

# Immortalisation et cancers

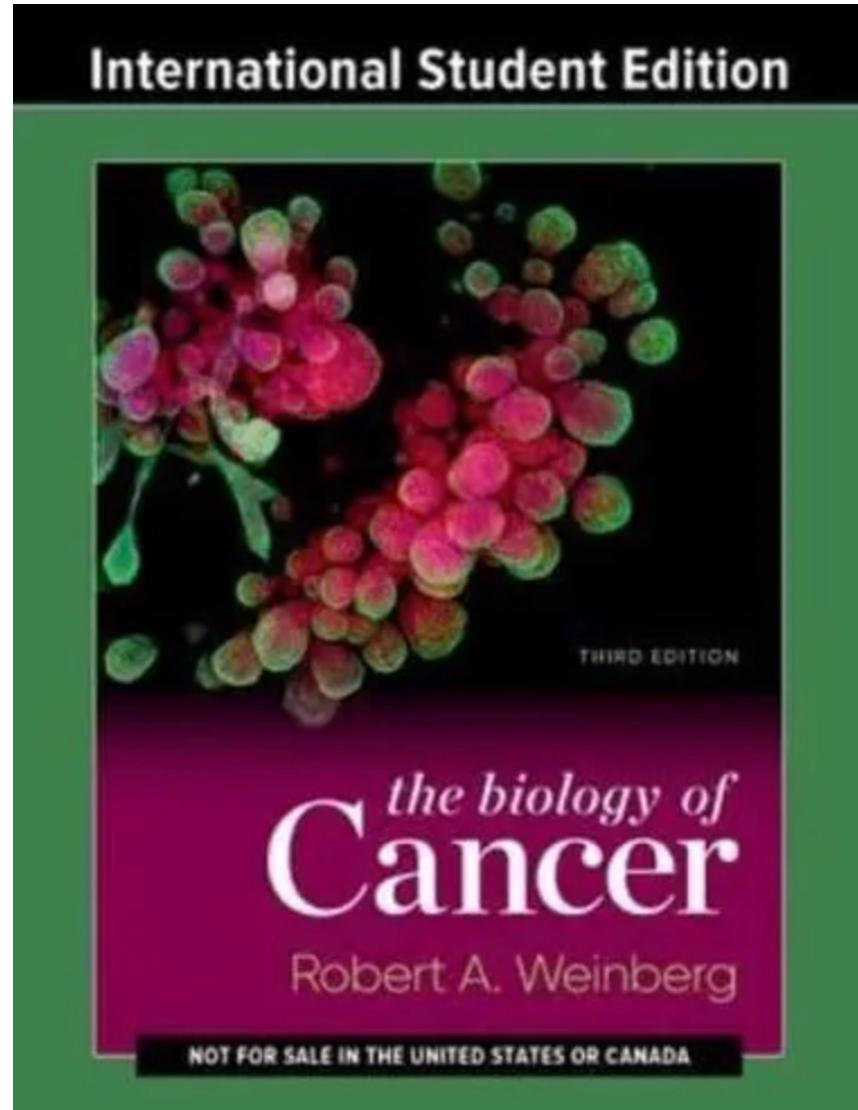
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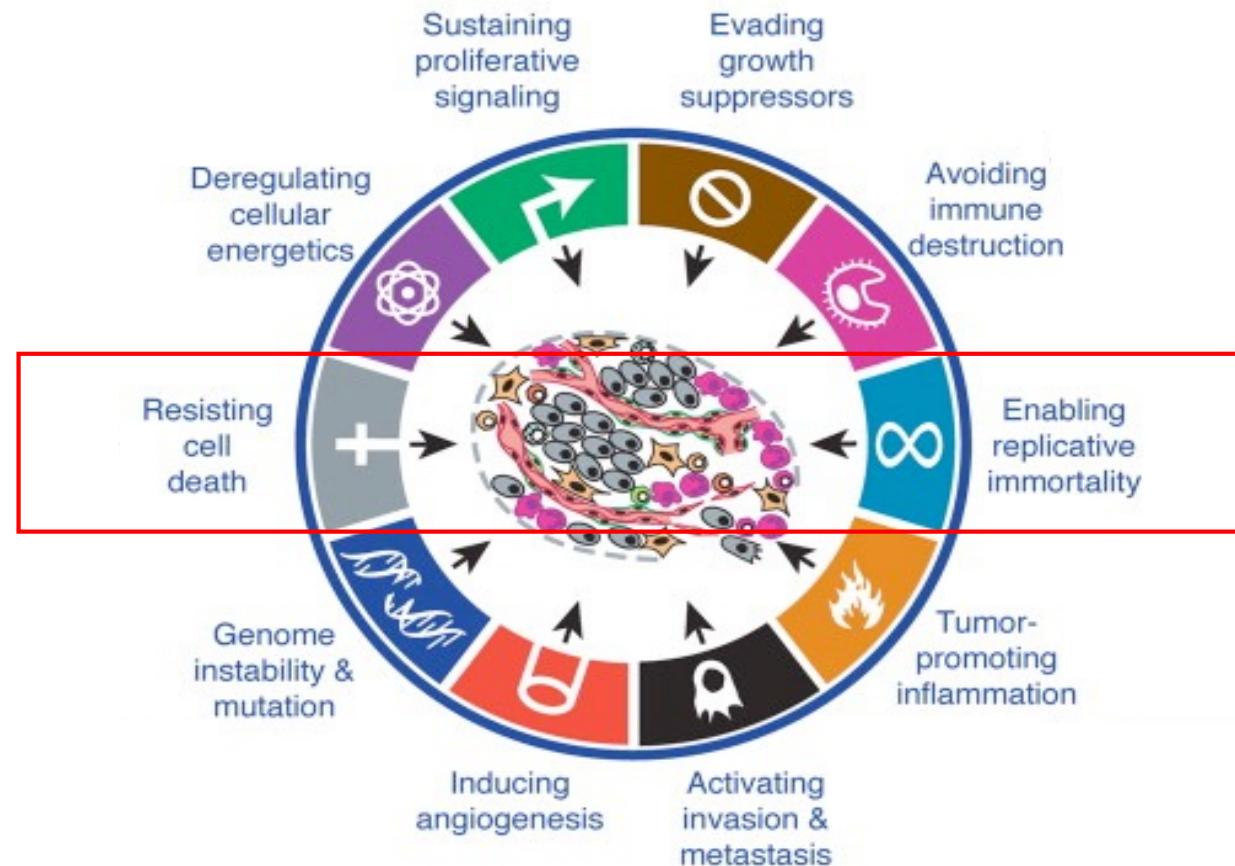
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## Lecture recommandée



# The Hallmarks of Cancer

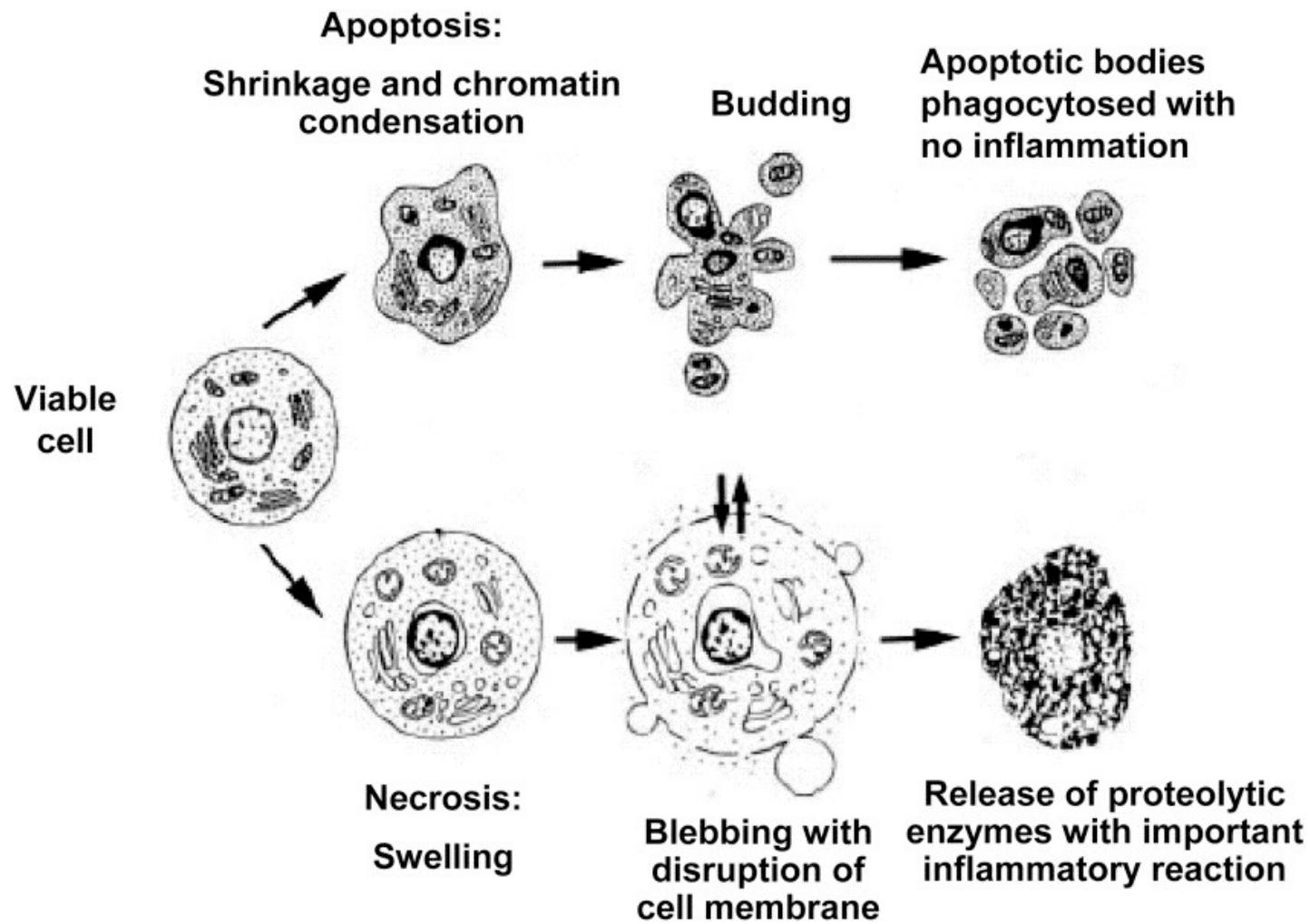


## I/ Echapper à la mort cellulaire

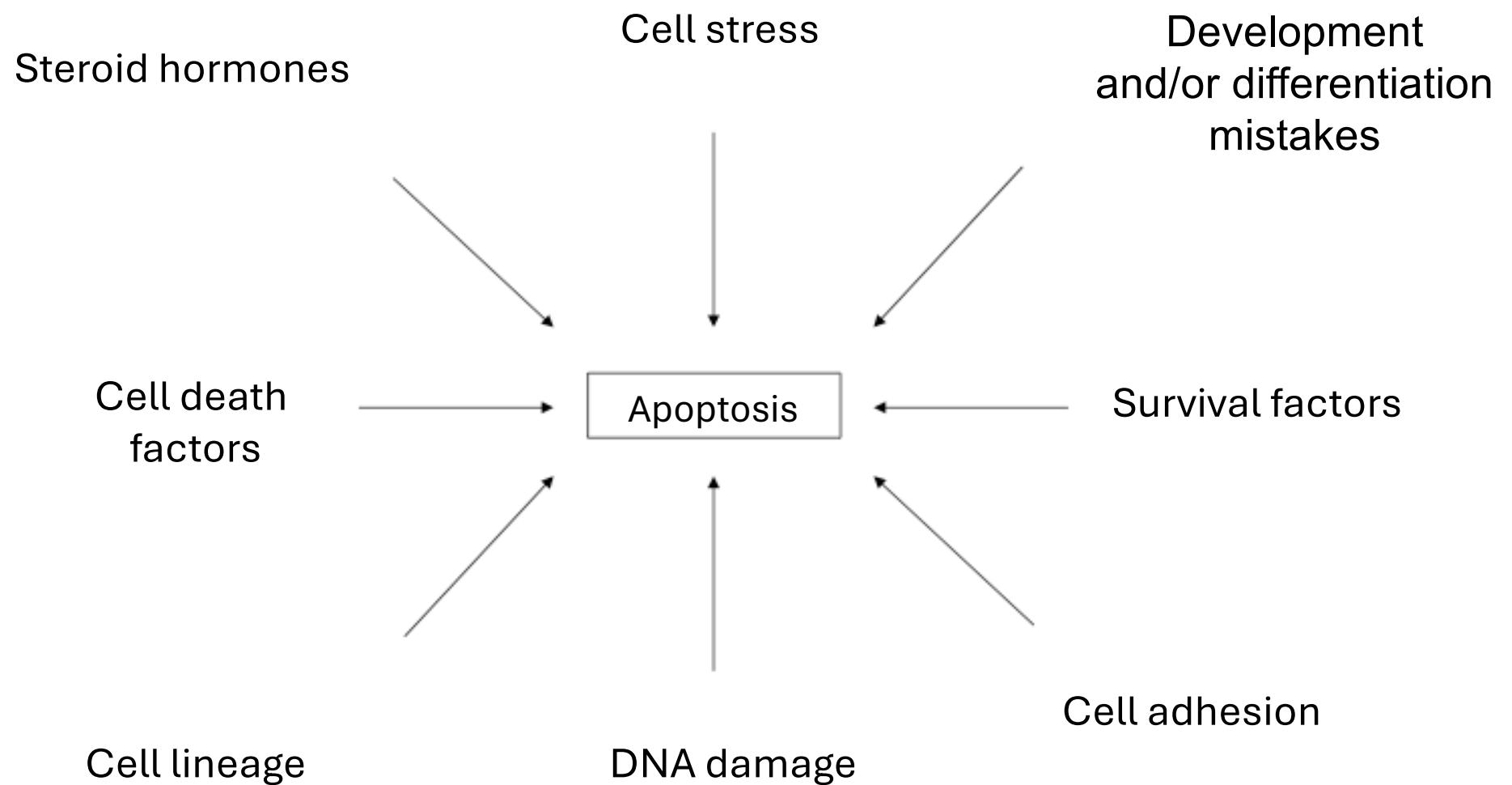
Il existe différentes formes de morts cellulaires:

- Nécrose et Nécroptose
- Apoptose
- Mort cellulaire autophagique
- Pyroptose
- Ferroptose

# Apoptosis vs Necrosis



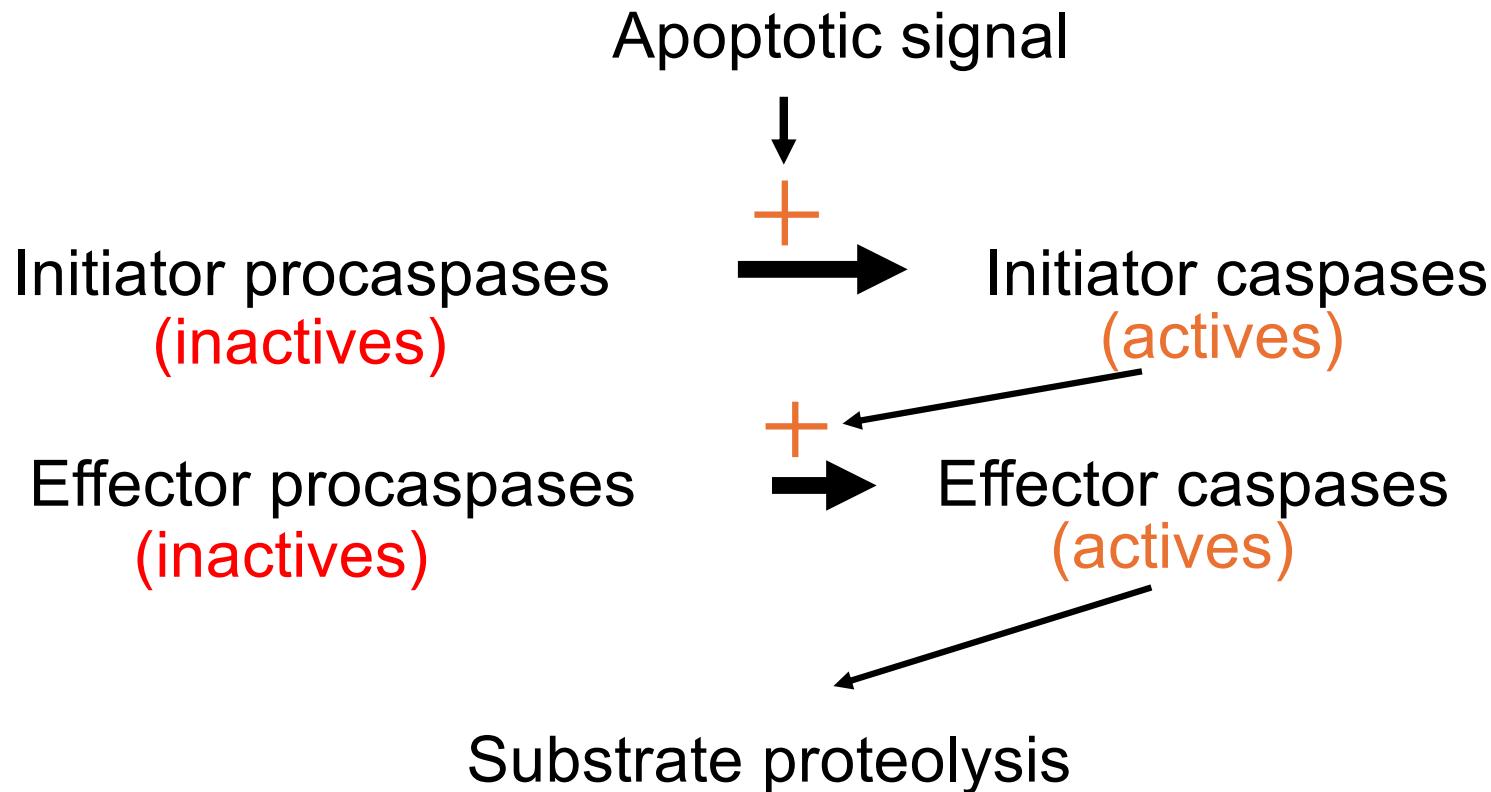
# Causes of Apoptosis



# Key actors of apoptosis

Caspases are the executioners of the canonical apoptosis!

- Initiator caspases autoactivate in response to apoptotic signals
- activated initiators activate other procaspases: effector caspases (amplification in cascade)
- Effector caspases cleave many cytoplasmic or nuclear target proteins
- Different levels of control exist

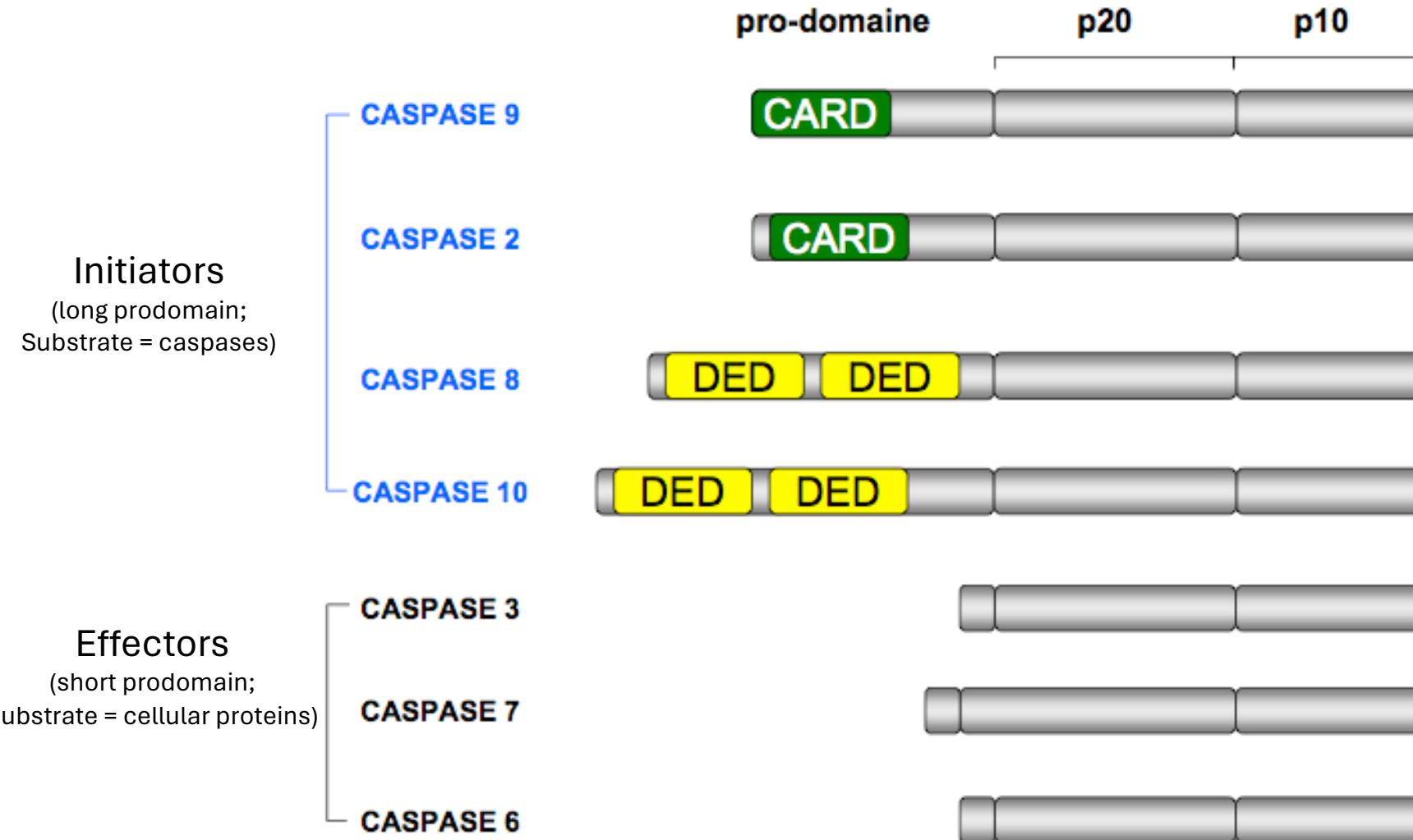


# CASPASES (Cystine ASPartyl-specific proteASES)

Caspases = cystine proteases

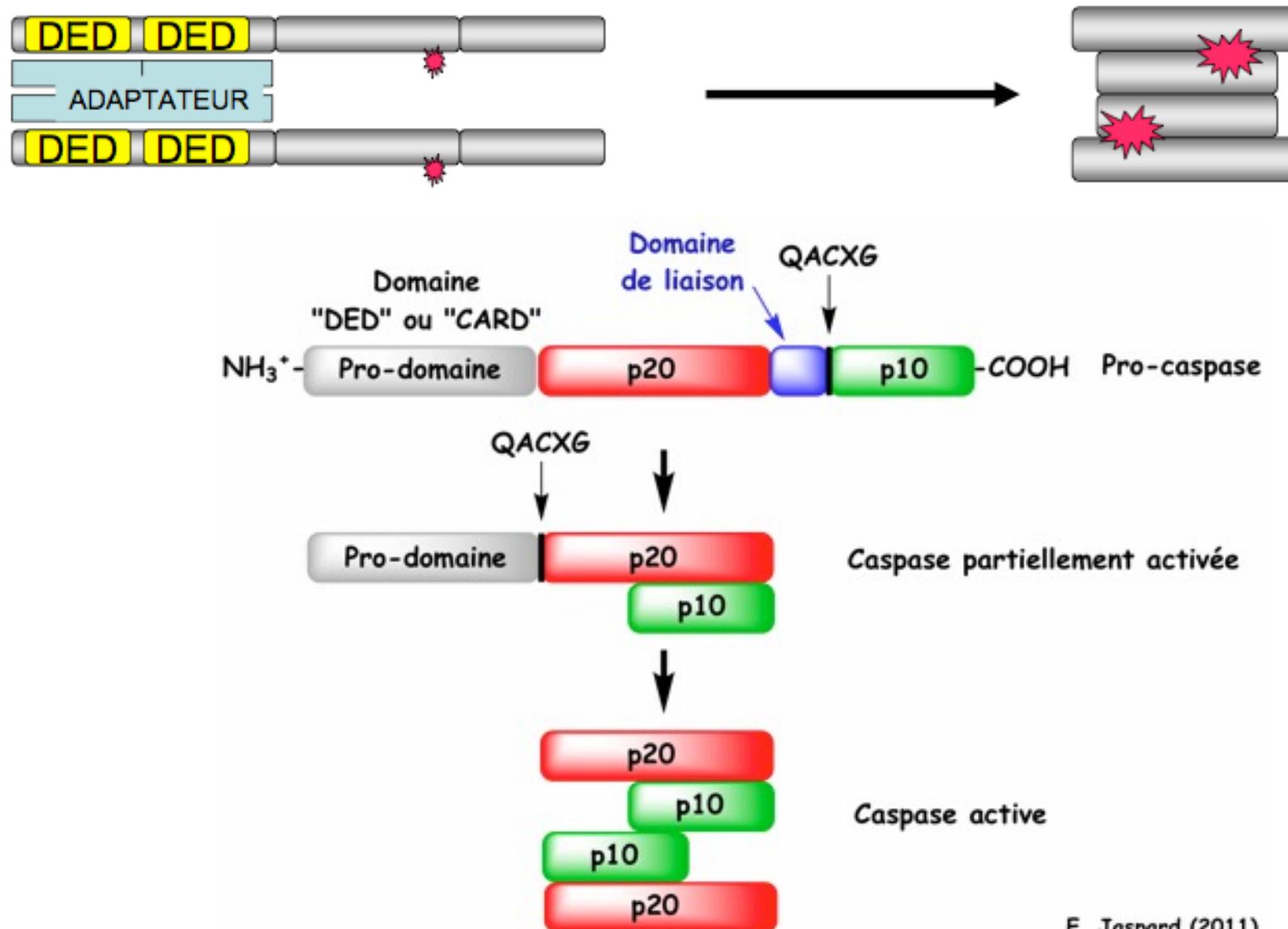
Catalytic site : a well conserved pentapeptide **QACXG**  
Cleavage site: Cterminus of an Aspartate (D) residue

