

APOPTOSIS

(Greek Word: Leaves falling from tree)

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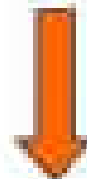
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Cell Death



Apoptosis

Programmed cell death.
Death cycle is **programmed** by the cell itself

Autophagy

'Self-eating'
Catabolic process involving lysosomes.

Necrosis

'Death' caused by external factors like trauma or toxins.
Not programmed.

Therapeutic stress

Metabolic stress

Cell Death

Necrosis

Apoptosis

Autophagy



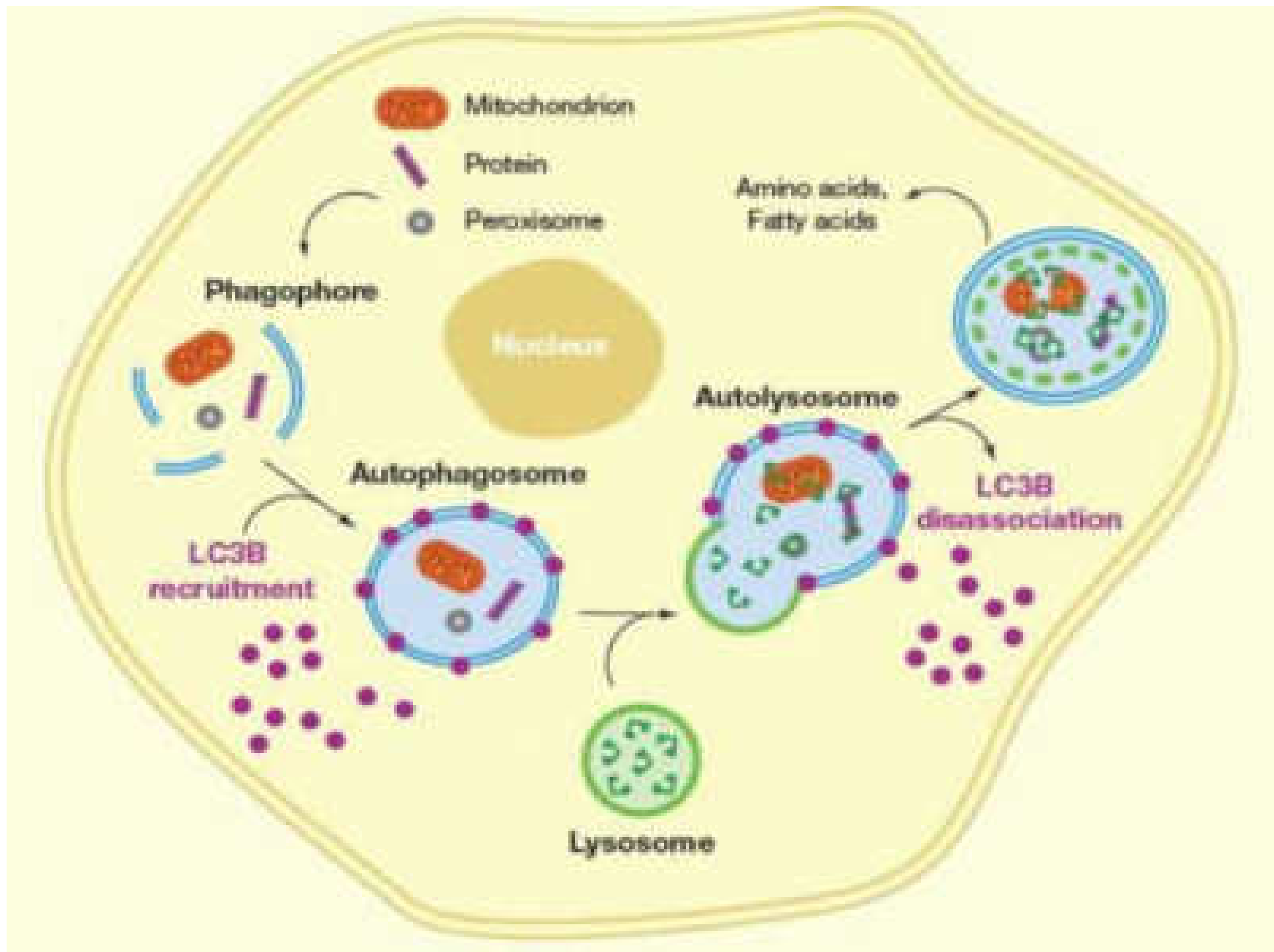
Necrosis vs. Apoptosis

Necrosis

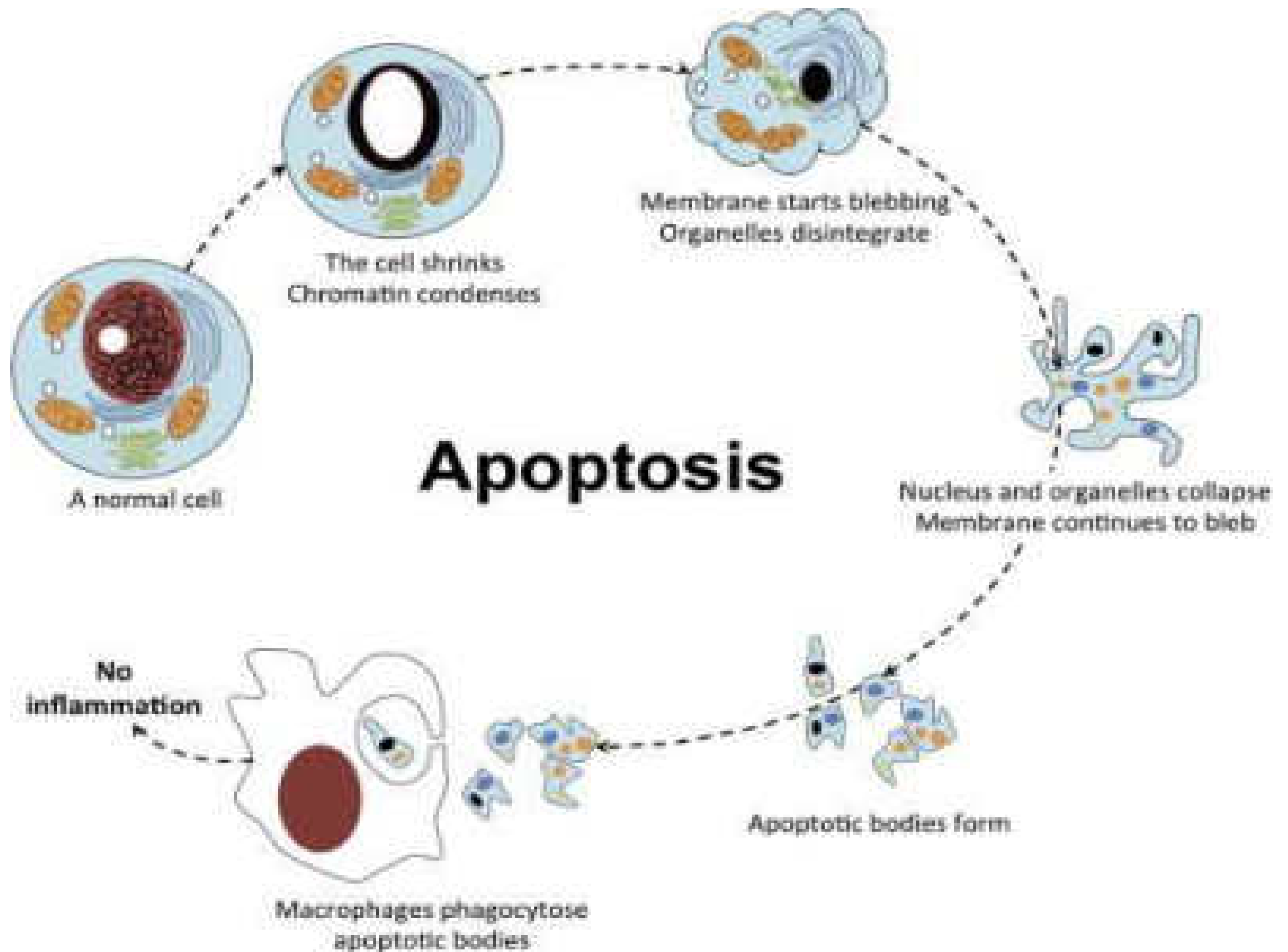
- Cellular swelling
- Membranes are broken
- ATP is depleted
- Cell lyses, eliciting an inflammatory reaction
- DNA fragmentation is random, or smeared
- In vivo, whole areas of the tissue are affected

Apoptosis

- Cellular condensation
- Membranes remain intact
- Requires ATP
- Cell is phagocytosed, no tissue reaction
- Ladder-like DNA fragmentation
- In vivo, individual cells appear affected



- ❖ Apoptosis or programmed cell death, is carefully coordinated collapse of cell, **protein degradation** , DNA fragmentation followed by rapid engulfment of corpses by neighboring cells.
- ❖ Essential part of life for every multicellular organism from worms to humans.
- ❖ Apoptosis plays a major role from embryonic development to **senescence** (loss of a cell's power of division and growth).



✚ Apoptosis is needed for proper development

Examples:

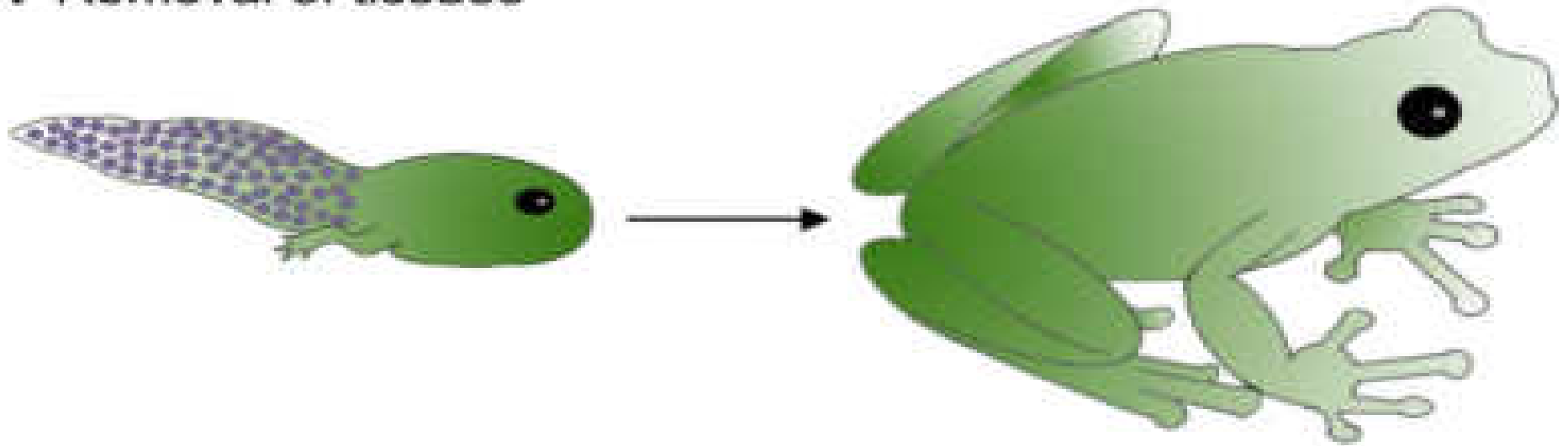
- The resorption of the tadpole tail**
- The formation of the fingers and toes of the fetus**
- The sloughing off of the inner lining of the uterus**
- The formation of the proper connections between neurons in the brain.**

