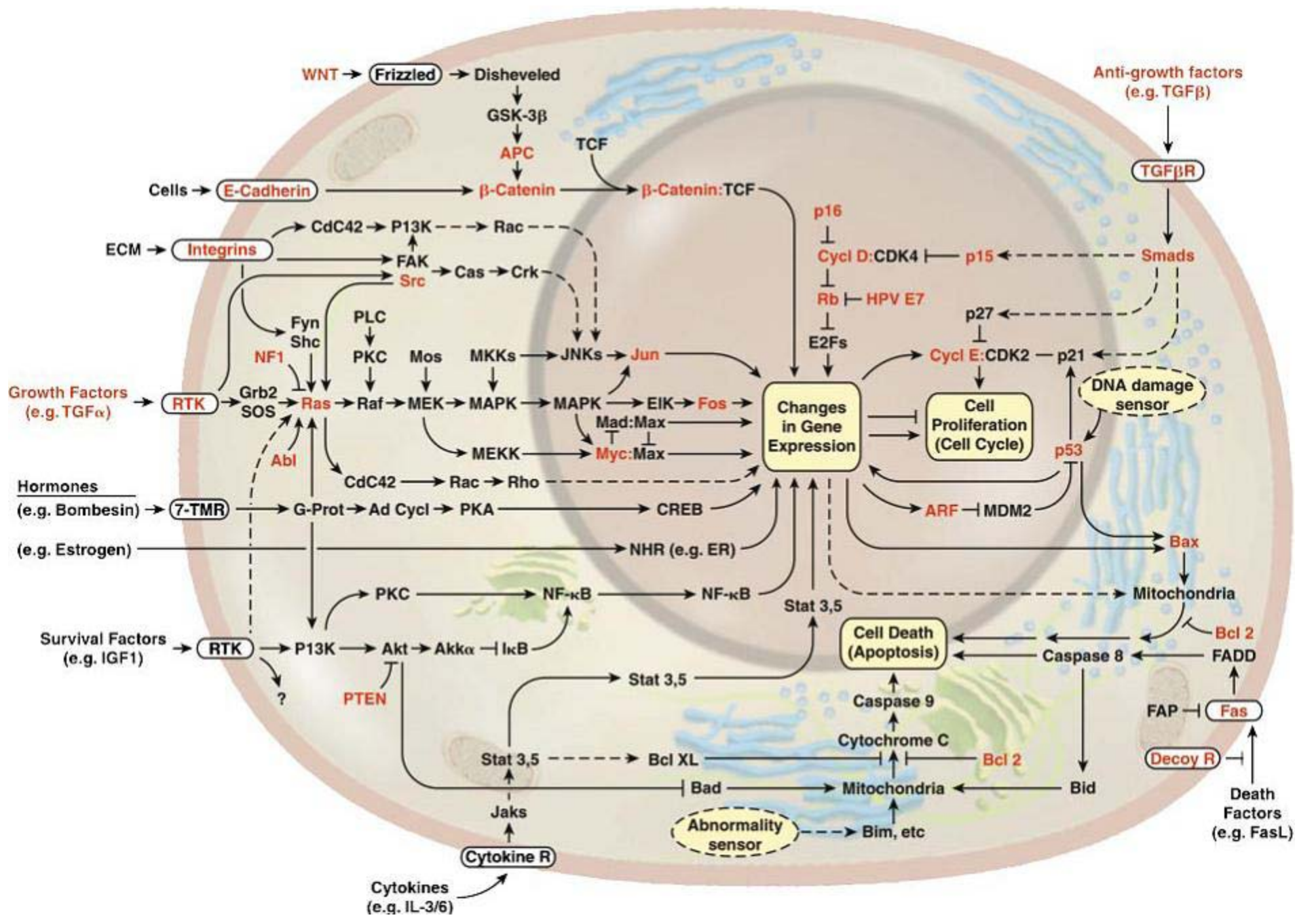


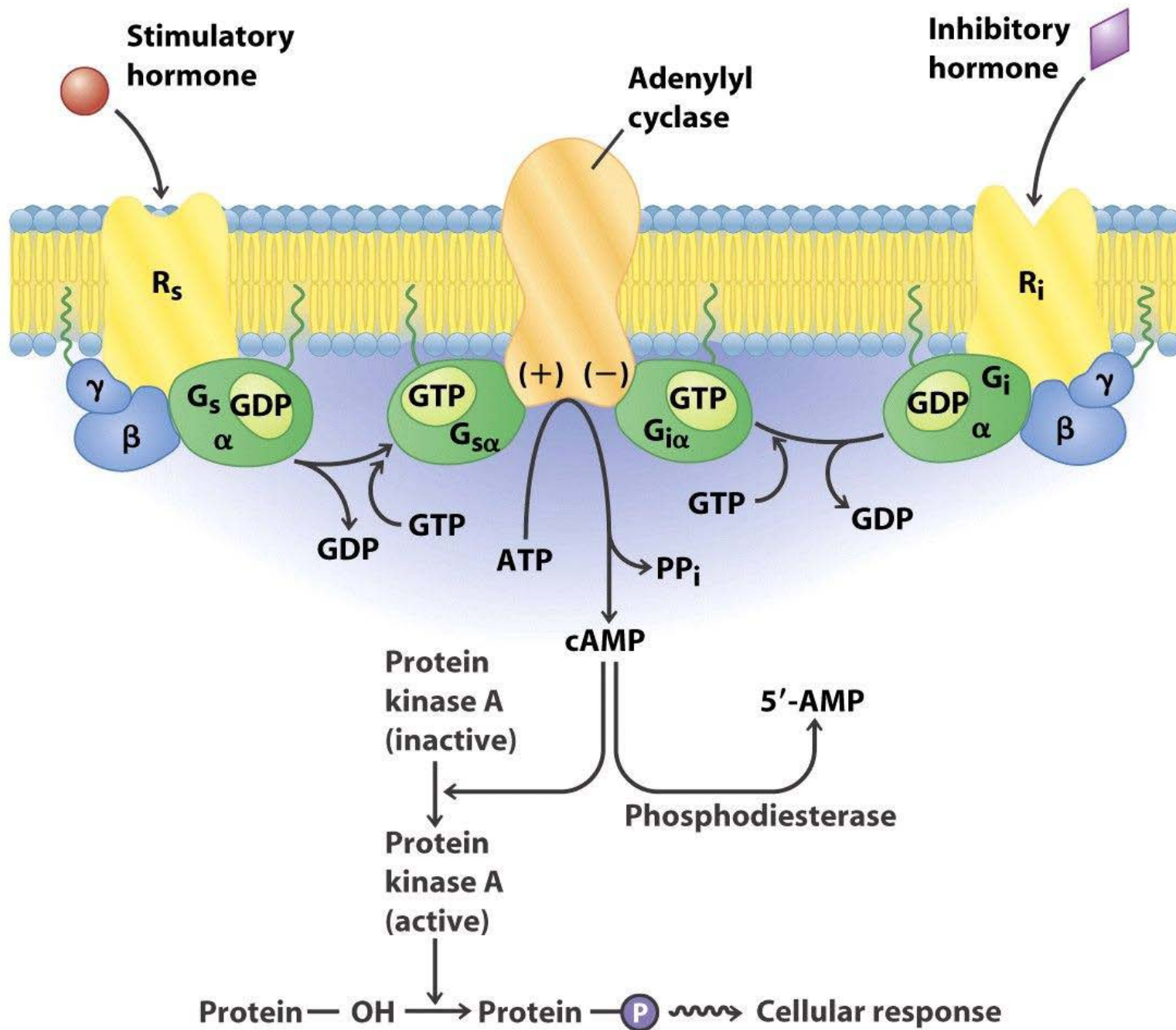


# Reversible protein glycosylation in health and disease

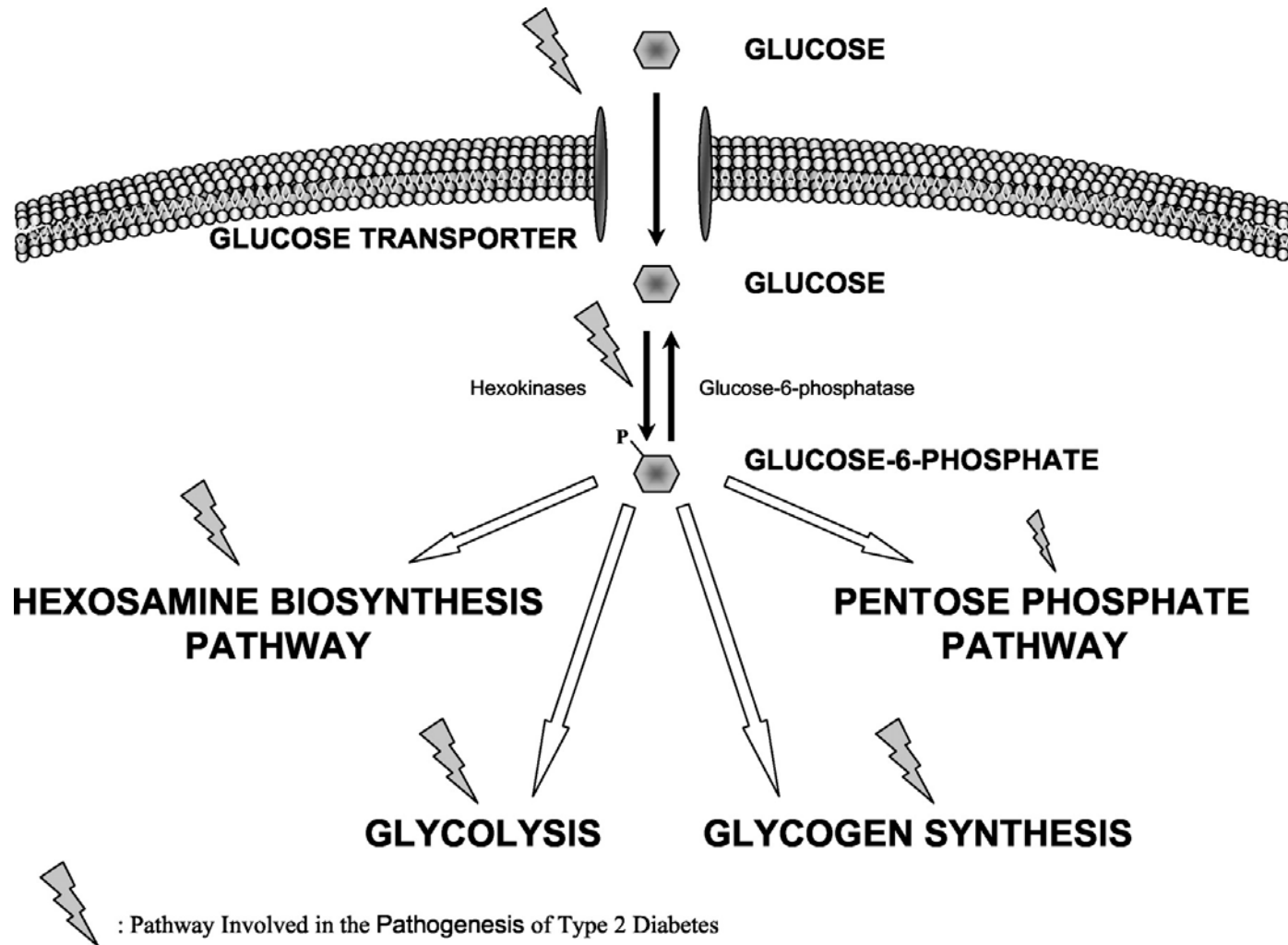
## The O-GlcNAc modification

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# What happens to glucose when it enters into cells?

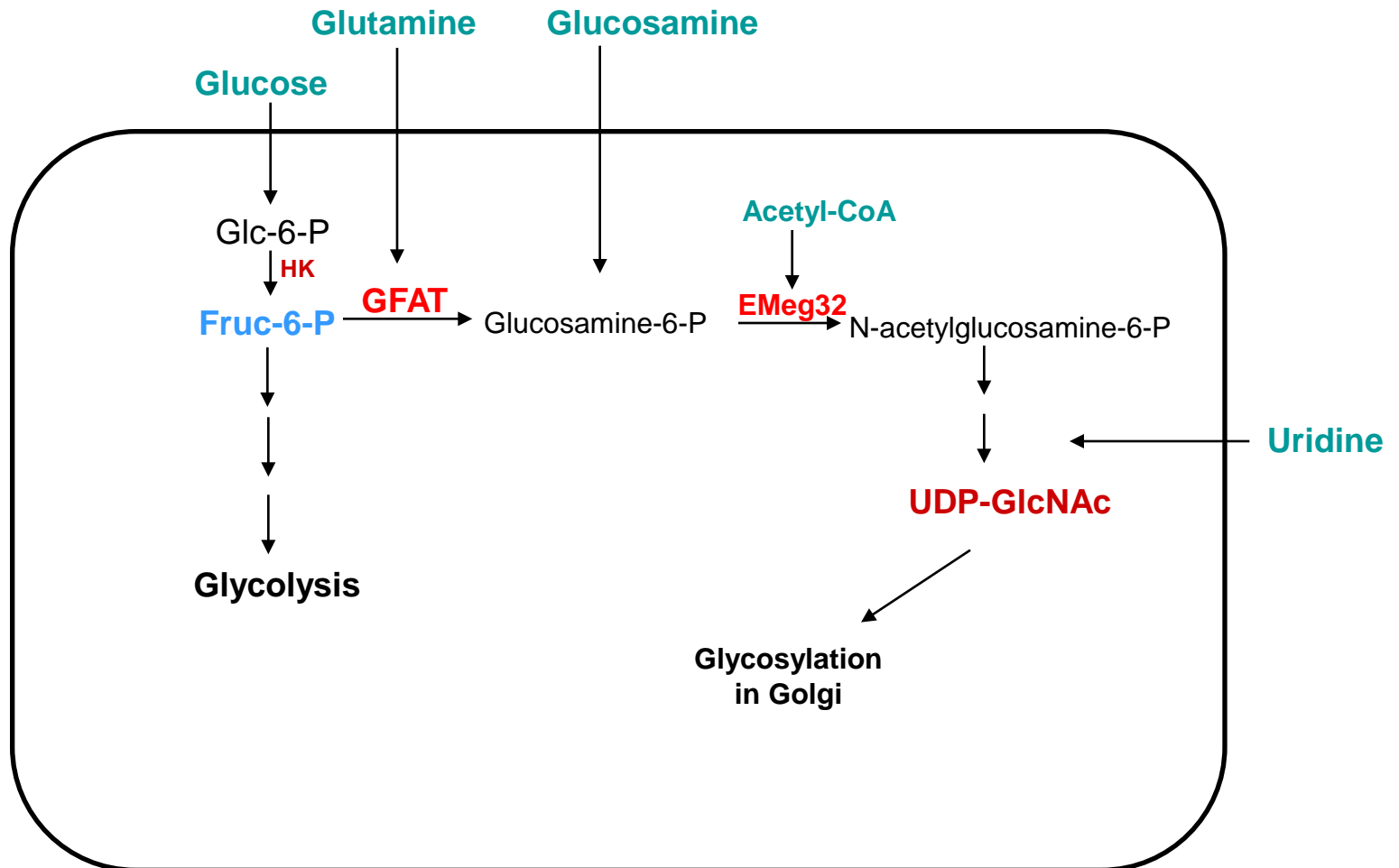


 : Pathway Involved in the Pathogenesis of Type 2 Diabetes

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# The hexosamine pathway-a nutrient responsive pathway



