

# Culture cellulaire, cycle cellulaire, sénescence

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# Cells in culture

## Primary cells : represent the tissue of origin

Difficult to culture and maintain, variability from donors

1917, aseptic and nutrients

Keratinocyte, enterocyte, endothelial cell, myocyte, fibroblast, hematopoietic stem cells ...

## Transformation of primary cells in immortalized secondary cell line

Spontaneous / chemically or virally induced, easy to culture, no variability

HeLa, 1951, human cell line, derived from cervix cancer from Henrietta Lacks

## Stem cells

**Embryonic stem cells (ESCs) : (totipotent) pluripotent**

1981 (mouse), 1998 (human)

**Induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs)**

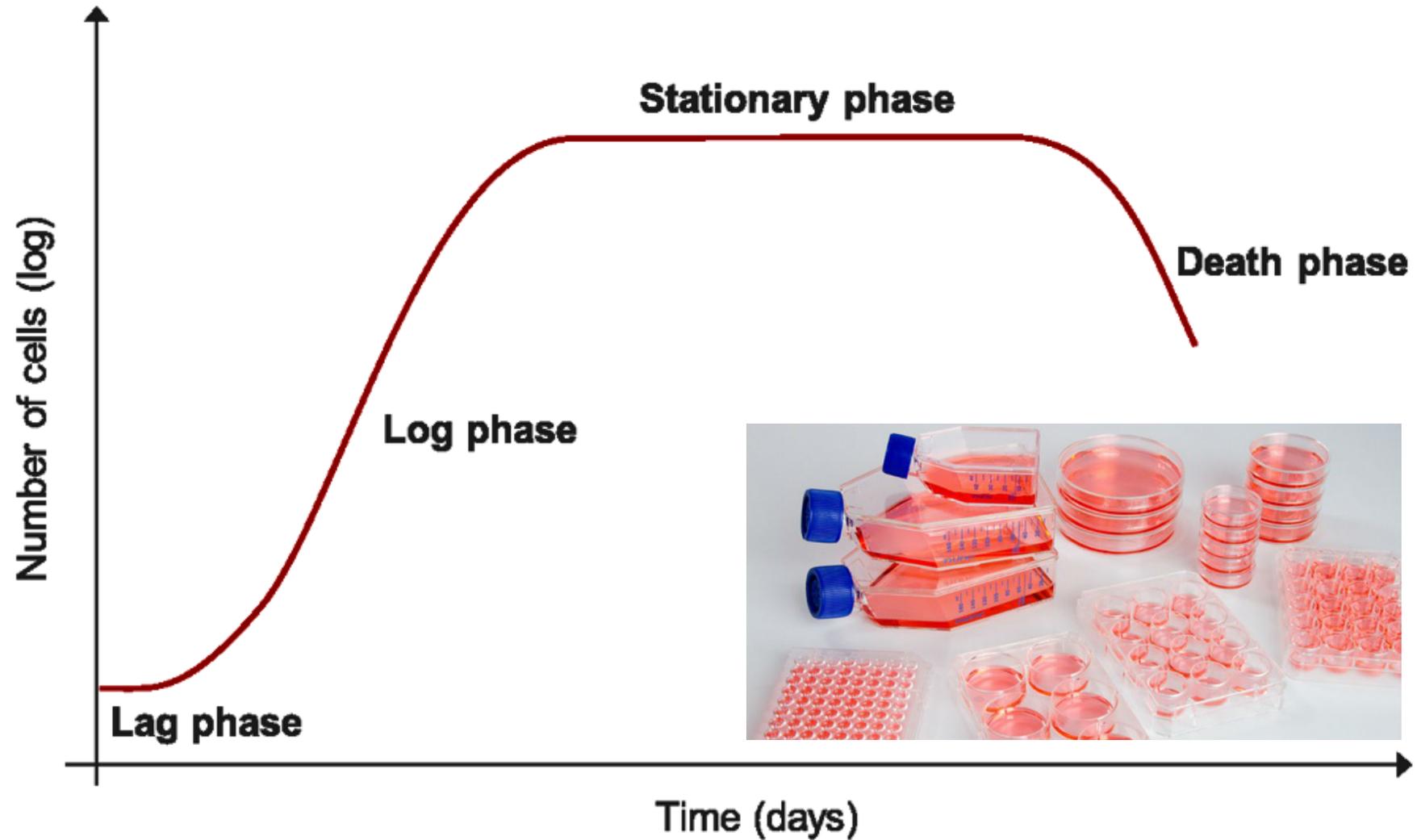
2006 (from mouse, human fibroblasts)

**Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2012 John B. Gurdon & Shinya Yamanaka**

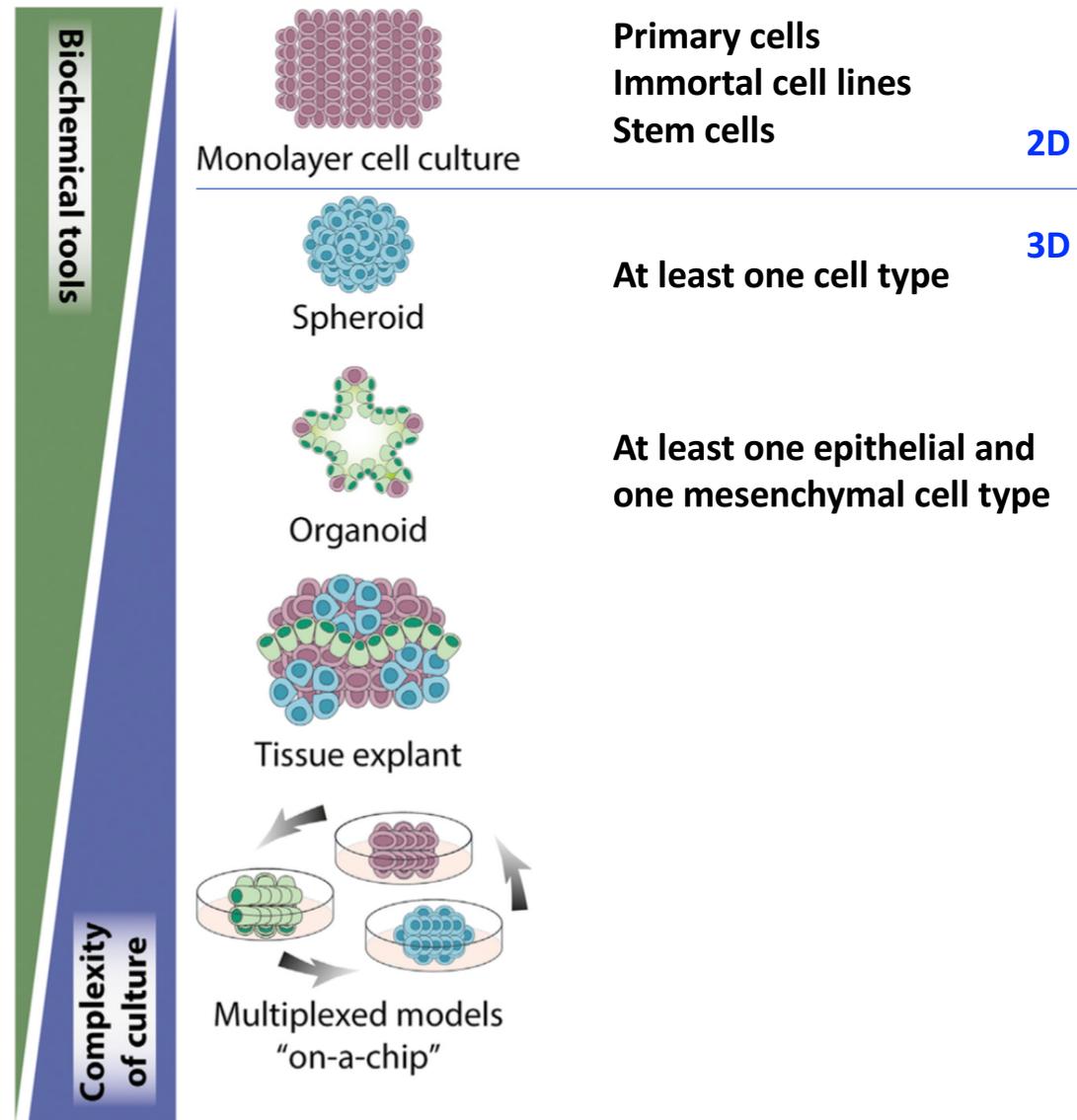
**Induced multipotent stem cells (ex : induced neural stem cell iNSCs)**

2012 (from fibroblasts). Reduced carcinogenic potential compared to iPSCs

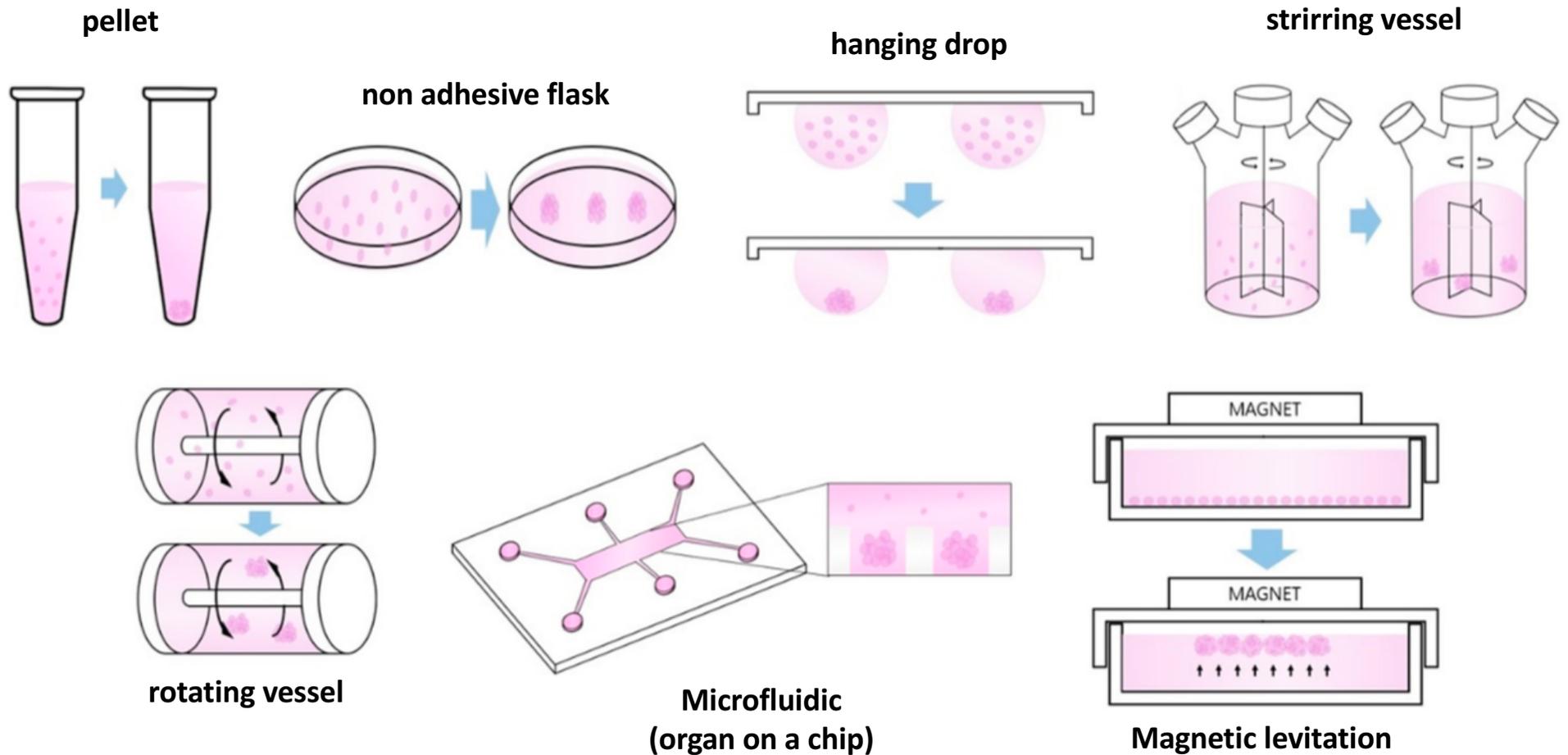
# Cell line in 2D culture



# 2D versus 3D cell culture



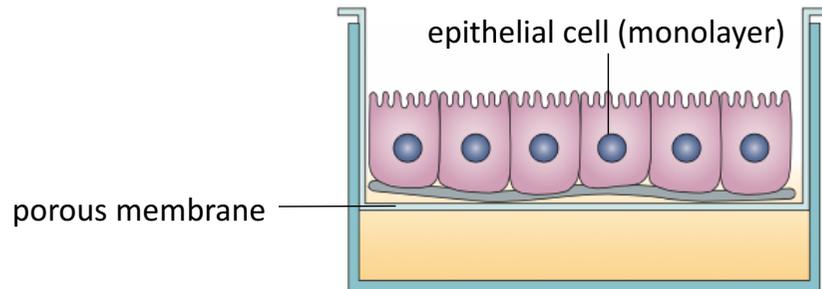
# Spheroid/organoid scaffold-free culture methods



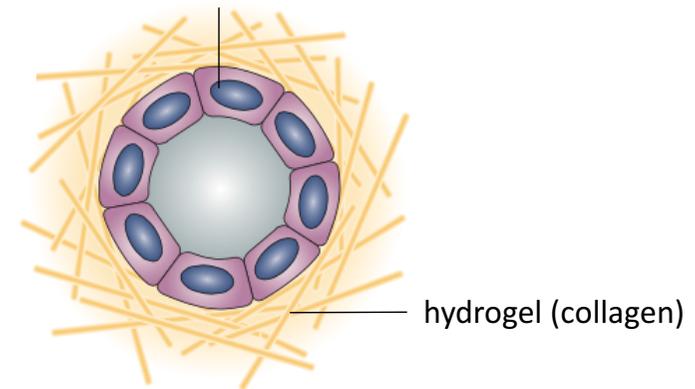
Rely on cell self-assembly and prevention of cell adhesion to the flask

# Scaffolds for 3D culture : natural or synthetic hydrogel or porous

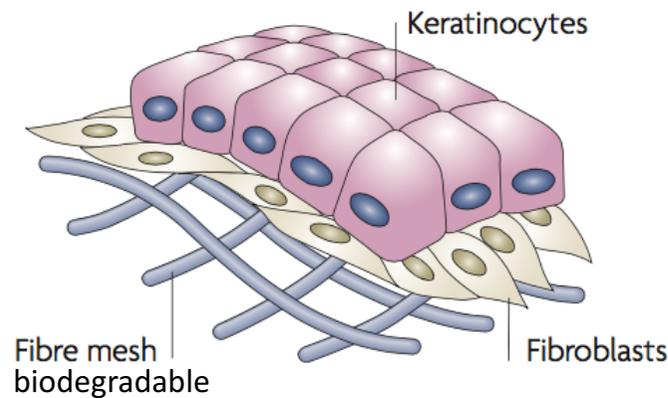
**Polarized epithelial cell culture**



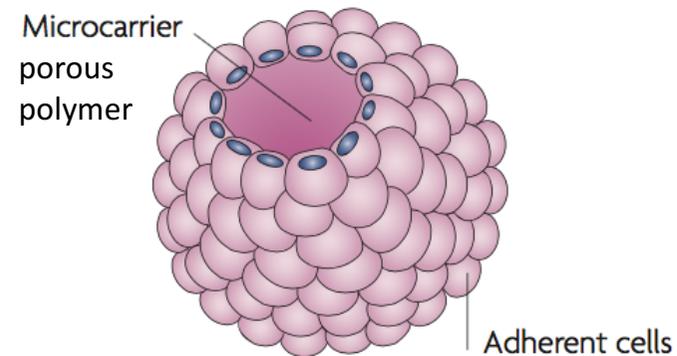
MDCK epithelial kidney cell (cyst)



**Artificial skin**

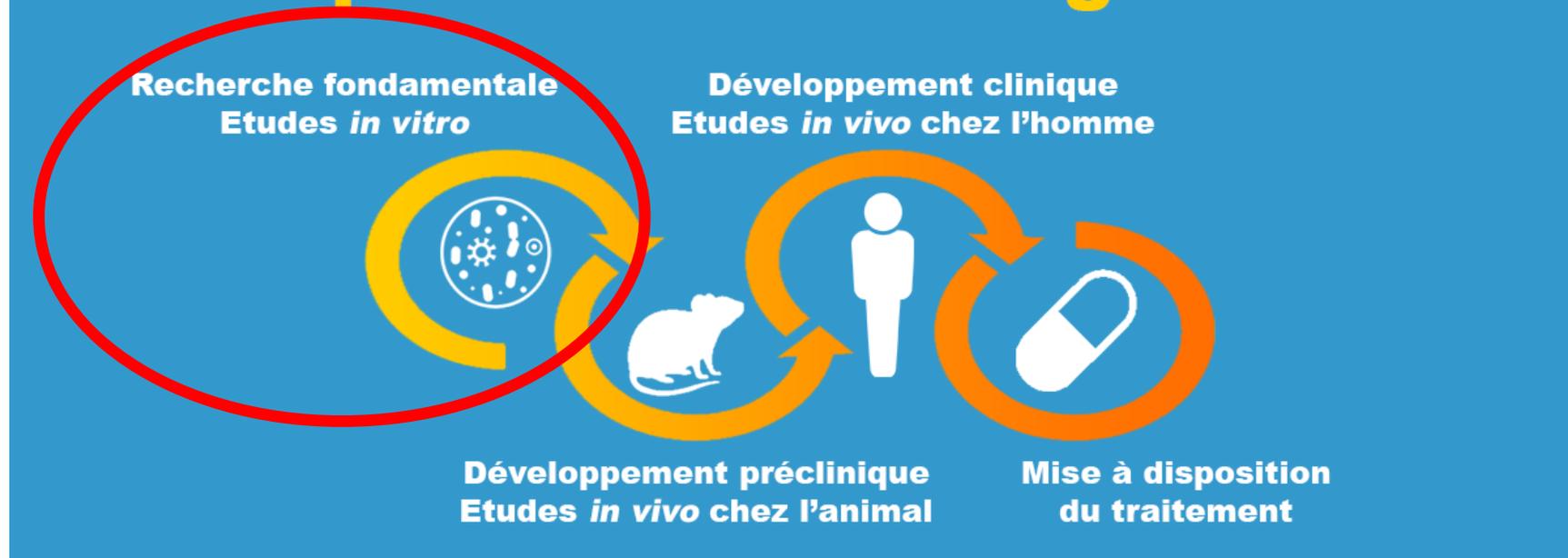


**Microcarrier culture**



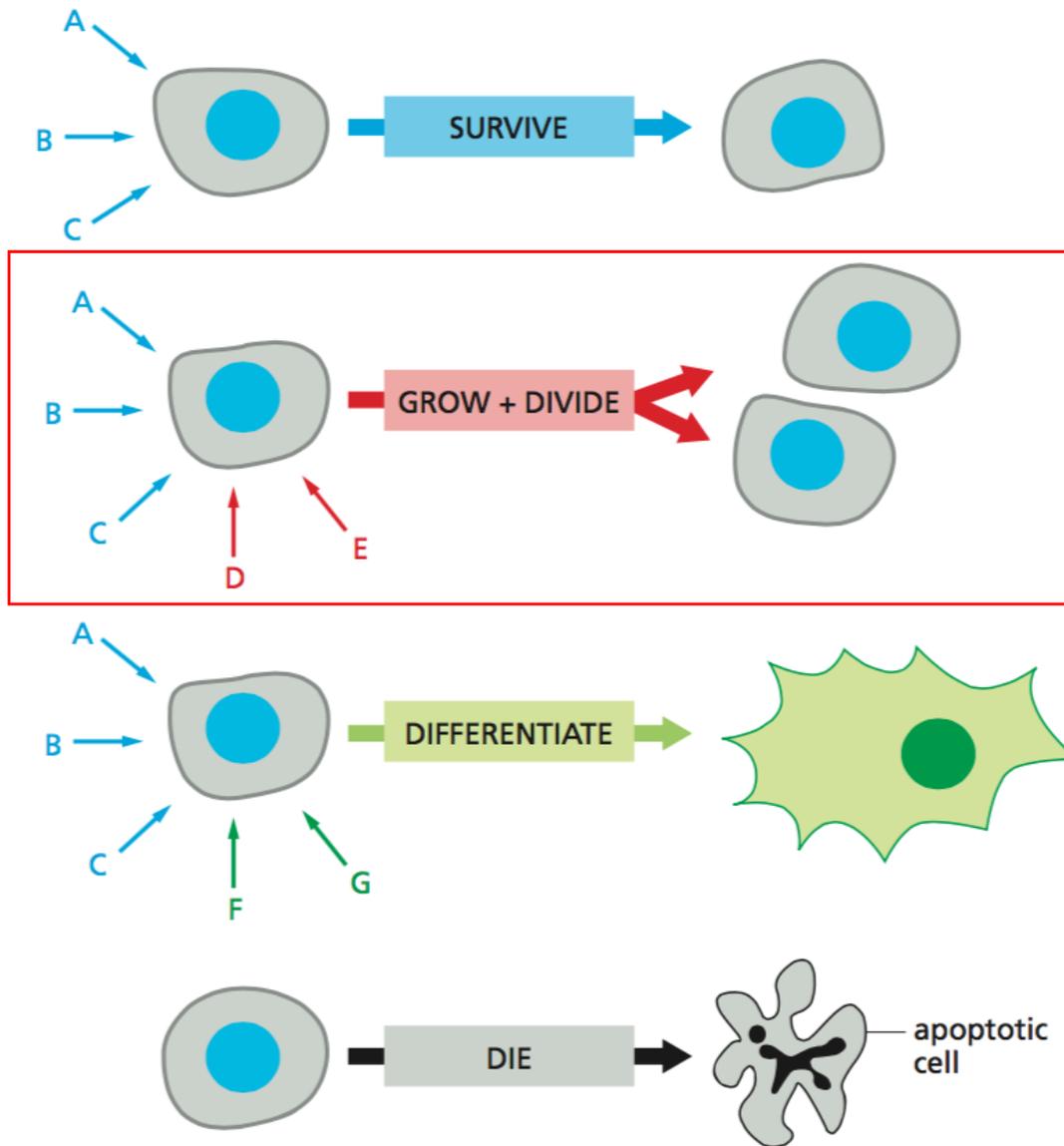
# Before becoming a drug blockbuster...

