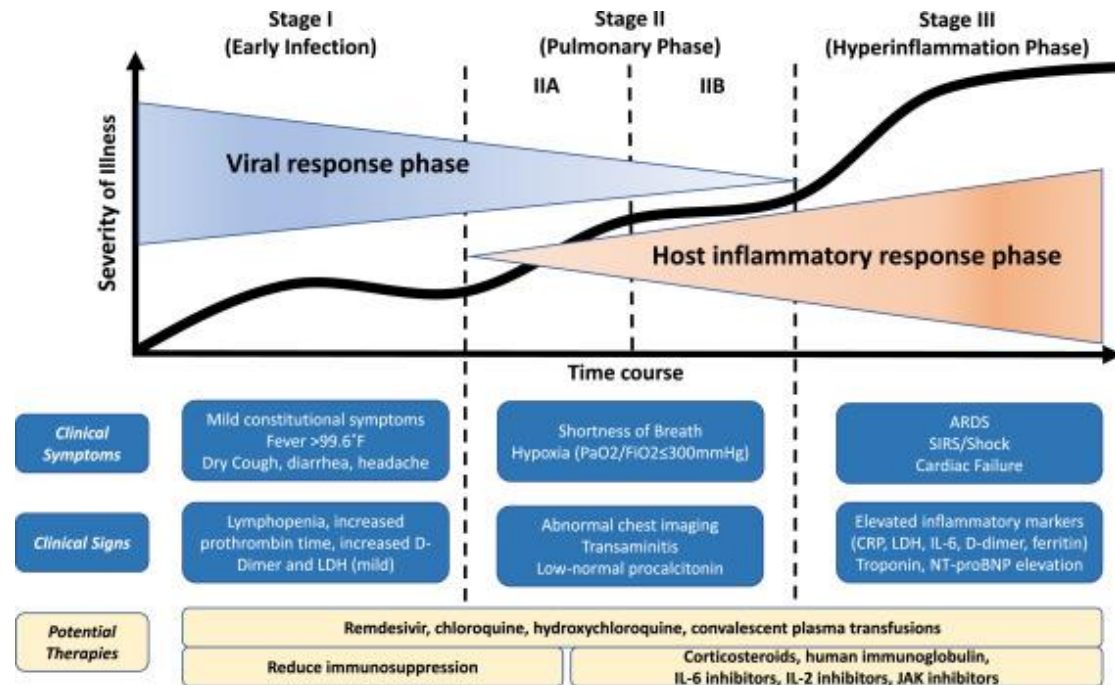
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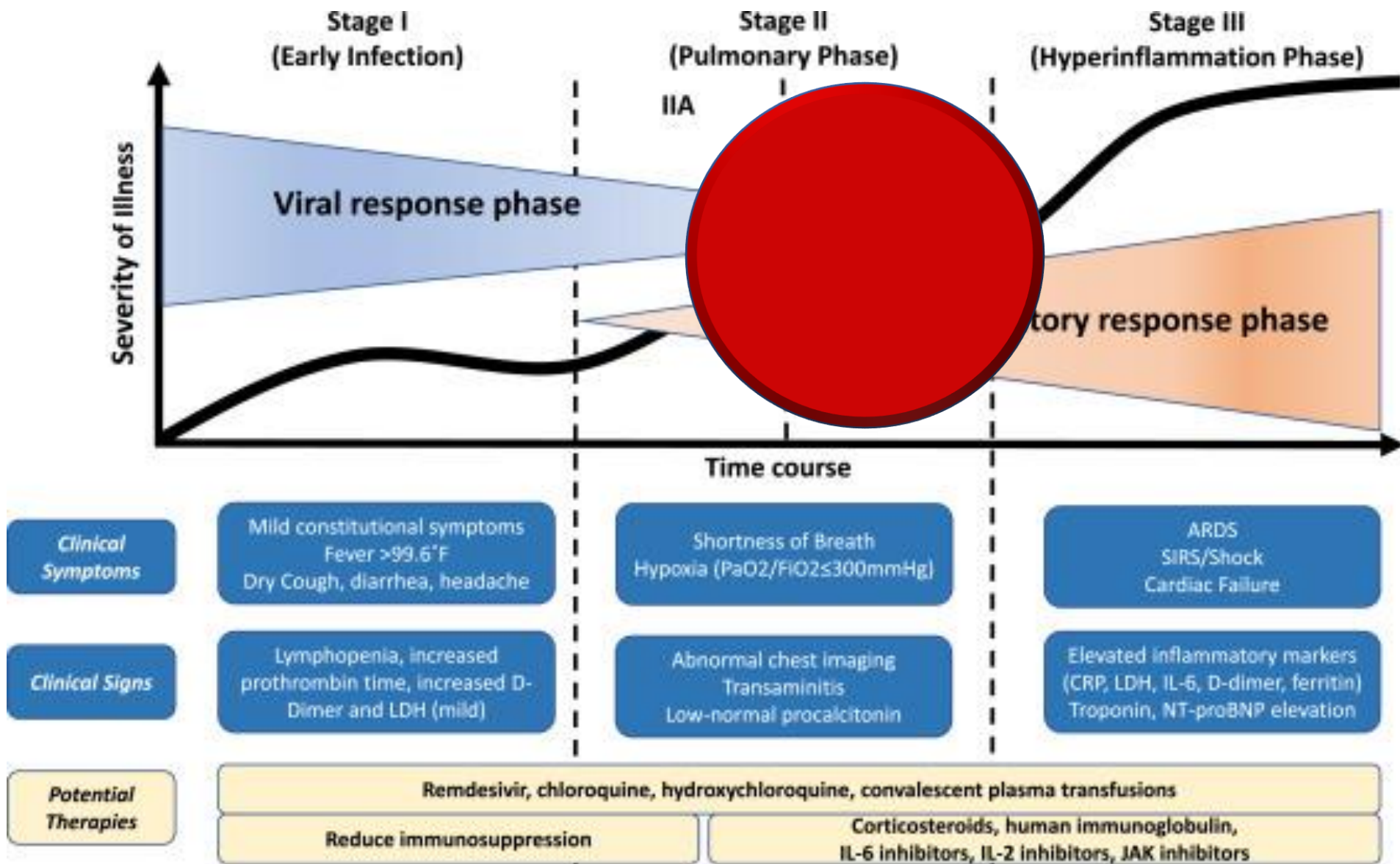


# Our (unique) goal

- *Before*
- *During*
- *After*



***And what to do during  
an infective disease?  
(in overlapping with other  
treatments)***



Keep in mind  
these drugs

Emapalumab

IFN- $\alpha$

Anakinra

IL-1RA

Sarilumab

IL-6RA

Tocilizumab

IL-6



## Covid-19, AIFA autorizza tre nuovi studi per sperimentazioni di farmaci per il trattamento dell'infezione da nuovo coronavirus

L'Agenzia Italiana del Farmaco ha dato il via libera a nuovi studi per la sperimentazione clinica di tre medicinali: **Emapalumab e Anakinra, Sarilumab, e Tocilizumab** per trattare la malattia Covid-19, determinata dall'infezione da nuovo coronavirus.



Study Type : Interventional (Clinical Trial)

Estimated Enrollment : 342 participants

Allocation: Randomized

Intervention Model: Factorial Assignment

Masking: None (Open Label)

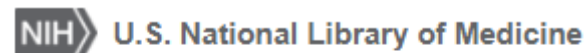
Primary Purpose: Treatment

Official Title: A Prospective, Randomized, Factorial Design, Interventional Study to Compare the Safety and Efficacy of Combinations of Blockade of Interleukin-6 Pathway and Interleukin-1 Pathway to Best Standard of Care in Improving Oxygenation and Short- and Long-term Outcome of COVID-19 Patients With Acute Hypoxic Respiratory Failure and Systemic Cytokine Release Syndrome

Estimated Study Start Date : April 2020

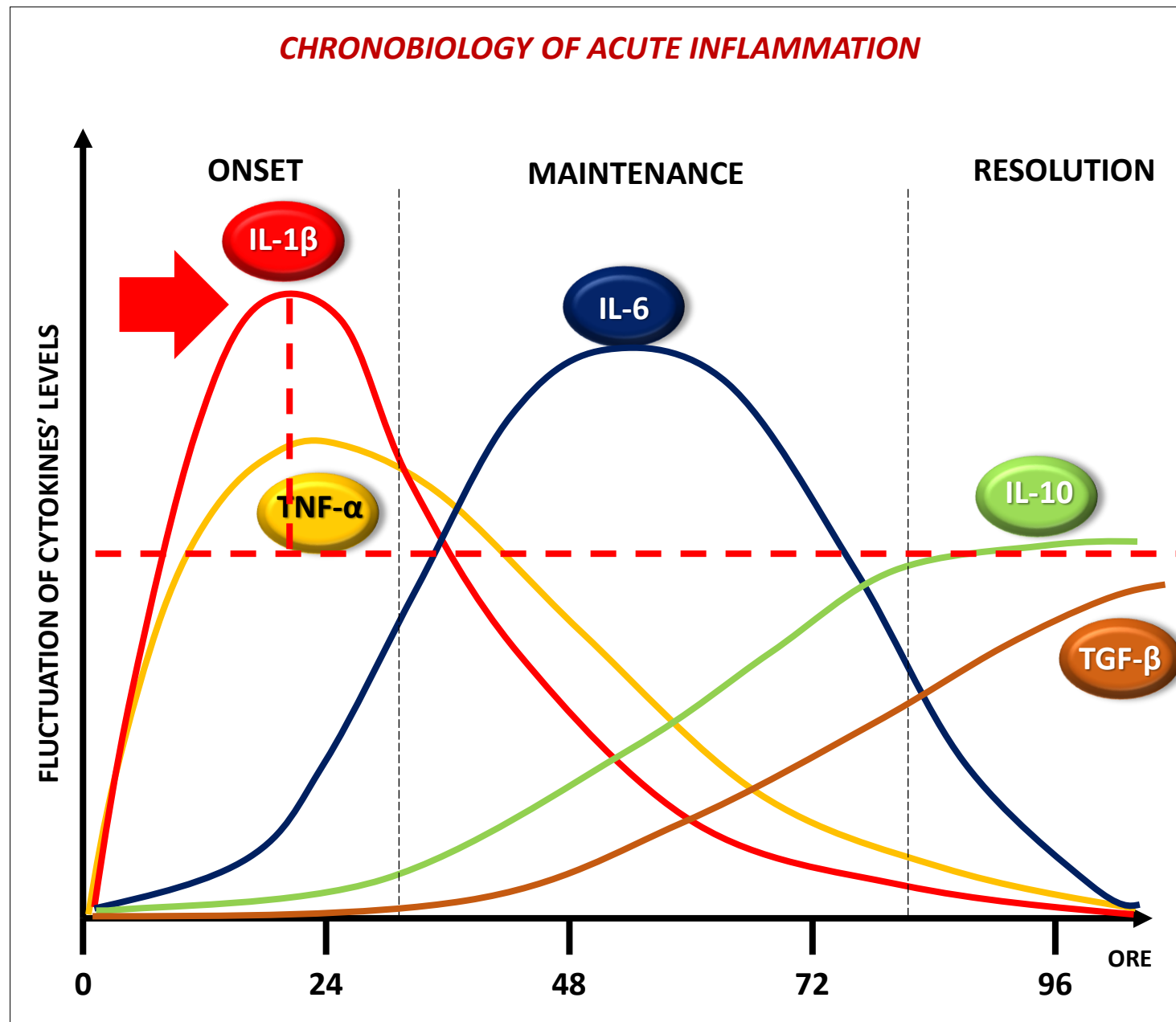
Estimated Primary Completion Date : September 2020

