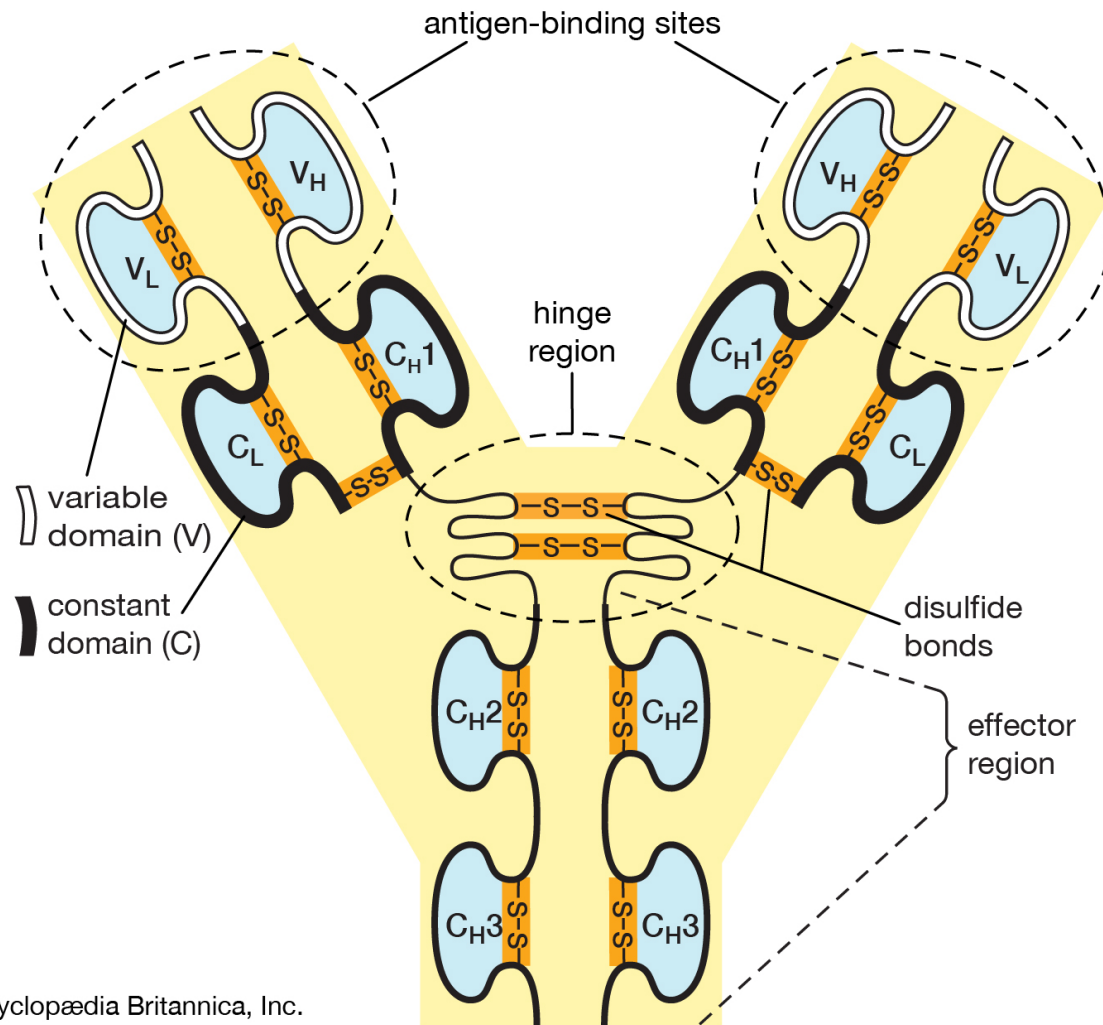
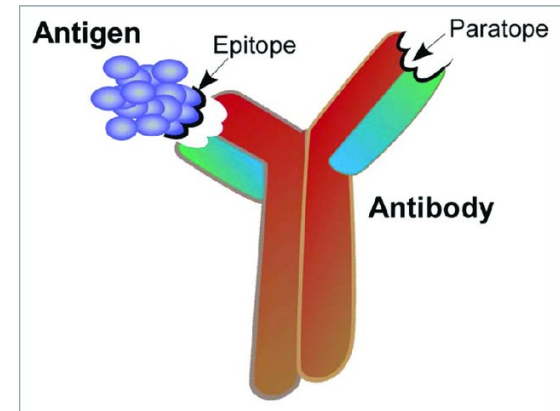
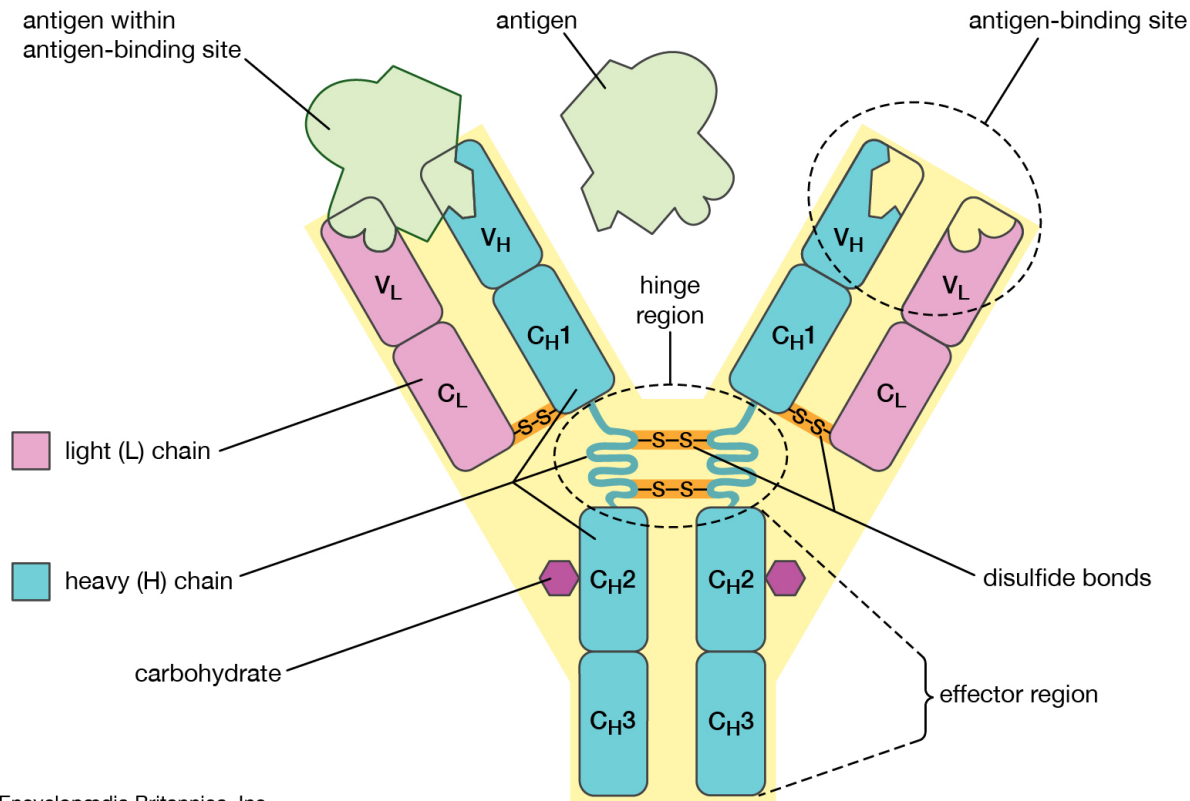
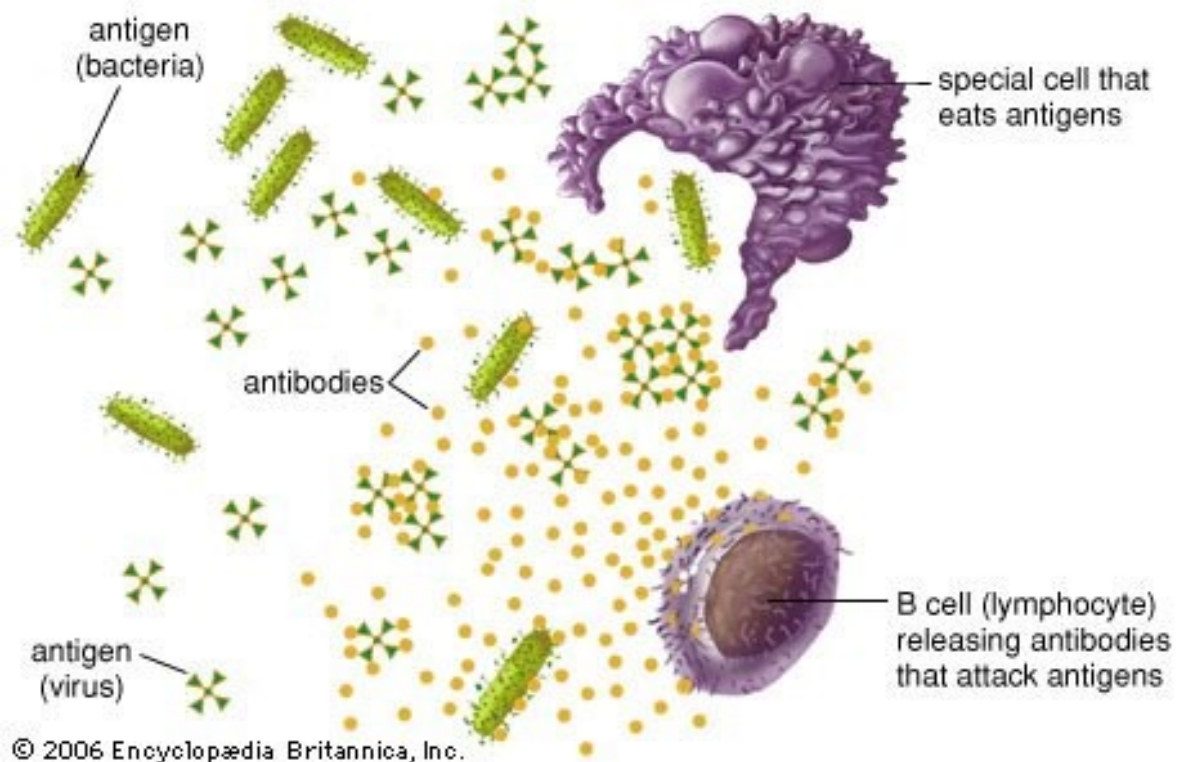


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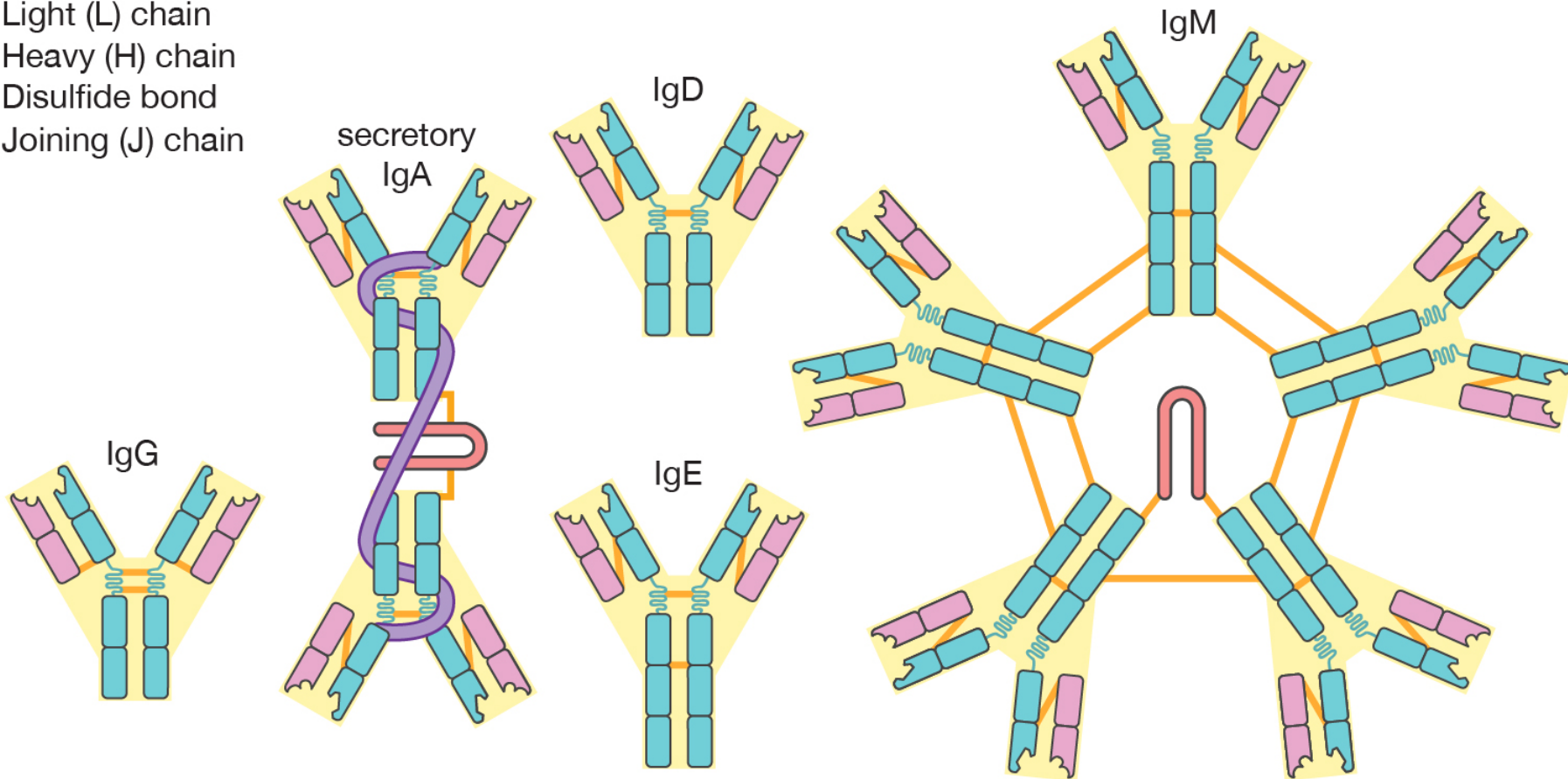
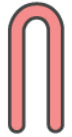
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Different Types of Antibodies

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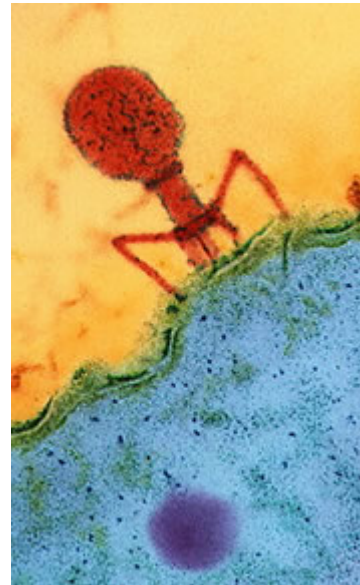
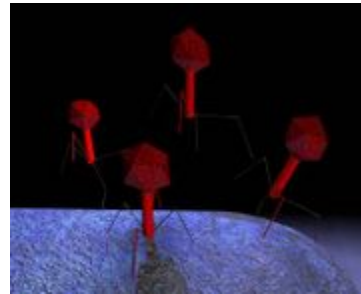
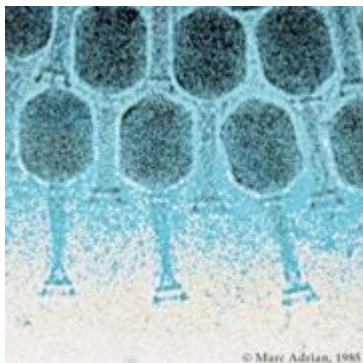
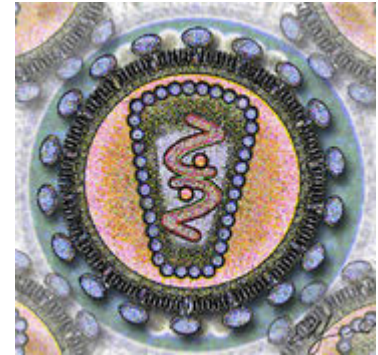
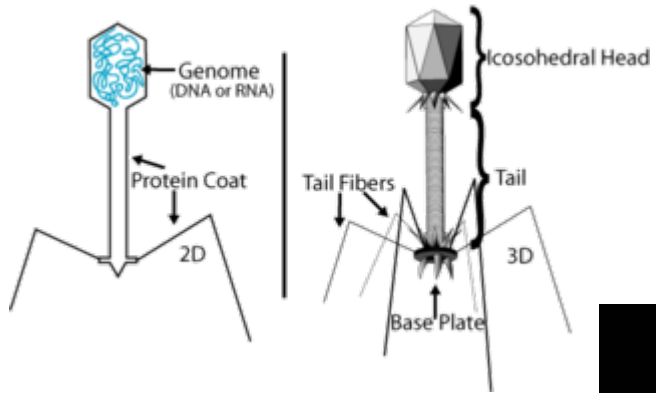


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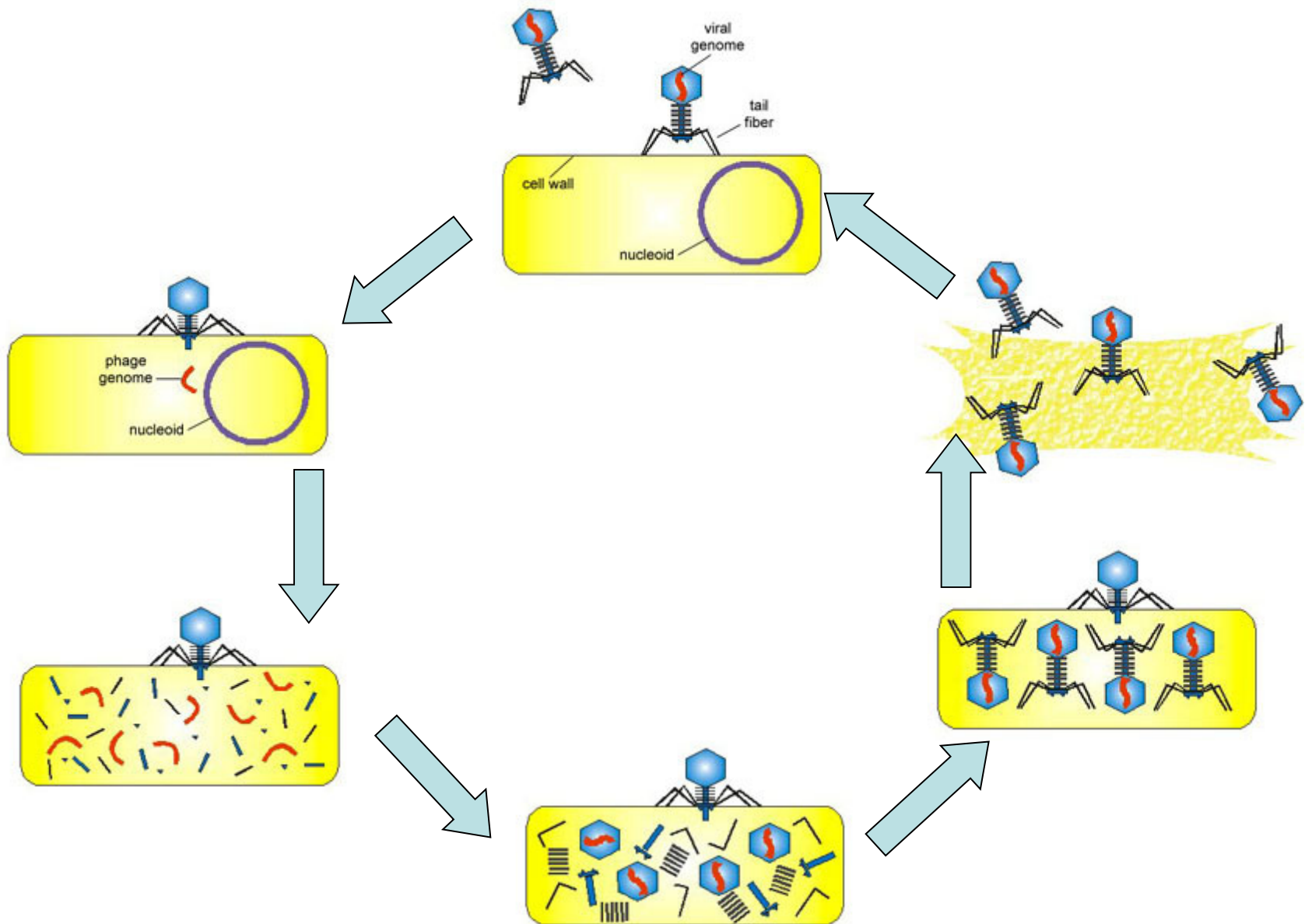


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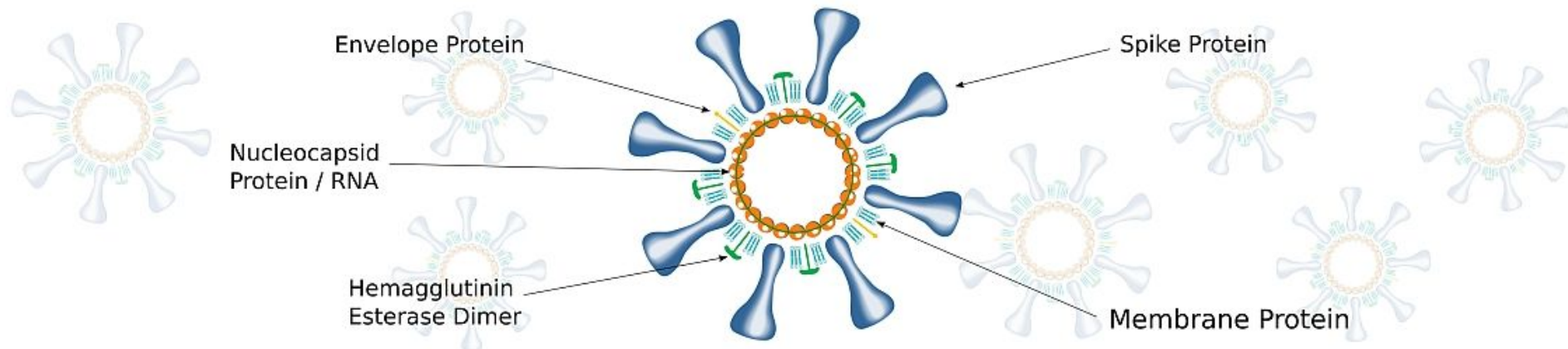
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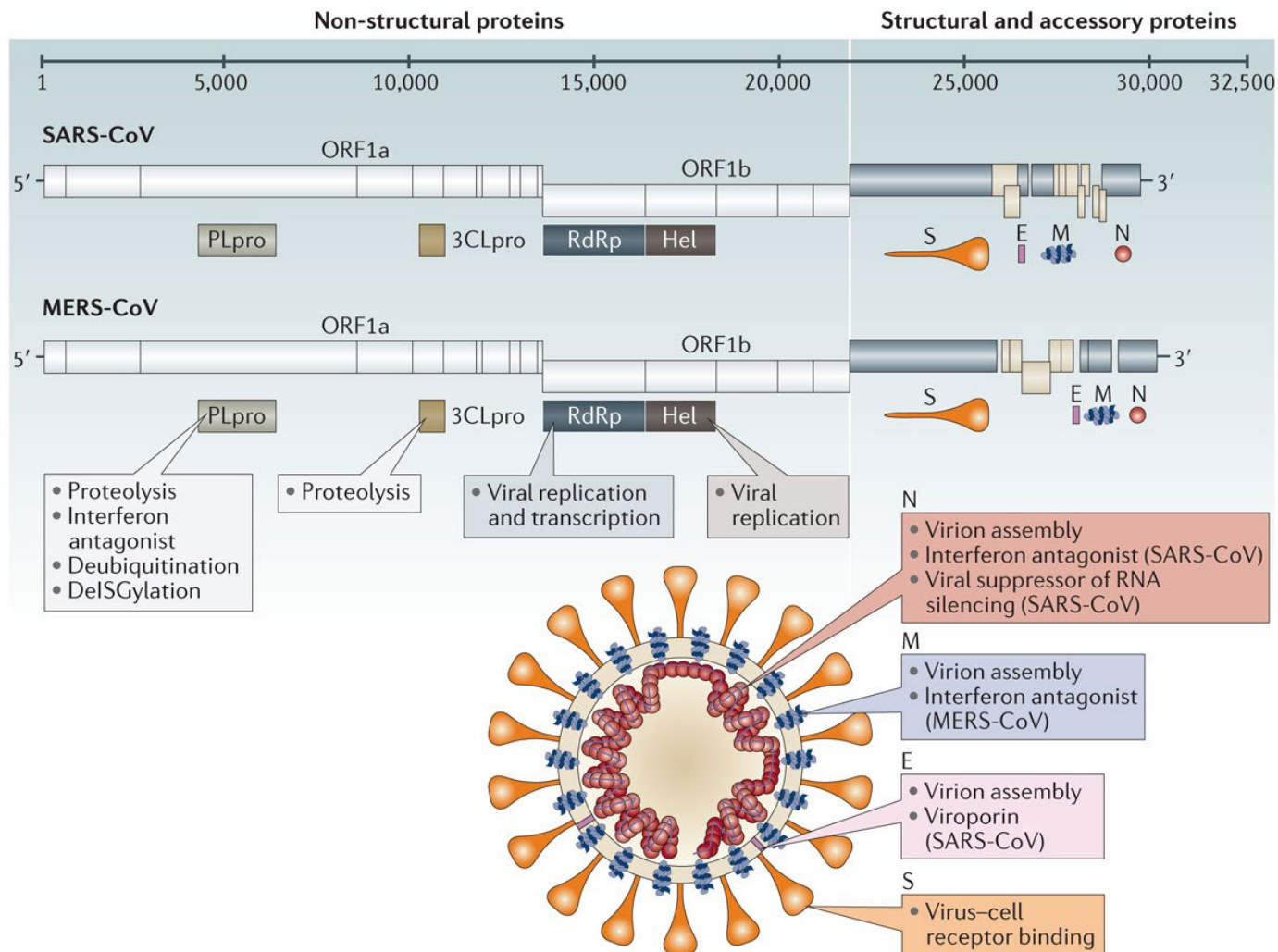


Virus Reproduction



SARS-CoV-2

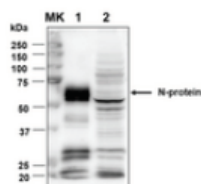




COVID-19 Antibodies

Monoclonal & Polyclonal Antibodies to SARS-CoV-2

The antibodies available below have been validated to bind to proteins from SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), but were developed originally to target proteins from SARS-CoV-1, the virus responsible for the 2003 outbreak. We are currently developing monoclonal mouse and polyclonal rabbit antibodies specific to SARS-CoV-2 spike and nucleocapsid proteins. The polyclonal antibodies will be available in May. The monoclonal antibodies will be available sometime between July - August.



Rabbit Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Nucleocapsid Protein

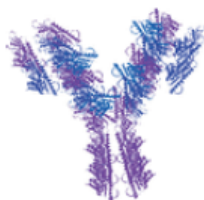
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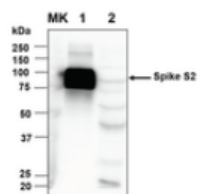
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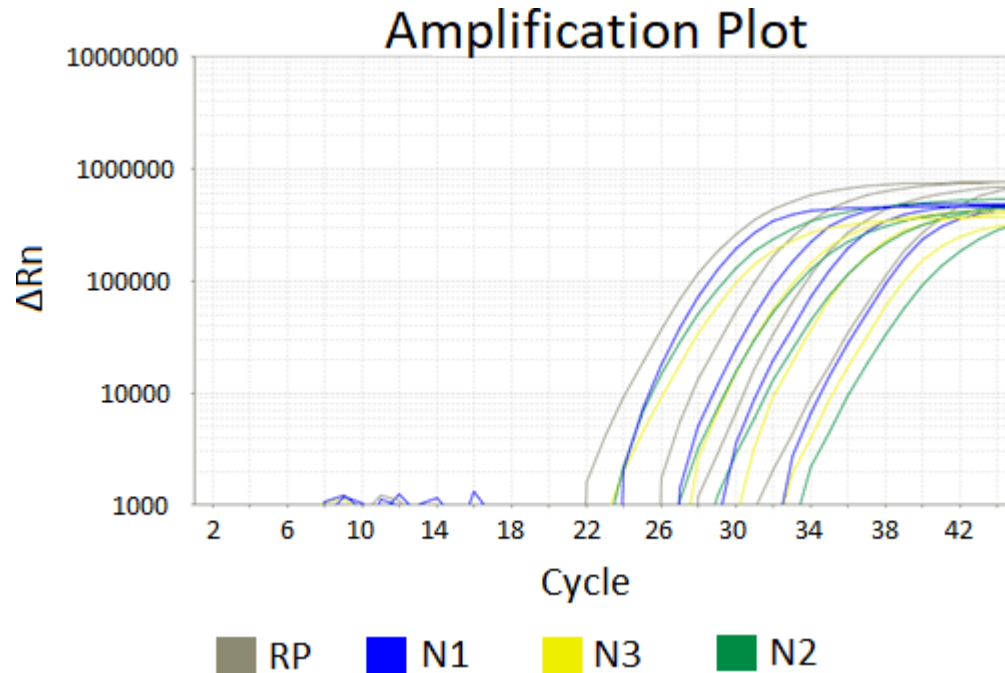
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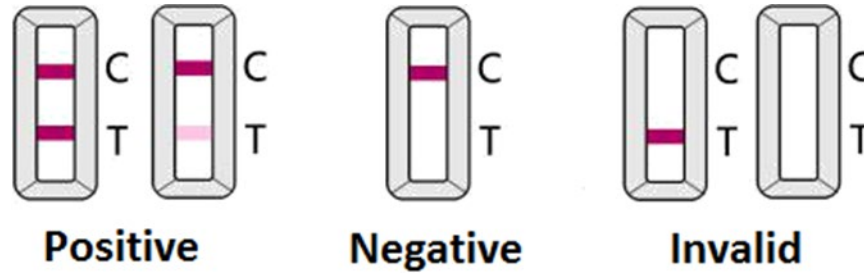
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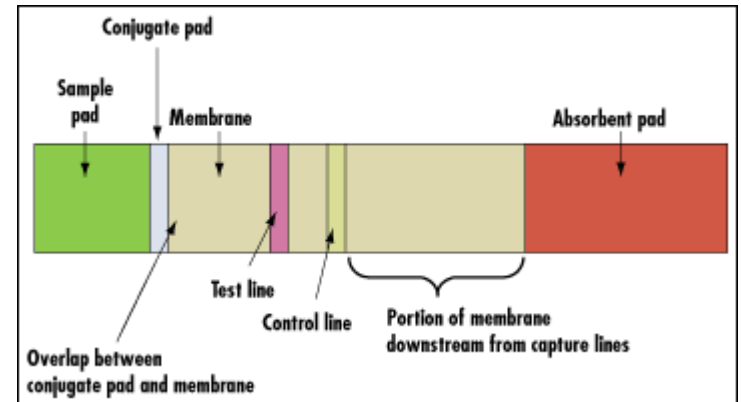
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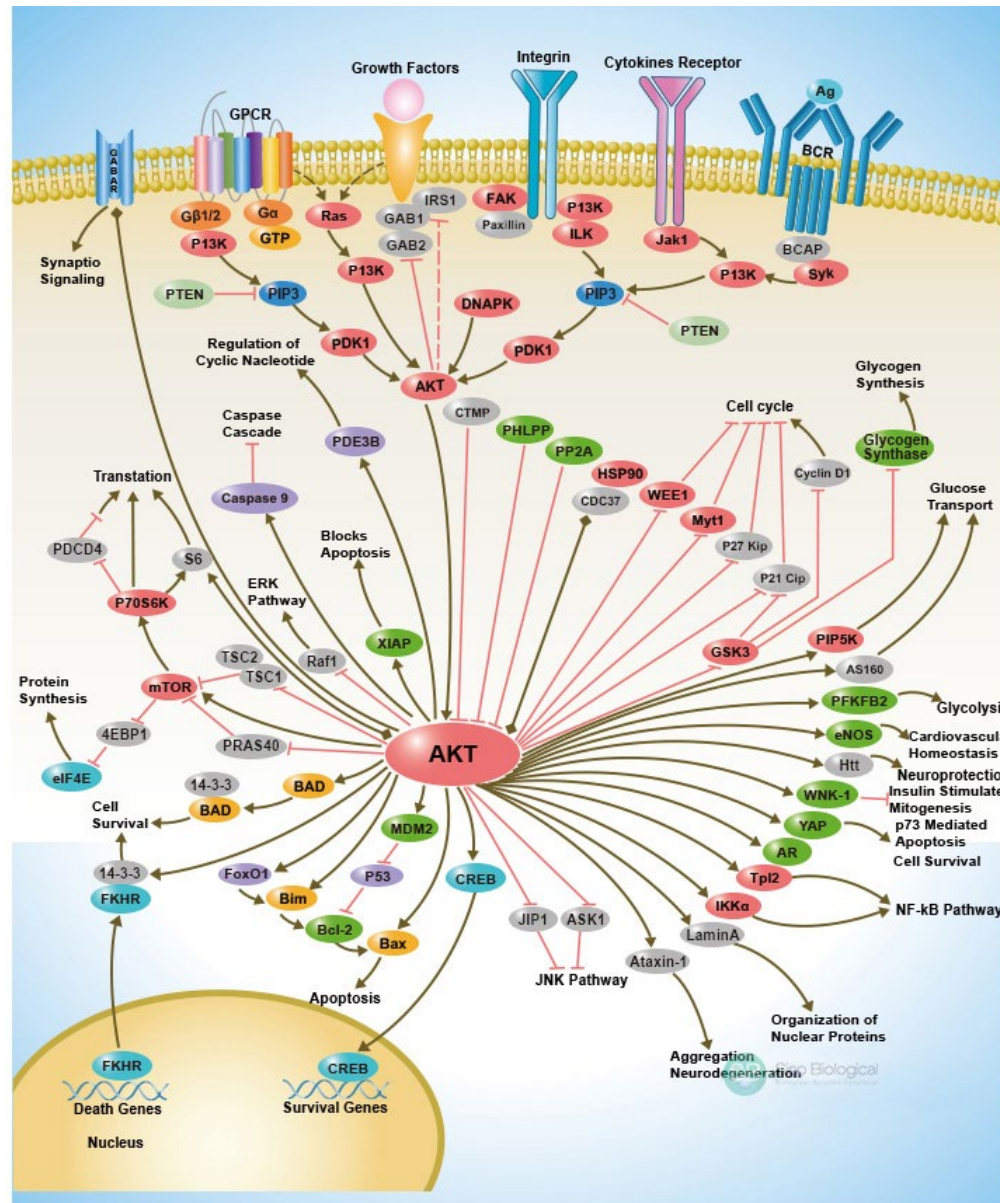


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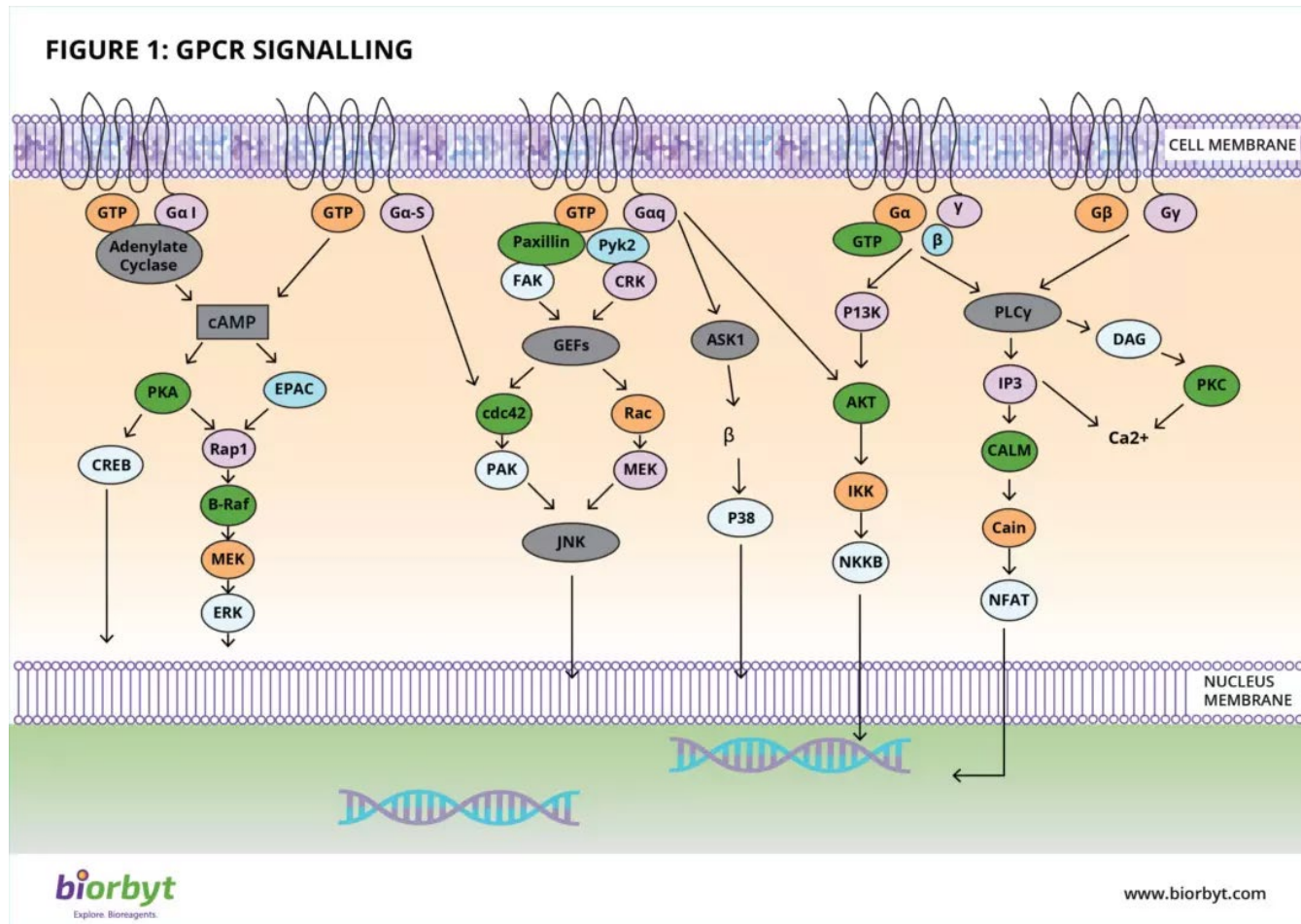


