

**Psychological Stress can induce Oxidative
Stress-mediated Vascular Injury**

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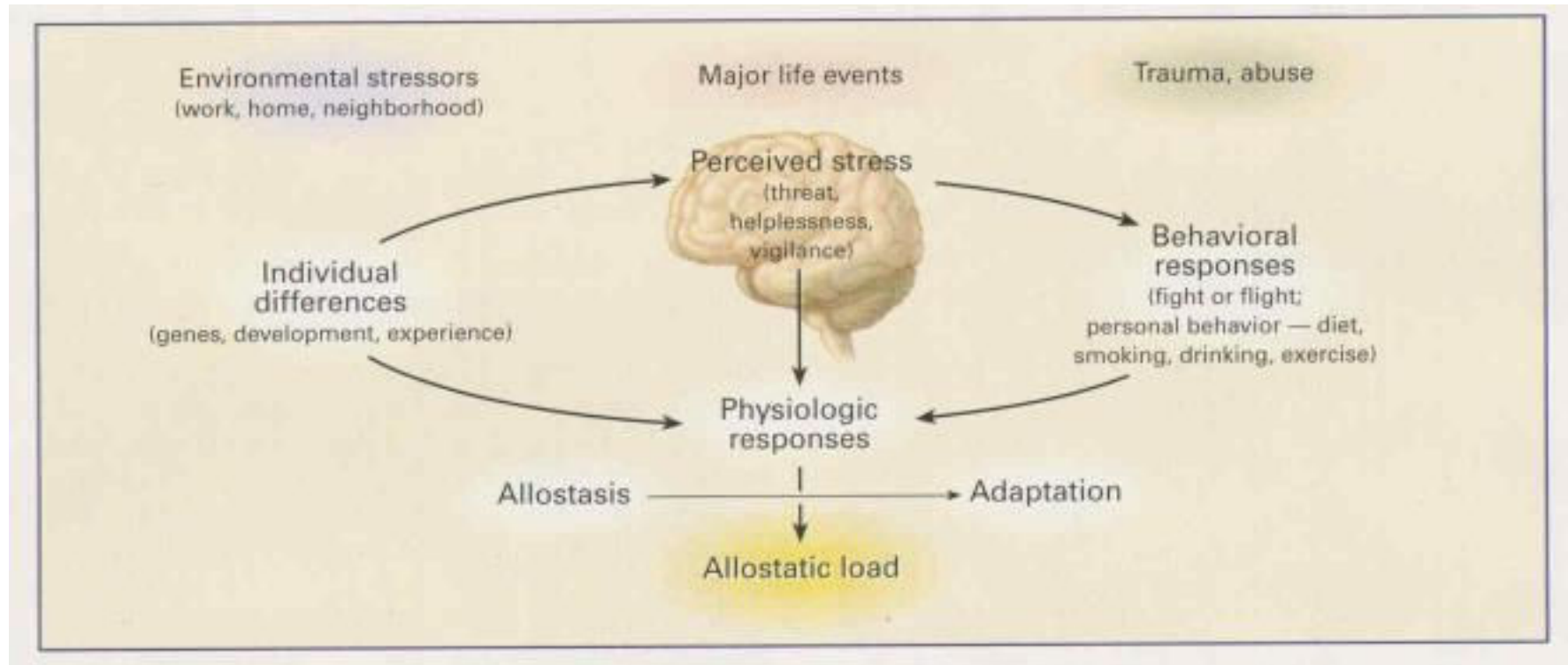
Contents

- Evidence of psychological stress as a risk factor for CAD
- Possible underlying mechanism by which psychological stress injure the vessel
 - **Oxidative stress** : ROCK, RGS
 - **Inflammation**

Allostatic Load

Allostasis: ability to achieve stability through change

Allostatic load: long term effect of physiological response to Stress

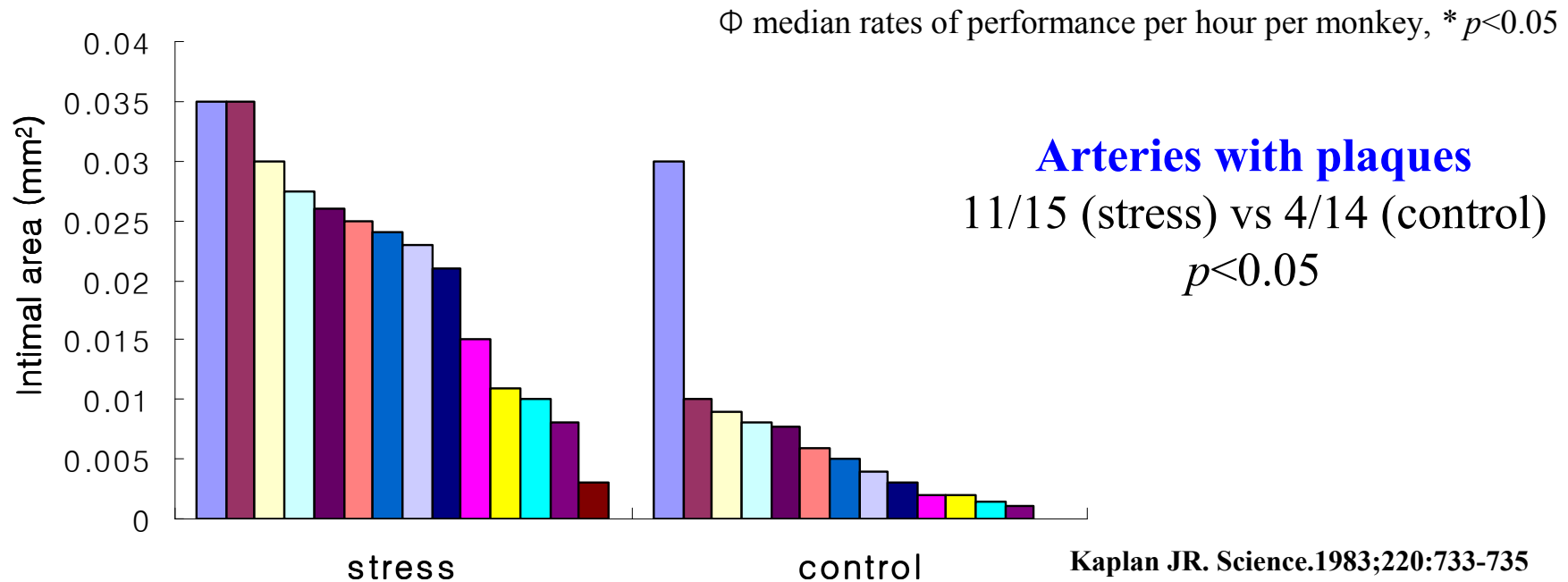


Psychological stress as a risk factor for CVD

- Psychological stress is estimated as an emerging risk factor for atherosclerosis.
 - Stress: threatened homeostasis provoked by stressor.
 - Psychological factors contribute to the development and progression of CAD: **depression, anxiety, personality and character traits, social isolation, and chronic life stress**
- Physiological response to stress is mediated by the activation of **sympathetic nervous system (SNS)** and **hypothalamic pituitary adrenal (HPA)** axis.
- Stress can induce **inflammation** in peripheral organ through neuroendocrine system

Social stress and Atherosclerosis in normocholesterolemic monkeys

	Rate of aggression Φ	Severe aggression %	Rate of submission	Severe submission %	Time in affiliation %
Stress (n=15)	5.16	30.0*	6.59	27.0*	21.0*
Control (n=14)	6.69	20.0	7.10	19.0	26.0



Anger proneness predicts CHD risk

Prospective analysis from the Atherosclerosis Risk In Communities (ARIC) Study

Williams JE. *Circulation*. 2000;101:2034-2039

Aim

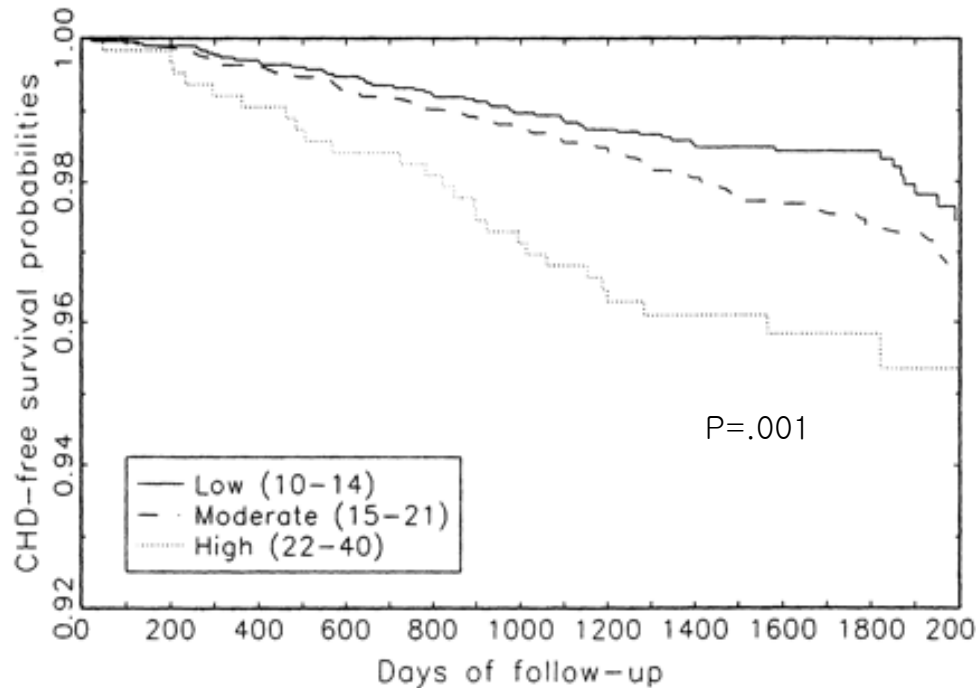
- 1. dose-response relation between anger and CHD risk**
- 2. relation of CHD free survival with anger level**

Methods

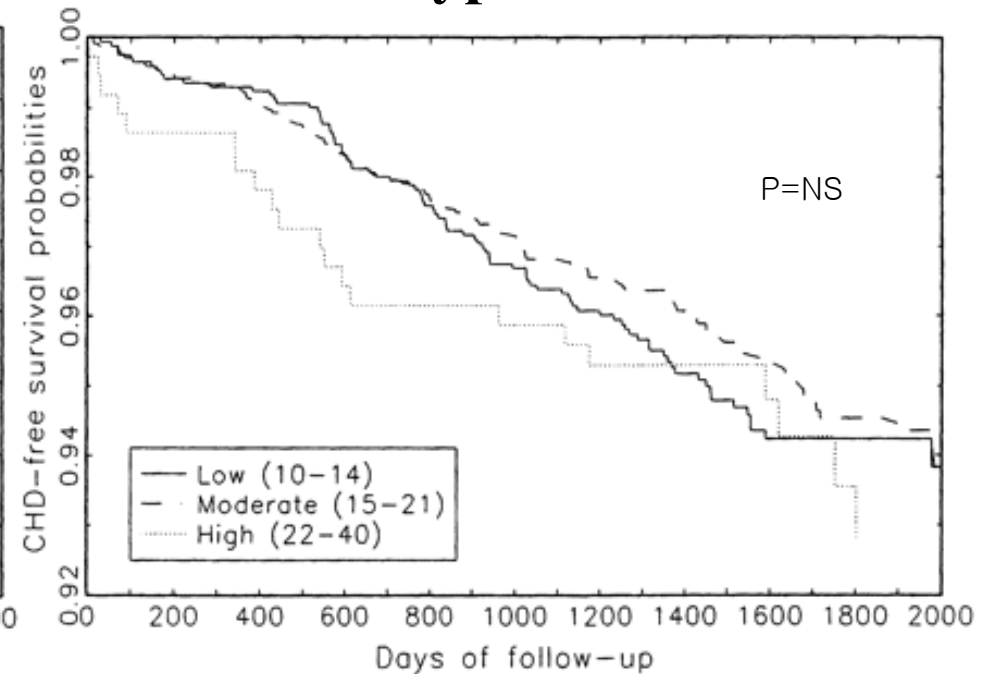
- Prospective design (median 53 mo, 6yr Max. f/u)**
- ARIC study (n=13,208)**
white and black men and women (45-64 yr) without CHD
- 10-item Spielberger Trait Anger Scale**
- CHD events: acute MI/fatal CHD (hard event), silent MI, revascularization procedure**

CHD event free survival probabilities by Trait Anger scores

Normotensive



Hypertensive



Intensive lifestyle changes for reversal of CHD

Ornish D. JAMA. 1998;280:2001-7

- **Lifestyle Heart Trial** (JAMA1983;249:54-9)
Comprehensive lifestyle changes (1 yr) without lipid lowering drug could reduce LDL-chol by 37% and reduce frequency of angina attack by 91%
- **Aims**
Effect of sustained lifestyle changes on risk factors, coronary atherosclerosis, and cardiac events after 4 additional yr.
- **Patients:** angiography-proven CAD Pts
- **Intensive Lifestyle Program**
10% fat vegetarian diet, moderate aerobic exercise, **stress management**, smoking cessation, and group psychosocial support for 5 yrs
avoid simple sugars, emphasize intake of complex carbohydrates and other whole foods

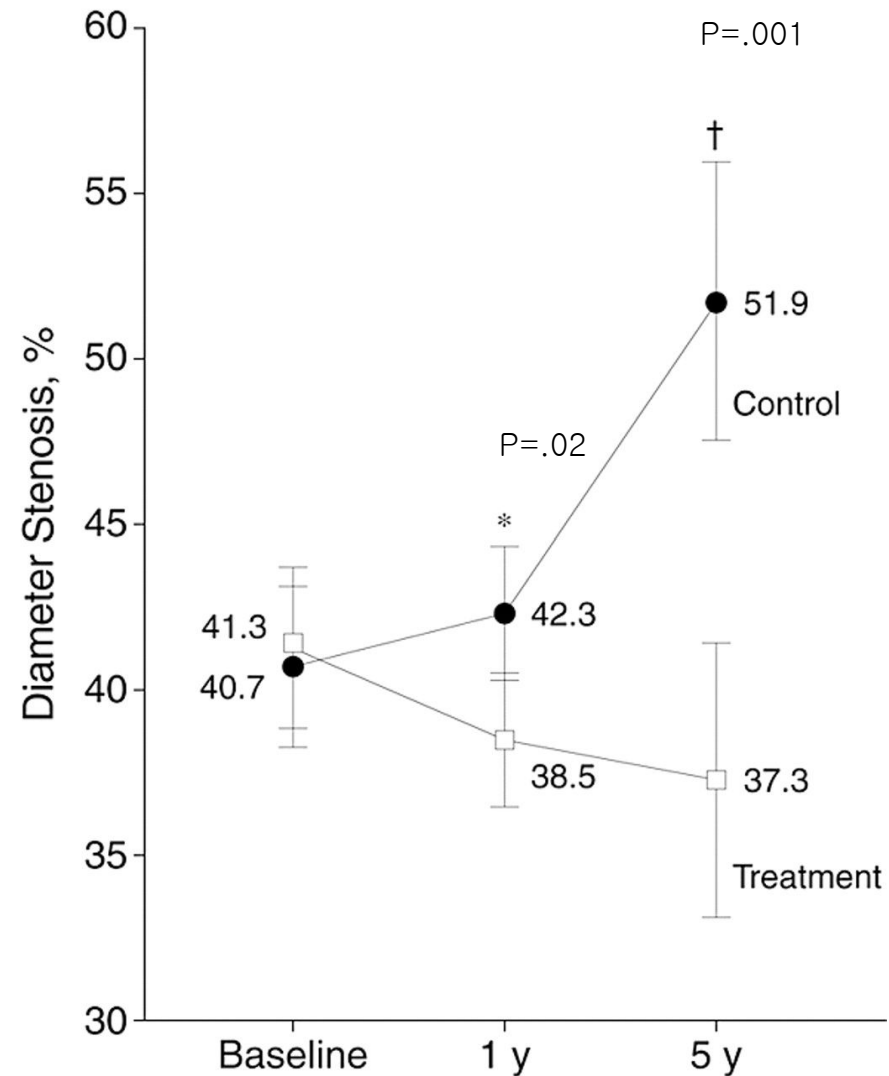
Angina symptoms

	Mean (SD) at Baseline		Mean (SD) at 1 Year			Mean (SD) at 5 Years		
	Experimental (n = 18)	Control (n = 14)	Experimental (n = 18)	Control (n = 14)	<i>P</i> Value* Baseline-1 Year	Experimental (n = 18)	Control (n = 14)	<i>P</i> Value* Baseline-5 Years
Chest pain frequency, times per week	5.8 (14.7)	1.4 (1.8)	0.5 (0.8)	4.0 (9.3)	.08	1.6 (2.7)	0.9 (1.9)	.32
Chest pain duration, min	3.1 (4.8)	3.2 (8.4)	1.8 (4.7)	7.6 (15.9)	.11	0.9 (1.3)	1.0 (2.7)	.93
Chest pain severity (1-7 scale)	1.5 (1.5)	0.6 (0.8)	0.7 (1.2)	1.4 (1.2)	<.001	0.9 (1.4)	0.6 (1.1)	.29

Cardiac events during 5 yr f/u

	No. of Events		Risk Ratio	95% Confidence Interval	<i>P</i> Value
	Experimental* (n = 28)	Control† (n = 20)			
Myocardial infarction	2	4	2.74	0.393-30.3	.26
* Percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty	8	14	2.40	0.939-6.60	<.05
Coronary artery bypass graft	2	5	3.43	0.561-36.0	.14
* Cardiac hospitalizations‡	23	44	2.62	1.55-4.55	<.001
Deaths	2	1	0.685	0.012-13.2	.81
* Any event	25	45	2.47	1.48-4.20	<.001

Mean percentage diameter stenosis



Ornish, D. et al. JAMA 1998;280:2001-2007.

