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## Mast cell:

a hinge between innate and adaptive immunity

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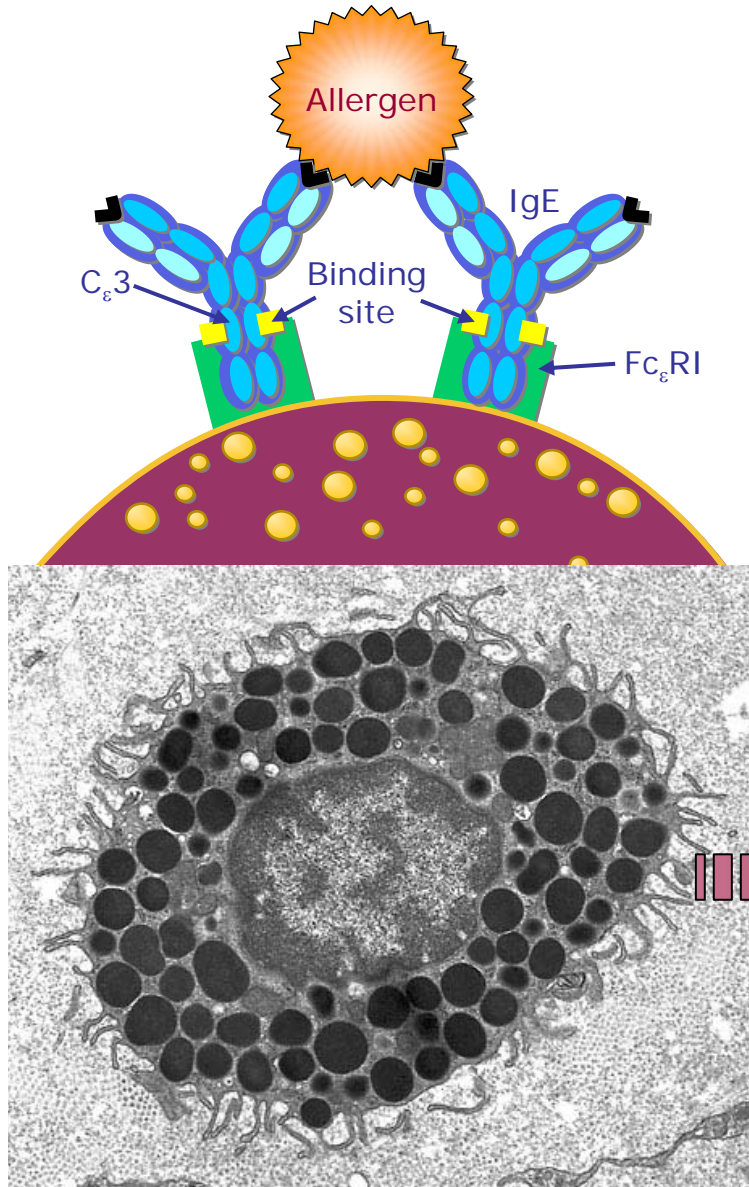
*Ciona intestinalis*,

an urochordate regarded as an ancestor of vertebrates  
some 550 million years ago,  
contains cells that closely resemble  
mammalian connective tissue-type mast cells



## Mast cell:

the integral effector cell  
in IgE-associated disorders  
almost exclusively known  
for having a detrimental  
role for the host



Most mast-cell data derive solely from experiments in mice or rats, species that never suffer from allergic and most other mast-cell-associated human diseases\_\_\_\_\_

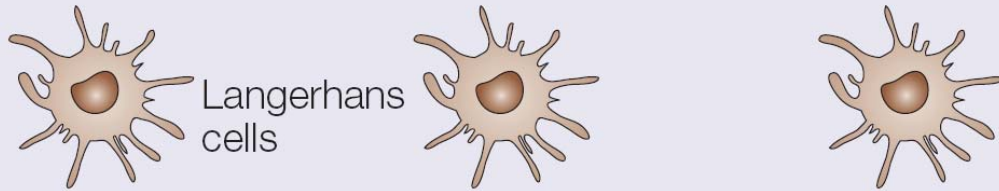
## Laboratory tools to study mast cells

Tool	Human	Murine
Transformed mast-cell lines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leukaemia-derived human mast-cell lines (HMC-1, LAD-1 and LAD-2)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rat basophilic leukaemia cells</li> <li>Other murine cell lines (IL-3 dependent and IL-3 independent)</li> </ul>
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Primary cultures of tissue mast cells	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Human skin mast cells, human mucosal mast cells (lung/intestine)</li> <li>Human mast cells of other origin (heart, uterus and kidney)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peritoneal mast cells</li> <li>Isolated mucosal or skin mast cells are more difficult to obtain (small amounts of tissue and low mast-cell densities)</li> </ul>
In vivo examination of mast cells	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Histology (Carnoy fixation, trypan blue staining)</li> <li>Immunohistochemistry (anti-tryptase staining)</li> <li>Mast-cell mediator measurement (tryptase or methyl-histamine in urine)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mast-cell-deficient mice and rats (<math>Kit^{W/W^v}</math>, <math>Kit^{W-J/W-J}</math> and <math>Kit^{W-sh/W-sh}</math> mice, and <math>Kit^{W-s/W-s}</math> rats)</li> </ul>

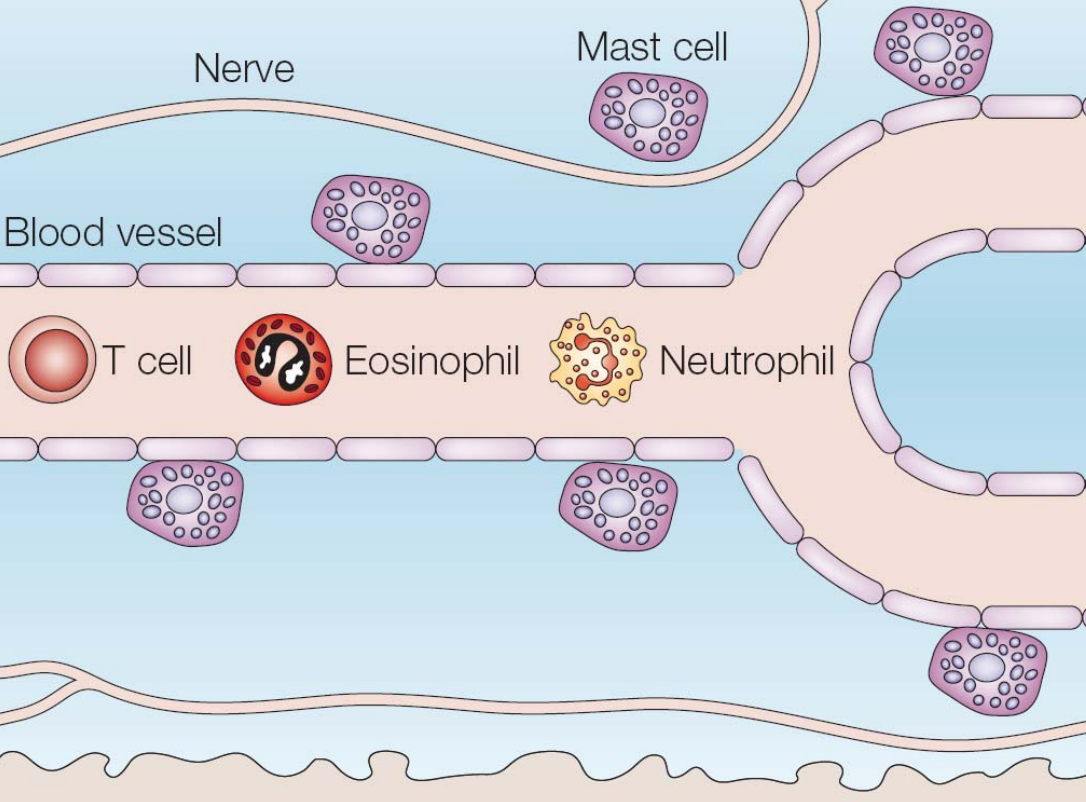
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## Epidermis