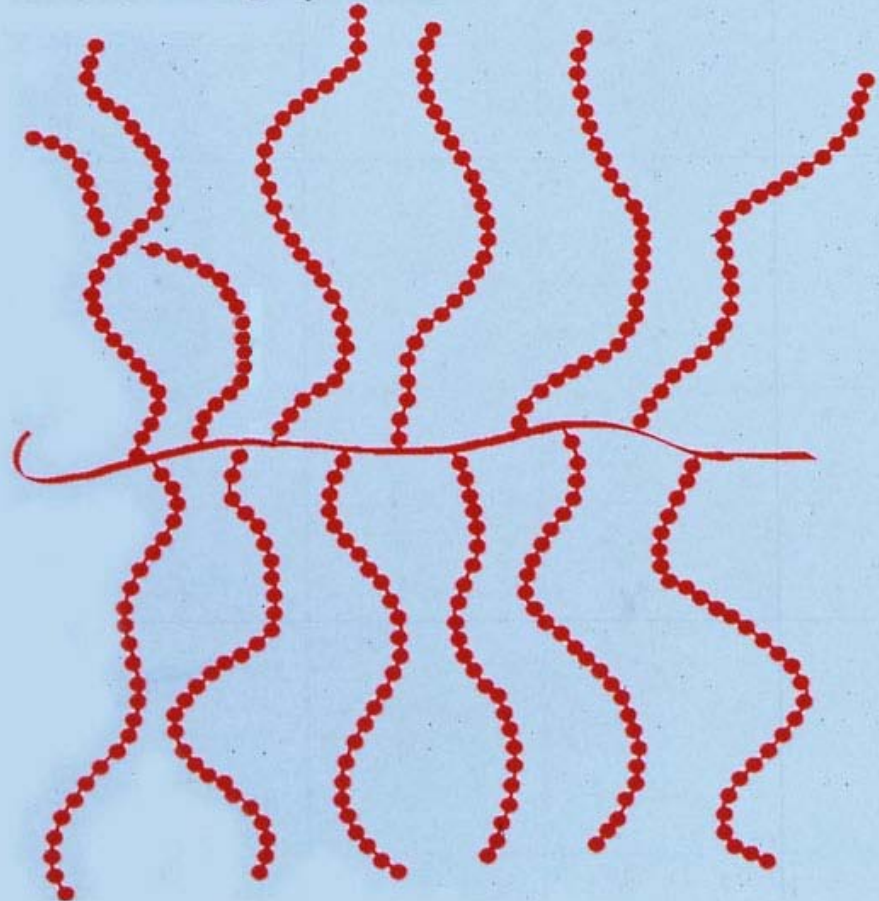


# *Proteoglycans and other glycoconjugates*

*Glykoprotein*



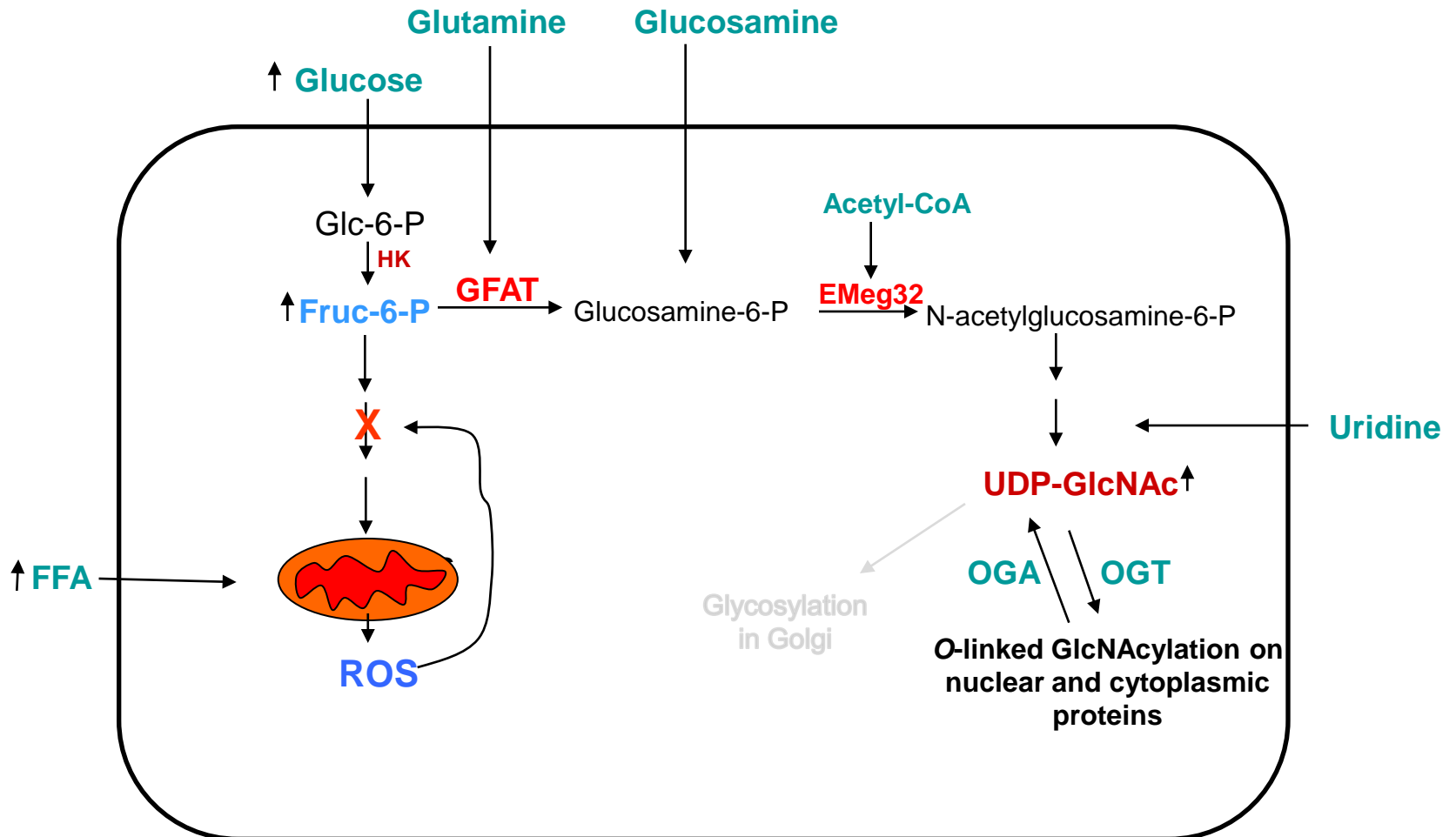
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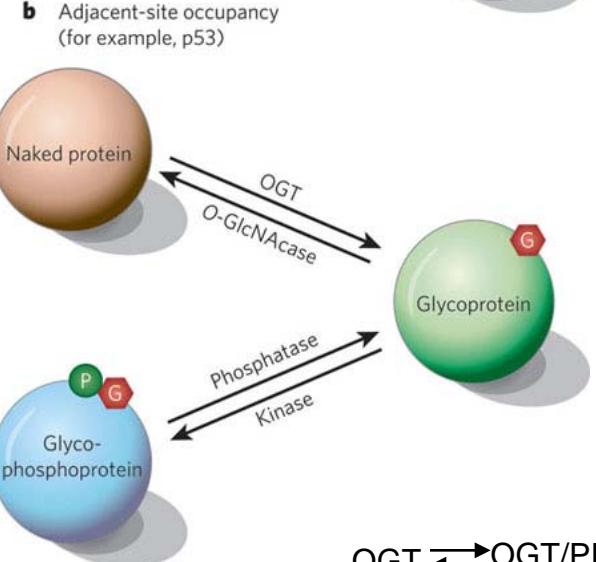
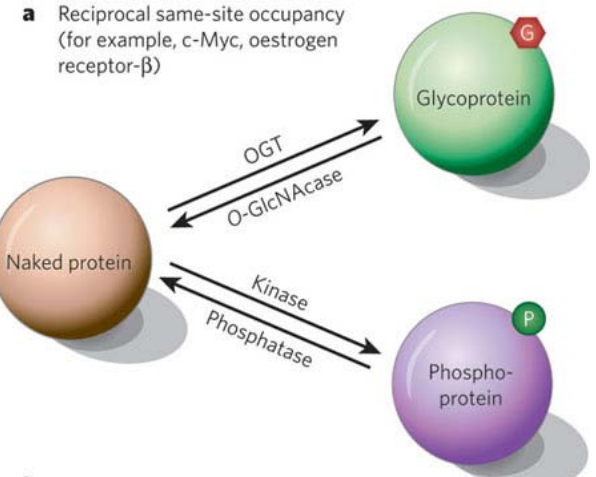
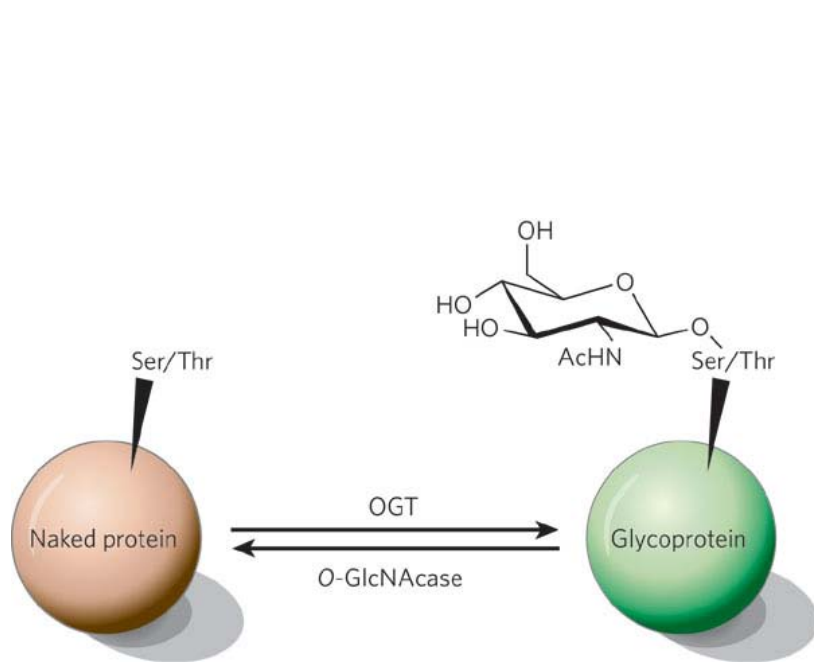
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# The hexosamine pathway-a nutrient responsive pathway



# O-linked $\beta$ -N-acetylglucosamine (O-GlcNAc)- a dynamic posttranslational Modification (PTM) analogous to phosphorylation



OGT  $\rightleftharpoons$  OGT/PP1c



# Four different types of O-GlcNAc-phosphate crosstalk on protein substrates

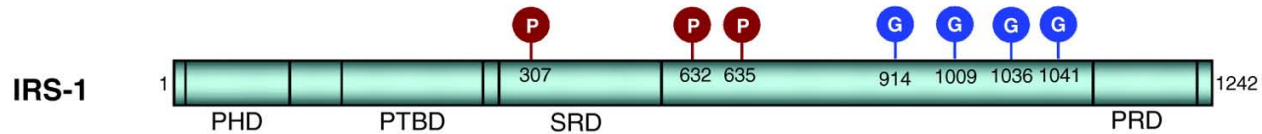
## A Competitive occupancy at same site



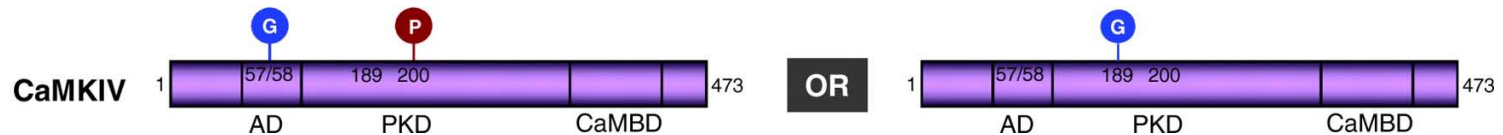
## B Reciprocal occupancy at different sites



## C Simultaneous occupancy at different sites

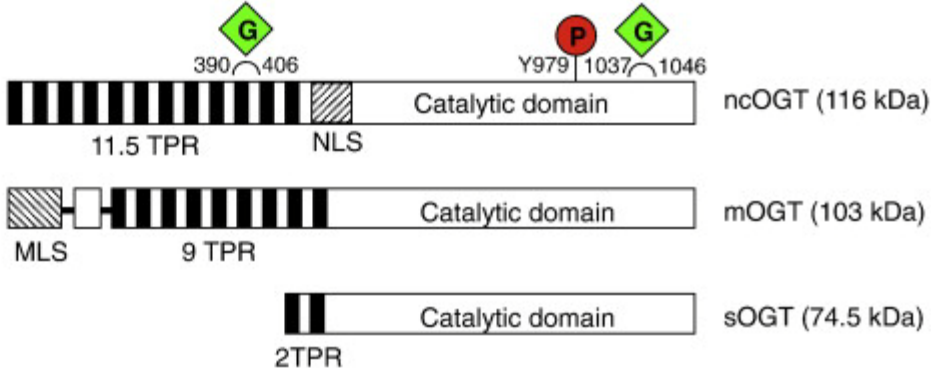
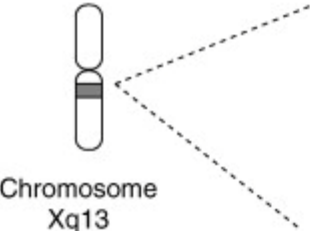


## D Site-dependent reciprocal or simultaneous occupancy

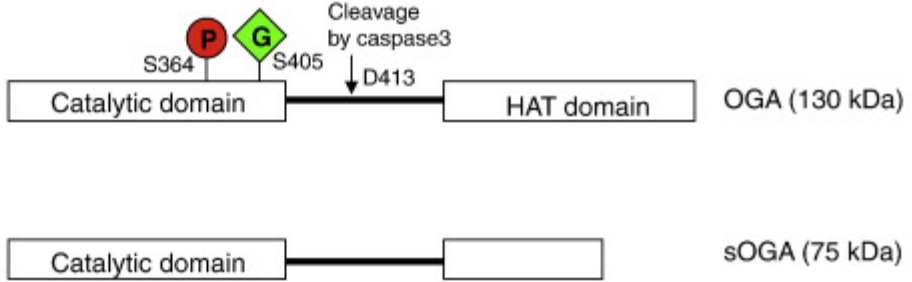
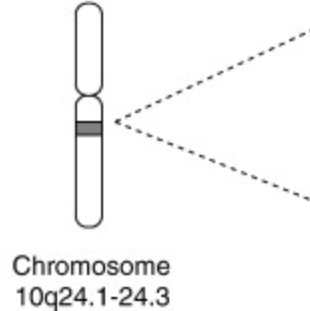


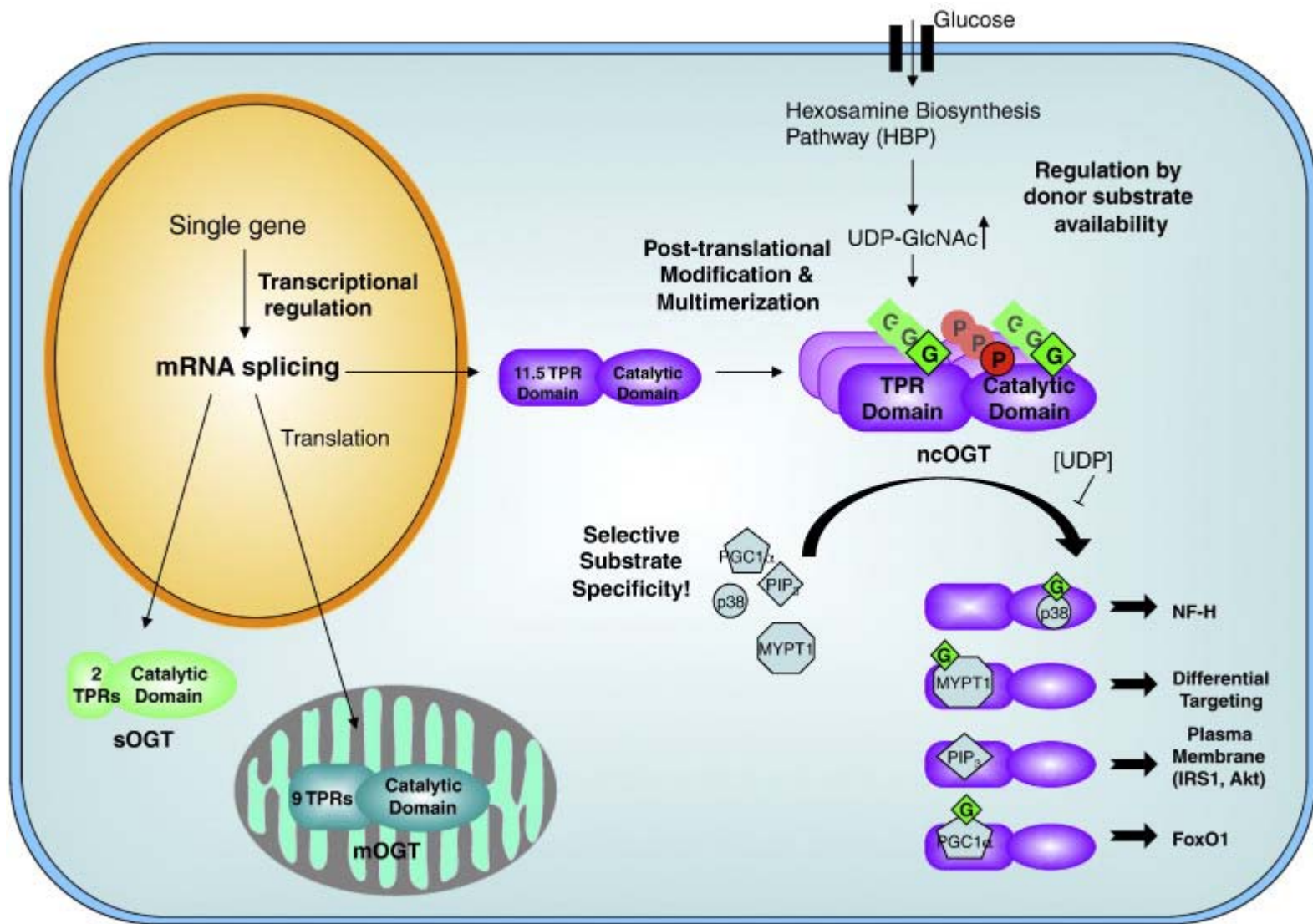
# Three different forms of human OGT are produced by alternative splicing from a single gene