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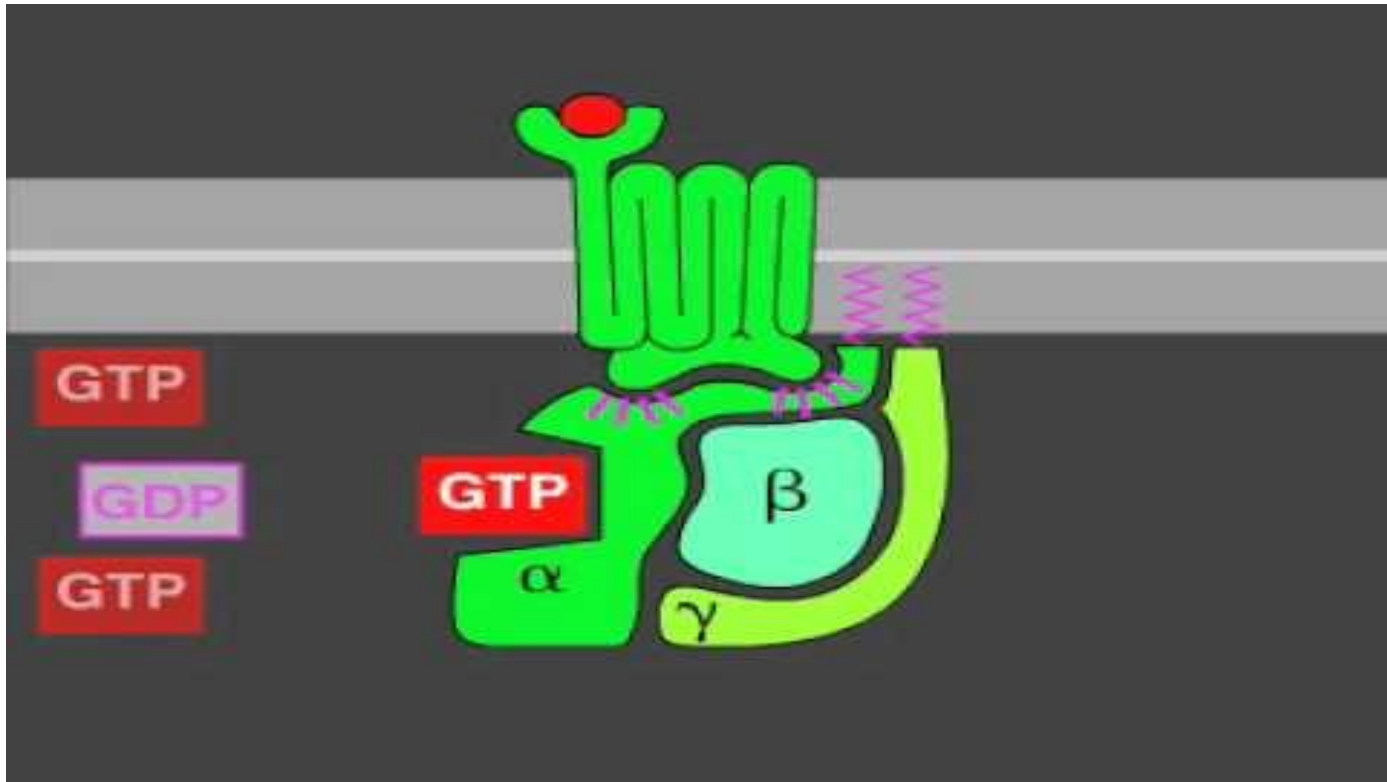
Signal Transduction



G-Protein Signaling Pathway

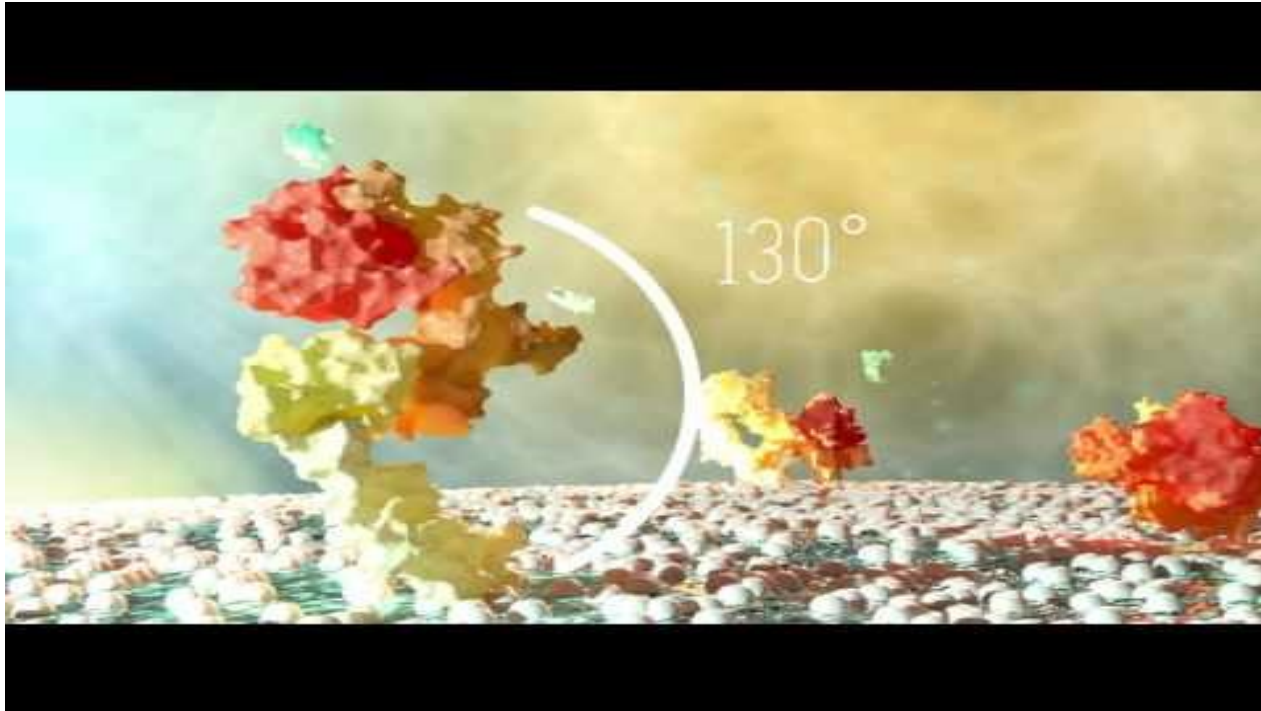


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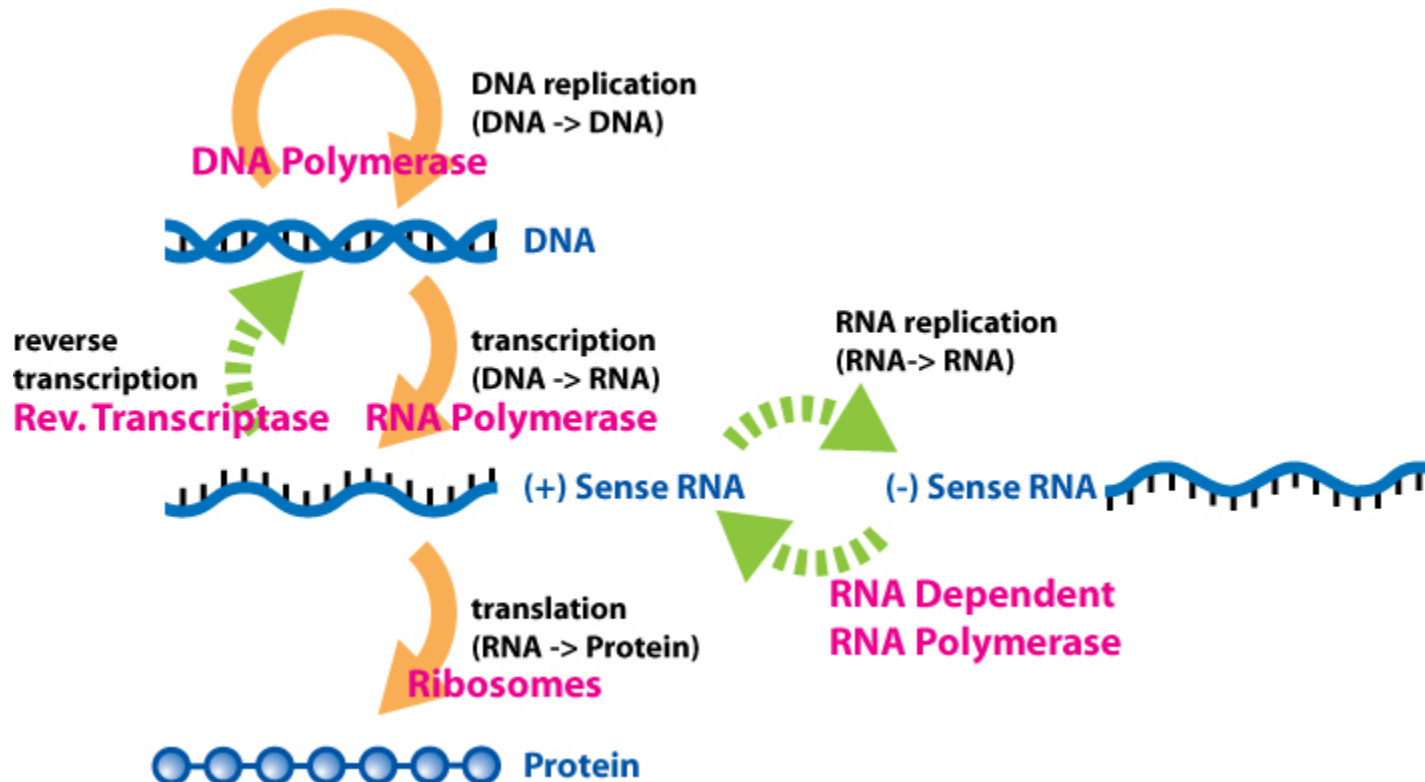
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EGFR



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Central Dogma



The correlation between RNA expression levels and protein expression is often not perfect due to various factors influencing the process from transcription (RNA synthesis) to translation (protein synthesis) and beyond. Here are several key reasons why RNA expression levels may not always align well with protein expression levels:

Post-transcriptional Regulation: After RNA is transcribed, it can undergo various modifications and processing steps that affect its stability, localization, and efficiency of translation. For example, **microRNAs can bind to mRNAs and promote their degradation or inhibit their translation.**

Translation Efficiency: The efficiency of translation can vary between different mRNAs depending on factors like the sequence context around the start codon, the length of the 5' untranslated region (UTR), secondary structures, and the availability of tRNAs for rare codons.

Protein Stability: Once synthesized, the stability of proteins can vary widely, with some proteins rapidly degraded and others being very stable. This difference can lead to discrepancies between the amount of mRNA present and the level of corresponding protein.

Post-translational Modifications: Proteins can undergo various post-translational modifications that can affect their activity, localization, and stability. **These modifications are not predictable from mRNA levels and can significantly influence protein function and abundance.**

Biological Noise: Both transcription and translation are subject to stochastic variation, which can lead to cell-to-cell variability in protein levels that is not predicted by mRNA levels alone.

Post Translational Modification



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Post-translational modification (PTM) refers to the chemical modification of a protein after its synthesis (translation) in the ribosome. PTMs are crucial processes that expand the diversity of the proteome (the entire set of proteins that can be expressed by a cell, tissue, or organism) beyond what is dictated by the genome alone. These modifications can occur at specific amino acid side chains or peptide linkages and significantly influence the protein's function, localization, stability, and interactions with other molecules.

Phosphorylation: The addition of a phosphate group, typically to serine, threonine, or tyrosine residues, affecting the activity, localization, and interaction of proteins.

Ubiquitination: The attachment of ubiquitin, a small regulatory protein, to lysine residues on a target protein, often tagging it for degradation by the proteasome but also involved in regulating protein activity and location.

Acetylation: The addition of an acetyl group, commonly at lysine residues, influencing gene expression and protein stability.

Glycosylation: The attachment of sugar moieties to proteins or lipids, impacting their folding, stability, activity, and cellular location.

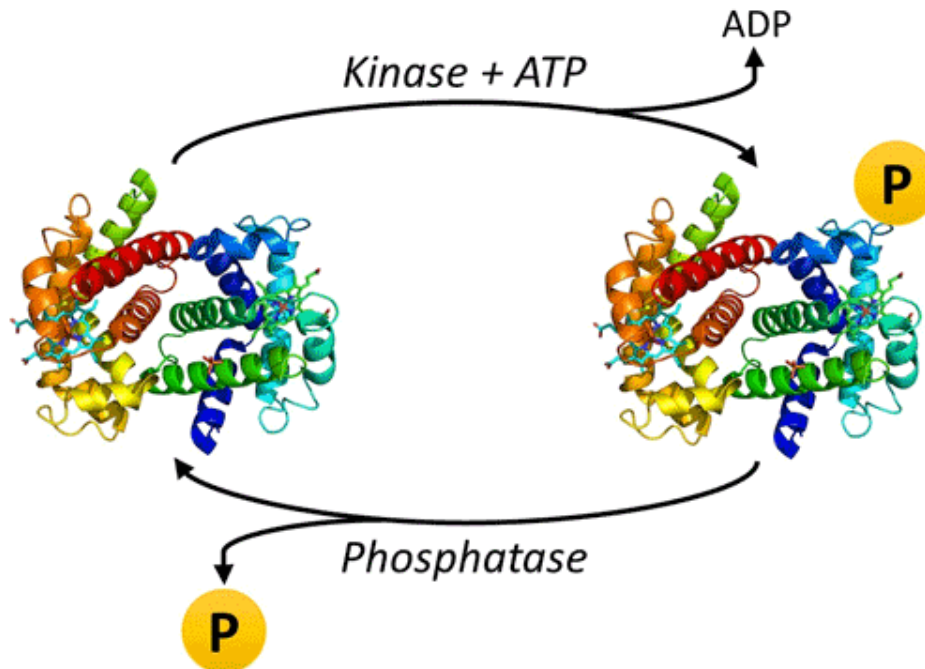
Methylation: The addition of methyl groups, usually on lysine or arginine residues, affecting protein interaction and function.

Sulfation: The addition of sulfate groups to tyrosine residues, affecting protein interaction and function.

Lipidation: The addition of lipid molecules to proteins, which can affect their membrane localization and function.

Protein phosphorylation

Phosphorylation in post-translational modification (PTM) refers to the addition of a phosphate group (PO_4^{3-}) to a protein, typically to the amino acid residues serine, threonine, or tyrosine in eukaryotic proteins. This modification is catalyzed by enzymes known as kinases, while phosphatases remove phosphate groups. Phosphorylation is a reversible and dynamic modification that plays a crucial role in the regulation of various cellular processes.



Protein phosphorylation



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The importance of phosphorylation includes:

Cell Signaling: Phosphorylation is pivotal in cell signaling pathways, where it can activate or deactivate enzymes and receptor proteins, thereby transmitting signals inside the cell. This process is fundamental for the cellular responses to hormones, growth factors, and environmental stimuli.

Protein Function: Phosphorylation can change a protein's function by altering its conformation, activity, stability, or interaction with other proteins or molecules. This can activate or inhibit the protein's function or redirect its cellular localization.

Cell Cycle Control: Phosphorylation regulates the cell cycle, ensuring proper cell division and replication. For example, cyclin-dependent kinases (CDKs) phosphorylate various target proteins to control the progression through different phases of the cell cycle.

Metabolism: Phosphorylation plays a key role in metabolic regulation by activating or inhibiting enzymes involved in various metabolic pathways, thus helping to control the energy balance of the cell.

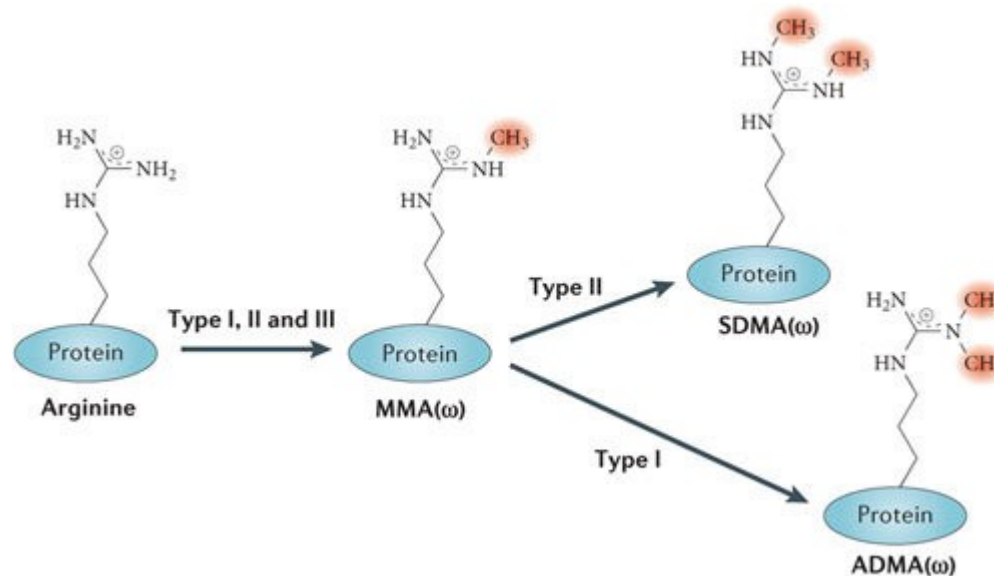
Transcription and Translation: Phosphorylation regulates transcription factors and components of the transcription and translation machinery, impacting gene expression and protein synthesis, which are crucial for cell growth, differentiation, and response to external signals.

Apoptosis: Phosphorylation is involved in the regulation of apoptosis or programmed cell death, which is vital for removing damaged or unneeded cells and maintaining tissue homeostasis.

Neuronal Function: In the nervous system, phosphorylation is essential for neuron function, including neurotransmitter release, receptor activation, and the modulation of ion channel activity, critical for signal transmission and brain function.

Methylation

Methylation, a specific type of PTM, involves the addition of a methyl group (CH_3) to amino acids in a protein, typically to the side chains of arginine or lysine residues in eukaryotic proteins. This modification is carried out by enzymes known as methyltransferases, which use S-adenosylmethionine (SAM) as the methyl donor.



The importance of methylation includes:

Regulation of Gene Expression: Methylation of histone proteins, which help package DNA in the nucleus, can influence gene expression. For example, methylation of histone tails can either repress or activate transcription, depending on the specific amino acid methylated and the context within which methylation occurs.

Protein Function: Methylation can alter the function of non-histone proteins by affecting their interaction with other proteins, their localization within the cell, and their activity. For instance, methylation can change the conformation of a protein, thereby influencing its function and interactions.

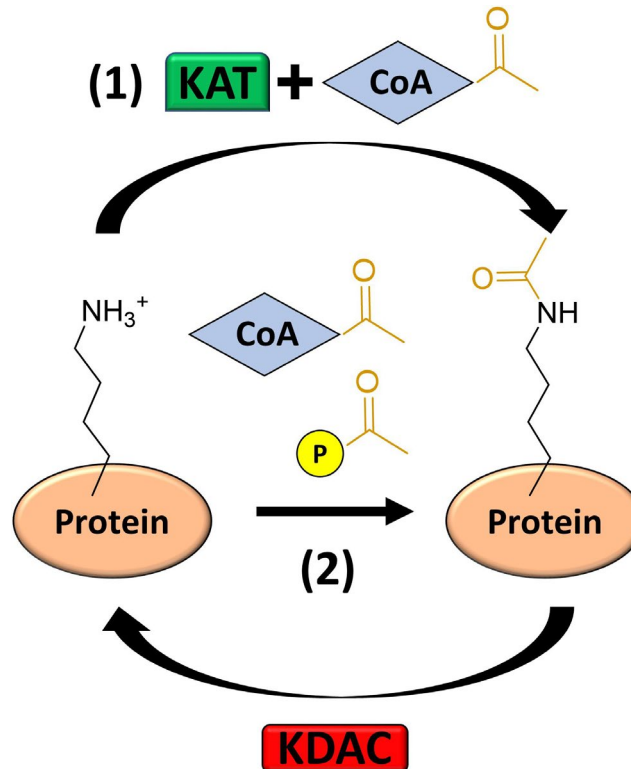
Protein Stability: Methylation can also impact the stability of proteins. Certain methylations can protect proteins from ubiquitin-mediated degradation, thereby prolonging their half-life in the cell.

Signal Transduction: Methylation plays roles in signal transduction pathways, modifying signaling proteins and modulating their activity to ensure appropriate cellular responses to external stimuli.

Cellular Differentiation and Development: Proper methylation is crucial for normal development and cellular differentiation, influencing processes ranging from embryonic development to the maintenance of adult tissue homeostasis.

Acetylation

Acetylation in post-translational modification (PTM) refers to the addition of an acetyl group (COCH_3) to a protein, often at a lysine amino acid residue. This modification is catalyzed by enzymes known as acetyltransferases, which transfer the acetyl group from acetyl-coenzyme A (acetyl-CoA) to the target protein. Conversely, deacetylases remove acetyl groups from proteins.



The importance of acetylation in proteins includes several key aspects:

Gene Regulation: Acetylation of histone proteins, which DNA wraps around in chromatin, is crucial for the regulation of gene expression. When histones are acetylated, the chromatin structure becomes more open, allowing gene transcription machinery to access the DNA. Conversely, deacetylation typically tightens chromatin structure and represses gene transcription.

Protein Function: Beyond histones, acetylation can regulate the activity, stability, and interaction of non-histone proteins with other molecules. By altering the charge of lysine residues, acetylation can change protein conformations and interactions, influencing various cellular pathways.

Protein Stability: Acetylation can also affect the stability and degradation of proteins. For instance, acetylation can prevent ubiquitination at the same lysine residue, thereby inhibiting proteasome-mediated degradation and extending the protein's half-life.

Cellular Localization: Acetylation can influence where proteins are located within the cell, affecting their function. For example, certain proteins are shuttled between the nucleus and cytoplasm depending on their acetylation status.

Signal Transduction: Acetylation plays a role in signal transduction, impacting how cells respond to external or internal signals. This can have wide-ranging effects on cell growth, division, and response to stress.

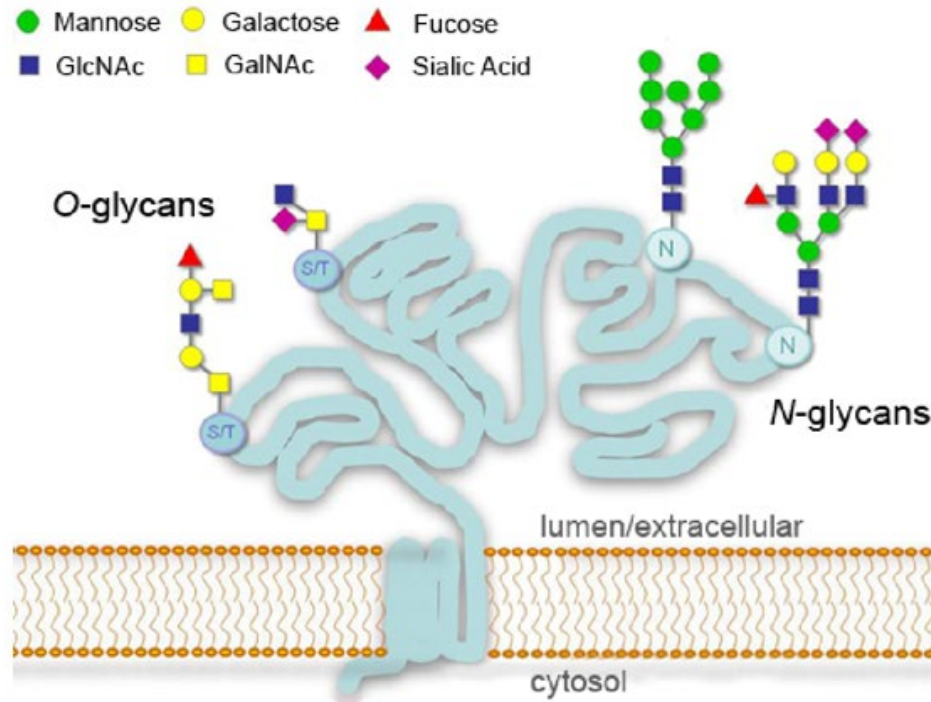
Interaction with Other Molecules: Acetylation can regulate the interaction between proteins and DNA, proteins and other proteins, or proteins and small molecules, which is fundamental for numerous cellular processes.

Glycosylation

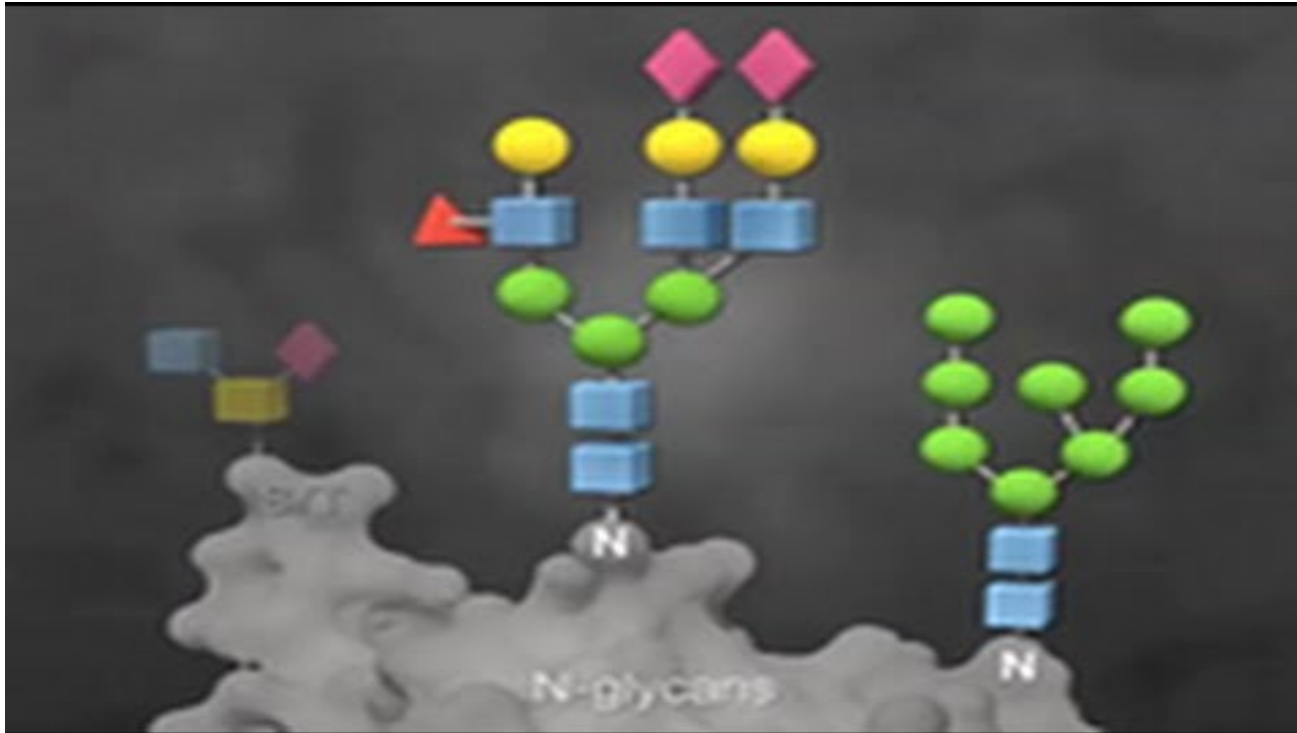
There are two main types of protein glycosylation:

N-linked Glycosylation: This occurs when a sugar molecule is attached to an asparagine (Asn) residue of a protein. It is typically found in the consensus sequence Asn-X-Ser/Thr, where X can be any amino acid except proline.

O-linked Glycosylation: This occurs when a sugar molecule is attached to the oxygen atom of serine (Ser) or threonine (Thr) residues in proteins.



Glycosylation



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The importance of glycosylation includes:

Protein Folding: Glycosylation helps in proper protein folding and stability, aiding in the correct three-dimensional conformation necessary for protein function. It also assists in the quality control mechanisms within the cell, such as in the endoplasmic reticulum, where improperly folded glycoproteins are targeted for degradation.

Cellular Recognition and Signaling: Glycosylated proteins on the cell surface play critical roles in cell-cell recognition, communication, and signaling. They are involved in various processes such as immune response, where they contribute to the recognition of antigens by immune cells.

Protein Stability and Half-life: Glycosylation can increase the stability of proteins and protect them from proteolysis, thus extending their half-life in the circulatory system.

Cell Adhesion: Glycosylation contributes to cell adhesion processes, crucial for the development and maintenance of tissues and for the immune system's function, by mediating the interaction between cells and the extracellular matrix.

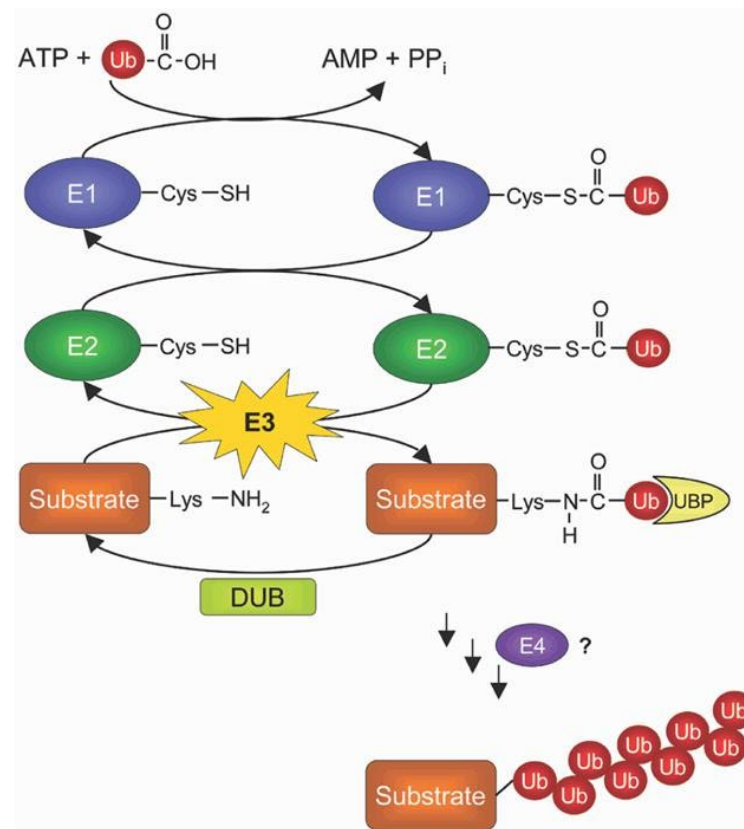
Pathogen Recognition: Many pathogens are recognized by their glycan structures. Host organisms can detect these structures and mount an immune response.

Conversely, pathogens can exploit host glycosylation processes for cell entry or immune evasion.

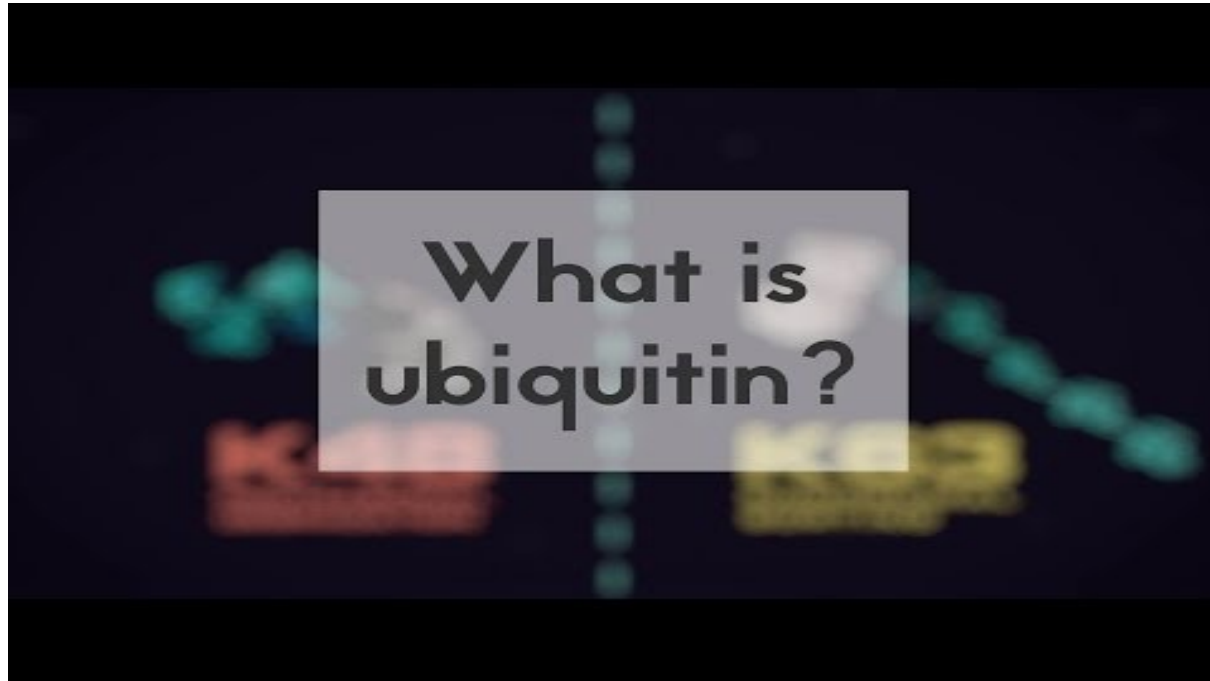
Therapeutic Proteins: Many biopharmaceuticals, including antibodies and hormones, are glycosylated. The glycosylation patterns can significantly affect the efficacy and pharmacokinetics of these therapeutic proteins.

Ubiquitination

Ubiquitination in post-translational modification (PTM) refers to the covalent attachment of a small protein called ubiquitin to a target protein. This process is carried out through a cascade involving three types of enzymes: E1 (ubiquitin-activating enzyme), E2 (ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme), and E3 (ubiquitin ligase), which work together to attach ubiquitin to lysine residues on substrate proteins.



Ubiquitination



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Ubiquitination



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Proteasomal Degradation: The most well-known function of ubiquitination is targeting proteins for degradation by the 26S proteasome. Polyubiquitin chains, particularly those linked through lysine 48 of ubiquitin, serve as a signal for proteins to be recognized and degraded by the proteasome, thereby regulating protein levels within the cell.

Regulation of Protein Function and Activity: Ubiquitination can also regulate protein activity, function, and localization independently of degradation. For example, monoubiquitination or polyubiquitination with chains linked through other lysine residues (like K63) can influence protein interactions, cellular localization, and activity without targeting the protein for degradation.

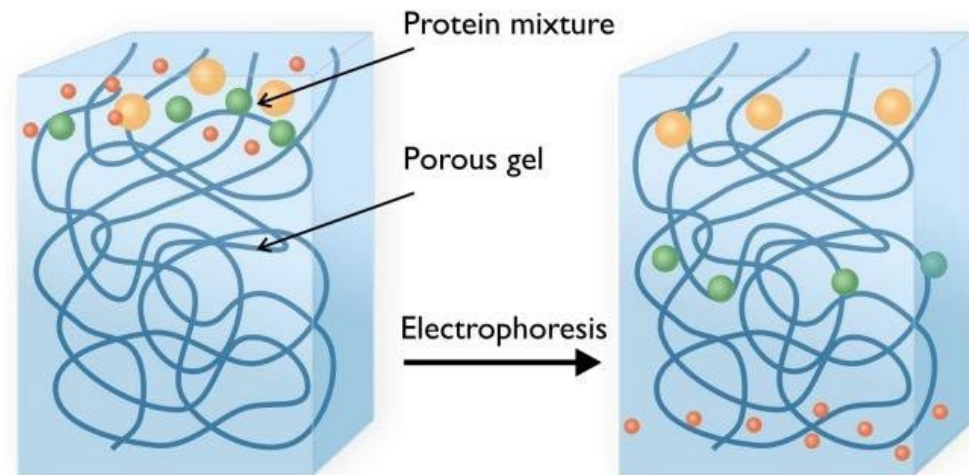
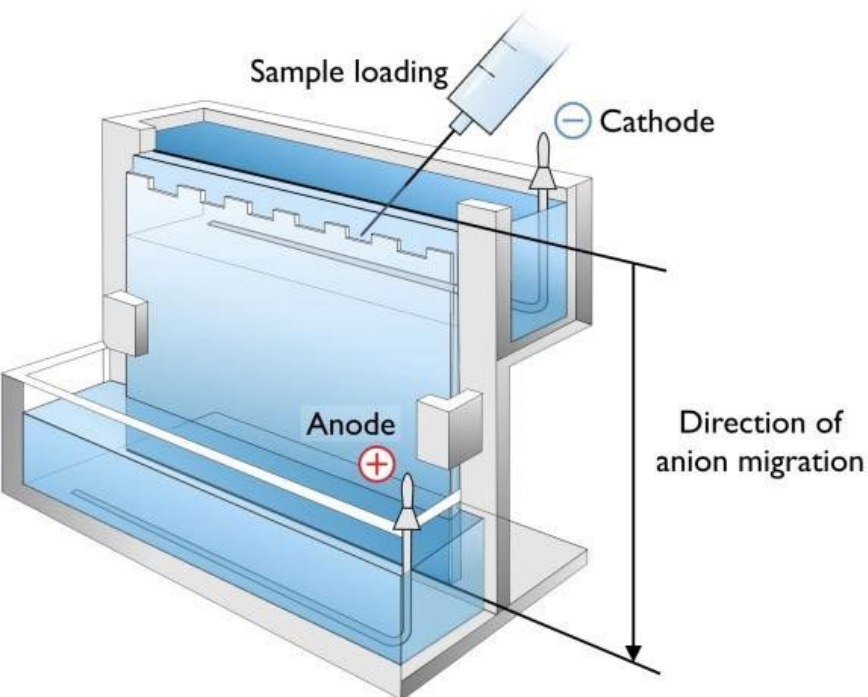
Cell Signaling: Ubiquitination plays critical roles in various signaling pathways. For instance, in the NF- κ B pathway, the ubiquitination of certain components leads to their activation and translocation to the nucleus, where they affect gene expression.