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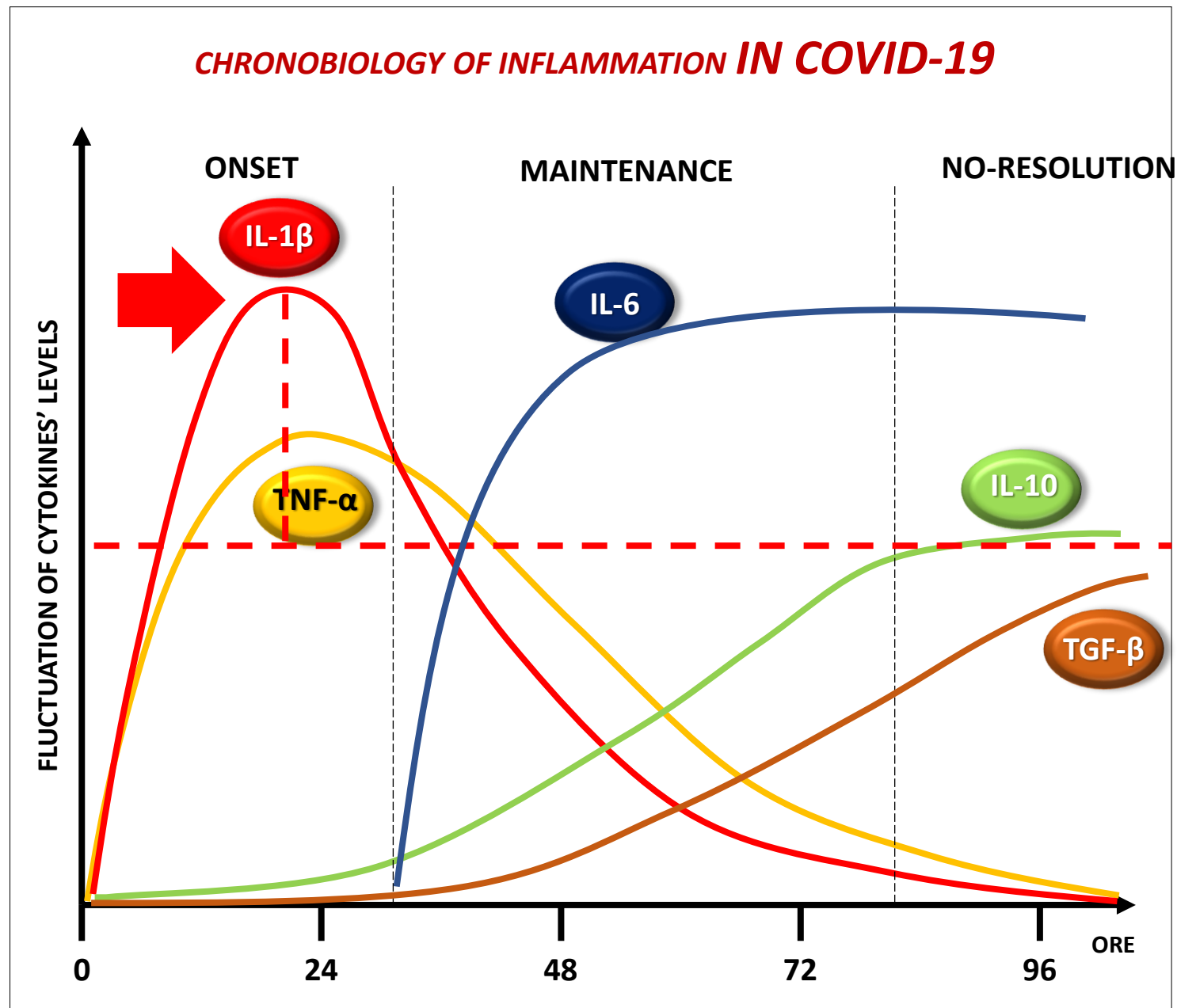
Condition or disease	Intervention/treatment	Phase
COVID-19	Other: Usual Care Drug: <b>Anakinra</b> Drug: Siltuximab Drug: Tocilizumab	Phase 3



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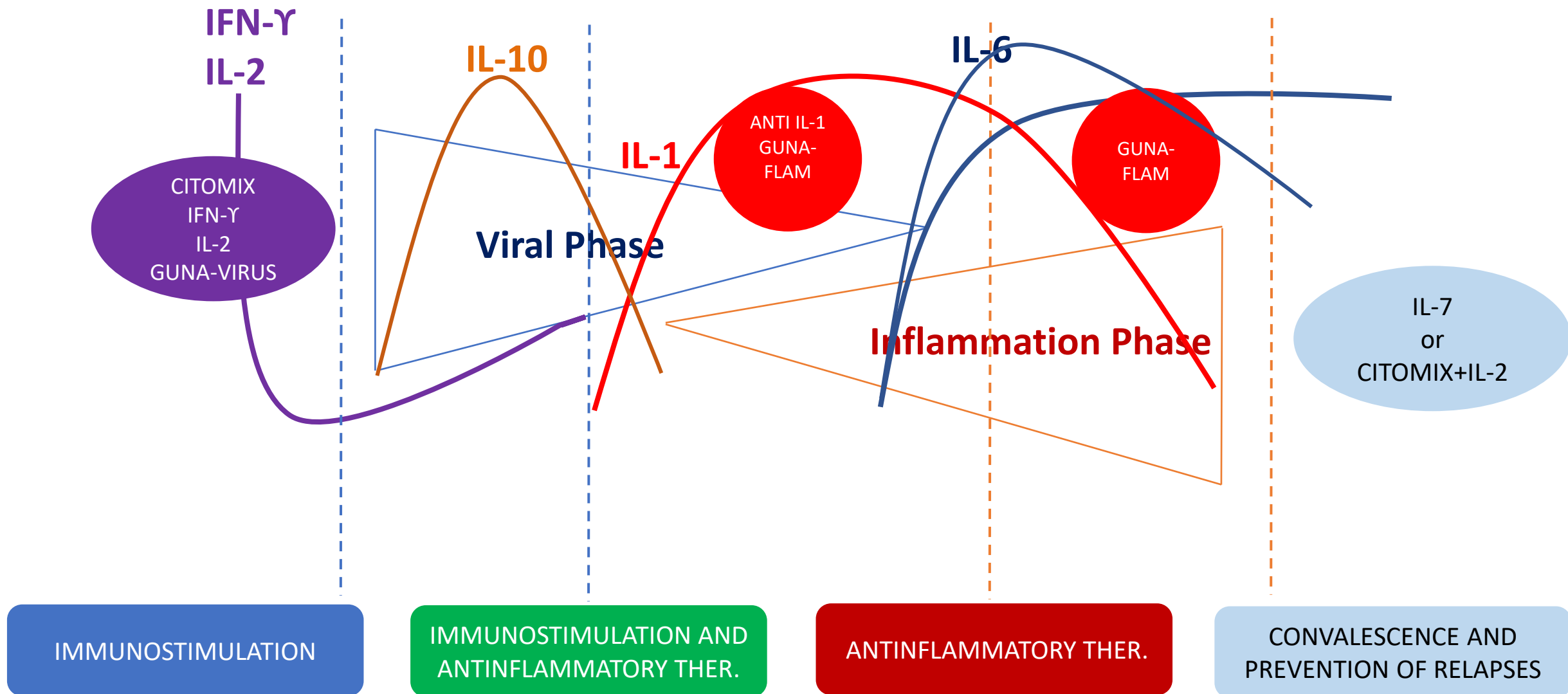




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# Space-Time Immunomodulation



# Space-Time Immunomodulation

## IMMUNOSTIMULATION IN **PREVENTION**

- **CITOMIX** (granuli): 5 pellets twice a day
- **GUNA-INTERFERON-GAMMA** (gocce): 20 drops twice a day
- **GUNA-INTERLEUKIN 2** (gocce) : 20 drops twice a day
- **GUNA-VIRUS**: 5 pellets twice a day
- **GUNA-FLU**: 1 dose a week

## IMMUNOSTIMULATION AND **CO-PREVENTION**

- **GUNA-FLU**: 1 dose a week

# Tropism, replication competence, and innate immune responses of the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 in human respiratory tract and conjunctiva: an analysis in ex-vivo and in-vitro cultures



*Kenrie P Y Hui, Man-Chun Cheung, Ranawaka A P M Perera, Ka-Chun Ng, Christine H T Bui, John C W Ho, Mandy M T Ng, Denise I T Kuok, Kendrick C Shih, Sai-Wah Tsao, Leo L M Poon, Malik Peiris, John M Nicholls, Michael C W Chan*

[www.thelancet.com/respiratory](http://www.thelancet.com/respiratory) Published online May 7, 2020 [https://doi.org/10.1016/S2213-2600\(20\)30193-4](https://doi.org/10.1016/S2213-2600(20)30193-4)

We showed that ACE2 mRNA expression was significantly upregulated in alveolar epithelial cells after influenza A virus infection, with H5N1 having a more pronounced effect than H1N1pdm in vitro. If replicated in a larger sample, this upregulation could suggest that recent exposure to influenza virus might worsen the outcome of COVID-19 through upregulation of the ACE2 receptor in human respiratory epithelium. By contrast, ACE2 expression might also offer protective effects during acute lung injury as shown for SARS.<sup>25</sup> Therefore, the role of ACE2 expression during influenza infection should be defined, and its implications on susceptibility to and severity of SARS-CoV-2 infection should be investigated.

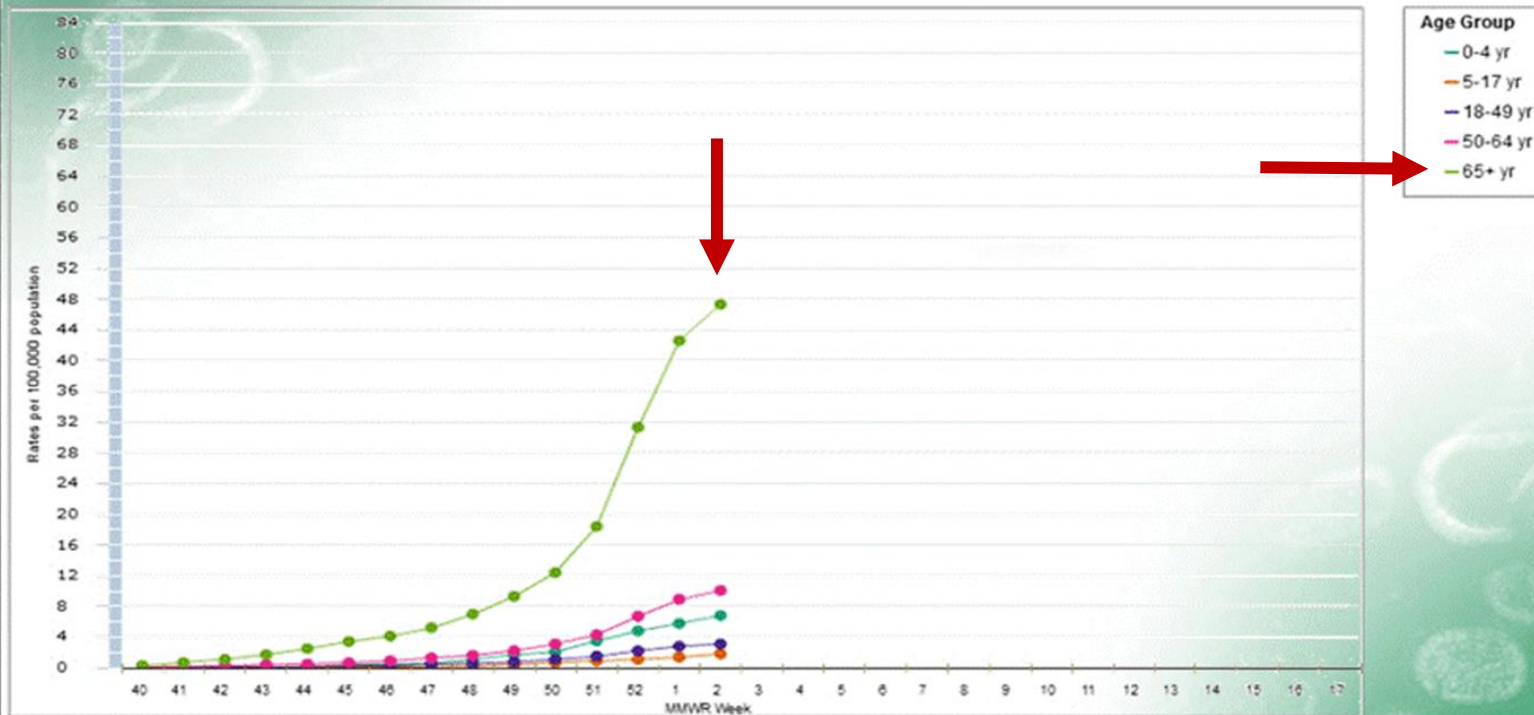
# FLUVIEW

A Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report Prepared by the Influenza Division



## Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Hospitalizations

Preliminary cumulative rates as of Jan 14, 2017



## *Problem #1*

**HIGHEST antigenic variability of the  
Orthomyxoviruses**

**Facing the antigenic DRIFT problem**



*... but also... Problem #2*

**HIGHEST variability of Influenza and  
Parainfluenza viruses**

*The Journal of Infectious Diseases*

MAJOR ARTICLE

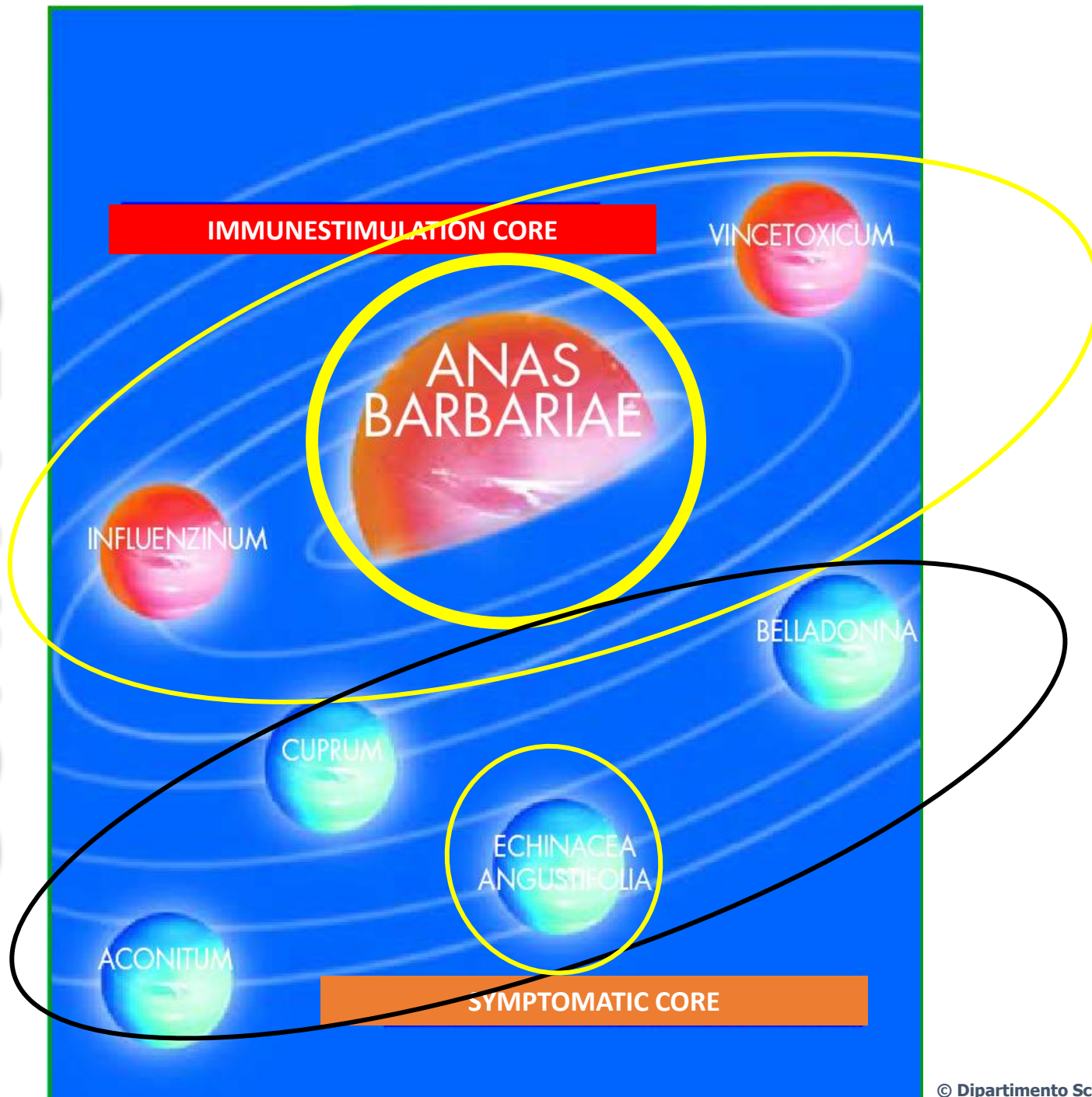


# Influenza-like Illness Incidence Is Not Reduced by Influenza Vaccination in a Cohort of Older Adults, Despite Effectively Reducing Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Virus Infections

Josine van Beek,<sup>1</sup> Reinier H. Veenhoven,<sup>2,a</sup> Jacob P. Bruin,<sup>3</sup> Renée A. J. van Boxtel,<sup>1</sup> Marit M. A. de Lange,<sup>1</sup> Adam Meijer,<sup>1</sup> Elisabeth A. M. Sanders,<sup>1,4</sup> Nynke Y. Rots,<sup>1</sup> and Willem Luytjes<sup>1</sup>

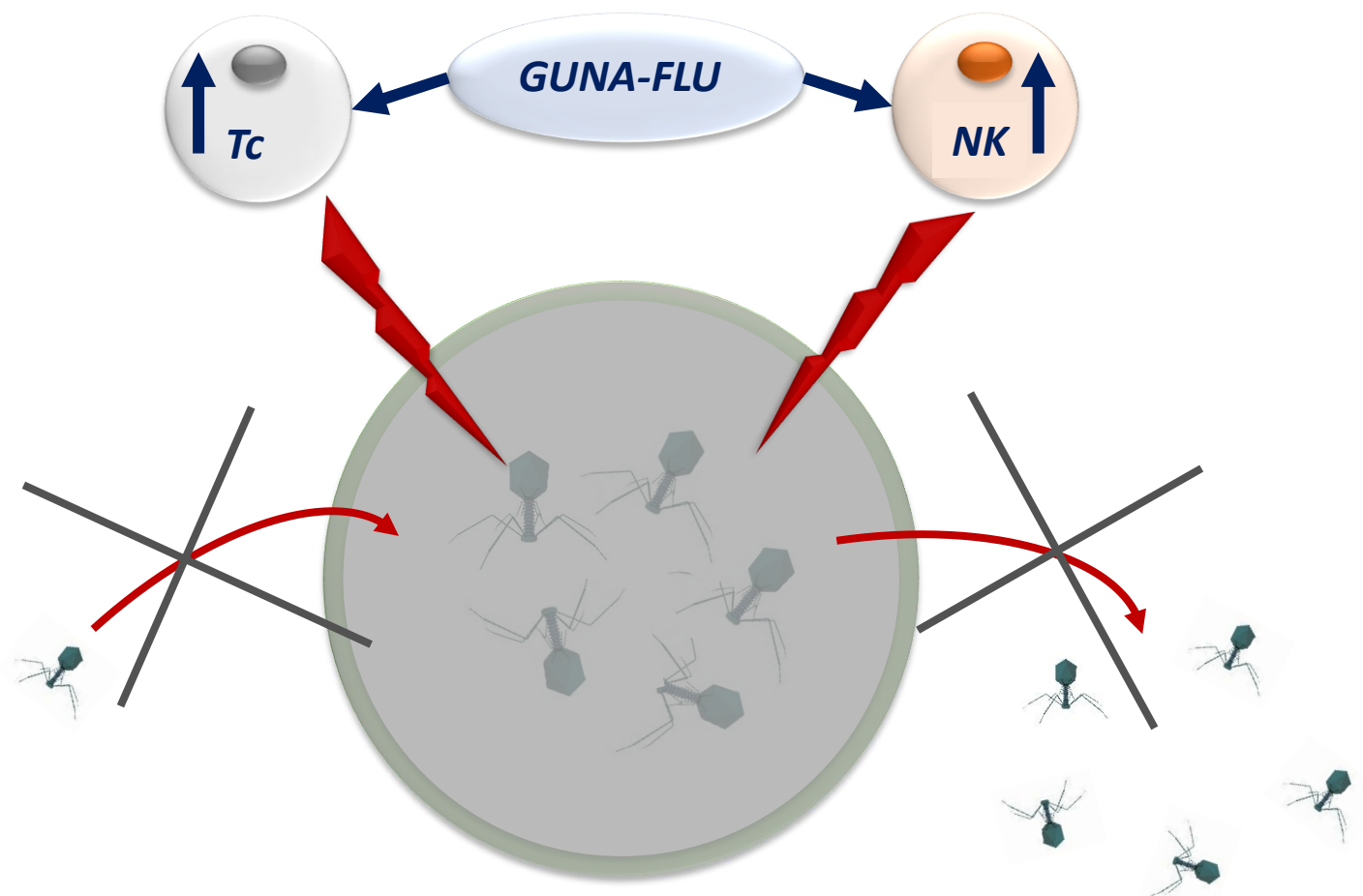
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# GUNA-FLU<sup>®</sup>

