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CURE SIMULTANEE ED OUTCOME ONCOLOGICI DOLORE DA METASTASI OSSEE : UN DOLORE DIFFICILE



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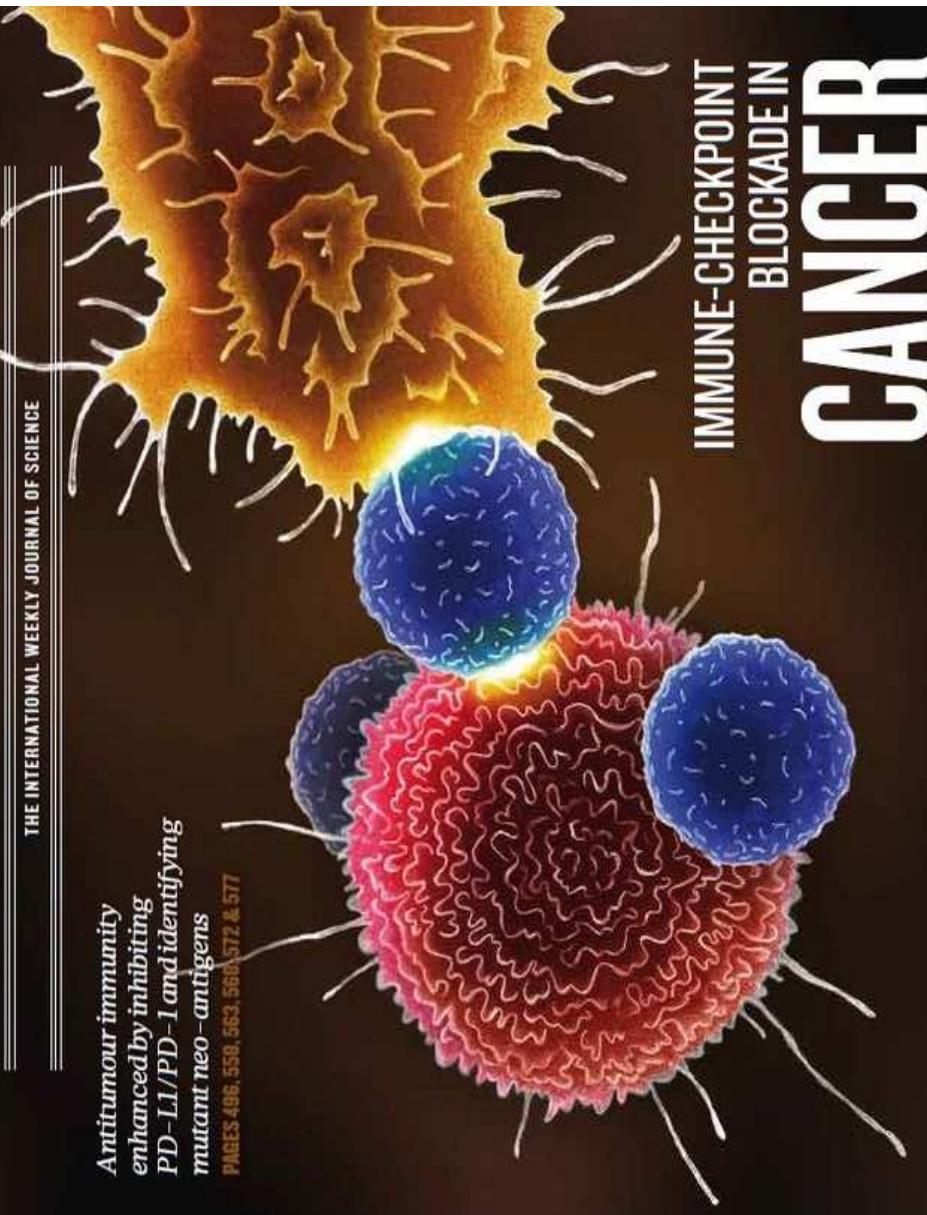


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IMMUNE-CHECKPOINT BLOCKADE IN CANCER

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FACING ADVANCED CANCER IS....



Remission or death !!!

Only two options?

A third way should always exist:
living with disease



«..cancer isn't a war, there are no winners or losers..»

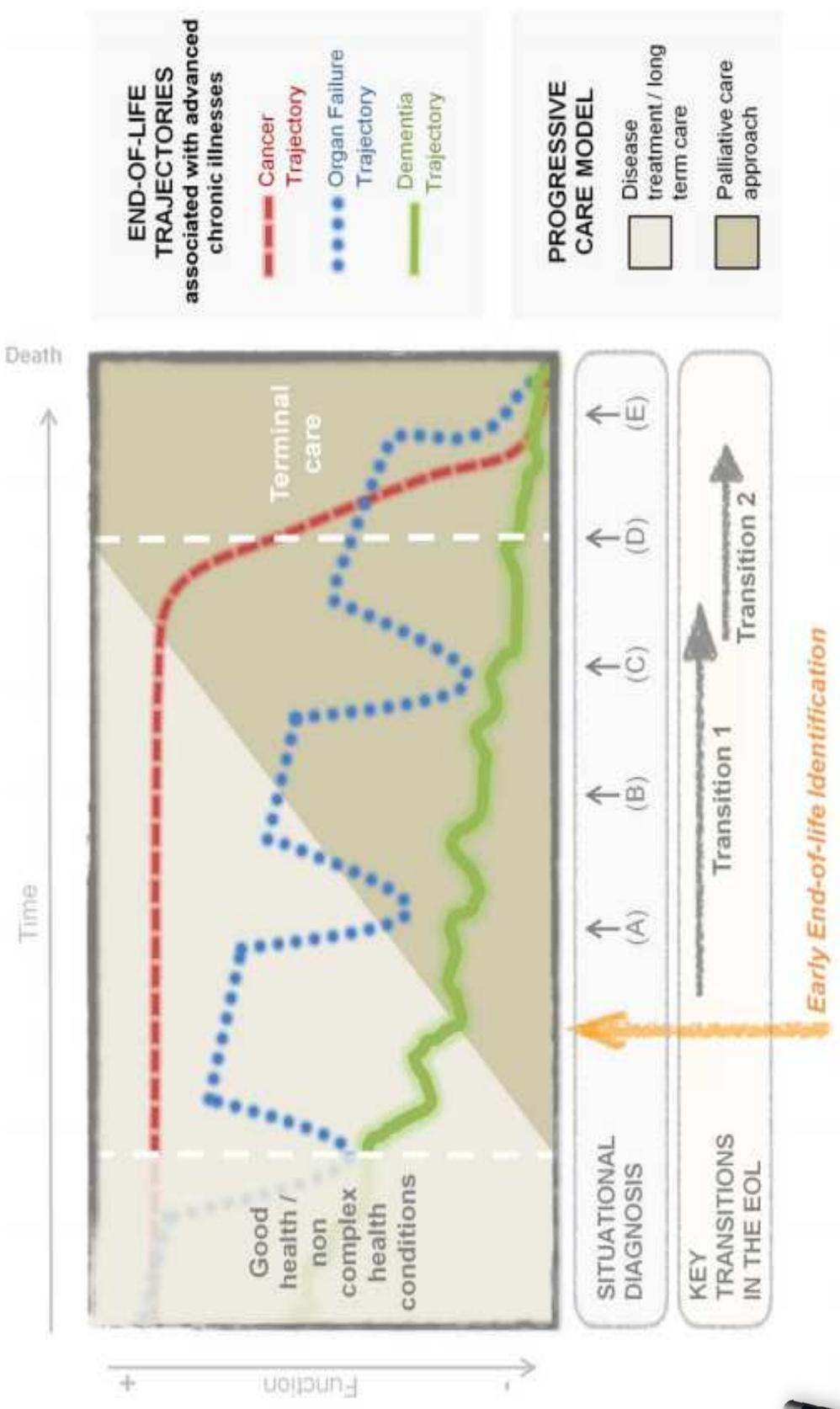
«..I can't cure you but I can help you control it..»



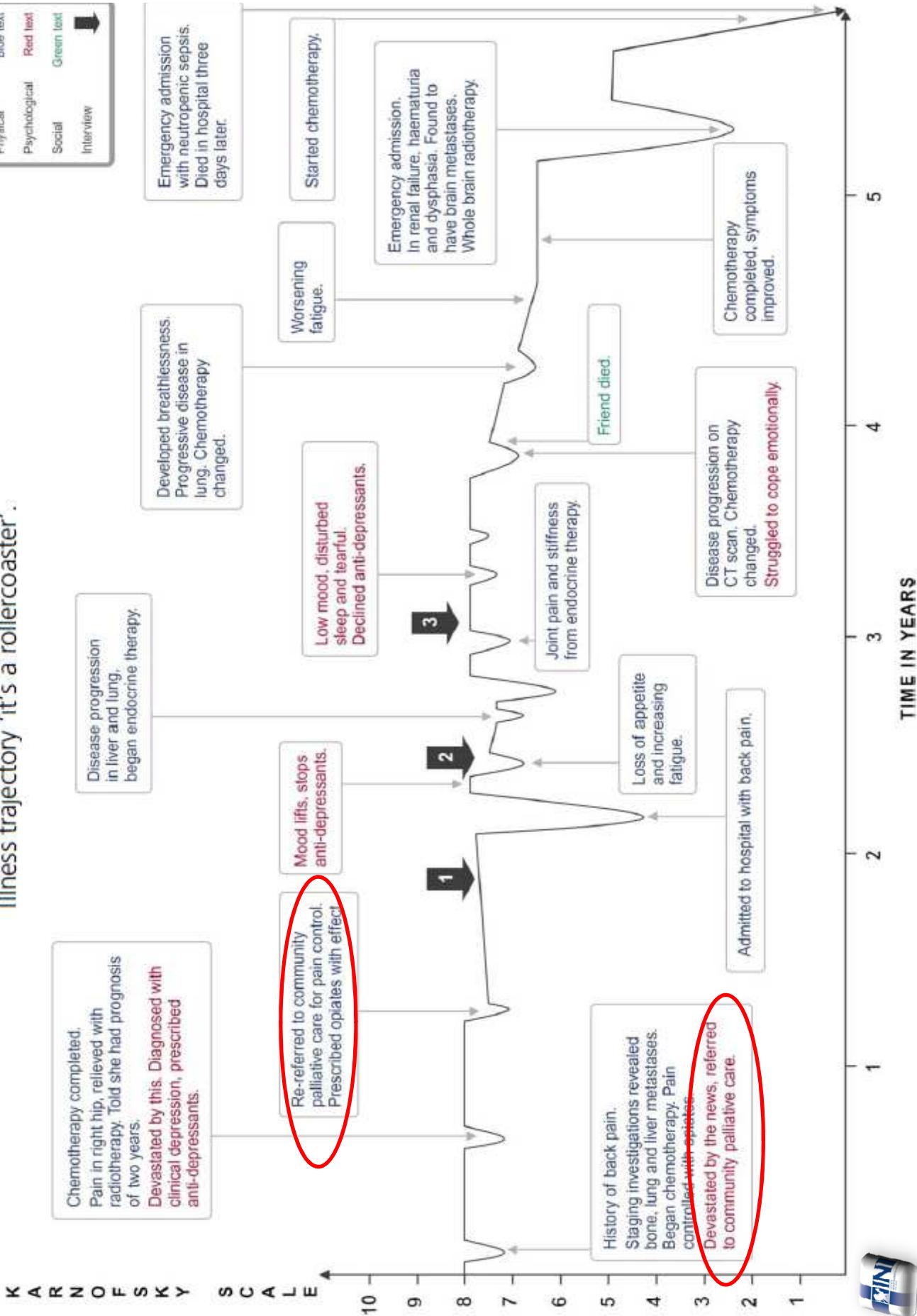
Identifying patients with advanced chronic conditions for a progressive palliative care approach: a cross-sectional study of prognostic indicators related to end-of-life trajectories

October 21, 2016

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Illness trajectory 'it's a rollercoaster'.



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Early Specialty Palliative Care—Translating Data in Oncology into Practice

Ravi B. Parikh, A.B., Rebecca A. Kirch, J.D., Thomas J. Smith, M.D., and Jennifer S. Temel, M.D.

Traditional Palliative Care

Life-prolonging or curative treatment

Palliative care
to manage
symptoms and
improve quality
of life

Diagnosis

Death

Early Palliative Care

Life-prolonging or curative treatment

Palliative care to manage symptoms and improve quality of life

Diagnosis

Death



EMBE'?!
E' IL RESTO
DEL ROMANZO
CHE DEVE
AVVINCERME
MICA LE ULTIME
PAGINE.

LA FINE
E' NOTA.



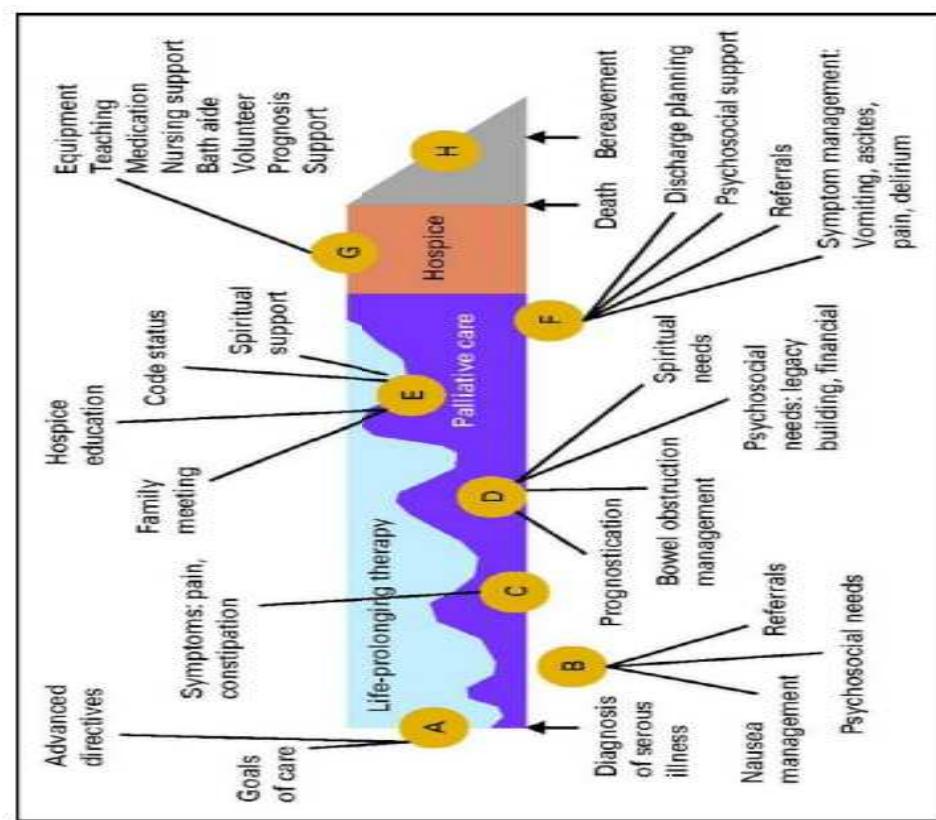
Potenziali interventi palliativi per paziente durante il percorso di cura

CURE MULTANEE

**Integrazione tra le terapie oncologiche
attive e le cure palliative***
**dal momento della presa in carico
del malato oncologico.**

*Prevenzione, identificazione, valutazione e trattamento dei
sintomi fisici, funzionali e dei problemi psicosociali ed esisterziali
del malato oncologico nella fase avanzata di malattia,
quando l'outcome non è più la sopravvivenza.

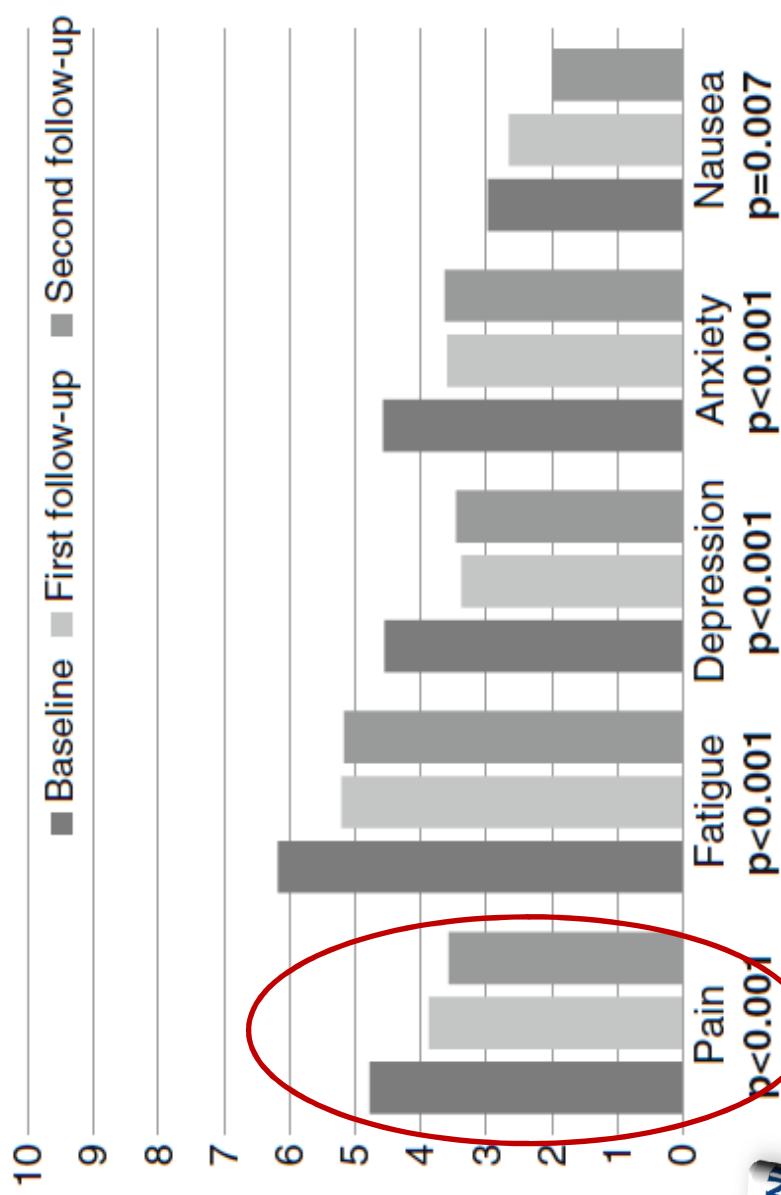
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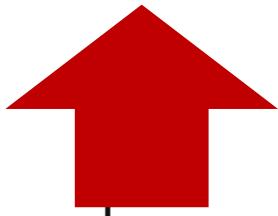
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Palliative and oncologic co-management: symptom management for outpatients with cancer

Kara Bischoff · Vivian Weinberg ·
Michael W. Rabow

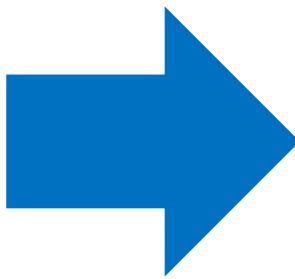


In conclusion, our study demonstrated that outpatient palliative and oncologic co-management was associated with significant improvement in nearly all the symptoms evaluated. Symptomatic improvement was observed regardless of patients' gender, disease stage, concurrent oncologic treatment, and disease progression. To control for the impact of time and non-palliative treatments, as well as for referral bias, randomized controlled studies of outpatient palliative care are indicated for patients with a variety of diagnoses, stages of disease, and prognoses.



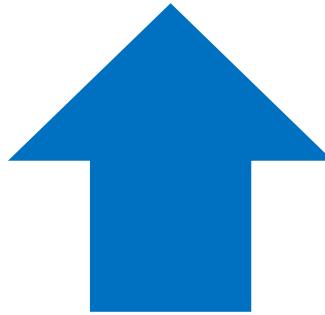
Integration of Palliative Care Into Standard Oncology Care:
American Society of Clinical Oncology Clinical Practice
Guideline Update

Betty R. Ferrell, Jennifer S. Temid, Sarah Tenuta, Erin R. Alesi, Tracy A. Balboni, Ethan M. Basch, Janice I. Firth,
Judith A. Paice, Jeffrey M. Peppercorn, Tanyanika Phillips, Ellen L. Stovall, [†]Camilla Zimmerman, and
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Key Recommendation

Patients with advanced cancer, whether patient or outpatient, should receive dedicated palliative care services, early in the disease course, concurrent with active treatment. Referring patients to interdisciplinary palliative care teams is optimal, and services may complement existing programs. Providers may refer caregivers of patients with early or advanced cancer to palliative care services.

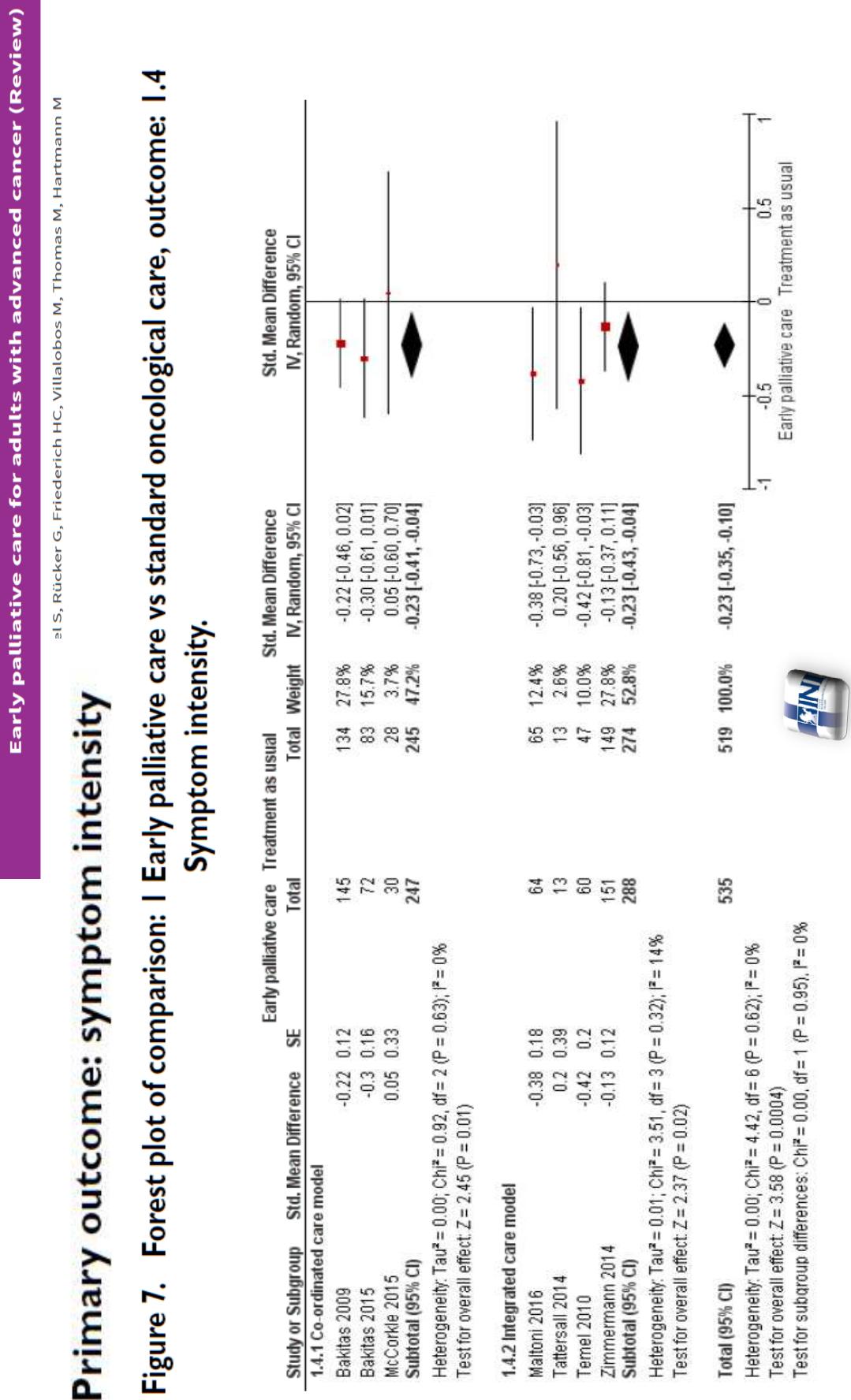


ASCO believes that cancer clinical trials are vital to informing medical decisions and improving cancer care and that all patients should have the opportunity to participate. Patients in clinical trials may benefit from the support of palliative care.



Primary outcome: symptom intensity

Figure 7. Forest plot of comparison: I Early palliative care vs standard oncological care, outcome: I.4 Symptom intensity.

