

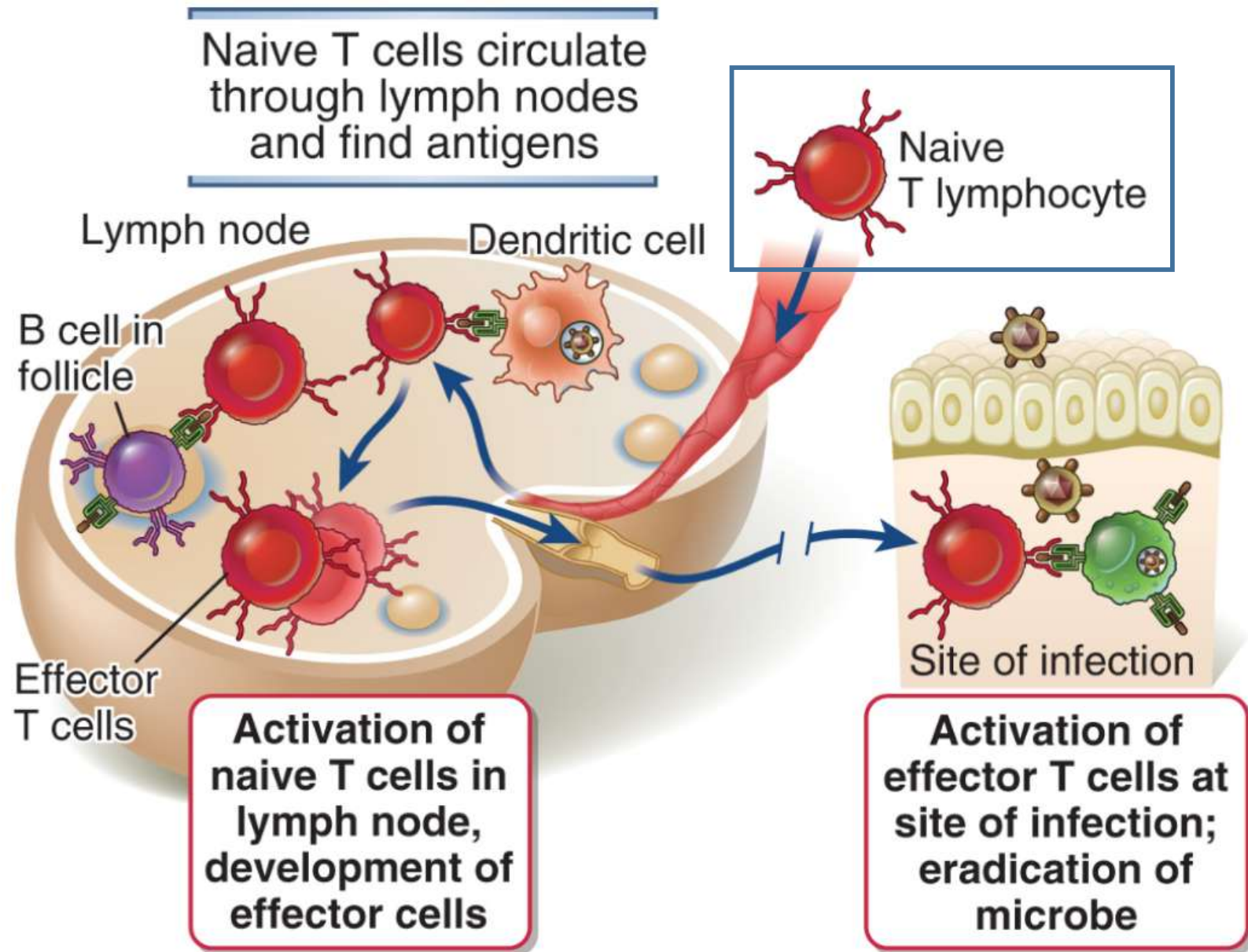


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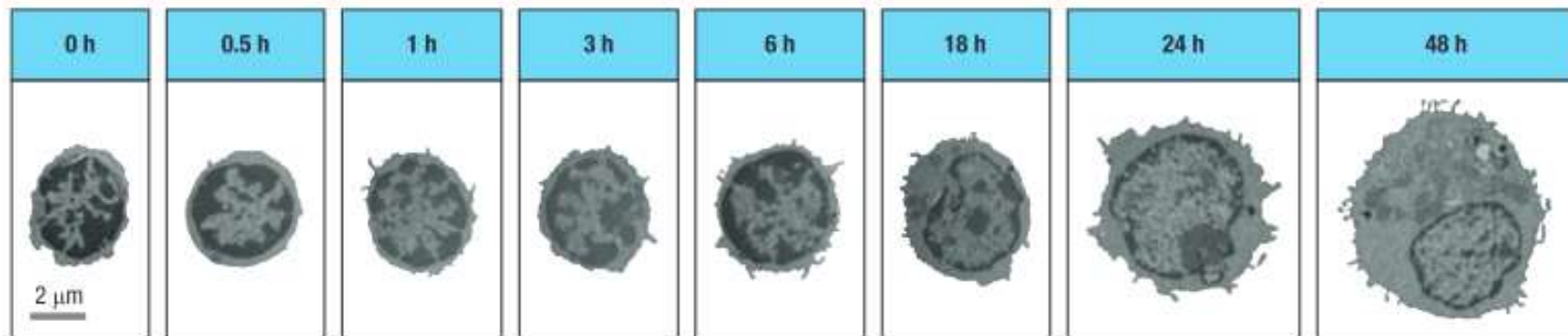
**Attivazione dei linfociti T**



# Activation of naive and effector T cells by antigen

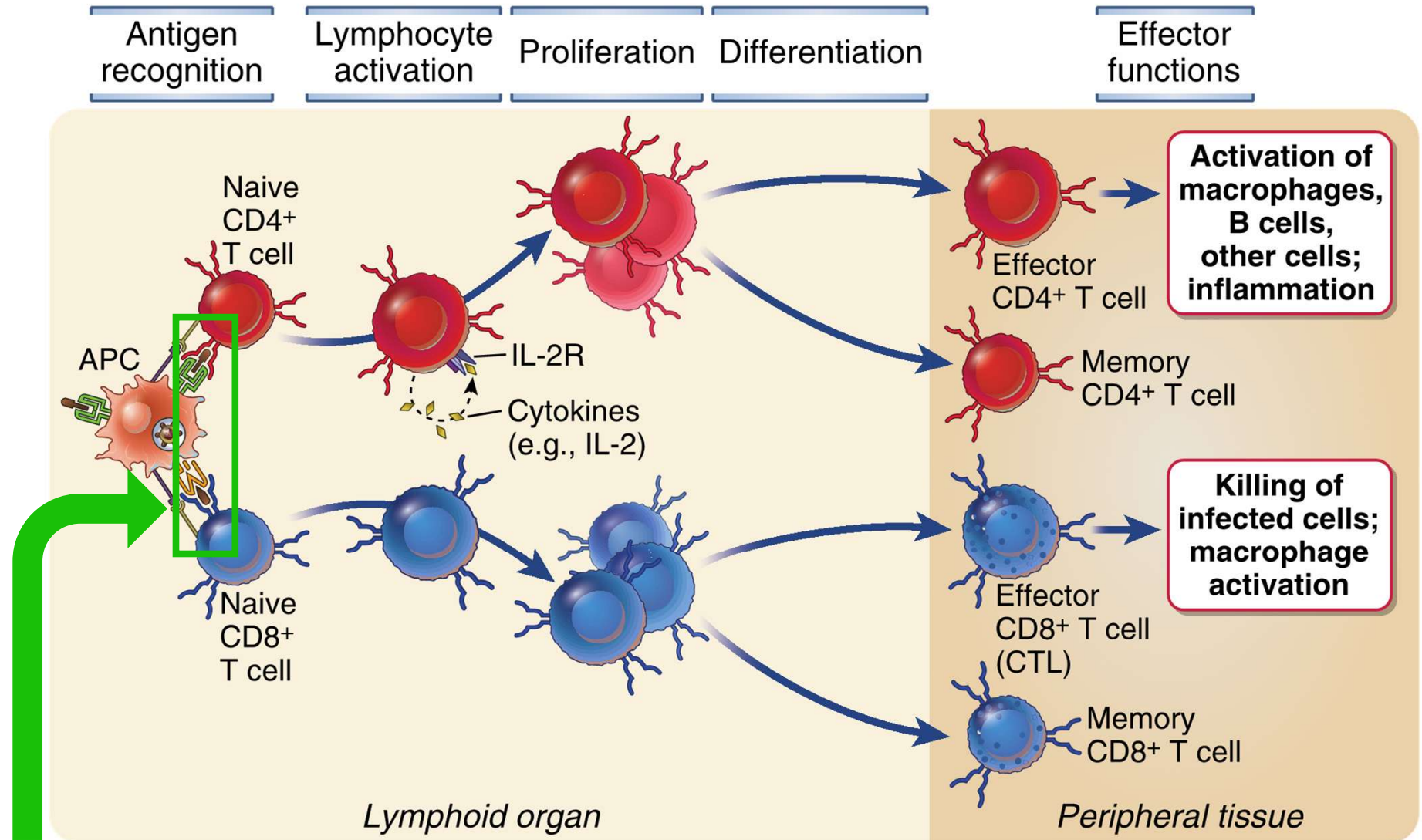


## Risultato degli eventi di attivazione nei linfociti T e B naive



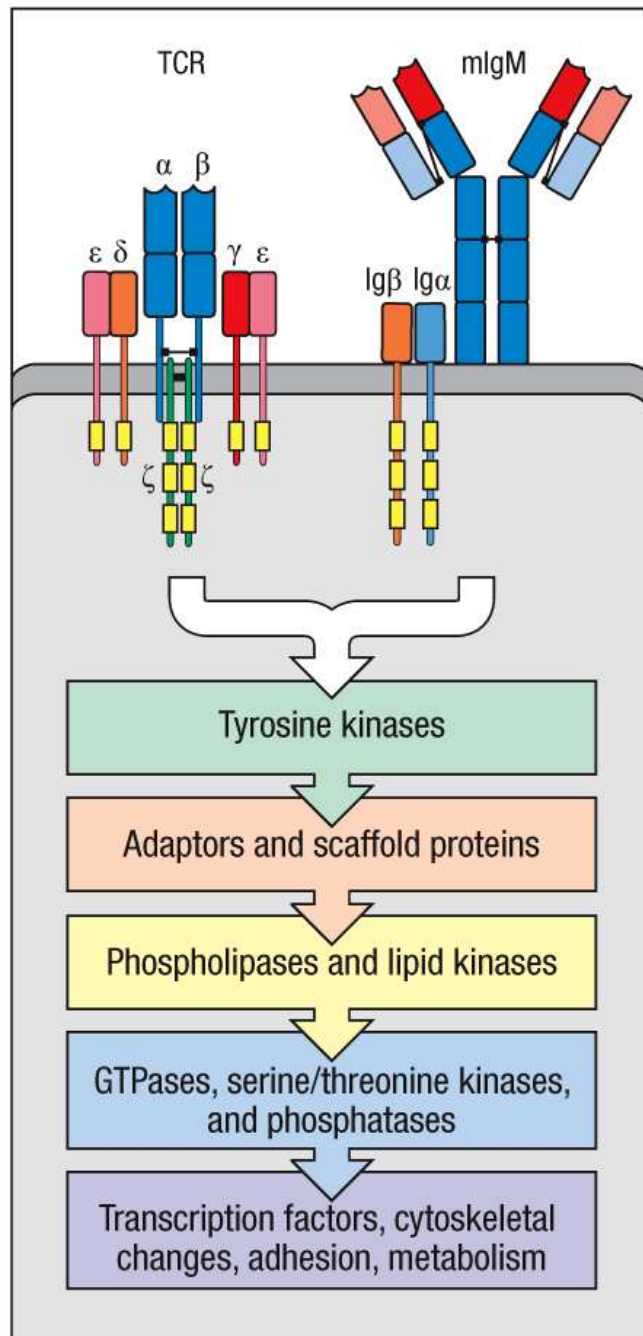
**Fig. 7.1 Lymphocyte activation converts small nondividing cells into effector cells.** Transmission electron microscopy was used to view resting naive T cells before and after stimulation with anti-CD3 antibodies. Among the changes that can be seen are the increased size of the cell, the expanded volume of the cell cytoplasm, and the decondensation of the chromatin in the cell nucleus.

# Sequence of events in T cell responses



Signal transduction and lymphocyte activation

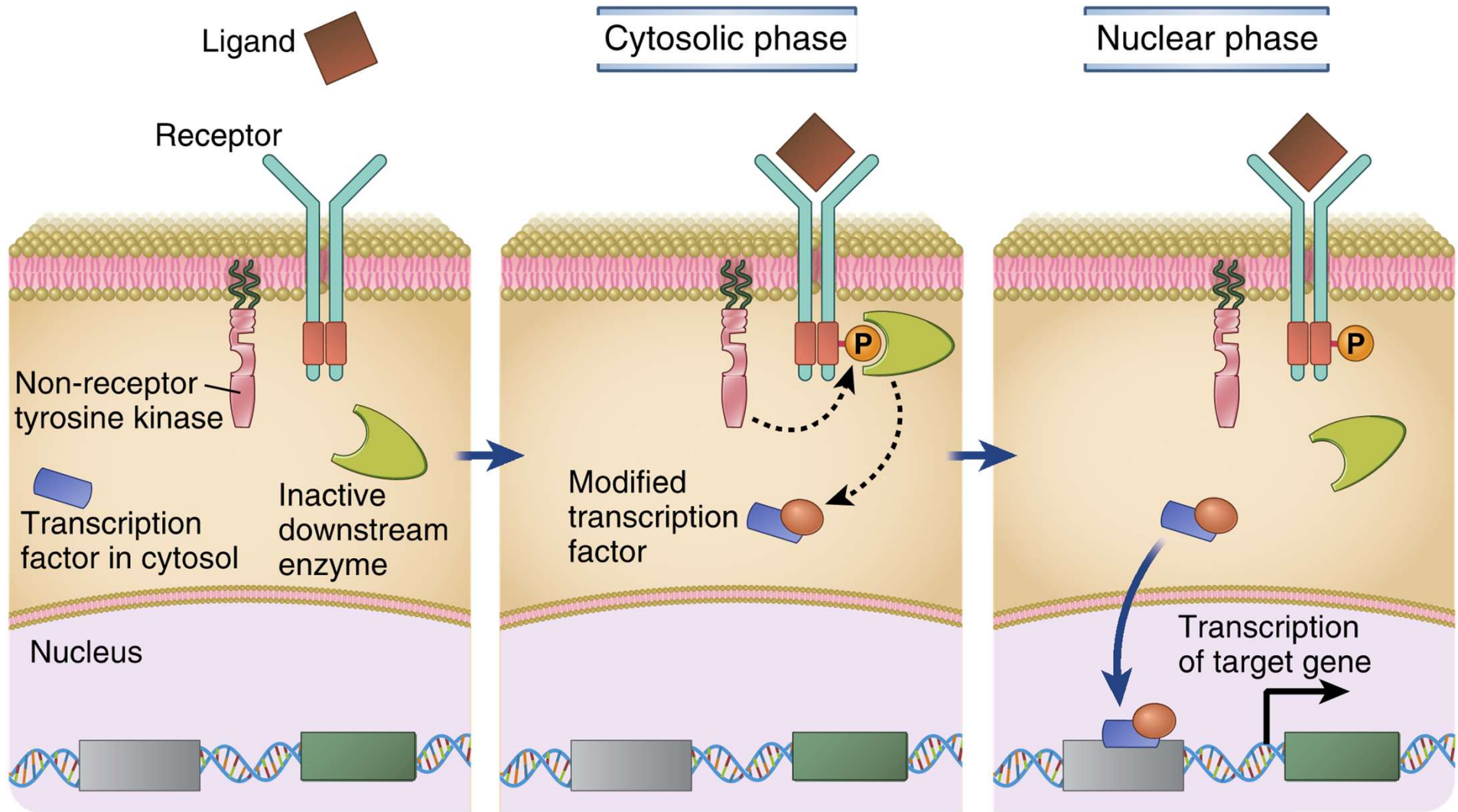
## Riassunto delle vie di segnale del recettore per l'antigene



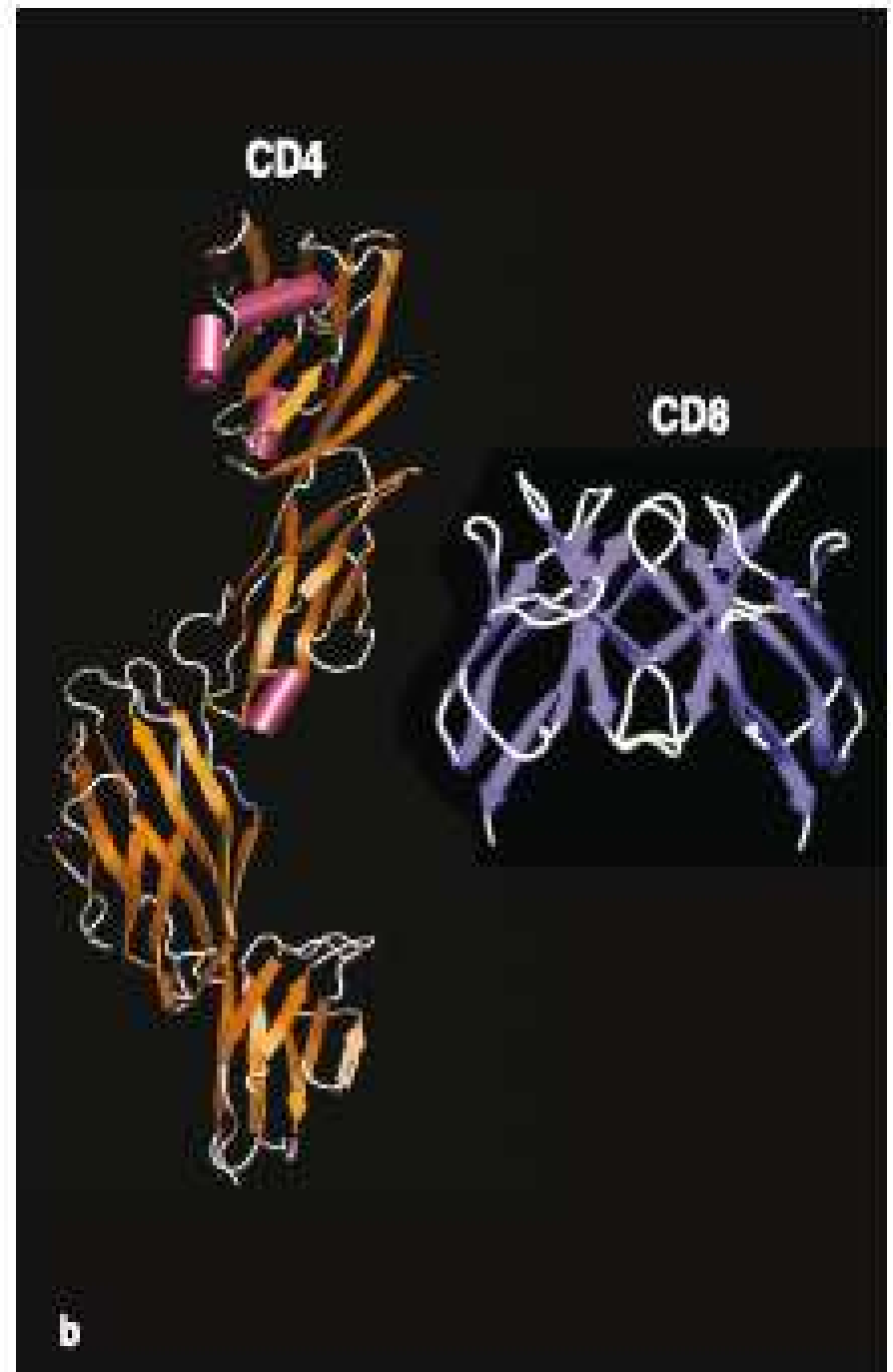
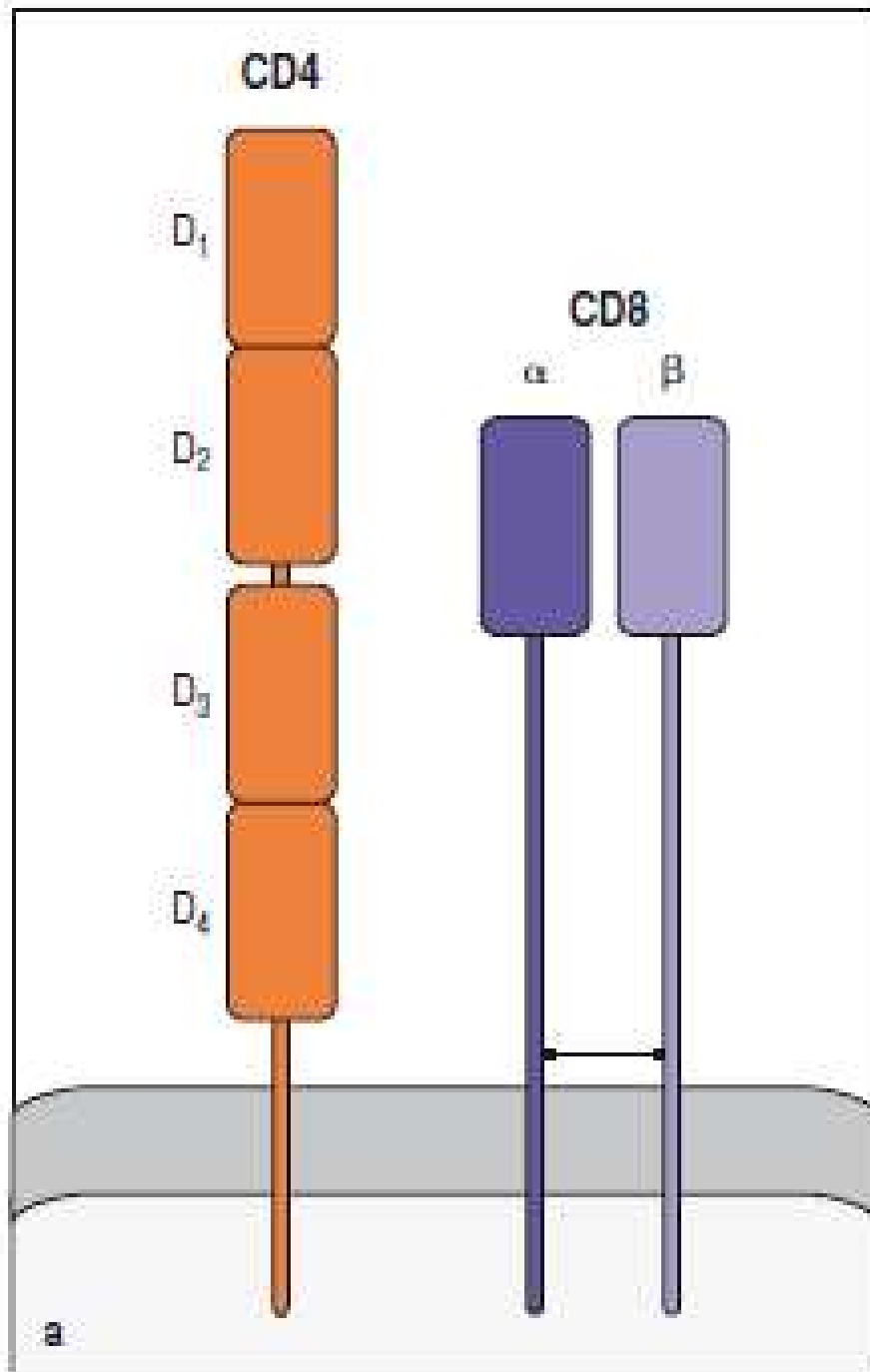
Serie orchestrata di stadi che coinvolgono molte categorie di proteine che producono cambiamenti diffusi nelle cellule

