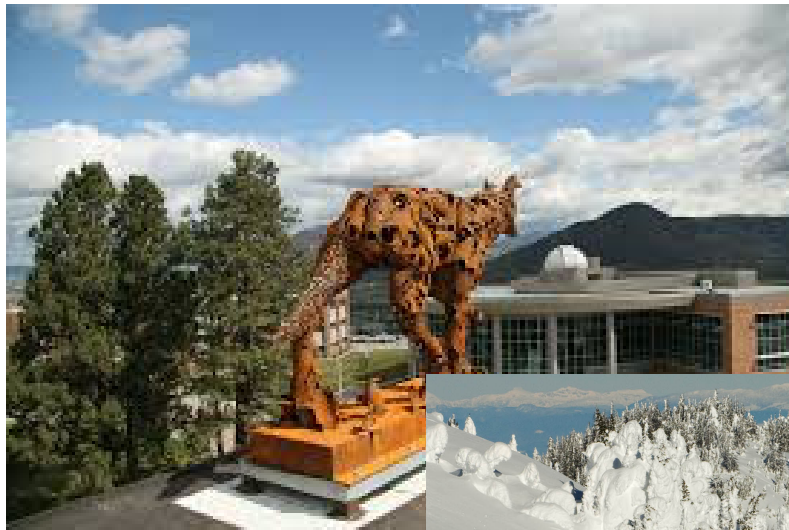


**Exercise derived extracellular vesicles and vascular adaptations**

# Research

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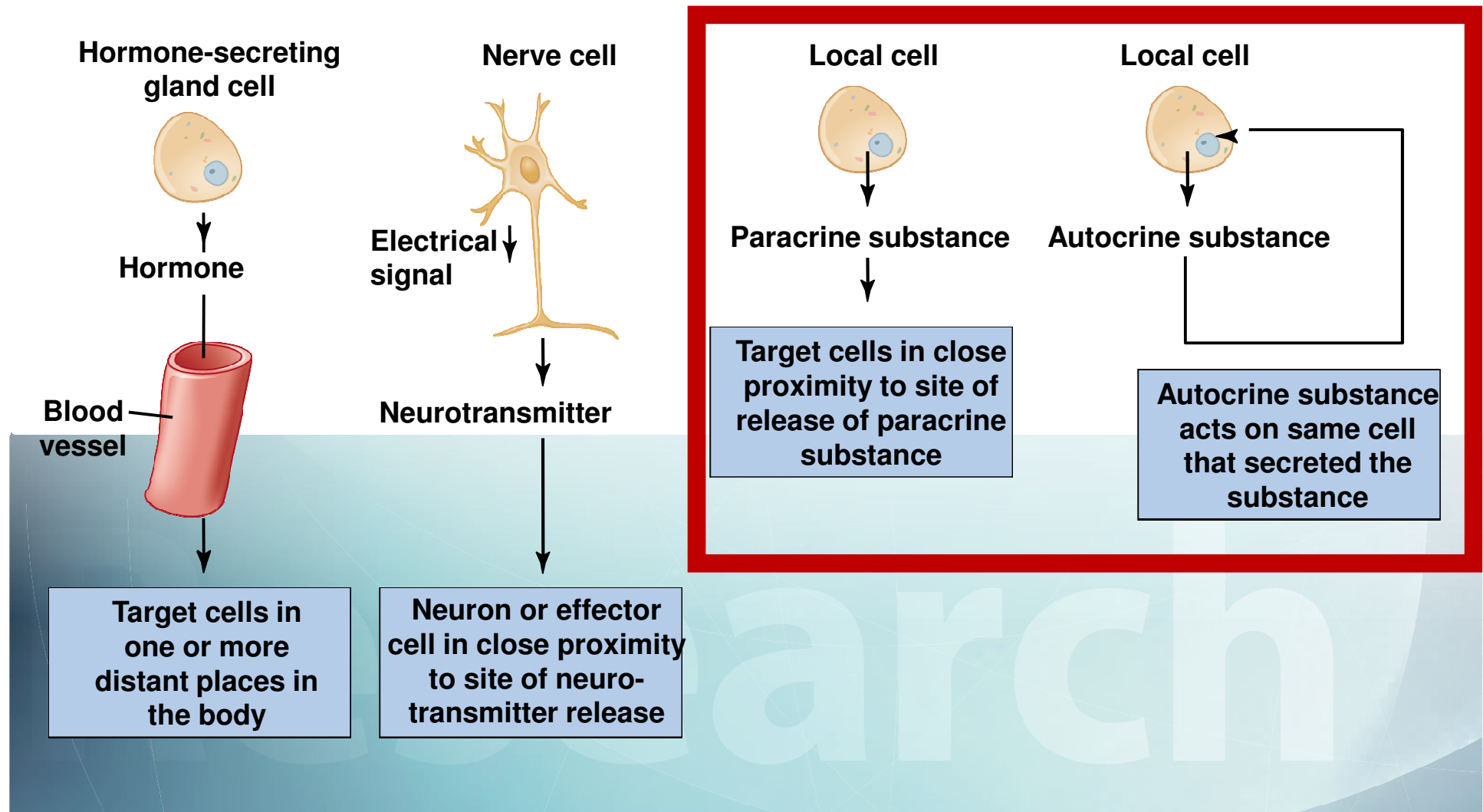


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# Outline of this talk

- What are extracellular vesicles?
- How are they involved in cell to cell communication?
- Which are released with acute exercise and what factors influence their release?
- What do they do within the body?
- Future directions and unanswered questions

# Typically communication between cells in humans





# Most cells shed vesicles of different shapes and sizes

## Three major types

**Ectosomes (microvesicles or microparticles)**

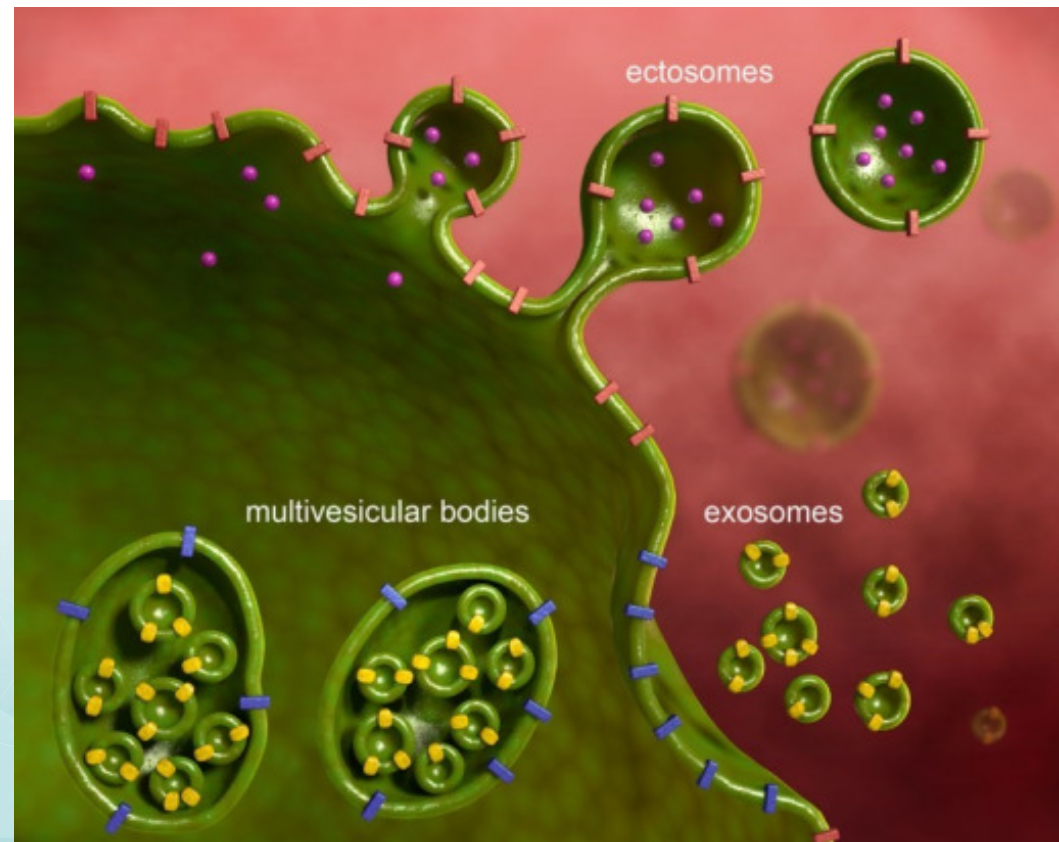
**Exosomes (released from MVBs)**

**Apoptotic bodies (not illustrated)**

## Released from:

**All human tissues/cells**

**Bacteria, yeast and other organisms (interactions with humans?)**



Colombo et al. (2012) Front Physiol

# What are they and why might they be important?

Composed of a lipid membrane

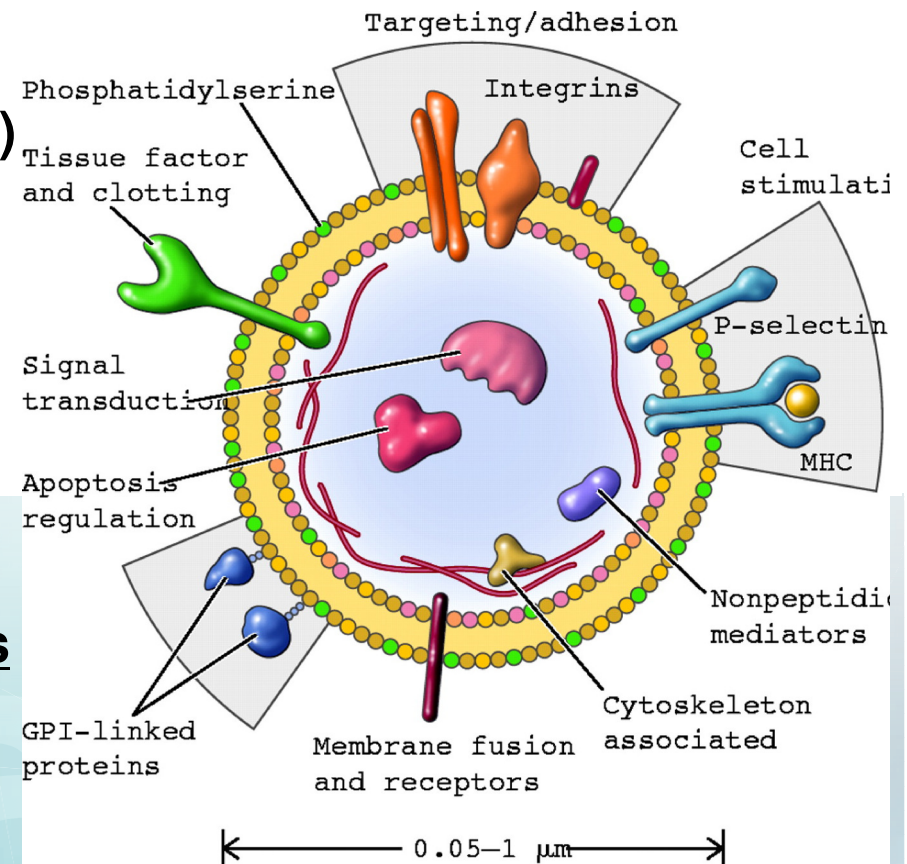
Integral proteins (adhesion, signaling)