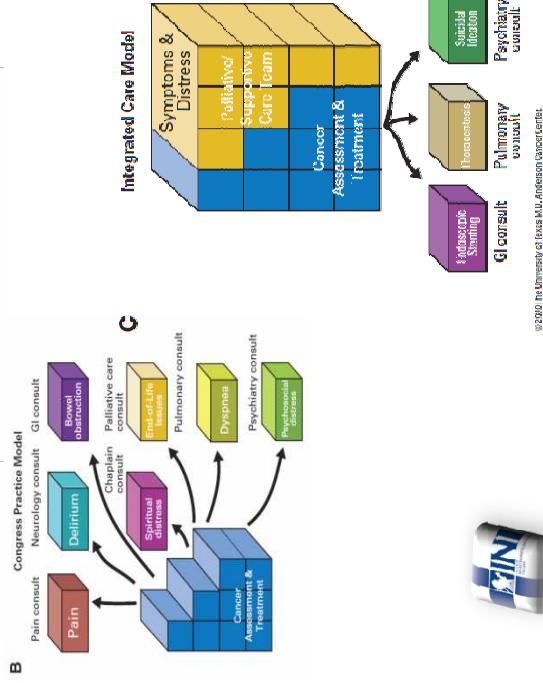
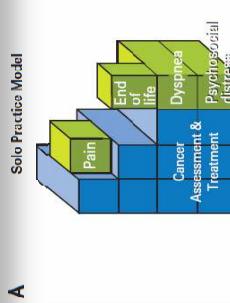
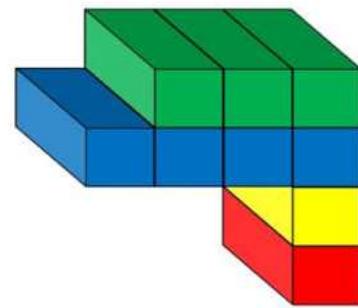
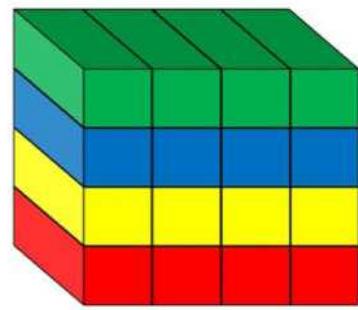
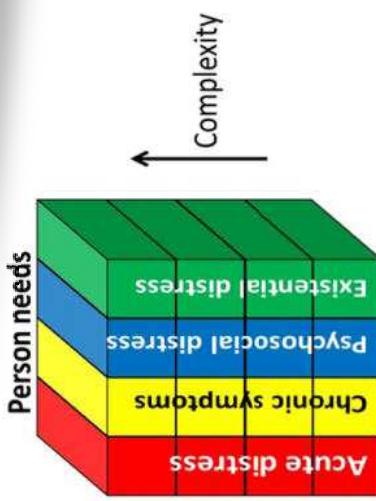


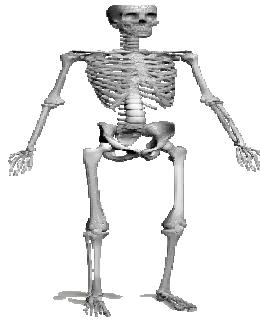
Integrating palliative care into the trajectory of cancer care

David Hui and Eduardo Bruera
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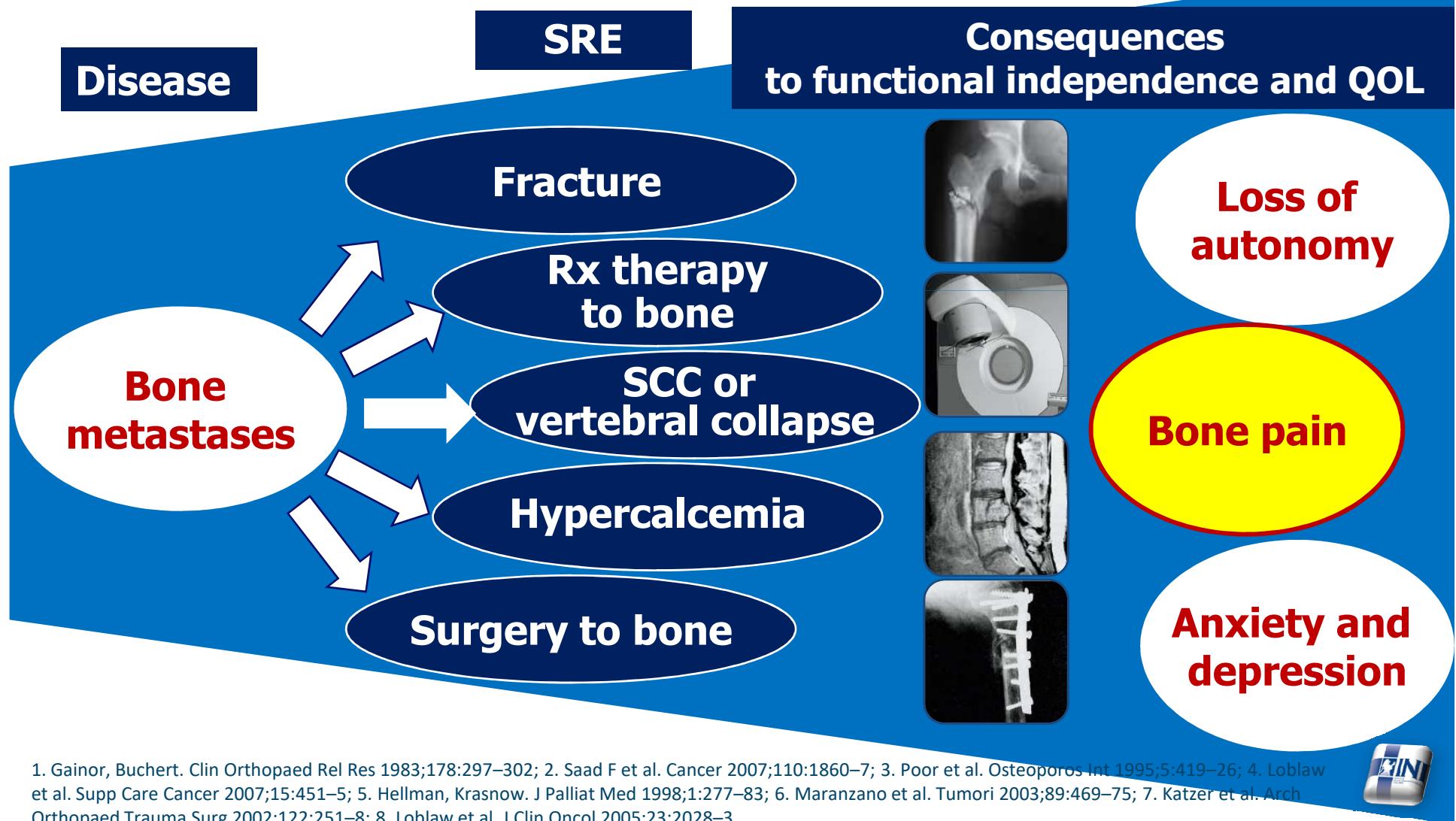
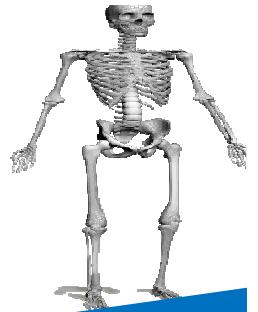
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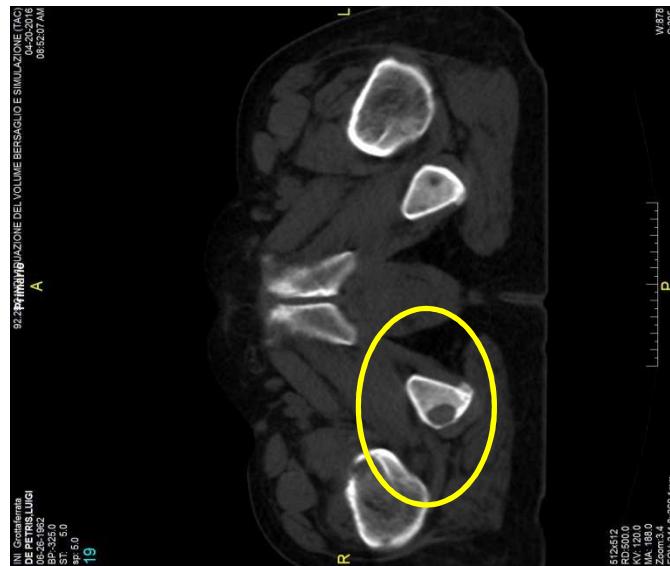
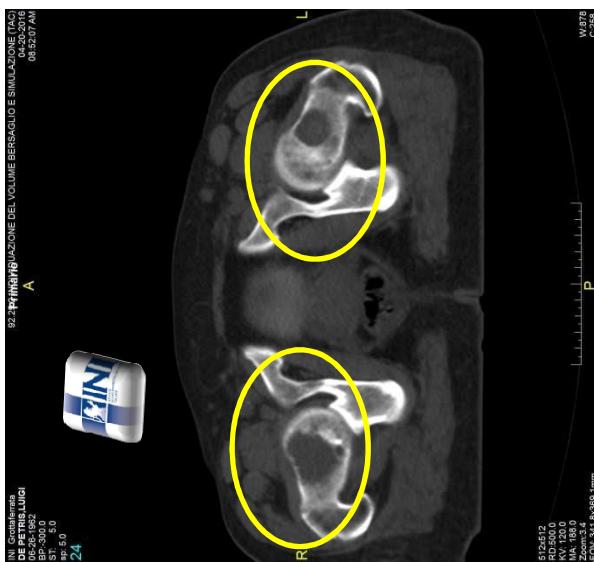
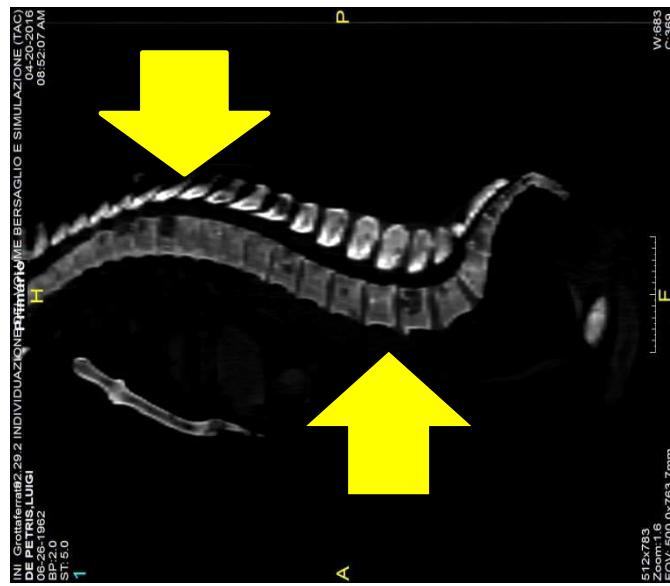
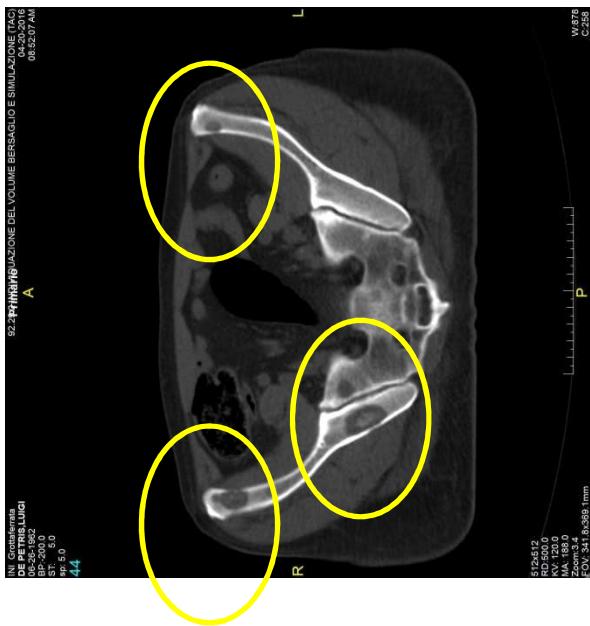
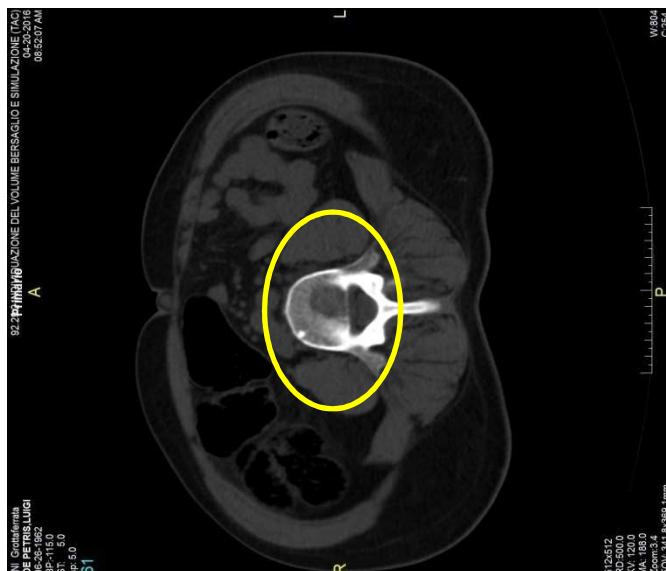
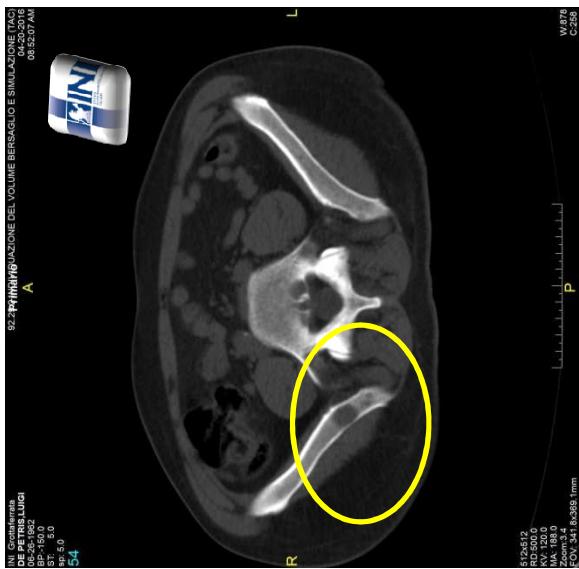
Integrating Supportive and Palliative Care in the Trajectory of Cancer: Establishing Goals and Models of Care
Eduardo Bruera and David Hui



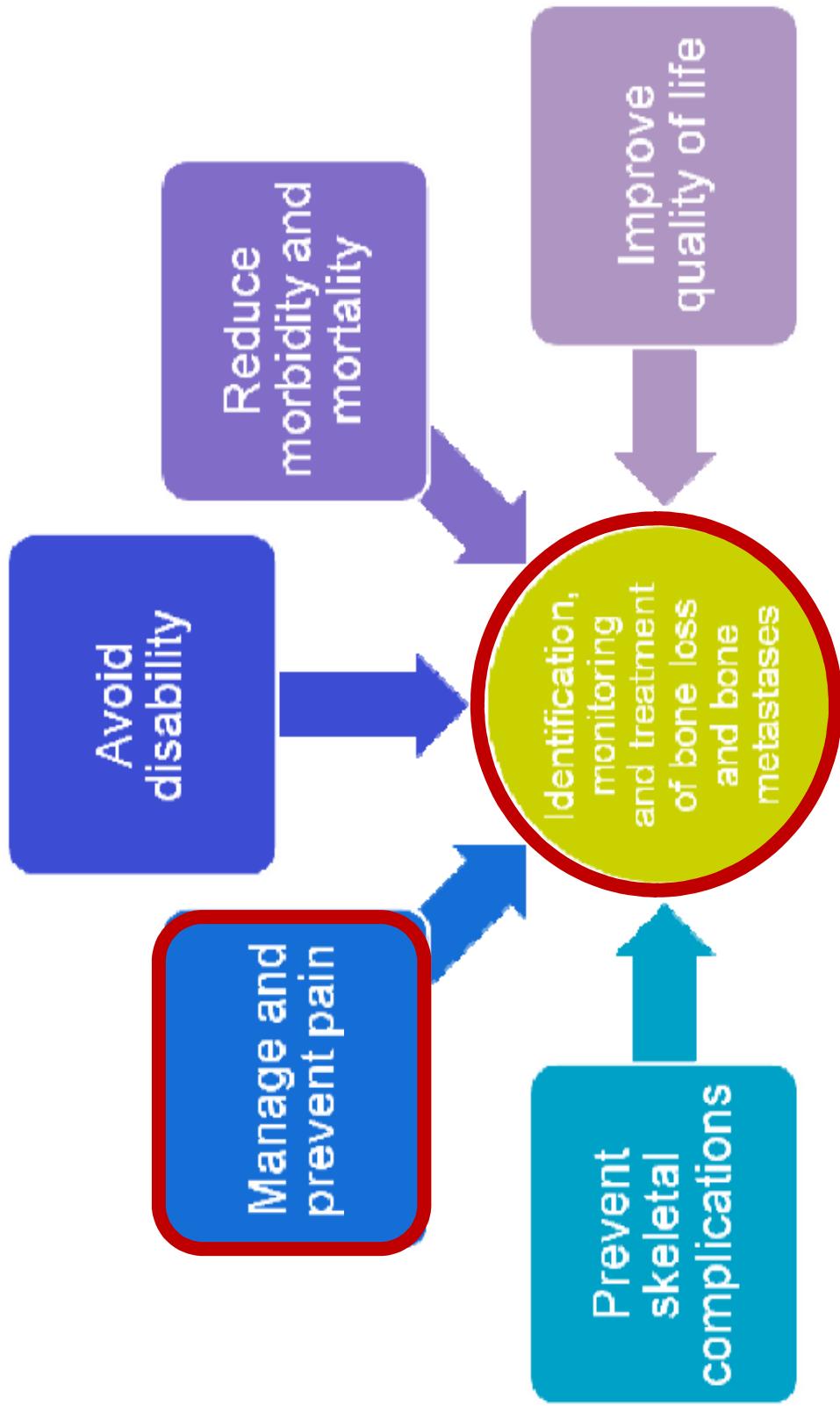


BONE METASTASES HAVE DEBILITATING CONSEQUENCES





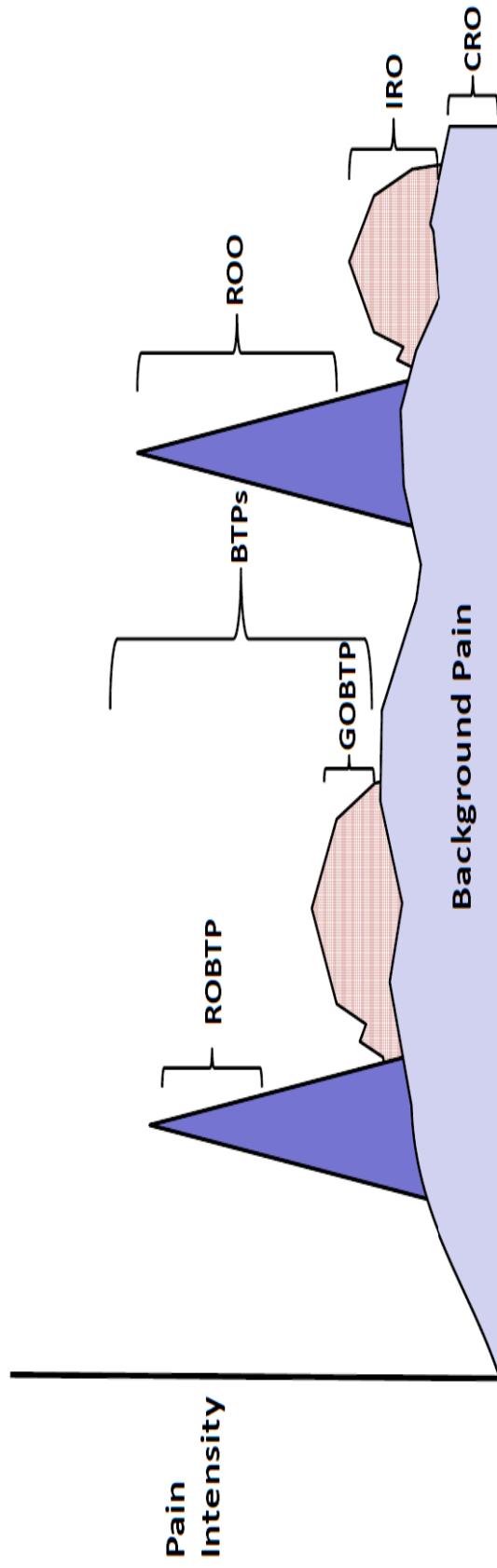
Why is awareness of bone health in cancer so important?



Painful boney metastases

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The Physiology of Bone Pain. How Much Do We Really Know?

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Translational medicine: cancer pain mechanisms and management

A. Delaney¹, S. M. Fleetwood-Walker¹, L. A. Colvin² and M. Fallon^{3*}

Use of Animal Models in Understanding Cancer-induced Bone Pain

Supplementary Issue: Animal Models of Cancer Biology

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• Metastatic cancer induced bone pain (**CIBP**) is a severe clinical problem that is often inadequately treated by current analgesic.

• **CIBP** is a **complex pain syndrome** involving **background pain** (typically opioid responsive), which can be described as a dull ache that increases in intensity with progression of the disease

• **CIBP** involves spontaneous **breakthrough pain** and movement-related pain, which are generally difficult to treat with opioids without intolerable side-effects.

