
Viral infection

The Role of Inflammation, Redox and Mitochondrial Health

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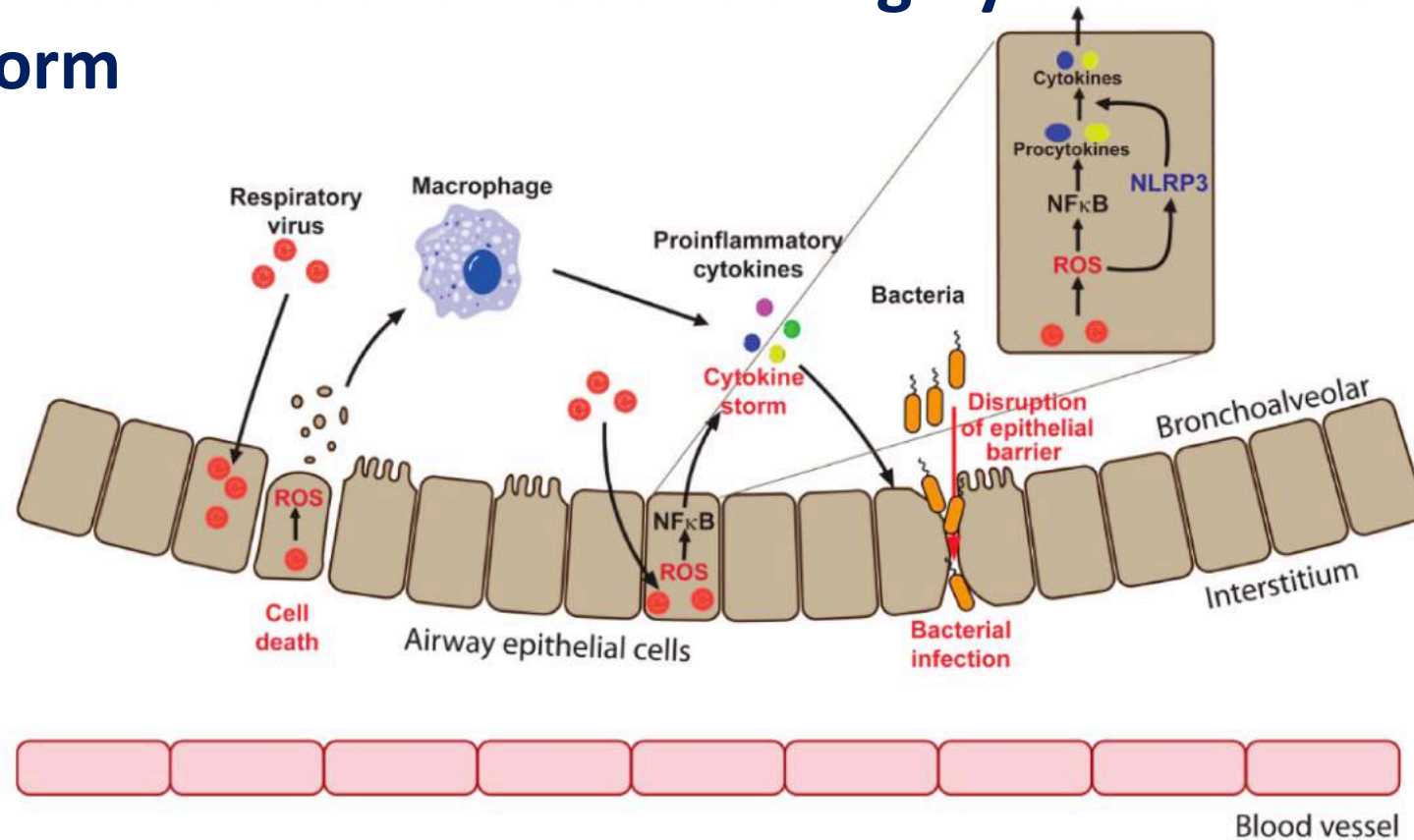
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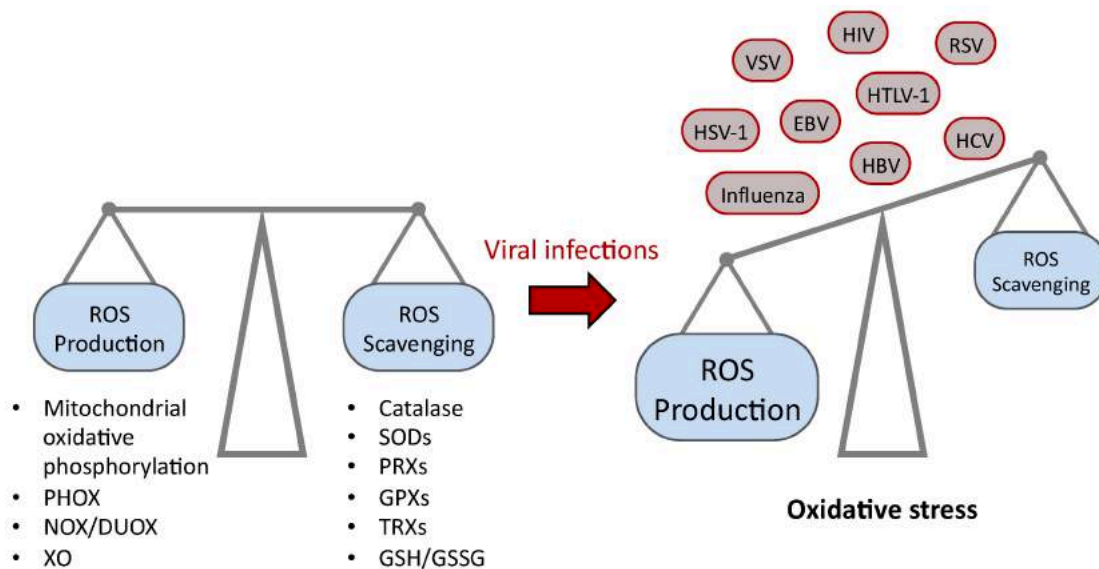
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Fighting a viral infection requires regulated ROS production – however excessive ROS can lead to a highly destructive cytokine storm



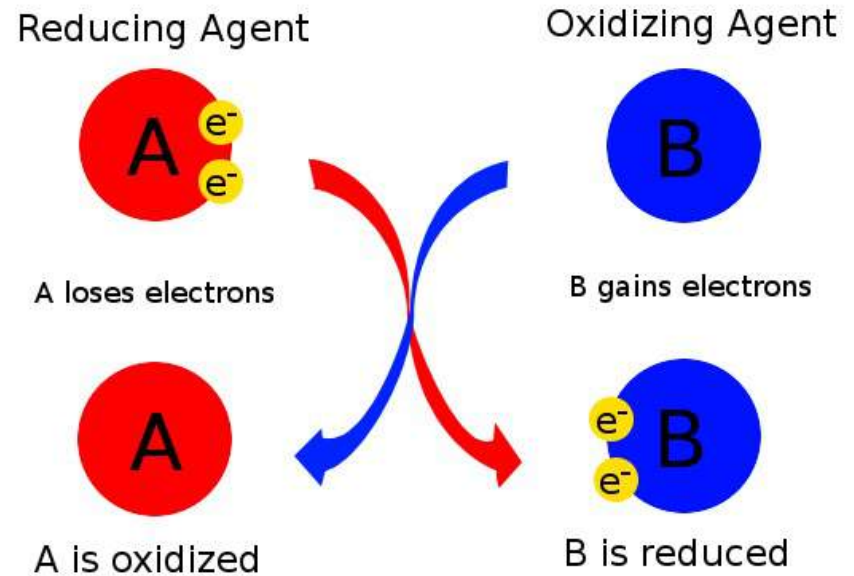
Maintaining redox homeostasis during viral infection can help prevent tissue damage



Changes in redox homeostasis in infected cells is one of the key events that is linked to infection with respiratory viruses and linked to inflammation and subsequent tissue damage

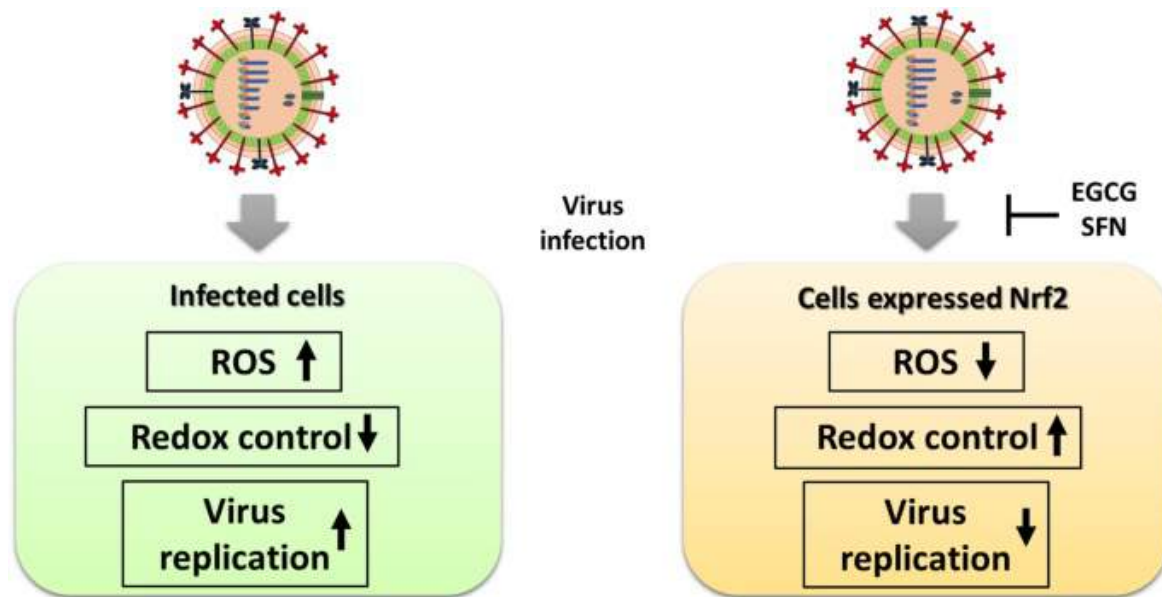
What is Redox?

