



Biology of Bone

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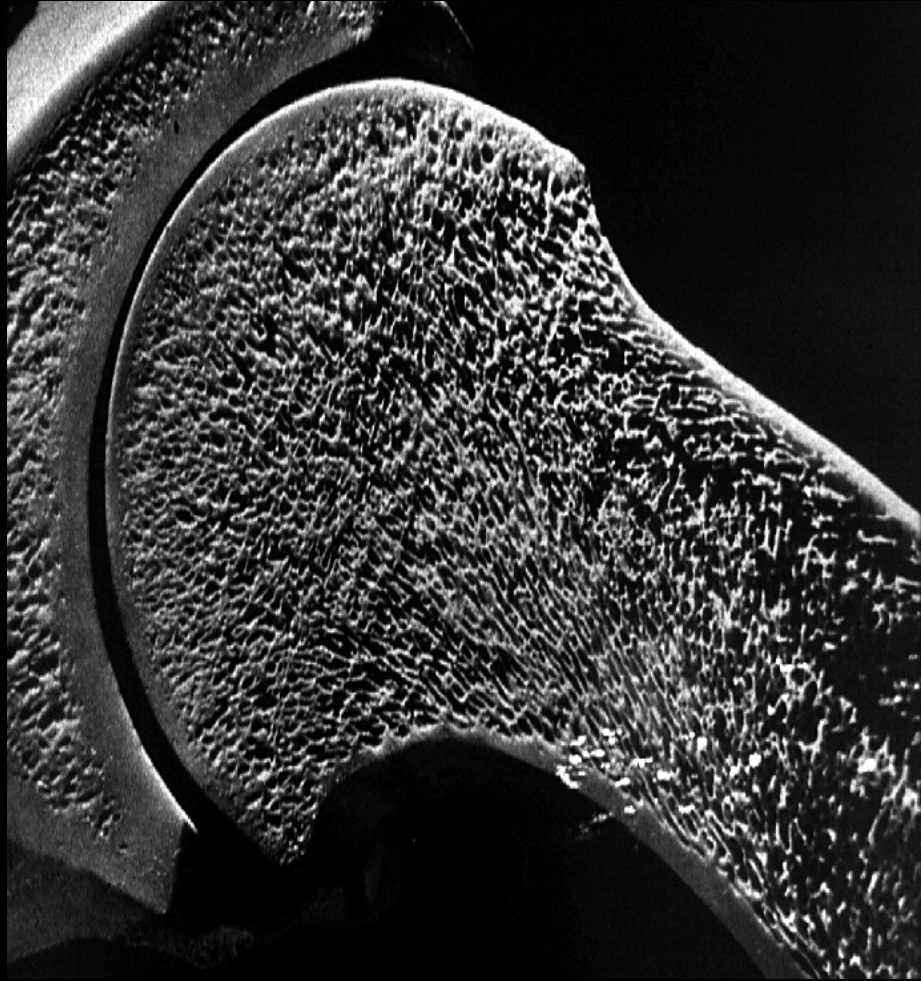
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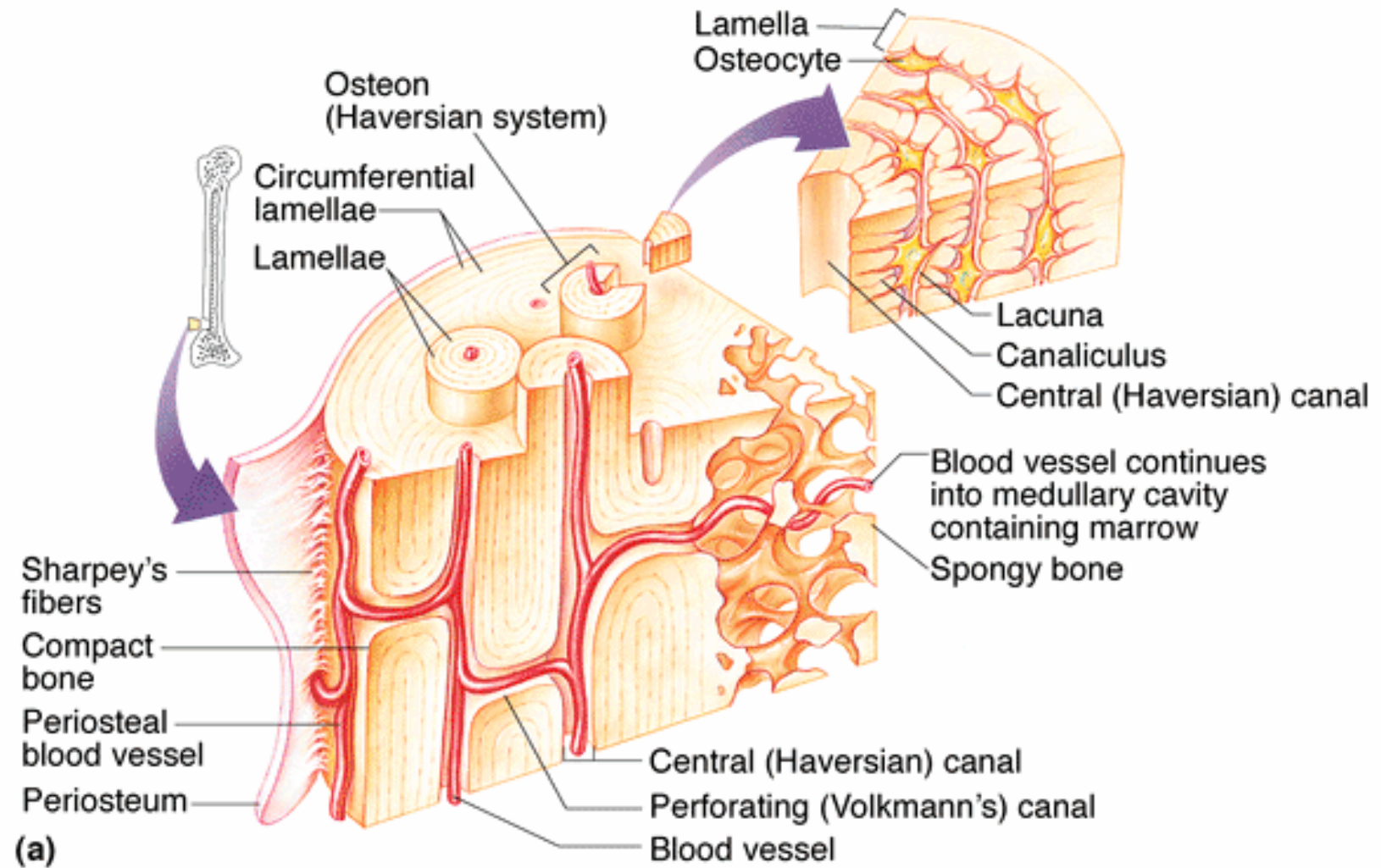
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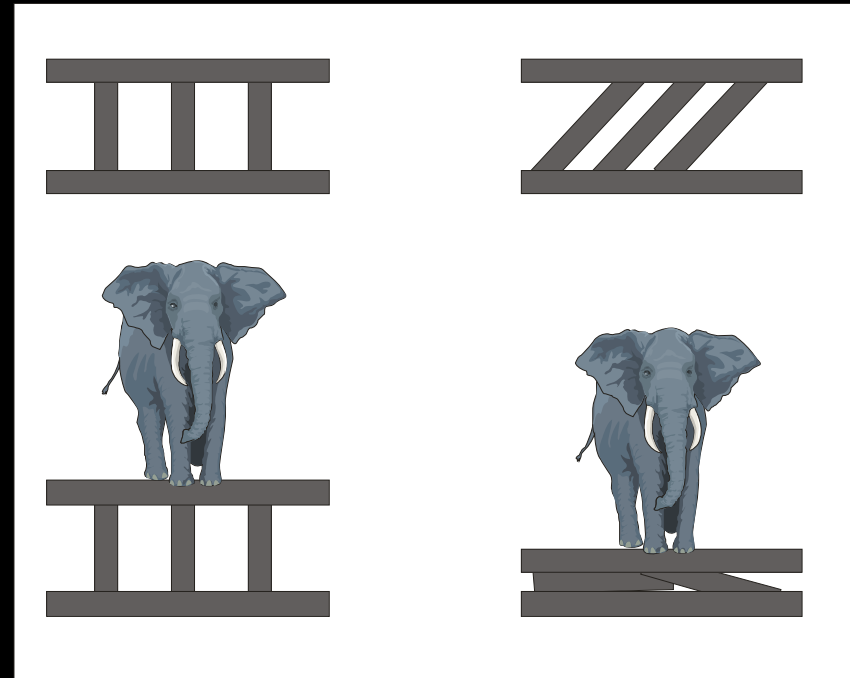
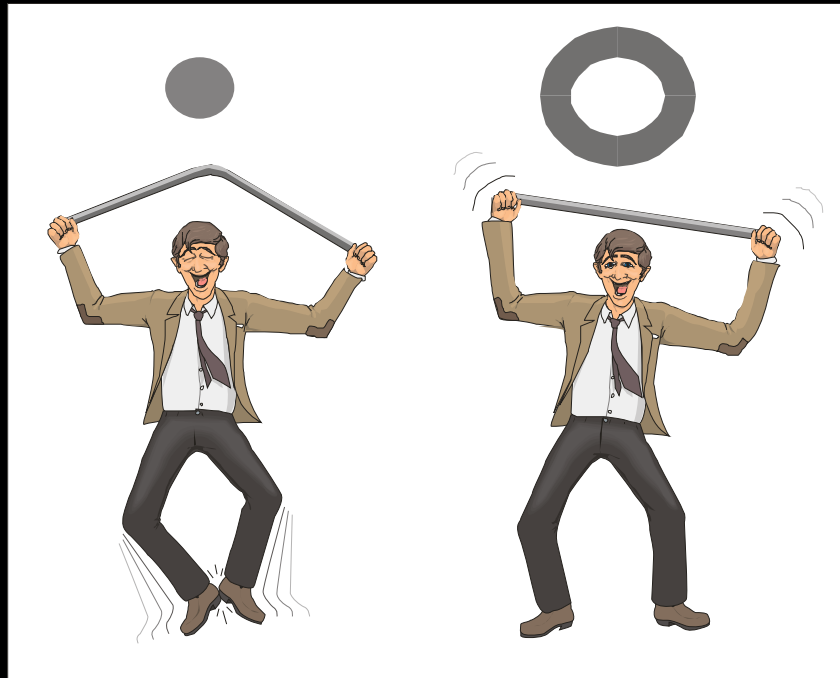
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- **Background**
- **Modelling / Remodelling of Bone**
- **Controlling bone cell activity**
- **The role of mechanical load**
- **Coordinating bone cell activity**
- **Biology in Orthopaedics**





To meet mechanical need

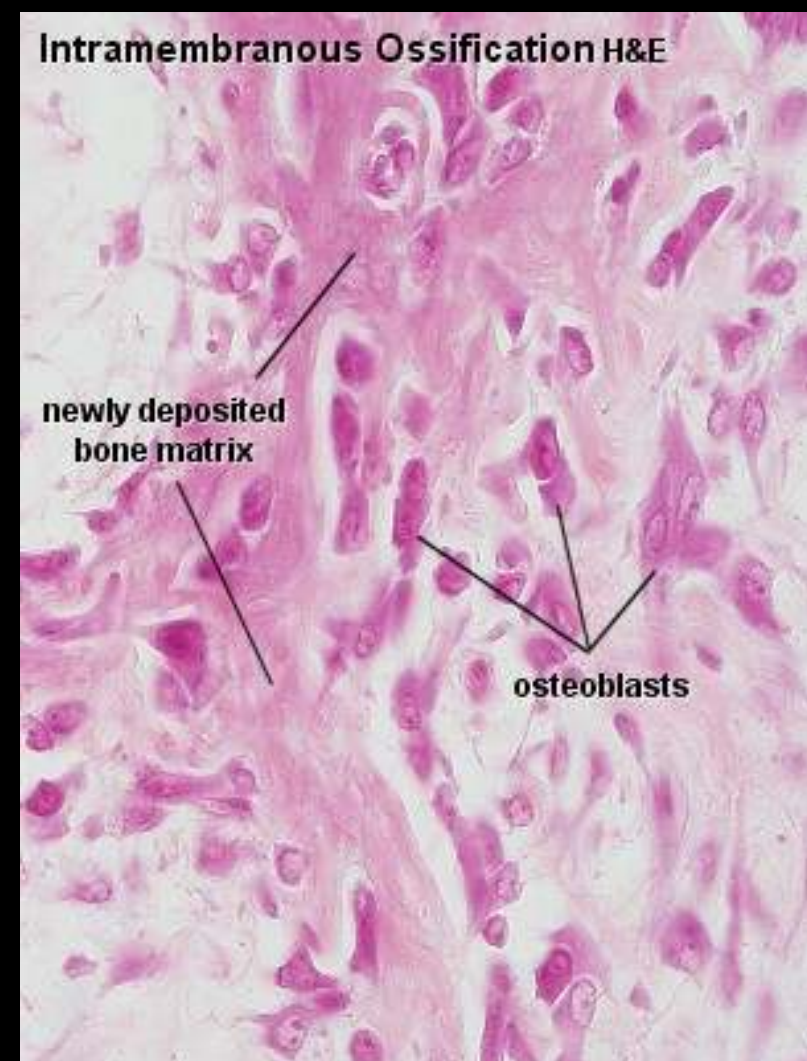
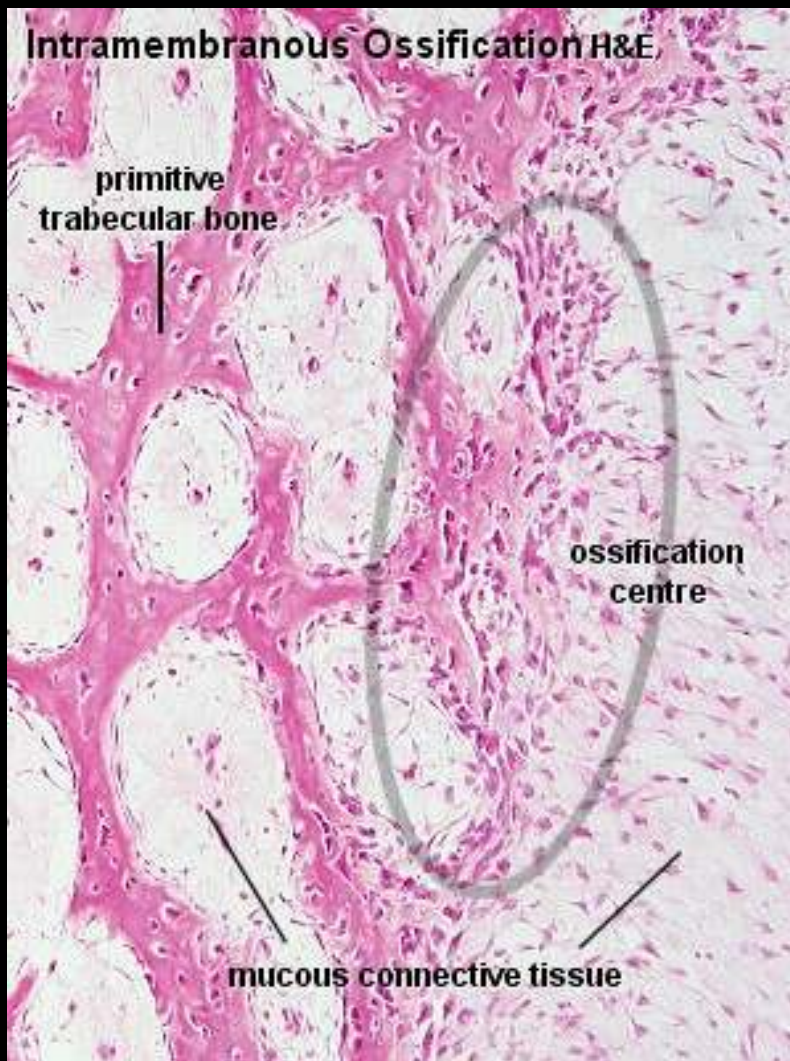


Bone formation

- Bone formation is termed “ossification” or “osteogenesis”
- The “early” skeleton in an embryo is composed of *fibrous membranes* and *hyaline cartilage*
- During the process of ossification (around the 6-7th week of embryonic development):
 - Chondroblasts form cartilage
 - Osteoblasts form bone (mineralization)

Intramembranous Ossification

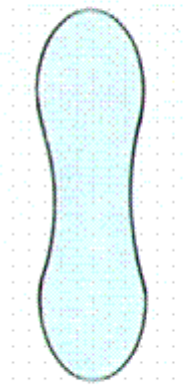
- Bone formation of the surface skull bones and clavicles
- Osteoblasts cluster around the centre of ossification
 - Here, osteoblasts secrete a collagenous matrix to form a framework for mineralization
 - The collagenous matrix is then calcified by the deposition of hydroxyapatite
 - The osteoblasts and their surrounding calcified matrix are now referred to as a trabecula
- Most of the trabeculae will be eventually destroyed and reformed to give a bone its final adult size and shape



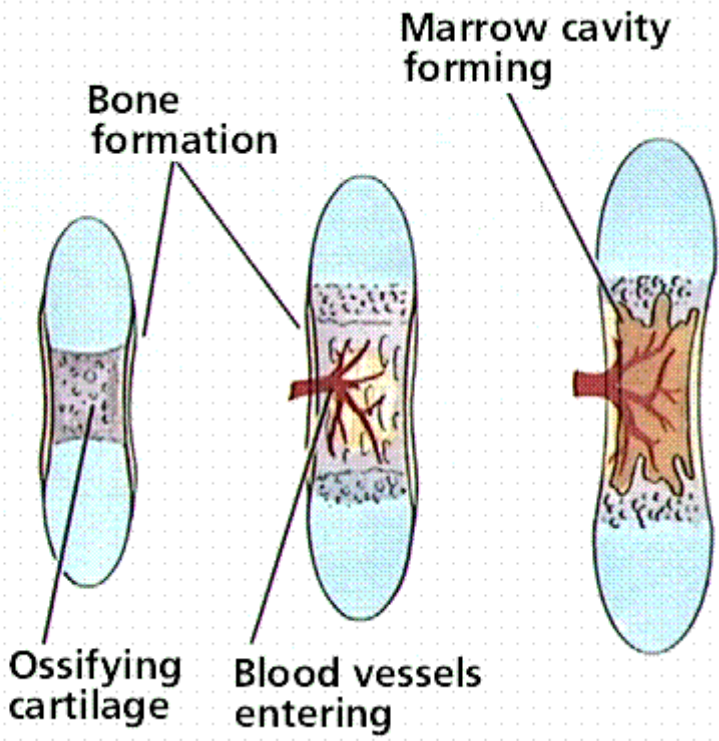
Endochondral Ossification

- Replacement of cartilage with bone
- Primary ossification process for most bones of the body
 - Best exemplified in *long bones*
- During embryonic development, a cartilage model, or ***perichondrium***, is laid down
 - Compact bone then forms around this area and is called the ***periosteum***
 - Periosteal collar
- Cartilage grows outward from it's center and is gradually calcified into bone tissue
 - Primary ossification centre: diaphysis
 - Secondary ossification centre: epiphysis
 - Two areas remain uncalcified cartilage: articulations, growth plate