## Dermis



Mast cells are strategically located very near sites where the body comes in contact with the external environment, which is a prime location for the initiation and modulation of innate immune responses



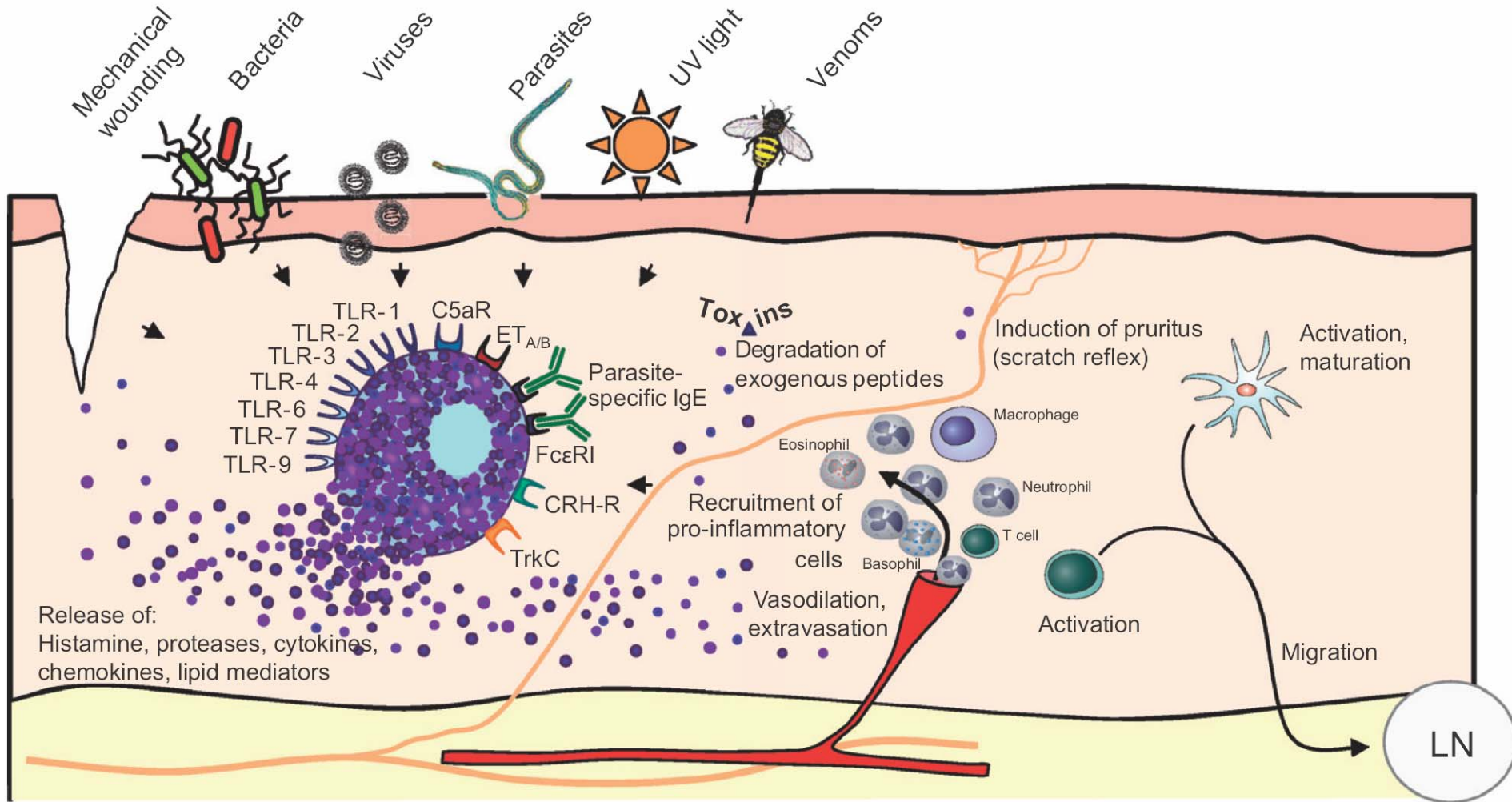
## How mast cells sense danger

Receptor class	Examples of receptors
<b><i>Direct receptors for pathogen products</i></b>	
Toll-like receptors	TLR1 TLR2 TLR3 TLR4 TLR6 TLR9
Mannosylated receptors	CD48
<b><i>Indirect receptors for products of immune responses to pathogens</i></b>	
Fc receptors	FcεRI FcγRI, FcγRII and FcγRIII
Complement receptors	CR2, CR4 and CR5 C5aR and C3aR
Protease-activated receptors	PAR2
Cytokine receptors	IL-1R and IFN-γR IL-10R and IL-12R
Chemokine receptors	CCR3, CCR5 and CXCR4