Redox biology embraces events involving shift of balance between reactive oxygen or nitrogen species (ROS and RNS) production and their scavenging



http://chemwiki.ucdavis.edu/Core/Analytical_Chemistry/Electrochemistry/Redox_Chemistry/Oxidizing_and_Reducing_Agents

Redox control is upregulated by phytonutrients which activate the transcription factor Nrf2



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Glucoraphanin from broccoli protective in respiratory viral infection - Nrf2 involvement

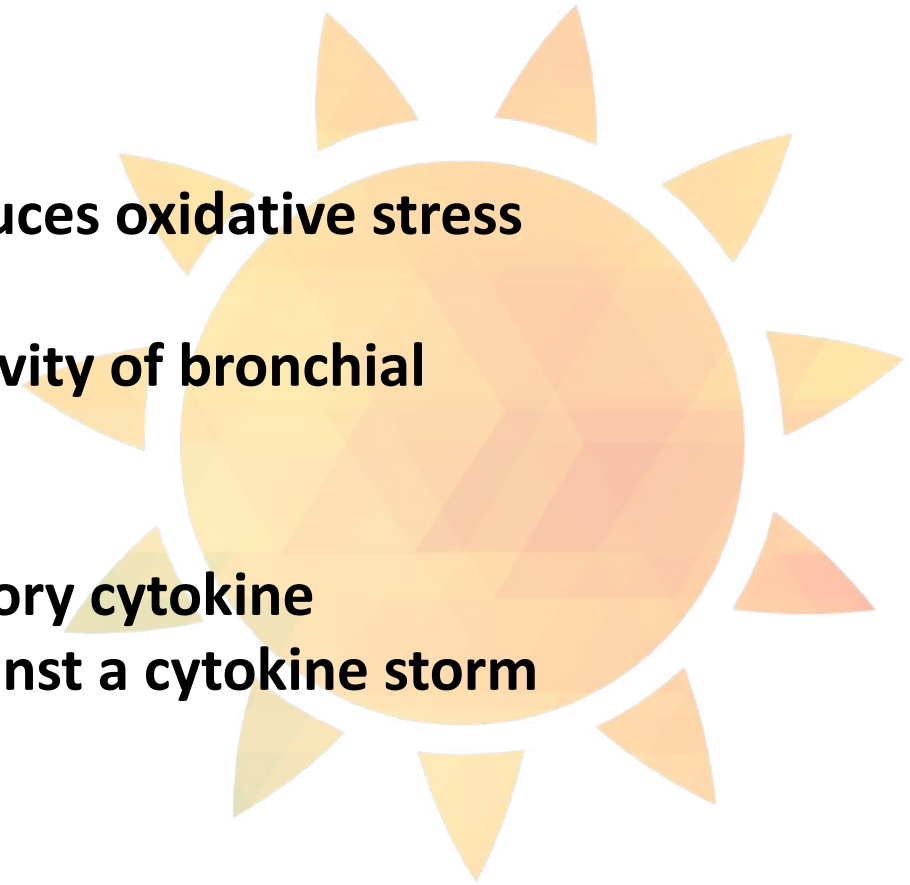
Capsules of broccoli seeds containing glucoraphanin (precursor to Nrf2 inducing sulforaphane) were being taken before the onset of respiratory infection and were continued daily for over a month after the first symptoms. They were found to reduce many of the symptoms rapidly and for a duration of 6–12 h by repeated dosing

600 mmol per day of glucoraphanin was used in the trial – more studies are needed to assess the safety of this high dose



Vitamin D

- **Vitamin D upregulates Nrf2 and reduces oxidative stress**
- **Vitamin D increases the antiviral activity of bronchial epithelial cells**
- **Vitamin D downregulates inflammatory cytokine expression, and so helps protect against a cytokine storm**



Chen, L., Yang, R., Qiao, W., Zhang, W., Chen, J., Mao, L., Goltzman, D. and Miao, D., 2019. 1, 25-Dihydroxyvitamin D exerts an antiaging role by activation of Nrf2-antioxidant signaling and inactivation of p16/p53-senescence signaling. *Aging Cell*, 18(3), p.e12951.

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Therapeutic potential of resveratrol against emerging respiratory viral infections



Over the last few years, resveratrol has acquired importance for its therapeutic potential against respiratory viral infections

Quercetin acts as an antiviral agent by inhibiting Influenza A virus

Quercetin is thought to exert its antiviral activity via interaction with viral hemagglutinin which inhibits virus entry into a cell

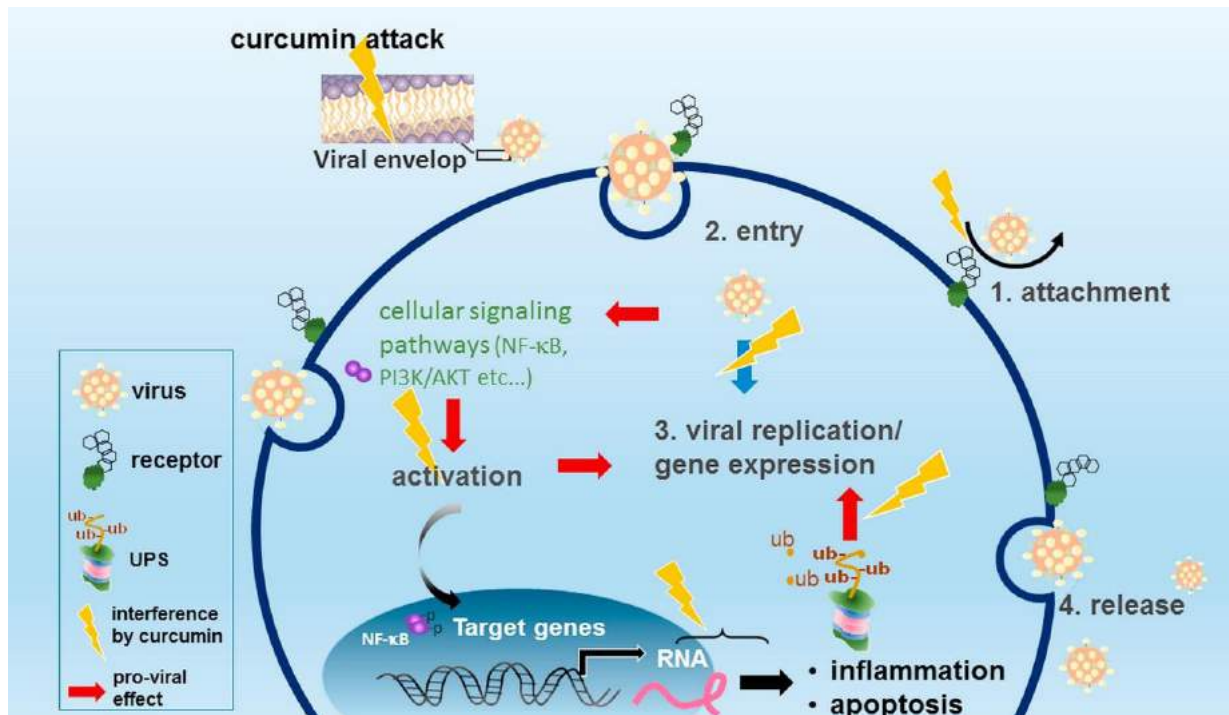
Quercetin is found in: apples, berries, cruciferous vegetables, capers, grapes, onions, shallots, tea, tomatoes, as well as many nuts and seeds

Quercetin reduces the risk of upper respiratory tract infection (URTI) – but only in older physically fit individuals

Older physically fit individuals ingesting 1000 mg/day quercetin experienced a one-third reduction in total number of URTI sick days and URTI severity

Additionally, ascorbate and niacin were supplemented to increase quercetin absorption

Antiviral potential of curcumin



Curcumin plays an inhibitory role against infection of numerous viruses. These mechanisms involve either a direct interference of viral replication machinery or suppression of cellular signaling pathways essential for viral replication

Ginkgolic acid from ginkgo biloba can inhibit the fusion and synthesis of viral proteins