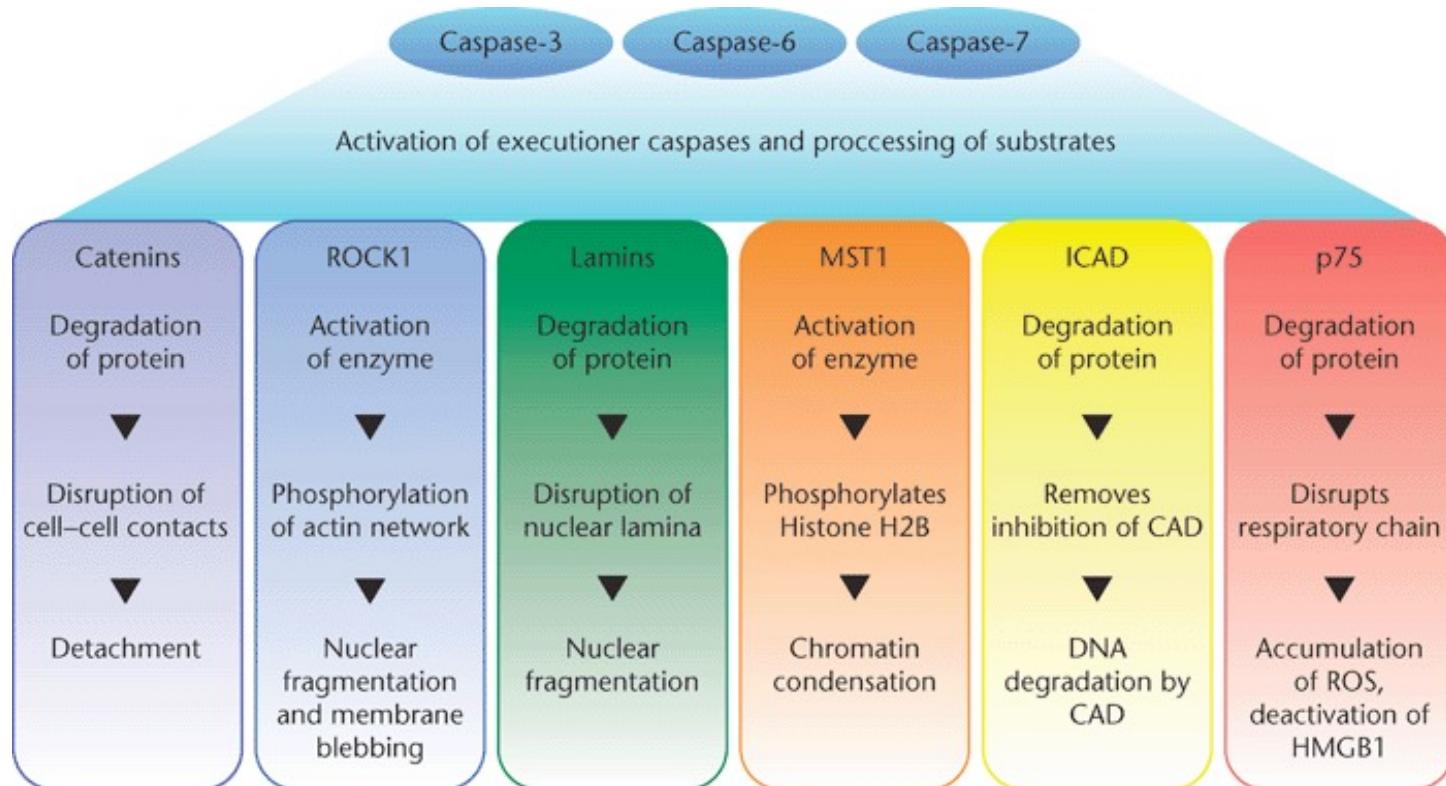
Specificity group <sup>a</sup>	P <sub>4</sub> -P <sub>1</sub> specificity <sup>b</sup>	Consensus	Proposed role
<b>Group I</b> Caspase-1 (ICE) Caspase-4 (ICE <sub>rel</sub> -II, TX, ICH-2) Caspase-5 (ICE <sub>rel</sub> -III, TY)	<b>P4</b> WEHD (W/L)EHD (W/L)EHD	WEHD	Maturation of multiple pro-inflammatory cytokine
<b>Group II</b> Caenorhabditis elegans CED-3 Caspase-3 (CPP32, apopain, Yama) Caspase-7 (Mch3, ICE-LAP3, CMH-1) Caspase-2 (ICH-1)	DETD DVVD DVVD DIHD	DExD	Cleavage of DxxD apoptotic substrates
<b>Group III</b> Caspase-6 (Mch2) Caspase-8 (MACH, FLICE, Mch5) Caspase-9 (ICE-LAP6, Mch6)	VEHD LETD LEHD	(IVL)ExD	Activation of group-II caspases, activation of other group-III caspases, cleavage of non-DxxD apoptotic structures
Granzyme B	IEPD		



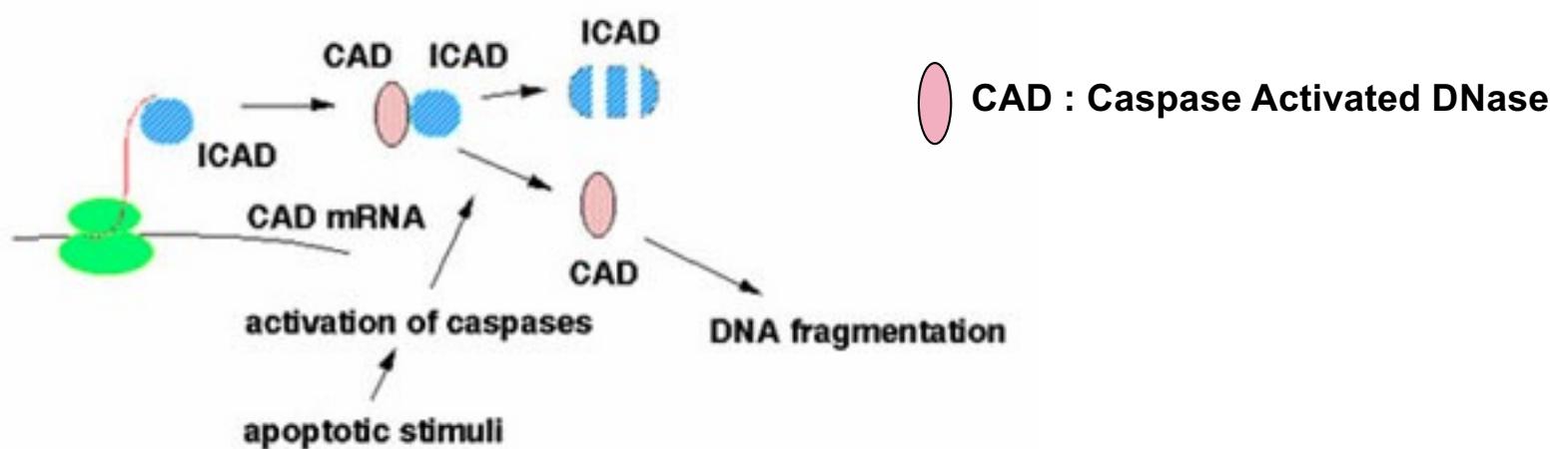
Two distinct, but structurally related propeptides have been identified:  
The caspase recruitment domain (CARD) and the death effector domain (DED)  
Both domains typically facilitate interaction with proteins that contain the same motifs.

## Activation of initiators by dimerization





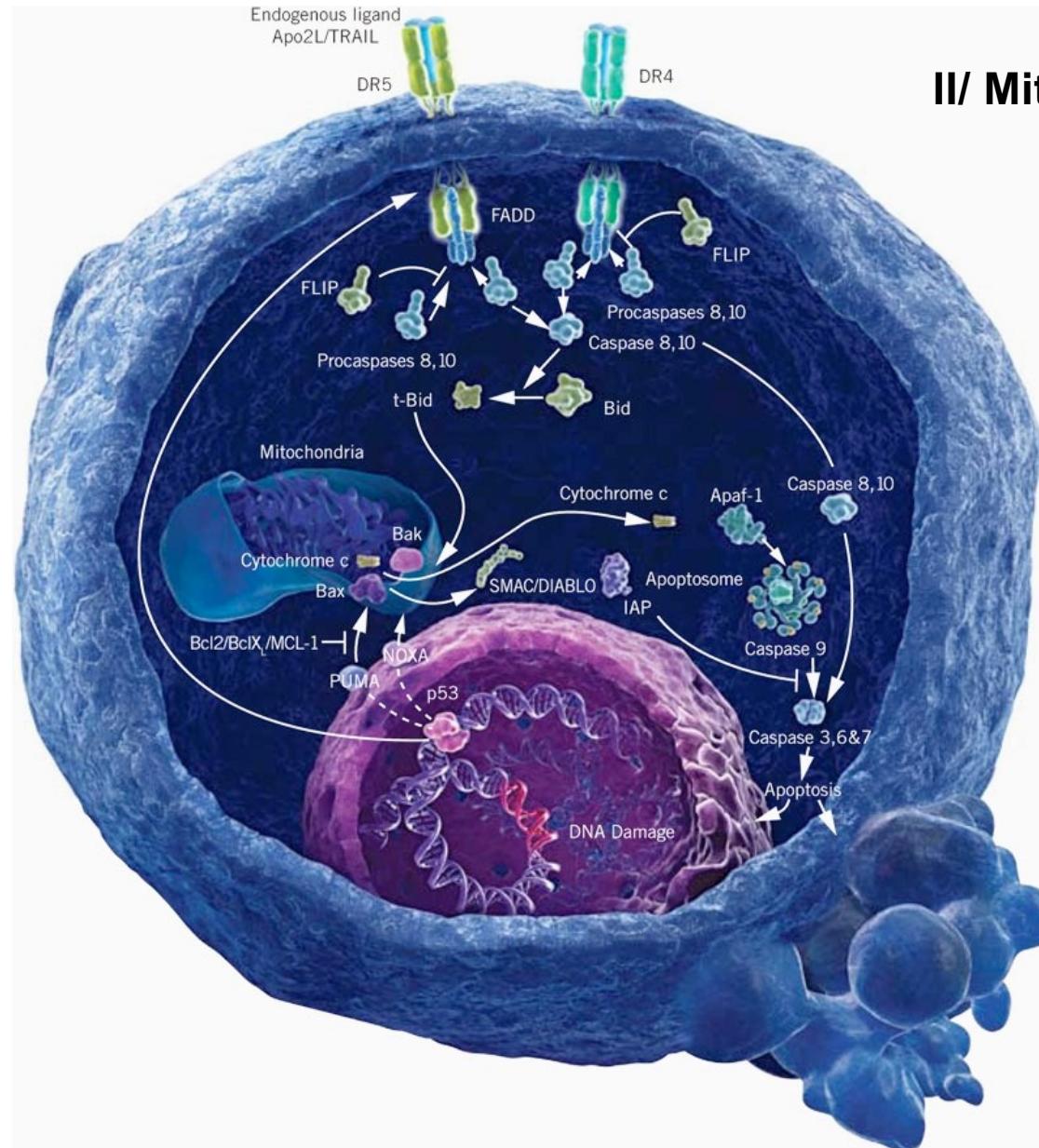
### DNA fragmentation by CAD during apoptosis



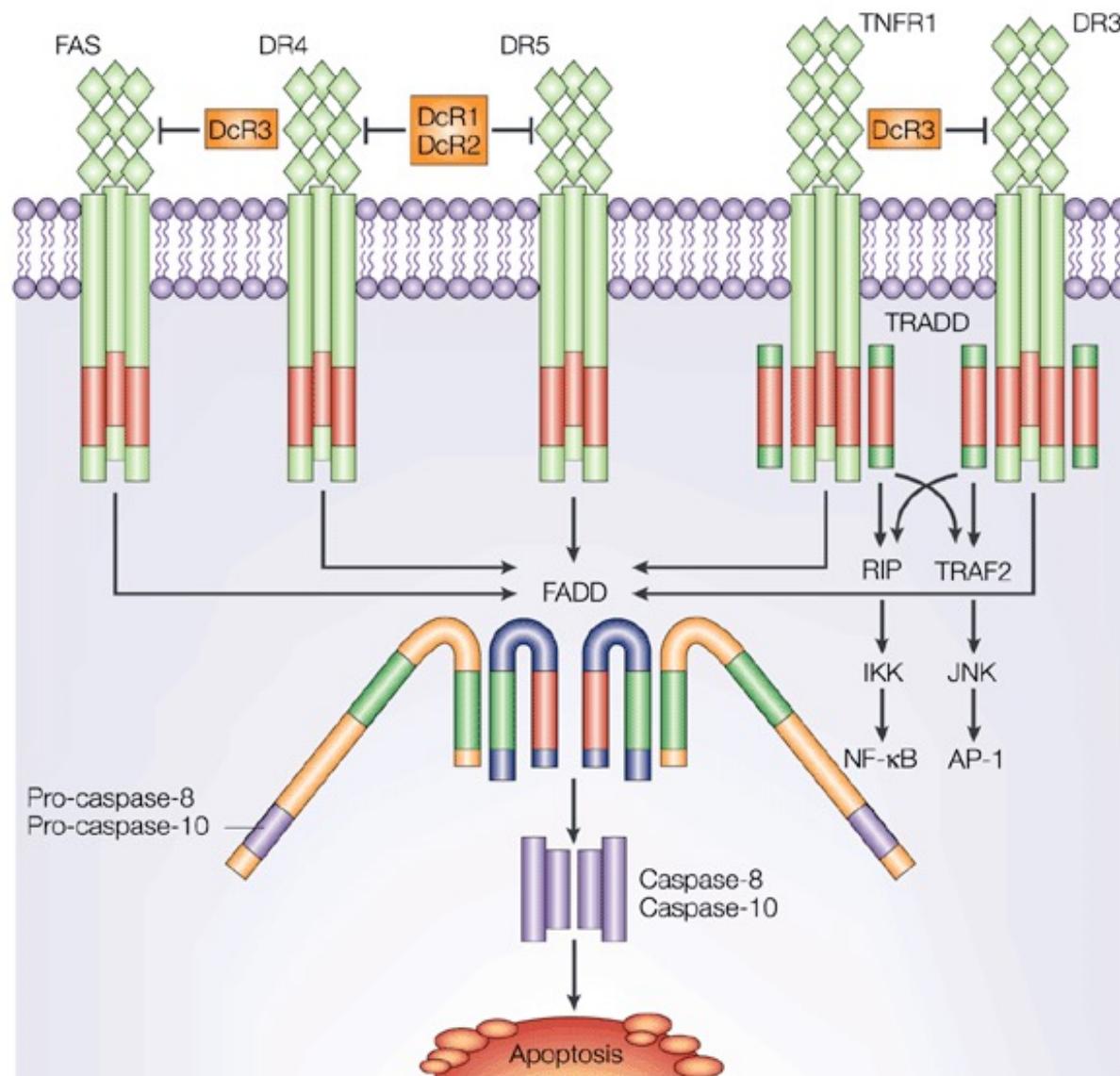
# The two apoptotic pathways :

## I/ Cell death receptor pathway.

## II/ Mitochondrial pathway.

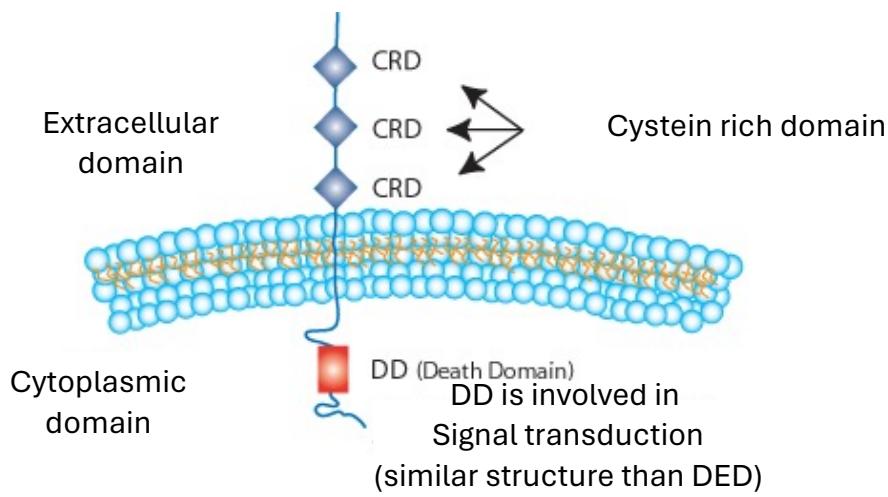


# Cell death receptor pathway



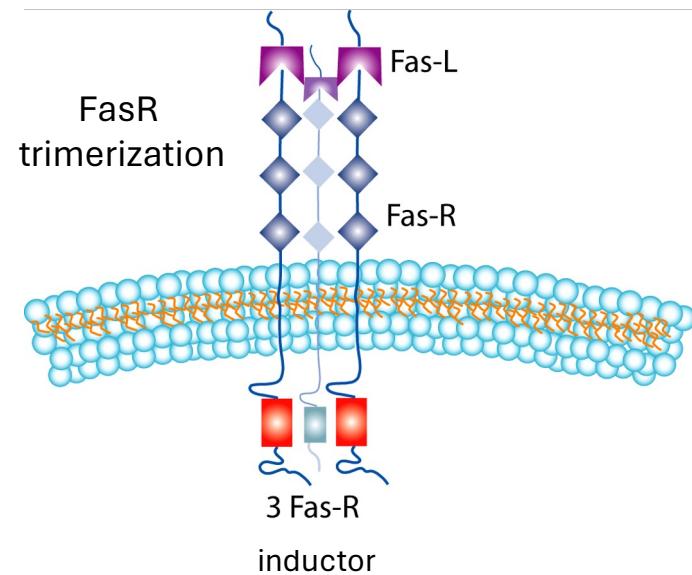
# Cell death receptor pathway

## 1- Death receptors



Ex: Fas receptor (TNF receptor family)

## 2- Receptor trimerization



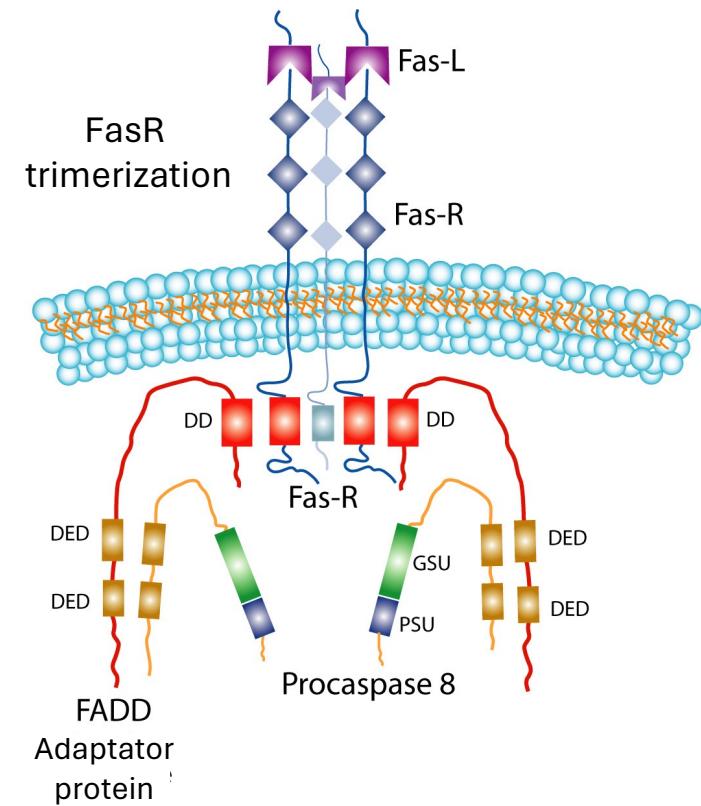
# Death receptor pathway

Fas-R trimerization induce the formation of the Death Inducing signaling Complex (DISC)

- Interaction between FADD (an adaptor) and Fas-R through their respective DD

- Interaction between FADD and Procaspsase 8 through their respective DED

> Procaspsase 8 aggregation and activation



DED = Death Effector Domain

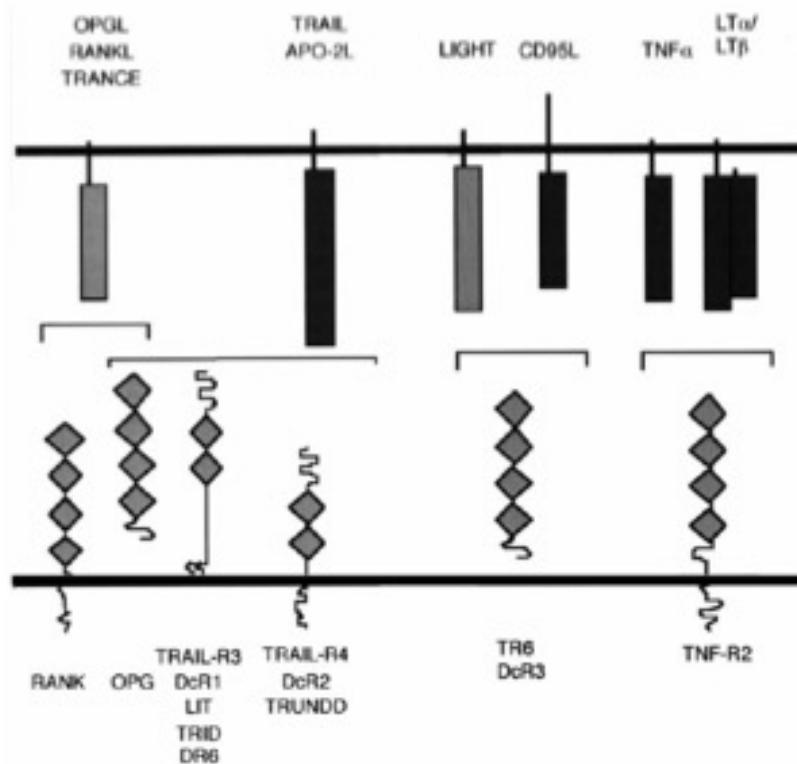
FADD = Fas Associated Death Domain

Formation of the Death Inducing Signaling Complex (DISC)

# Modulation of Death Receptor Pathway

1/ At the receptor level:

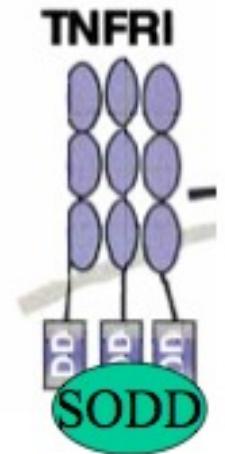
- Glycosylation status (Fas, TNF-R1)
- p53-induced transcription after DNA damage (Fas, DR5)
- Decoy receptors (prevent ligand binding to the functional receptors)



# Modulation of Death Receptor Pathway

2/ Inside the cell:

- Targeting the DD domain (TNF-R1 & DR3)  
Ex : SODD (Silencer Of Death Domain protein)

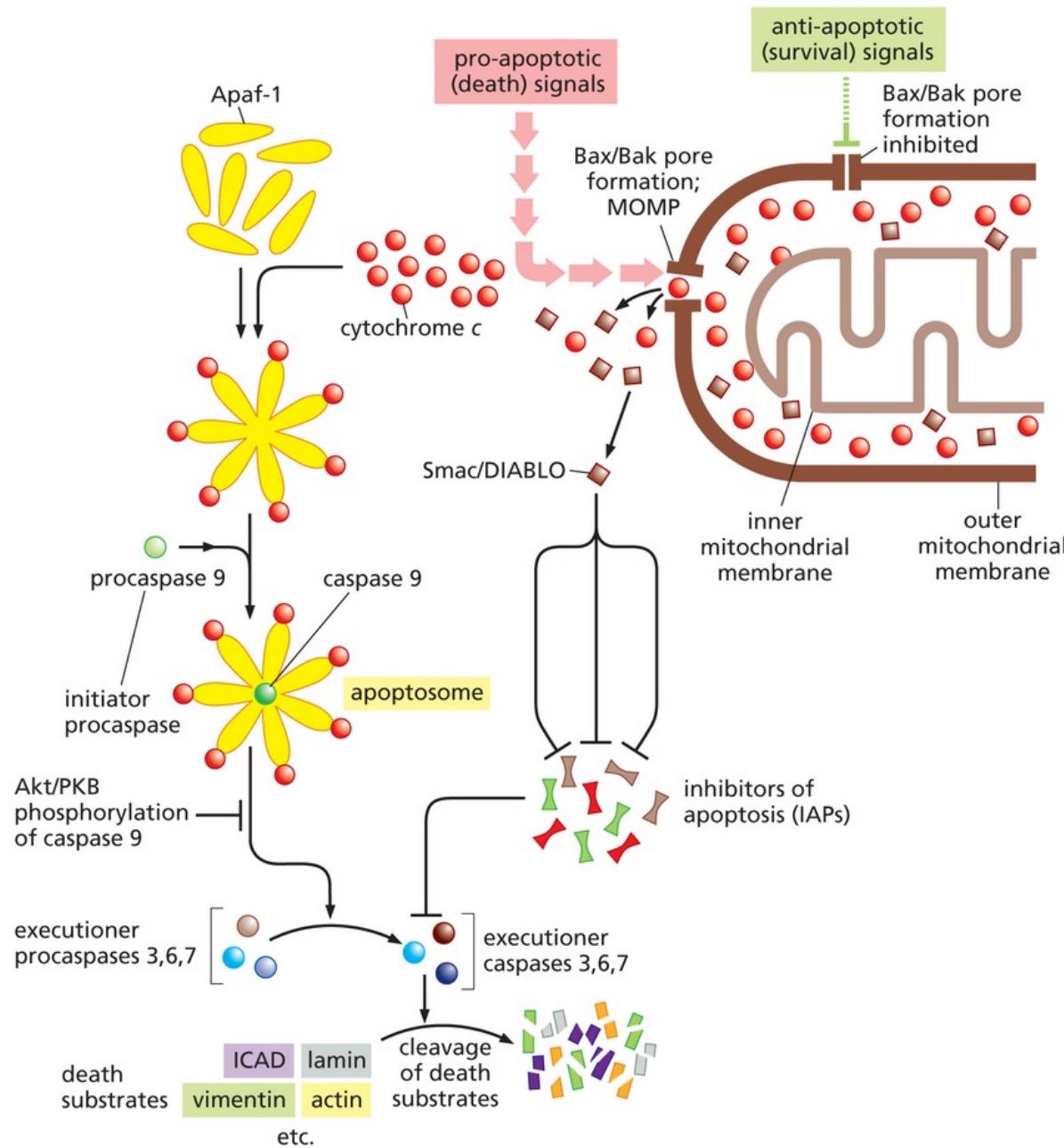


- Targeting the DED domain (procaspases 8/10 or FADD)

