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# Coming to the UPEC SCHOOL OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



Erasmus Università di Torino-UPEC. Due possibilità:

- Stage in laboratorio da Gennaio a Maggio con scrittura della tesi in Giugno e presentazione orale a fine Giugno. Lo stage è remunerato (530 euro al mese).
- Quinto anno all'UPEC, corsi in Novembre e Dicembre, esami alla fine di Dicembre e tesi in laboratorio da Gennaio a Maggio come sopra.

Percorso fuori Erasmus. Iscrizione al quinto anno all'UPEC (modalità di accesso dettagliate nel file della specialistica) con corsi in Novembre e Dicembre, esami alla fine di Dicembre e tesi in laboratorio da Gennaio a Maggio come sopra. In questo percorso fuori Erasmus gli studenti iscritti hanno la possibilità di ottenere una laurea M2 francese e di accedere ai concorsi per entrare nella Scuola di Dottorato che hanno luogo in luglio.

# ABOUT US

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> in the “Ile de France” area  
(greater Paris)

> in the “region of Val de  
Marne” (94)

> in the town of Créteil  
(12 km from Paris – 20 min  
from the center)

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“Growth factors and angiogenesis”  
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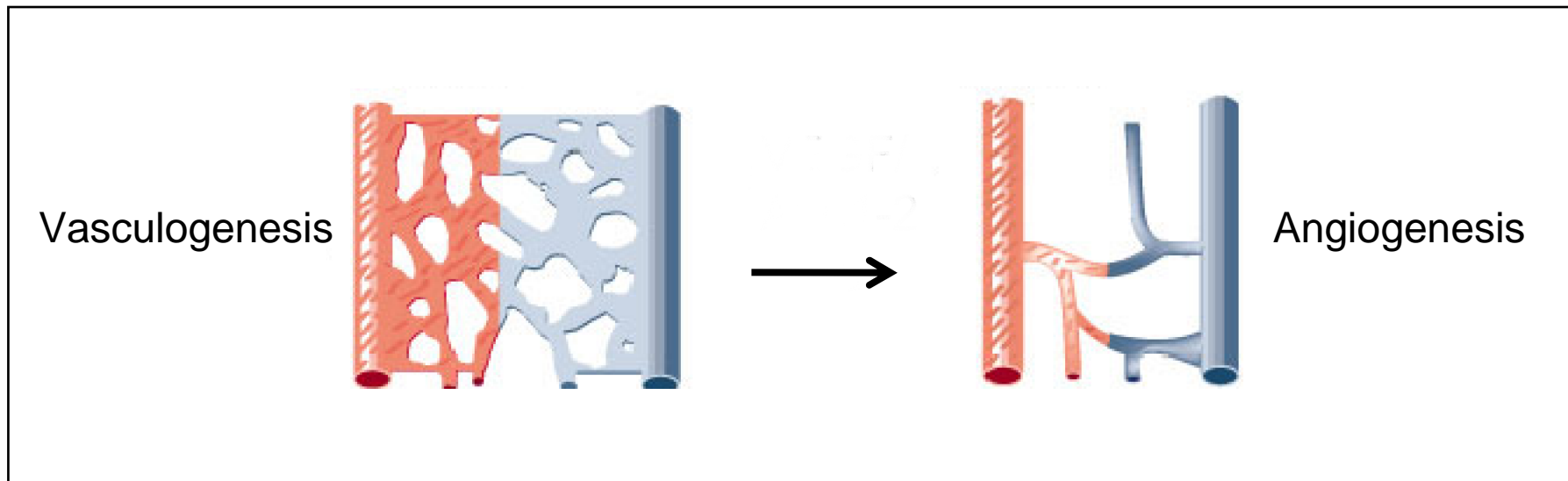
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# Vascular network development

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# Neo-angiogenesis and pathologies

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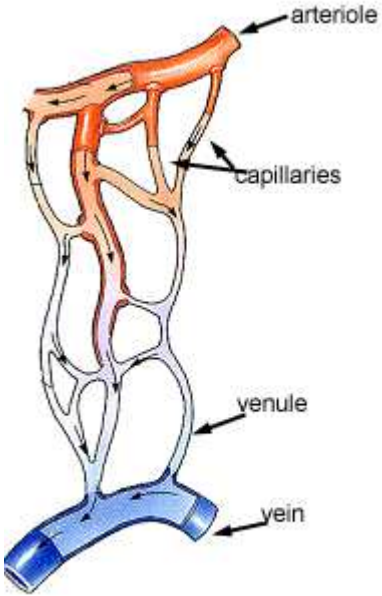
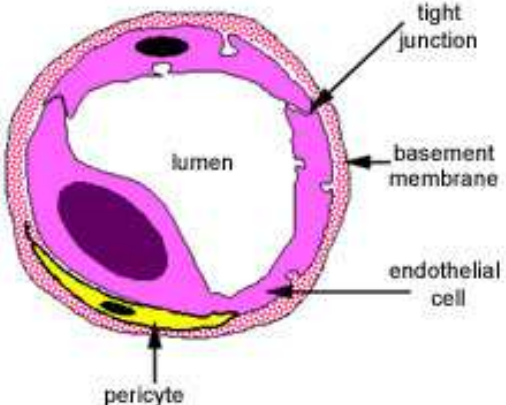
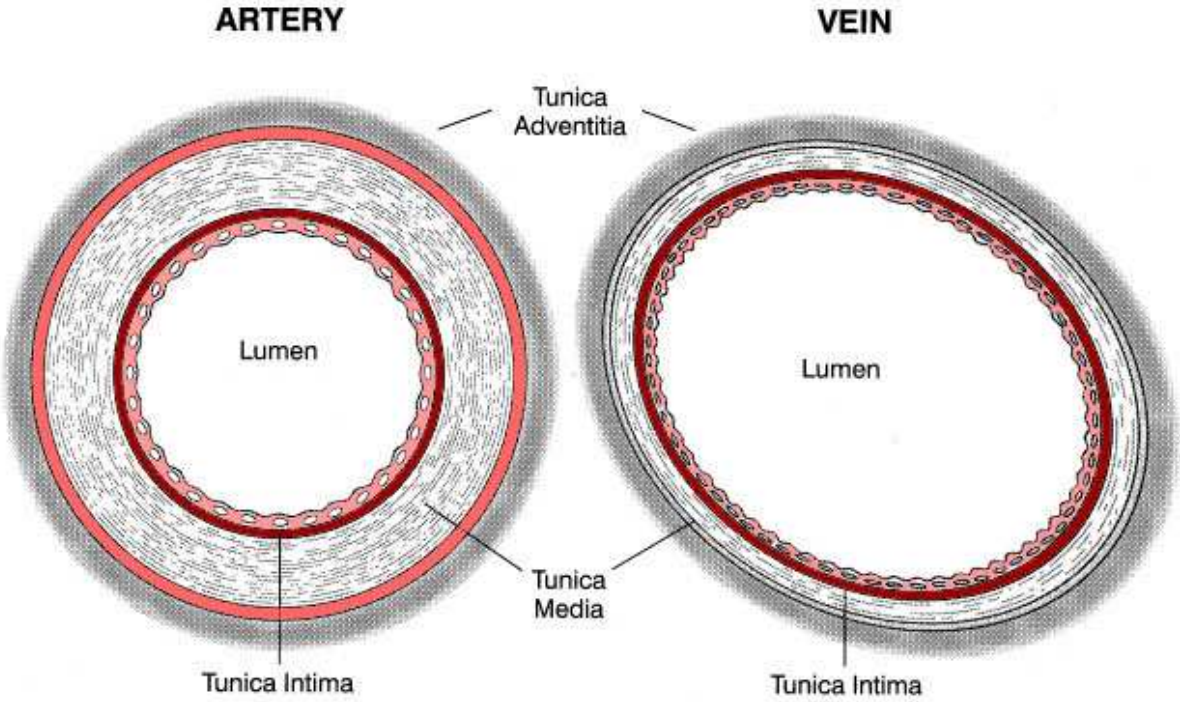
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# Structures



# Vessel structure

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- Endothelium

- Basal membrane

Endothelial cells synthesize basal membrane components and receptors (integrins):

➤ Collagen, laminin

➤ GAGs (heparan sulfate)

➤ Fibronectin, thrombospondin, von Willebrand factor

- Mural cells (pericytes)

