



Mast Cell Disorders

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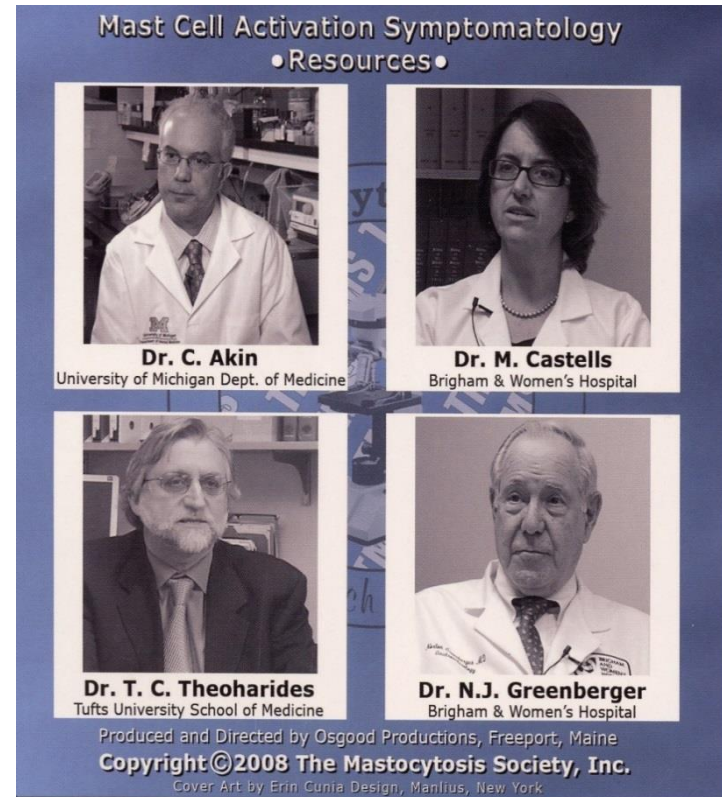
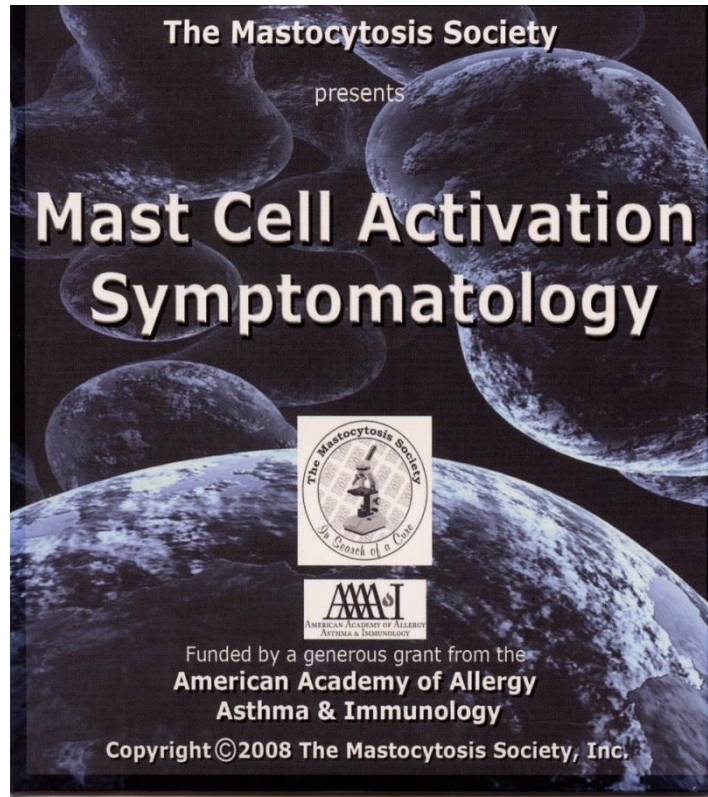
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Mast cell activation symptomatology

My mystery symptoms and mast cells

General Principles

- Exclude other diagnoses
- Identify comorbidities
- Prioritize symptoms
- Remove triggers
- Eliminate foods/additives
- Different treatment approaches
- Multimodal management needed

Allergies

Angioneurotic edema

Asthma

Atopic dermatitis

Food allergy

Food intolerance

Histamine intolerance

Idiopathic urticaria

Mastocytosis

Mast cell activation

Non-IgE food allergy

Rhinitis

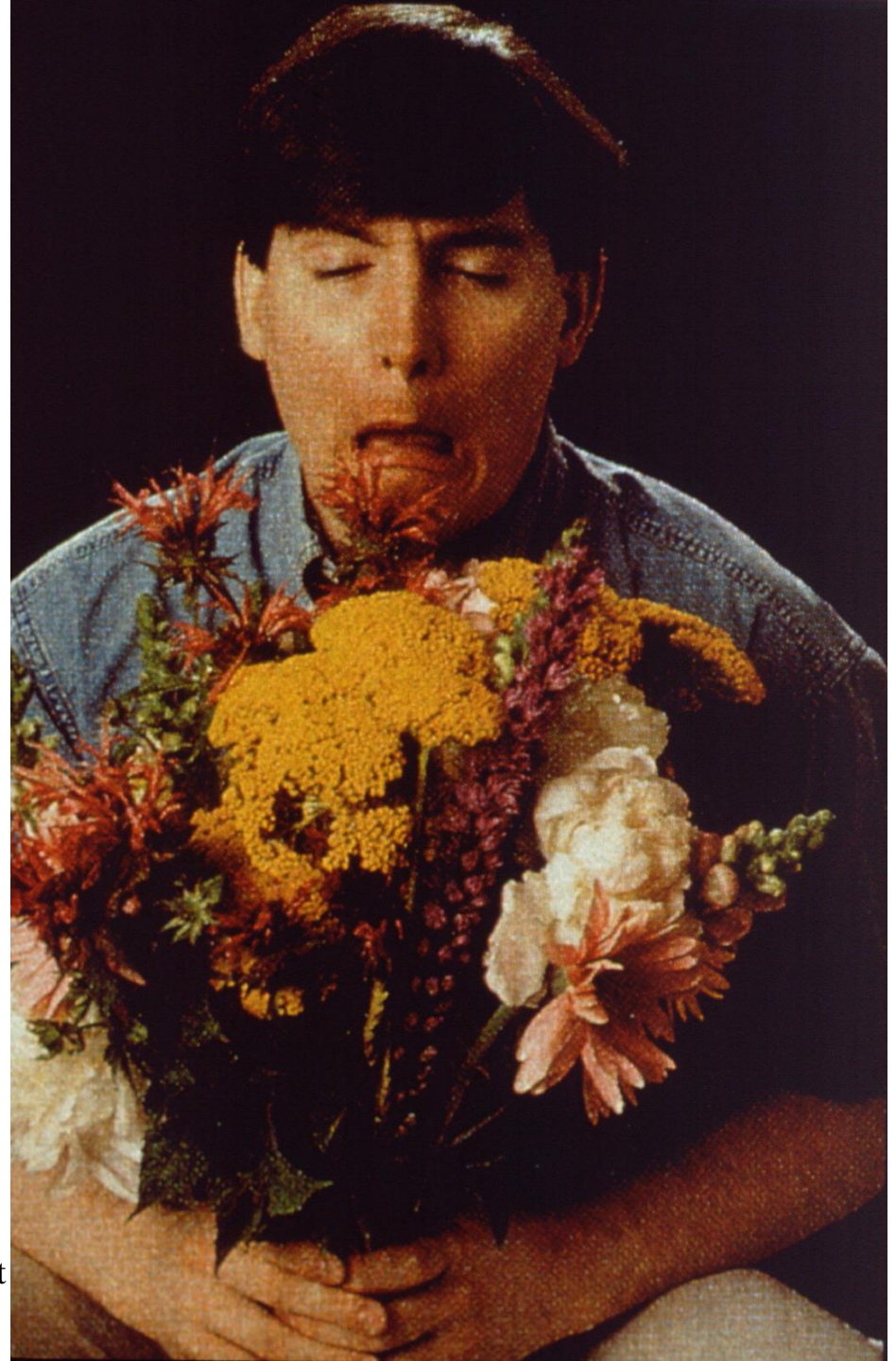


Table 1. Conditions That Can Mimic Mast Cell Disorders*

Cardiac

- Coronary Hypersensitivity (Kounis syndrome)*
- Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia syndrome (POTS)

Endocrine

- Fibromyalgia
- Parathyroid tumor
- Pheochromocytoma
- Carcinoid syndrome

Digestive

- Food intolerance*
- Eosinophilic esophagitis*
- Eosinophilic gastroenteritis*
- Gastro Esophageal Reflux disorder (GERD)
- Gluten enteropathy
- Irritable bowel syndrome
- Vasoactive intestinal peptide tumor

Immune

- Auto-inflammatory disorders*
[e.g. Deficiency of IL-1 receptor antagonist (DIRA)]
- Familial hyper IgE syndrome
- Vasculitis*

Neurologic/Psychiatric

- Anxiety
- Chronic Fatigue syndrome
- Depression
- Headaches
- Mixed Organic Brain syndrome
- Somatization disorder
- Autonomic dysfunction
- Multiple sclerosis

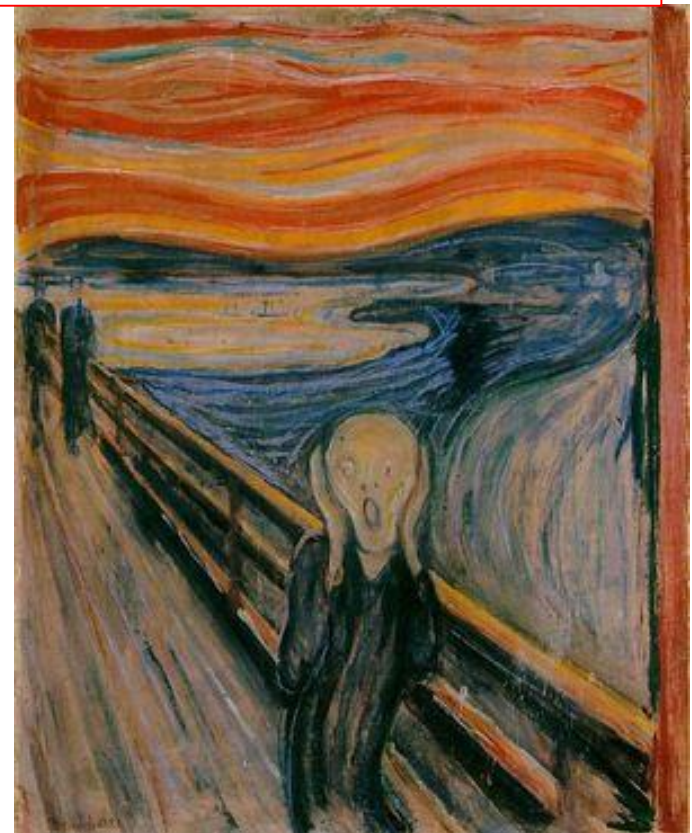
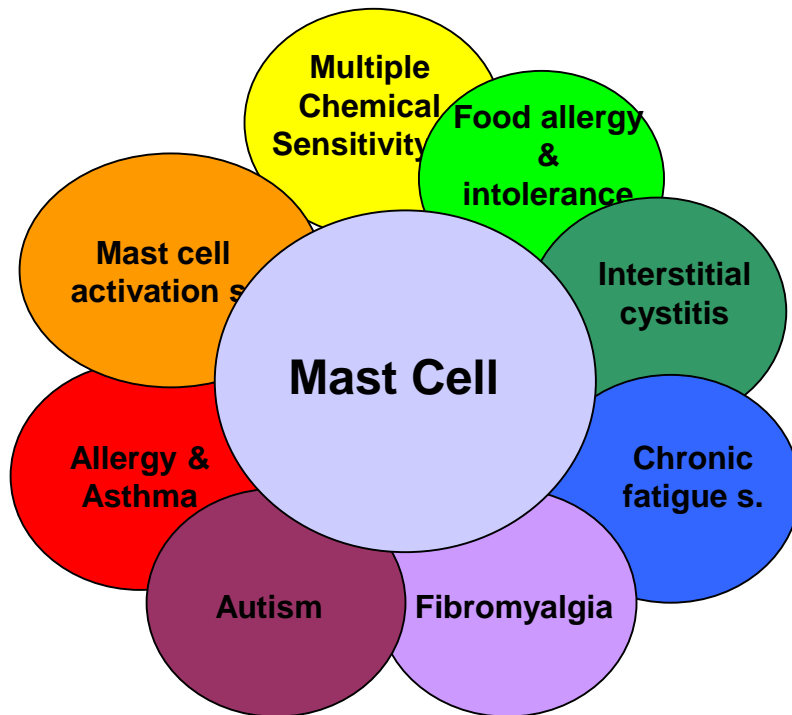
Skin

- Angioedema*
- Atopic dermatitis*
- Chronic urticaria*
- Scleroderma*

* Mast cell activation may occur

Editorial

Atopic Conditions in Search of Pathogenesis and Therapy



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Edvard Munch, *The Scream* (Skrik, 1893)

Diagnostic Algorithm for Adult Patients

Patient with symptoms consistent with mast cell activation

Thorough medical history for reactions to foods, medications, radiographic contrast media, insect stings, latex, exercise, temperature, stress, and skin examination

• Basal tryptase ≥ 20 ng/ml and/or
• Event-related tryptase increase by 20% of baseline + 2 ng/ml

Basal serum tryptase normal or slightly elevated (11.5-20 ng/ml)*
± diagnostic increase in event-related tryptase

History of:
1. Anaphylaxis to hymenoptera stings
2. Hypotensive anaphylaxis with or without angioedema or urticaria

D816V *KIT* mutation in peripheral blood

Bone marrow biopsy

SM +

No SM

Define Subtypes

Urine measurements (24 hr):
• \uparrow Methyl histamine
• \uparrow PGD₂
• \uparrow 11- β Prostaglandin F_{2 α}

Skin lesions present

Skin biopsy

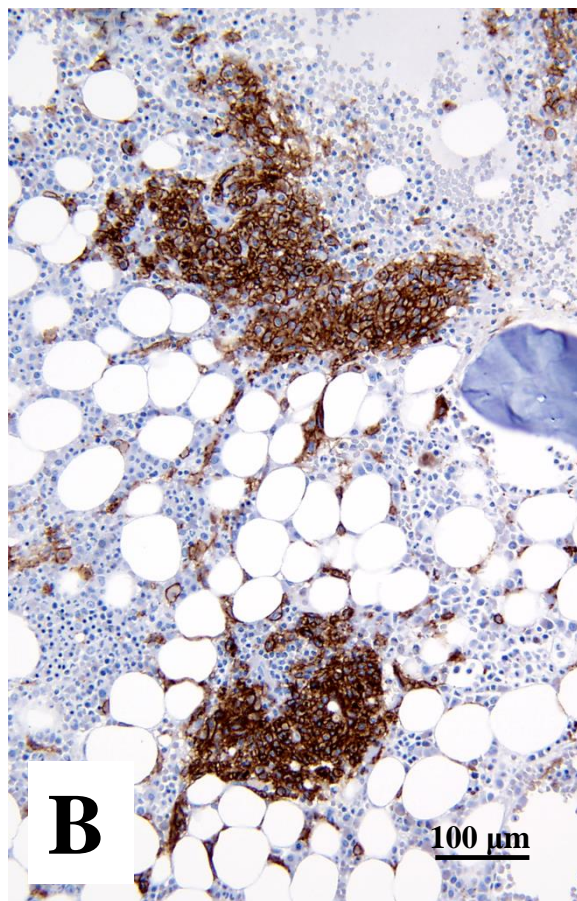
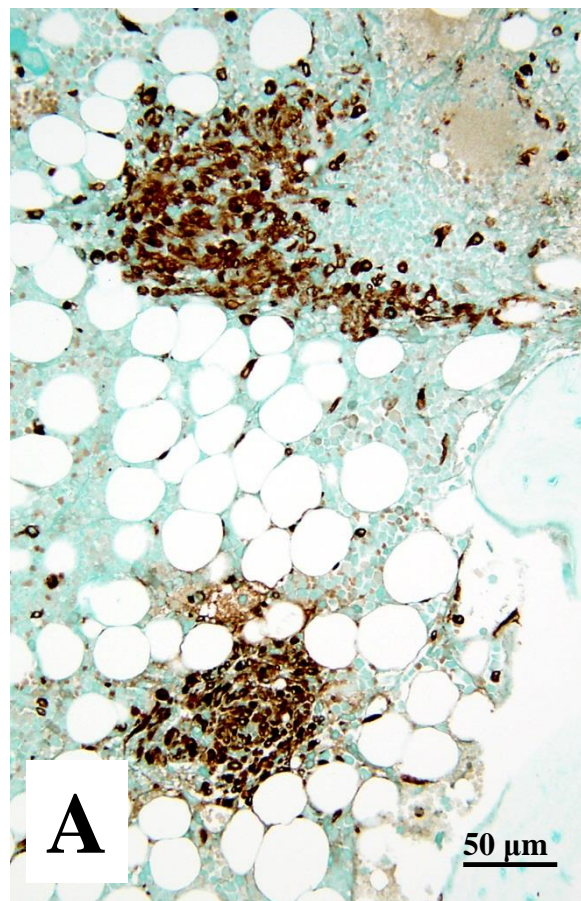
Cutaneous mastocytosis