Flash & DEDD proteins → Stimulation of Apoptosis

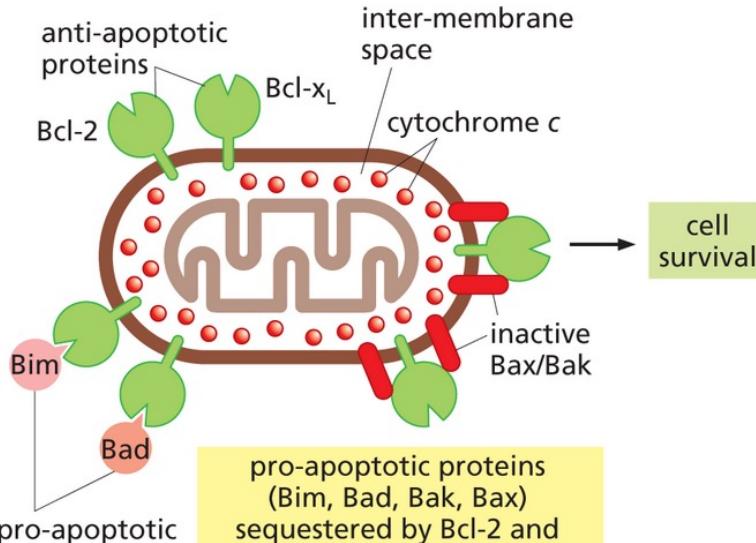
c-Flip → Inhibition of Apoptosis

# The mitochondrial death pathway



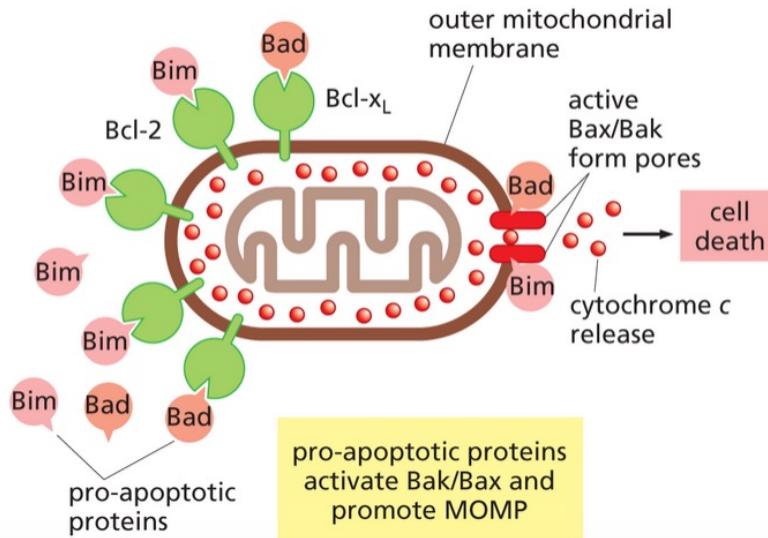
## Control of cytochrome c release by members of the Bcl2 family

under normal conditions, anti-apoptotic proteins predominate



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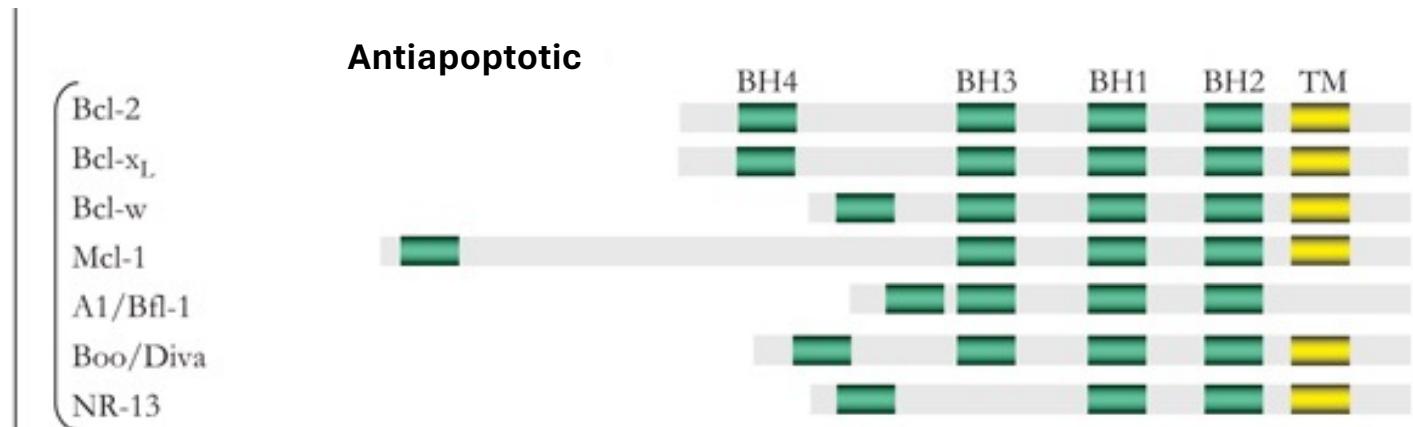
under stress conditions, pro-apoptotic proteins overwhelm anti-apoptotic proteins



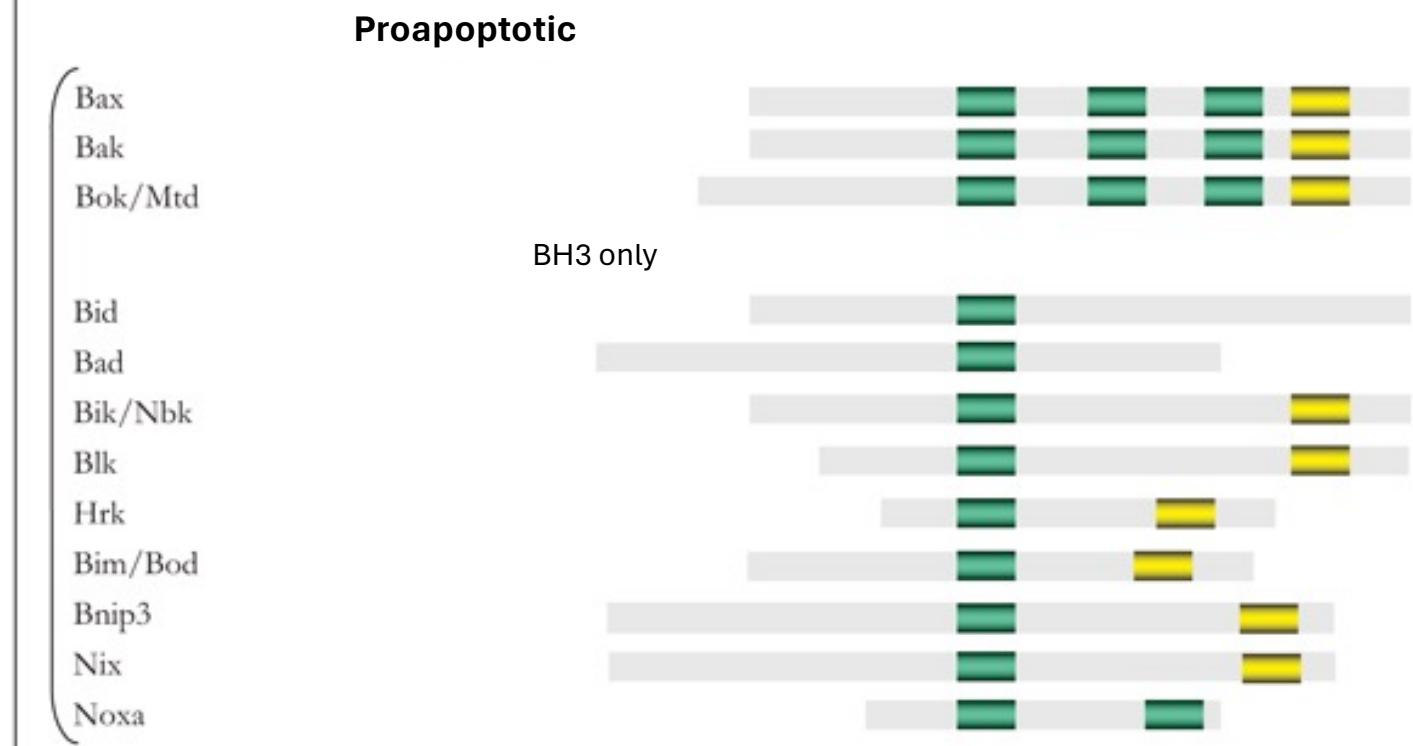
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## Members of the Bcl-2 family

**Antiapoptotic:**  
**Members with the BH4 domain**

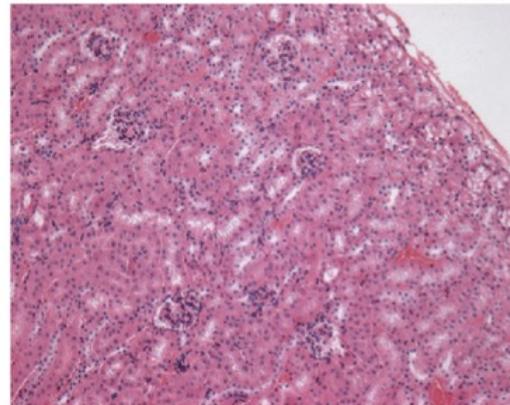


**Proapoptotic:**  
**Members lacking the BH4 domain**



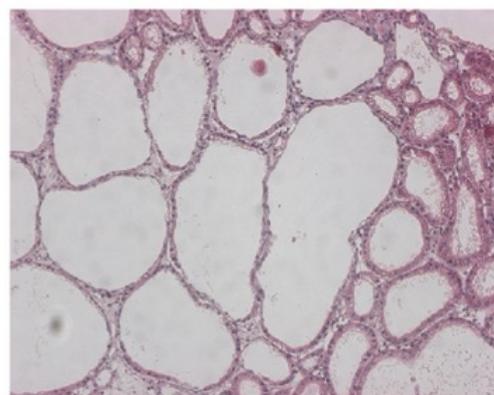
## The delicate balance between pro- and anti-apoptotic proteins

*wt, 5 wk*



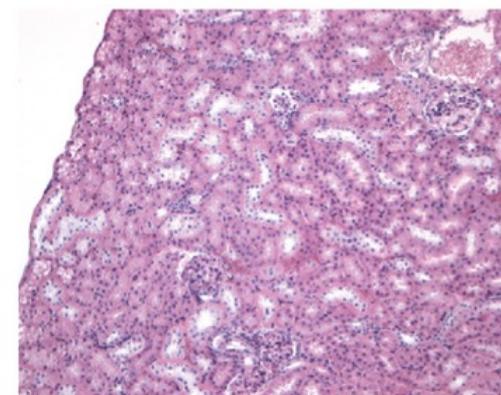
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*Bcl-2<sup>-/-</sup>, 5 wk*



(B)

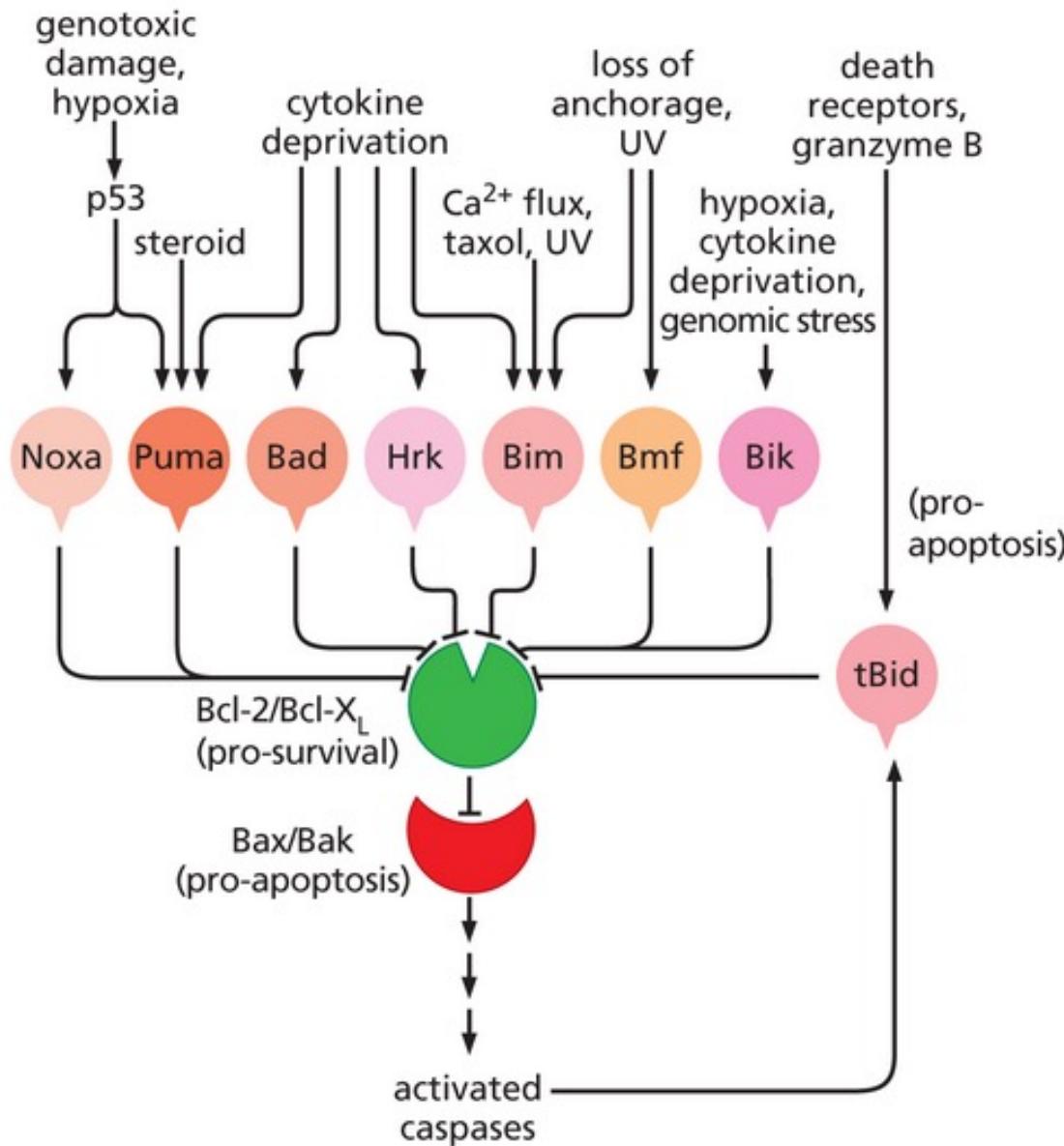
*Bcl-2<sup>-/-</sup> Bim-2<sup>+/-</sup>, 5 wk*



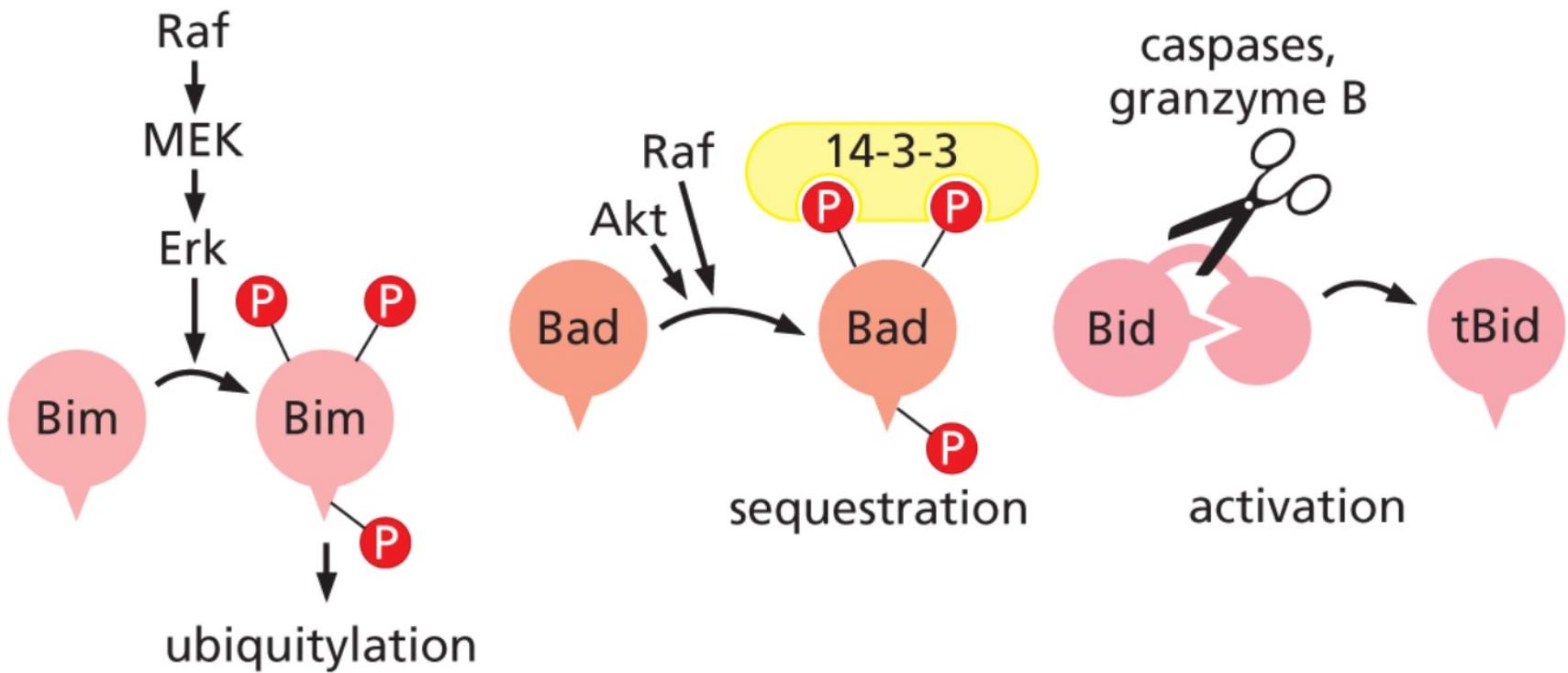
(C)

*Bcl2* KO mice exhibit widespread apoptosis and polycystic kidney disease!  
This phenotype can be rescued on a *Bim2+/-* background

## Various cell physiological stresses operate through different pro-apoptotic proteins to antagonize anti-apoptotic proteins

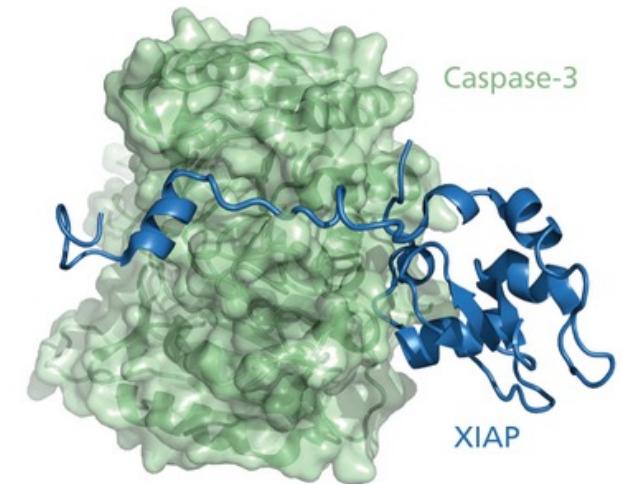
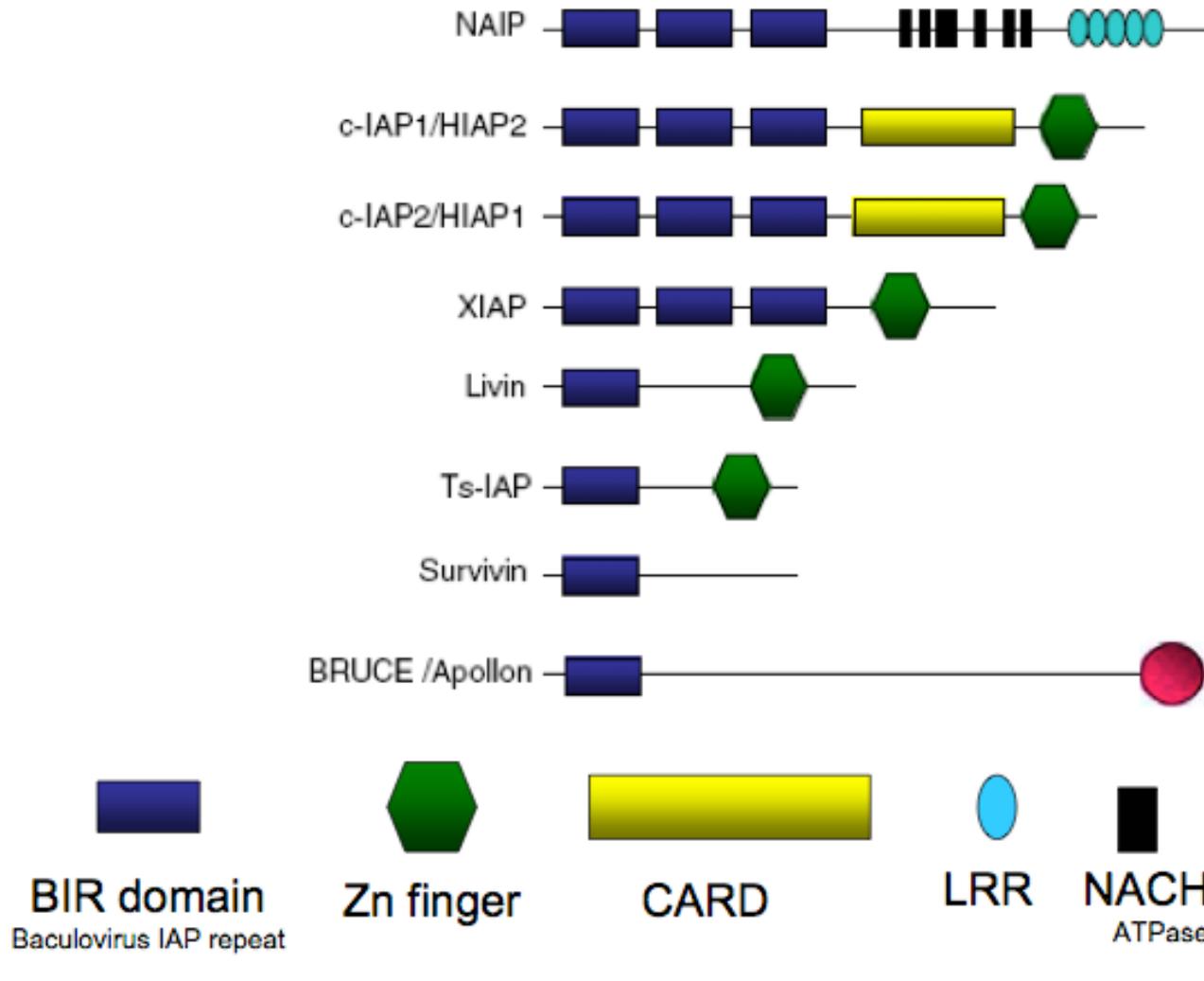


# The activities of pro-apoptotic proteins are controlled in multiple ways



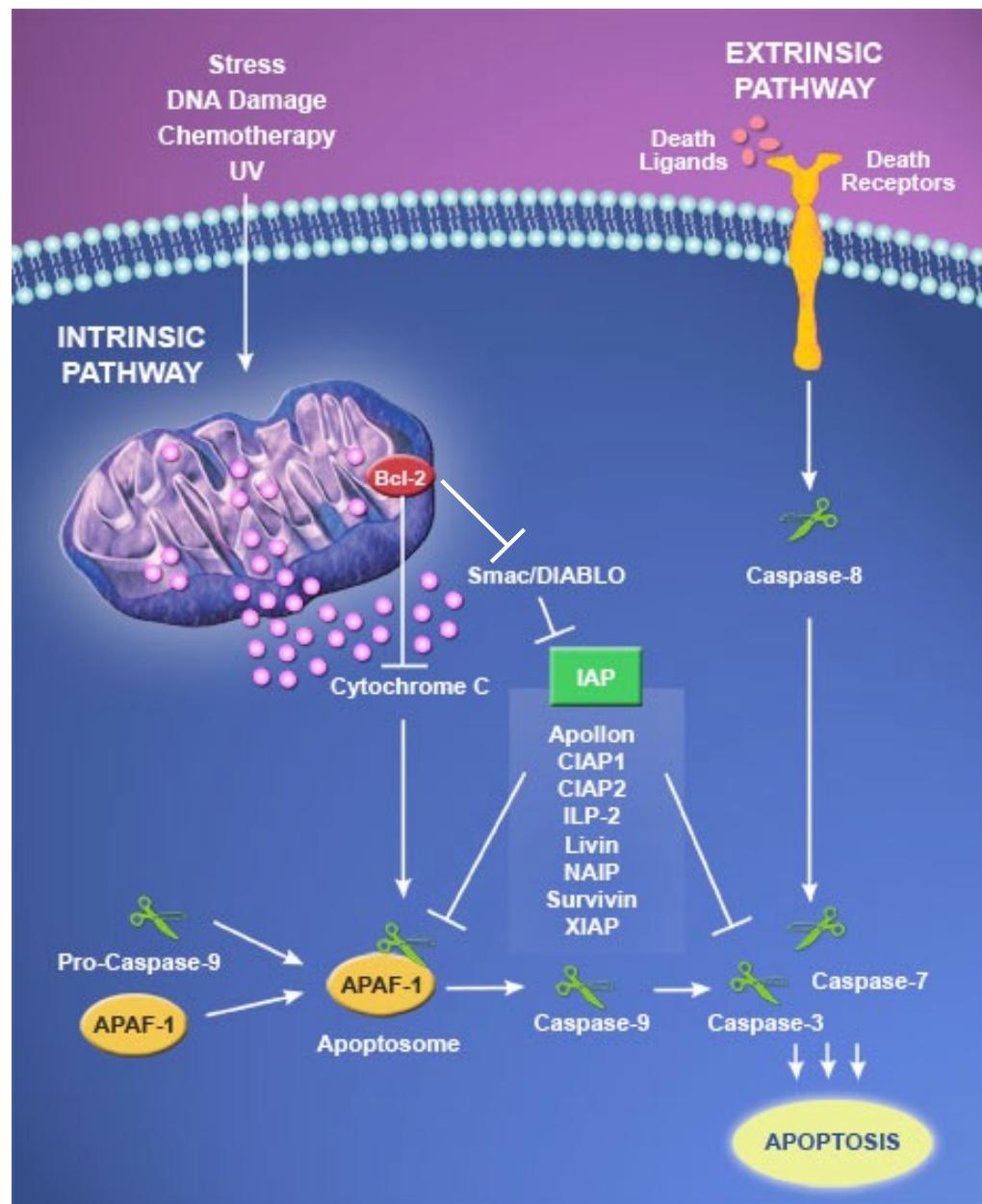
# IAP proteins bind to and inhibit caspases via their BIR domain

