

# **Les organes endocrines : une cible privilégiée de l'auto-immunité**

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# Maladies auto-immunes systémiques et d'organe

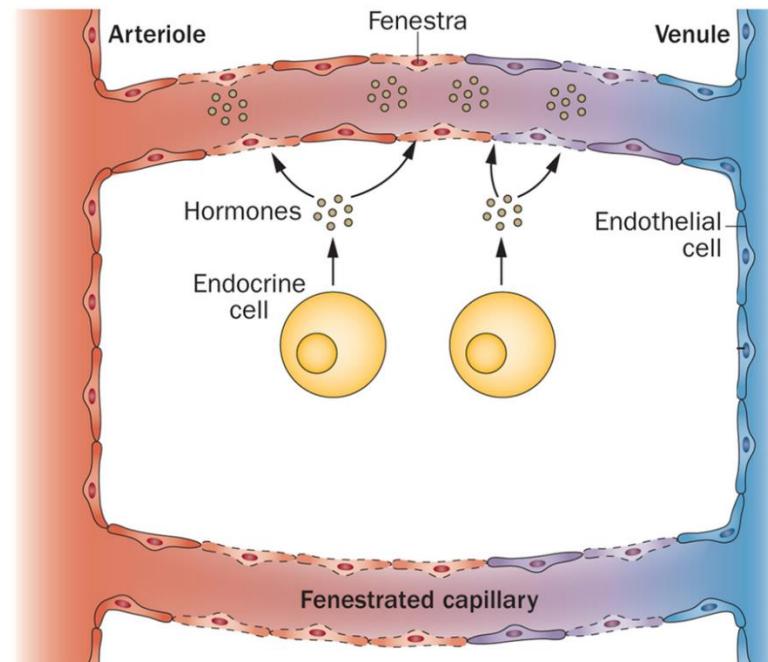
**2 key differences:**

- 1) Inflammation: systemic vs. local
- 2) Antigens: ubiquitous vs. tissue-restricted

Systemic autoimmune diseases	Organ-specific autoimmune diseases
Rheumatoid arthritis	Psoriasis
Ankylosing spondylitis	Thyroiditides (Hashimoto & Graves/Basedow)
Systemic lupus erythematosus	Celiac disease
Sjogren's syndrome	Vitiligo
Polymyositis/dermatomyositis	Type 1 diabetes
Systemic sclerosis (scleroderma)	Alopecia areata
Wegener's granulomatosis	Pernicious anemia
CREST syndrome	Multiple sclerosis
	Addison's disease
	Myasthenia gravis
	Primary biliary cirrhosis
	Autoimmune polyglandular syndrome 2 (APS-2)

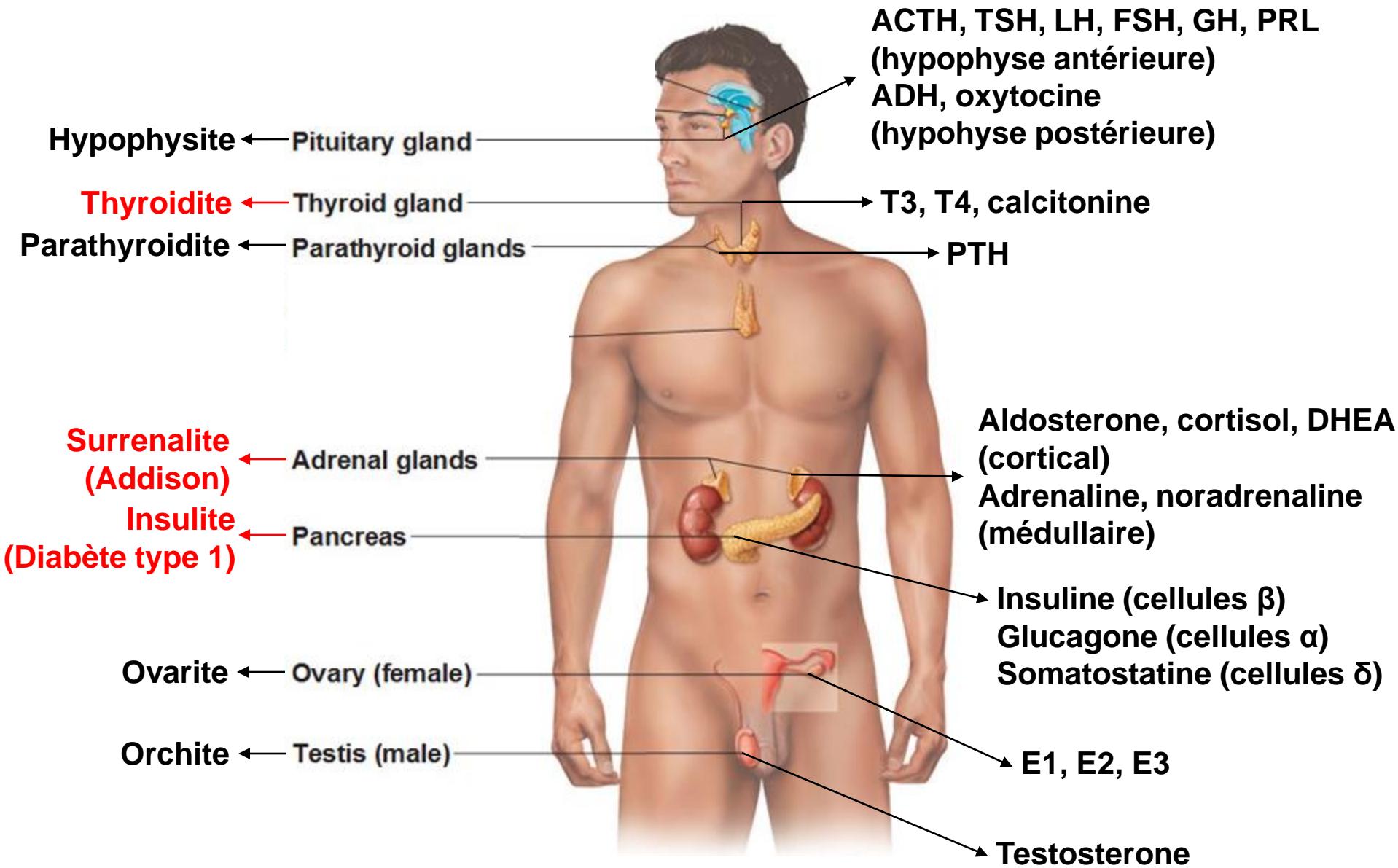
# Définition de cellules endocrines

Secretory cells organized in glands that are devoid of a ductal system.  
They secrete hormones directly into the blood via their rich vascularization.



(a) Humoral stimulus	(b) Neural stimulus	(c) Hormonal stimulus
<p>① Capillary blood contains low concentration of <math>\text{Ca}^{2+}</math>, which stimulates...</p> <p>This diagram shows the thyroid gland and four parathyroid glands. A red arrow points from the thyroid to a capillary labeled "Capillary (low <math>\text{Ca}^{2+}</math> in blood)". Another red arrow points from the parathyroid glands to the same capillary. A blue arrow labeled "PTH" points from the parathyroid glands towards the capillary. Labels include: Parathyroid glands, Thyroid gland (posterior view), Capillary (low <math>\text{Ca}^{2+}</math> in blood), Parathyroid glands, PTH, CNS (spinal cord), Preganglionic sympathetic fibers, Medulla of adrenal gland, Capillary, Hypothalamus, Pituitary gland, Thyroid gland, Adrenal cortex, Gonad (Testis).</p> <p>② ...secretion of parathyroid hormone (PTH) by parathyroid glands. PTH acts to increase blood <math>\text{Ca}^{2+}</math>.</p>	<p>① Preganglionic sympathetic fibers stimulate adrenal medulla cells...</p> <p>This diagram shows a cross-section of the adrenal gland. Preganglionic sympathetic fibers from the CNS (spinal cord) enter the gland and stimulate the medulla. The medulla is shown with a capillary and a red arrow indicating the release of catecholamines (epinephrine and norepinephrine). Labels include: CNS (spinal cord), Preganglionic sympathetic fibers, Medulla of adrenal gland, Capillary.</p> <p>② ...to secrete catecholamines (epinephrine and norepinephrine)</p>	<p>① The hypothalamus secretes hormones that...</p> <p>This diagram shows the pituitary gland at the base of the brain. The hypothalamus (a small grey area) secretes hormones that travel via a stalk to stimulate the anterior pituitary gland. The anterior pituitary then secretes hormones that stimulate the thyroid gland, adrenal cortex, and gonads (testes). Labels include: Hypothalamus, Pituitary gland, Thyroid gland, Adrenal cortex, Gonad (Testis).</p> <p>② ...stimulate the anterior pituitary gland to secrete hormones that...</p> <p>③ ...stimulate other endocrine glands to secrete hormones</p>

