

Complement, 'een eitje'

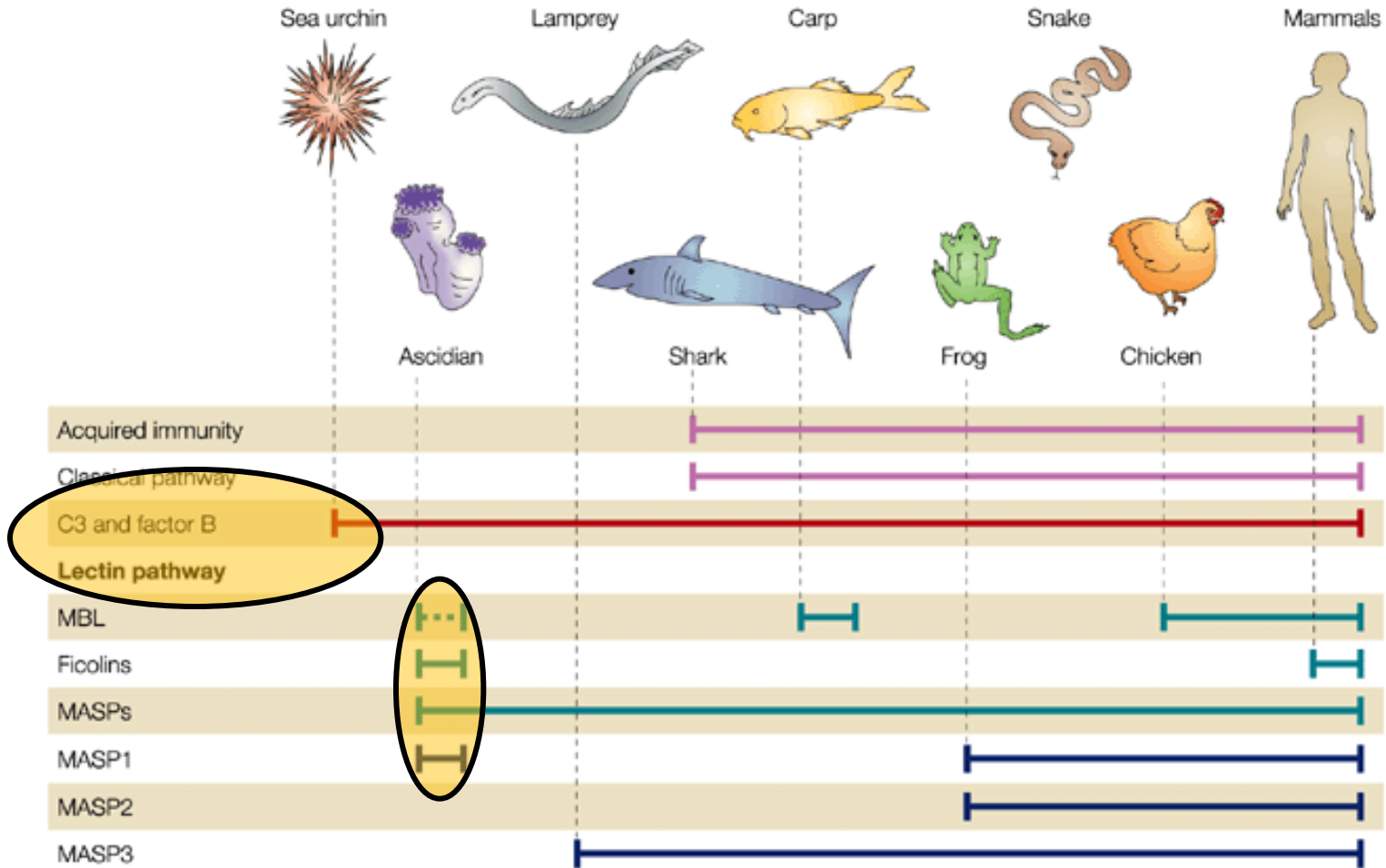
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Roles of complement

- **Action at the right site** ... *Recognize*
- **Clearance of apoptotic cell debris** ... *Remove*
- **Clearance of invasive m.o.** ...*Repell*
- **Orchestrate inflammation** ... *Repair*
- **No action at wrong sites** ...*Regulated!!*

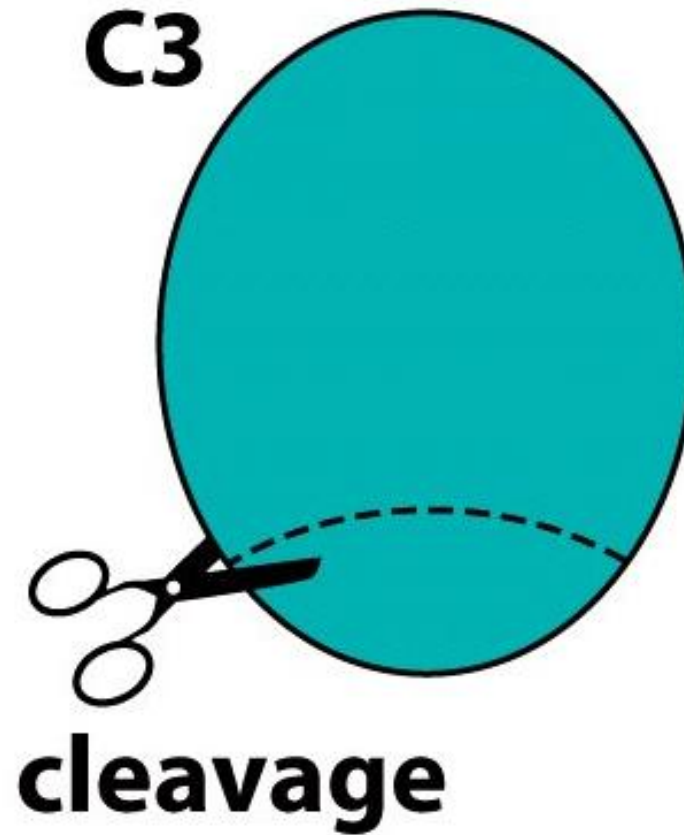
The phylogenetics of complement



Het hele eiereneten...zymogeen (C3)

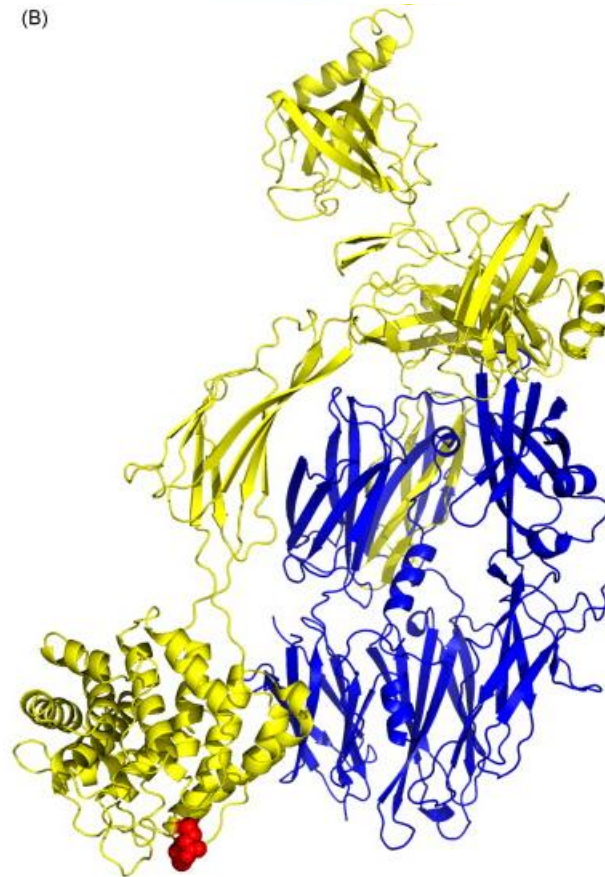


Zymogeen: C3 vlgs PARHAM



Complementfactor C3b

(B)



C3 en C3b vlg PARHAM

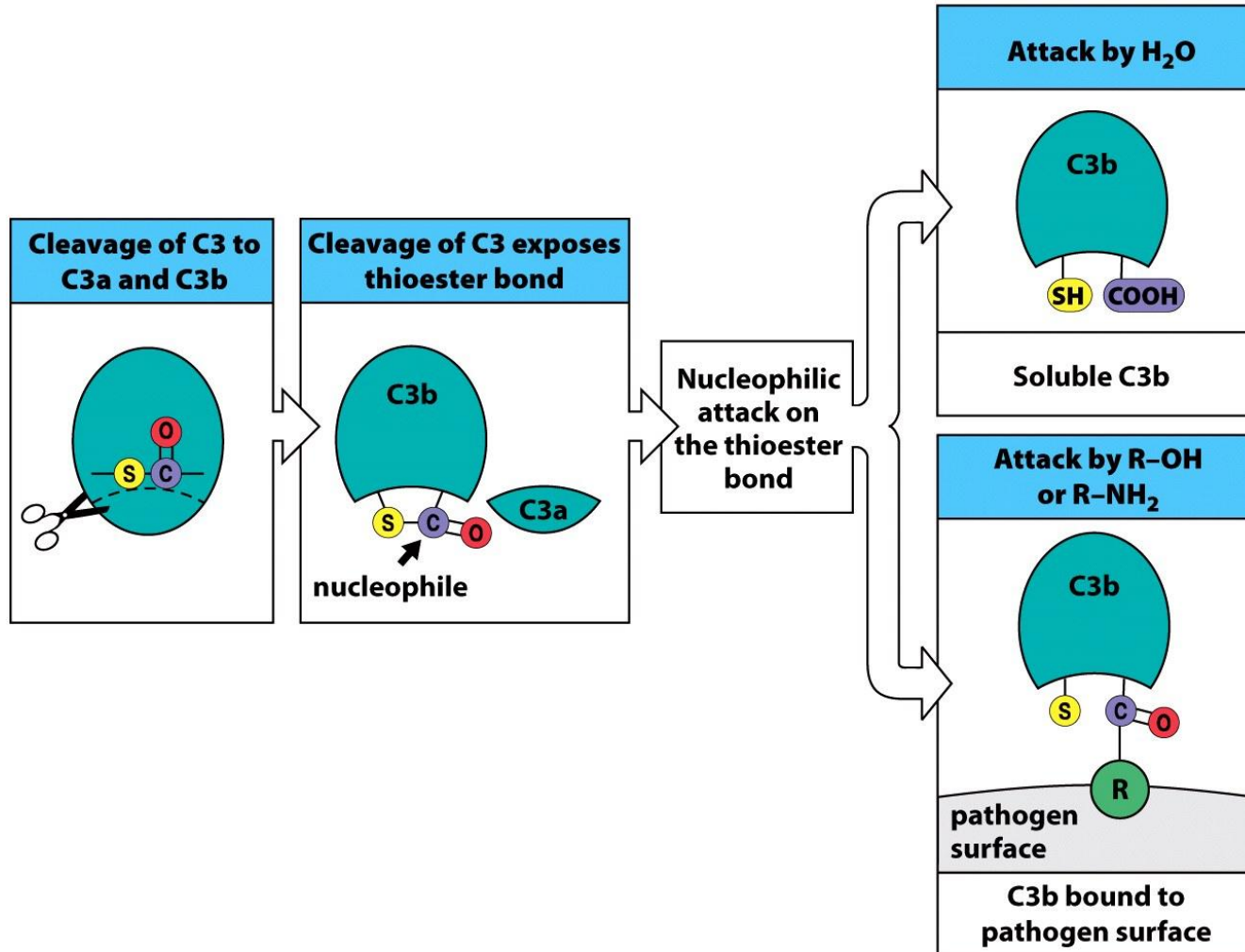
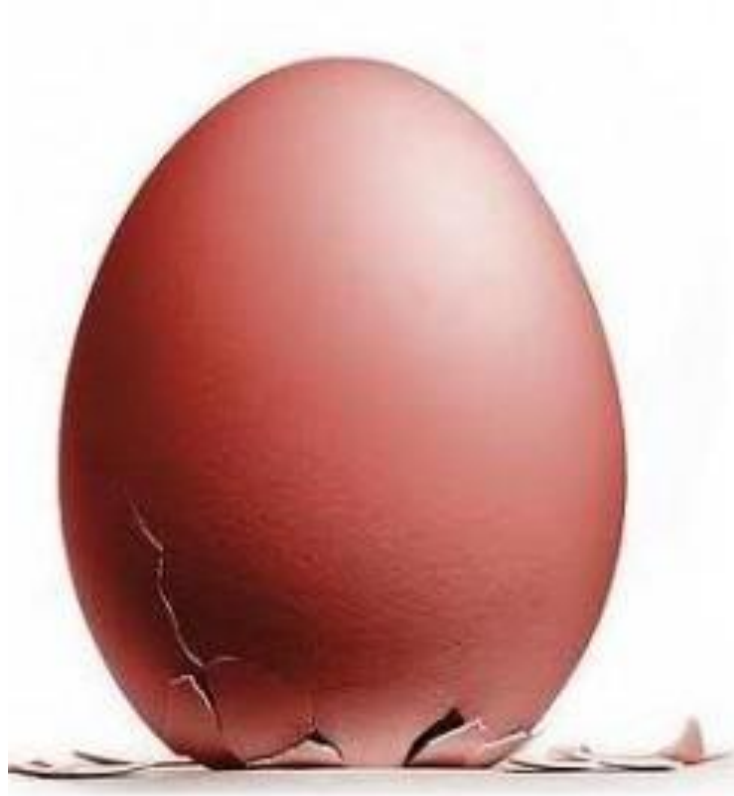


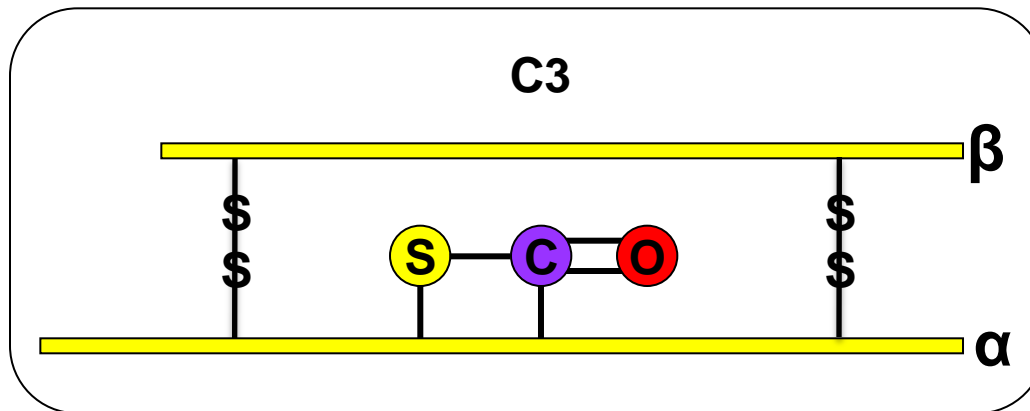
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Het “ei van Columbus”: C3 → C3b

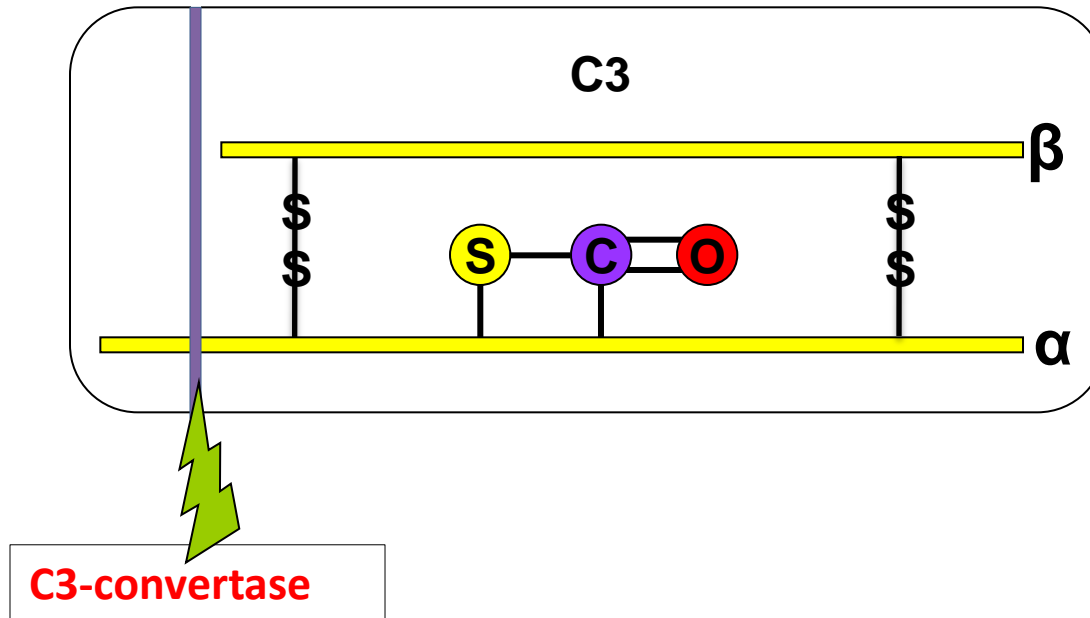


C3 vlg. MVD

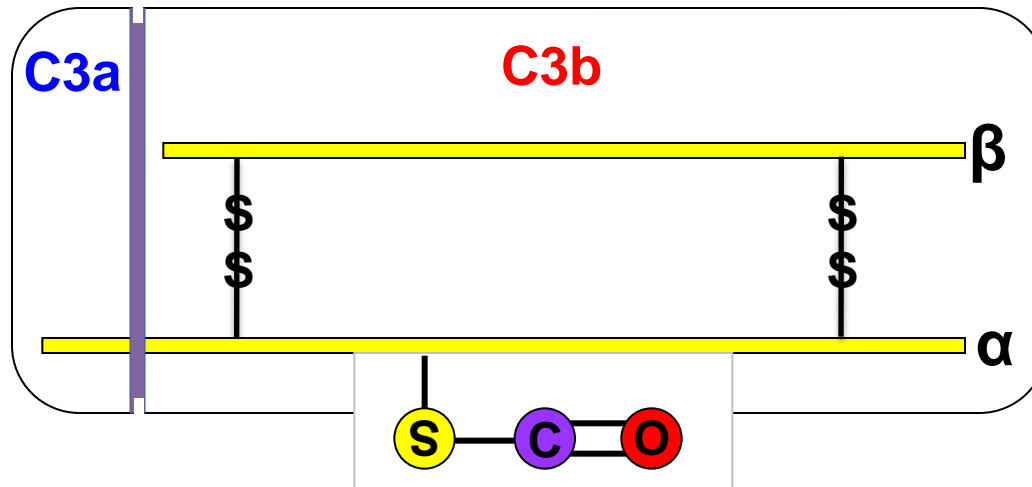
...**C3** is a dipeptide with a hidden reactive thio-ester



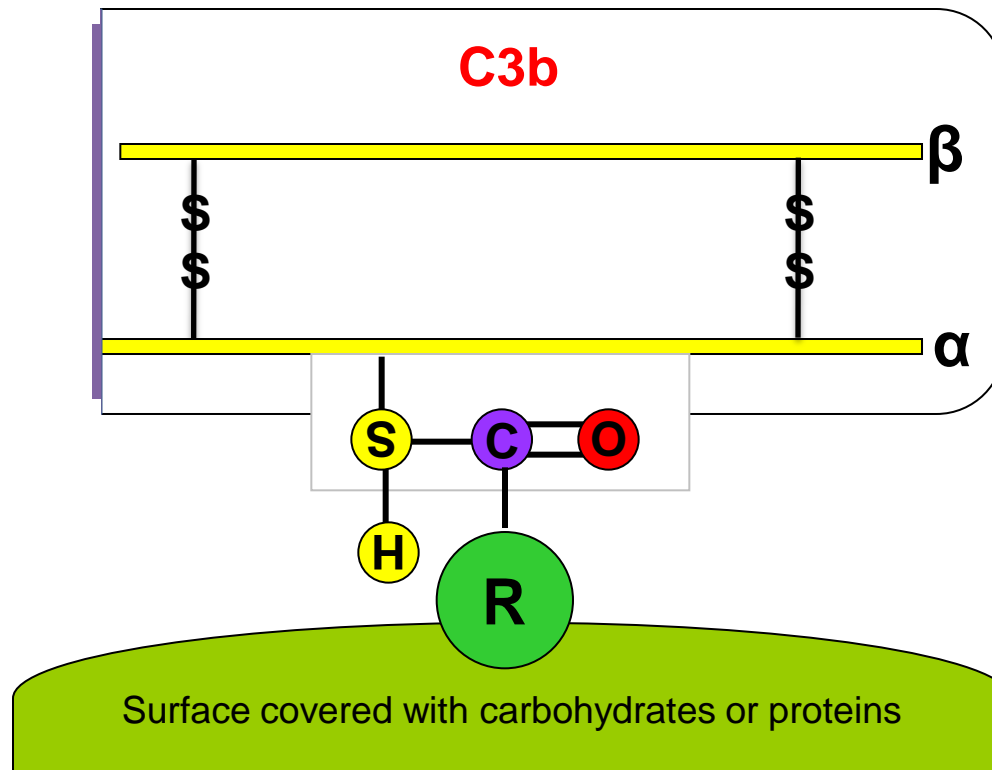
...activation of **C3** by an active **C3-convertase**, cleaves the alpha-chain...



