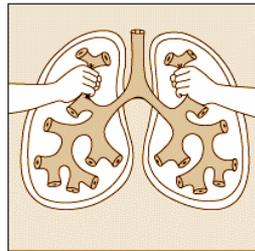


# Pharmacology of respiratory system

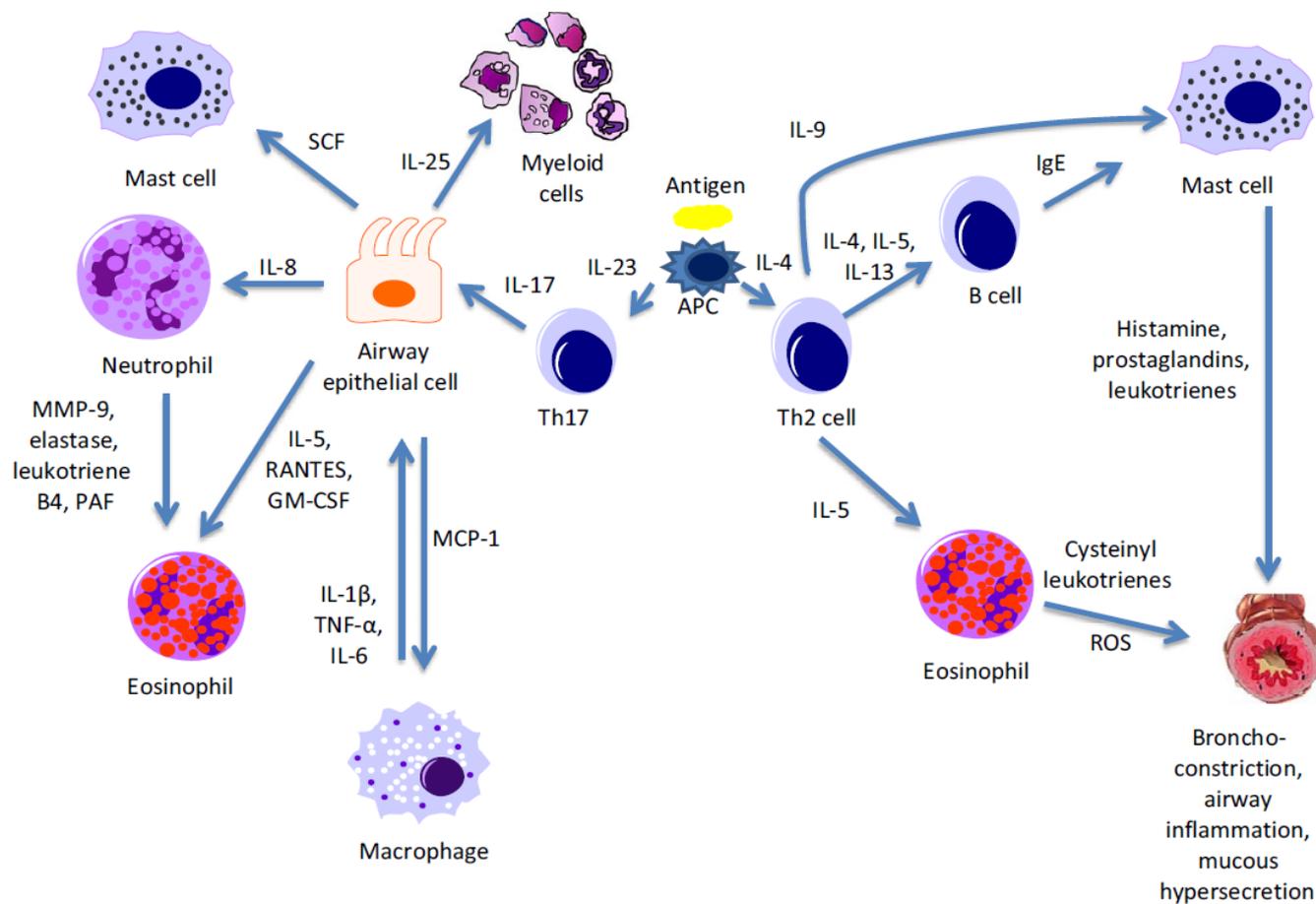
## Therapy of bronchial asthma and COPD

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# Definition of bronchial asthma

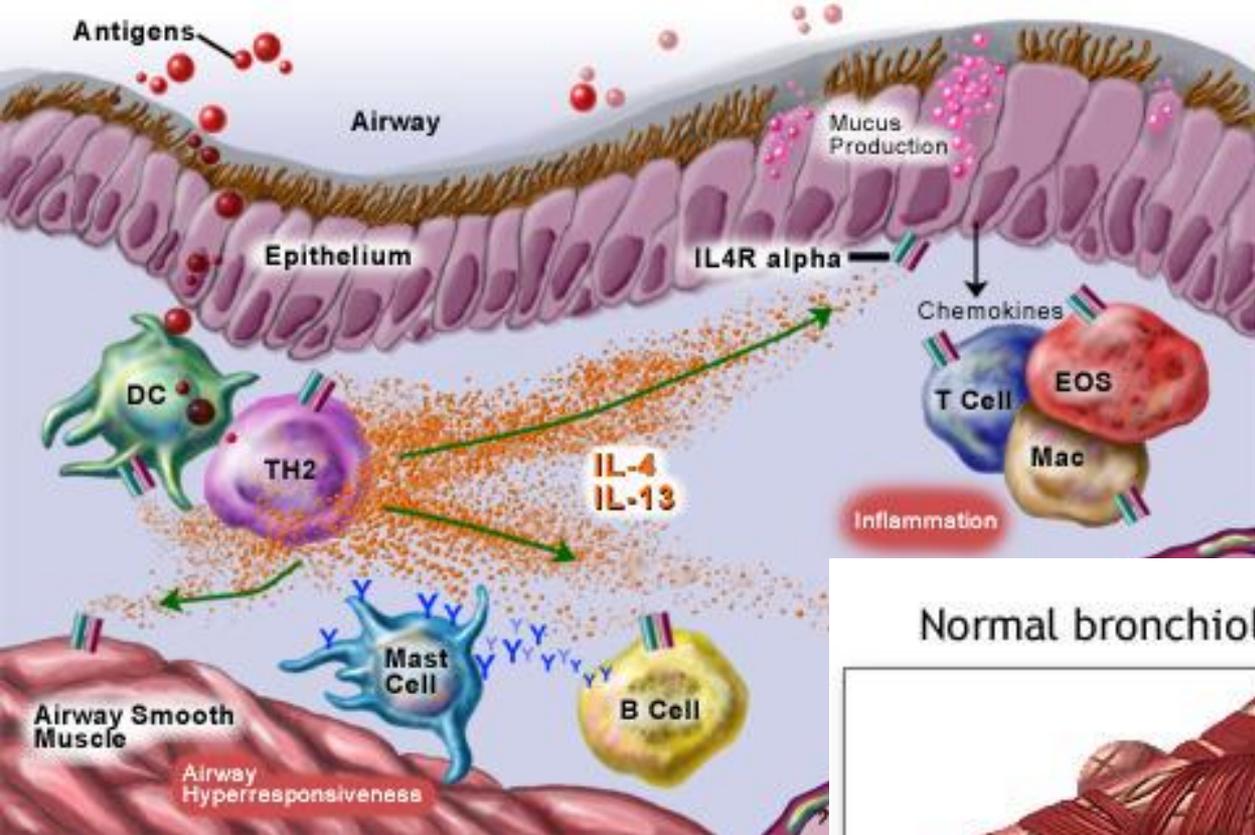
Chronic **inflammatory disease of airways**, with participation of various **cells** and cell elements, particularly mastocytes, eosinophiles, T-lymfocytes, macrophages, neutrophiles and epithelial cells. This inflammation cause in susceptible individuals recurrent episodes or **attacks** of wheezing, cough, dyspnea and chest oppressions, mainly during night and in the morning. Concommitantly there is diffuse, but variable **obstruction of airways**, which is **often reversible** either spontaneously or after treatment. The inflammation is responsible also for enhancing of bronchial **hyperreactivity** to various stimuli.



**Figure 1** Th2 and Th17 allergen responses in the asthmatic airway. Upon allergen presentation to Th0 cells by antigen-presenting cells (APC), Th cells differentiate into Th2 cells in the presence of IL-4, and Th17 cells in the presence of IL-23. Th2 cells then go on to produce IL-4-, IL-5-, and IL-13-activating B cells to release IgE which attaches to the surface of mast cells. When stimulated by antigen, mast cells release histamine, prostaglandins, and leukotrienes resulting in smooth muscle bronchoconstriction, airway inflammation, and mucous hypersecretion. Eosinophils activated by IL-5 produce cysteinyl leukotrienes and reactive oxygen species (ROS), which act in a similar manner on the airways, and additionally contribute to oxidative stress. Th17 cells producing IL-17 act on airway epithelial cells to stimulate the release of multiple factors.

These factors include macrophage chemoattractant protein-1 (MCP-1) which recruits macrophages, IL-5, regulated on activation, normal T cell expressed and secreted (RANTES), and GM-CSF (granulocyte-macrophage colony-stimulating factor) which activate eosinophils, IL-8 which mobilizes neutrophils, stem cell factor (SCF) which works to promote mast cell survival, and IL-25 which induces myeloid cells to release Th2-type cytokines. Neutrophils release matrix metalloproteinase 9 (MMP9), elastase, leukotriene B4, and platelet-activating factor (PAF), which work to enhance the activity of eosinophils. Activated macrophages release IL-1, tumor necrosis factor alpha (TNF- $\alpha$ ), and IL-6 which interact with other inflammatory cells and result in a positive feedback loop with airway epithelial cells.

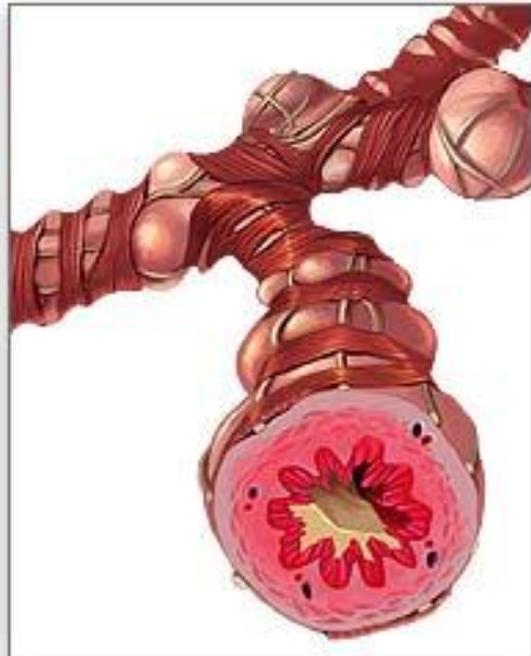
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Normal bronchiole

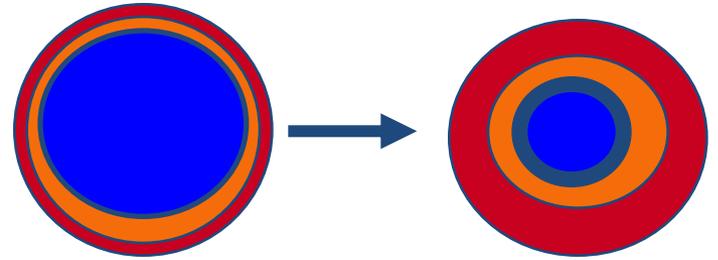


Asthmatic bronchiole



# Pathogenesis of BA

- Eozinophil inflammation
- Bronchoconstriction
- Edema of mucous membranes (plasma leakage, vasodilation)
- Hypersecretion of mucus
- Activation of sensoric nerve endings (cough, cholinergic reflexes)
- **Remodeling** of lung parenchyma (fibrosis, smooth muscle hypertrophy, more vessels and cells)



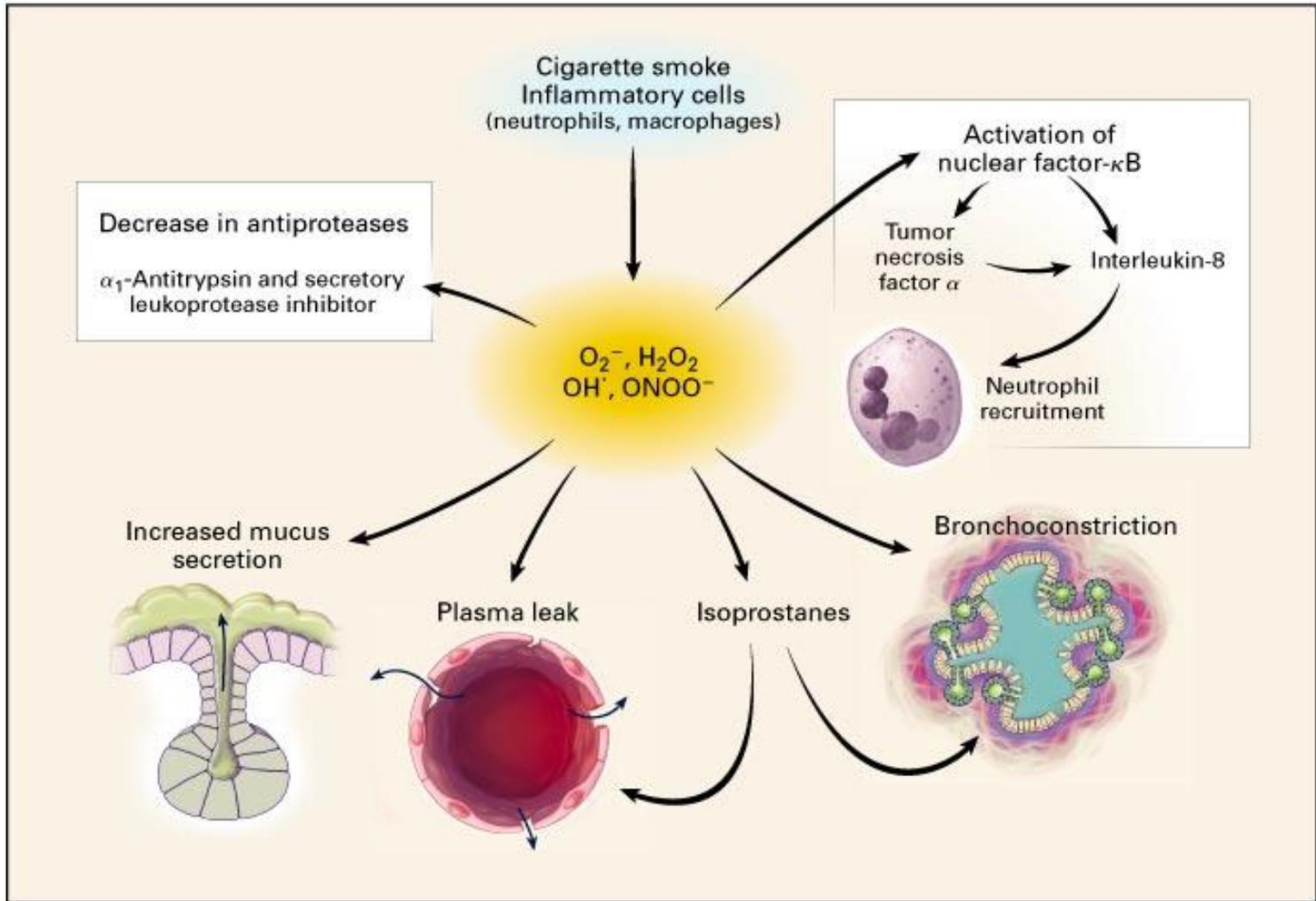
# Symptomatology of BA

- **Cough**
- **Dyspnea**
- **Wheezing**
- **Mucus**
- **Morning troubles**
- **Positive patient's history**

# Definition of COPD

COPD is disease characterised by **limitation of air flow through airways**, which is **not completely reversible**. The limitation of air flow has usually **progressive character** and is associated with **inflammatory reaction** of lungs to various particules or gases.