# Les glandes endocrines: une cible privilégiée



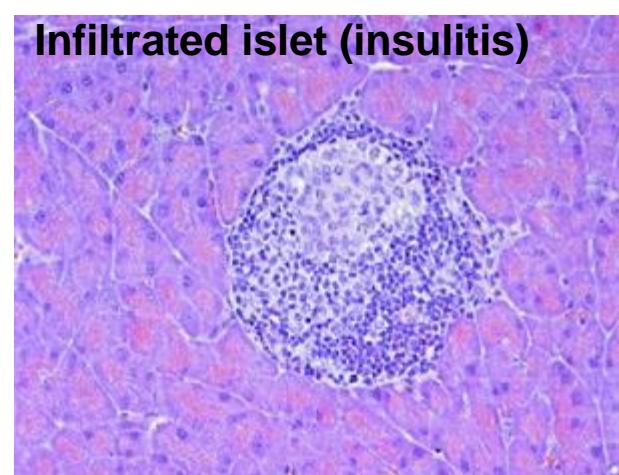
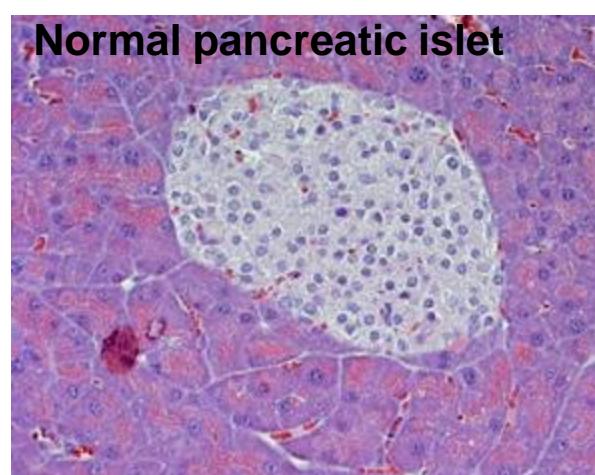
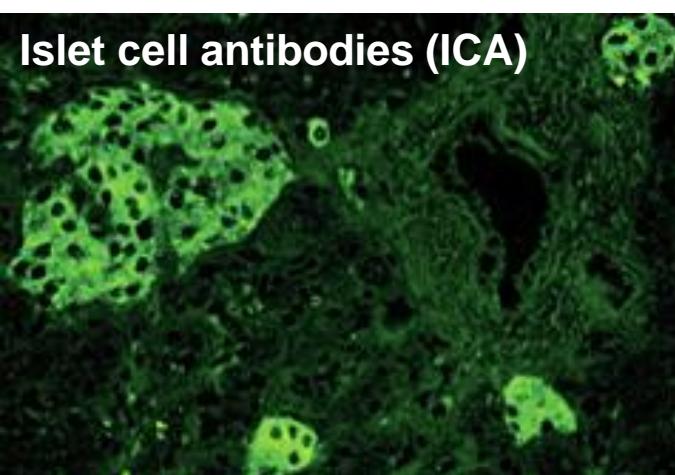
# Prévalence des maladies auto-immunes

Autoimmune disease	Prevalence	Female/Male bias
Psoriasis	3.0%	93%
Hashimoto's thyroiditis	1.3%	90%
Graves' disease	1.2%	88%
Rheumatoid arthritis	1.0%	75%
Celiac disease	0.8%	75%
Inflammatory bowel disease	0.5%	Variable
Vitiligo	0.4%	52%
Type 1 diabetes	0.4%	40-50%
Ankylosing spondylitis	0.2%	30%
Alopecia areata	0.2%	50%
Pernicious anemia	0.2%	67%
Juvenile idiopathic arthritis	0.2%	68%
Multiple sclerosis	0.06%	64%
Systemic lupus erythematosus	0.02%	88%
Sjögren's syndrome	0.01%	94%
Addison's disease (50% as APS-2)	0.01%	70%
Myasthenia gravis	0.005%	73%
Polymyositis/dermatomyositis	0.005%	67%
Primary biliary cirrhosis	0.004%	89%
Systemic sclerosis (scleroderma)	0.004%	92%
Granulomatosis with polyangiitis (Wegener's)	0.003%	51%
APS-2	0.003%	75%
Uveitis	0.002%	50%
Autoimmune hepatitis	0.001%	88%
CREST syndrome	0.001%	80%
Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura	0.001%	Variable
APS-1 (APECED)	0.0007%	Variable
IPEX	Very rare	1%
TOTAL	2-5%	

Note: immune-mediated renal diseases not included

# Comment a été démontré l'origine auto-immune des endocrinopathies?

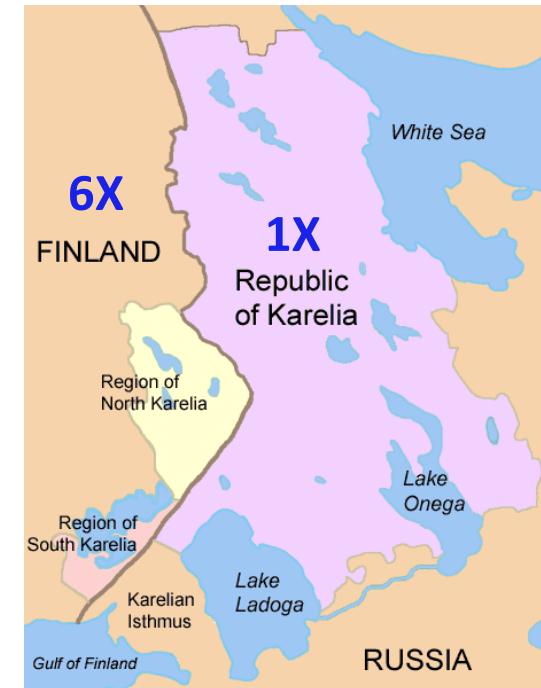
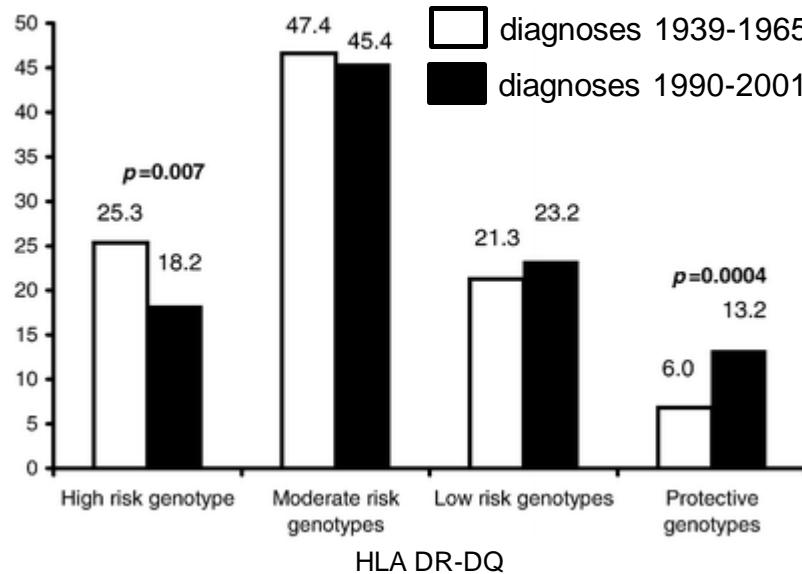
- Mouse models recapitulating the human diseases (spontaneous or induced)
- Antibodies or T lymphocytes from diseased mice transfer disease
- Organ-specific autoantibodies detectable in patients
- Strong association with HLA Class II alleles
- Immune infiltrates in diseased organs



