

# IID 209 Lecture #3:

## Mechanisms of host interaction, major microbial sensing pathways, and cell subsets.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

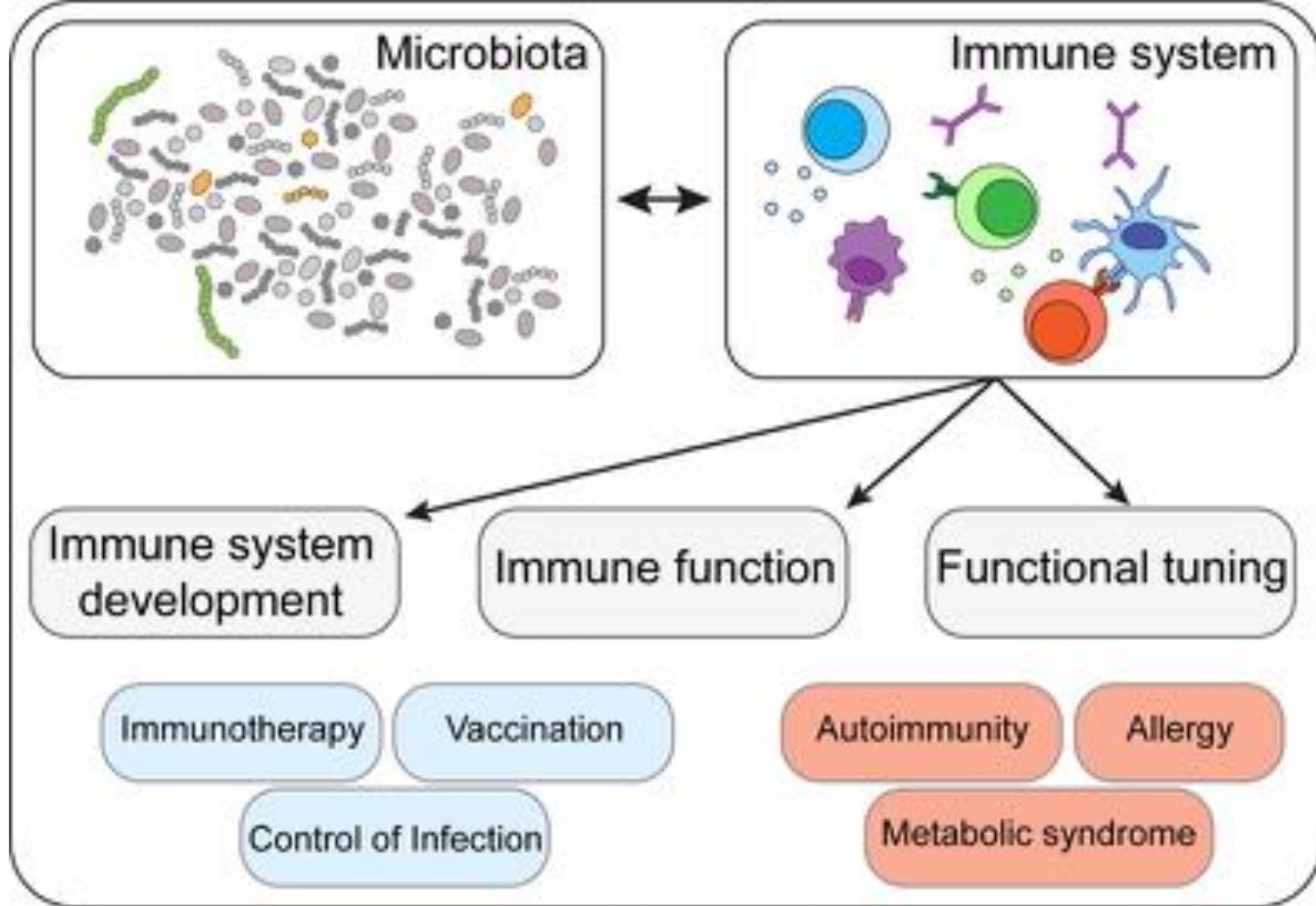
- Describe major immune pathways responsible for microbial interactions.
- Identify molecular mechanisms responsible for common host-microbial interaction types.
- Gain a broad understanding of the host cell subsets that mediate host-microbiota interactions



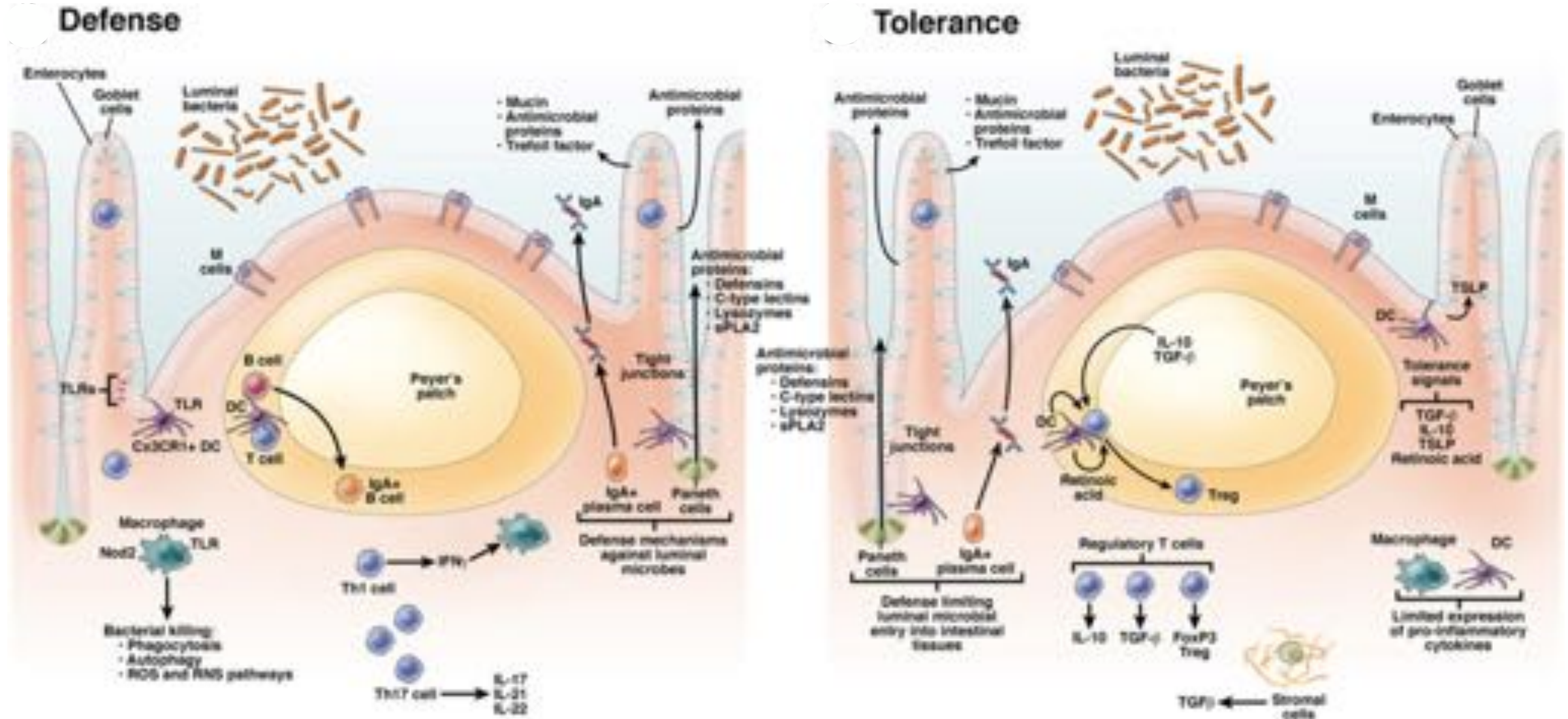
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- **Introduction**
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# Think rheostat not switch in navigating the balance between immune defense and tolerance

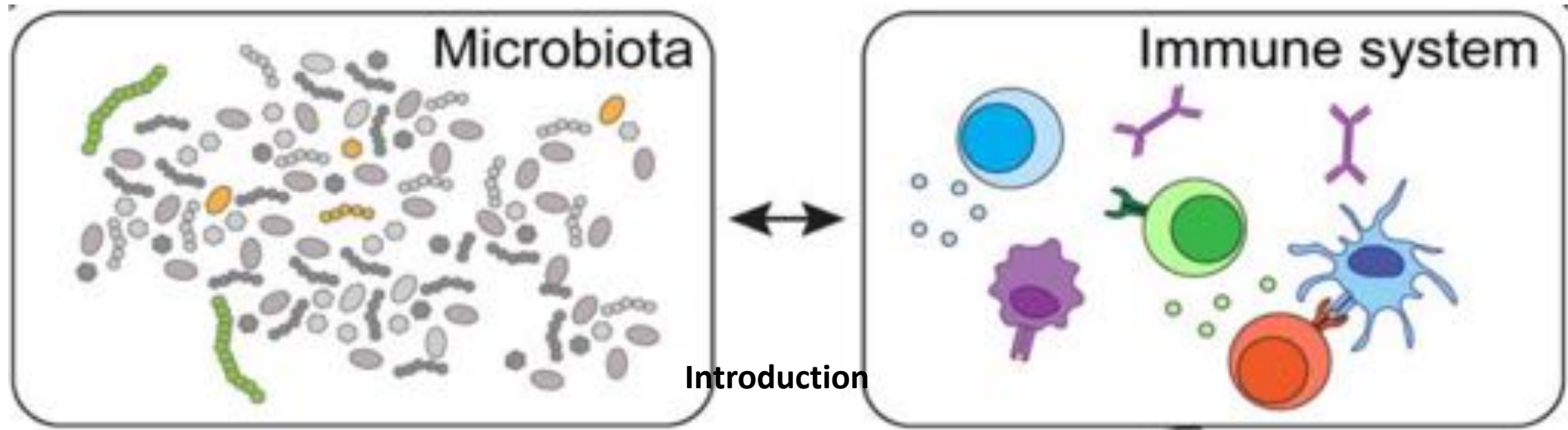




# The three lines of tolerance\_defense of the immune system

NON-SPECIFIC DEFENCES (INNATE IMMUNITY)		SPECIFIC DEFENCES (ADAPTIVE IMMUNITY)
First line of defense	Second line of defense	Third line of defense
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Skin</li><li>• Mucous membranes</li><li>• Secretions of skin and mucous membranes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Phagocytic leukocytes</li><li>• Antimicrobial proteins</li><li>• Inflammatory response</li><li>• Fever</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lymphocytes</li><li>• Antibodies</li><li>• Memory cells</li></ul>

# What helps to ensure homeostasis between host & microbiota



## LIMITING CONTACT

- Epithelial Barrier
- Mucus
- IgA
- Antimicrobial Peptides
- Immune cells that clear microbes quietly

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# A brief history of how Toll-like receptors was discovered....

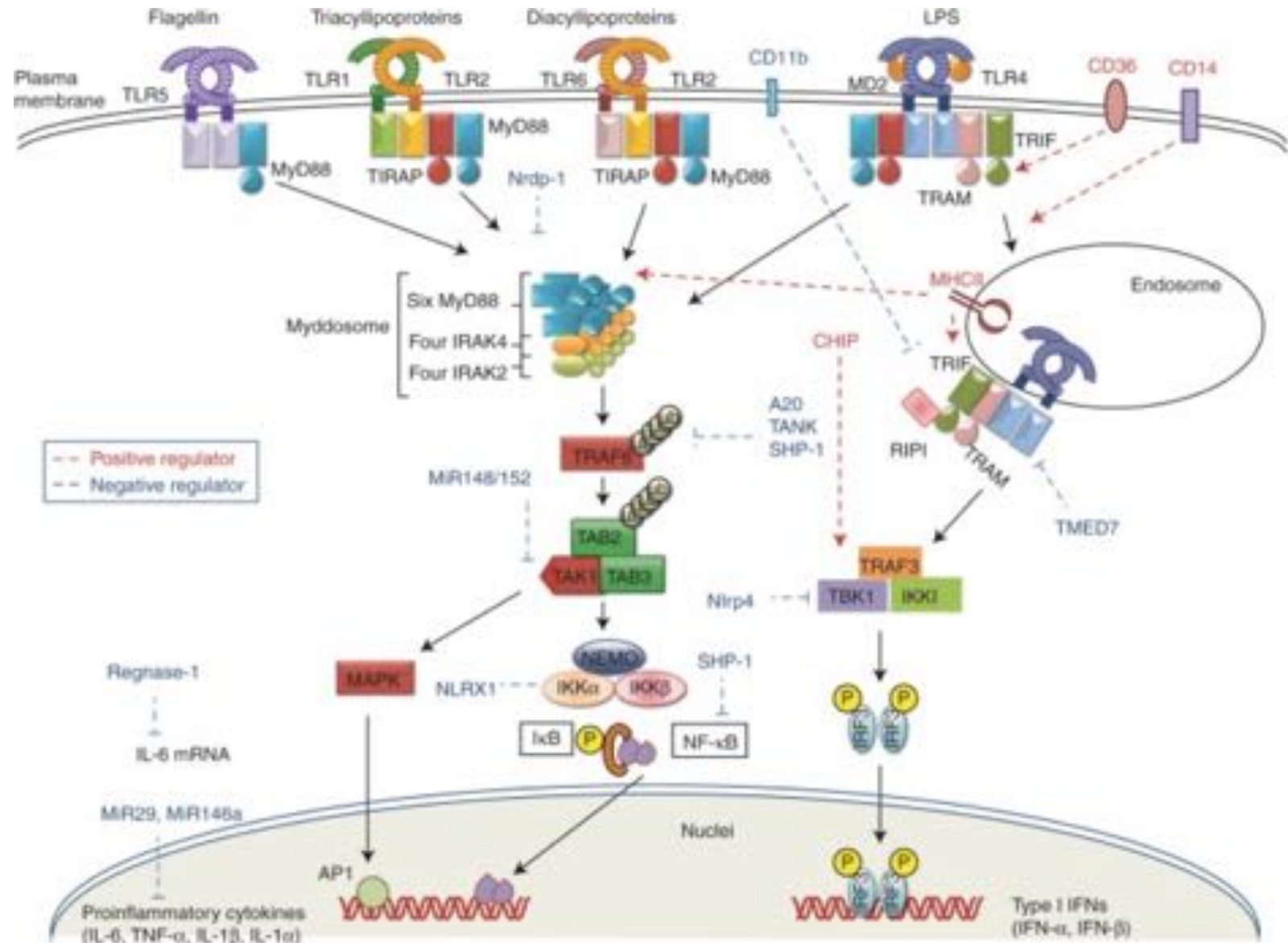
- 1960-1980, Two mouse strains described that were non-responsive to LPS (outer membrane component of Gram-negative bacteria that stimulates humoral and cell-mediated immune responses).
    - Resistance to infection, bone marrow chimeras,, and classic genetics lead to the discovery of the *lps* locus that non-redundantly encoded a receptor for LPS
  - 1989, Charles Janeway proposes a framework for immune recognition that involves PAMPs and PRRs
  - 1998, Bruce Beutler uses genetic evidence supporting TLR4 is the receptor of LPS
  - 1998, Shizuo Akira uses functional and genetic data supporting TLR4 is the LPS receptors
  - 2009, Crystal structure data show that lipid A, a component of LPS, binds TLR4
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- 1985-1997, data in drosophila demonstrate that a gene involved in dorsal-ventral patterning functioned in drosophila anti-fungal immunity, Toll has high homology to the human IL-1R, and when stimulated Toll activated dorsal (NF- $\kappa$ B homolog)



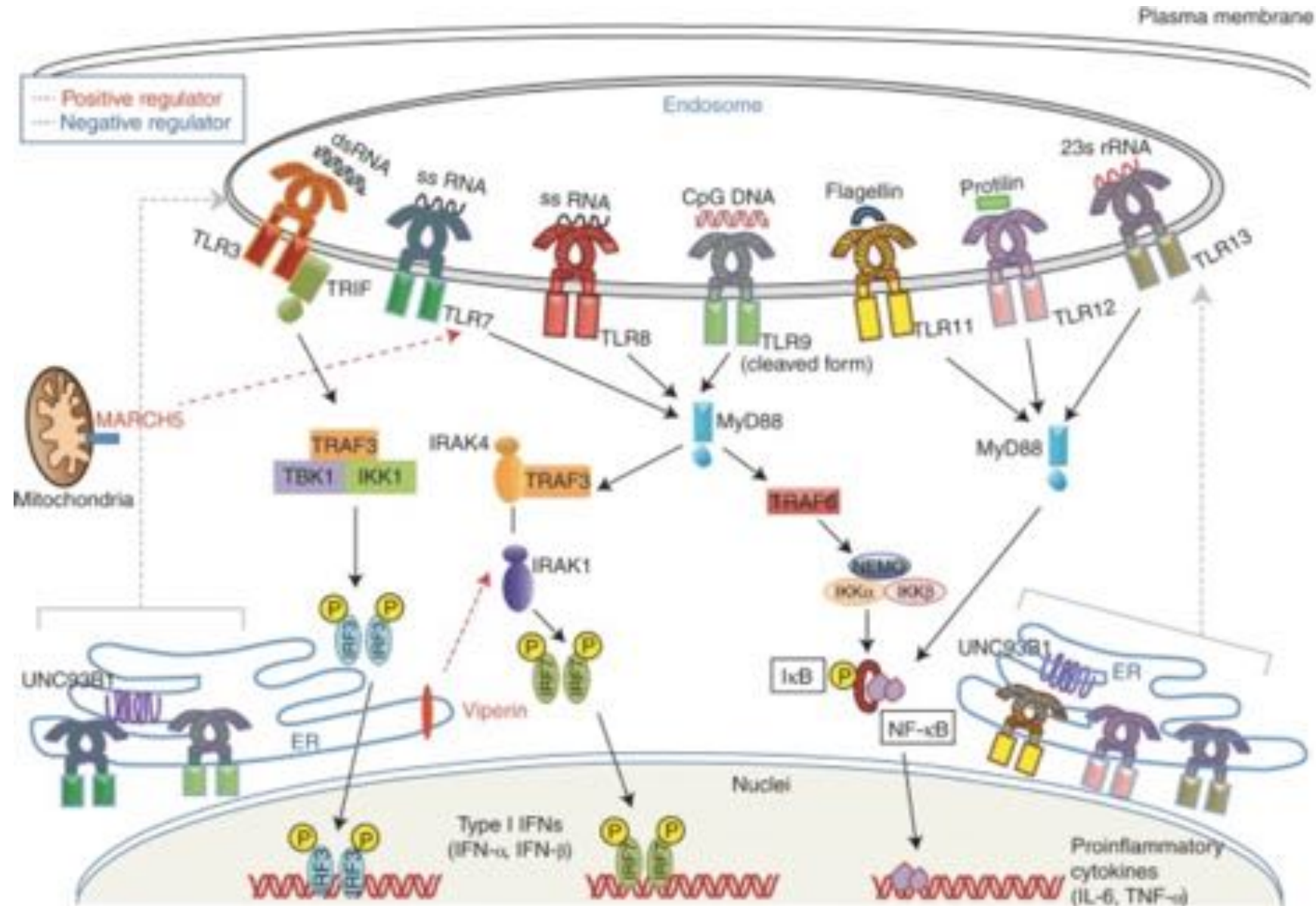
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PRR	Localization	MAMP recognized
TLRs		
TLR1	Cell surface	Triacylated lipopeptides
TLR2	Cell surface	Di/triacylated lipopeptides
TLR3	Endosomes	dsRNA
TLR4	Cell surface	LPS
TLR5	Cell surface	Flagellin
TLR6	Cell surface	Diacylated lipopeptides
TLR7	Endosomes	ssRNA
TLR8	Endosomes	ssRNA
TLR9	Endosomes	CpG DNA
TLR11	Endosomes	Profilin, flagellin
TLR12	Endosomes	Profilin
TLR13	Endosomes	23s rRNA
RLRs		
RIG-I	Cytoplasm	Short dsRNA, ssRNA
MDA5	Cytoplasm	Long dsRNA
LGP2	Cytoplasm	dsRNA
DDX3	Cytoplasm	Viral RNA
Cytosolic DNA sensors		
DAI	Cytoplasm	dsDNA
RNA Pol III		AT rich dsDNA
IFI16	Nucleus and cytoplasm	dsDNA
AIM2	Cytoplasm	dsDNA
Ku70	Cytoplasm	dsDNA
MRE11		dsDNA, ISD
cGAS	Cytoplasm	dsDNA
LRRFIP1	Cytoplasm	dsDNA, dsRNA
DHX36	Cytoplasm	dsDNA
DHX9	Cytoplasm	dsDNA
DDX41	Cytoplasm	c-di-GMP, c-di-AMP
STING	Cytoplasm	c-di-GMP
HMGB	Cytoplasm	dsDNA, ssDNA
Histone H2B	Nucleus and cytoplasm	Poly (dA:dT), genomic DNA