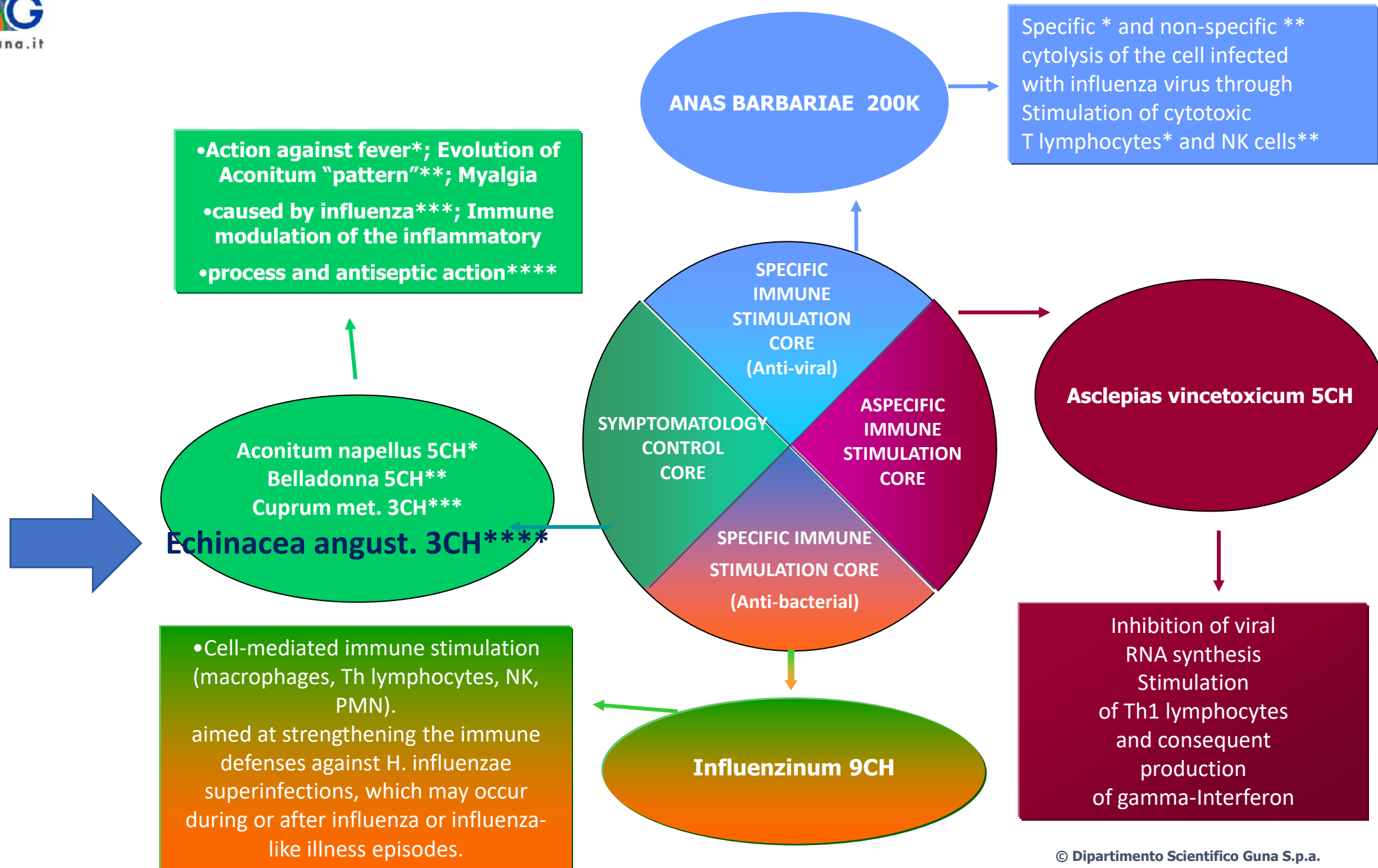


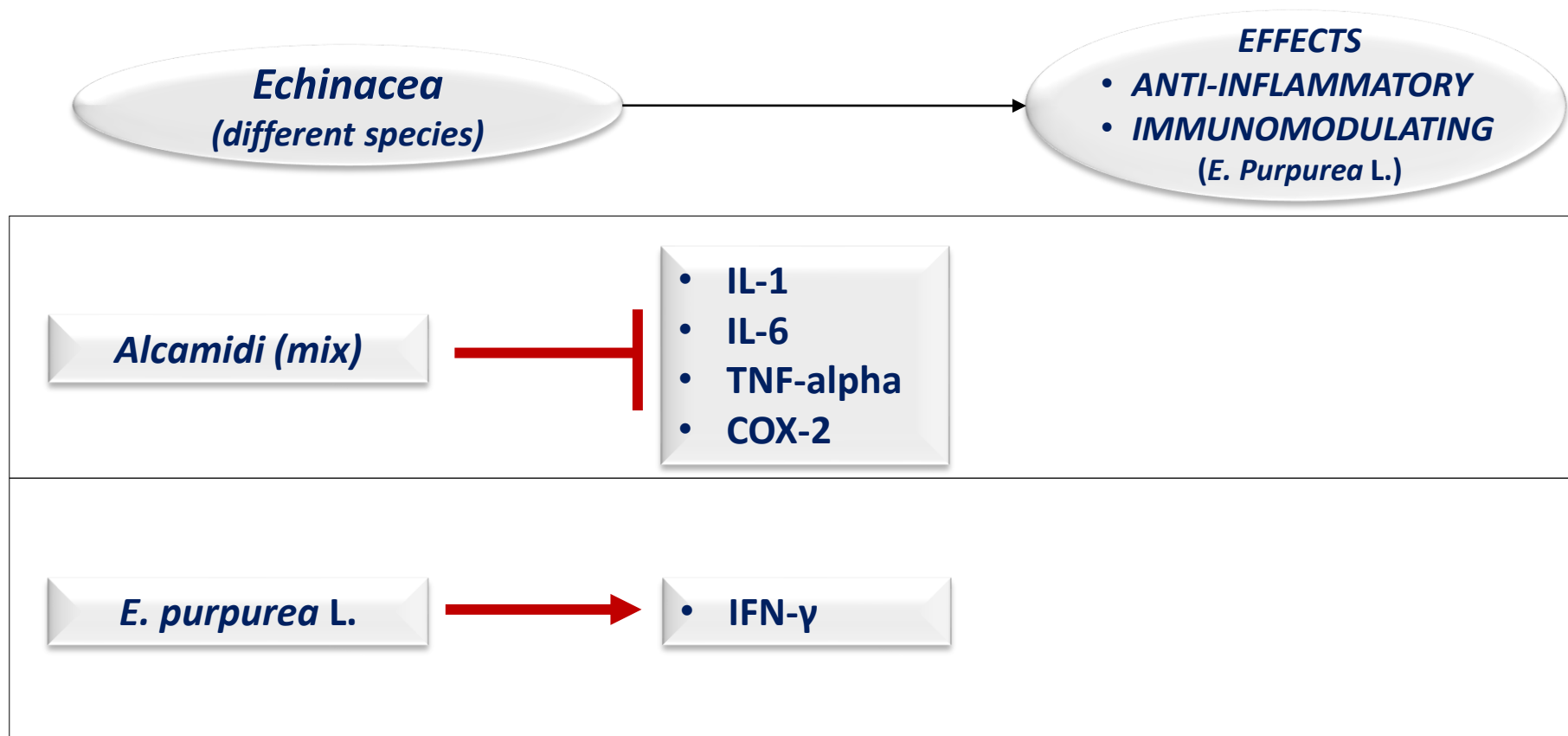
**Prevention and  
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# MECHANISM OF ACTION OF GUNA-FLU



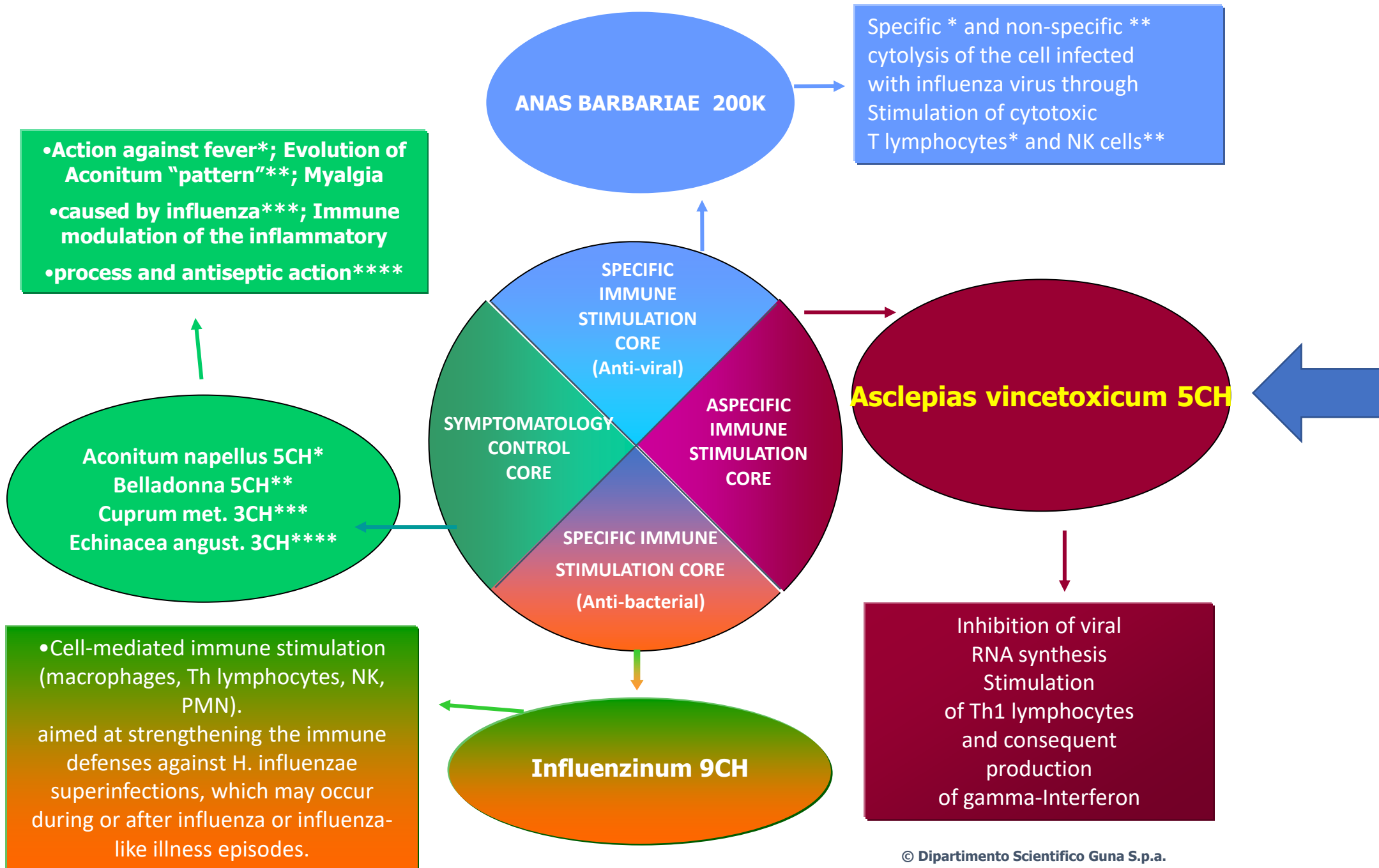
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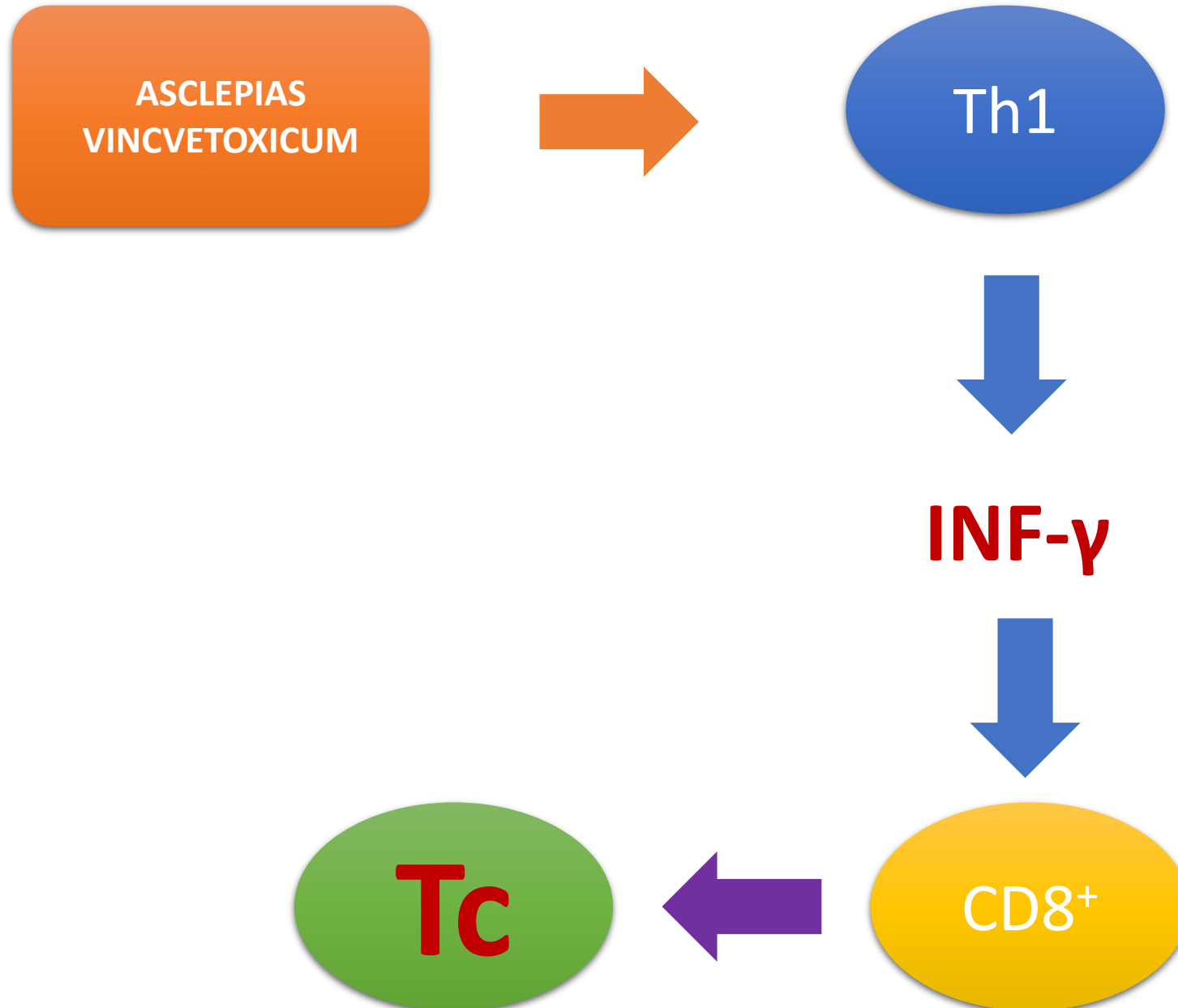