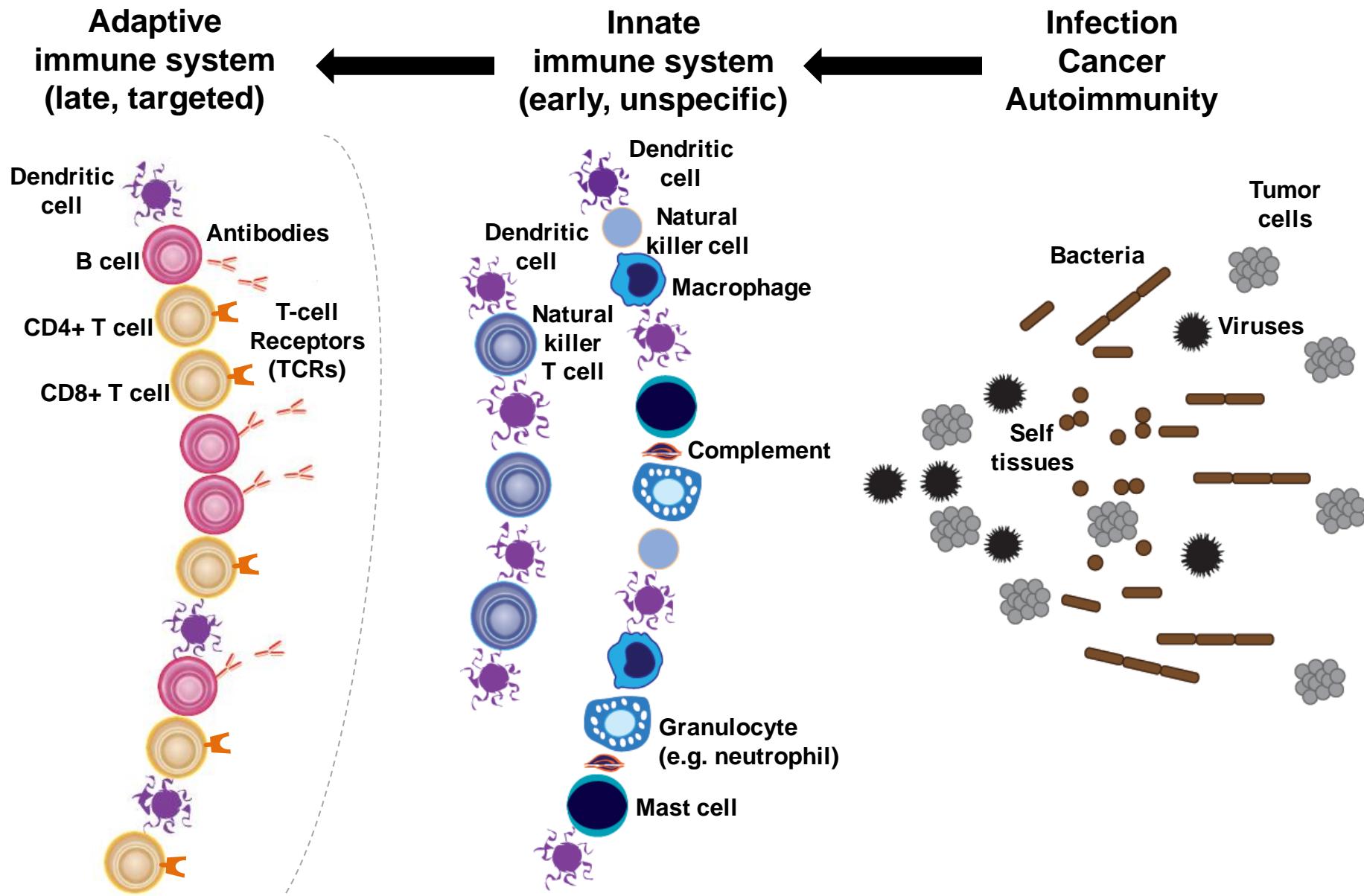
# Génétique ou environnement? L'exemple du DT1

## 1) Environment weighs more than genetics:

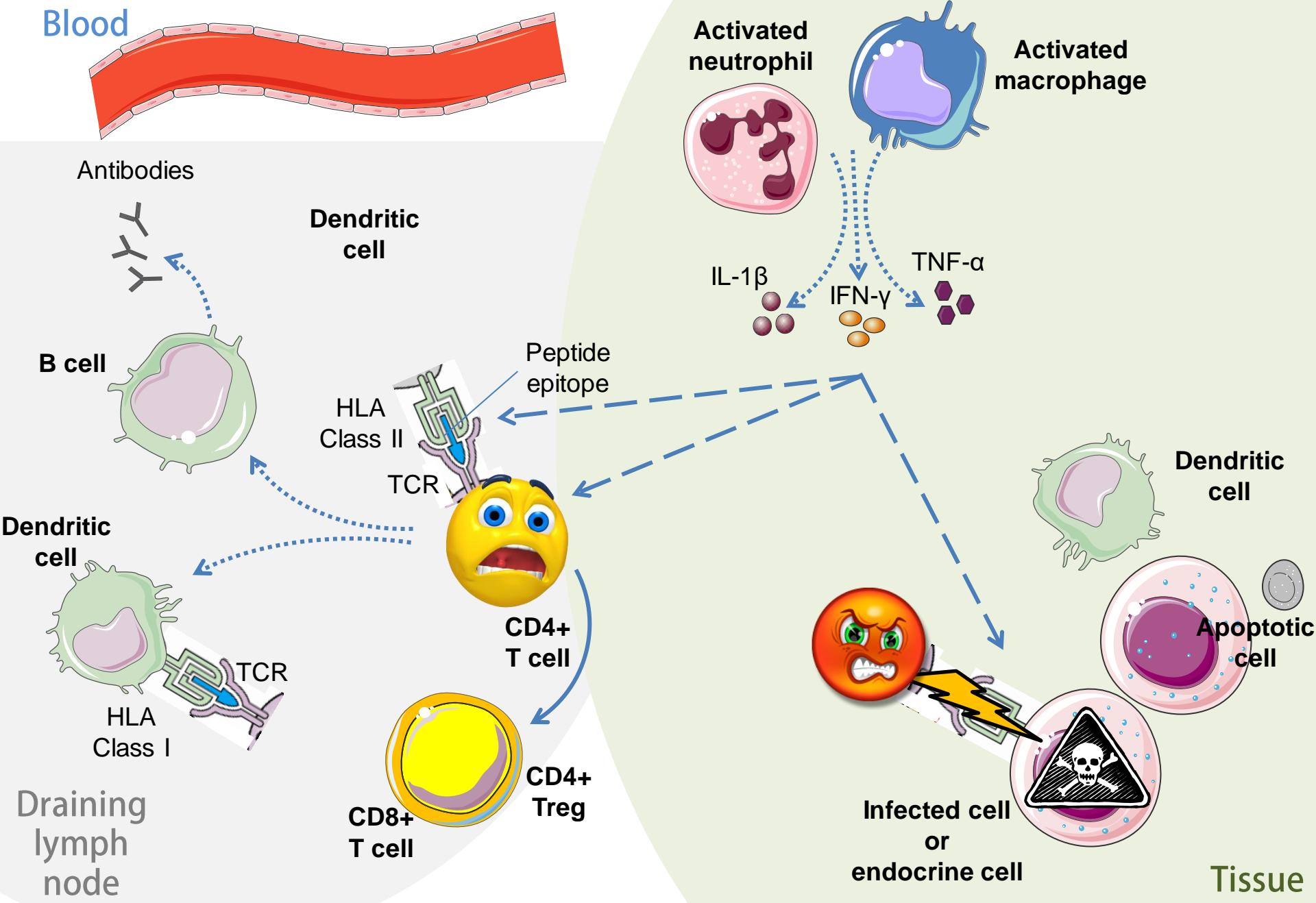
- 90% of cases are sporadic, only 10% arise in multiplex families
- Concordance between monozygotic twins: 30-65%
- Migrant studies: T1D incidence reflects that of the hosting region
- Comparison between regions with same genetic background and different environmental exposure
- 3-4%/year increase in T1D incidence and seasonality (spring, autumn)