DNA Repair: In the cellular response to DNA damage, ubiquitination helps regulate the repair process. Specific patterns of ubiquitination can recruit DNA repair enzymes to damaged sites, facilitating repair mechanisms that maintain genomic integrity.

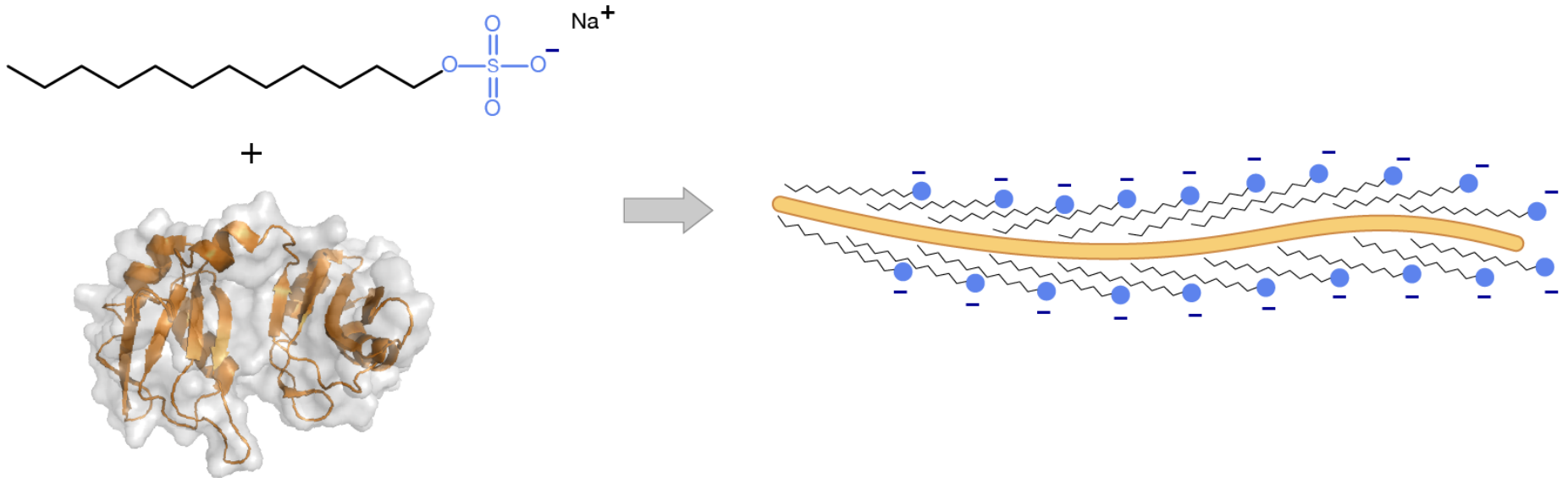
Cell Cycle Regulation: Ubiquitination controls the levels and activity of various cell cycle regulators, ensuring proper cell cycle progression and division. Key regulatory proteins are ubiquitinated and degraded at specific points, allowing the cell cycle to proceed or be halted as necessary.

Immune Response: Ubiquitination is involved in the regulation of innate and adaptive immune responses, including the presentation of antigens on major histocompatibility complex (MHC) molecules, the regulation of inflammatory signaling pathways, and the modulation of immune cell function.

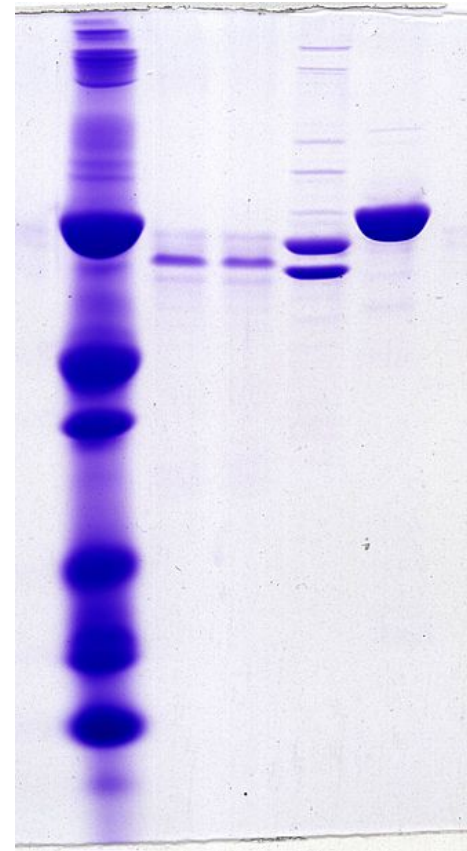
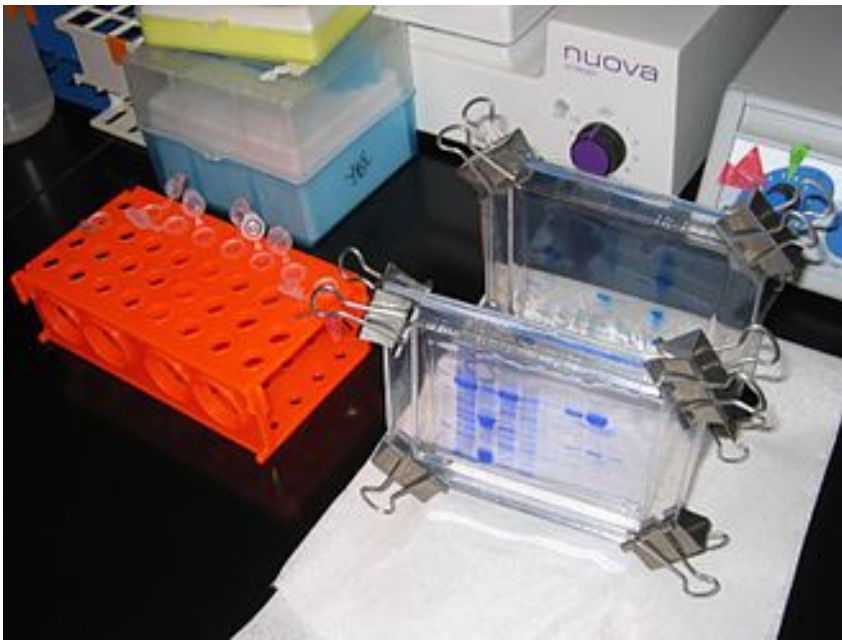
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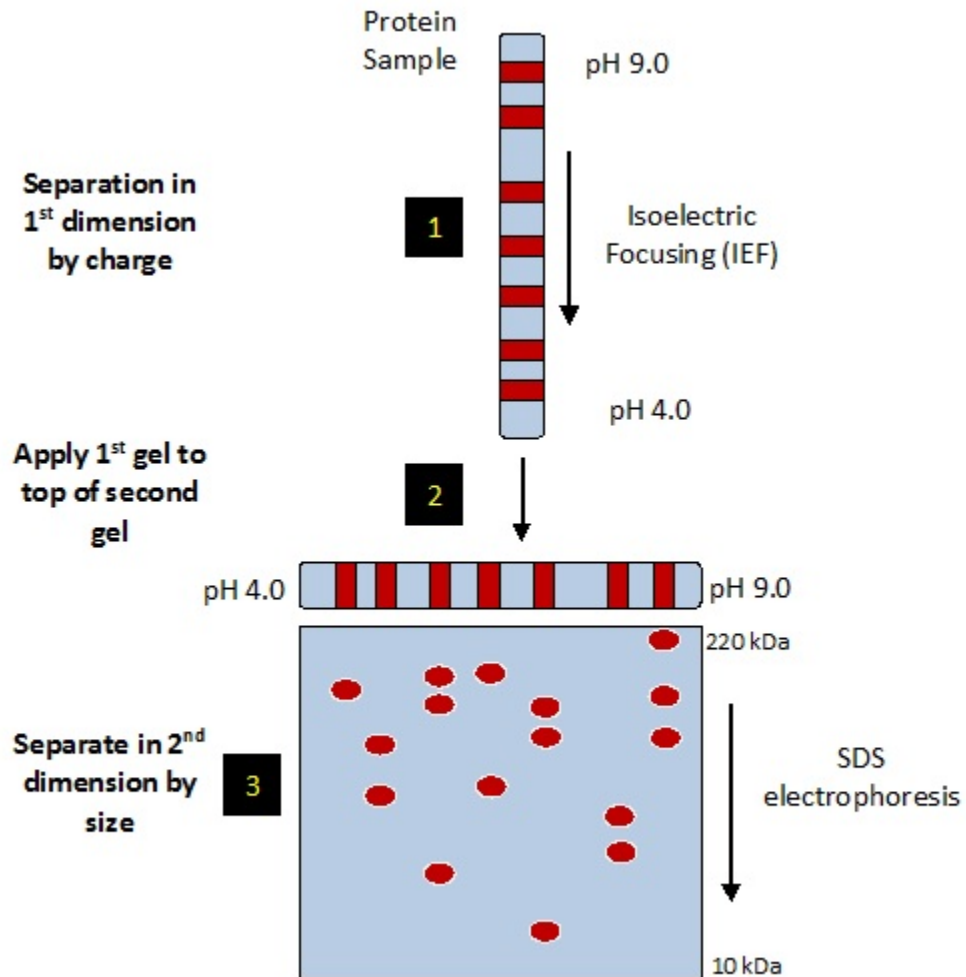
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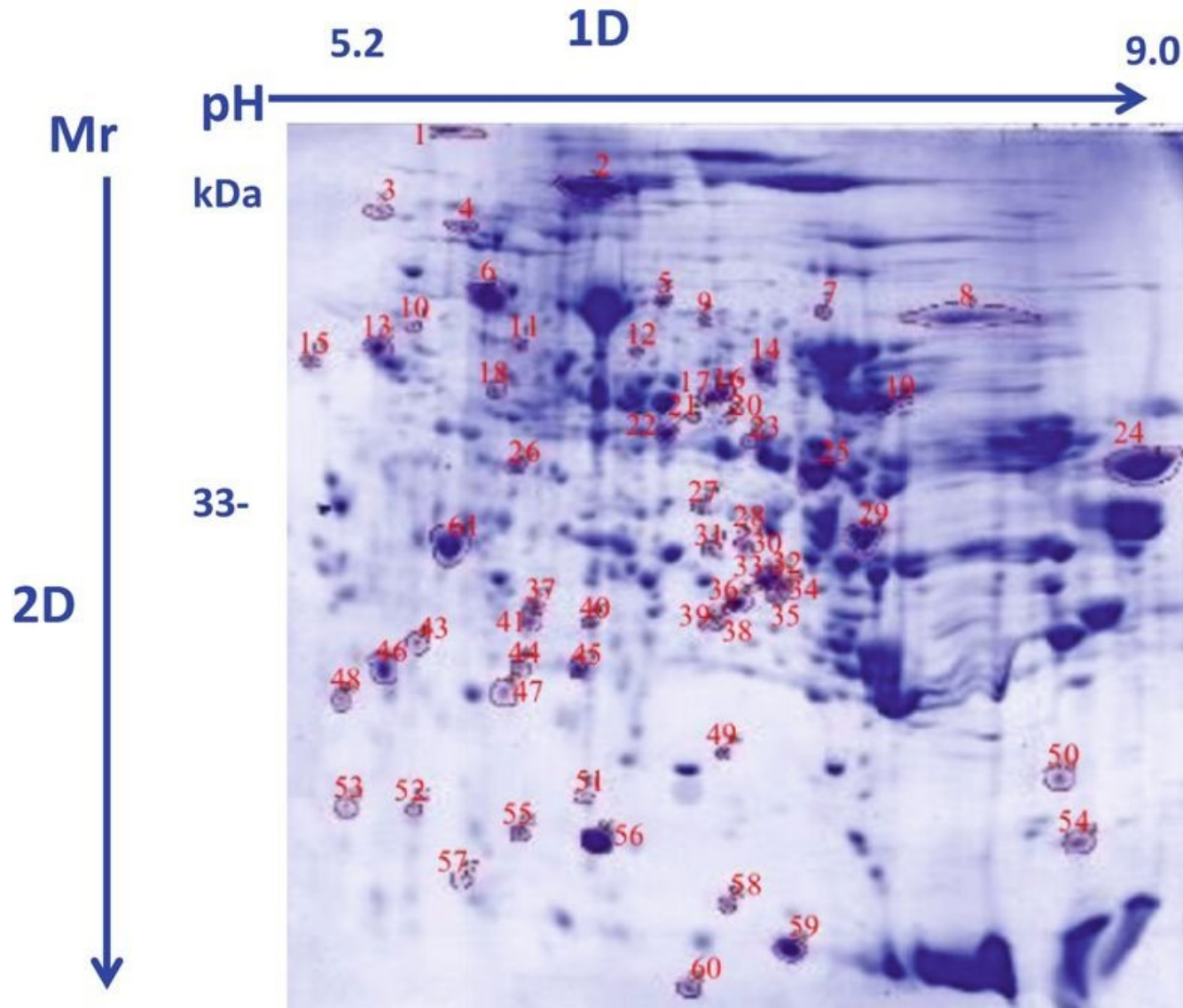
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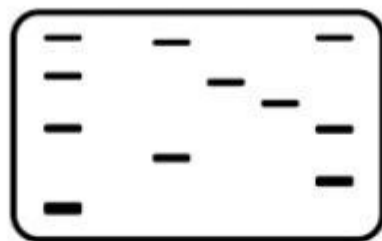


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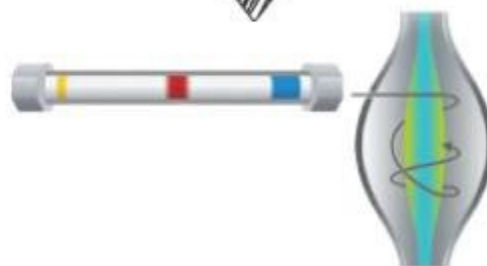
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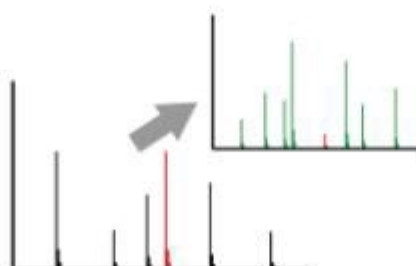
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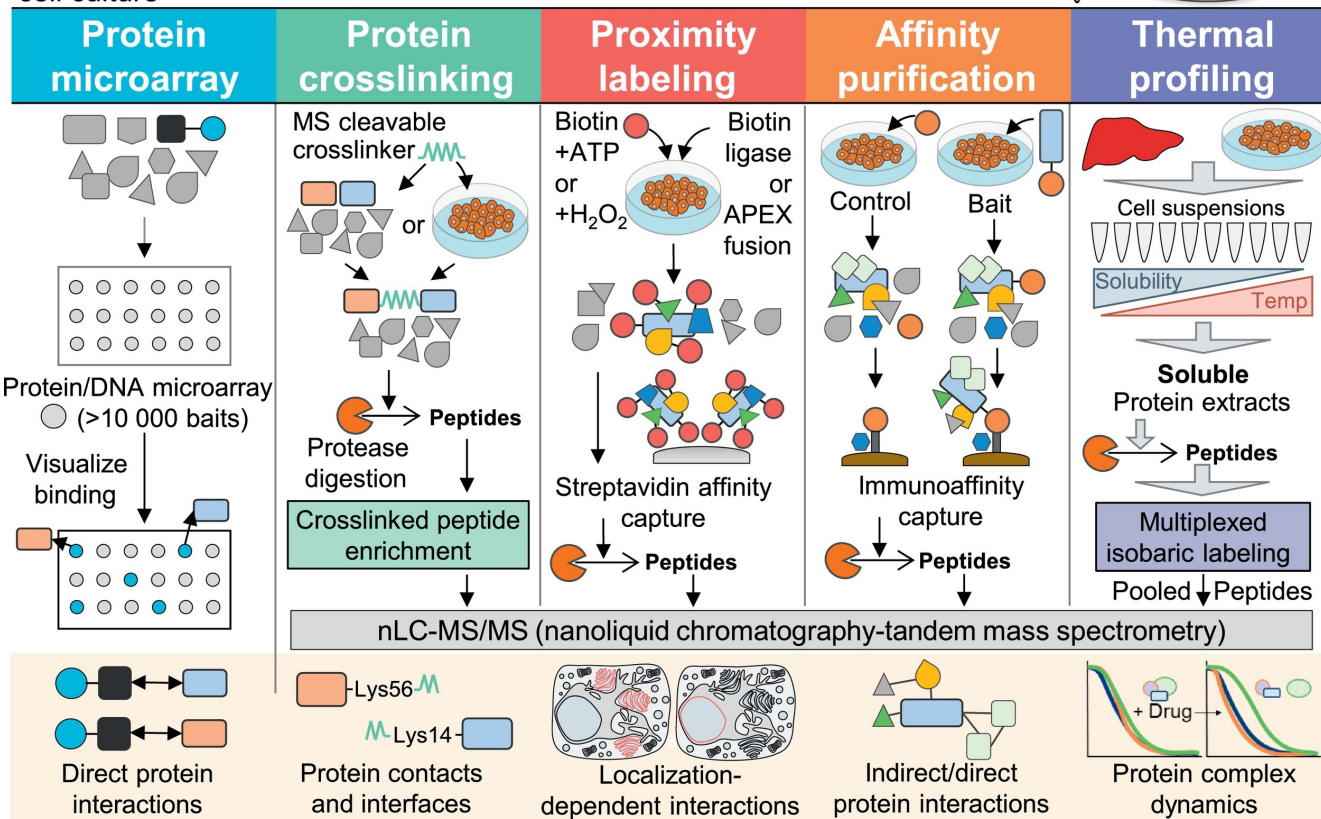
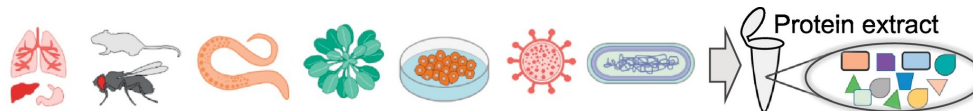
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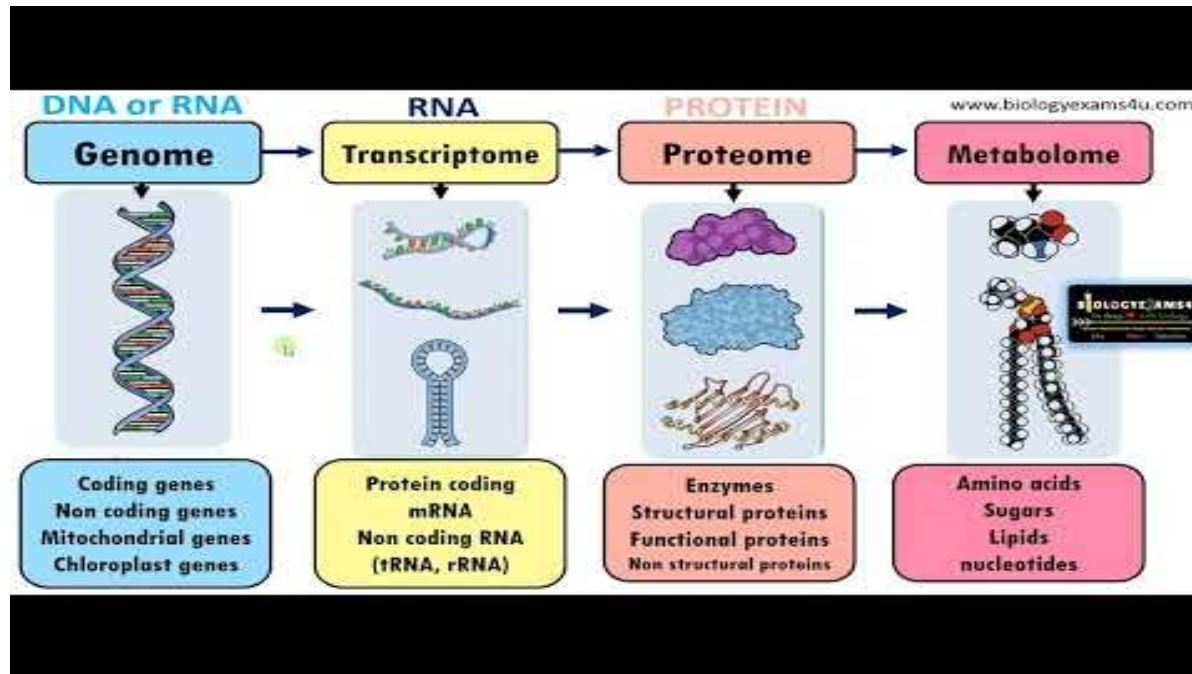
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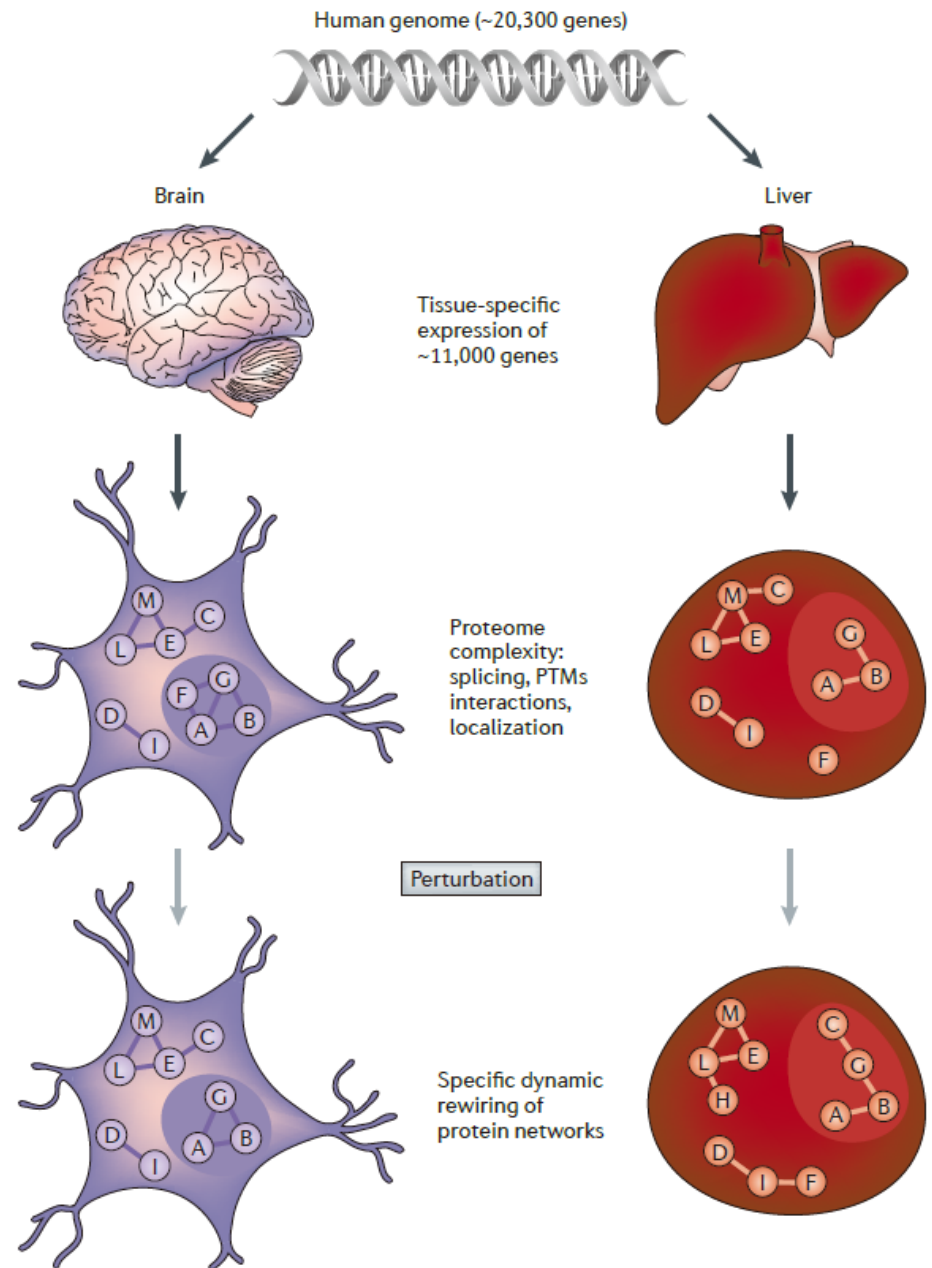
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Next-generation proteomics: towards an integrative view of proteome dynamics

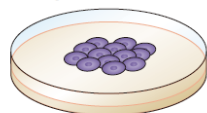
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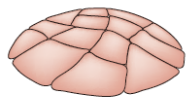
Key Points

- Our understanding of cellular function depends on exquisite knowledge of all of the molecular components acting in a system. **Mass spectrometry (MS)**-based proteomics has matured immensely in the last decade, allowing quantitative system-wide analysis of the proteome, including **post-translational modifications** (PTMs), **protein–protein interactions** and **cellular localization**.
- Quantification of the entire set of proteins expressed in a complex biological system (for example, mammalian cells) is now possible with a high sensitivity and in a reasonable amount of time.
- With the availability of genomic information, the massive capacity for peptide identification by MS is being used to annotate gene sequences and to find new protein-coding genes and splicing variants.
- In combination with new approaches to isolate specific PTMs, MS-based studies are revealing a much higher order of proteome complexity in which most proteins are modified by several PTMs that crosstalk in intricate mechanisms to regulate protein function.
- **Protein affinity strategies allow purification** of candidate proteins and their interacting partners, which are subsequently identified by MS. These studies describe, with a high degree of detail, dynamic and context-specific protein–protein interaction networks and protein complexes.
- The improvements in sensitivity, robustness and high-throughput of MS-based proteomics now permits applications in the clinical field, including the possibility of discovering disease-related biomarkers and screening molecular targets of candidate drugs.

Sample



Cell culture



Tissue

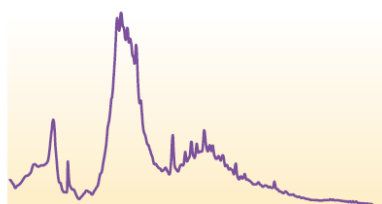
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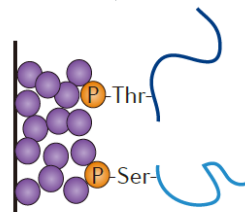
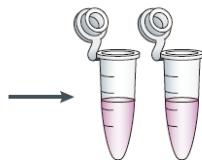
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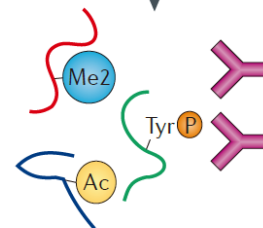
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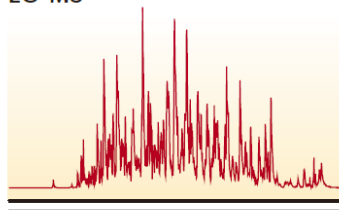


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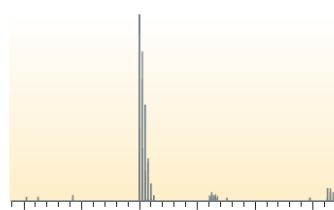


Peptide IPs

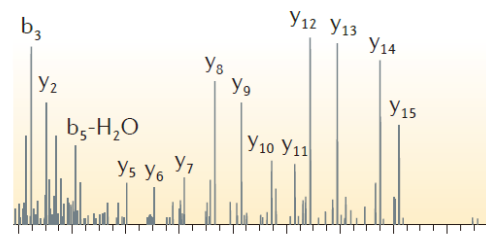
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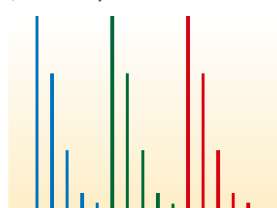
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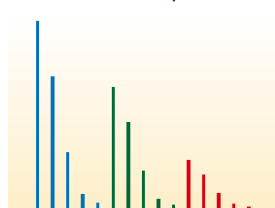
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Data analysis

(Such as protein abundances under different experimental conditions)

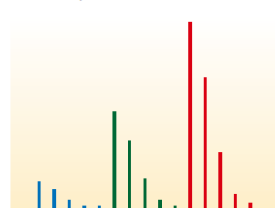


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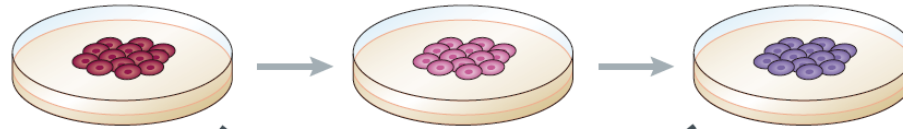


m/z



Build network

Dynamic perturbation of biological system



Quantitative MS

Acetylation

Ac

Phosphorylation

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Ubiquitylation

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Methylation

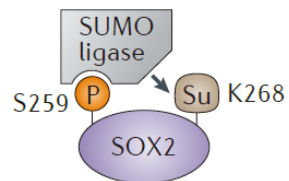
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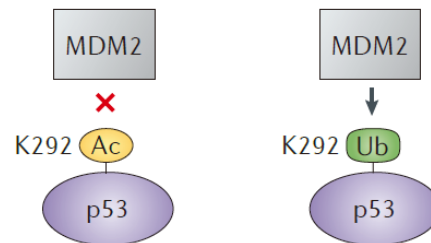
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Sequential



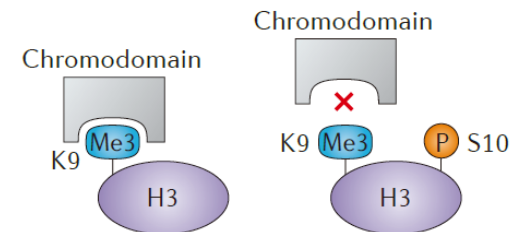
Phosphorylation-dependent
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Mutually exclusive