# Pathogenesis of COPD





# Differences between COPD and BA

	<b>ASTHMA</b>	<b>COPD</b>
Prevalence	5-10%	>10%
Inflammation	eozinophiles	neutrophiles
Causal Th	hyposenzibilization	??? stop smoking
Smoking	No?	Yes
Symptomatic Th	<b>bronchodilators</b>	<b>bronchodilators</b>
Prognosis	stabilization, healing	progression
Disease onset	rapid	progressive
Reversibility of obstruc.	over 15%	No or small
Hyperreactivity	always	sometimes

# Classification of BA

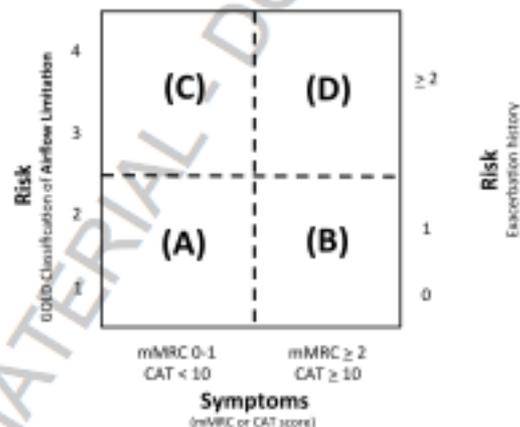
- **1. level** - Mild **intermittent** asthma
- **2. level** - Mild **persistent** asthma
- **3. level** - Moderate **persistent** asthma
- **4. level** - Severe **persistent** asthma

## Figure 2. Spirometric Classification of COPD Severity Based on Post-Bronchodilator FEV<sub>1</sub>

Stage I: Mild	FEV <sub>1</sub> /FVC < 0.70 FEV <sub>1</sub> ≥ 80% predicted
Stage II: Moderate	FEV <sub>1</sub> /FVC < 0.70 50% ≤ FEV <sub>1</sub> < 80% predicted
Stage III: Severe	FEV <sub>1</sub> /FVC < 0.70 30% ≤ FEV <sub>1</sub> < 50% predicted
Stage IV: Very Severe	FEV <sub>1</sub> /FVC < 0.70 FEV <sub>1</sub> < 30% predicted <i>or</i> FEV <sub>1</sub> < 50% predicted plus chronic respiratory failure

### Table 4. Combined Assessment of COPD

(When assessing risk, choose the highest risk according to GOLD grade or exacerbation history.)



Patient	Characteristic	Spirometric Classification	Exacerbations per year	mMRC	CAT
A	Low Risk Less Symptoms	GOLD 1-2	$\leq 1$	0-1	$< 10$
B	Low Risk More Symptoms	GOLD 1-2	$\leq 1$	$\geq 2$	$\geq 10$
C	High Risk Less Symptoms	GOLD 3-4	$\geq 2$	0-1	$< 10$
D	High Risk More Symptoms	GOLD 3-4	$\geq 2$	$\geq 2$	$\geq 10$

Vaše meno:

Dnešný dátum:



## Ako by ste popísali vašu chronickú obštrukčnú chorobu pľúc (CHOCHP)? Vypĺňte test vyhodnotenia CHOCHP (COPD Assessment Test™) (CAT)

Tento dotazník pomôže vám a profesionálnemu zdravotníkovi posúdiť vplyv CHOCHP (chronická obštrukčná choroba pľúc) na vaše zdravie a každodenný život. Vaše odpovede a hodnotenie testu môžete vy a profesionálny zdravotník použiť na zlepšenie manažmentu choroby CHOCHP a získanie čo možno najväčšieho prínosu z liečby CHOCHP.

Príklad: Som veľmi šťastný/á

 0  1  2  3  4  5

Som veľmi smutný/á

Nikdy nekašlem

 0  1  2  3  4  5

Stále kašlem

V hrudníku nemám vôbec hlien

 0  1  2  3  4  5

hlien Hrudník mám celkom plný hlienu

Vôbec nepociťujem tlak na hrudníku

 0  1  2  3  4  5

Pociťujem výrazný tlak na hrudníku

Po zdolaní kopca alebo jedného poschodia nie som zadychčaný/á

 0  1  2  3  4  5

Po zdolaní kopca alebo jedného poschodia som veľmi zadychčaný/á

Moja činnosť v domácnosti nie je vôbec obmedzená

 0  1  2  3  4  5

Moja činnosť v domácnosti je veľmi obmedzená

Aj napriek stavu pľúc s istotou vychádzam von z domova

 0  1  2  3  4  5

V dôsledku stavu pľúc nemám vôbec istotu vyjsť z domova

Spím hlbokým spánkom

 0  1  2  3  4  5

Nespím hlbokým spánkom v dôsledku stavu mojich pľúc

Mám veľa energie

 0  1  2  3  4  5

Nemám vôbec žiadnu energiu

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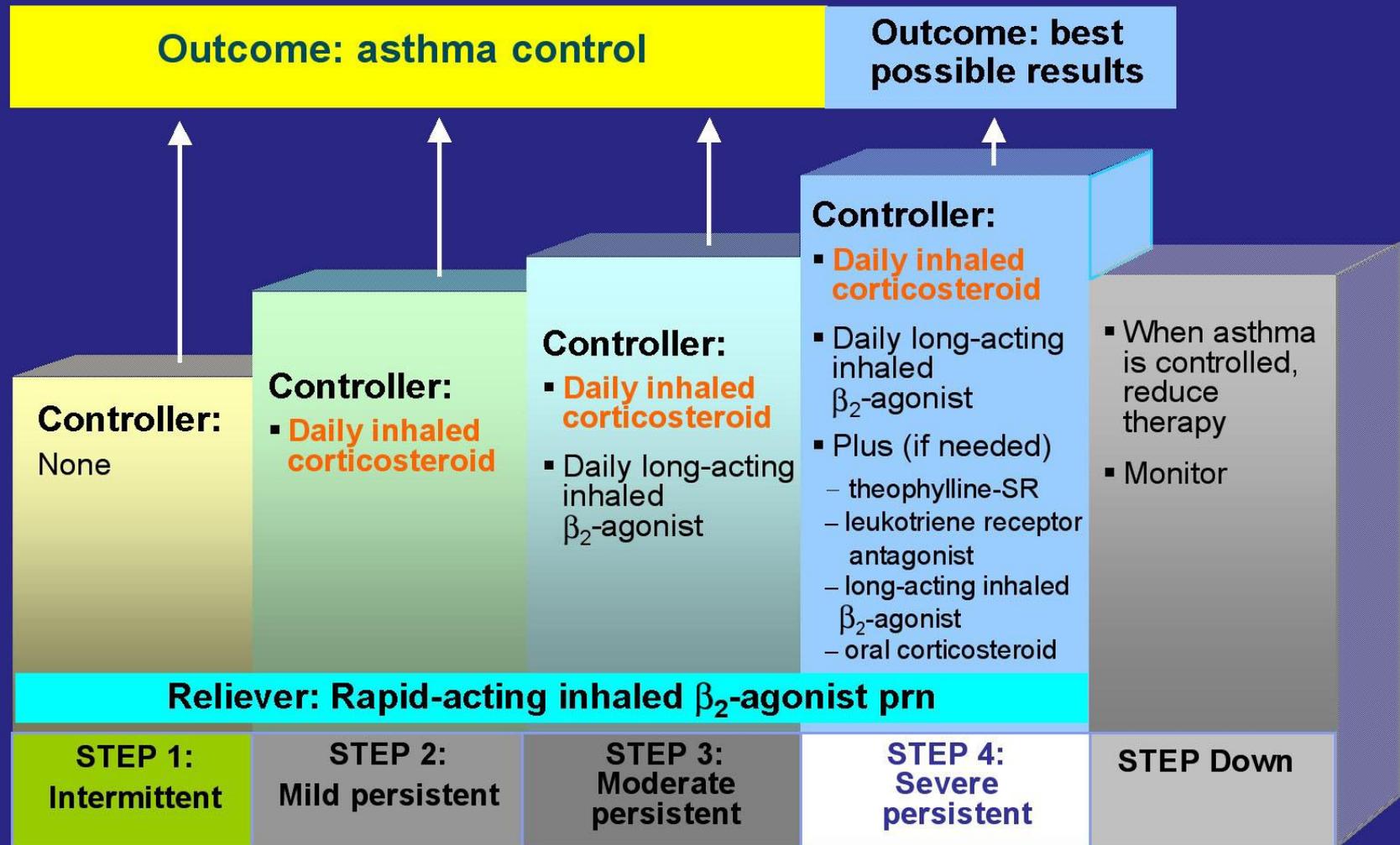
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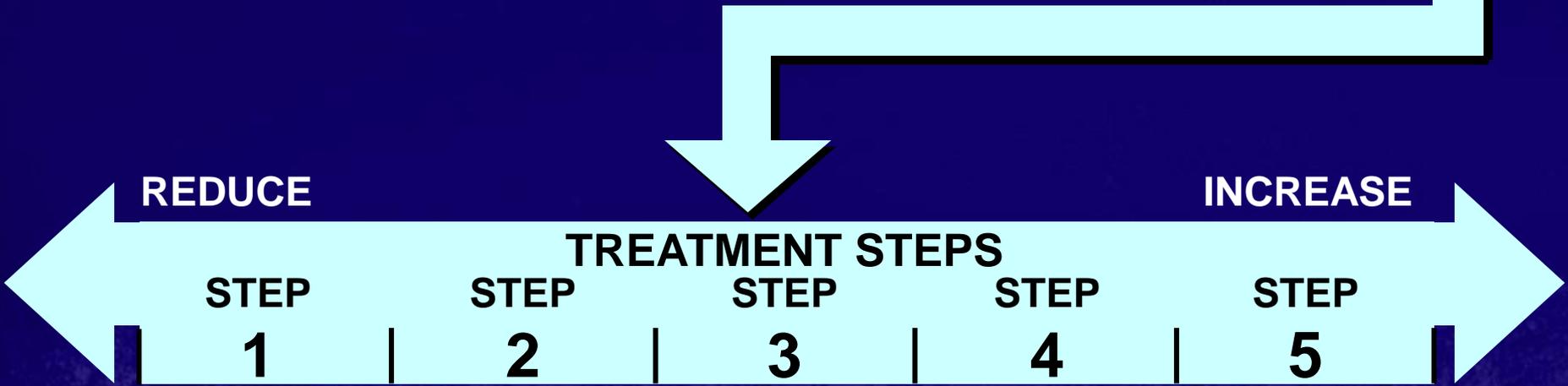
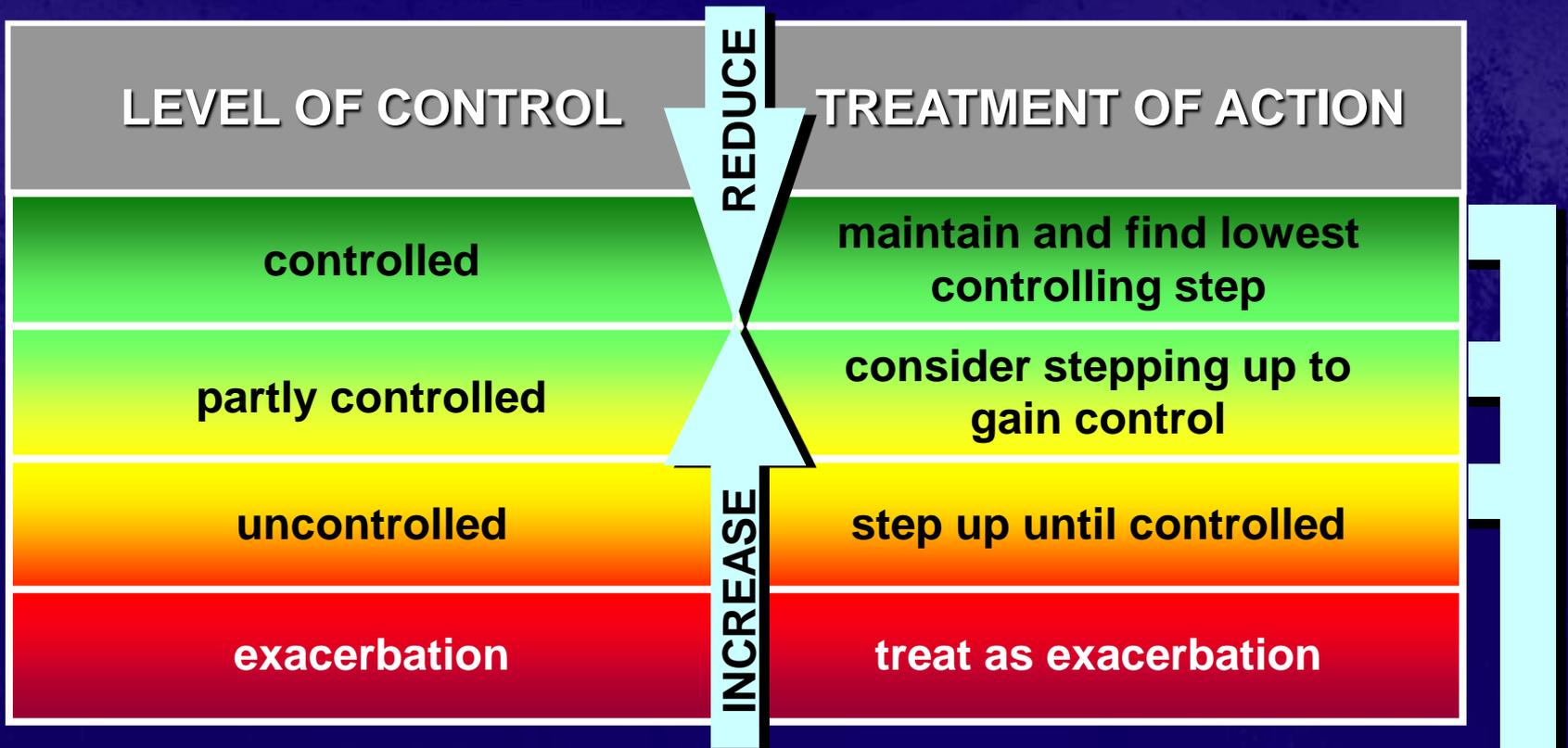
# Therapy of BA



- **Diagnostics**
- Regular examinations and **monitoring**
- Depistage and control of **worsening factors**
- **Long-term pharmacological treatment**
- **Management of asthma exacerbations**
- **Education** and leading of asthamtic patients to partnership in treatment

# GINA stepwise approach to asthma therapy in adults





**REDUCE**

**INCREASE**

**TREATMENT STEPS**

**STEP 1**

**STEP 2**

**STEP 3**

**STEP 4**

**STEP 5**

asthma education				
environmental control				
as needed rapid-acting $\beta_2$ -agonist	as needed rapid-acting $\beta_2$ -agonist			
<b>CONTROLLER OPTIONS</b>	SELECT ONE	SELECT ONE	TO STEP 3 TREATMENT, SELECT ONE OR MORE	TO STEP 4 TREATMENT, ADD EITHER
	low-dose ICS*	low-dose ICS <i>plus</i> long-acting $\beta_2$ -agonist	medium- <i>or</i> high-dose ICS <i>plus</i> long-acting $\beta_2$ -agonist	oral glucocorticosteroid (lowest dose)
	leukotriene modifier**	medium- <i>or</i> high-dose ICS	leukotriene modifier	anti-IgE treatment
		low-dose ICS <i>plus</i> leukotriene modifier	sustained-release theophylline	
	low-dose ICS <i>plus</i> sustained-release theophylline			

\*inhaled glucocorticosteroids

\*\* receptor antagonist or synthesis inhibitors

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**Shaded green - preferred controller options**

# Therapy of acute symptoms in AB

## „Relievers“ (rescuing drugs)

- Short-acting  $\beta_2$ -sympatomimetics ( $\beta_2$ -agonists) - SABA

Muscarinic antagonists (anticholinergics) - SAMA

- Systemic corticoosteroids in a rescue dose
- Theophylline???