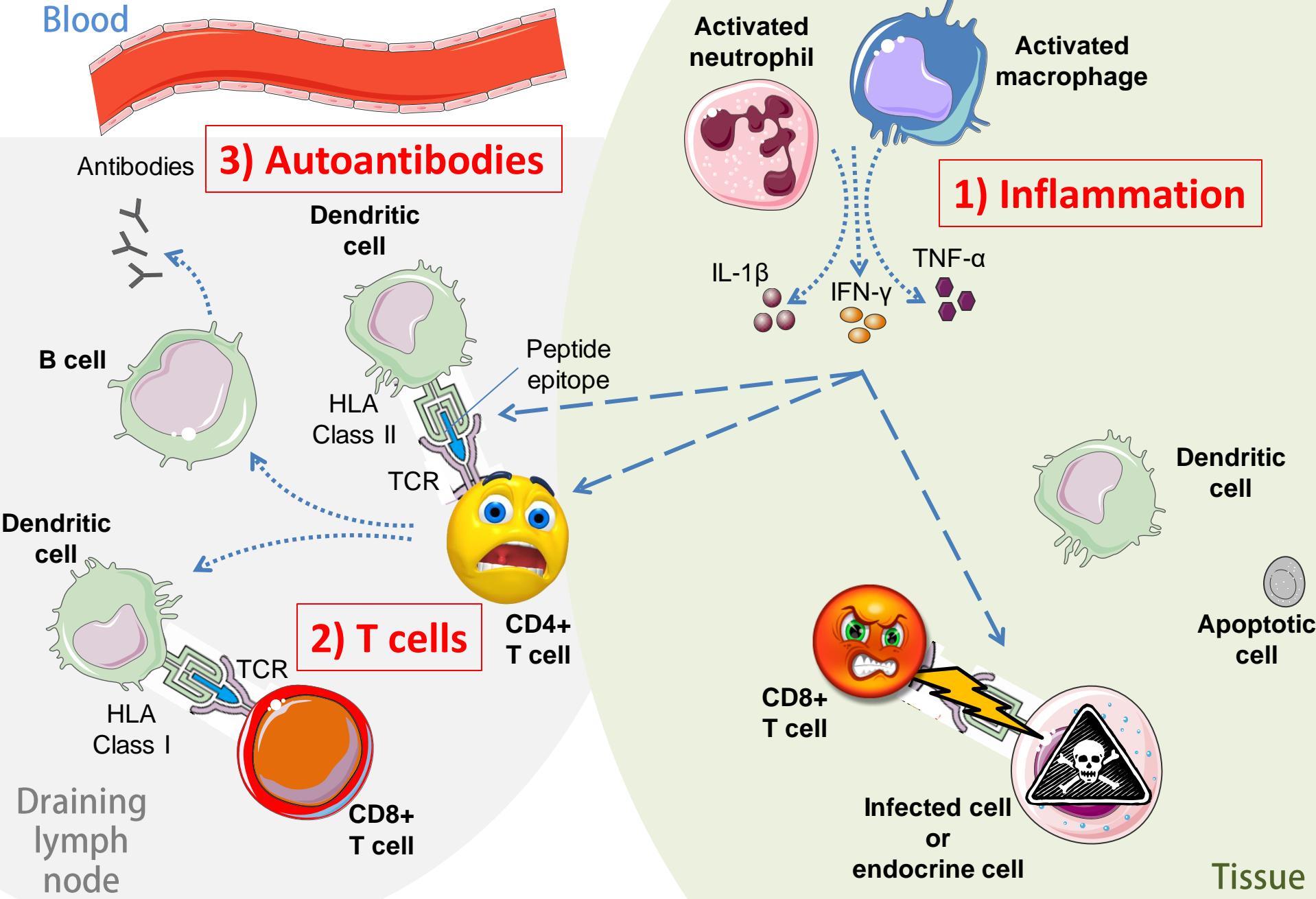
# Immunité innée et adaptative



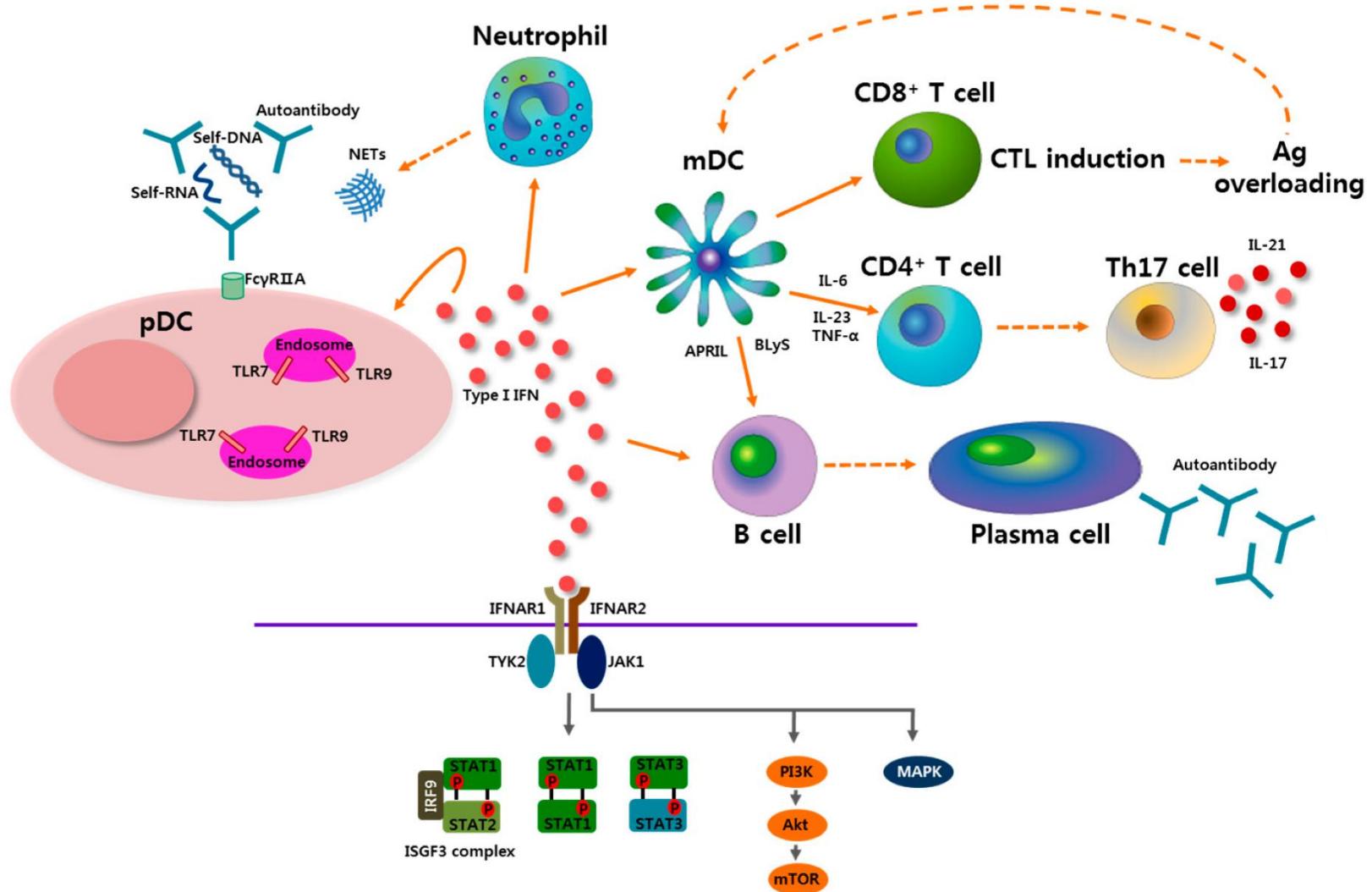
# Le canevas d'une réponse (auto)immune



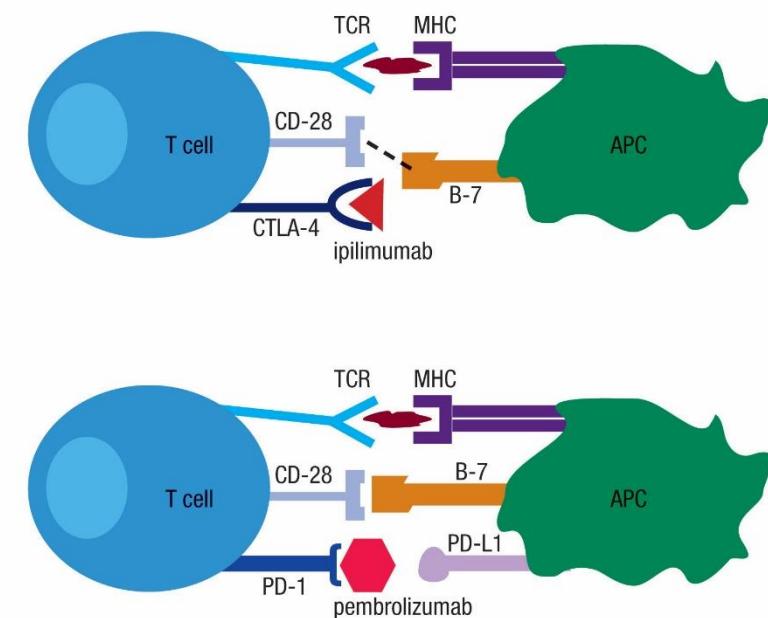
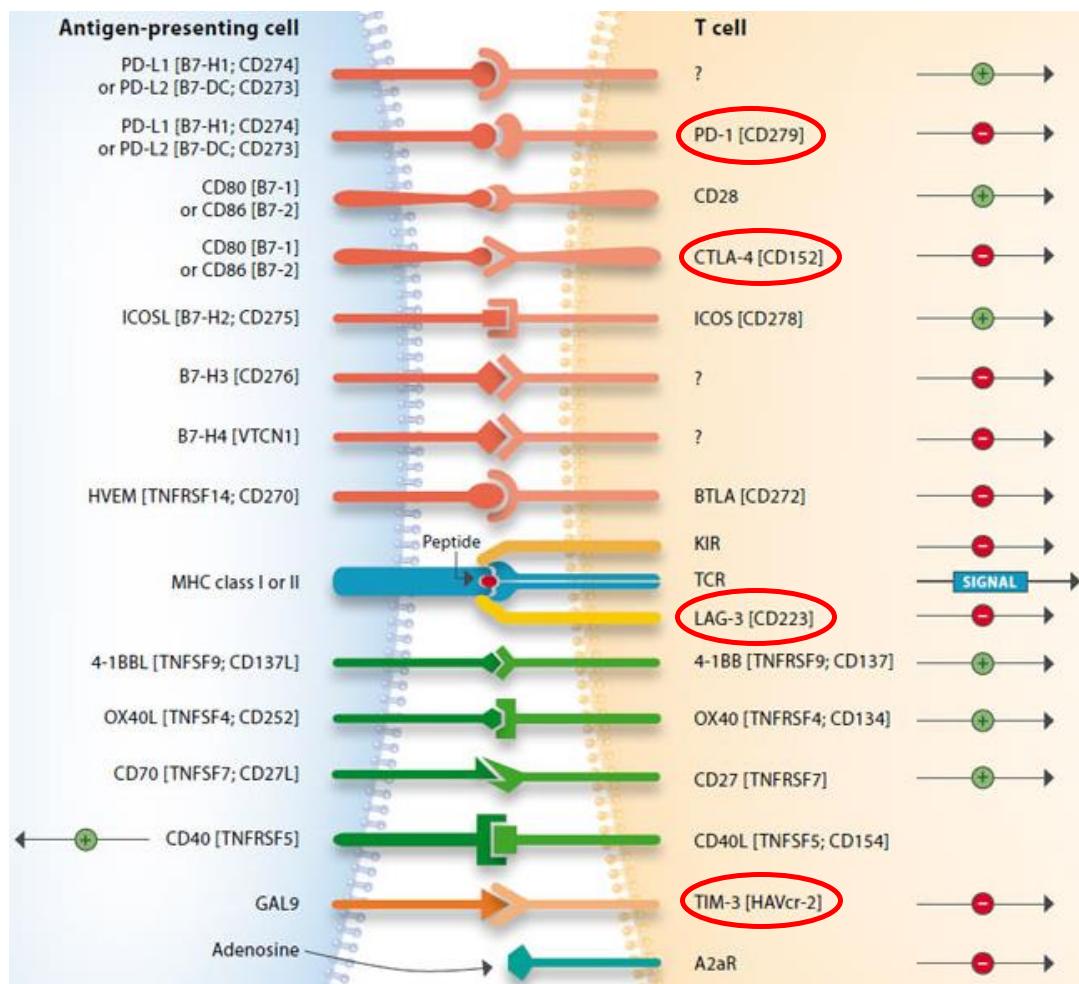
# Les trois ingrédients clés de l'auto-immunité



# Les enseignements à tirer des auto-immunités