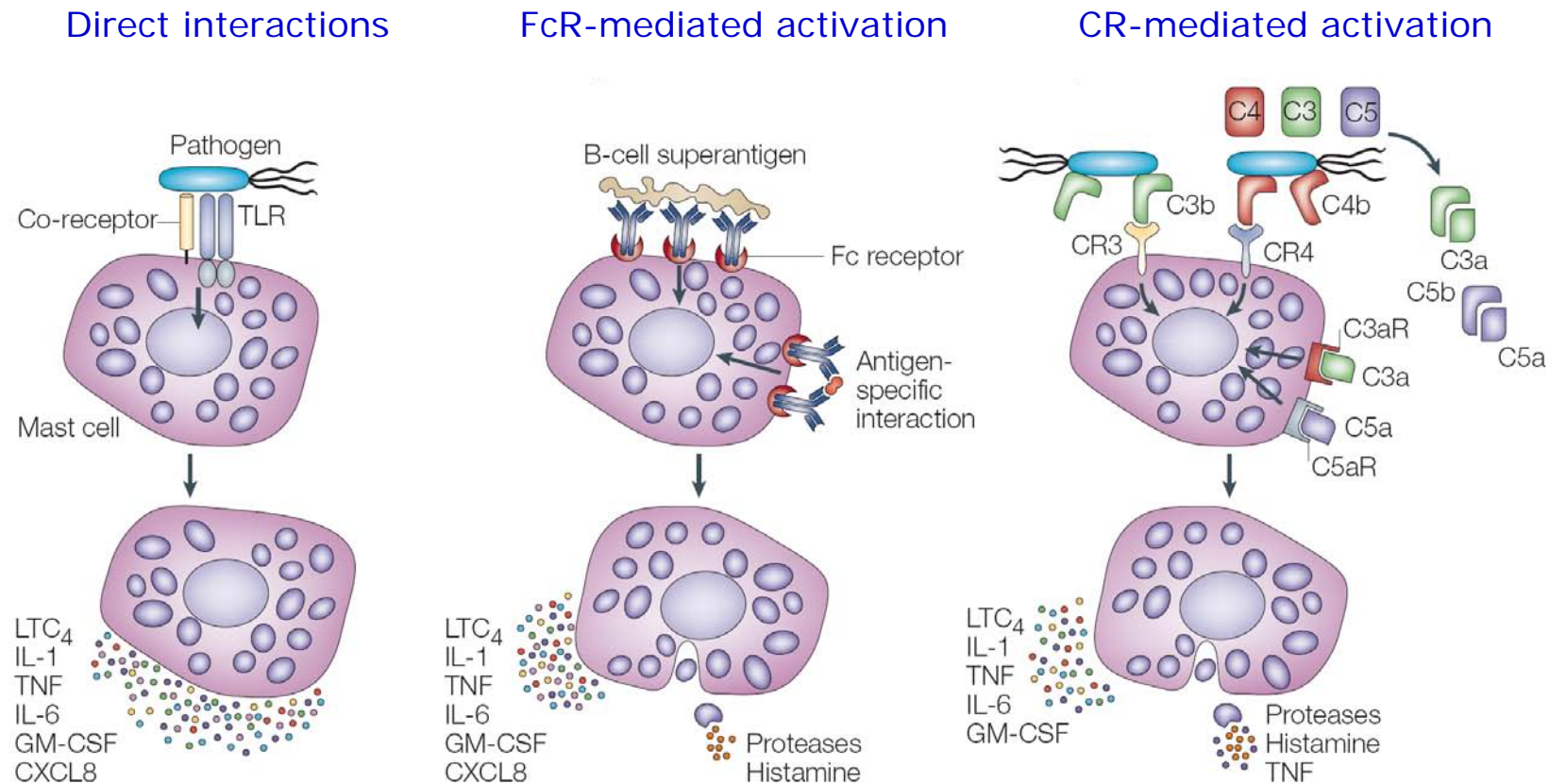




# How mast cells sense danger



# IgE-independent activation of mast cells



- A variety of substances (bacterial toxins, defensins, sarafotoxins, etc.) activate MCs without a need for specific receptors.



## Different stimuli induce discrete cytokine production by MCs \_\_\_\_\_

Stimulus	Pathway	Effects		
		Histamine release	Degranulation	Cytokine production
High antigen dose	Lyn/Syk all MAPKs	+	+	IL-13, IL-10, IFN- $\gamma$ , TNF- $\alpha$
Low antigen dose	Fyn p38	–	–	IL-2, IL-4, IL-6, MIP, MCP
H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	Fyn p38		+	IL-4, IL-5, IL-6
LPS	Via TLR4 all MAPKs	–	–	IL-5, IL-10, IL-13, IL-6, TNF- $\alpha$
Peptidoglican	Via TRL2	+	–	IL-5, IL-10, IL-13
AgNO <sub>3</sub>	ERK1, ERK2	+	+	–
Micobacterium tuberculosis	Via CD48 protein Gi $\alpha$	+	+	IL-6, TNF- $\alpha$

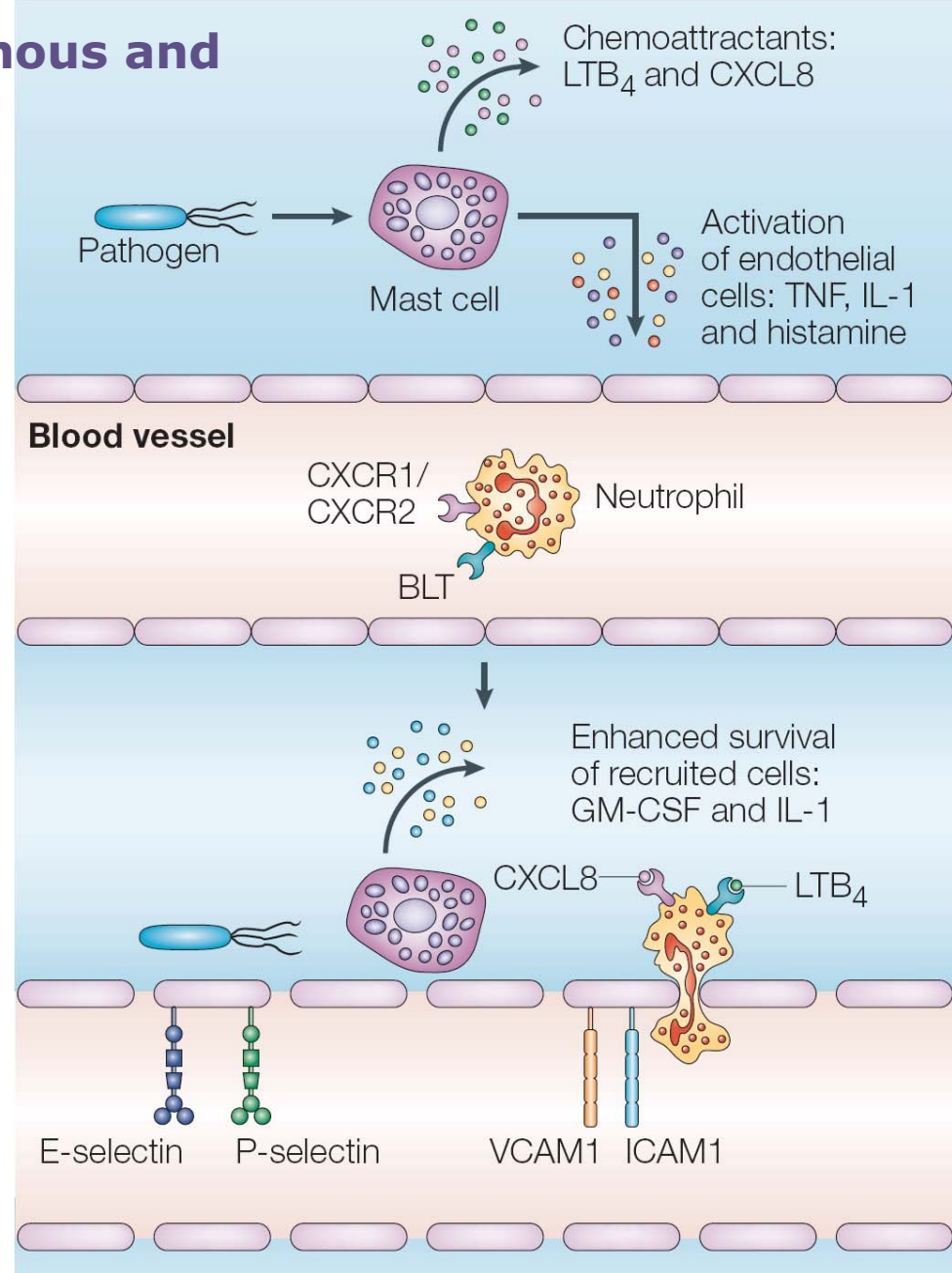
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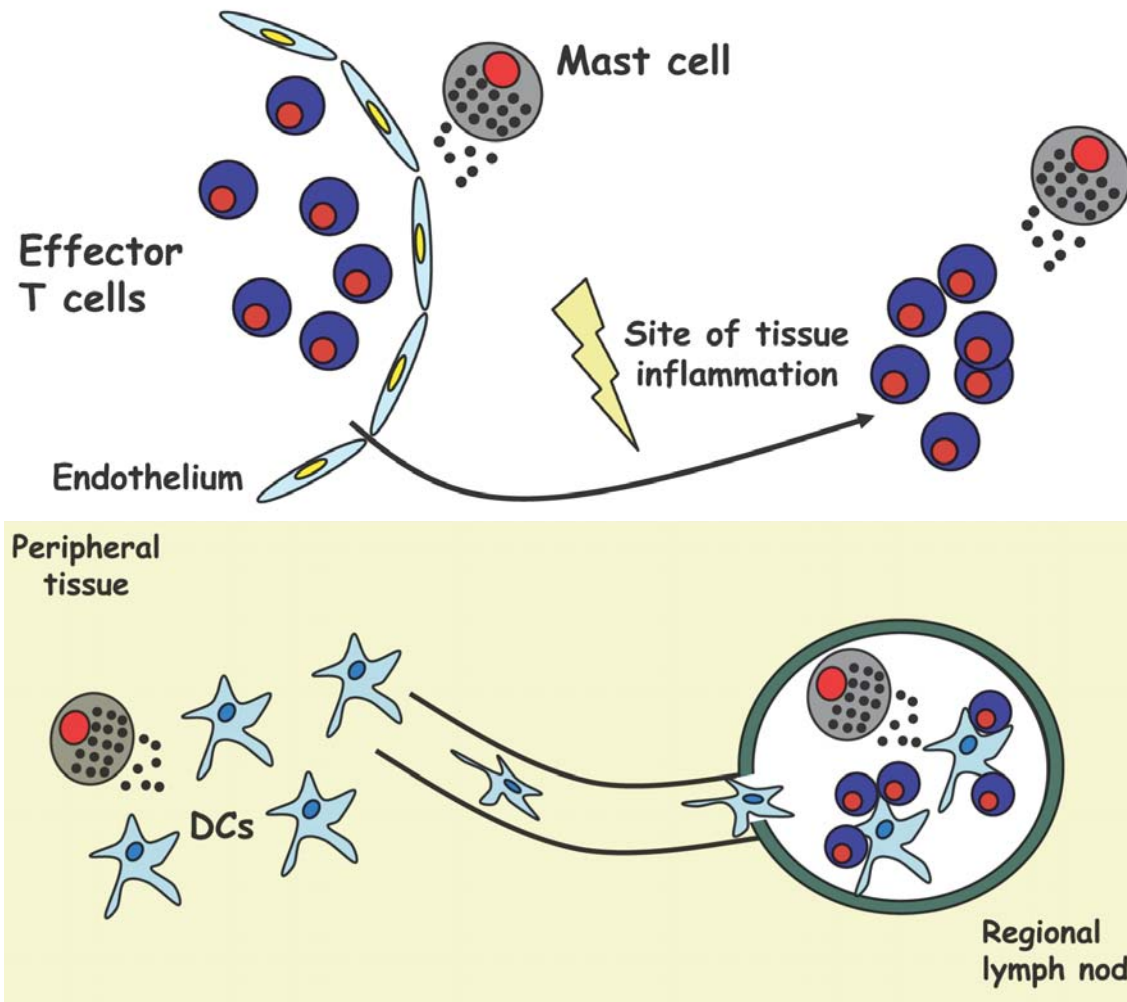
1. Enhance resistance to endogenous and exogenous toxins
2. Phagocytose and kill bacteria
3. Induce local inflammation