# Long-term pharmacological treatment

## Controllers (preventive drugs)

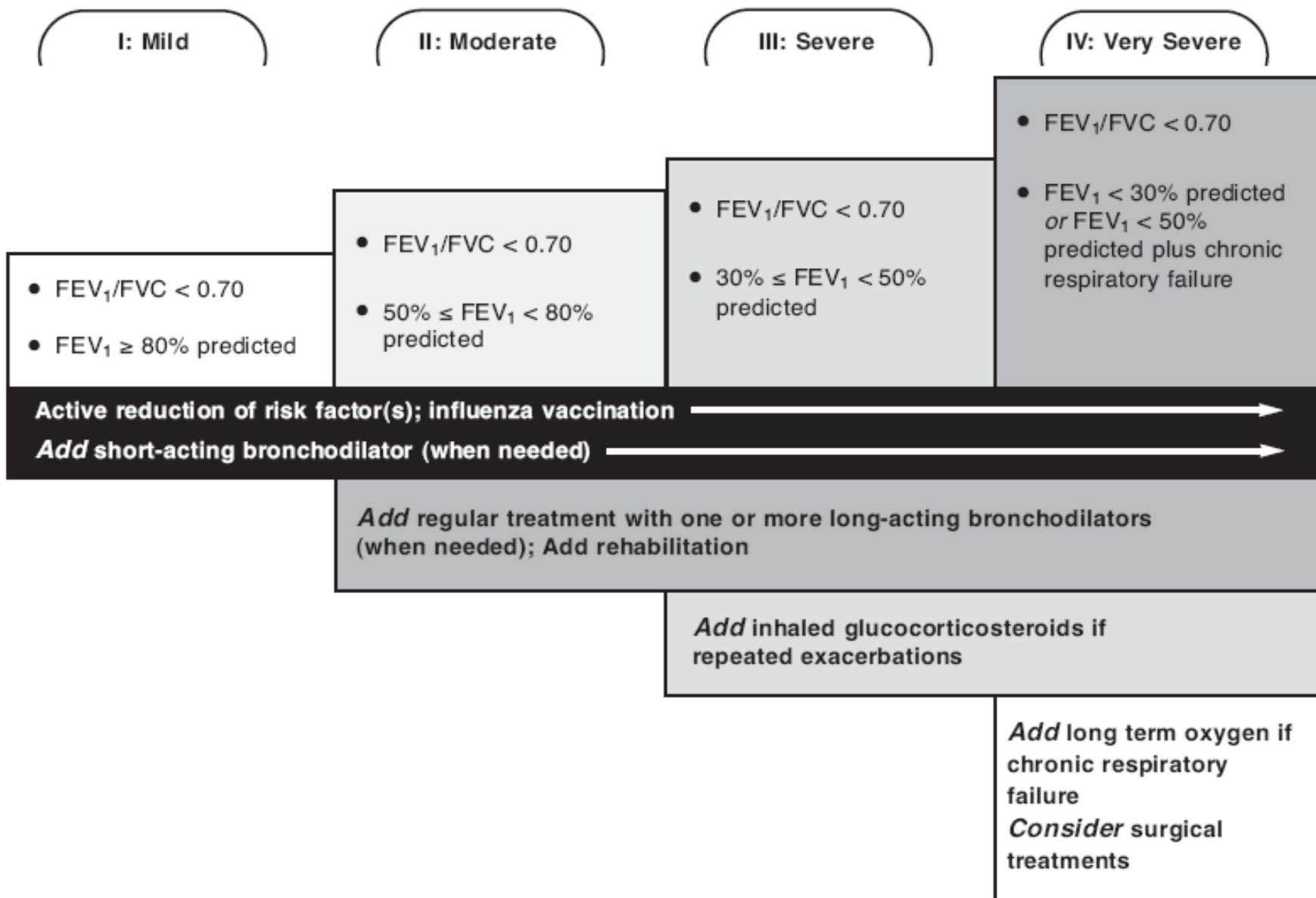
- Inhalative and systemic corticoids
- Cromones
- Long-acting  $\beta_2$ -sympatomimetics ( $\beta_2$ -agonists) - LABA
- Theophyllines with sustained release
- Antileukotriens (LT modifiers)
- Omalizumab (antibodies against IgE)

# Management of COPD

- **Diagnostics** and disease monitoring
- **Reduction of risk factors**
- **Treatment of stable COPD**
- **Treatment of exacerbations**

Figure 7. Therapy at Each Stage of COPD

Postbronchodilator  $FEV_1$  is recommended for the diagnosis and assessment of severity of COPD.





# Global Strategy for Diagnosis, Management and Prevention of COPD

## Manage Stable COPD: All COPD Patients

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### ■ Avoidance of risk factors

- smoking cessation
- reduction of indoor pollution
- reduction of occupational exposure

### ■ Influenza vaccination



# Global Strategy for Diagnosis, Management and Prevention of COPD

## Manage Stable COPD: Pharmacologic Therapy

*(Medications in each box are mentioned in alphabetical order, and therefore not necessarily in order of preference.)*

Patient	Recommended First choice	Alternative choice	Other Possible Treatments
A	SAMA prn <i>or</i> SABA prn	LAMA <i>or</i> LABA <i>or</i> SABA and SAMA	Theophylline
B	LAMA <i>or</i> LABA	LAMA and LABA	SABA <i>and/or</i> SAMA Theophylline
C	ICS + LABA <i>or</i> LAMA	LAMA and LABA <i>or</i> LAMA and PDE4-inh. <i>or</i> LABA and PDE4-inh.	SABA <i>and/or</i> SAMA Theophylline
D	ICS + LABA <i>and/or</i> LAMA	ICS + LABA and LAMA <i>or</i> ICS+LABA and PDE4-inh. <i>or</i> LAMA and LABA <i>or</i> LAMA and PDE4-inh.	Carbocysteine SABA <i>and/or</i> SAMA Theophylline



# Global Strategy for Diagnosis, Management and Prevention of COPD

## Manage Stable COPD: Pharmacologic Therapy

### RECOMMENDED FIRST CHOICE

[http://www.catestonline.org/english/index\\_Slovakia.htm](http://www.catestonline.org/english/index_Slovakia.htm)

	C	D	
GOLD 4	ICS + LABA <i>or</i> LAMA	ICS + LABA <i>and/or</i> LAMA	2 or more <i>or</i> ≥ 1 leading to hospital admission
GOLD 3			
GOLD 2	SAMA <i>prn</i> <i>or</i> SABA <i>prn</i>	LABA <i>or</i> LAMA	1 (not leading to hospital admission)
GOLD 1			
	CAT < 10 mMRC 0-1	CAT ≥ 10 mMRC ≥ 2	Exacerbations per year



# Global Strategy for Diagnosis, Management and Prevention of COPD

## Manage Stable COPD: Pharmacologic Therapy

### ALTERNATIVE CHOICE

GOLD 4

GOLD 3

GOLD 2

GOLD 1

	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	
	<p>LAMA and LABA or LAMA and PDE4-inh or LABA and PDE4-inh</p>	<p>ICS + LABA and LAMA or ICS + LABA and PDE4-inh or LAMA and LABA or LAMA and PDE4-inh.</p>	
	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	
	<p>LAMA or LABA or SABA and SAMA</p>	<p>LAMA and LABA</p>	

2 or more

or

≥ 1 leading to hospital admission

1 (not leading to hospital admission)

0

Exacerbations per year

CAT < 10  
mMRC 0-1

CAT ≥ 10  
mMRC ≥ 2



# Global Strategy for Diagnosis, Management and Prevention of COPD

## Manage Stable COPD: Pharmacologic Therapy

### OTHER POSSIBLE TREATMENTS

	C	D		
GOLD 4	<i>SABA and/or SAMA</i> <i>Theophylline</i>	<i>Carbocysteine</i> <i>SABA and/or SAMA</i> <i>Theophylline</i>	2 or more or ≥ 1 leading to hospital admission	
GOLD 3				
GOLD 2	<i>Theophylline</i>	<i>SABA and/or SAMA</i> <i>Theophylline</i>		1 (not leading to hospital admission)
GOLD 1				
	CAT < 10 mMRC 0-1	CAT ≥ 10 mMRC ≥ 2	0	

Exacerbations per year

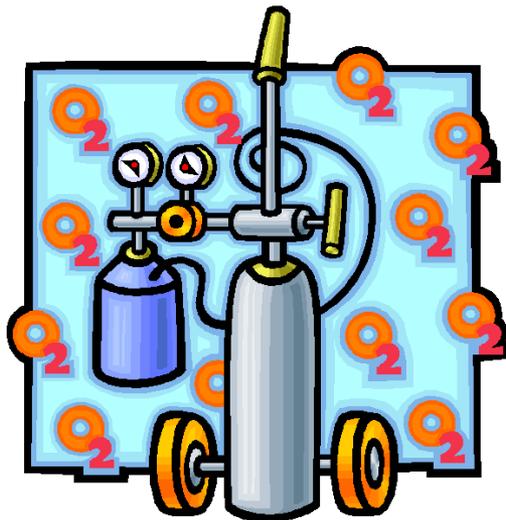
# Treatment of stable COPD

## Pharmacological:

- Bronchodilators
- Glucorticoids
- Other forms

## Non-pharmacological:

- **Smoking cessation**
- Rehabilitation
- Oxygen therapy
- Mechanical assistance of ventilation
- Surgical treatment



# Bronchodilators

➤ **parasympatholytics**

➤ **β<sub>2</sub>-sympathomimetics**

➤ **methylxanthines**

➤ **combinations**

**Figure 9. Bronchodilators in Stable COPD**

- Bronchodilator medications are central to symptom management in COPD.
- Inhaled therapy is preferred.
- The choice between β<sub>2</sub>-agonist, anticholinergic, theophylline, or combination therapy depends on availability and individual response in terms of symptom relief and side effects.
- Bronchodilators are prescribed on an as-needed or on a regular basis to prevent or reduce symptoms.
- Long-acting inhaled bronchodilators are more effective and convenient.
- Combining bronchodilators may improve efficacy and decrease the risk of side effects compared to increasing the dose of a single bronchodilator.

# Other forms of pharmacotherapy

- **Vaccination (influenza, pneumococcus)**
- **Substitutive therapy  $\alpha$ 1-antitrypsin**
- **Antimicrobial therapy (exacerbations)**
- **Mucolytics**
- **Antioxidants**
- **Imunoregulators**
- **Antitussives**

# **Drugs used in the therapy of BA and COPD**

# $\beta_2$ -agonists - history

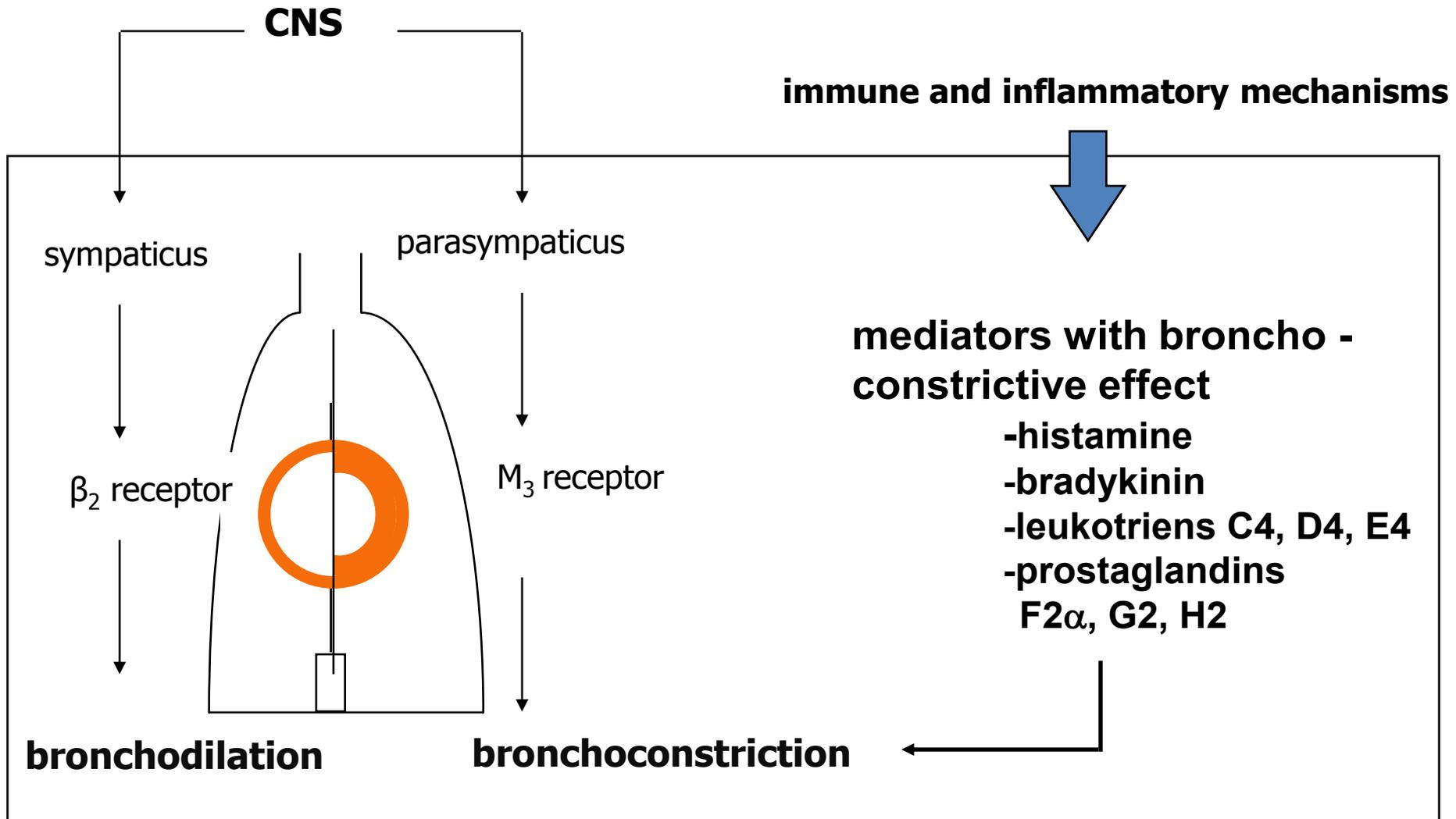
- 1960 – non-selective – epinephrine parenterally, inhalative isoprenaline
- 1970-1989 – selective on  $\beta_2$  receptors – short-acting (salbutamol, fenoterol, terbutalin)
- Selective on  $\beta_2$  receptors – with longer activity, peroral use (salbutamol as Volmax tbl., clenbuterol and procaterol in form of tbl. and syrup)
- Since 1982 – selective on  $\beta_2$  receptors - long-active inhalative (long-active: salmeterol Serevent, formoterol Foradil)

# Distribution of $\beta_1$ and $\beta_2$ receptors and their effects

organ	$\beta_1$	$\beta_2$
heart	+ inotropic + chronotropic	-
vessels	-	vasodilation
bronchi	-	bronchodilation
uterus	-	tocolysis
skeletal muscles	-	tremor
fat tissue	lipolysis ( $\beta_3$ )	
carbohydrates metabolism		glykogenolysis



# Neurohumoral regulation of smooth muscle tone in respiratory system



# Effects of $\beta_2$ -agonists on tracheobronchial tree

- **bronchodilation** via bronchial smooth muscle relaxation
- **inhibition of mediators releasing** from mastocytes, eosinophiles and basophiles
- increasing of **mucociliar transport** via increase of cilia motion frequency
- smaller **permeability of capillaries**, relieving of mucous membrane **edema** caused by inflammatory mediators
- stimulation of epithelial cells to enhanced secretion of  $\text{Cl}^-$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  to bronchi

# Adverse effects of $\beta_2$ -agonists

- **tremor** of skeletal muscles
- **tachycardia**, various kinds of dysrhythmias
- **metabolic changes:**
  - **increase:** insulin level, lactate, pyruvate and ketones
  - **decrease:** serum levels of  $K^+$ ,  $Ca^{++}$ ,  $Mg^{++}$
- **anxiety, insomnia, confusness**
- **headache**
- **paradoxical bronchospasm**
- **allergic reactions**

# Problems by regular use of $\beta_2$ -agonists

- paradoxical **bronchospasm**
- **tolerance**
  - loss of bronchodilatative effect
  - loss of security from bronchoprovocative stimuli
- **increase of bronchial hyperreactivity**
- **increase of morbidity**
- **increase of mortality**

# Contraindications of $\beta_2$ -agonists

- hyperthyreosis
- IHD, dysrhythmias
- hypokaliemia
- hypersensitivity to preparation
- sympathomimetics overdosing

# Role of $\beta_2$ -agonists in the therapy of obstructive airways diseases = the base of symptomatic treatment

## Bronchial asthma

- drug of choice in acute exacerbation of asthma - as „reliever”
- preventive drug in asthma induced by effort
- in monotherapy indicated only in intermittent asthma
  - i.e. dyspnea attacks less than 1x per week
  - Night dyspnea less than 2x per month
  - PEF, FEV1 better than 80% and their variability is under 20%
- - all other levels of asthma – basic symptomatic drug - „rescue treatment”

## COPD

- basic symptomatic drug - if the disorder is min. partially reversible

## Other

- in patients with airways diseases with presence of obstruction – as basic symptomatic drug (bronchiectasis, obliterating bronchiolitis etc.)