GPI-linked proteins

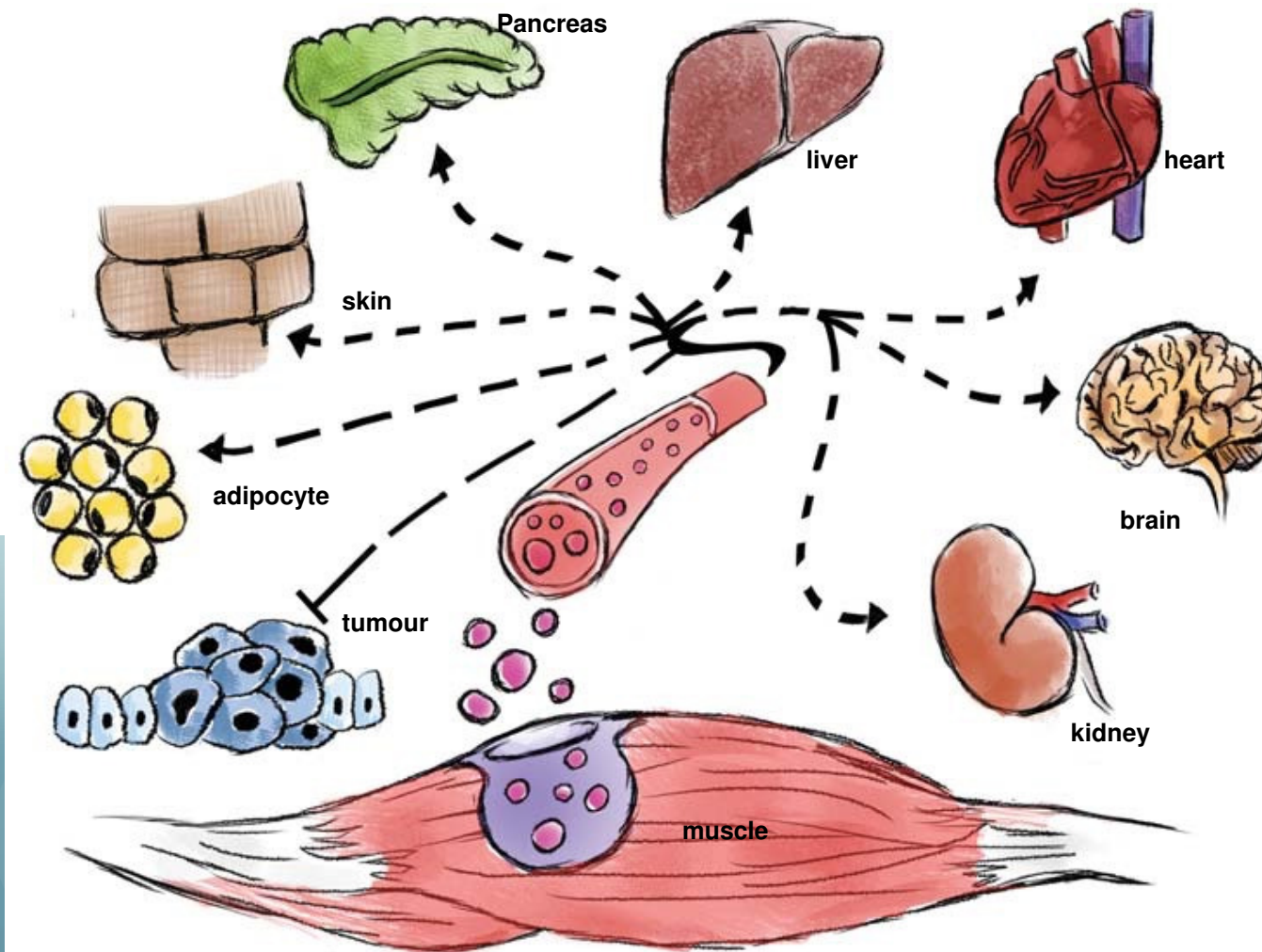
mRNA, miRNA, soluble proteins

Phospholipids

All can interact with neighboring cells  
or distant cells when circulating

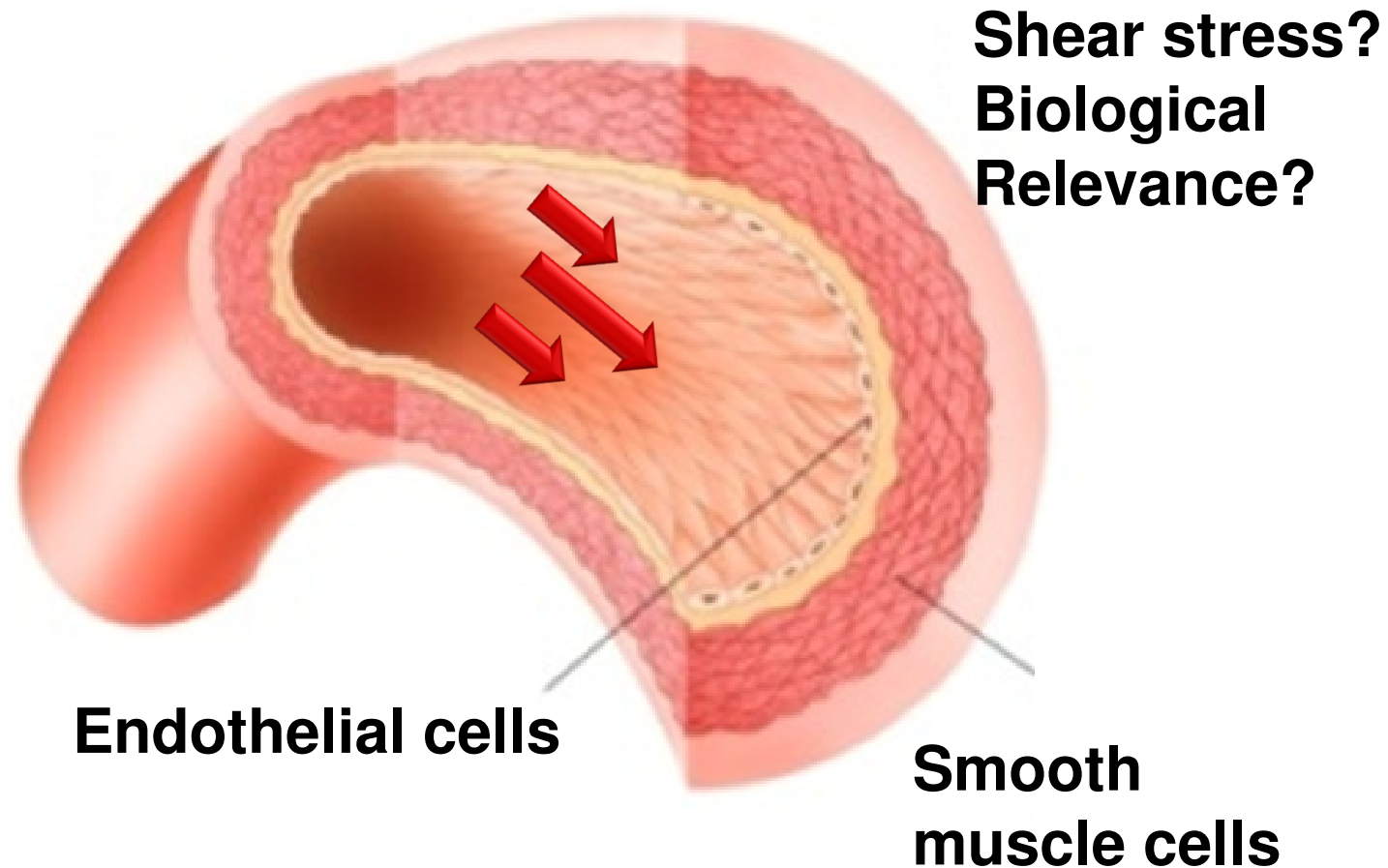


# Theoretical impacts of exercise and the “exerkine” derived from skeletal muscle



Safdar and Tarnopolsky (2017) Cold Spring Harbour Perspective in Med

**What are the stimuli responsible for this platelet response?**





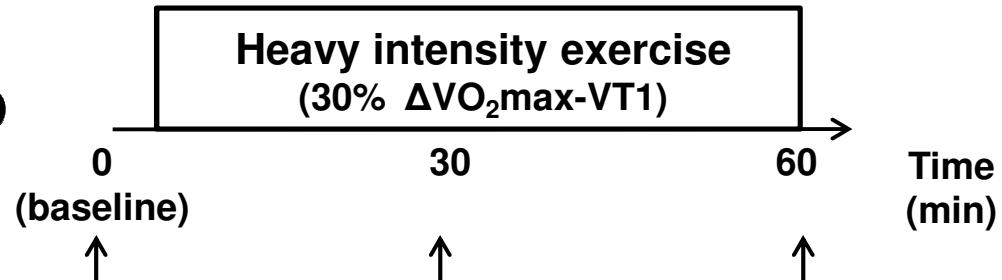
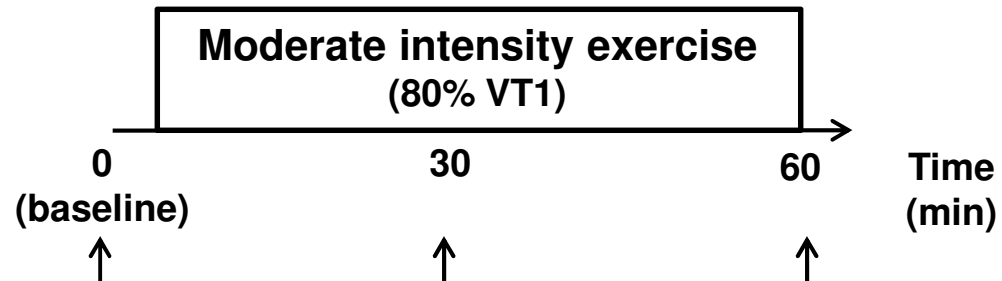
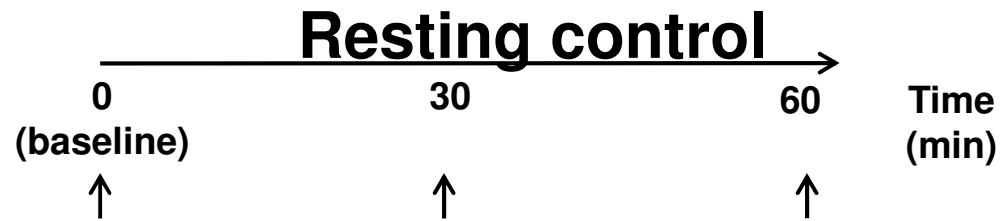
**We assessed which stimuli are involved and whether  
MVs are potentially relevant in angiogenesis**

**Study 1: Is the exercise intensity an important modulator  
and is it related to shear stress?**

**Study 2: Is the stress placed upon the muscle important  
in the modulating the increase of MVs with exercise?**

**Study 3: What is the the biological relevance? Are they  
important in exercise adaptations like angiogenesis?**

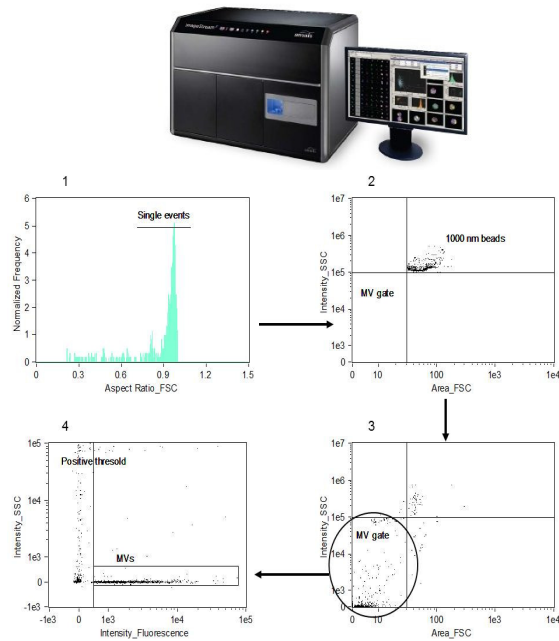
# Is the intensity of exercise an important and what about EMVs?