✚ Apoptosis is needed to destroy cells

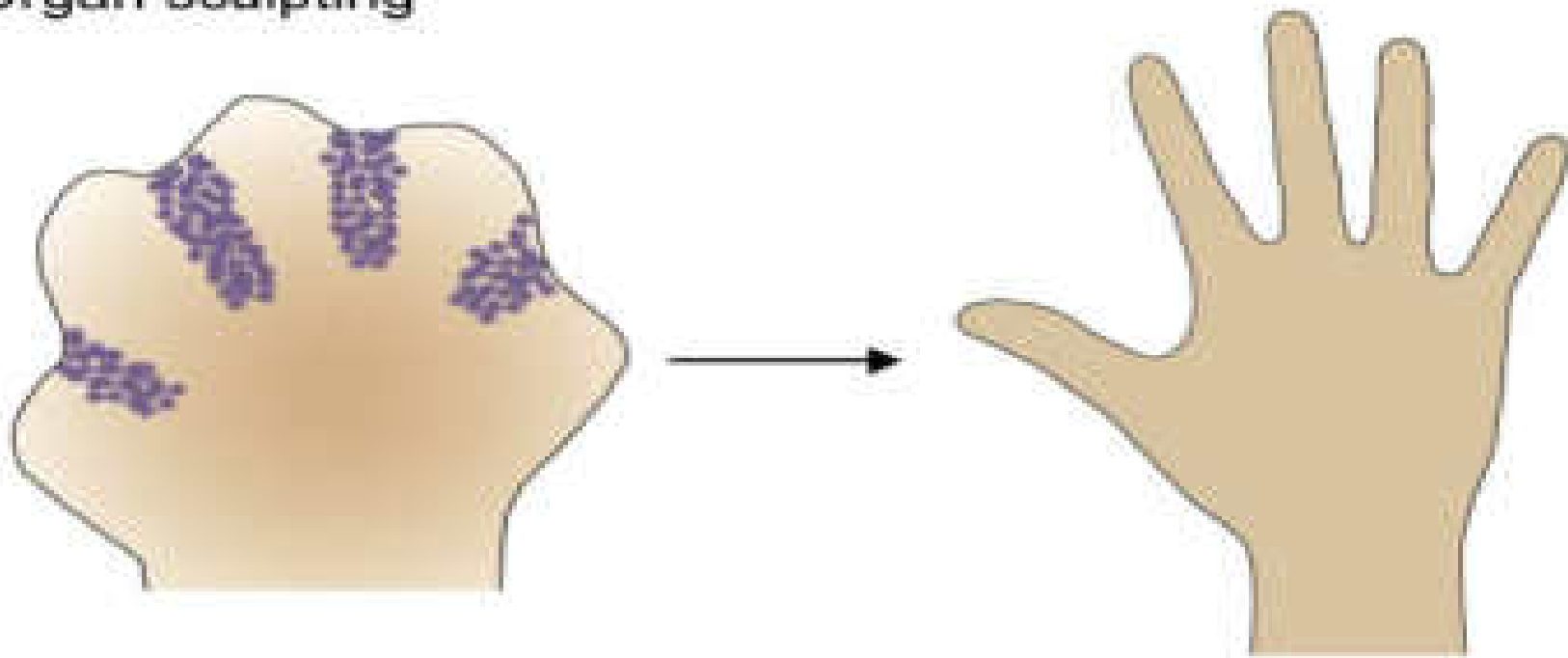
Examples:

- Cells infected with viruses**
- Cells of the immune system**
- Cells with DNA damage**
- Cancer cells**

A Removal of tissues



B Organ sculpting



Key ● Apoptotic cell

What makes a cell decide to commit suicide?

✚ **Withdrawal of positive signals**

examples :

- growth factors for neurons
- Interleukin-2 (IL-2)

✚ **Receipt of negative signals**

examples :

- Increased levels of oxidants within the cell
- Damage to DNA by oxidants
- **Death activators :**
 - Tumor necrosis factor alpha (TNF- α)
 - Lymphotoxin (TNF- β)
 - Fas ligand (FasL)

Apoptosis extends of three steps

- ❖ **Initiation**
- ❖ **Execution**
- ❖ **Phagocytosis**

Initiation by two different mechanisms-

1. Intrinsic Pathway of Initiation

2. Extrinsic Pathway of Initiation

Apoptosis: Pathways

“Extrinsic Pathway”

Death
Ligands

Death
Receptors

Initiator
Caspase 8

Effector
Caspase 3

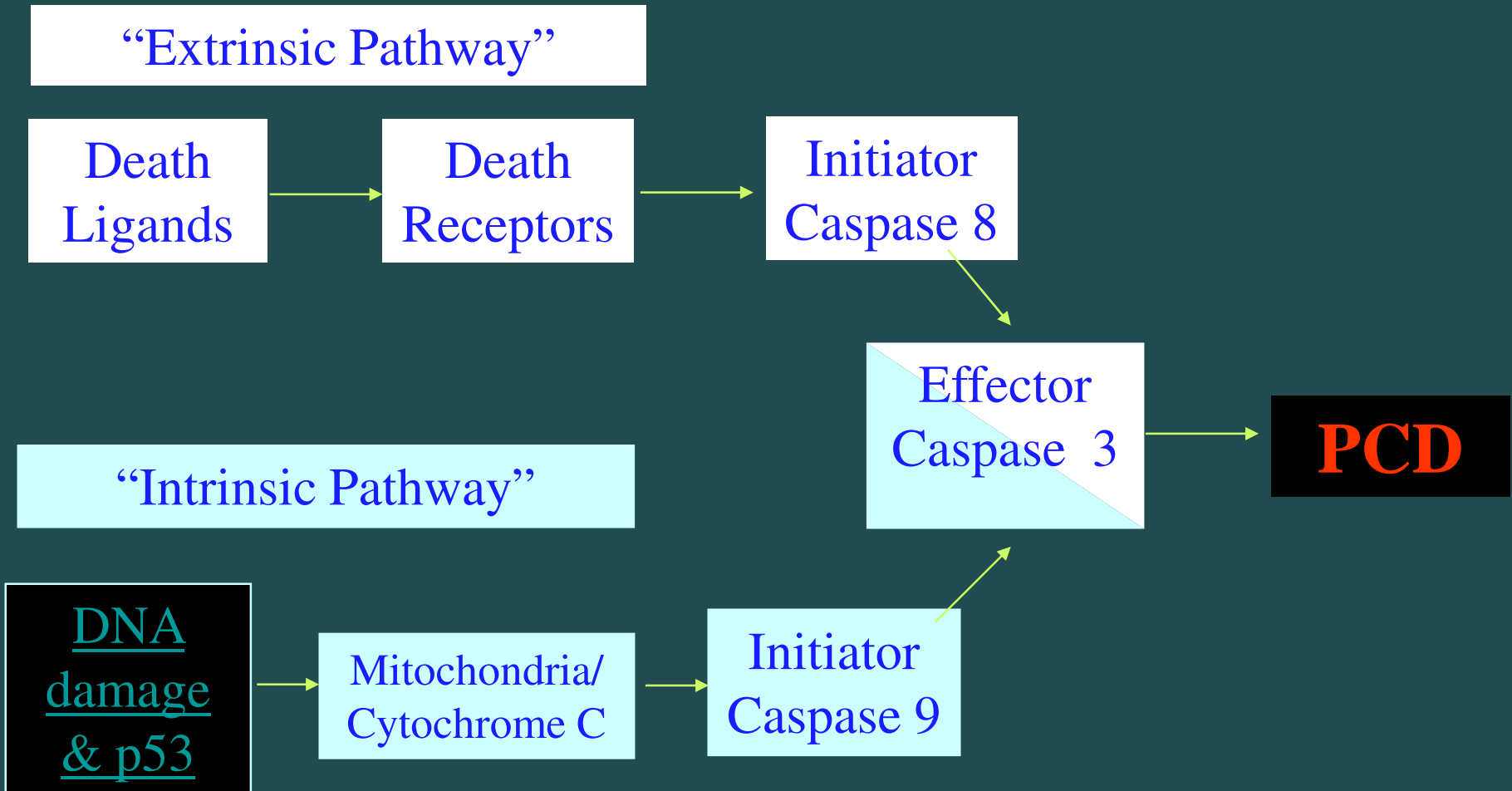
PCD

“Intrinsic Pathway”

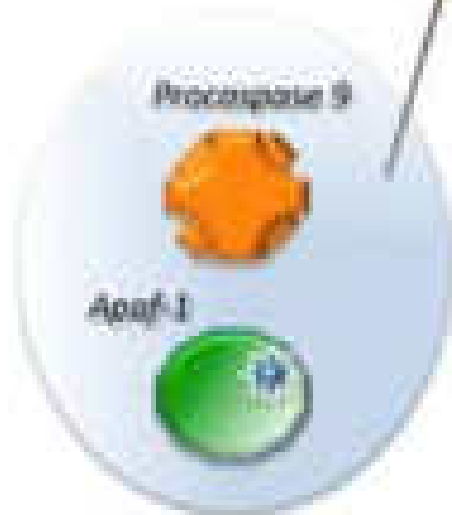
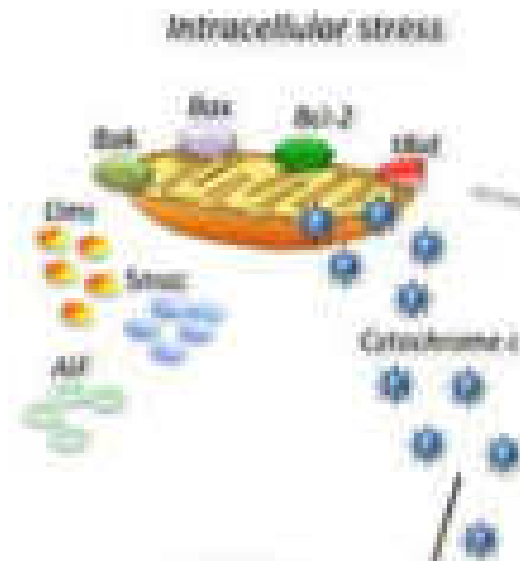
DNA
damage
& p53