Members of IAP family in humans

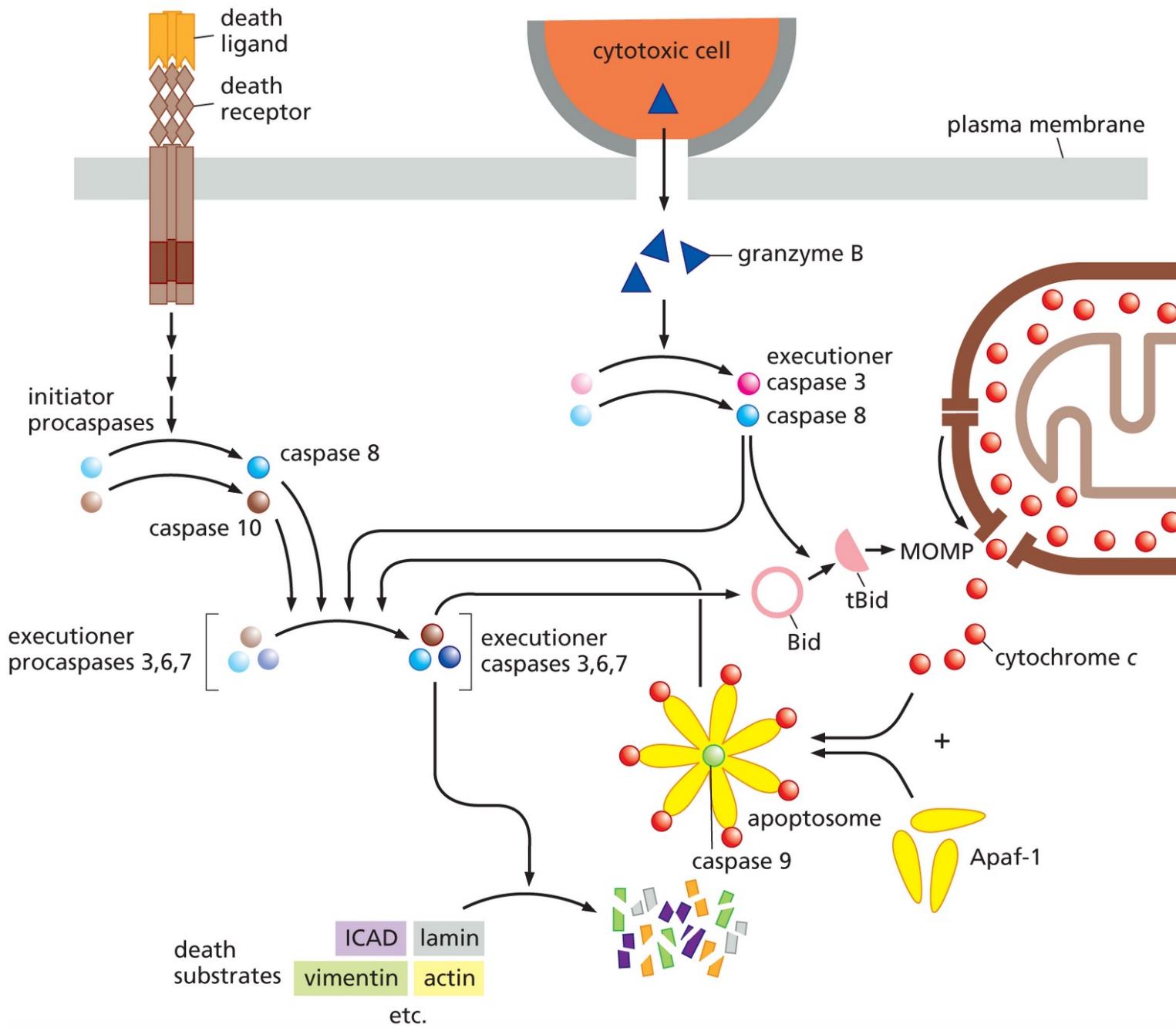


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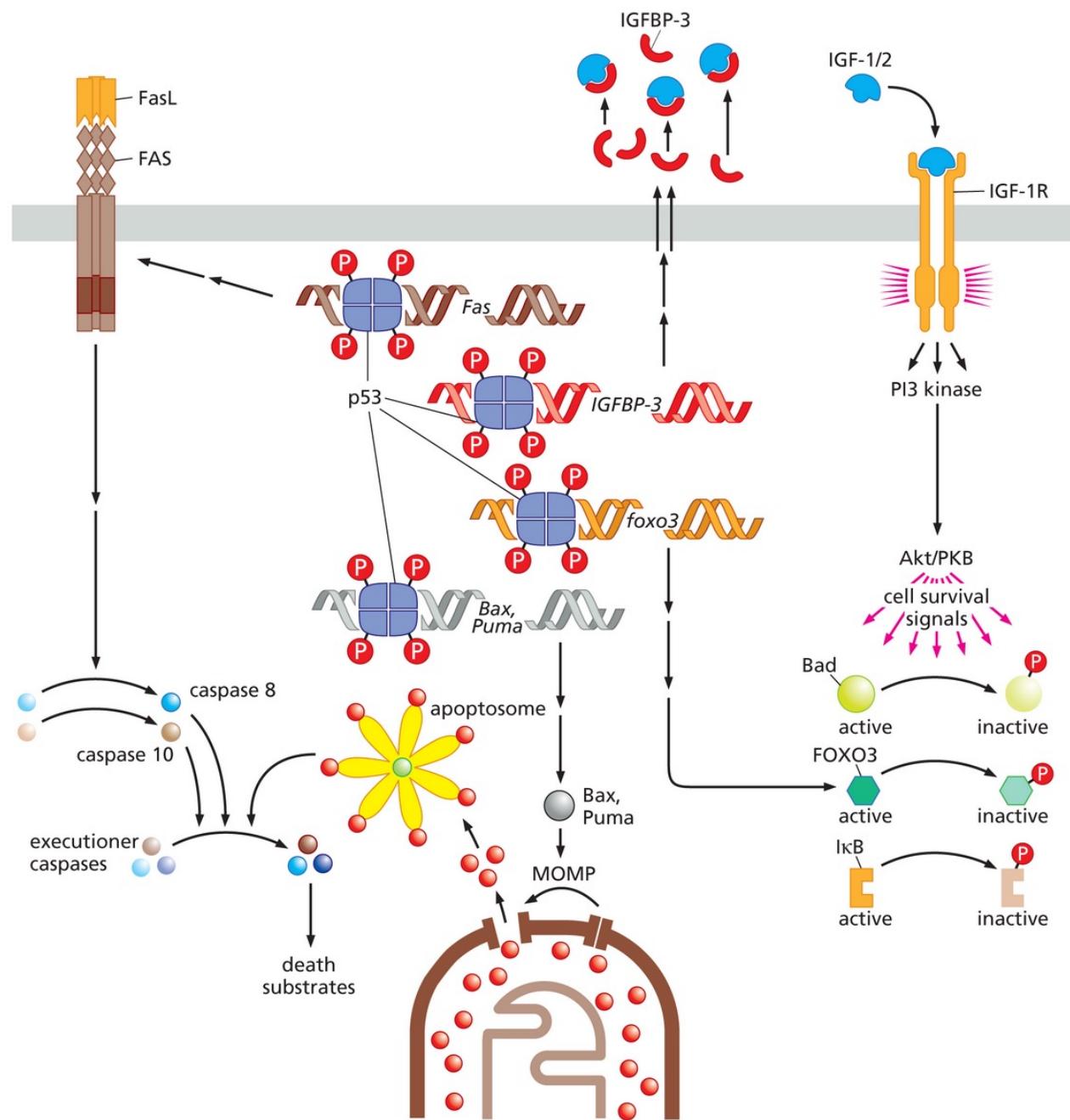
# Smac/Diablo is a mitochondrial pro-apoptotic protein that is released during apoptosis and inhibits IAP proteins

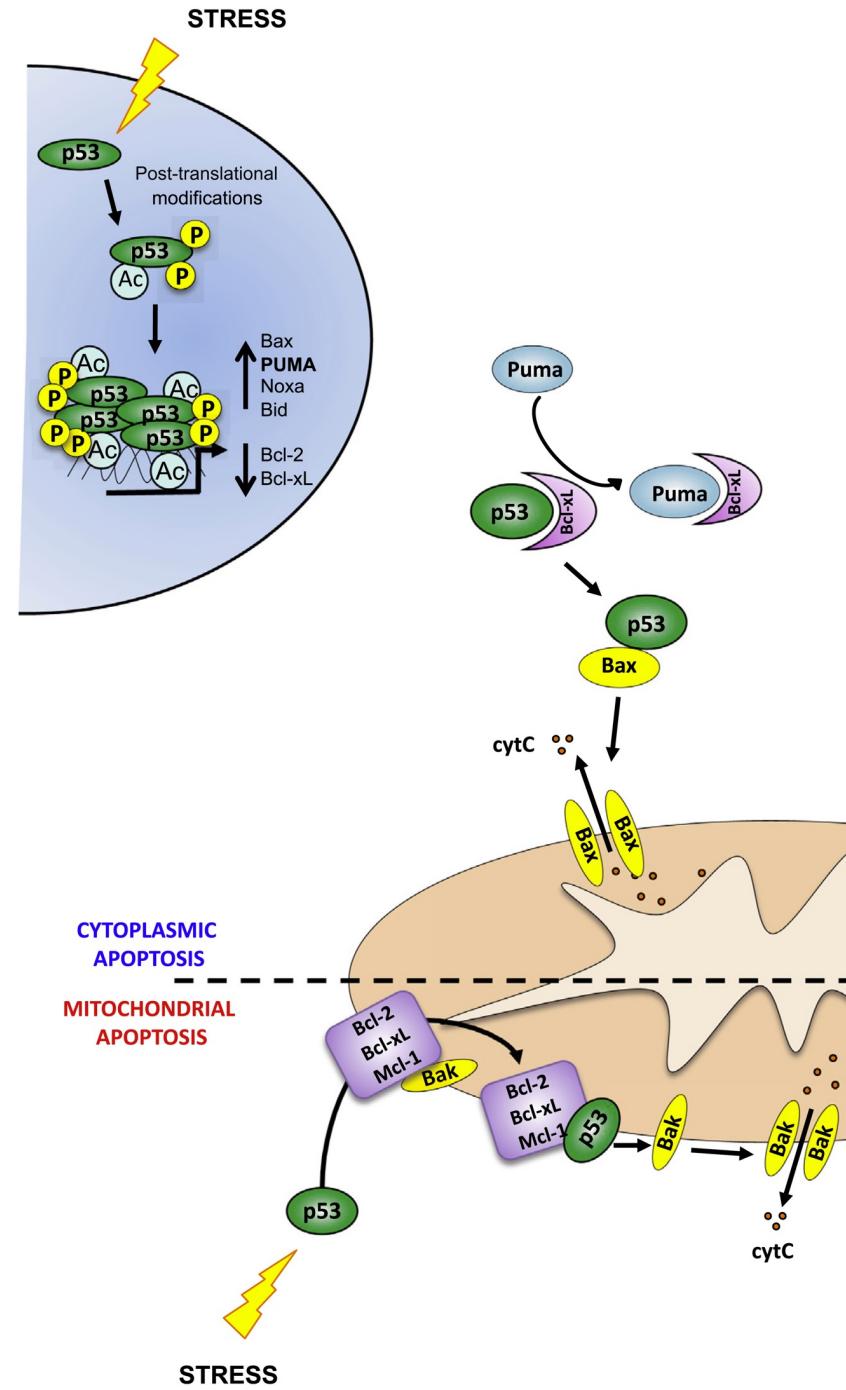


# Convergence of intrinsic and extrinsic apoptotic pathways



# Activation of apoptosis by p53

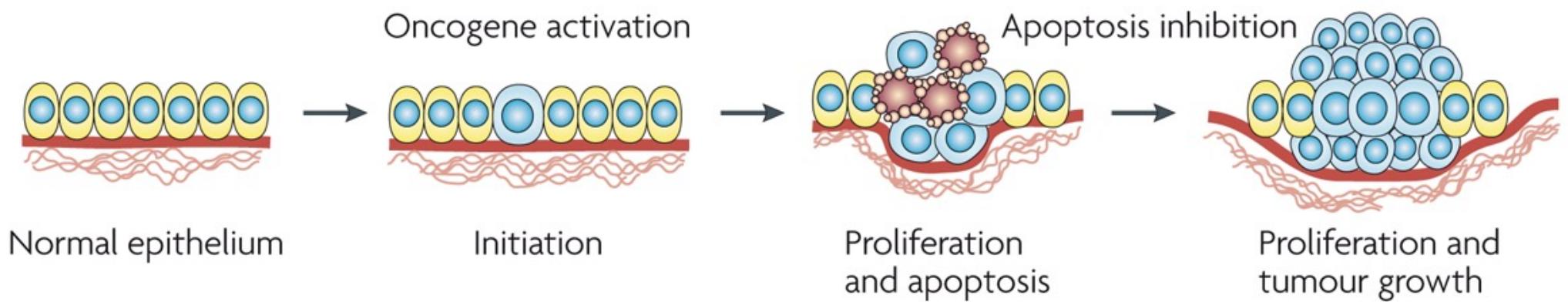




## Regulation of the mitochondrial pathway by p53

# **Apoptosis & Cancer**

# Apoptosis as a barrier against tumor development



## Apoptosis as a barrier against tumor development : First example

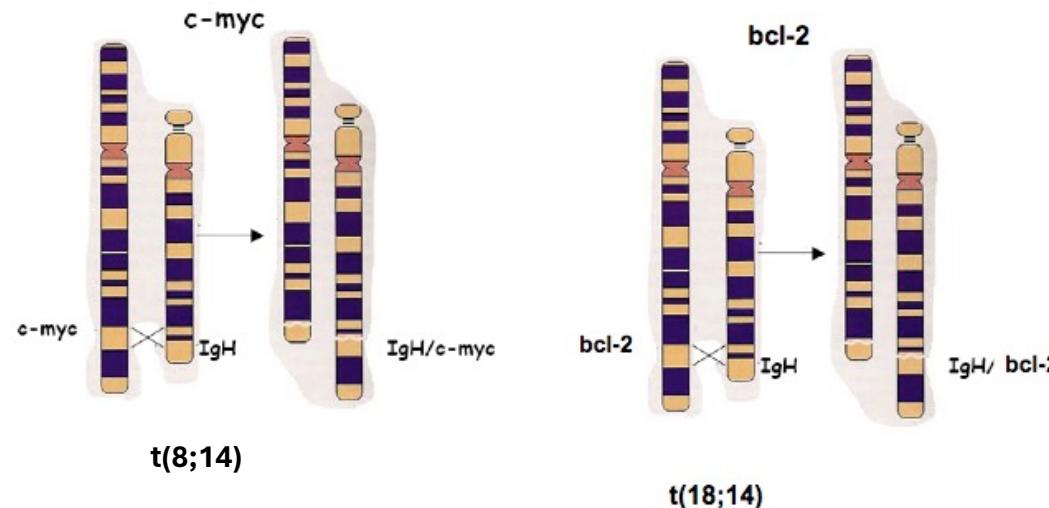
### Follicular lymphoma

- Deregulated growth of mature B lymphocytes

➤ Lymphatic node hyperplasia

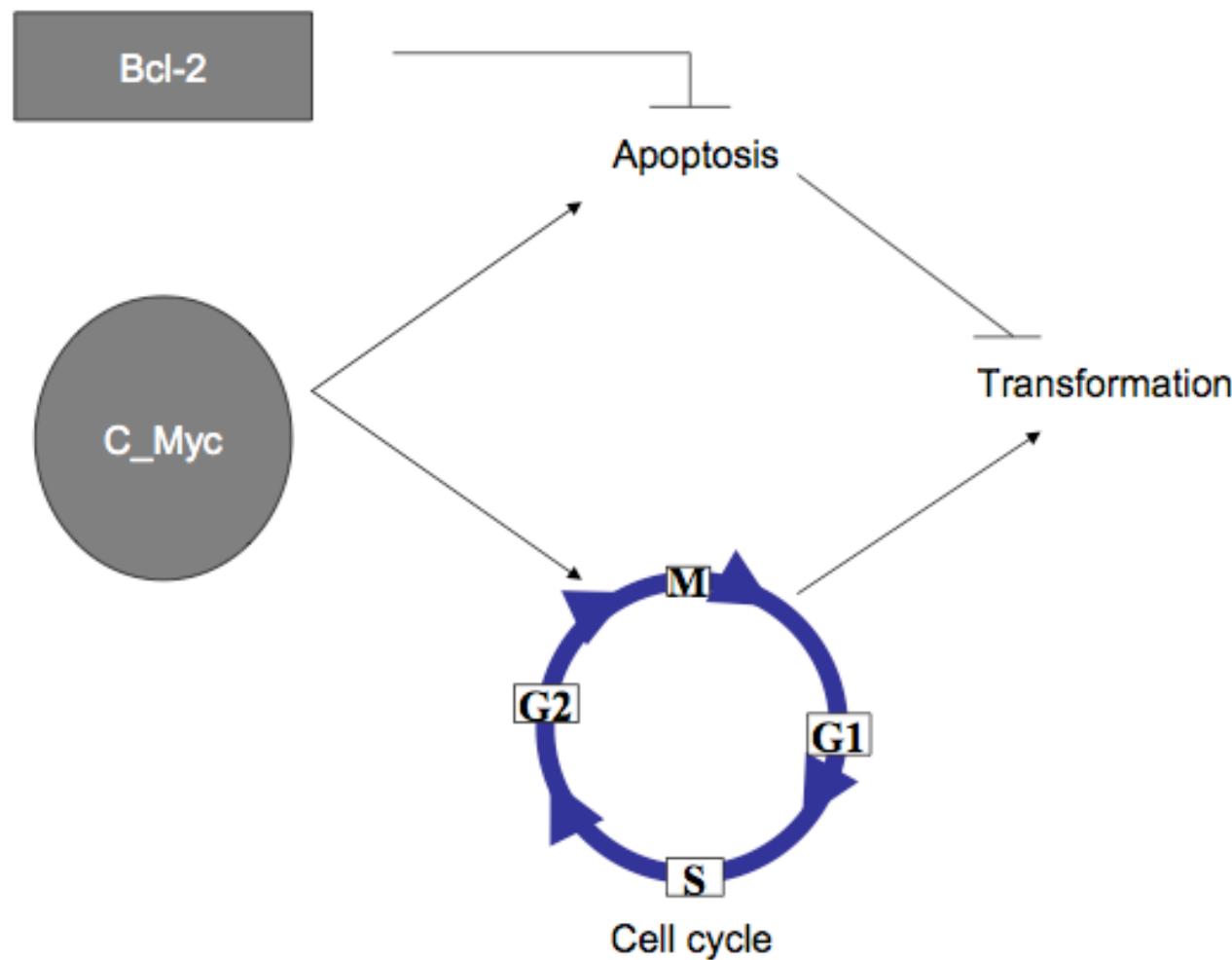
- Associated chromosome translocations :

$t(8;14)$ ;  $t(14;18)$ ;  $t(12;15)$



- Lymphomas with both  $t(8;14)$  and  $t(18;14)$  translocations are more aggressive.

Collaboration between Bcl-2 and c-Myc in cell transformation (Evan, 1992)



## Apoptosis as a barrier against tumor development : Second example

Deletion of the mouse *sept4* gene which encodes the IAP antagonist ARTS leads to spontaneous hematopoietic malignancies.

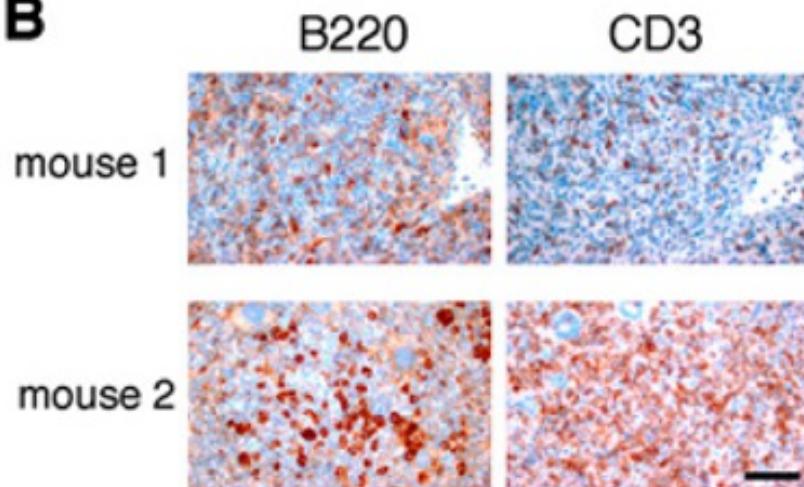
**A**

Genotype (n)	No significant findings (%)	Lymphoid pathology		Others (%)
		Mild/mod (%)	Severe	
<i>Sept4</i> <sup>+/+</sup> (10)	30	70	0	0
<i>Sept4</i> <sup>+/-</sup> (12)	16.6	66.7	8.4	8.3
<i>Sept4</i> <sup>-/-</sup> (13)	15.3	46.2	38.5	0

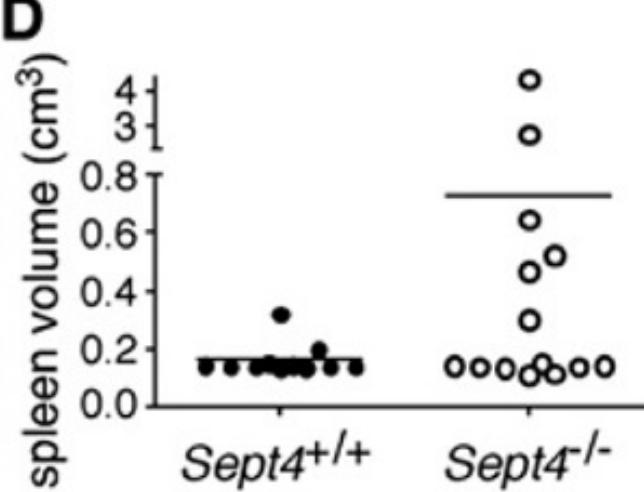
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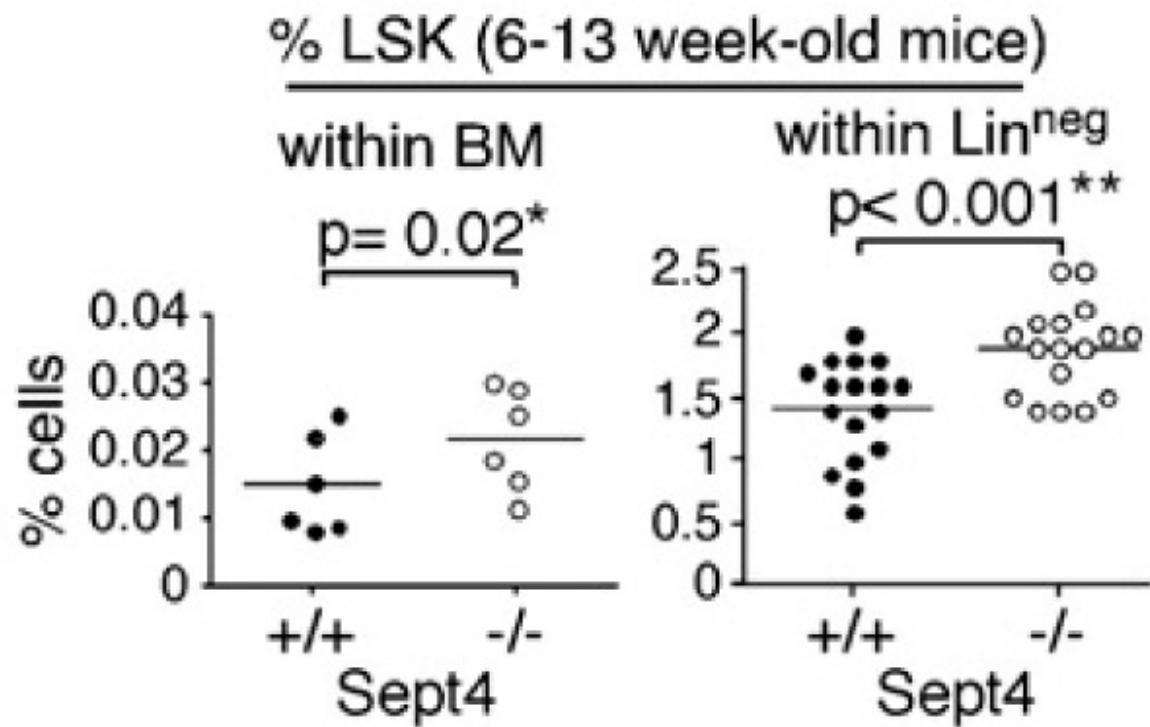
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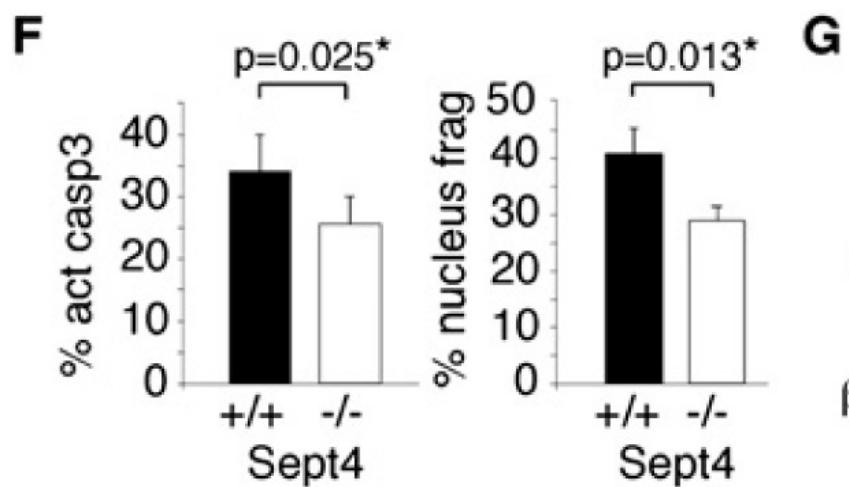
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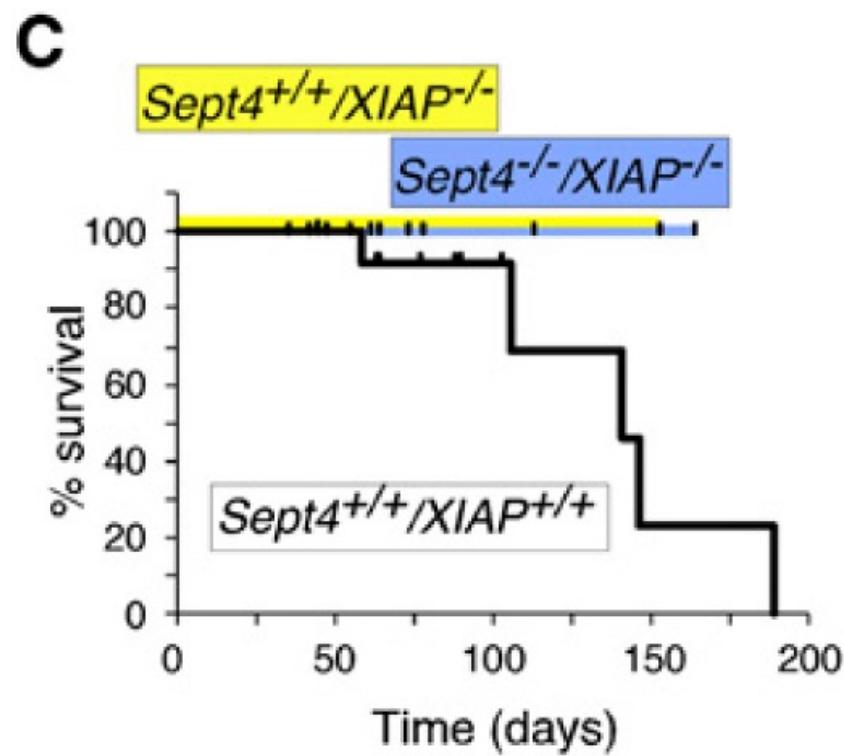
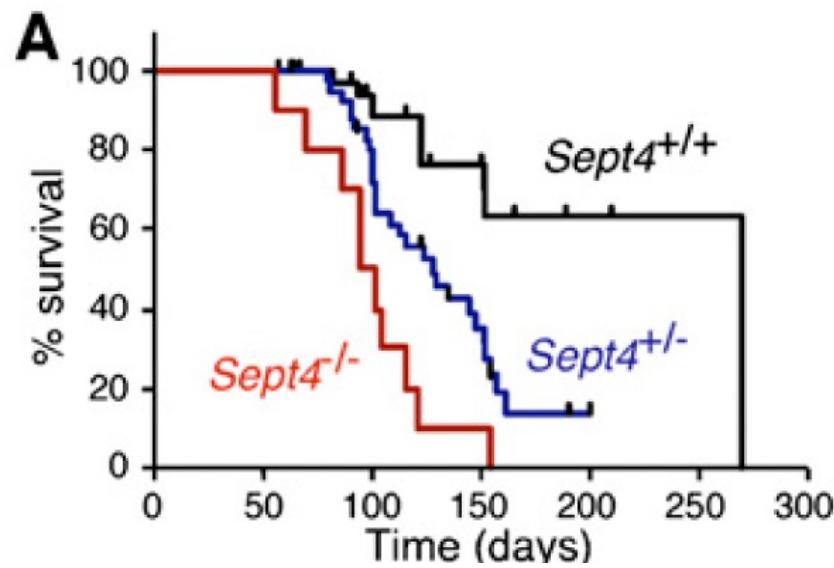
*Sept4*-null mice have increased numbers of hematopoietic stem and progenitor cells.