# Methodology to study microvesicle dynamics

## Plasma Microvesicle Quantification:

- Image Flow Cytometry  
↓ (ImageStream, Amnis, USA)
- CD41<sup>+</sup> (PMVs)
- CD62E<sup>+</sup> (EMVs)
- Size calibration beads

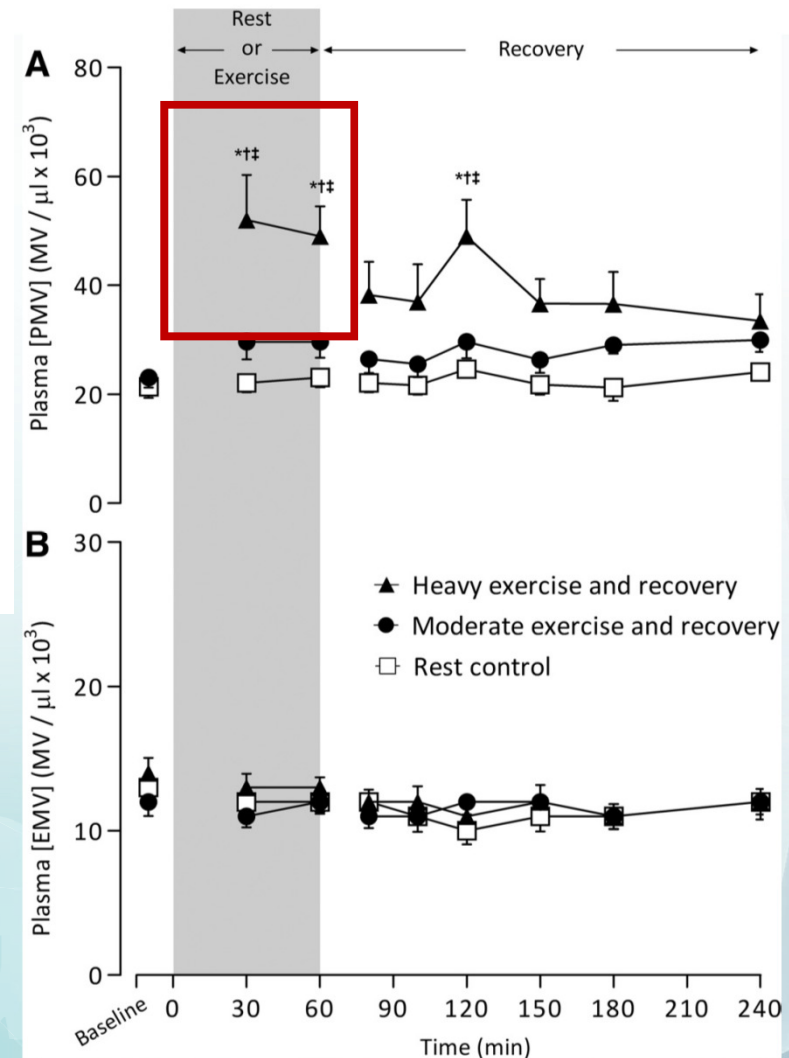
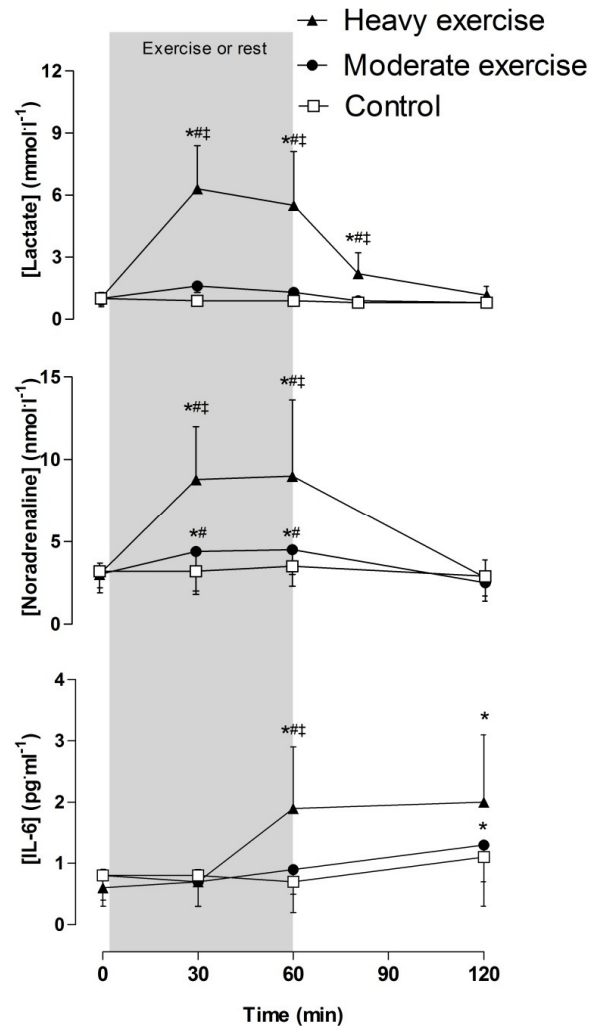


## Haemodynamic measurements:

- Ultrasonography  
↓
- Shear rate at the brachial artery



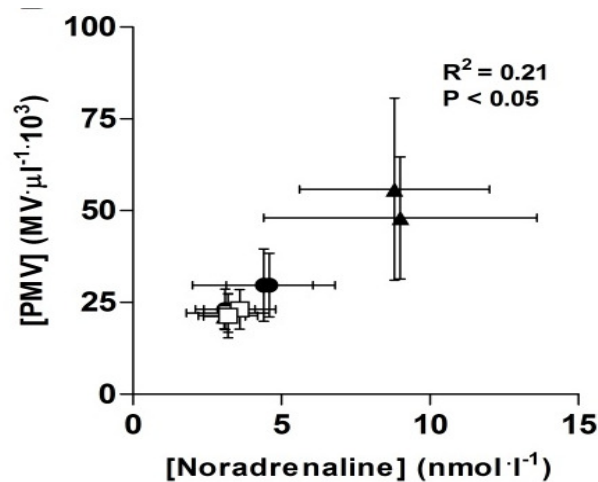
# A biphasic response in PMVs with intense exercise



Wilhelm et al (2016) Am J Physiol: Heart Circ Physiol

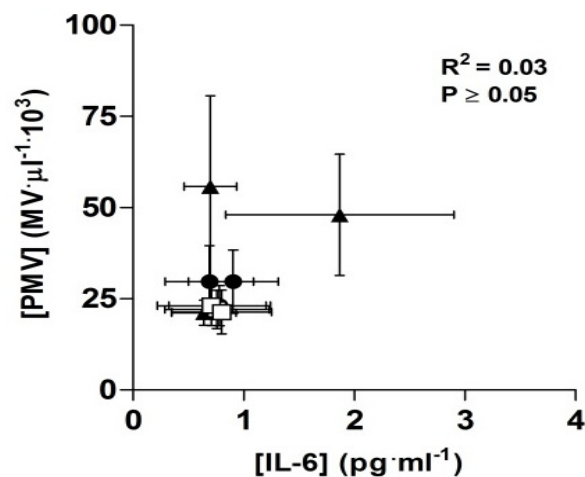


# Modest relationship with norepinephrine but no relationship with IL-6



**Individual subject regressions**

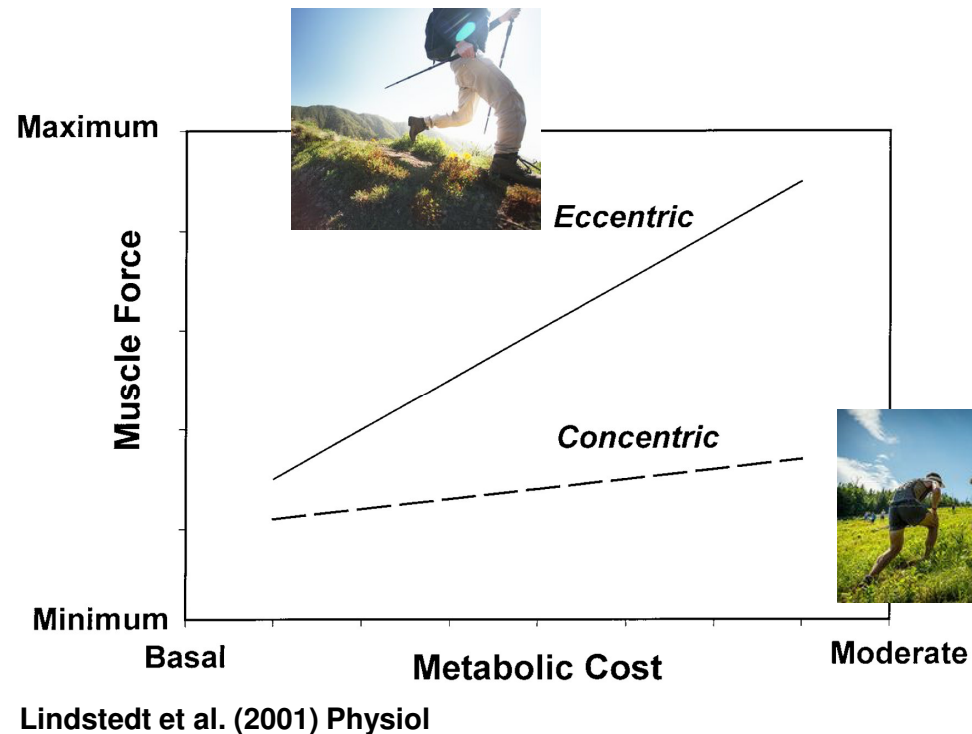
**NorEp has modest relationship**



**Increased IL-6 does not relate to changes in PMV**

**No increase in EMVs so no relationships exist with exercise**

# Do aspects of the muscle contraction influence the appearance of both PMVs and EMVs?

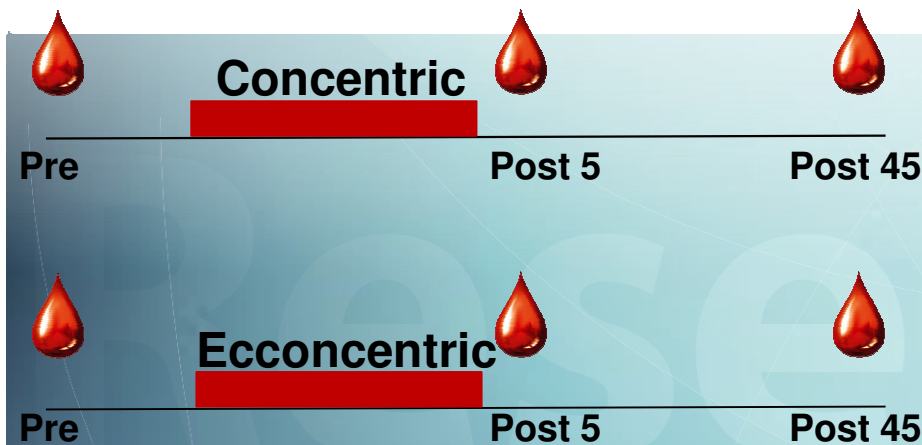
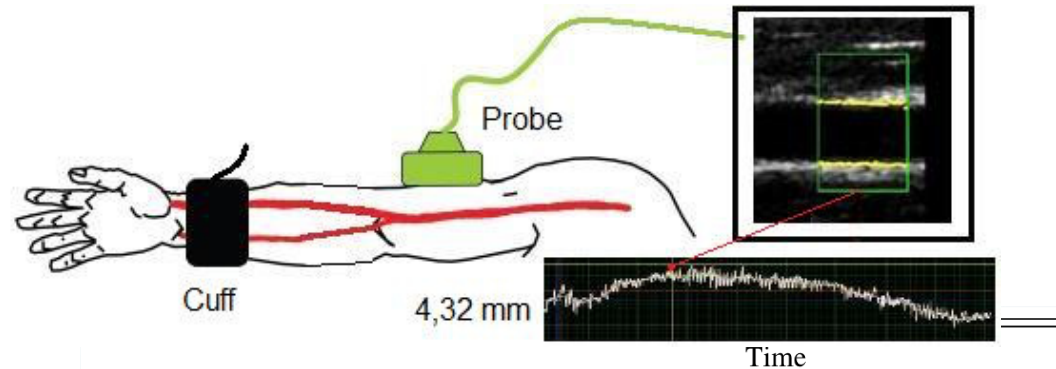
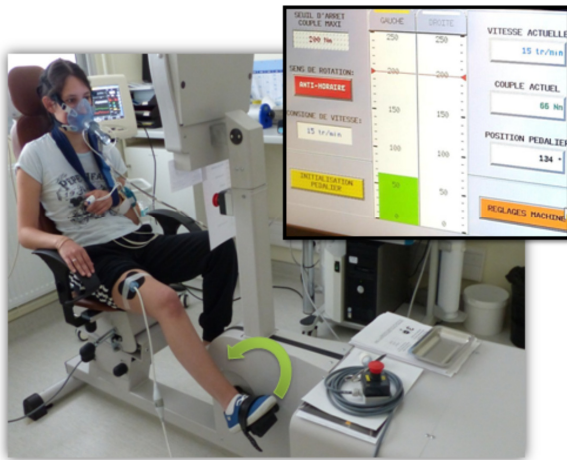


Is the downhill walking a viable intervention?

