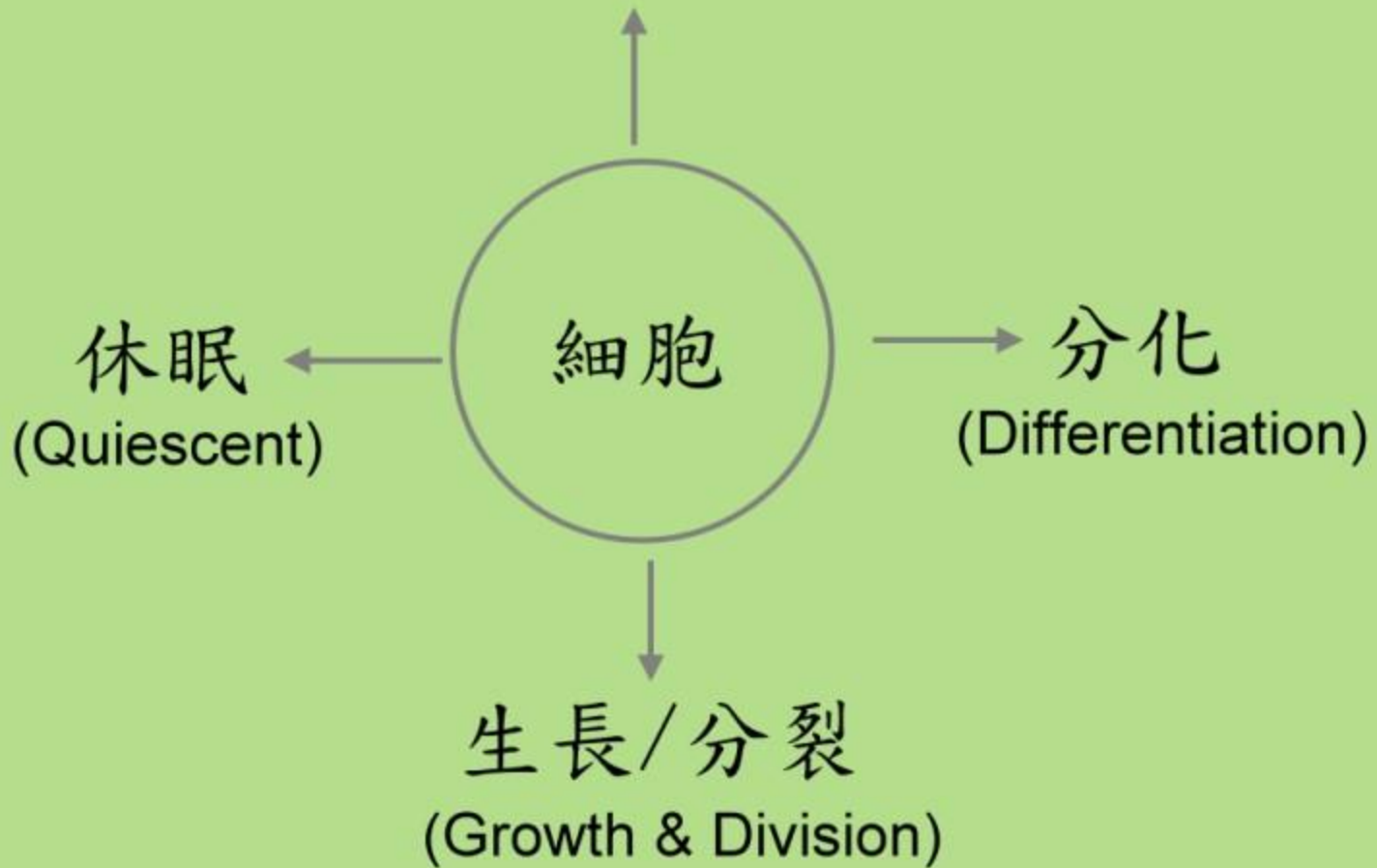


# Cell apoptosis and senescence

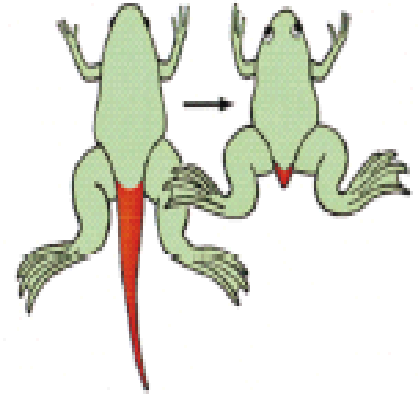
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老化 (Senescence) / 凋亡 (apoptosis)

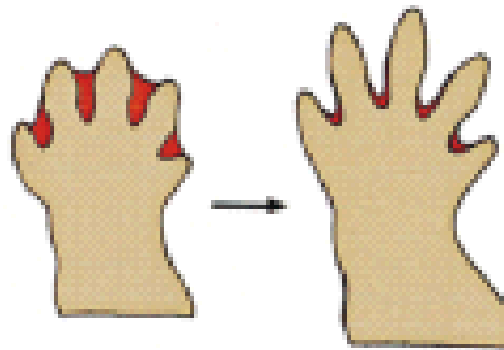


# Normal functions of cell death

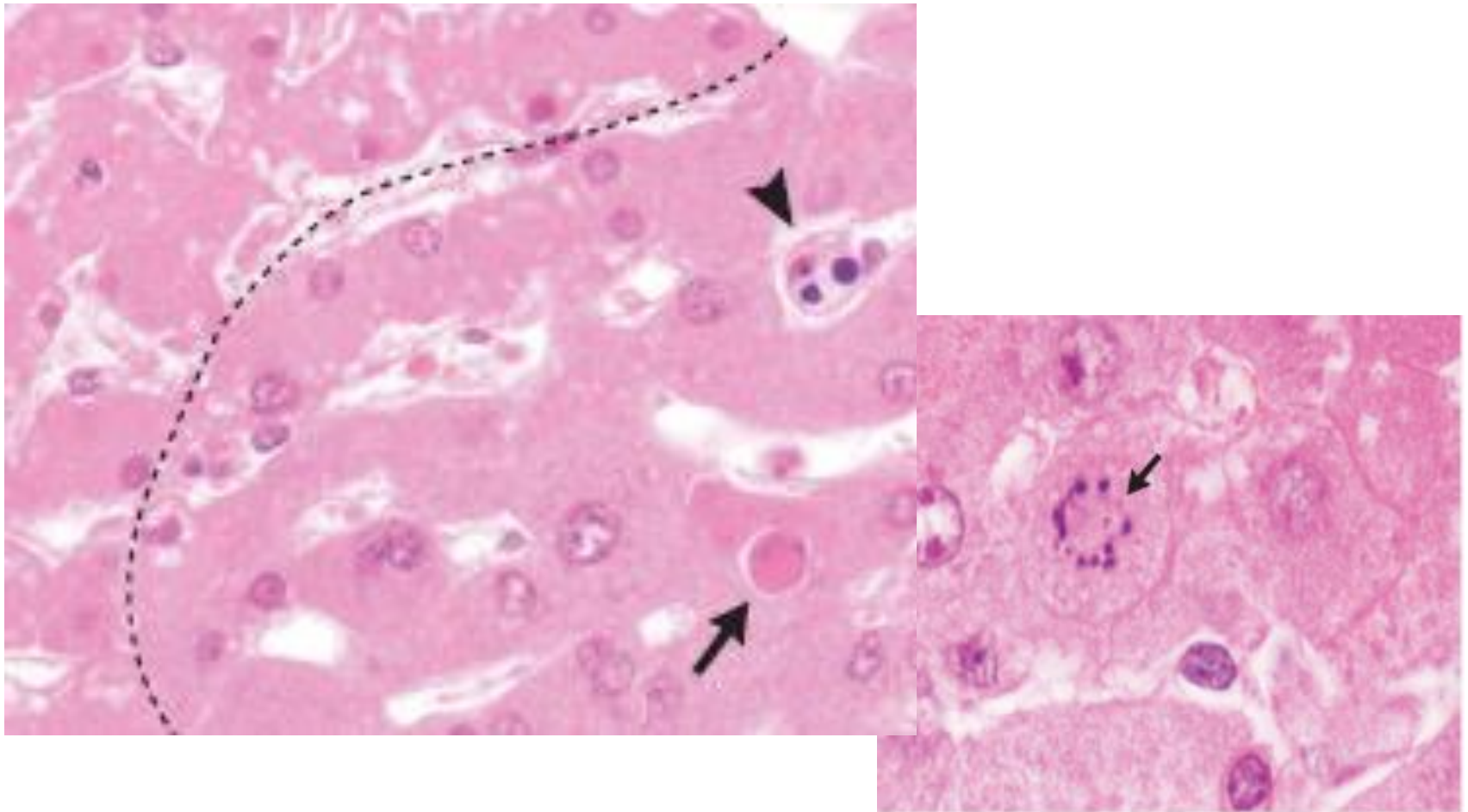
- 1) Deleting structures that are no longer required  
e.g. regression of the tadpole tail



- 2) Sculpting



Kerr, J. F., Wyllie, A. H. & Currie, A. R.  
Apoptosis: a basic biological phenomenon with wide-ranging  
implications in tissue kinetics.  
*Br J Cancer* 26: 239–57, **1972.** .



How to understand molecular  
mechanism of apoptosis?

Genetic approaches to identify  
genes control this process!

*How?*



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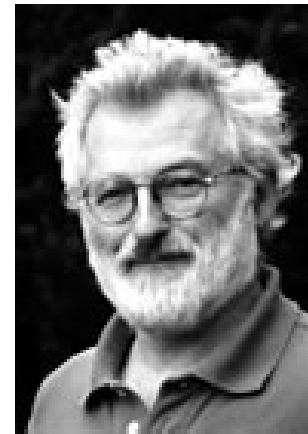


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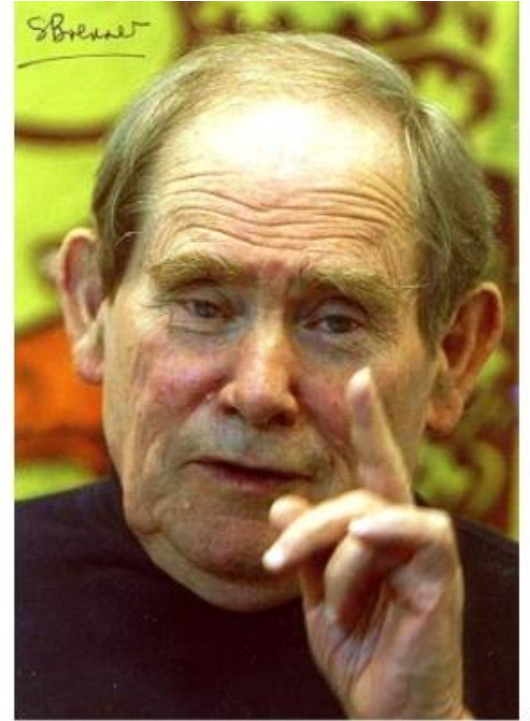
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# *Sydney Brenner (1927 - )*

- South African medical degree.
- D.Phil from Oxford.
- Work with F. Crick in molecular biology in Cambridge.



## *Discovery of mRNA!*

Brenner S., **Jacob F.**, Meselson M.

An unstable intermediate carrying information from genes to ribosomes for protein synthesis.

*Nature 19: 576-581; 1961*



Sydney Brenner

Letter to **Max Perutz** on 5 June, 1963

Dear Max:

“It is now widely realized that nearly all the "classical" problems of molecular biology have either been solved or will be solved in the next decade.”

“I have long felt that the future of molecular biology lies in the extension of research to other fields of biology, notably development and the nervous system.....”

“As a more long term possibility, I would like to tame a small metazoan organism to study development directly. My ideas on this are still fluid and *I cannot specify this in greater detail at the present time.*”

## An one page proposal to Max Perutz on 26 September, 1963

Part of the success of molecular geneics was due to the use of extremely simple organisms which could be handled in larg numbers: bacteria and bacterial viruses.....

Thus we want a multicellular organism which has a short life cycle, can be easily cultivated, and is samll enough to be handled in large numbers. It should have relatively few cells, so that exhausive studies of lineage and patterns can be made, and should be amenable to genetic analysis.

We think we have a good candidate in the form of a small nematode worm, *Caenorhabditis briggsae*, which has the follwing properties...

To start with we propose to identify every cell in the worm and trace lineages. We shall also investigate the constancy of development and study its control by looking for mutants.



## 秀丽線蟲

成蟲全身959個細胞；

身長約0.5-1mm。

以吞食洋菜膠上的細菌為生。

攝氏20度下可正常存活約20天。

在攝氏35度下可存活約

10-14小時。

照片由長庚大學生命科學系羅時成教授提供！

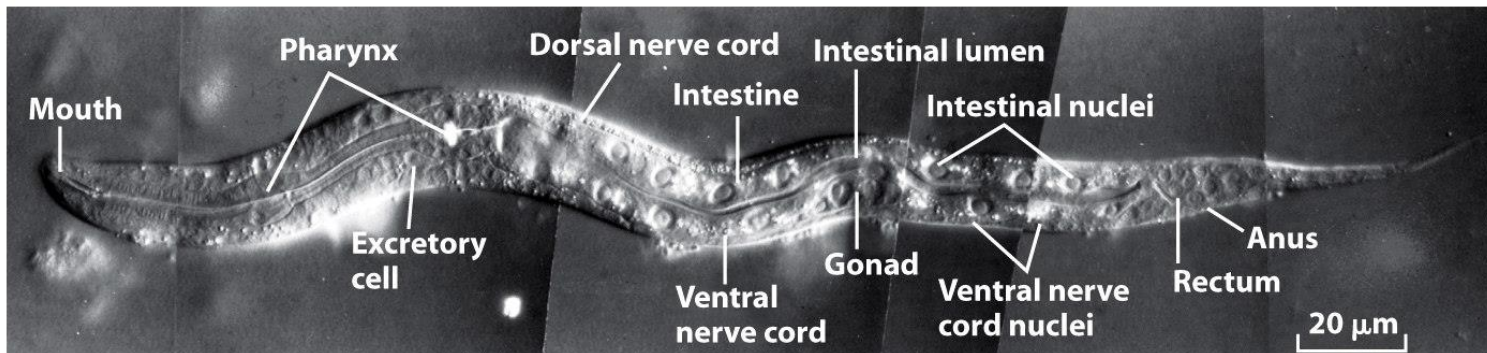


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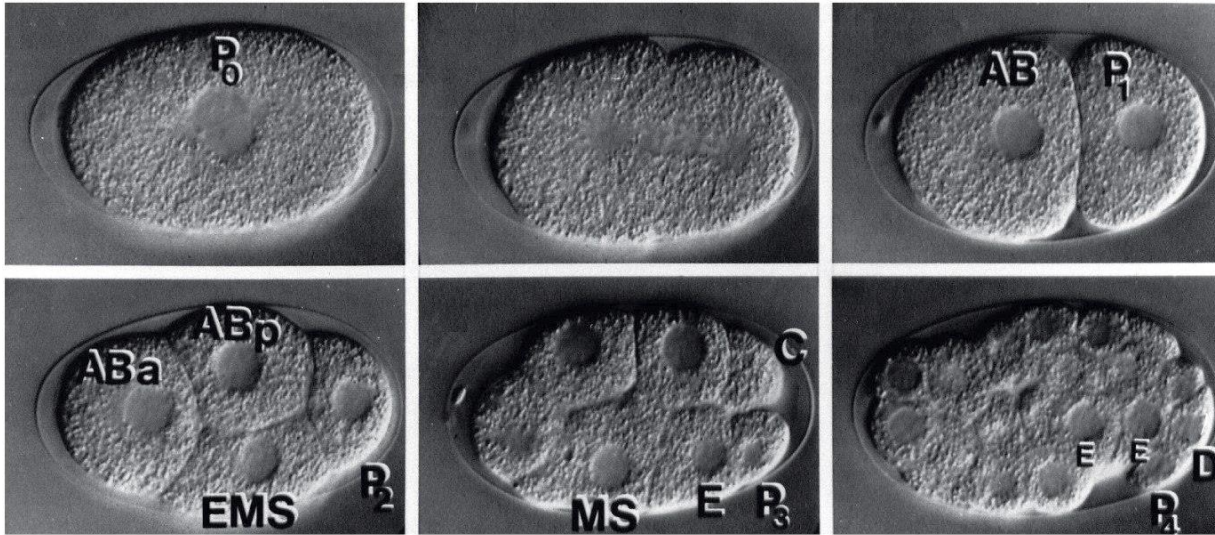