## Le développement d'un médicament passe par des étapes indispensables et obligatoires.

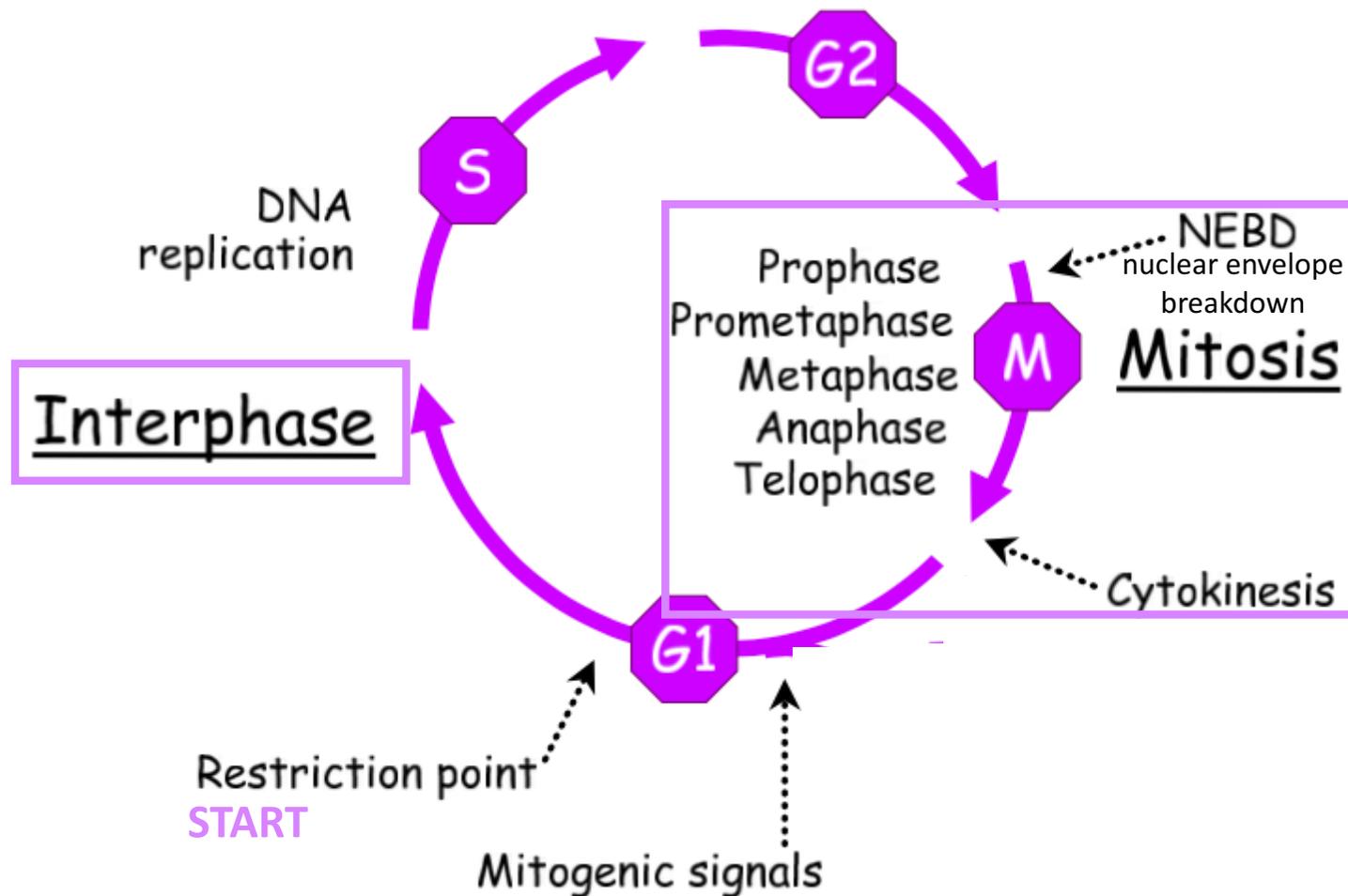


**Complex, long, expensive and risked**

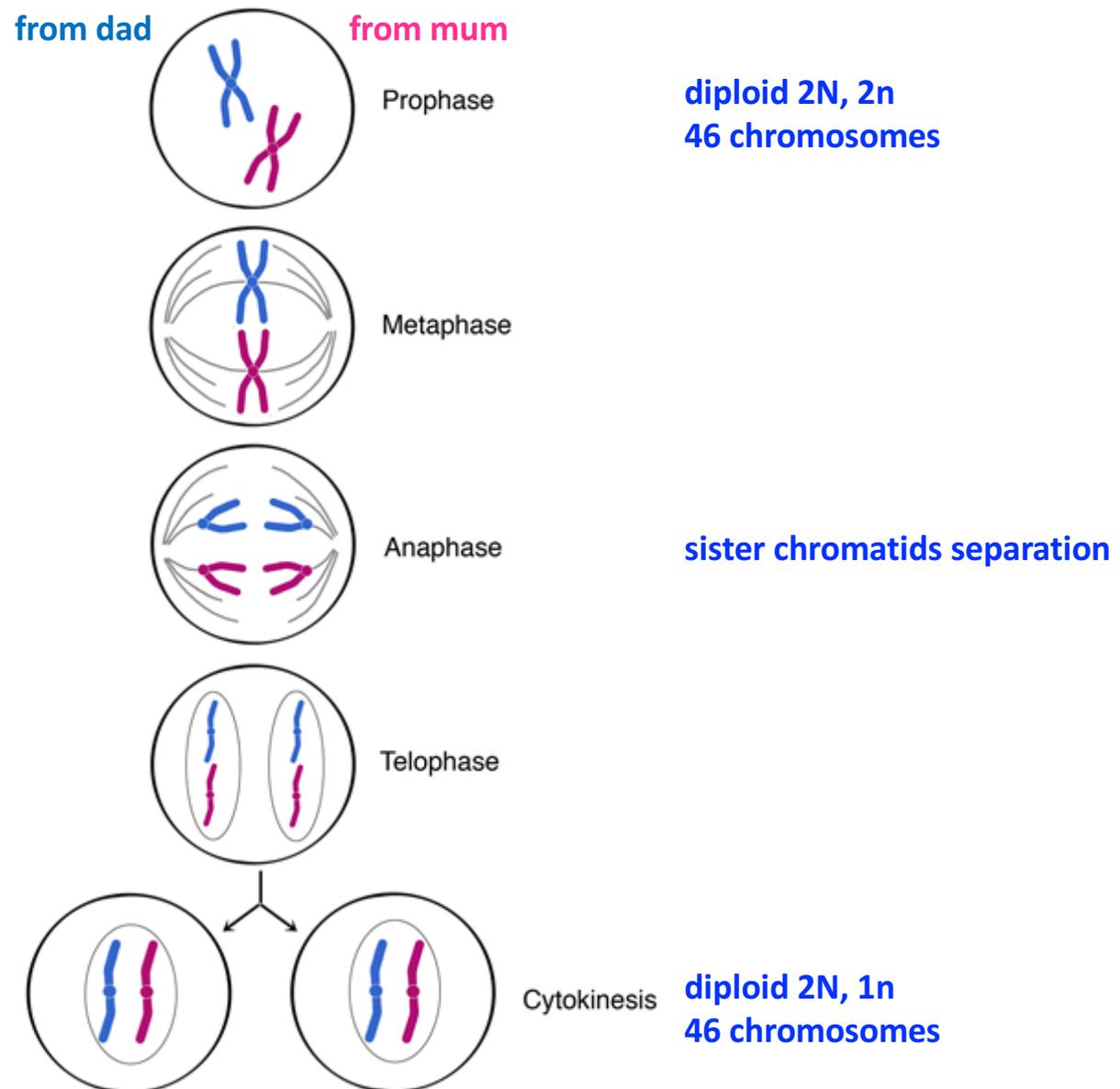
# Cell fate



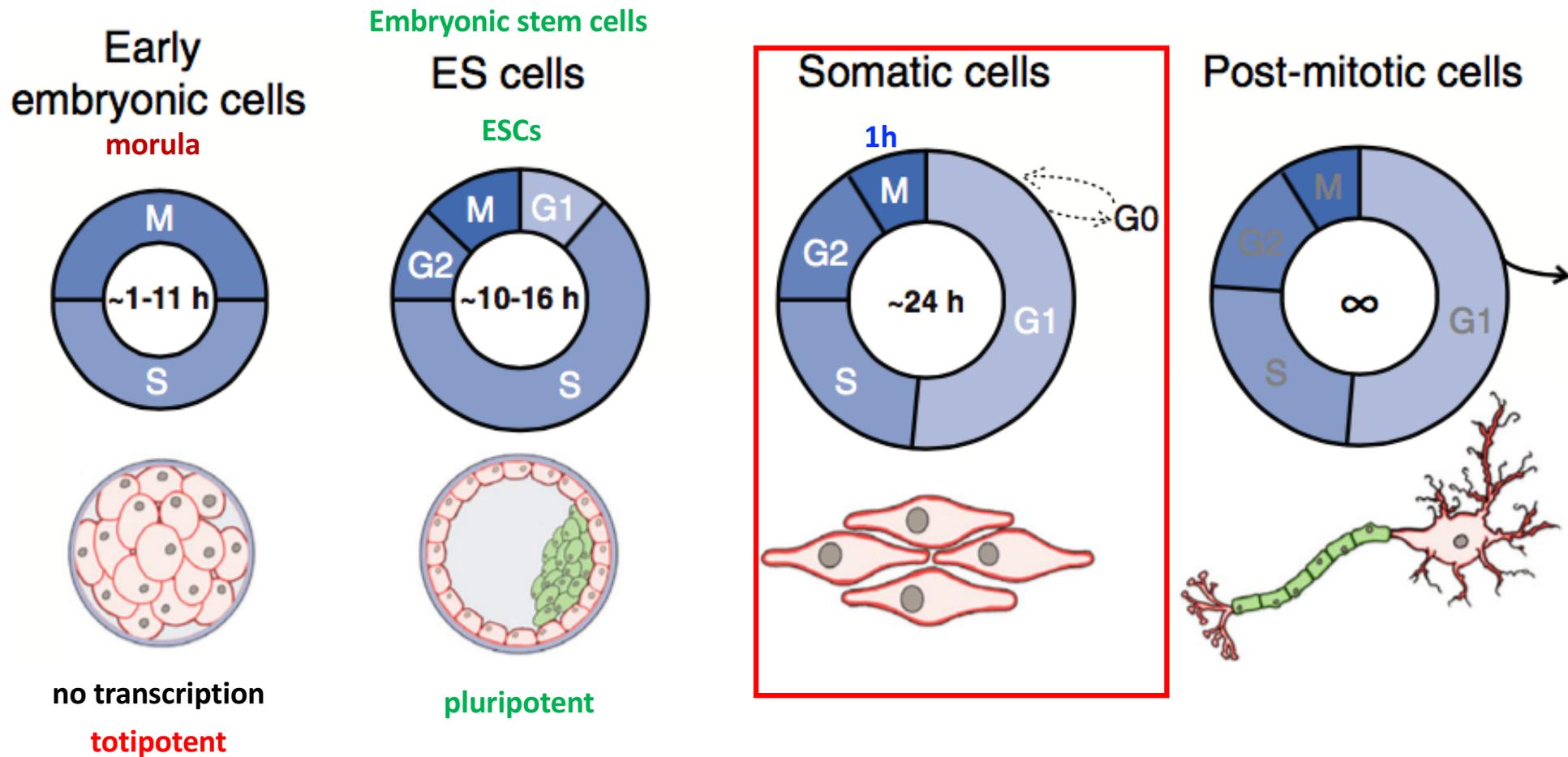
# Usually 4 phases in eukaryotic cell cycle



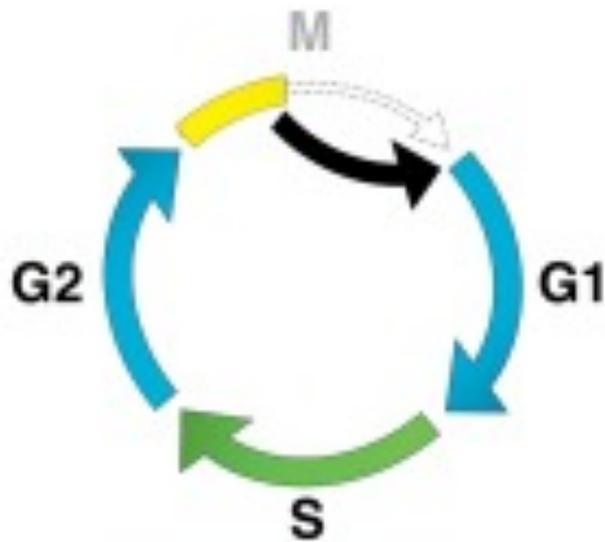
# Mitosis : 2 daughter cells with identical DNA content



# Cell cycle variation in different cell types



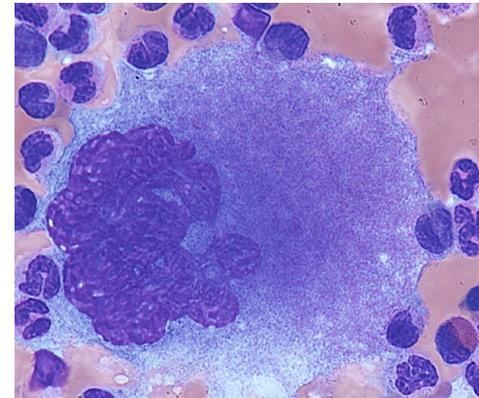
# Cell cycle variation : endoreplication



*Curr Opi Plant Biol*

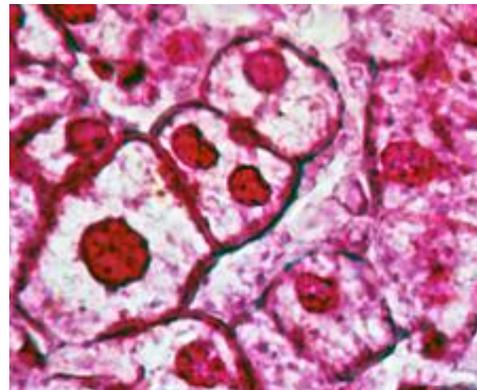
acytokinetic mitosis

Megacaryocyte (platelet)



*Peter Maslak*

Hepatocyte



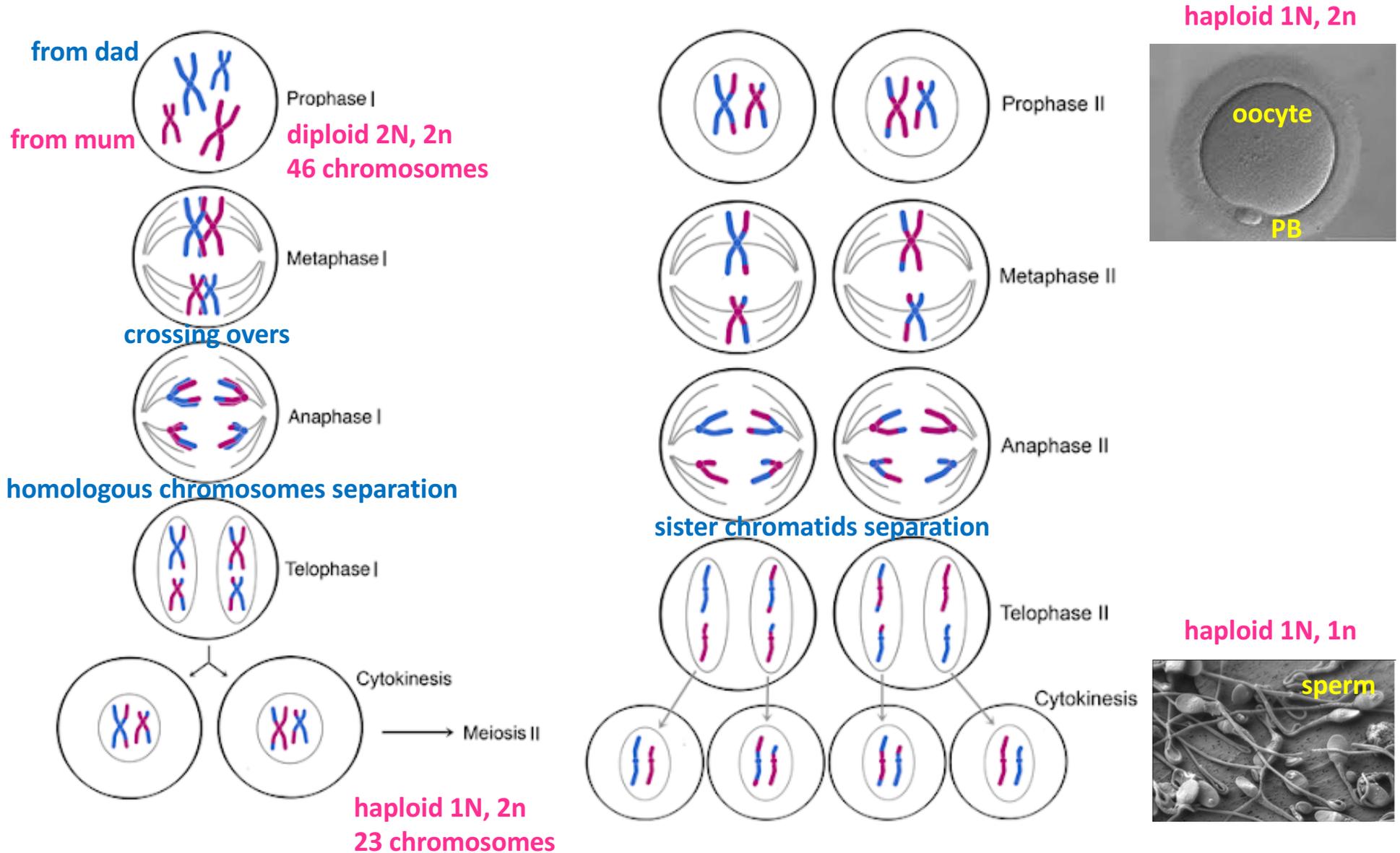
*DeAgostini/Getty Images*

Cardiomyocyte



*Miko et al., Biologia, 2017*

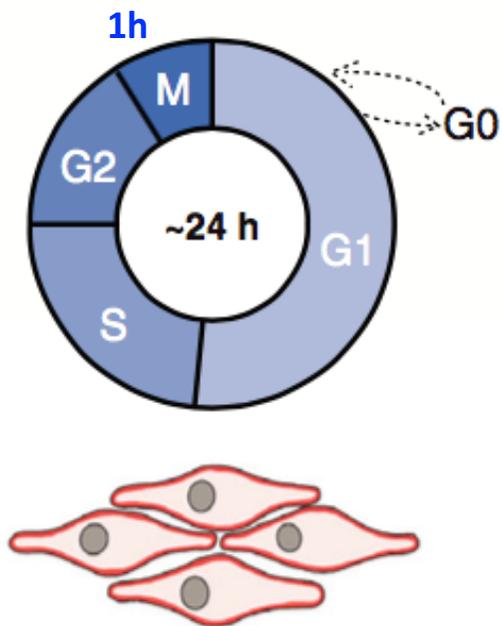
# Cell cycle variation : meiosis (gametes formation)



Adapted from <http://cyberbridge.mcb.harvard.edu/>  
Atlas of human embryology, fig 37  
Nussdorfer et al., Bosnian J Basic Med Sci, 2019

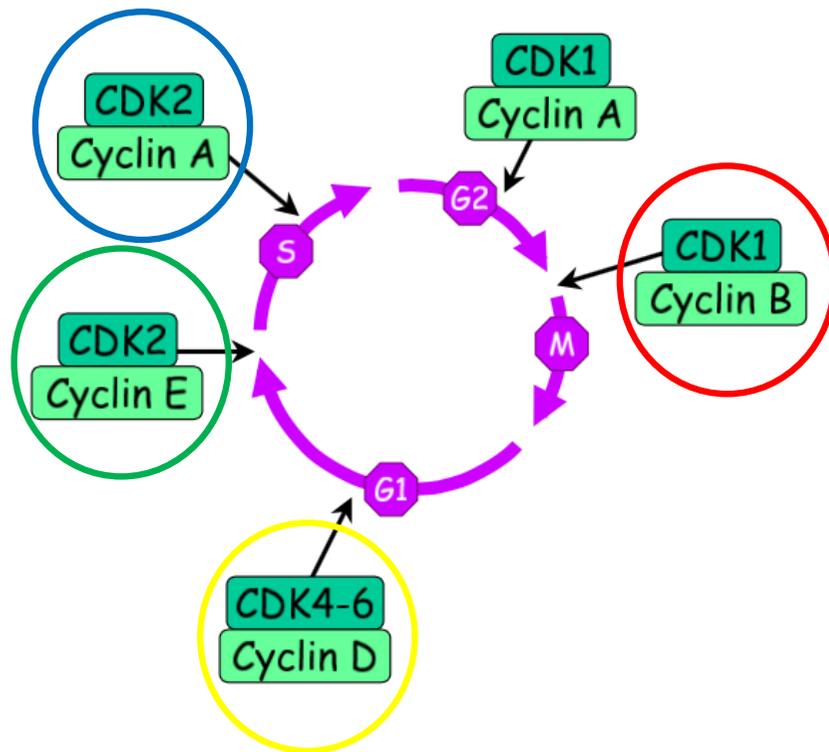
# Cell cycle control system

Somatic cells

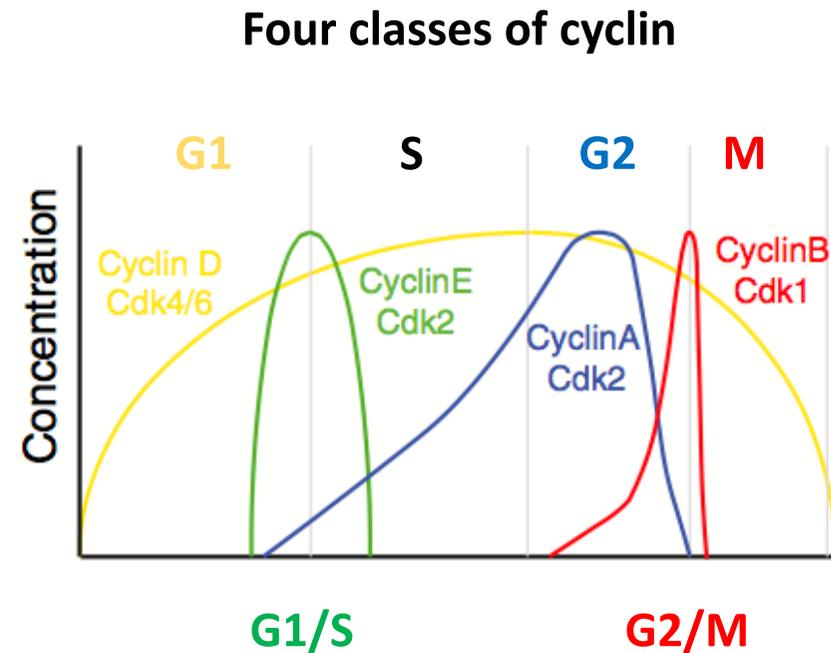


- Orderly sequence of events (4 phases)
- Binary (switches on/off) : complete and irreversible
- Remarkably robust and reliable
- Adaptable
  
- Reversible exit : possible in G0-quiescence
- Permanent exit : terminal differentiation, senescence, death