Reduction in the incidence of type II DM with lifestyle intervention or metformin

Diabetes Prevention Program Research Group

N Engl J Med 2002;346:393

- **Question**

Does a lifestyle intervention or Tx with metformin prevent or delay the onset of DM?

- **Inclusion criteria**

BMI: ≥ 24 ,

plasma glucose: (AC) 95-125 mg/dl, PC 140-199 mg/dl

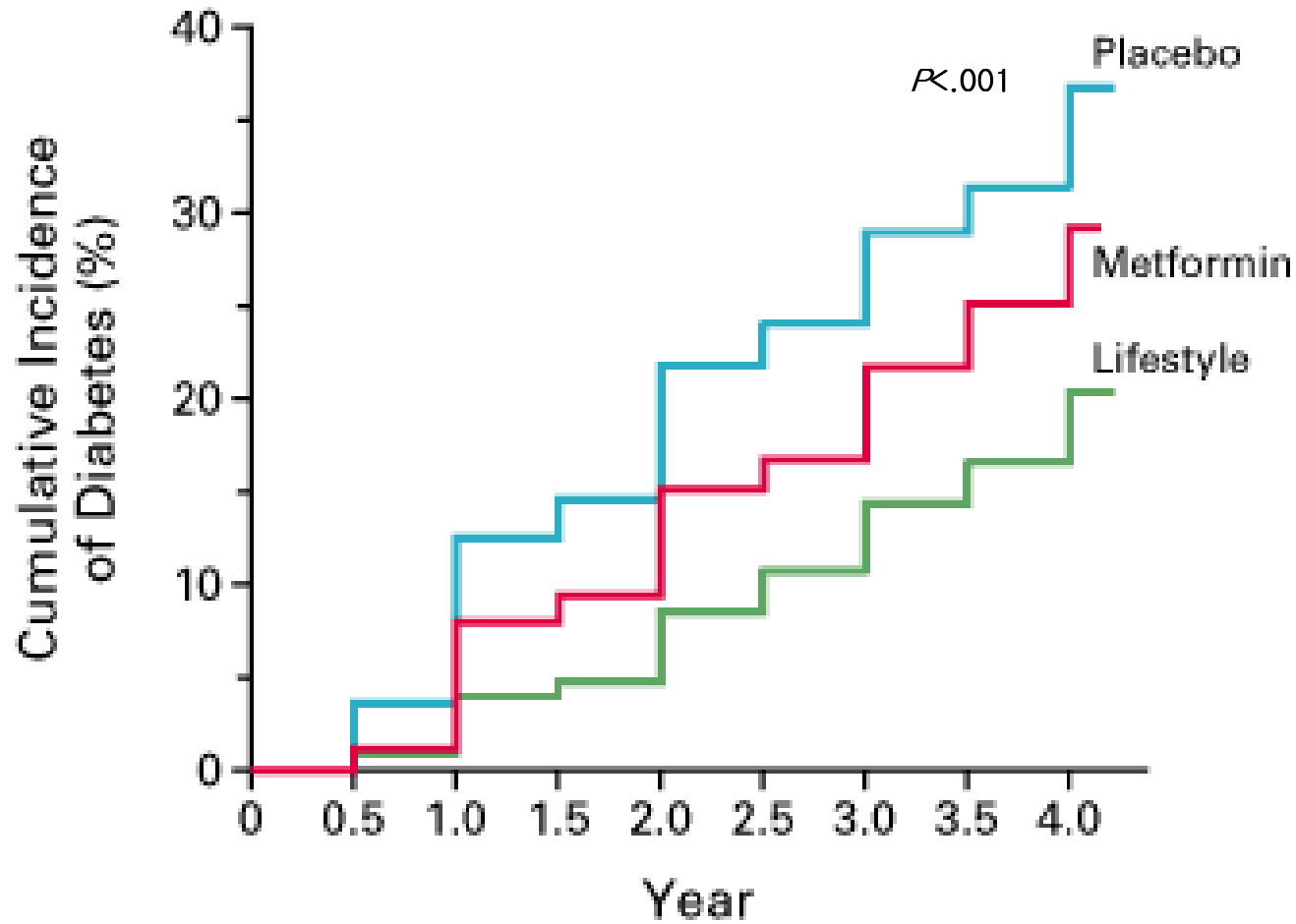
- Standard lifestyle with metformin 850 mg bid

- : food guide pyramid NCEP step 1 diet

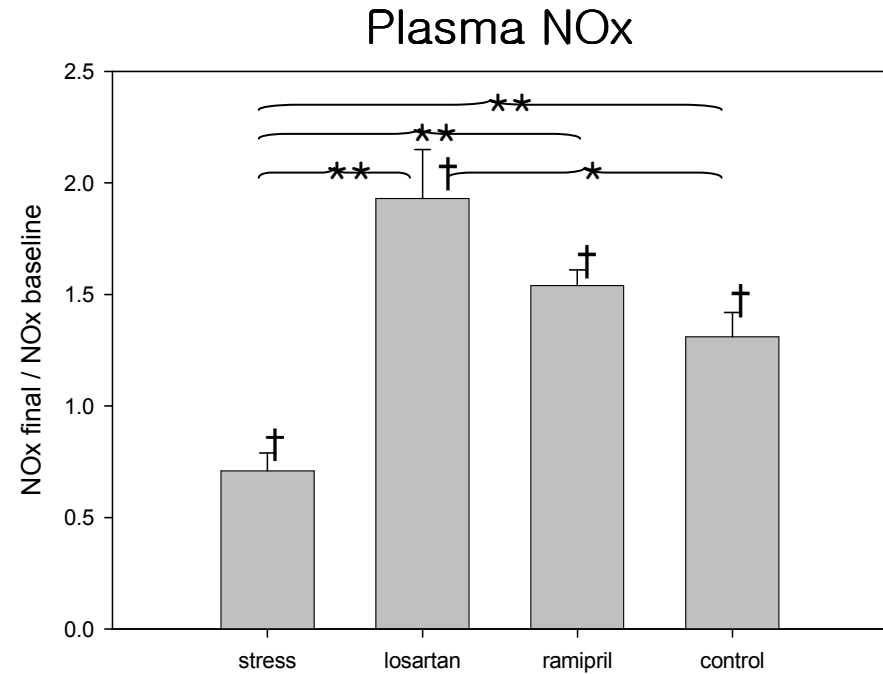
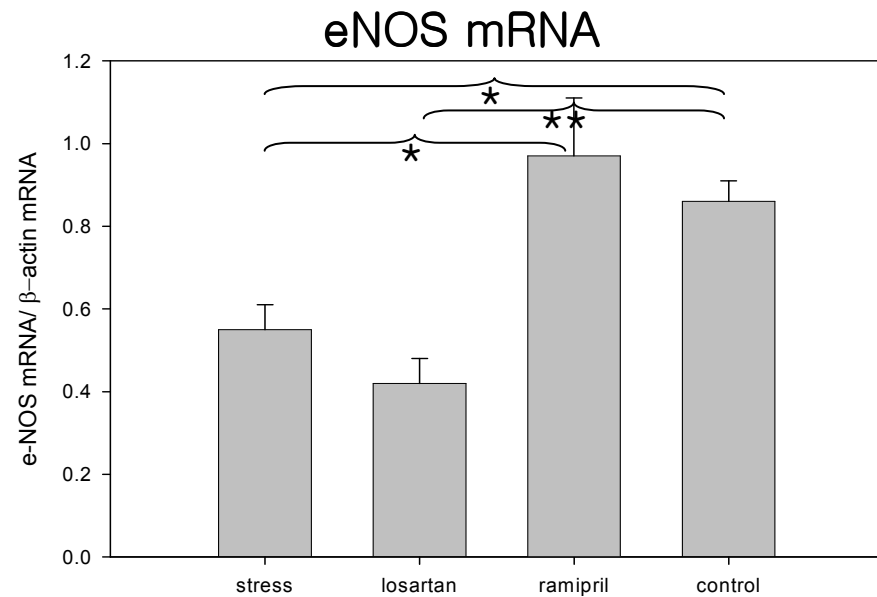
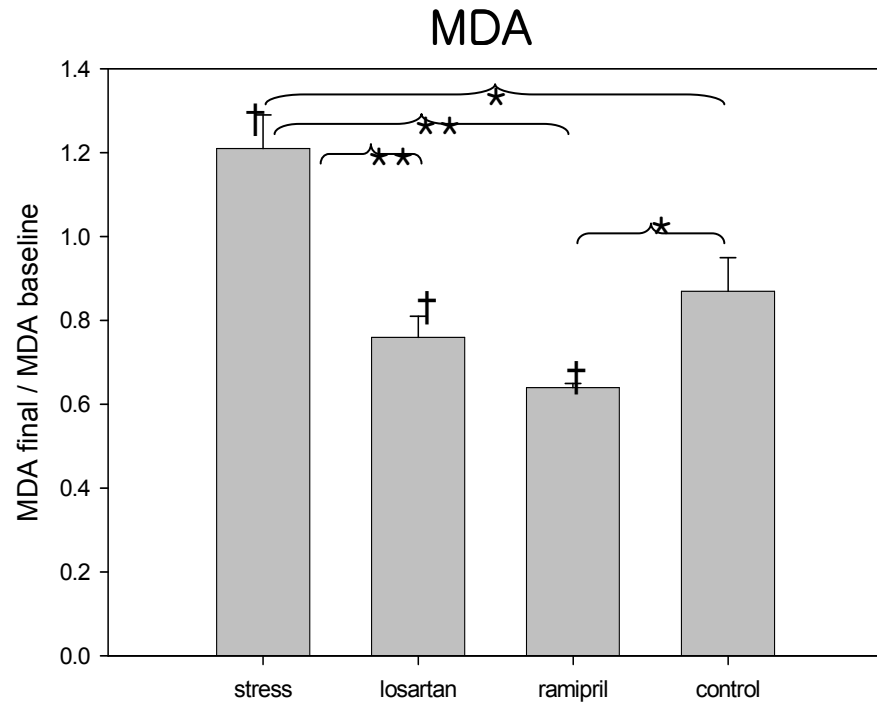
- Intensive lifestyle modification

- 16-session curriculum covering diet, exercise, and **behavior modification**, weight reduction $>7\%$ through a healthy low calorie, low fat diet, moderate physical activity s/a brisk walking 150 min /wk

