

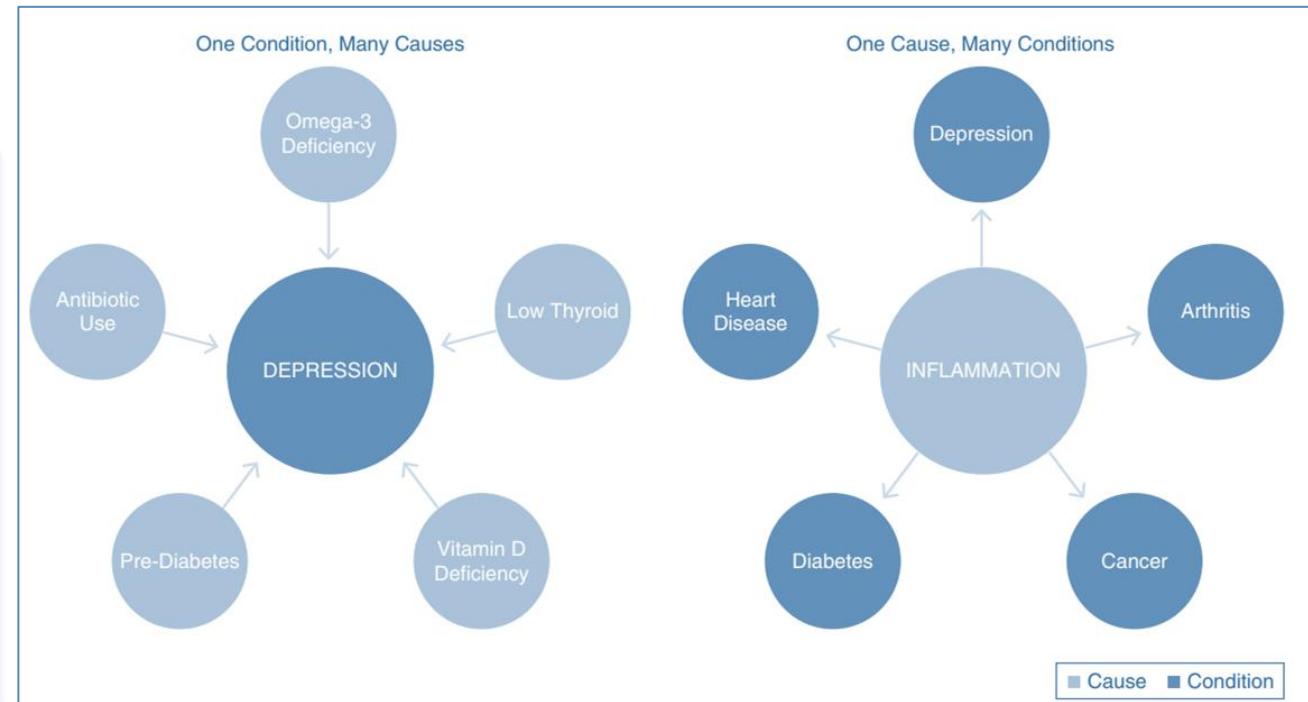
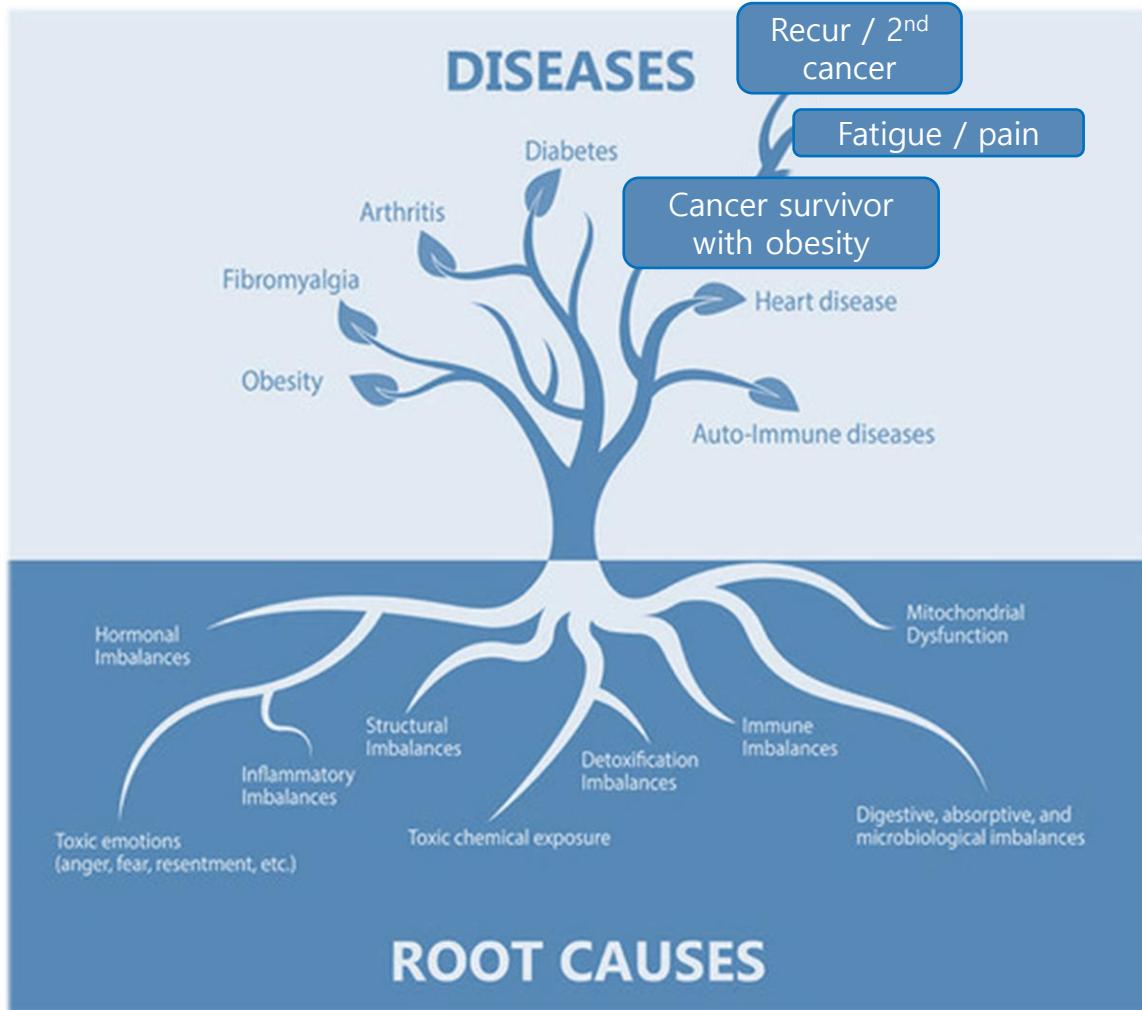
# **Functional medicine for cancer survivors with obesity**

비만한 암환자에 대한 기능의학

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# Cancer survivor with obesity

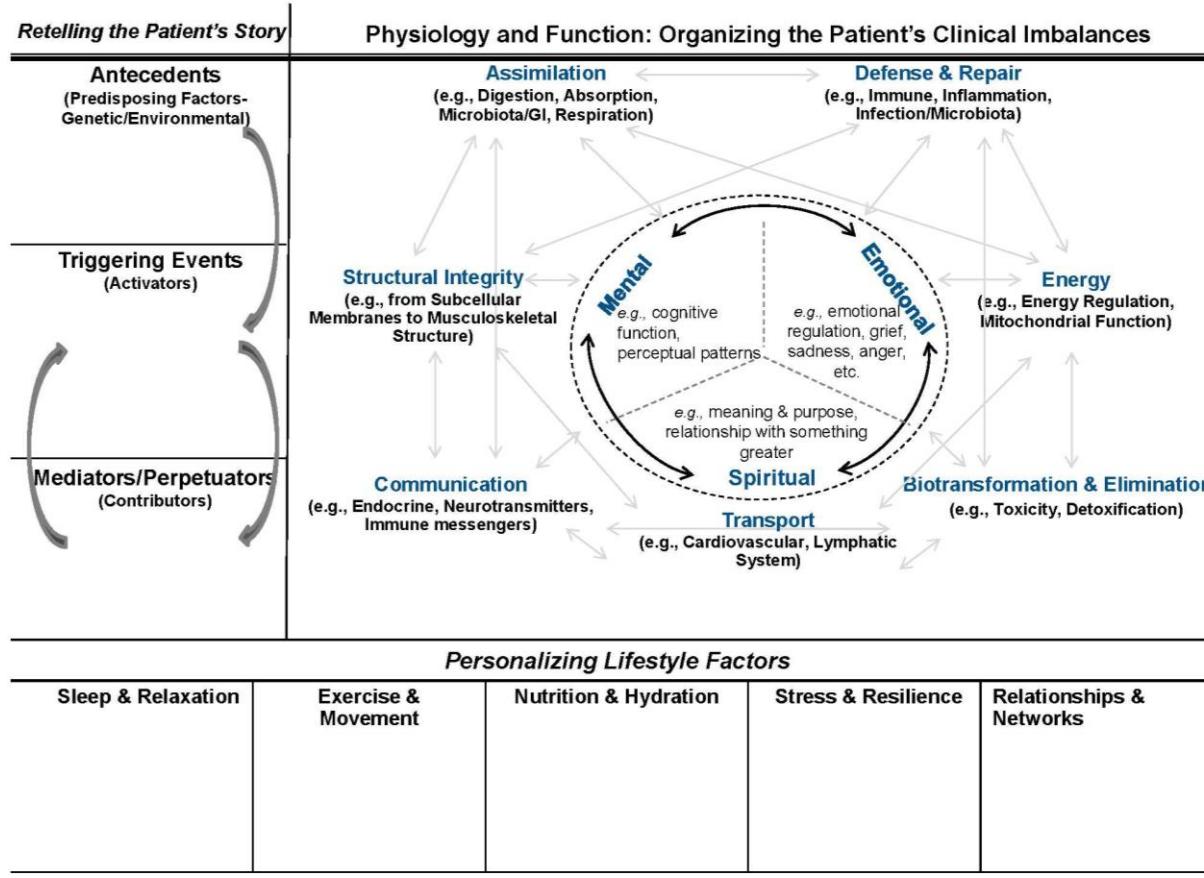
## 기능의학적 접근



- a **comprehensive** and **personalized** approach
- addresses the **root causes** of the individual's health concerns
- 암 생존자에서 **추가적인 암 및 질병 예방**, 기능의 회복, 증상 조절을 통한 **삶의 질 향상을 목표**
- 비만(obesity)이 암 생존자(cancer survivor)에게 주는 **7-core dysregulation**에 초점

# Cancer survivor with obesity

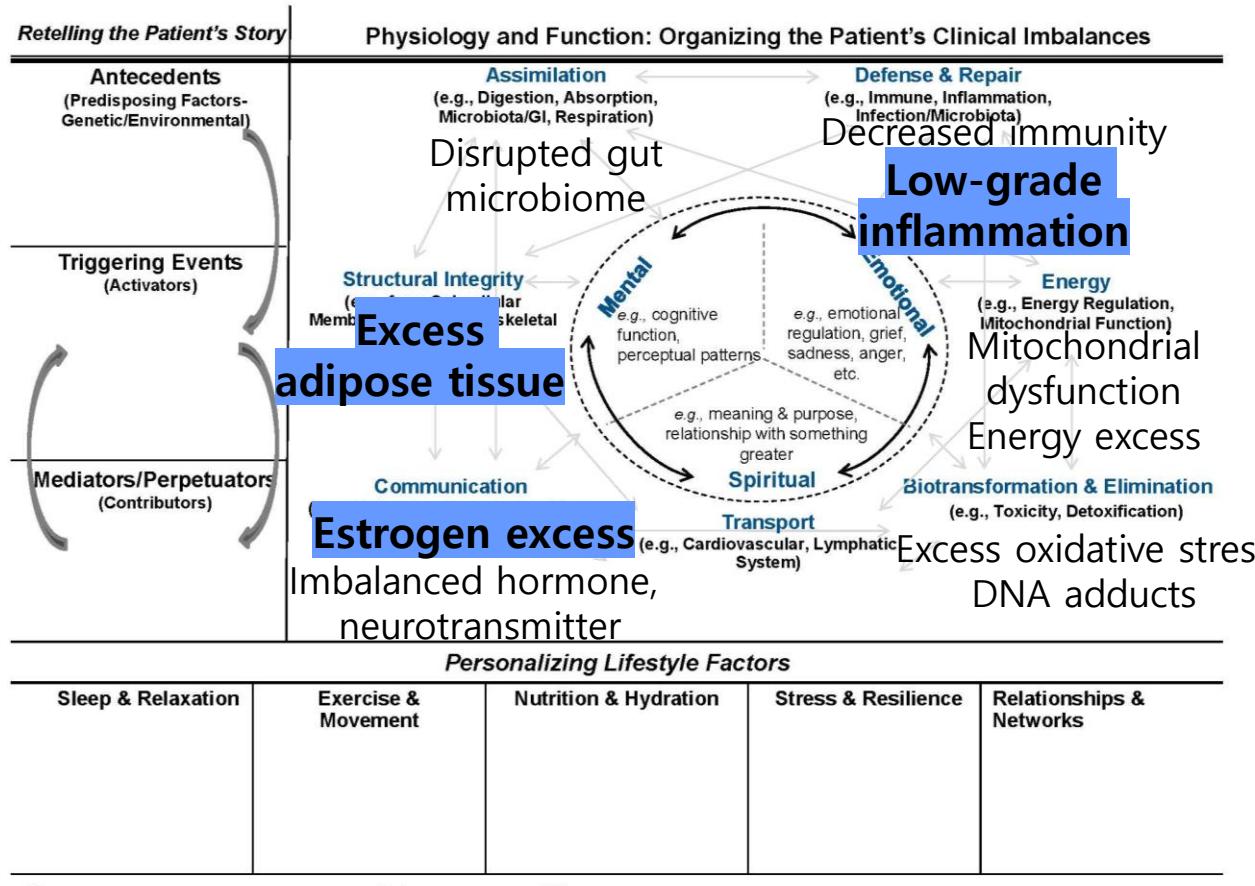
## 7-core imbalance in functional medicine



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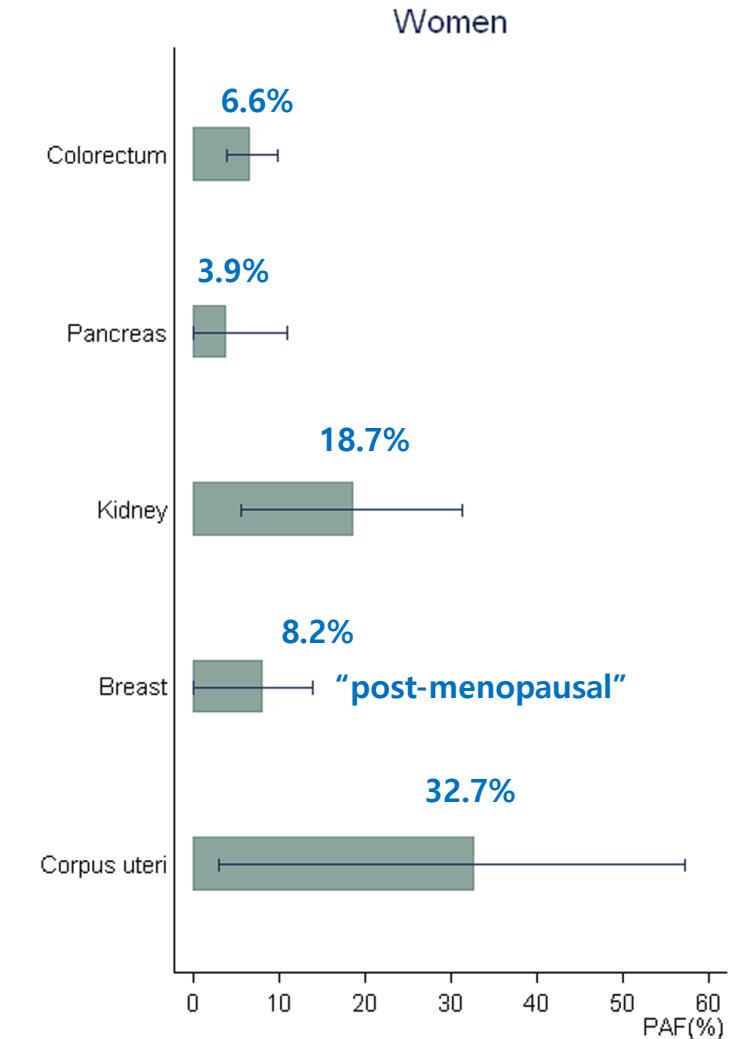
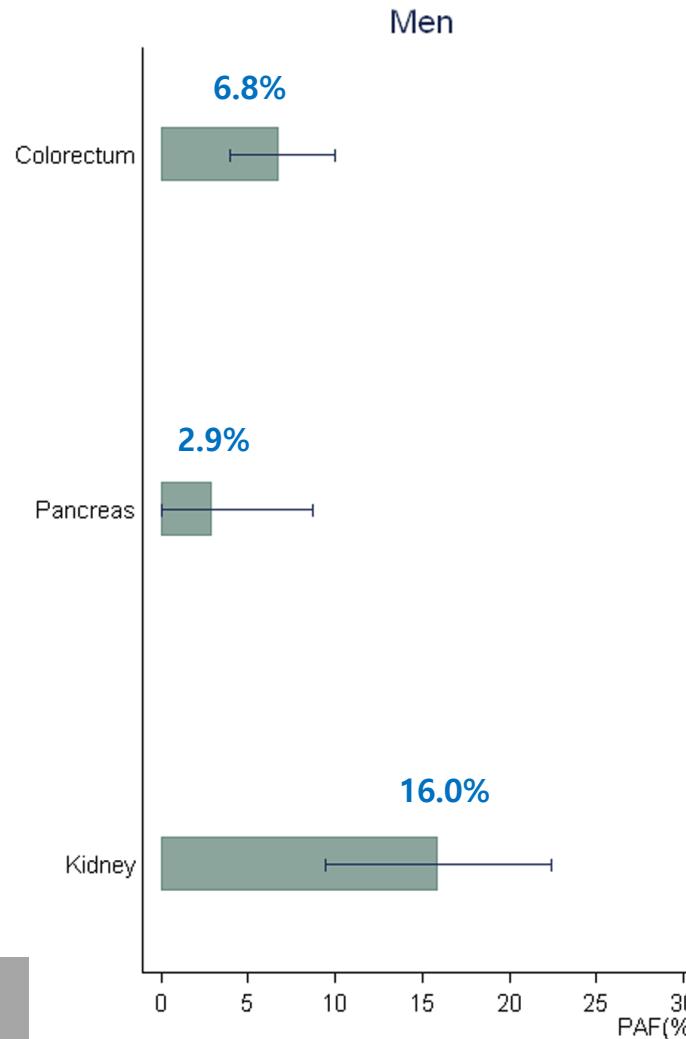
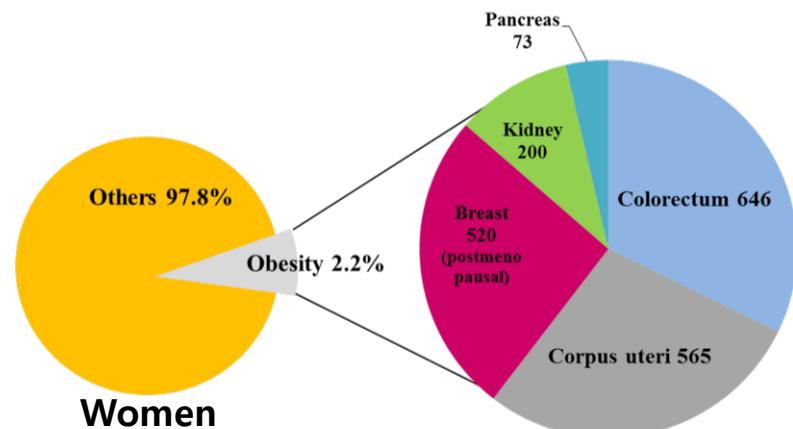
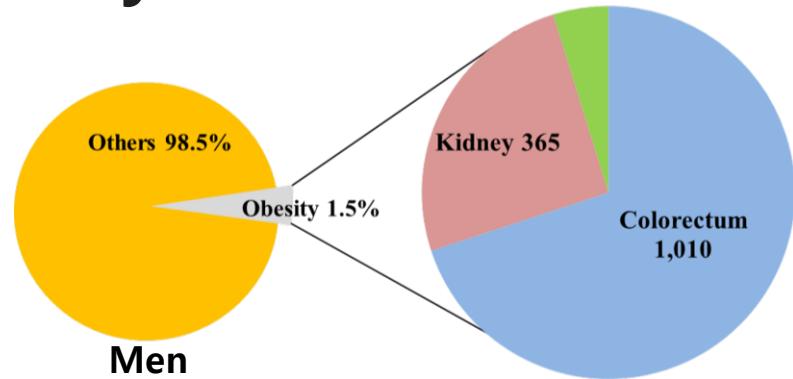
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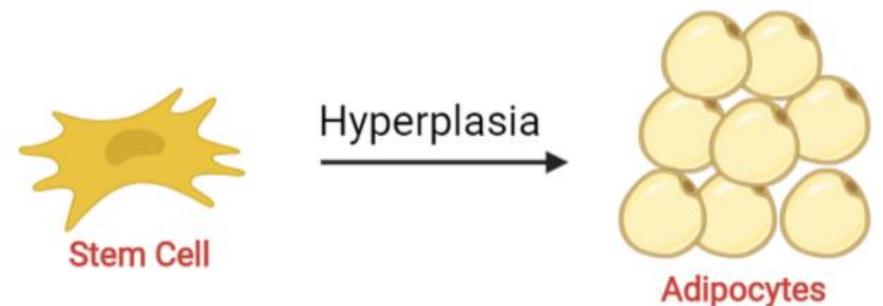
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# Population-Attributable Causes of Cancer in Korea (2009): Obesity

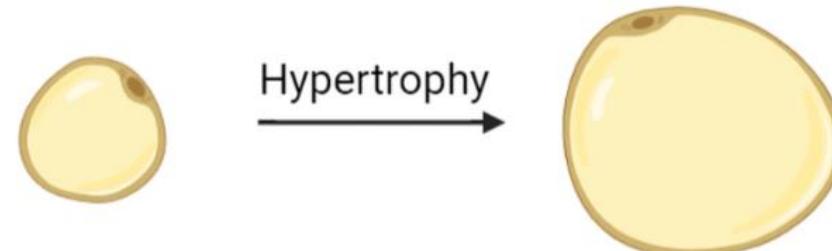


1992-1995년 대규모 전향적코호트 (National Health Insurance Corporation)  
2009년 국가암 발생률 (Korea Central Cancer Registry)

# Excess energy

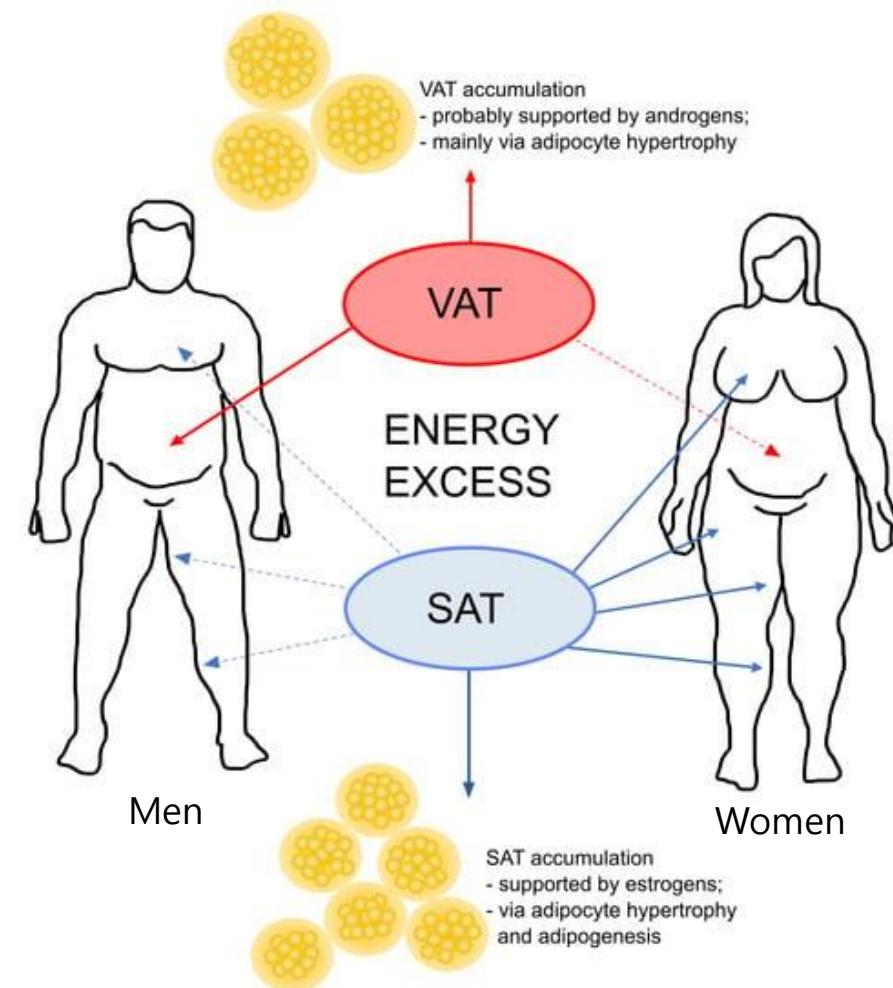


An increase adipose tissue mass through increasing adipocyte number



An increase adipose tissue mass through increasing adipocyte size

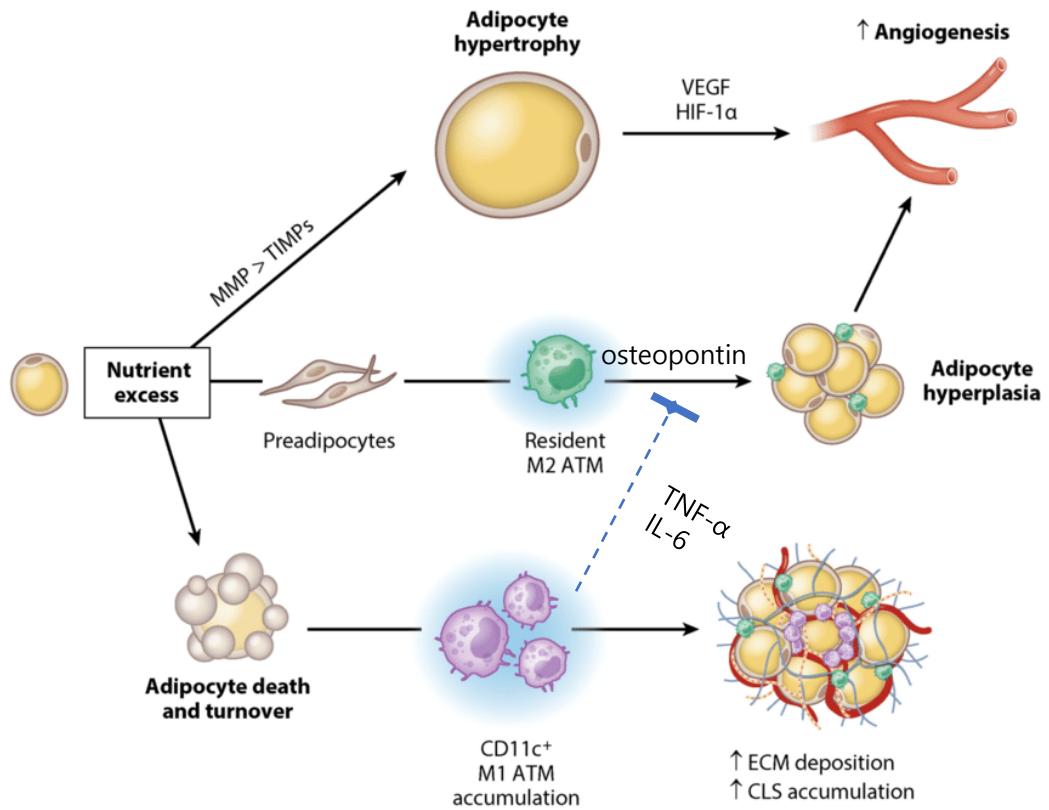
## Adipose Hyperplasia vs. Hypertrophy



## Visceral vs. Subcutaneous Adipose Tissue

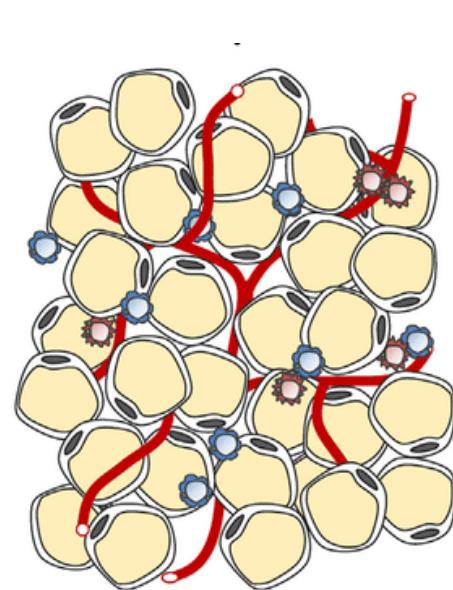
# Adipocyte hyperplasia

## Adipocyte hypertrophy



Adipose hypertrophy  
: 지방세포 고사, 노화, M1/M2 ratio ↑  
IL-6, TNF- $\alpha$ , IL-8, CRP ↑ & IL-10 ↓