*Sept4*-null progenitors exhibit elevated XIAP protein and increased resistance to cell death.

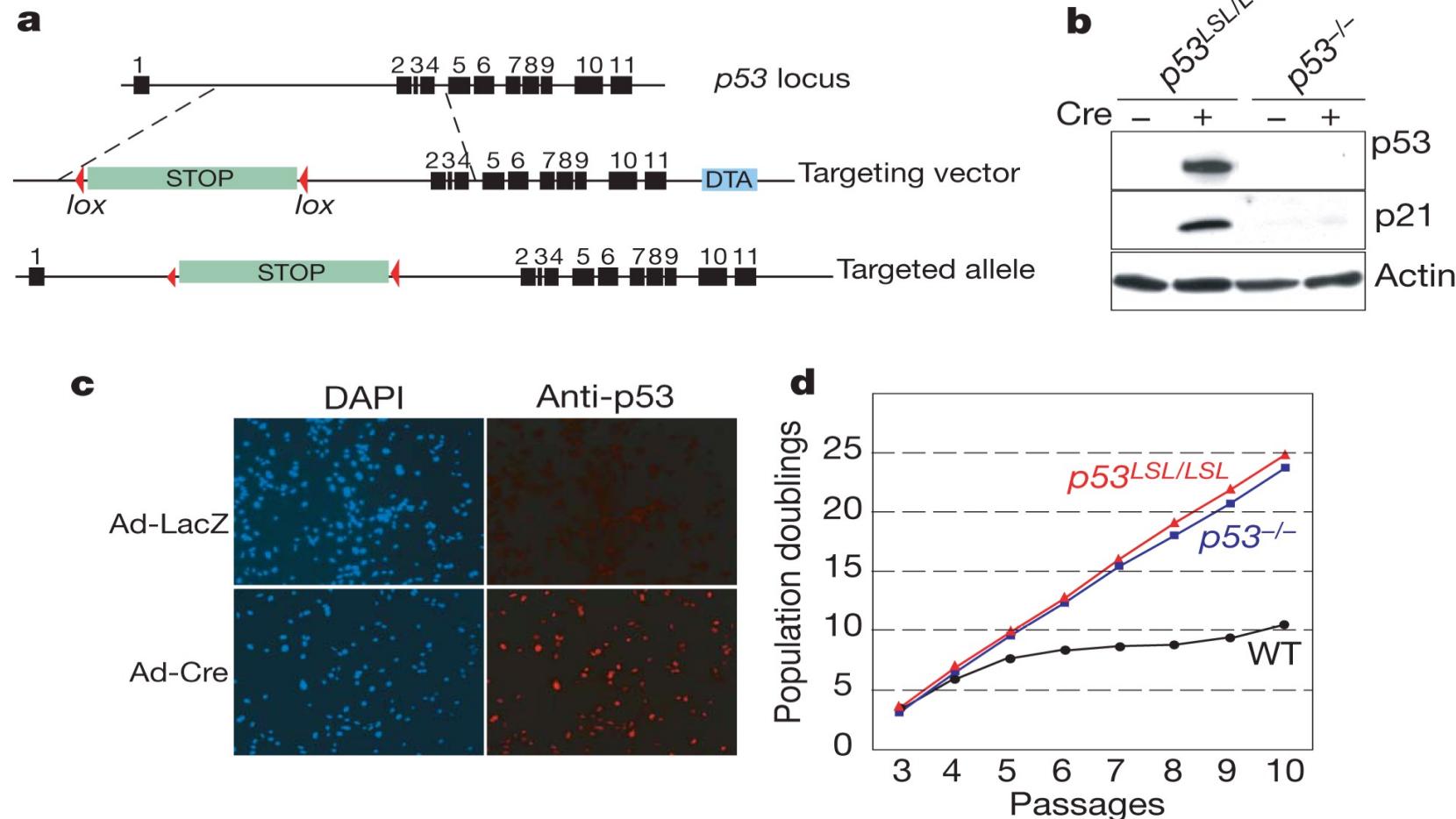


*Sept4*-null mice exhibit accelerated tumor development in an E $\mu$ -Myc background.

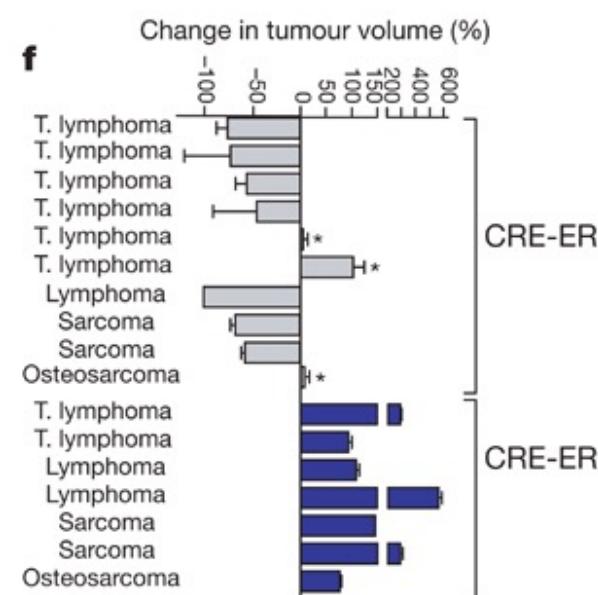
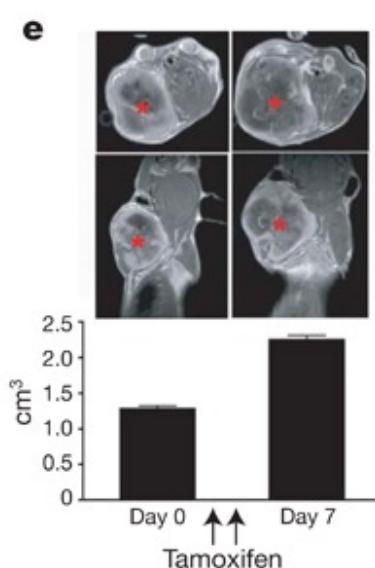
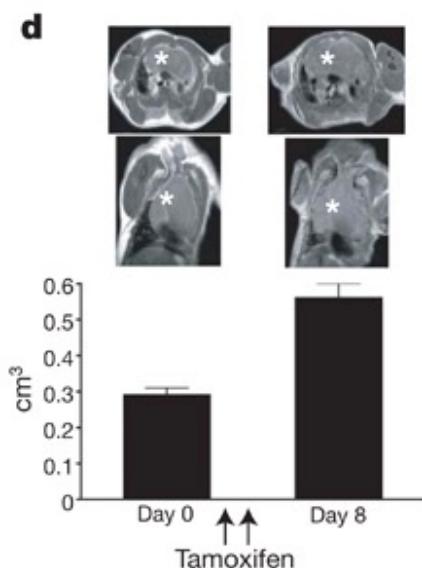
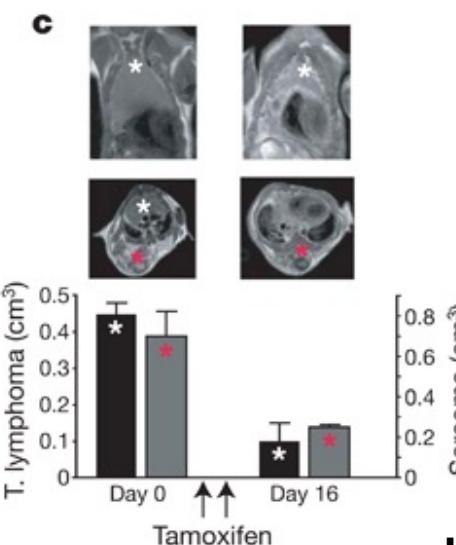
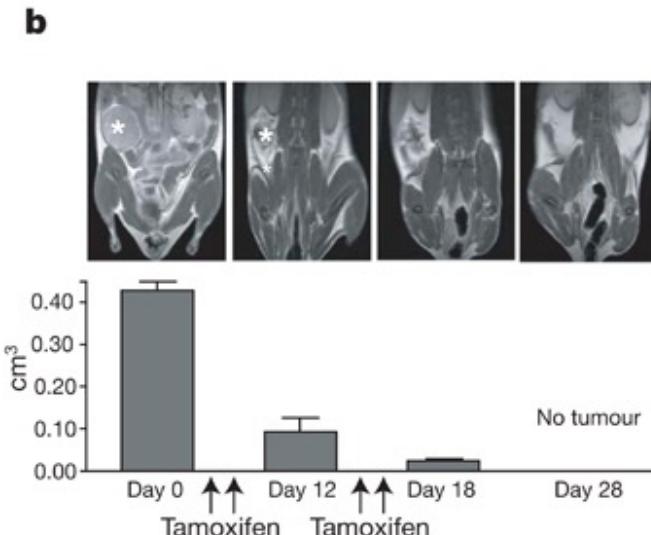
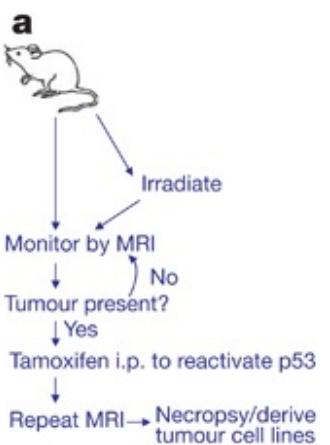


## Apoptosis as a barrier against tumor development : Third example

### A reactivable allele of p53 in mice



# In vivo tumor regression after p53 reactivation



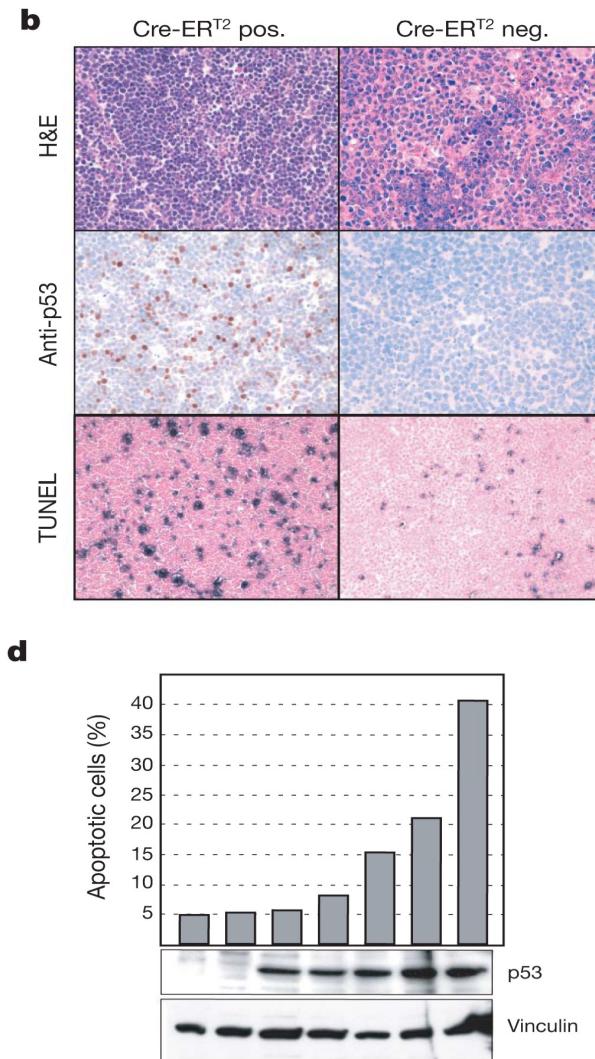
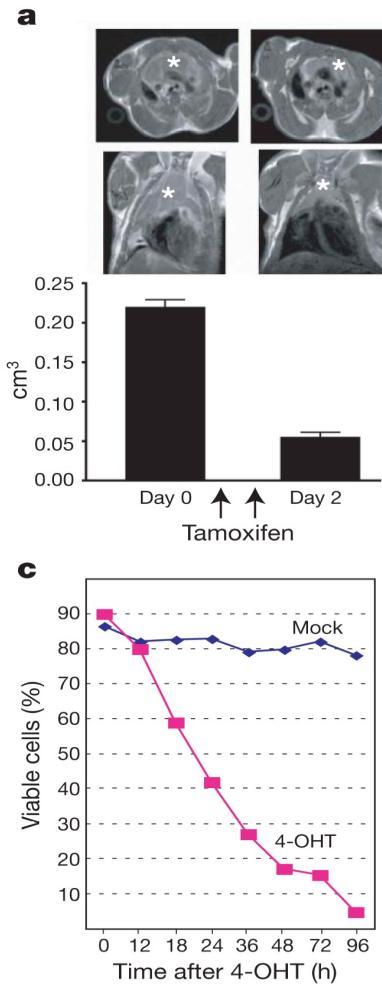
**b & c: p53-LSL; Cre-ER<sup>T2</sup>**

**d & e: p53-LSL**

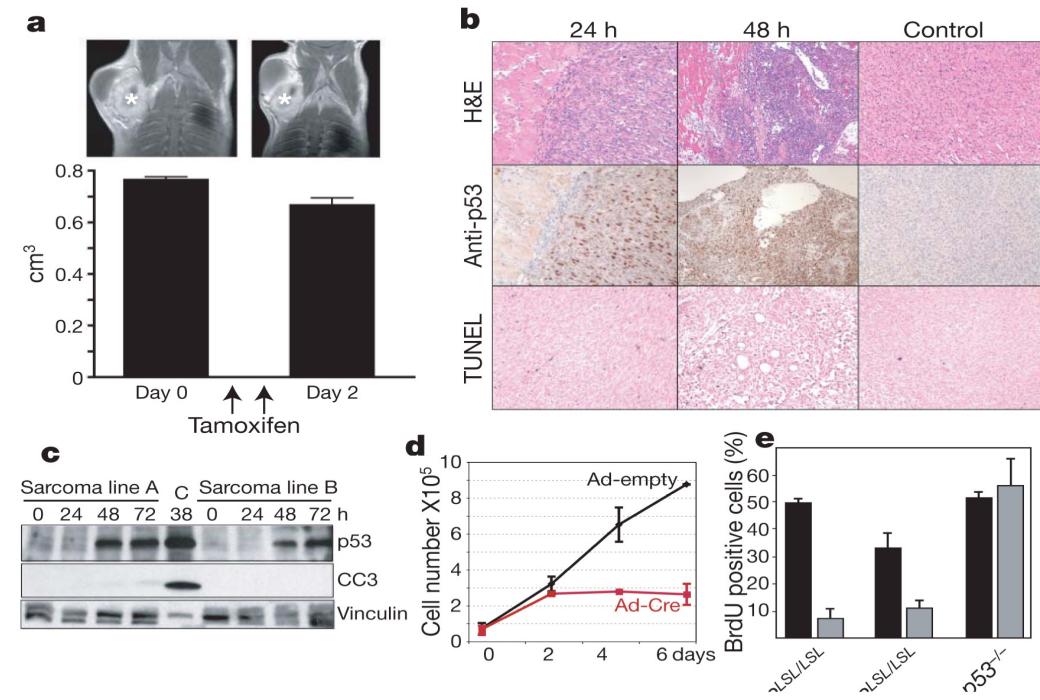
\* lymphome  
\* sarcome

Tiré de Ventura et al, Nature, 2007.

# Regression mechanism depends on the tumor type.

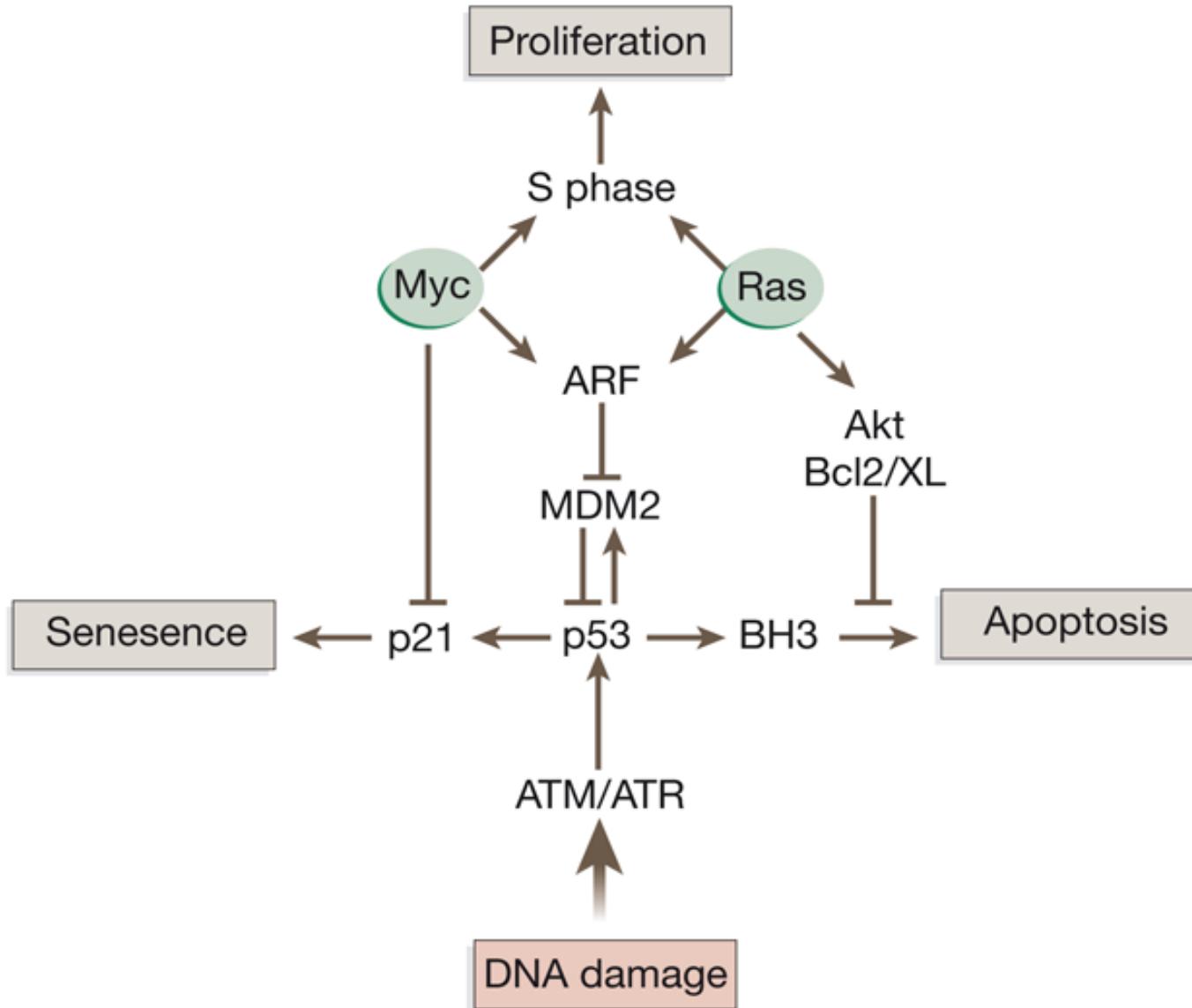


**p53 restoration in lymphomas leads to apoptosis.**

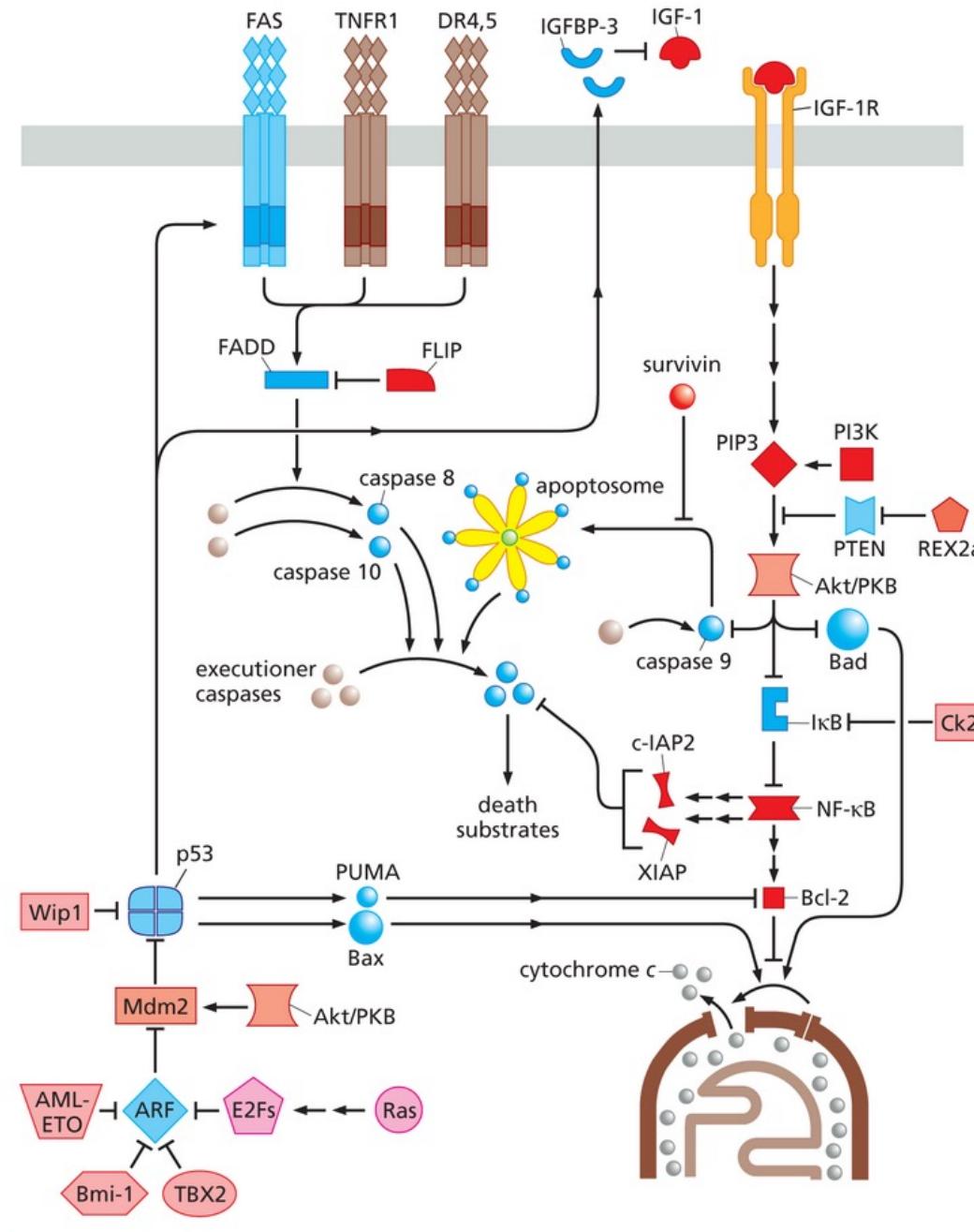


**p53 restoration in sarcomas leads to growth suppression**

# Cooperation between Myc and Ras



# Anti-apoptotic strategies used by cancer cells

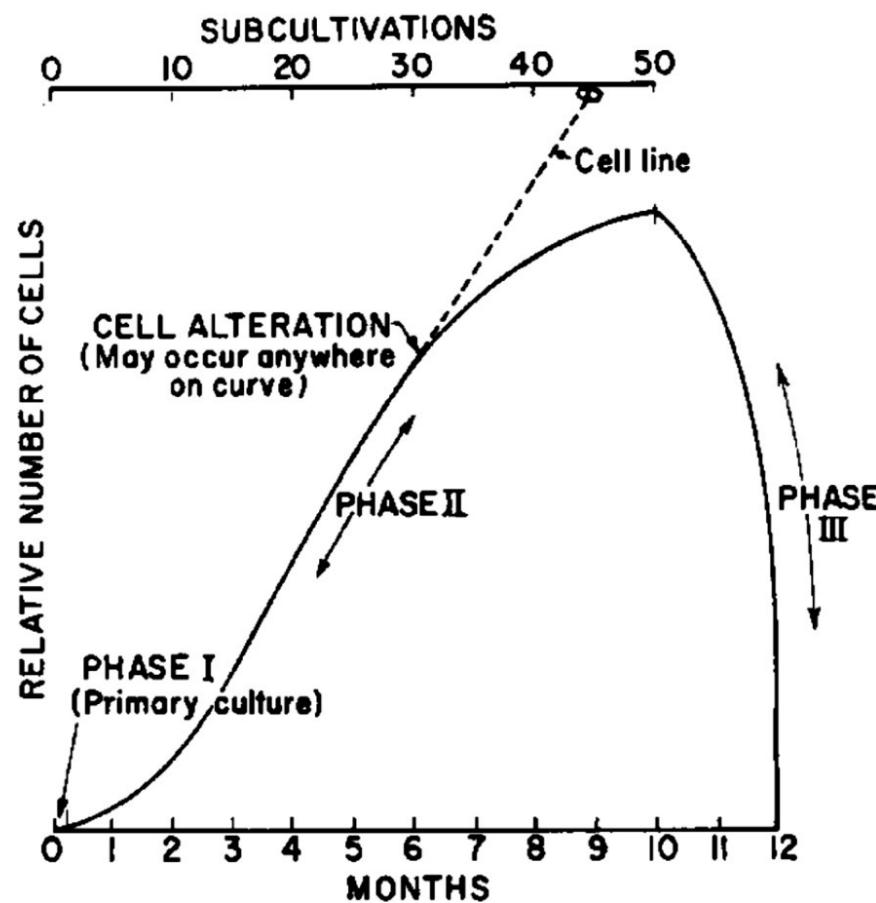
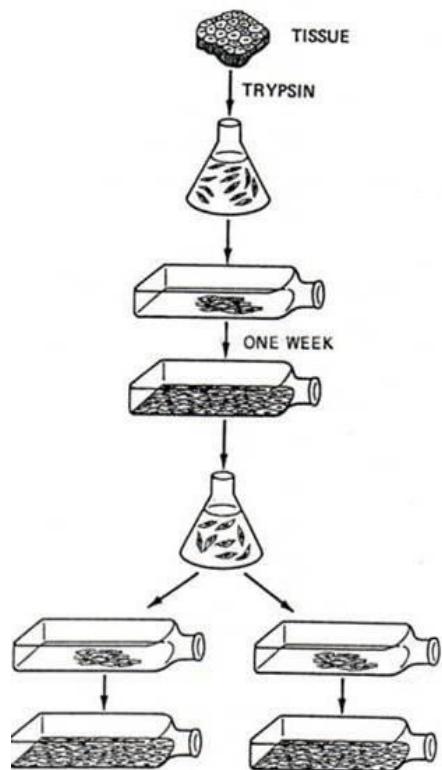