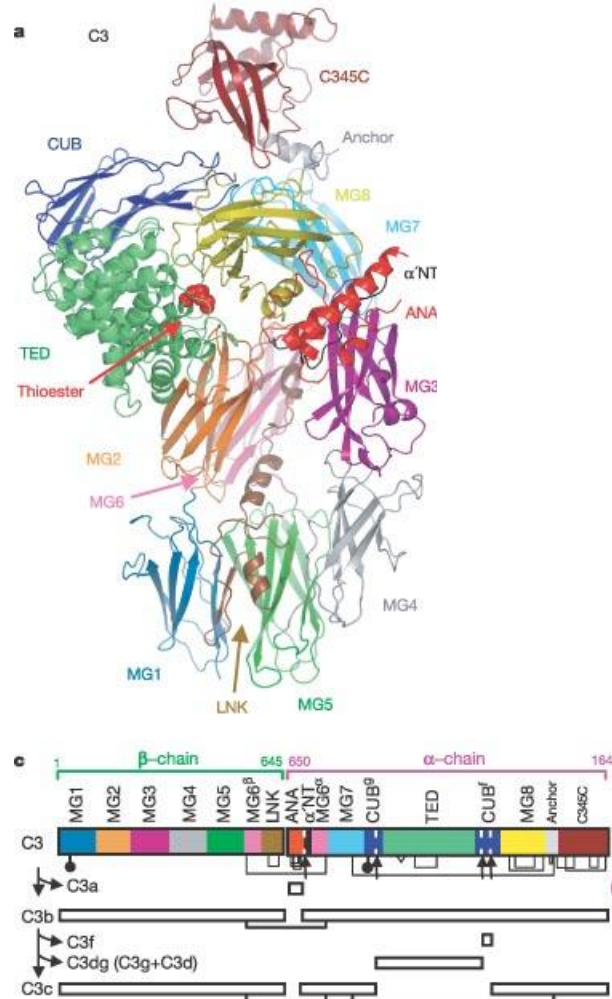
...yielding the anaphylatoxin **C3a** ,
and **C3b**, now with an exposed reactive thio-ester...

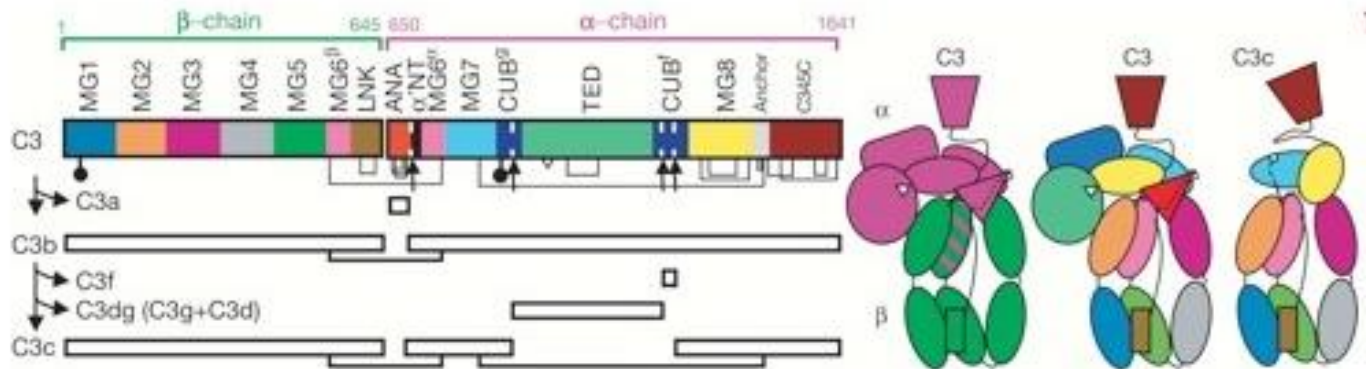


...which can bind covalently to OH- or NH₂-groups on a "target" molecules...

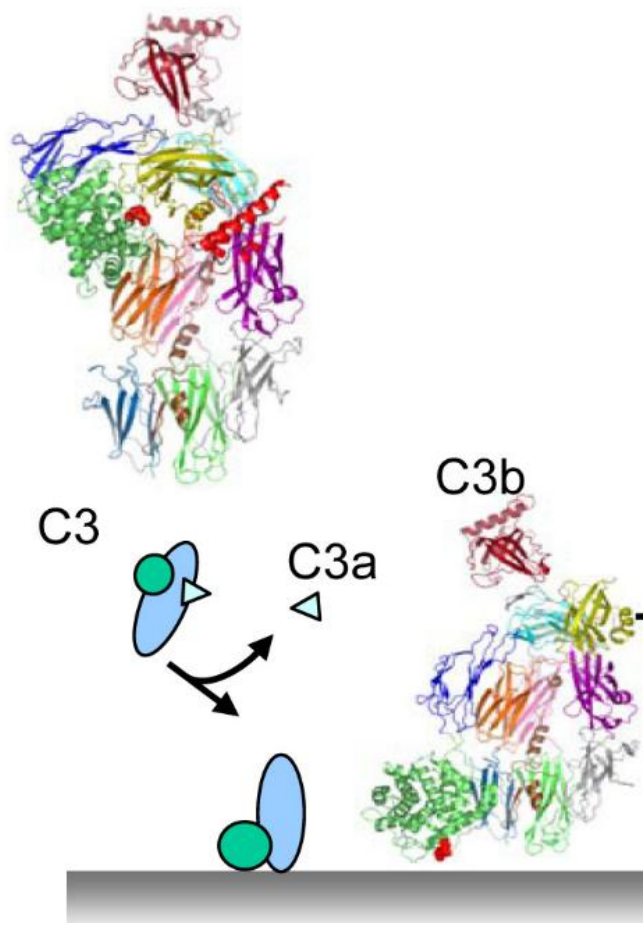
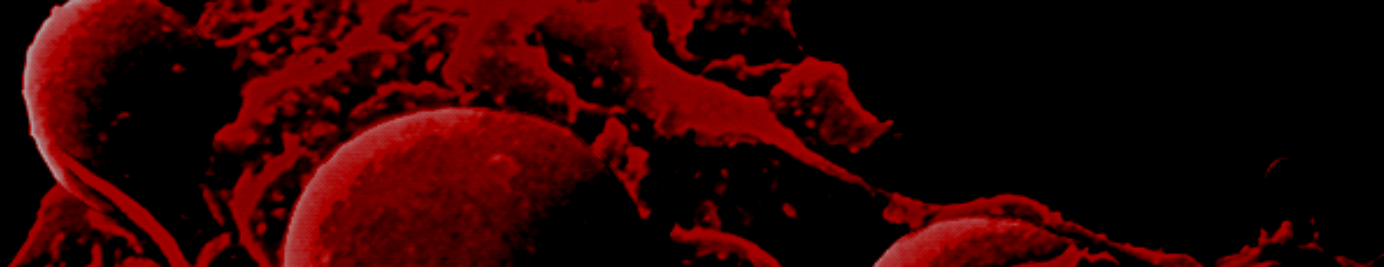


C3 vlg's JANSSEN & GROS

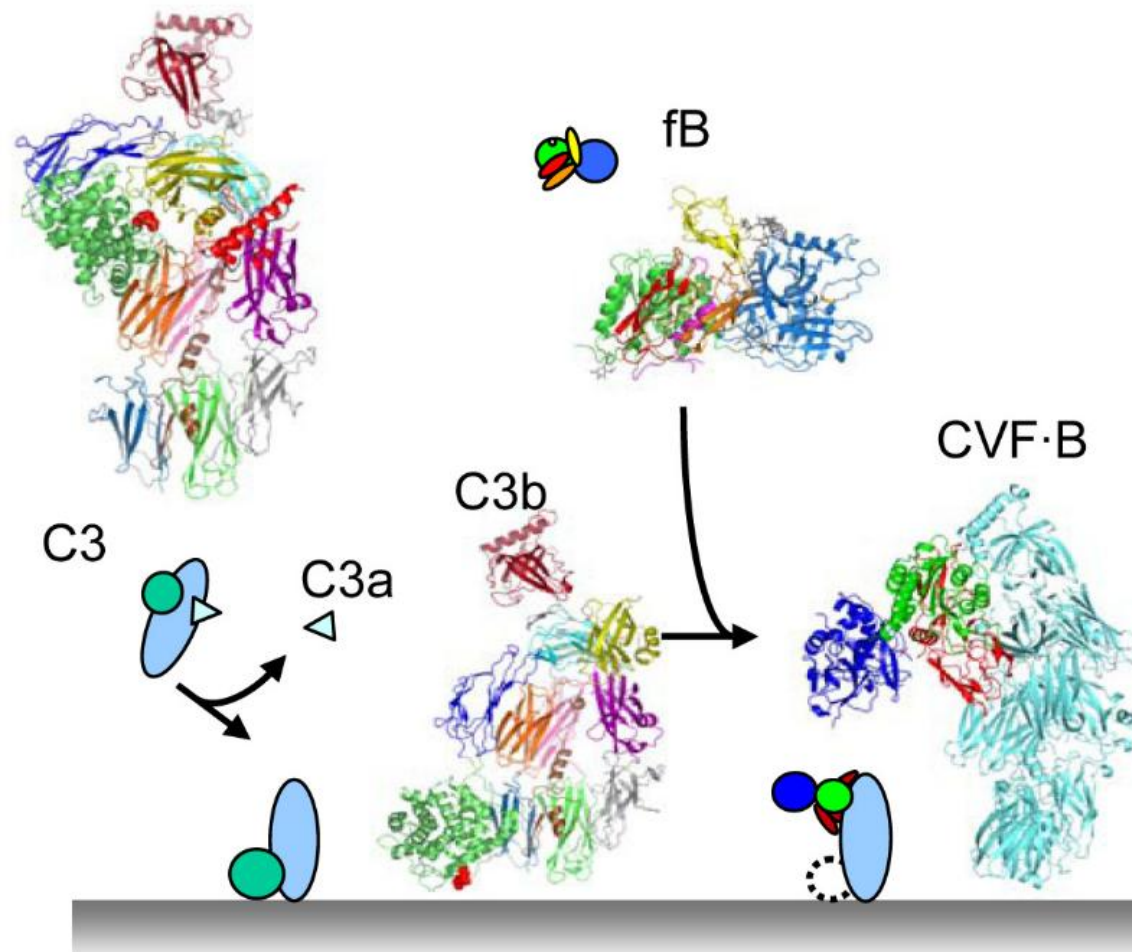




Janssen BJC et al *Nature* 437:505 (2005)



C3 en Factor B: Alternatieve route



C3 en Factor B: Alternatieve route C3 convertase vlg PARHAM

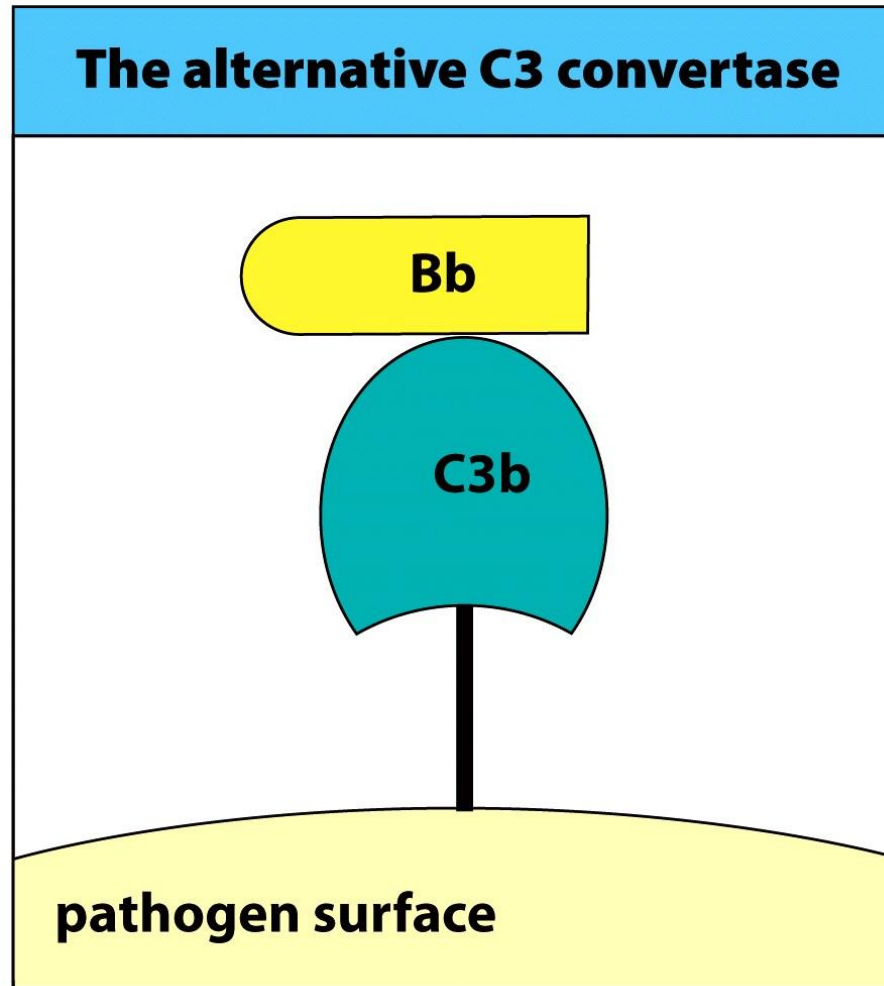
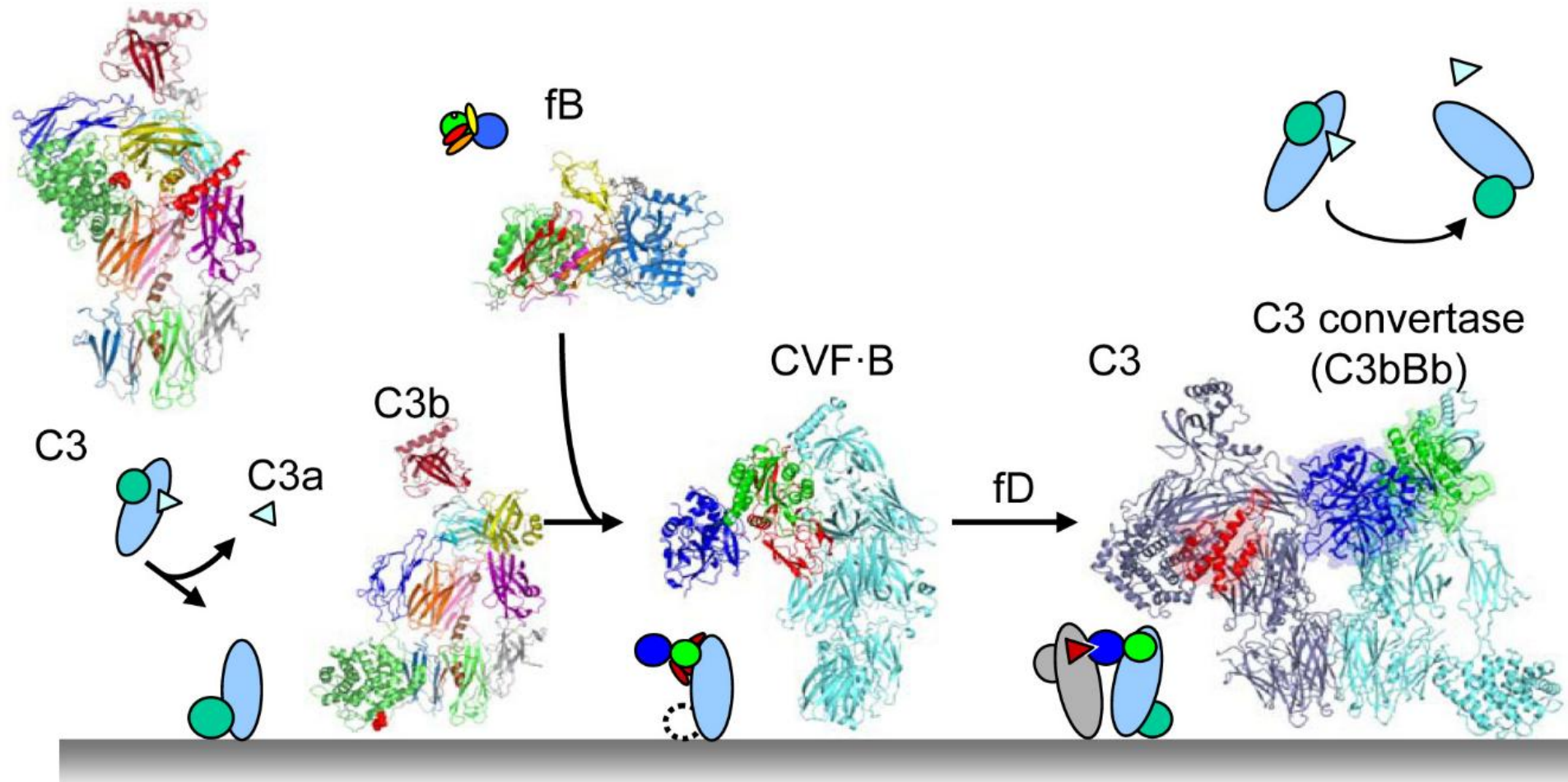


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C3, FB, en FD → C3bBb: Alternatieve route C3-convertase