The Growth of Long Bones



Cartilage

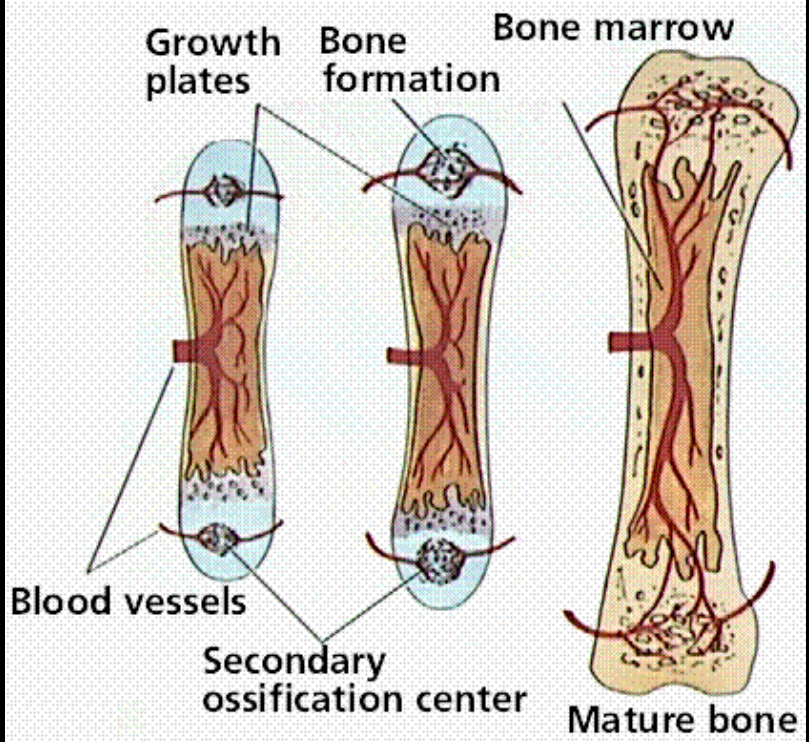


Bone formation

Ossifying cartilage

Blood vessels entering

Marrow cavity forming



Growth plates

Bone formation

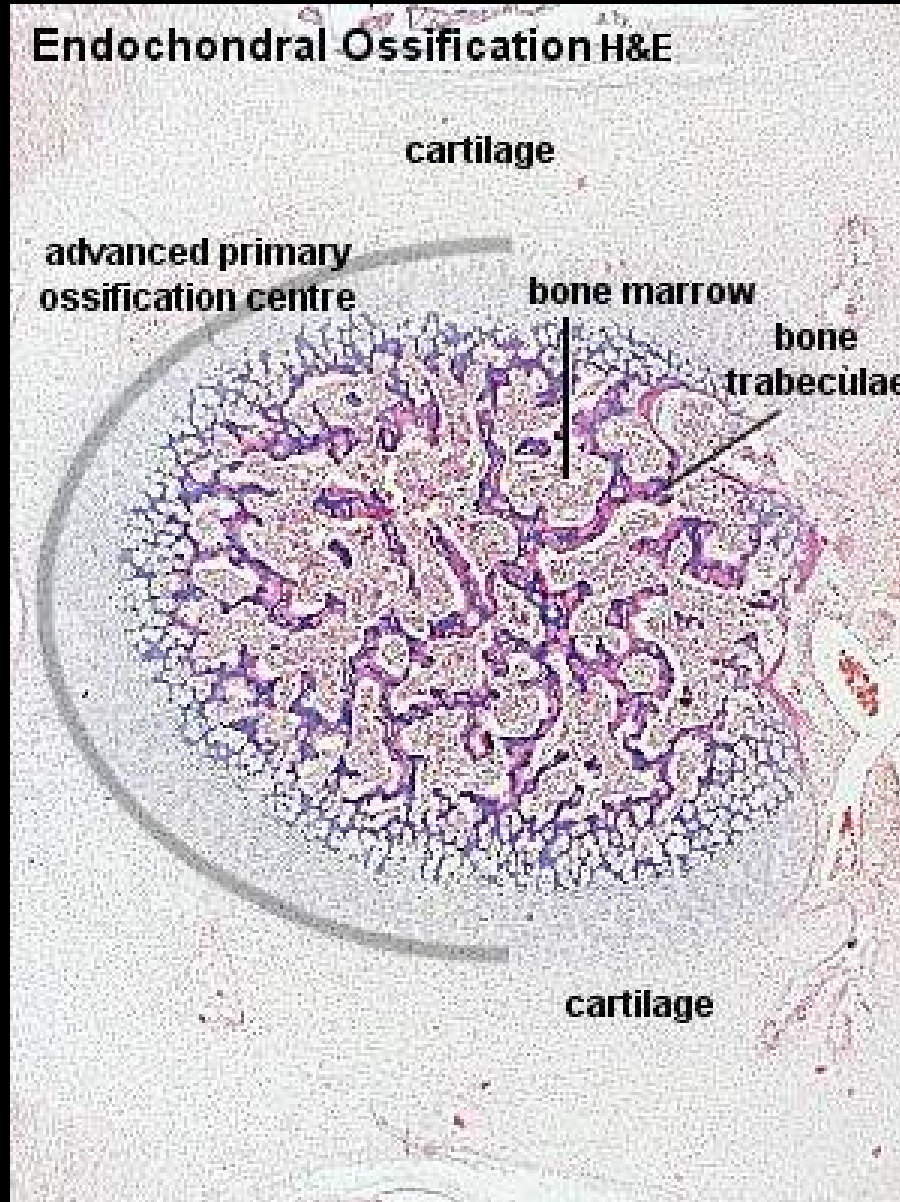
Bone marrow

Blood vessels

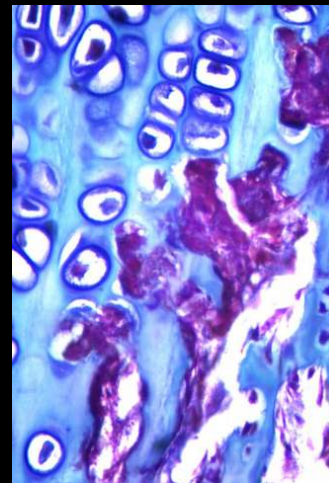
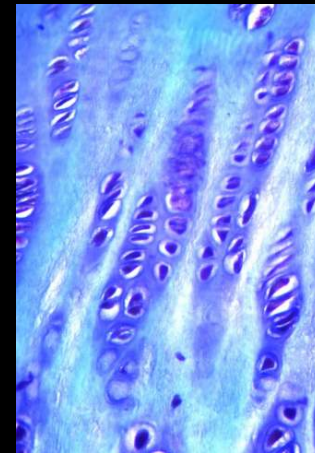
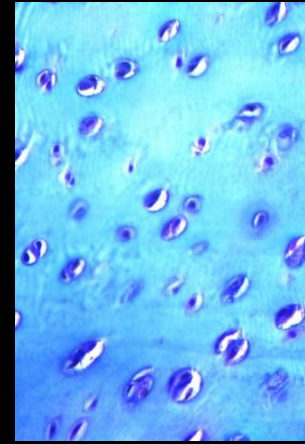
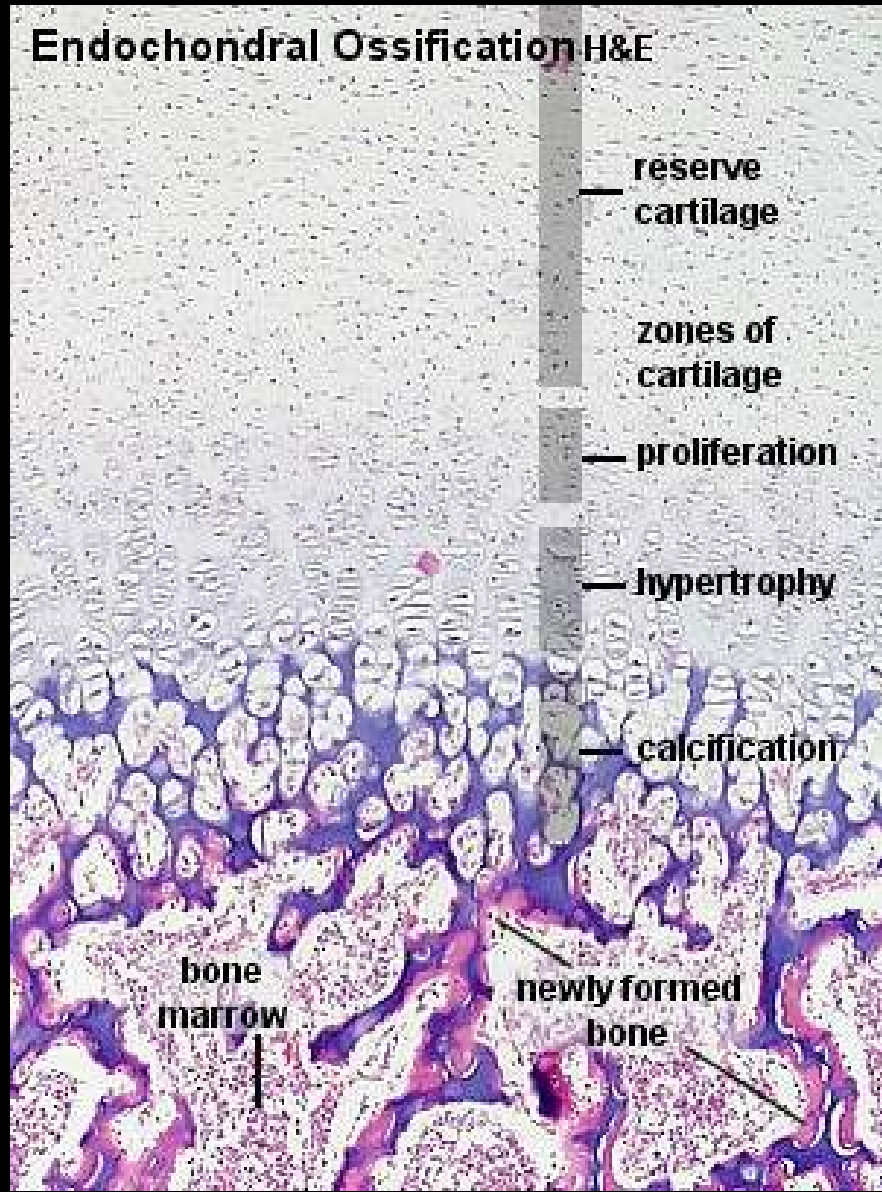
Secondary ossification center

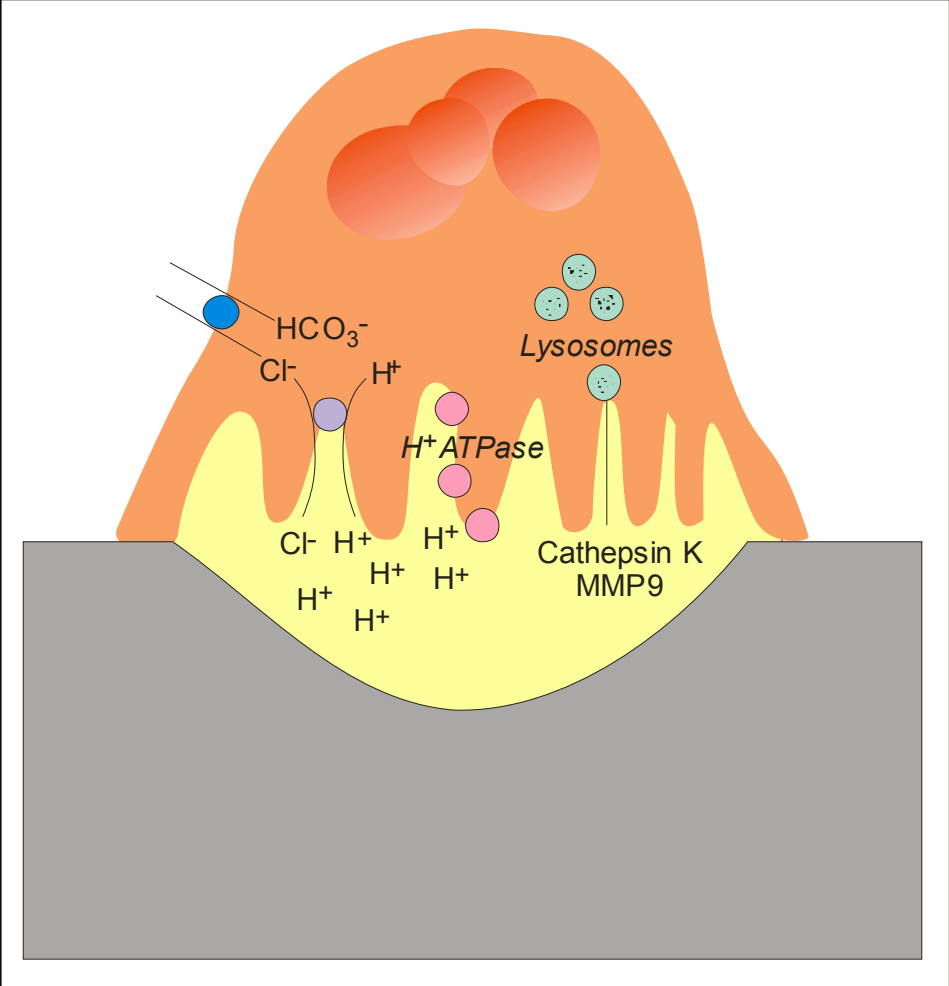
Mature bone

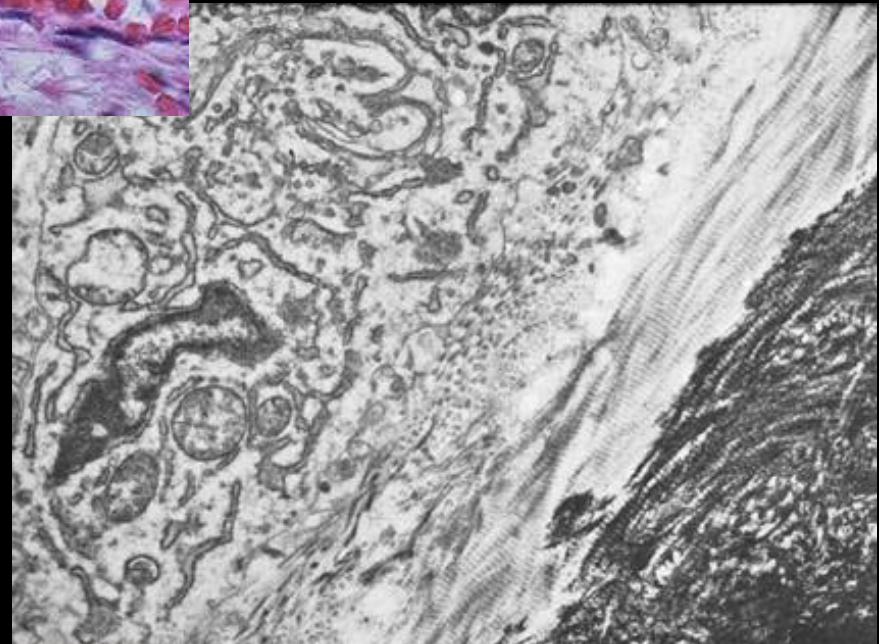
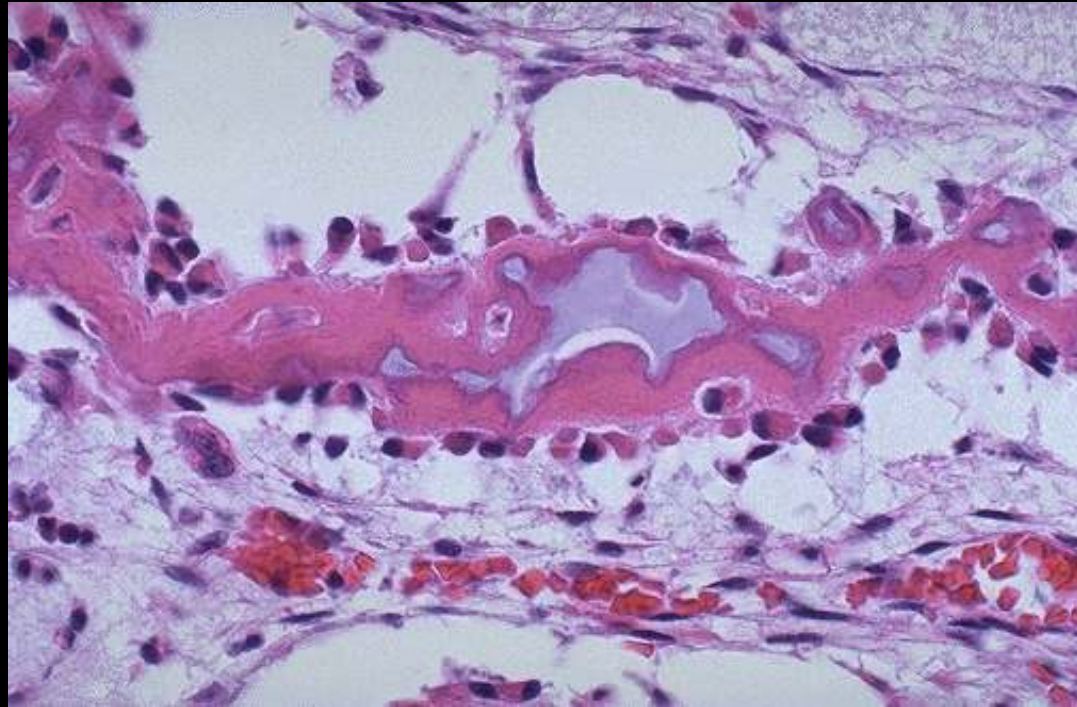
Endochondral Ossification H&E

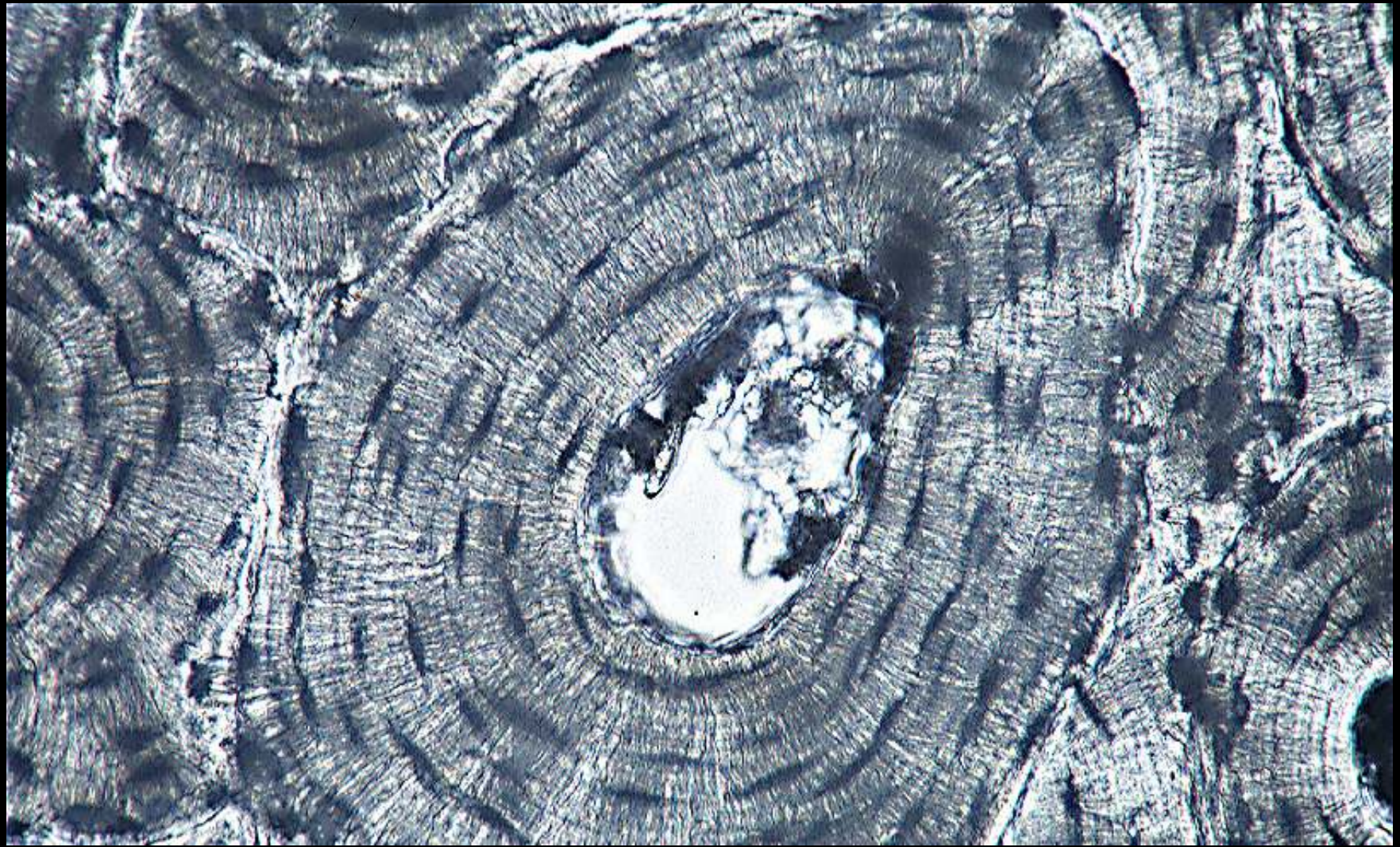


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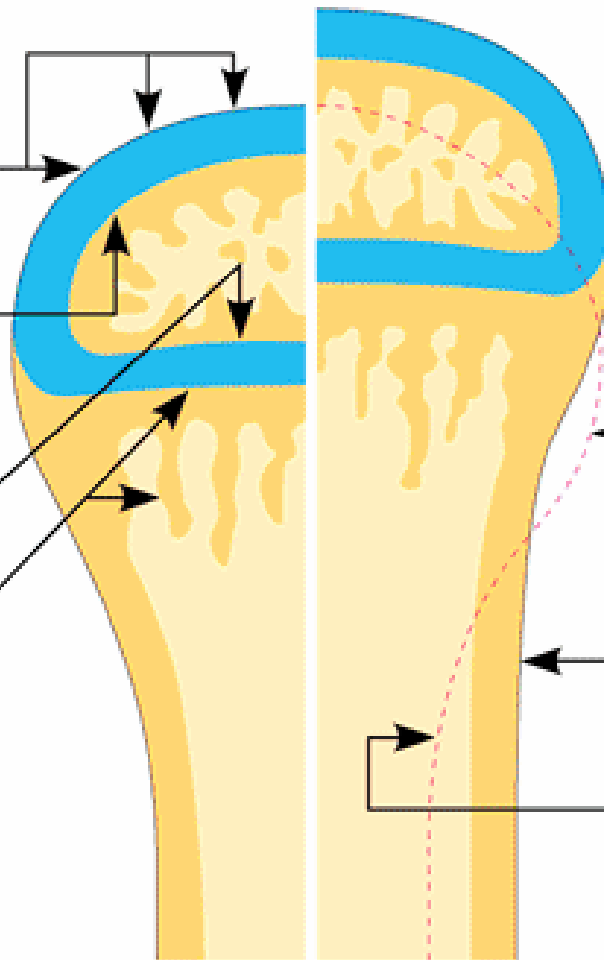


