

A fibrosis molekuláris pathogenezise

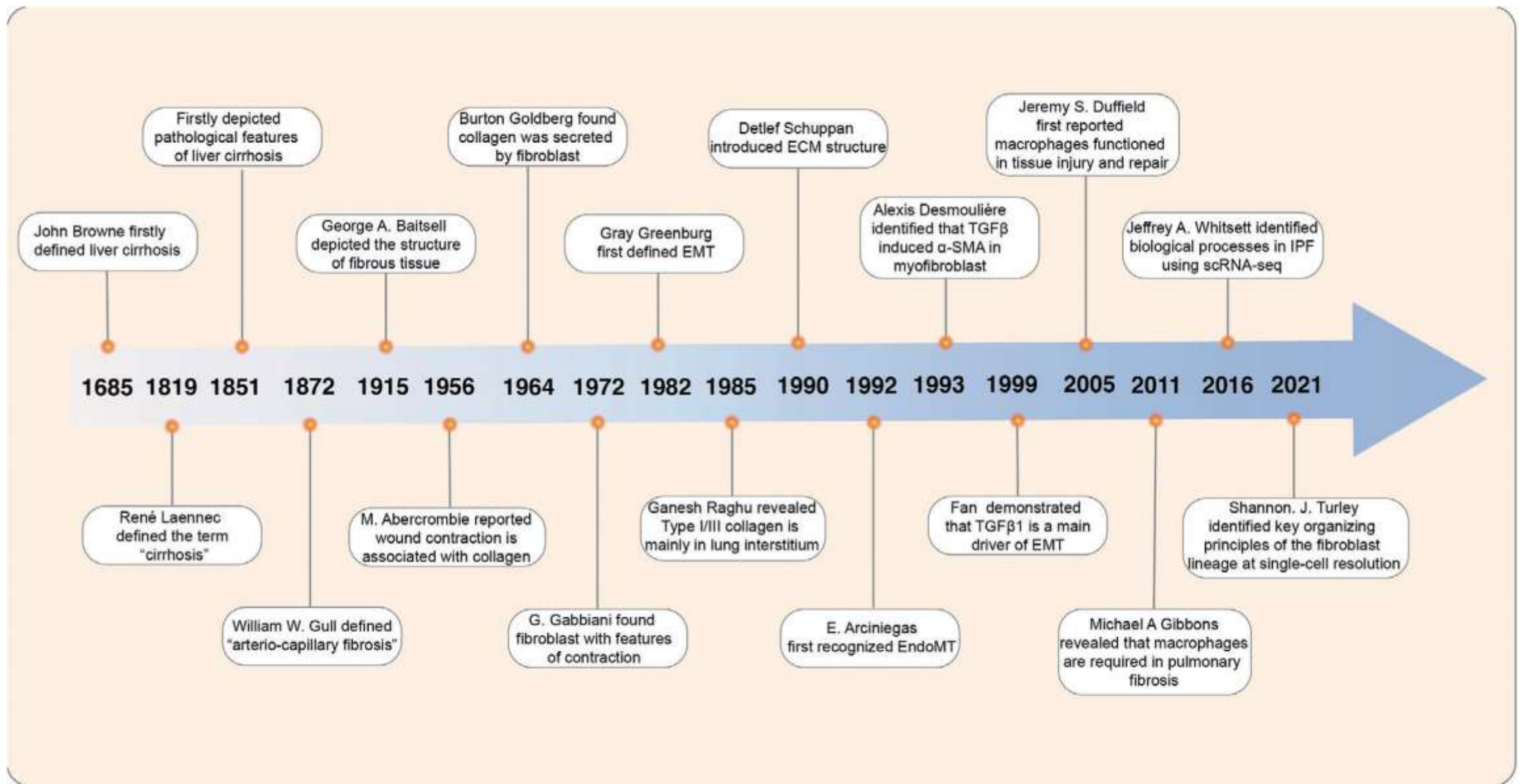
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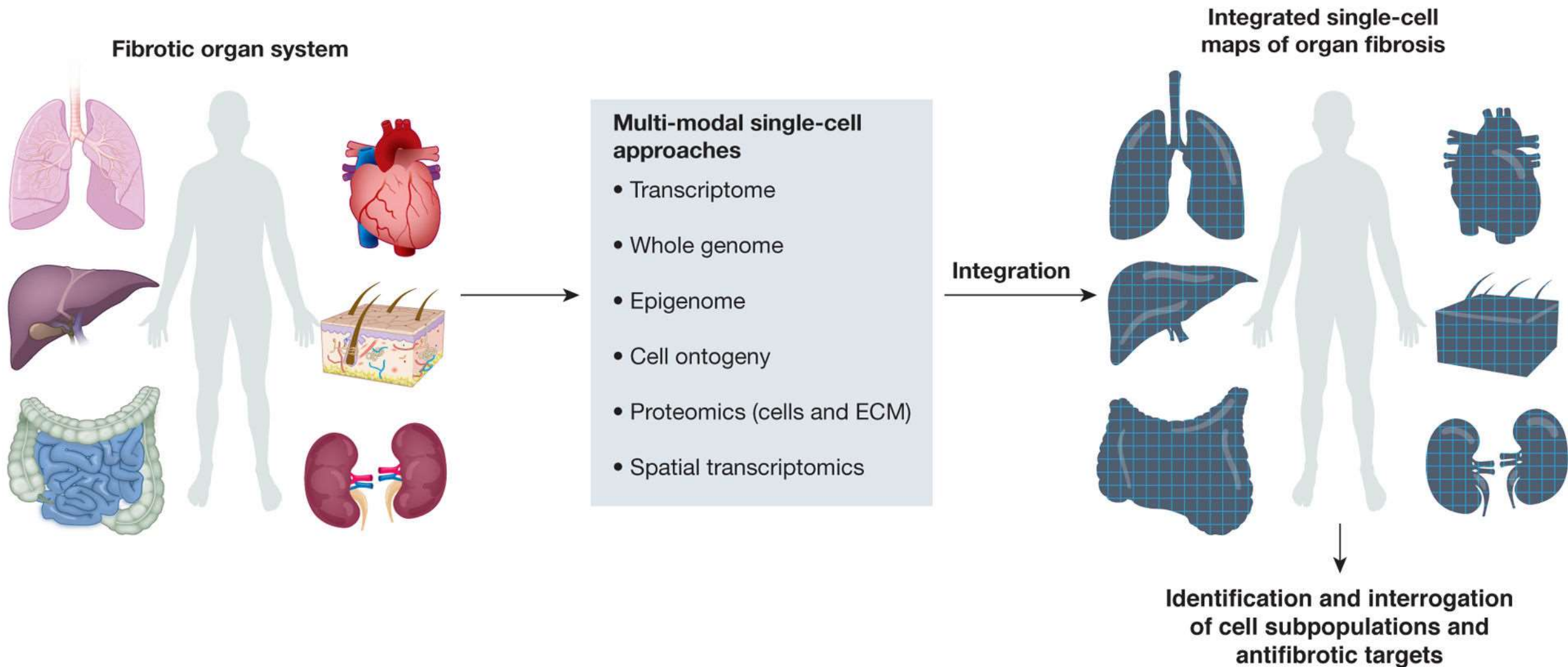
Sejtek közötti és sejten belüli interakciók szerepe az immunválasz kialakításában és szabályozásában
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Timeline of the milestones in the investigation of fibrosis over the past 300 years

FIBROSIS: FROM MECHANISMS TO MEDICINES

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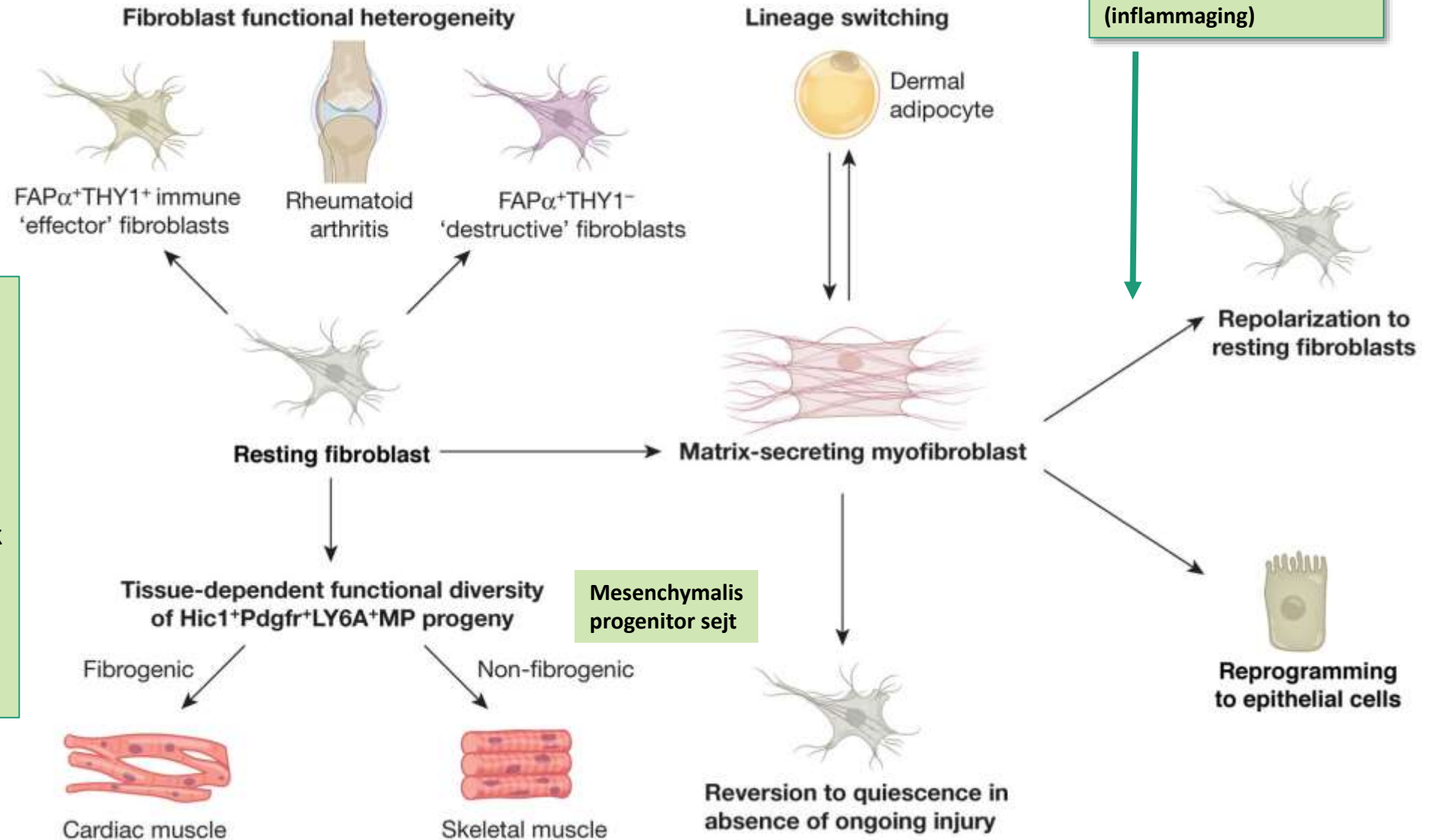


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Fibrosis, secondary to age-associated chronic low-grade inflammation (inflammaging)



Fibrotikus szövet kialakulása –
sérülés utáni normál repair

extracellular matrix (collagen,
fibronectin stb) accumulatio

Pl. bőrben a fascia fibroblastok
+ a környező egységek (erek,
macrophagok, perifériás erek)

Gyógyulás

Funkcionális fibroblast heterogenitás és plaszticitás

Senescence and tissue fibrosis: opportunities for therapeutic targeting

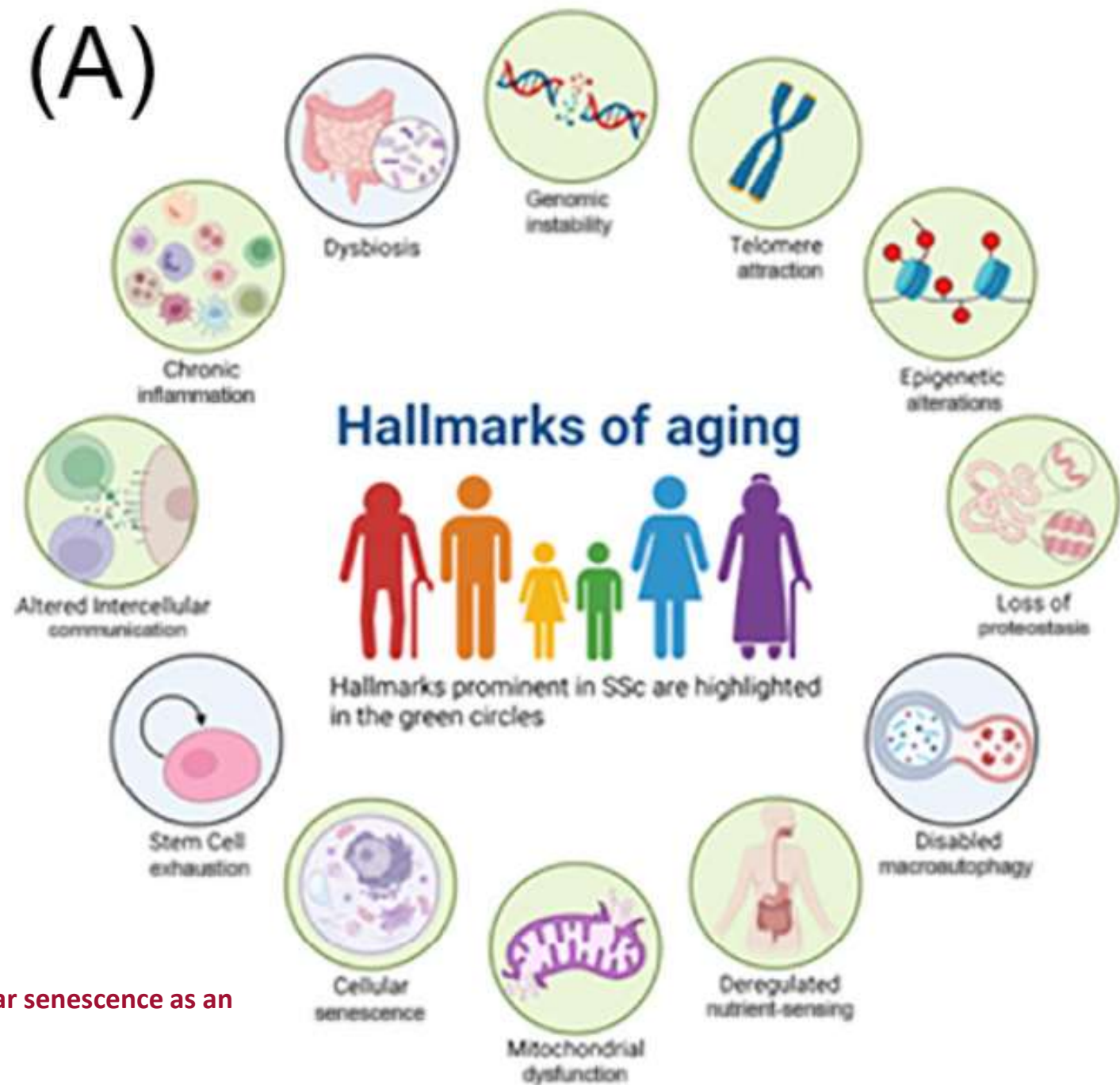
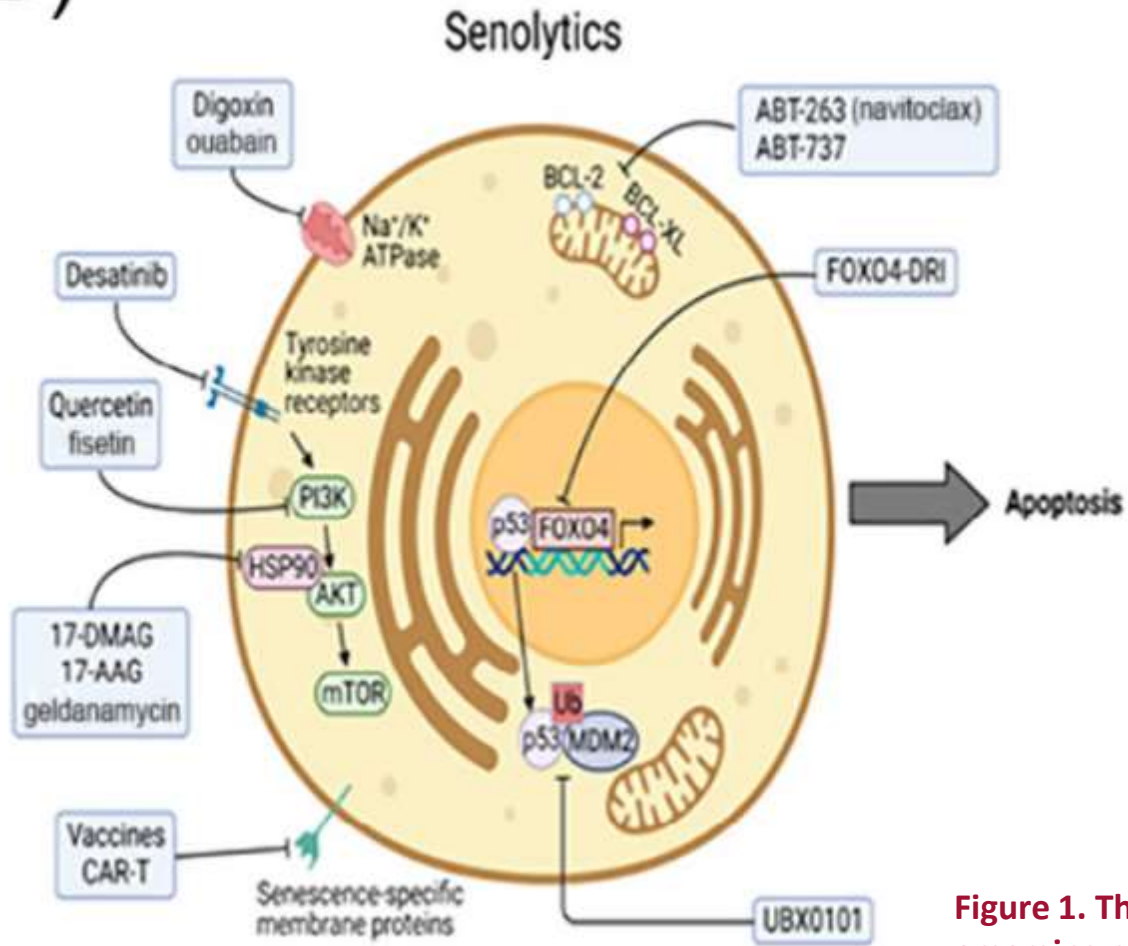


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Senescence and tissue fibrosis: opportunities for therapeutic targeting

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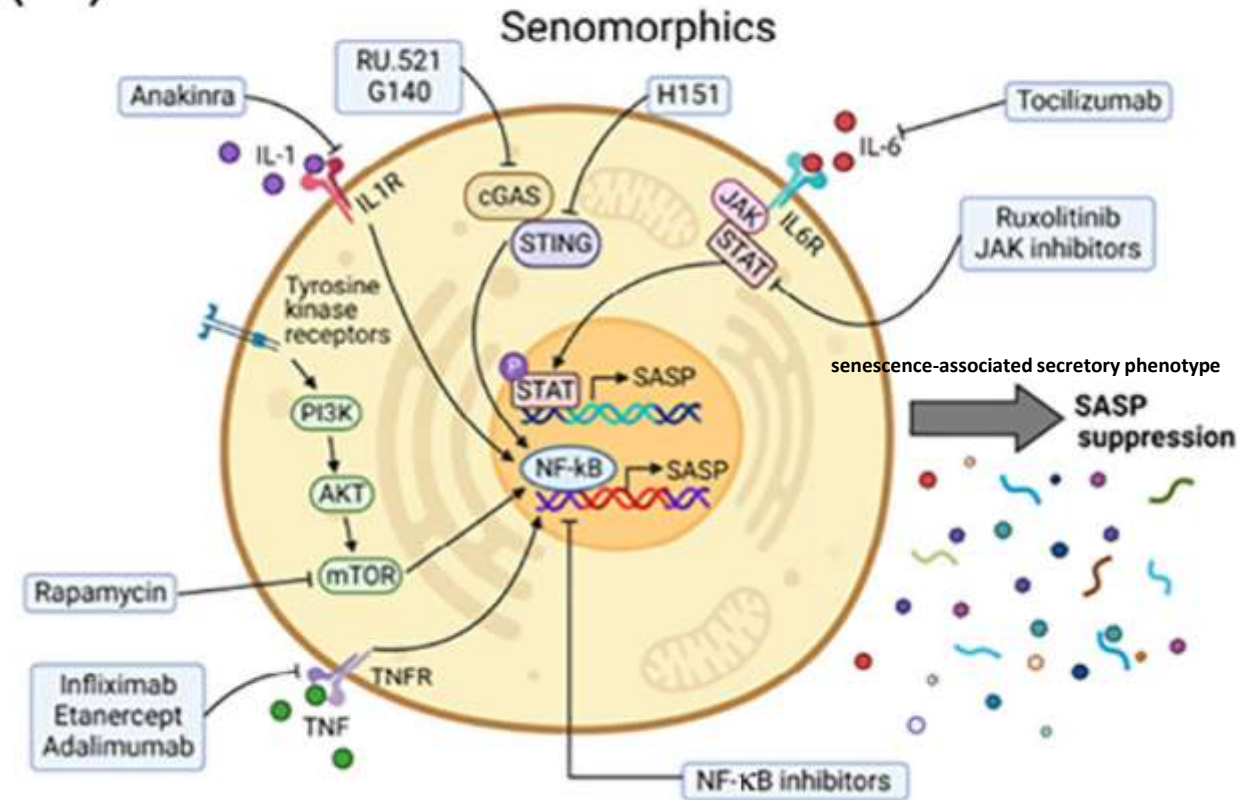
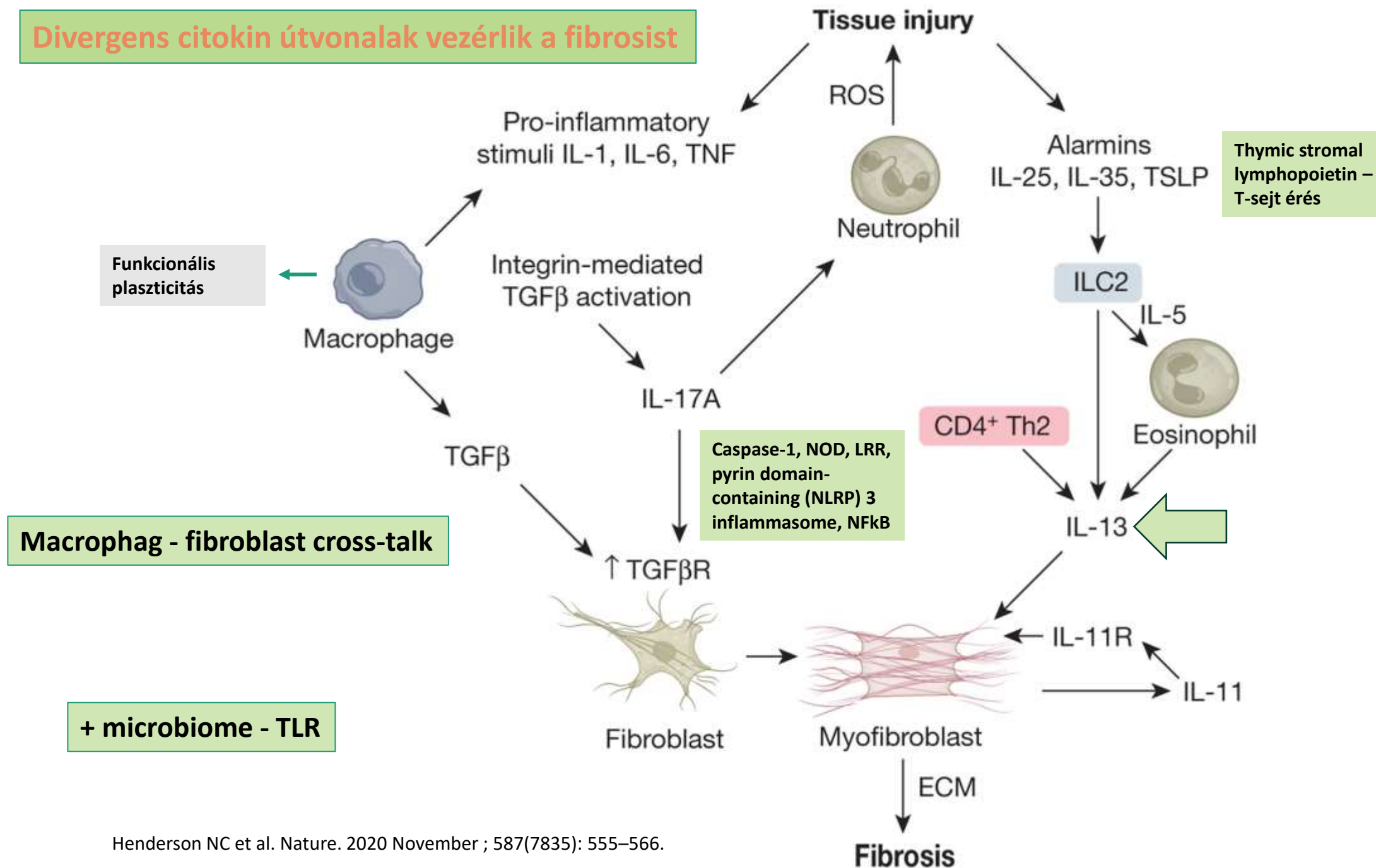
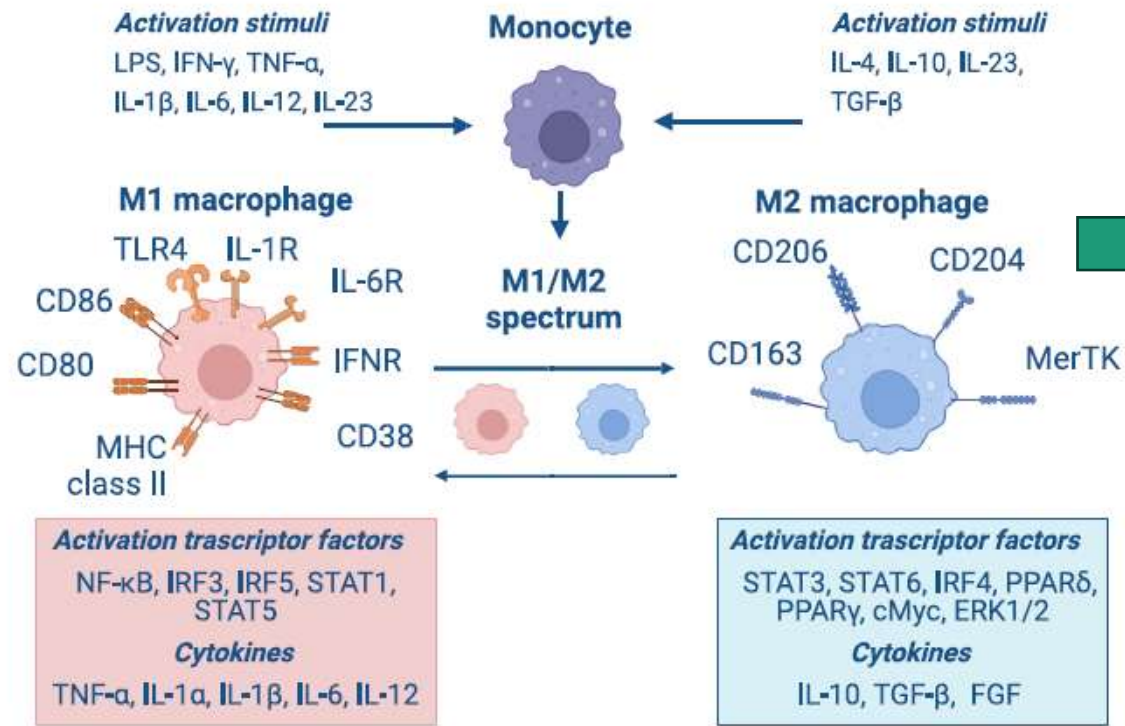


