

# Inflammation after injury: ...sniffing the trail from femur fractures to formyl peptides

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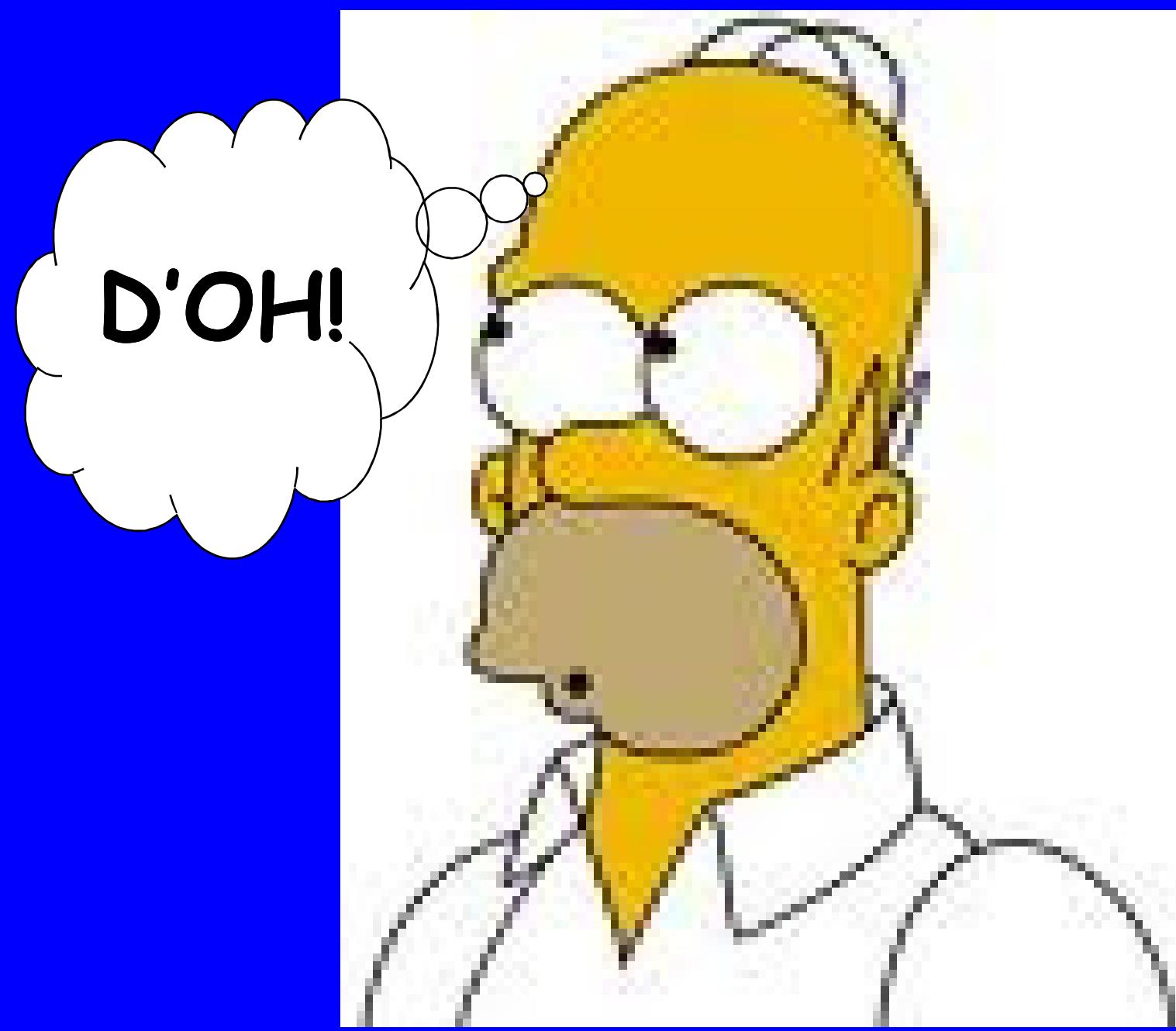
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- *14 of the last 15 WTA meetings*

# Mississippi, 1993

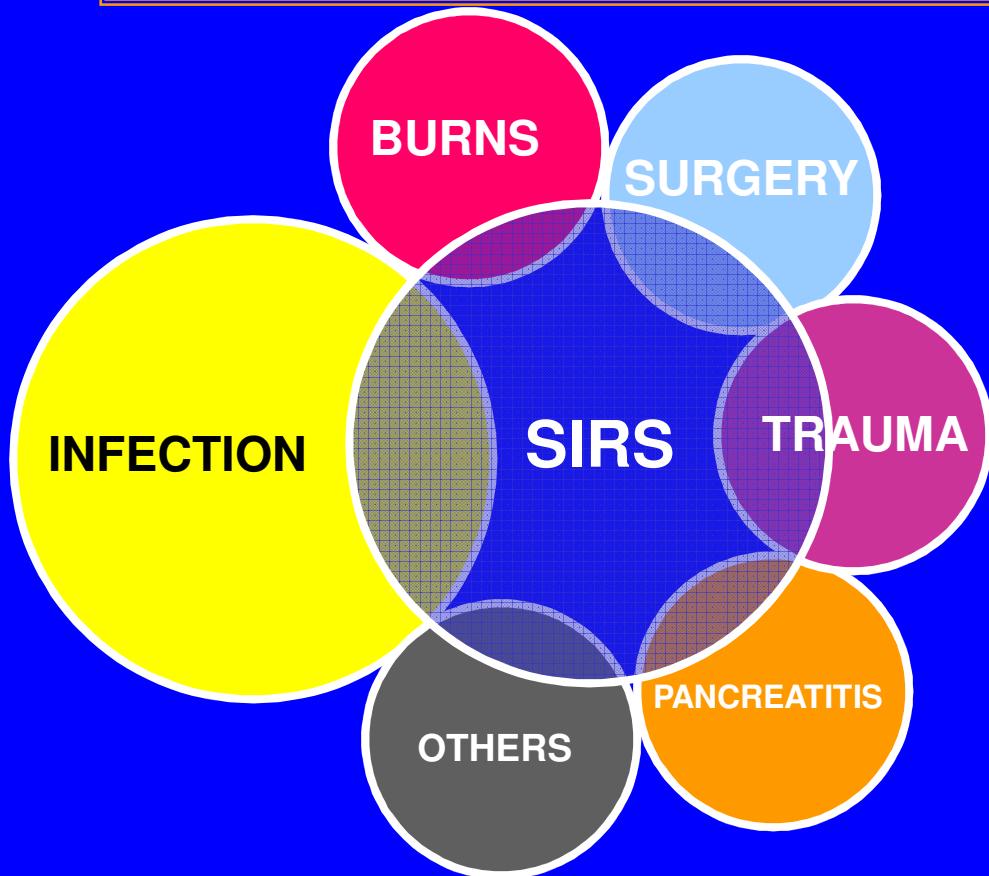


*“Bubba”*

- Morel-Lavallé
- MOF “due to sepsis”
- No ‘source’
- I&D huge pelvic hematoma
- Every culture (-)
- Recovered



# Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome (SIRS)



≥ 2 of the following:

- Temp  $>38^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $<36^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Pulse  $>90$
- RR  $>20$ , PCO<sub>2</sub>  $<32$
- WBC  $>12,000$ ,  $<4000$  or  $>10\%$  bands

Inflammatory response to illness of any source

# Burden of SIRS

- *Prevalence:*
  - *1/3* of all hospitalized patients
  - *1/3* of all trauma admissions
  - $> \textit{half}$  of all ICU patients
  - nearly *all* SICU patients

# Sepsis or SIRS?



Aspiration or  
pneumonia?



Hematoma or  
pus?

# Post-op fever / SIRS

## The “Three W’s”

- Day 1 – **WIND** (atelectasis)
- Day 3 – **WATER** (UTI)
- Day 5-7 – **WOUND** (SSI’s)

*Textbook dogma ...but how much  
is really truth?*

# *Was it something in the fracture hematoma?*



*Living is easy  
with eyes closed...  
misunderstanding  
all you see*

# To the lab !!

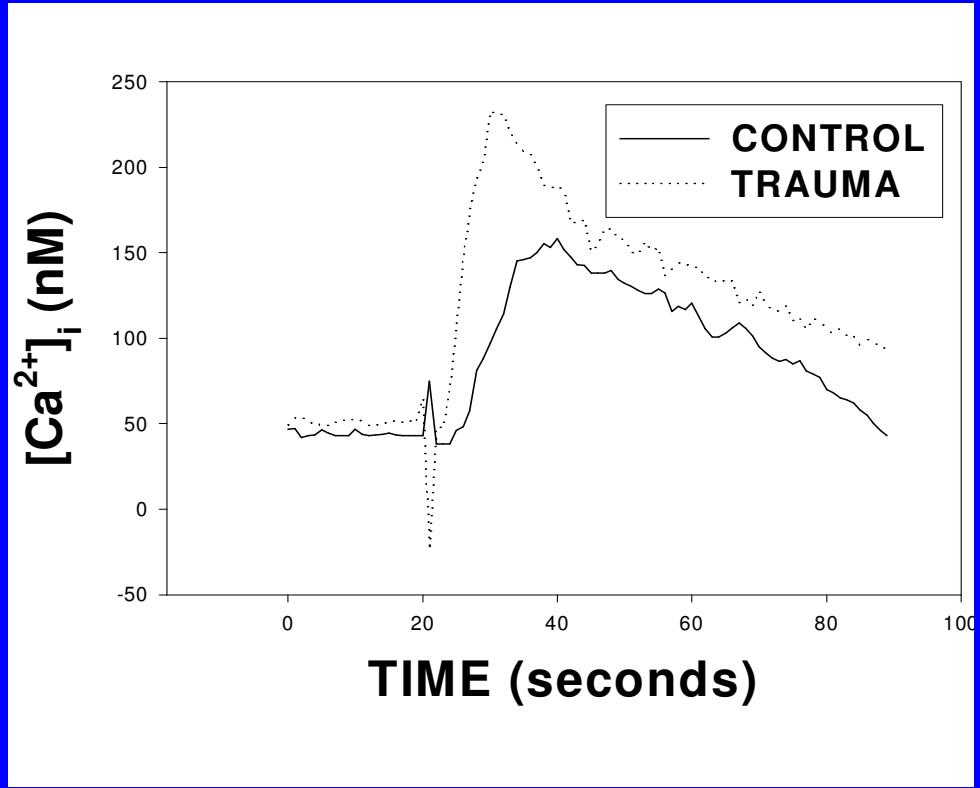


# *Hauser, AAST 1995*



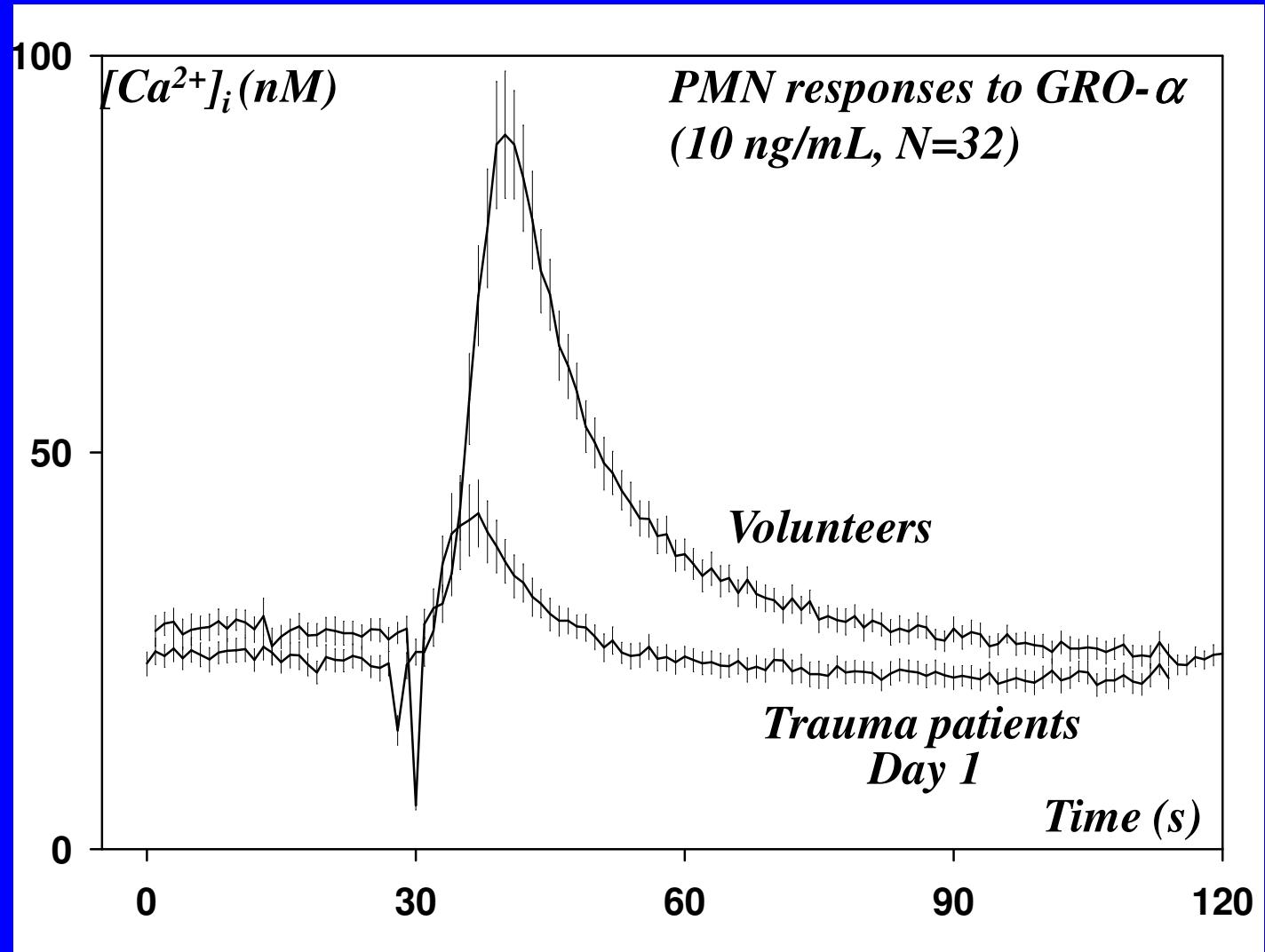
*Femur fractures are an important source  
of systemic cytokines*

*Adams, Hauser. WTA 2000*



Trauma altered responses to G-protein coupled cytokines, increasing responses to *fMLP*

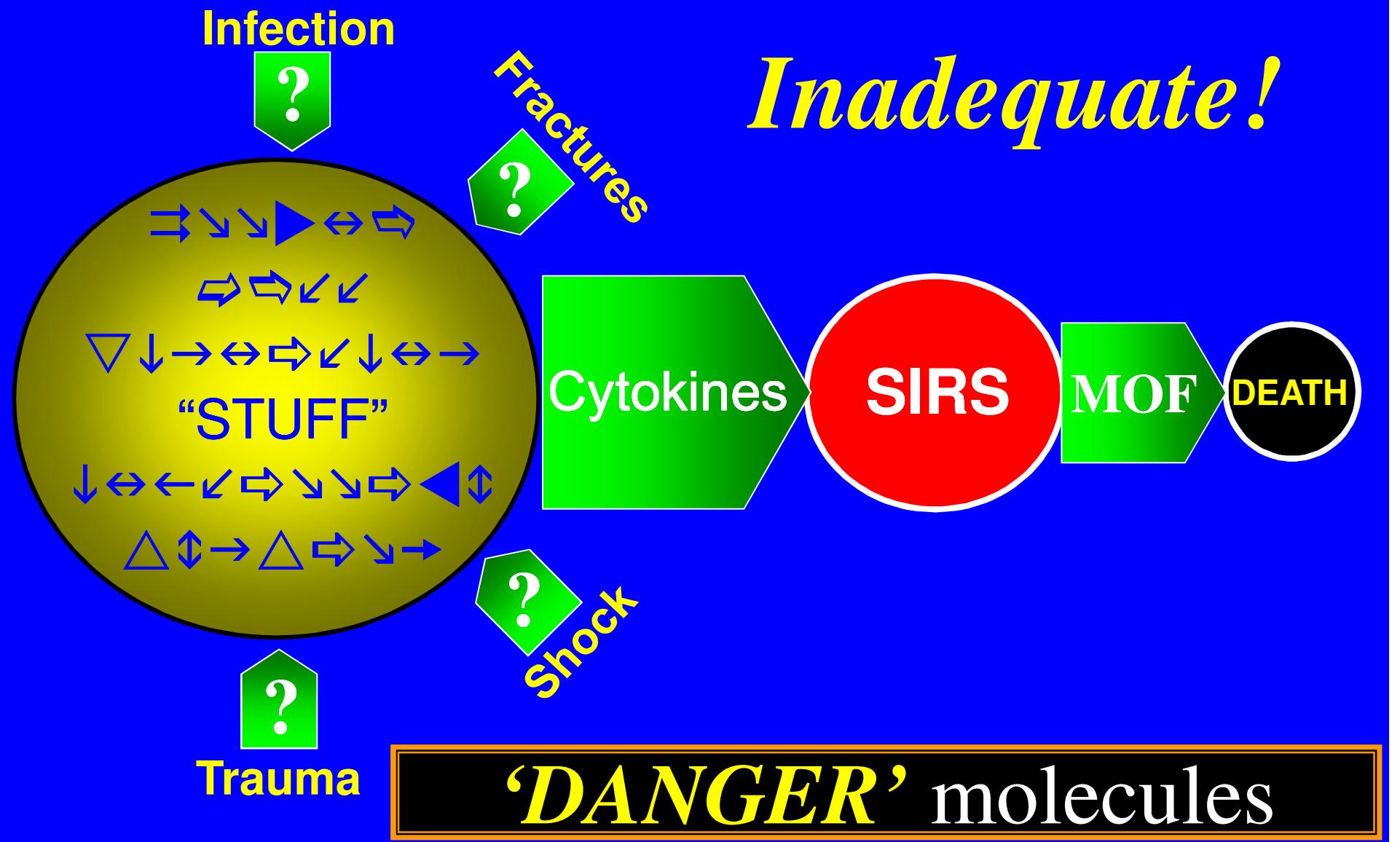
# *Trauma suppressed responses to chemokines*