Modelling / Remodelling of Bone

Growth

Bone grows in length because:

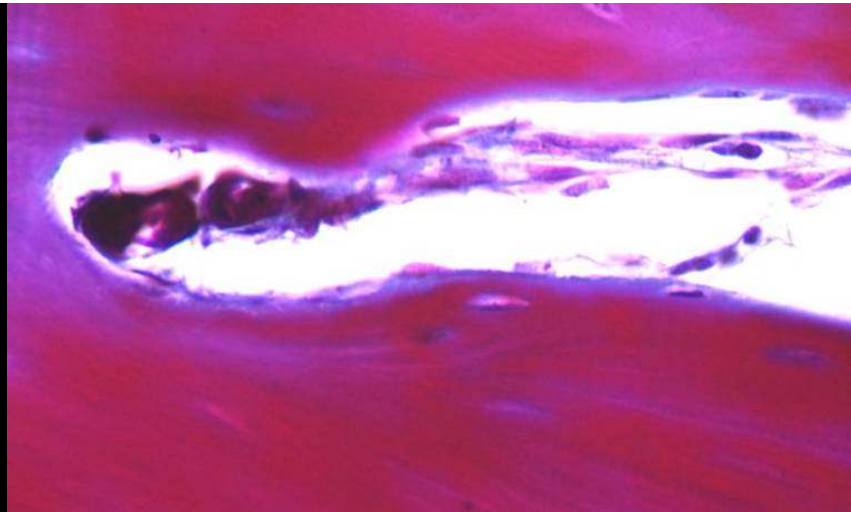
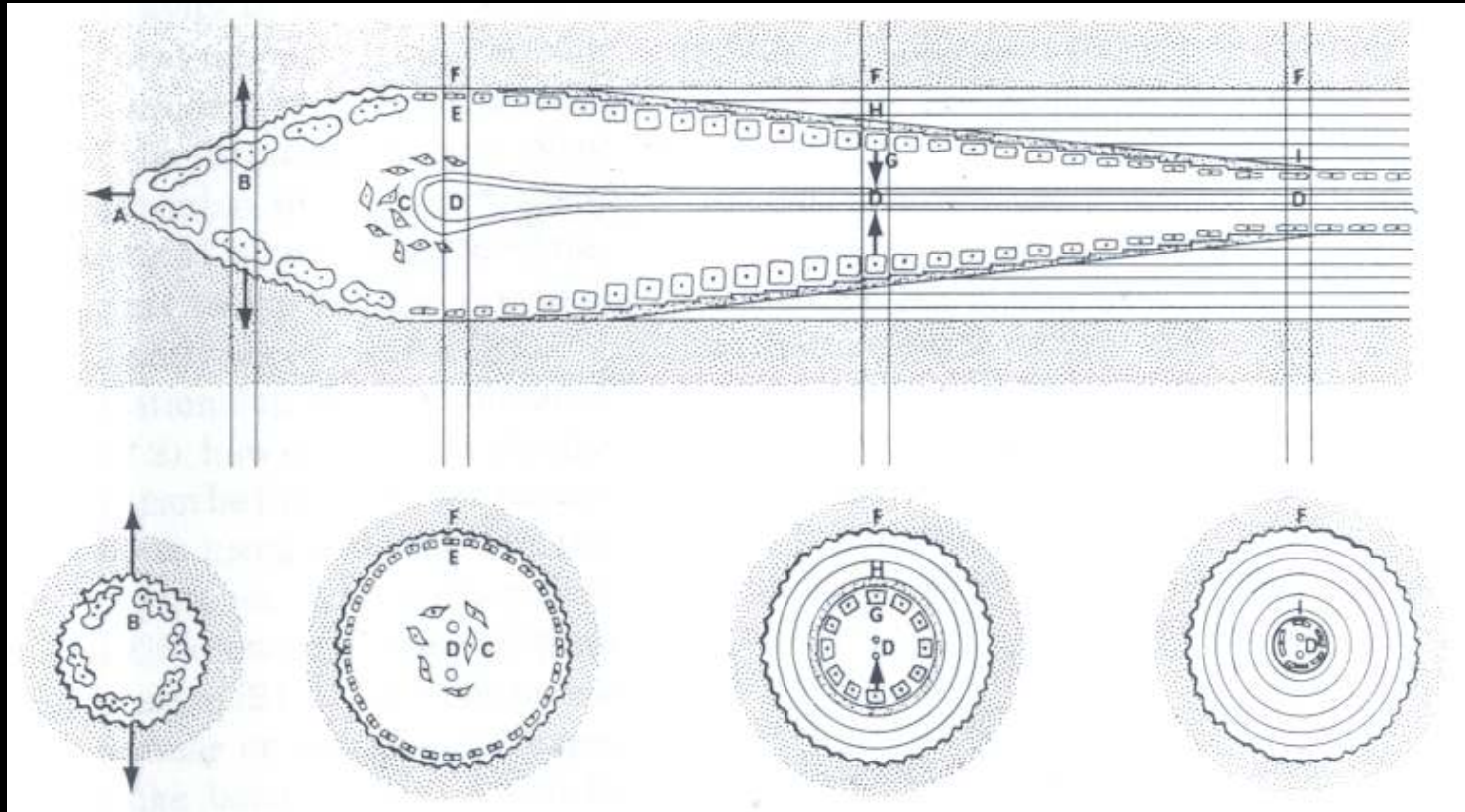
- ① Cartilage grows here
- ② Cartilage replaced by bone here
- ③ Cartilage grows here
- ④ Cartilage replaced by bone here

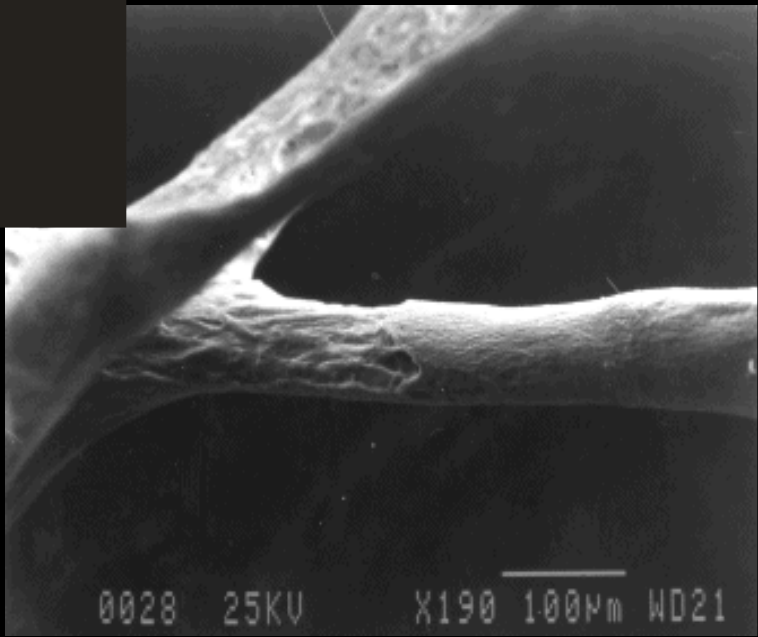
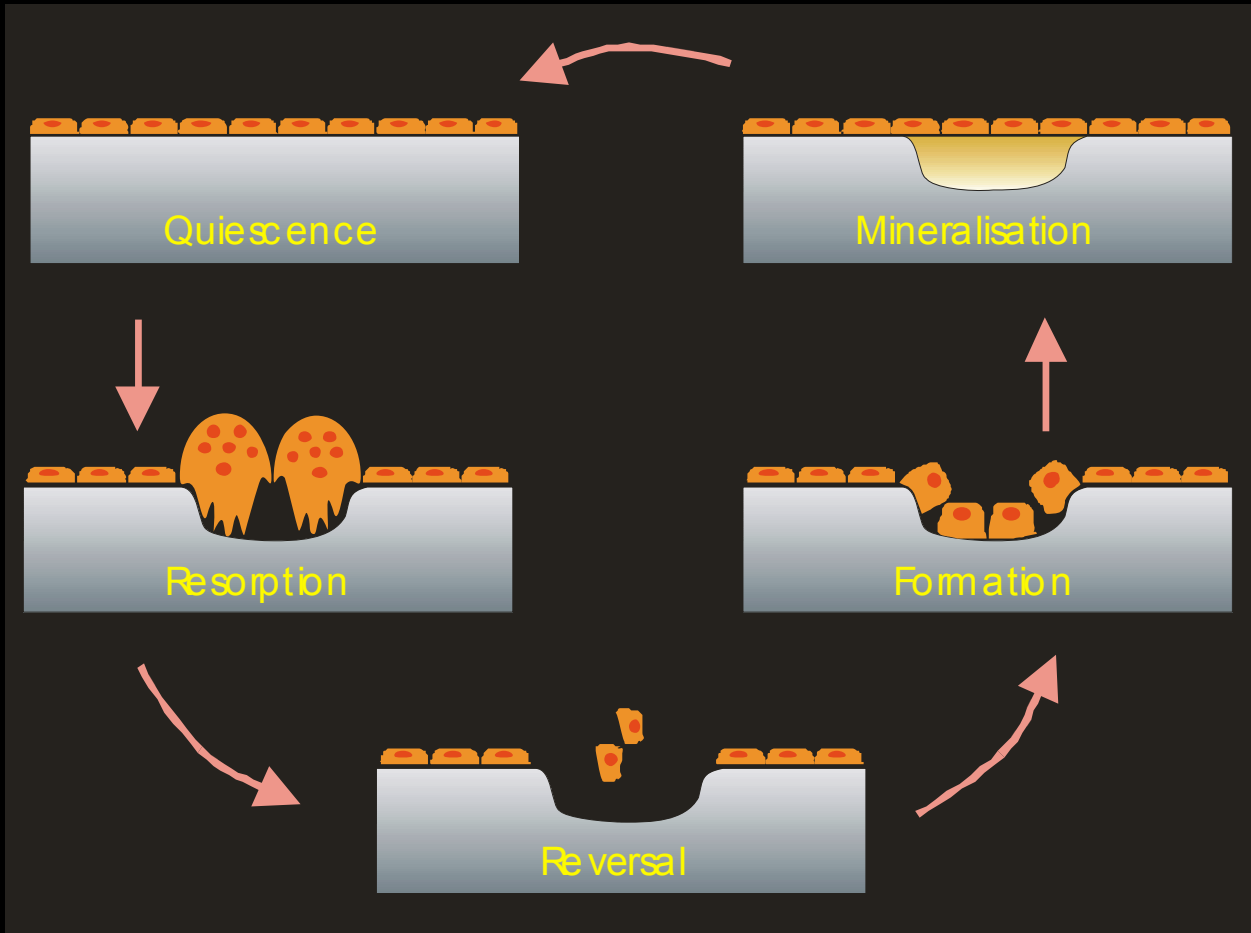


Remodeling

Growing shaft is remodeled by:

- ① Bone resorbed here
- ② Bone added by appositional growth here
- ③ Bone resorbed here

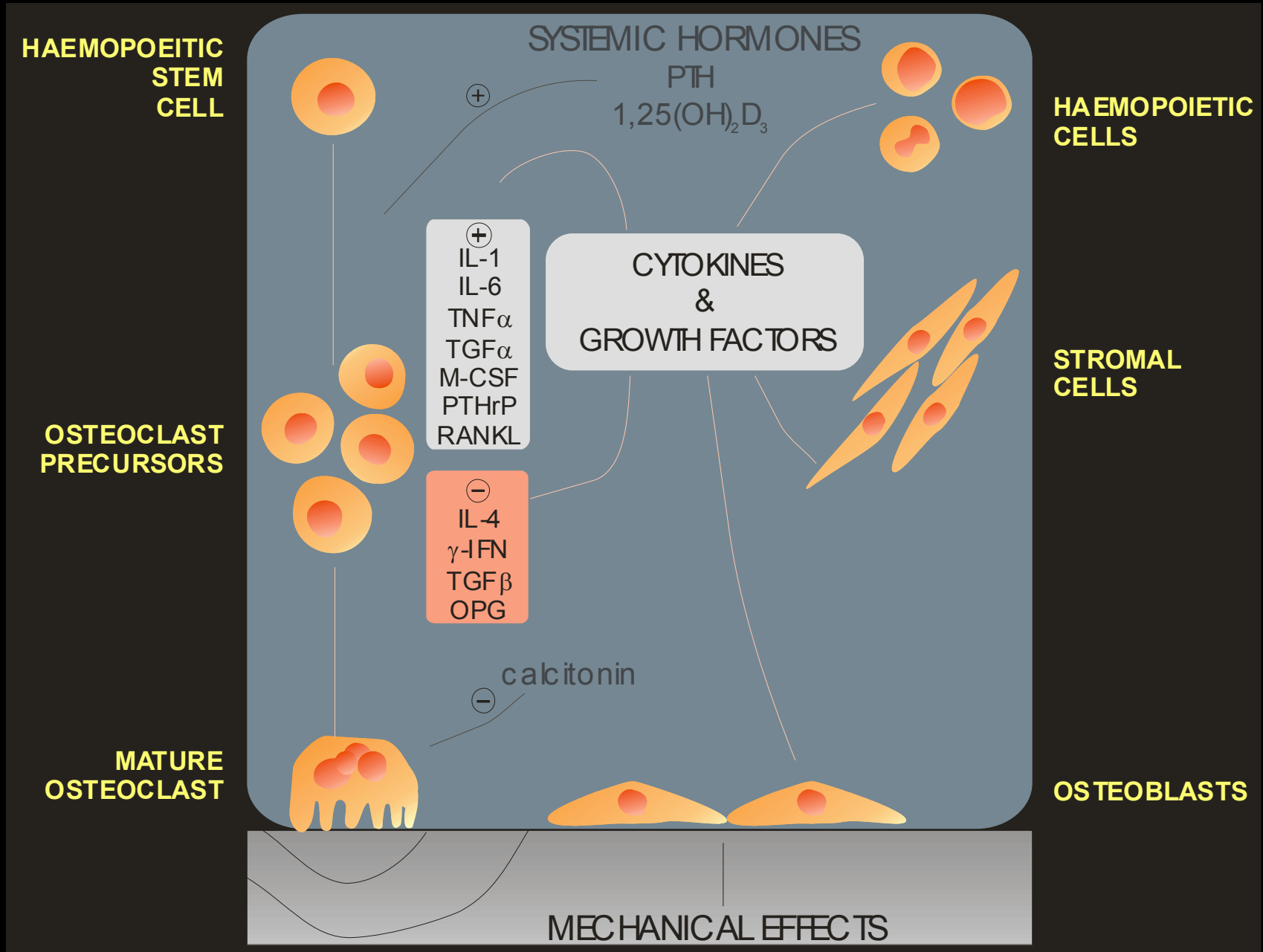




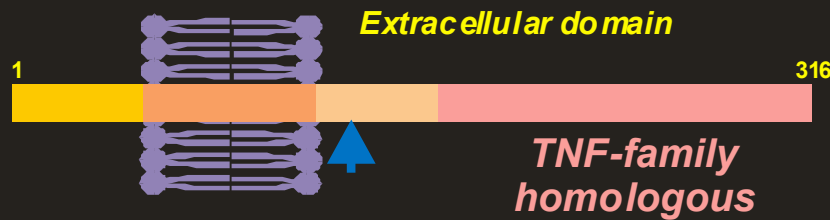
Controlling bone cell activity

- Osteoclast

Osteoclastogenesis

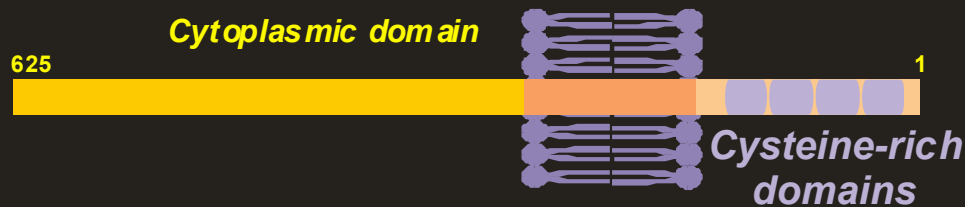


RANK / RANKL & OPG



Receptor activator of NF- κ B ligand (RANKL)

Osteoclast differentiation factor (ODF)
Osteoprotegerin ligand (OPGL)
TNF-related activation-induced cytokine (TRANCE)



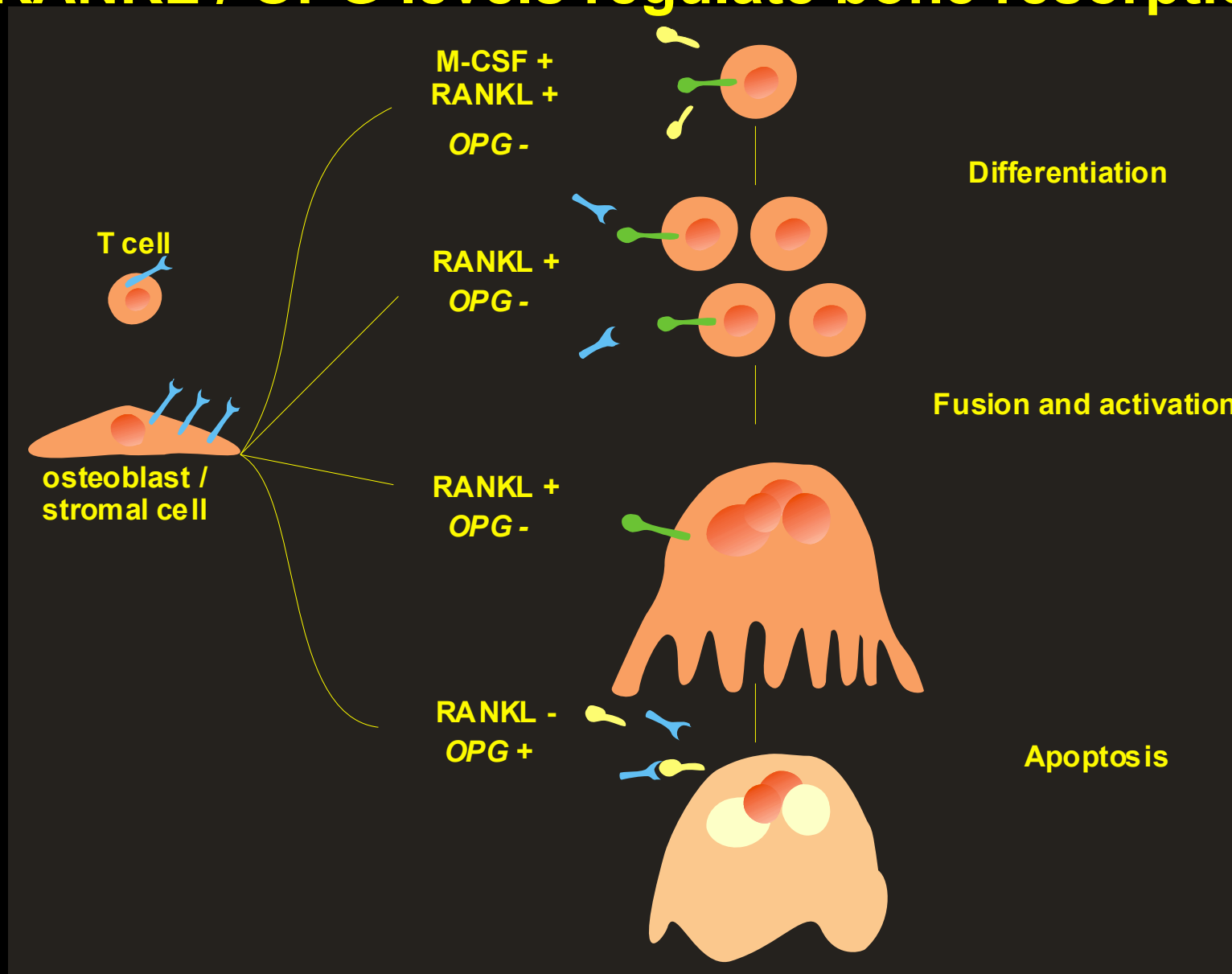
Receptor activator of NF- κ B (RANK)