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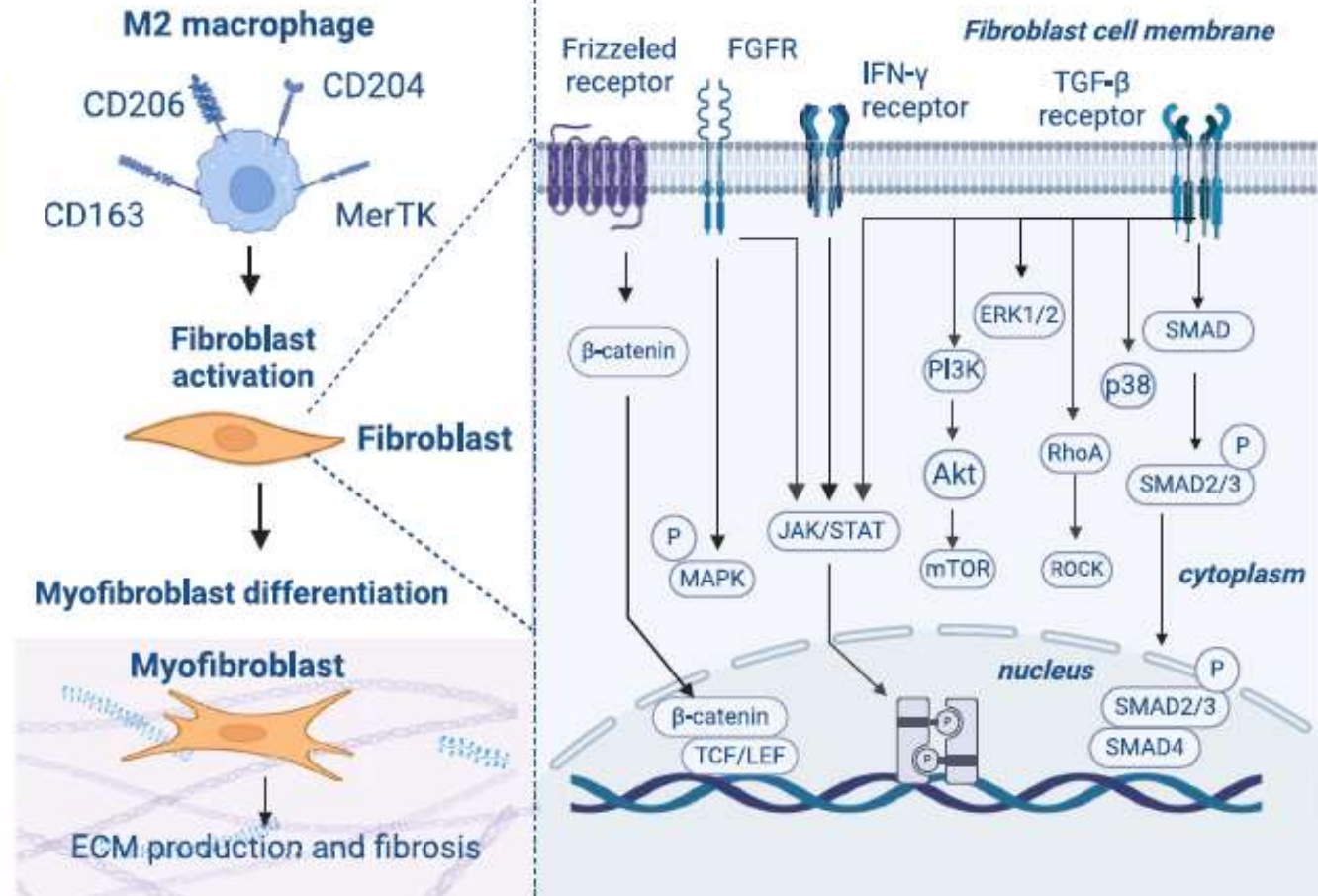
Divergens citokin útvonalak vezérlik a fibrosist



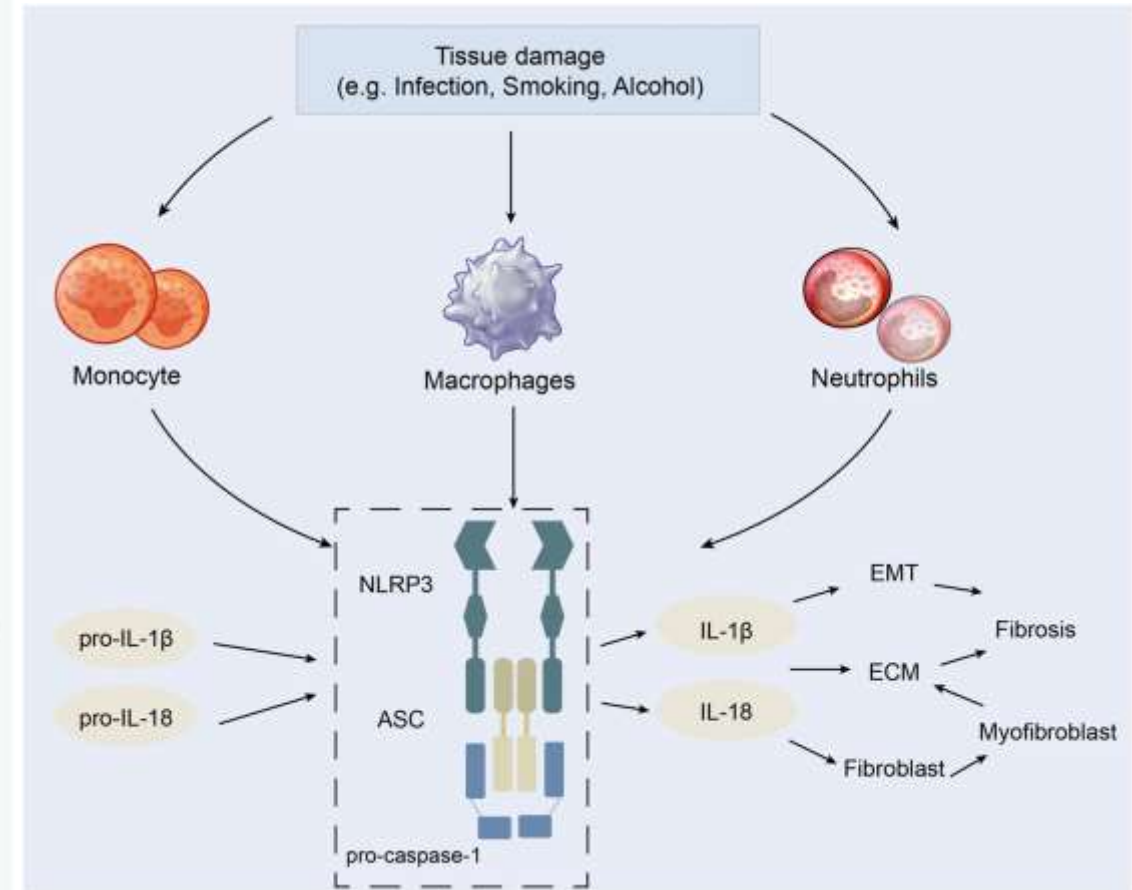
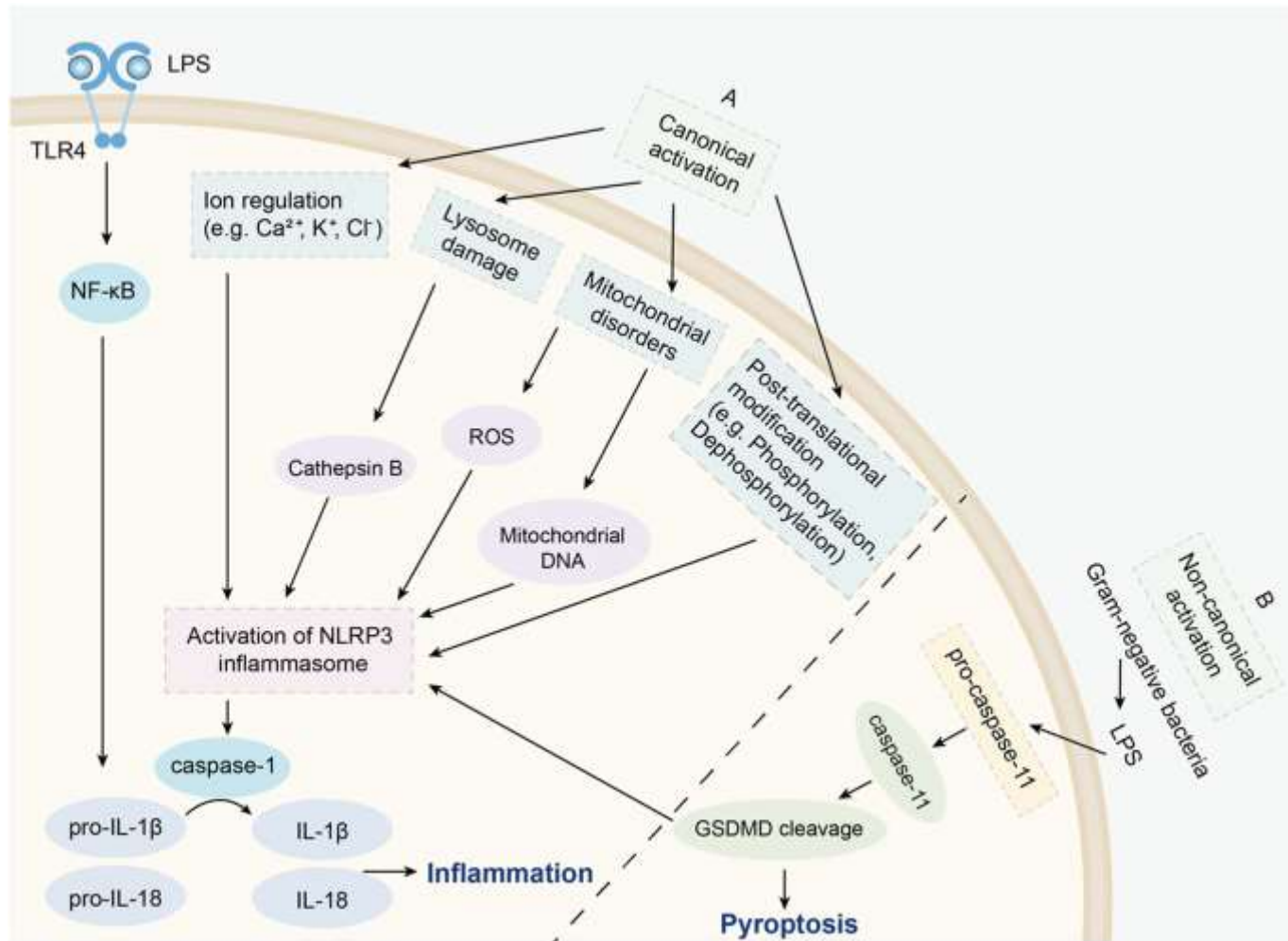
Monocyte-derived-macrophages



Macrophag - fibroblast cross-talk



The NLRP3 inflammasome in fibrosis and aging: The known unknowns

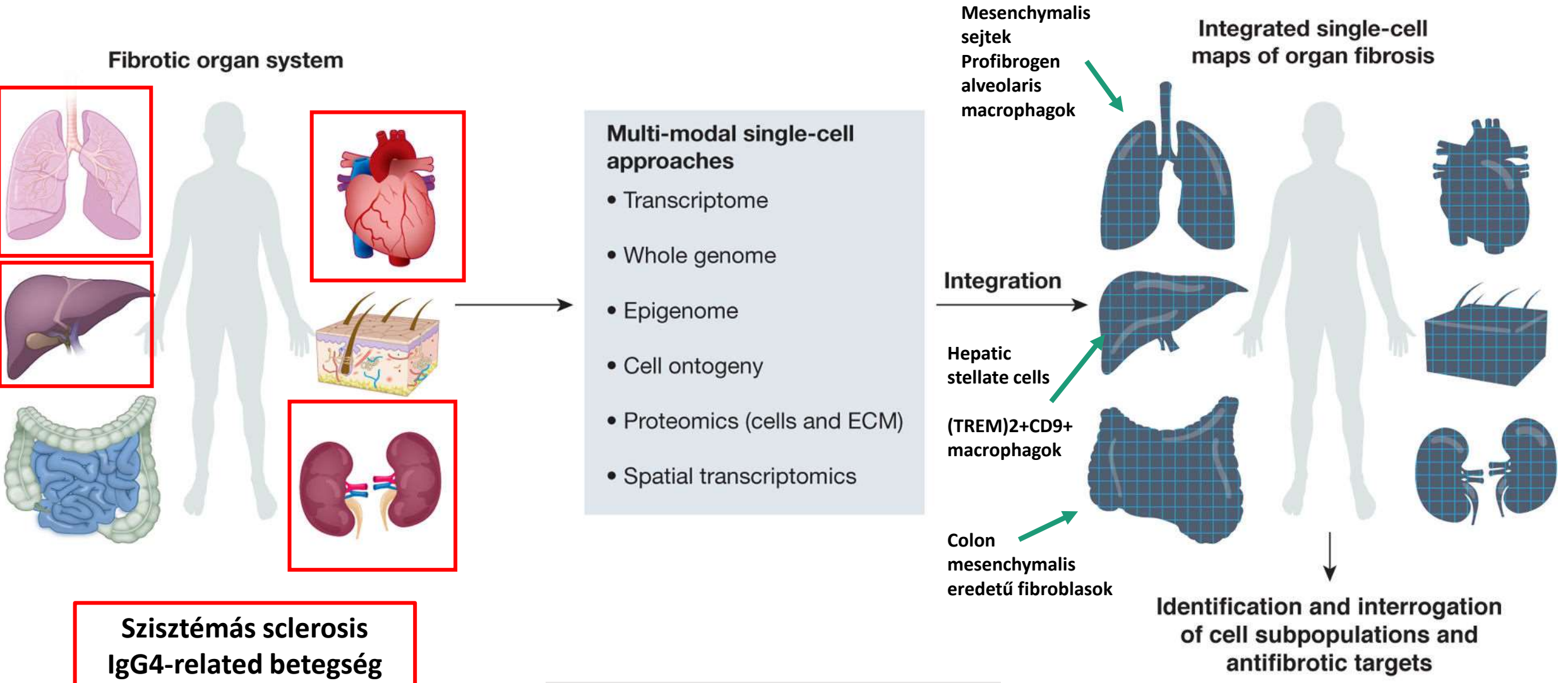


ASC: apoptosis-associated speck-like protein

Fig. 1. Regulatory mechanism of the NLRP3 inflammasome.

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Inflammation and immunity in **IPF** pathogenesis and treatment

Heukels P et al. Respiratory Medicine 147 (2019) 79–91.

Incidencia: 3-9/100 000
>65 év: 94/100 000,
prevalencia 494/100 000

Repetitív alveolaris epithelialis sérülés

+

Repair mechanizmusok diszregulációja

+

fibroblast diszfunkció



fibrosis

Genetikai vizsgálatok vizsgálatok:

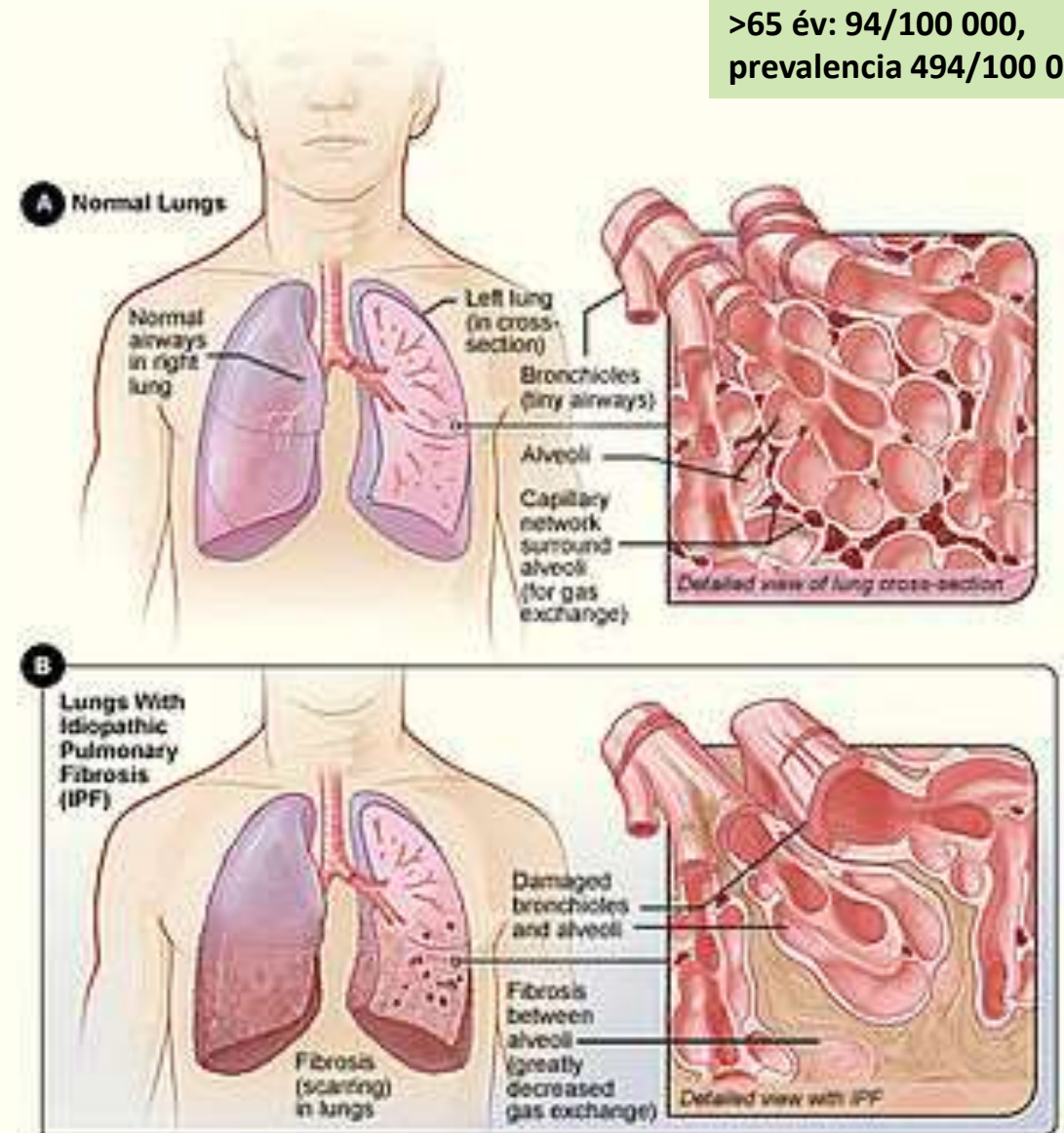
FAM13A (4q22), *DSP* (6p24), *OBFC1* (10q24)

WNT, TGF, NOTCH, sonic hedgehog (SHH)

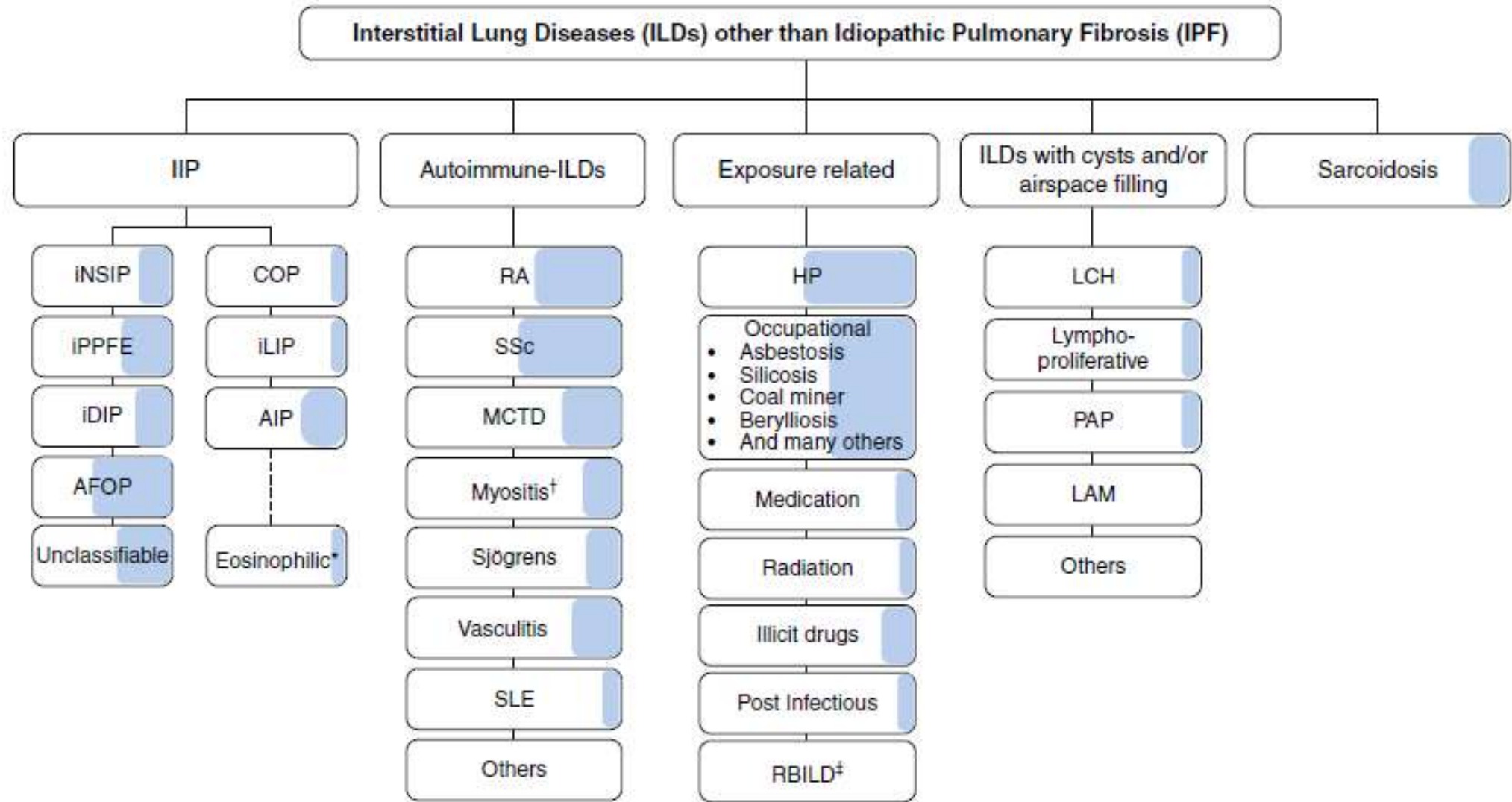
TOLLIP (Toll-interacting protein), the inhibitory protein of the Toll-like receptor (TLR)

