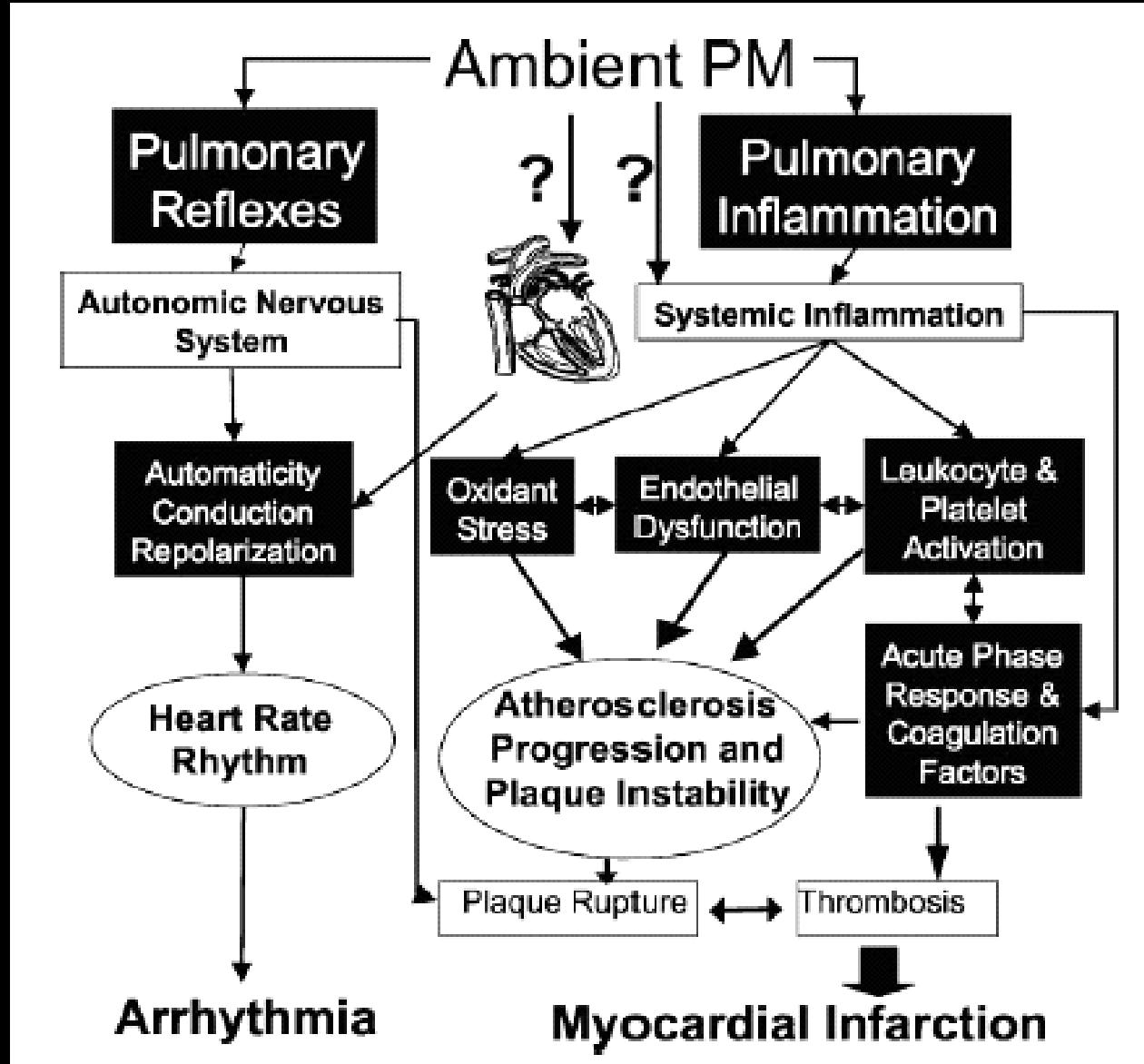


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"Atherogenic effects of Ambient PM in Susceptible Animals"