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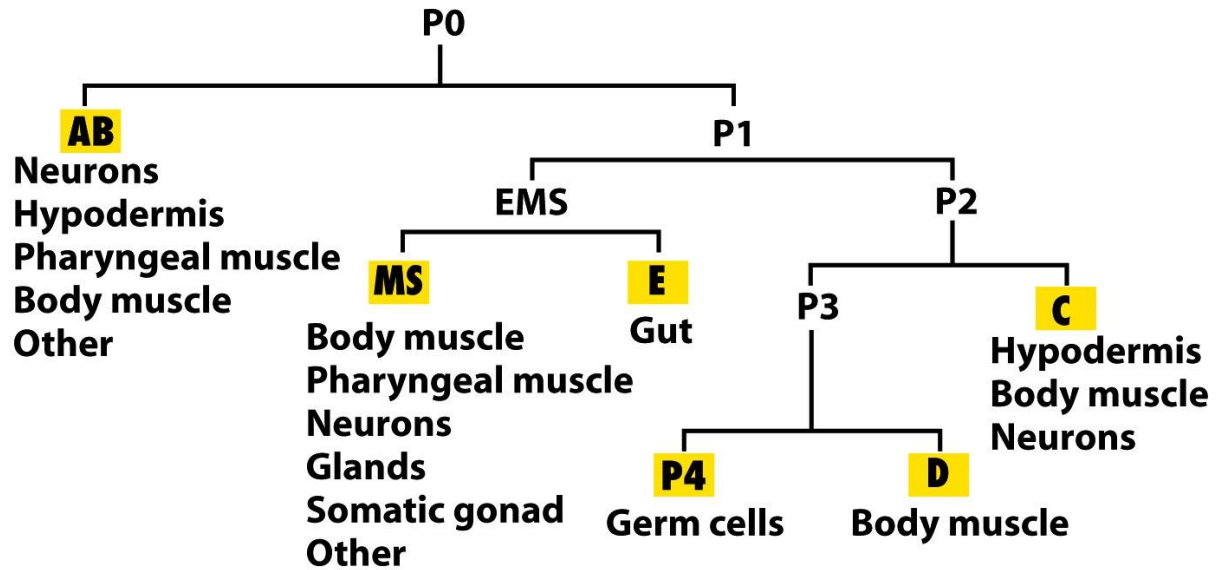
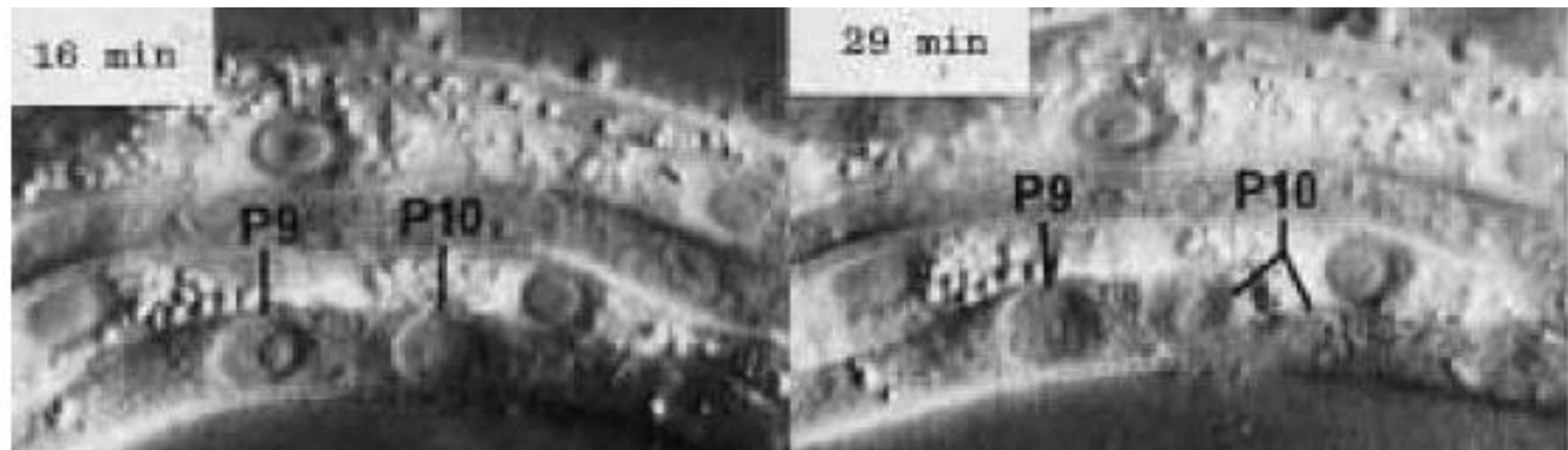
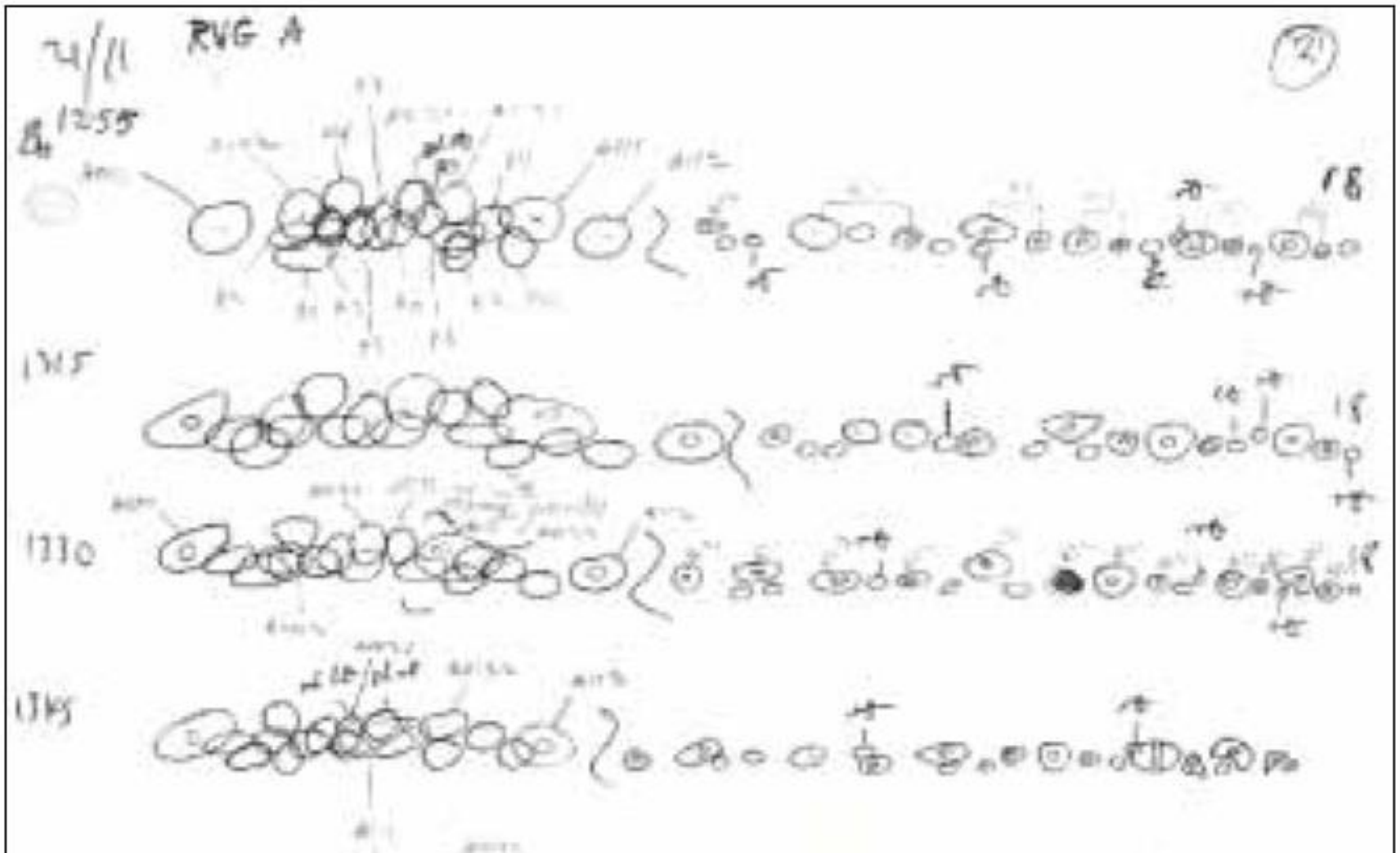


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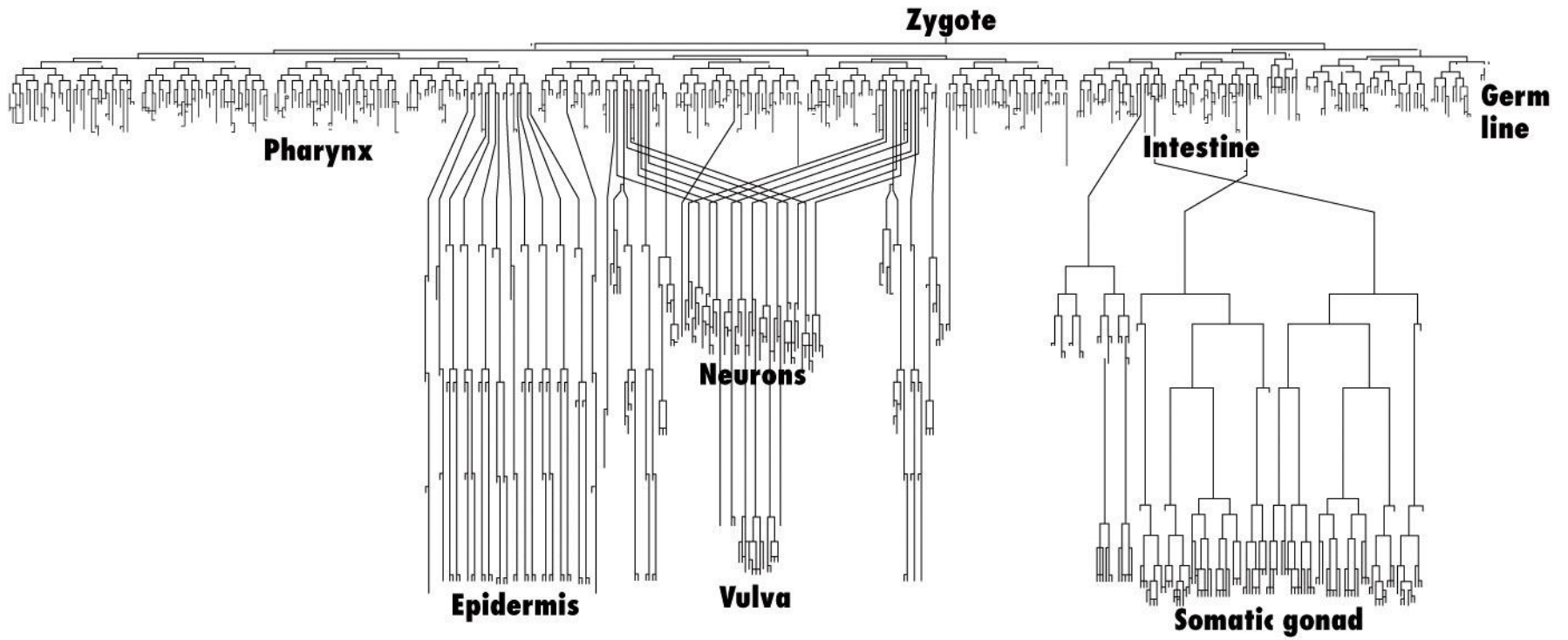


The first division of two of the ventral cord neuroblasts, viewed by Nomarski optics in a living animal.

[Sulston and Horvitz, 1977].



Drawings recording neuroblast divisions over a two hour period in the anterior ventral cord and retrovesicular ganglion, 1974



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In addition to the 959 cells generated during worm development and found in the adult, another 131 cells are generated but are not present in the adult!