Mast cell activation

SM= Systemic Mastocytosis
* This range varies among different laboratories and clinical sites

Serum; some experts consider a higher cutoff
+ *KIT* mutations should be investigated

§ A patient with elevated basal tryptase should also have BM biopsy. Most of these patients have SM



Two bone marrow biopsies are needed for >80% chance of finding two mast cell “clusters” for diagnosis

Mast cell activation syndrome: Proposed diagnostic criteria

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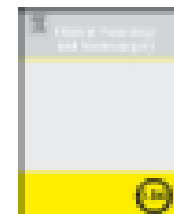
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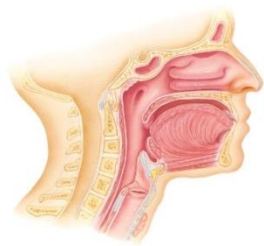
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Respiratory
 Nasal congestion
 Nasal pruritus
 Shortness of breath
 Throat swelling
 Wheezing

Neurologic
 Anxiety
 Depression
 Decreased concentration and memory (Brain Fog)
 Insomnia
 Migraines



Histamine, IL-6,
 LCT₄, PAF, PGD₂

CRH, histamine, IL-6,
 NT, PAF, PGD₂, TNF



Cardiovascular
 Hypotension
 Syncope or near syncope
 Lightheadedness
 Tachycardia

Systemic
 Fatigue
 Generalized malaise
 Weight loss



CRH, chymase,
 histamine, IL-6,
 PAF, renin,
 TNF, tryptase

CRH, histamine,
 IL-6, TNF

**Bacteria, fungi,
 viruses**

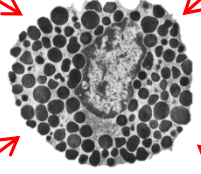
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Drugs

Peptides

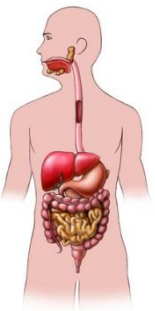
Toxins

Cytokines



IL-6, PGD₂, RANKL,
 TNF, tryptase

CRH, histamine, IL-6, IL-8, IL-33,
 PAF, PGD₂, TNF, tryptase



Digestive
 Abdominal cramps
 Diarrhea
 Esophageal reflux
 Nausea and vomiting

Musculoskeletal
 Aches
 Bone pain
 Osteopenia/Osteoporosis

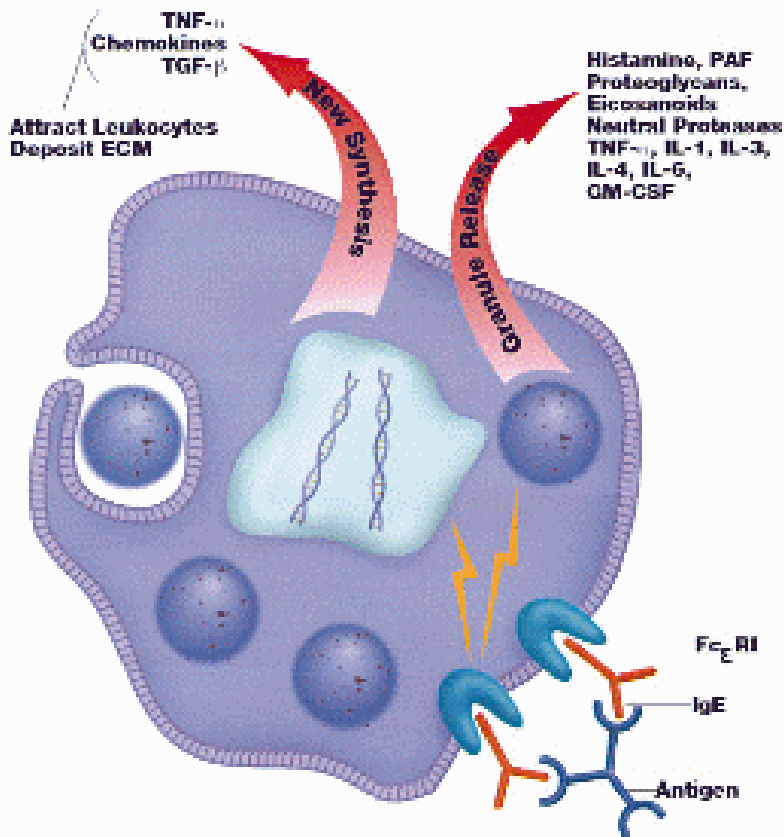


Cutaneous
 Flushing
 Pruritus
 Urticaria
 Angioedema



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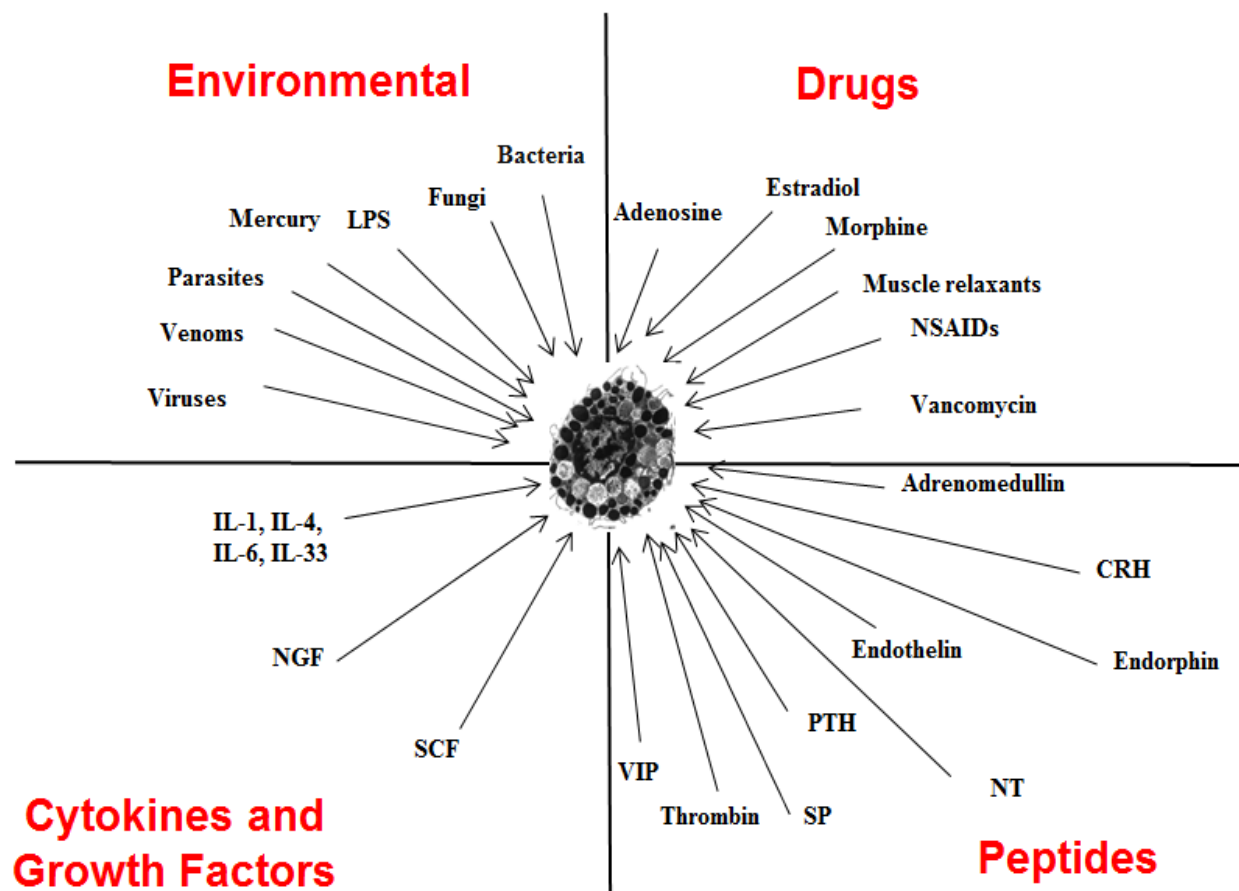
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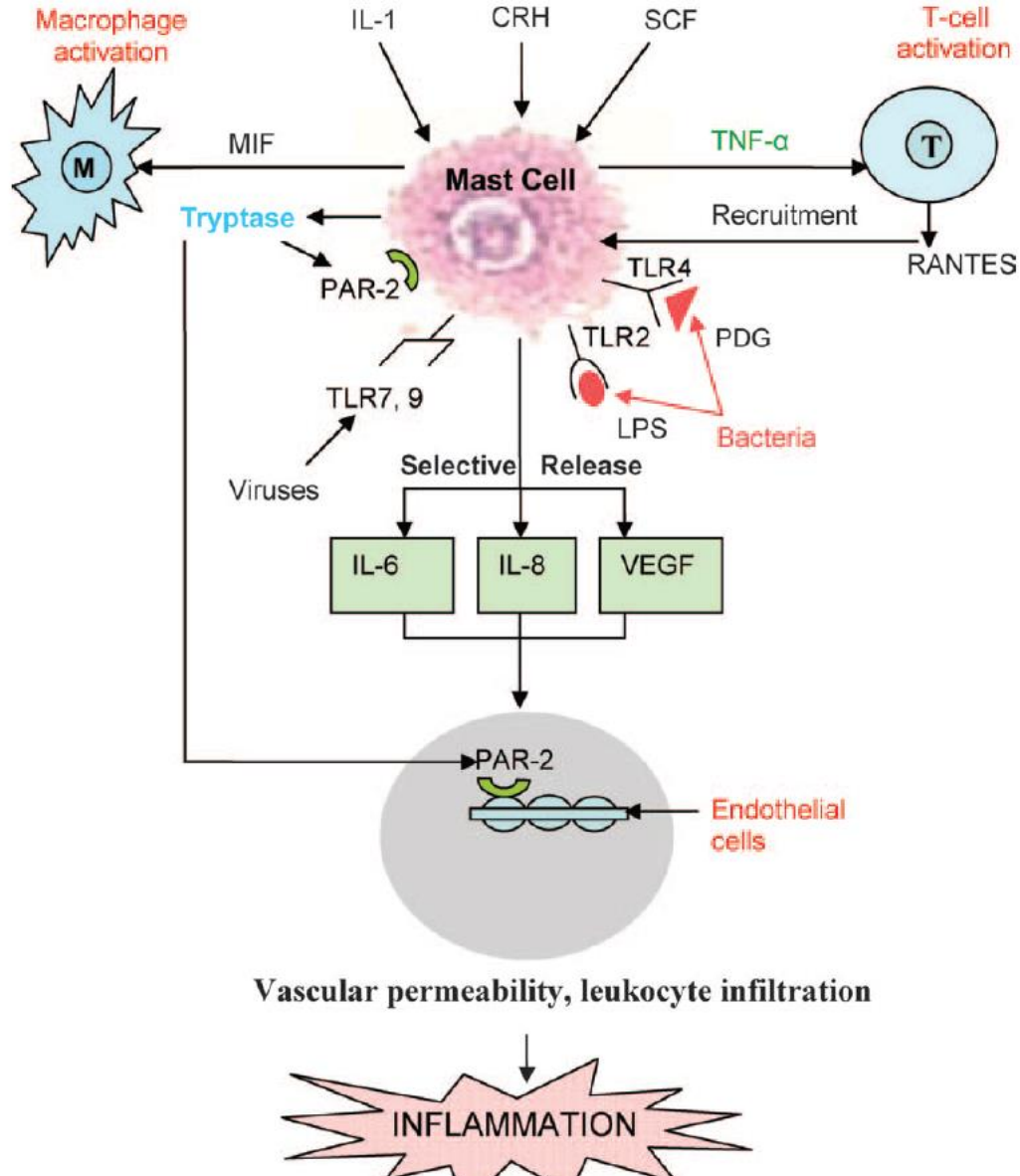
Triggers	Mediators
Allergen/IgE	Histamine
C3a, C5a	Chymase
IL-1, IL-33	Tryptase
Endothelin	Leukotrienes
LPS	PAF
Neuropeptides	Prostaglandins
Thrombin	Chemokines
	IL-1, IL-6, IL-8
	GM-CSF, TNF- α
	VEGF

Mast cell degranulation leads to the release of mediators with potent **vasodilatory, nociceptive, and inflammatory** properties

Figure S1



Mast Cells Communicate with Many Pathogens and Other Immune Cells



Typical Skin Mast Cell Degranulation Observed by Metachromasia as First Noted by Paul Ehrlich in 1887