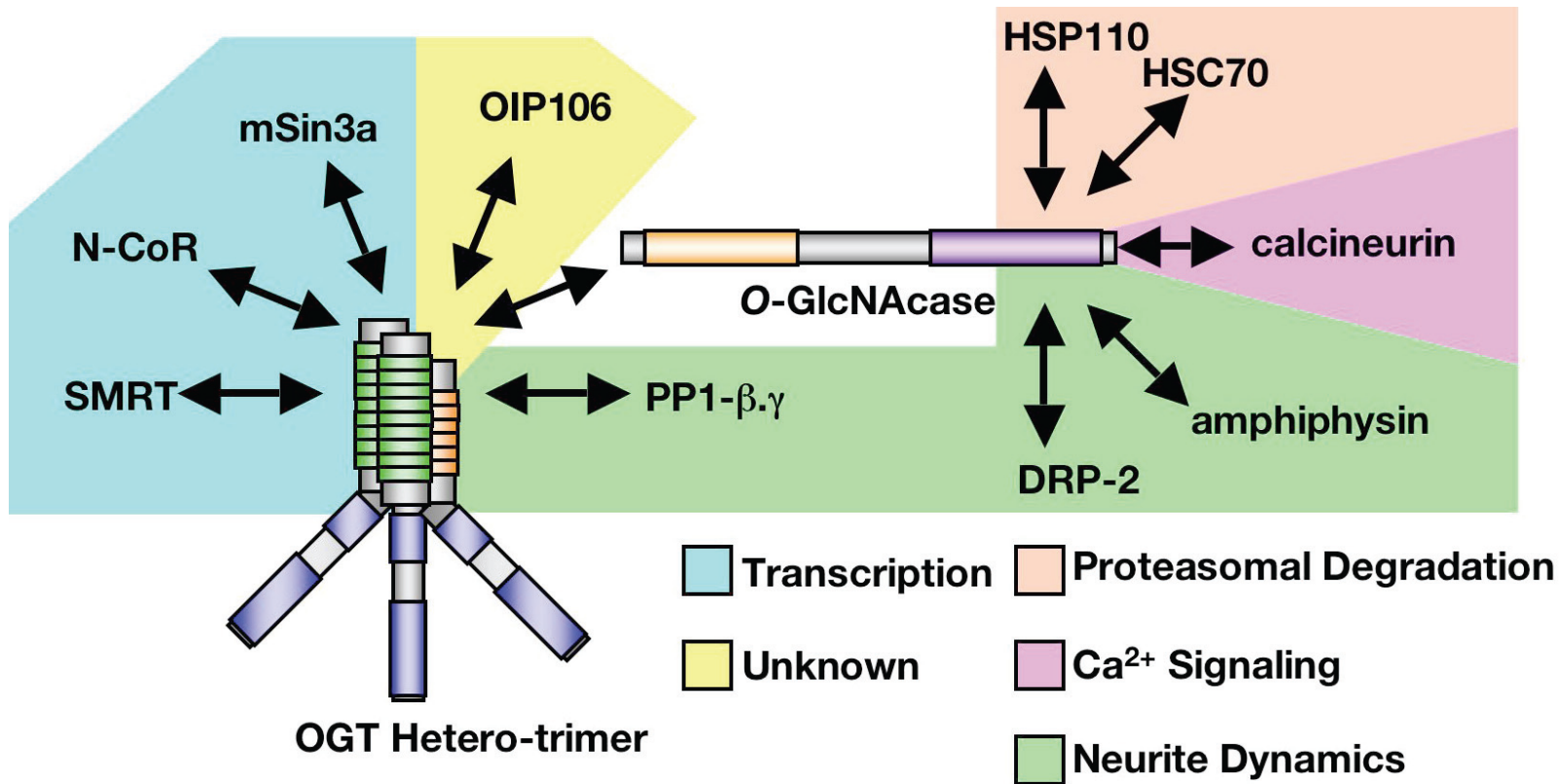
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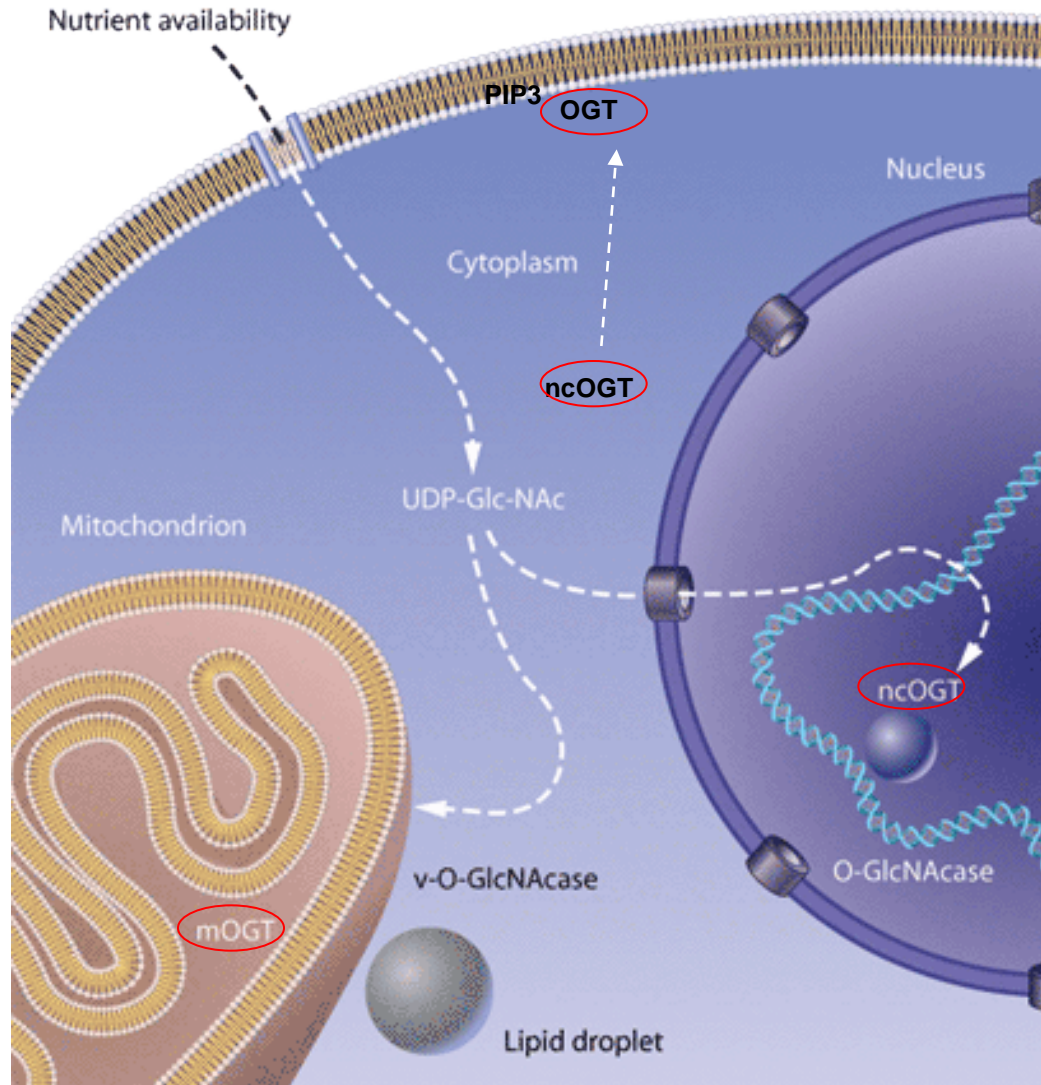
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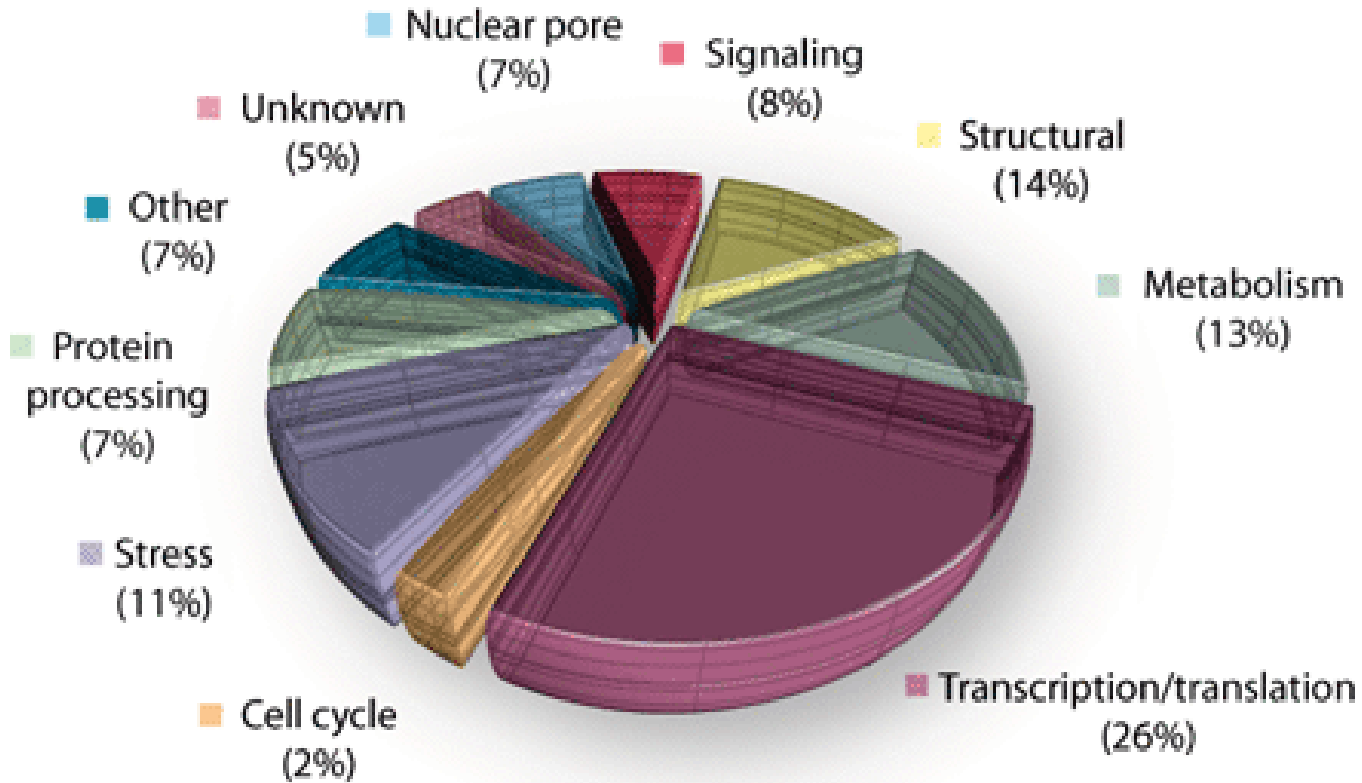


# Specificity in O-GlcNAc signaling: OGT localization

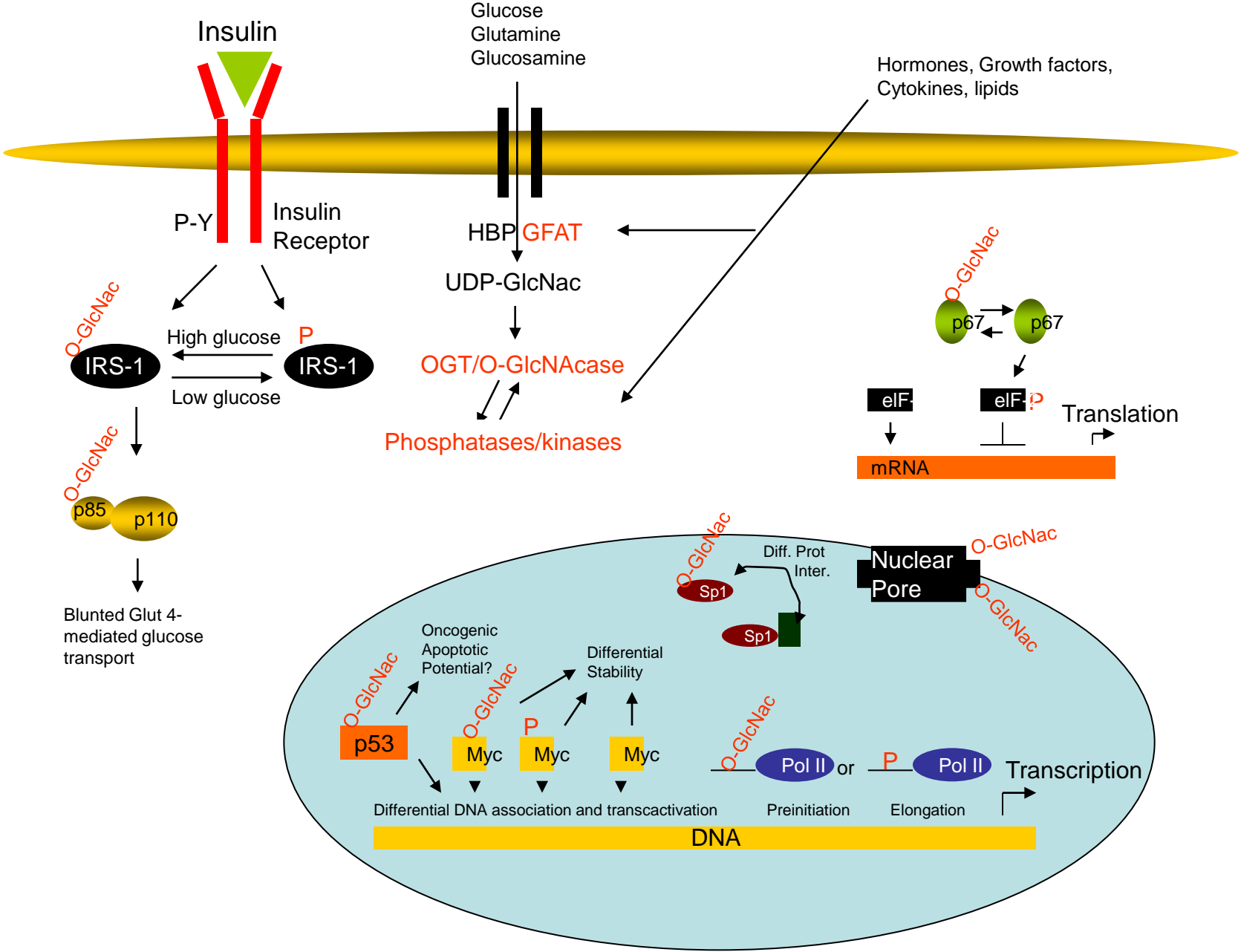




# Known O-GlcNAc substrates.



# CELLULAR TRANSFORMATION CAUSED BY ACTIVATION OF THE HEXOSAMINE PATHWAY



# Tools for the detection of O-GlcNAcylated proteins

## Glucosamine

Treat cells with glucosamine to increase levels of UDP-GlcNAc

## PUGNAc/NAG-thiazoline

Inhibitors of O-GlcNAcase (OGA); inhibit O-GlcNAc removal from proteins

## sWGA agarose

Succinylated wheat germ agglutinin (lectin) binds to terminal GlcNAc residues on proteins. sWGA agarose is used to precipitate N- and O-linked GlcNAcylated proteins from cytosolic, nuclear or whole cell lysates.

## Monoclonal anti-O-GlcNAc antibodies CTD 110.6 and RL2

Monoclonal antibodies specifically recognizing O-GlcNAcylated Proteins. Used in immunoprecipitation and Western blotting.

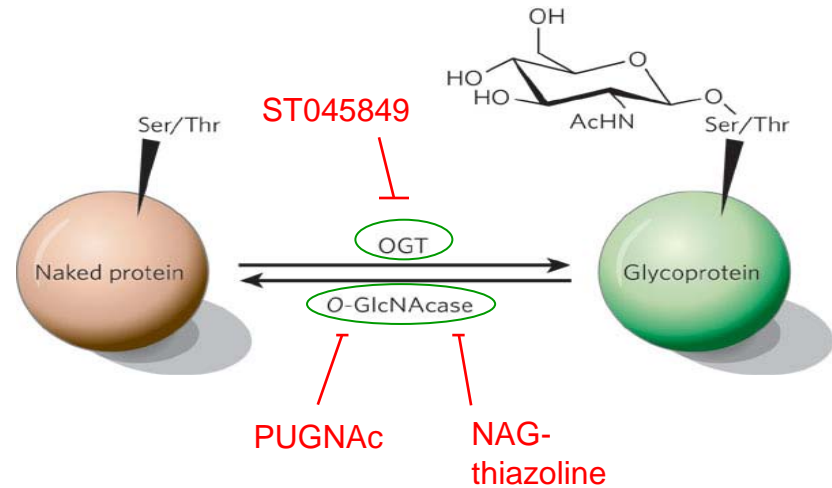
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Inhibitor of OGT

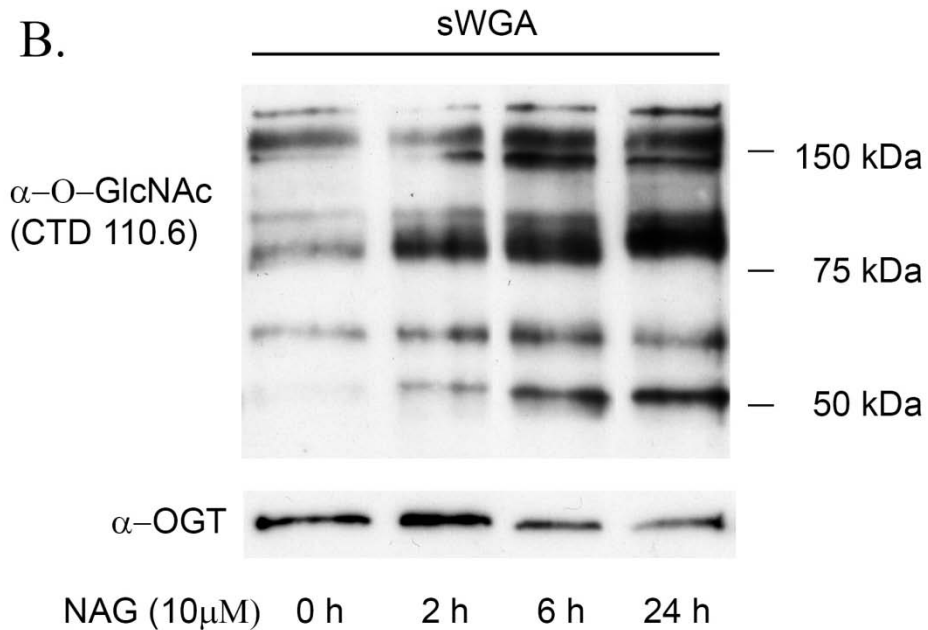
## Predictions of O-β-GlcNAc attachment sites in eukaryotic protein sequences

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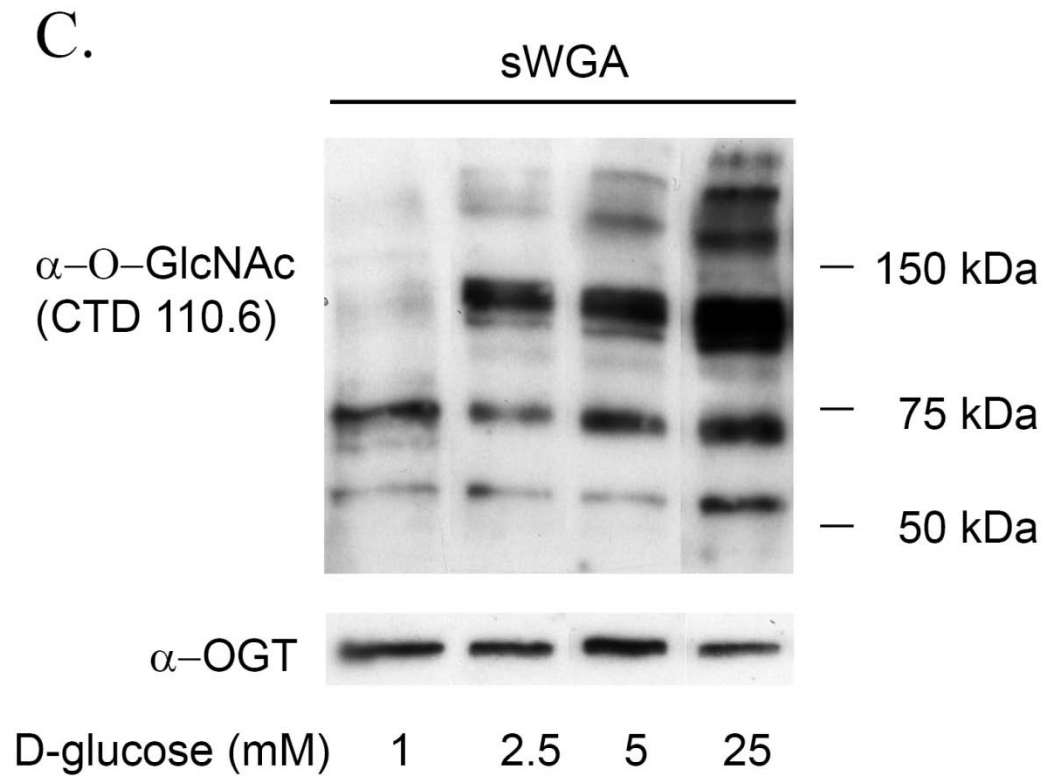
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# Treatment with NAG-thiazoline increases protein O-GlcNAcylation