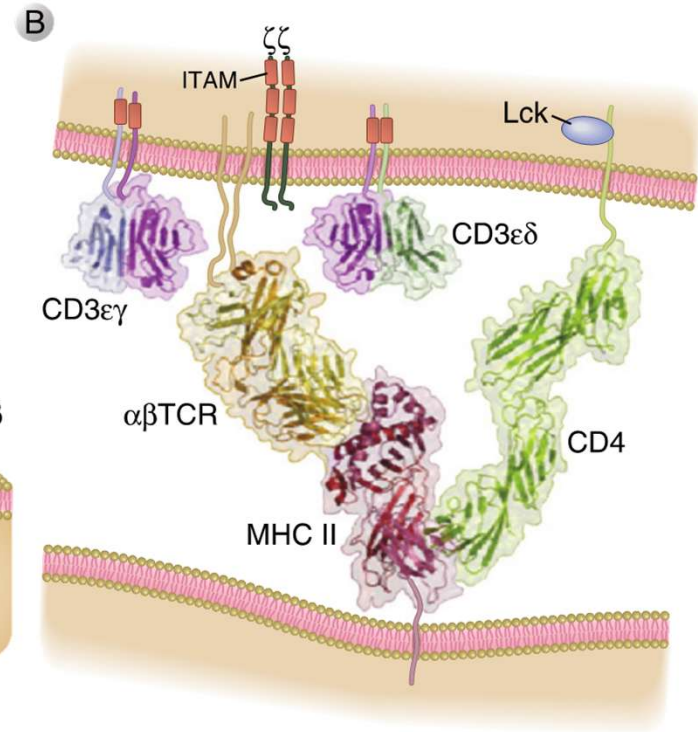
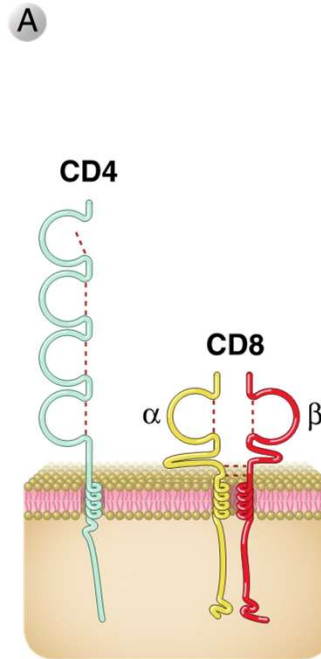
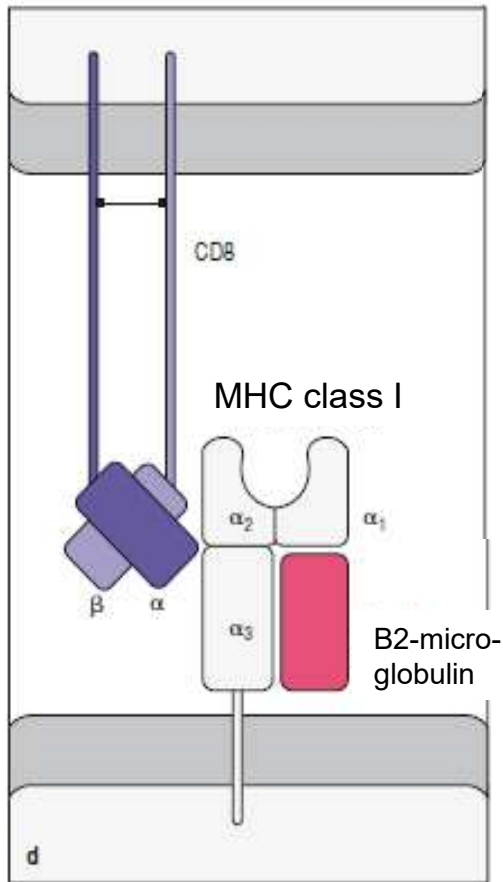
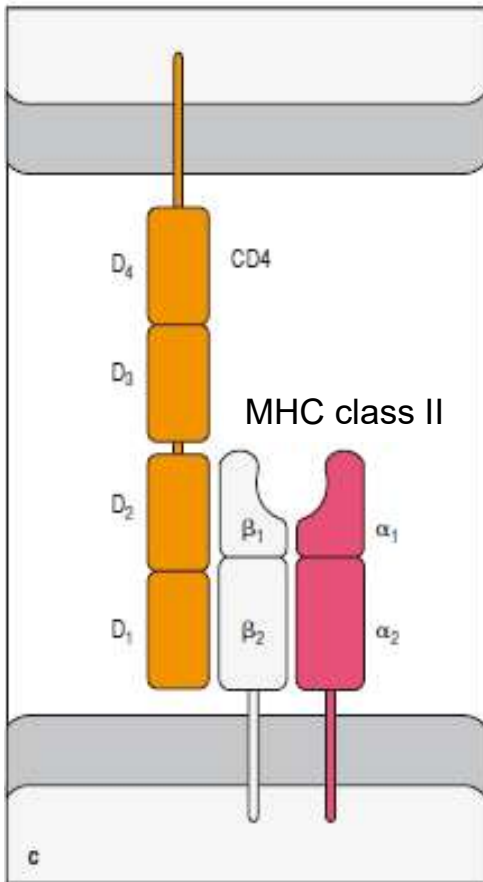
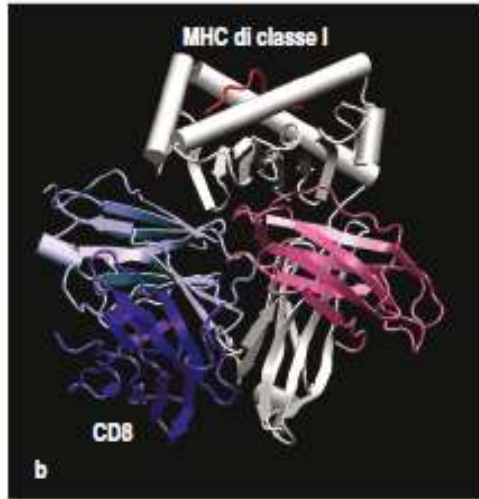
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# Signaling from the cell surface involves cytosolic and nuclear phases



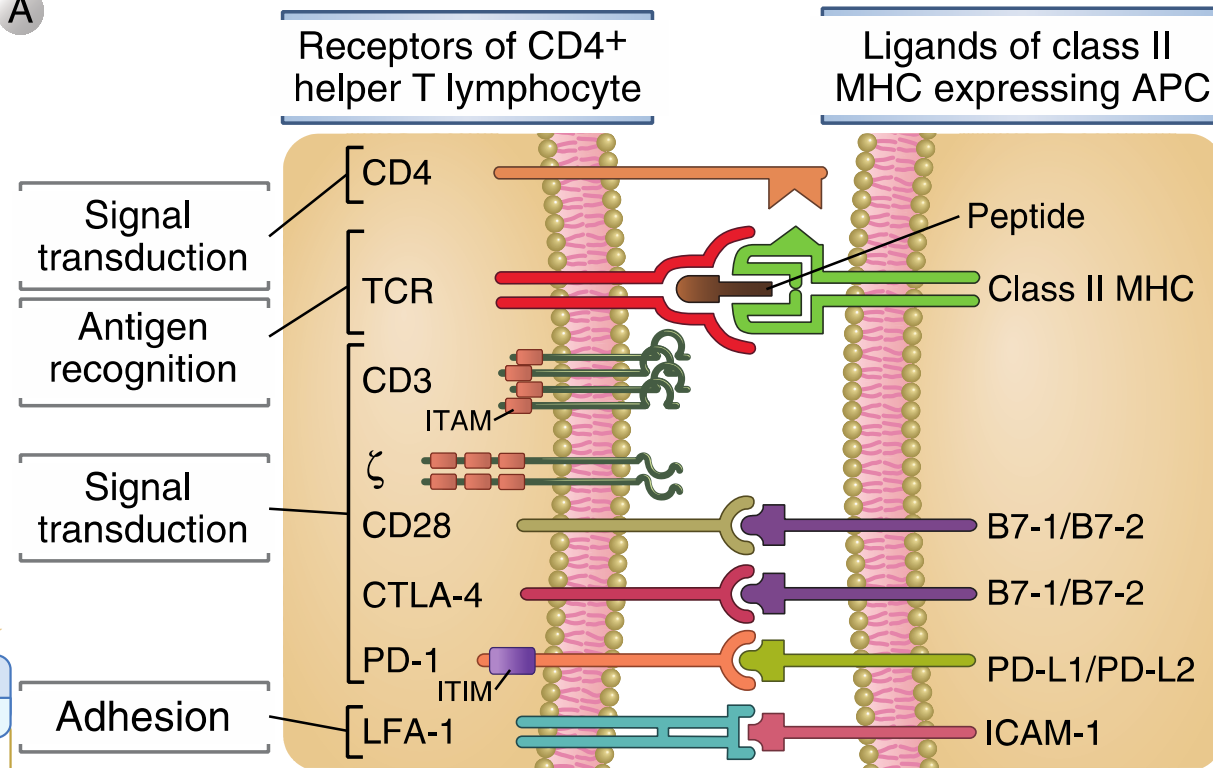
## The T lymphocyte co-receptors





# Ligand-receptor pairs involved in T cell activation

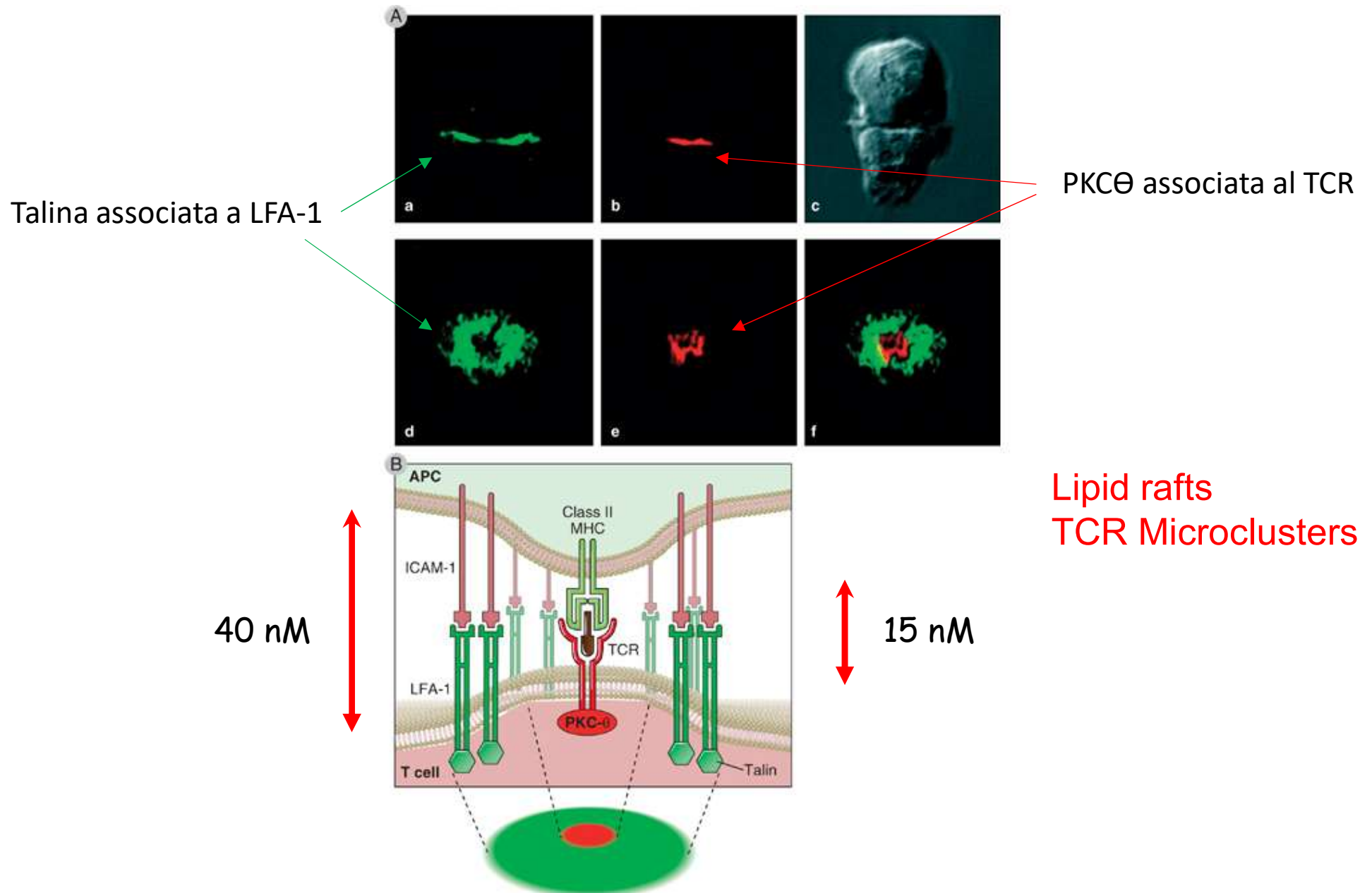
A



B

| T cell molecule | Function                            | Ligand       |                                                     |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
|                 |                                     | Name         | Expressed on                                        |
| CD3             | Signal transduction by TCR complex  | None         |                                                     |
| ζ               | Signal transduction by TCR complex  | None         |                                                     |
| CD4             | Signal transduction                 | Class II MHC | Antigen presenting cells                            |
| CD8             | Signal transduction                 | Class I MHC  | All nucleated cells                                 |
| CD28            | Signal transduction (costimulation) | B7-1/B7-2    | Antigen presenting cells                            |
| CTLA-4          | Inhibition                          | B7-1/B7-2    | Antigen presenting cells                            |
| PD-1            | Inhibition                          | PD-L1/PD-L2  | Antigen presenting cells, tissue cells, tumor cells |
| LFA-1           | Adhesion                            | ICAM-1       | Antigen presenting cells, endothelium               |

## Formation of a specialized structure: the immunological synapse (SMAC)



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Not only signalling but also orientation of effector function