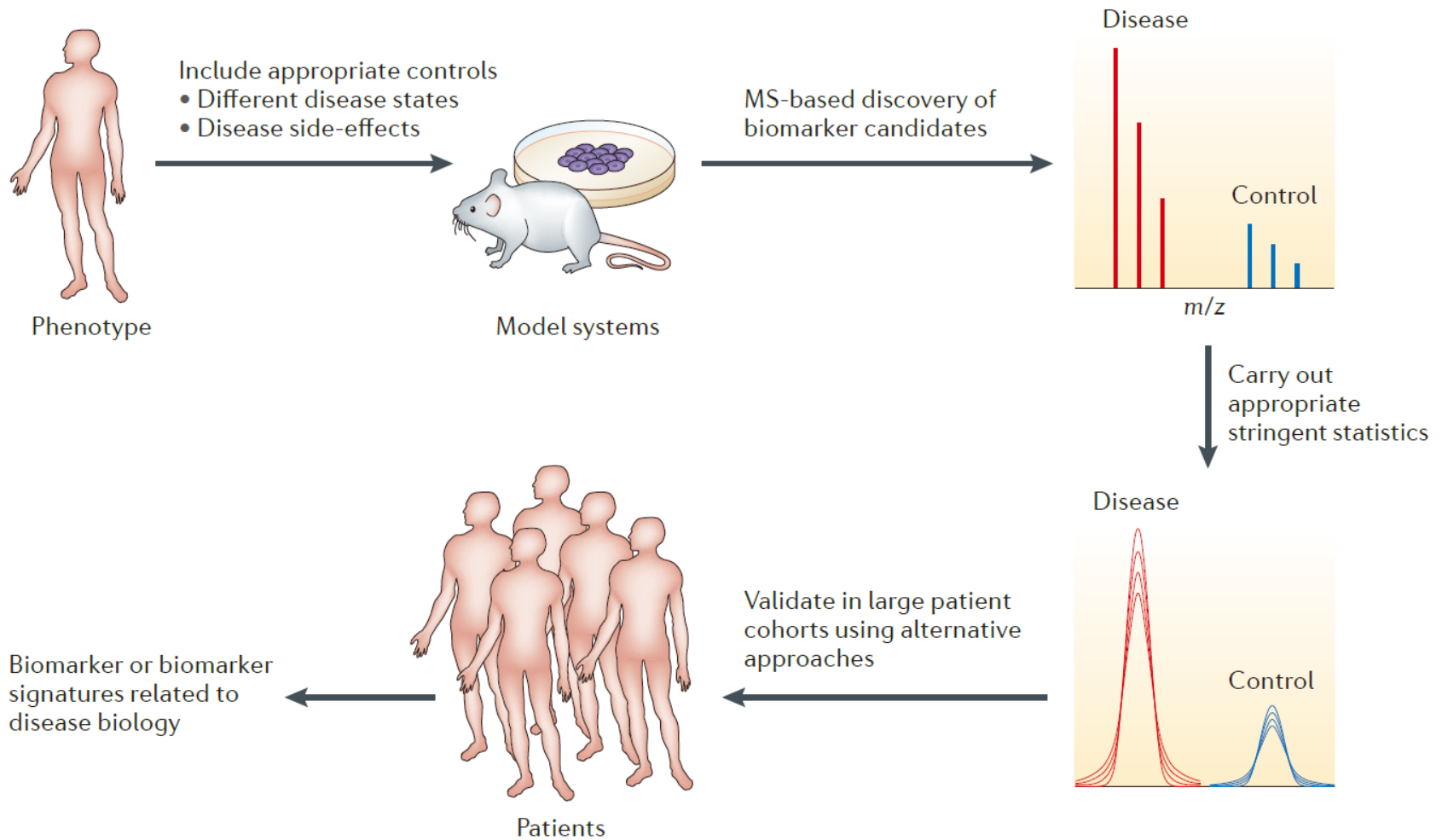


Acetylation prevents degradation
of p53 by MDM2

Antagonistic



Phosphorylation disrupts H3
interaction with chromodomain



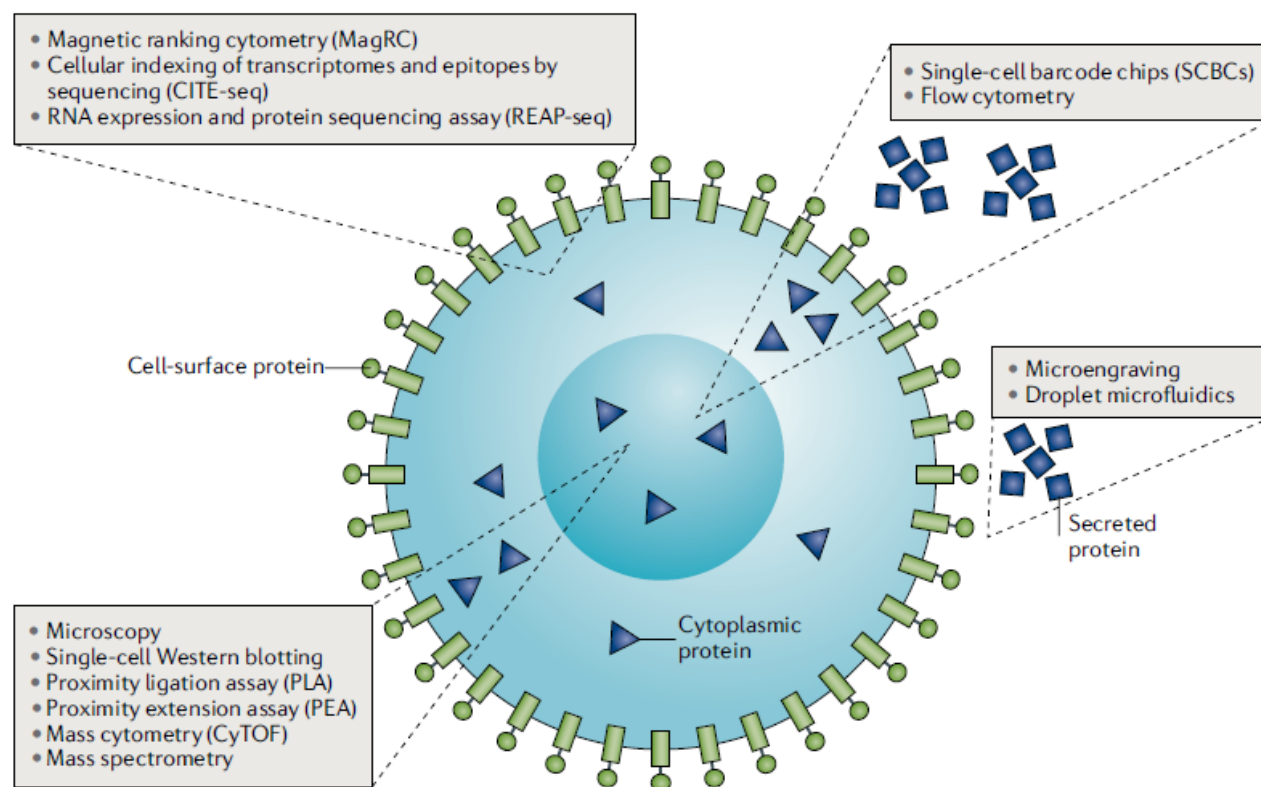
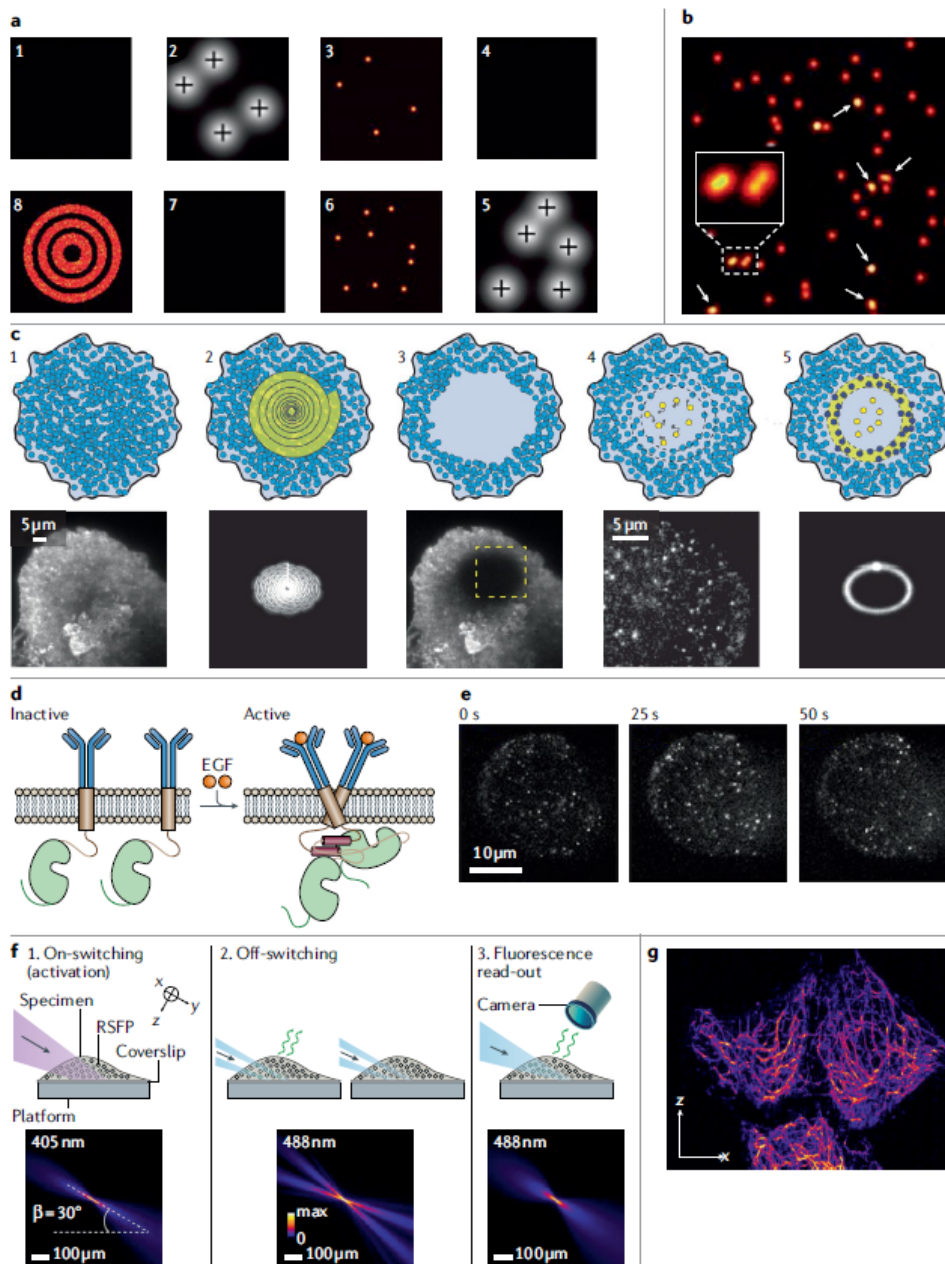
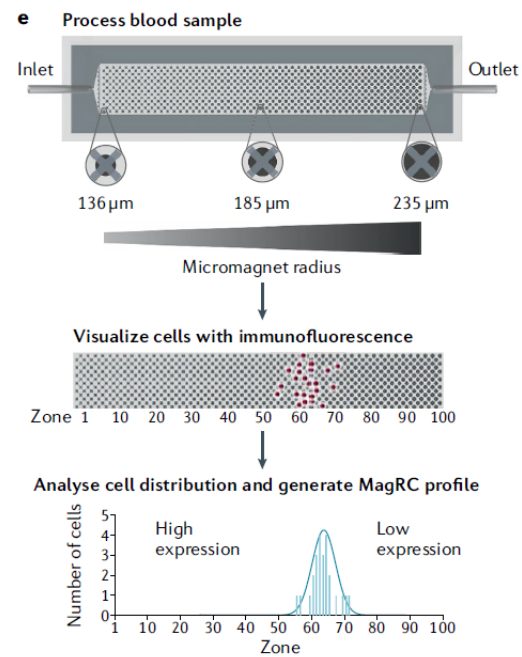
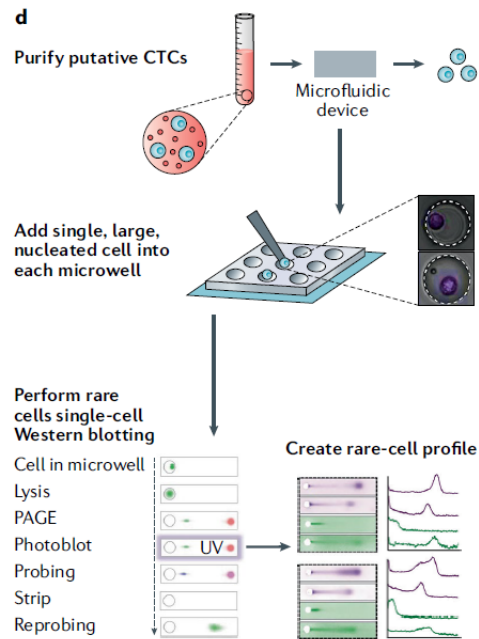
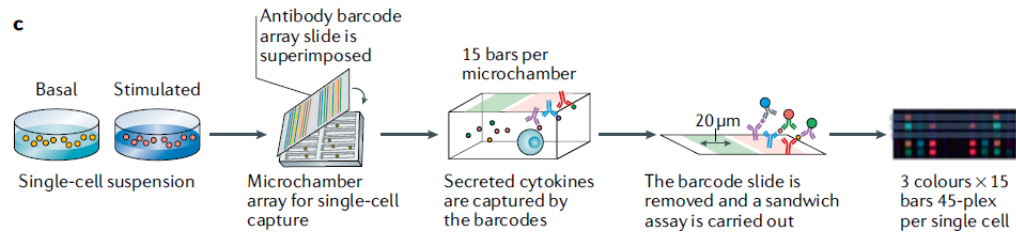
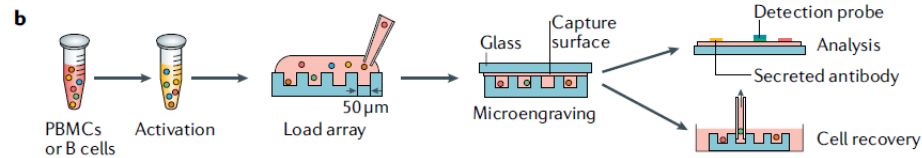
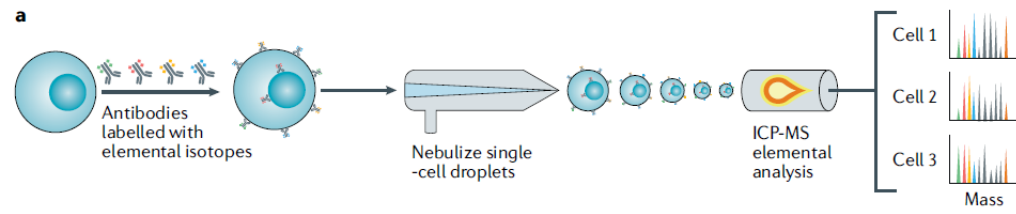
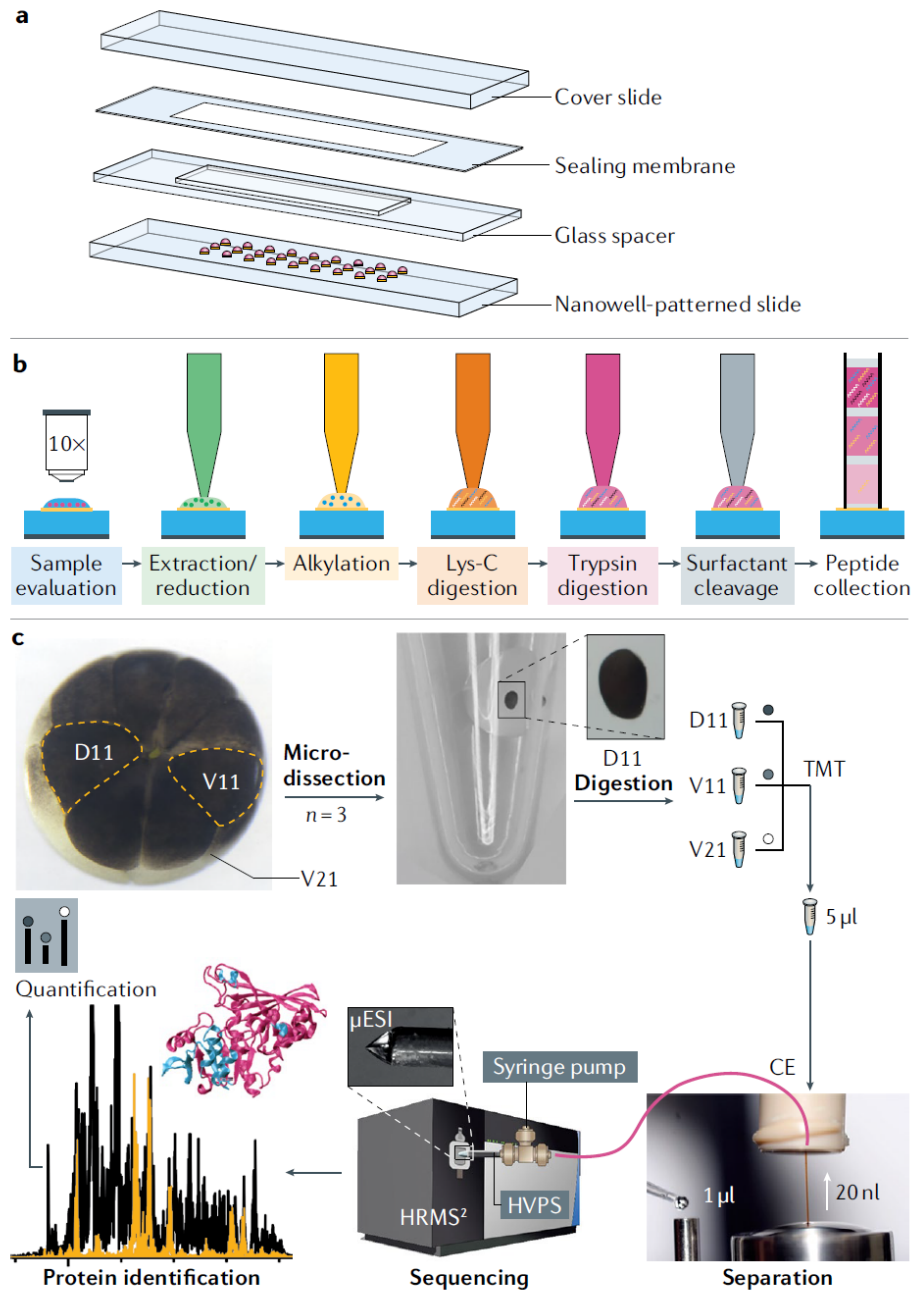
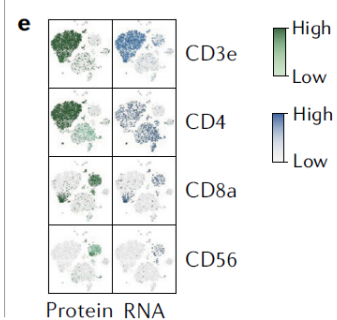
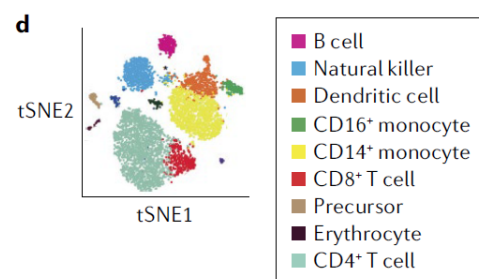
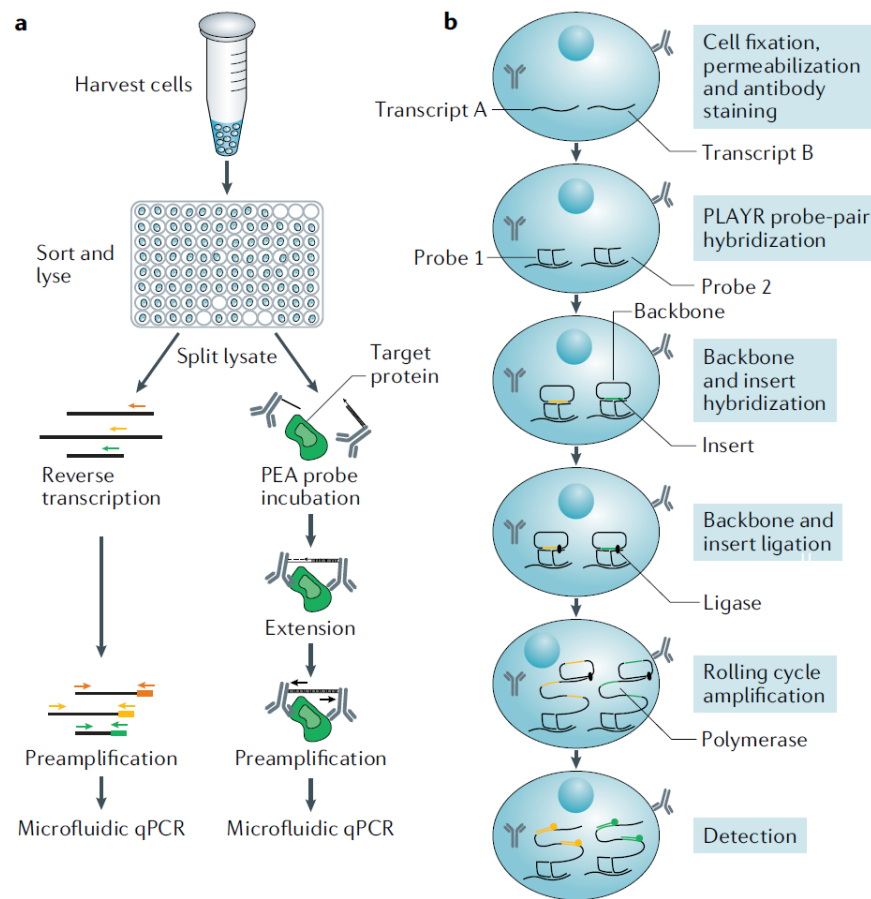


Fig. 1 | Classification of single-cell protein analysis methods based on the location of target protein. Cell-surface-protein analysis methods include magnetic ranking cytometry (MagRC), cellular indexing of transcriptomes and epitopes by sequencing (CITE-seq), and RNA expression and protein sequencing assay (REAP-seq). Methods that can be used for the analysis of cell-surface and cytoplasmic proteins include microscopy, single-cell Western blotting, proximity ligation assay (PLA), proximity extension assay (PEA), mass cytometry (cytometry by time of flight; CyTOF) and mass spectrometry. Methods utilized for secreted-protein analysis include droplet microfluidics and microengraving techniques. Methods used for comprehensive analysis of the three proteins include flow cytometry and single-cell barcode chips (SCBCs).



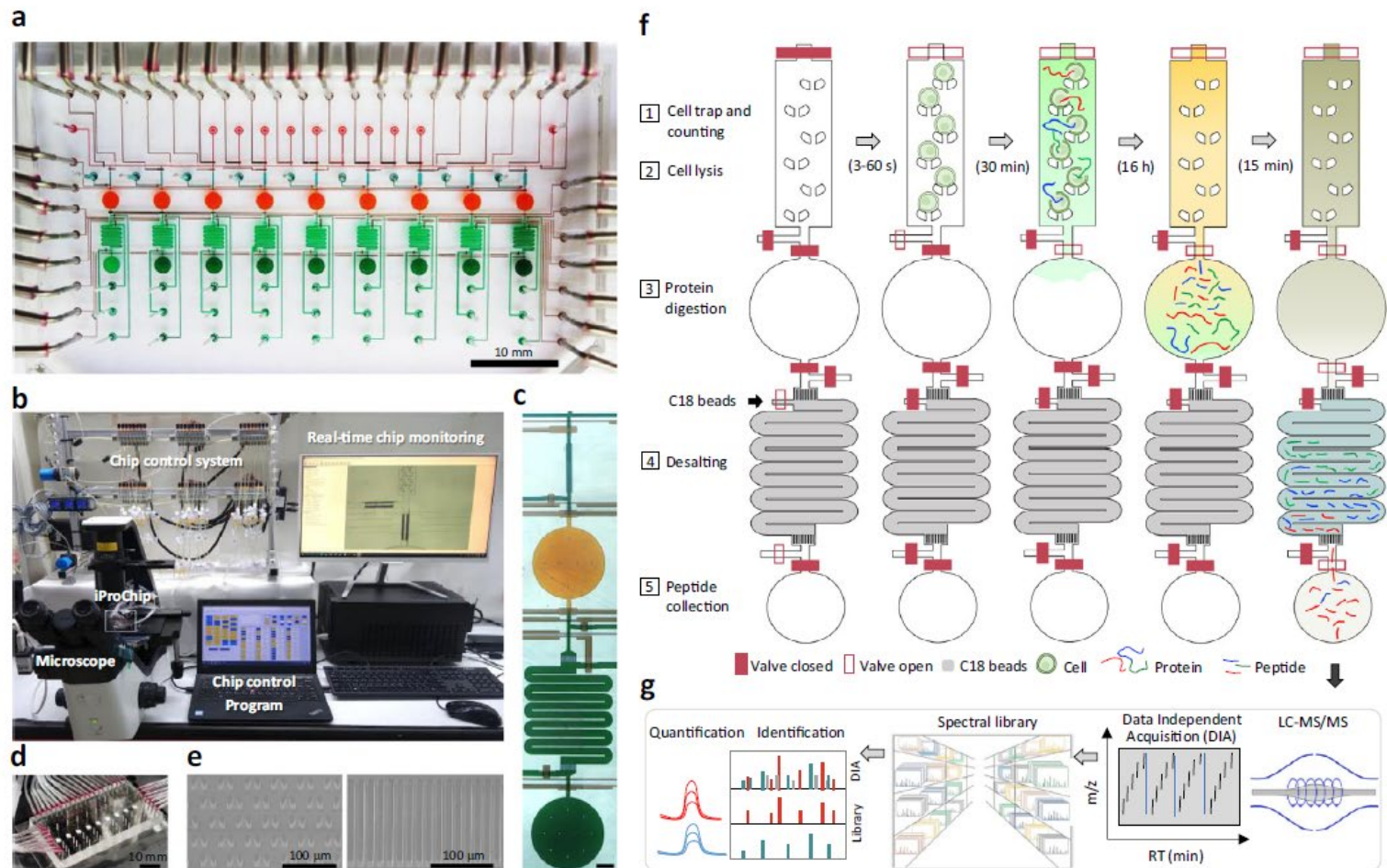


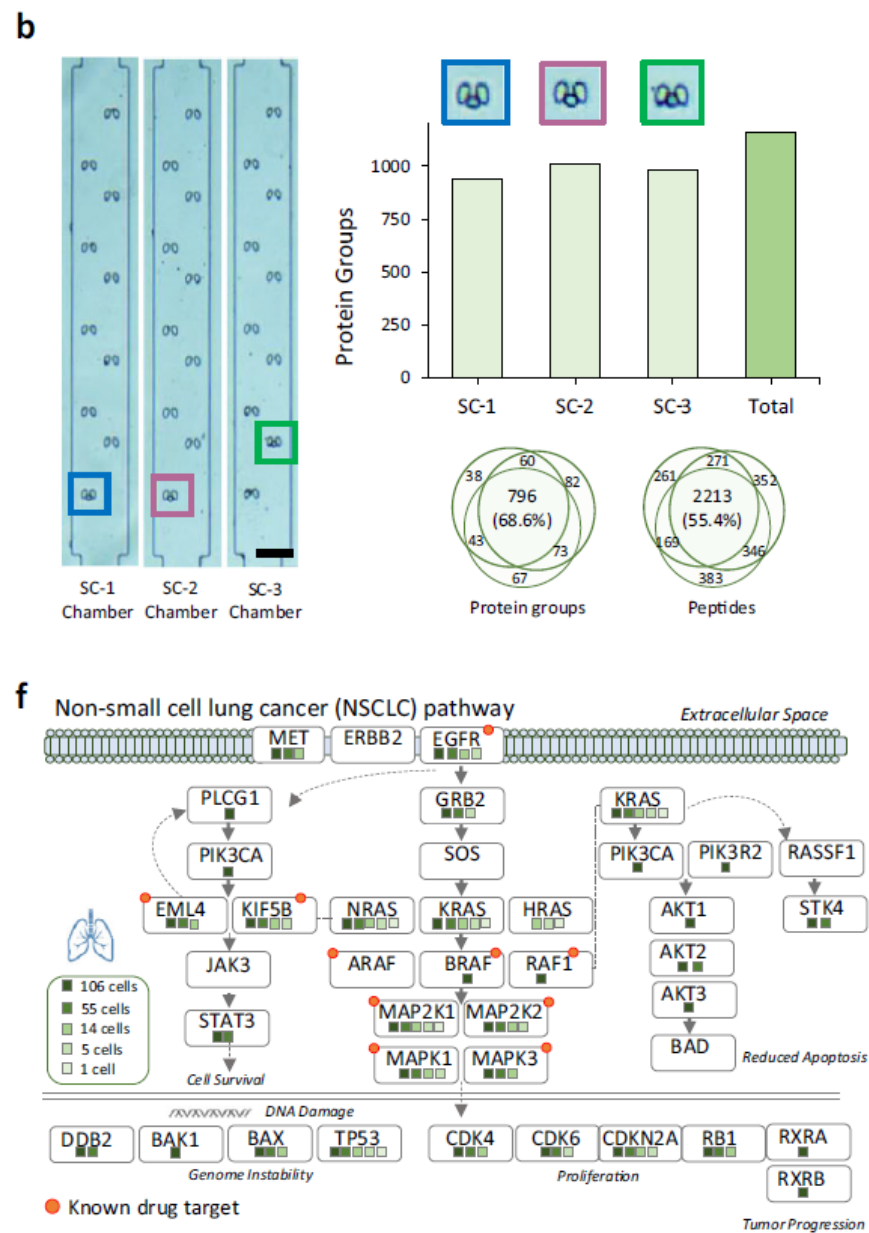
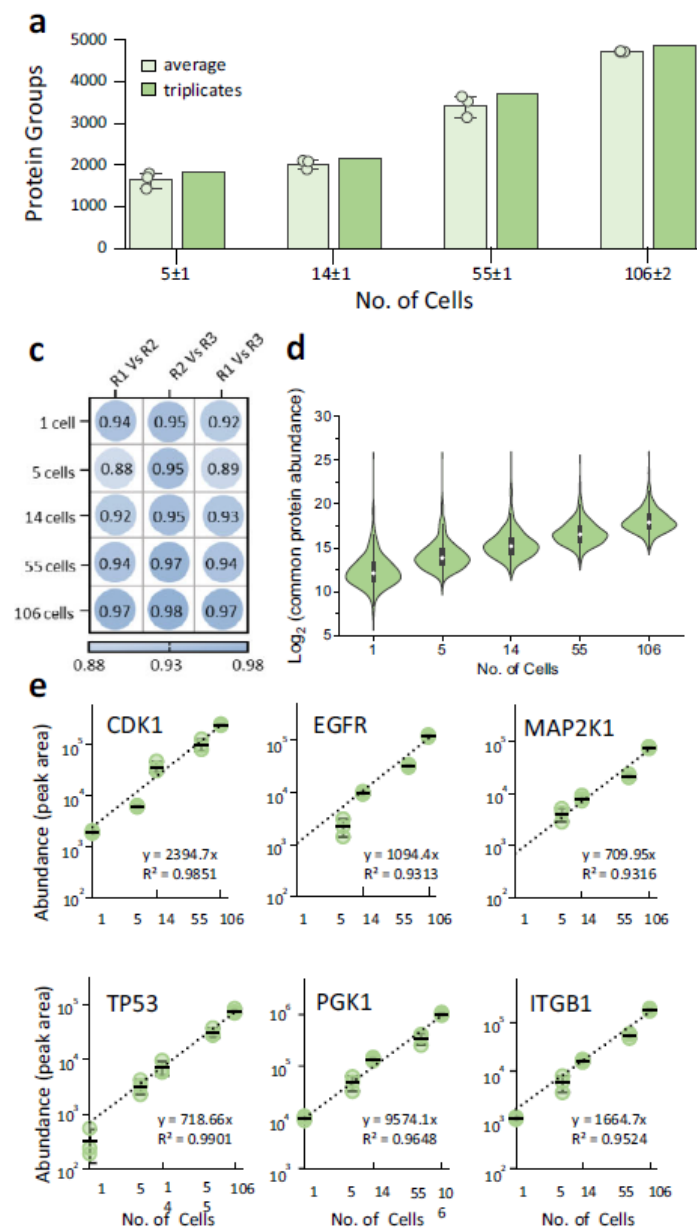




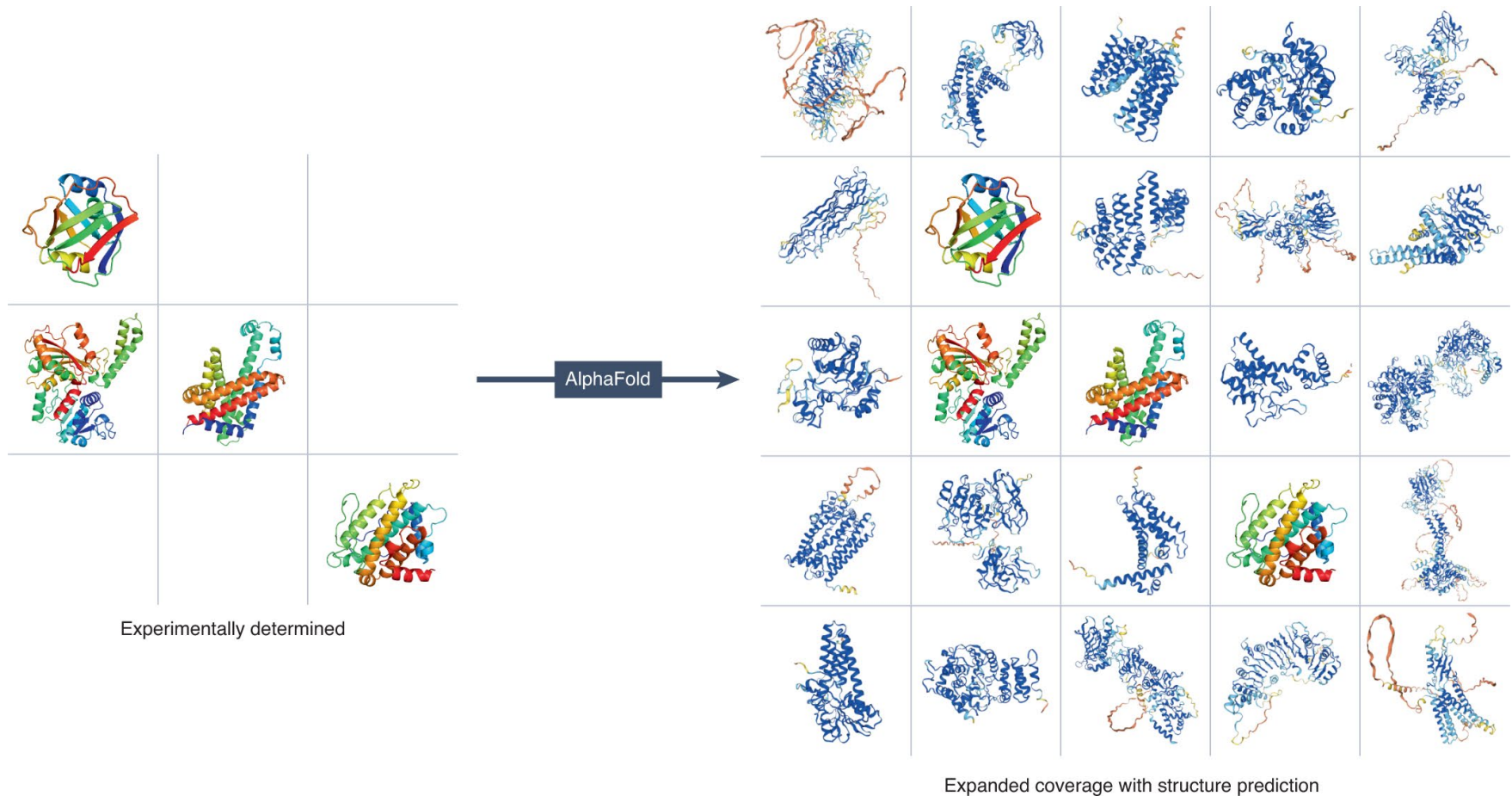
Streamlined single-cell proteomics by an integrated microfluidic chip and data-independent acquisition mass spectrometry

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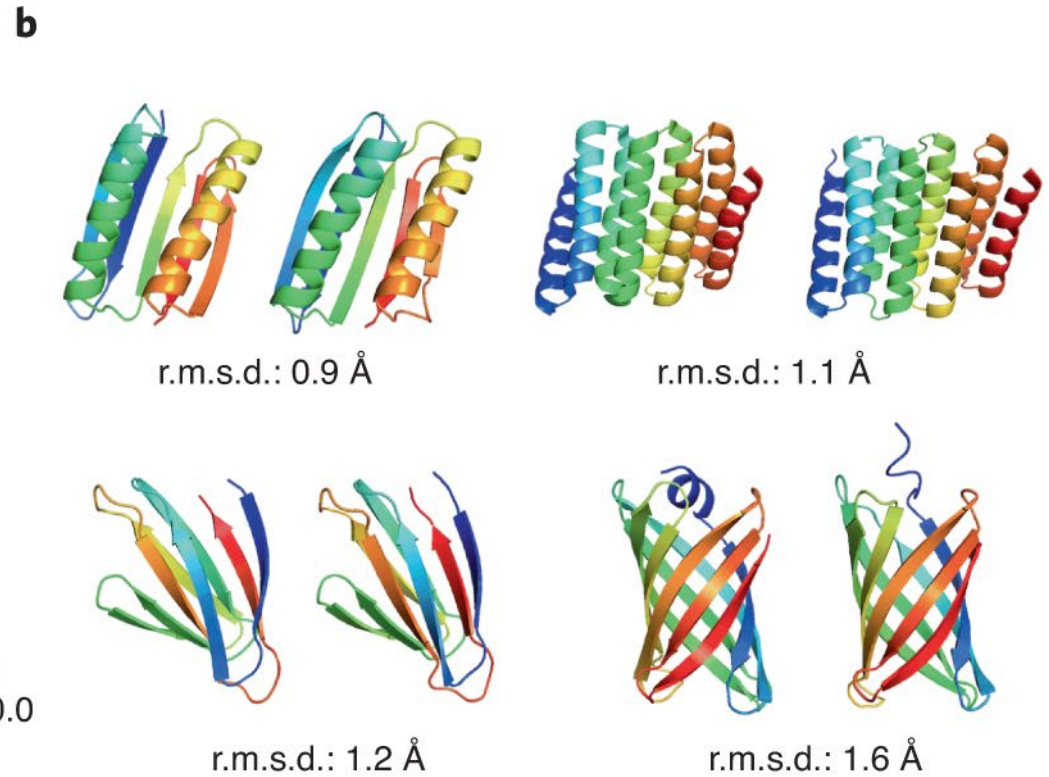
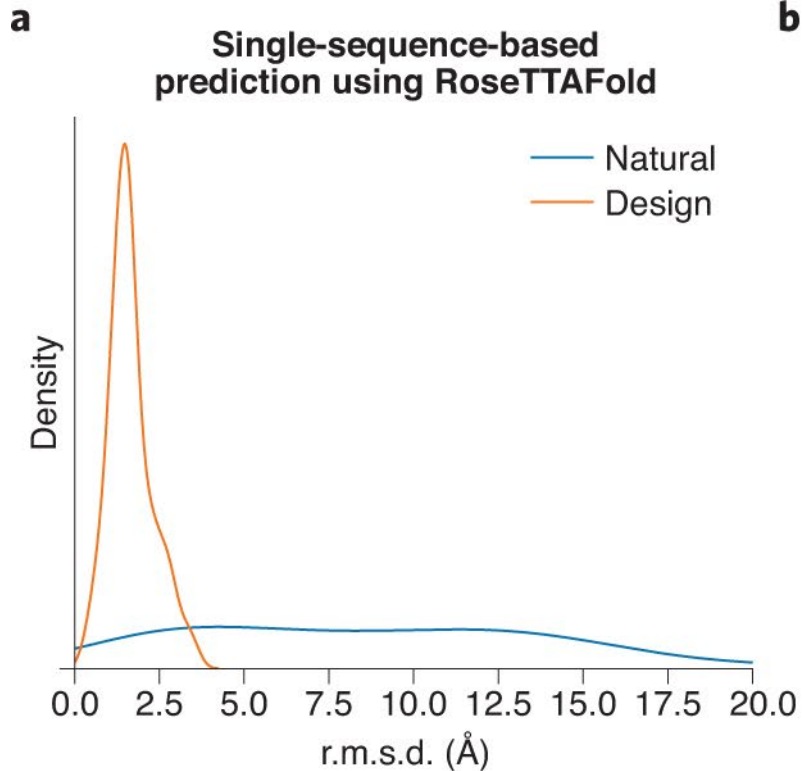




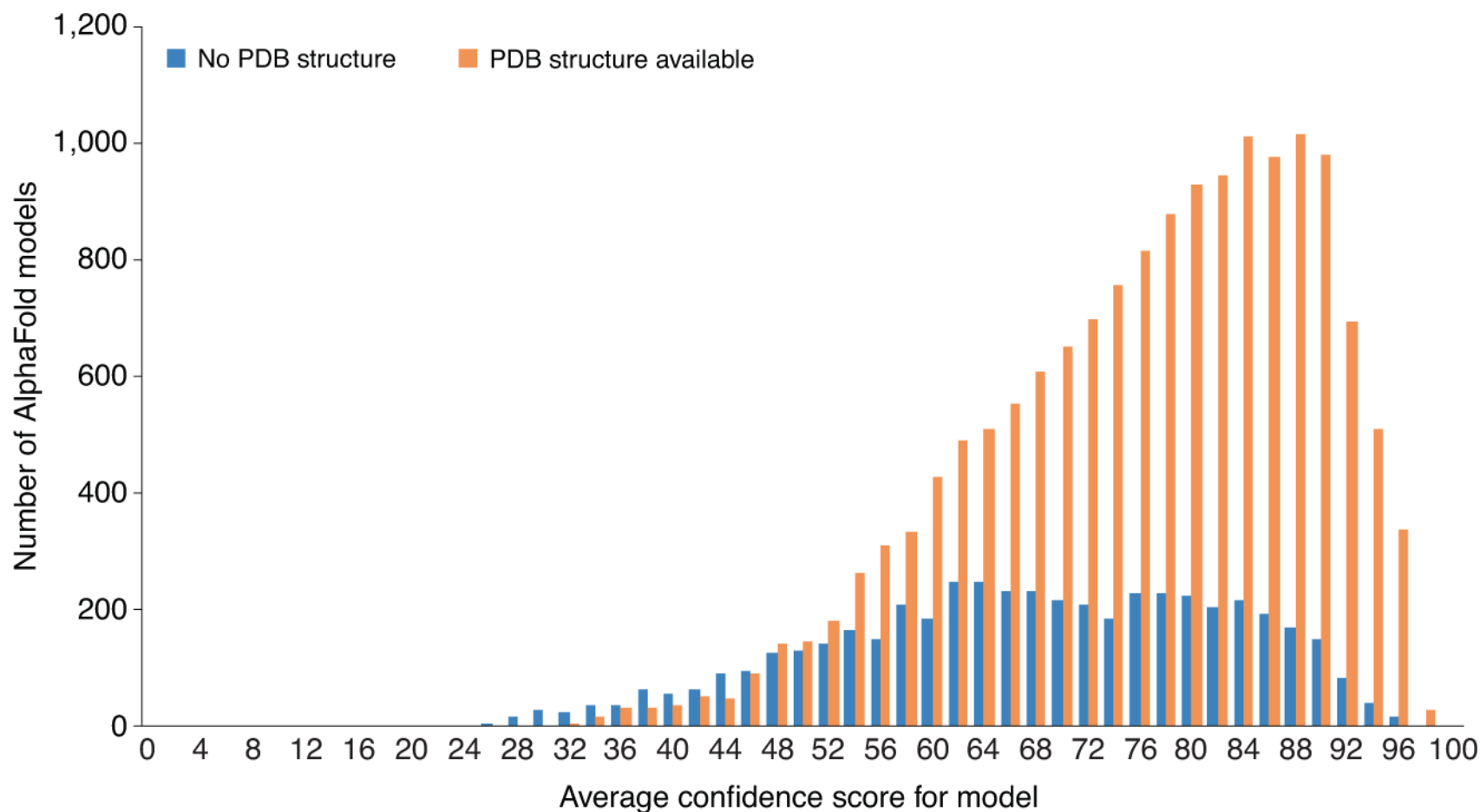
Protein structure predictions to atomic accuracy with AlphaFold



RoseTTAFold accurately predicts structures of de-novo-designed proteins from their amino acid sequences.