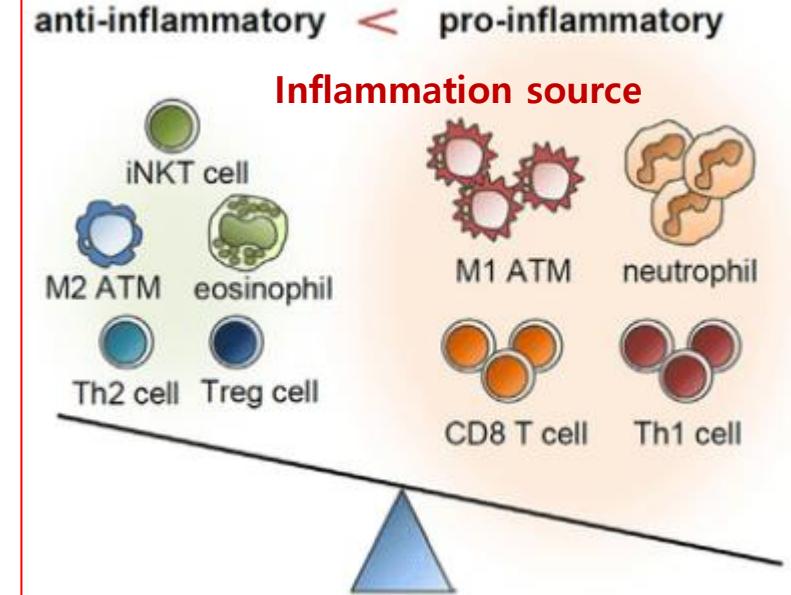
↑ Adiponectin  
↓ Inflammatory Adipokines  
**Good endocrine organ**



**Hyperplasia**

- cell number ↑
- FFA release ↓
- adiponectin ↑
- pro-inflammatory cytokines ↓
- immune cell recruitment ↓
- hypoxia and fibrosis ↓
- insulin sensitivity ↑

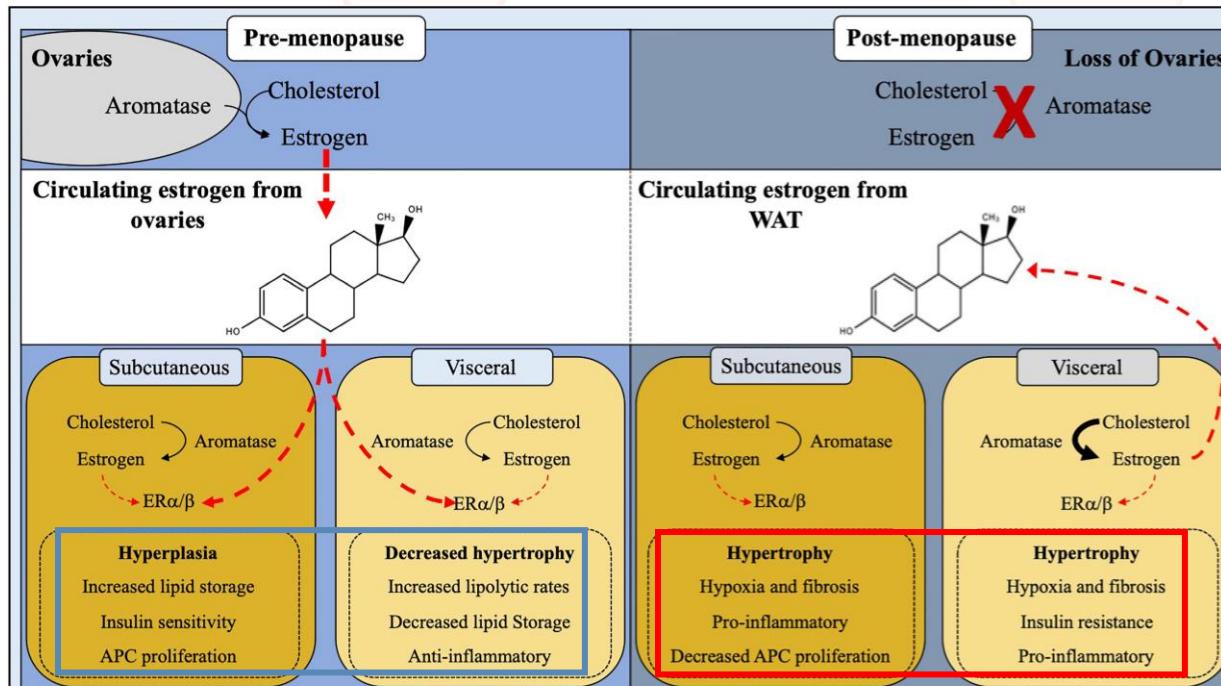
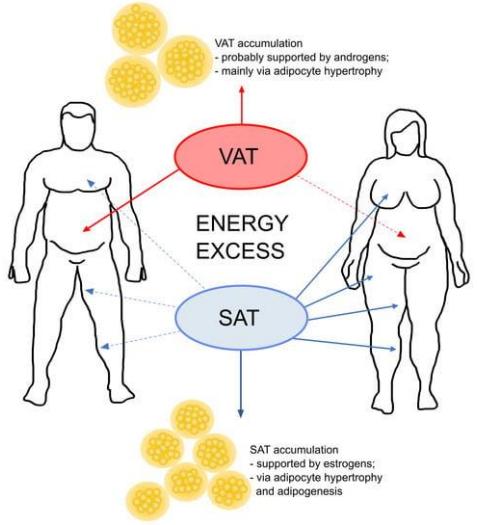
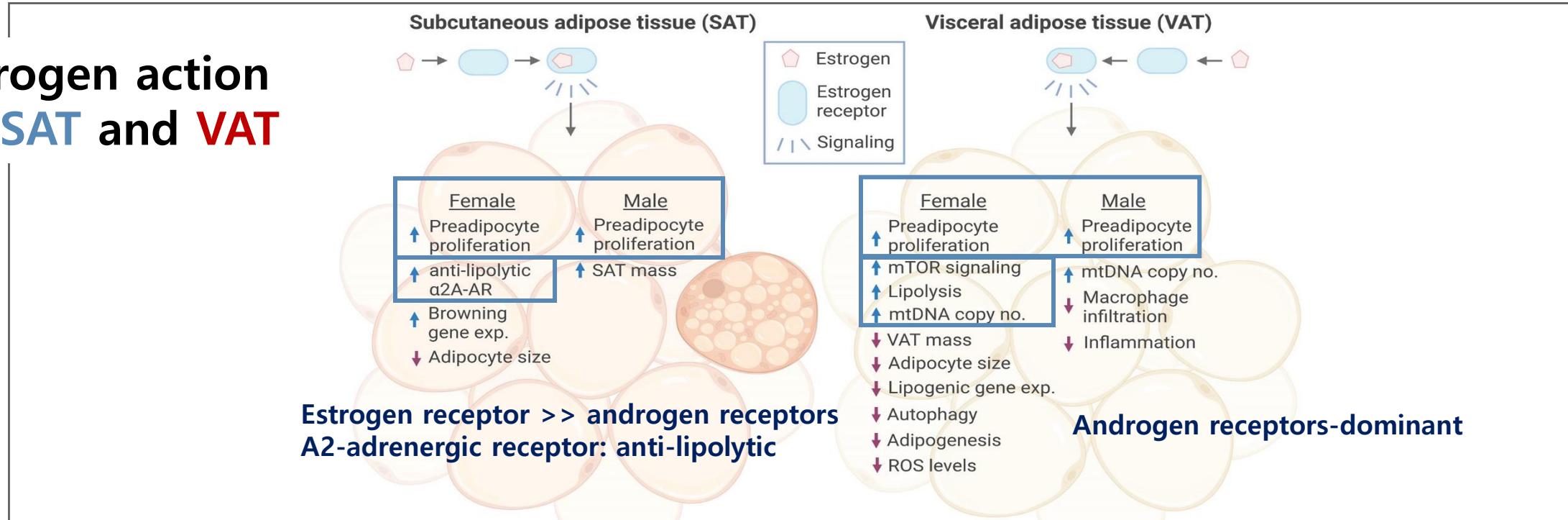
↓ Adiponectin  
↑ Inflammatory Adipokines  
↓ Blood Flow → Hypoxia



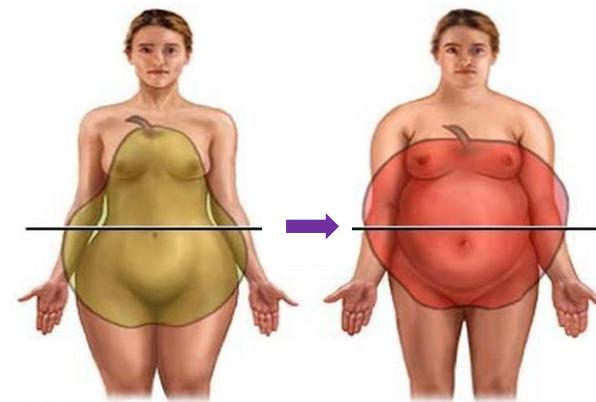
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# Estrogen action on SAT and VAT

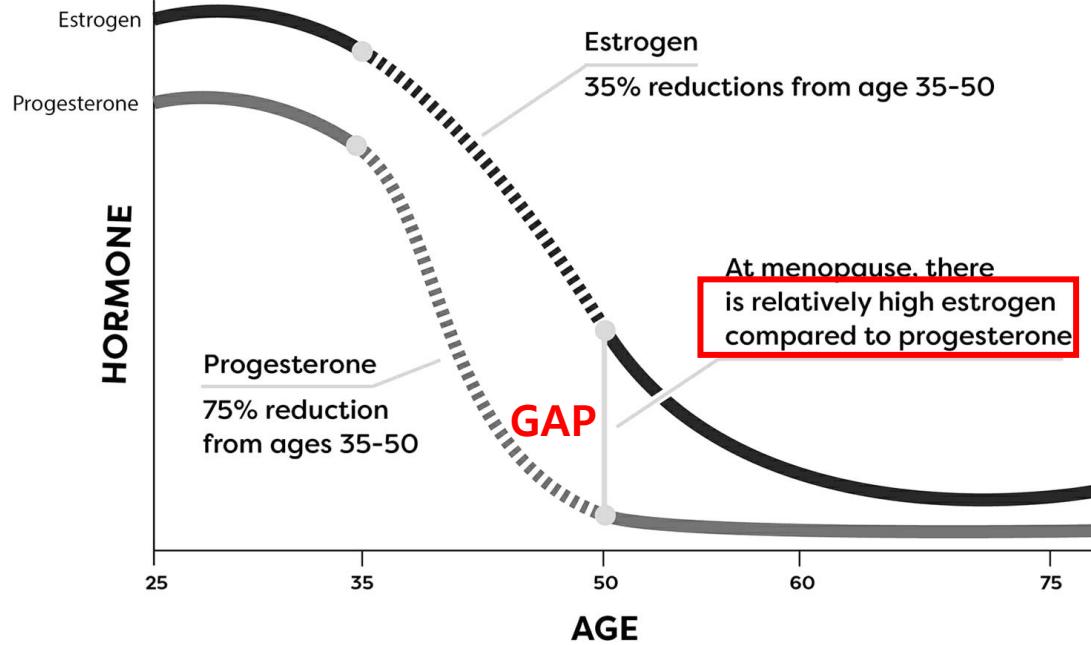


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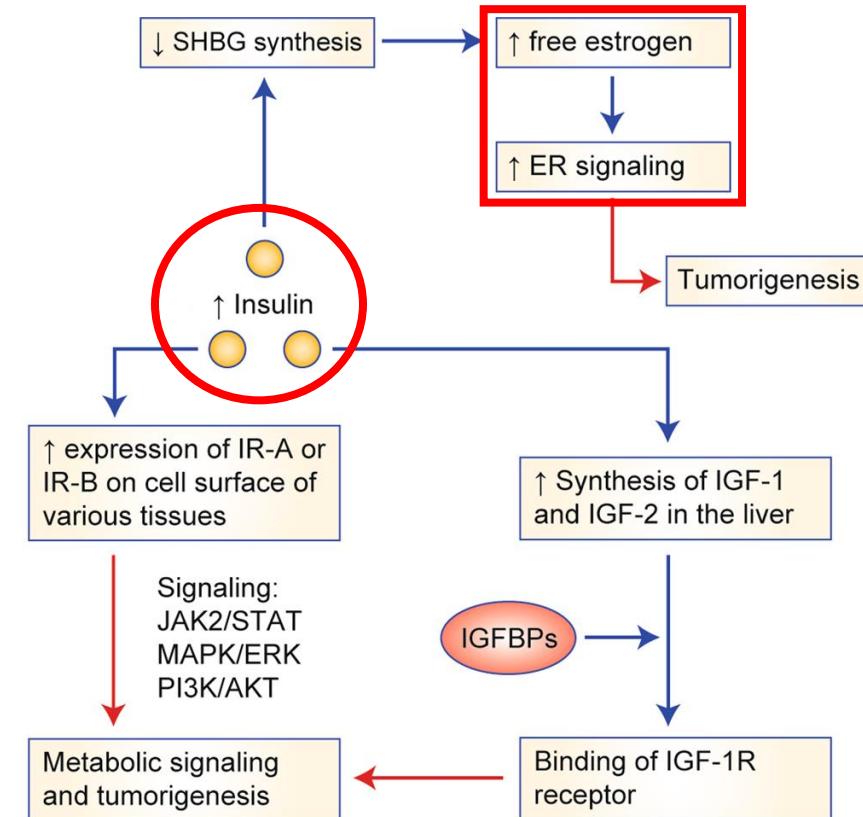


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## Unopposed E2 (E2 dominance) around menopause



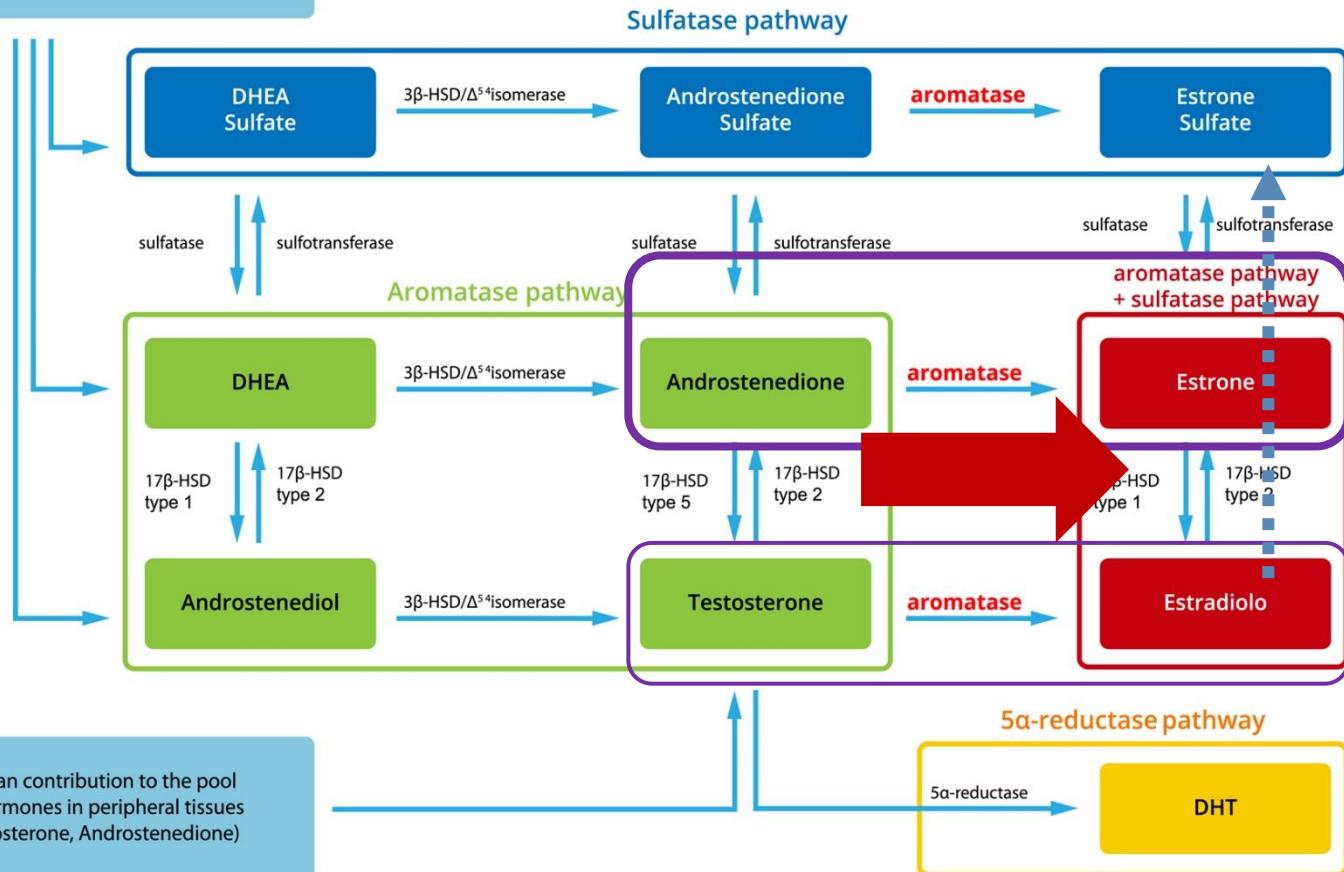
## Obesity and estrogen-related cancer elevated free estrogen in obesity



# Estrogen & Es receptors

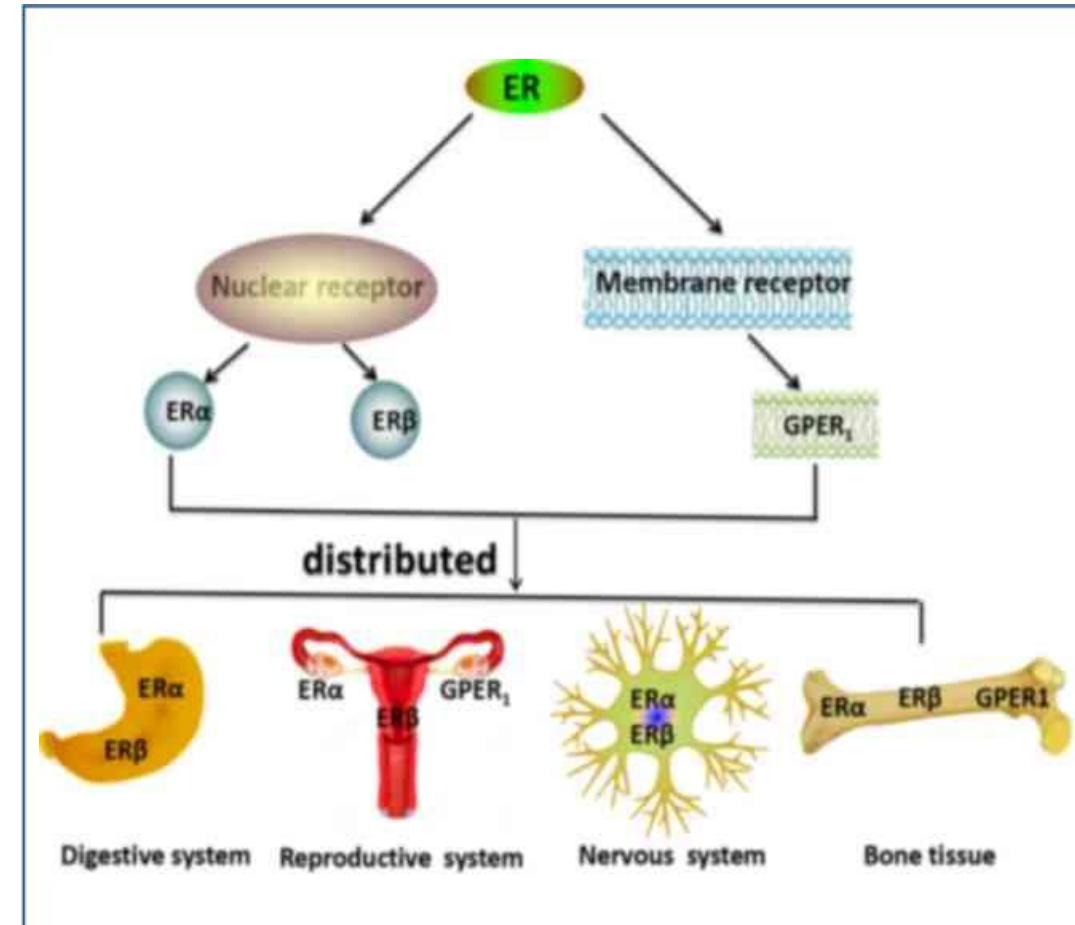
**Progesterone:** an antagonist of estrogen  
decreasing the production of ER  
activation of 17 $\beta$ -HSD2 and sulfotransferase  
*Front Endocrinol (Lausanne)*. 2014;5:192.

Adrenal contribution to the pool of hormones in peripheral tissues (DHEA, DHEAS, Androstenediol, Androstenedione)



Ovarian contribution to the pool of hormones in peripheral tissues  
(Testosterone, Androstenedione)

17 $\beta$ -HSD(17 $\beta$ -Hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase)  
*Endocr Relat Cancer*. 2019 Feb;26(2):R81-R94.

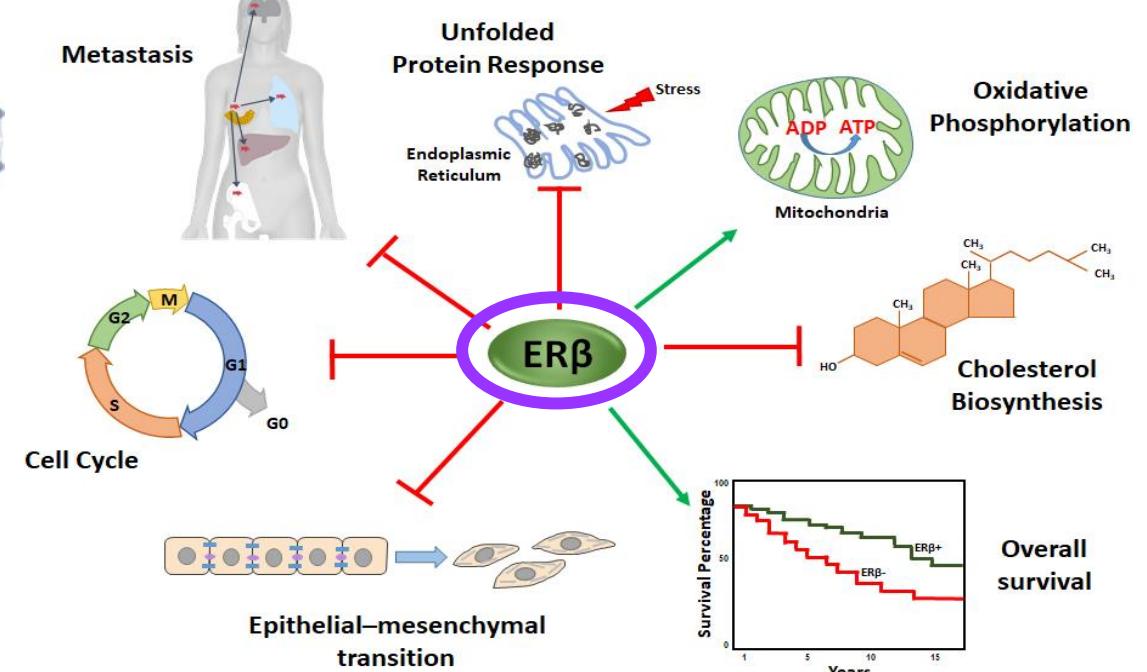
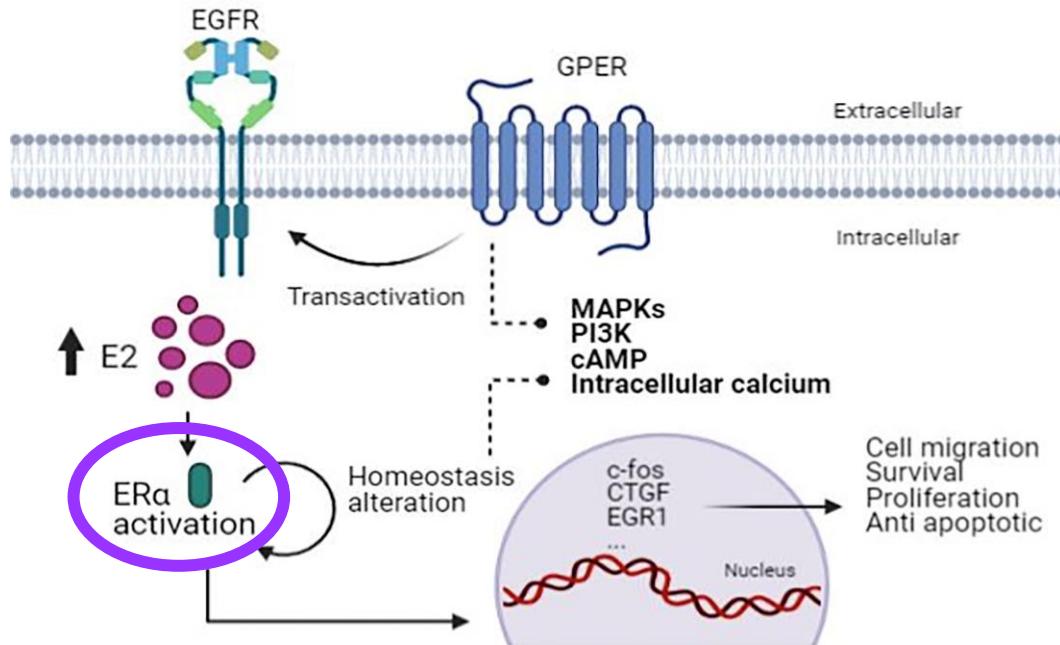


*Oncol Lett.* 2019;18(6):5673-5680.

# Estrogen Receptors: ER $\alpha$ / $\beta$ and GPER1

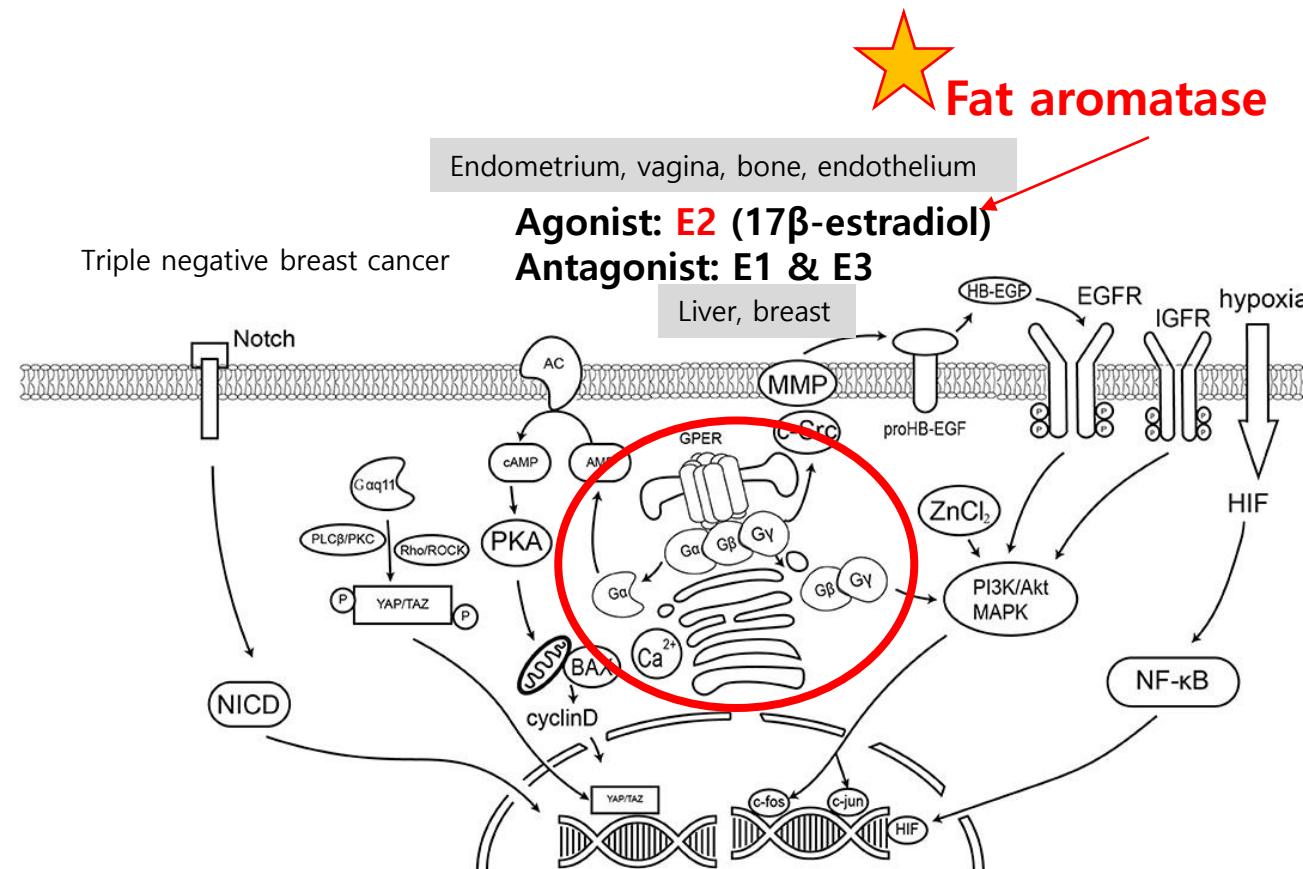
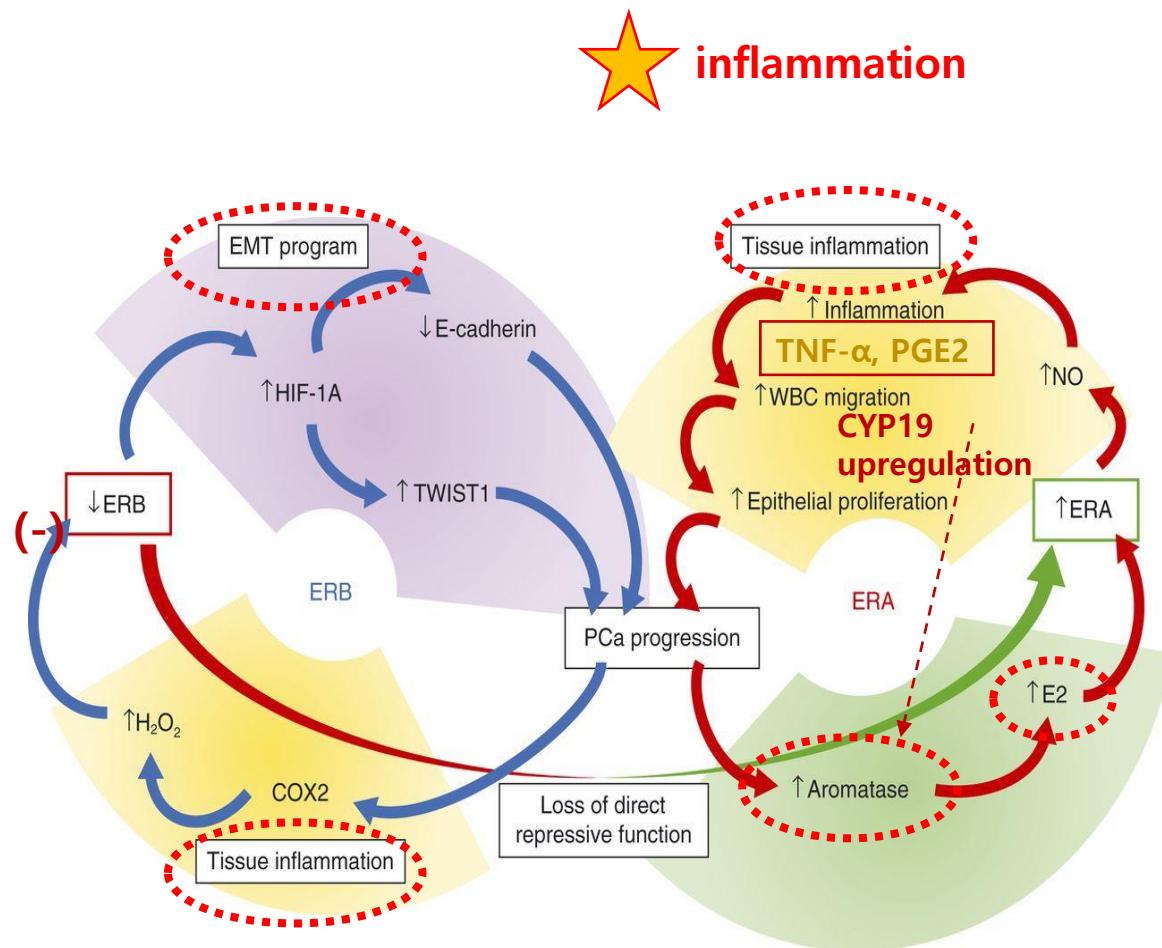
ER $\alpha$  is primarily expressed in breast, uterus and ovaries.