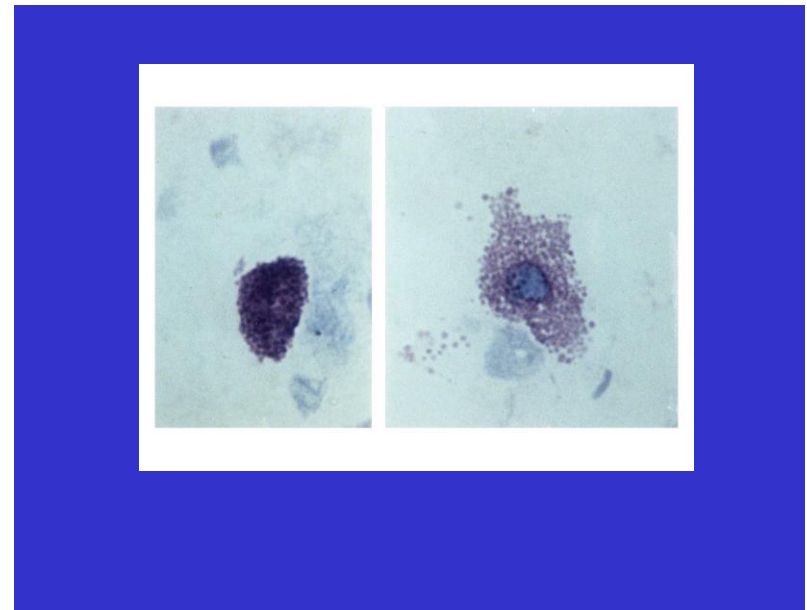
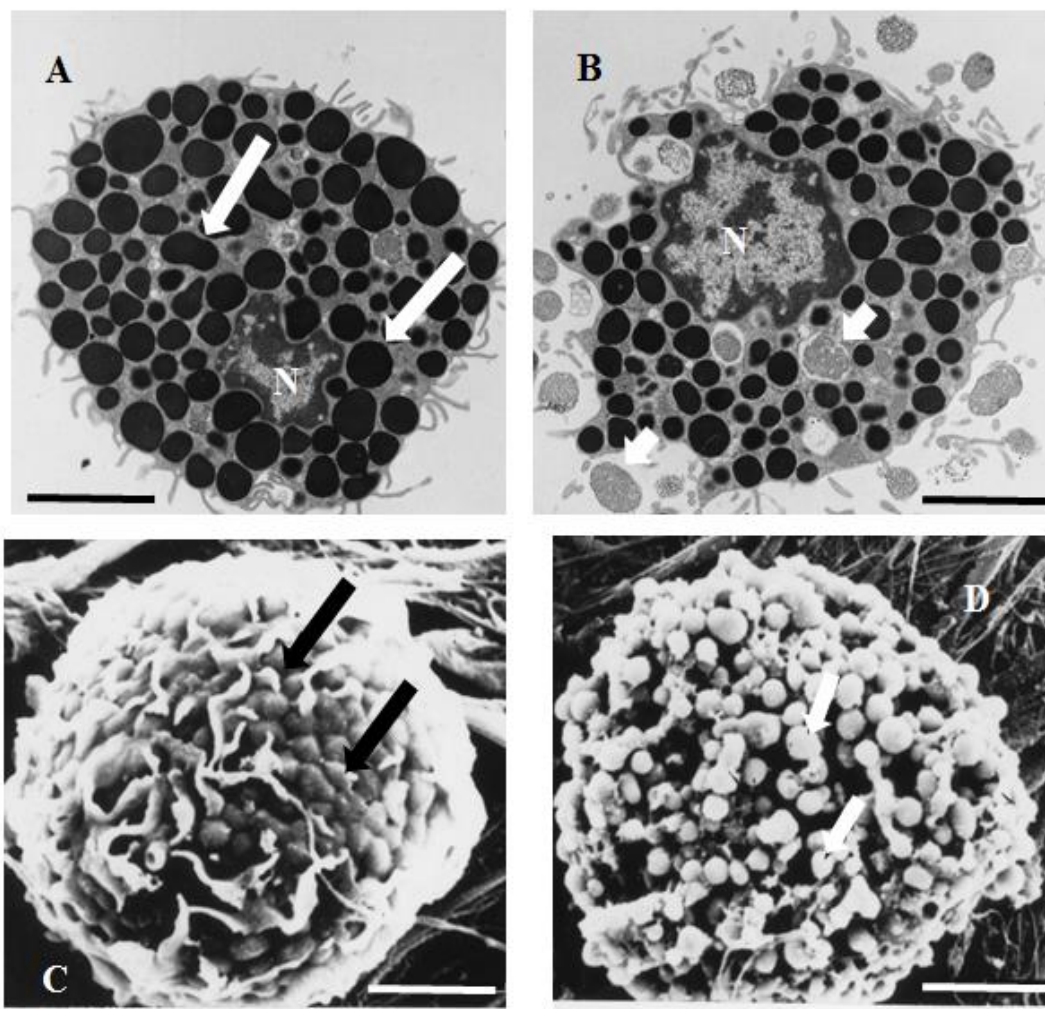


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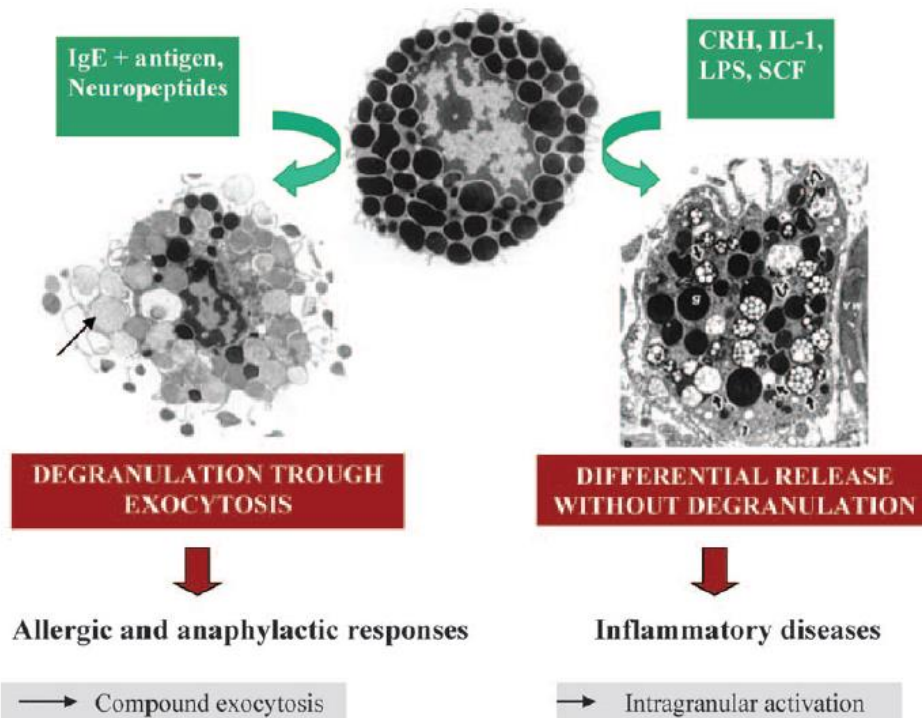
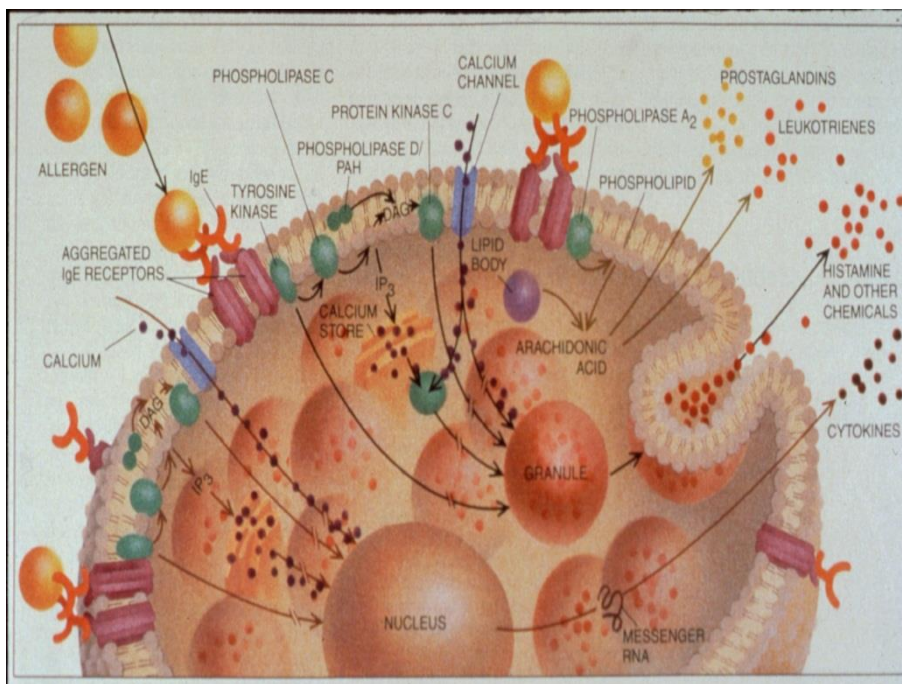


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Mast cells and inflammation ☆

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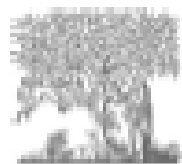
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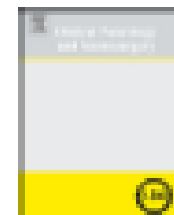


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The Mastocytosis Society Survey on Mast Cell Disorders: Patient Experiences and Perceptions[☆]

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TABLE II. Severity and frequency of pain and other symptoms among 420 respondents

Symptom	Severity			
	Any [*]		Moderate or extreme	
	Total responses, no. (%)	Daily or occasionally, no. (%) [†]	Total responses, no. (%)	Daily or occasionally, no. (%) [†]
Pain				
Stomach	306 (72.9)	275 (89.9)	253 (60.2)	244 (96.4)
Lower abdomen	237 (56.4)	202 (85.2)	194 (46.2)	179 (92.3)
Joint	258 (61.4)	228 (88.4)	193 (46.0)	188 (97.4)
Bone	237 (56.4)	197 (83.1)	190 (45.2)	166 (87.4)
Muscle, nerve, connective tissue	210 (50.0)	185 (88.1)	166 (39.5)	158 (95.2)
Upper abdomen	195 (46.4)	159 (81.5)	151 (36.0)	138 (91.4)
Chest	154 (36.7)	96 (62.3)	96 (22.9)	73 (76.0)
Other				
Fatigue	320 (76.2)	296 (92.5)	262 (62.4)	255 (97.3)
Headache	267 (63.6)	202 (75.7)	216 (51.4)	182 (84.3)
Brain fog and/or cognitive difficulties	281 (66.9)	242 (86.1)	193 (46.0)	184 (95.3)
Lightheadedness/syncope	257 (61.2)	182 (70.8)	185 (44.0)	146 (78.9)
Weakness	225 (53.6)	173 (76.9)	171 (40.7)	149 (87.1)
Anaphylactic shock	175 (41.7)	82 (46.9)	158 (37.6)	80 (50.6)
Anxiety	255 (60.7)	190 (74.5)	156 (37.1)	146 (93.6)
Depression	207 (49.3)	148 (71.5)	121 (28.8)	111 (91.7)
Wheezing or asthma	186 (44.3)	125 (67.2)	111 (26.4)	92 (82.9)
Angioedema	146 (34.8)	83 (56.8)	107 (25.5)	66 (61.7)
High blood pressure episodes	123 (29.3)	93 (75.6)	89 (21.2)	72 (80.9)
Cardiac	120 (28.6)	83 (69.2)	82 (19.5)	66 (80.5)

Brain Fog

Reduced

- Attention span
- Cognition
- Memory
- Multitasking
- Processing
- Word finding

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Mast Cell May Serve as the Canary in the Mine of the Body

Many substances originating in the environment, intestine or brain can trigger mast cell secretion of mood-altering molecules.

- Environmental substances such as:

Aluminum

Antibiotics

Bacterial and viral antigens

Drugs

Estrogens

Mercury

Mold

PBC



REVIEW

A systematic review of salicylates in foods: Estimated daily intake of a Scottish population

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Table 1. Total salicylate content of foods purchased from local Scottish retailers as determined by HPLC with electrochemical detection

Food item	Salicylates (mg/kg)	Food item	Salicylates (mg/kg)
<i>Fruits</i>		<i>Vegetables</i>	
Banana	0.34	Asparagus	1.29
Blackberries	0.81	Aubergine	0.0
Blueberries	0.57	Broccoli	0.0
Gala melon	0.62	Cabbage green	0.0
Grapefruit	0.44	Carrots	0.16
Green apple	0.55	Cauliflower	0.01
Kiwi fruit	0.31	Celery	0.04
Lime	0.0	Courgette	0.0
Mango	0.03	Cucumber	0.02
Nectarine	3.29	Green bean	0.07
Orange	0.11	Green pepper	0.01
Peach	0.12	Lettuce (iceberg)	0.05
Pear	0.23	Mange tout	0.20
Plum	0.01	Mushroom (button)	0.13
Raspberry	0.09	Onion (white)	0.80
Red grape	0.02	Potato	0.02
Strawberry	0.61	Red pepper	0.09
White grape	0.02	Swede	0.07
Yellow melon	0.11	Tomato	0.13
<i>Juices</i>		<i>Spices</i>	
Apple	0.83	Black cumin	25.05
Cranberry	0.99	Cumin	29.76
Grapefruit	0.10	Chat masala	5.74
Orange	0.68	Cinnamon	0.78
Pineapple	4.06	Garam masala	12.85
Tomato	1.32	Paprika	28.25
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Cognitive function of 6-year old children exposed to mold-contaminated homes in early postnatal period. Prospective birth cohort study in Poland

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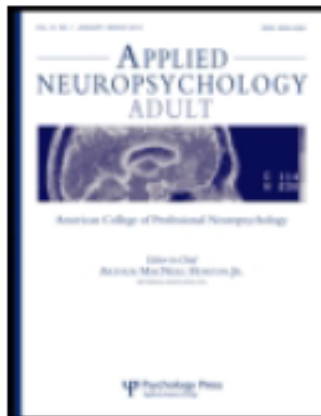
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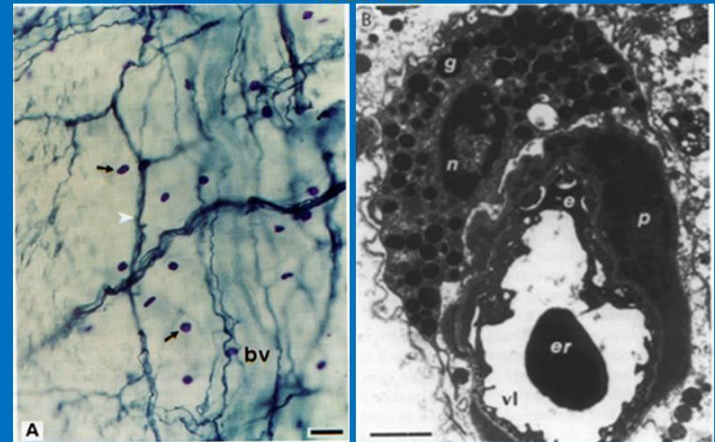
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Mast cells are Located Close to Blood Vessels and Nerves



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Bv= blood vessel; white arrowhead= nerve endings; dark arrow= mast cells; g= granule; e= endothelial cell; er= erythrocyte; n= nucleus; p= pericyte; vl= blood vessel lumen

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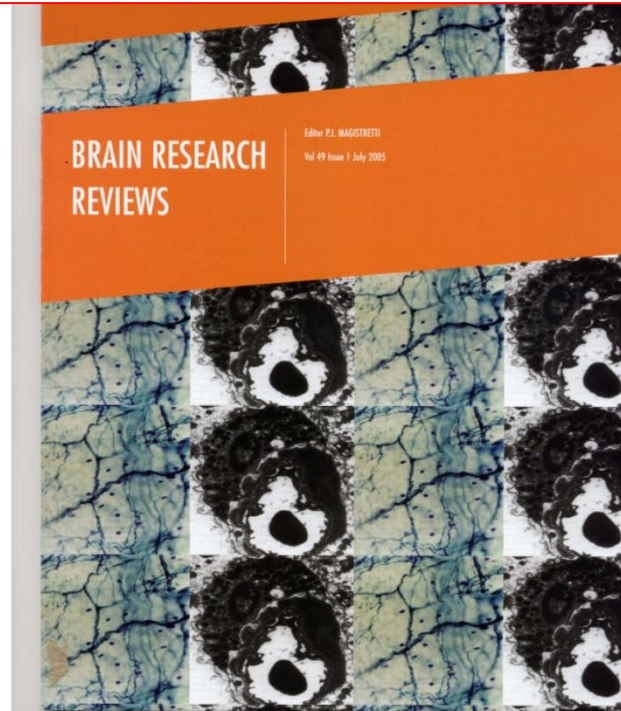
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Sensitization and Activation of Intracranial Meningeal Nociceptors by Mast Cell Mediators

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Mast cells: Versatile gatekeepers of pain[☆]

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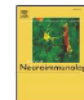
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ABSTRACT

Mast cells (MCs) are immunocytes with secretory functions that act locally in peripheral tissues to modulate local hemodynamics, nociceptor activation and pain. They are also able to infiltrate the central nervous system (CNS), especially the spinal cord and the thalamus, but their cerebral function remains an enigma. A role in regulating the opening of the blood–brain barrier has been proposed. Paracrine-like action of MCs on synaptic transmission might also signal a modulation of the nervous system by the immune system. In this review, we examine the link between MCs and nociceptive process, at the periphery as well as in the CNS.