Cumulative incidence of DM

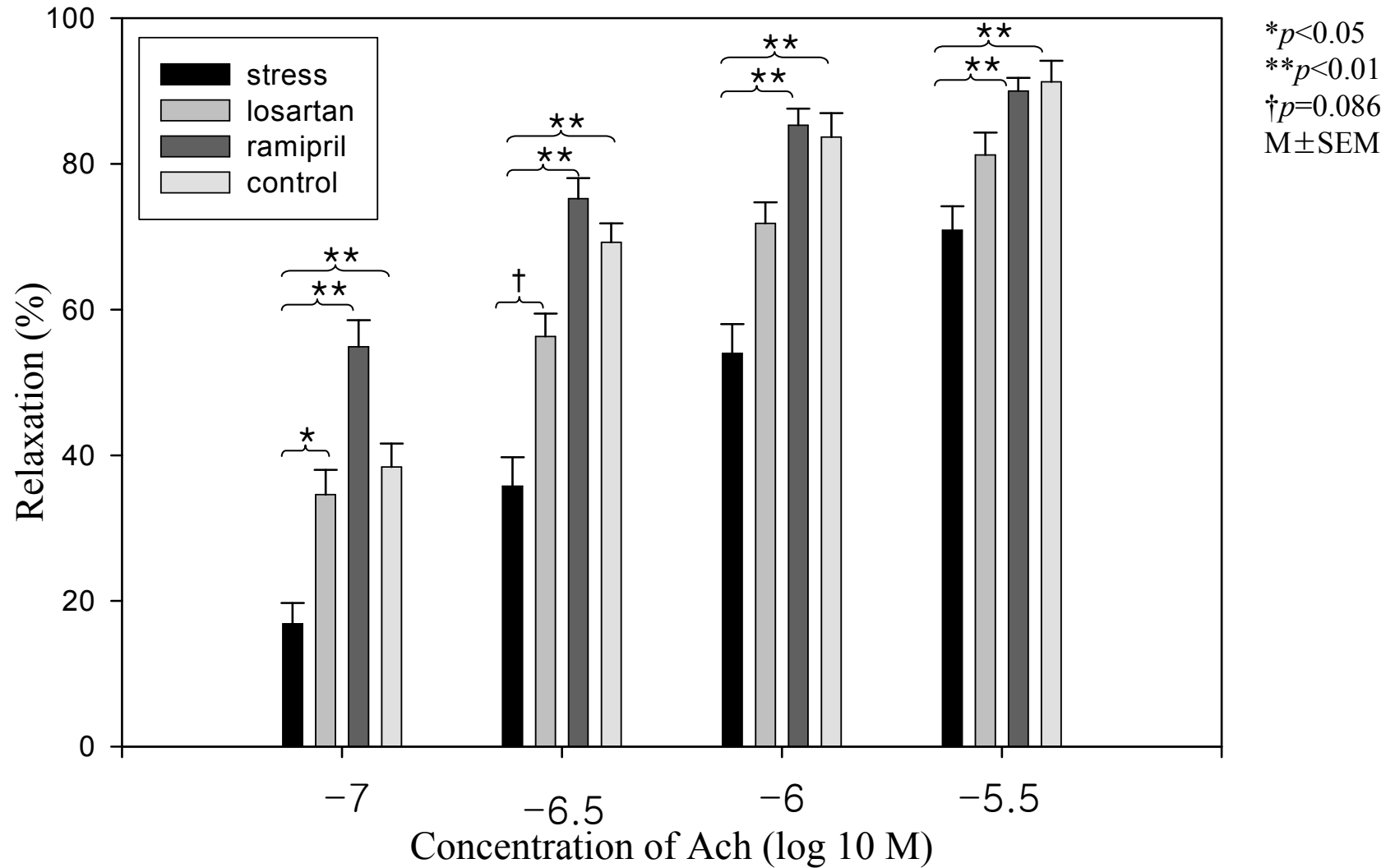


Immobilization stress induces changes in ROS

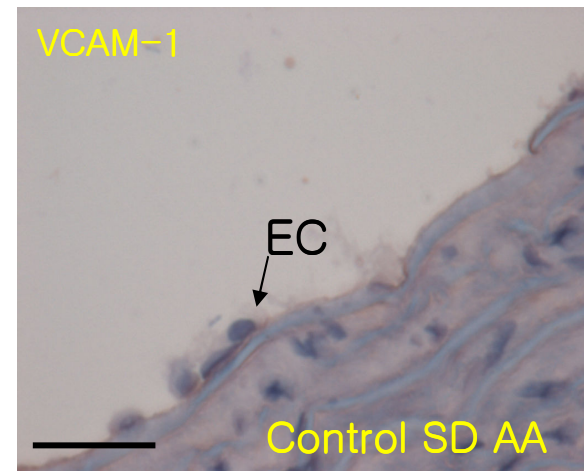
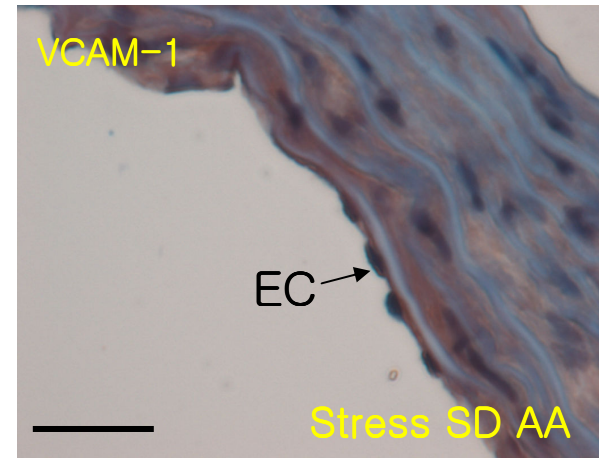
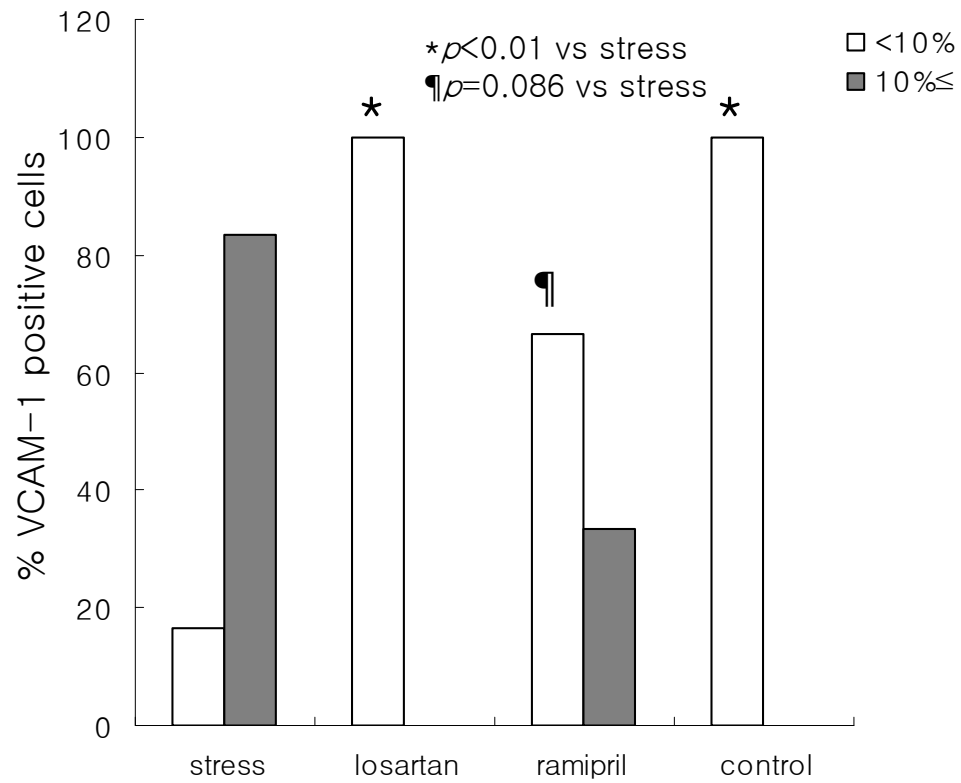


* $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, † $p < 0.05$ for final vs baseline
M \pm SEM

Changes in Ach-induced arterial relaxation

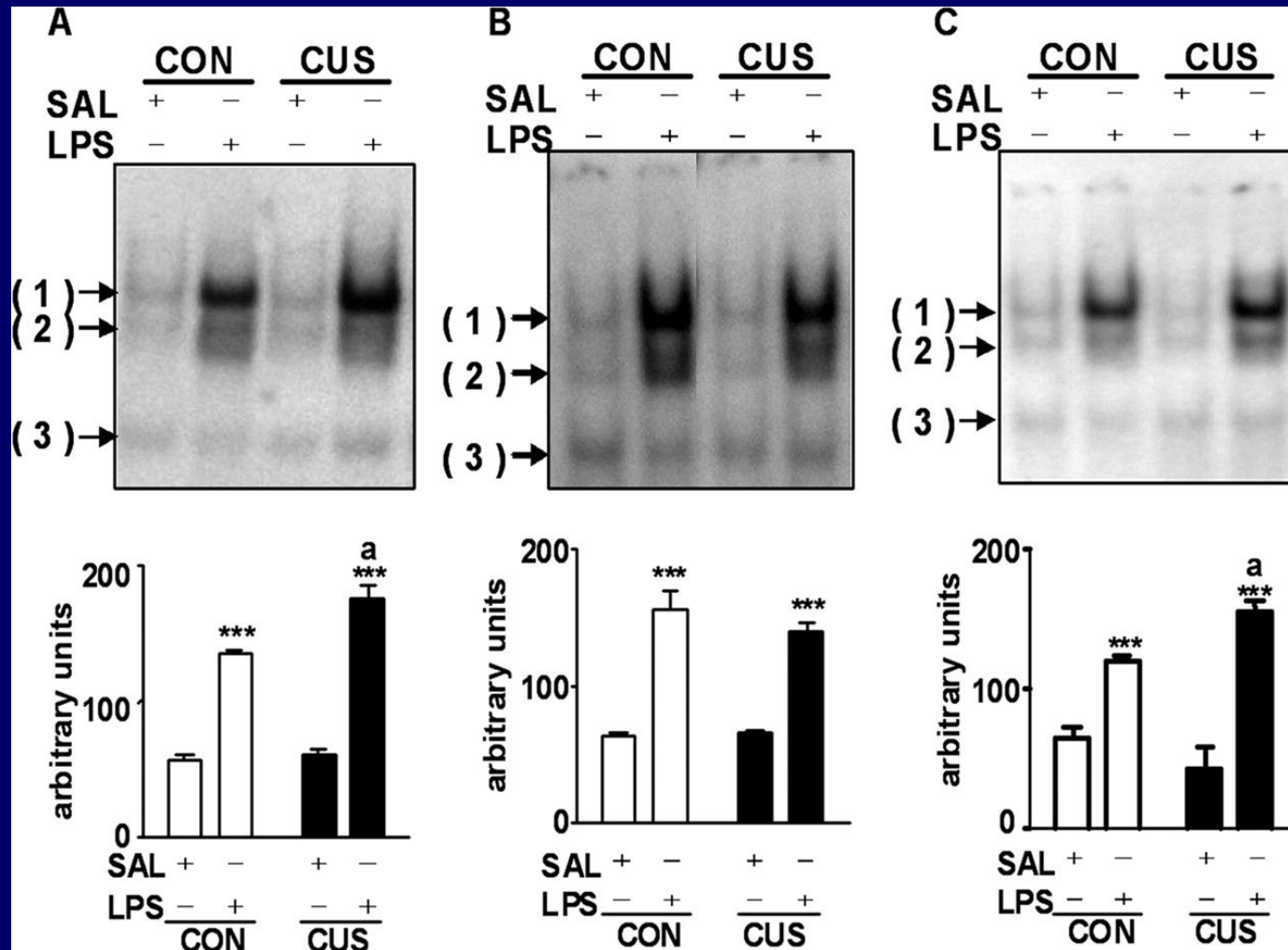


Immobilization stress can enhance expression of VCAM-1



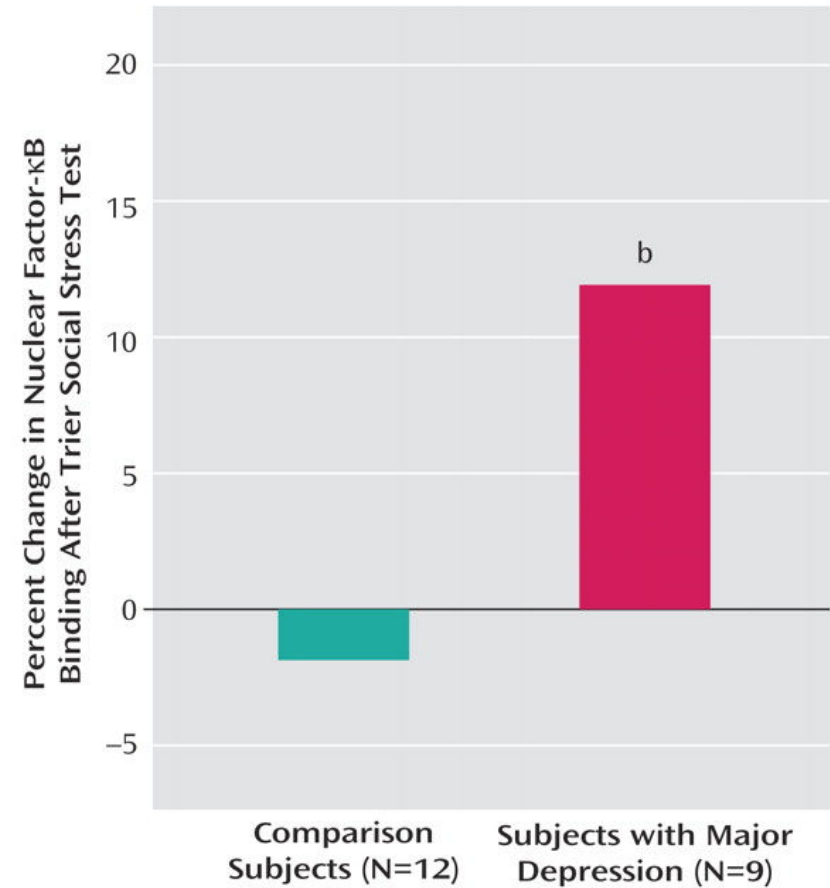
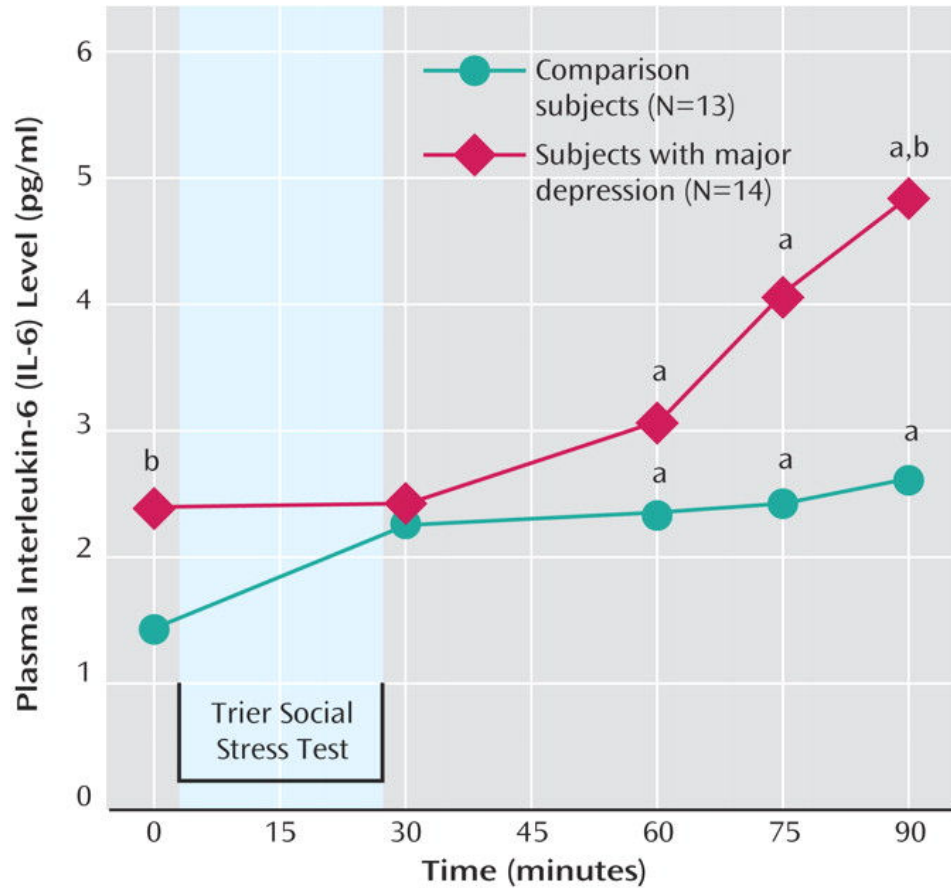
Bar: 50 μ m

Effect of CUS on NF- κ B activation induced by LPS or saline (SAL) in the frontal cortex (A), hypothalamus (B), or hippocampus (C)



Munhoz, C. D. et al. J. Neurosci. 2006;26:3813-3820

Plasma IL-6 and NF- κ B DNA Binding in PBMC of Patients With Major Depression After a Psychosocial Stressor Challenge



Neurogenic Inflammation in Stress

- Both somatic and autonomic nerves are associated with inflammatory cells, and nervous transmission may result in neurogenic inflammation
 - : Nervous innervation is a requirement for establishing certain inflammatory reaction: eg. rheumatoid arthritis
- Direct linkage between neurogenic stimulation and proinflammatory cytokine release
 - contributing inflammatory mediators in stress
 - PGE2**: + SN ending
 - Neuropeptide Y**: cotransmitter of SN innervation
 - promotes SMC proliferation, enhances leukocyte adhesion, platelet aggregation, and MΦ activation
 - CRF**: + in SN ending, sensory N, spinal cord
 - Substance P**: + in autonomic N, ganglia, spinal cord,
 - IL-6**: + in sensory N, autonomic N

Vascular Injury mediated through Oxidative Stress

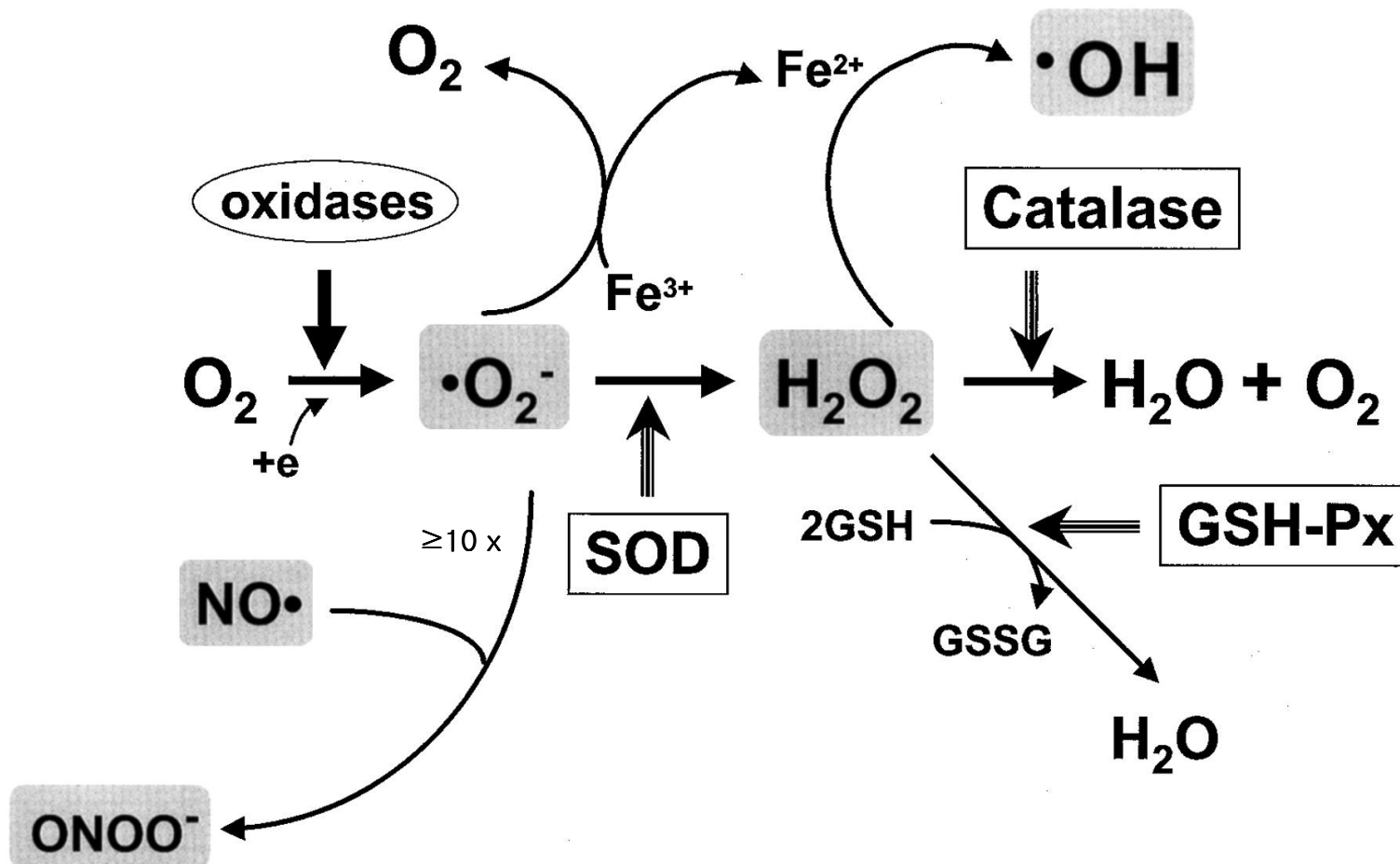
- **Response to injury Hypothesis**

Injury to the endothelium might precipitate the atherosclerotic process (Virchow R, 1856)