Mitochondria/
Cytochrome C

Initiator
Caspase 9

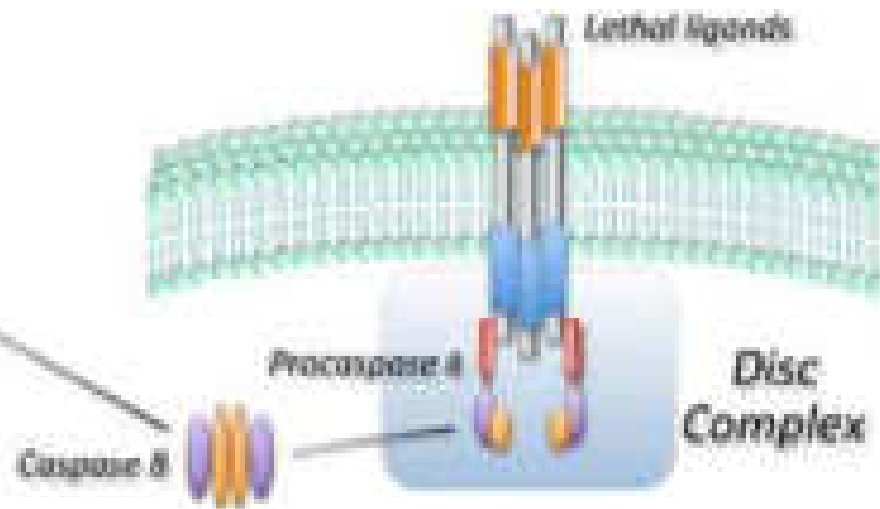


Intrinsic pathway



Apoptosome

Extrinsic pathway



Procaspase-3

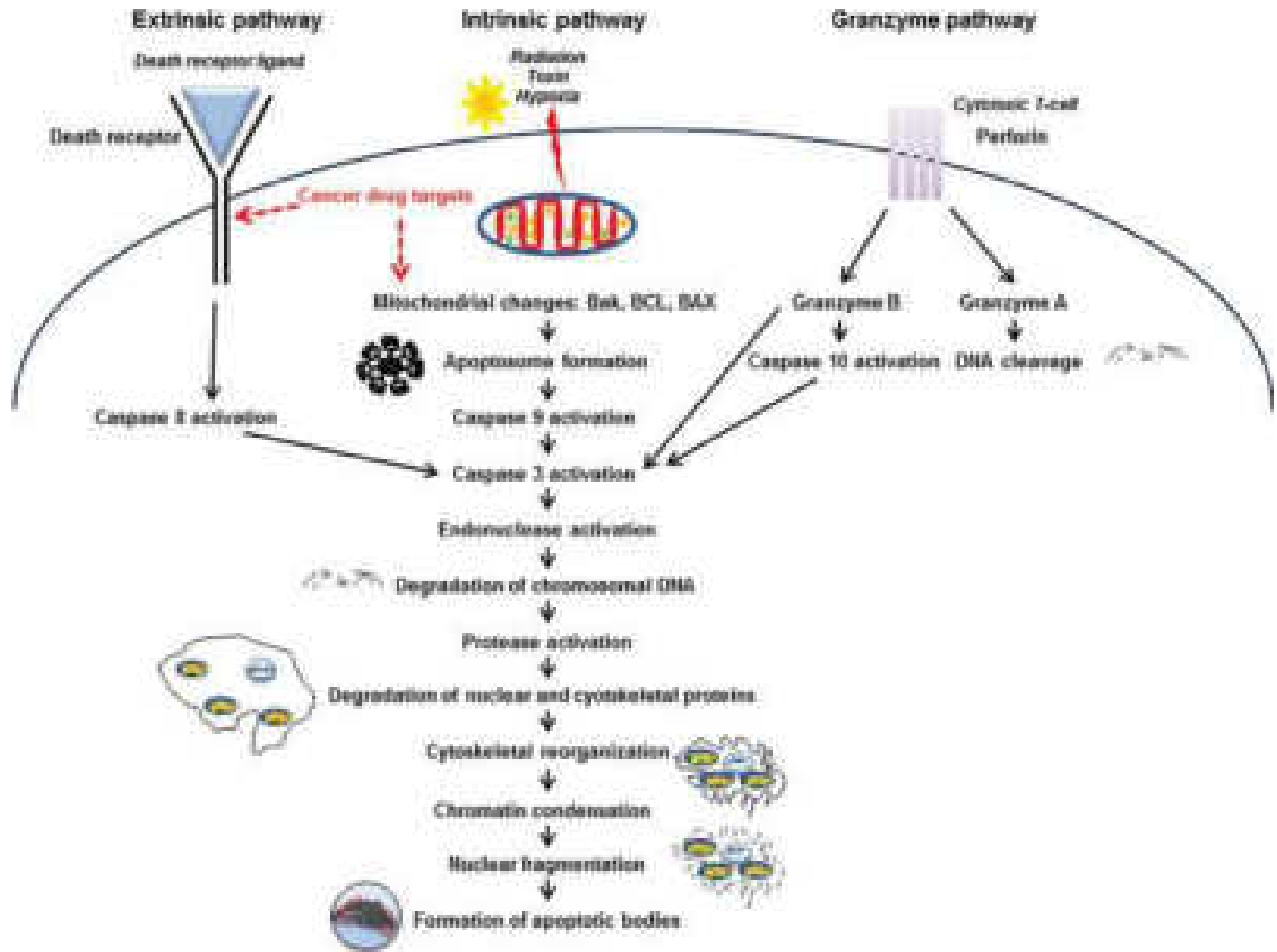
Caspase cascade

Apoptosis

Caspase-9

Caspase-3



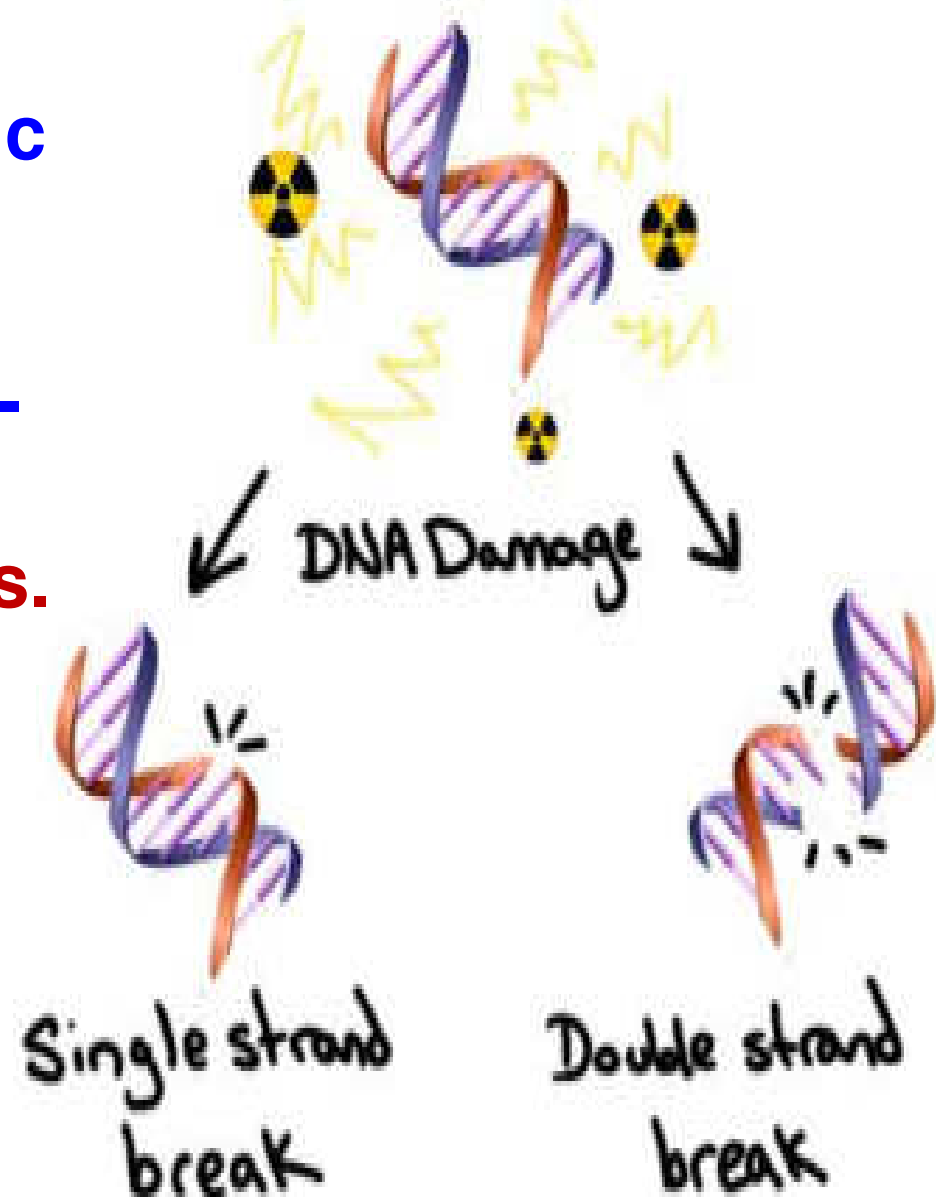


Intrinsic Pathway of Initiation

The most frequent intrinsic pathway is initiated by unreparable and irreversible lesion of DNA-

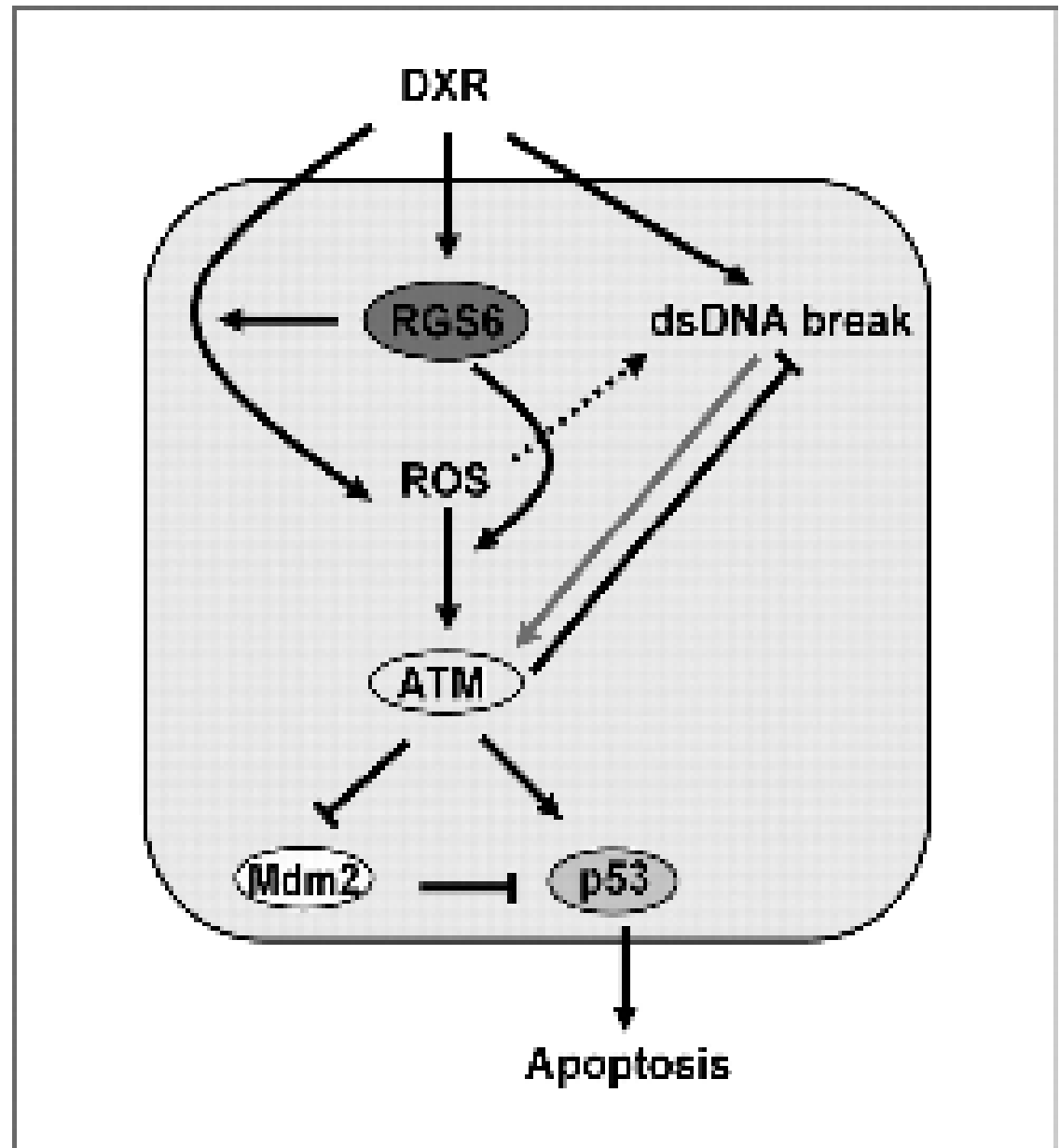
- ✚ Oxidative Stress.

- ✚ Radiation.



Intrinsic Pathway of Initiation

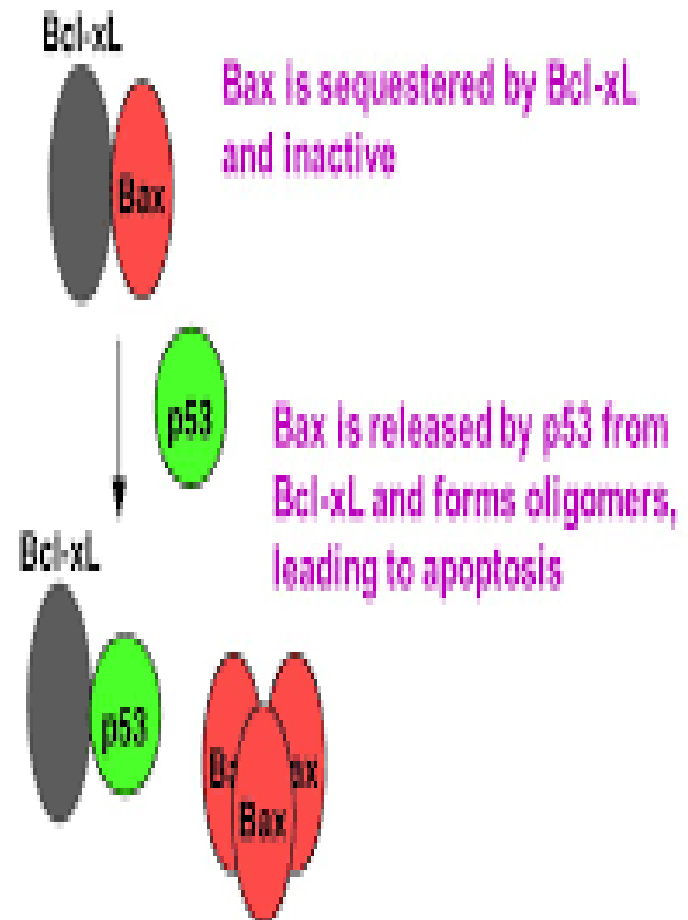
Lesion of DNA
activates the protein
ATM – which in turn
activates tumor
suppressor protein
p53.



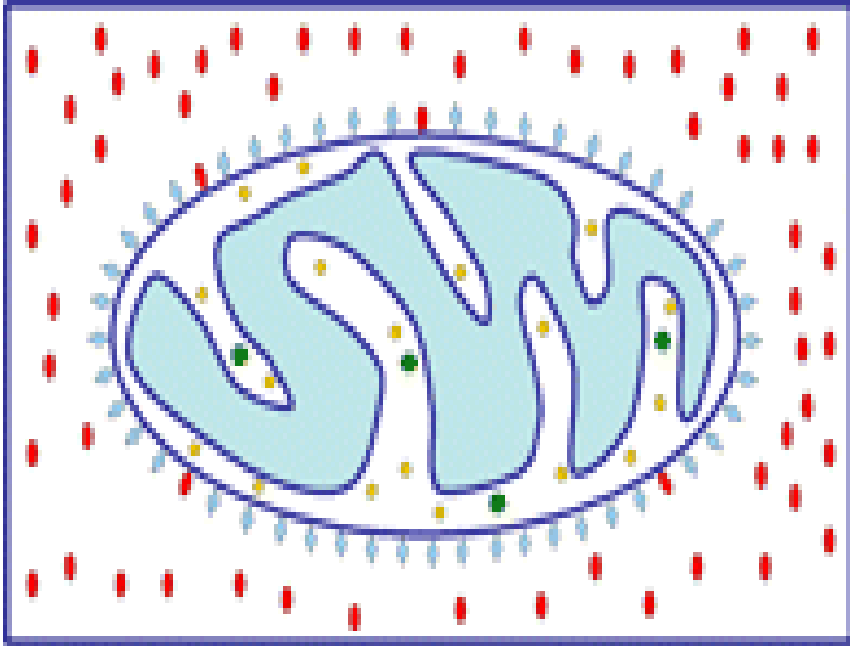
Intrinsic Pathway of Initiation

p53 activates the **BAX** protein – which in turn binds to mitochondria and makes pores in a outer membrane of mitochondria, release of calcium, H^+ , cytochrome-C and other substances into the cytoplasm.