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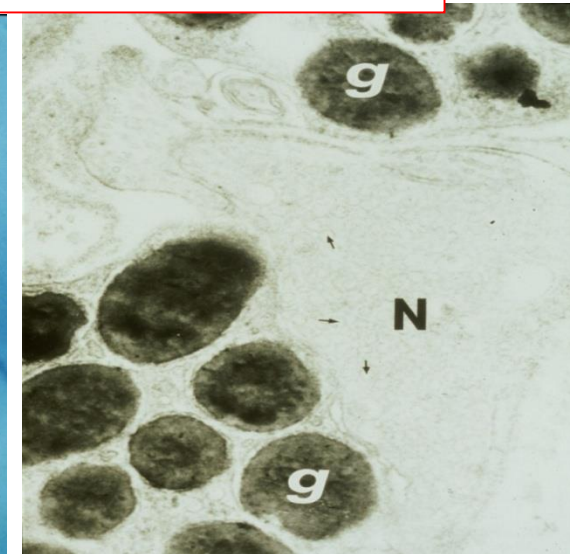
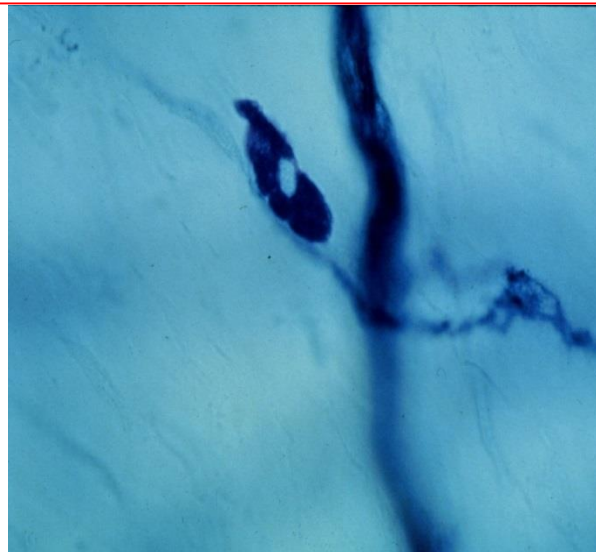
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Number of Mast Cells in Rat Brain During Ontogenic Development

Postnatal Age (Days)	Number of Mast Cells	
	Cells/Brain	Cells/g, Tissue
1	6500 ± 519	22,429 ± 1790
3	10,332 ± 664	23,661 ± 1521
5	13,200 ± 700	24,520 ± 1307
6	12,640 ± 721	20,334 ± 1159
10	11,000 ± 808	11,058 ± 807
14	9300 ± 730	6991 ± 548
21	3520 ± 370	2520 ± 520
24	3152 ± 320	2083 ± 211
60	2295 ± 231	1200 ± 121



Mast cells on the mind: new insights and opportunities

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Mast cells (MCs) are both sensors and effectors in communication among nervous, vascular, and immune systems. In the brain, they reside on the brain side of the blood–brain barrier (BBB), and interact with neurons, glia, blood vessels, and other hematopoietic cells via their neuroactive preformed and newly synthesized chemicals. They are first responders, acting as catalysts and recruiters to initiate, amplify, and prolong other immune and nervous responses upon activation. MCs both promote deleterious outcomes in brain function and contribute to normative behavioral functioning, particularly cognition and emotionality. New experimental tools enabling isolation of brain MCs, manipulation of MCs or their products, and measurement of MC products in very small brain volumes present unprecedented opportunities for examining these enigmatic cells.

Mast cells in the brain: evidence and functional significance

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For the past two decades the brain has been considered to be an immune-privileged site that excludes circulating cells from the parenchyma. New evidence indicates that some hematocytes reside in the brain, while others traffic through it. Mast cells belong to both of these functional types. Moreover, the appearance of mast cells in the CNS can be triggered behaviorally. After a brief period of courtship, for example, there is a marked increase in mast cells in the medial habenula of sexually active doves compared with controls. Exposure to gonadal steroids that occur endogenously or that are administered exogenously increases both the number of mast cells and their state of activation in the brain. These results show that hematopoietic cells can provide targeted delivery of neuromodulators to specific regions of the brain, thereby influencing neural–endocrine interactions.

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TABLE 3
Foods rich in histamine[†]

Food categories	Histamine		Recommended upper limit for histamine		Tyramine	
	mg/kg	mg/L	mg/kg	mg/L	mg/kg	mg/L
Fish (frozen/smoked or salted/canned)			200		ND	
Mackerel	1-20/1-1788/ND-210					
Herring	1-4/5-121/1-479					
Sardine	ND/14-150/3-2000					
Tuna	ND/ND/1-402					
Cheese			No recommendation			
Gouda	10-900				10-900	
Camembert	0-1000				0-4000	
Cheddar	0-2100				0-1500	
Emmental	5-2500				0-700	
Swiss	4-2500				0-700	
Parmesan	10-581				0-840	
Meat			No recommendation			
Fermented sausage	ND-650				ND-1237	
Salami	1-654				-	
Fermented ham	38-271				123-618	
Vegetables						
Sauerkraut	0-229		10		2-951	
Spinach	30-60					
Eggplant	26					
Tomato ketchup	22					
Red wine vinegar	4					
Alcohol						
White wine		ND-10		2		1-8
Red wine		ND-30		2		ND-25
Top-fermented beer		ND-14				1.1-36.4
Bottom-fermented beer		ND-17				0.5-46.8
Champagne		670				

[†] ND, not detected. Data taken from references 13, 73, 75, 78, and 86.

Table 1. Effect of Histamine on Brain Function

Histamine	Source	Mechanism	Cognition-Learning-Attention, Motivation	Brain Fog Anxiety
Low		Activation of H3 autoinhibitory receptors shuts down histamine synthesis and release	++	N/A
Normal			+++	N/A
High	Mast cell secretion, histamine containing foods, gut bacterial histamine production Excessive use of H1 receptor antagonists		+	+++



Histamine and motivation

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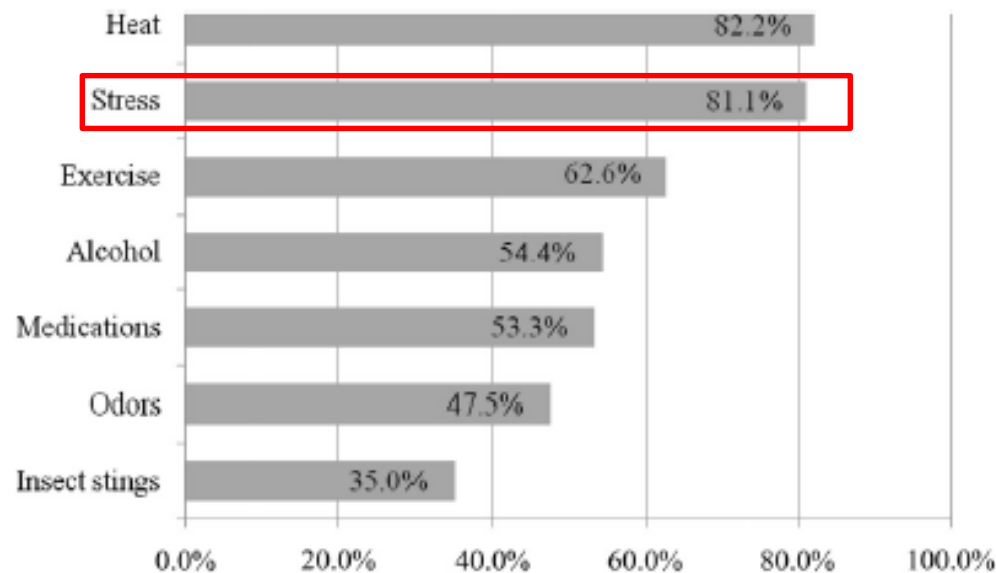
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Brain histamine may affect a variety of different behavioral and physiological functions; however, its role in promoting wakefulness has overshadowed its other important functions. Here, we review evidence indicating that brain histamine plays a central role in motivation and emphasizes its differential involvement in the appetitive and consummatory phases of motivated behaviors. We discuss the inputs that control histaminergic neurons of the tuberomammillary nucleus (TMN) of the hypothalamus, which determine the distinct role of these neurons in appetitive behavior, sleep/wake cycles, and food anticipatory responses. Moreover, we review evidence supporting the dysfunction of histaminergic neurons and the cortical input of histamine in regulating specific forms of decreased motivation (apathy). In addition, we discuss the relationship between the histamine system and drug addiction in the context of motivation.

The Mastocytosis Society Survey on Mast Cell Disorders: Patient Experiences and Perceptions[☆]

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Brain mast cells link the immune system to anxiety-like behavior

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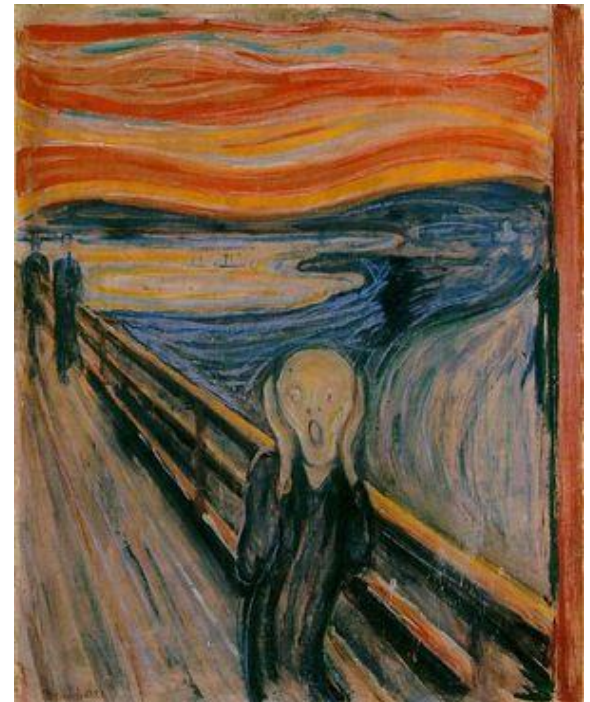
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- Irritable bowel syndrome
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- Multiple sclerosis
- Psoriasis



Edvard Munch, *The Scream* (Skrik, 1893)

Prenatal negative life events increases cord blood IgE: interactions with dust mite allergen and maternal atopy

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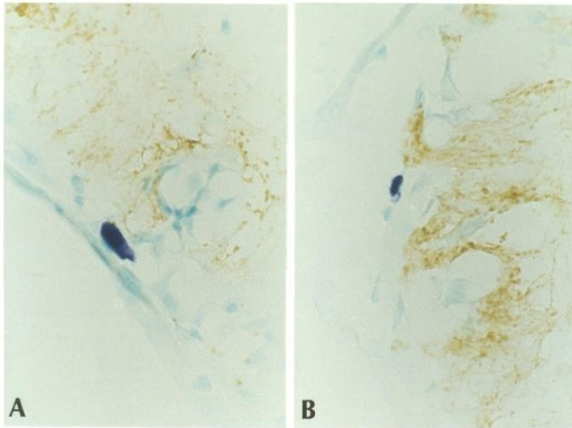
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Mast cells in neurogenic inflammation

Limbic & Neurosensory signals

HPA axis

Hypothalamus: CRH

Pituitary: ACTH

LC

SCG

Adrenal

Glucocorticoids

Catecholamines

ANTI-INFLAMMATORY

Systemic effects

Sensory nerve

Mast cell

CRH, NT, SP

Histamine, IL-6, TNF, tryptase

Blood vessel

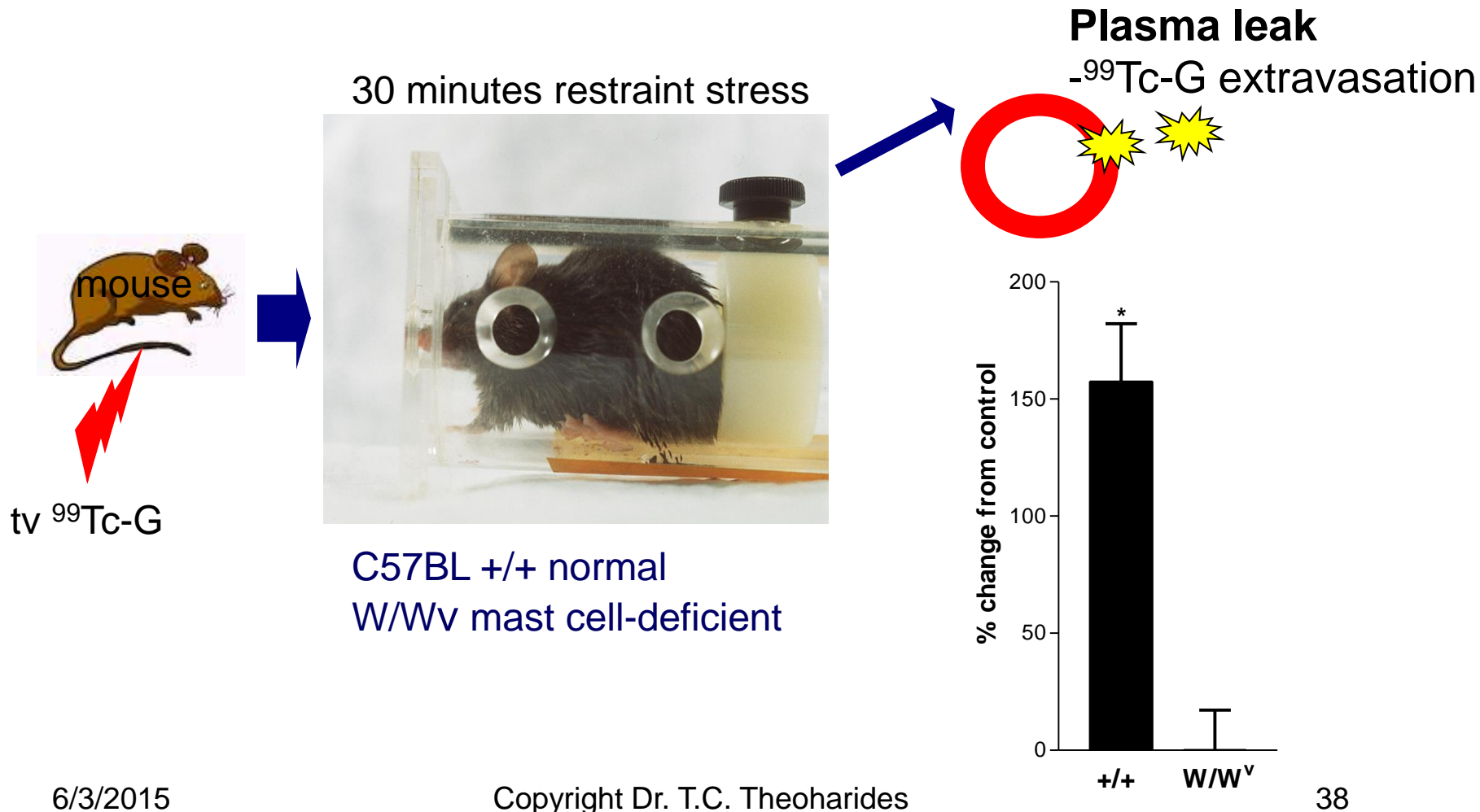
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PRO-INFLAMMATORY
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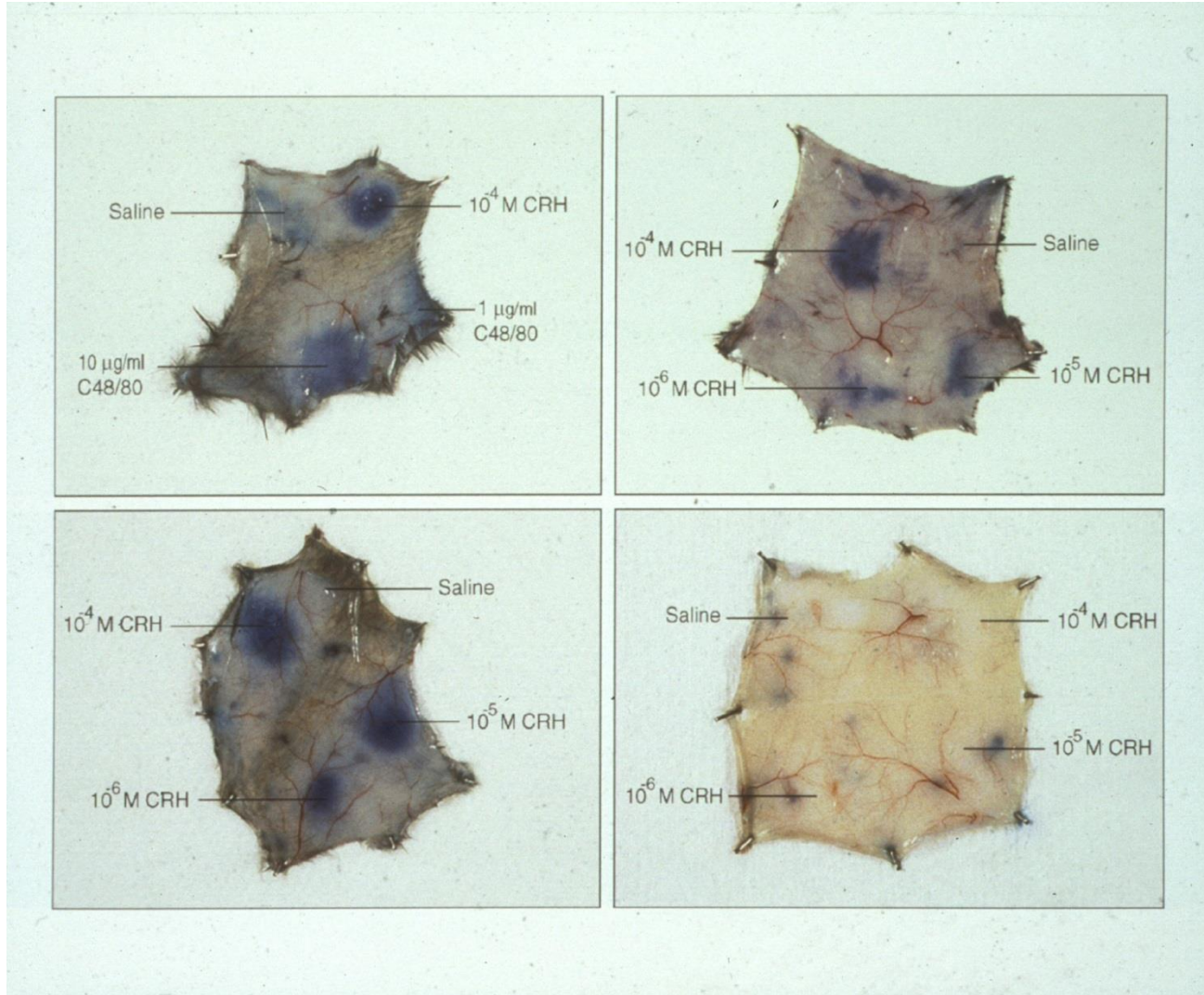
Local effects