## Supramolecular activation cluster (SMAC): center (c) and periphery (p)

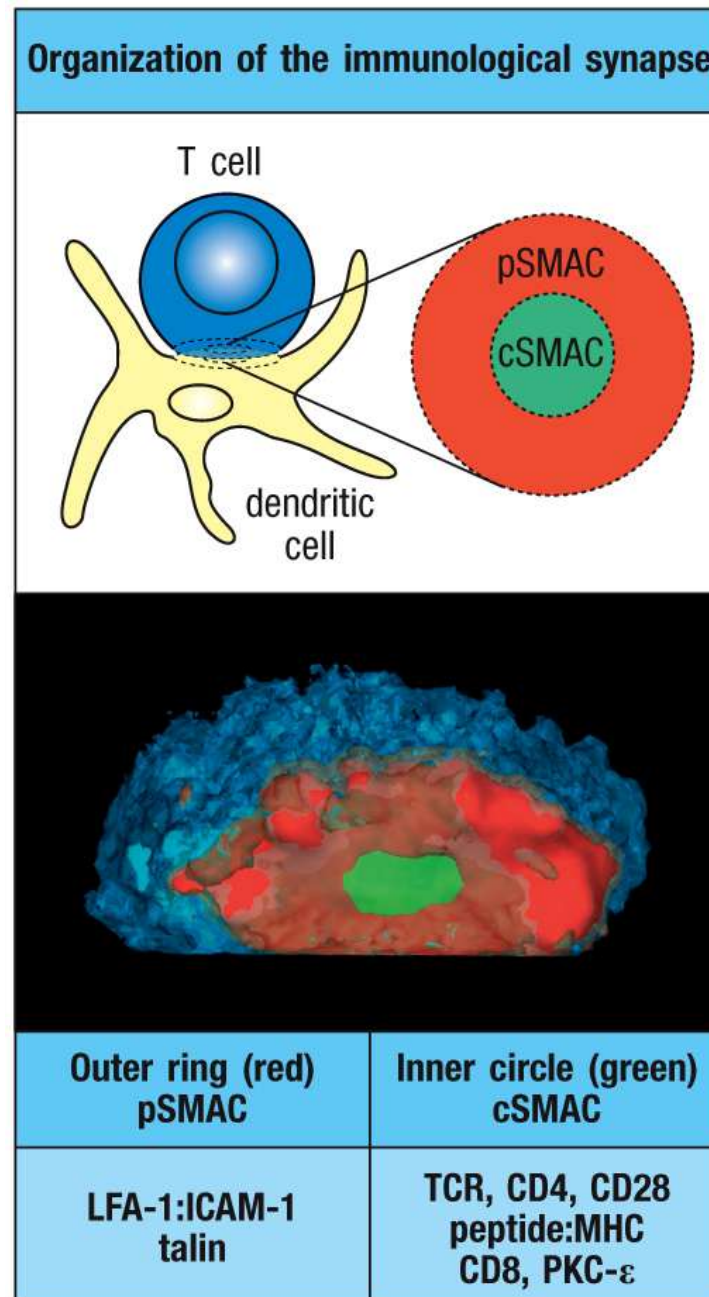
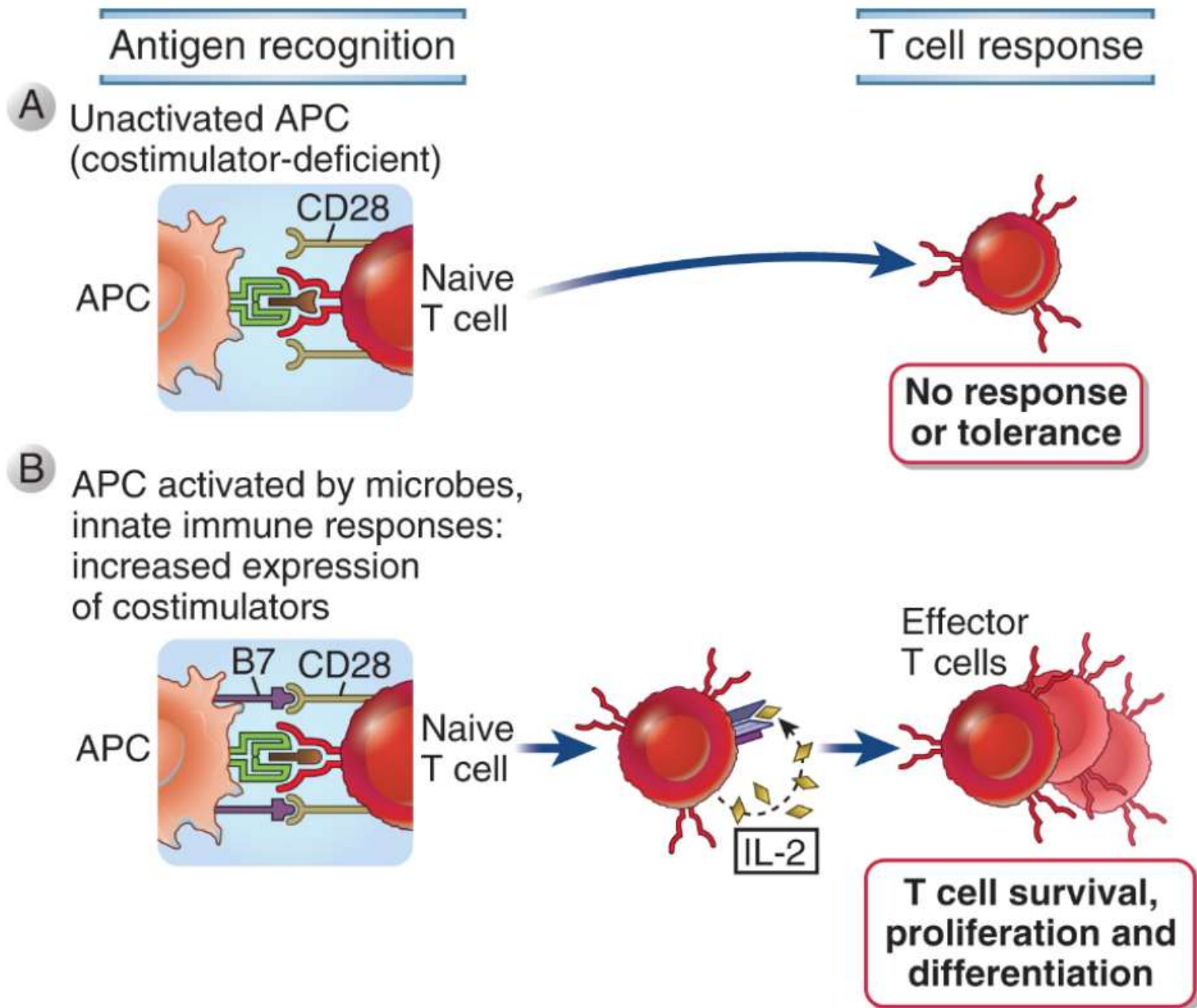
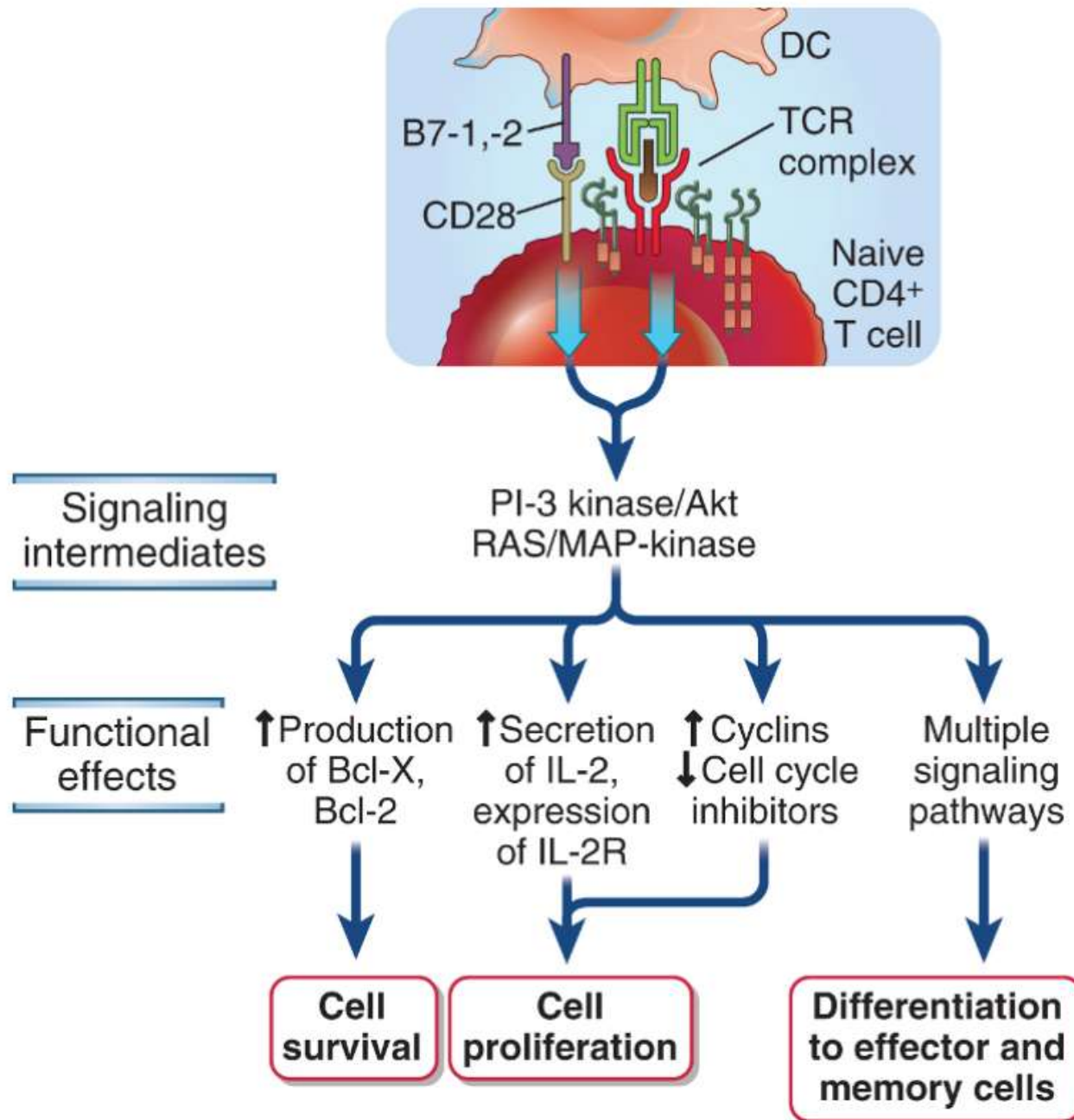


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# Functions of costimulators in T cell activation



# Mechanisms of T cell costimulation by CD28



# Multiple signalling pathways converge on the IL2 promoter

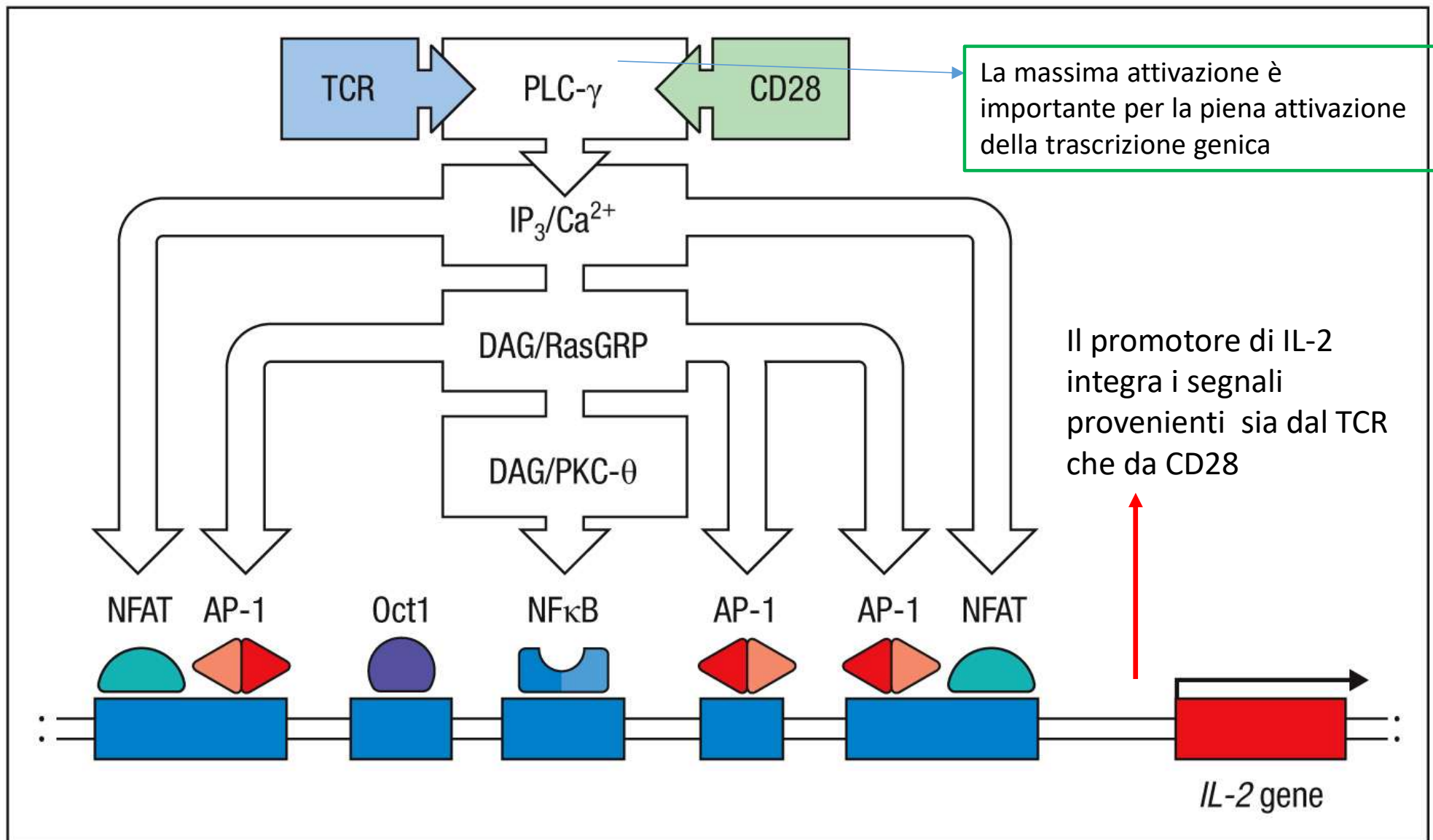
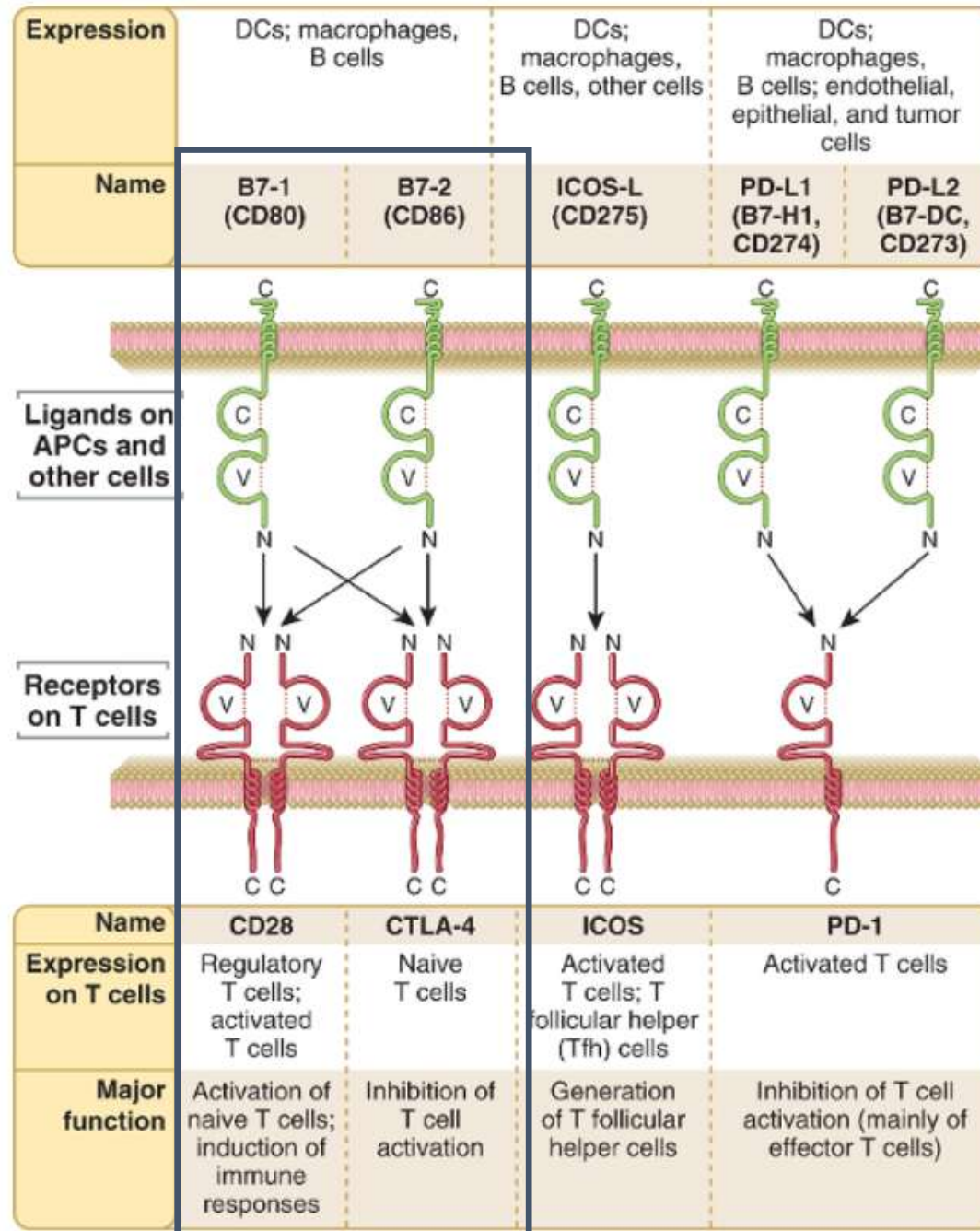


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# The major members of the B7 and CD28 families



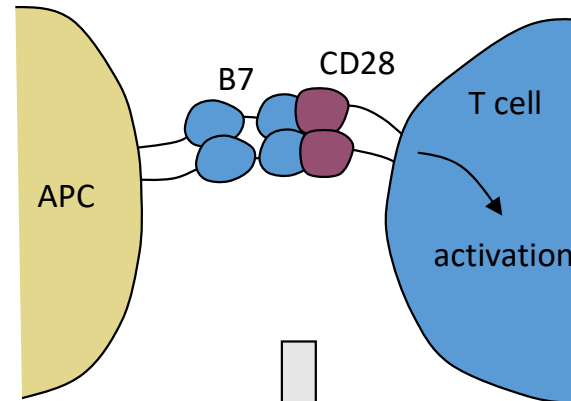
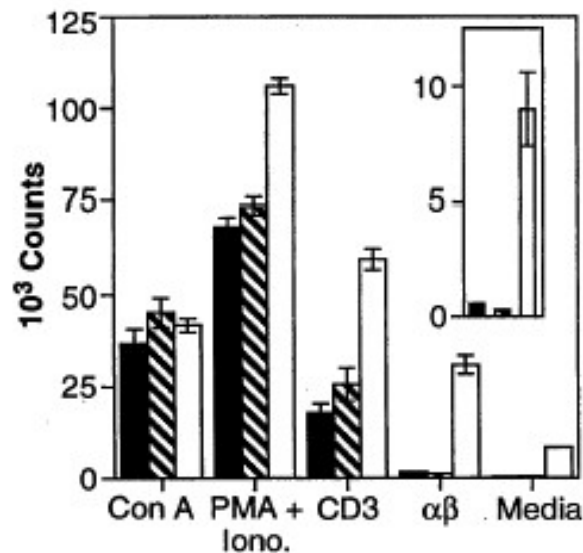
# CTLA-4 down-regulates co-stimulation.

CTLA-4 deficiency leads to Lymphoproliferation disorder

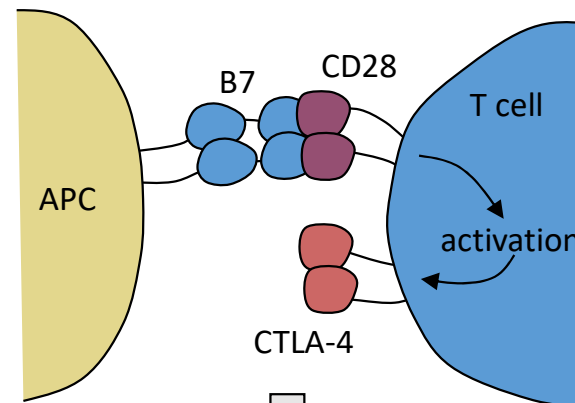
| Geno-<br>type                | Wet weight (mg) |        | Lymphocytes ( $10^7$ ) |        |
|------------------------------|-----------------|--------|------------------------|--------|
|                              | Lymph nodes     | Spleen | Lymph nodes            | Spleen |
| <i>Ctla-4</i> <sup>+/+</sup> | 71              | 69     | 1.3                    | 3.1    |
| <i>Ctla-4</i> <sup>+/-</sup> | 97              | 77     | 1.7                    | 3.1    |
| <i>Ctla-4</i> <sup>-/-</sup> | 540             | 145    | 28.0                   | 7.7    |
| <i>Ctla-4</i> <sup>-/-</sup> | 380             | 501    | 12.0                   | 16.5   |

The mice die 3-4 weeks after birth.  
The mice suffer massive tissue destruction.

Hyper-proliferation of T cells

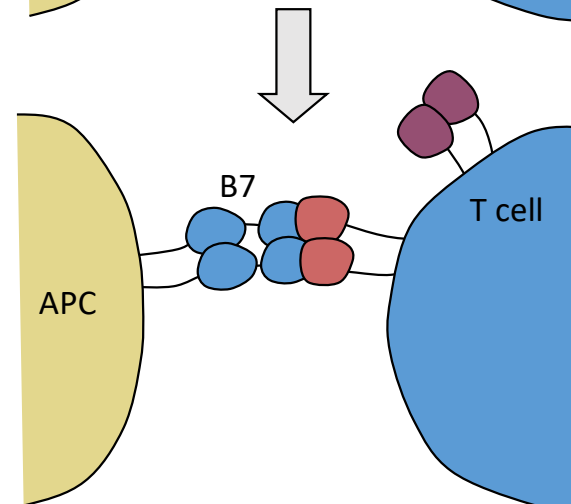


CD28 is expressed on resting T cells.



CTLA-4 is induced after T cell activation.

CTLA-4 is homologous to CD28.



CTLA-4 binds B7 tighter than CD28.

# Inhibitory receptors on lymphocytes downregulate immune responses by interfering with co-stimulatory signaling pathways