iatrogènes: IFN- $\alpha$ et hépatite C



# Les enseignements à tirer des auto-immunités iatrogènes: Anti-CTLA-4/PD-1 et cancer



# L'enjeu de l'auto-immunité : reconnaître le ‘soi’

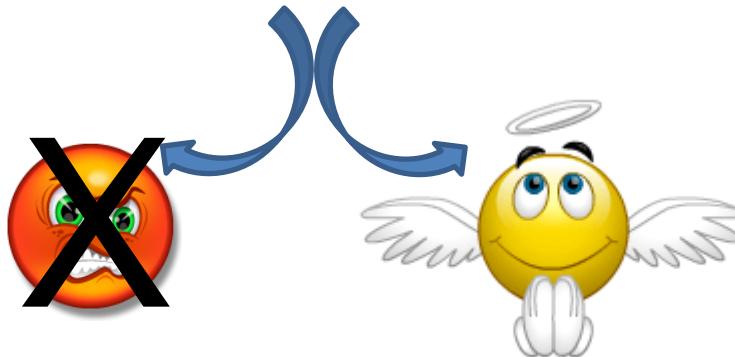
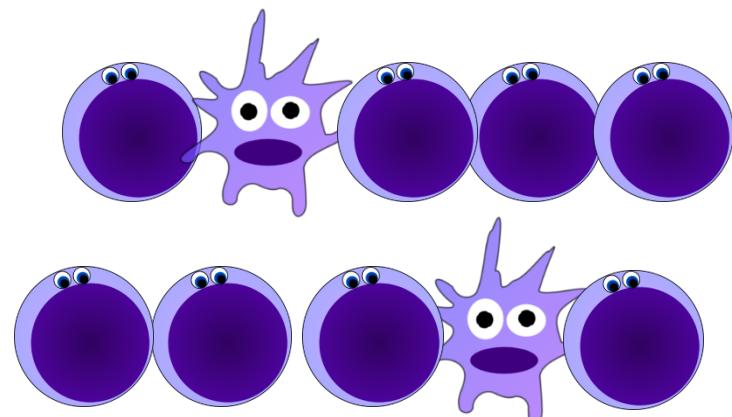
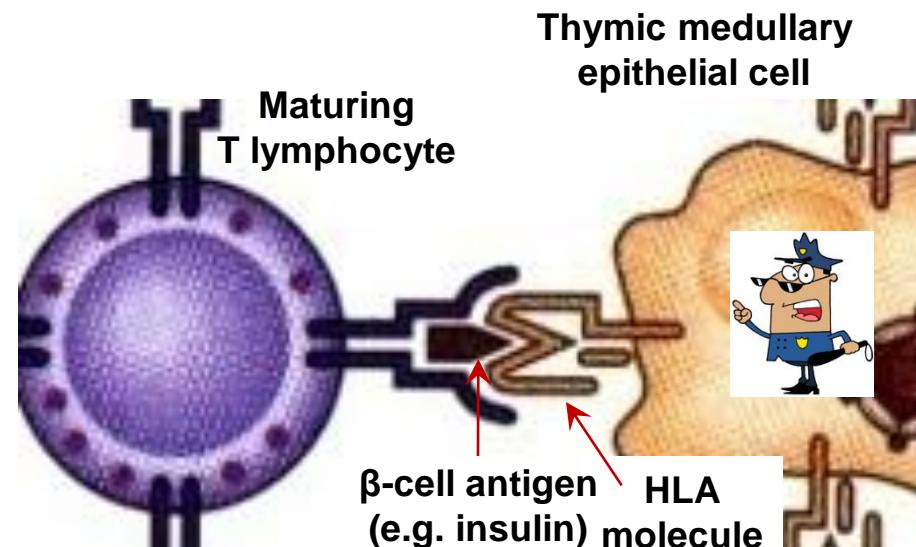
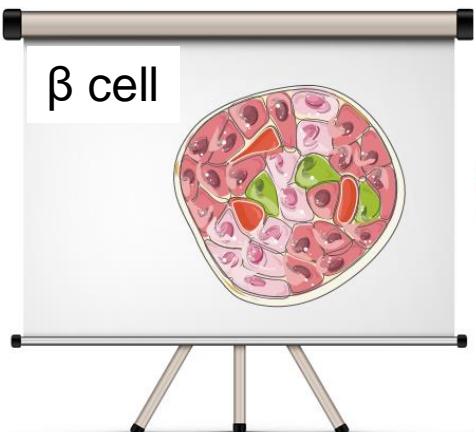