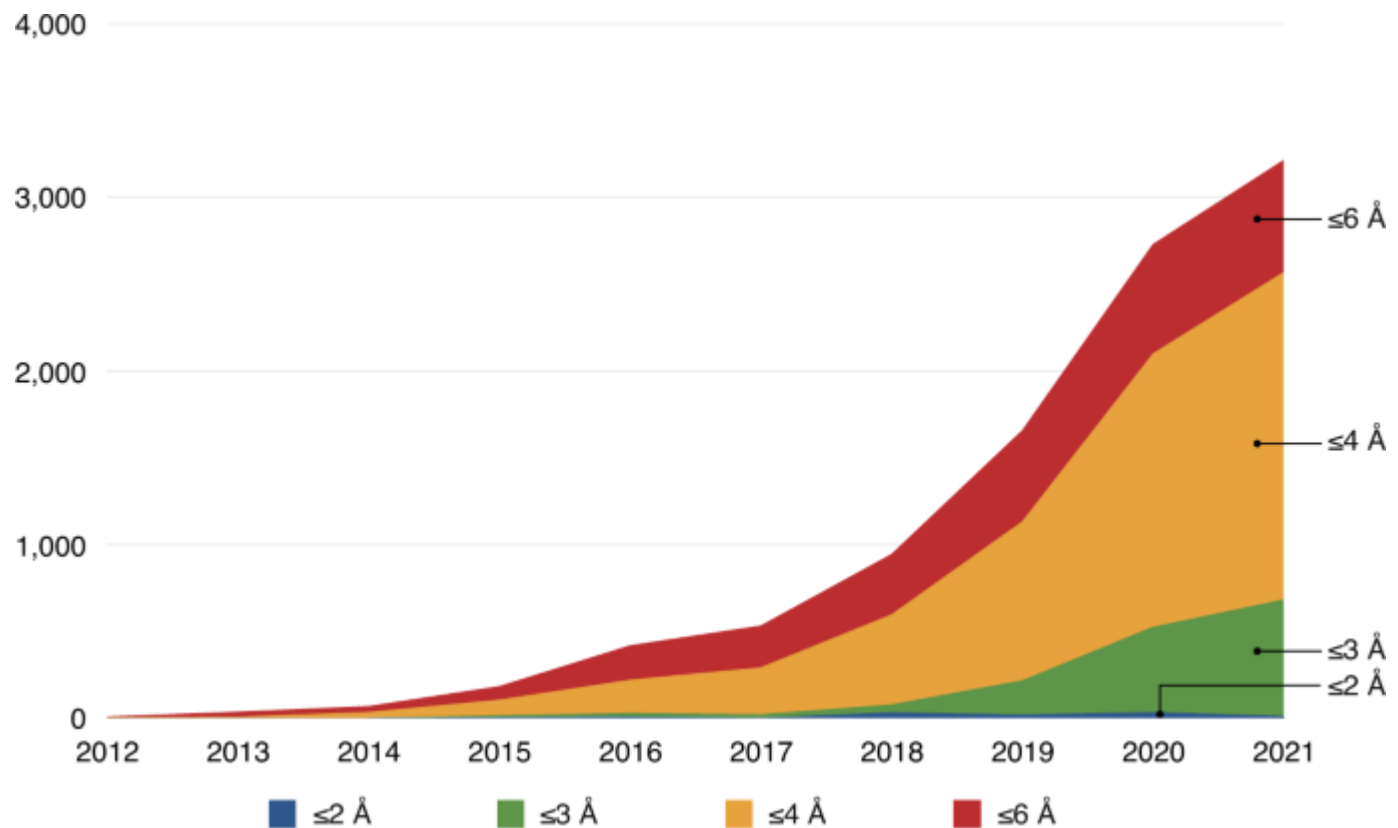


Distribution of average confidence scores for AlphaFold2 models of human proteins with and without homologs available in the PDB.



>200 M protein structure prediction

The number of entries at resolutions better than 6 Å released by the Electron Microscopy Data Bank per year from 2012 to 2021



An Introduction to Carbohydrates

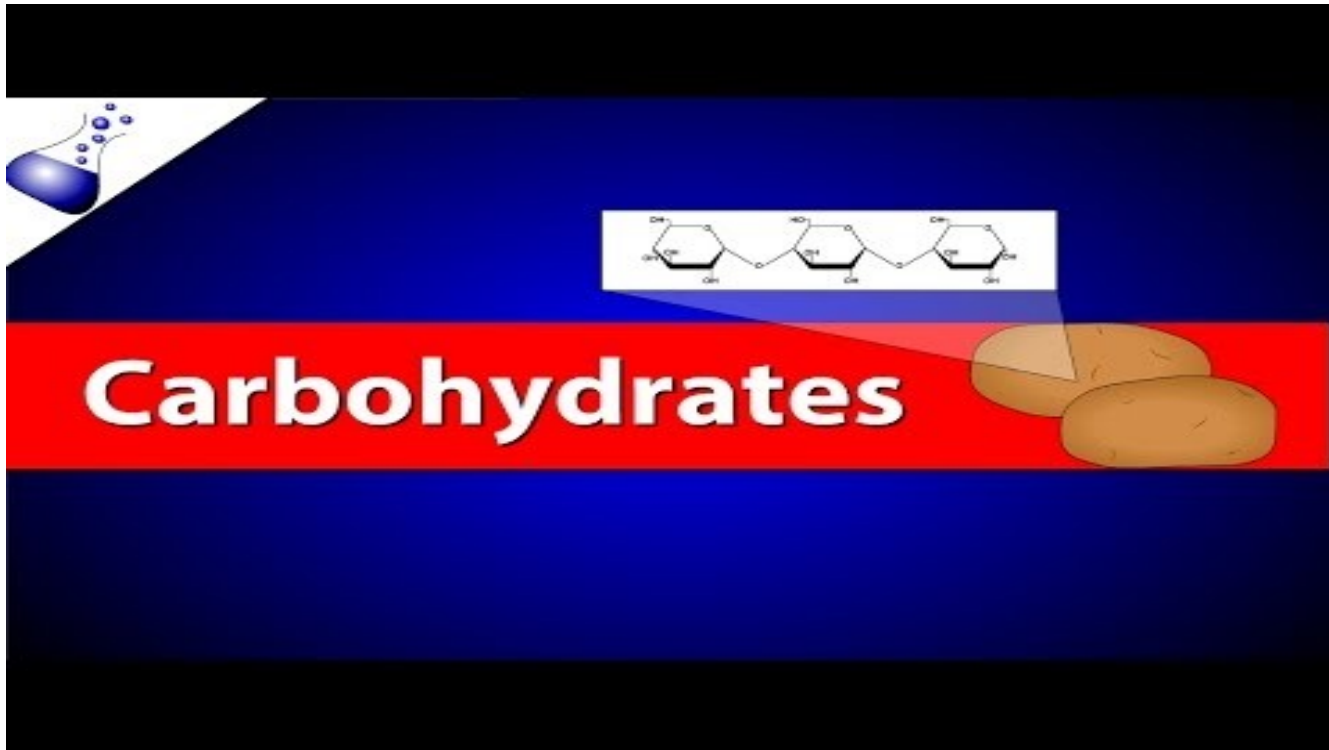
- *Carbohydrates* are a large class of naturally occurring polyhydroxy aldehydes and ketones.
- Monosaccharides also known as simple sugars, are the simplest carbohydrates containing 3-7 carbon atoms.
- sugar containing an aldehydes is known as an aldose.
- sugar containing a ketones is known as a ketose.



- The number of carbon atoms in an aldose or ketose may be specified as by tri, tetr, pent, hex, or hept. For example, glucose is aldohexose and fructose is ketohexose.
- Monosaccharides react with each other to form disaccharides and polysaccharides.
- Monosaccharides are chiral molecules and exist mainly in cyclic forms rather than the straight chain.

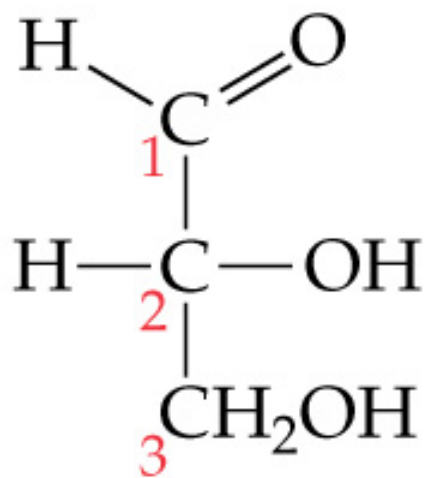


Carbohydrate

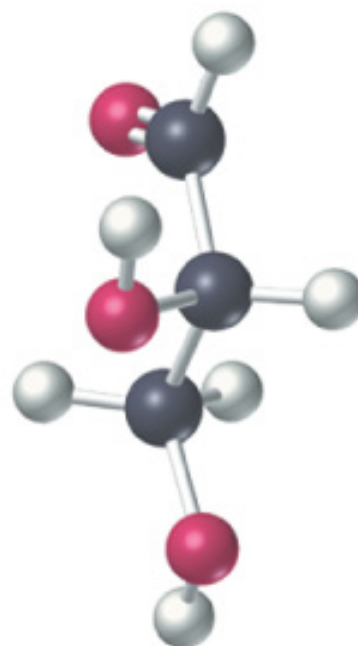
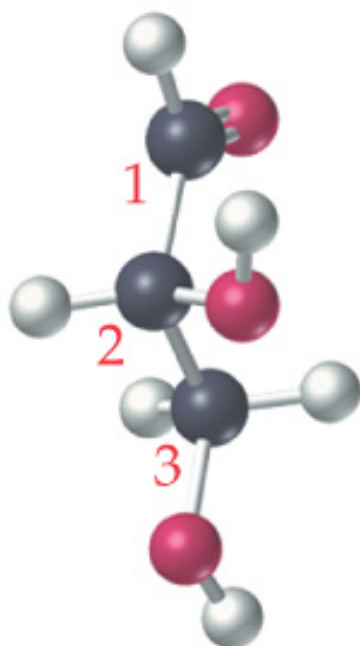


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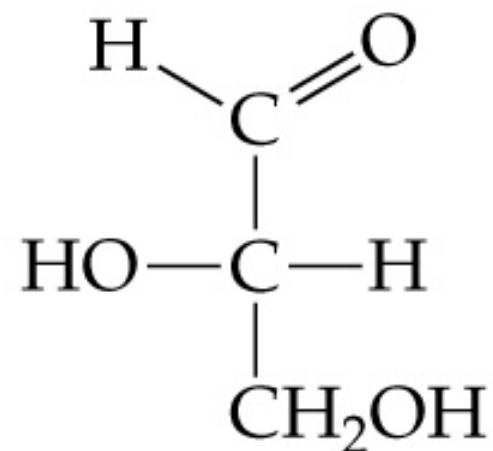
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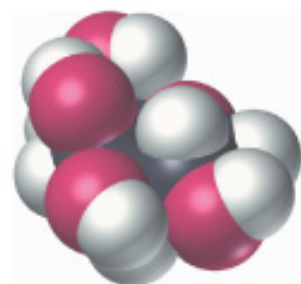
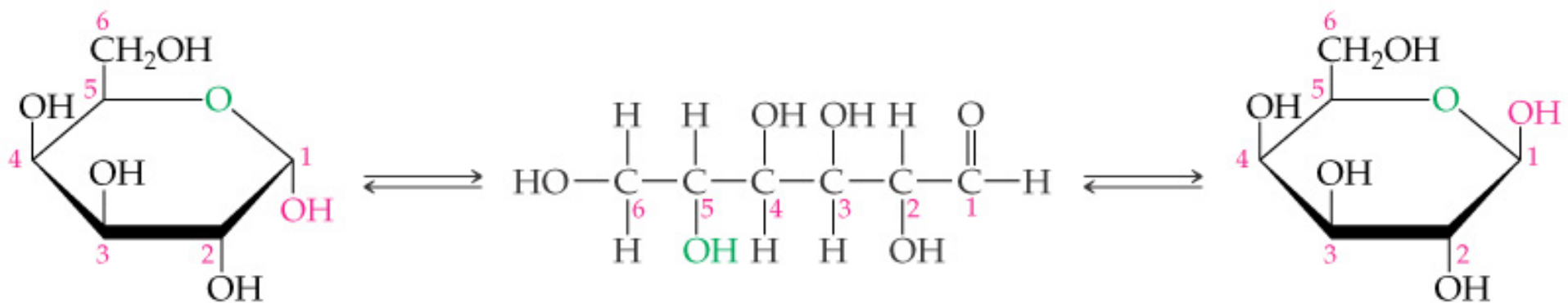


D-Glyceraldehyde
Right-handed



L-Glyceraldehyde
Left-handed

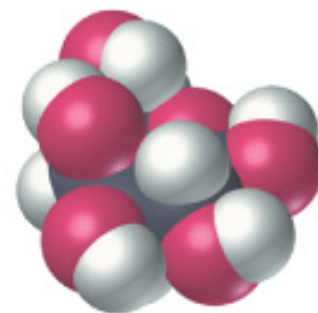




α -D-Galactose

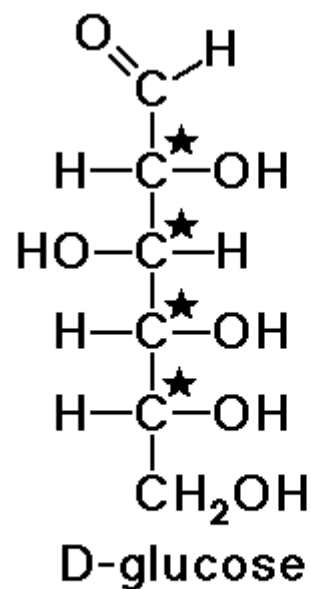
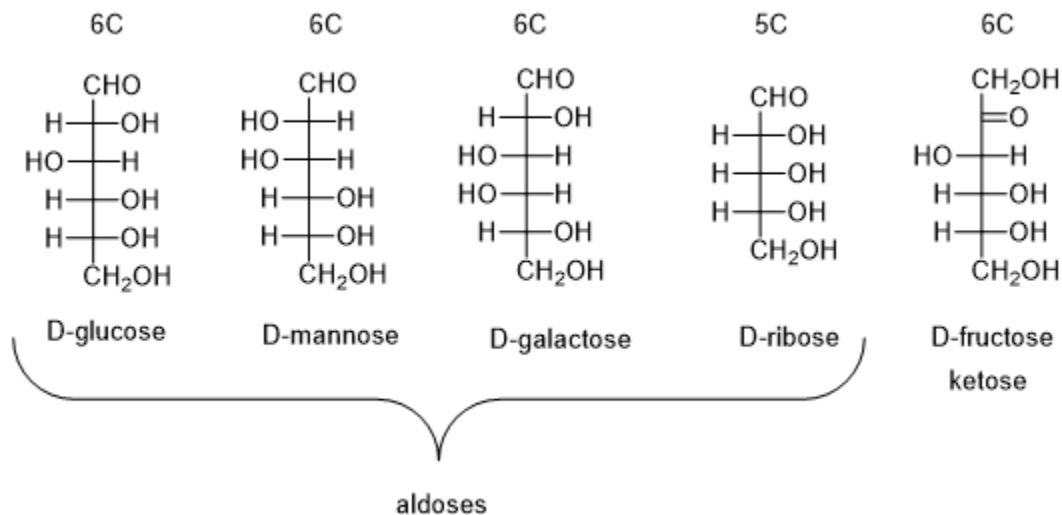


Open-chain galactose

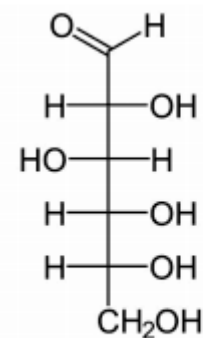


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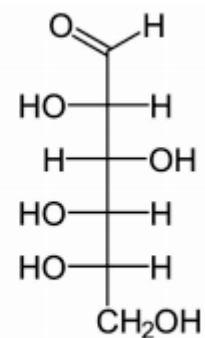




2,3,4,5,6-pentahydroxyhexanal
(with 4 chiral centers)

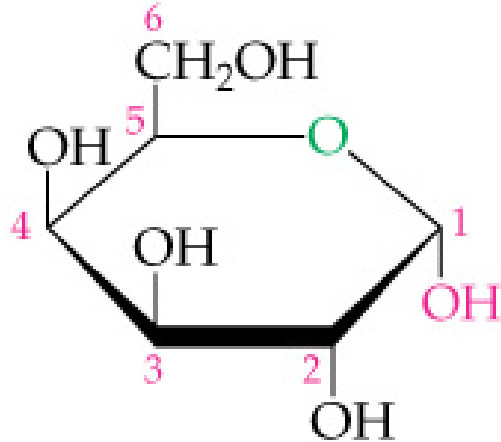


D-Glucose

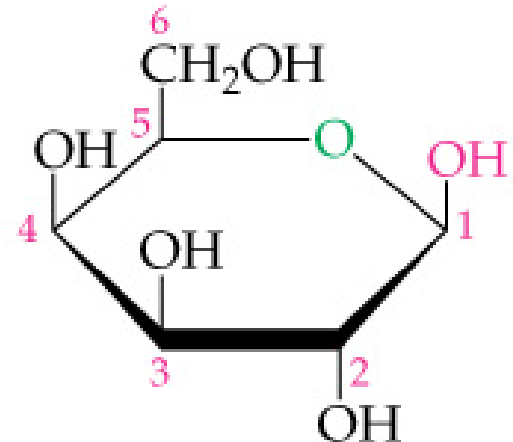


L-Glucose

- *Anomers:* Cyclic sugars that differ only in the positions of substituents at the hemiacetal carbon; the α -form has the -OH group on the opposite side from the $\text{-CH}_2\text{OH}$; the β -form has the -OH group on the same side as the $\text{-CH}_2\text{OH}$ group.



α -D-Galactose

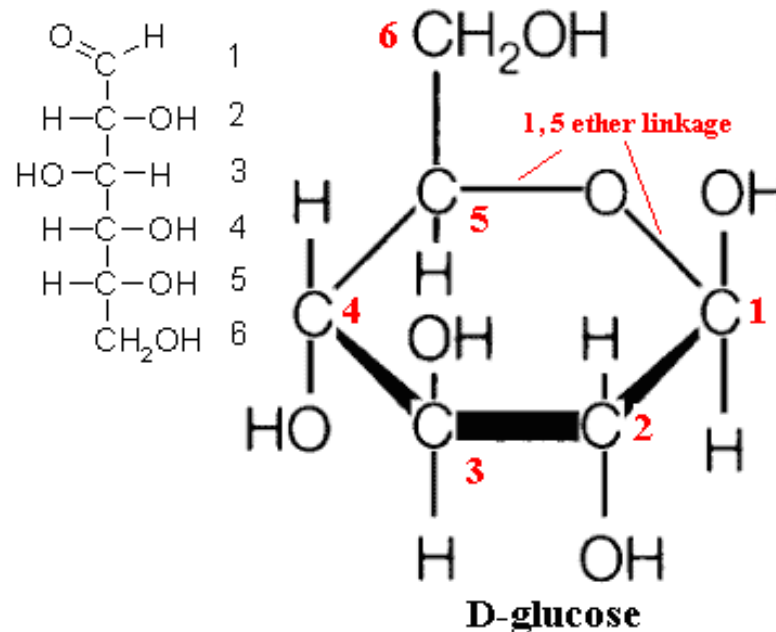


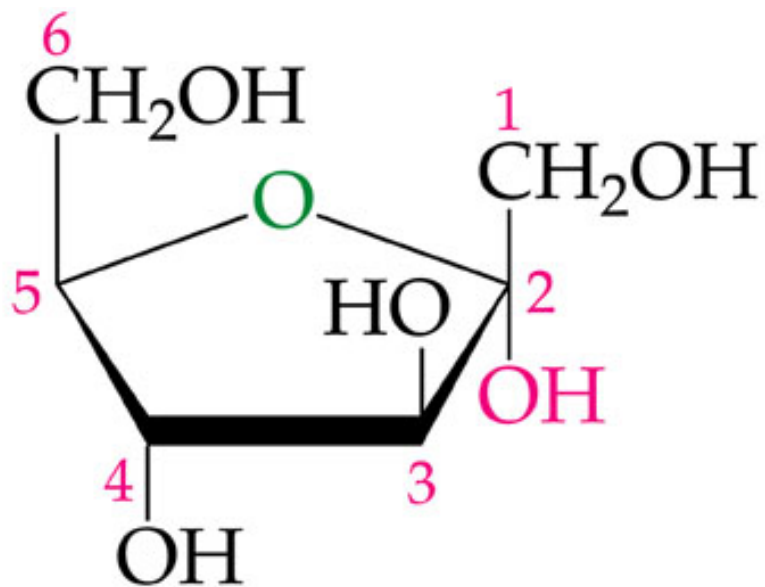
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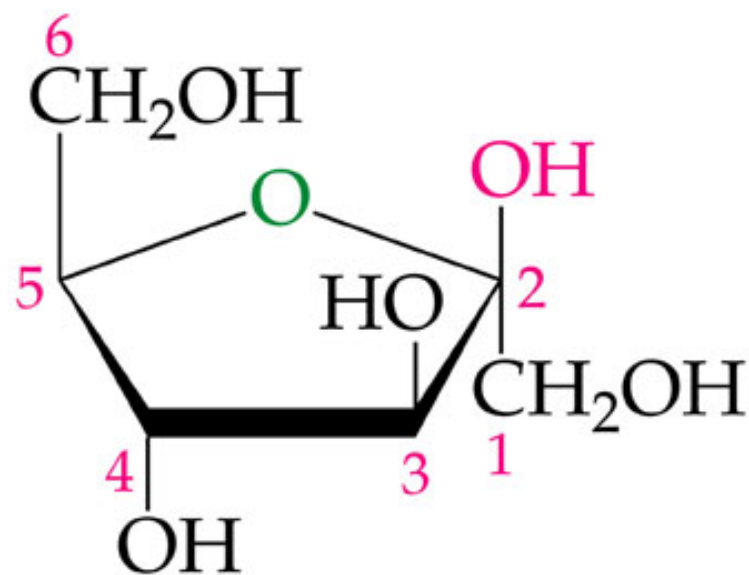
Some Important Monosaccharides

Monosaccharides are generally high-melting, white, crystalline solids that are soluble in water and insoluble in nonpolar solvents. Most monosaccharides are sweet tasting, digestible, and nontoxic.

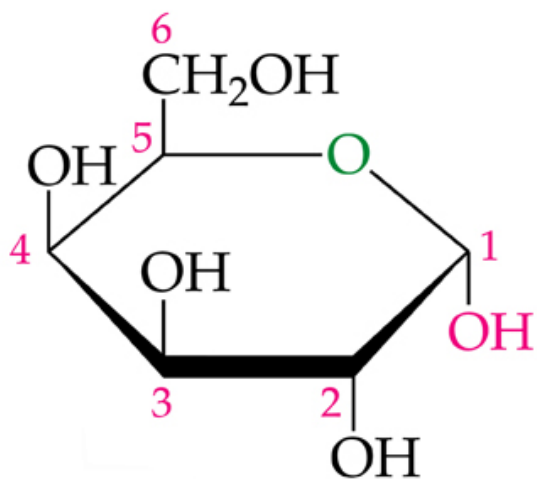




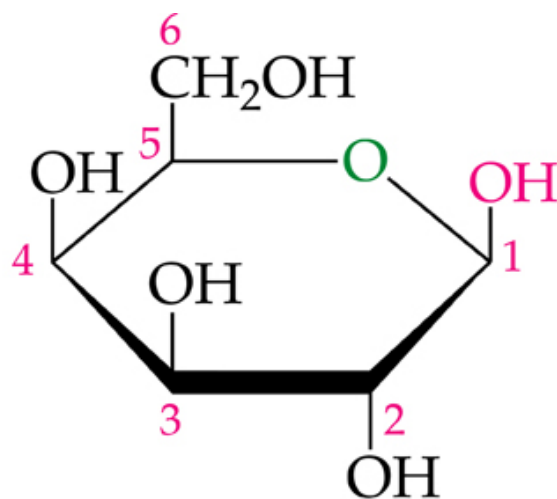
α -D-Fructose



β -D-Fructose



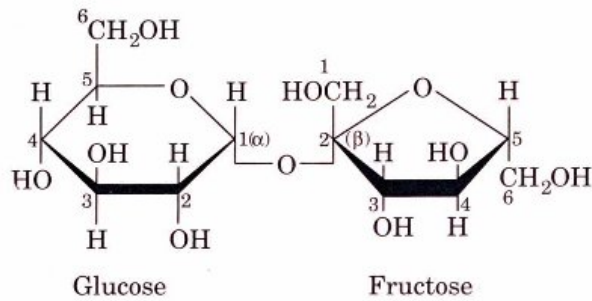
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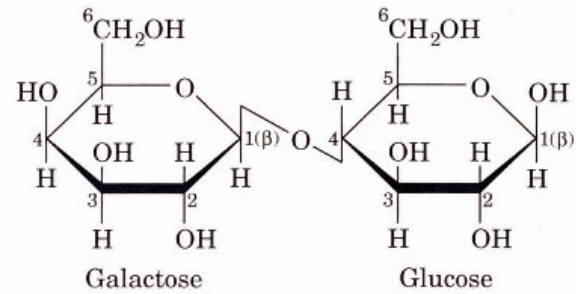
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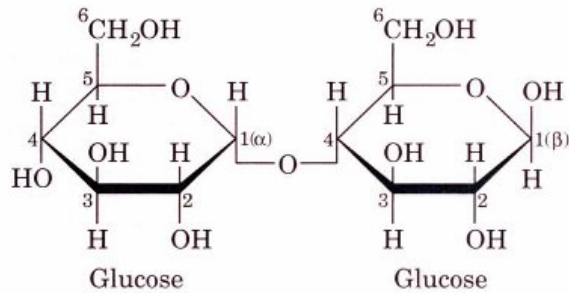
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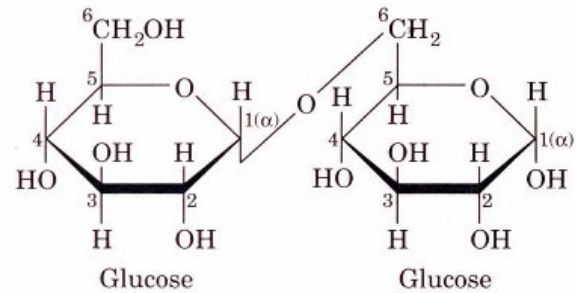
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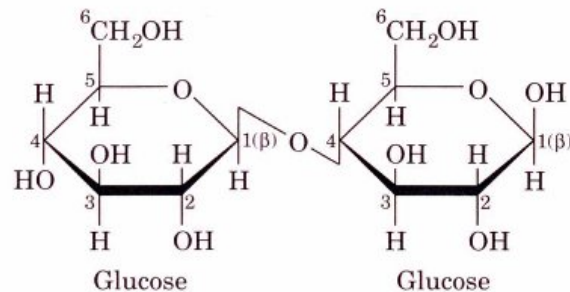
Lactose



Maltose



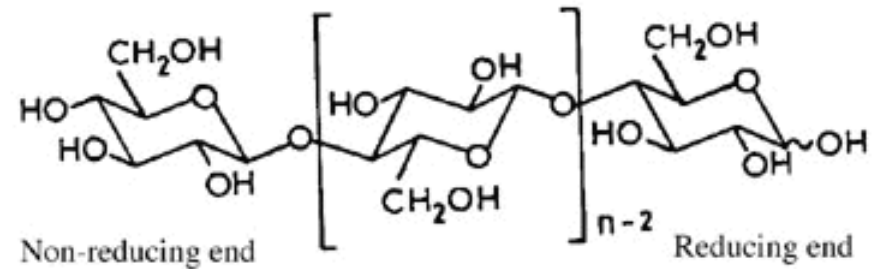
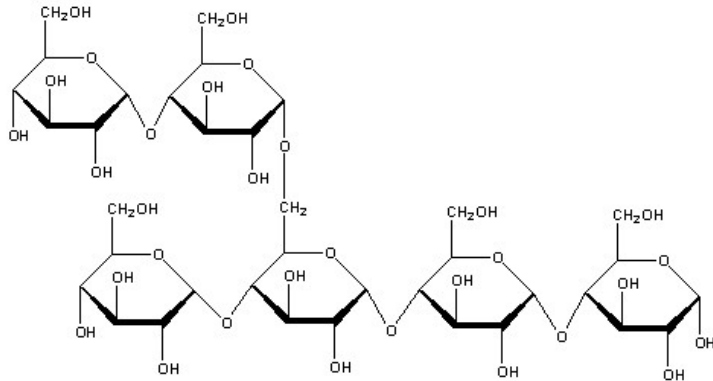
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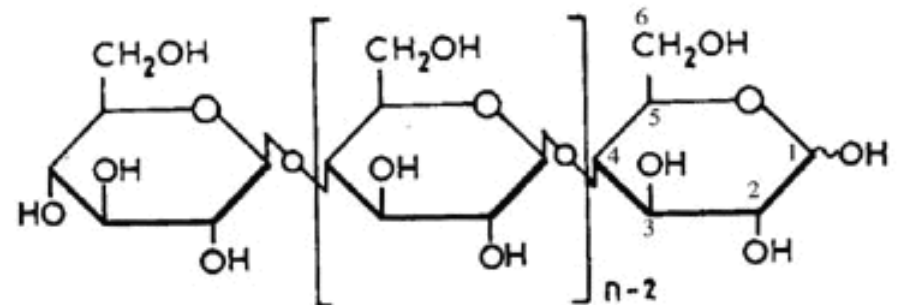
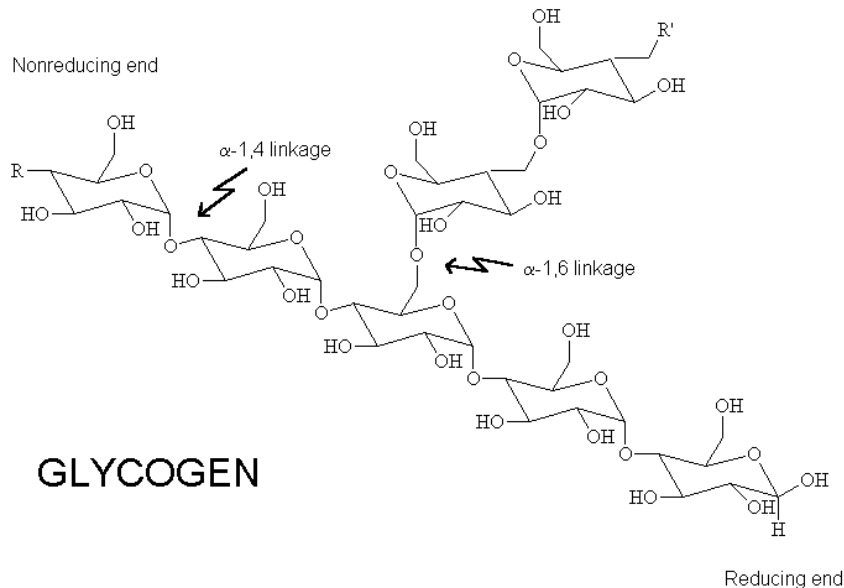
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Polysaccharides



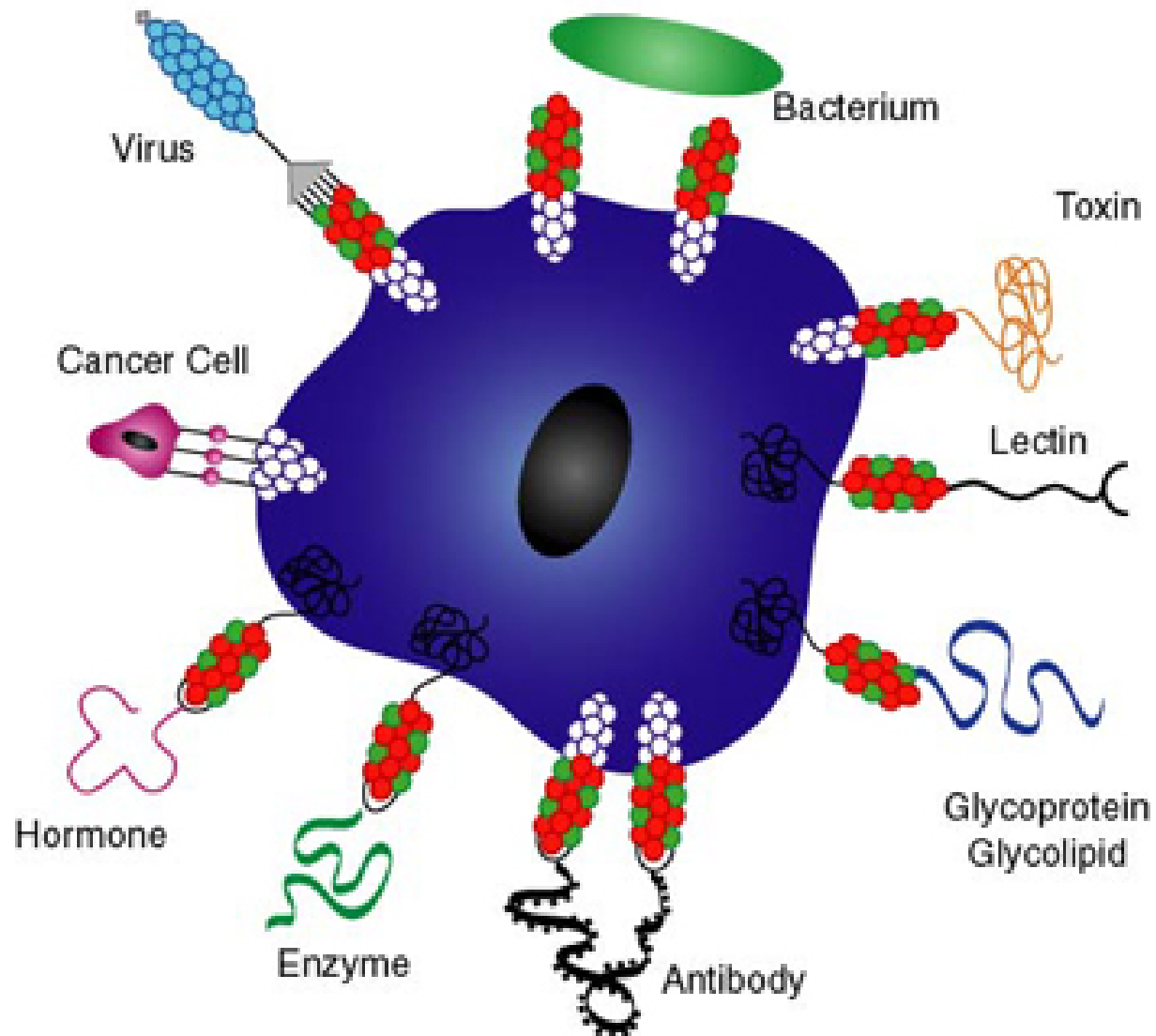
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Cellulose

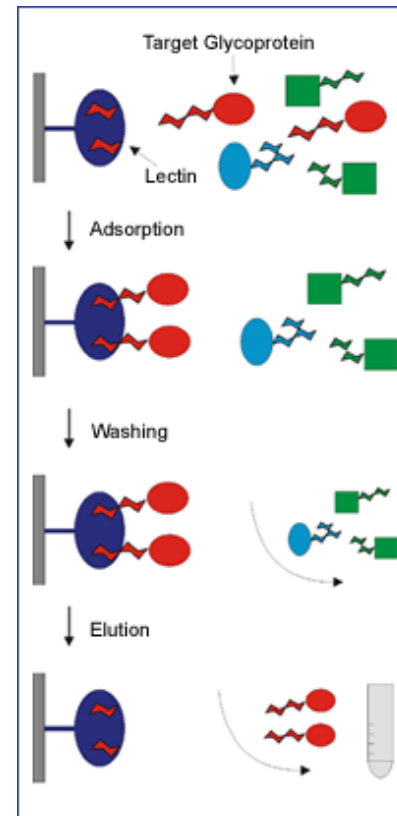
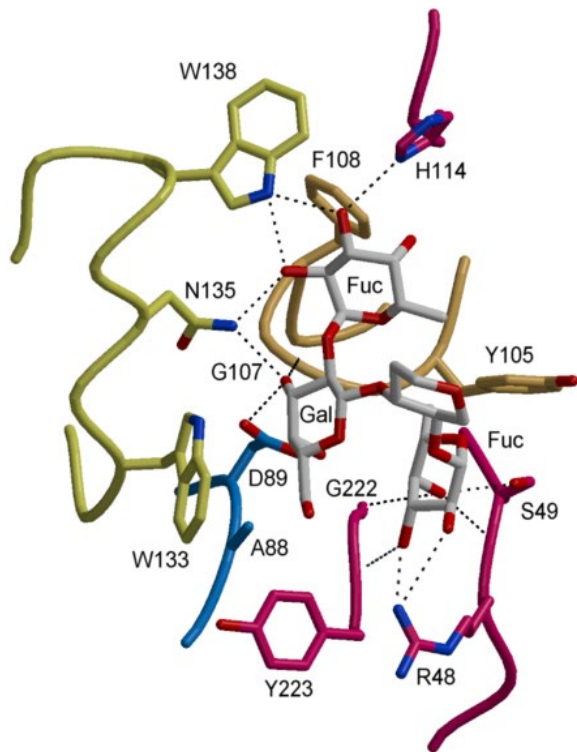


Cell-Surface Carbohydrates Involved in Molecular Recognition

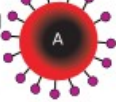
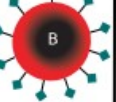
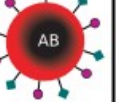






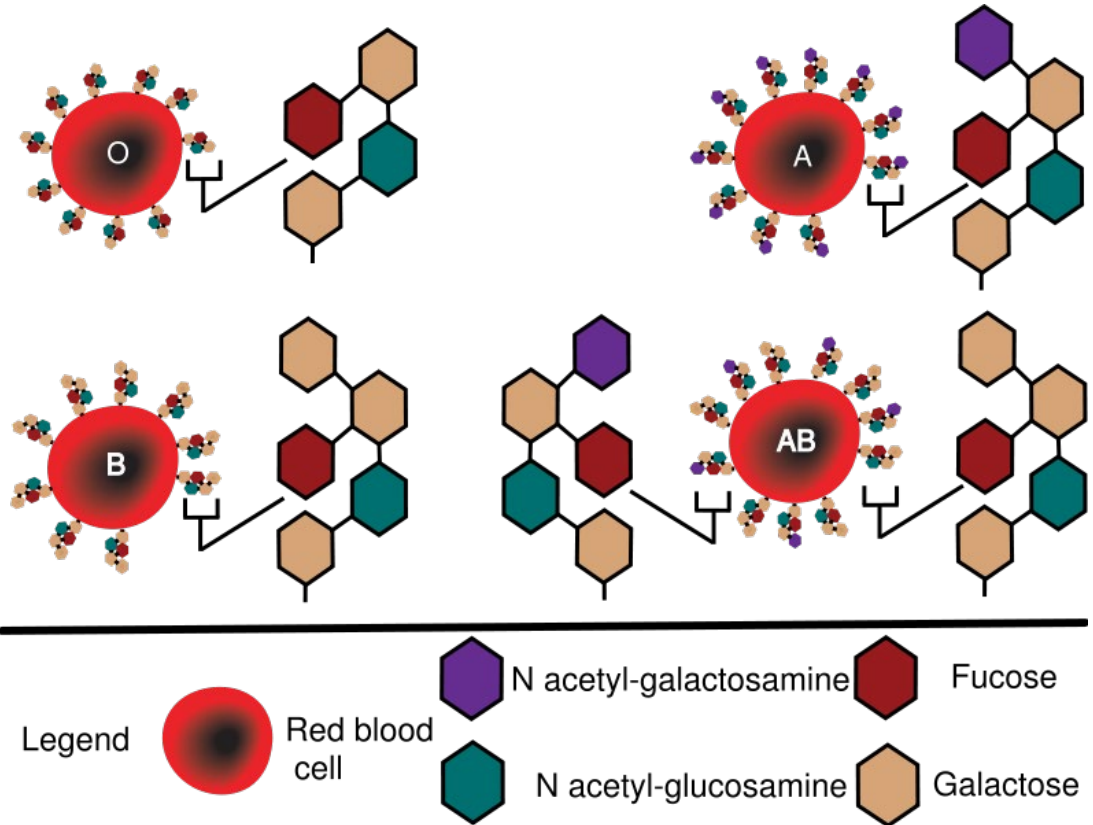
Lectin

Lectins are sugar-binding proteins which are highly specific for their sugar moieties. They typically play a role in biological recognition phenomena involving cells and proteins. For example, some bacteria use lectins to attach themselves to the cells of the host organism during infection.