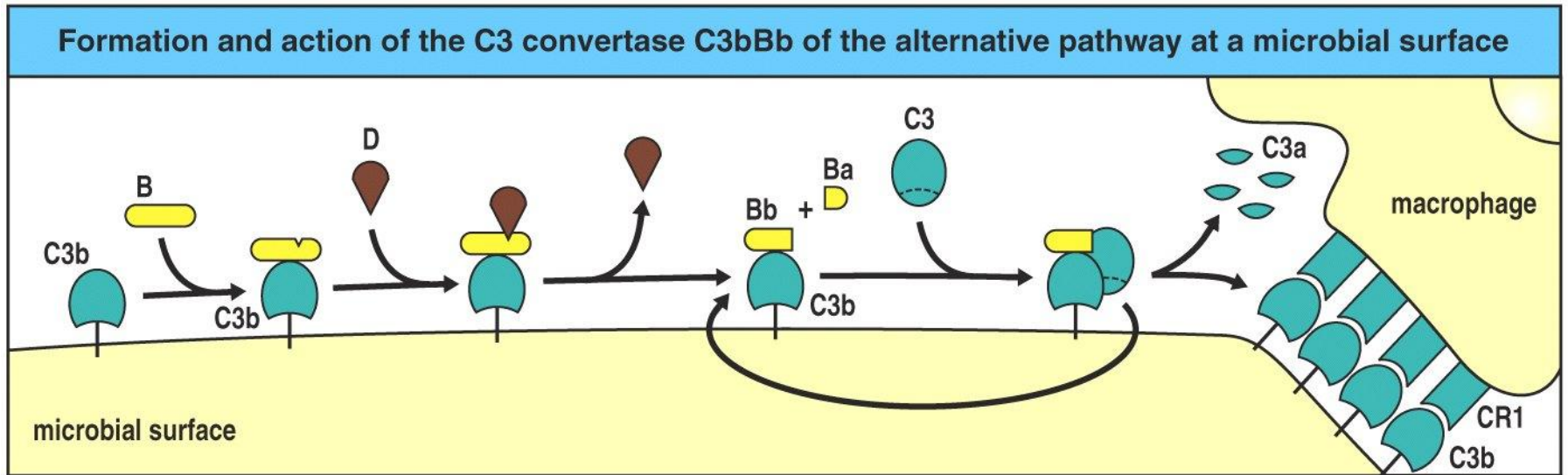
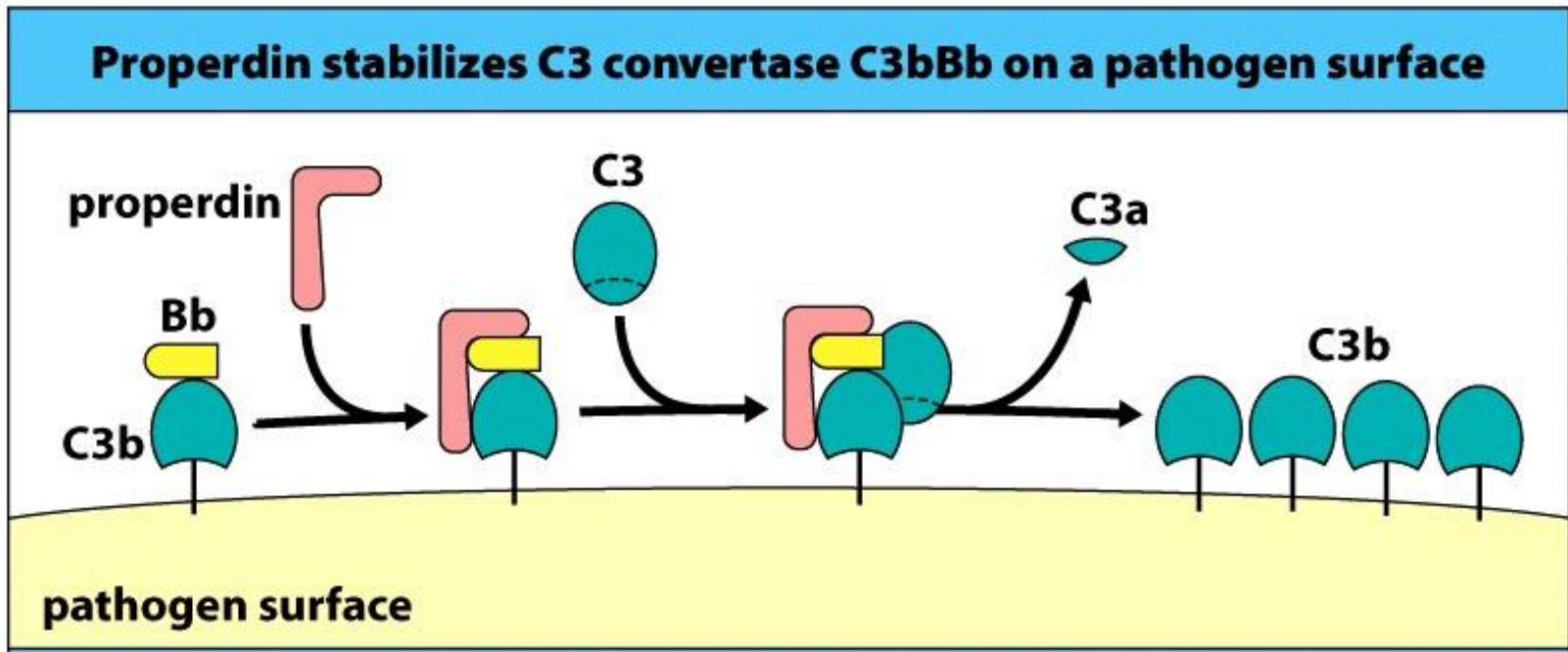
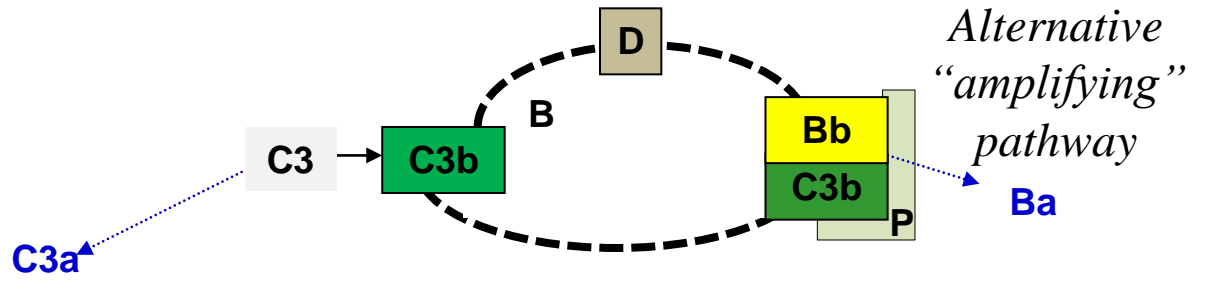
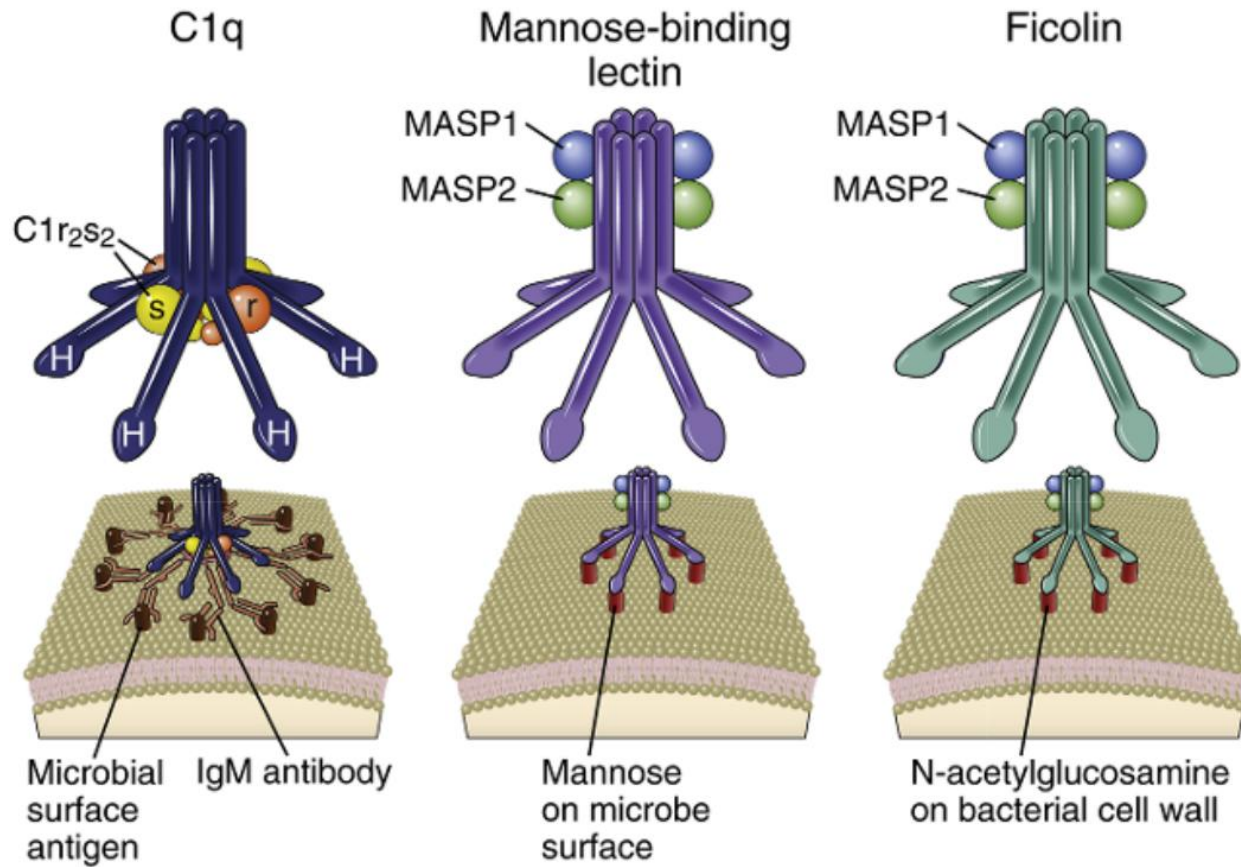


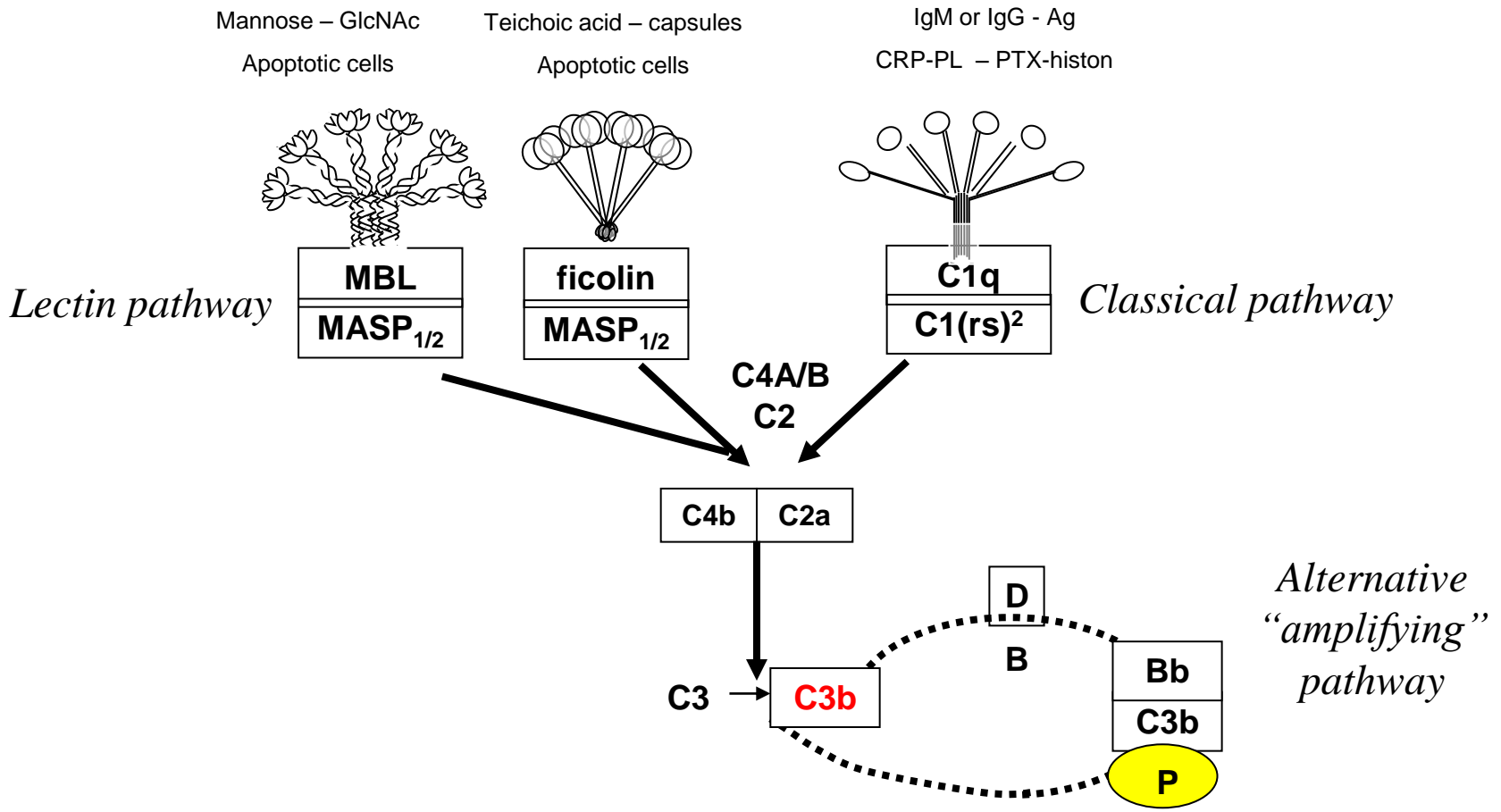
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C3bBb gestabiliseerd door Properdine

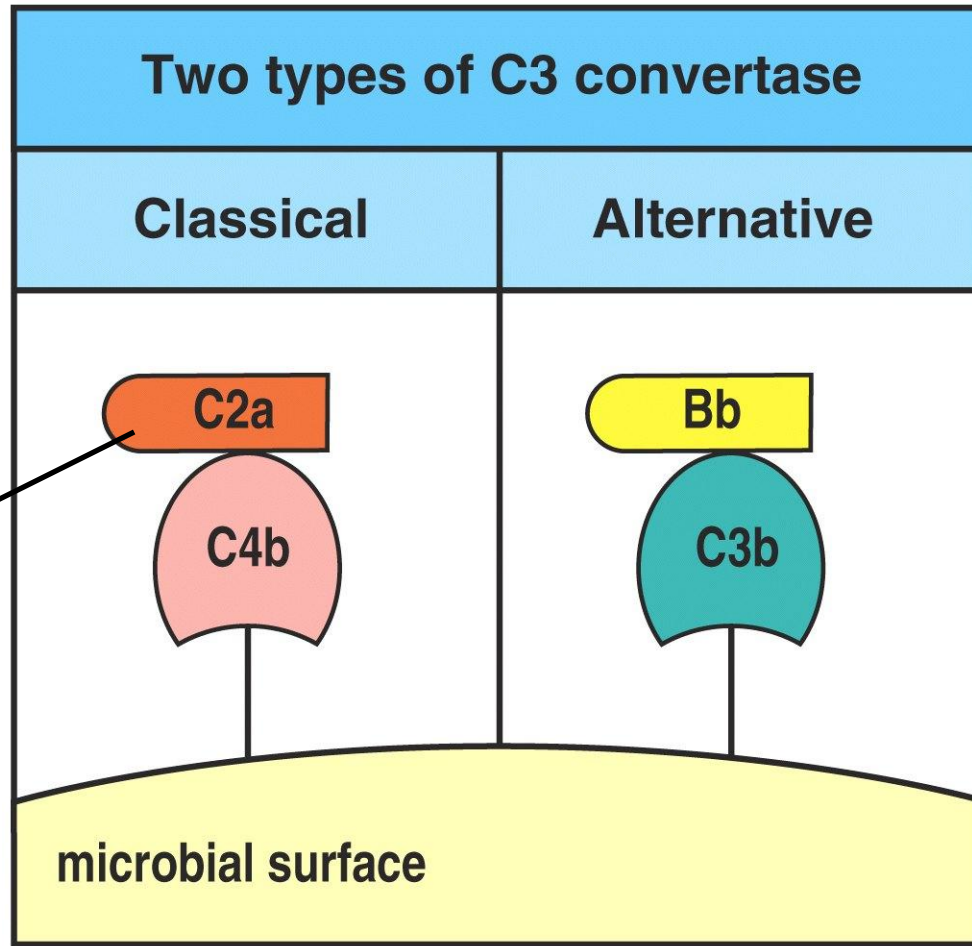








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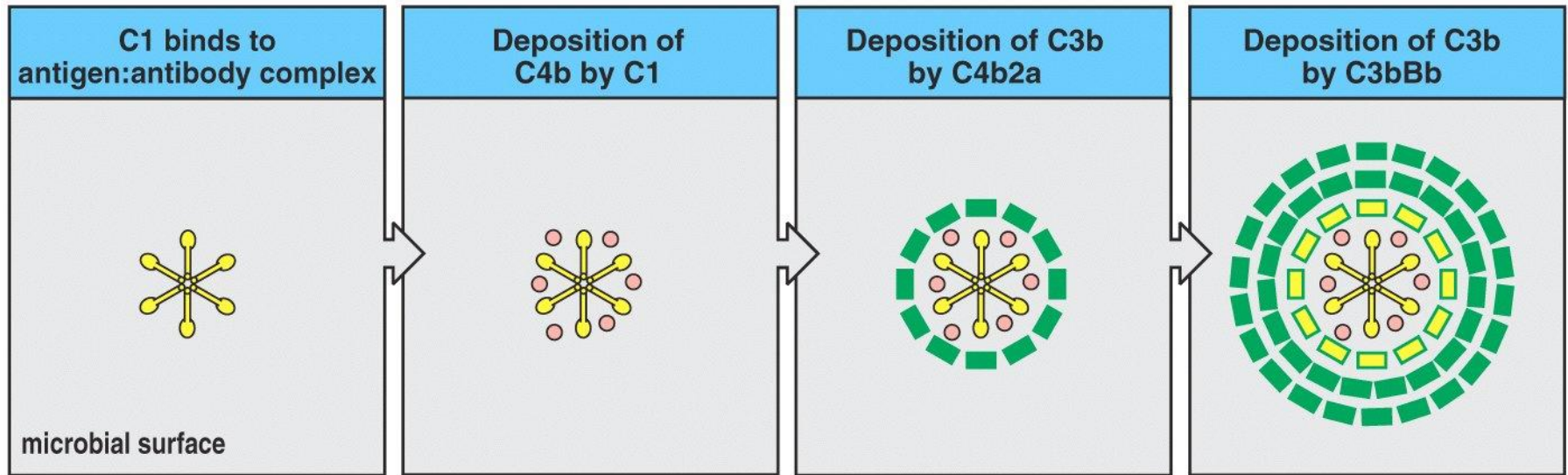
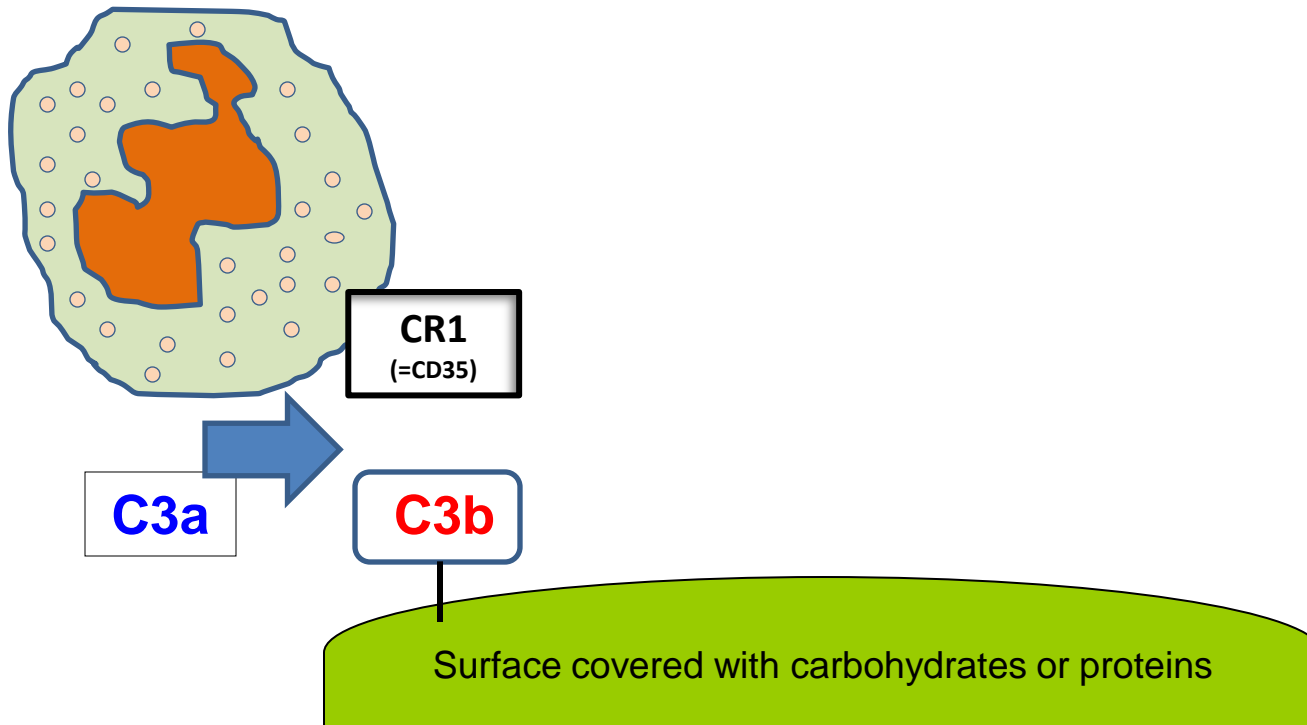
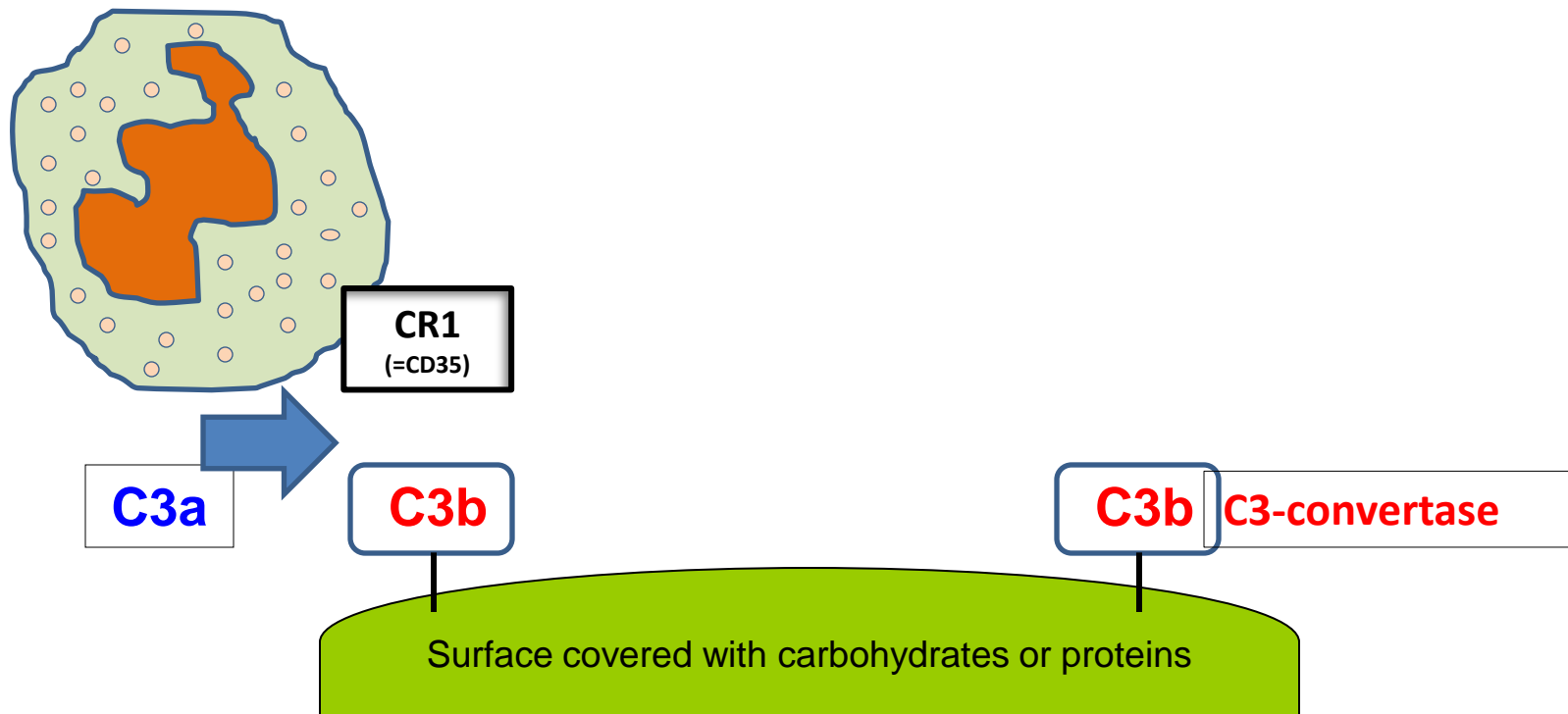


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...the fixed **C3b**, acts as an opsonin for fagocytes with C3b-receptors, that are attracted by **C3a** and other anaphylatoxins...