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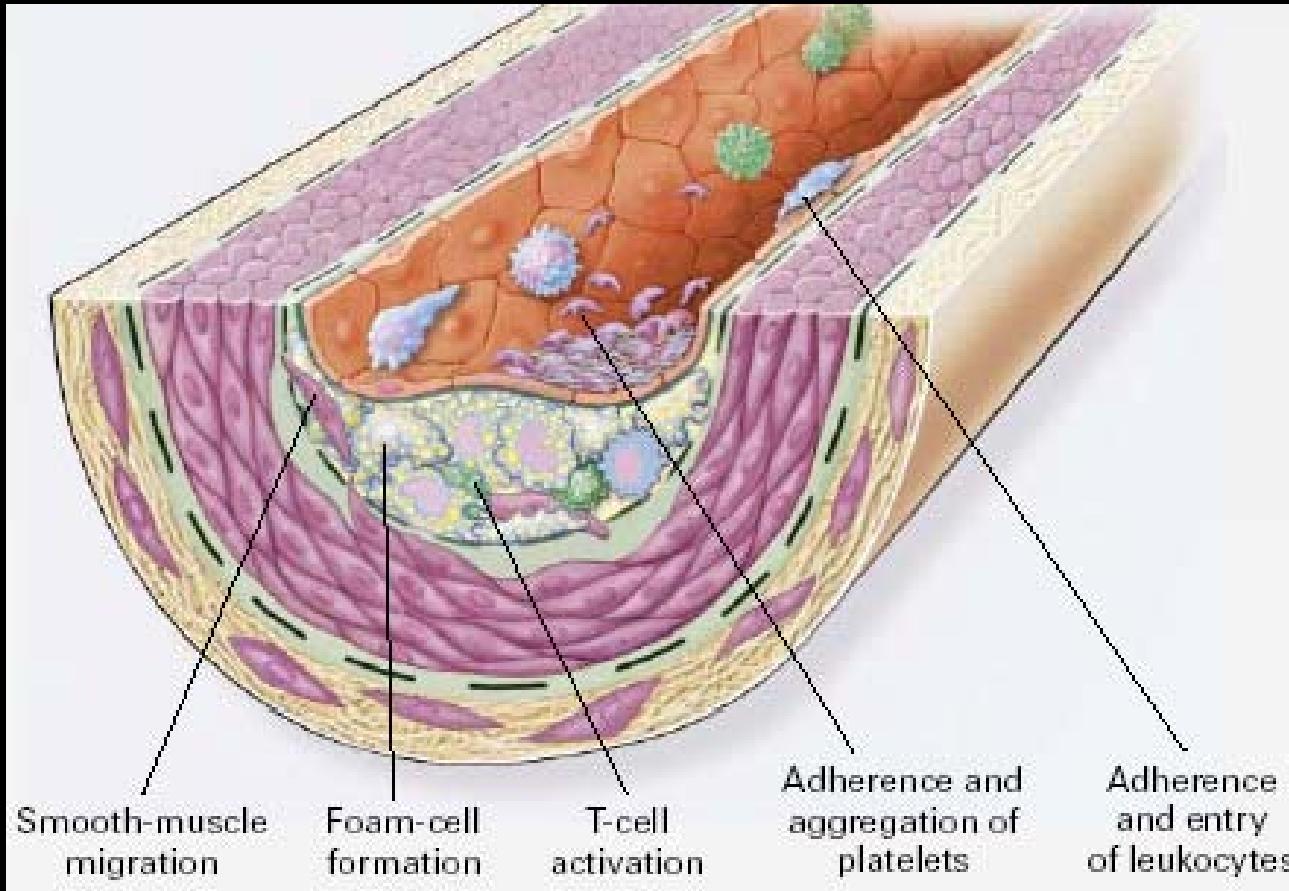
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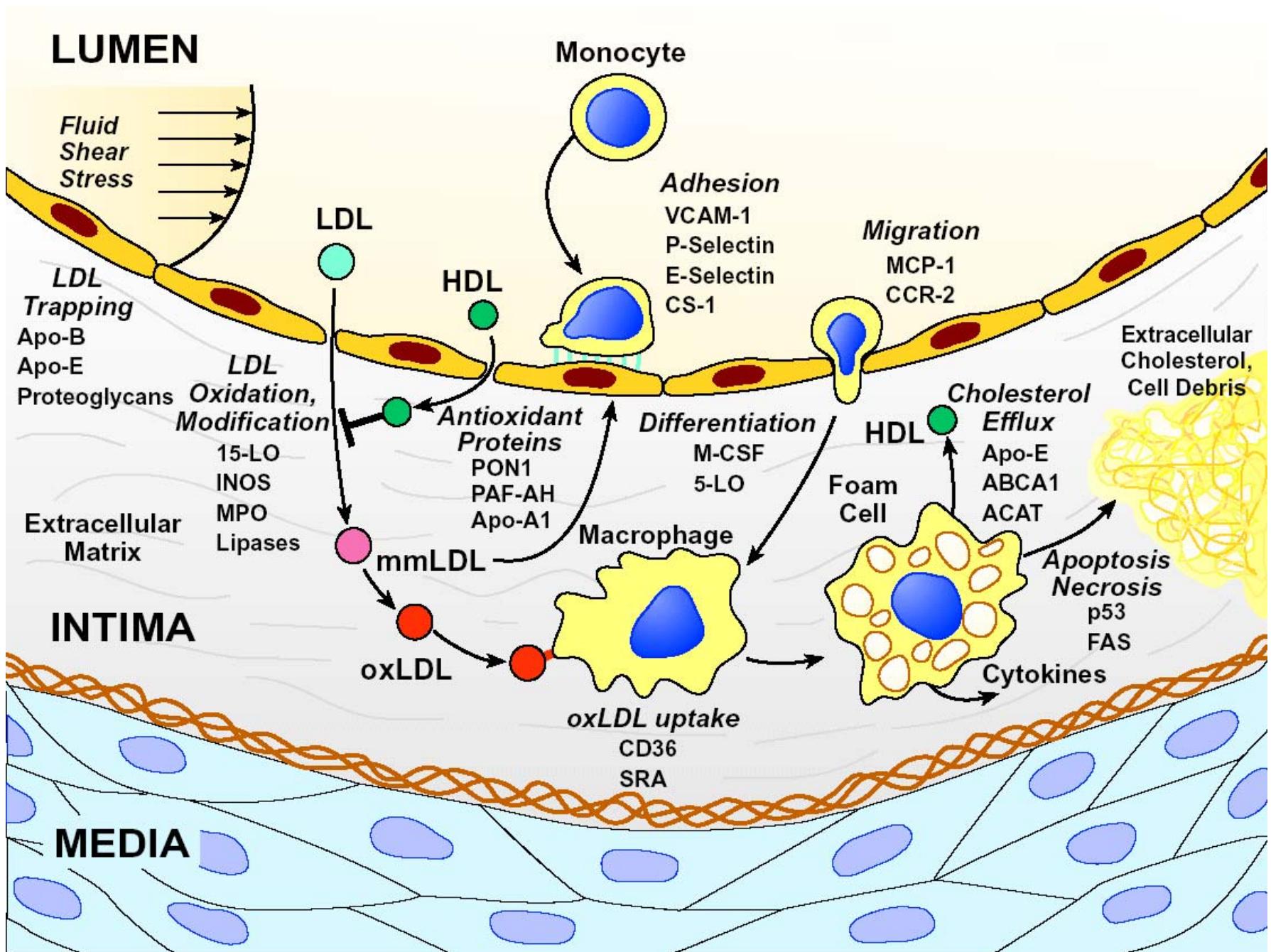
Major Hypothesis: PM-induced oxidative stress synergizes with oxidized lipid components to enhance inflammation and apoptosis in atherosclerotic lesions

# PM is now a recognized risk factor for Atherosclerosis



A disease of oxidative stress, chronic inflammation and apoptosis.....

Synergy between oxidized LDL and ambient PM ?



**Normal**

**ROS  
Inactivation**

(GSSG lo)

**ROS  
Production**

(GSH hi)

