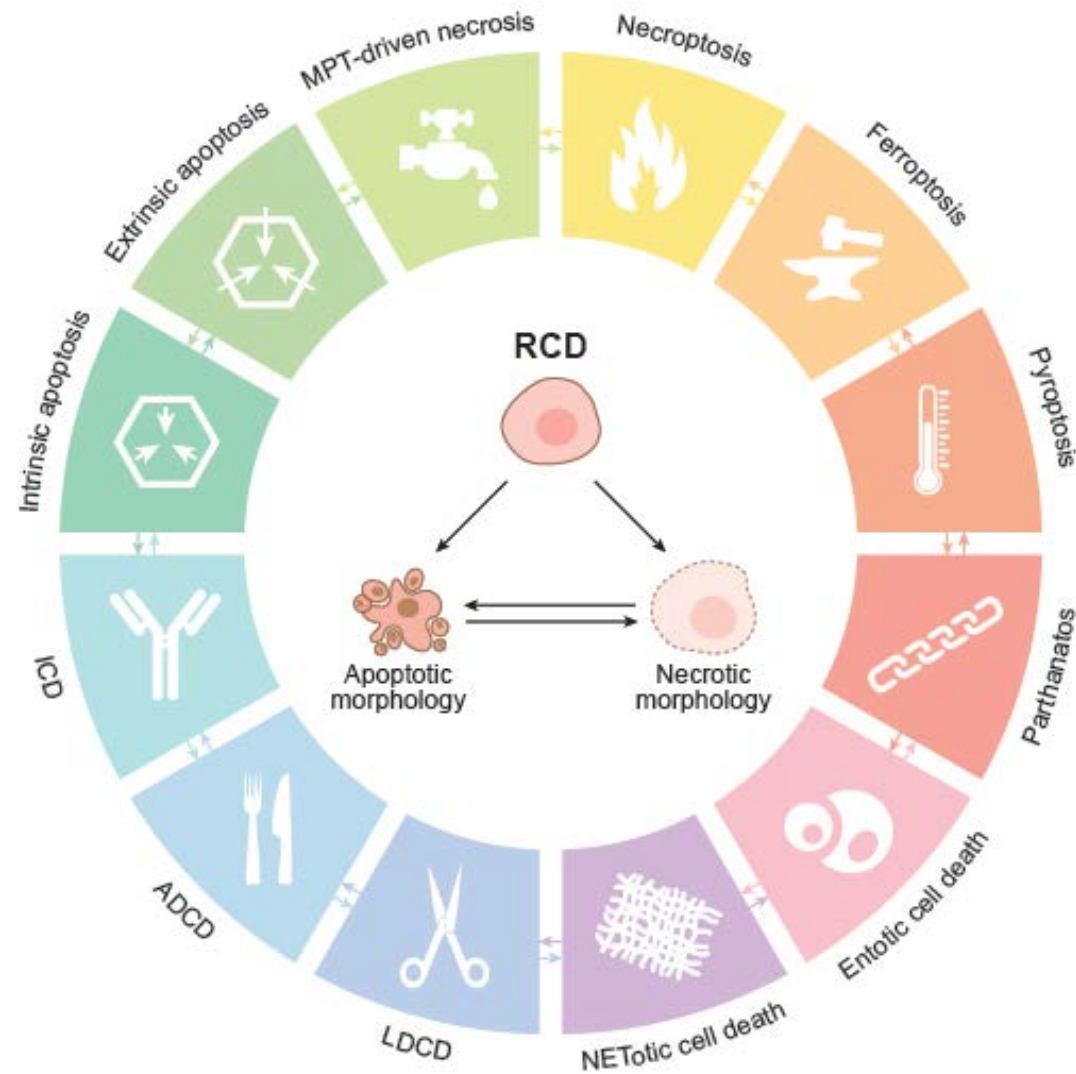
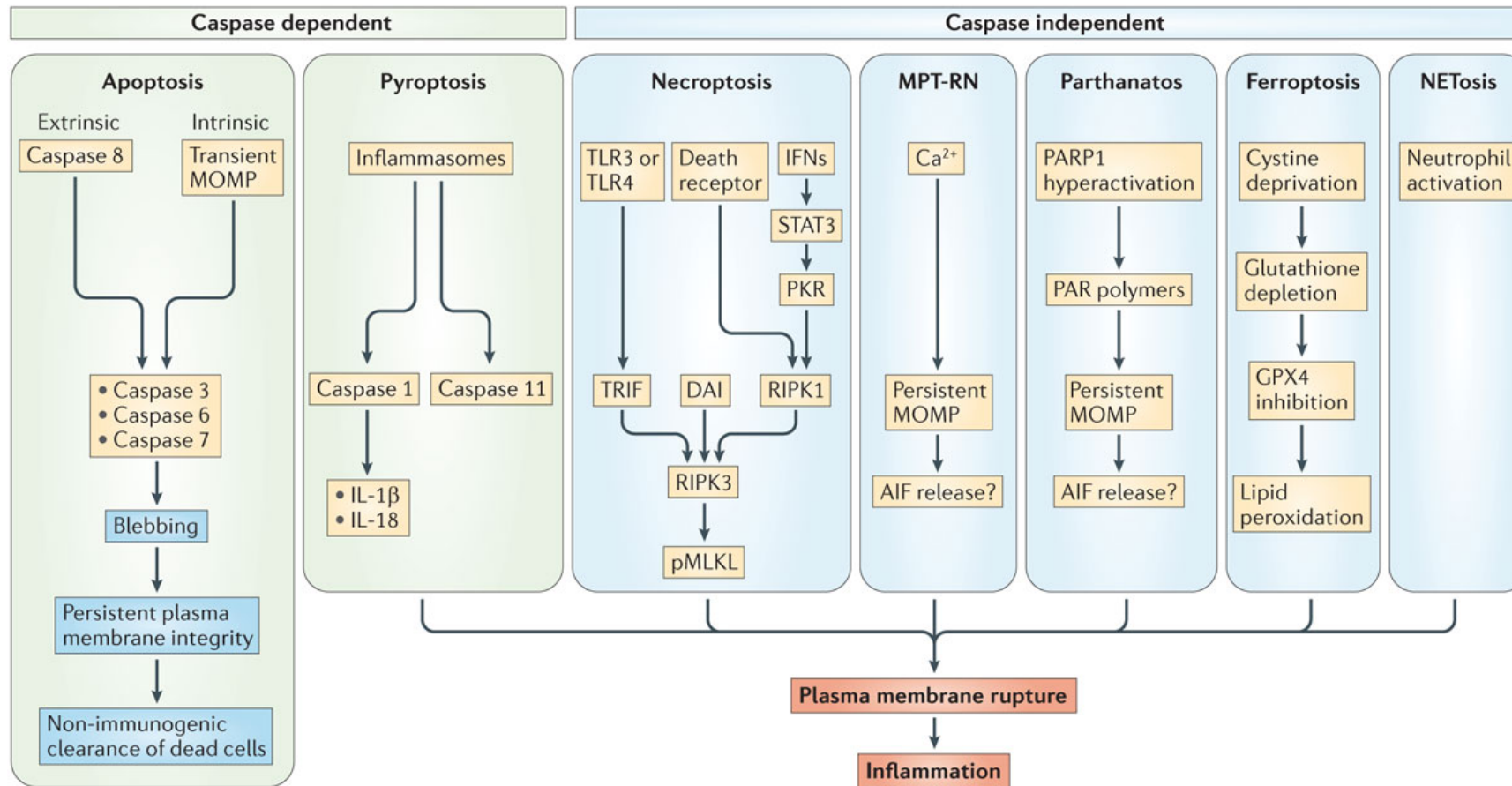


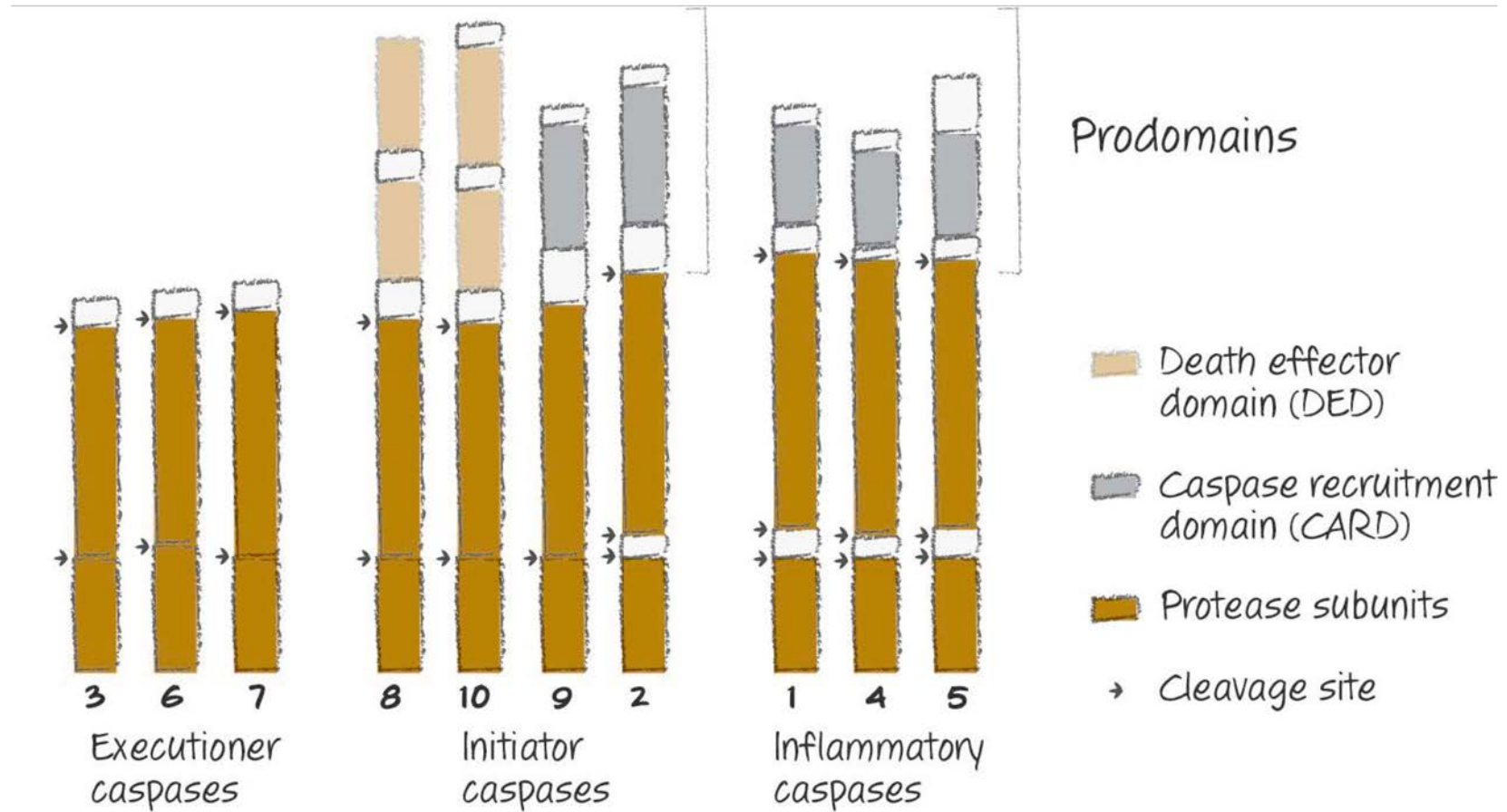
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# Caspases in cell death and inflammation

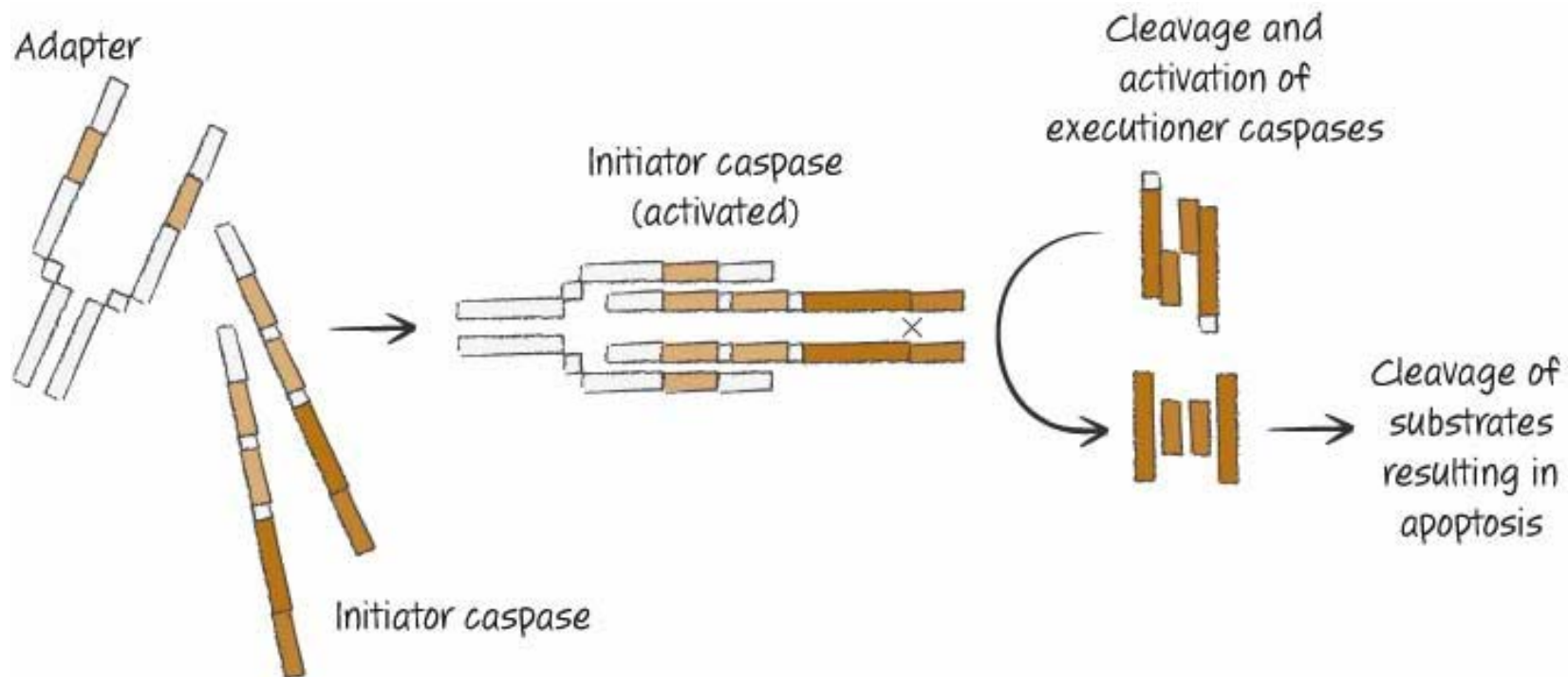


# Caspases show conserved structural features



Caspases: cysteine-dependent aspartate-directed proteases

# Activation of caspases follows conserved rules



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**Caspases:** cytein-dependent aspartate-directed proteases

