



Inflammatory responses and mTORC1 metabolism

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Fight or Flight Response

- Events perceived as stressful have been found to affect susceptibility to infection^a
- The sympathetic nervous system (SNS) is one of the three parts of the [autonomic nervous system](#), along with the [enteric](#) and [parasympathetic](#) systems. Its general action is to mobilize the body's resources under [stress](#); to induce the [fight-or-flight response](#)^b
 - It is constantly active at a basal level in order to maintain [homeostasis](#)^b

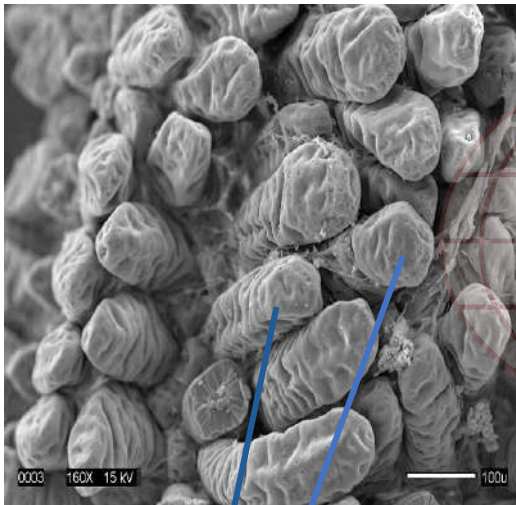
Stressors *Science-driven solutions*[®]

- Psychological challenges
- Physical stressors
- Environmental stressors

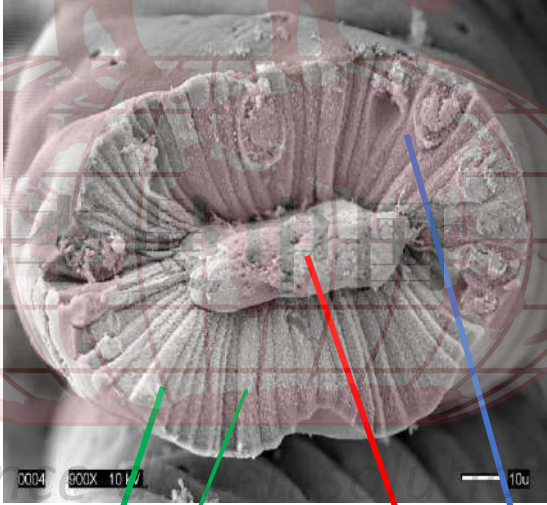
^a Freestone, P. and Lyte M. 2010. *Animal* 4:7, 1248-1257

^b Brodal, Per. 2004. ["The Central Nervous System: Structure and Function"](#) (3 ed.). Oxford University Press US. pp. 369–396.