ER $\beta$  is expressed in the brain, ovary, vascular endothelium, and prostate/ testes.

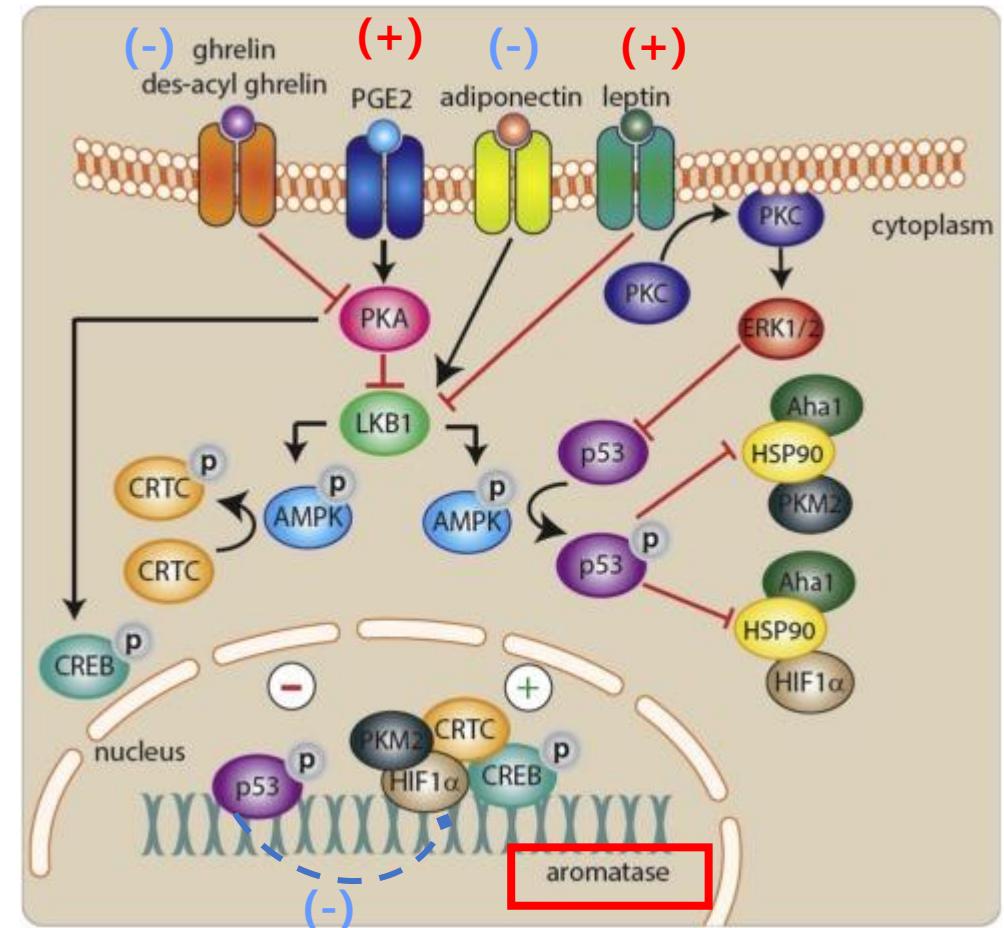
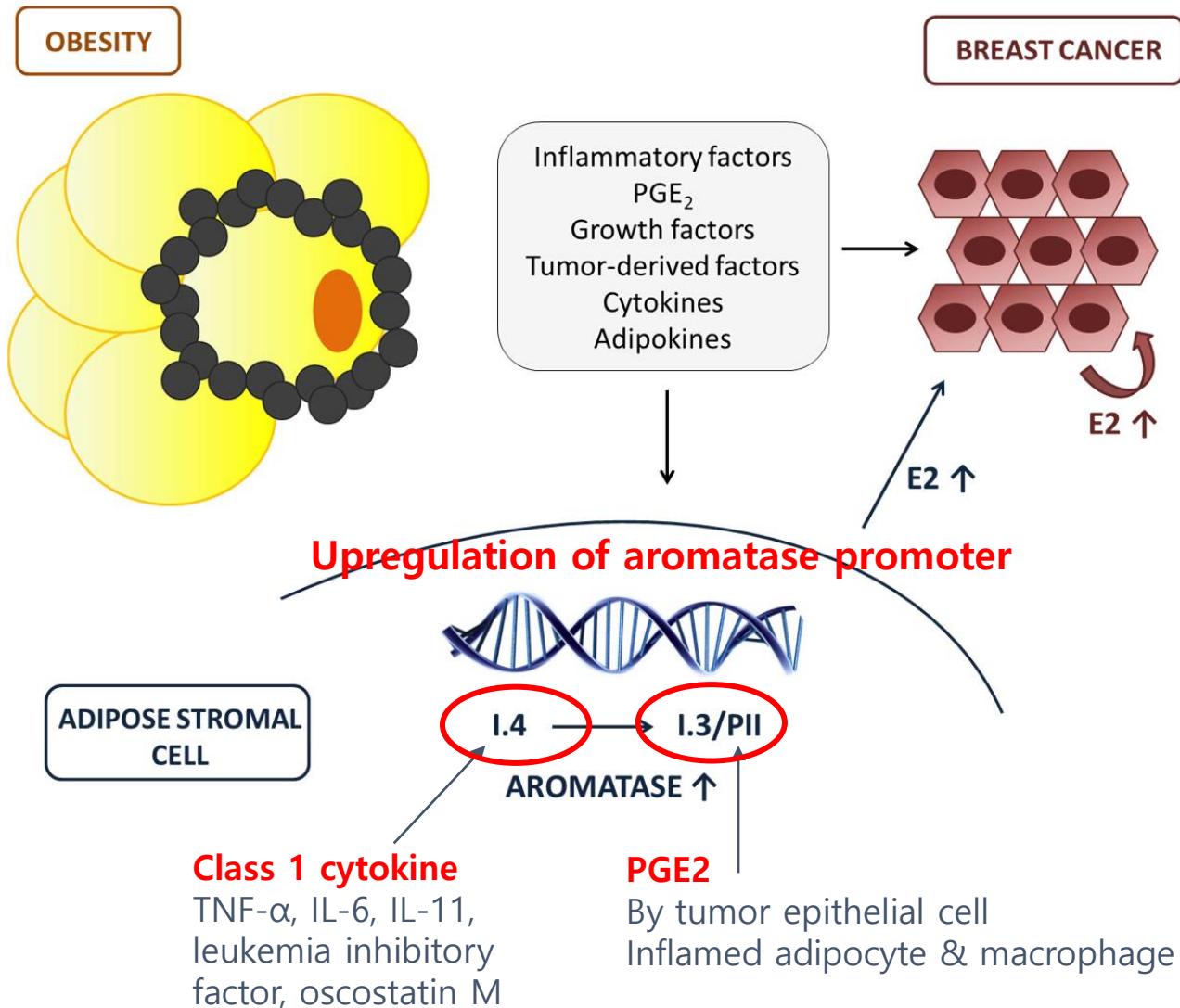


# Estrogen Receptors: ER $\alpha$ / $\beta$ and G Protein-Coupled Estrogen Receptor

## Inflammation: estradiol and aromatase

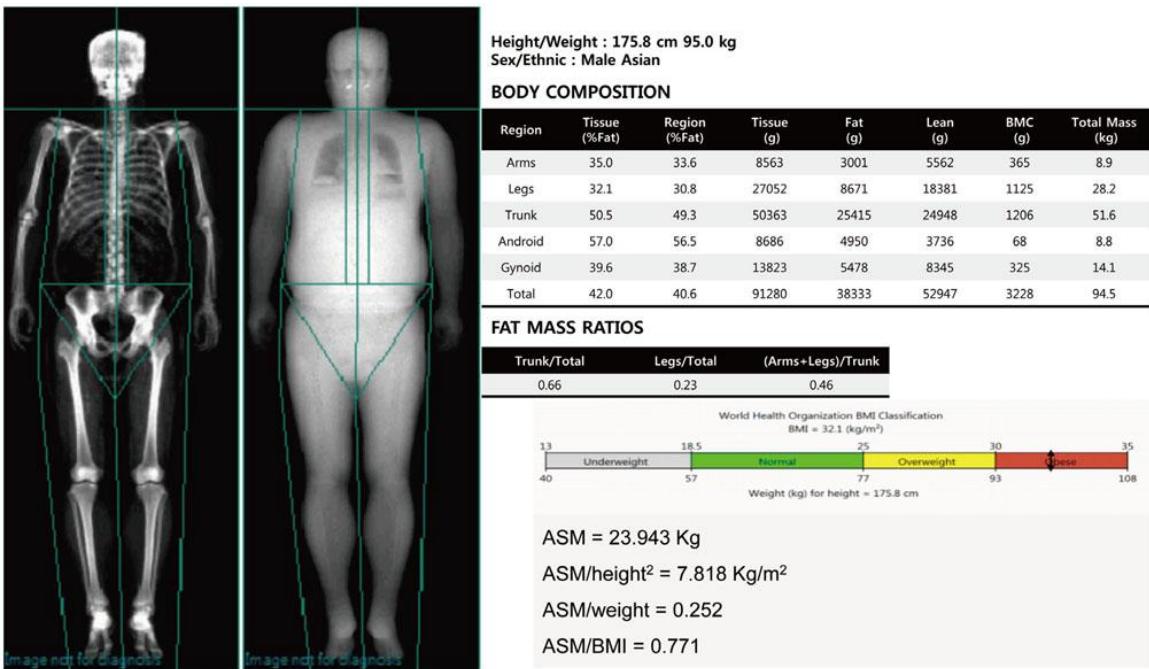


# Aromatase activity



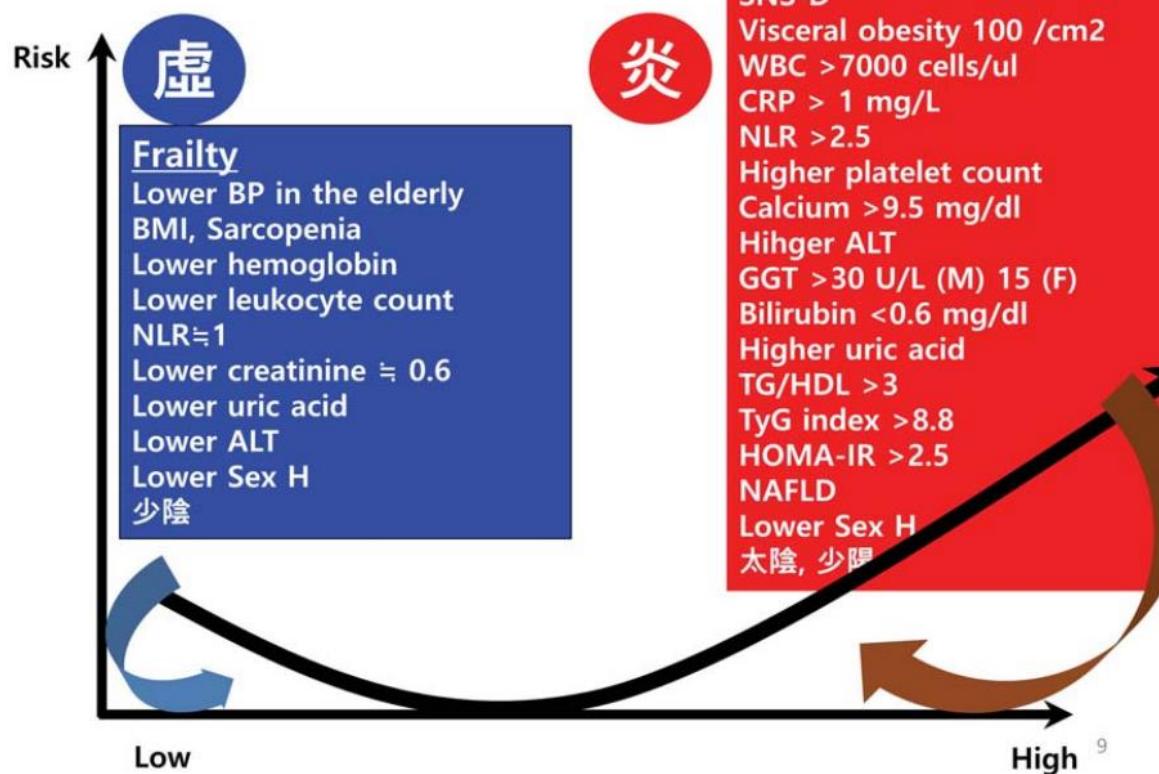
# FM marker

- Gender
- Menopause
- Adult-onset obesity



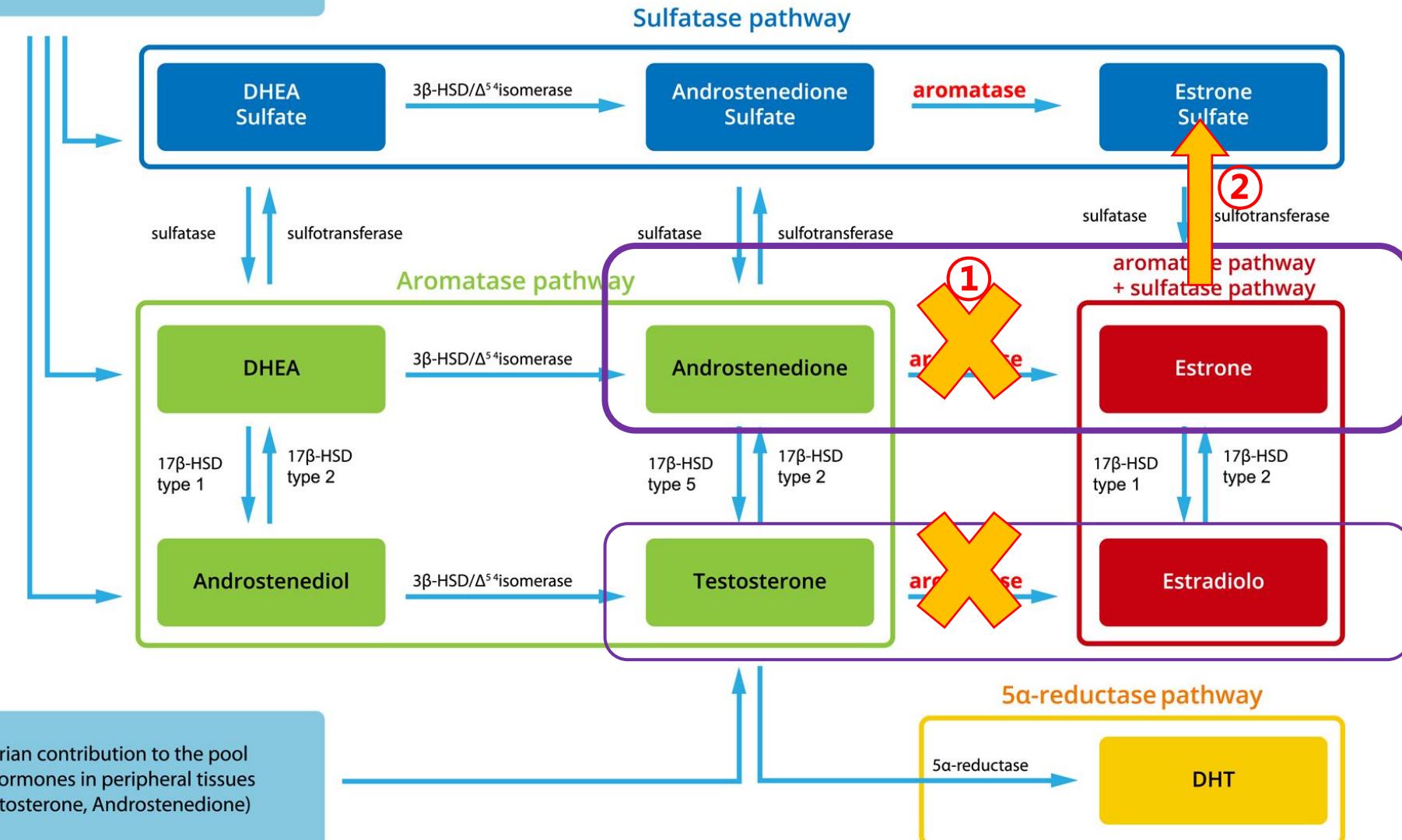
- Sarcopenic obesity
- Central obesity (BIA, DEXA, abd.CT)

- Serum total estrogen, estradiol
- Subclinical inflammatory marker



# FM solution

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# FM solution

## ① Downregulation of aromatase

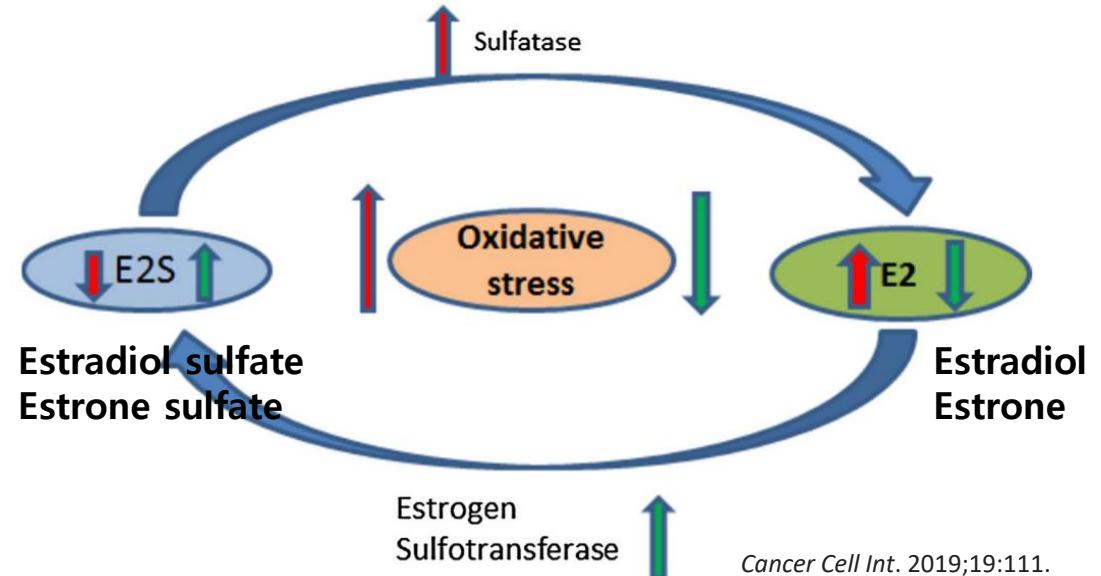
- 염증이 발생한 원인 해결 Fat / skin / GI etc
- 꾸준한 운동
- Avoid

정제된 탄수화물, 설탕 / 가공 식품, 가공육 / 인슐린을 높이는 식사 / 그릴, 튀김, 바비큐 (heterocyclic amines, and advanced glycation end products) / 밀가루(글루텐), 카제인

- Recommend

식물성 단백질 / 복합 탄수화물: 전곡, 채소, 정제되지 않은 탄수화물, 과일 / 필수 지방산  $\omega 3:\omega 6 \leq 1:3$  비율로 섭취

**Phytochemicals** / 에너지 소비량에 맞는 칼로리 섭취  
또는 칼로리 제한 / 꼭꼭 잘 씹어 먹기



Cancer Cell Int. 2019;19:111.

## ② Upregulation of estrogen sulfotransferase

Progesterone (progestin)



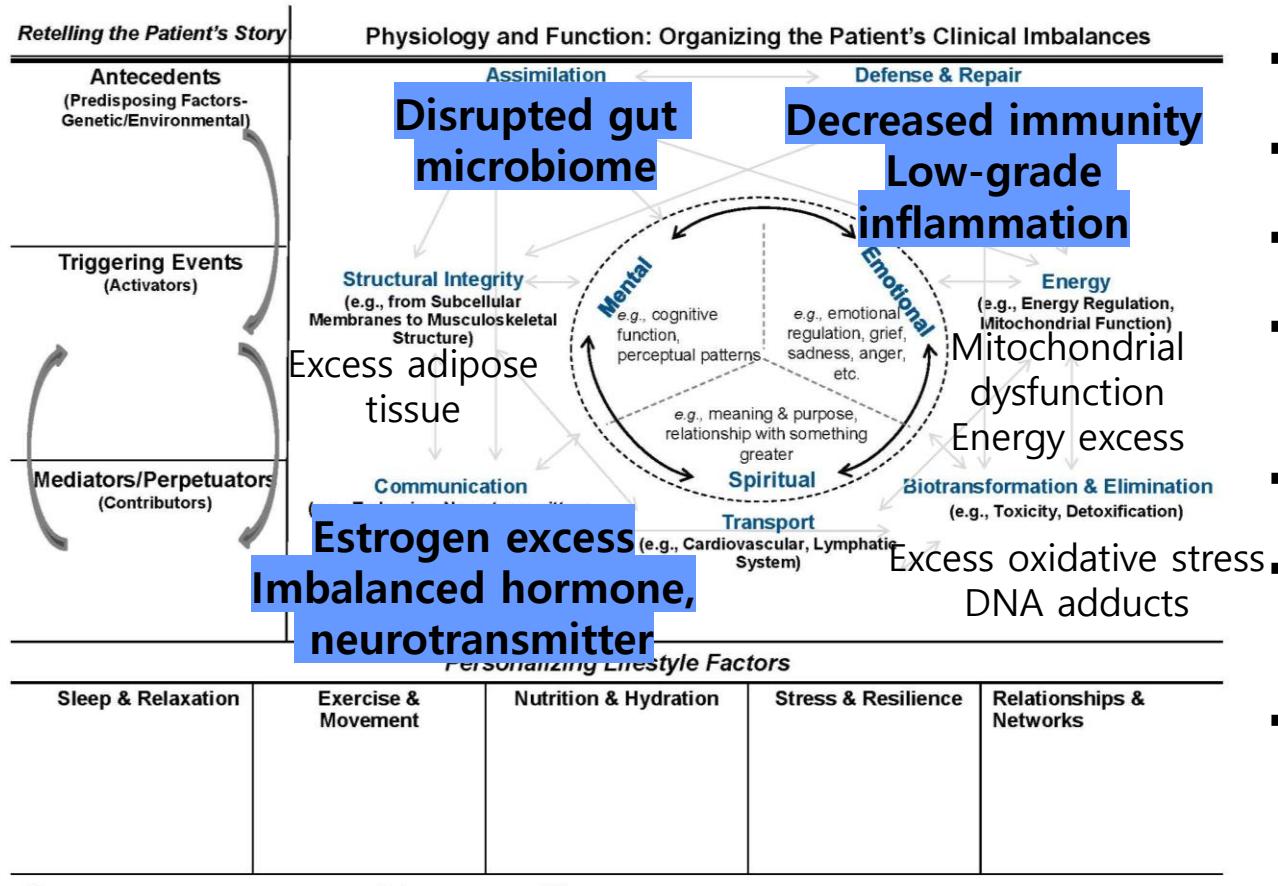
규칙적인, 충분한, 질 좋은 수면!!  
**Melatonin, Tryptophan**  
이완 / 긴장근육 풀어주기



마늘: 알리신  
(DADS, **diallyl sulphide**)

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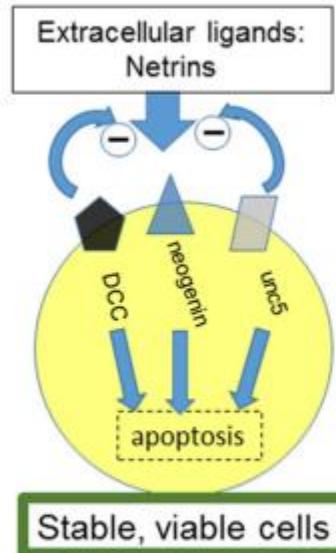


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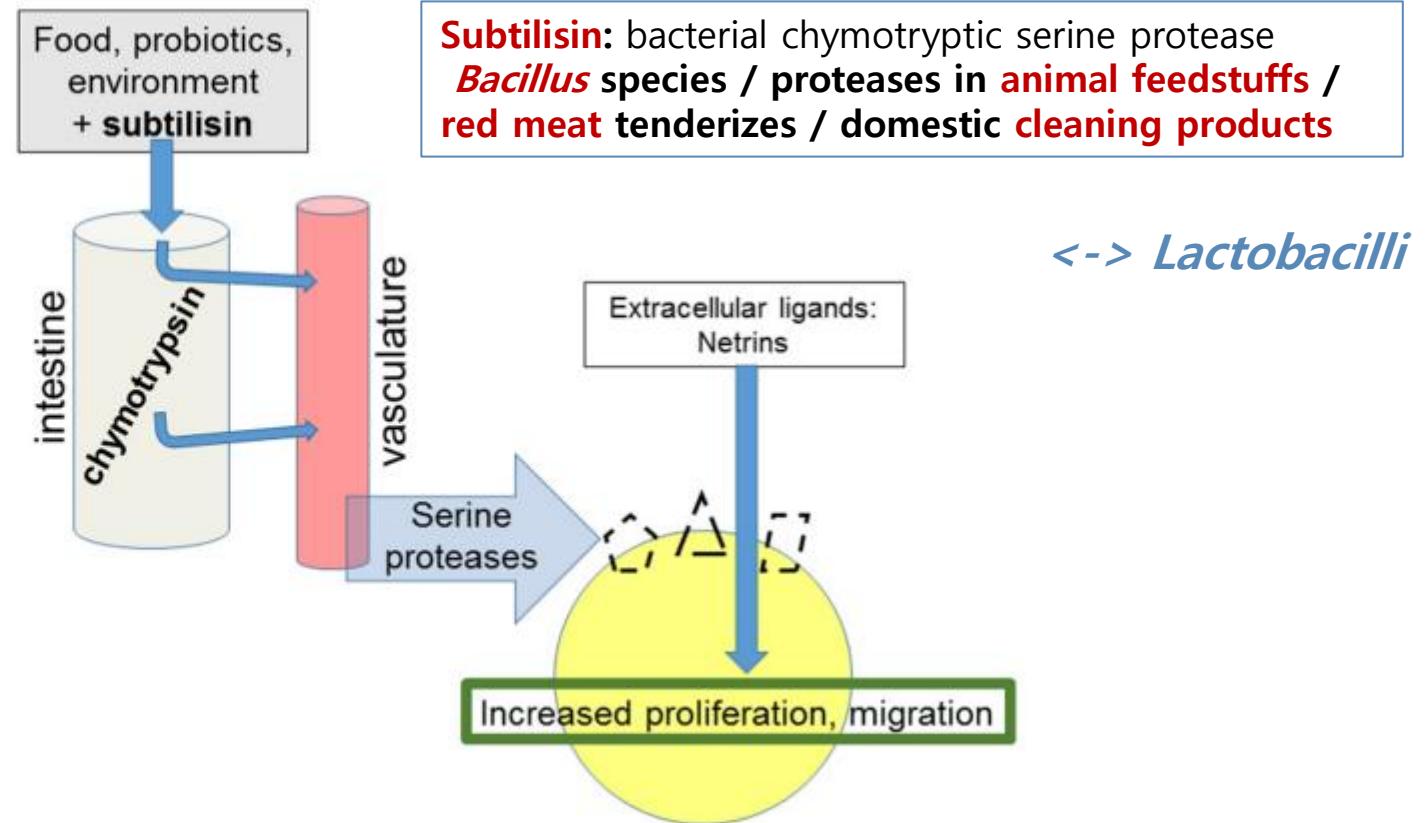
# Increased serine protease

Over-eating & meat-based diet -> high level of fecal chymotrypsin/subtilisin (분해내성, 순환계 흡수)

-> high serum chymotrypsin & low anti-chymotrypsin -> increased serum "serine protease" activity

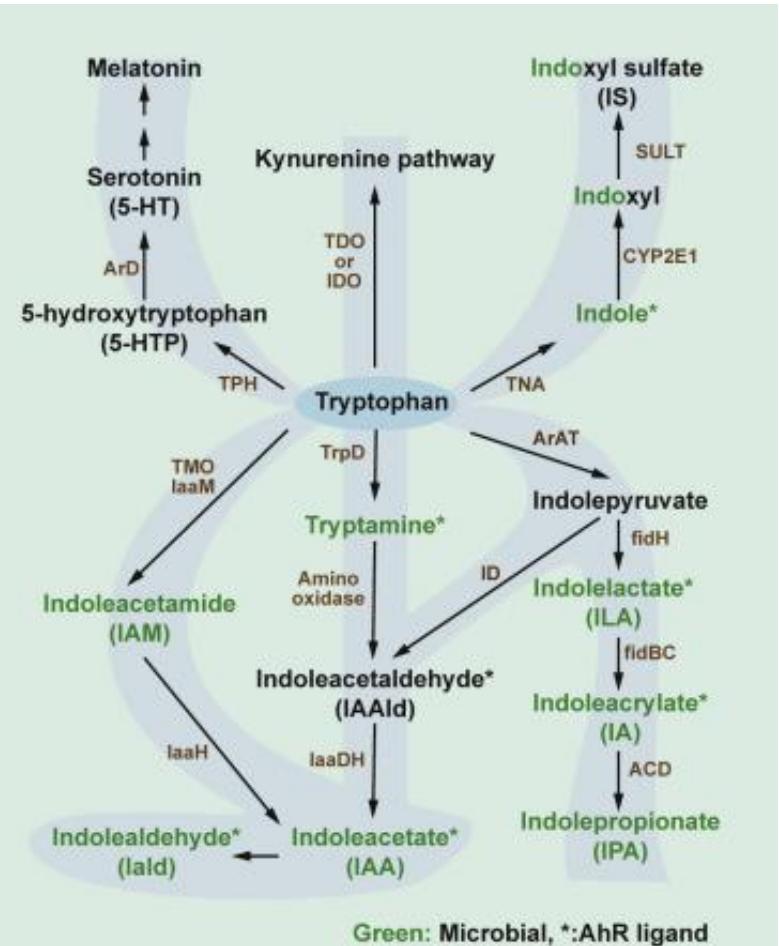


DCC, neogenin, unc5: tumor suppressors



Serine protease: the pancreatic digestive enzymes (trypsin and **chymotrypsin**), liver (pro-protein convertases), leucocytes (neutrophil elastase), prostate glands (prostate specific antigen).