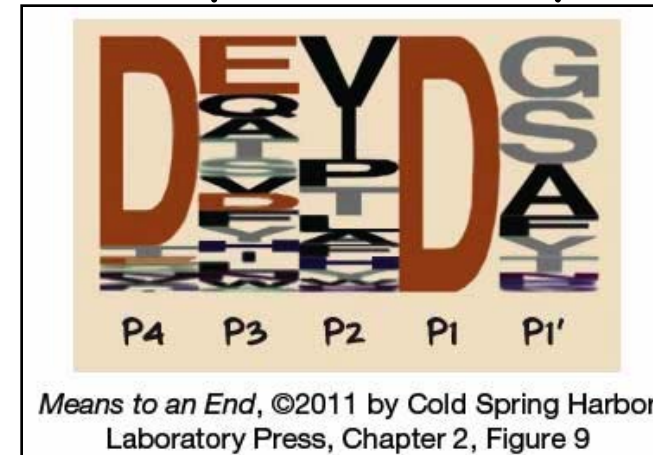


# Different caspases prefer different peptide sequences, at least in vitro

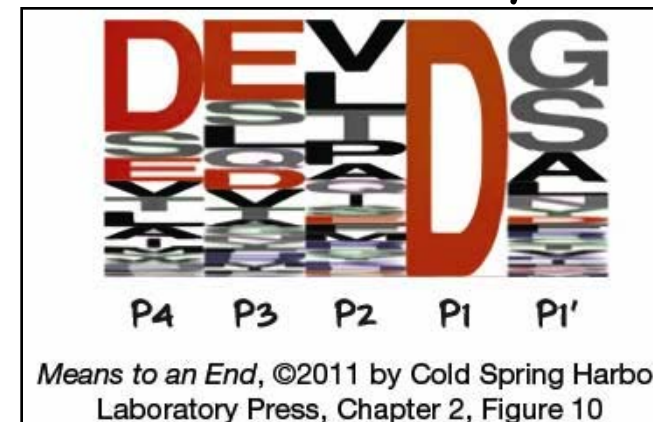
Caspase-1	WEHD
Caspase-2	VDQQD
Caspase-3	DELD
Caspase-4	LEVD
Caspase-5	(W/L) EHD
Caspase-6	(T/V) QVD
Caspase-7	DEVD
Caspase-8	LETD
Caspase-9	LEHD

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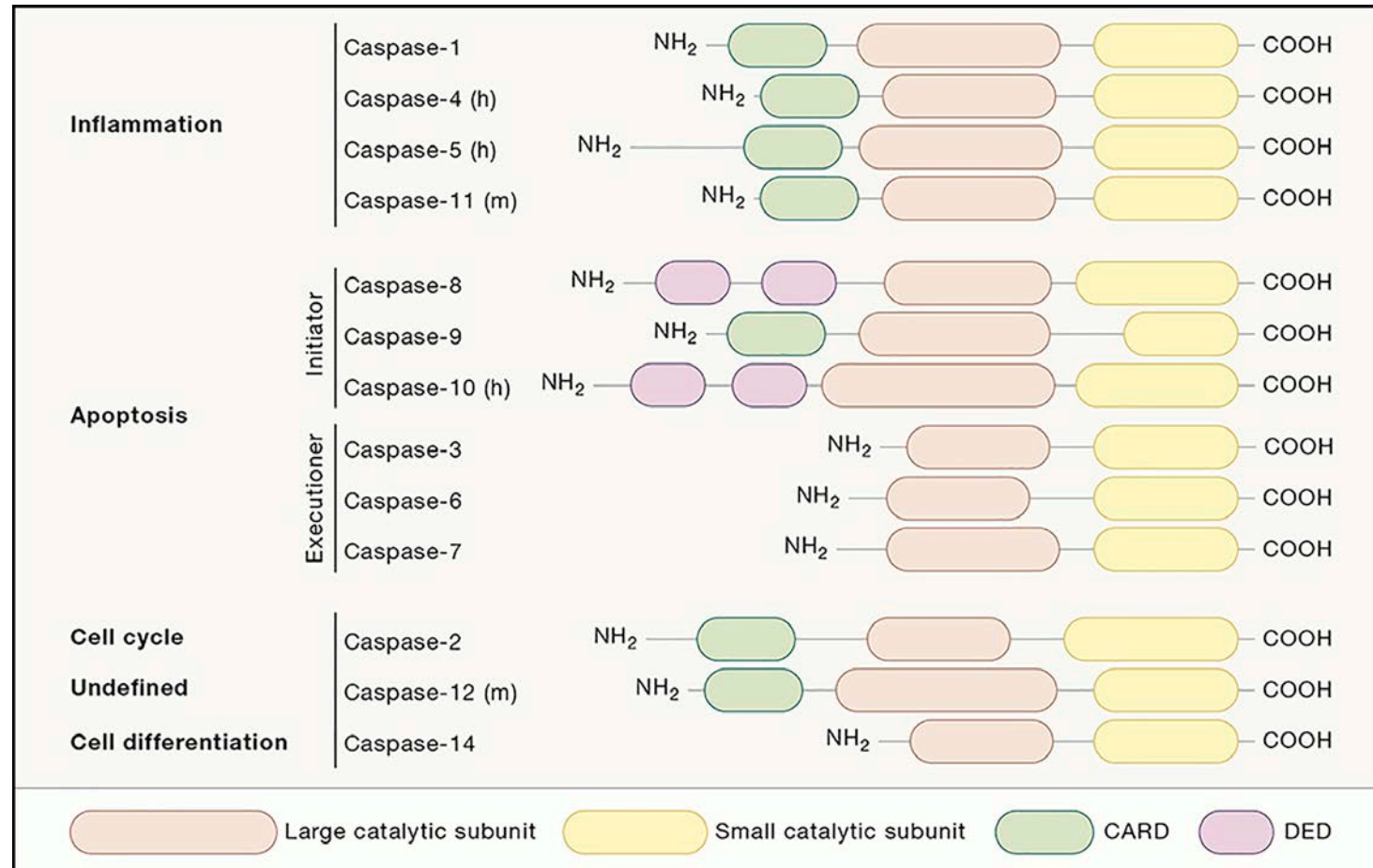
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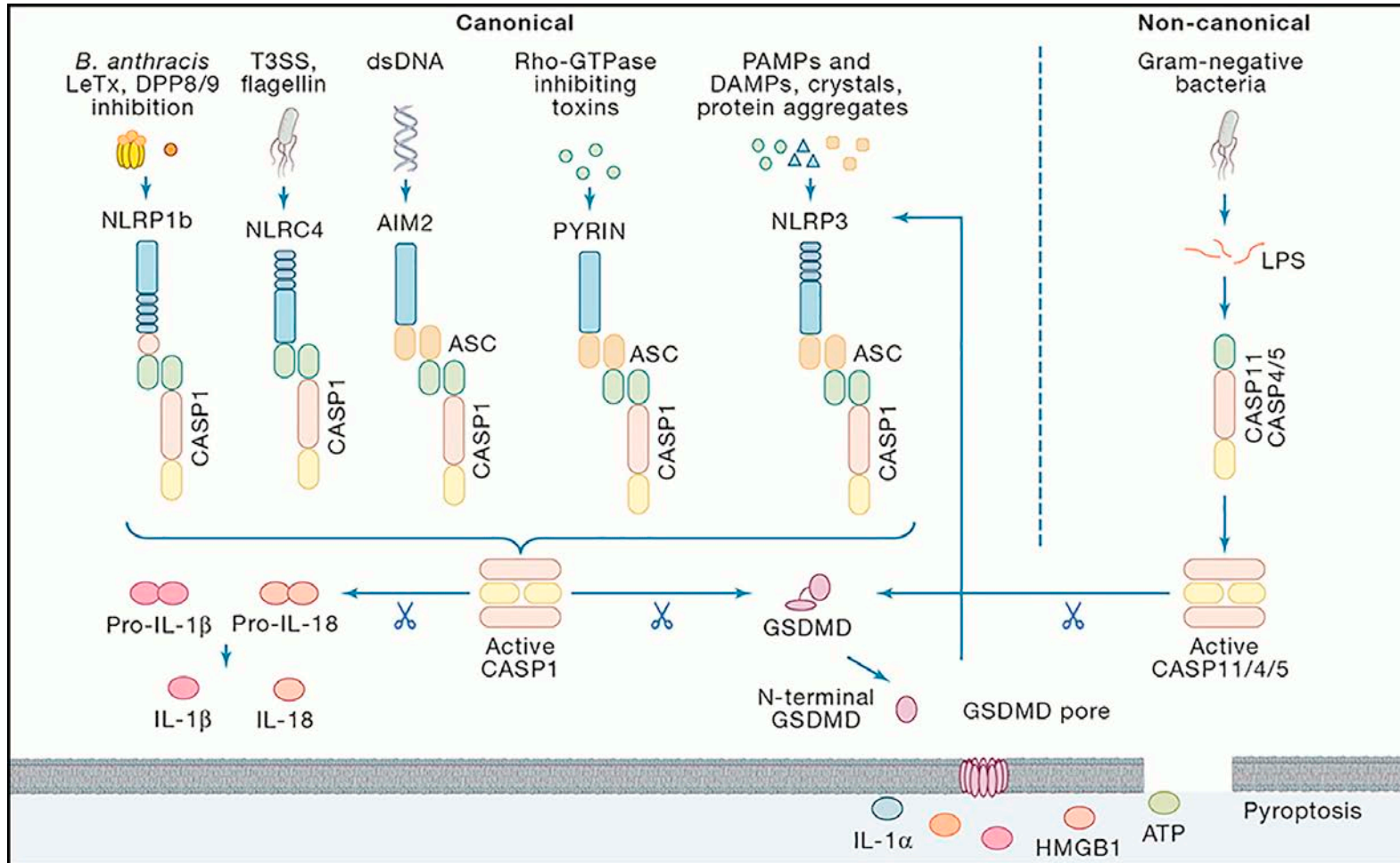
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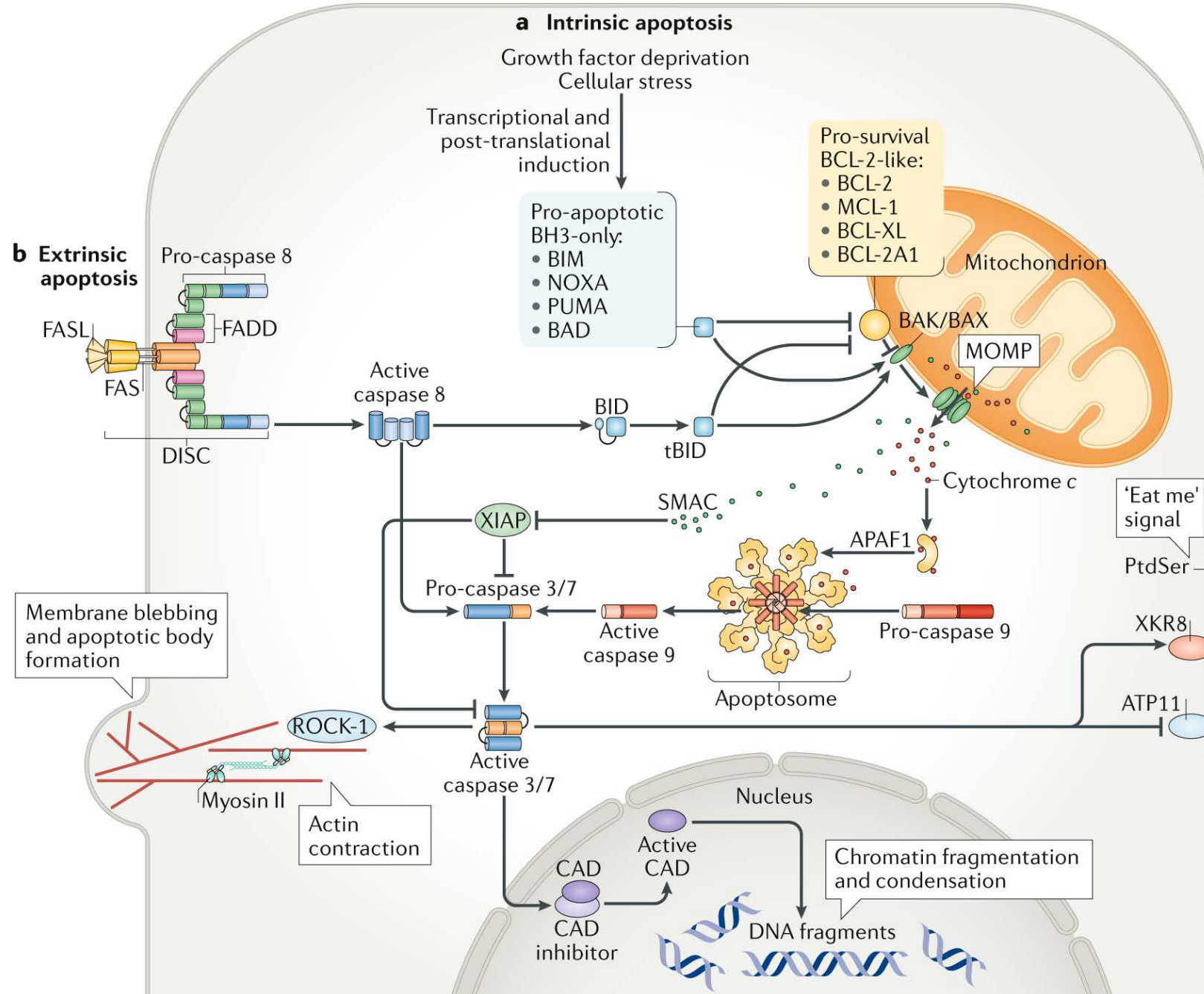