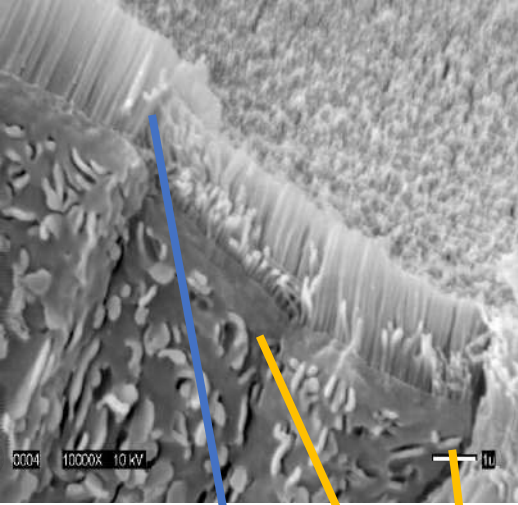
Intestinal anatomy



Villi



Enterocyte
Capillary Bed



Micro Villi

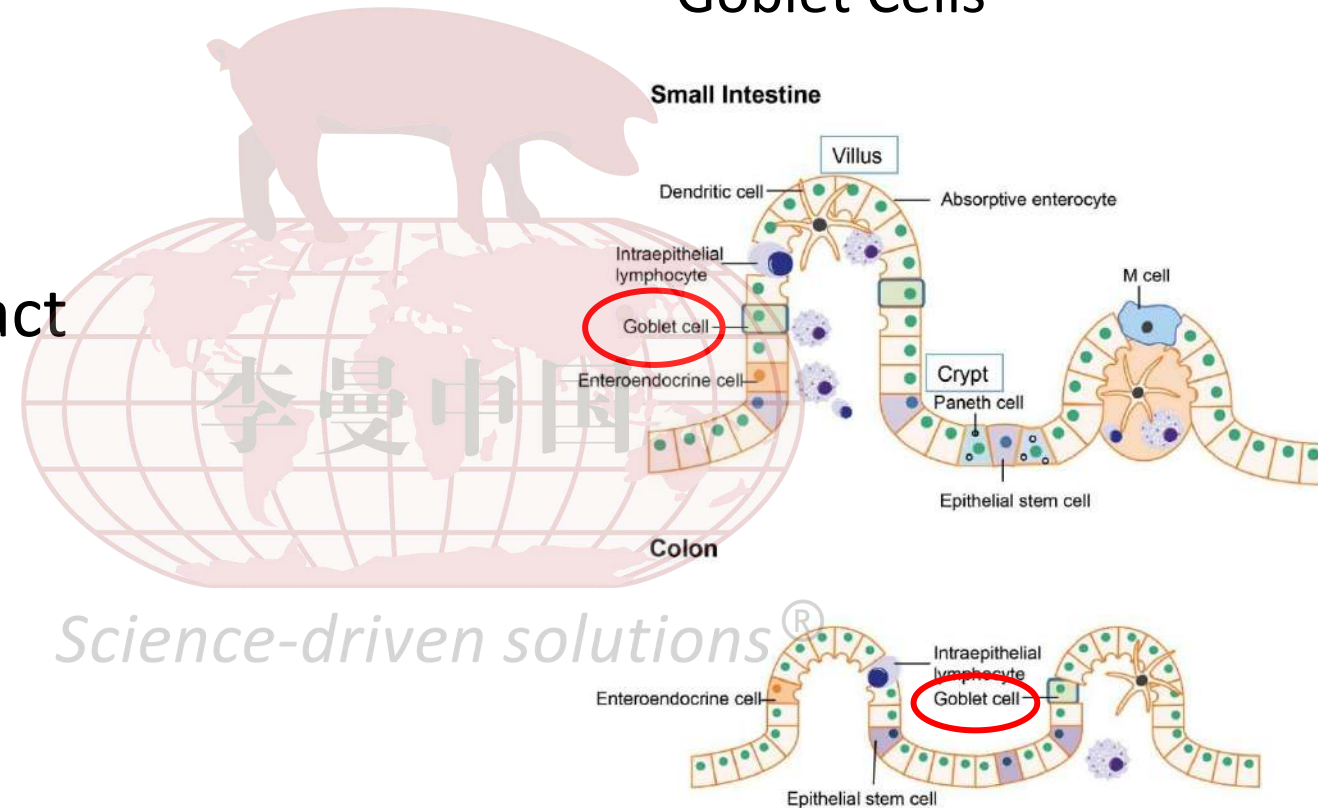
Tight Junction

Goblet Cells – Mucus production

Epithelial Tissues – barrier functions

- Intestinal tract
- Skin
- Lungs
- Reproductive tract
- Eyes
- Claws

Goblet Cells



Innate Immunity

First line of defense

Intact Skin
Mucous membranes and their secretions
Normal microbiota

Second Line of defense

Phagocytes, such as neutrophils, eosinophils, dendritic cells, and macrophages.
Inflammation ; Fever
Antimicrobial substance

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Injury and Inflammation

Clotting mechanism activates

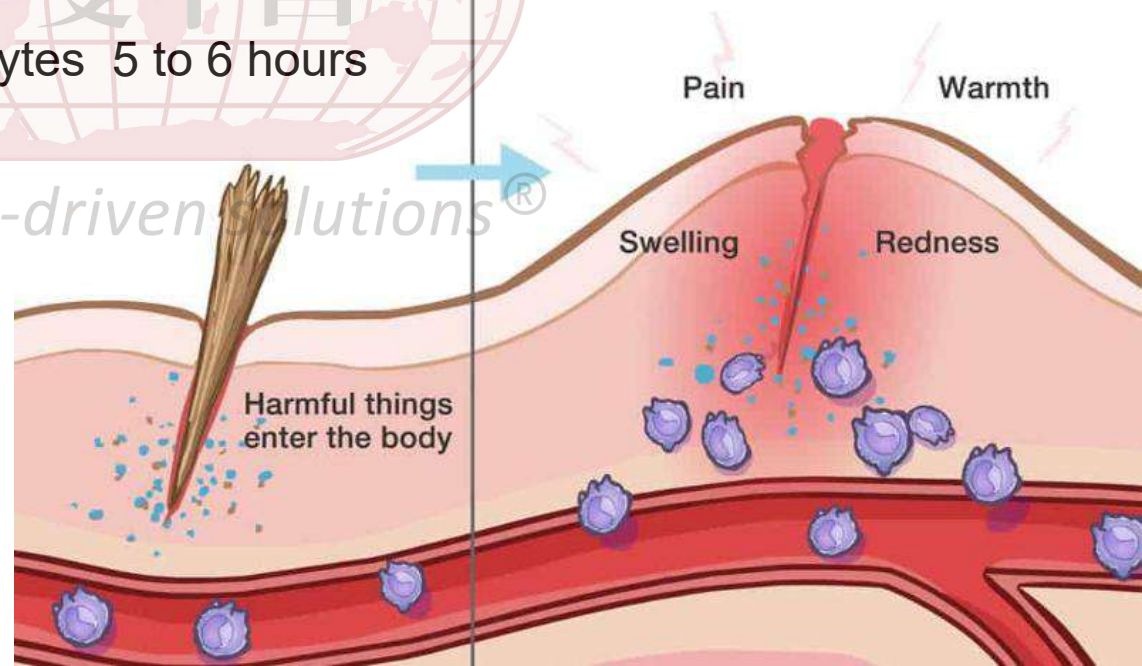
Increased blood flow

Increased capillary permeability

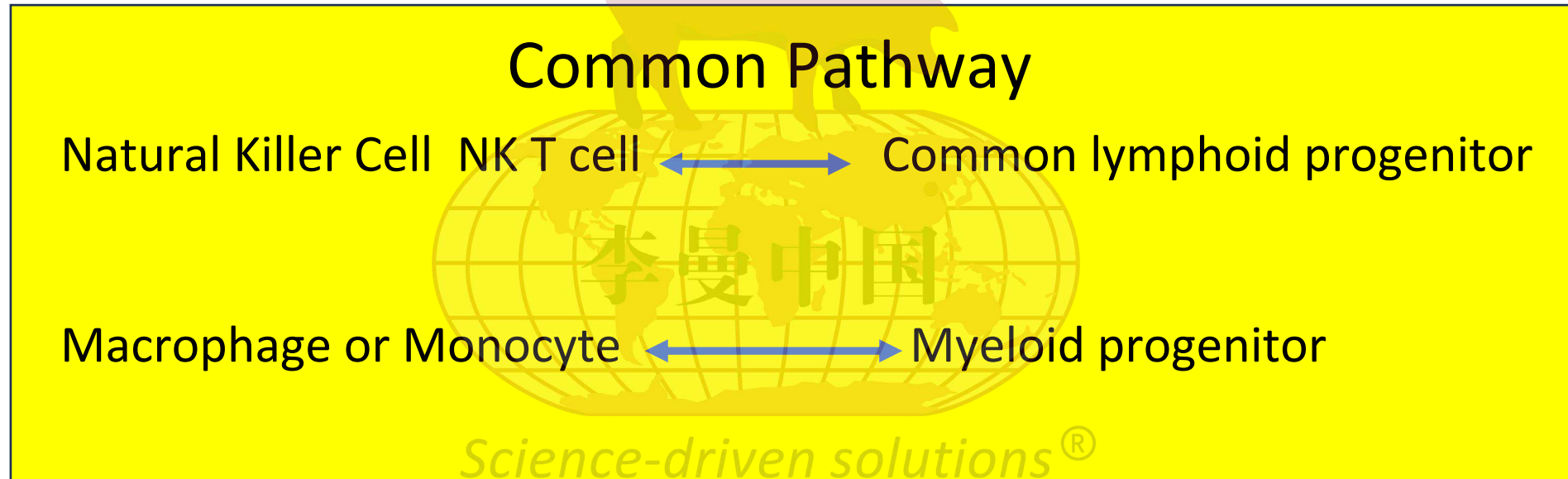
Enhanced influx of phagocytic cells

- ❖ Neutrophils arrive in 30 -60 minutes
- ❖ Macrophages and lymphocytes 5 to 6 hours