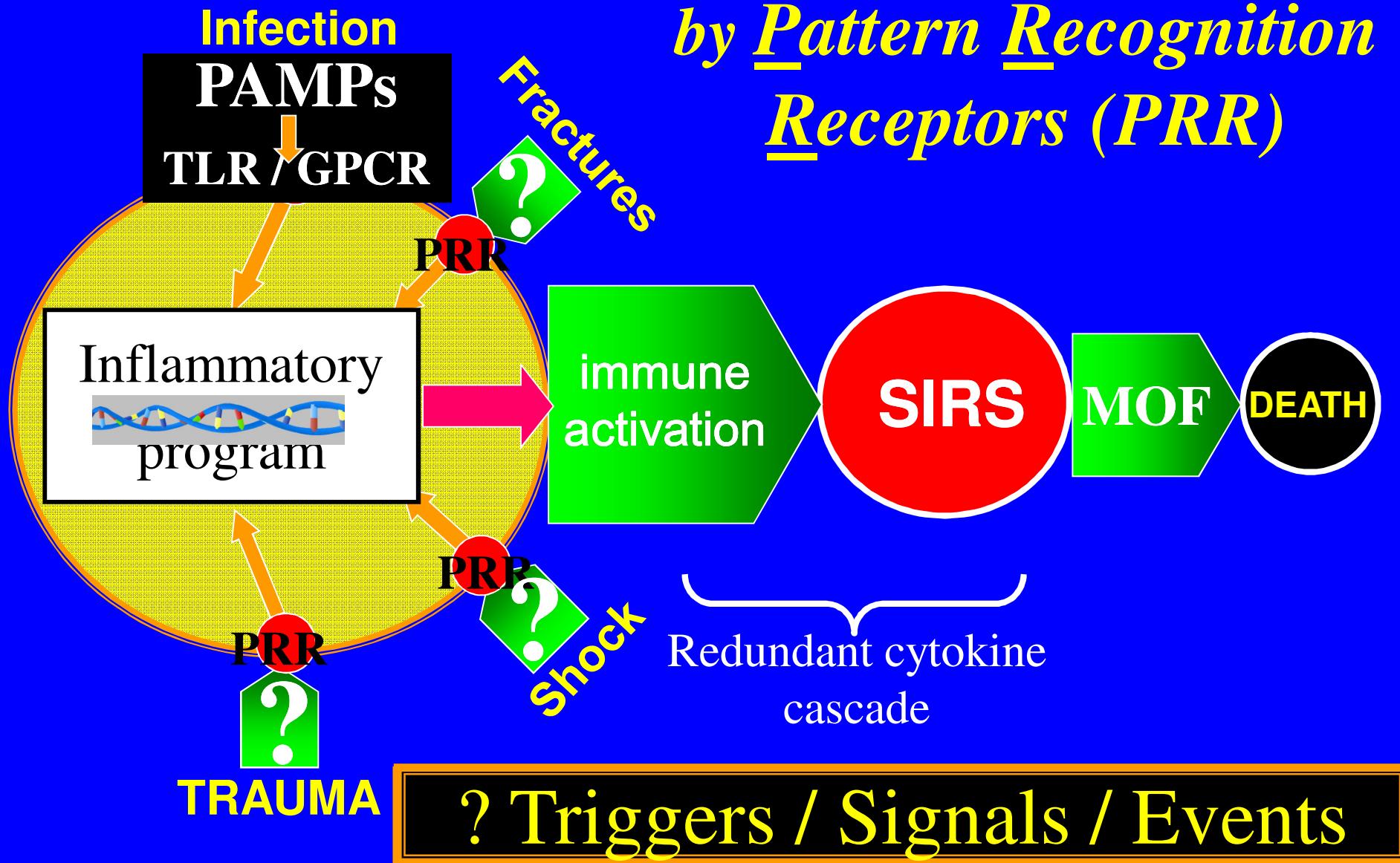
*Tarlowe and Hauser, SIS 2001*



# Current understanding of SIRS



# *In sterile tissue Trauma*



# Immune responses to ‘danger’

We have two immune systems

- 1) Classical - clonal expansion in response to new, non-self motifs
- 2) Innate – *pre-programmed* responses to evolutionarily conserved *danger* motifs

# *Adaptive (“classical”) immunity*

- Recent (vertebrates)
  - Clonal expansion of T and B-cells
  - Agonists ***non-self*** ‘antigens’
  - Receptors Ig-based
- Slow response ( $\geq 1$  week)
  - ✓ Tumor, viruses
  - ✗ ***Acute infections, trauma***

# Innate immunity

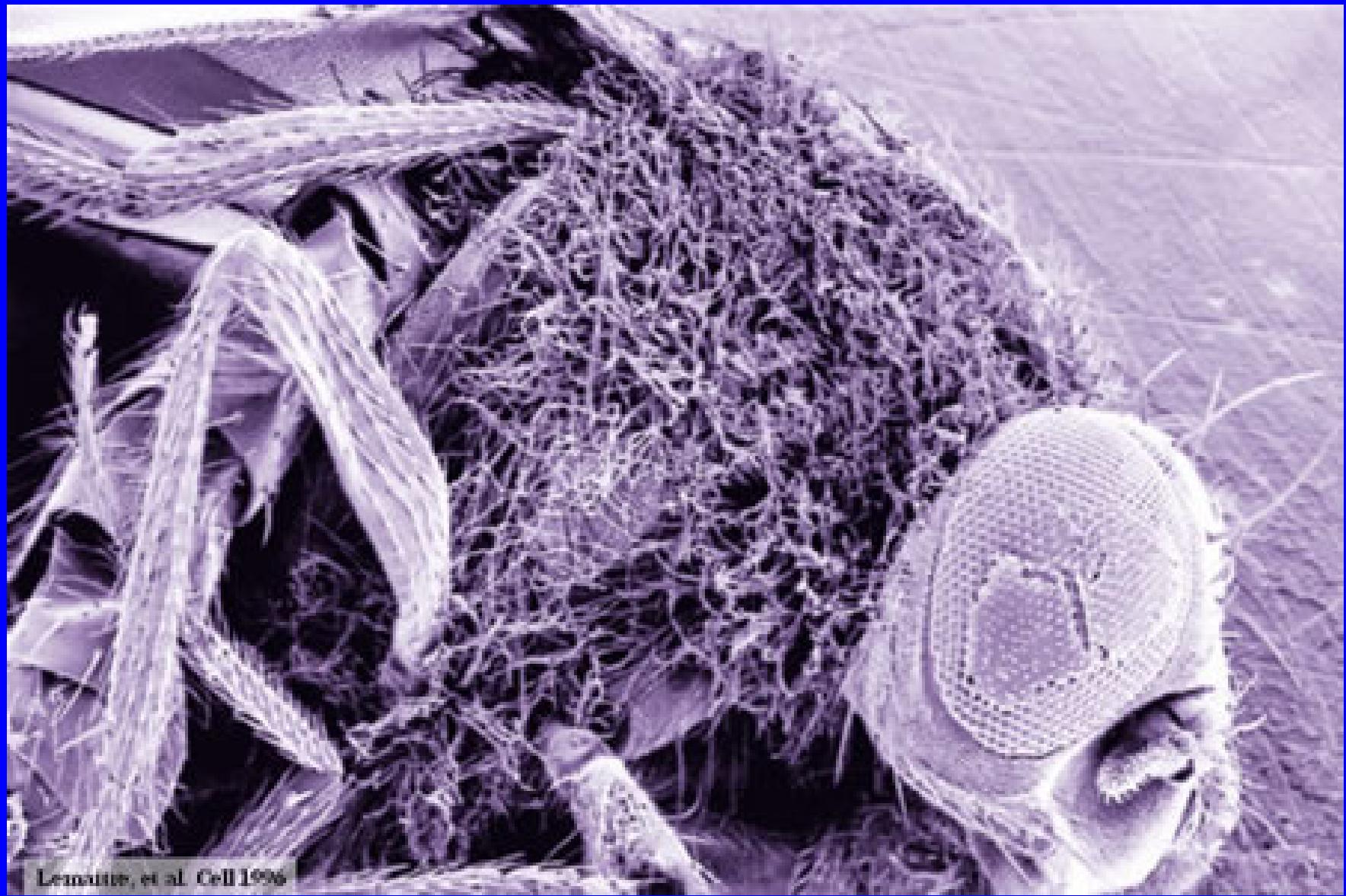
- Ancient (invertebrates, multi-celled)
  - ✓ PMN, Mφ, DC, NKC (no clonal expansion)
- Use pattern recognition receptors
  - ✓ On germ-line (TLRs, GPCRs)
  - ✓ Rapid response to trauma, sepsis
- Target *conserved molecular motifs*
- Warn organism of “**DANGER**”

# Pathogen motifs - PAMPs

Exogenous infective agents (eg bacteria)

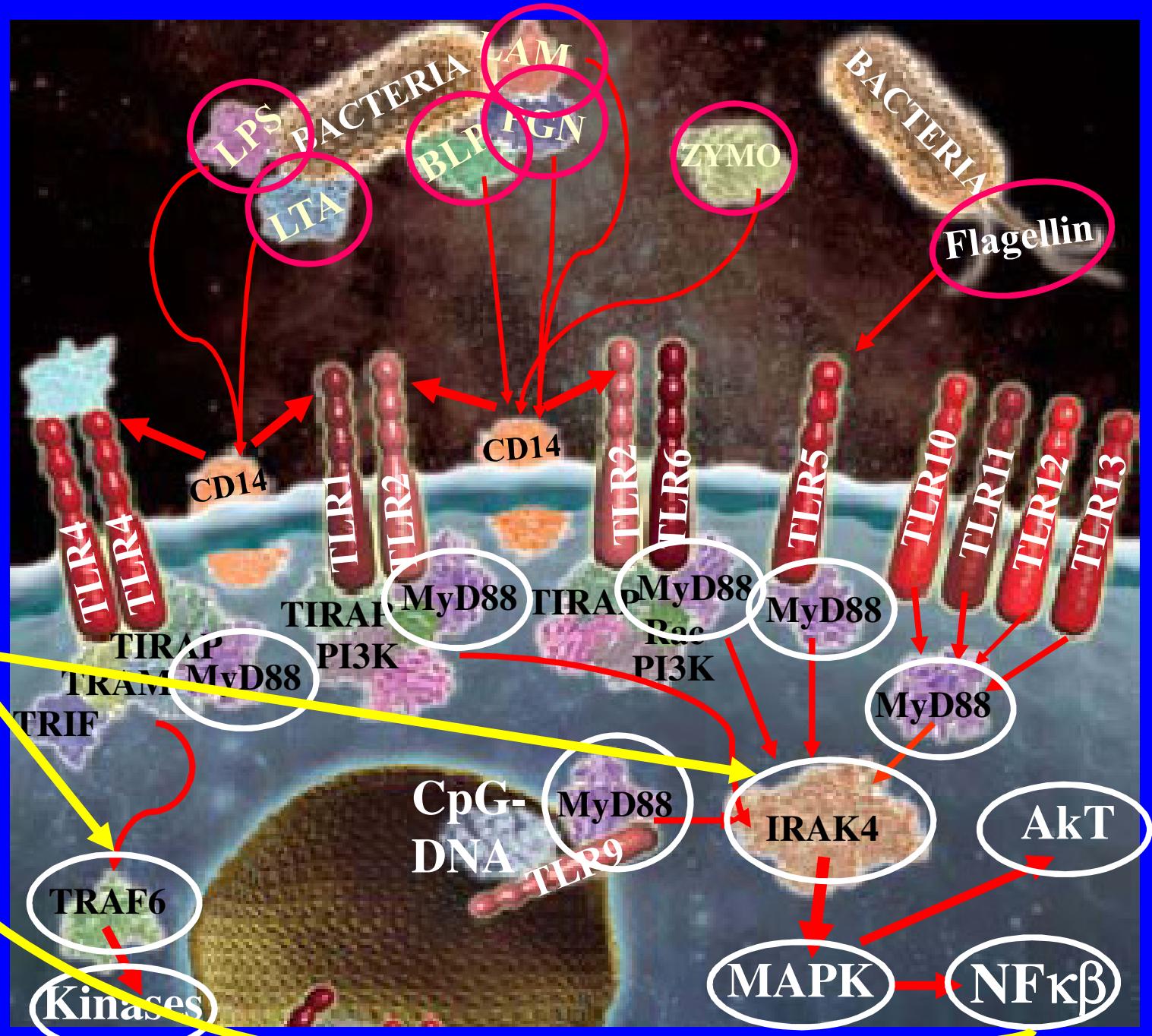
- *Pathogen associated* motifs (Janeway)
  - LPS, FPs, bacterial sugars, ‘CpG’ DNA, dsRNA, flagellin
- *PRRs [e.g. ‘Toll’ receptors] on immune cells* → activation → cytokines
- Symptomatic infective SIRS (sepsis)
  - ✓ NO· → hypotension
  - ✓ PMN → EC → capillary leak

# toll mutation in *drosophila*



Lemaitre, et al. Cell 1996

# TLR system PRRs for PAMPs



# Endogenous motifs - DAMPs

Matzinger - “*Damage*”

Fewer DAMPs known than PAMPs

<u>Putative DAMP</u>	<u>PRR</u>
➤ HMGB-1	TLR4
➤ S-100	RAGE
➤ HSP 30/60	TLR4
➤ B7-H3	TREM

✓ Can signal through same PRR

## *How can Trauma generate DAMPs?*

### 1. ? Mechanical tissue injury

- Cell destruction
- ? Direct release of **DAMPs**

### 2. ? Hemodynamic tissue injury

- ? I/R → gut inflammation
- Other tissues / ? mechanisms

# *Mitochondria as DAMPs?*

- Mitochondria were saprophytic bacteria
- Became *endo-symbionts*
- Evolved into organelles
- ? Could there be a ‘septic’ response to MT?

# Potential mitochondrial DAMPs ??

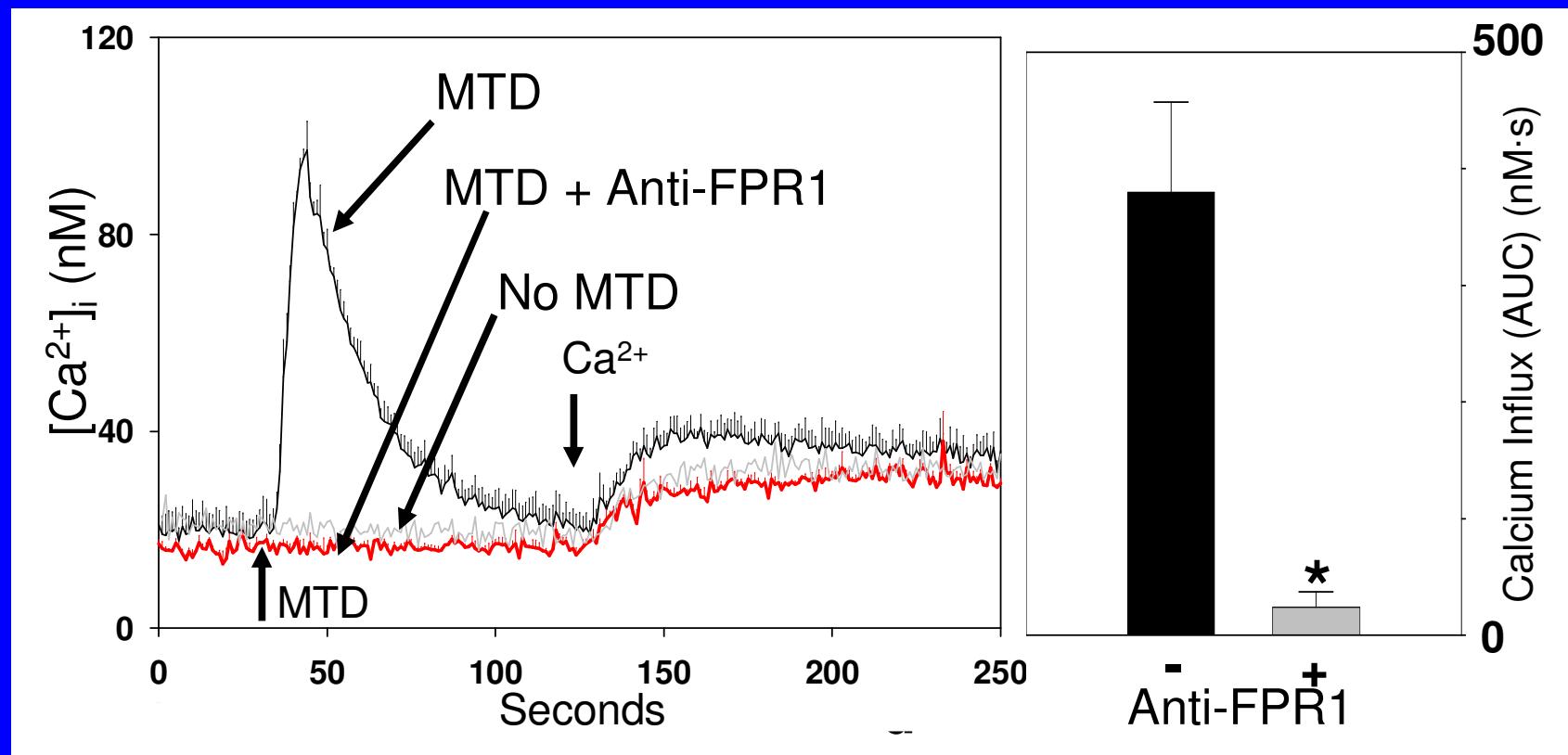


- 13 ‘endogenous’ peptides
  - ✓ all begin with n-formyl-met  
? *activation of FPRs like fMLP*
- ‘Bacteria-like’ DNA
  - ✓ *unmethylated ‘CpG’ repeats*  
? *activation of TLR-9*

# To the lab !!



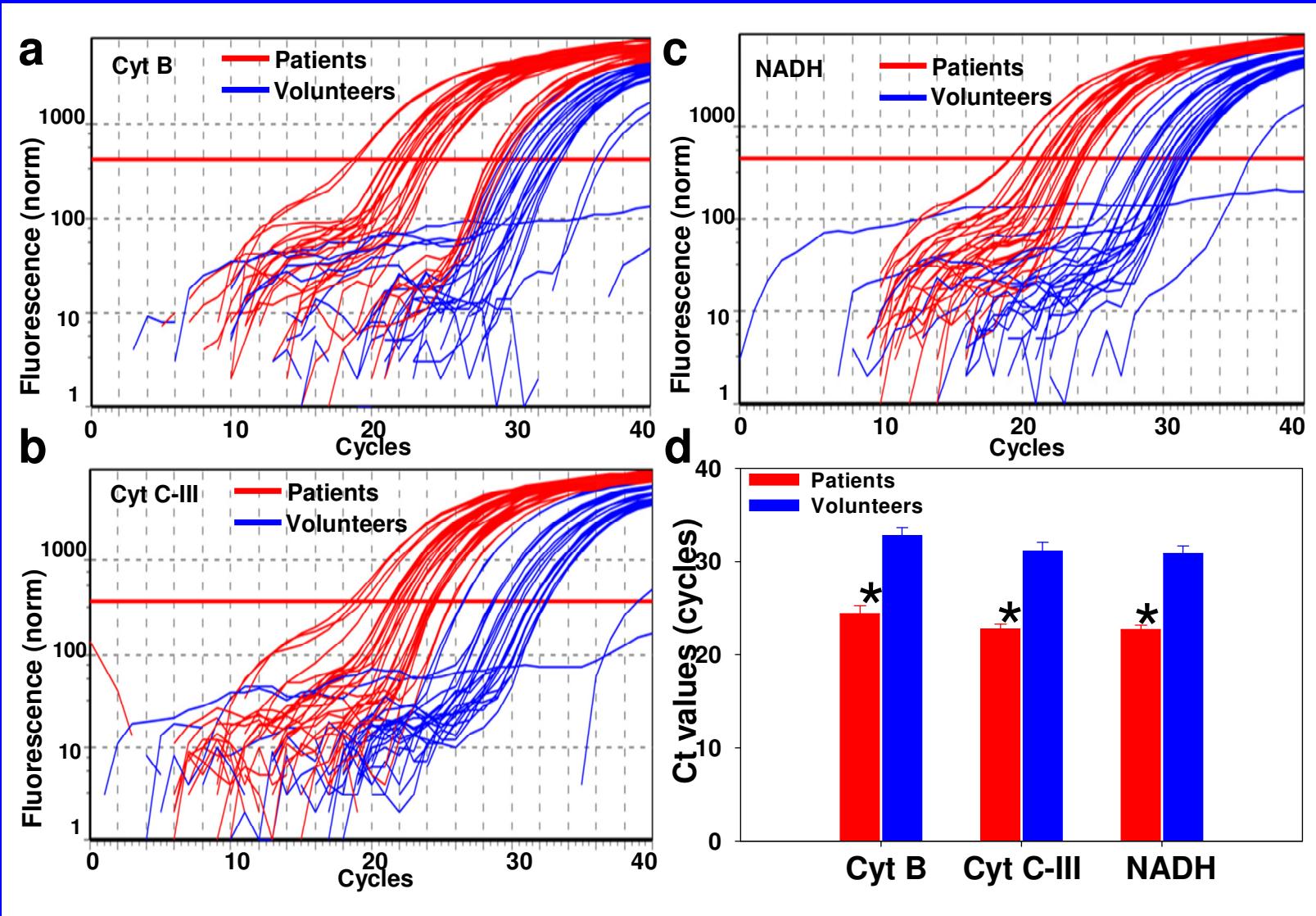
# *Mt-FP from femur fractures activate PMN*



*Raoof, Hauser AAST 2008*

Does *trauma* cause  
mitochondrial debris  
(MTD) to enter the  
circulation ?