**Table 9.4** Examples of anti-apoptotic alterations found in human tumor cells

Alteration	Mechanism of anti-apoptotic action	Types of tumors
CASP8 promoter methylation	inactivation of extrinsic cascade	SCLC, pediatric tumors
CASP3 repression	inactivation of executioner caspase	breast carcinomas
Survivin overexpression <sup>a</sup>	caspase inhibitor	mesotheliomas, many carcinomas
ERK activation	repression of caspase 8 expression	many types
ERK activation	protection of Bcl-2 from degradation	many types
Raf activation	sequestration of Bad by 14-3-3 proteins	many types
PI3K mutation/activation	activation of Akt/PKB	gastrointestinal
NF-κB constitutive activation <sup>b</sup>	induction of anti-apoptotic genes	many types
p53 mutation	loss of ability to induce pro-apoptotic genes	many types
p14 <sup>ARF</sup> gene inactivation	suppression of p53 levels	many types
Mdm2 overexpression	suppression of p53 levels	sarcomas
IAP-1 gene amplification	antagonist of caspases 3 and 7	esophageal, cervical
APAF1 methylation	loss of caspase 9 activation by cytochrome c	melanomas
BAX mutation	loss of pro-apoptotic protein	colon carcinomas
Bcl-2 overexpression	closes mitochondrial channel	~½ of human tumors
PTEN inactivation	hyperactivity of Akt/PKB kinase	glioblastoma, prostate carcinoma, endometrial carcinoma
IGF-1/2 overexpression	activates PI3K	many types
IGFBP repression	loss of anti-apoptotic IGF-1/2 antagonist	many types
Casein kinase II overexpression	activation of NF-κB	many types
TNFR1 methylation	repressed expression of death receptor	Wilms tumor
FLIP overexpression	inhibition of caspase 8 activation by death receptors	melanomas, many others
Akt/PKB activation	phosphorylation and inactivation of pro-apoptotic Bcl-2-like proteins	many types
USP9X overexpression	deubiquitylates Mcl-1	lymphomas
STAT3 activation	induces expression of Bcl-X <sub>L</sub>	several types
TRAIL-R1 repression	loss of responsiveness to death ligand	small-cell lung carcinoma
FAP-1 overexpression	inhibition of FAS receptor signaling	pancreatic carcinoma
XAF1 methylation <sup>c</sup>	loss of inhibition of anti-apoptotic XIAP	gastric carcinoma
Wip1 overexpression <sup>d</sup>	suppression of p53 activation	breast and ovarian carcinomas, neuroblastoma

## **II/ Echapper à la sénescence réplicative**

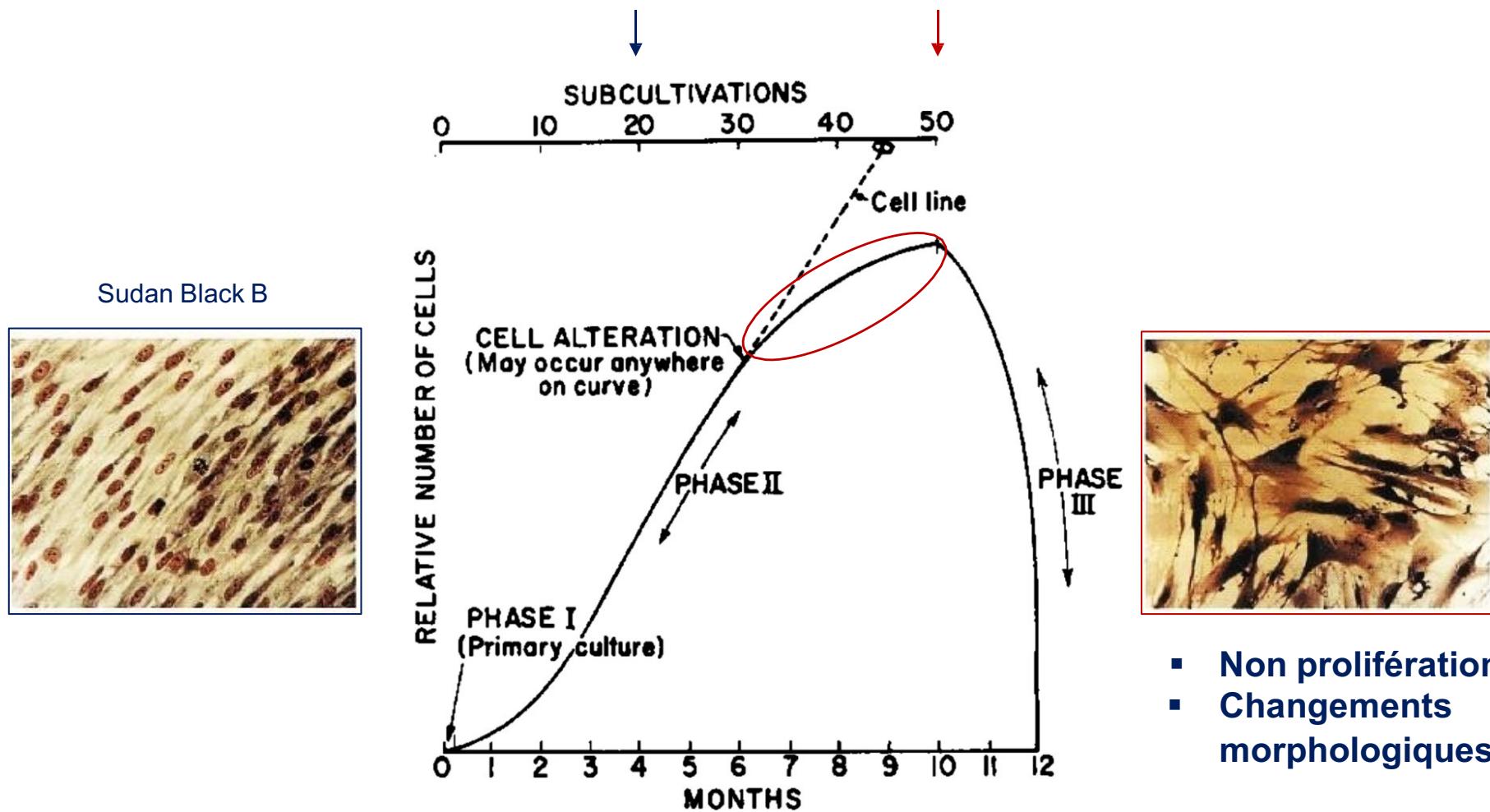
# SÉNESCENCE RÉPLICATIVE : LA LIMITÉ DE HAYFLICK



Hayflick & Moorhead, 1961

LES CELLULES PRIMAIRES ONT UN POTENTIEL DE DIVISION LIMITÉ (HORLOGE MOLÉCULAIRE ?

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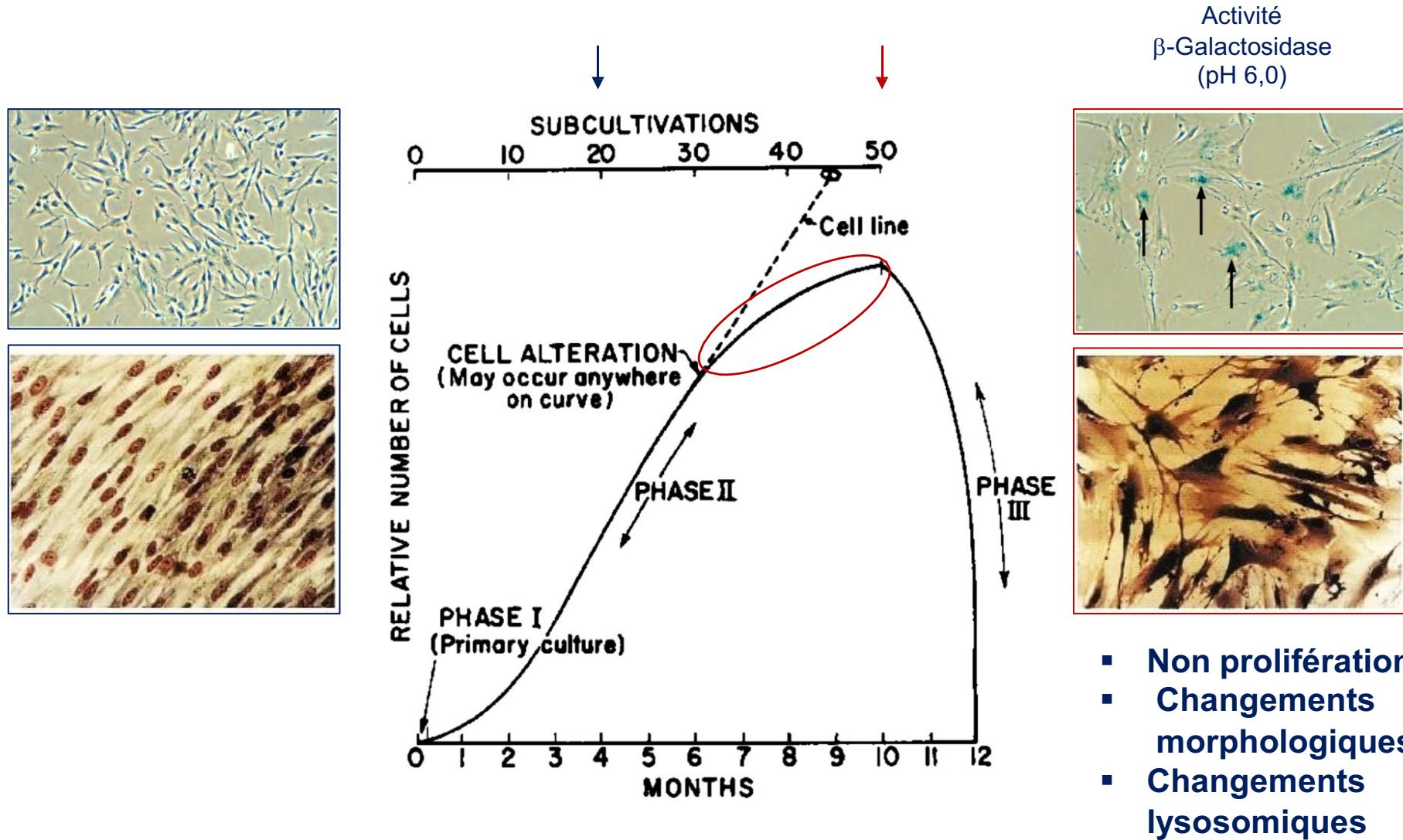
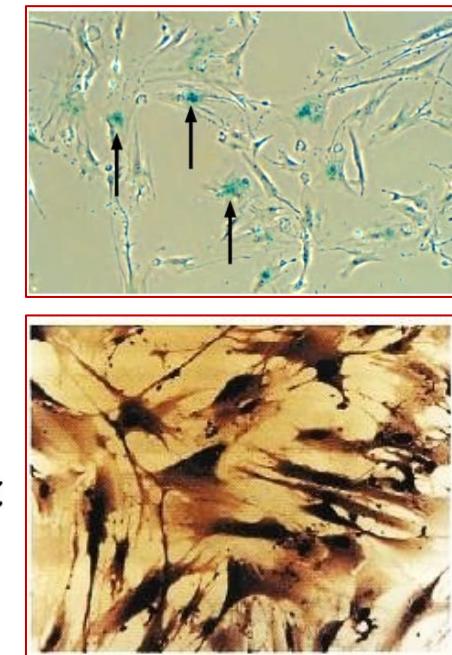
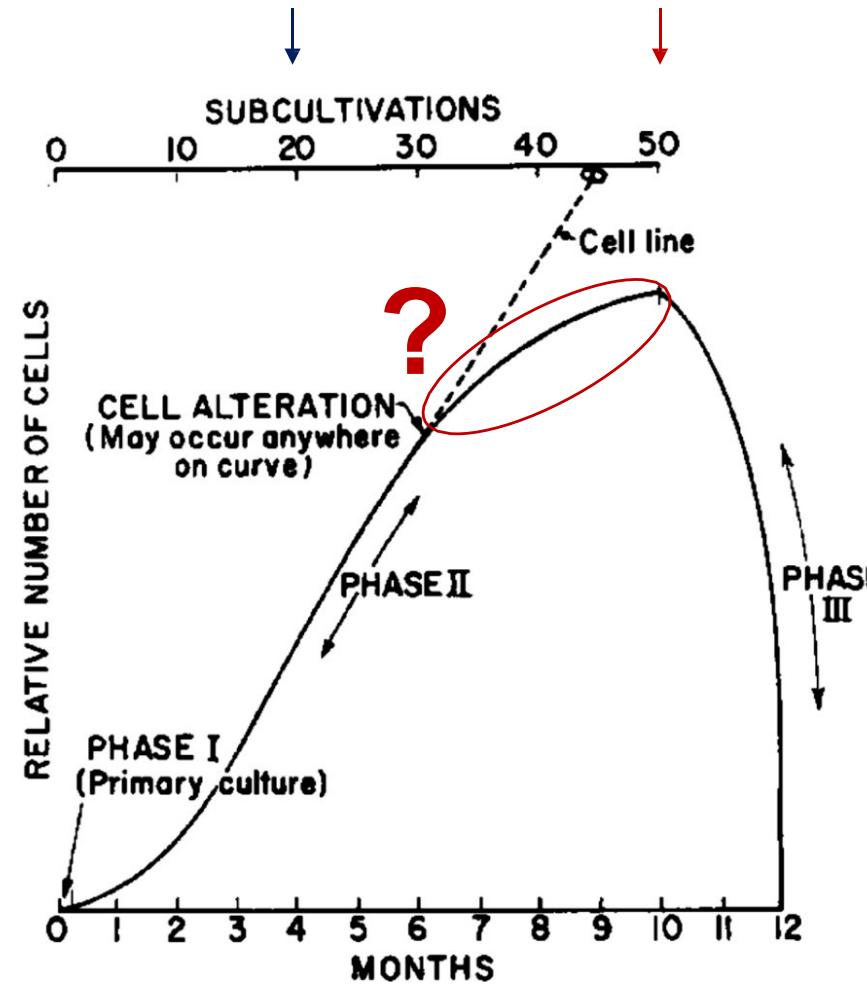
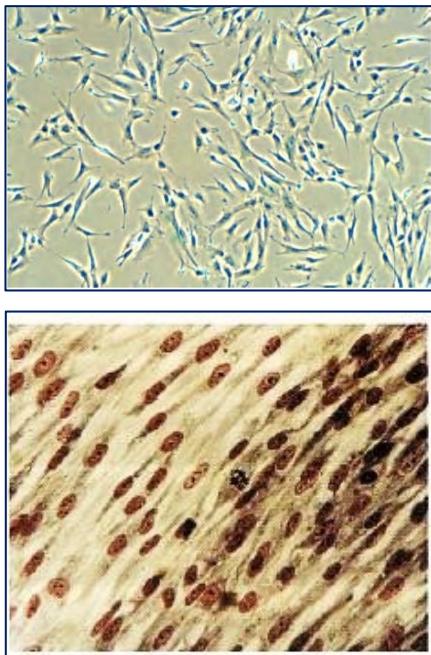


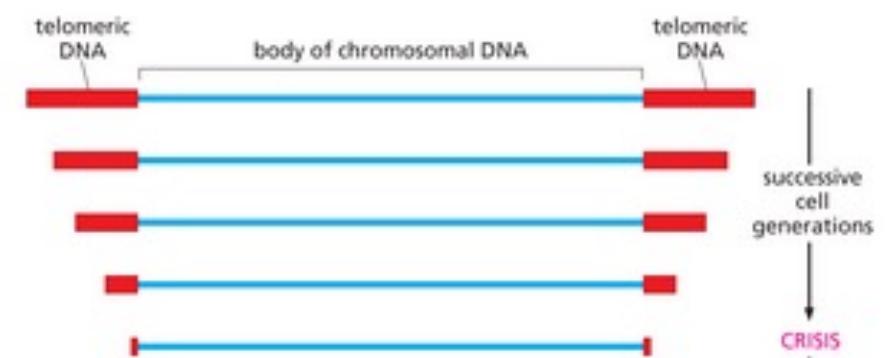
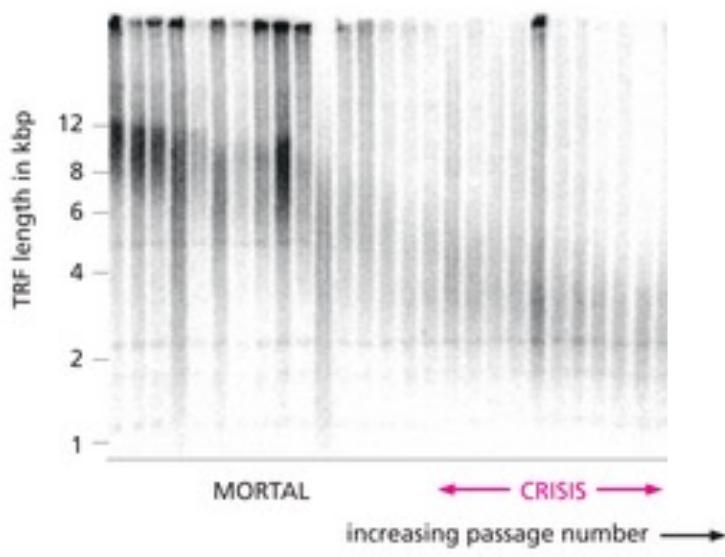
Fig.10.3 *The Biology of Cancer*, 2014

# SÉNESCENCE RÉPLICATIVE : CARACTÉRISTIQUES DES CELLULES SÉNESCENTES



- Non prolifération
- Changements morphologiques
- Changements lysosomiques

## Les télomères raccourcissent au fur et à mesure des cycles de divisions cellulaires



# Les télomères protègent les extrémités des chromosomes

Les télomères sont composés de séquences d'ADN répétées associées avec des Protéines spécifiques des télomères (Shelterin complex), des histones et des protéines régulatrices qui protègent les extrémités de la voie de réponse aux dommages de l'ADN (DDR)

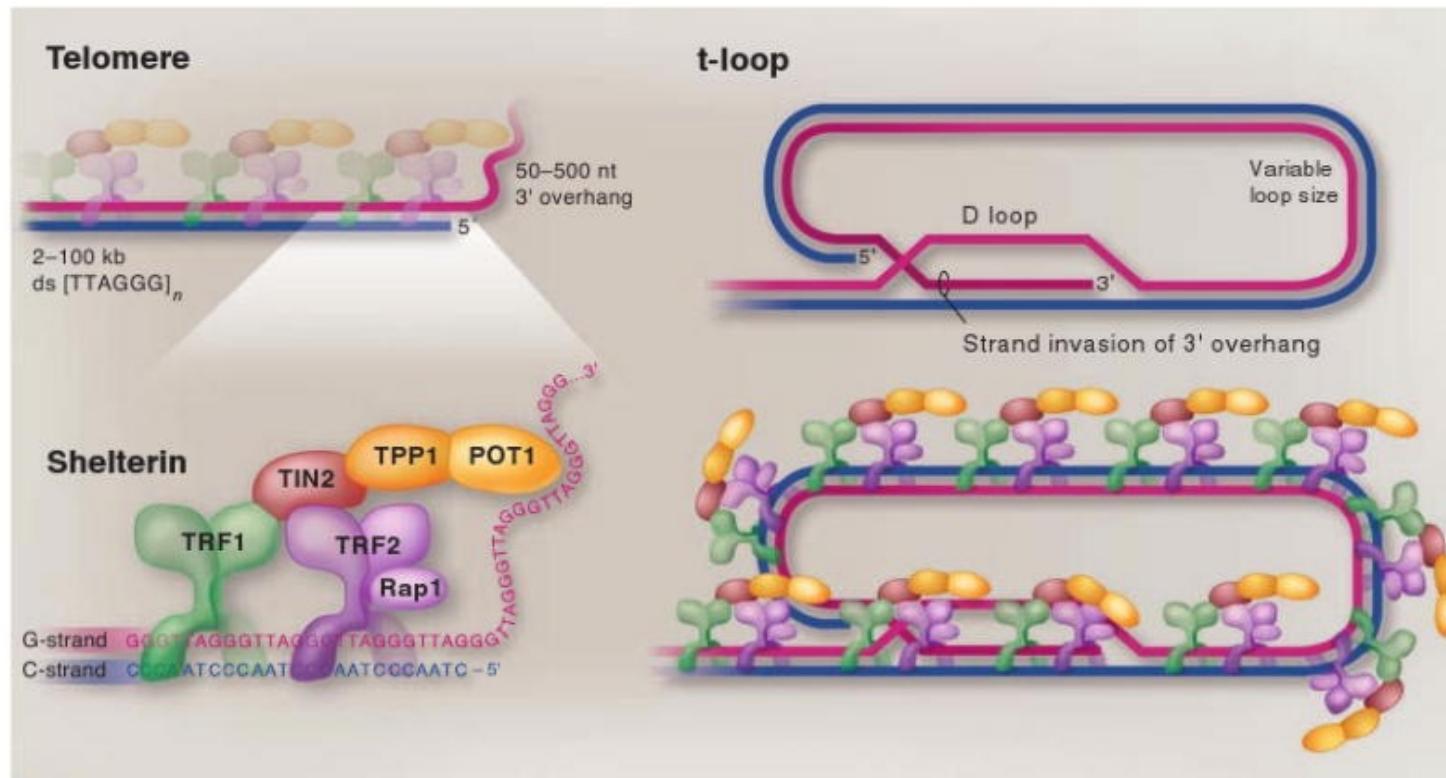


Figure: Mammalian telomeres are protected by the shelterin complex composed of 6 proteins: TRF1, TRF2, RAP1, TIN2, TPP1 and POT1.

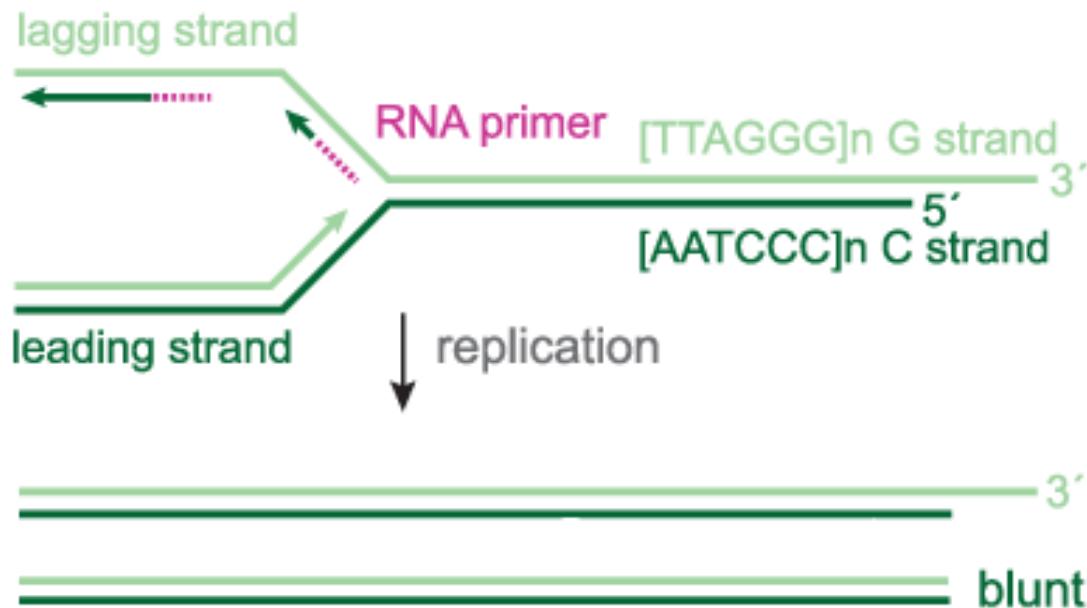
The T-loop structure present at some telomeres in dividing cells also contributes to the capping function since it hides the 3' extremity in the heteroduplex.

Not shown is the telomeric RNA (TERRA) which can associate with telomeres and may provide a structural/protective role.

*de Lange, Science 2009*

## Mécanismes d'érosion des télomères liés à la réPLICATION

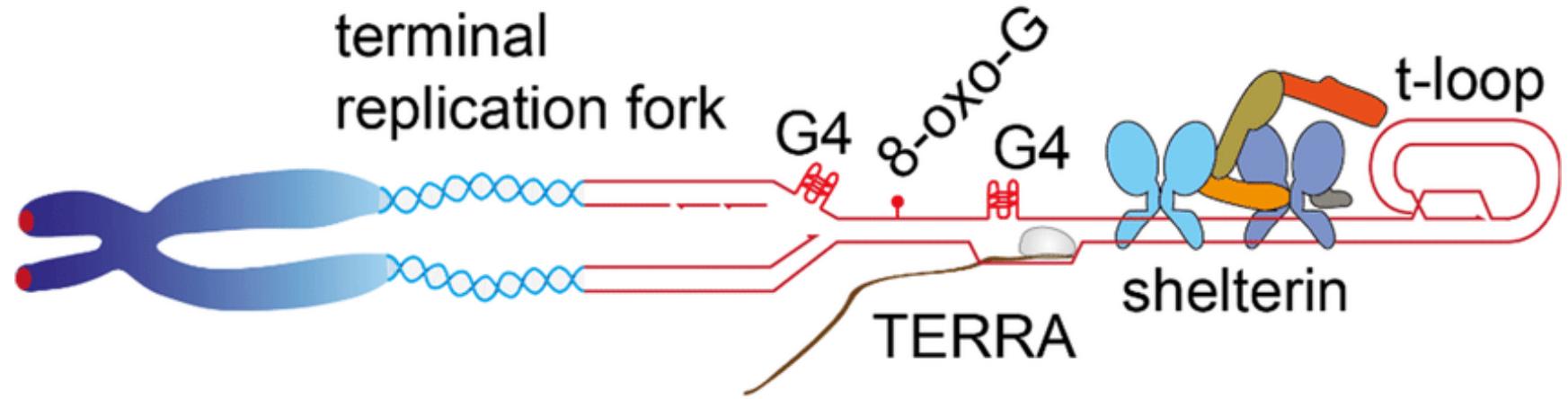
# Telomere end-replication problem



La synthèse du brin discontinu est incomplète.

Télomères raccourcissent d'environ 25-50 pb par cycle cellulaire.