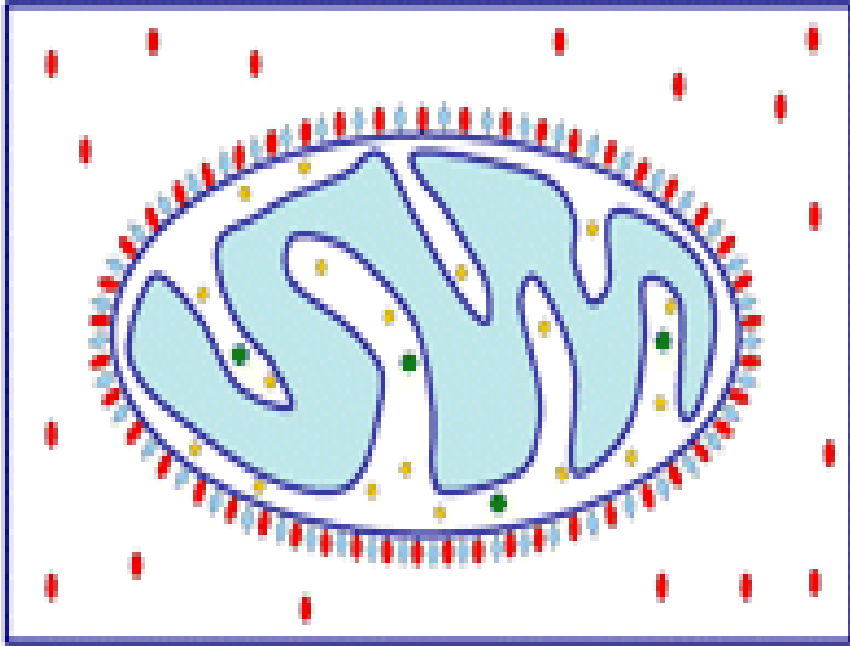
p53 binds to Bcl-xL and releases Bax



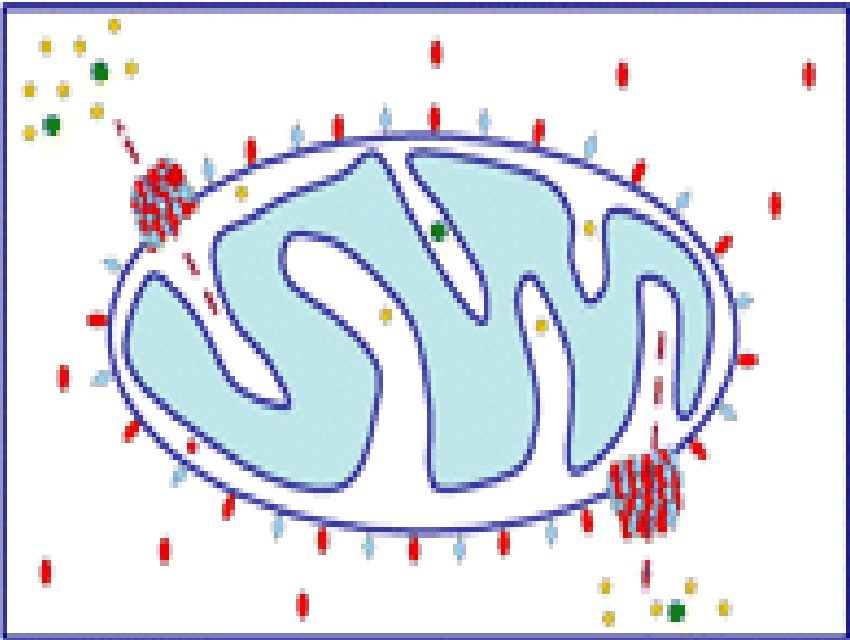
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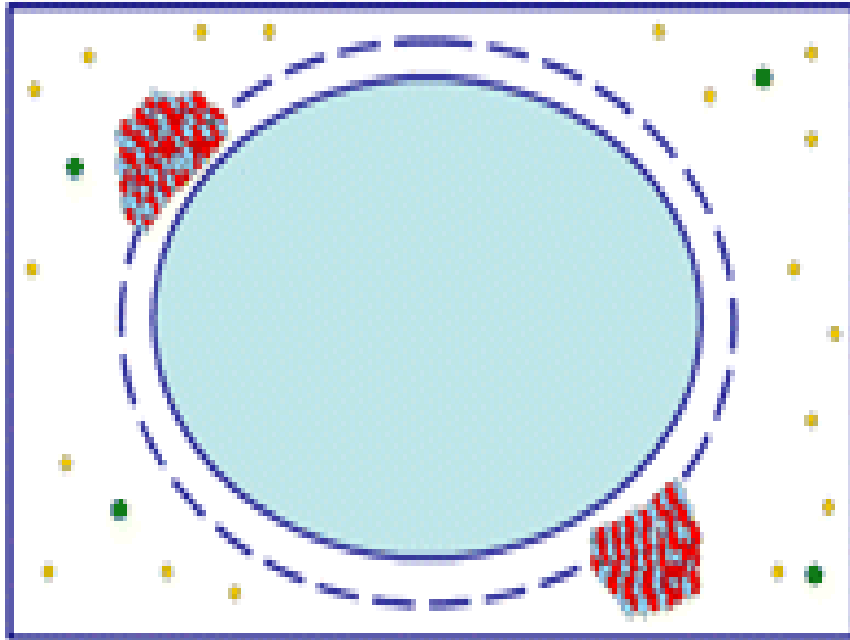
Stage II



Stage III



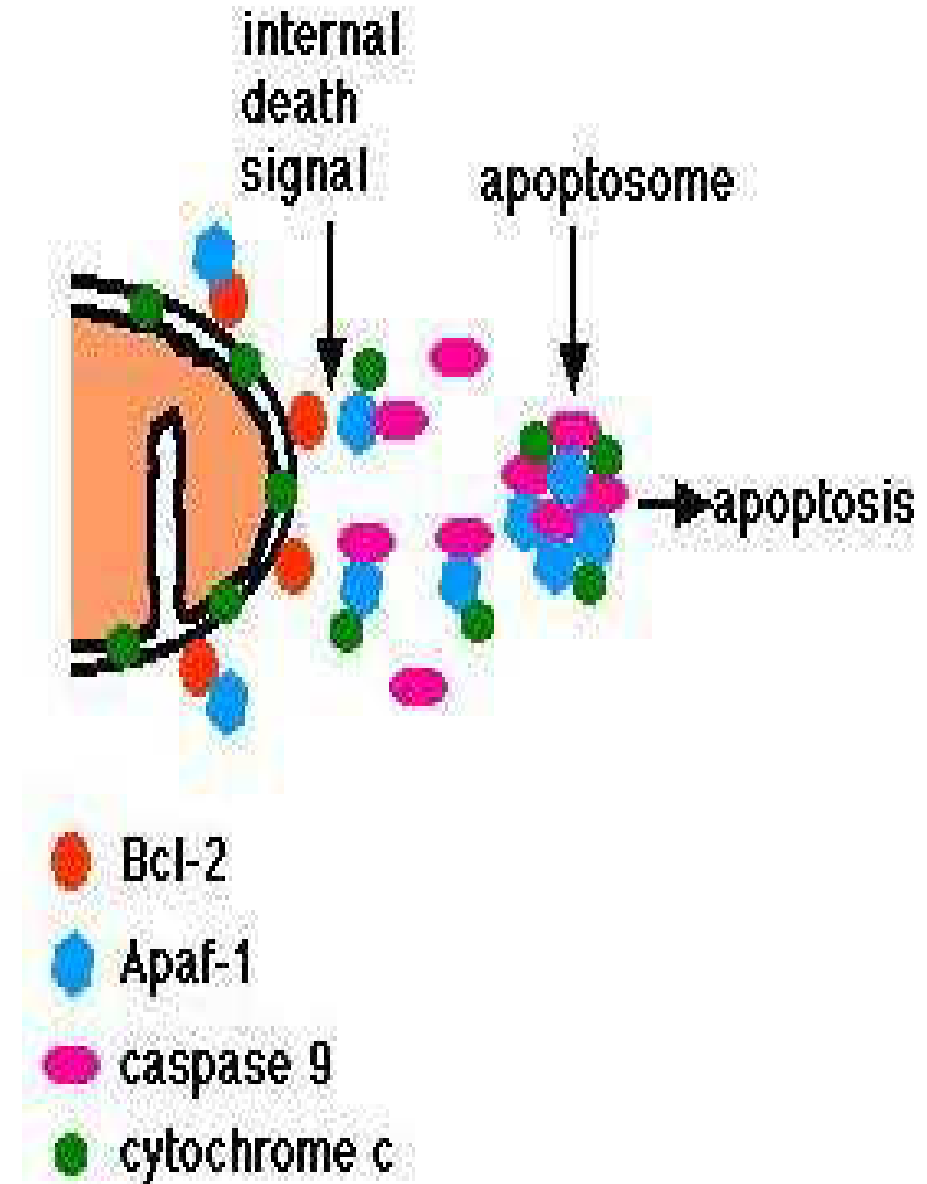
Stage IV



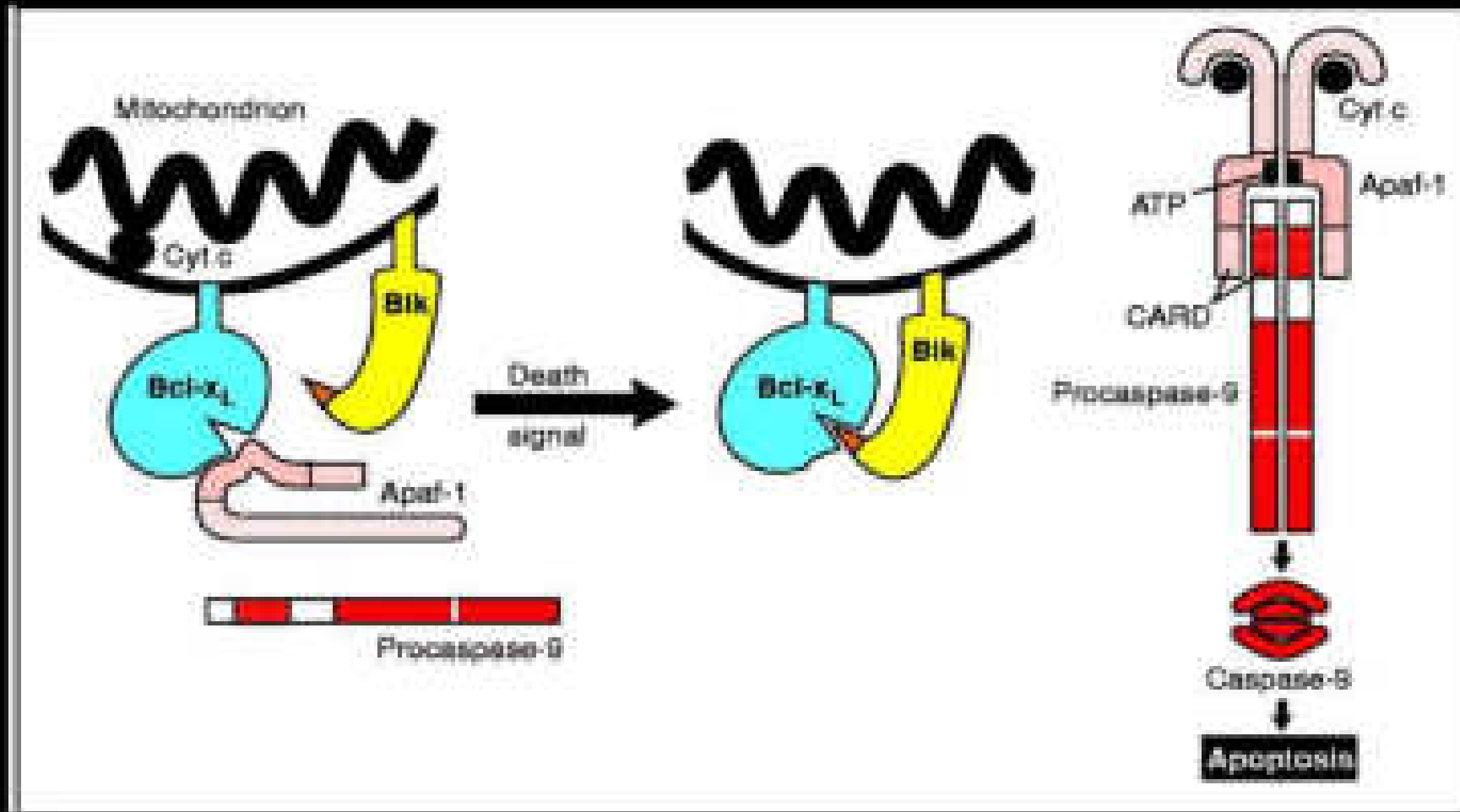
● Bax ● Bak ● Cyt c ● Smac

Intrinsic Pathway of Initiation

Cytochrome-C binds to APAF and this Complex binds to Procaspase-9, Inhibiting domain of Procaspase-9 is Hydrolysed.