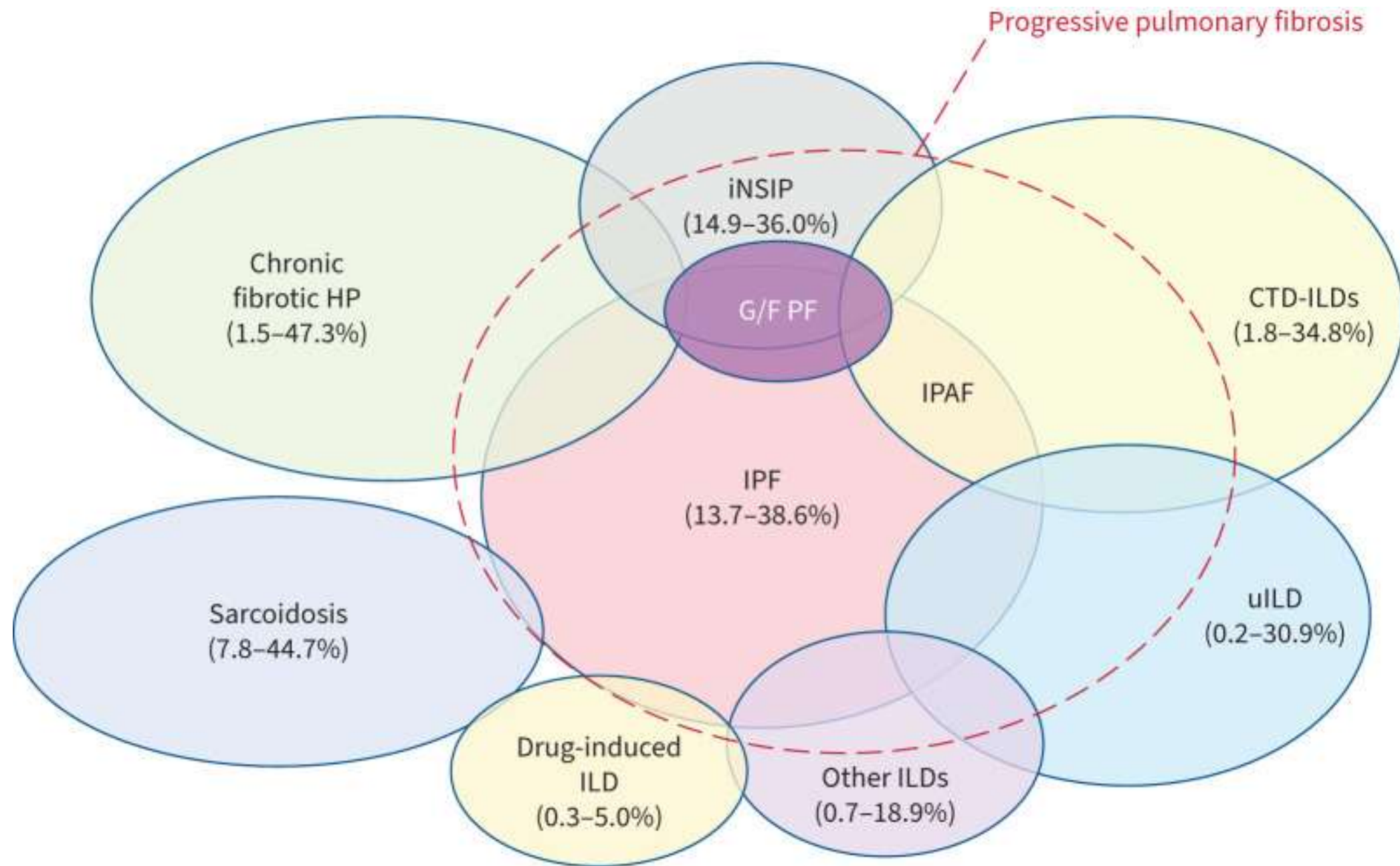
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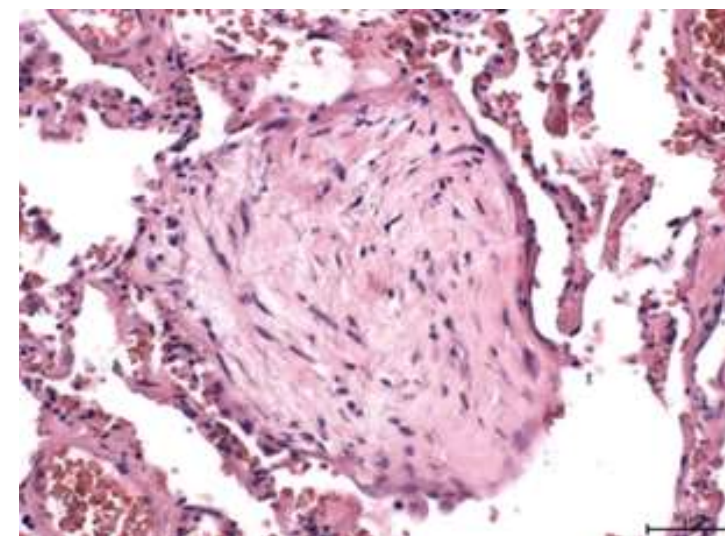
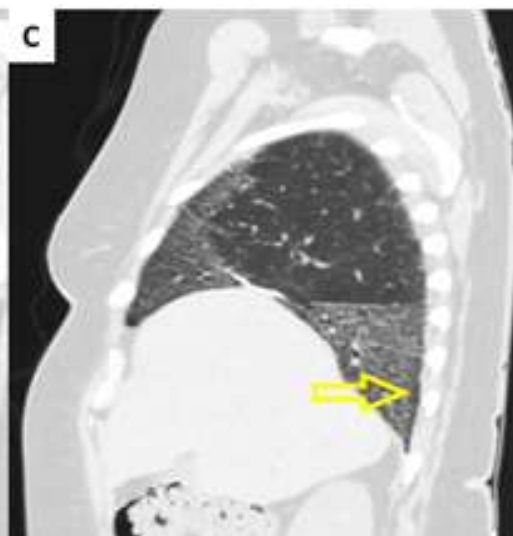
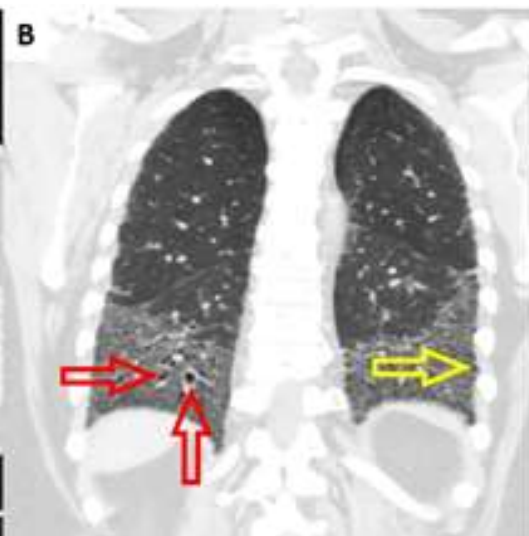
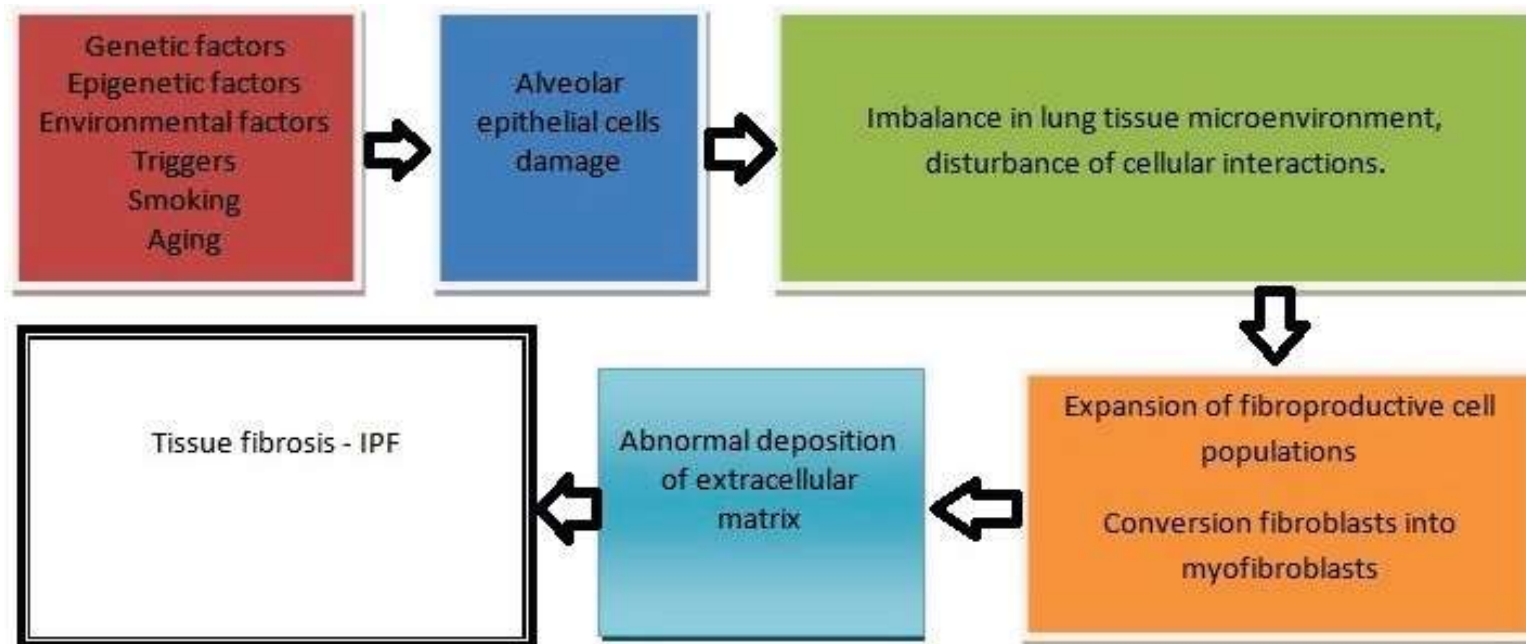
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Az ILD klasszifikációja







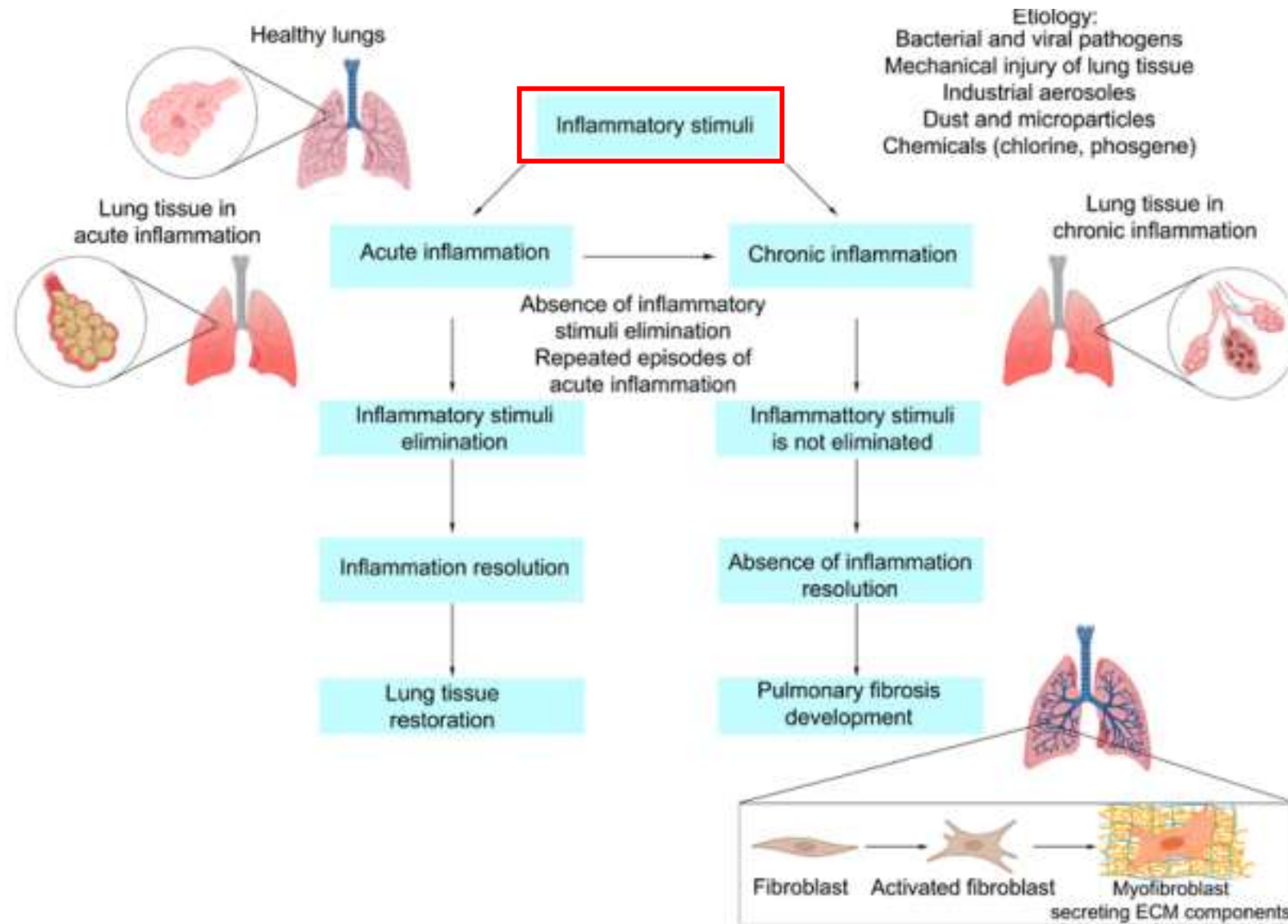


Figure 1. General scenarios of lung inflammation development: variants and outcomes.

Fibrocyta – myofibroblast átalakulás

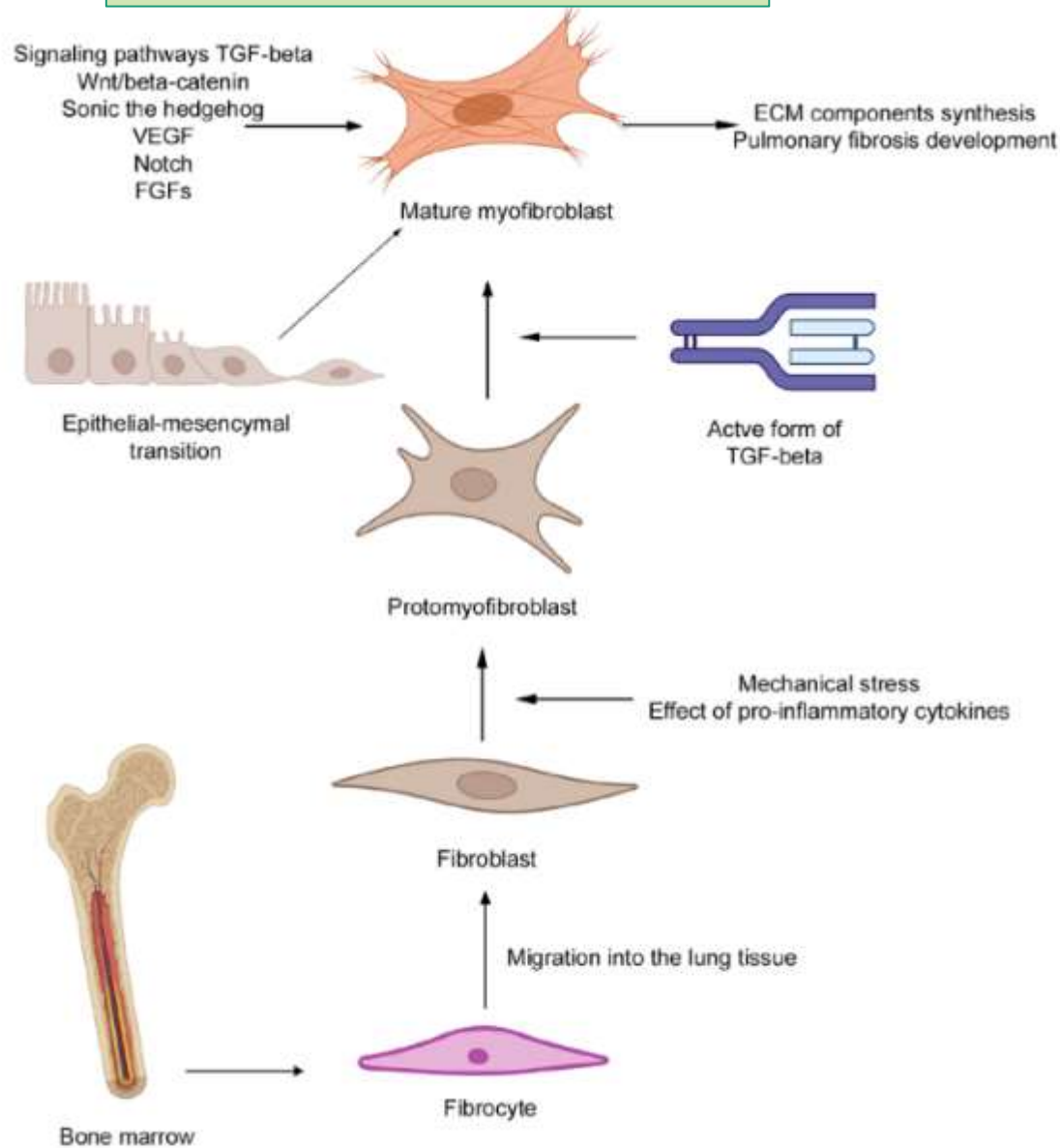


Figure 2. Evolution of fibrocyte to myofibroblast—main effector cell in pulmonary fibrosis development.

Szignál-transzdukció folyamata

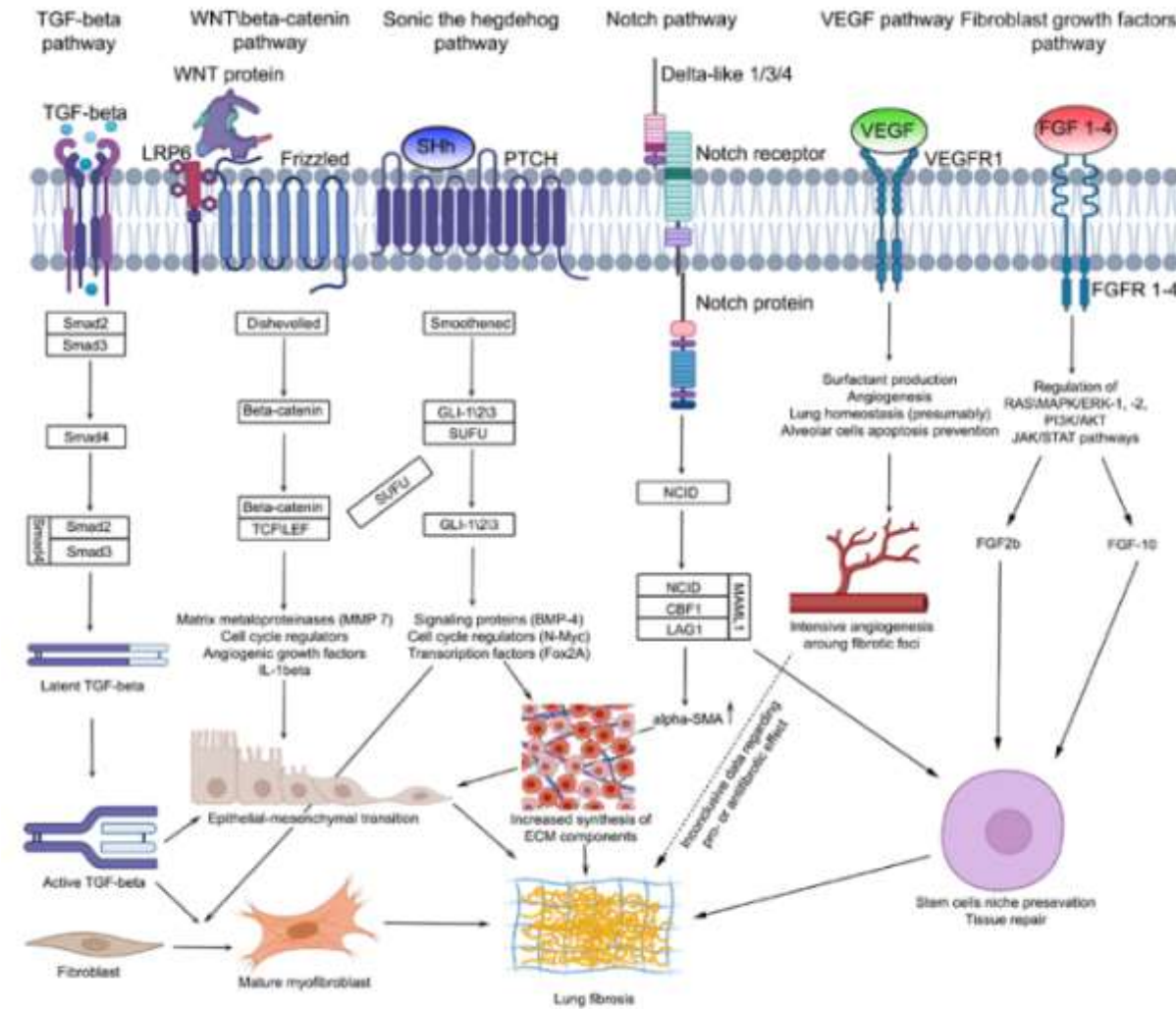


Figure 3. Overview of particular signaling pathways regulating pulmonary fibrosis development.

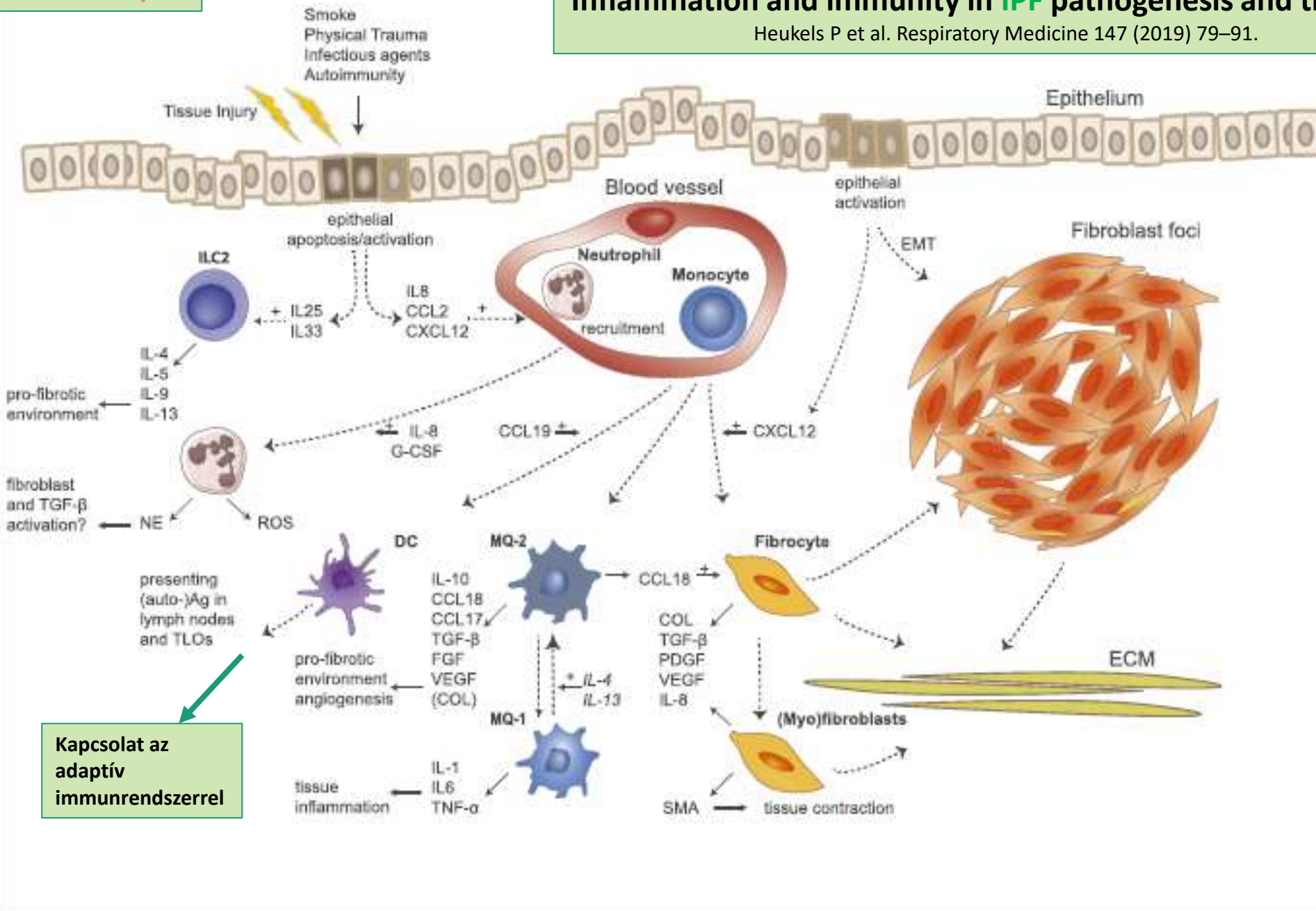


Fig. 1. Schematic overview of the role of the innate immune system in IPF pathogenesis. Abbreviations: EMT = epithelial-mesenchymal transition, IL