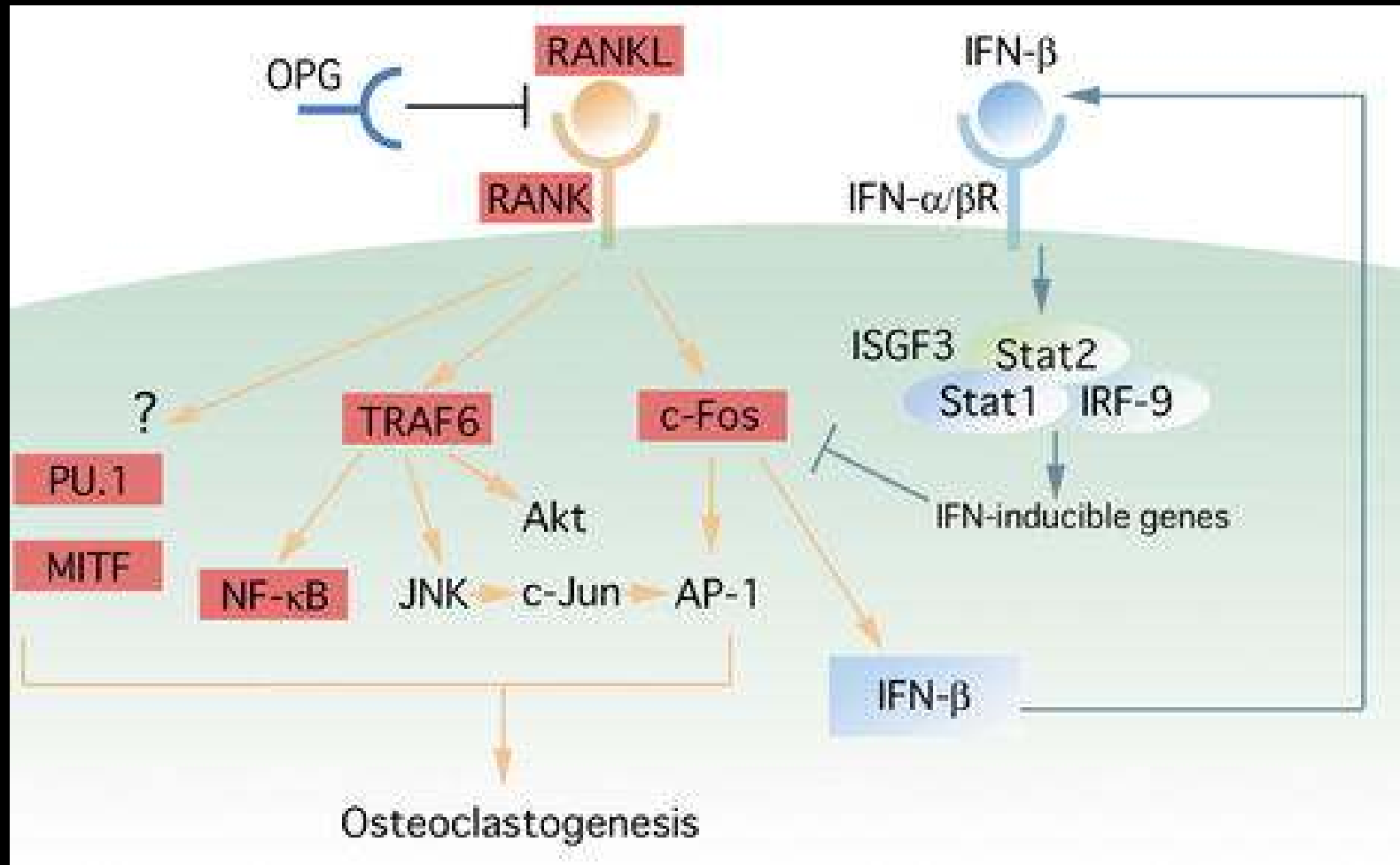
Osteoprotegerin (OPG)

Osteoclastogenesis inhibitory factor (OCIF)
TNF receptor-like molecule 1 (TR1)

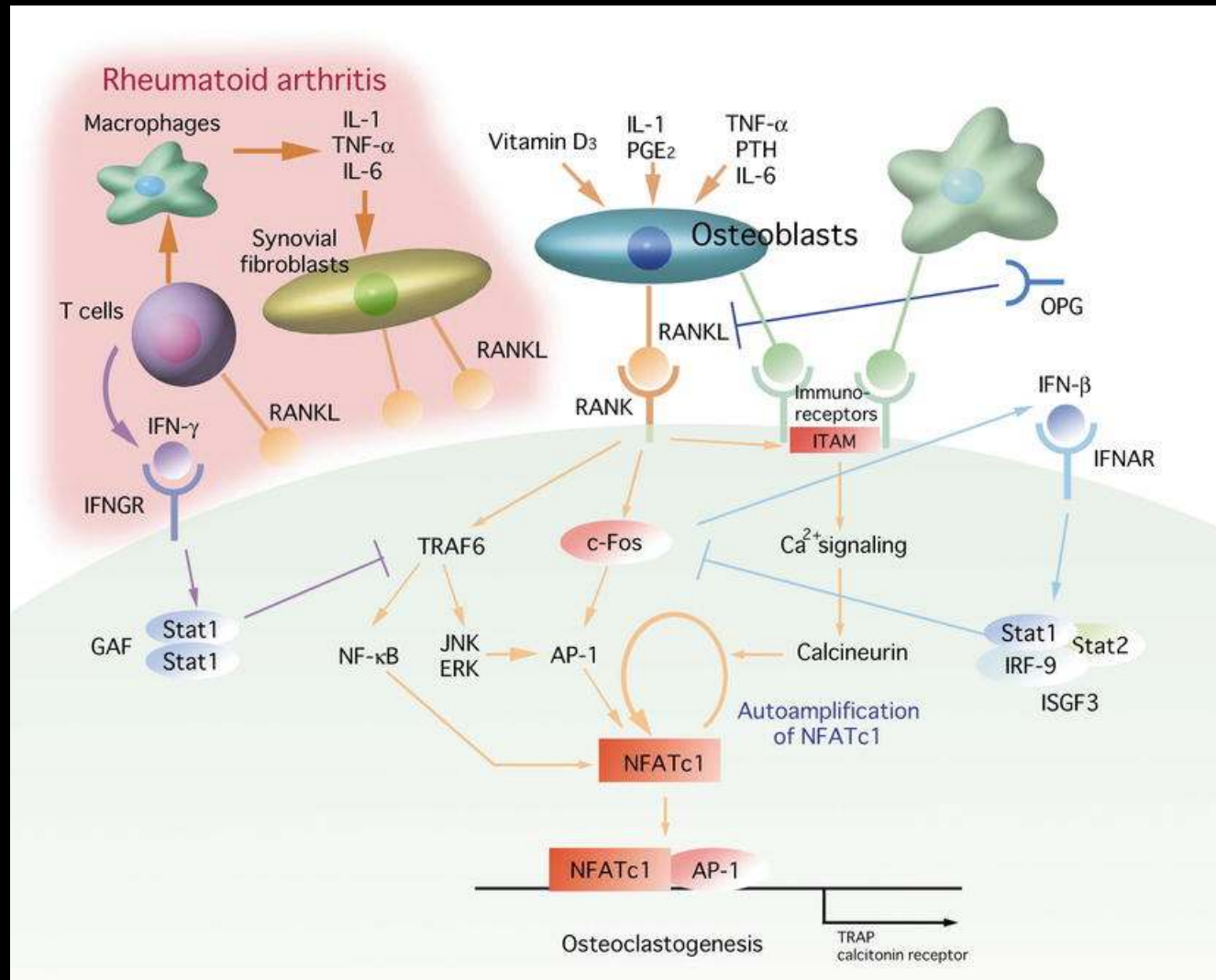
RANKL / OPG levels regulate bone resorption



RANKL intracellular signalling cascades



Crosstalk between immune and skeletal cells



Controlling bone cell activity

- Osteoblast

mesenchymal stem cell (MSC)

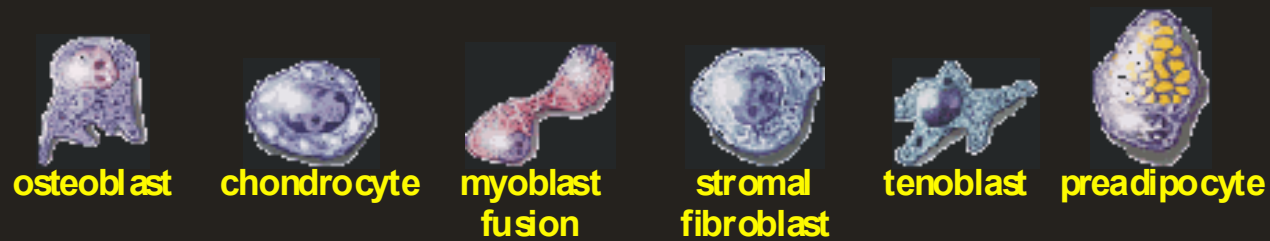
proliferation



commitment



lineage progression



differentiation and maturation



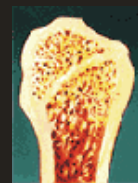
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cartilage



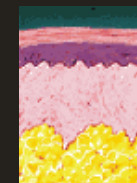
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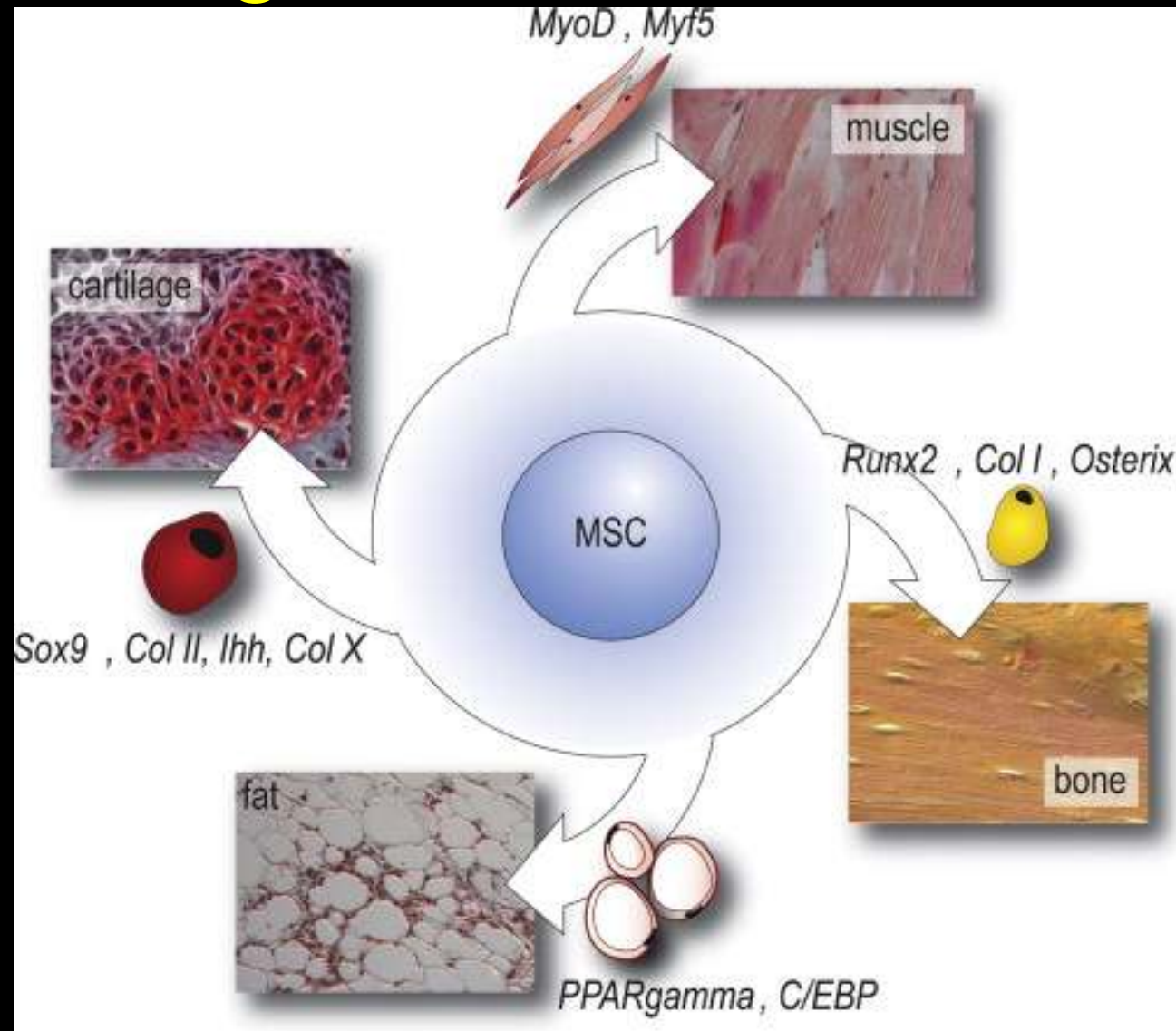


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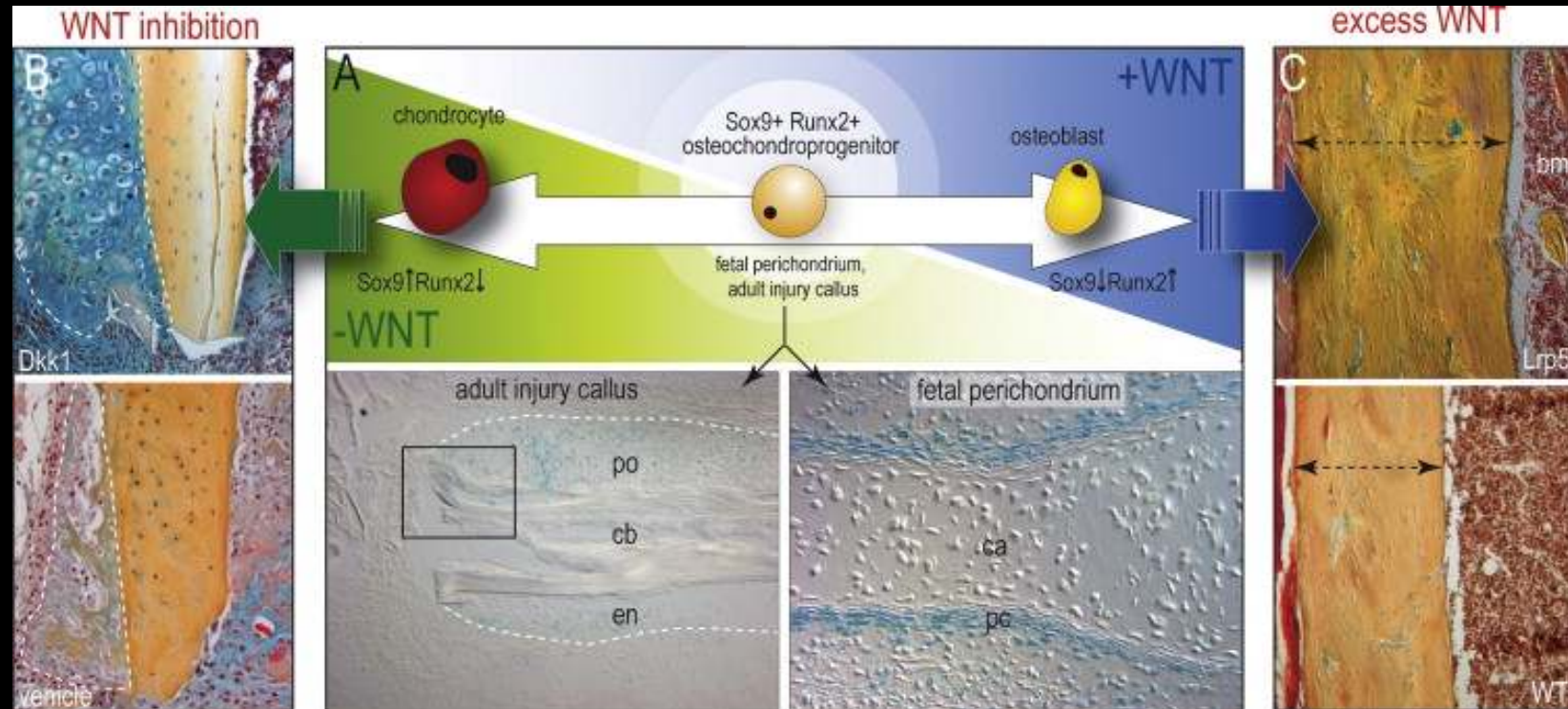


adipose tissue

Regulation of cell fate

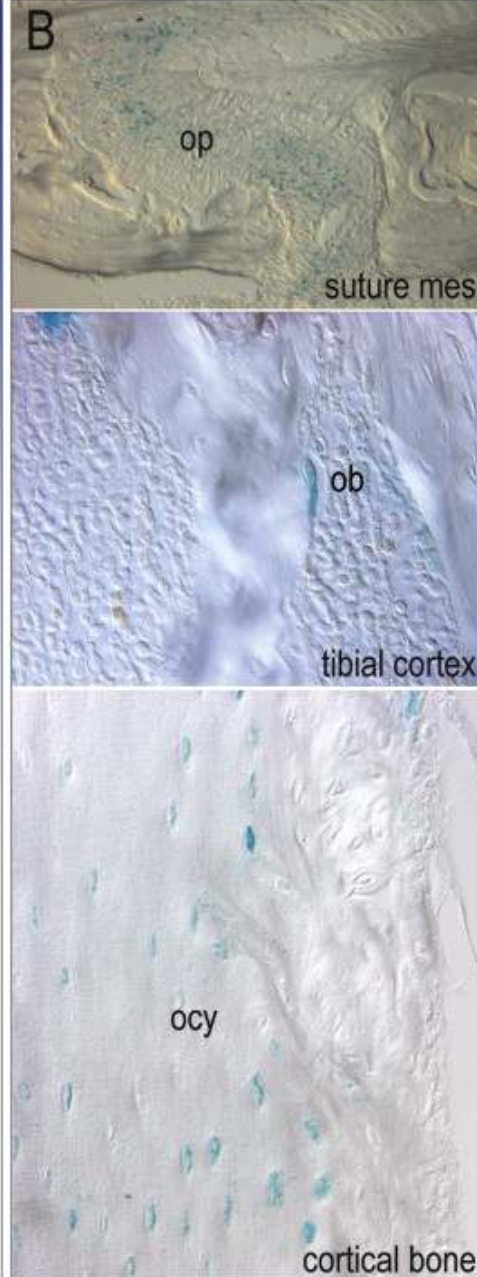
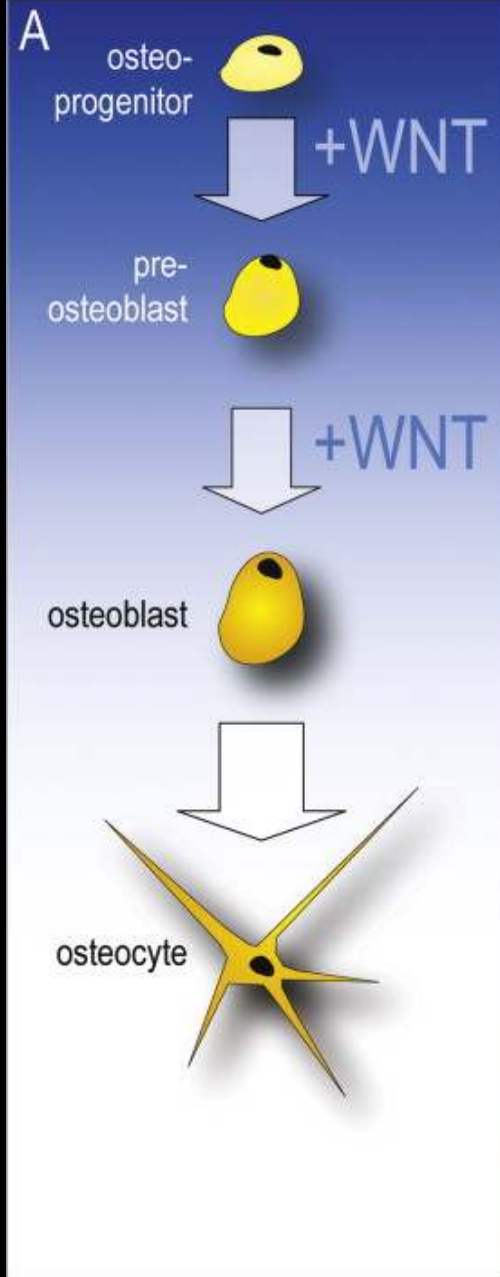