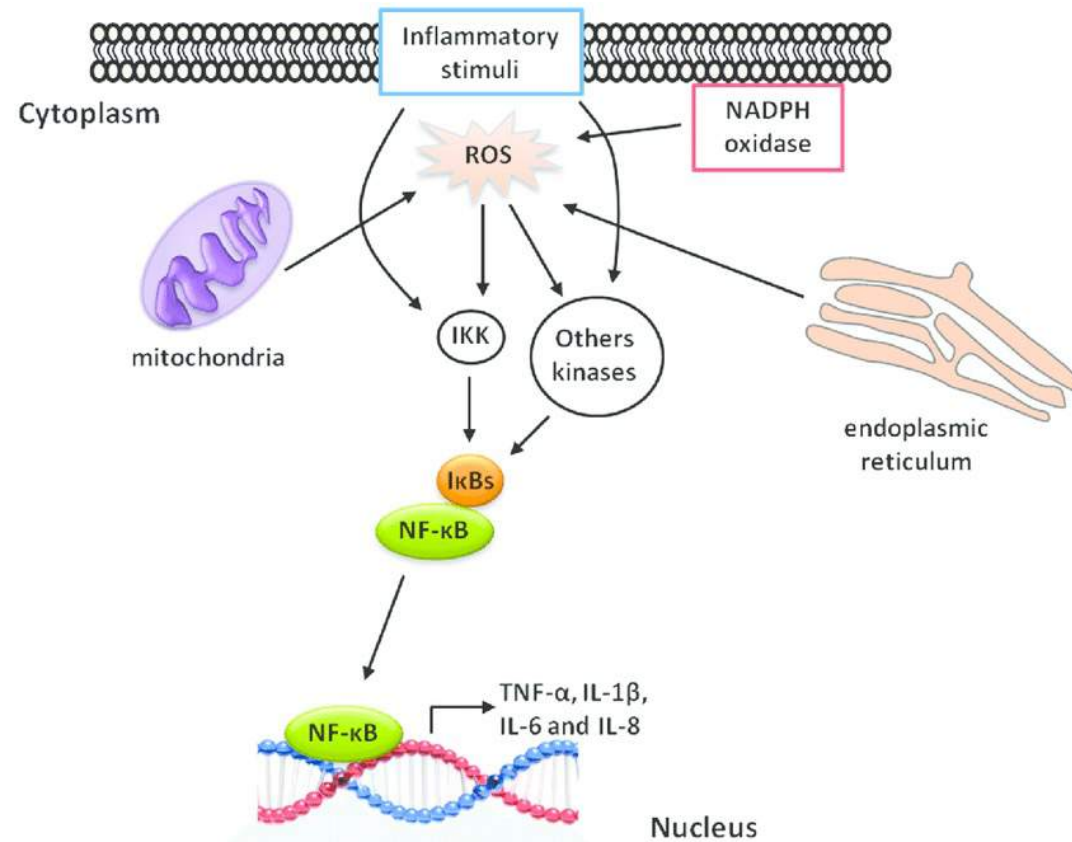


In addition to its antiviral properties, ginkgo suppresses inflammation, protecting against acute lung injury

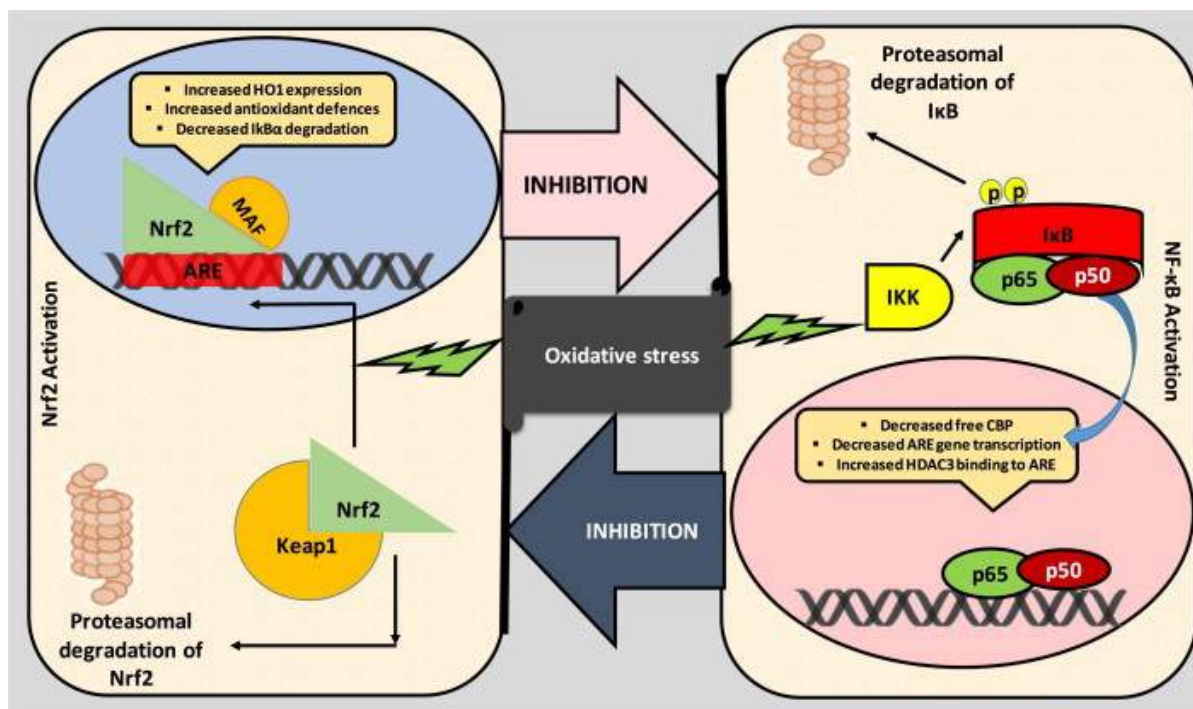
NF- κ B activation is central to the acute respiratory RNA virus-induced cytokine storm

Blocking the activation of the inflammatory transcription factor NF- κ B has the potential to reduce the ferocity of a cytokine storm

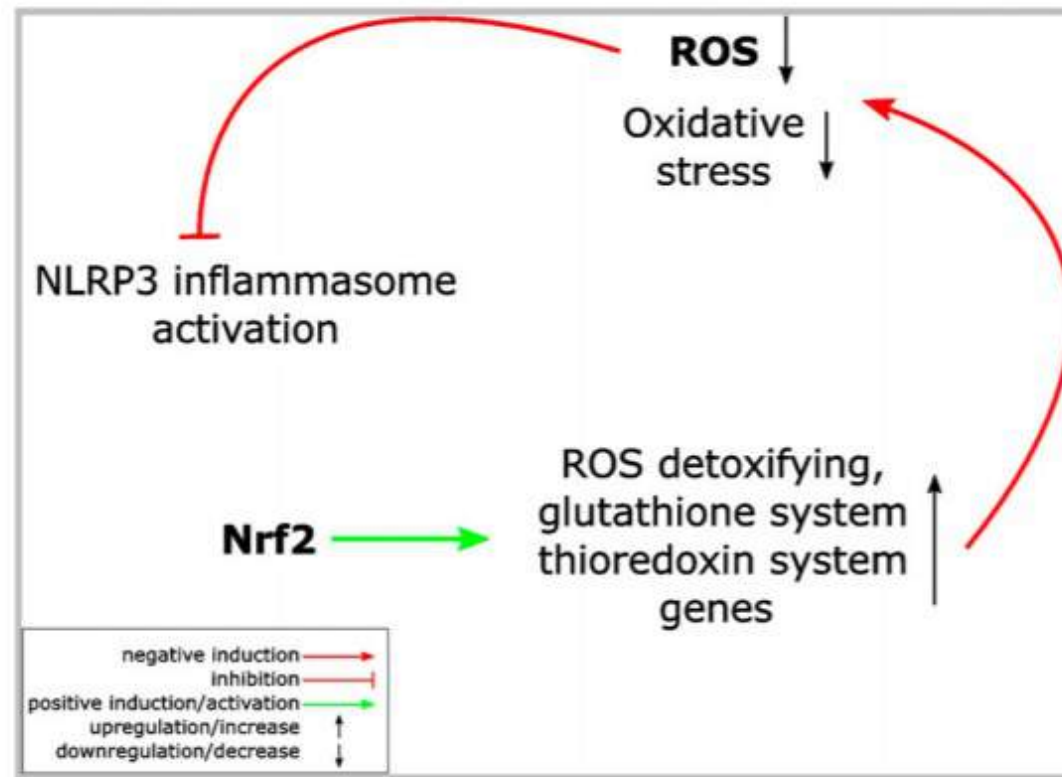
The inflammatory transcription factor NF- κ B is sensitive to changes in redox



Nrf2 and NF-κB – in balance they both ensure low inflammation and low levels of oxidative stress



Nrf2 negatively regulates inflammation by inhibiting reactive oxygen species-induced inflammasome activation



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In addition to Nrf2 activation quercetin, resveratrol and curcumin are all inhibitors of NF-κB