Atherosclerotic lesions result from an excessive inflammatory-fibroproliferative response various forms of insult to the endothelium and smooth muscle of the artery wall (Ross R, Nature. 1993)

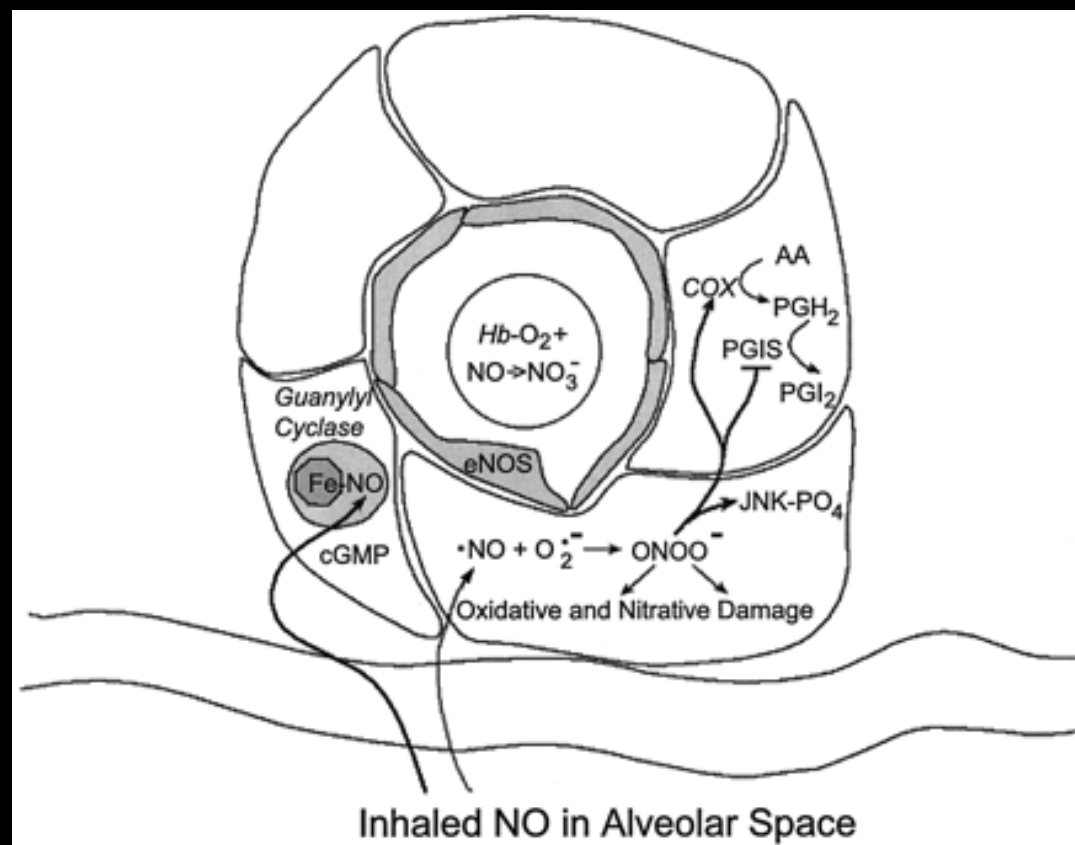
- **Oxidative stress**, an excessive production of ROS outstripping antioxidant defense systems, has been implicated in many pathophysiological conditions in cardiovascular systems (atherosclerosis, hypertension, restenosis, smoking, hypercholesterolemia, DM, hypertension, heart failure), cancer, and neurodegeneration.

Vascular ROS

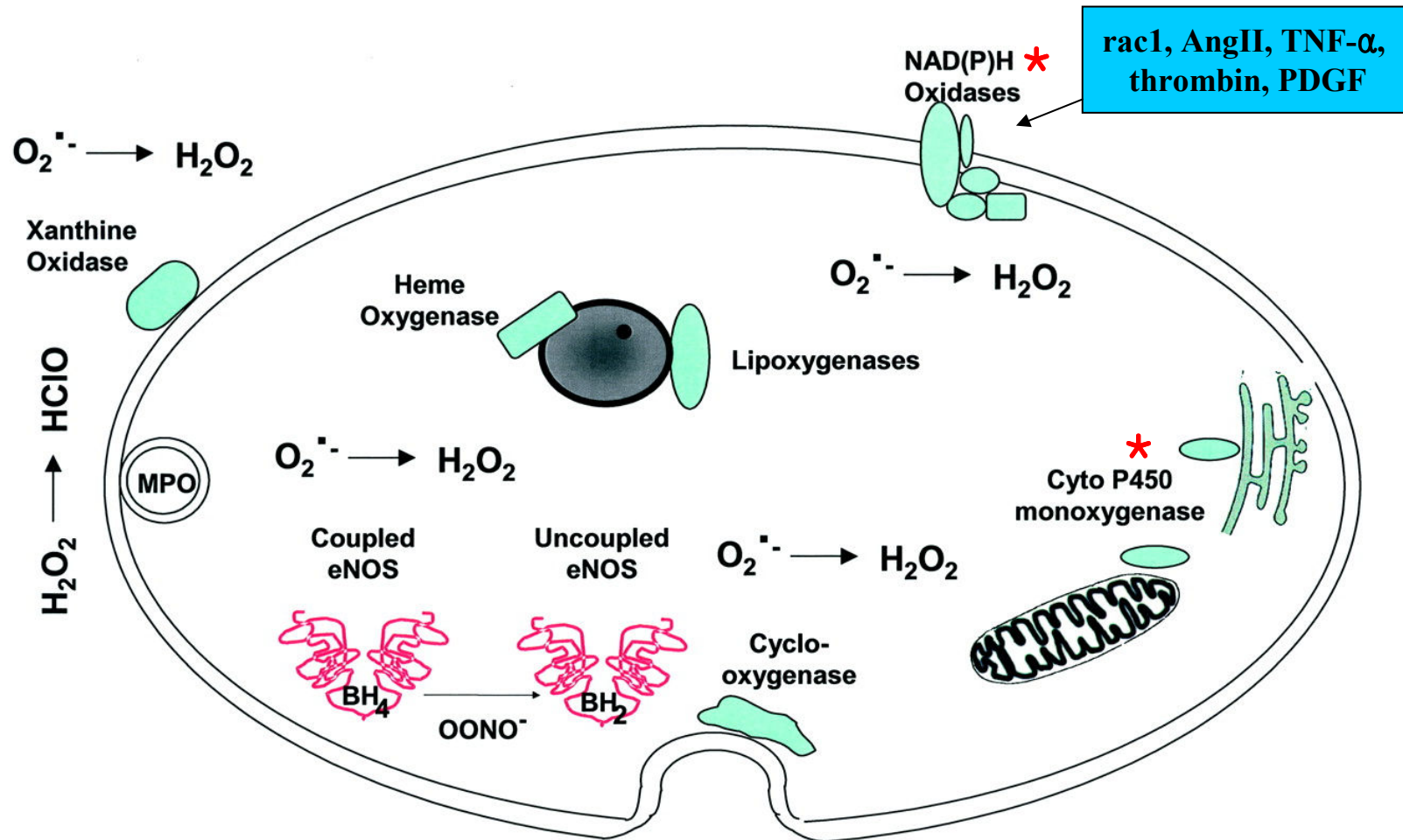


Peroxynitrite (ONOO⁻)

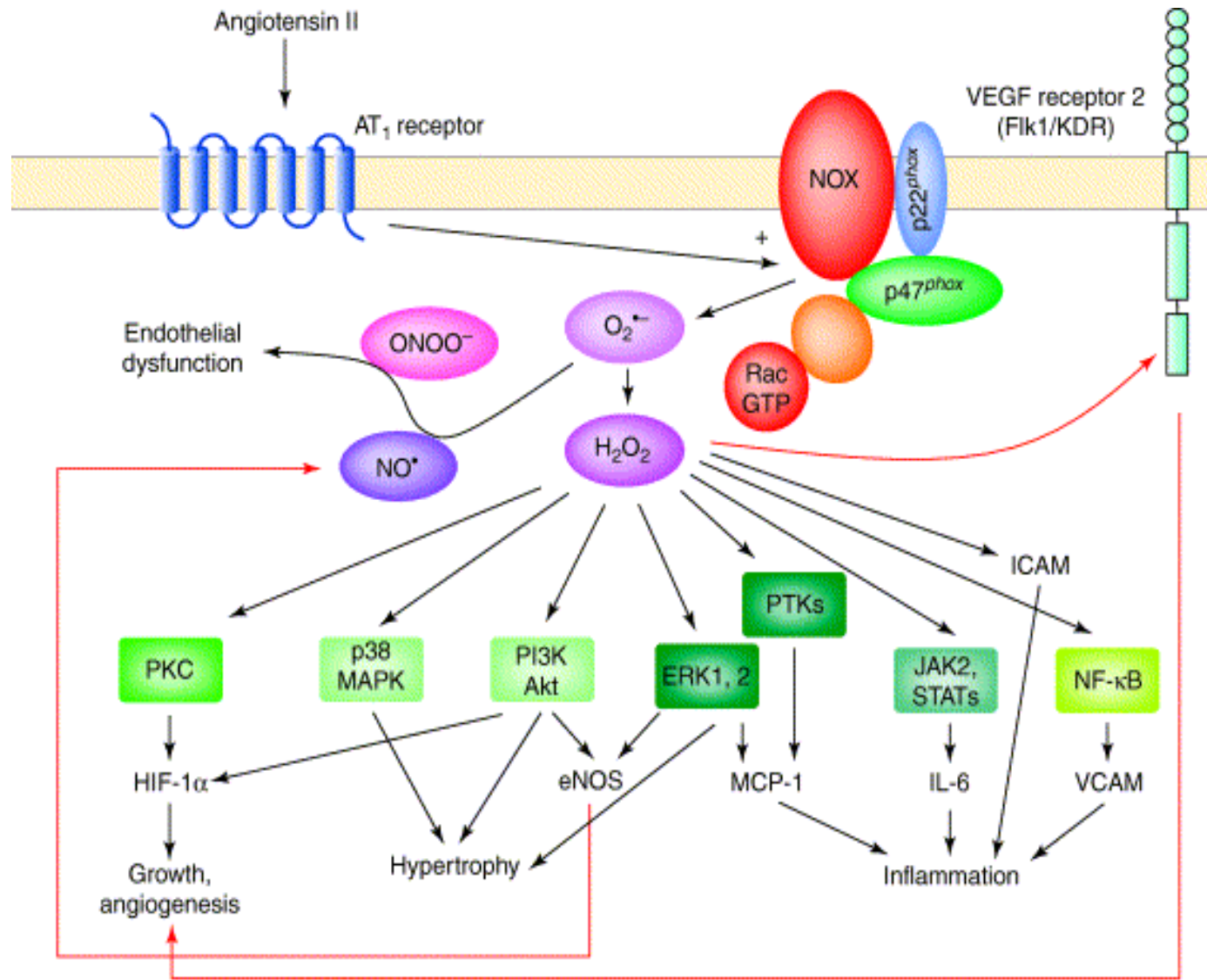
- strong **oxidant**: oxidative damage of DNA, RNA, proteins, lipids
- Mediator of **protein nitration**
- Promotes inflammatory synthesis of prostaglandin by **activating cyclooxygenase (COX)**
- Attack **prostacyclin synthase** (Tyr nitration?): Accumulating PGH₂ can activate thromboxane receptors, thereby promoting **vasoconstriction**
- Deactivate anti-inflammatory agents
- Activate c-Jun-NH₂-terminal kinase (JNK) thereby inducing a wide range of stress-related responses including apoptosis
- **Protective role**: microbicidal agent, limit bleeding