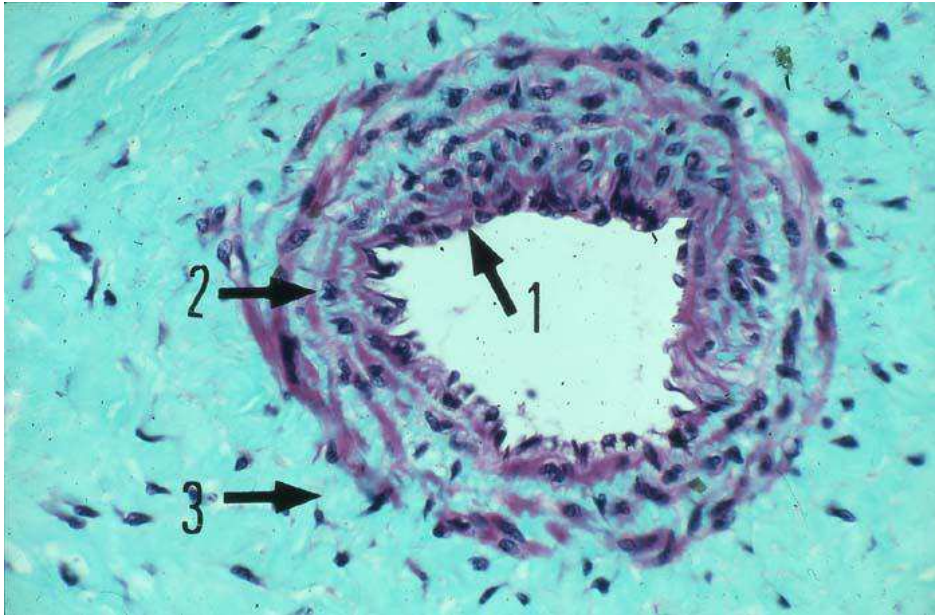
- Smooth muscle cell

- Conjonctif tissu



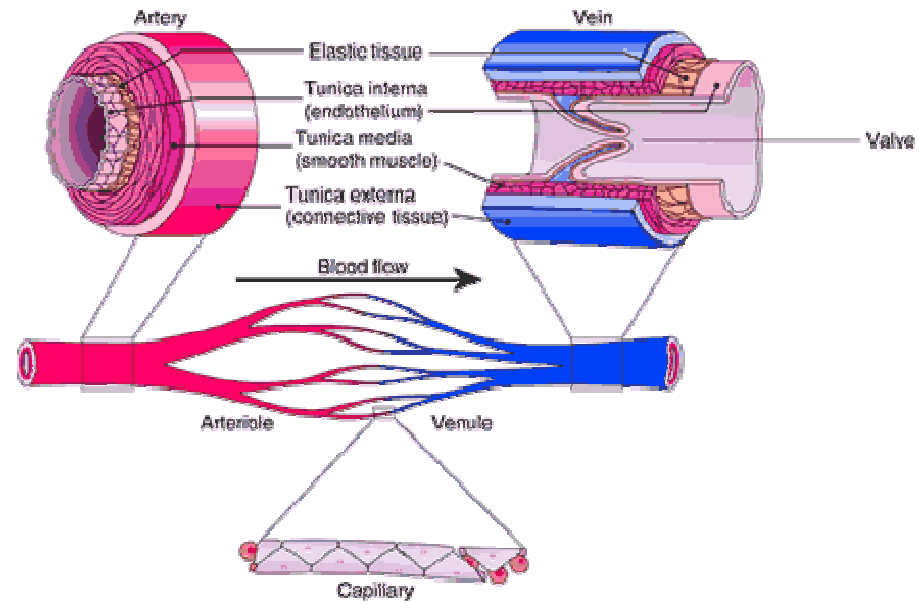
# Arteries and Veins

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# Arteries , veins, capillaries

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# Capillaries (microcirculation)

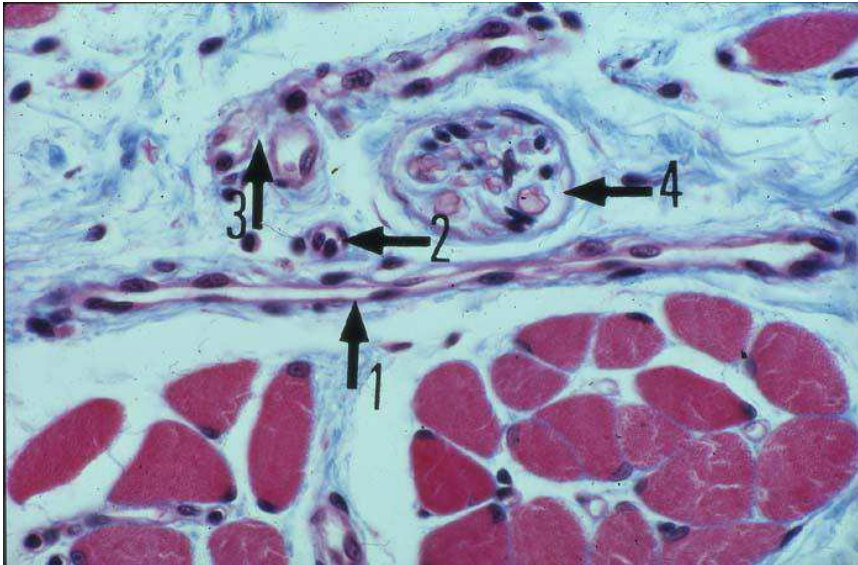
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## Microcirculation Characteristics

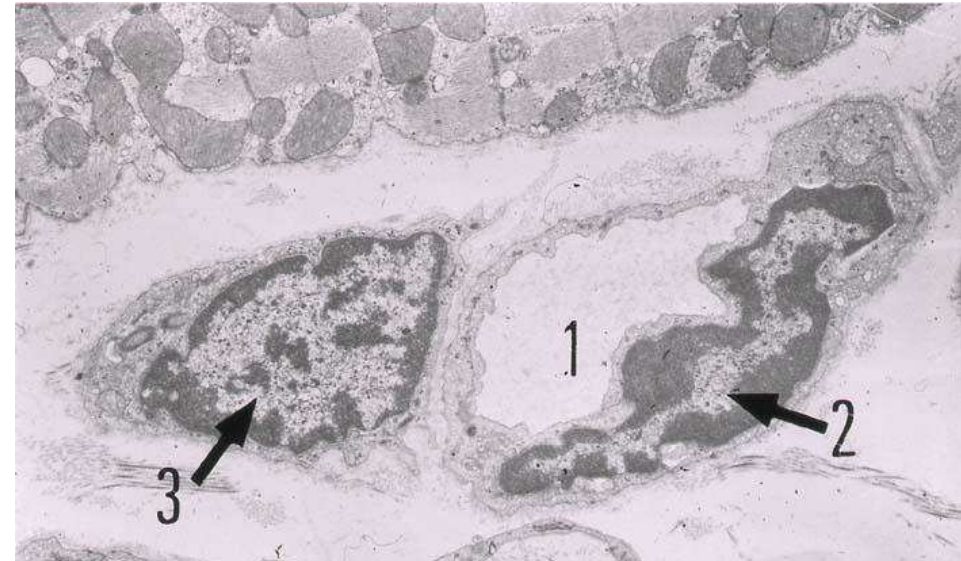
- Small vessels (capillus = capello) characterized by small diameters (8 à 10  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- 1 endothelial cell (1  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- Elevated number (10 milliards)
- Slow blood flu (0.5 à 0.7 mm/s)
- Exhcange of gas and metabolits

# Capillaries

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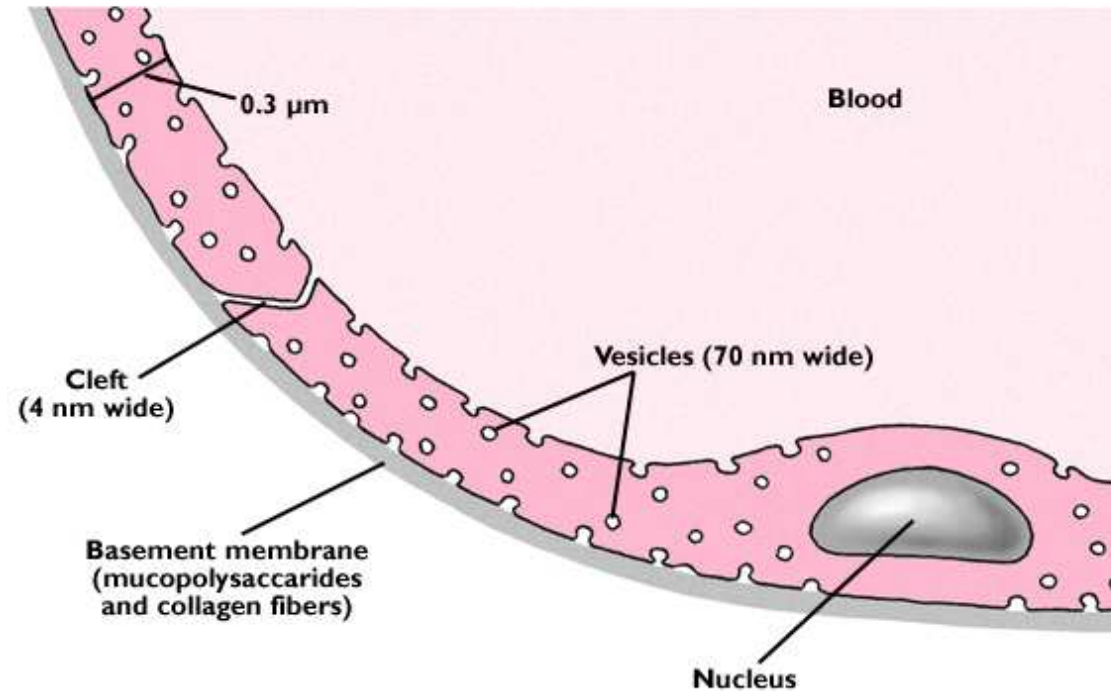
1 et 2: capillaries  
3: capillaries or small venules  
4: nerf!!