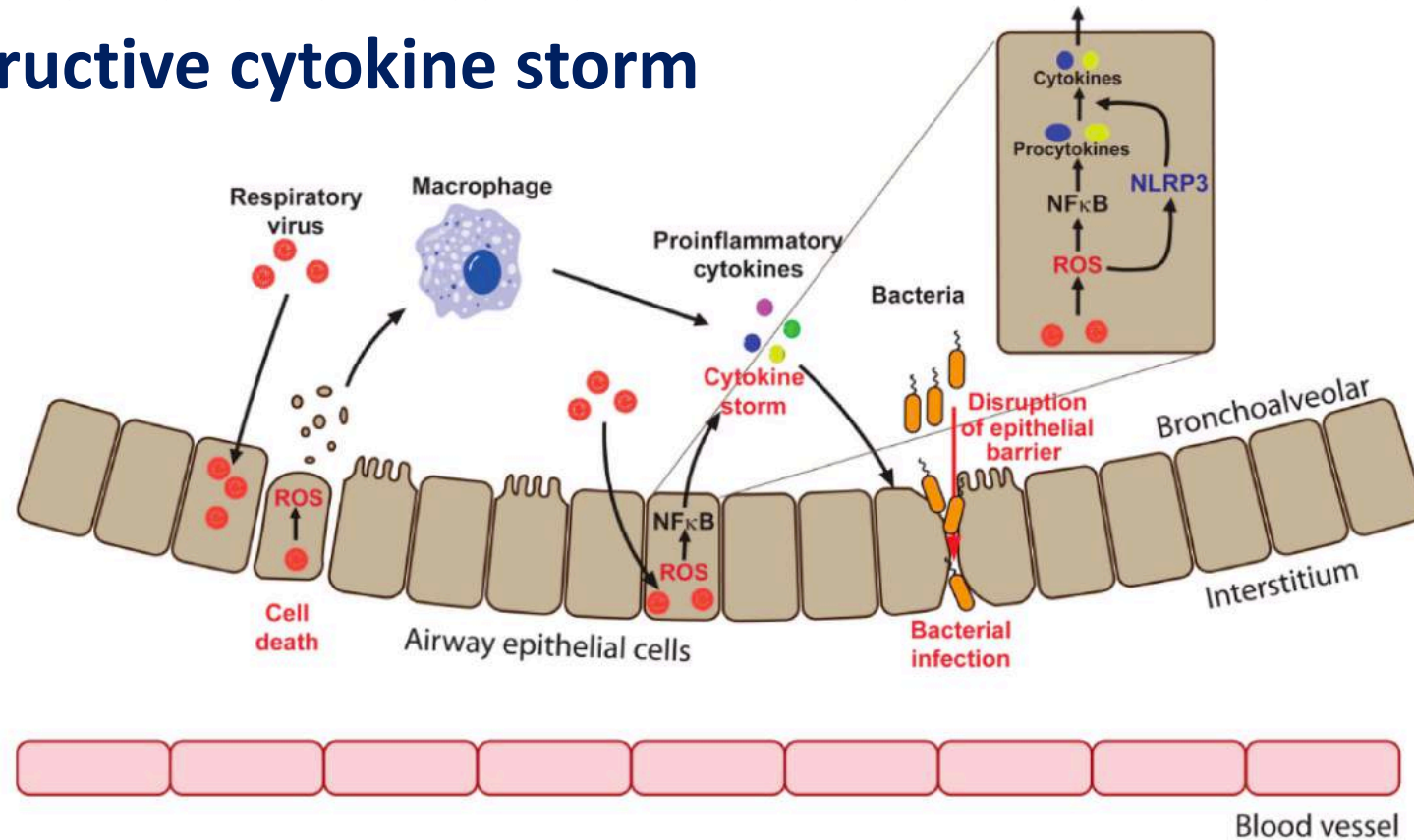


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Xu, Y. and Liu, L., 2017. Curcumin alleviates macrophage activation and lung inflammation induced by influenza virus infection through inhibiting the NF-κB signaling pathway. *Influenza and other respiratory viruses*, 11(5), pp.457-463.

Fighting a viral infection requires a regulated proinflammatory response – however excessive immune activation can lead to a highly destructive cytokine storm

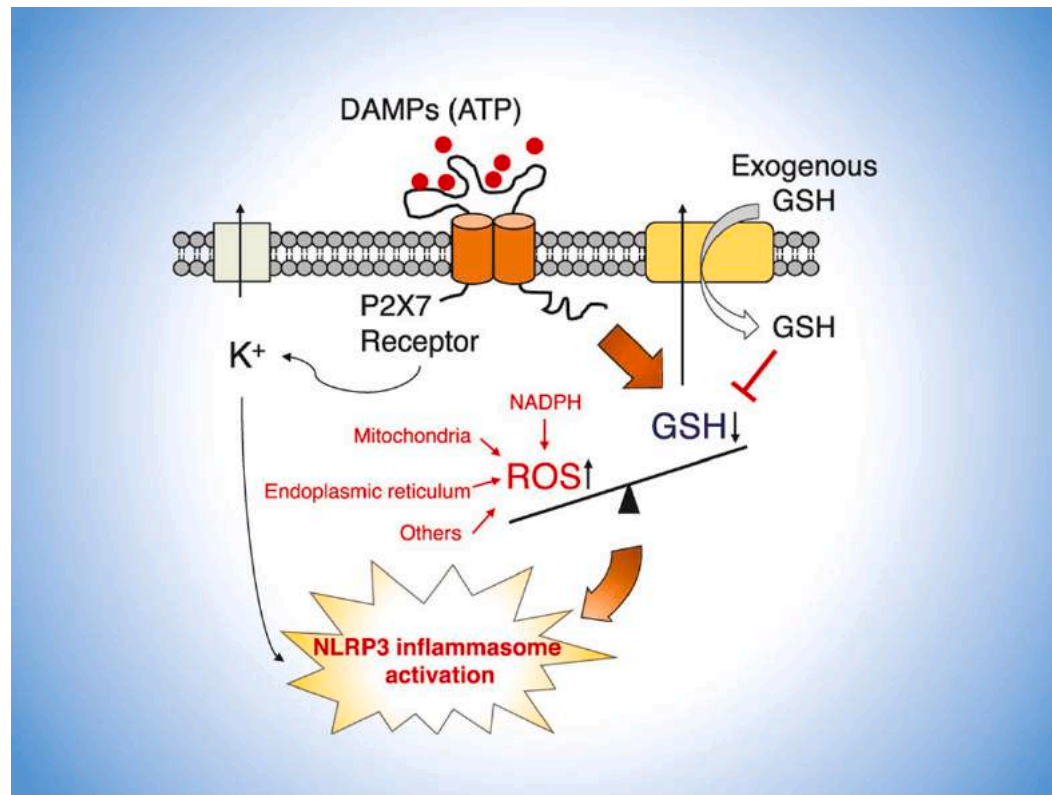


Correct or aberrant inflammasome activation during viral infection

Both inflammasome activation and the subsequent inflammation play significant roles in defending against viral infections

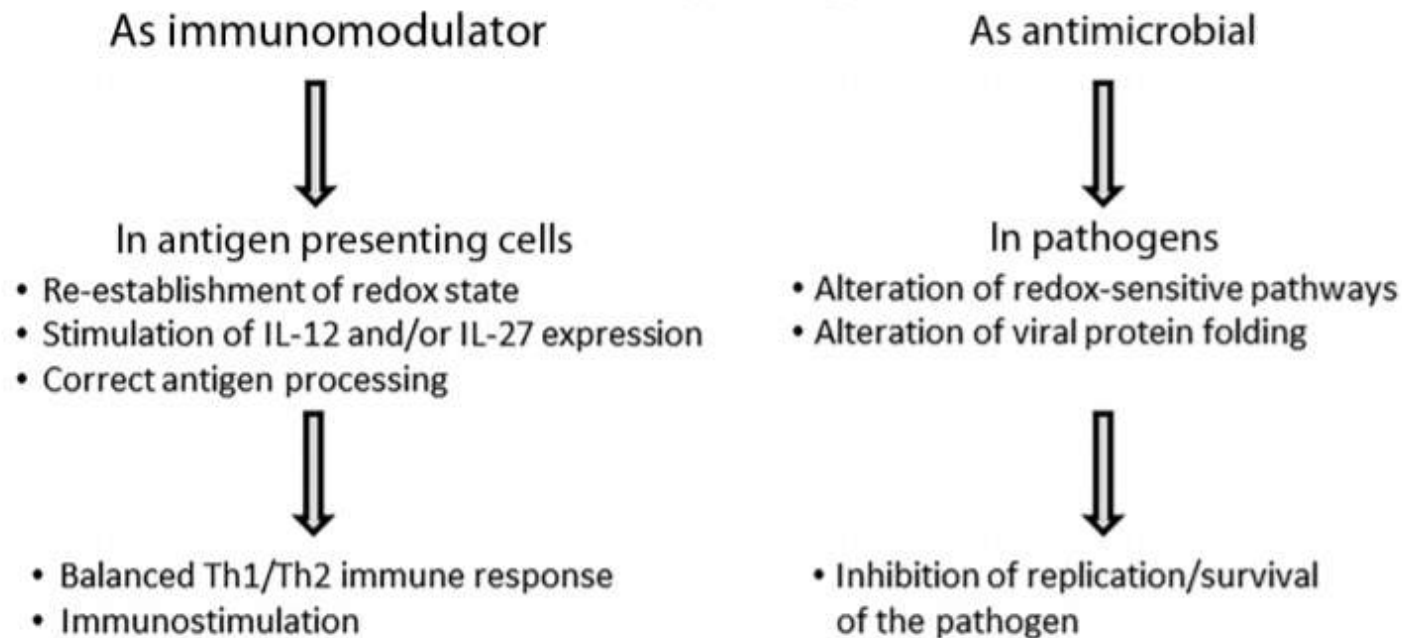
However, aberrant inflammasome activation or chronic inflammation can also lead to severe pathological injury

Glutathione is able to restore redox homeostasis and inhibit the inflammasome



Glutathione restoration of redox supports antiviral strategies

Glutathione



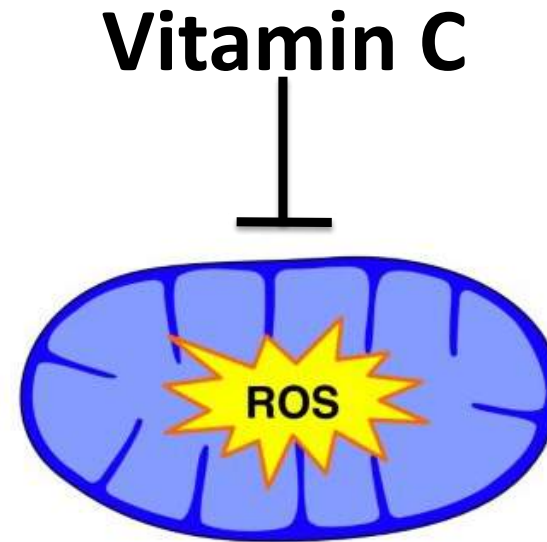
NAC has antiviral and anti-inflammatory effects via its support of glutathione synthesis, Nrf2 activation and NF-κB inhibition