Potential sources of ROS

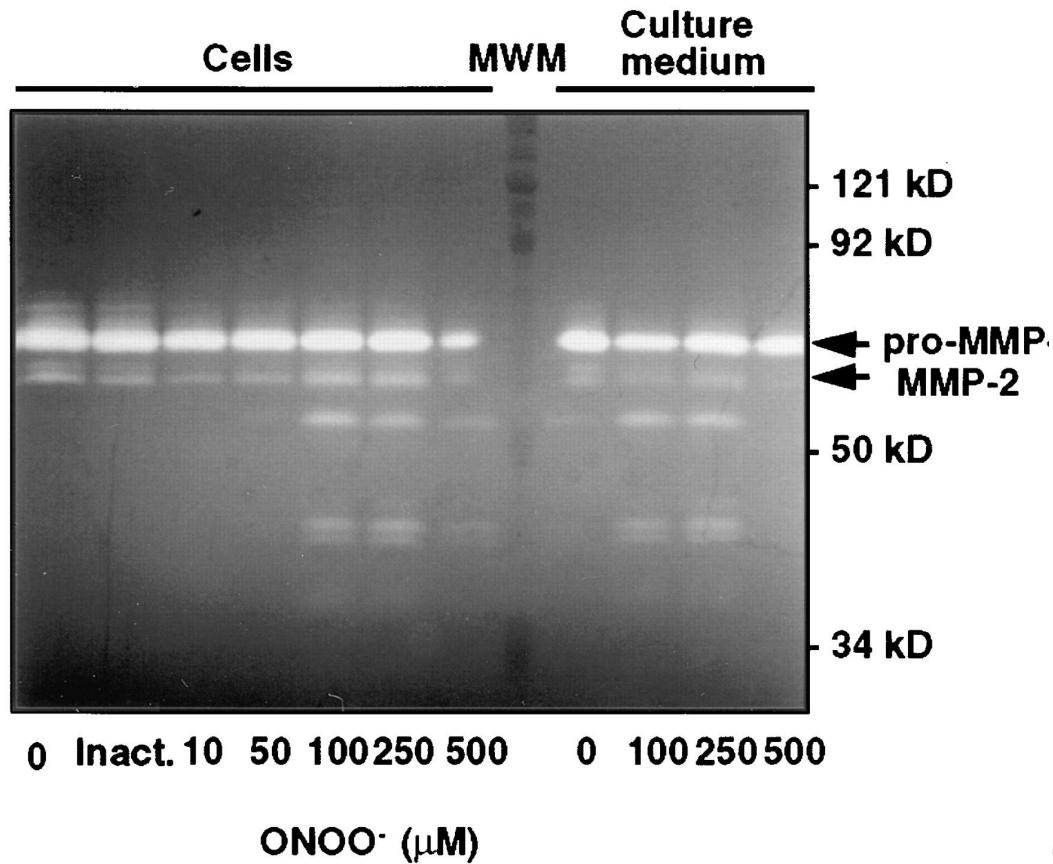


Consequences of NAD(P)H oxidase activation

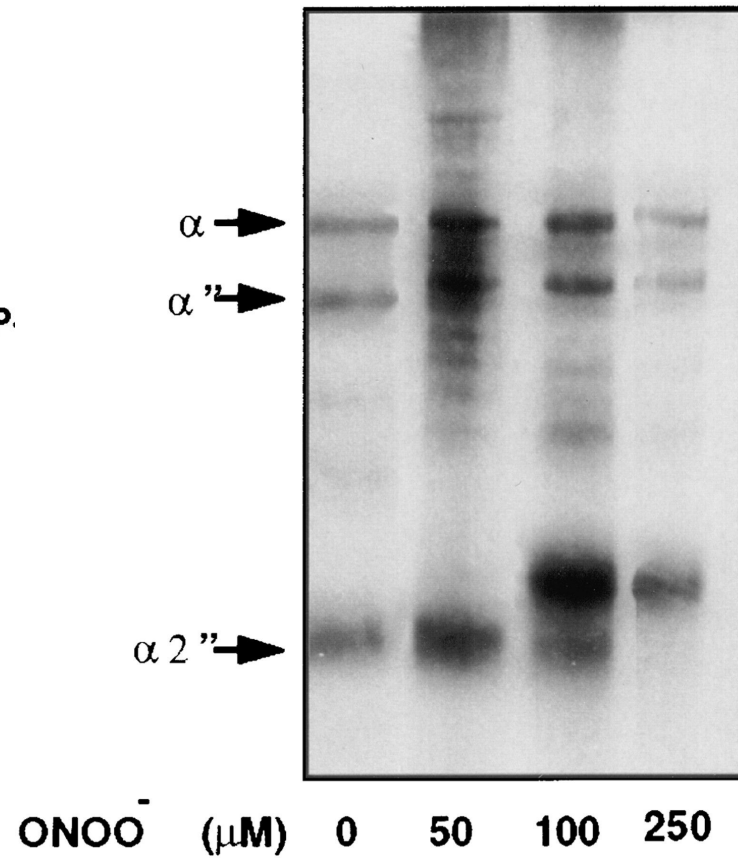


Peroxynitrite can increase MMP2 activity

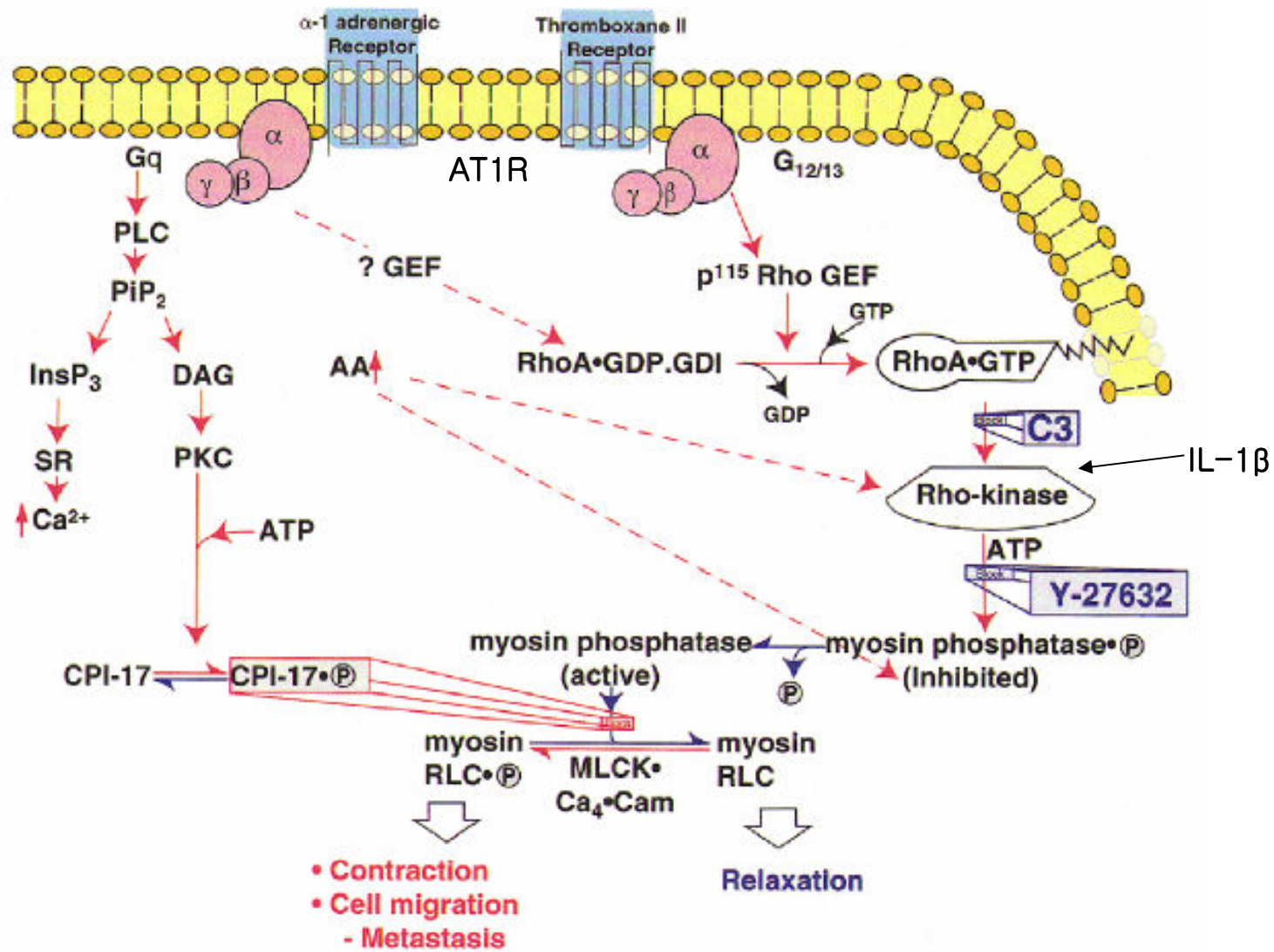
Effect of ONOO⁻ on gelatinolytic activity in human SMCs



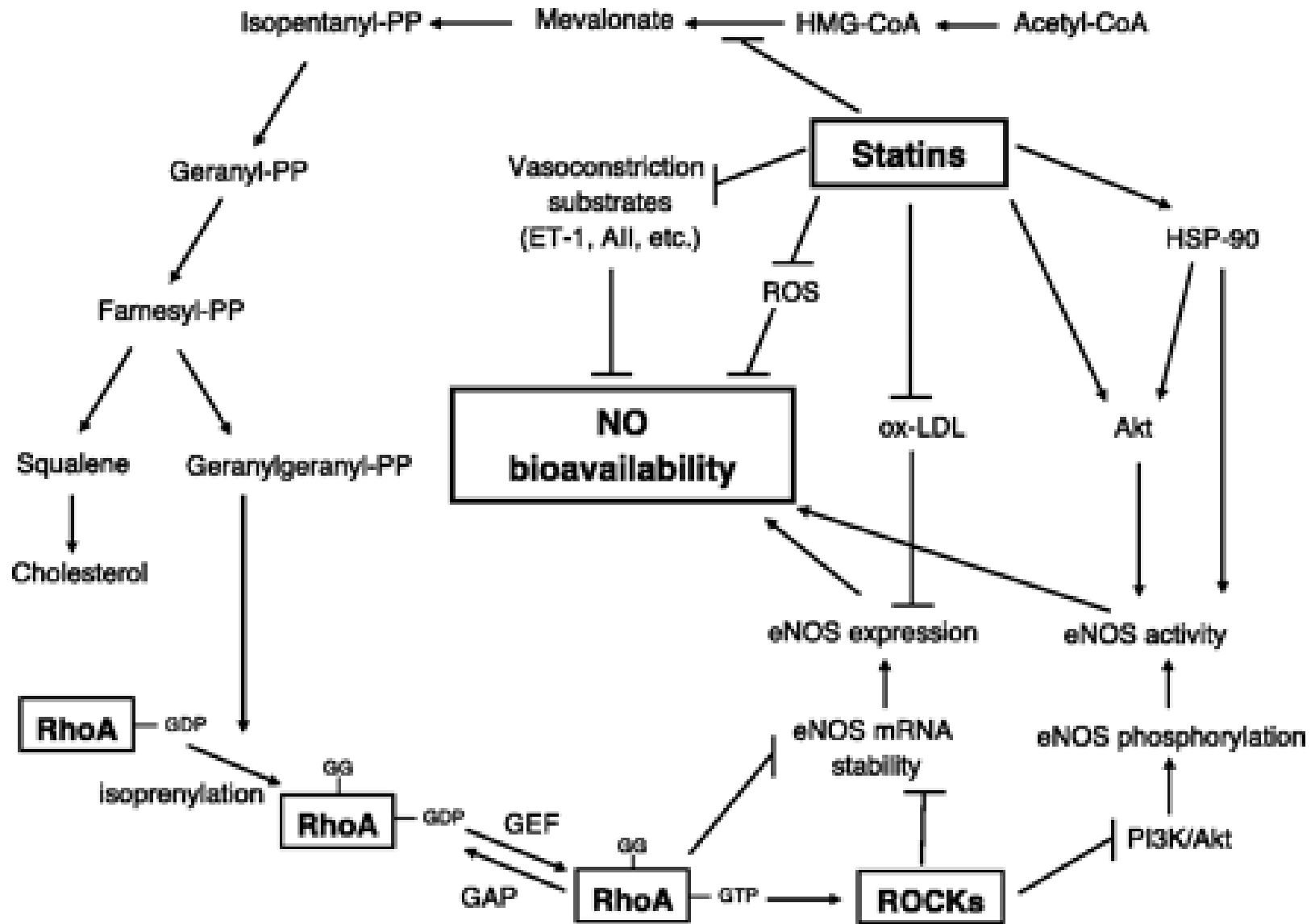
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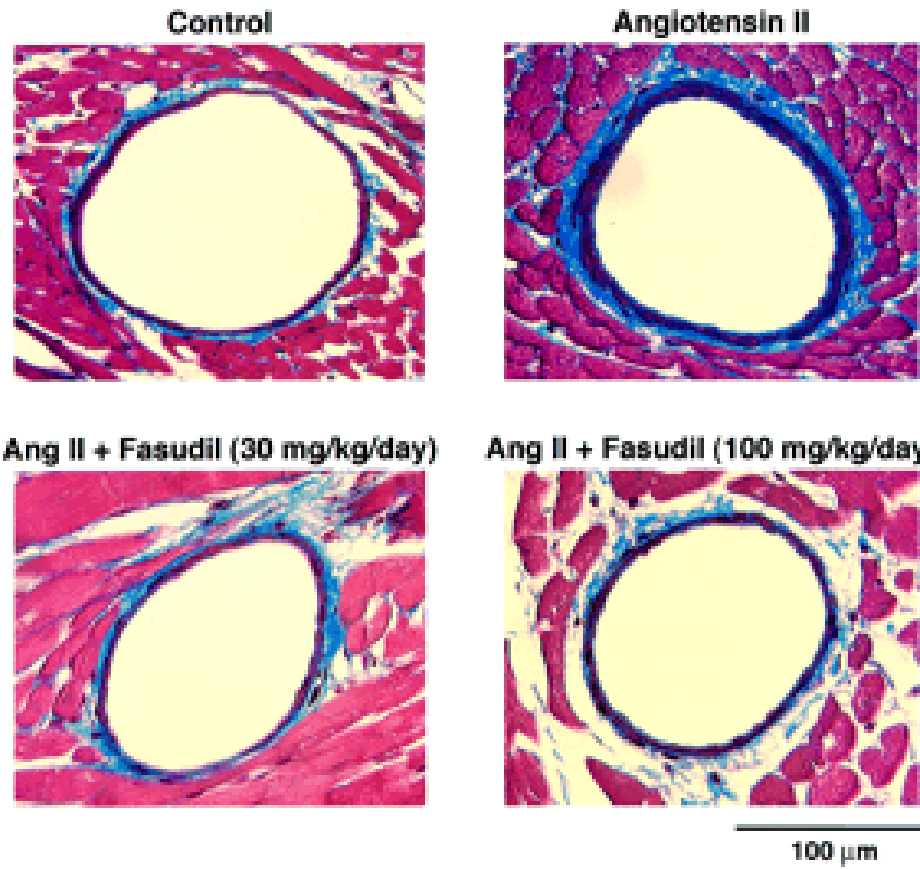
Regulation of myosin II in SMC and non-muscle cells



Regulation of eNOS by ROCK

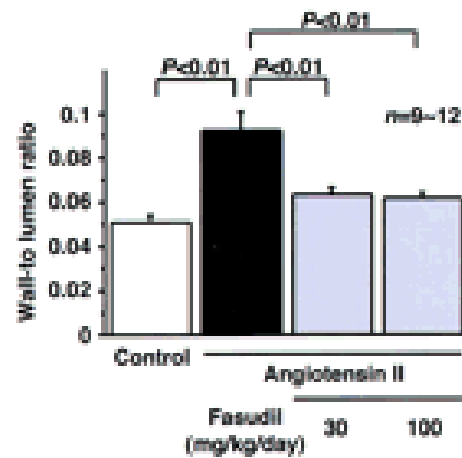


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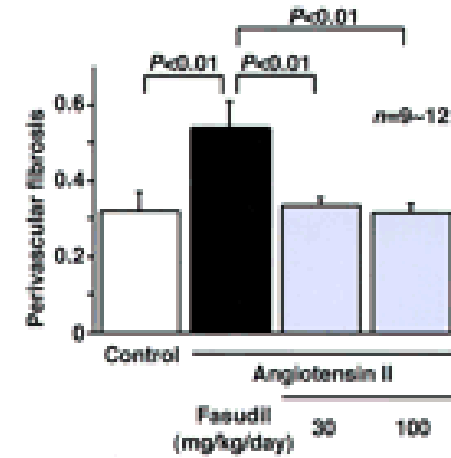


Ang II-mediated coronary vascular hypertrophy: role of Rho-kinase

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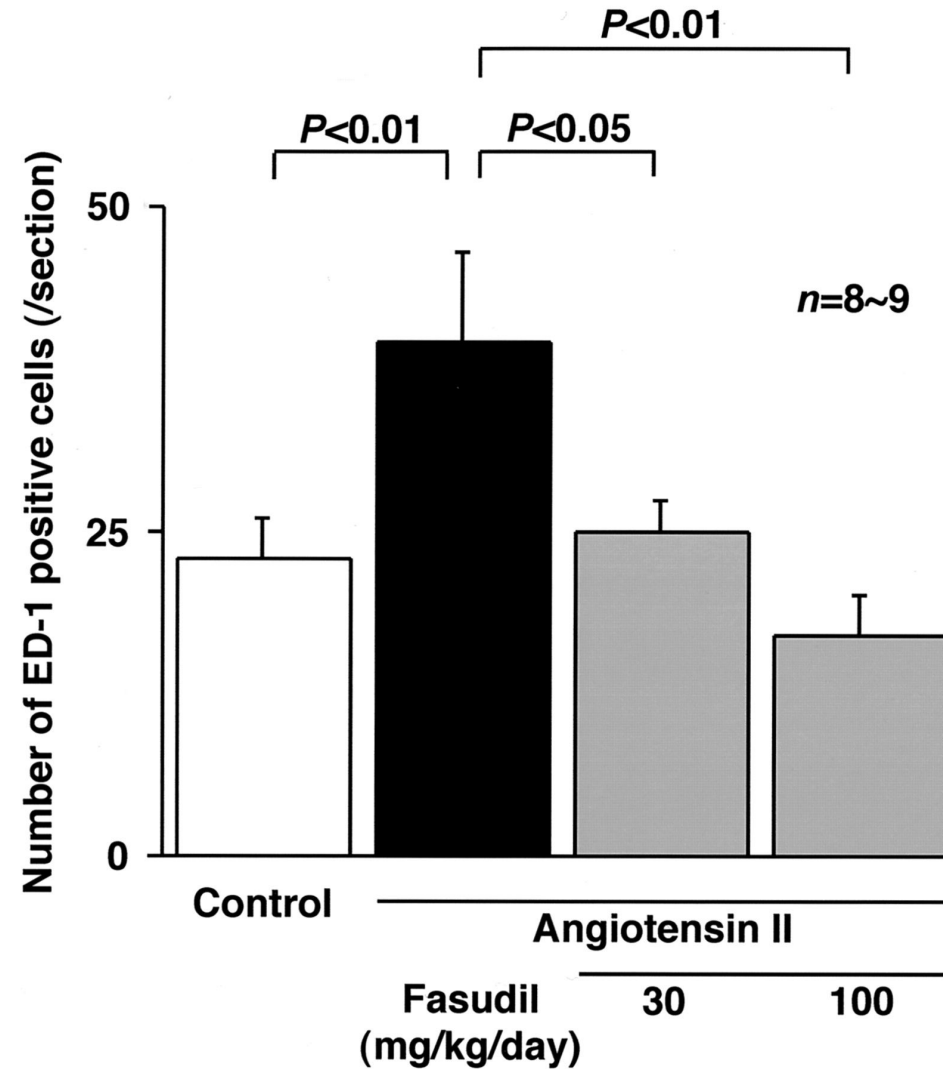