Caravaggio, “Narcissus”, 1546-1548

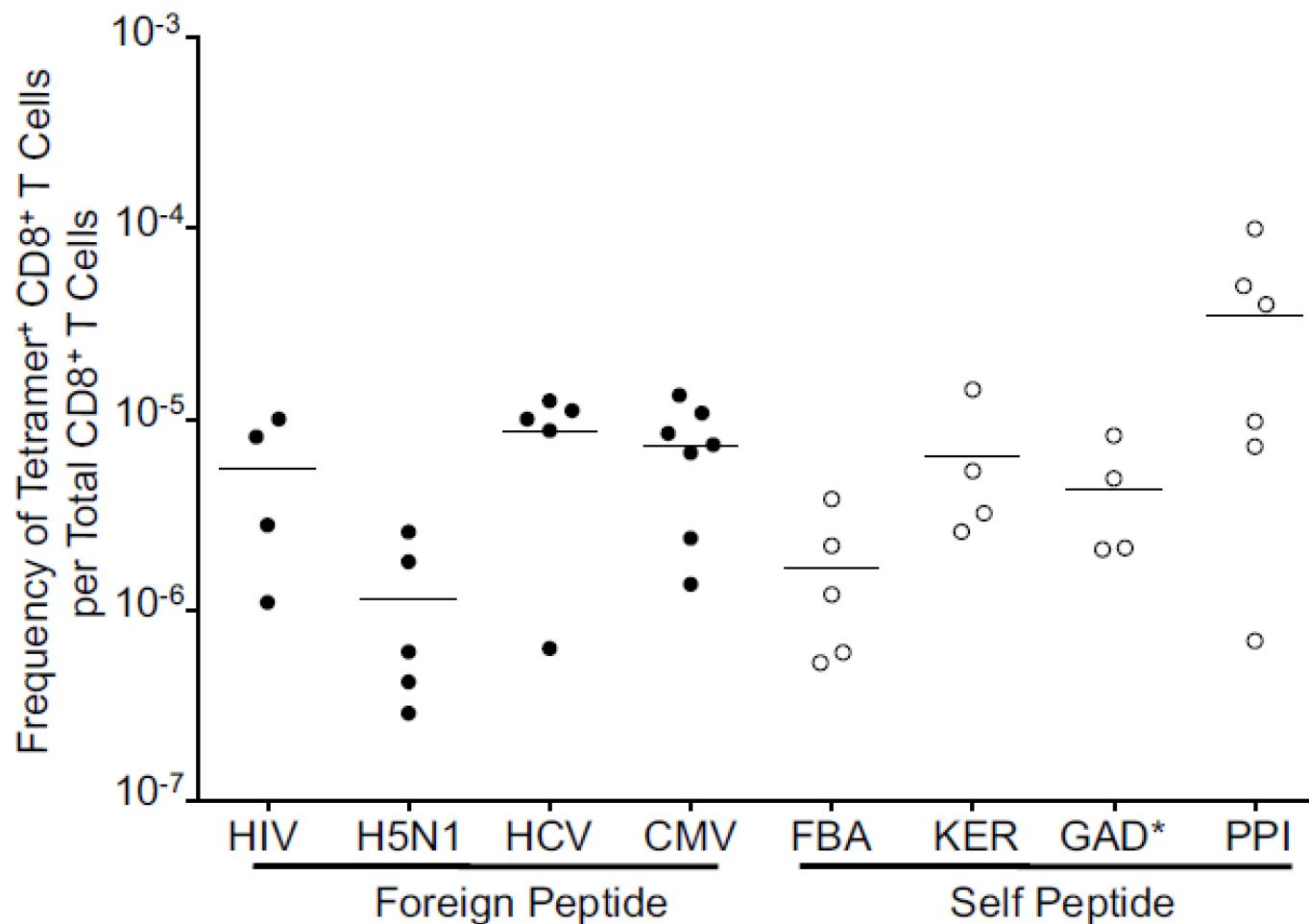
# L'apprentissage du soi a lieu dans le thymus

L'école thymique

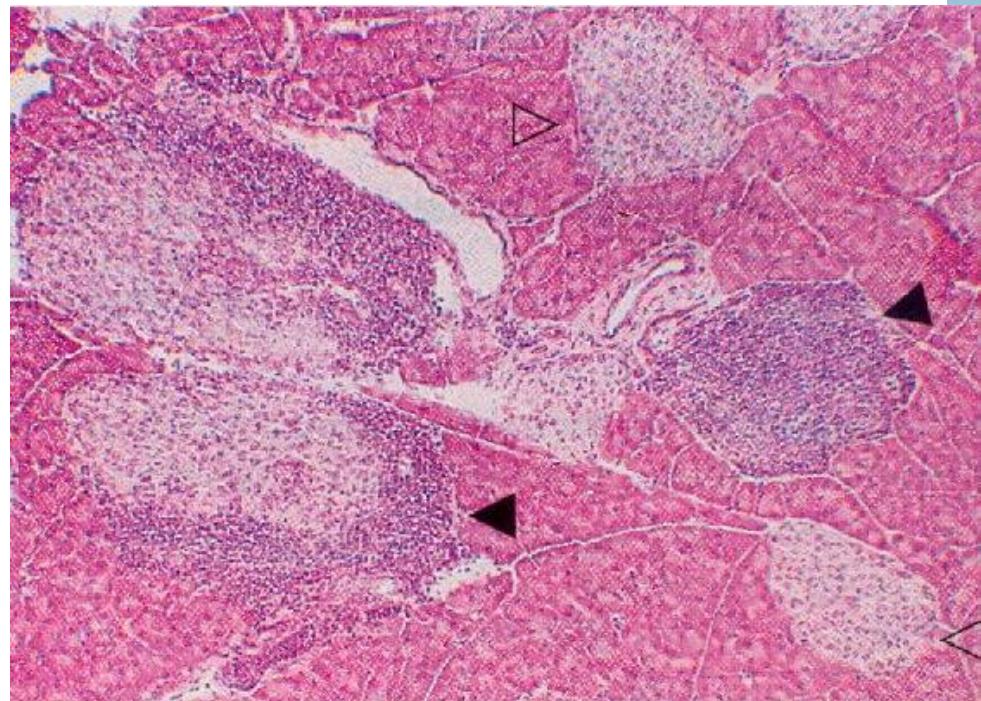
Don't touch!