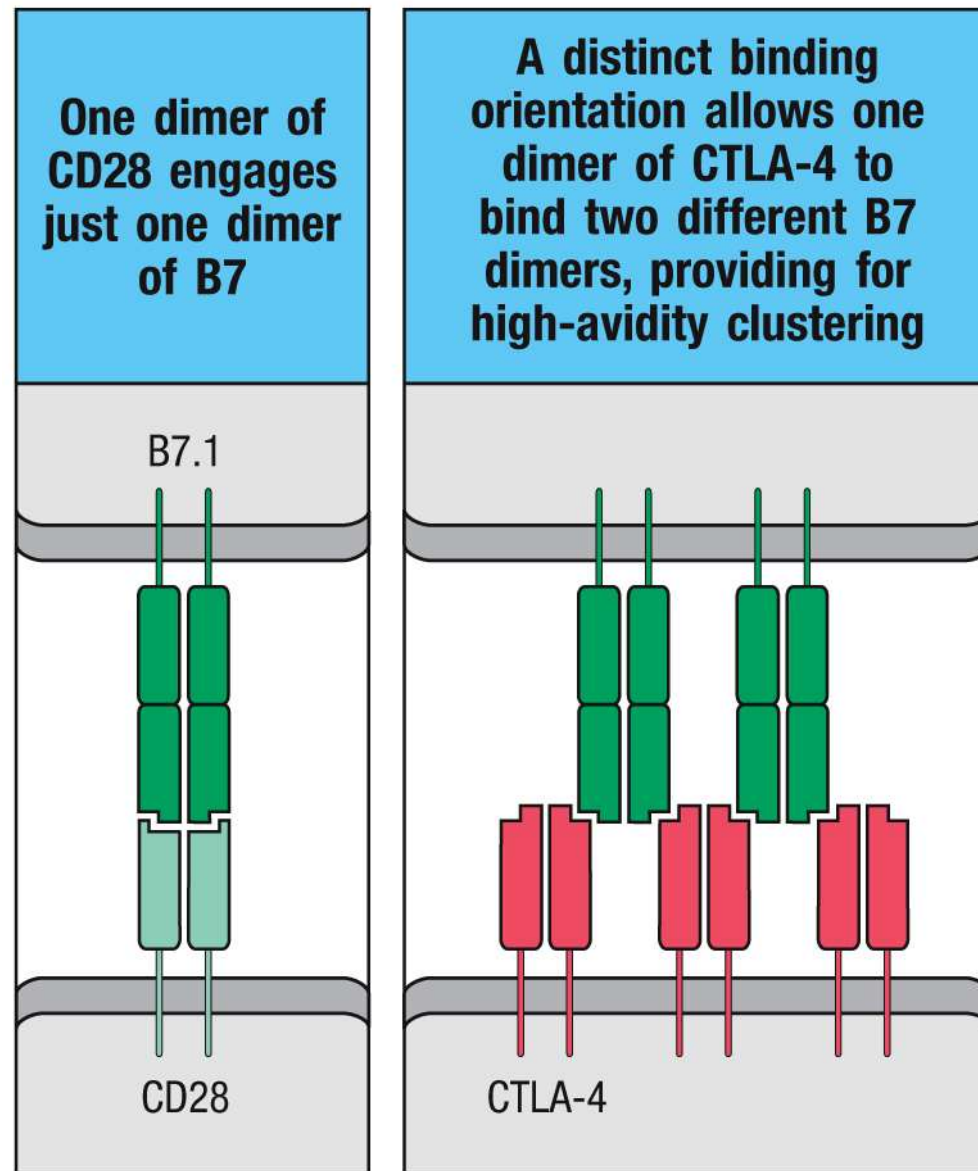
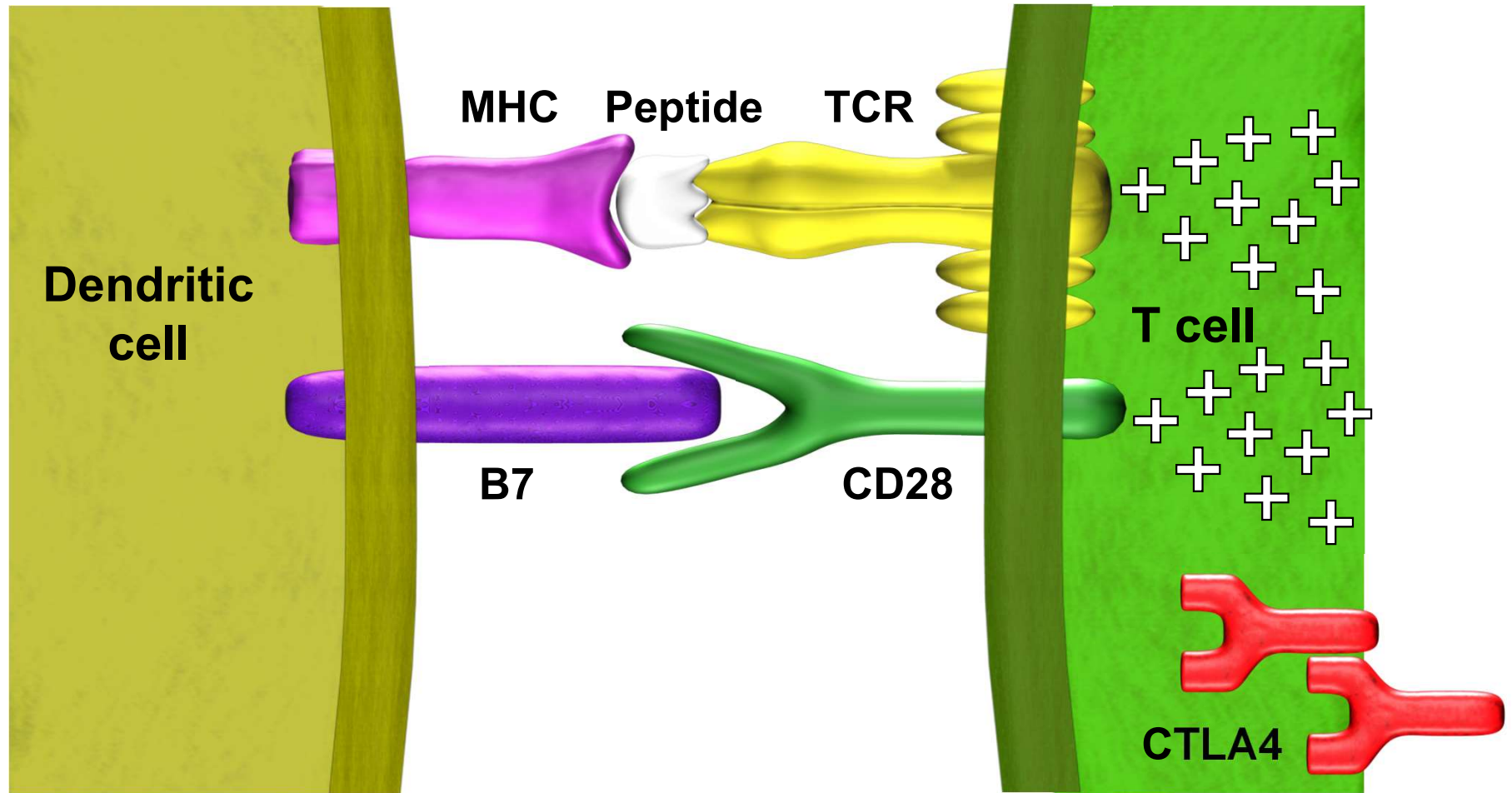


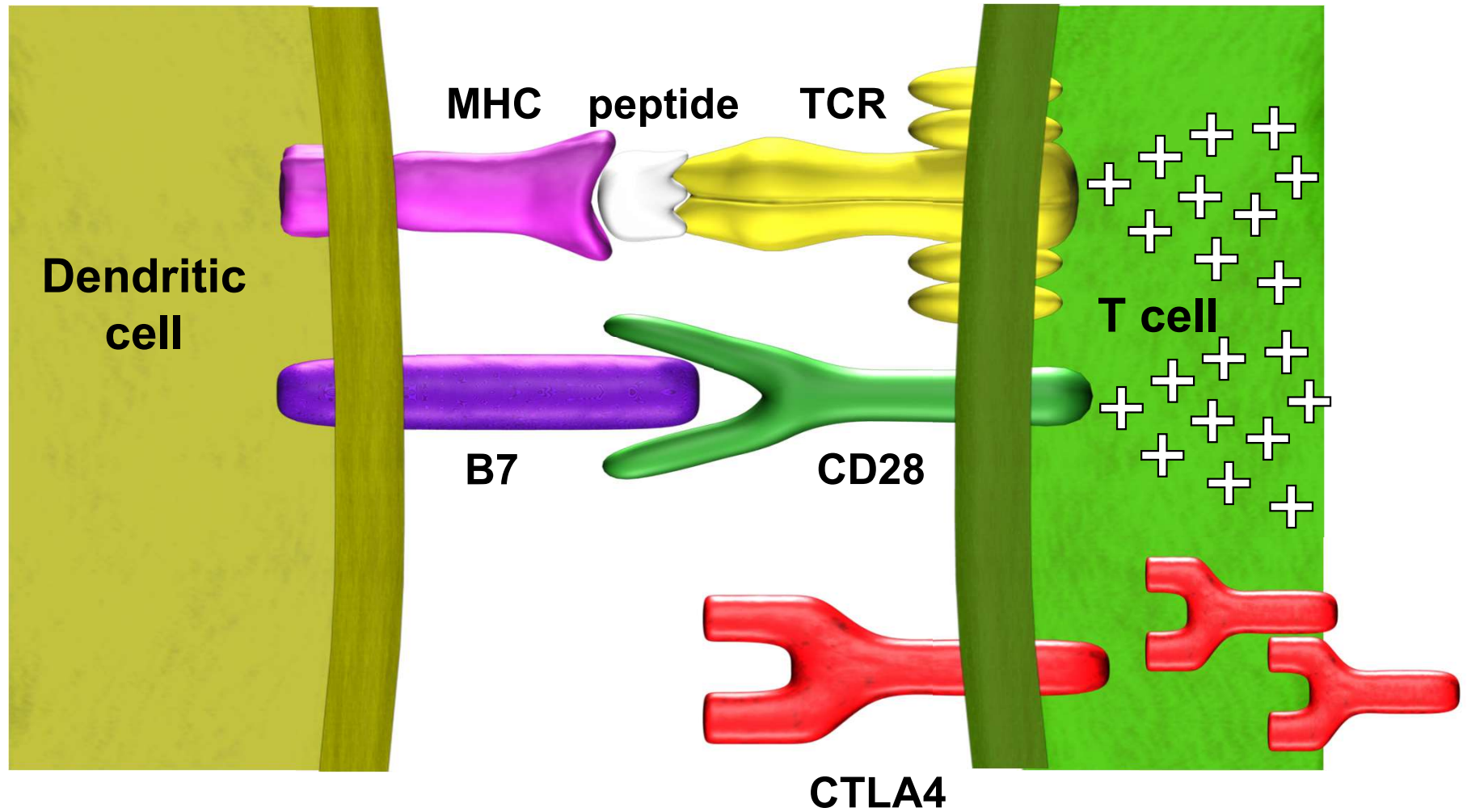
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CTLA-4 has a higher affinity than CD28 for B7 and engages it in a multivalent orientation

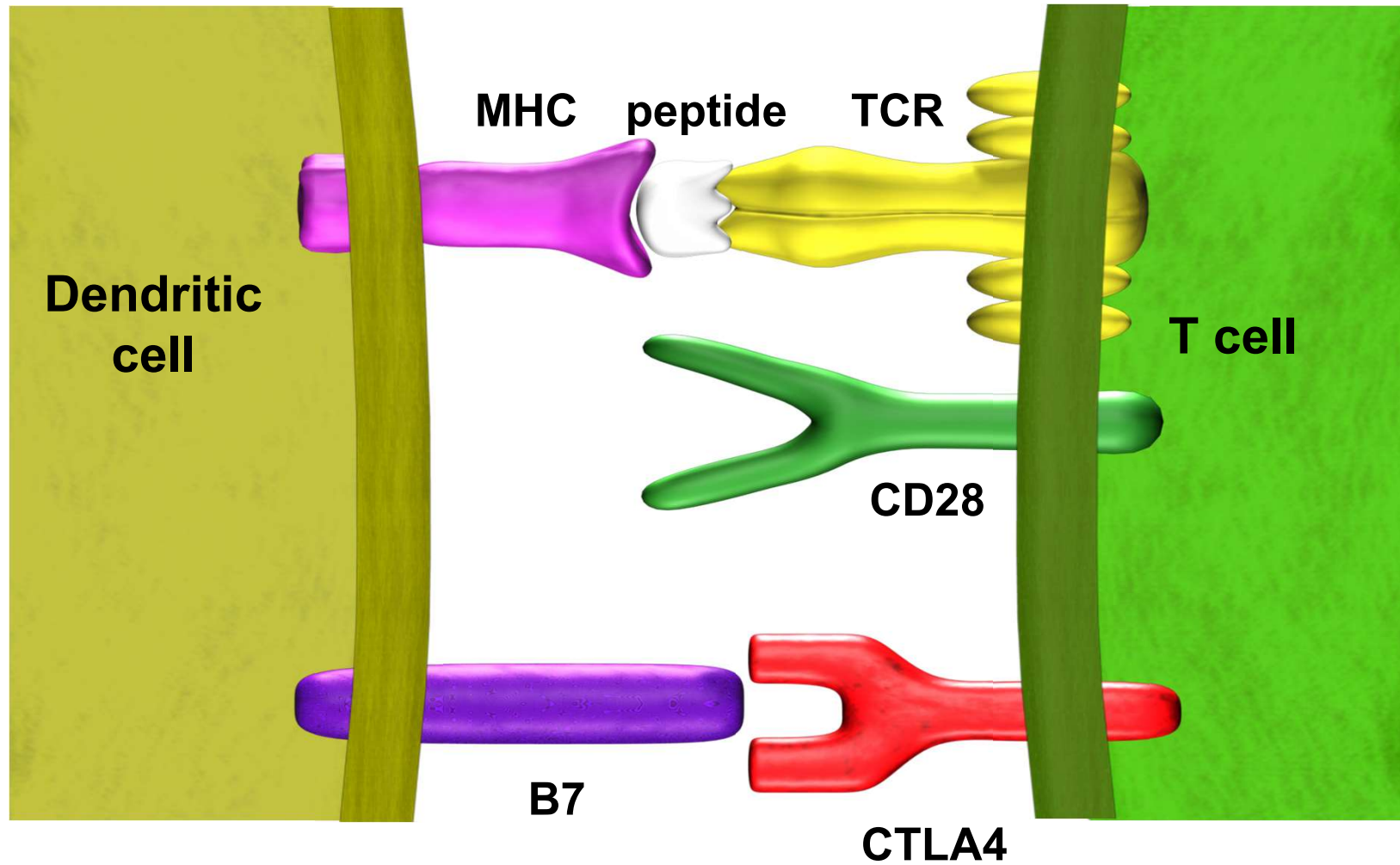
# T Cell Activation by TCR and Co-stimulation Through CD28



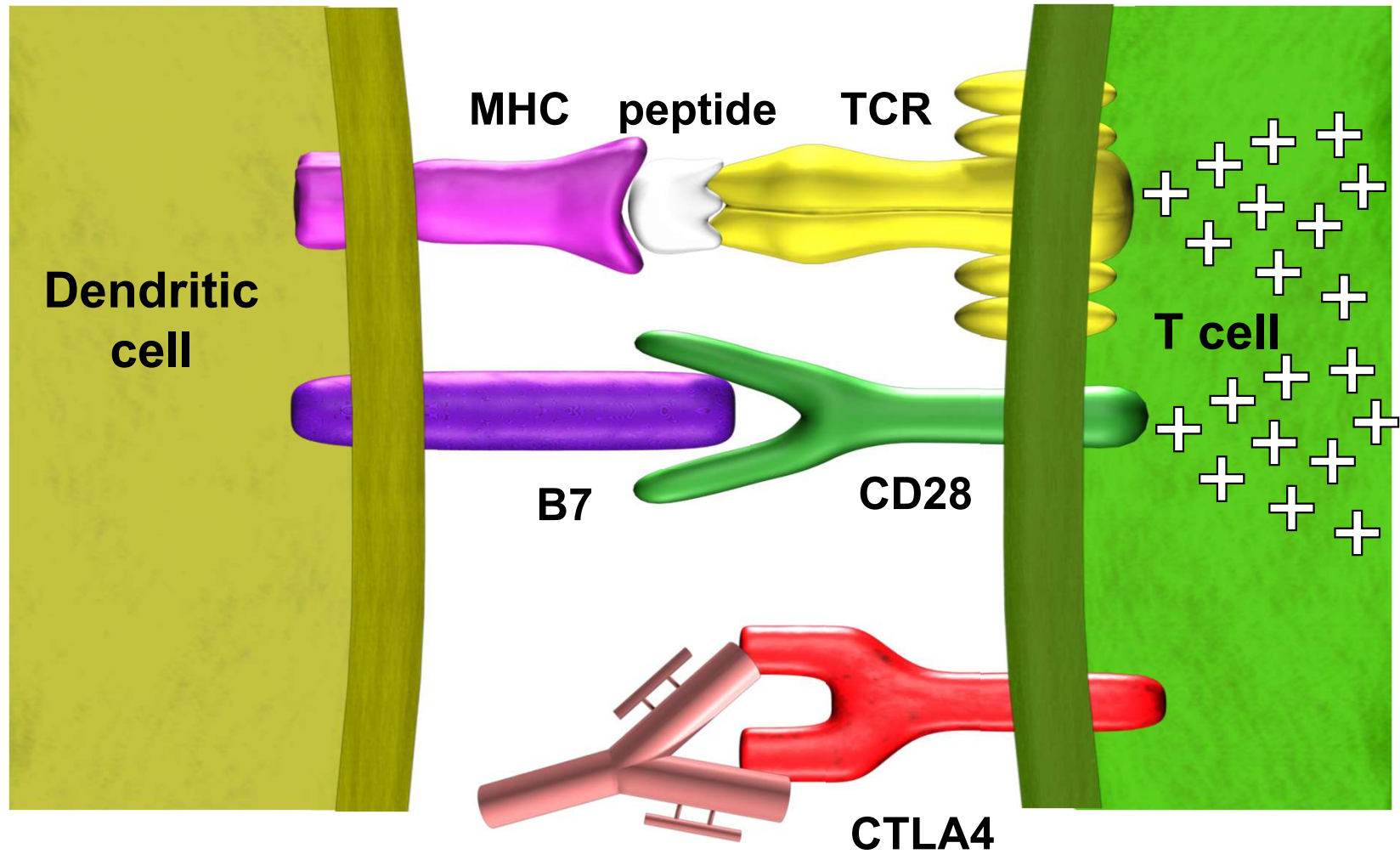
# CTLA4 Receptors Are Up-Regulated Following T-Cell Activation



# CTLA4 Negatively Modulates T-Cell Activation



# Blocking Antibodies to CTLA4 Allow Positive Signaling from Costimulatory Molecules to T Cells



# Ipilimumab(Yervoy) in Treatment of Cancer

- CTLA-4:
  - Down-regulates T-cell activation
- Ipilimumab(Yervoy):
  - Fully human monoclonal antibody
  - Blocks CTLA-4 receptor
  - Potentiates T cell activation

### **Immune checkpoints:**

an alternative term for coinhibitory molecules, generally referring to inhibitory signals that immune cells must overcome to perform full effector functions

### **Immune checkpoint blockade:**

Therapeutic strategy based on monoclonal antibodies whose goal is to enhance T cell responses by inhibiting inhibitory receptors

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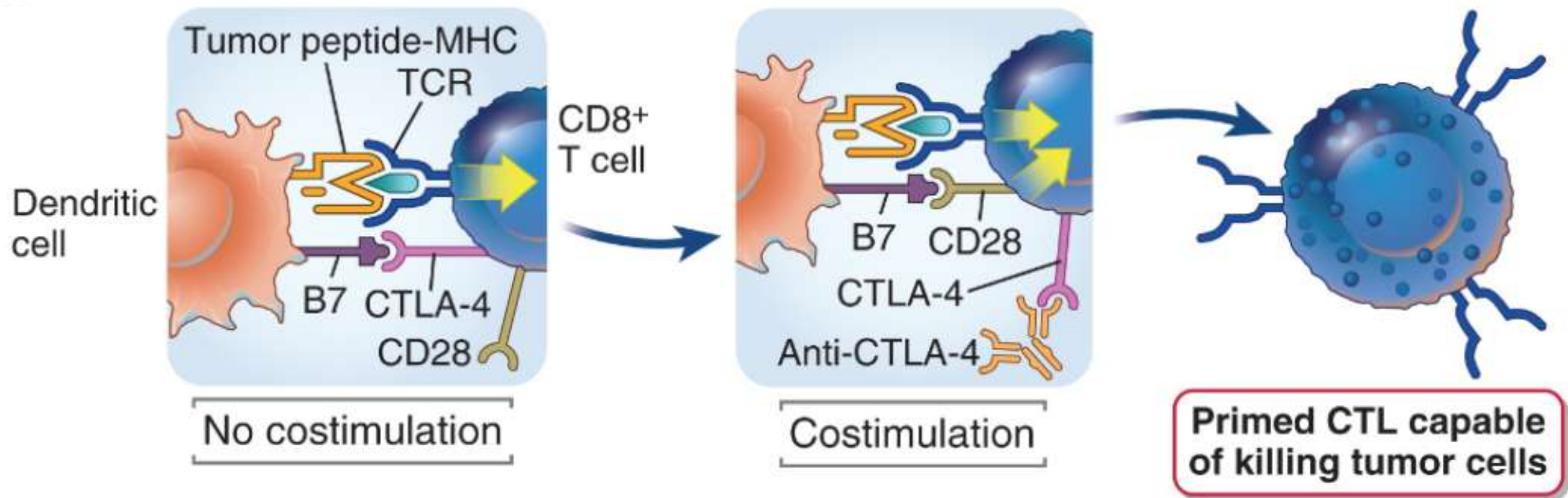
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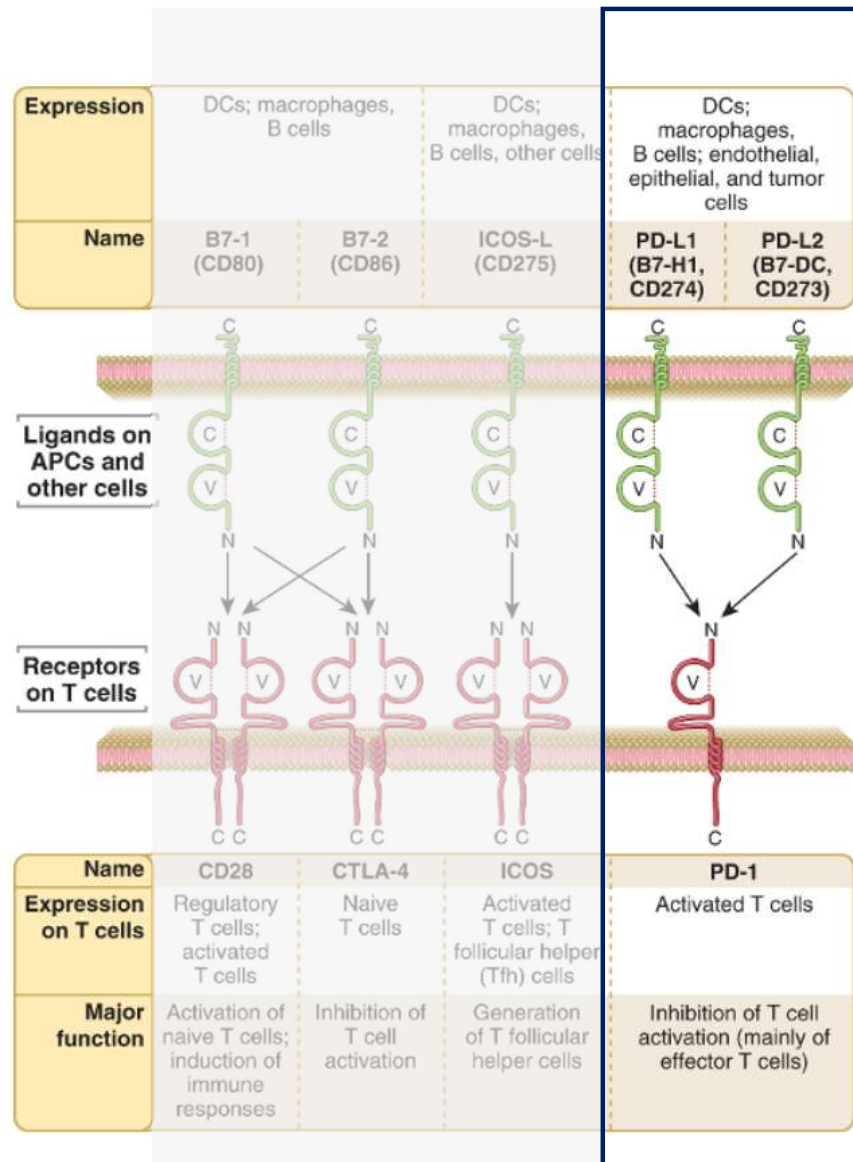
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# Checkpoint blockade: blocking T cell inhibitory pathway