...and/or forms together with its **C3-convertase** a **C5-convertase**...



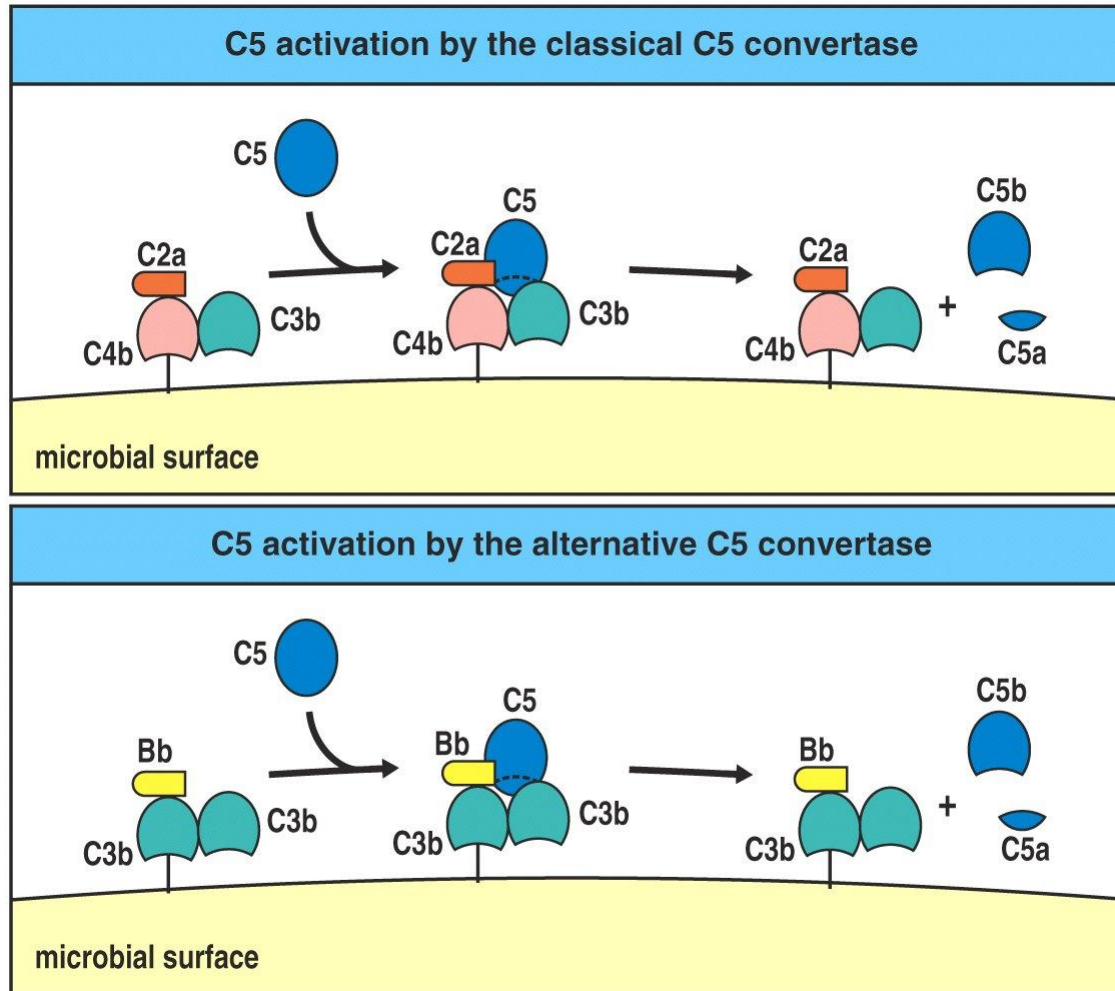
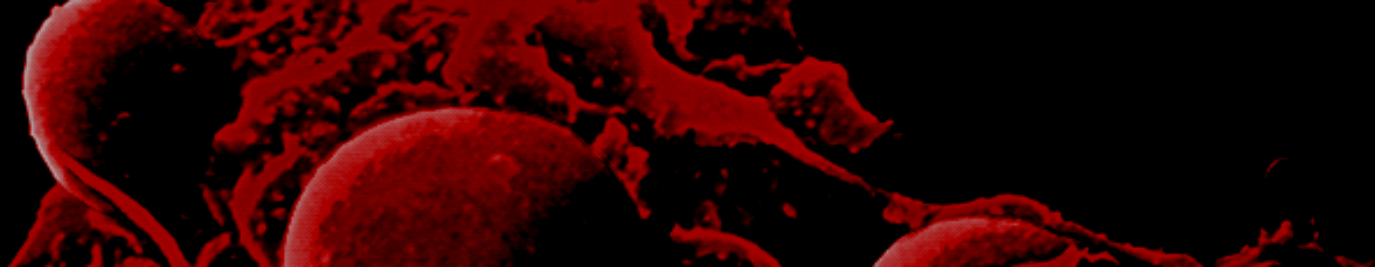
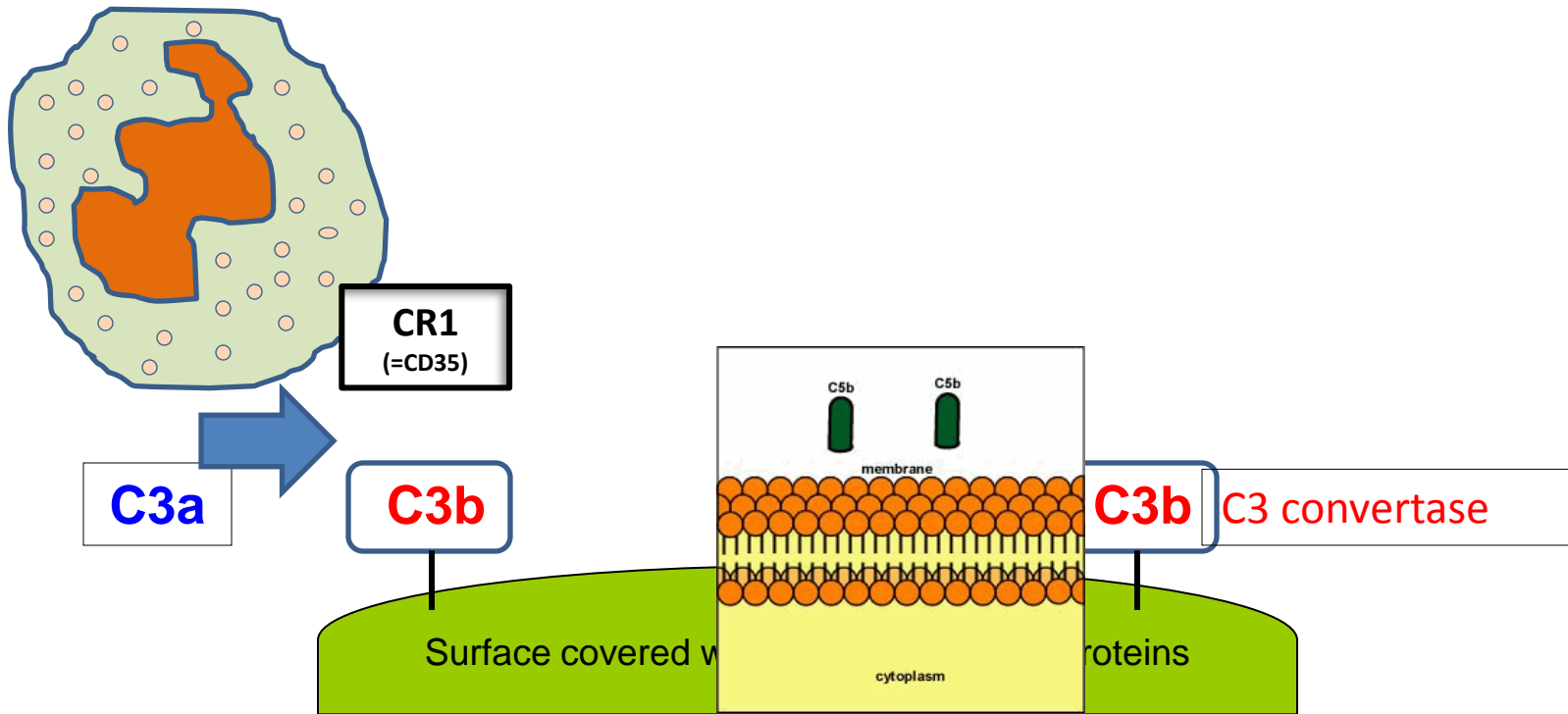


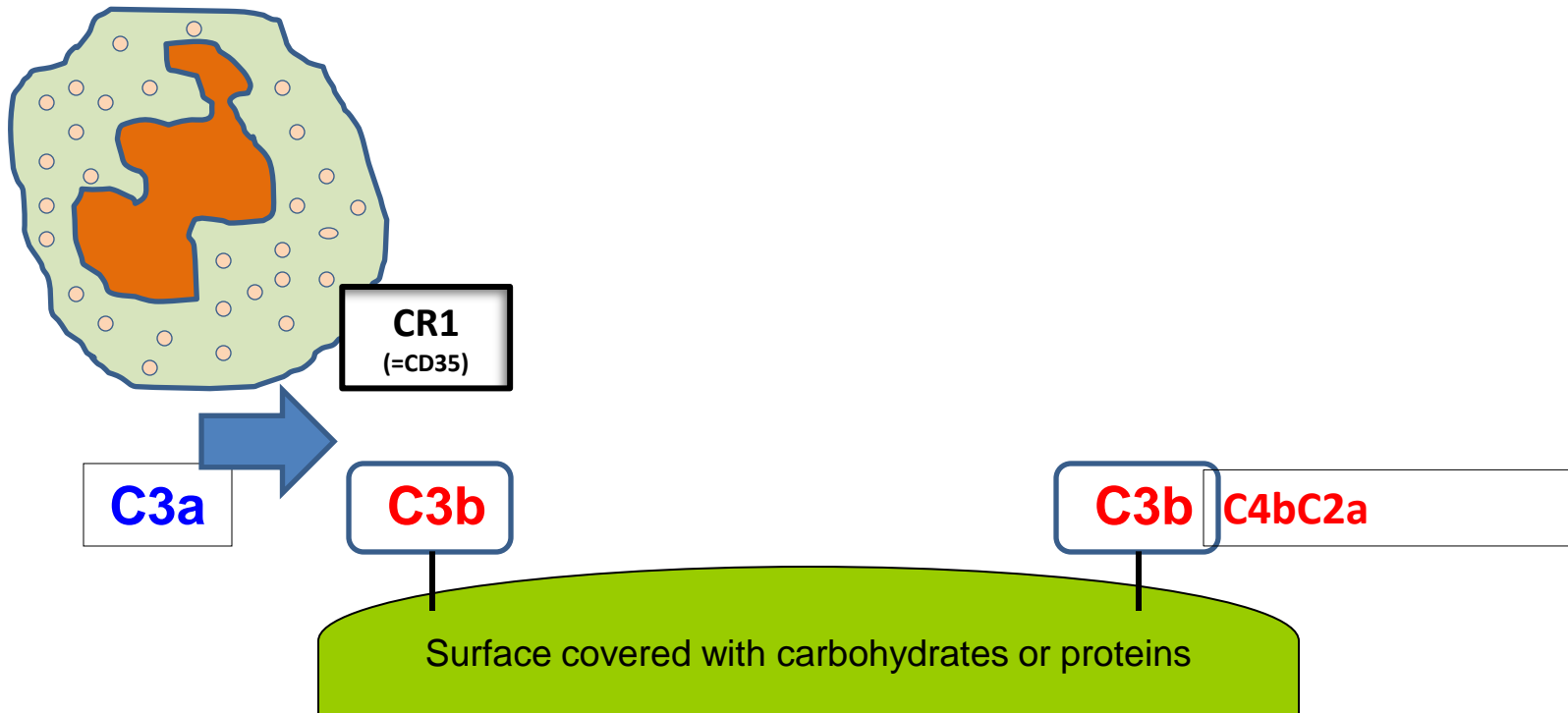
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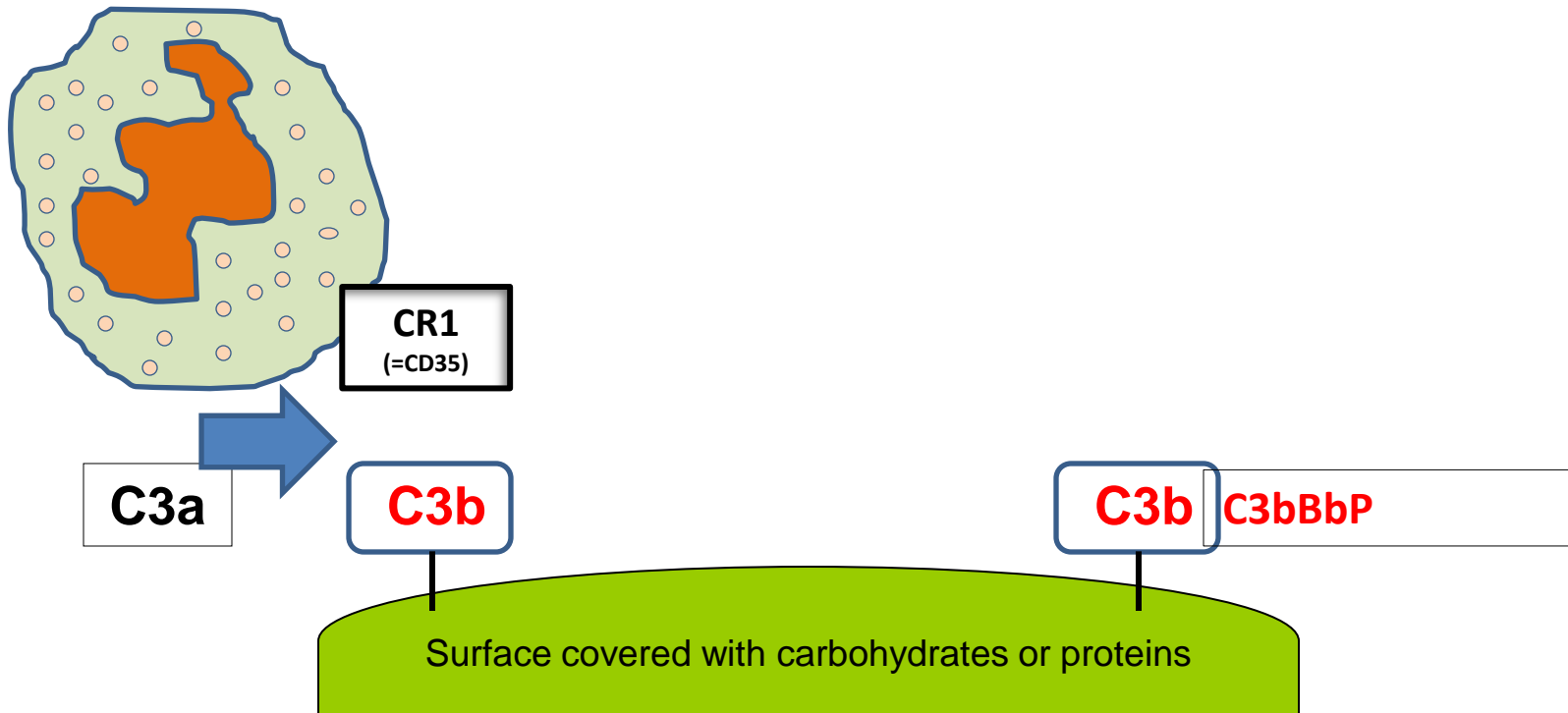
...which starts formation of Membrane Attack Complex and cell-lysis

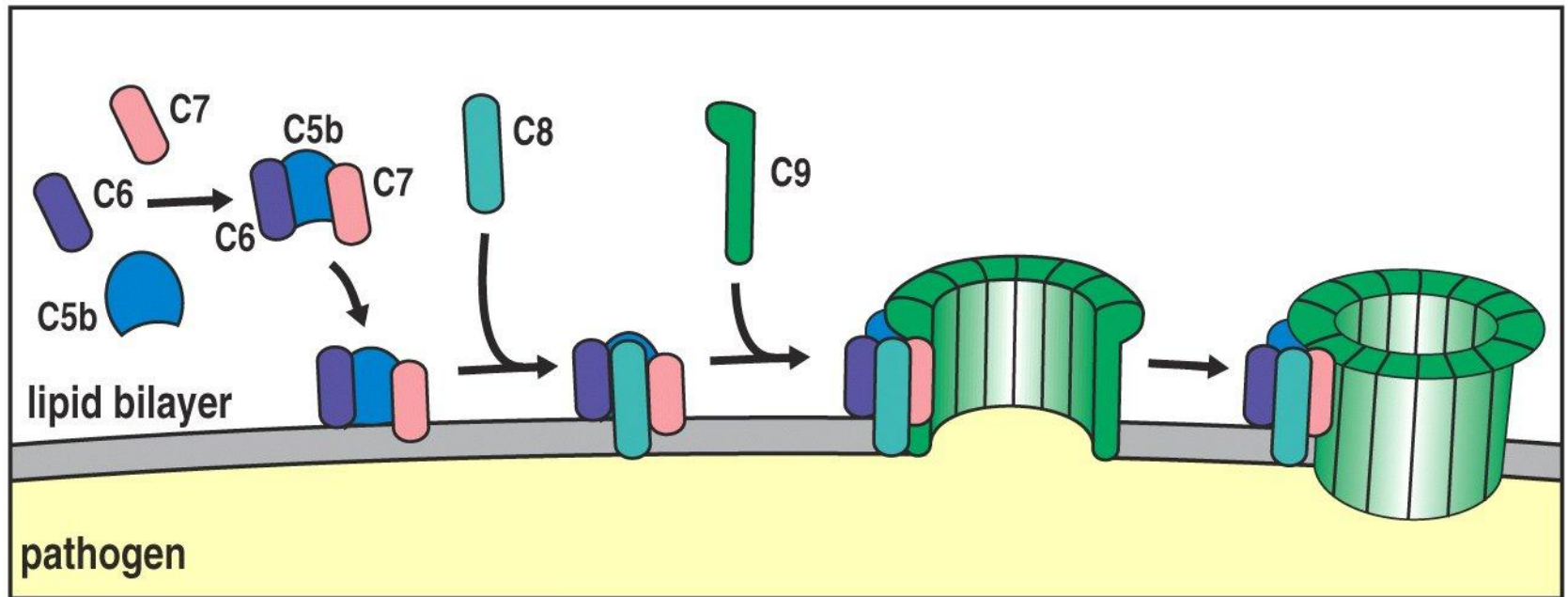
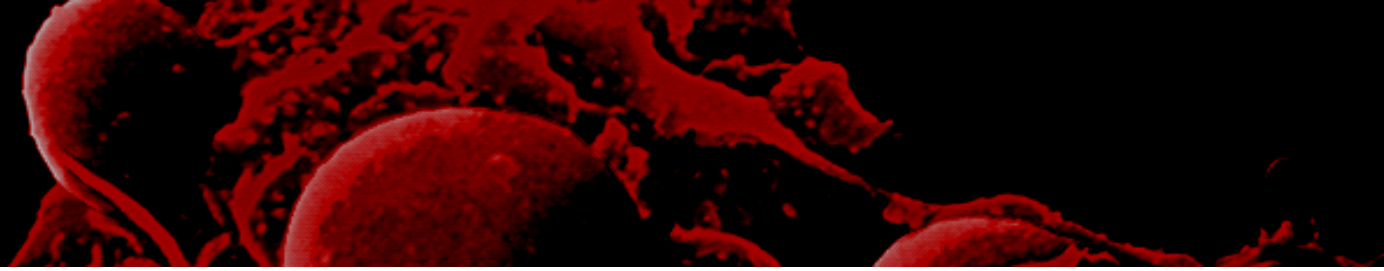