# $\beta_2$ -agonists

## A. SABA

- **Salbutamol**      **VENTOLIN, VENTILASTIN**
- **Fenoterol**      **BEROTEC (with ipratropium – BERODUAL)**
- **Terbutalin**      **Bricanyl**
- **Albuterol**      **Proventil**
- **Levalbuterol**      **Xopenex**

## B. LABA - peroral

- **Salbutamol**      **SALBUTAMOL, VENTOLIN tbl**
- **Clenbuterol**      **SPIROPENT sir.**
- **Procaterol**      **Lontermin**

## C. LABA - inhalatory

- **Salmeterol**      **SEREVENT (with fluticasone SERETIDE)**
- **Formoterol**      **FORADIL , OXIS, FORMANO, FORMOVENT (with budesonide SYMBICORT, with fluticasone FLUTIFORM, with beclomethasone FOSTER)**
- **Indacaterol**      **ONBREZ, HIROBRIZ, ULTIBRO, ULUNAR (with glycopyrronium)**
- **Vilanterol**      **RELVAR ELLIPTA (with fluticasone furoate)**
- **Olodanterol**      **STRIVERDI**

# History of parasympatholytics (anticholinergics, muscarinic antagonists)

**Datura stramonium** – inhalation of stalk smoke – beneficial in asthmatics

- 1833 isolation of atropin (in that time daturin)

## **Atropa belladonnae**

- 1900 sir Cohen – therapy of asthma by supraren extract (sympatomimetics + corticosteroids)

# Effects of parasympatholytics

## Quarternary nitrogen derivatives

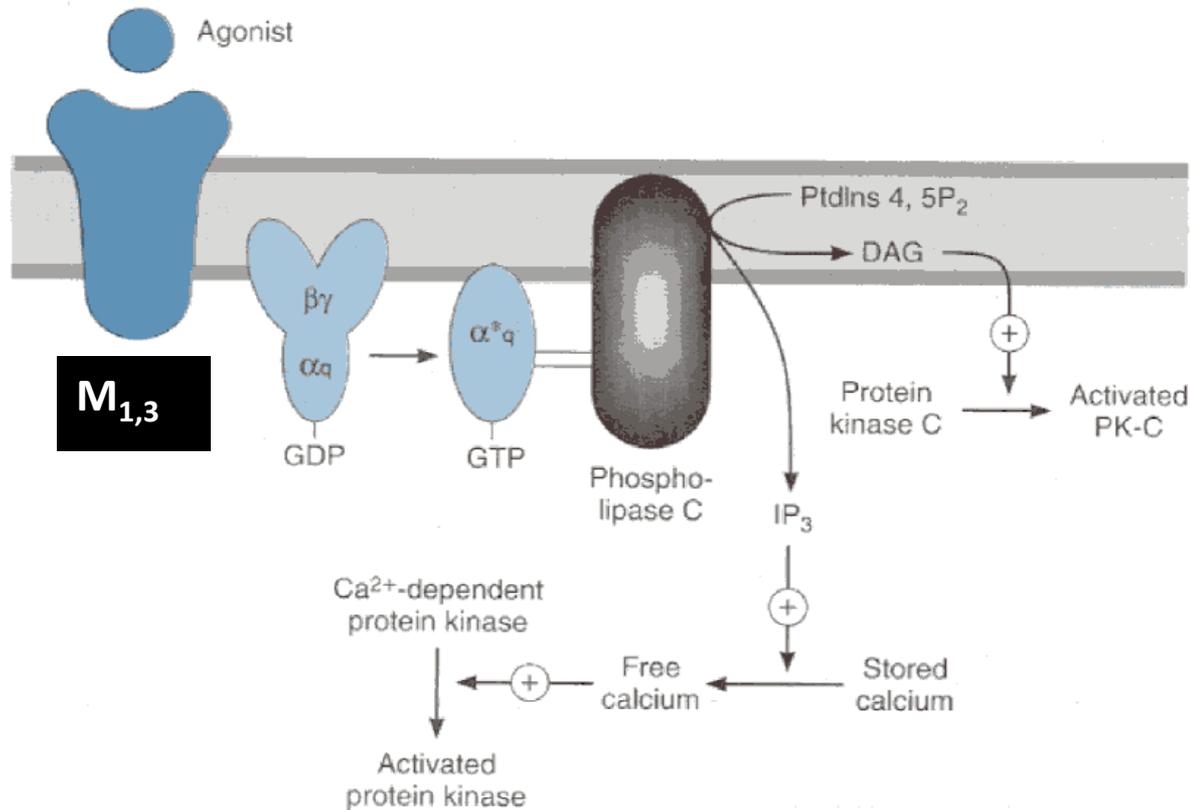
- **Bronchodilation**
- **Inhibition of bronchoconstriction**
- **Inhibition of airways mucus secretion**
- **Enhanced selectivity to smooth muscle**
- **No absorption in intestine**
- **No crossing through blood-brain barrier**

# Mechanism of action

## Influencing of M receptors

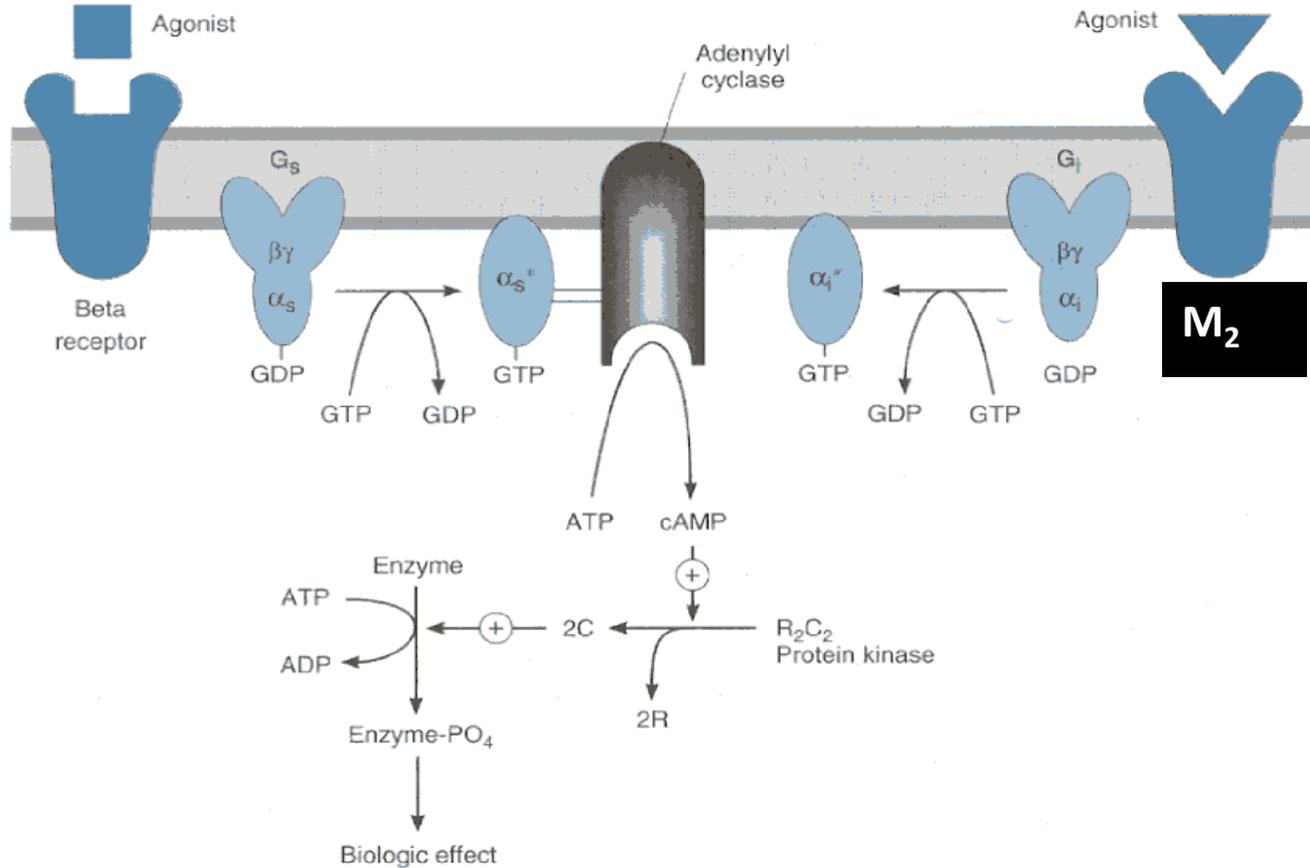
- **M<sub>1</sub>** – parasympathetic ganglions – mediation of transmission, submucosal glands, alveolar epithelium
- **M<sub>2</sub>** – presynaptic membrane of nerve endings – inhibition of ACH release
- **M<sub>3</sub>** – smooth muscle, submucously, endothelium of vessels, bronchial epithelium

# M<sub>1</sub> and M<sub>3</sub> receptor

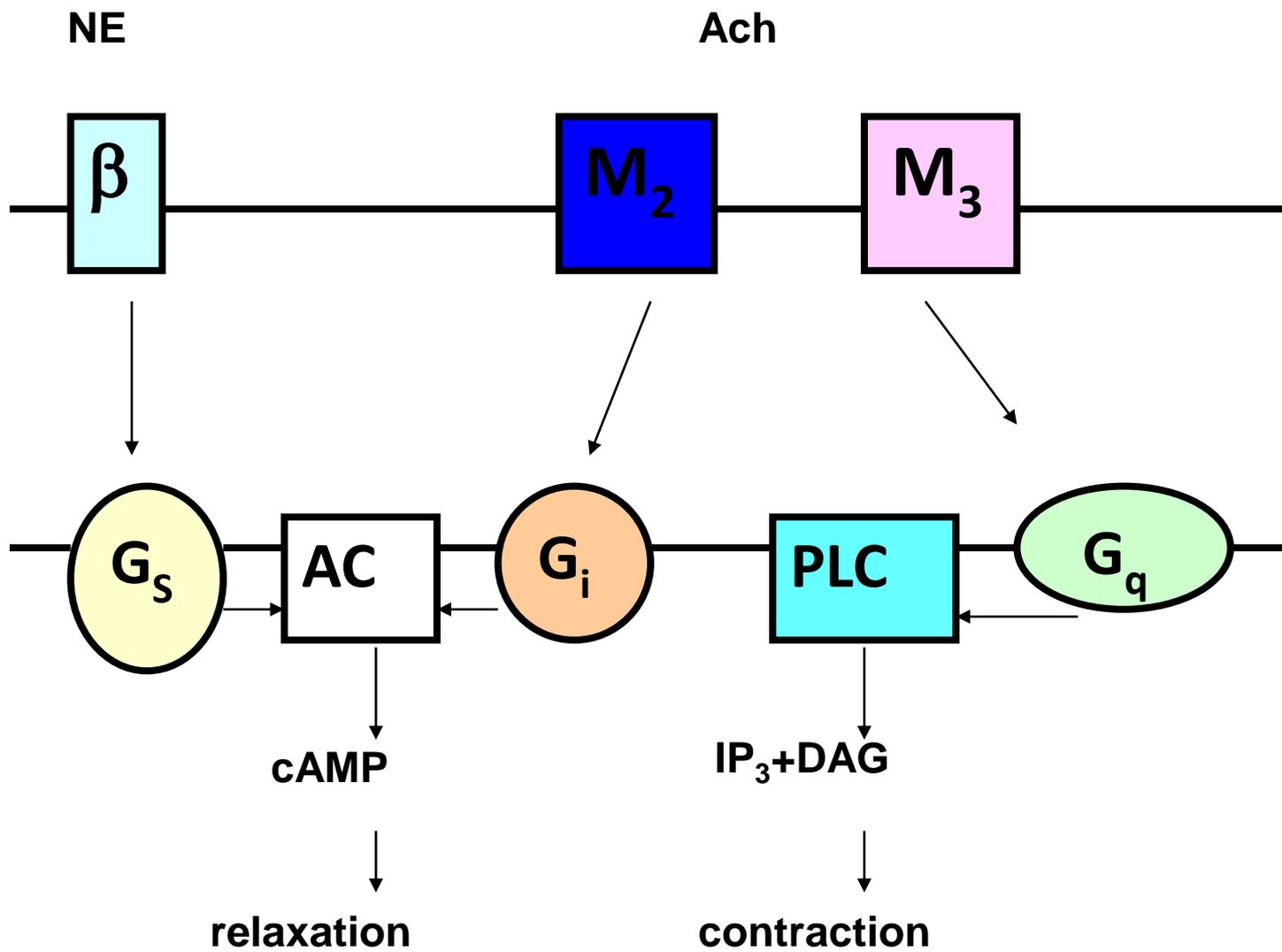


Like α<sub>1</sub> receptor, via G<sub>q/p</sub> protein

# M<sub>2</sub> receptor



Like  $\alpha_2$  receptor, via G<sub>i</sub> protein



# Parasympatholytics

- **Ipratropium bromid**      **ATROVENT**
- **Oxitropium bromid**      **Oxivent**
- **Tiotropium bromid**      **SPIRIVA**
- **Aklidínium bromid**      **BRETARIS GENUAIR**
- **Glykopyróonium bromid**      **SEEBRI BREEZHALER**

## Parasympatolytics in combination

- **Ipratropium bromid + fenoterol - BERODUAL**
- **Ipratropium bromid + salbutamol - Combivent**
- **Glycopyrronium + indakaterol**

# Tiotropium bromid

- Slower onset than ipratropium, longer time of persistence at M receptors
  - M<sub>1</sub> – 14,6 h
  - M<sub>2</sub> – 3,6 h
  - M<sub>3</sub> – 34,7 h (ipratropium 16 min)

**Pharmacodynamic type of selectivity**

# History of xanthines

<u>Caffeine</u>	1820	coffee bean
<u>Theobromine</u>	1842	cocoa berry
<u>Caffeine</u>	1885	Fisher and Ach
<u>Theophylline</u>	1888	tea leaves
<u>Theophylline</u>	1937	clinical use

- **Seventies years Aerolate – SR formulation**
- **10years ago – third place for xanthines in the treatment of obstructive diseases**
- **Use on the first place in COPD in Italy, on the second place in Austria and Germany**

# Mechanism of action

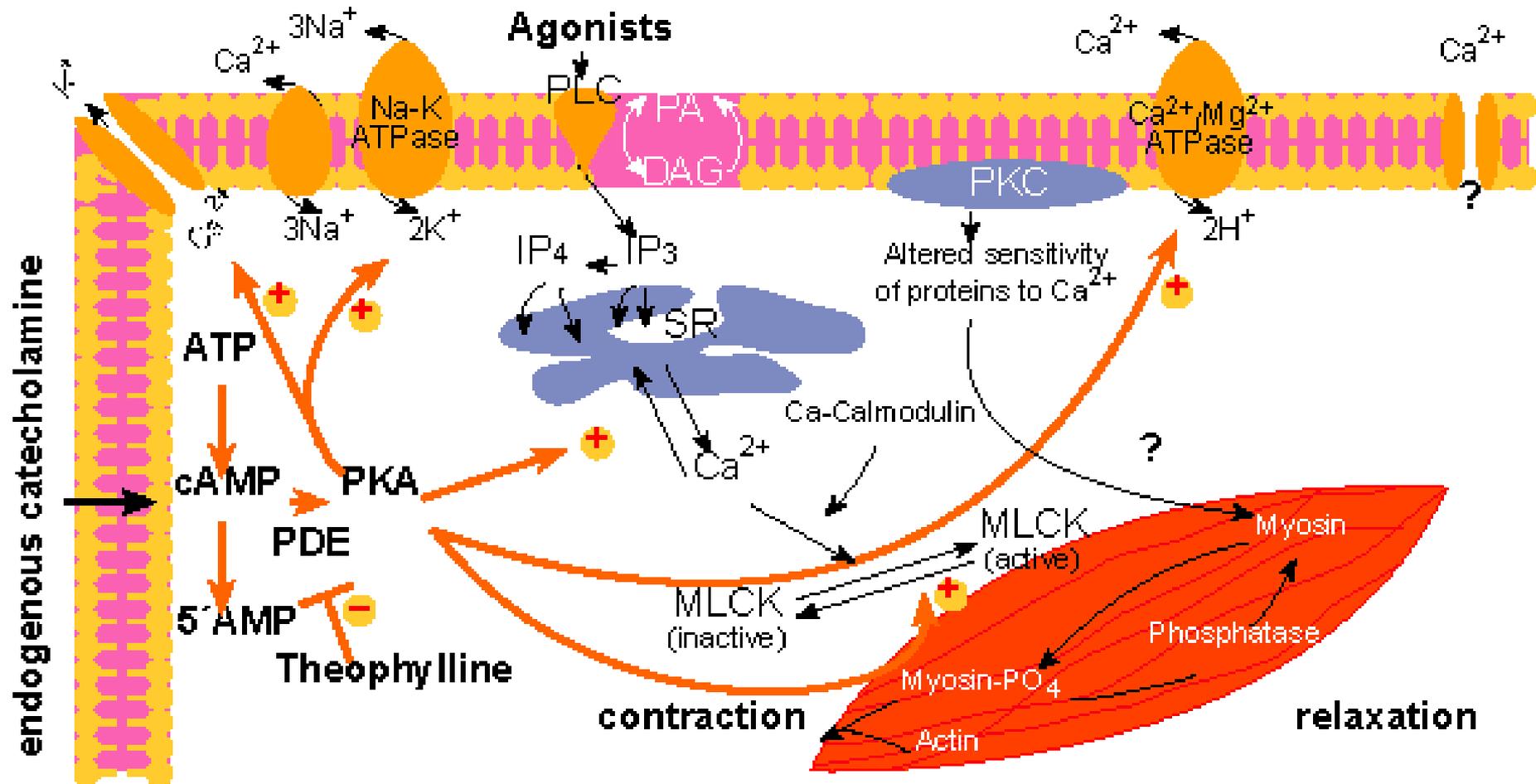
## • Inhibitory

- ↓ activity of **PDE**
- ↓ activity of **adenosine receptors** ( $A_{1}$ ,  $A_{2A}$ ,  $A_{2B}$ ,  $P_{2Y}$ )
- ↓ intracellular release of **Ca<sup>2+</sup>**
- ↓ release of various **mediators**
- ↓ production and effects of **prostaglandins**
- ↓ release of **acetylcholine**
- ↓ activity of **NF-κB** (its nuclear translocation)