Mast cells enhance  
immune effector-cell recruitment



By rapidly inducing innate reactions and local inflammation

MCs are setting the stage on which cells of the adaptive immunity are primed



## MC-derived factors regulating trafficking

### For T cells:

- |                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| •CCL2 (MCP-1)            | •LTB <sub>4</sub> |
| •CCL3 (MIP-1 $\alpha$ )  | •LTC <sub>4</sub> |
| •CCL4 (MIP-1 $\beta$ )   | •TNF $\alpha$     |
| •CCL5 (RANTES)           | •IL-1 $\beta$     |
| •CCL20 (MIP-3 $\alpha$ ) | •IL-6             |
| •CXCL1 (KC)              | •IL-16            |
| •CXCL10 (IP-10)          | •lymphotactin     |
| •histamine               |                   |

### For Dendritic cells:

- TNF $\alpha$
- PGE2
- CCL5
- IL-1 $\alpha$
- IL-1 $\beta$
- IL-16
- IL-18

Mast cells are necessary for inducing local LN hypertrophy

following infection



## *MC-derived factor*

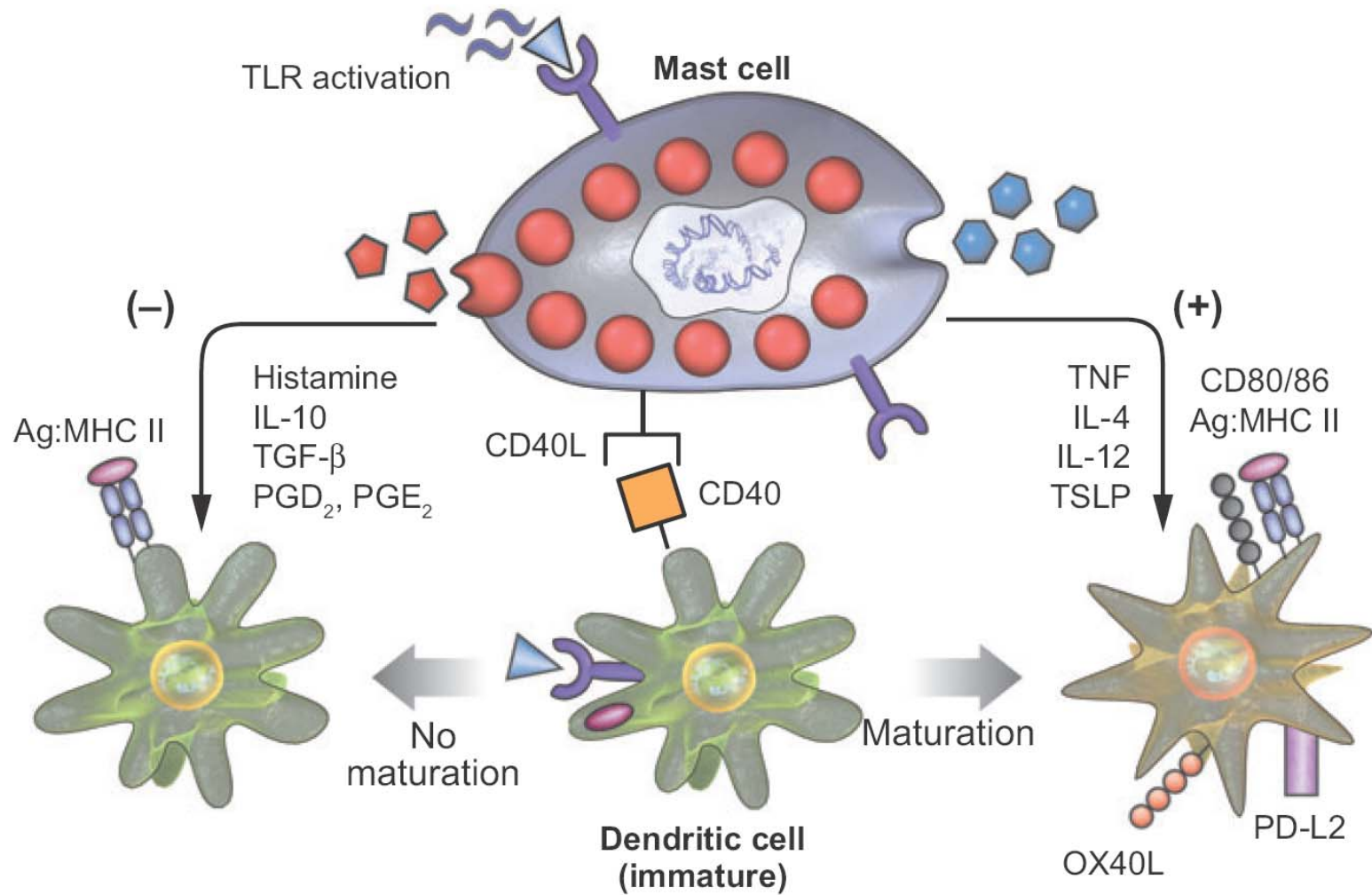
## *Effect on DCs*

<b>Histamine</b>	↓ IL-12 – Promotes Th2 skewing of T cells
<b>Leukotrienes</b>	Enhances migration – ↑ IL-10 and ↓ IL-12
<b>Prostaglandins</b>	PGD <sub>2</sub> : ↓ IL-12 and promotes Th2 skewing – PGE <sub>2</sub> : ↑ IL-10 Essential for migration ↑ production of Th2-attracting chemokines Inhibits maturation of DC during infection
<b>IL-4</b>	↓ IL-10 leading to ↑ IL-12 – ↓ PGE production
<b>TNF</b>	Enhances DC migration – Produces tolerogenic DC that induce Tregs
<b>TGF-β</b>	Promotes DC generation of CD4 <sup>+</sup> CD25 <sup>+</sup> Tregs ↑ expression of chemokine receptors – Essential for generation of LCs
<b>TSLP</b>	Promotes inflammatory Th2-skewing of T cells by ex vivo human DC
<b>Serotonin</b>	Differentiates DC with ↓ stimulatory capacity but ↑ cytokine production
<b>Heparin</b>	Differentiates CD1a <sup>+</sup> DC