→ • While the etiology of **CIBP** remains to be fully elucidated, increasing evidence suggests that **CIBP is uniquely complex and is accompanied by neurochemical changes distinct from other chronic pain pathologies (neuropathic pain, inflammatory pain).**

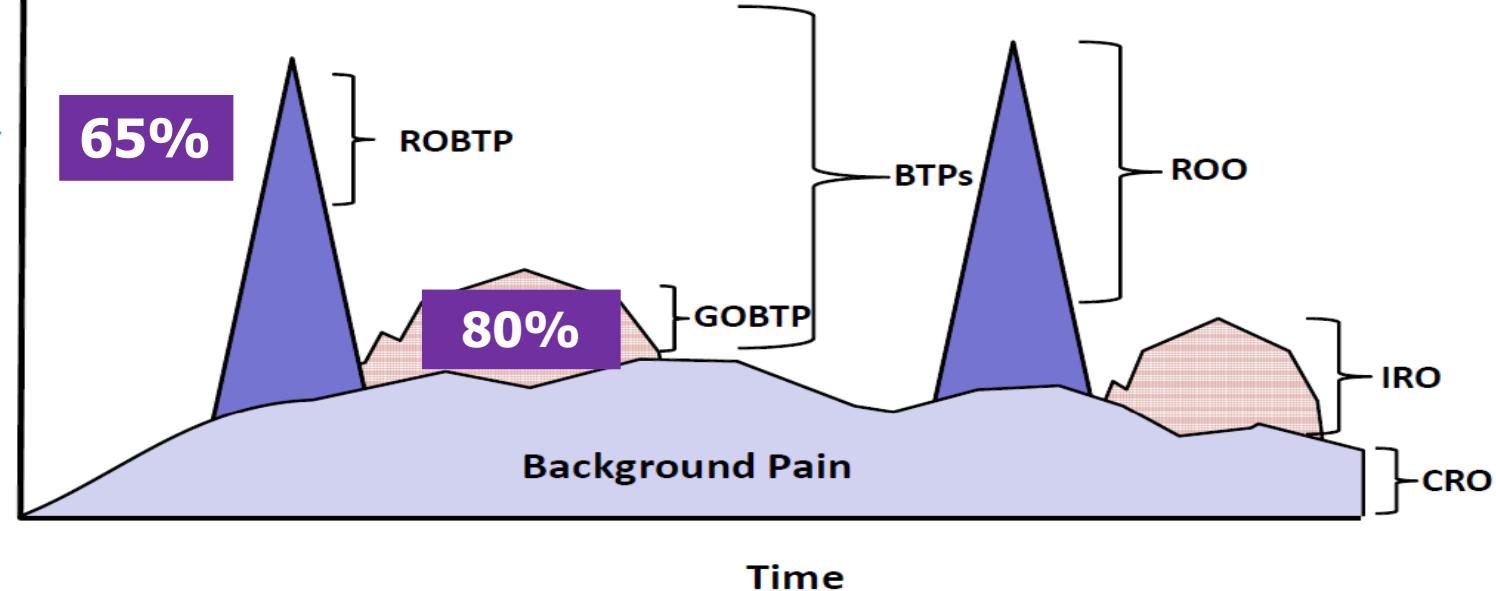
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75-80% of patients had pain

Pain Intensity



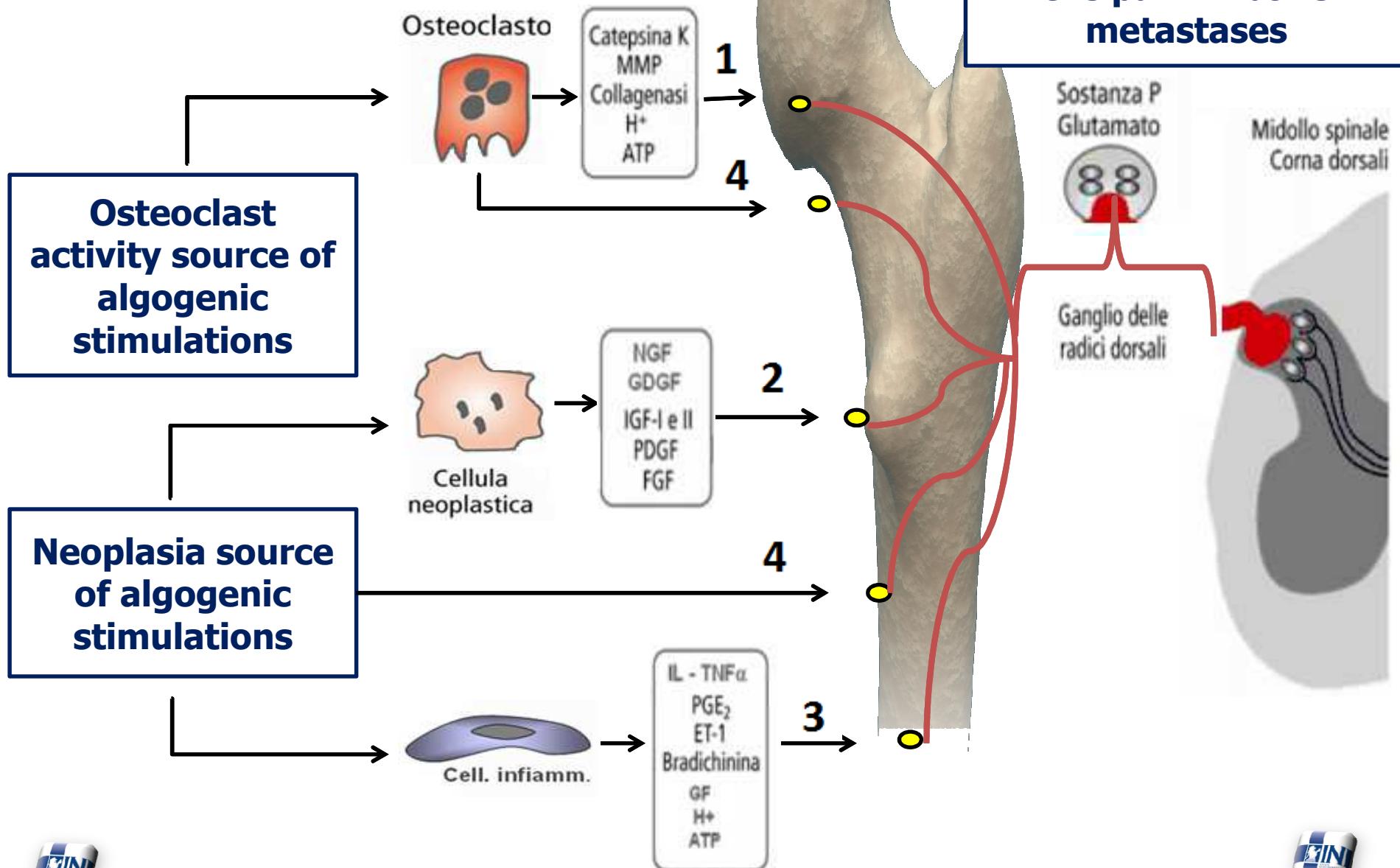
CRO – Controlled Release Opioid
GOBTP – Gradual onset breakthrough Pain
IRO – Immediate Release Opioid
ROBTP – Rapid onset breakthrough pain
ROO – Rapid Onset Opioid

Only about 40% of patients reported adequate relief of pain from bone metastases



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Role of the nervous system in maintaining the pain in bone metastases



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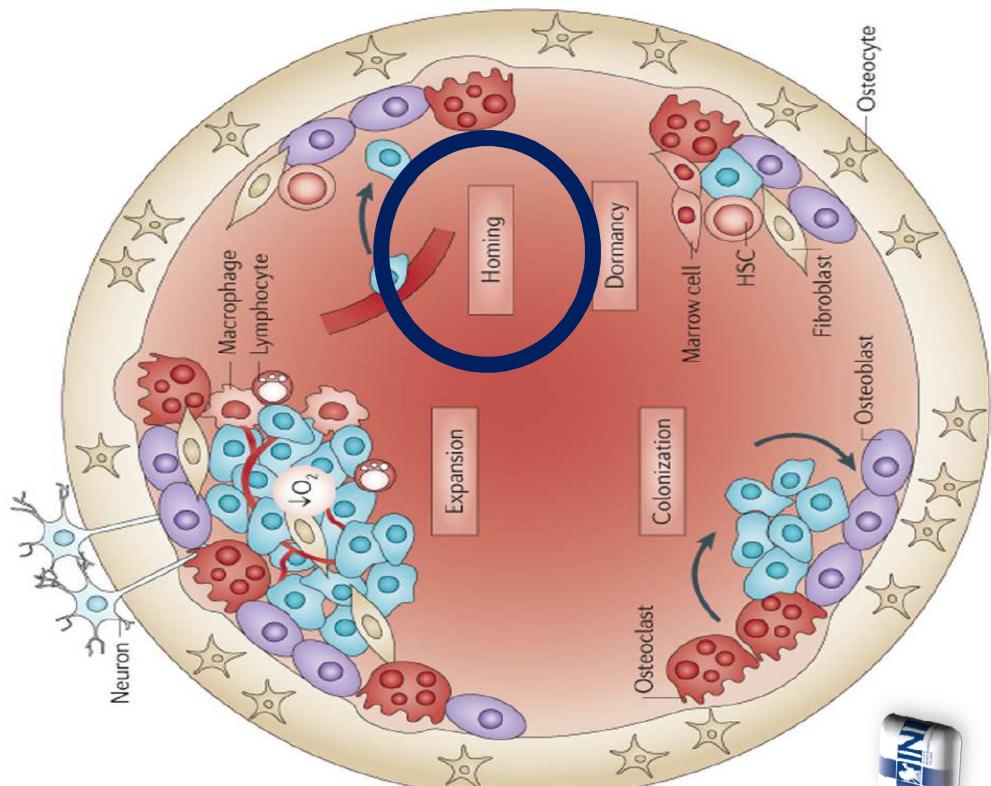
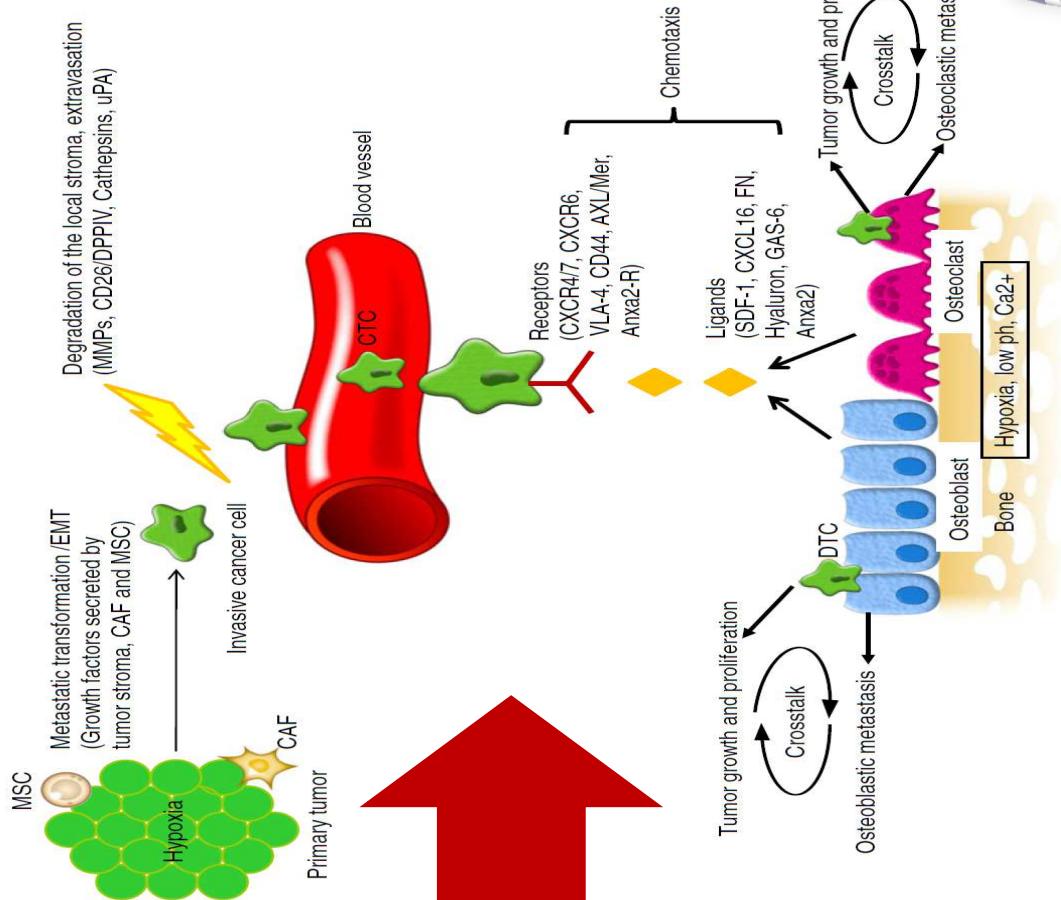
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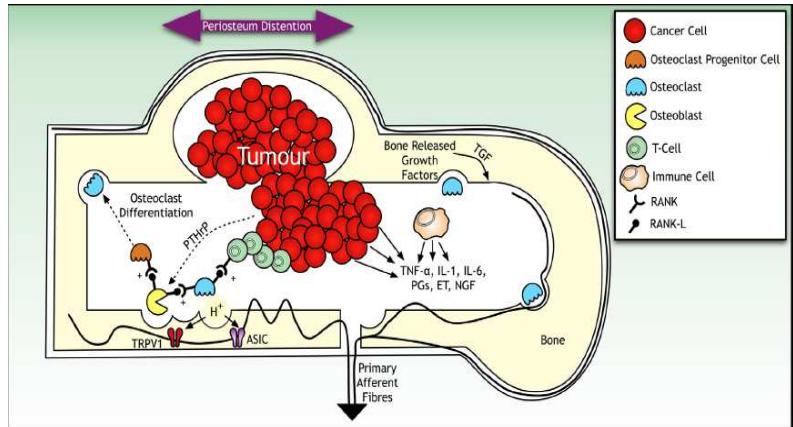
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Homing of Cancer Cells to the Bone

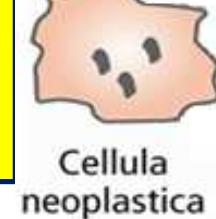
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Russell S. Taichman



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**Neoplasia source
of algogenic
stimulations**



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IGF-I e II
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FGF

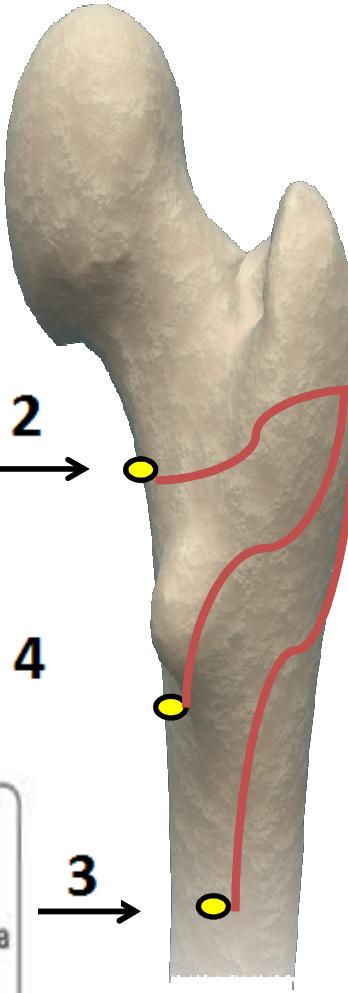
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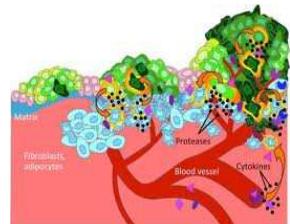
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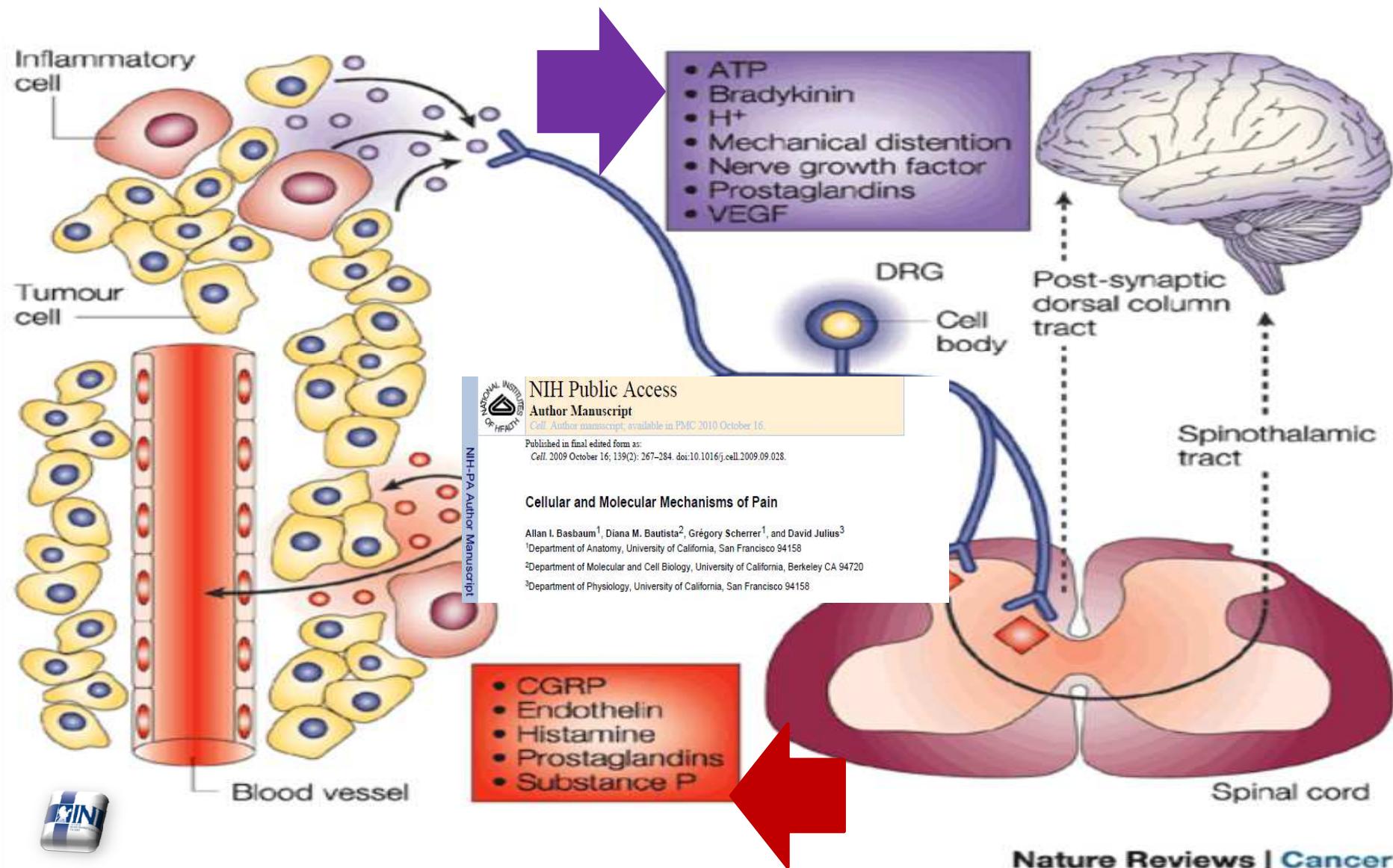
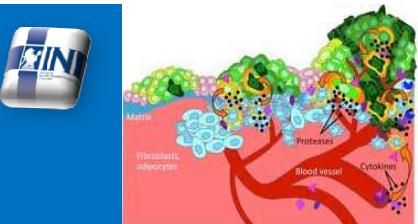
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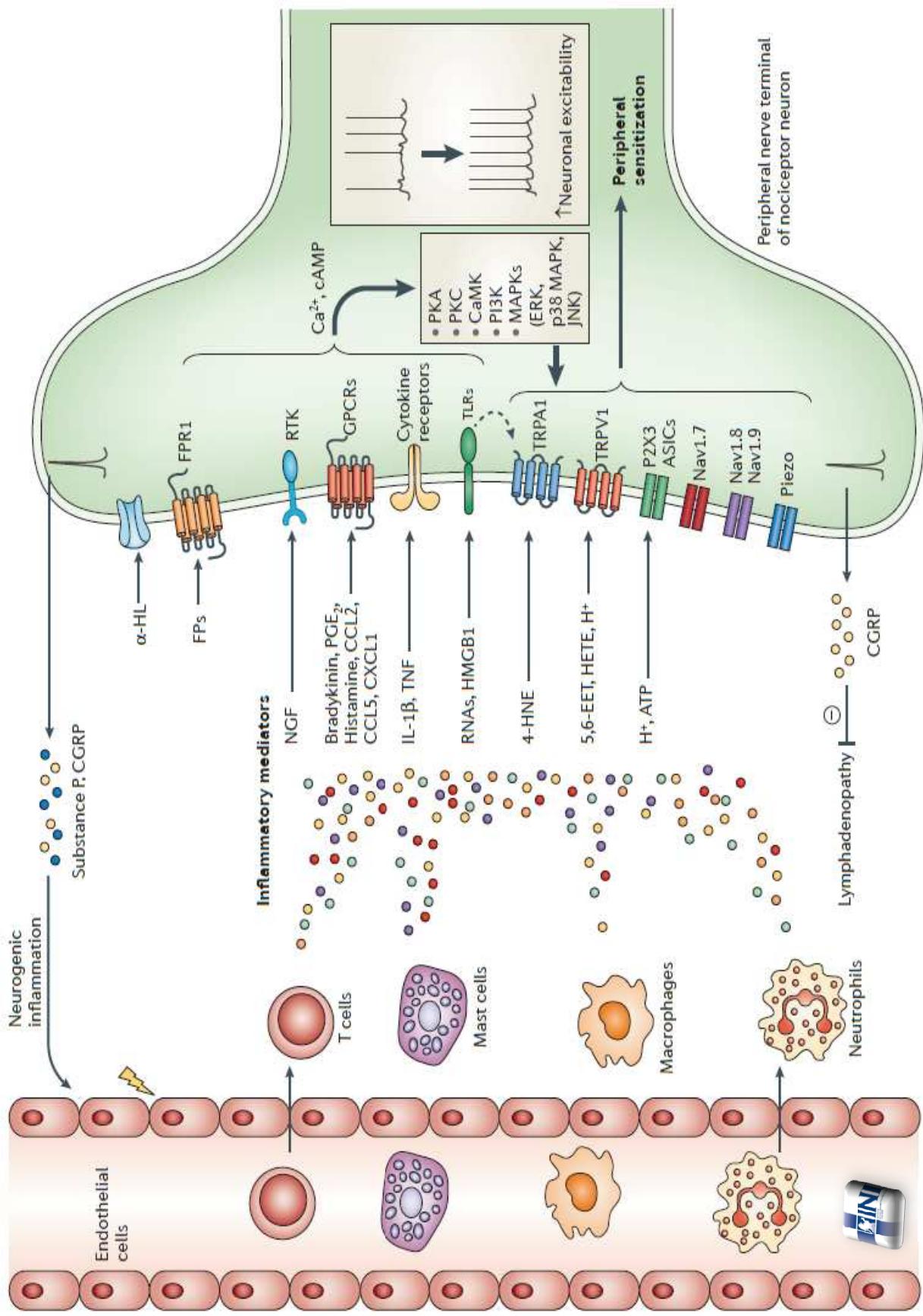
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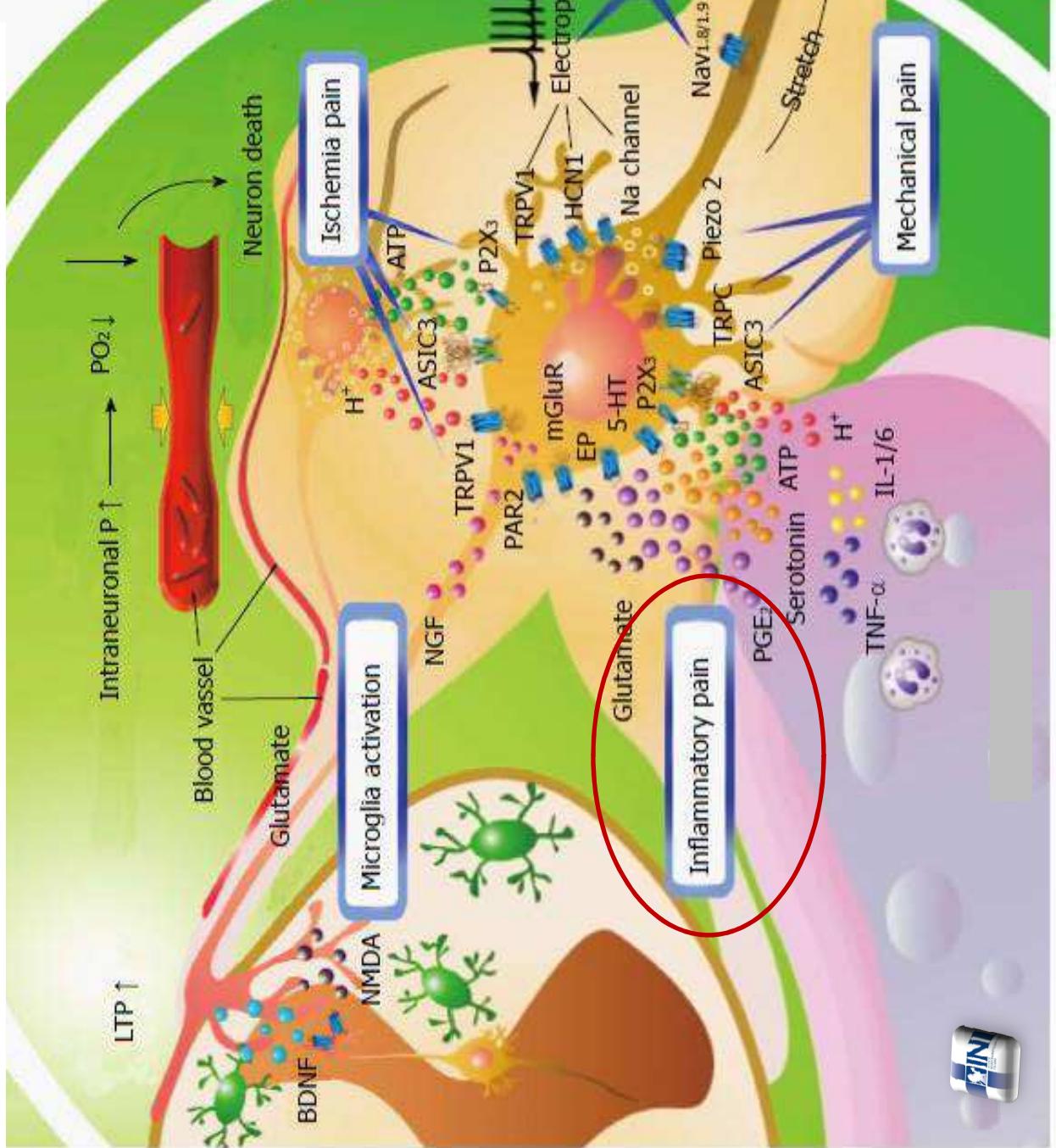
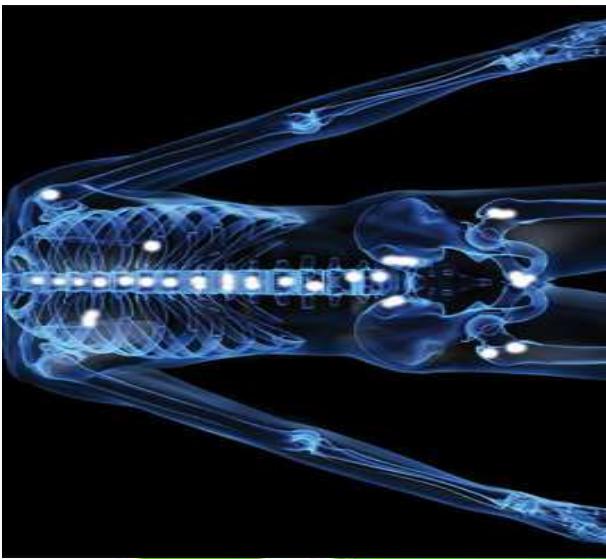