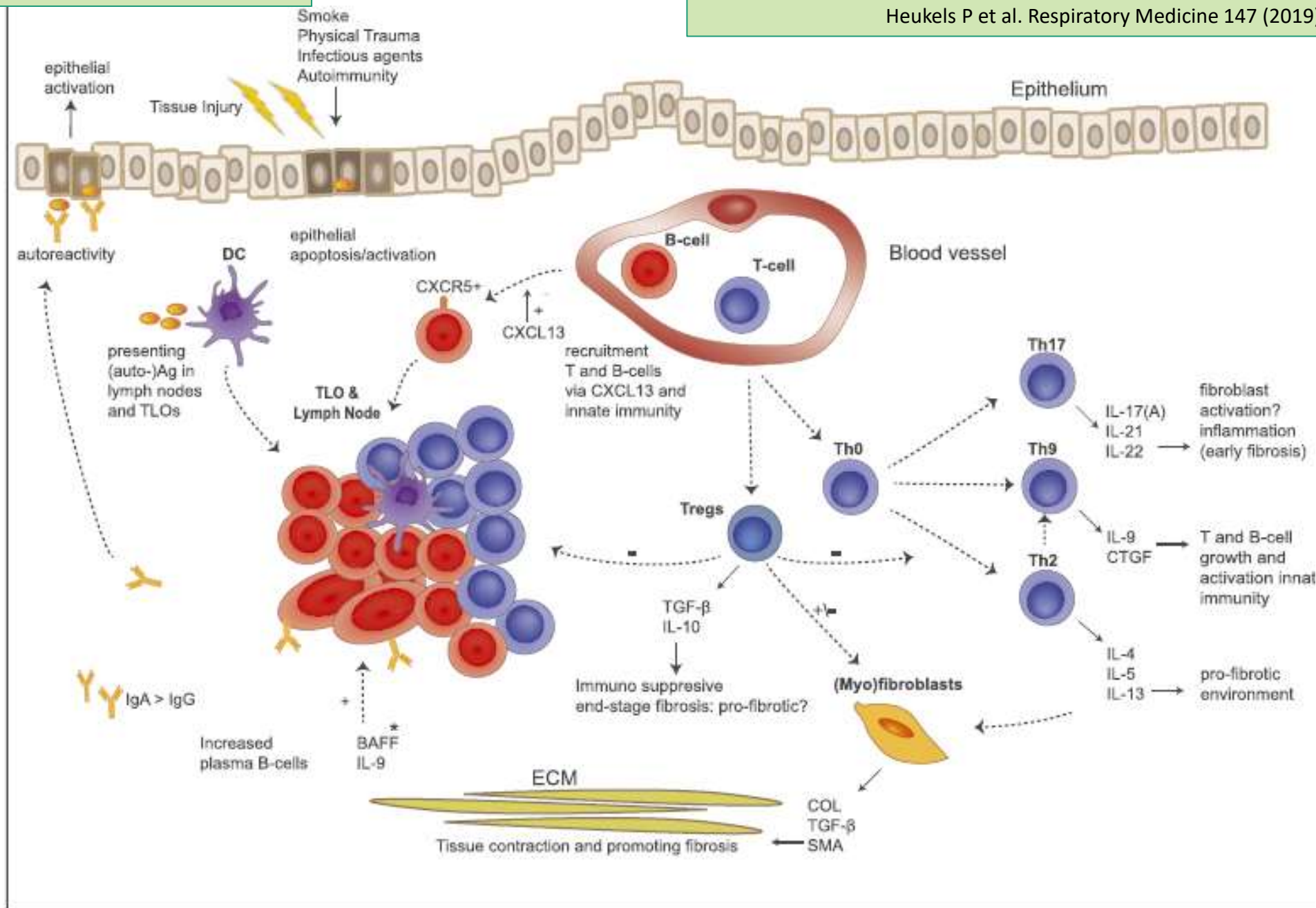
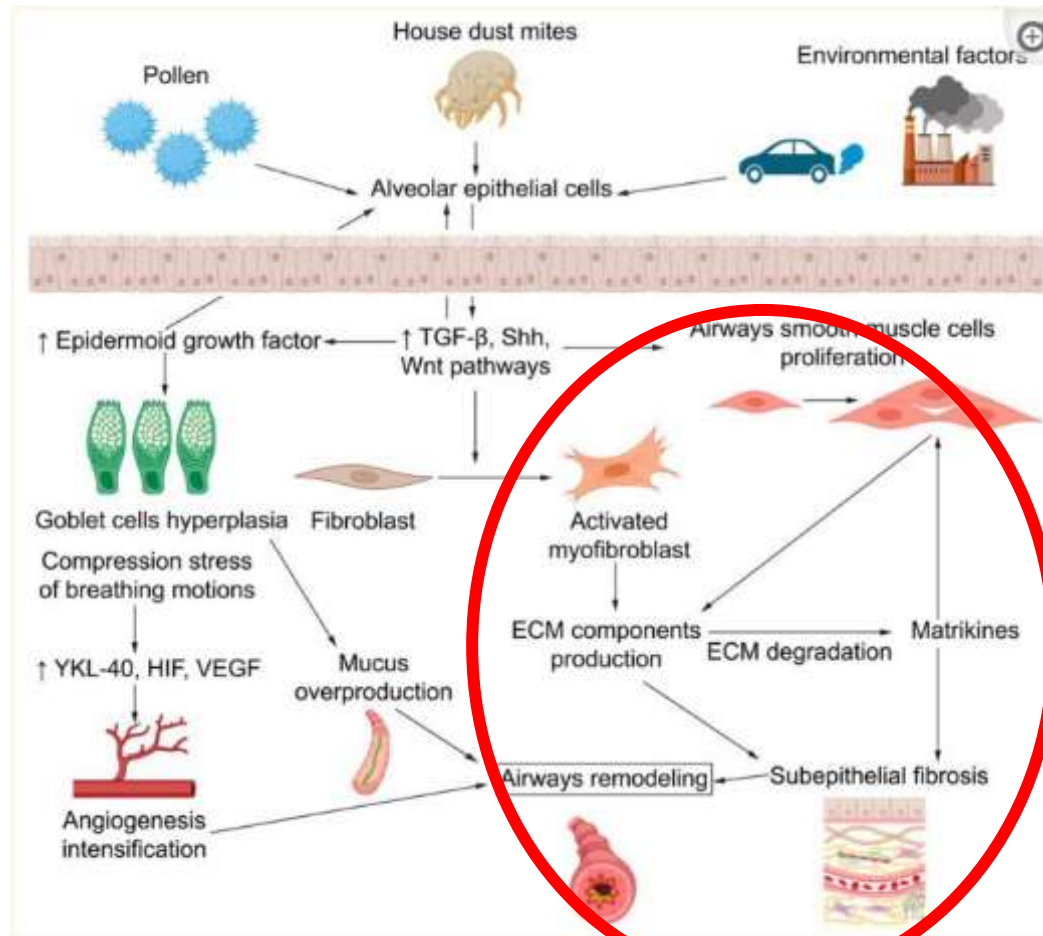


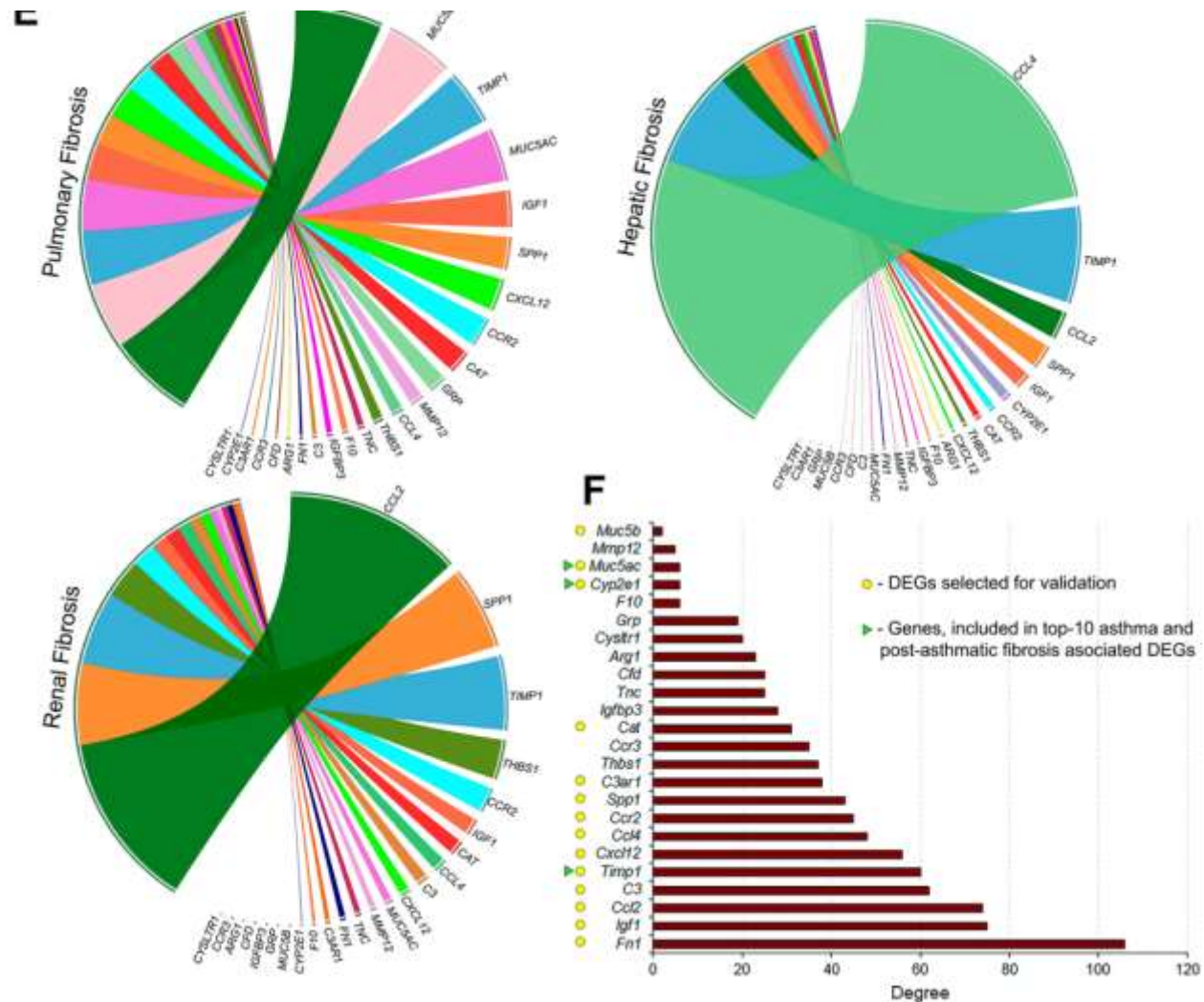
Fig. 2. Schematic overview of the role of the **adaptive immune system** in IPF pathogenesis. * also known as B lymphocyte stimulator (BLyS)

Asthma és fibrosis



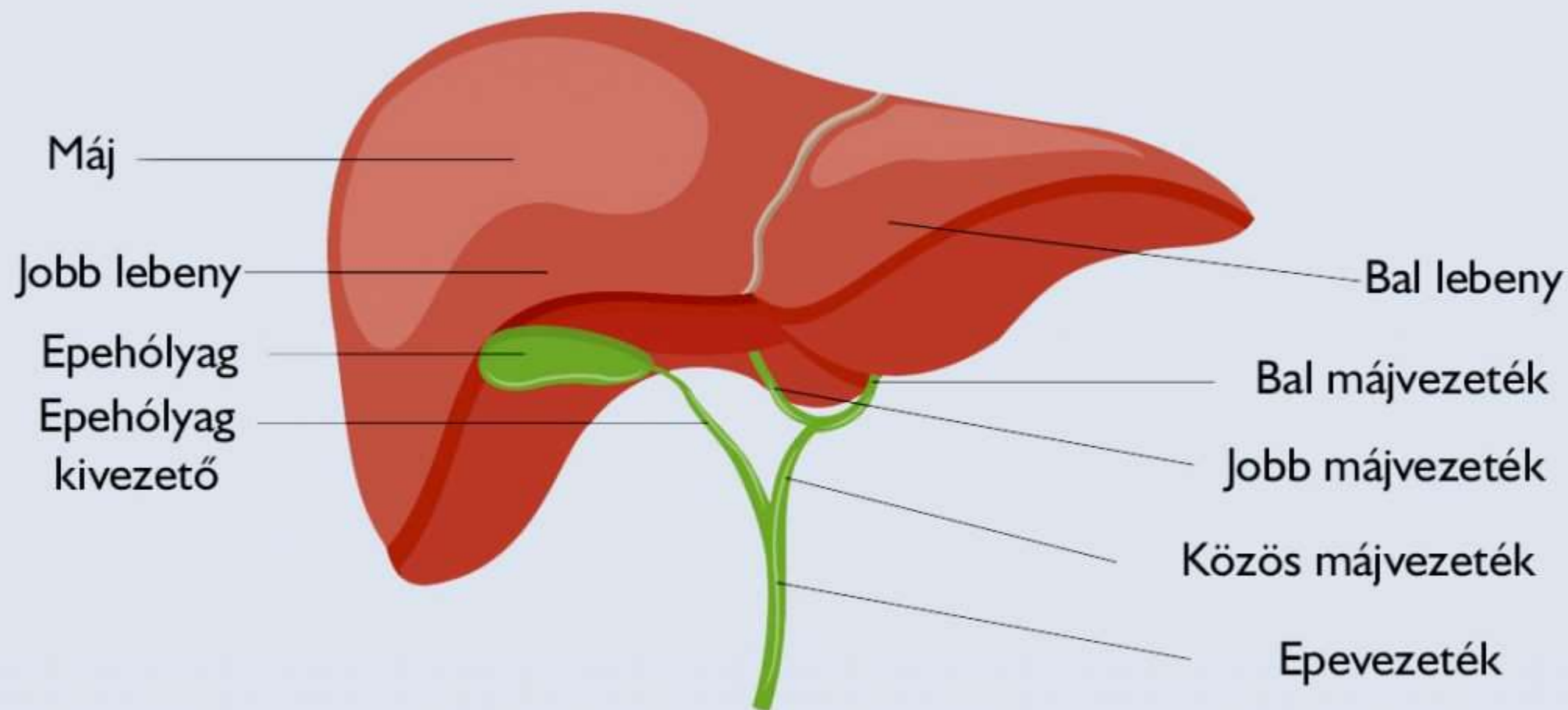
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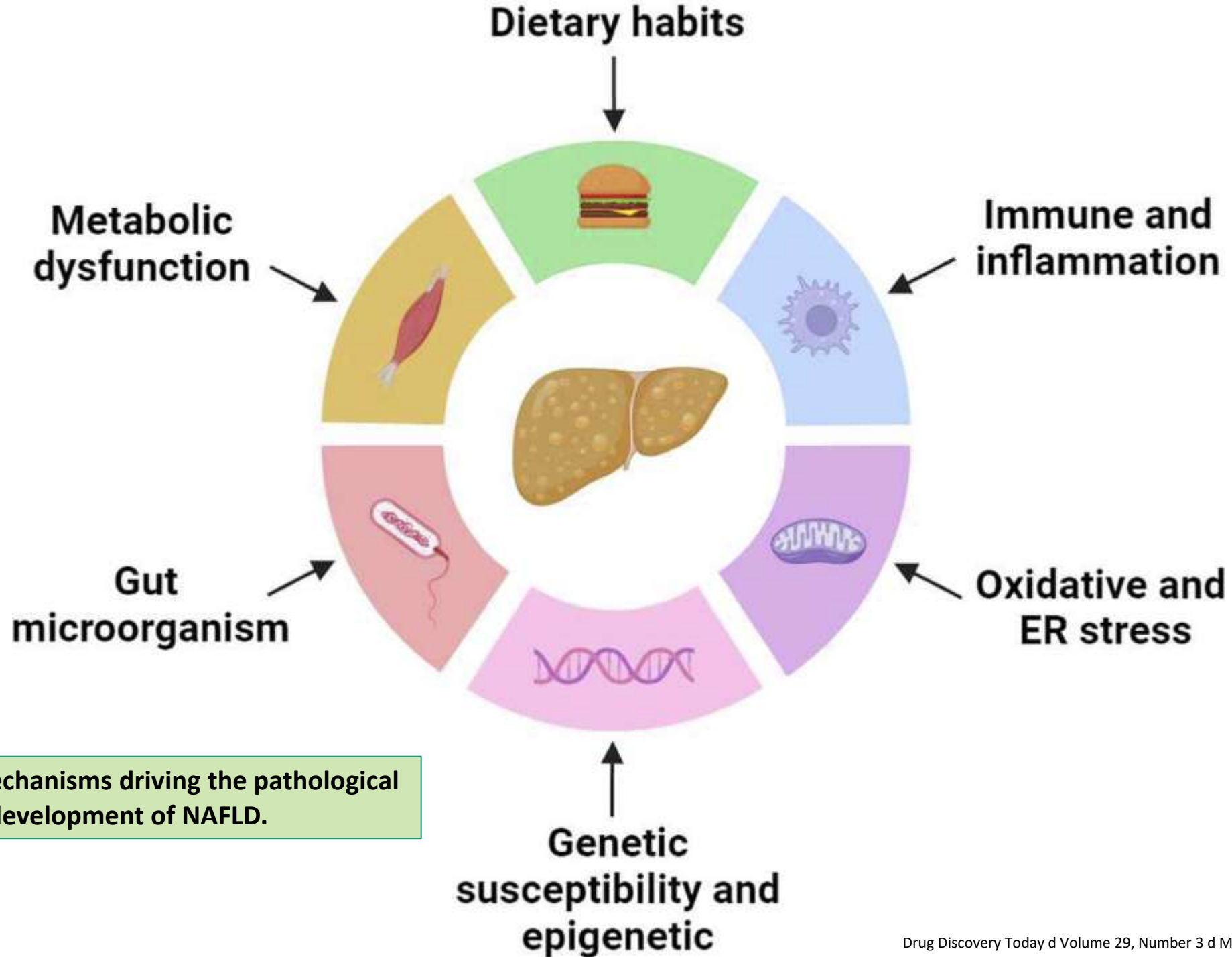
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Asthma and Post-Asthmatic Fibrosis

Biomedicines 2022, 10, 17.





Immune mechanisms linking metabolic injury to inflammation and fibrosis in fatty liver disease – novel insights into cellular communication circuits

Peiseler M et al. Journal of Hepatology 2022 vol. 77 j 1136–1160.

Előfordulás: 6-35%/populáció

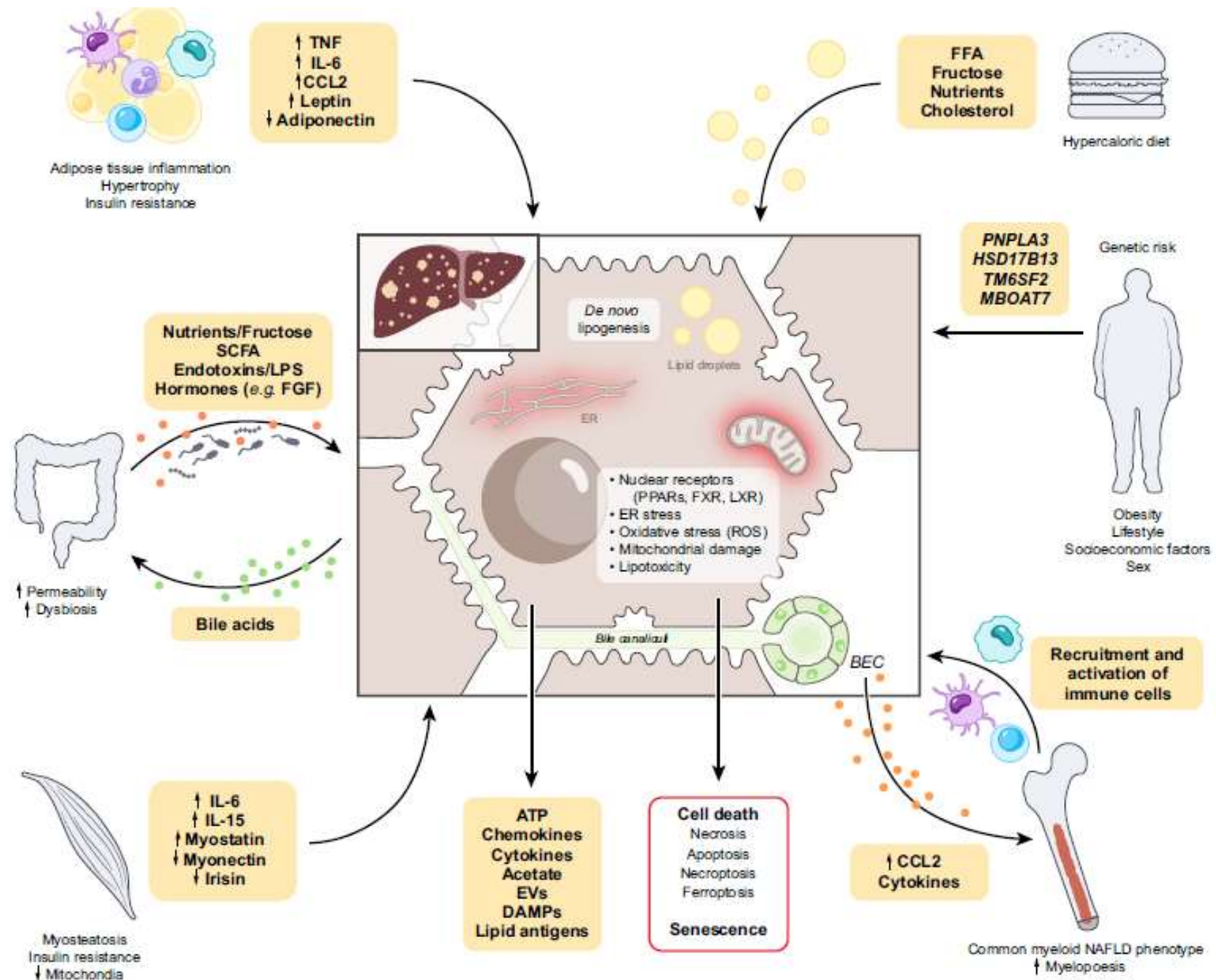


Fig. 1. Triggers of inflammation in NAFLD. Intra- and extrahepatic factors trigger inflammation in NAFLD. Hypercaloric diet, obesity, lifestyle, and genetic risk

Metabolic reprogramming in liver fibrosis

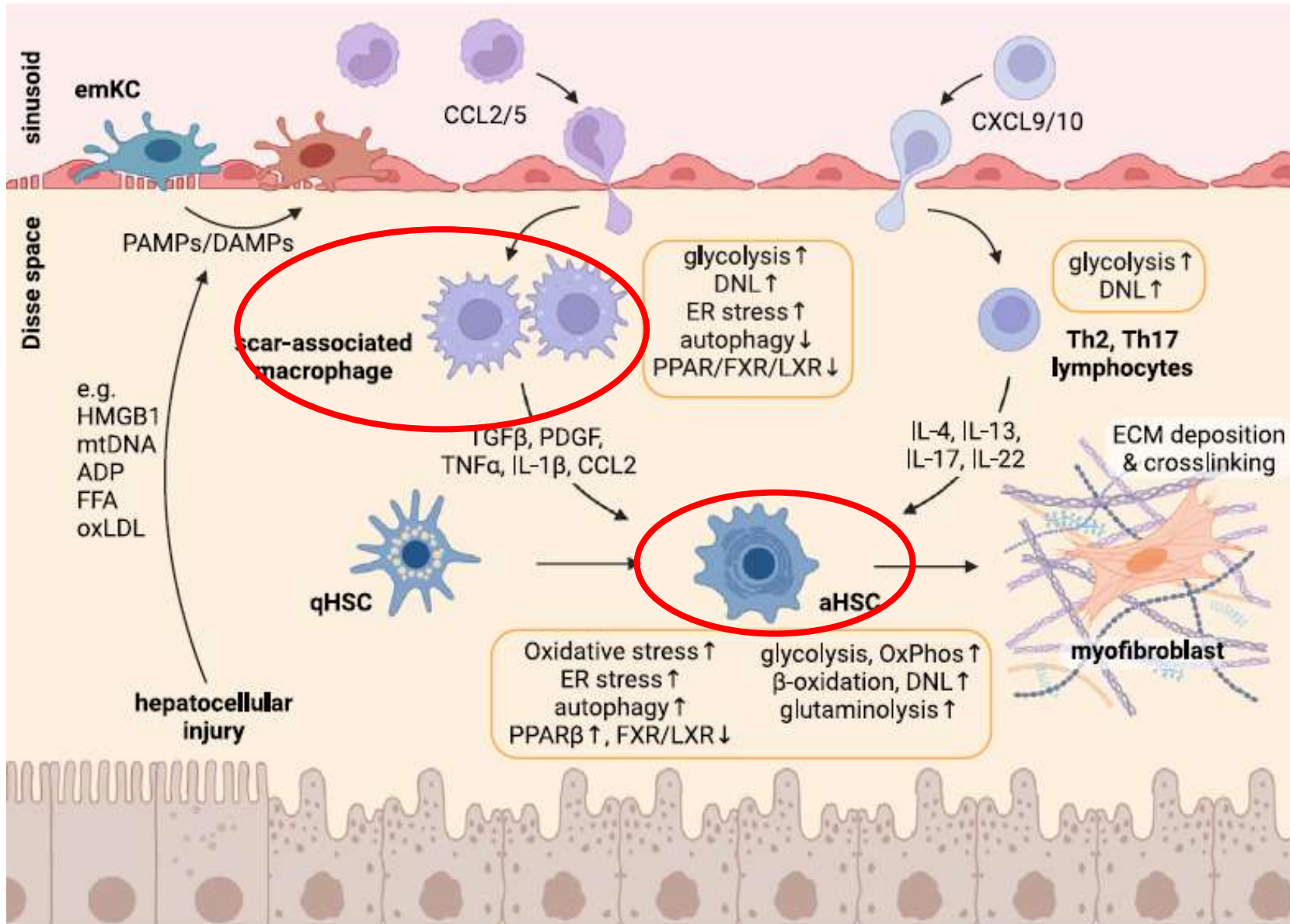


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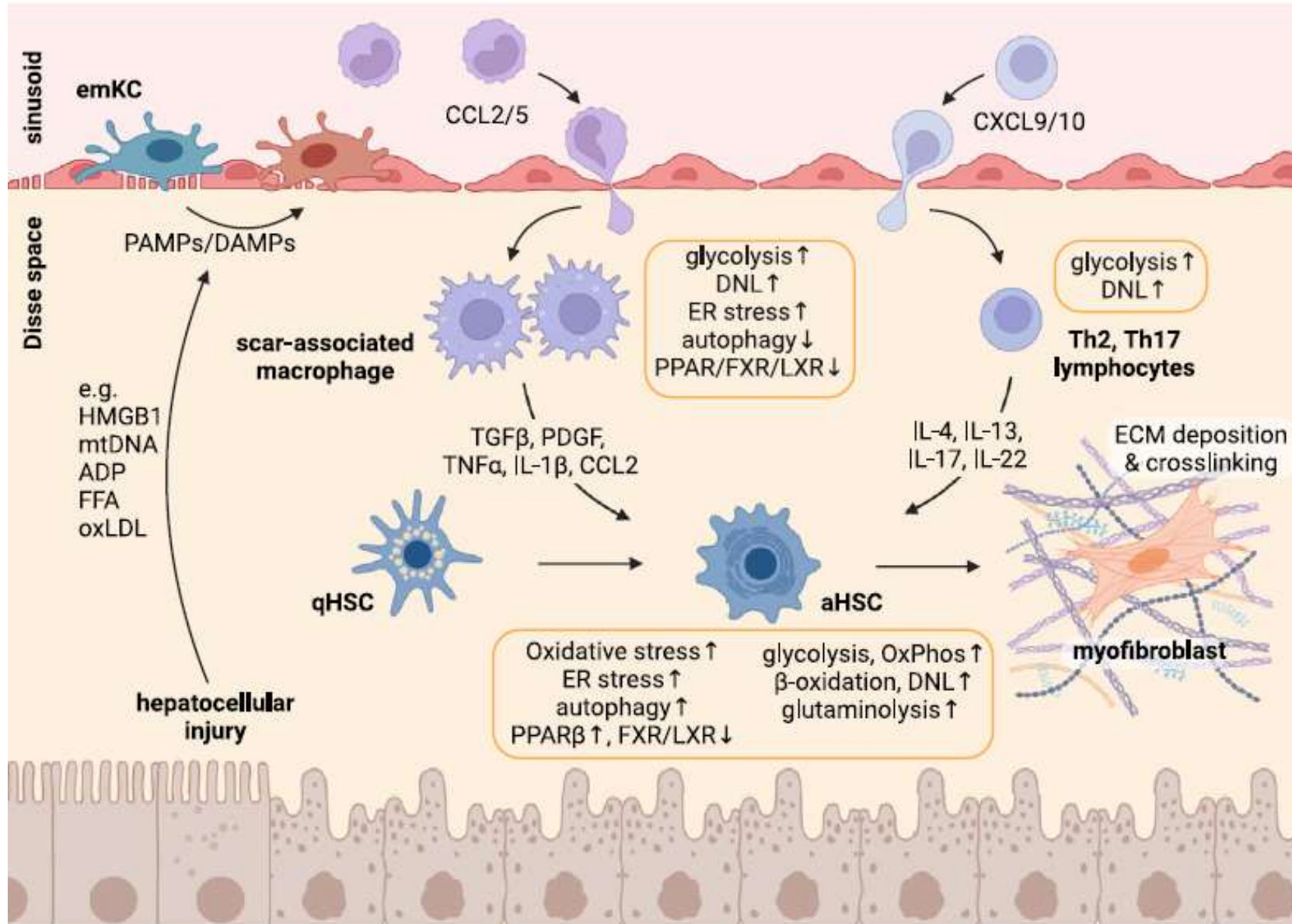