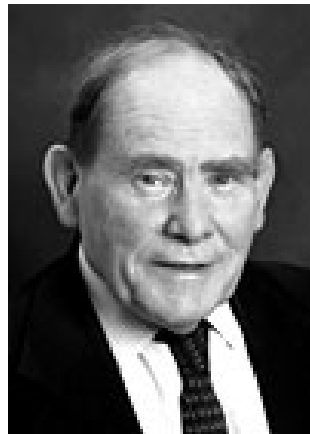






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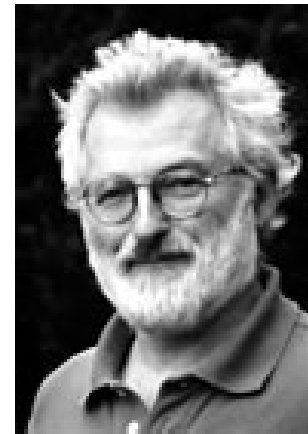


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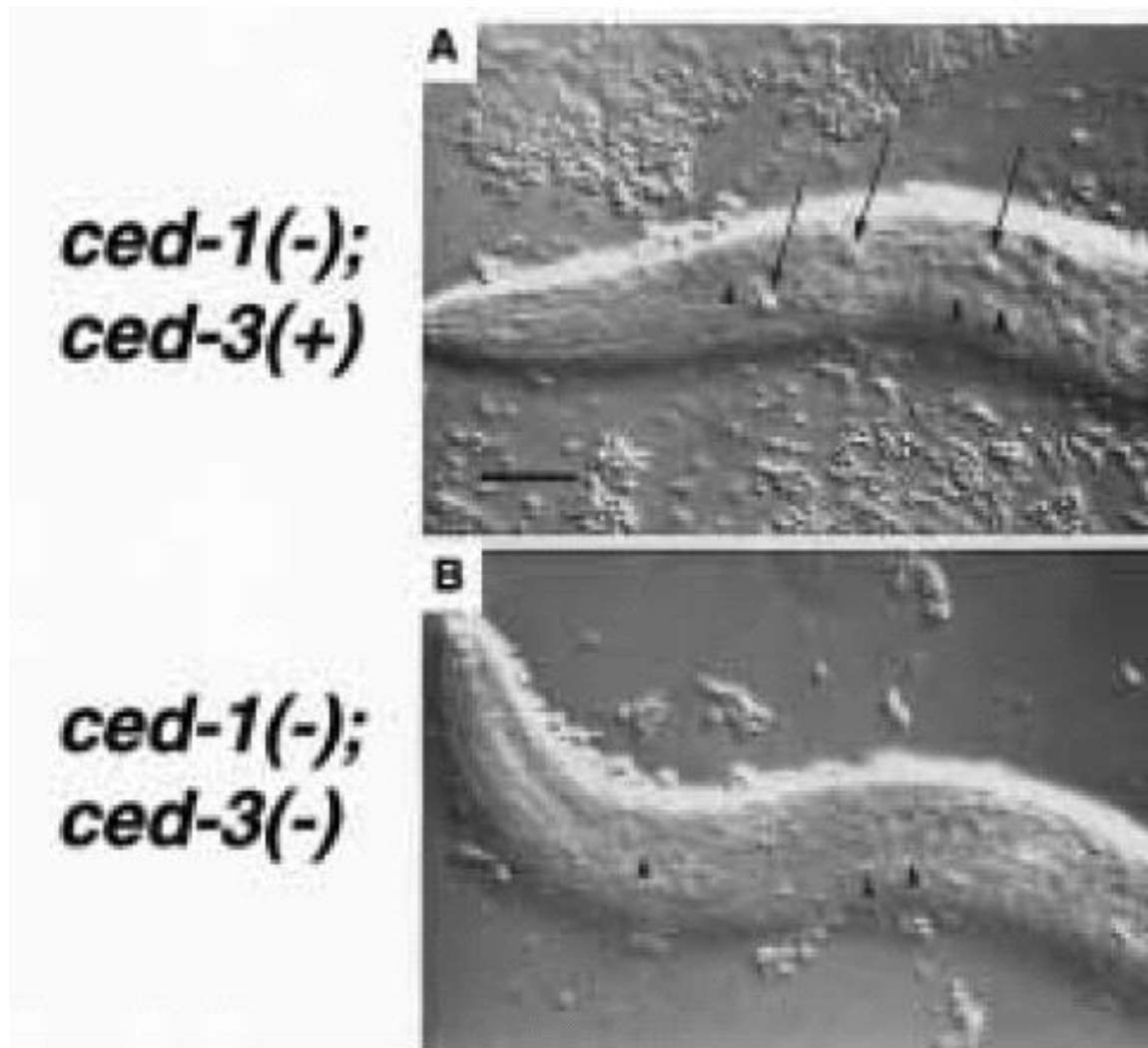
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Programmed cell death was already known,  
but now in the worm it was  
both *visible and predictable*.

Is this a gene regulated phenomenon?

Discovery of *ced-3* as the first gene known to actually control cell death!



Ellis, H. M. & Horvitz, H. R. 1986. Genetic control of programmed cell death in the nematode *C. elegans*. *Cell* 44: 817–829.

If *ced-3* activity is reduced or eliminated by mutation, essentially all 131 cells that normally die instead survive!

What is *ced-3* doing during cell death?

However, *ced3* is a novel gene until...

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1992

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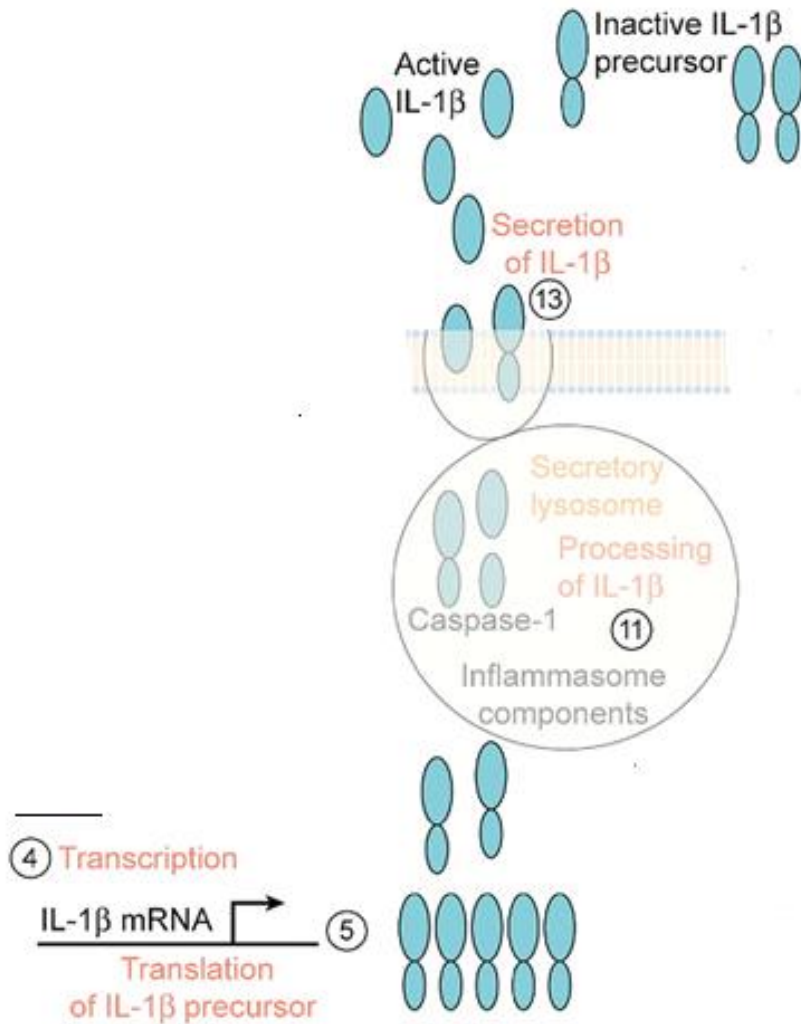
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complete cds.

Length = 404

## Steps in the processing and release of IL-1 induced by IL-1.



**IL-1 converting enzyme (ICE)  
Caspases** (cysteine-  
dependent **aspartate-directed  
proteases**)

# Searching for more regulatory genes of apoptosis

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	HSN present?	Egg-laying defective?
wild type	yes	no
<i>egl-1</i>	no	yes
<i>ced-3; egl-1</i>	yes	no

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*A very efficient way to isolate more ced-3-like mutants:*

*Look for mutations that **suppress** the egg-laying defect of egl-1 mutants.*

***Ced-4 was isolated!***



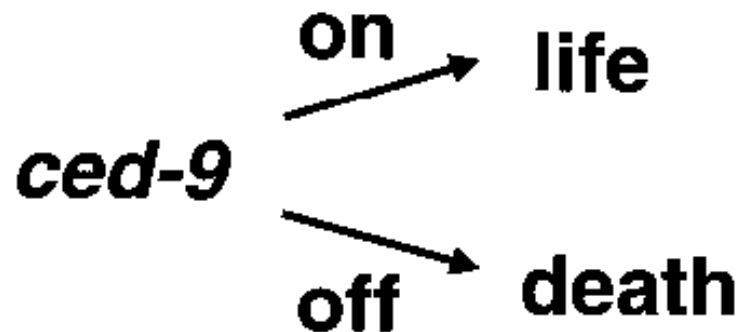
*Ced4 is also a novel gene!*

More mutants were isolated, most of them are defective in *ced-3* or *ced-4*.

***But one (*ced-9*) was different.  
It's a gain of function mutation!***

*C. elegans* cell survival gene *ced-9* encodes a functional homolog of the **mammalian proto-oncogene *bcl-2***.

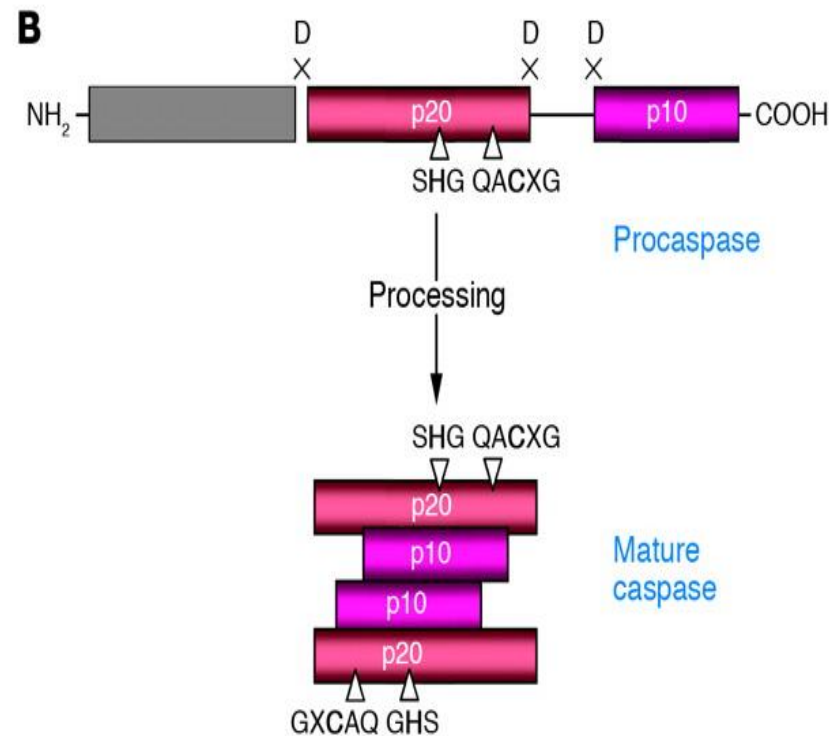
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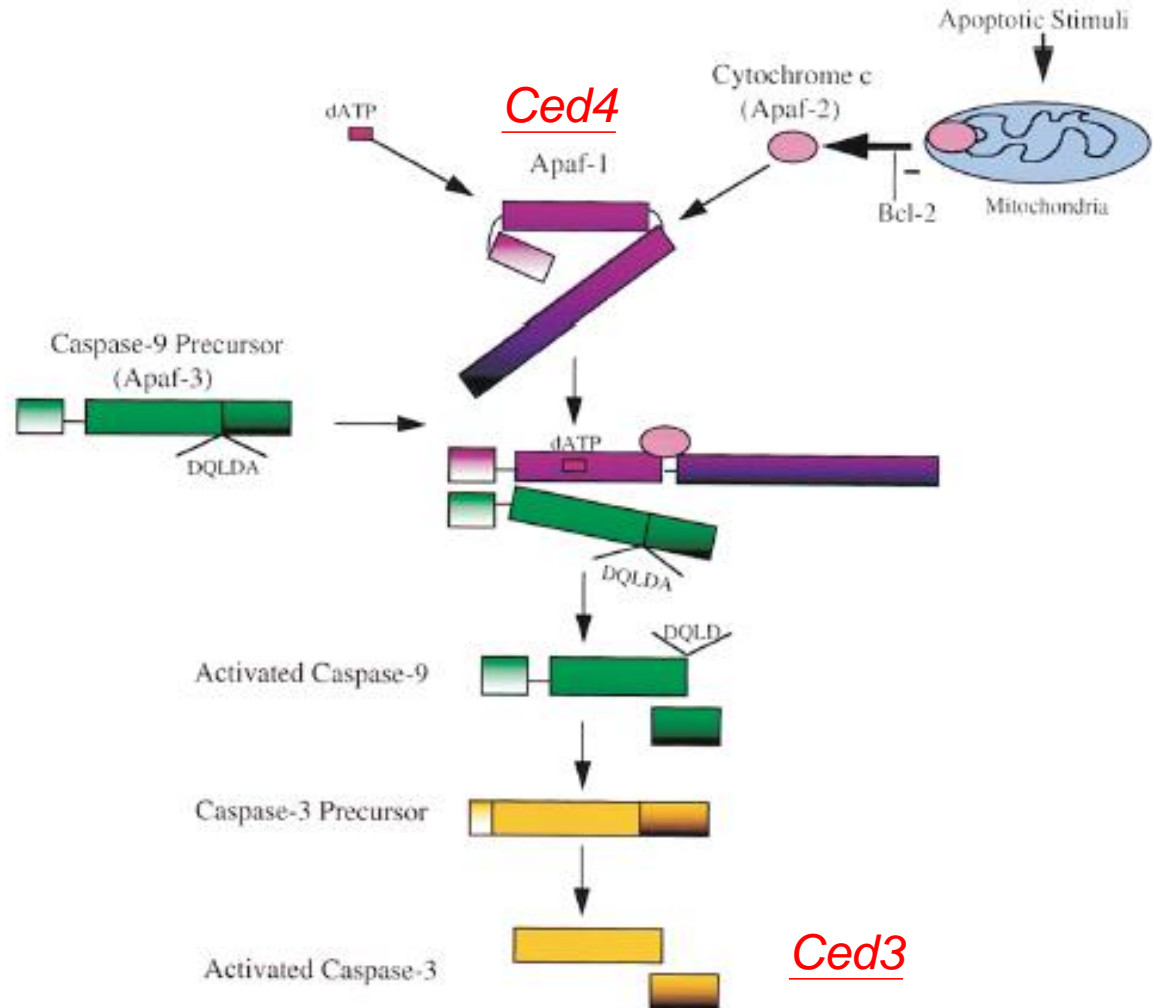
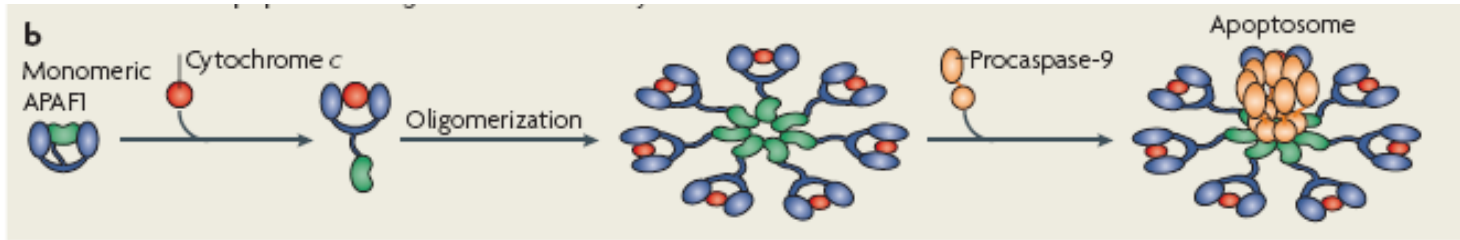


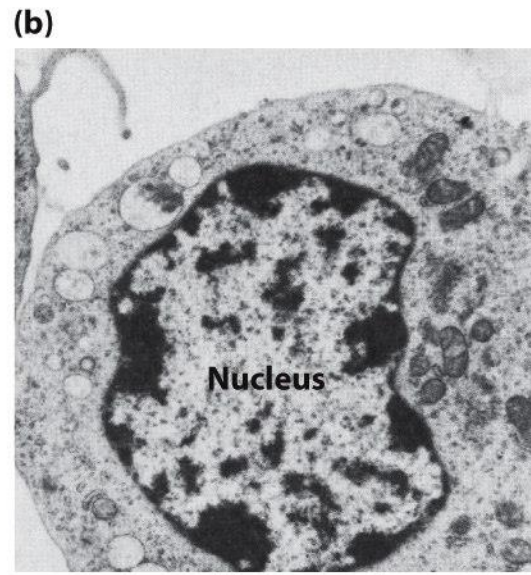
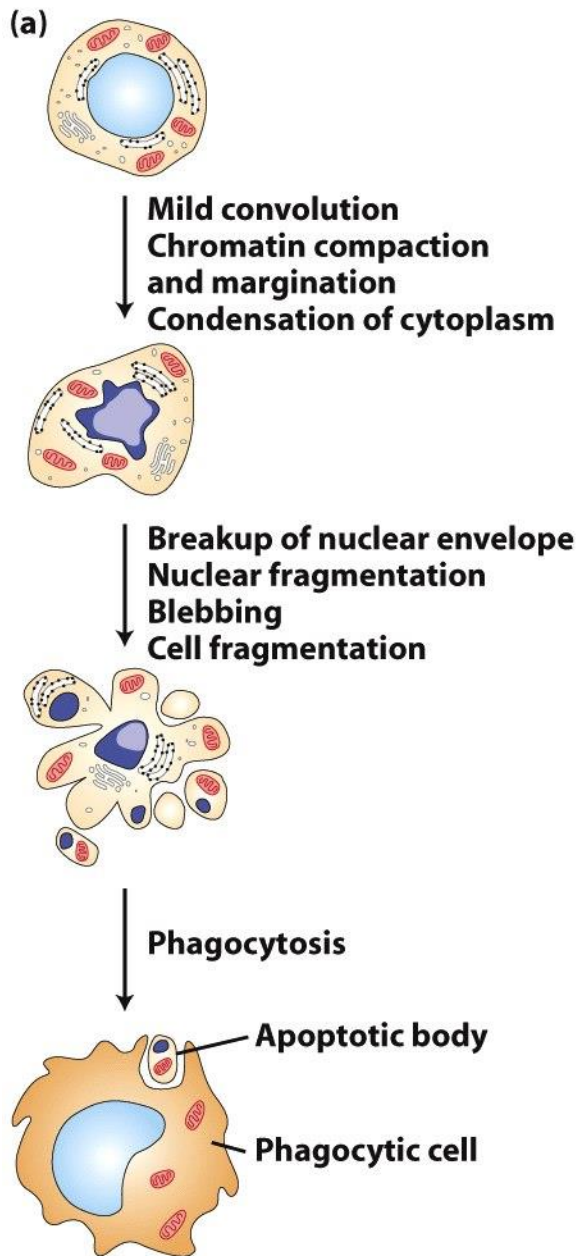
Caspases (Cysteine-dependent ASPartyl-specific proteASE) requires **zymogen activation** to become active.