# Nous sommes tous auto-immuns



# La difference est-elle dans la cible?

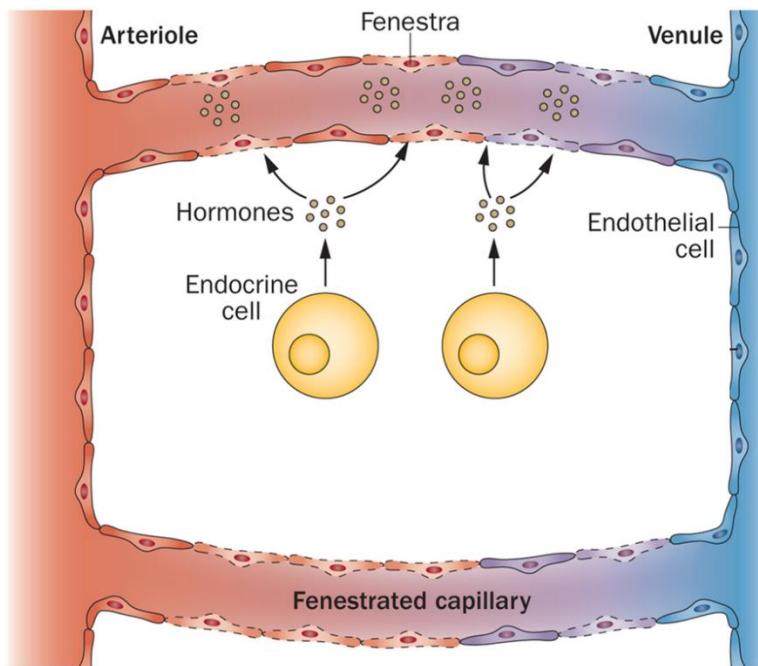


# Pourquoi donc les cellules endocrines sont-elles une cible privilégiée?

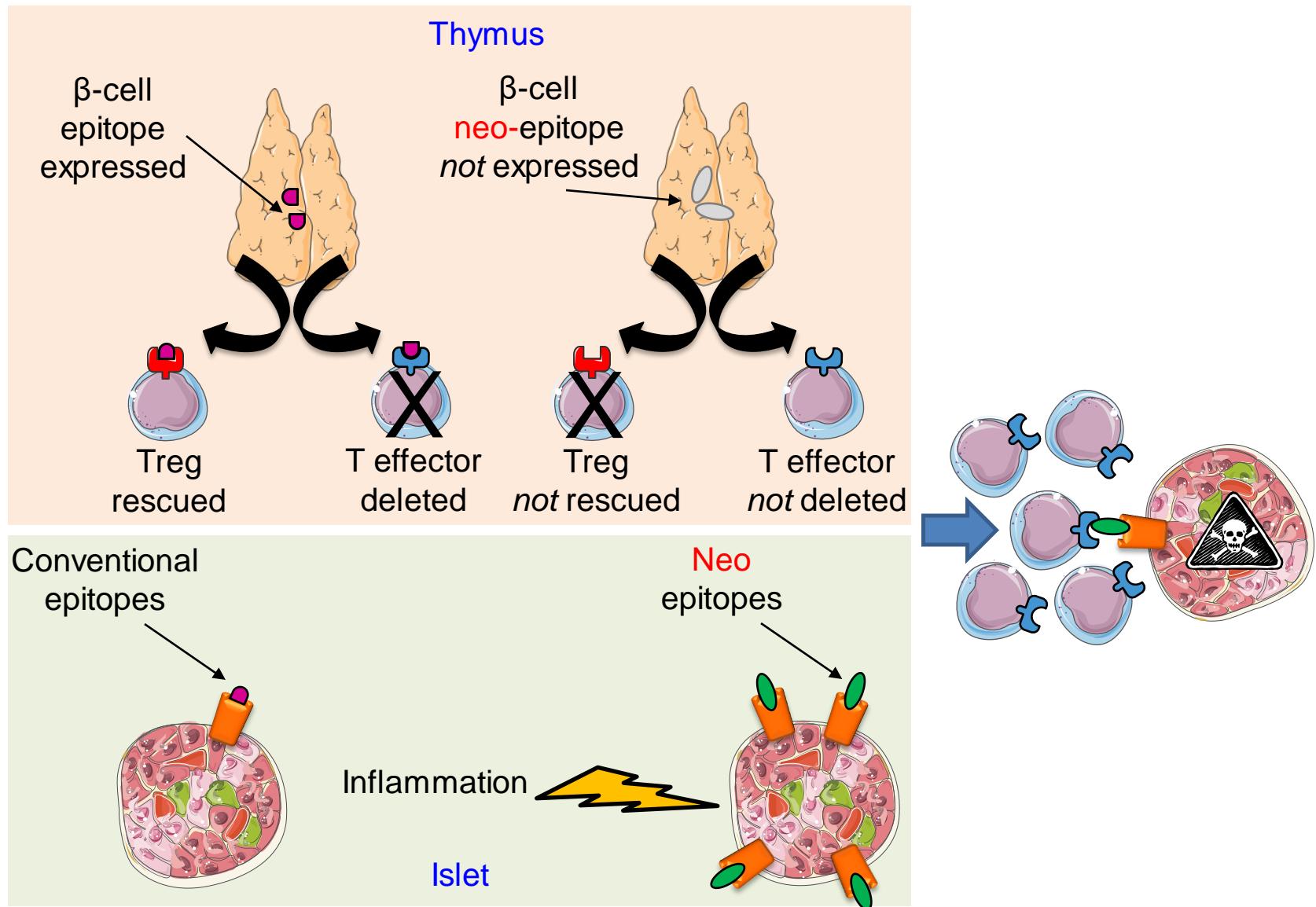
**Definition of endocrine cell:**

Secretory cells organized in glands that are devoid of a ductal system.

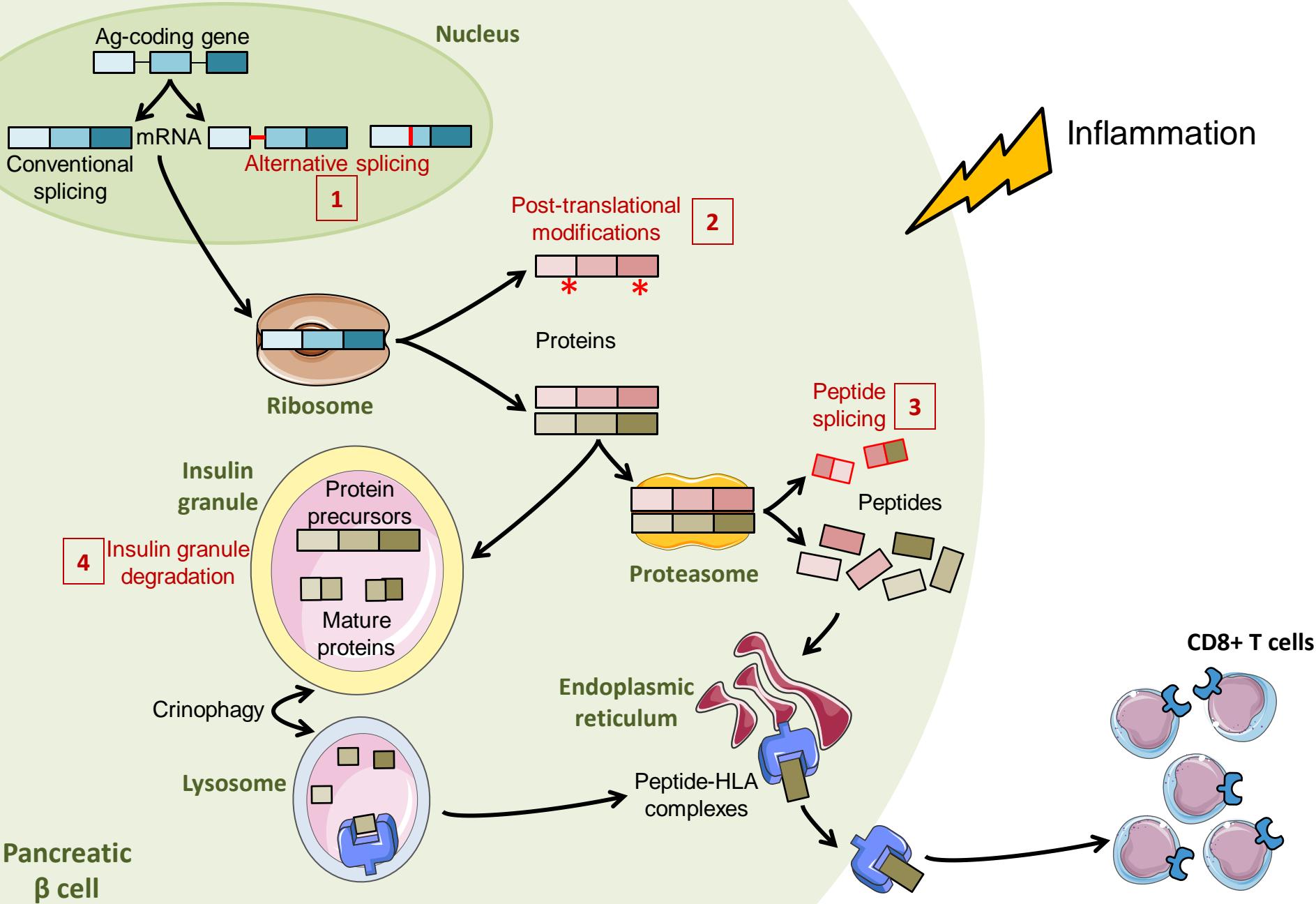
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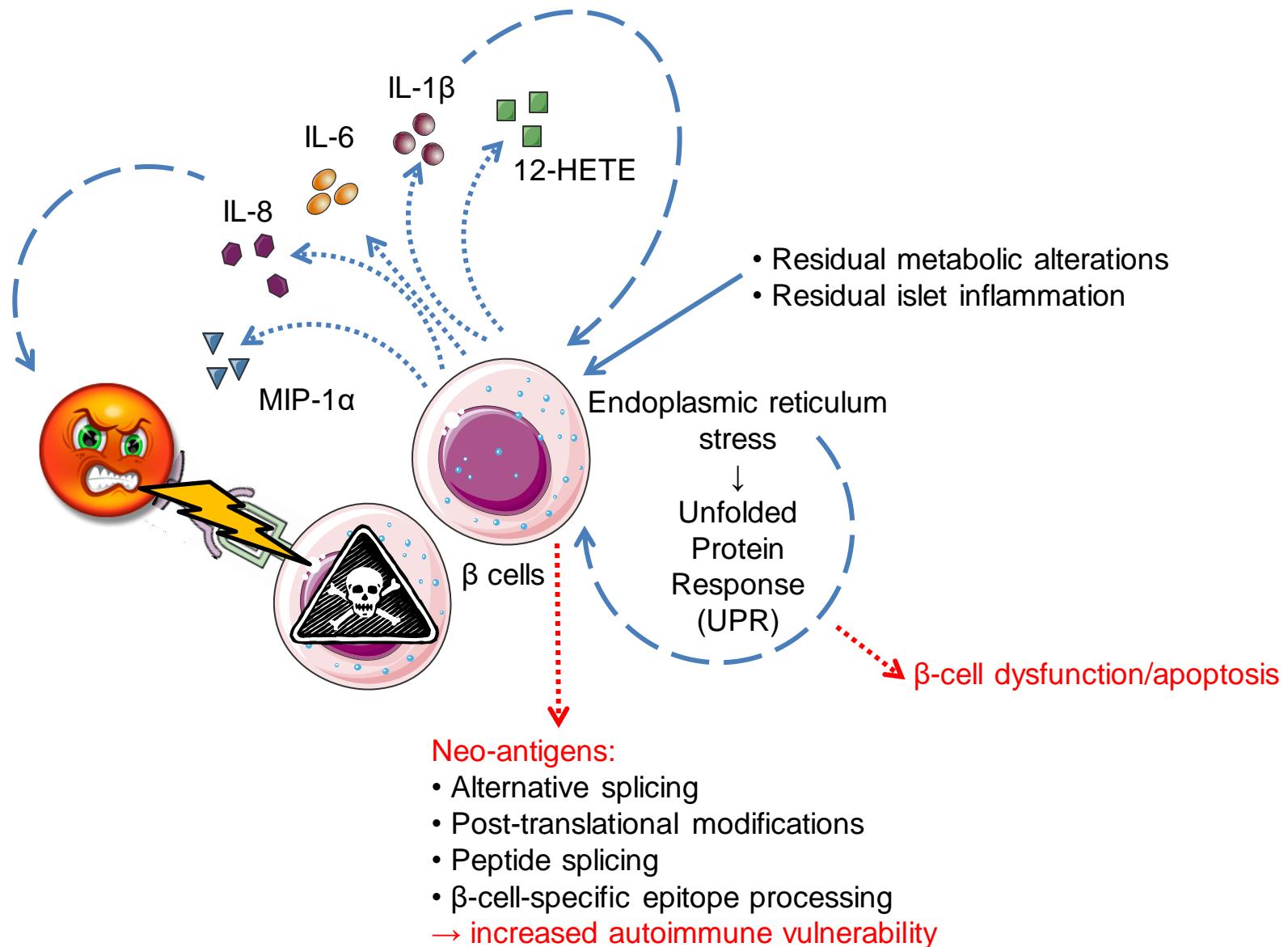
# Une cellule $\beta$ inflammée pourrait dévenir plus immunogène