Mastocytosis Symptoms

Stress-induced brain vascular permeability is dependent on cells



Intradermal CRH Injection Induces Skin Vascular Permeability, but not in W/W^v Mast Cell Deficient Mice



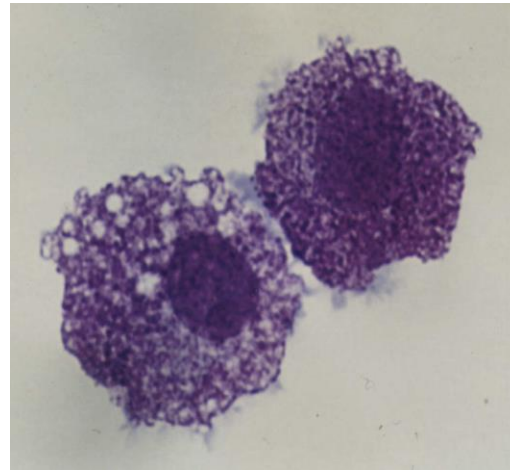
Culture of human umbilical cord blood-derived mast cells (hCBMCs)

CD34+ cells

MNCs

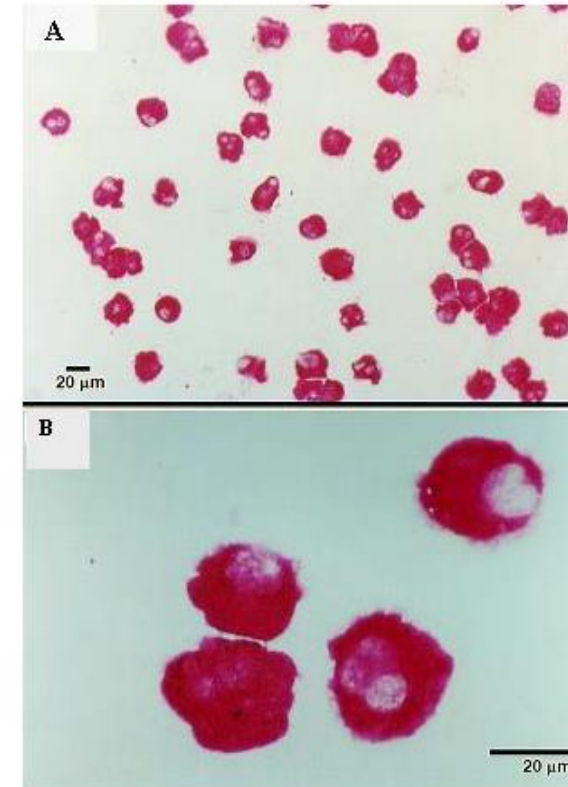
AC133 mAb

RBCs



MACs

Culture with SCF (100 ng/ml) and IL-6 (50 ng/ml) for 8-16 wk yields 100% tryptase-positive mast cells



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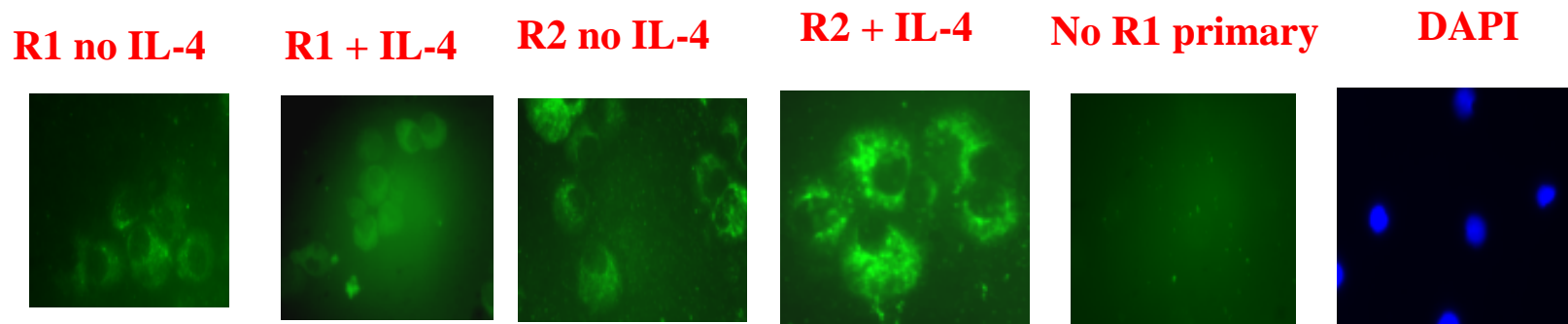
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Human Mast Cells Express Corticotropin-Releasing Hormone (CRH) Receptors and CRH Leads to Selective Secretion of Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor¹

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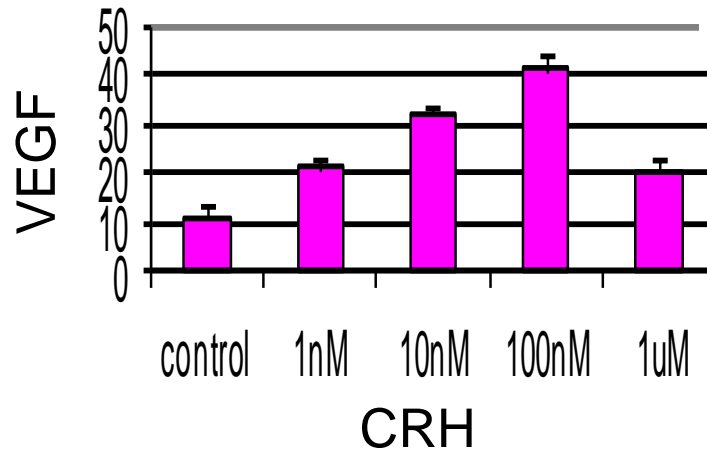
Mast cells are critical for allergic reactions, but also for innate or acquired immunity and inflammatory conditions that worsen by stress. Corticotropin-releasing hormone (CRH), which activates the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis under stress, also has proinflammatory peripheral effects possibly through mast cells. We investigated the expression of CRH receptors and the effects of CRH in the human leukemic mast cell (HMC-1) line and human umbilical cord blood-derived mast cells. We detected mRNA for CRH-R1 α , 1 β , 1c, 1e, 1f isoforms, as well as CRH-R1 protein in both cell types. CRH-R2 α (but not R2 β or R2 γ) mRNA and protein were present only in human cord blood-derived mast cells. CRH increased cAMP and induced secretion of vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) without tryptase, histamine, IL-6, IL-8, or TNF- α release. The effects were blocked by the CRH-R1 antagonist antalarmin, but not the CRH-R2 antagonist astressin 2B. CRH-stimulated VEGF production was mediated through activation of adenylate cyclase and increased cAMP, as evidenced by the fact that the effect of CRH was mimicked by the direct adenylate cyclase activator forskolin and the cell-permeable cAMP analog 8-bromo-cAMP, whereas it was abolished by the adenylate cyclase inhibitor SQ22536. This is the first evidence that mast cells express functional CRH receptors and that CRH can induce VEGF secretion selectively. CRH-induced mast cell-derived VEGF could, therefore, be involved in chronic inflammatory conditions associated with increased VEGF, such as arthritis or psoriasis, both of which worsen by stress. *The Journal of Immunology*, 2005, 174: 7665–7675.



Corticotropin-releasing hormone induces skin vascular permeability through a neurotensin-dependent process

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Mast cells as targets of corticotropin-releasing factor and related peptides

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Substance P (SP) Induces Expression of Functional Corticotropin-Releasing Hormone Receptor-1 (CRHR-1) in Human Mast Cells

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Corticotropin-releasing hormone (CRH) is secreted under stress and regulates the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis. However, CRH is also secreted outside the brain where it exerts proinflammatory effects through activation of mast cells, which are increasingly implicated in immunity and inflammation. Substance P (SP) is also involved in inflammatory diseases. Human LAD2 leukemic mast cells express only CRHR-1 mRNA weakly. Treatment of LAD2 cells with SP (0.5–2 μM) for 6 hours significantly increases corticotropin-releasing hormone receptor-1 (CRHR-1) mRNA and protein expression. Addition of CRH (1 μM) to LAD2 cells, which are “primed” with SP for 48 hours and then washed, induces synthesis and release of IL-8, tumor necrosis factor (TNF), and vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) 24 hours later. These effects are blocked by pretreatment with an NK-1 receptor antagonist. Treatment of LAD2 cells with CRH (1 μM) for 6 hours induces gene expression of NK-1 as compared with controls. However, repeated stimulation of mast cells with CRH (1 μM) leads to downregulation of CRHR-1 and upregulation in NK-1 gene expression. These results indicate that SP can stimulate mast cells and also increase expression of functional CRHR-1, whereas CRH induces NK-1 gene expression. These results may explain CRHR-1 and NK-1 expression in lesional skin of psoriatic patients.

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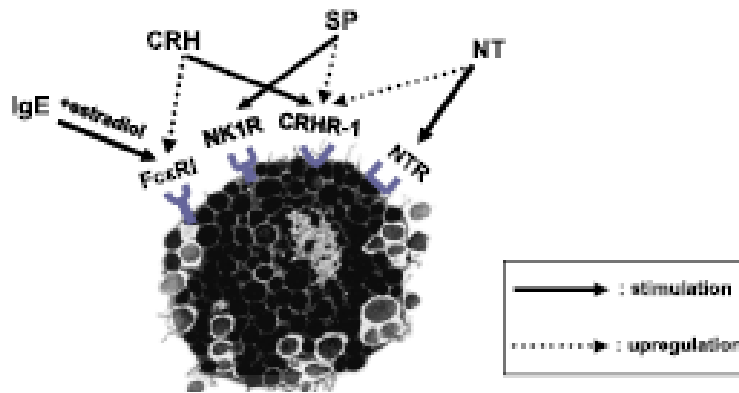
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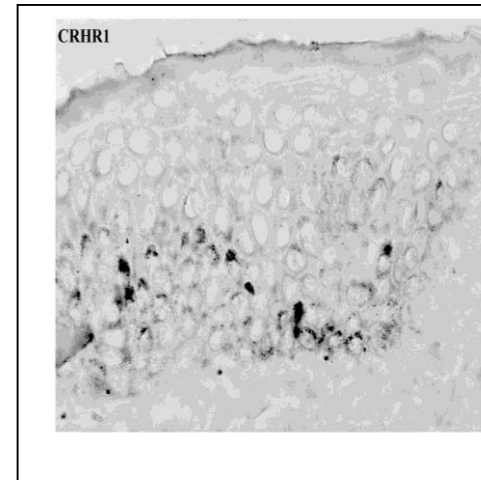
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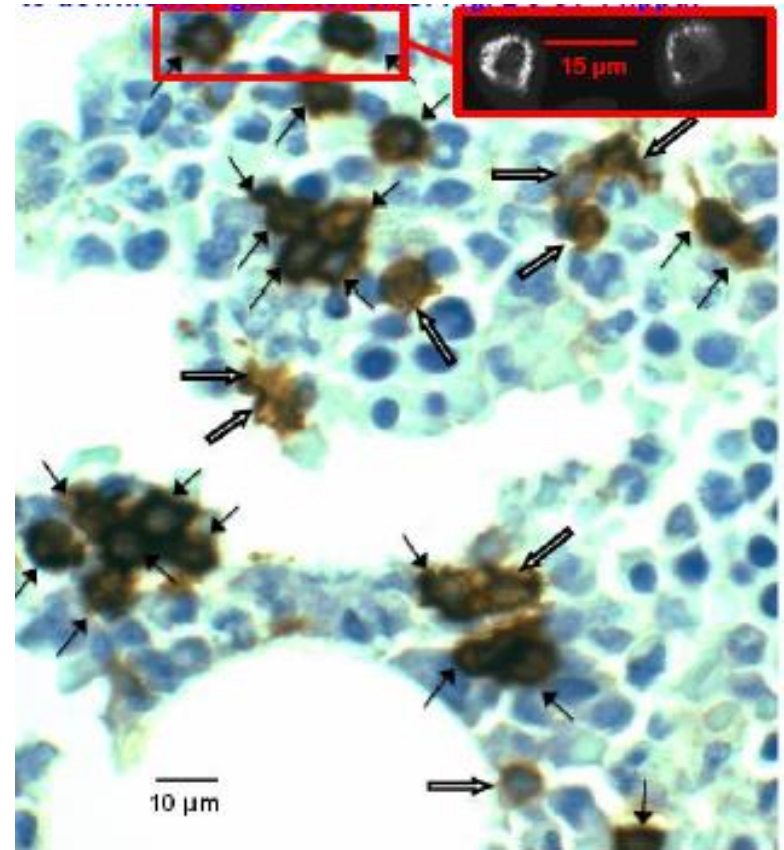
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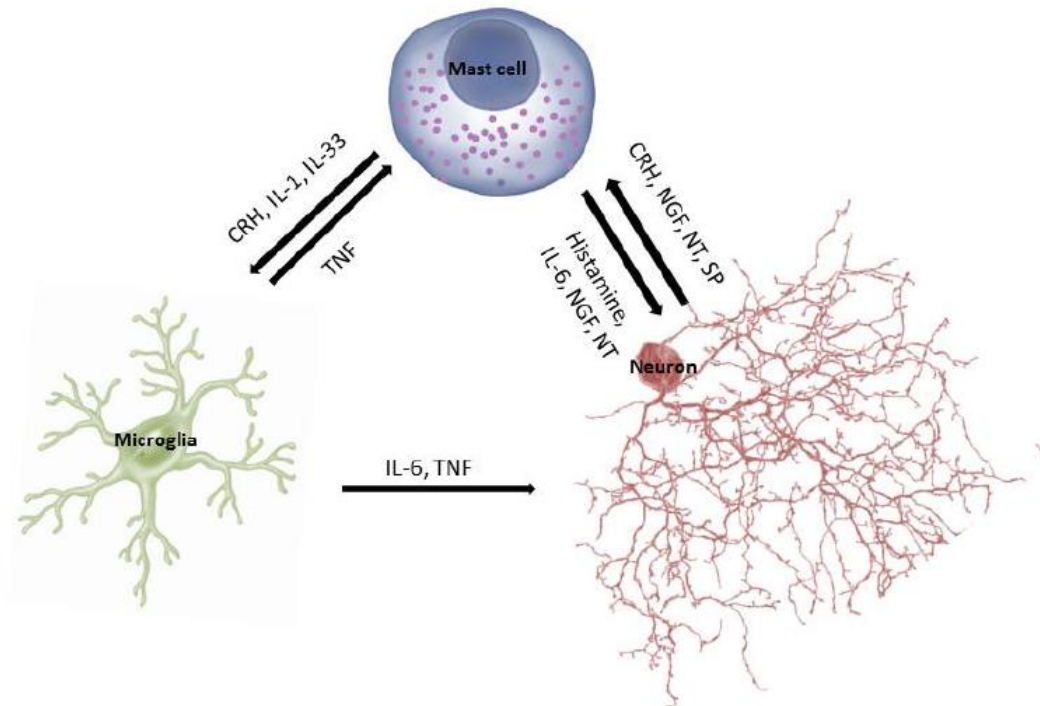
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Microglia and mast cells: two tracks on the road to neuroinflammation