# Cell cycle regulators : cyclin-dependent kinases CDK



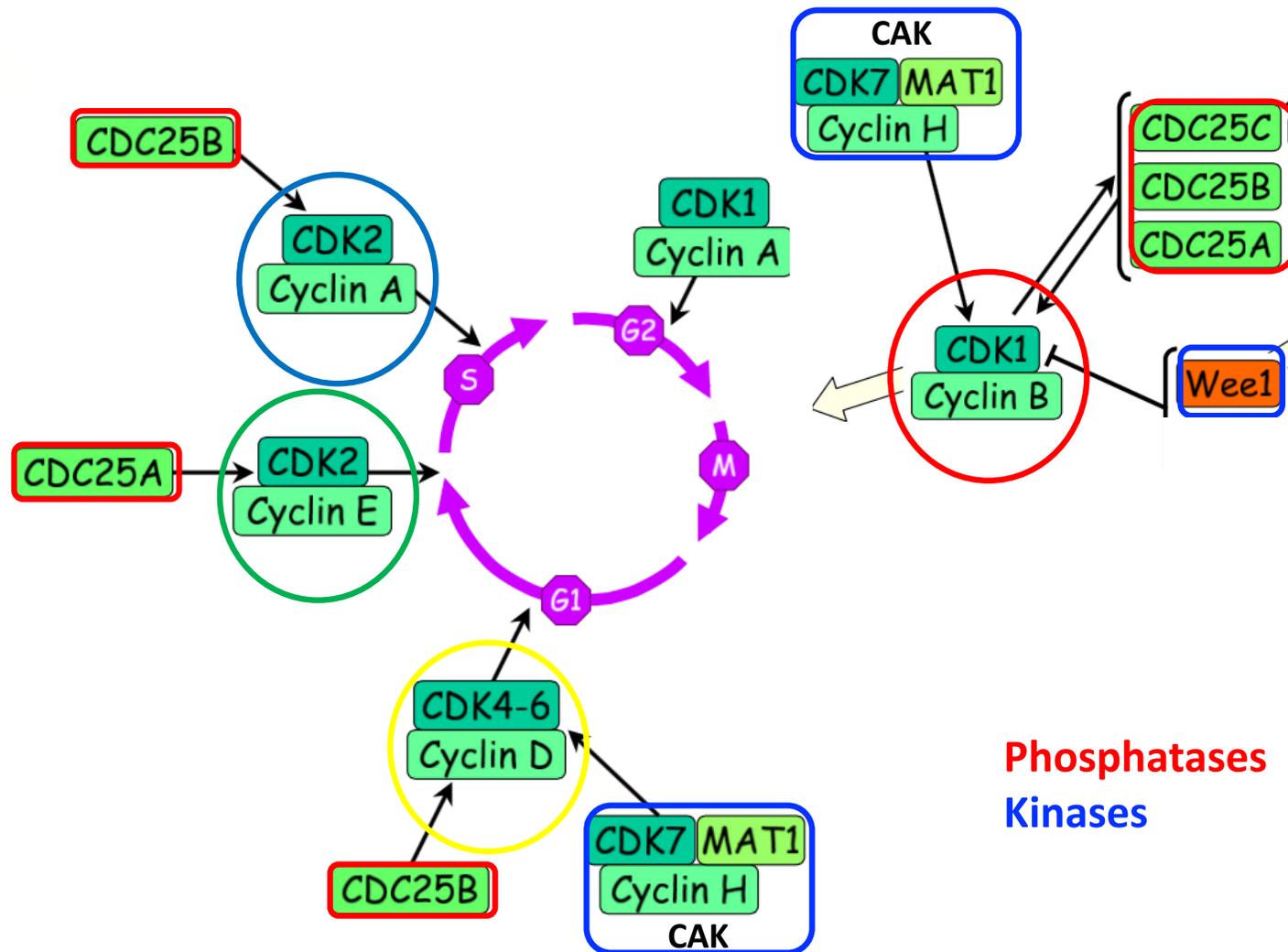
Meijer, Oncology, 2003



Padgett & Santos, FEBS letters, 2020

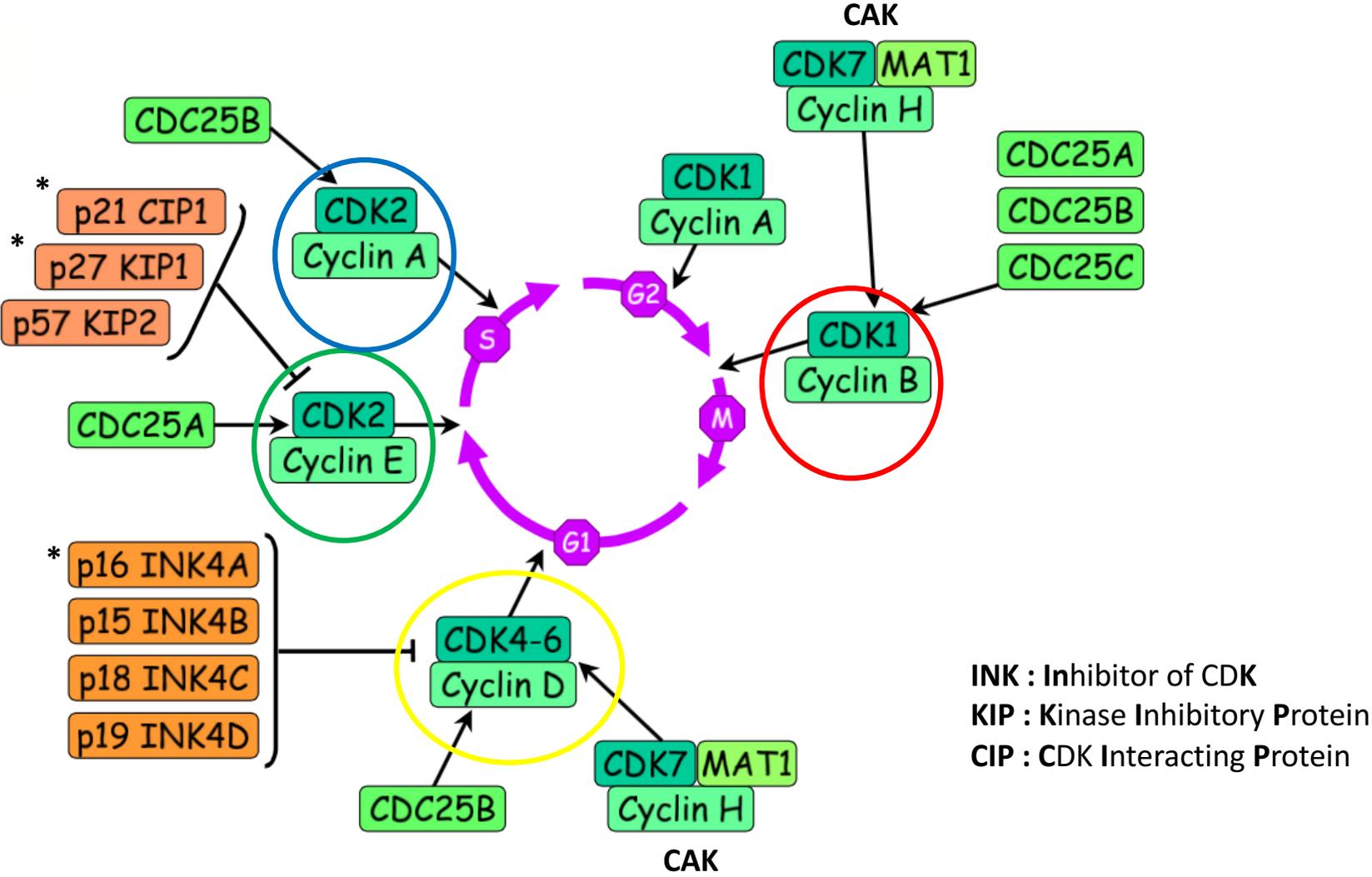
Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2001, Hartwell, Nurse and Hunt

# CDKs are regulated by kinases and phosphatases

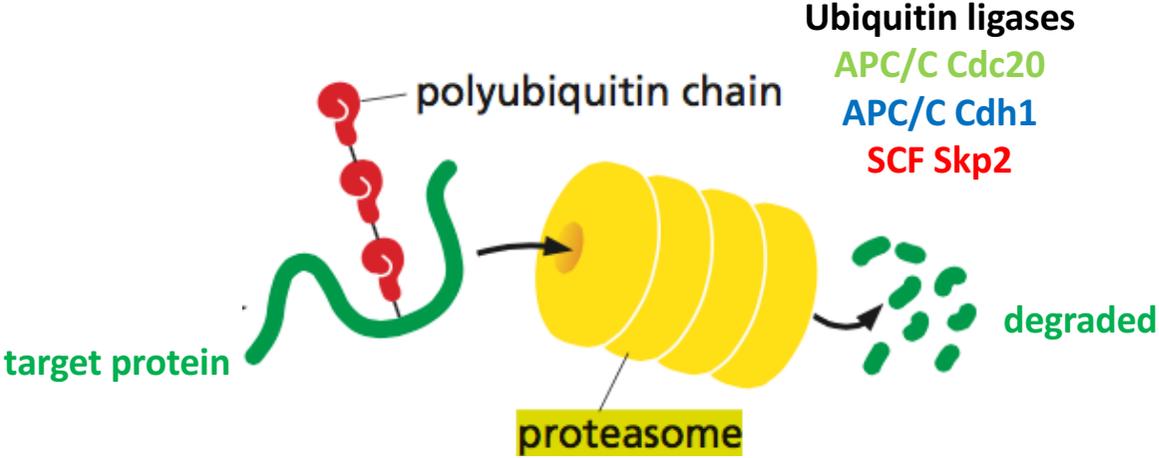


# CDKs are inhibited by CDKI / CKI / CDIs

cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitors



# The cell cycle is regulated by the proteasome



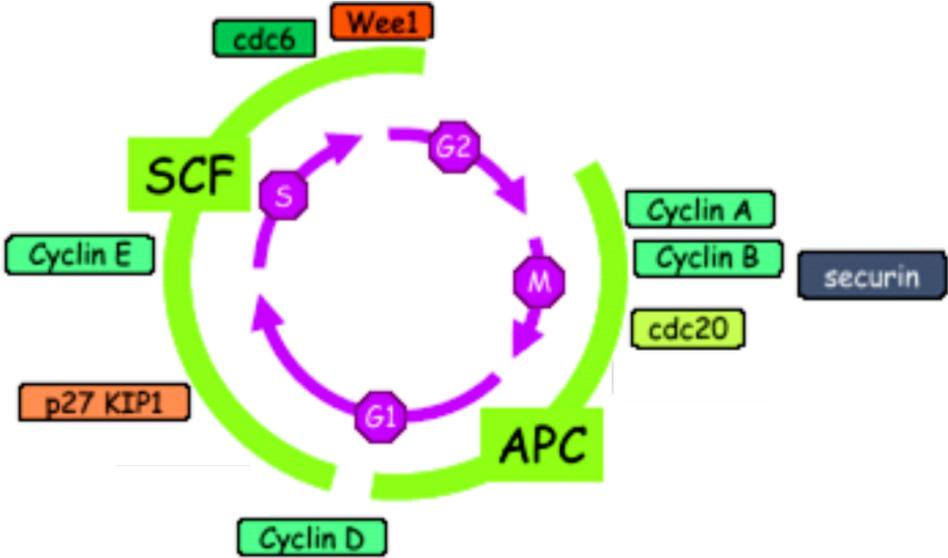
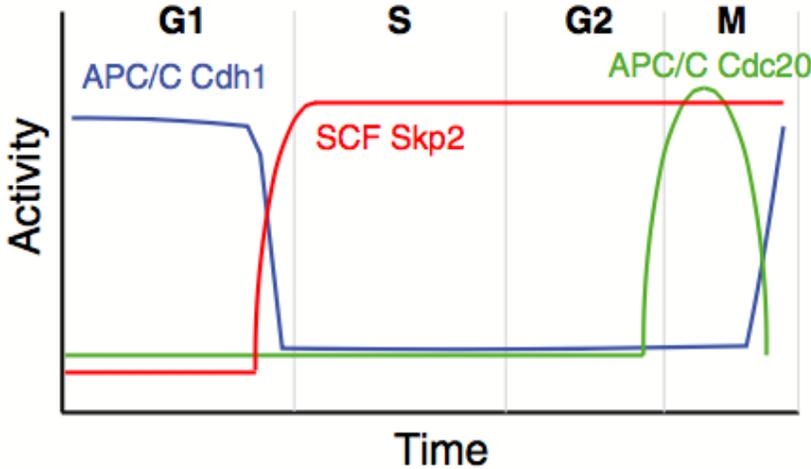
Ubiquitin ligases

APC/C Cdc20

APC/C Cdh1

SCF Skp2

Ubiquitin-mediated degradation  
Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2004,  
Ciechanover, Hershko & Rose



Adpated from figure 12-50, Molecular Biology of the Cell 6th  
Padgett et Santos, FEBS letters, 2020 ; Meijer, Oncology, 2003

# Restriction point in G1 : commitment to division

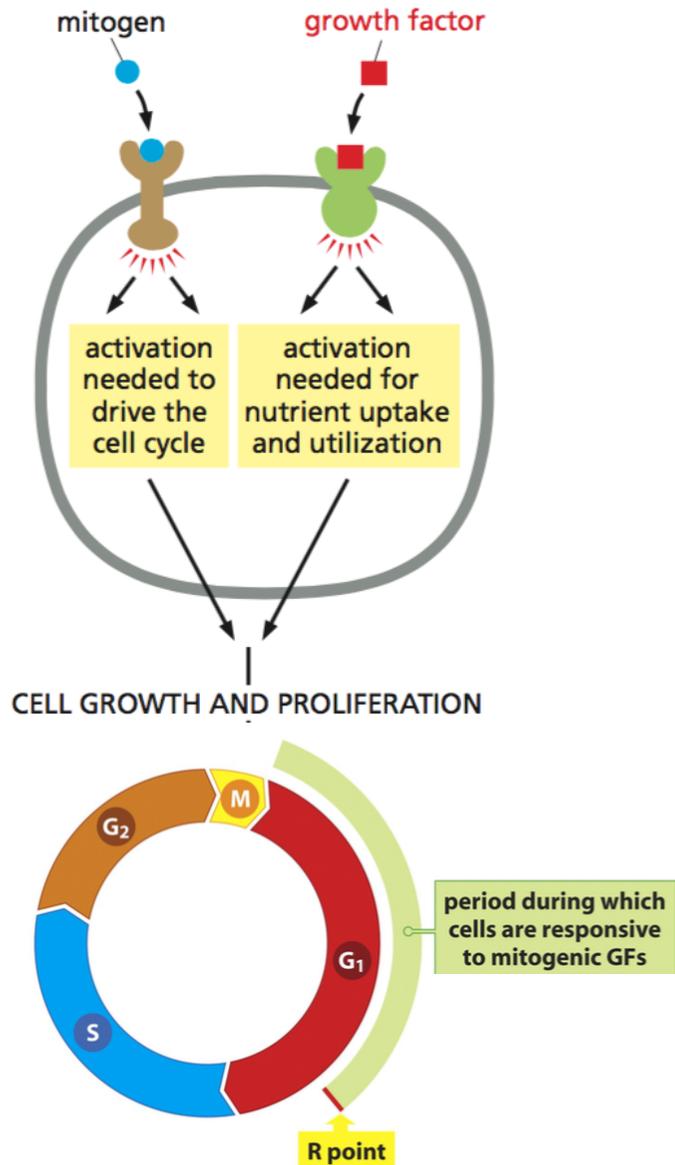
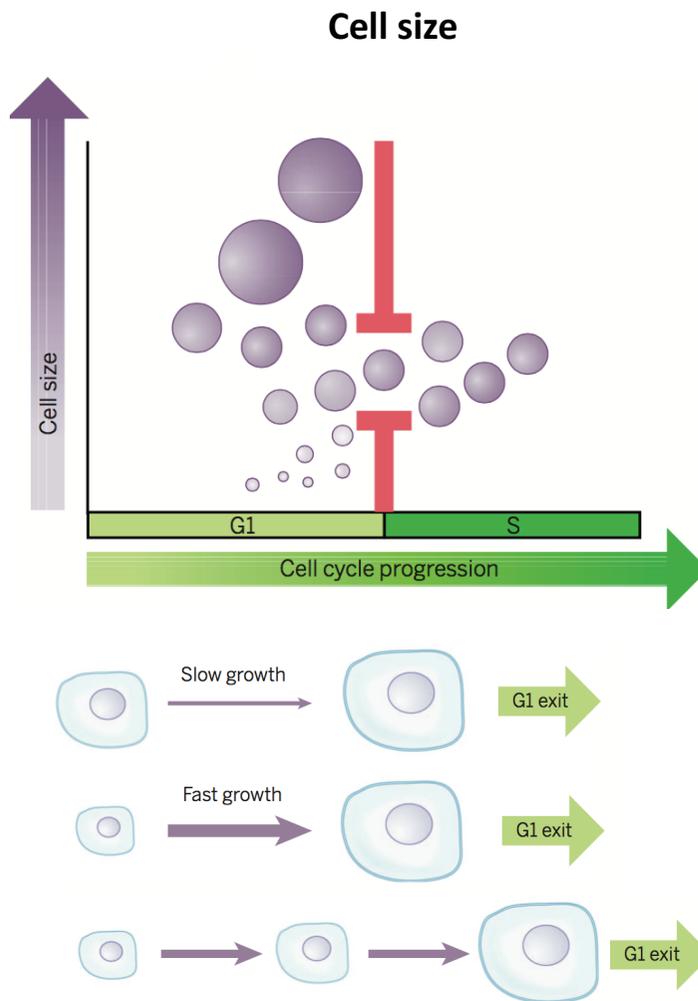


Figure 8.6 The Biology of Cancer (© Garland Science 2007)



DNA integrity

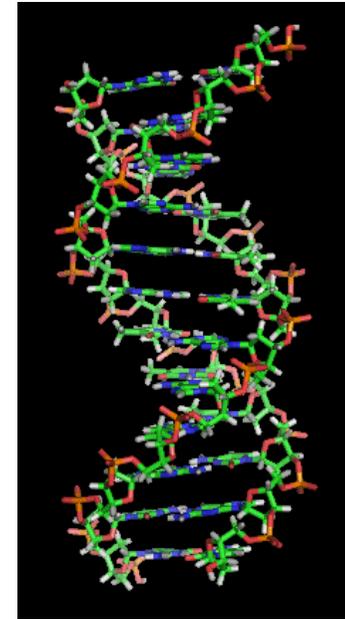
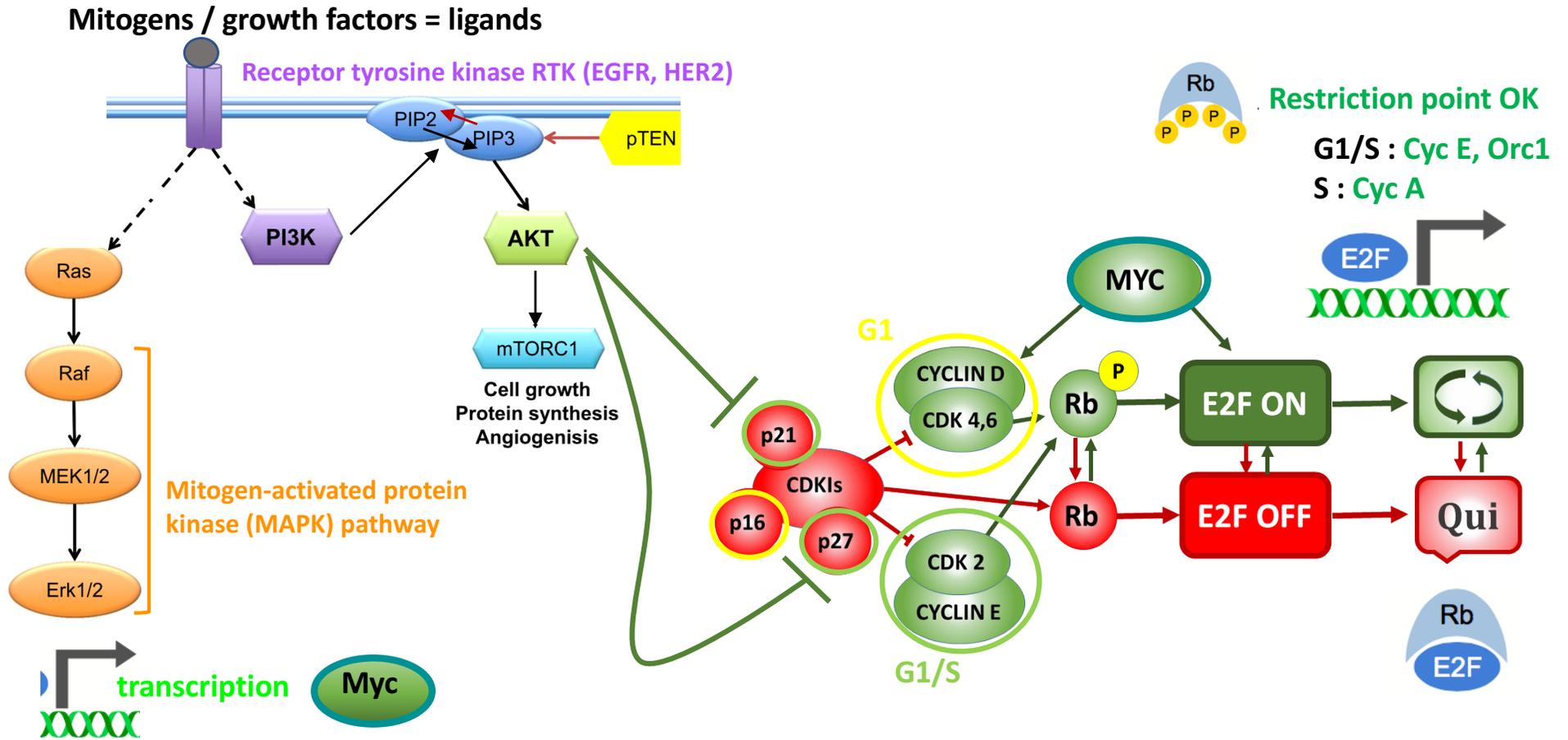


Figure 20-26, Molecular Biology of the Cell 6th Ginzberg et al., Science, 2015

# Progression through the restriction point - Cell signaling and transcriptional regulation -



Toss & Cristofanilli, *Breast Cancer Res.*, 2015

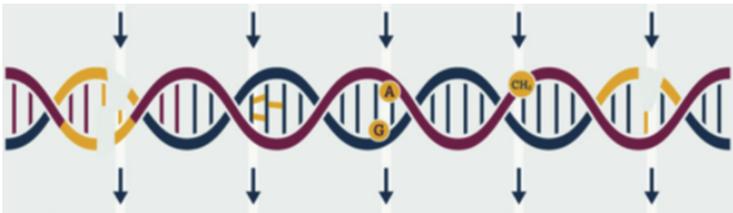
<https://www.bethyl.com/content/The-Rb-E2F-Switch-Regulation-of-Cellular-Quiescence> ; Lim & Kaldis, *Dvpt*, 2013

GF : Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 1986, Cohen & Levi-Montalcini

# DNA damage prevents cell cycle : role of ATM/ATR, p53

## DDR : DNA damage repair

Double-strand breaks (DSB)    Cross-links    Replication errors    Alkylation    Single-strand breaks (SSB)