1: capillary  
2: endothelial cell  
3: pericyte

# Continuous capillary

**A Continuous capillary**



Continuous basal membrane  
with clefts of 4 nm

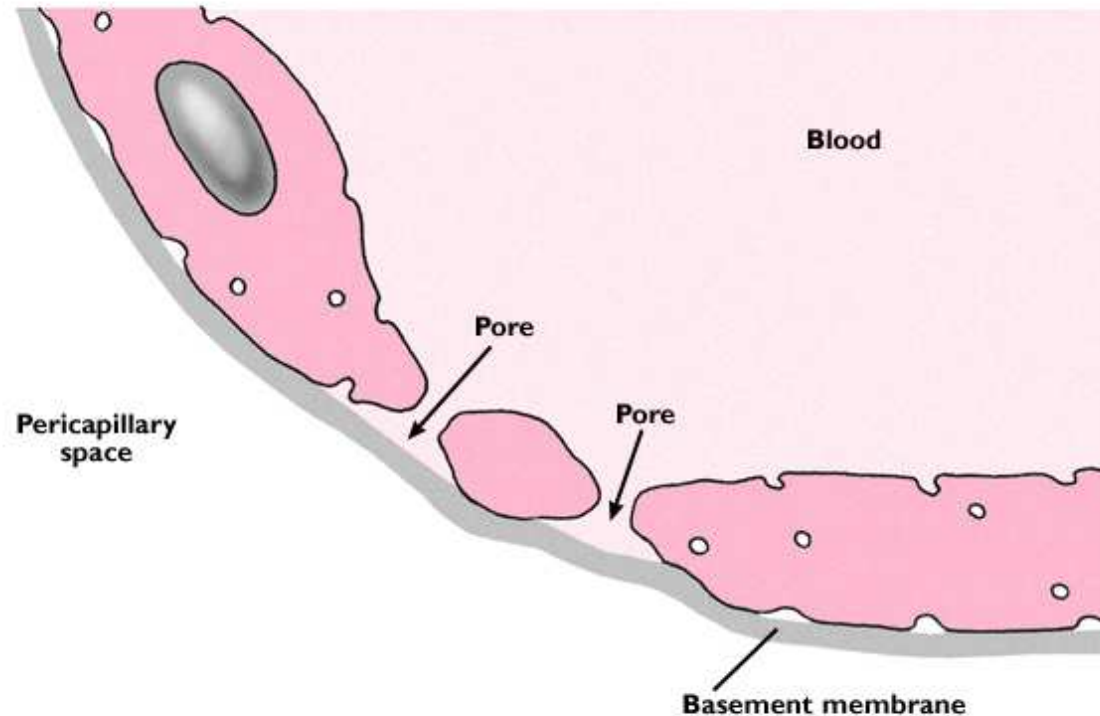
Tight junctions

Muscle, lung,  
Brain

Diffusion : water, ions, lipides

# Fenestrated capillaries

## B Fenestrated capillary



Continuous basal membrane  
with pores of 70 nm

Endocrines glandes  
Hypophyse, thyroïde  
Parathyroïde

Tissues  
Heart, skin, lungs,  
Skeletal muscles

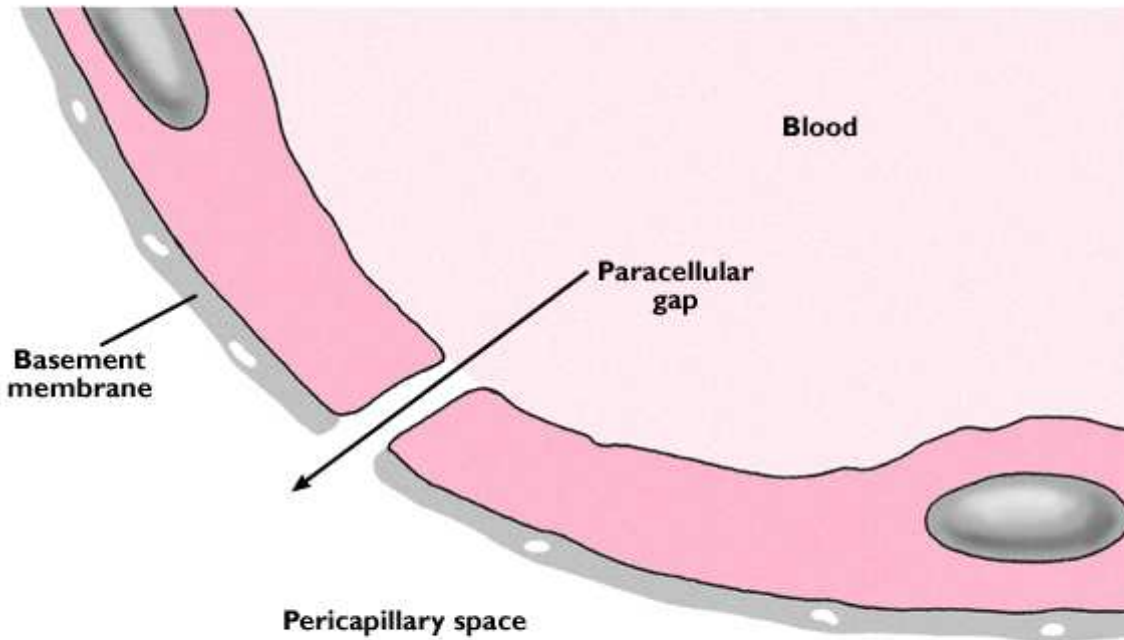
Liquids and metabolits  
absorption

Diffusion :  
macromolecules

# Sinusoidal capillaries

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## C Sinusoidal capillary

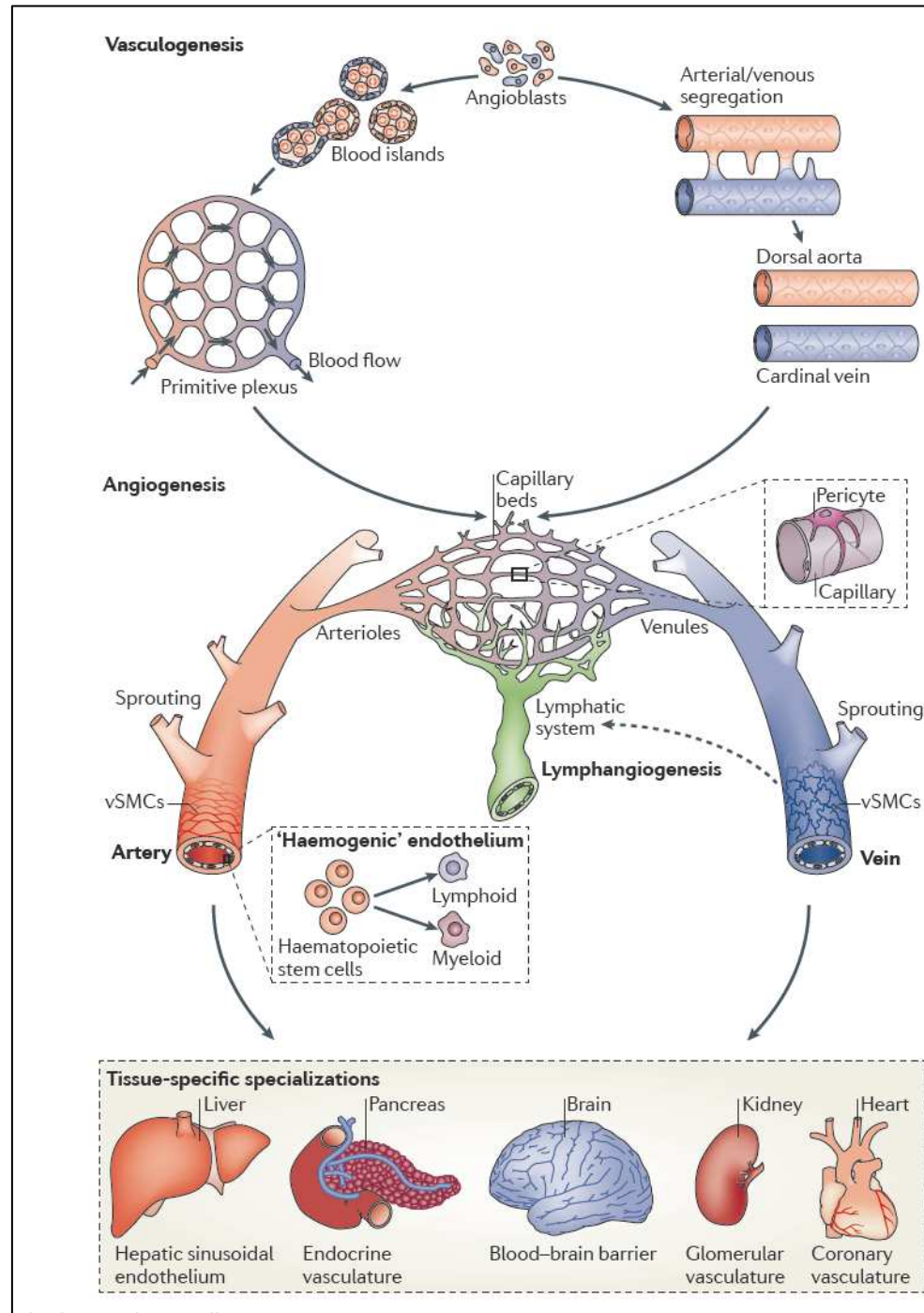


Discontinuons basal membrane

Paracellular gaps

liver

Diffusion : proteins from serum and blood cells



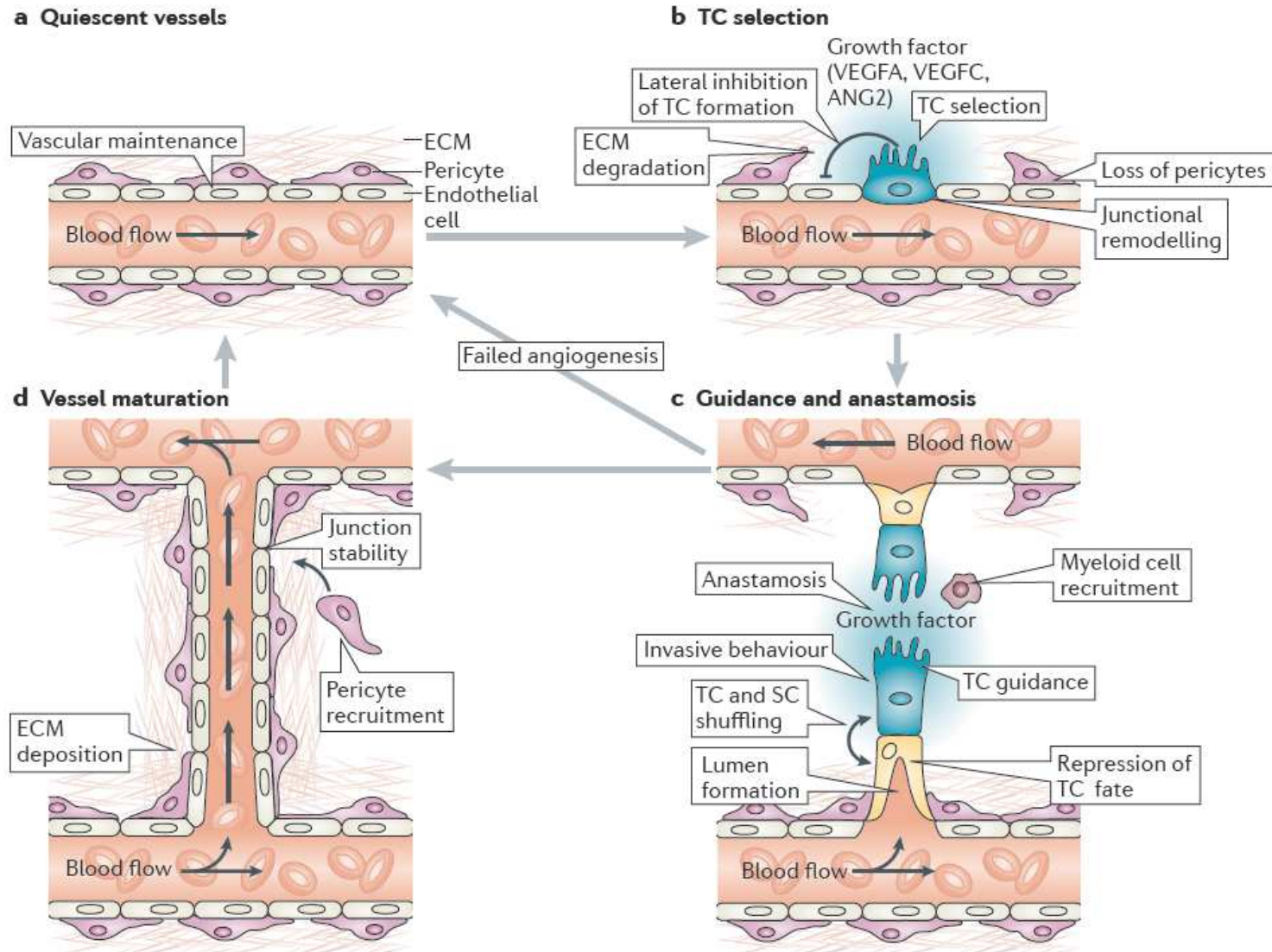


# Angiogenesis

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Once the vascular progenitors have been specified, they begin to form a disperse vascular plexus, which is then gradually reorganized into a functional circulation. As vessels begin to be remodelled, they undergo localized proliferation and regression, as well as programmed branching and migration into different regions of the body. They need to be specified into different calibres and types of vessel, including division into arteries, veins and lymphatics, with further subdivision into large vessels, venules, arterioles, capillaries and so on. In addition, they need to recruit supporting cells, smooth-muscle cells and pericytes, to ensure the stability of the vessels formed (Fig. 2). Although we do not fully understand the intricacies of these processes, it is clear that the final outcome is determined by a combination of hard-wired genetic programming and extrinsic influences, such as hypoxia<sup>23</sup> and haemodynamic flow<sup>24</sup>.