**ROS  
Inactivation**

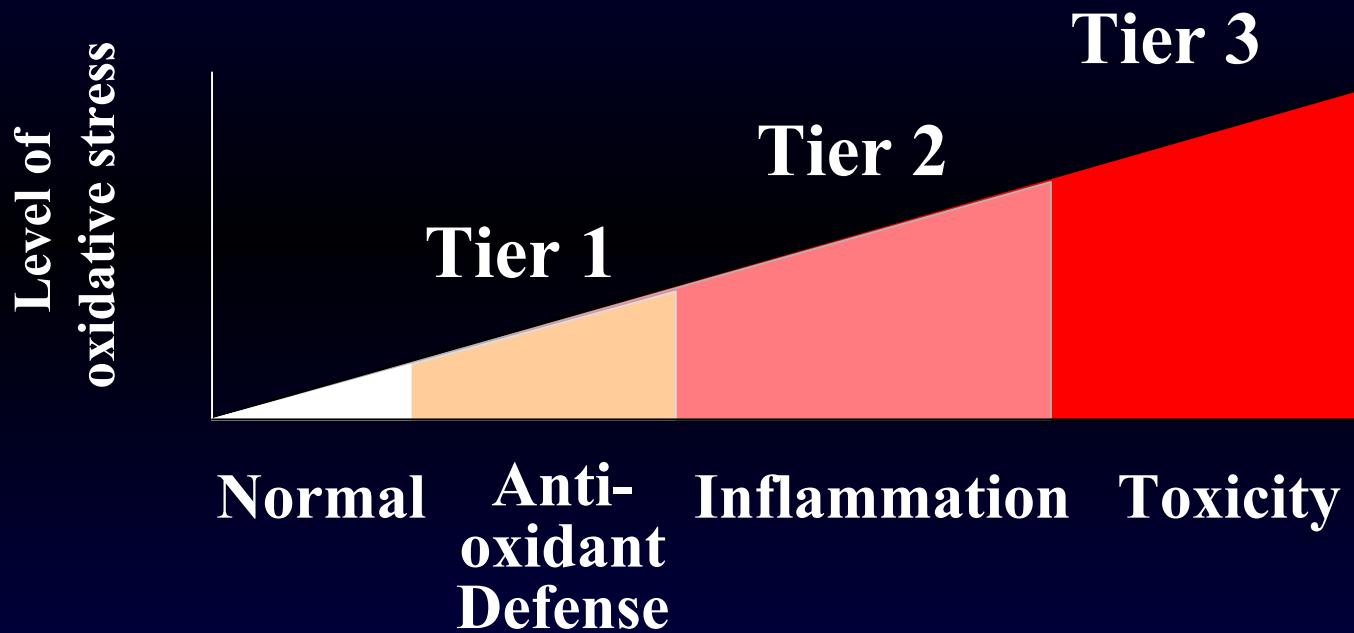
(GSSG hi)

**Oxidative  
Stress**

**ROS  
Production**

(GSH lo)

# Stratified Oxidative Stress Hypothesis



## Specific Aims:

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Aim 1: To determine whether exposure to ambient PM exacerbate the rate and magnitude of atherosclerosis in apoE and LDL-R knockout mice.

Aim 2: To determine the role of PM-induced oxidative stress in the development of inflammation and apoptosis in atherosclerotic lesions in apoE and LDL-R deficient mice.

Aim 3: To determine whether modified antioxidant defense mechanisms affect the induction of atherosclerotic lesions by ambient PM in apoE deficient mice.

## Aim 1

Particle concentrators (VACES): 1. Fine; 2. Ultrafine; 3. Filtered Air

Inhalation chambers

*In vivo* exposures

Animal strains: ApoE<sup>-/-</sup> & LDL-R<sup>-/-</sup>

Exp 1 : Early lesion development

Exp 2 : Late lesion development



*Endpoints*

Lesion scoring

Histology

Immunocytochemistry (inflammation,  
& apoptosis)

Impinger samples

*In vitro cellular exposures*

Cell types: Endothelial, macrophage,  
& smooth muscle cells

Exp 3 : Stimulation by CAPs ±Ox



PAPC

*Endpoints*

Inflammation

Signaling : MAPK

Apoptosis assays

Proteomics

## Aim 2

### In vivo Endpoints: Animal sacrifice

Lesional HO-1 expression, phospholipid oxidation  
MAPK activation

Apoptosis

Serum SAA, fibrinogen, IL-6, GM-CSF  
HDL antioxidant activity (oxidative PON modification)

*In vivo* luciferase imaging HO-1 promoter

### In vitro Endpoints for oxidative stress

ROS generation: DCF & HE  
GSH/GSSG ratios

Hierarchical oxidative: HO-1, cytokines, MAPK, apoptosis

2D gel electrophoresis and protein MS

## Aim 3

Particle concentrators (VACES): 1. Fine; 2. Ultrafine; 3. Filtered Air



*In vivo* exposures

Exp. 1 Tg HO-1/apoE  $^{-/-}$

Exp. 2 Nrf2 x apoE double KO

Exp. 3 apoE /PON1 double KO



Endpoints:

Atherosclerotic scores & markers inflammation & apoptosis (Aim 1)

Lesional markers for oxidative stress, including ARE-dependant genes (Aim 2)

HDL antioxidant activity

ApoE knockout

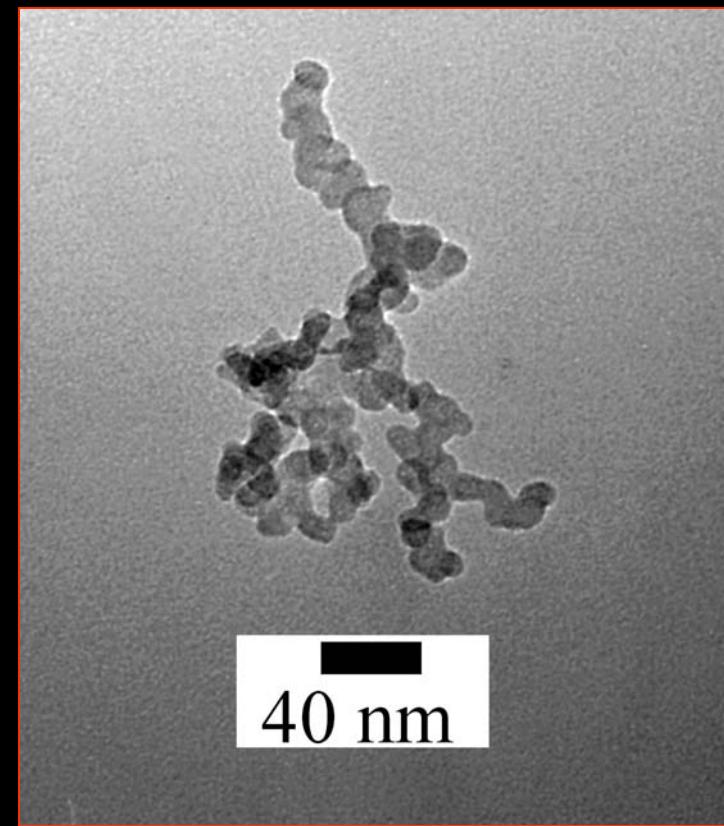
High Chol diet/ No Arsenite



High Chol diet/Arsenite

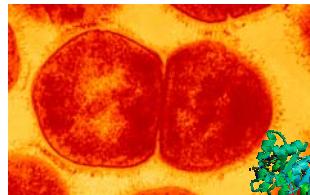


# Passage of Inhaled Particles Into the Blood Circulation in Humans

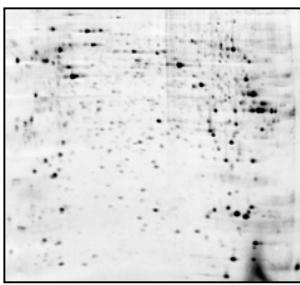


Nemmar et al  
*Circulation.* 2002;105:411-414.