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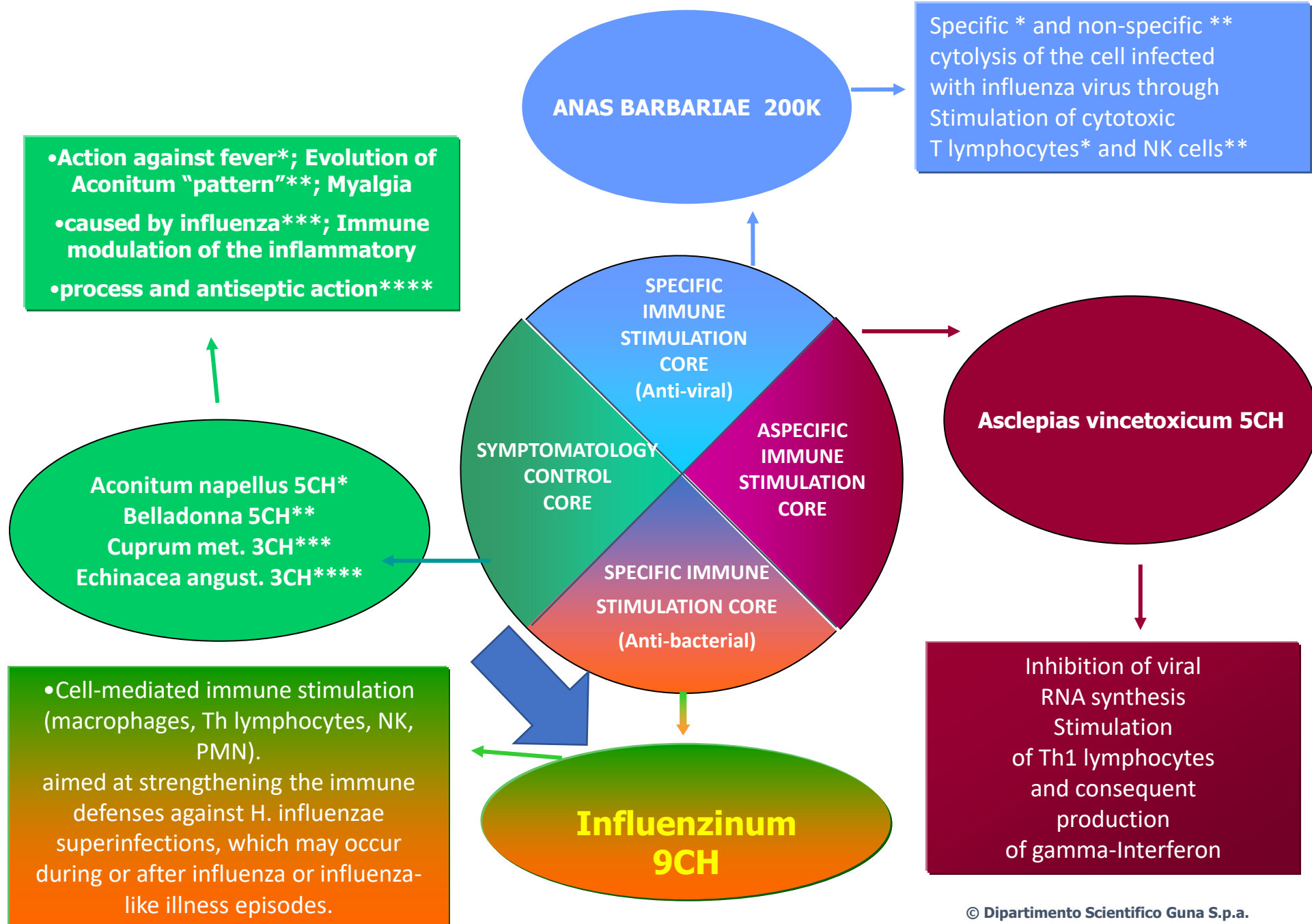
# GUNA-FLU







# GUNA-FLU





Interesting!!!

*Influenzinum of GUNA-FLU is obtained from the expectorate of patients infected with influenza and it is particularly rich of Haemophilus influenzae*

# GUNA®-FLU

## Clinical Studies

1) COMPARATIVE EVALUATION OF GUNA®-FLU vs VACCINE FOR THE INFLUENZA SYNDROME PREVENTION IN PEDIATRICS

A prospective, multicentre, randomized, controlled study

M. Colombo, G. Rigamonti, M.L. Danza, A. Bruno

LA MEDICINA BIOLOGICA 2007/3; 3-10

2) EFFICACY OF A COMPLEX HOMOEOPATHIC MEDICINE IN THE RECURRENT RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS PREVENTION IN HIGHLY-SUSCEPTIBLE CHILDREN

A controlled, randomized study

G. Rocca, M. Colombo

ECAM (EVIDENCE BASED COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE)

- in press -

3) UPPER RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS PREVENTION IN CHILDREN WITH GUNA®-FLU

A multicentre, controlled, randomized study

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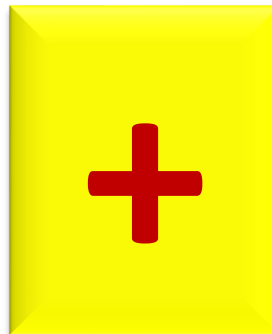
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## INTERNATIONAL LITERATURE REVIEW