Role of Wnt in skeletal patterning

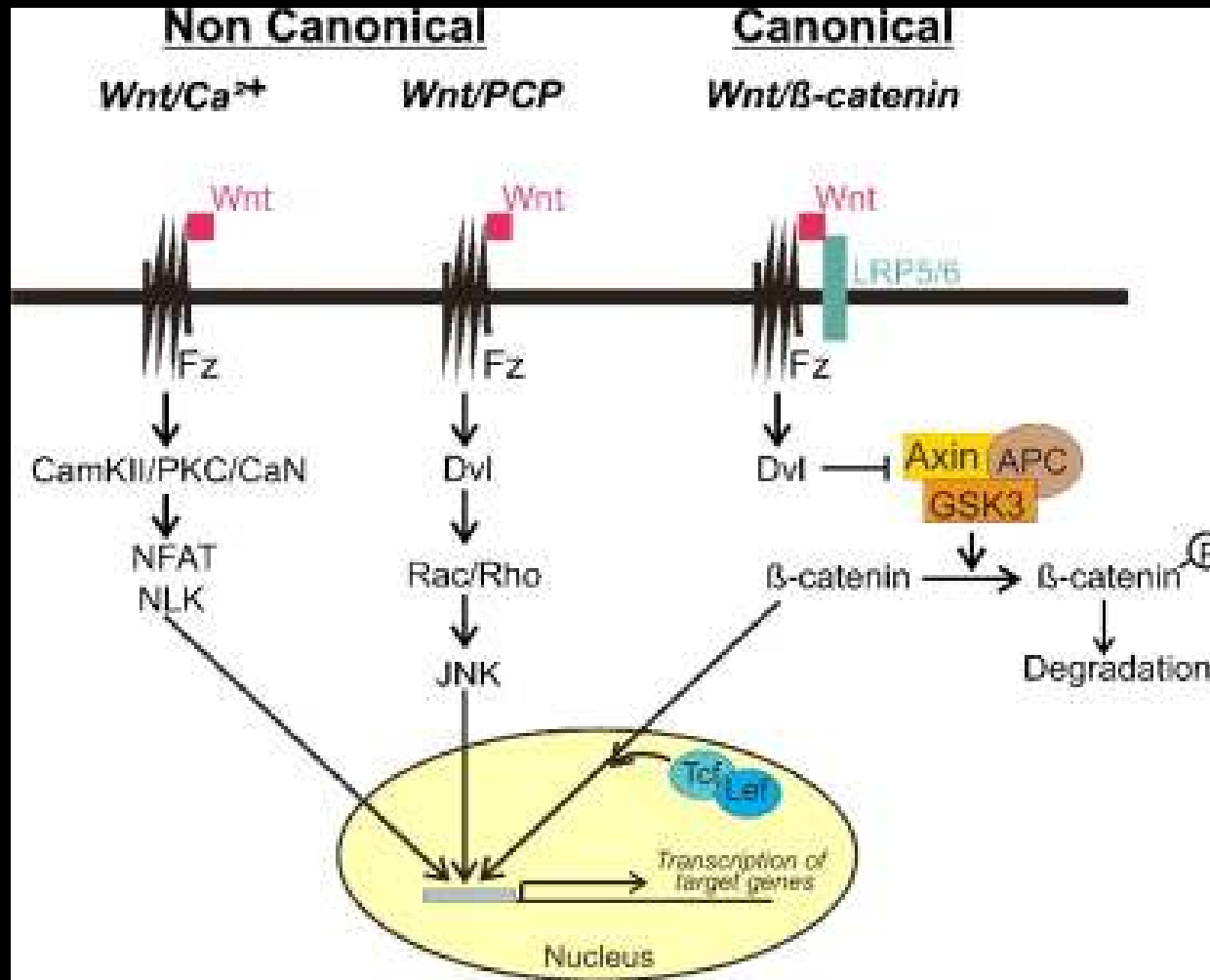


osteogenesis

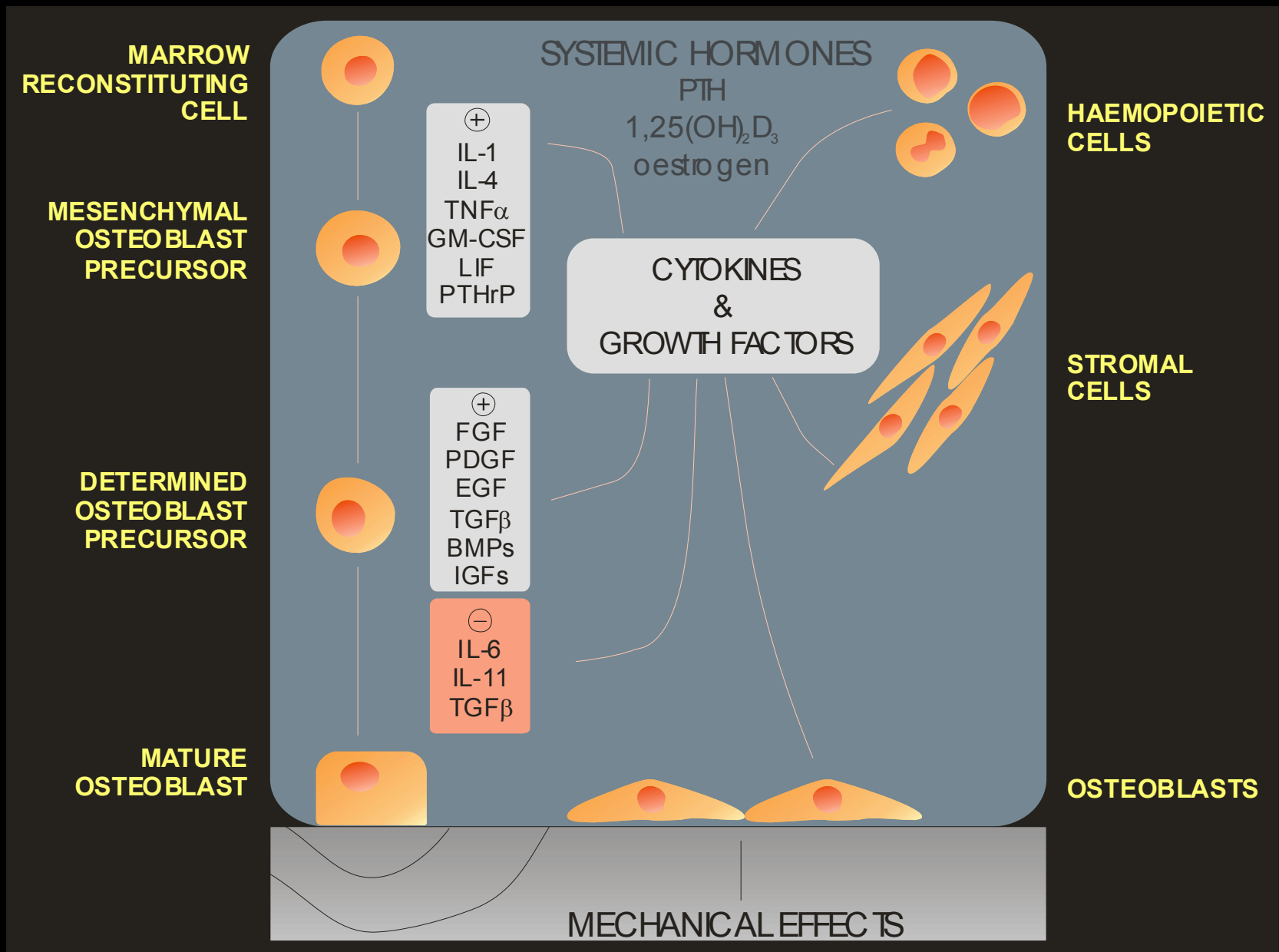
Wnt responsiveness



Intracellular signalling in response to Wnt



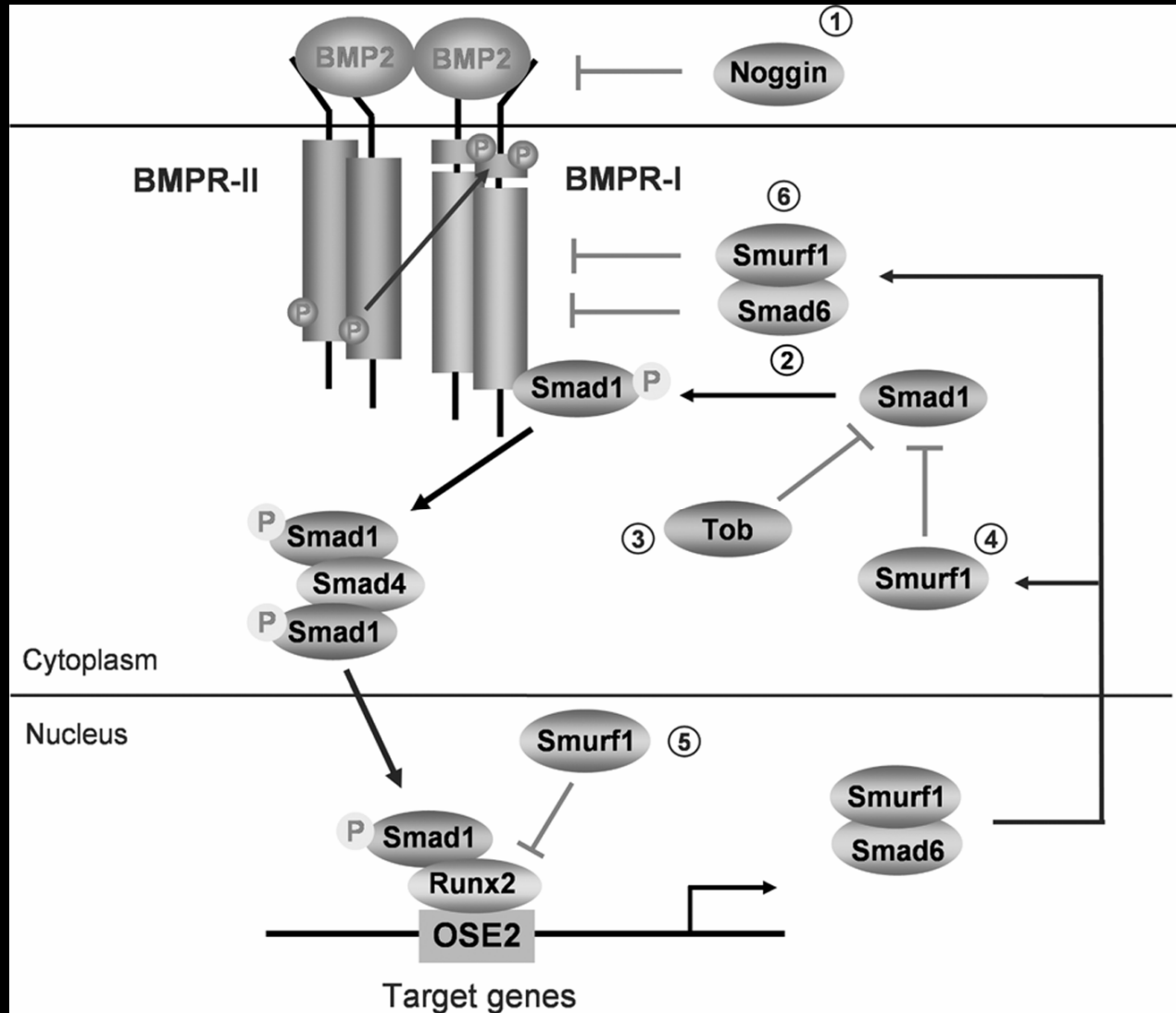
Osteoblast Differentiation



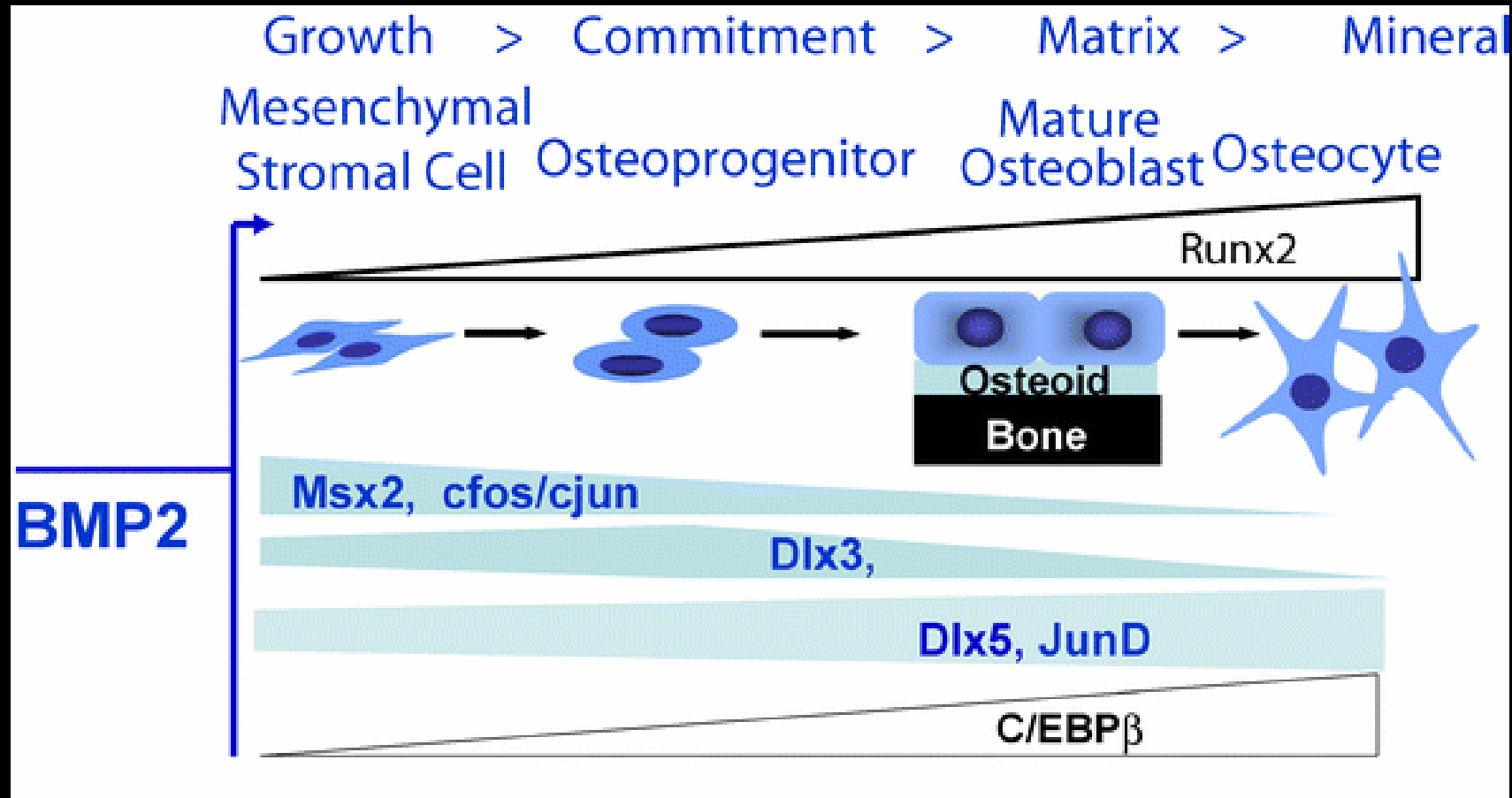
Regulating Bone formation

<u>BMP Subfamily</u>	<u>Genermic Name</u>	<u>BMP Designation</u>
BMP2/4	BMP-2A	BMP-2
	BMP-2B	BMP-4
BMP-3	Osteogenin	BMP-3
	Growth/differentiation factor-10(GDF-10)	BMP-3B
OP-1/BMP-7	BMP-5	BMP-5
	Vegetal related-1(Vgr-1)	BMP-6
	Osteogenic protein-1	BMP-7
	Osteogenic protein-2	BMP-8
	Osteogenic protein-3	BMP-8B
Others	BMP-9	BMP-9
	BMP-10	BMP-10
CDMP	Growth/differentiation factor-11 (GDF-11)	BMP-11
	Cartilage-derived morphogenetic protein-1 (CDMP-1)	BMP-14
	growth/differentiation factor-5 (GDF-5)	
	Cartilage-derived morphogenetic protein-1 (CDMP-2)	BMP-13
	growth/differentiation factor-5 (GDF-6)	
Others	Cartilage-derived morphogenetic protein-1 (CDMP-3)	BMP-12
	growth/differentiation factor-5 (GDF-7)	
Others	BMP-15	BMP-15
	BMP-16	BMP-16

Signal transduction events mediate the action of BMPs leading to regulation of osteogenic genes



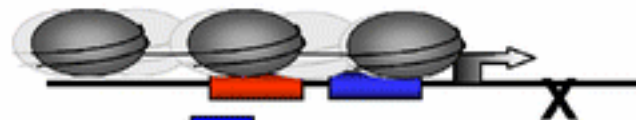
Control of osteoblast differentiation by transcription factors



Bone related promoter elements



Inactive Gene



Chromatin Remodeling

Basal Transcription

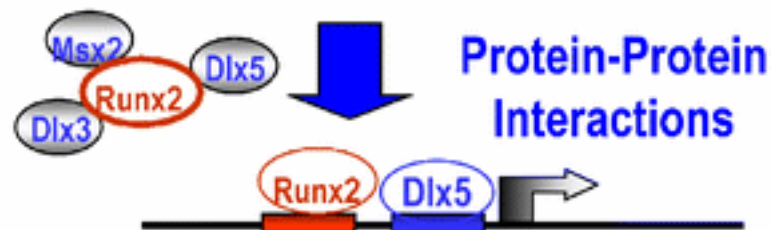


Molecular Switches (DNA Binding)