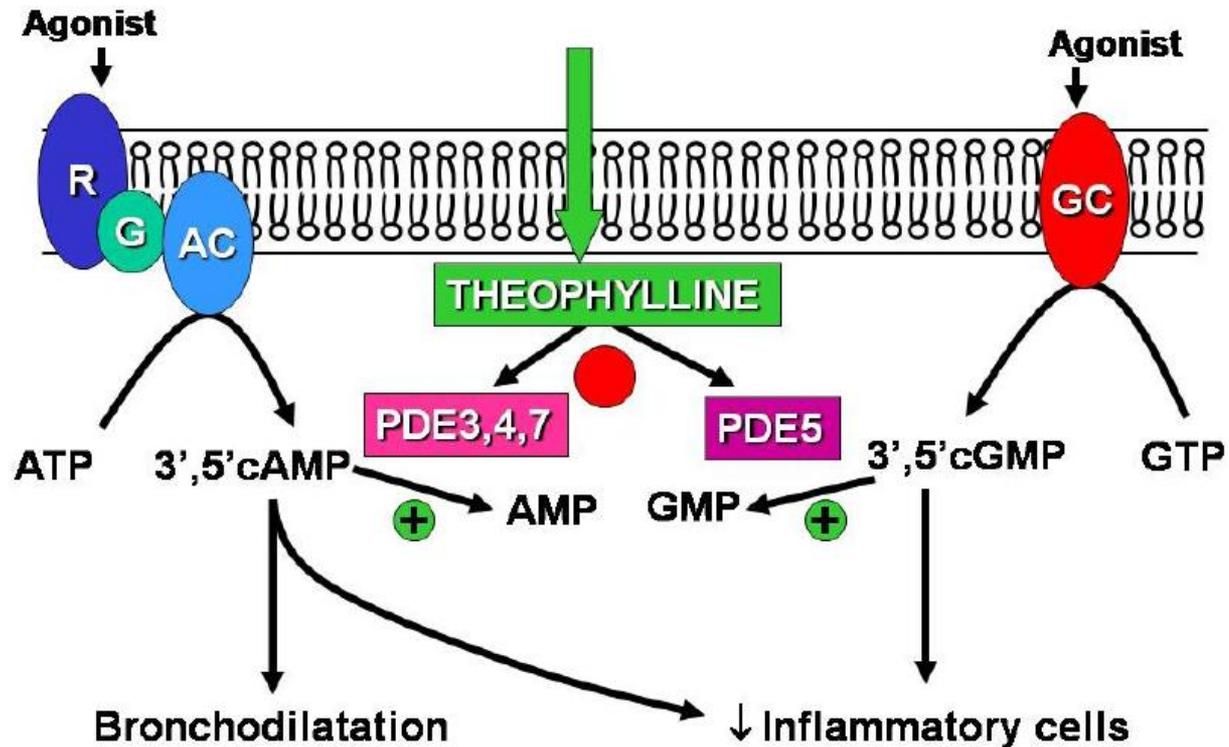
## • Stimulatory

- ↑ activity of **histone-deacetylase**
- ↑ release of **IL-10**
- ↑ release of **epinephrine**
- ↑ production of **musuc**
- ↑ **mucoiliar** transport
- ↑ secretion of **surfactant**
- Membrane stabilisation – opening of **maxi-K<sup>+</sup> channels**
- ↑ **apoptosis**
- ↑ scavanging of **ROS**

# Regulation of Airway Smooth Muscle Contraction and Relaxation



# Theophylline – non-selective PDE inhibitor



Key: R = receptor, Gs = stimulatory G-protein, AC = adenylyl cyclase, GC = guanylyl cyclase, PDE = phosphodiesterase, cAMP = cyclic adenosine monophosphate, ATP = adenosine triphosphate, cGMP = cyclic guanosine monophosphate, GTP = guanosine triphosphate.

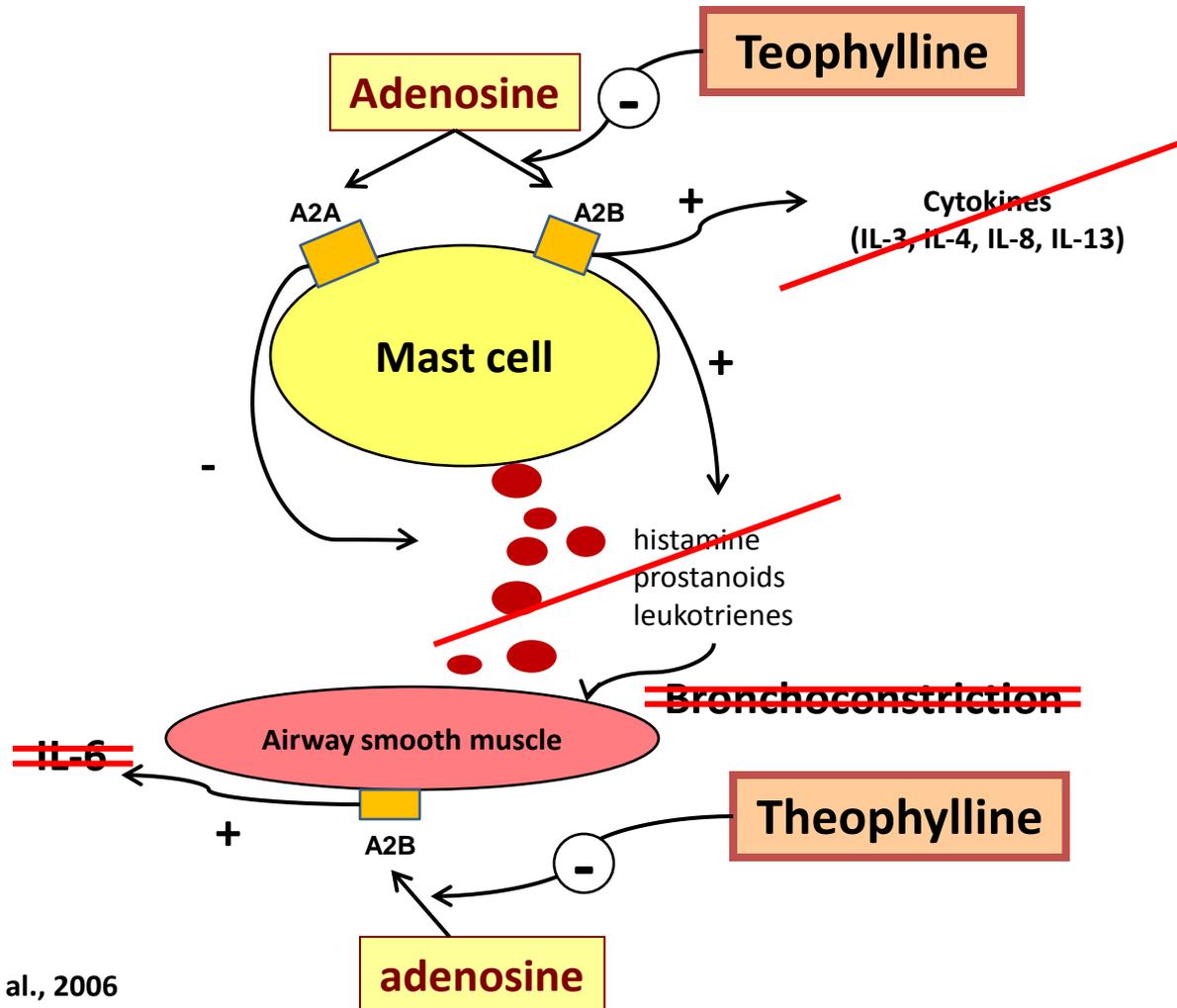
# PDE isoenzymes

⇒ direct cell localisation

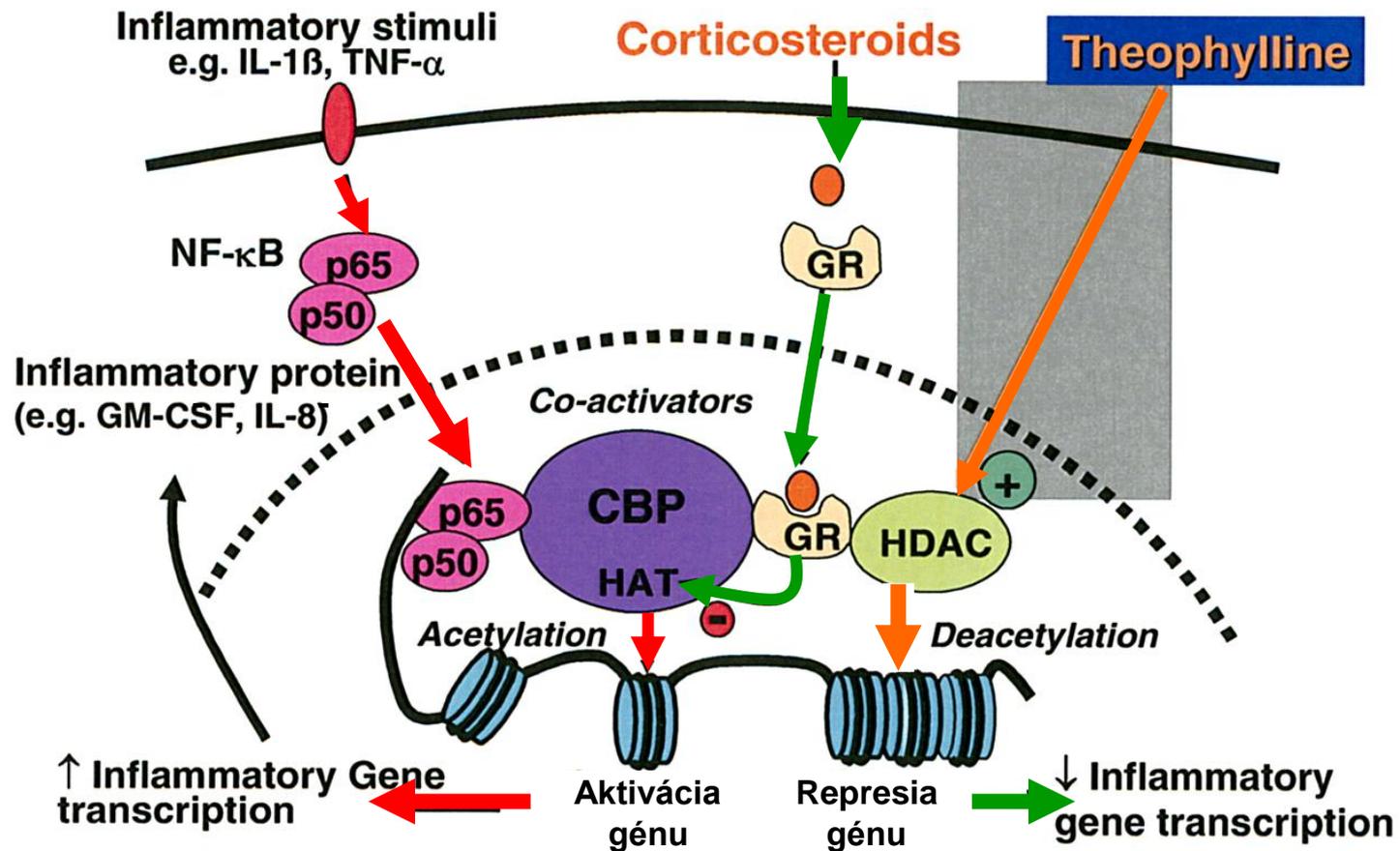
⇒ modulate:

- eosinophiles – PDE 4
- neutrophiles – PDE 4
- macrophages – PDE 3 a 4
- T-lymphocytes – PDE 3,4 a 5
- airways smooth muscle – PDE 3 a 4

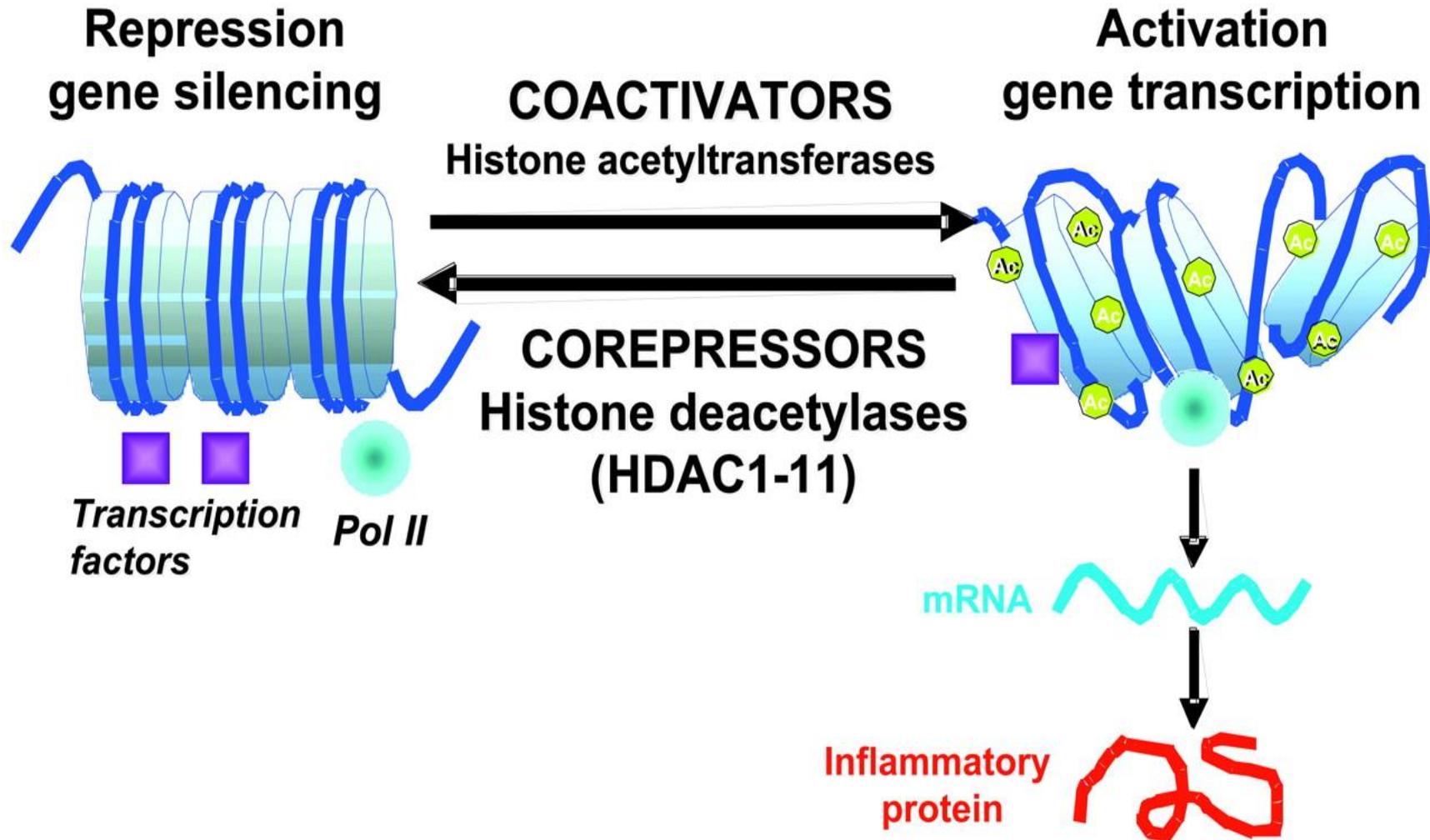
# Teophylline – antagonist of adenosine receptors