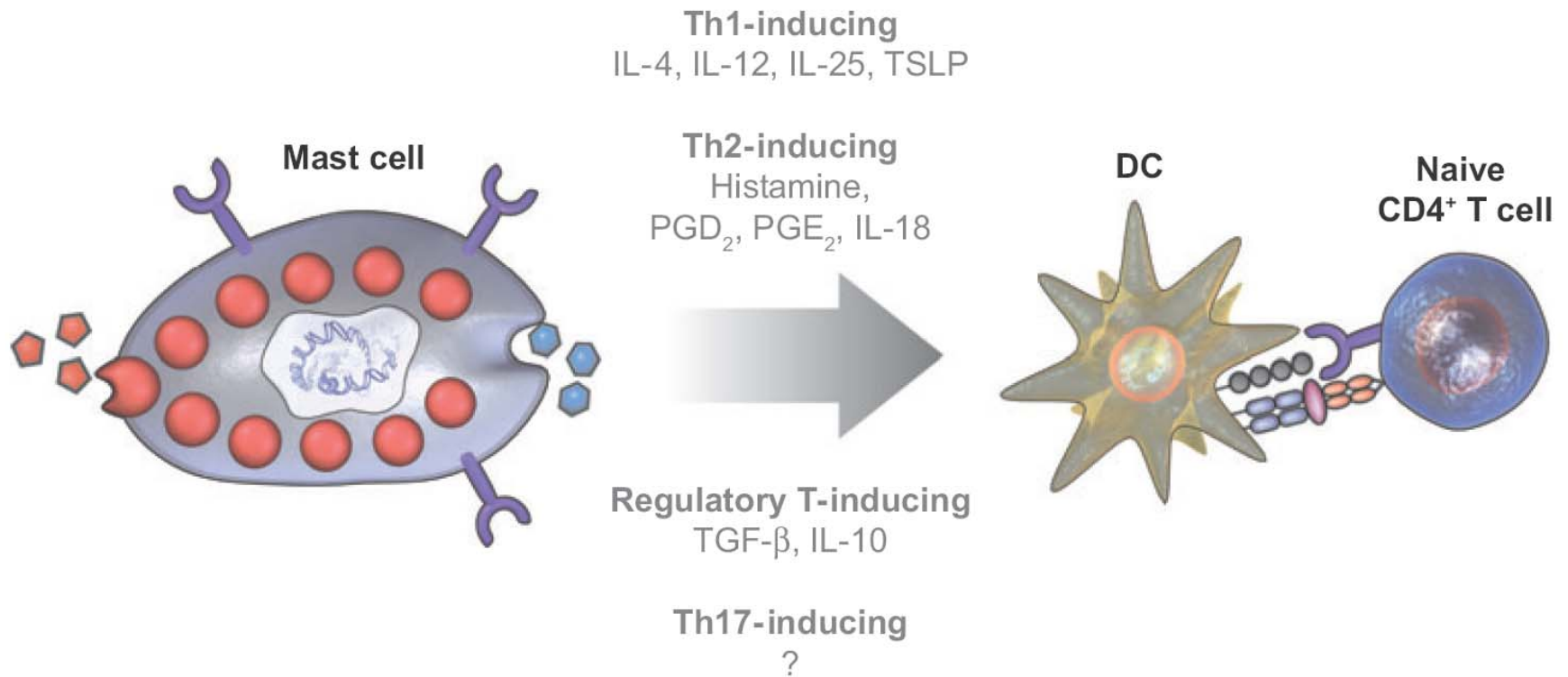




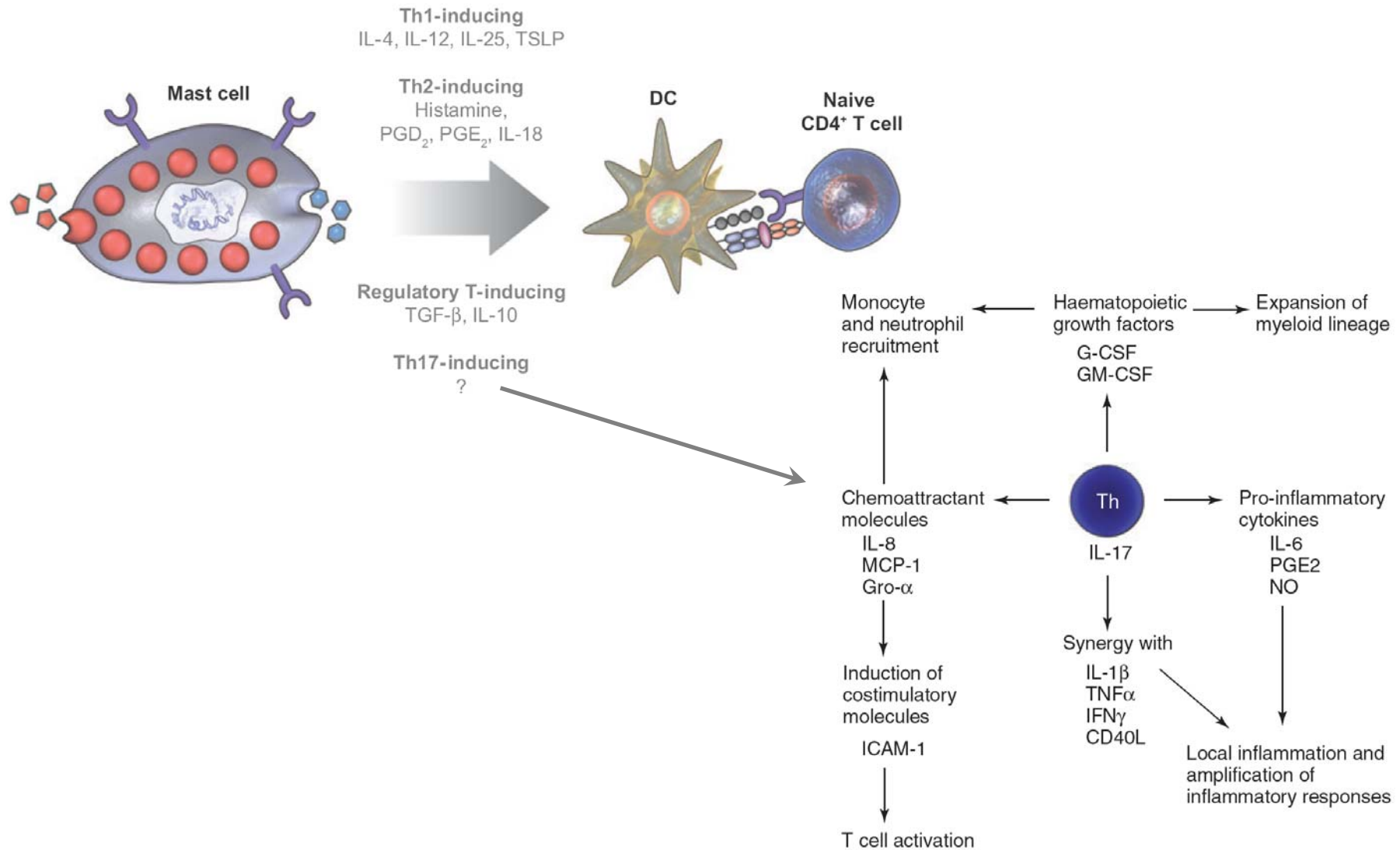
# Mast cell influence on DC responses



# Direct (Ag-independent) MC–T cell interactions\_\_\_\_\_



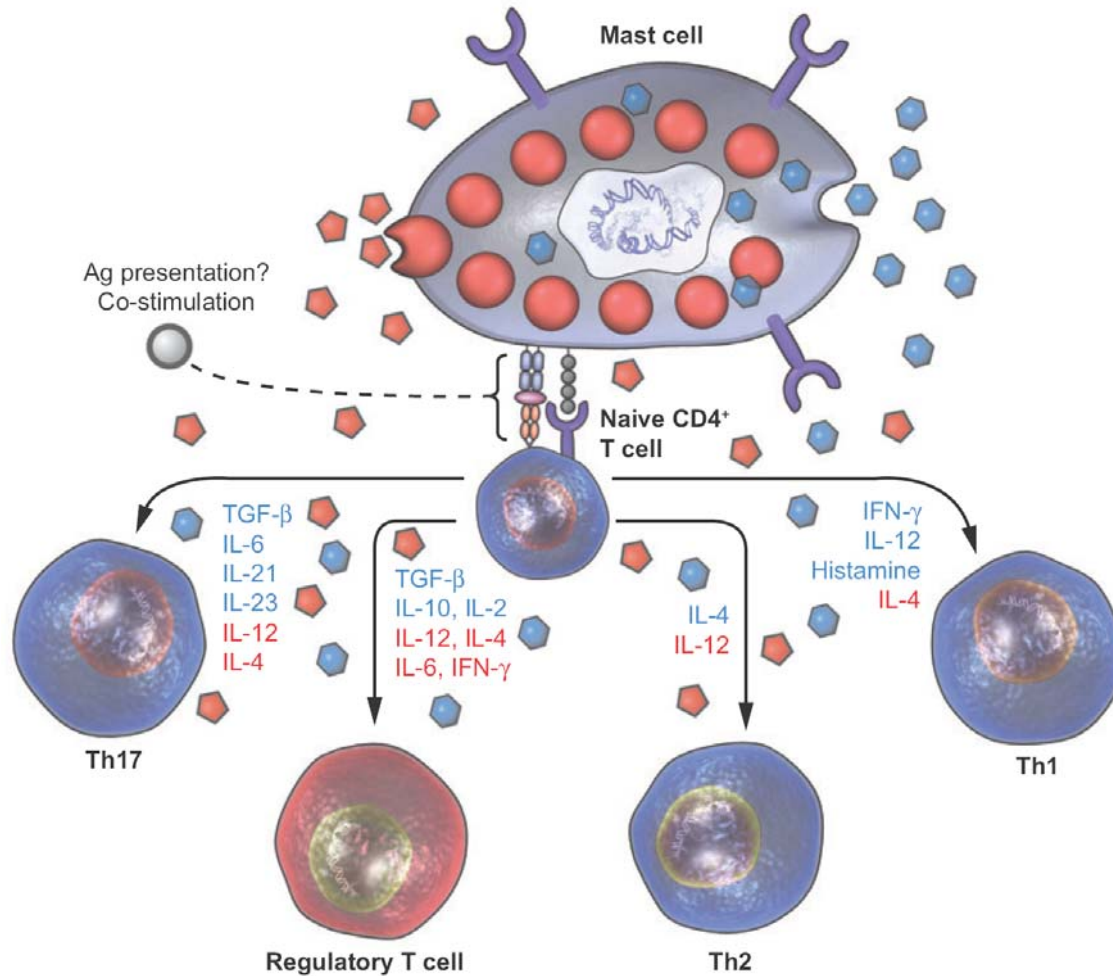
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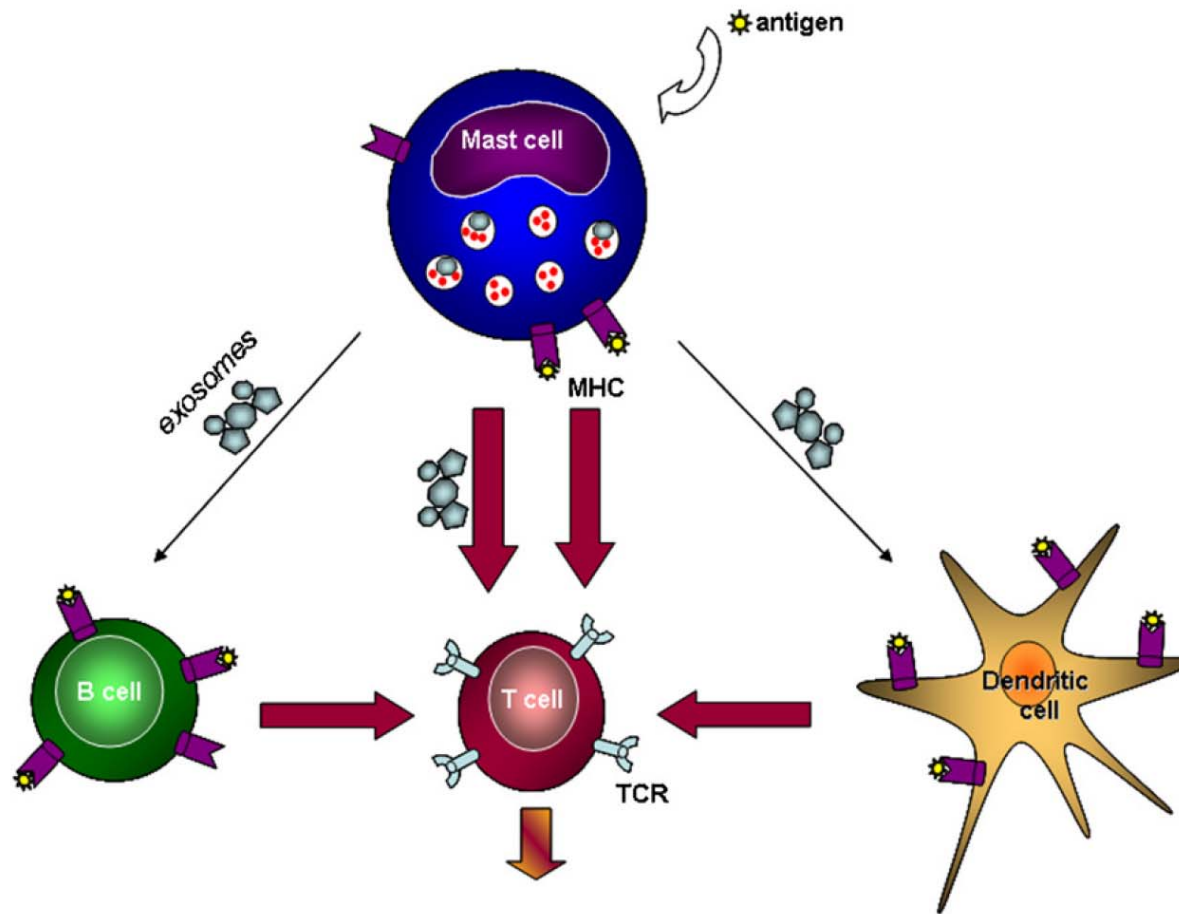


# Indirect (Ag-dependent) MC–T cell interactions \_\_\_\_\_

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# Ag-dependent, MC-mediated induction of T cell responses \_\_\_\_\_



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- Some mast cell lines express MHC molecules and have antigen-presenting capability
- Mast cells could provide direct costimulation to T cells via their expression of CD80, CD86, CD153, ICOSL, 41BB, CD40L and OX40L
- Mast cells enhance T cell proliferation and expression of activation markers through elaboration of cytokines such as IL-2, IL-4, IL-7, and IL-15