# Caspases in control of cell death, inflammation & more

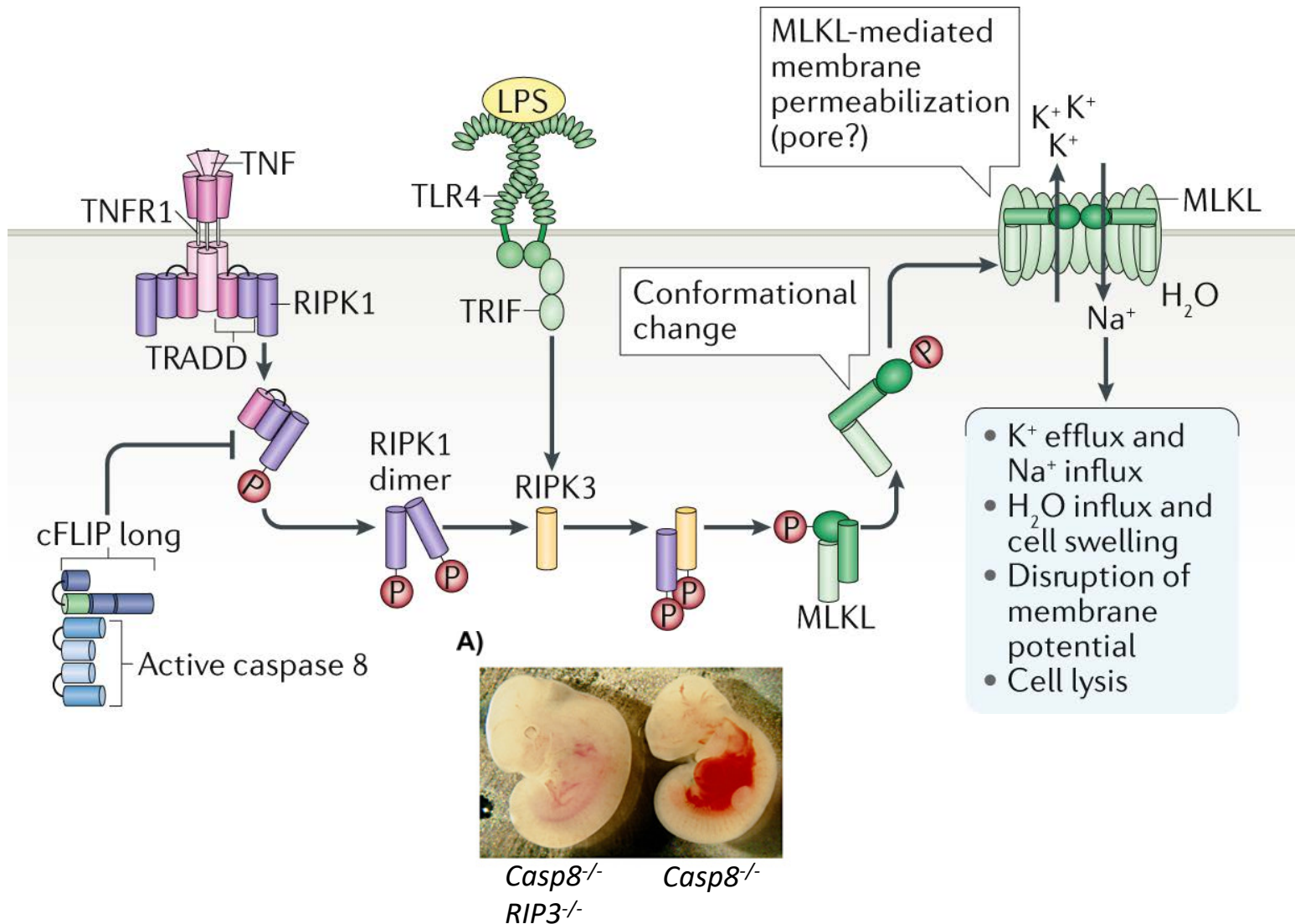


# Caspases in control of cell death and inflammation



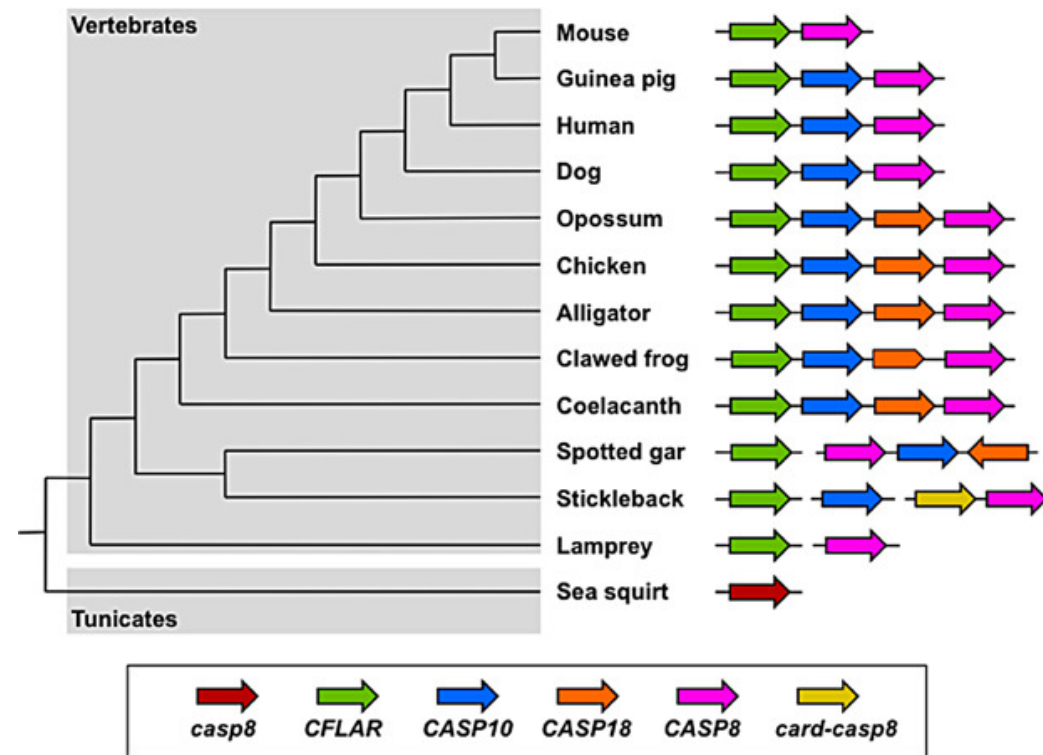


# CASPASE-8 prevents necrotic cell death



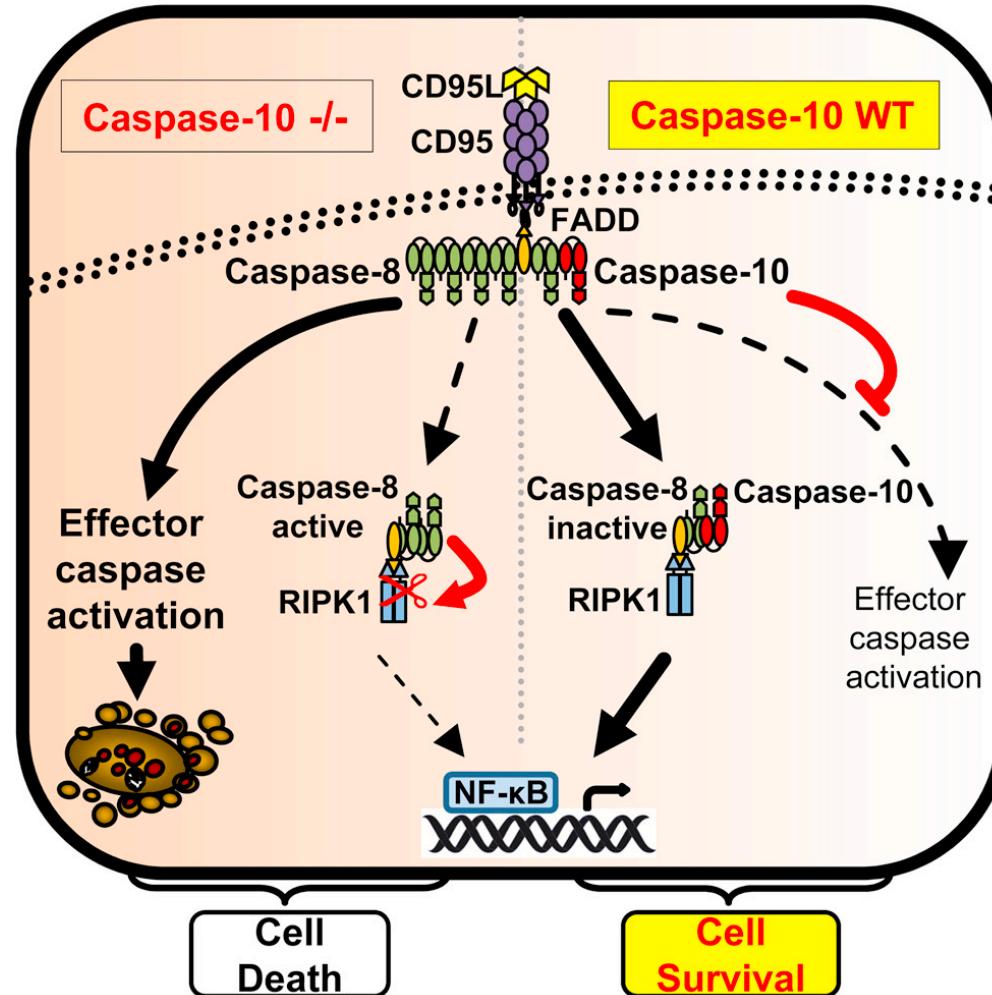


# CASP-8 PREVENTS NECROPTOSIS, WHY DO WE NEED CASP-10

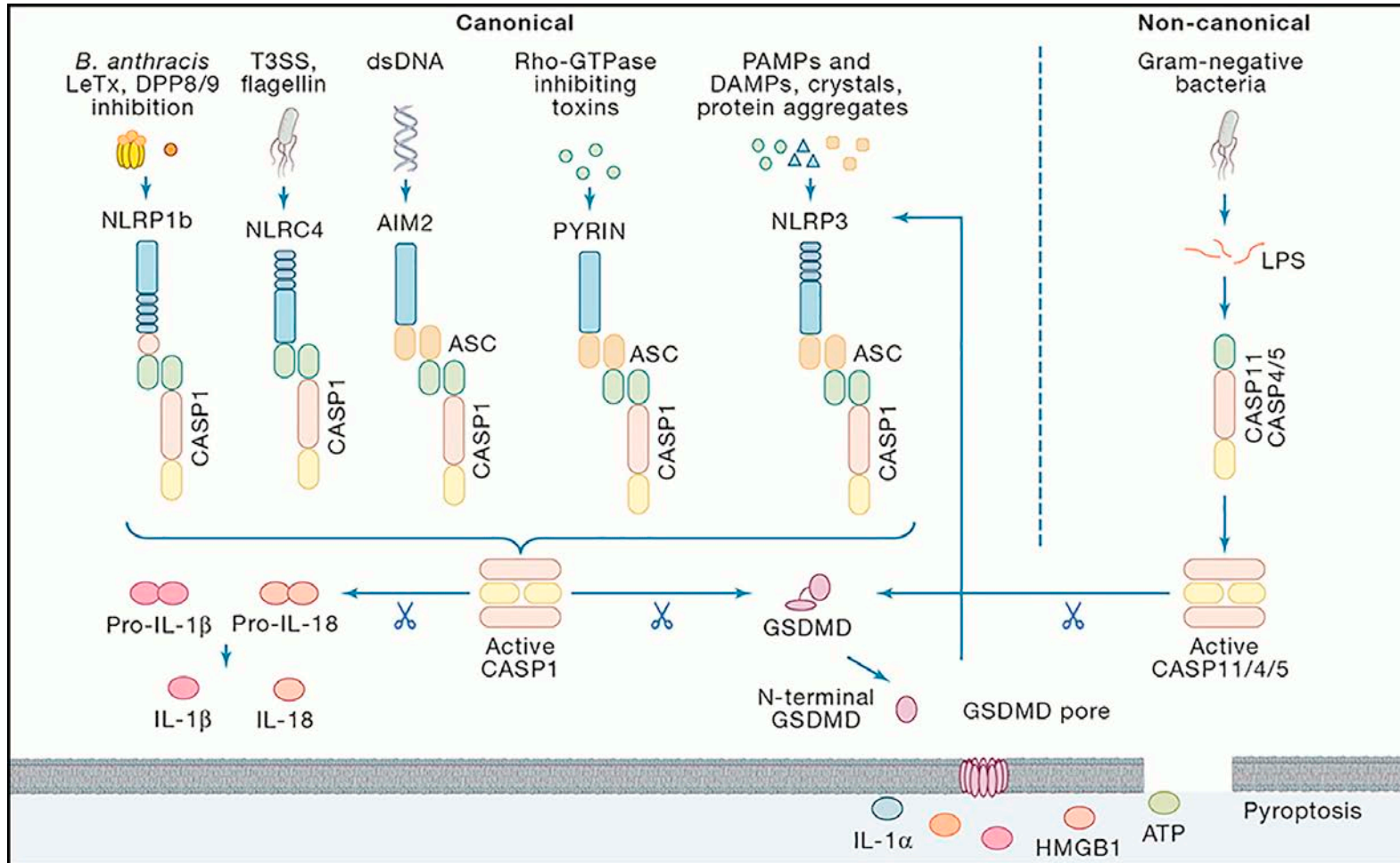


# CAN CASP-10 SUBSTITUTE FOR CASP-8 IN DEVELOPMENT?