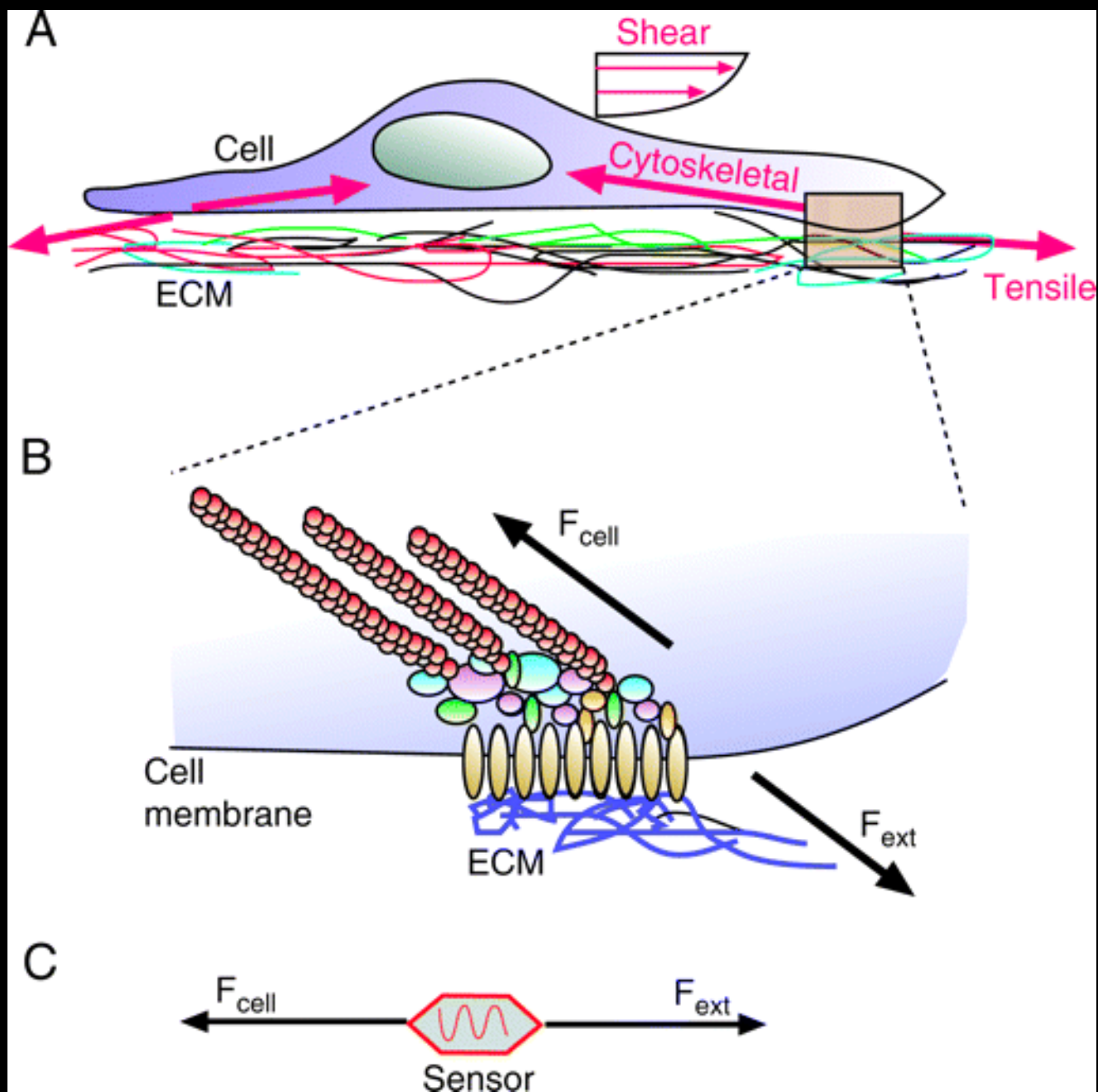
Activated Transcription



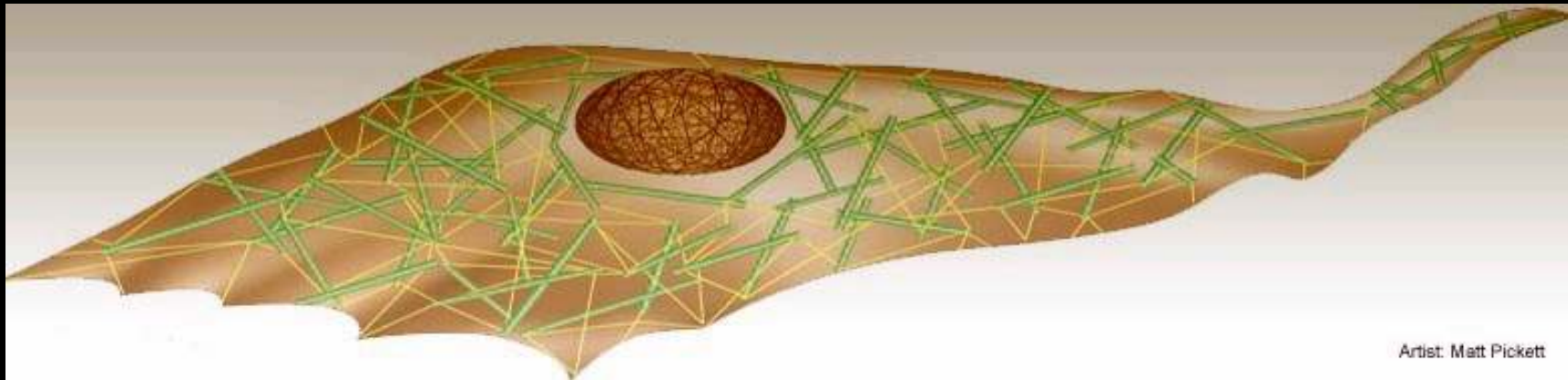
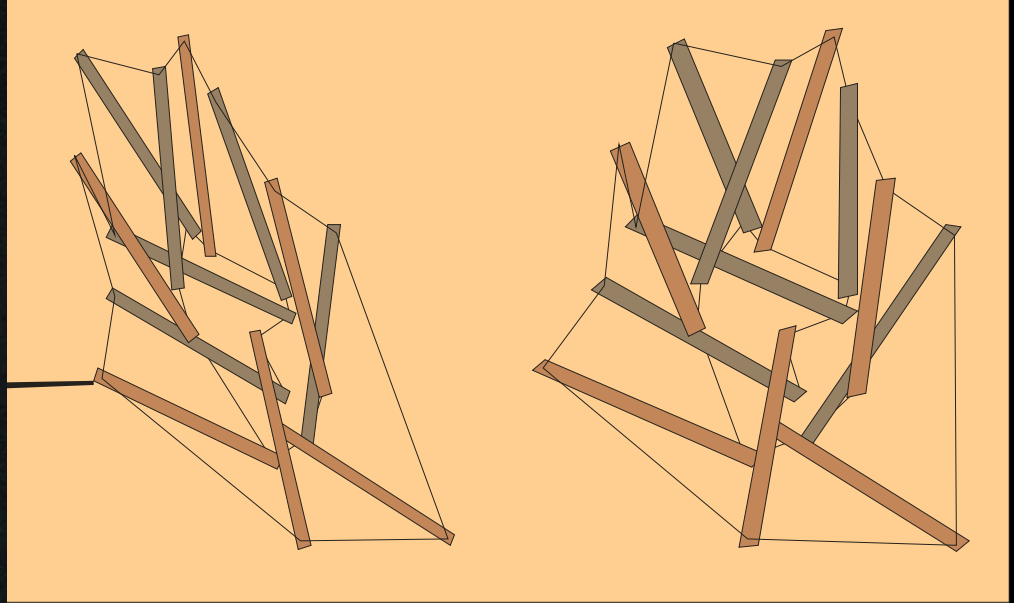
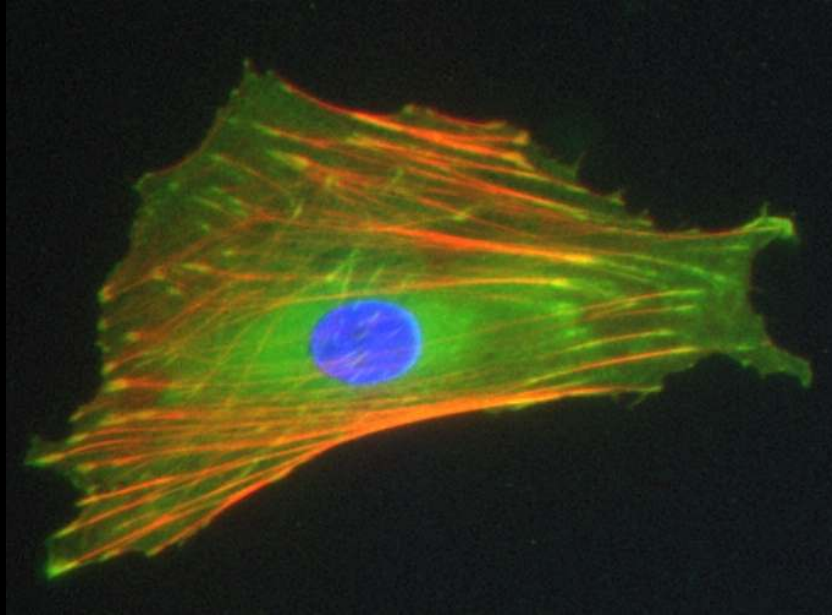
Maintenance Transcription



**Mechanical load regulates
bone cell activity and bone
mass**

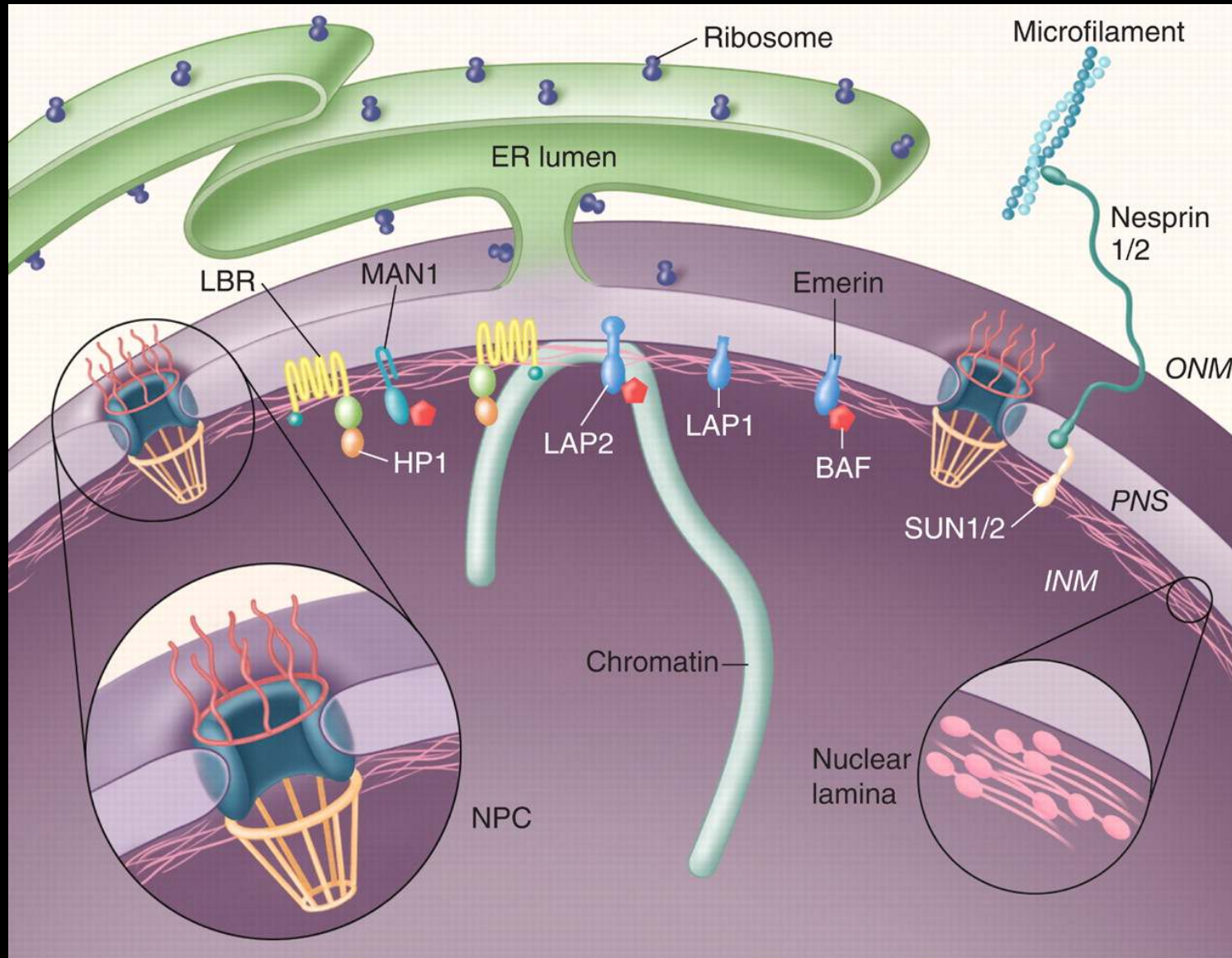


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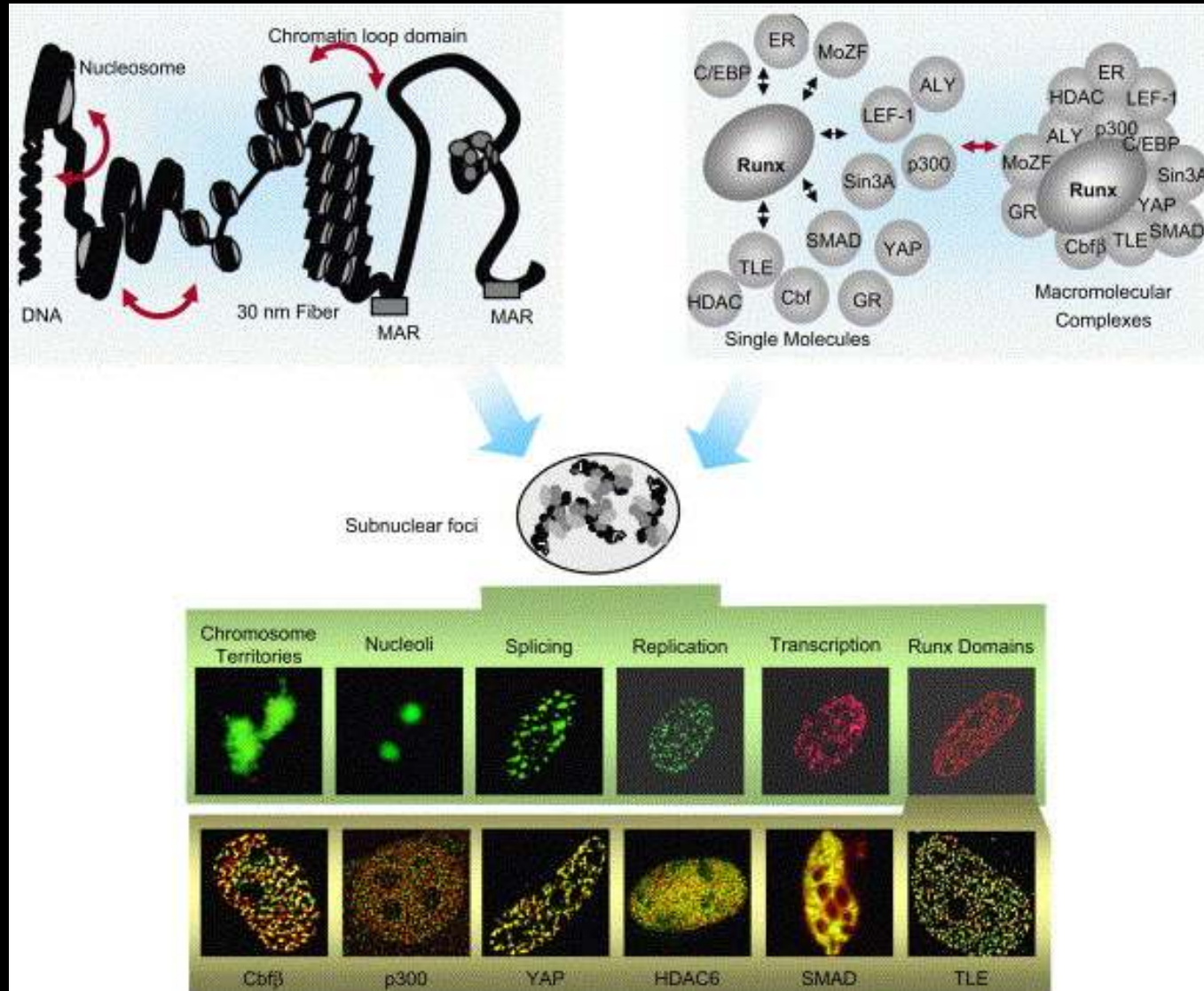


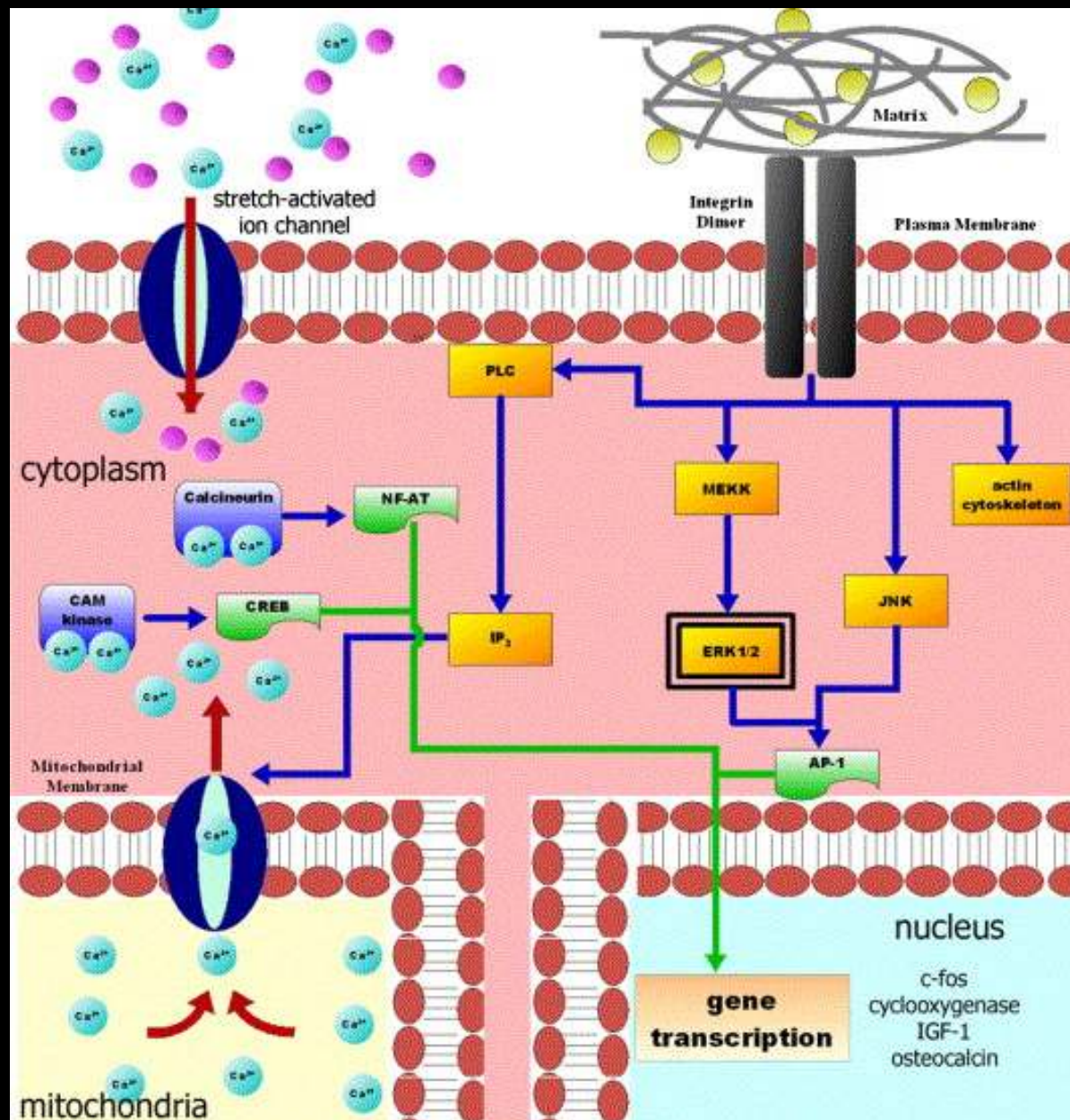
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Nuclear architecture