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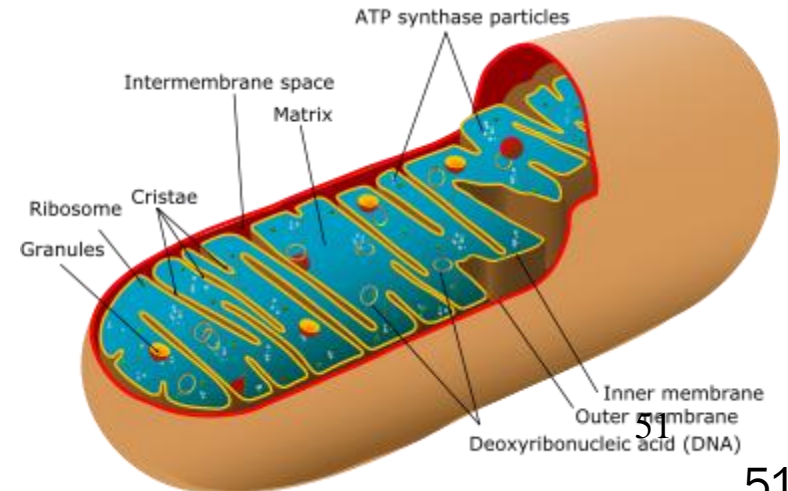
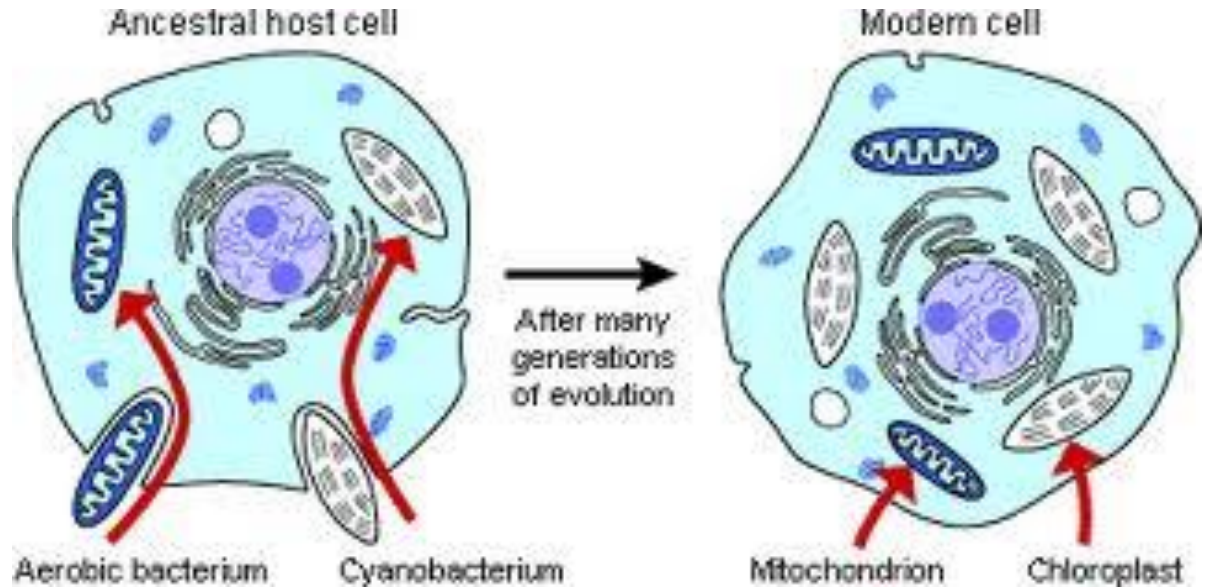
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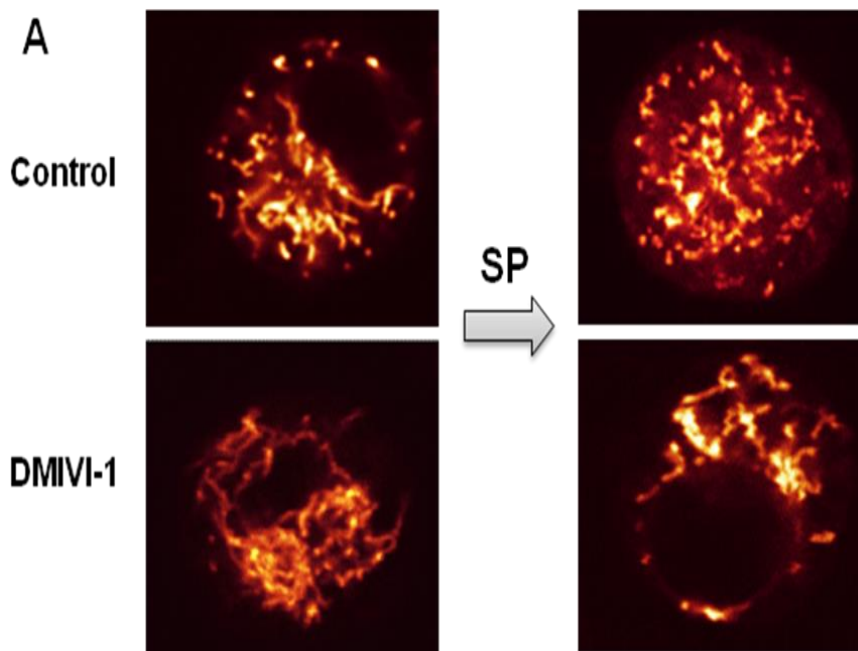
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Human mast cell degranulation and preformed TNF secretion require mitochondrial translocation to exocytosis sites: Relevance to atopic dermatitis

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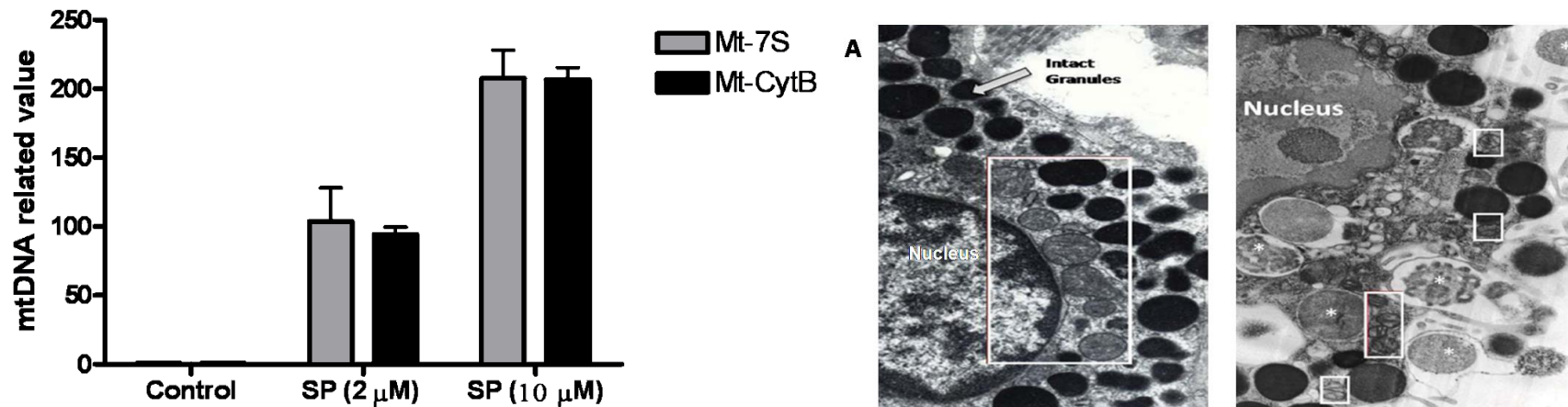
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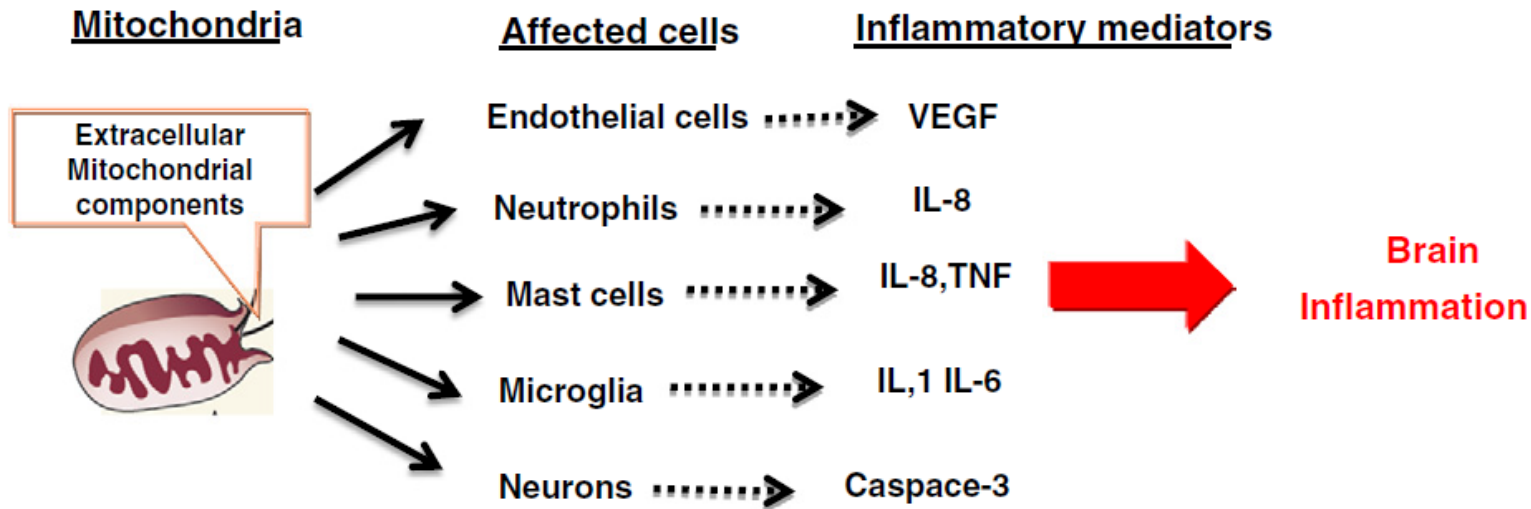
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Mast cell-derived mitochondrial components stimulate other cell types



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Mitochondrial DNA Toxicity in Forebrain Neurons Causes Apoptosis, Neurodegeneration, and Impaired Behavior[▽]

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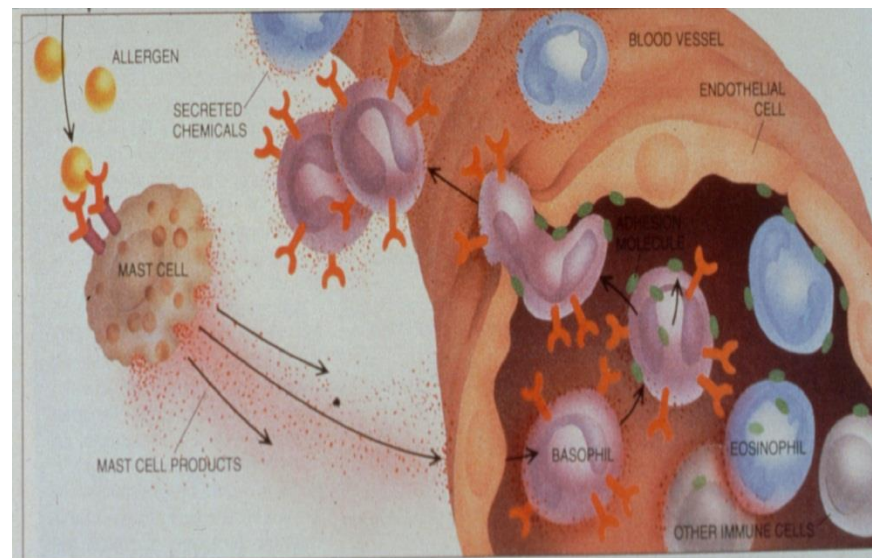
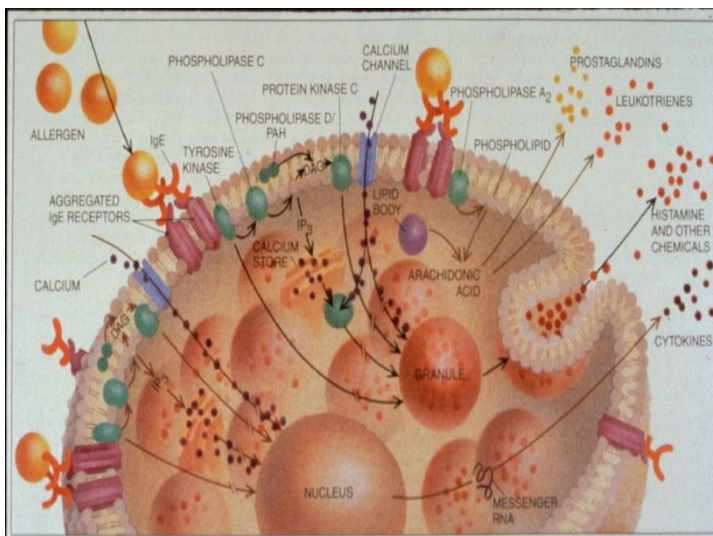
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Investigation of Why Some Human Mast Cells Do Not Degranulate