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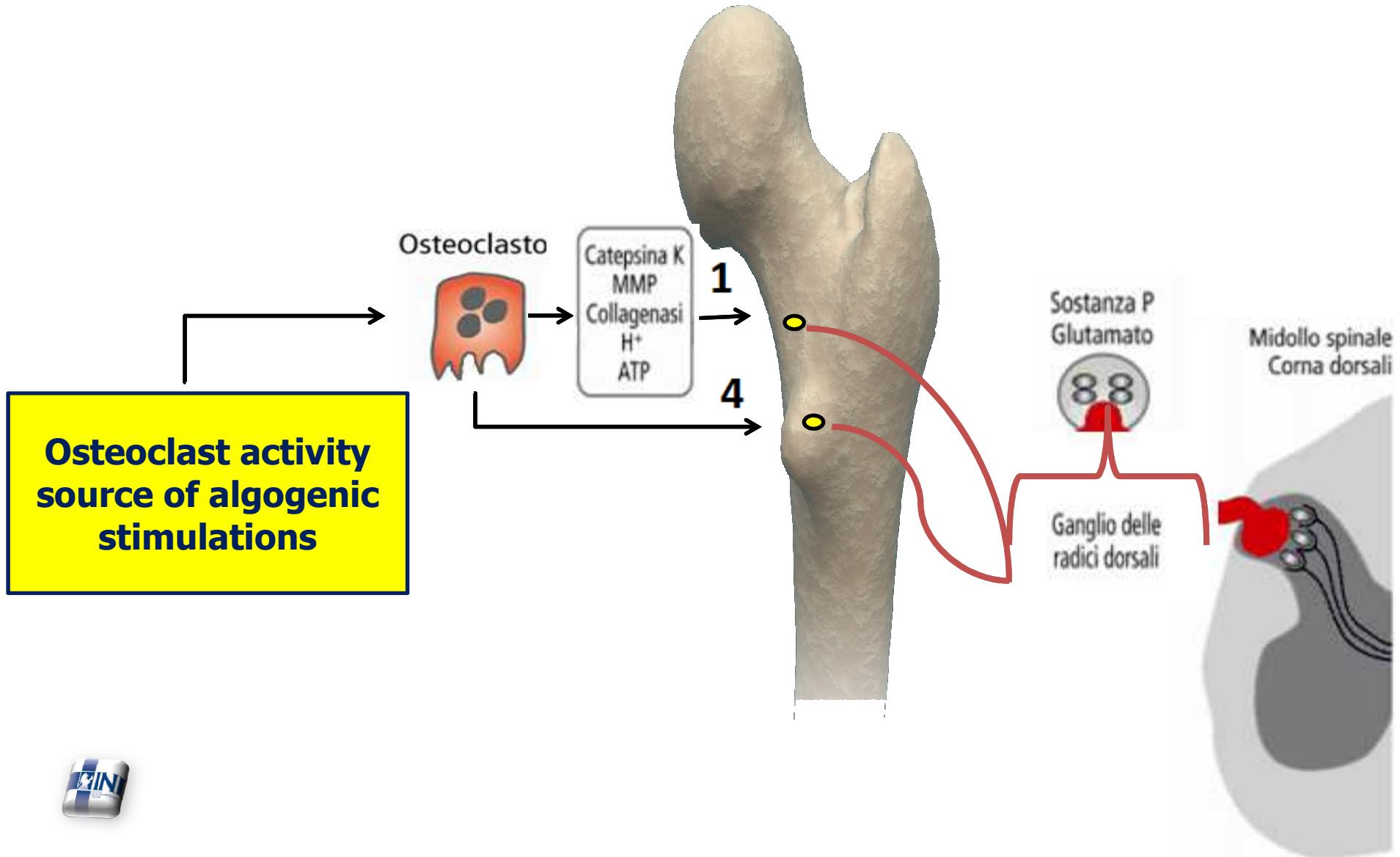
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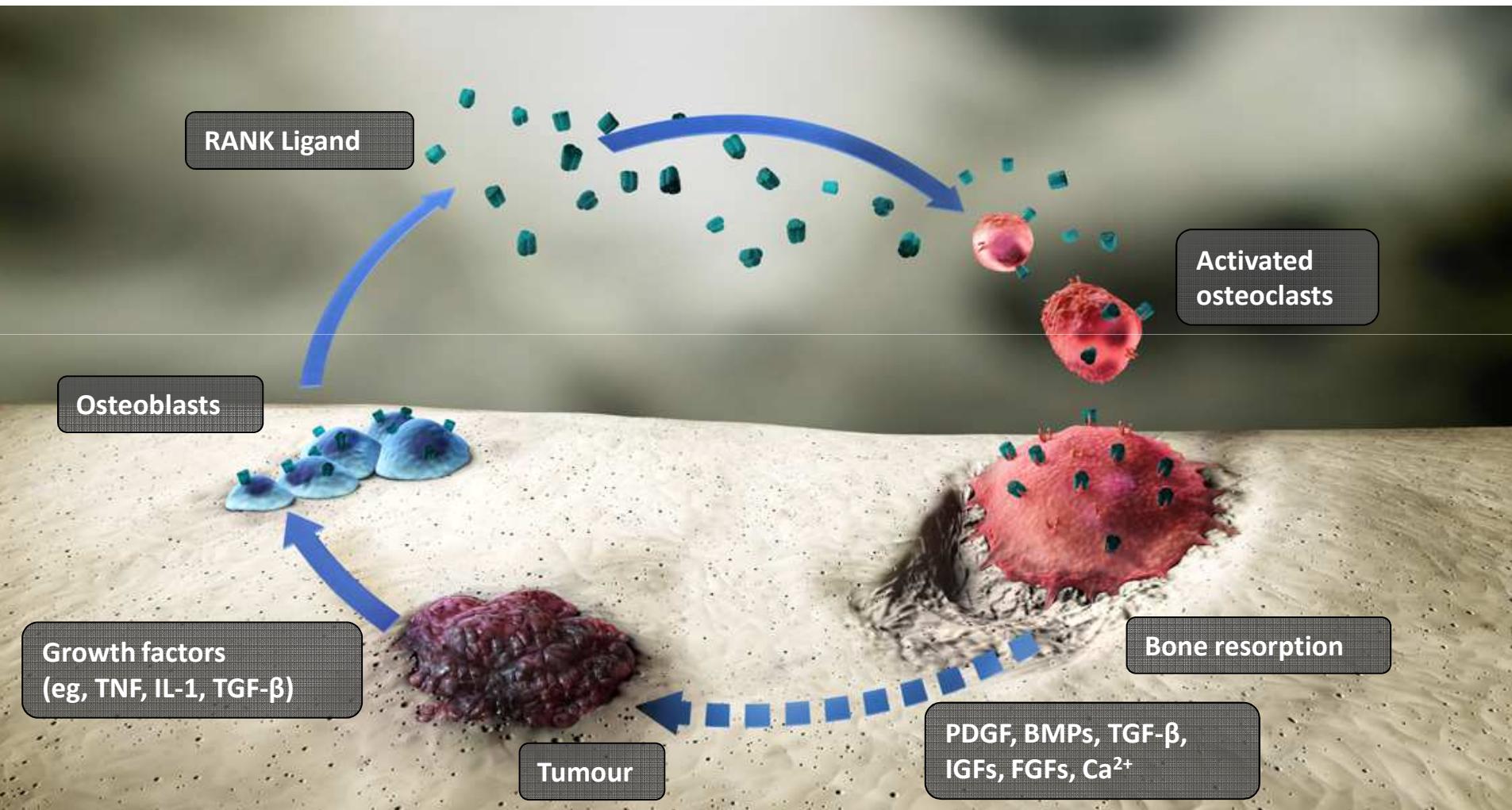




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RANK Ligand is an essential mediator of the vicious cycle of bone destruction



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PAIN
CLINICAL
UPDATES

Tumor associated immune cells



Macrophage Mast cell T cell neutrophil

ET-1

BK

PGE₂



p11

EP

B₂R

TrkA

IL-1 β

TNF- α

NGF

ET-1

NGF

PGE2

Peripheral terminal of the sensory neuron

TRPA1 TRPV4 TRPV1

ASIC 2/3

TRPV1

H⁺ H⁺ H⁺ H⁺ H⁺

Osteoblasts

Osteoclasts

Mechanical
distortion of putative
mechanotransducers



Tumor/stromal cells



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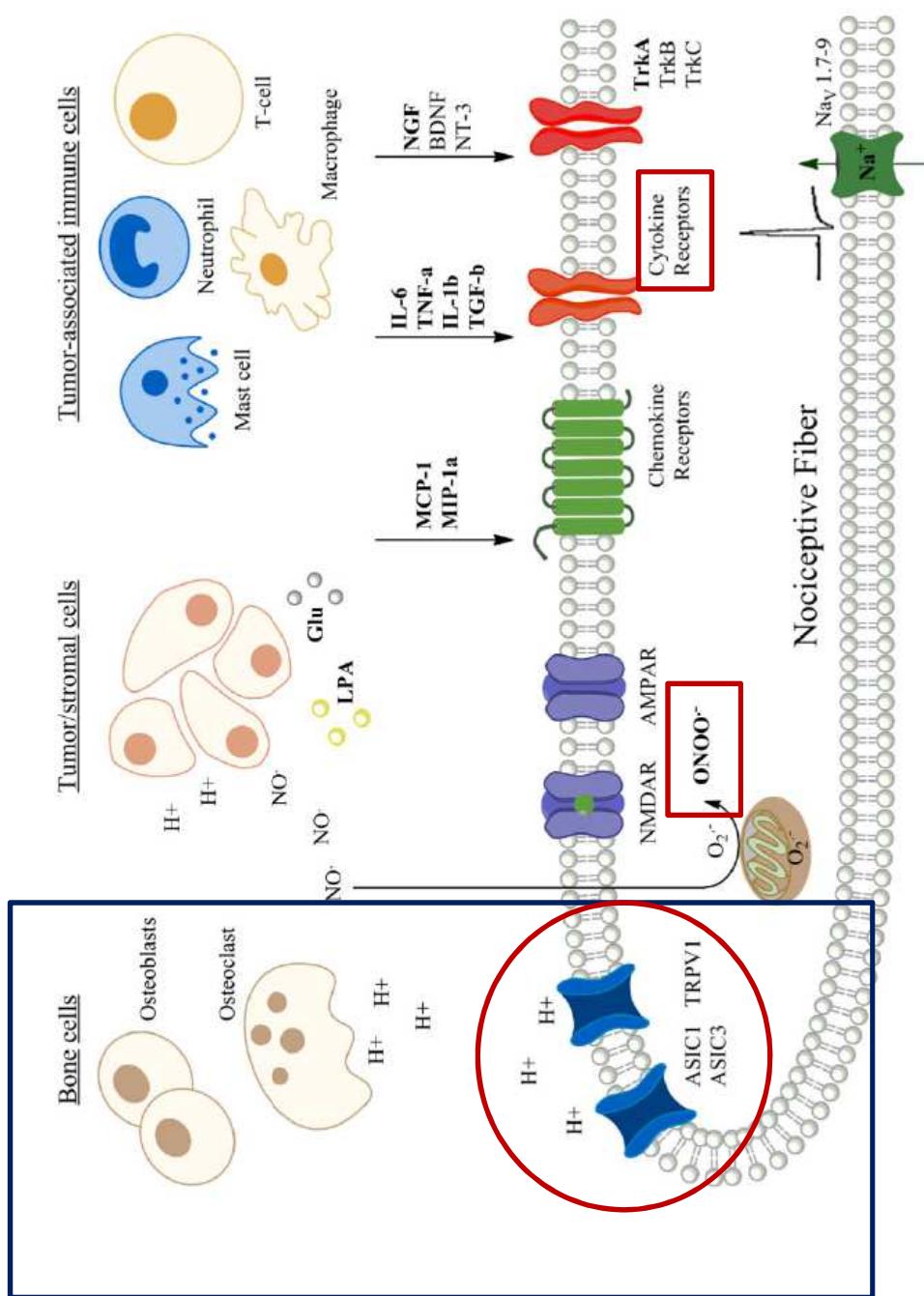
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**Acidic microenvironment
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Bone Cancer Pain: From Mechanism to Therapy

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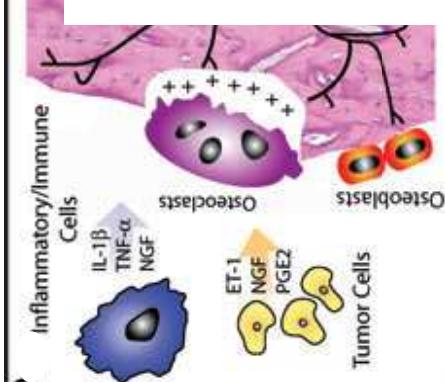
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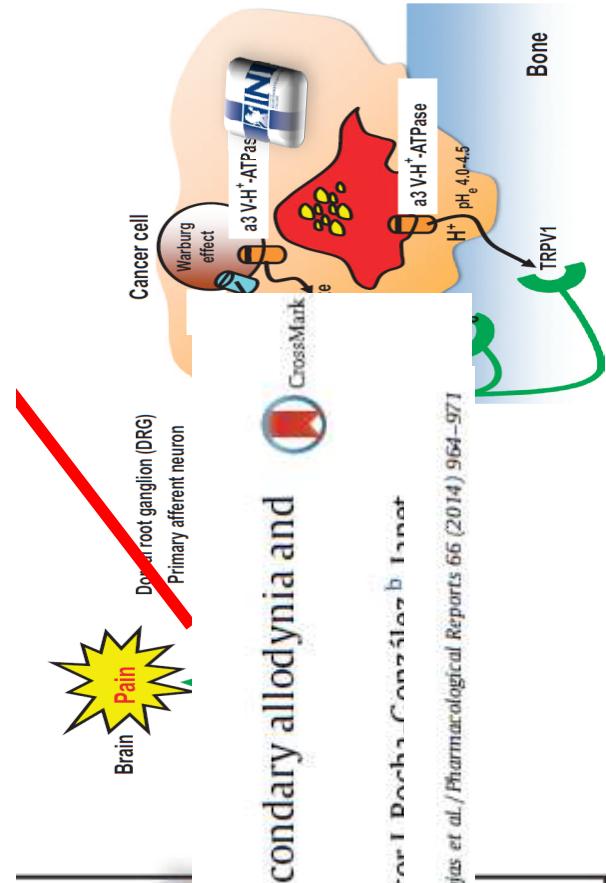
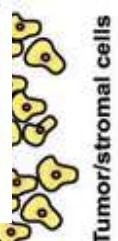
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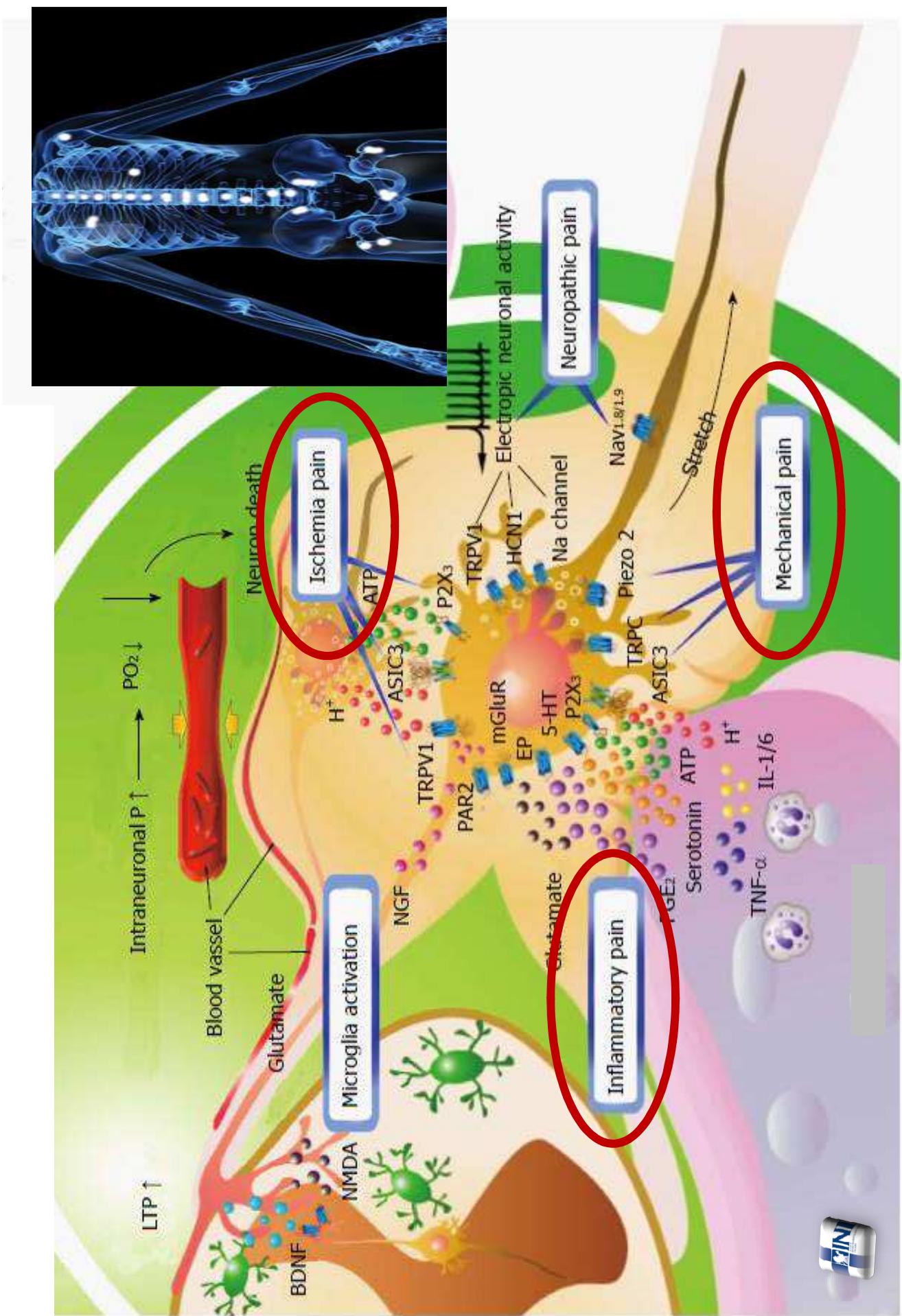


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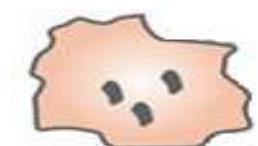
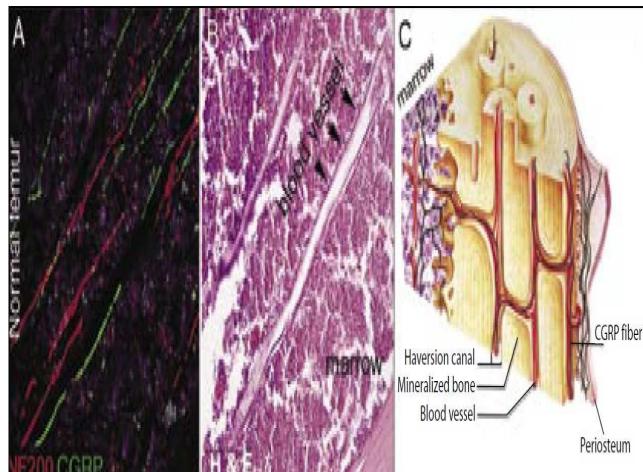
Role of TRPV1 and ASIC3 in formalin-induced secondary allodynia and hyperalgesia

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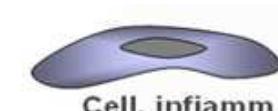




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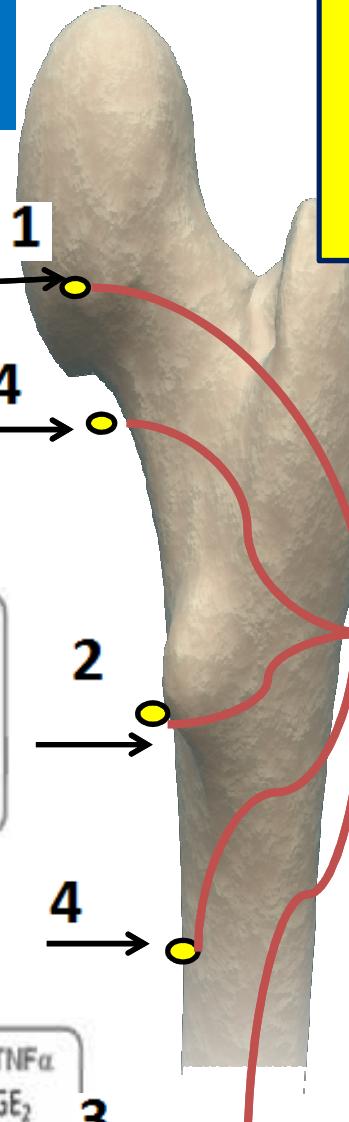
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Role of the nervous system in maintaining the pain in bone metastases



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Bone cancer pain: Causes, consequences, and therapeutic opportunities