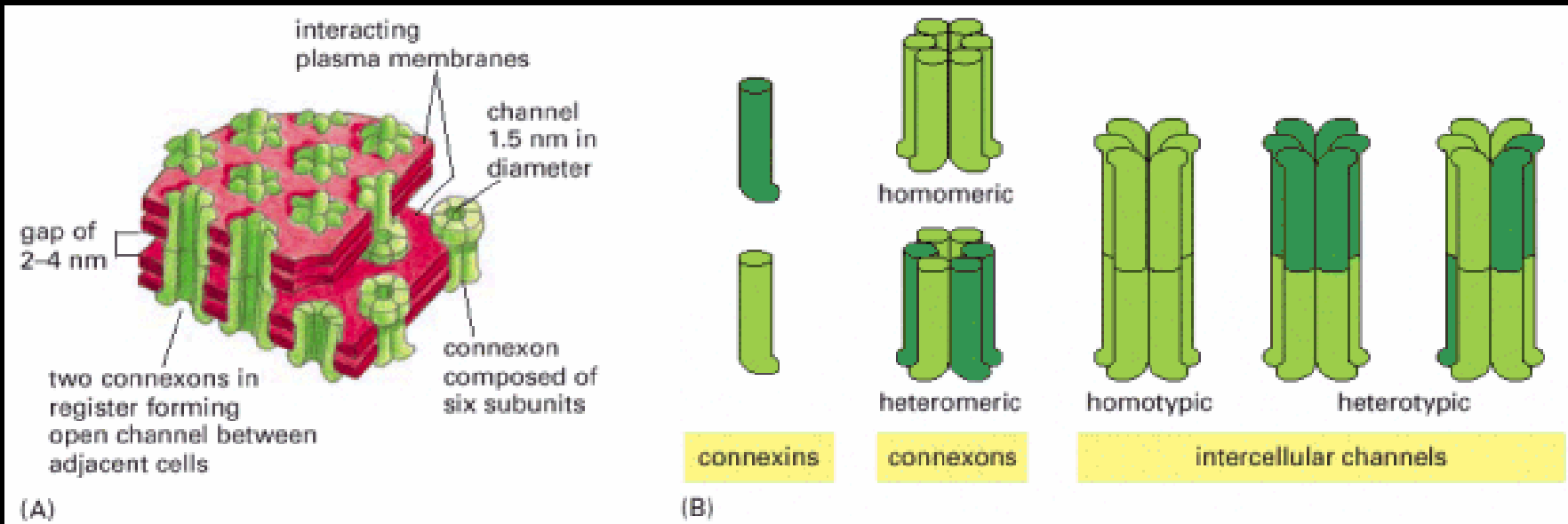


Levels of nuclear organisation

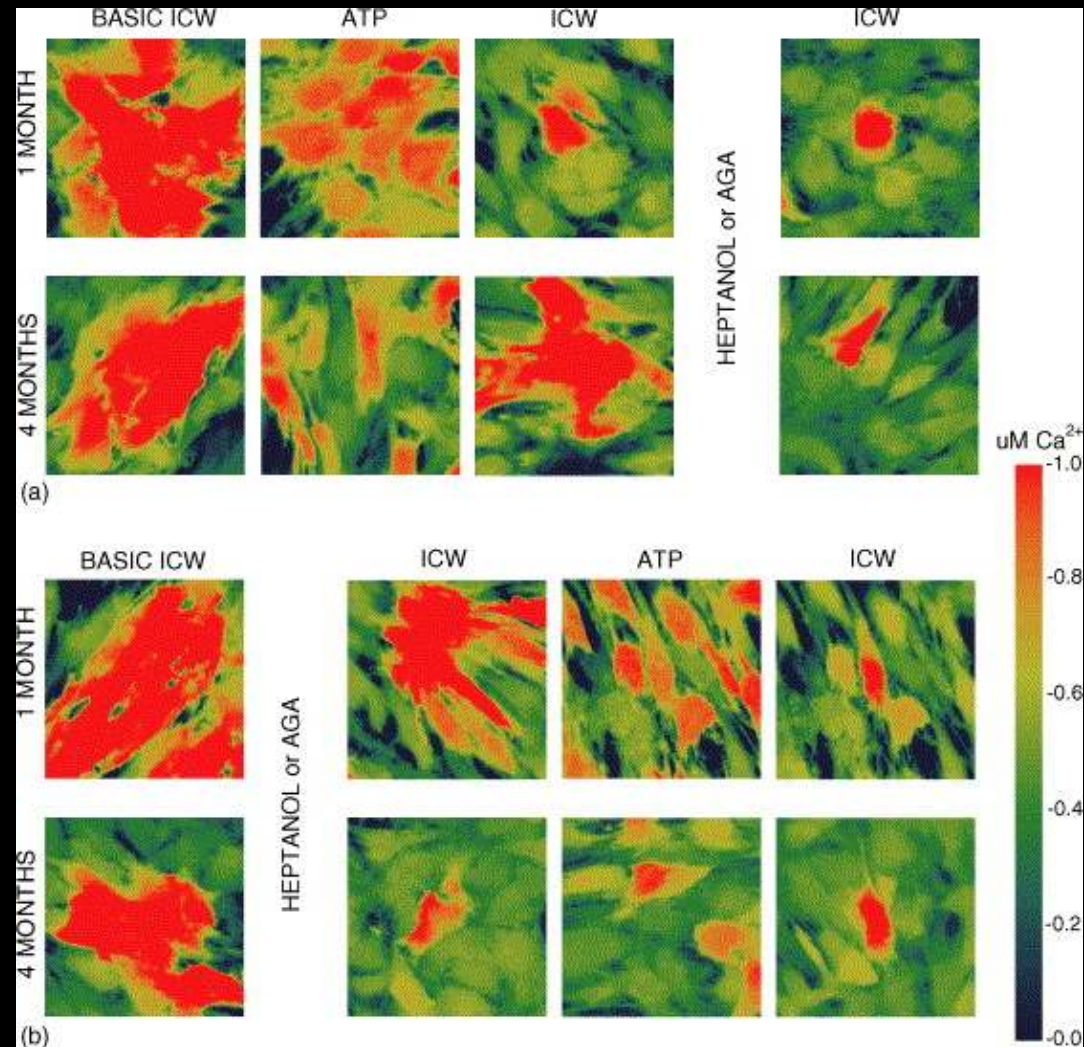




Propagation of signals



Intercellular calcium wave propagation during osteoblast differentiation



Coordinating bone cell behaviour

Mechanostat theory

Disuse Range

*Resorption >
Formation*

| modeling
| remodeling

Physiological Range

*Resorption =
Formation*

homeostasis

Overload Range

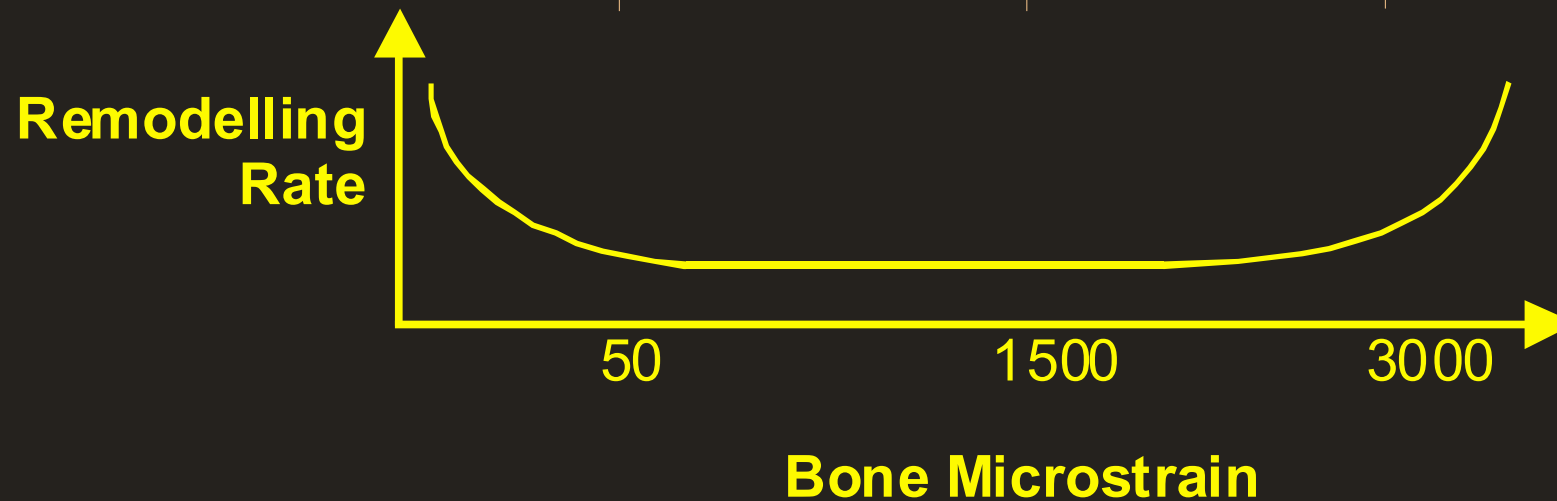
*Formation >
Resorption*

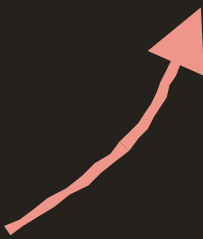
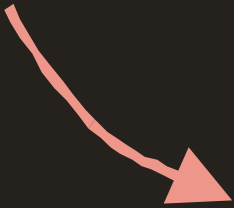
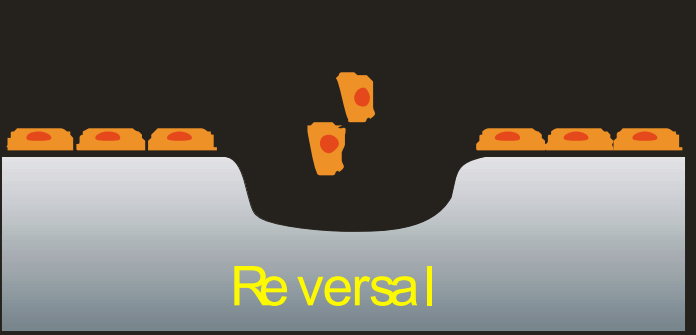
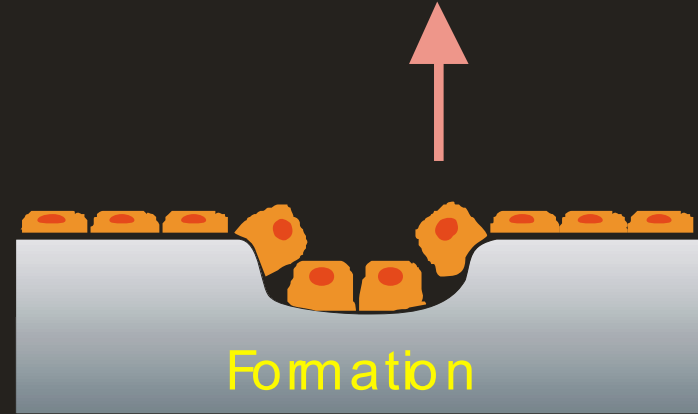
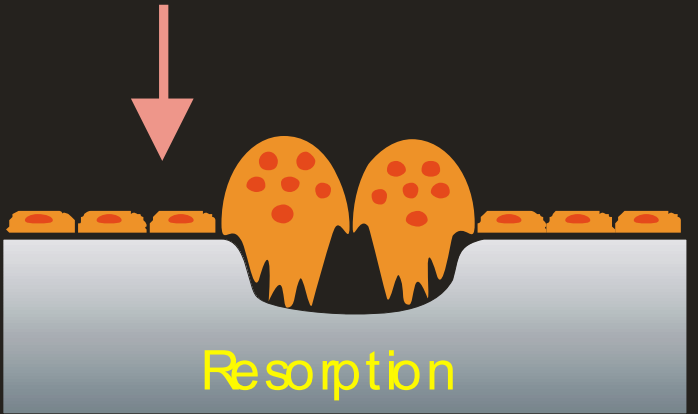
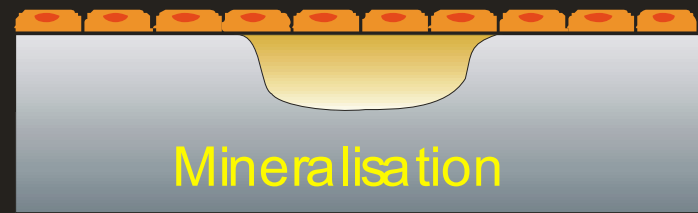
| modeling
| remodeling

Pathological Overload Range

*Formation >
Resorption*

|| modeling
|| remodeling



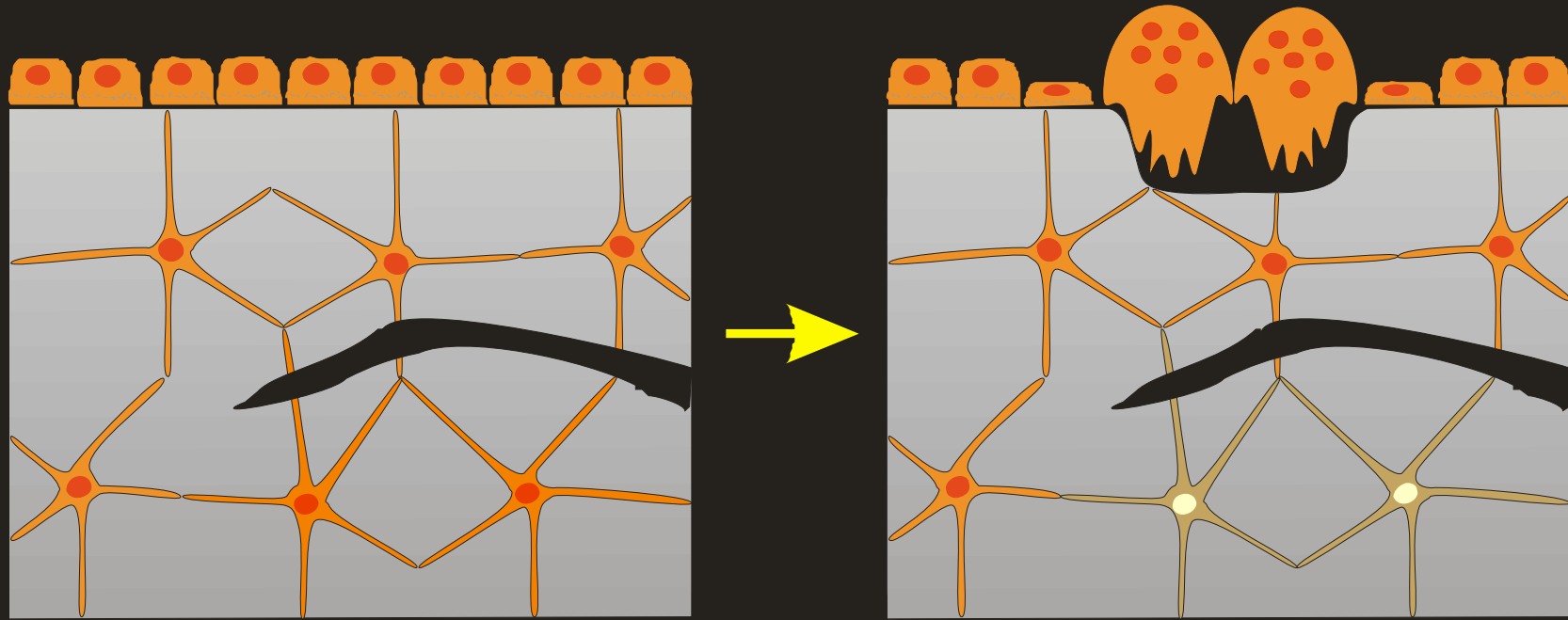


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Initiation of bone remodelling..



Osteocyte-mediated initiation of bone resorption

- Osteocytes prevent osteoclastogenesis – TGF β / OPG
- Osteocytes produce RANKL / M-CSF
- The effects of osteocyte apoptosis are mediated by changes in the behaviour of bone-lining cells

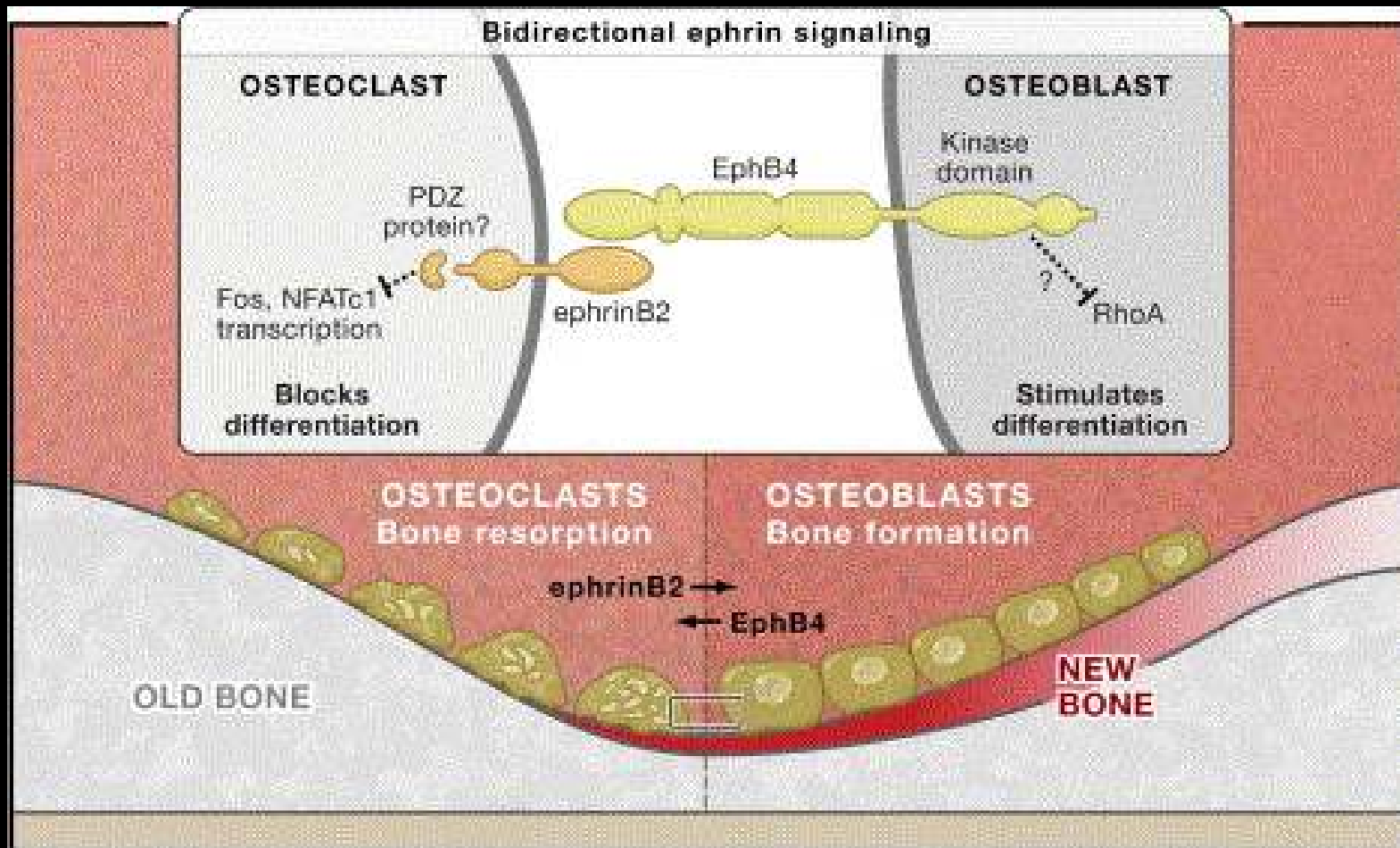
Osteoclast recruitment

- Chemokines
 - Monocyte chemoattractant protein-1 (MCP-1, also known as CCL2)
 - stromal cell-derived factor (SDF-1, also known as CXCL12)

Reversal / Transition

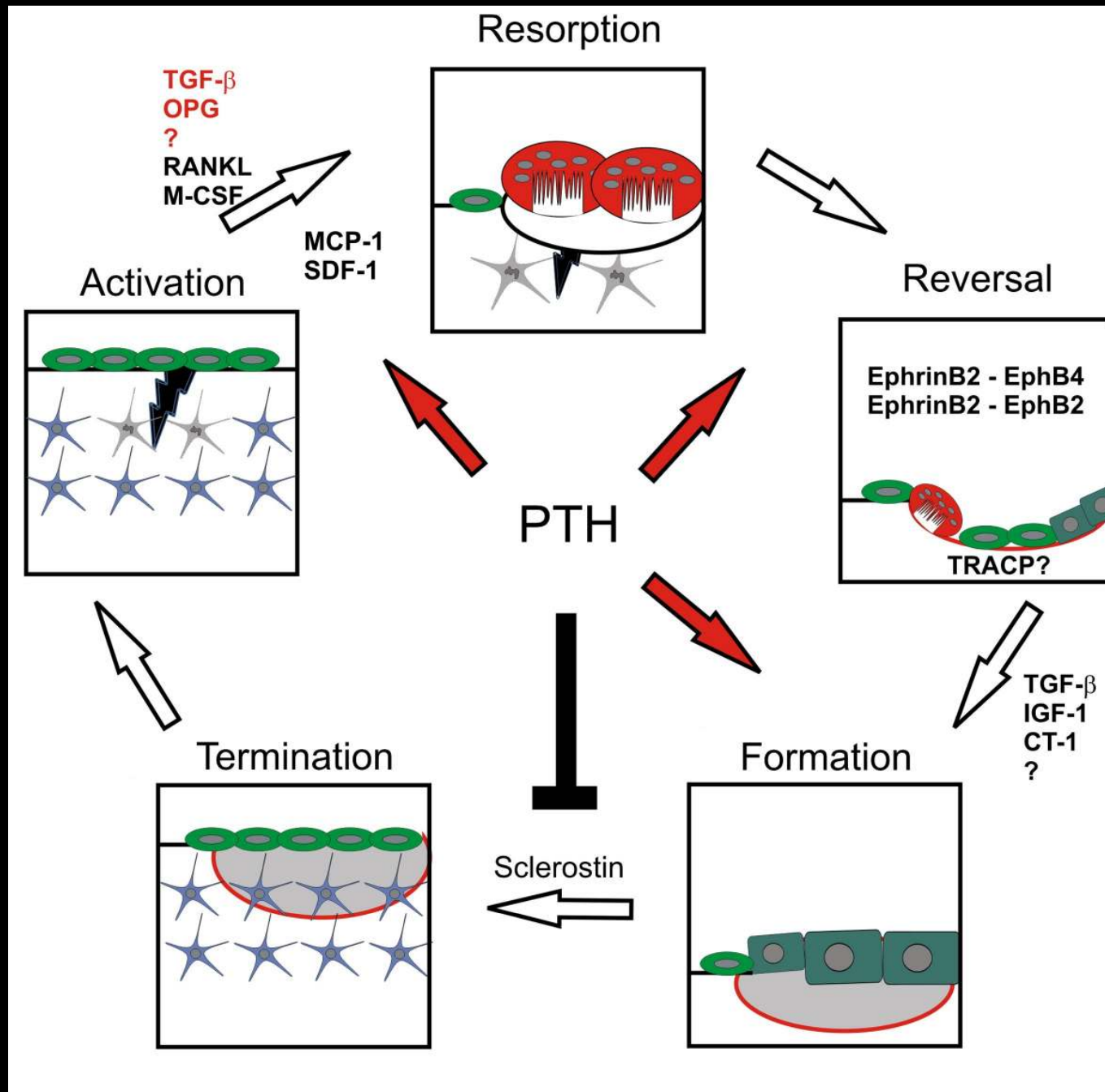
- Factors released from the bone matrix
 - IGF-1, BMP-2, TGF β , PDGF
- Factors released by osteoclasts
 - Cardiotrophin-1 (CT-1)