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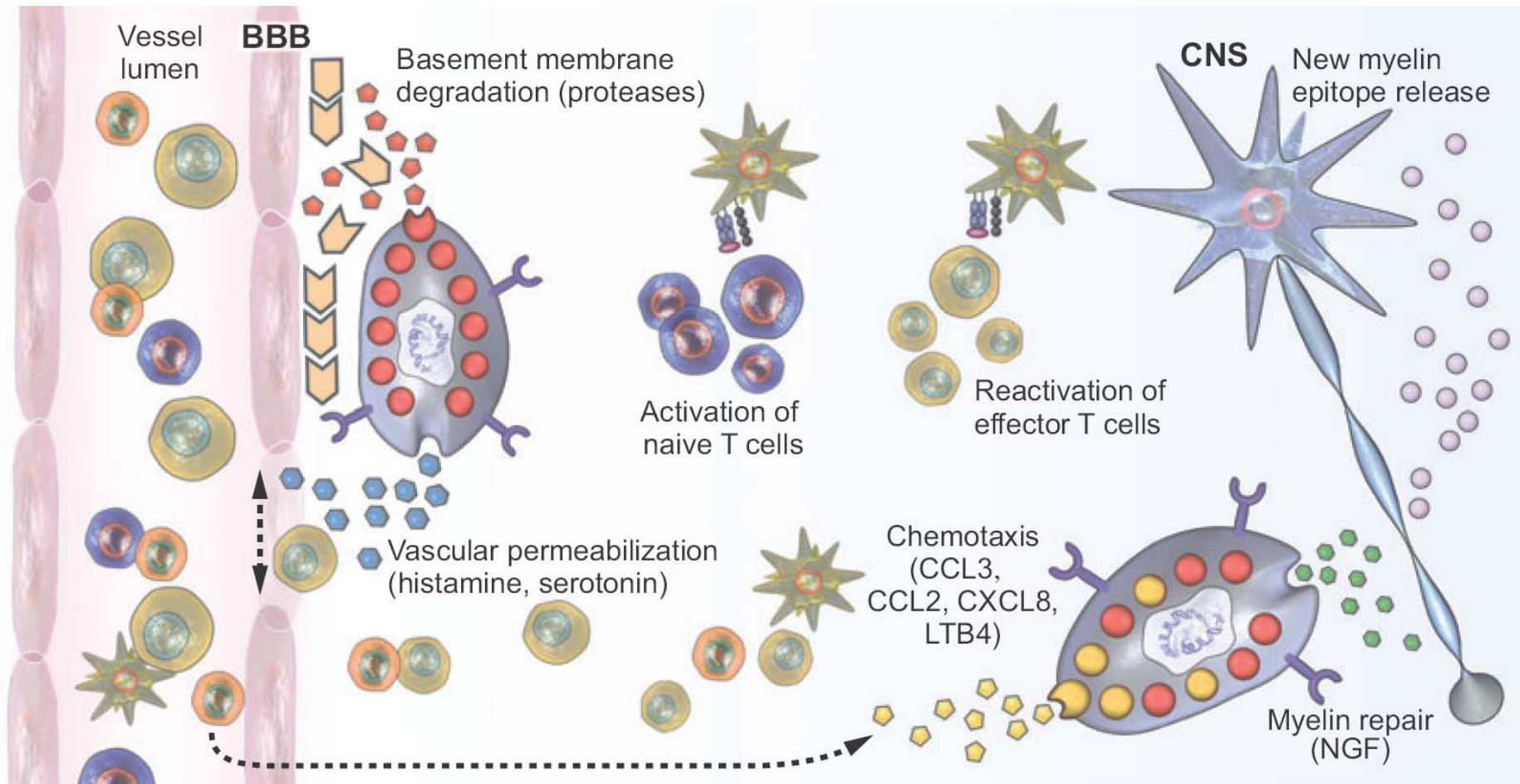
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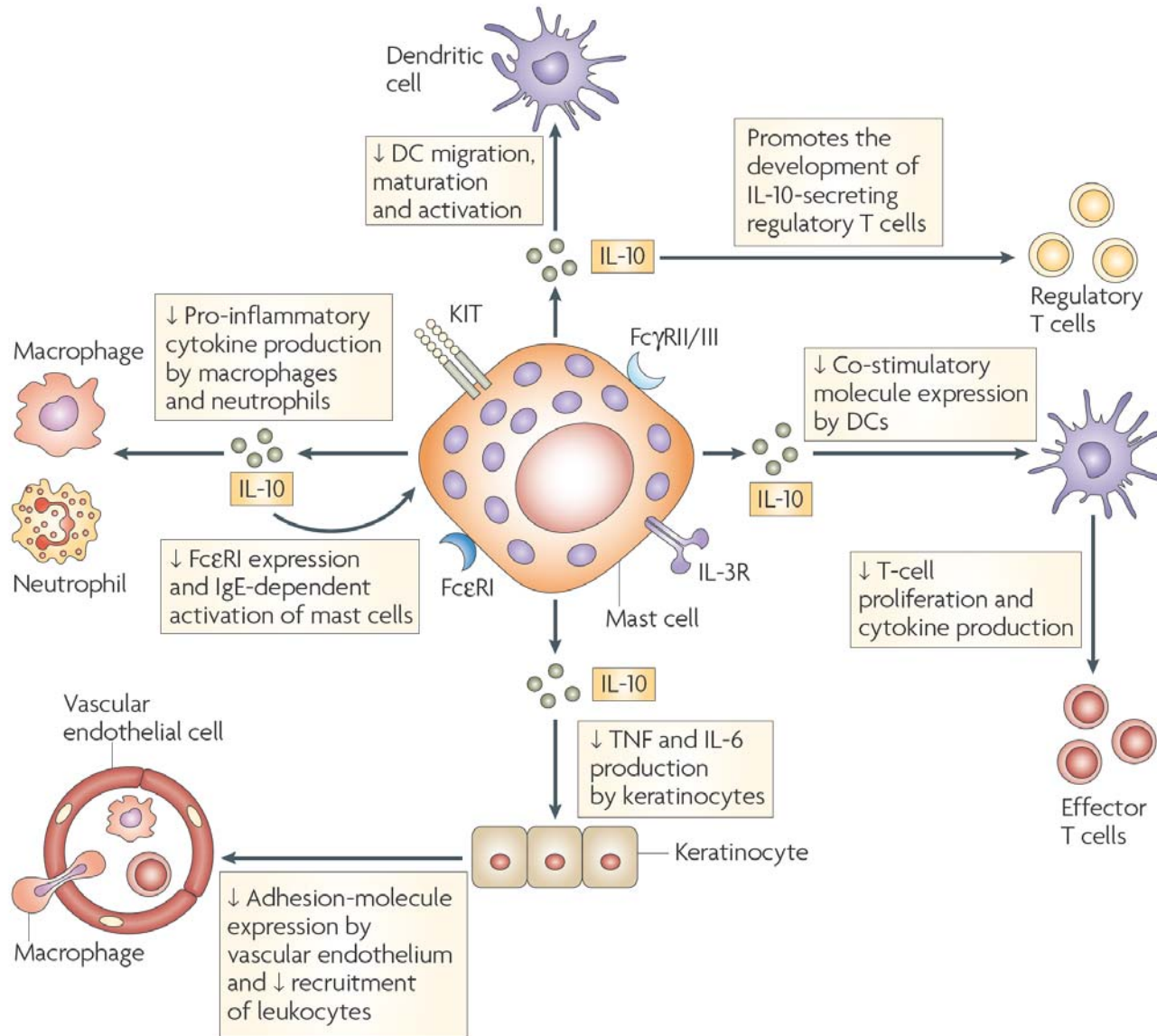