# Cellular mechanisms of the formation of a new vessel from a pre-existing one by sprouting

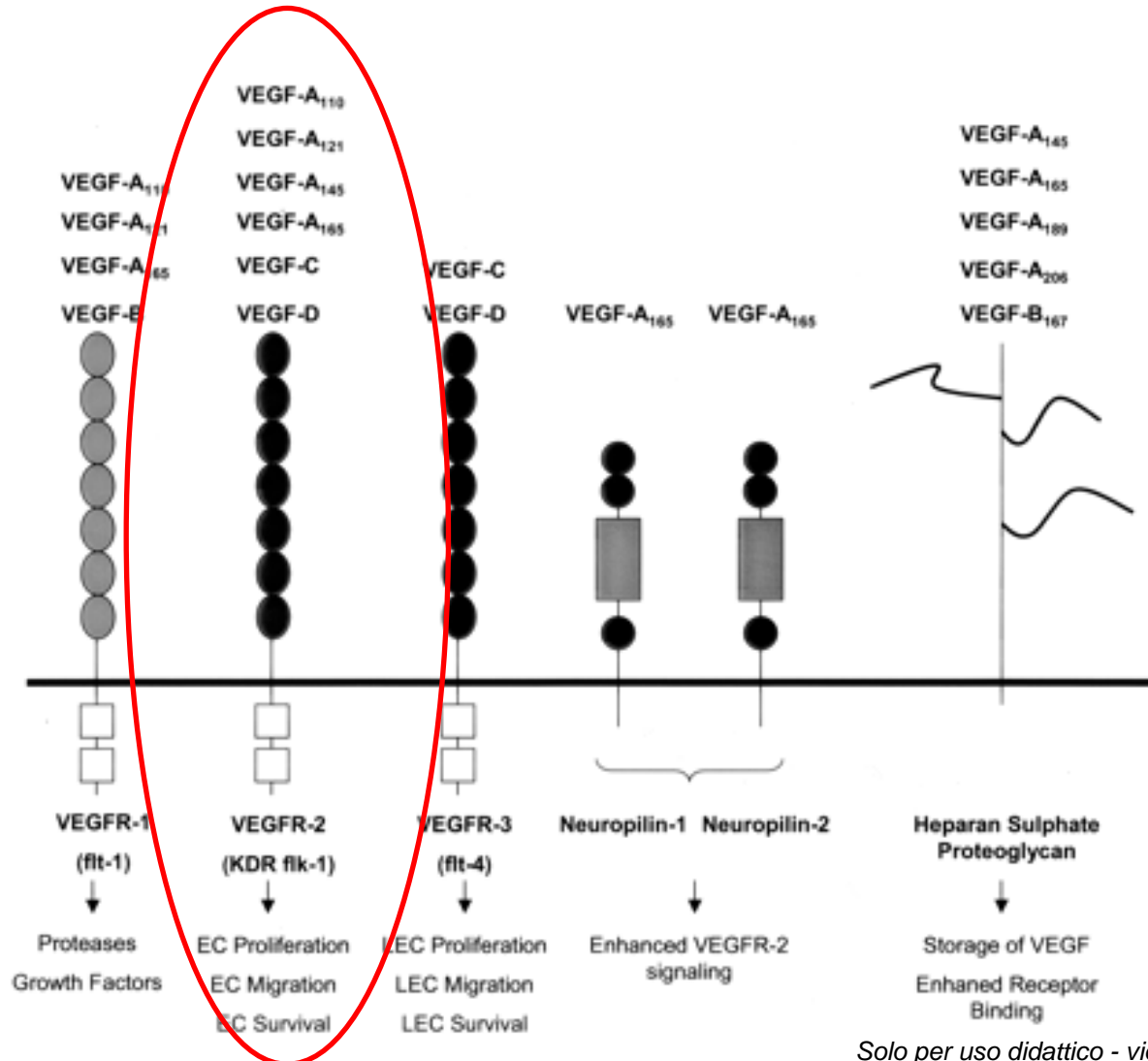


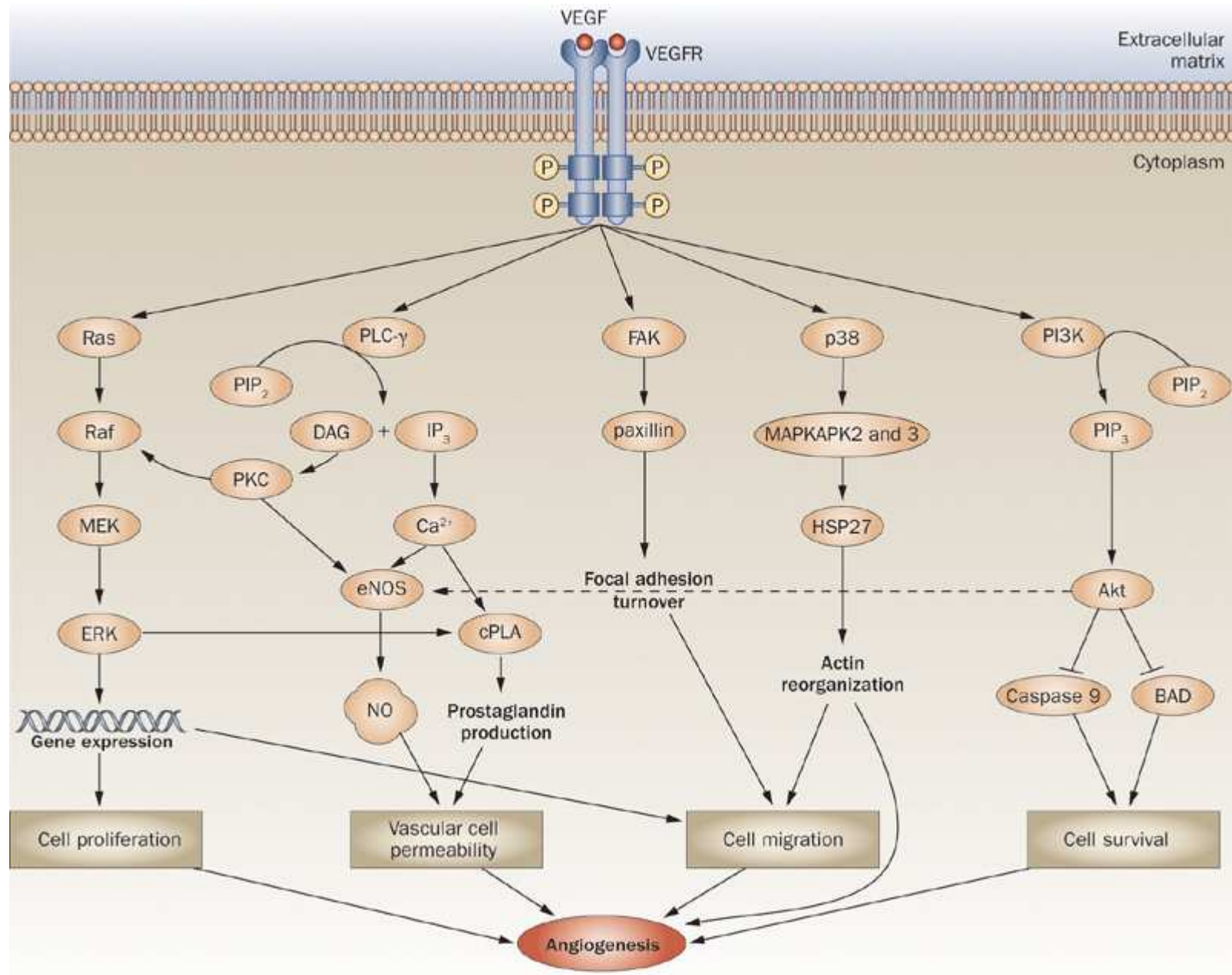
# Sprouting regulation: principal steps

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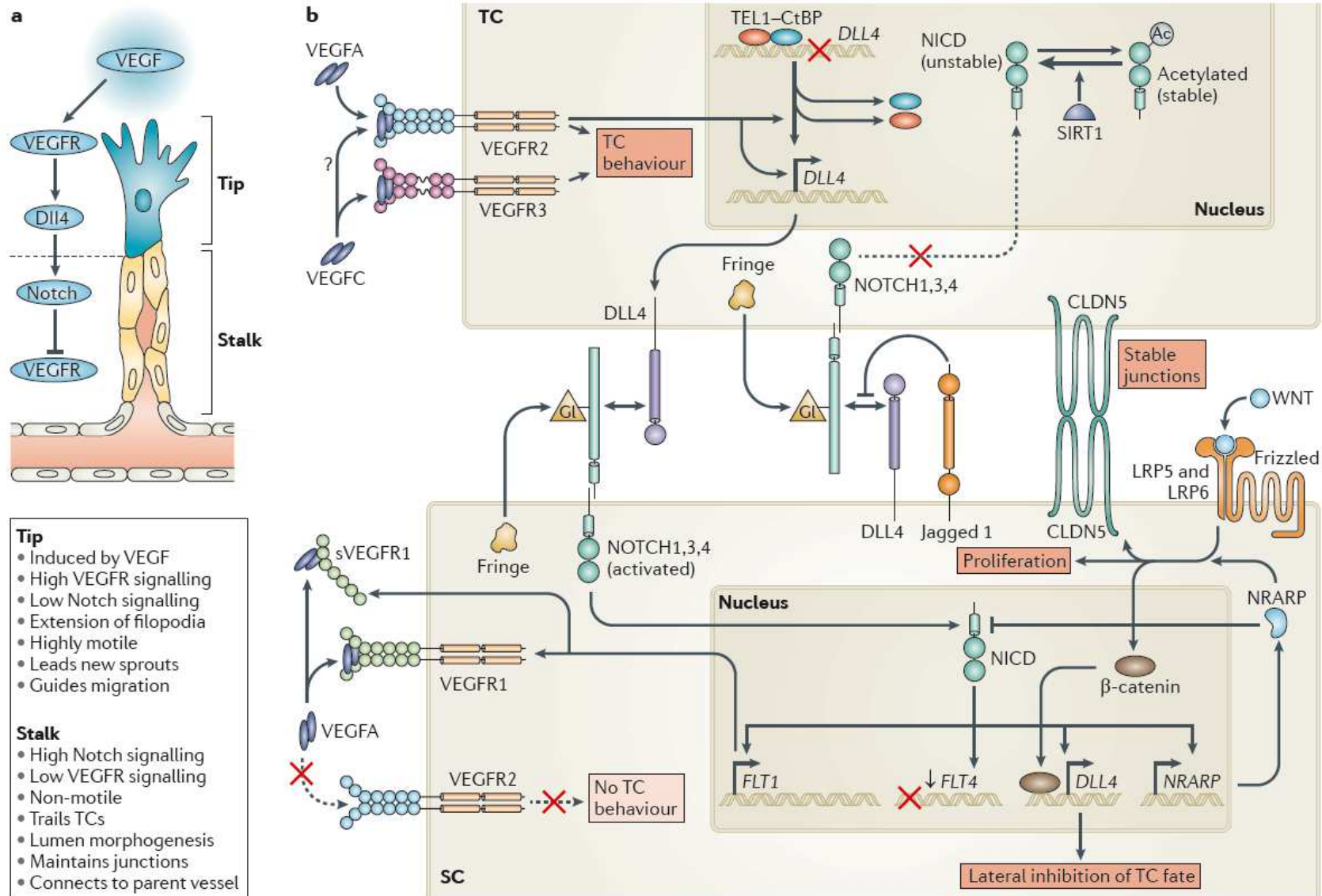
1. Loss of quiescence: endothelial activation. Hypoxia, growth factors (VEGF, FGF), stress, Vessel injuries, inflammation.