# Les mécanismes de génération de néo-épitopes dans les cellules endocrines

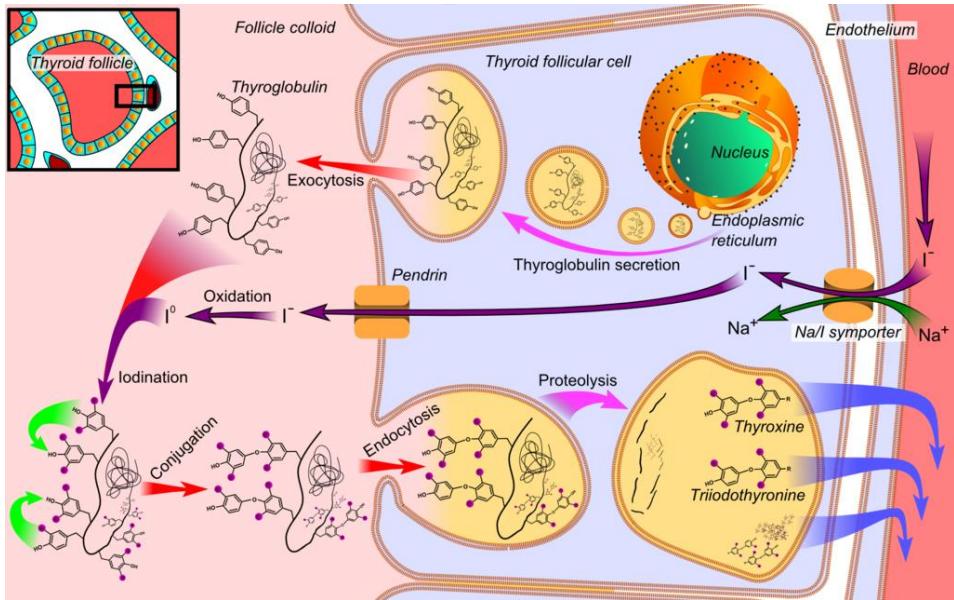


# Les cellules $\beta$ restantes sont-elles normales? L'homicide par les lymphocytes T ne deviendrait-il pas un suicide?

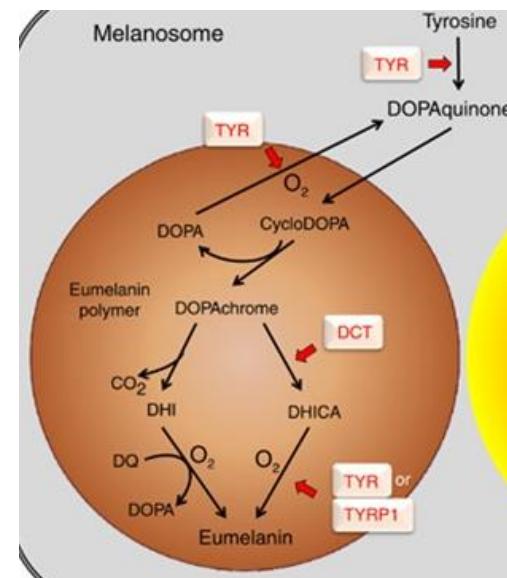


# Les similitudes avec l'Hashimoto et le vitiligo

## Thyroid and iodine



## Melanocyte and monobenzone





# Les messages à réténir

- Le diagnostic clinique est tardif, précédé d'une phase variable d'auto-immunité infra-clinique.
- La prédisposition génétique est majoritairement liée aux haplotypes HLA.
- Les facteurs environnementaux jouent le rôle plus important, mais restent méconnus.
- Une phase précoce de réponse immunitaire innée est suivie d'une réponse adaptative (lymphocytes T, anticorps).
- L'auto-immunité est un phénomène naturel, et la progression vers la maladie clinique est influencée par les facteurs environnementaux, par une bonne dose de chance et par la vulnérabilité de la cible endocrine.
- La cellule endocrine est une cible auto-immune privilégiée car elle est une 'usine à hormones': erreurs de synthèse de protéines, vulnérabilité inflammatoire.

# Les endocrinopathies auto-immunes: une mauvaise exemple d'approche diagnostique et thérapeutique

Maladie	Tests diagnostiques			Traitements
	Hormones	Anticorps	Lymphocytes T	
Thyroïdites: Basedow Hashimoto	TSH T3, T4	Thyropéroxidase Thyroglobuline Récepteur TSH (TRAK)	Non	Thyroxine Méthimazole Iode radioactive Thyroïdectomie
Addison	ACTH, rénine Aldostérone Cortisol DHEA	21-hydroxylase	Non	Hydrocortisone
Diabète de type 1	Peptide C Glycémie, HbA1c Cétonémie	Insuline (IAA) GAD IA-2 ZnT8	Non	Insuline
Hypoparathyroïdisme auto-immun	PTH Ca2+, phosphates	NALP5	Non	Calcium, magnesium 1,25OH vit. D

# Du biomarqueur au traitement

First description: 1,700-1,500 B.C.



~3,500 years  
later...

Insulin  
1922