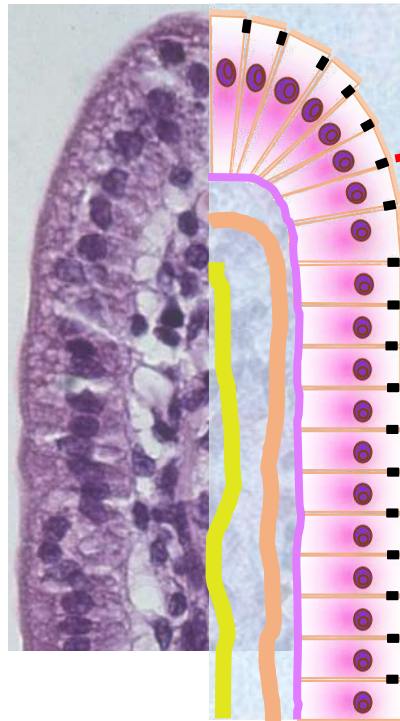
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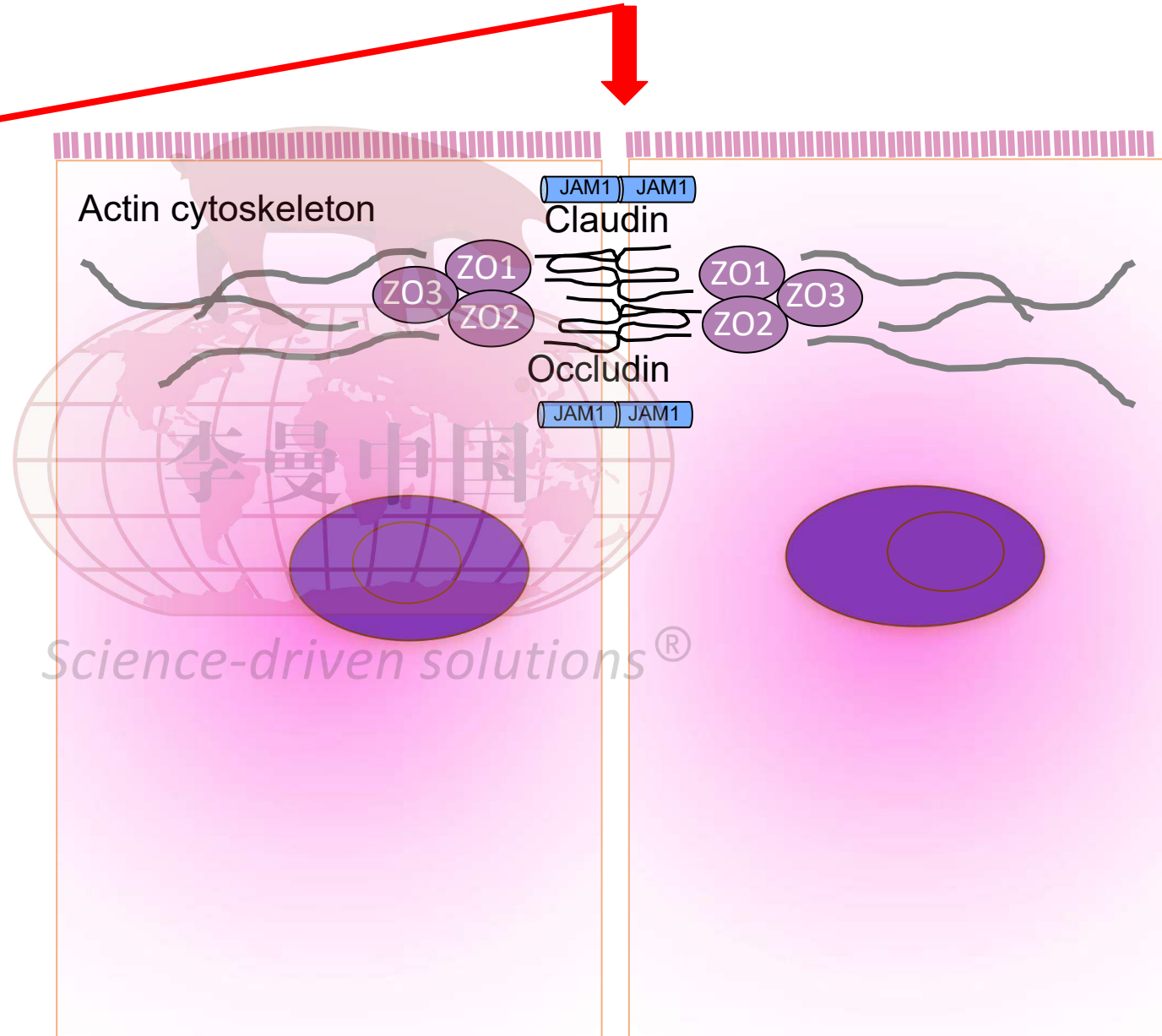
Innate and adaptive immunity