1. Vessel destabilisation by detachment of mural cells and basal membrane degradation. Angiopoietins/Tie2, MMPs
3. Tip/Stalk cell selection. VEGF, Notch
3. Sprouting elongation. Proliferation, guidance and lumen formation. Guidance molecules (Nrps, Plexins, ROBOs, Ephs)
5. Maturation and quiescence. Angiopoietins/Tie2

# VEGF/VEGFR2

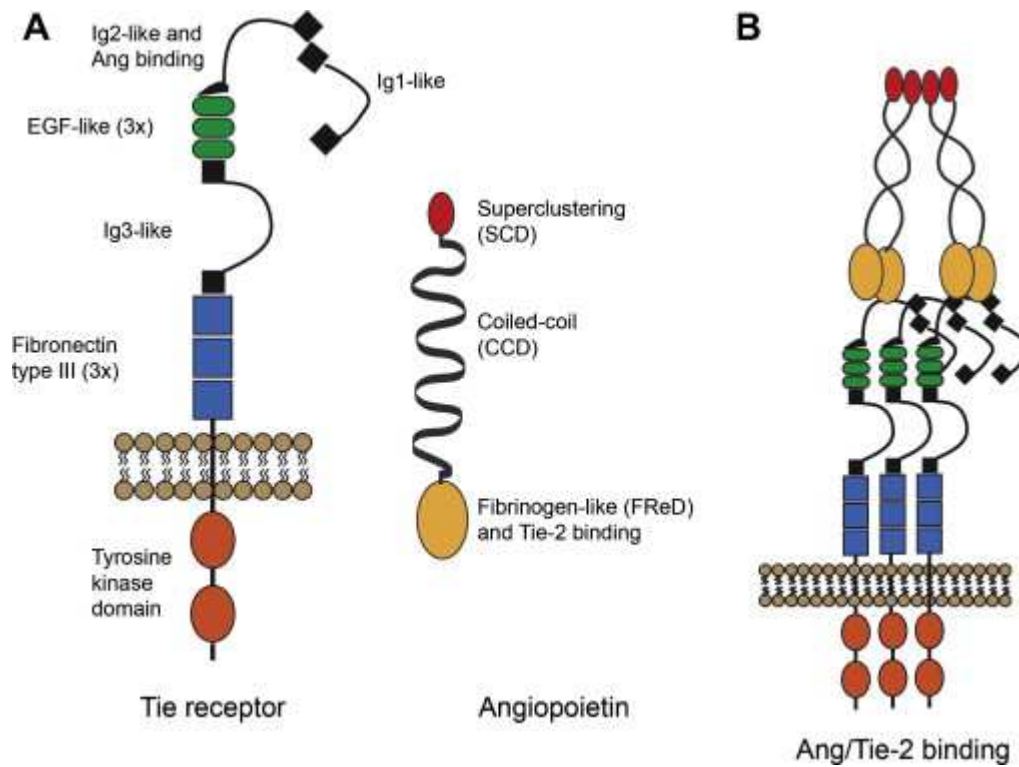




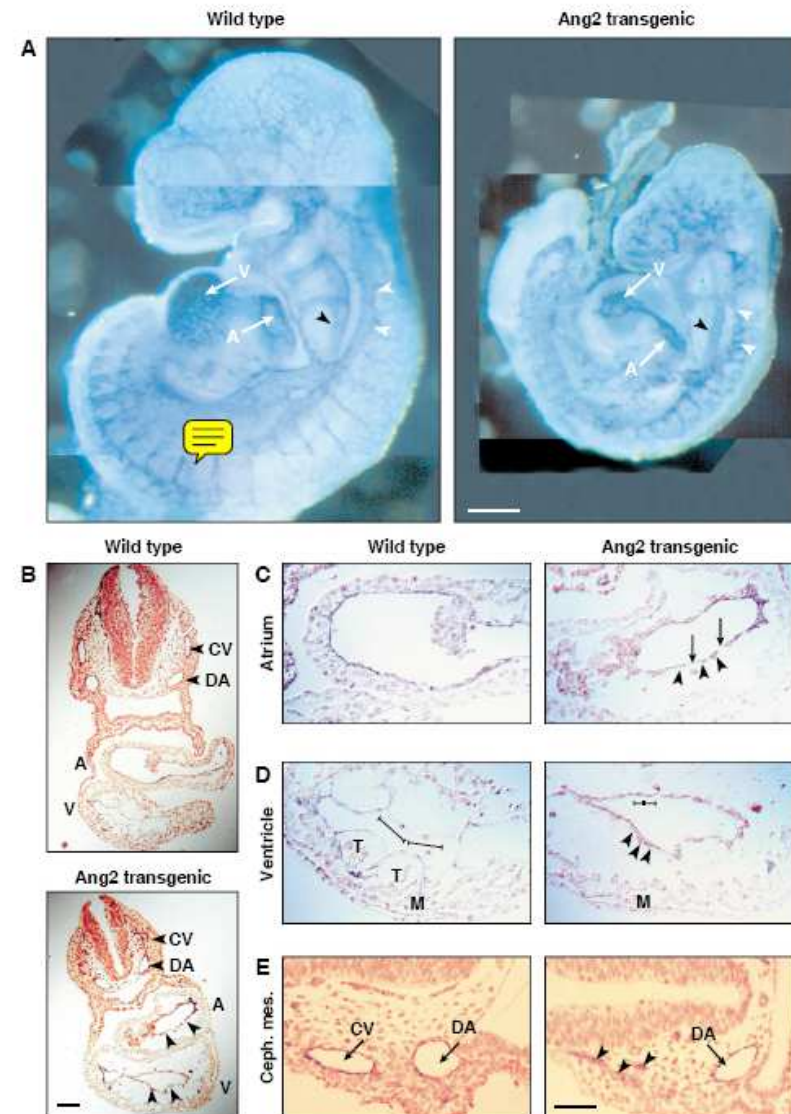
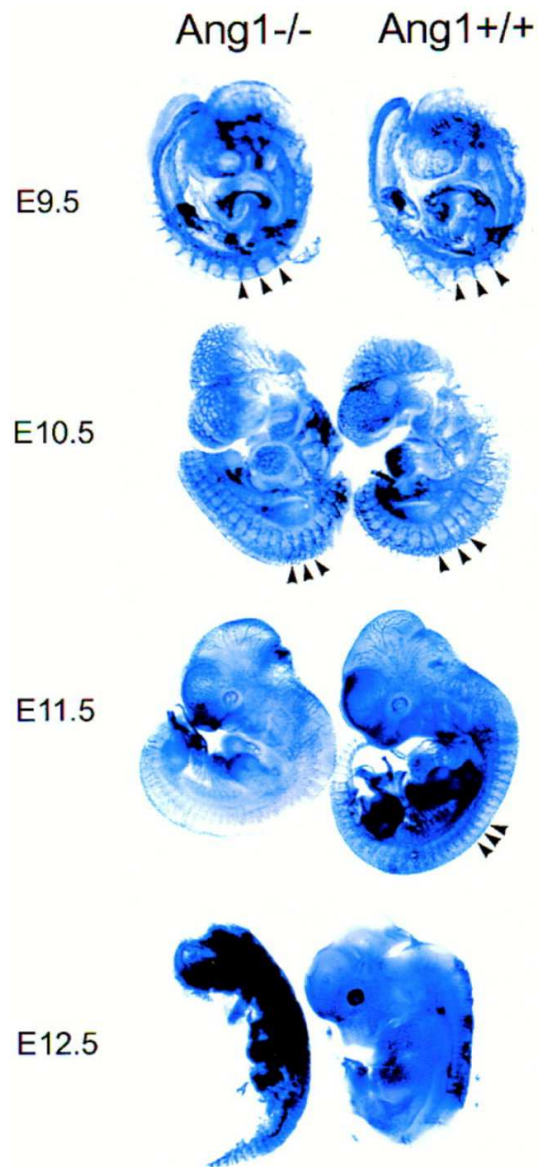
# Tip/stalk cell selection