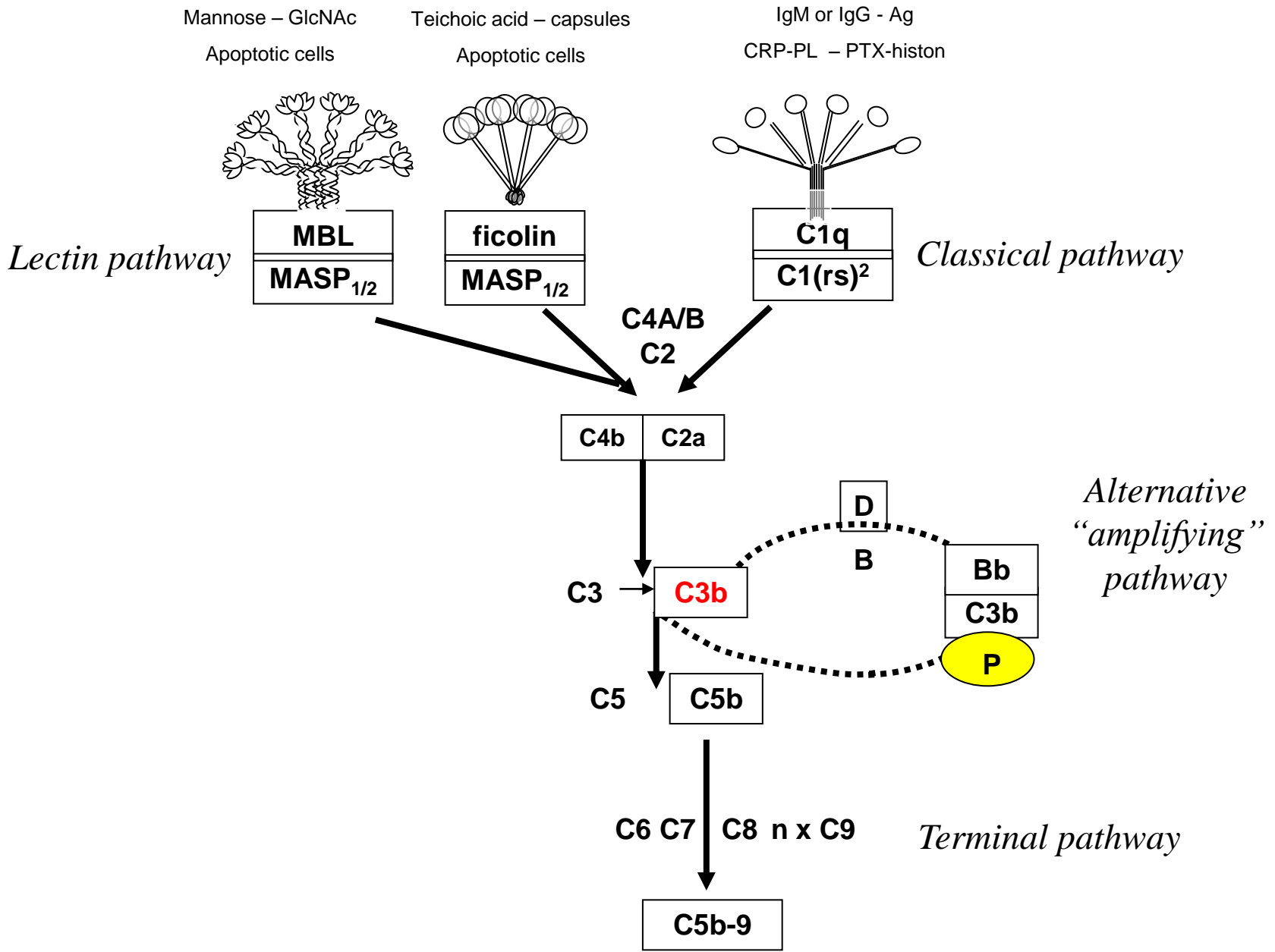
...the **C3-convertase**, being either:
the **classical route C3-convertase** (=C4bC2a) or



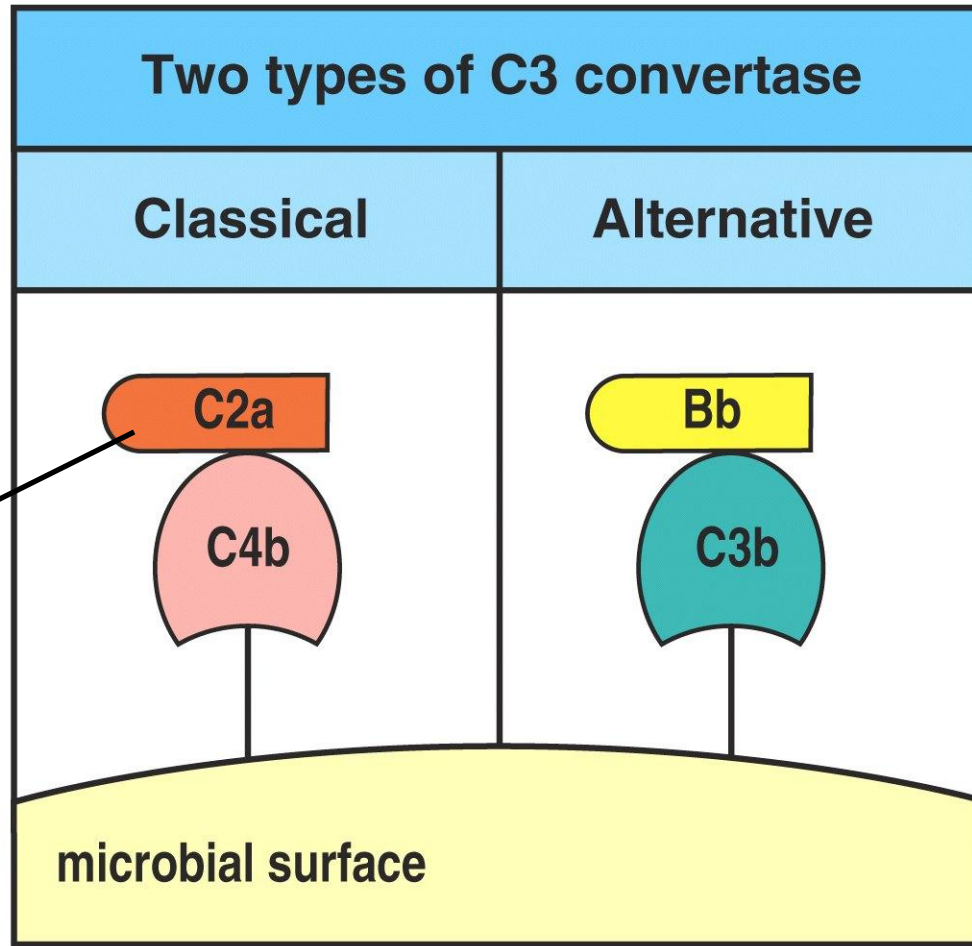
the **alternative route C3-convertase** (= **C3bBbP**)







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C4, C2 en Factor B op chrom 6

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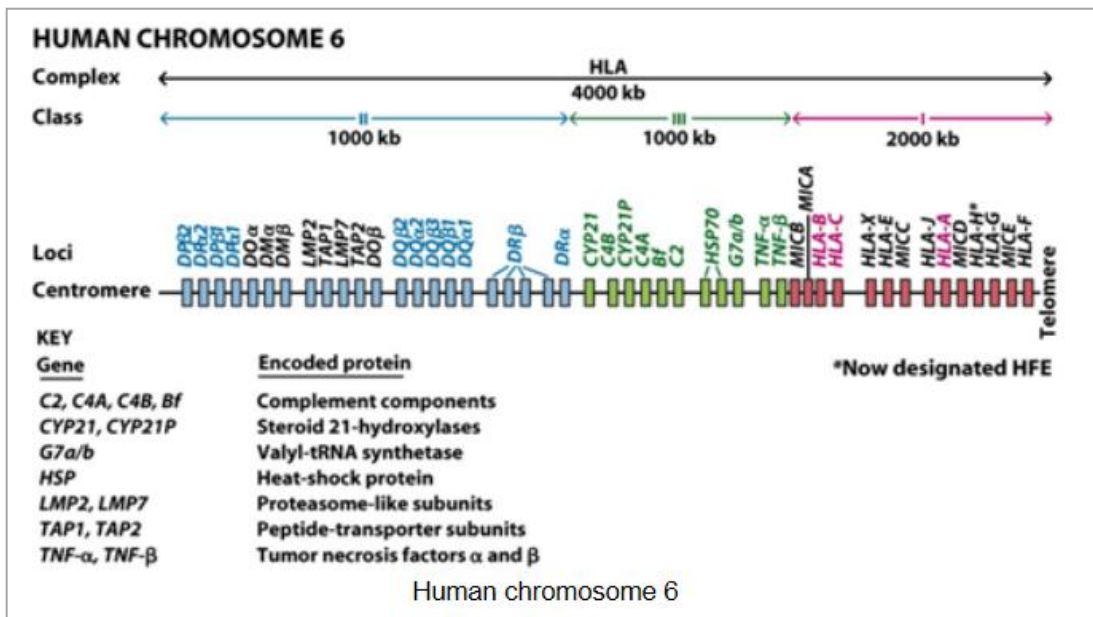
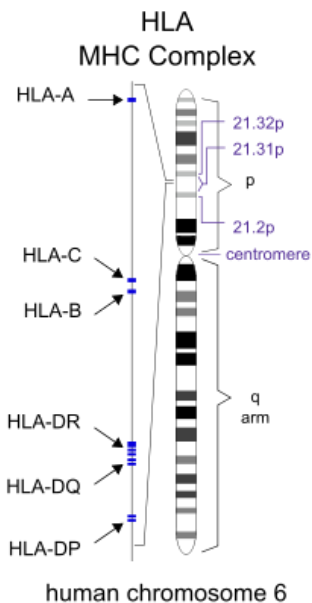
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A molecular map of the human major histocompatibility complex class III region linking complement genes C4, C2 and factor B

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Four human complement genes, which have previously been mapped between HLA-D and HLA-B on chromosome 6, have now been aligned on a 98-kilobase (kb) section of the chromosome on the basis of four overlapping cosmid clones of genomic DNA. The C2 and factor B genes, less than 2 kb apart, are about 30 kb from two C4 genes separated from each other by about 10 kb.



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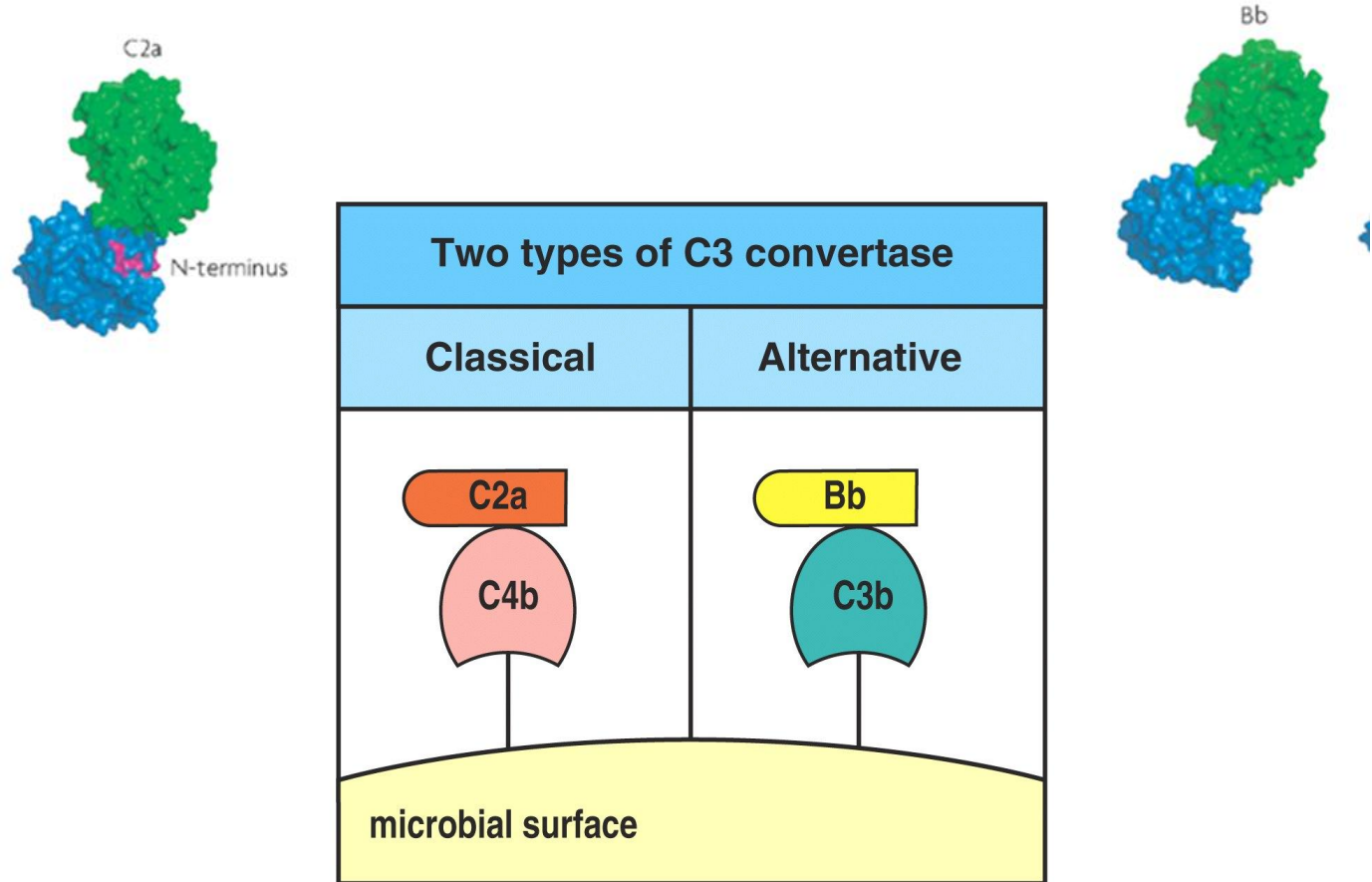
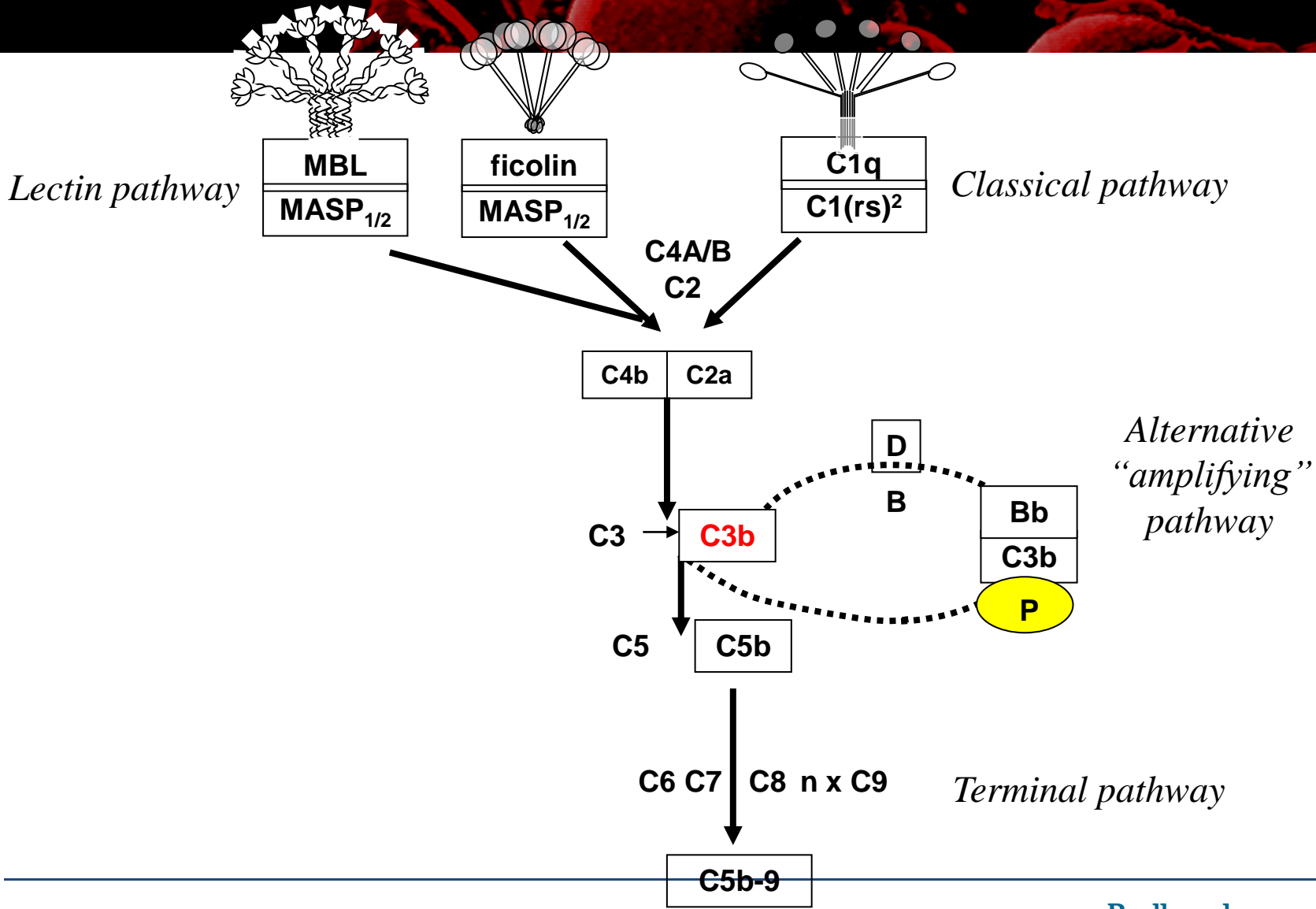
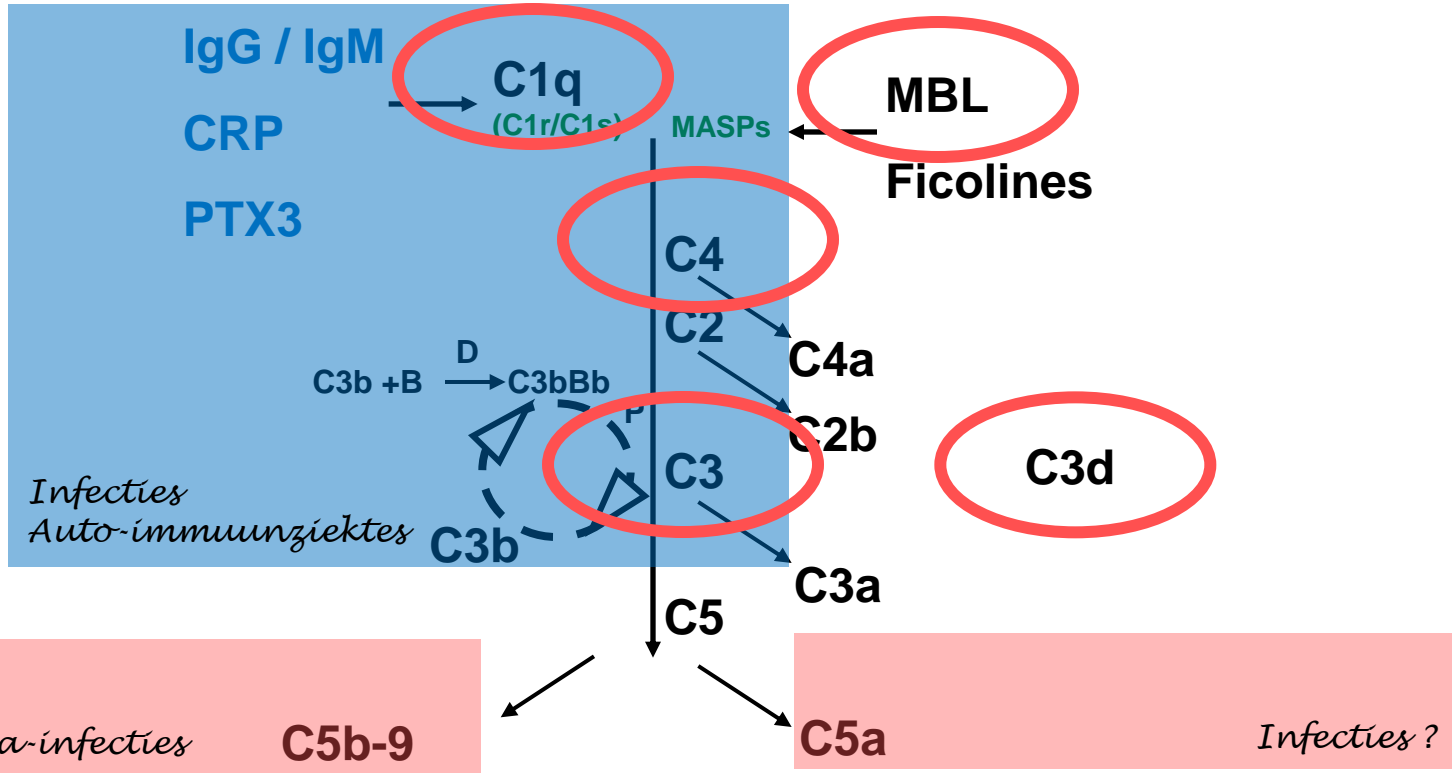