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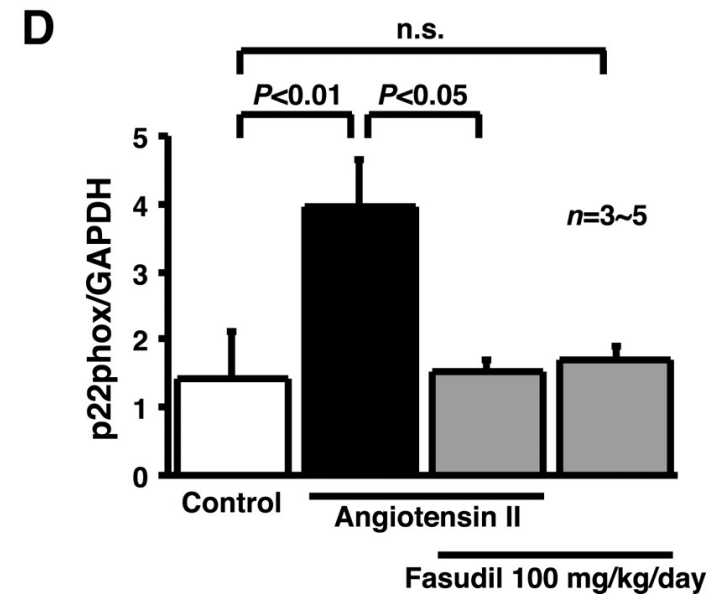
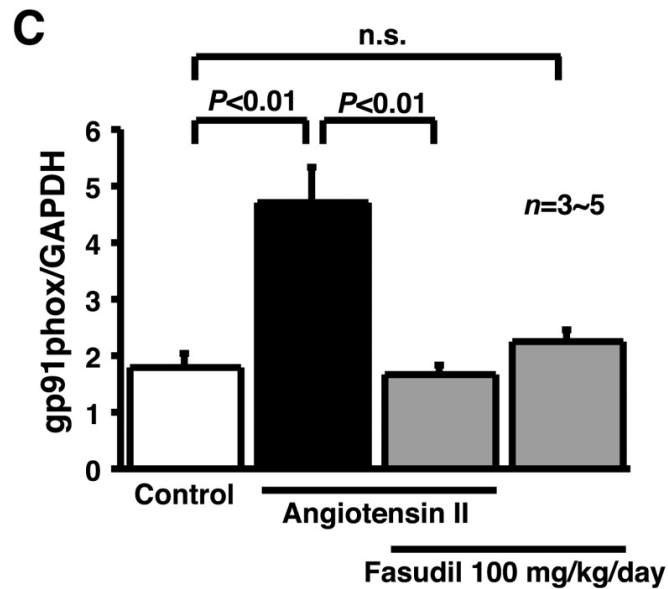
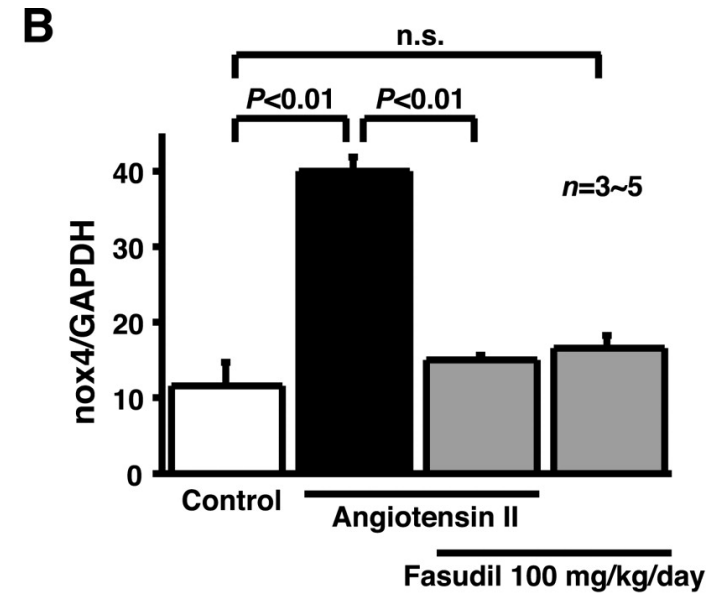
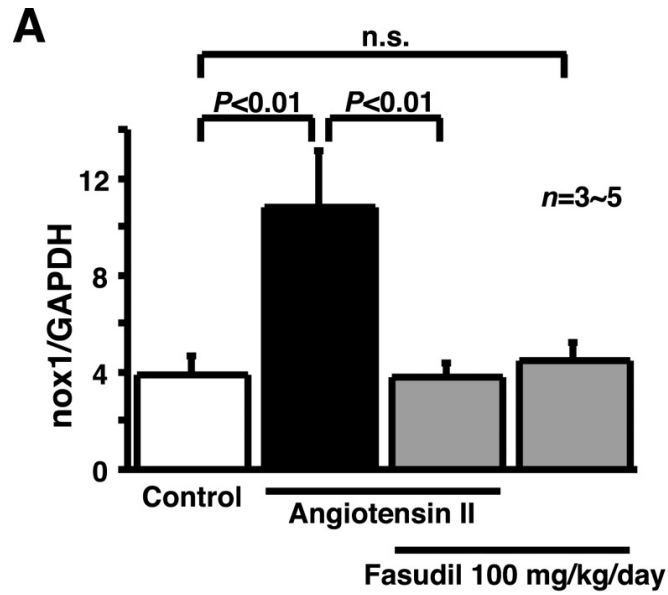


Ang II-mediated vascular macrophage accumulation

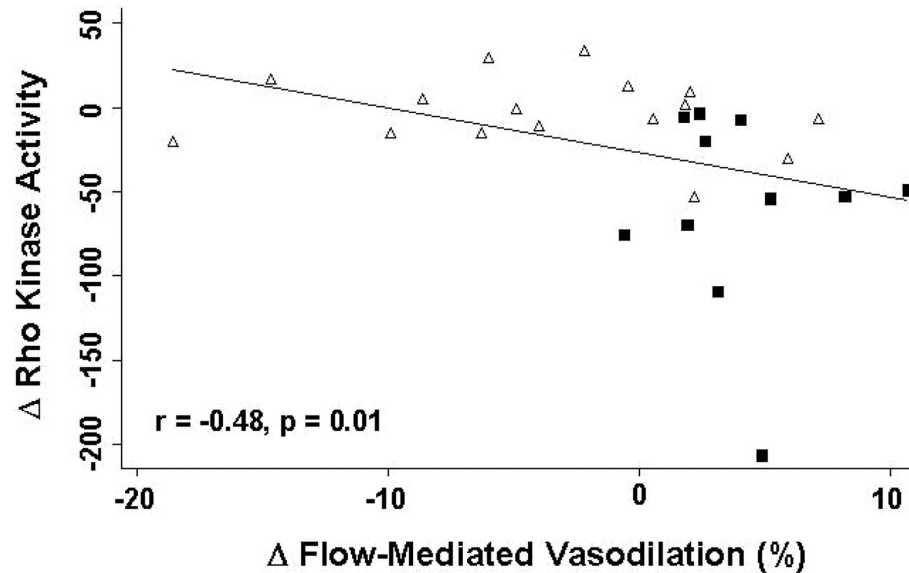
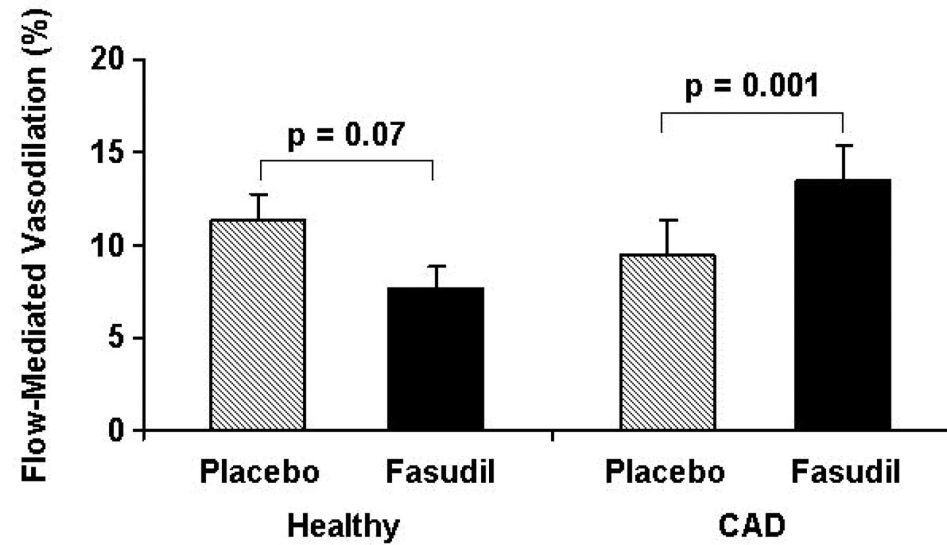
Role of Rho-kinase



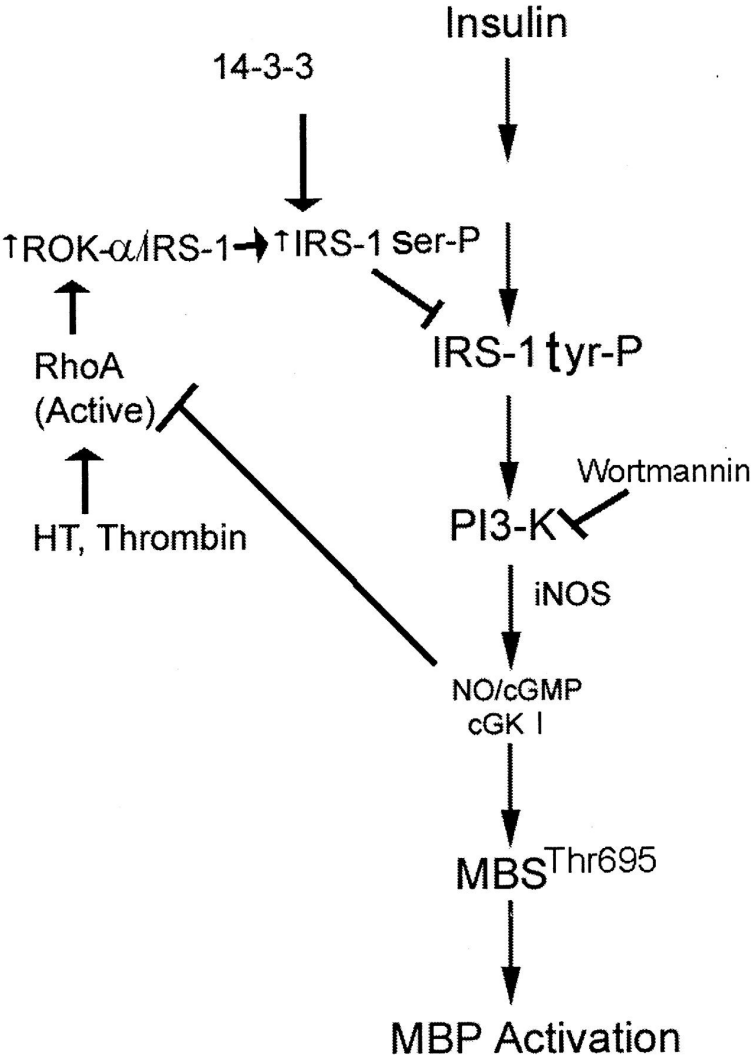
Ang II-mediated NADPH oxidase: Role of Rho-kinase



ROCK inhibition improves endothelial function in CAD



Active ROCK- α associates with Insulin Receptor Substrate-1 and inhibits insulin signaling in VSMCs



Original Article

Inflammatory stimuli upregulate Rho-kinase in human coronary vascular smooth muscle cells

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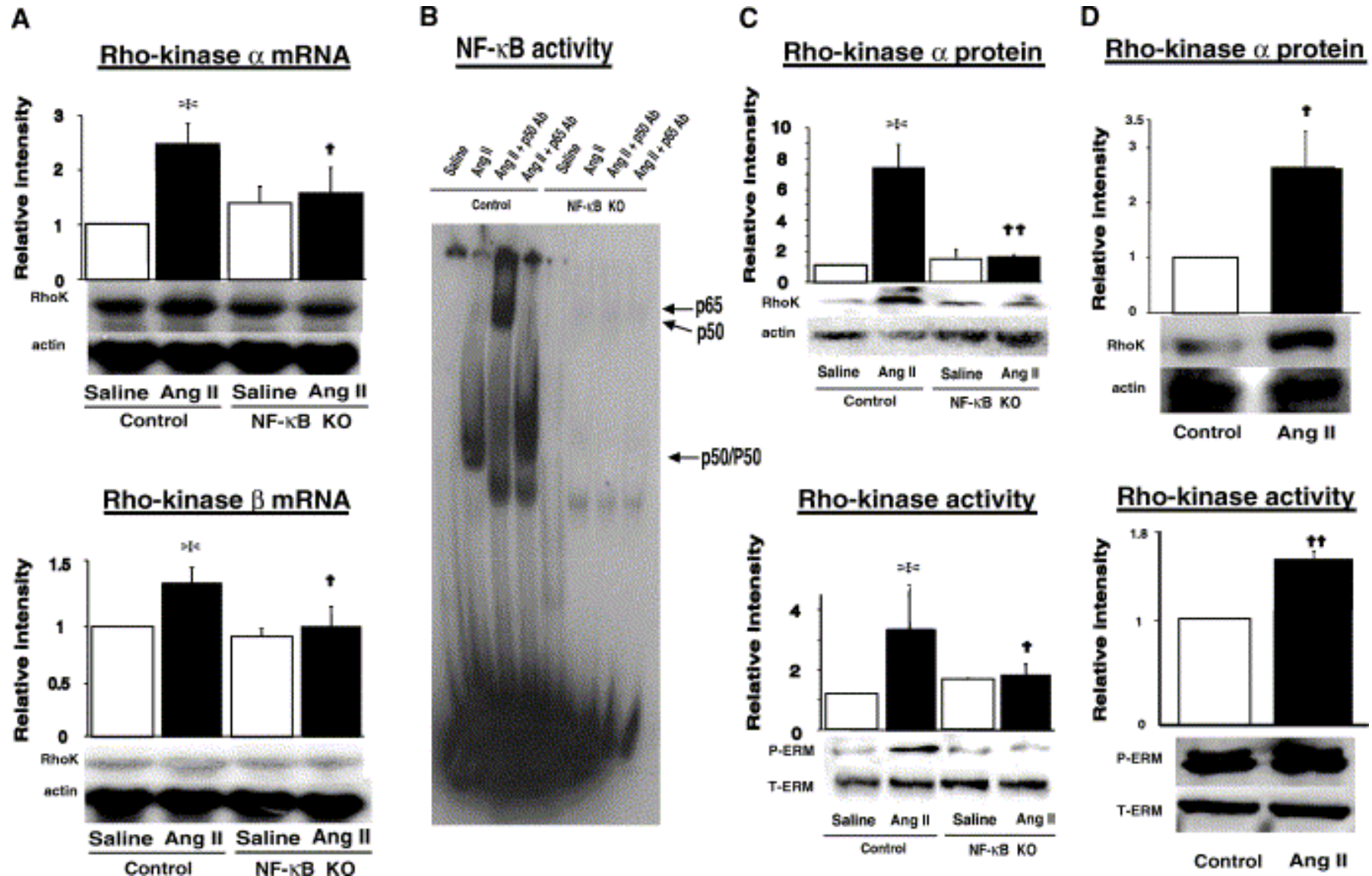
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Abstract