# Effects of glucose on protein O-GlcNAcylation





# Essential roles of protein O-GlcNAcylation

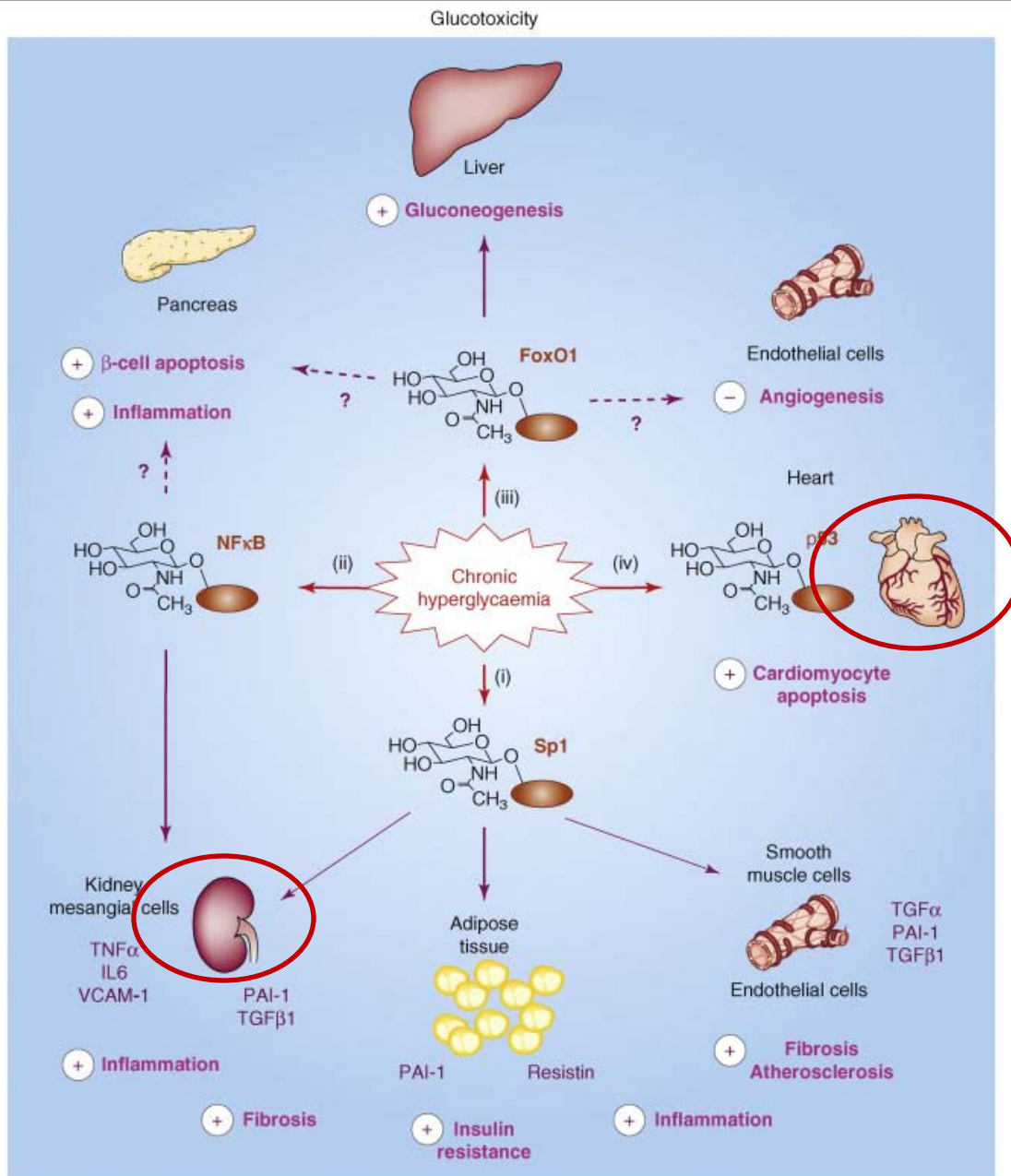
**Cell cycle:** Important for G2/M phase entry, controls level of phosphorylation and expression of cyclins (Slawson et al, JBC, 2005, Dehennaut et al, JBC, 2007).

**Increased tolerance to stress:** Rapid and transient elevation in O-GlcNAcylation involving up-regulation of Heat Shock Proteins and Chaperones, decrease in calcium influx inhibiting calpain-mediated proteolysis (Chatham et al, Shock, 2008, Zachara and Hart, Biochim et Biophys Acta, 2006).

# Pathologies associated with aberrant O-GlcNAcylation

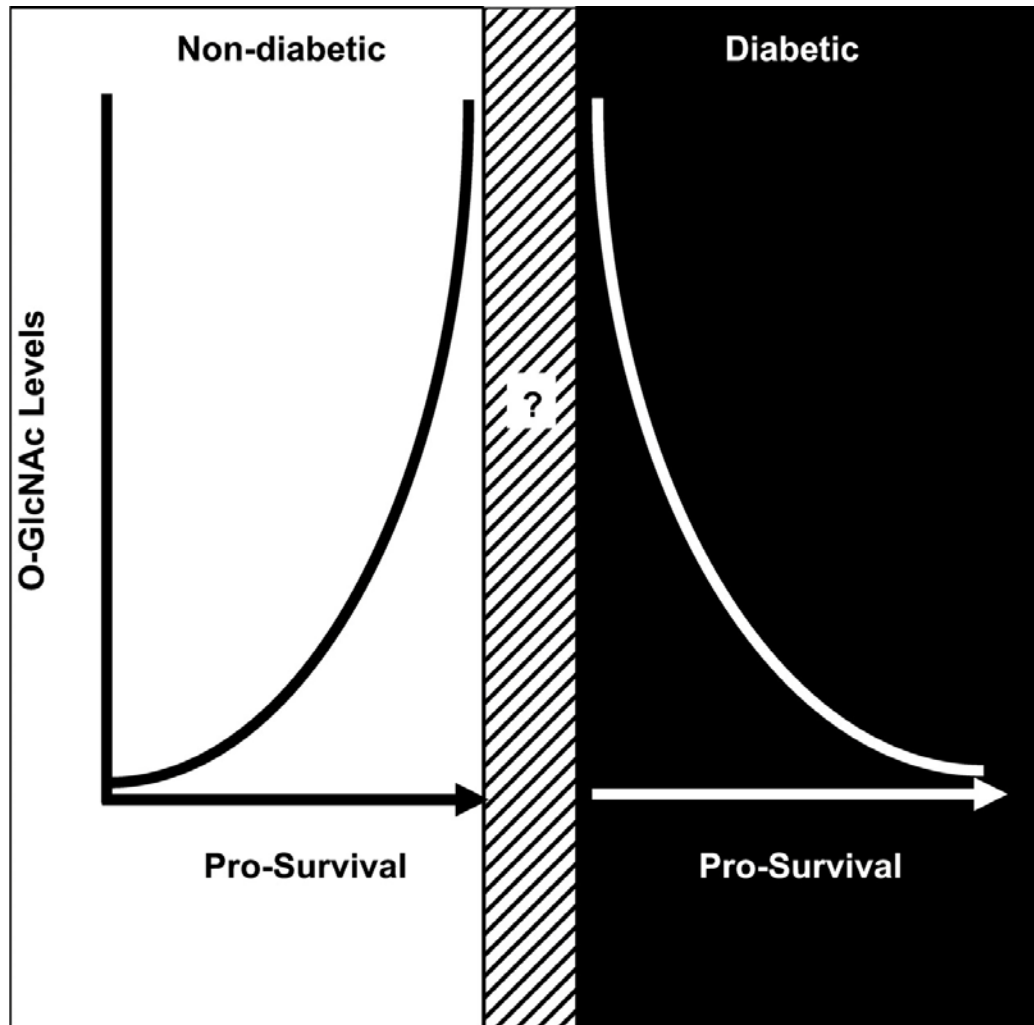
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O-GlcNAc	Target	Pathology
↑	IRS, p85/PI3-kinase, PKB/Akt Glut4 vesicle associated proteins	Insulin resistance; decreased insulin signaling and Glut4 translocation.
↑	eNOS	Endothelial dysfunction; reduced NO production.
↑	nuclear proteins	Diabetic Cardiomyopathy; prolonged calcium transient decays and reduced SERCA2 expression (Clark et al. JBC, 2003).
↓	microtubule-associated protein, tau	Alzheimer's; hyperphosphorylation of tau
↓	Increased O-GlcNAcase activity	Breast carcinoma tumor growth



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In both cell culture and animal models that are not diabetic, O-GlcNAc levels are rapidly elevated in response to stress



Zachara, N. E. Am J Physiol Heart Circ Physiol 293: H1324-H1326 2007;  
doi:10.1152/ajpheart.00697.2007

## Conclusions:

O-GlcNAc is a major regulatory PTM in eukaryotes

O-GlcNAc is required for life. Deletion of OGT is lethal

O-GlcNAc is as abundant as phosphorylation and often competes with it

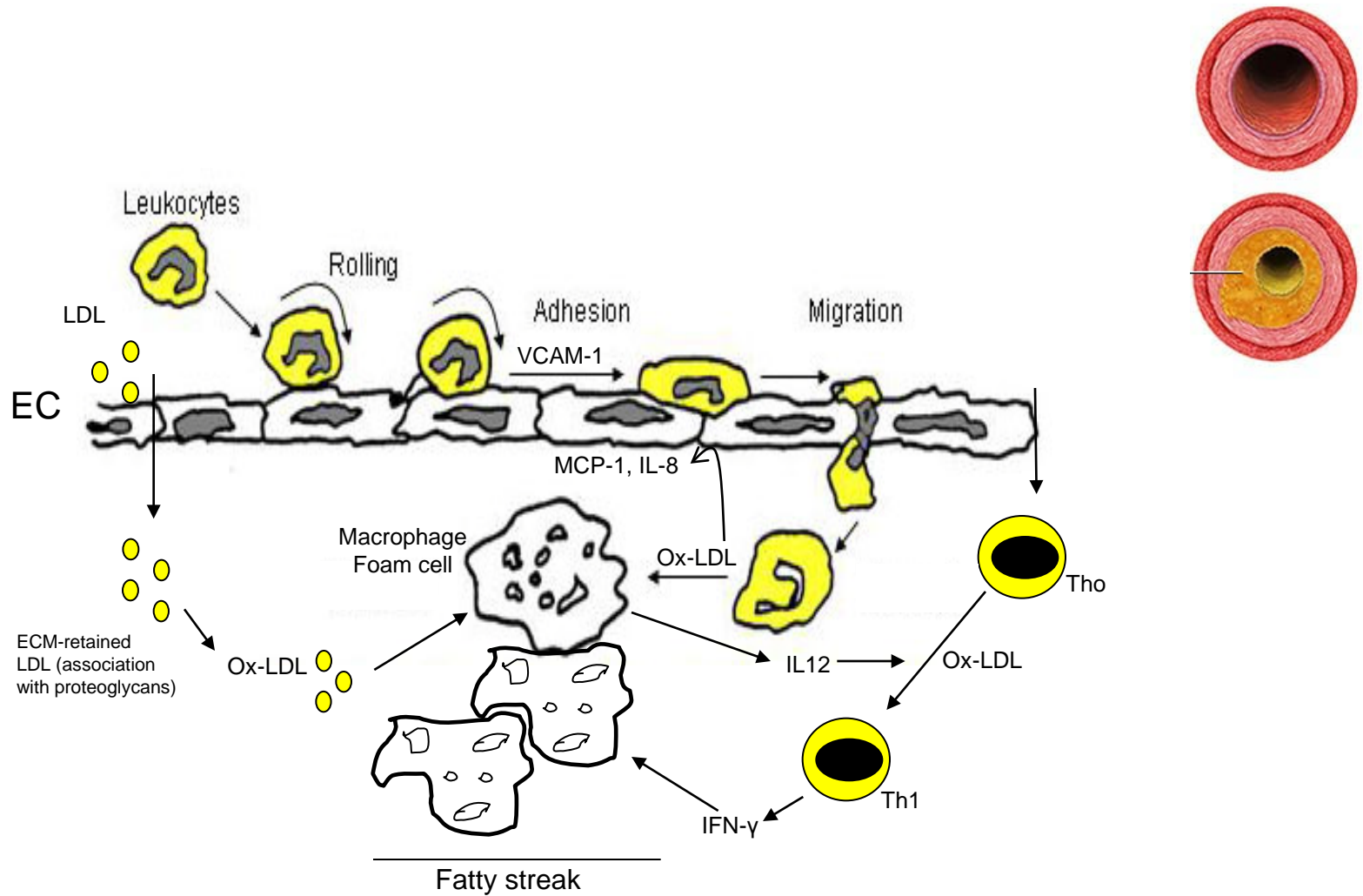
O-GlcNAc is a metabolic and stress sensor that modulate signaling and transcription in response to cellular status

Many toxic effects of Hyperglycemia likely result from dysregulation of the balance between O-GlcNAc and O-phosphate

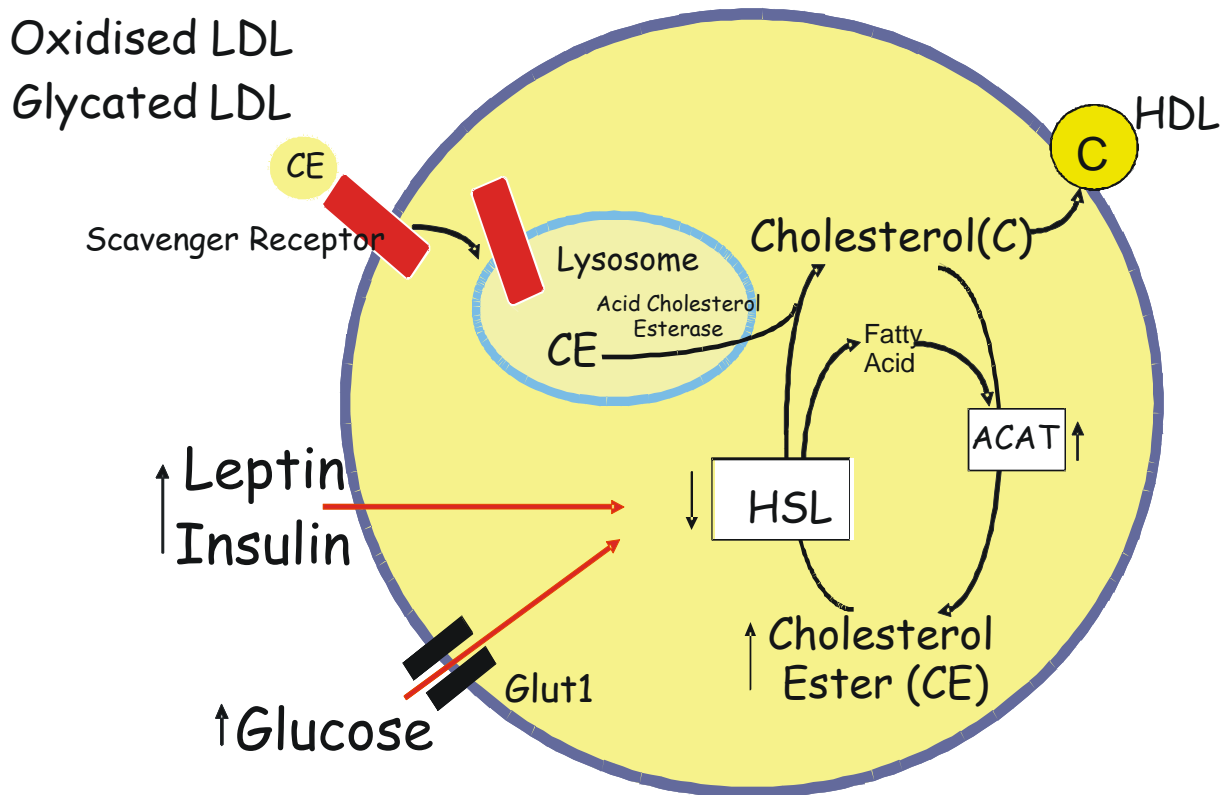
Contradiction between beneficial and adverse effects of O-GlcNAc can be explained by acute and chronic increases in O-GlcNAc on proteins by the concept of allostasis; activation of processes/signaling pathways that are protective and improve survival in the short term may lead to pathophysiology in the long term



# Development of Atherosclerosis



# Mechanisms regulating macrophage cholesterol ester deposition in diabetics?



# Reciprocal regulation of inflammation and lipid metabolism by liver X receptors

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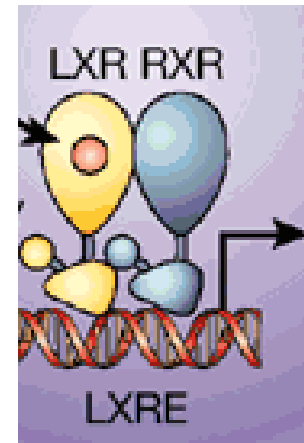
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Macrophages have important roles in both lipid metabolism and inflammation and are central to the pathogenesis of atherosclerosis. The liver X receptors (LXRs) are established mediators of lipid-inducible gene expression, but their role in inflammation and immunity is unknown. We demonstrate here that LXRs and their ligands are negative regulators of macrophage inflammatory gene expression. Transcriptional profiling of lipopolysaccharide (LPS)-induced macrophages reveals reciprocal LXR-dependent regulation of genes involved in lipid metabolism and the innate immune response. *In vitro*, LXR ligands inhibit the expression of inflammatory mediators such as inducible nitric oxide synthase, cyclooxygenase (COX)-2 and interleukin-6 (IL-6) in response to bacterial infection or LPS stimulation. *In vivo*, LXR agonists reduce inflammation in a model of contact dermatitis and inhibit inflammatory gene expression in the aortas of atherosclerotic mice. These findings identify LXRs as lipid-dependent regulators of inflammatory gene expression that may serve to link lipid metabolism and immune functions in macrophages.

