

NEUROGLIA

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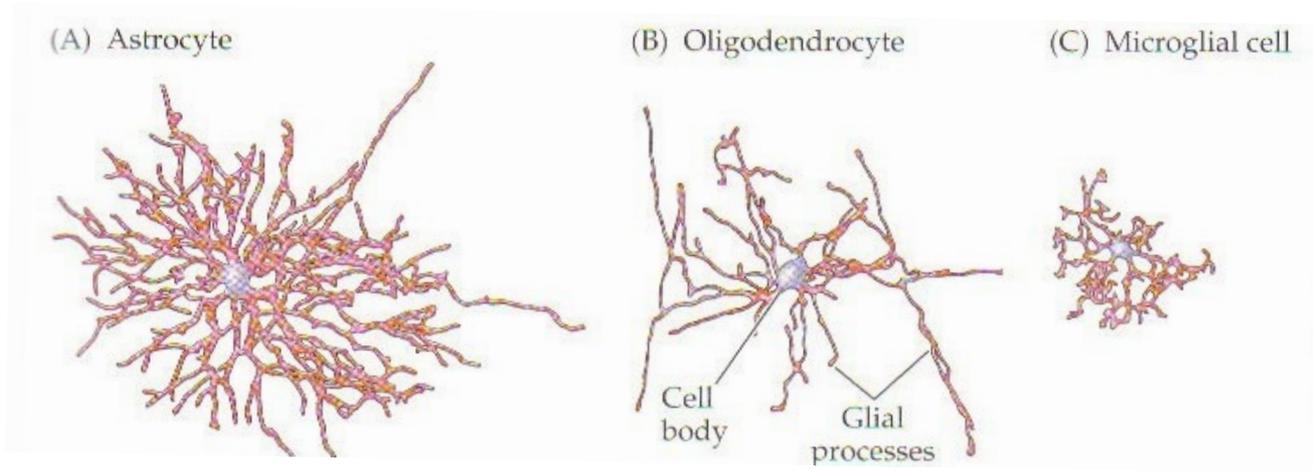


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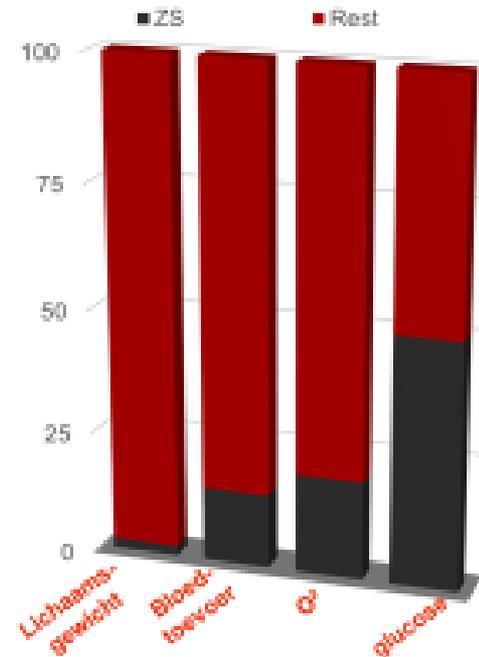
NeuroGlia

	Central Nervous System	Peripheral Nervous System	Enteric Nervous System
Macroglia	Astrocytes		Enteric glia
	Oligodendrocytes	Schwann cells	
	Pericytes		
	NG2 cells		
			Ganglionic glia
	Microglia	Macrophages	phagocytes



General tasks: to guard the neuronal microenvironment

- Energy consumption of the brain
- 50% → ion concentration gradients
Na⁺/K⁺ Pump



General tasks: to guard the neuronal microenvironment

- Ionic concentrations → excitability
- Support conduction of action potentials
- Nutrient concentrations
 - → Amino acids
 - → Signal molecules
 - → Energy supply