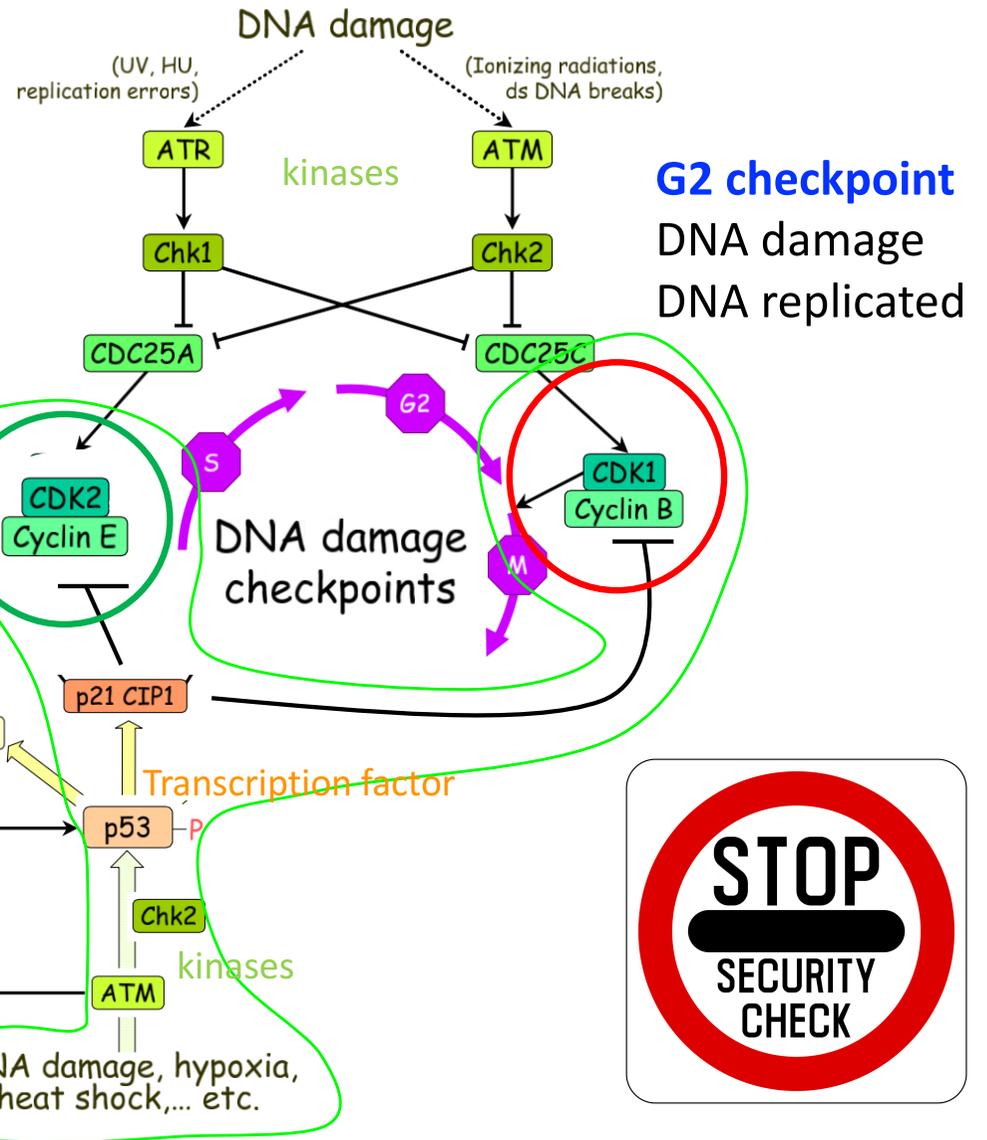


Recombinational repair or end-joining (HR, NHEJ)    Nucleotide excision repair (NER)    Mismatch repair (MMR)    Direct reversal    Base excision repair (BER)

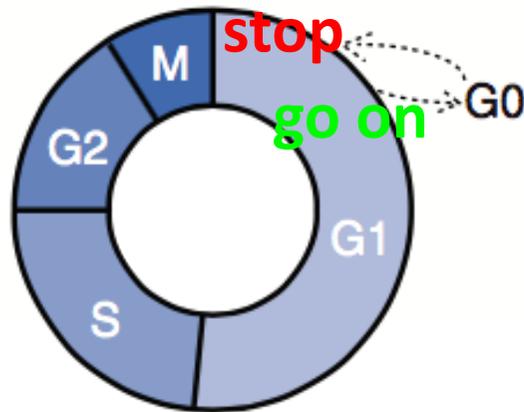
PARP1

**BRCA1**  
Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2015  
T. Lindahl, P. Modrich & A. Sancar

**G1/S checkpoint**  
DNA damage



# Proto-oncogenes / tumor suppressor genes



**Tumor suppressor genes**  
(Rb, p53, p16/INK4, PTEN, BRCA1...)

in cancer

lost

**Proto-oncogenes**

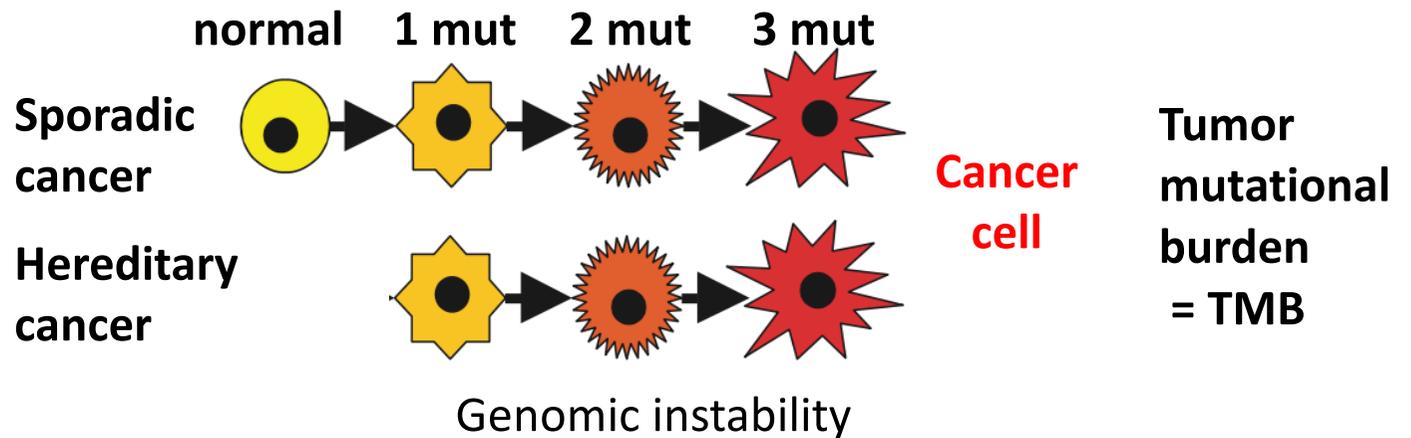
(EGFR, HER2, Ras, Myc, Akt, BRAF, c-Src...)

activated

**Viral proteins** (v-Src, E6, E7 ...)

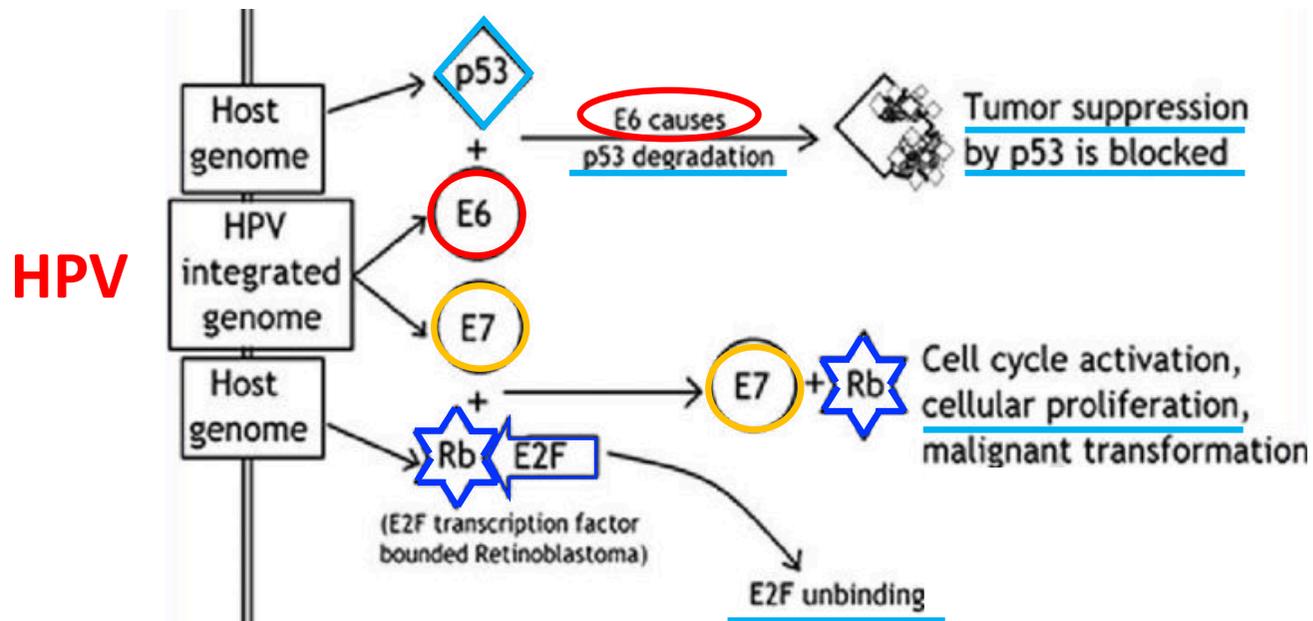
c-Src : Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 1989, J. Bishop & H. Varmus

**Carcinogenesis**  
Multi-step mutations  
acquisition



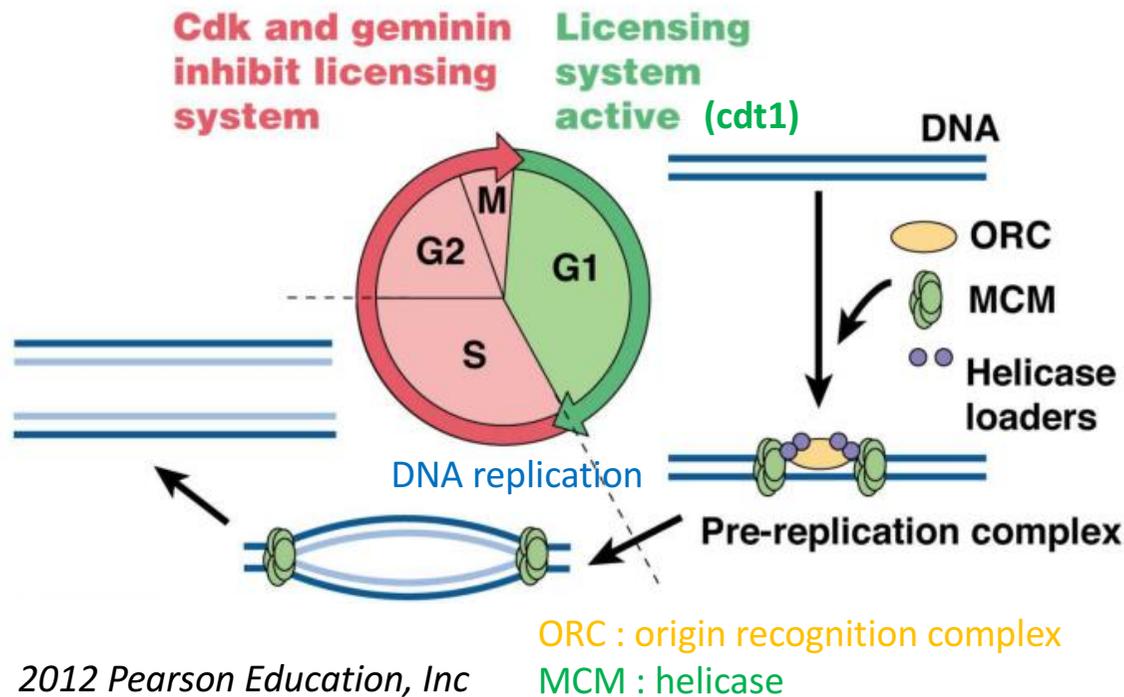
# Oncoviruses

- |                               |                        |             |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| • <u>Papillomavirus (HPV)</u> | cervix cancer (uterus) | (DNA virus) |
| • Hepatitis B (HBV)           | liver cancer           | (DNA virus) |
| • Hepatitis C (HCV)           | liver cancer           | (RNA virus) |
| • Epstein-Barr (EBV)          | lymphoma               | (DNA virus) |
| • HIV                         | kaposi sarcoma         | (RNA virus) |
| • HTLV                        | leukemia/lymphoma      | (RNA virus) |



HPV / cancer : Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2008, Harald zur Hausen

# One genome replication per cell cycle



2012 Pearson Education, Inc

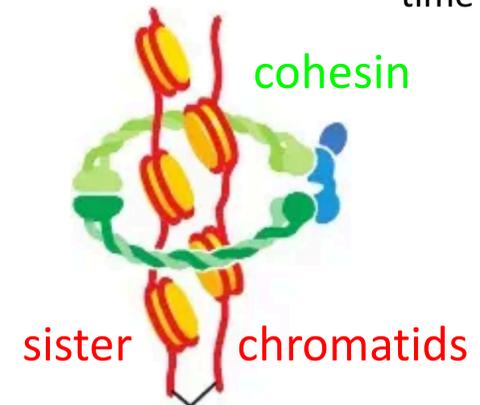
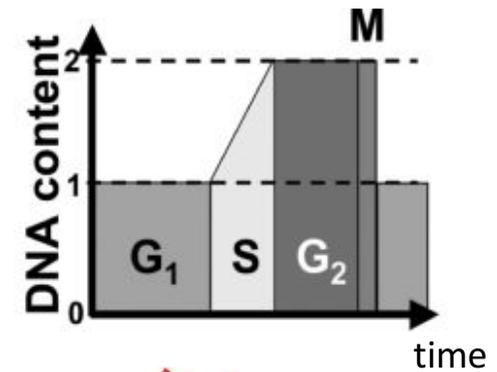
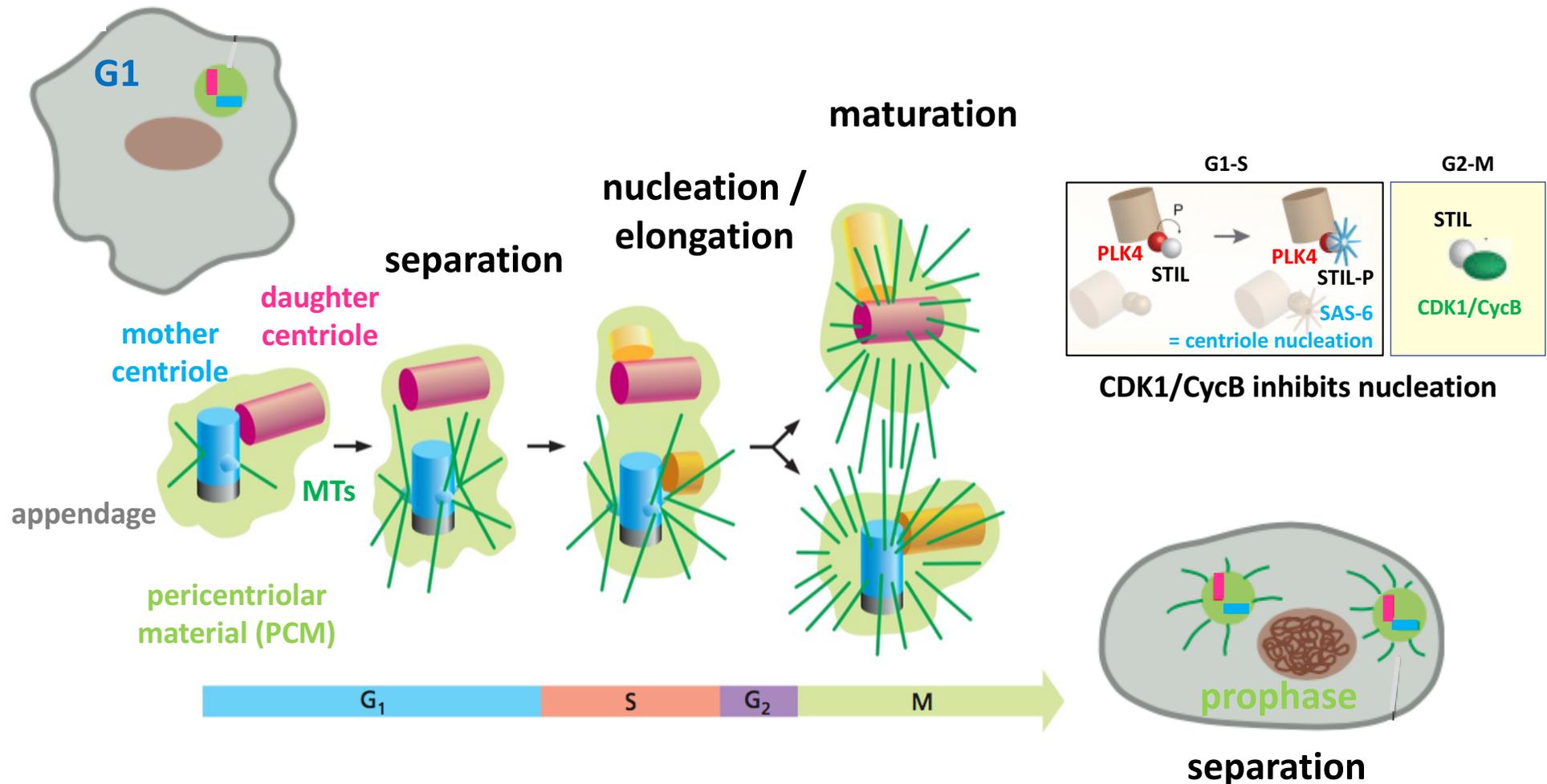


Figure 17-19, Molecular Biology of the Cell 6th

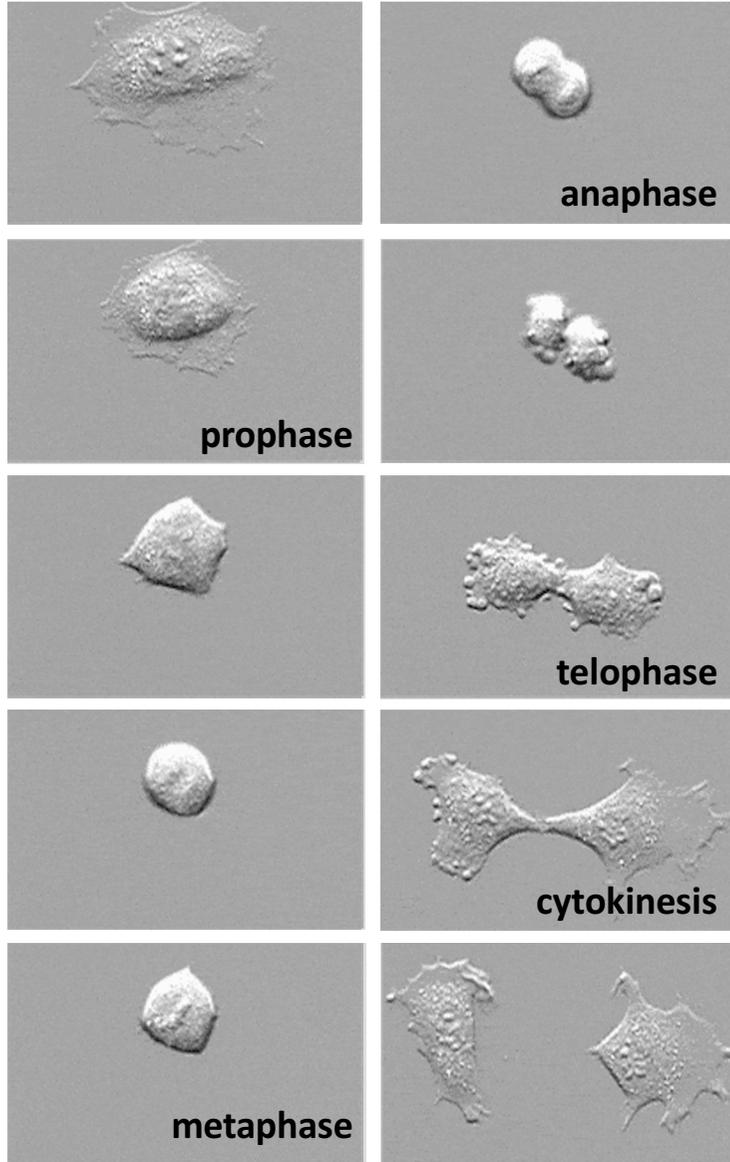
# One centrosome duplication per cell cycle



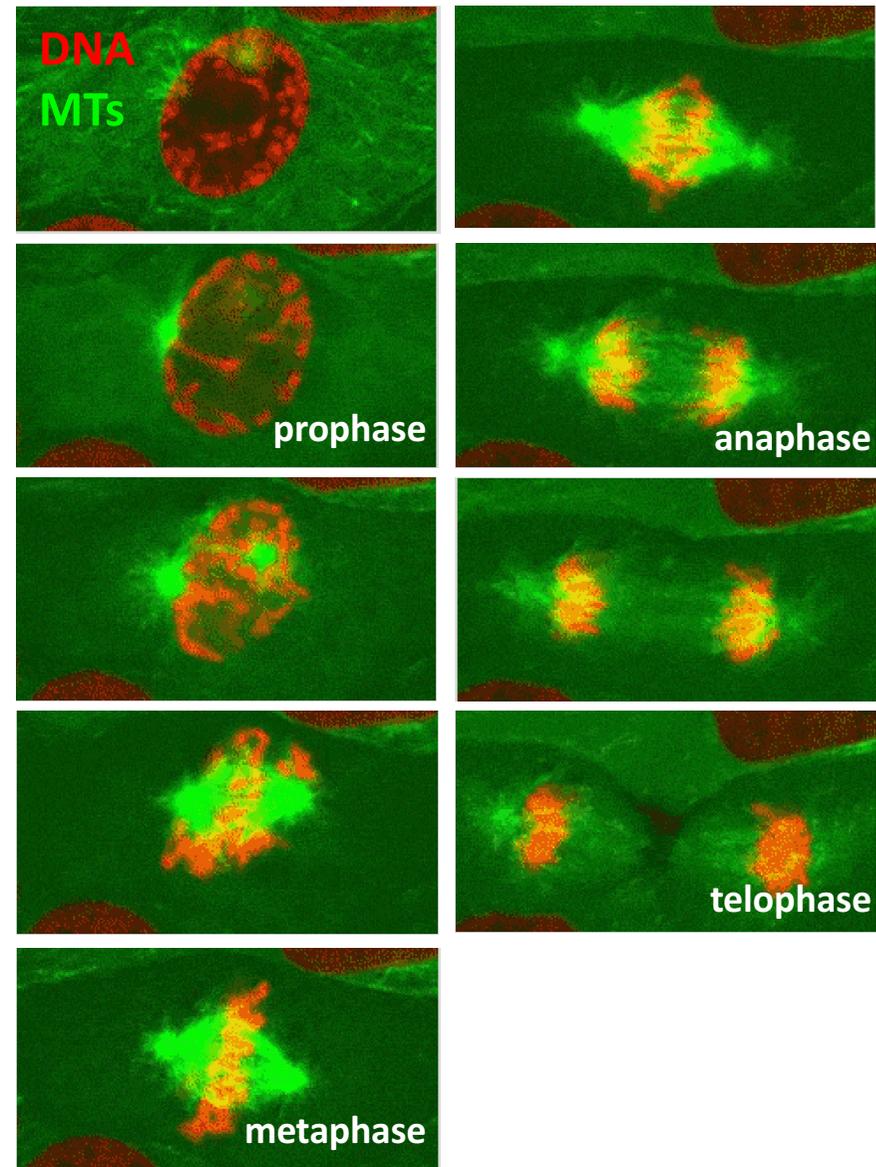
Adapted from Figure 17-26 & 16-66, *Molecular Biology of the Cell 6th*  
 Zitpuni et al, *Current Biol.*, 2016