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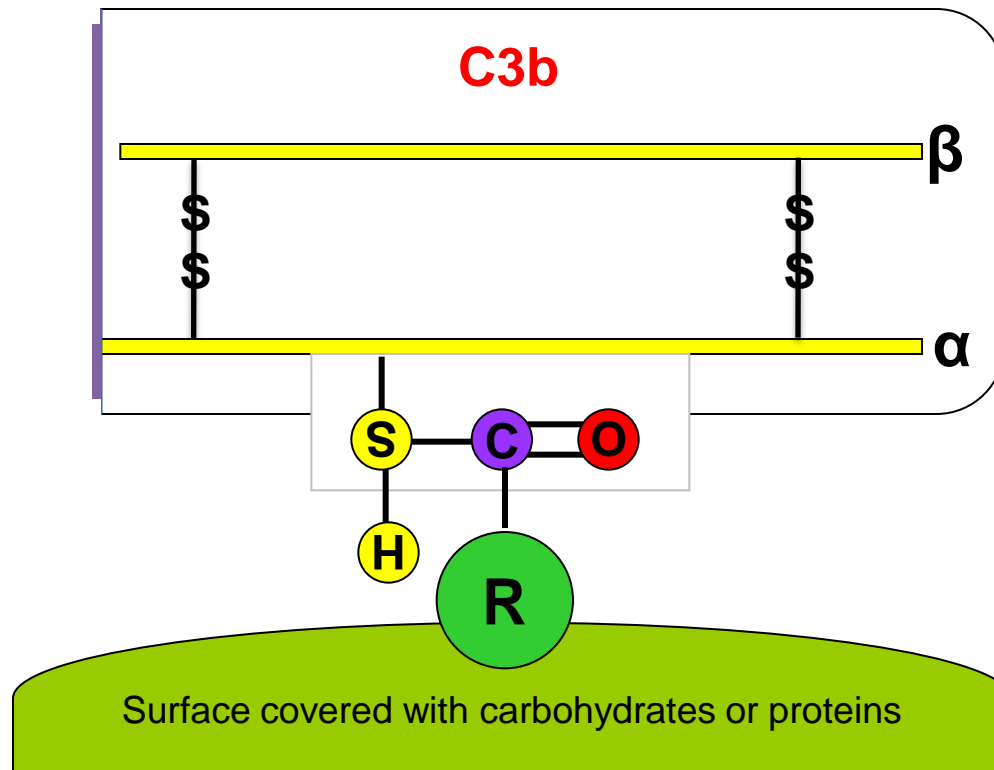


Eenvoudiger schema: Complement-activatie, Ziekte en Lab



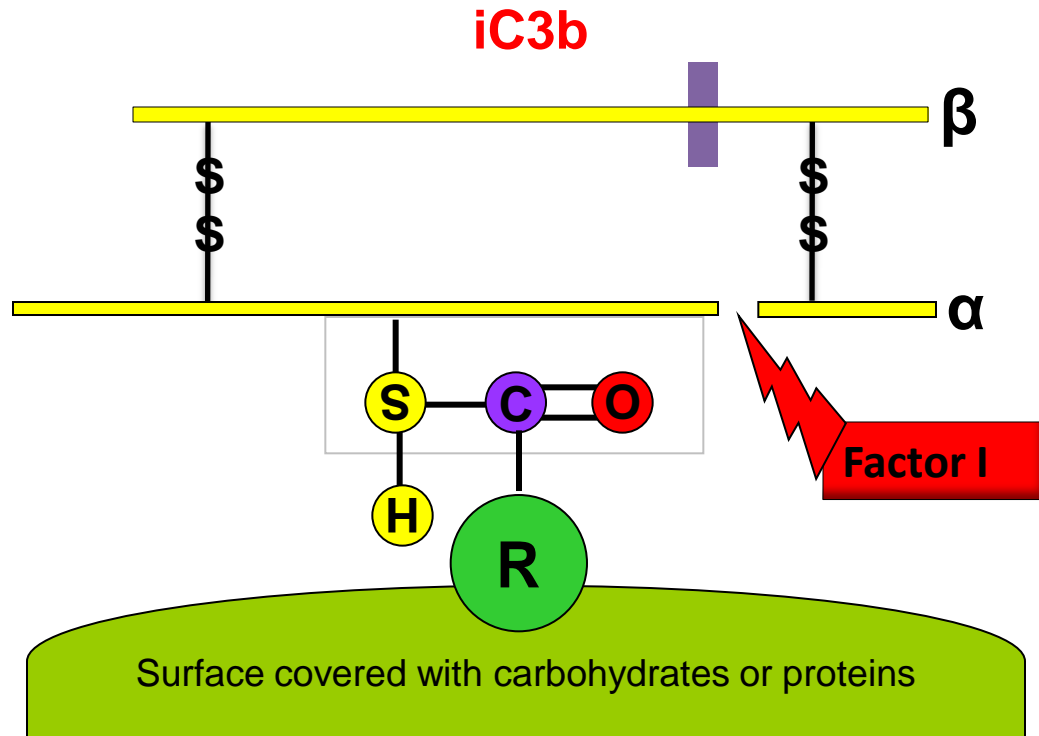
Wat gebeurt er met C3b....?

...C3b covalently attached to other molecule...



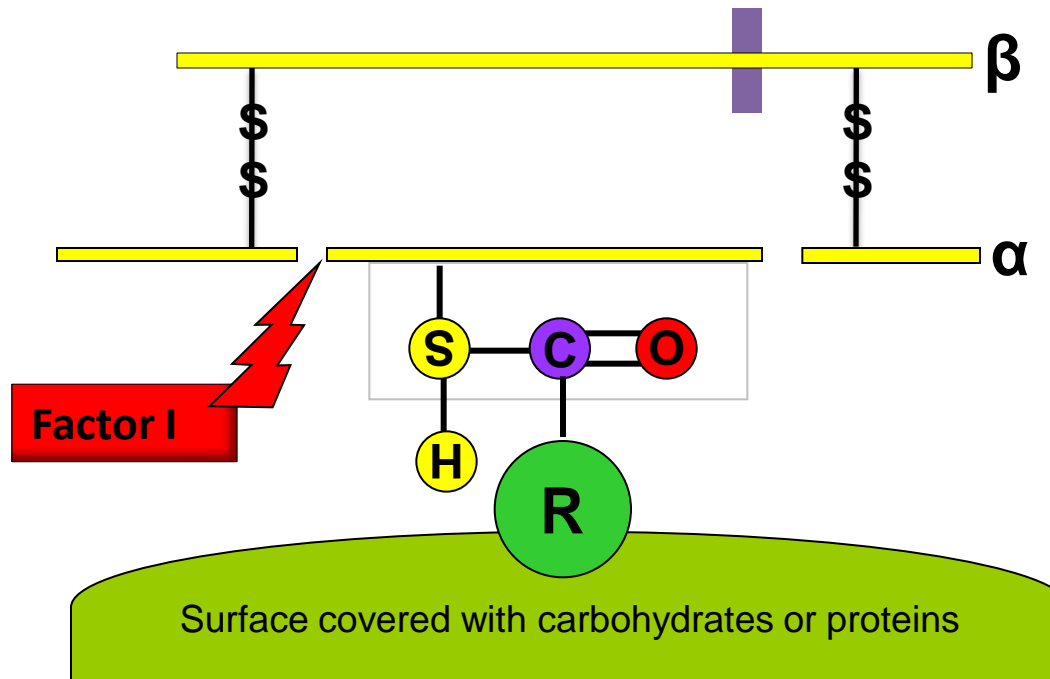
Inactivatie (stopt vorming C5-convertase)

...is inactivated by Factor I (with assistance of a cofactor),
which retains the opsonic activity but blocks C5 activation i.e. terminal pathway



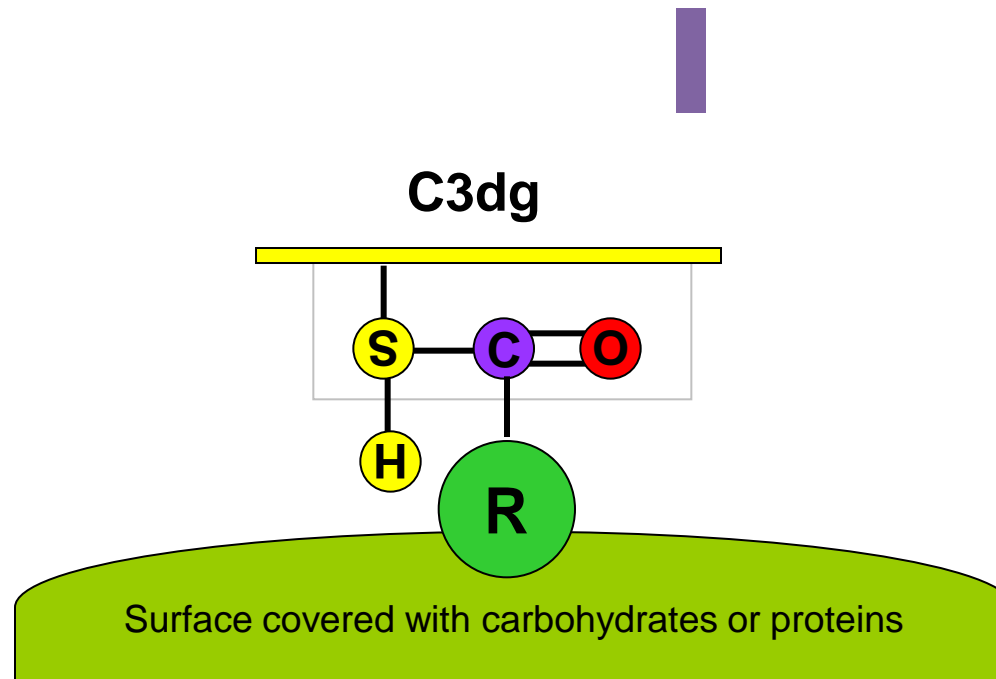
Verdere afbraak...

...further inactivation of C3b by Factor I (with assistance of a cofactor)...



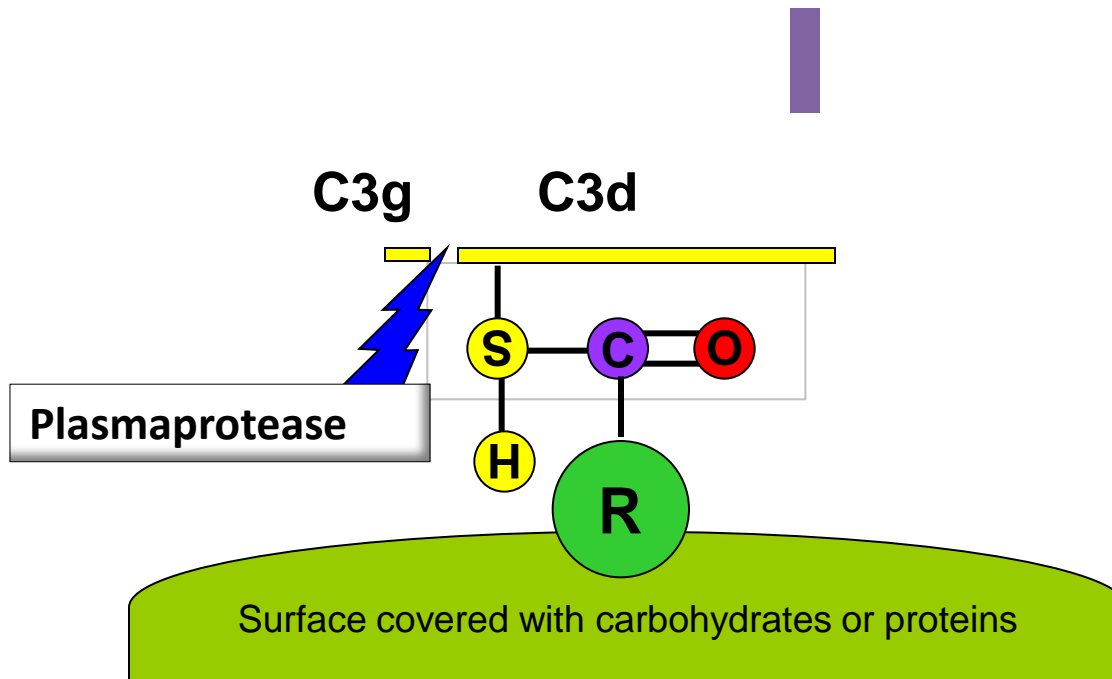
Nog verdere afbraak...

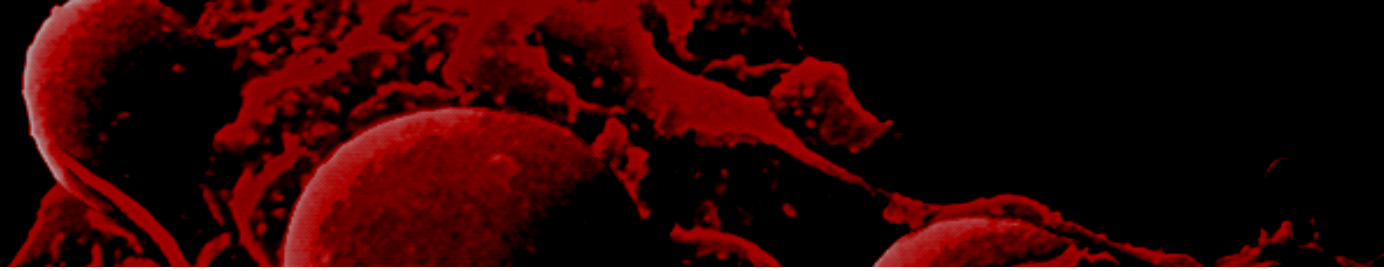
.. leads to the completely inactive C3dg...



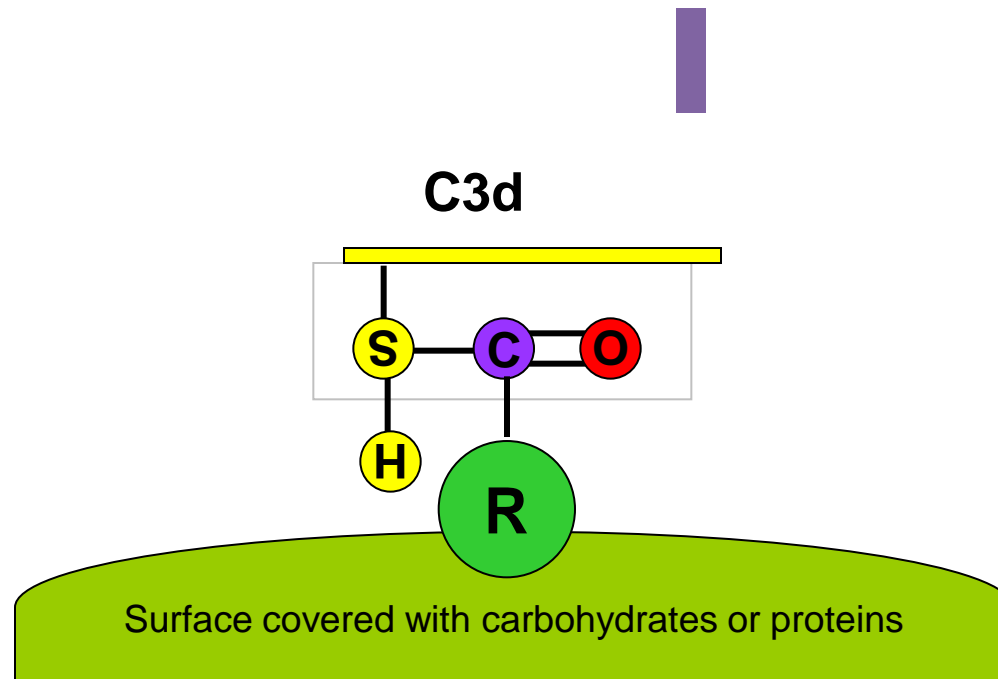
Tot C3d...

...that after cleavage of a plasmafactor becomes C3d





...which can be measured in plasma of patients with ongoing C3-activation





Pfff....

Tot zover complement 'activatie' zoals bekend verondersteld....

Ziektes door stoornissen in complement-activatie:

- Tekort aan activatie
- Tekort aan regulatie

Vrouw, 30 jaar, sinds enkele maanden koorts-periodes met huidafwijkingen:



CRP 28 mg/L, dalend naar 5 mg/L.

Hb 7.4 mmol/L, Leuko's en thrombo's, leverenzymen, nierfie – normaal, ANA & ANCA neg. U-Sed g.a.

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Pt 2 (man 24 jaar)

In 2007 op SEH-arts -> consult AIG

Sinds 1 week klachten:

begonnen met spierpijn, “koortsig”, hoofdpijn, koude rillingen, “dacht dood te gaan”

spontaan herstel na 5 dagen

sinds één dag weer spierpijn, transpireren, pijn li-voet; sinds vanmorgen “vlekjes” op benen en armen

student, actief homoseksueel, onbeschermd orogenitale contacten

- LO/ Negroïde, 38.8 °C, diffuus niet wegdrukbae pijnlijke vlekjes/noduli, Li-knie: flexie, geen hydrops

- Lab/ L $12.0 \times 10^9/L$, CRP 111 mg/L, lever en nierfie g.a., ANA & ANCA neg, BK 2x neg, urine sed g.b.

Onder differentiaaldiagnose van gedissemineerde gonorrhoe: R/ Ceftriaxon, gestart op SEH

Pt 2 (man 24 jaar)

Op 24-9 PA huidbiopsie: Vasculitis, DD: PAN of microscopische angiitis.

Op 25-9: C3 **1530 mg/L**, C4 **335 mg/L**, MBL **< 0.04 mg/L**, CH50 **< 15%**, AP50 **< 30%**

Op 24-10 herhaald: **CH50 < 15%**, **AP50 < 15%**

Diagnose: Volledige complementfactor C6 deficiëntie + MBL-deficientie

Pt 3 (vrouw 16 jaar) & 4 (jongen 14 jaar):

Verwezen door haematoloog elders in 2007

Op 2001 (toen 16 jaar) om 12:00 ziek, ijlen, koorts, hoofdpijn, nekstijf, fotofobie:

Rond 15:00 petechiën gezien; rond 16:30 in ZH

Diagnose: **Meningococcon serogroep C meningitis**; restloos herstel. Geen verdere controles nodig.

Broer (toen 14 jaar) rond 08:00 ziek, bleef op bed

's Avonds gegeneraliseerde spierpijn

Rond 03:30 ecchymosen, veel pijn in billen, opvallend helder bewustzijn, geholpen door zus

Om 04:30 ZH opname

Diagnose: **Fulminante meningococcon sepsis**; fataal beloop

Overleden bij aankomst UMCN-retrieval team om 11:00

Vanwege familiair voorkomen meningococcenziekte wendde patiënte zich tot internist/hamatoloog elders

Lab/ **CH50 < 15%, AP50 < 15%, MBL 3.22 mg/L**

C2 11.7 mg/L ((N 10-80)

C5 < 11.0 IE/mL (N 67-125)

Gen-analyse pte, broer, vader en moeder (lab Peter Garred; Kopenhagen)

P: 4bp-deletie (del AAAC) in exon 11 leidend tot prematuur stopcodon Asp396

M: non-sense mutatie in exon 41, stopcodon Gln1658

Pte en broer zijn beide **C5-deficiëntie door samengestelde heterozygotie**

NB: P en M hebben normale CH50 en AP50

9 month-old girl

- Admission to other hospital because of pupura since 2.75 hrs.
- Temp 40 °C, poor peripheral circulation, pulse rate 220/min, RR 140/80 mm Hg.
- Lab: CRP 53 mg/L, L 3.9×10^9 /L, T 234×10^9 /L, pH 7.19, BE -15.2 mmol/L.
- CSF: L 20×10^6 /L, gluc 3.8 mmol/L, protein 280 mg/L.
- CSF culture *N. meningitidis* B:P1:15; Blood culture remained sterile.
- Admitted to normal ward: RR dropped to 79/52, anuria, T dropped to 38×10^9 /L.
- No inotropics; no ventilatory support; no fresh frozen plasma.
- After 36 hrs: Sudden drop in bloodpressure; resuscitated; transfer to our ICU.
- Arrival at ICU in moribund condition; died 11 hrs later.
- No obduction; no remaining blood-samples.

13 month-old boy, brother of case 5a

- History of recurrent upper and lower resp. tract infections.
- Admitted because of “sudden” onset of fever and petechial rash.
- Temp 39.7 °C, decreased refill, pulse rate 180 /min; no nuchal rigidity.
- Lab: CRP 119 mg/L, L 10.9x10⁹/L, T 324x10⁹/L.
- Blood culture *N. meningitidis* B.1.P1-4.
- Admitted to normal ward: telephonic consultation ICU-staff.
- Fluid challenges, dobutamin, fresh frozen plasma.
- Recovery uneventful.

Pt 5b: Jongen 2 jr

| | 2001 | Normaal |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|
| AP50 (%) | < 5% | 75-125% |
| Factor B (iU/L) | 84 | 75-125 |
| <i>Factor H (kwalitatief)</i> | normaal | < 3.3% |
| Properdine (kwal) | normaal | |
| Factor I (kwal) | normaal | |
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| Factor I (kwal) | normaal | |
| Factor D (mg/L) | <0.03 (undetectable) | 1.0-2.0 |

In 2001 op SEH bij neuroloog, elders.