Blood Type

	Group A	Group B	Group AB	Group O
Red blood cell type				
Antibodies present			None	
Antigens present	A antigen	B antigen	A and B antigens	No antigens



The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2022

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences has decided to award the Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2022 to

Carolyn R. Bertozzi

Stanford University, CA, USA
Howard Hughes Medical Institute, USA

Morten Meldal

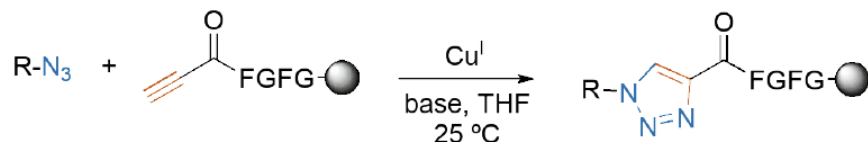
University of Copenhagen, Denmark

K. Barry Sharpless

Scripps Research, La Jolla, CA, USA

“for the development of click chemistry and bioorthogonal chemistry”

a)



b)

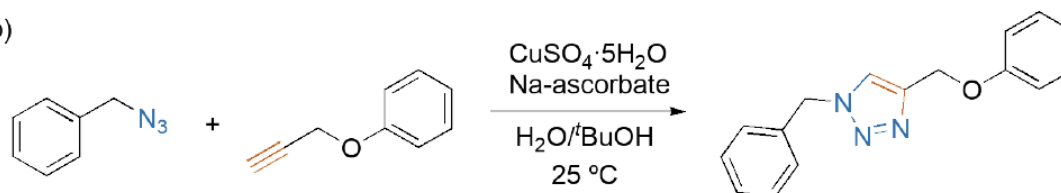


Figure 6: Copper-catalysed reactions from a) **Meldal** and coworkers,^{15,16} and b) **Sharpless** and coworkers;¹⁷ F: phenylalanine, G: glycine, filled circle: solid support, THF: tetrahydrofuran, *t*BuOH: *tert*-butanol.

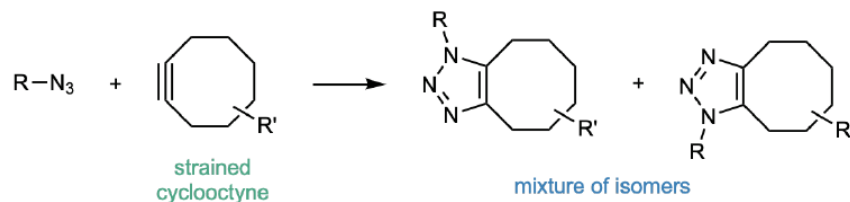
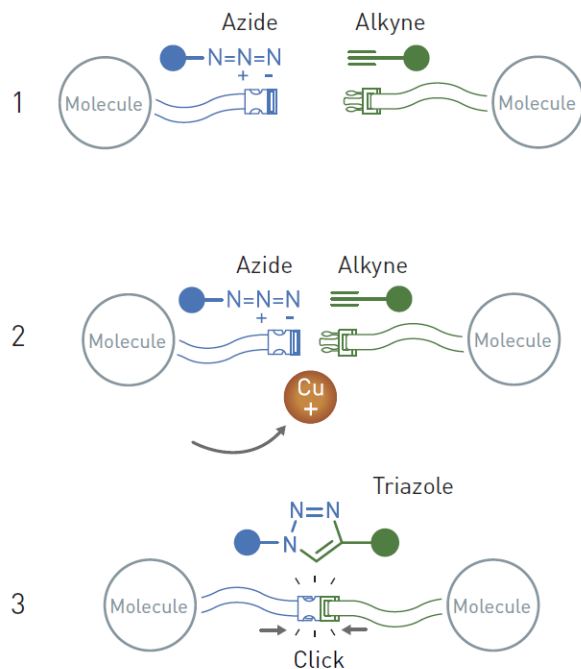


Figure 7: Strain-promoted azide-alkyne cycloaddition (SPAAC).

Click Chemistry

The click reaction that changed chemistry

Azides and alkynes react very efficiently when copper ions are added. This reaction is now used globally to link molecules together in a simple manner.



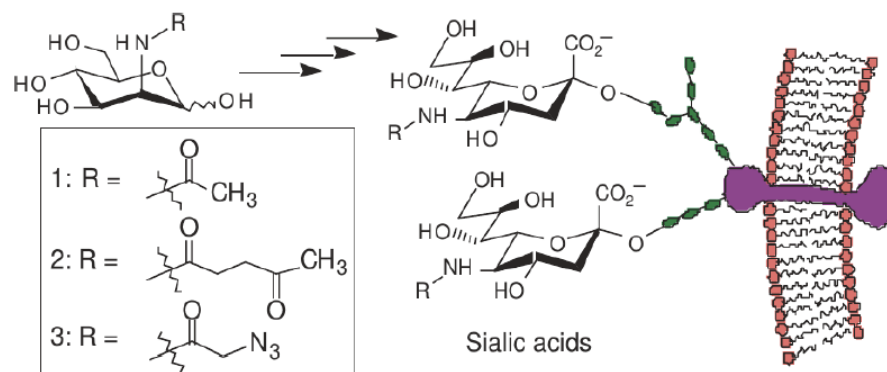
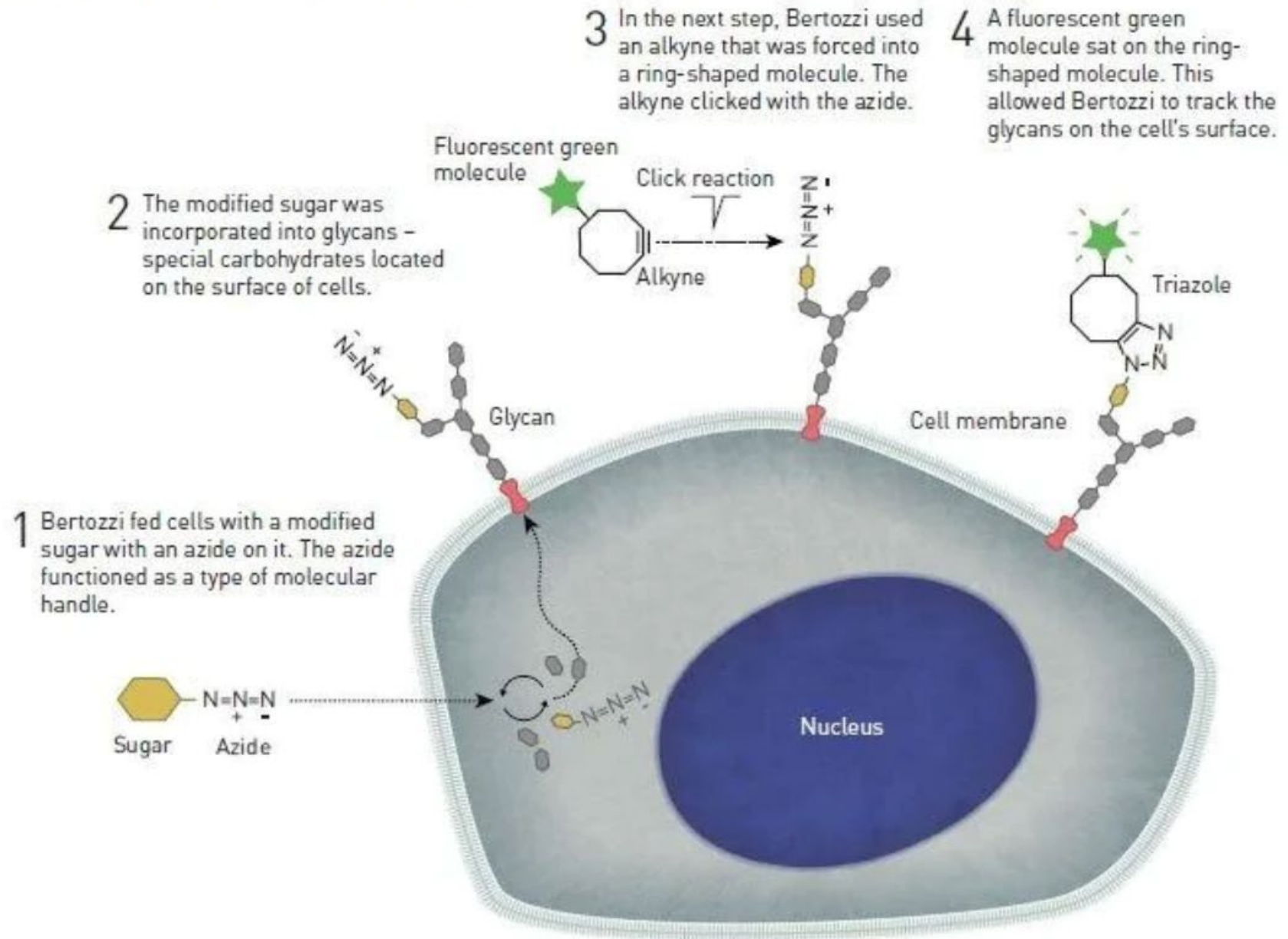


Figure 8: Cell labelling using metabolic engineering. *N*-levulinoyl mannosamine or *N*-azidoacetylmannosamine is fed to cells, converted into functionalized sialic acids, and expressed in glycans at the cell surface.²⁴

Bioorthogonal chemistry illuminates the cell



Glycobiology

Glycobiology is the scientific study of glycomes, which are the entire complement of sugars, whether free or present in more complex molecules, of an organism. This field encompasses the structure, biochemistry, and biology of carbohydrates (sugars and their derivatives) and glycoconjugates (molecules that contain sugar residues attached to another structure, such as proteins or lipids).

Carbohydrates are crucial components of all living organisms and are involved in a variety of biological processes, including cell-cell recognition, cell adhesion, immune response, and inflammation. They play key roles in the structure and function of many proteins and lipids, which are modified by the addition of sugar molecules in a process known as glycosylation.

Glycobiology integrates various disciplines, including biochemistry, molecular biology, cell biology, and biotechnology, to understand the roles of carbohydrates in biology and to utilize this knowledge in applications ranging from biomedicine to bioenergy. This research has significant implications for understanding diseases, developing new vaccines and therapeutics, and advancing biotechnological applications.

Carbohydrates are essential biomolecules that play numerous vital roles in biological systems, impacting both the structure and function of organisms. Here are some key aspects of their importance:

Energy Source: Carbohydrates are a primary energy source for most organisms. Glucose, a simple sugar, is a crucial energy substrate in cells and is central to cellular respiration and ATP production, which fuels various biological processes.

Energy Storage: Carbohydrates also serve as energy storage molecules. Plants store energy in the form of starch, while animals store energy as glycogen in the liver and muscles, which can be rapidly mobilized to meet energy demands.

Structural Components: Certain carbohydrates are integral to the structural integrity of cells and organisms. For example, cellulose, a polysaccharide found in plant cell walls, provides structural support to plants. In animals, chitin, a component of the exoskeletons of insects and other arthropods, serves a similar structural role.

Cell Recognition and Signaling: Carbohydrates on the surfaces of cells play key roles in cell-cell recognition and signaling. They are involved in various biological processes, including immune responses, where they help in the identification of foreign substances and pathogens.

Biological Lubrication: Mucins, which are glycoproteins, rely on their carbohydrate components to maintain viscosity and lubrication in biological tissues, crucial for the proper functioning of respiratory, digestive, and reproductive systems.

Glycosylation of Proteins and Lipids: Many proteins and lipids undergo glycosylation, where carbohydrates are covalently attached. This modification can affect the molecules' stability, activity, and localization, impacting various physiological processes.

Dietary Fiber: Some carbohydrates, particularly those that are indigestible by humans like dietary fiber, play important roles in maintaining gut health. They support bowel regularity and can influence the composition of gut microbiota, which is crucial for overall health.

Understanding these roles of carbohydrates is fundamental not only in biochemistry and cell biology but also in fields like nutrition, medicine, and biotechnology, showcasing their broad impact on life and health.

Bioorthogonal chemistry refers to chemical reactions that can occur inside living systems without interfering with native biochemical processes. This concept is crucial in the fields of chemical biology and drug development, as it allows scientists to introduce and track synthetic molecules within biological systems without affecting their normal functions.

In practical terms, bioorthogonal reactions are highly selective and fast under physiological conditions. They do not cross-react with biological molecules, thereby enabling researchers to label, visualize, or manipulate biomolecules in real-time, in living organisms. Some common bioorthogonal reactions include the copper-catalyzed azide-alkyne cycloaddition (though copper-free versions are preferred in biological contexts to avoid toxicity) and the strain-promoted alkyne-azide cycloaddition.

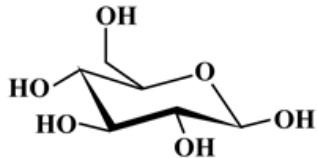
Overall, bioorthogonal chemistry offers a powerful set of tools for studying biological processes at the molecular level, with applications ranging from imaging specific proteins in cells to targeted drug delivery.

Glycan and Glycomic

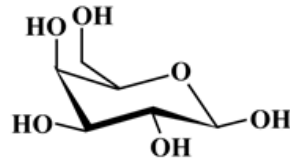


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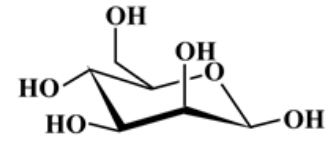
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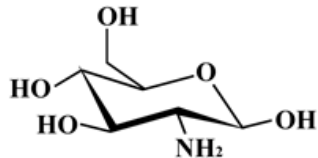
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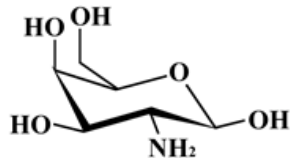
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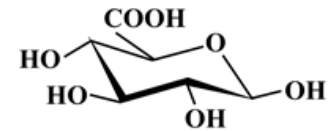
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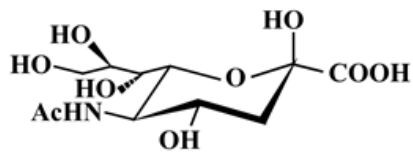
Glucosamine
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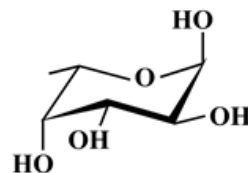
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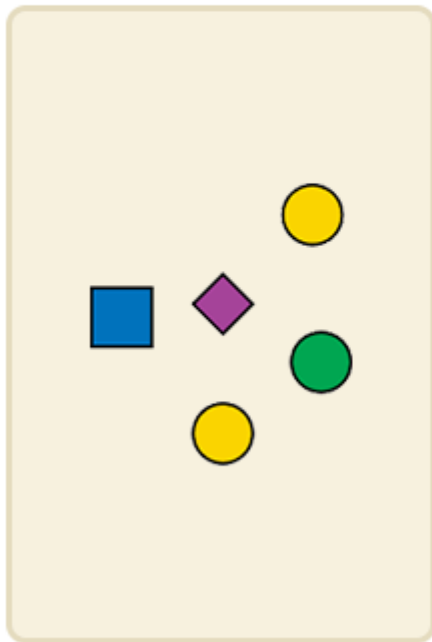


Sialic acid



Fucose

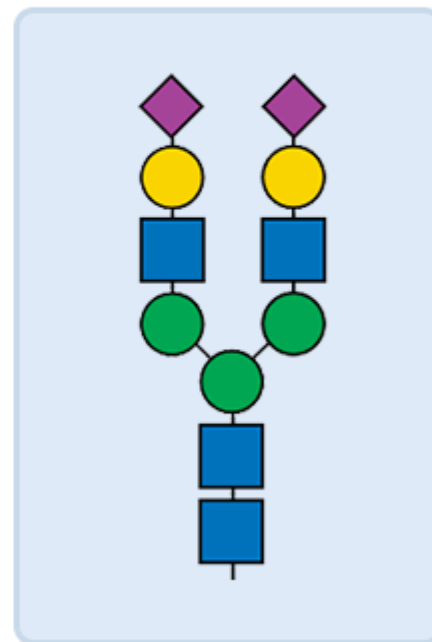
Sugar









**If you connect
according to
the rules...**

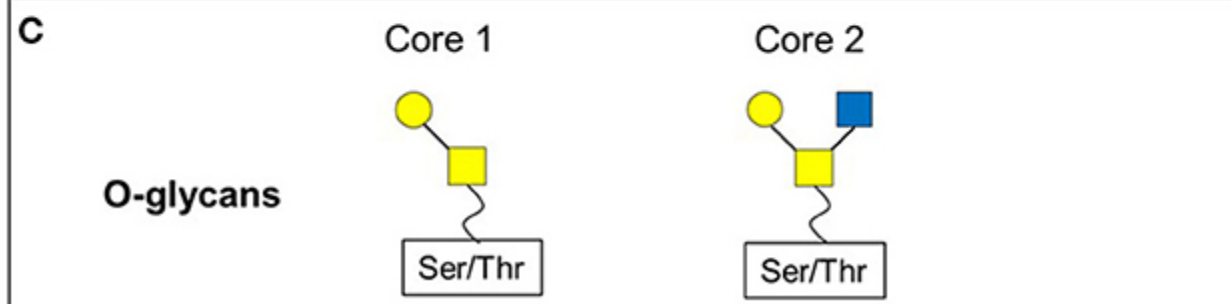
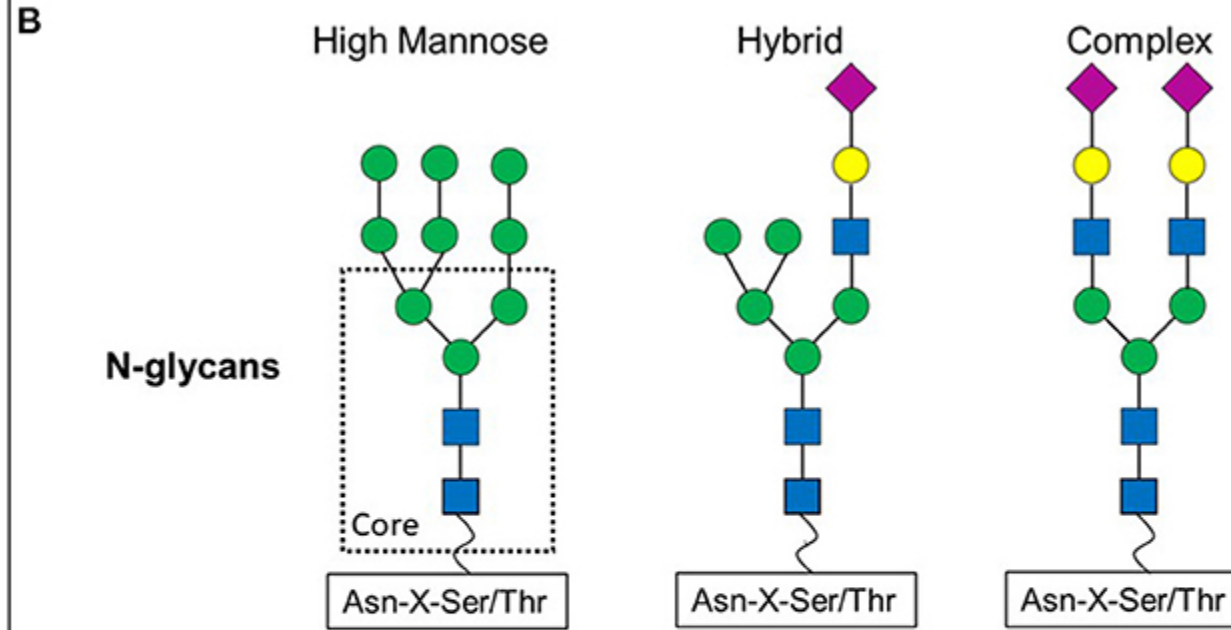


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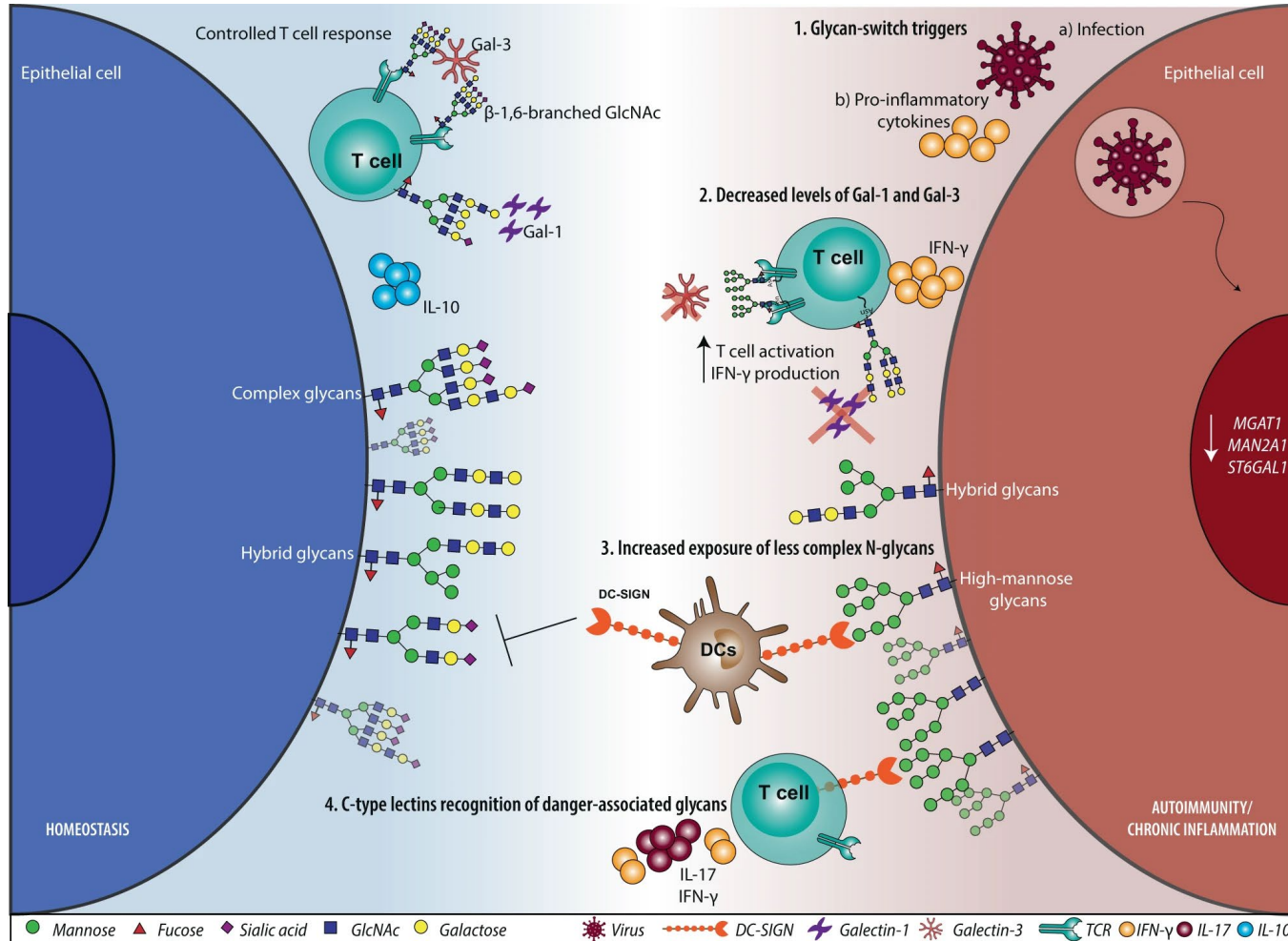


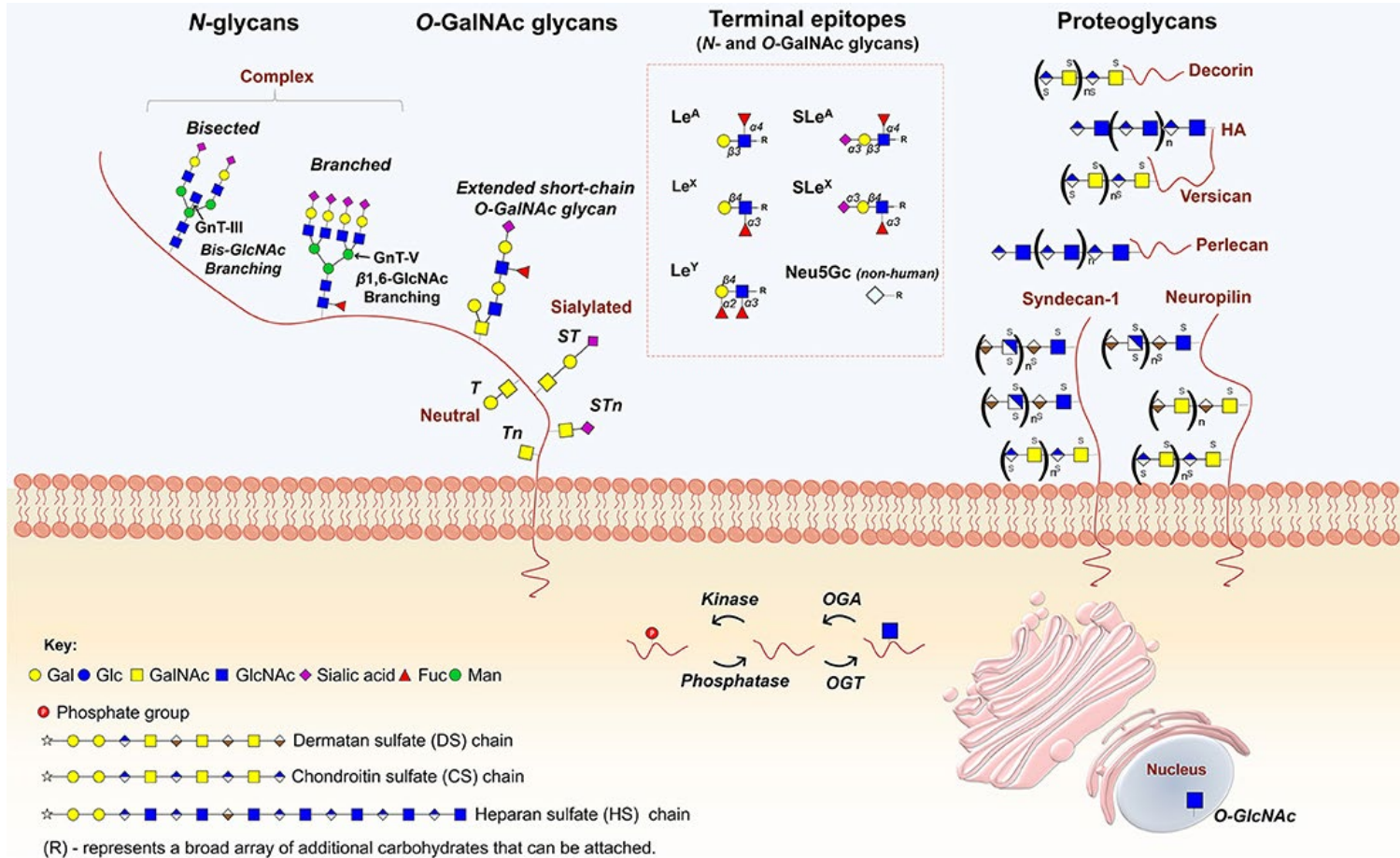
A Common carbohydrates in mammalian glycans

-  Galactose
-  N-acetylgalactosamine
-  N-acetylglucosamine
-  Mannose
-  Sialic Acid
-  Fucose

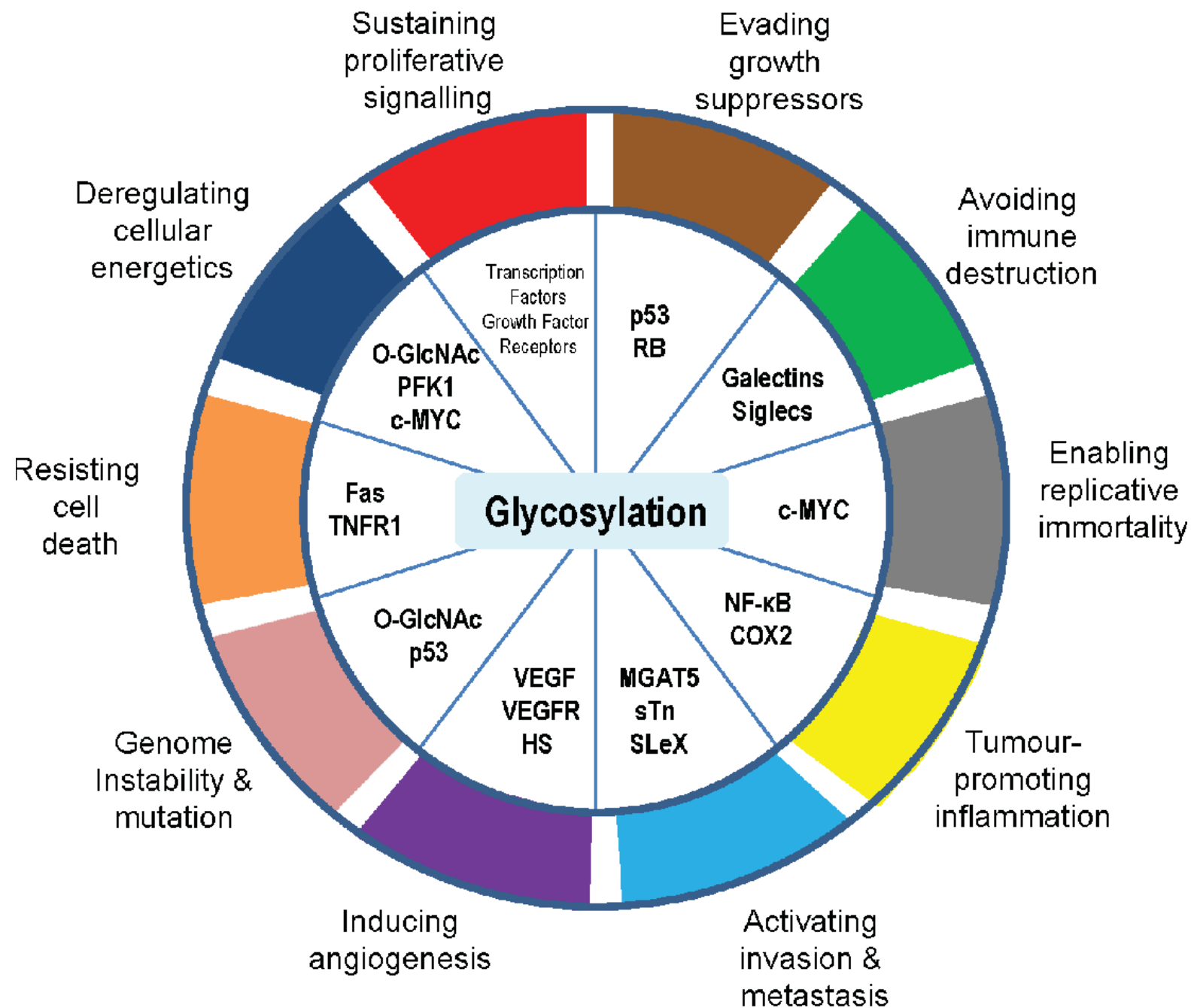


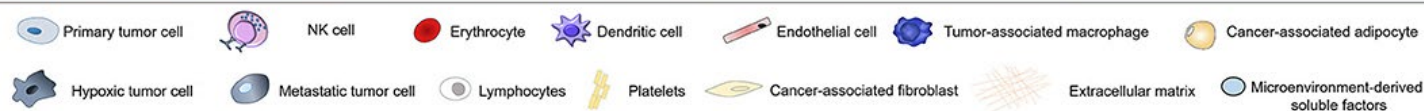
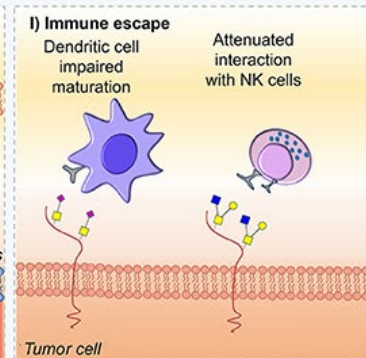
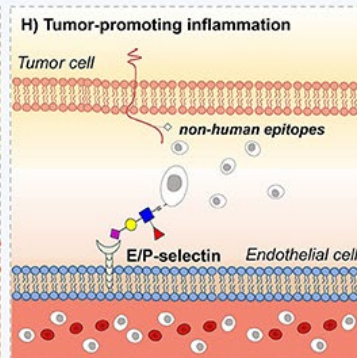
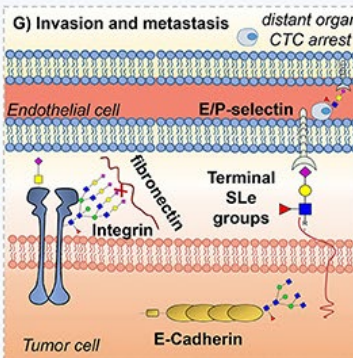
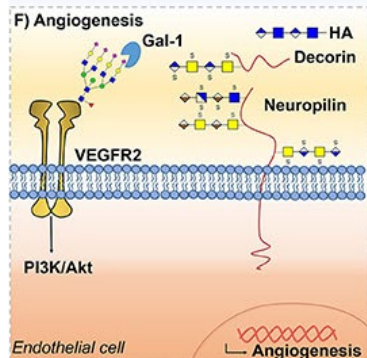
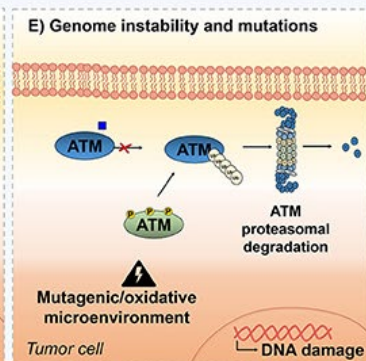
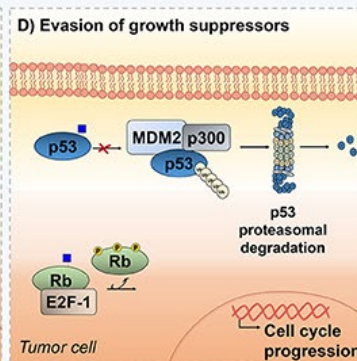
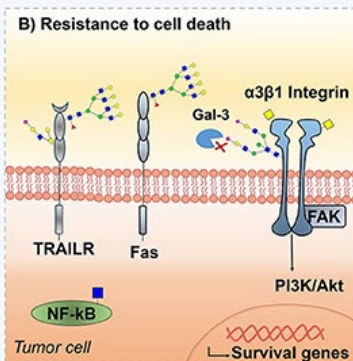
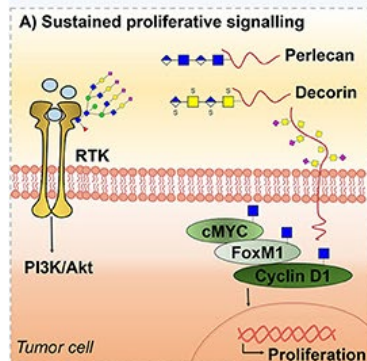
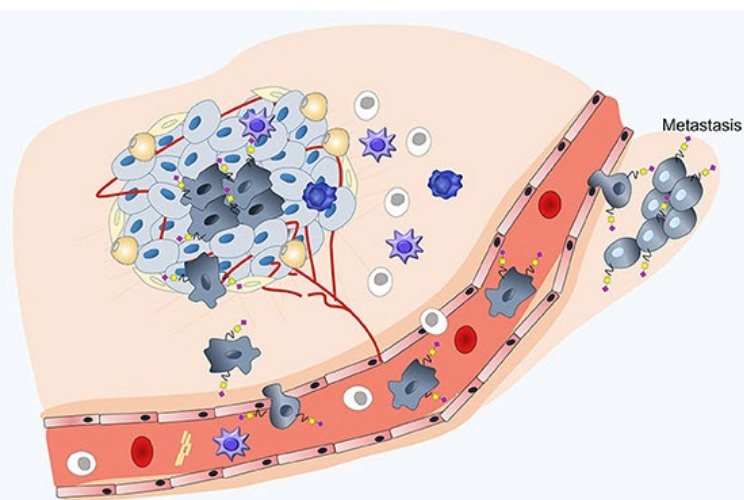
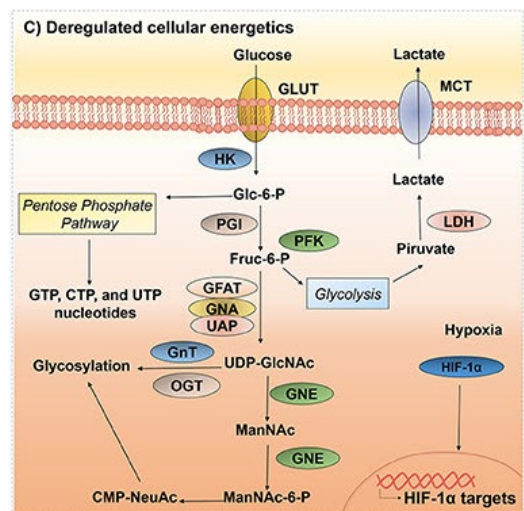
Glycan Binding in Immune Cells





Main classes of glycans modulating cancer hallmarks. **N-glycans**, whose biosynthesis starts in the endoplasmic reticulum (ER) with the addition of an oligosaccharide chain to an asparagine (Asn) residue, experience further structural maturation in the golgi apparatus (GA) to yield complex bisected and branched structures. **O-GalNAc** glycans, initiated in the GA by the attachment of a GalNAc to the hydroxyl groups of serine (Ser) or threonine (Thr) residues, forming the simplest **O-glycan** Tn antigen (GalNAc α -Ser/Thr), may be further elongated into different core structures that serve as scaffolds for more complex O-GalNAc glycans. Both O- and N-glycan chains are generally branched and/or elongated and may present sialic acids, Lewis blood group related antigens and/or their sialylated counterparts as terminal structures. The figure highlights the structures of some of the most relevant glycans and glycoconjugates driving cancer hallmarks.