Cell:cell interactions



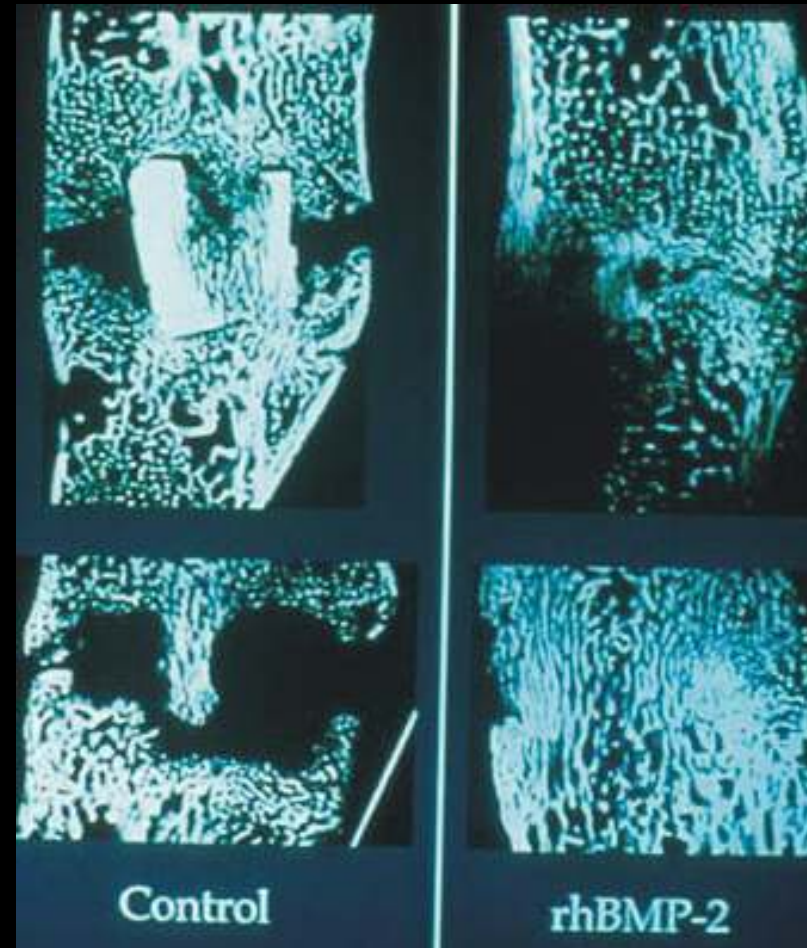
Termination of bone formation

- Osteocytes produce Sclerostin
 - Ligand for LRP5 & therefore prevents Wnt activated bone formation
 - PTH treatment and mechanical load reduce sclerostin expression by osteocytes
 - Lack of sclerostin leads to high bone mass diseases, Van Buchem disease and sclerosteosis

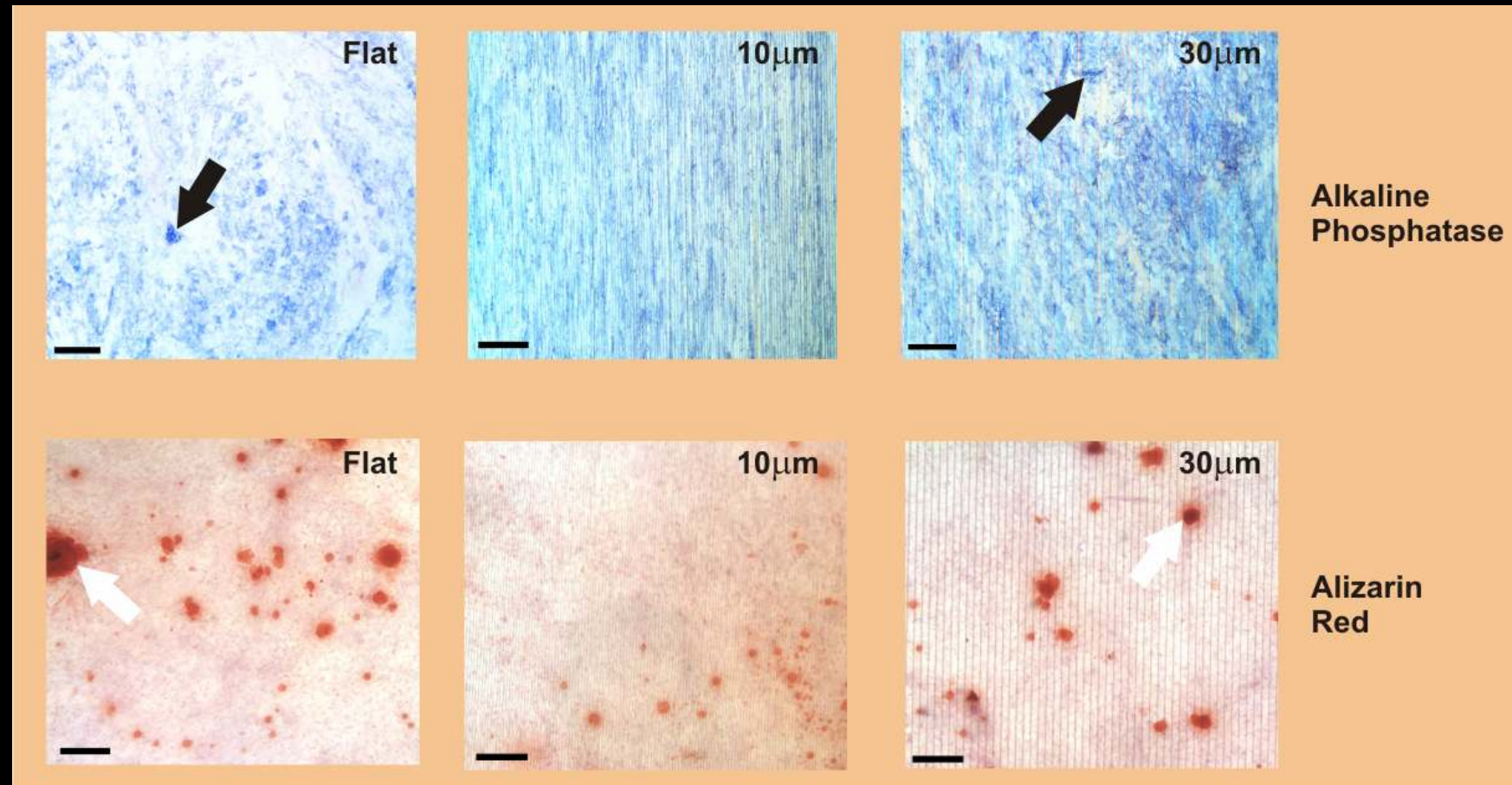


Biology in Orthopaedics

- Biologics
- Biomaterial engineering
- Cell therapies

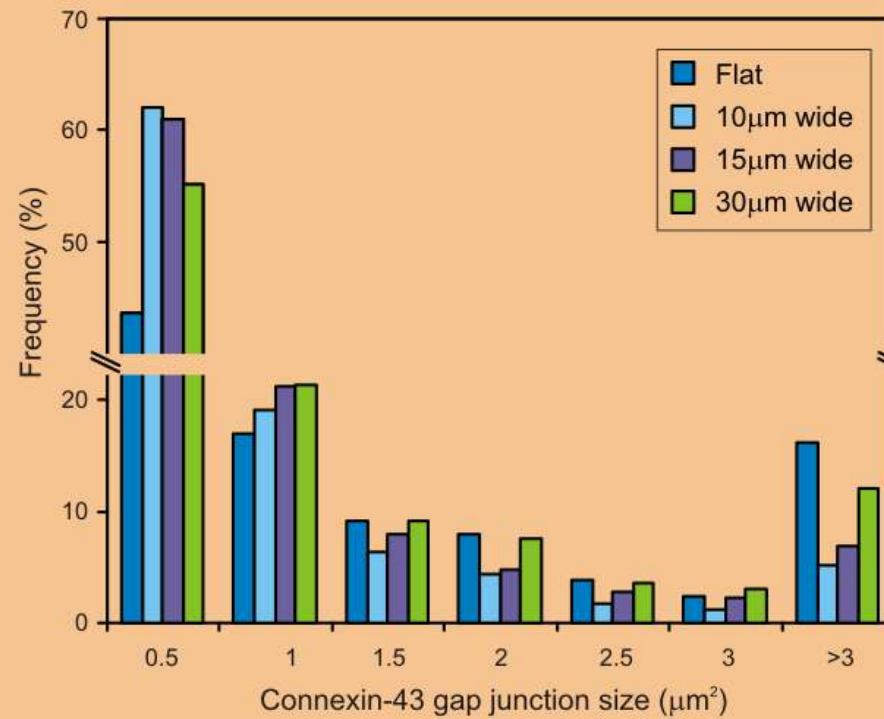
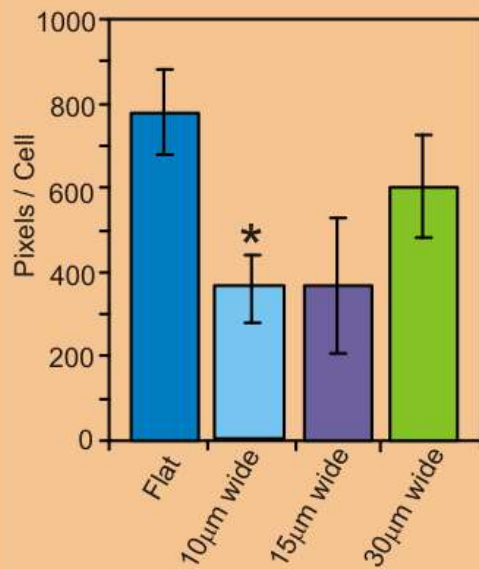
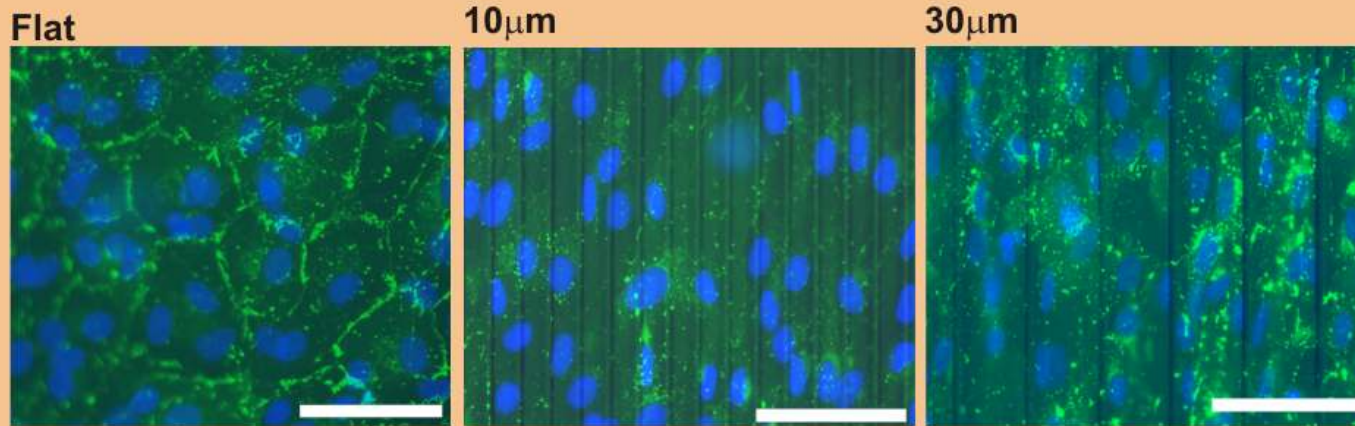


Osteogenesis on 10-30 μ m grooved surfaces

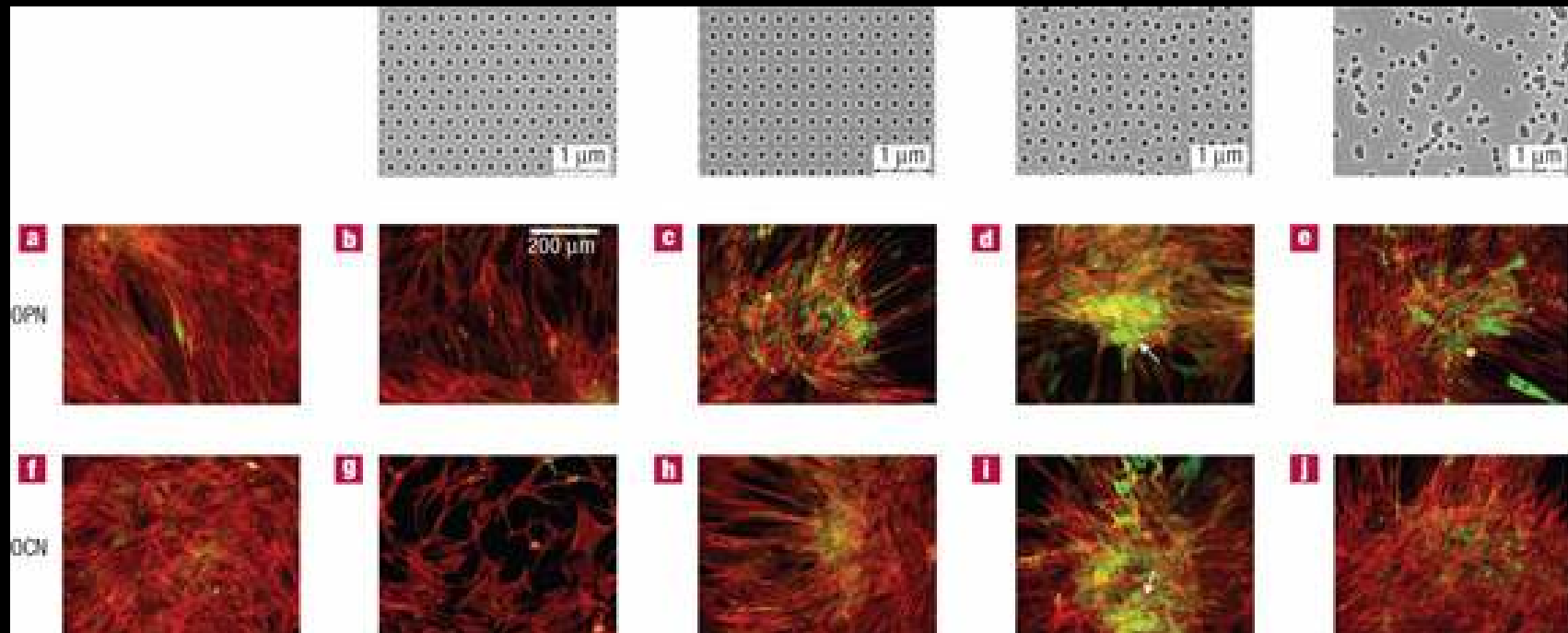


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Cell:cell interactions on grooved substrates

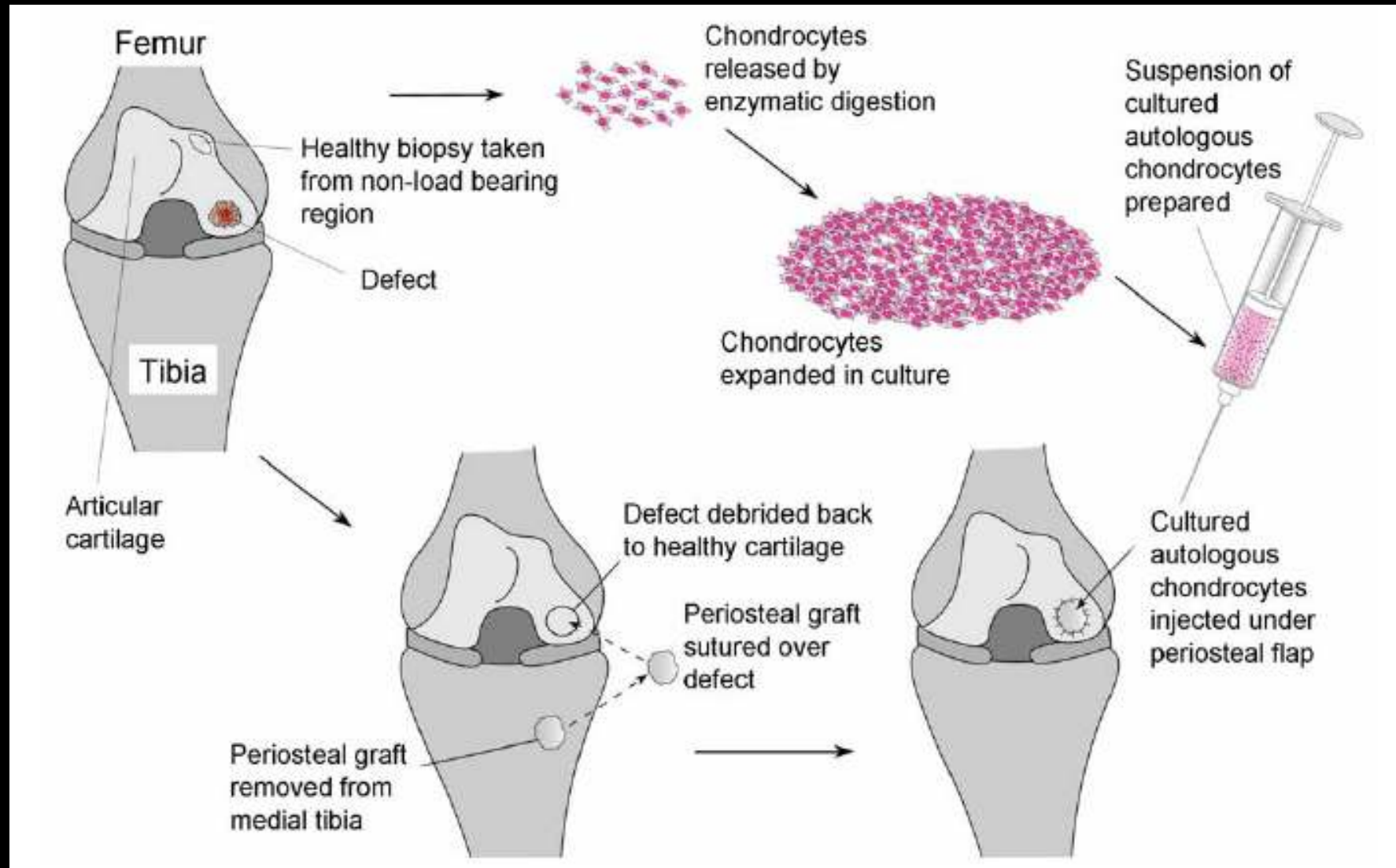


Nanoscale disorder regulates osteoblast differentiation



Dalby M et al The control of human mesenchymal cell differentiation using nanoscale symmetry and disorder. Nature Materials 2007 6(12):997-1003.

Autologous Chondrocyte Implantation



Any questions?