In maart één week

- ziek, koorts, hoofdpijn, misselijk, acustico/photophoba, huidafwijkingen

Spontaan hersteld, terug naar school, maar...

Eén dag later weer koorts

Sindsdien periodiek, 2-3 dagen durend klachten van

- vooral koorts, hoofdpijn en huidafwijkingen

Toevallig op SEH géén klachten meer!

CT-brein

- normaal

Liquor

- Helder
- **Leukocyten 908/3, 80% PMNs**
- **Glucose 2.3 mmol/L**
- Eiwit 416 mg/L

Opname ter observatie op afdeling Neurologie:

- na 3 dagen opnieuw koortspiek met hoofdpijn
- **CRP 102 mg/L**
- Bloedkweek: **Neisseria meningitidis serogroup W-135**

Behandeling:

- Penicillin 6 x 3.000.000 U i.v. gedurende 10 dagen
- Volledig herstel, CRP < 8mg/L

Diagnose bij ontslag:

Chronische benigne meningococcaemia, N. meningitidis W-135

Pt 6 (20-21 jaar)

| | April , 2001 | Juli, 2001 | Herfst, 2002 | Normaal |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|
| MBL (mg/L) | | | 130 | > 800 |
| C1q (iU/mL) | 122 | 117 | | 81-128 |
| C4 (mg/L) | 340 | 266 | 355 | 150-400 |
| C3 (mg/L) | 100 | 250 | 370 | 900-1800 |
| <i>C3d (%)</i> | 19 | | 6 | 0.5-3.1 |
| <i>C3 nephritic factor</i> | | | Absent | Absent |
| C5 (iU/mL) | 30 | | 49 | 67-125 |
| Factor B (iU/mL) | 95 | | | 49-129 |
| CH50 (%) | 14 | | 56 | 68-133 |
| AP50 (%) | <17 | <17 | <17 | 67-128 |
| C1-inh (U/mL) | | | 1.14 | 0.76-1.33 |
| Protectine (CD59 (FACS)) | | | Present | Present |
| DAF (CD55(FACS)) | | | Present | Present |

Pt 6: Verlaagde maar niet afwezige C3 en C5 normaal C4 and hoog C3d

Decreased production

- Genetically determined absent protein
- Liverinsufficiency

Increased decay or ongoing consumption

- Gain of function mutation of an activating molecule...
- Loss of function of an inhibitory molecule...
- Ongoing inflammation...Chronic infection, SLE, cryoglobulines, MSC-GN?
- Ongoing loss of an inhibitory molecule...-?

Pt 6: Verlaagde maar niet afwezige C3 en C5 normaal C4 and hoog C3d...in 2003...

Suspect for **mesangiocapillary glomerulonephritis**

- Low C3 (high C3d), proteinuria, glomerular erythrocyturia

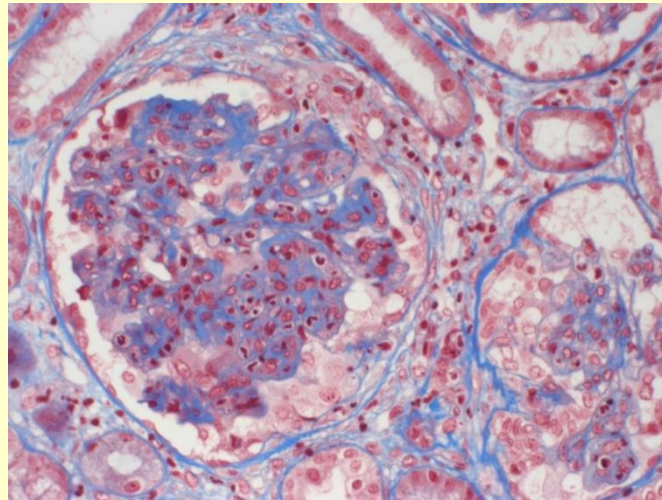
Refused Renal Biopsy

- Start treatment with ACE-inhibition (proteinuria 4.9 → 1.5 g/L)
- Vaccination for Serogroup A,C, W-135 and Y meningococi
- Instruction with respect to possible infections and adequate nephrologic controls
- Controls by nephrologist in local Hospital

Pt 6:
...in 2006...

- Serumcreatinin: 100 → 261 $\mu\text{mol/L}$, **C4 normal, C3 <40 mg/L.**

- Renal biopsy:



Diagnose: **Mesangiocapillary glomerulonephritis met complementverbruik**

Vermoedelijke oorzaak: **Gain of functie mutatie van Factor B** (p.Lys323Glu)

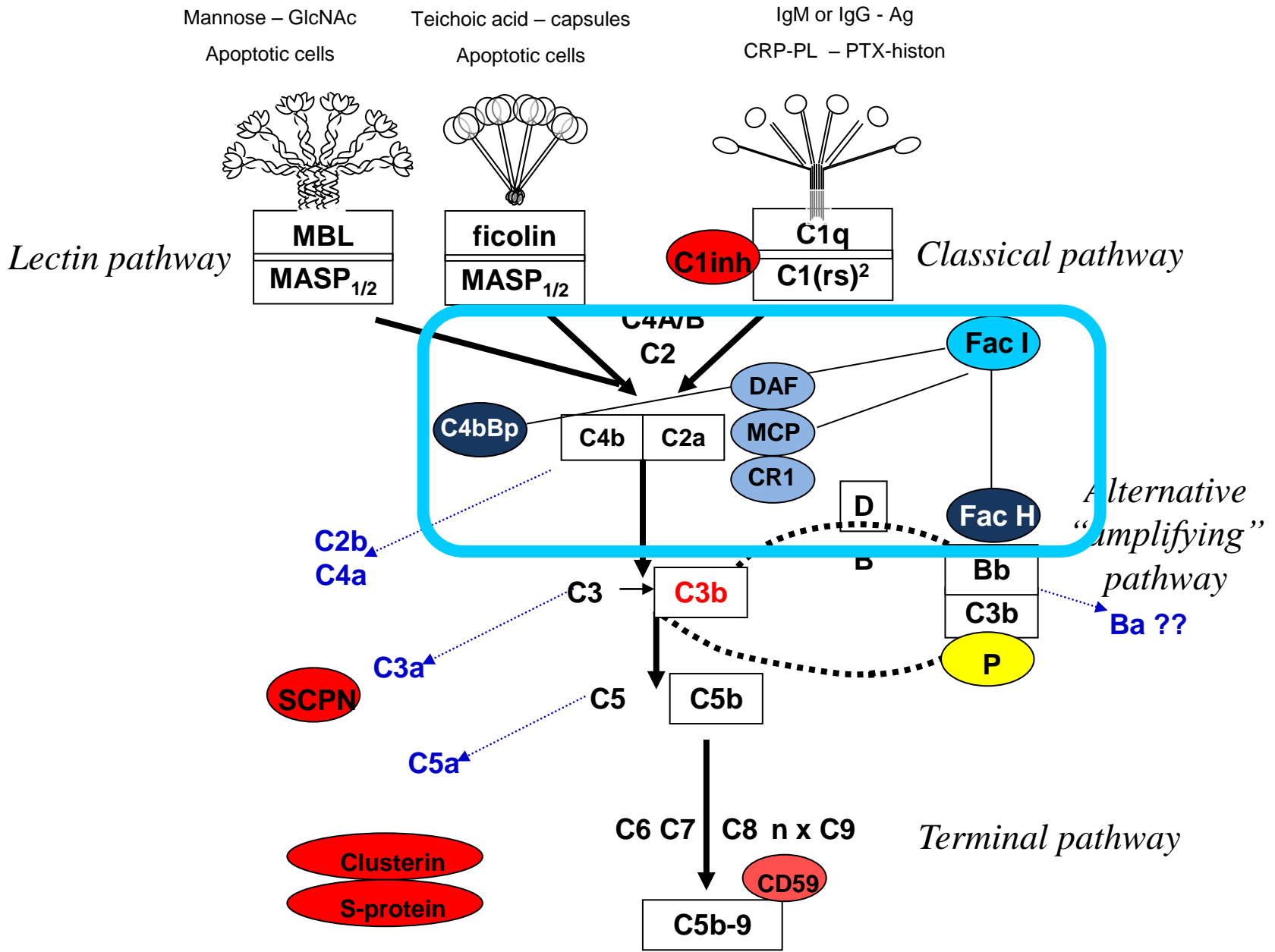
Verwezen door dermatoloog met therapieresistente urticaria



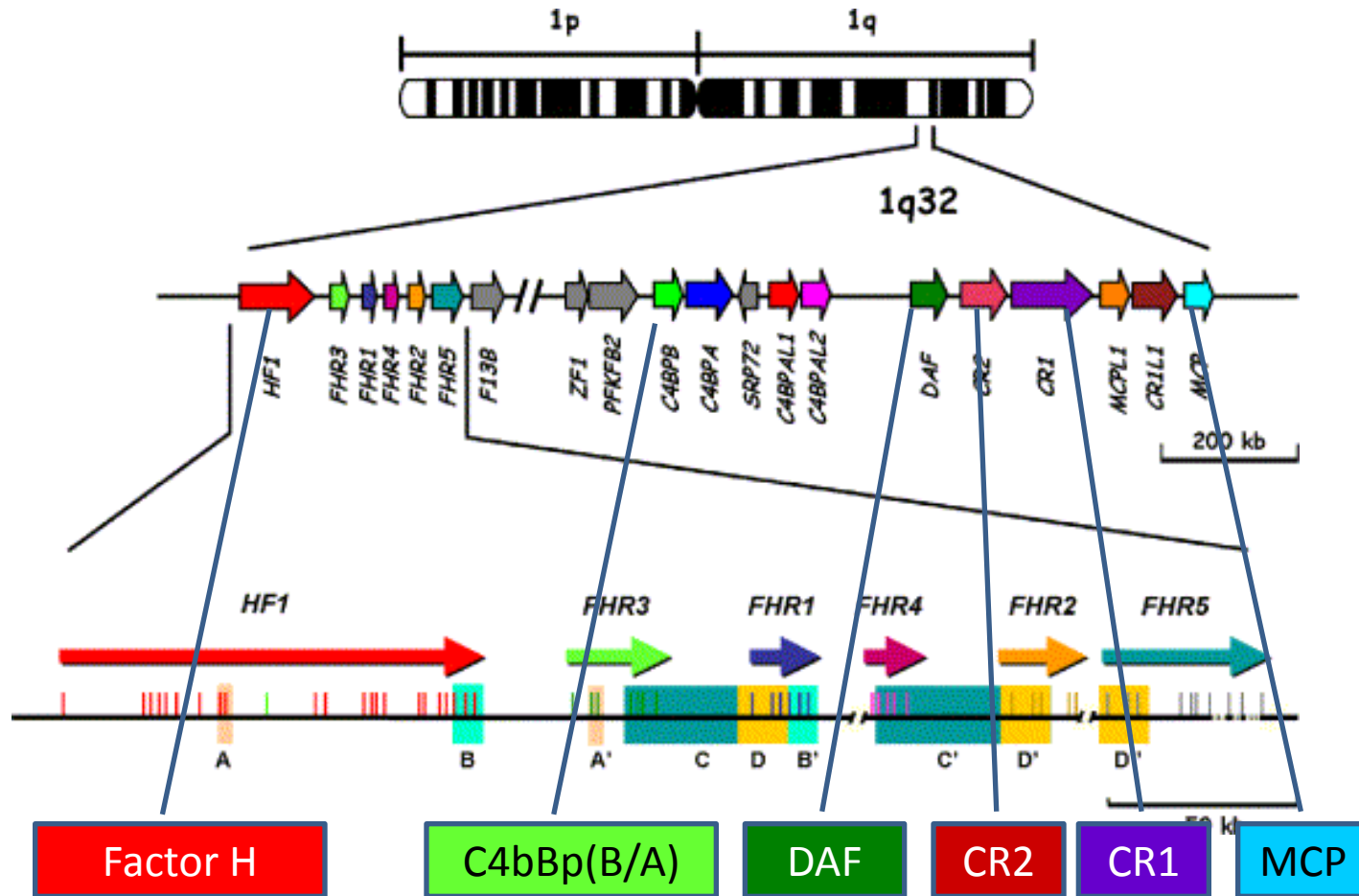
Moeder bekend met HUS, waardoor nier-insufficiënt

Pt 7: 25 jaar

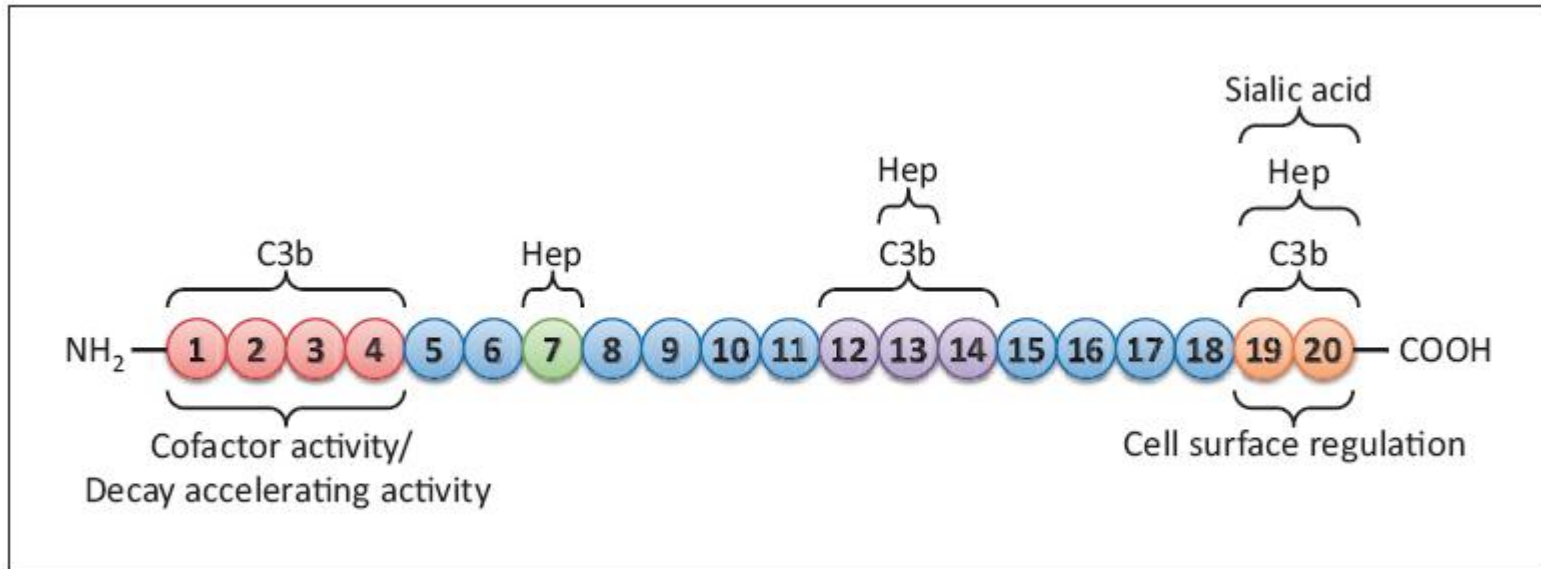
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Regulators of Complement Activation (RCA) gene cluster on Chromosome 1q



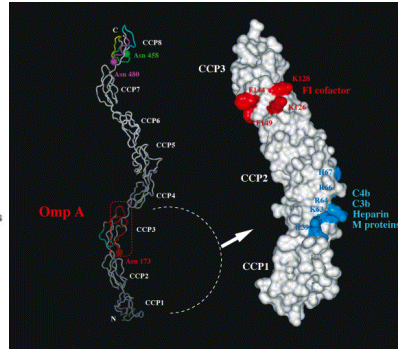
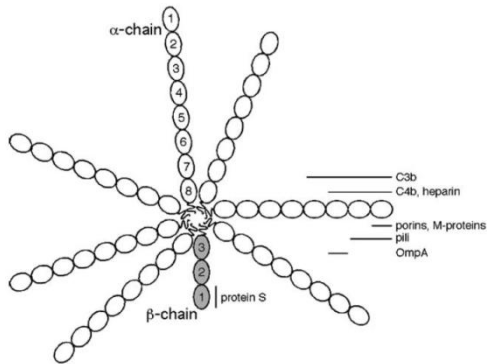
Factor H schematically¹⁾ : “mother” of the RCA family



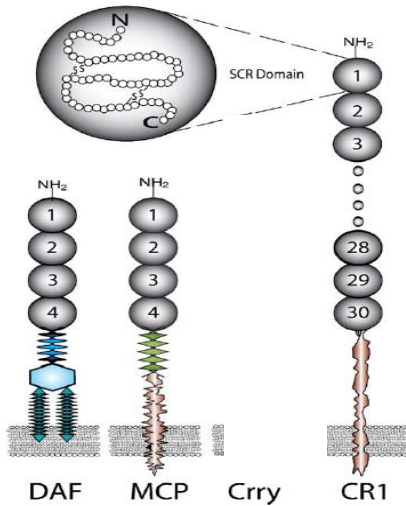
All RCA proteins are polymeres of Complement Control Protein (CCP) domains, or Short Consensus Repeats (SCRs), or sushi domains. They all inhibit C3-convertases either by increasing dissociation of the complex or as a co-factor in the proteolytic degradation of C3b and C4b by Factor I.

1) In real FH is folded in a bent-back domain structure, which explains the multiple binding sites for C3b

Andere leden RCA-familie

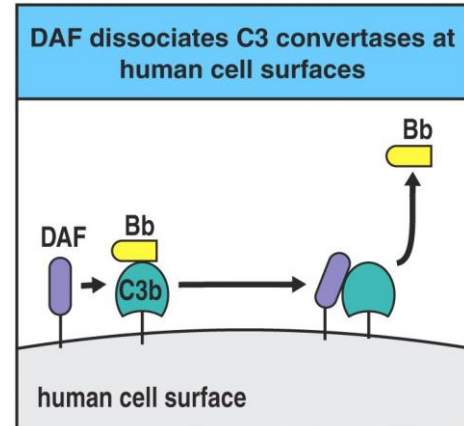
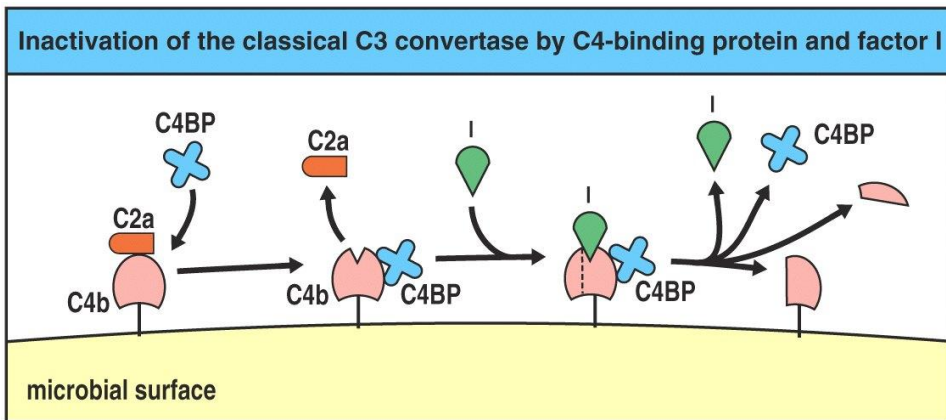
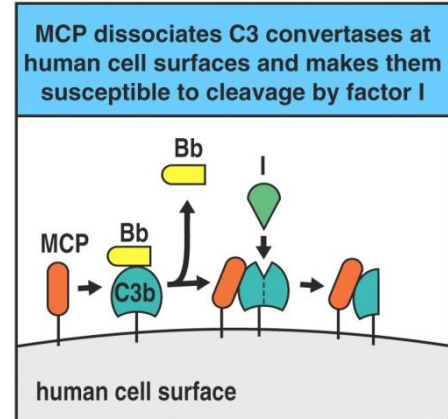
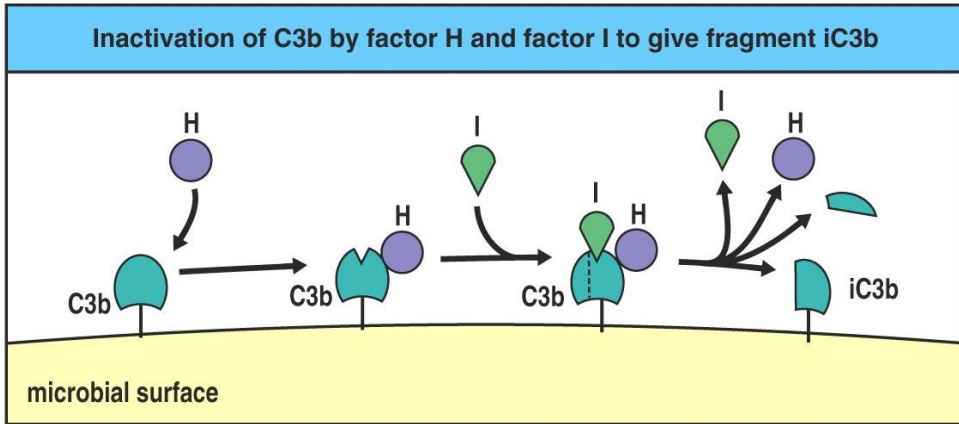