# Proteomics Aids Biological Research



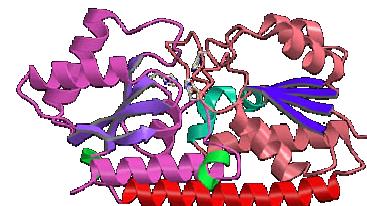
complex  
protein  
mixture



protein  
separation

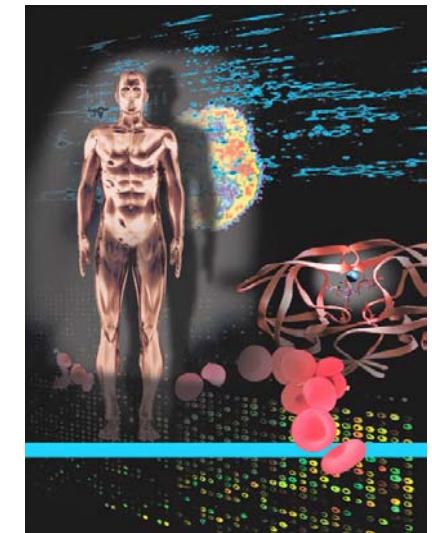


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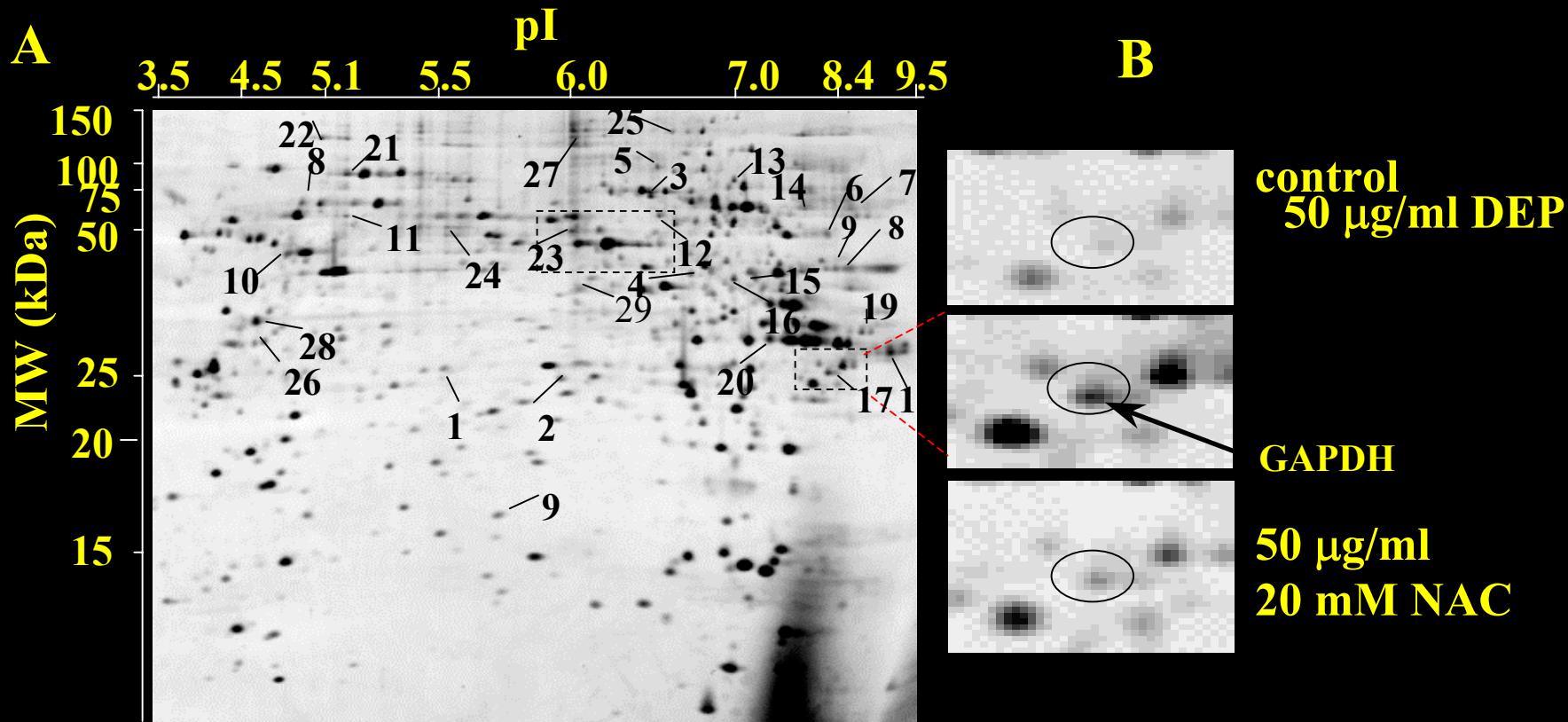