## ALPS-PATIENTS DO CARRY MUTATIONS IN CASP-8 or CASP-10



# Caspases in cell death and inflammation



## Article

# Control of gasdermin D oligomerization and pyroptosis by the Ragulator-Rag-mTORC1 pathway

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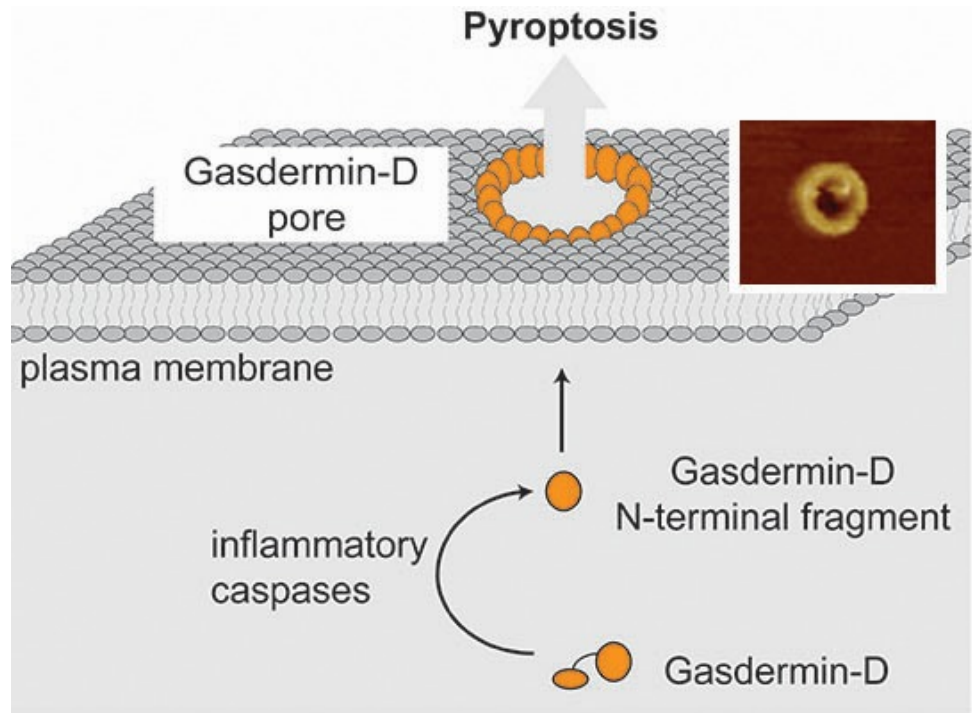
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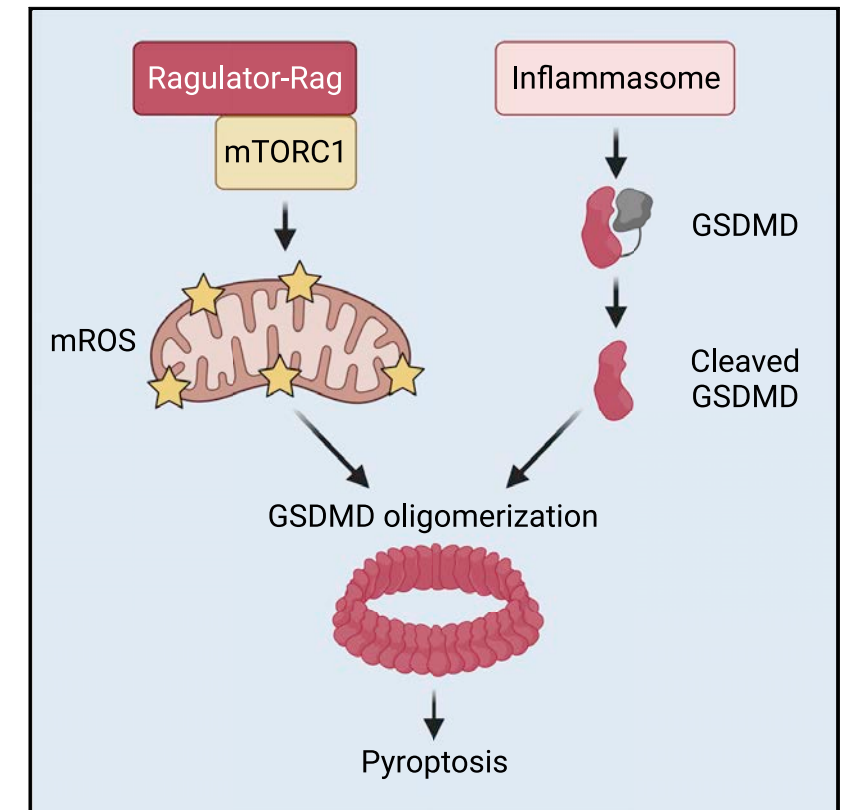
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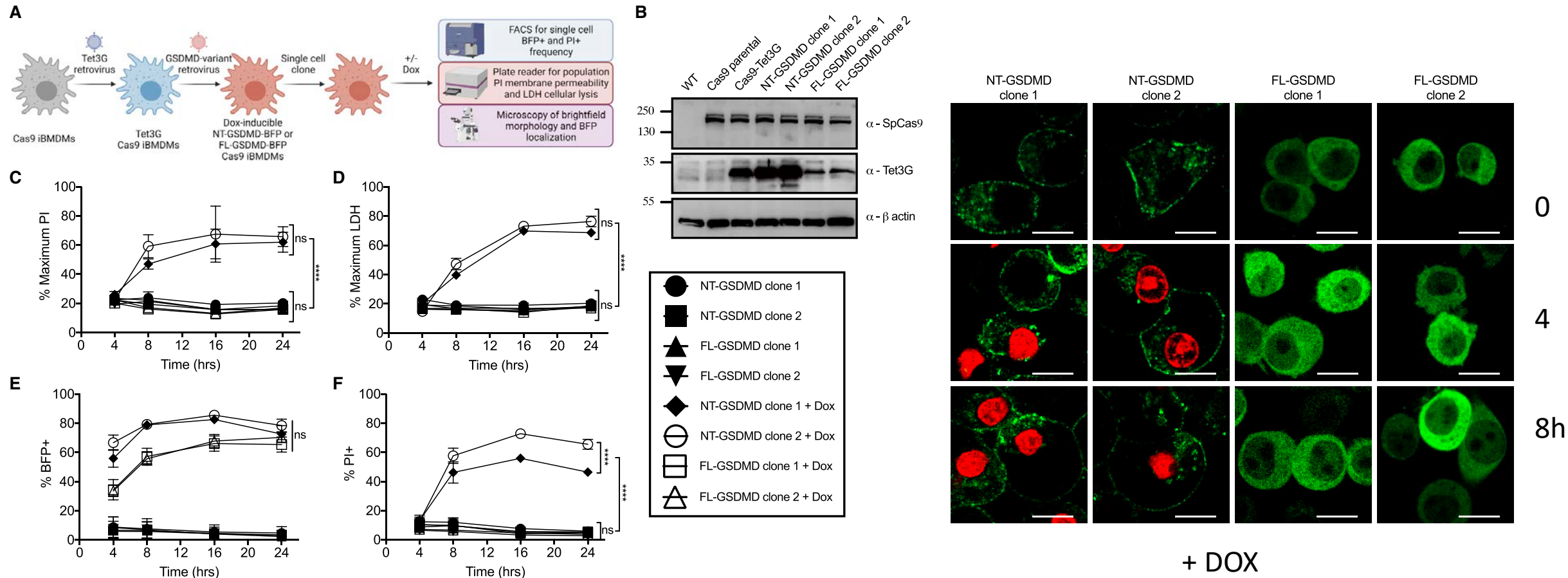
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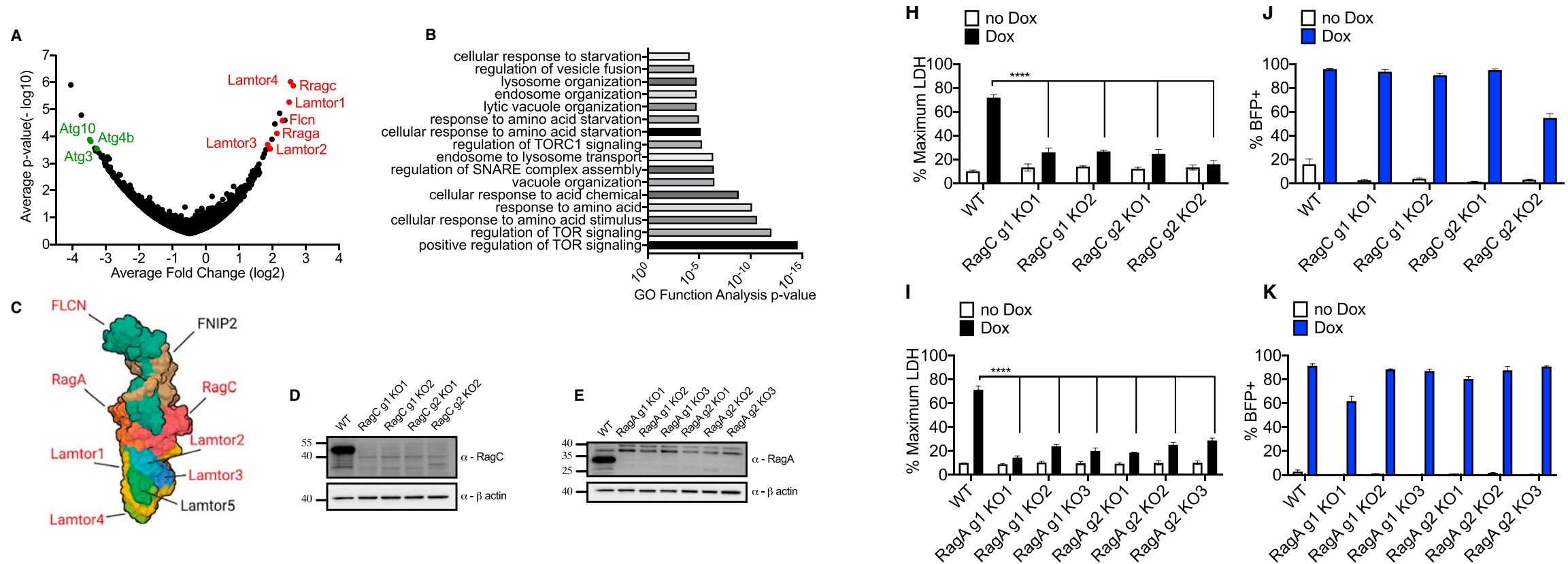