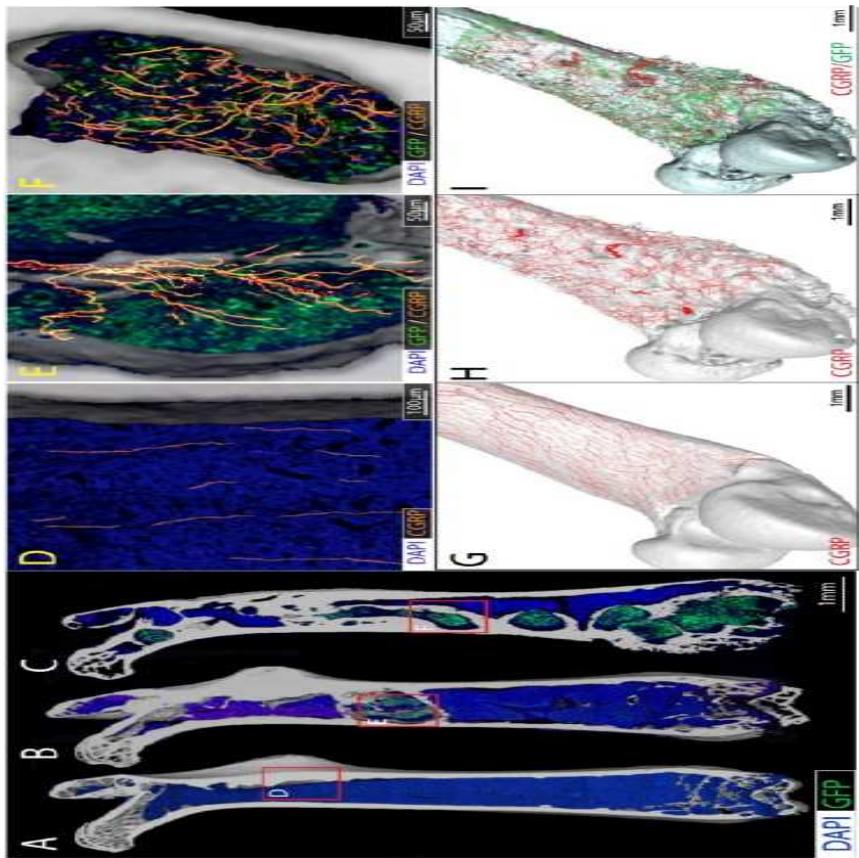
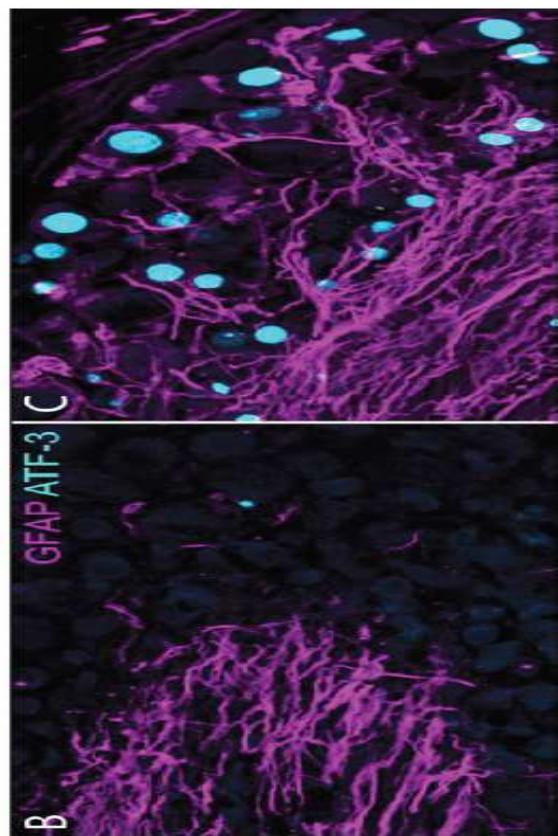
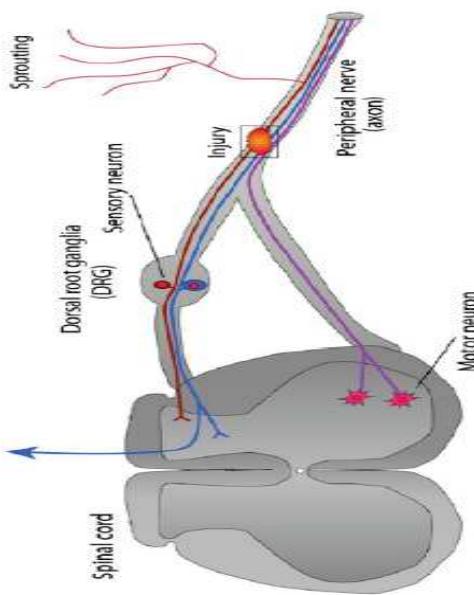
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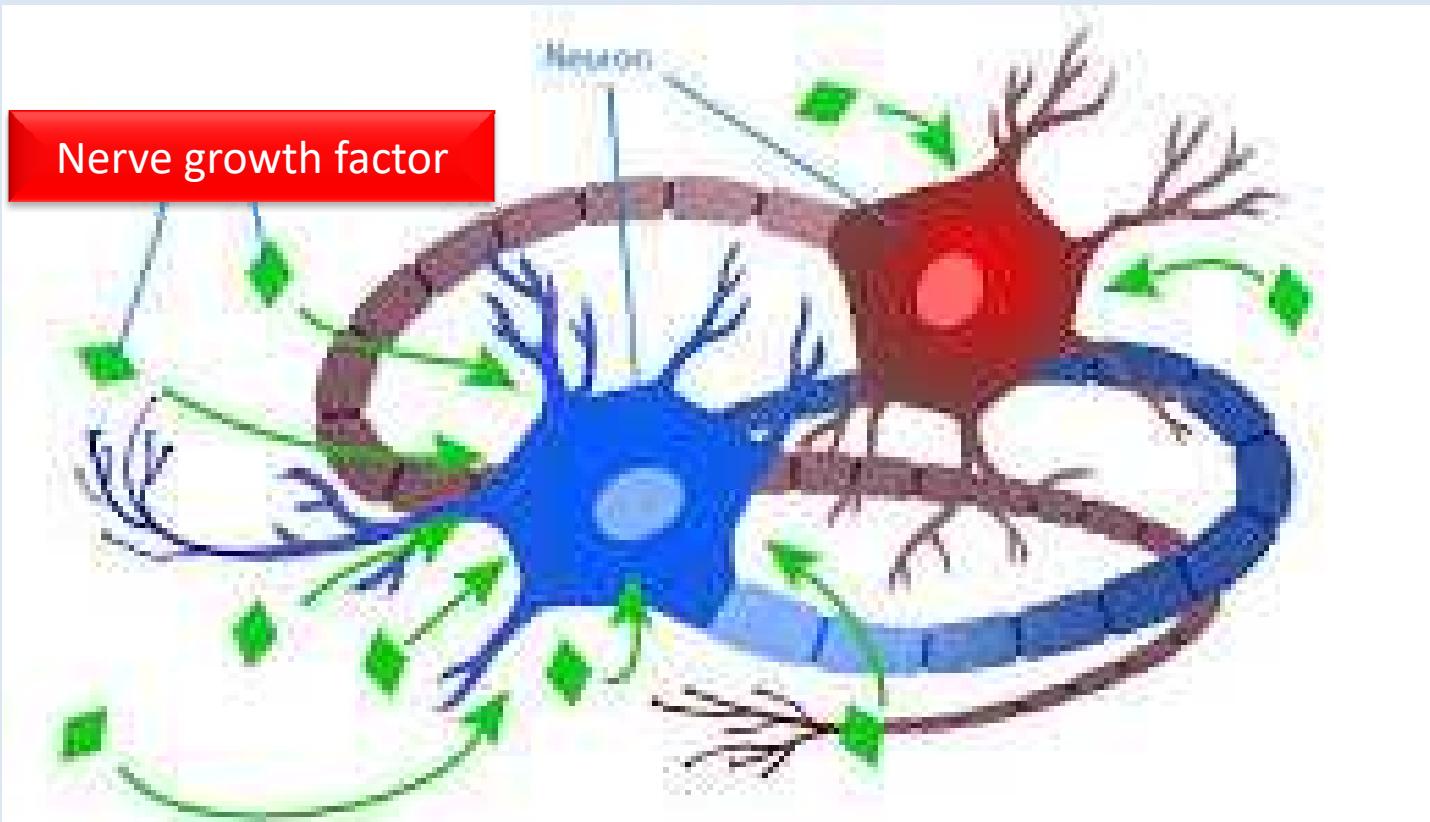
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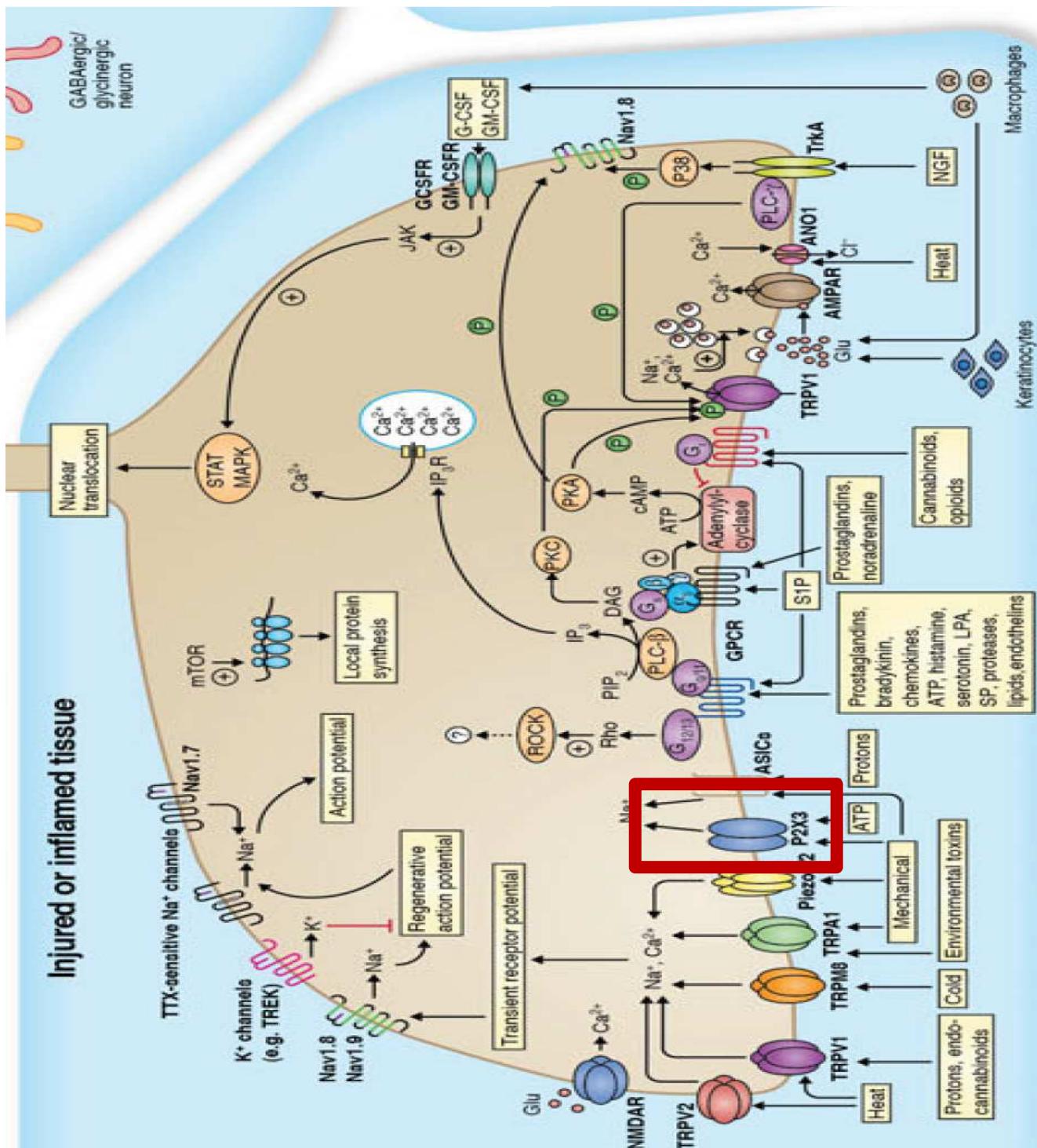


Fenomeno del "**perineurial involvement**", invasione e
proliferazione del cancro nel nervo, associato a dolore

Injured or inflamed tissue

A Peripheral sensitization at nociceptors

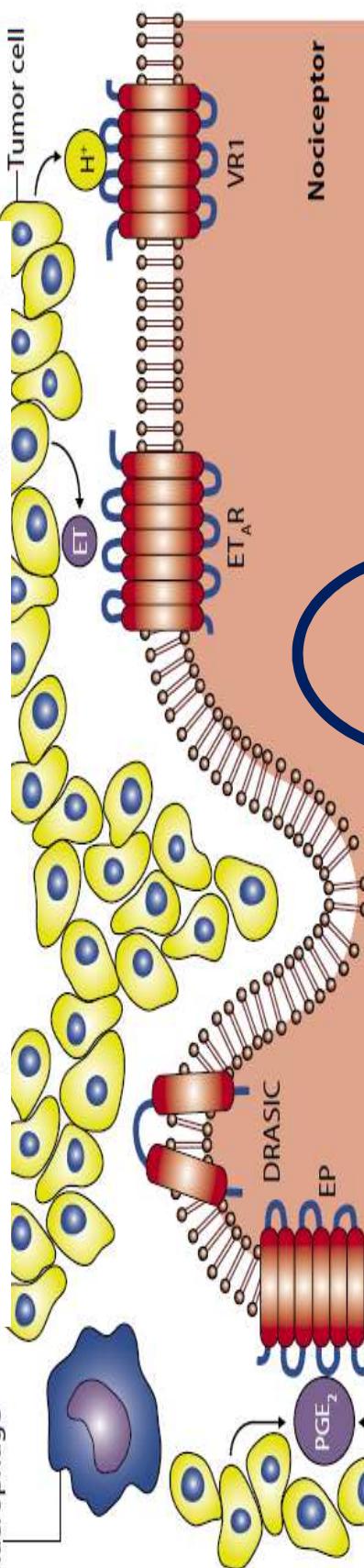
- Noxious stimuli or chemical mediators released by nociceptors or non-neuronal cells at the site of injury or inflammation act via multiple signaling complexes expressed at sensory nerve terminals (C- and A-type nerve fibers).
- TRP channels, ASICs, ATP-sensitive P2X receptors, Piezo1/2 and calcium-permeable AMPA receptors transduce diverse sensory stimuli or chemical mediators, causing membrane depolarization, which is further modulated by voltage-gated Na⁺- and K⁺-channels, leading to action potential generation and transfer of sensory information towards the CNS.
- GPCRs and receptor tyrosine kinases, e.g. TrKA, modulate the activity of sensory transducers and amplifiers, e.g. TRP channels and Na⁺ channels, via various intracellular mediators, including PKA, PKC, MAPK and intracellular calcium (Ca^{2+}). These processes, together with additional mechanisms such as local protein translation and membrane trafficking lead to peripheral sensitization.



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Review Article

The Role of Purinergic Receptors in Cancer-Induced Bone Pain

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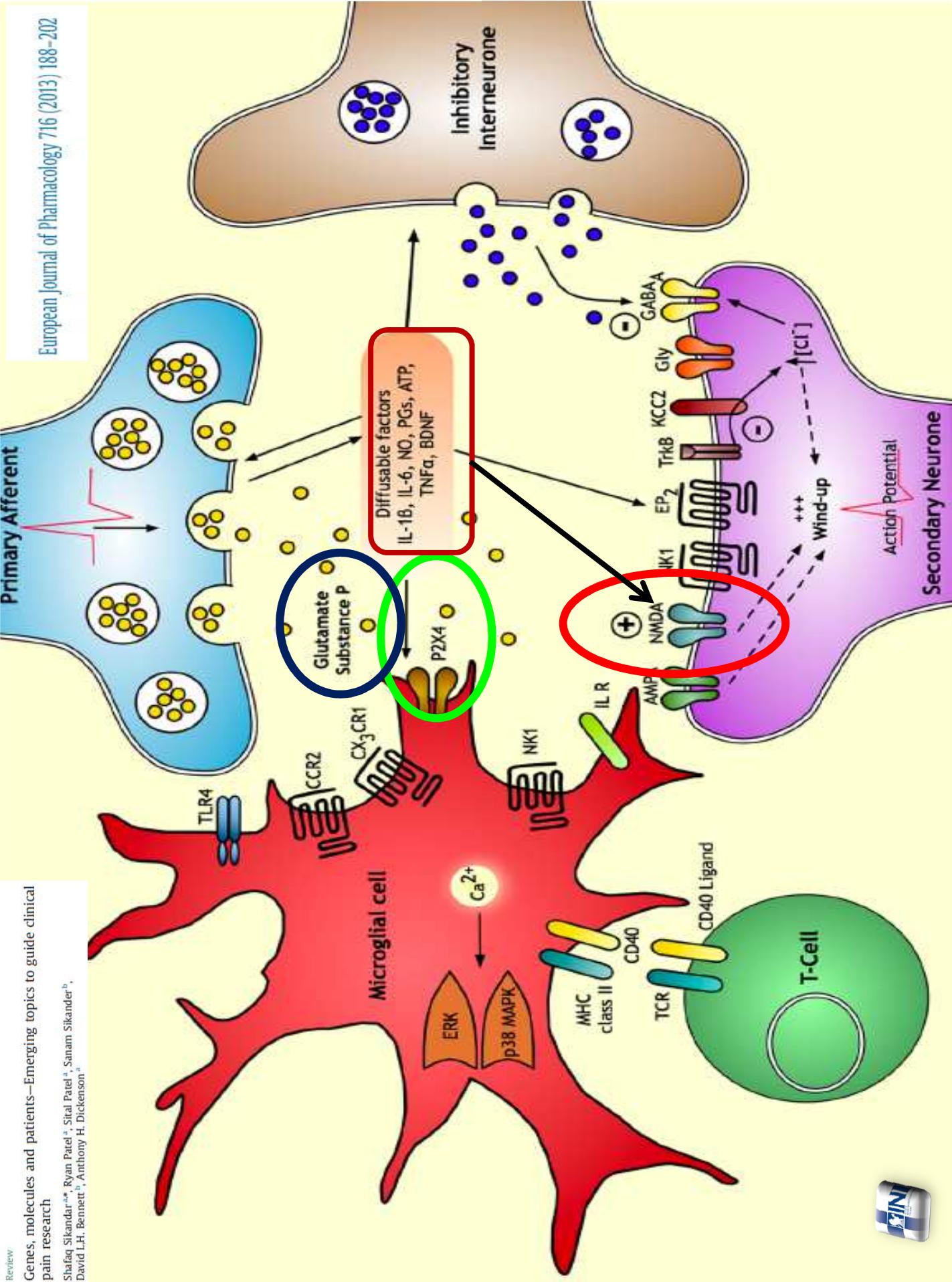
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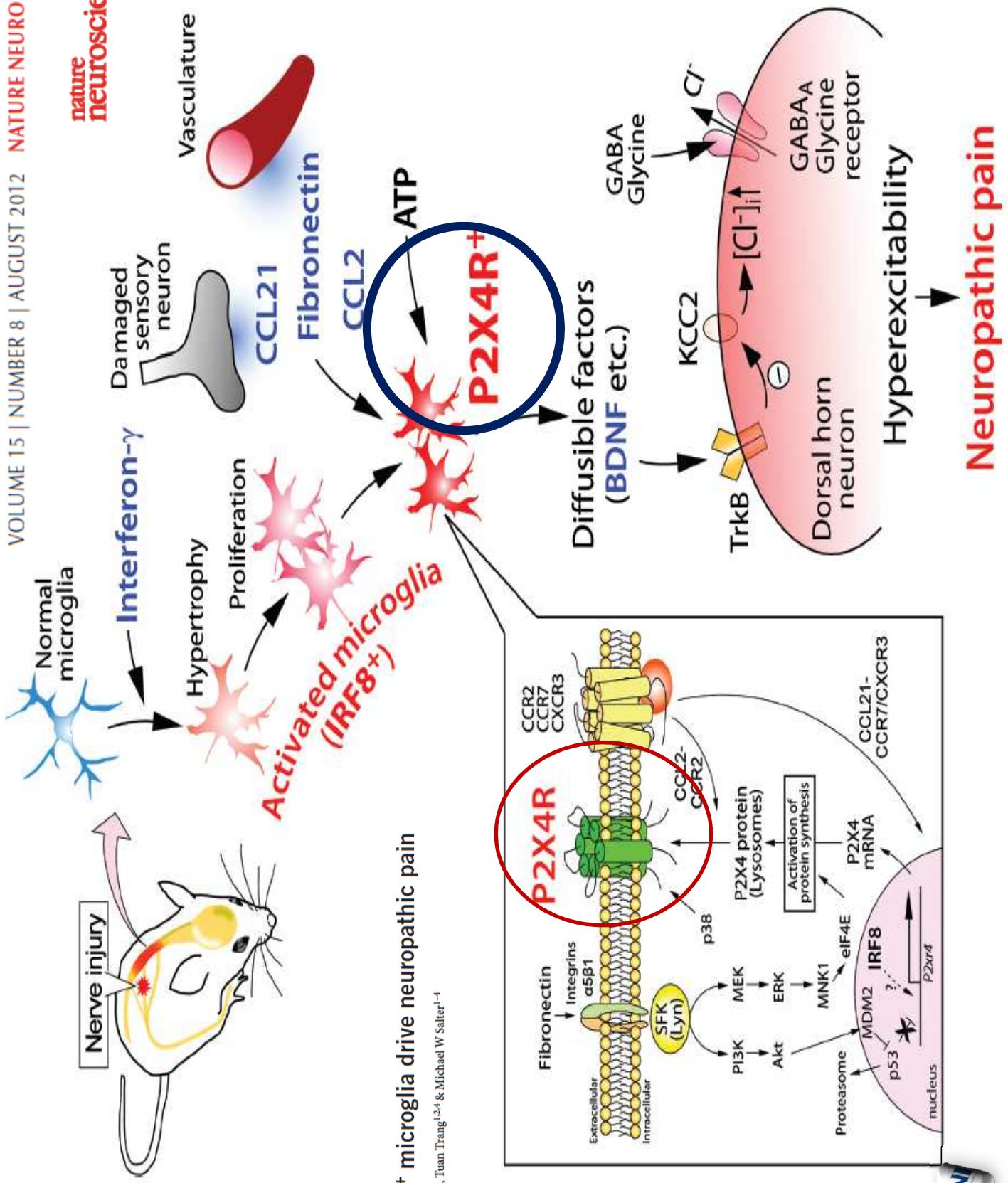
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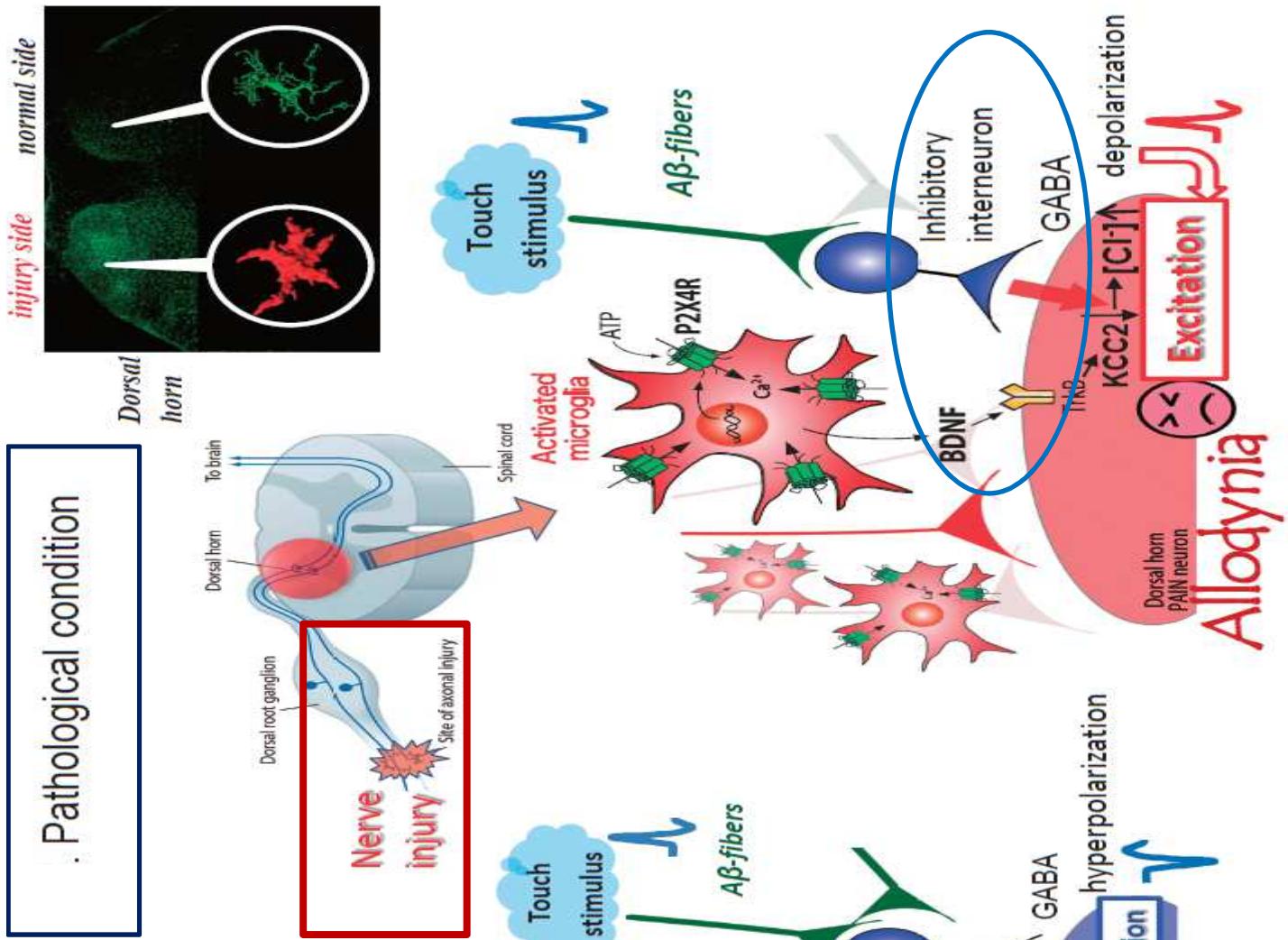
Cancer-induced bone pain severely compromises the quality of life of many patients suffering from bone metastasis, as current therapies leave some patients with inadequate pain relief. The recent development of specific animal models has increased the understanding of the molecular and cellular mechanisms underlying cancer-induced bone pain including the involvement of ATP and the purinergic receptors in the progression of the pain state. In nociception, ATP acts as an extracellular messenger to transmit sensory information both at the peripheral site of tissue damage and in the spinal cord. Several of the purinergic receptors have been shown to be important for the development and maintenance of neuropathic and inflammatory pain, and studies have demonstrated the importance of both peripheral and central mechanisms. We here provide an overview of the current literature on the role of purinergic receptors in cancer-induced bone pain with emphasis on some of the difficulties related to studying this complex pain state.