Glutathione and glutathione precursors – Protection against cytokine storm

Glutathione, NAC and alpha lipoic acid may represent a novel treatment approach for blocking NF- κ B and addressing “cytokine storm syndrome” and respiratory distress

Mitochondrial ROS are needed for Inflammasome activation

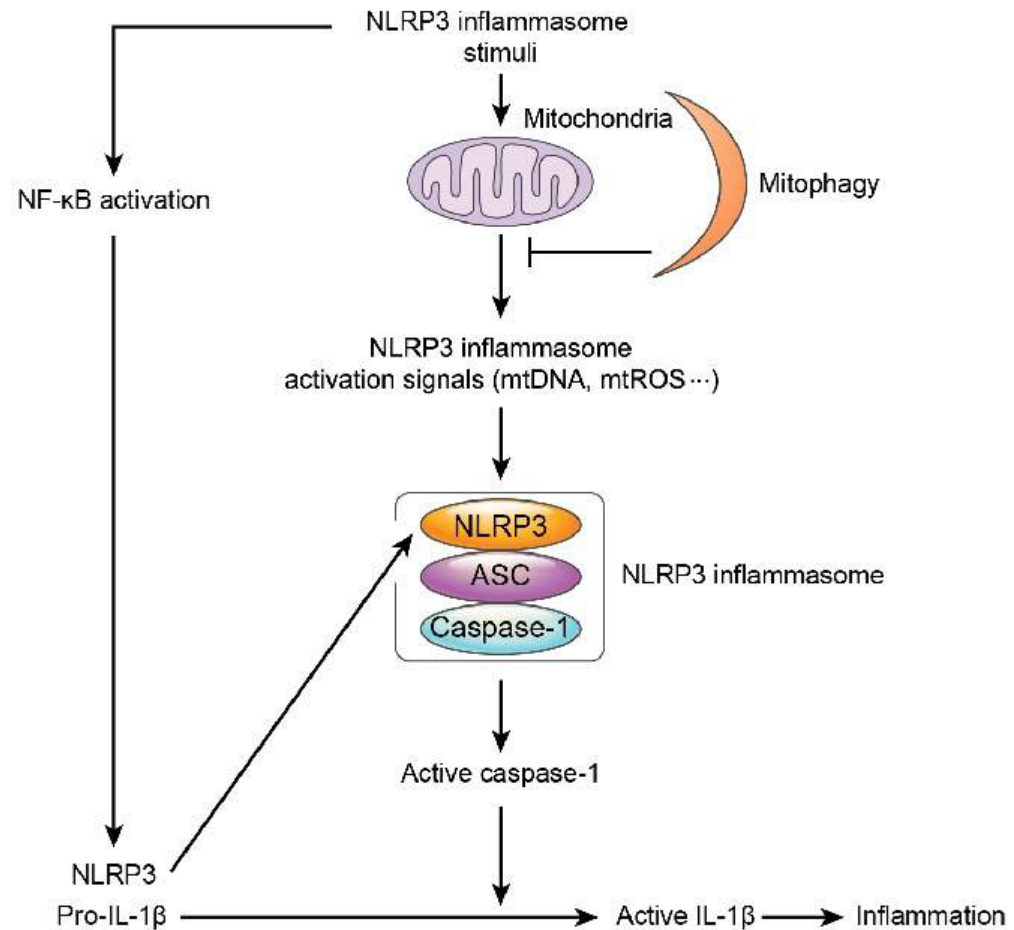
Vitamin C inhibits the
activation of the
inflammasome by scavenging
mitochondrial ROS



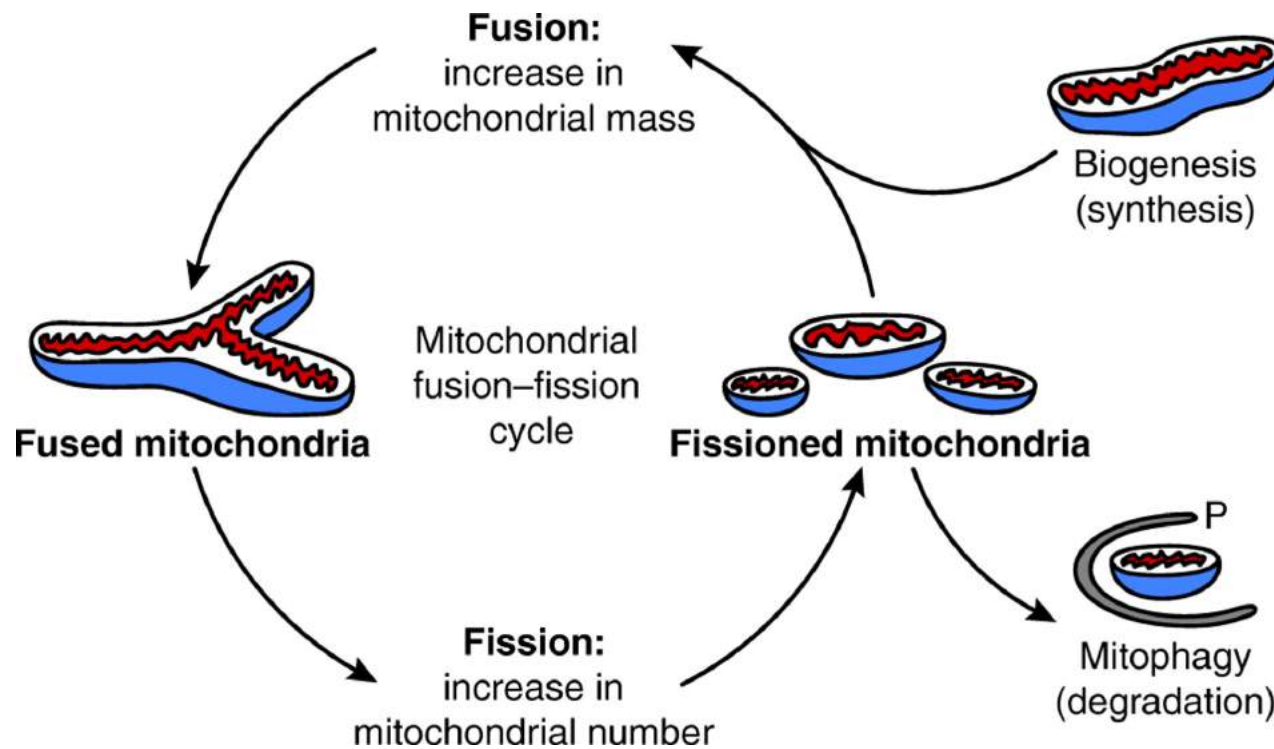
Dysfunctional mitochondria drive excessive inflammasome activation via release of mtDAMPS or mtROS

Mitophagy maintains mitochondrial integrity to limit inflammasome activation

DAMPs = Damage-associated molecular patterns



Mitochondrial dynamics (including mitophagy) enable the maintenance of high quality, efficient mitochondria



Insulin resistance undermines mitochondrial dynamics and leads to mitochondrial dysfunction

Mitochondrial fusion is required for efficient antiviral signaling

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Quality control of mitochondria and the inflammasome

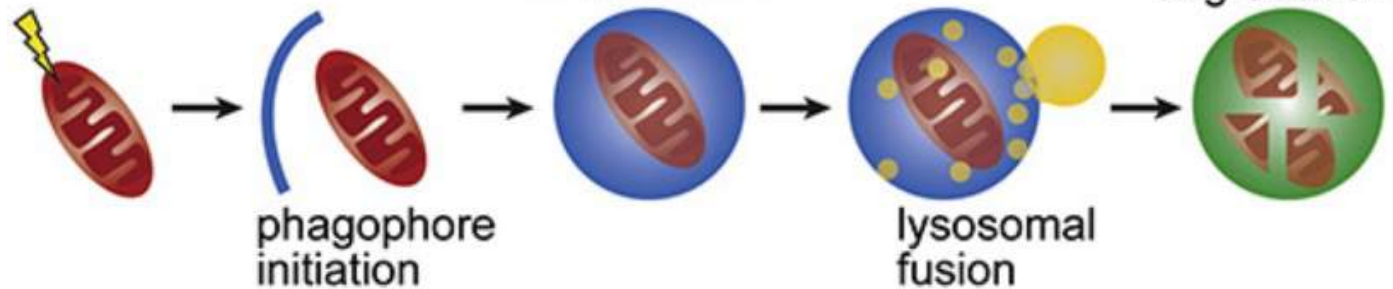
In combination with lessened ATP production, there is a decrease in mitophagy as a person ages, which contributes to unregulated inflammasome activity and inflammation

Mitophagy is a protective function of the cell that keeps inflammation at a manageable level by removing damaged mitochondria, that could contribute to hyper inflammation, especially among already susceptible older patients.