# Angiopoietines/Tie



# Angiopoietin 1 and 2 and Tie2 are necessary to vascular network maturation





# Neo-angiogenesis and pathologies

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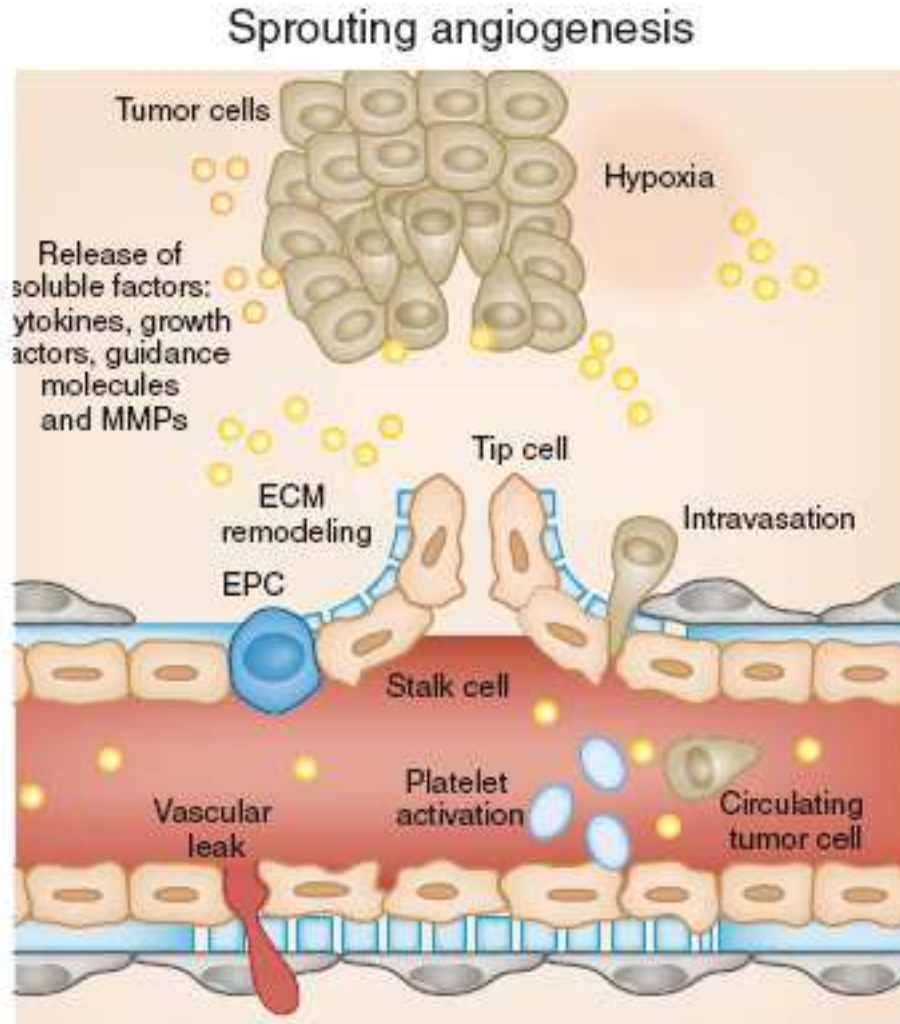
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# Tumor angiogenesis



ENDOTHELIAL CELL ACTIVATION

NEW VESSELS

TUMOUR GROWTH

« Tumors are wounds that do not heal »  
(Dvorak, 1986)

# Tumour therapy? New approaches

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- Tumour angiogenesis therapy
- Anti-stroma therapy
- Immunotherapy
- Targeting therapy
- Nanoparticles

# Targeting cell surface nucleoproteins to inhibit tumour growth

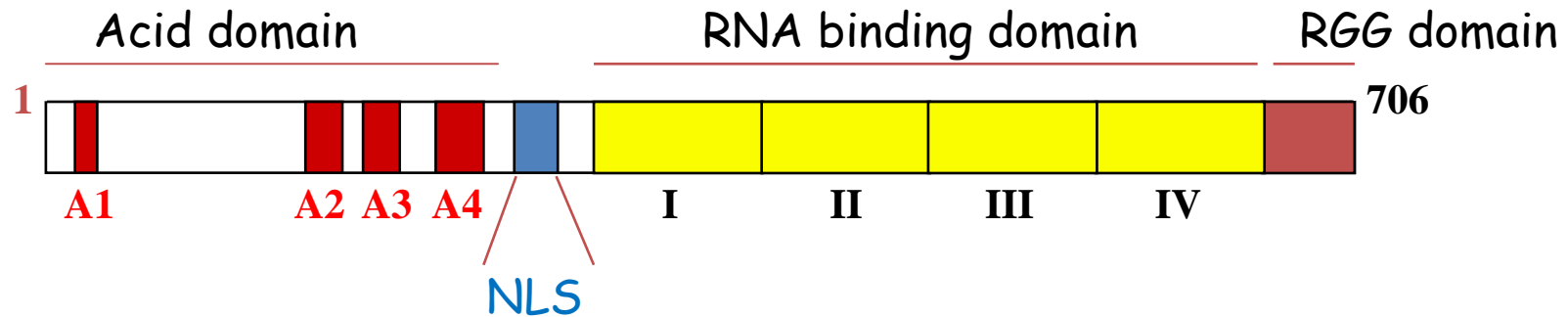
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Nucleolin is an excellent cell surface marker of tumor cells and angiogenic vessels

# Nucleolin

✓ Nucleolar protein (rDNA transcription, ribosome biogenesis and assembly (Bugler et al, 1987), chromatin remodeling (Olson and Thompson, 1985), cell cycle progression (Peter et al, 1990))



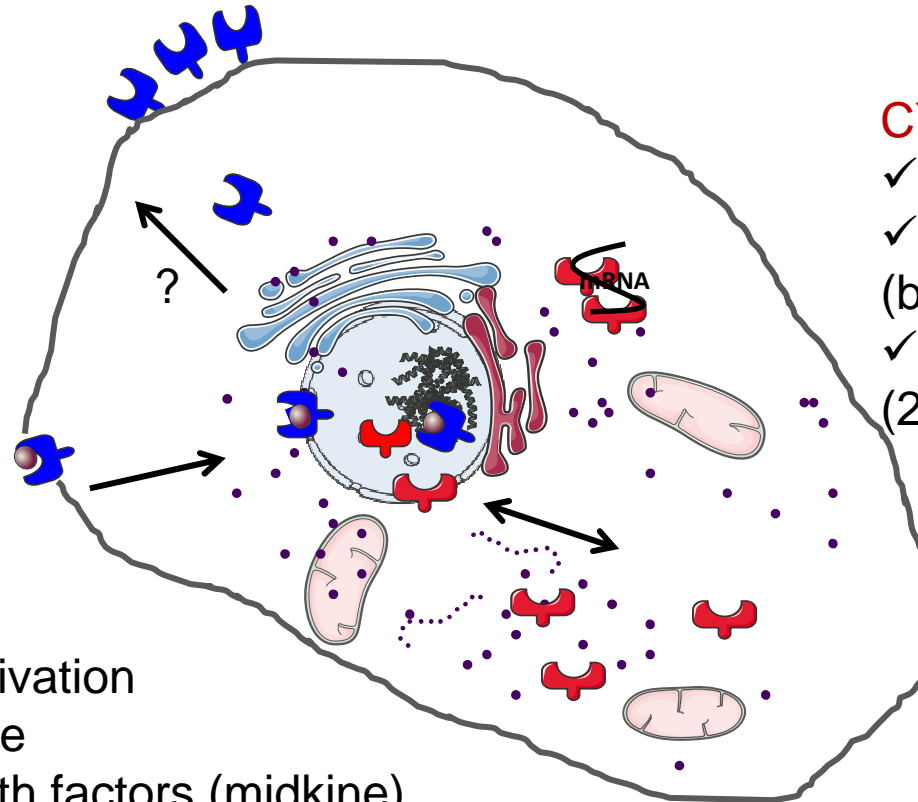
✓ Nucleolar chromatin interaction for transcription of rDNA  
✓ Phosphorylation (CKII, cdc2)  
✓ Glycosylation sites

✓ pre-RNA recognition, Condensing, packaging

✓ Nucleolar localisation  
✓ RNA unfolding

# Nucleolin localises to different cell compartment

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## CYTOPLASM

- ✓ Ribosome transport
- ✓ mRNA stability (bcl2, Bcl xL, p53)
- ✓ miRNA biogenesis (21, 221, 222, 103)

## CELL SURFACE

- ✓ Marker for cell activation and proliferation state
- ✓ Receptor for growth factors (midkine)
- ✓ Receptor for ECM proteins (endostatin laminin)
- ✓ Virus entry

# Cell surface nucleolin

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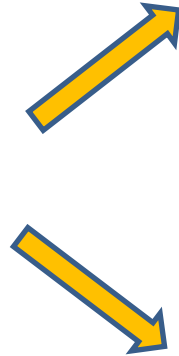
Localized exclusively into the nucleolus of quiescent cells  
but in the **cytoplasm** and at **cell surface of proliferating cells**