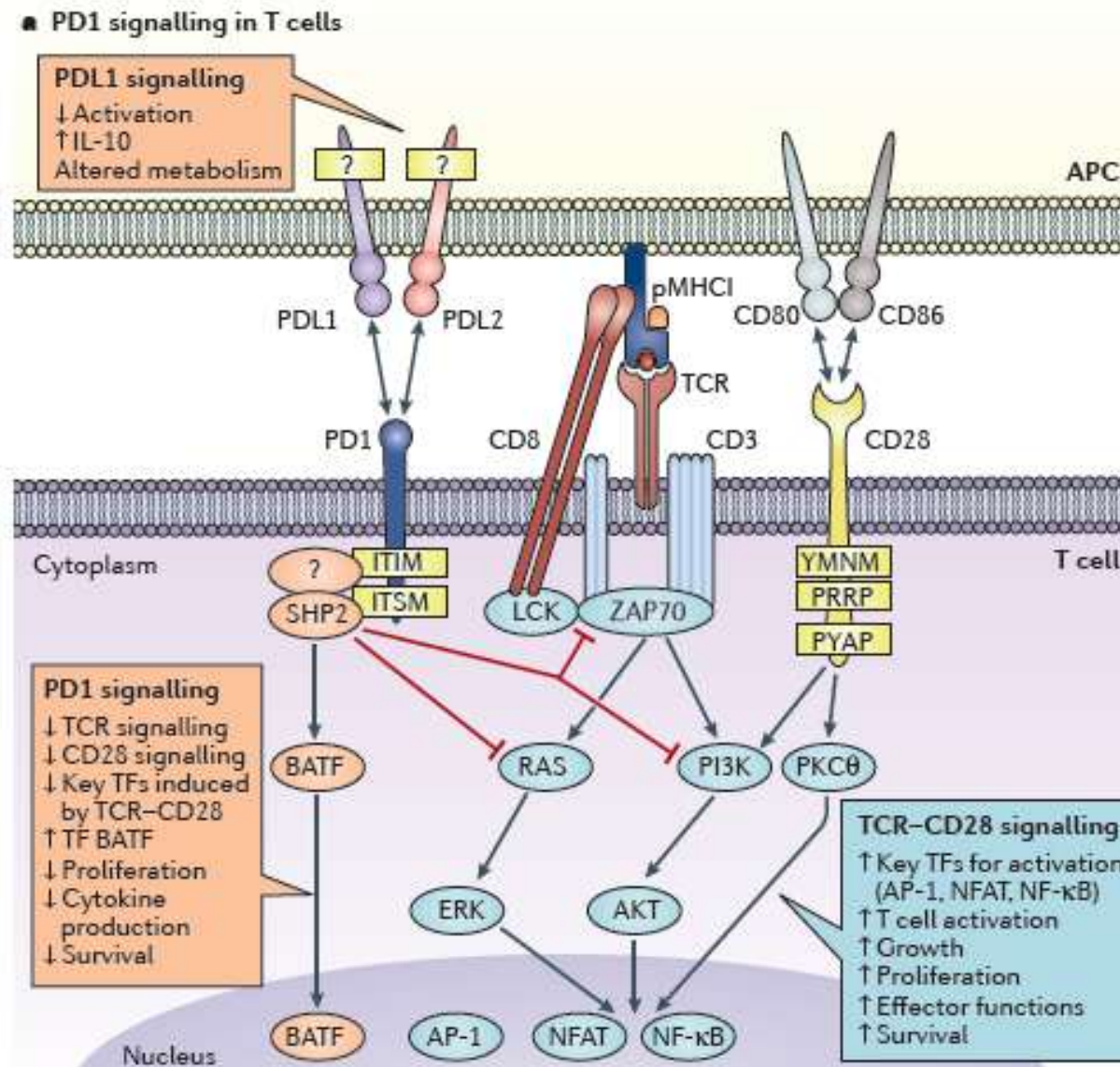
## A Induction of antitumor immune response in lymph node



# Regulation of the T cell response by PD1 inhibitory receptor



# Functions of the PD-1 inhibitory pathway

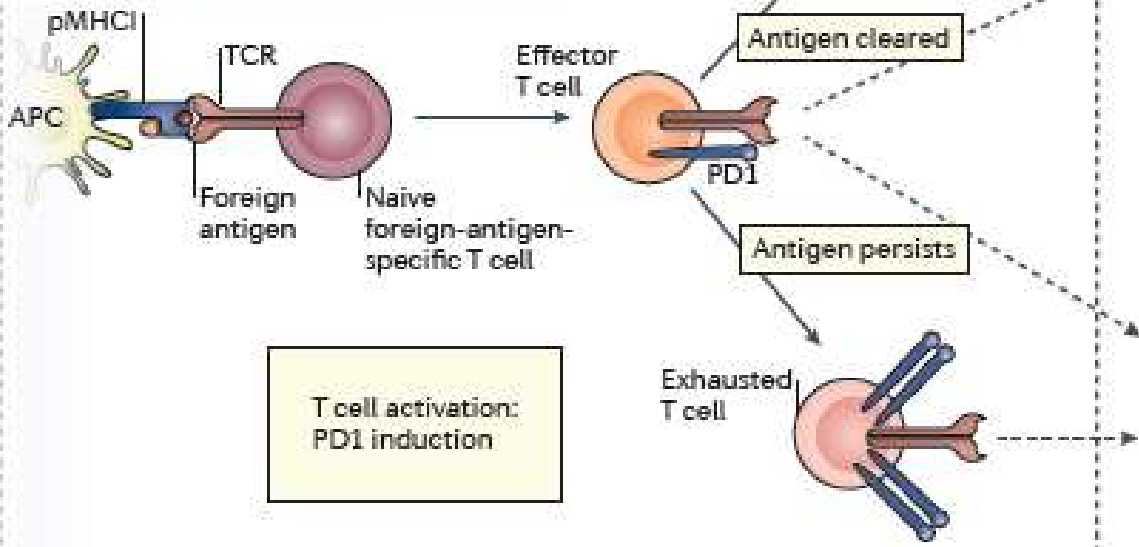


# Roles of PD1 in acute infection and cancer

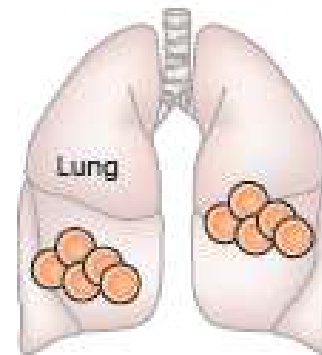
## a Differentiation in lymphoid organs

### Role of PD1 pathway in priming to foreign antigen:

- Limit overactivation during initial priming
- Fine-tune effector T cell differentiation



## b Acute infection



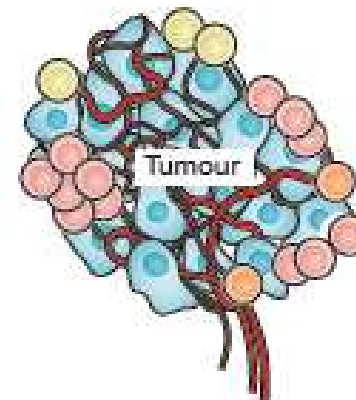
### State of tissue:

- Pro-inflammatory
- Antipathogen

### Role of PD1 pathway:

- Fine-tune effector responses
- Temper over-activation
- Protect tissue from immunopathology
- Regulate memory formation
- Return to homeostasis

## c Cancer



### State of tissue:

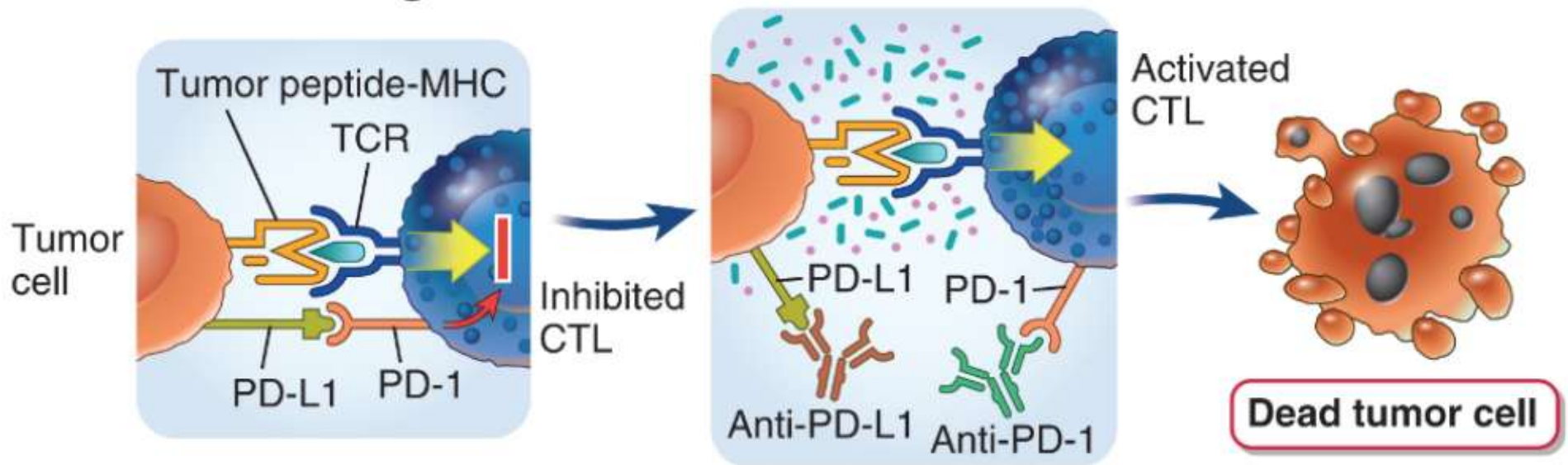
- Hijacking immune suppression
- Physiologically stressed (hypoxic, nutrient-deprived)

### Role of PD1 pathway:

- Inhibit conventional T cell effector functions
- Promote T cell exhaustion
- Contribute to adaptive resistance

# Checkpoint blockade : targeting the PD-1 pathway

## B CTL-mediated killing of tumor cells



# FDA Approval

BMS

**Yervoy<sup>®</sup>**

*Ipilimumab*  
CTLA-4 blocking  
antibody

2011

2014

**Keytruda<sup>®</sup>**

*Pembrolizumab*  
PD-1 blocking  
antibody

Merck

BMS

**Opdivo<sup>®</sup>**

*Nivolumab*  
PD-1 blocking  
antibody

2014



The FDA approved Opdivo® (nivolumab) for the treatment of patients with metastatic squamous non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) after prior therapy. Opdivo is the first immunotherapy agent approved for the treatment of lung cancer.



The FDA approved Opdivo® (nivolumab) for melanoma patients. Opdivo, made by Bristol-Myers Squibb (BMS), belongs to a class of immunotherapies called checkpoint inhibitors. BMS's Opdivo is the second FDA-approved checkpoint inhibitor targeted at an immune protein called PD-1. Opdivo is FDA-approved for treating metastatic melanoma in patients who have failed prior treatment. Ongoing studies suggest it may benefit patients with many different cancers, including lung, brain, head and neck, stomach, and kidney cancers.

### Major FDA Approvals of PD-1 / PD-L1 Inhibitors

| Drug          | Commercial name | Owner          | Target | First approval date |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------|--------|---------------------|
| Pembrolizumab | Keytruda        | MSD            | PD-1   | September 2014      |
| Nivolumab     | Opdivo          | BMS            | PD-1   | December 2014       |
| Atezolizumab  | Tecentriq       | Roche          | PD-L1  | May 2016            |
| Avelumab      | Bevancio        | EMD and Pfizer | PD-L1  | March 2017          |
| Durvalumab    | Imfinzi         | AstraZeneca    | PD-L1  | May 2017            |

# U.S. FDA Approved Immune-Checkpoint Inhibitors

| Name                                          | Company                     | Target        | Indications                                                                                                | Details                                                               |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Nivolumab (Opdivo®)</b> <sup>1</sup>       | <b>Bristol-Myers Squibb</b> | <b>PD-1</b>   | • 1L Inoperable or Metastatic Melanoma                                                                     | • Single Agent for BRAF-WT and BRAF-MU or in Combination with Yervoy® |
|                                               |                             |               | • 2L Metastatic Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer                                                                 | • Failure on Platinum-Doublet Chemotherapy                            |
|                                               |                             |               |                                                                                                            | • Failure on Targeted Agent (if Applicable)                           |
|                                               |                             |               | • 2L Advanced Renal Cell Carcinoma                                                                         | • After Prior Treatment with Anti-Angiogenic Treatment                |
|                                               |                             |               | • 4L Classical Hodgkin Lymphoma                                                                            | • After Prior Auto-HSCT and Brentuximab Vedotin Treatment             |
|                                               |                             |               | • 2L Recurrent or Metastatic Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma                                         | • Disease progression on or after Platinum-Based Chemotherapy         |
|                                               |                             |               | • 1L/2L Locally Advanced or Metastatic Urothelial Carcinoma                                                | • Failure on Prior Platinum-Based Chemotherapy                        |
| <b>Pembrolizumab (Keytruda®)</b> <sup>2</sup> | <b>Merck (MSD)</b>          | <b>PD-1</b>   |                                                                                                            | • PD<12 Months after (Neo)Adjuvant Platinum-Based Chemotherapy        |
|                                               |                             |               | • Microsatellite Instability-High (MSI-H) or Mismatch-Repair Deficient (dMMR) Metastatic Colorectal Cancer | • Adult and Paediatric Patients (≥12 years)                           |
|                                               |                             |               |                                                                                                            | • PD following FOLFOXIRI                                              |
|                                               |                             |               | • 1L Inoperable or Metastatic Melanoma                                                                     | • Single Agent                                                        |
|                                               |                             |               | • 2L Metastatic Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer with PD-L1 Expression                                           | • Failure on Platinum-Doublet Chemotherapy                            |
|                                               |                             |               |                                                                                                            | • Failure on Targeted Agent (if Applicable)                           |
|                                               |                             |               |                                                                                                            | • Tumour Proportion Score (TPS) ≥1%                                   |
| <b>Ipilimumab (Yervoy®)</b> <sup>3</sup>      | <b>Bristol-Myers Squibb</b> | <b>CTLA-4</b> | • 1L Metastatic Non-Squamous Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer                                                    | • In combination with Carboplatin and Pemetrexed                      |
|                                               |                             |               |                                                                                                            | • Regardless of Tumour Proportion Score (TPS)                         |
|                                               |                             |               | • 1L Metastatic Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer with high PD-L1 Expression                                      | • No Prior Systemic Treatments                                        |
|                                               |                             |               |                                                                                                            | • No Known Tumour-Driver Mutations                                    |
|                                               |                             |               |                                                                                                            | • Tumour Proportion Score (TPS) ≥50%                                  |
|                                               |                             |               | • 2L Recurrent or Metastatic Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma                                         | • Disease Progression on or after Platinum-Based Chemotherapy         |
|                                               |                             |               | • 4L Refractory Classical Hodgkin Lymphoma                                                                 | • Adult and Paediatric Patients                                       |
| <b>Atezolizumab (Tecentriq®)</b> <sup>4</sup> | <b>Roche Genentech</b>      | <b>PD-L1</b>  |                                                                                                            | • Disease Relapse after 3 Prior Treatments                            |
|                                               |                             |               | • 1L/2L Locally Advanced or Metastatic Urothelial Carcinoma                                                | • Ineligible for Cisplatin-based Chemotherapy                         |
| <b>Avelumab (Bavencio®)</b> <sup>5</sup>      | <b>Merck Serono Pfizer</b>  | <b>PD-L1</b>  |                                                                                                            | • Failure on Prior Platinum-Based Chemotherapy                        |
|                                               |                             |               |                                                                                                            | • PD<12 Months after (Neo)Adjuvant Platinum-based Chemotherapy        |
| <b>Durvalumab (Imfinzi®)</b> <sup>6</sup>     | <b>AstraZeneca</b>          | <b>PD-L1</b>  | • 1L Metastatic Merkel Cell Carcinoma (MCC)                                                                | • Ineligible for Cisplatin-based Chemotherapy                         |
|                                               |                             |               | • 1L/2L Locally Advanced or Metastatic Urothelial Carcinoma                                                | • Failure on Prior Platinum-Based Chemotherapy                        |
|                                               |                             |               |                                                                                                            | • PD<12 Months after (Neo)Adjuvant Platinum-based Chemotherapy        |

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2 Prescribing information pembrolizumab (Keytruda®), revised: 07/2017

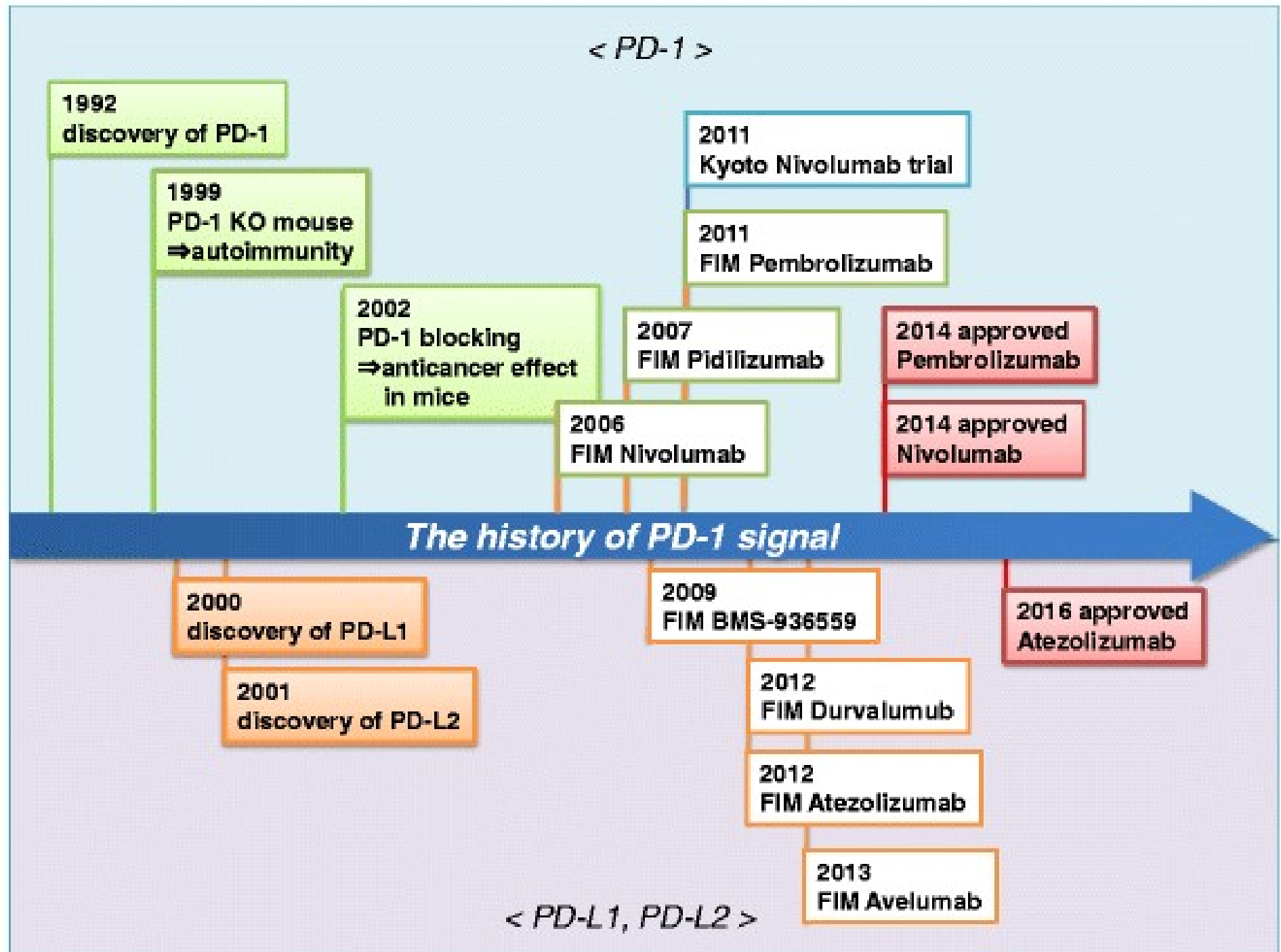
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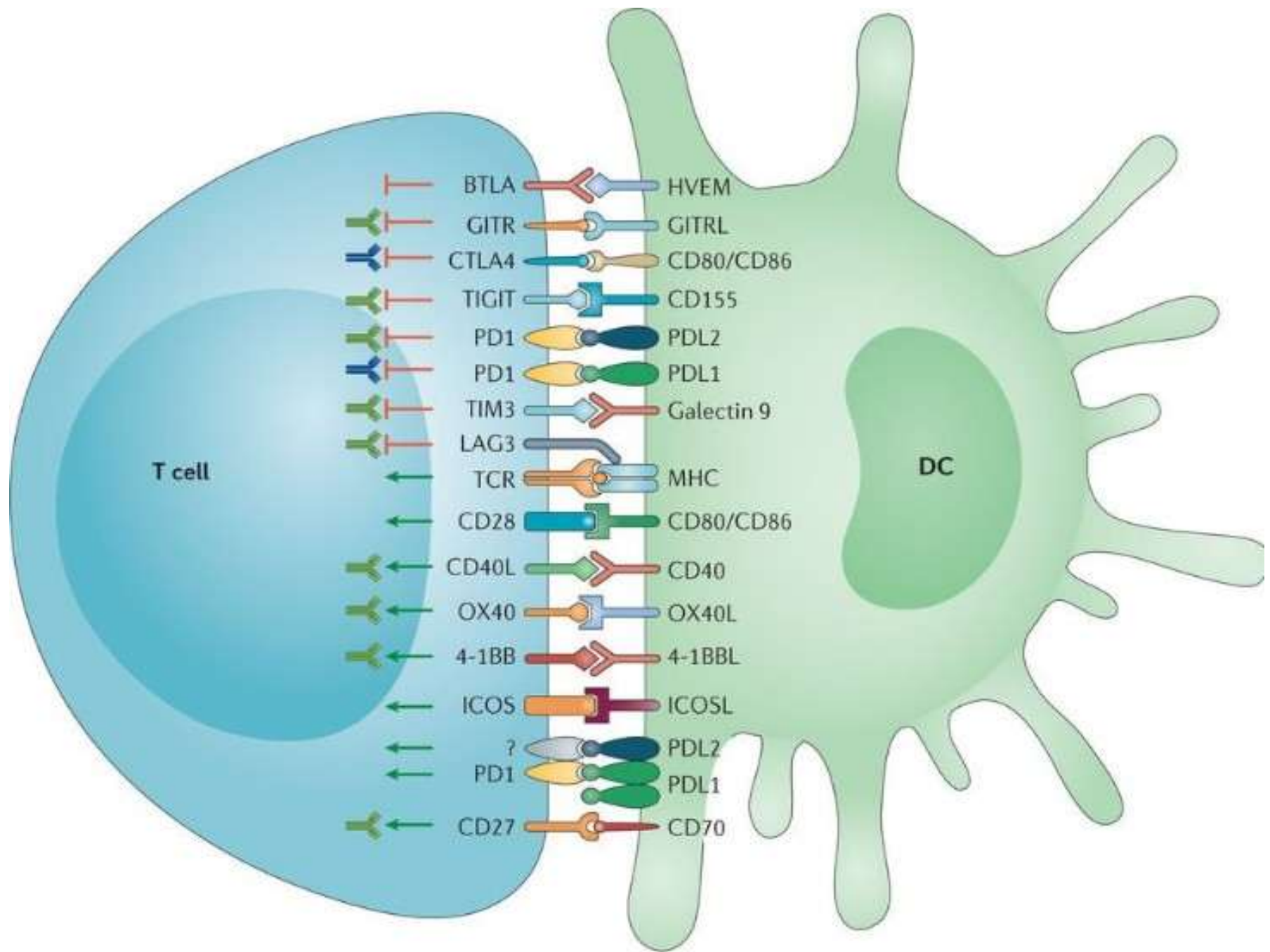
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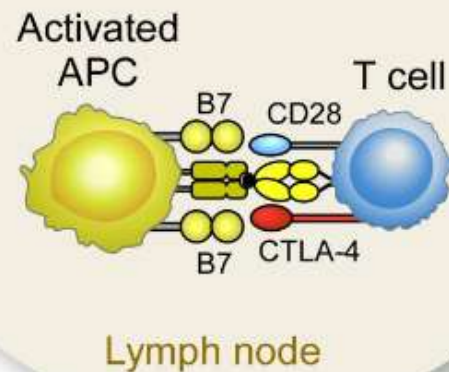
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# The race for PD-1/PD-L1 therapy