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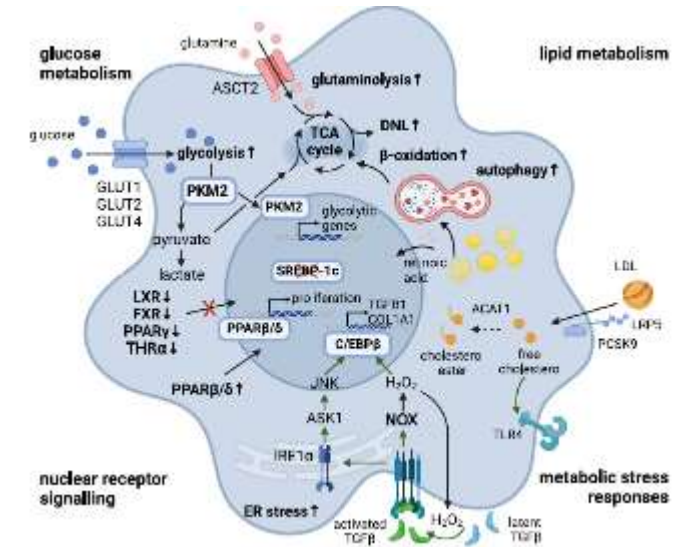


Figure 3. Metabolic reprogramming in fibrogenic hepatic stellate cell activation

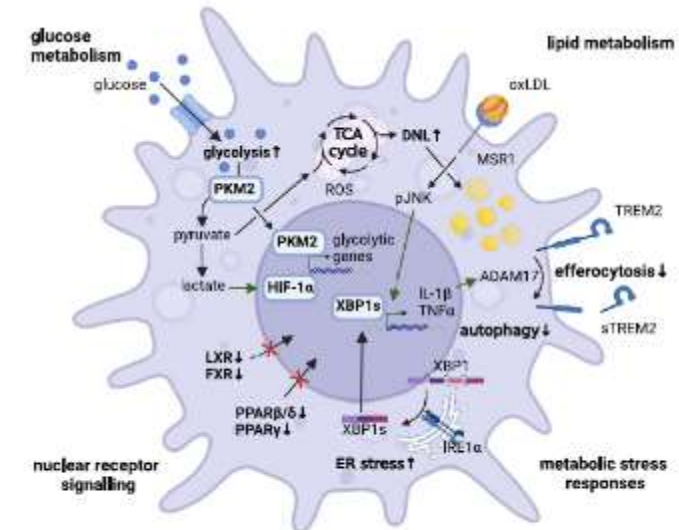
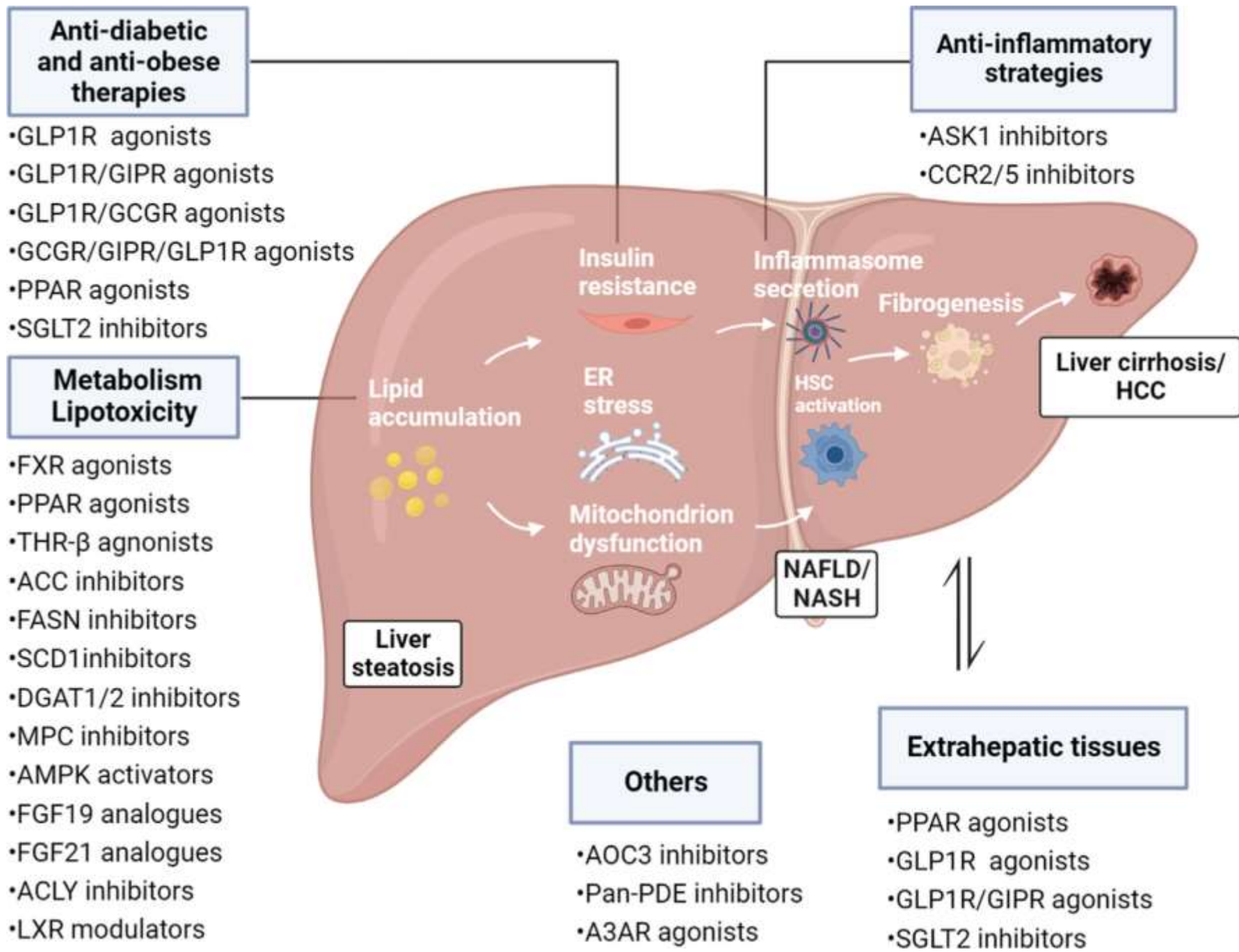


Figure 2. Metabolic reprogramming in hepatic macrophage activation during liver fibrogenesis





Diffuse myocardial fibrosis: mechanisms, diagnosis and therapeutic approaches

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Box 1 | Conditions associated with diffuse myocardial fibrosis

Ischaemic heart disease

- Coronary artery disease⁶
- Alterations of the coronary microcirculation caused by hypertension⁷ or diabetes mellitus⁸

Cardiac pressure overload

- Systemic arterial hypertension⁹
- Aortic stenosis¹⁰
- Coarctation of the aorta¹¹
- Pulmonary arterial hypertension^{a,12}

Cardiac volume overload

- Obesity^{a,13}
- Aortic regurgitation¹⁴
- Mitral regurgitation^{a,15}

Cardiac inflammation

- Myocarditis¹⁶
- Sarcoidosis^{a,17}

Genetic cardiac diseases

- Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy¹⁸

Cardiac metabolic alterations

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Infiltrative cardiac alterations

- Amyloidosis²¹

Cardiac storage diseases

- Anderson–Fabry disease^{a,22}

Congenital heart diseases

- Tetralogy of Fallot²³
- Ebstein anomaly^{a,24}
- Transposition of the great arteries^{a,25}

Other conditions

- Ageing²⁶
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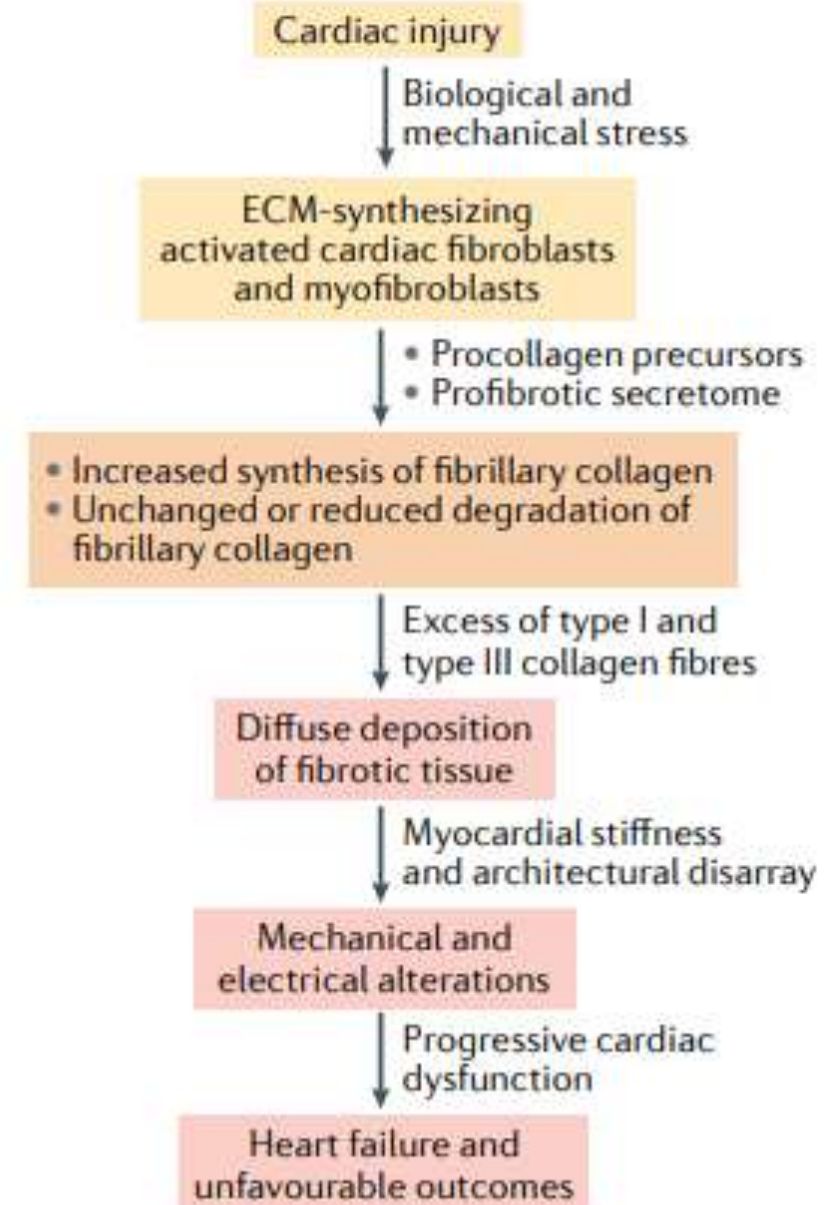


Fig. 1 | Pathogenesis and consequences of diffuse myocardial fibrosis. In response to cardiac injury,

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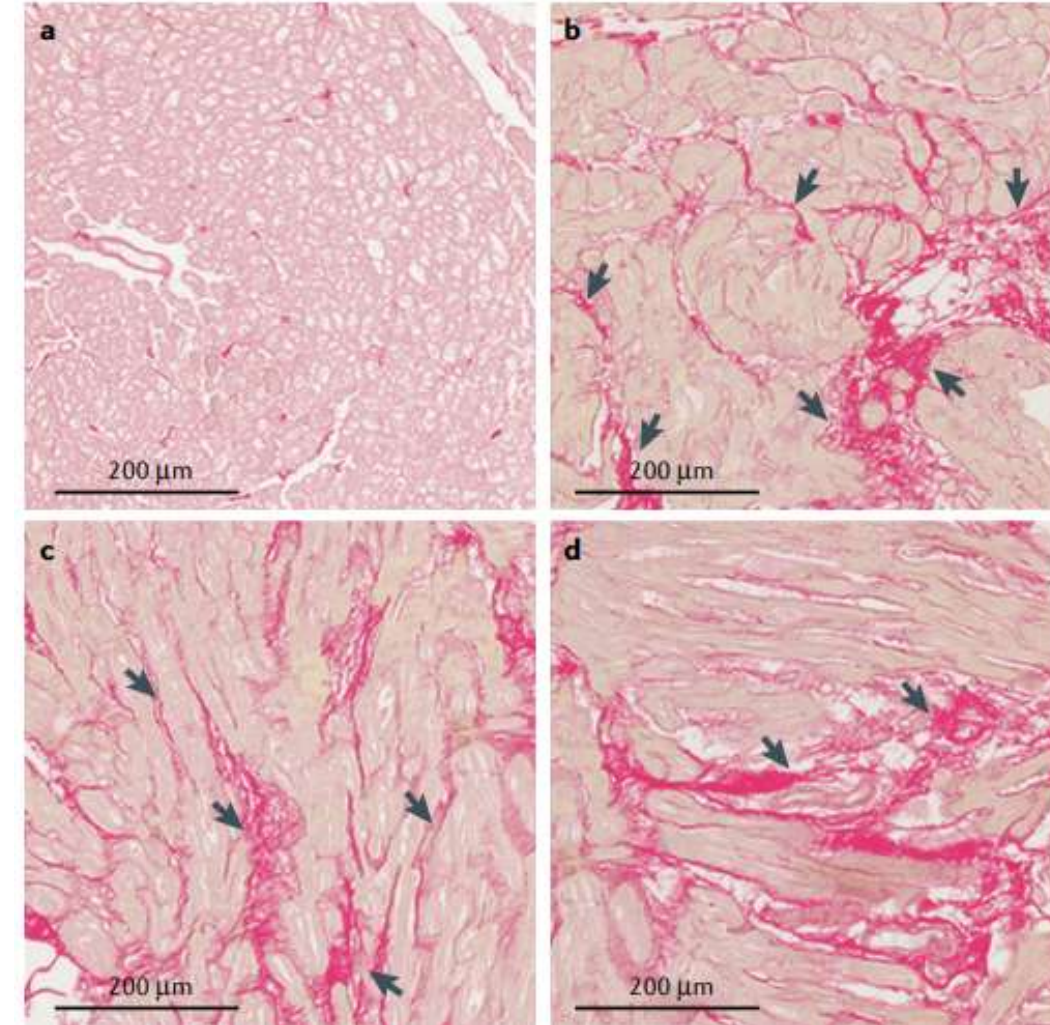
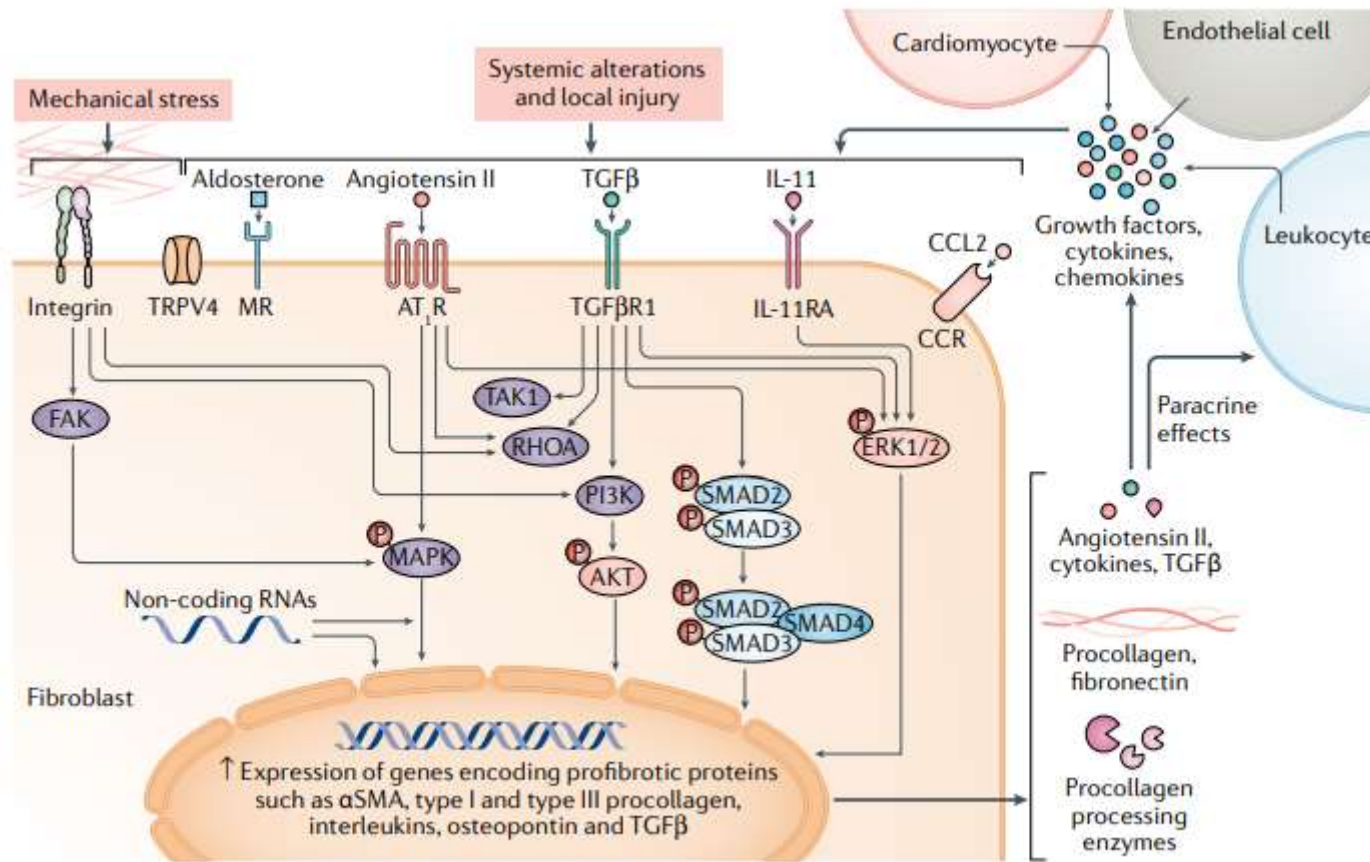
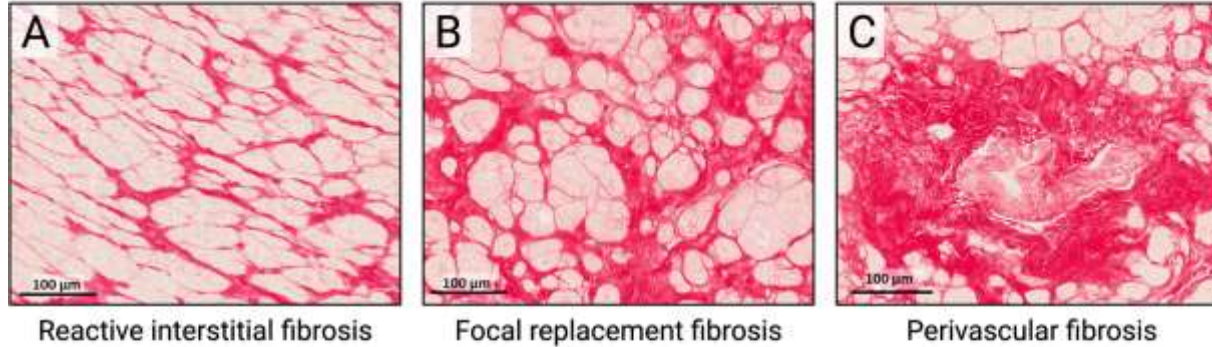


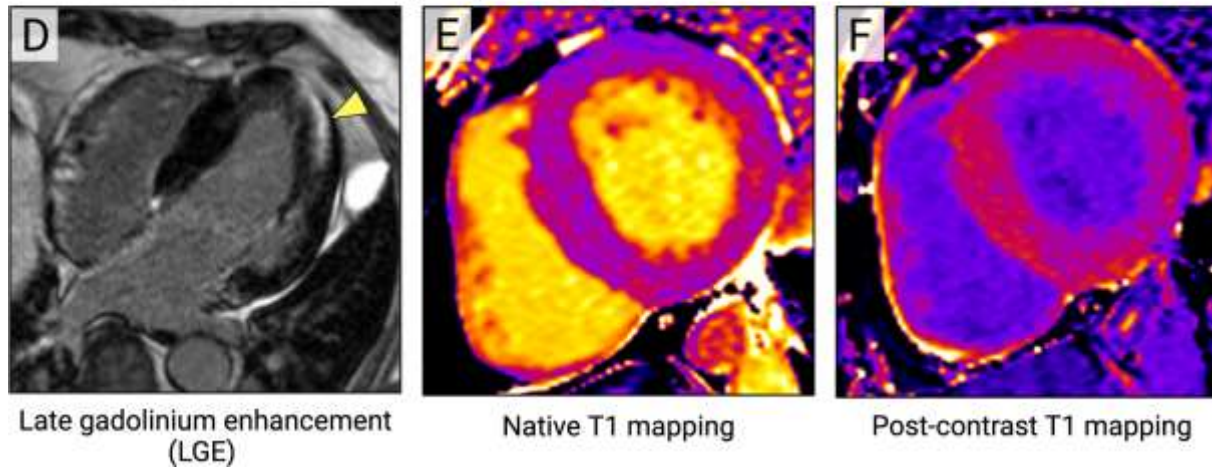
Fig. 3 | Major signalling pathways involved in the activation of **cardiac fibroblasts** in response to increased

Myocardial fibrosis from the perspective of the extracellular matrix: Mechanisms to clinical impact

Endomyocardial biopsy (EMB)



Cardiac magnetic resonance (CMR) imaging



Biomarkers of cardiac fibrosis

Endomyocardial biopsy (EMB)

Pro

- Direct and specific assessment of myocardial collagen

Contra

- Invasive procedure
- Vulnerable to sampling bias
- Screening is logistically challenging

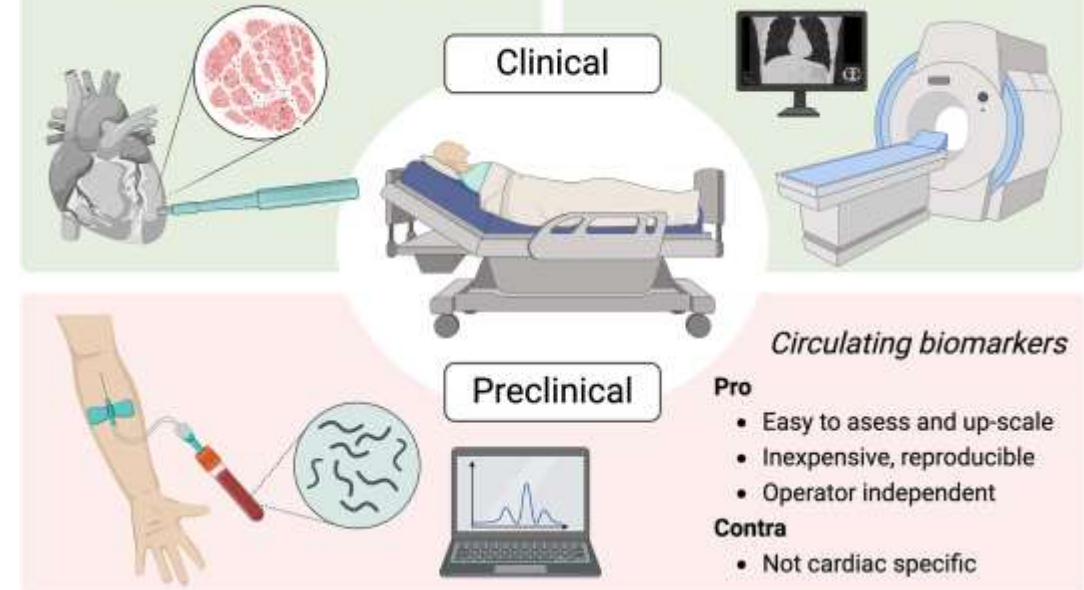
Cardiac MRI or CT

Pro

- Repeatable, non-invasive procedure
- Whole-heart visualisation

Contra

- Low resolution (0.5 - 2.0 mm)
- Limited ability to discriminate tissues
- Mostly detects focal fibrosis