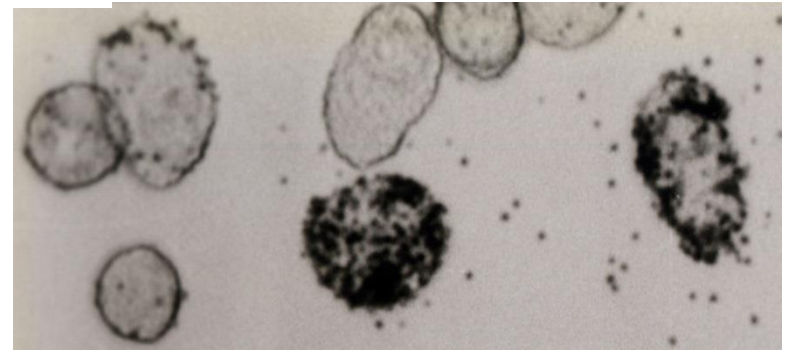
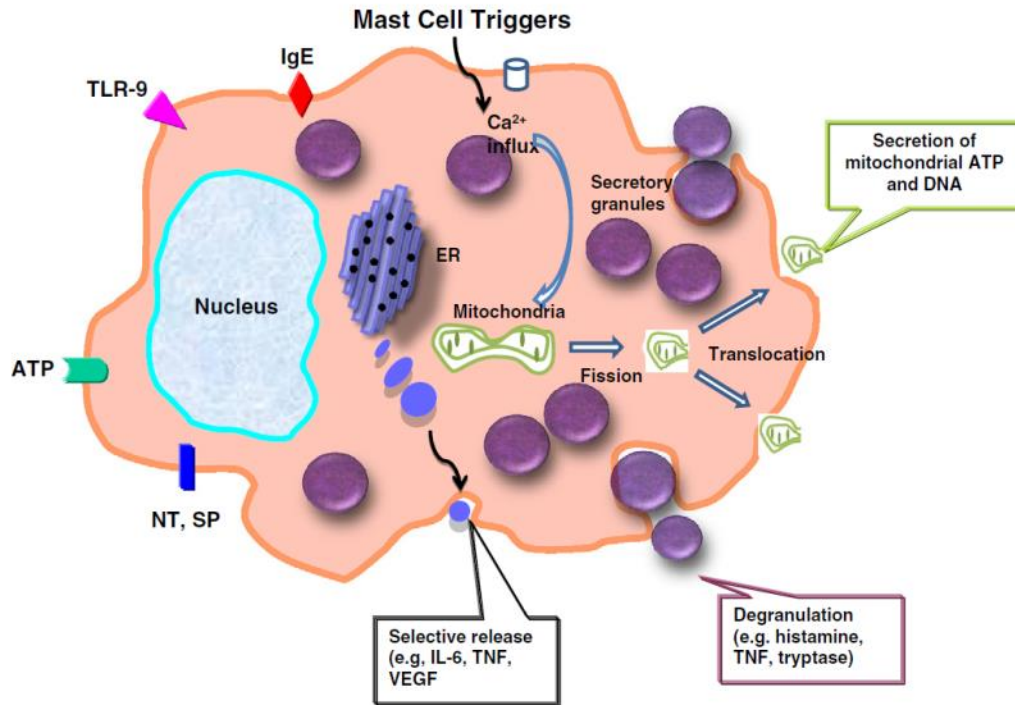


Table 4. Frequently Used Medications for Mild to Moderate Symptoms

Agent	Usual Dose
Acetylsalicylic acid	80-325 mg qD
Cromolyn sodium, oral	200 mg TID
Cyproheptadine	1-2 mg qD
Diphenhydramine	25-50 2-3 times qD prn
Doxepine	25-75 mg qHS
Hydroxyzine	10-50 mg qHS
Ketotifen	1-4 mg qD
Lorazepam	1-2 mg qD
Montelukast	10 mg BID
Ranitidine	200-1,200 qD
Rupatadine	10-20 mg qD
Pain Control	
Tiagabine	2 mg TID
Gabapentin	400 mg TID
Tramadol	50 mg TID
Supplement	
Luteolin/querceetin/olive kernel extract	2 capsules TID

Sleep

- Amitriptyline (Elavil)
- Lorazepam (Ativan)
- Diphenhydramine (Benadryl)
- Hydroxyzine (Atarax)
- Melatonin

Pain

- Amitriptyline (Elavil)
- Codeine
- Fentanyl transdermal (Duragesic)
- Gabapentin (Neurontin)
- Hydroxyzine (Atarax)
- Pregabalin (Lyrica)
- Tiagabine (Gabitril)
- Tramadol (Ultram)

Varied Effects of Antihistamines

<u>Histamine-1 receptor antagonists</u>	<u>Characteristics</u>
• Cetirizine (Zyrtec)	Nonsedating
• Cyproheptadine (Periactin)	Antiserotonin
• Diphenhydramine (Benadryl)	Sedating
• Hydroxyzine (Atarax)	Anxiolytic
• Ketotifen (Zaditen)	Antieosinophilic
• Loratadine (Allegra)	Nonsedating
• Rupatadine (Rupafin)	Antieosniophilic
<u>Tricyclic Antidepressants</u>	
• Amitriptyline (Elavil)	Weight gain
• Doxepin (Sinequan)	Nightmares
<u>Phenothiazines</u>	
• Promethazine (Phenergan)	Cloudy brain
• Prochlorperazine (Compazine)	Antiemetic

Rupatadine Inhibits Proinflammatory Mediator Secretion from Human Mast Cells Triggered by Different Stimuli

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Rupatadine improves quality of life in mastocytosis: a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial.

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Amitriptyline and Prochlorperazine Inhibit Proinflammatory Mediator Release From Human Mast Cells

Possible Relevance to Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

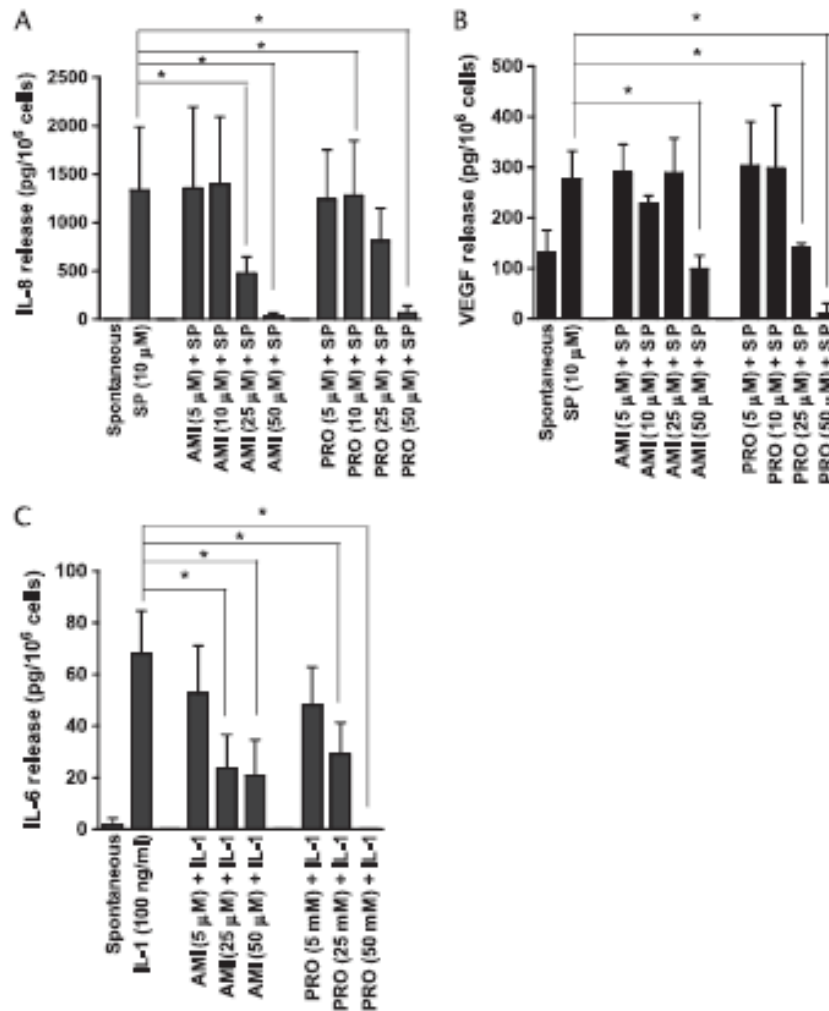
To the Editors:

Chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS), a complex disorder characterized by unexplained severe fatigue for more than 6 months with a broad range of additional symptoms involving the nervous, endocrine, and immune systems and an estimated prevalence of 1%.¹ Tricyclic antidepressants (TCAs) are prescribed off label for a number of painful diseases that often are comorbid, such as CFS, fibromyalgia, interstitial cystitis, and irritable bowel syndrome, the symptoms of which are worsened by stress.² However, there is no known mechanism to explain the apparent beneficial action of TCAs.³

Mast cells and their mediators have been implicated in inflammatory diseases,⁴ including CFS.⁵ Mast cells are located perivascularly in proximity to neurons in the thalamus and hypothalamus, especially the median eminence,⁶ where they are juxtaposed to corticotropin-releasing hormone-positive nerve processes.⁷ Corticotropin-releasing hormone activates mast cells to release vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF),⁸ which could participate in neurogenic inflammation and contribute to the pathogenesis of CFS. Such mediators may be released locally in the brain or may cross the blood-brain barrier, which can be disrupted by

Amitriptyline (25 and 50 μM) inhibited (Fig. 1A) interleukin (IL) 8 release by 64.2% (from 1334 ± 267 to $478 \pm$

69 $\text{pg}/\mu\text{L}$) and 98.1% (from 1334 ± 267 to $25 \pm 16 \text{ pg}/\mu\text{L}$; $n = 3$ and $n = 6$, $P < 0.05$), respectively. Prochlorperazine (50 μM)



Other Mediators

Leukotrienes

- Montelukast (Singulair)

Prostaglandins

- Ibuprofen
- Acetylsalicylic acid (Aspirin)

Platelet Activating Factor (PAF)

- Rupatadine (Rupafin)

Cytokines (IL-6, TNF)

- Luteolin, Quercetin

Mast cell “blockers”

- Anti-IgE (Xolair)
- Cromolyn sodium (Gastrocrom)
- Flavonoids (luteolin, quercetin)
- Ketotifen (Zaditen)
- Prochlorperazine (Compazine)
- Rupatadine (Rupafin)

Omalizumab (Xolair)

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Review and Feature Article

The Use of Anti-IgE Therapy Beyond Allergic Asthma

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Potential Mechanisms

- Neutralizes circulating IgE
- Downregulates IgE receptors
- Inhibits c-kit activation
- Interferes with other triggers

The Effectiveness of Cromolyn Varies

Evidence questioning cromolyn's effectiveness and selectivity as a 'mast cell stabilizer' in mice

Tatsuya Oka, Janet Kalesnikoff, Philipp Starkl, Mindy Tsai and Stephen J Galli

Cromolyn, widely characterized as a 'mast cell stabilizer', has been used in mice to investigate the biological roles of mast cells *in vivo*. However, it is not clear to what extent cromolyn can either limit the function of mouse mast cells or influence biological processes in mice independently of effects on mast cells. We confirmed that cromolyn (at 10 mg/kg *in vivo* or 10–100 μ M *in vitro*) can inhibit IgE-dependent mast cell activation in rats *in vivo* (measuring Evans blue extravasation in passive cutaneous anaphylaxis (PCA) and increases in plasma histamine in passive systemic anaphylaxis (PSA)) and *in vitro* (measuring peritoneal mast cell (PMC) β -hexosaminidase release and prostaglandin D₂ synthesis). However, under the conditions tested, cromolyn did not inhibit those mast cell-dependent responses in mice. In mice.

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CONCISE COMMUNICATION

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Topical sodium cromoglicate relieves allergen- and histamine-induced dermal pruritus

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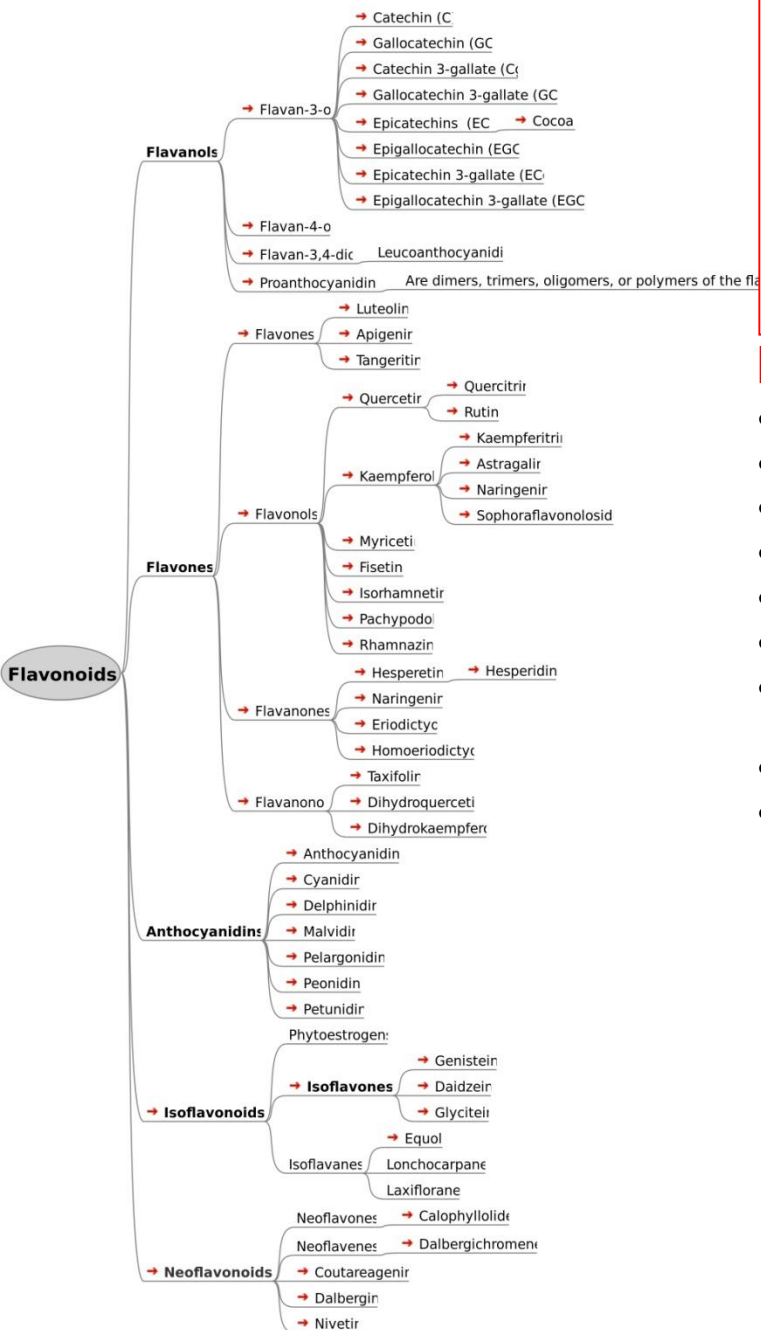
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The Effects of Plant Flavonoids on Mammalian Cells: Implications for Inflammation, Heart Disease, and Cancer

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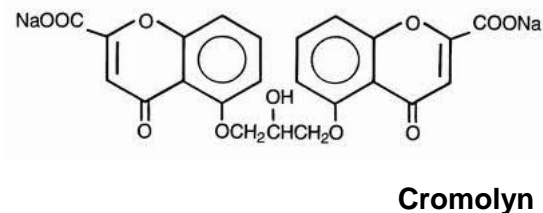
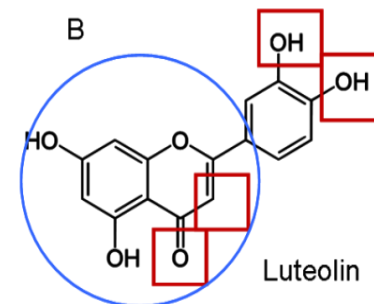
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Flavonoids are potent:

- Anti-oxidant
- Anti-inflammatory
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- Neuroprotective
- Are lipophilic
- Less than 15% are absorbed orally
- Are metabolized in the liver
- Need to be formulated in liposomes

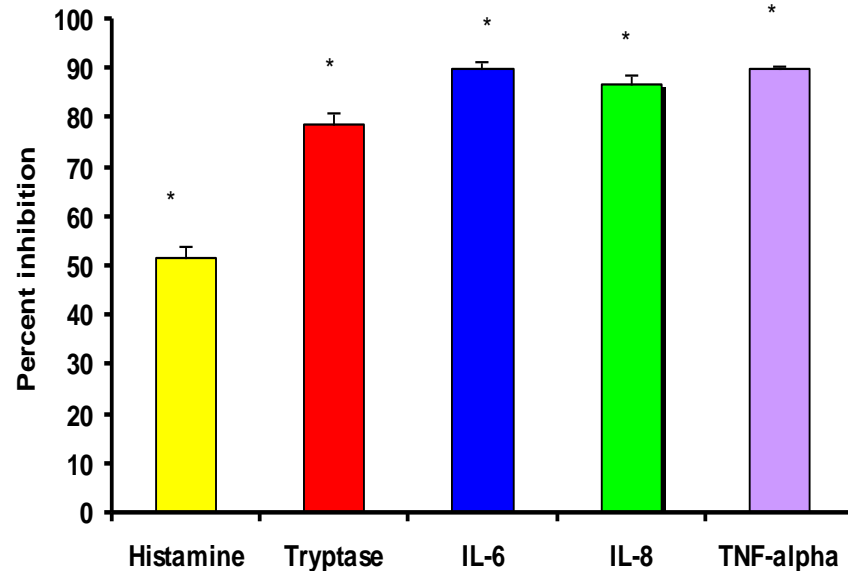


Flavonols inhibit proinflammatory mediator release, intracellular calcium ion levels and protein kinase C theta phosphorylation in human mast cells

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Allergic stimulation of human mast cells results in secretion of histamine, the proteolytic enzyme tryptase, and the pro-inflammatory cytokines IL-6, IL-8 and TNF- α , all of which are inhibited by luteolin.