Without autophagy or mitophagy, levels of ROS rise and cause oxidative stress and related tissue damage

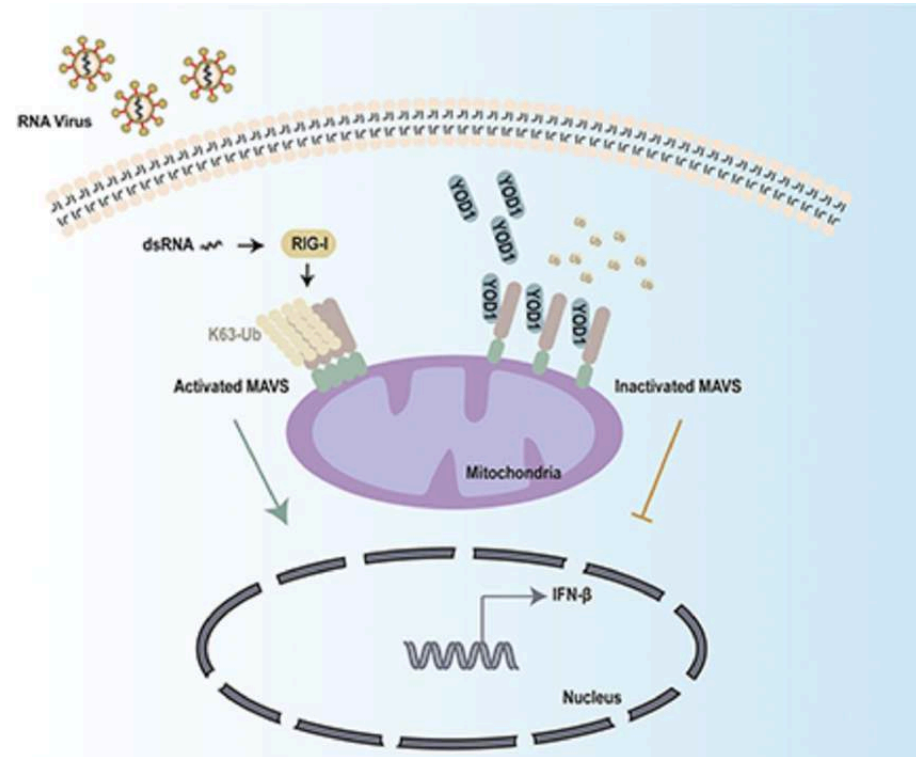
Quercetin, resveratrol and curcumin all support mitophagy to help improve mitochondrial integrity

Quercetin, resveratrol
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Mitochondria and viral immunity

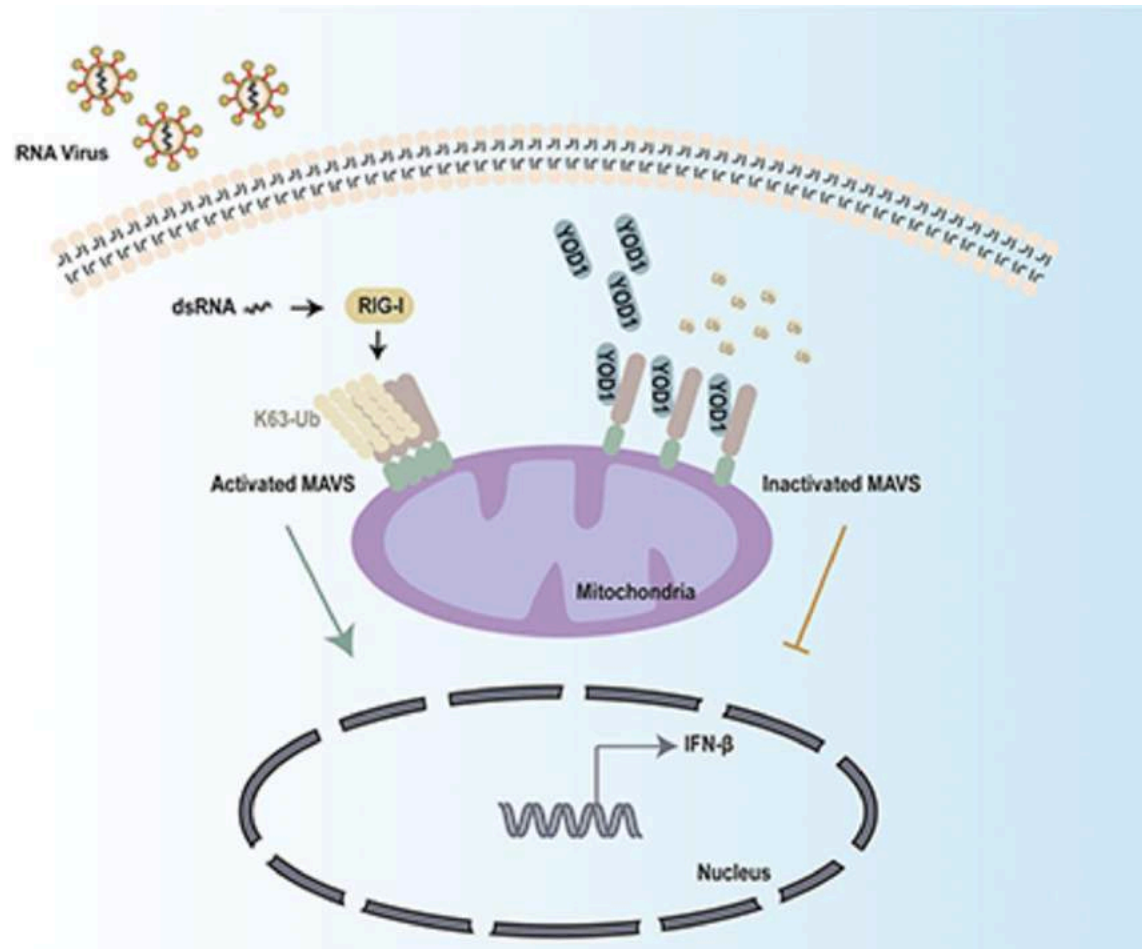
In the event of a viral infection, mitochondria contribute to immunity by engaging the antiviral interferon system



To fight a virus mitochondrial antiviral signalling (MAVS) proteins need to come into play

It is MAVS proteins which signal to DNA to express interferon β , to help fight the viral infection

Retinoic acid induced-gene 1 (RIG-1) is required for MAVS activation - vitamin A increases the expression of RIG-1 during viral infection

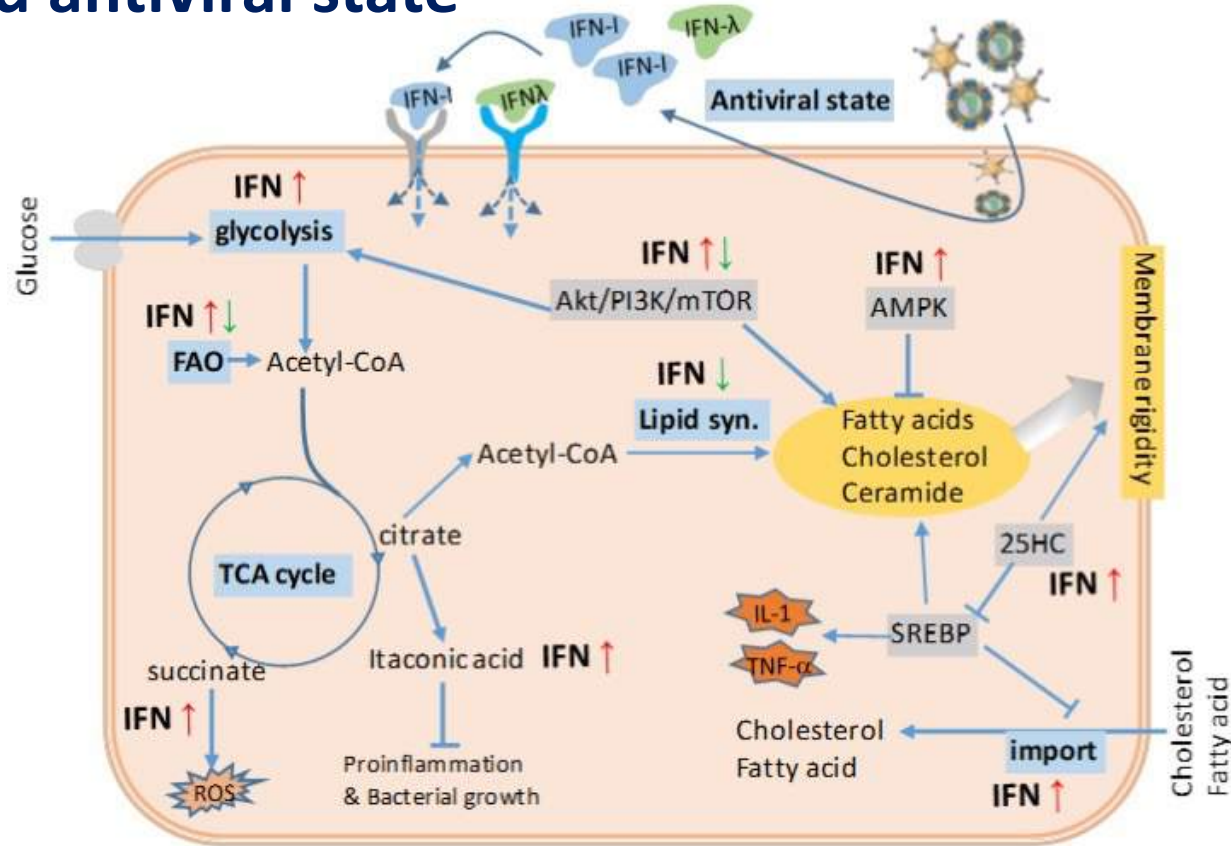


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Interferon β and α place a cell into a fully prepared antiviral state