# One mitosis per cell cycle : conventional microscopy

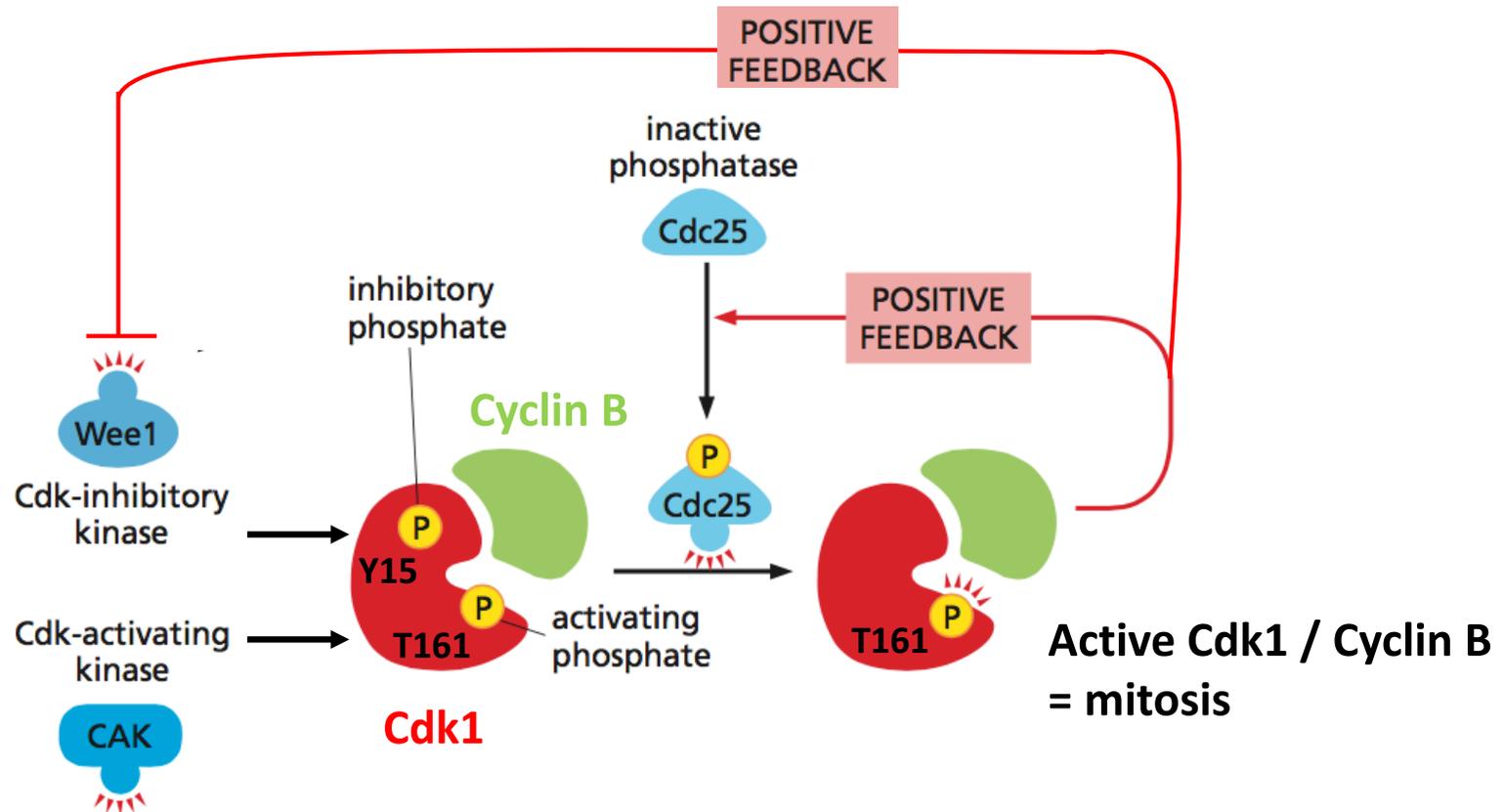
DIC microscopy



Fluorescent microscopy



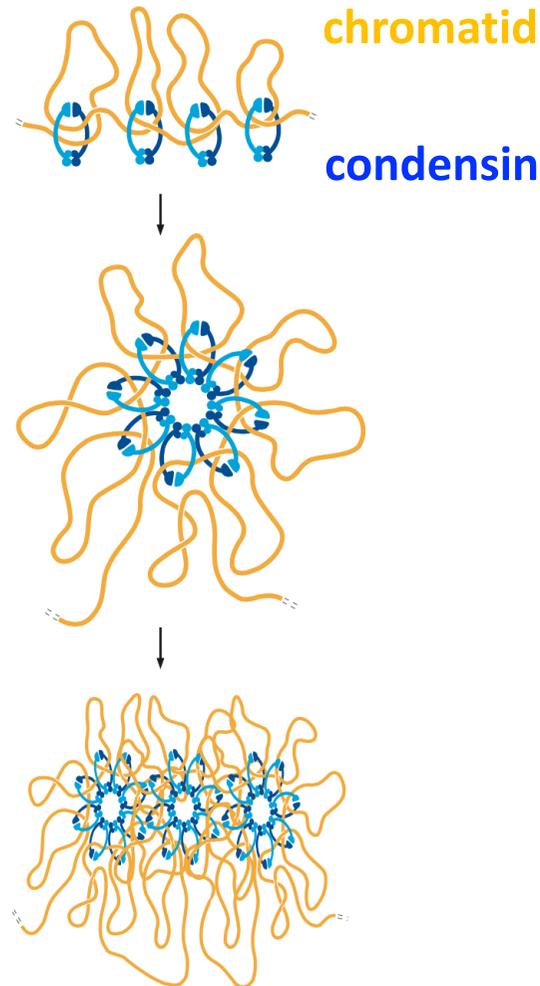
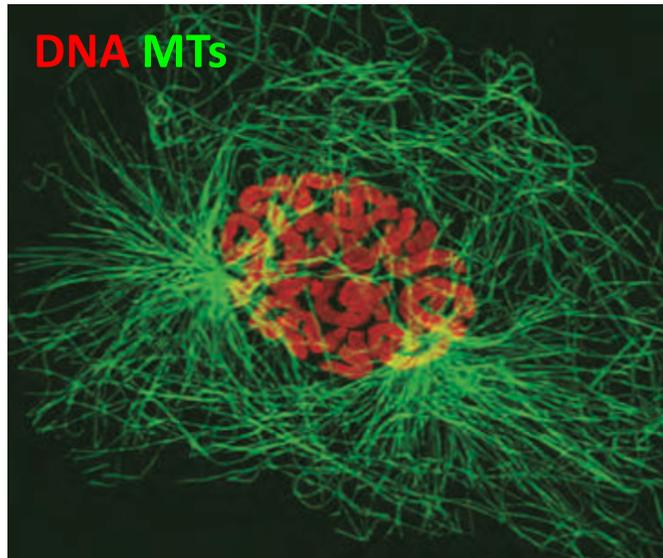
# Cdk1-cyclin B activation at G2/M : kinase / phosphatase



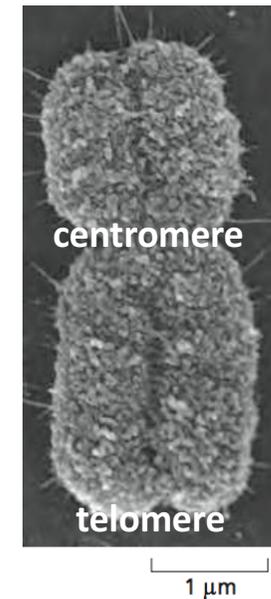
Binary (switches on/off) : complete and irreversible

# Prophase : chromosomes condensation

Immunofluorescence



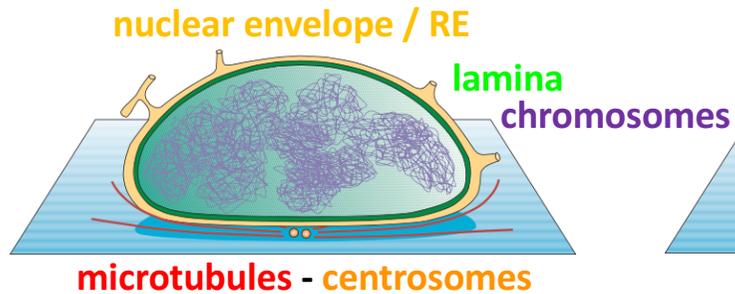
scanning electron  
microscopy of a  
condensed chromosome



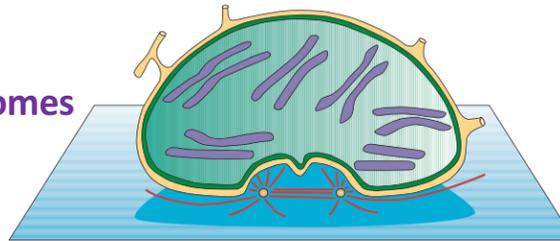
2 sister chromatids

# Prometaphase : nuclear envelope breakdown (NEBD)

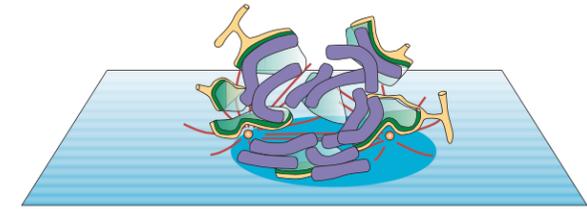
Interphase G2 end



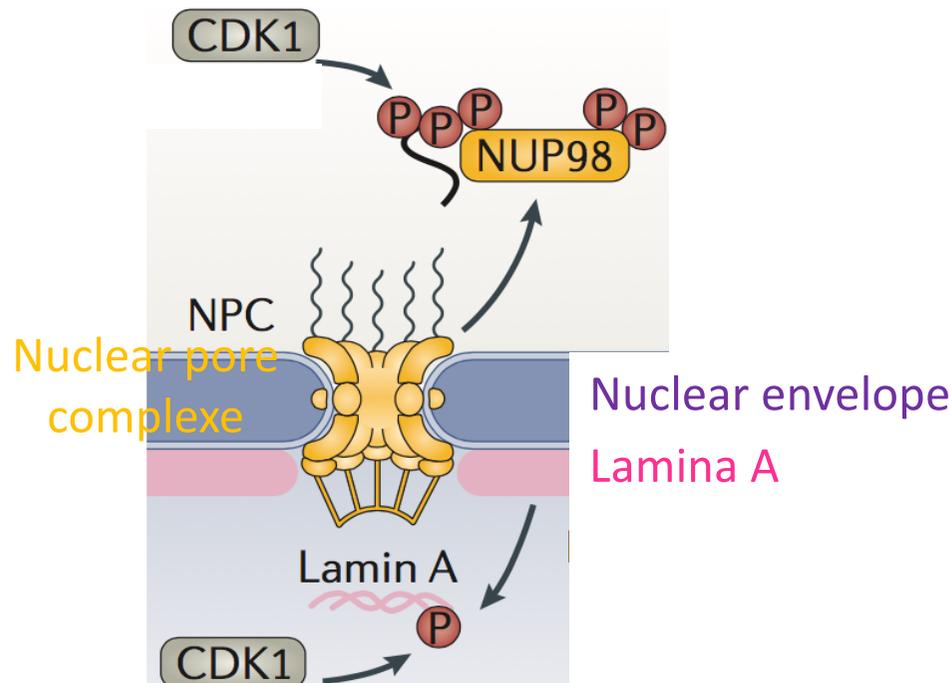
Prophase



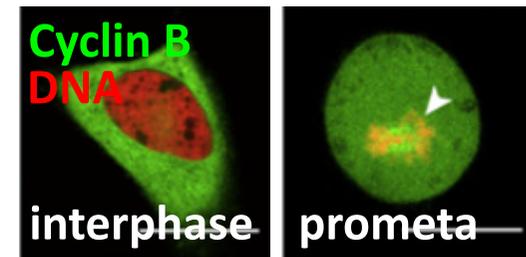
Prometaphase



Burke & Ellenberg, Mol Cell Biol, 2002



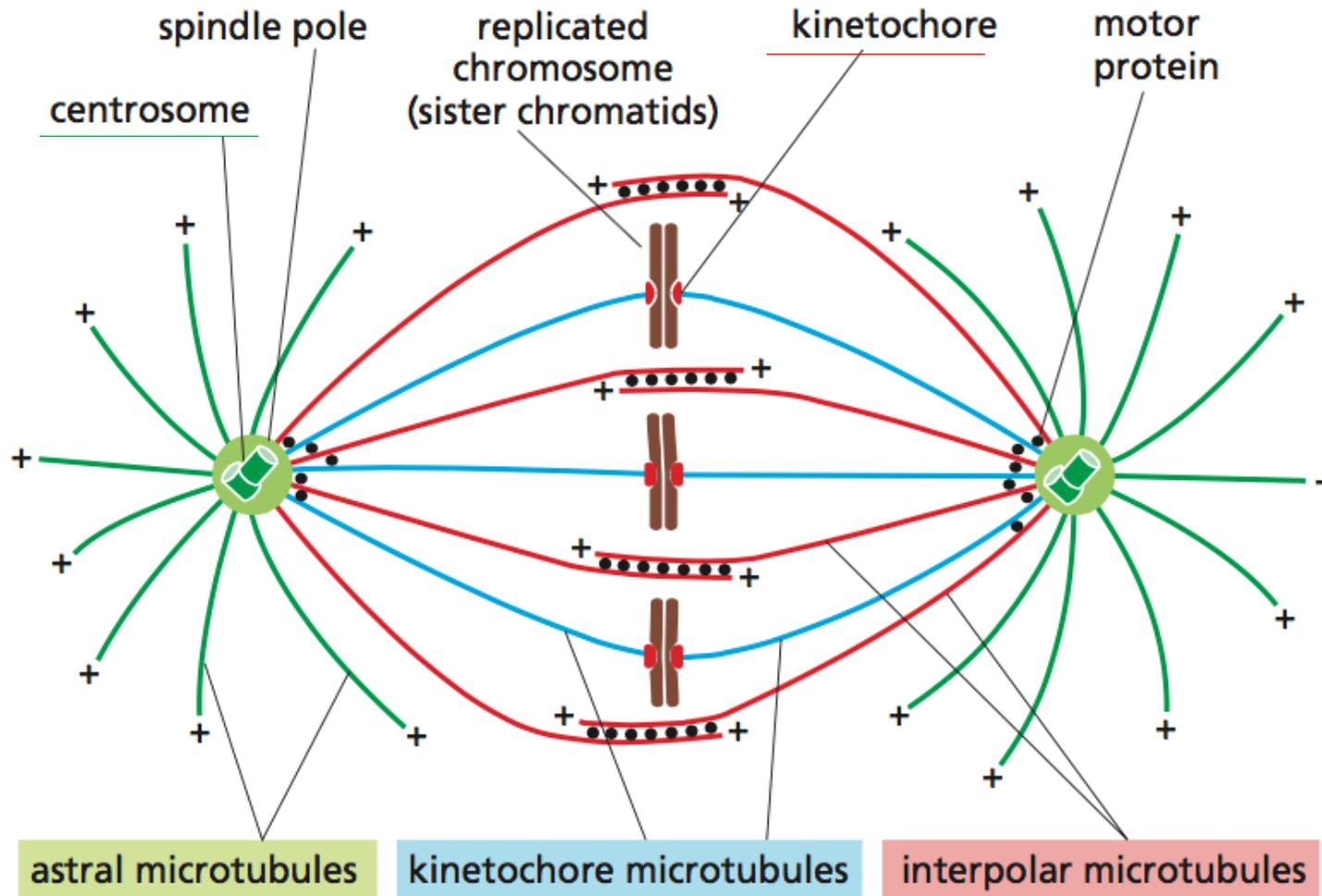
Immuno-fluorescence



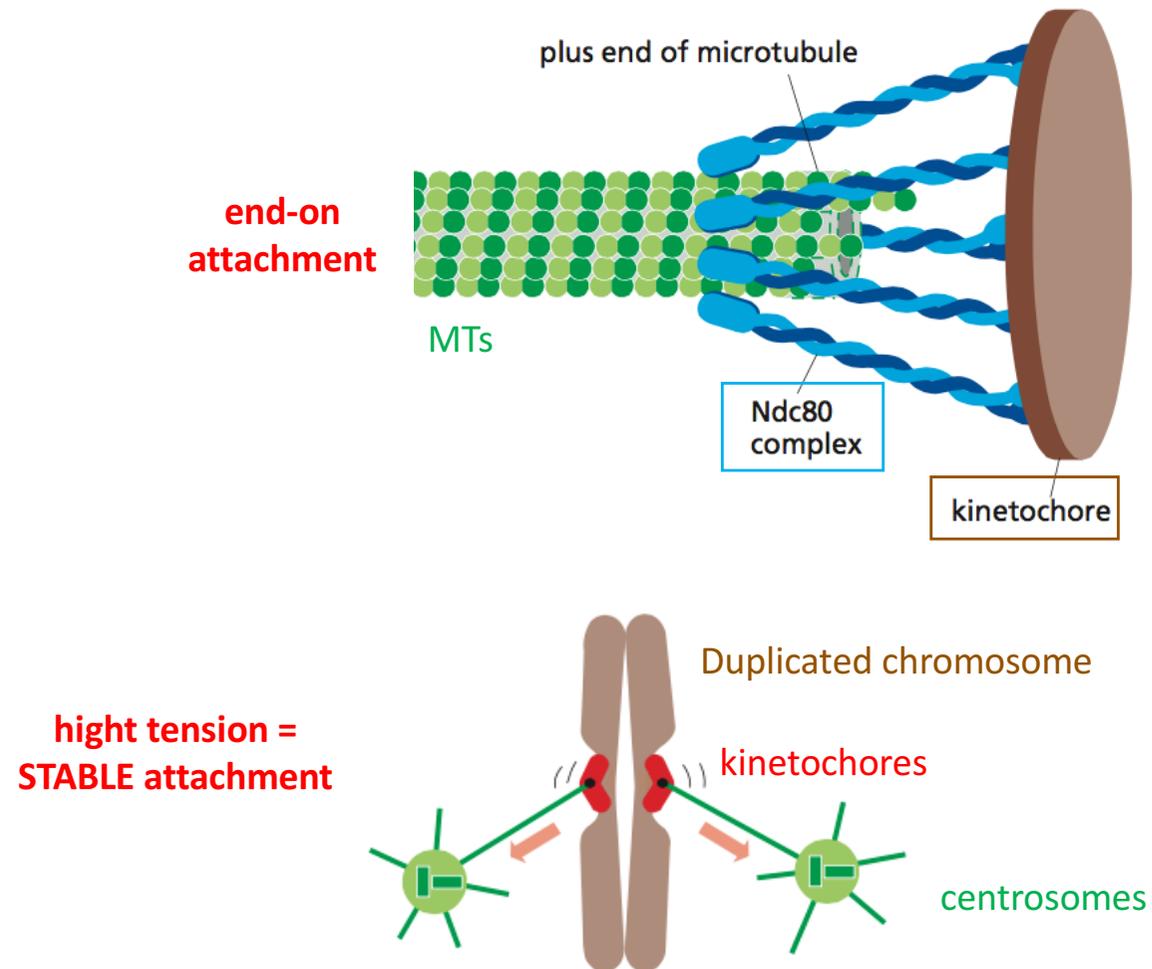
Cdk1/cyclin B relocalization

Adapted from Ungricht & Kutay, Mol Cell Biol, 2017  
Santos et al., Cell, 2012

# Metaphase : mitotic spindle

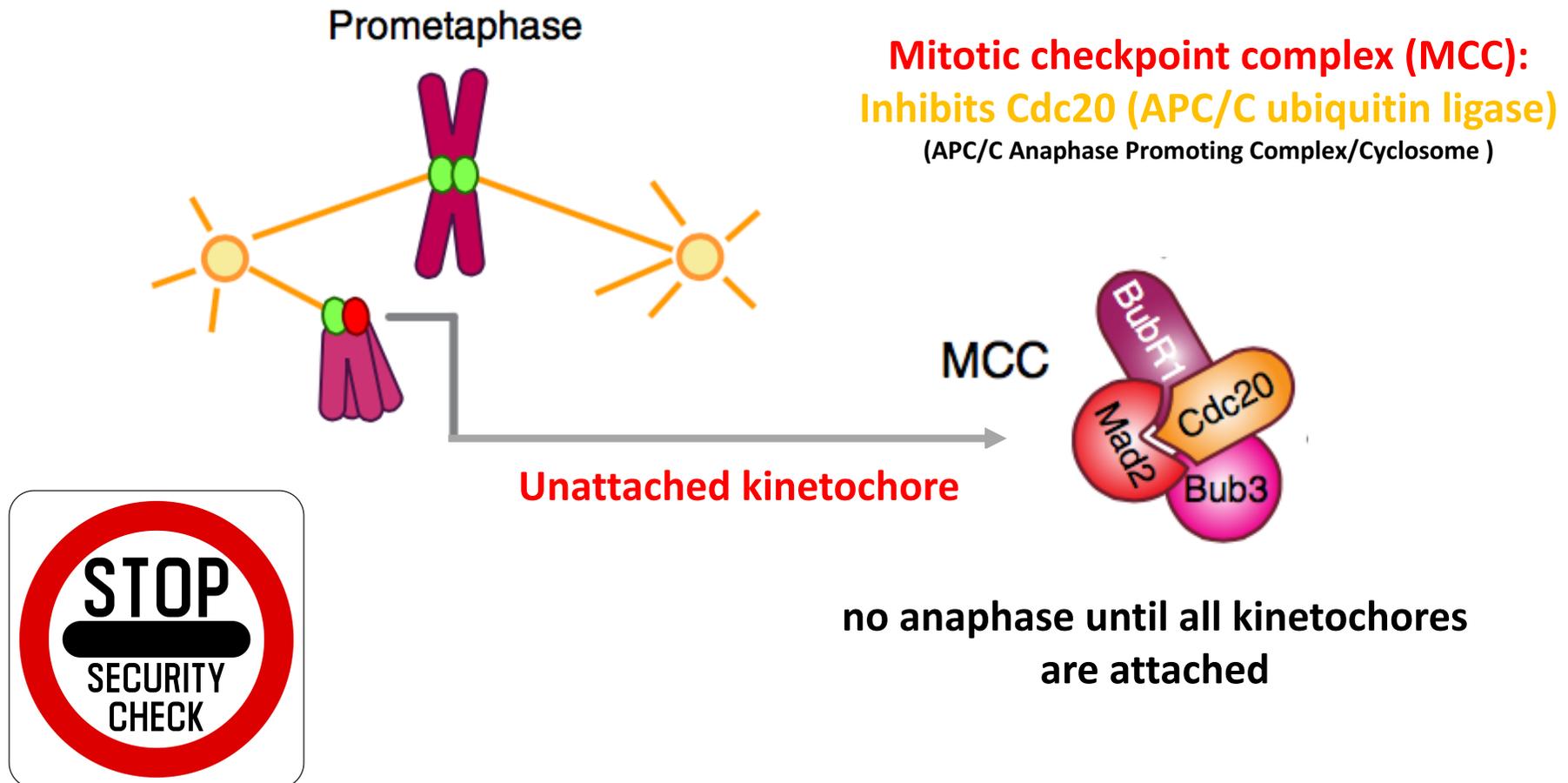


# Kinetochores attach sister chromatids to the spindle

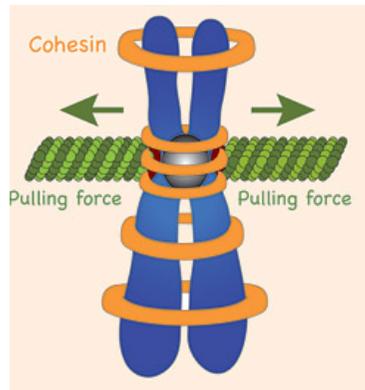


# Spindle assembly checkpoint (SAC)

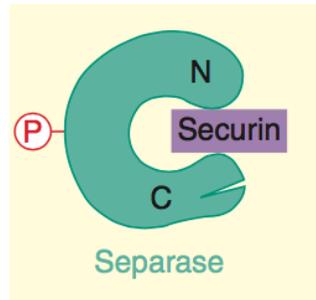
## Chromosome / spindle attachment : a big deal