Tight Junction Complex

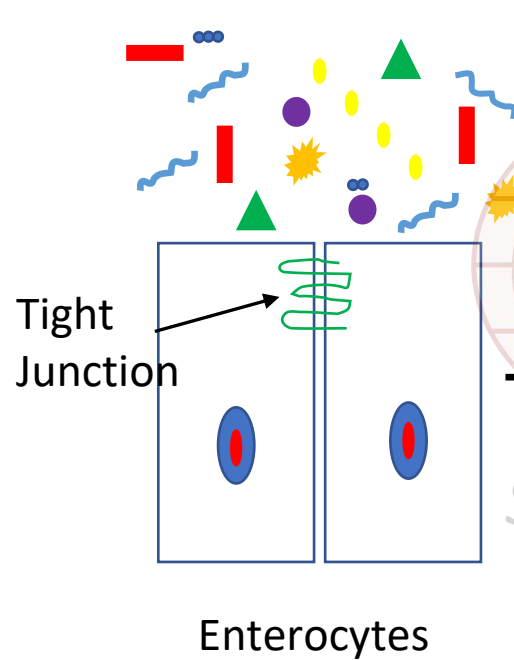


Villi



Normal

Bacterial community
> 500 different species

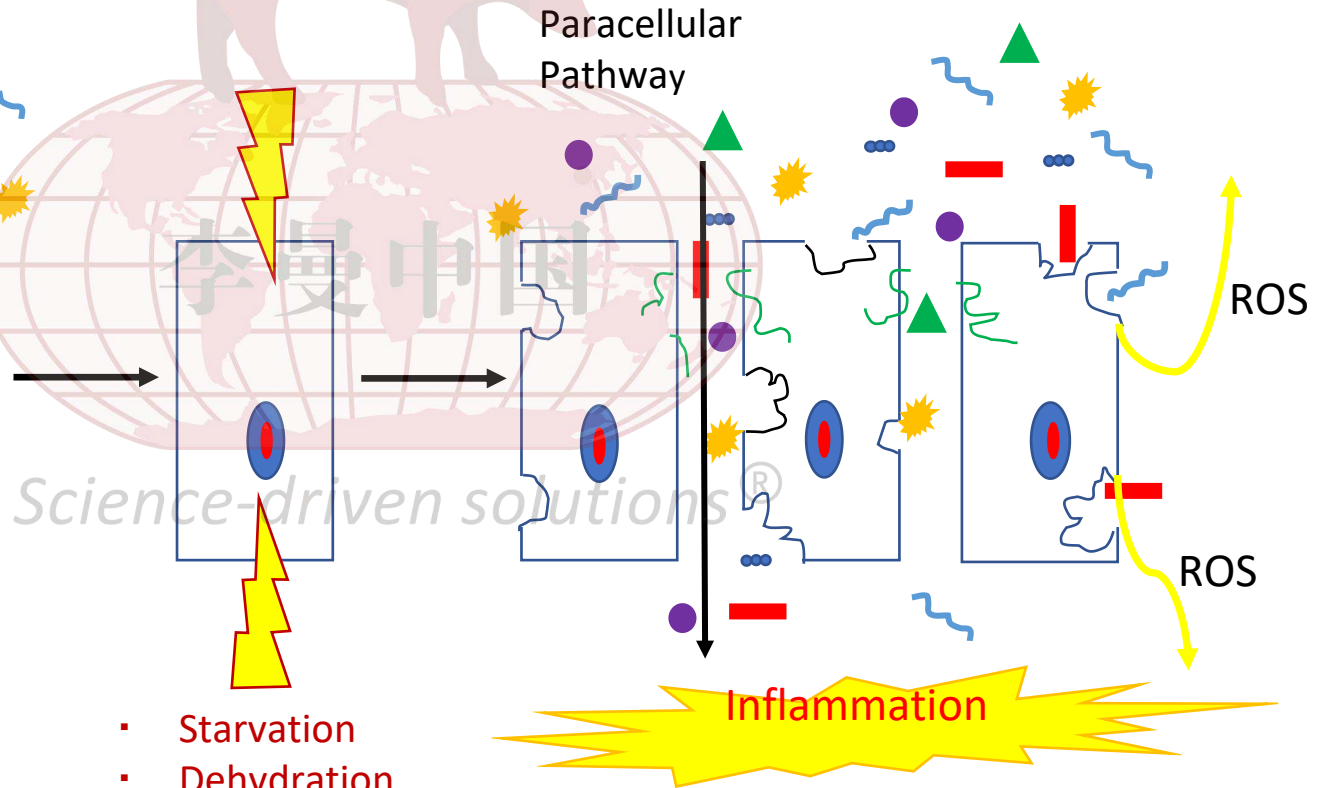


Sources of metabolic stress

- Toxins
- Bacterial dysbiosis
- Infections
- Psychological stress

Effects of metabolic stress

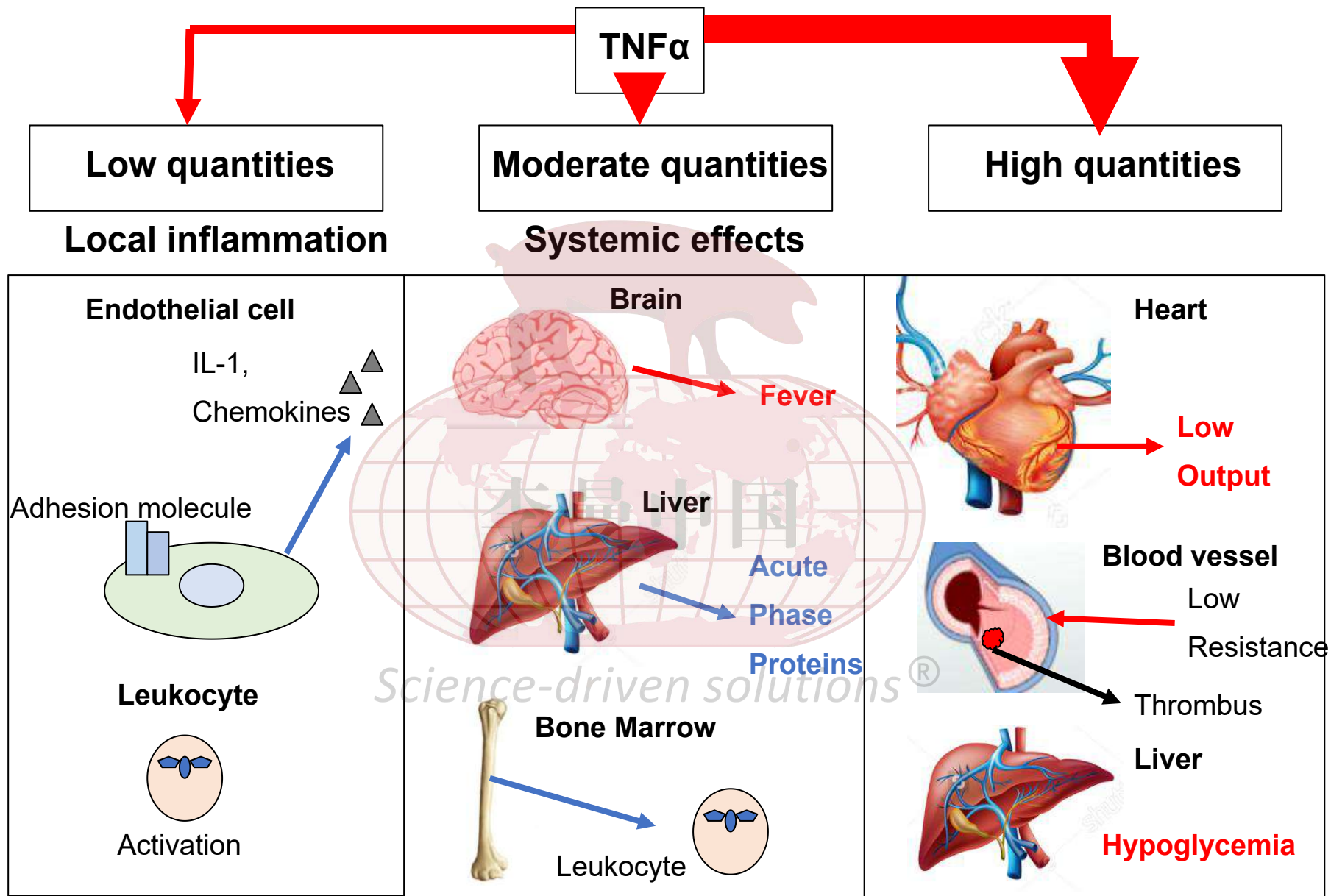
“Gut Leakage”
Reactive Oxygen Species (ROS)
Cellular damage
Cytokines released