# Forward genetic screen identifies new regulators of GSDMD activity in iBDMCs

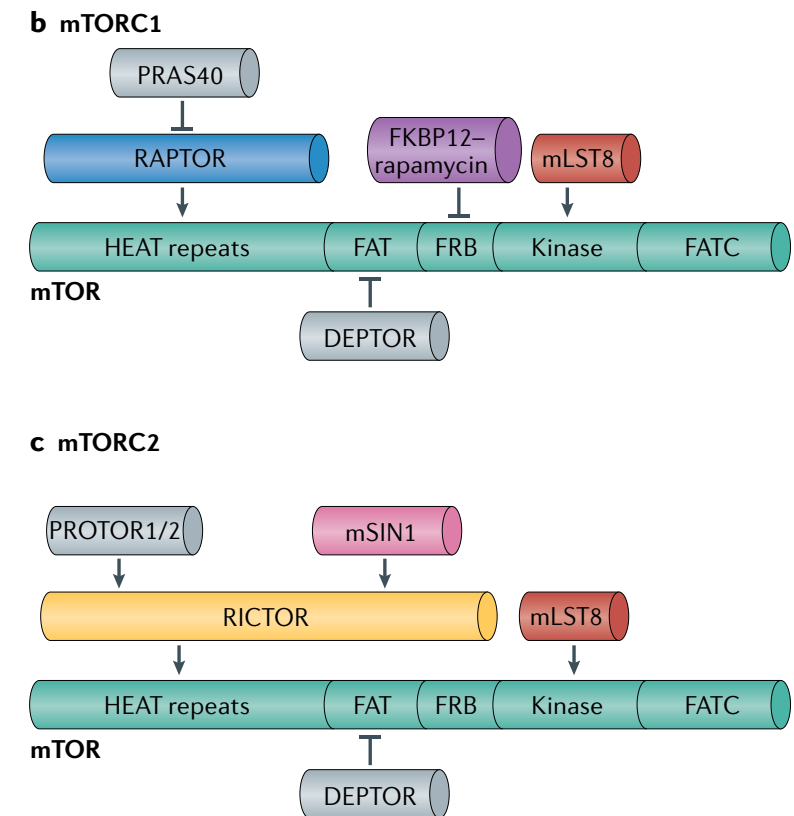
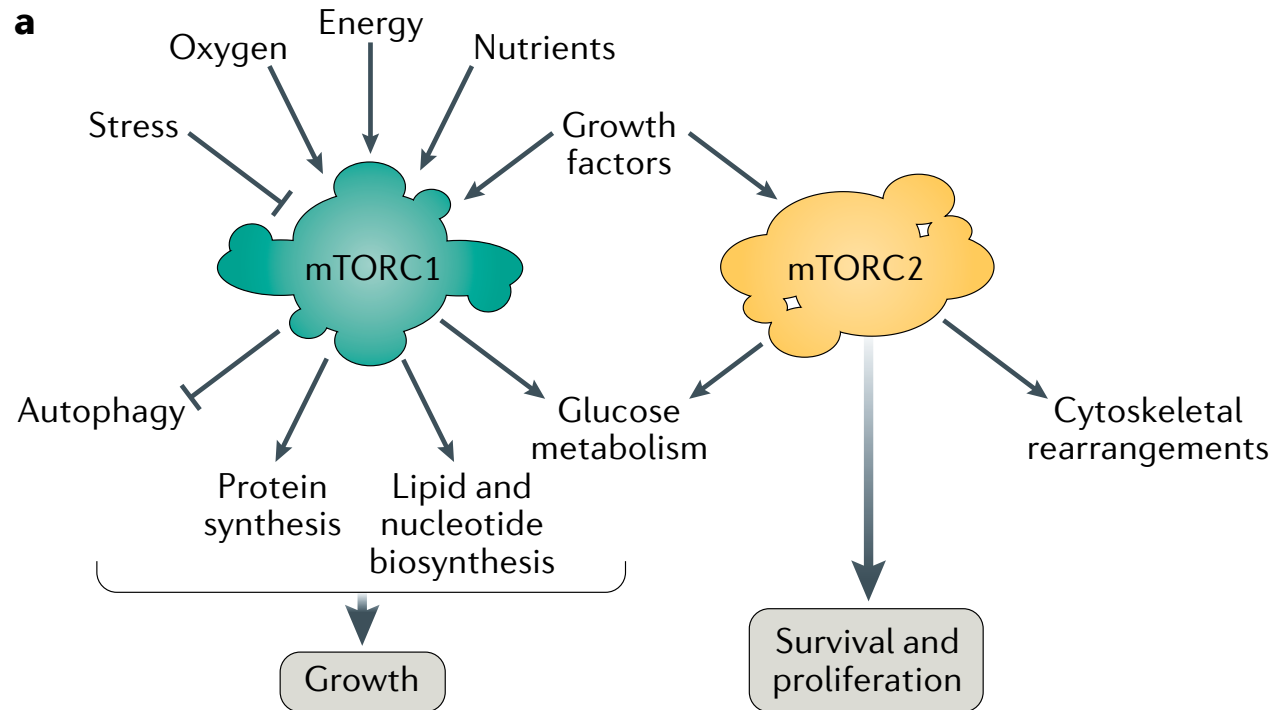




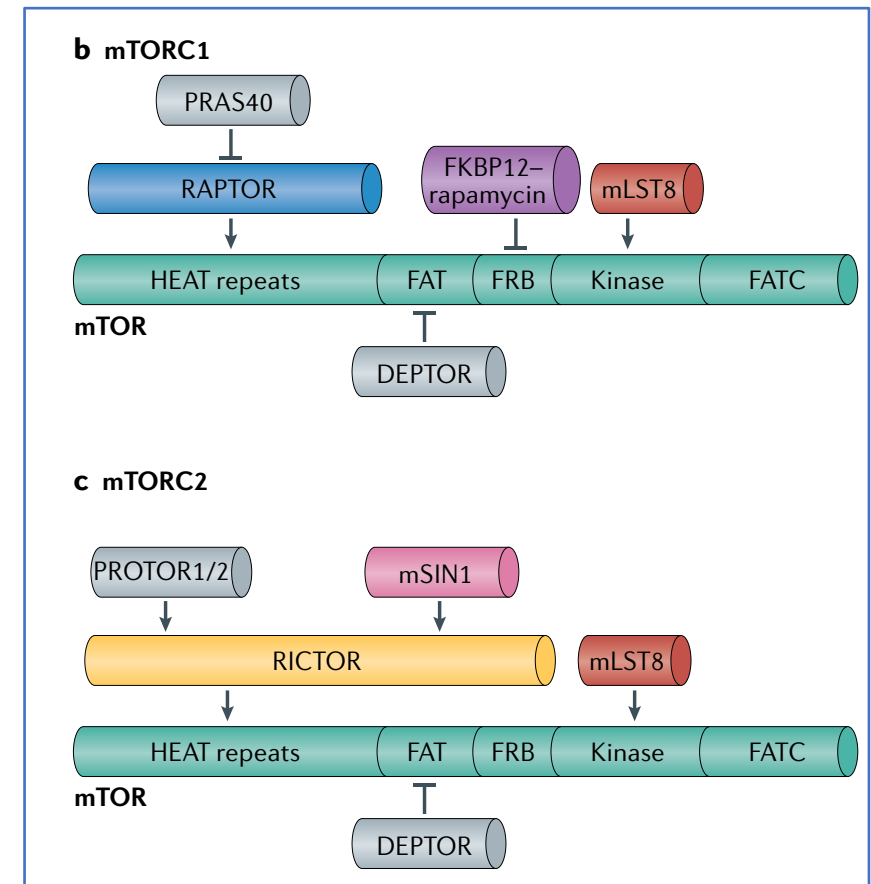
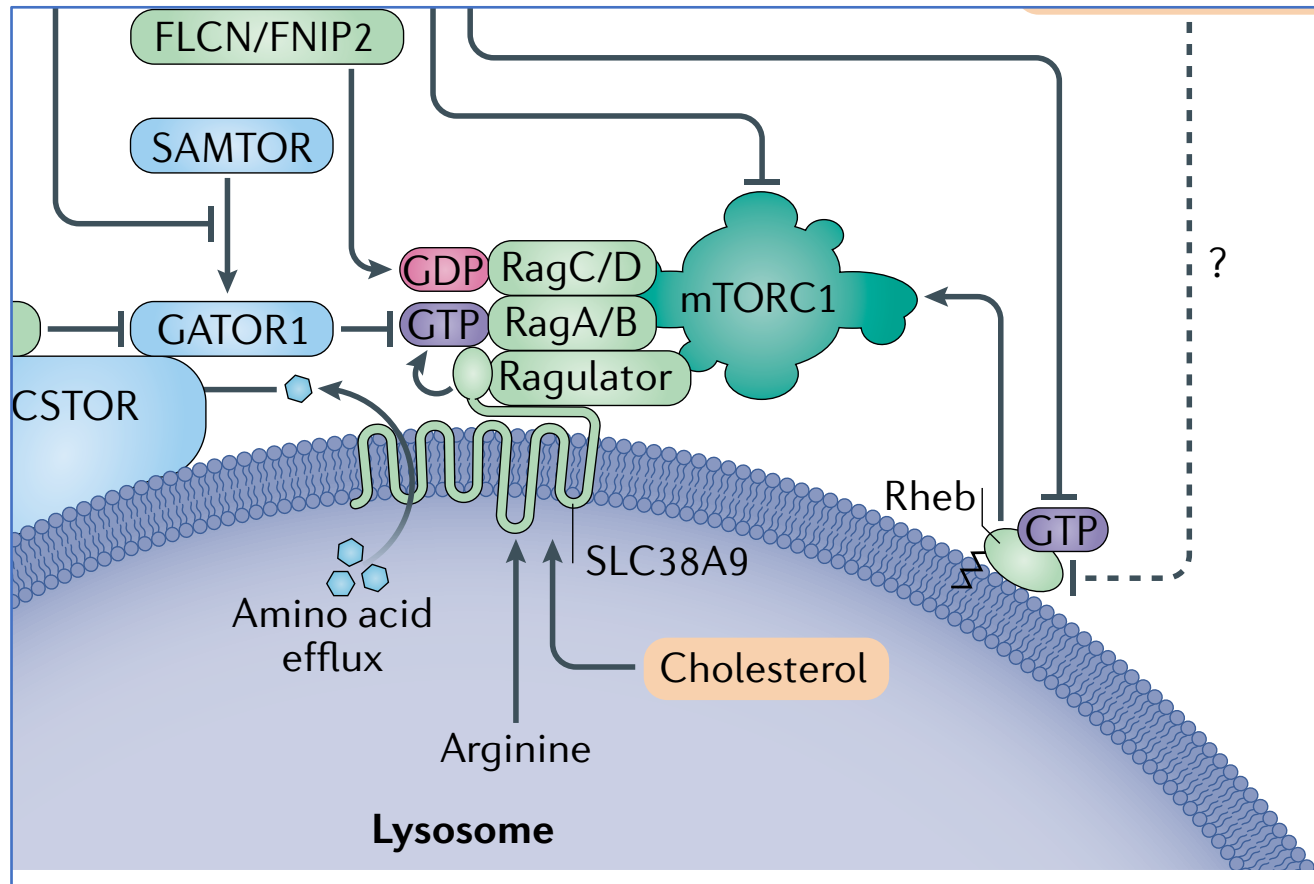
# Forward genetic screen identifies the RAG-mTORC1 pathway as a modifier of GSDMD activity in iBDMCs