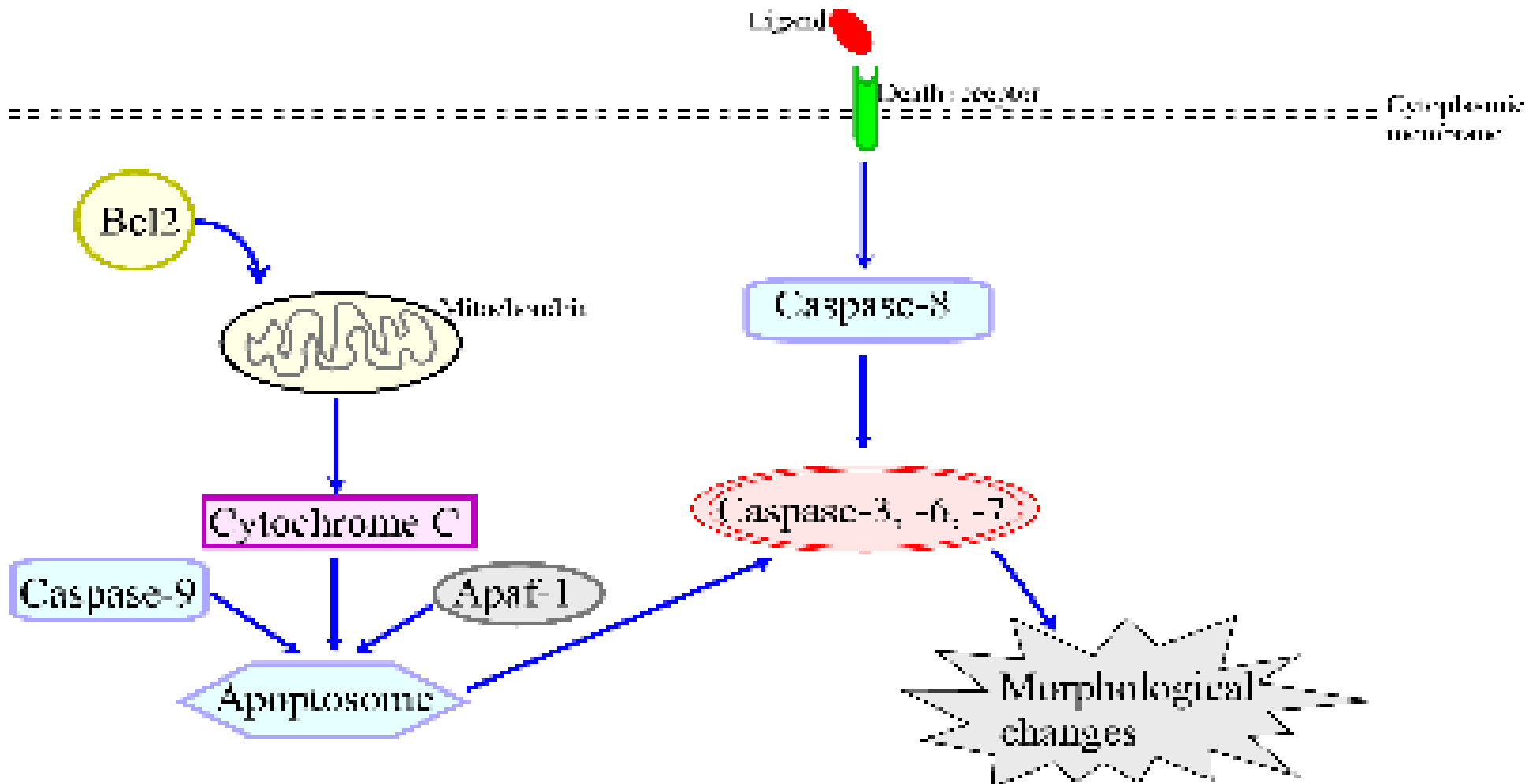


Internal signals



Intrinsic Pathway of Initiation

Caspase-9 activates additional caspases (**caspase pathway**) and destroy proteins.

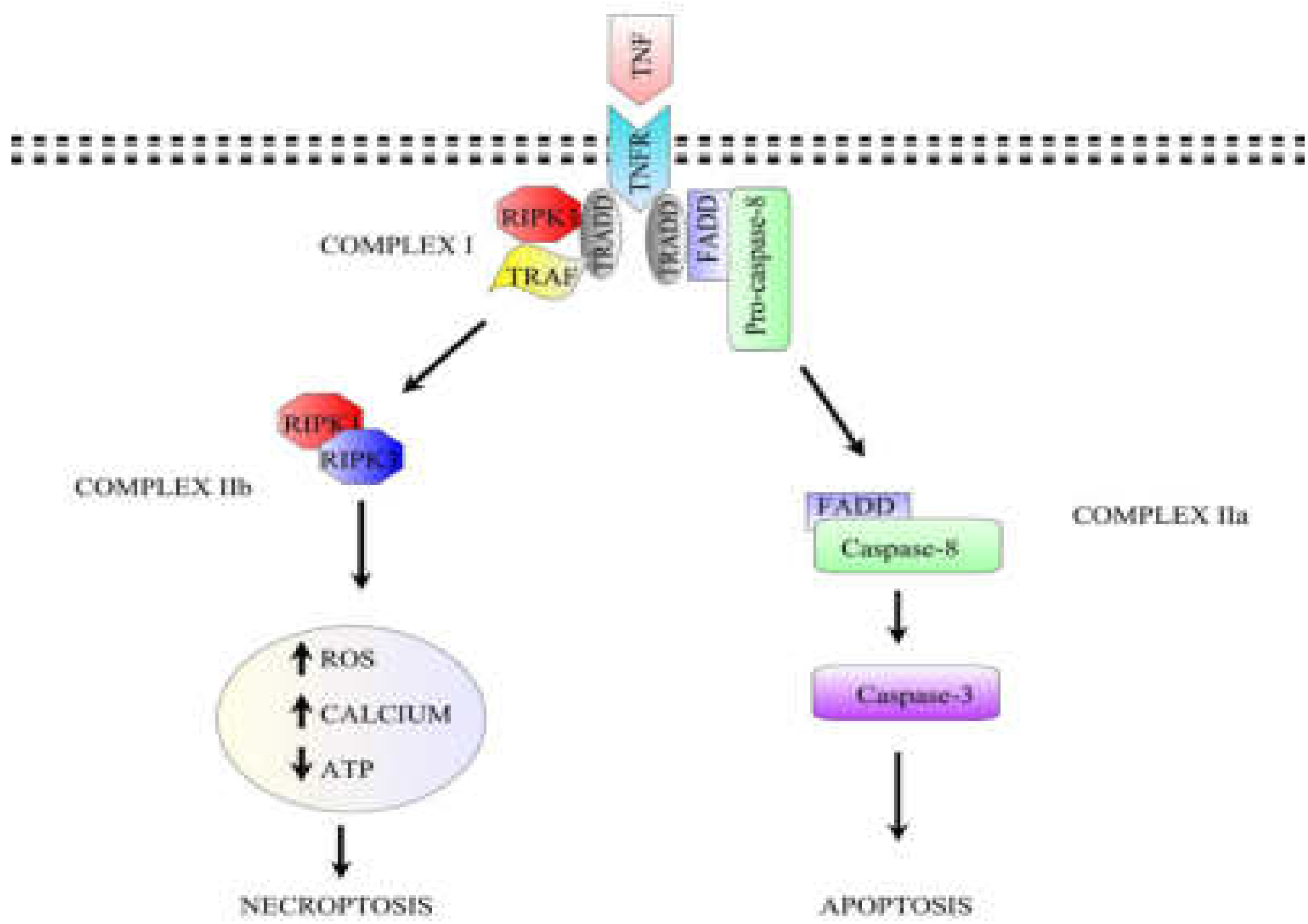


Extrinsic Pathway of Initiation

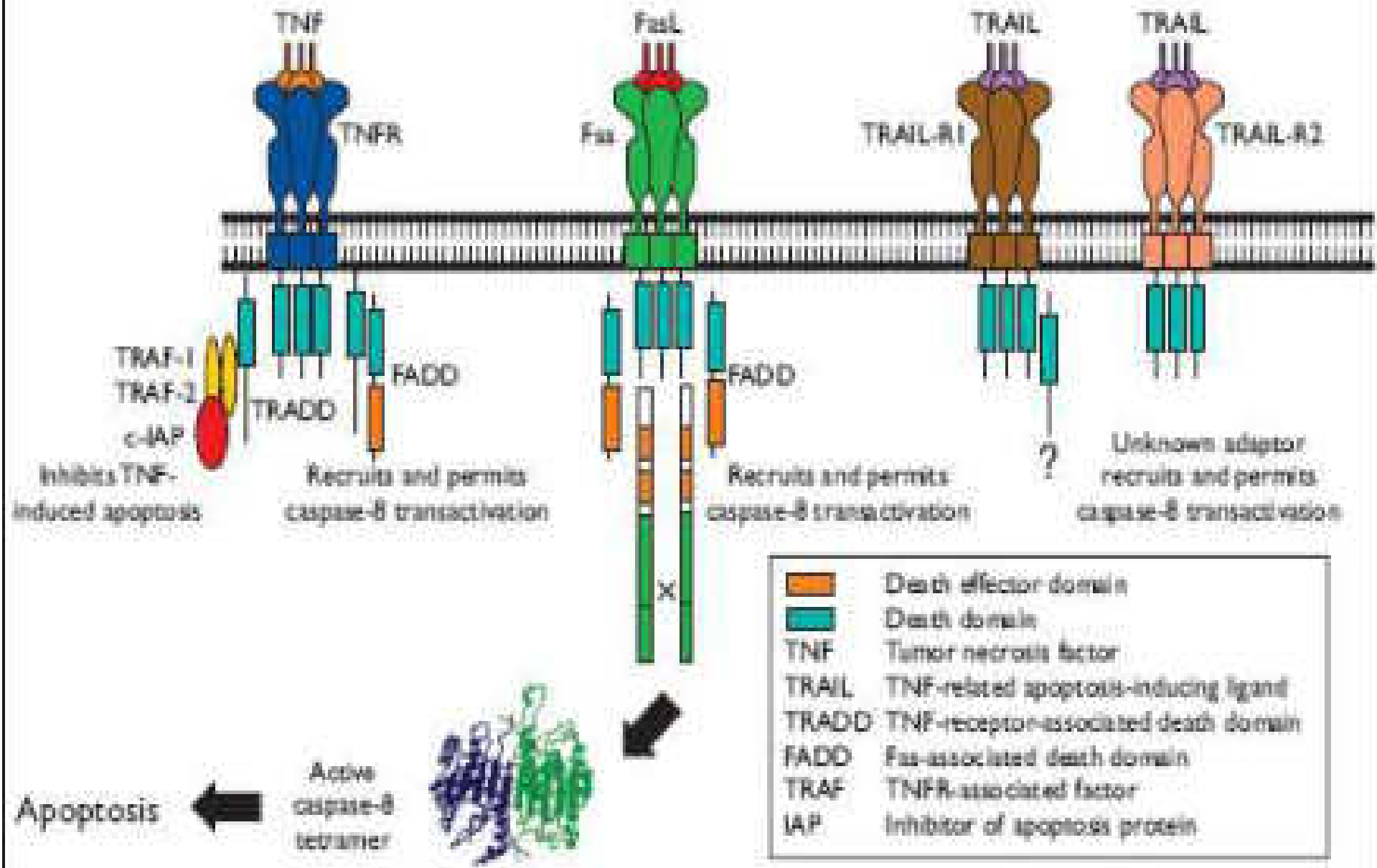
- Cause by **extracellular signal**.
- Tumor necrosis factor(TNF)- α is the common factor to initiate apoptosis.
- Tumor necrosis factor(TNF)- α is **secreted** by many cells, like **T- Killer cells**.
- Tumor necrosis factor(TNF)- α activates **death receptors**.