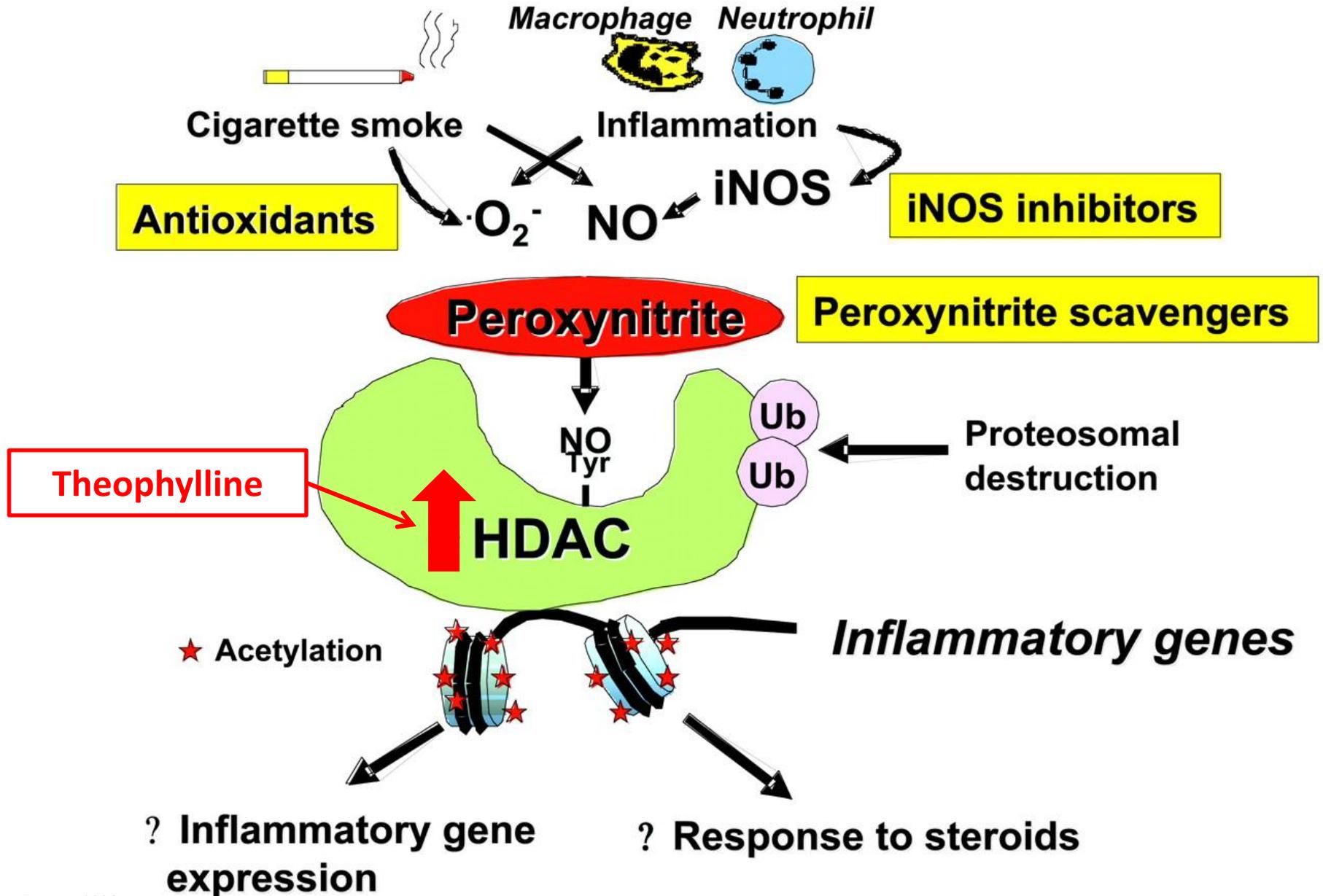
# Mechanism of action – influencing HDAC



# Chromatin remodeling and gene expression



# Reasons for decreased activity of HDAC in COPD



# Xanthines effects

## **Pulmonary:**

- ✓ **bronchodilation**
- ✓ **increase mucocilliary transport**
- ✓ **decrease bronchial reactivity**
- ✓ **inhibition of mediator releasing**
- ✓ **suppression of inflammation**
- ✓ **decrease pulmonary hypertension**
- ✓ **suppression of pulmonary vessels permeability**

# Xanthines effects

## Extrapulmonary:

- ✓ increase of diaphragm contractility
- ✓ heart and vessels ( $\downarrow$  PVR and BP, dilation of coronary arteries, inotropy)
- ✓ CNS stimulation
- ✓ enhances diuresis
- ✓ increase gastric secretion
- ✓ suppression of uterus contractions
- ✓ stimulation of respiratory centre

# Xanthines nowadays

- Preference of **SR forms** (slow, sustained release)
- Use as **bronchodilators** after  $\beta_2$ -agonists and anticholinergics
- Use particularly **in COPD**, less in asthma
- **Monitoring** of activity by determination of serum or saliva concentration of theophylline and its relation to effect
- **New classes of PDE** and their inhibitors

# Indications of xanthines in COPD

## Peroral SR forms

- ✓ moderate and severe obstruction (especially 3rd and 4th stage)
- ✓ prevention of night obstructions and O<sub>2</sub> desaturation
- ✓ disease of small bronchioles
- ✓ no response to previous antiphlogistic and bronchodilatory therapy

# Indications of xanthines in COPD

## Peroral forms with short effect

- ✓ only in cases with better individual toleration

## Intravenous form

- ✓ acute exacerbations of COPD, event. with decompensation of cor pulmonale, where did not help usual therapy (essential monitoring)

## Methylxanthines – interactions in COPD

Increased metabolism of theophylline	Decreased metabolism of theophylline
Tobacco smoking Anticonvulsives Rifampicin Alcohol	Elderly Arterial hypoxemia(PaO <sub>2</sub> 6 kPa, 45 mm Hg) Respiratory acidosis Heart failure Liver cirrhosis Erythromycine Chinolons Cimetidine Viral infections

# Monitoring of theophylline concentrations in serum

- Recommended level is various in different authors
- Barnes 1999: 8 – 15 mg/l
  - 5-10 mg/l – anti-inflammatory
  - 10-15 mg/l - bronchodilating

# Adverse effects of xanthines

Most often in dose more than 20 mg/l

- from 5 mg/l – headache, nausea, GIT discomfort, restlessness, hyperacidity, increased diuresis
- from 15 mg/l – arrhythmias, vomiting
- from 20 mg/l – hypo- or hypertension, hyperglycaemia, possible brain damage

# Contraindications of xanthines

- **acute peptic ulceration**
- **epilepsy**
- **gastroesophageal reflux**
- **allergy**

# Methylxanthines

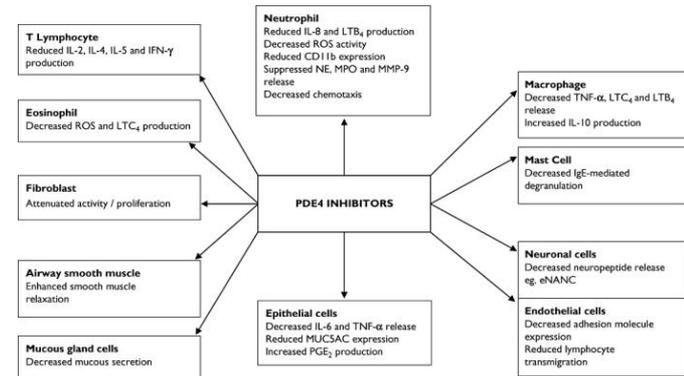
- **Theophyllin 12 h** – **AFONILLUM SR, EUPHYLLIN CRN (RESPICUR)**, Euphylong, Spophyllin retard, Teotard, Theo-Dur, Theodyl, **THEOPLUS**, Theophyllard
- **Theophyllin 24 hours** – Uni-Dur SR, Unilair
- **Aminophyllin short** – **SYNTOPHYLLIN**, Aminophyllin
- **Aminophyllin 12 h** – Aminophyllinum retard Lek
- **Etofyllin – short** – Oxyphyllin
- **Etofyllin + theophyllin** - Oxantil

# Perspectives of PDE inhibitors

- **11 classes of PDE**
- **In COPD the best are inhibitors of PDE 4, event. combination of 3 and 4**
- **Inhalatory , perorally**
- **Milrinon (3), enoximon (3), rolipram (4), zardaverin (3,4), benafentrin (3,4), zaprinast (5), motapizon (3), Ariflo (SB 20499, 4), denbufyllin (4)**

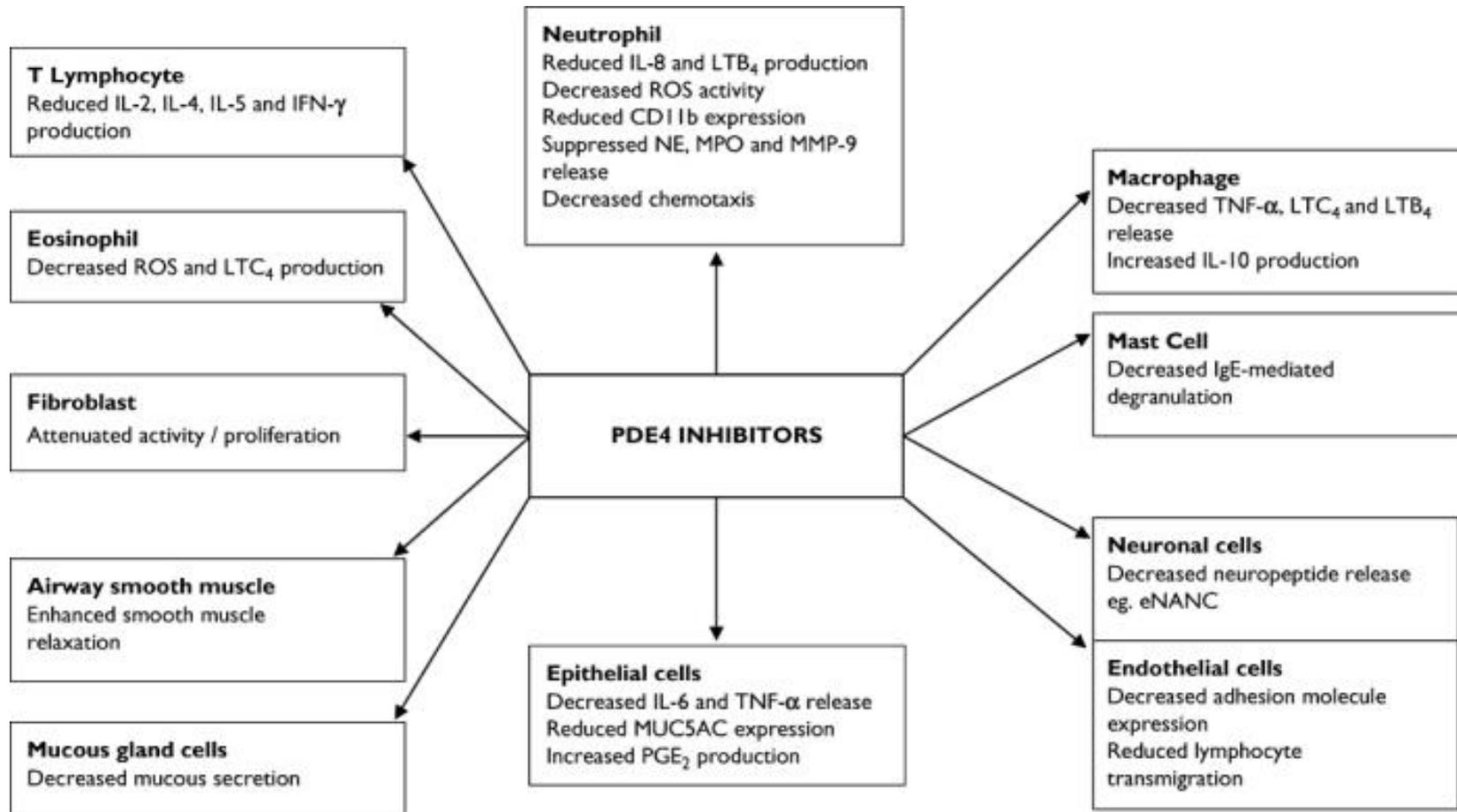
# Selective PDE4 inhibitors

- increase **cAMP**
- ↓ activation of T-cells
- ↓ WBC functions
- ↓ activation of macrophages
- relax ASM (dual inhibition of PDE3/4)
- ↓ cytokine release (TNF- $\alpha$ )

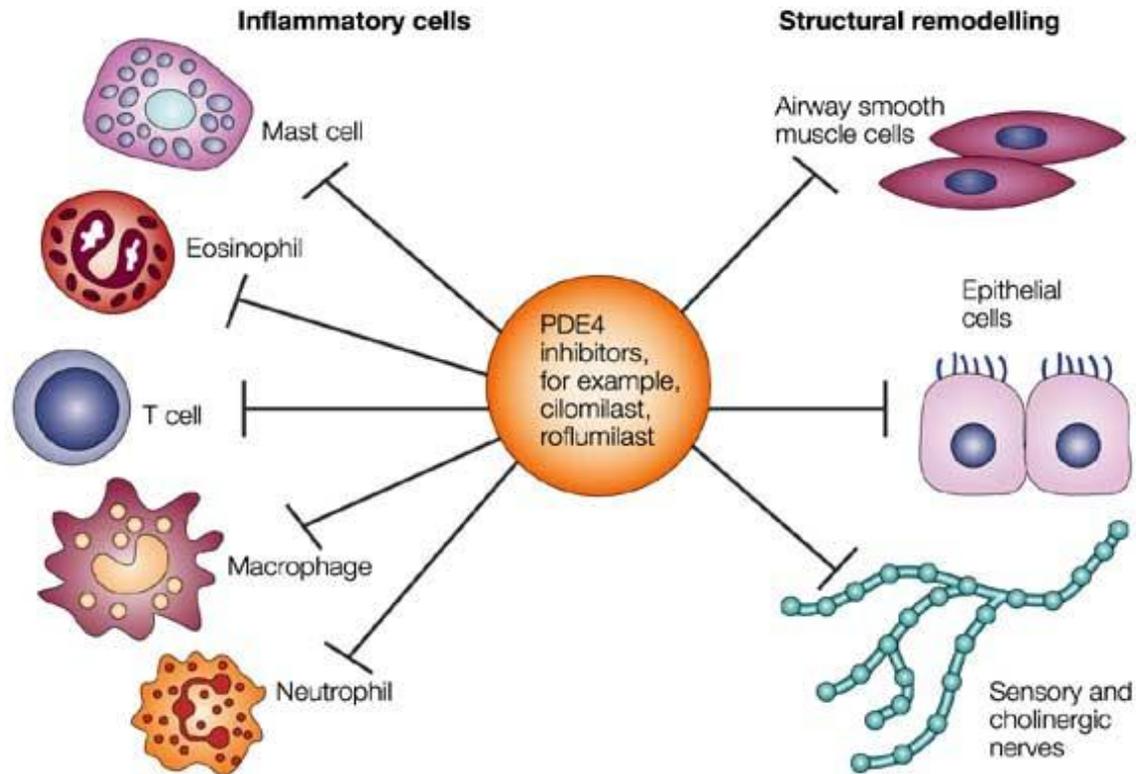


- **rolipram, citalopram** – 1st generation → AE (nausea, vomiting)
- **cilomilast, roflumilast, piclamilast** – 2nd generation → same antiinflammatory and immunomodulatory effects, less bronchodilation, **less adverse effects**

# PDE4 inhibitors and inflammation



# PDE4 inhibitors and inflammation



# New recently approved PDE4 inhibitor

- **roflumilast (DAXAS)** – July 2010 – approved by **EMA** for use in **EU**
- Once daily, **p.o. tablets**, 500 µg
- ***Indication:*** maintenance treatment of severe COPD (FEV1 post-bronchodilator less than 50% predicted) associated with chronic bronchitis in patients with a history of frequent exacerbations as add on to bronchodilator treatment
- AE – diarrhoea (5,9 %), weight loss (3,4 %), nausea (2,9 %), abdominal pain (1,9 %) and headache (1,7 %).