What benefits are there for the vasculature?

What are the risks to practitioner?

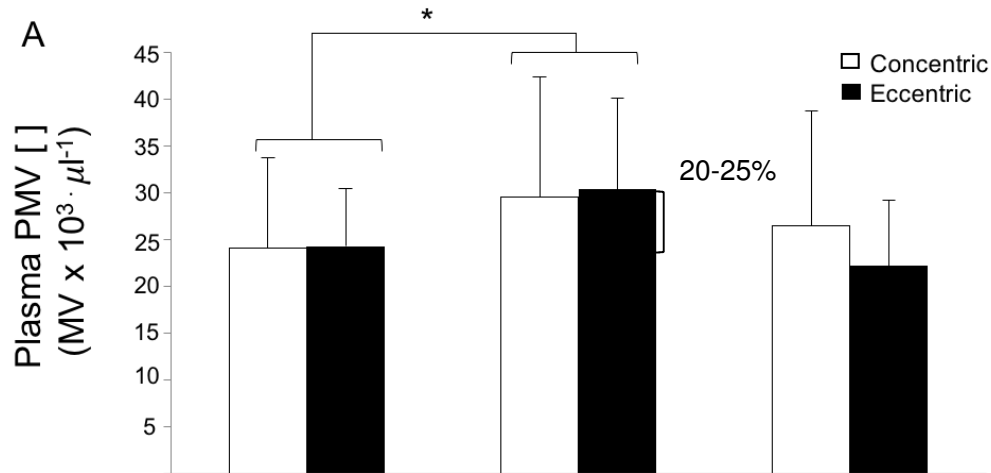
# Do aspects of the muscle contraction influence the appearance of both PMVs and EMVs?



	Pre	Post 5 min	Post 40 min
Heart rate, beats/min			
Concentric	58.5 ± 7.6	104.2 ± 9.2*	59.1 ± 8.0
Eccentric	61.7 ± 8.8	117.4 ± 19.0*	62.4 ± 10.4
Cardiac output, l/min			
Concentric	7.6 ± 1.2	14.1 ± 1.8*	7.5 ± 1.2
Eccentric	7.9 ± 1.4	14.4 ± 2.7*	7.5 ± 1.3
Mean arterial pressure, mmHg			
Concentric	80 ± 13	93 ± 13*	76 ± 11
Eccentric	73 ± 10	102 ± 9*	72 ± 12
Systolic blood pressure, mmHg			
Concentric	118 ± 19	141 ± 21*	114 ± 14
Eccentric	109 ± 14	145 ± 13*	107 ± 17
Diastolic blood pressure, mmHg			
Concentric	59 ± 9	68 ± 10*	57 ± 8
Eccentric	54 ± 7	77 ± 8*	54 ± 9
Norepinephrine, pg/ml			
Concentric	184.1 ± 61.4	536.5 ± 144.7*	215.2 ± 87.4
Eccentric	217.0 ± 139.5	642.5 ± 301.8*	243.6 ± 97.5

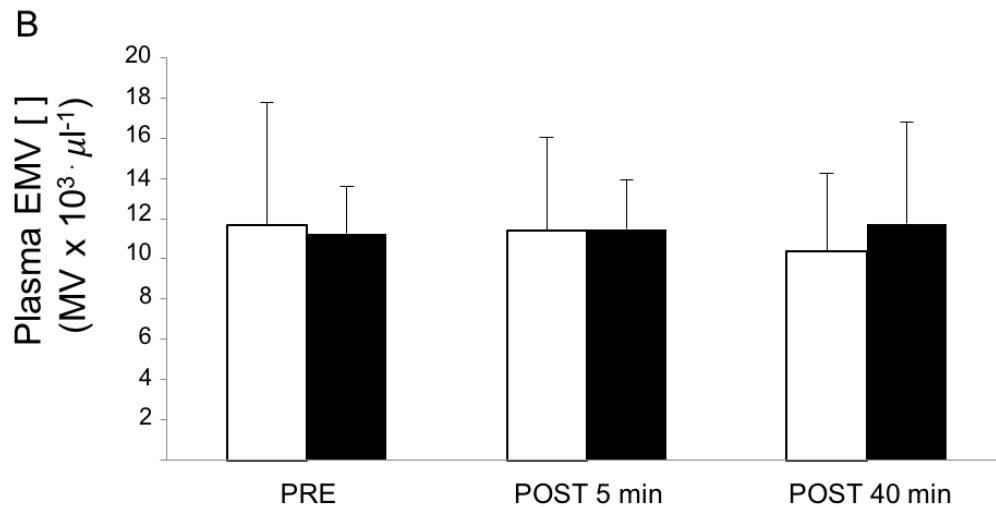
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# Both methods of exercising increase modestly the circulating concentrations of PMV



Platelet MVs increases in both modalities

Brief, returning to baseline quickly

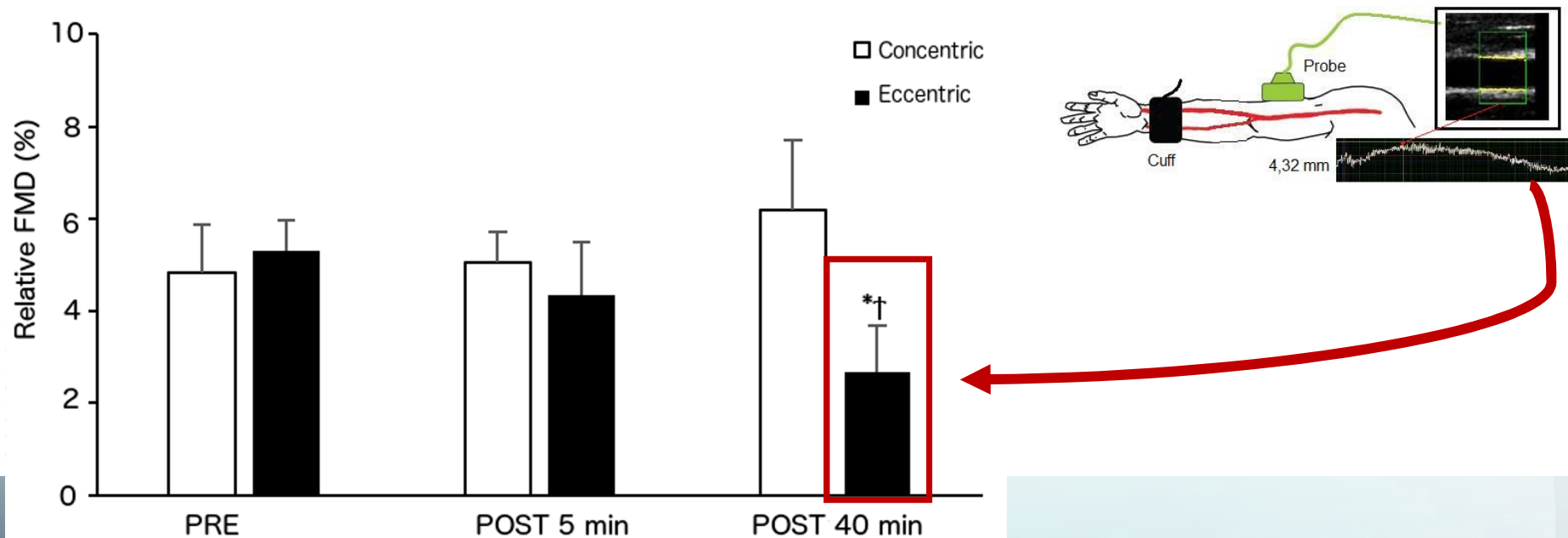


Endothelial MVs were unchanged

Suggests no endothelial activation or damage



# The function of arteries during recovery may be reduced with eccentric exercise



The maximal dilation caused by shear stress is reduced

Likely a systemic effect since the arms were not involved

Linked to late recovery oxidative stress

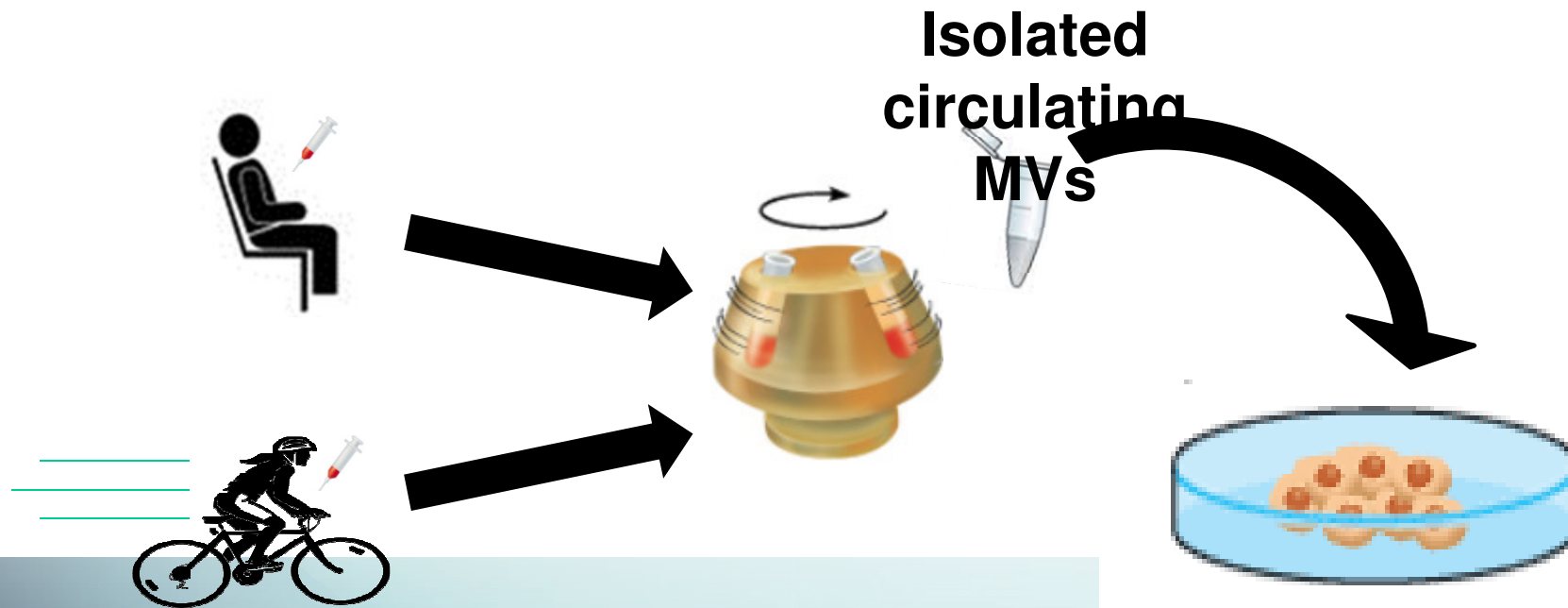
# Summary of mobilization and appearance with exercise

1. Platelets (possibly megakaryocytes) release MV with exercise
2. Modest changes with moderate intensity, but substantial, and consistent with high intensity
3. EMVs do not seem to be created
4. Shear stress not likely a major moderator of this response (results not shown Wilhelm et al. Physiol Rep)