Extrinsic Pathway of Initiation

- **Death domain activates TRADD** (TNF receptor associated protein with death domain).
- **TRADD protein complex with the FADD and converts procaspase-8(inactive) to caspase-8 (active).**
- **Caspase-8 activates caspase cascade pathway, in turn destruction of many proteins.**

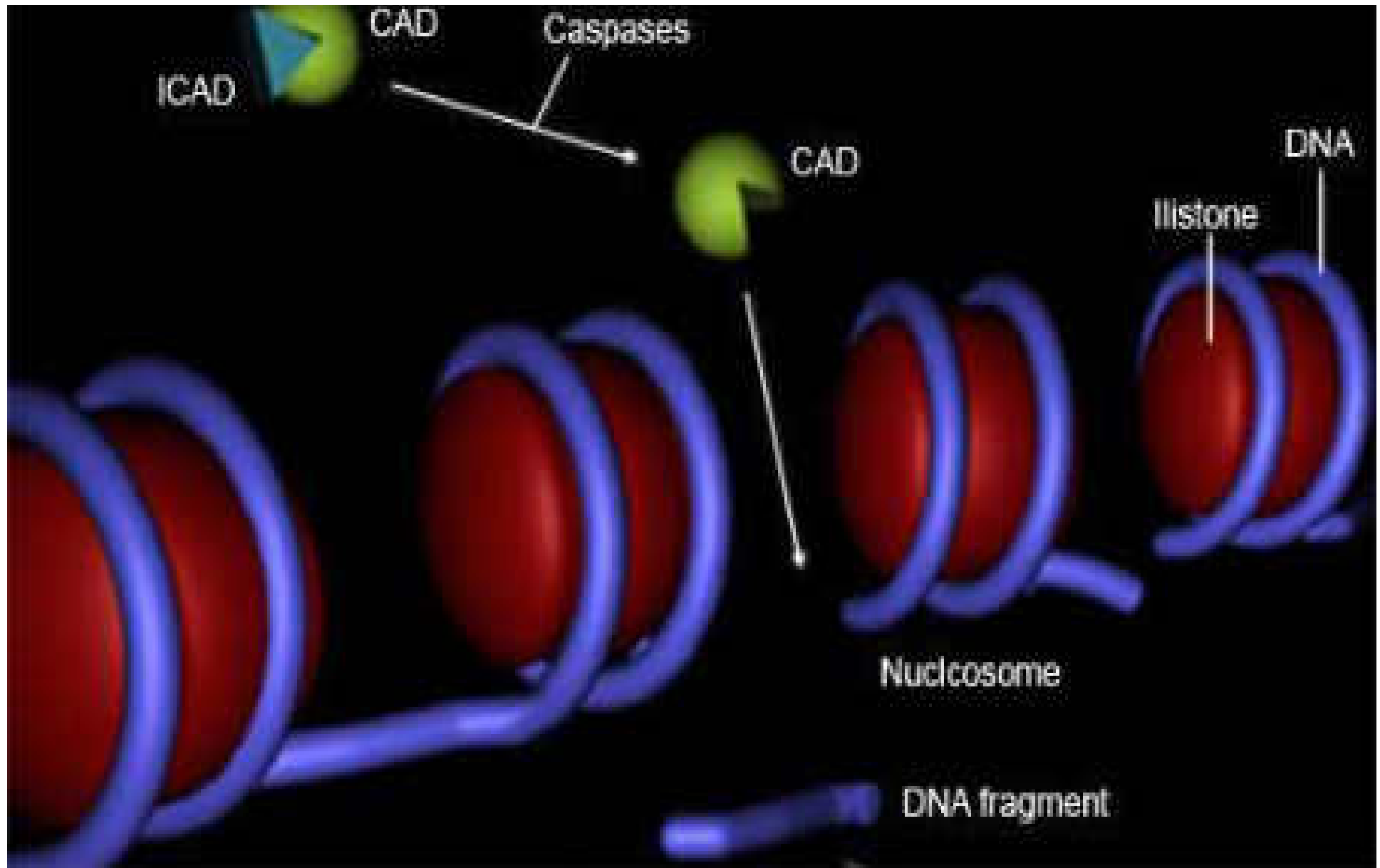


TNF-family death receptors



Execution- Cleavage of DNA

- **The important step of cleavage of DNA is the cleavage of cytoskeleton.**
- **In a normal cell DNase is complex with inhibitor and inactive.**
- **Active caspase-3 able to cleave the -**
 - **Inhibitor of DNase**
 - **cleavage cytoskeleton.**
- **Active DNase cleave the DNA, cleavage site located at an regular interval of 200 base pairs.**
- **Other proteins makes the cell into apoptotic vesicle (contains mainly mitochondria and nuclear material).**

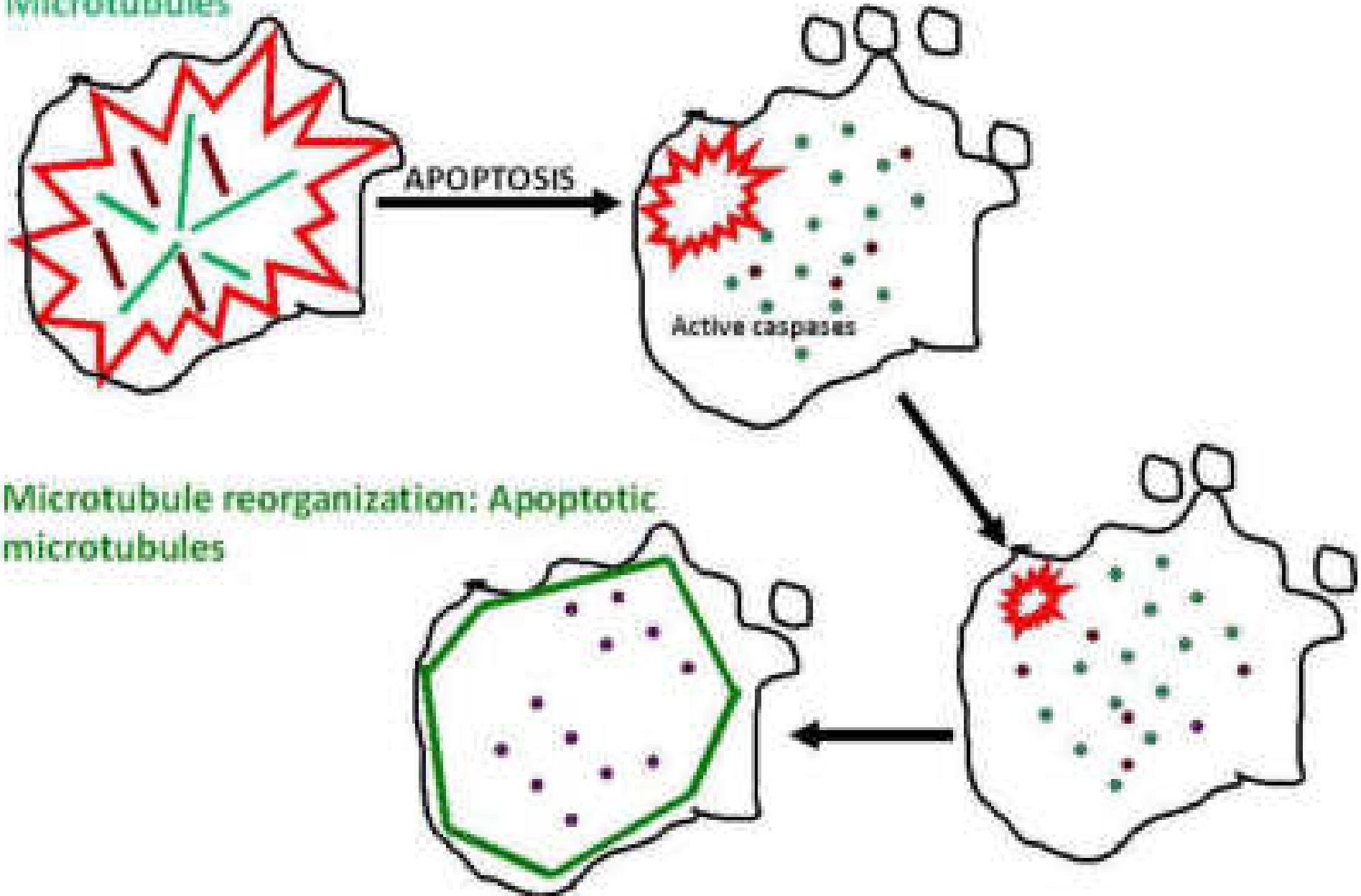


DNA winds around histone to form nucleosome. Apoptosis induces cleavage of naked DNA between nucleosomes with caspase-activated DNase (CAD)

Actin filaments

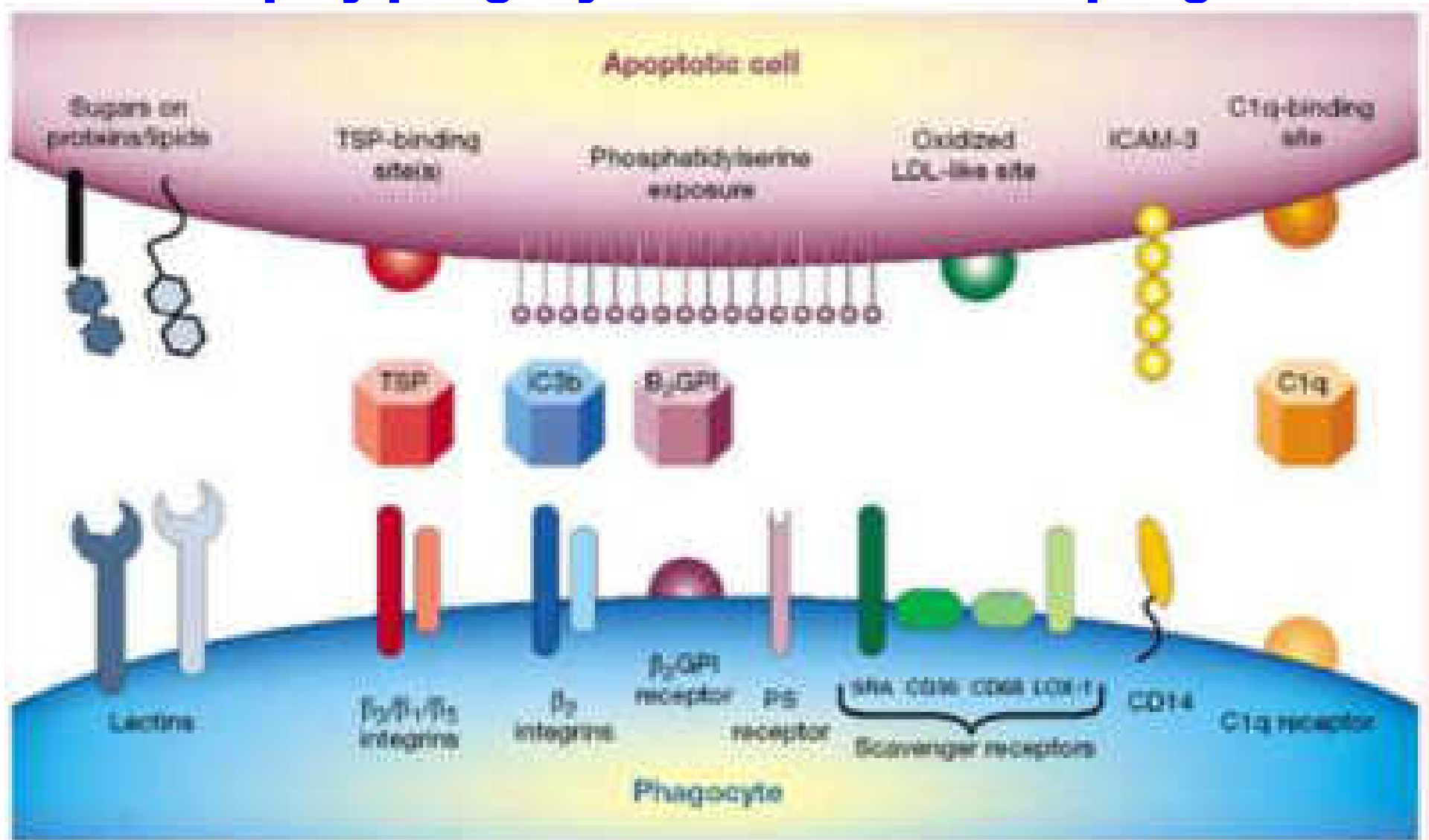
Intermediate filaments

Microtubules



PHAGOCYTOSIS

Apoptotic cells are discriminated from live cells and cleared up by phagocytes such as macrophages.