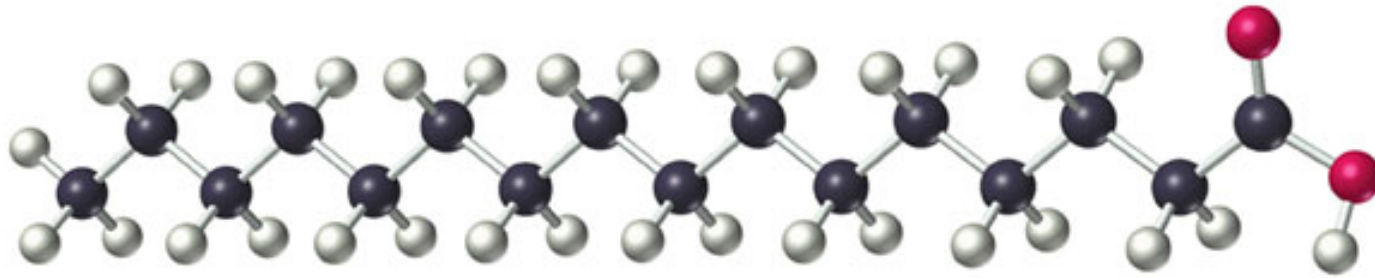
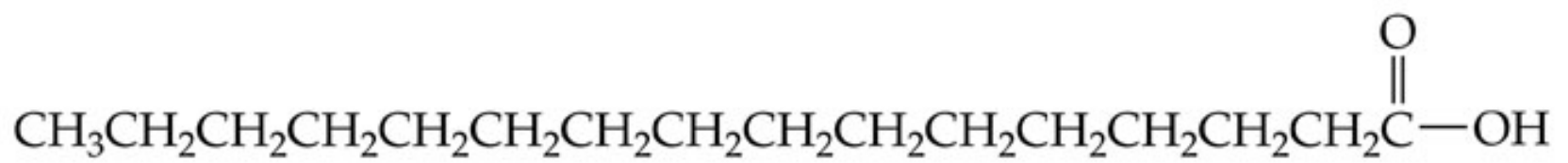




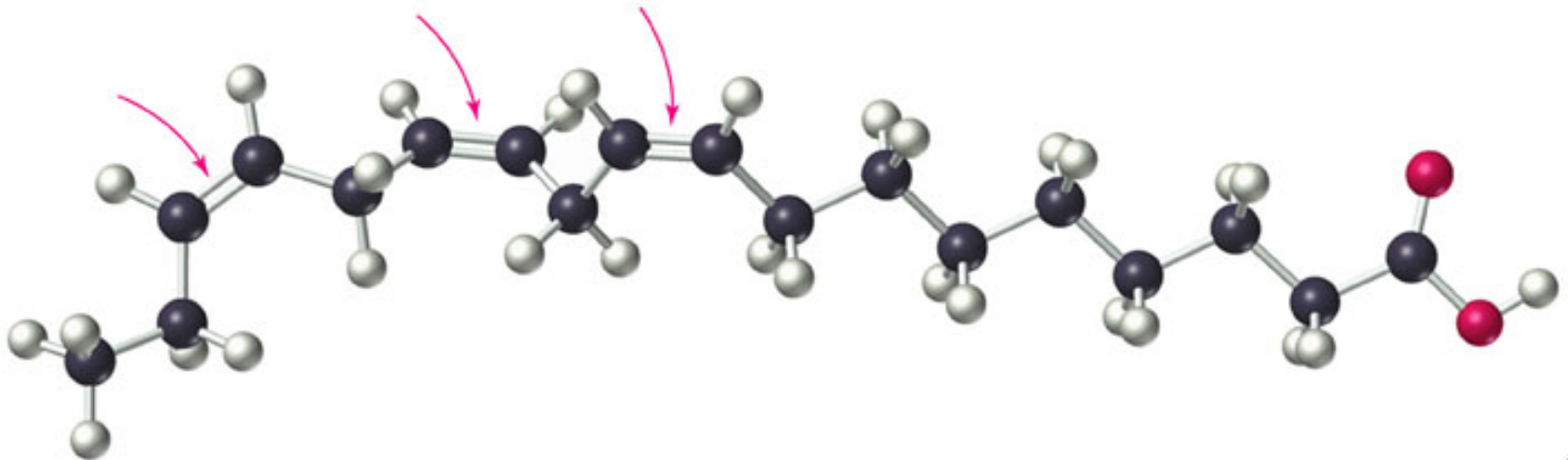
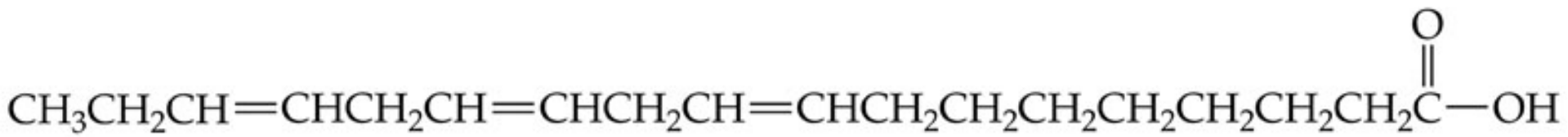
Lipid

- ***Lipids*** are naturally occurring molecules from plants or animals that are soluble in nonpolar organic solvents.
- Lipid molecules contain large hydrocarbon portion and not many polar functional group, which accounts for their solubility behavior.



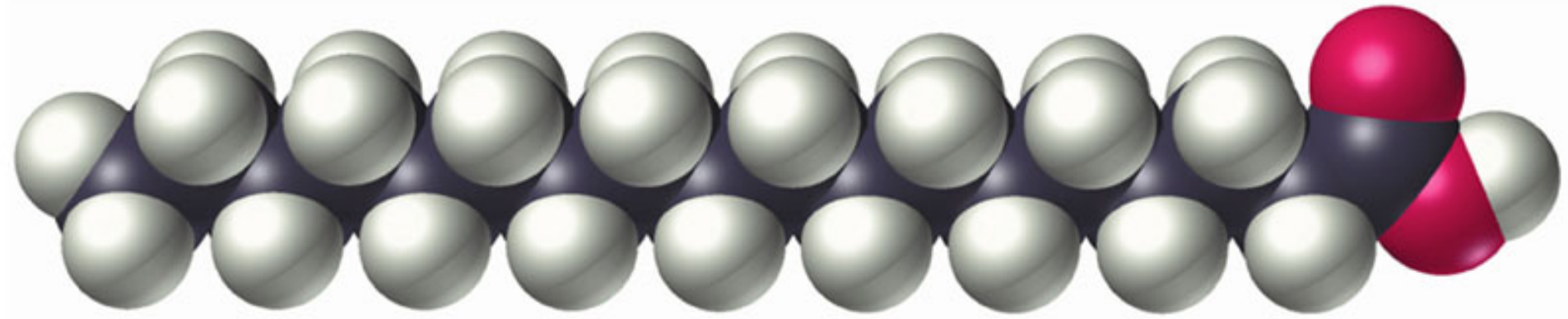


A saturated fatty acid
(palmitic acid)



A *cis* unsaturated fatty acid
(linolenic acid)

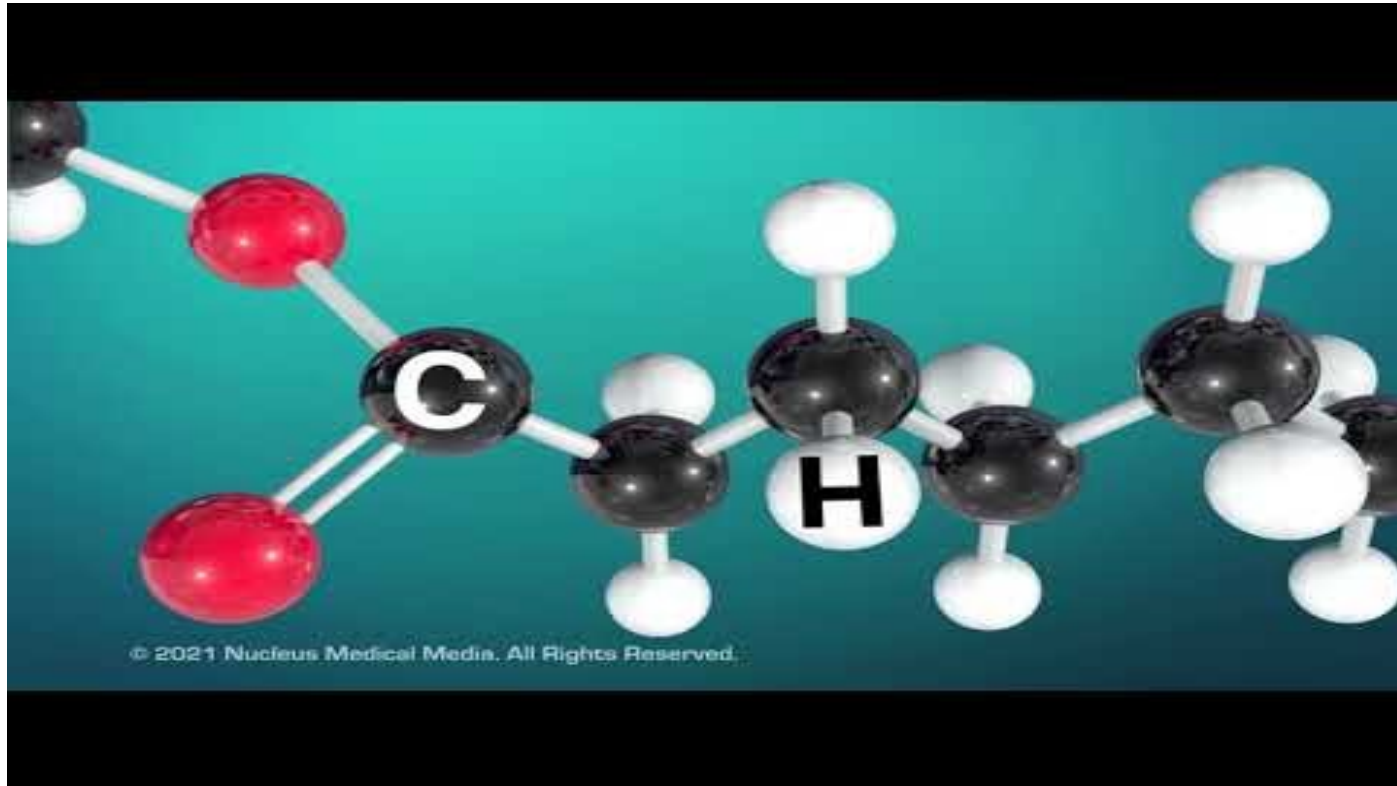




Stearic acid, an 18-carbon saturated fatty acid

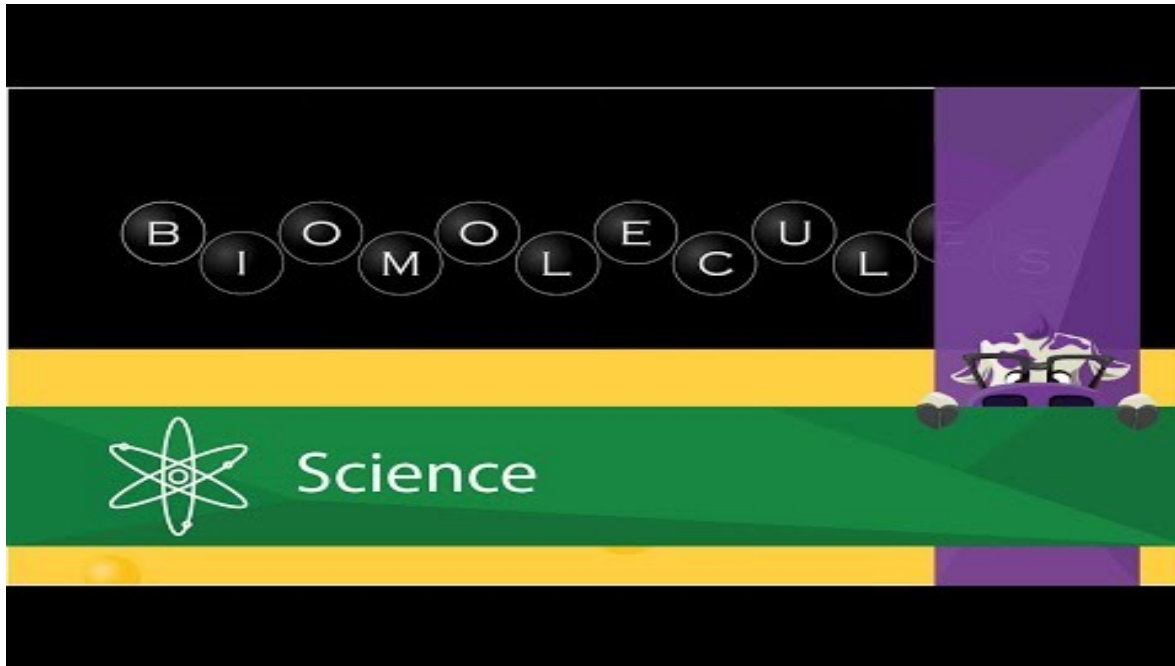


Lipid



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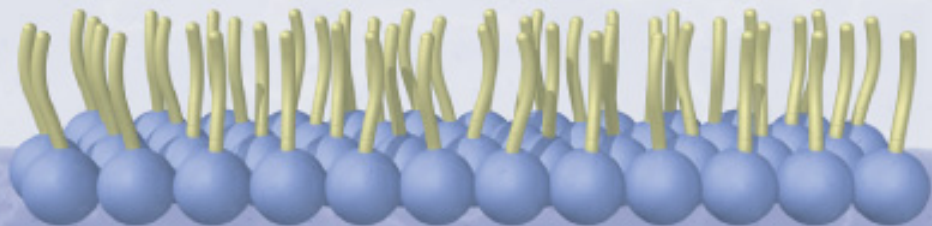
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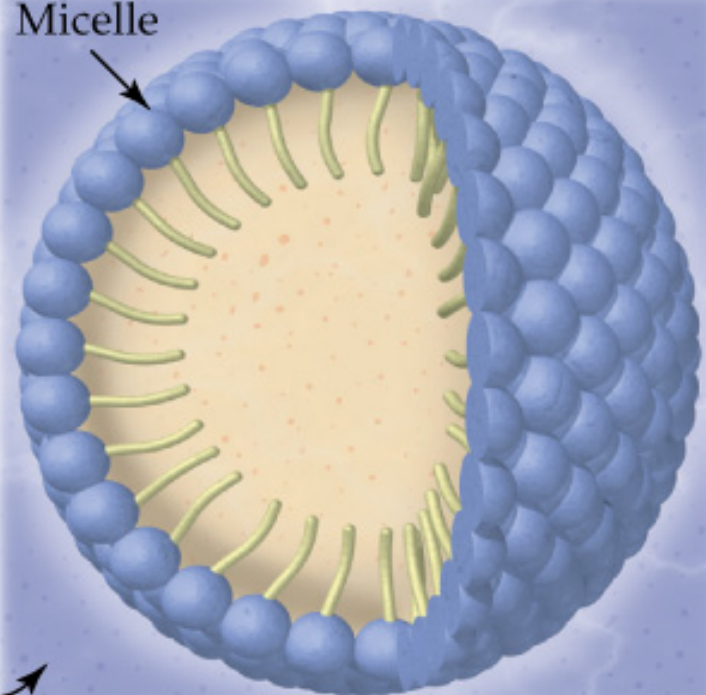
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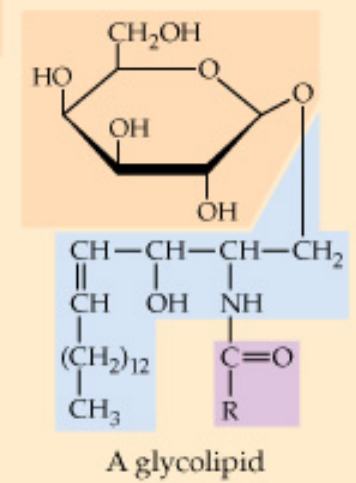
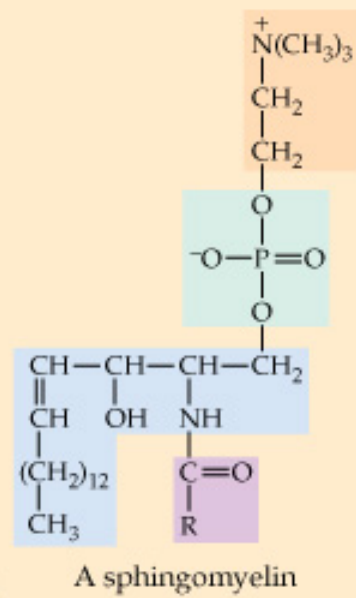
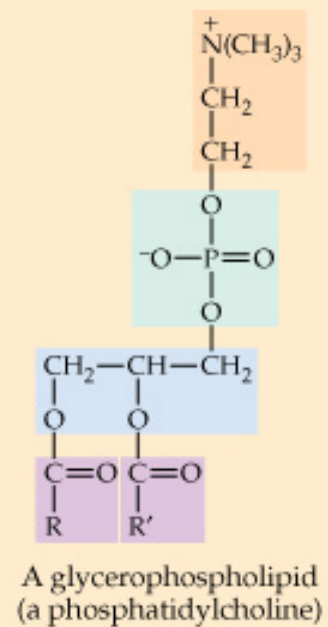
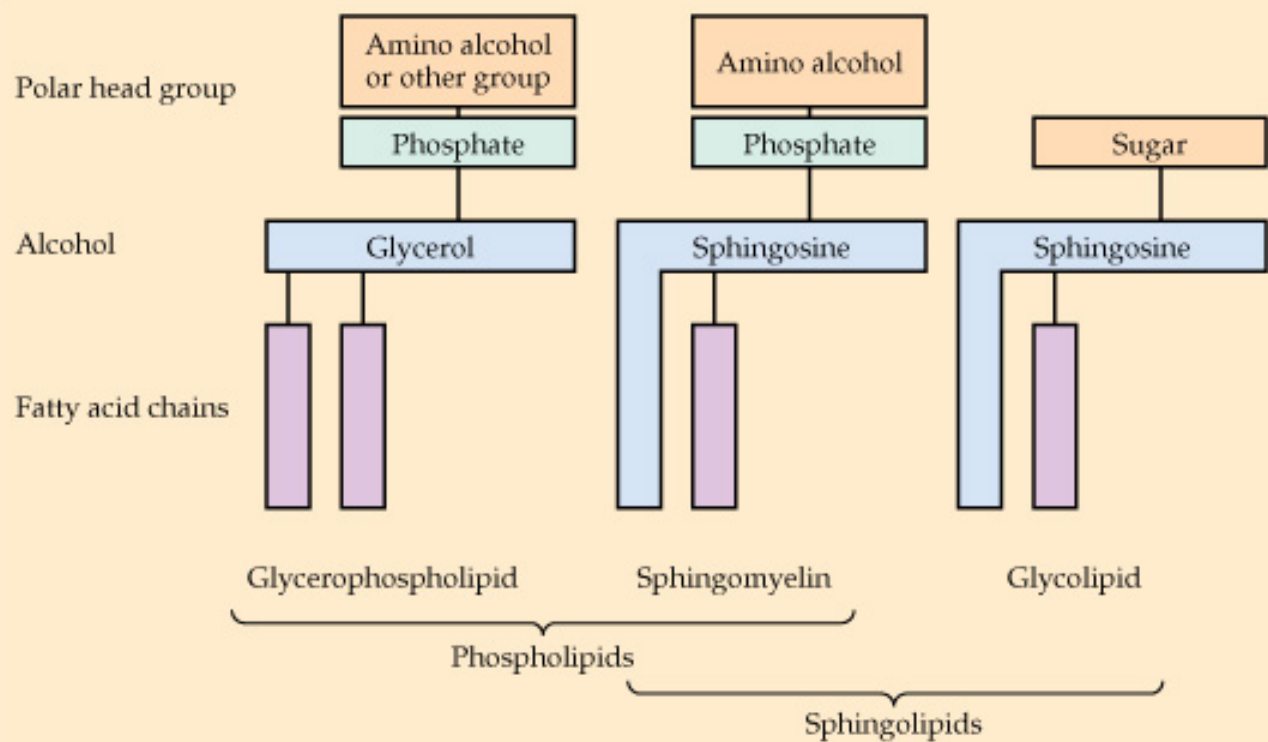
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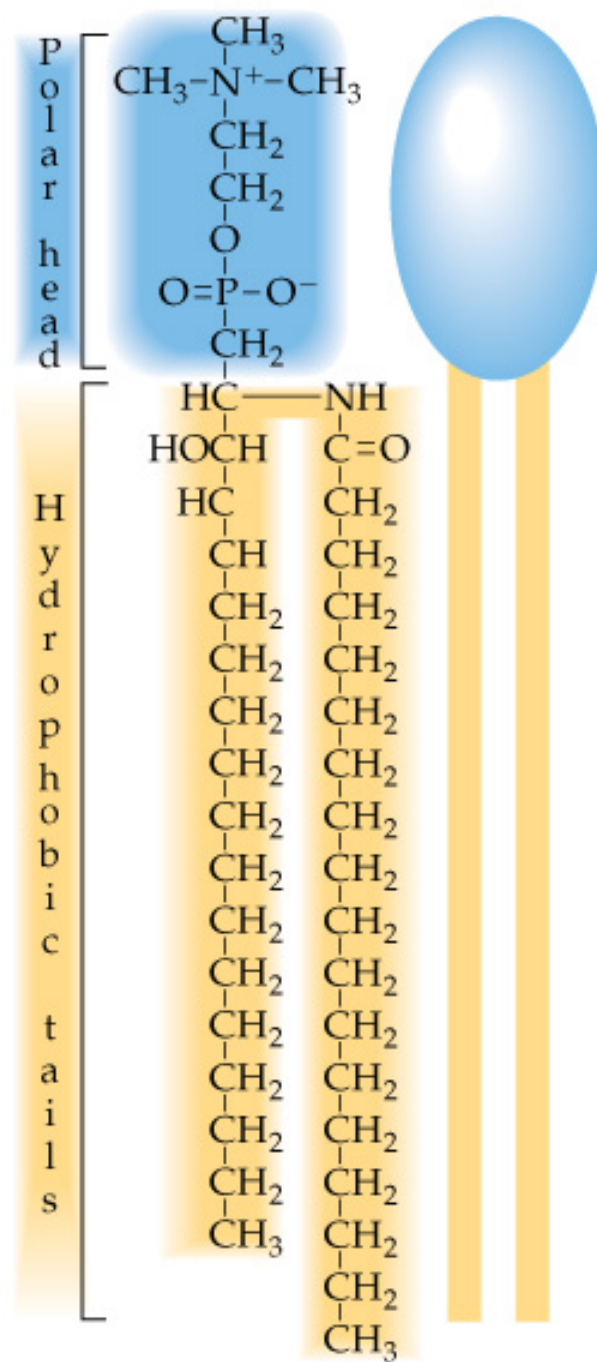


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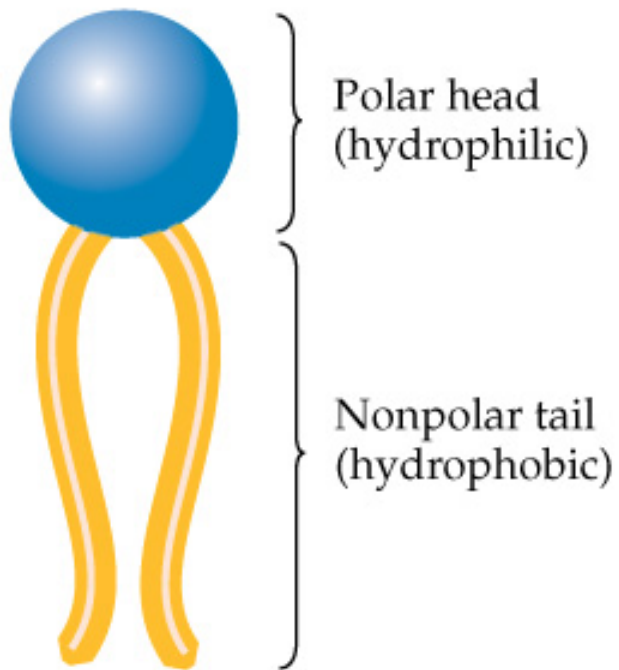




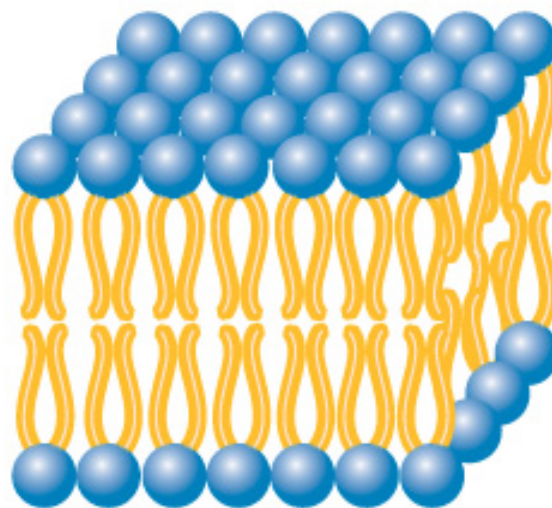


A sphingomyelin

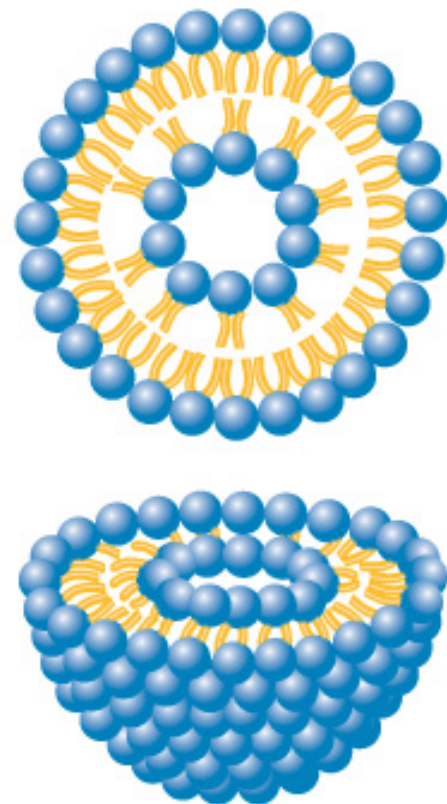




Membrane lipid



Lipid bilayer



Liposome



Properties of cell membranes:

- Cell membranes are composed of a fluid like phospholipid bilayer.
- The bilayer incorporates cholesterol, proteins, and glycolipids.
- Small nonpolar molecules cross by diffusion through the lipid bilayer.
- Small ions and polar molecules diffuse through the aqueous media in protein pores.
- Glucose and certain other substances cross with the aid of proteins without energy input.
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Lipids play several crucial and diverse roles in cells, influencing both their structure and function.

Structural Components of Membranes: Lipids, particularly phospholipids, are fundamental constituents of cellular membranes. They form bilayers that provide the basic structure of the plasma membrane and the membranes of various organelles within the cell. These lipid bilayers are fluid and dynamic, allowing for membrane fluidity and flexibility, which are essential for various cellular processes.

Energy Storage: Lipids serve as an important source of energy.

Signaling Molecules: Various lipids act as signaling molecules or precursors to signaling molecules. For instance, steroid hormones, which are derived from cholesterol, are crucial signaling molecules that regulate a wide range of physiological processes

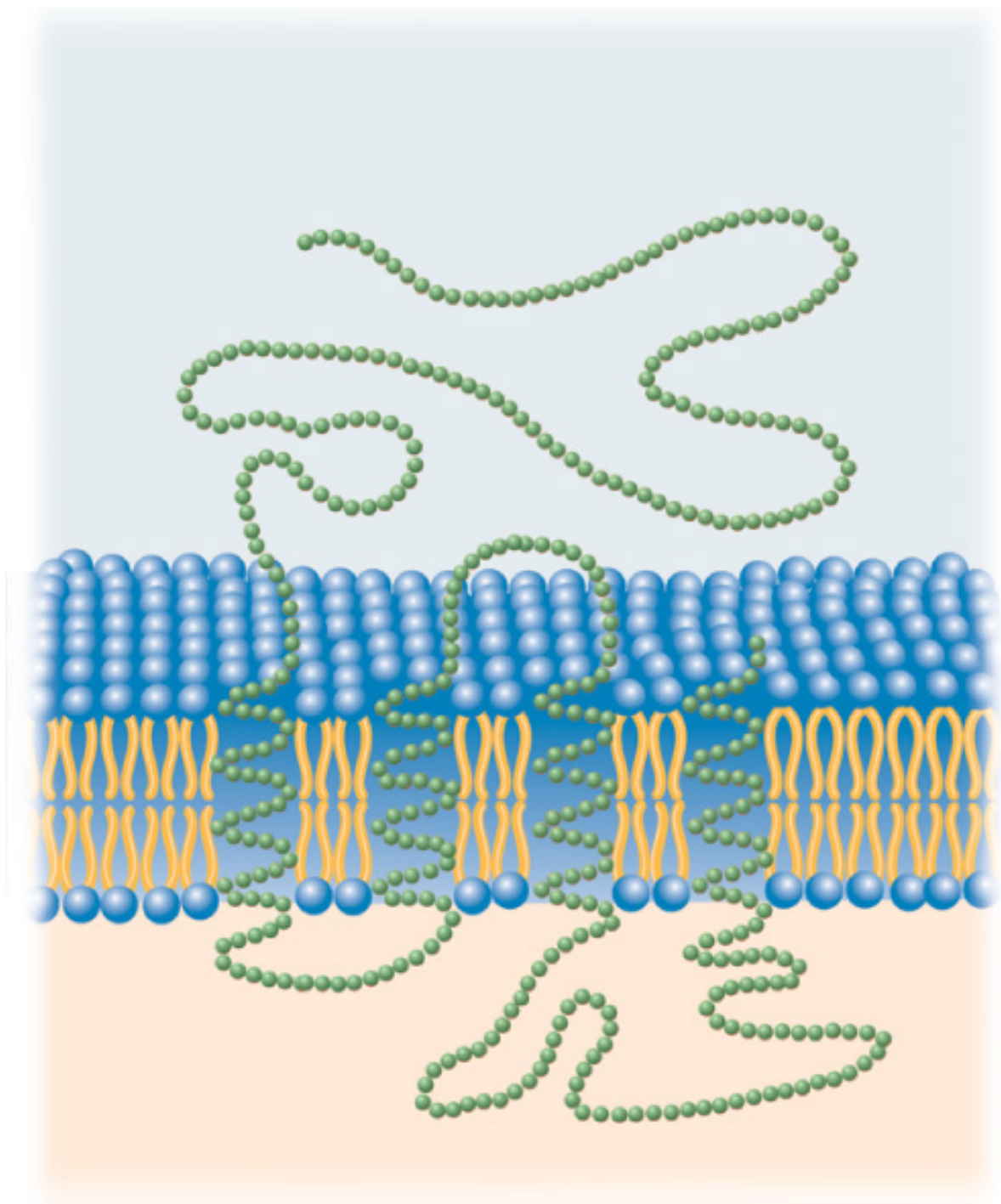
Coenzymes and Vitamins: Certain lipids act as coenzymes or essential components of coenzymes. For example, the lipid-soluble vitamins A, D, E, and K are critical for various biological functions, including vision, bone metabolism, antioxidant protection, and blood coagulation.

Anchoring Membrane Proteins: Lipids can covalently attach to proteins to anchor them within the cell membrane. This lipid modification is crucial for the localization, function, and signaling of membrane proteins.

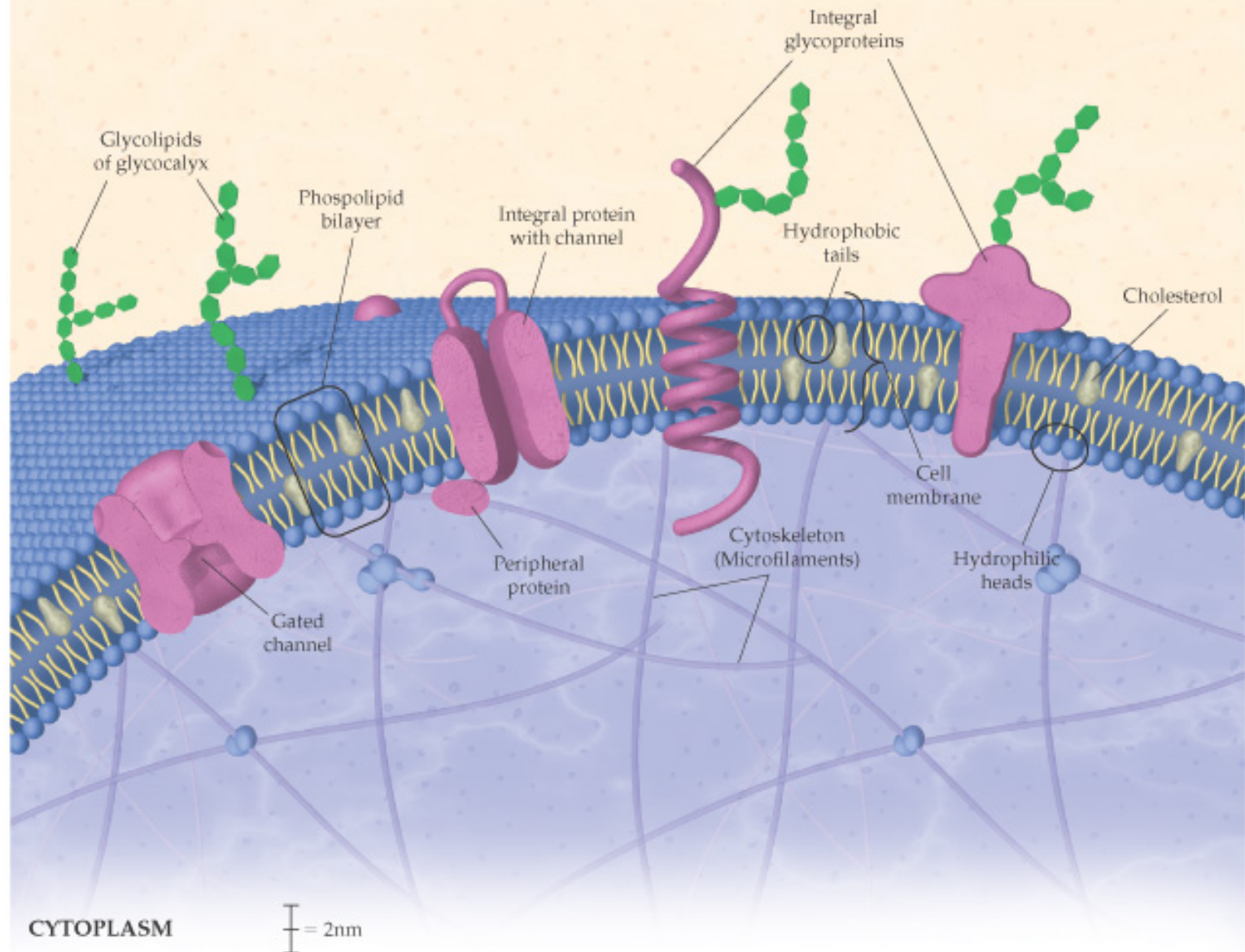
Insulation and Protection: In multicellular organisms, lipids provide insulation and protection. Subcutaneous fat serves as an insulator, reducing heat loss, and provides mechanical cushioning to protect internal organs.