# Anaphase : pull the chromatids to opposite ends



Drawing from Visintin



Uhlmann, *Curr. Biol.*, 2003

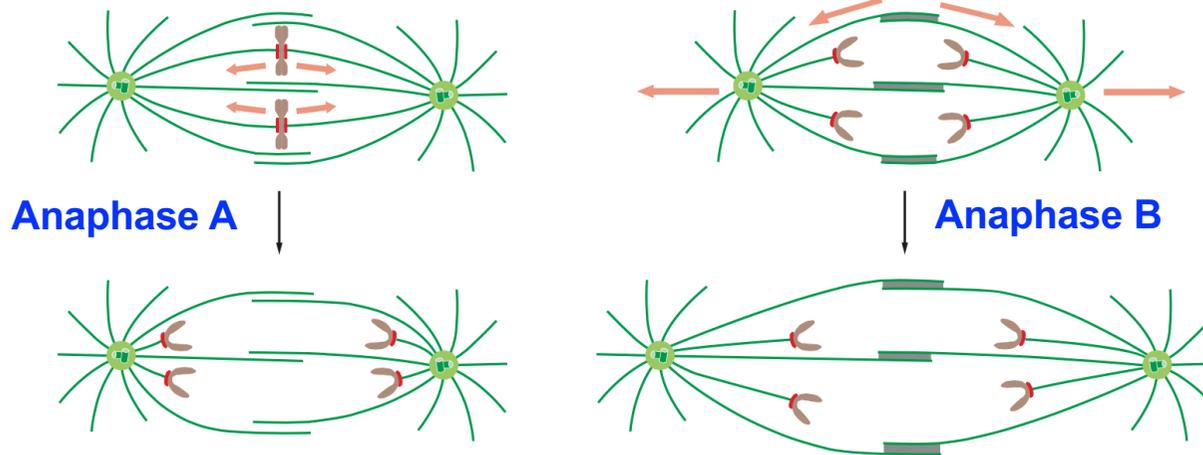
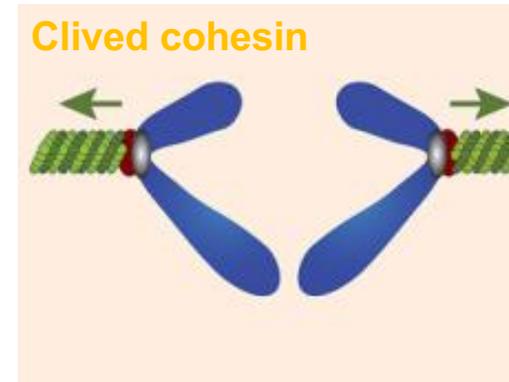
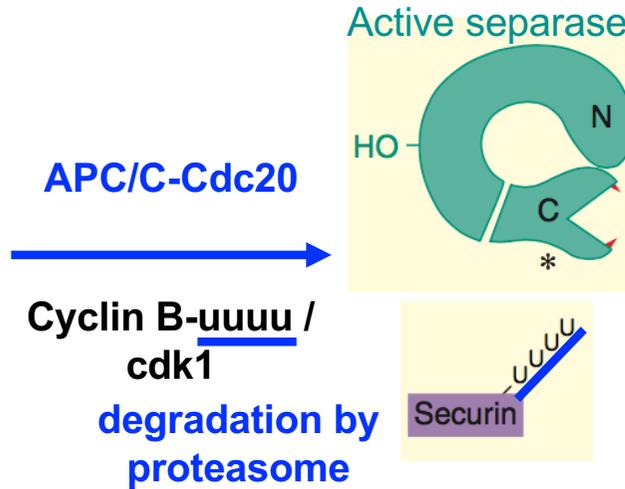
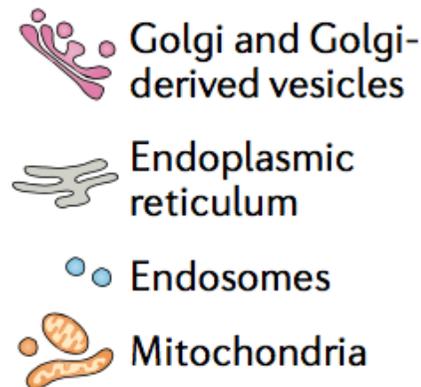
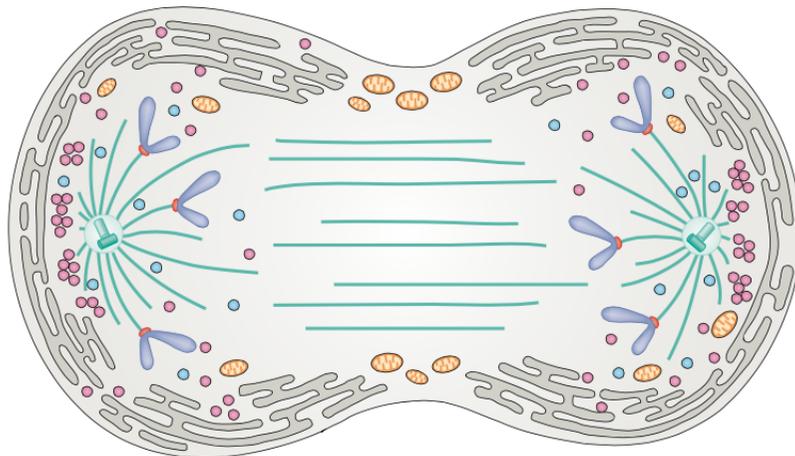
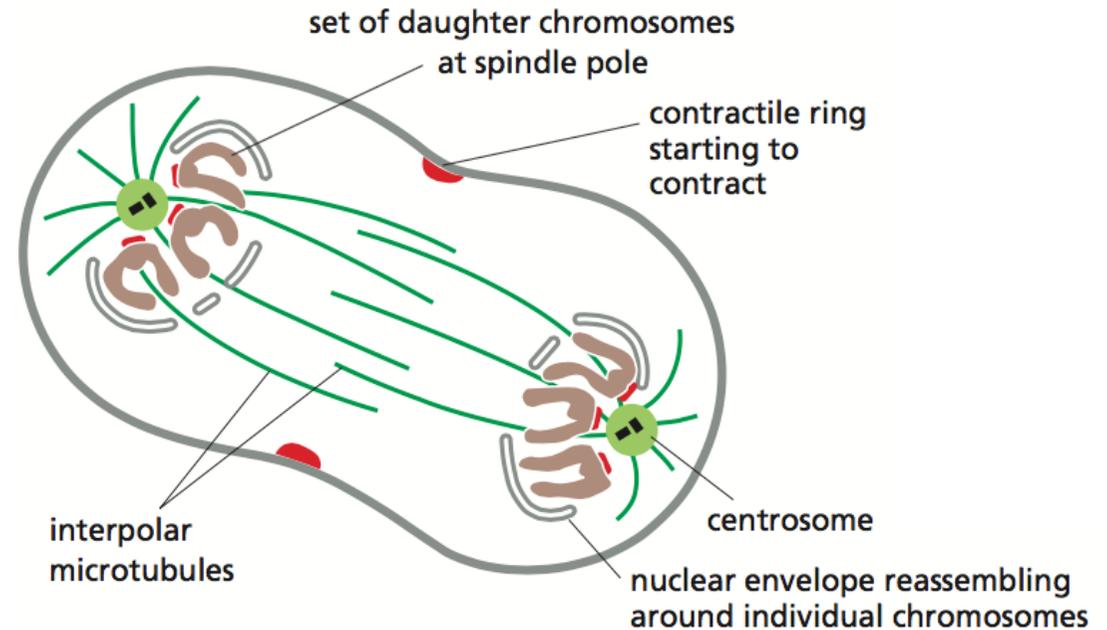


Figure 17-40, *Molecular Biology of the Cell 6th*; Uhlmann *Curr. Biol.*, 2003

# Telophase : returning to an interphase state

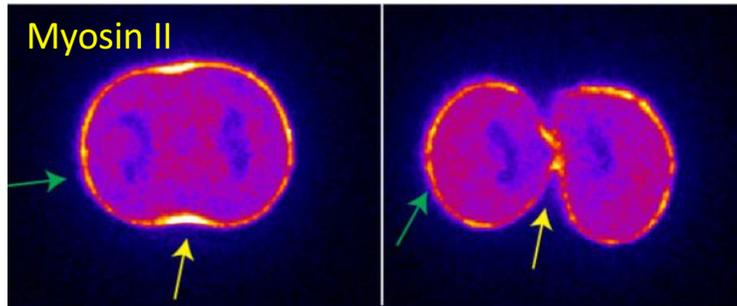
- spindle disassembly
- formation of nuclear envelope
- import of nuclear proteins
- chromosomes decondensation
- transcription



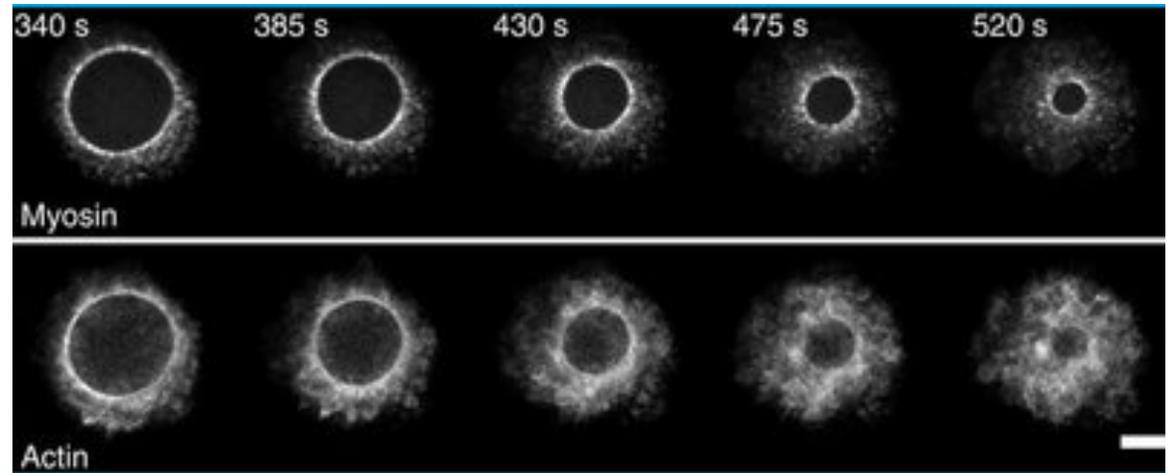
**Organelles symmetrically inherited**

# Cytokinesis : splitting cytoplasm into 2 cells

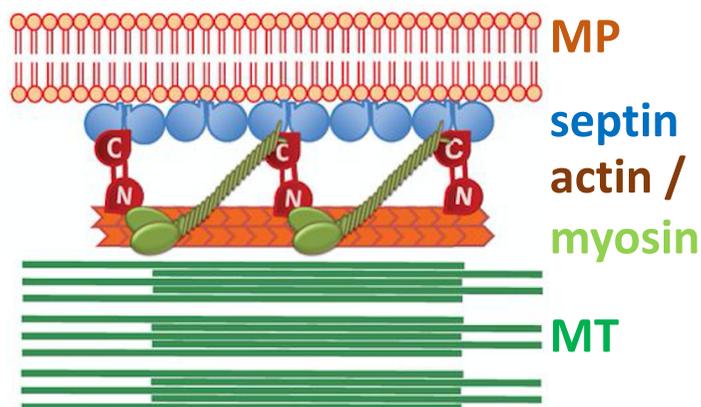
## Immuno-fluorescence



Taneja et al., BioRxiv., 2019



Wollrab et al., Nat. Comm., 2015



Menon & Gaestel, J Cell Sci., 2015

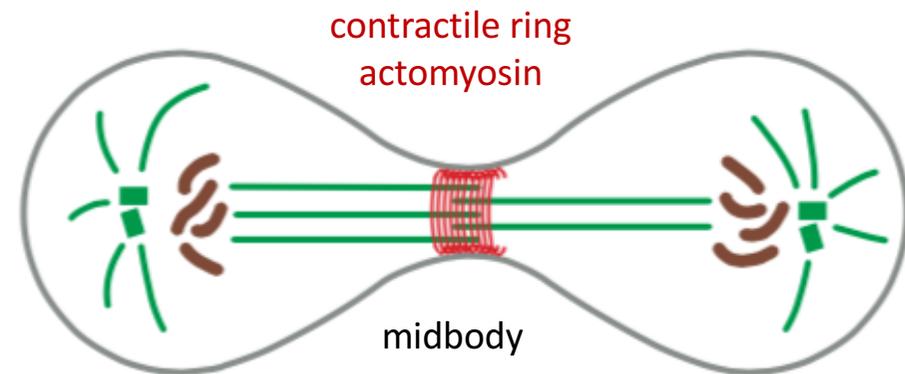
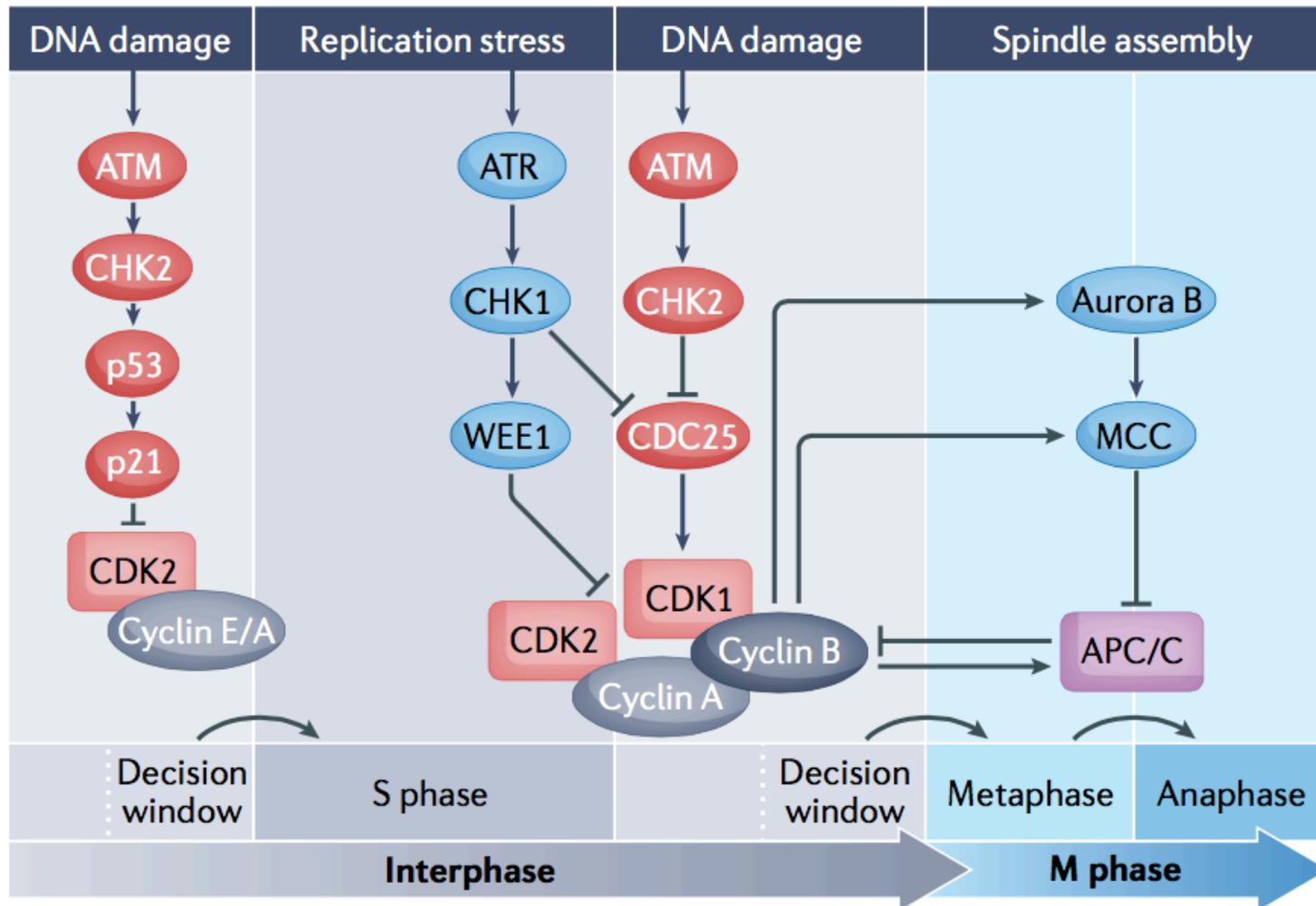
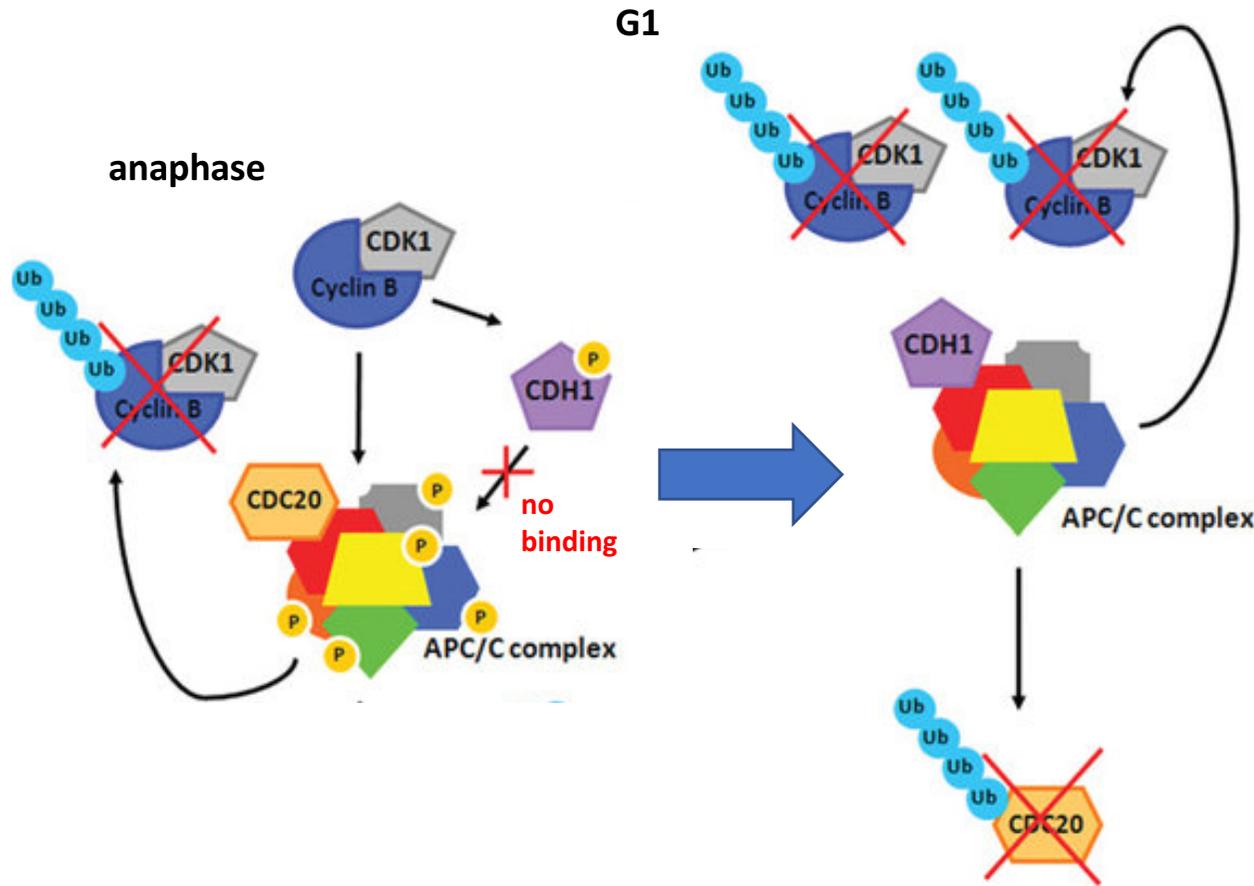


Figure 16-2, Molecular Biology of the Cell 6th

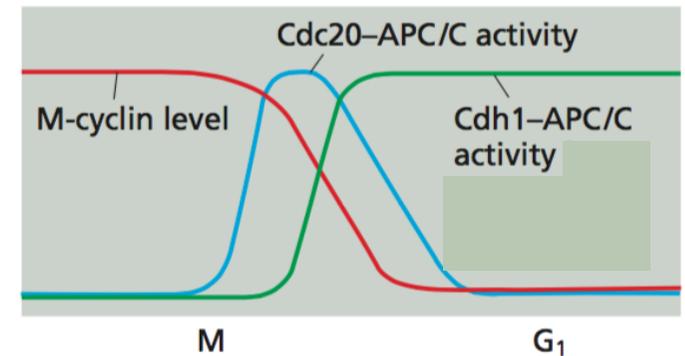
# The cell cycle checkpoints : prevent genetic errors