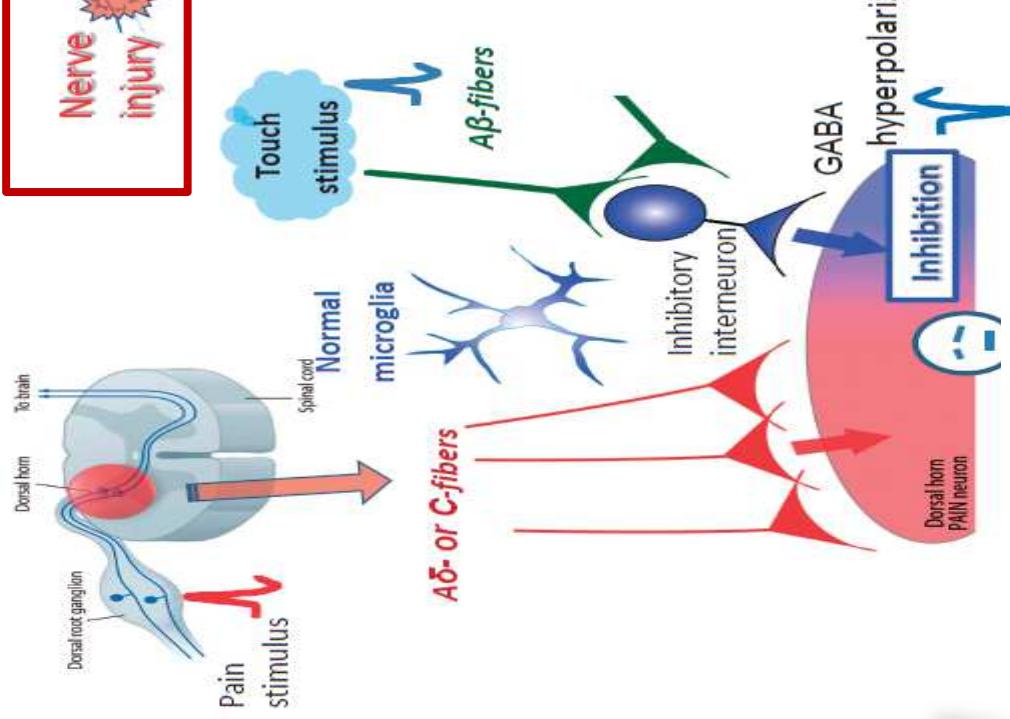


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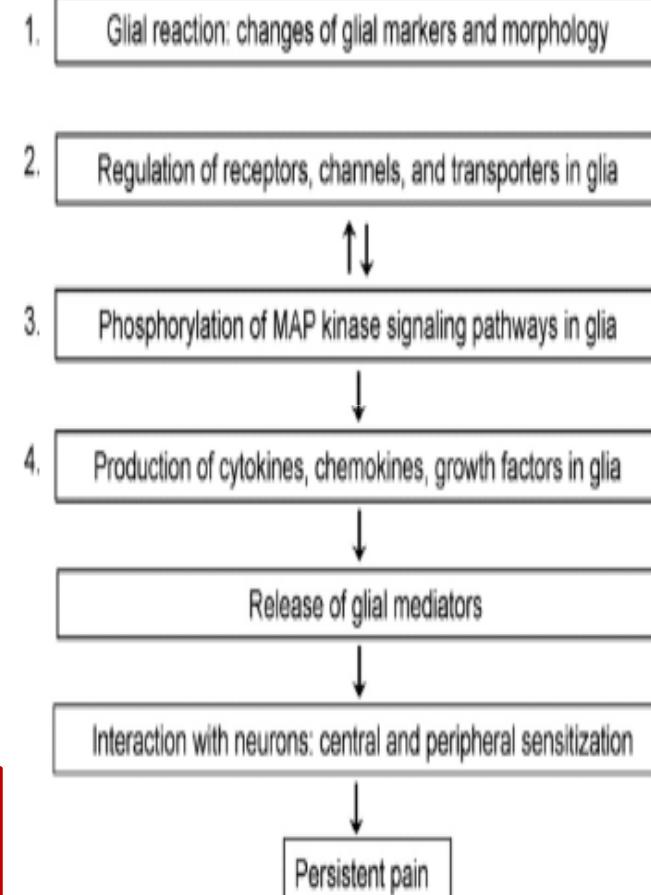
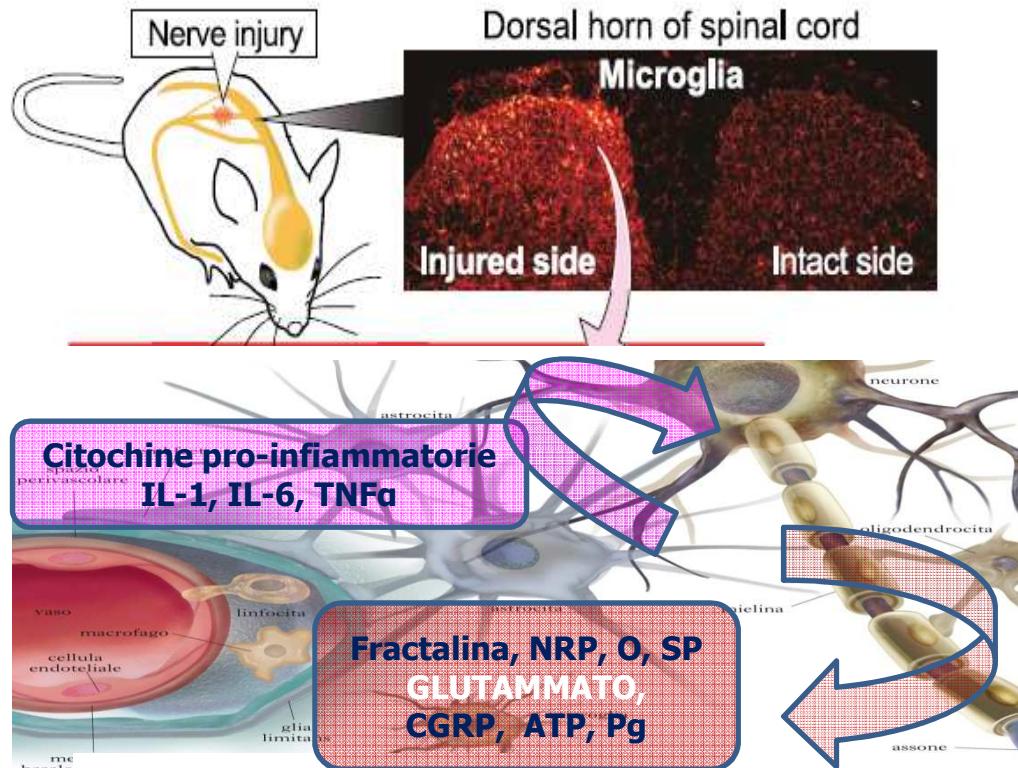
Pathological condition



Normal condition



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Glia and pain: Is chronic pain a gliopathy?

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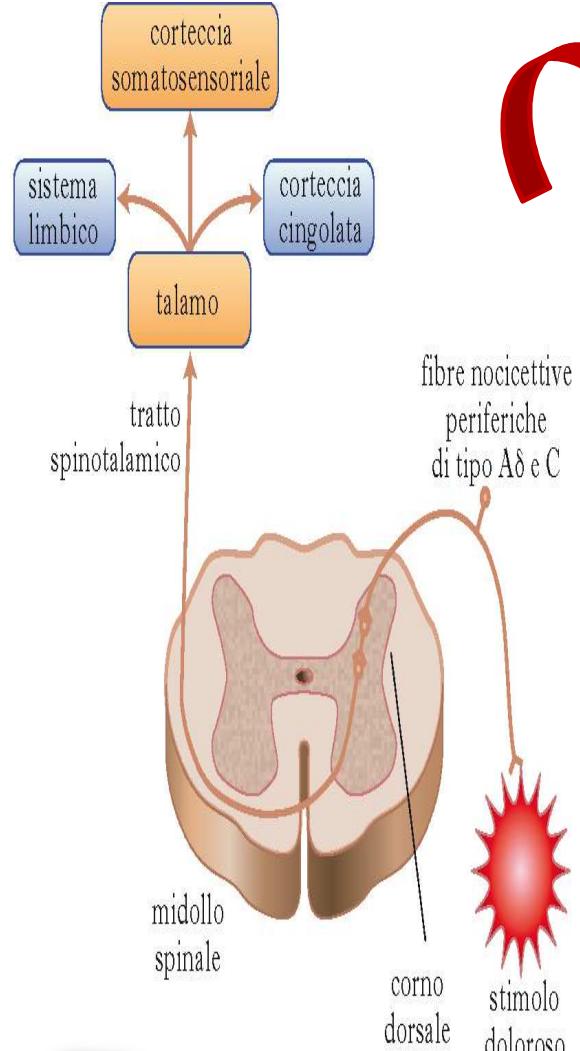
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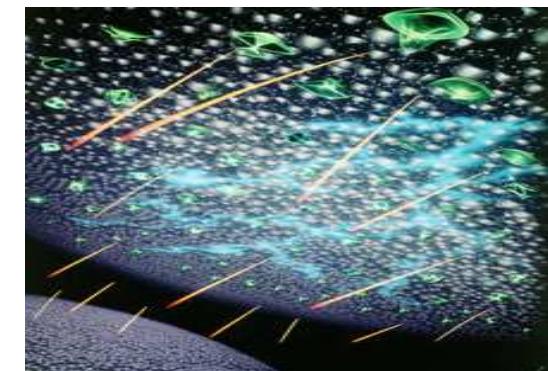
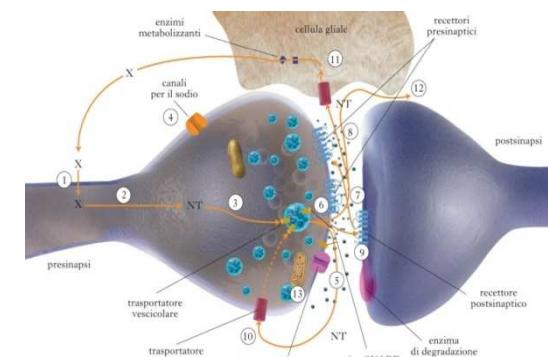
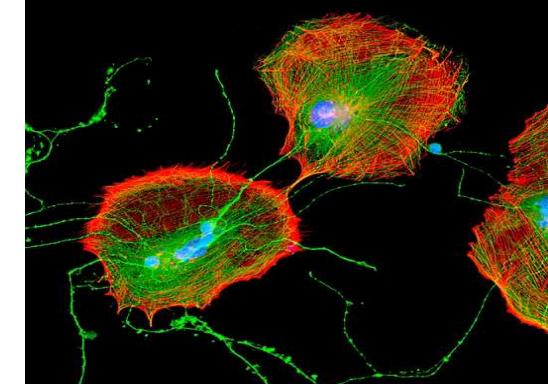
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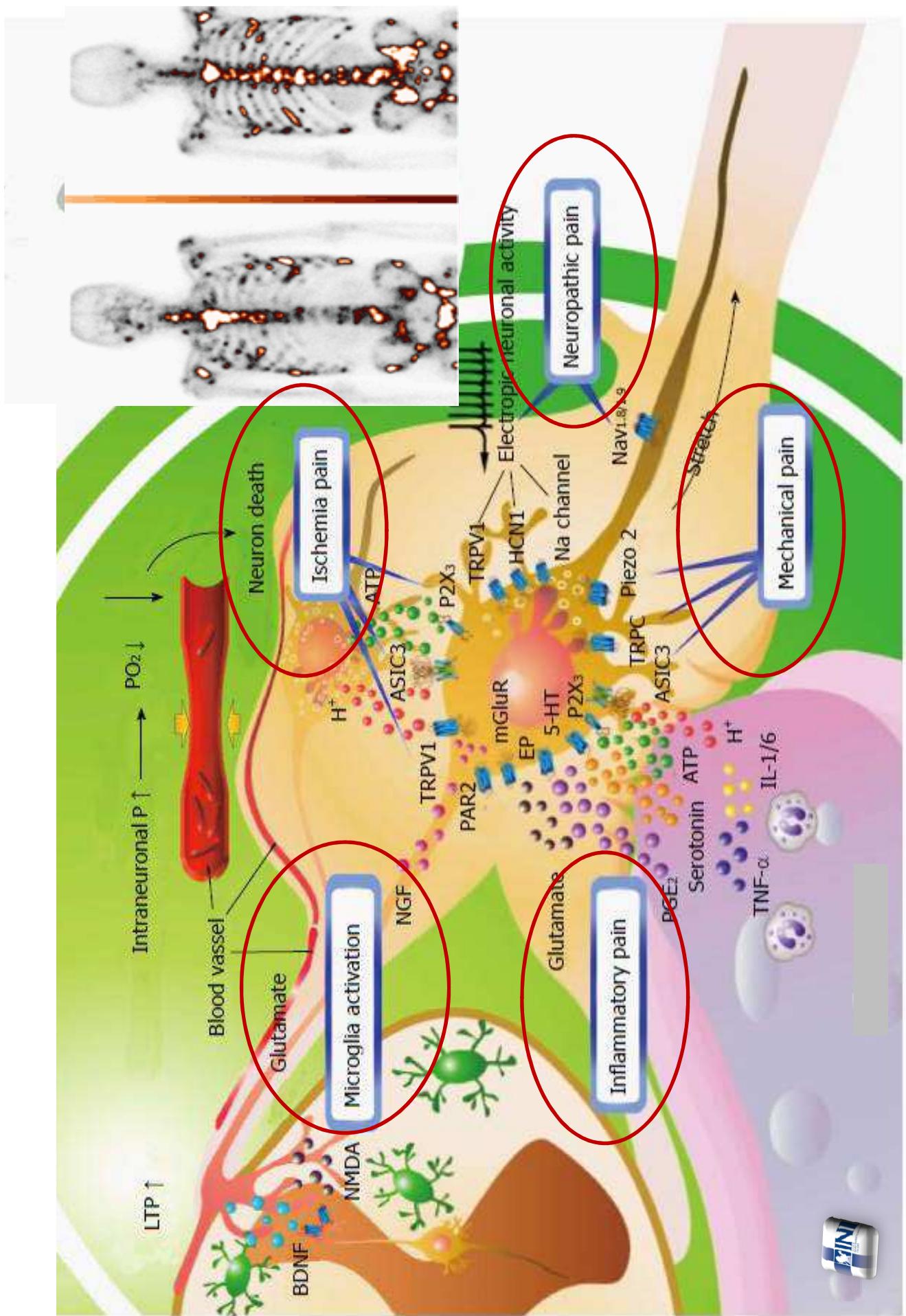
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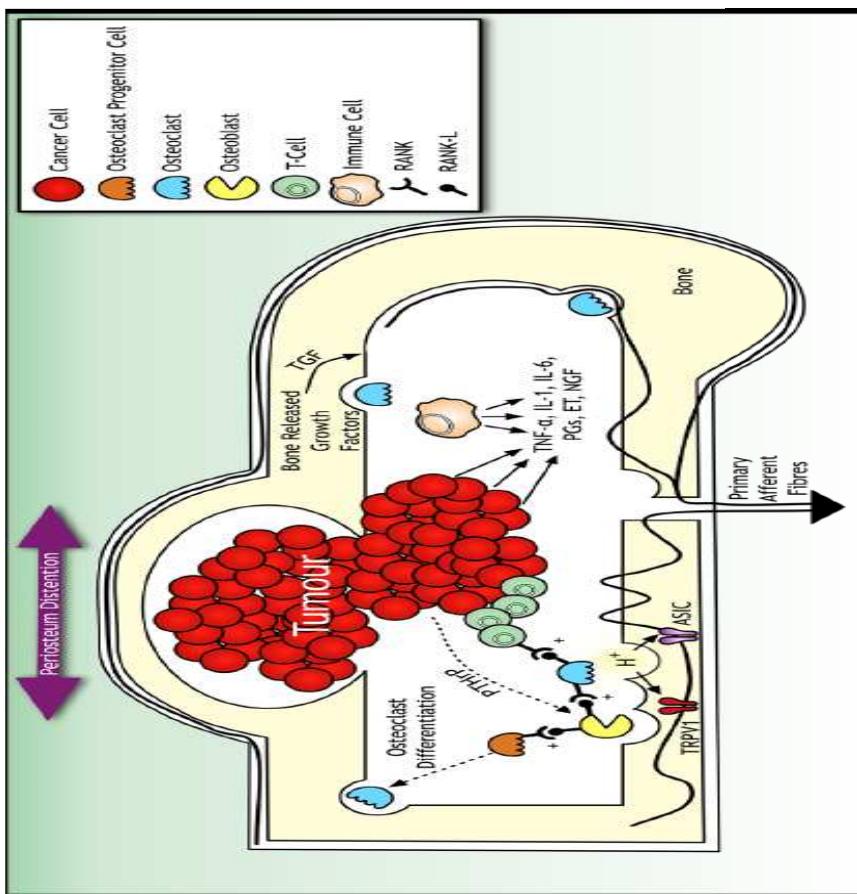


Fractalina, NRP, O, SP
Glutammato, CGRP, ATP, Pg

Citochine pro-infiammatorie
IL-1, IL-6, TNF





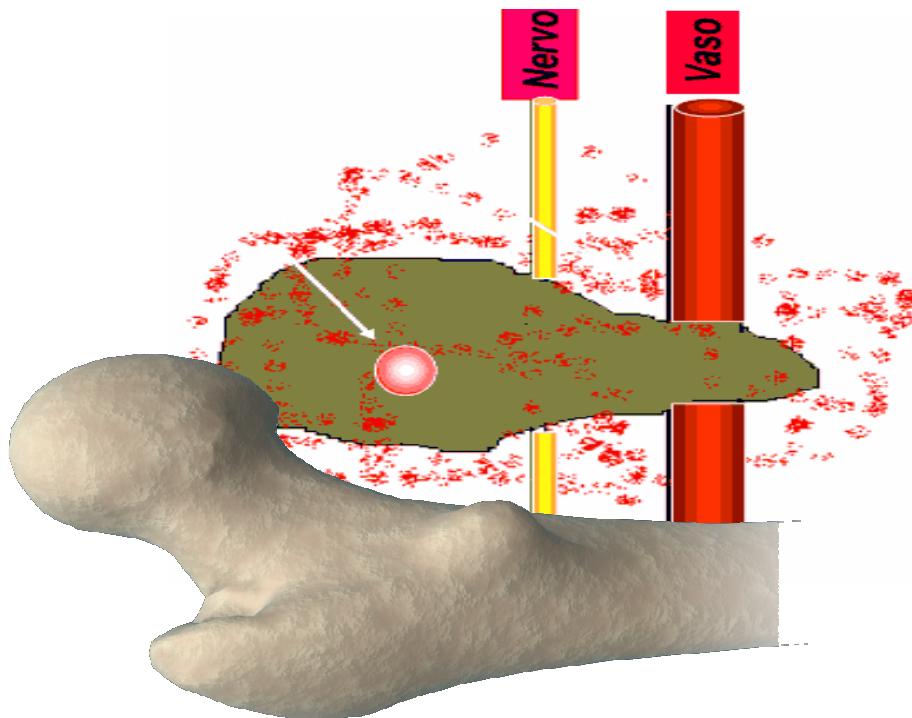
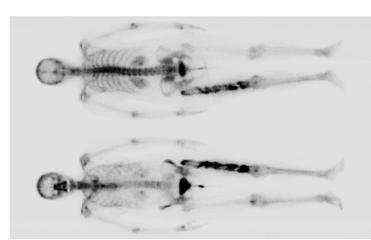
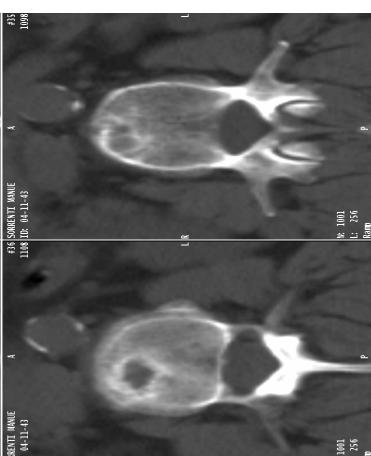


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• COINVOLGIMENTO NERVOSO

• SPASMO DELLA MUSCOLATURA PERILESIONALE





CIBP: A COMPLEX PAIN SYNDROME

INFLAMMATORY MECHANISM

- secretion of humoral mediators
- activation and excitation of primary afferent neurons

CHEMICAL MECHANISM

- low pH intra and extracellular

COMPLEX
PAIN
SYNDROME

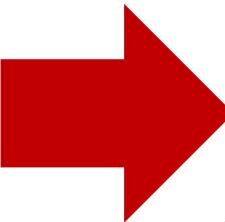
COMPRESSION MECHANISM

- rapid growth
- intratumoral hemorrhage
- invasion
- nerve entrapment
- osteolysis
- organ damage

MECHANISM NEUROPATHIC

MECHANISM ISCHEMIC

It affects a large percentage of cancer patients
30-50% moderate to severe
25-40% very intense (Dickerson 2001)



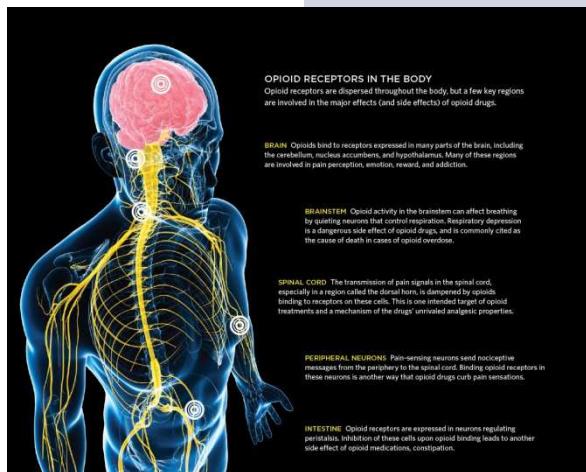
↓ QoL
(Weinfurt KP 2002)



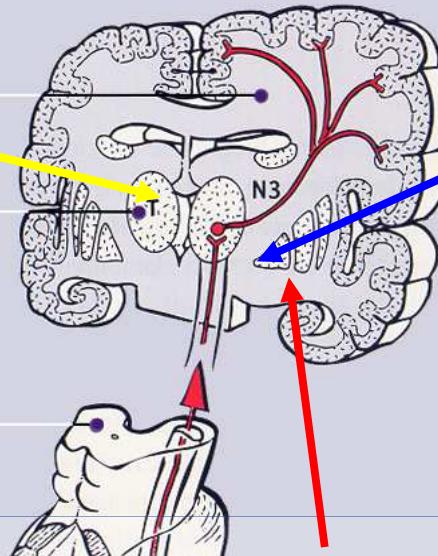
COMPLEX PAIN SYNDROME



Paracetamolo



Cannabinoidi



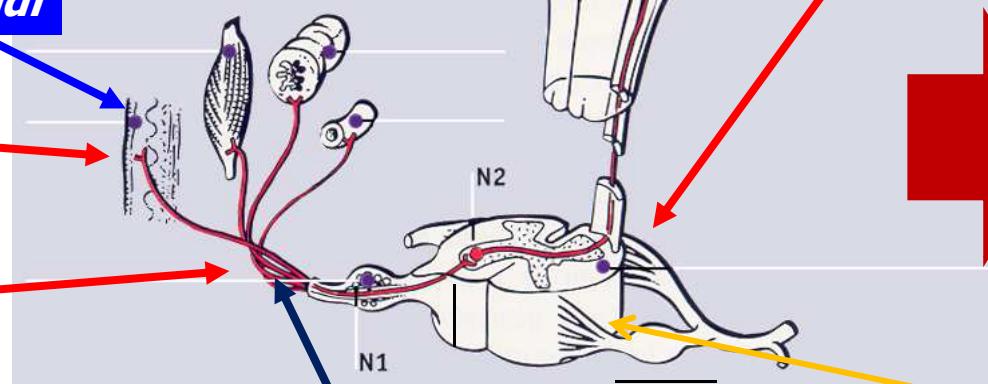
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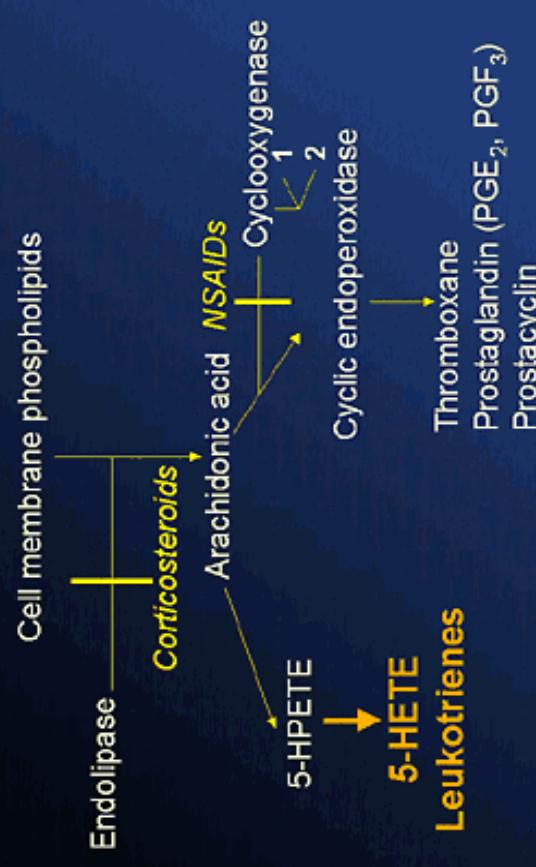