# Cell-surface TLRs

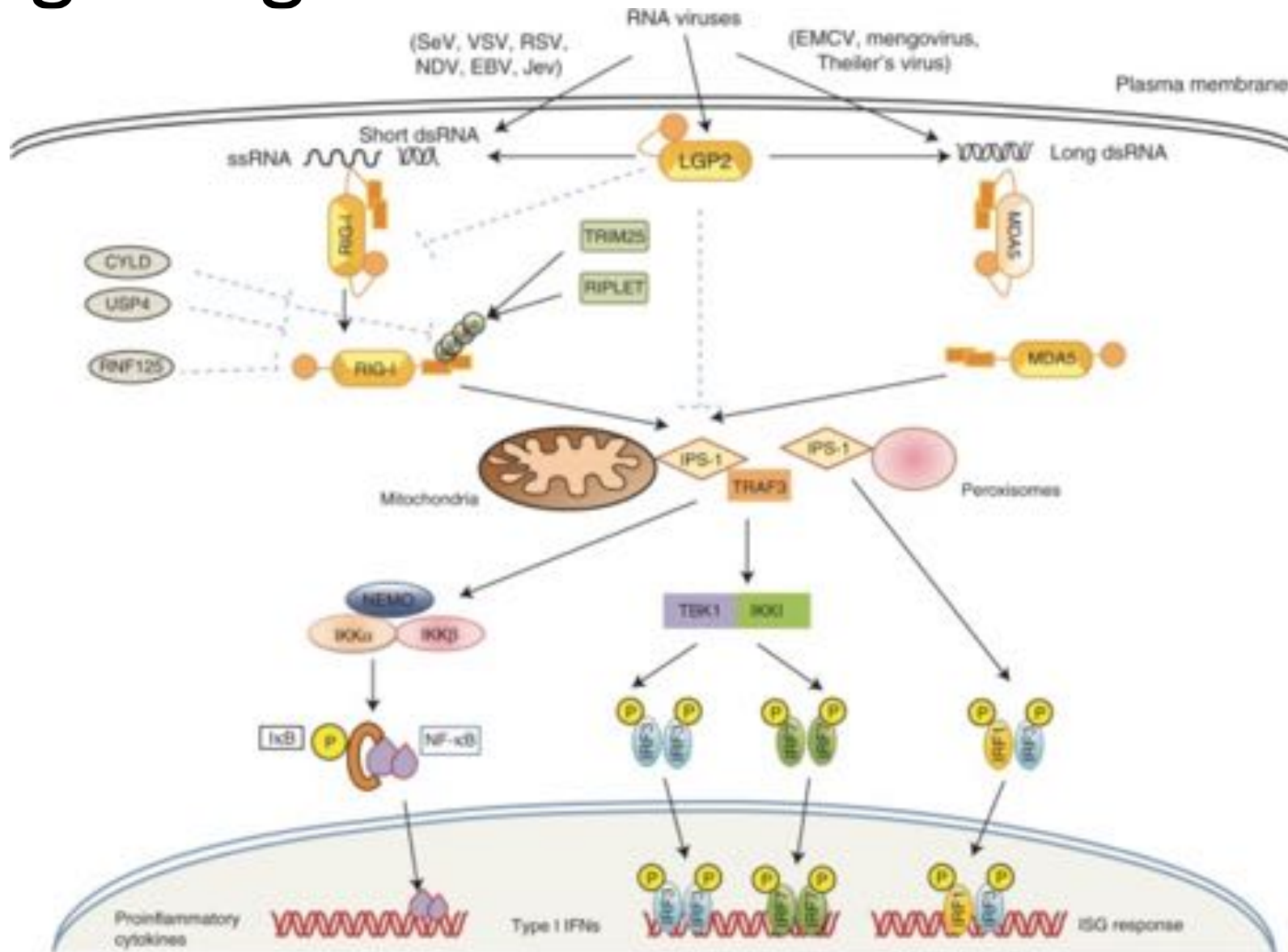


# Endosomal TLRs

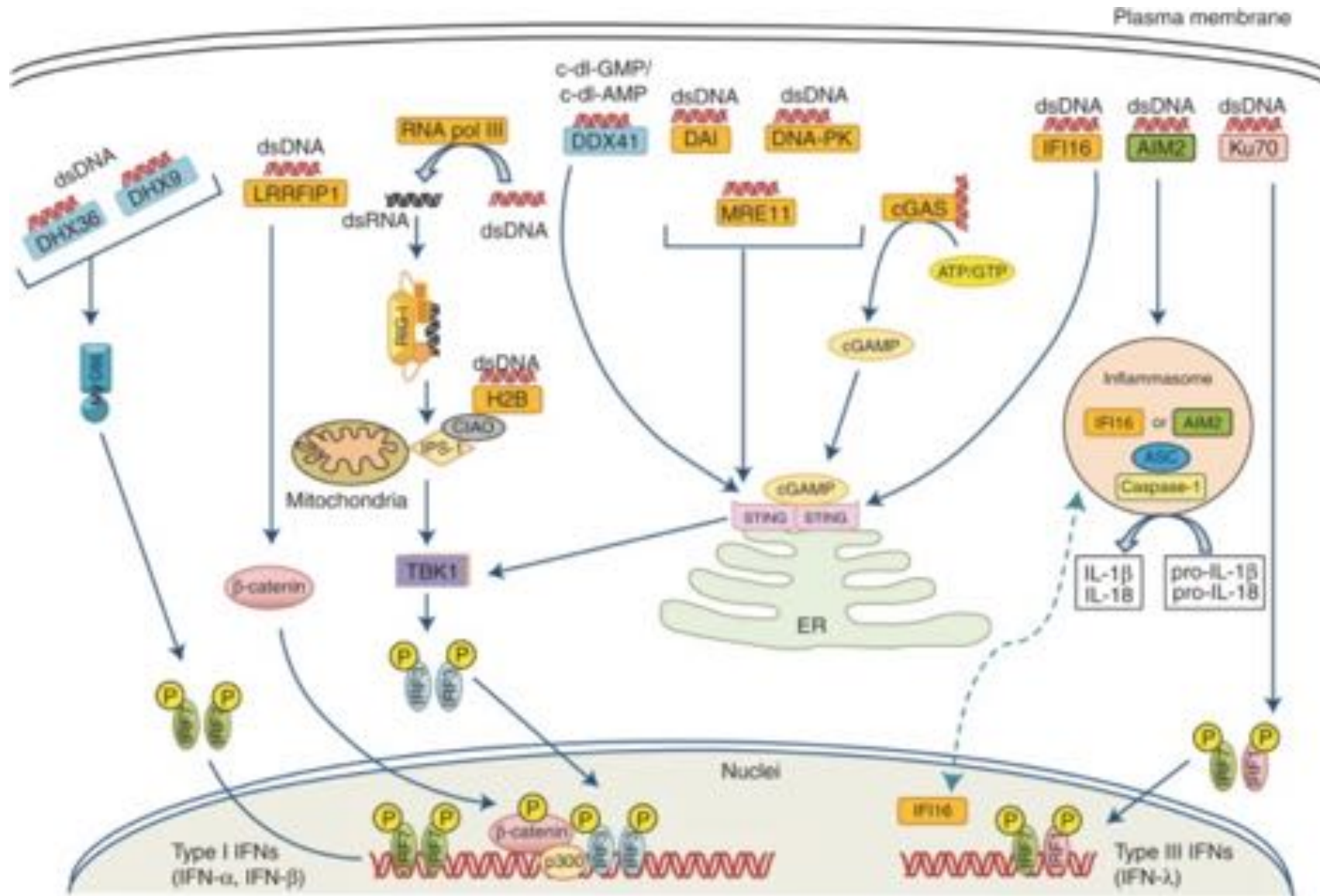




# RLR signaling














# Cytosolic DNA Sensors

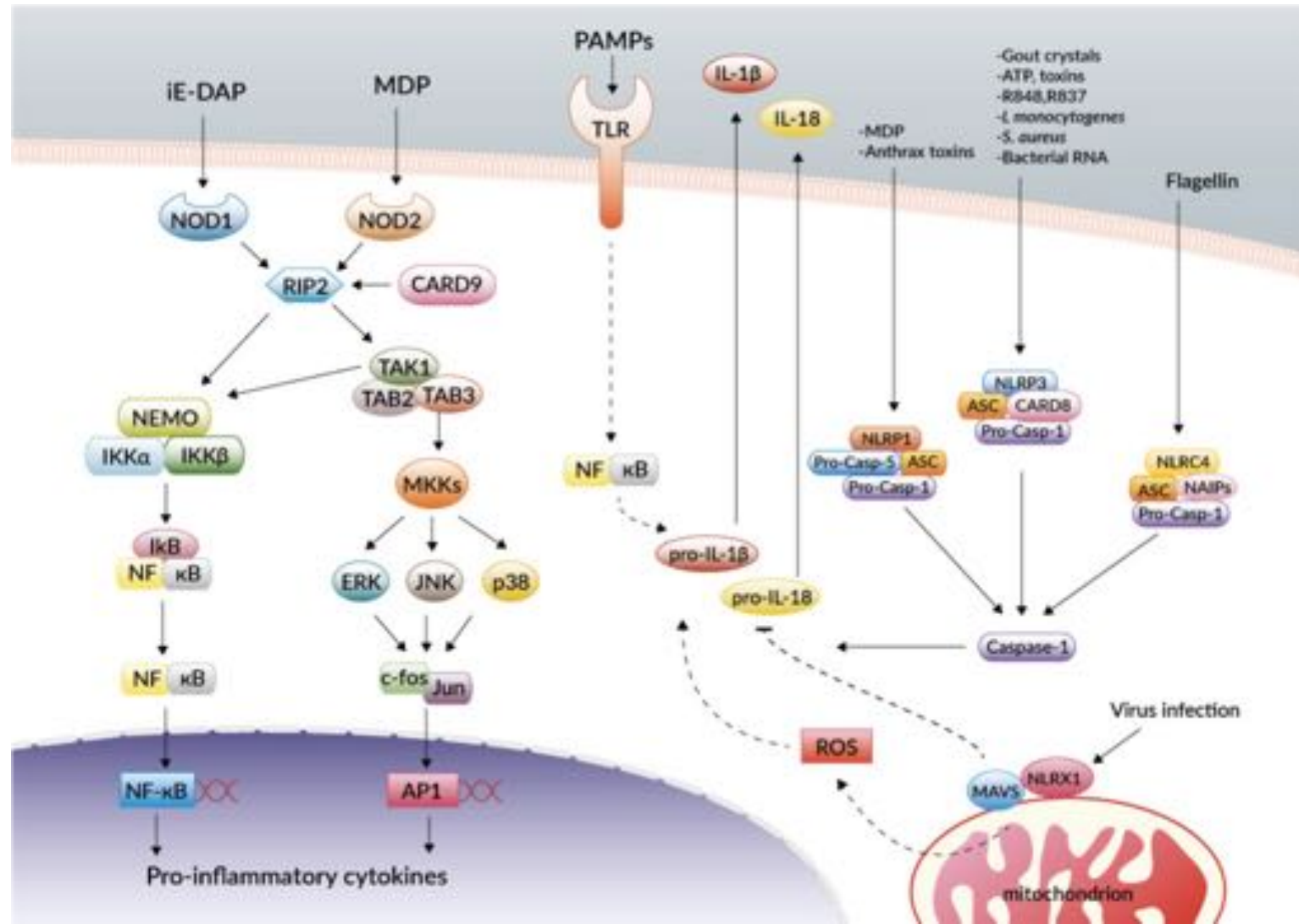


# NOD-like Receptors

- There are 22 NLRs identified to date
- They are divided into 5 sub-families
  - based on the N-term effector domains
- NLRs sense infection and stress through MAMPs and DAMPs
- They orchestrate inflammatory responses, autophagy or cell death
- A high incidence of mutations are found in these genes in patients with inflammatory/'auto-immune' disorders

NLR Family	Symbol	Structure
NLRA	<i>CIITA</i>	
NLRB	<i>NAIP</i>	
NLRC	<i>NOD1</i>	
	<i>NOD2</i>	
	<i>NLRC3/5</i>	
	<i>NLRC4 (IPAF)</i>	
NLRP	<i>NLRP1</i>	
	<i>NLRP2-9 NLRP11-14</i>	
	<i>NLRP10</i>	
NLRX	<i>NLRX1</i>	
		

# NLR signaling overview





# NOD 1 and NOD2

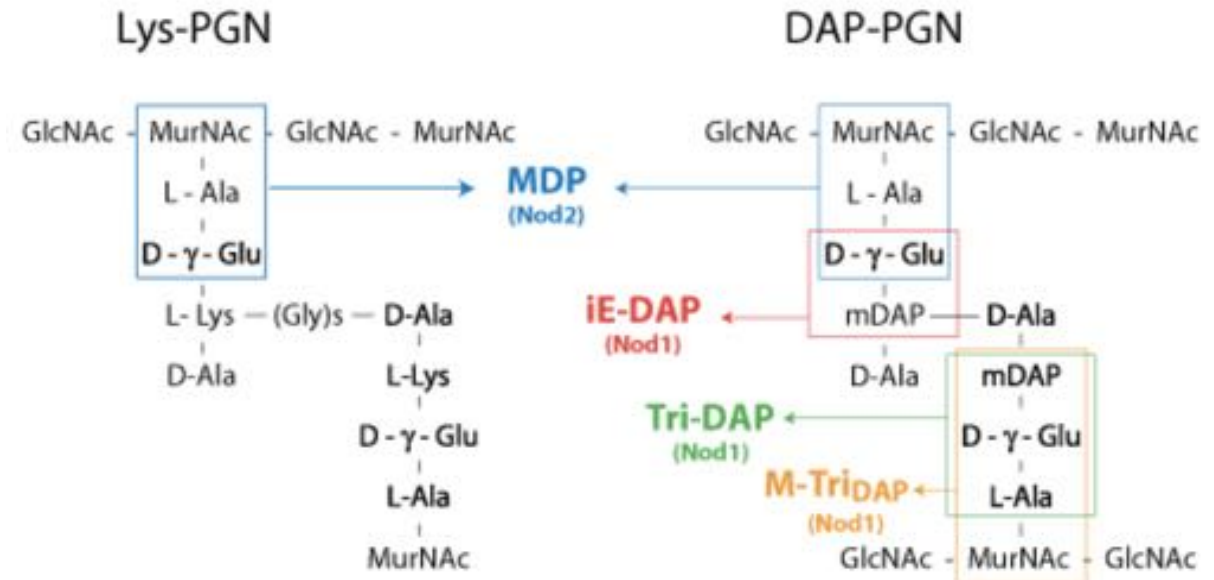
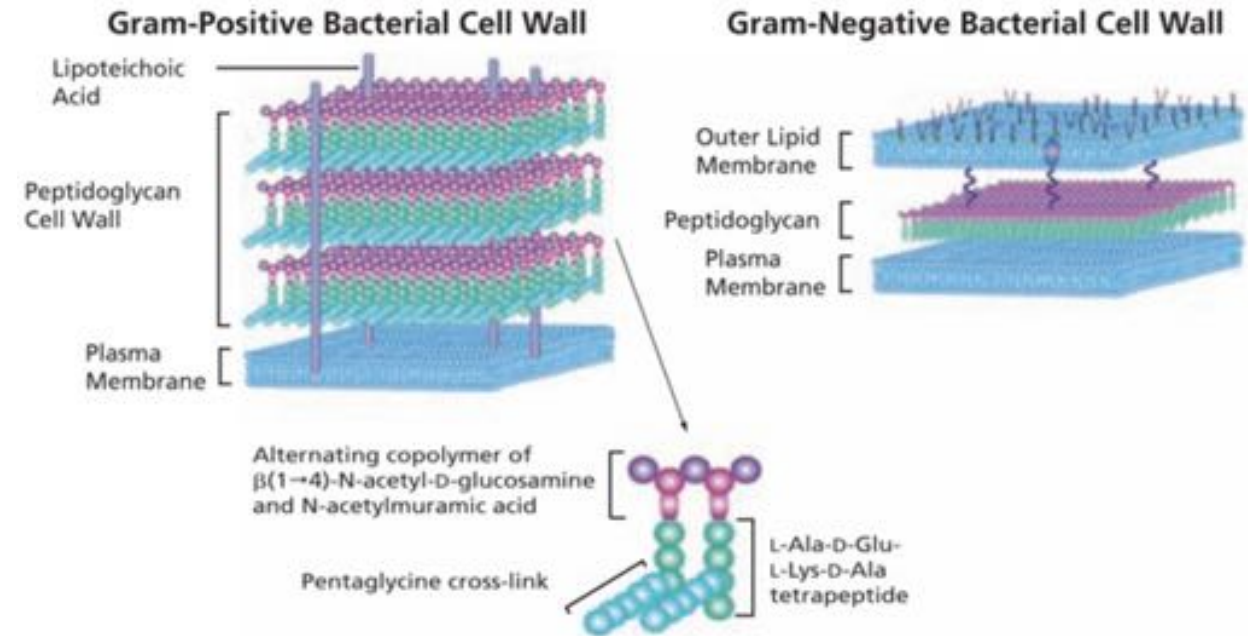
Recognize distinct motifs of **peptidoglycan** (PGN), a key part of the bacterial cell wall

**NOD1** senses the D- $\gamma$ -glutamyl-meso-DAP dipeptide (**iE-DAP**)

- iE-DAP is found in the PGN of all Gram-negative & certain Gram-positive bacteria

**NOD2** recognizes the muramyl dipeptide (**MDP**) structure found in almost all bacteria.

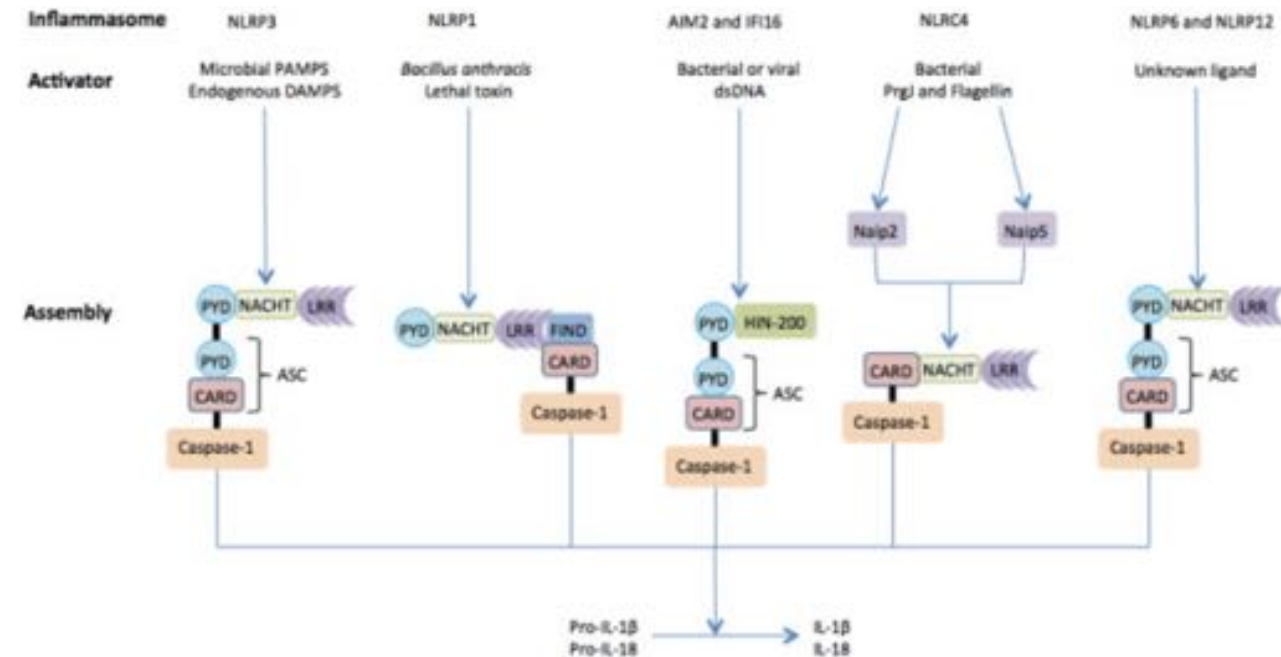
**Genetic mutations in NOD2** are associated with **Crohn's disease**, a type of inflammatory bowel disease



# NLRs and the Inflammasome

Some members of the NLR family plays a key role in the regulation of caspase-1 by forming a multiprotein complex called the “inflammasome”

Caspase-1 participates in the processing and subsequent release of proinflammatory cytokines, e.g. IL-1 $\beta$  and IL-18.