What cellular signal to initiate caspase activation and the process of apoptosis?

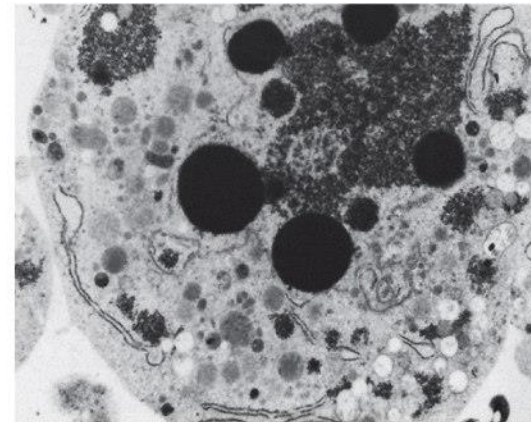
Set an assay to isolate cellular component can activate Ced3 in vitro (Wang's work)







**Normal cell**

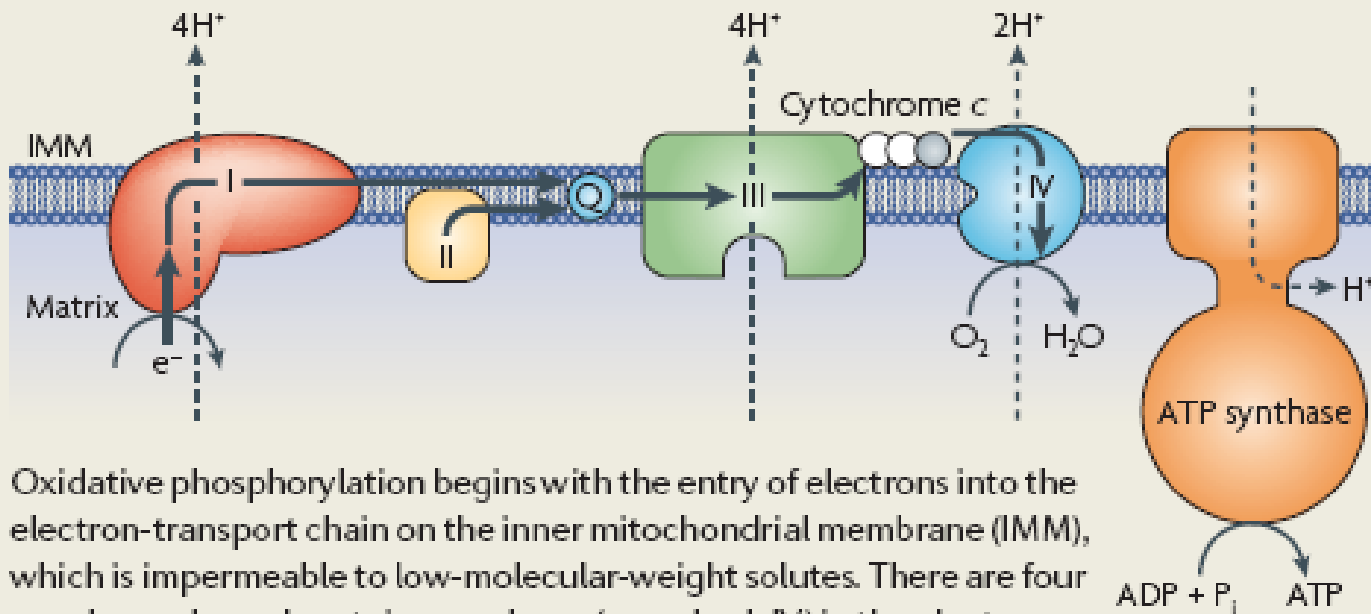


**Apoptotic cell**

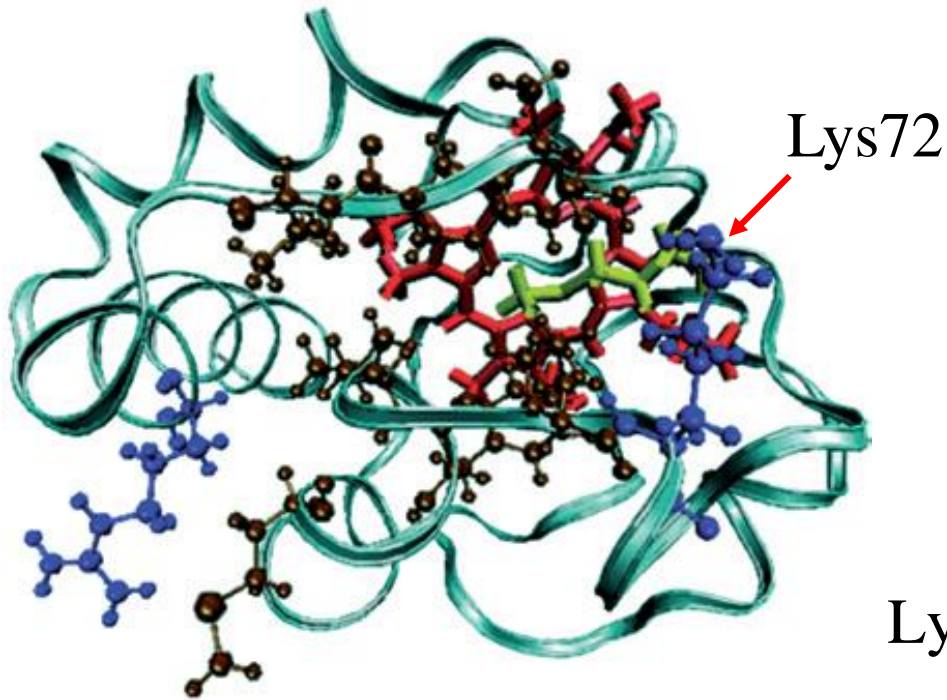
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# How to demonstrate that the **cytochrome C** indeed plays a key role in apoptosis?

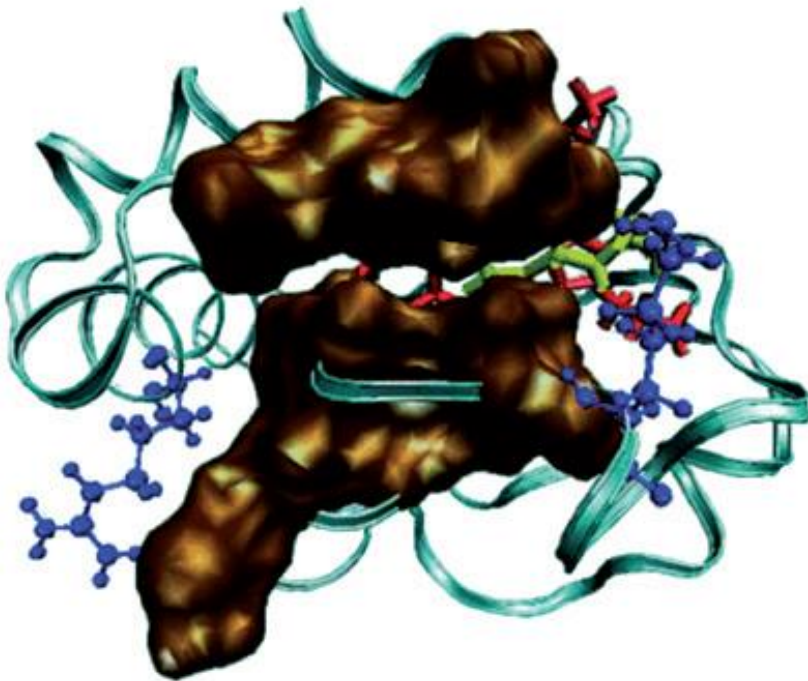
## Box 1 | The role of cytochrome c in respiration



Oxidative phosphorylation begins with the entry of electrons into the electron-transport chain on the inner mitochondrial membrane (IMM), which is impermeable to low-molecular-weight solutes. There are four membrane-bound protein complexes (complex I-IV) in the electron-



Lys72 is essential for the stability of the cytochrome *c*-APAF1 interaction, but is not essential for its electron transport ability.

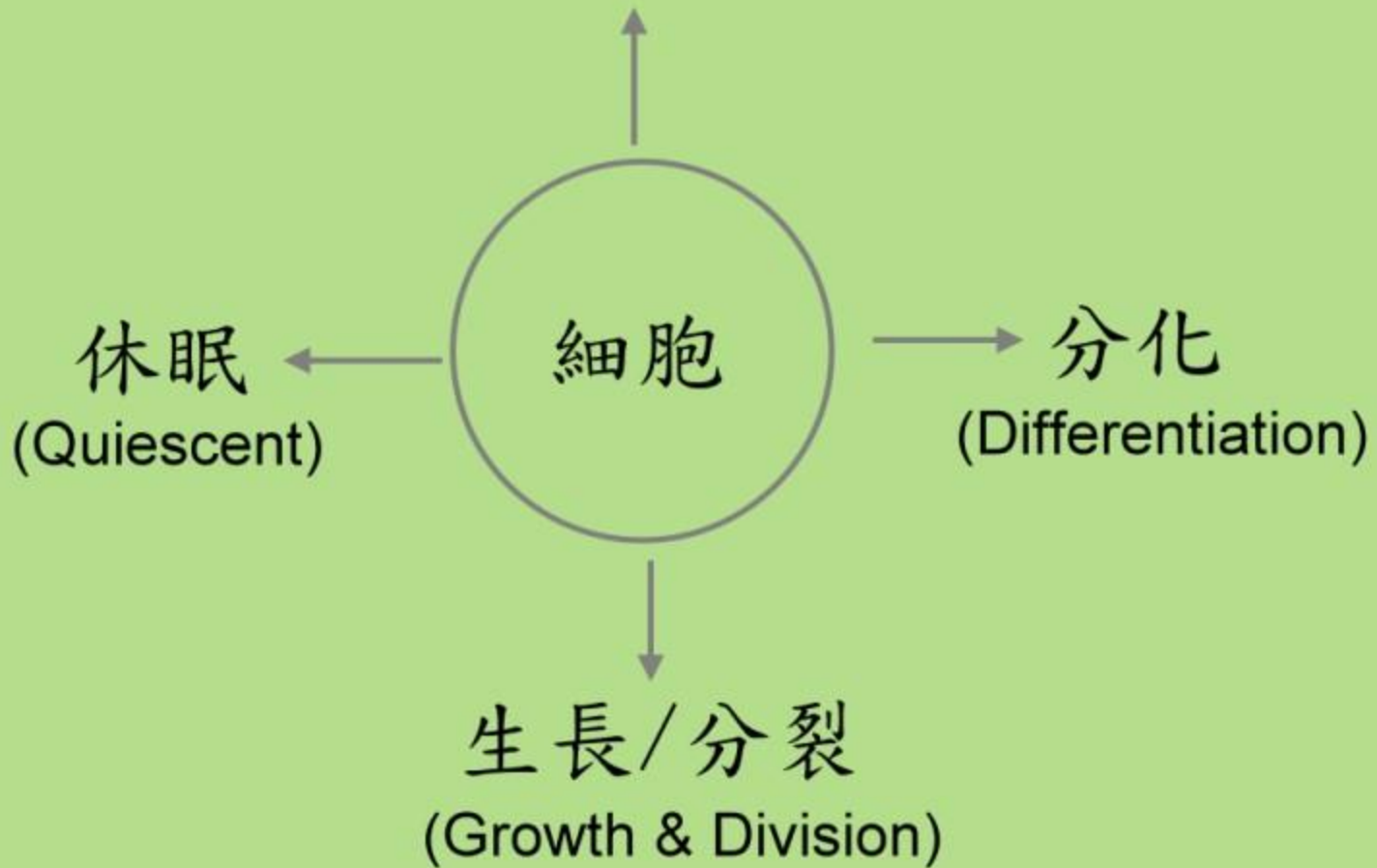


To mutate lys72 in cytochrome C and  
make a knock-in mouse carries such  
mutated cytochrome C

Specific Ablation of the Apoptotic Functions  
of Cytochrome c Reveals a Differential Requirement for  
Cytochrome c and Apaf-1 in Apoptosis  
Cell 121, 579–591; 2005



老化 (Senescence) / 凋亡 (apoptosis)