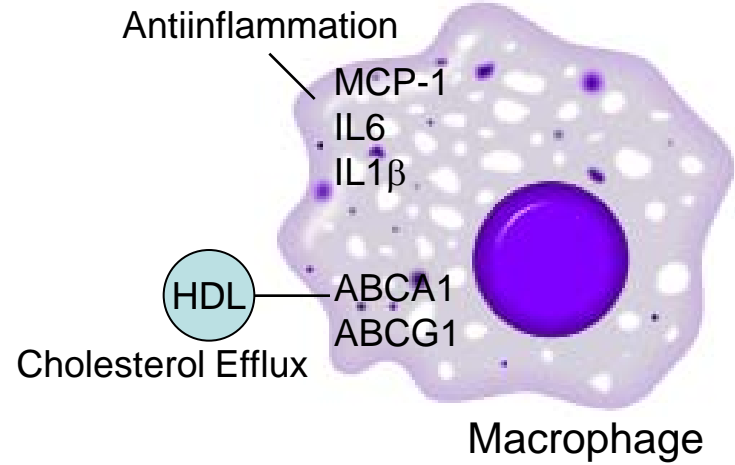
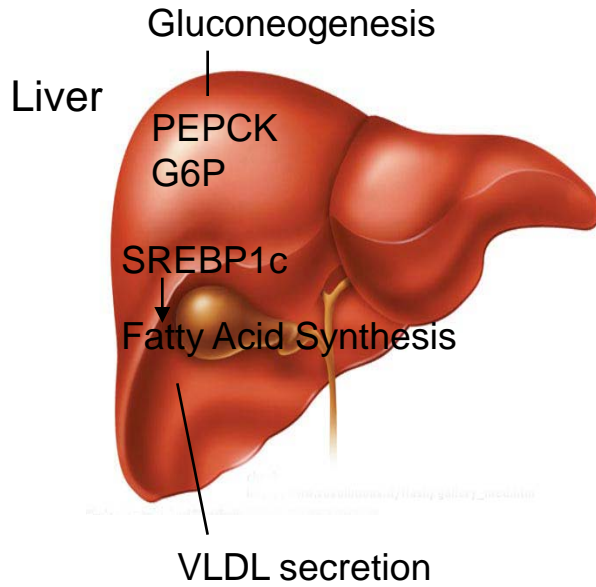
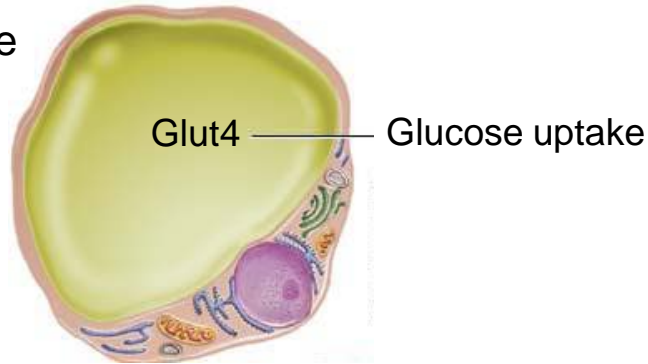
# The Liver X Receptor

- Two forms; LXR $\alpha$  and LXR $\beta$
- Member of the nuclear hormone receptor family (incl. PPARs, RXR, GR, ER,..)
- Work as heterodimer with the retinoid X receptor (RXR)
- LXR $\alpha$  is expressed in macrophages, liver, adipose tissue, intestine and spleen
- LXR $\beta$  is expressed ubiquitously
- Control gene expression linked to cholesterol and fatty acid homeostasis in response to oxygenated cholesterol metabolites (oxysterols).

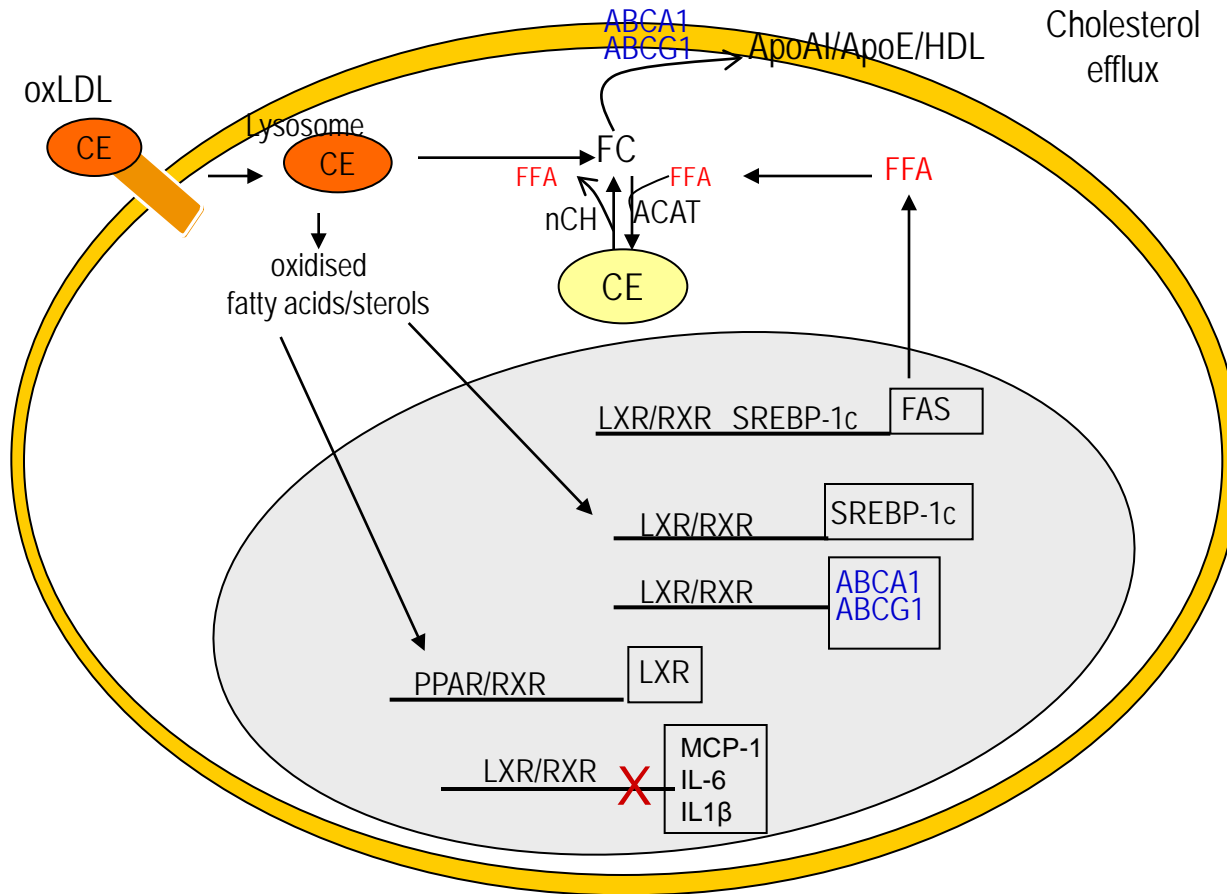


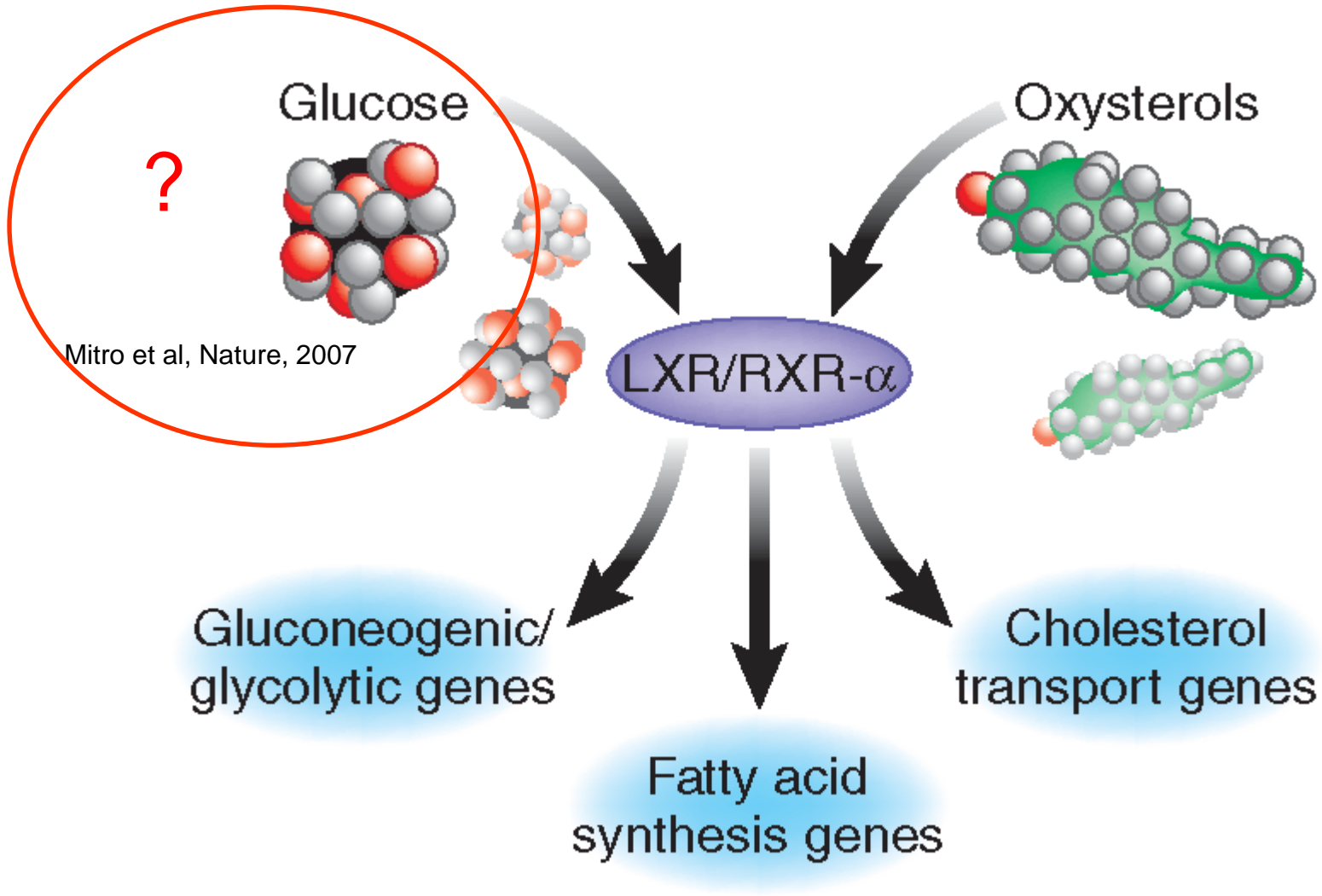
# LXR:Functions

Adipocyte



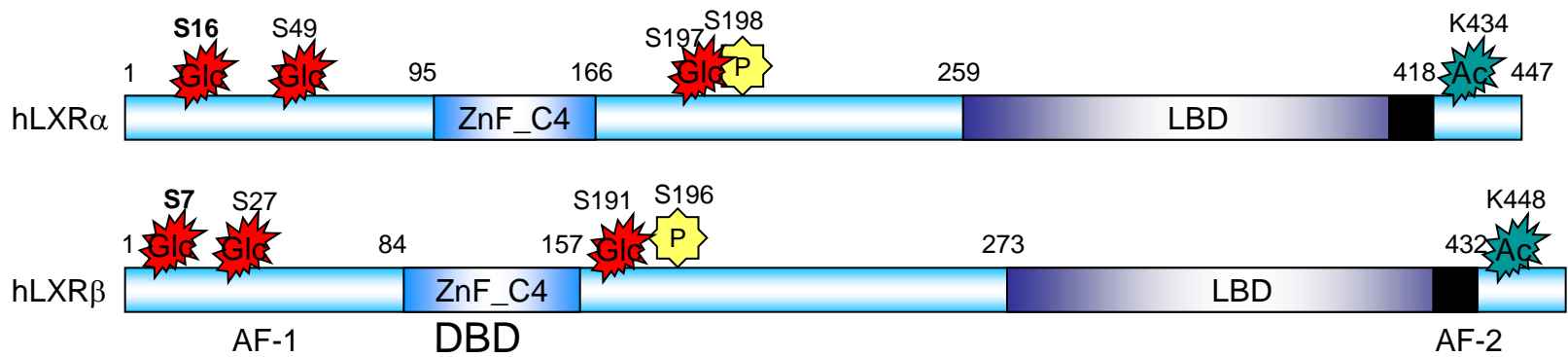
# Role of LXR in macrophage lipid metabolism and inflammation





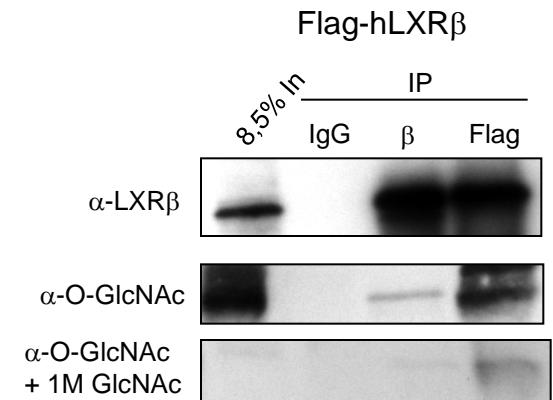
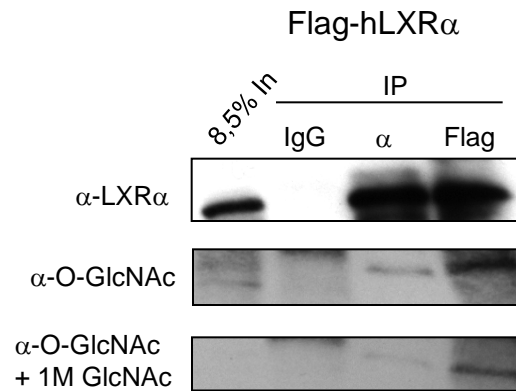
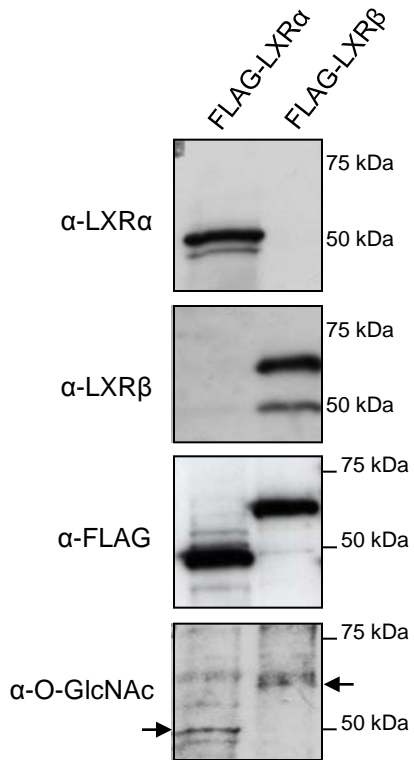