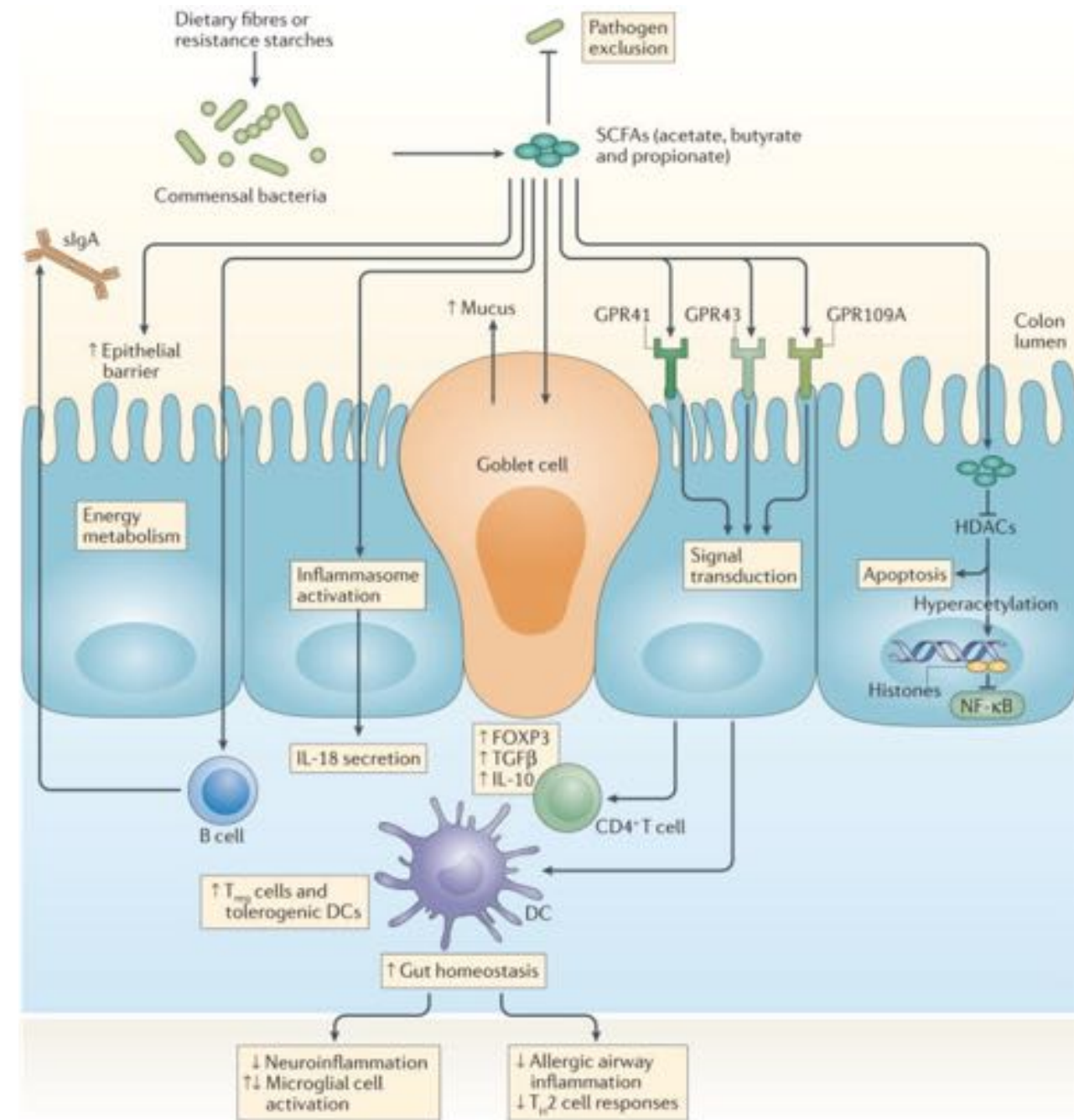
# Short-chain fatty acids....

SCFA are 2, 3, 4 and carbon carboxylic acids generated from the microbial metabolism of carbohydrates and amino acids

They include acetic acid, propionic acid, and butyric acid.

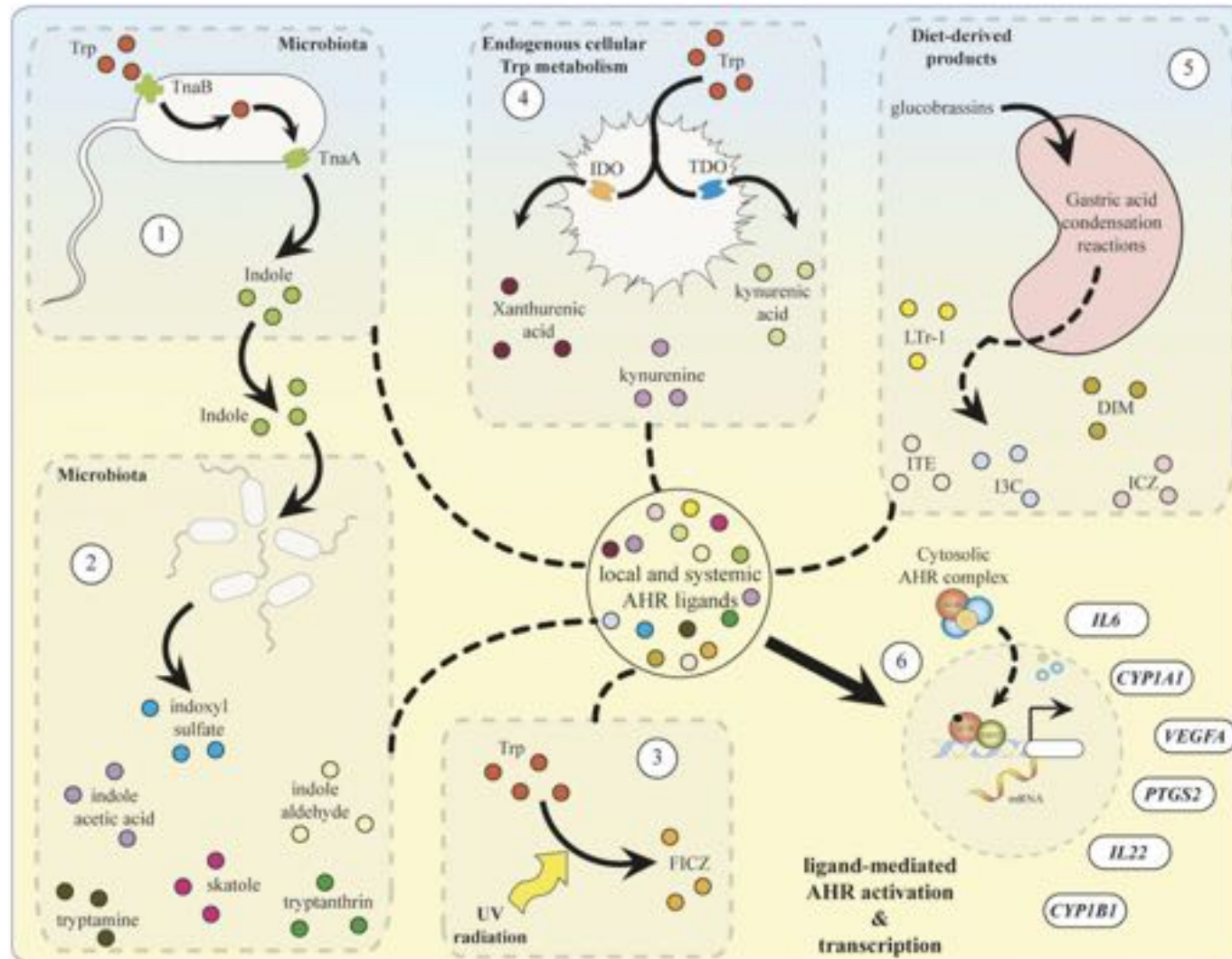
They are abundant mM levels in human (and mouse) gut

They influence the function of the microbiota and the immune system





# Microbially-modified tryptophan metabolites engage the Aryl Hydrocarbon Receptor

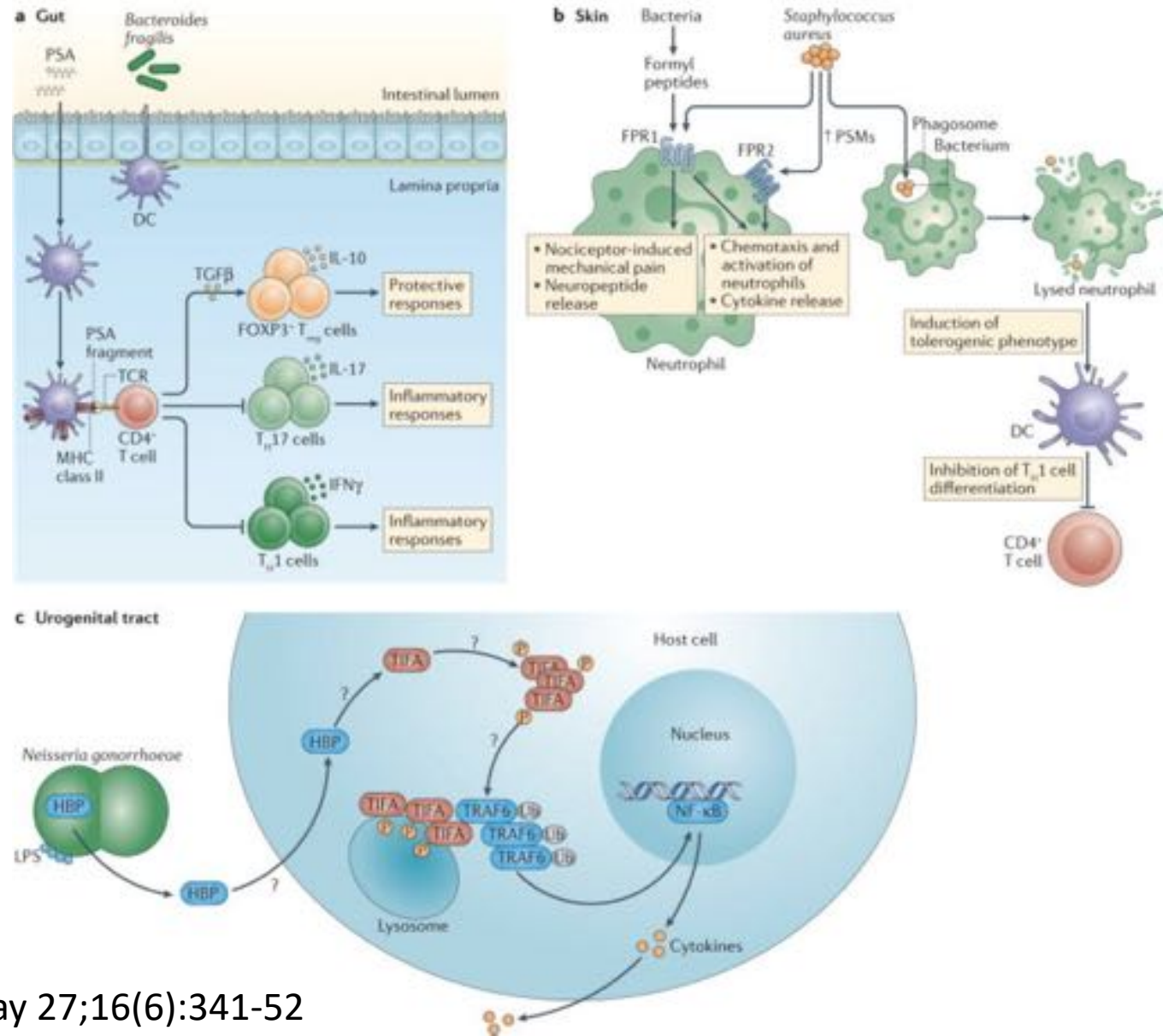


# And yes there are more and many to discover....

polysaccharide A (PSA)

formyl peptides (phenol-soluble modulins)

D-glycero- $\beta$ -D-manno-heptose-1,7-biphosphate (HBP)



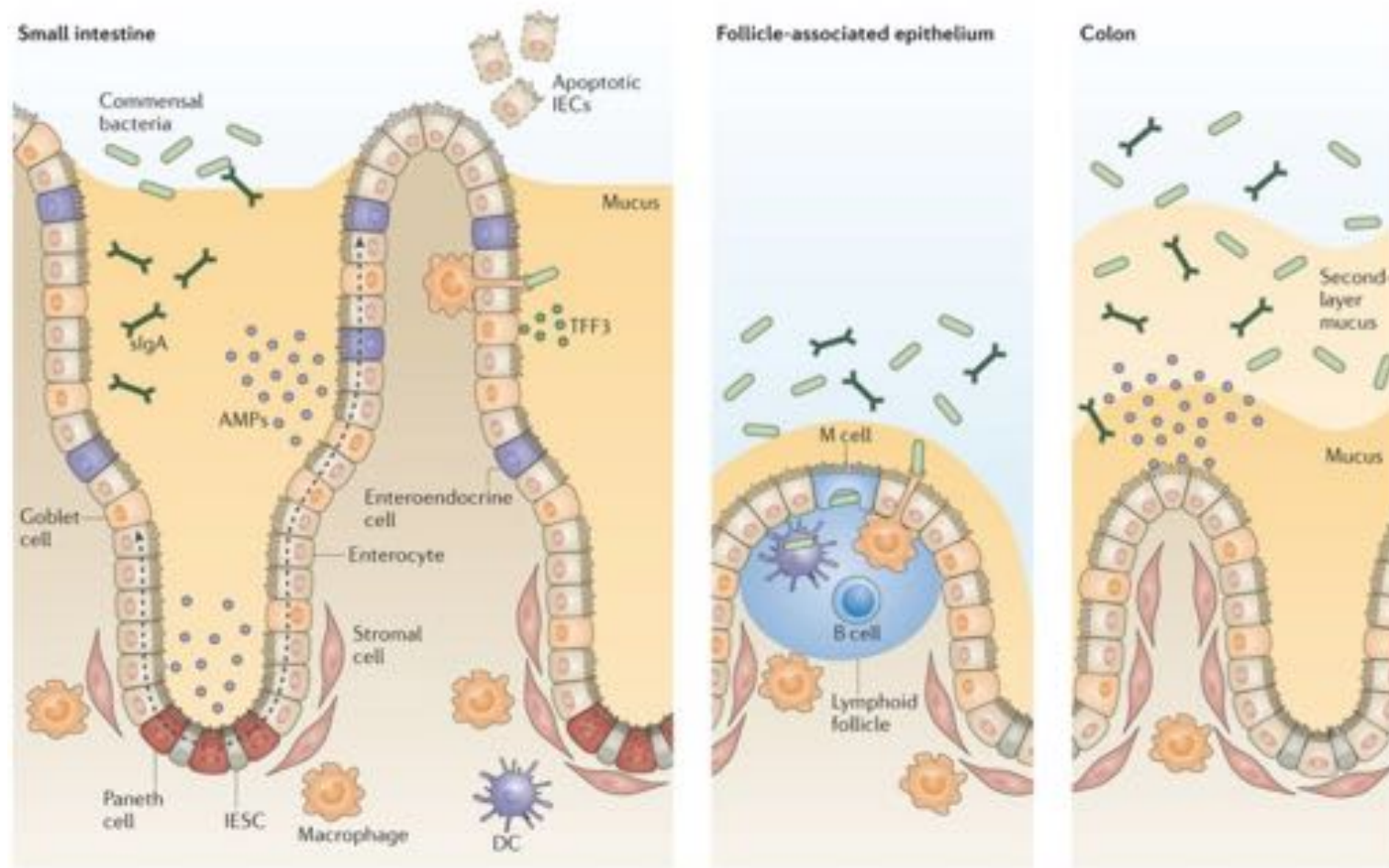
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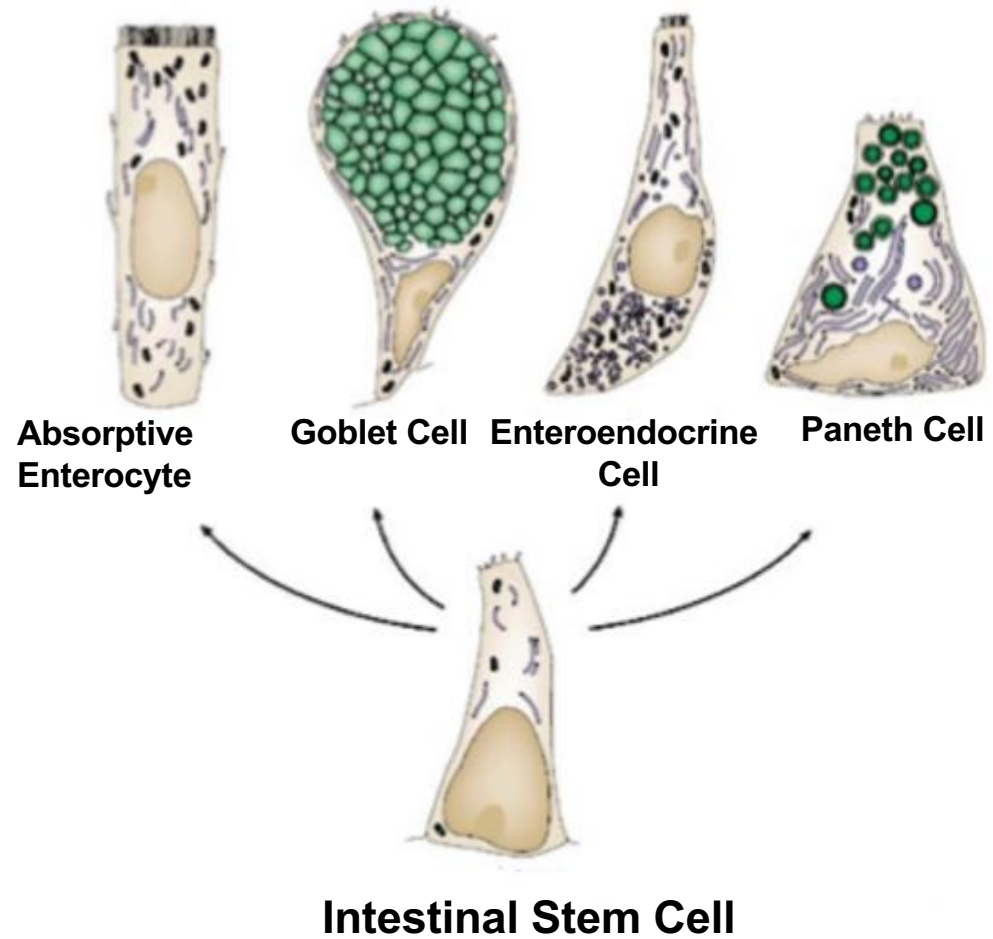
# Innate Immunity