# mTORC1 – a master regulator cell growth and metabolism



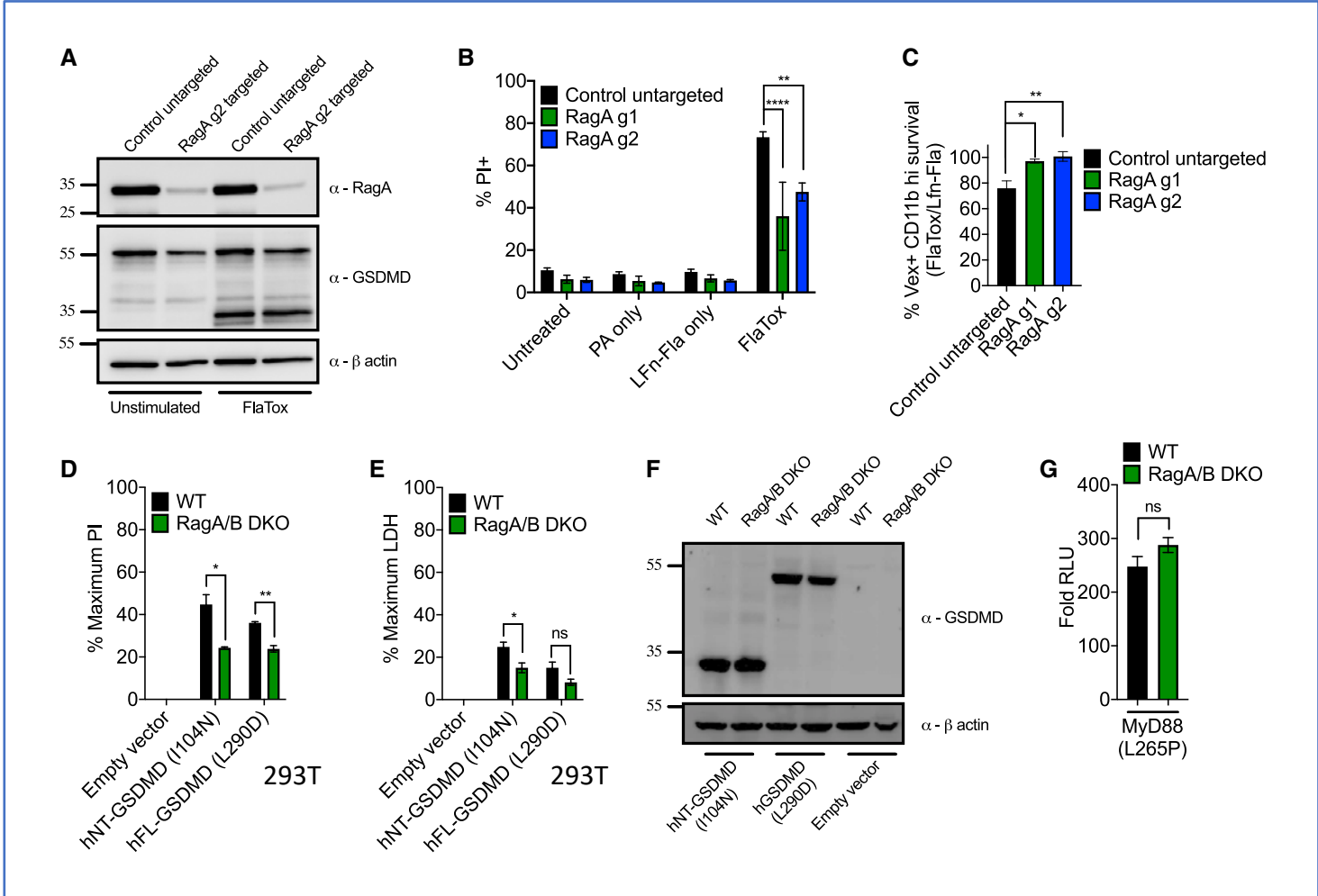
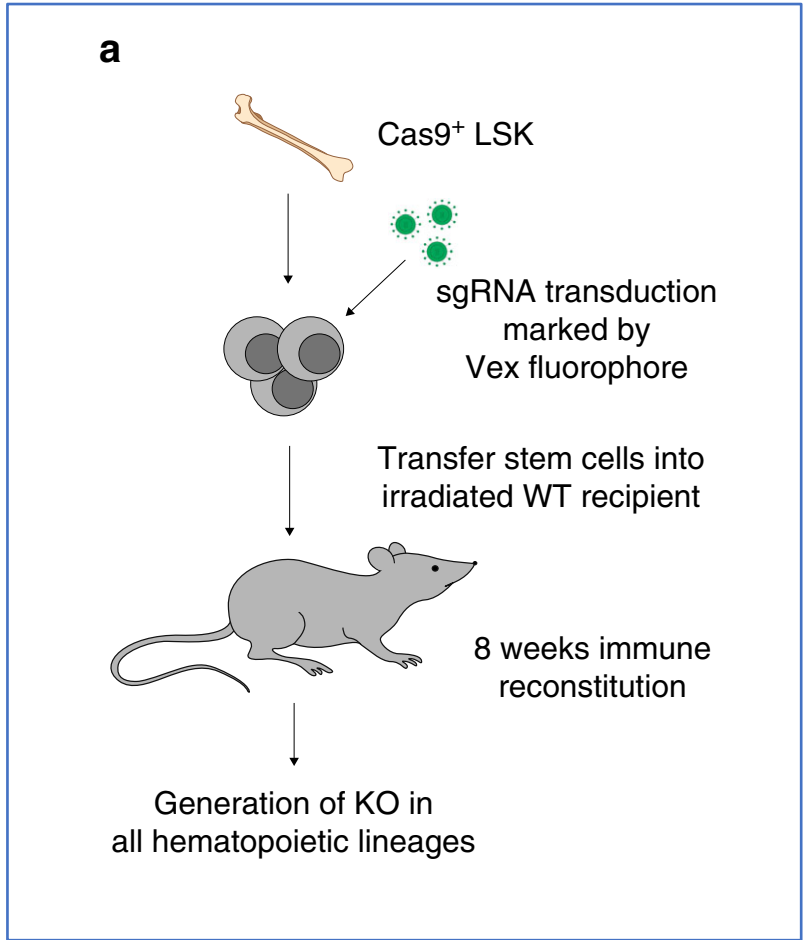
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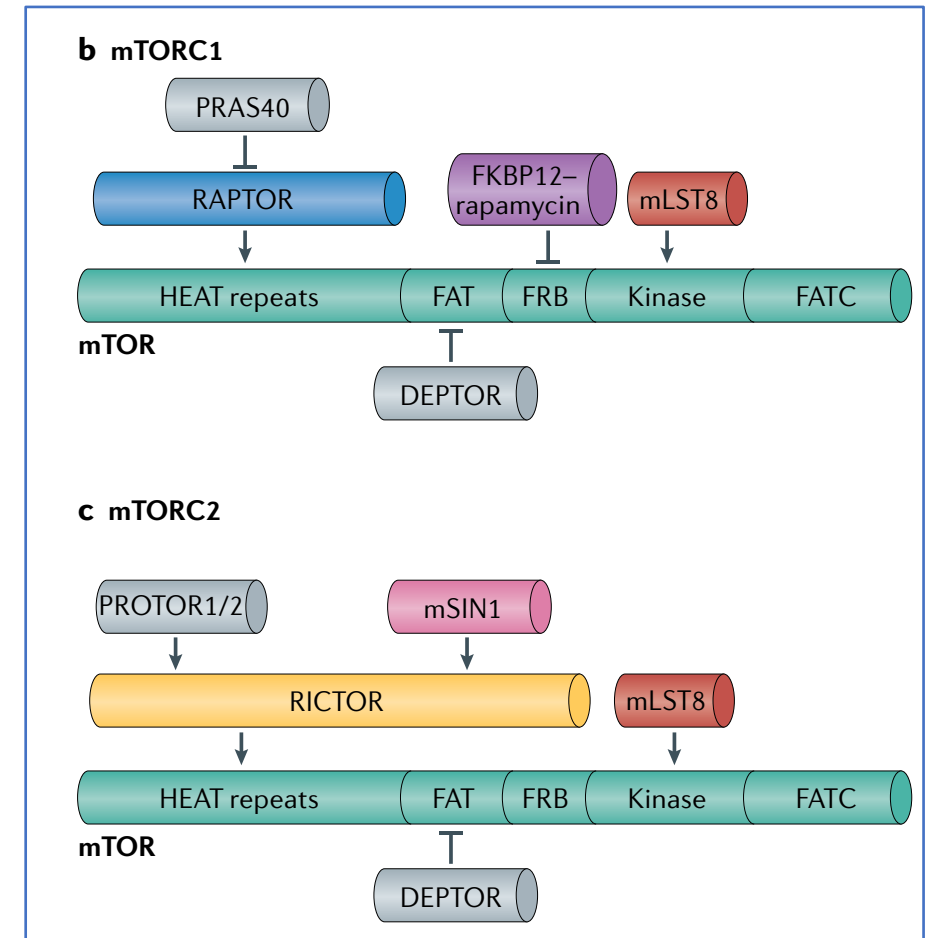
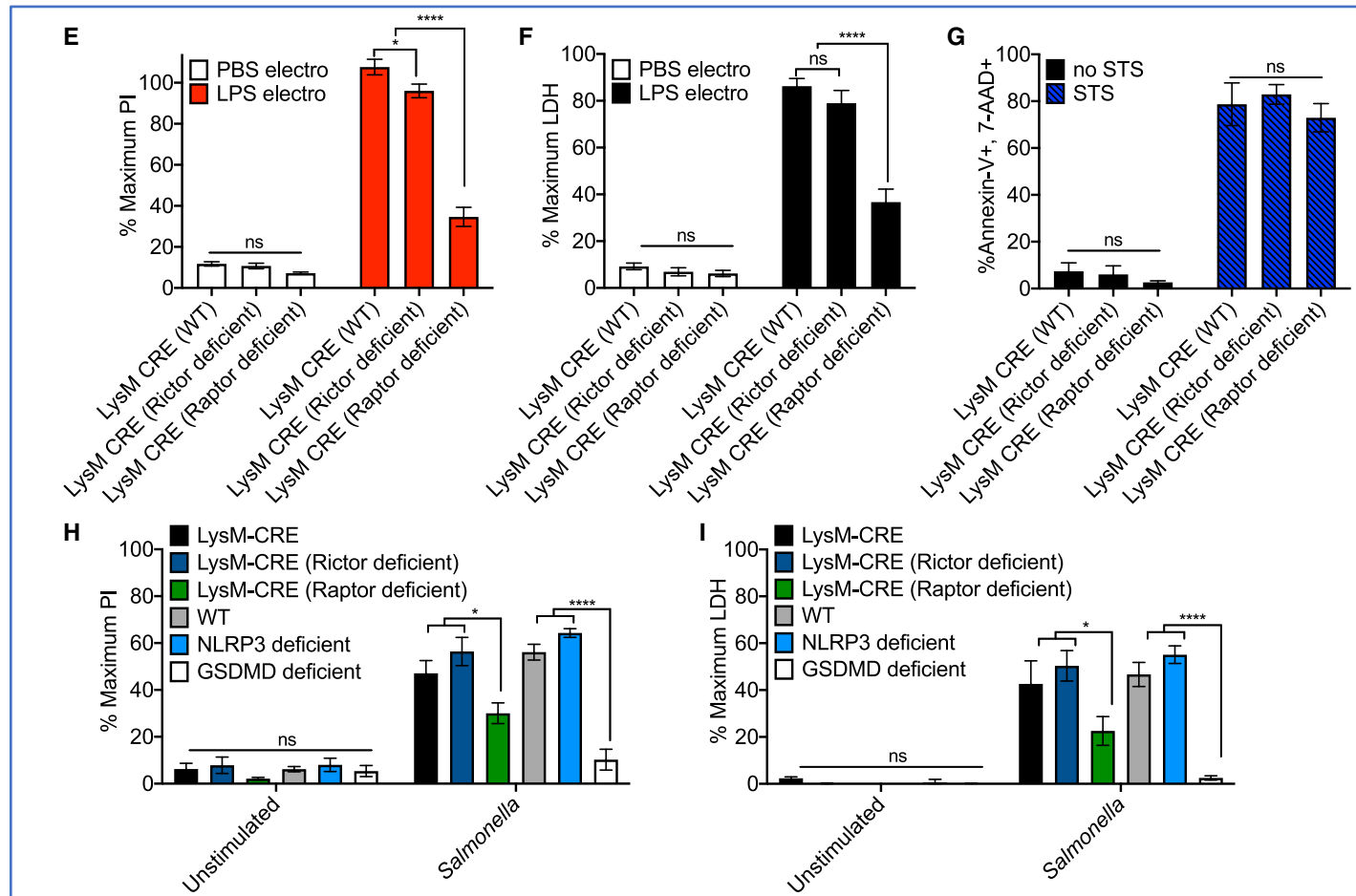
# A CRISPR-Cas9 delivery system for in vivo screening of genes in the immune system

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## Hit validation in primary murine BMDCs and human HEK cells

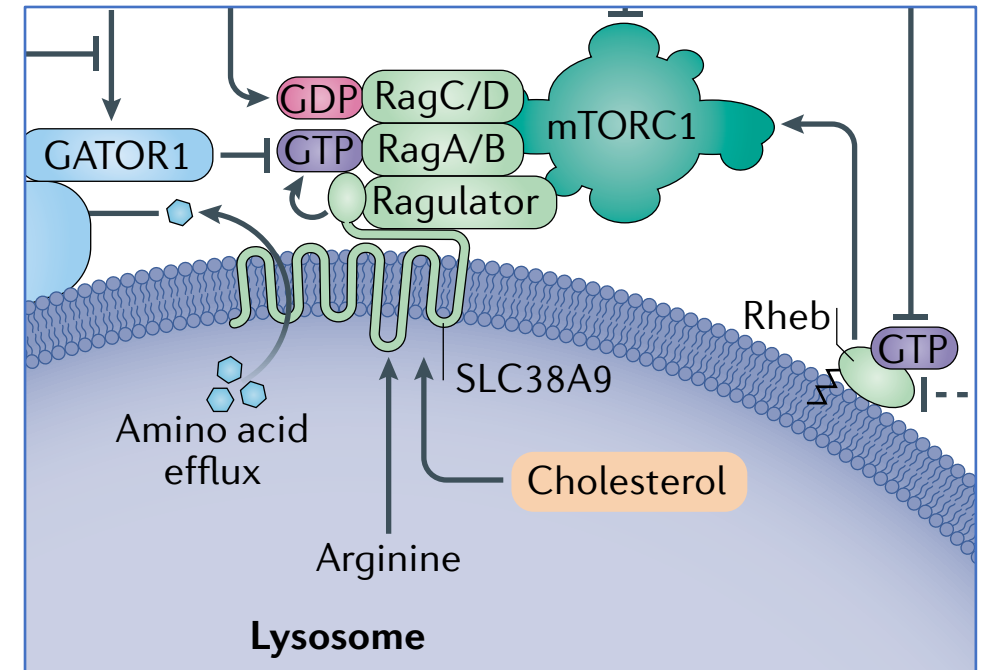
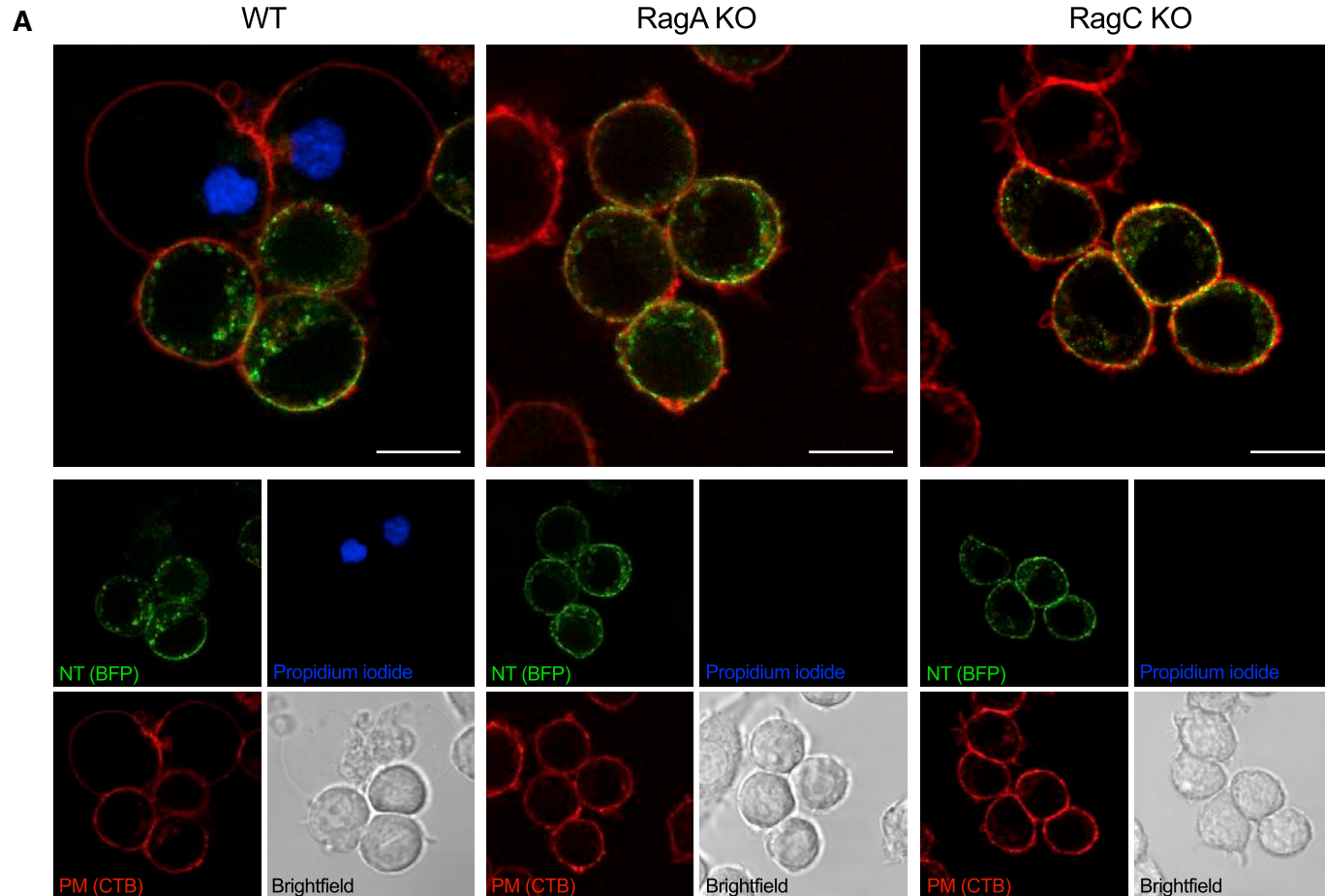