**Many unanswered questions remain**

**So PMVs increase after exercise, but what might they do?**

# Methods for in vitro assessments of the effects of MVs on endothelial cells



**Events in capillary growth can be mimicked**

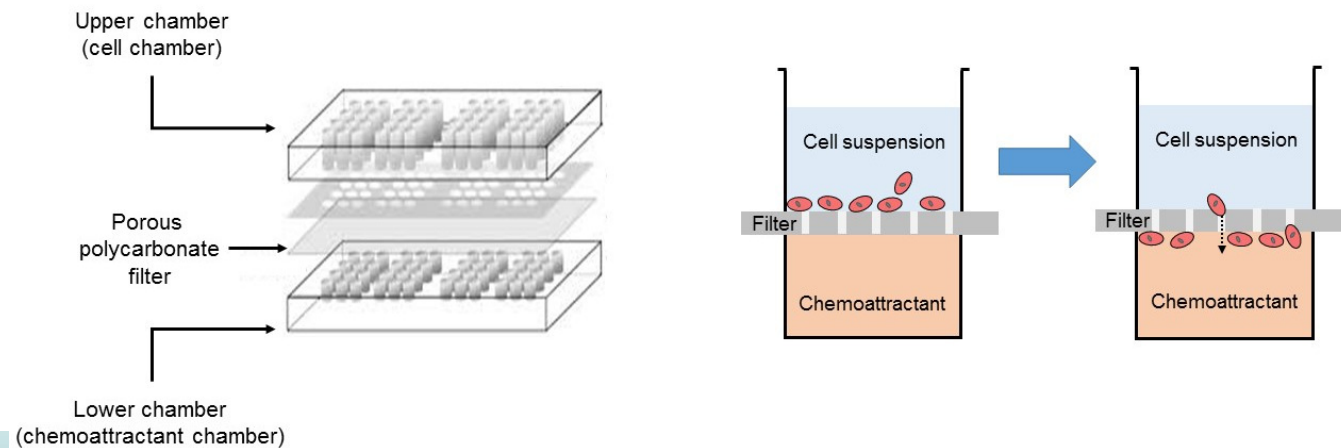
- proliferation of cells (MTT assay)
- Migration towards angiogenic stimuli (VEGF or EVs)
- Combined proliferation and migration (scratch wound assay)
- Formation of capillary-like structure (matrigel tubule assay)



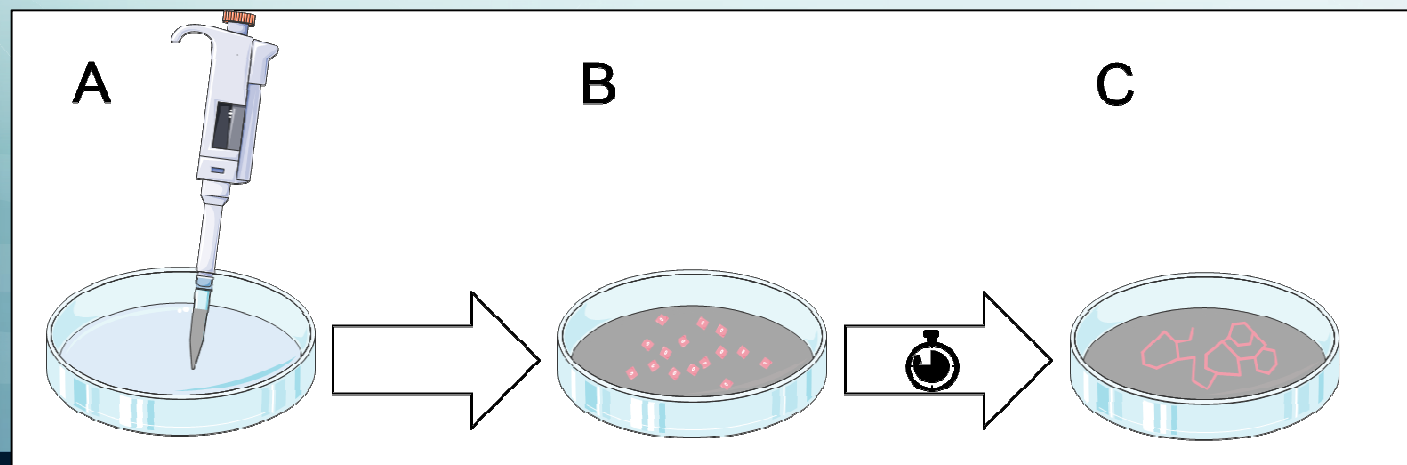
# What might they be MVs being doing in the body?

Conducted experiments using isolated MVs from rest and exercise

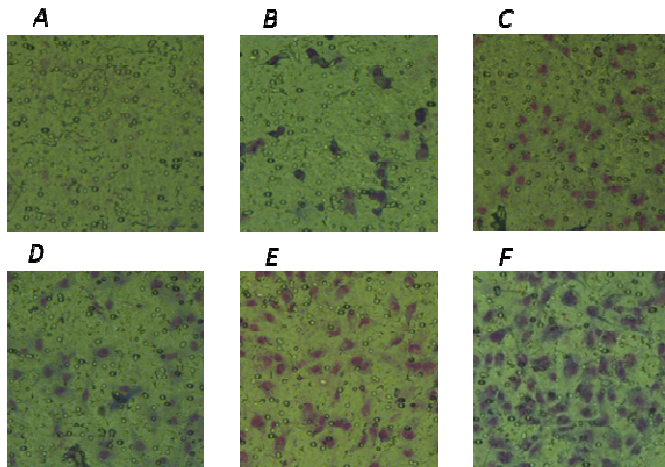
## Migration:



## Wound formation:



# What might they be MVs doing in the body?



## Endothelial cells

Migrate/move when stimulated with MVs

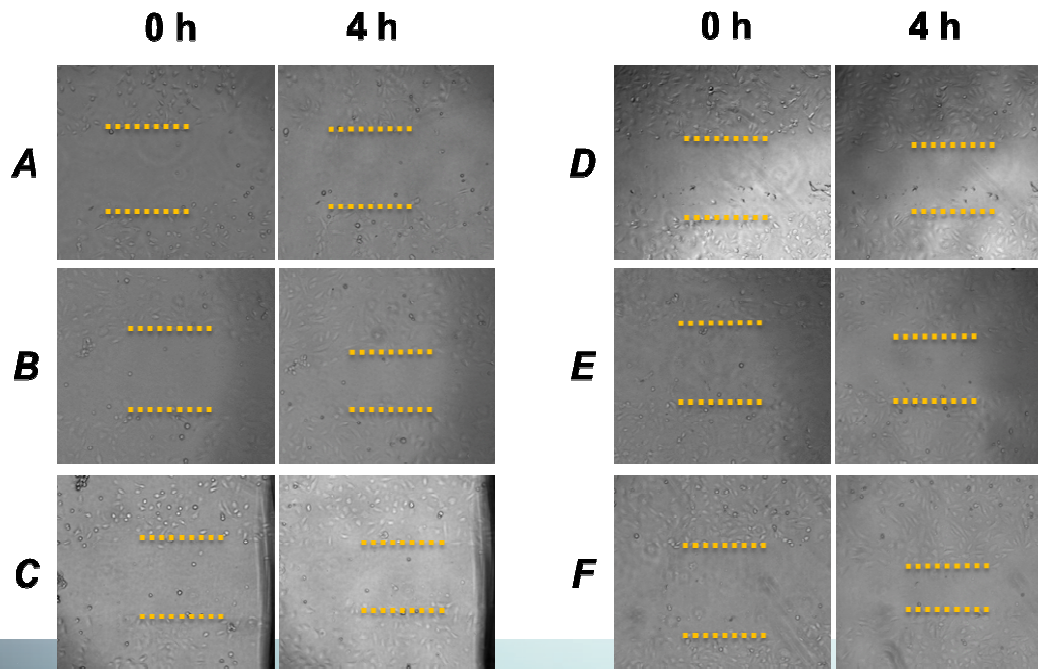
Effect is potentiated with MVs derived from blood obtained during exercise

Concentration or content?



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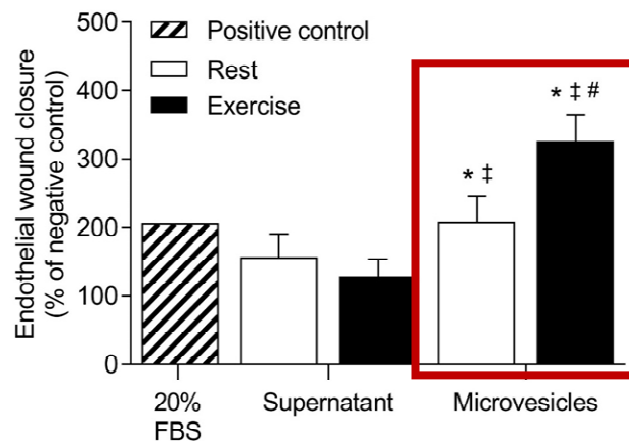


## Endothelial cells

Heal a disturbed monolayer when stimulated by MVs

Wound healing is quicker with MVs derived from blood obtained during exercise

Concentration or content?



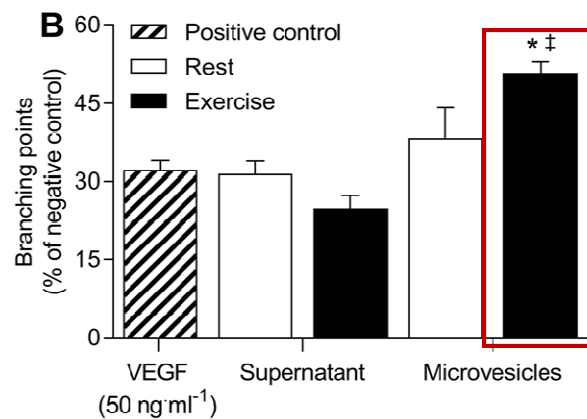
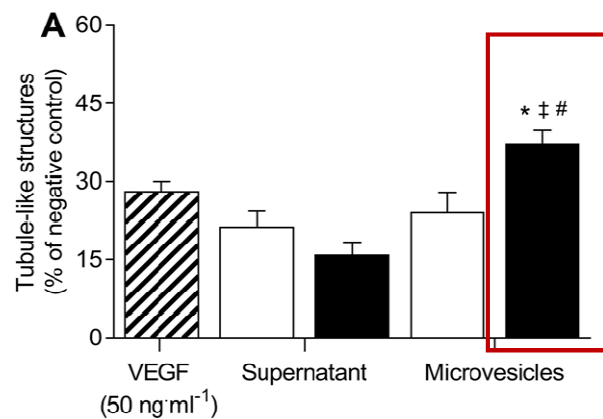
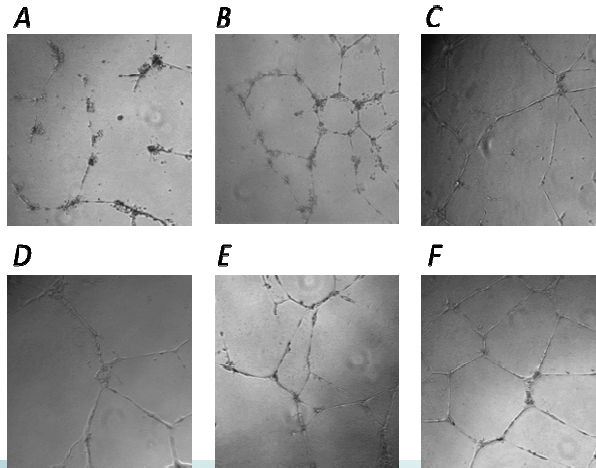
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# What might they be MVs being doing in the body?

## Endothelial cells

Create more tubule like structures with exercise derived MVs

Content or Concentration?



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# Take home points and future directions

## Future Directions

What are the stimuli that lead to MV formation in health, with exercise and does MV communication deteriorate with aging?

Does the content of MVs change with acute exercise and does this impact other cells?

What mechanism leads to the change in endothelial cell function when exposed to MV derived from exercise?



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# How do we evaluate blood vessel health and function in humans non-invasively?