protein identification  
protein modification  
protein abundance

Biology



# Exploration of the role of Oxidative Stress through the use of Proteomics

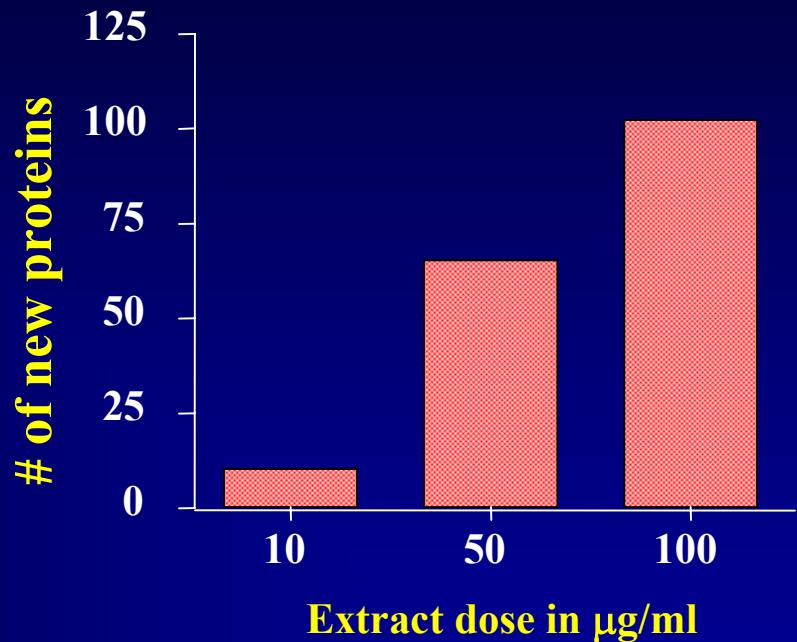
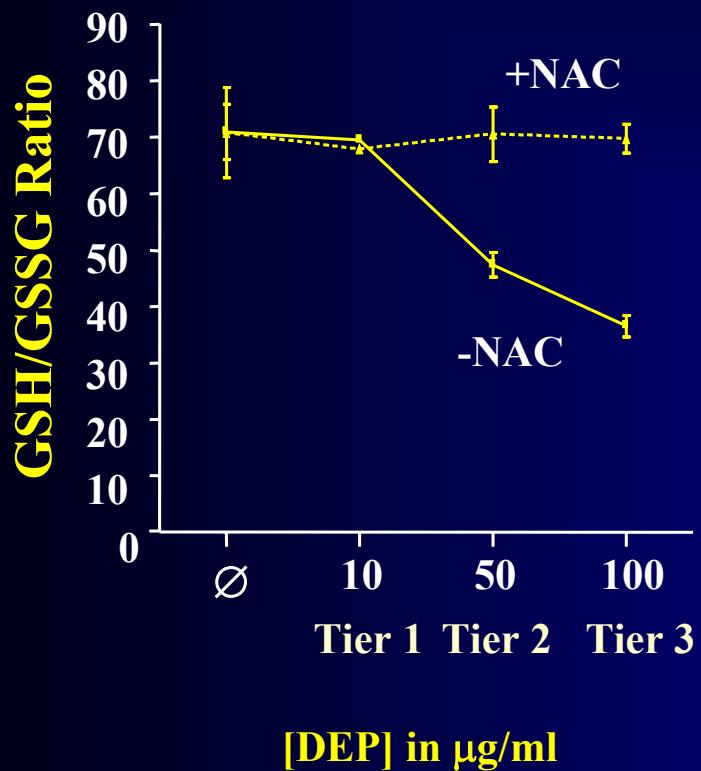


Oxidative stress response ?

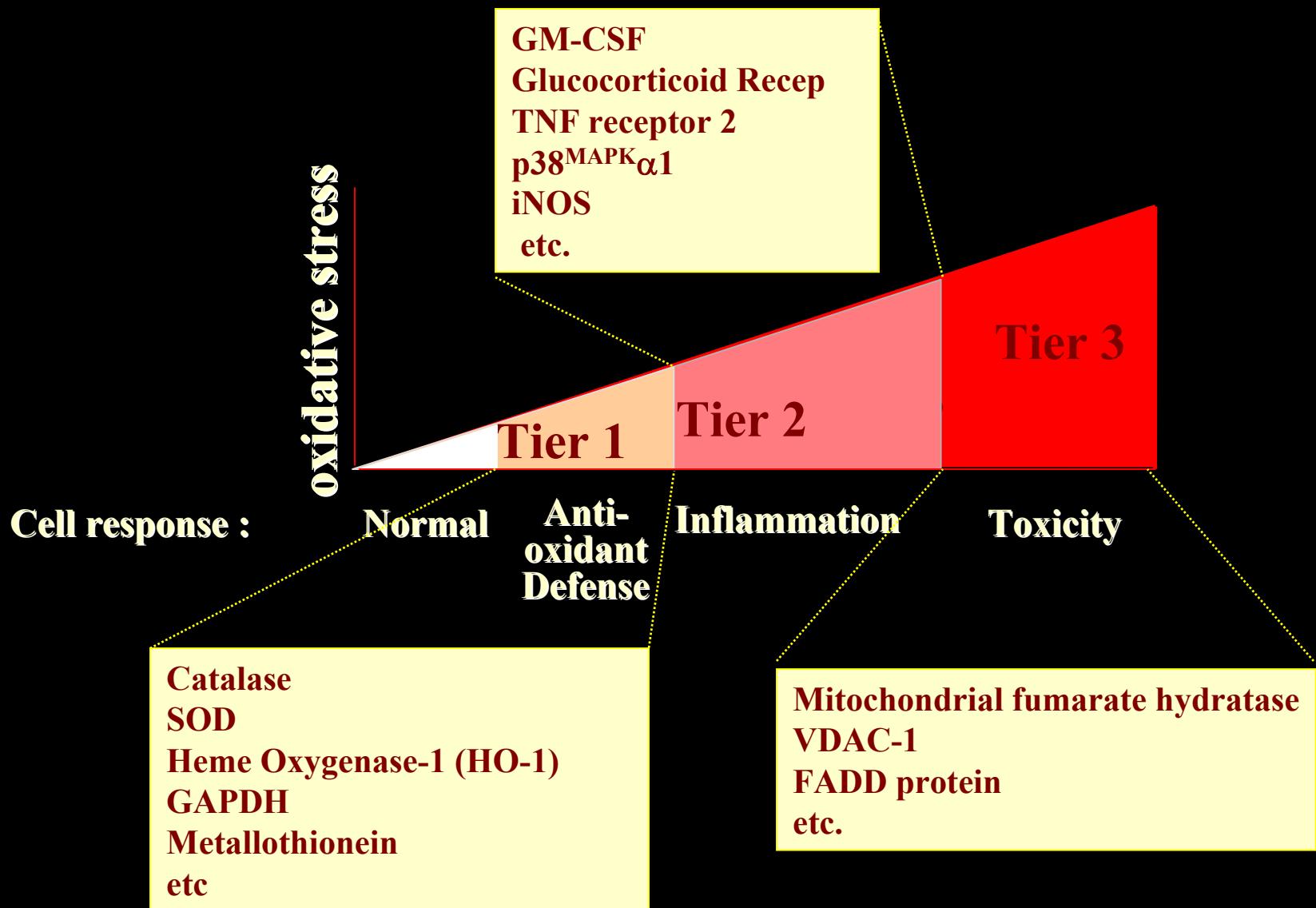
Inflammatory markers ?