# Plasma mtDNA after blunt trauma

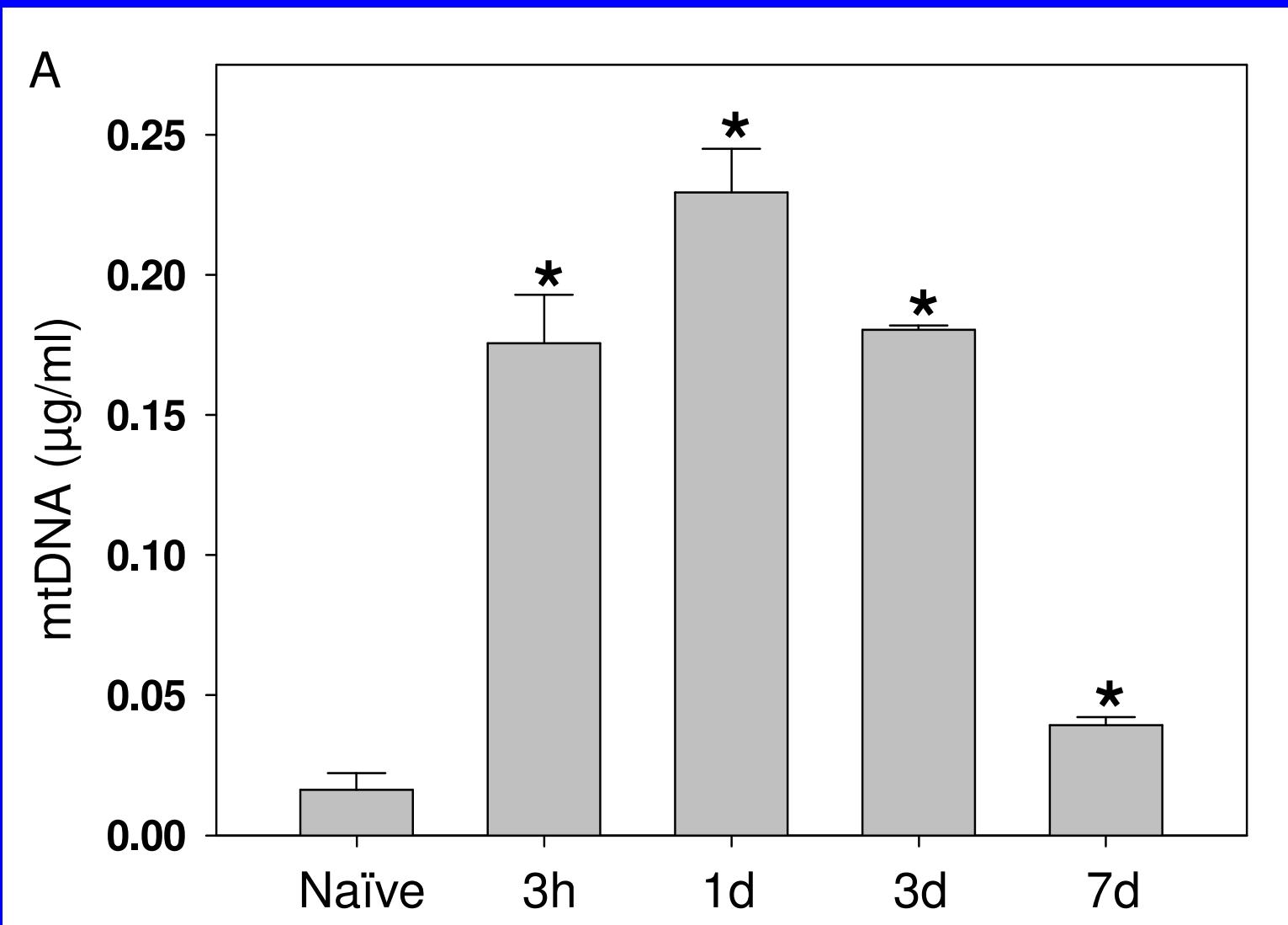


# Shock and circulating MTD

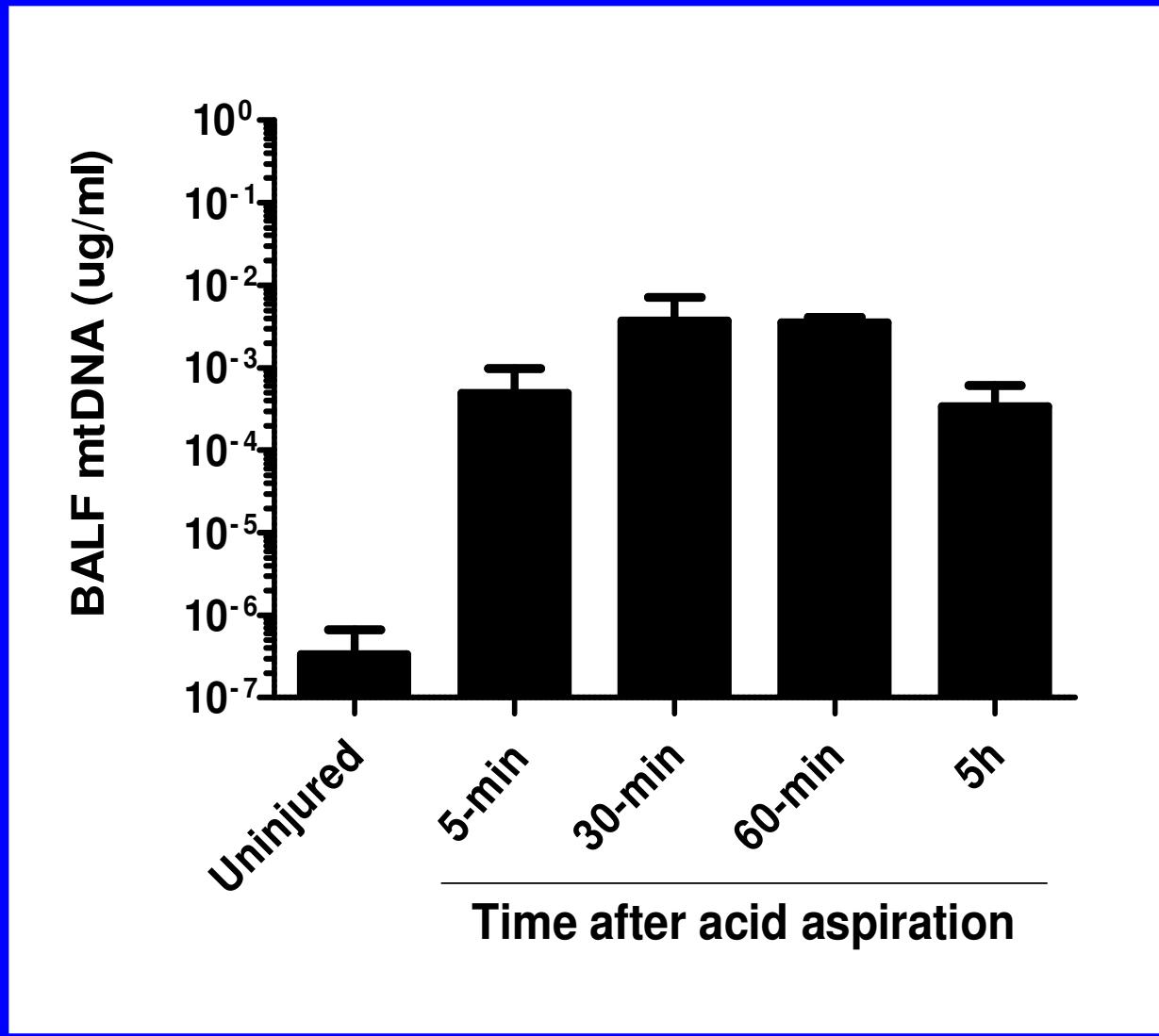
Shock, ischemia/reperfusion is a direct cause of SIRS ...*but how?*

- Gut bacteria / endotoxins (Fine, Deitch) do **not** enter the portal vein (Moores)
- Gut lymph is inflammatory (Deitch, Moore)  
... *but how?*
- Do mitochondrial debris enter the circulation in hemodynamic shock?

# Plasma mtDNA in Rat Hemorrhagic Shock



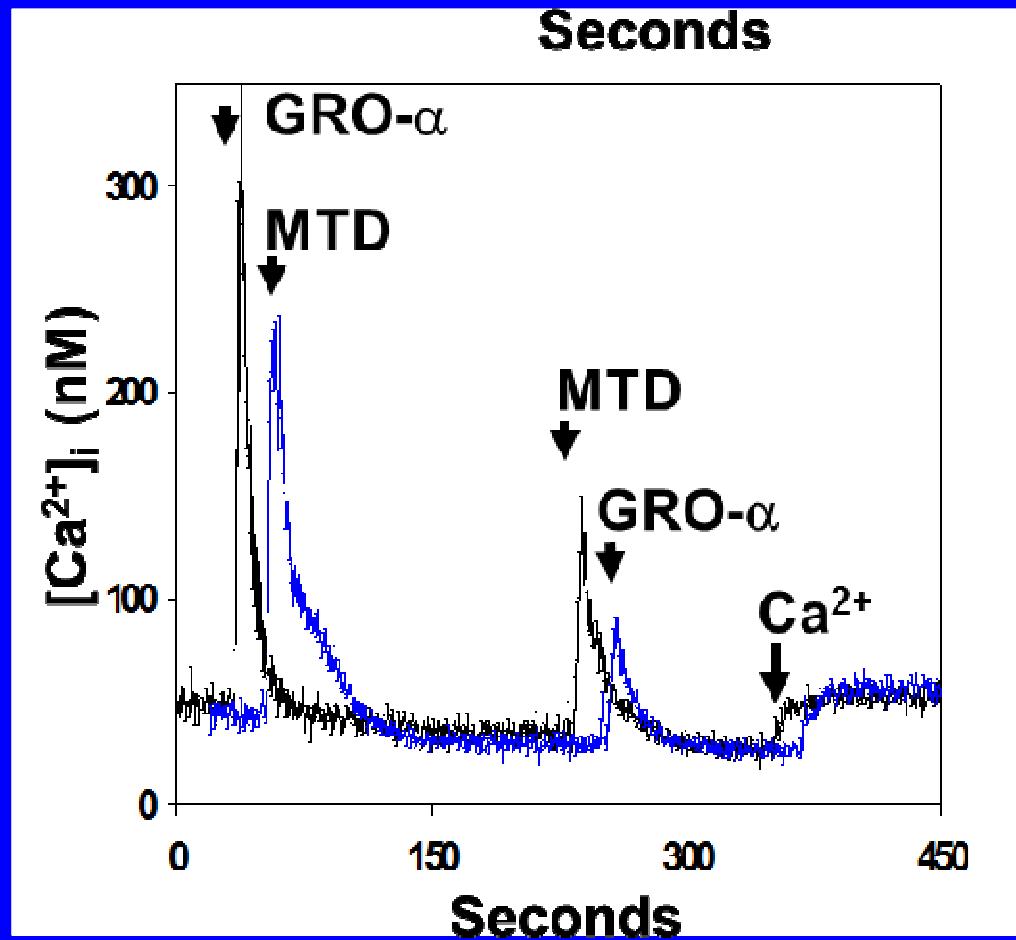
# BALF mtDNA after acid aspiration



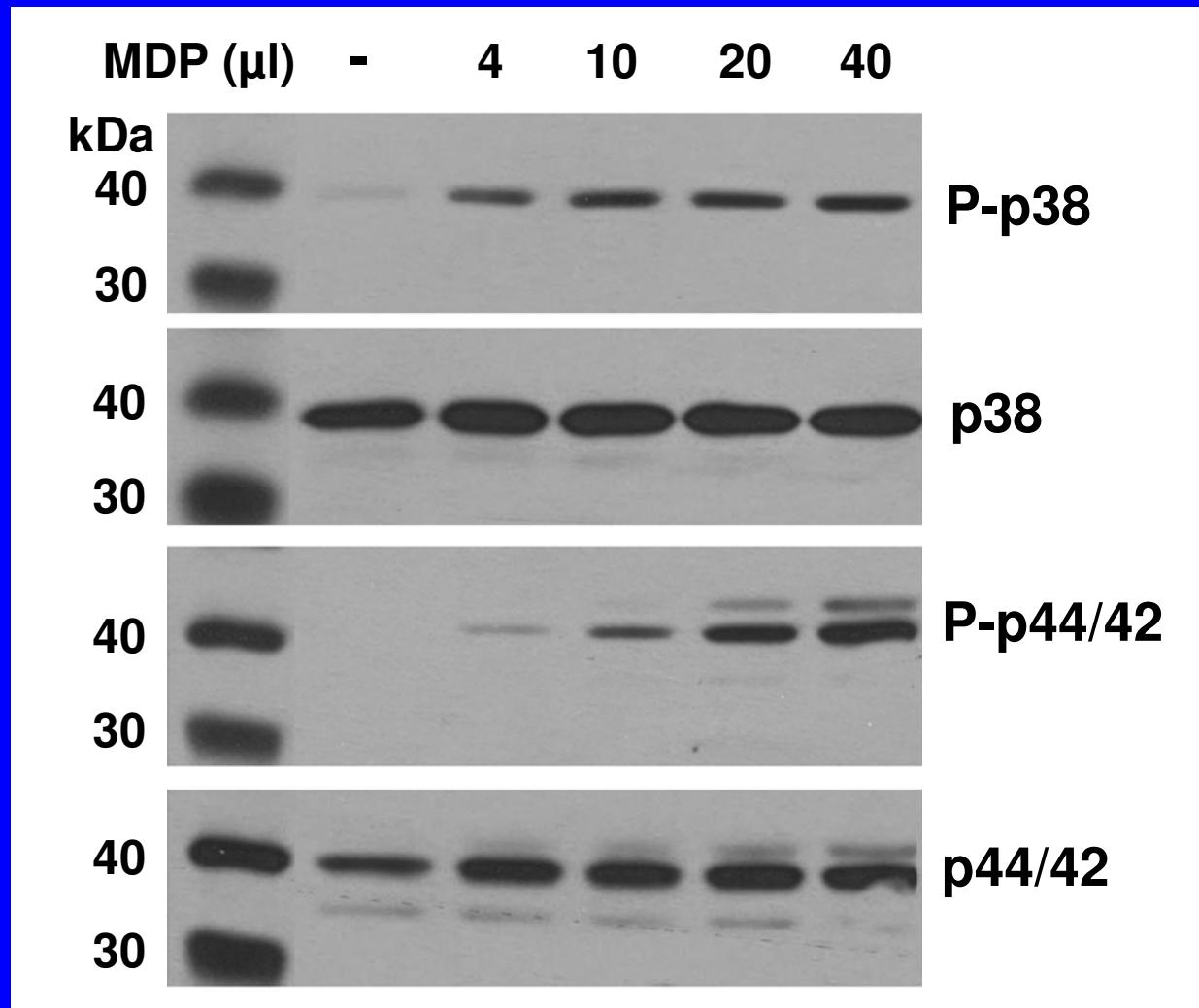
*Segal, B* Unpublished data

Do mitochondrial  
DAMPs (MTD)  
activate inflammatory  
cell signaling ?

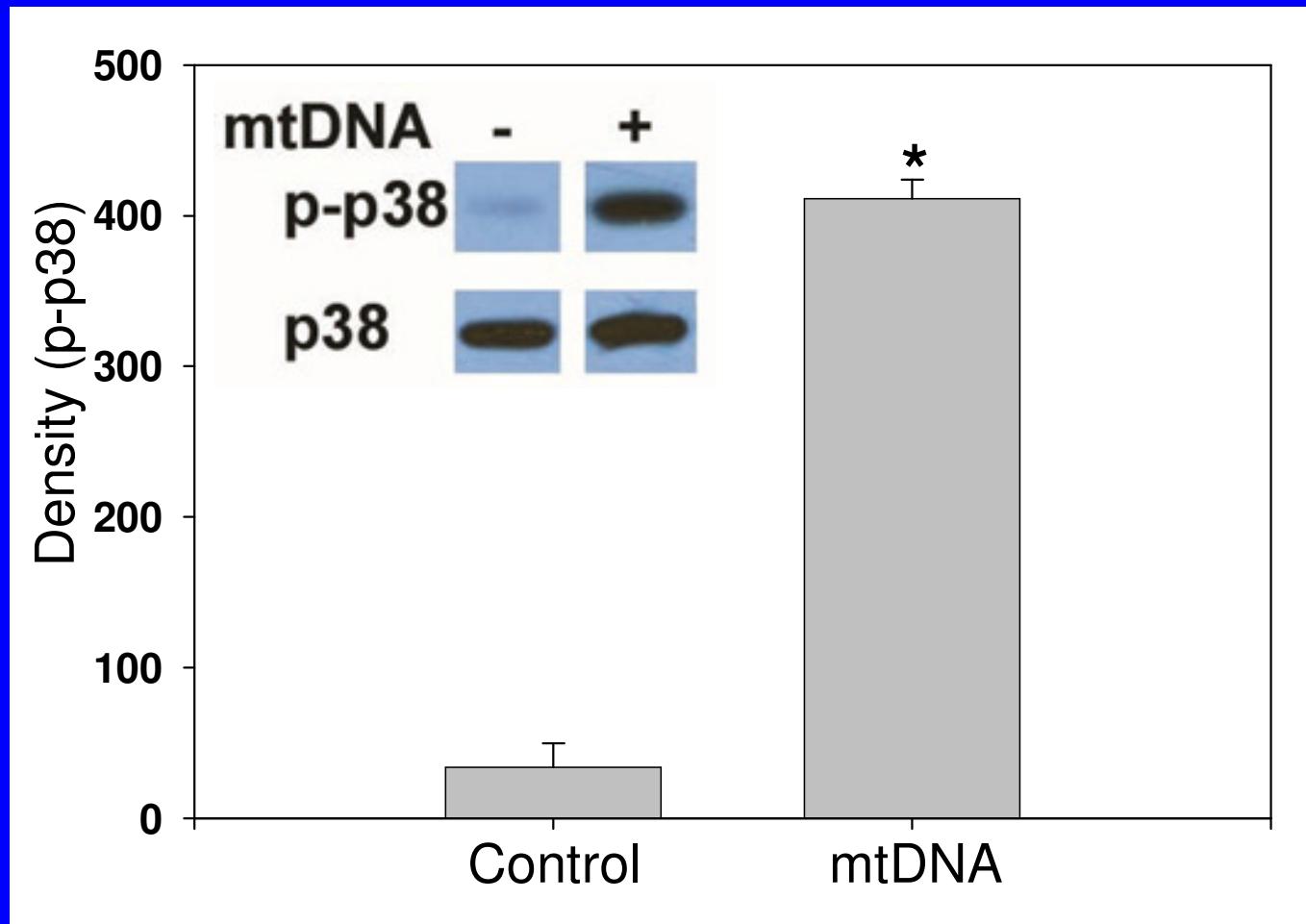
# PMN activation by mtFPs suppresses chemokine $[Ca^{2+}]_i$ responses