Recent studies have demonstrated that upregulated Rho-kinase plays an important role in the pathogenesis of arteriosclerosis and vasospasm in both animals and humans. However, little is known about the molecular mechanism(s) involved in the Rho-kinase upregulation. Since inflammatory mechanisms have been implicated in the pathogenesis of arteriosclerosis and vasospasm, we examined whether inflammatory stimuli upregulate Rho-kinase *in vitro* and *in vivo*. In cultured human coronary vascular smooth muscle cells (hcVSMC), inflammatory stimuli, such as angiotensin II and interleukin-1 β , increased Rho-kinase expression (at both mRNA and protein levels) and function (as evaluated by the extent of the phosphorylation of the ERM (the ezrin/radixin/moesin) family, substrates of Rho-kinase) in a time- and concentration-dependent manner. The expression of Rho-kinase was inhibited by blockades of protein kinase C (PKC) (by either GF109253 or prolonged treatment with phorbol myristate acetate for 24 h) and an adenovirus-mediated gene transfer of dominant-active I κ -B, suggesting an involvement of PKC and NF- κ B in the intracellular signal transduction pathway for the Rho-kinase expression. Furthermore, coronary vascular lesion formation (characterized by medial thickening and perivascular fibrosis) induced by a long-term administration of angiotensin II was markedly suppressed in NF- κ B^{-/-} mice with reduced expression and activity of Rho-kinase *in vivo*. These results indicate that the expression and function of Rho-kinase are upregulated by inflammatory stimuli (e.g. angiotensin II and IL-1 β) in hcVSMC with an involvement of PKC and NF- κ B both *in vitro* and *in vivo*.

Ang II induce expression and activation of ROCK via NF- κ B *in vivo*

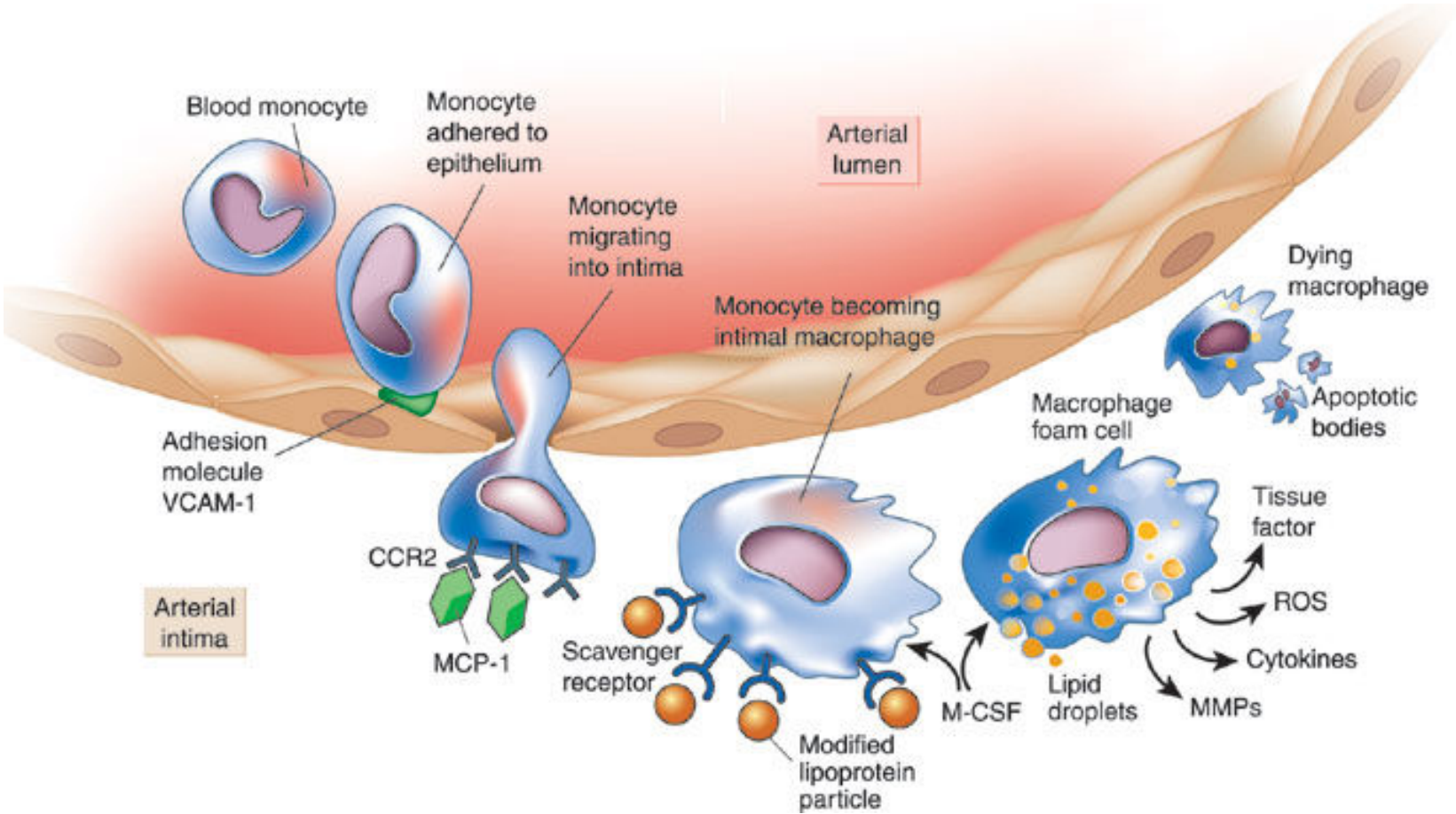


Factor XIIIa Transglutaminase Crosslinks AT₁ Receptor Dimers of Monocytes at the Onset of Atherosclerosis

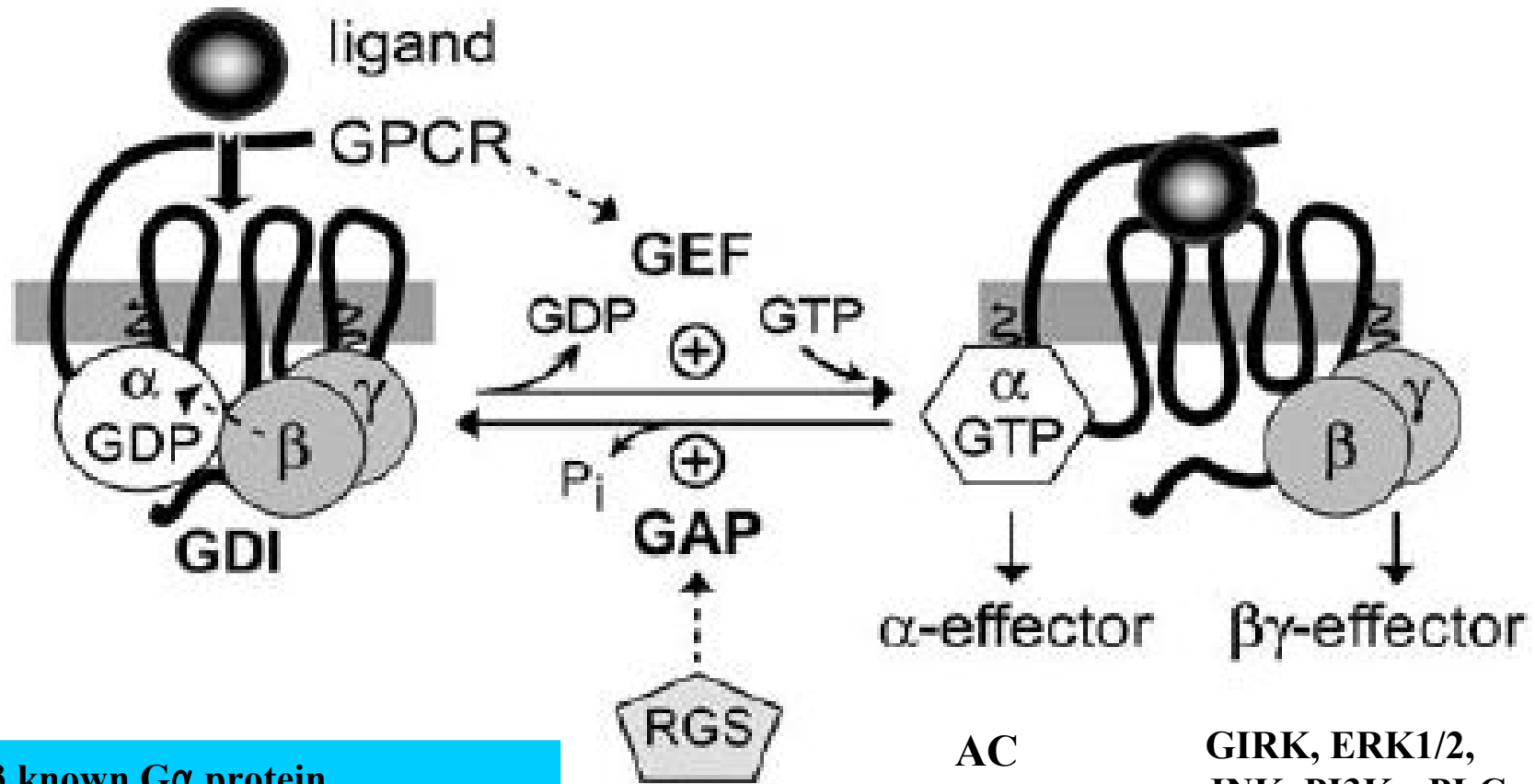
Summary

Many G protein-coupled receptors form dimers in cells. However, underlying mechanisms are barely understood. We report here that intracellular factor XIIIa transglutaminase crosslinks agonist-induced AT₁ receptor homodimers via glutamine³¹⁵ in the carboxyl-terminal tail of the AT₁ receptor. The crosslinked dimers displayed enhanced signaling and desensitization in vitro and in vivo. Inhibition of angiotensin II release or of factor XIIIa activity prevented formation of crosslinked AT₁ receptor dimers. In agreement with this finding, factor XIIIa-deficient individuals lacked crosslinked AT₁ dimers. Elevated levels of crosslinked AT₁ dimers were present on monocytes of patients with the common atherogenic risk factor hypertension and correlated with an enhanced angiotensin II-dependent monocyte adhesion to endothelial cells. Elevated levels of crosslinked AT₁ receptor dimers on monocytes could sustain the process of atherogenesis, because inhibition of angiotensin II generation or of intracellular factor XIIIa activity suppressed the appearance of crosslinked AT₁ receptors and symptoms of atherosclerosis in ApoE-deficient mice.

Mononuclear phagocytes in atherogenesis



G-Protein coupled Receptor (G-PCR) Signaling Model



23 known Gα protein
 Gα(s/olf)
 Gα(i1/i2/i3/t-rod/t-con/gust/z)
 Gα(q/11/14/16)
 Gα(12/13)

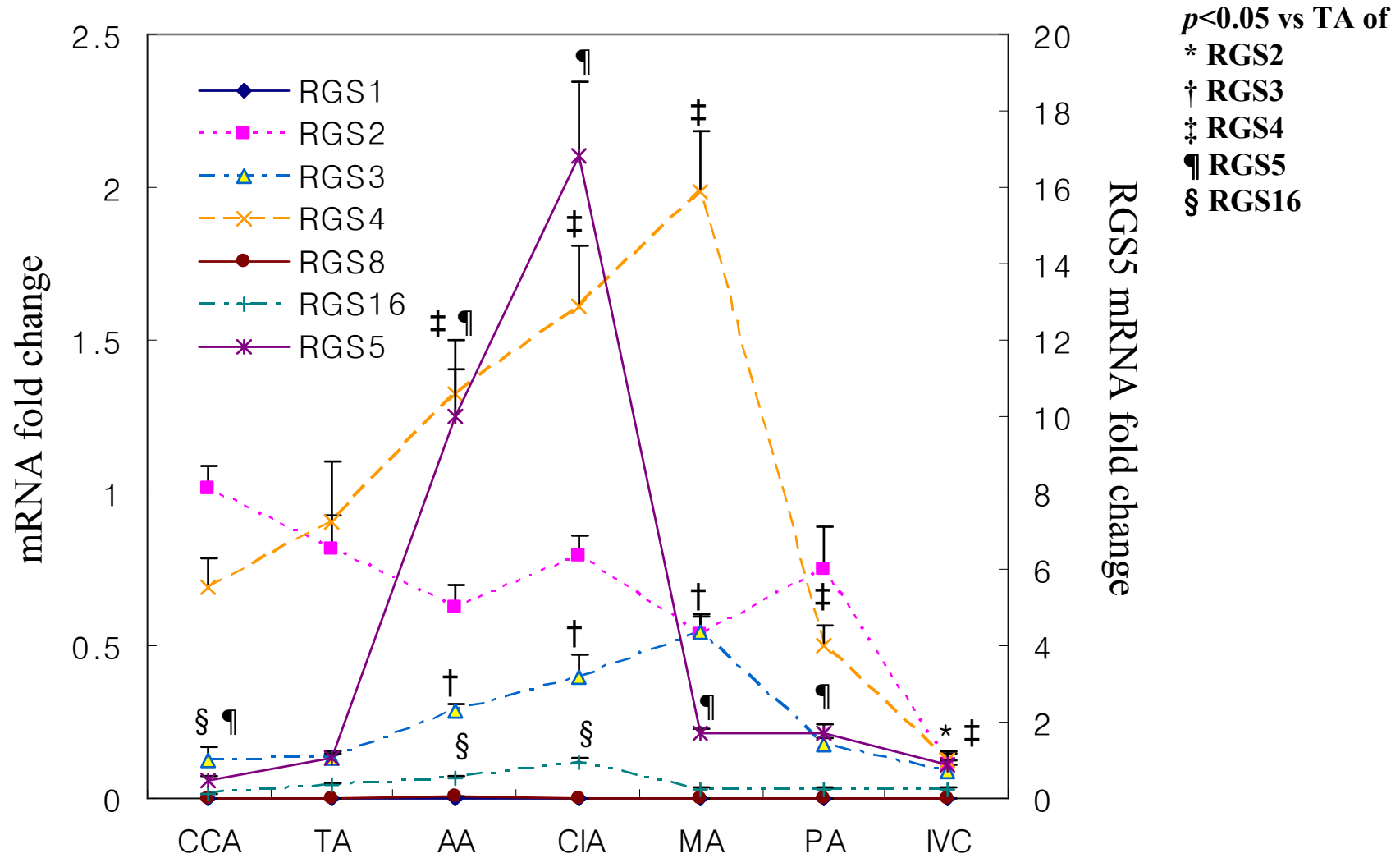
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GIRK, ERK1/2,
 JNK, PI3K, PLC-
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 MAPKs etc.