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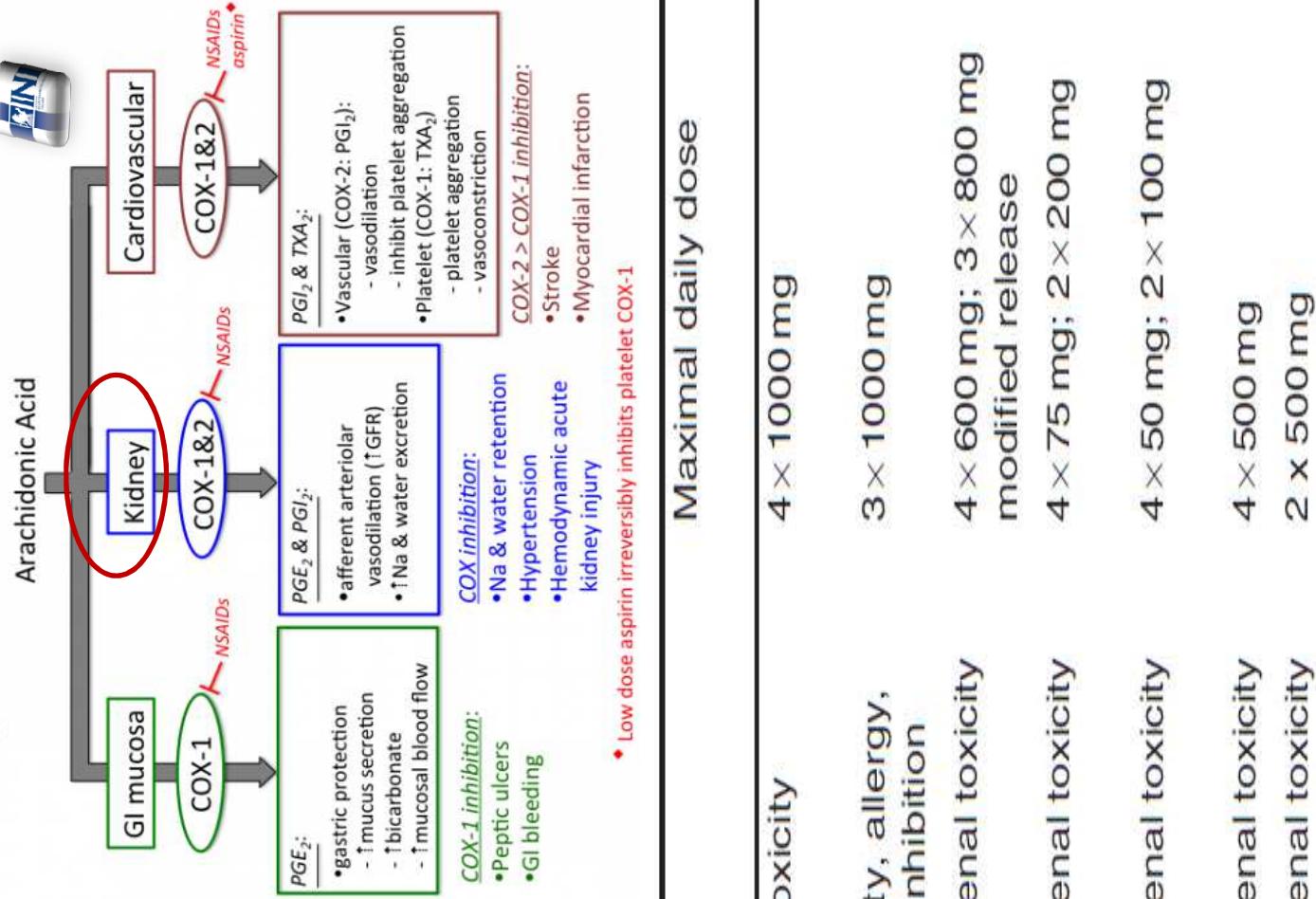
- Opioid analgesia – mainstay of management of moderate to severe cancer pain
- **Opioids effective in background pain mainly!**
- Malignant bone pain control without unwanted side-effects is impossible with opioids alone
- *Background/tonic pain*
- *Spontaneous pain*
- *Movement-related pain*

Gabapentinoidi

NSAIDs Mechanism of Action



NSAID Side Effects:

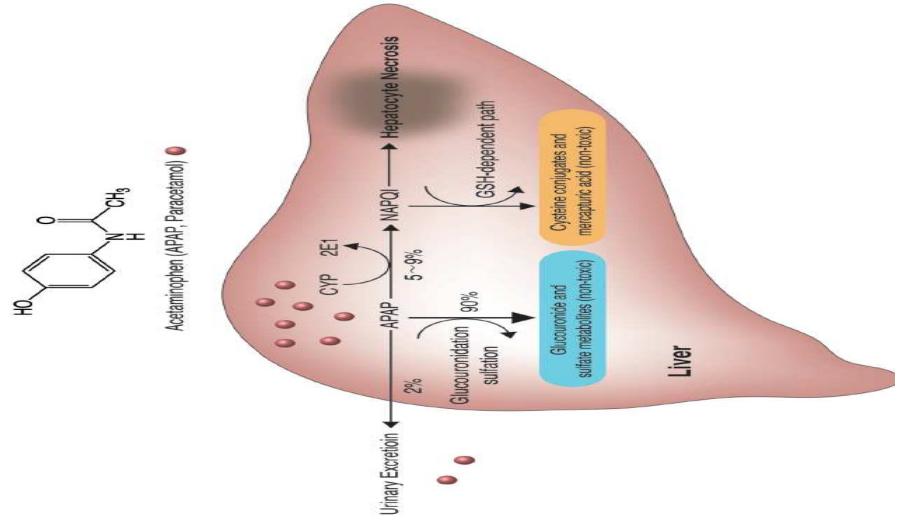
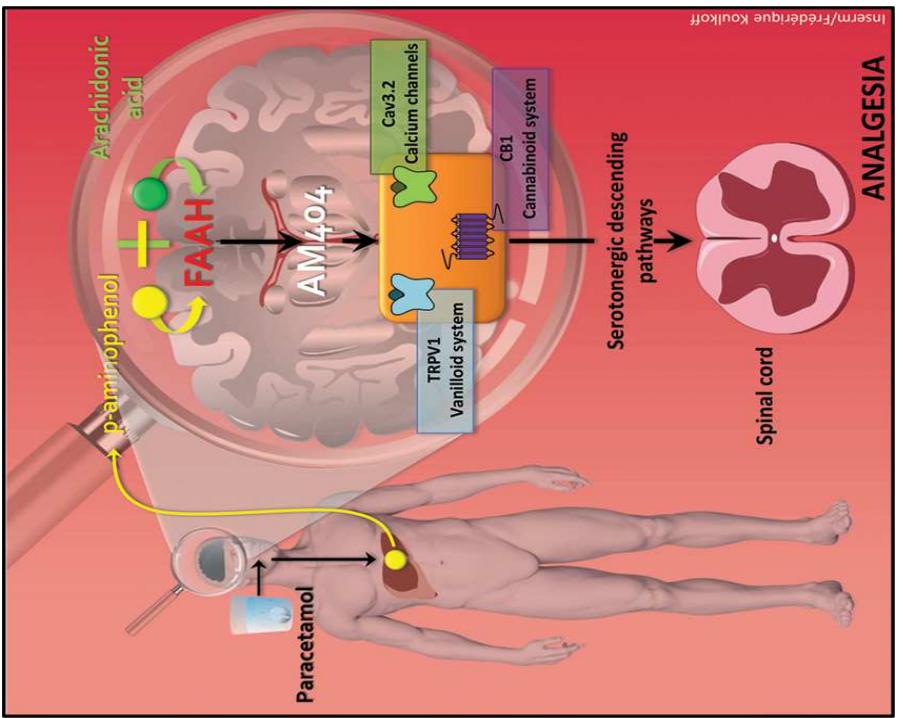
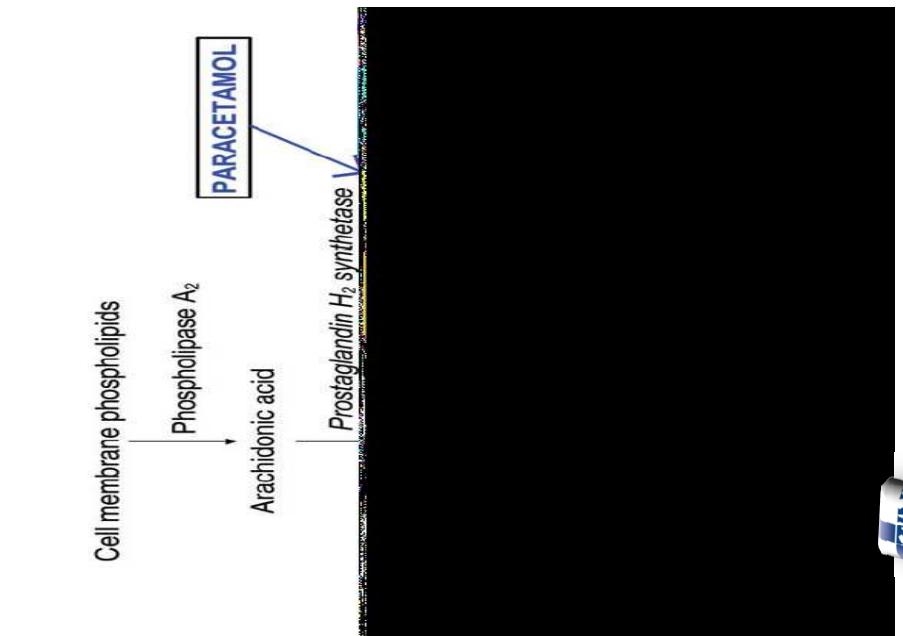


| Substance | Caution | Maximal daily dose |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Acetaminophen (paracetamol) | Hepatotoxicity | 4 × 1000 mg |
| Acetylsalicylic acid | GI toxicity, allergy, platelet inhibition | 3 × 1000 mg |
| Ibuprofen | GI and renal toxicity | 4 × 600 mg; 3 × 800 mg modified release |
| Ketoprofen | GI and renal toxicity | 4 × 75 mg; 2 × 200 mg |
| Diclofenac | GI and renal toxicity | 4 × 50 mg; 2 × 100 mg |
| Mefenamic acid | GI and renal toxicity | 4 × 500 mg |
| Naproxen | GI and renal toxicity | 2 × 500 mg |

Acetaminophen-Induced Hepatotoxicity: a Comprehensive Update

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Use of opioid analgesics in the treatment of cancer pain: evidence-based recommendations from the EAPC

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| Characteristics and comments | |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Codeine | Step II drug only: use alone or in combination with paracetamol; daily doses ≥ 360 mg not recommended |
| Tramadol | Step II drug only: use alone or in combination with paracetamol; daily doses ≥ 400 mg not recommended |
| Hydrocodone | Step II drug only: used as a substitute for codeine in some countries |
| Oxycodone | Step II opioid when used at low doses (eg, ≤ 20 mg per day) alone or in combination with paracetamol |
| Morphine | Step II opioid when used at low doses (eg, ≤ 30 mg per day) |
| Hydromorphone | Step II opioid when used at low doses (eg, ≤ 4 mg per day) |

*Originally classified as weak opioids.

Table 1: WHO step II opioids* for moderate cancer pain in opioid-naïve patients



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Review

Opioids: a two-faced Janus



Peggioramento del dolore per esposizioni prolungate a morfina ed attivazione osteoclasti (King 2007)

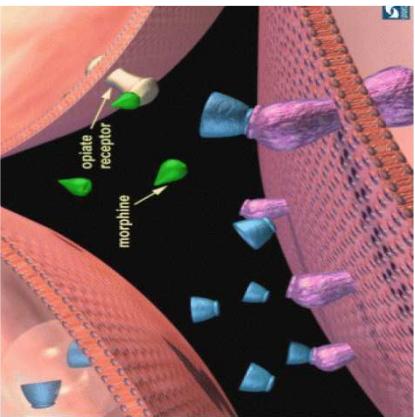
Incremento della glia (Honore 2000, Scholz 2007)

Downregulation delle popolazioni recettoriali per gli oppioidi (eg mu) Ridotta risposta a morfina (Yamamoto 2008)

Aumento dei dosaggi per analgesia (10 volte) (Luger 2002)

Incrementi di peptidi nocicettivi (dinorfina) (Vanderah 2001)

Sensibilizzazione dei neuroni WDR (Urch 2003)

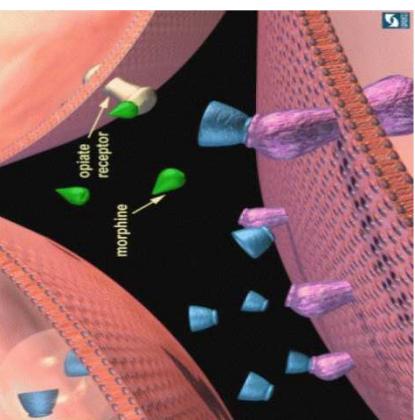
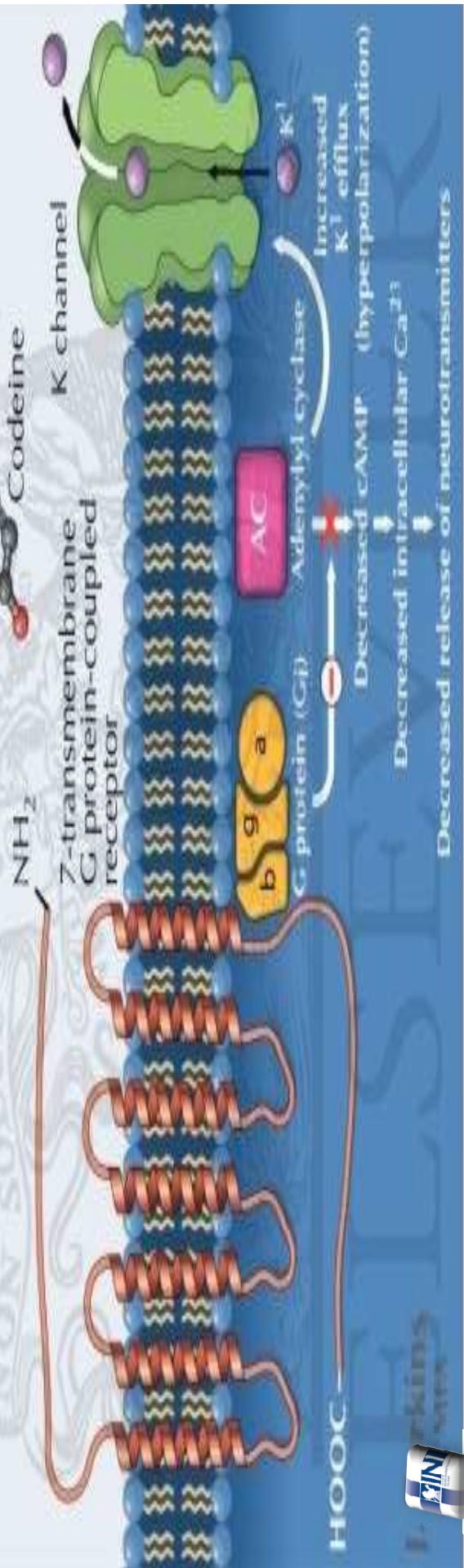
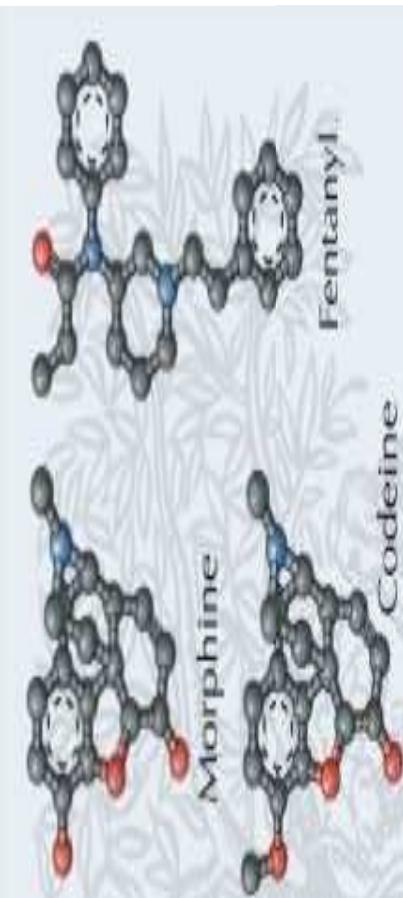


The dark side of opioids in pain management: basic science explains clinical observation

Cyril Rivat^a, Jane Ballantyne^{b,*}

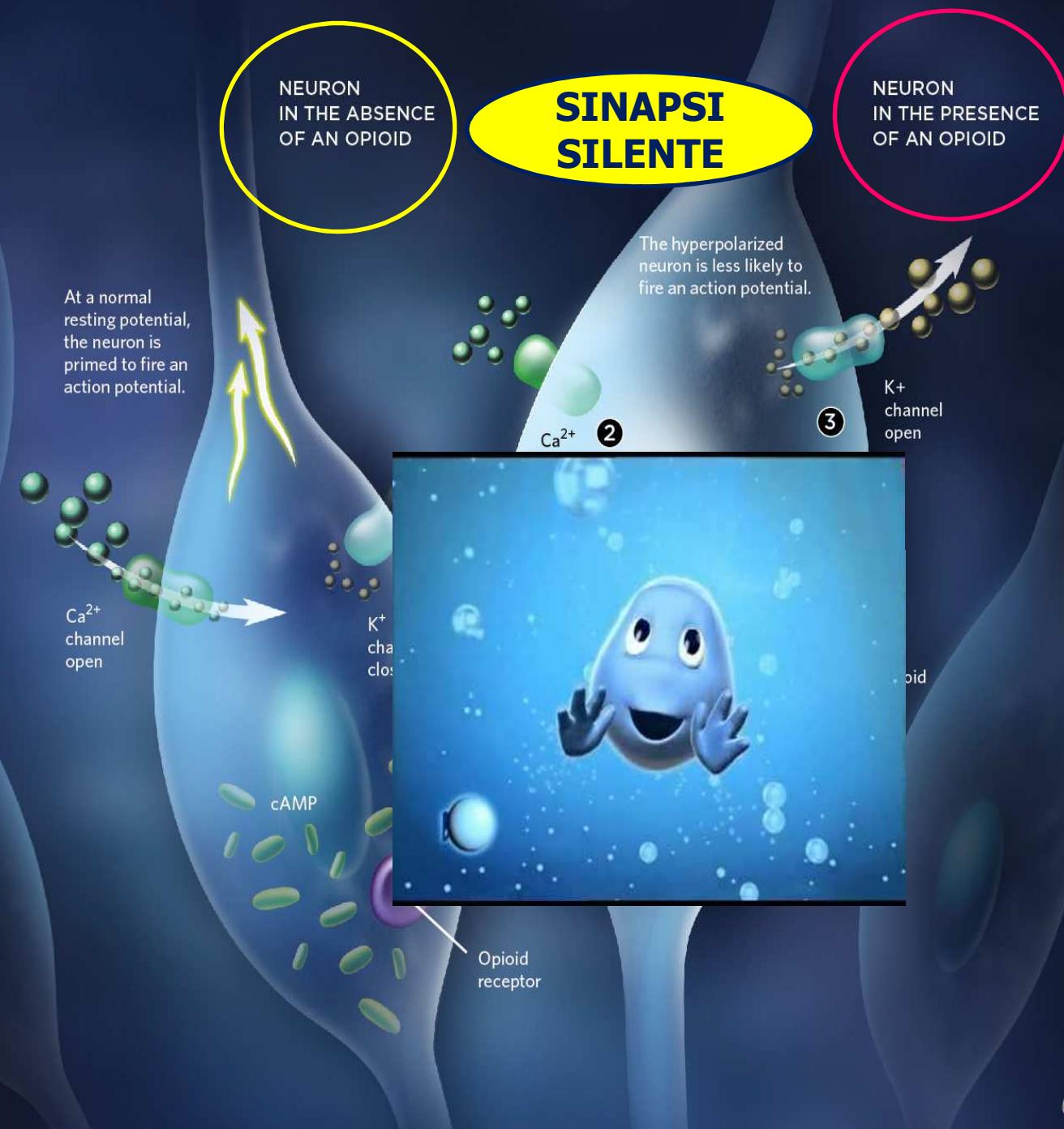
Selected Opioid Analgesics

| | |
|---------------|--------------|
| Alfentanil | Morphine |
| Buprenorphine | Nalbuphine |
| Butorphanol | Oxycodone |
| Codeine | Oxymorphone |
| Desocine | Pentazocine |
| Fentanyl | Propoxyphene |
| Hydromorphone | Remifentanil |
| Meperidine | Sufentanil |
| Methadone | |



ONE MECHANISM OF OPIOID ACTION:

When an opioid binds to an opioid receptor in the membrane of a neuron ①, calcium channels close, blocking positively charged calcium ions from entering the cell ②. In addition, cAMP levels decrease and potassium channels open ③, allowing positive potassium ions to exit the cell. These events hyperpolarize the cell, increasing the charge difference between the cell's interior and the extracellular environment and making the neuron less likely to fire an action potential. Quieting neurons along pain pathways with opioids dampens the transmission of pain signals and results in analgesia.



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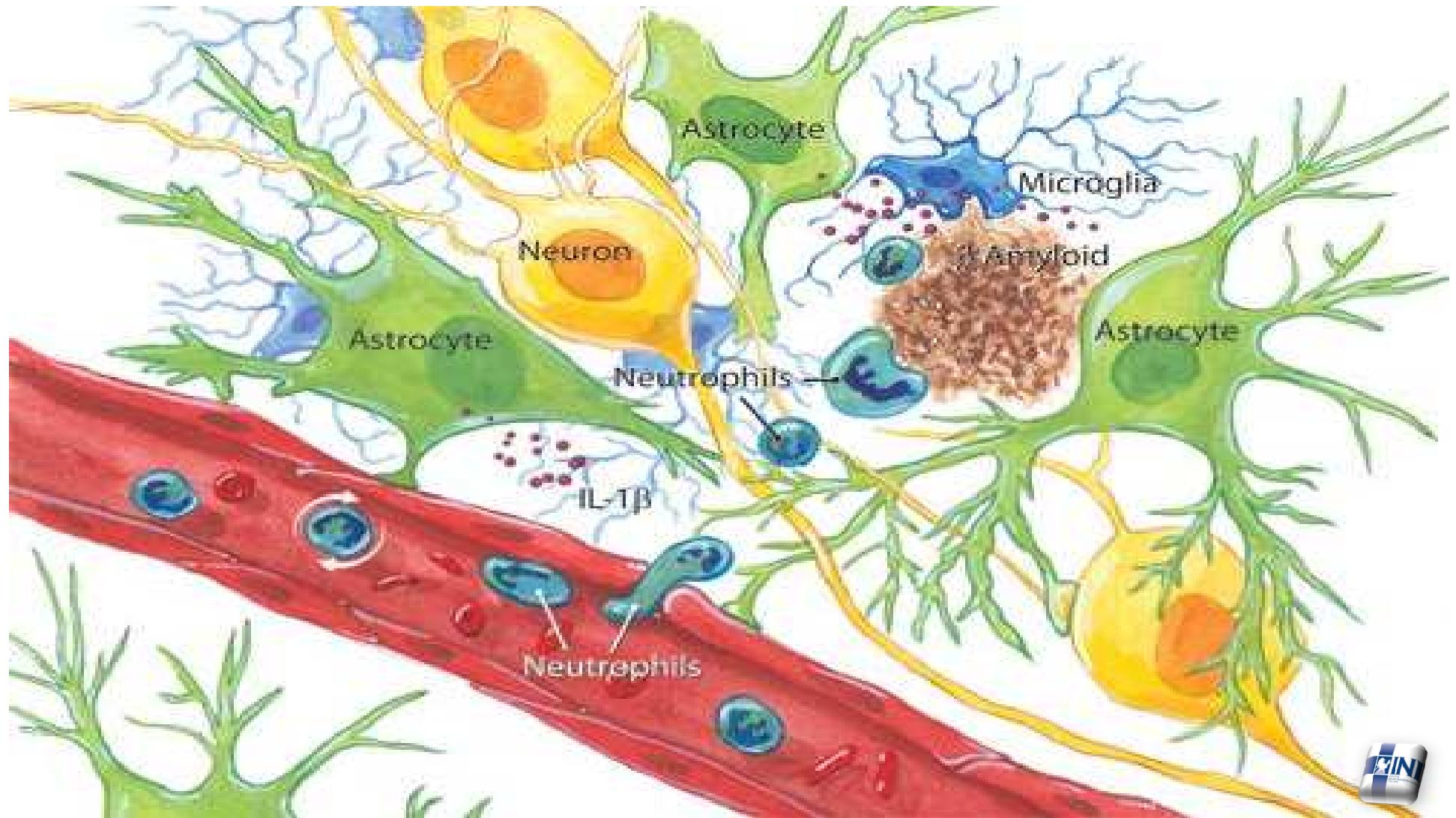