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IFN- β modulates glucose metabolism

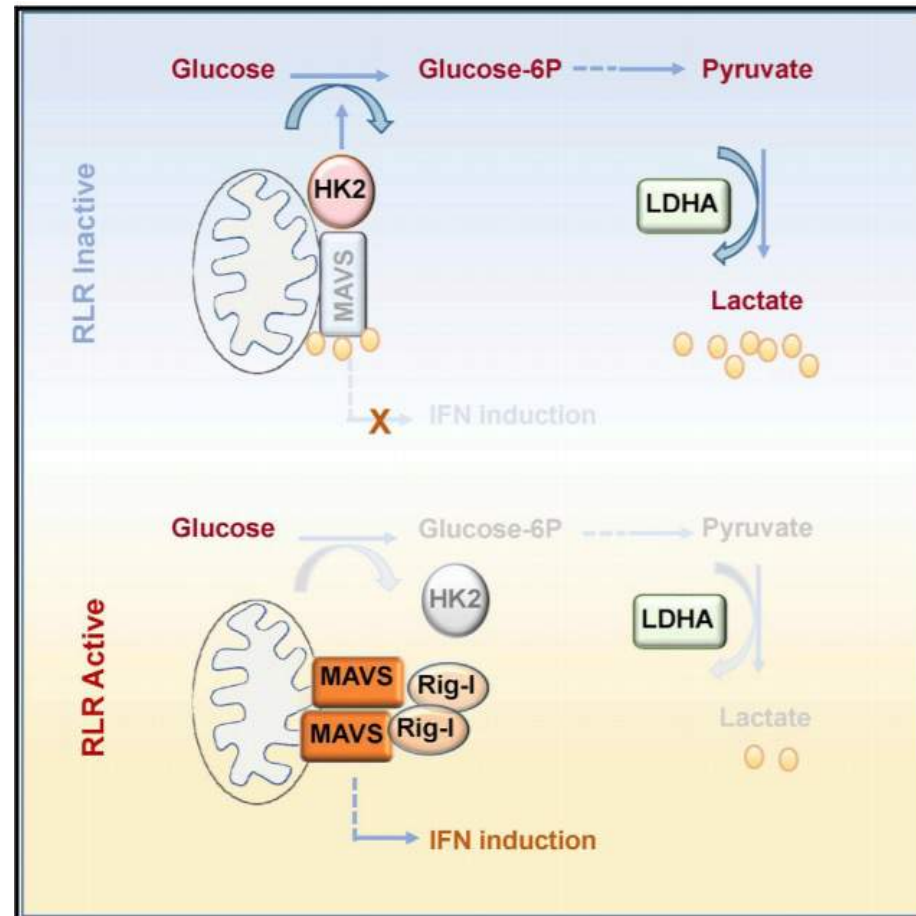
This regulation of metabolism appears important for the induction of an effective antiviral response



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High lactate levels, seen in obesity, inhibit the operation of Retinoic acid induced-gene 1 and MAVS

This inhibits antiviral interferon β production



Post viral Fatigue

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Sickness behaviour syndrome modulates the immune system and enhances recovery, the interplay between the immune system and central nervous system is an essential part of the overall host defence against pathogenic microorganisms

Symptoms of sickness behaviour are social avoidance, fatigue, reduced appetite, and inactivity during disease happen due to the need to contain an individual infection and the body's decision to prioritise rest and healing



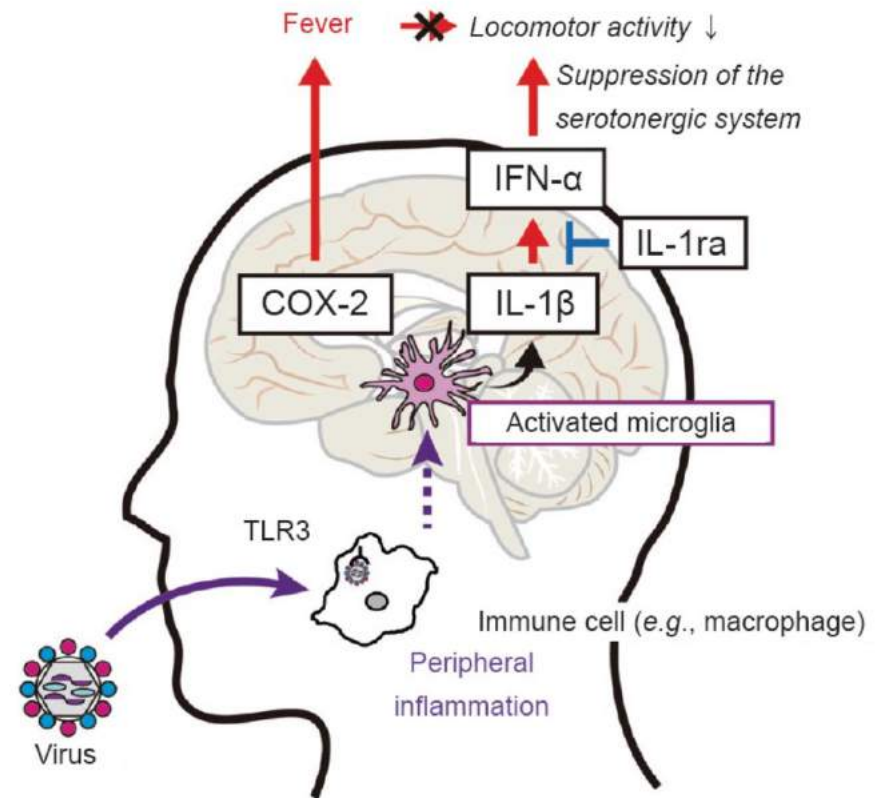
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Post viral Fatigue

Viral infections such as influenza cause the occurrence of acute inflammation, and pro-inflammatory cytokines including interleukin 1 β , which is produced by the activation of Toll-like receptors (TLR)

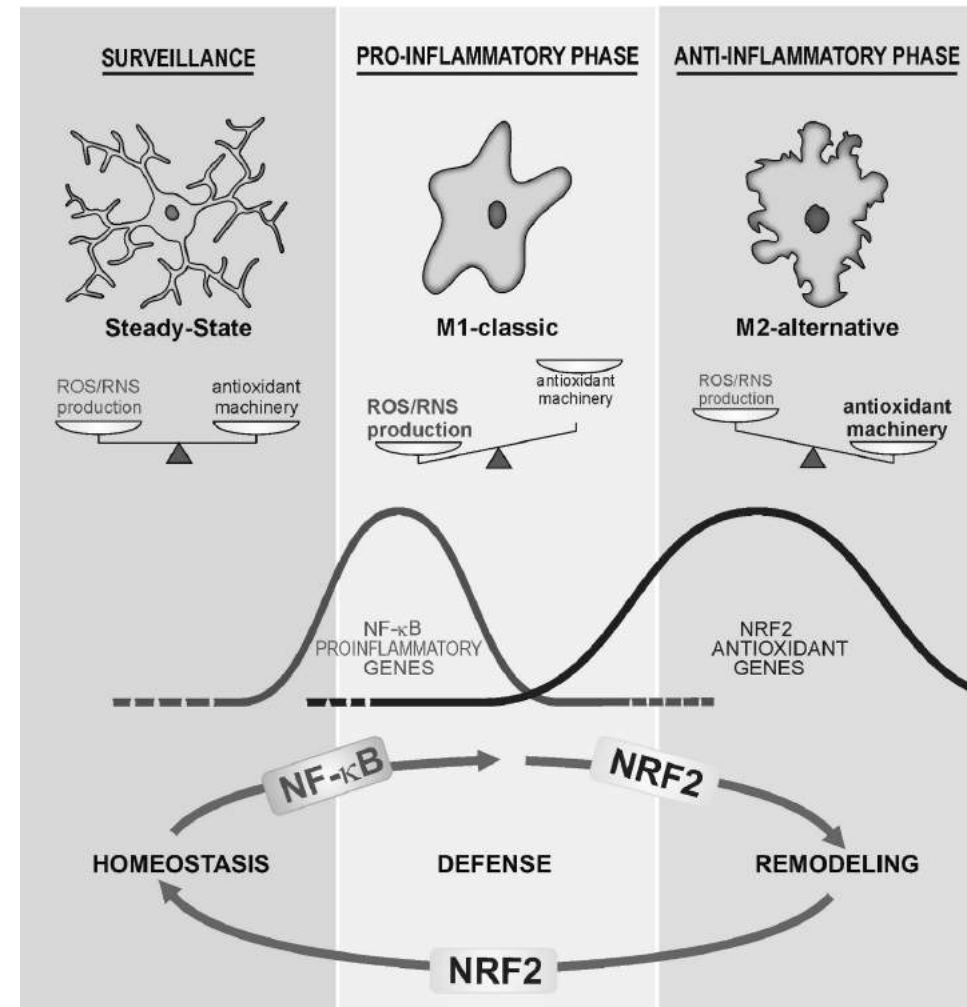
Microglia are activated by TLRs, triggering the symptoms of sickness behaviour and fatigue