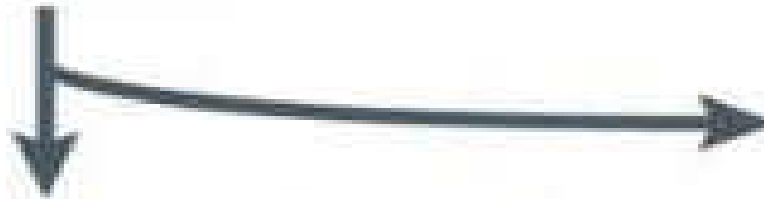
Physiological Role Apoptosis

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Pathophysiological Role Apoptosis

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DNA damage

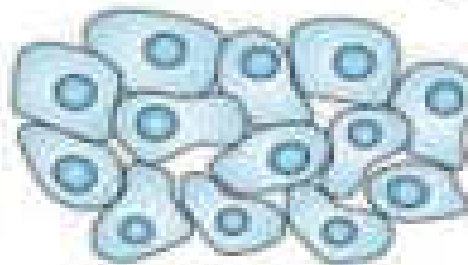


DNA repair

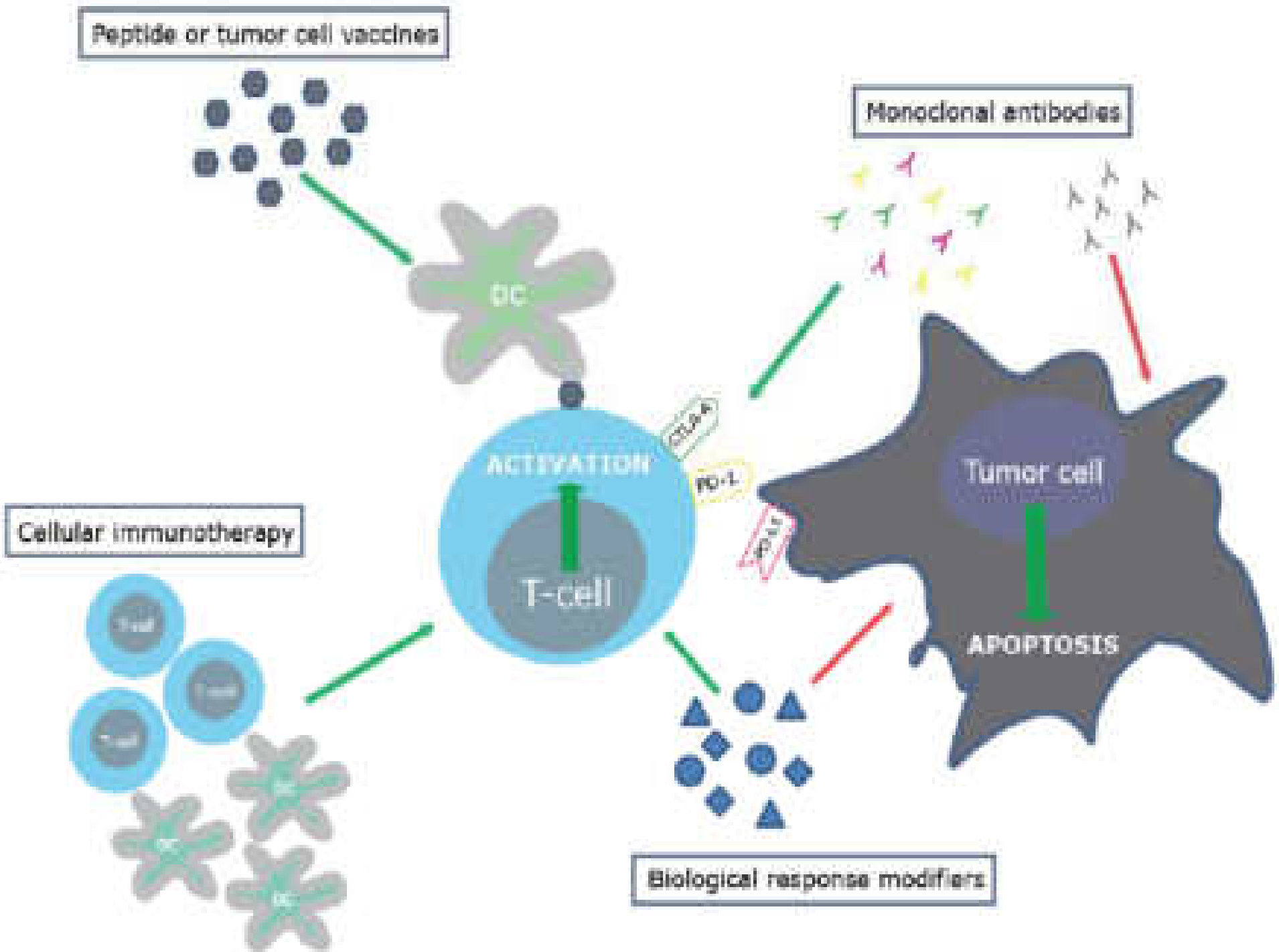
Genome instability
e.g. oncogene activation,
mutations in p53 and
disruption of apoptosis
signalling