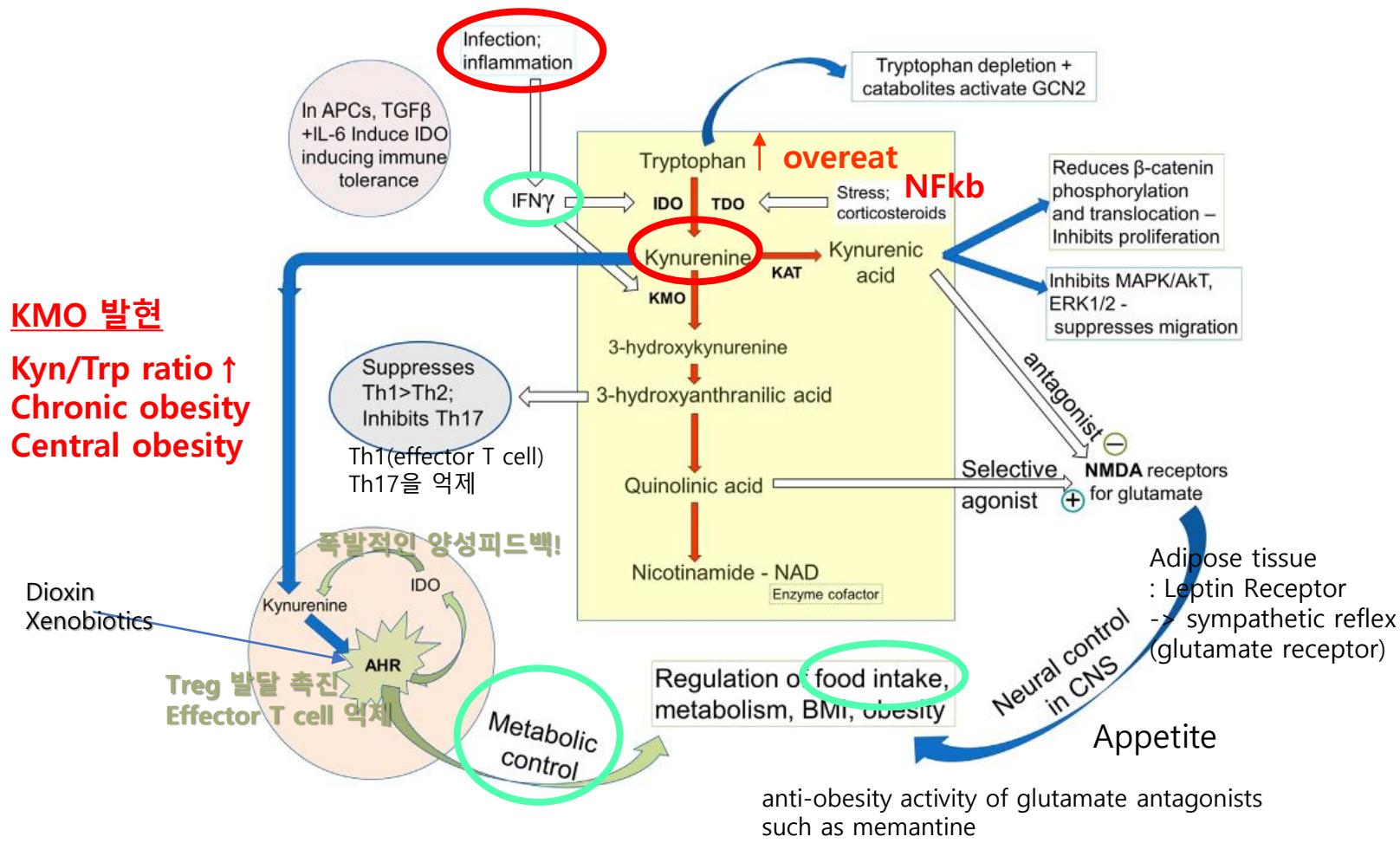
# Tryptophan metabolites



- Tryptophanase 가진 균종: AhR agonists (indole/ indole derivates) 생성
- Adequate aryl hydrocarbon receptor(AhR): Gut barrier 유지

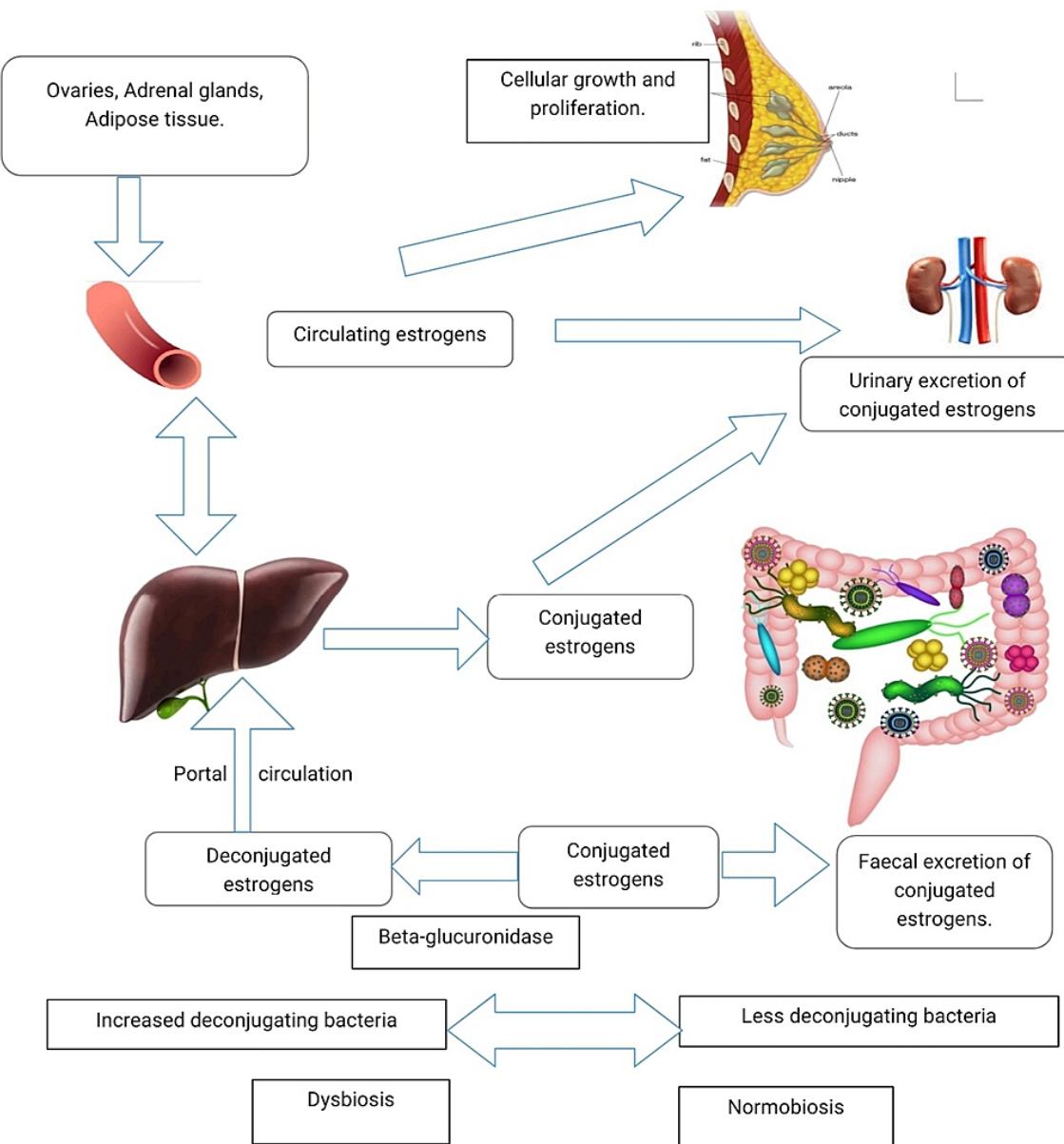
## KMO 발현

**Kyn/Trp ratio ↑  
Chronic obesity  
Central obesity**



- Dysbiosis = Tryptophanase 가진 균종 감소**  
-> AhR deactivation: GLP1 & IL 22 감소, intestinal permeability 증가
- Overeat / inflammation = Typ-kyn pathway 증가 = kynurene 증가**  
-> AhR upregulation : cancer

# Estrobolome



## 1) Reabsorption (deconjugation by beta-glucuronidase)

**Fat & protein diet (Western diet)** -> beta-glucuronidase activity ↑

## 2) Estrogen-like compounds or estrogen mimics from diet

Short-term antibiotics use : beta-glucuronidase activity ↓

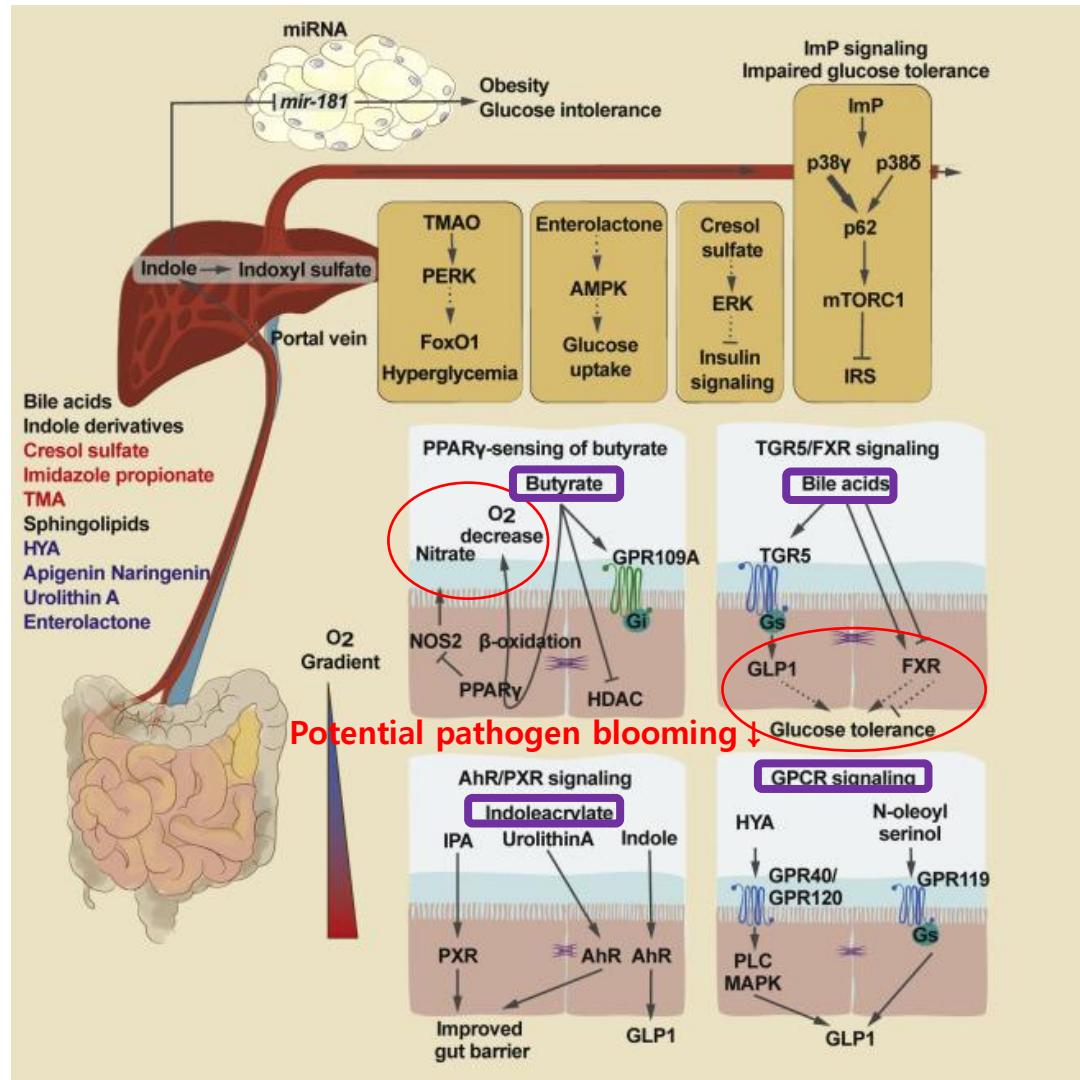
Long-term antibiotics use : increased breast cancer risk

**Chronic alcohol consumption** -> SIBO -> plasma E1 ↑ E2 ↓

☺ **Vegetarians**: conjugated estrogen ↑ (x3) in feces, plasma estrogen (15-20%) ↓ , fecal bacterial beta-glucuronidase activity ↓

☺ ***Lactobacillus acidophilus* intake** -> fecal bacterial beta-glucuronidase activity ↓

# The links between gut microbiota and obesity and cancer



Dietary structure affects the composition of the gut microbiota.

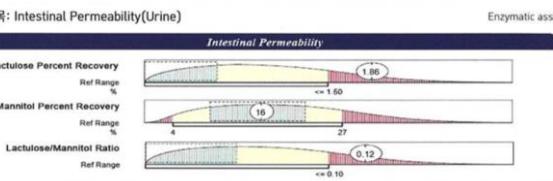
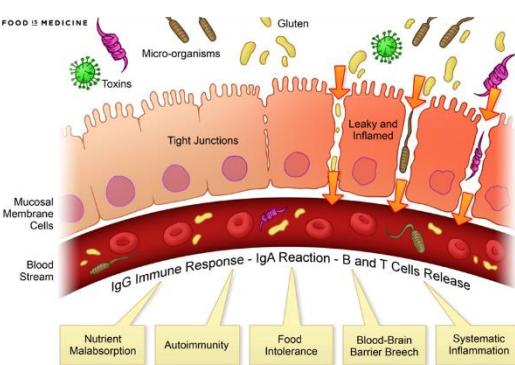
Type of diet	Upregulated	Downregulated
Calorie-restricted Vegetarian Diet	Bacteroides	Firmicutes to Bacteroidetes ratio <i>Acteroides</i> spp. <i>Bifidobacterium</i> spp. <i>Escherichia coli</i> <i>Enterobacteriaceae</i> spp. Firmicutes <i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridium leptum</i> <i>Enterobacter</i> spp.
High-Fat Diet	Firmicutes to Bacteroidetes ratio <i>Lactobacillus</i> spp. <i>Enterobacteriaceae</i> Bacteroidales <i>Bacteroides</i> spp. <i>Bifidobacterium</i> spp. <i>Enterococcus</i> spp.	

## Gut dysbiosis

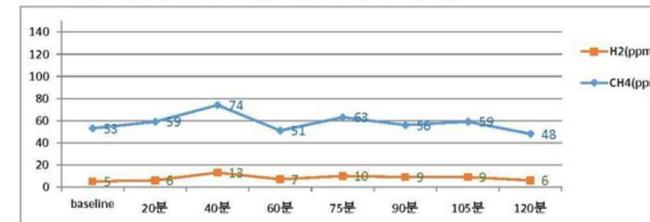
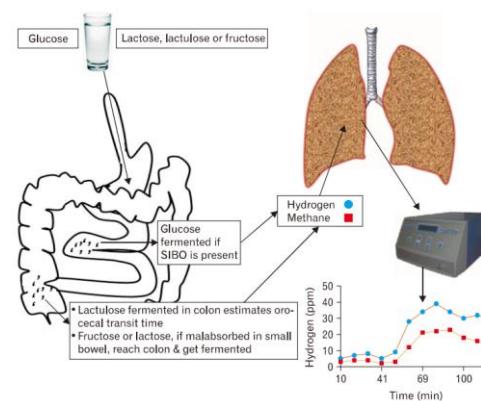
- Loss of **beneficial** bacteria & Overgrowth of potentially **pathogenic** bacteria
- Decreased overall bacterial **diversity**
- **Small bowel** bacterial overgrowth

# FM marker

## Gut permeability



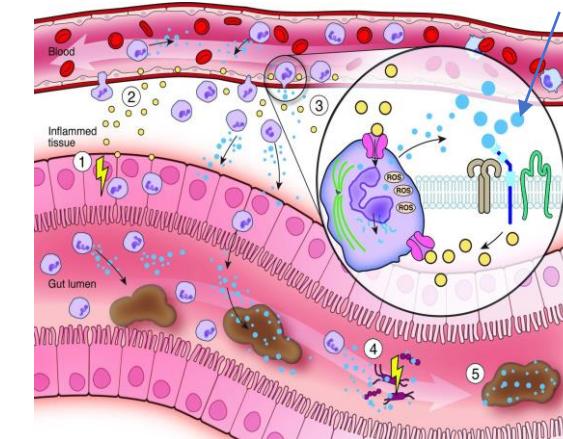
## (hydrogen-methane) Breath test



## Fecal calprotectin



Calprotectin



검사명	결과	정상구분	단위
Calprotectin	159.0	H	mg/kg

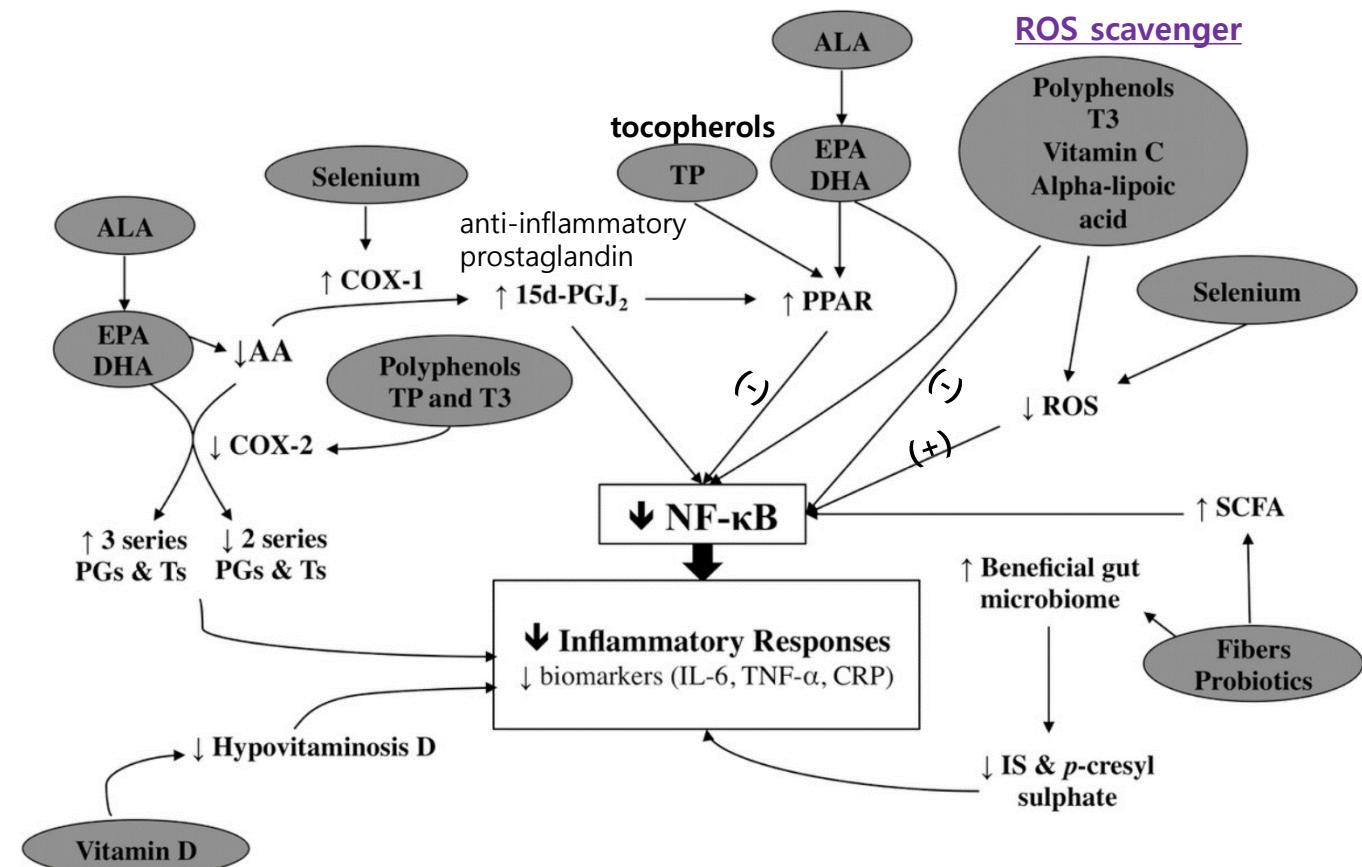
## Blood biomarker

Total bilirubin  
 $\gamma$ -glutamyl transferase  
 Alanine aminotransferase  
 Fibrinogen  
 Ferritin  
 Estradiol

## 5R

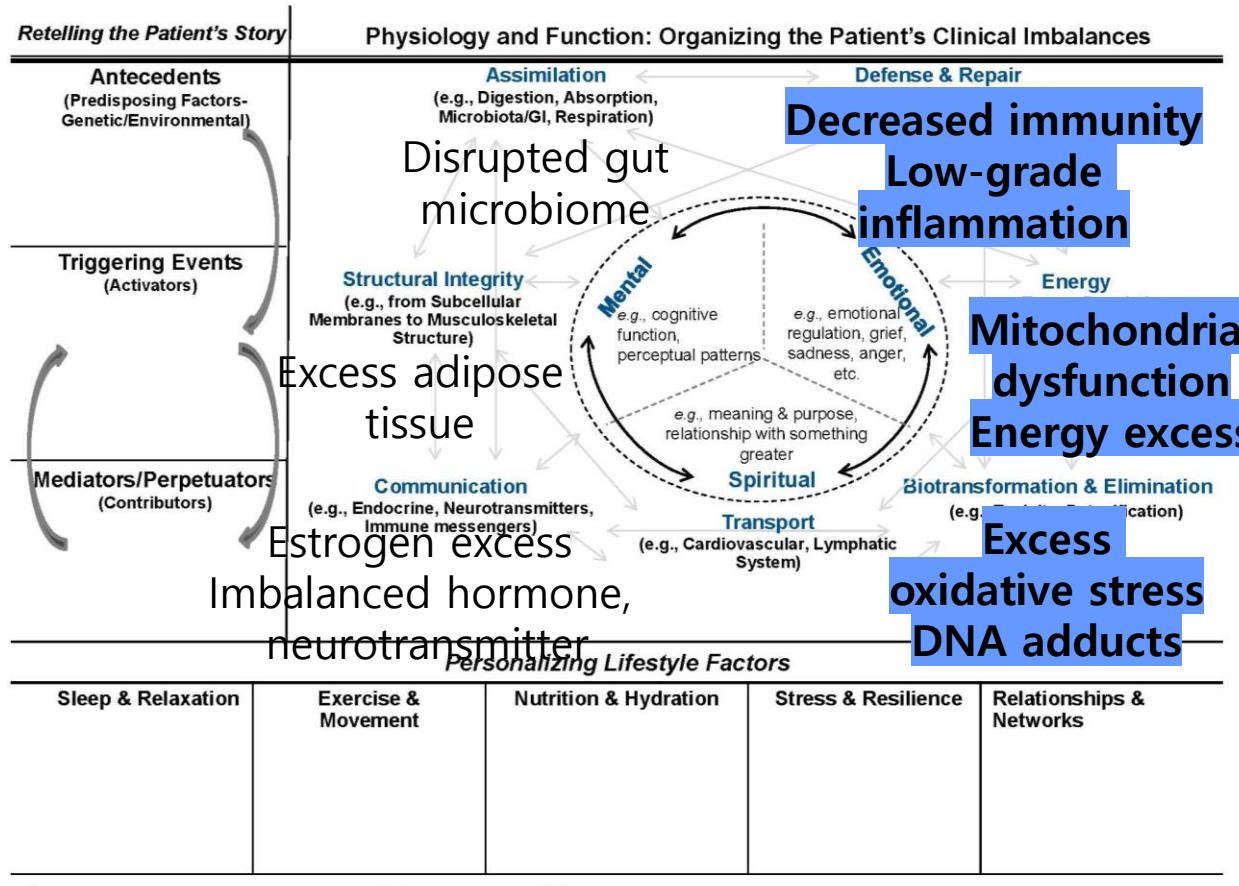
- Remove: rifaximin 1200mg/d
- Replace: Pancreatic enzymes, betaine HCL
- Reinoculate: prebiotics, probiotics, or synbiotics
- Repair: nutrients for GI repair(glutamine, arginine, vitamin D, zinc), GALT function (lactoferrin, whey immunoglobulins), antibiotics, healing (pantothenic acid, vitamin E, carotenoids)
- Rebalance: lifestyle changes (alcohol, sleep, exercise, stress)