# mTOR in the context of mTORC1 promotes pyroptosis in primary BMDCs

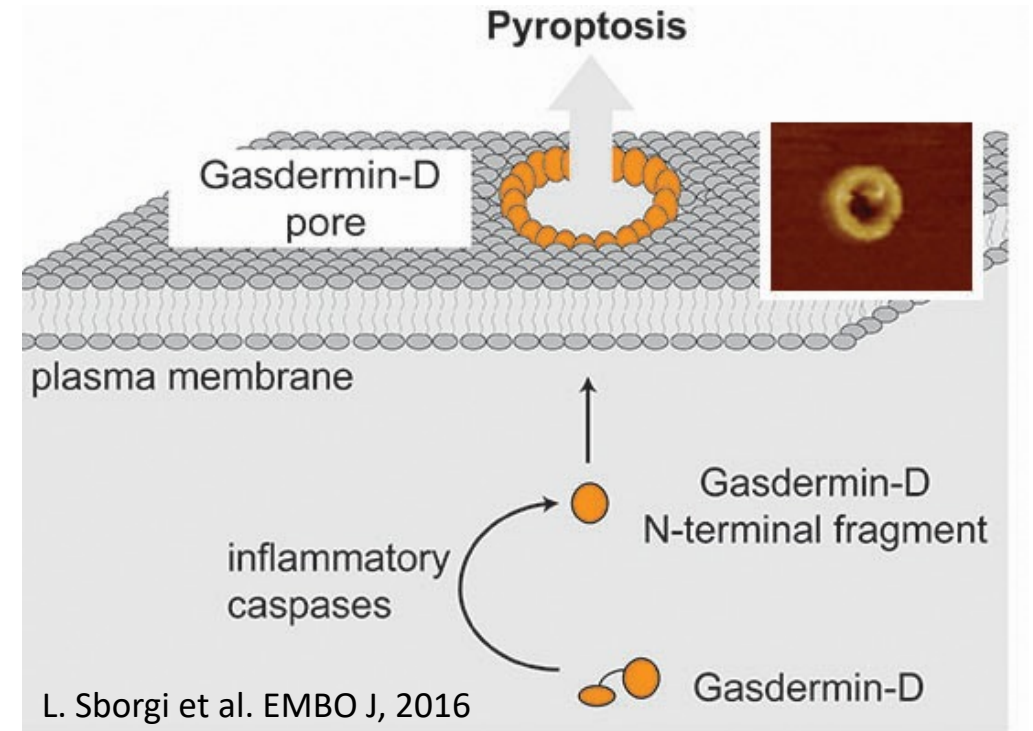
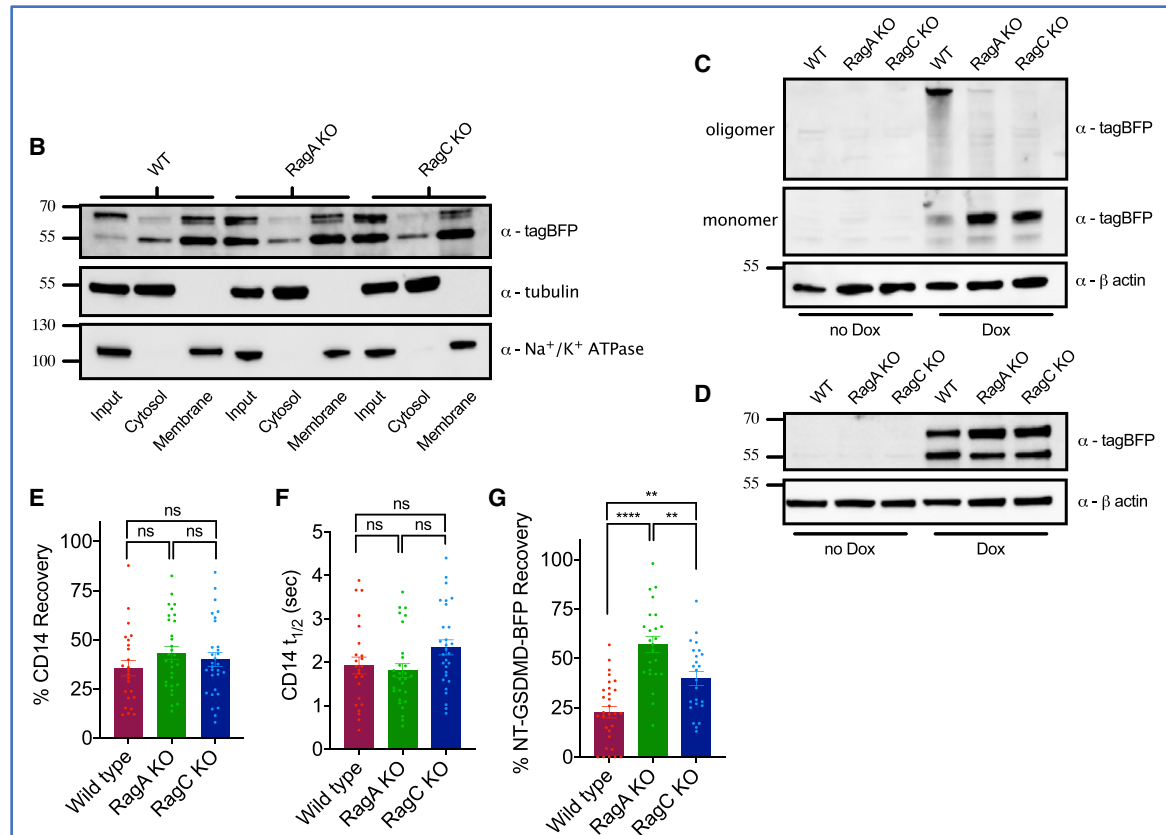