## *The Epithelium— a review*

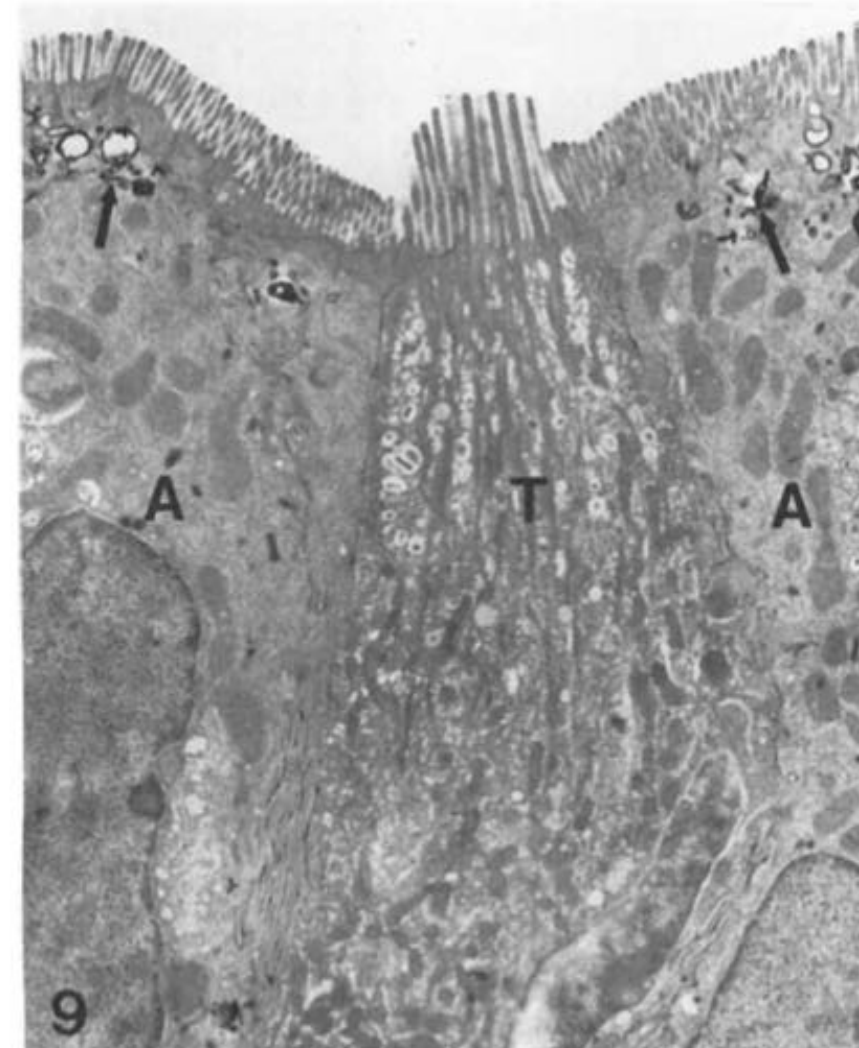




## Tuft Cell

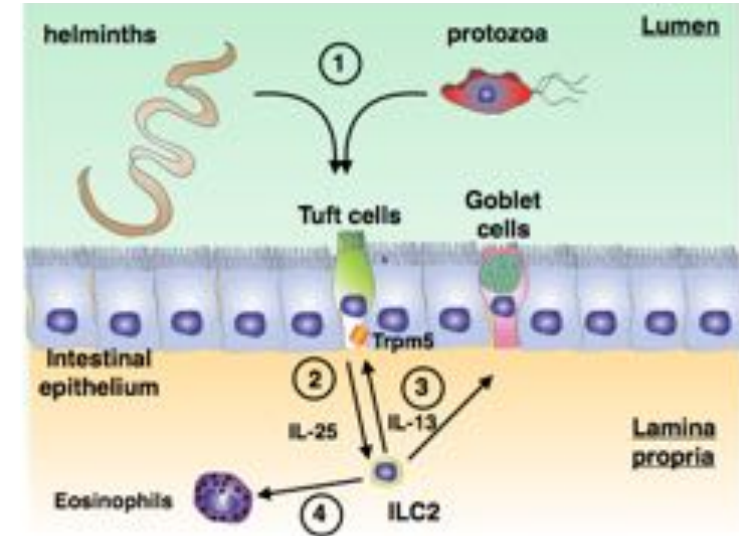
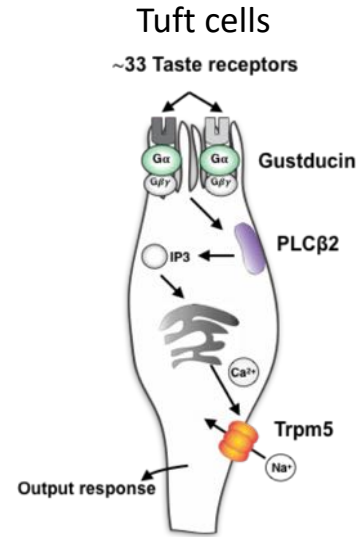
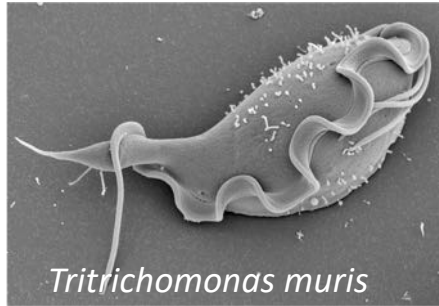


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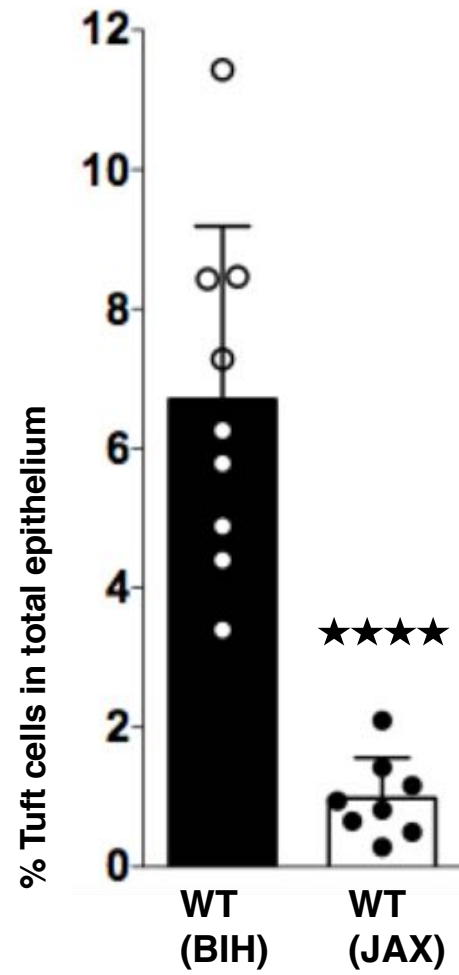
# Tuft cells, taste-chemosensory cells, orchestrate parasite immunity (defense\_tolerance) in the gut



- HOW DO YOU UNCOVER WHAT KIND OF MICROBE AN 'INNATE' IMMUNE CELL CAN RECOGNIZE?
- HOW IT DOES IT?
- WHAT THE PRR IS AND WHAT THE MAMP IS?

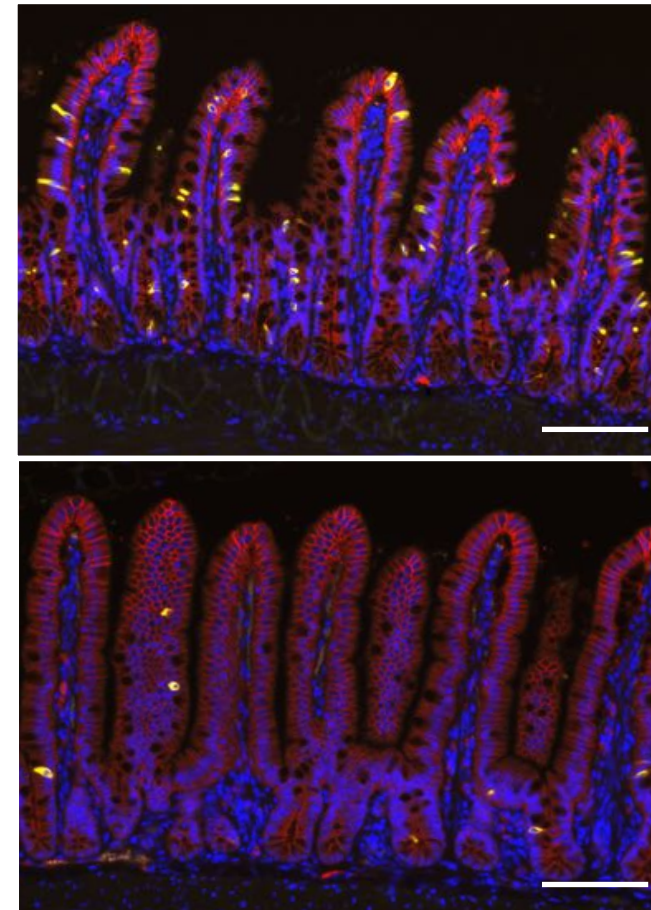


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— Tuft cells

— E-cadherin

— DAPI



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Feed the cecal  
contents

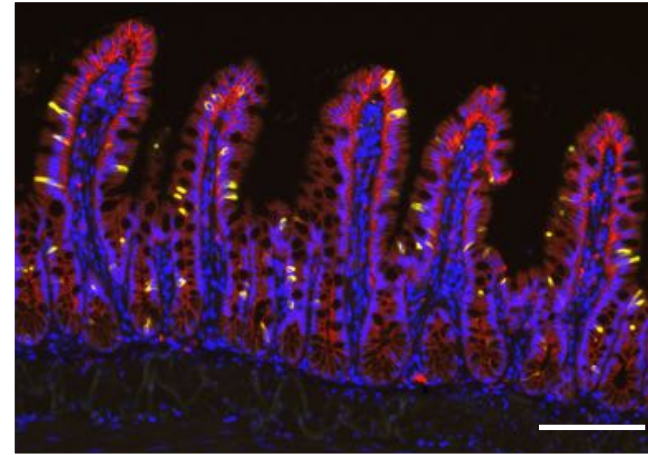


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Sacrifice mice  
3 weeks later



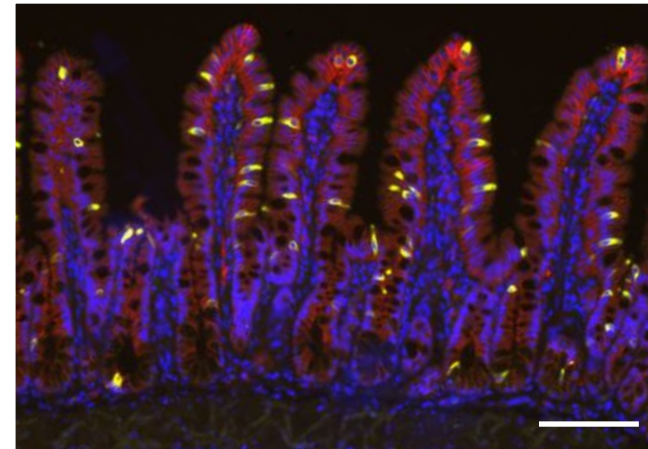
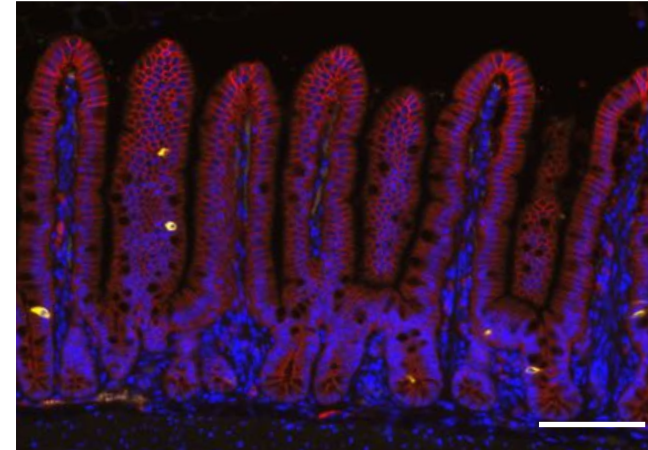
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— Tuft cells

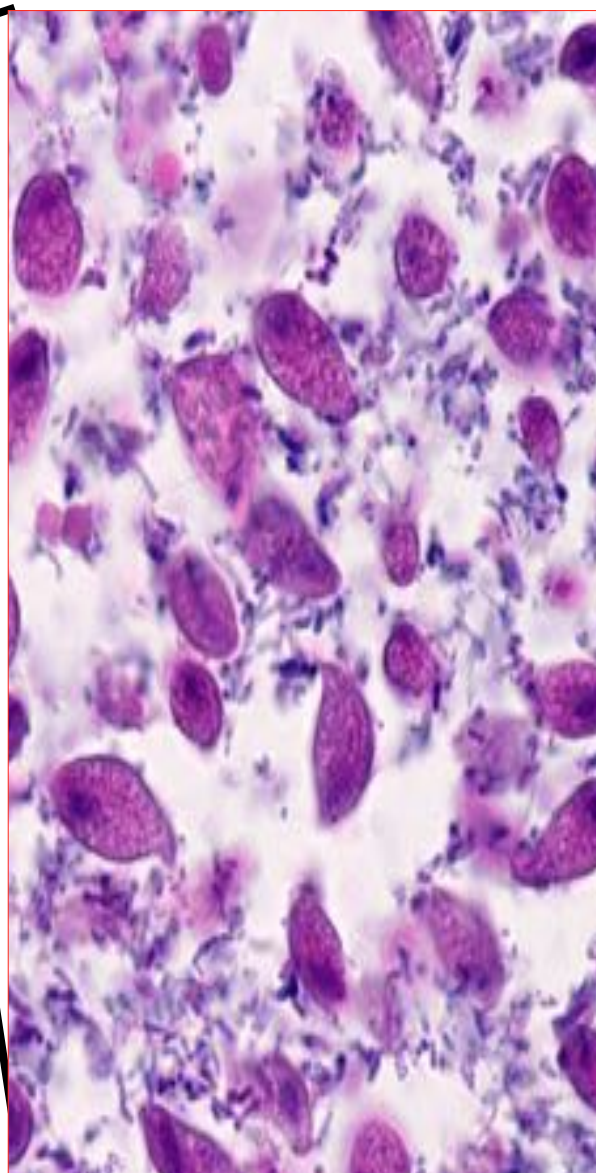
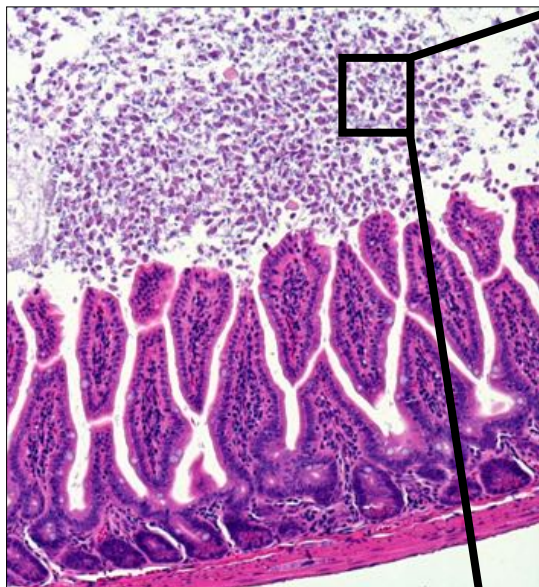
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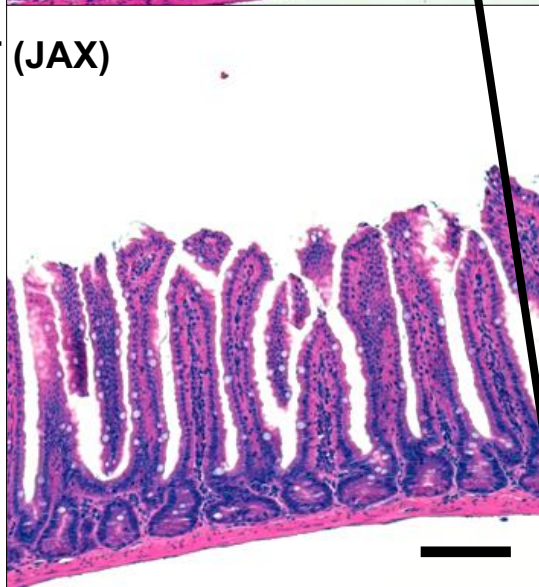




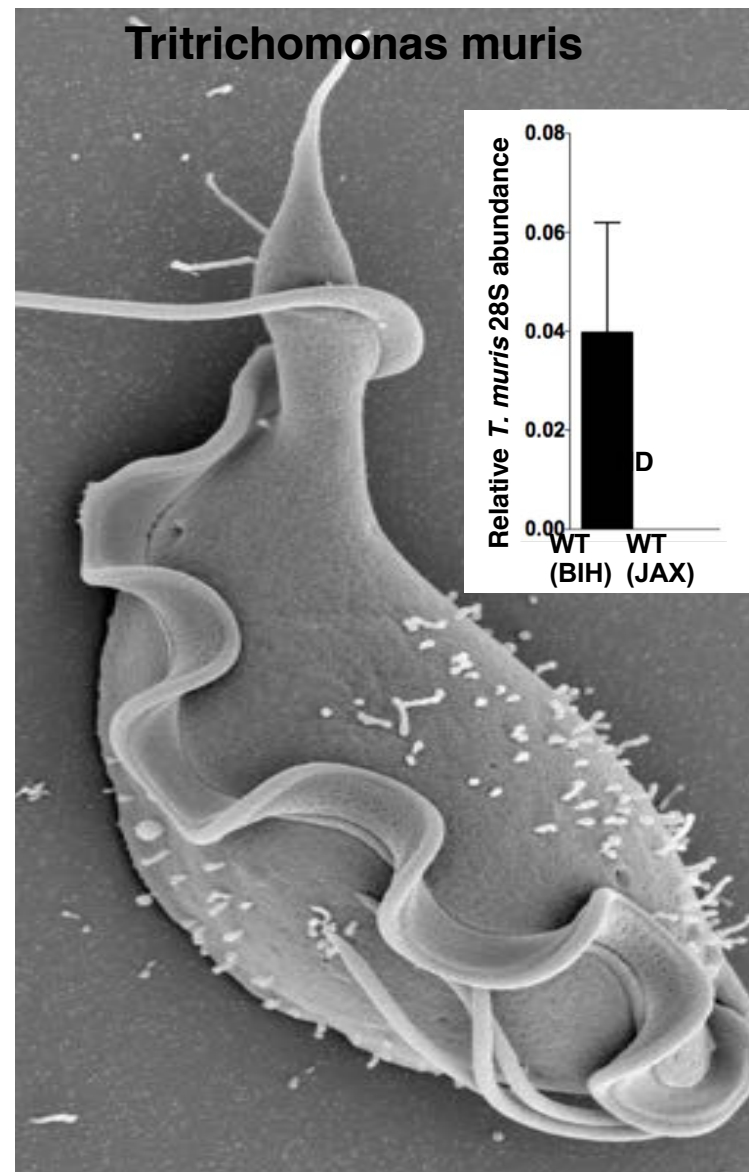
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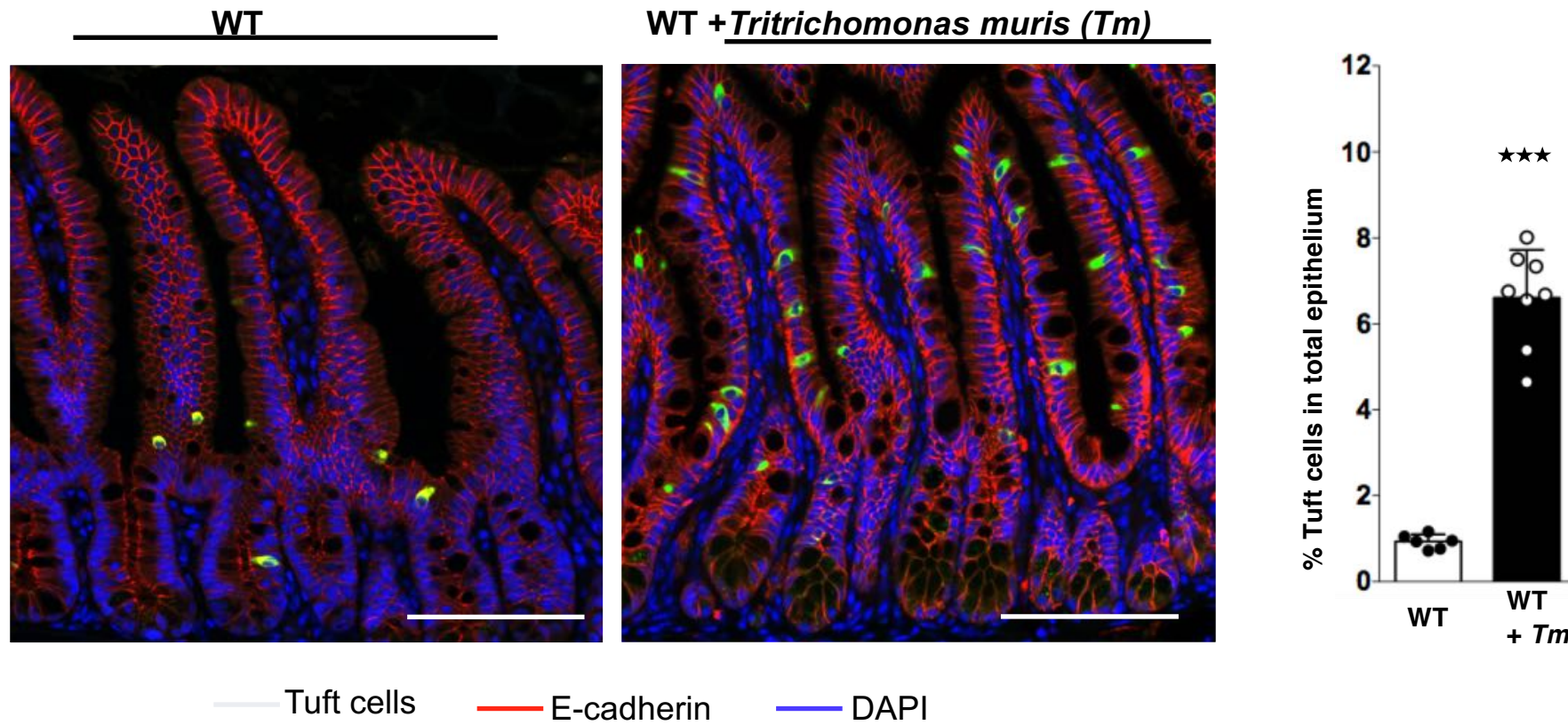
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*Tritrichomonas muris*