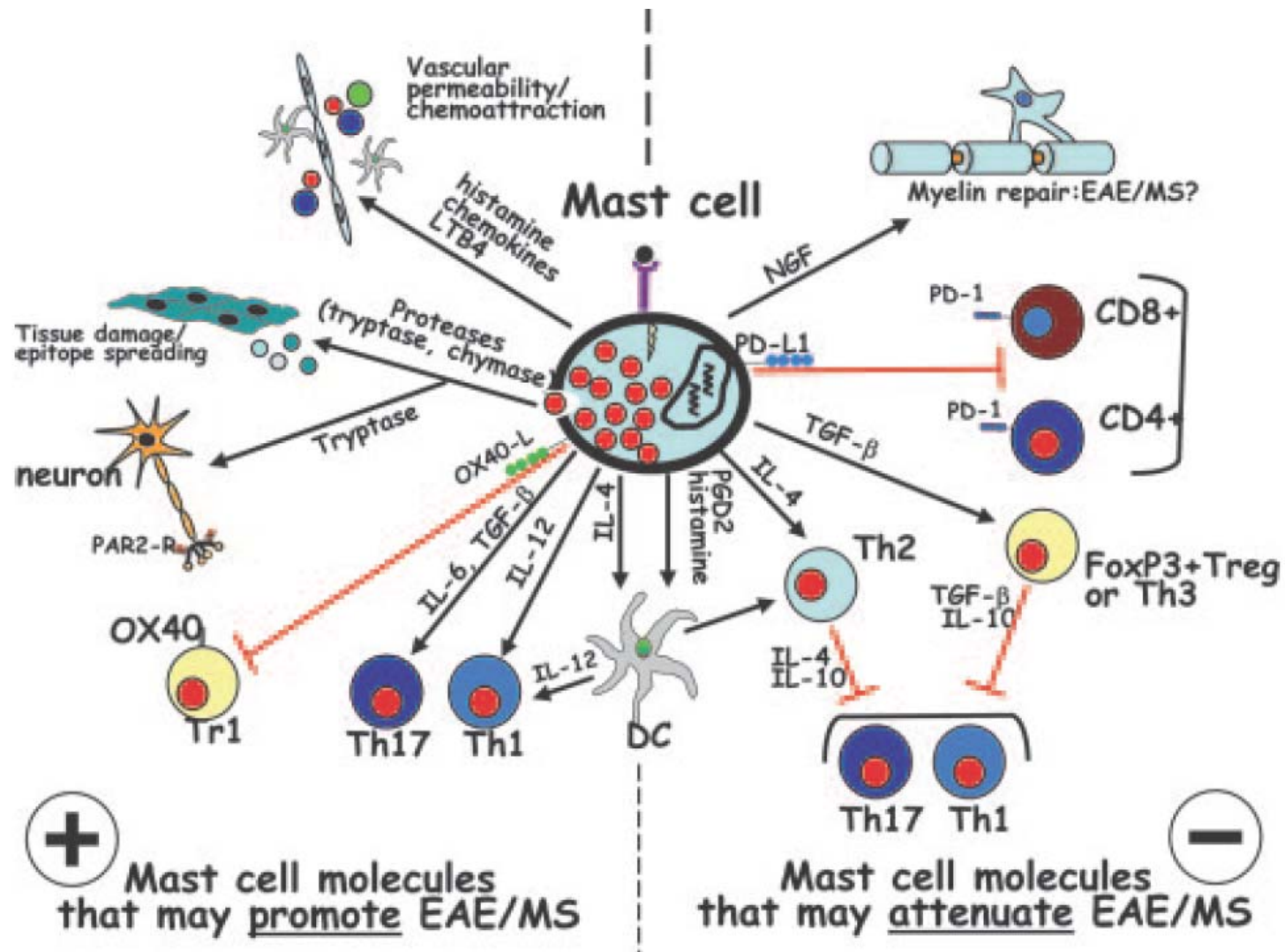
# Mast cell proteases can promote epitope spreading\_\_\_\_\_



# MC-mediated immunosuppression



# The multitasking mast cell



Mast cells are tuneable \_\_\_\_\_

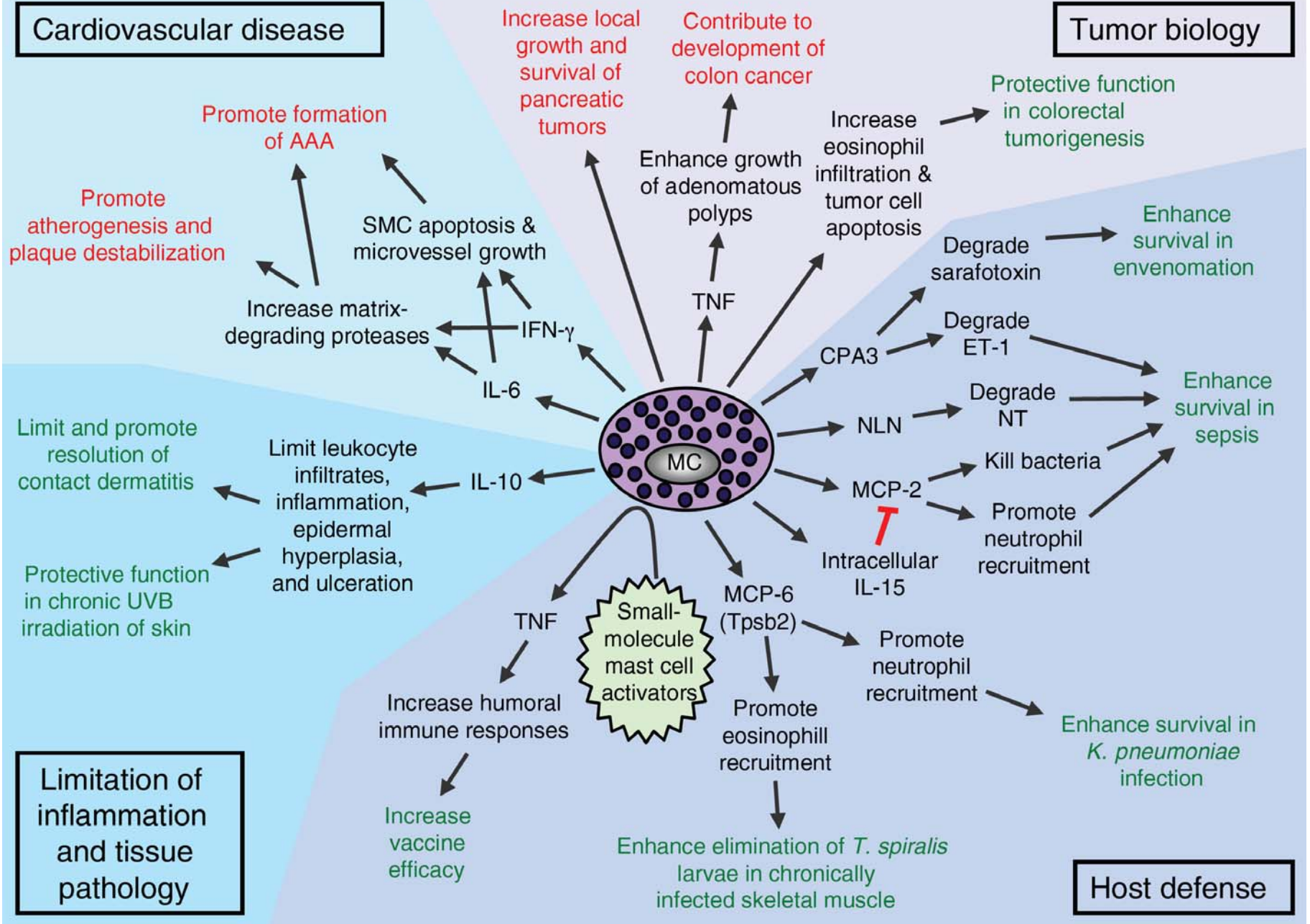
- a. The anatomic sites of specific mast cell populations confer a unique tissue-specific phenotype.**
- b. Related to the distinct locations of mast cells are the unique subsets of target cells in different tissues adding to response variability.**
- c. It is the convergence of multiple agonists that dictates the final response of a single mast cell.**
- d. Genetically determined variability in mast cell numbers and responses may confer strikingly distinct response outcomes.**





## Cardiovascular disease

## Tumor biology





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*Thank you  
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