Nel, Xiao, Loo, et al. JBC. 2003; 278:50781

# Dose-dependant induction of new Oxidative Stress Proteins by DEP



# Macrophage/epithelial oxidative stress analysis (in vitro)



# Adaptive Genetic Programming

Signal  
Sensing

Signal  
Transduction

Trans. Factor  
Activation

Target Gene  
Regulation

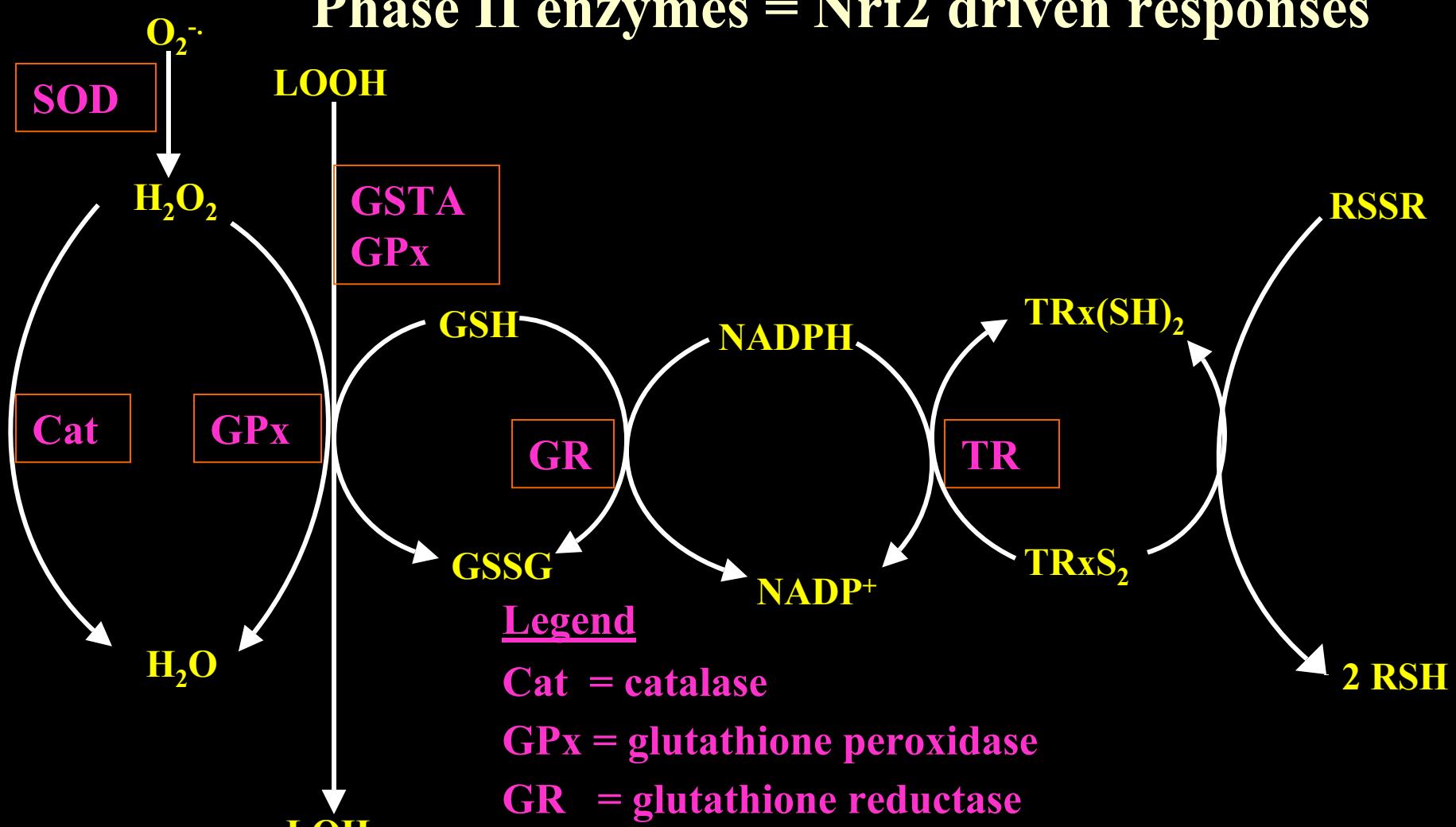
Ox. Stress  
Sensors ?

Keap 1

Nrf2

Antioxidant  
enzymes  
Phase II met  
enzymes

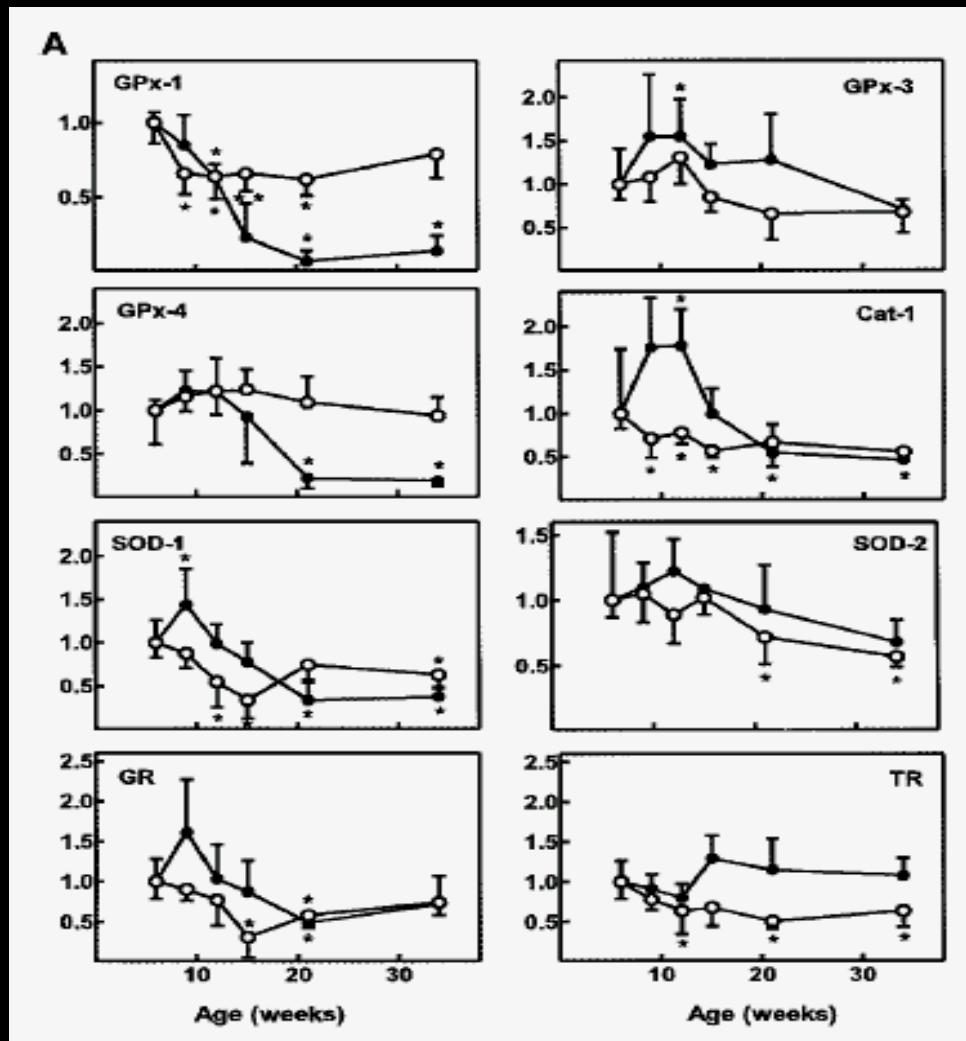
# Phase II enzymes = Nrf2 driven responses