## Anti-inflammatory nutrition



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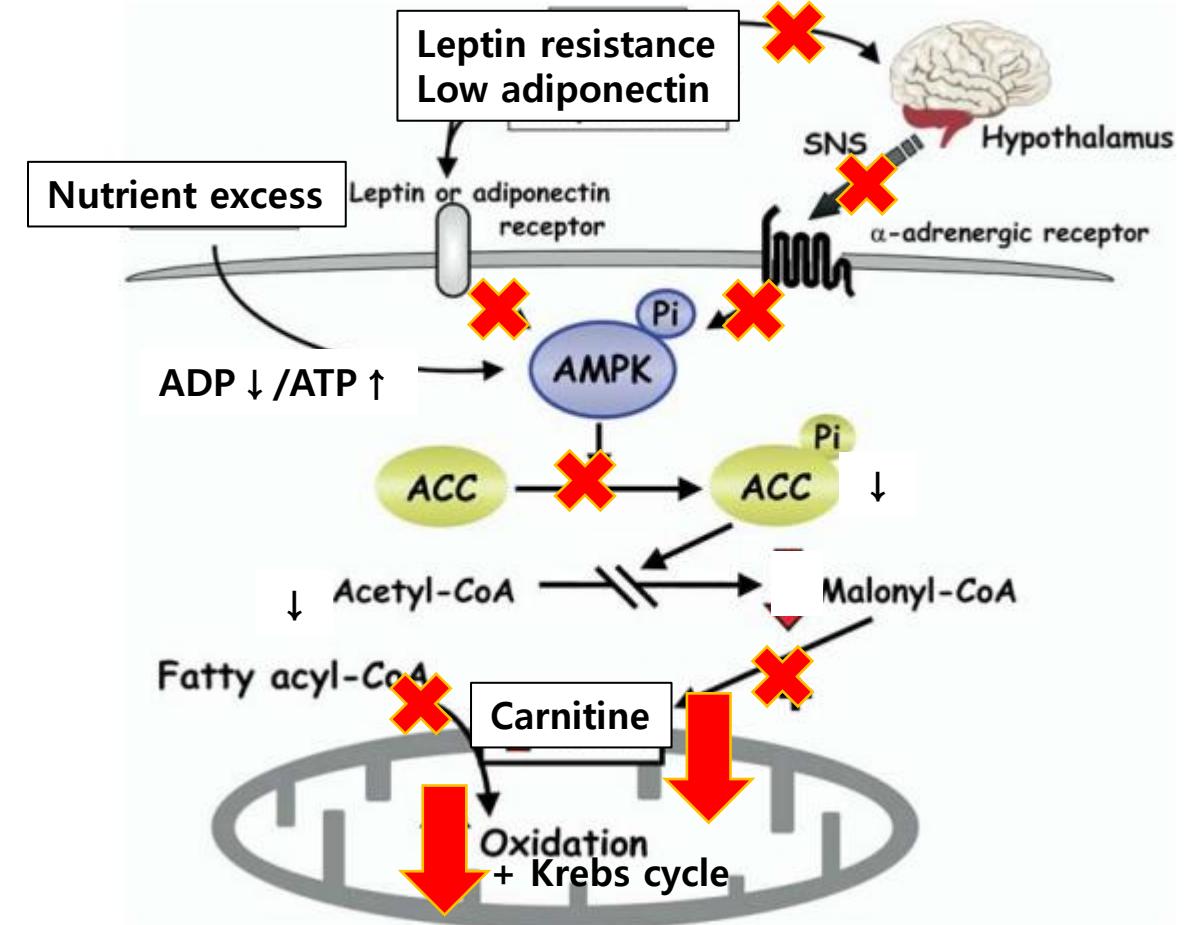
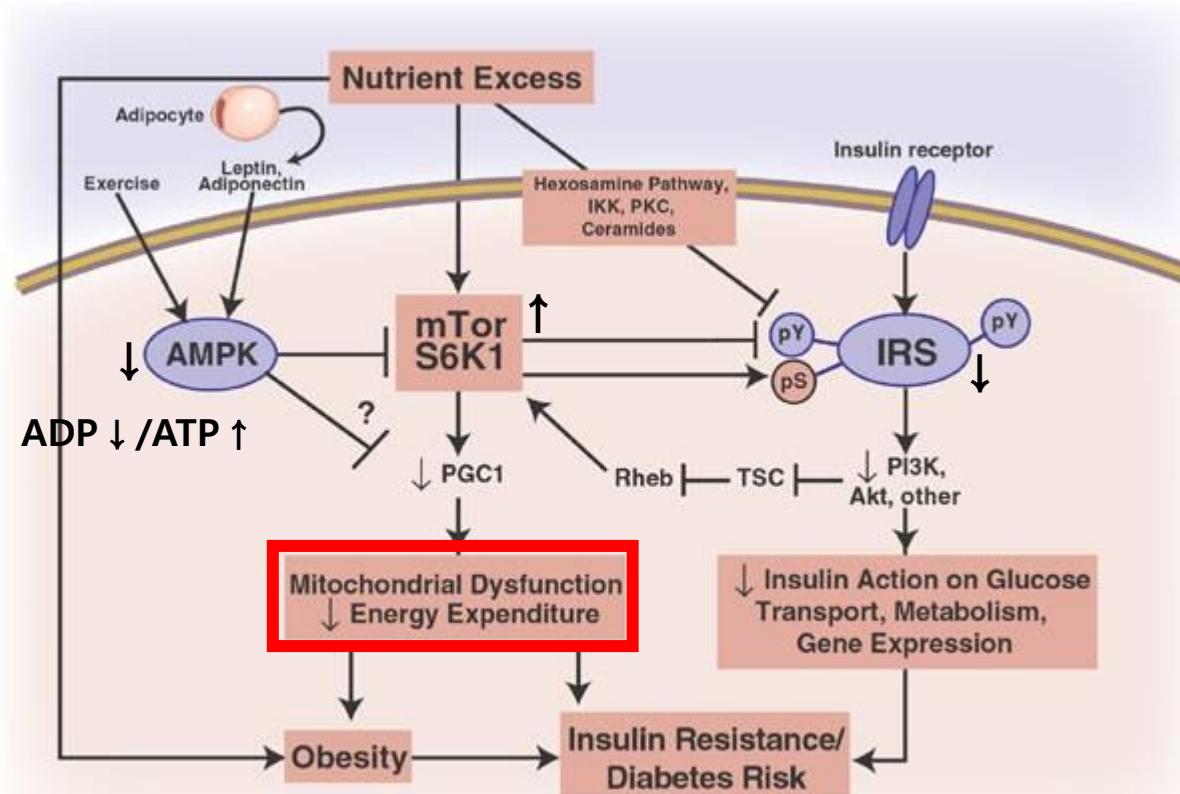
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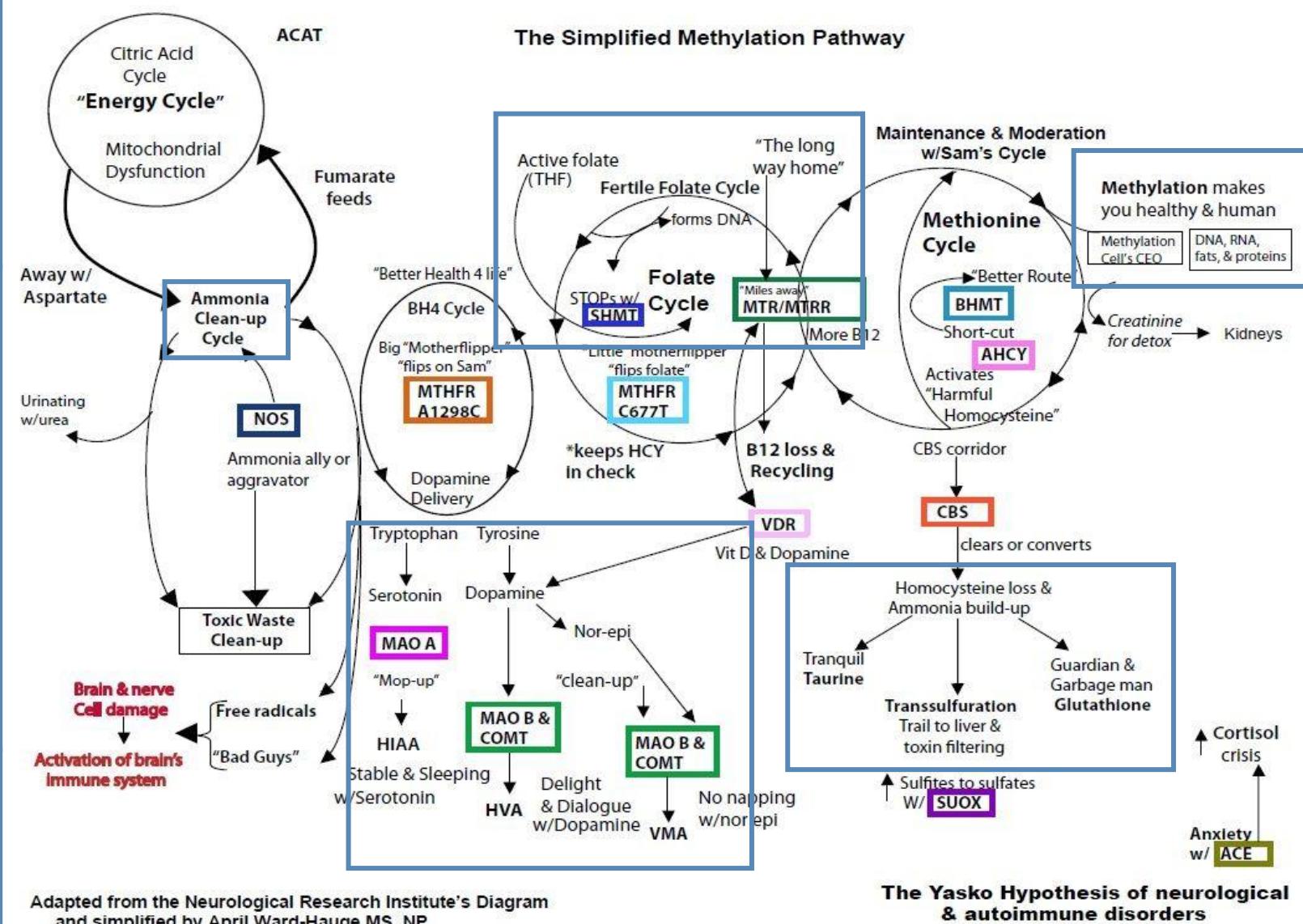
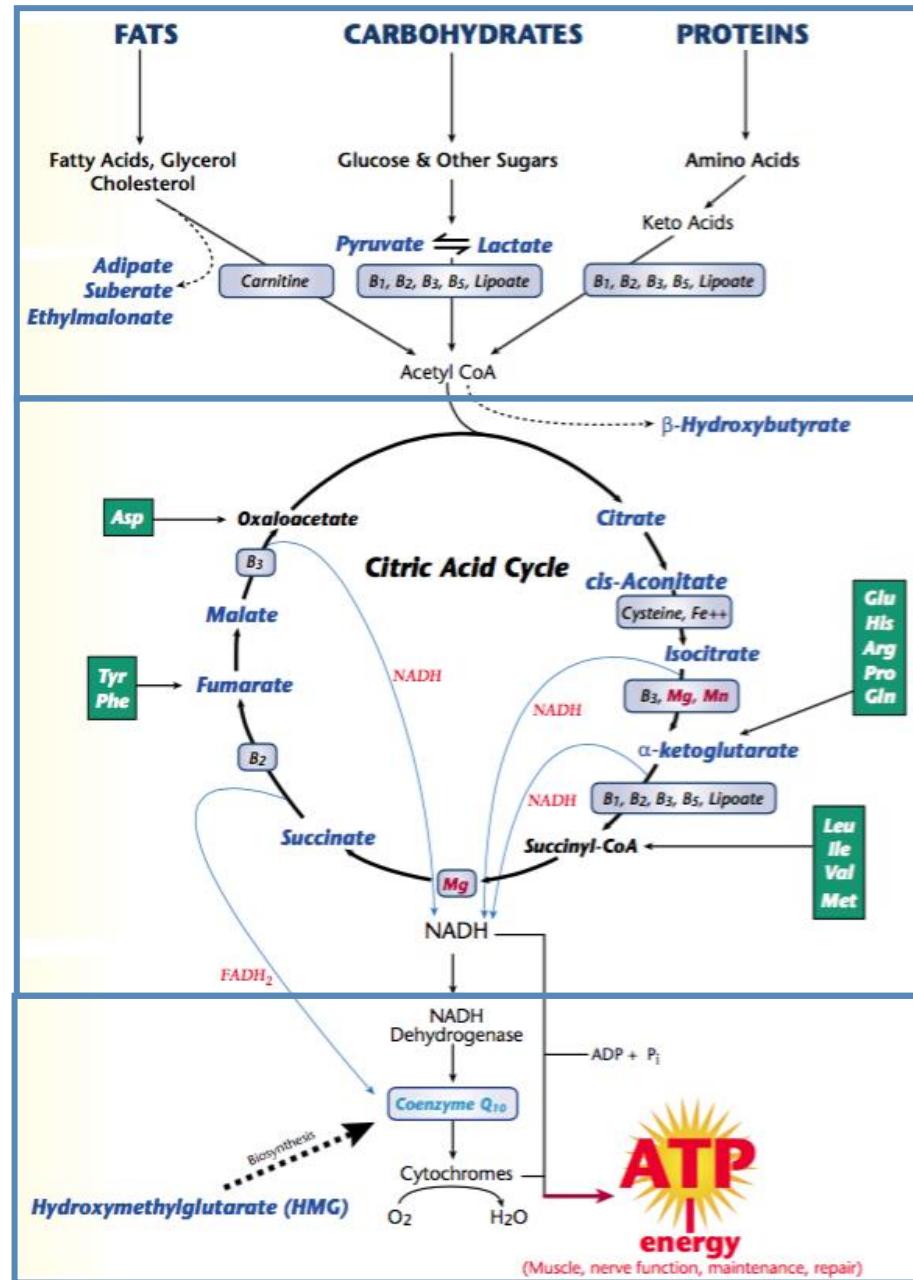
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# Nutrient excess and low physical activity

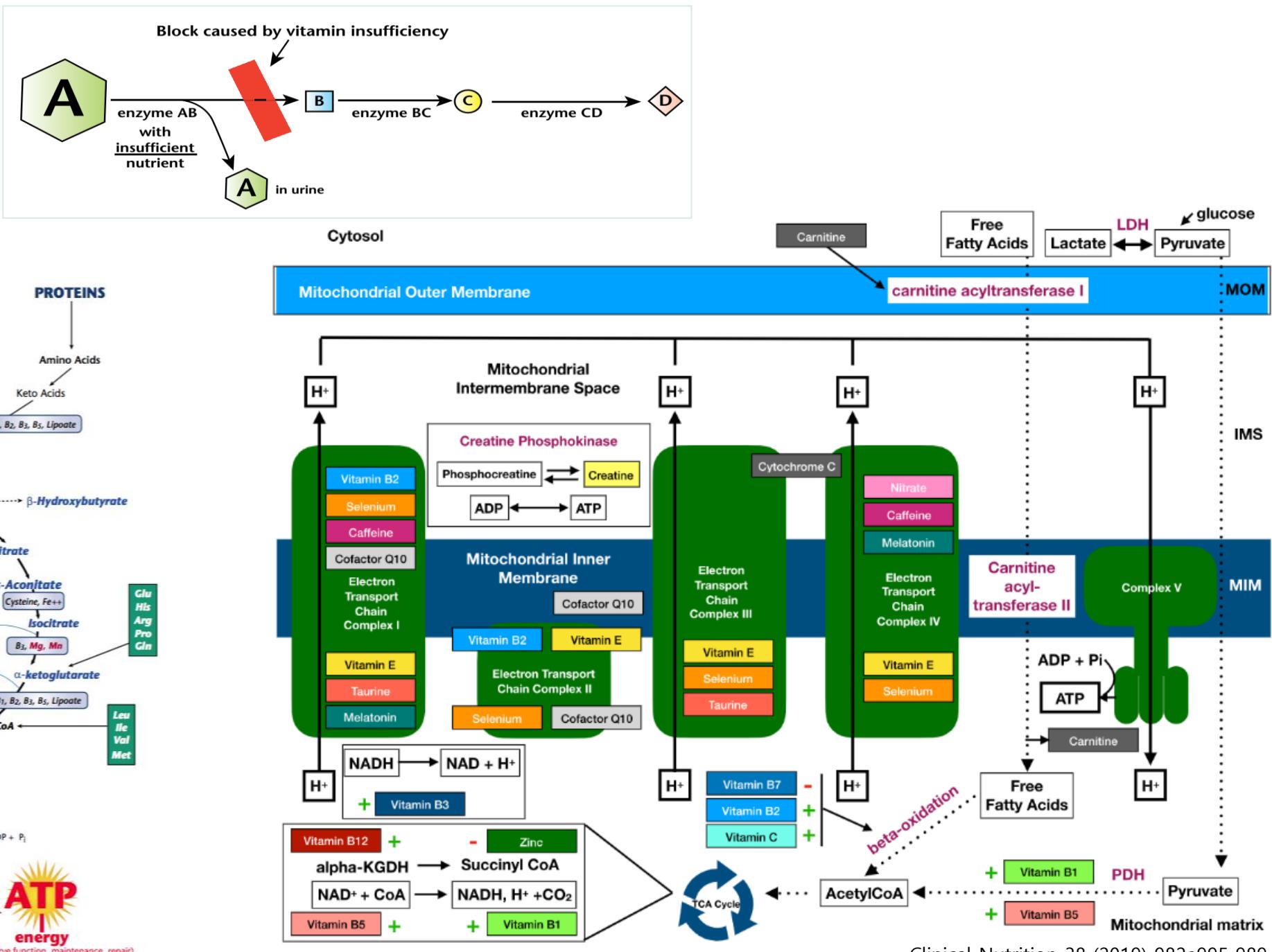
## AMPK, Metabolic Master Switch



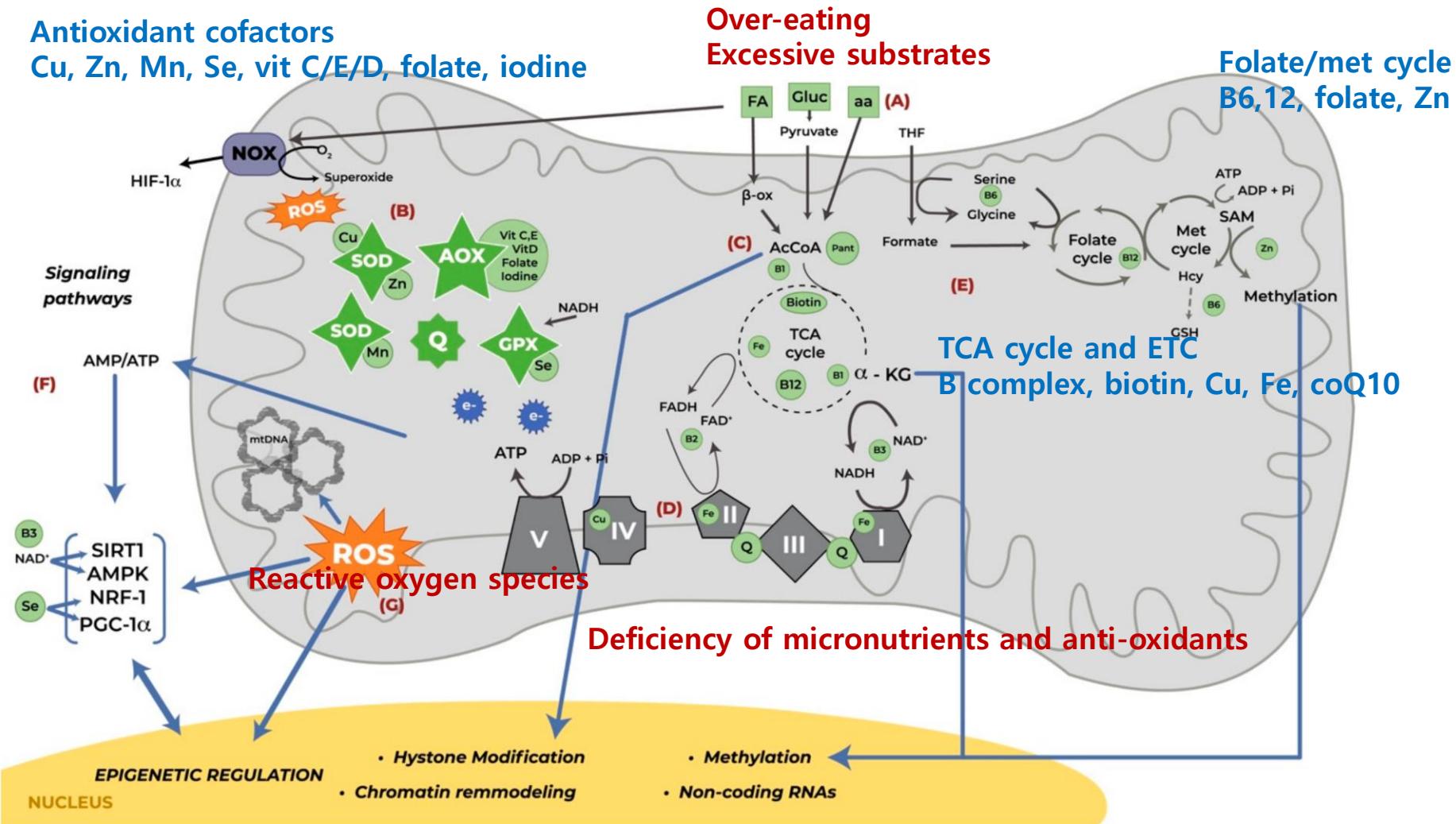
# Cell energy metabolism and methylation pathway



# Micronutrition

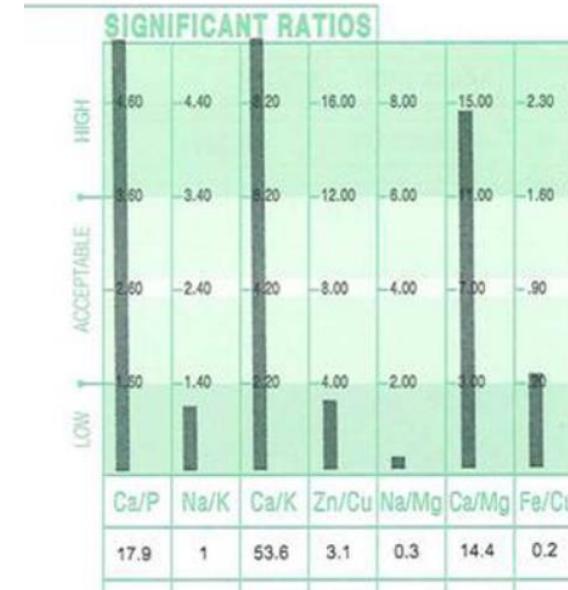
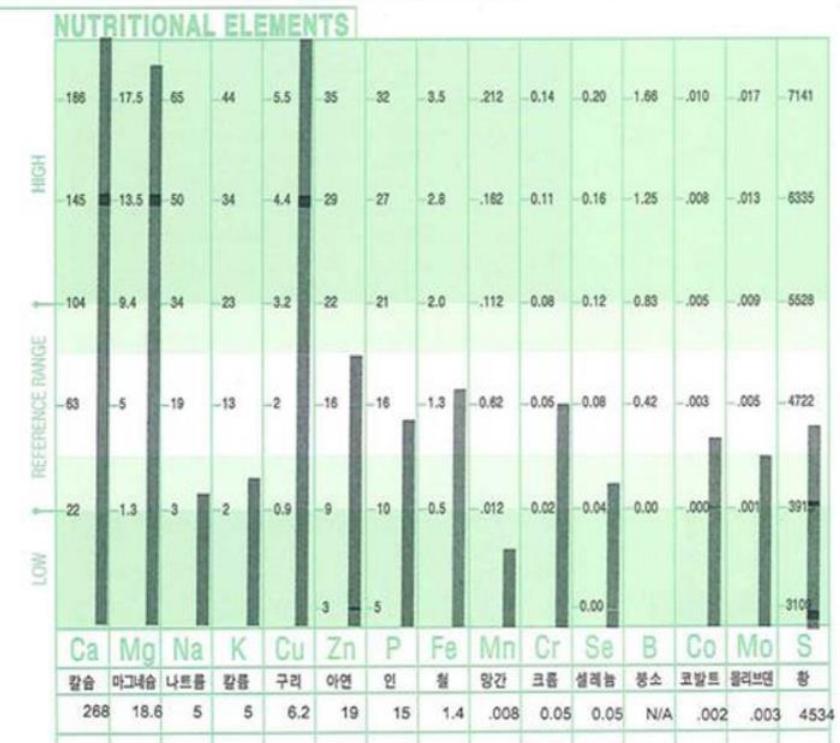


# Mitochondria and oxidative stress

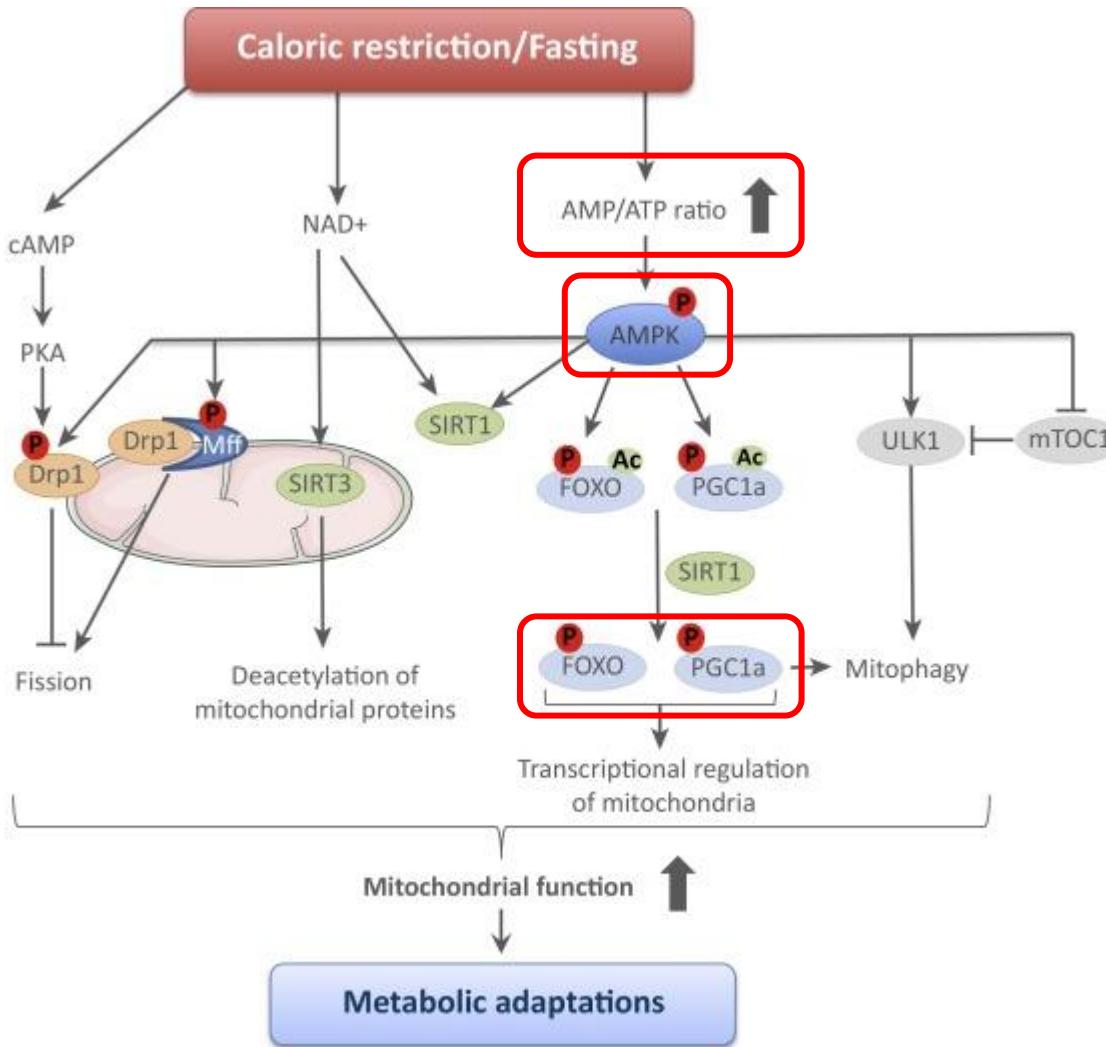


# FM marker

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# FM solution

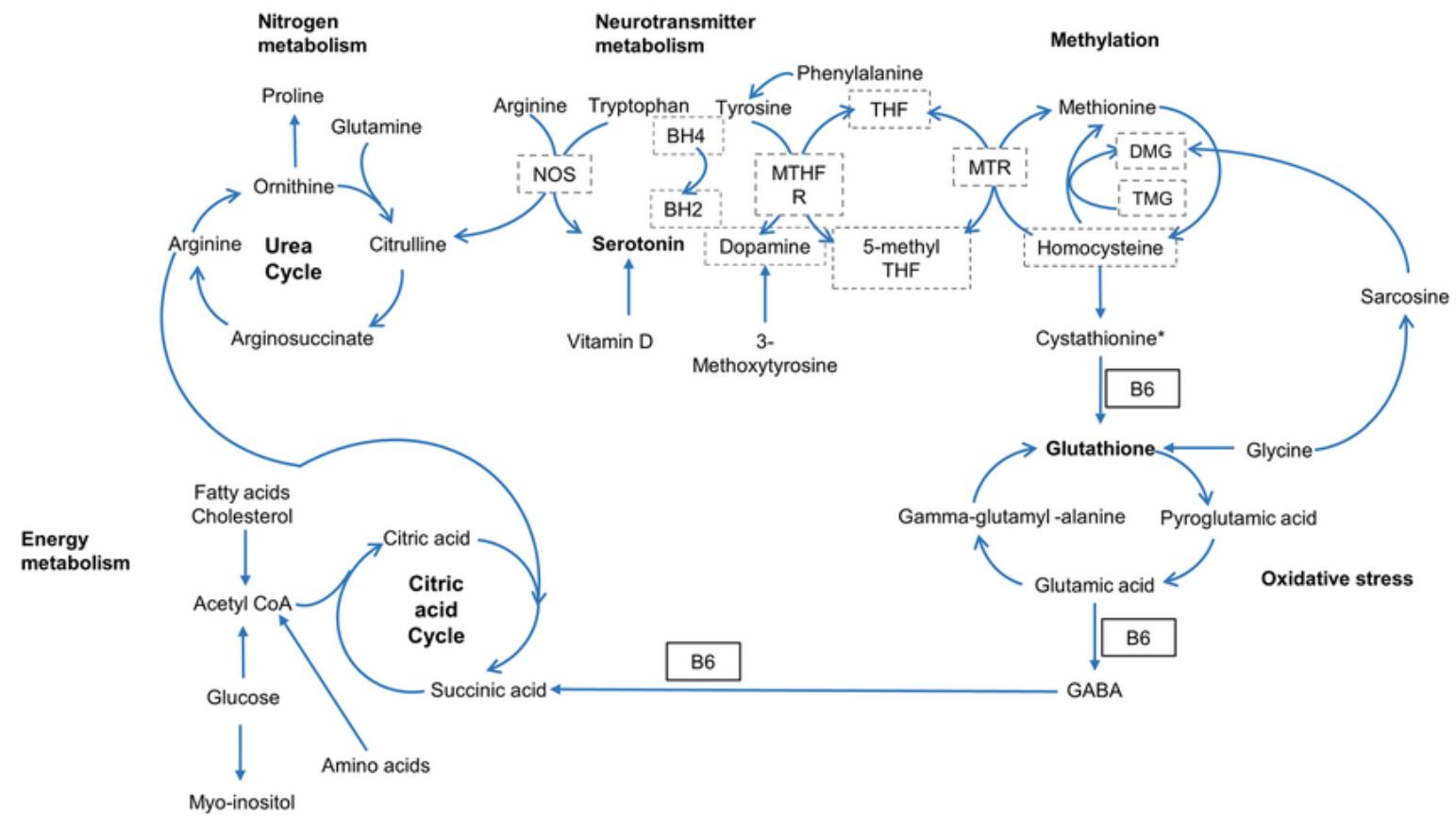
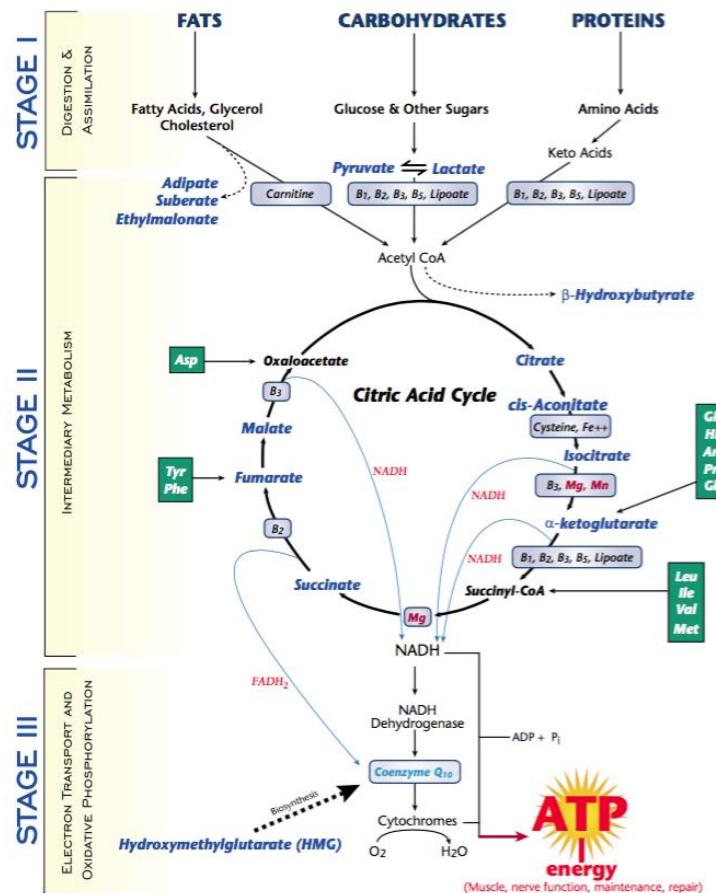


*Trends Endocrinol Metab.* 2017 Jan;28(1):32-45.