# Colonize mice with *Tritrichomonas muris*

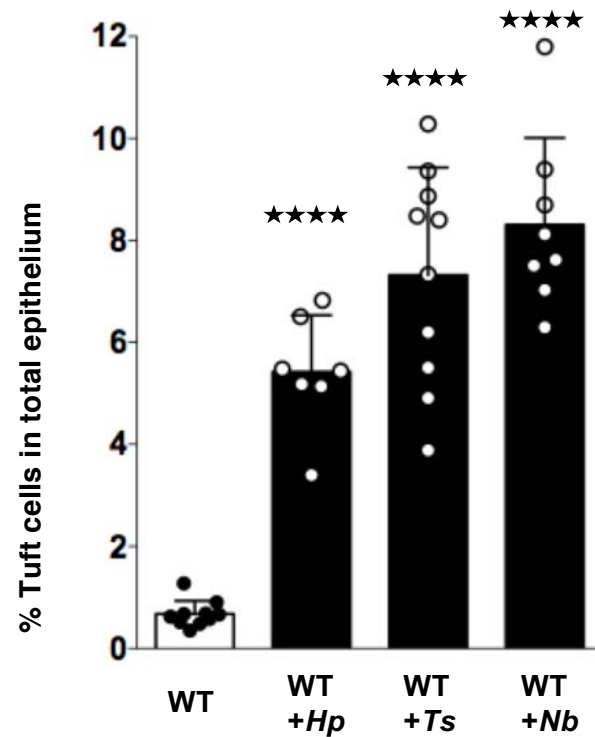




*Heligmosomoides polygyrus* (Hp)

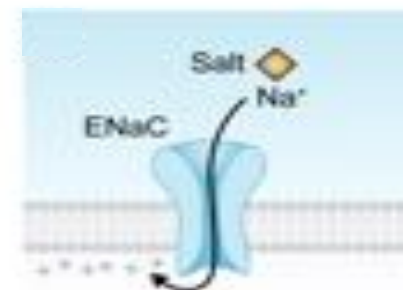
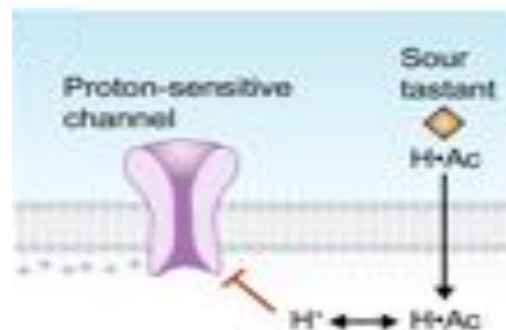
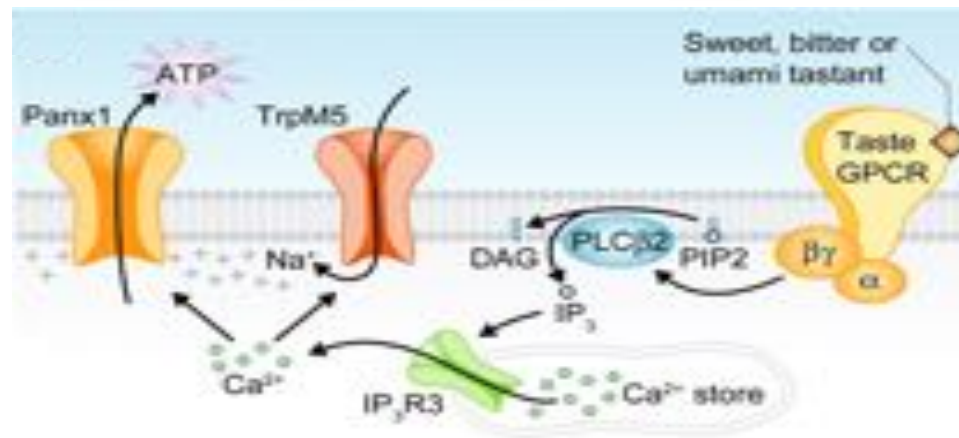
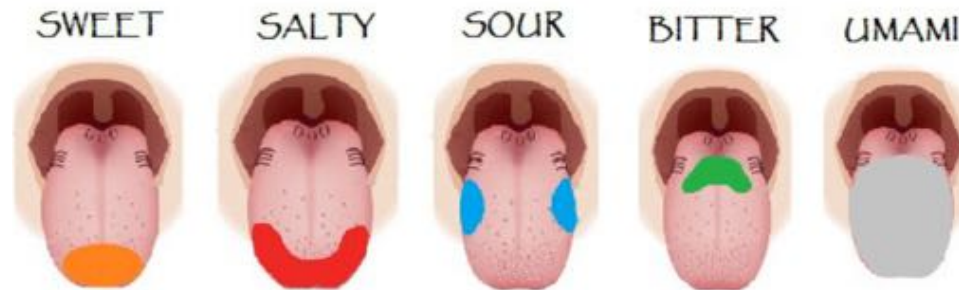
*Trichinella spiralis* (Ts)

*Nippostrongylus brasiliensis* (Nb)



# Tuft cells express taste chemosensory components

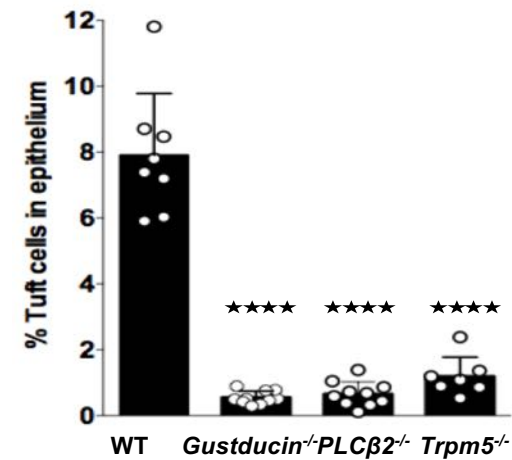
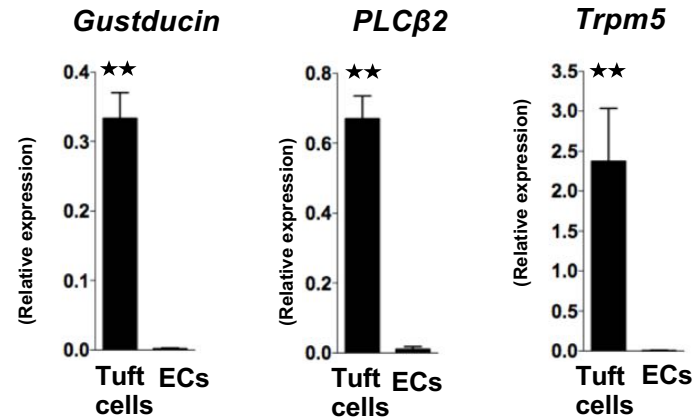
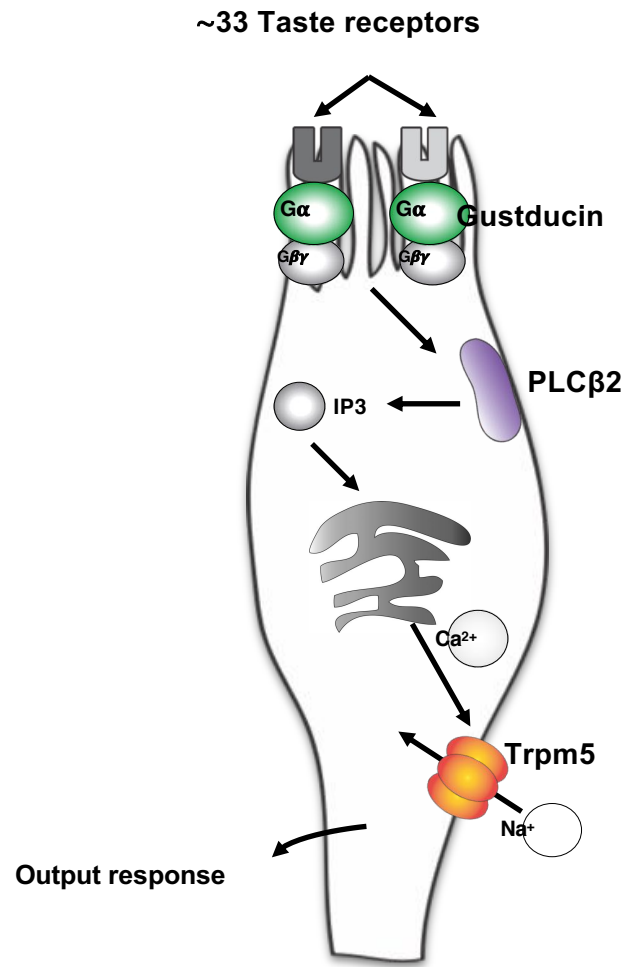
5 principal components of taste



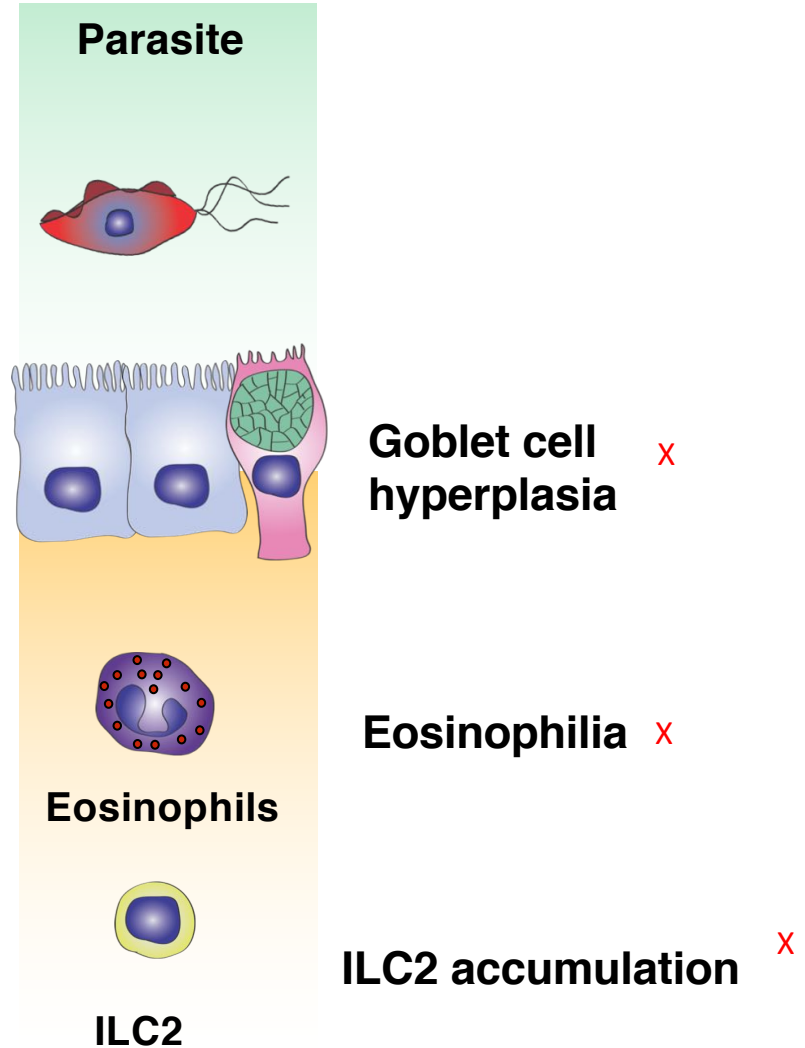


# Gut tuft cells express taste chemosensory components

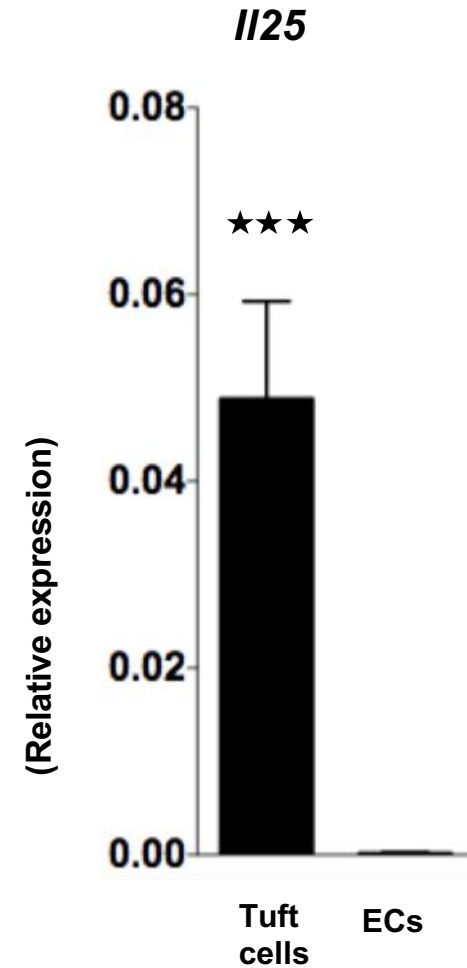
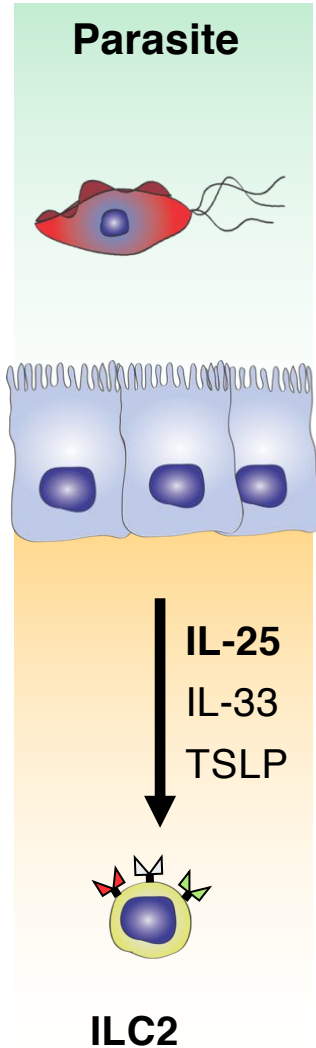
Does taste play a role in response to parasites?



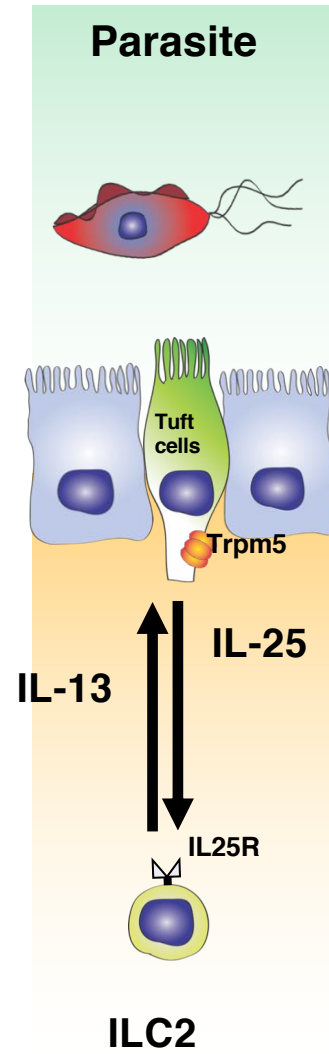
# *Trpm5*<sup>-/-</sup> mice fail to initiate anti-parasitic immunity



# Epithelial cells induce anti-parasite immunity through release of IL-25, IL-33, and TSLP

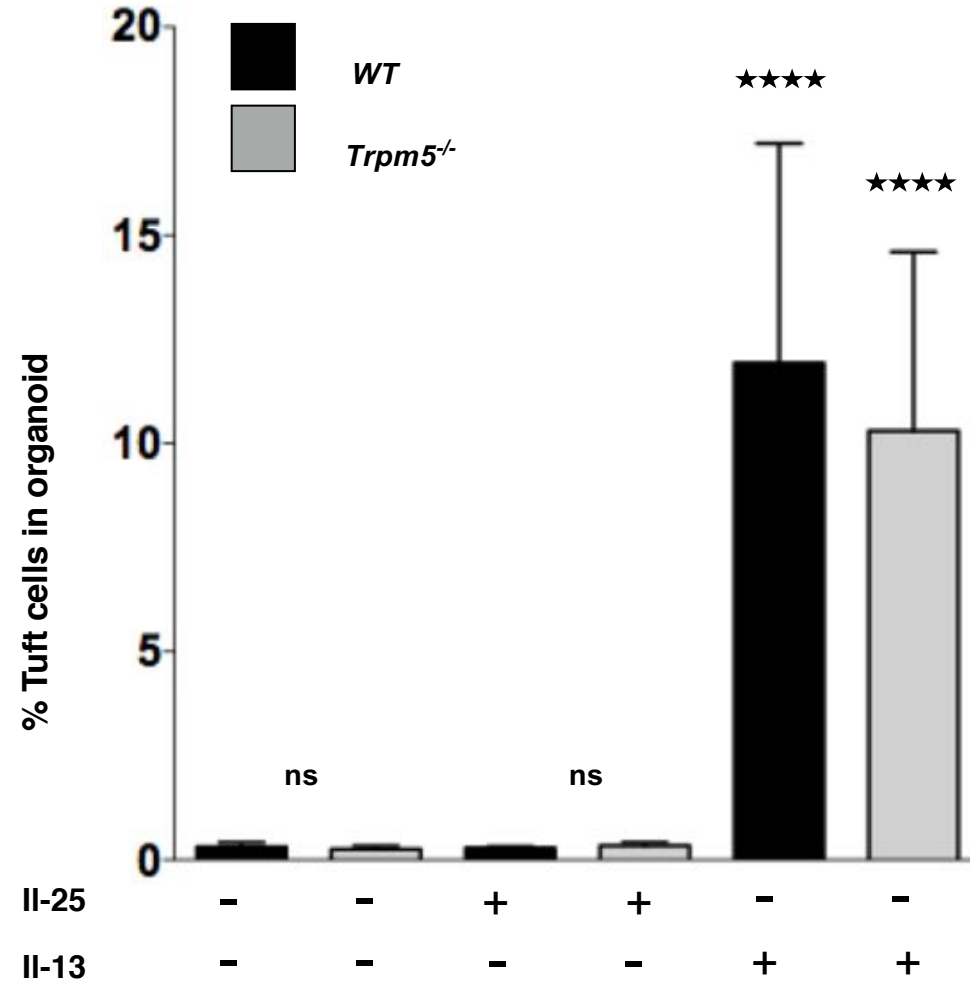
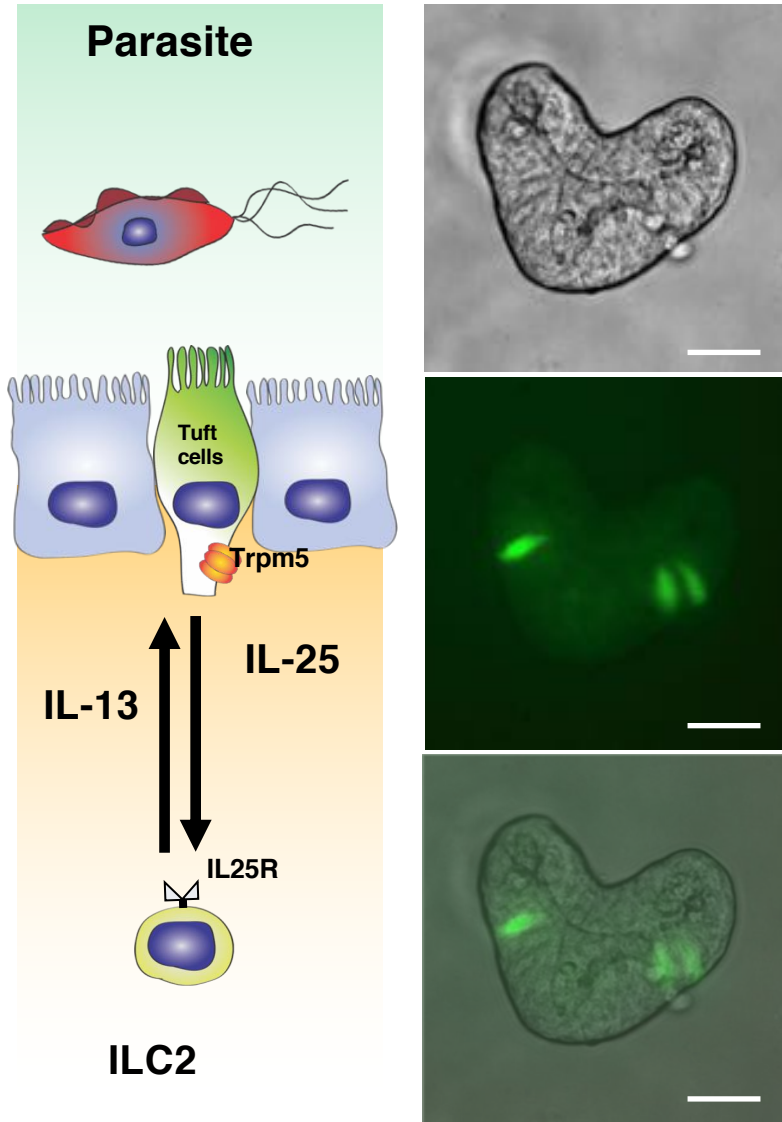