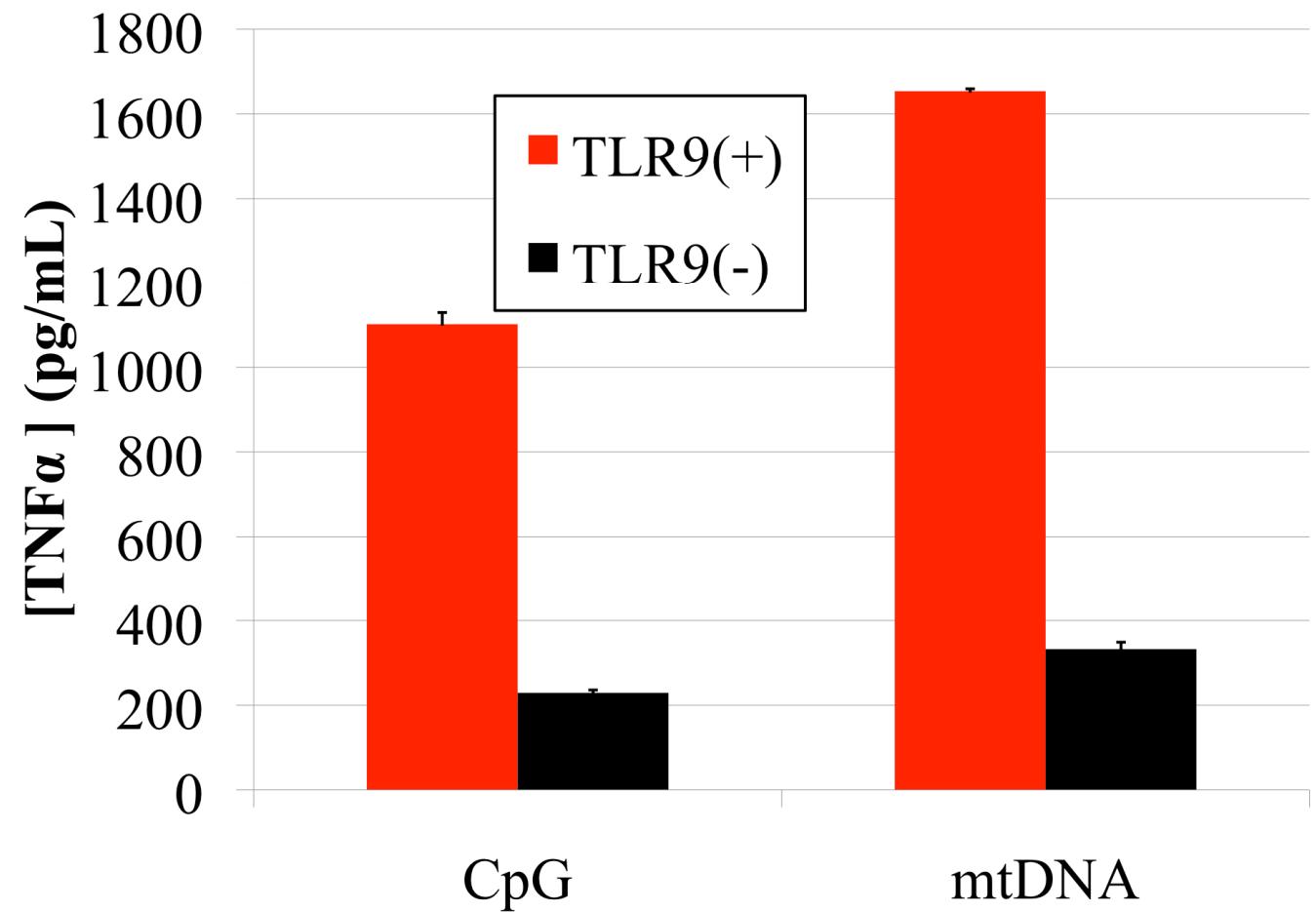
# *MTD activate PMN MAP-Kinases*



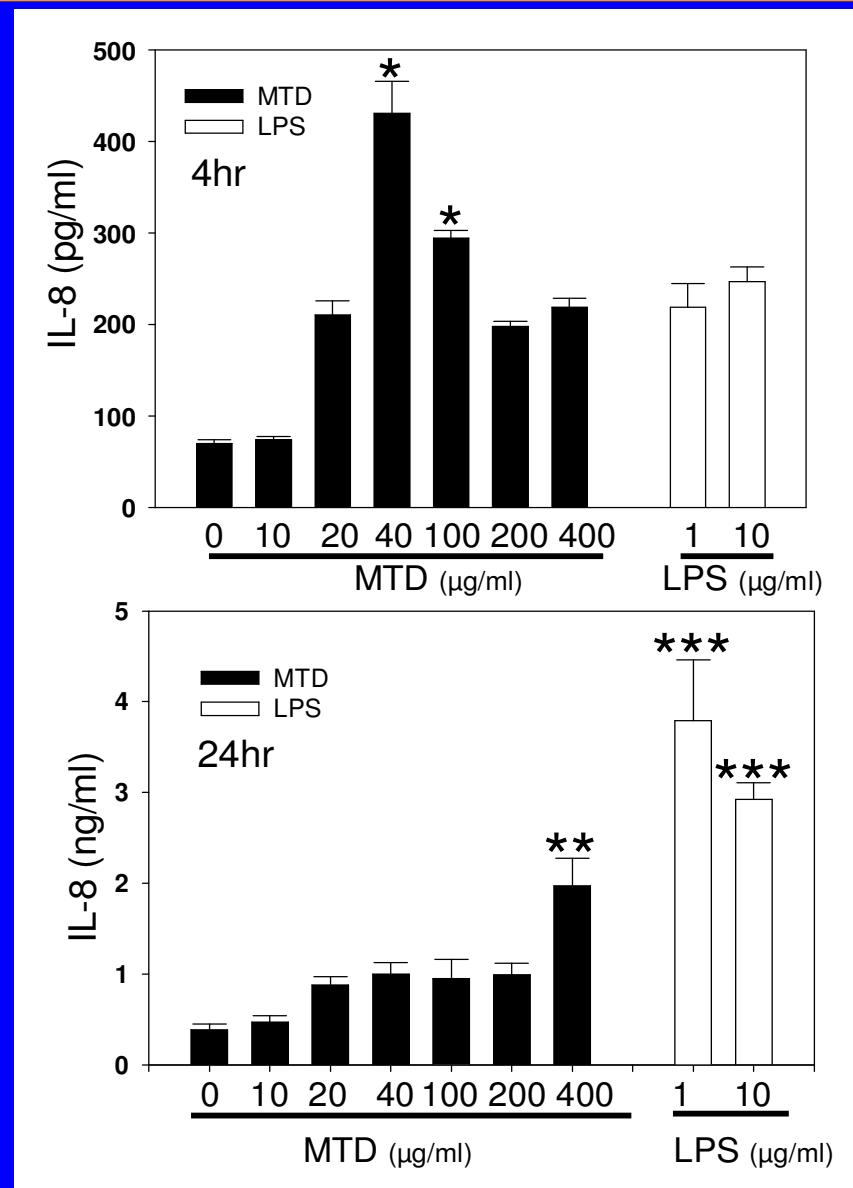
# ***mt-DNA activates p38 MAPK***



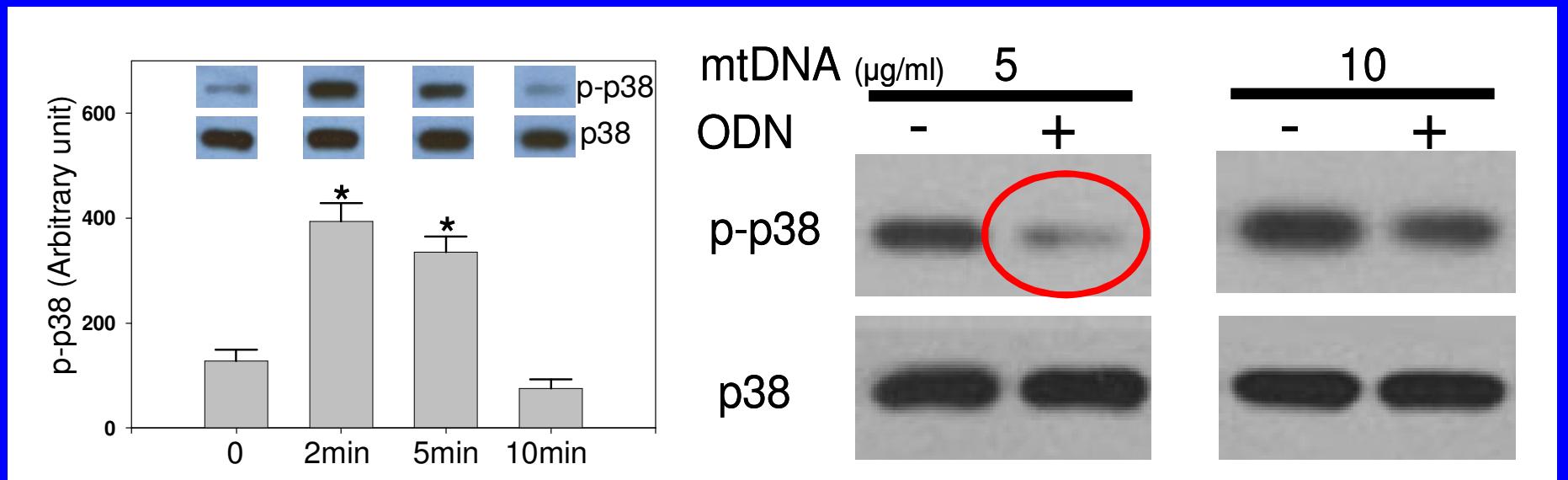
# ***TLR9 knockdown* blocks response to mtDNA (RAW macrophages)**



# *MTD causes PMN IL-8 production*

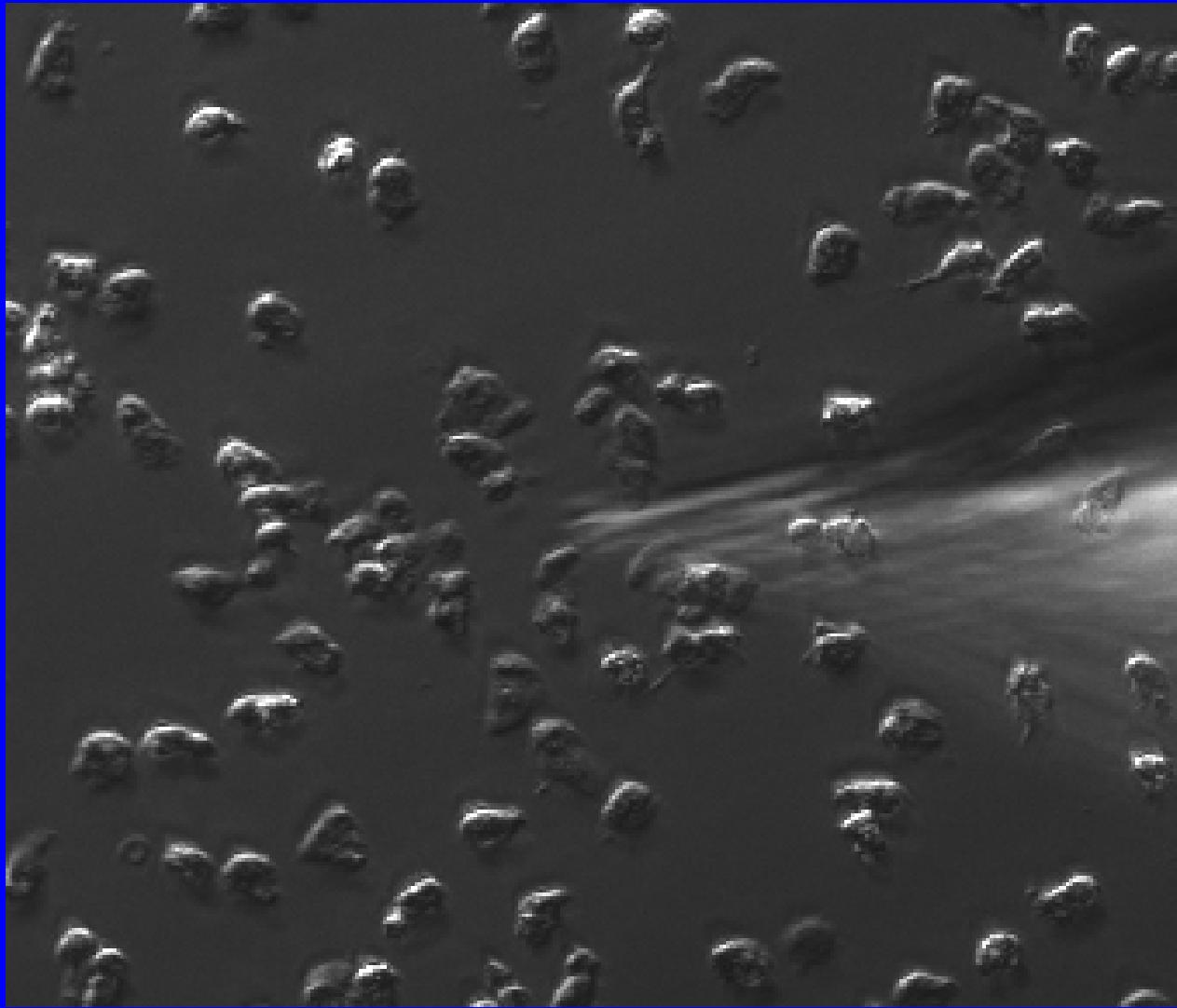


# p38 activation by mtDNA



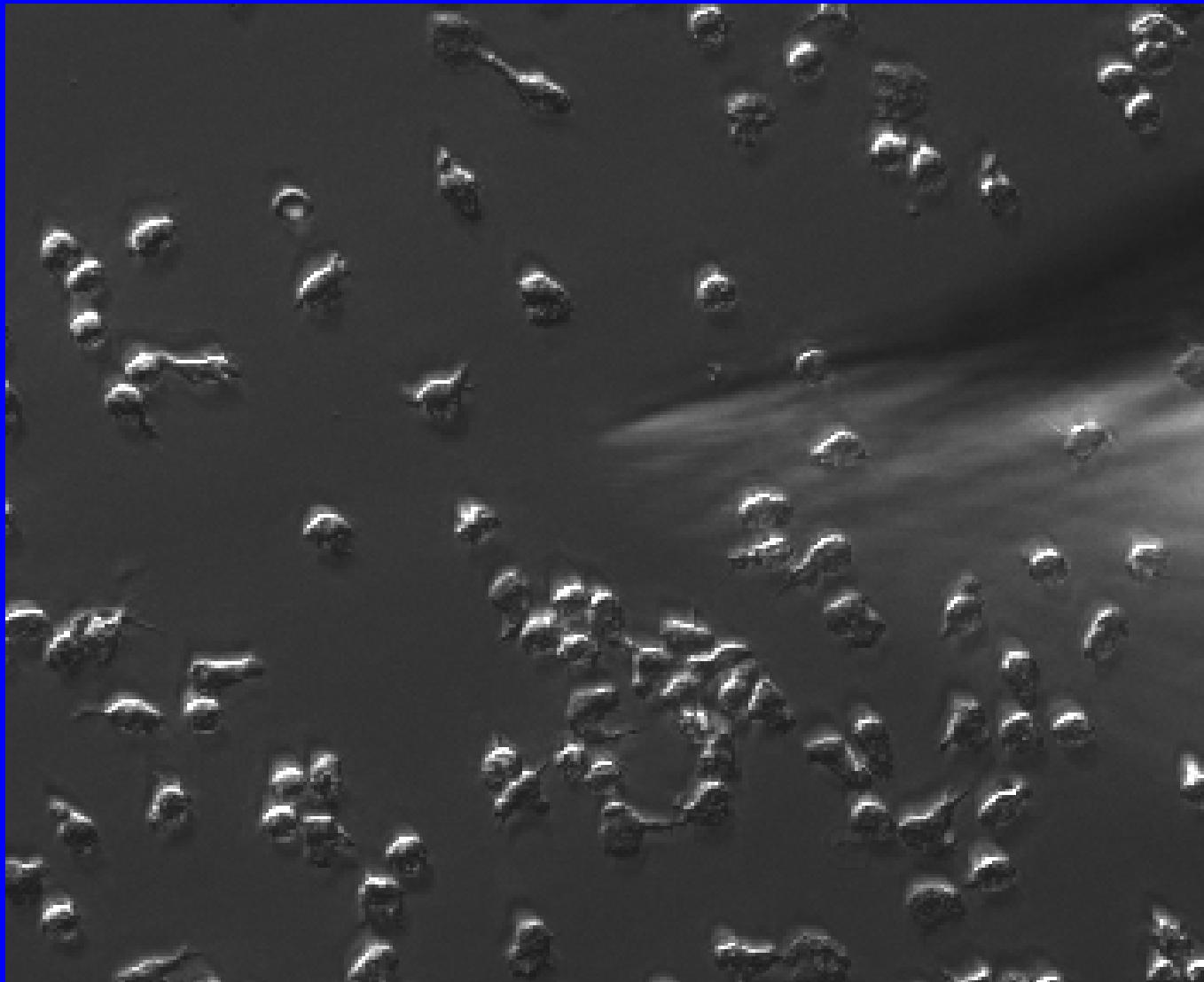
Can be blocked by CQ, ODNs

Do MTD activate  
inflammatory cell  
phenotypes ?