# Post-translational modifications of LXR with putative O-GlcNAcylation sites

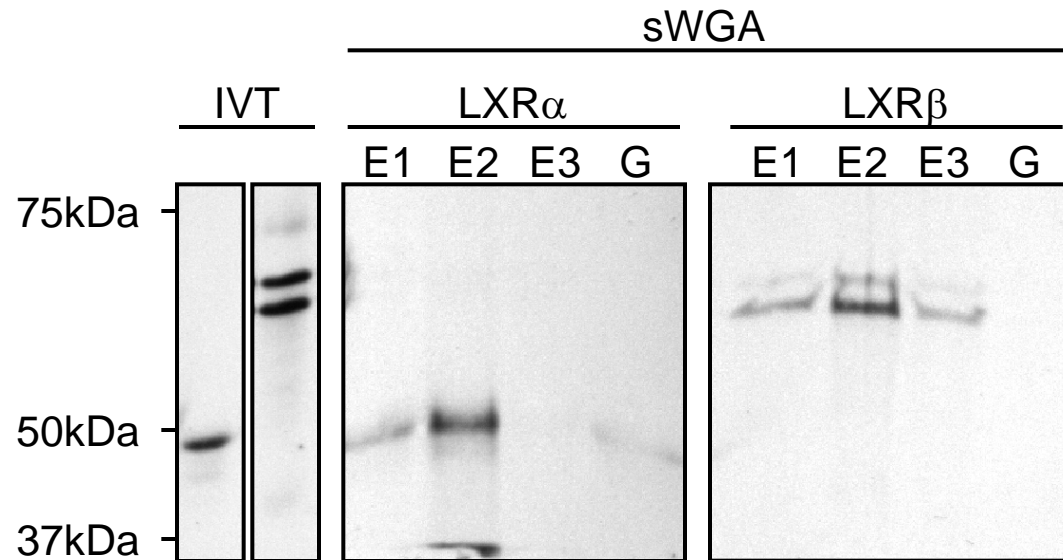


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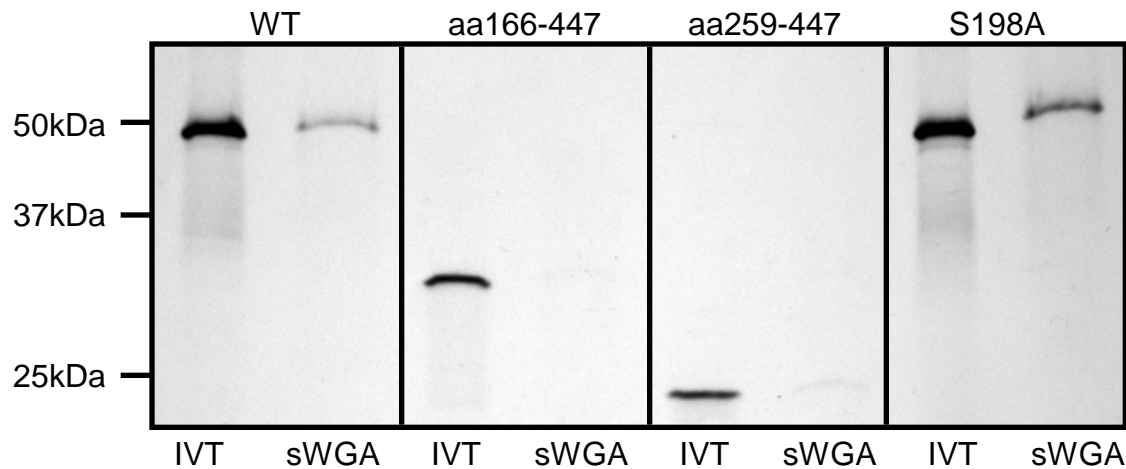
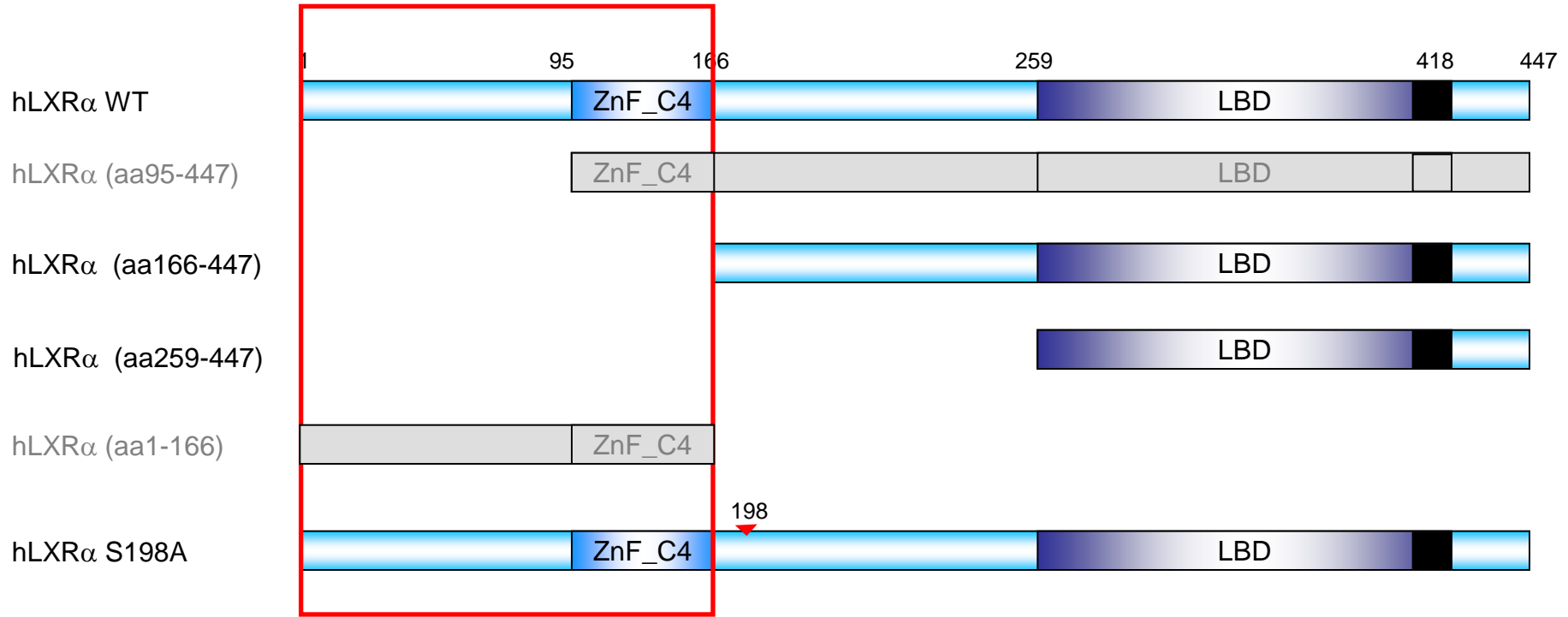


# LXR $\alpha$ and LXR $\beta$ are Modified by O-GlcNAc *In Vitro*



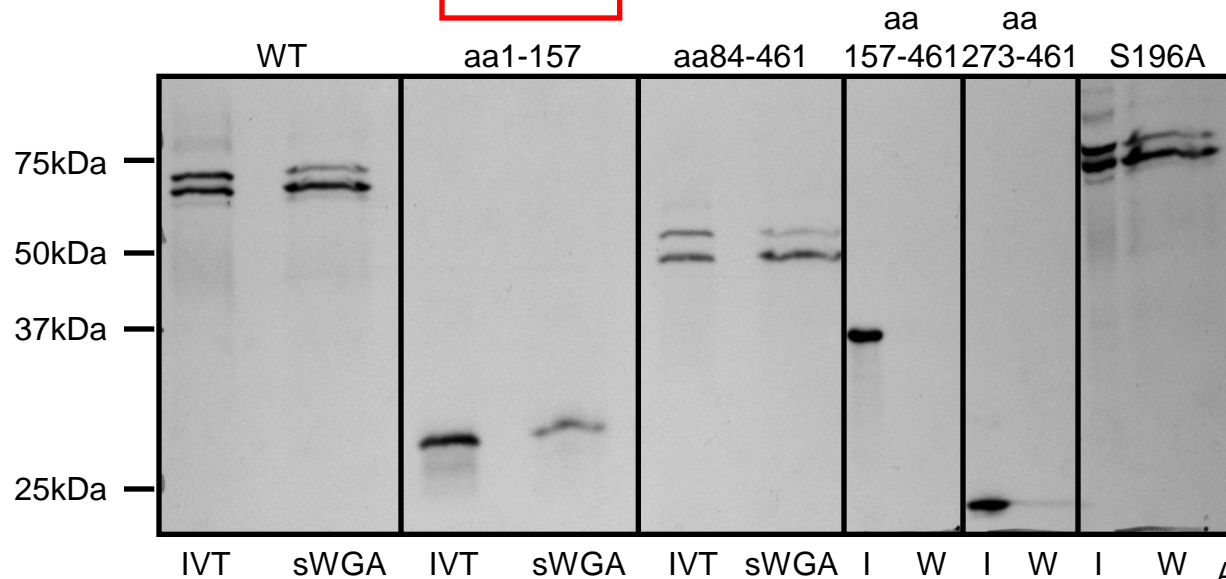
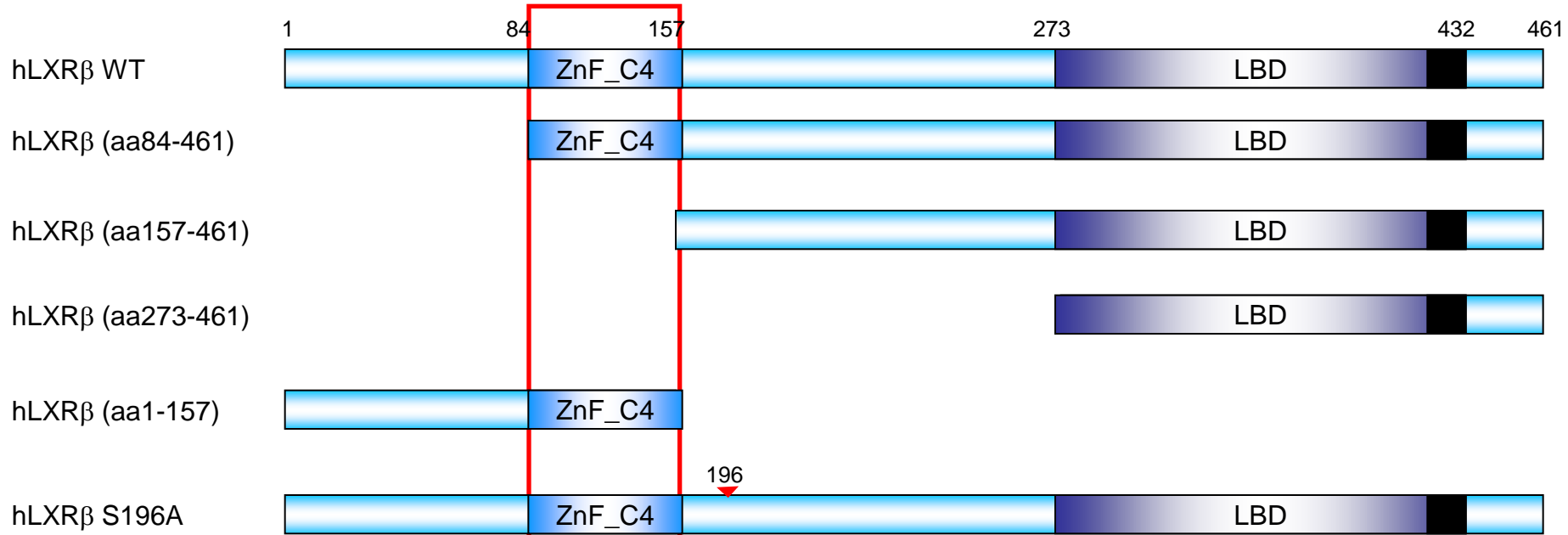
G – 0.5M Galactose  
E – 0.5M GlcNAc

# In Vitro Glycosylation-Assay, LXR $\alpha$

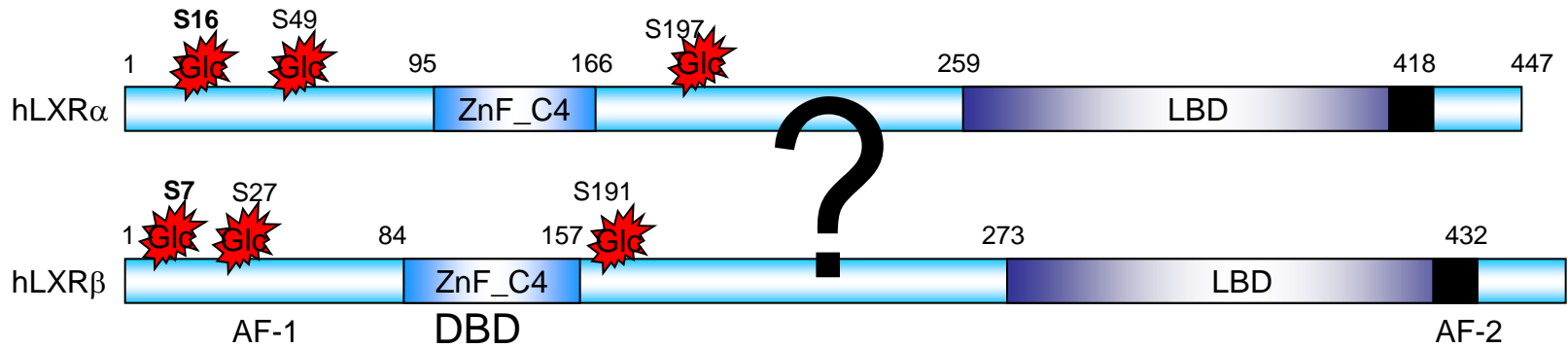


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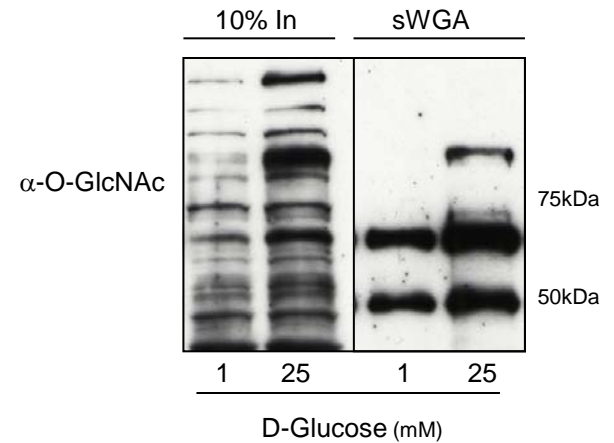
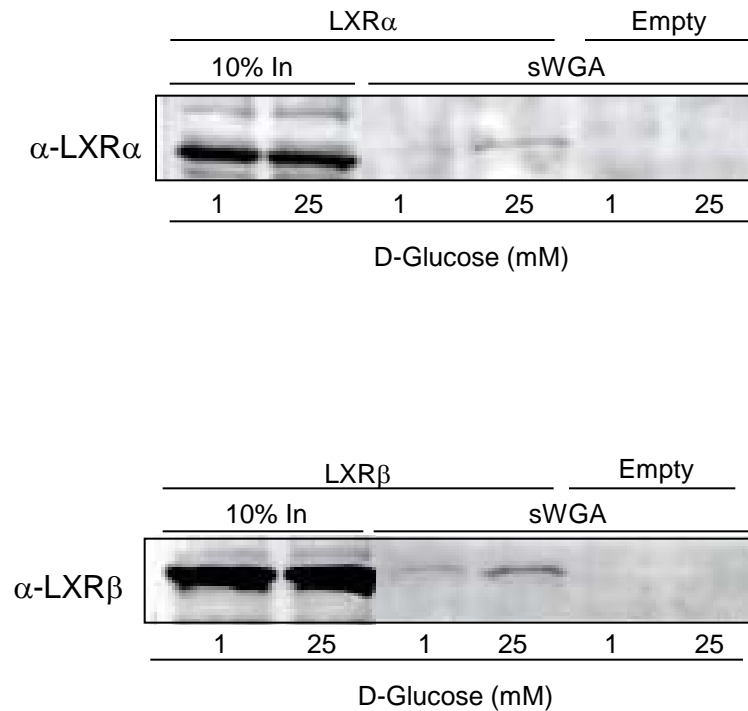


# Mapping of LXR O-GlcNAcylation sites by MS



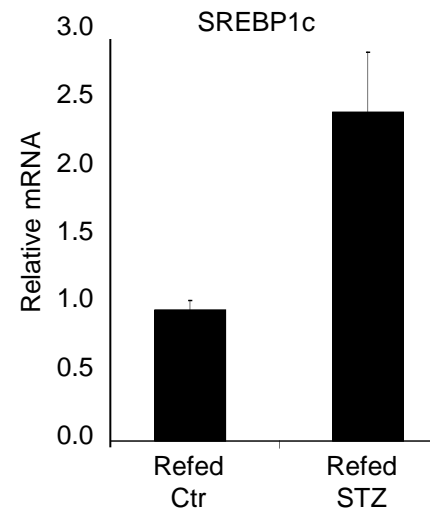
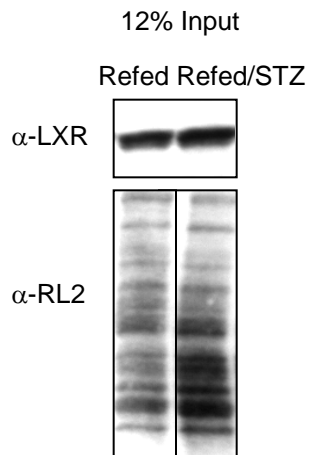
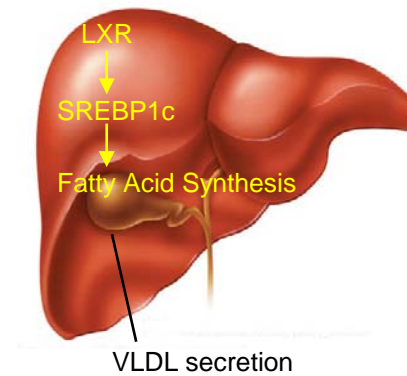
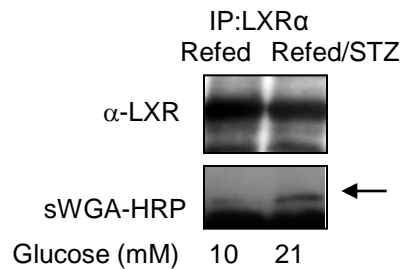
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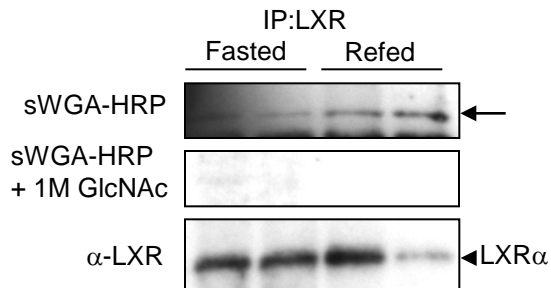