- ❖ Activated Lymphocytes (Krust et al., 2001)
- ❖ Activated endothelial cells (Christian et al., 2003)
- ❖ Tumour cells (Galzio et al., 2012, Destouches et al., 2011)

# Nucleolin: dual role in tumour growth and angiogenesis

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Nucleolin



- ✓ Tumour cell growth
  - Increased expression and stability
  - CKII phosphorylation on tyrosine sites for ribosome biogenesis
  - phosphorylation on serine sites in mitosis for chromosome condensation regulation

✓ Anti-apoptotic

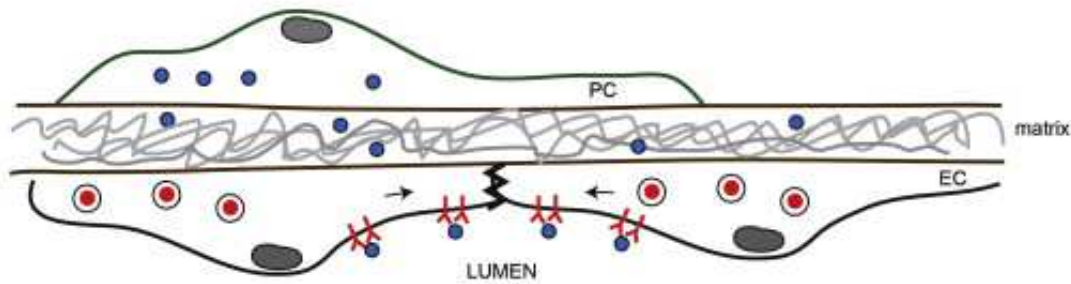
✓ Angiogenesis

Mechanisms? Role of the protein localisation? Endothelial cell activation?