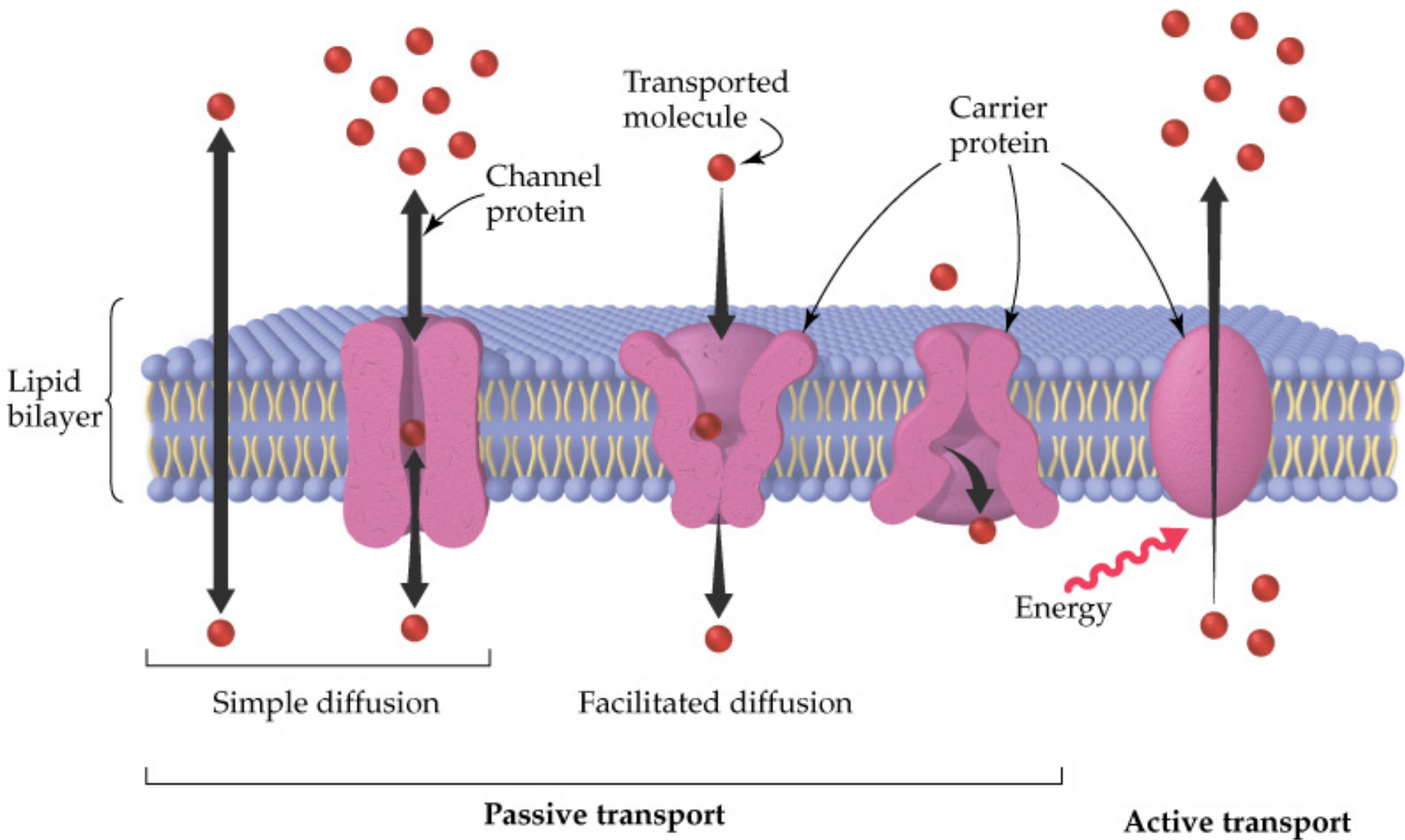
Cell Recognition and Communication: Lipids are involved in cell recognition and communication processes. For example, glycolipids, which are lipids with carbohydrate chains, are present on the cell surface and play roles in cell-cell interactions, recognition, and immune responses.

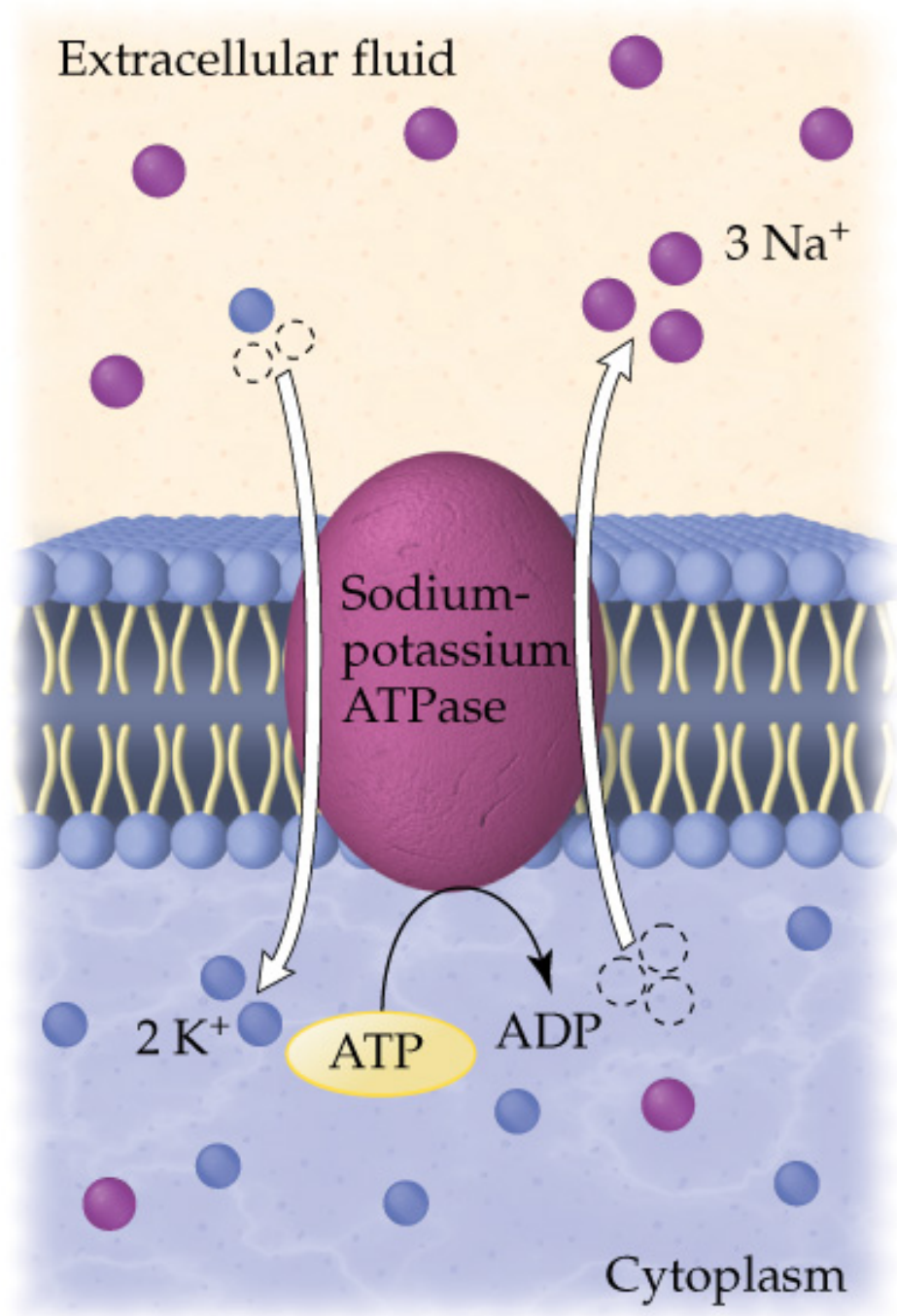
Modulating Membrane Fluidity: The composition of lipids in membranes can influence their fluidity, which in turn affects various membrane-associated functions such as vesicle formation, fusion, and the activity of membrane-bound enzymes and receptors. For instance, cholesterol in animal cell membranes modulates fluidity and permeability.



EXTRACELLULAR FLUID







The major classes of lipids found in cells are phospholipids, glycolipids, cholesterol, and triglycerides. Each of these classes plays essential roles in cellular structure and function:

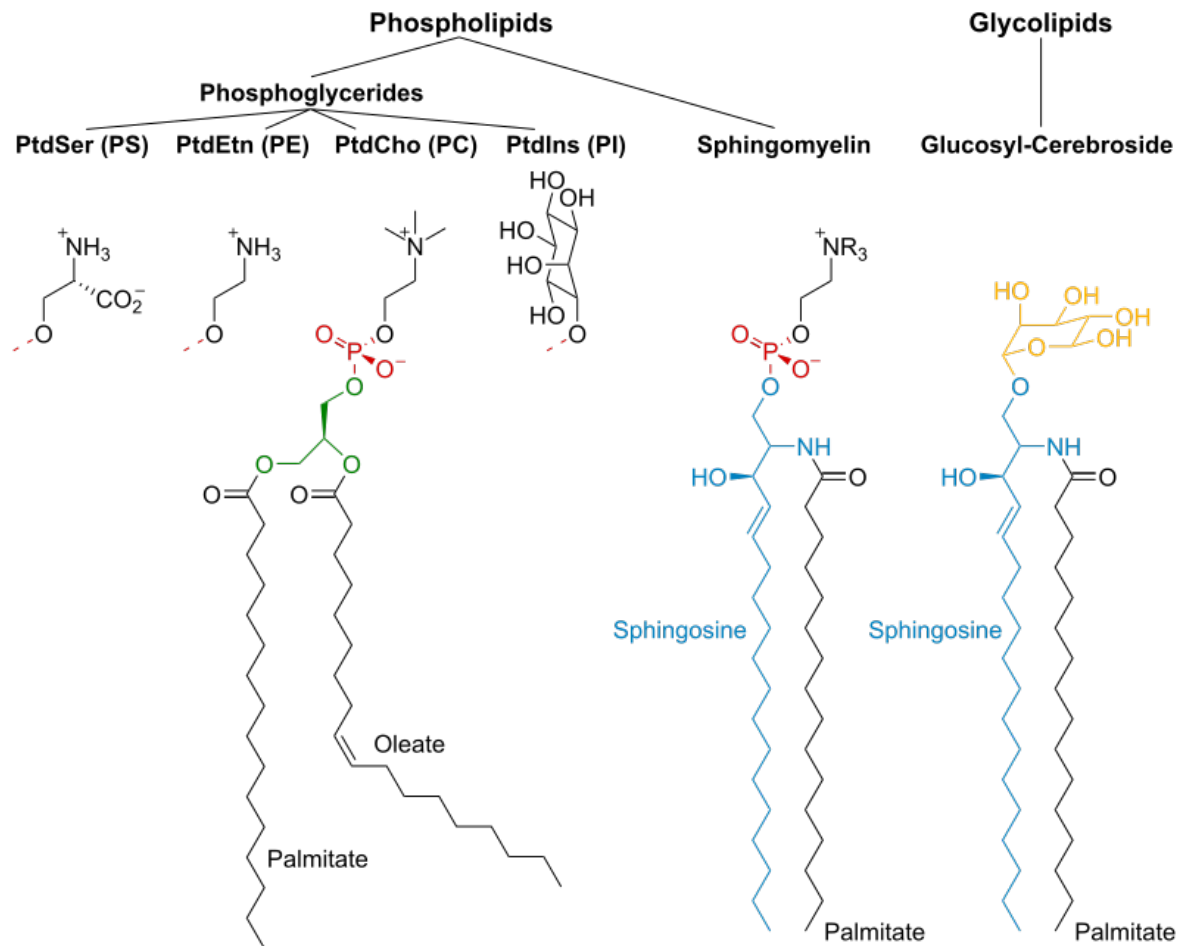
Phospholipids: These are the most abundant lipids in cell membranes. Phospholipids are amphipathic molecules, meaning they have both hydrophilic (water-attracting) and hydrophobic (water-repelling) regions.

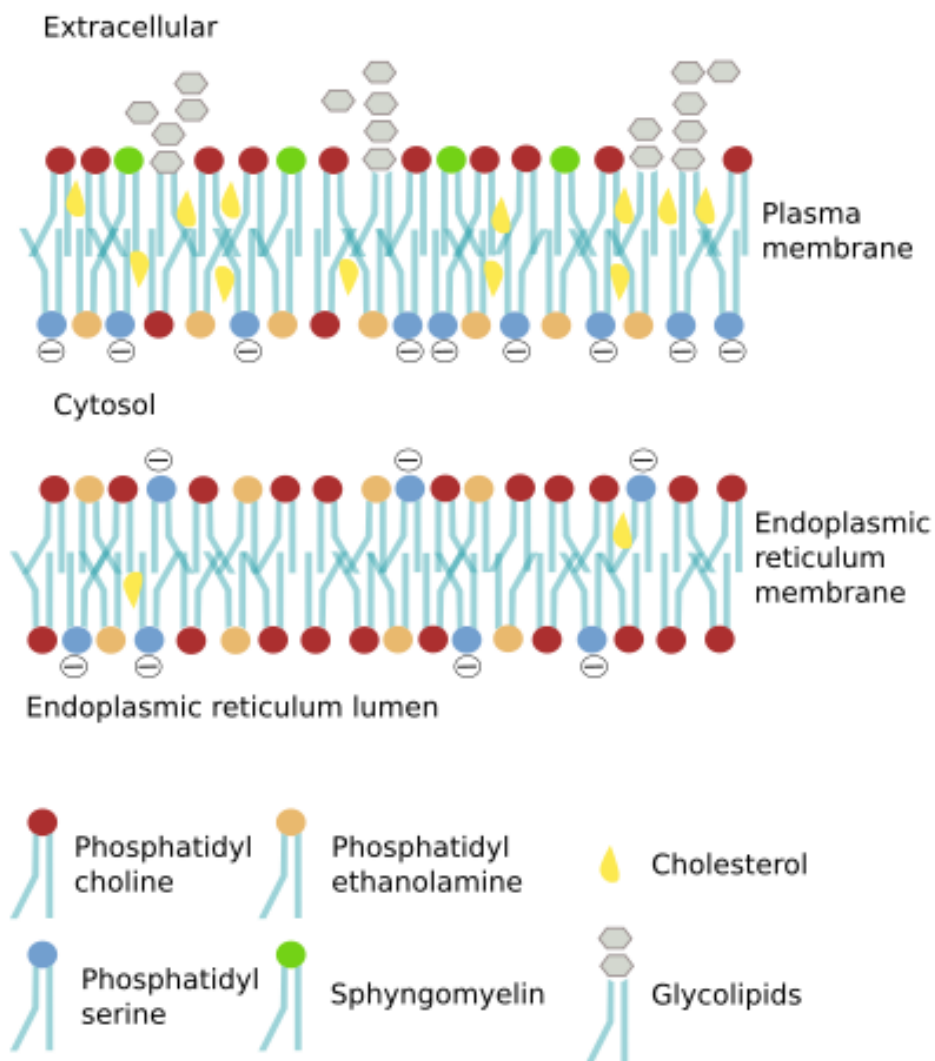
Glycolipids: Comprised of a lipid moiety and one or more sugar residues, glycolipids are primarily found on the extracellular surface of cell membranes. They play crucial roles in cell recognition, communication, and immune responses. The sugar moieties of glycolipids interact with specific molecules and cells in the organism's environment, facilitating cellular interactions and signaling.

Cholesterol: Though often associated with health risks when present in excess in the bloodstream, cholesterol is a vital component of animal cell membranes. It modulates the fluidity and permeability of the membrane and is involved in the formation of lipid rafts—specialized membrane domains that serve as organizing centers for the assembly of signaling molecules. Cholesterol is also a precursor for the synthesis of steroid hormones, bile acids, and vitamin D.

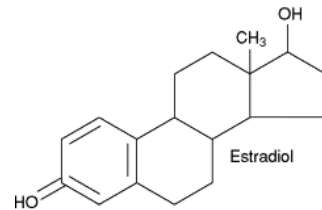
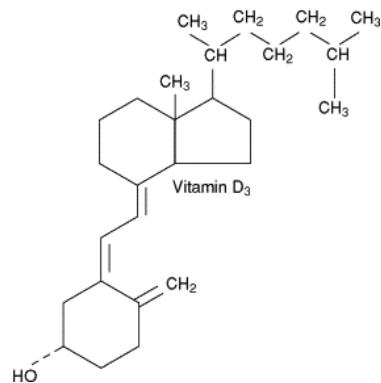
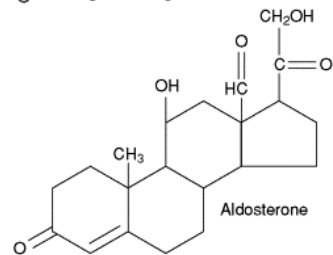
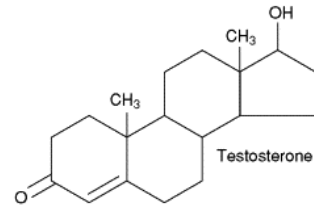
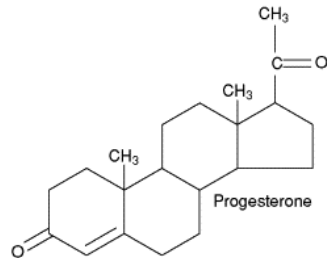
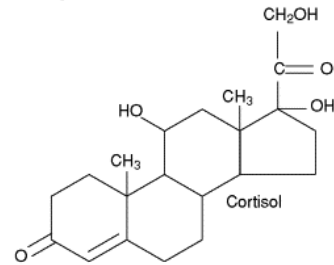
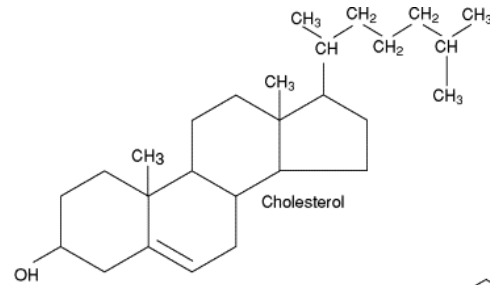
Triglycerides (Triacylglycerols): These are the main form of stored energy in many types of cells, particularly adipocytes (fat cells). Triglycerides consist of three fatty acids linked to a glycerol backbone. They are stored in lipid droplets within cells and are metabolized to provide energy when needed. Although not components of cell membranes, triglycerides play a critical role in energy metabolism and homeostasis.

Lipids on Cell Membranes

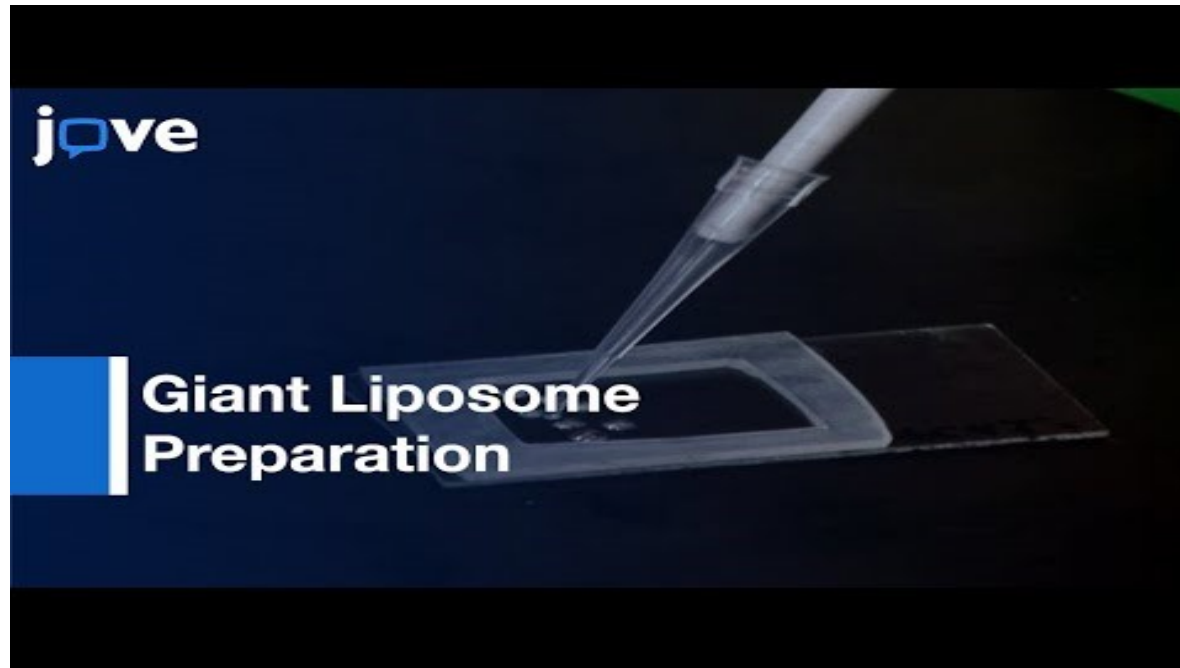




Cholesterol

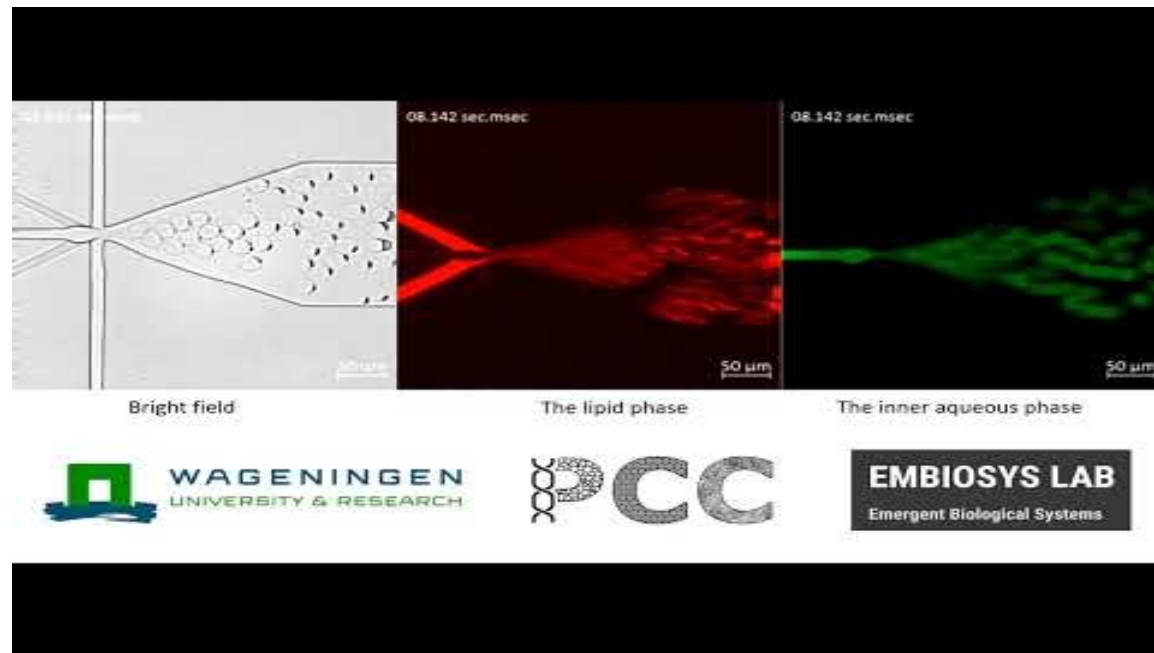


Liposome Preparation



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Liposome Preparation by Microfluidics



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Liquid-Liquid Phase Separation

Liquid-liquid phase separations in cells refer to the process where biomolecules undergo demixing from a homogenous solution into two distinct liquid phases, resulting in the formation of membrane-less organelles or biomolecular condensates. These phase transitions play crucial roles in cellular organization, function, and regulation:

Compartmentalization: Liquid-liquid phase separation (LLPS) allows cells to organize their intracellular environment without the need for membrane-bound organelles. This compartmentalization facilitates the concentration and sequestration of specific proteins and nucleic acids, enhancing biochemical reactions and processes.

Regulation of Biochemical Reactions: By concentrating specific enzymes and substrates within phase-separated droplets, cells can enhance or regulate the rates of biochemical reactions. This mechanism allows for the spatial and temporal control of metabolic pathways and signaling cascades.

Response to Environmental Stimuli: The dynamics of phase-separated droplets can change rapidly in response to environmental cues, such as changes in temperature, pH, or ion concentration. This responsiveness enables cells to adapt quickly to environmental changes, modulating cellular processes accordingly.

Stress Response: Under stress conditions, cells can form stress granules through LLPS. These granules sequester and protect mRNA and proteins, preventing their aggregation and facilitating their rapid reactivation when stress conditions abate. This process is crucial for cell survival under adverse conditions.

Signal Transduction: Phase-separated compartments can concentrate signaling molecules, enhancing signal transduction pathways. By bringing together key components of a signaling pathway, LLPS can increase the efficiency and specificity of signal transmission.

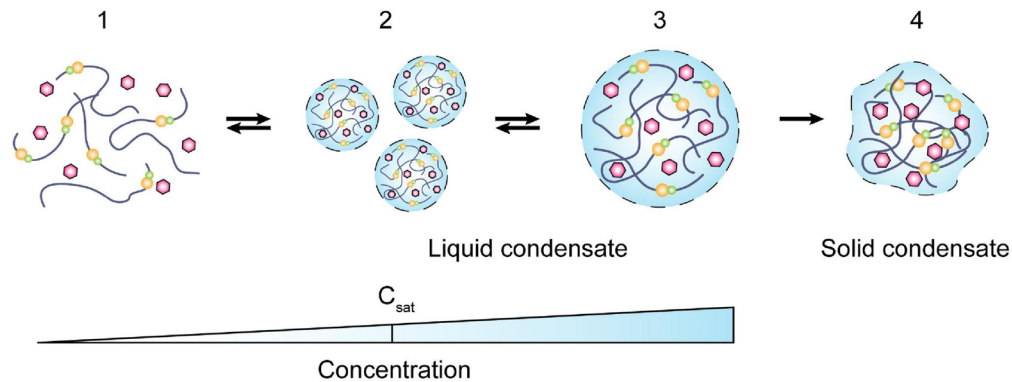
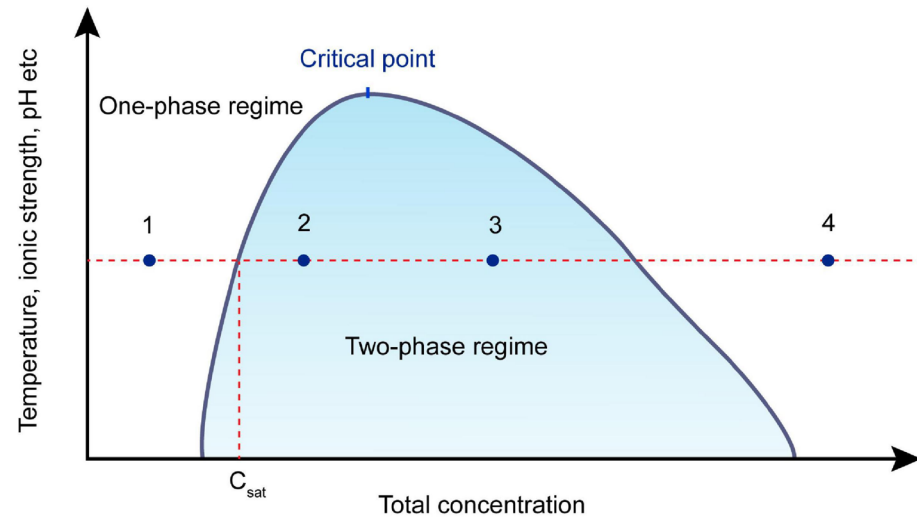
RNA Processing and Transport: LLPS plays a role in the formation of nuclear speckles and other nuclear bodies that are involved in RNA splicing, processing, and transport. These condensates can regulate gene expression by influencing RNA metabolism and dynamics.

Protein Folding and Stability: By providing a unique microenvironment, phase-separated droplets can influence protein folding and stability. This environment can prevent protein aggregation and assist in the proper folding of proteins, which is essential for their function and longevity.

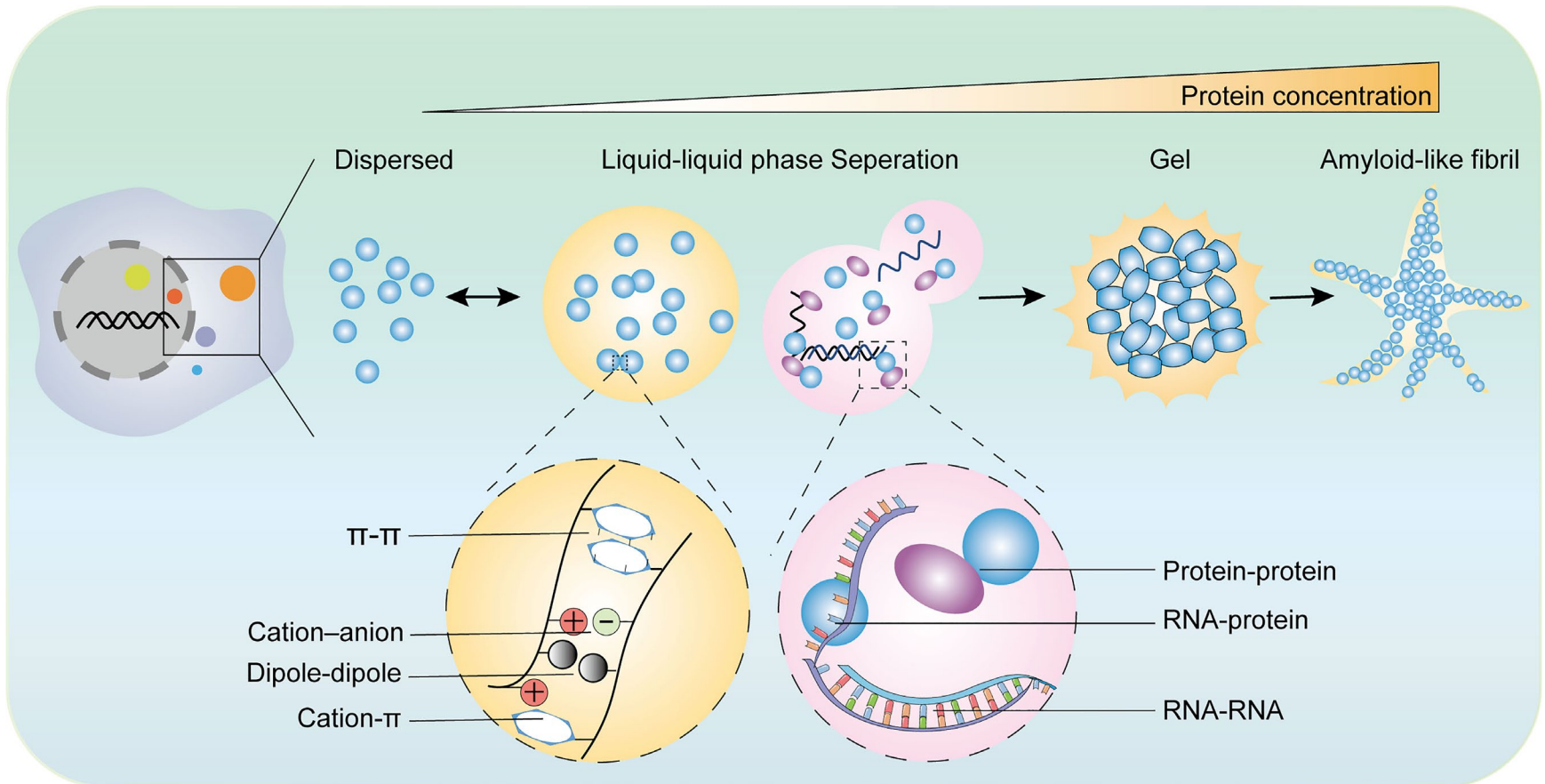
Membrane Dynamics: LLPS can also influence the organization and dynamics of cellular membranes. For example, the clustering of signaling receptors and other membrane proteins into lipid rafts can be driven by phase separation processes, affecting membrane fluidity and signaling.

In summary, liquid-liquid phase transitions are fundamental for cellular organization, enabling cells to create dynamic, membrane-less compartments that regulate and facilitate a myriad of biochemical processes essential for life.

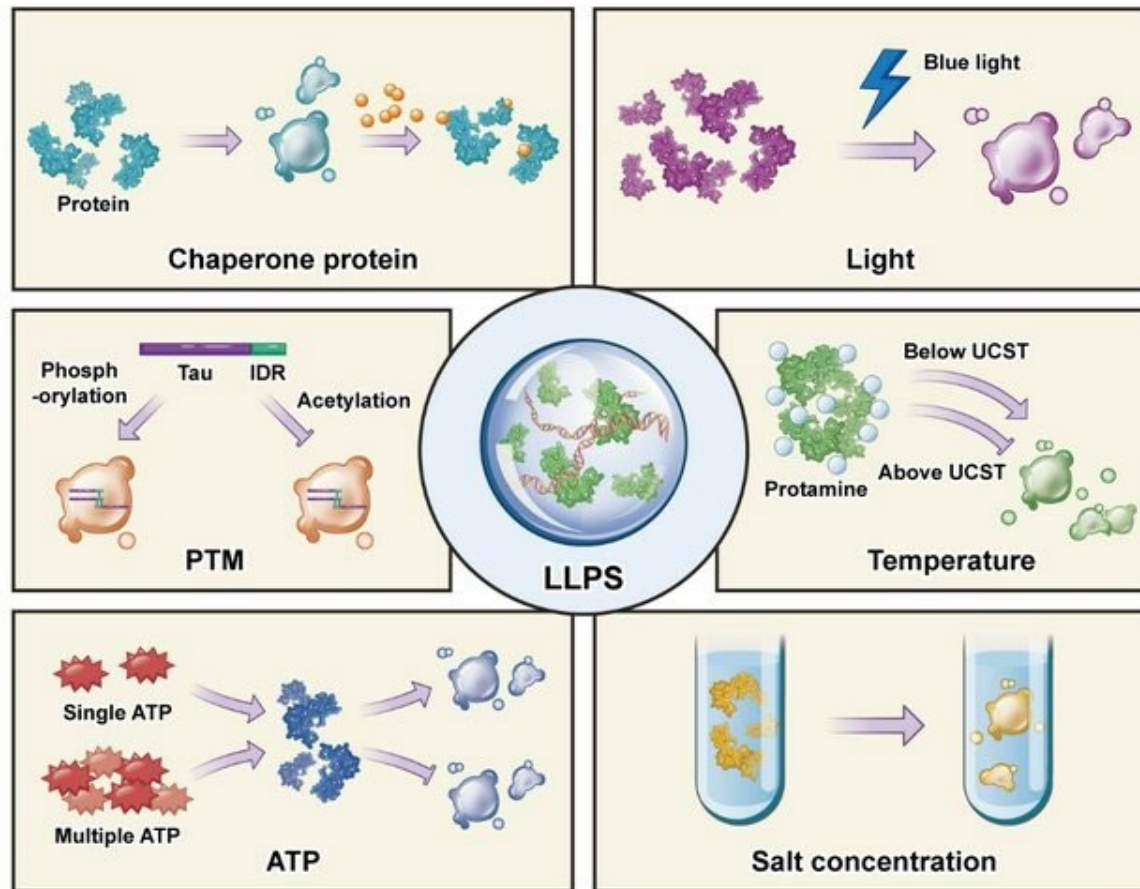
Liquid-Liquid Phase Separation



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Factors Regulate LLPS



LLPS in Diseases

Representation of brain areas containing pathological aggregates

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)



Frontotemporal dementia (FTD)



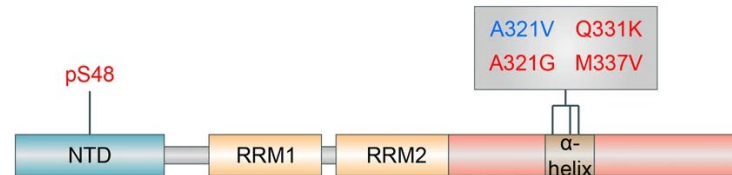
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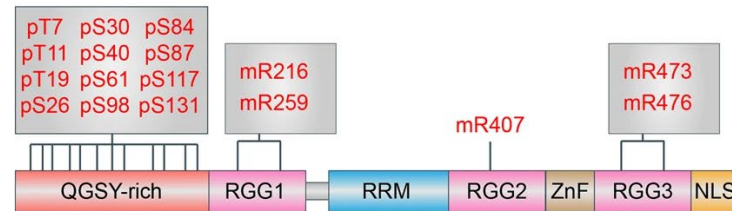
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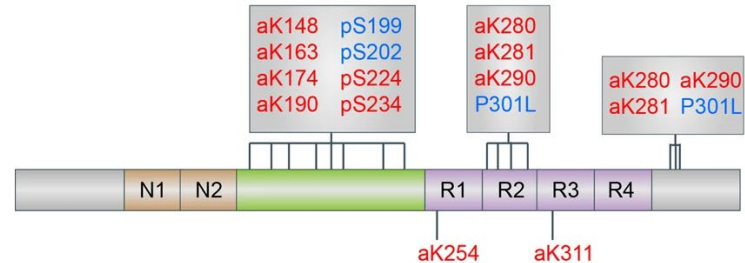
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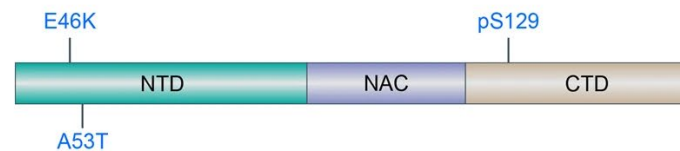
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LLPS in Cancer