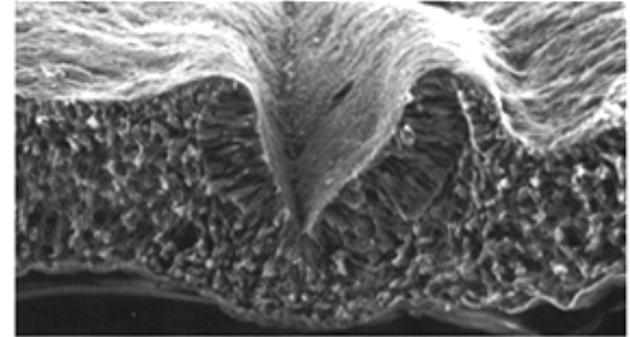
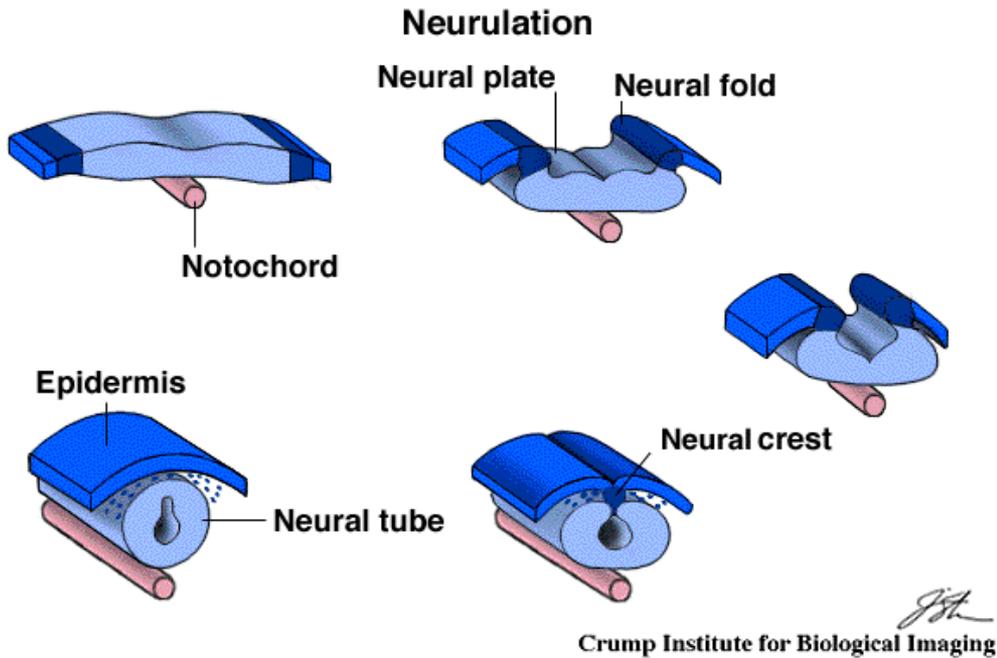
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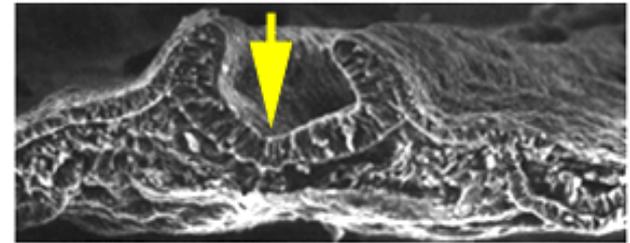
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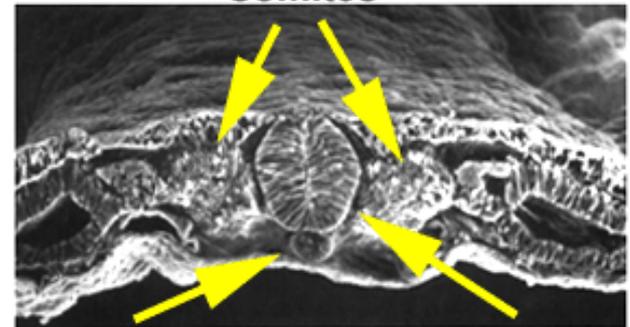
Neurulation