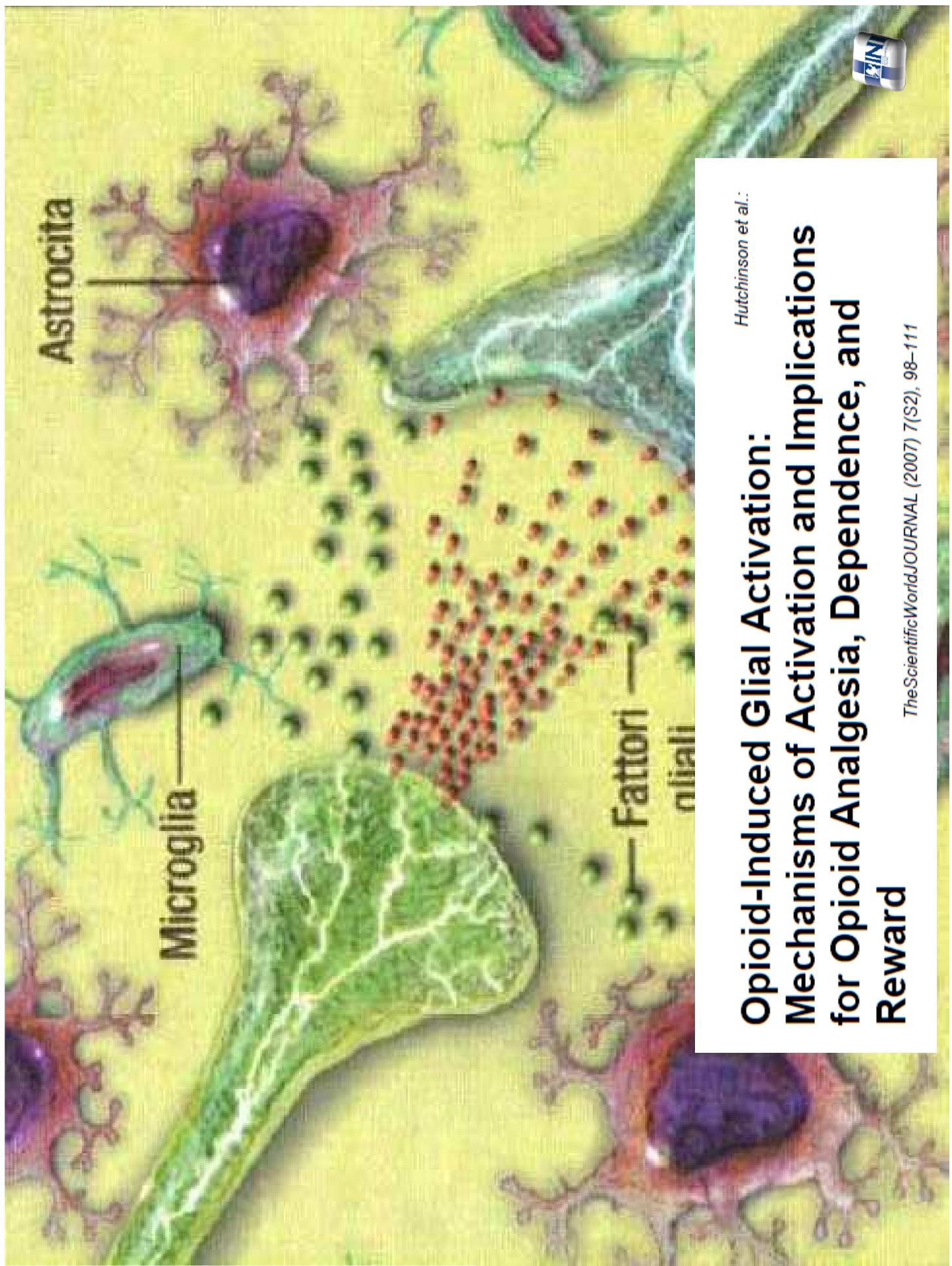


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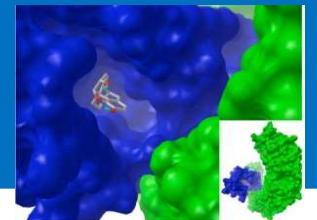
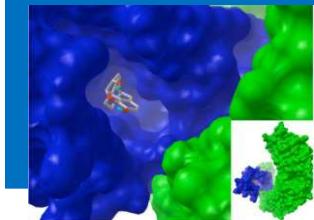
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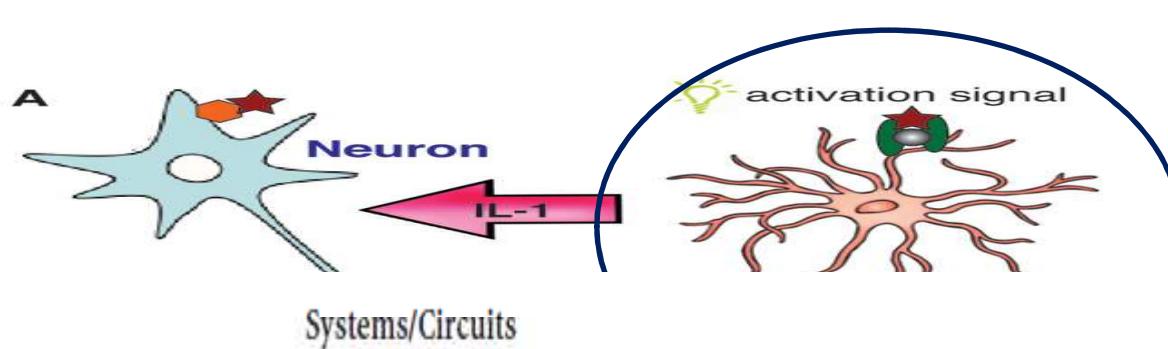


RECETTORI TLR4 : TOLL LIKE RECEPTOR

RECETTORI DI PEDAGGIO



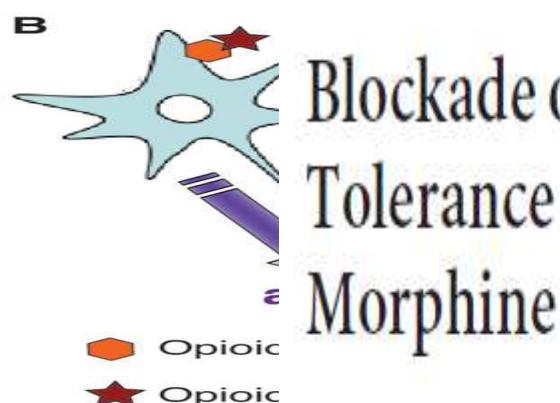
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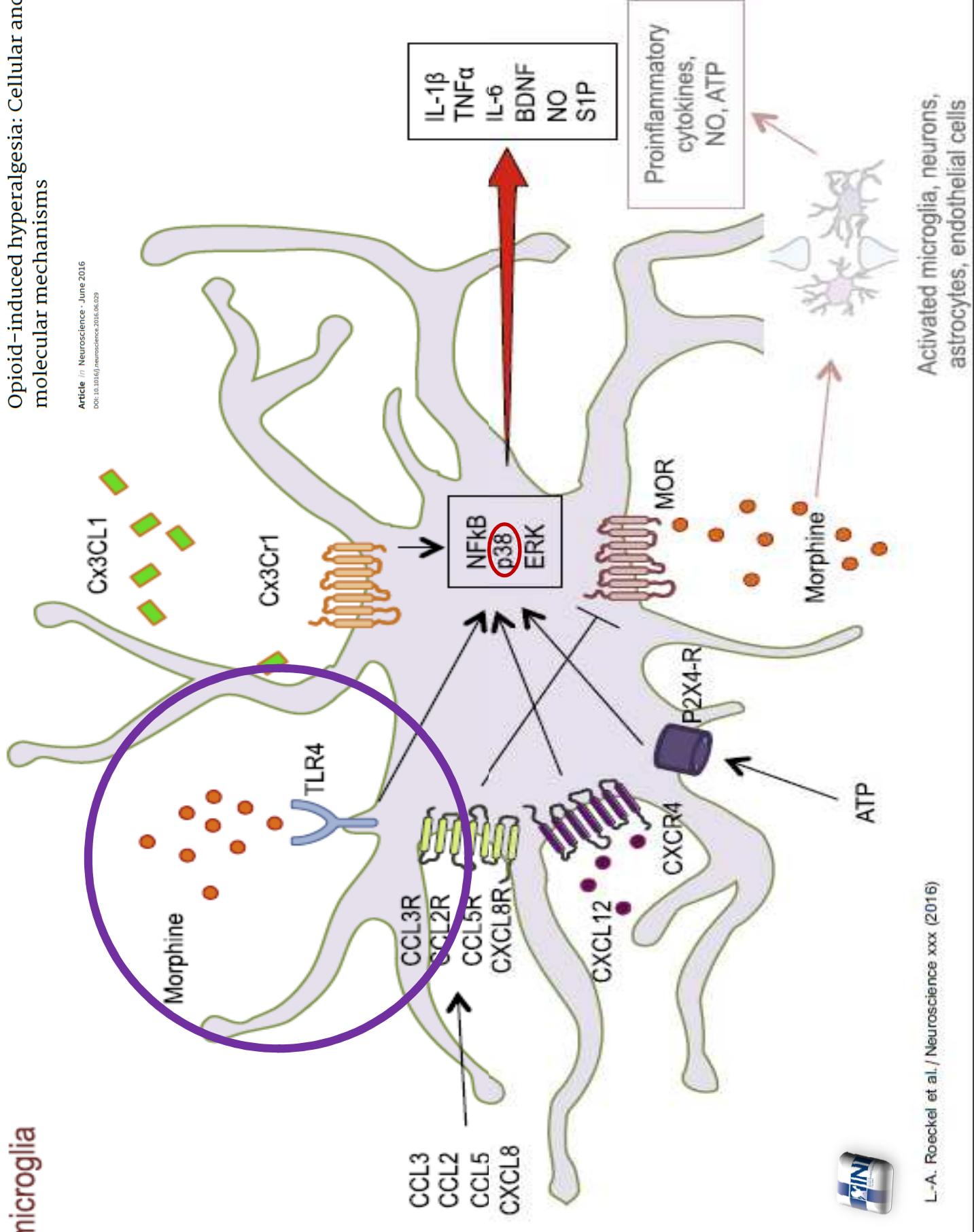
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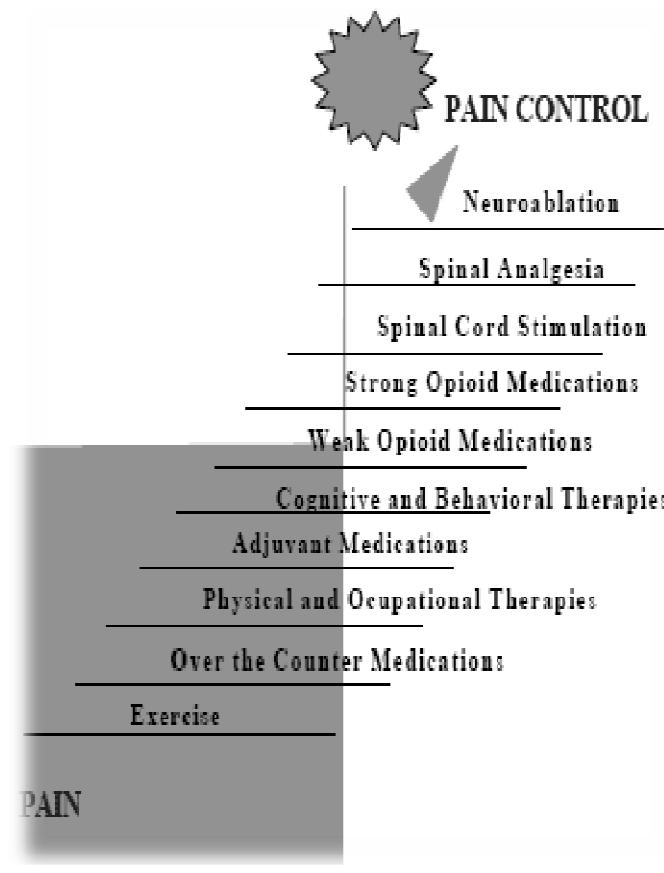
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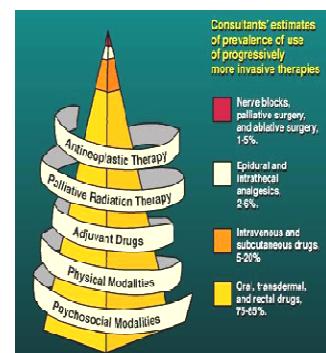
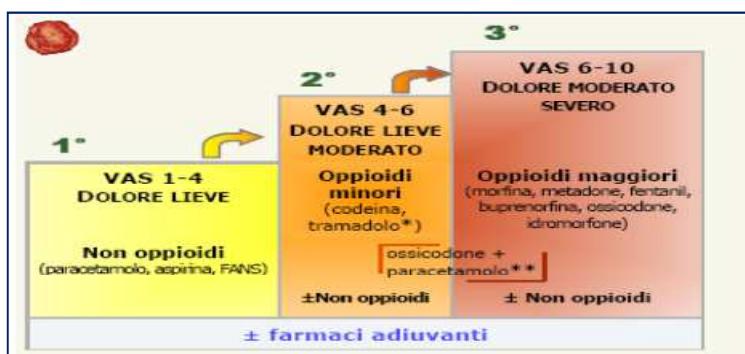
Scala antalgica OMS 1982...



Figure 4: Some of the 1982 WHO group at the Villa D' Este on Lake Como, Italy.
L to R: John Bonica, Mark Swerdlow, Robert Twycross, Kathleen Foley, Vittorio Venafreddo, and Jan Stjernswärd.



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Clinically significant drug–drug interactions involving opioid analgesics used for pain treatment in patients with cancer: a systematic review

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Conclusion

For obvious ethical reasons, there are no randomized controlled trials or other well-designed controlled studies exploring DDIs. Recommendations must therefore be based upon cases reporting serious adverse drug reactions and basic knowledge about drug mechanisms. The cases identified in this systematic review can give some suggestions for clinical practice:

- The combined use of an opioid and another drug with CNS depressant effect (eg, amitriptyline) increases the risk of acute opioid toxicity and respiratory depression. Such drugs should be carefully titrated according to effect.
- Opioids with antagonistic effects at the mu opioid receptor (eg, nalbuphine) should not be coadministered with another opioid analgesic.
- The concomitant use of an opioid and a drug, which affects the activity of cholinergic, dopaminergic, and/or serotonergic systems in the CNS (eg, selective serotonin inhibitors), can cause CNS-related complications (eg, delirium and serotonin syndrome) and should, therefore, be monitored carefully.
- Introduction of a CYP3A4 inhibitor in a patient treated with fentanyl, oxycodone, or methadone may result in opioid overdose and increased opioid toxicity (Table 4). Caution has to be undertaken when such drugs are implemented. The use of a major CYP450 inducer may impair pain treatment (Table 4). Opposite effects should be expected when these drugs are stopped (Table 4).
- Finally, the physician should recognize the risk for DDIs of opioids, monitor the patients carefully for interactions, and if possible avoid polypharmacy.



Table 4 CYP3A4 enzyme inhibitors and inducers reported to have caused clinically significant drug–drug interactions with opioids metabolized by CYP3A4 (oxycodone, methadone, fentanyl) in papers included in the present review^{2,12–13,37–39,44}

| Drugs | Effect on CYP3A4 activity | Resulting effects when coadministered with opioid | Resulting effects after withdrawal of interacting drug |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CYP3A4 inhibitors | | | |
| Voriconazole | Strong | Decreased rate of opioid metabolism, increased opioid effect, increased risk of opioid toxicity | Increased opioid metabolism, decreased clinical effect of opioid |
| Itraconazole | Moderate | | |
| Fluconazole | Strong | | |
| Clarithromycin | Moderate | | |
| Diltiazem | Weak | | |
| Cyclosporine | | | |
| Cimetidine | Weak | | |
| CYP3A4 inducers | | | |
| Rifampin | Strong | Increased metabolism of opioid, requirement for higher opioid doses, deterioration of pain control | Decreased rate of opioid metabolism, increased risk of opioid overdose |
| Carbamazepine | Strong | | |

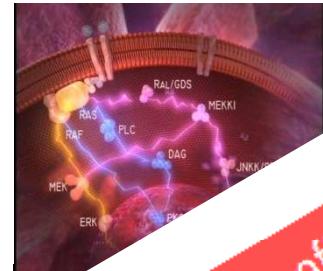


NSAIDs or paracetamol, alone or combined with opioids, for cancer pain (Review)

McNicol ED, Strassels S, Goudas L, Lau J, Carr DB



EVIDENCE BASED MEDICINE: COMBINATION THERAPY TAILORED TO THE INDIVIDUAL



...un approccio **multidimensionale** e **meccanistico**

Consente di ridurre i dosaggi nei pazienti con dolore cronico.

Aderenza.

“Opioid sparing effect”

Riduzione del 30-50% delle dosi di morfina se associati FANS

...use as a result of both nociceptive and non-nociceptive mechanisms¹¹⁴. Therefore, targeting multiple mechanisms of pain by combining different mechanisms of action is a rational approach to the management of chronic LBP. Clinical guidelines recommend combination therapy for the general management of neuropathic pain arising from a number of different causes as an option for patients in whom monotherapy has failed^{15,41}. As well as improving analgesia, combination therapy has also been shown to reduce drug consumption of the single drug^{60,101}. Fixed-dose combinations are likely to be associated with greater adherence than free combinations.

Rappresenta l'opzione terapeutica per tutti i casi in cui non è stata sufficiente una monoterapia

Consente una riduzione dei dosaggi dei farmaci rispetto alla monoterapia





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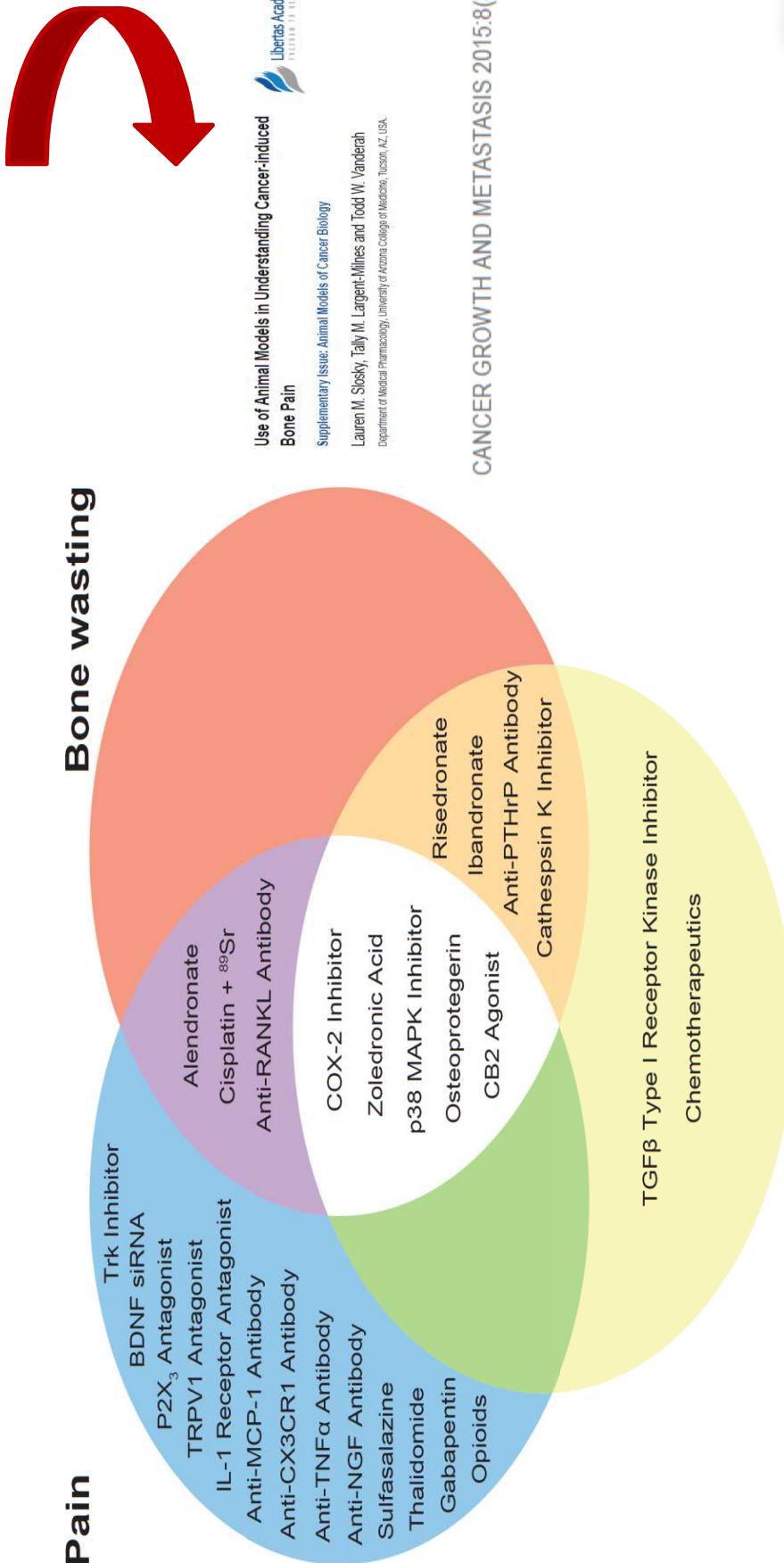
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Alendronate
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COX-2 Inhibitor
Zoledronic Acid
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CB2 Agonist

Risedronate
Ibandronate
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Cathepsin K Inhibitor

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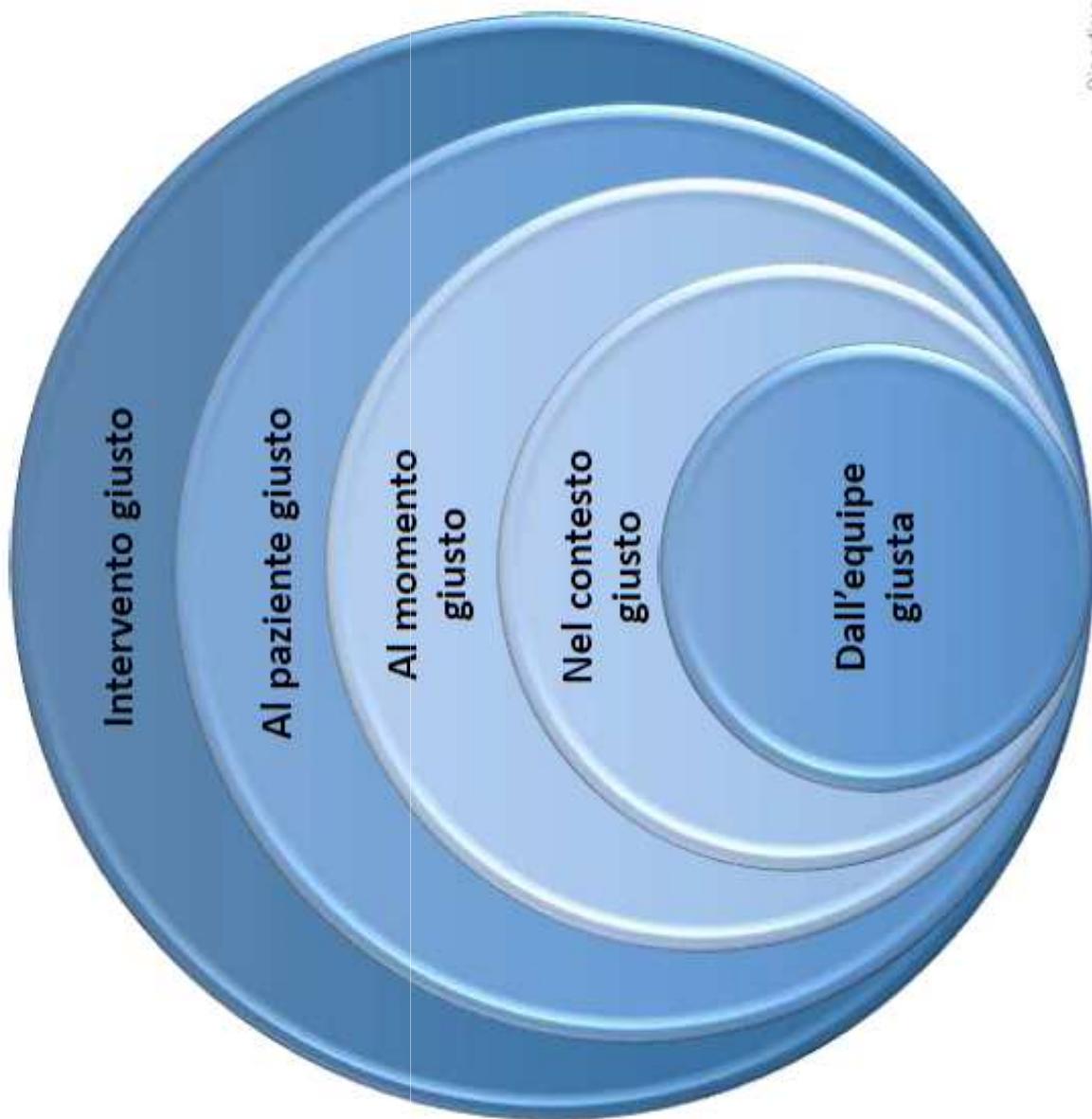
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