Induce ischemia to the forearm or leg

Monitor reactive hyperaemia and dilation



Blockade of signaling pathways possible to determine treatments and responses

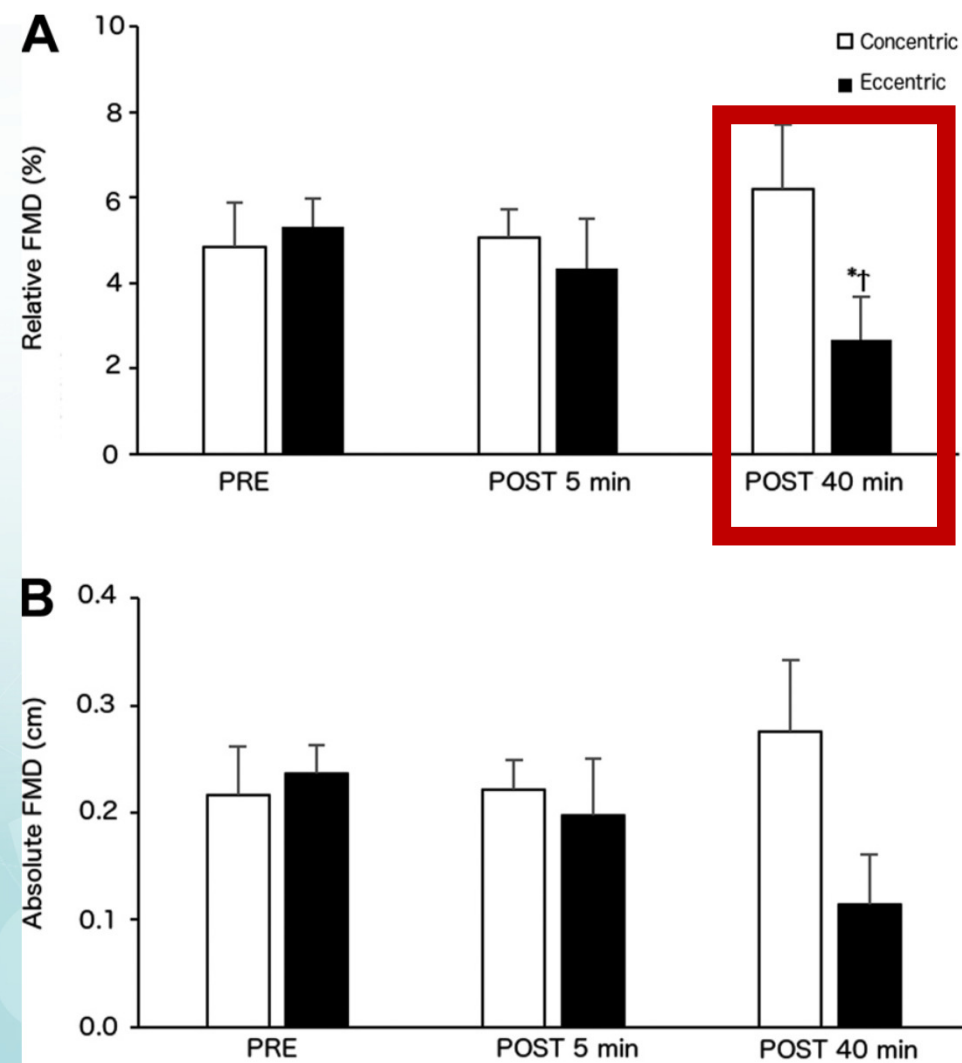
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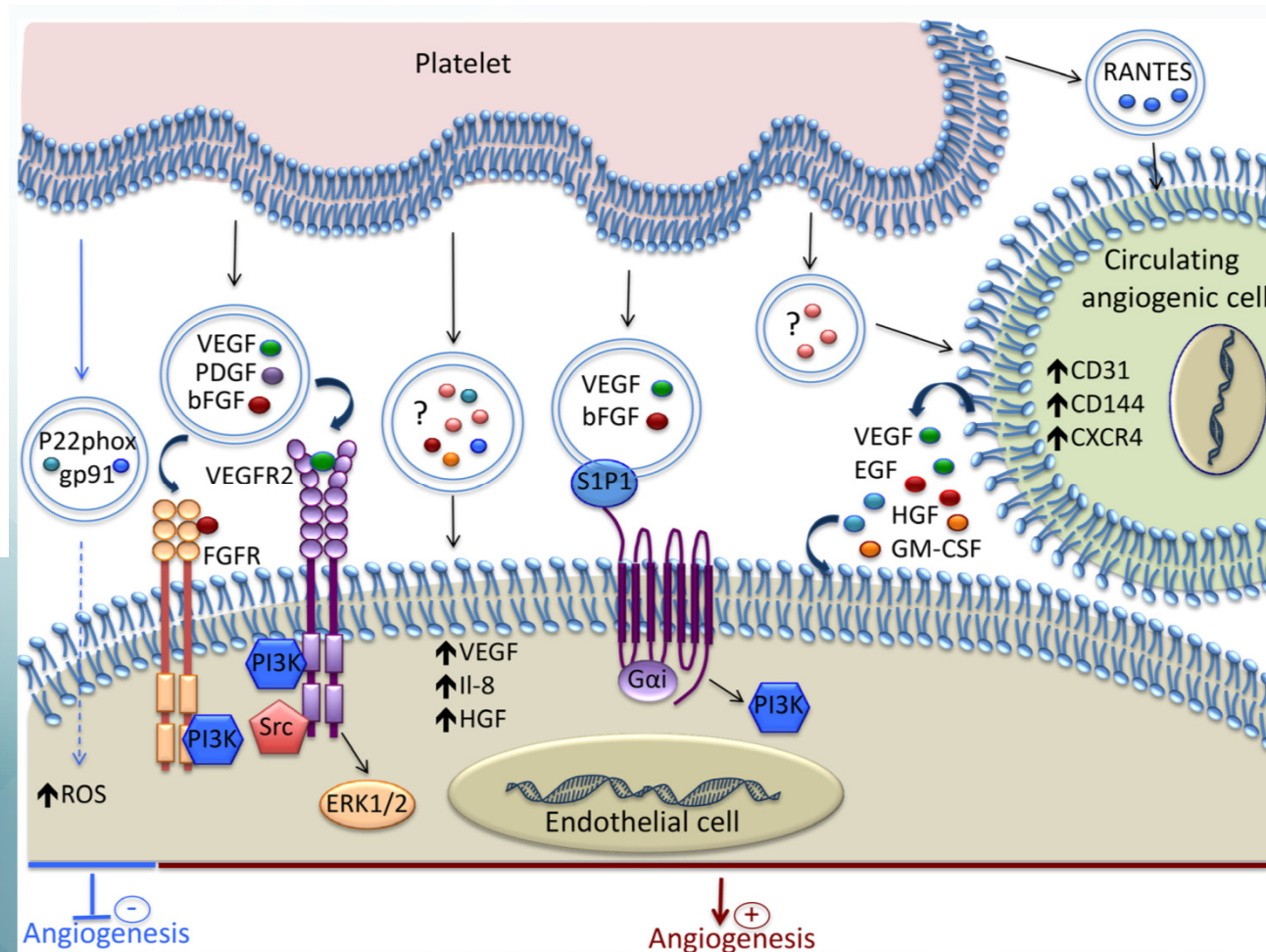
**No change in FMD with concentric cycling**

**Reductions with eccentric cycling late in recovery**

**Unrelated to oxidative stress induced by the exercise, possibly immune related during recovery**



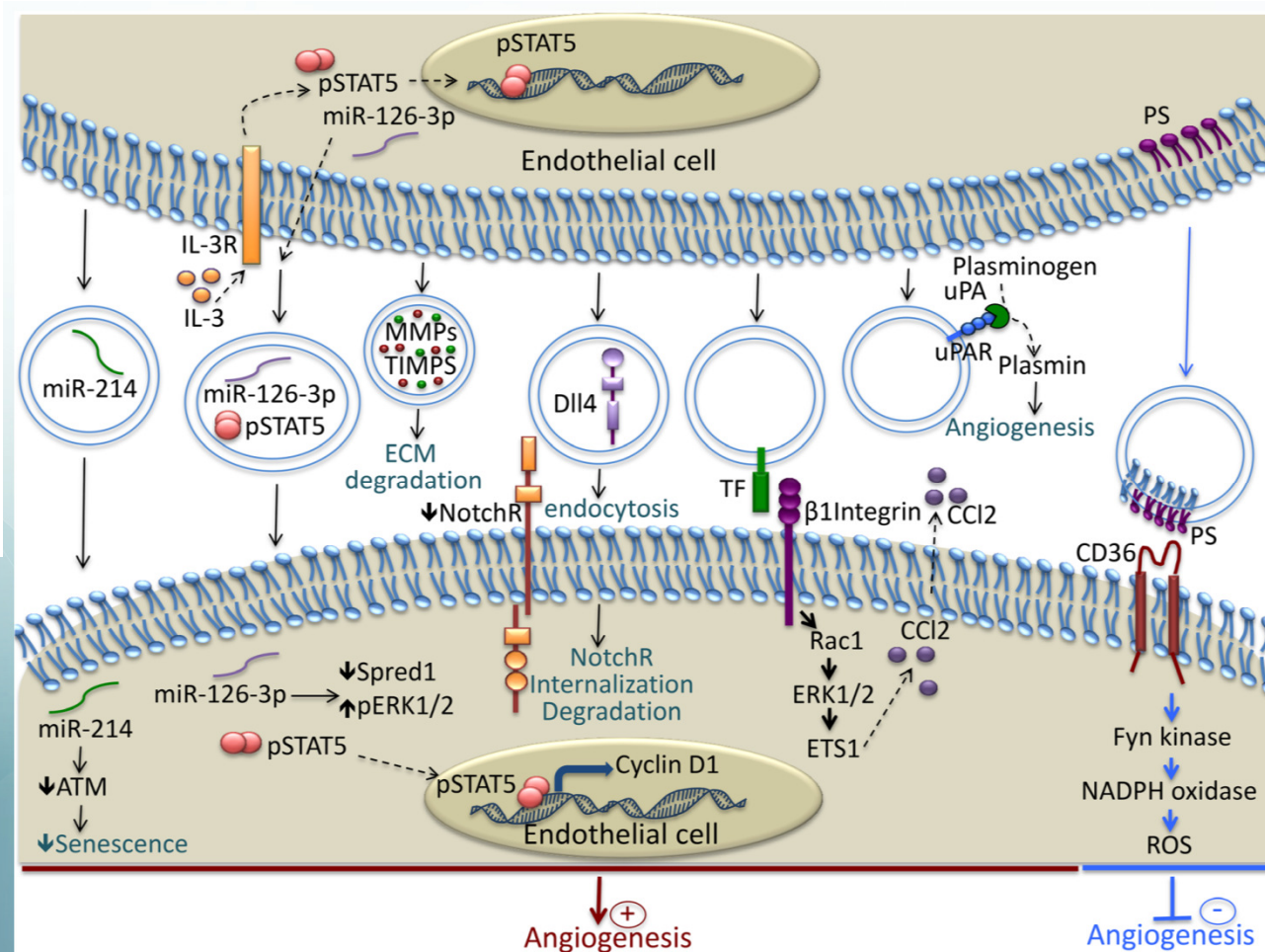
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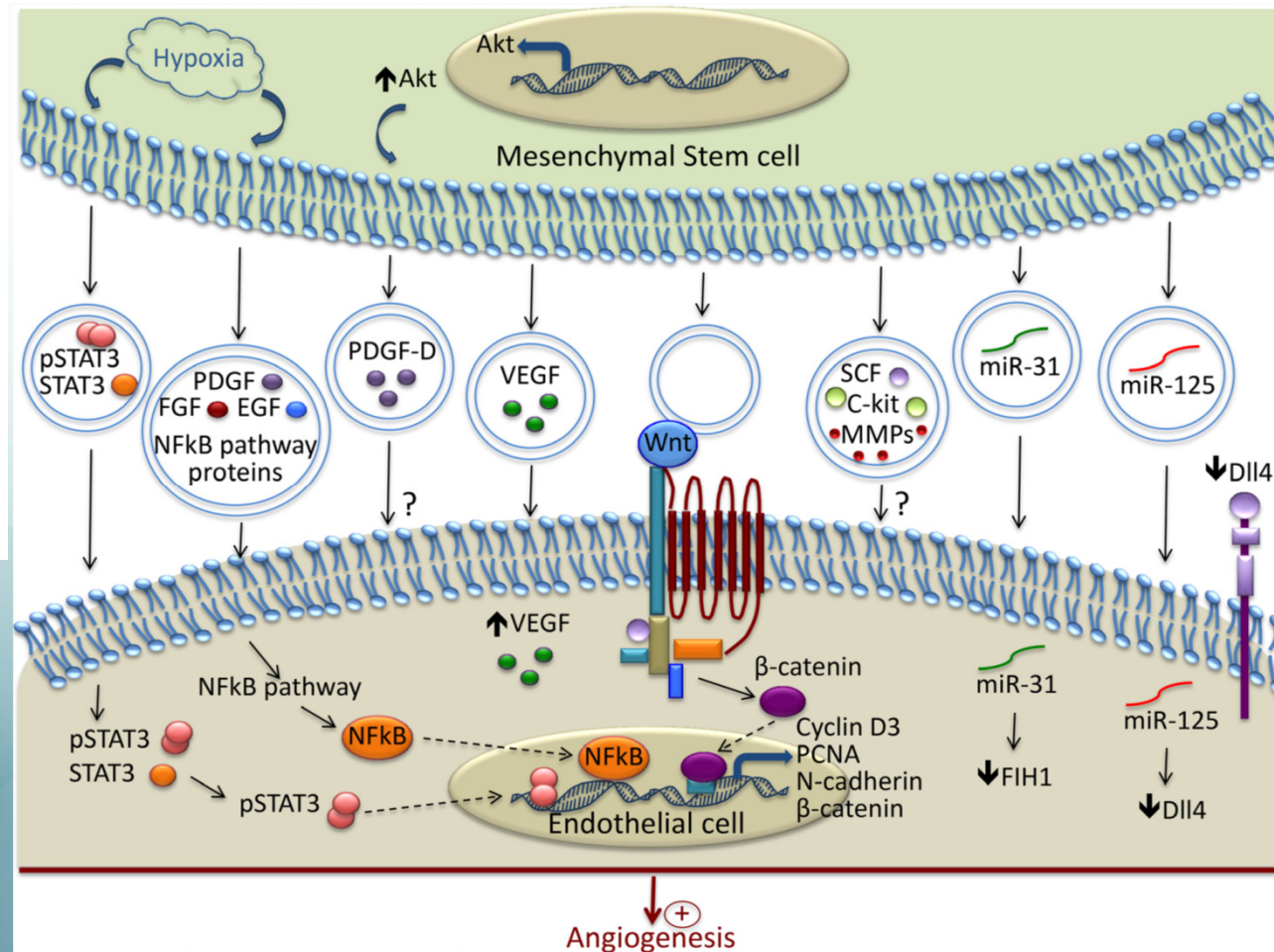