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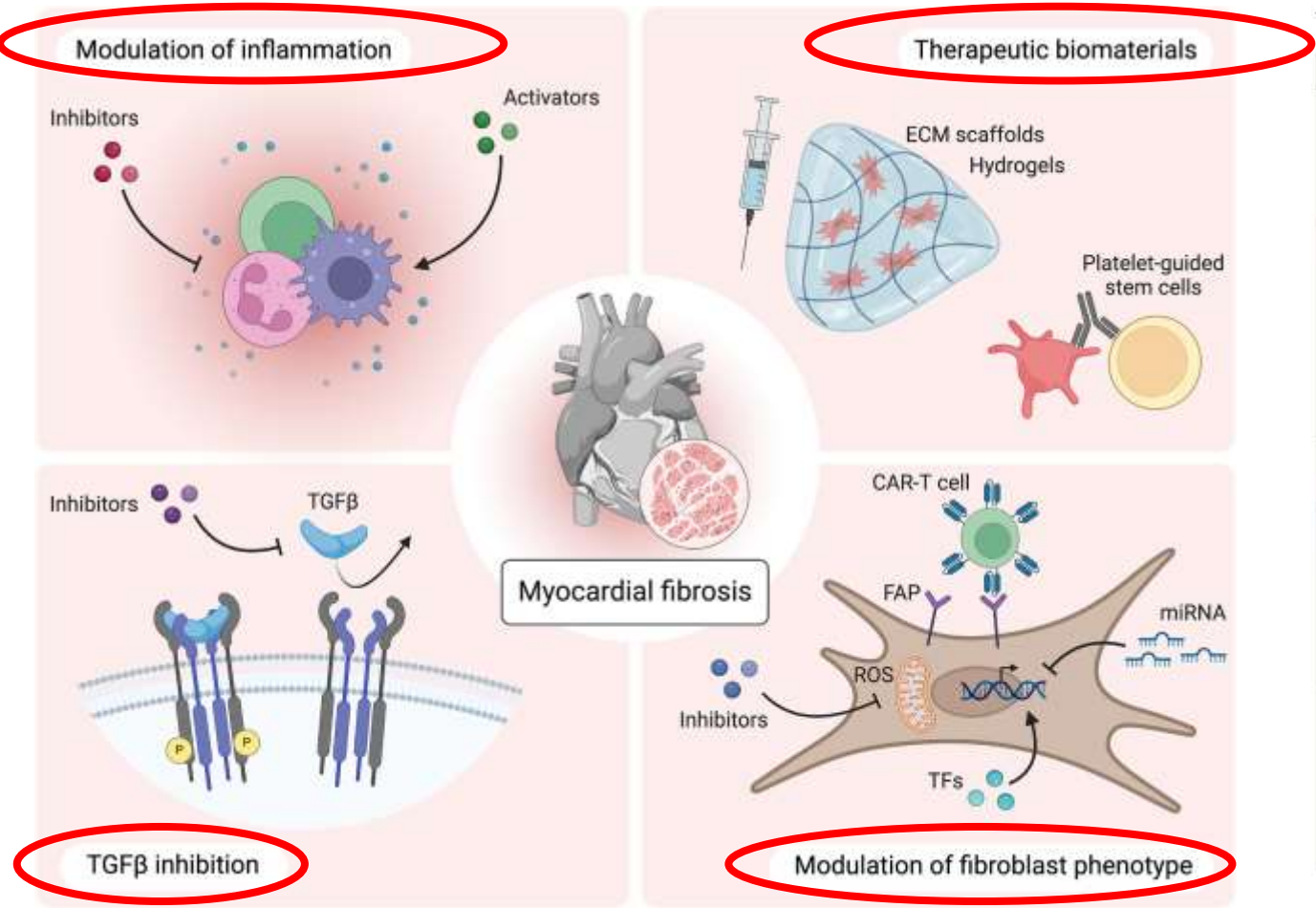
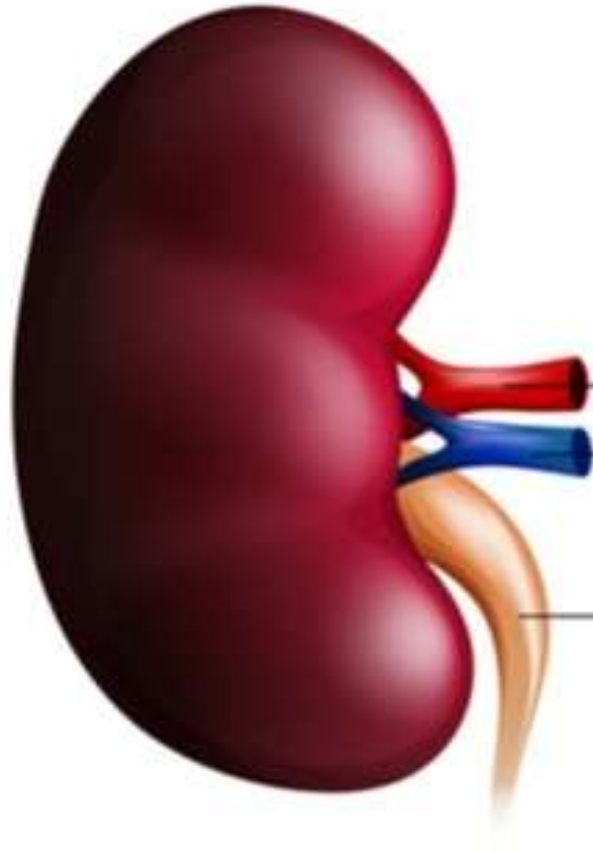


Table 3 Novel therapies potentially applicable to reverse diffuse myocardial fibrosis				
Target	Therapeutic strategy	Study stage	Status	Ref.
TGFβ1 signalling	Inhibiting connective tissue growth factor activity with the monoclonal antibody pamrevlumab	Phase II trial in patients with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis	Completed	234
		Phase III trial in patients with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis	Ongoing	235
Non-coding RNAs	Inhibiting miR-21 with RG-012	Phase I trials in patients with Alport syndrome	Completed	241
		Phase II trials in patients with Alport syndrome	Ongoing	242
	Mimicking miR-29a with remlarsen	Phase I trial in healthy volunteers	Completed	245
		Phase II trial in patients with cutaneous fibrosis	Ongoing	246
Metabolic pathways	Omega-3 fatty acid supplementation	Phase III clinical trial in patients with myocardial infarction	Completed	248
Extracellular collagen processing	LOXL2 inhibition with simtuzumab	Phase II clinical trial in patients with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis	Completed	254
	Matrix metalloproteinase inhibition with low-dose doxycycline	Phase II clinical trials in patients with acute myocardial infarction and heart failure	Completed	256
		Phase II trial in patients with myocardial infarction	Ongoing	257
Inflammation	Therapy with modified citrus pectin (a galectin 3 inhibitor)	Phase I trial in patients with chronic kidney disease	Ongoing	259
	Therapy with BLD-2660 (a calpain inhibitor)	Phase IIa trial in patients with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis	Ongoing	260
	Therapy with sodium thiosulfate (a hydrogen sulfide-releasing agent)	Phase II trial in patients with myocardial infarction	Ongoing	262

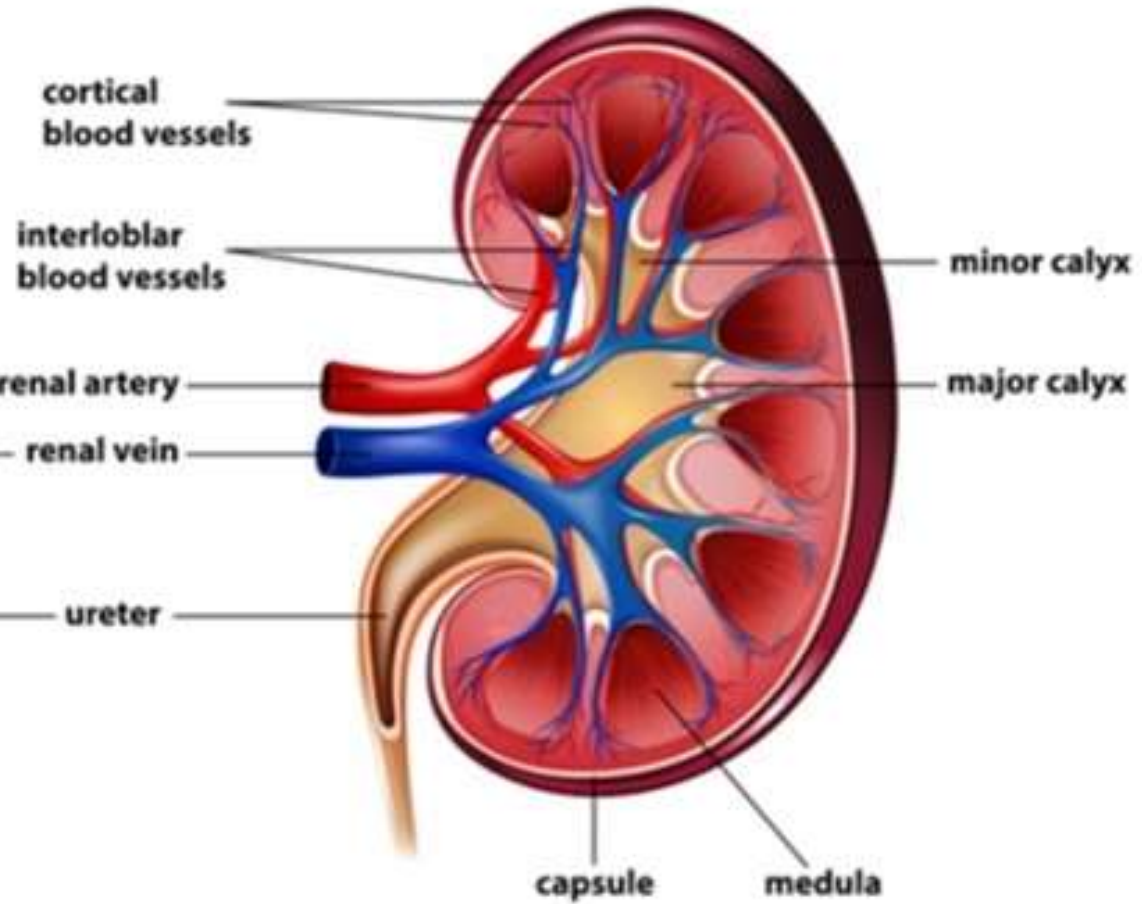
LOXL2, lysyl oxidase homologue 2; TGFβ1, transforming growth factor-β1.

Human Kidney Anatomy

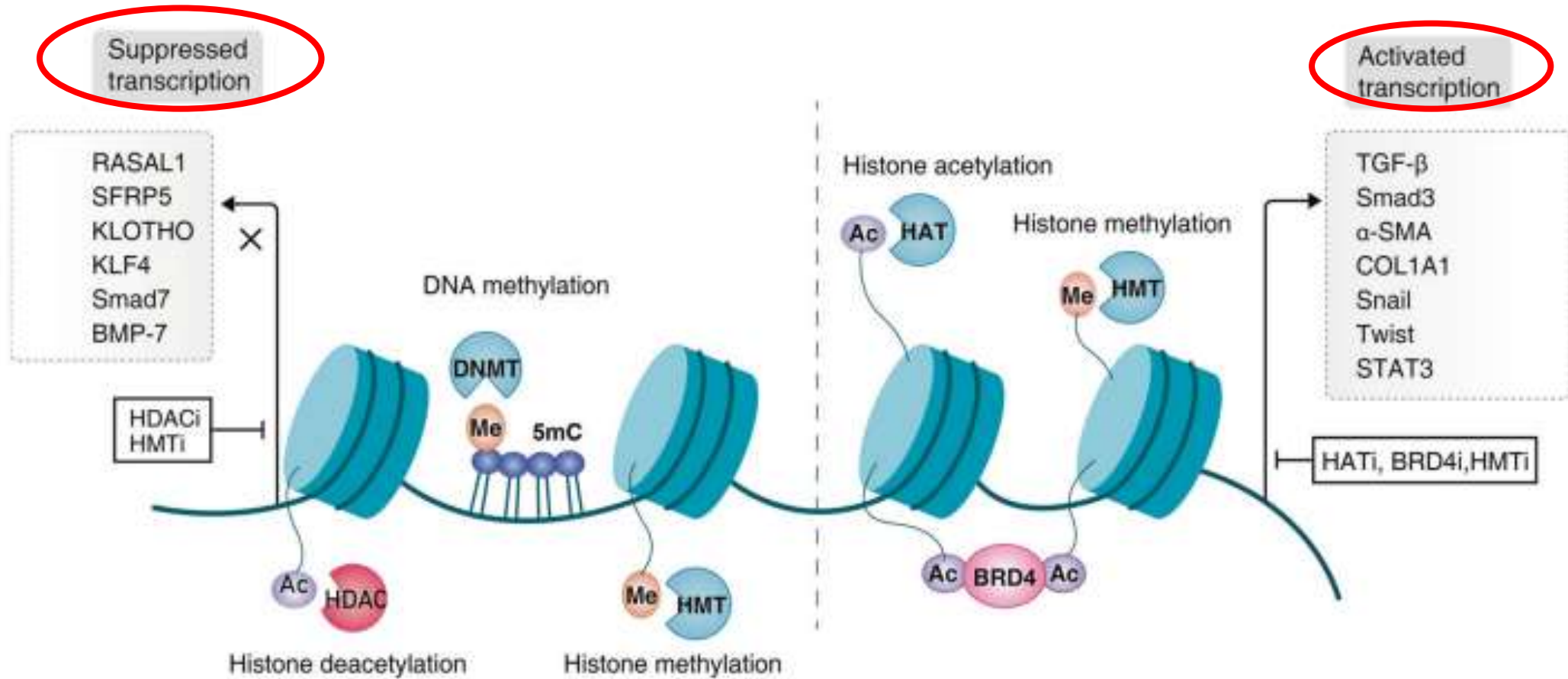
External View



Internal View



Kidney fibrosis: from mechanisms to therapeutic medicines



Histone modification and DNA methylation in kidney fibrosis. Suppression of antifibrotic genes

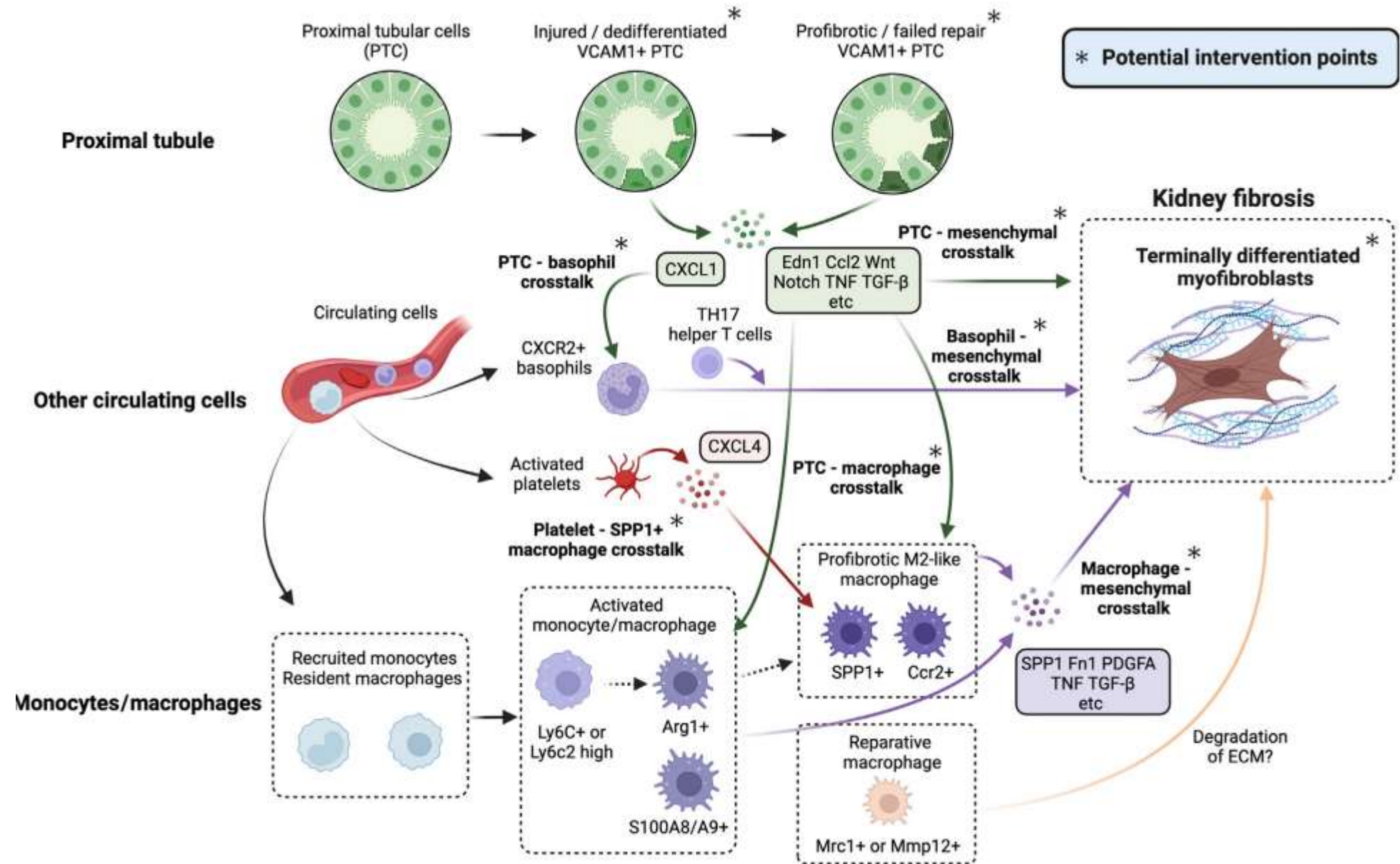


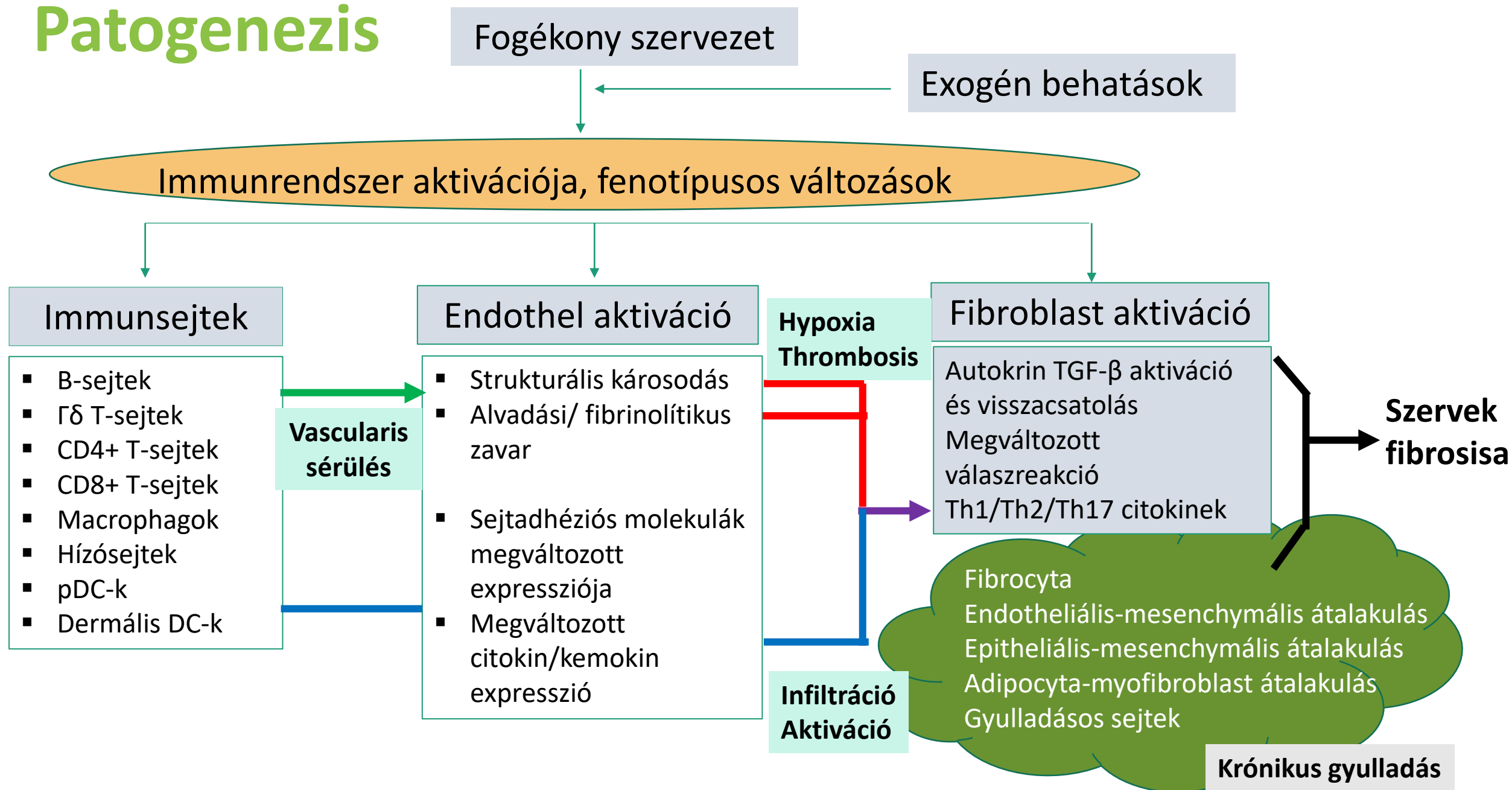
Figure 2. Cellular crosstalk driving kidney fibrosis, and potential intervention points. Proximal tubular epithelial cells (PTCs) are the major cellular component of the

Szisztémás sclerosis

„scleroderma”: „sclero” (kemény) + „derma” (bőr)



Patogenezis



Raynaud tünet

Vazokonstriktio ↑

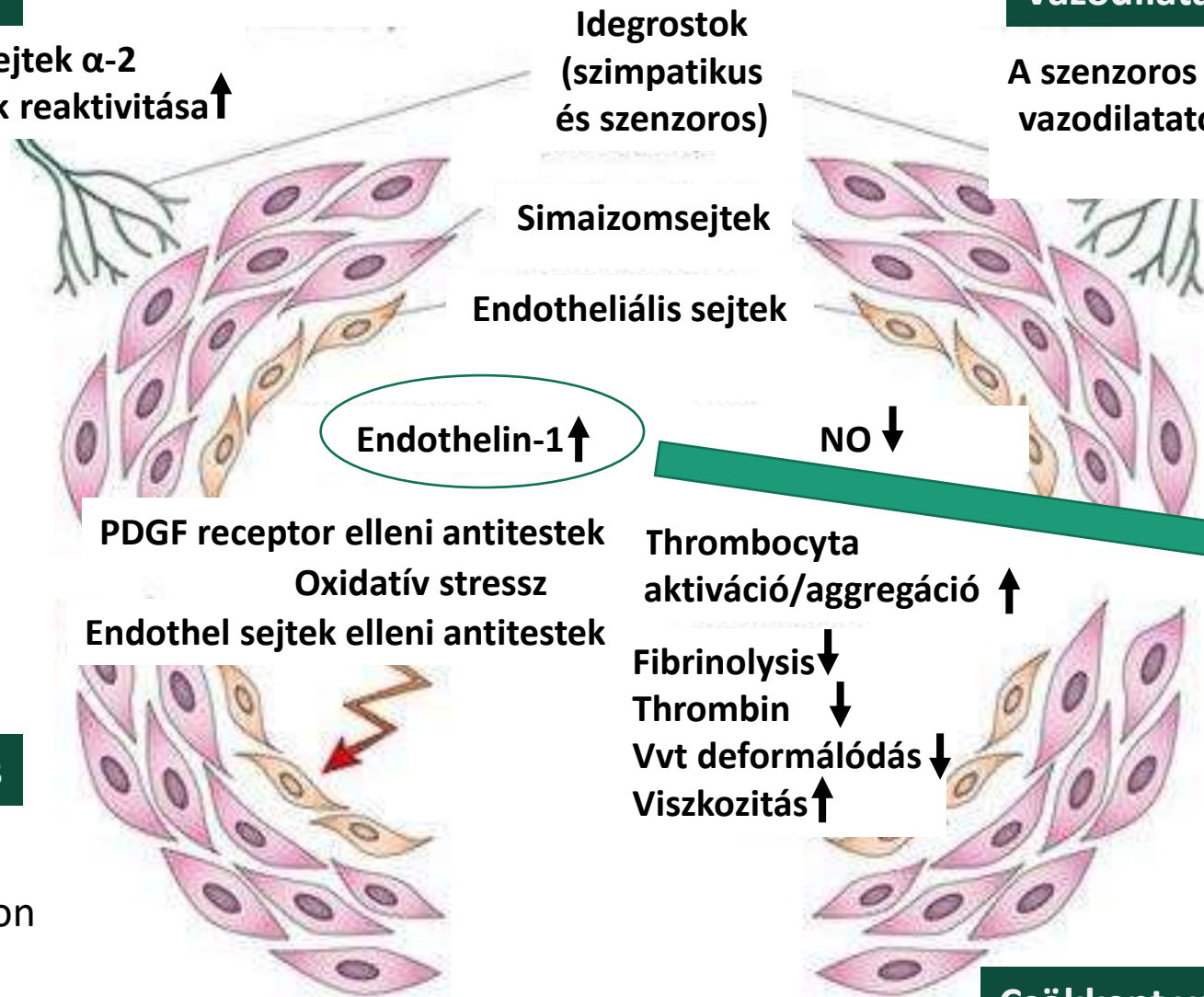
A simaizomsejtek α -2
adrenoreceptorok reaktivitása ↑



A digitalis artériák hideghatásra,
vagy emocionális stresszre
bekövetkező kóros válaszreakciója,
fokozott vasokonstriktioja