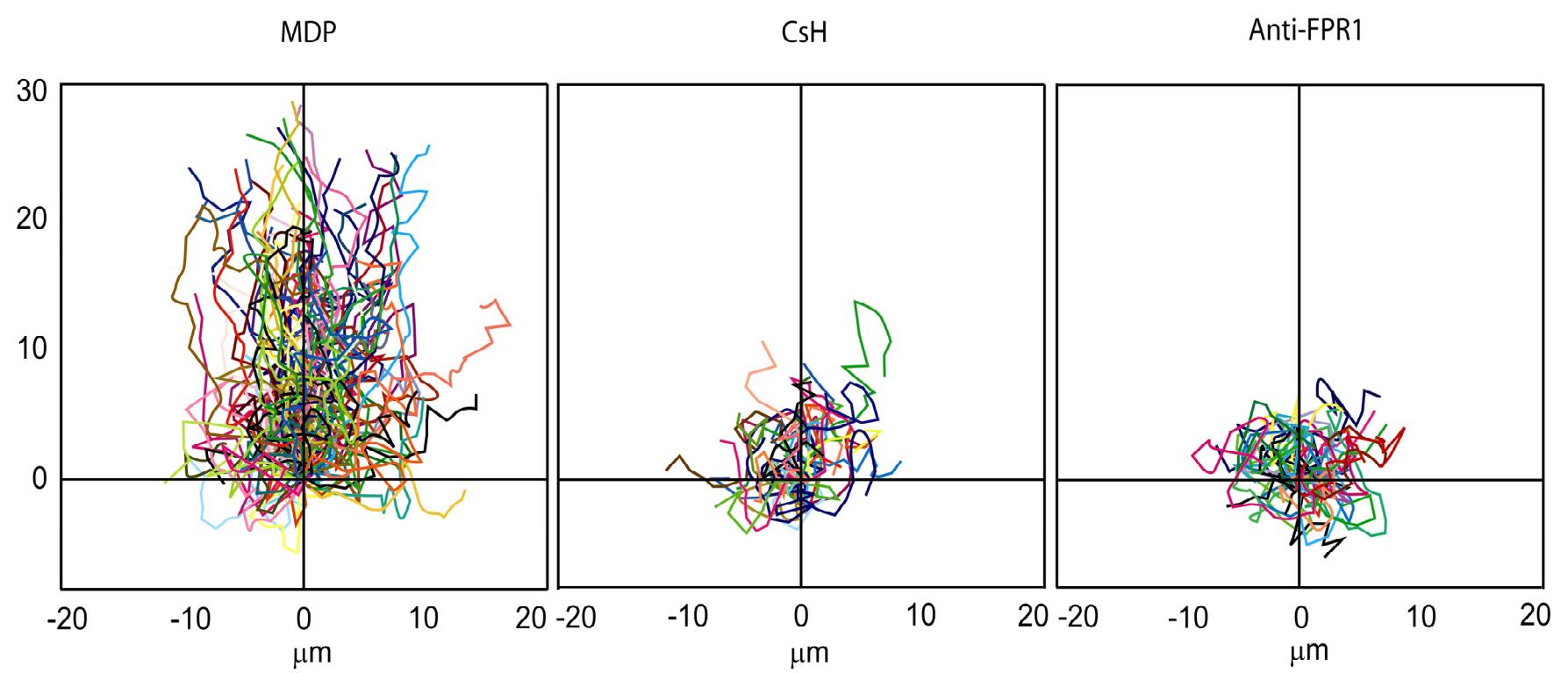
PMN chemotaxis to MTD

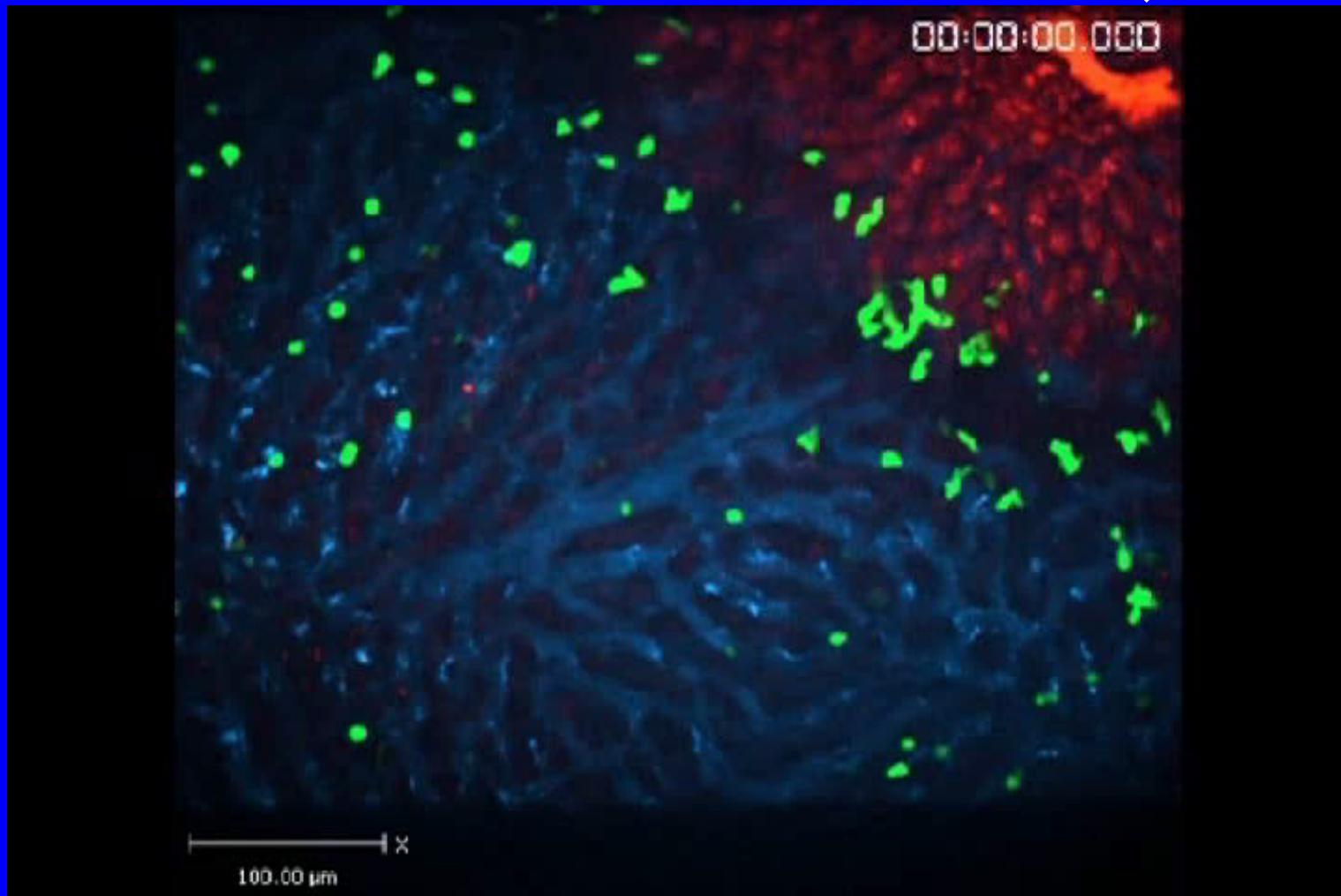
*Zhang, Hauser. Nature 2010*



With  $\alpha$ -FPR1 (or CsH)

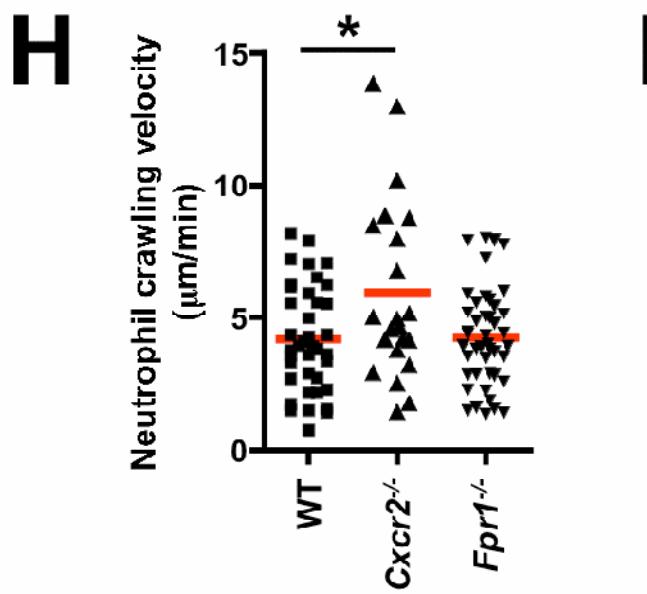
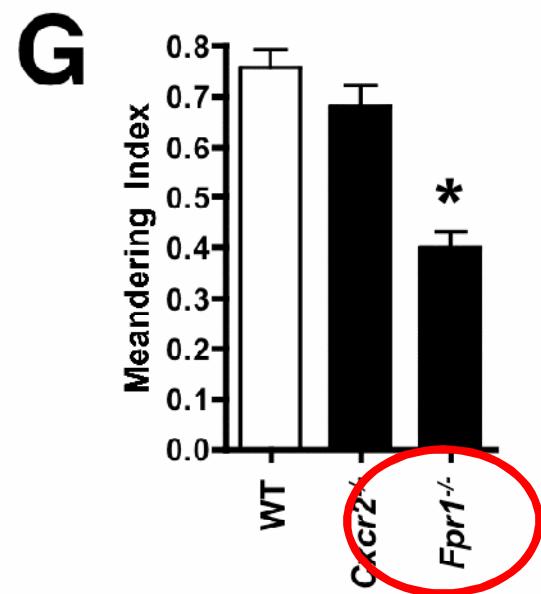
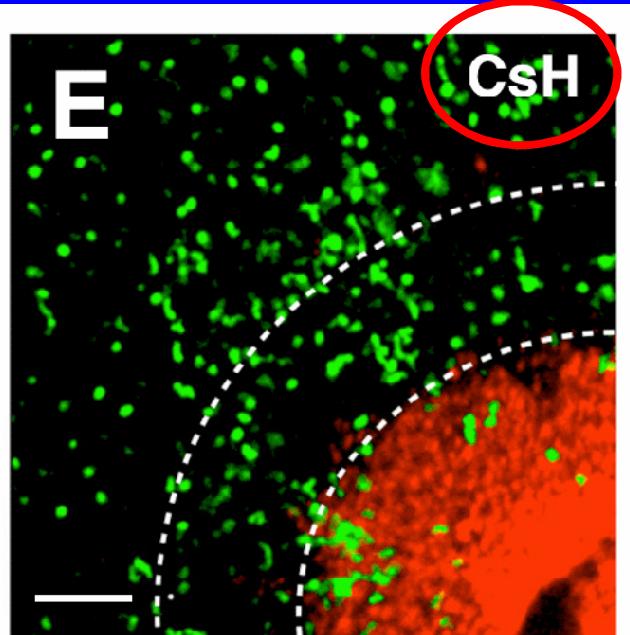
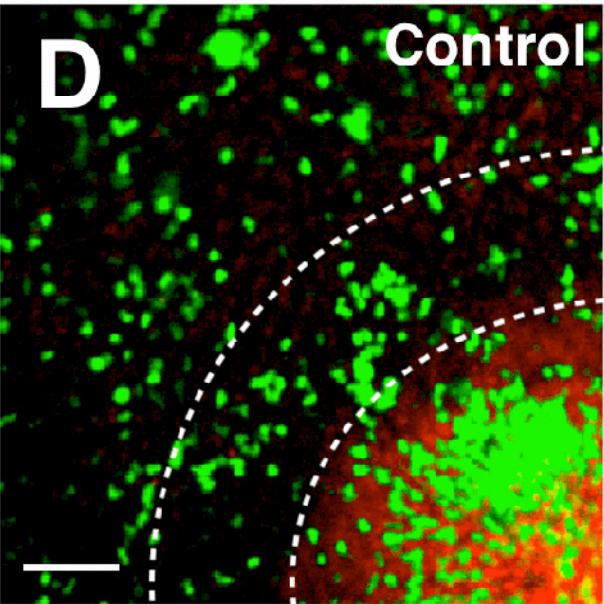
# *Chemotaxis to mt-FPs*





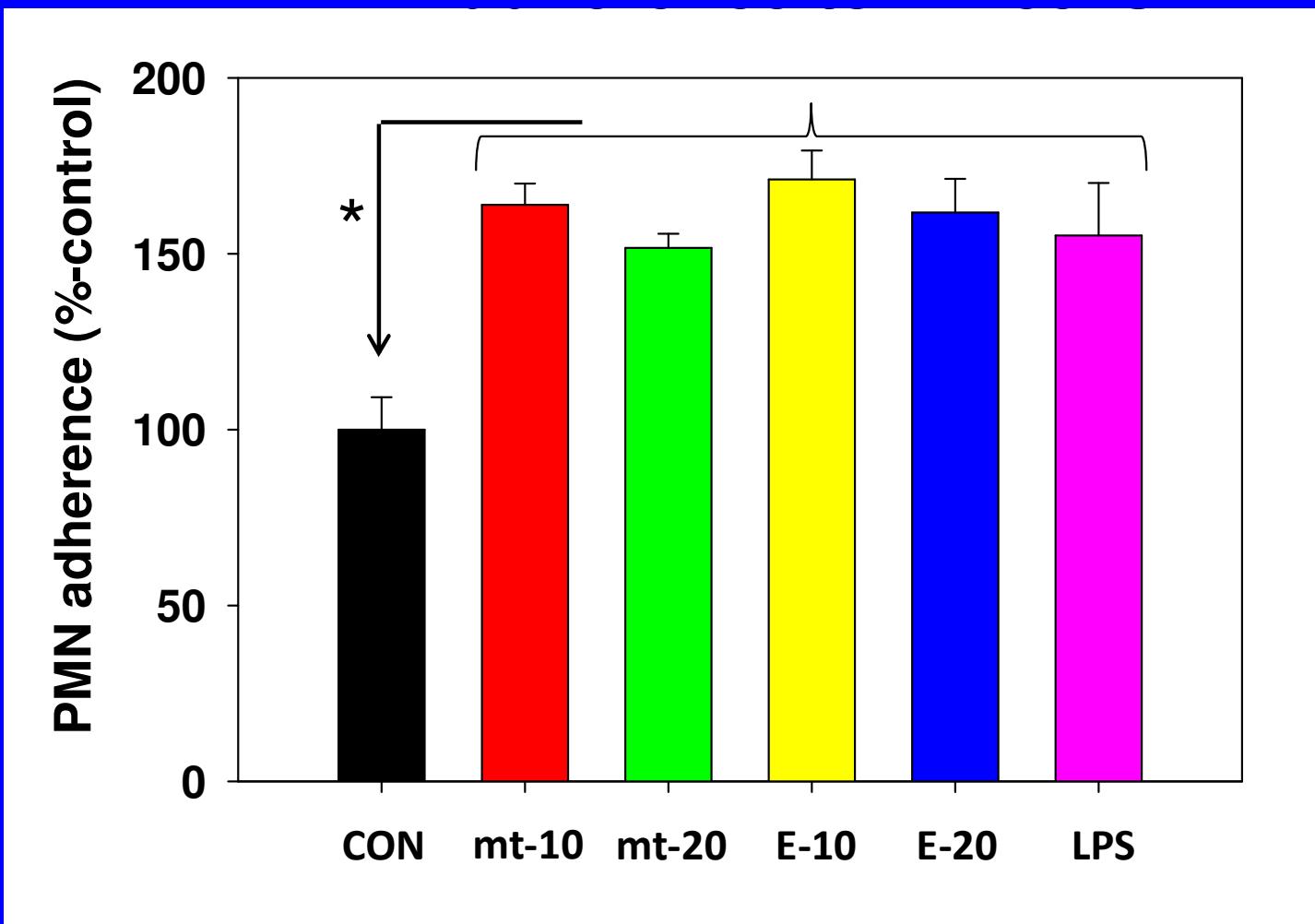
PMN **necrotaxis** to mtFPs *in vivo*

*McDonald, Science. 2011*



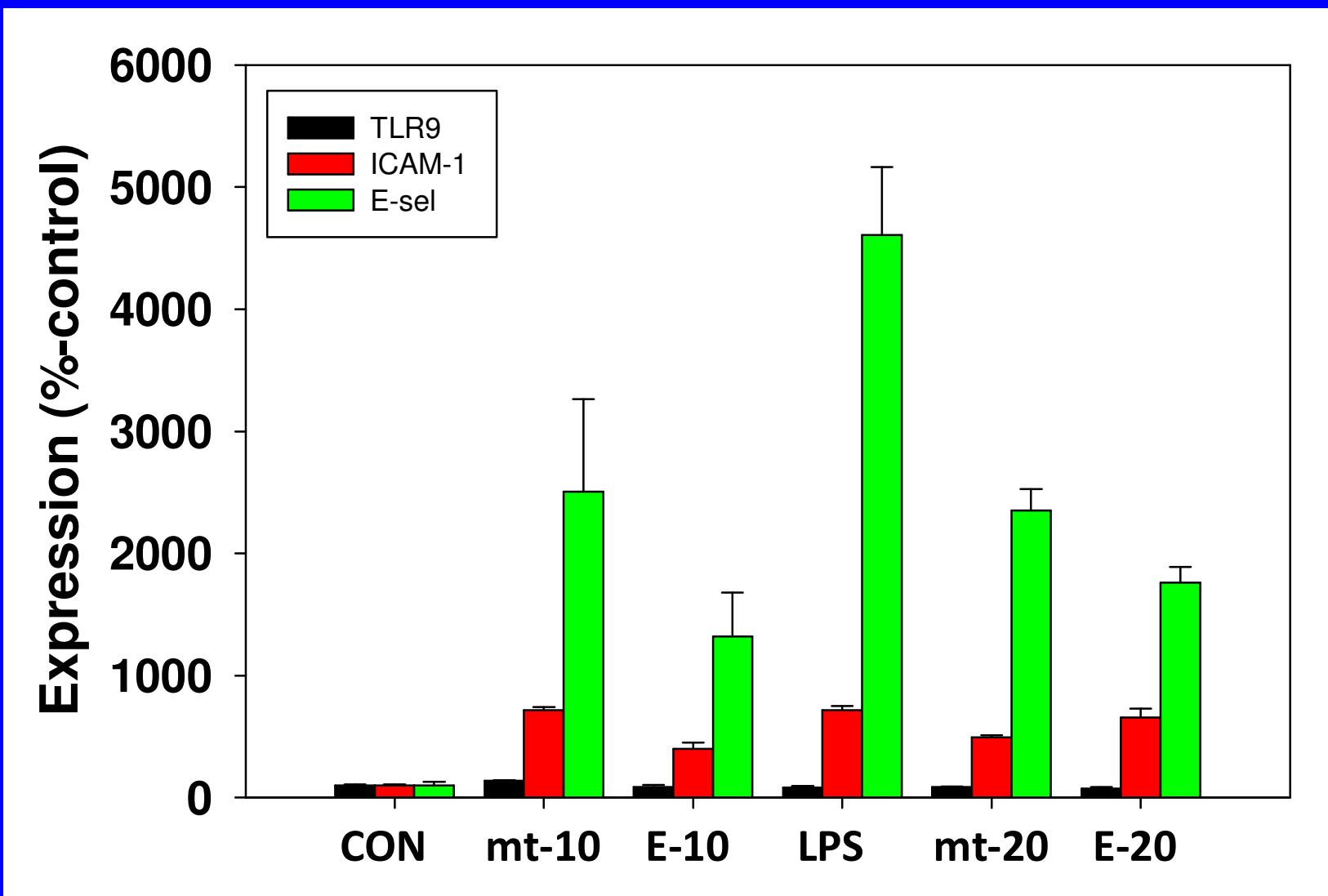
mtDNA activates  
PMN- EC  
interactions

## PMN adherence to EC



*Itagaki, Hauser, unpublished*

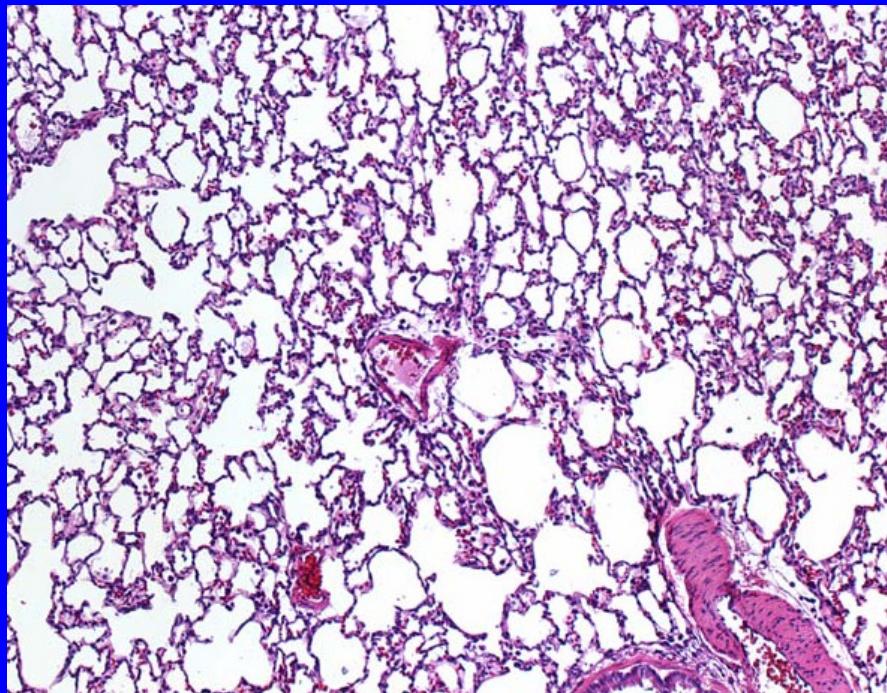
# mtDNA activates expression of EC adhesins



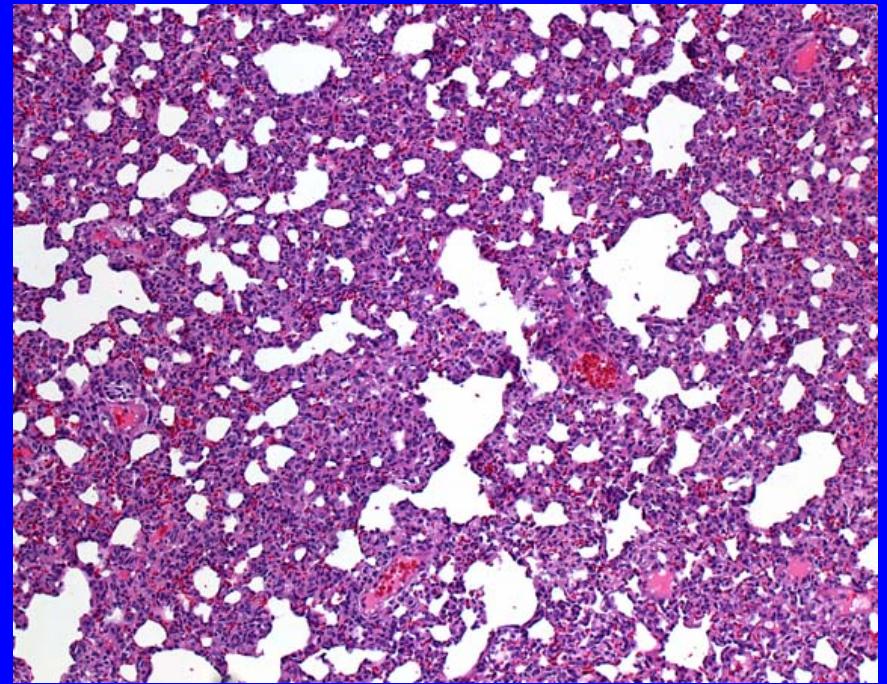
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Circulating MTD  
causes  
inflammatory  
organ injury