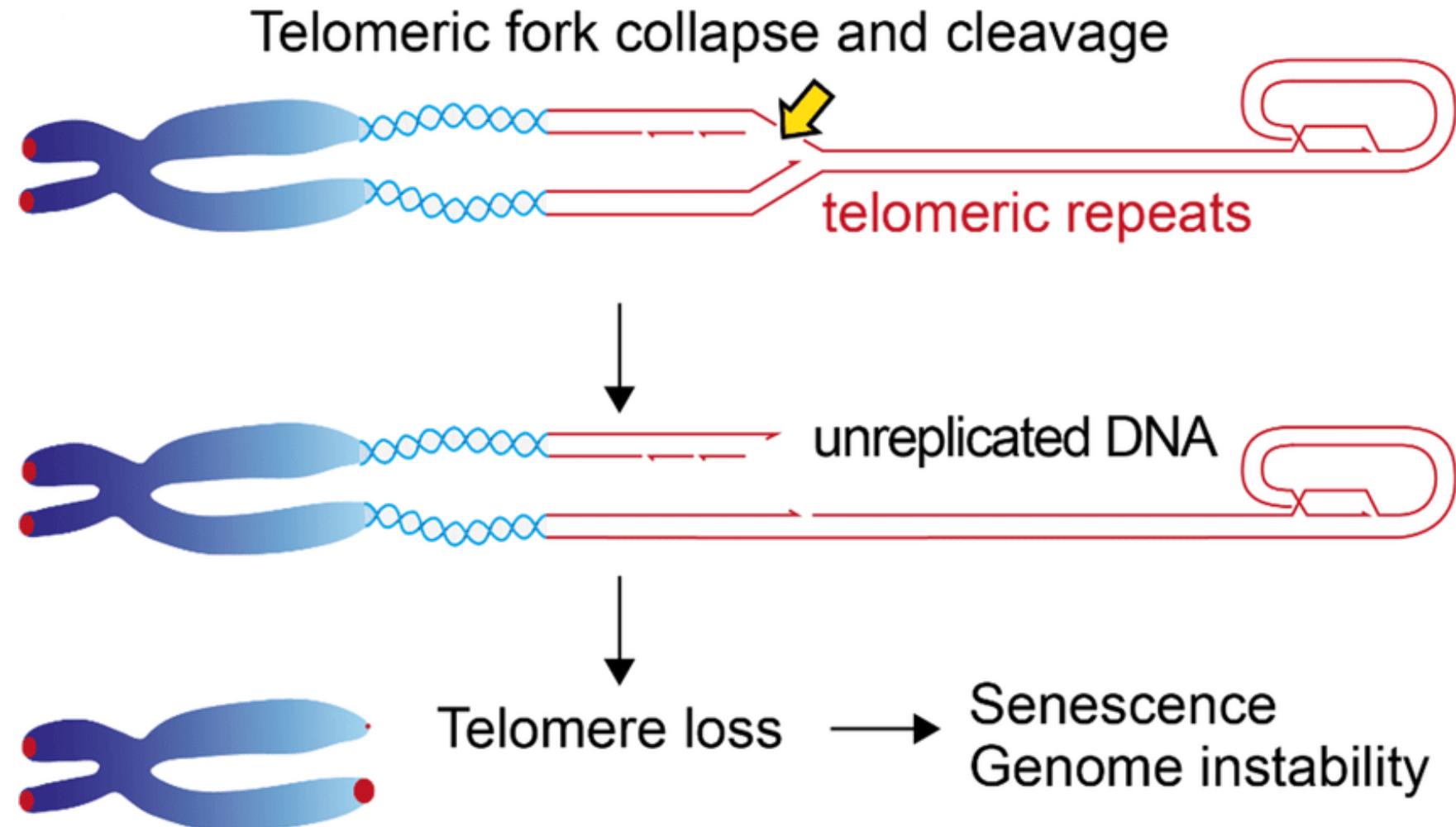
# La réPLICATION DES TÉLOMÈRES EST DIFFICILE



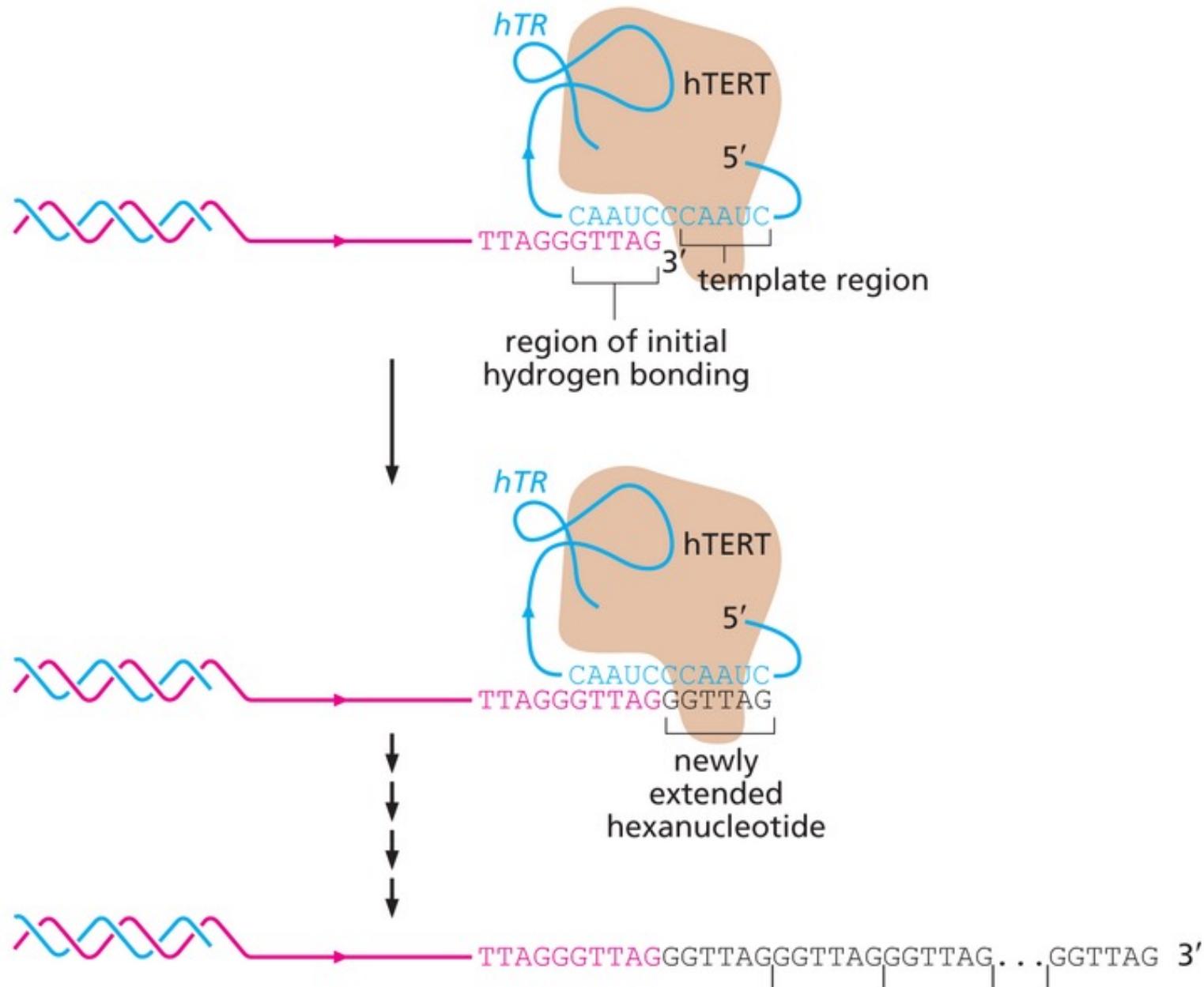
Telomères sont des séquences répétitives et G-riches  
Présence des structures secondaires: G-quadruplex, t-loop  
Présence du shérterin  
Présence de TERRA

→ Collapse de la fourche

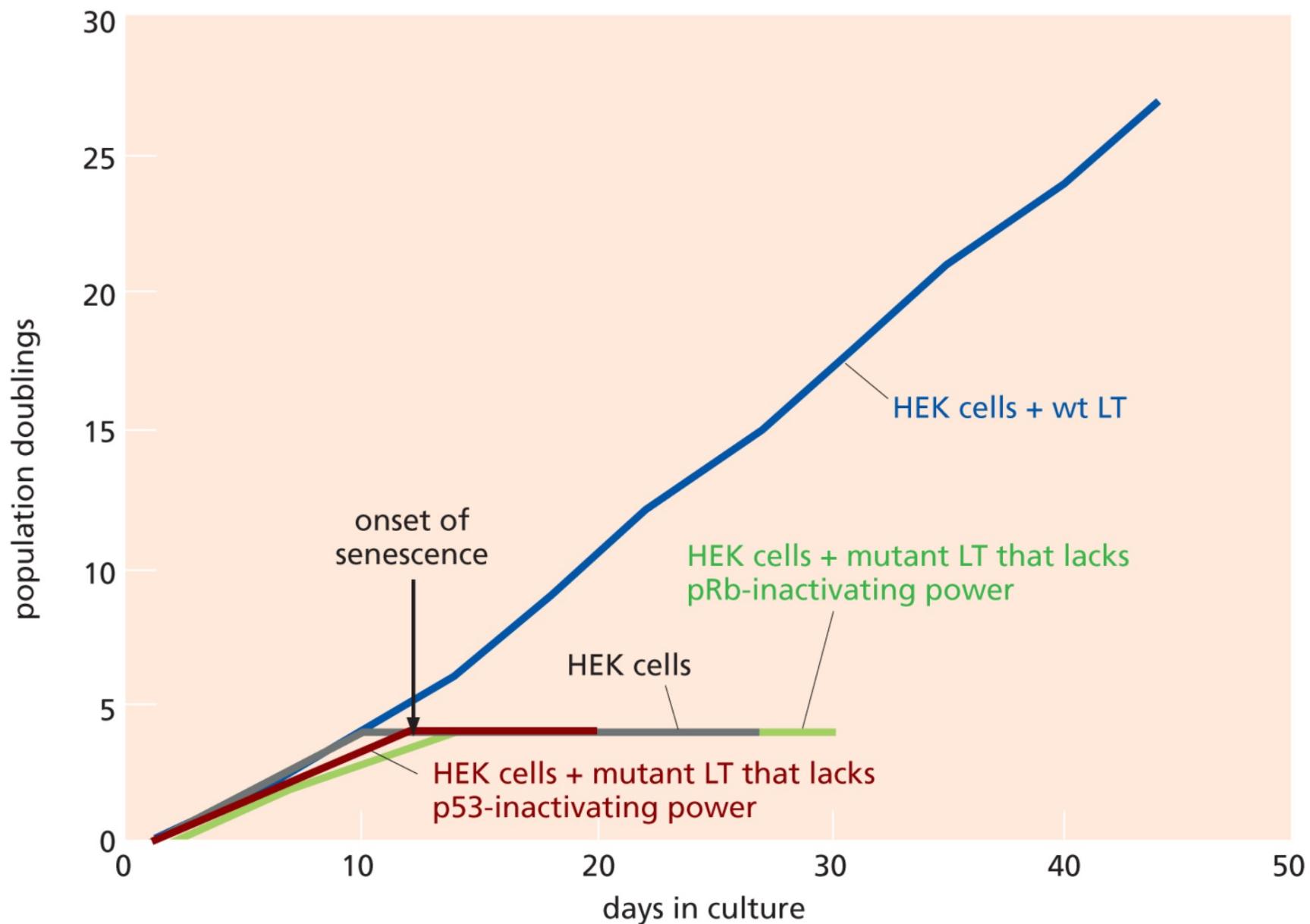
# Collapse de la fourche et le raccourcissement télomérique brusque



# L'érosion des télomères peut être contrebalancée par l'activité de la télomérase

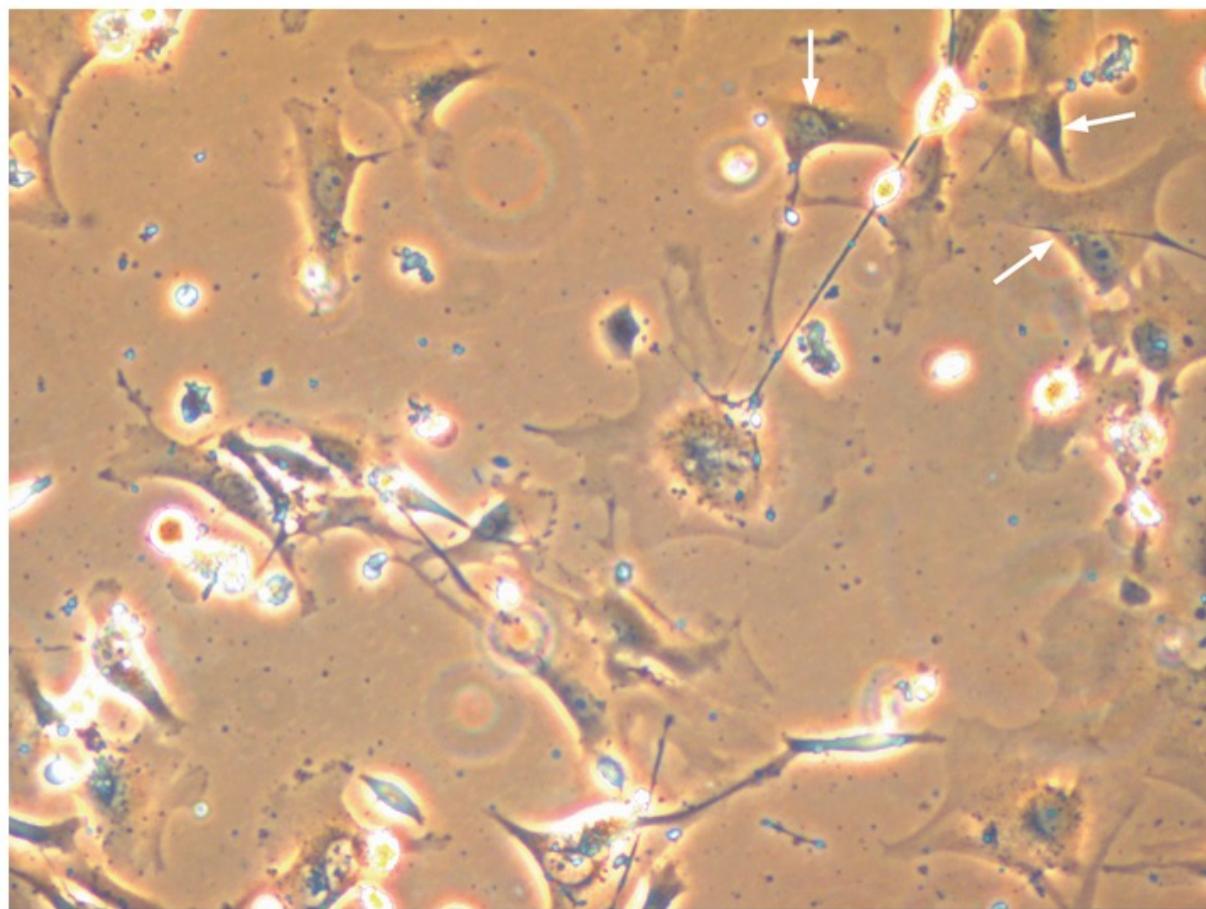


## Rôles de l'antigène T de SV40 dans l'échappement à la sénescence réplique

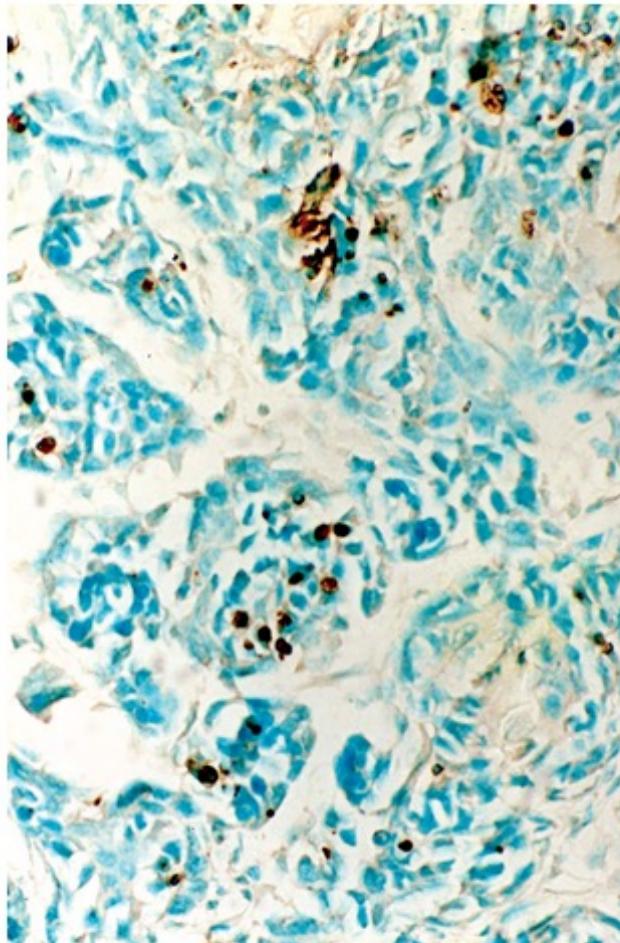


## Crise & immortalisation

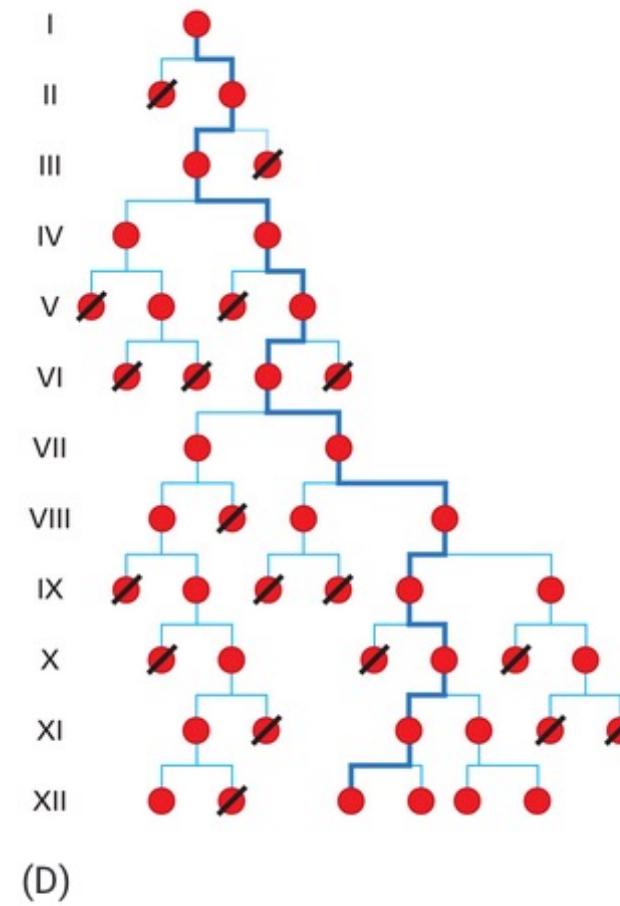
## La crise est associée avec une forte induction de l'apoptose in vitro



# Les cellules cancéreuses ont besoin de devenir immortelles pour former une tumeur!

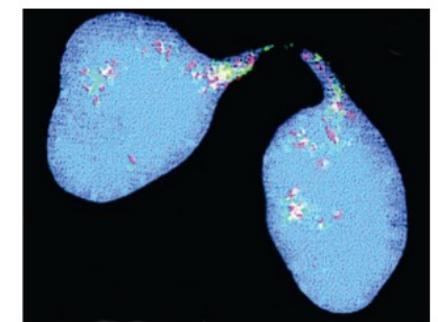
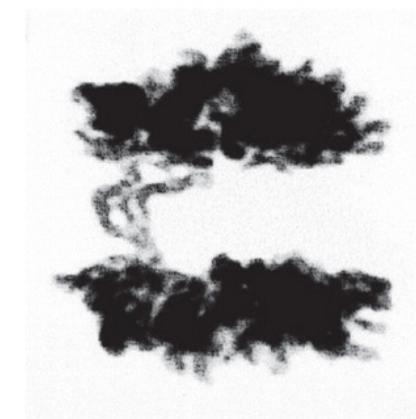
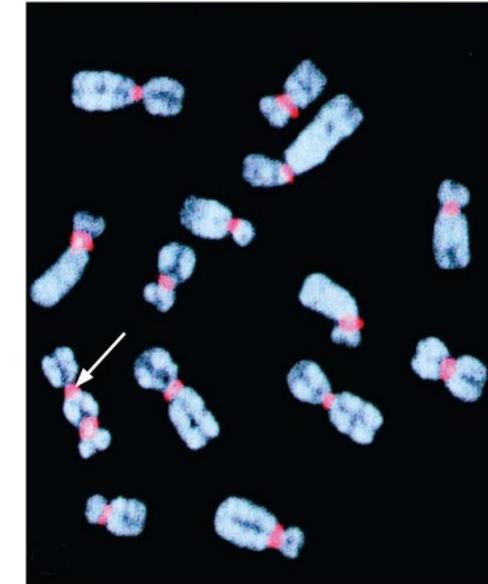
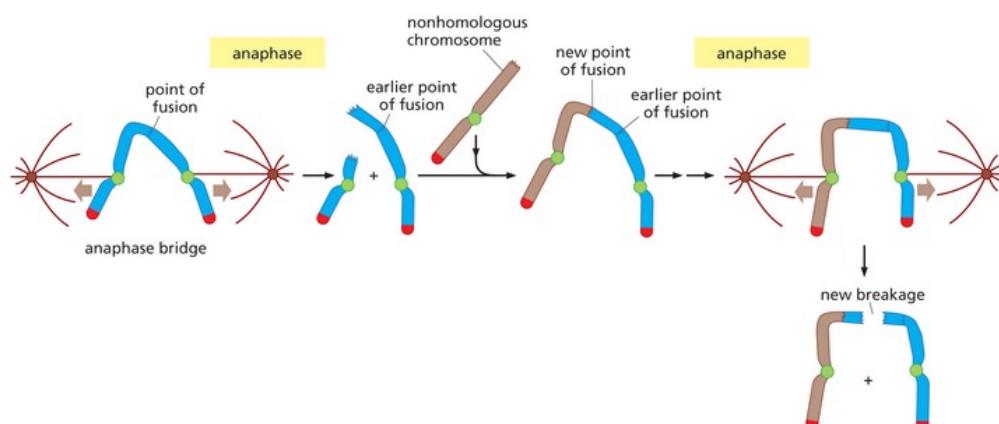
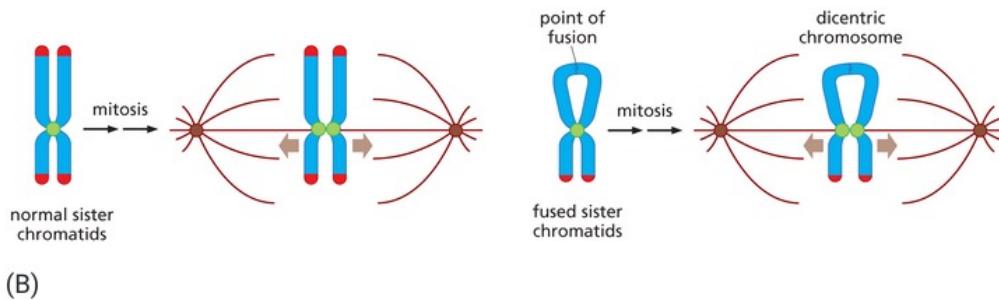
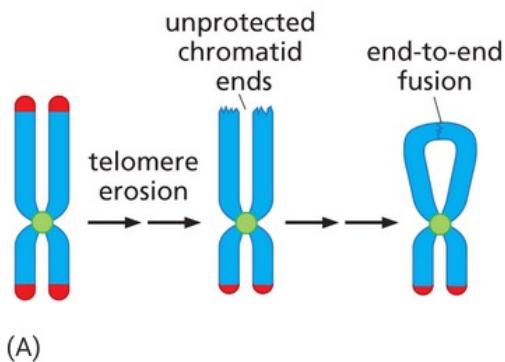


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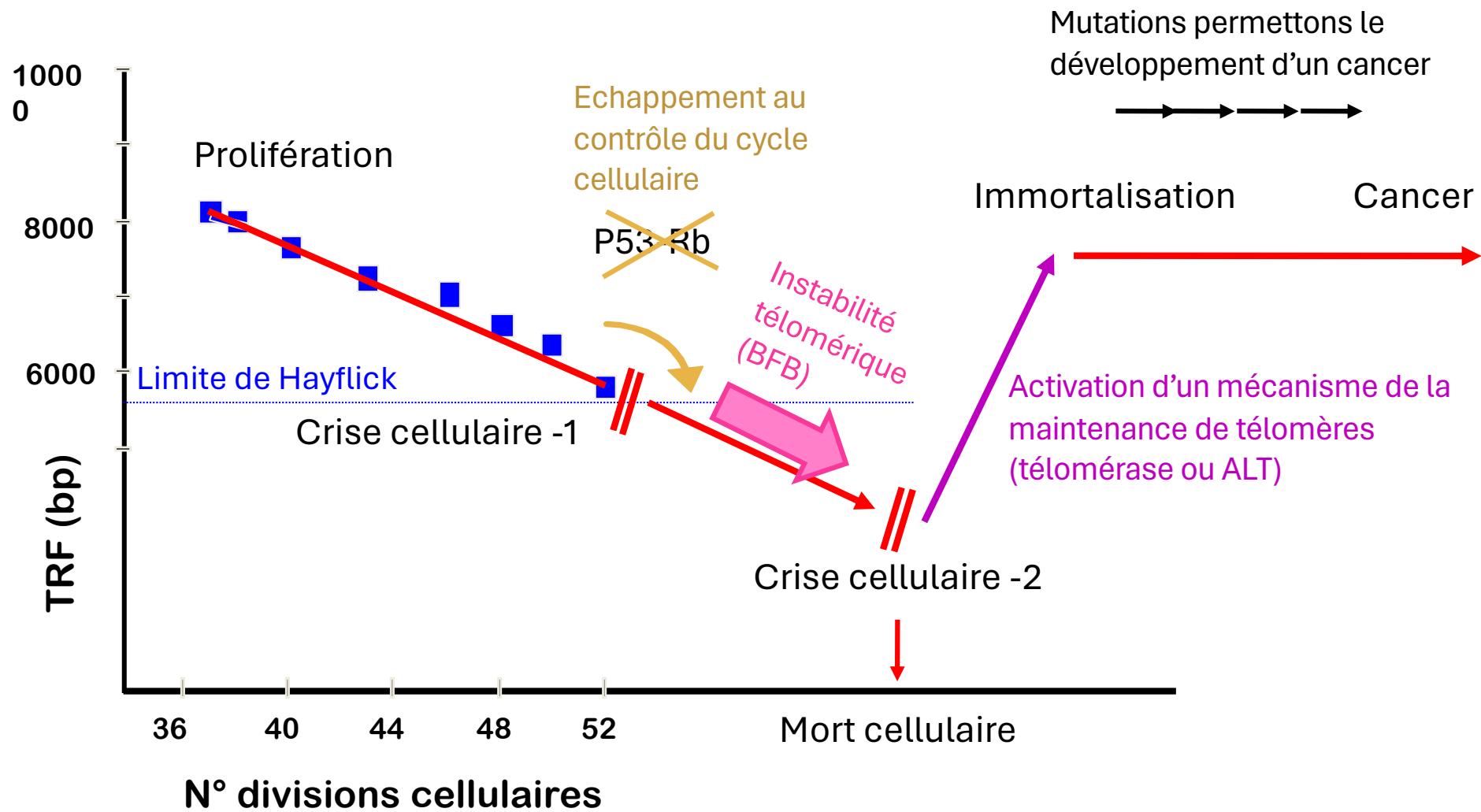