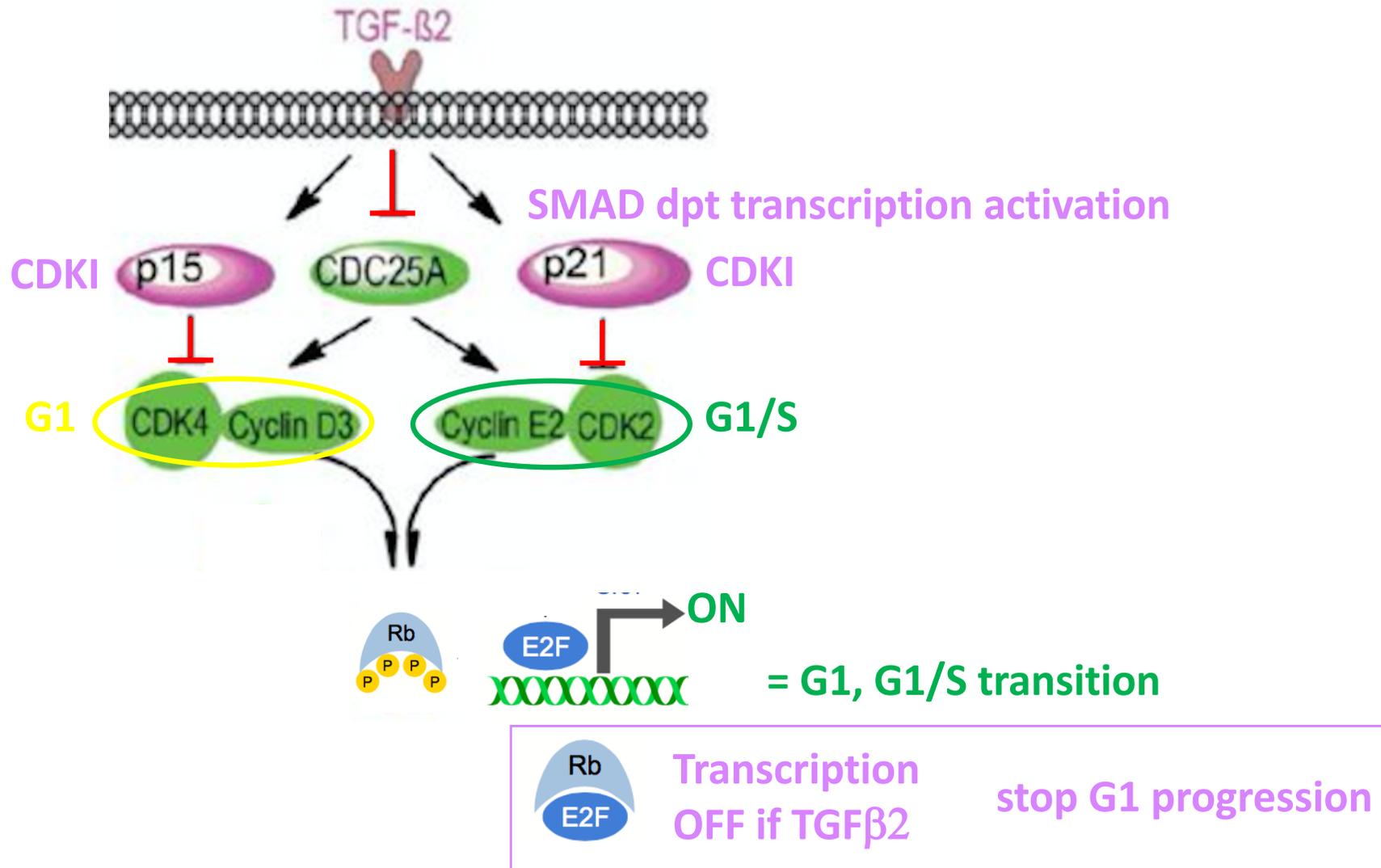
# Early G1 : preventing precocious re-entry into mitosis



Switch from  
Cdc20-APC/C to Cdh1-APC/C  
ubiquitin ligase activity  
= total Cyclin B degradation

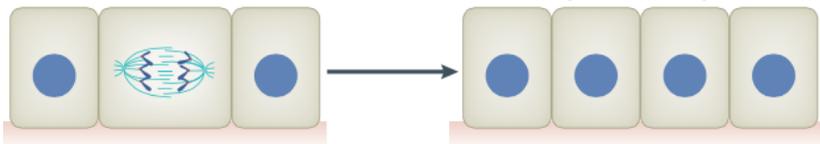


# TGF-β2 in G1 : preventing a new cycle

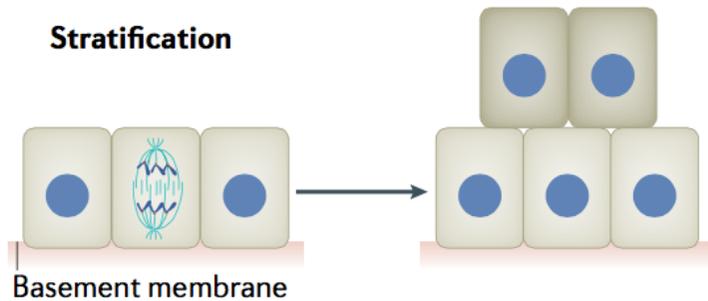


# Spindle orientation and tissue organization

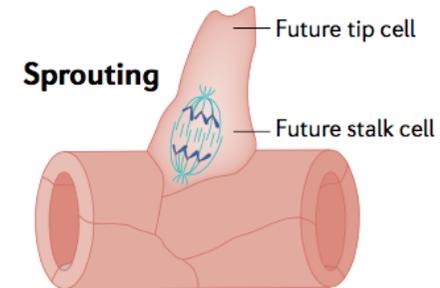
**Maintenance of a simple epithelium**



**Stratification**

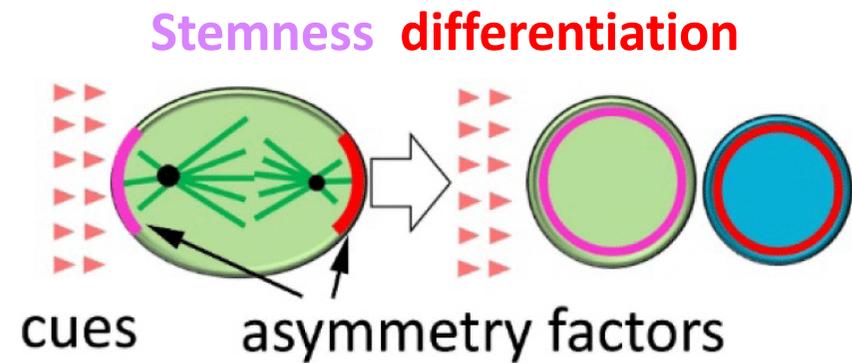
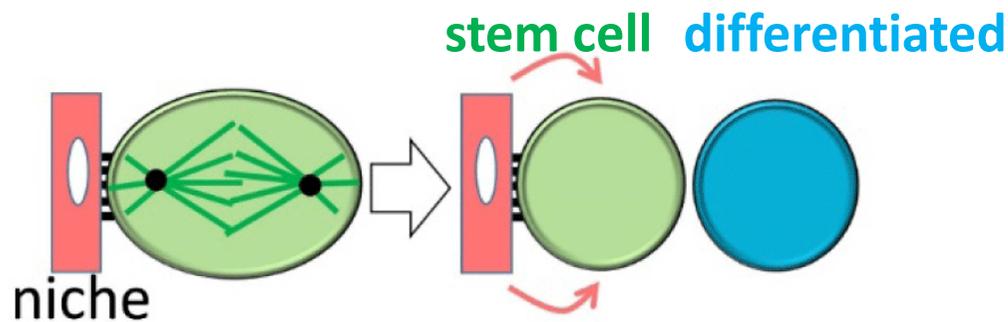
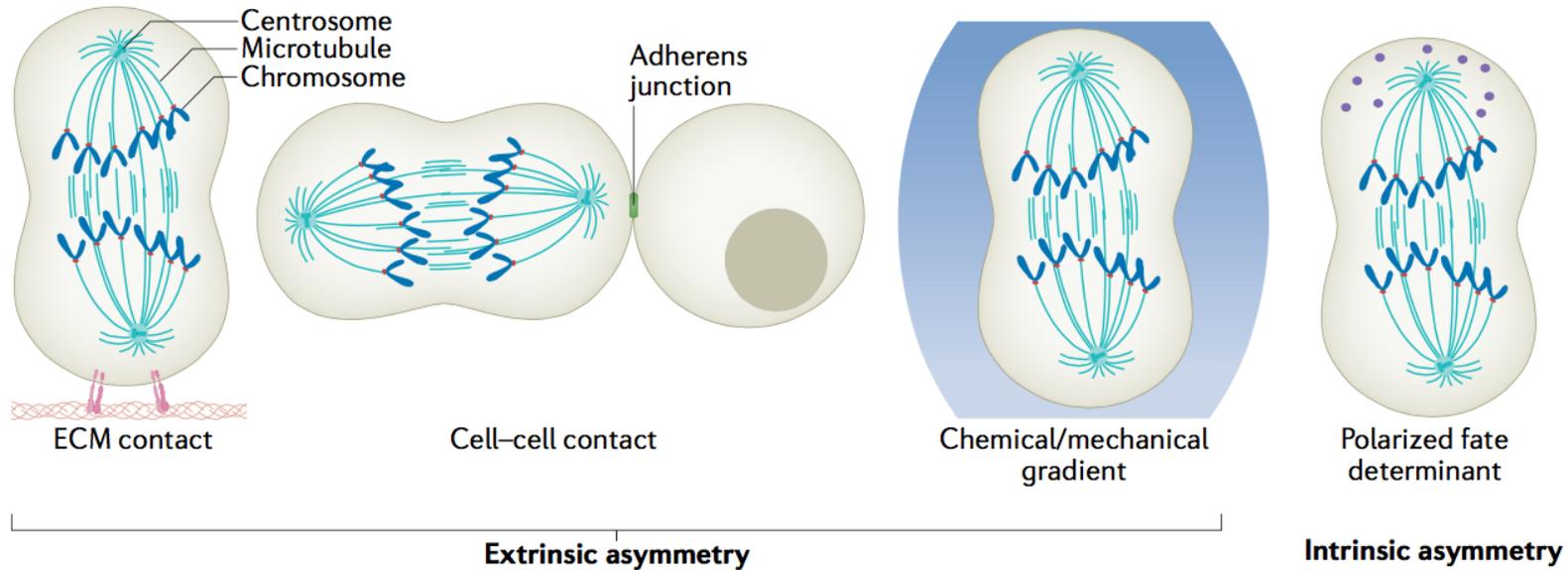


**Endothelium angiogenesis (vascularization)**

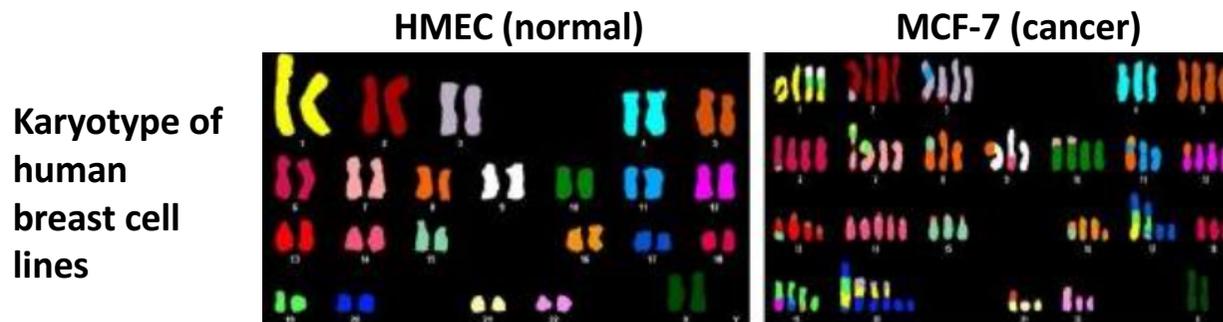
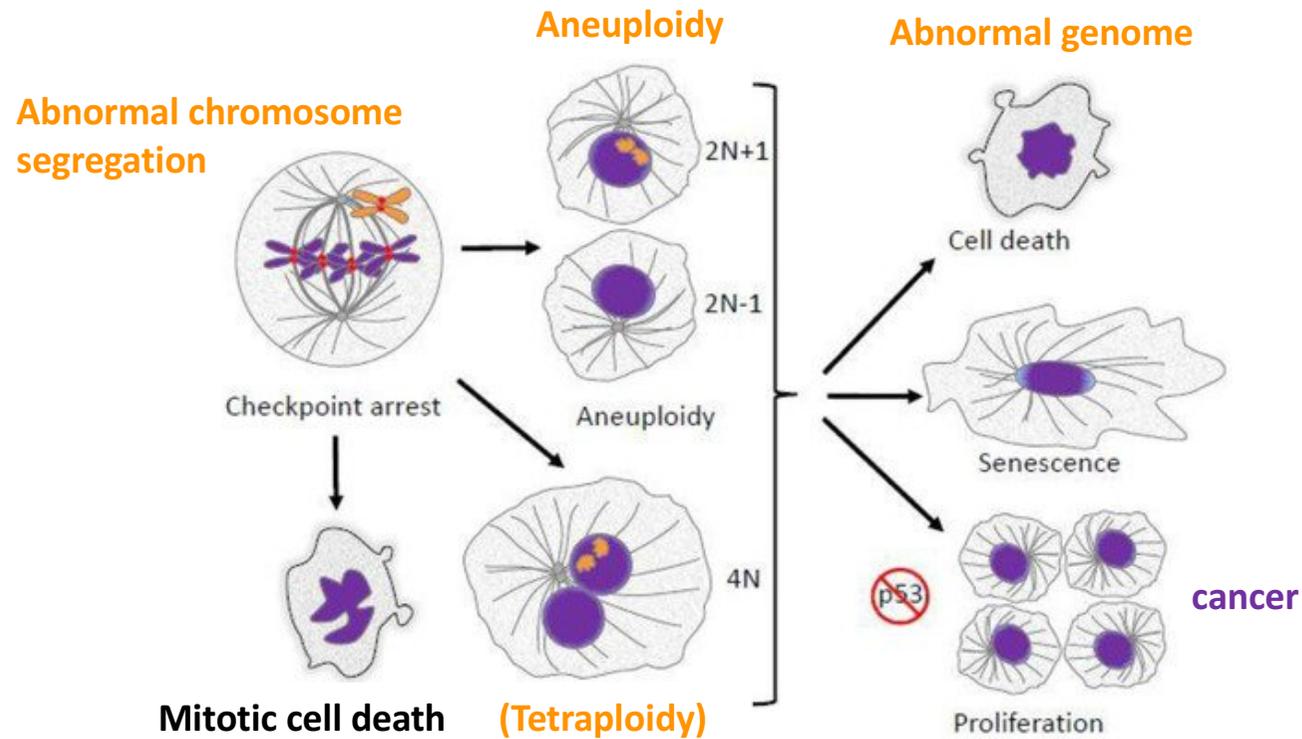


# Asymmetric division : two different daughter cells

## Example of stem cells

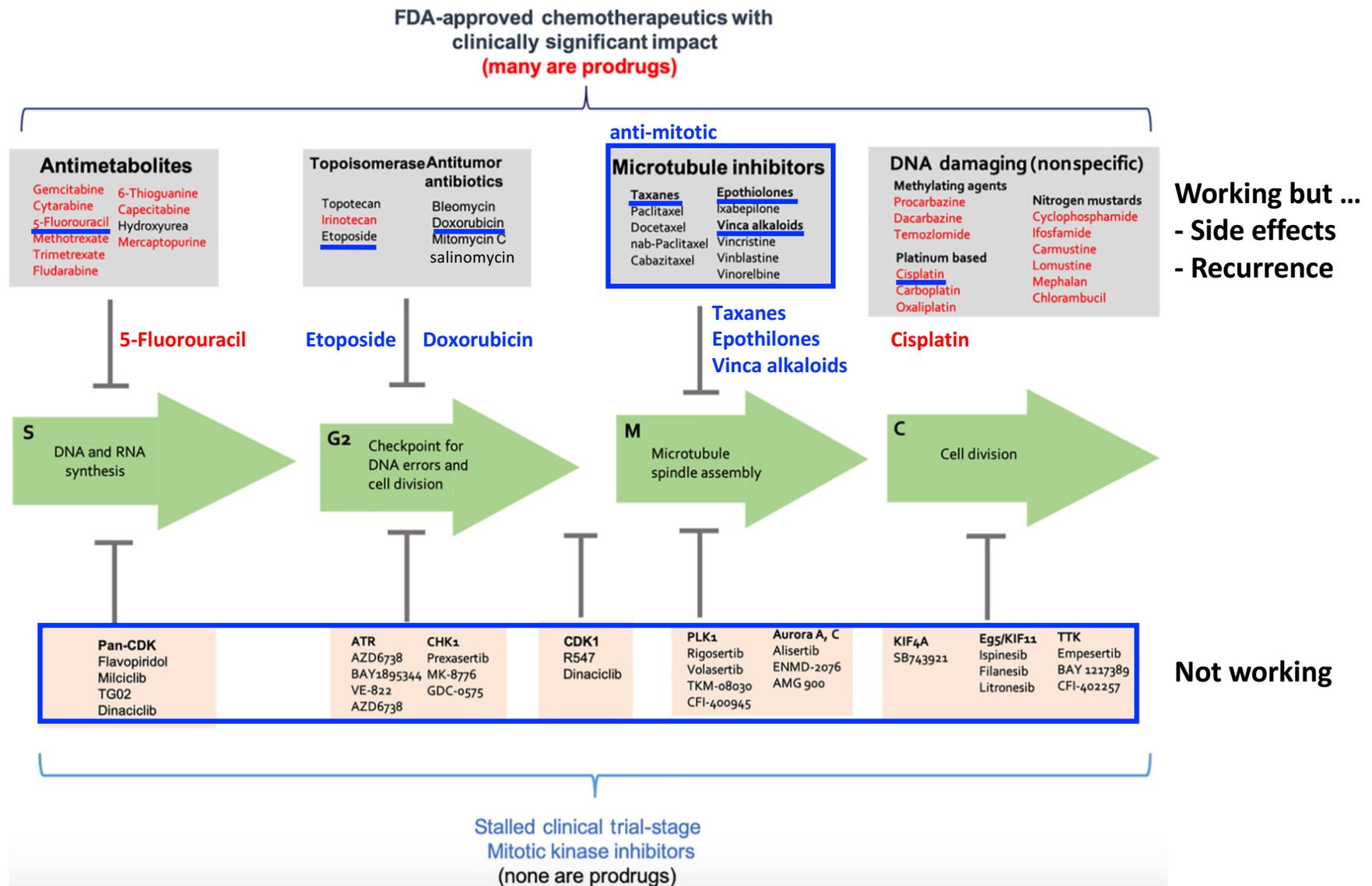


# Mitotic defects : aneuploidy



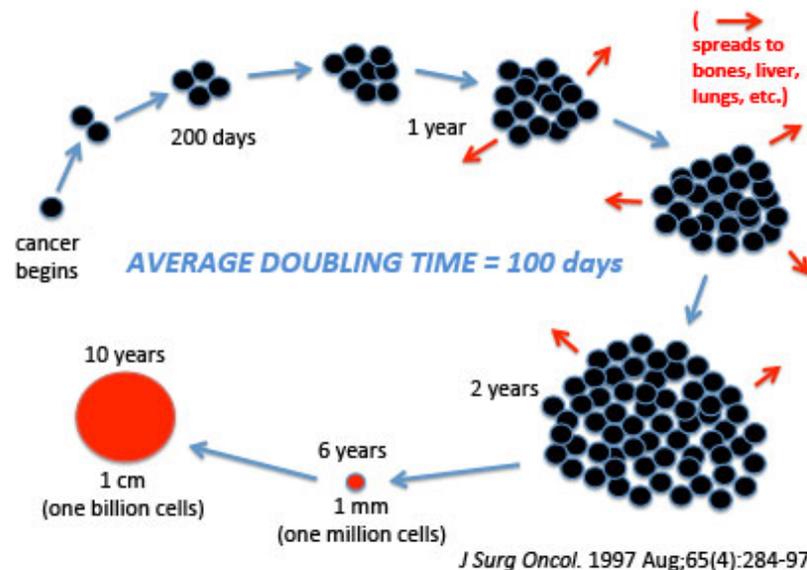
Potapova & Gorbsky, *Biology*, 2017

# Cancer drugs and cell cycle : failure in recent clinical trials



# Proliferation of cancer cells can be lower than normal tissues

## cell division in cancer



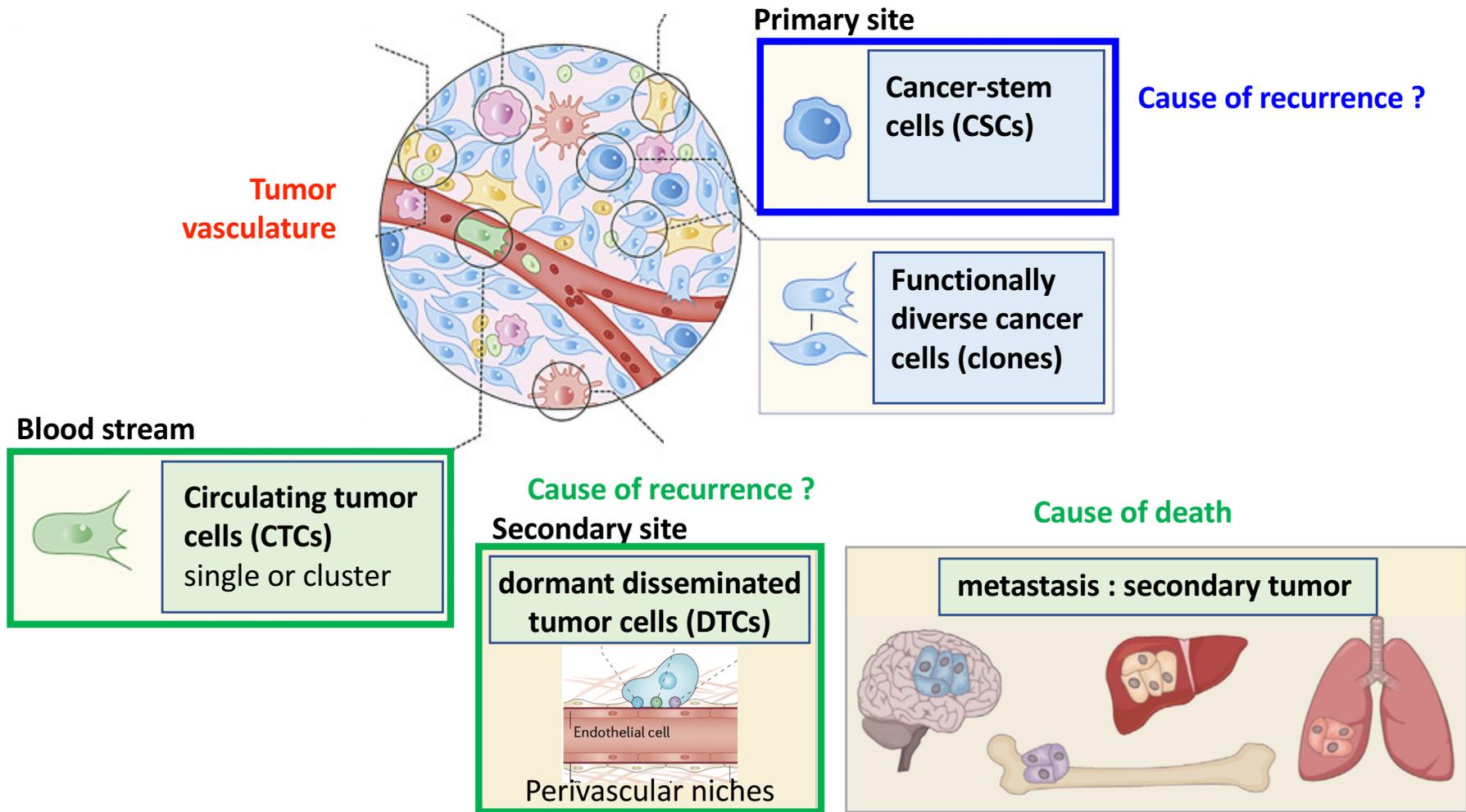
## cell division in tissues

From days to life time depending on tissue

Small intestine	2-3 days
Lung	8 days
Platelets	10 days
Epidermis	10-30 days
Hepatocyte	1/2 year
Fat cells	8 years
Neurone	lifetime