# FM solution

## The Myers' Cocktail

Components: Mg, high dose vitamin B complex, vitamin C

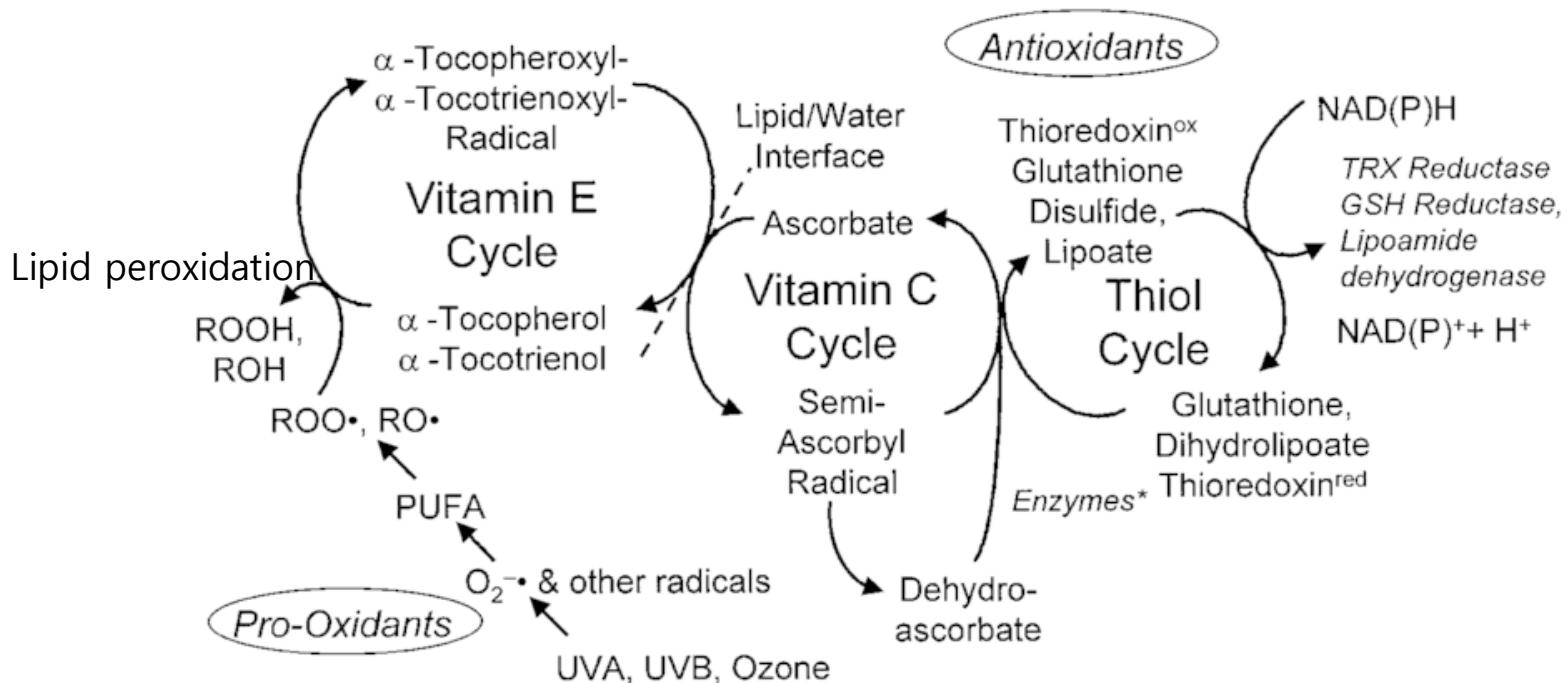
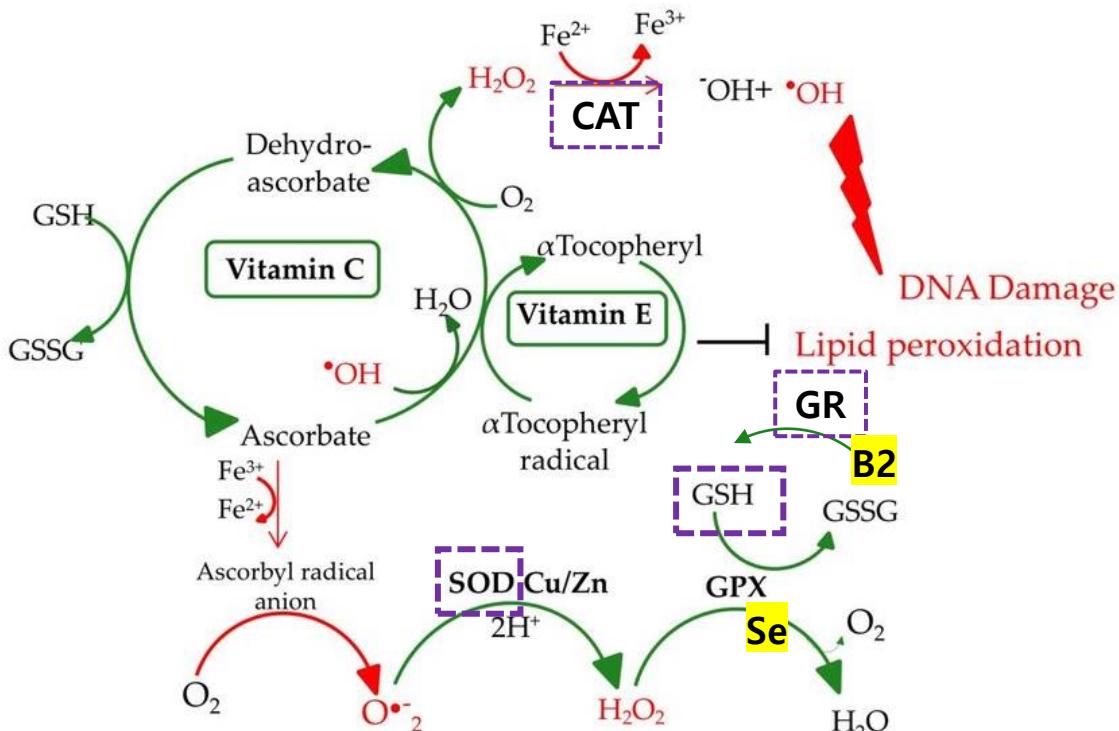


# FM solution

## Antioxidants

### Enzymatic antioxidants

SOD, superoxide dismutase; CAT, catalase; GPx, glutathione peroxidase; GR, glutathione reductase



\* 1) Thiol transferase (glutaredoxin)  
3) Protein disulfide isomerase

2) Glutathione (GSH)-dependent dehydroascorbate reductase  
4) Thioredoxin (TRX) reductase

J Nutr. 2001;131(2):369S-73S.

### Non-enzymatic antioxidants

Endogenous: GSH, glutathione, uric acid, lipoic acid, NADPH, coenzyme Q, albumin, bilirubin

#### Dietary:

vitamin C, E

Zn, Se

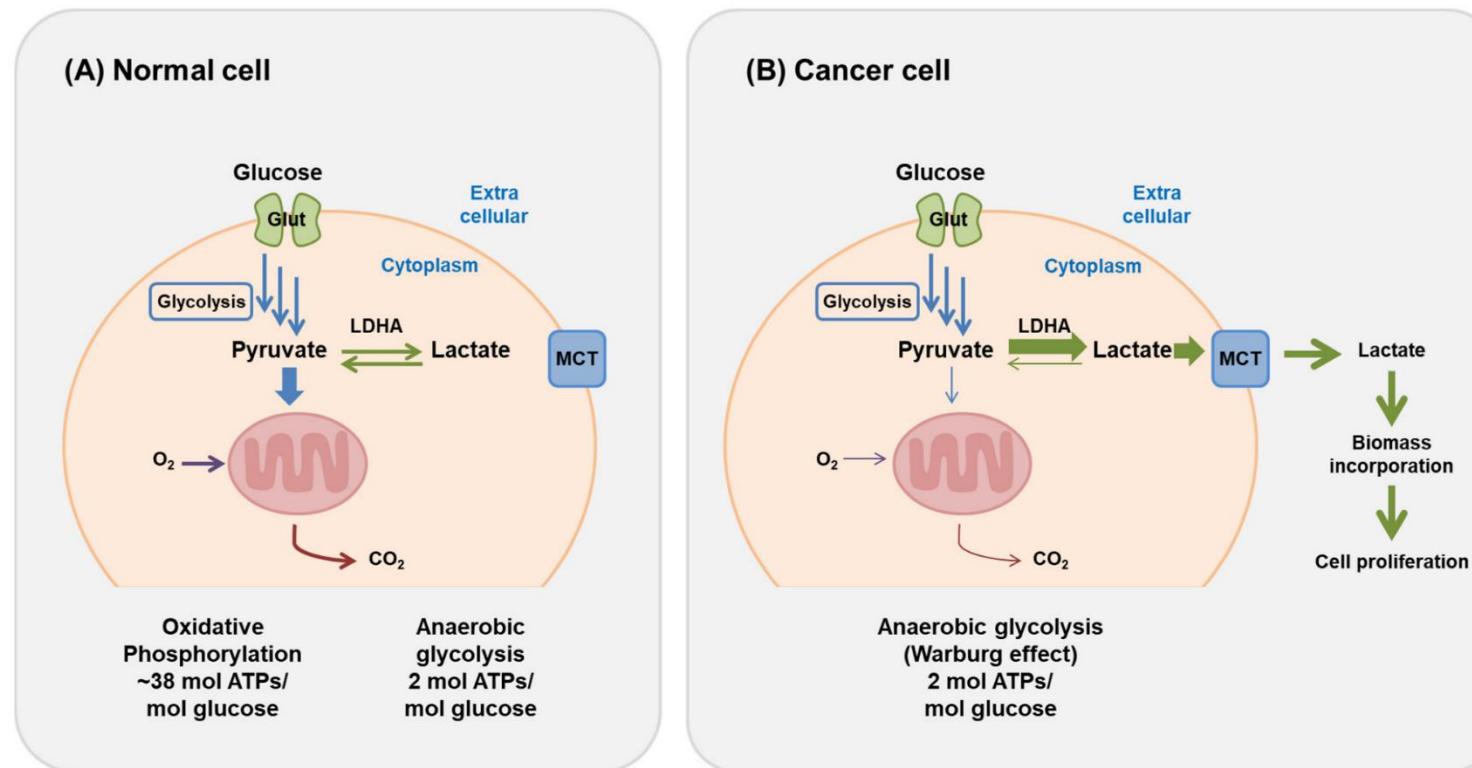
Carotenoids: beta-carotene, zeaxanthin

Flavonoids

Anthocyanidins

Phenolic acids

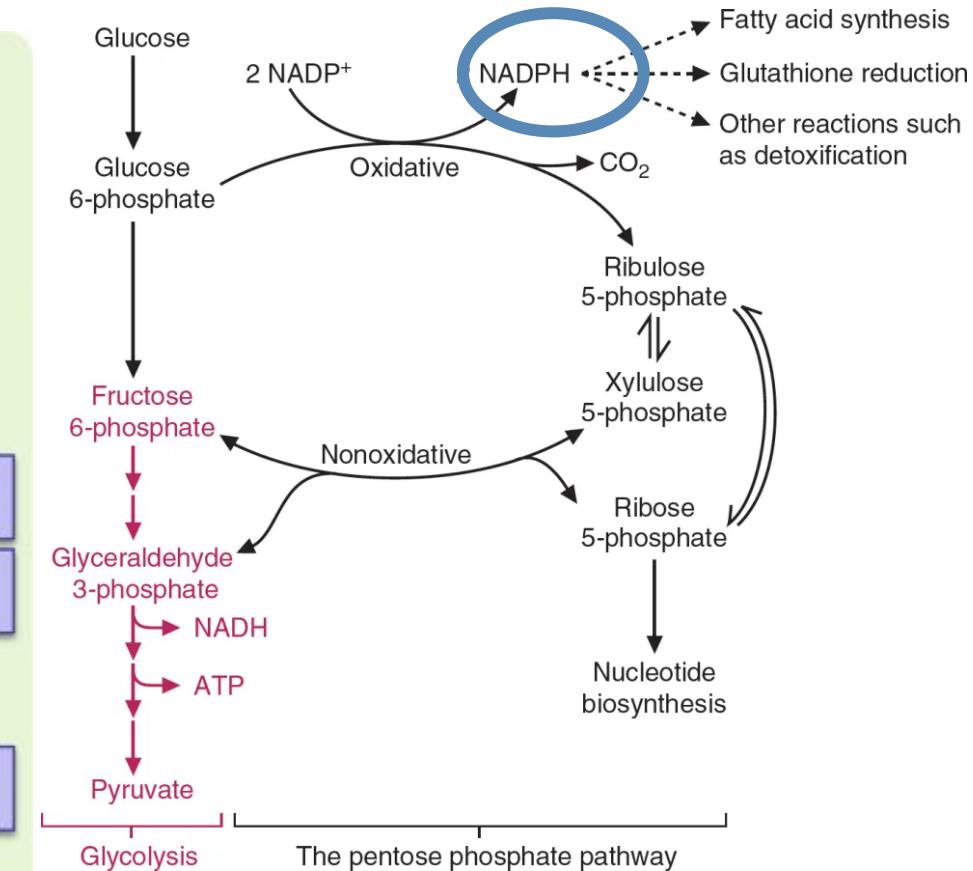
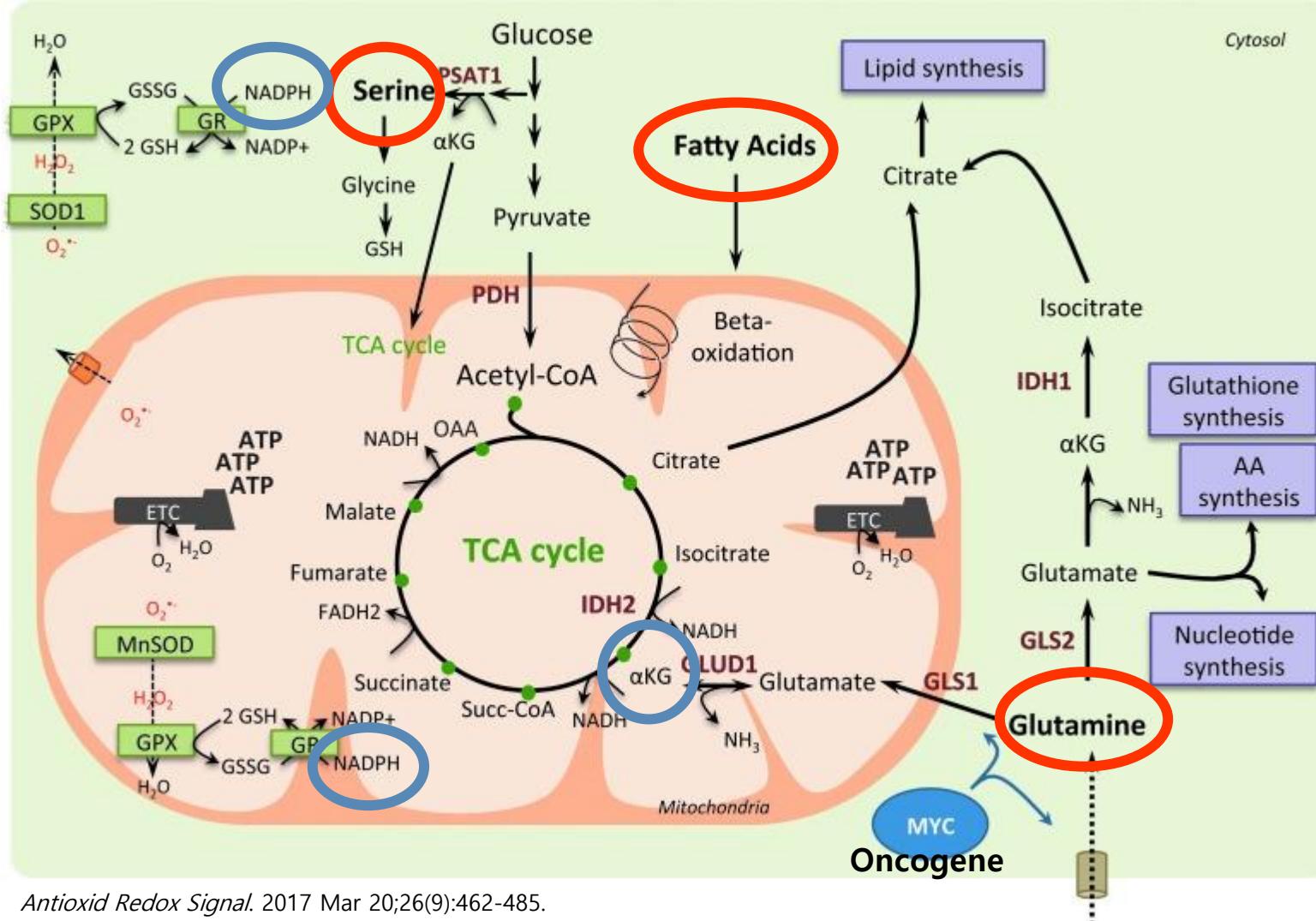
# 암의 대사방식: 암 대사 재설정



- Mitochondrial dysfunction: 유전, 대사, 면역 이상의 중심
- **Warburg effect** : "aerobic" glycolysis
  - 초기 암
- **역 Warburg effect**
  - 진화된 암 (공격적인 암): 전이, 확산, 신생혈관생성, 항암제 내성
- Nucleotide level ↑  
salvage > de novo pathway
- Serine / FA / Glutamine pathway

# TCA cycle intermediates in cancer

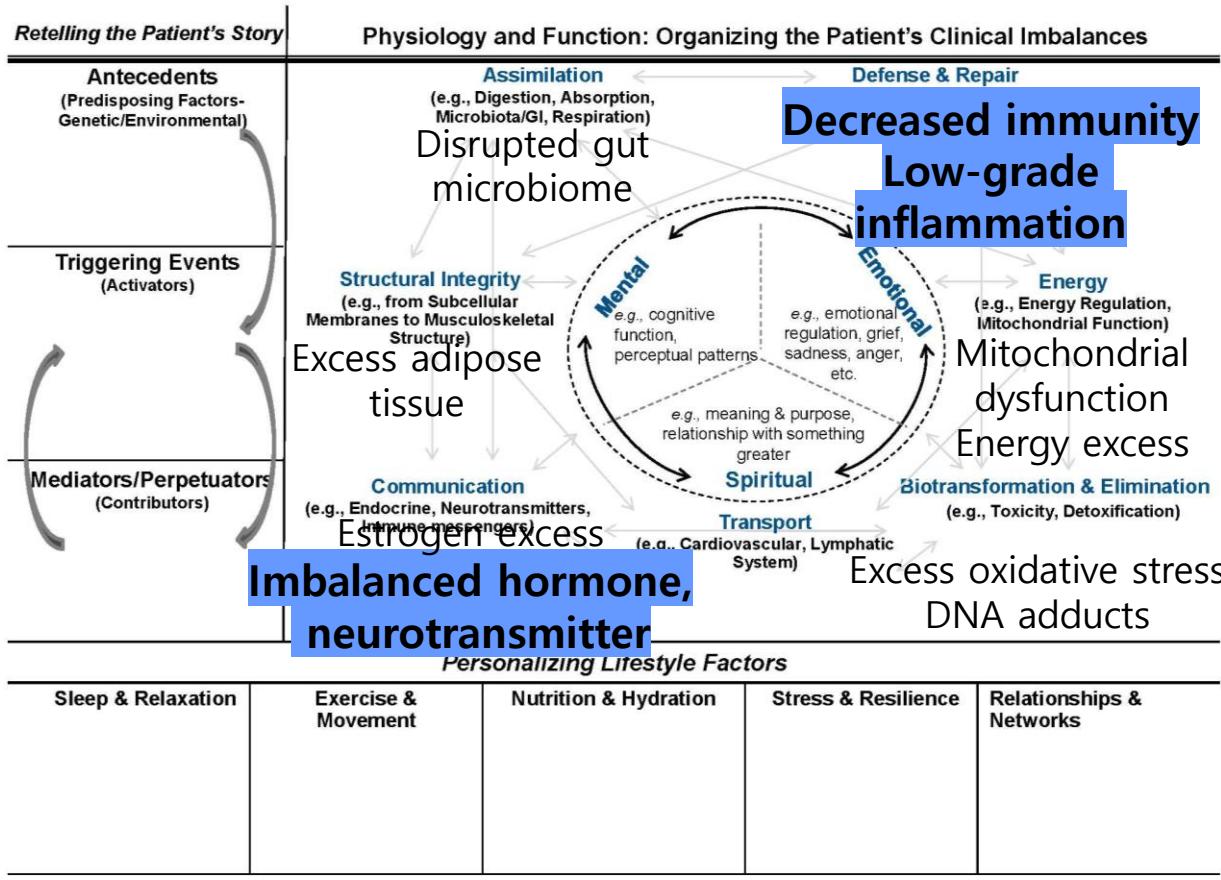
TCA cycle ↑ : NADH, FADH<sub>2</sub> ↑ intermediate ↑  
 ETC ↑: ATP ↑ & NADPH ↑  
 Macromolecules production ROS ↓



GLUD1, glutamate dehydrogenase 1; GPX, glutathione peroxidase; IDH, isocitrate dehydrogenase; MnSOD, manganese superoxide dismutase; nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide; NH<sub>3</sub>, ammonia; SOD, superoxide dismutase

# Cancer survivor with obesity 7-core imbalance in functional medicine

PART ④



- **Assimilation imbalance** (impaired gut integrity, GI dysbiosis)
- **Defense & repair imbalance** (immune, chronic inflammation)
- **Energy imbalance** (energy regulation, mitochondrial function)
- **Biotransformation & elimination imbalance** (fatigue, toxicity, detoxification reserve)
- **Transport imbalance** (cardiovascular, lymphatic dysfunction)
- **Communication imbalances** (endocrine, neurotransmitter, immune dysfunction)
- **Structural integrity imbalance** (low muscle, high fat, visceral fat)

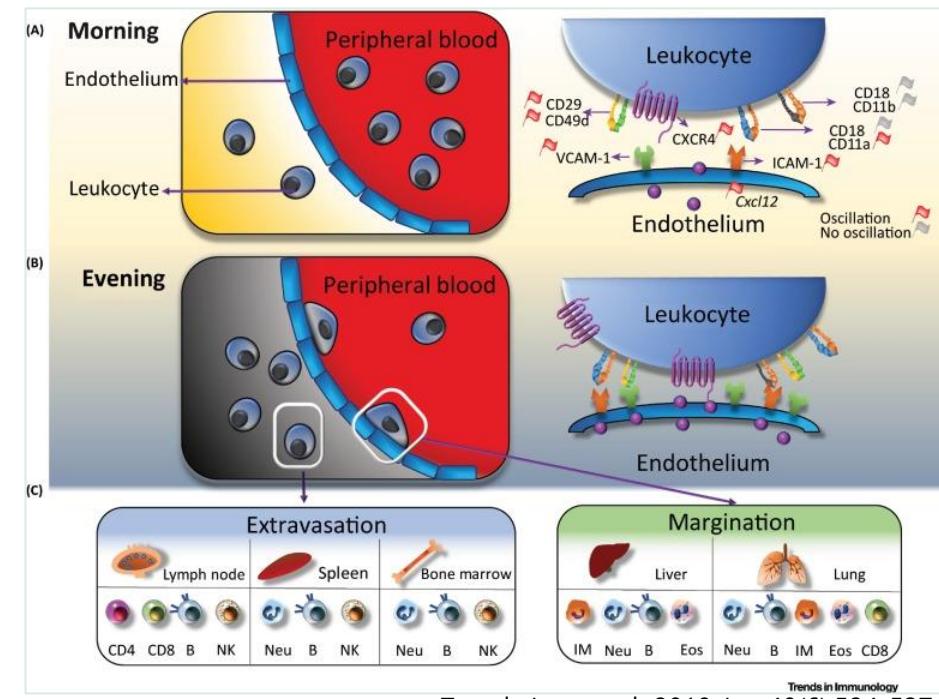
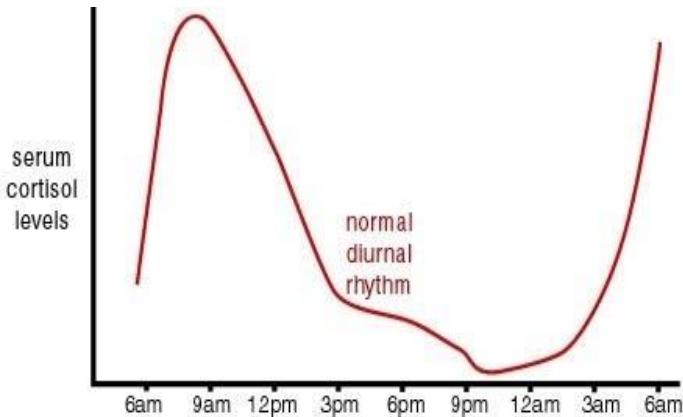
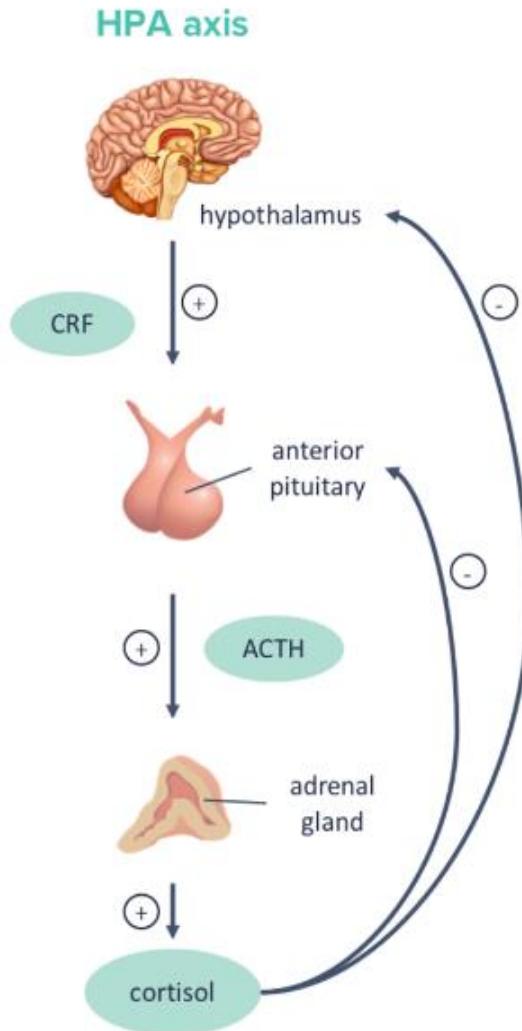
# Symptoms and long-term effects experienced by cancer survivors

- **Fatigue**

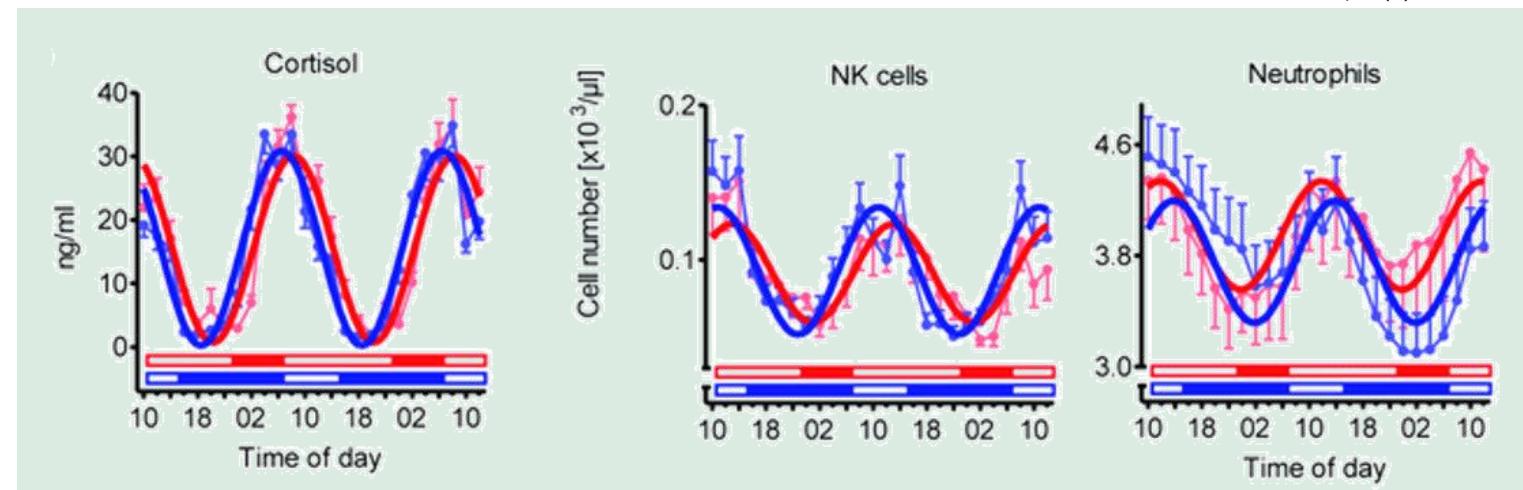
- Depressive symptoms
- Sleep disturbances
- Pain
- Cognitive limitation

- Anemia
- Cytokine dysregulation; inflammation
- HPA axis dysregulation
- 5-HT/NTs dysregulation (low serotonin / high quinolinic acid -> NMDA Rc) (low dopamine)
- Alterations in ATP and muscle metabolisms
- Mitochondrial dysfunction

# Cortisol and immune cell



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Front Immunol. 2019;10:393.