**Legend**

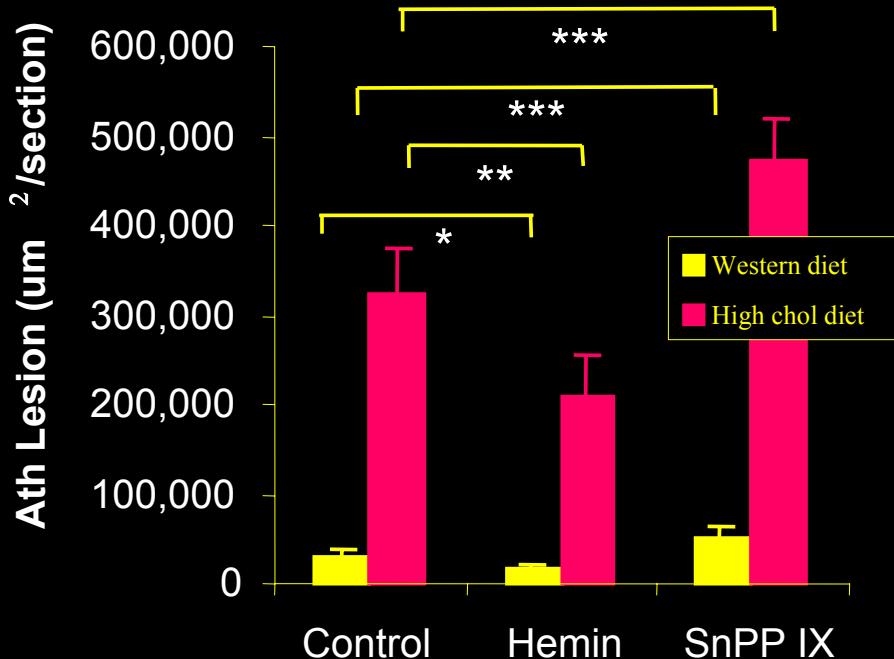
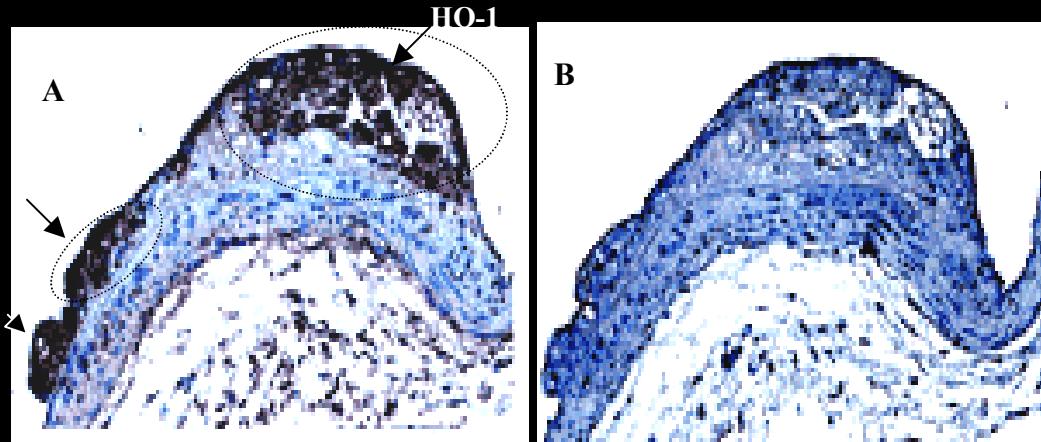
- Cat = catalase
- GPx = glutathione peroxidase
- GR = glutathione reductase
- SOD = superoxide dismutase
- GST = glutathione S transferase
- TR = thioredoxin reductase

# Aorta of ApoE-Deficient Mice Responds to Atherogenic Stimuli by a Prelesional Increase and Subsequent Decrease in the Expression of Phase II Antioxidant Enzymes



Peter t' Hoen et al  
Circ Res. 2003;93:262-269

## HO-1 expression in atherosclerotic lesions in LDL-R null mice.



**Hemin-induced HO-1 expression inhibits while SnPP Rx accelerates atherosclerosis in LDL-R<sup>-/-</sup> mice**

Xiao, et al.



Cell response pathway: Normal

Anti-  
oxidant  
Defense

Inflammation

Toxicity

Signaling pathway:

MAP  
Kinases

AP-1

Genetic response:

# Adaptive Genetic Programming

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Nrf2

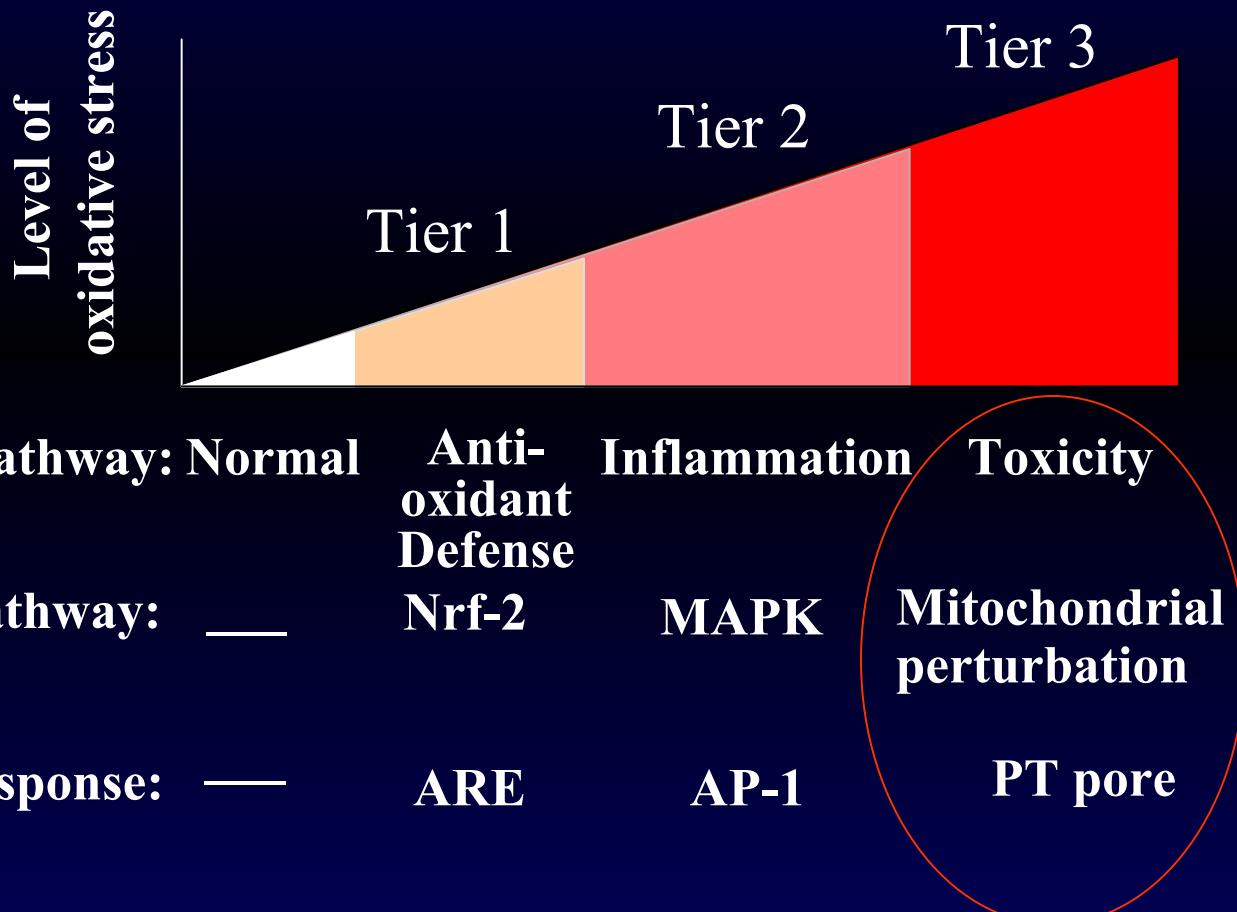
MAPK

AP-1

Antioxidant  
enzymes  
Phase II met  
enzymes

Cytokines  
Chemokines  
Adhesion moles  
Costimulatory receptors

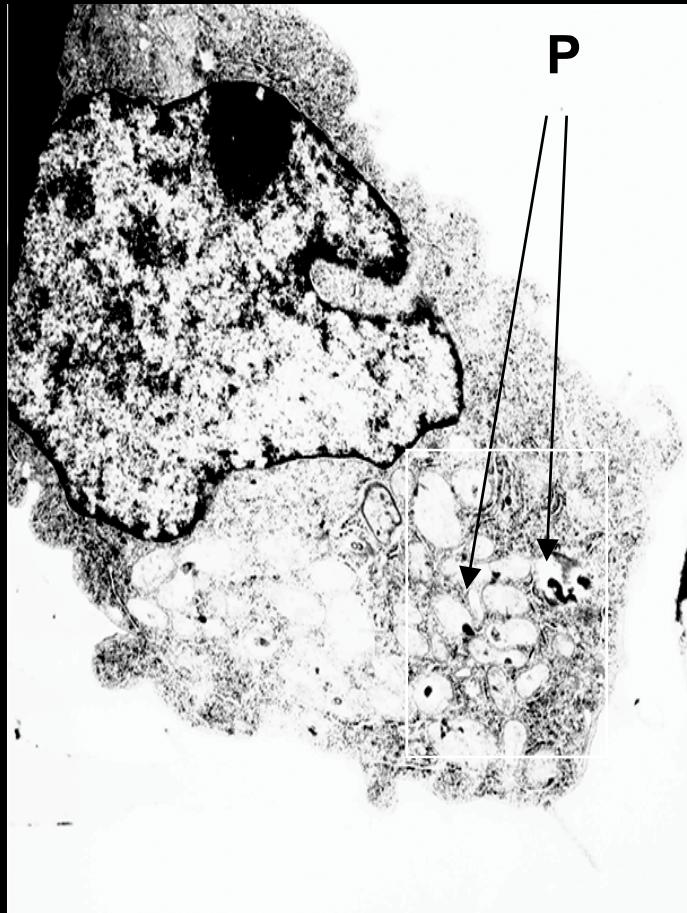
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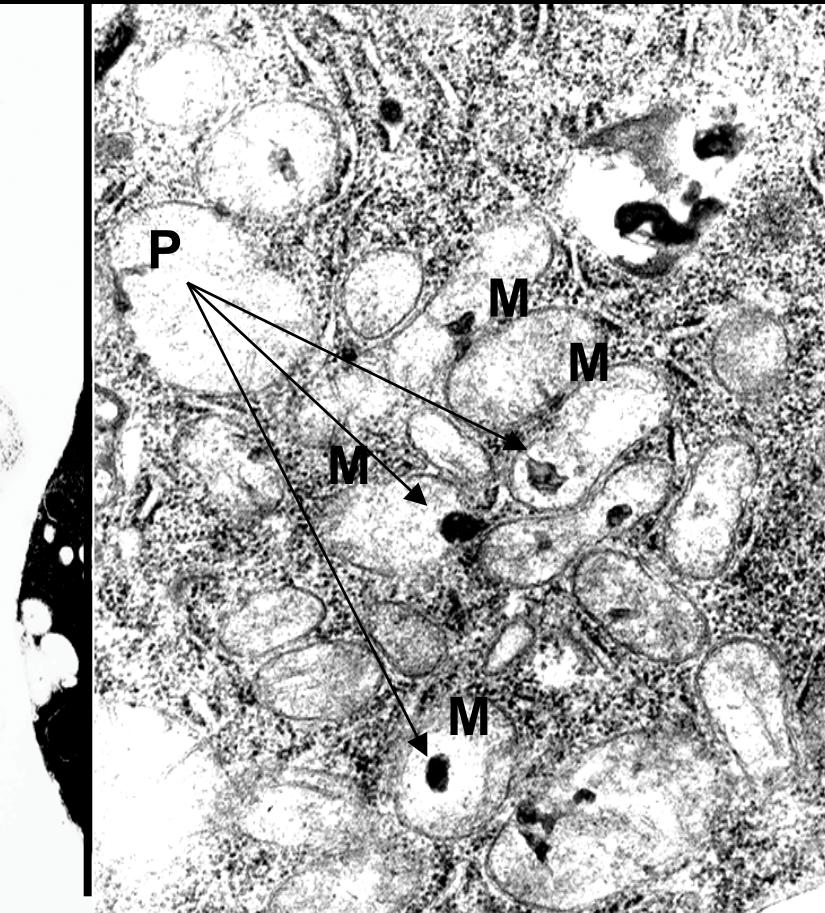
# Ultrafines lodge in and destroy mitochondria

UFP

Mag. x 6000



Mag. x 21000



Li et al