# 細胞會老嗎？

給予充分的營養，細胞在體外能無  
限期的生長分裂嗎？

THE SERIAL CULTIVATION OF HUMAN DIPLOID  
CELL STRAINS<sup>1</sup>

L. HAYFLICK and P. S. MOORHEAD

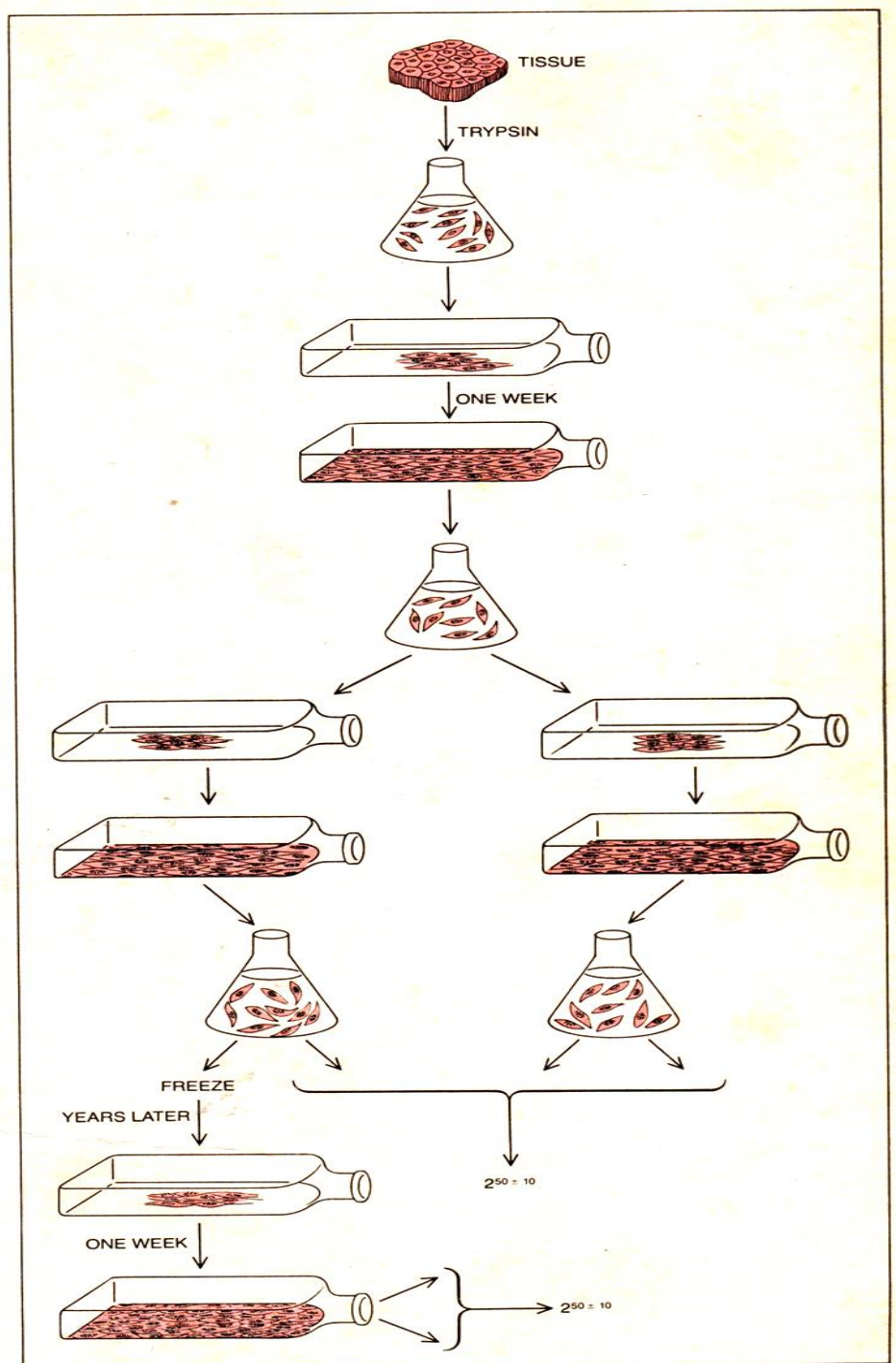
*Wistar Institute of Anatomy and Biology, Philadelphia, Pa., U.S.A.*

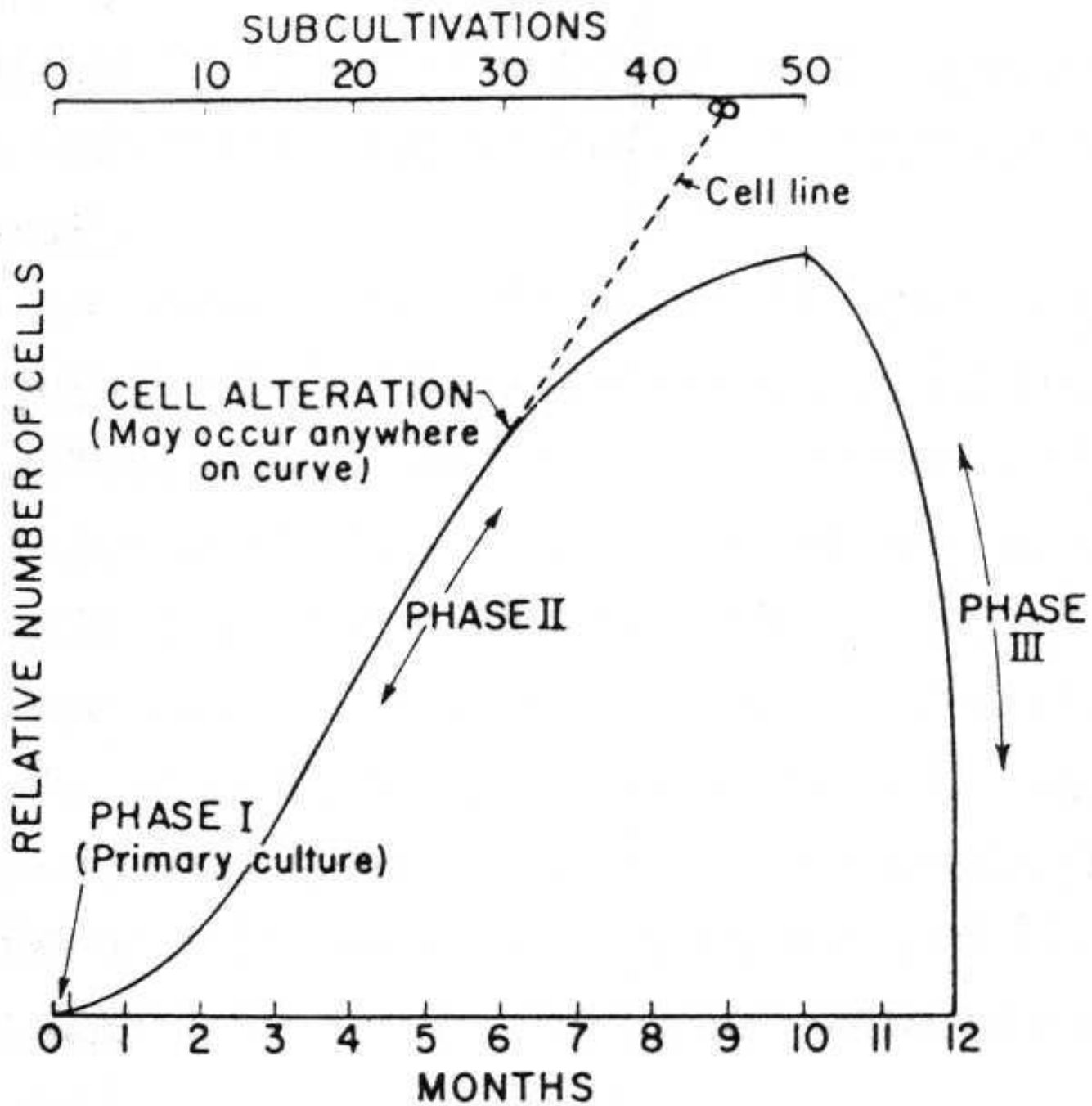
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# Cellular senescence

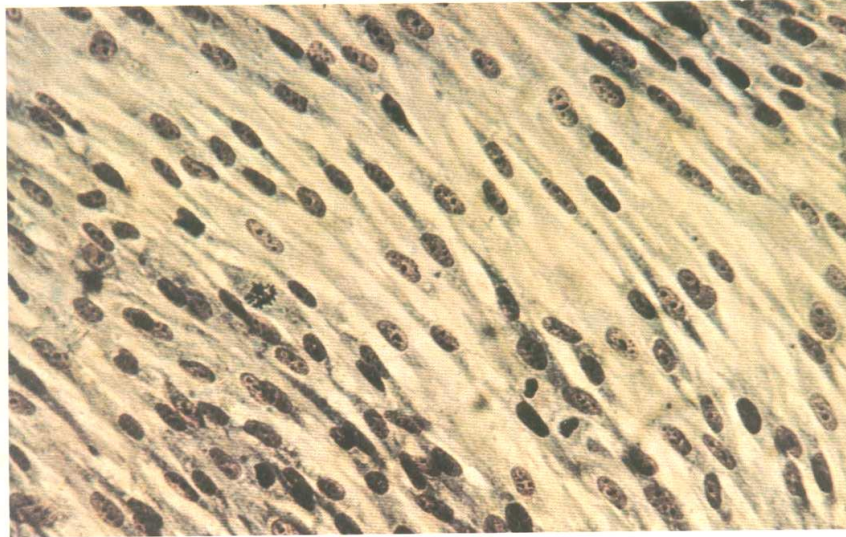
Human diploid fibroblast has limited replicative life span, termed **replicative senescence** or **cellular senescence**.

Human diploid fibroblasts can divide ~60-80 times.





# 體外培養的細胞會老。



"YOUNG" FIBROBLASTS (connective-tissue cells) obtained from human fetal tissue carpet the surface of a culture dish in this photo-

tomicrograph. The spindle-shaped cells were fixed and stained during a period of active proliferation. Reddish objects are cell nuclei.



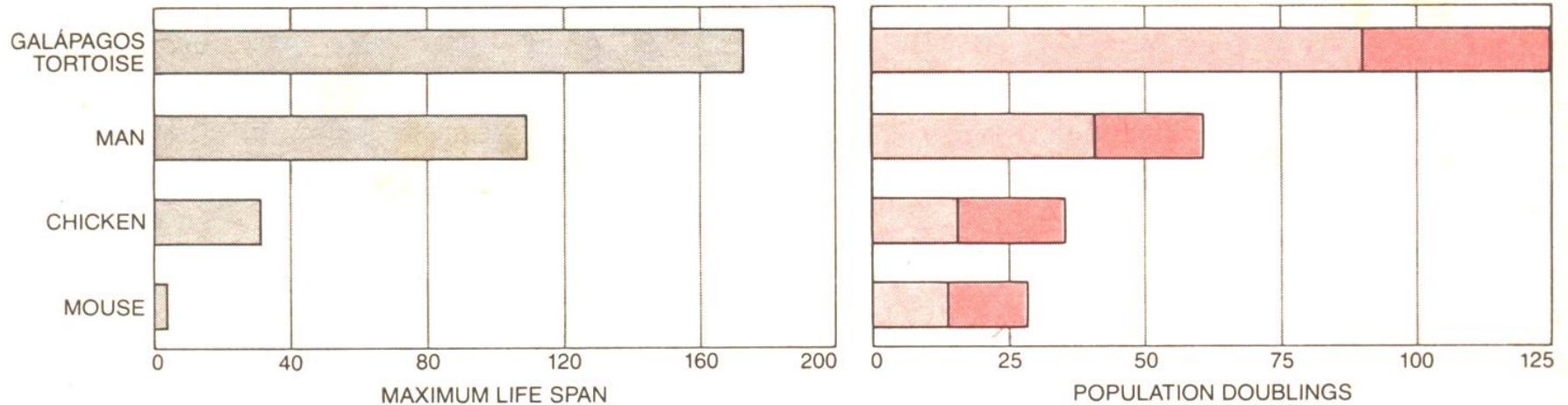
SENESCENT FIBROBLASTS were stained during the loss of division capacity that follows approximately 50 population doublings in culture. The cells undergo a variety of degenerative changes and then

die. This observation suggests that aging is an innate property of normal living cells. Micrographs were made in the author's laboratory at the Children's Hospital Medical Center of Northern California.

## Is cellular senescence the same as biological aging?

- Donor age
- Cells cultured from old donors tend to senesce after fewer population-doublings than cells from young cell.
- Interspecies comparison suggests that cell replicative life span and biological life span is genetically related.

# Cells from long-lived species are capable of replicating more times

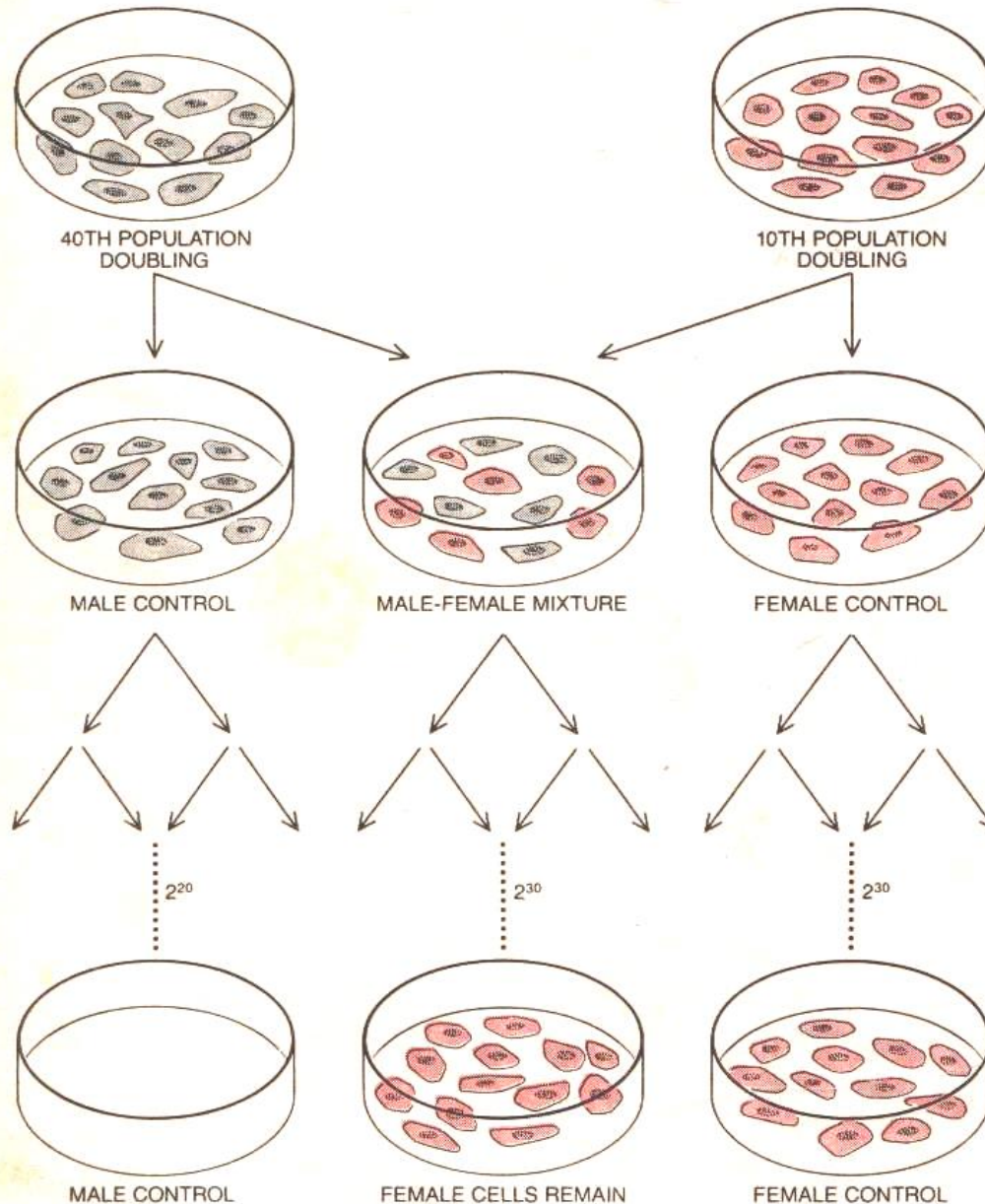


**REPLICATIVE ABILITY** of fibroblasts from the fetus (from the newborn animal in the case of the tortoise) and grown in culture is