# MTD induced ALI



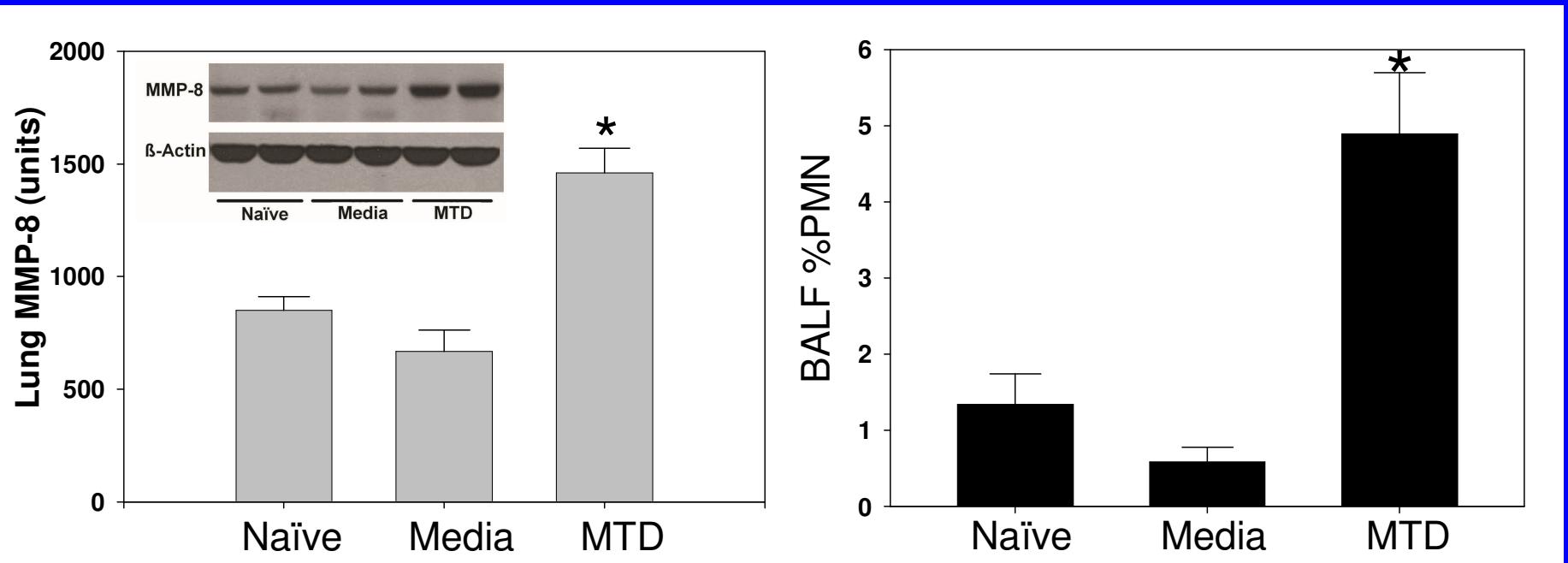
Sham



i.v. mitochondria  
(= **5% liver injury**) at 6h

Zhang, Hauser, Nature 2010

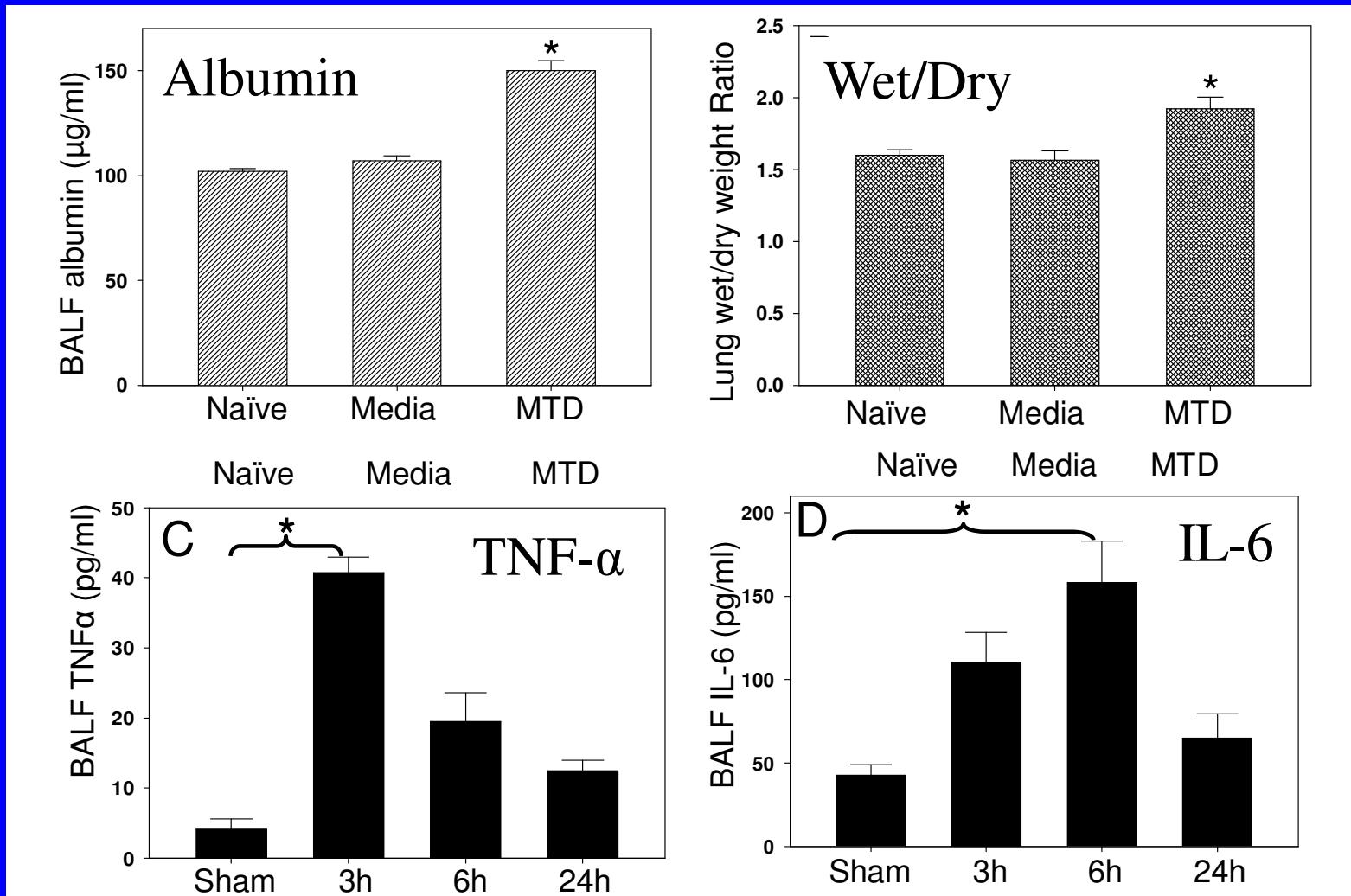
# *MTD → PMN attack on lung*



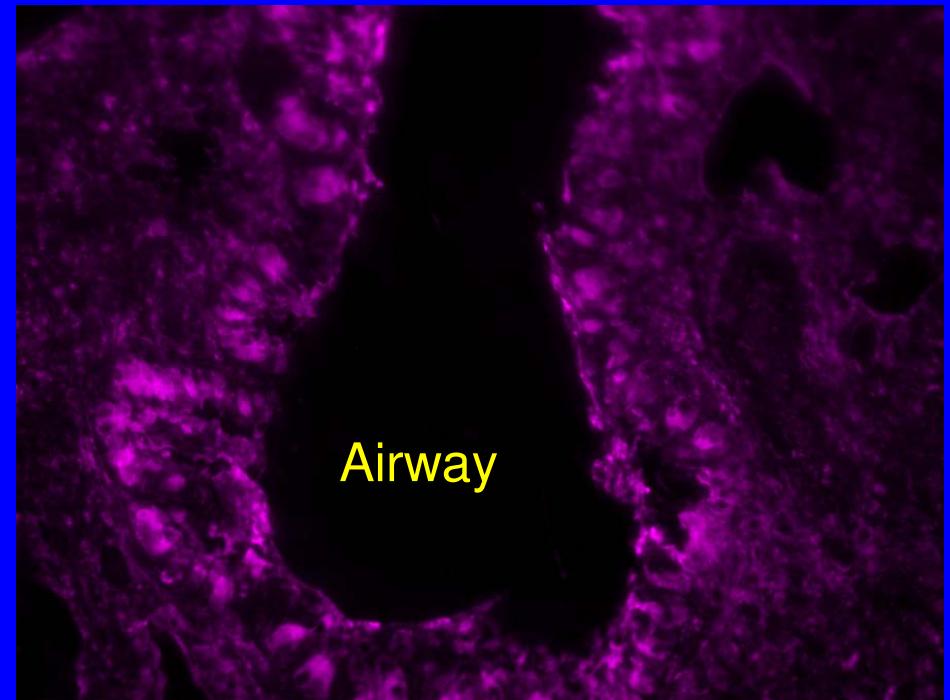
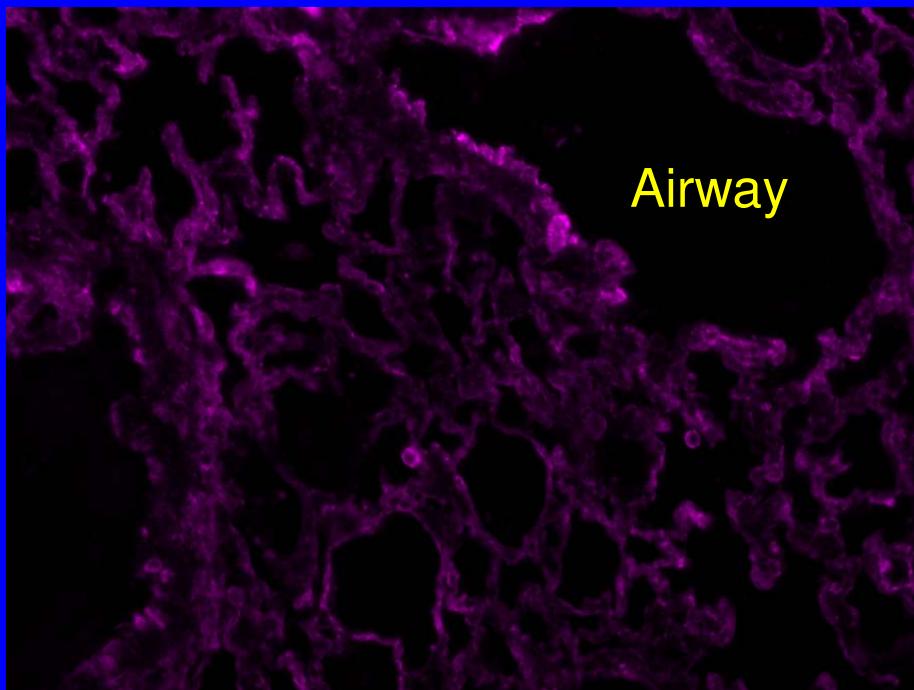
MMP-8 in lung

PMN in BALF

# *MTD activates lung injury*



# *Oxidant lung injury*

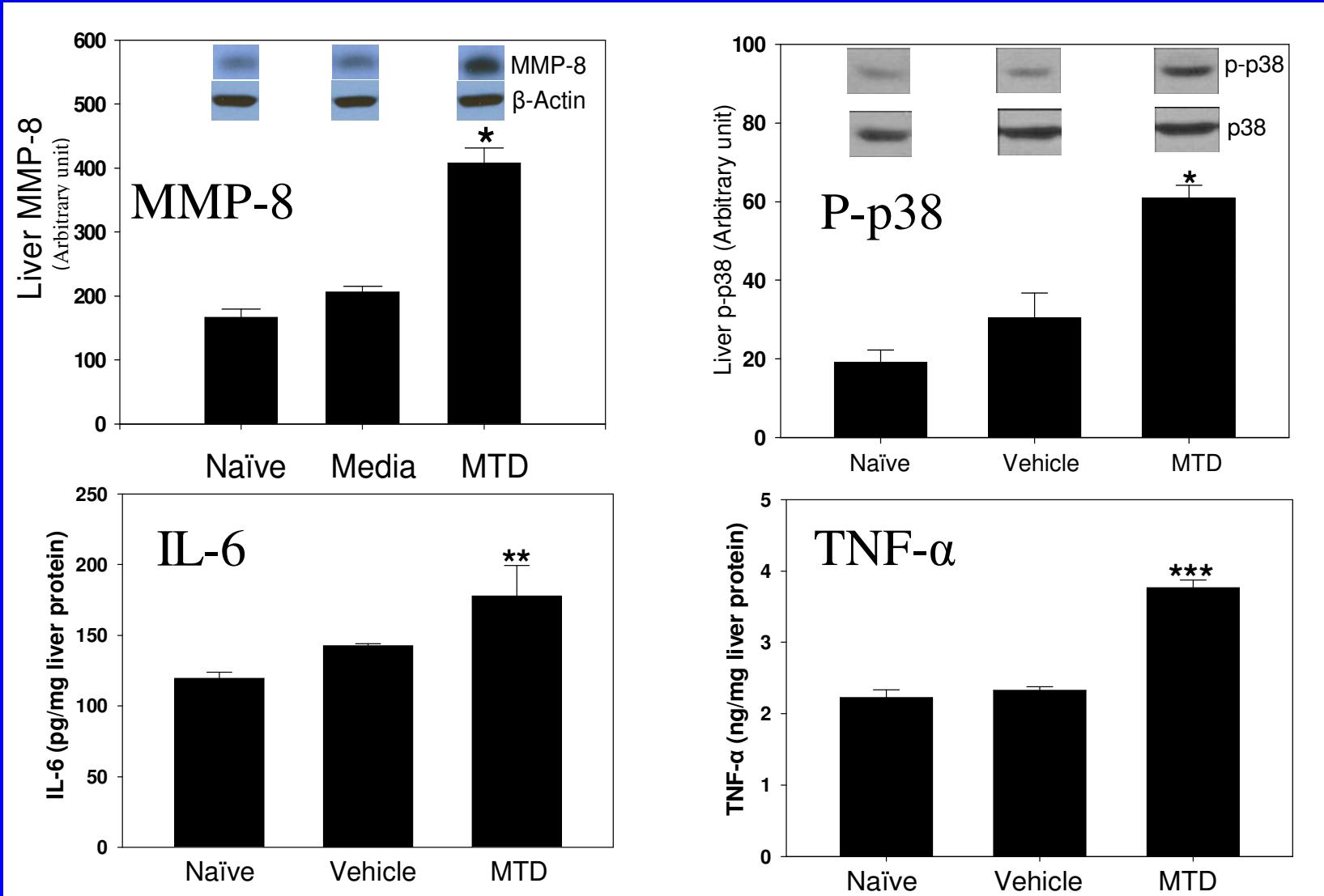


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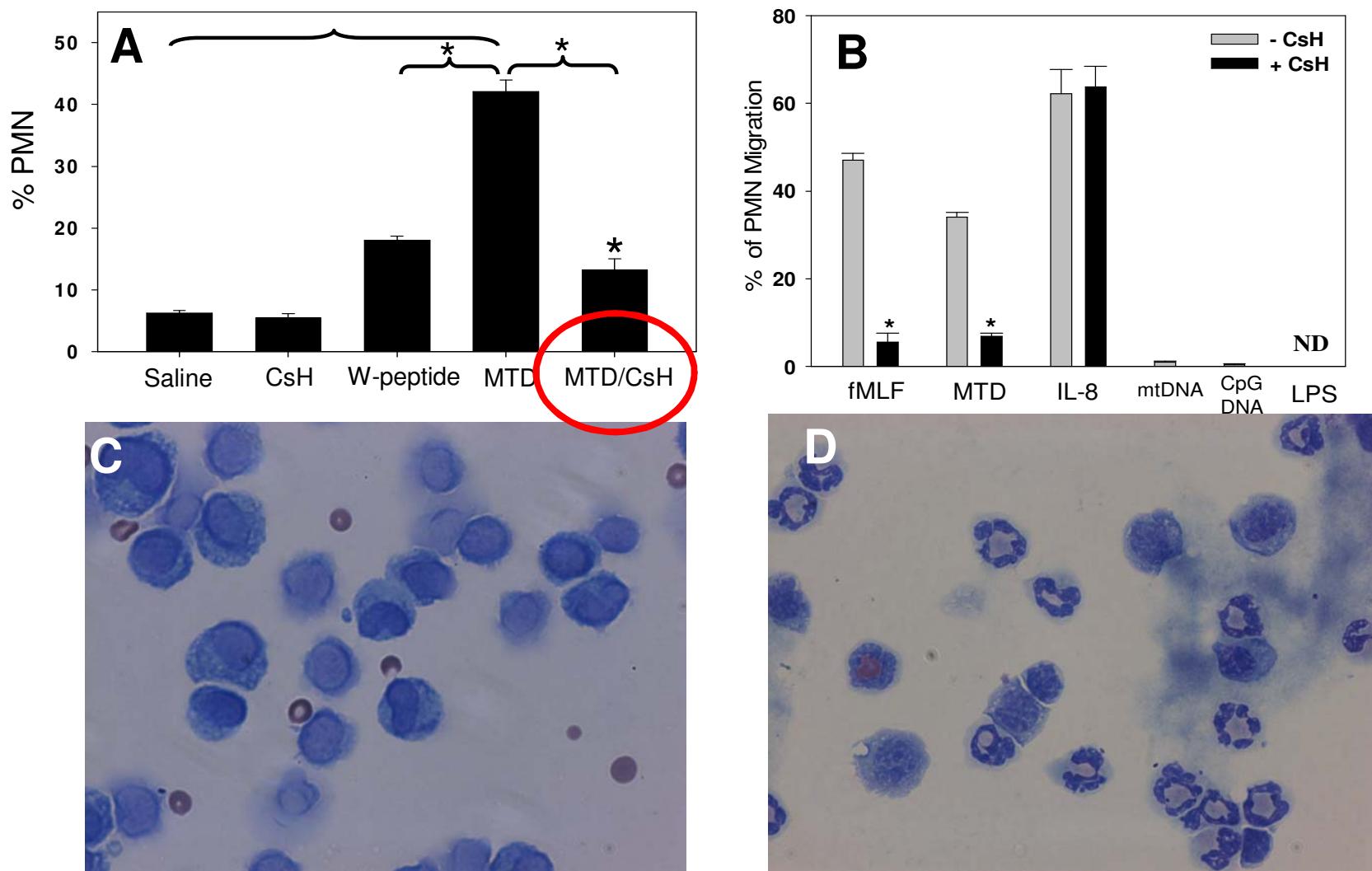
MTD