Effect of luteolin on neurotensin-induced human mast cell secretion





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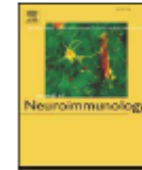
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Immune allergic response in Asperger syndrome

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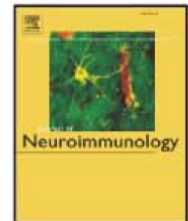
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The possible relationship between allergic manifestations and elevated serum levels
of brain specific auto-antibodies in autistic children ☆☆☆

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(54) **ANTI-INFLAMMATORY COMPOSITIONS FOR TREATING BRAIN INFLAMMATION**

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Original Research

An Open-Label Pilot Study of a Formulation Containing the Anti-Inflammatory Flavonoid Luteolin and Its Effects on Behavior in Children With Autism Spectrum Disorders

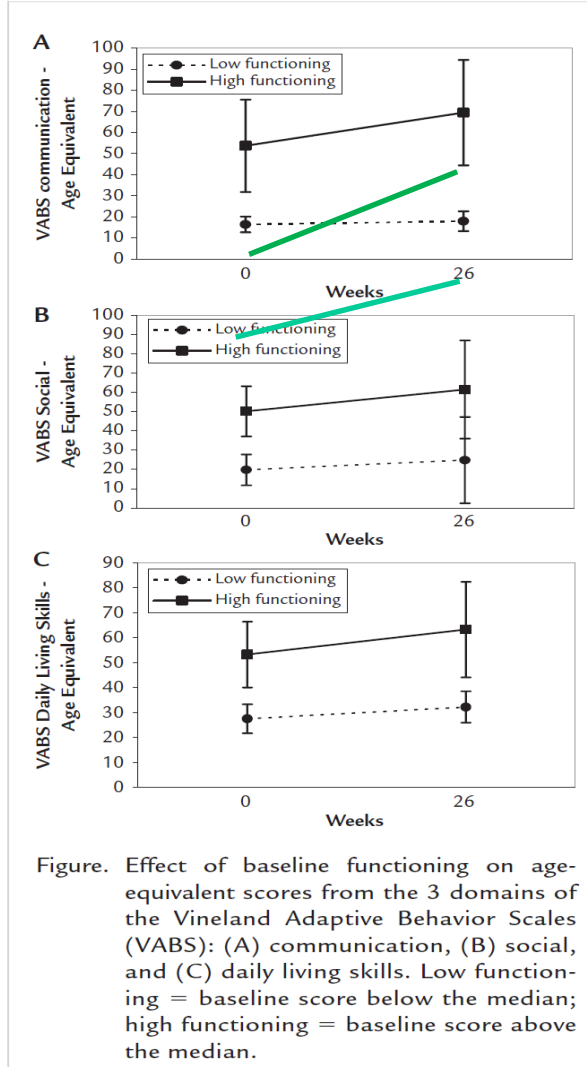
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Children with ASDs (n=40) completed the protocol. There was significant (p<0.005) improvement in adaptive functioning as measured by the VABS age-equivalent scores:

- 8.43 months-communication domain
- 7.17 months daily living skills
- 8.00 months-social domain

There was overall behavior (34.8%) improvement in the Aberrant Behavior Checklist (ABC)



Other Drugs

Cytoreductive agents

- 5-Hydroxyurea
- Interferon-alpha

Tyrosine kinase inhibitors

- Amatinib (Glyvec-useful if no c-kit mutation)
- Dasatinib (Early trials disappointing)
- Midostaurin, staurosporin (ongoing trials)

Flavonoids

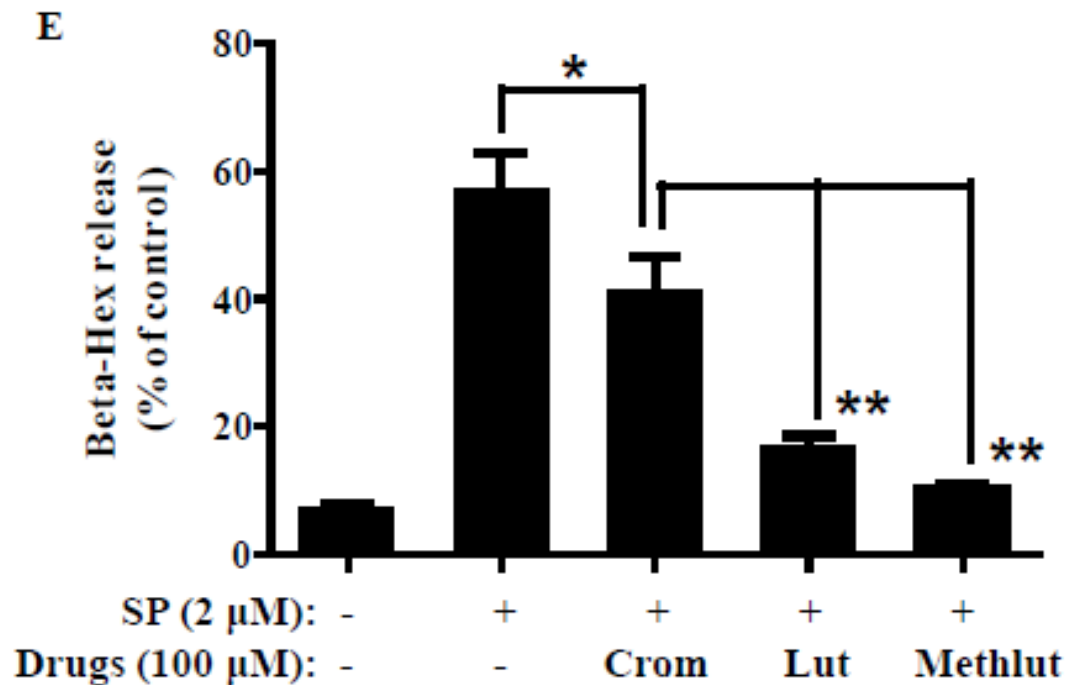
- Methoxyluteolin (experimental)
(c-kit, IP3K, mTOR inhibitor)

The novel flavone tetramethoxyluteolin is a potent inhibitor of human mast cells

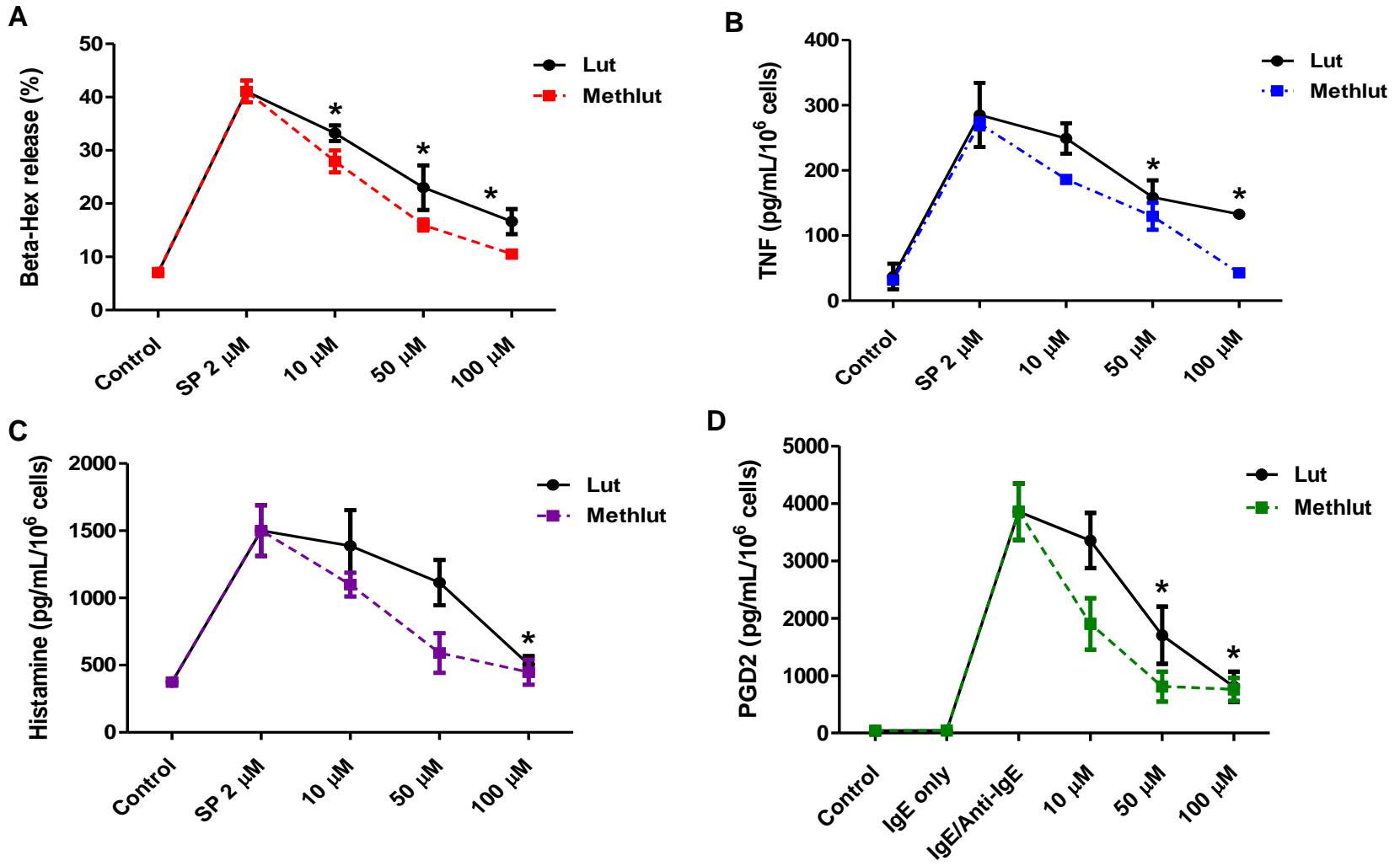
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Background: Mast cells (MCs) are hematopoietic cells that mature in tissues and are involved in allergy, immunity, and inflammation by secreting multiple mediators. The natural

Conclusion: Methlut is a promising MC inhibitor for the treatment of allergic and inflammatory conditions. (*J Allergy Clin Immunol* 2014;■■■:■■■-■■■.)



Effect of Luteolin and Methoxyluteolin on MC Secretion



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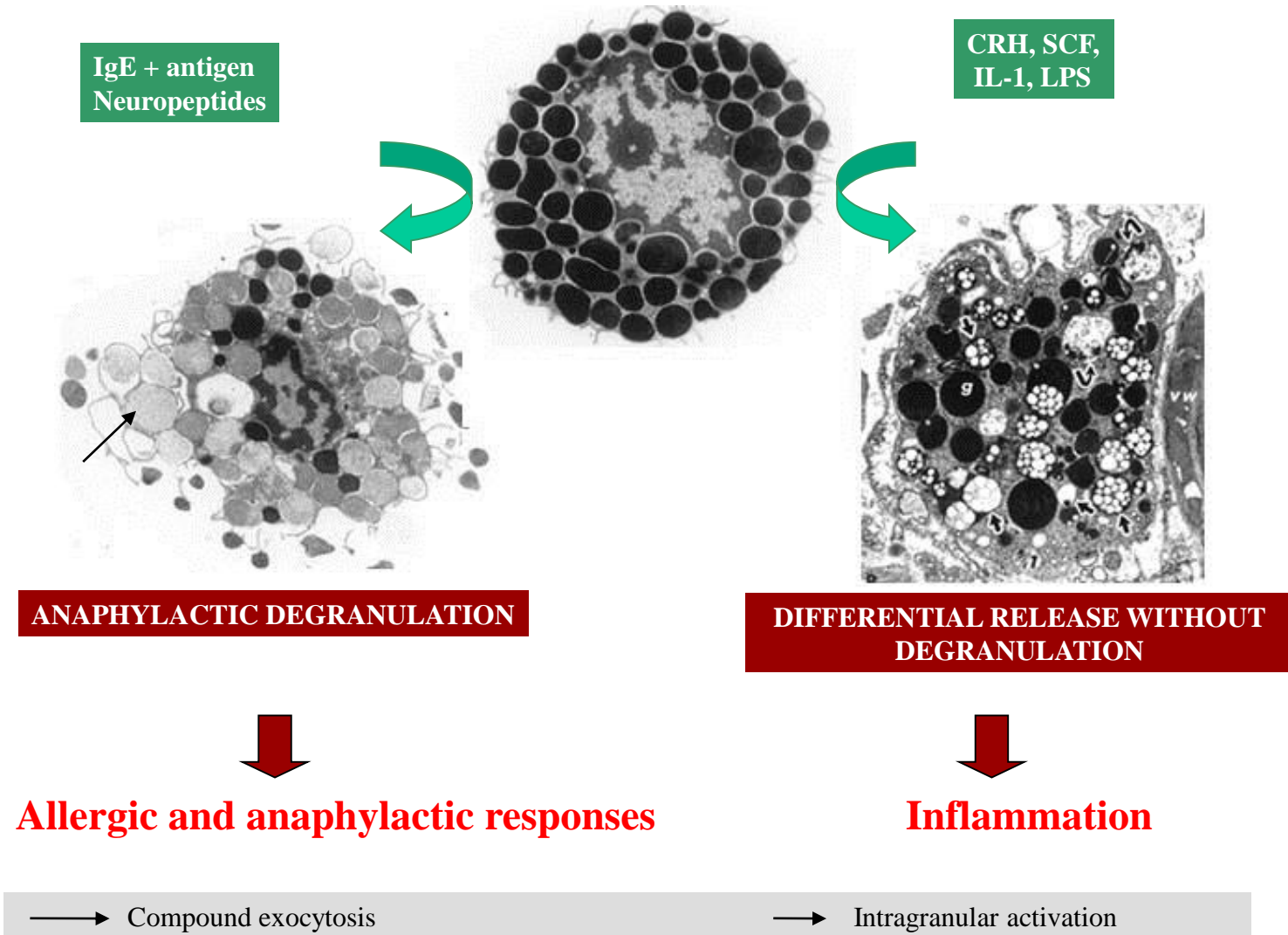
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Topical

- Hydrocortisone (rarely useful)
- Doxepine (Zonalon)
- Cromolyn (Homemade)
- Methoxyluteolin (GentleDerm)

Divergent Actions of Mast Cells





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