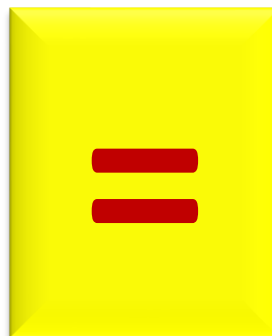


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## PREVENTION OVERLAP

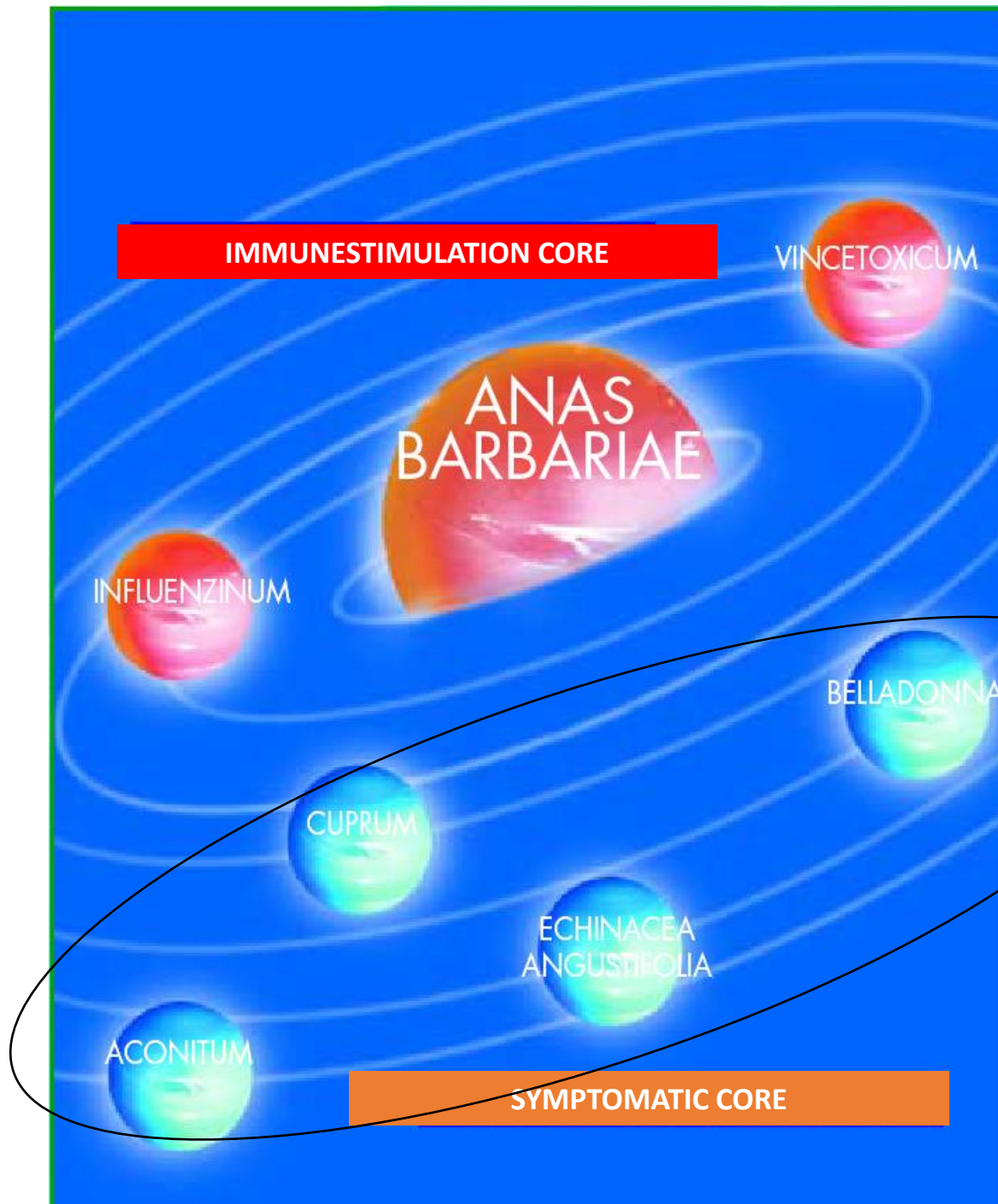


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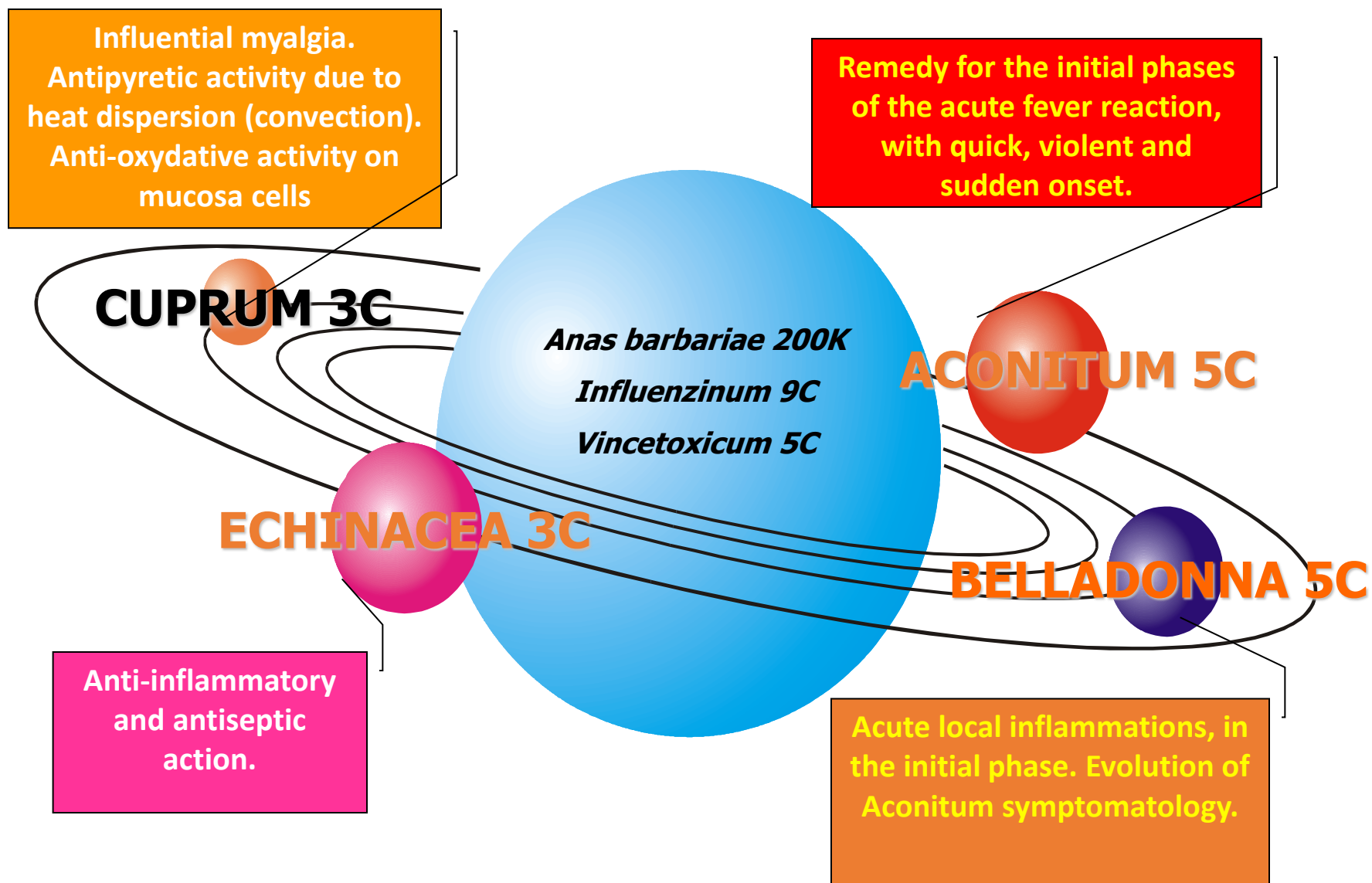
**BY-PASSING THE ANTIGENIC DRIFT OF THE INFLUENZA VIRUS**

# GUNA-FLU®



**Prevention and  
treatment of flu  
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# SYMPTOMATIC REMEDIES CORE





# ***GUNA-FLU***

## ***Directions***

- **SEASONAL PREVENTION: one dose once a week for 6-8 weeks to be repeated after 2 weeks**
- **TREATMENT OF THE ACUTE SYMPTOMATOLOGY (in the first 36 hours from the onset): one dose every 6 hours until acute symptoms disappear**

## SUDDIVISIONE DEI PAZIENTI PER TIPO DI TERAPIA

Terapia	N° pazienti
Gruppo A – <b>OMEGRIPHI®</b>	78 (43 F, 35 M)
Gruppo B – <b>Paracetamolo</b>	81 (45 F, 36 M)

## Riferimento bibliografico

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SINTOMI GENERALI	PUNTEGGIO MEDIO	SINTOMI RESPIRATORI	PUNTEGGIO MEDIO	SINTOMI GASTRO-INTESTINALI	PUNTEGGIO MEDIO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CEFALEA</li><li>• MALESSERE GENERALE</li><li>• SENSAZIONE DI FEBBRE (brividi, sudorazione)</li><li>• DOLORI MUSCOLARI</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TOSSE</li><li>• FARINGODINIA</li><li>• CONGESTIONE NASALE</li><li>• RAUCEDINE</li><li>• AFONIA</li><li>• TORACODINIA</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NAUSEA</li><li>• VOMITO</li><li>• DIARREA</li><li>• DOLORI ADDOMINALI</li></ul>	

PUNTEGGIO	SIGNIFICATO CLINICO
0	Assenza di sintomi
1	Sintomi di gravità lieve
2	Sintomi di gravità moderata
3	Sintomi di gravità alta

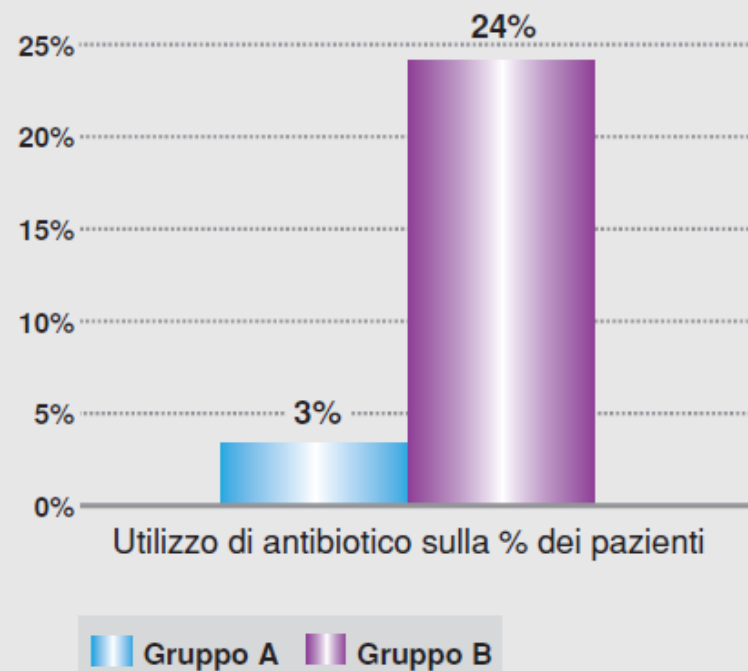
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## RISOLUZIONE DEL SINTOMO FEBBRE dopo 24-48-72 ore

	Dopo 24h (percentuale pazienti)	Dopo 48h (percentuale pazienti)	Dopo 72h (percentuale pazienti)
<b>Gruppo A</b> – OMEOGRIPI®	25%	56%	89%
<b>Gruppo B</b> – Paracetamolo	23%	49%	76%

### UTILIZZO DI ANTIBIOTICO SULLA % DEI PAZIENTI – CONFRONTO TRA I DUE GRUPPI –



# Space-Time Immunomodulation

## IMMUNOSTIMULATION IN PREVENTION

- CITOMIX (granuli): 5 pellets twice a day
- GUNA-INTERFERON-GAMMA (gocce): 20 drops twice a day
- GUNA-INTERLEUKIN 2 (gocce) : 20 drops twice a day
- GUNA-VIRUS: 5 pellets twice a day
- GUNA-FLU: 1 dose a week

## IMMUNOSTIMULATION IN THE **EARLY STAGE OF THE INFECTION** AND **EARLY STAGE ANTINFLAMMATORY THERAPY**

- CITOMIX (granuli): 10 pellets 2-3 days a day
- GUNA-INTERLEUKIN 2 (gocce): 20 drops 4-6 times a day
- GUNA-VIRUS: 5 pellets 4-6 times a day
- GUNA-ANTIL IL 1: 20 drops 6-8 times a day for 2 to 6 days

A novel, systemic, approach to  
*The **first** stage of the inflammatory  
phase of an infection*



#### DIRECTIONS AND WAY OF ADMINISTRATION

**Guna-Anti IL 1: 20 drops 10-12 times a day for a short-medium time (half dosage for children below 6 years)**

Sublingual administration directly under the tongue or in a little water, preferably far from meals.

**Anti Interleukins-1 ( $\alpha$ ;  $\beta$ ) act as NSAIDs, cortisone and, in part, as salicylates**, without the negative side effects caused by these allopathic medicines.

**Anti IL-1 4CH**

**BLOCK**

**IL-1**



**COX<sub>2</sub>**

**PGE<sub>2</sub>**

**NO**

# Space-Time Immunomodulation

IMMUNOSTIMULATION

- CITOMIX (granuli)
- GUNA-INTERFERON-GAMMA (gocce)
- GUNA-INTERLEUKIN 2 (gocce)
- GUNA-VIRUS
- GUNA-FLU

IMMUNOSTIMULATION AND  
ANTINFLAMMATORY THER.

- GUNA-INTERLEUKIN 2 (gocce)
- CITOMIX (granuli)
- GUNA-ANTI IL 1 (gocce)
- GUNA-FLAM (fiale e compresse)

**ANTINFLAMMATORY  
THER.**

- **GUNA-FLAM: 20 drops 4-6 times a day**

CONVALESCENCE AND  
PREVENTION OF RELAPSES

- GUNA-INTERLEUKIN 7 (gocce)
- CITOMIX (Granuli)

A novel, systemic, approach to  
*The **second** stage of the  
inflammatory phase of an infection*



#### DIRECTIONS AND WAY OF ADMINISTRATION

**Guna-Flam: 20 drops twice to four times a day a day (half dosage for children below 6 years)**

Sublingual administration directly under the tongue or in a little water, preferably far from meals.