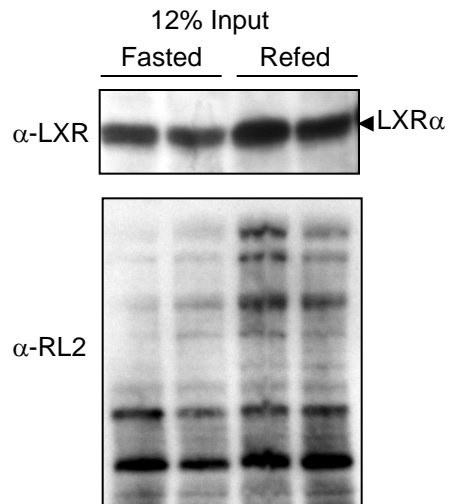
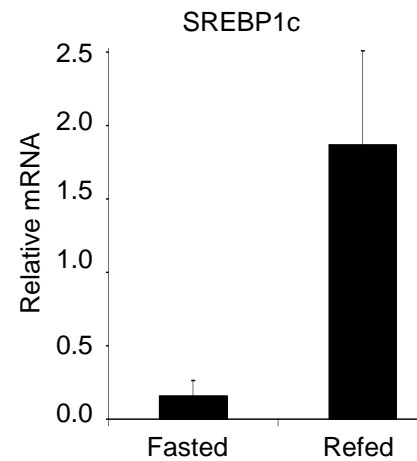
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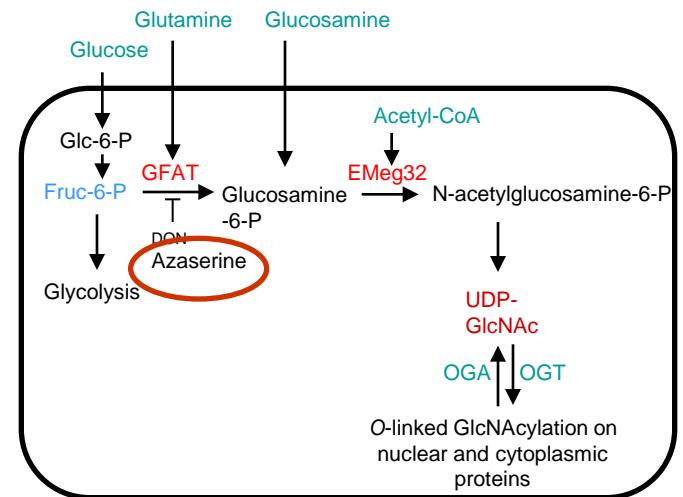
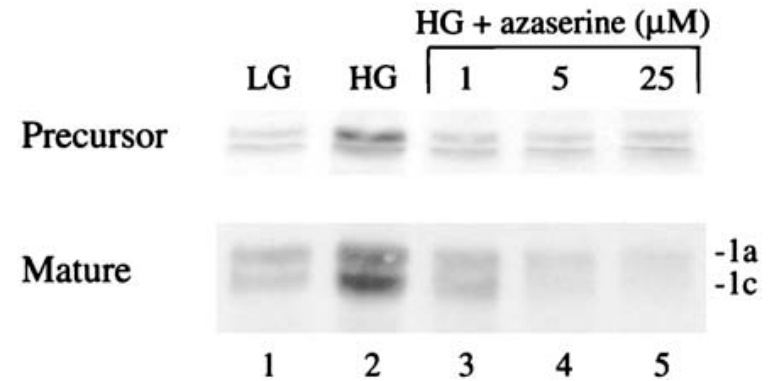
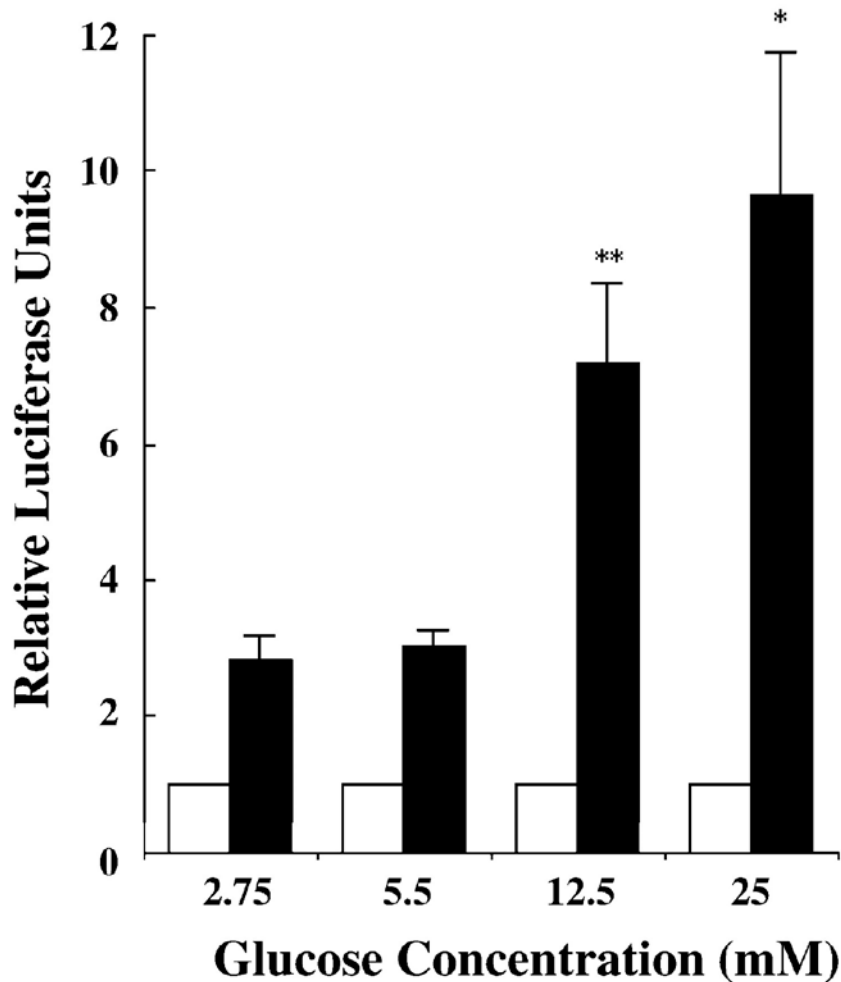
# *In vivo* O-GlcNAc modification of mLXR $\alpha$ is induced during fasting – refeeding



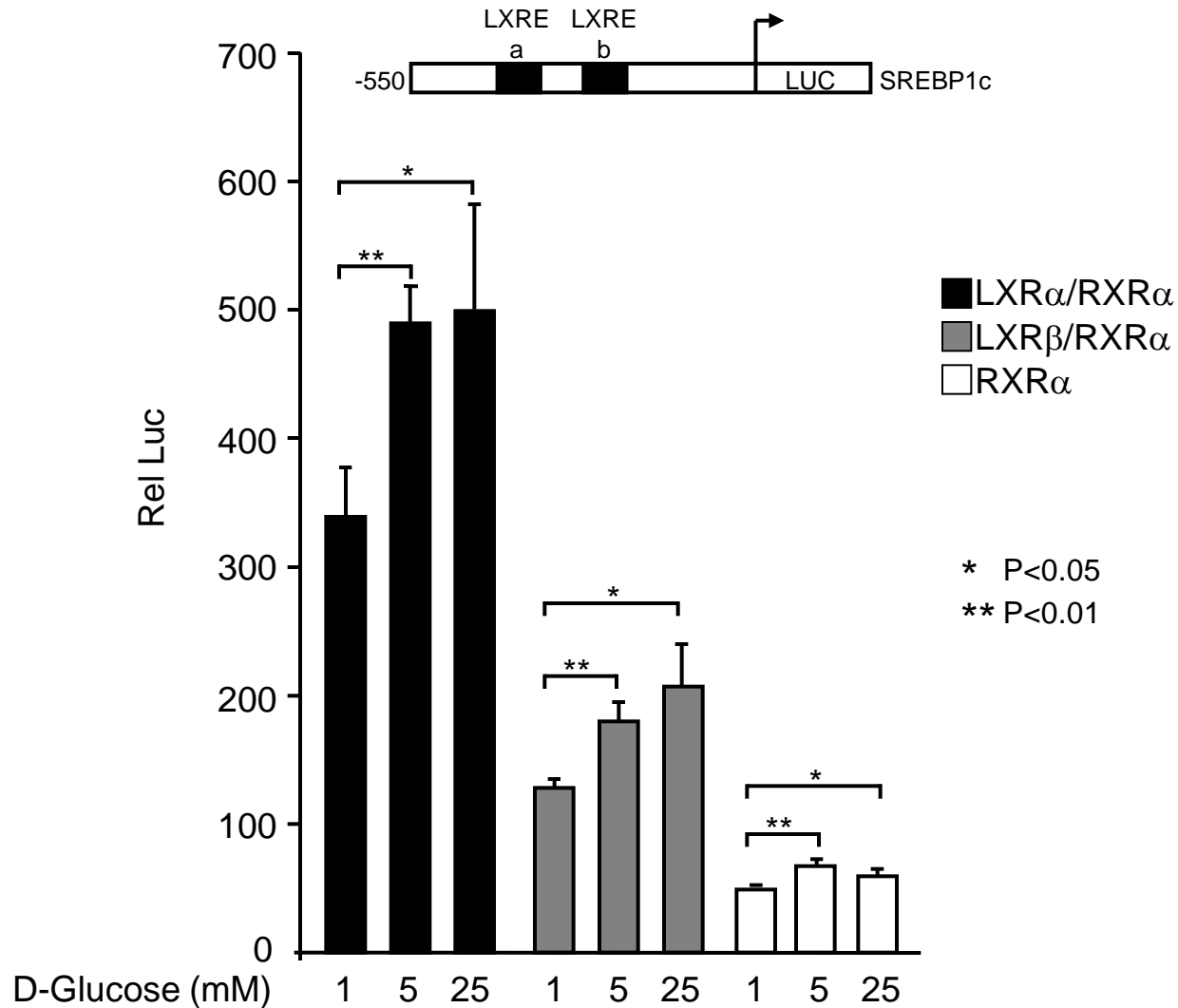
	Glucose (mM)	
Fasted	4,5	4,8
Refed	9,9	11,2



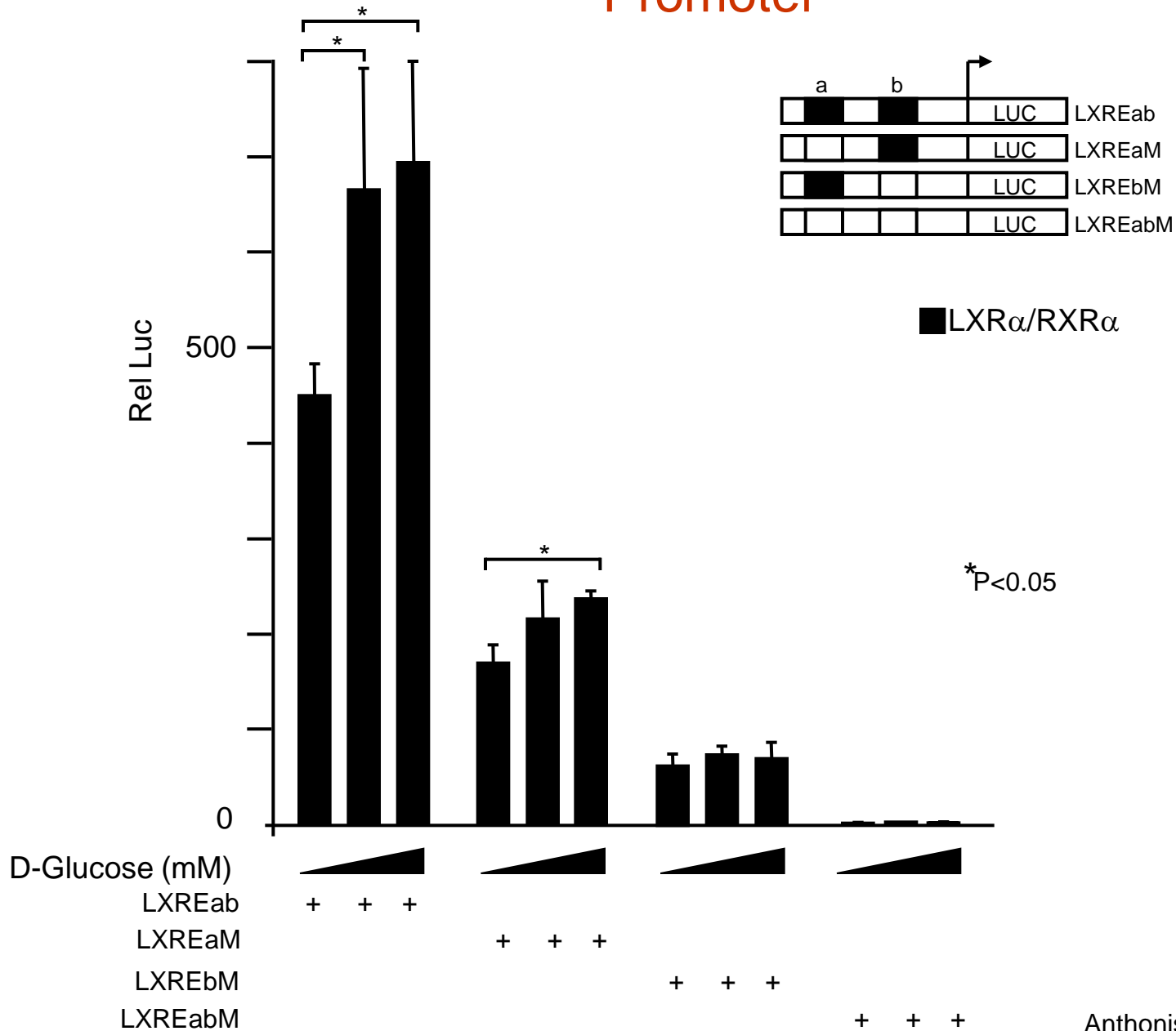
# Glucose effects on SREBP-1c expression



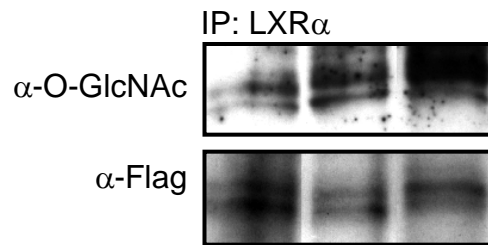
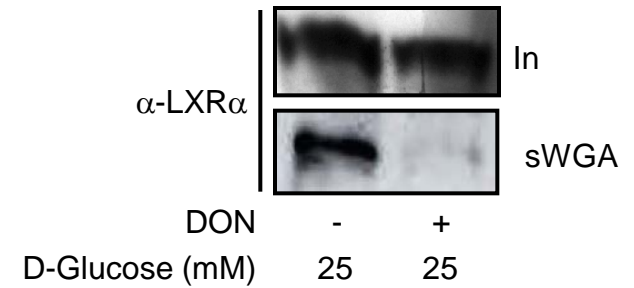
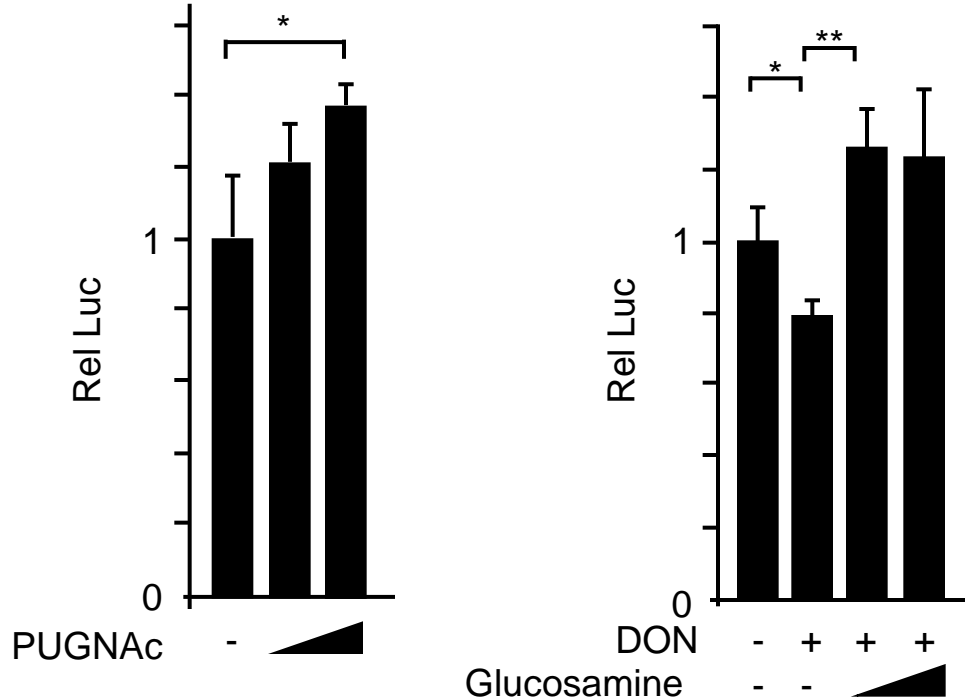
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# O-GlcNAc Regulates LXR $\alpha$ Transactivation of the SREBP-1c Promoter



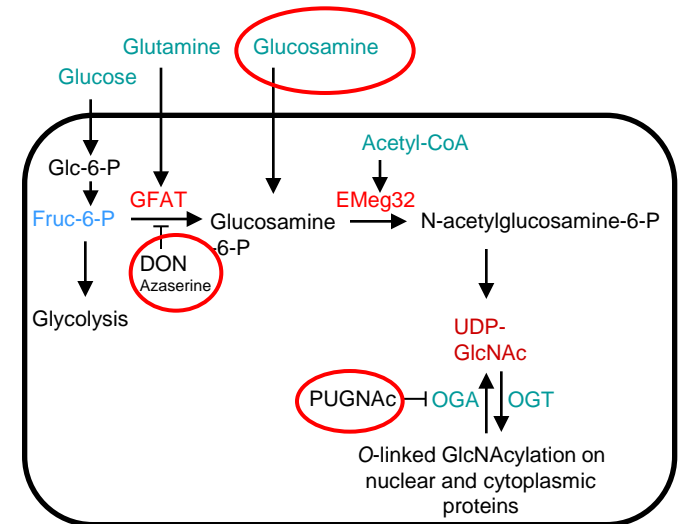
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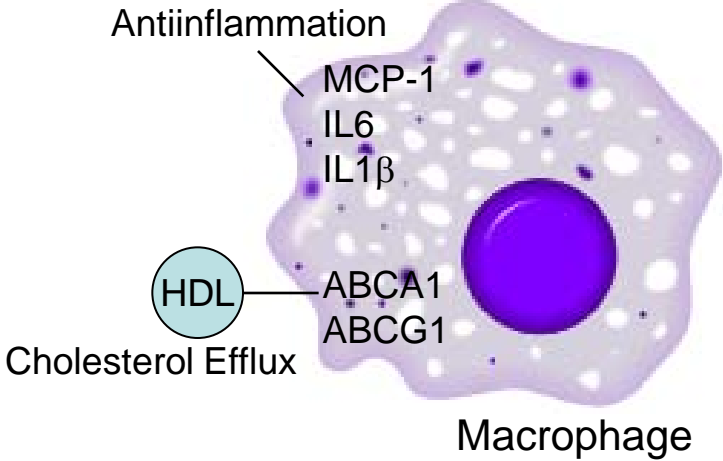
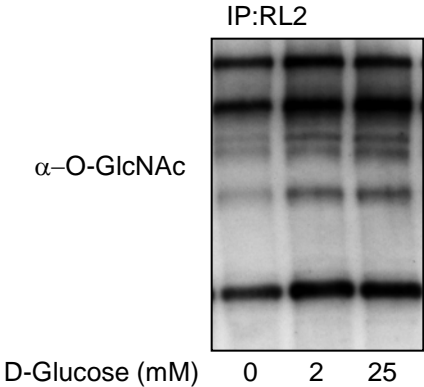
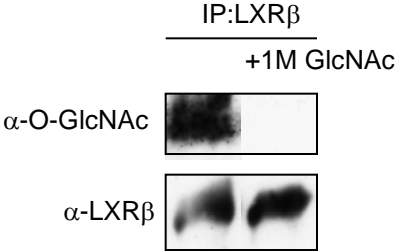
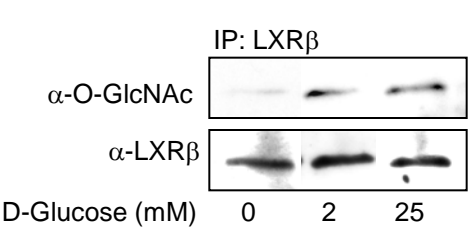
PUGNAc	-	-	+
Glucosamine	-	+	-
D-Glucose (mM)	5	5	5