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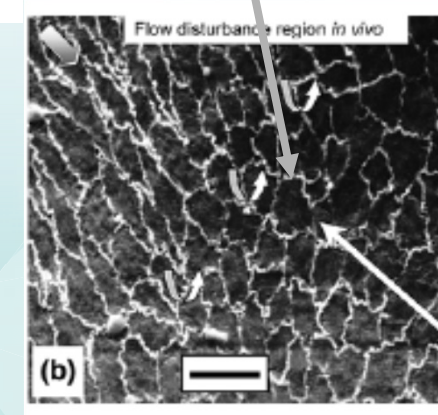
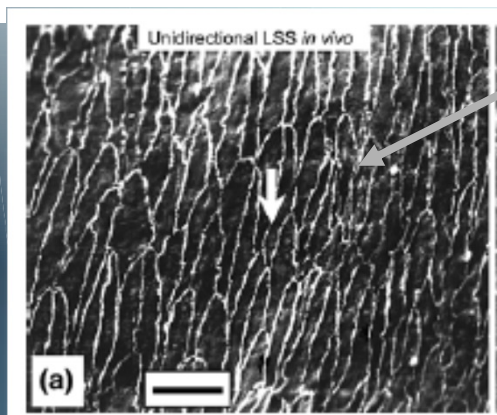
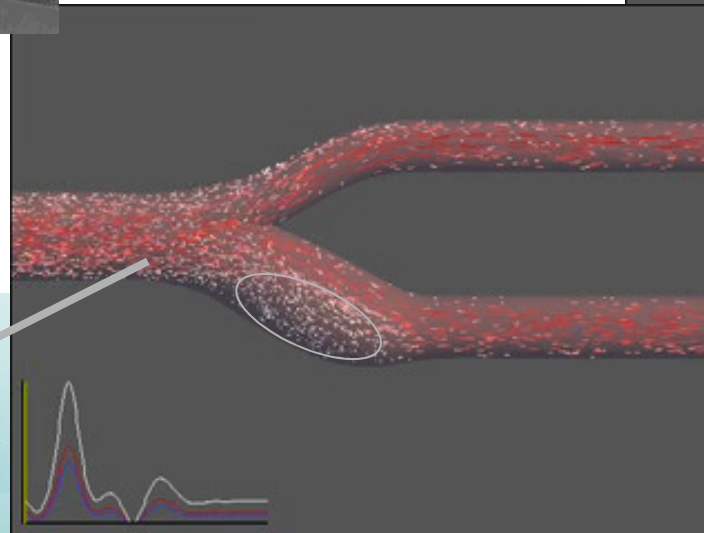
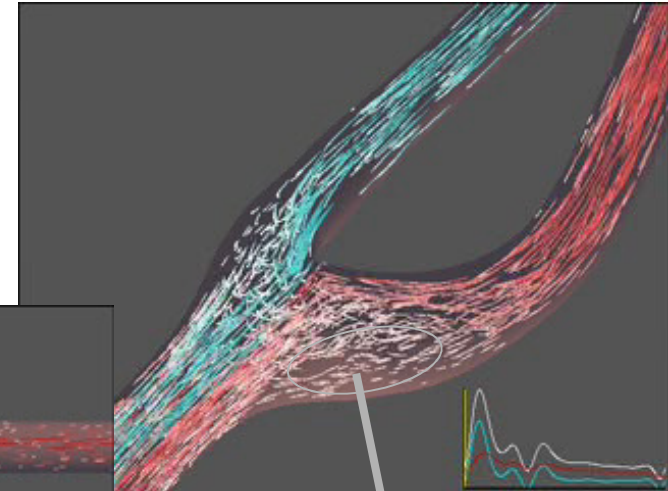
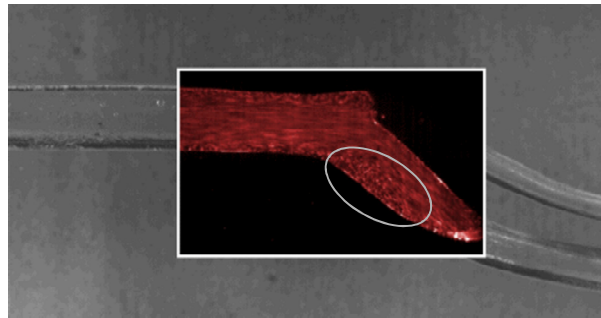
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# Mesenchymal stem cell EV mechanism of angiogenic action



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# The vascular endothelium: an endocrine organ regulating vascular processes and disease progression

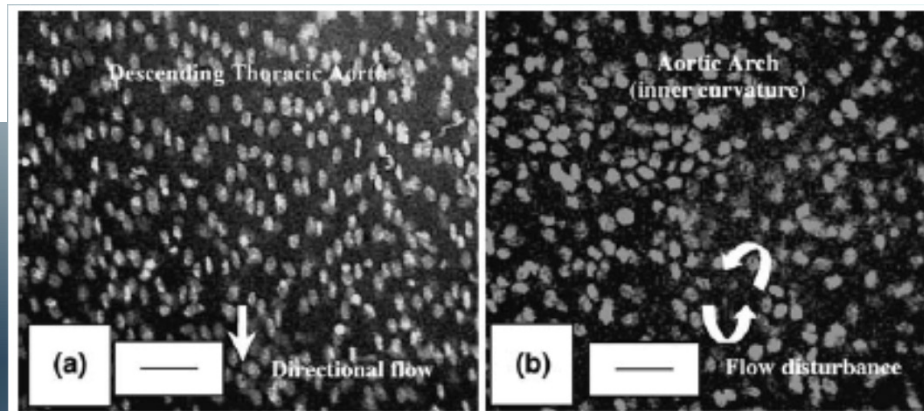
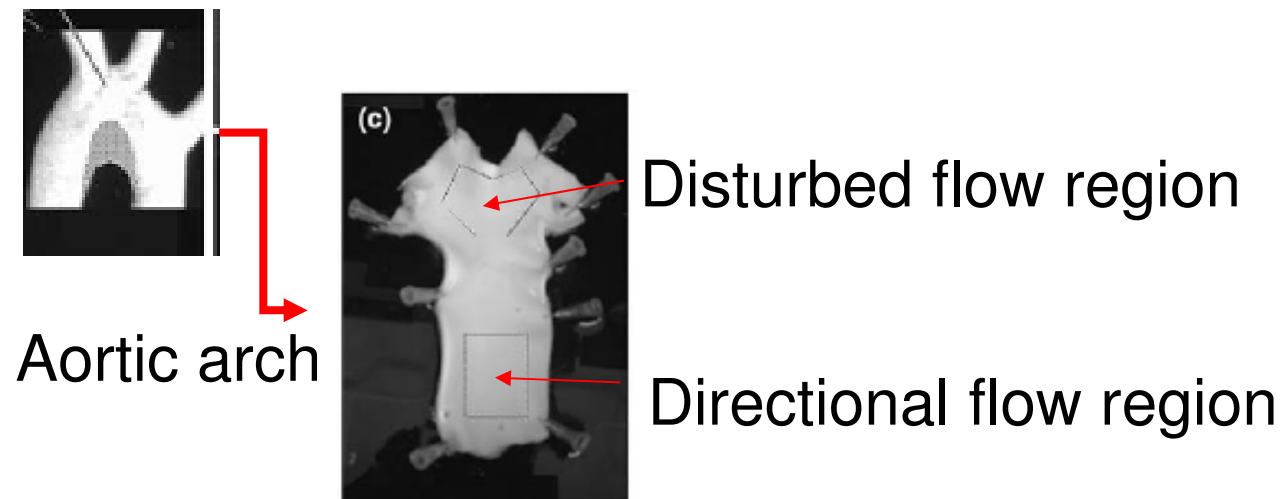