# How does IL-25 increase tuft cell abundance?

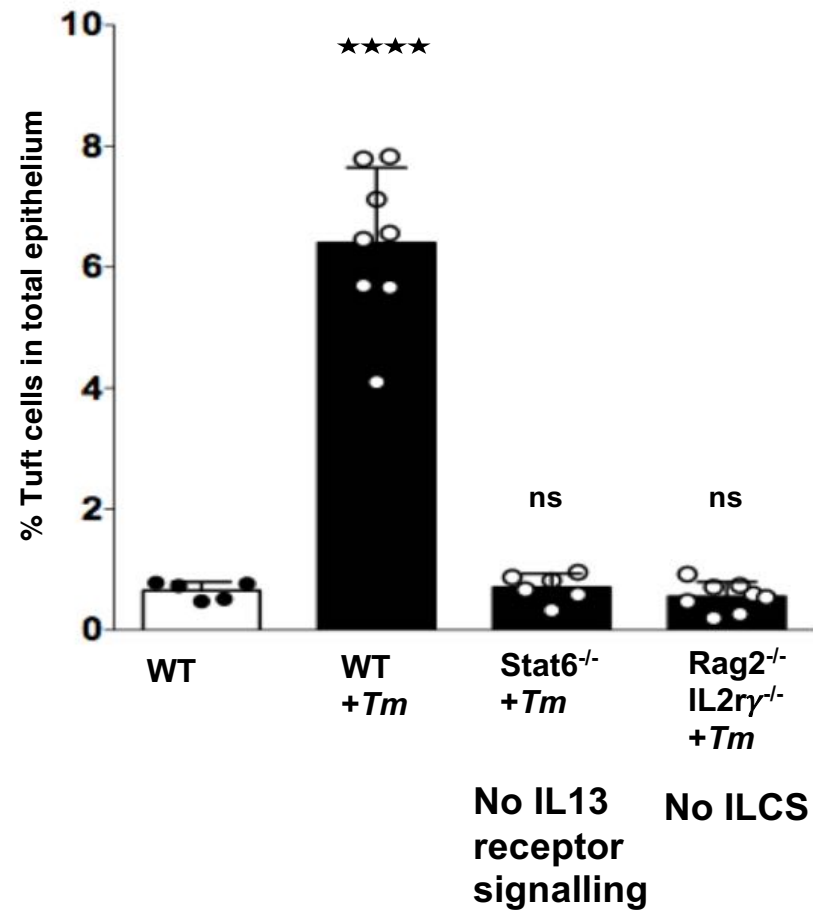
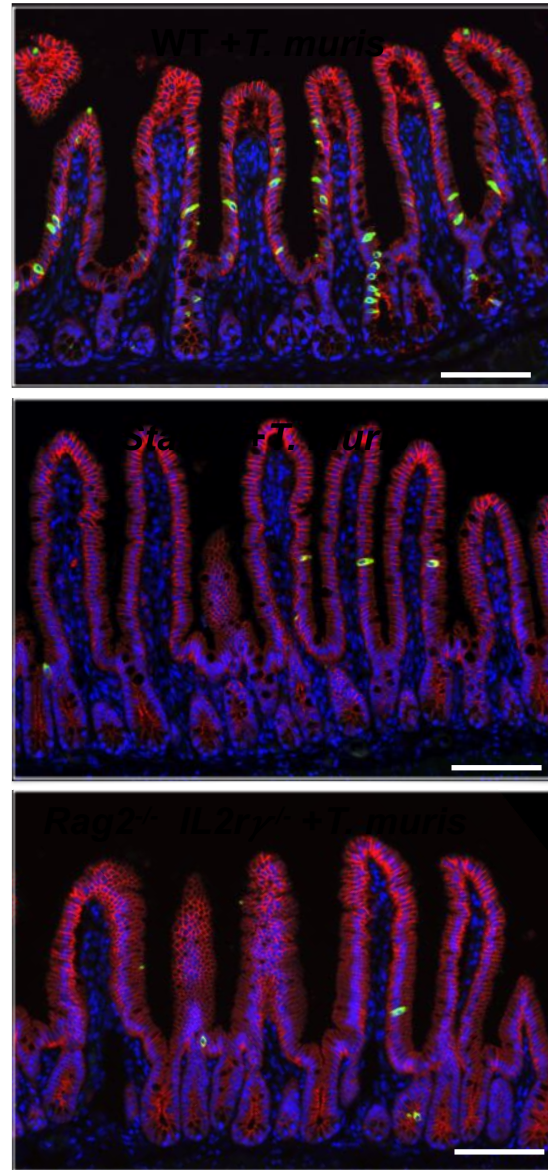
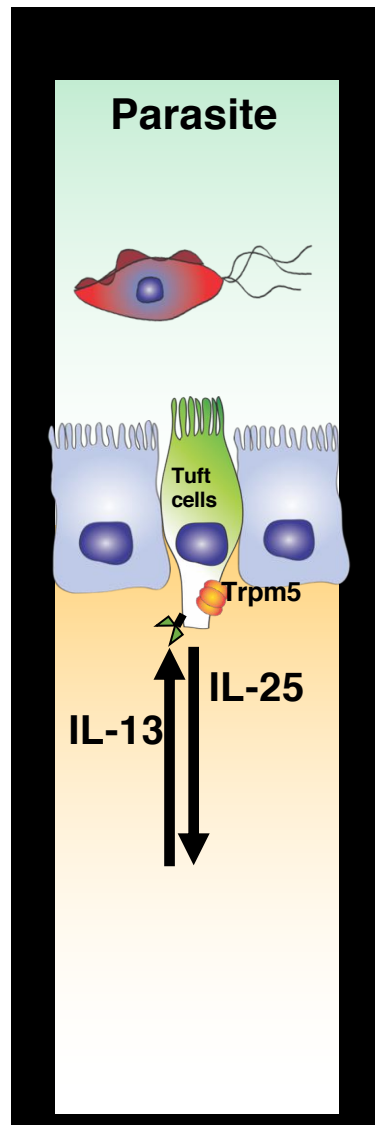




# Tuft cells in primary epithelial organoid cultures



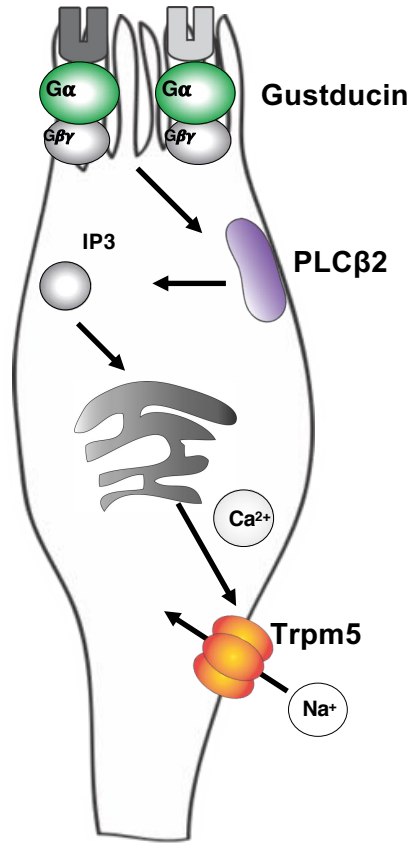
# Tuft cell expansion and anti-parasitic immunity *in vivo*



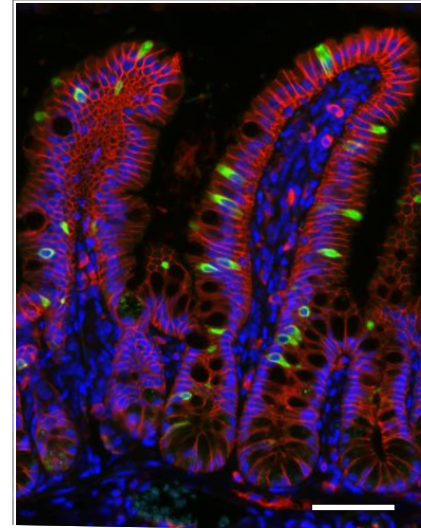
# How do tuft cell sense parasites?

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Taste receptors  
(Sweet and umami)

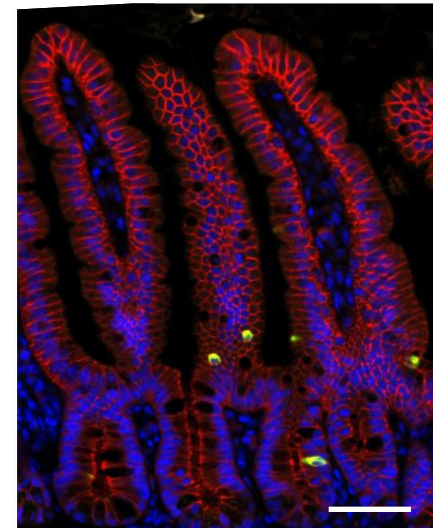
~30 type 2  
Taste receptors  
(Bitter)



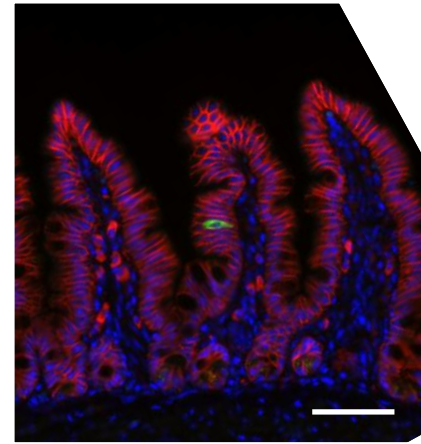
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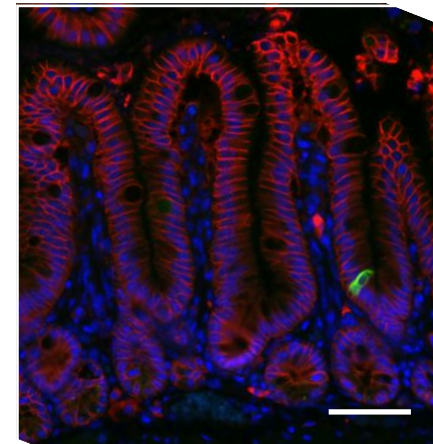
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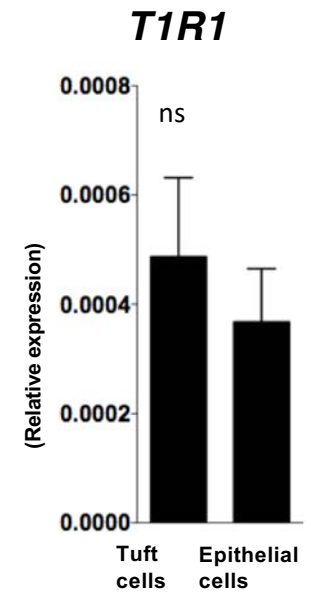
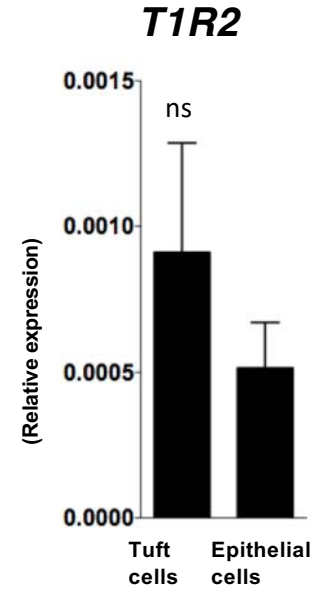
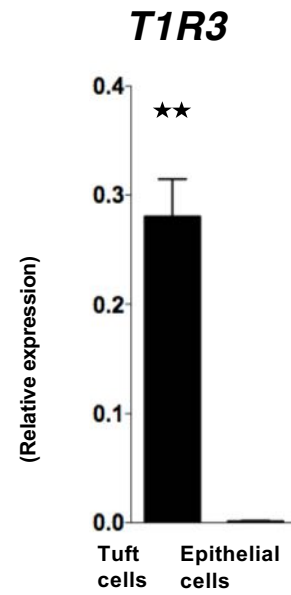
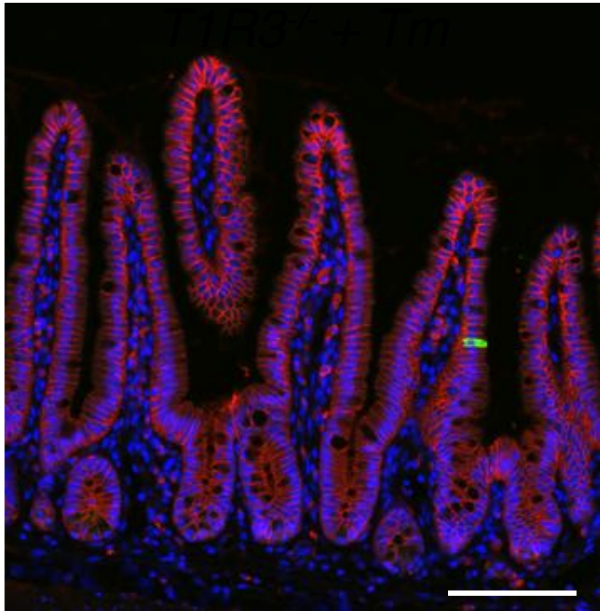
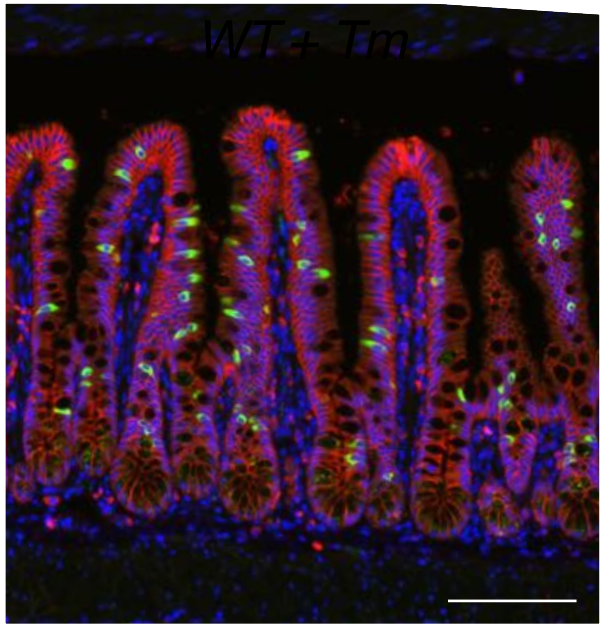


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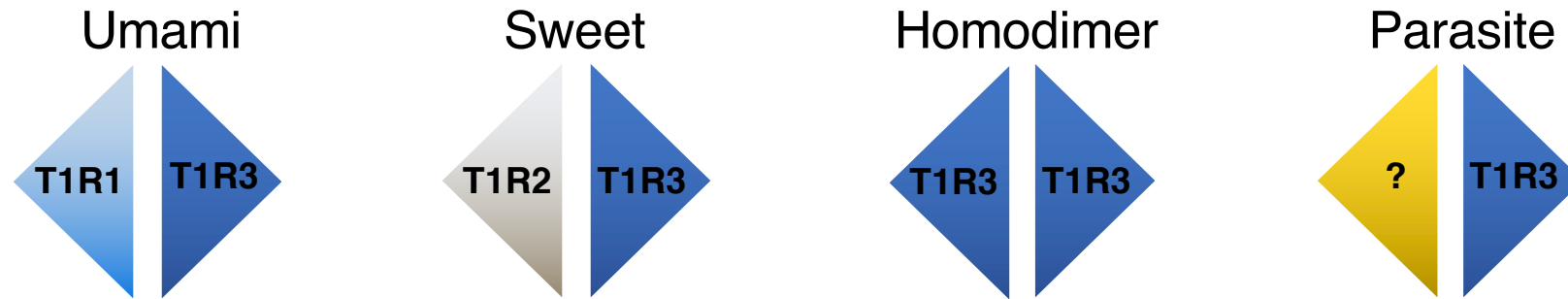
Balb/c (JAX)







# How and what do tuft cells chemosense? *what do parasites 'taste' like*



## Take home points:

- There are cell types being uncovered that influence host-microbiota interactions
- Taste receptors and parasitic metabolites (succinate, sugars) are MAMPs

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<https://blog.thryveinside.com/the-layout-of-the-human-microbiota/>

# CD4+ T cell Review:

*The many subsets of gut mucosal CD4+ T cells*

Regulation of Immune Response  
Homeostasis with microbes  
Food Tolerance



Intracellular pathogens



T Cells

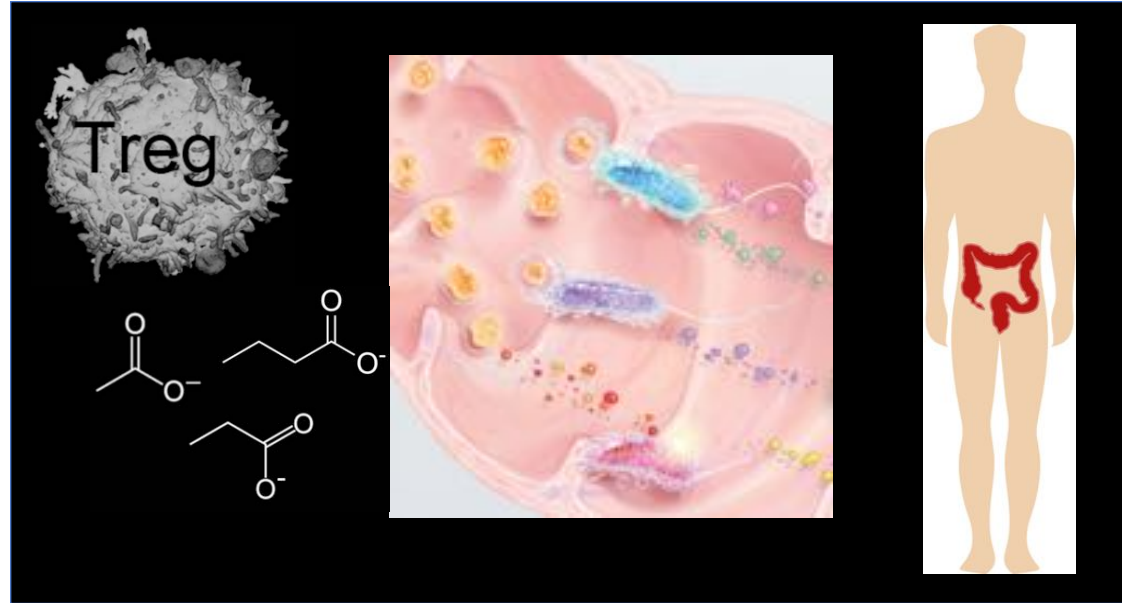


Extracellular bacteria  
Fungi



Extracellular parasites

# Regulatory T cells and Short-chain fatty acids



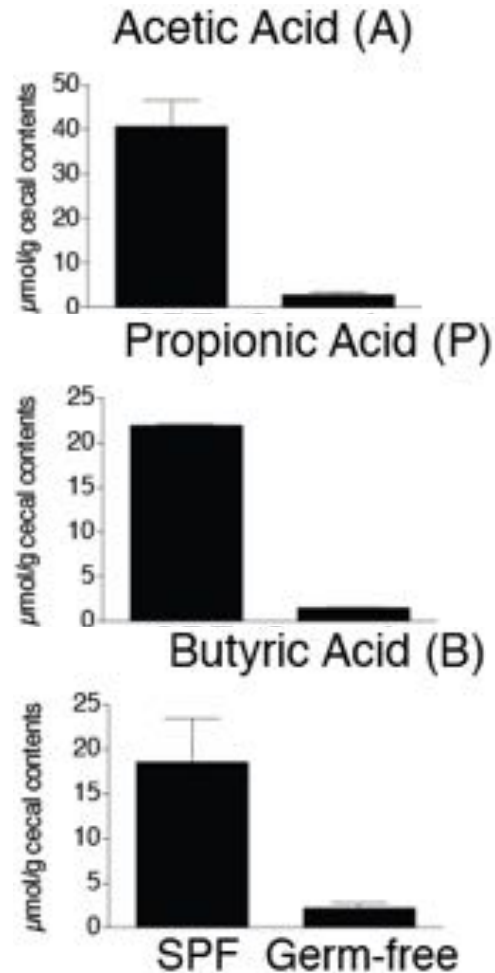
*How do you uncover what MAMPs regulate what immune cells?*

*How do you determine what PRRs are responsible?*

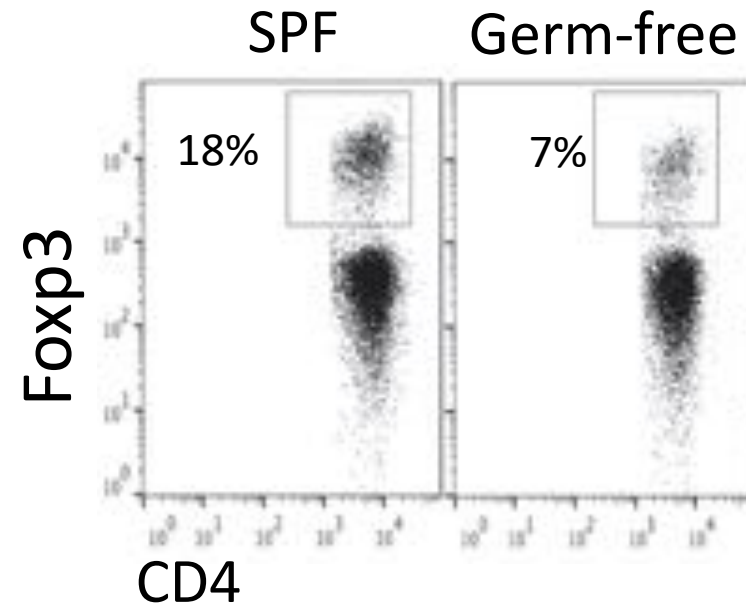


If we examine what is missing in the absence of microbes, can we learn what we need to build a healthy and resilient gut?