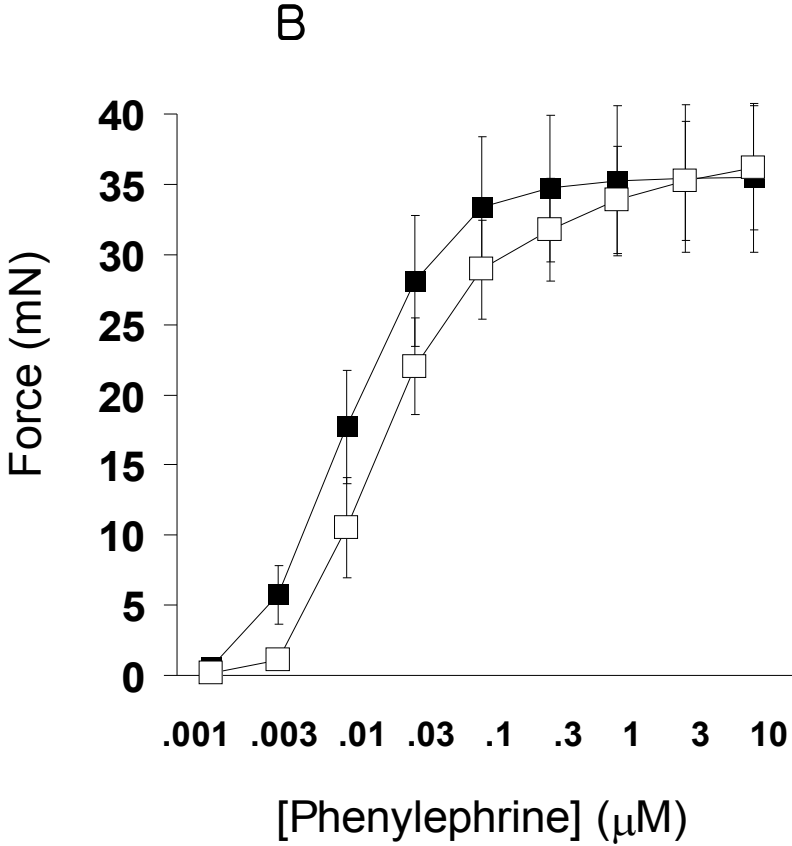
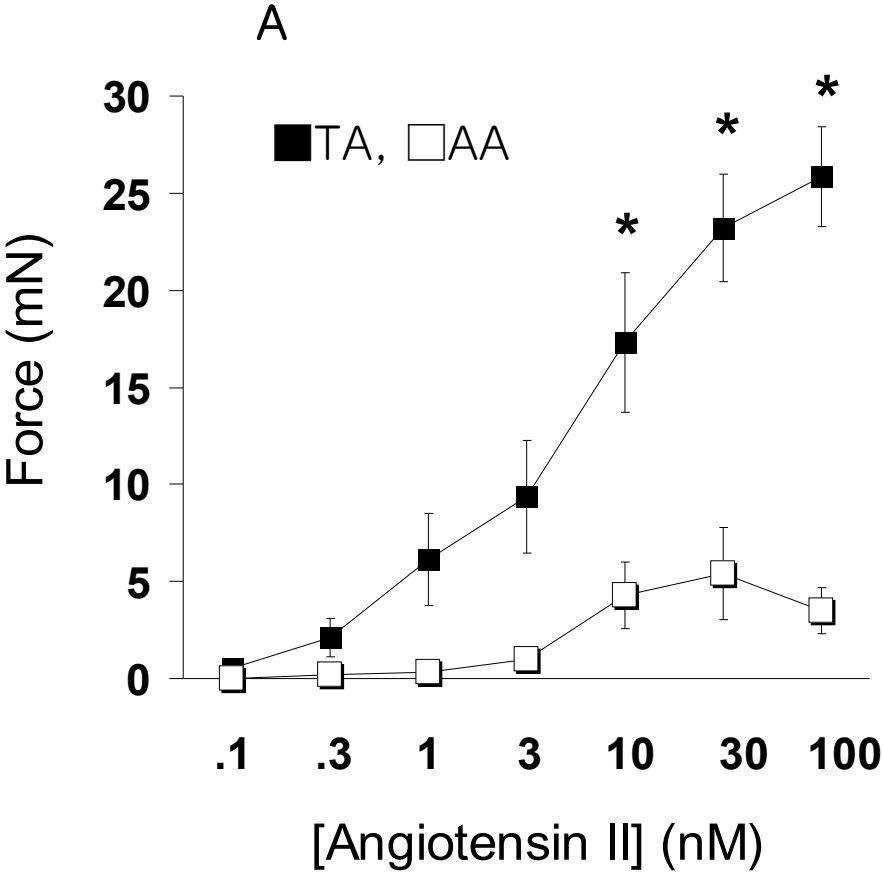
GPCR signaling & Cardiovascular disease

- **$G_{\alpha q}$ transgenic overexpression mediates changes in heart function leading to hypertrophy** (D'Angello D. PNAS197;94:8121).
- **RGS2+/- and RGS2-/- are hypertensive and show prolonged response of the vasculature to vasoconstrictor *in vivo*.** (Heximer SP, J Clin Invest 2003)
- **Transgenic overexpression of RGS4 in aortic coarctation mice model reduced ventricular hypertrophy and rapid decompensation** (Rogers JH. J Clin Invest 1999)

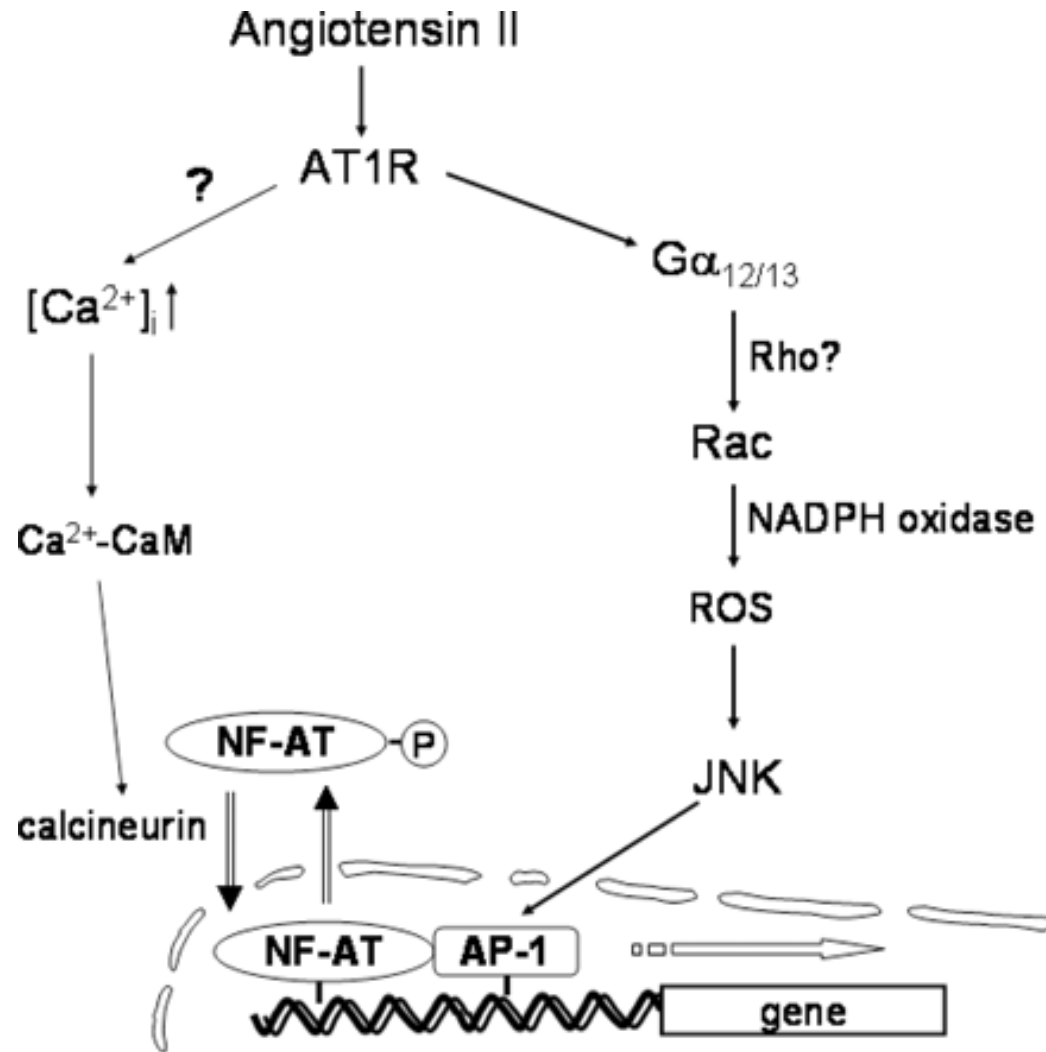
Differential expression of RGS proteins in each vascular segments



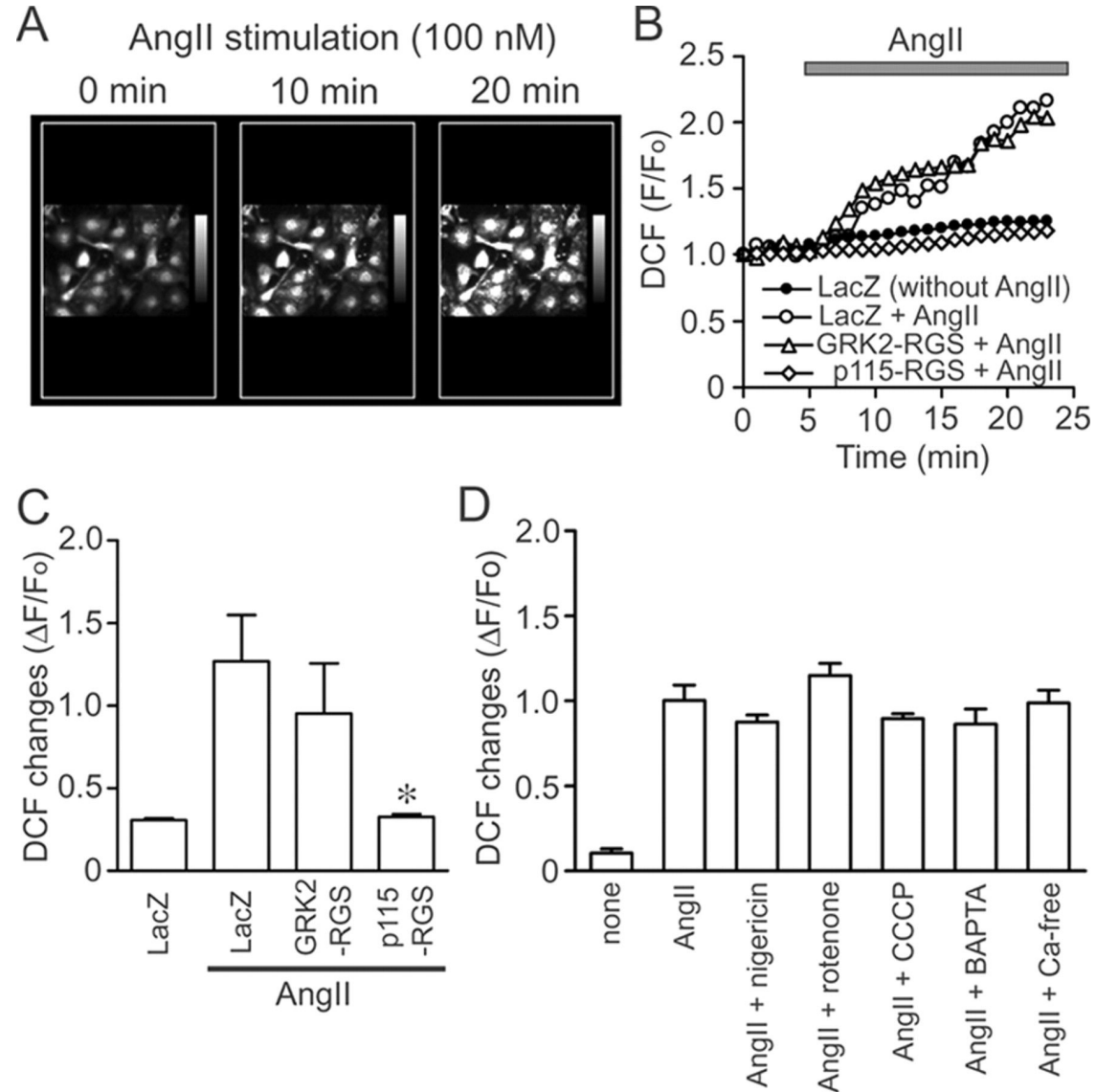
Decreased arterial contraction in abdominal vs thoracic aorta

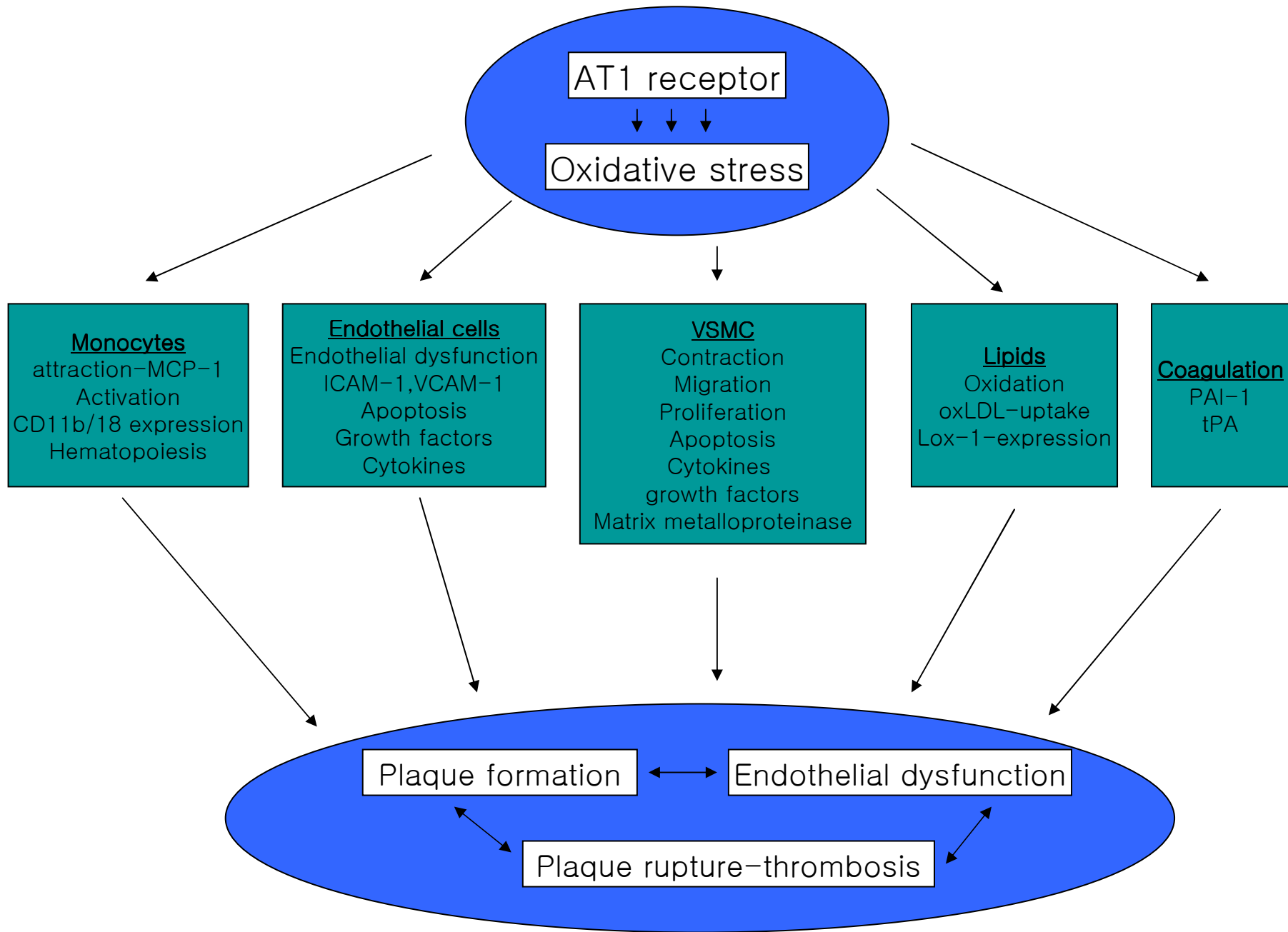


AT1R-stimulated NFAT Activation in Cardiac Fibroblast



G12/13 mediate Ang II-induced ROS production





Psychological Stress-mediated CV disease