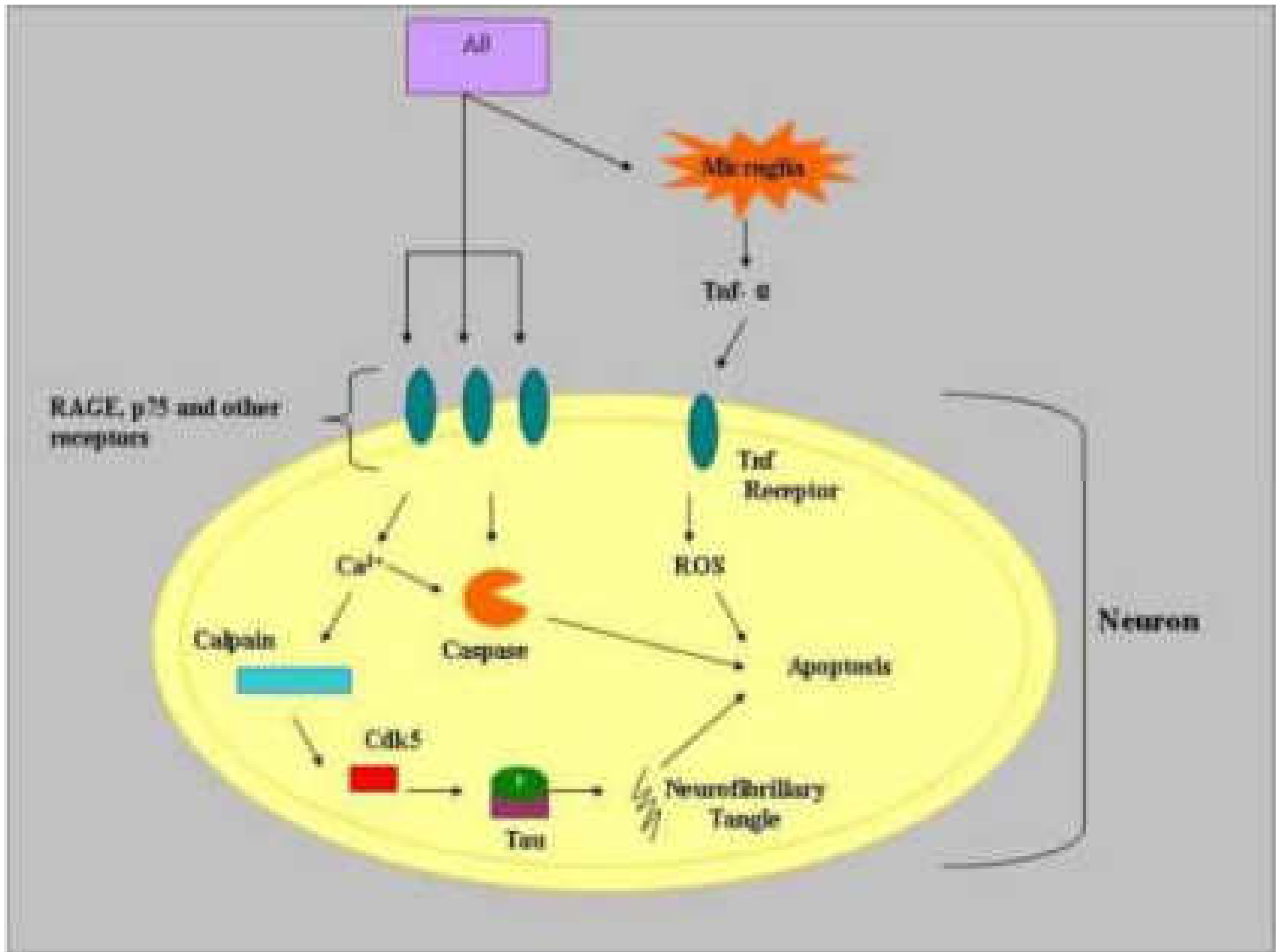


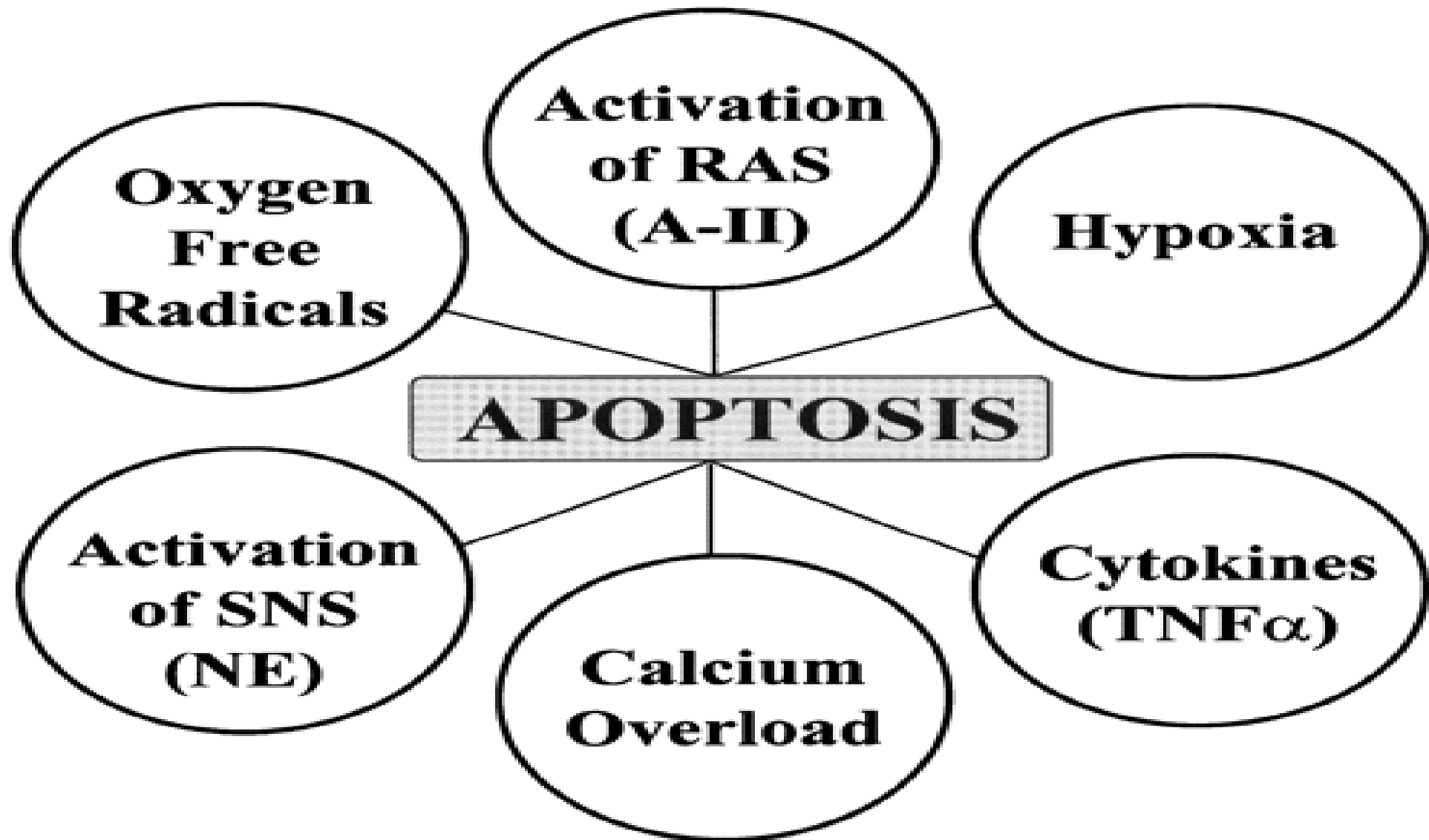
Cancer



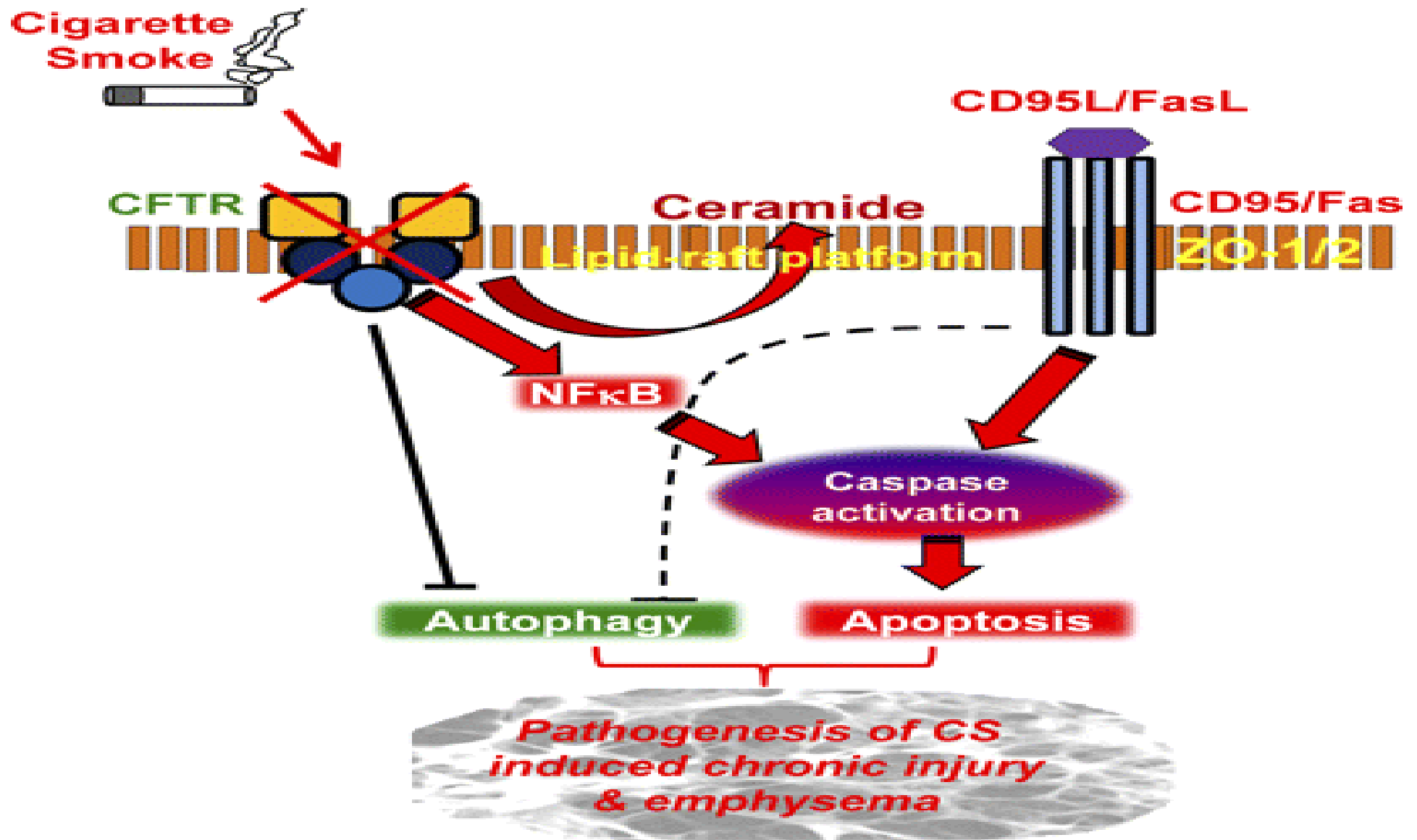
Apoptosis



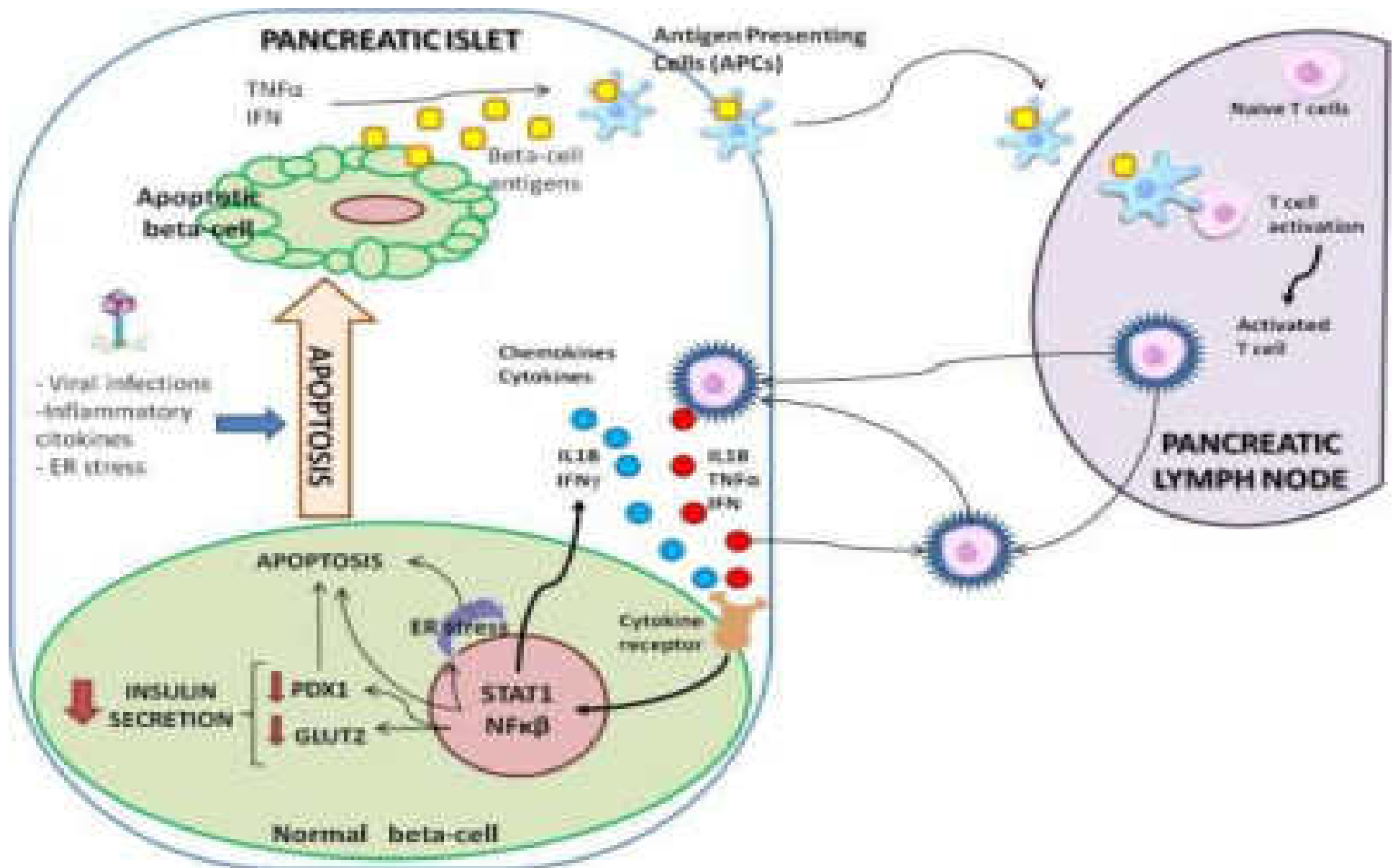




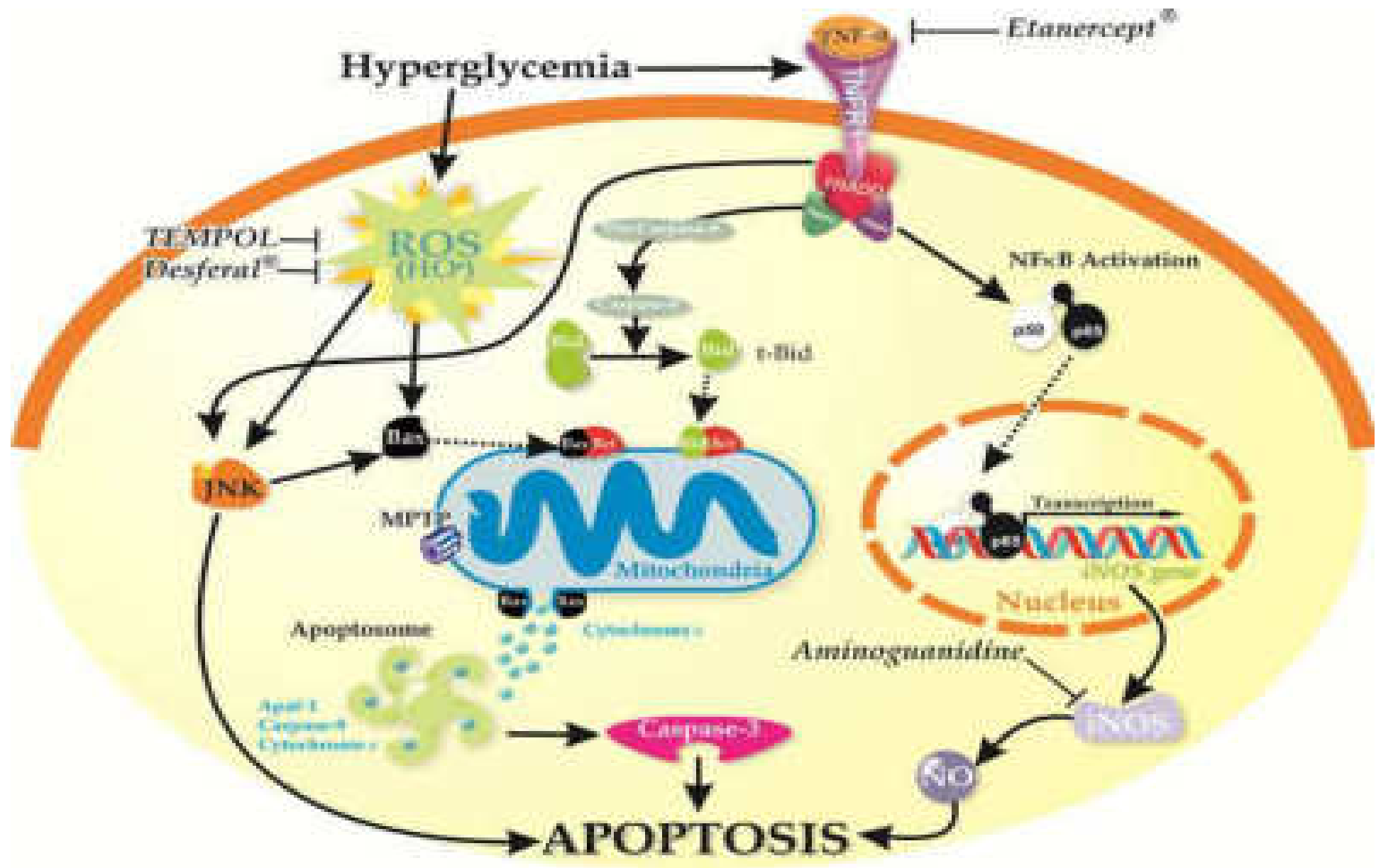
Pathophysiologic factors implicated in cardiomyocyte apoptosis of the failing heart.



Cystic Fibrosis Transmembrane conductance Regulator (CFTR) is a membrane protein, mutations of the CFTR gene affecting chloride ion channel function lead to dysregulation of epithelial fluid transport in the lung, pancreas and other organs, resulting in cystic fibrosis



Induction and progression of insulinitis. Viral infections or inflammatory processes may lead to beta-cell apoptosis.



Proposed scheme for the mechanism involved in the hyperglycemia-induced apoptosis that occurs in type 1 diabetes-induced liver disease.

Thank you