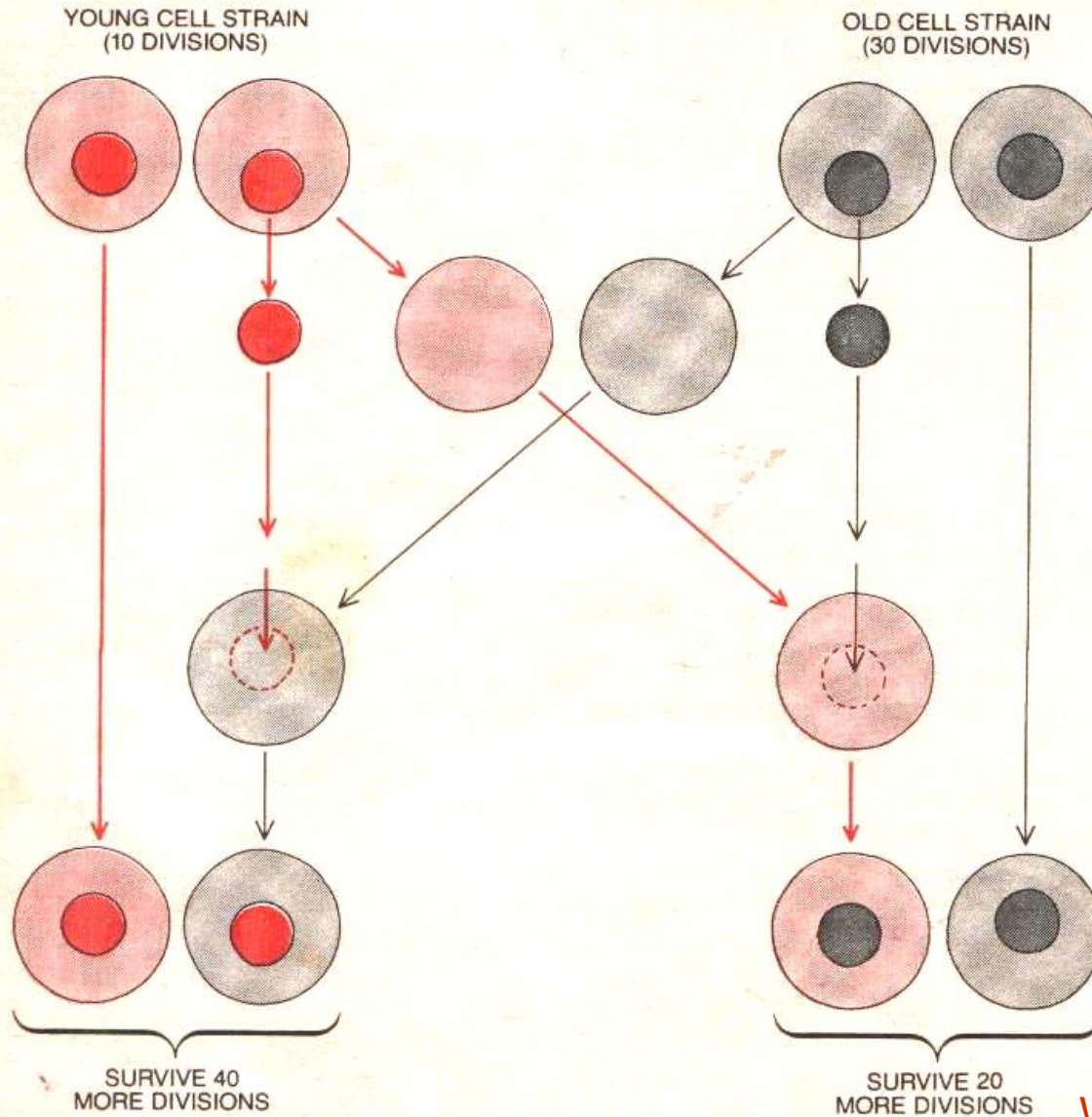
proportional to life span of species. Observation suggests that limited replicative ability of cultured normal cells may be correlate of aging.



# Aging is an autonomous property of normal cells



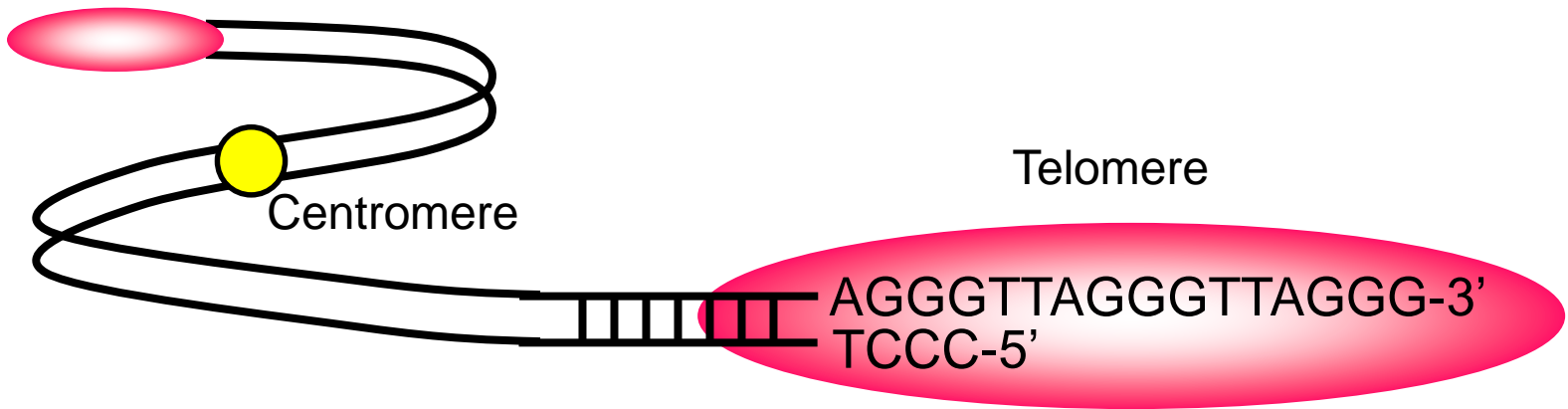
# Nucleus determines cellular aging



# Why cell age (senescence) ?

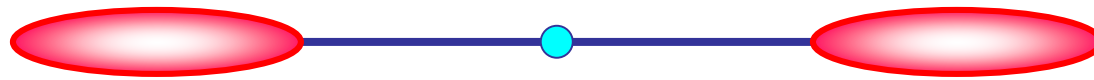
- Accumulation of damages
- Accumulation of mutations
- Shortening telomere during each replication
- Turn on a specific genetic (differentiation) program induced by “shortening telomere”

染色體端粒子(telomere)：由端粒酵素(telomerase)製造的一個特殊結構來保護染色體的端點。而端粒酵素在正常細胞中很早就消失了！

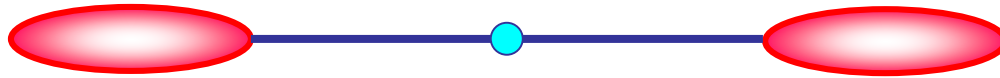


*(In Greek, Telos means end; meros, part)*

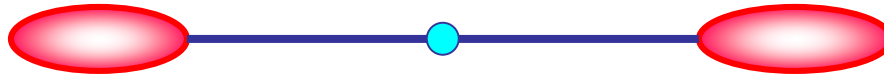
# 染色體端粒子會隨著正常細胞分裂而消耗掉



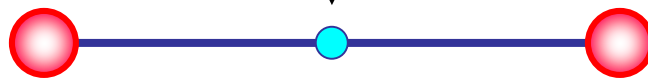
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Cell cycle arrest (M1)



Catastrophe (M2)

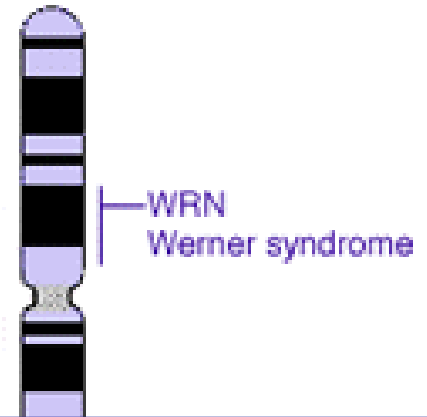


細胞逐漸失去分裂的能力(老化)，終致走向死亡！

## Werner Syndrome: 遺傳性的早衰症



Taking its toll. As a teenager (left) this Japanese American looked normal, but by age 48, the effects of Werner's syndrome were readily apparent. [Image credit: William and Wilkens Publishing Inc.]



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### Telomerase prevents the accelerated cell ageing of Werner syndrome fibroblasts

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Julia W. Skinner<sup>1</sup>, Michele F. Haughton<sup>1</sup>,  
Corrin Wallis<sup>2</sup>, David Wynford-Thomas<sup>1</sup>,  
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它是誰？



## What is the cause of Dolly's death?



Dolly, 1997-2003

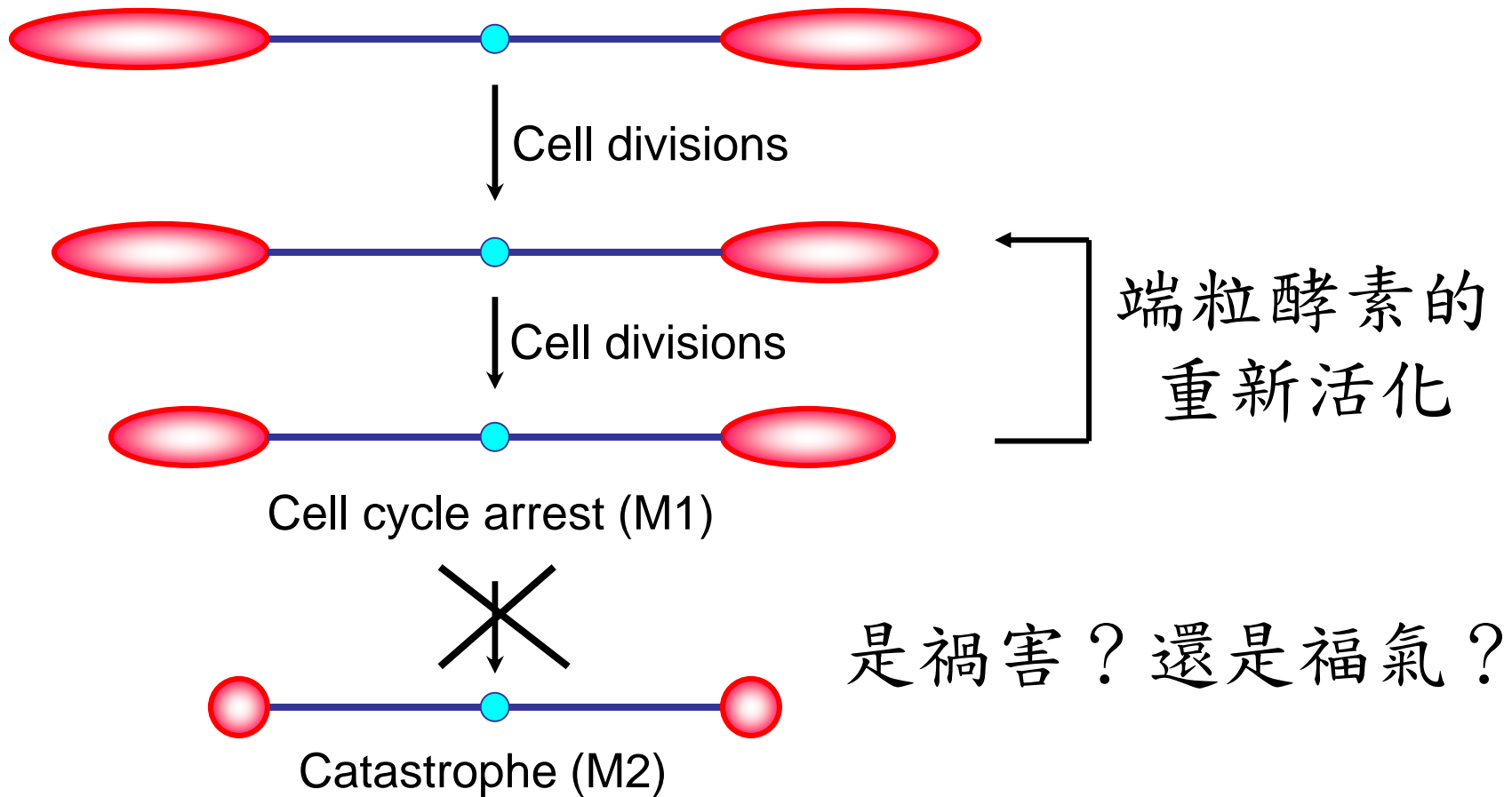
- Dolly was cloned by transferring of a nucleus from a six-year-old sheep mammary epithelial cells in 1997.
- Analysis of **telomere** lengths in Dolly indicates that Dolly's telomere length is similar to normal six-year-old sheep (1999).
- Dolly die on 14 Feb, 2003



# **Cellular Senescence**

***Why cell needs  
senescence?***

# 細胞永生的秘密：重新活化端粒酵素?!



# Telomerase is expressed in immortal and cancer cells

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## Specific Association of Human Telomerase Activity with Immortal Cells and Cancer