# Corticosteroids

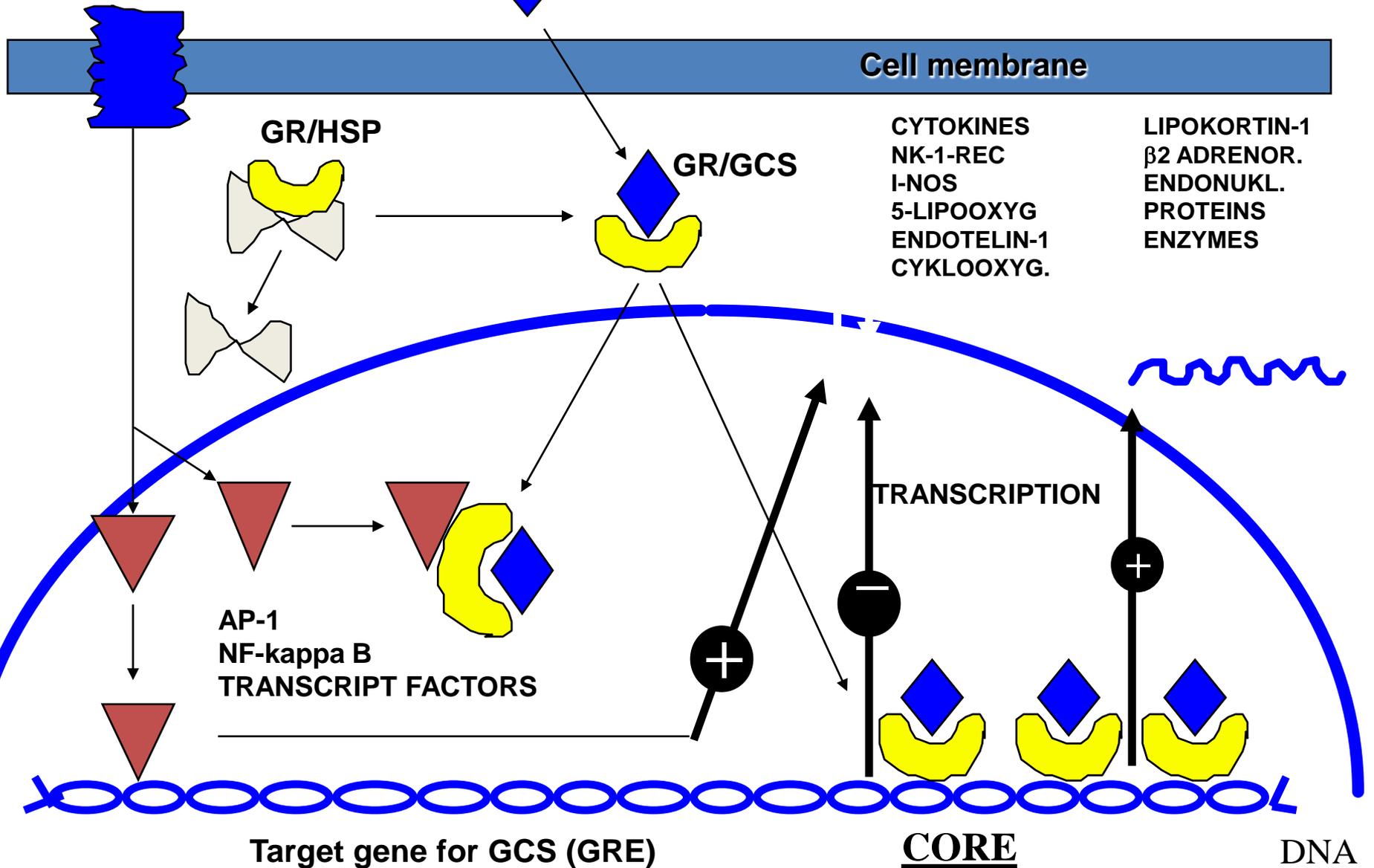
- **Systemic** – since 1949 – preventive and rapid-acting antiasthmatics
- **Inhalative** – last 20 years – preventive antiasthmatics (controlors)
- 1970 TAA - Triamcinolon Acetate
- 1972 BDP - Beclometazon dipropionate
- 1978 FLU - Flunizolid
- 1980 BUD - Budesonid
- 1993 FP - Fluticazon propionate
- 1996 MOM - Mometazon Furoate

# Corticosteroids

- **not as direct muscle relaxants (however, indirect bronchodilators)**
- **strong suppression of inflammatory response** e.g. by inhibition of arachidonic acid release from cell membranes, decreased production of PG and LT (inflammation mediators)
- **stopping the migration and decrease of bronchial hyperreactivity, edema suppression**
- **prevention of chronic irreversible changes** (hypertrophy and hyperplasia of airways smooth muscle, subendothelial fibrosis and thickening of mucous basal membranes)
- **increase sensitivity and expression of  $\beta$ -adrenergic receptors of smooth muscles to  $\beta_2$ -agonists**

**CYTOKINES**

**GCS**



**Cell membrane**

**GR/HSP**

**GR/GCS**

**CYTOKINES**  
NK-1-REC  
I-NOS  
5-LIPOOXYG  
ENDOTELIN-1  
CYKLOOXYG.

**LIPOKORTIN-1**  
 $\beta$ 2 ADRENOR.  
ENDONUKL.  
PROTEINS  
ENZYMES

**AP-1**  
**NF-kappa B**  
**TRANSCRIPT FACTORS**

**TRANSCRIPTION**

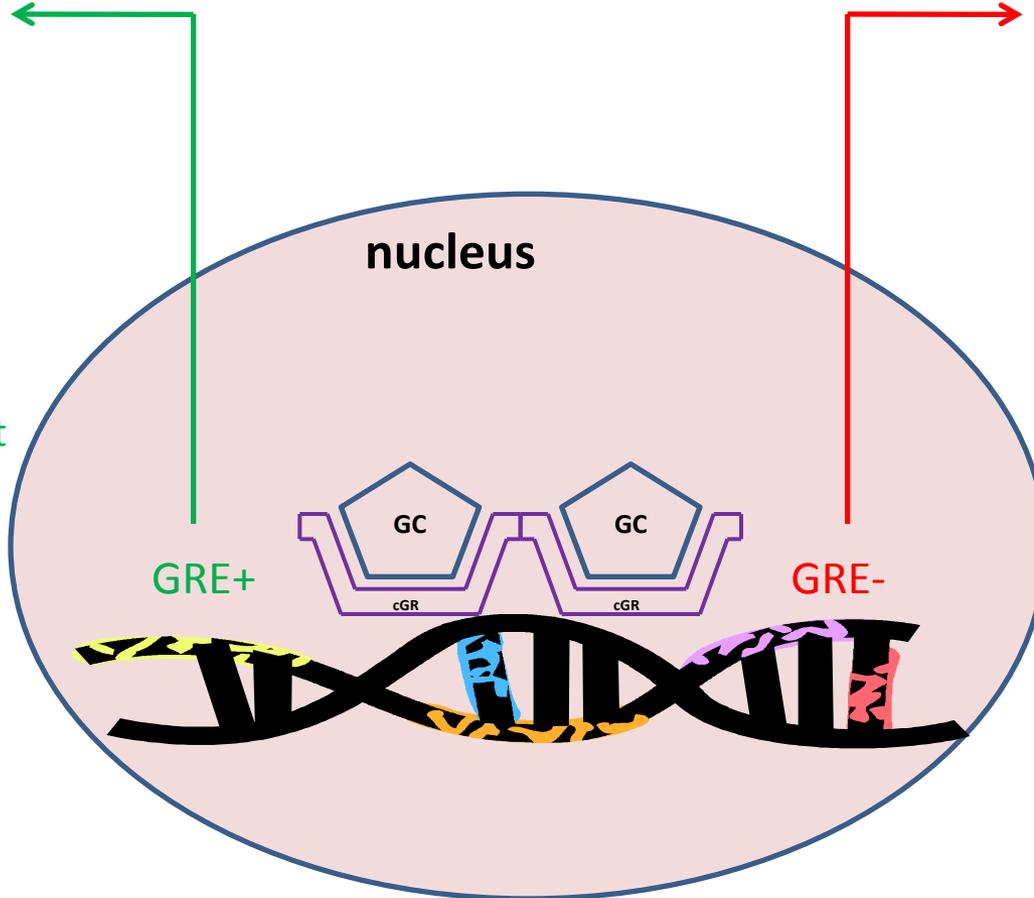
**Target gene for GCS (GRE)**

**CORE**

**DNA**

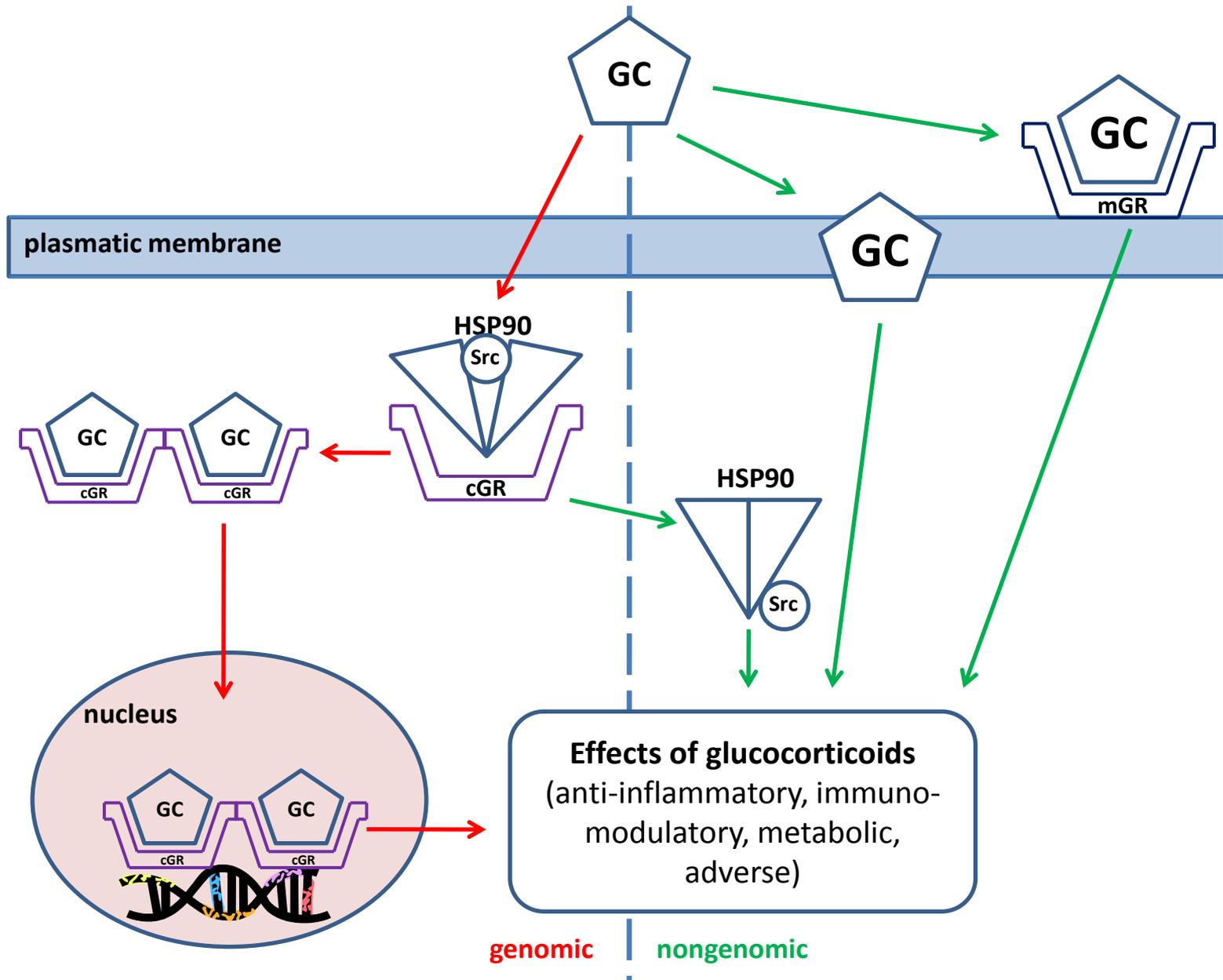
## Trans-activation

↑ transcription of genes coding antiinflammatory proteins  
↑ lipocortin-1  
↑ interleukin-10  
↑ interleukin-1-receptor antagonist



## Trans-repression

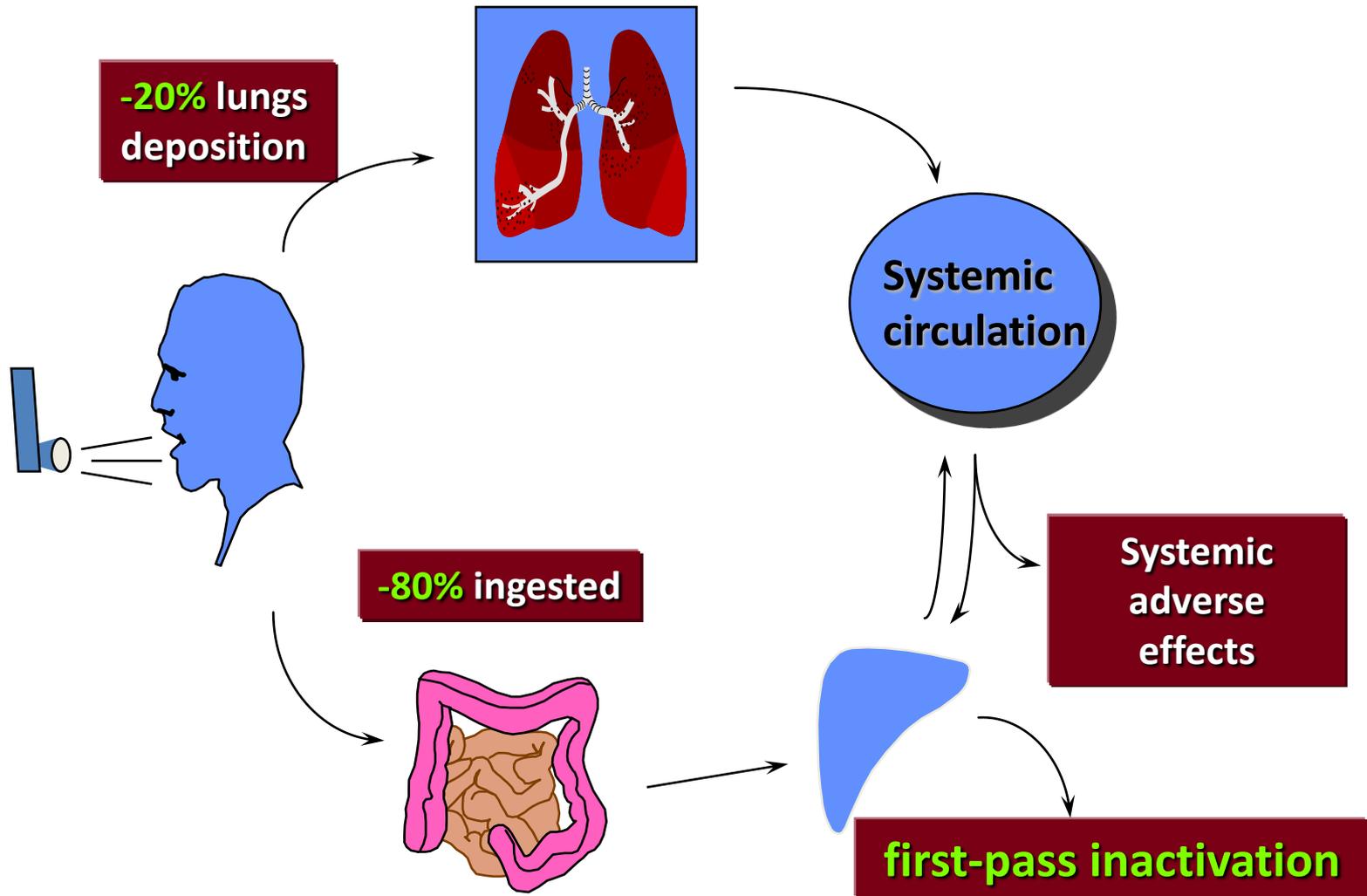
↓ AP-1  
↓ NF- $\kappa$ B  
↓ IRF3  
↓ expression of inflammatory genes (cytokines, enzymes, receptors, adhesion molecules)