### Short-chain fatty acids



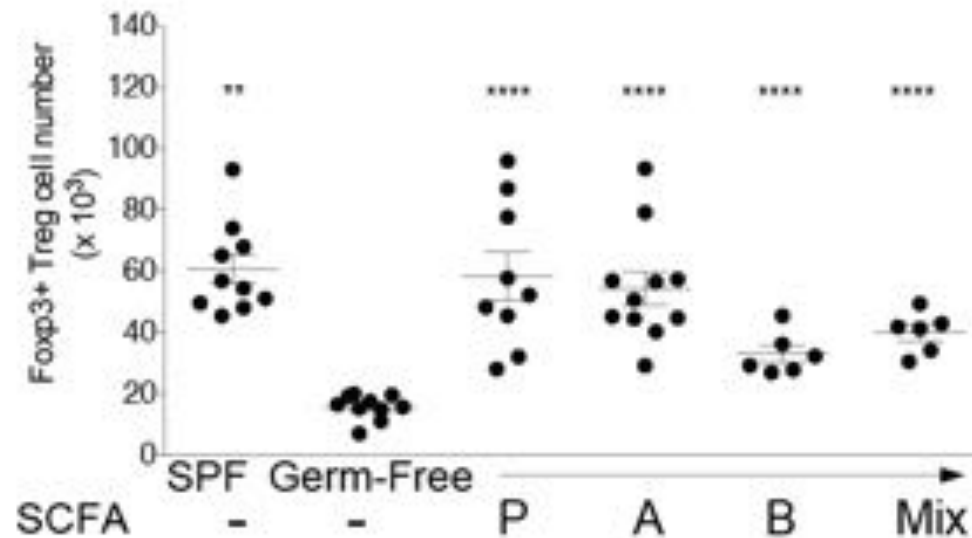
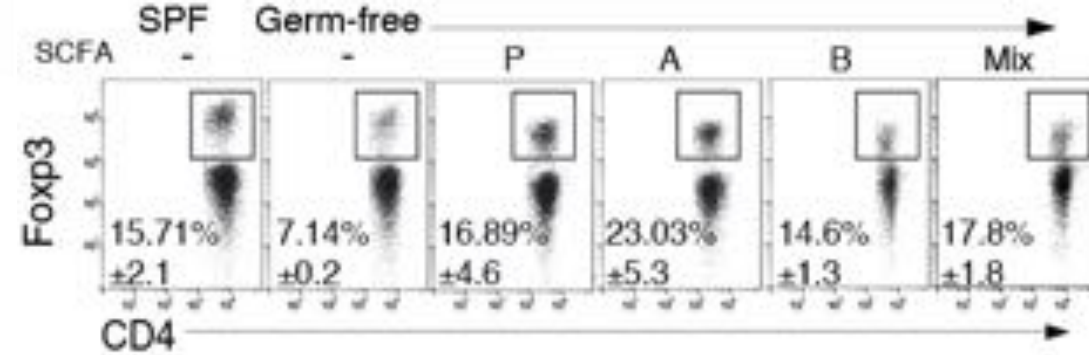
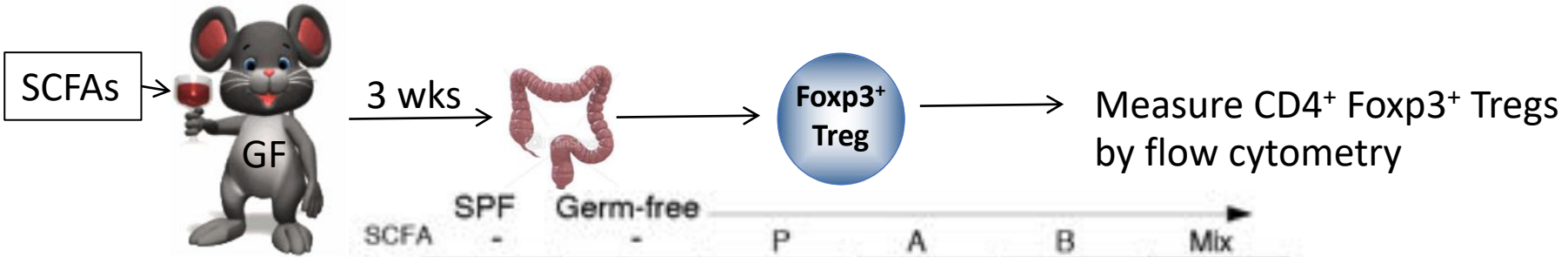
### Colonic regulatory T cells



#### Why focus on colon Tregs?

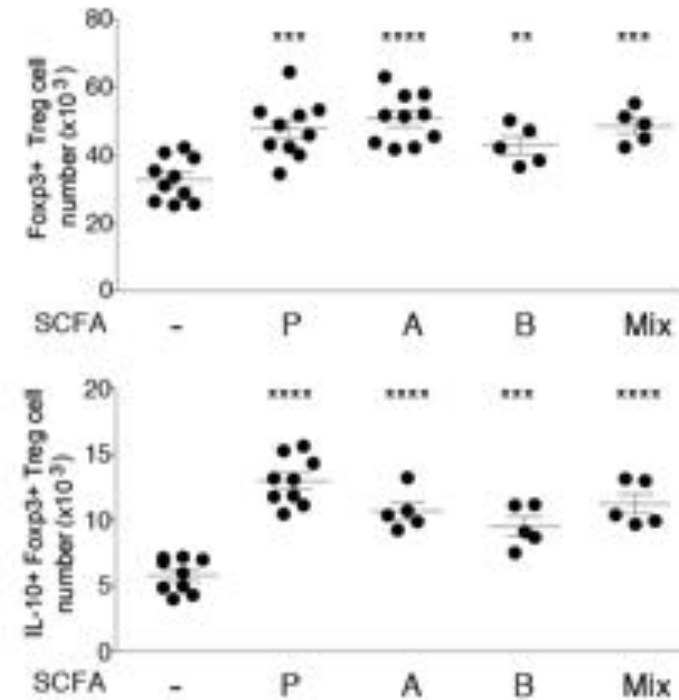
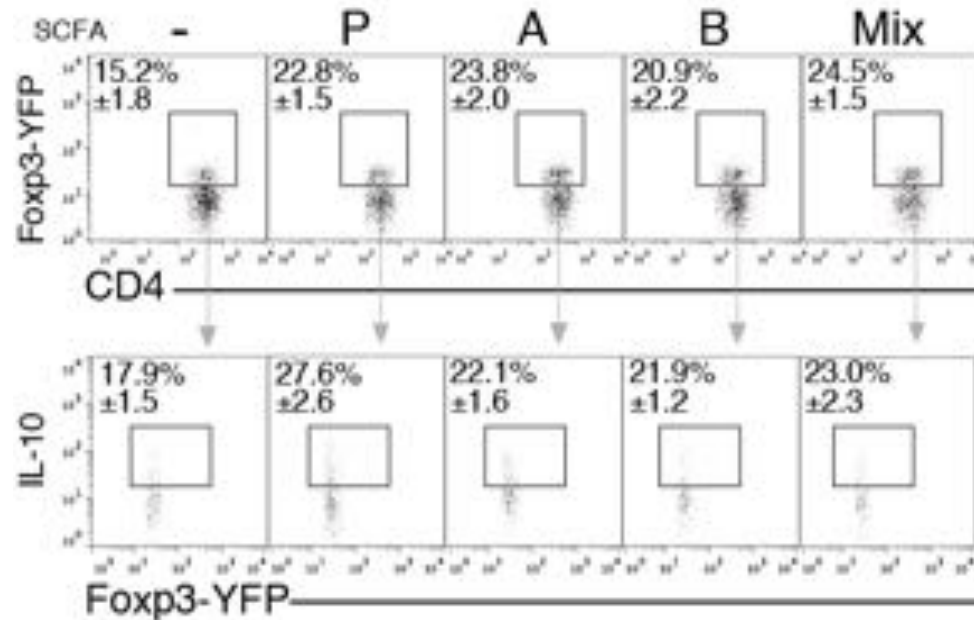
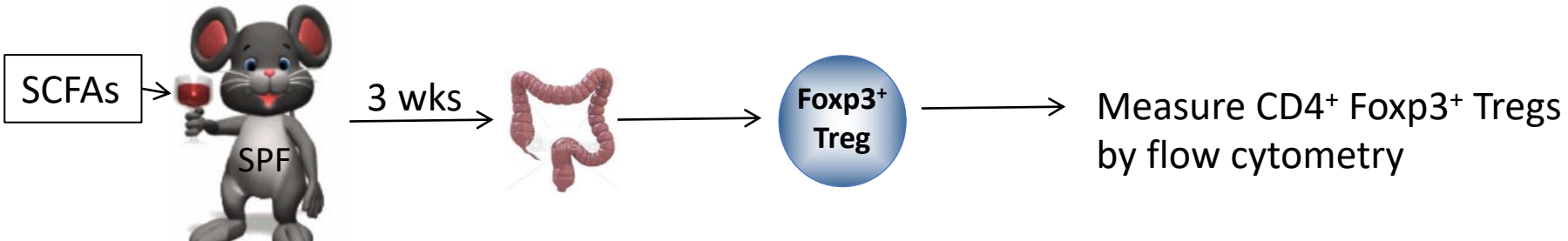
- cTregs regulate intestinal inflammation
- cTregs mediate intestinal immune homeostasis
- The microbiota affect cTreg #s and function

# Administration of SCFA to germ-free mice increases colon Tregs

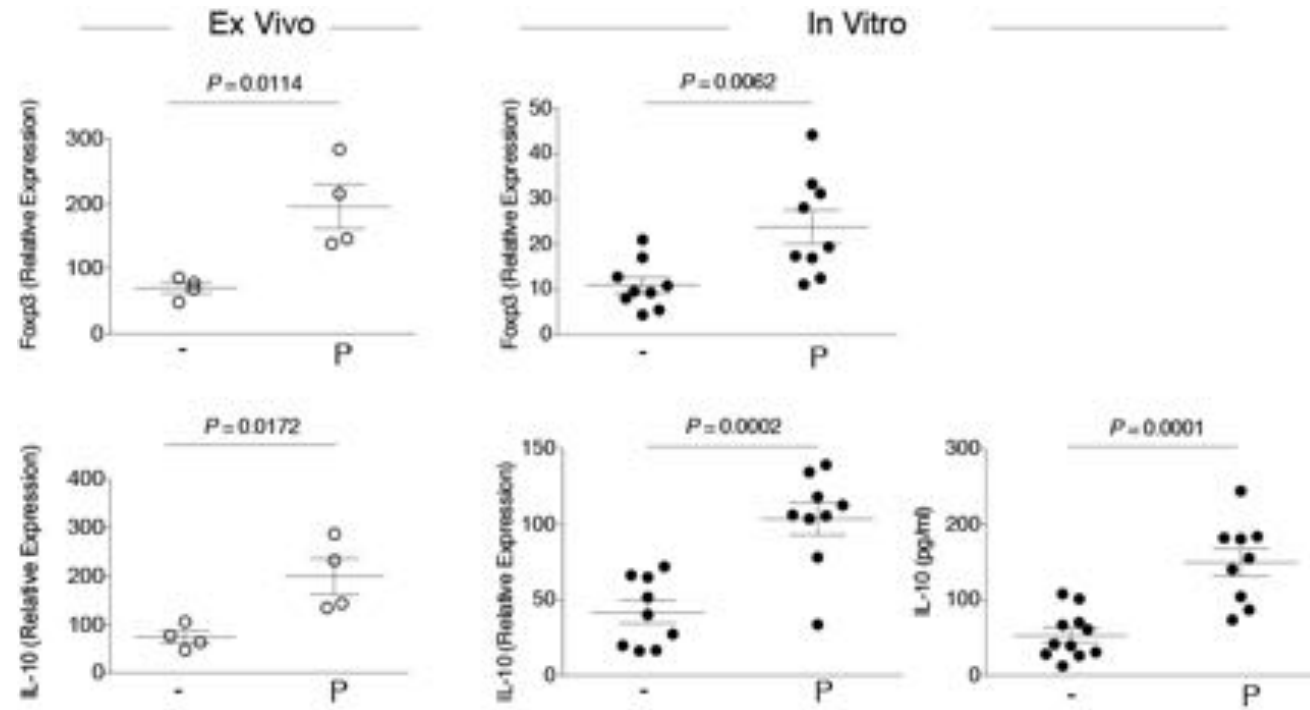


Pat Smith, Tufts PhD  
Smith PM et al. 2013. *Science*

# Administration of SCFA to conventional (SPF) mice increases colon Tregs

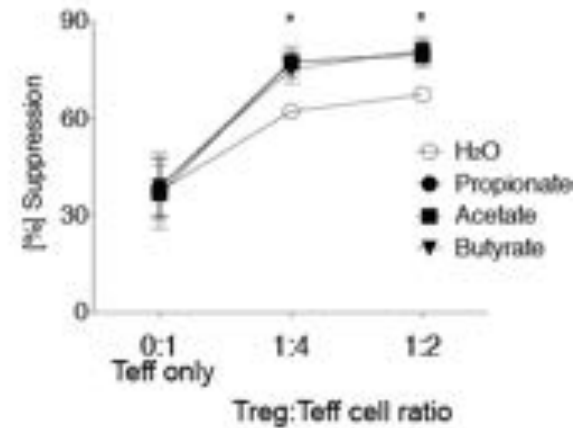
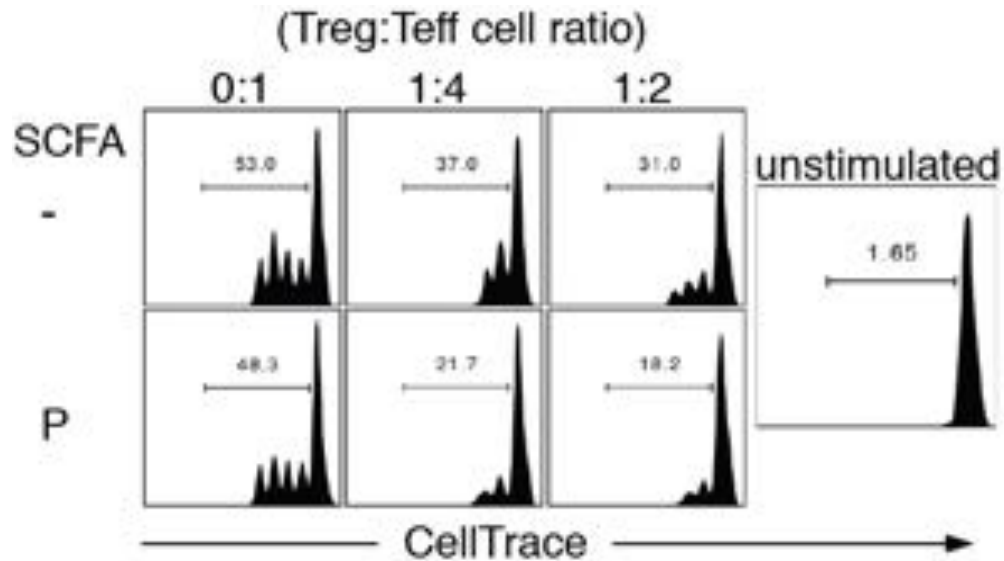
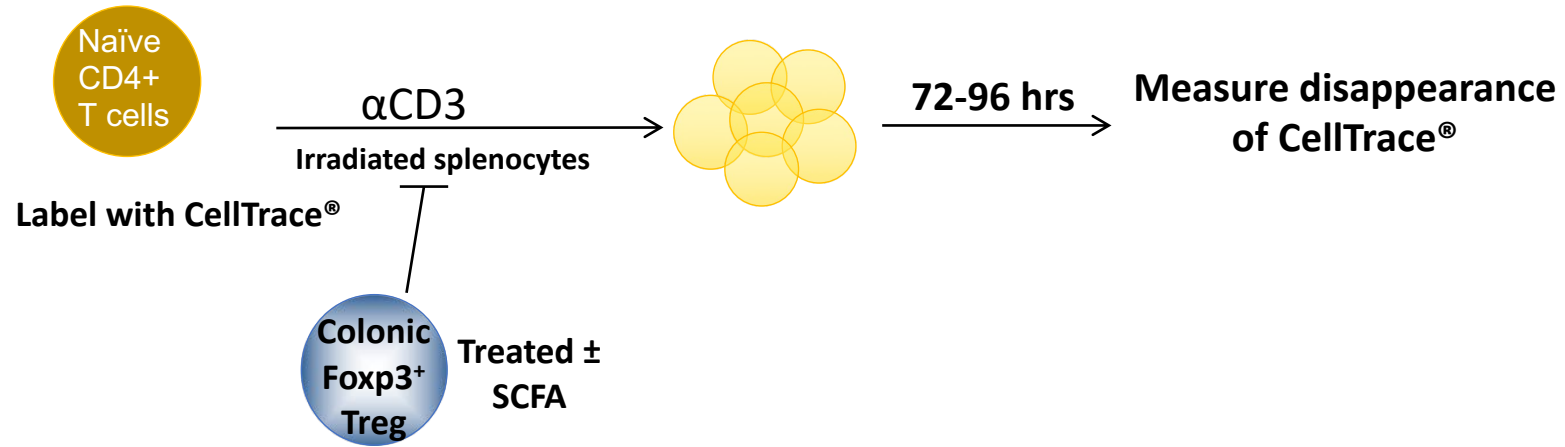


# SCFA enhance Foxp3 and IL-10 expression in cTregs

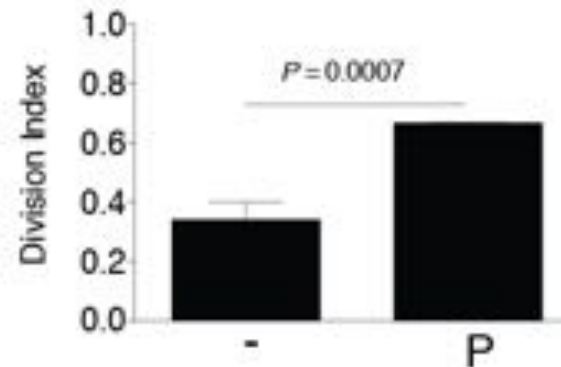
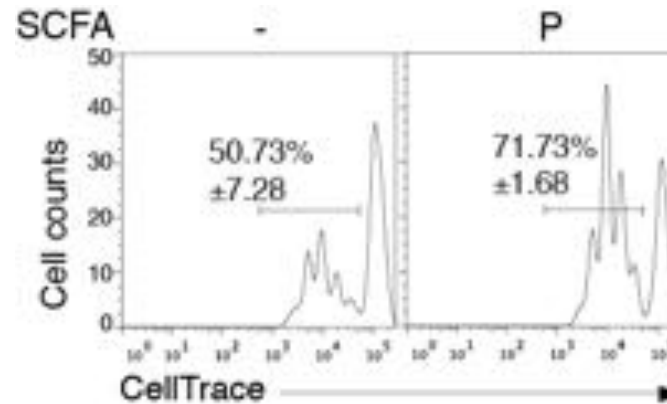
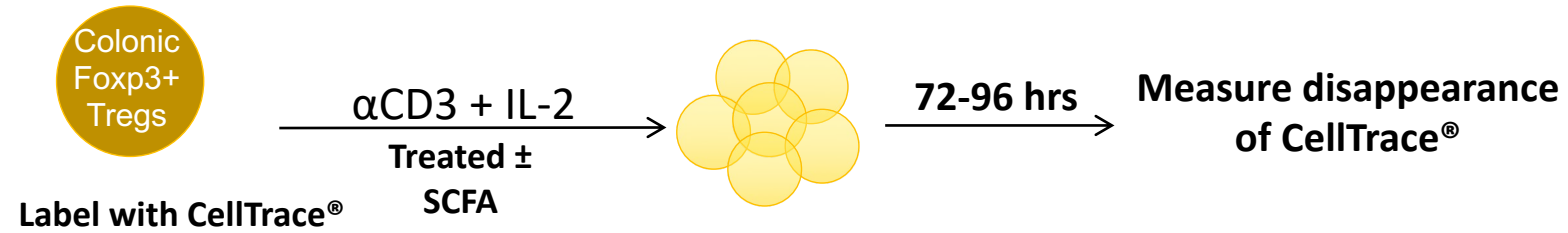