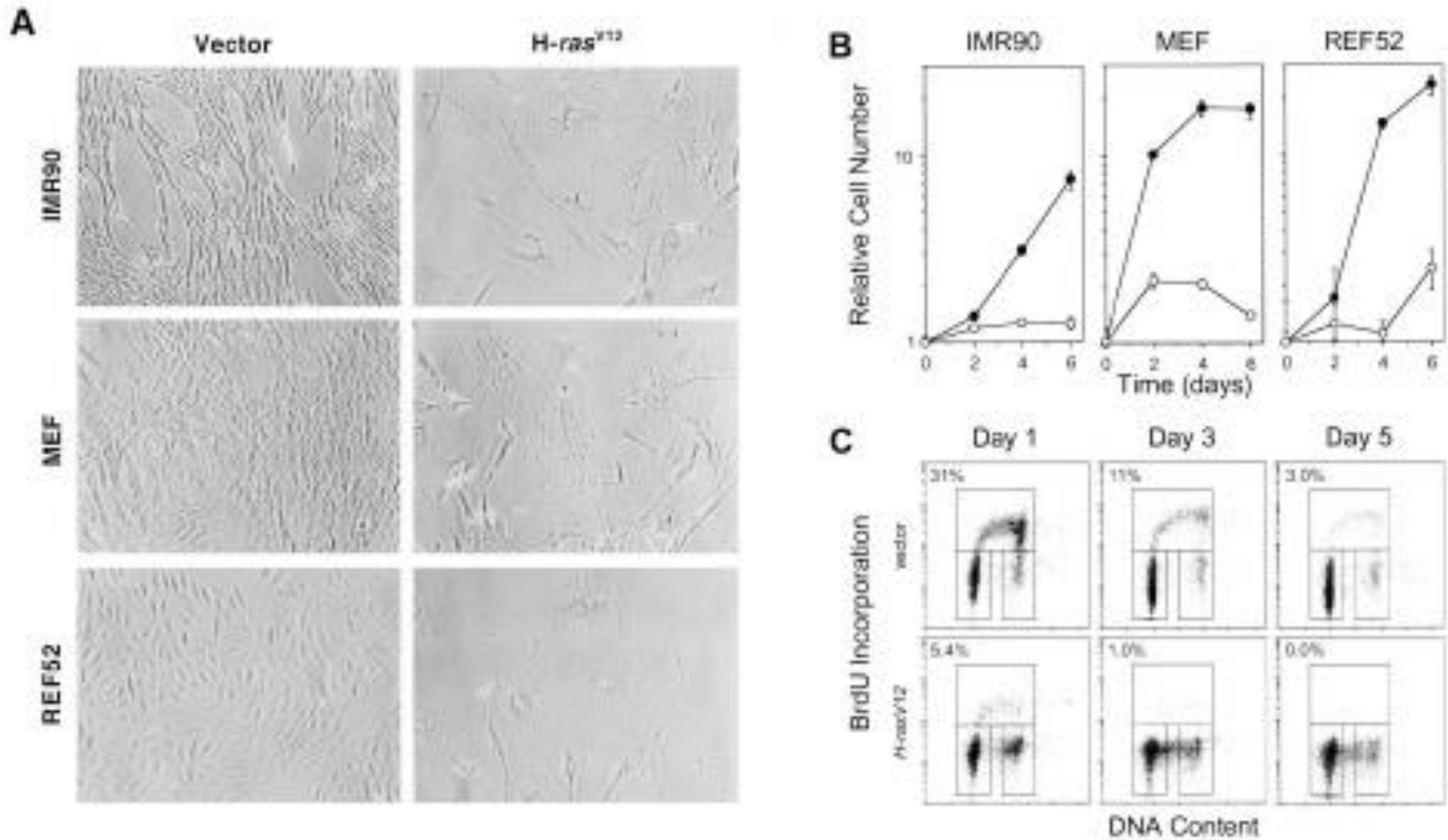
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Gina M. Coviello, Woodring E. Wright, Scott L. Weinrich,\*†  
Jerry W. Shay\*†

Tissue type	Telomerase activity (no. positive/ no. tested)	Tissue type	Telomerase activity (no. positive/ no. tested)
Fetal testis	2/2	Normal breast tissue (from noncancer patients)	0/8
Adult testis	1/1	Prostate cancer	2/2
Fetal ovary	2/2	Prostatic intraepithelial neoplasia type 3	3/5
Ovarian follicle	1/1	Benign prostatic hyperplasia	1/10
Gastrointestinal malignancies		Normal prostatic tissue	0/8
Hepatocellular carcinoma*	1/1	Neuroblastoma	5/5
Colon cancer	8/8	Brain tumors	6/8
Adjacent colonic tissue	0/7	Lung small-cell carcinoma	4/4
Colonic tubular adenoma	0/1	Rhabdomyosarcoma	1/1
Colonic polyp	0/1	Leiomyosarcoma	3/3
Squamous cell carcinoma (head and neck)	14/16	Leiomyoma (fibroids)	0/11
Adjacent tissue	6/16	Normal myometrium	0/10
Wilms tumor	6/6	Hematological malignancies	
Adjacent kidney tissue	2/6	Acute lymphocytic leukemia	14/16
Breast cancer (ductal and lobular, node positive)	18/20	Chronic lymphocytic leukemia	2/2
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Adjacent tissue	2/20		

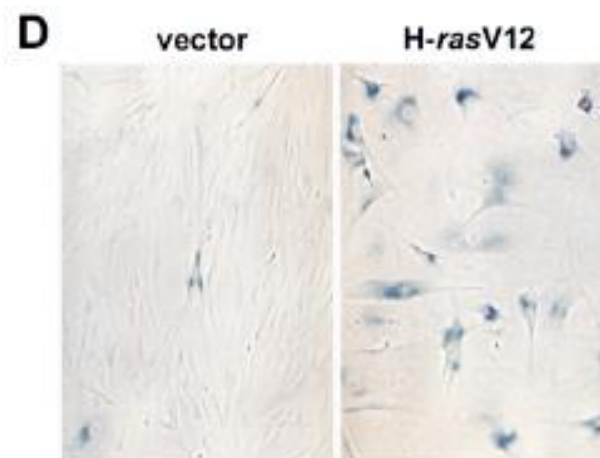
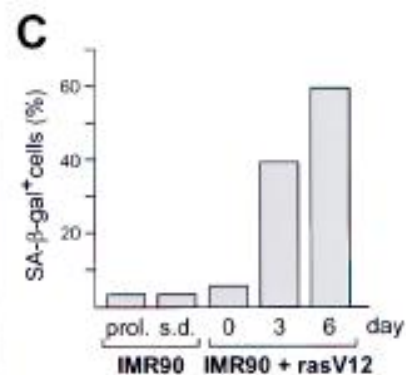
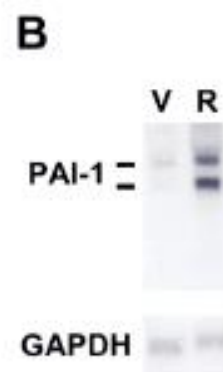
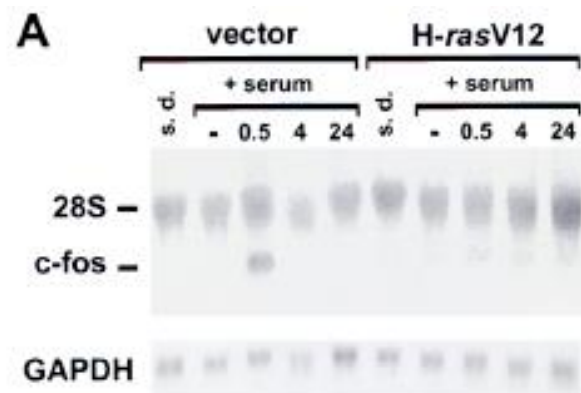
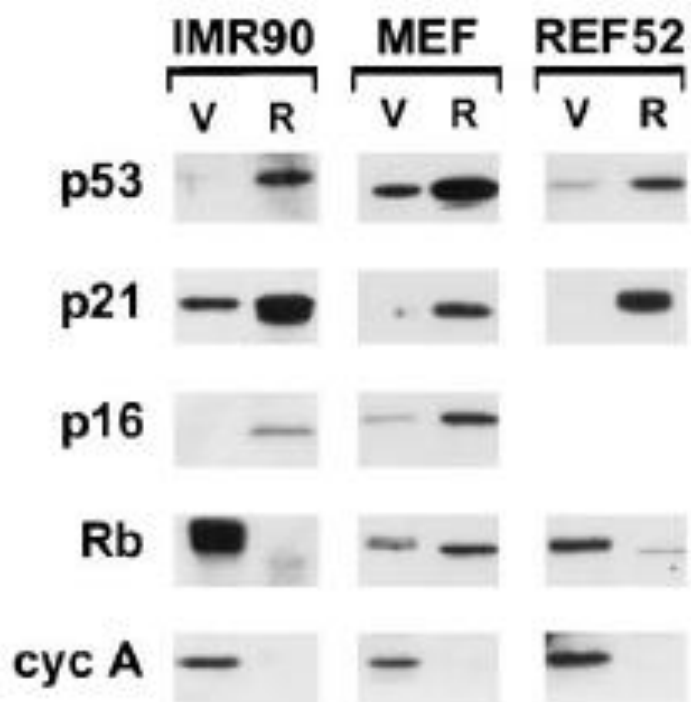
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**Table 1.** Telomerase activity in normal and immortal cells (29).

Tissue of origin	Cell type	Telomerase activity (no. positive/ no. tested)
Skin	Tumor	8/8
Skin	Normal	0/5
Connective	Tumor	1/1
Joint	Normal	0/1
Adipose	Tumor	1/1
Breast	Tumor	22/22
Breast	Normal	0/8
Lung	Tumor	18/18
Lung	Transformed	2/3
Lung	Normal	0/3
Stomach	Tumor	1/1
Pancreas	Tumor	3/3
Ovary	Tumor	5/5
Cervix	Tumor	3/3
Cervix	Normal	0/1
Uterus	Normal	0/1
Kidney	Tumor	8/8
Kidney	Transformed	1/1
Bladder	Tumor	3/3
Bladder	Normal	0/1
Colon	Tumor	7/7
Prostate	Tumor	2/2
Prostate	Transformed	0/1
Prostate	Normal	0/2
CNS	Tumor	3/3
Retina	Transformed	1/1
Blood	Tumor	9/9



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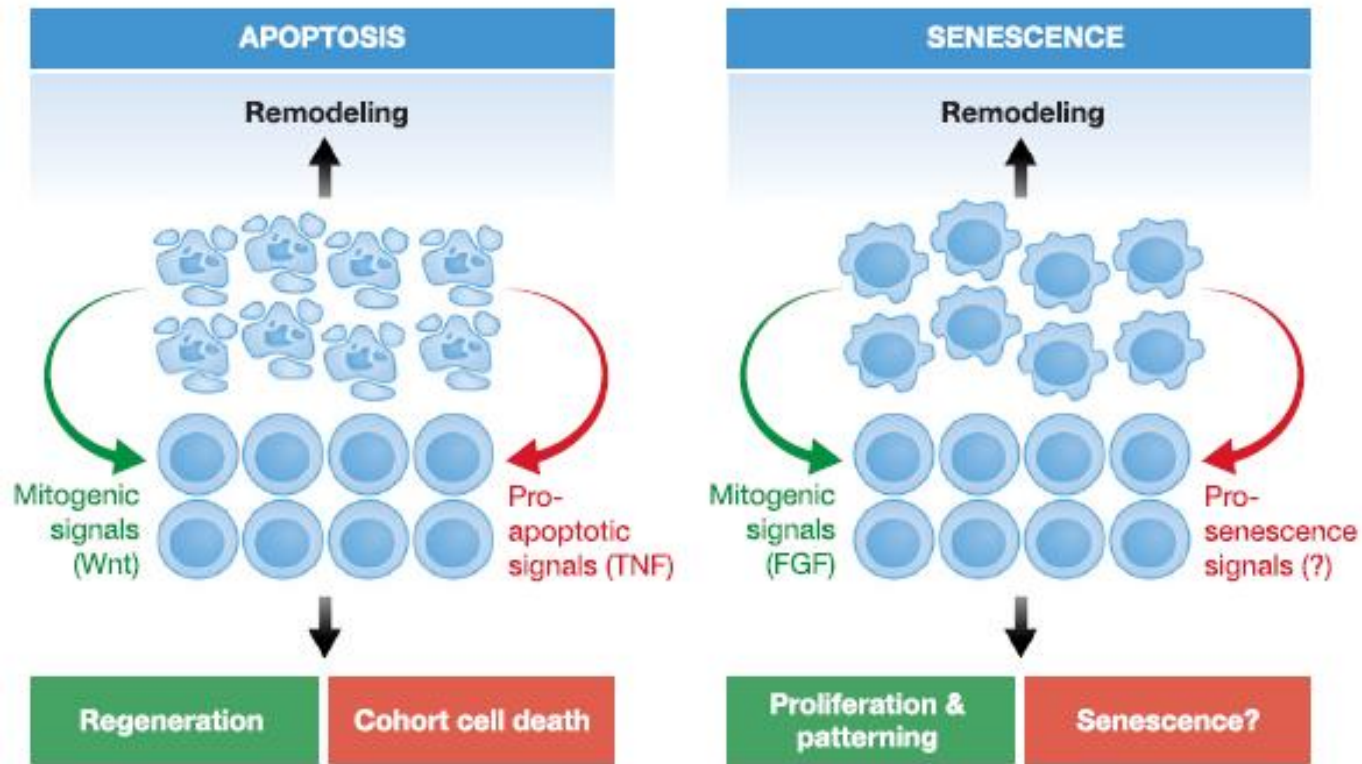
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MECHANISMS OF DISEASE

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## Stress-induced senescence

## Developmental senescence




Adult



Embryo

### TRIGGERS

 Telomere uncapping  
Oncogenic signals  
DNA damage

Developmental cues 

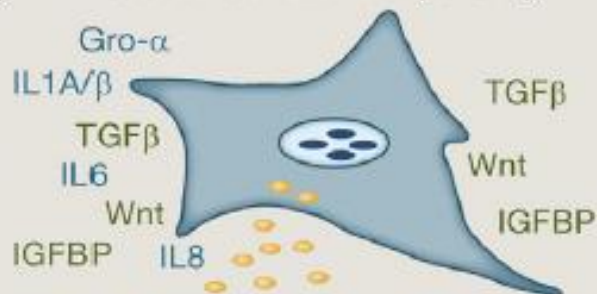
### REGULATORS/ EFFECTORS

DNA damage  
response

p53-p21

INK4A/ARF

Cell cycle arrest  
SA $\beta$ -galactosidase activity  
Chromatin alterations (SAHF)  
Secreted factors (SASP)



TGF $\beta$ /SMAD

FOXO/PI3K

p21

Others?

### CONSEQUENCES

#### Tissue remodeling

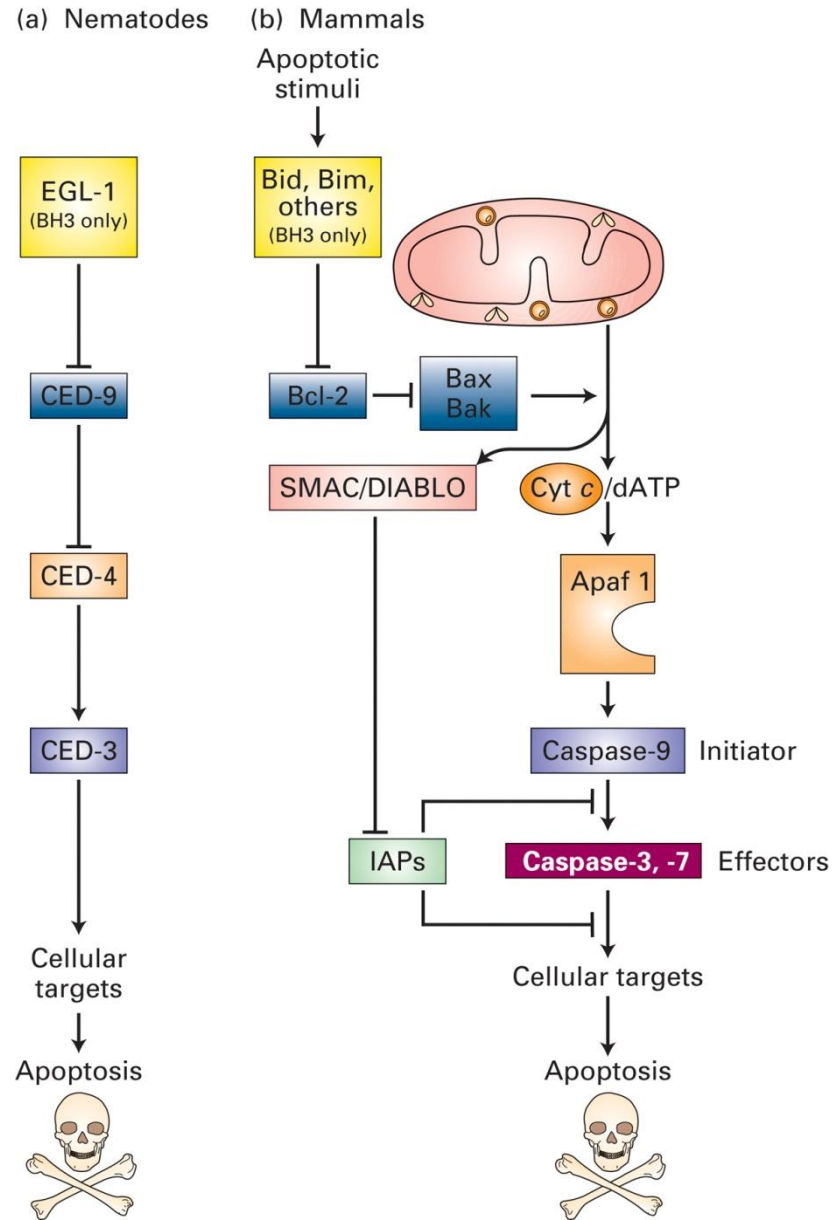
Recruitment of immune cells  
Clearance of altered/unwanted cells  
Pro/anti-tumorigenic  
paracrine effects  
Aging-related pathologies