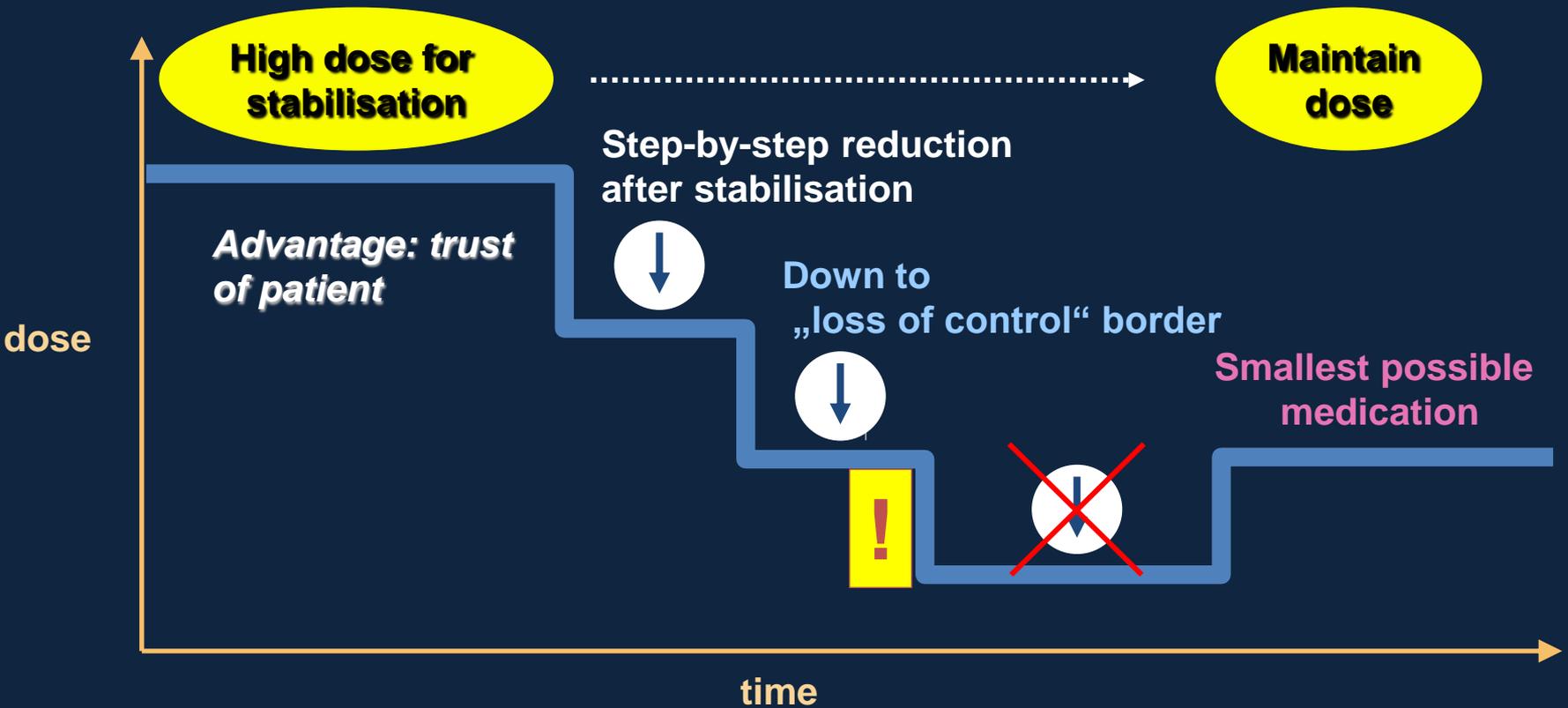
# Inhalatory corticosteroids

- **Local effect**
- Corticoids **soluble in fat**: beclometazon, budesonid, fluticazon (longest deposition time in lungs, best affinity to corticoid receptor).
- In dose up to **800 µm -1 mg/day** low incidence of systemic adverse effects.
- Decreasing of doses after stabilization of clinical status.
- **Adverse effects**: oropharyngeal candidosis, dysphonia, cough (prevention – washing out of mouth, use of spacers)

# Fate of inhaled CS



# Strategy of treatment with ICS

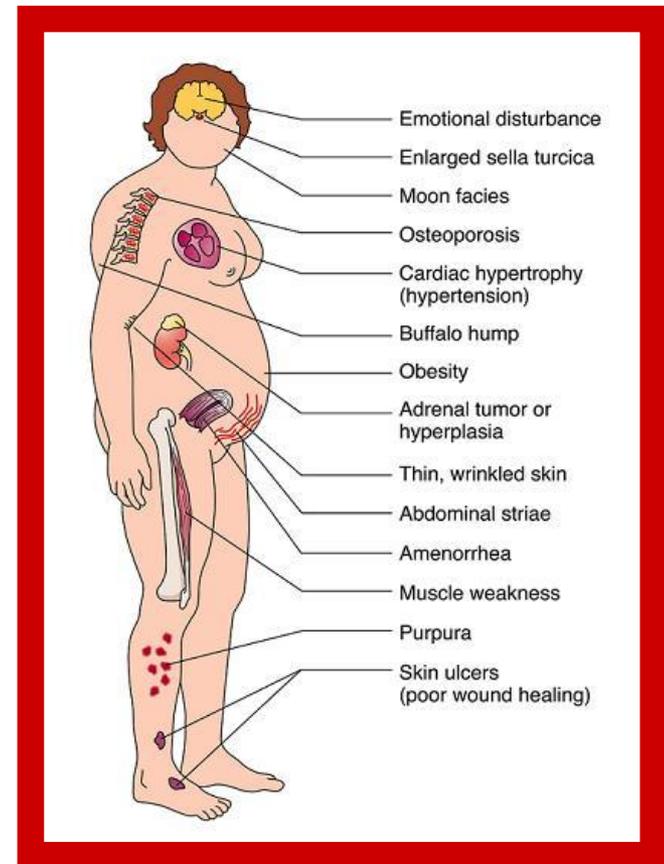


# Systemic corticosteroids

- short-term booster cycle (3-10 days) – „maximal therapy“ for treating of severe persistent asthma (treatment failure). Usually as an introduction of long-term therapy of patients with destabilized asthma or in case of sudden worsening of clinical state.
- long-term peroral corticosteroid therapy (daily or alternative – i.e. one dose every other day) in patients with severe persistent asthma
- peroral administration is preferred to parenteral .
- during attack should be administered within 45 minutes.
- Hydrocortison, prednison, metylprednison, triamcinolon

# Adverse effects of CS

- **mineralocorticoid** (hypertension)
- **glucocorticoid** (steroid induced diabetes)
- **antiinflammatory and antianabolic effects** (slow **wound healing**, risk of dissemination of **infection**, herpetic infections, **osteoporosis**, slower growth of children, mucous membranes atrophy)
- **supression of hypophysis-supraren axis** (suppression of endogenous production of CS)
- **trombosis**
- **ulcus disease of stomach and duodenum**
- **cataracta, glaucoma, ICH**



Rang and Dale, 2013

# Corticosteroids in COPD

- **Inhalatory**
- **Only in symptomatic patients with positive response or in patients with FEV<sub>1</sub> < 50% (3rd and 4th stage)**
- **In exacerbation with ATB**
- **No influence on FEV<sub>1</sub>**
- **Long-term peroral treatment is not recommended**



# Estimate Comparative Daily Dosages for Inhaled Glucocorticosteroids by Age

Drug	Low Daily Dose ( $\mu\text{g}$ )		Medium Daily Dose ( $\mu\text{g}$ )		High Daily Dose ( $\mu\text{g}$ )	
	> 5 y	Age < 5 y	> 5 y	Age < 5 y	> 5 y	Age < 5 y
Beclomethasone	200-500	100-200	>500-1000	>200-400	>1000	>400
Budesonide	200-600	100-200	600-1000	>200-400	>1000	>400
Budesonide-Neb Inhalation Suspension		250-500		500-1000		>1000
Ciclesonide	80 – 160	80-160	>160-320	>160-320	>320-1280	>320
Flunisolide	500-1000	500-750	>1000-2000	>750-1250	>2000	>1250
Fluticasone	100-250	100-200	>250-500	>200-500	>500	>500
Mometasone furoate	200-400	100-200	> 400-800	>200-400	>800-1200	>400
Triamcinolone acetonide	400-1000	400-800	>1000-2000	>800-1200	>2000	>1200

# Inhalatory corticosteroids

- **Beclometasone**                      **BECLOMET, ECOBEC**
- **Budesonide**                        **PULMICORT, GIONA,  
BUDELIN, MIFLONID**
- **Fluticasone**                        **FLIXOTIDE**
- **Mometasone**                        **ASMANEX**
- **Ciclesonide**                        **ALVESCO**
- + **combined with  $\beta_2$  agonists (e.g. SYMBICORT,  
FLUTIFORM, FOSTER, SERETIDE)**

# Antibiotics

- **Only in signs of bacterial infection**
- **Perorally**
- **Most often pathogens:**
  - *Str. pneumoniae, H. influenzae, B. catarrhalis*
- **Aminopenicillins, amoxicillin + clavulanate, ampicillin + sulbactam, cotrimoxazol, TTC, macrolides, cephalosporines of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> generation, new fluoroquinolones**

# Mucolytics

- **Mucociliar cleanup, decrease viscosity of mucus**
- **Most effective inhalatory, together with sufficient hydration**
- **Ambroxol** (Ambrobene, Ambrosan, Bronchoprone, Mucosolvan, Solvolan), bromhexin, mesnum, **acetylcystein** (Solmucol), carbocystein, erdostein, prenoxdiazine (Libexin)

# Cromoglycates

- Antiinflammatory effects – inhibition of inflammatory cells activity
- For continual antiinflammatory treatment of milder BA forms induced by cold air, allergens, physical and mental activity and air pollution.
- For preventive use and not for acute relieve from symptoms
- Ameliorate lung functions, decrease frequency and severity of attacks decrease airway hyperreactivity

## Advantages

- **Safety tested during 50 years of use**
- **Contentment of physicians**
- **Application in children**

# Cromoglycates

## Disadvantages

- **Weaker antiinflammatory effect**
- **No prevention of remodeling**
- **Full action after 4-6 weeks (except nedocromil)**
- **Dosage 4 x daily**
- **No decrease of mortality**
- **AE – irritation**

# Cromoglycates

- Formulations:

**Natrium cromoglycate:** **NALCROM**, Cromolyn, DCNG Stada, Chomobene, Ditec (contains 1 mg of cromoglycate and 0,05 mg of fenoterol), Intal.

**Dosage up to 4x2 inhalations**

**Natrium nedocromil:** Tilade, **TILADE MINT.**

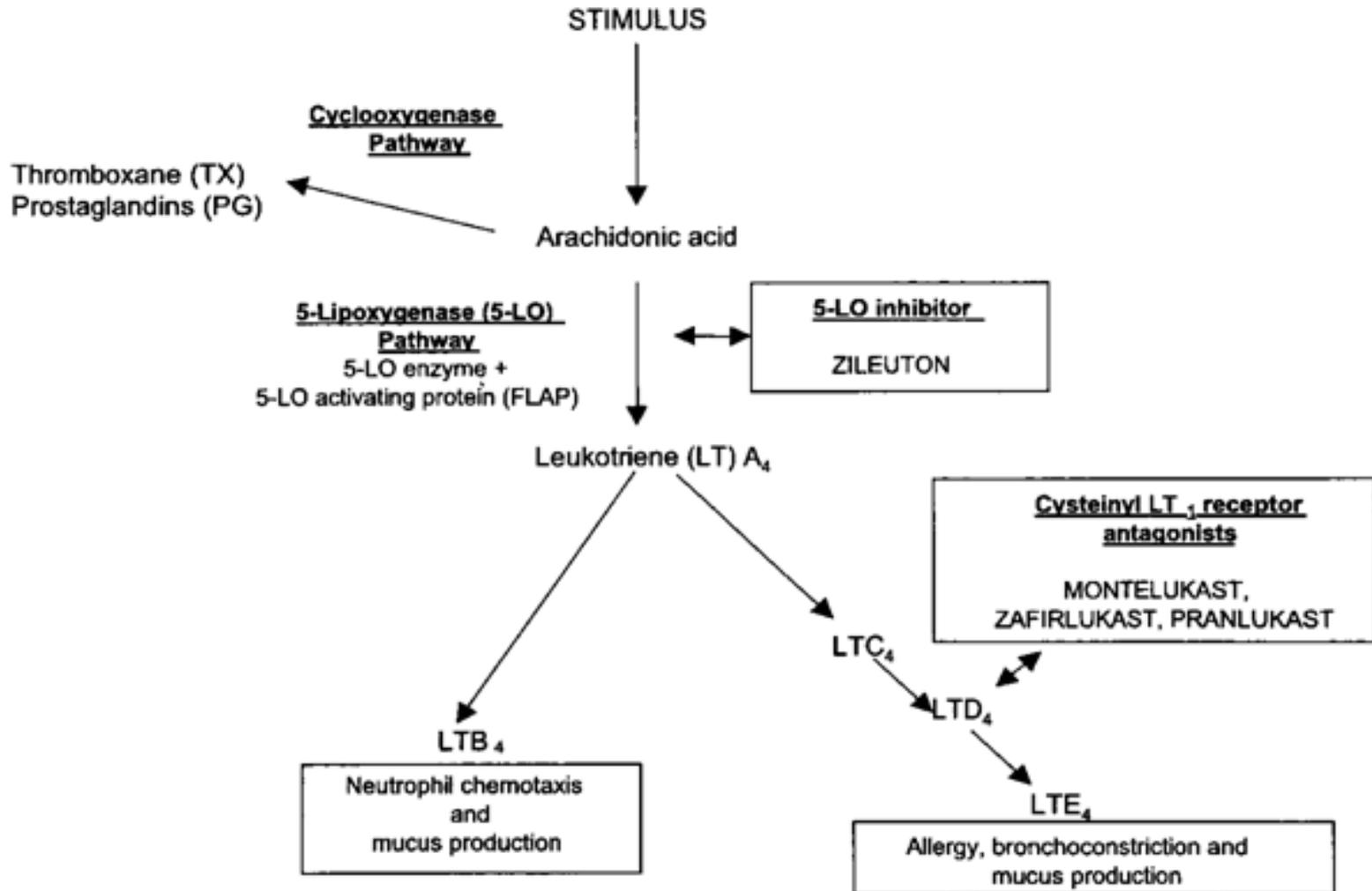
**Dosage 2x2 inhalations**

# Ketotifen

- membrane stabilizer, counts to cromones
- acts antiallergic (inhibition of allergen induced early phase of asthmatic reaction, higher doses inhibit also late phase)
- no reports about antiinflammatory effects
- good practice in children
- full effect after 2 months treatment
- **Adverse effect** - sedation

**ZADITEN, DENEREL**

# Antileukotriens



# Antileukotriens

## Advantages

- Tablet form
- Acts in corticoresistent asthma (1-2%)
- Application in children?

## Disadvantages

- Weaker antiinflammatory effect
- No prevention of remodeling
- No decrease of mortality
- Adverse effects, rash
- Extreme price

# Antileukotrienes

- Antagonists of LT receptors:

Zafirlucast – ACCOLATE

2x daily from 12 years

Montelukast – SINGULAIR, ACTAMONE,  
MONTEXAL, MONTELUKAST,  
SPIROMON, ASTAMASAN

1 x daily from 6 years

- 5-LO inhibition

Zileuton – Zyflo

# Omalizumab

- Antiallergic in allergic asthmatics
- Recombinant human monoclonal antibody IgG **against** human **IgE** – inhibits bound of IgE to receptor on mast cells and basophils
- >12 years
- Expensive (10.000 USD per year)
- **XOLAIR**

# Advantages of inhalational administration

- ✓ Direct drug effect
- ✓ Low total dose
- ✓ Minimalisation of adverse effects

# Inhalers

- **MDI** Metered dose inhaler
- **MDI + spacer**
- **DPMDI** + Dry powder metered dose inhaler (DPI)
- **Nebuliser**
- **Discus**