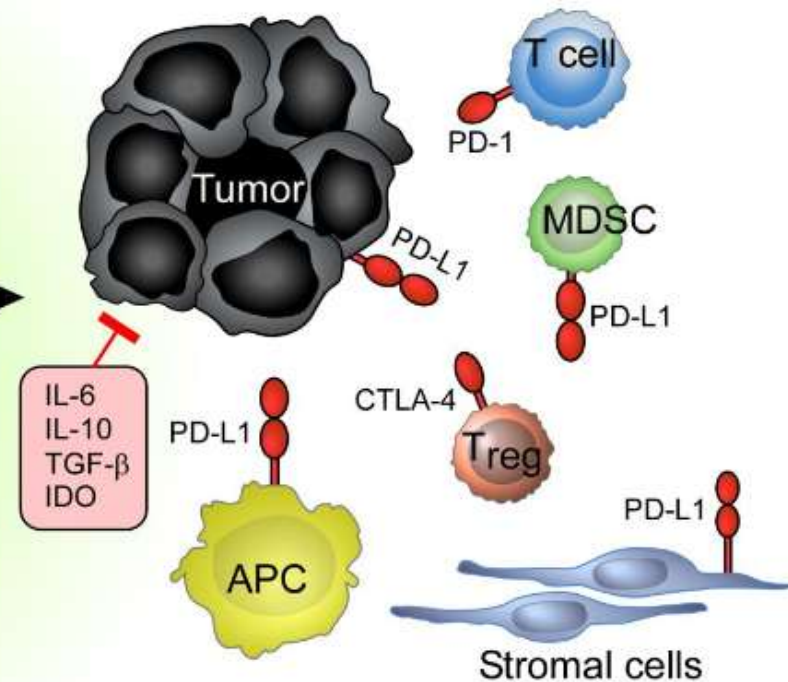




# Where does checkpoint blockade function?



*Checkpoint blockade*



**CTLA-4 in the lymph node**

**PD-1 in the tumor**

# Checkpoint Inhibitors | A Famous Patient



- Late stage melanoma with brain and liver metastases.
- Given Merck's KEYTRUDA in September 2015
- Cancer was no longer showing up on scans in December 2015.

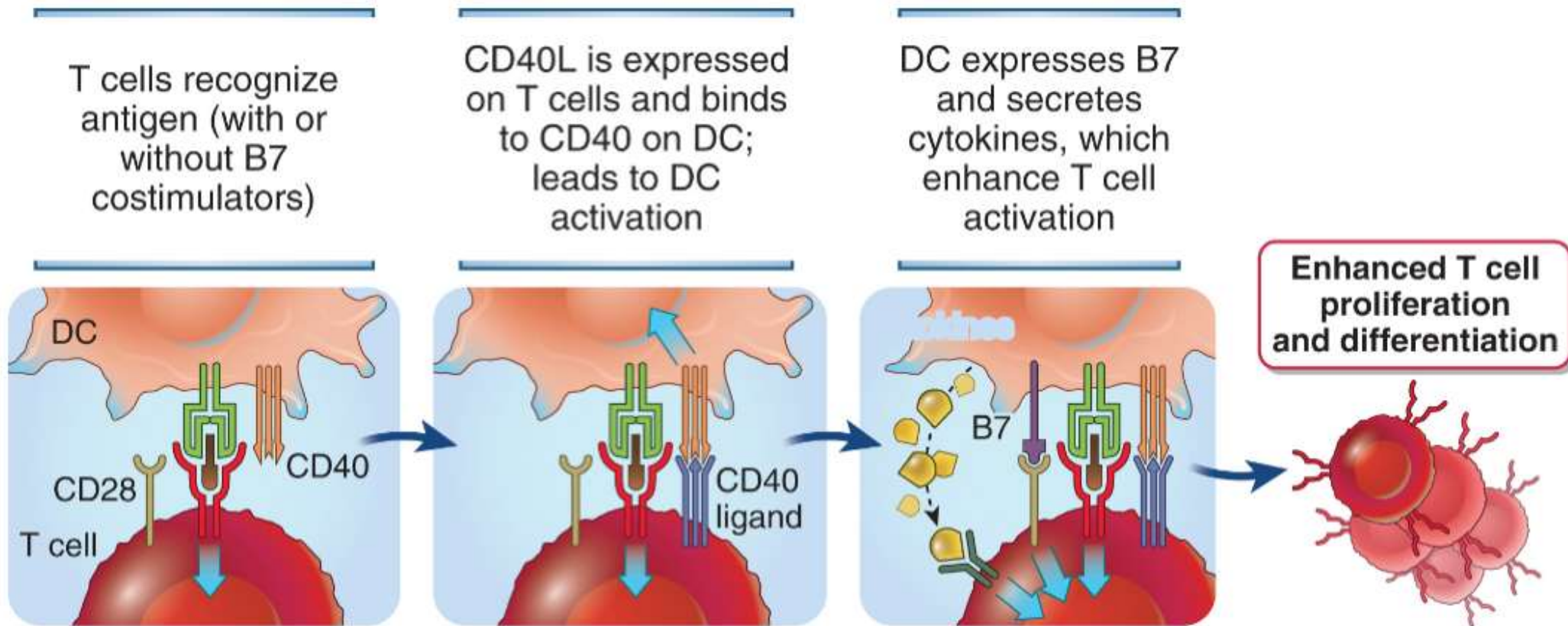
Tolerability and quality of life can be just as important as efficacy.

- President Carter was 91 years old.
- You might not even offer chemotherapy to someone that age because it can be so debilitating.
- He was able to continue daily life while on the immunotherapy.

## Altre vie di costimolazione....

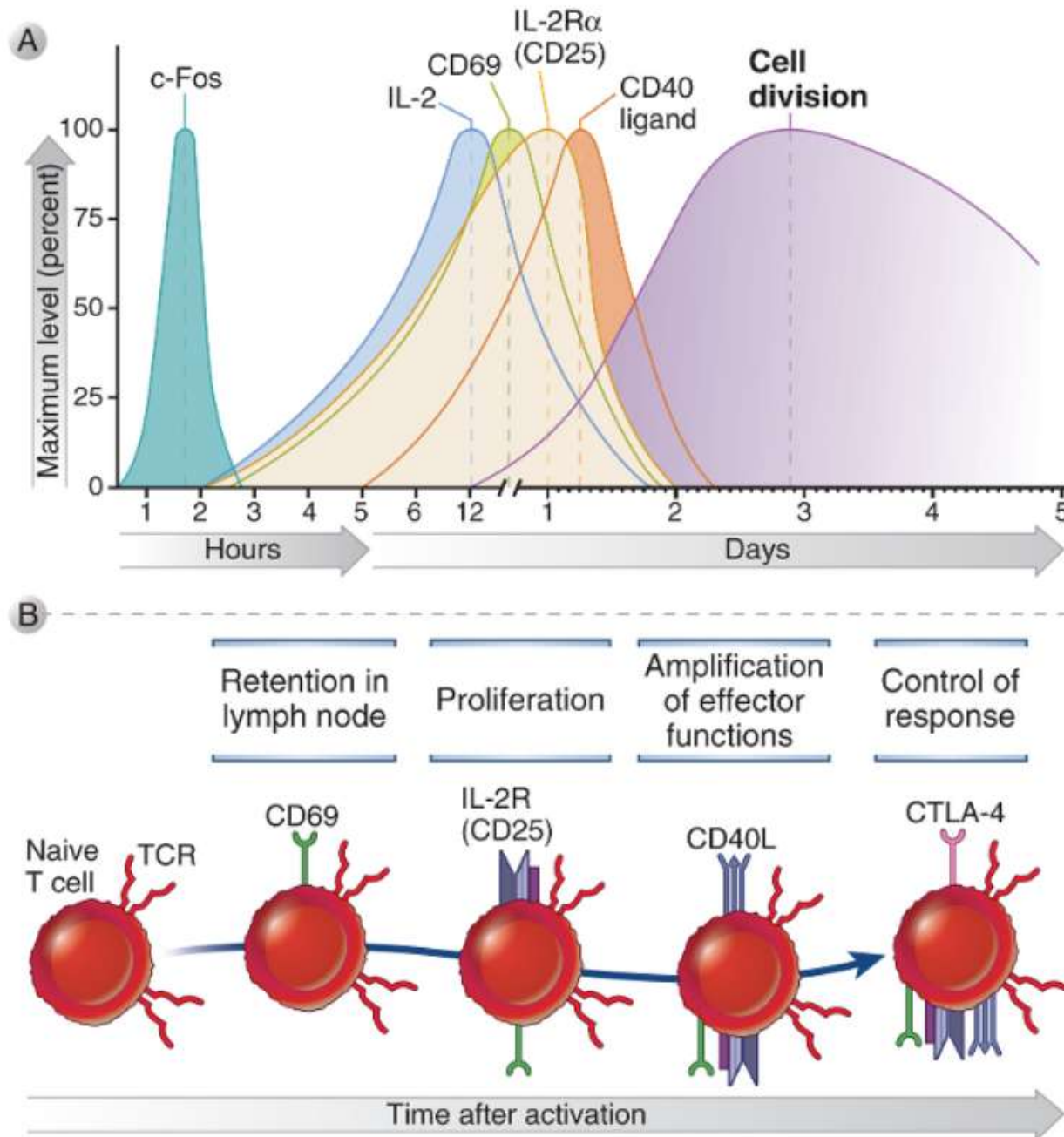
### Ruolo di CD40 nell'attivazione delle cellule T: potenziamento indiretto delle risposte T grazie all'attivazione delle APC

(e nei linfociti B...)



- CD40 è un membro della superfamiglia del recettore del TNF
- I membri di questa famiglia attivano principalmente la via di NFκB a cui consegue un aumento della sopravvivenza
- CD40 è espresso costitutivamente sui linfociti B
- Membri della superfamiglia del recettore del TNF sono espressi sulle cellule T (es. OX40, 4-1BB...)

## Cambi nelle molecole di superficie dopo attivazione delle cellule T



Le cellule di Langerhans catturano l'antigene nella cute, migrano negli organi linfoidi periferici e presentano gli antigeni alle cellule T

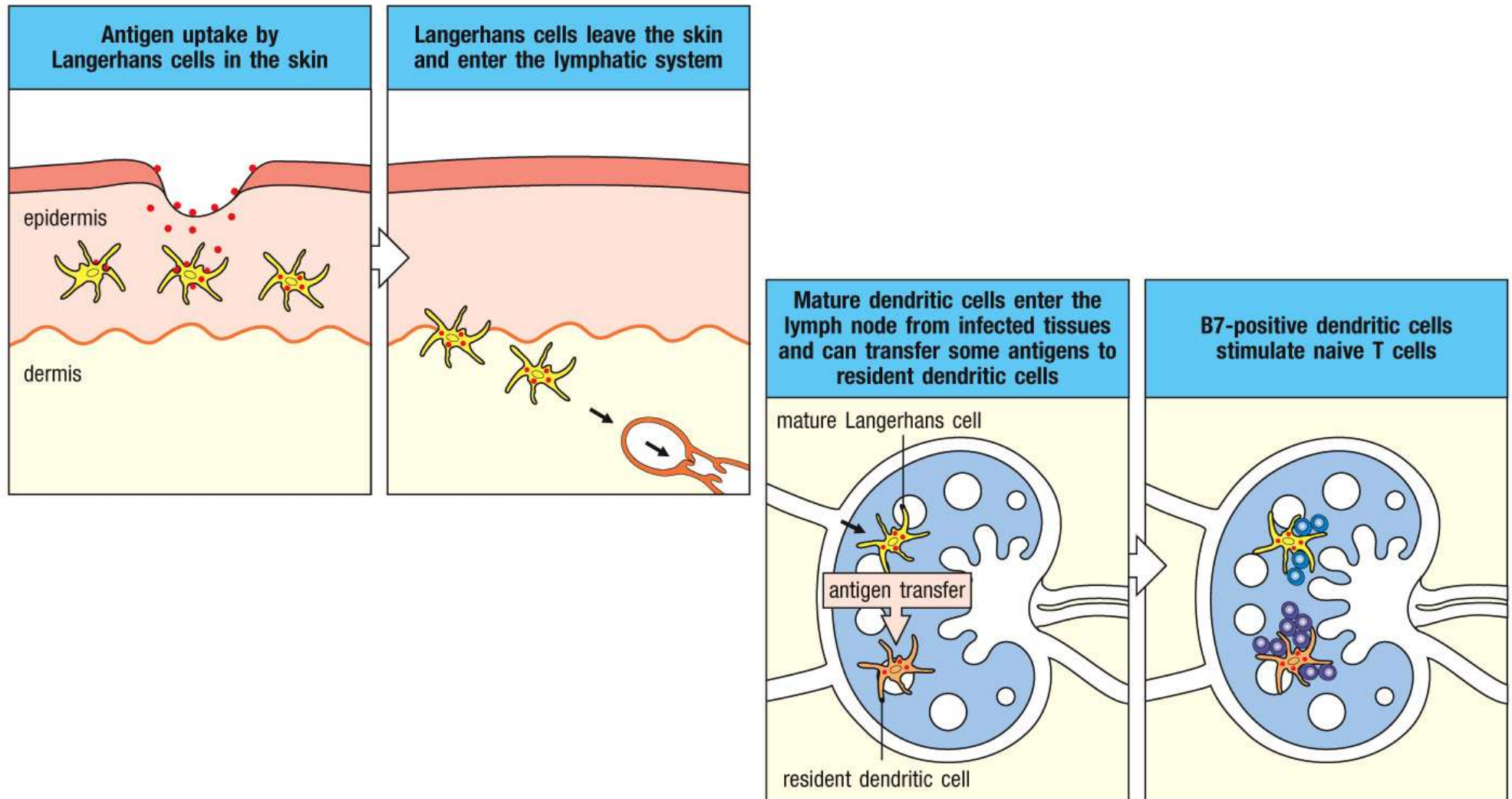


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# Naive T cells migrate through secondary lymphoid tissues, sampling peptide:MHC complexes on dendritic cells

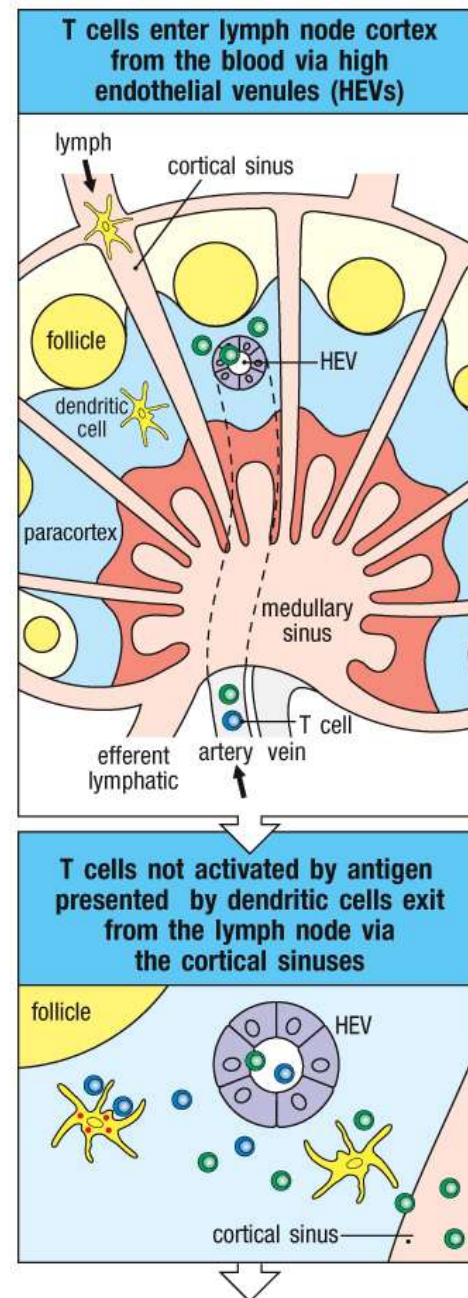
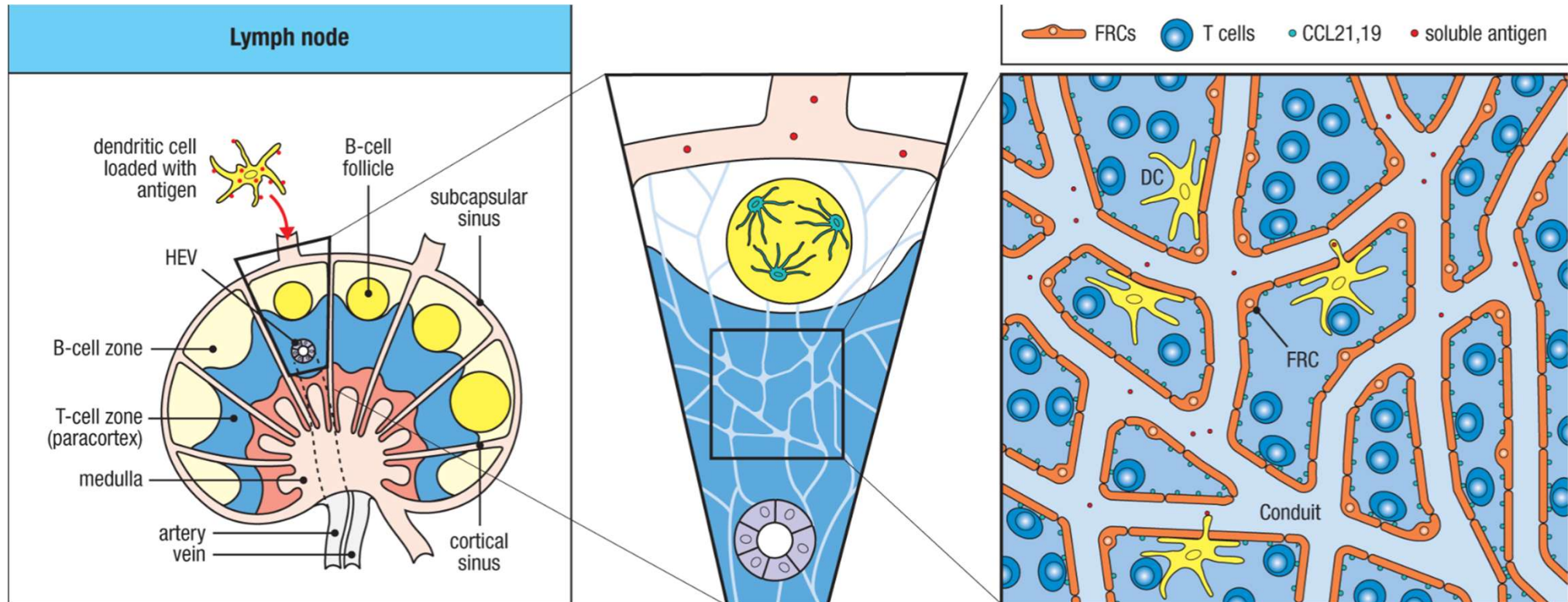


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Le cellule reticolari fibroblastiche formano una rete nelle zone delle cellule T dei tessuti linfoidei, facilitando le interazioni tra le cellule T naive e le DC



Le FRC all'interno delle zone delle cellule T negli organi linfoidei secondari producono una matrice extracellulare contenente reticolina e fibrille di collagene, che formano una struttura reticolare chiamata condotti linfoidei, rivestita da uno strato continuo di FRC.