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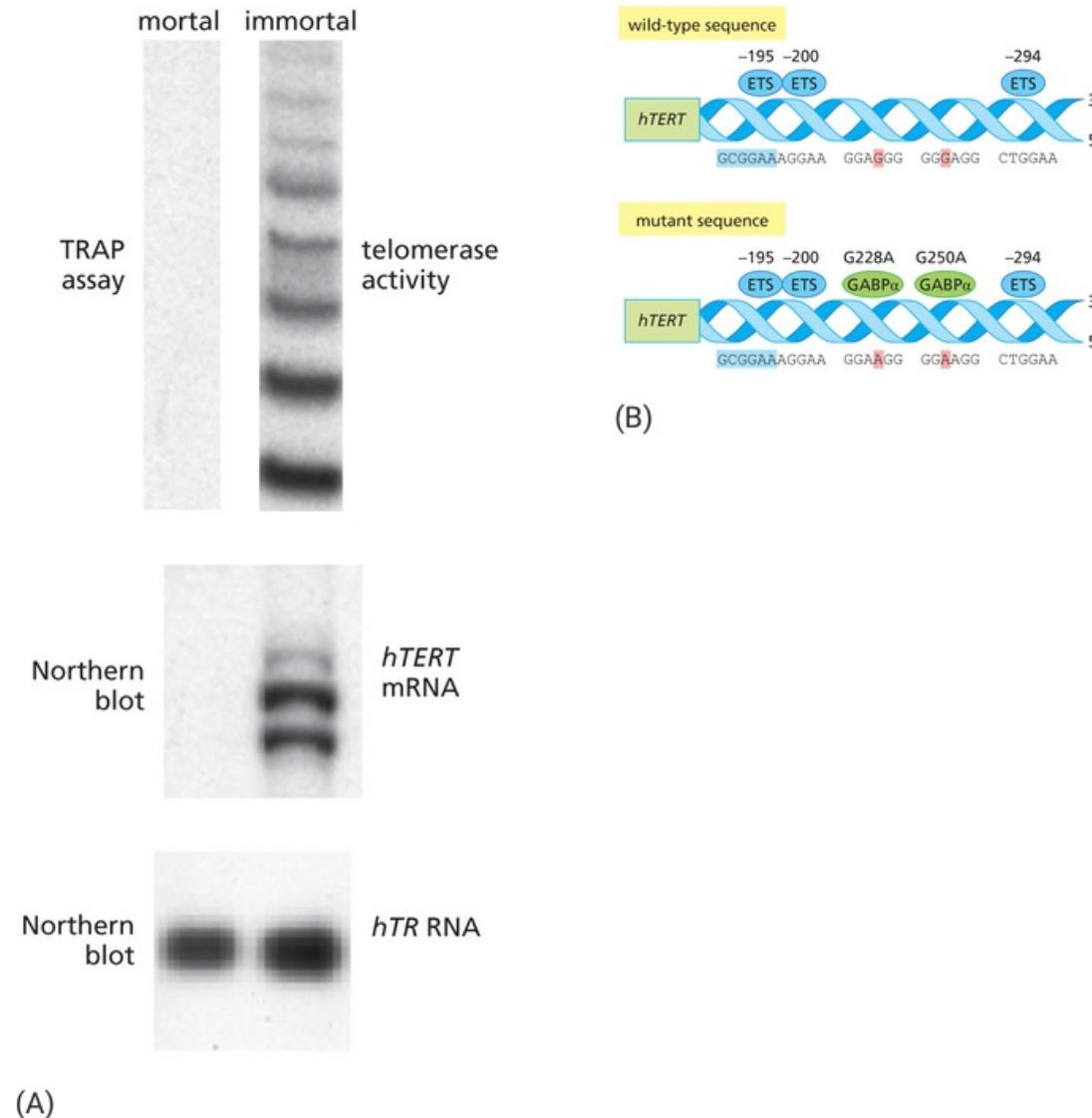
# L'instabilité télomérique conduit aux rearrangements chromosomiques



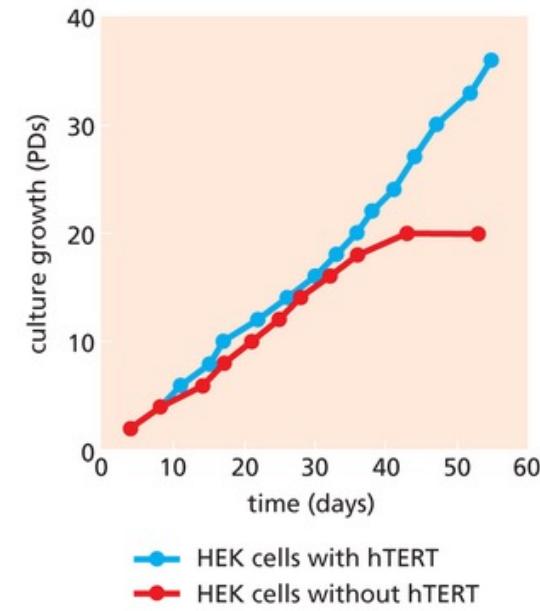
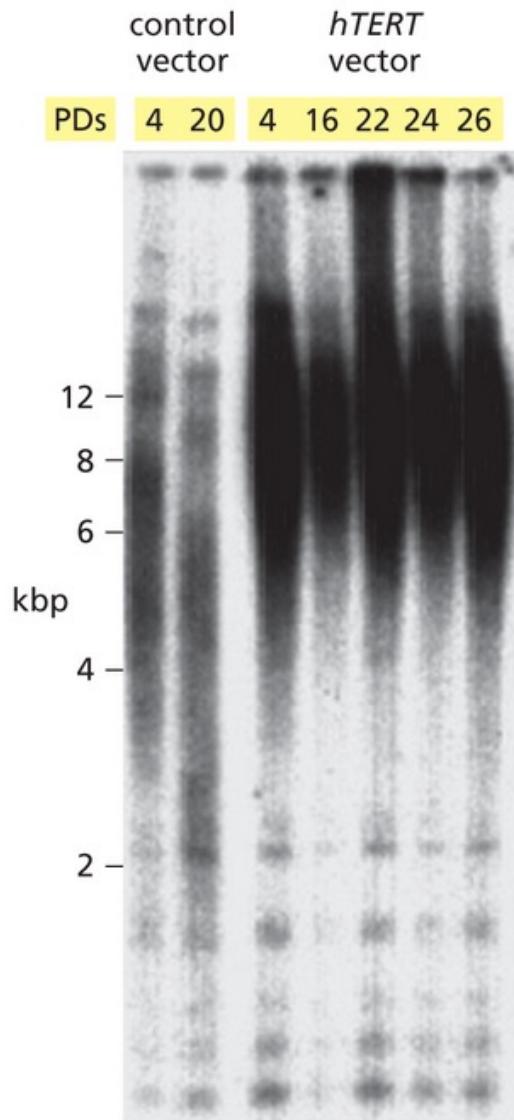
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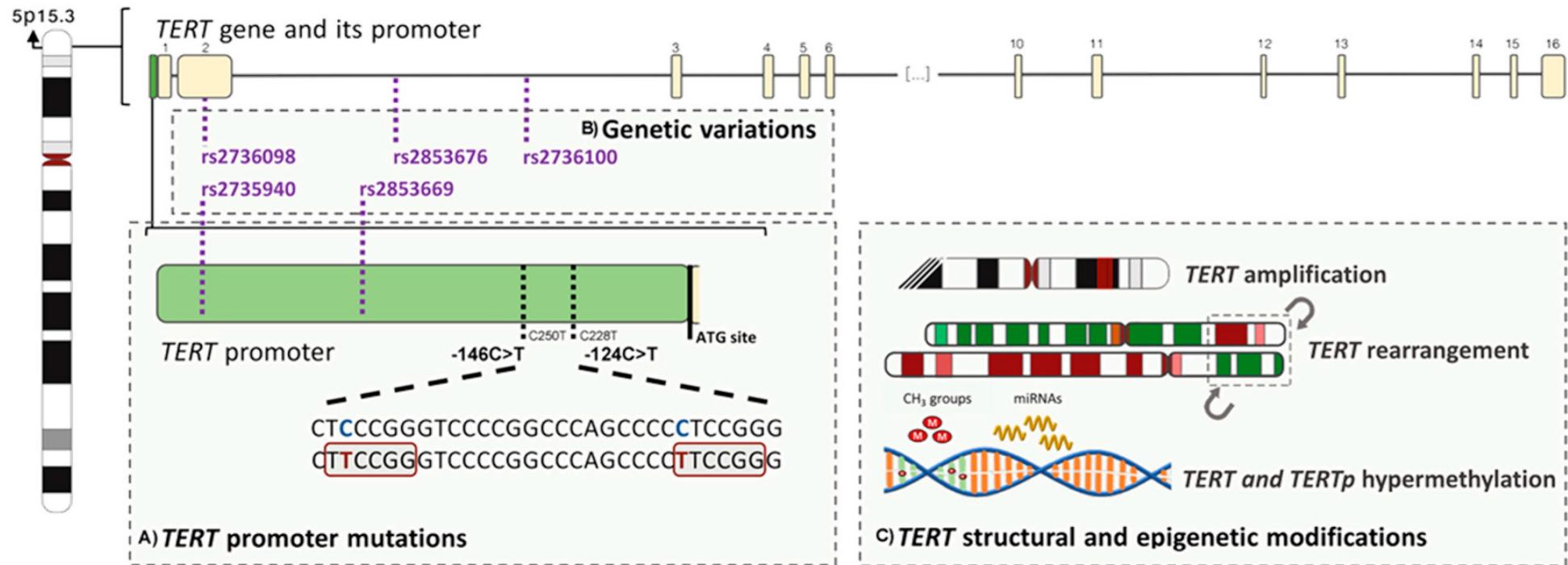
# Réactivation « spontanée » de la télomérase dans des Lymphocytes T



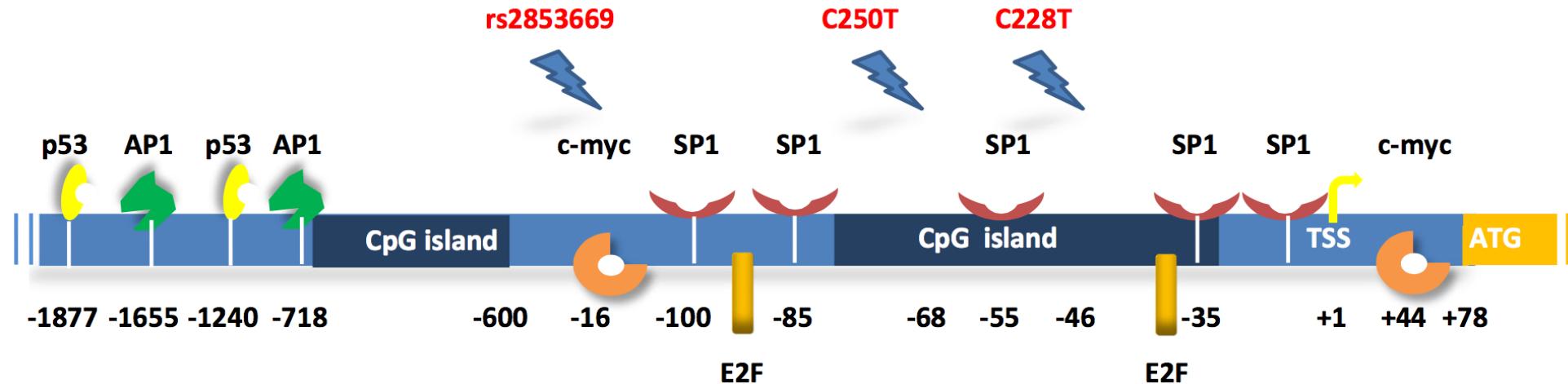
# L'expression de la télomérase peut empêcher la crise et conduire à l'immortalisation des cellules



# Re-activation de la télomérase dans les tumeurs



# Mutations ponctuelles dans le promoteur du hTERT



C228T (-124 pb avant l'ATG)

C250T (-146 pb avant l'ATG)

Création de la séquence CCCGGAAGGG (11 pb)

→ site de la liaison du facteur de la transcription E2F

Mutations normalement hétérozygotiques et mutuellement exclusives.

# Mutations ponctuelles dans le promoteur du hTERT

Les plus fréquentes dans les tumeurs suivantes:

83% glioblastomes

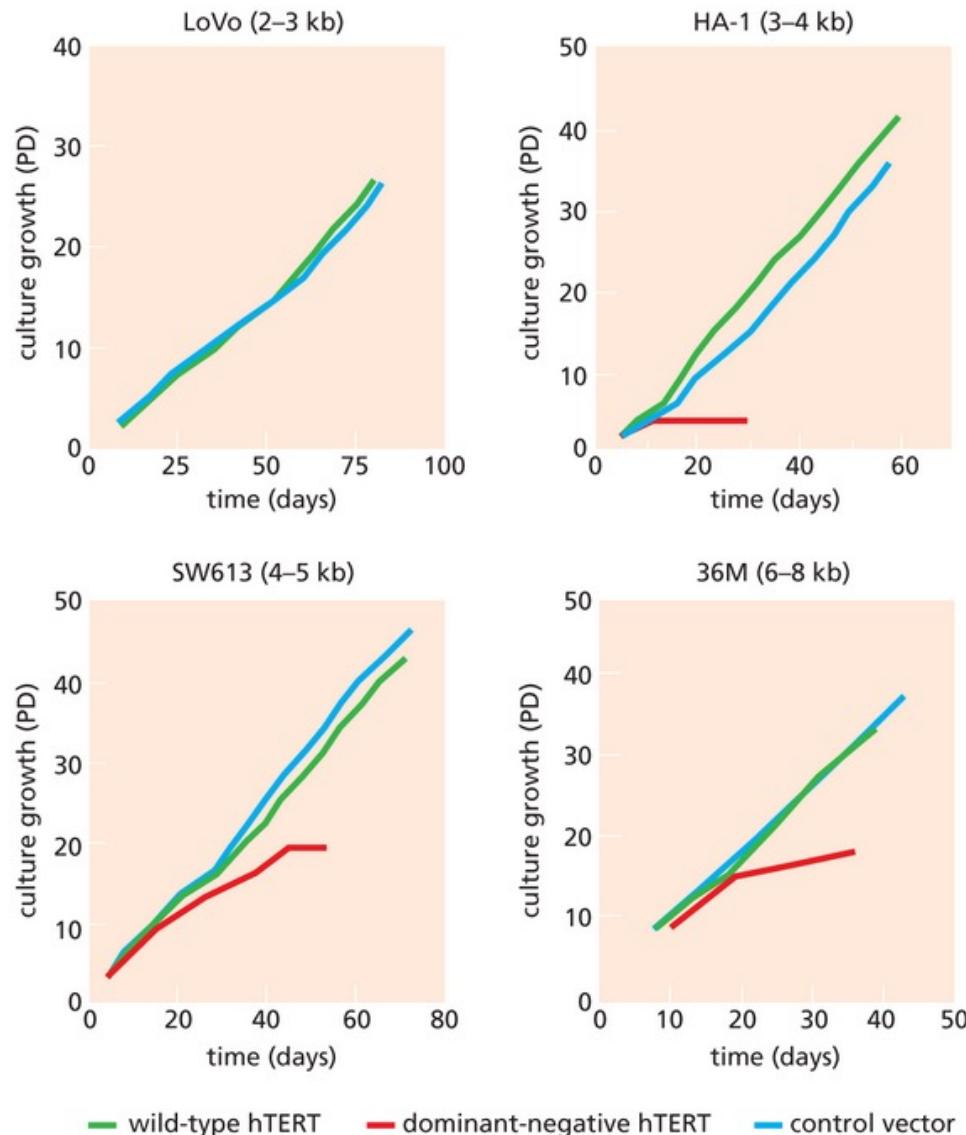
71% mélanomes

66% tumeurs de la vessie

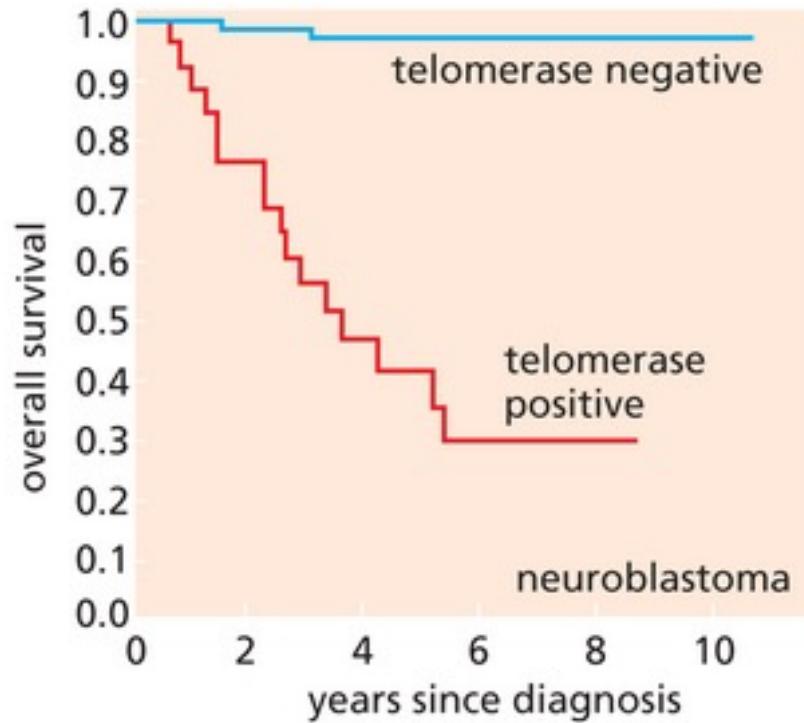
47% hepatocarcinomes

Identifiées dans 50 cancers différents

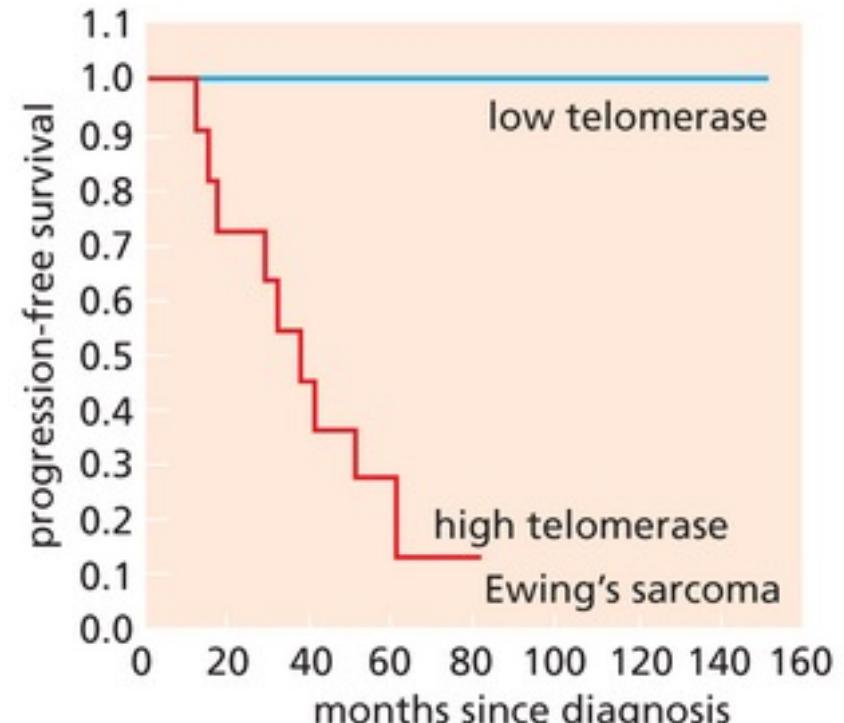
# La suppression de l'activité télomérase dans les cellules tumorales peut conduire à l'arrêt de la prolifération



# L'activité télomérase est un facteur de mauvais pronostic dans les tumeurs pédiatriques

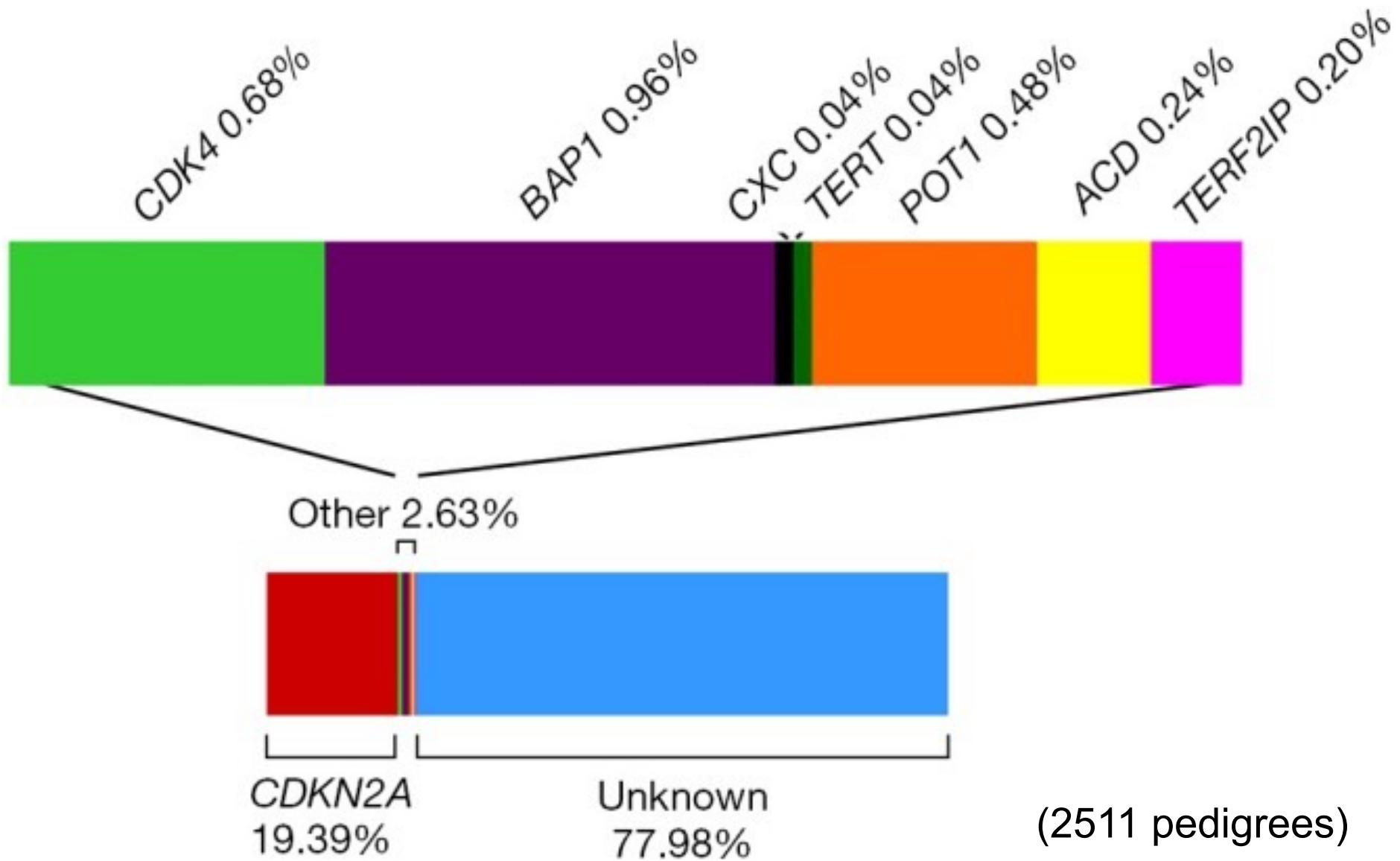


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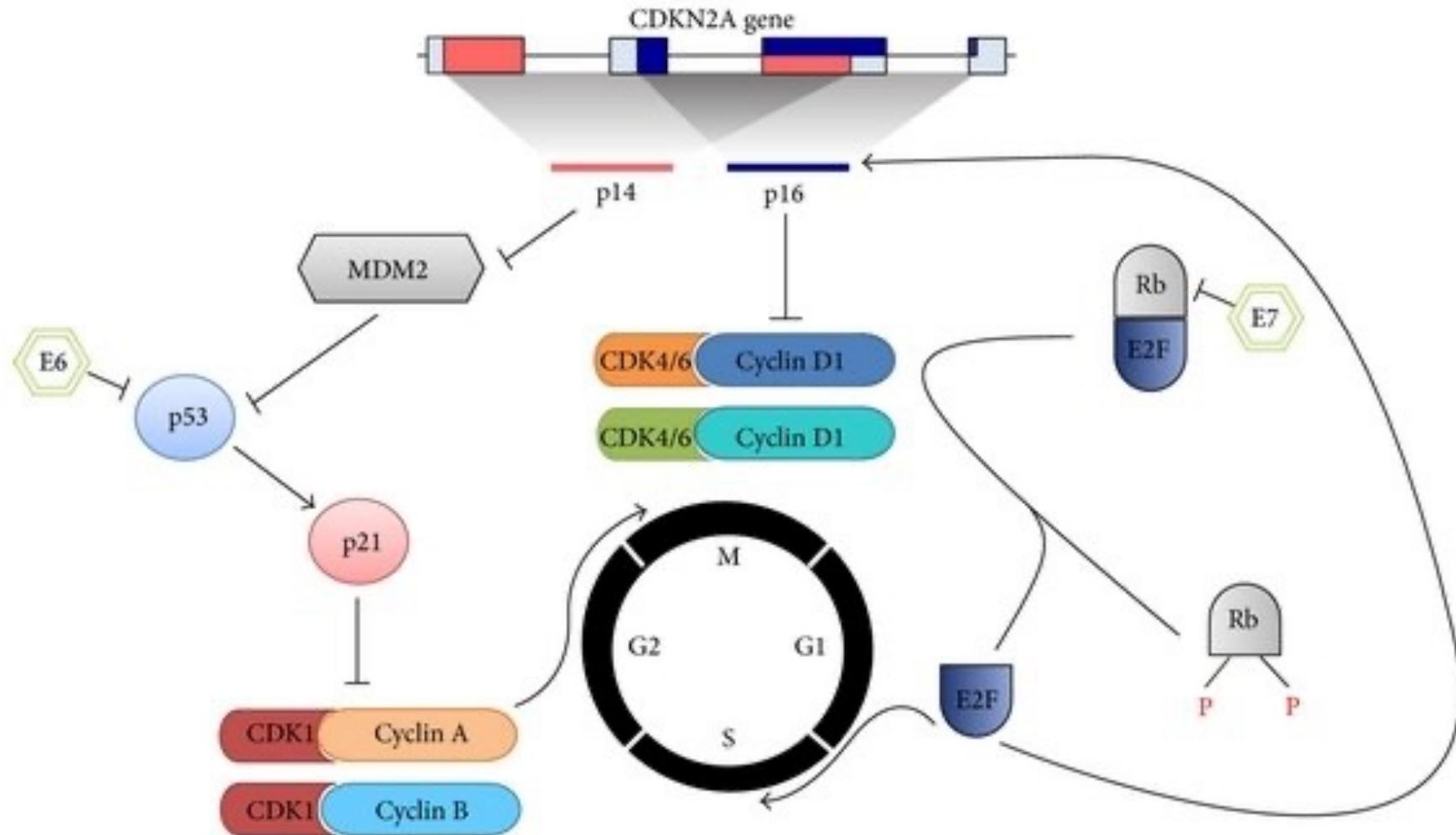


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# Mélanome Familial: Gènes associés



# RÔLE CLÉ DU GÈNE CDKN2A



# L'activité CDKN2A est requise pour induire la sénescence dans un contexte de stress oncogénique!