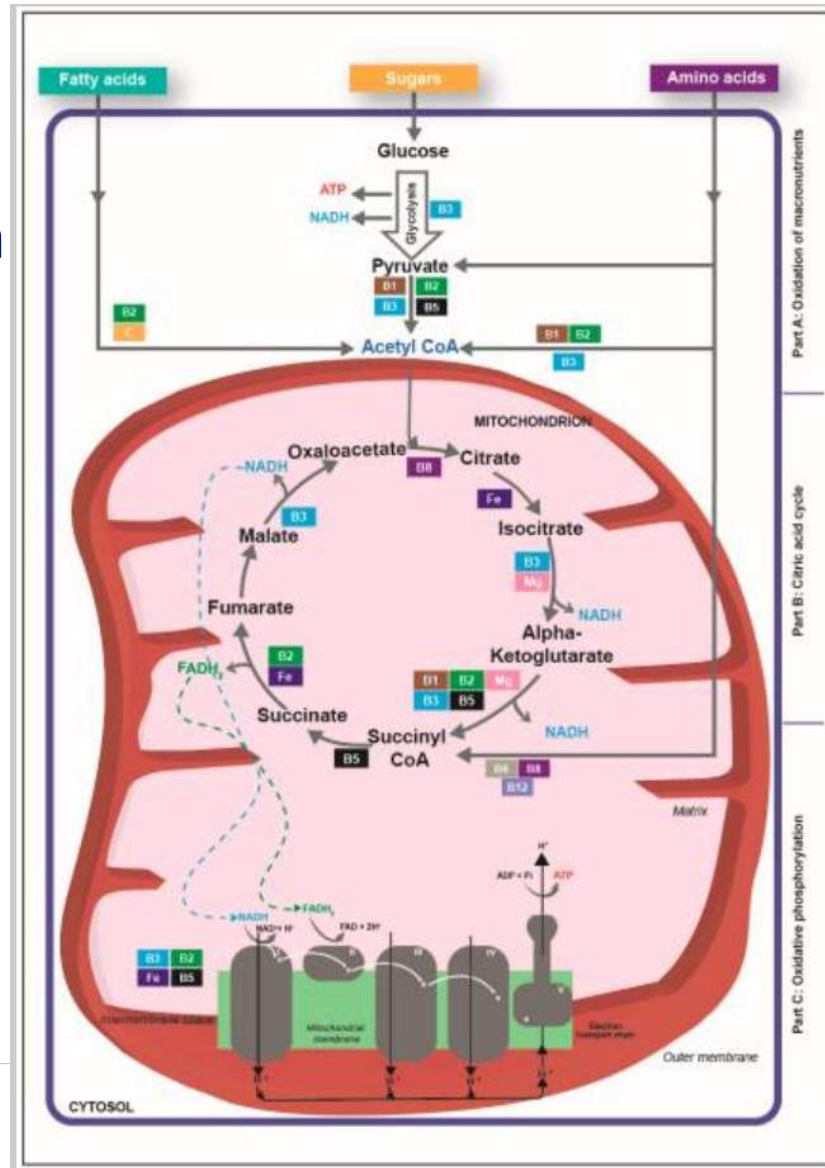
**NF-κB activates M1
microglia**

**Nrf2 protects against
M1 microglia activation**

**NF-κB participates in the
development of fatigue by
regulating excitatory and inhibitory
neurotransmitters**



Mitochondrial energy production relies on many vitamins and minerals



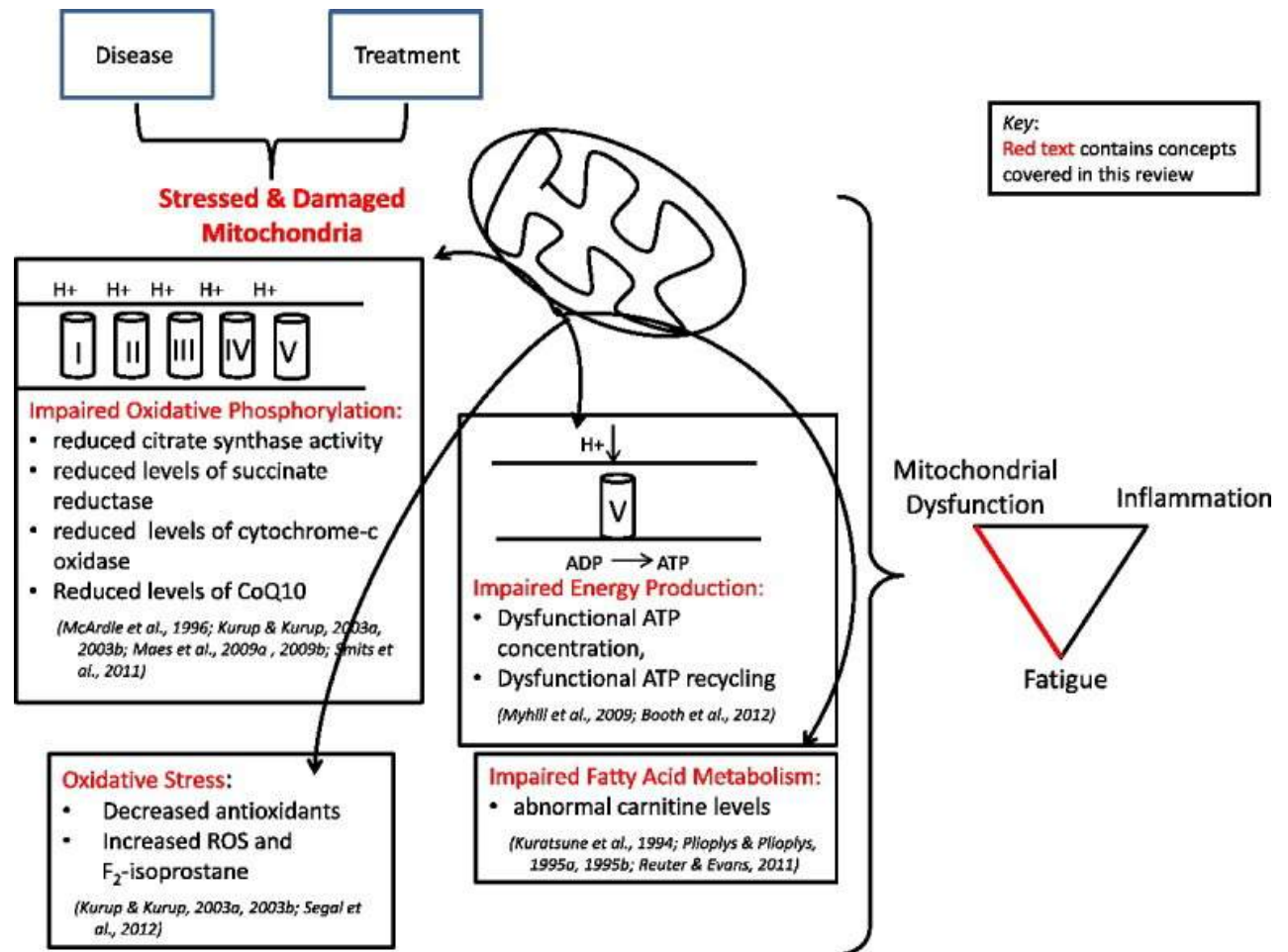
Vitamins:
B1, B2, B3, B5,
B6, B12, biotin, C

Minerals:
Mg, Fe

Tardy, A.L., Pouteau, E., Marquez, D., Yilmaz, C. and Scholey, A., 2020. Vitamins and minerals for energy, fatigue and cognition: a narrative review of the biochemical and clinical evidence. *Nutrients*, 12(1), p.228.

In addition to B vitamins,
low levels of Coenzyme Q10
are consistently associated
with fatigue

Acetyl-L-Carnitine helps
reduce physical and mental
fatigue



Castro-Marrero, J., Sáez-Francàs, N., Santillo, D. and Alegre, J., 2017. Treatment and management of chronic fatigue syndrome/myalgic encephalomyelitis: all roads lead to Rome. *British journal of pharmacology*, 174(5), pp.345-369.

Filler, K., Lyon, D., Bennett, J., McCain, N., Elswick, R., Lukkahatai, N. and Saligan, L.N., 2014. Association of mitochondrial dysfunction and fatigue: a review of the literature. *BBA clinical*, 1, pp.12-23.

Test Options

Raised GGT is a predictive biomarker of cellular antioxidant inadequacy

Glutathione and vitamin C – Organic Acid test

Plasma or serum vitamin C

8-hydroxy-2'-deoxyguanosine (8-OHdG) – Urinary Oxidative stress marker

Viral tests from Armin Labs –

Including: EBV, CMV, HSV, HHV6, HHV8, Coxsackie



Koenig, G. and Seneff, S., 2015. Gamma-glutamyltransferase: a predictive biomarker of cellular antioxidant inadequacy and disease risk. *Disease markers*, 2015.

Dietary Compound Summary

Curcumin – turmeric

Quercetin - apples, berries, cruciferous vegetables, capers, grapes, onions, shallots, tea, tomatoes, as well as many nuts and seeds

Sulforaphane/glucoraphanin – broccoli

Resveratrol - grapes



Treatment Options

Intervention	Function	Typical Dosing
CoQ10	Mitochondrial support	120 mg 2-3 times daily
O.N.E.™ Multivitamin B Complex Plus	Mitochondrial support	1 capsule a day
Vitamin C	Redox support/antiviral	>500 mg twice a day Can be up to 6000 mg or bowel tolerance
NAC	Redox support/antiviral	600 mg 1-3 times daily
Reduced Glutathione	Redox support/antiviral	100 mg 1-2 times daily
Vitamin D ₃	Antiviral/anti-inflammatory	1000 IU 1-4 times daily

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