#### Ingredients

➔ Aconitum napellus 6X/12X/30X/200X  
Anti interleukin 1 alpha 4C  
Apis mellifica 6X/12X/30X/200X  
Belladonna 6X/12X/30X/200X  
Beta-Endorphin 6X  
Bryonia alba 6X/12X/30X/200X  
Citricum acidum 3X  
Conjunctiva tissue, Porcine 12X/30X/200X  
Copper gluconate 4X  
Ferrum phosphoricum 6X/12X/30X/200X  
Hepar sulphuris calcareum 6X/12X/30X/200X  
Hypophysis, Porcine 200X  
➔ Interleukin 10 4C  
Melatonin 4C  
Natrum pyruvicum 3X  
Phytolacca decandra 6X/12X/30X/200X  
Pineal gland, Porcine 6X  
Pyrogenium 30X/200X  
Transforming Growth Factor 1 beta 4C



# Space-Time Immunomodulation

## IMMUNOSTIMULATION

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## IMMUNOSTIMULATION AND ANTINFLAMMATORY THER.

- GUNA-INTERLEUKIN 2 (gocce)
- CITOMIX (granuli)
- GUNA-ANTI IL 1 (gocce)
- GUNA-FLAM (fiale e compresse)

## ANTINFLAMMATORY THER.

- GUNA-FLAM: 20 drops 4-6 times a day

## CONVALESCENCE AND PREVENTION OF RELAPSES

- **GUNA-INTERLEUKIN 7** (gocce): 20 drops twice a day for 2-4 months
- **CITOMIX** (Granuli) : 5 pellets one a day for 2-4 months (preferably in association with **Guna-Interleukin 2**)

## A novel, systemic, approach to *The **post-active** infection phase*



### DIRECTIONS AND WAY OF ADMINISTRATION

**Guna Interleukin-7: 20 drops twice a day for 2 to 4 months  
(half dosage for children below 6 years)**

Sublingual administration directly under the tongue or in a little water, preferably far from meals.

## INTERLEUKIN-7 IS STRONGLY ACTIVE ON THE IMMUNOLOGICAL MEMORY

- Stimulates the proliferation of all cells of the lymphoid line (B cells, T cells, NK)
- It has **strong anti-apoptotic activities** and therefore prolongs the life of these cell populations
- It induces differentiation in the Th1 direction, by up-regulation of IL-2 and IFN- $\gamma$
- In synergy with IL-12 it favors the differentiation of T-naive into Th1, their proliferation and stabilization
- **It stimulates cytolytic activity through the induction of the IFN- $\gamma$  synthesis**
- **It stimulates immunological memory \***
- **\* Memory T lymphocytes are responsible for the increased speed and effectiveness with which immune responses occur when an organism comes into contact with the same antigen again.**

# Space-Time Immunomodulation

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## IMMUNOSTIMULATION IN THE **EARLY STAGE OF THE INFECTION AND ANTINFLAMMATORY THERAPY**

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- GUNA-ANTIL IL 1: **20 drops 6-8 times a day for 2 to 6 days**

## ANTINFLAMMATORY THERAPY

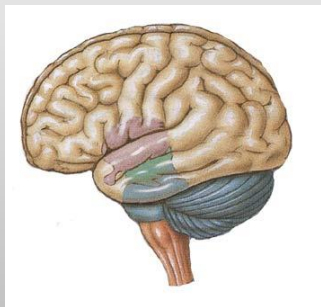
- GUNA-FLAM: 20 drops 4-6 times a day

## CONVALESCENCE AND PREVENTION OF RELAPSES

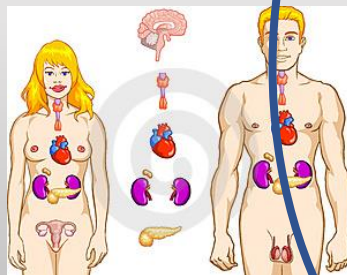
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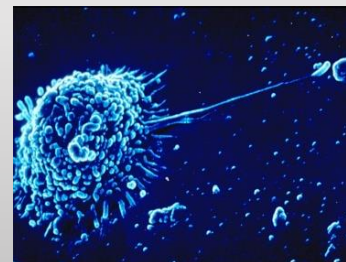
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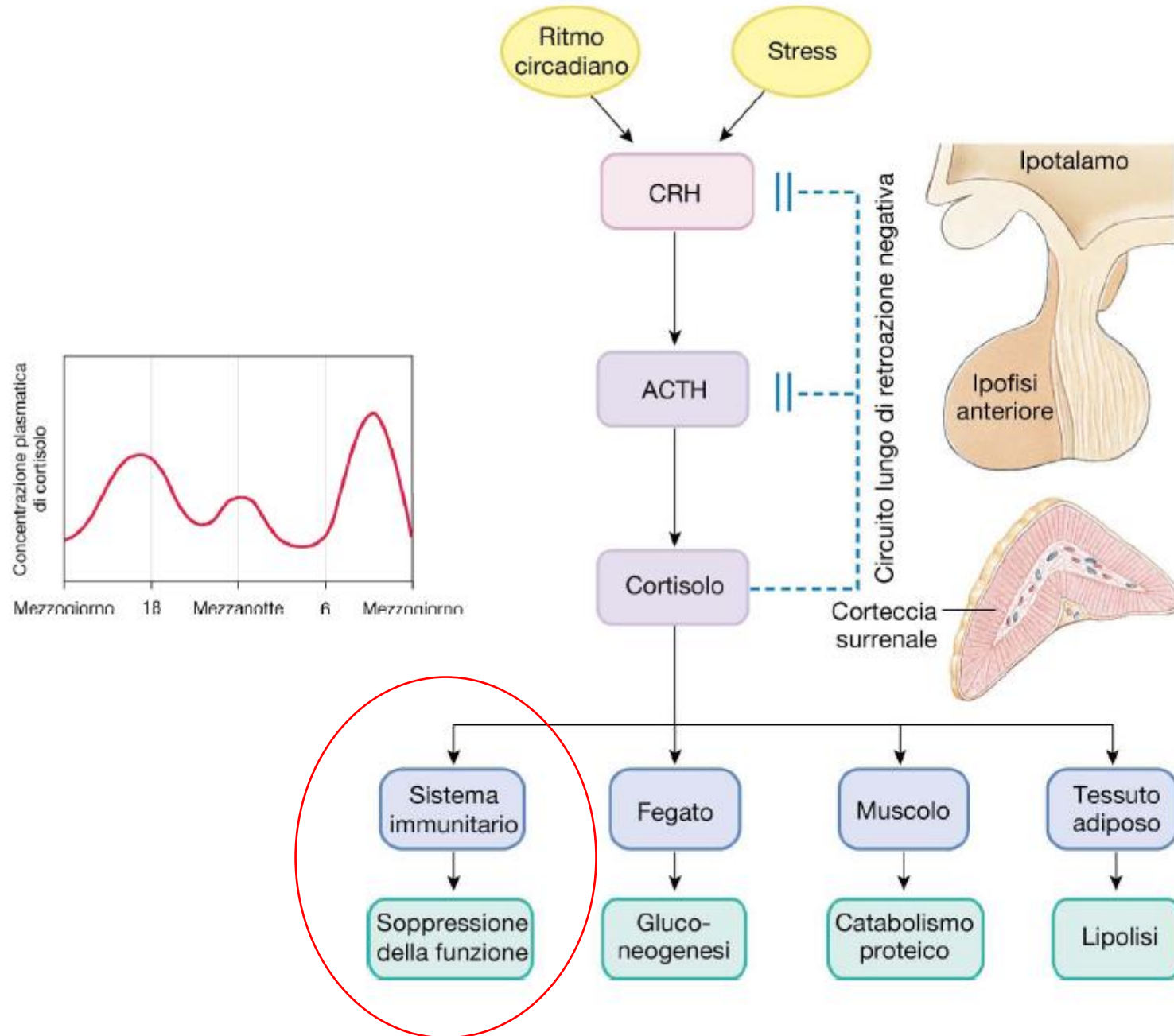


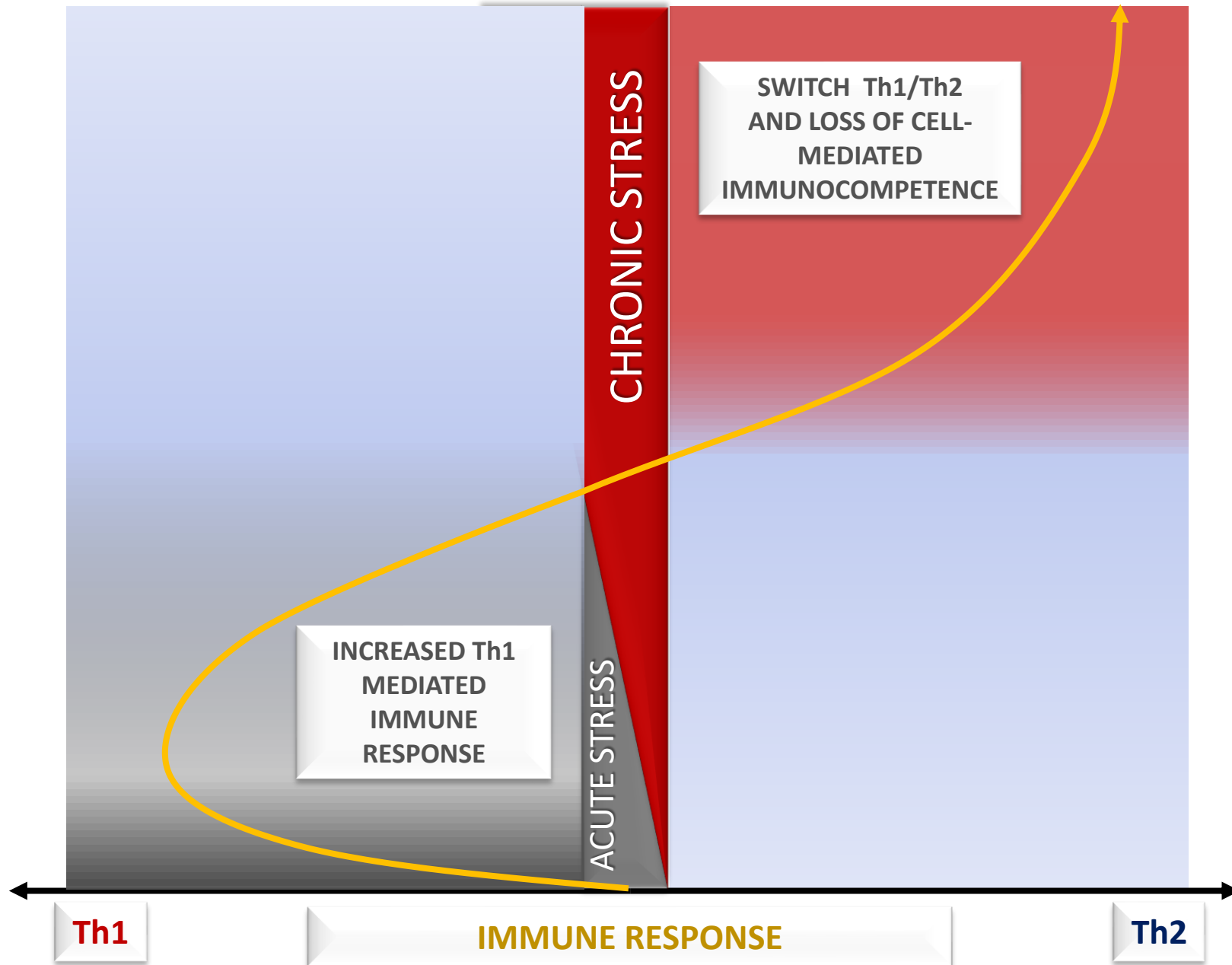
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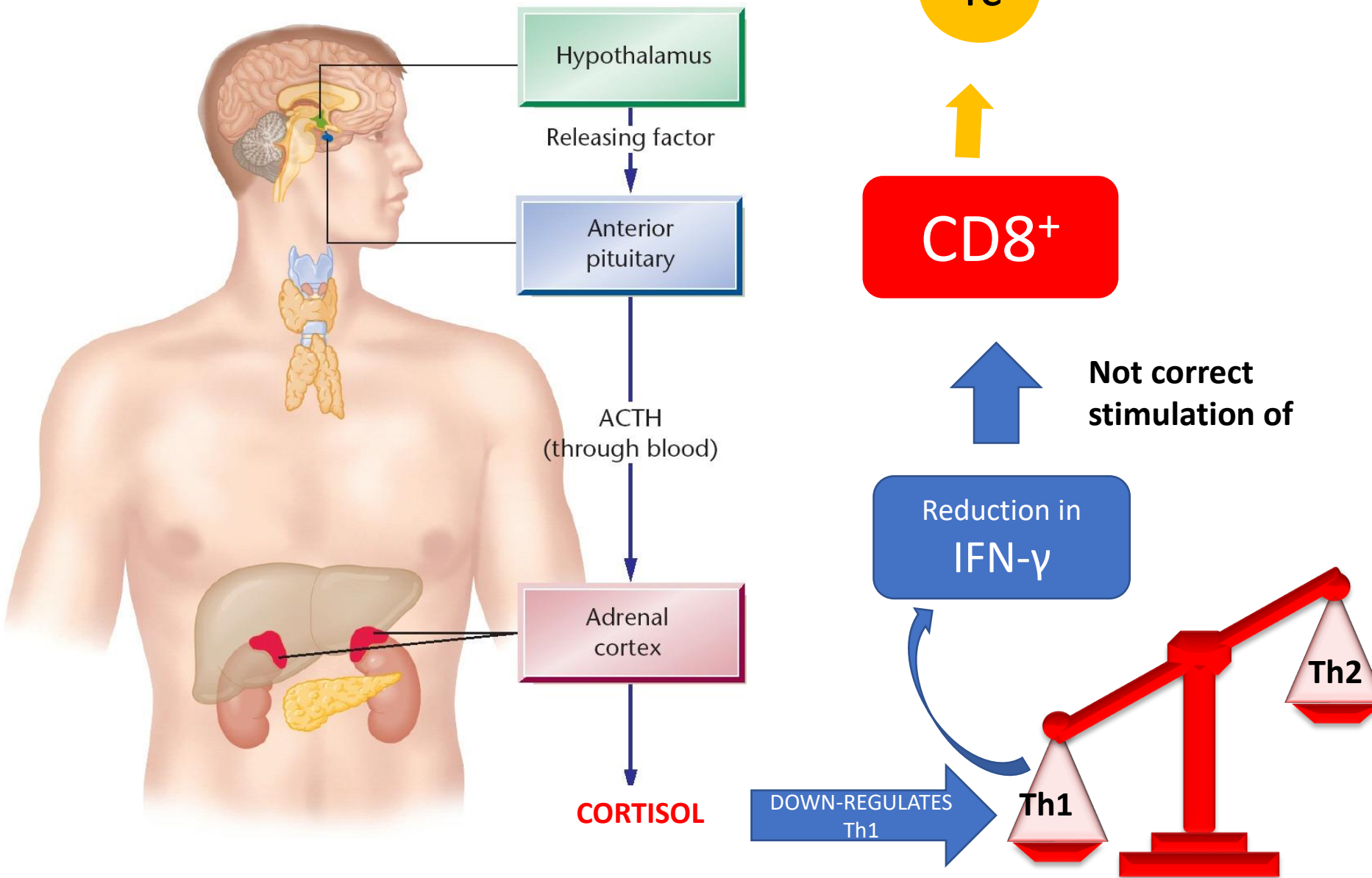
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# STRESS AXIS