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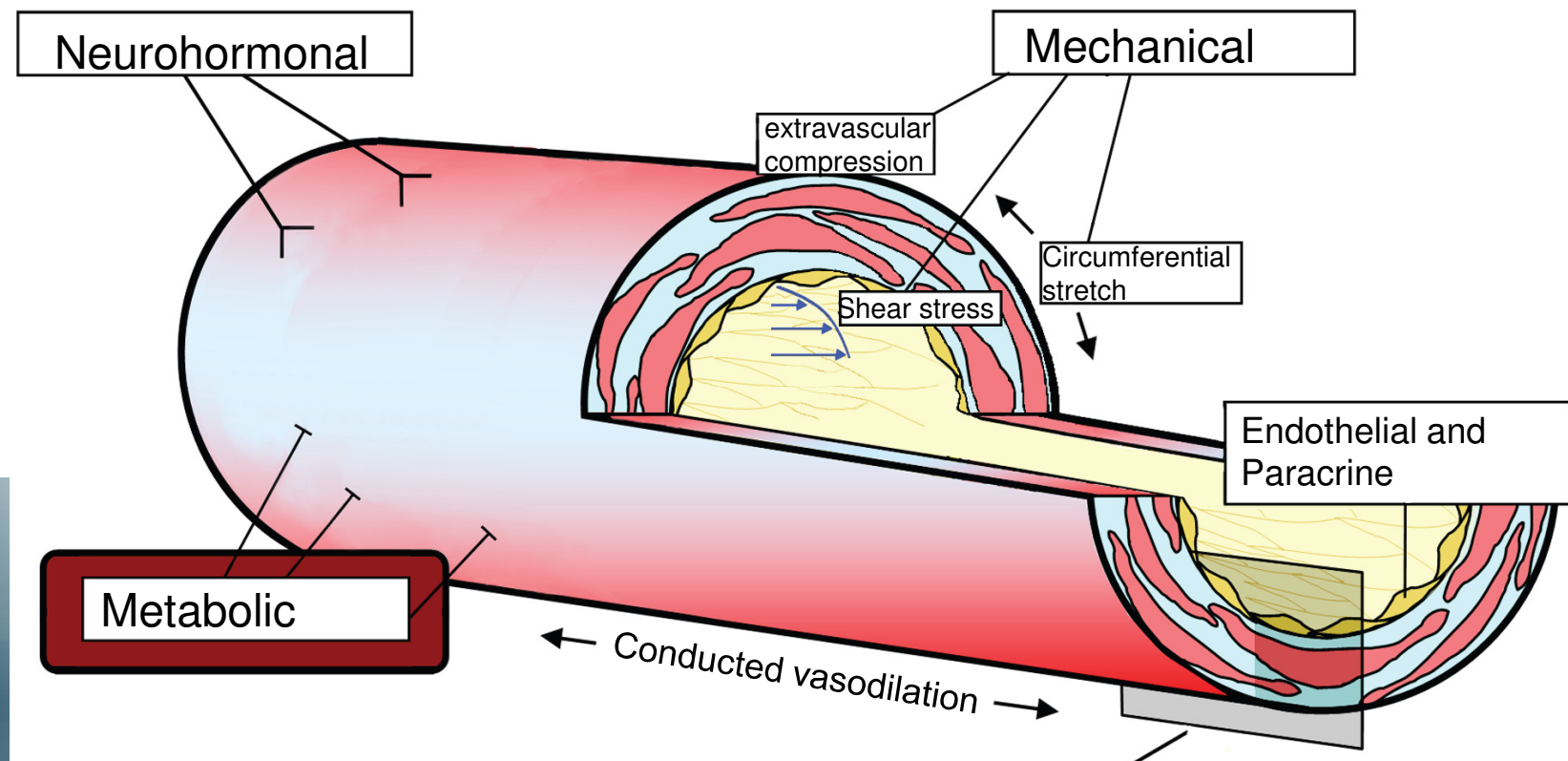
# Disturbed flow patterns alter the phenotype of endothelial cells



Biological Classification	Number on array	Number differentially expressed
Inflammatory	150	18
Coagulation	63	5
Apoptosis	244	38
Adhesion	298	38
Superoxide	18	5

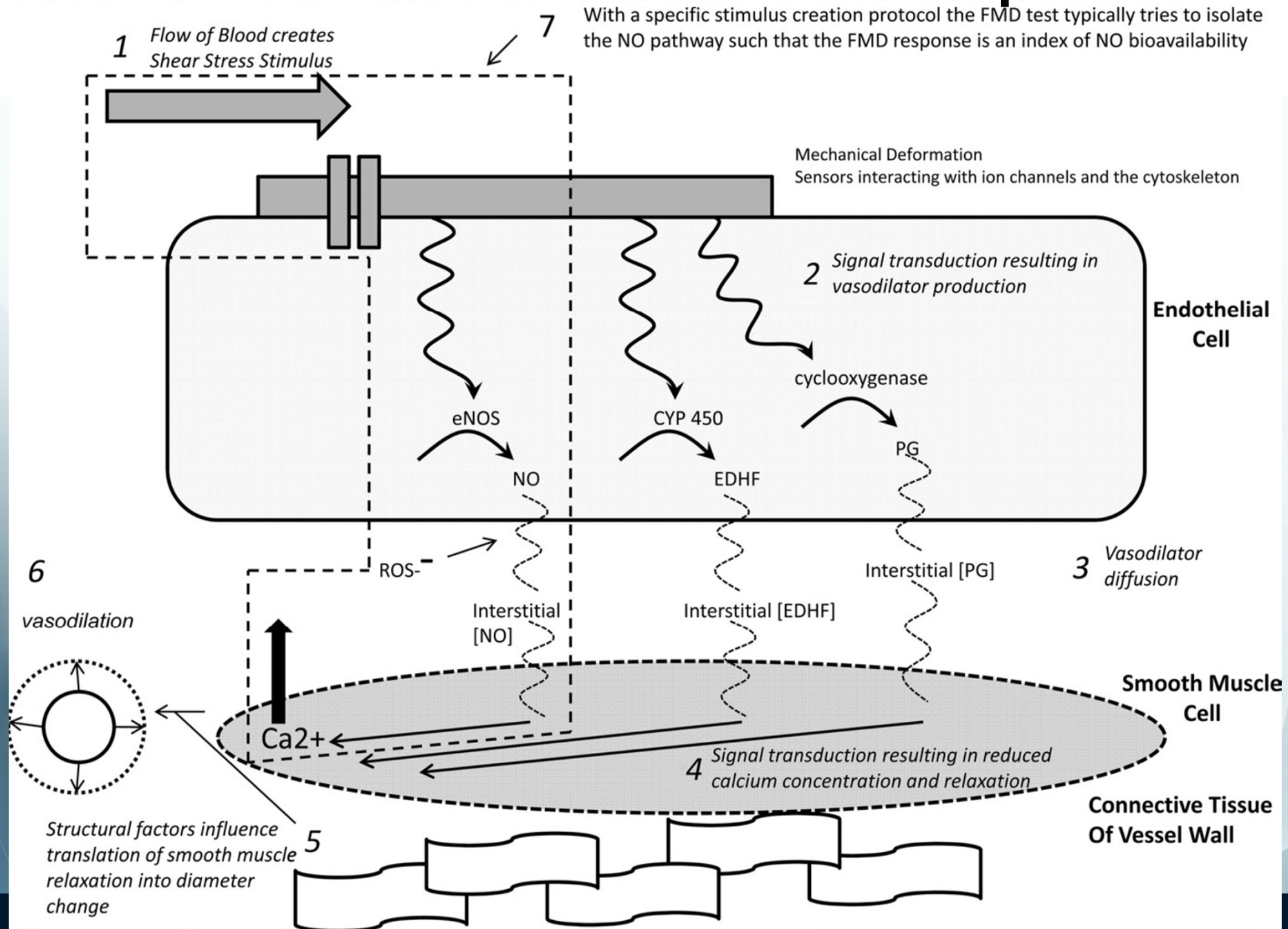
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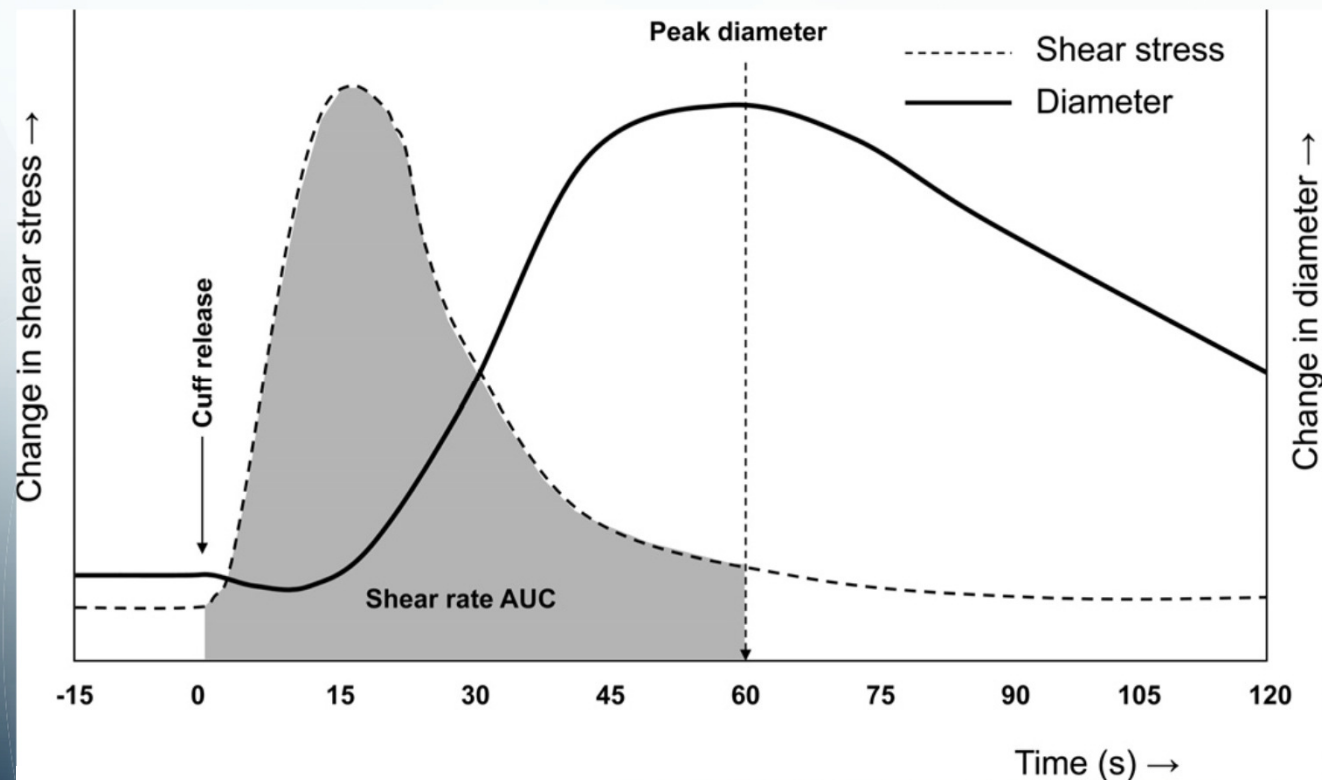
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# What is the stimulus and what is the response?





# The typical time course of an FMD response at the brachial artery



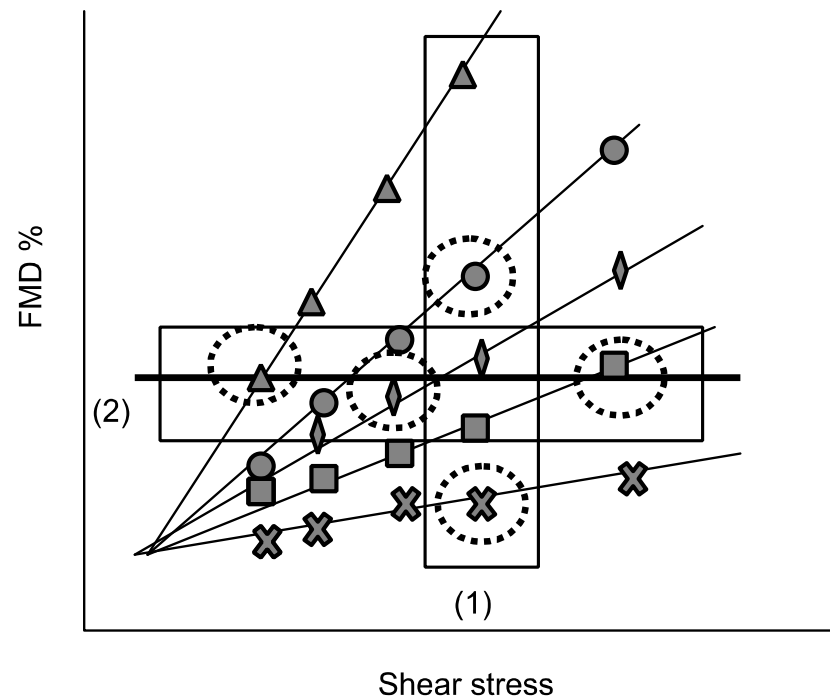
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Shear stress induces the response and dictates its magnitude

Quantifying the shear stress is important and not simple to measure accurately

What parameters can be measured?

# The shear stress may differ from one participant to another yet the FMD be similar



1. Participants have same shear but different dilation
2. Participants have same dilation but different shear
3. Baseline diameter influences both factors and their relationship