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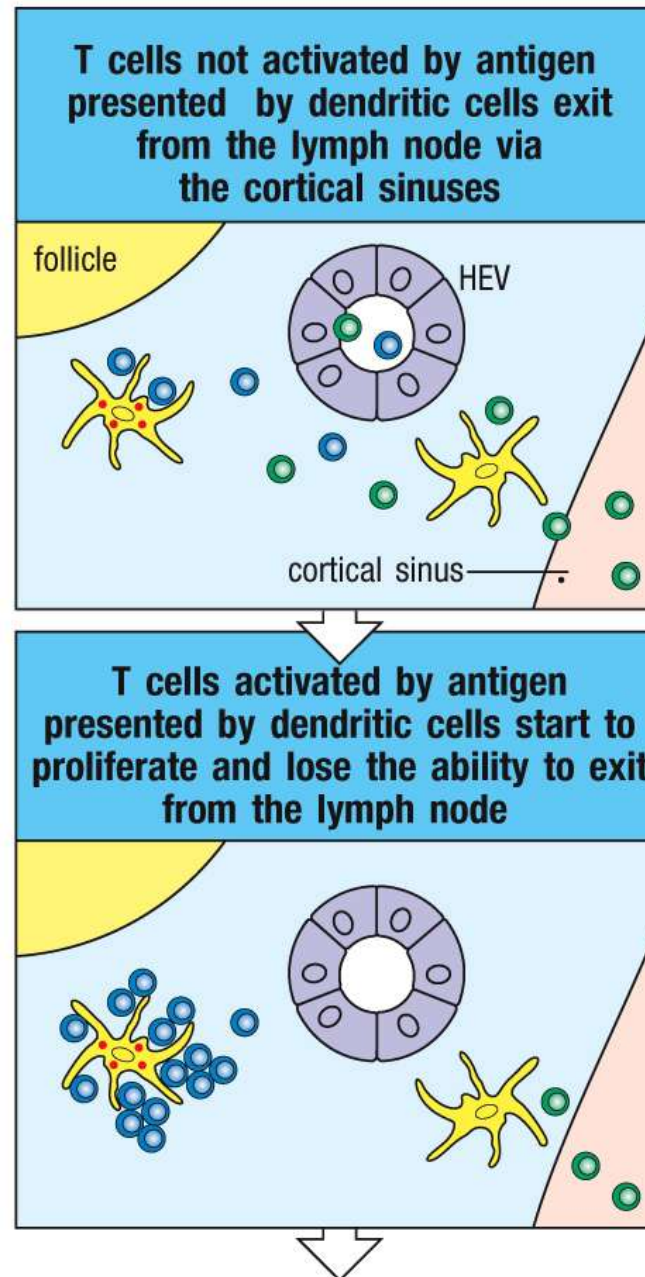


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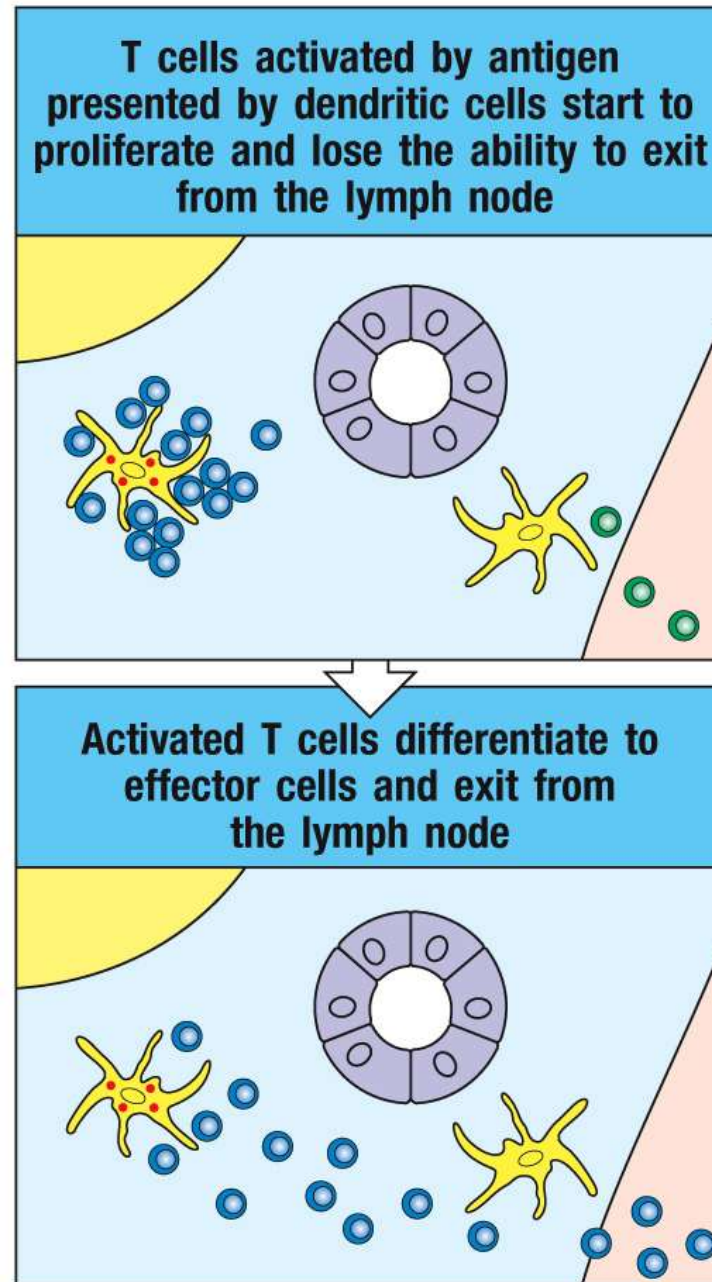


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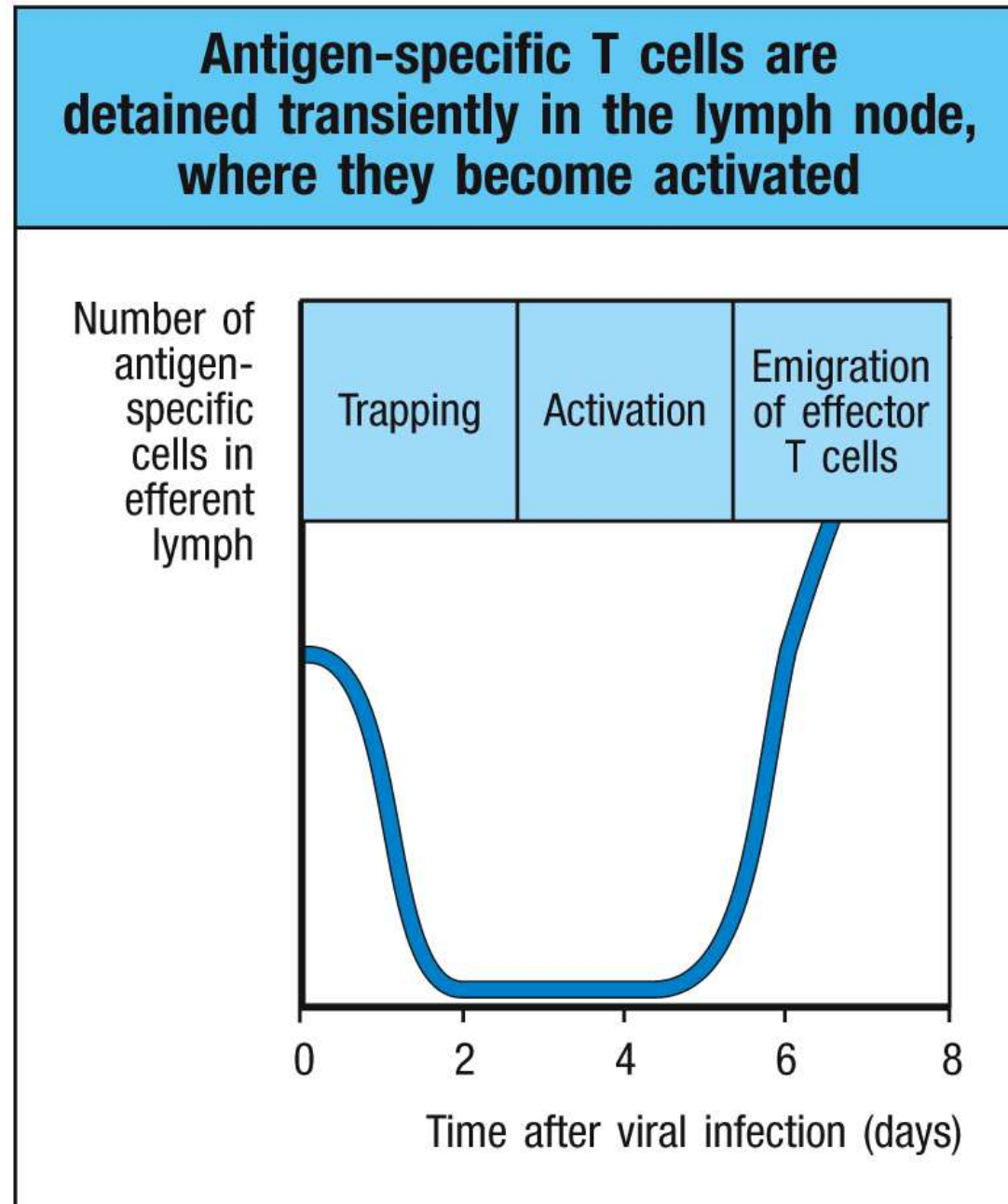


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## La fuoriuscita delle cellule T dal linfonodo è controllata da un fattore chemiotattico di origine lipidica

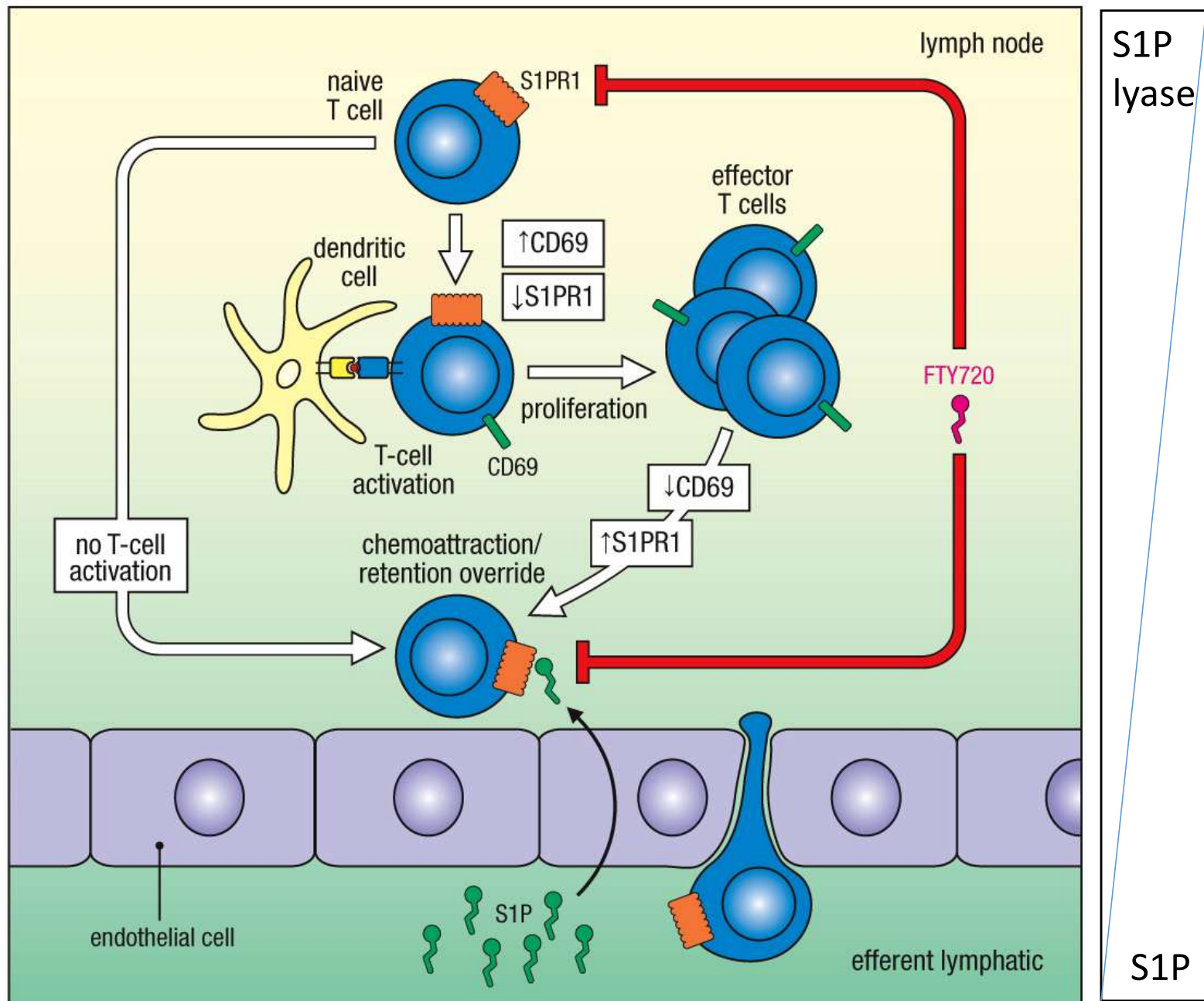
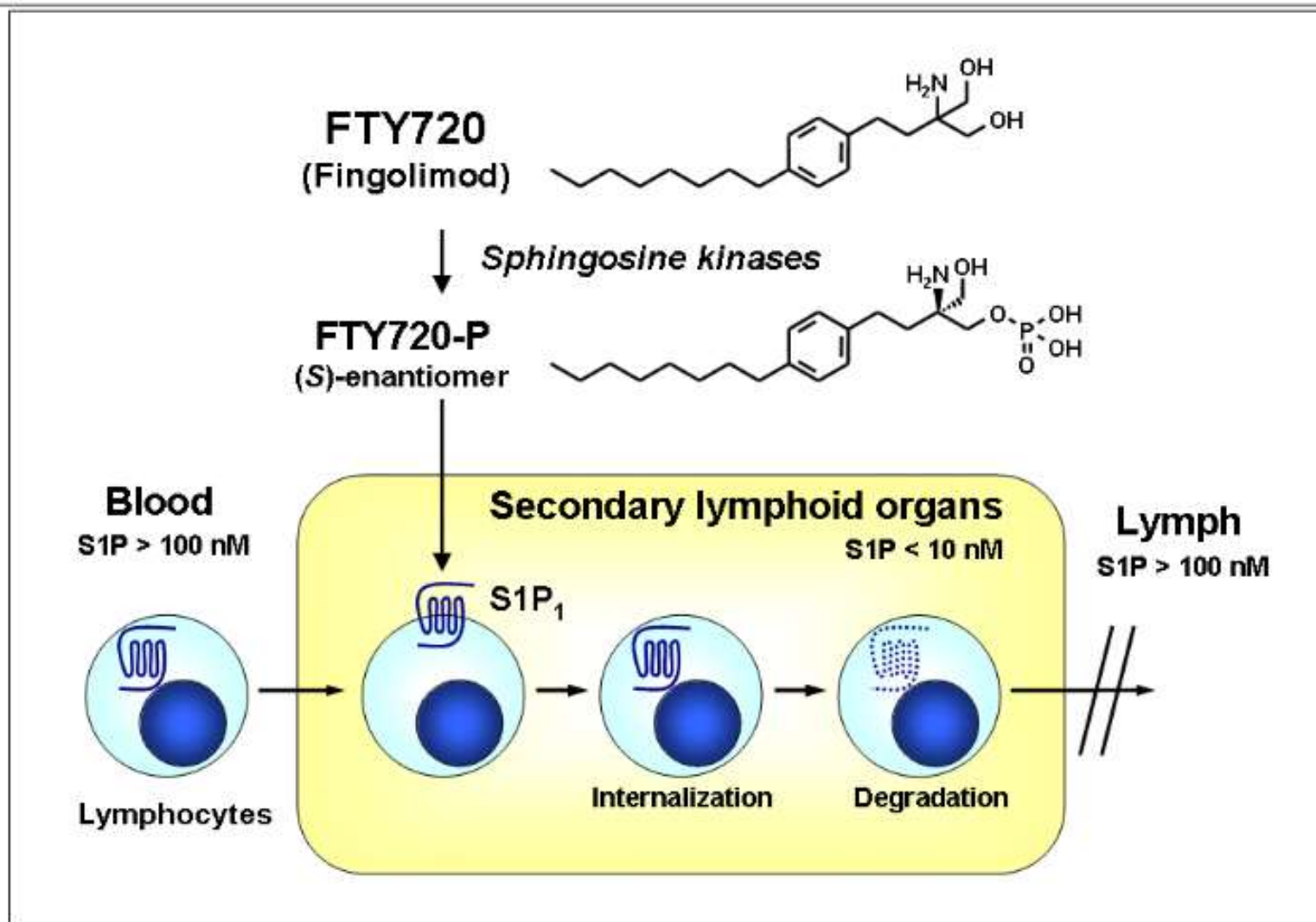


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## FTY720 inhibits S1P-S1P<sub>1</sub> axis-mediated lymphocytes egress from the SLO



**Fig. 1**

FTY720-P converted from FTY720 acts as a functional antagonist at lymphocytic S1P<sub>1</sub> by internalization and degradation of the receptor, and inhibits S1P-S1P<sub>1</sub> axis-mediated lymphocyte egress from the SLO.

Fingolimod

## Gylenia

**Azienda:** Novartis Europharm

**Principio attivo:** fingolimod

**Modalità di somministrazione:** orale

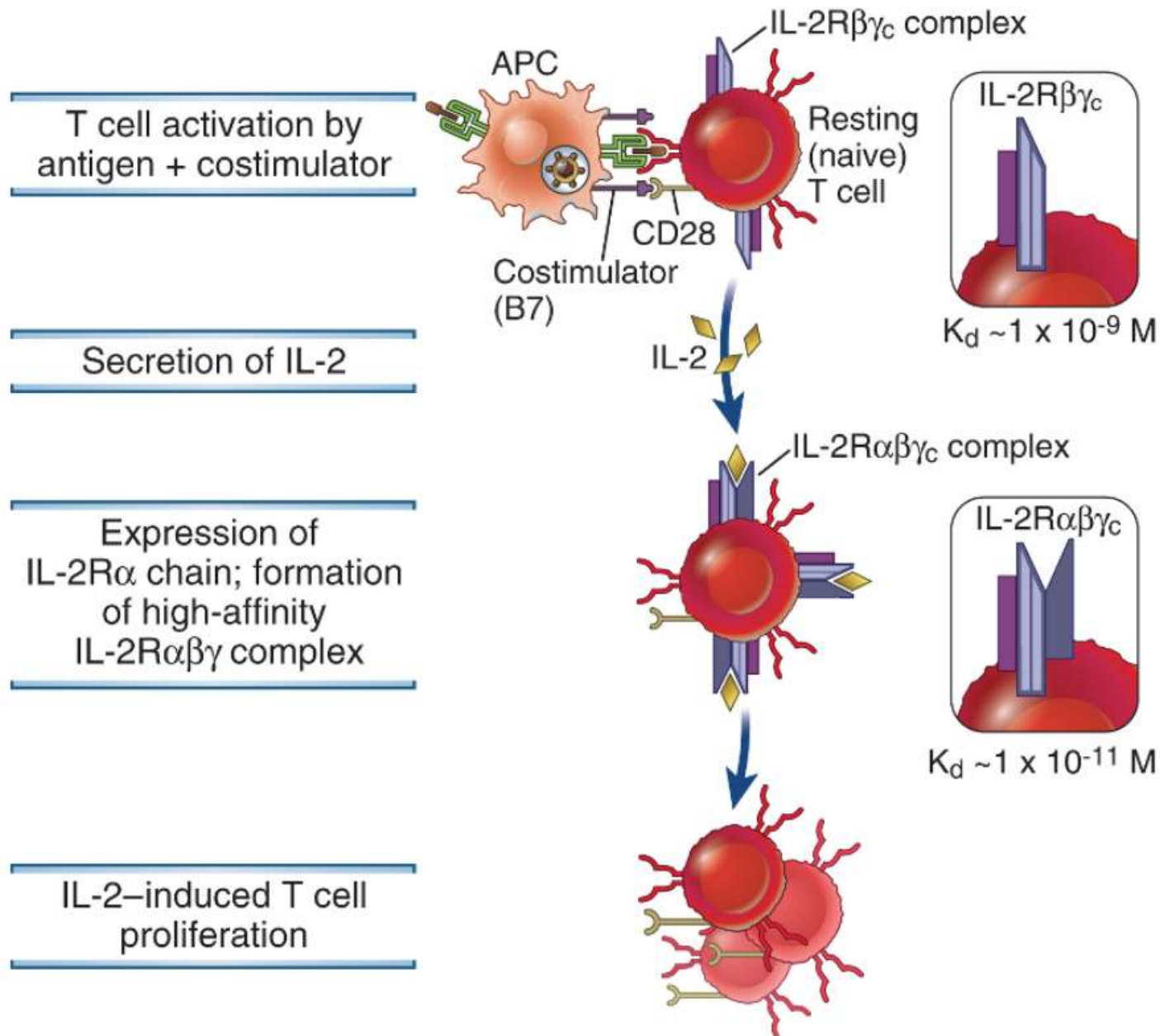
**Posologia:** tutti i giorni

**Indicazioni:** Gilenya è indicato in monoterapia, come farmaco modificante la malattia, nella sclerosi multipla recidivante-remittente ad elevata attività nei seguenti gruppi di pazienti adulti:

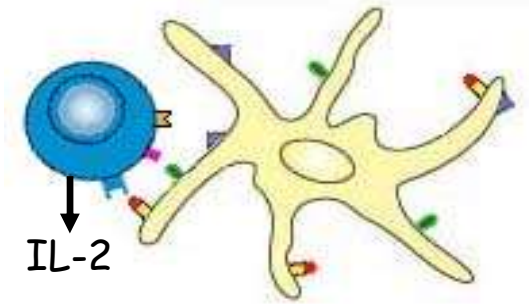
- persone con un'elevata attività di malattia nonostante la terapia con interferone-beta. Questi pazienti possono essere definiti come coloro che non hanno risposto ad un ciclo terapeutico completo ed adeguato (normalmente almeno un anno di trattamento) con interferone beta. I pazienti devono avere avuto almeno 1 recidiva nell'anno precedente mentre erano in terapia, e presentare almeno 9 lesioni iperintense in T2 alla RM cerebrale o almeno 1 lesione captante gadolinio. Un paziente non responder può anche essere definito come un paziente che presenta, rispetto all'anno precedente, un tasso di recidive invariato o aumentato o che presenta recidive gravi.
- persone con sclerosi multipla recidivante-remittente grave ad evoluzione rapida, definita da due o più recidive disabilitanti in un anno, e con 1 o più lesioni captanti gadolinio alla RM cerebrale o con un aumento significativo del carico lesionale in T2 rispetto ad una precedente RM recentemente effettuata.