Recruitment of immune cells  
Elimination of transient structures  
Balance between cell populations  
SASP-related  
developmental signals

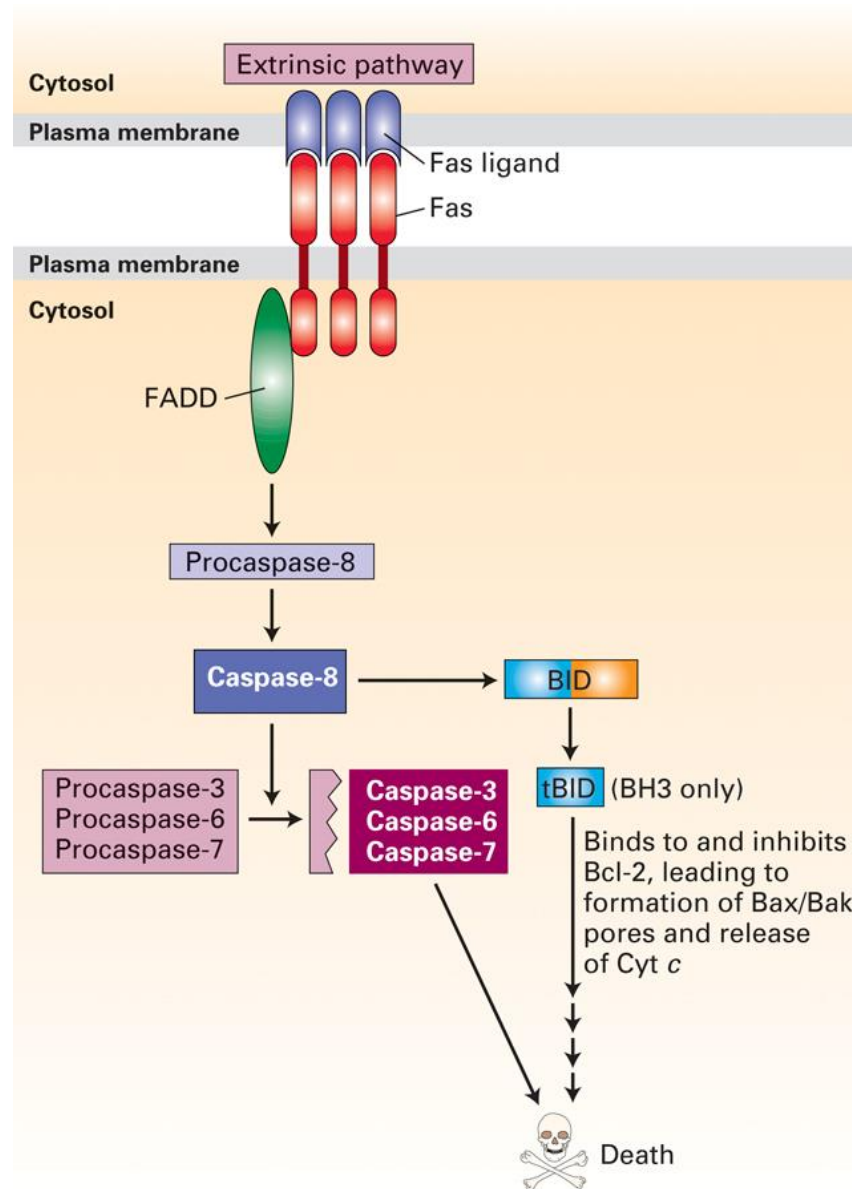




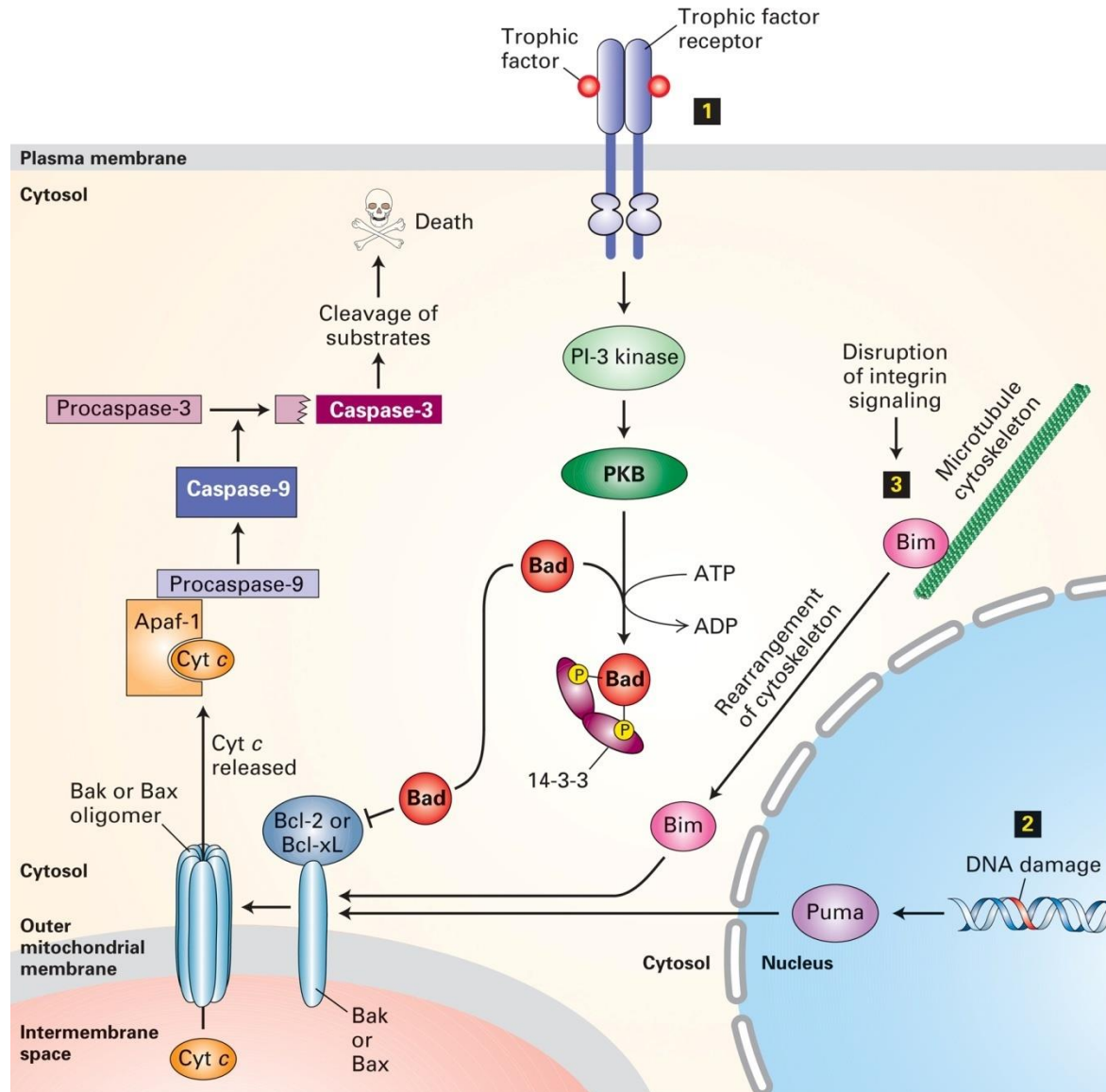
**Figure 21.33 Evolutionary conservation of apoptosis pathways.**



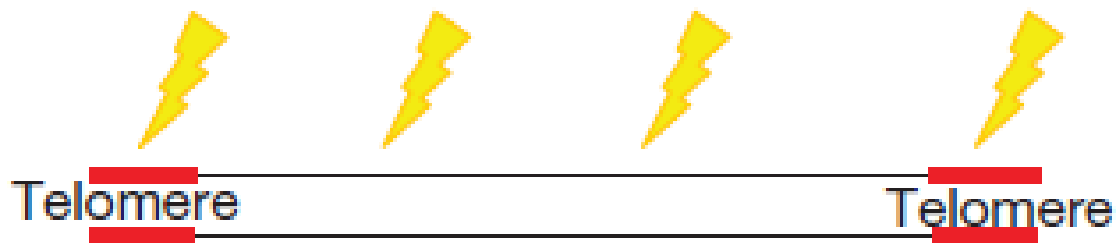
**Figure 21.40 Cell murder: the extrinsic apoptosis pathway.**



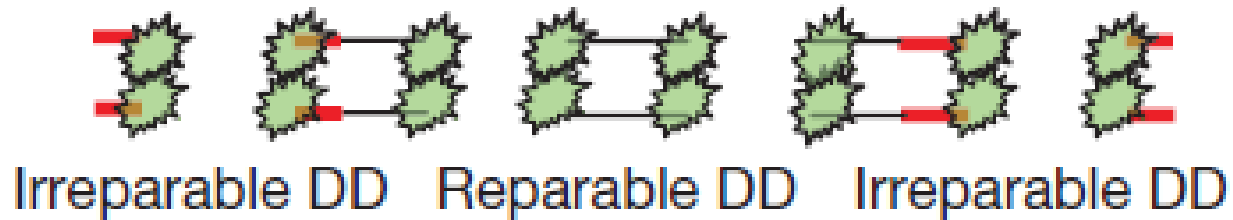
**Figure 21.38** Integration of multiple signaling pathways in vertebrate cells that regulate mitochondrial outer membrane permeability and apoptosis.



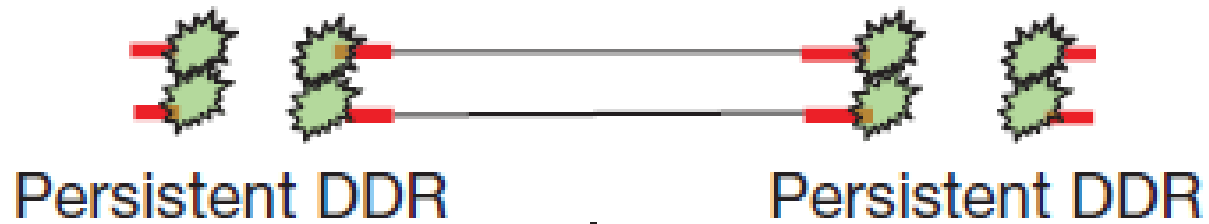
What signals in the normal fibroblasts were induced by oncogenic ras which turn on cellular senescence program ?



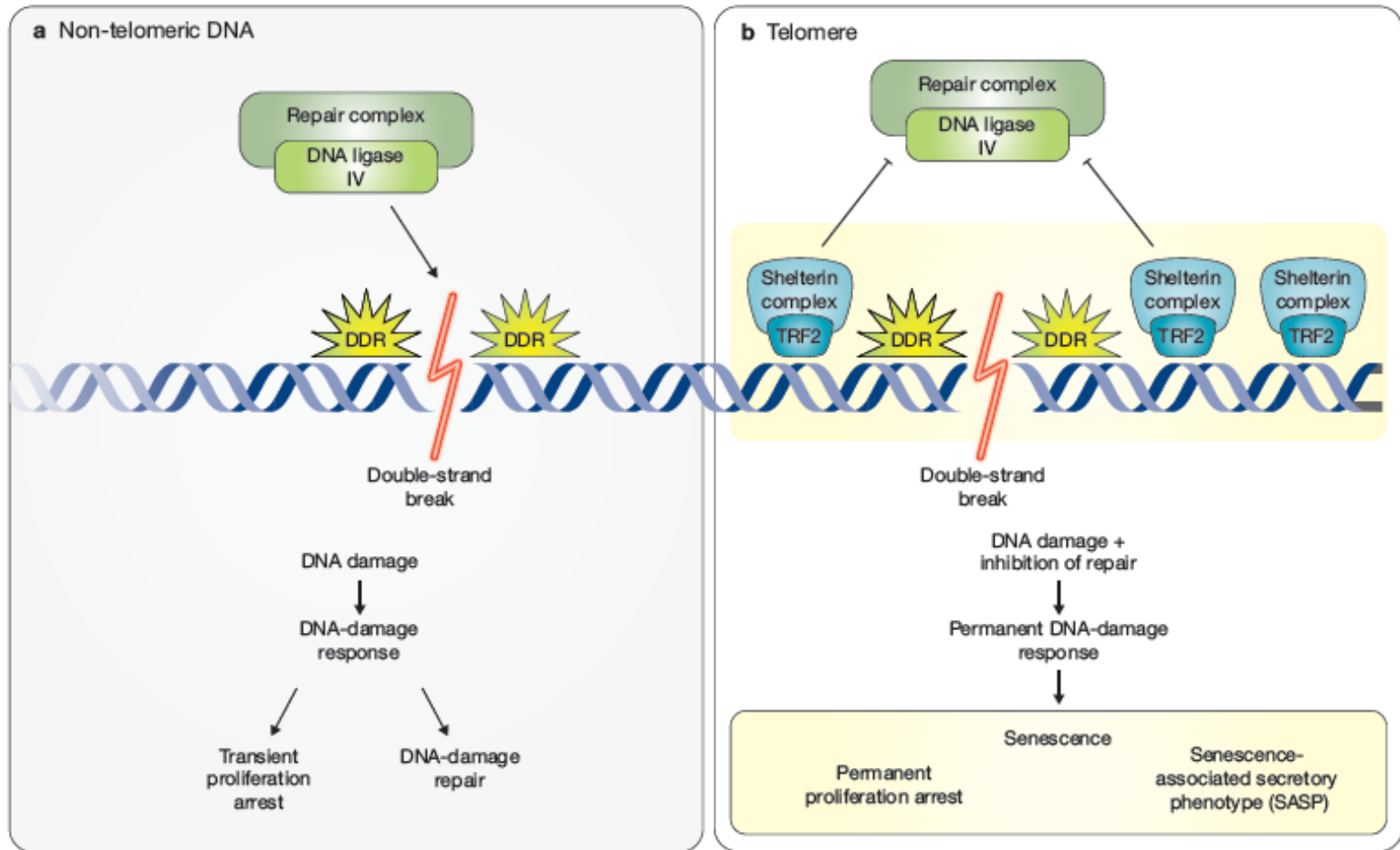
↓ DDR activation



↓ DNA-damage repair



↓  
Cellular senescence/ageing



Telomeric DNA damage is irreparable and causes persistent DNA-damage-response activation. *Nature Cell Biology* 14:355-365; 2012