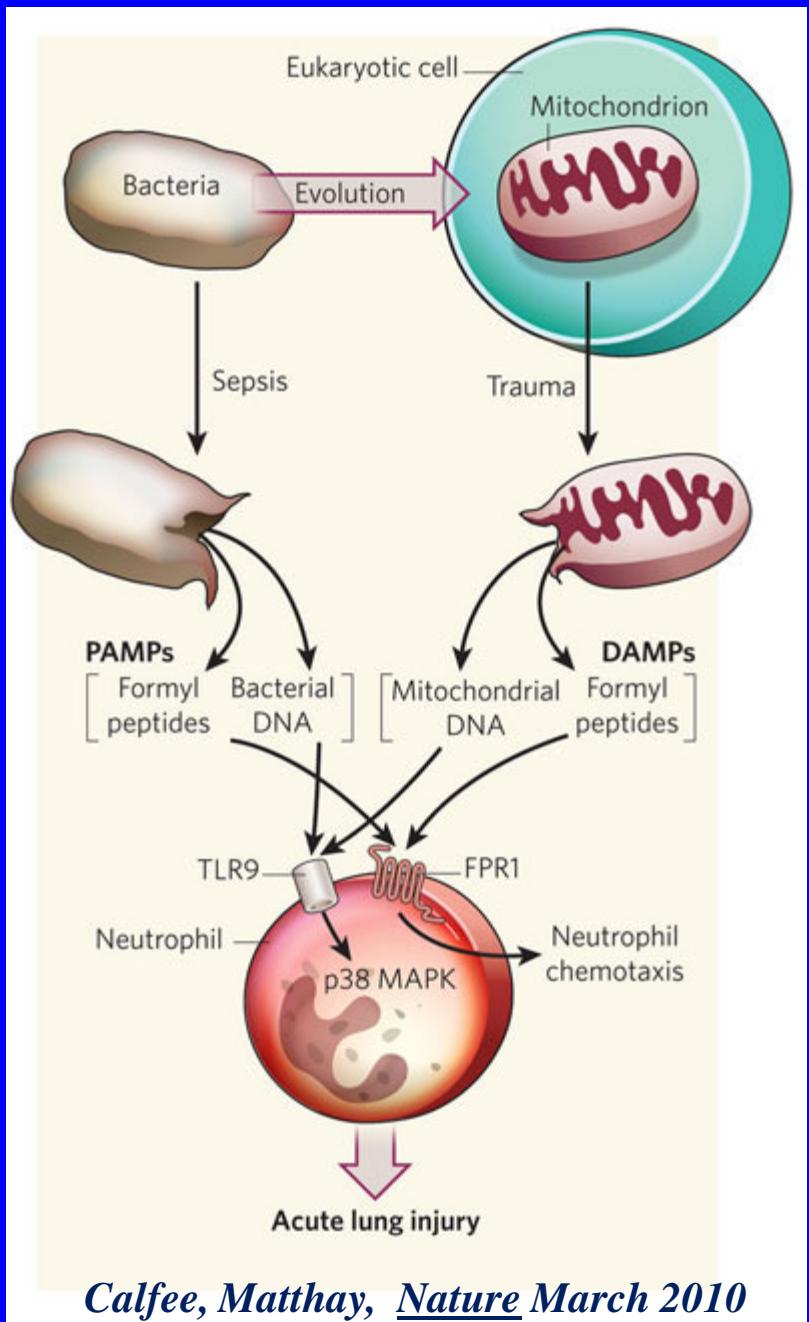
*4-HNE stains*

# *Hepatic injury*



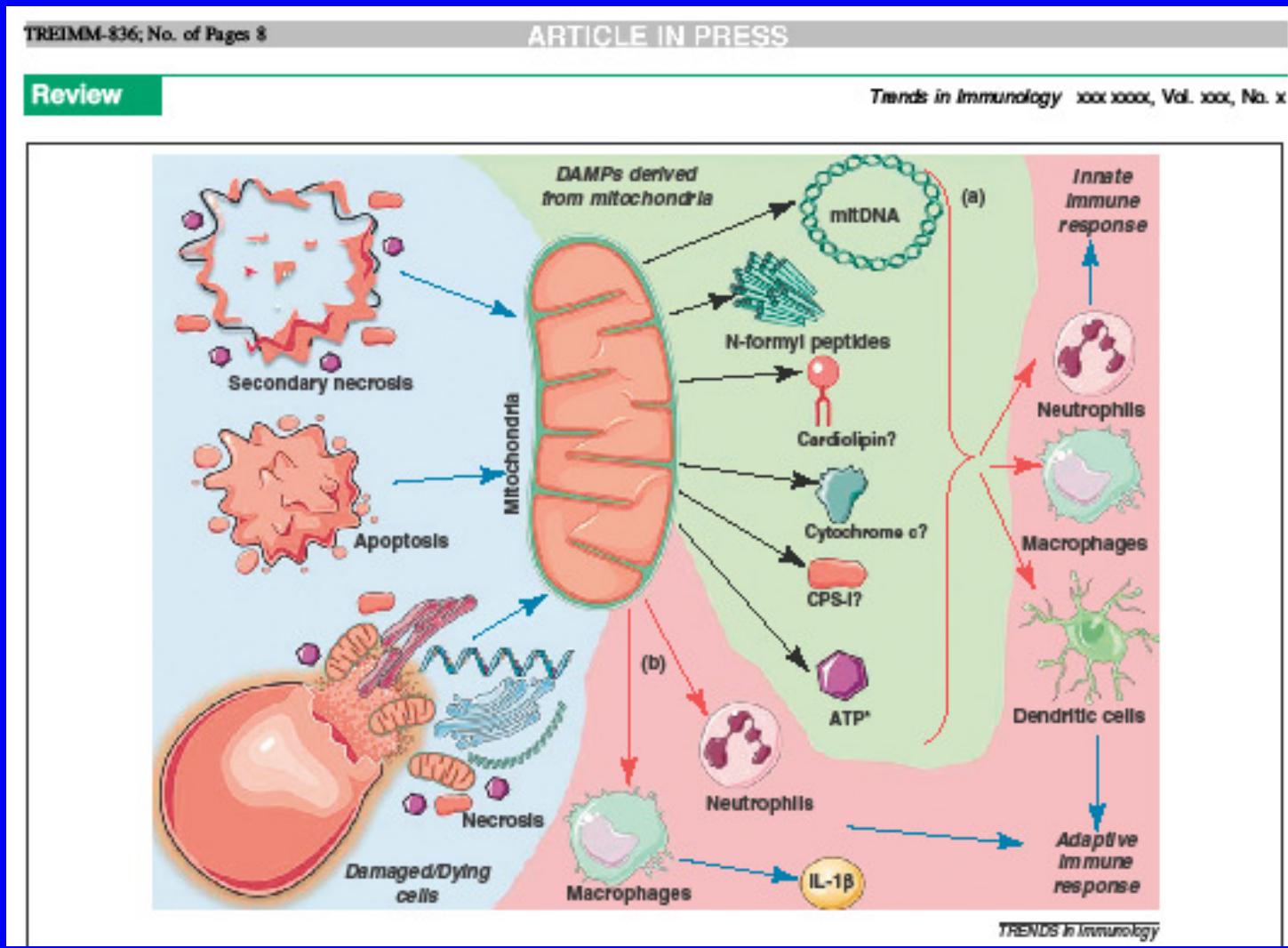
# *Peritonitis*



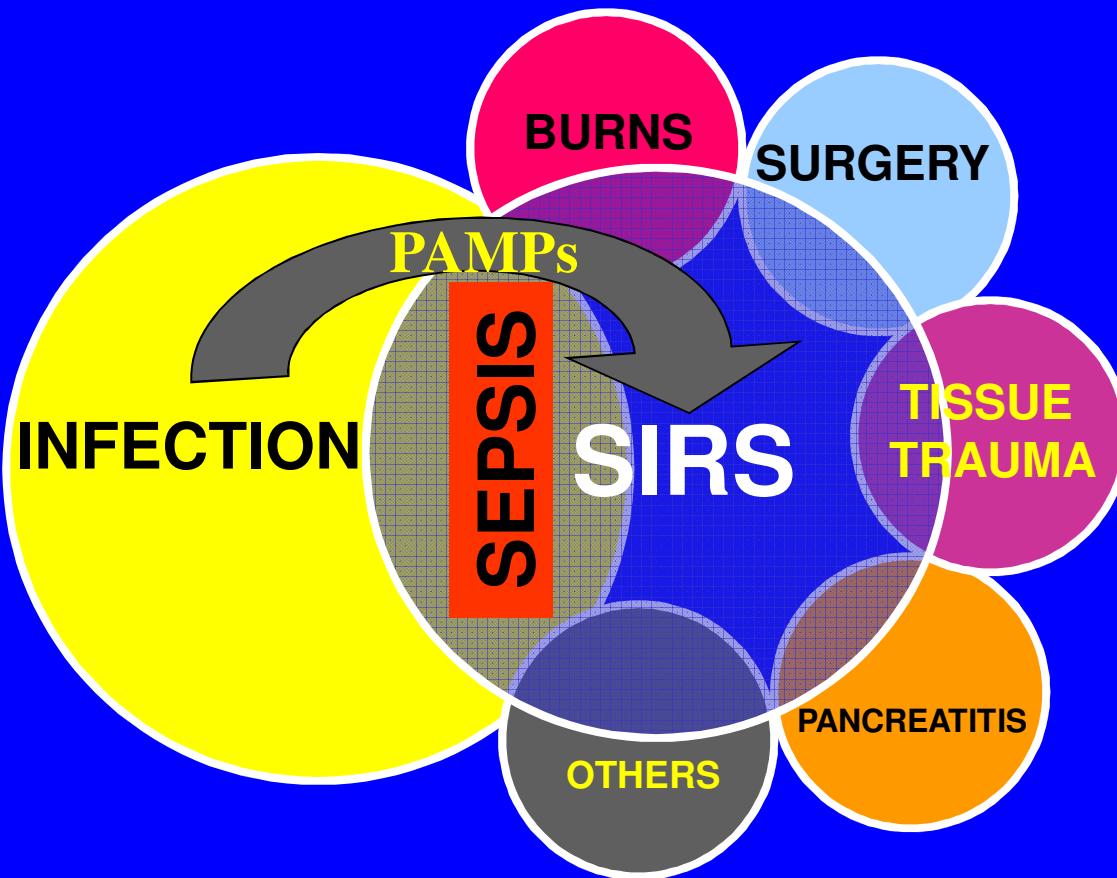


***Evolutionary conservation  
of molecular patterns in  
bacteria and mitochondria  
contribute to the similarity  
of sepsis and SIRS***

*Many other mitochondrial and cellular DAMPs waiting to be discovered*

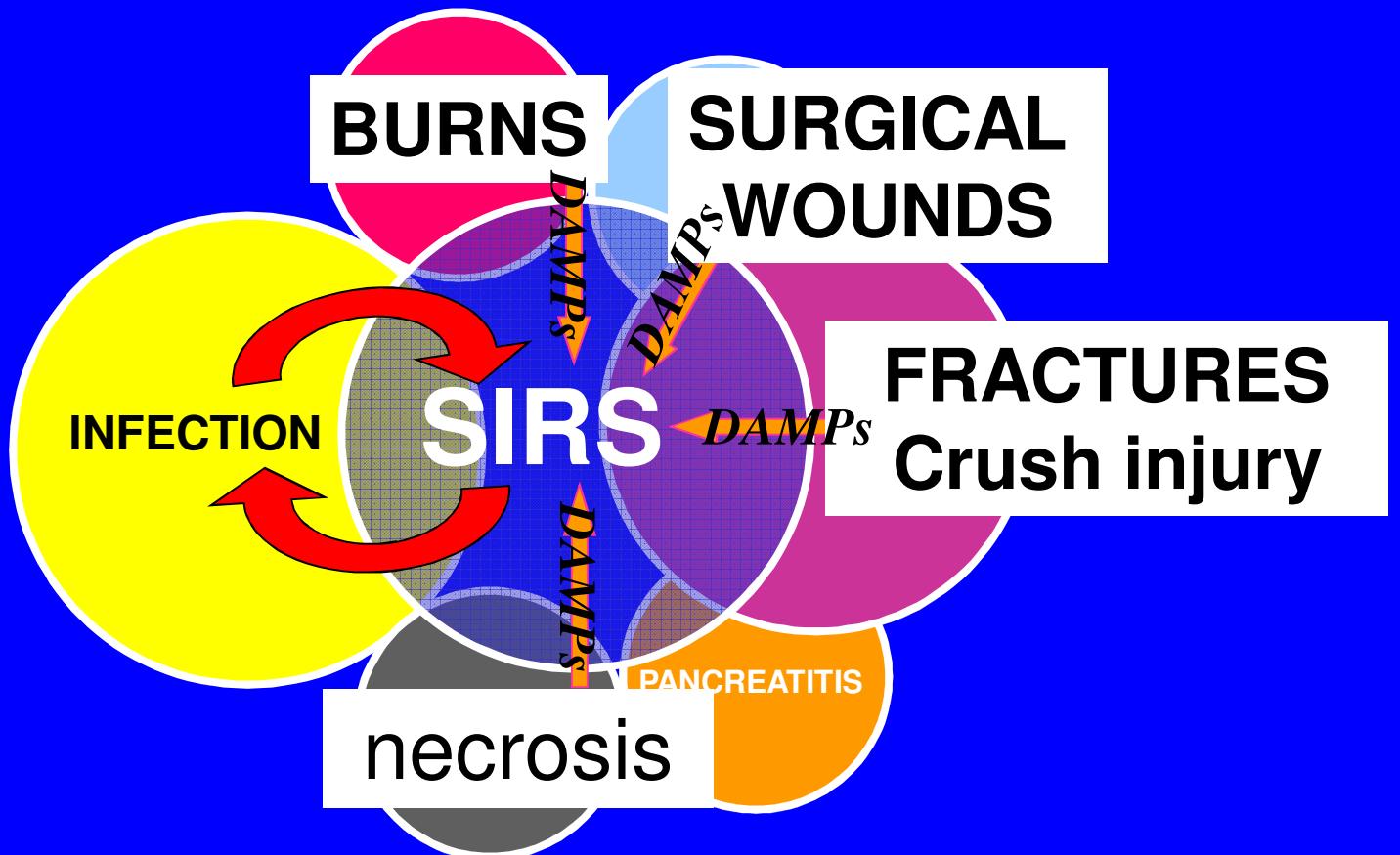


# What is 'septic' SIRS?



PAMPs from infection cause SIRS

# What is traumatic SIRS?



Sepsis *perpetuates* SIRS → MOF → death

# Implications

Profoundly alters our understanding of:

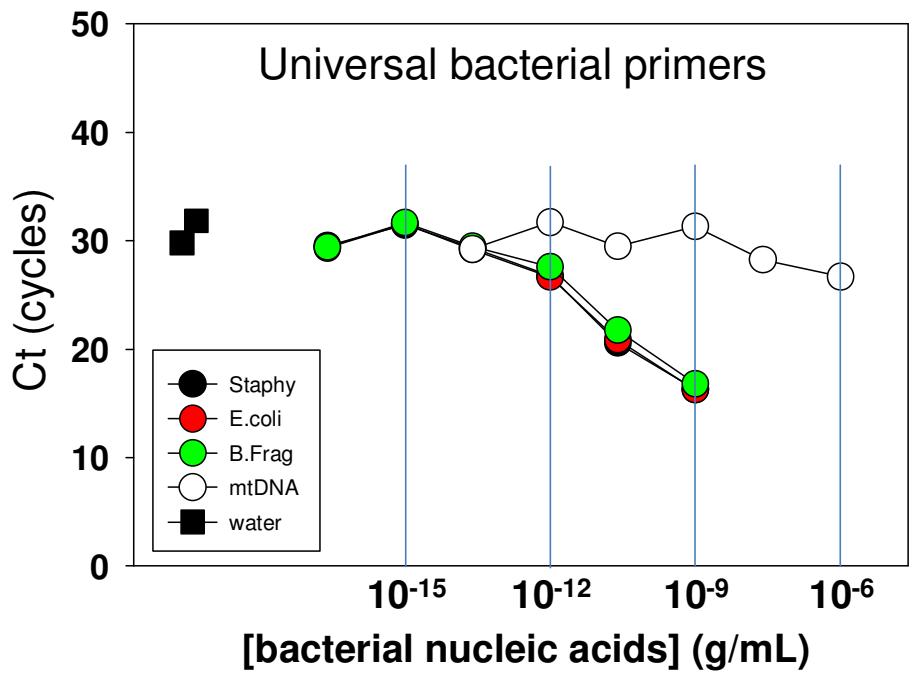
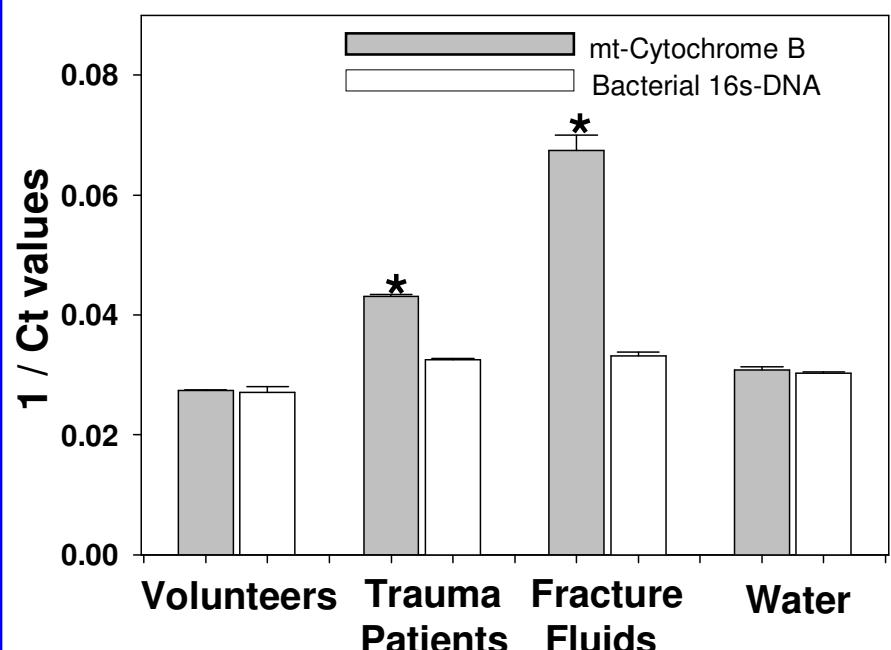
- **SIRS and MOF** after trauma
  - Lung, renal, cardiac, CNS, hepatic, metabolic
  - Fractures, crush injury, ischemia
- **SIRS** after surgery
  - Clinical febrile responses
  - Open vs ‘minimally invasive’ surgery
  - “Atelectasis”
- **Tumor surgery, vascular surgery**
  - Tumor lysis syndromes, febrile neutropenia
  - Revascularization

# Applications

## Management of SIRS

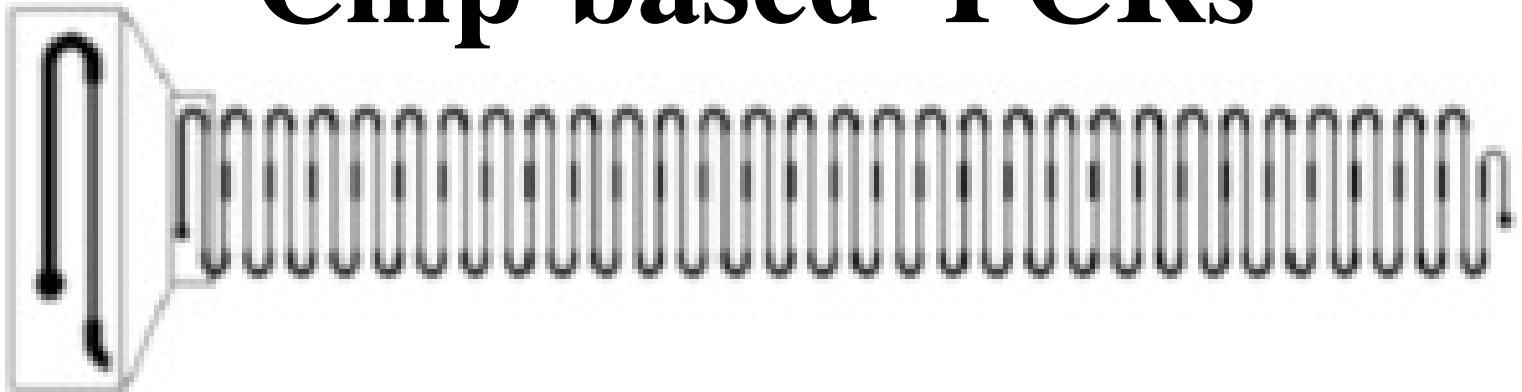
- PAMPs & DAMPs are *bio-markers*
  - PCRs for bDNA faster than cultures
  - PCR for mtDNA - confidence for SIRS
- Decrease **empiric antibiotic use**
  - resistance, toxicity, cost
- Treatments for SIRS
  - prevent MOF, catabolism