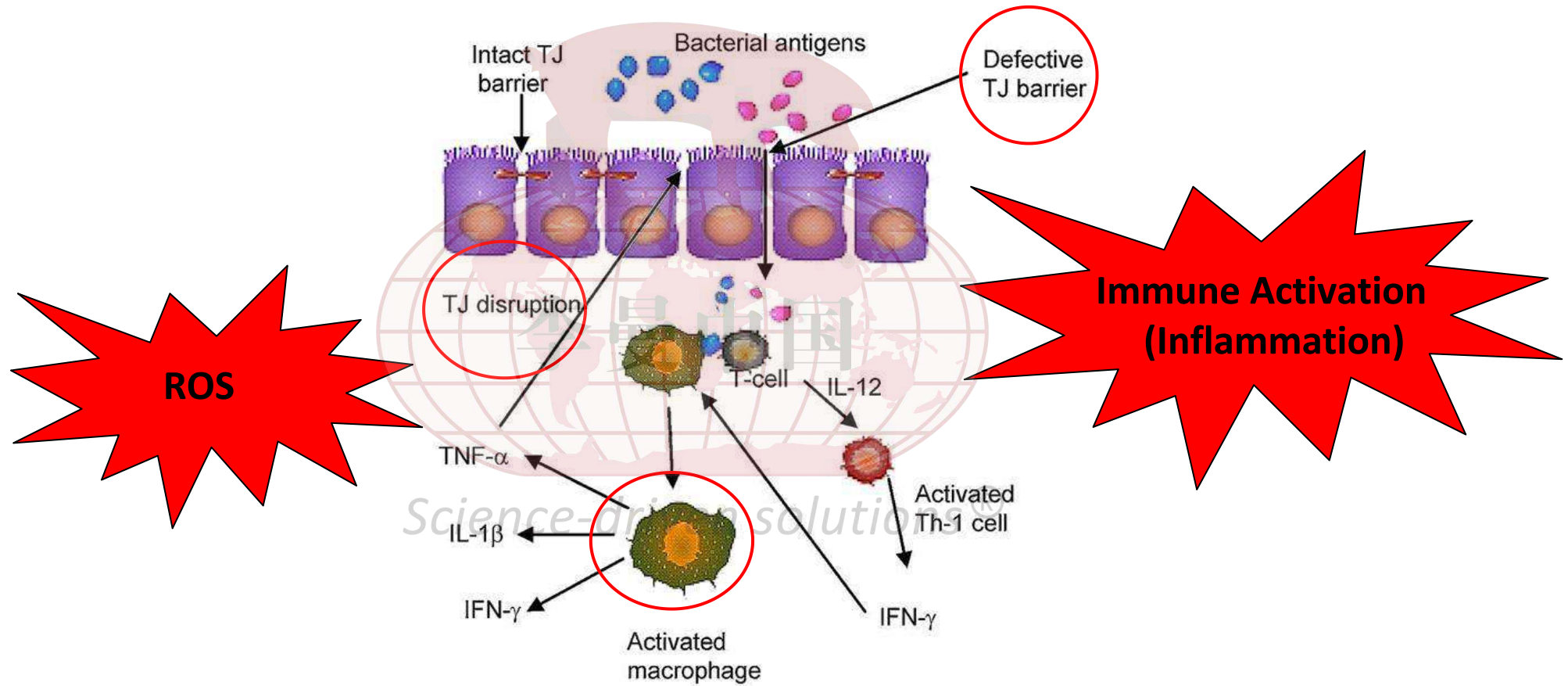
- Starvation
- Dehydration
- Inflammation
- Surgery