Side effects on fast dividing tissues and low efficiency in oncotherapy

# Intratumoral heterogeneity : slow cycling / quiescent cells



Adapted from Gonzalez-Silva et al, Trends in Cancer, 2020  
 Ghajar, Nature Cancer Rev., 2015  
 Lambert et al., Cell, 2016

# G0 / quiescence : reversible arrest of cell cycle

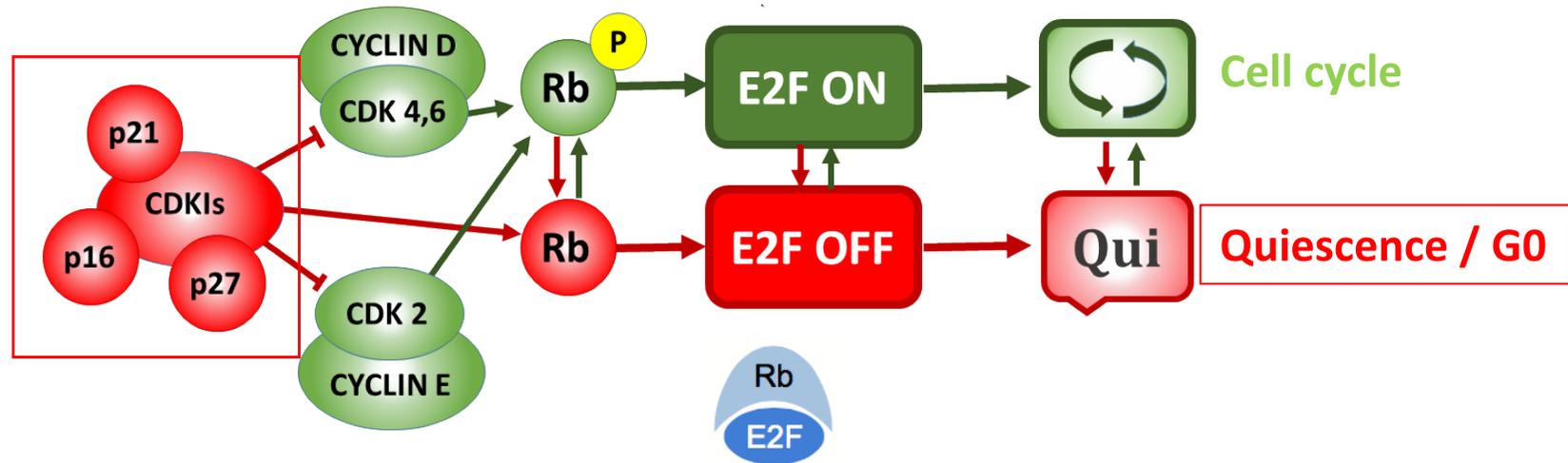
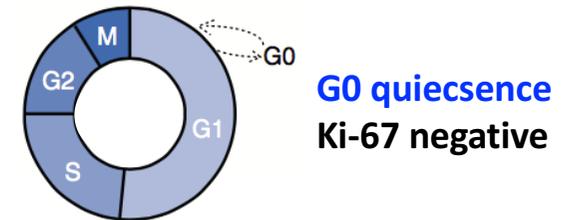
## Quiescence/G0 :

- State of reversible cell cycle arrest, with active mechanisms to protect cells from damage.
- Adult stem cells (hematopoietic, muscle, neural, hair) and differentiated cells (fibroblasts, hepatocytes, lymphocytes).
- Reenter the cell cycle when confronted with the appropriate stimulus (tissue repair, wound healing, immunity).

## Long term tissue maintenance and regeneration

### *In vitro* induction of quiescence from G1

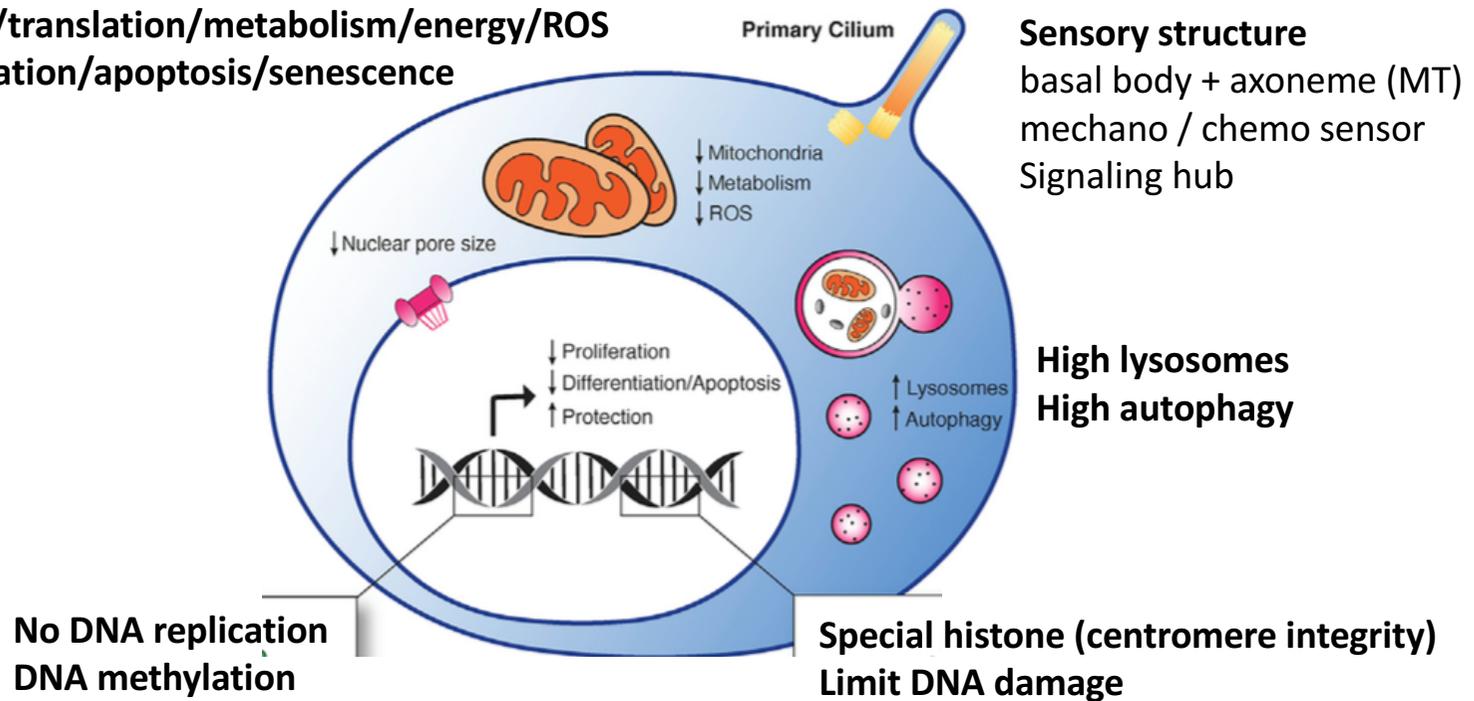
- Serum starvation
- Loss of adhesion to extracellular matrix (ECM)
- Confluence = cell contact inhibition



<https://www.bethyl.com/content/The-Rb-E2F-Switch-Regulation-of-Cellular-Quiescence>

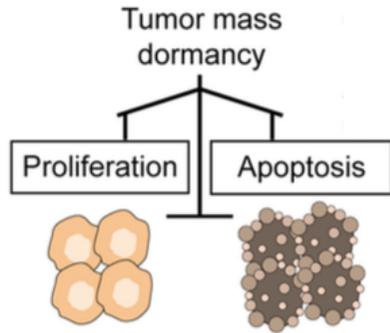
# Properties of G0 quiescent cells

- Low transcription/translation/metabolism/energy/ROS
- Prevent differentiation/apoptosis/senescence

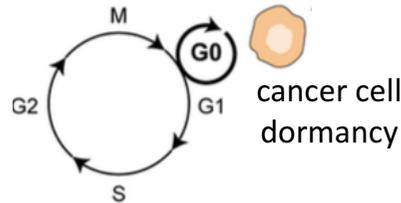


Ready to re-enter cell cycle when needed !

# Cancer dormancy and recurrence



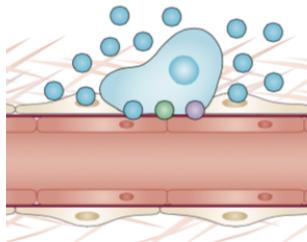
cancer stem cells (CSC)  
dormant disseminated tumor cell ( DTC)  
slow cycling / quiescent



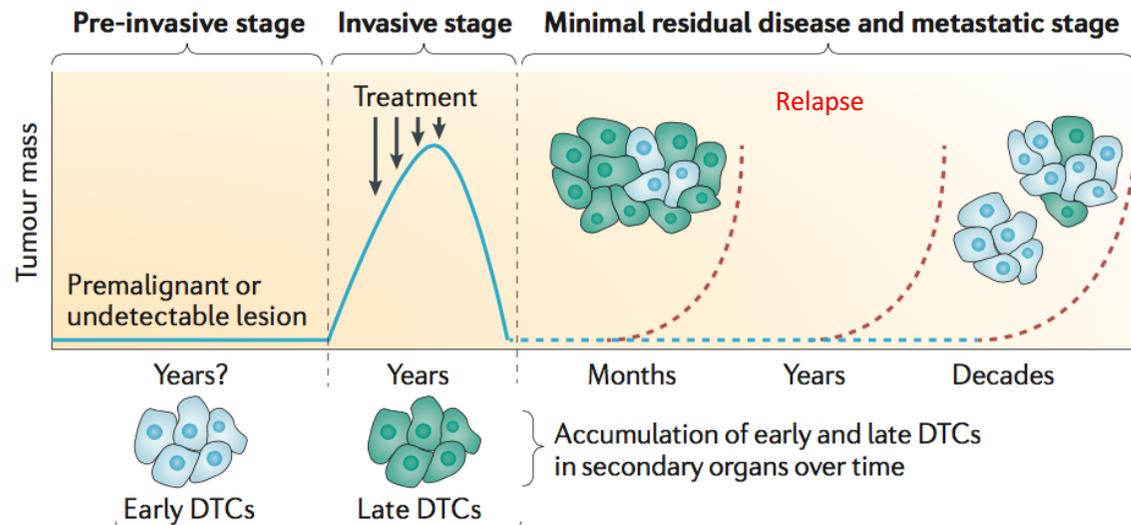
Entry of cancer cells into G0 for decades

- Surviving harsh environment, therapy
- Immune evasion
- If cell-cycle re-entry**
- Seed new tumor formation

Perivascular niches  
Bone marrow, lungs, brain, liver



Keep quiescence of stem cells & dormancy of DTC



Sistigu et al., *Front. In Immuno*, 2020  
Ghajar, *Nature Cancer Rev.*, 2015  
Sosa et al., *Nature Review Cancer*, 2014

# Possible therapeutic strategies related to DTC

Perivascular niches  
 Bone marrow, lung, brain, liver  
 DTC : disseminated tumor cell



**Lock-in strategy = keep sleepy DTC**  
 Long term toxicity ?  
 Ex : tamoxifen breast cancer



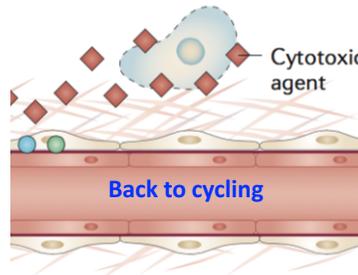
life time treatment



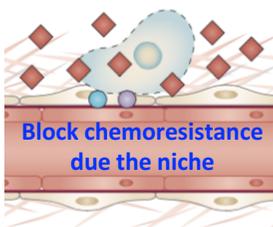
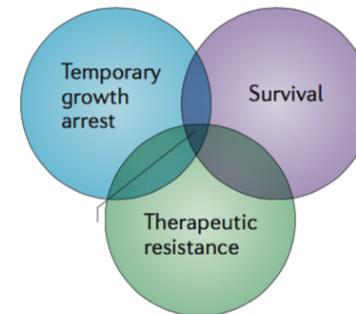
healthy lifestyle



**Lock-out strategy = awakening DTC**  
 to be killed by conventional therapy



with (neo)adjuvant therapy

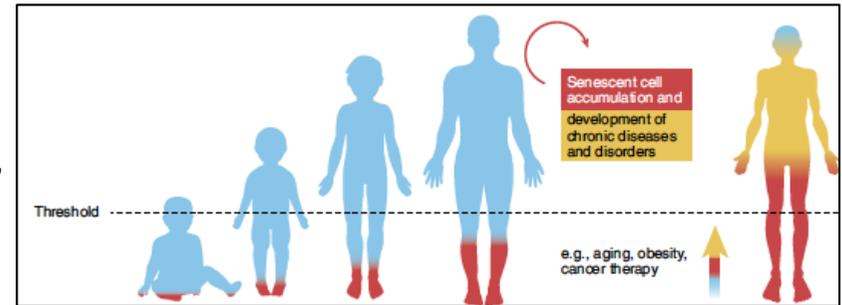


**Eliminating dormant DTC**  
 to be killed by conventional therapy

# Senescence : a permanent cell cycle arrest

## Senescence :

- State of irreversible cell cycle arrest
- Role in embryonic development, wound healing, host immunity, tumor suppression
- Immune clearance of senescent cells is possible
- Hallmarks of aging (age related diseases)



## Triggers :

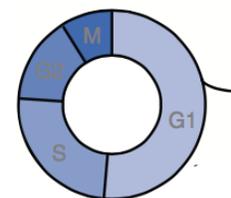
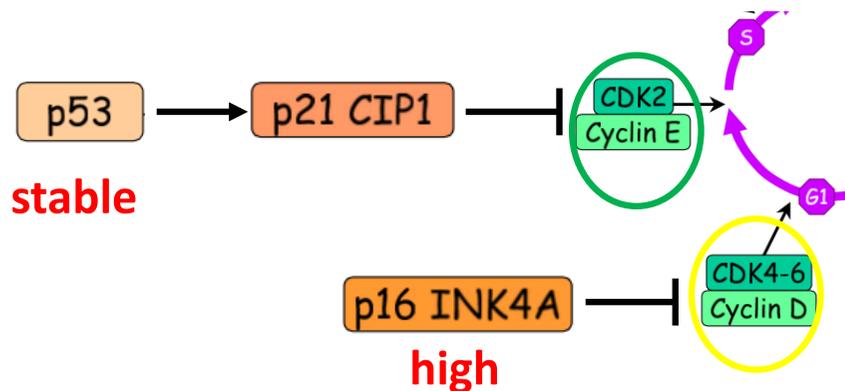
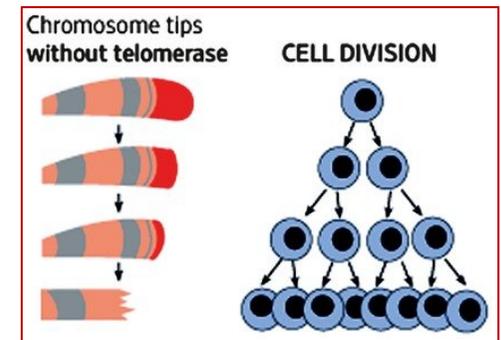
- Telomere shortening (mitotic timer / aging) = **replicative senescence**

Telomere : Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2009, Blackburn, Greider & Szostak

- Damages = **premature senescence**

DNA damage, mitochondrial dysfunction, inflammation, ROS, epigenetic alteration....

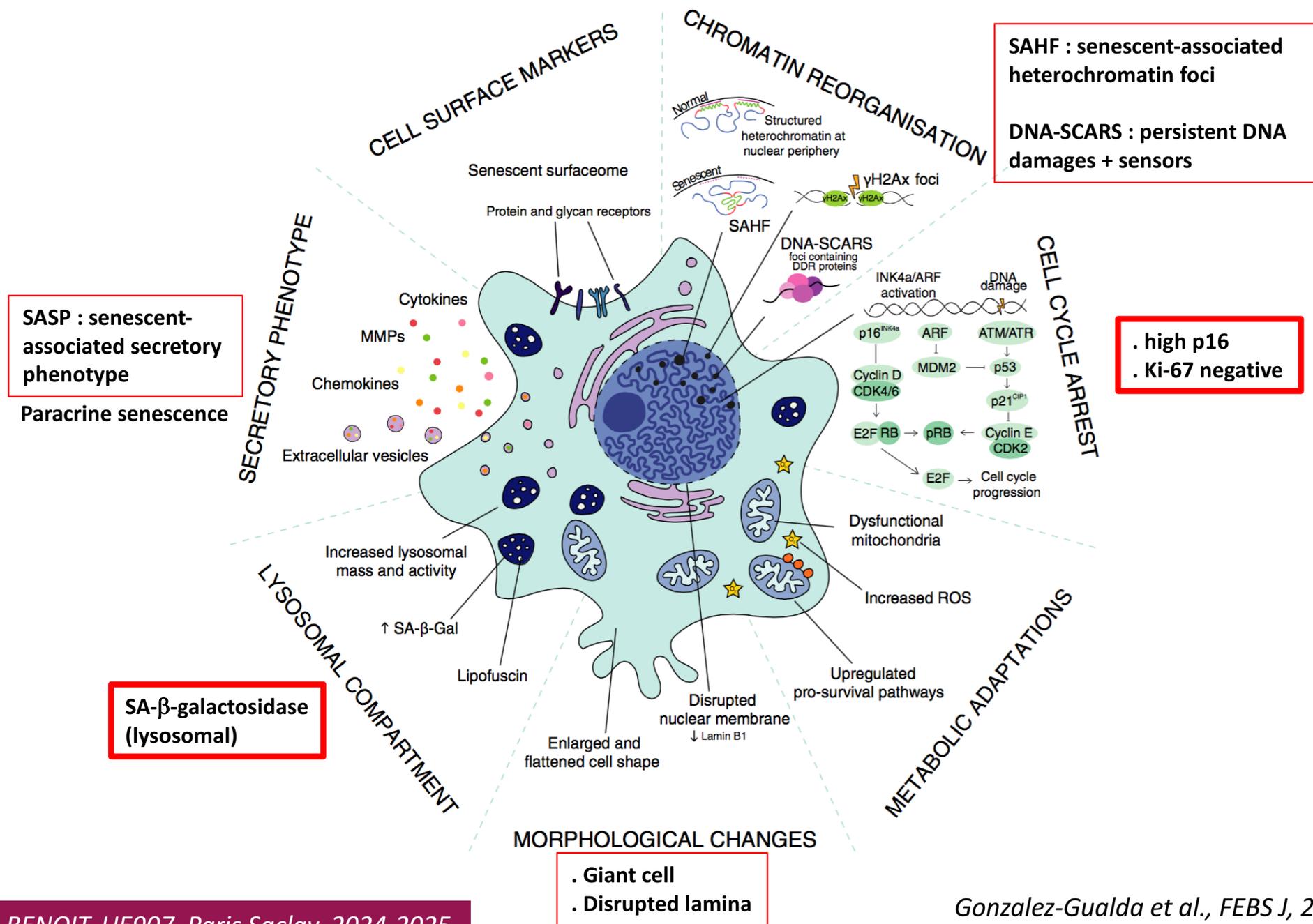
In cancer : oncogene or therapy induced senescence (OIS or TIS)



Exit = senescence  
Ki-67 negative



# Hallmarks of senescent cells



SAHF : senescent-associated heterochromatin foci

DNA-SCARS : persistent DNA damages + sensors

SASP : senescent-associated secretory phenotype

Paracrine senescence

. high p16

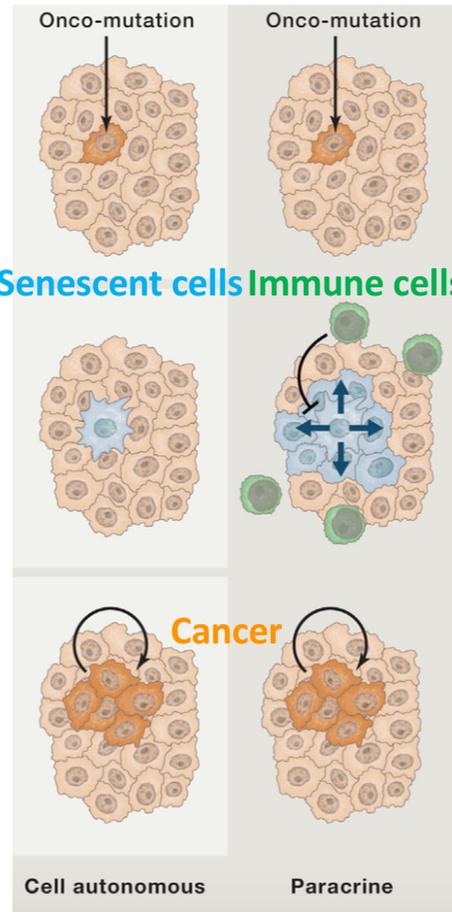
. Ki-67 negative

SA-β-galactosidase (lysosomal)

. Giant cell

. Disrupted lamina

# Senescence and cancer

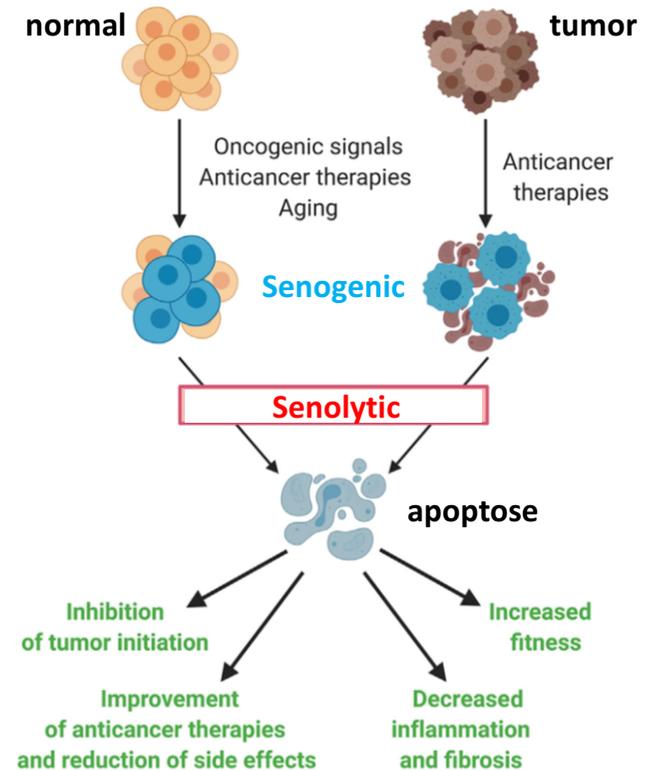


He & Sharpless., *Cell*, 2017

Senescent cell clearance prevents cancer

loss of senescent cell clearance promotes cancer

## Possible therapeutic strategy



Example of senolytic agents

Cardiac glycosides : inhibitors of Na/K ATPase pump  
(treatment of heart failure, cardiac arrhythmia)

Martin et al., *Trends Mol Med*, 2020

# P53 the guardian of the genome