Neural groove



Somites



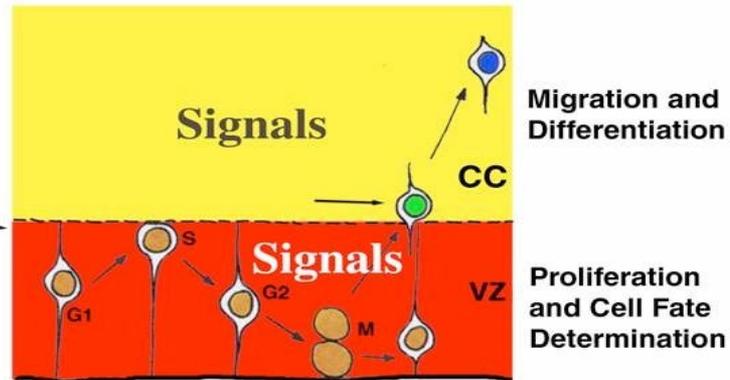
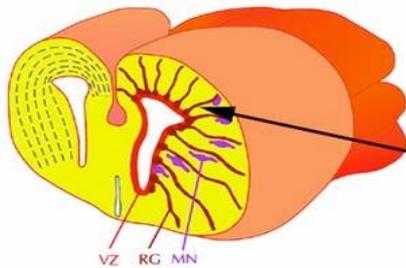
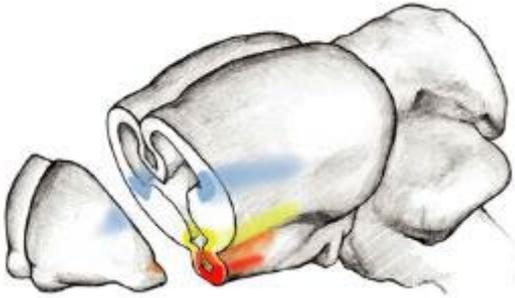
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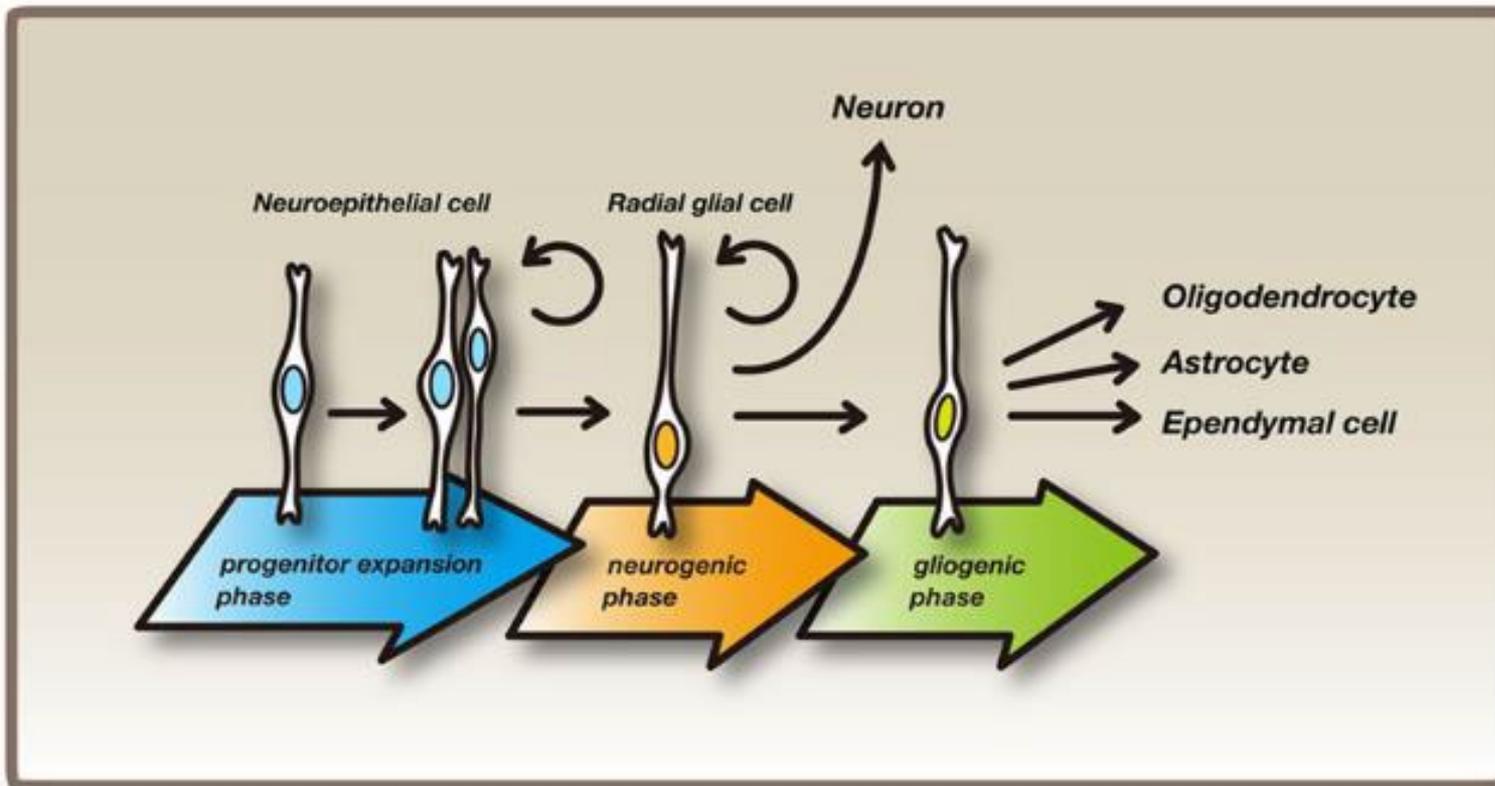
Neural tube