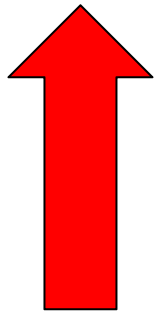
Inflammation In The Reproductive Tract



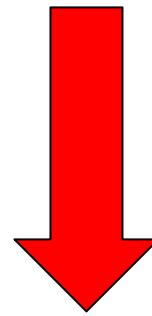


Tight Junction (TJ) Barrier Disruption Leads To Immune Activation



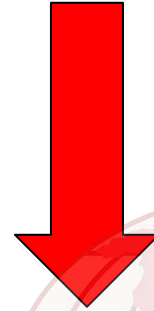


Inflammation



Intake

And/Or



Nutrient Utilization

Inflammation is Stealing Nutrients While You
Are Not Looking

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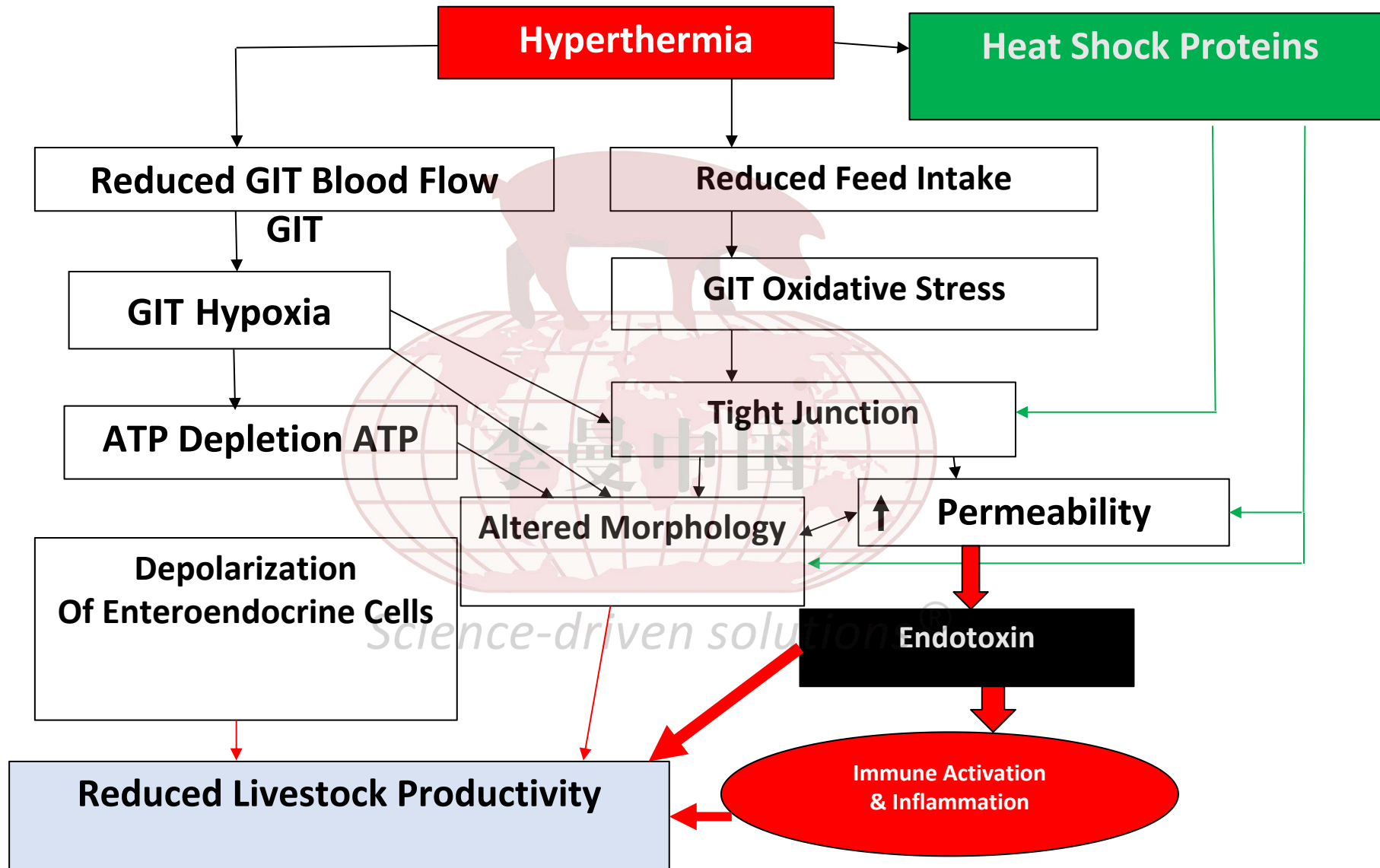
**23 % increase in energy partitioning
to the immune system**

Heat Stress – Cost to US Swine Industry

- > \$900 million dollars/year in the USA
- Grow-finish pigs: \$450 million in losses
- Sows: > \$450 million in losses



What Happens During Heat Stress



Scrotal Insulation in the Boar

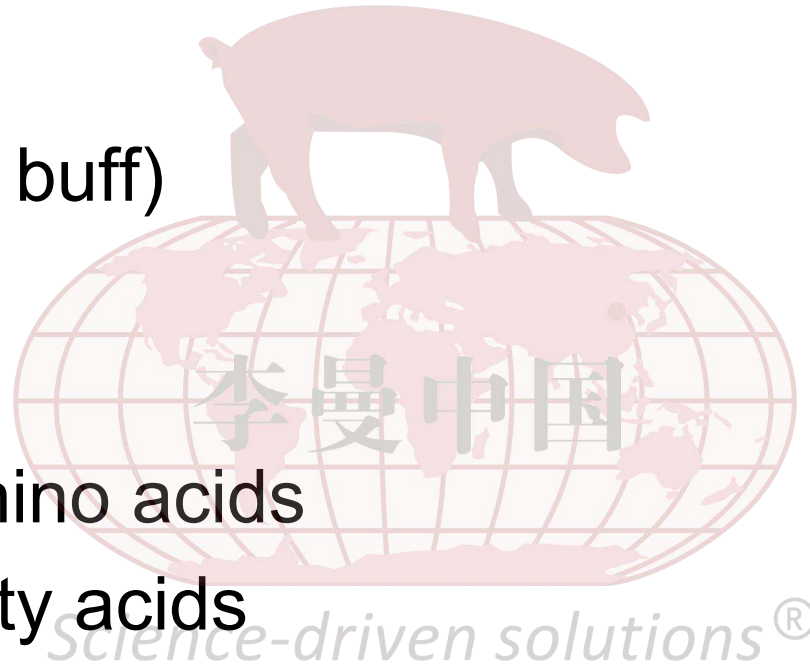
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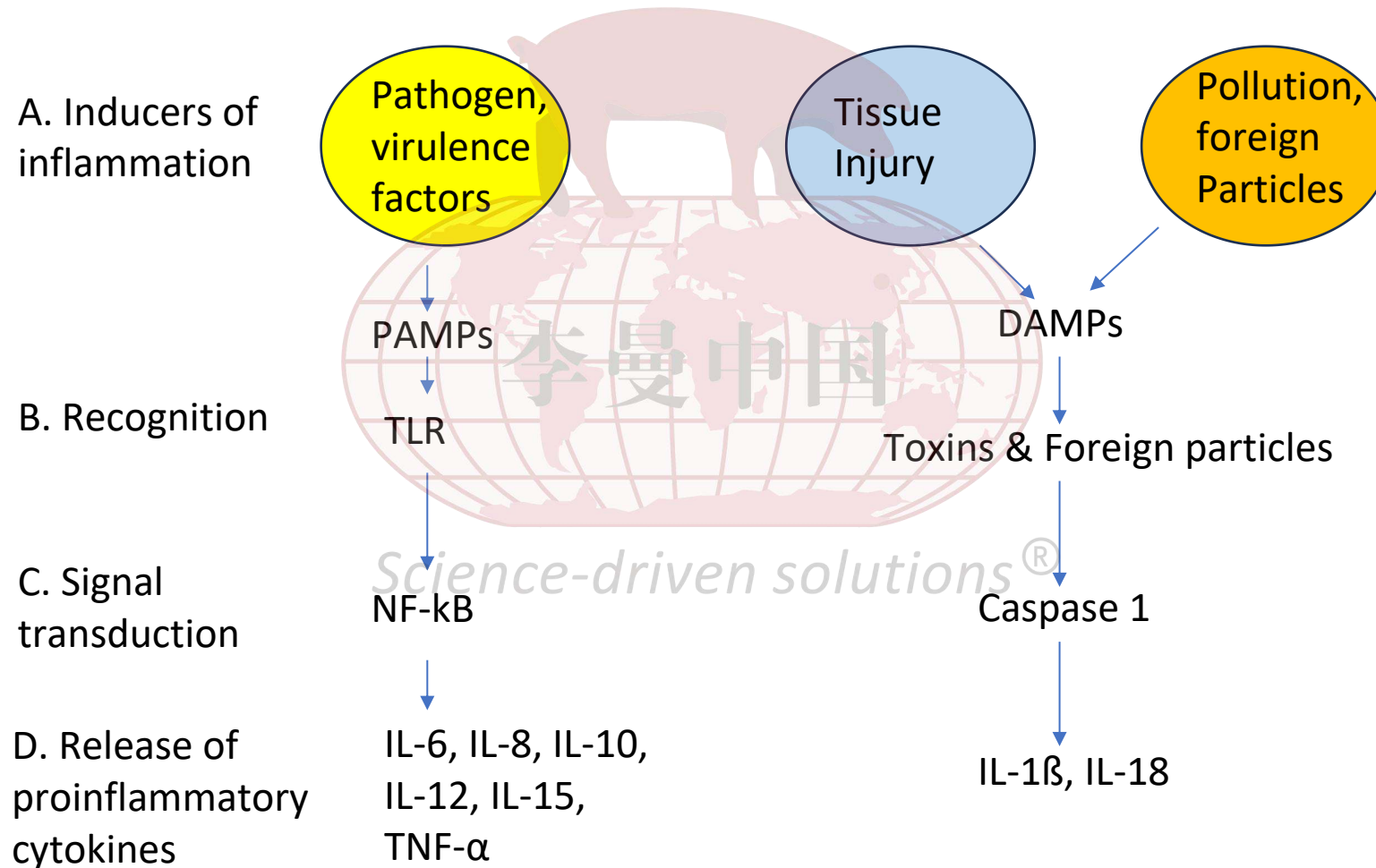
**Raises
Scrotal
Temperature
1.9 - 3.1°C**