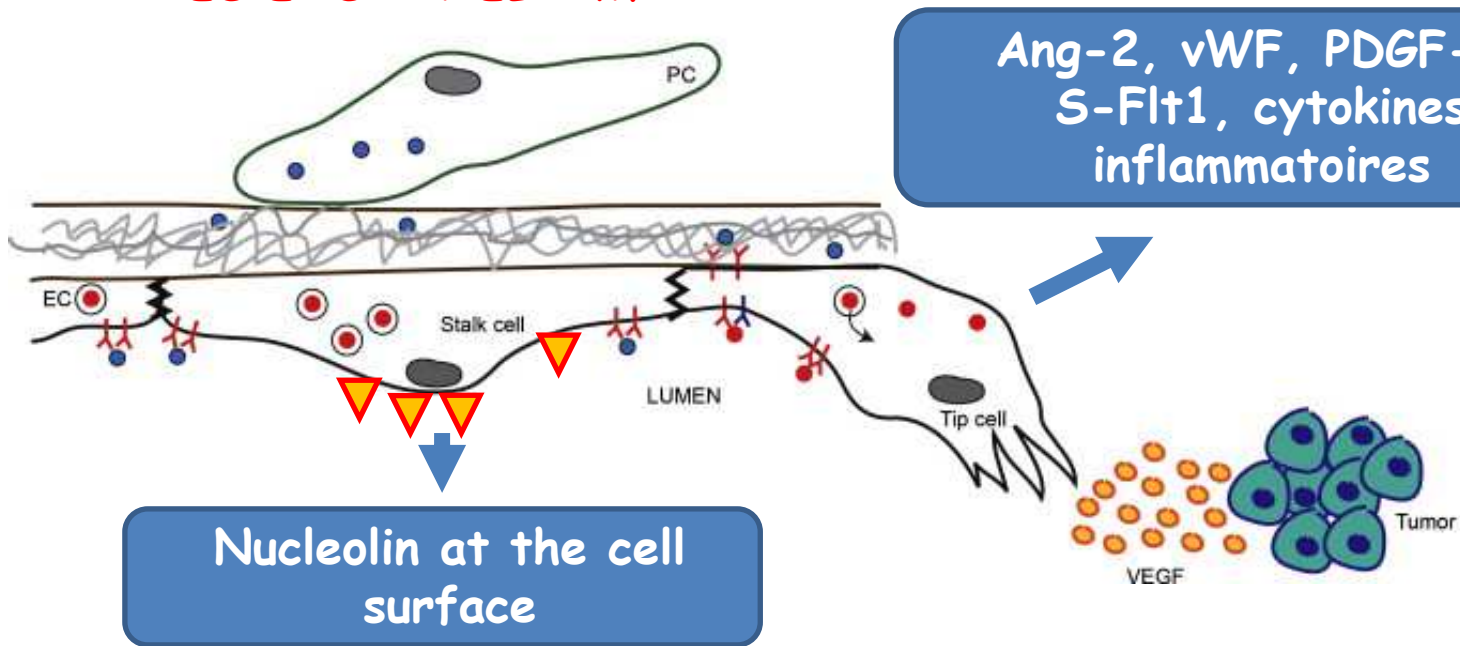


# Endothelial cell activation

## QUIESCENT ENDOTHELIUM

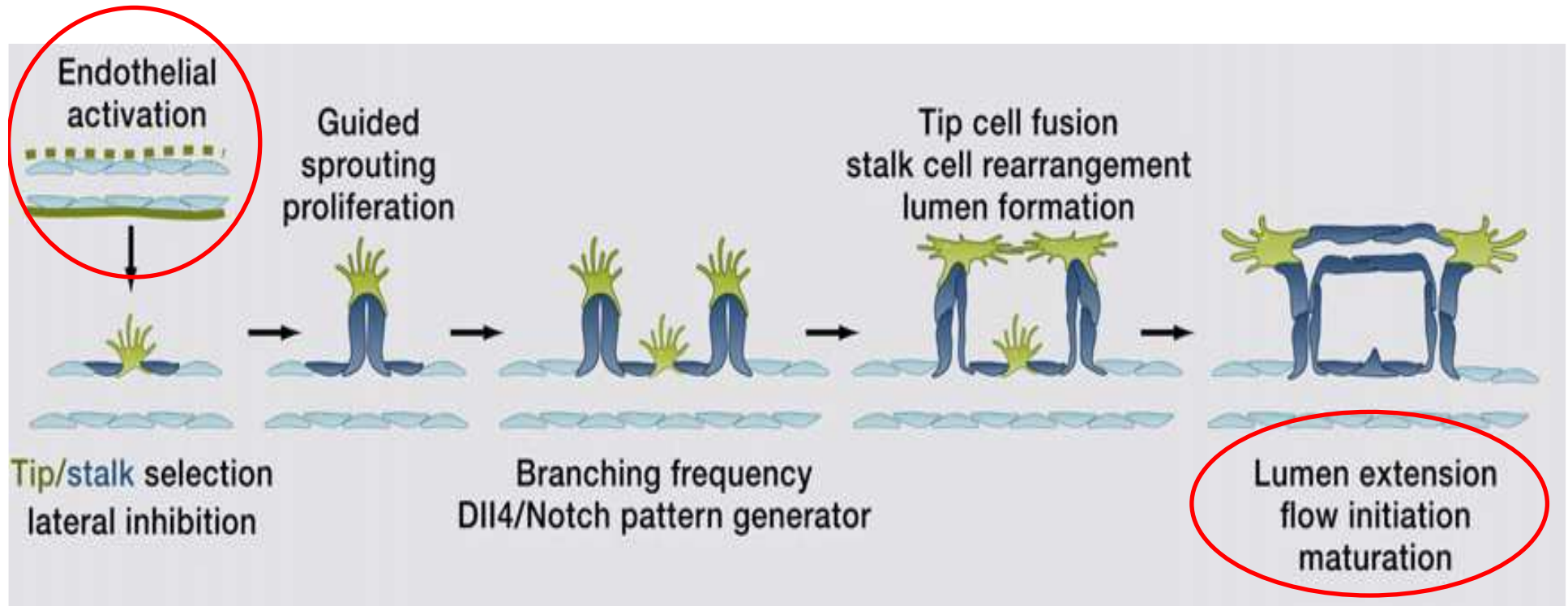


## ACTIVATED ENDOTHELIUM

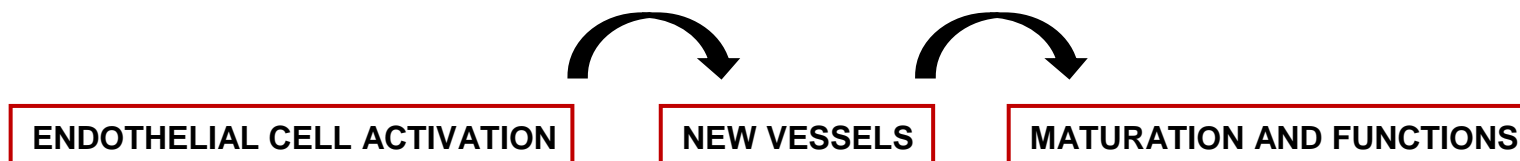


Modified from Christofori, G. 2012

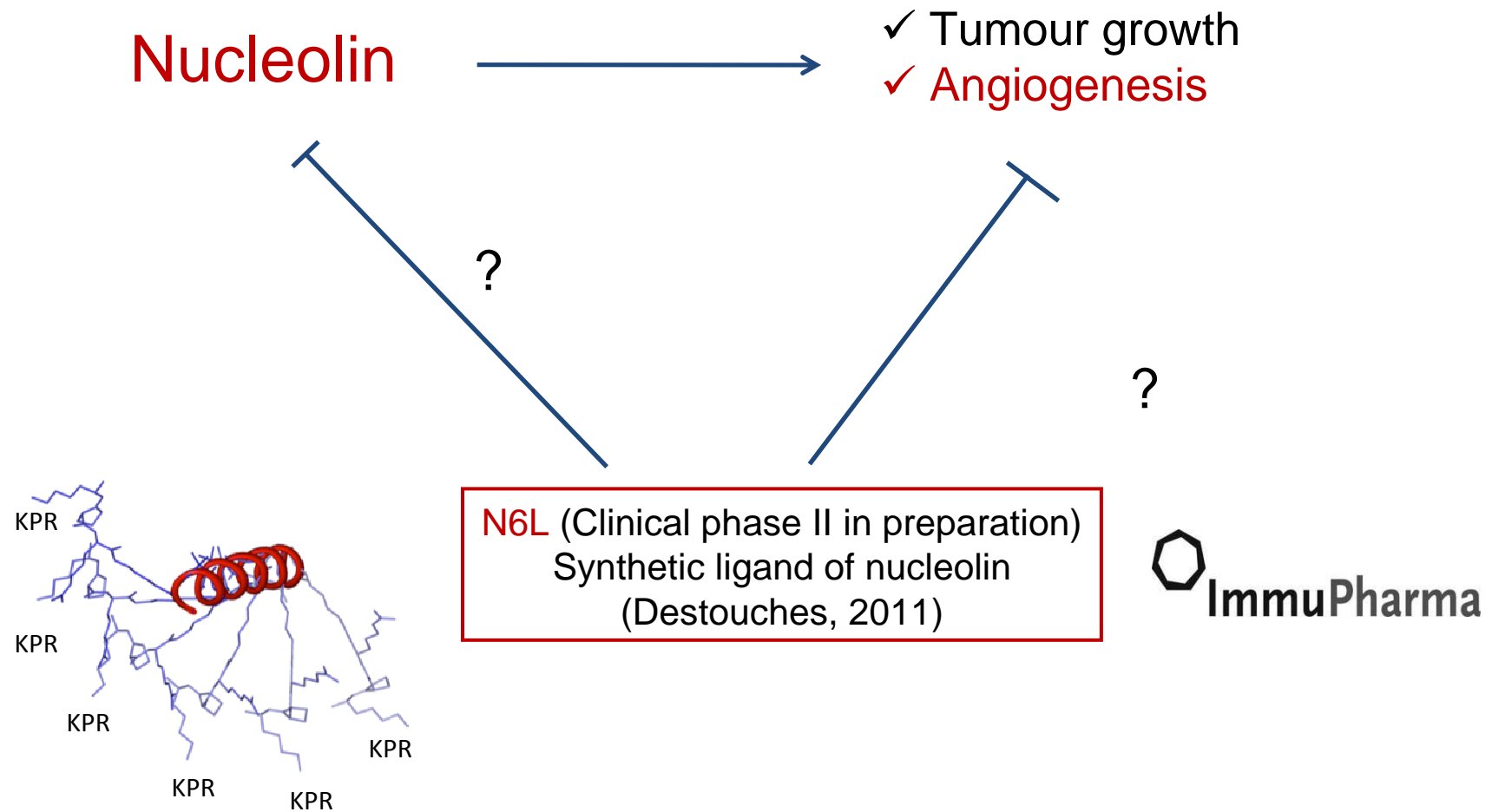
# Angiogenesis steps



Potente, Cell, 2011



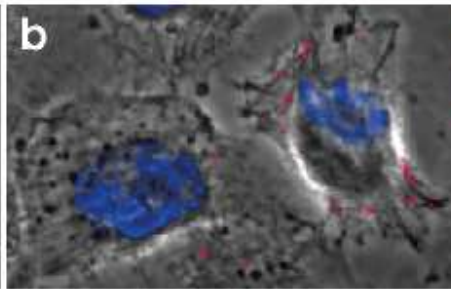
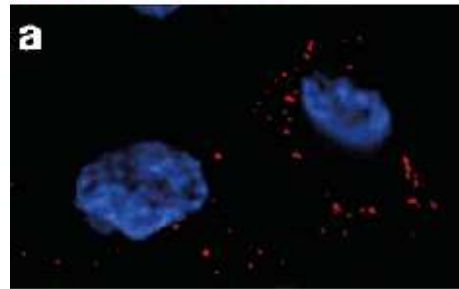
# Our nucleolin targeting strategy



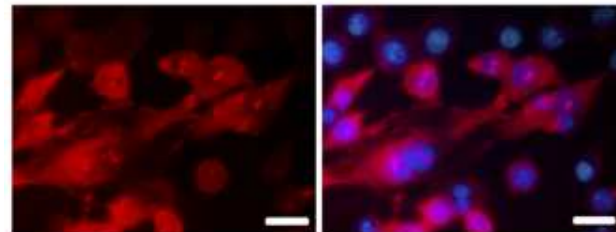
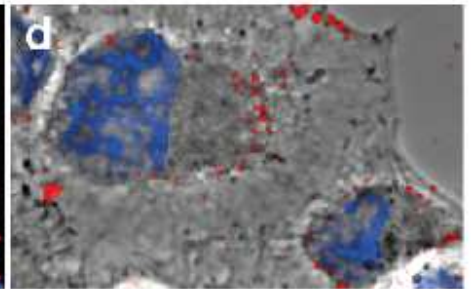
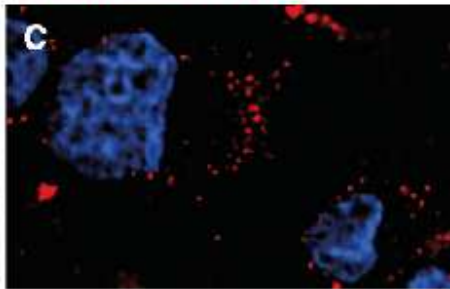
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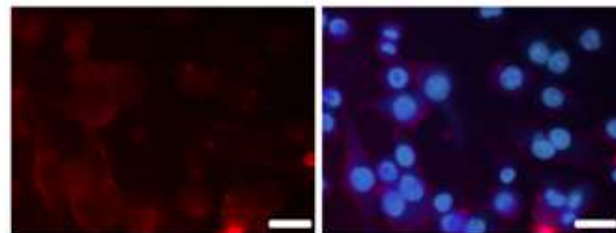
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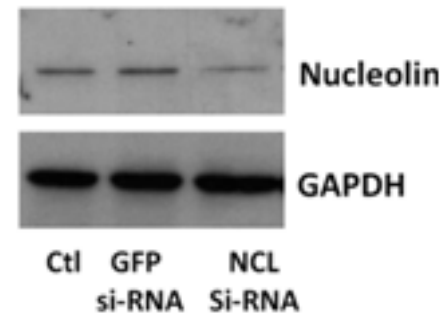
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GFP si-RNA

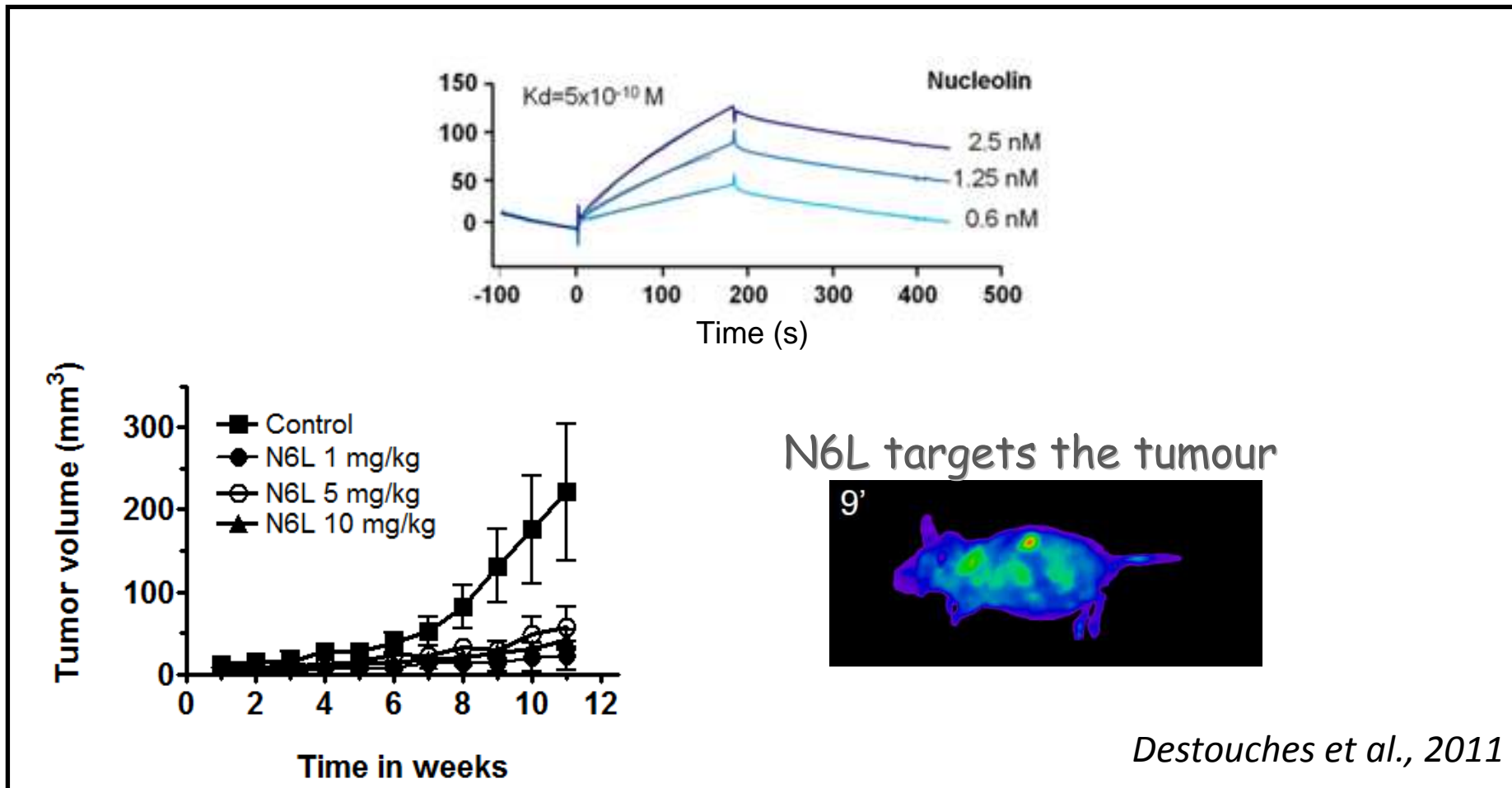


Nucleolin si-RNA



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*Destouches et al., 2011*



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# Targeting pathological angiogenesis: Study of nucleolin functions

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