**Effetti collaterali comuni:** aumento rischio di infezioni, tosse, cefalea, dolore alla schiena, diarrea

# Regolazione dell'espressione del recettore di IL-2



# IL-2 is key to antigen-induced T cell proliferation and differentiation

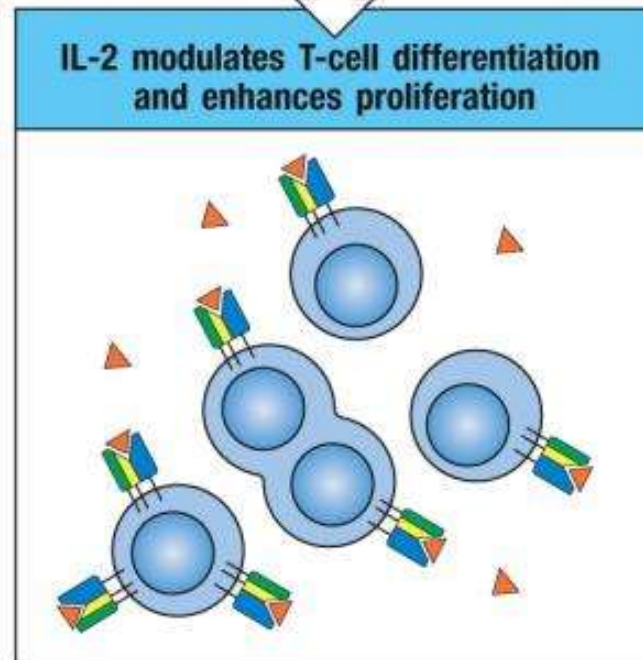
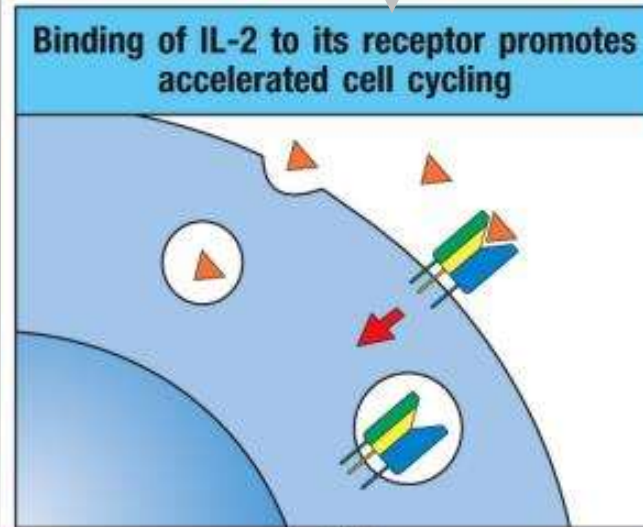
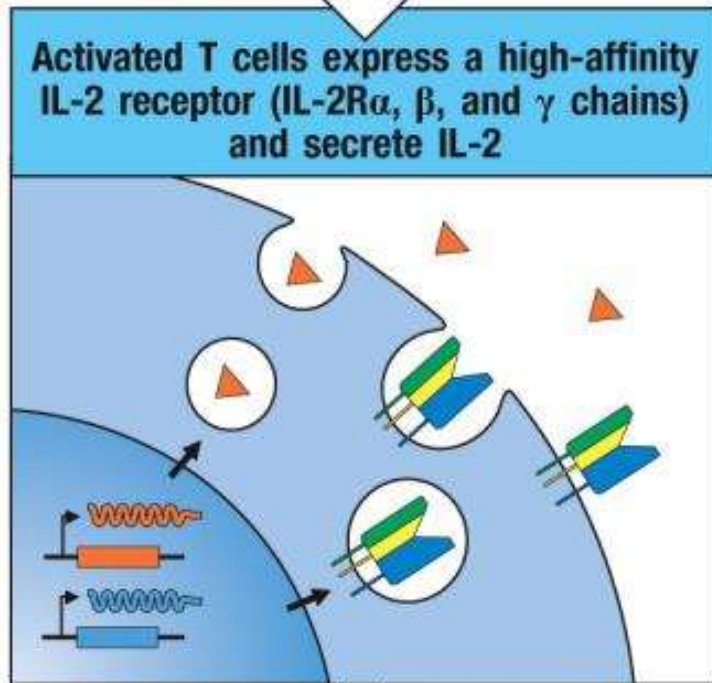
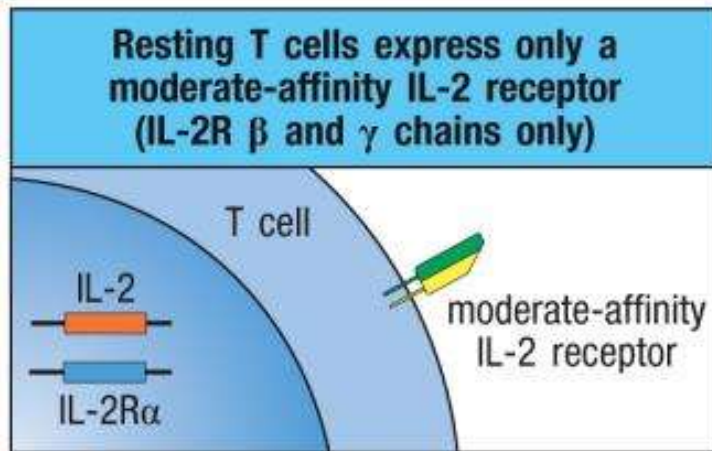


## Autocrine stimulation

(a cell makes a hormone that is secreted and stimulate the cell that made it)

Cells divide 2-3 times per day for 4 or 5 day ( $2^{12} = 4096$ )

IL-2 used to be called "T cell growth factor"



Once T cells are activated and have acquired their effector function, they do not need co-stimulation (signal 2) to carry out the effector function.

**Co-stimulation  
required for  
activation**

**Proliferate and  
acquire effector  
function (signals 1  
and 2 and cytokines)  
(differentiate)**

**No co-stimulation is  
required for activated cell  
to carry out the effector  
function**

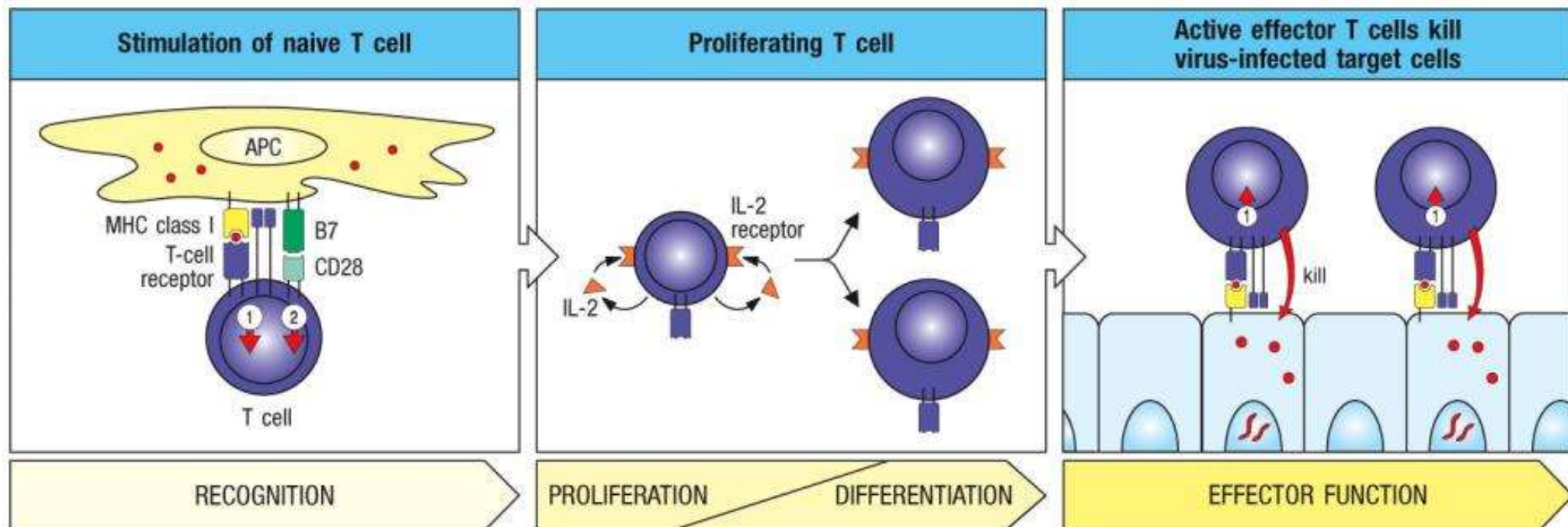
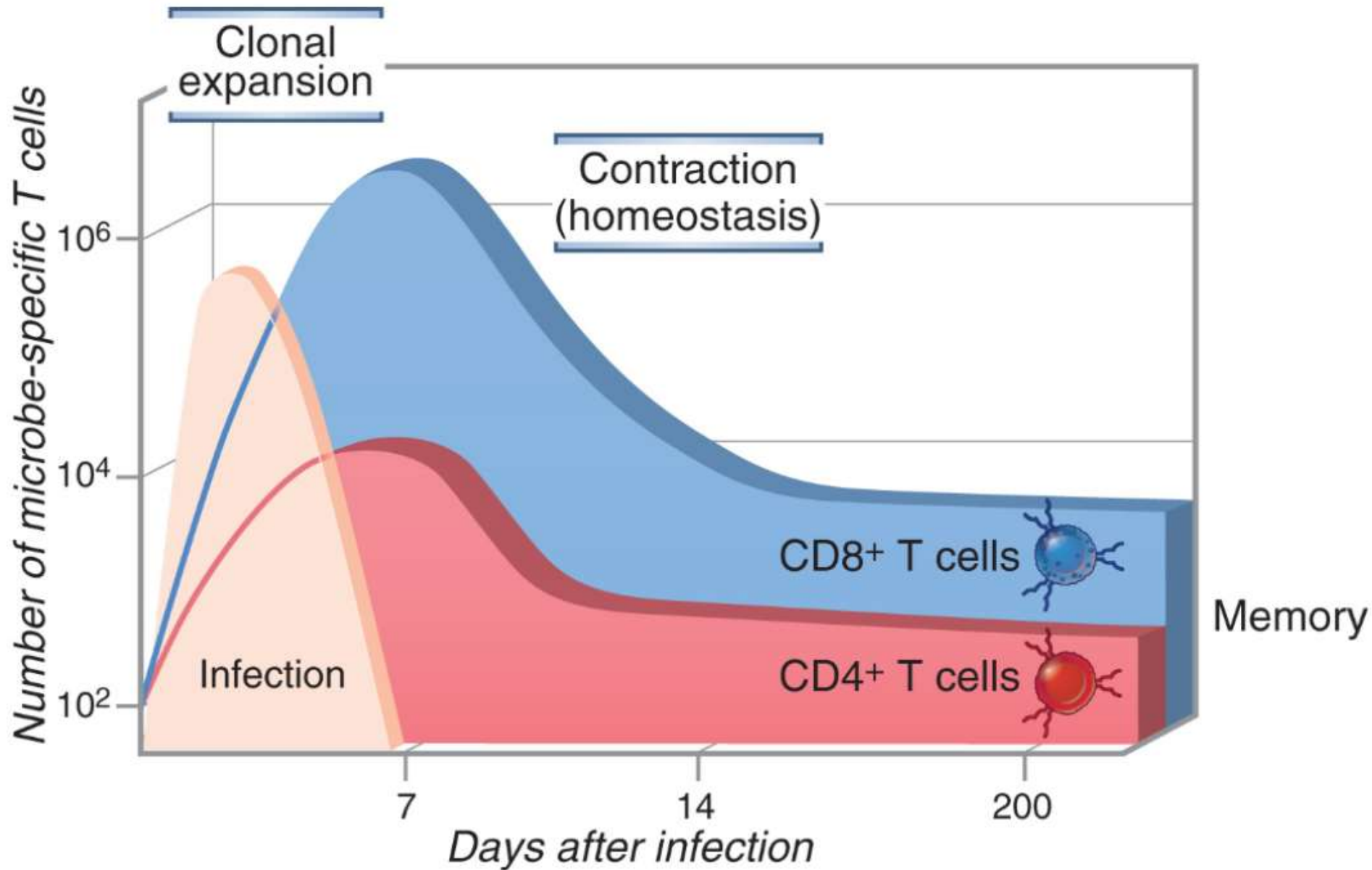


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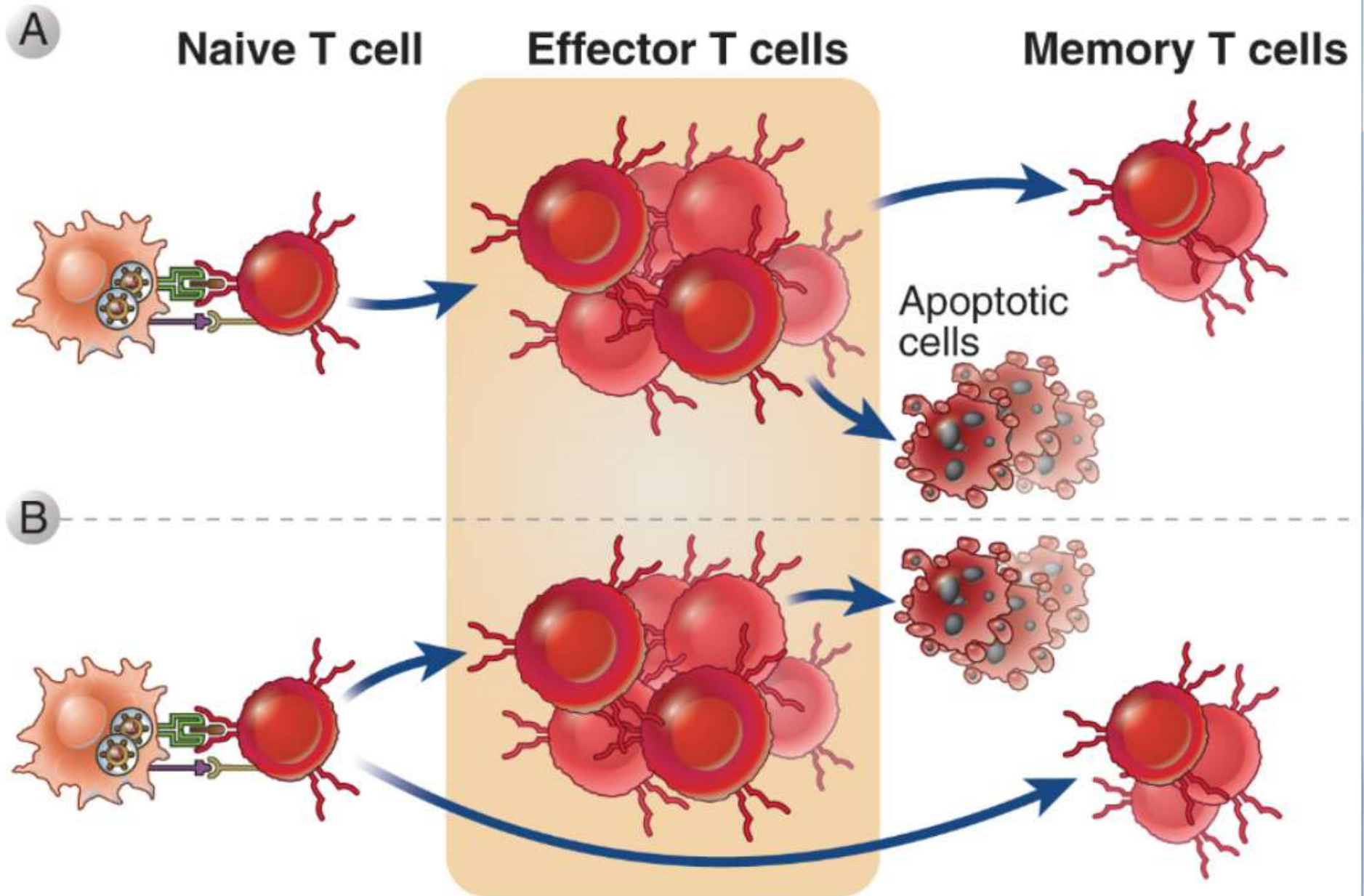
## Espansione clonale delle cellule T



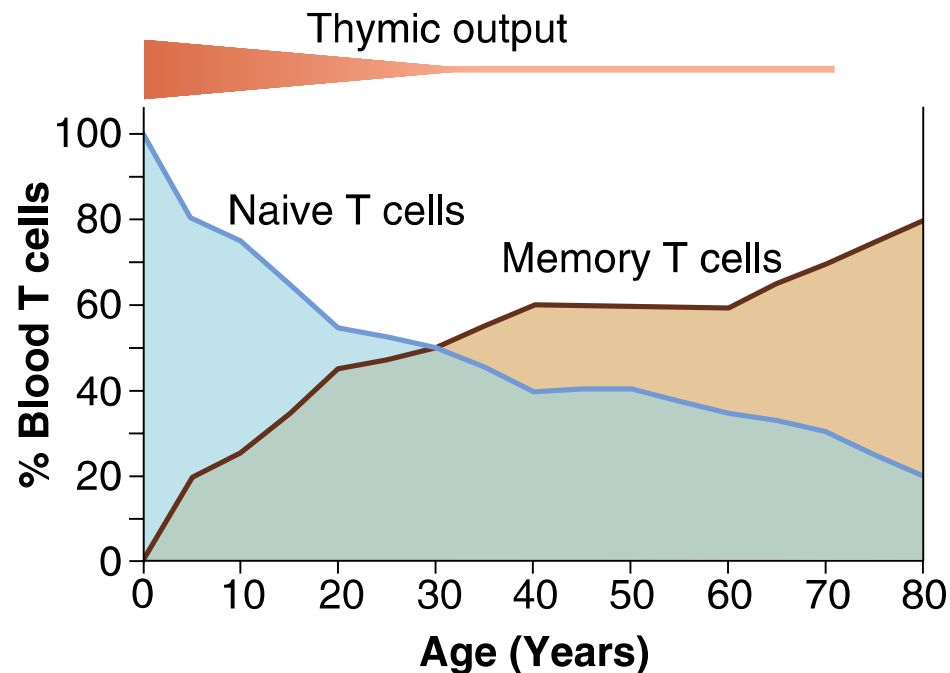
# General principles of controlling immune responses

- Responses against pathogens decline as the infection is eliminated
  - Apoptosis of lymphocytes that lose their survival signals (antigen, etc)
  - Memory cells are the survivors
- Active control mechanisms may function to limit responses to persistent antigens (self antigens, possibly tumors and some chronic infections)
  - Often grouped under “tolerance”

# Sviluppo delle cellule T di memoria



# Change in proportions of naive and memory T cells with age



**FIGURE 2.10 Change in proportions of naive and memory T cells with age.** The proportions of naïve and memory T cells are based on data from multiple healthy individuals. The estimate of thymic output is an approximation. (Courtesy of Dr. Donna L. Farber, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York.)