# SCFA increase Treg suppressive ability



# SCFA increase colon Treg proliferation



# SCFA– what they don't do

Do not alter:

colon Th1, Th2, or Th17 total cell numbers

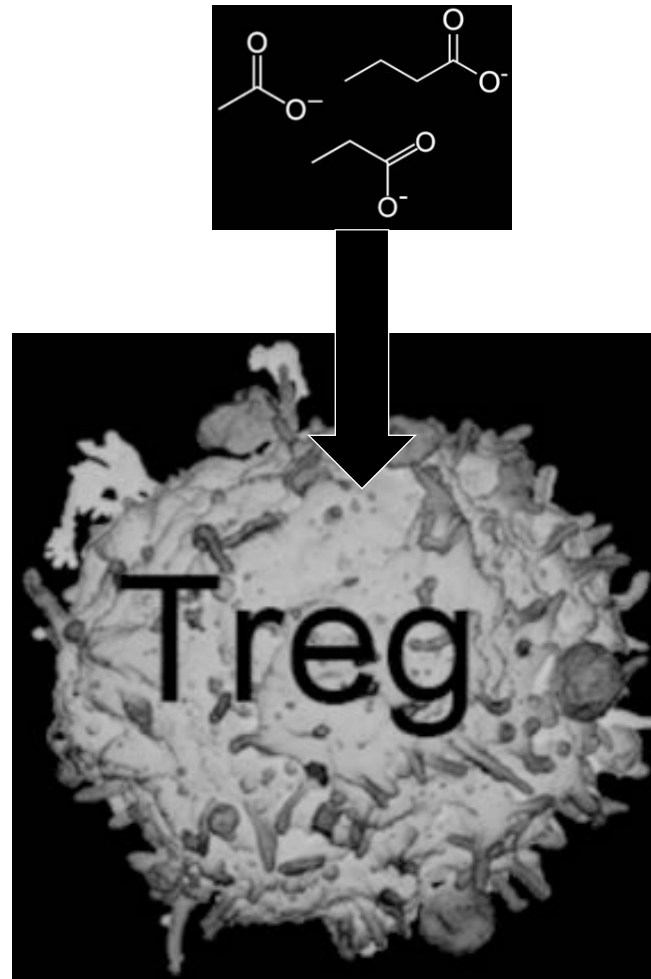
Treg Foxp3 levels from  
mesenteric lymph node, small intestine, spleen,  
peripheral lymph node or thymus

colon Treg TGF $\beta$  levels at the transcriptional or protein level

colon Treg CCR4 or  $\alpha_4\beta_7$  expression levels

# How do SCFAs enter and alter Tregs?

passively, channels, receptors



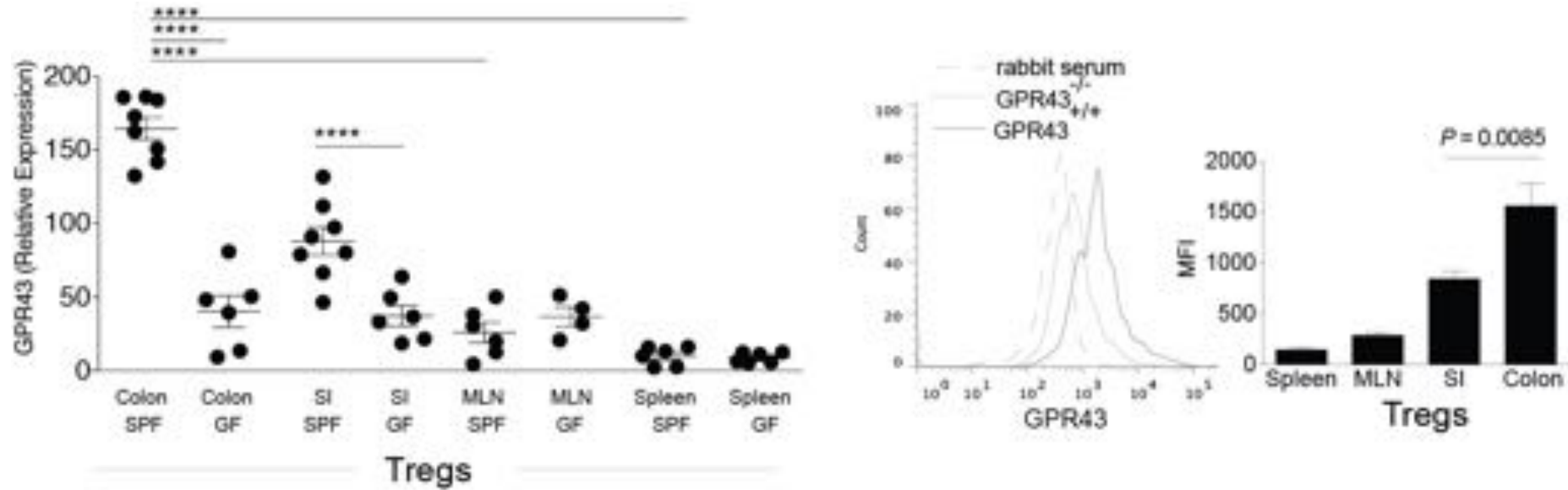


# The 'short-chain fatty acid' receptors

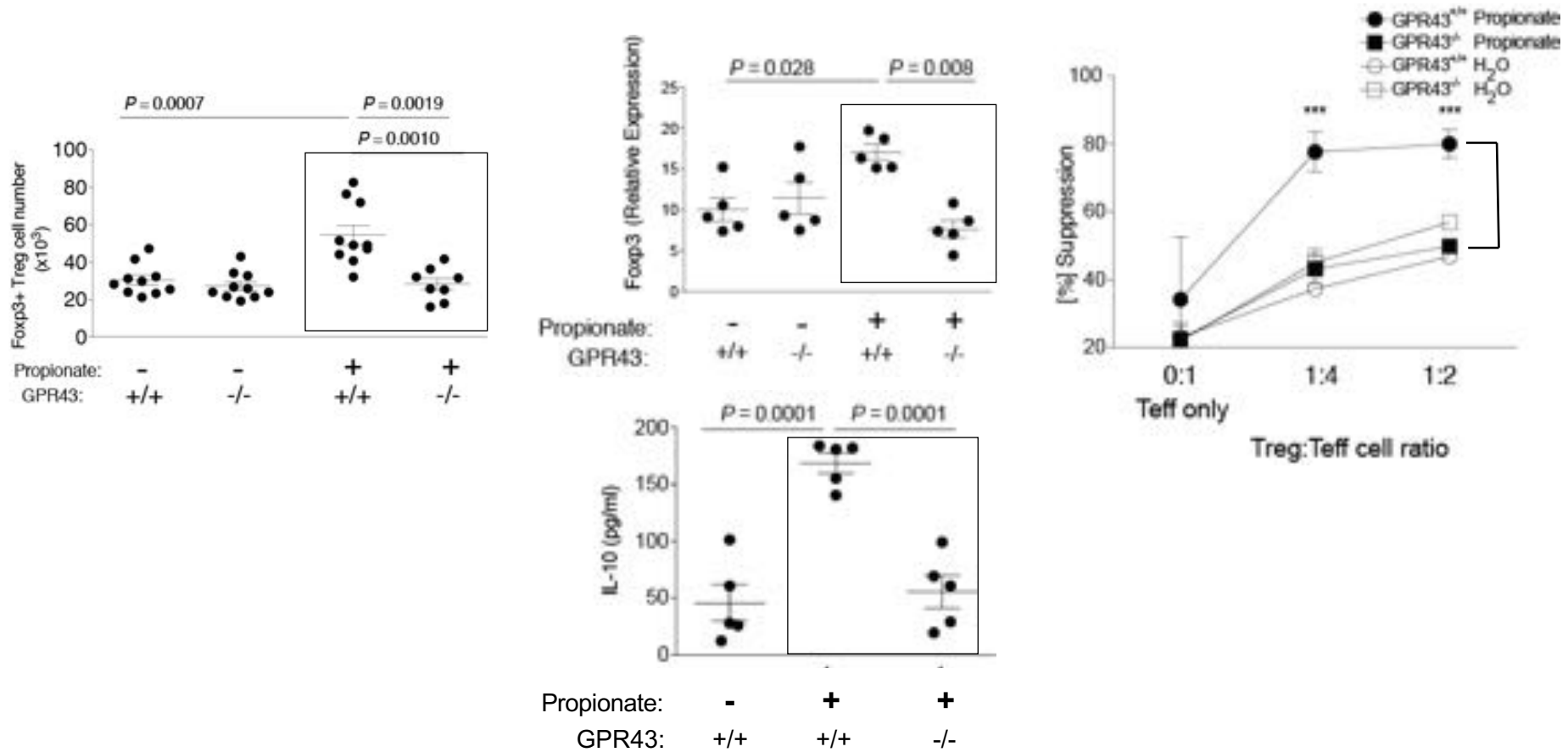
GPR43, GPR41, GPR109a, GPR109b, and Olfr78

- Expressed by epithelial, fat, muscle, and immune cells
- Have distinct binding affinities for C2-C4 short-chain fatty acids
- Have pharmacologically unimpressive pEC50s
  - GPR43-- Propionate pEC50 (3.0-4.9), binding affinity: propionate > acetate = butyrate

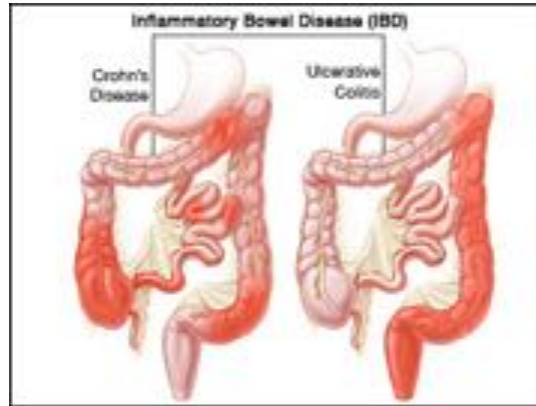
Tissue microenvironment  
(anatomic location and presence of a microbiota)  
affect GPR43 levels



# SCFA-mediated function effects on colonic Tregs are dependent upon GPR43

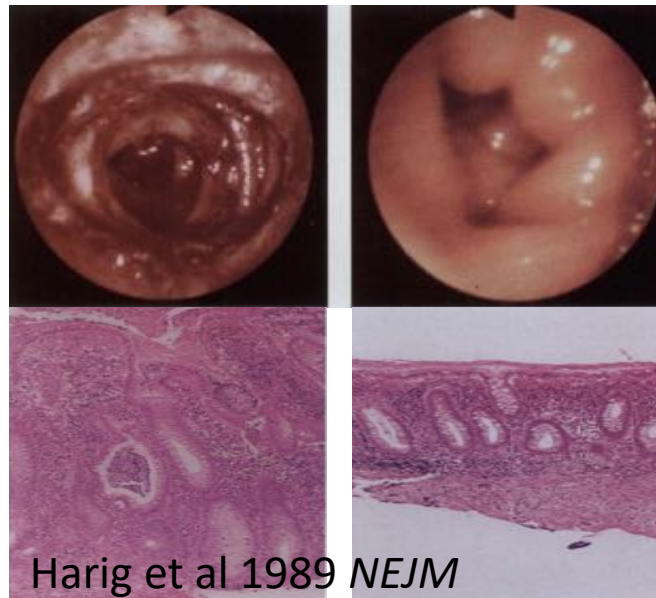


# Are short-chain fatty acids, GPR43, and Tregs relevant for human health and disease?



Pre-SCFA

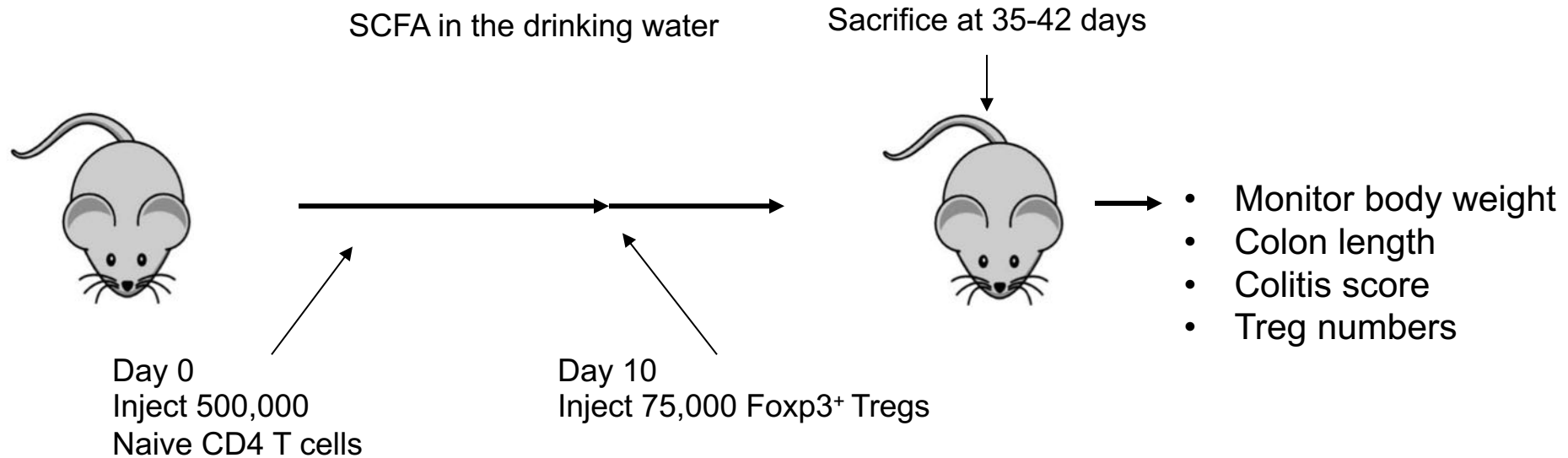
Post-SCFA



Harig et al 1989 *NEJM*



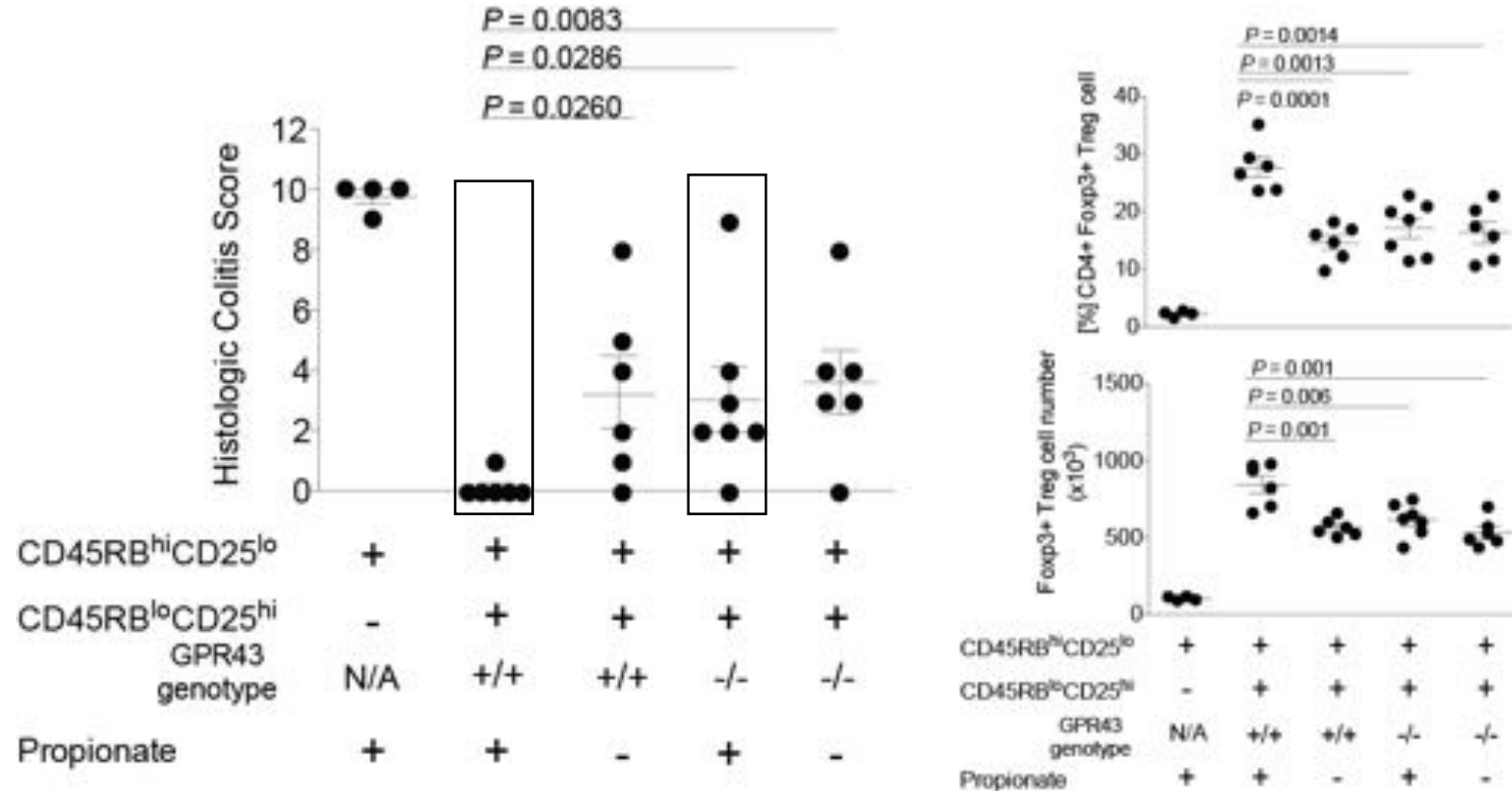
# T cell transfer (Powrie) model of colitis



Naive T cells	+	+	+	+	+
Tregs	—	—	+	+	+
Propionate	—	+	—	—	+
Mix	—	—	—	+	—

***FFAR2 (GPR43)*<sup>+/+</sup> vs *FFAR2*<sup>-/-</sup>**

# SCFA beneficial effects in the T cell transfer model are Treg intrinsic and GPR43 dependent





## Short-chain fatty acids

are abundant microbial metabolites that are also

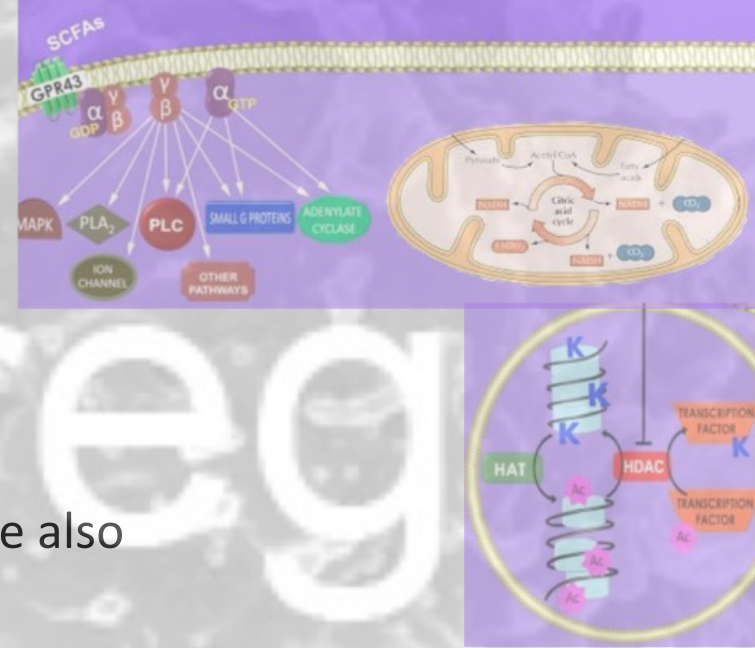
- host epigenetic factors
- host energy sources
- host signaling molecules

promote colon Treg numbers and function

ameliorate colitis in a Treg intrinsic and GPR43 dependent manner in mice

## GPR43 agonism

may represent a translational opportunity for IBD



# Outline

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