Endothel sérülés

Sejtek közötti adhézio, tight junction
fellazulása



Vazodilatáció ↓

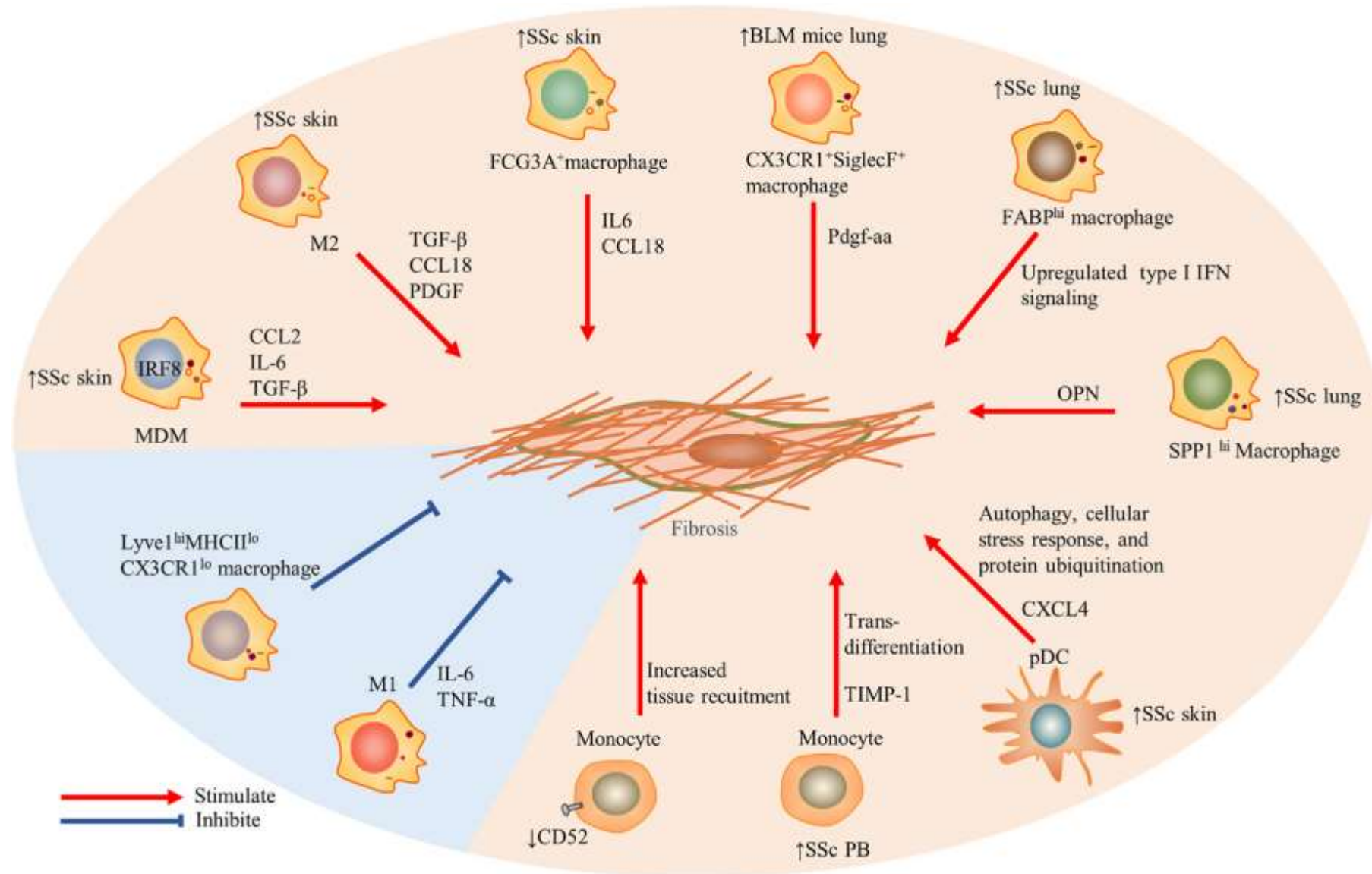
A szenzoros afferens rostokból származó
vazodilatator neuropeptidek (pl. CGRP)
szintje ↓

Fibrosis

Csökkent véráramlás/
prokoaguláns állapot

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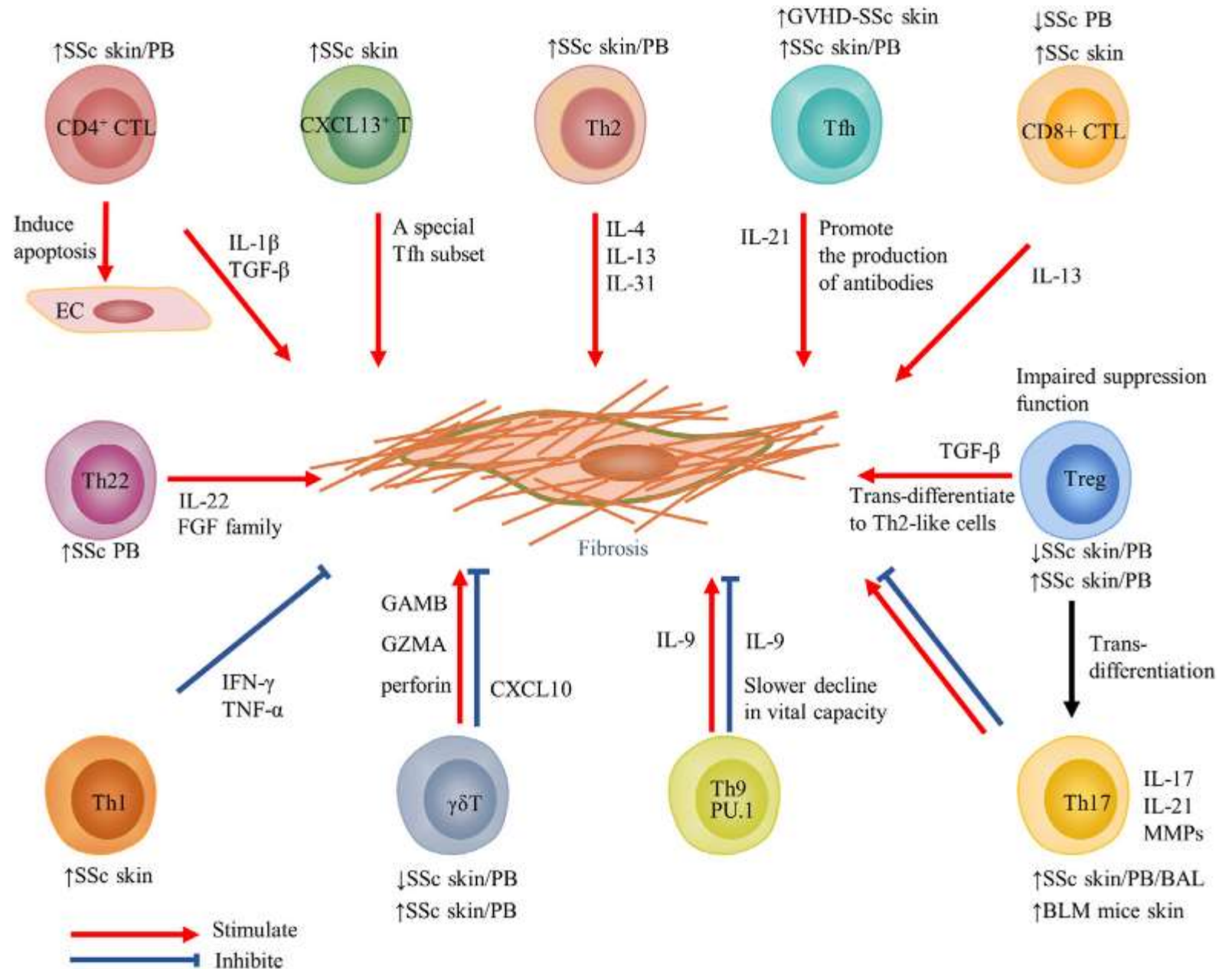
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Adaptív immunitás

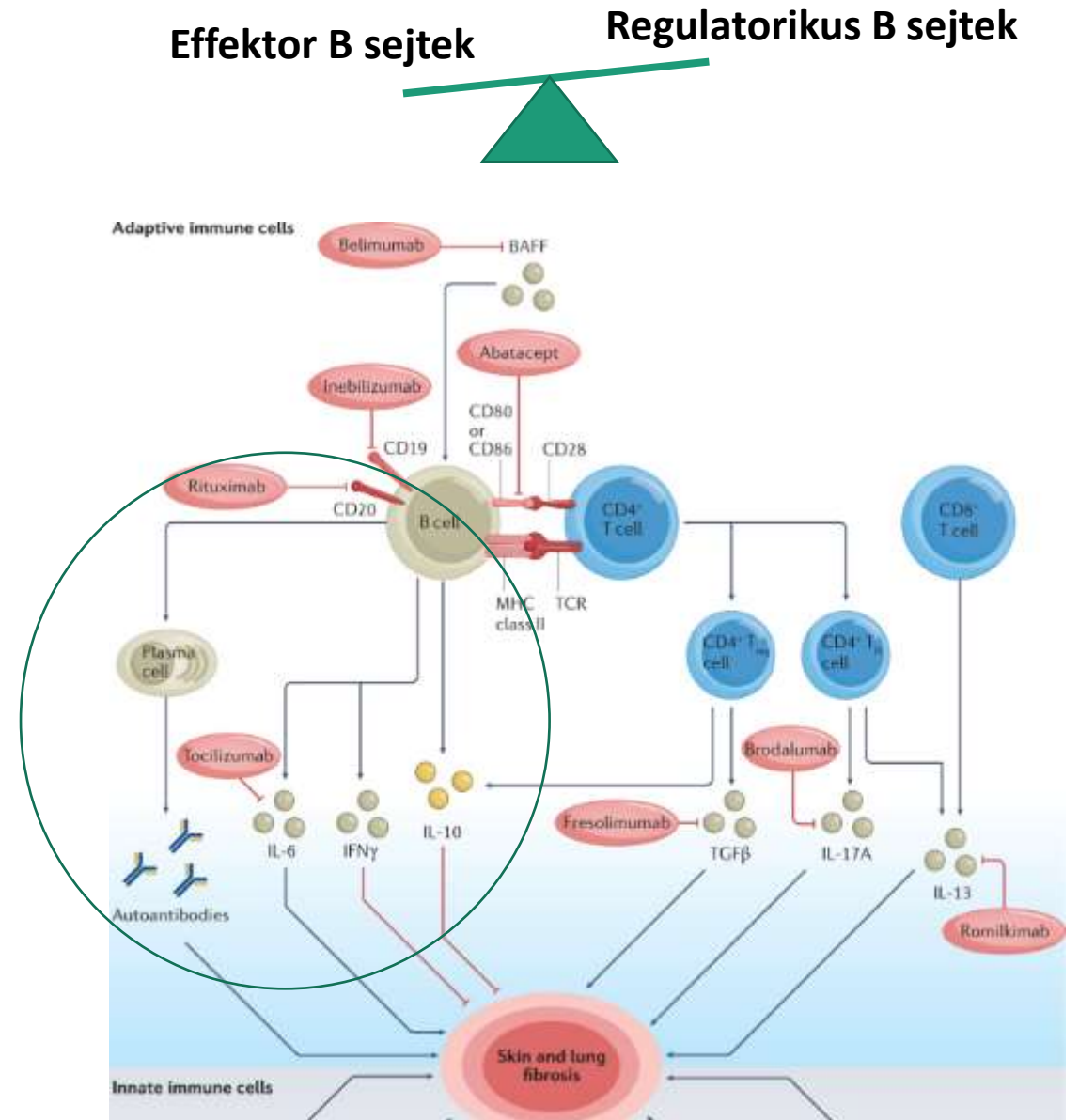
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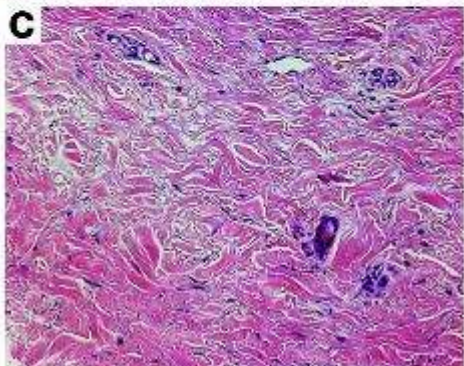
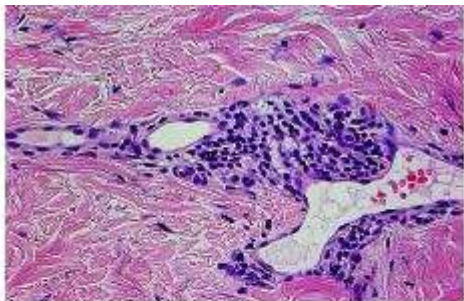
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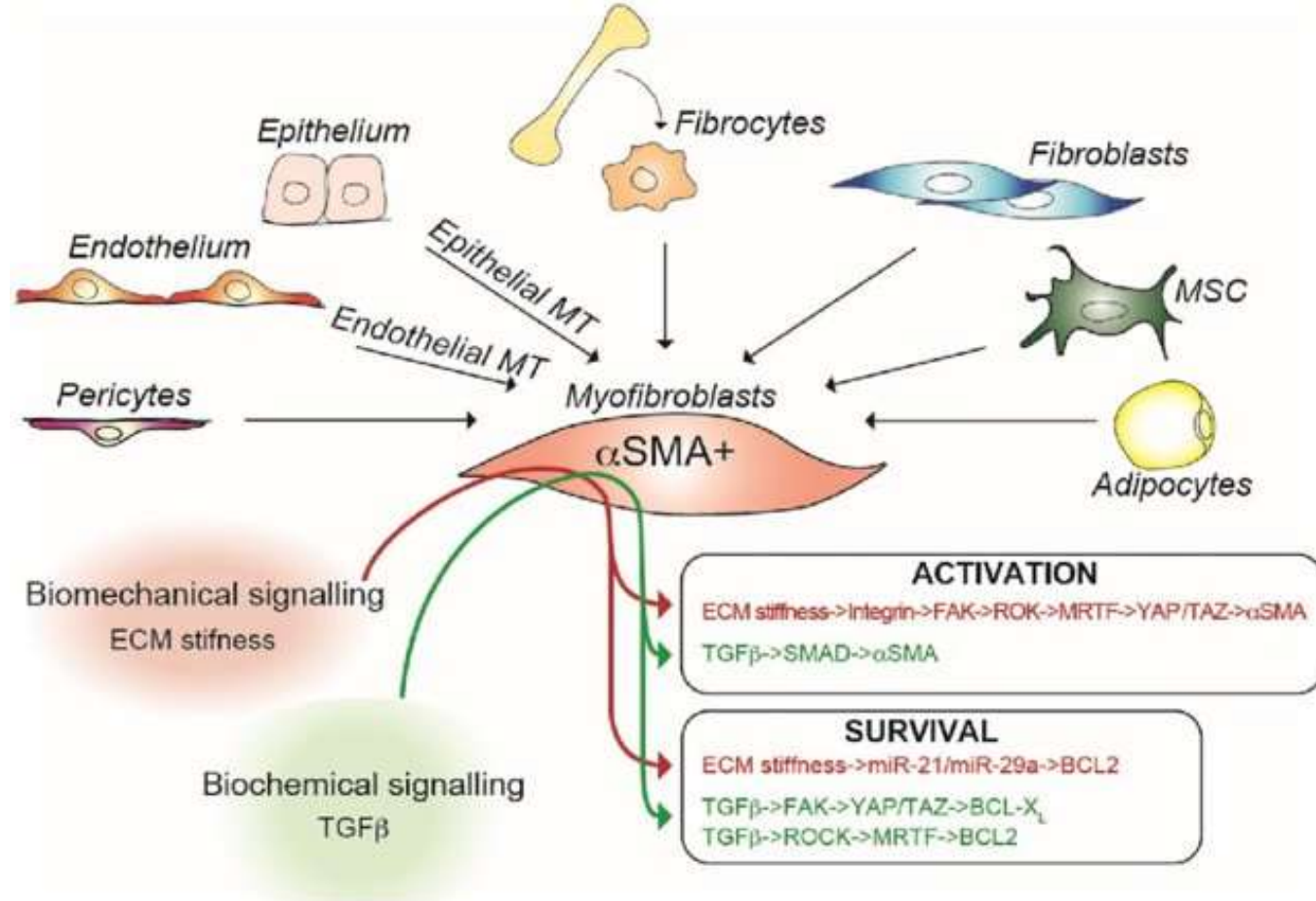
- Antitest termelés, citokin szekréció
- IL-6, IFN γ , GM-CSF
- Breg sejtek száma és funkciója is csökken: IL-10
- BAFF: B-sejtek profibrotikus aktivitása nő, fokozódik a citokin szekréció
- Macrophagok M2 polarizációjában, T-sejtek, dendritikus sejtek aktivációjában is részt vesznek: innate-adaptív immunitás összeköttetés



Fibrosis



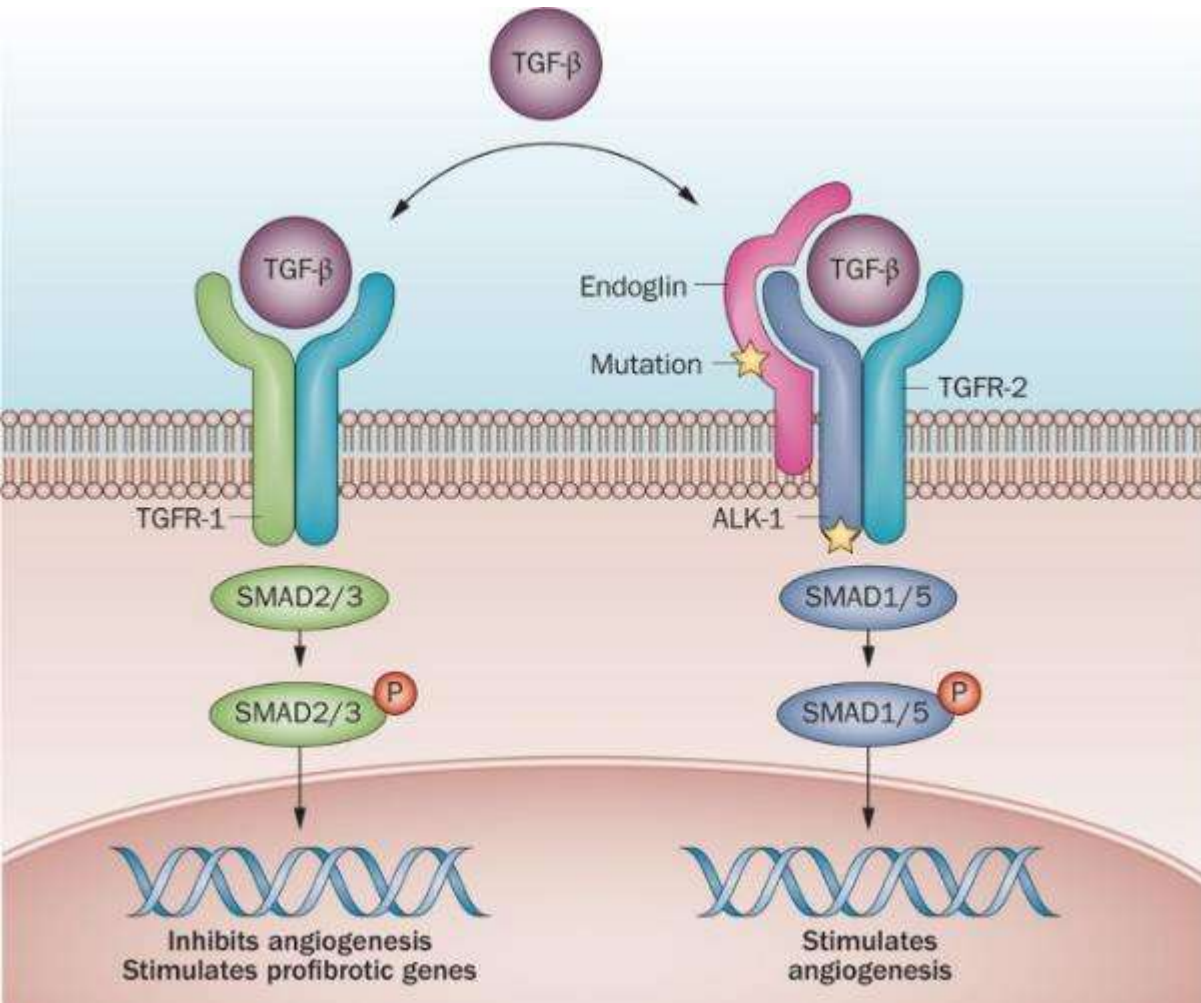
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Szöveti sérülés, hypoxia,
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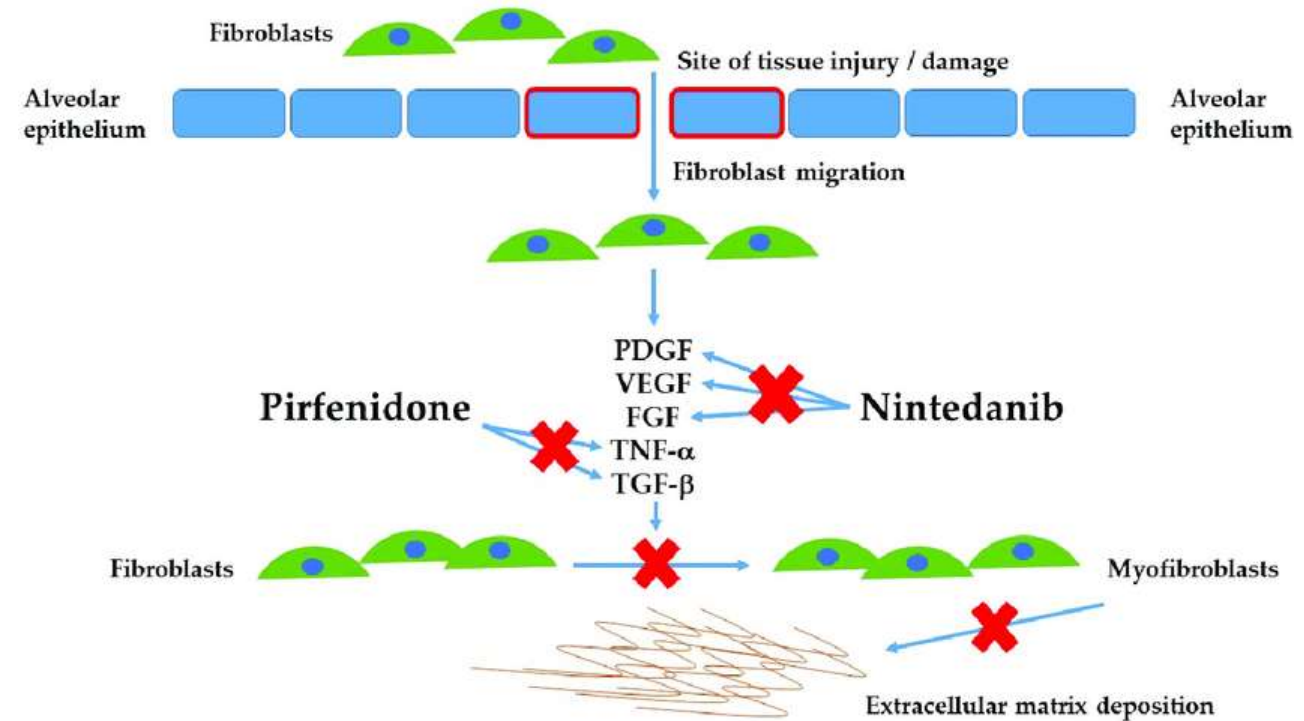
Kóros fibrosis: fibroblast-myofibroblast (α -simaizom aktint expresszáló) átalakulás, fibroblast apoptosis csökkenés, autokrin aktiváció miatt túlzott kollagén és ECM termelés

Megvastagodott kollagén rostok: I, III, VII-es típusú kollagén, subcutan zsírszövet csökken, kollagén keresztkötések

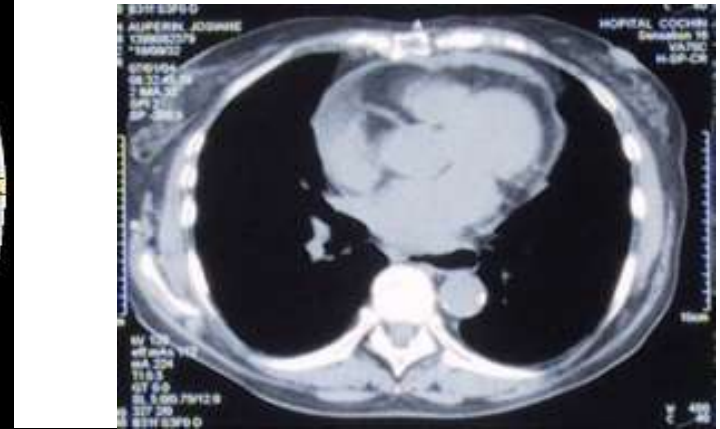
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- Fibrosis: központi szerep, ECM termelés fokozása, lebontás gátlása
- Forrása: fibroblasztok, miofibroblasztok, T-sejtek, monociták, makrofágok és vérlemezkék
- I-es típusú kollagén, I-es típusú plazminogén aktivátor inhibitor, CTGF és α -SMA gén expresszió fokozása