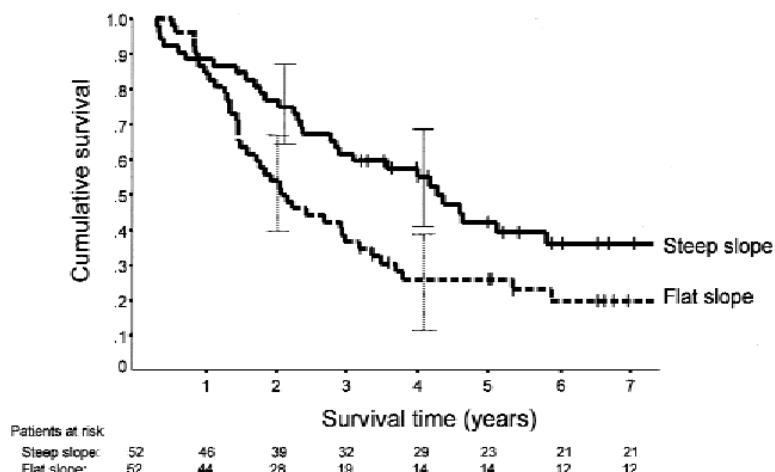
# Cortisol and immune aspect

**Cortisol function; the number and function of immune cells**

## Cortisol rhythm dysfunction

- Disturbance of immune function; suppression of **natural killer cell function**
- Disrupt the suppressive effects of cortisol on proinflammatory **cytokine** production; elevation in circulating cytokines
- Chronic inflammatory processes and associated behavioral symptoms might drive changes in cortisol rhythm

### Cortisol rhythm dysfunction and NK cell number/activity in metastatic breast cancer



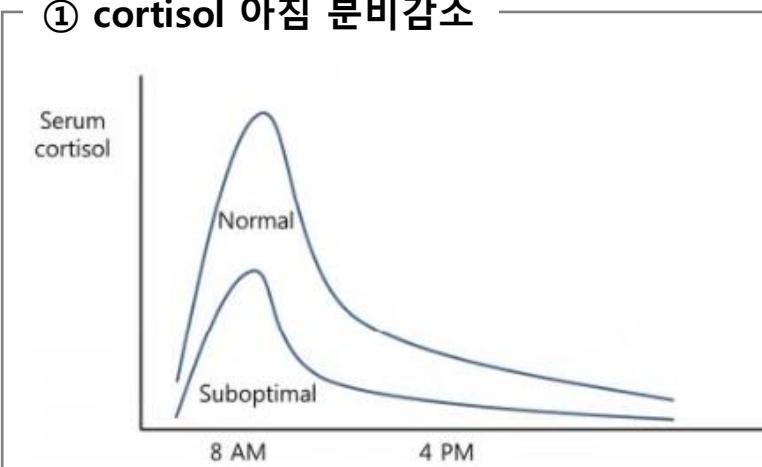
**Table 2.** Mean (standard deviation) numbers and functional activity\* of natural killer (NK) cells in groups of patients with metastatic breast cancer dichotomized at the median diurnal cortisol slope

Cortisol slope log, μg/dL per h	NK cells per mm <sup>3</sup> whole blood	Lytic units,* 20% lysis	% lysis by effector-to-target cell ratio				
			100 : 1	50 : 1	25 : 1	12 : 1	6 : 1
Steep slope, ≤-.091	212 (131)	800 (473)	49 (22)	45 (21)	39 (19)	28 (14)	18 (9)
Flat slope, >-.091	164 (134)	851 (520)	44 (19)	39 (19)	33 (17)	25 (14)	16 (9)

\*Lytic units are corrected for NK cell numbers and are expressed as the number of NK cells required to kill 20% of the targets in a suspension of  $10^7$  cells per mm<sup>3</sup>.

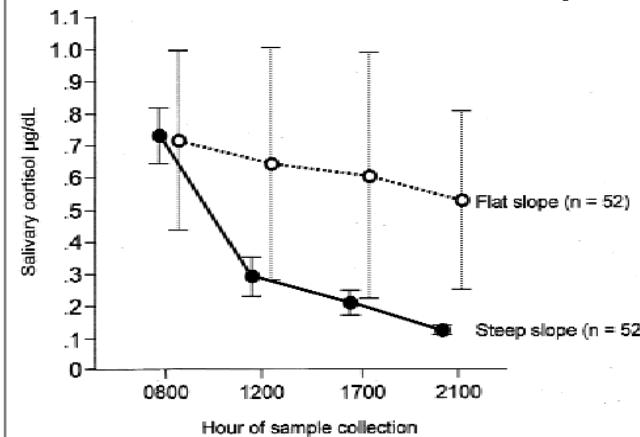
# Cortisol rhythm dysfunction in cancer survivors

## ① cortisol 아침 분비감소

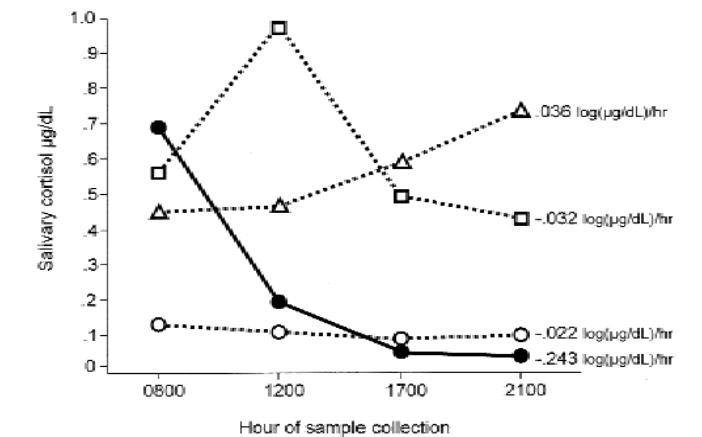


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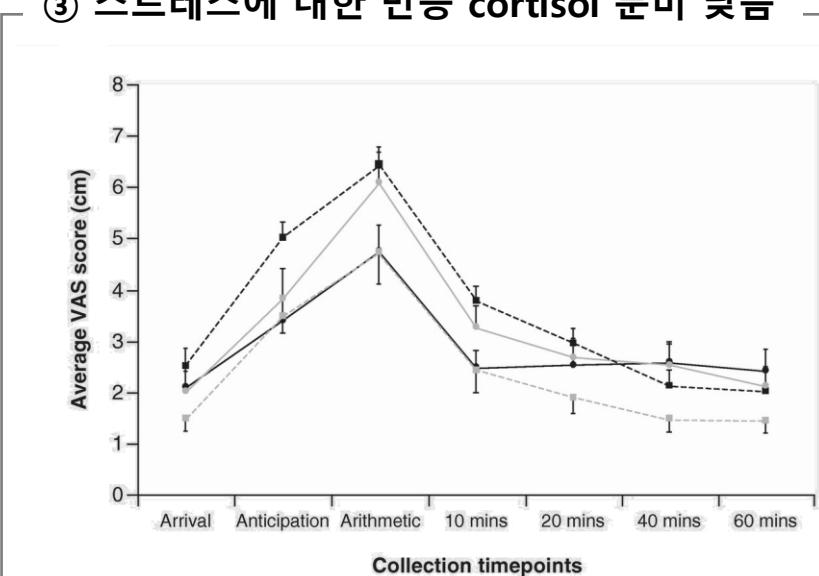
## ② Flatter diurnal cortisol slopes



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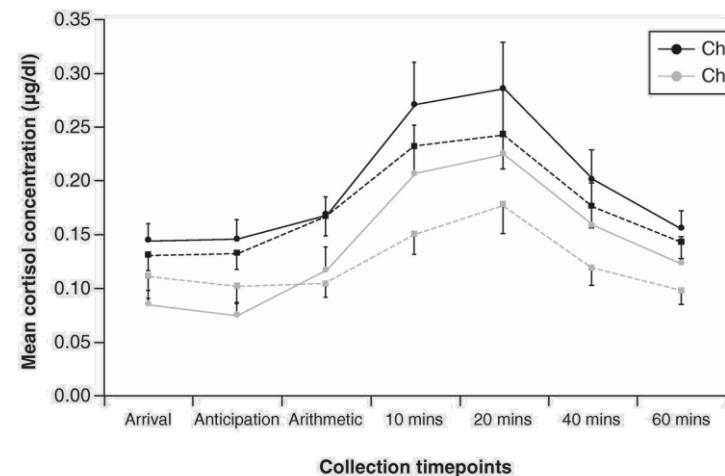


## ③ 스트레스에 대한 반응 cortisol 분비 낮음



*Breast cancer management.* 2019. Vol 8, No. 1

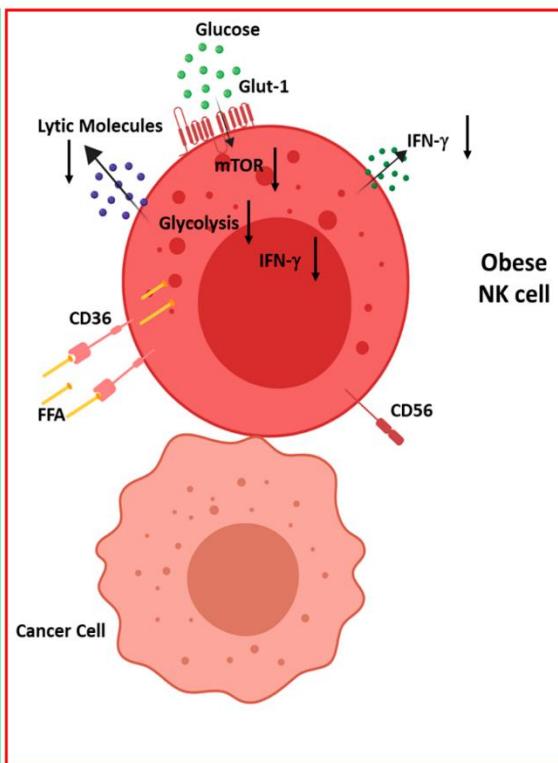
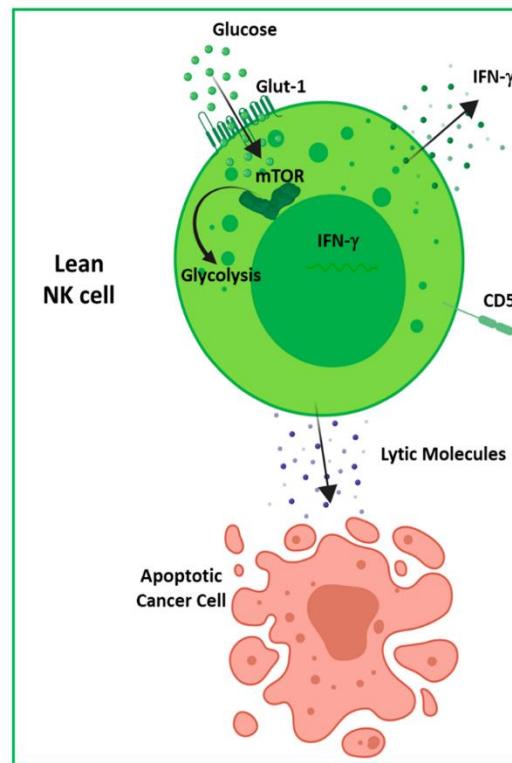
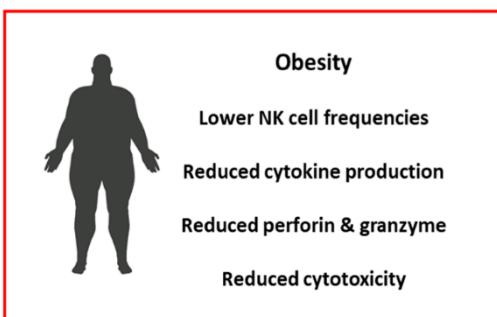
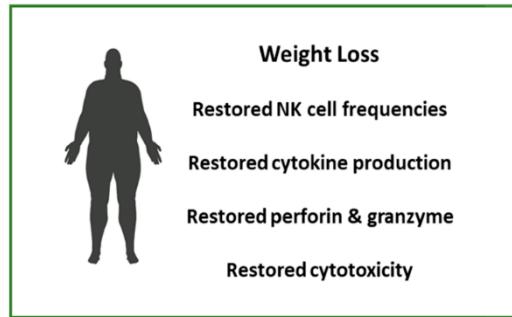
## The Trier Social Stress Test (TSST): induce moderate psychological stress



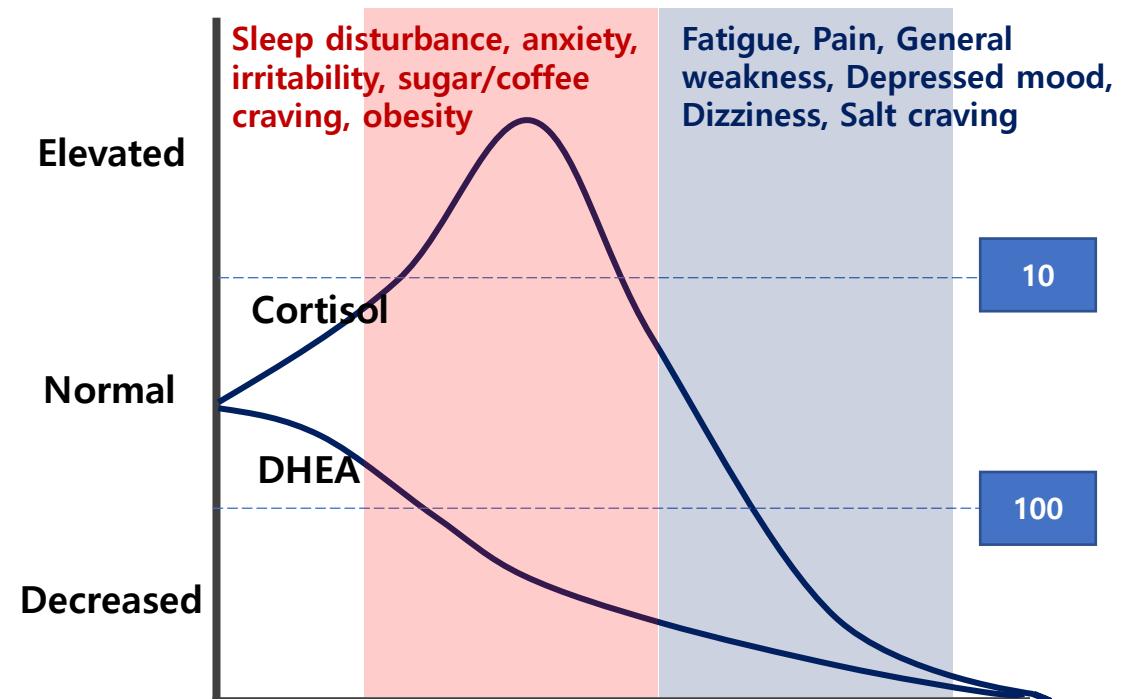
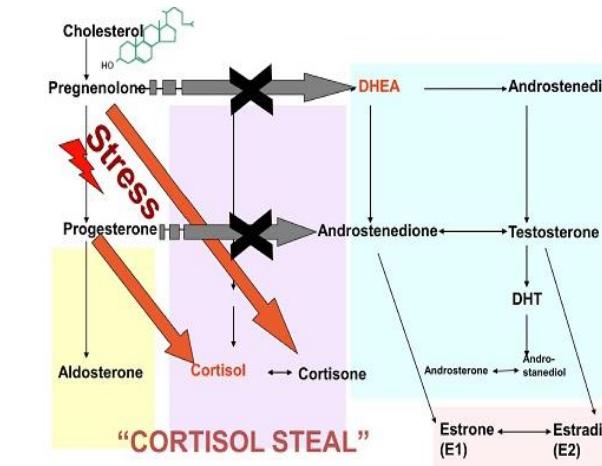
A total of 69 healthy women (31 Chinese, 38 White) and 50 breast cancer survivors (20 Chinese, 30 White)

# FM marker

## NK cell activity

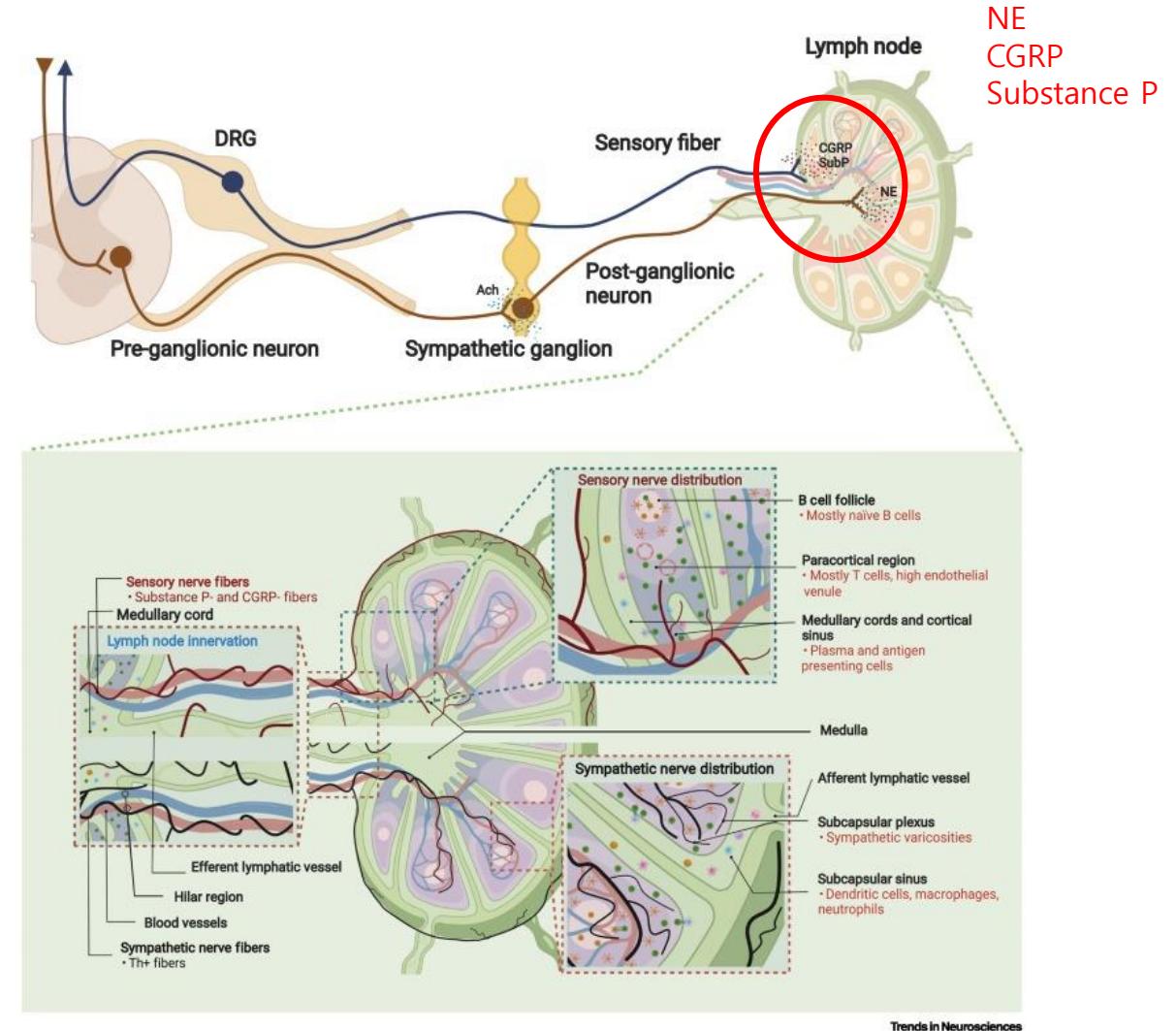
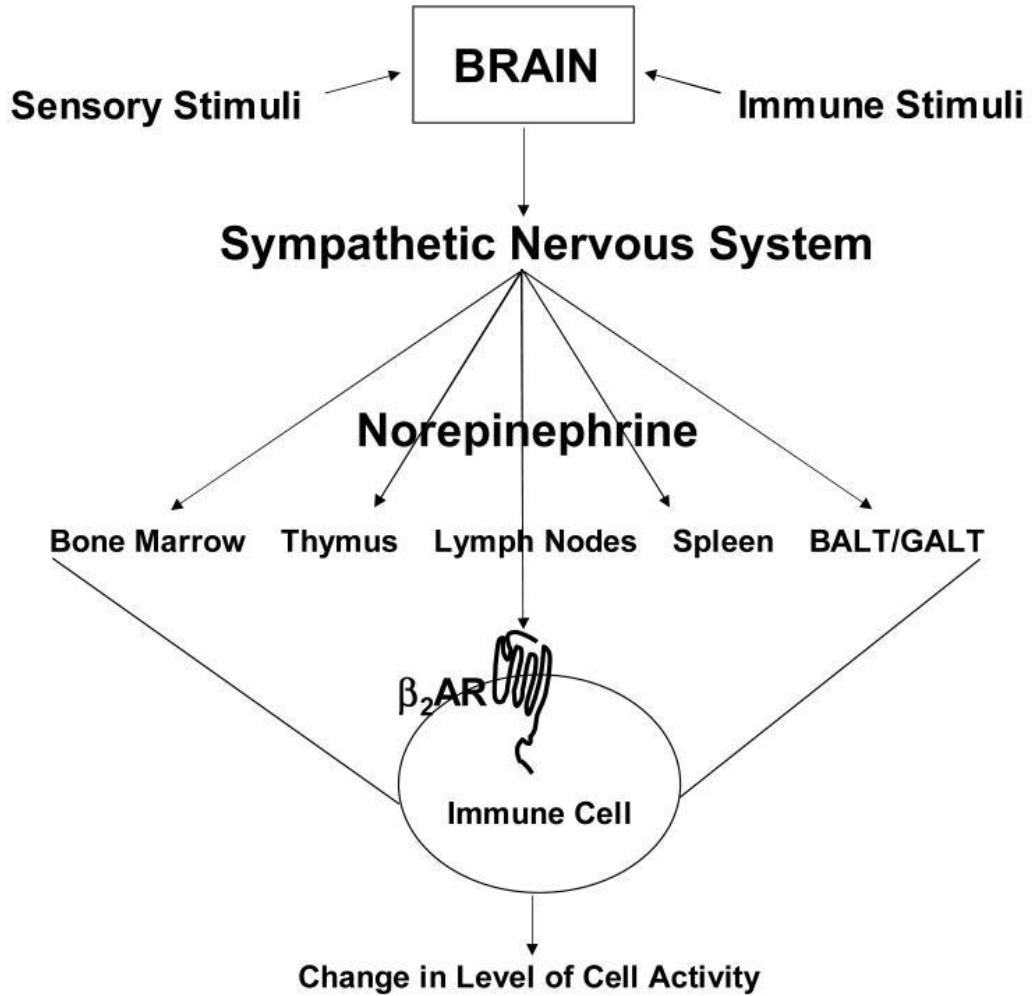


## Adrenal exhaustion/fatigue : cortisol, DHEA-S, ACTH



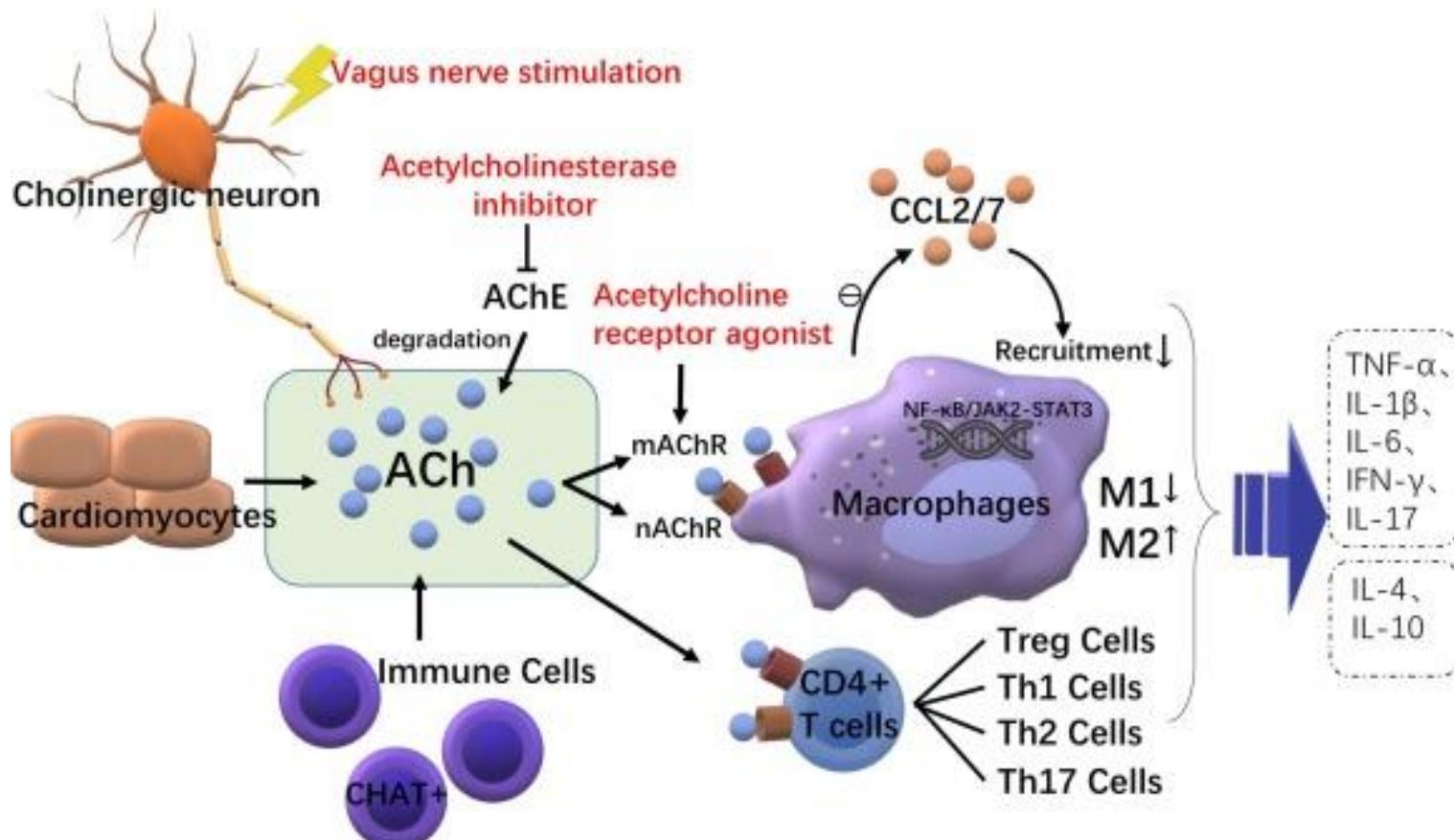
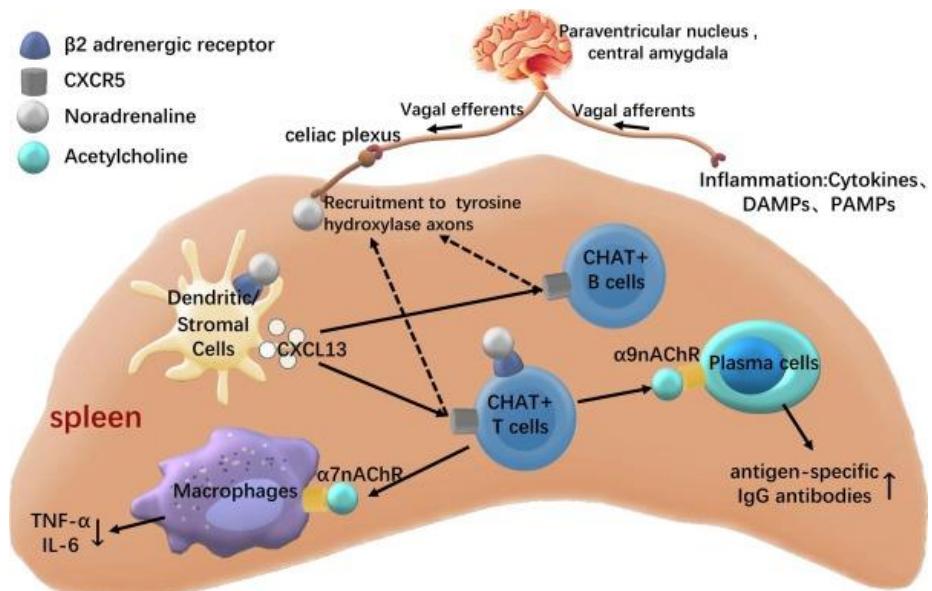
# Autonomic nervous system and immune cell