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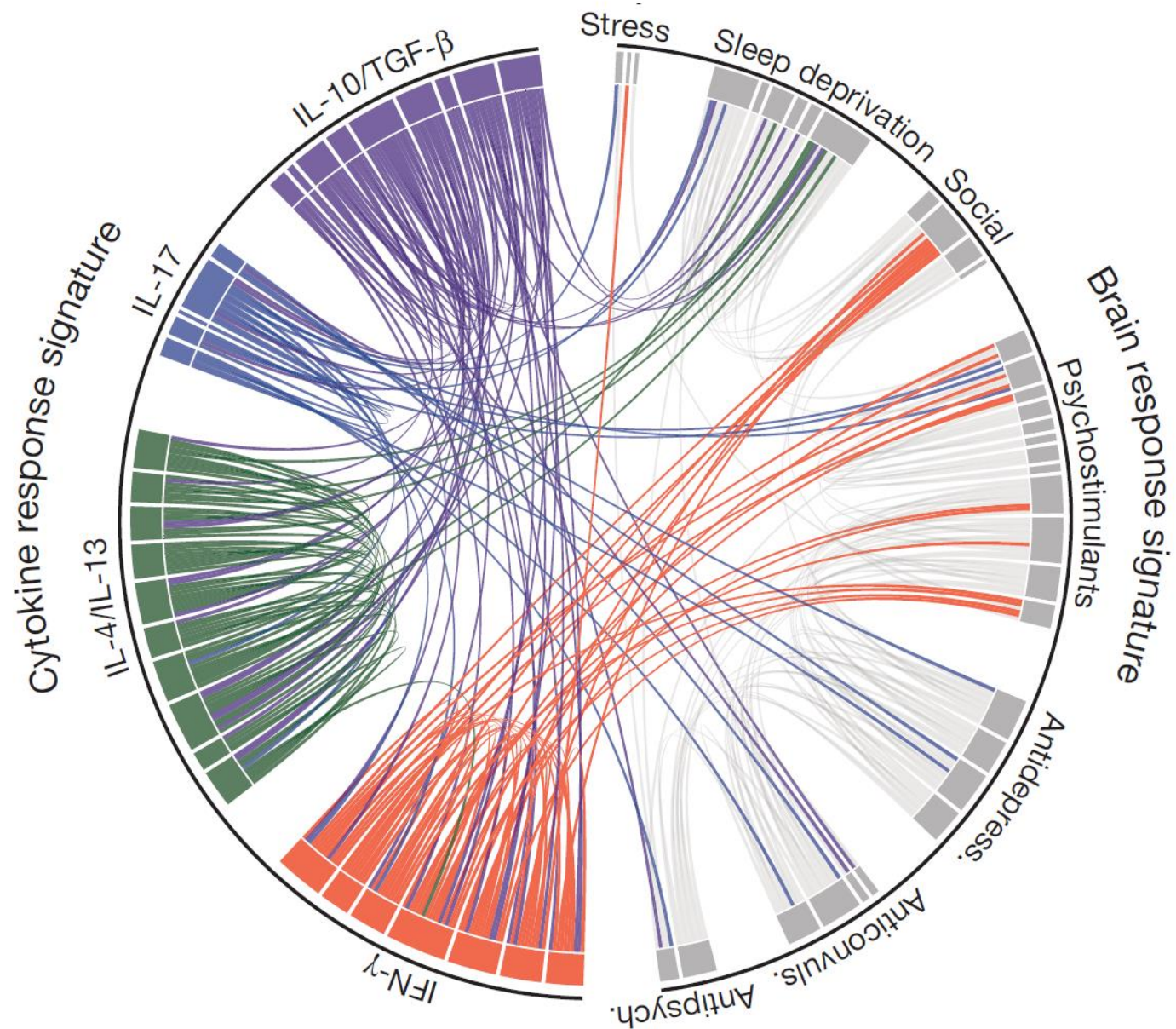
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## Unexpected role of interferon- $\gamma$ in regulating neuronal connectivity and social behaviour

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# Transcriptome analysis



# A novel, systemic, approach to *viral infections protection*

## INTERFERONE GAMMA E ALFA SONO PARTICOLARMENTE ATTIVI SULL'INNESCO DELLA RISPOSTA CITOLITICA

- **IFN-gamma** is able to activate a cell-mediated immune response (IFN-gamma stimulates CD8 + to differentiate into cytotoxic T effector cells) ideal against viruses. The Tc, in fact, operate the non-specific cytolysis of the cell infected with the virus (the Natural Killer - NK cells - instead, operate the specific cytolysis).
- **Interferon-alpha** (in some papers alpha seems to be favored over gamma; it is interesting how Interferon-alpha prevents the virus from penetrating through the viropepxy mechanism, used by many viruses, into the cells not yet infected)

### DIRECTIONS AND WAY OF ADMINISTRATION

- **Guna Interferon gamma: 20 drops twice a day for 2 to 4 months (half dosage for children below 6 years)**
- **Guna Interferon alfa: 20 drops twice a day for 2 to 4 months (half dosage for children below 6 years)**

Sublingual administration directly under the tongue or in a little water, preferably far from meals.

[IFN-gamma is also used by the body for the synthesis (conversion) into IFN-alpha (it is a bit like the mechanism of reciprocity between hormone T4 and T3, where T4 is the precursor of the hormone T3, true effector of the activity thyroid)]

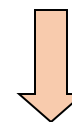
# CITOMIX

- VACCINIUM VITIS
- ANANASSA SATIVA
- HYDROCOTYLE ASIATICA  
(CENTELLA ASIATICA)

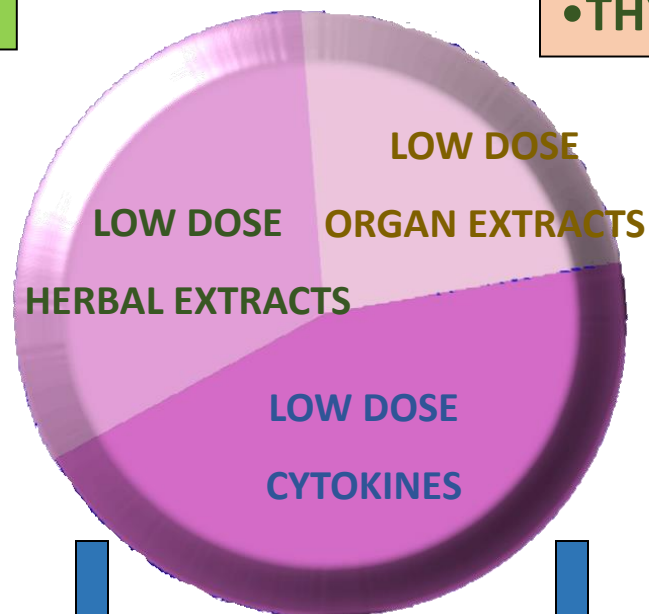


ANTINFLAMMATORY AND  
ANTIOXIDANT ACTION  
(*Vaccinium vitis*),  
RES STIMULATION  
(*Ananassa sativa*),  
ANTINFIAMMATORY  
ACTION (*Hydrocotyle  
asiatica*)

- VASA LYMPHATICA SUIS
- MEDULLA OSSIS SUIS
- THYMULINE



TARGETED  
ANTINFLAMMATORY  
ACTION; STIMULATION OF  
IMMUNOCOMPETENT  
TISSUES



ONSET OF THE  
IMMUNE  
RESPONSE

- GCSF
- IL1-beta
- INF -gamma**
- IL-6



- IL-4
- IL-2



B PROLIFERATION  
AND APC BOOSTING  
(IL-4); B, T AND NK  
STIMULATION (IL-2)



# The bag of tools



*Thank you very much*





# SARS-CoV-2 entry factors are highly expressed in nasal epithelial cells together with innate immune genes

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