# PCRs for bDNA / mtDNA

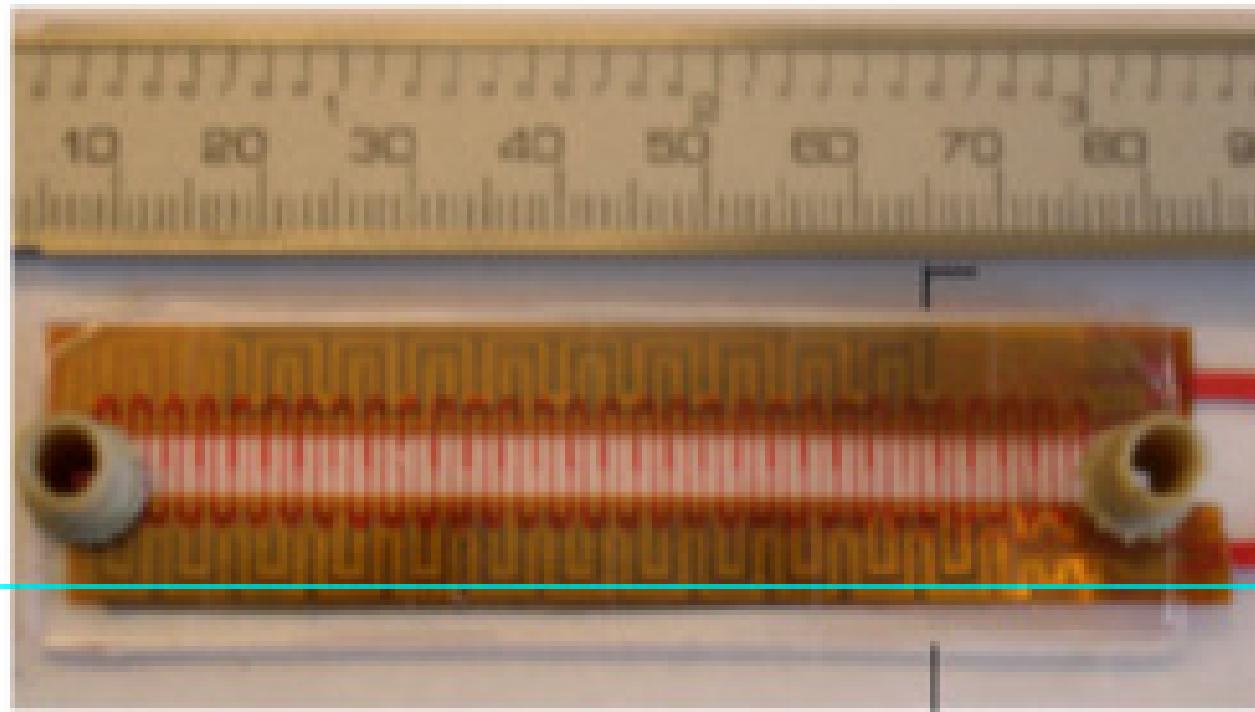


# ‘Chip-based’ PCRs

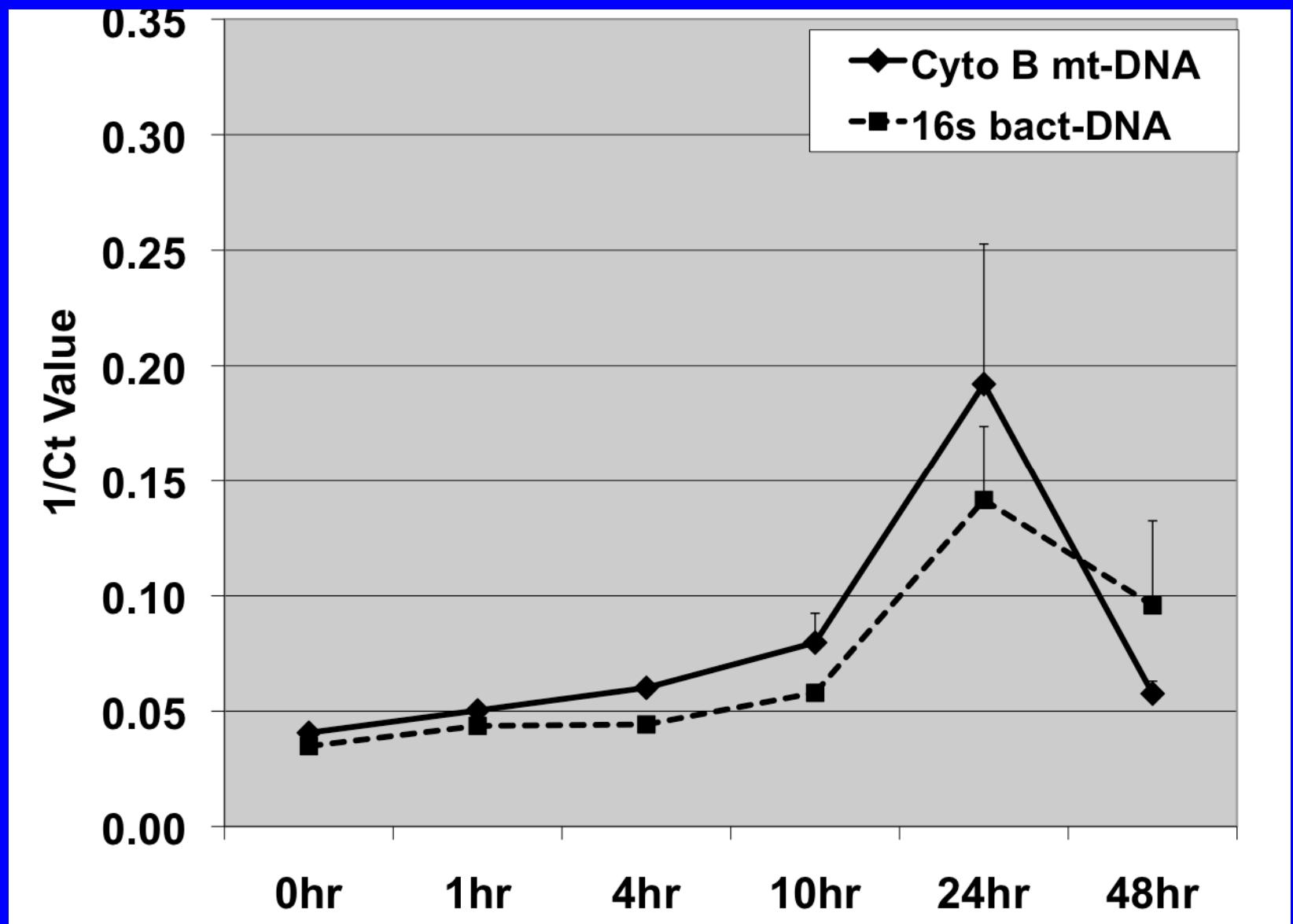
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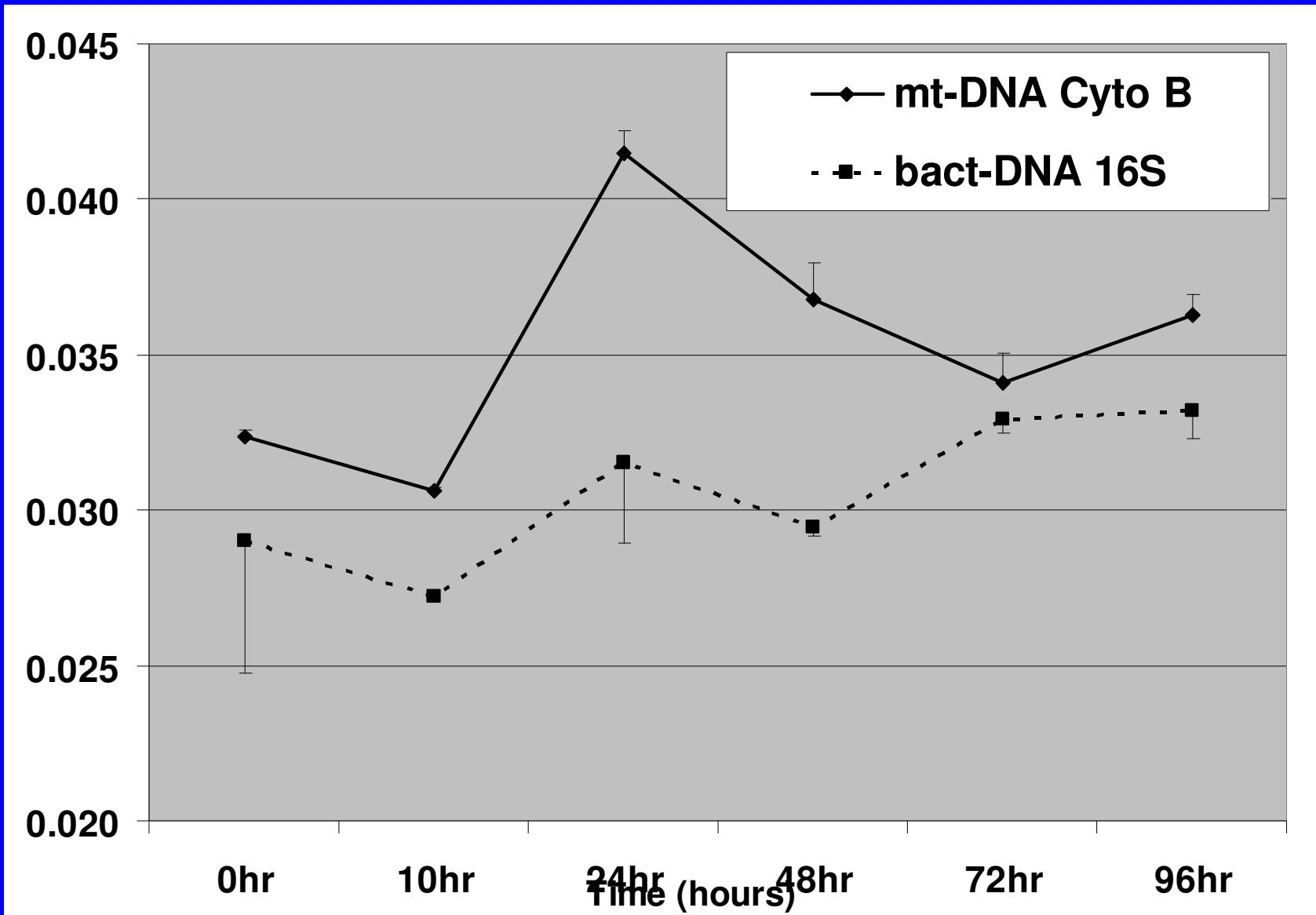
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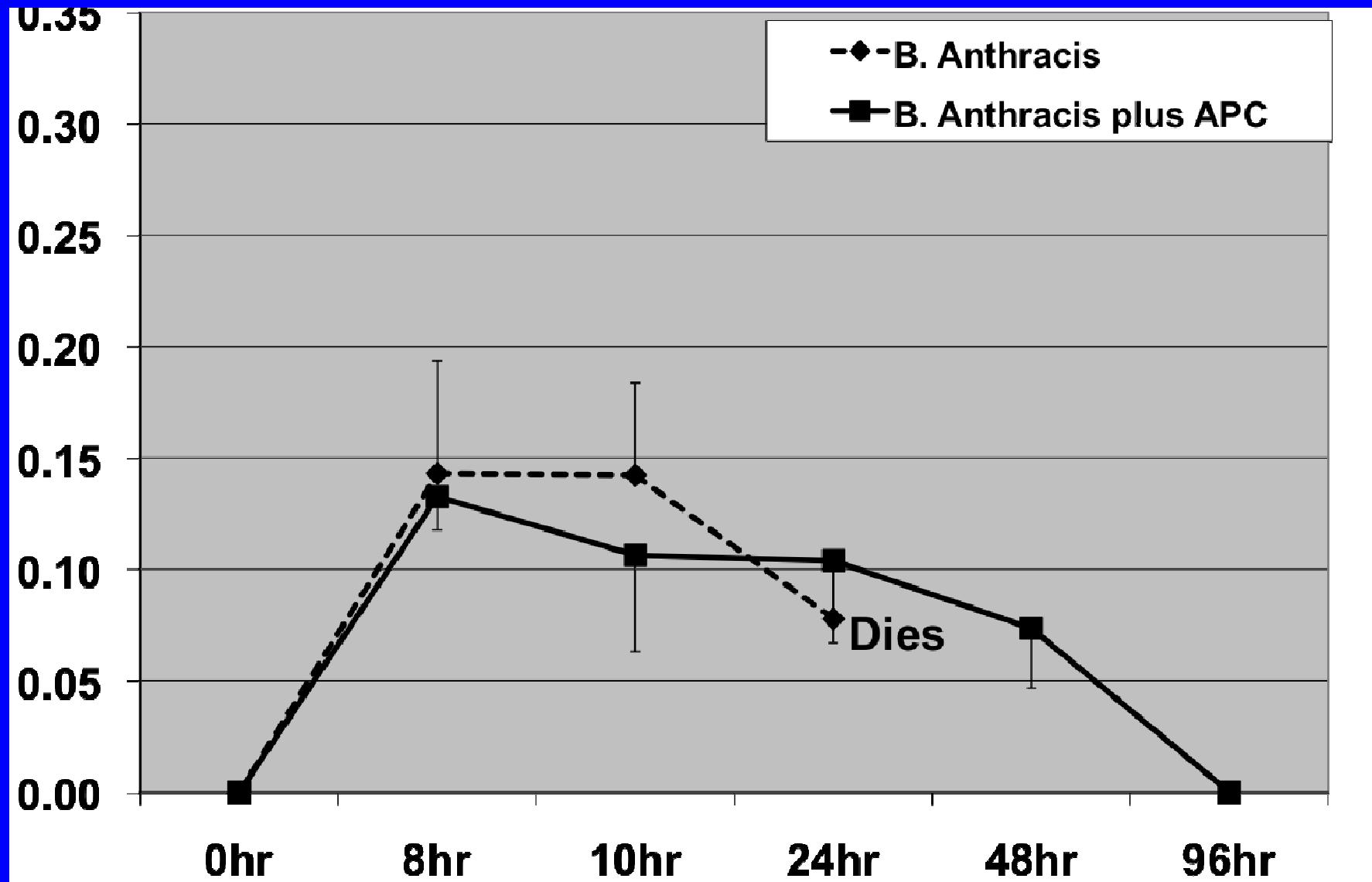
# Sublethal E.coli sepsis (baboon)



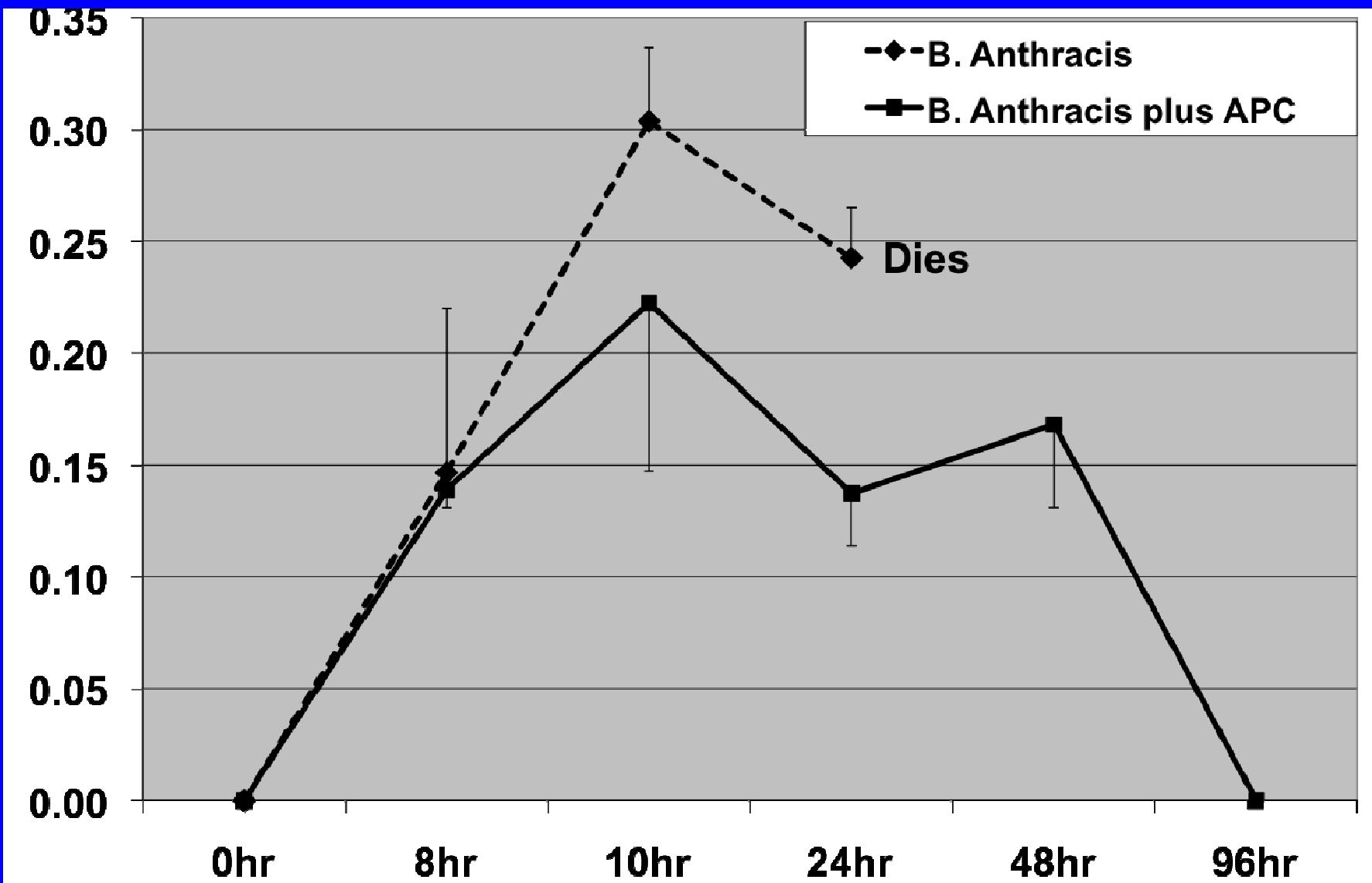
# Shiga-toxin infusion (baboon)



# 16s-DNA in anthrax infusion (baboon)



# mt-DNA in anthrax infusion (baboon)



## Tx of *infective SIRS*

### 1) *PAMP control*

- *Drainage, source control*
- Adjunctive antibiotics

### 2) *SIRS treatment*

- *delay* anti-cytokine strategies
- *delay* steroids, aPC, anti-inflammation
- Wait until PAMP *biomarkers abate*

## Treatment of *traumatic SIRS*

### 1) Remove source of DAMPs

- *Debride / drain* anatomic sources
- *Avoid* antibiotic use

### 2) Prevent / treat SIRS early

- Anti-**DAMP** strategies (CsH, ODN)
- Anti-**PRR** strategies (mAb's)
- Interrupt inflammatory *signaling*



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