적절한 교감신경 - 선천면역 유지



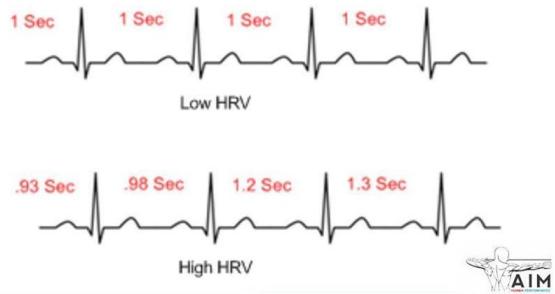
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적절한 부교감신경 - 항염 작용



# FM marker

## Heart Rate Variability

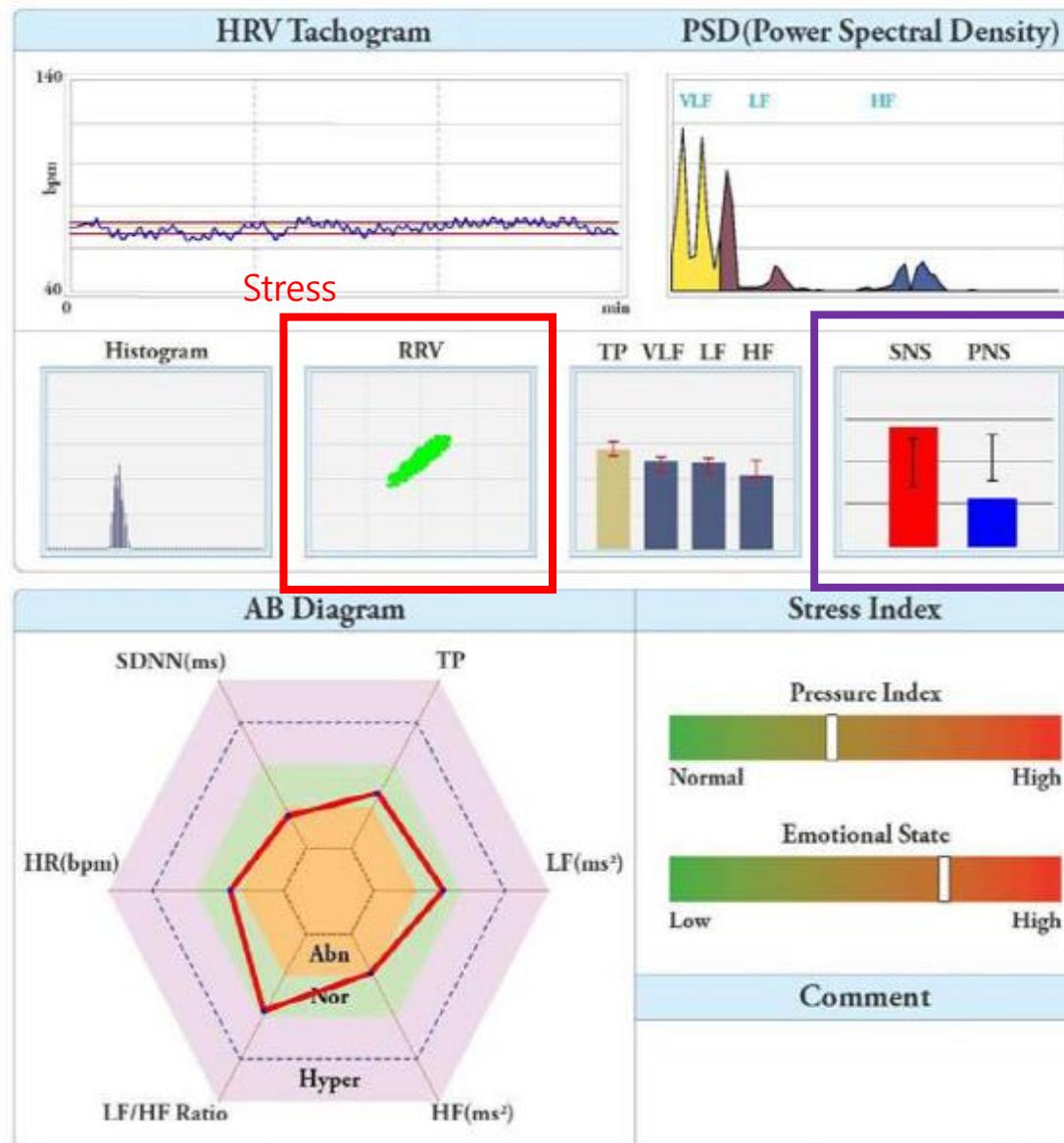


### Low HRV

"Fight or Flight"  
Easily exhausted  
Low Adaptability  
Decreased Cognition

### High HRV

"Rest & Digest"  
Improved Performance  
High Adaptability  
Improved Cognition



### Immunity

30  
20

Time Domain Analysis		Frequency Domain Analysis		Others	
MHR(bpm)	69	TP(ms <sup>2</sup> )	1071.19 / 6.98	LFNorm(mu.u.)	71.38
SDNN(ms)	35.06	VLF(ms <sup>2</sup> )	472.02 / 6.16	HFNorm(mu.u.)	28.62
RMSSD(ms)	27.93	LF(ms <sup>2</sup> )	427.68 / 6.06	LF/HF Ratio	2.49
PSI	43.74	HF(ms <sup>2</sup> )	171.49 / 5.14	Ectopic Beat	0.5-2

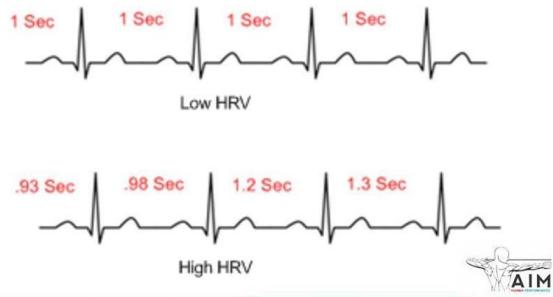
### Obesity

HF 감소 = 부교감(미주신경) 기능저하  
인슐린저항성  
LF/HF 증가

HF 부교감신경의 저하  
운동, 체중감량

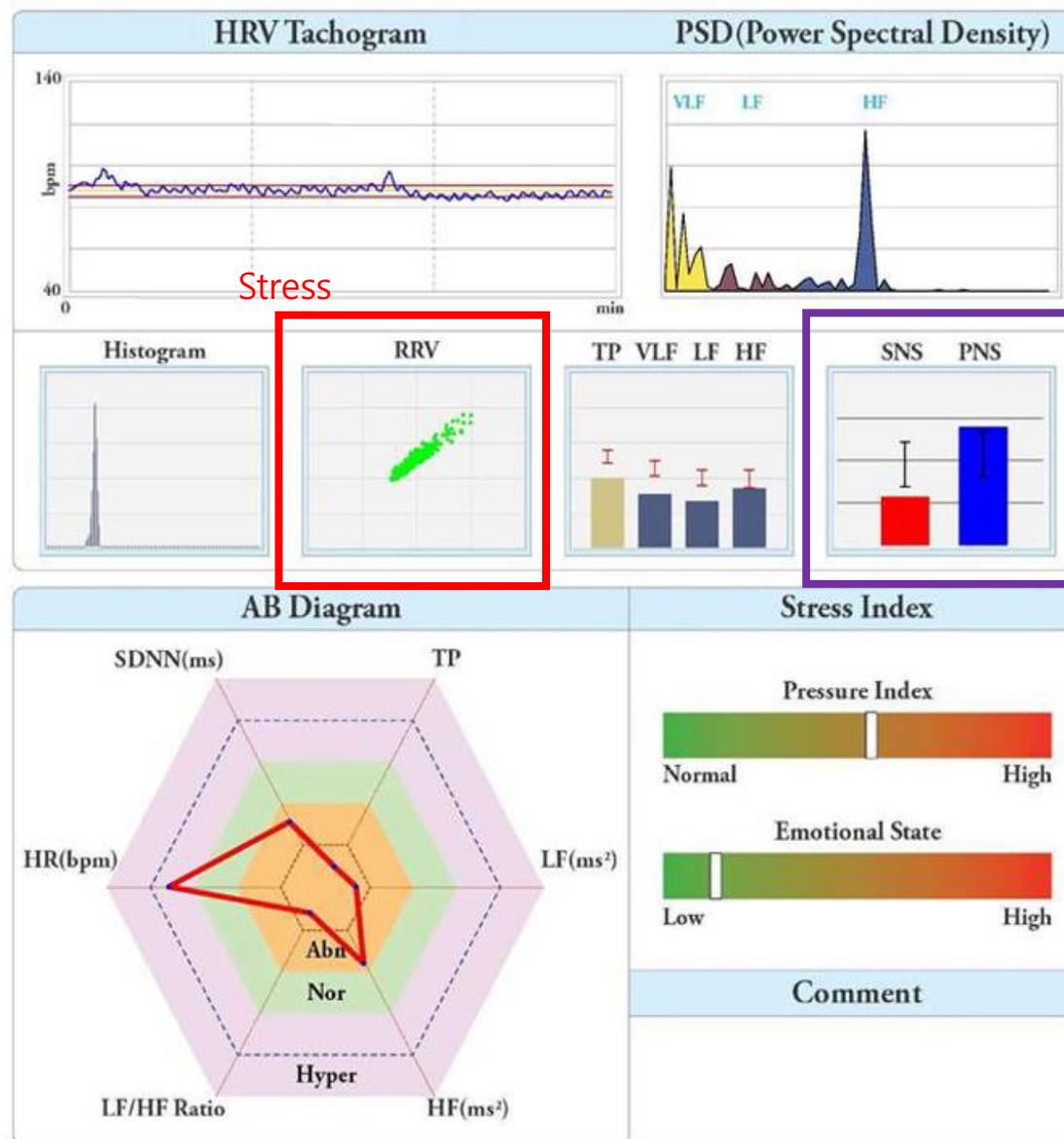
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## Immunity

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20

	Time Domain Analysis	1000 Frequency Domain Analysis	Others
MHR(bpm)	87	TP(ms <sup>2</sup> ) 137.06 / 4.92	LFNom(n.u.) 29.16
SDNN(ms)	20.89	VLF(ms <sup>2</sup> ) 43.64 / 3.78	SRD 1.04
RMSSD(ms)	10.81	LF(ms <sup>2</sup> ) 27.24 / 3.30	ApEn 0.92
PSI	130.99	HF(ms <sup>2</sup> ) 66.18 / 4.19	LF/HF Ratio 0.41
		Ectopic Beat	0.5-2

교감 vs. 부교감의 우세 비율  
3:2

비만이 오래될수록  
대사증후군이 있을 수록  
암생존자인 경우

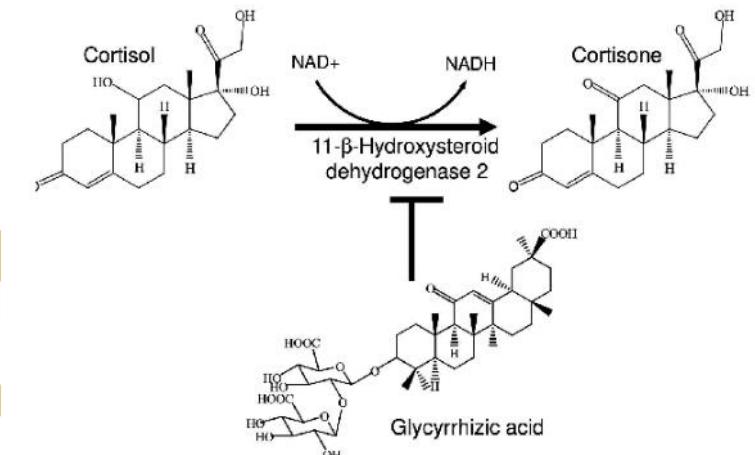
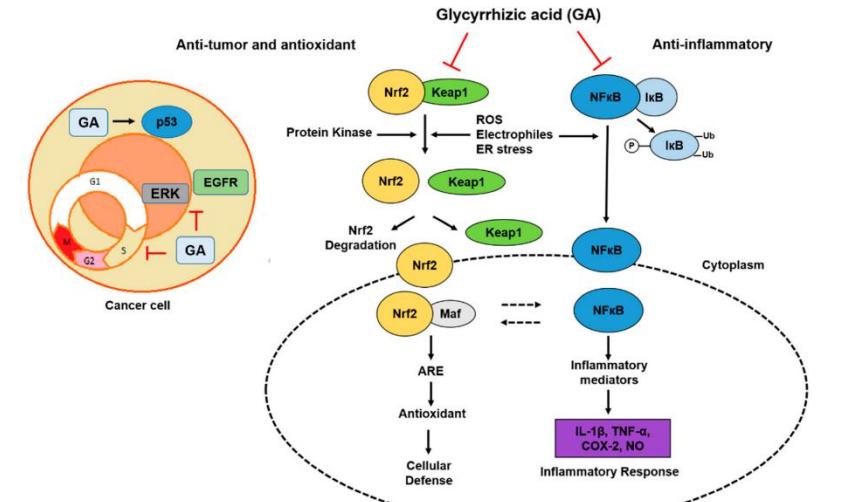
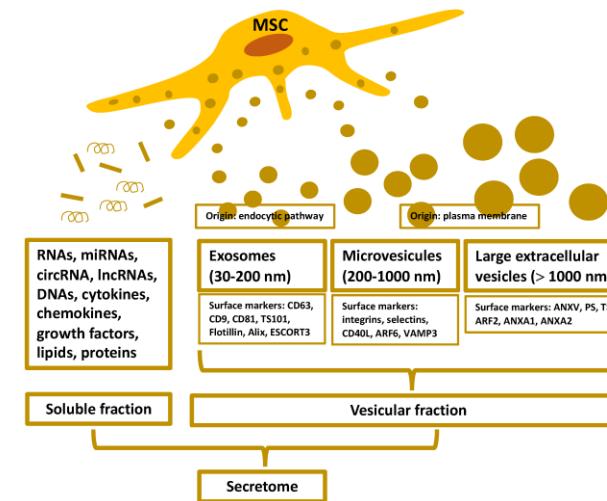
SDNN, LF, HF 감소  
TP감소

LF 교감신경의 저하  
->부신기능강화

## Improving adrenal & immune function

- 일찍 자며 눈 떠질 때 일어난다 (수면으로 내재적 생체리듬 획득이 중요)
- 운동은 규칙적으로, 단 무리는 하면 안된다
- 적절한 스트레스 관리: 명상, 요가, 복식호흡,
- 아침식사는 꼭 한다, 단 GI index 낮은 것으로
- 전곡, 좋은 질의 단백질, 오메가 3, 야채
- (커피, 패스트푸드, 알러지유발음식, 단순당, 포화지방 줄이기)
- 규칙적으로, 충분히 씹어서 삼킨다

- IVNT/PONT : Mg, B군, C, antioxidants
- **Adaptogens:** 감초, 홍삼, 홍경천
- Pregnenolone + DHEA
- **Glycyrrhizin**
- **Placenta hydrolysate**



## NK cell activity and life-style

Stressor 제거

산림욕, 음악감상

### 경계 구간(100미만)

NK세포의 활성이 매우 낮은 상태로 NK세포의 활성을 저하시키는 질환을 의심할 수 있습니다.

### 경계 구간(100 ~ 250미만)

NK세포의 활성이 정상인보다 낮은 상태로서 NK세포의 활성을 저하시키는 질환의 전조일 수 있습니다. 또한 일시적인 육체적, 정신적 스트레스로 인해 면역세포의 기능이 저하된 경우에도 경계 값을 보일 수 있습니다.

### 관심(250 ~ 500미만)

현재의 면역 상태가 질병의 발생과 직접적인 관련이 없는 정상 범위이지만, 그 같이 경계 구간에 가까워 상대적으로 면역력이 저하되어 있는 상태입니다. 면역력을 높이는 활동이 필요합니다.

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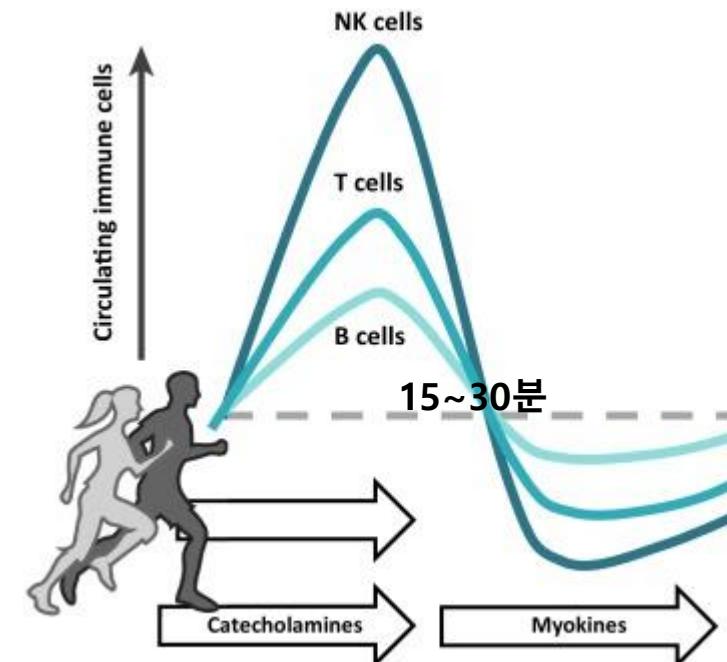
NK세포의 활성이 정상 수준으로서 암과 같은 중증 질환에 대한 NK 세포의 면역기능이 이상적인 상태입니다

*Cut-off 250 pg/ml*

금연, 절주

규칙적인 운동'습관'

비만에서의 체중감소



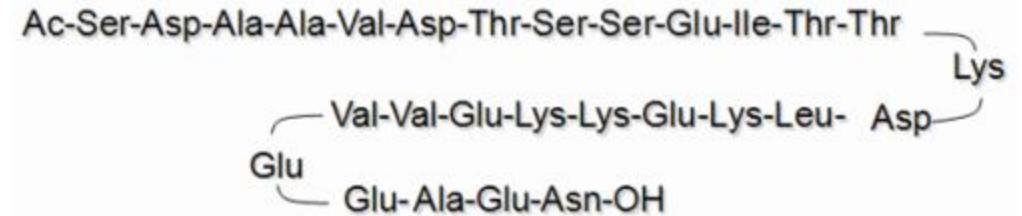
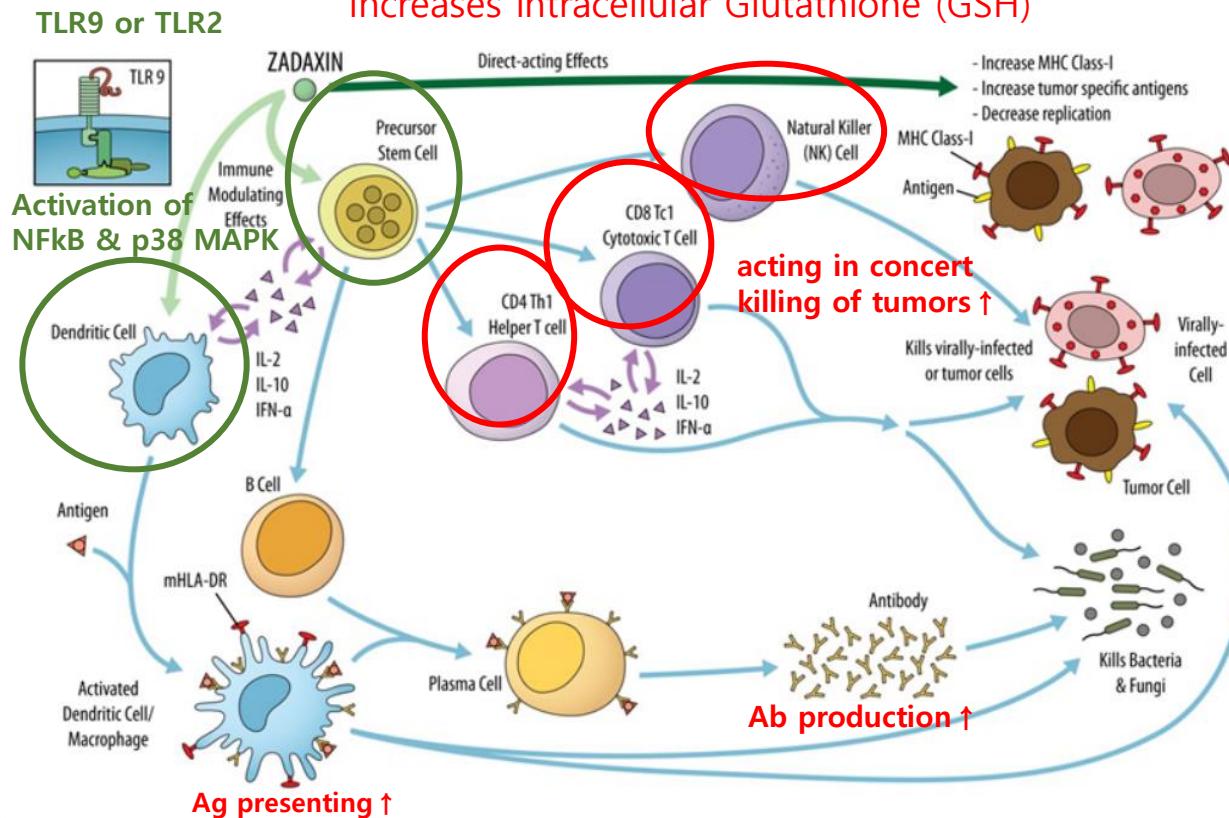
# FM solution

## Thymosin alpha-1 (T $\alpha$ 1)

- a naturally occurring peptide produced by the thymus gland
- helps stimulate the development of T cells
- a variety of immune-modulating effect

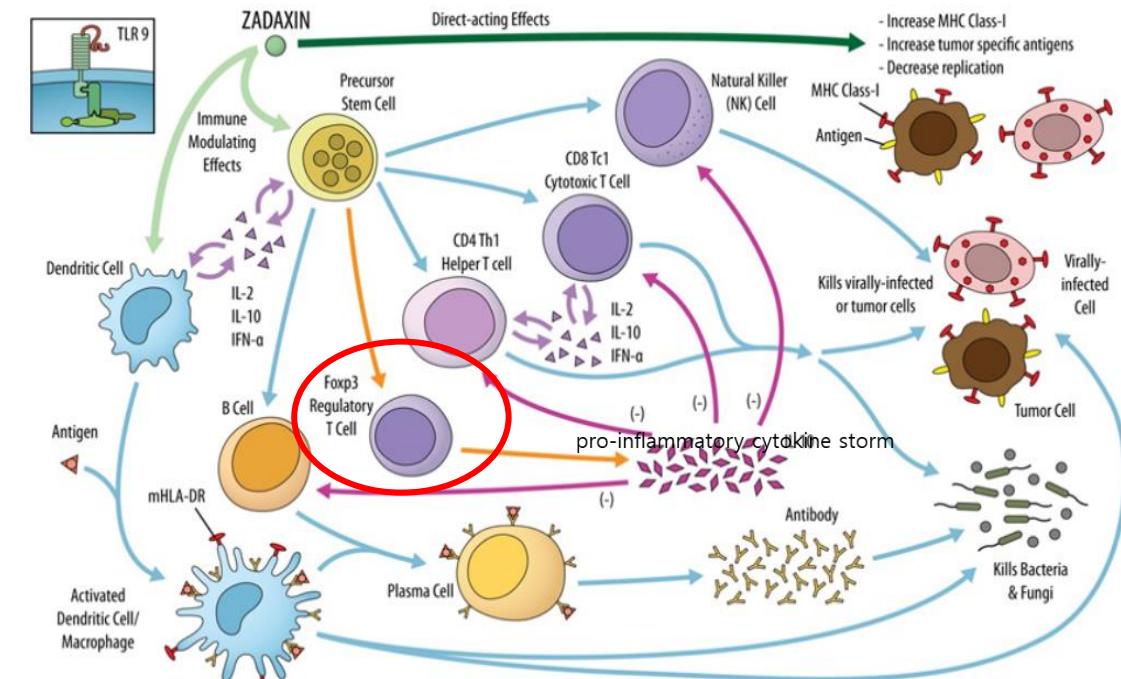
### Immune modulating and direct-acting effects

Increase expression of tumor specific antigions  
Increases intracellular Glutathione (GSH)



### Immune dampening mechanism of action

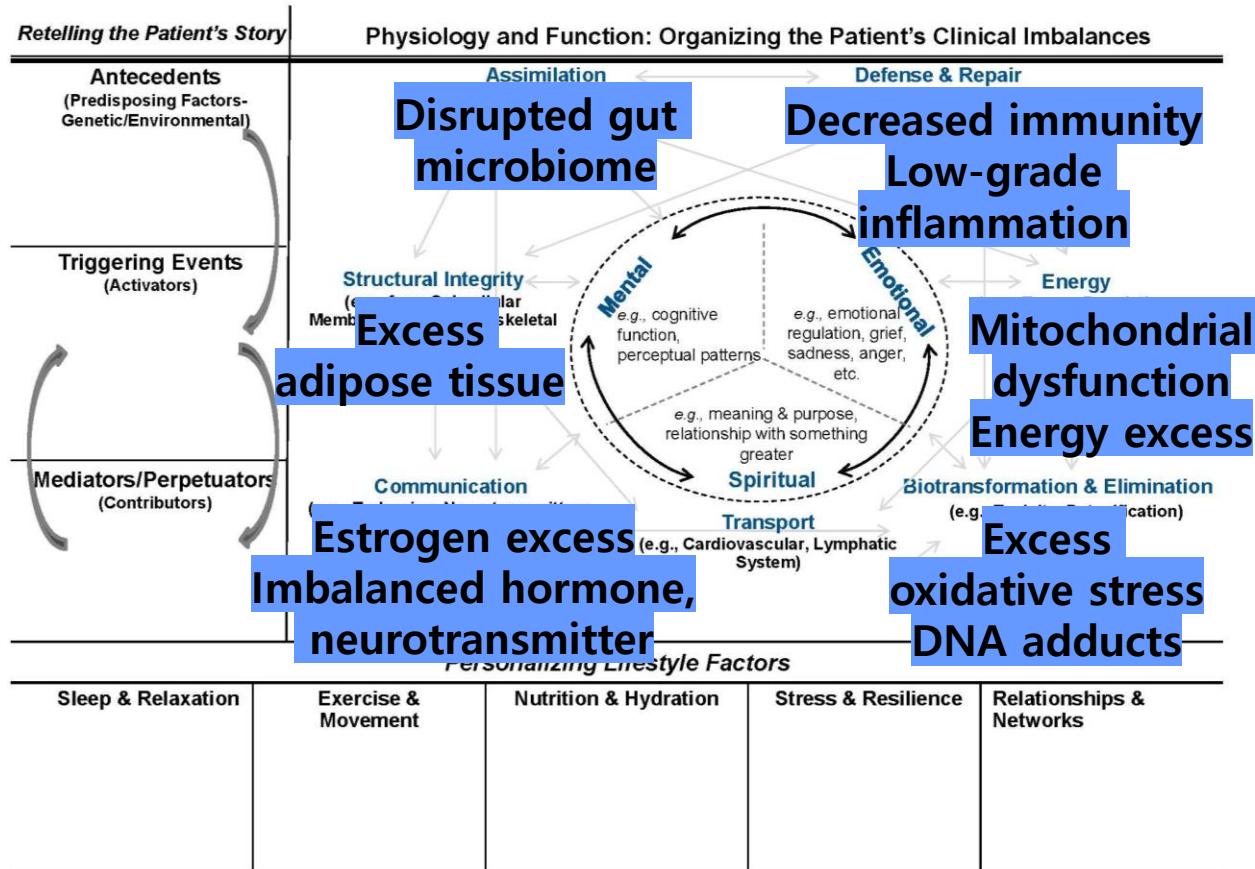
stimulates activity of Indoleamine-2,3-Dioxygenase (IDO) in plasmacytoid DCs



Feedback inhibition of cytokine production  
Prevention of a pro-inflammatory cytokine storm

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## 요약



- 암대사학에서의 맞춤 치료 방향과 유사하게 비만한 암생존자의 관리에도 맞춤 치료가 필요하다
- 비만한 암생존자의 관리의 기능의학적 접근의 핵심은 질병으로 가고 있는 현재의 신체 불균형 상태를 파악하여 가능한 최적의 상태로 기능을 유지 시켜주는 것에 있다.
- 각 개인의 대사 상태, 면역 상태, 호르몬 및 자율신경계, 장기능 상태를 파악하기 위하여 여러 기능의학적 해석과 기능의학 검사들을 사용해볼 수 있다.
- 각 개별적인 맞춤 영양치료의 근거 수준은 단순 세포수준부터 임상까지 다양하나, 개개인별로 불균형이 달라, 일치된 결과를 얻기는 어려울 것으로 생각되며, 개인의 불균형을 찾아 그 불균형을 균형으로 맞춰주는 것이 치료방침이다.