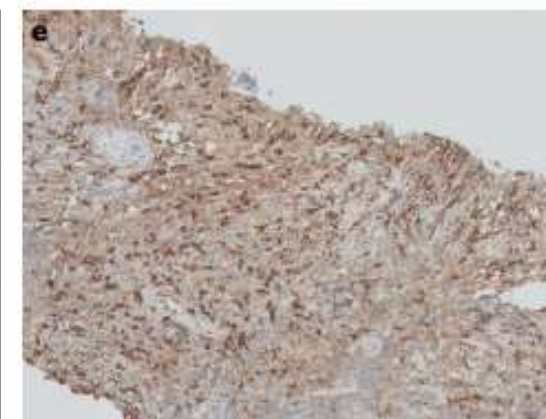
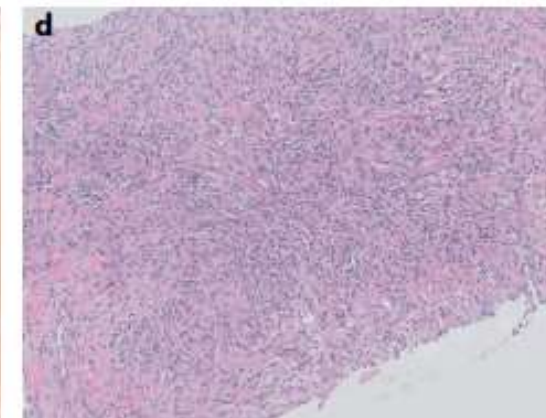
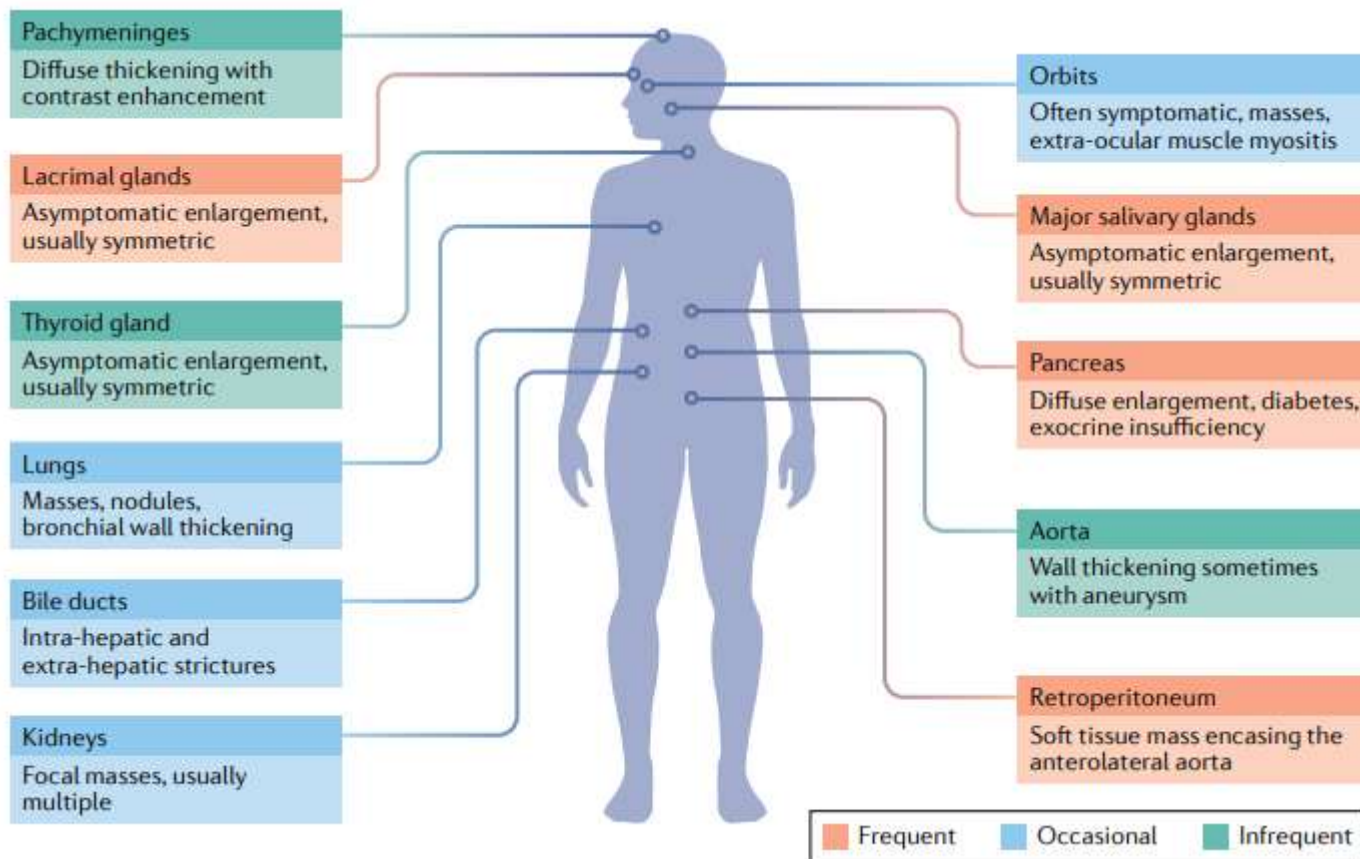


Szervi érintettségek pathogeneze



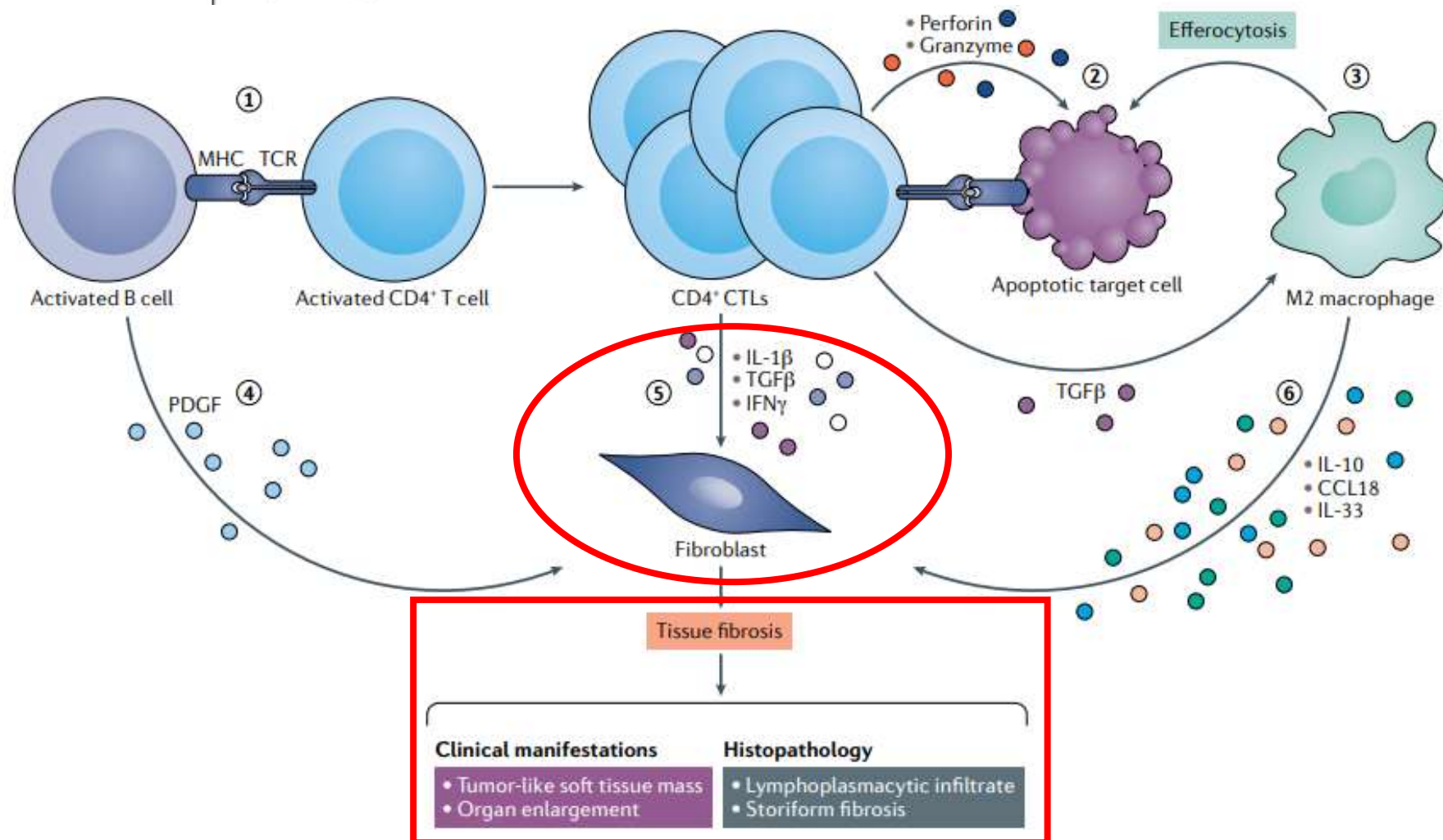
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Fibrosissal járó kórképek kezelése

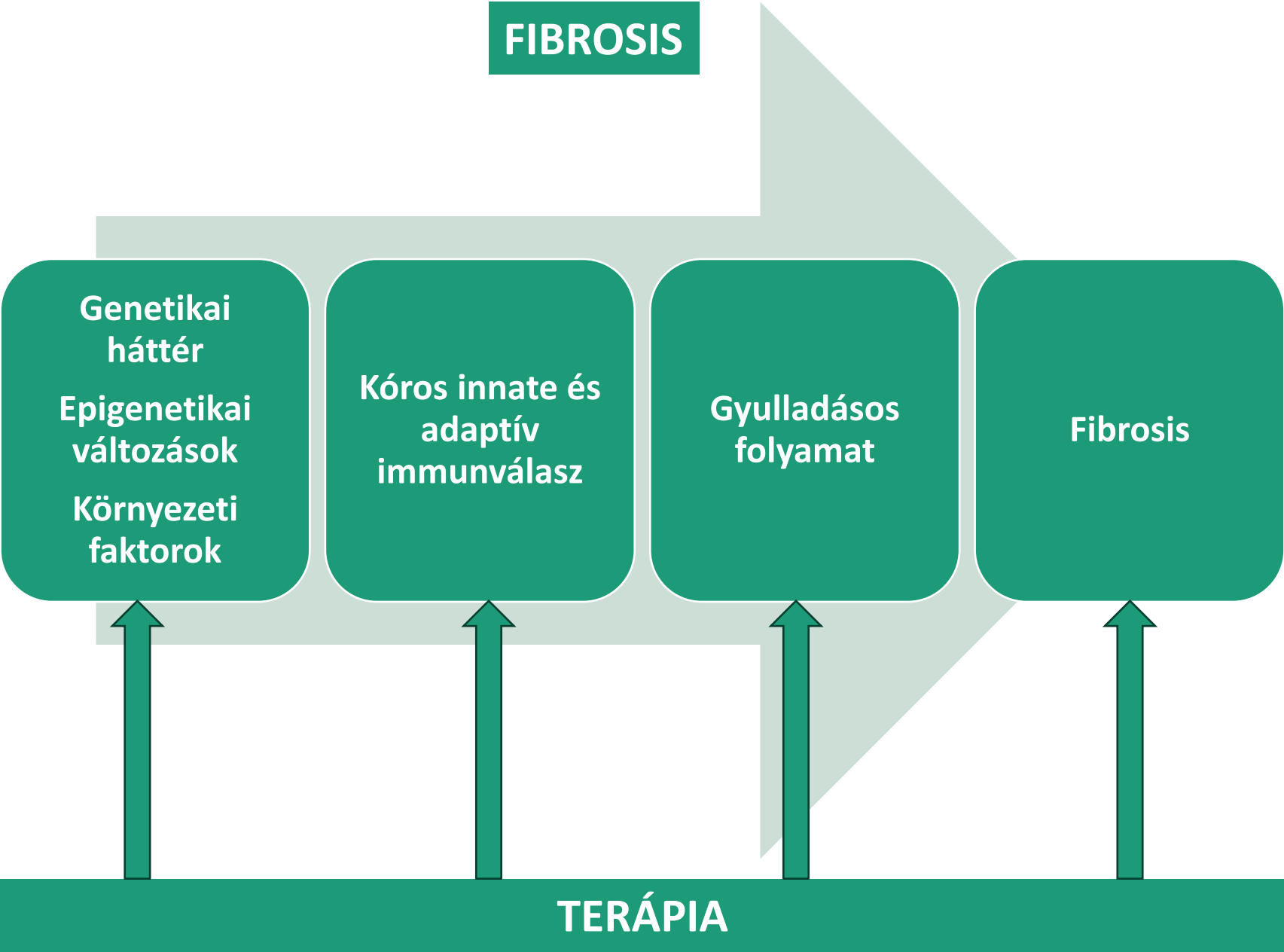
Senescence and tissue fibrosis: opportunities for therapeutic targeting

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Table 1. Senescence in fibrosis *in vivo*

Target organ	Disease model	Senotherapeutic agent(s)	Outcomes	Refs
Cardiac fibrosis	Aged INK-ATTAC and C57BL/6J mice	ABT-263 (navitoclax)	Pharmacological or genetic clearance of senescent cells in mice alleviated myocardial hypertrophy and fibrosis	[93]
	Ischemia reperfusion model in C57BL/6J mice	ABT-263 (navitoclax)	Navitoclax reduced senescence and improved cardiac function by attenuating the profibrotic SASP, reducing scar, and enabling increased angiogenesis	[94]
	Human cardiac fibrosis on a chip model	Quercetin, dasatinib	The senolytic drugs led to an improvement in contractile function, reduced passive tension, and downregulated senescence-related gene expression in the tissue	[95]
Renal fibrosis	Renal artery stenosis in INK-ATTAC mice	Quercetin, dasatinib	Both p16-specific and quercetin-dasatinib improved renal function and structure	[96]
	C57BL/6J mice on high fat diet	Quercetin	Improved renal function indices and alleviated fibrosis	[97]
	Aged and/or kidney injury models in C57BL/6J mice	ABT-263 (navitoclax)	ABT-263 treatment resulted in improved functional recovery and reduced fibrosis	[44]
	Lupus nephritis in MRL/lpr mice	Fisetin	Fisetin treatment attenuated kidney fibrosis, reduced SASP expression, and increased tubular epithelial cell proliferation	[98]
Lung fibrosis	Bleomycin lung fibrosis in INK-ATTAC mice	Quercetin, dasatinib	Both p16-specific and quercetin-dasatinib improved renal function and structure	[43]
	Ex vivo fibrotic 3D lung tissue	Quercetin, dasatinib	Pharmacological treatment significantly eliminated senescent markers and the SASP	[99]
	Bleomycin lung fibrosis in C57BL/6J mice	Nintedanib	Nintedanib suppressed senescent cell survival through the JAK2/STAT3 signaling pathway in the lung fibrosis model	[100]
	Intratracheal γ -irradiated IMR90 cells in mice	Digoxin	Digoxin effectively eliminated senescence-induced lung fibrosis	[101]
	Bleomycin and crystalline silica-induced lung fibrosis in mice	ABT-263 (navitoclax)	ABT-263 induced fibroblast apoptosis, decreased fibroblast numbers, and reduced fibrosis	[67,102]
	Bleomycin-induced lung fibrosis in mice	Rapamycin	Rapamycin inhibited pulmonary fibrosis and epithelial-mesenchymal transition in mice	[103]
	Radiation-induced lung fibrosis in C57BL/6 mice	FOXO4-DRI	FOXO4-DRI alleviated pulmonary fibrosis by targeting senescence-like fibroblasts <i>in vivo</i>	[104]
	Senescent IMR90 cells-induced lung fibrosis in mice	ABT-263 (navitoclax)	Navitoclax significantly reduced collagen content in fibrotic lungs, comparable with the effect of nintedanib and pirfenidone	[105]
Liver fibrosis	CCl ₄ - or NASH-induced liver fibrosis in C57BL/6N mice	α PAR-specific CAR T cells	CAR T cells efficiently eliminated senescent cells, reduced fibrosis, and improved liver function in mice	[88]

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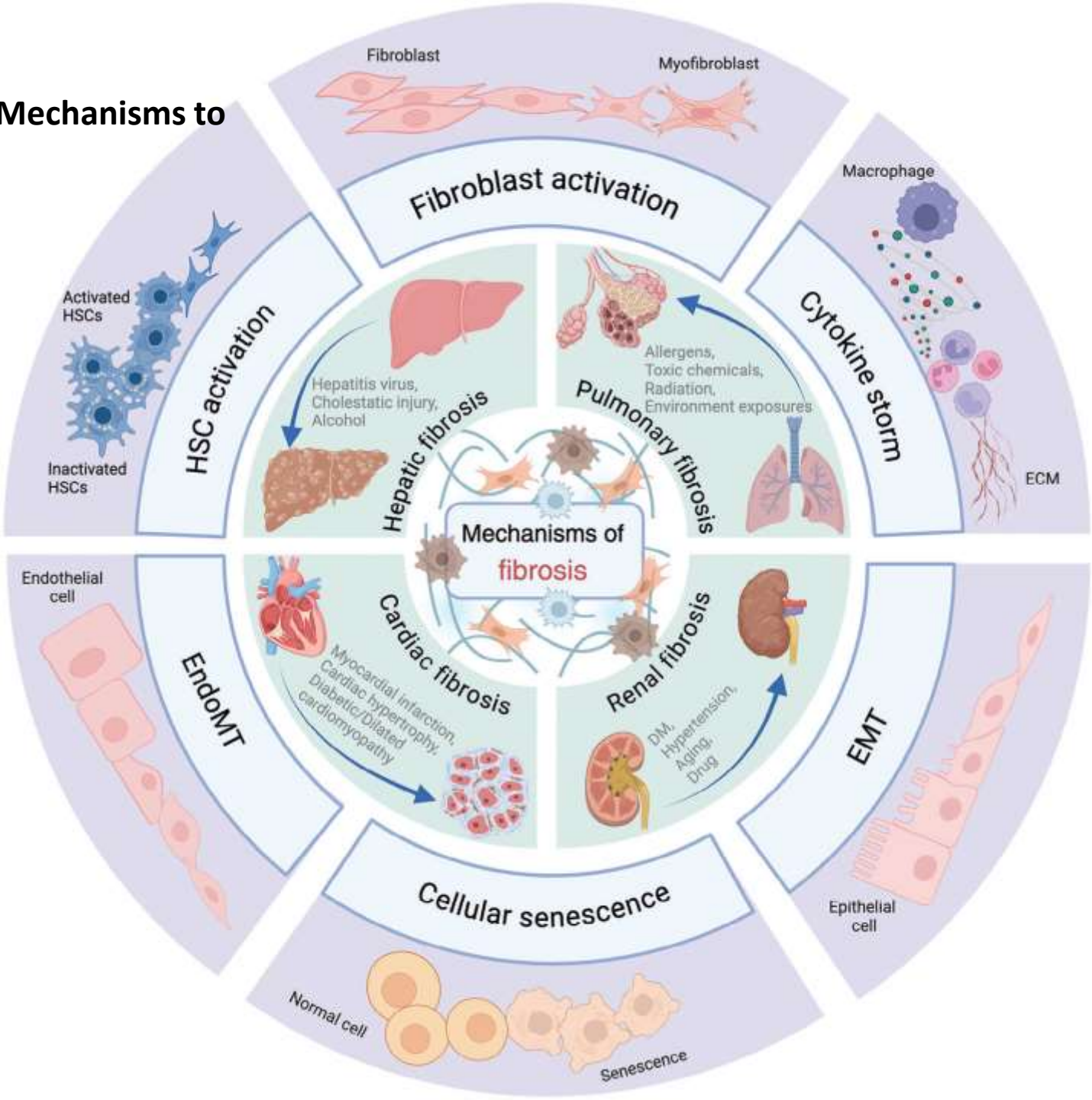
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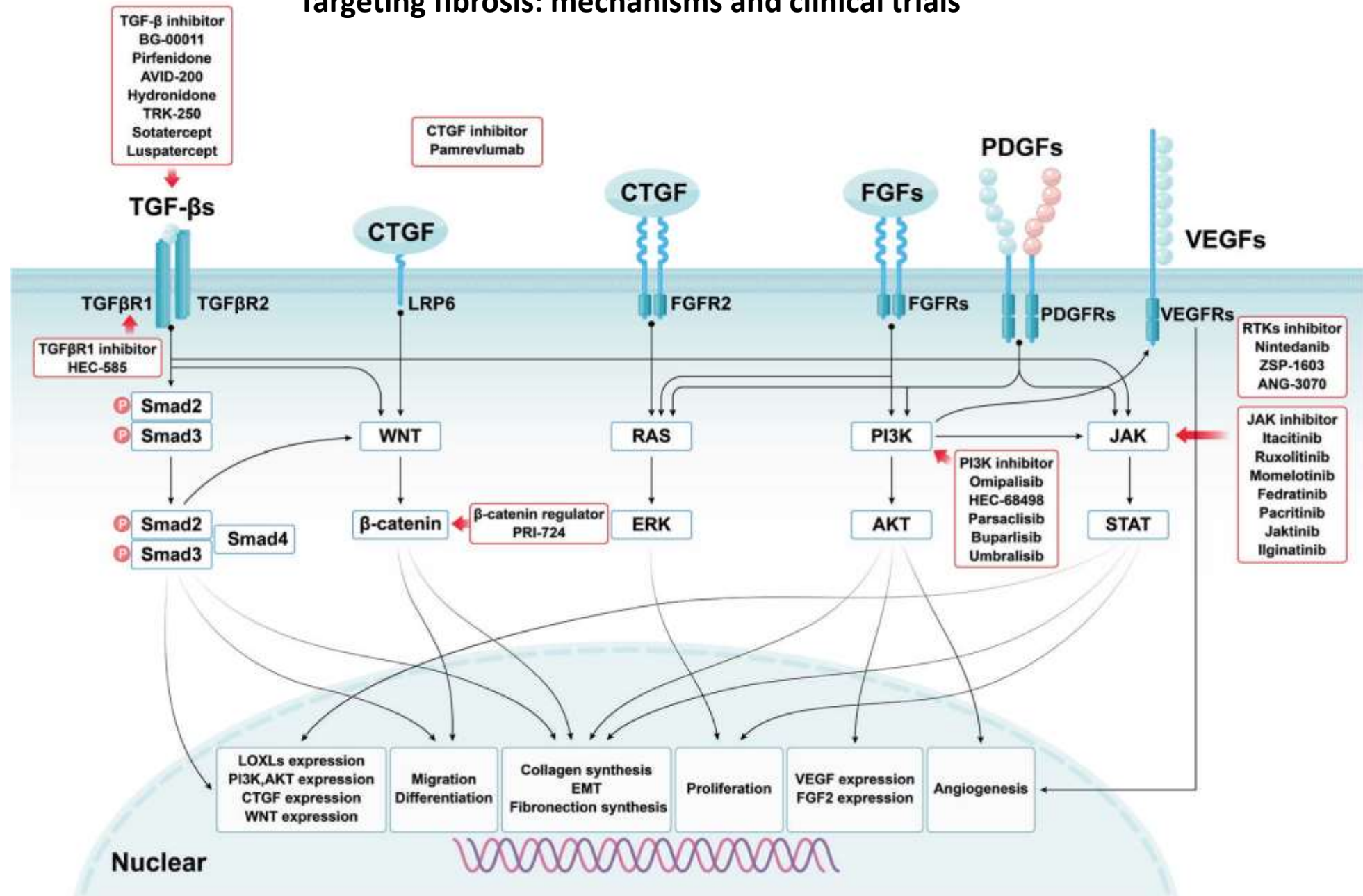
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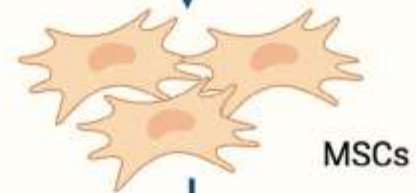
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Targeting Fibrosis: From Molecular Mechanisms to Advanced Therapies



Targeting fibrosis: mechanisms and clinical trials





Paracrine effects

Anti-inflammatory effects

- Inhibit secretion of cytokines, chemokines and growth factors (IL-1 β , IL-5, IL-6, IFN γ , TNF α , TGF β)
- Inhibit immunocyte infiltration
- Promote polarization of M2 macrophage

Antifibrotic effect

- Inhibit EMT
- Inhibit ECM deposition
- Inhibit activation of myofibroblasts
- CAR-T against FAP⁺ cardiac myofibroblasts
- Inhibit synthesis of TIMPs, increase synthesis of MMPs

Tissue regeneration

- Inhibit AEC2s senescence
- Promote AEC2s proliferation
- Replacement of damaged cells
- Promote remuscularization of fibrotic tissue in the heart

Mechanisms of mesenchymal stem cell (MSC)-based therapy for fibrosis



CAR-Macrophage Therapy Alleviates Myocardial Ischemia-Reperfusion Injury

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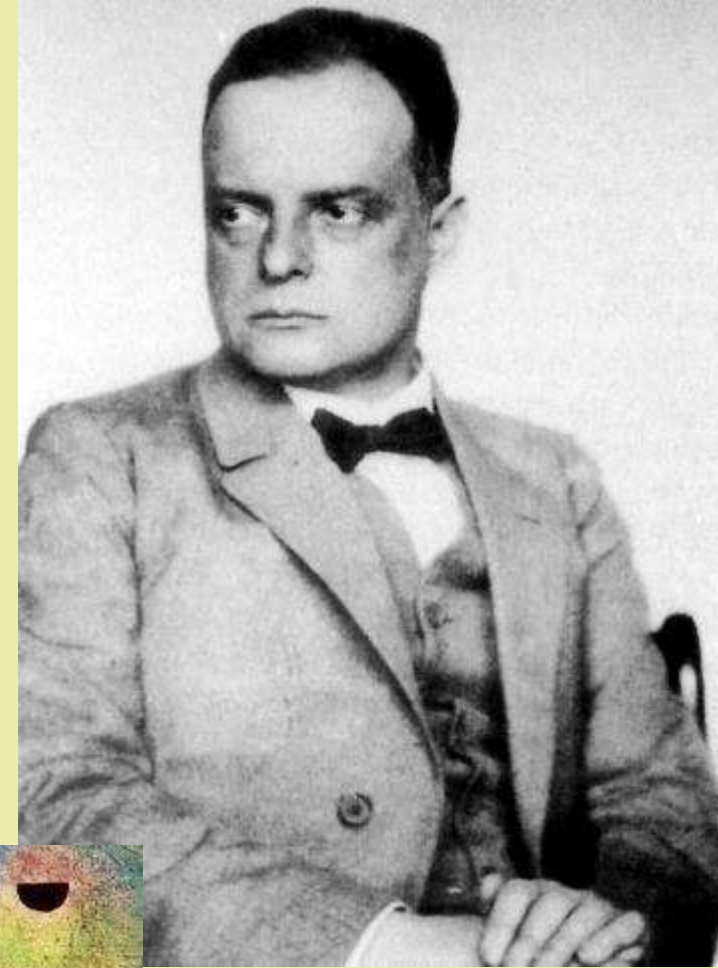
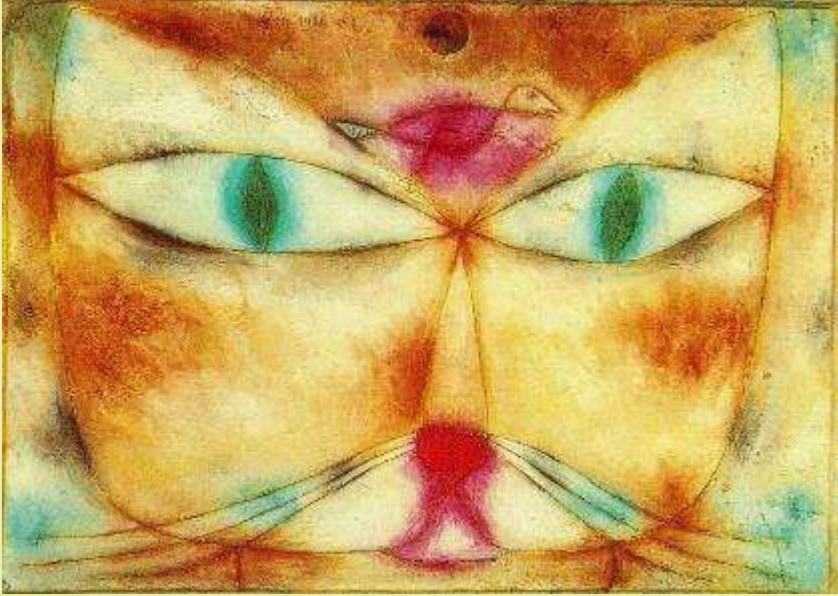
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