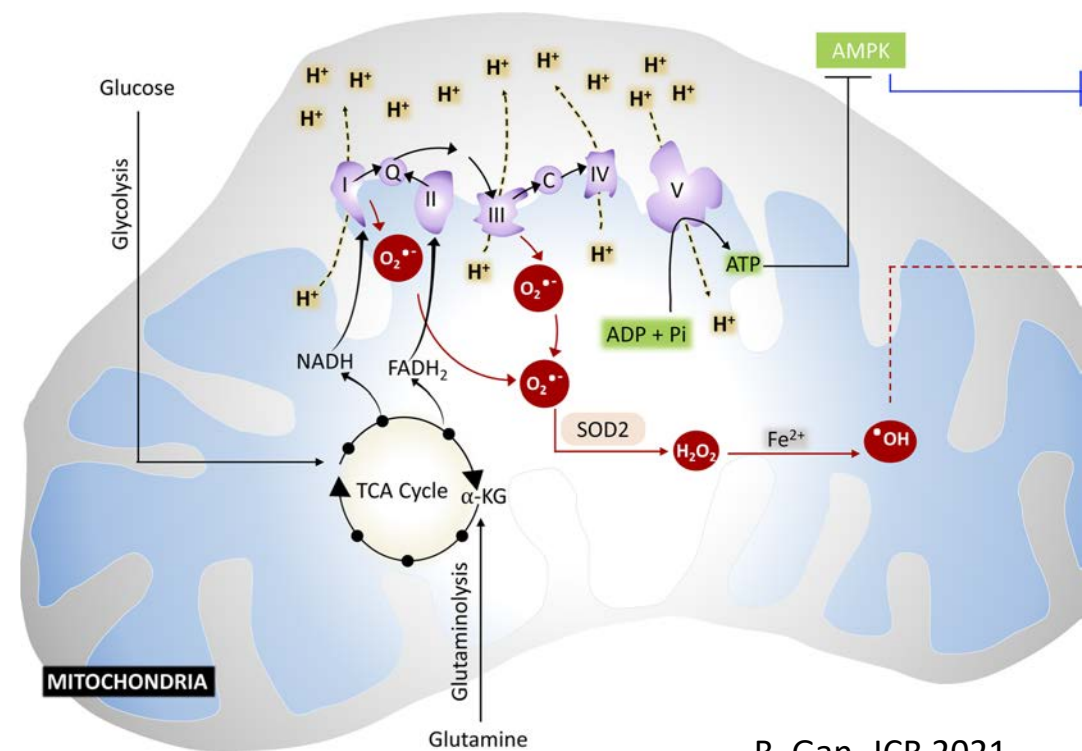
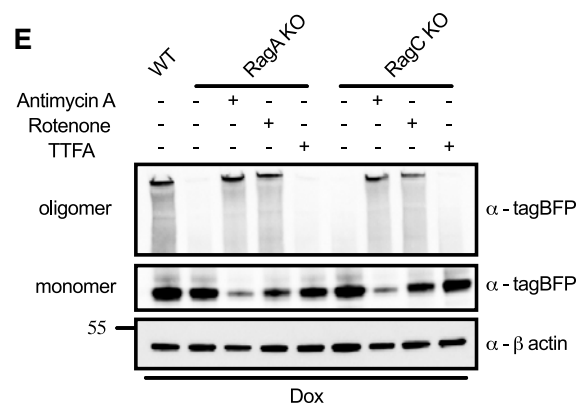
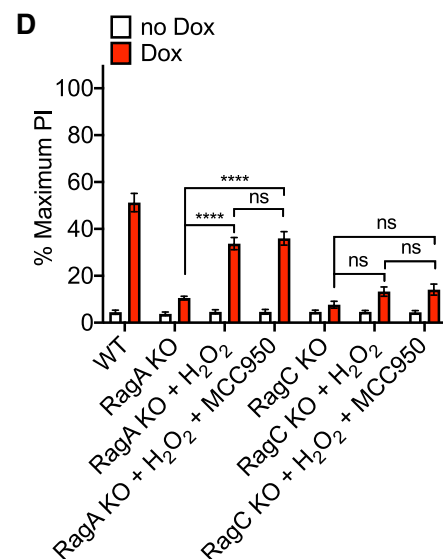
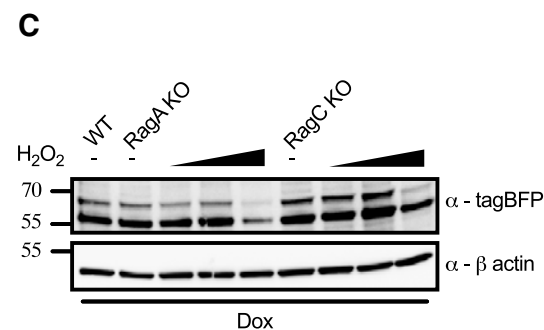
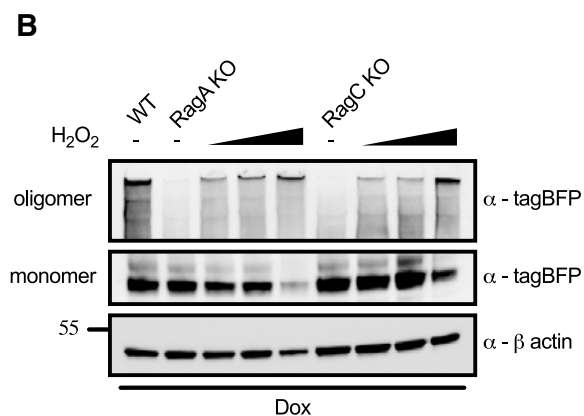
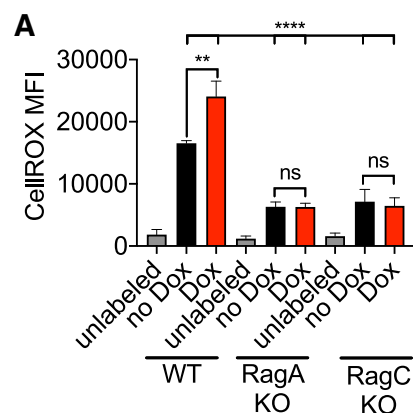
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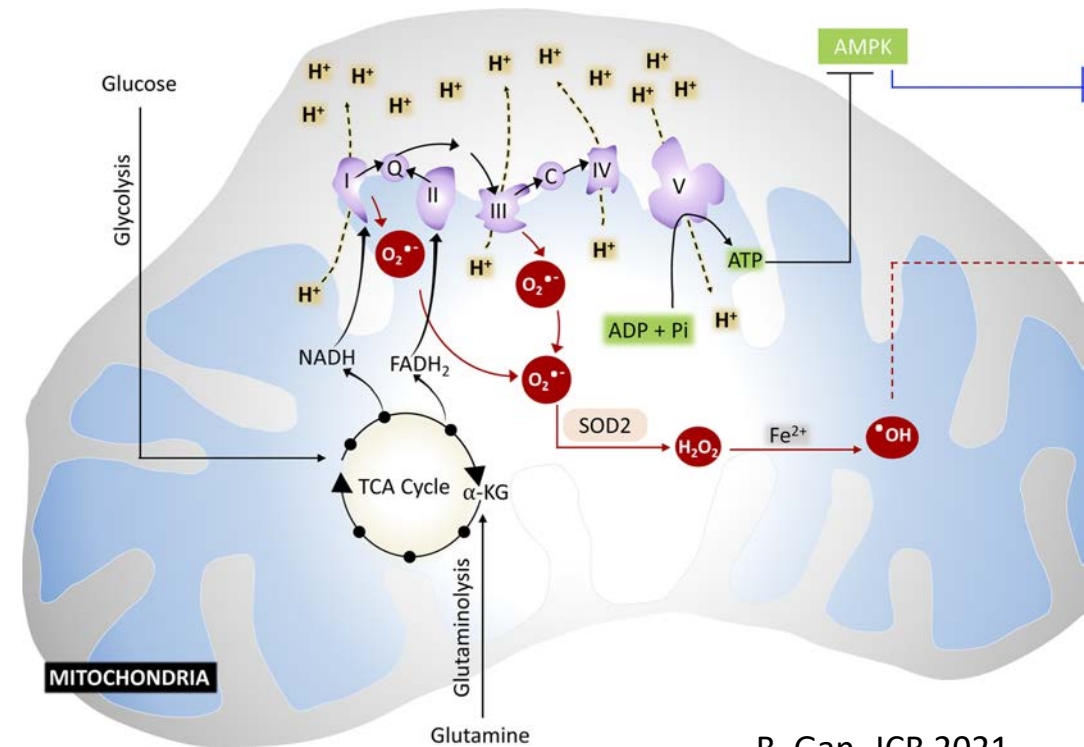
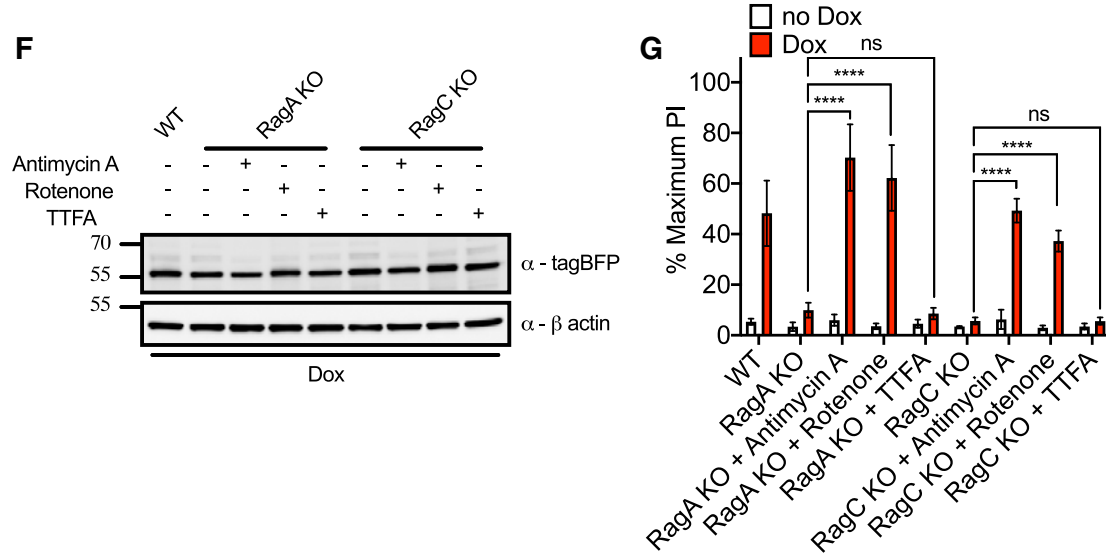
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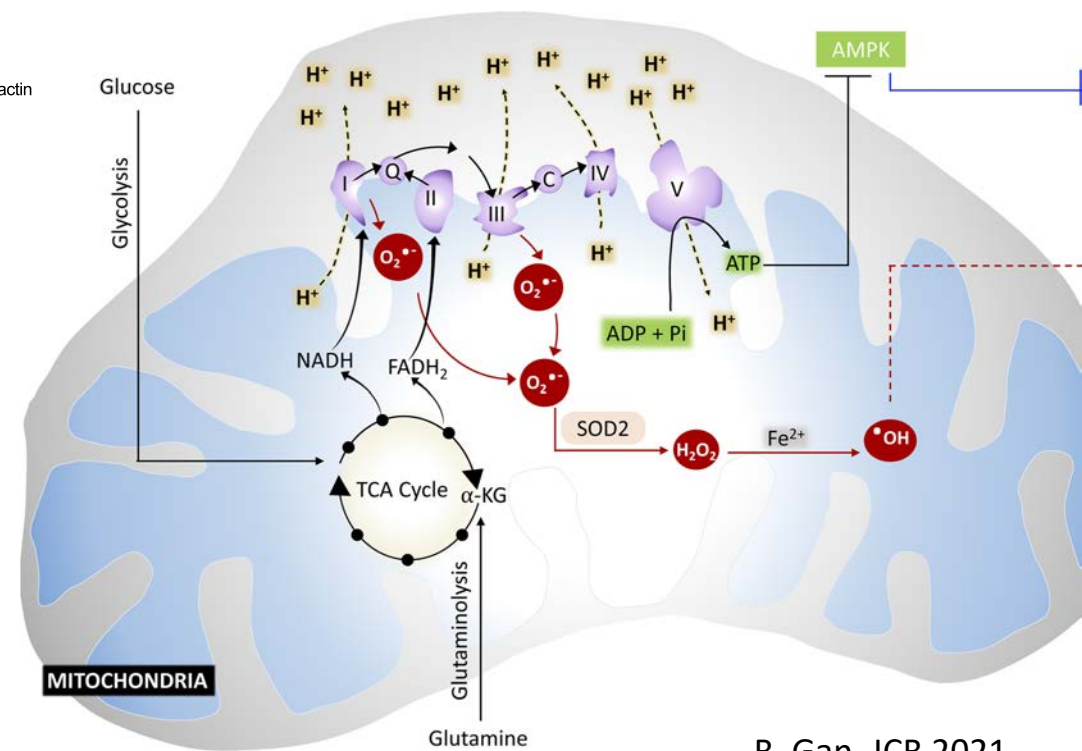
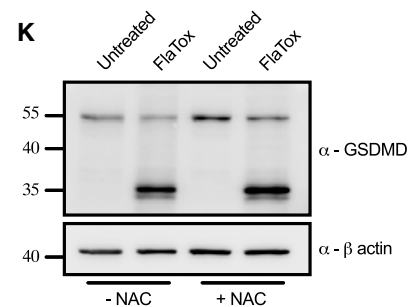
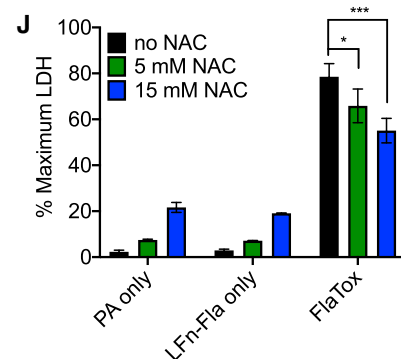
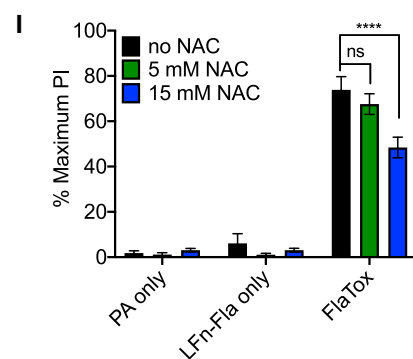
# Loss of mTORC1 activity does affect cellular ROS levels



## Increased ROS levels promote pyroptosis in RagA/C KO cells



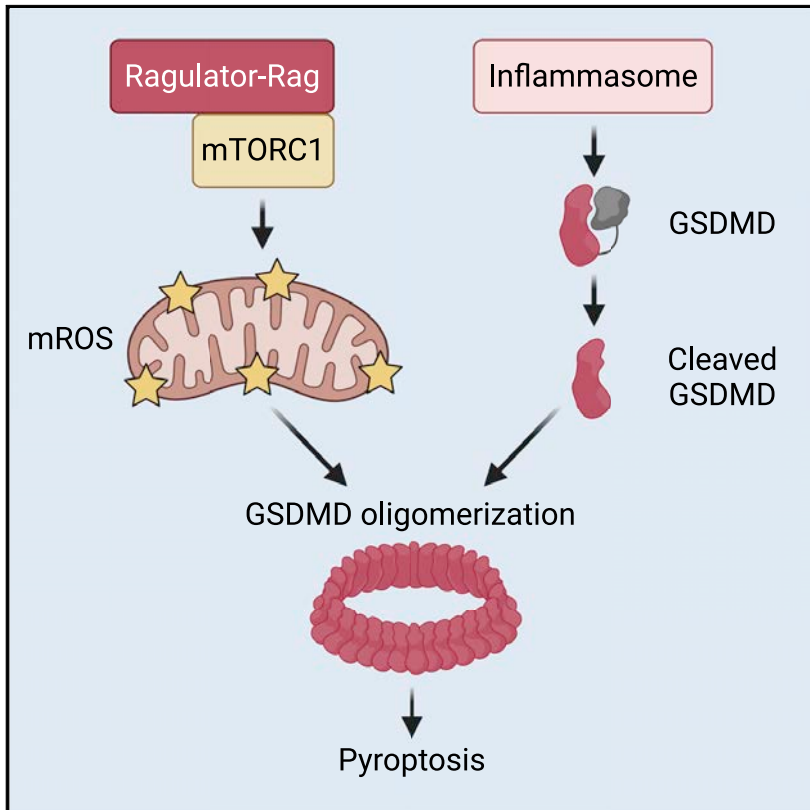
# ROS scavenging reduces pyroptosis w/o affecting processing





# Summary & open questions.....

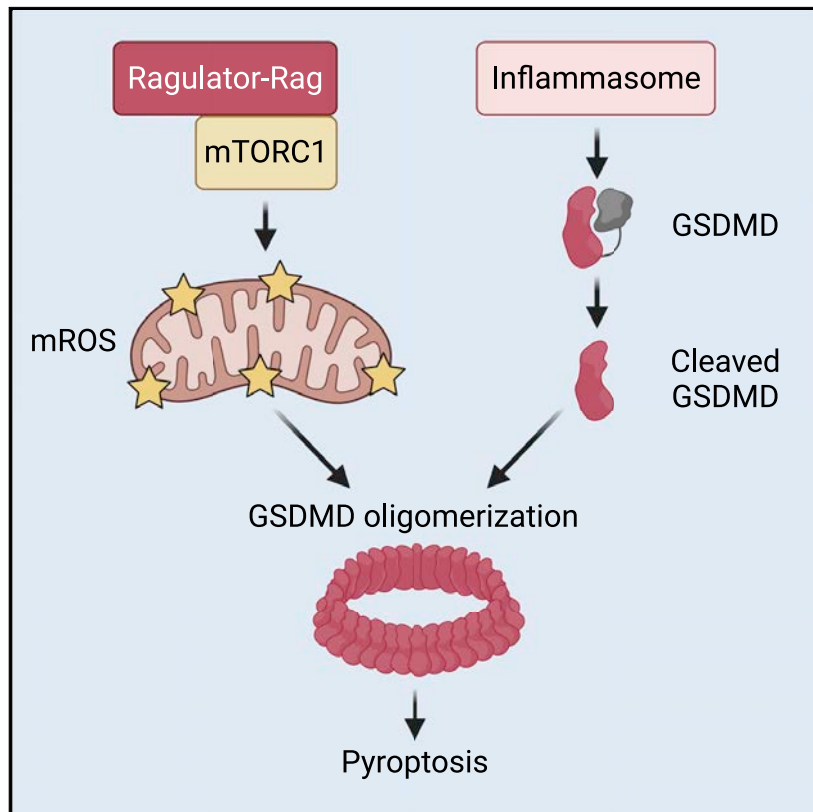
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- The Ragulator-Rag-mTORC1 pathway is required for pyroptosis induced by gasdermin D
- Ragulator-Rag promotes gasdermin D oligomerization but not membrane localization
- Ragulator-Rag promotes reactive oxygen species (ROS) production in macrophages
- ROS promotes gasdermin D oligomerization, pore formation, and pyroptosis

# Summary & open questions.....

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- How does mTORC1 affect mito-ROS levels or respiration?
- How does ROS facilitate pore formation/oligomerization?
- Is this a direct effect on the NT-GSDMD protein -> how, M/C?
- May this be indirect, related to oxidation of membrane lipids by ROS?