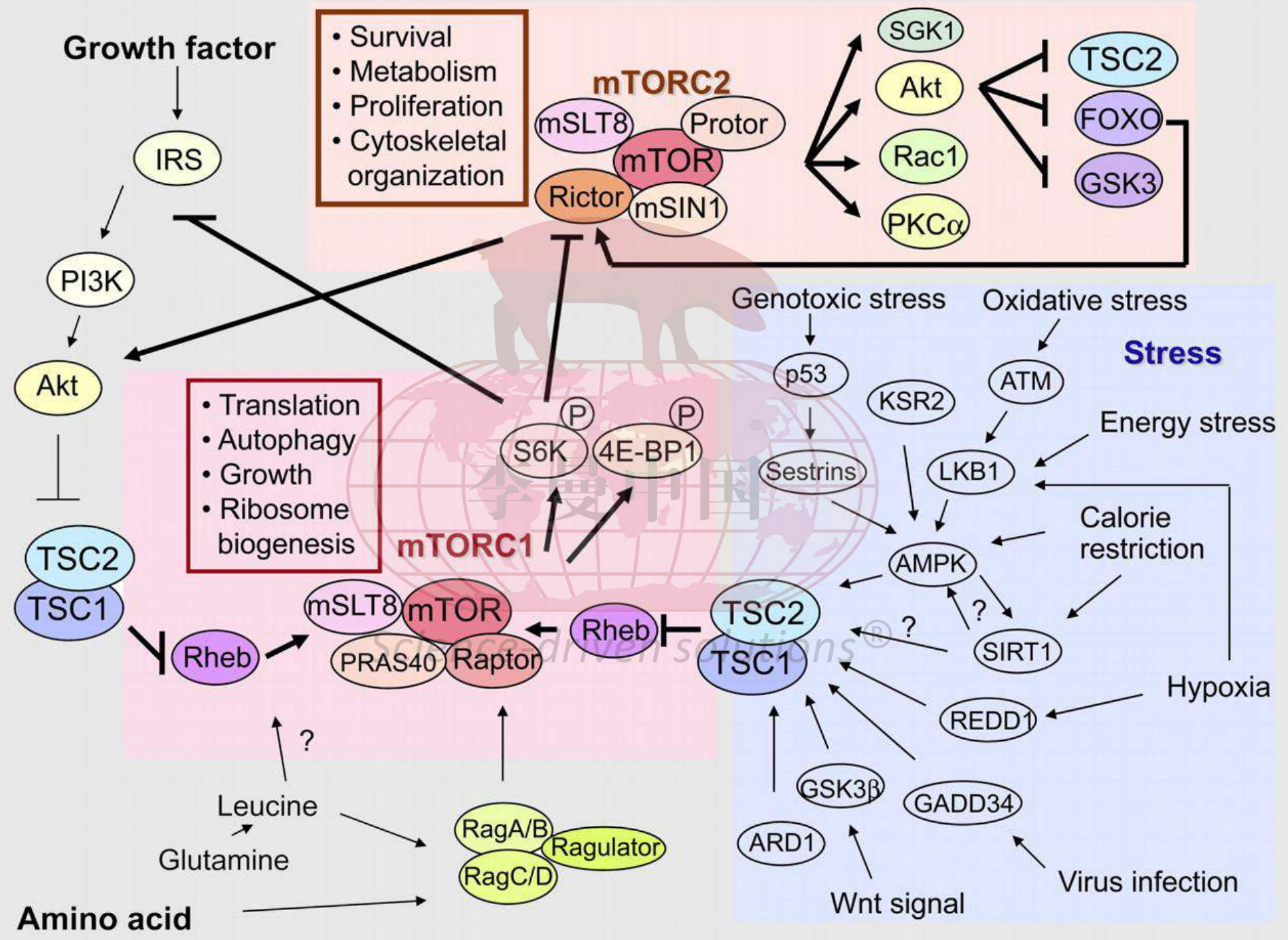
Feed And Nutrients May Help Mitigate Heat Stress

- Betaine
- Calmin (acid buff)
- Zn
- Chromium
- Synthetic amino acids
- Fats, and fatty acids
- (D. Rosario and D. Boyd, 2015)