\* P<0.05

\*\* P<0.01



# O-GlcNAc modification of LXRβ is regulated by glucose in human THP-1 macrophages

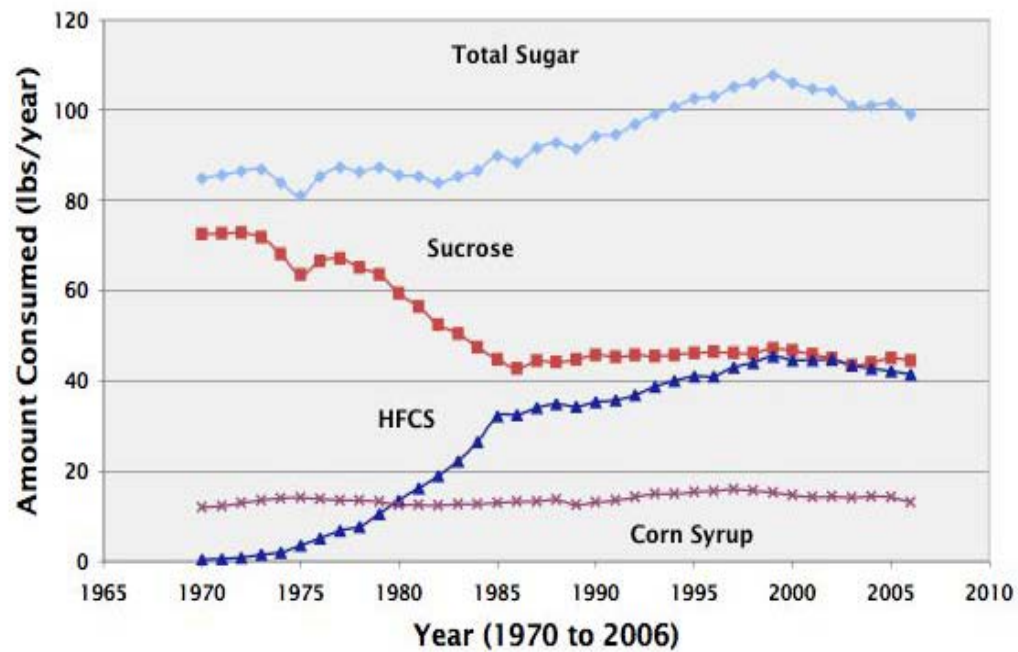




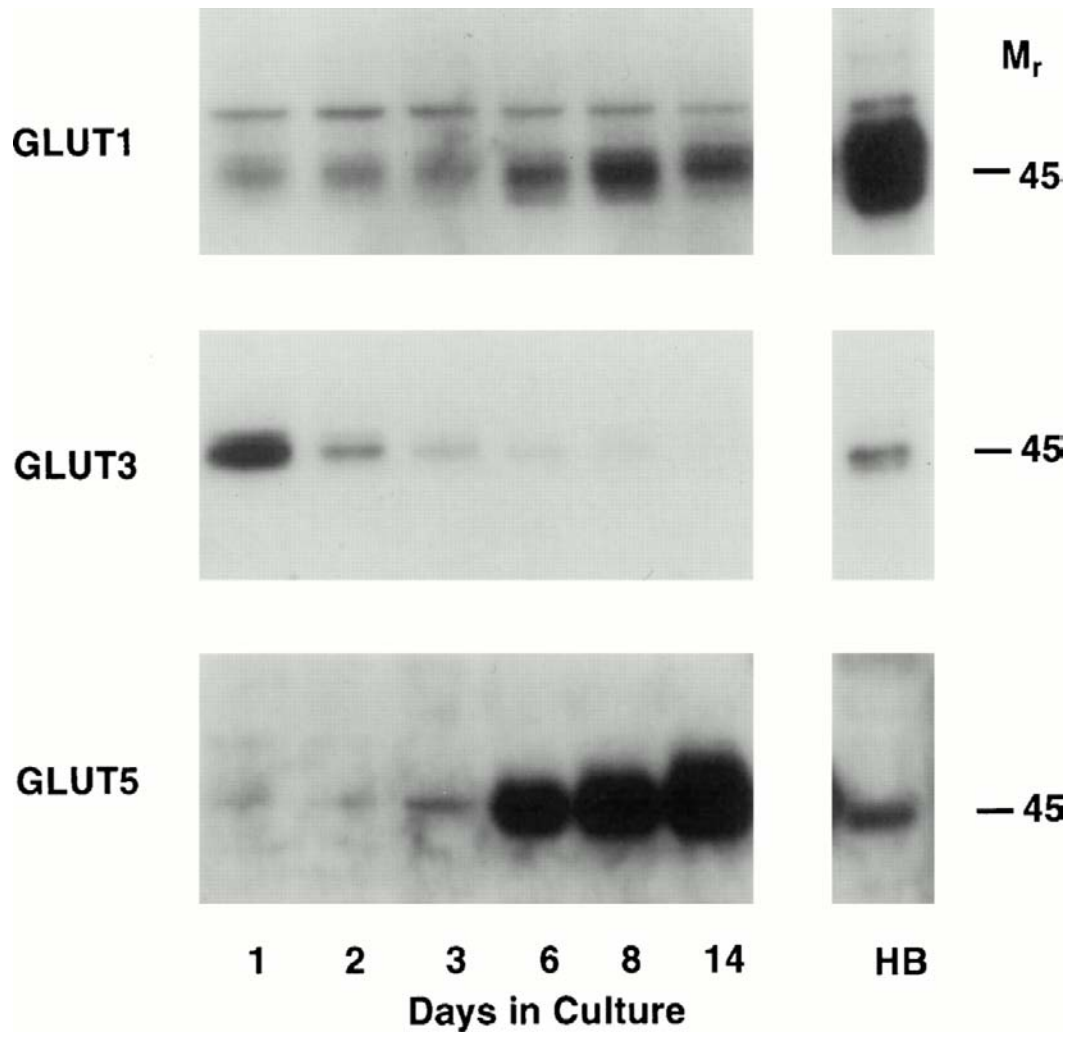
# FRUCTOSE CONSUMPTION



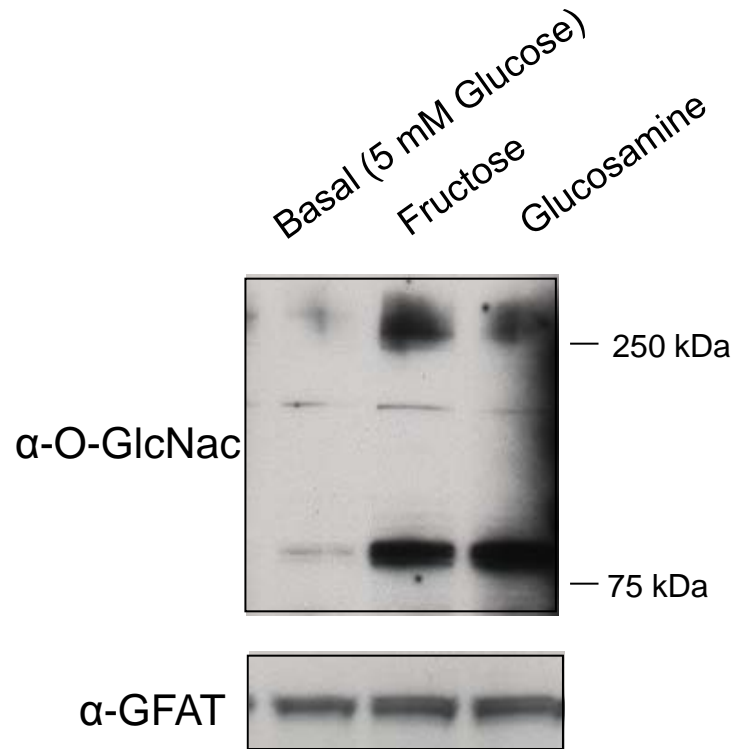
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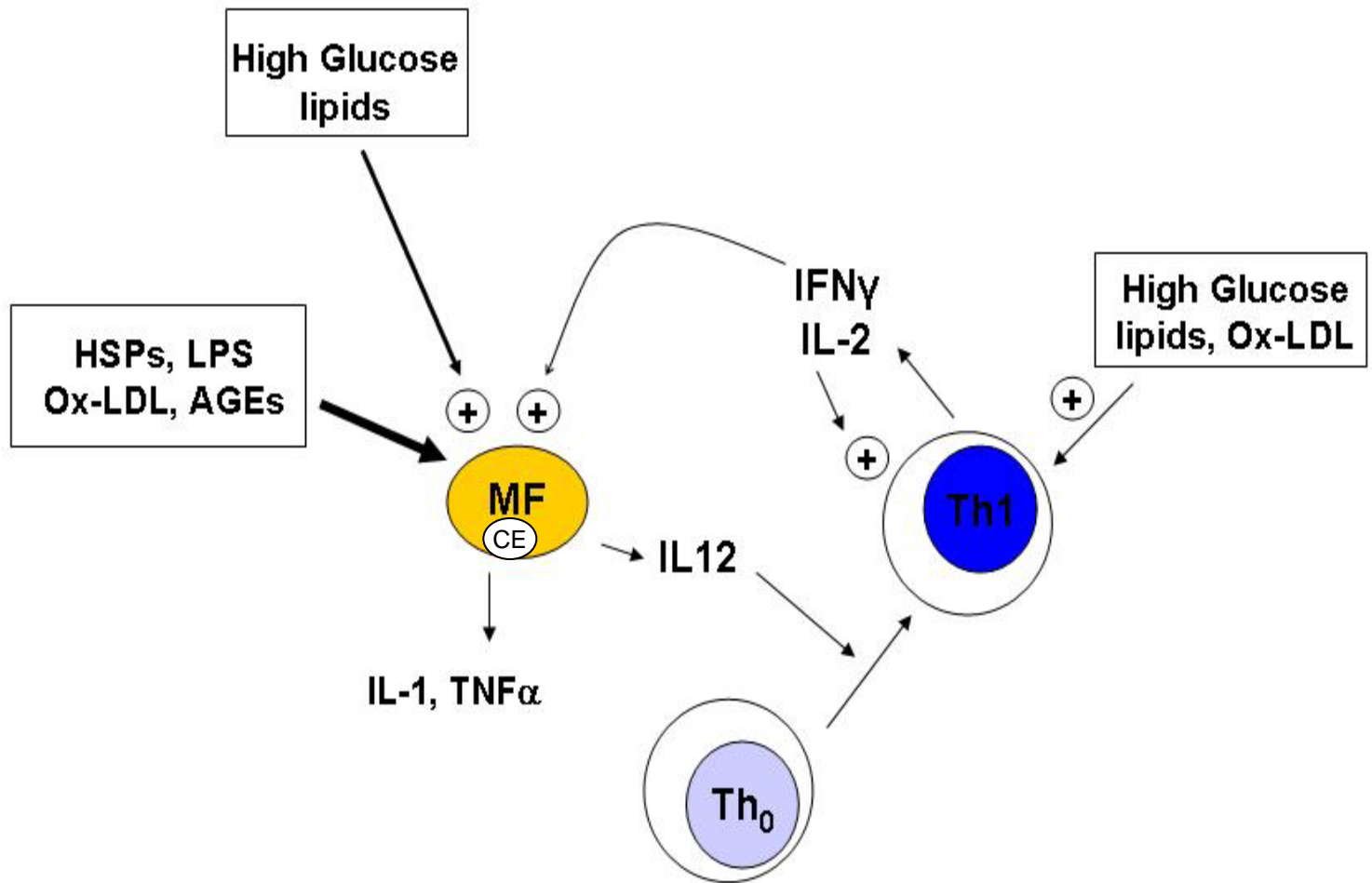


# Human macrophages, but not circulating monocytes, express Fructose transporter, Glut5

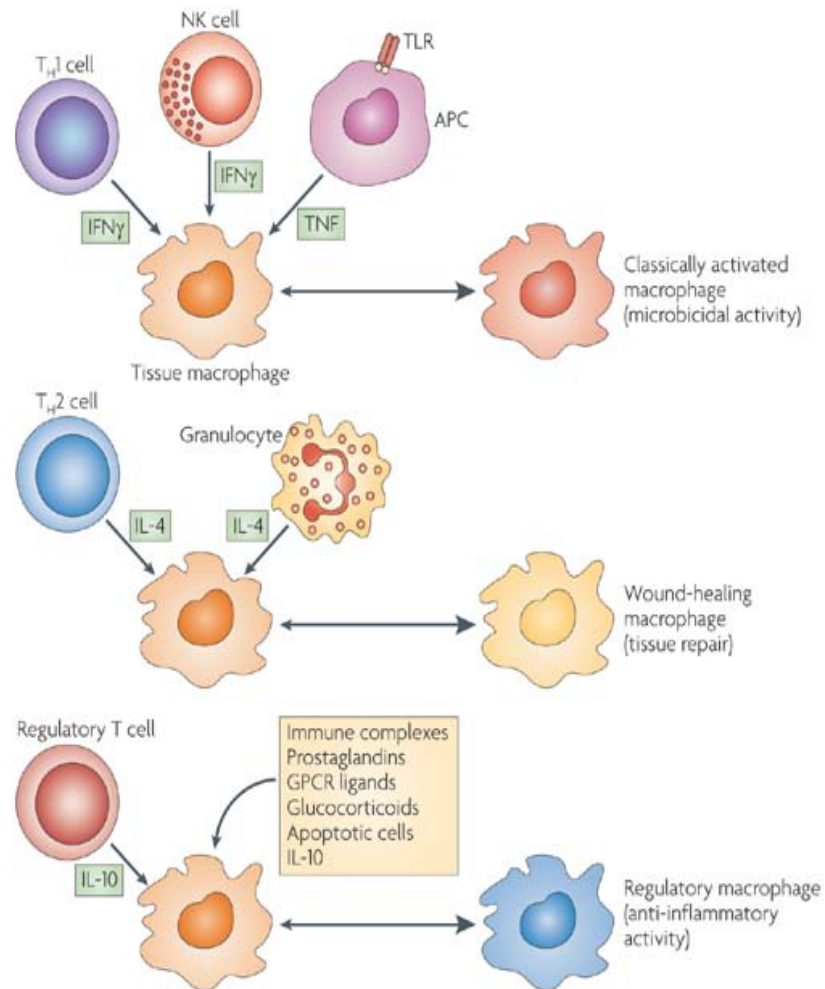


# Fructose increases protein O-GlcNAcylation in primary human blood-derived macrophages





# Differentiation and polarization of human monocyte-derived macrophages

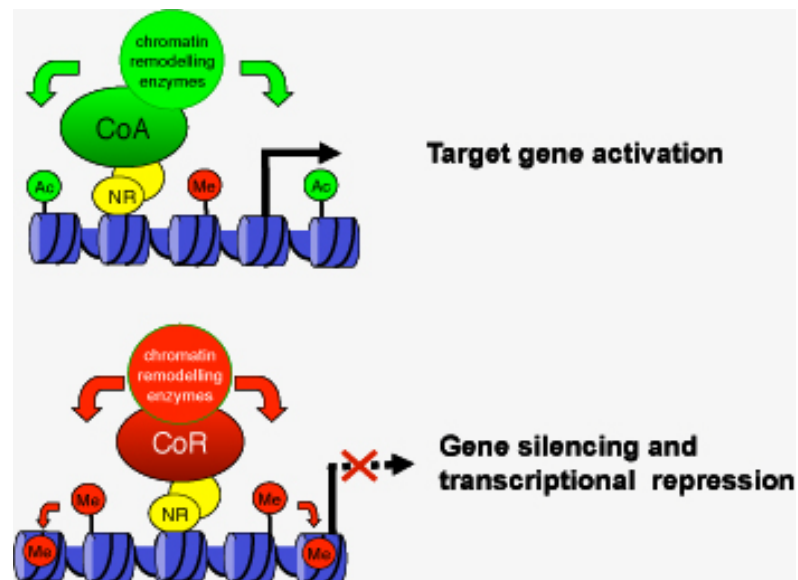


# AIM OF PhD PROJECT (MLS)

Elucidate the role of the hexosamine signalling pathway and O-linked glycosylation in macrophages (resting and activated) in relation to sugar (glucose/fructose)-induced macrophage foam cell formation and pro-inflammatory cytokine production in atherosclerosis.

Specific aims:

A1. Elucidate the role of O-GlcNAcylated LXR in sugar-induced lipid metabolism (storage and transport) and pro-inflammatory cytokine production



A2. Identification of novel, sugar-induced O-GlcNAc modified proteins by MS analysis

# Further Reading

- **Butkinaree C et al, Biochim et Biophys Acta, 2010:**  
*O-linked beta-N-acetylglucosamine (O-GlcNAc): Extensive crosstalk with phosphorylation to regulate signaling and transcription in response to nutrients and stress*
  
- **Anthonisen EH et al, JBC, 2010:**  
*Nuclear receptor liver X receptor is O-GlcNAc-modified in response to glucose*