C4b Binding Protein



DAF
MCP
CR1

Remming vorming van, en activiteit van CP- en AP- C3-convertase door FH, C4bBp, MCP, en DAF



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Resultaat Factor I-gen analyse: Heterozygotie voor c.454G>A (p.Val152Met) in exon 3 (mogelijk pathogeen)

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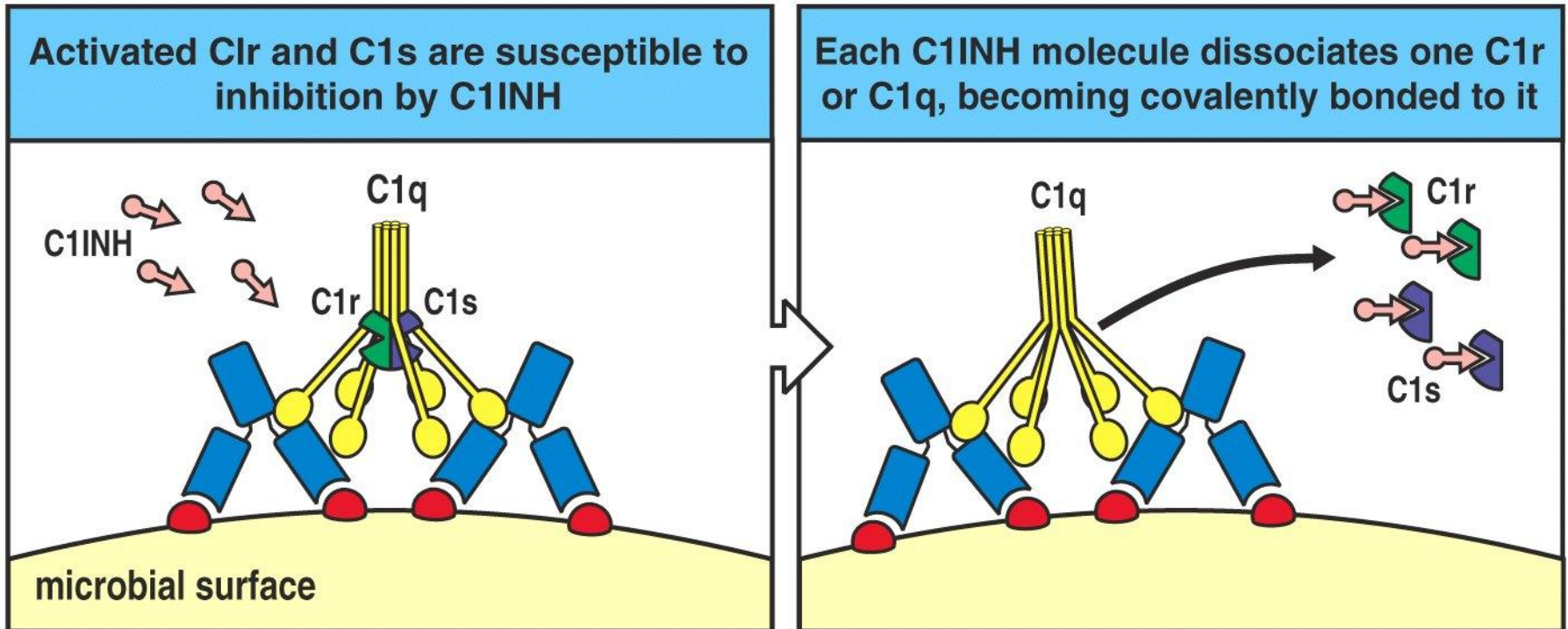
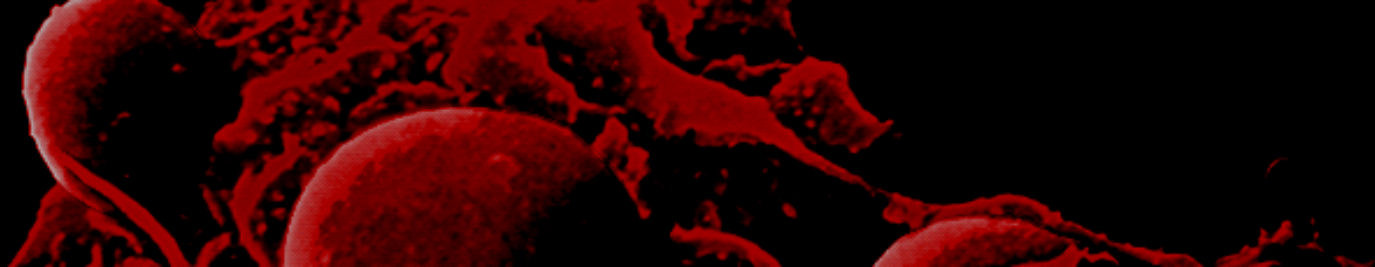


Figure 7-47 The Immune System, 2/e (© Garland Science 2005)

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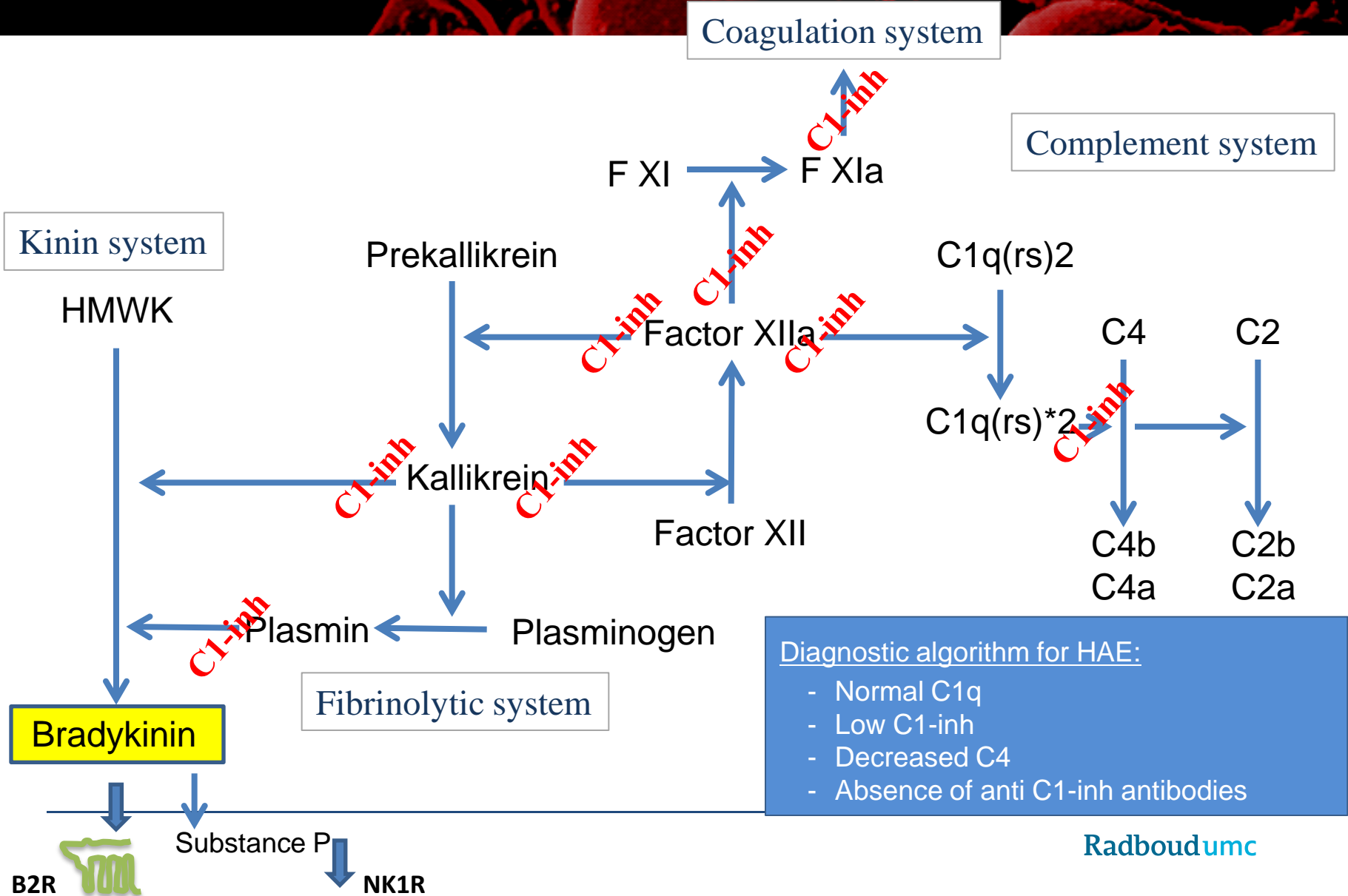
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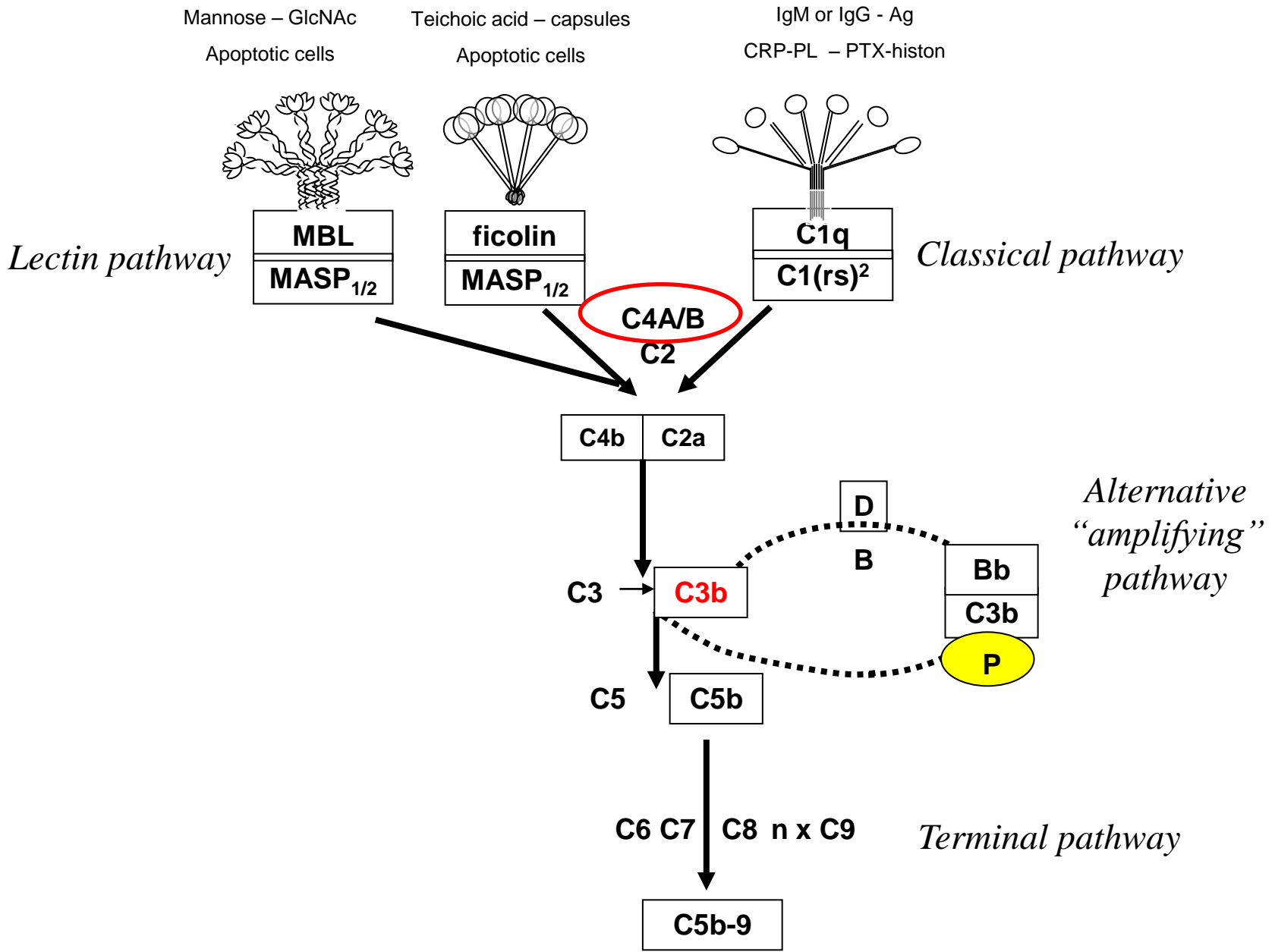
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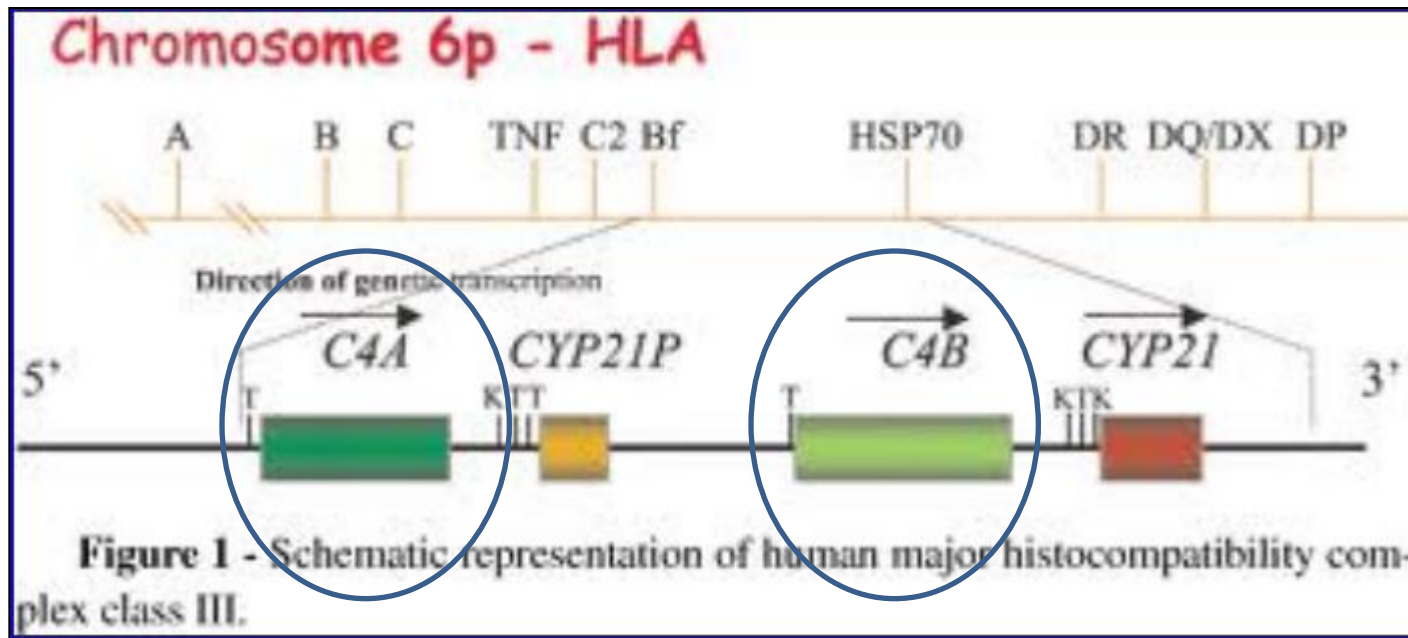
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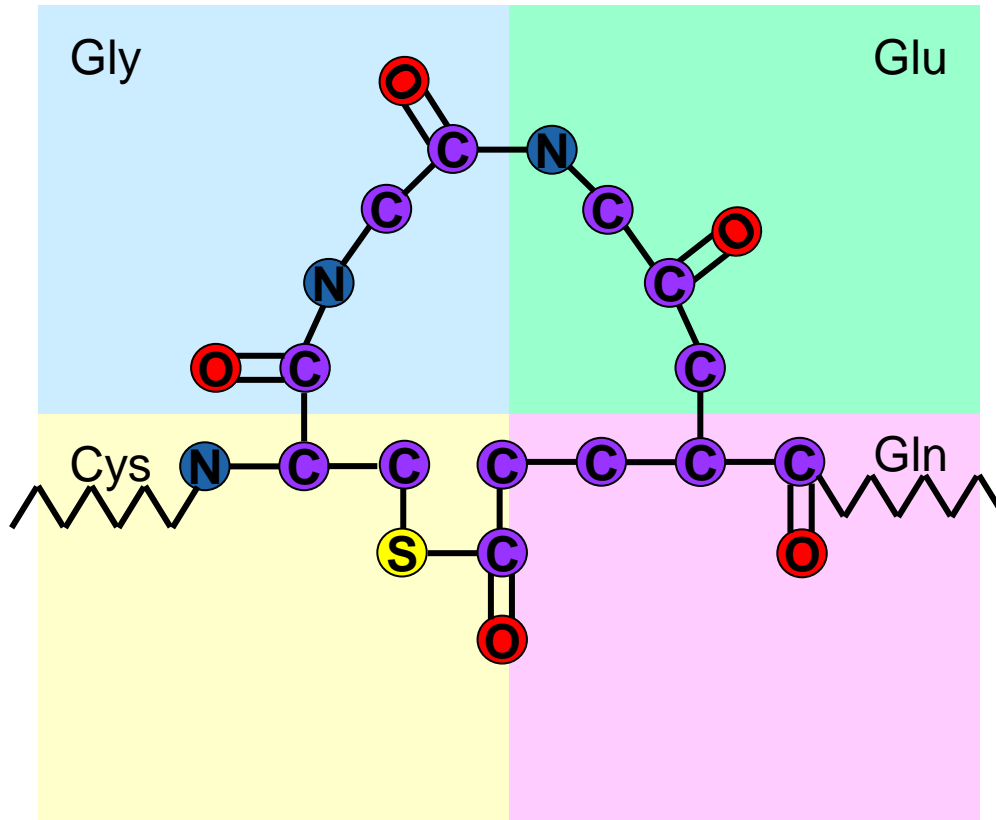


C4 bestaat niet; het is C4-null, C4A en/of C4B



C4A en C4B zijn op ery's herkenbaar als Chido/Rodgers bloedgroep

C4 with exposed thio-ester bond



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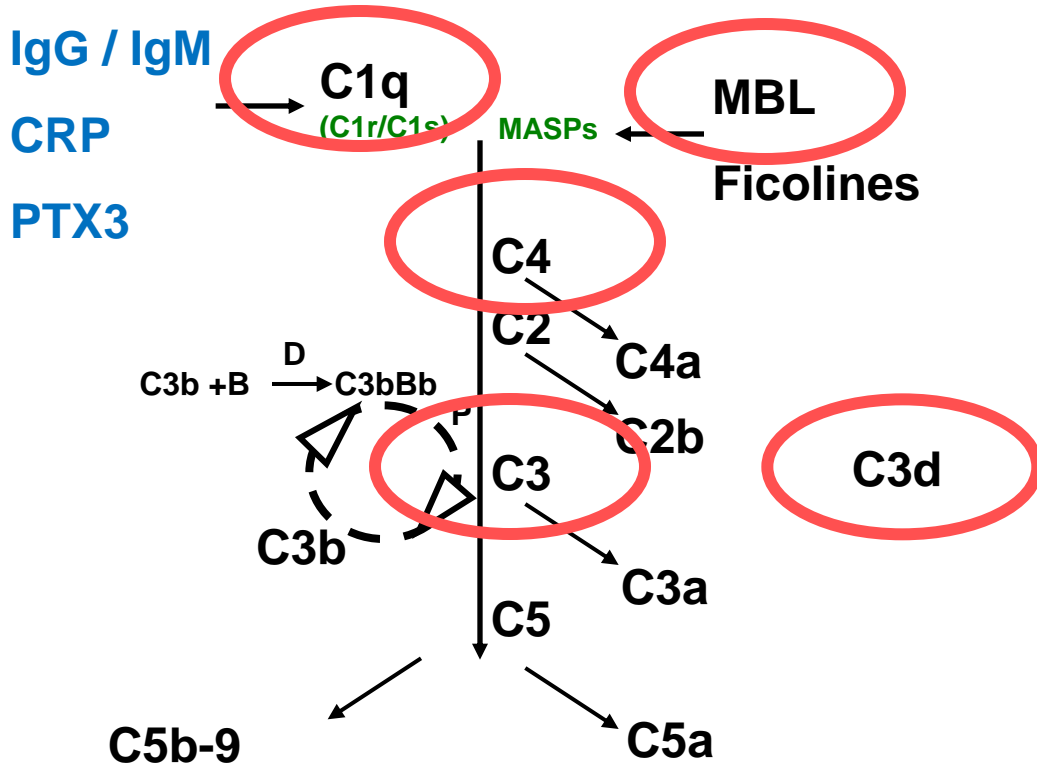
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2014 **Nog steeds is onbekend of pte C4-null is of dat C4 laag is door activatie....**

Welke complementmetingen zijn er voor de kliniek beschikbaar



CH50

AP50

Wat missen we bij complement metingen in de kliniek

Ficoline-assay

C4A- en C4B-assays cq gen-bepaling

Maat voor alternatieve route overactivatie (C3bBbP)

Soluble-TCC

C5a (C3a, C4a, C2a)

Maat voor activatie van kallikreïne cq bradykinine-vorming