Lots of steps in the process of inflammation

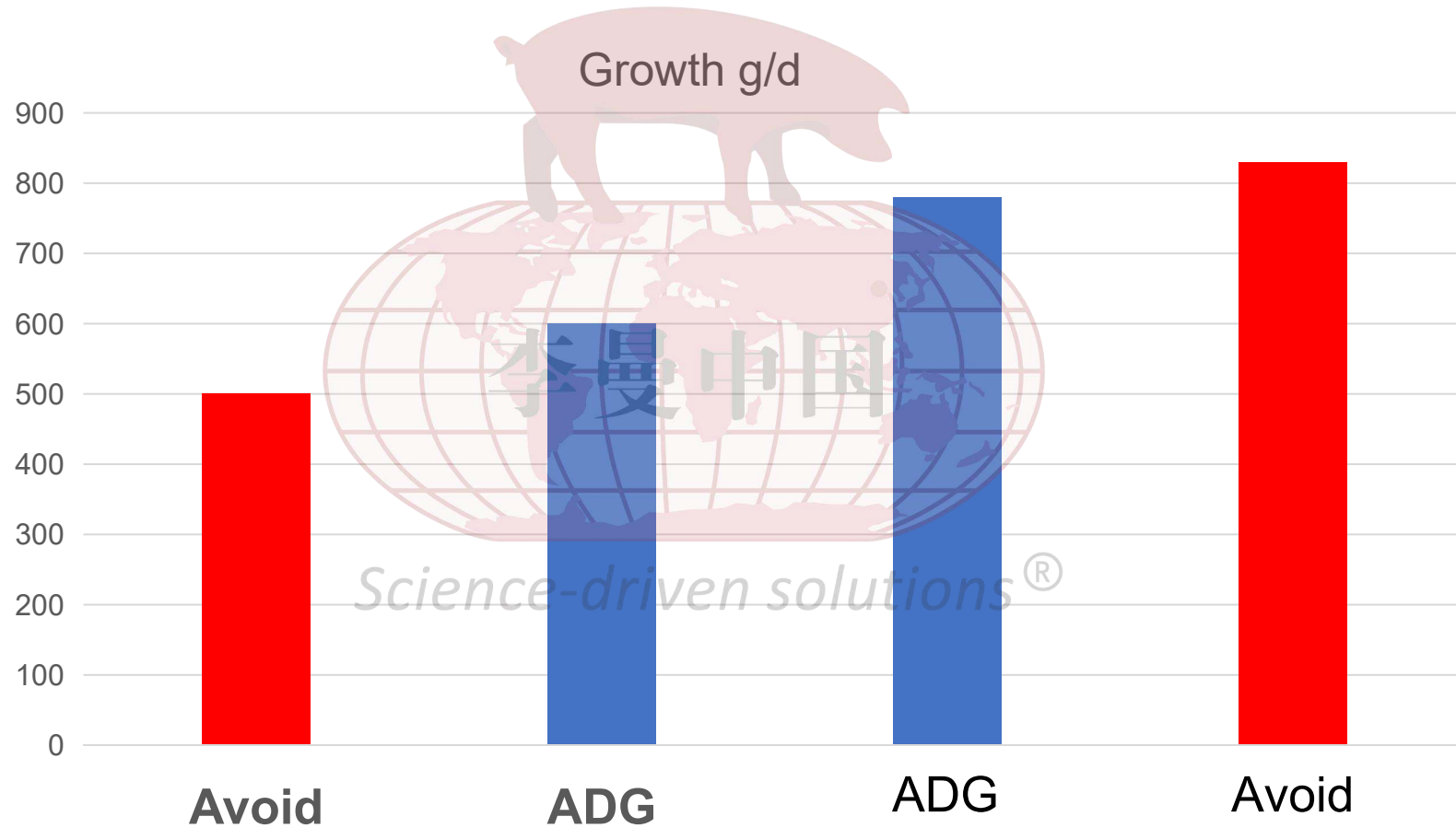




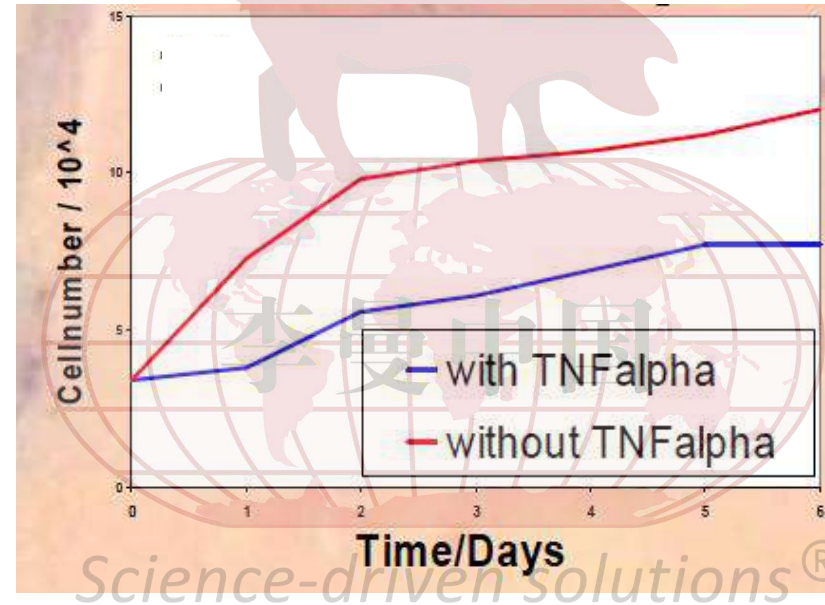


Don't
Jump
To
A
Conclusion
Too
Quickly

Avoid Gilts With Growth Rates Less Than 600 g/d And Greater Than 800 g/d



Impact of Inflammatory Mediators on Claw Horn Production



- Addition of TNF- α resulted in inhibition of keratinocyte proliferation vs. control over a period of 6d

Mulling, CH., D. Hoffmann and K.-D. Budras. 2002. *In vitro* challenge studies on the effects of cytokines and growth factors on bovine keratinocytes. Institute of Veterinary Anatomy, Freie Universität Berlin, Koserstr. 20, D-14195 Berlin

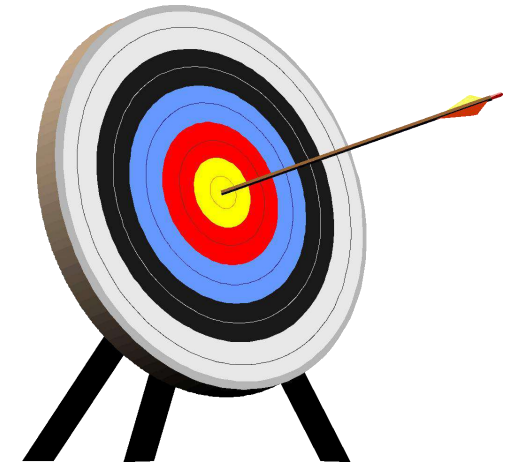


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Targets For Gilts

- >136 kg or up to 165 kg for breeding
- % weaned gilts converted to parity 2
- 2nd estrus prior to mating
- Early detection of onset of estrus
- > 60 pigs per sow lifetime
- > 16 pigs total born
- < 10 kg body weight loss after farrowing

weight loss between 5-7 kg for gilts



Key Economic Sensitivities For Large US Integrator

- REPLACEMENT RATE AND GILT PRODUCTION
- Replacement rate
 - 1% change = \$315,000
- Gilt conversion rate
 - (% weaned pigs converted to parity 2)
 - 1% change = \$409,000



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