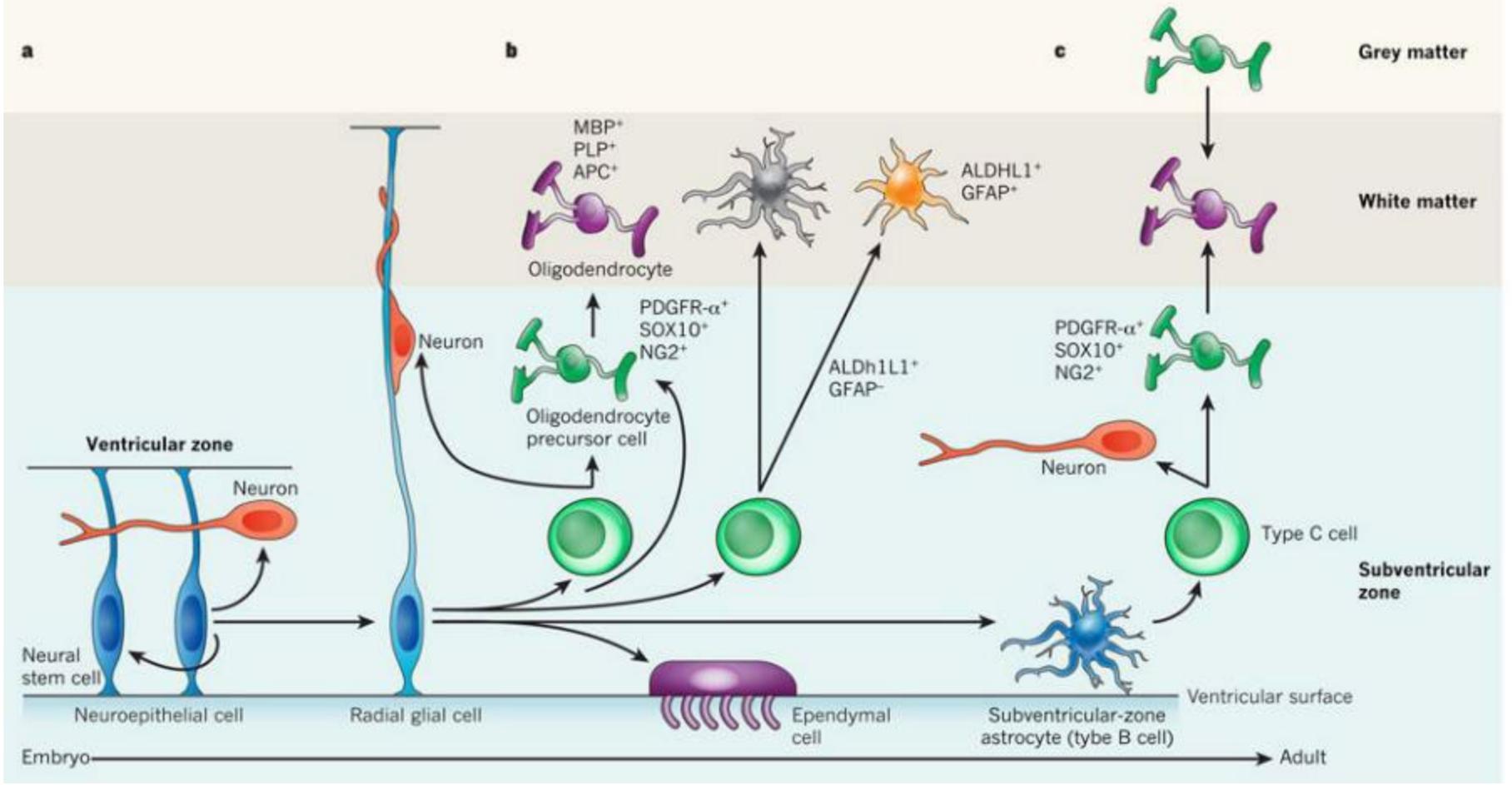
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Proliferation

- In humans, neurons are born between E42 and E125 (before MOST glial cells)







Glial cells

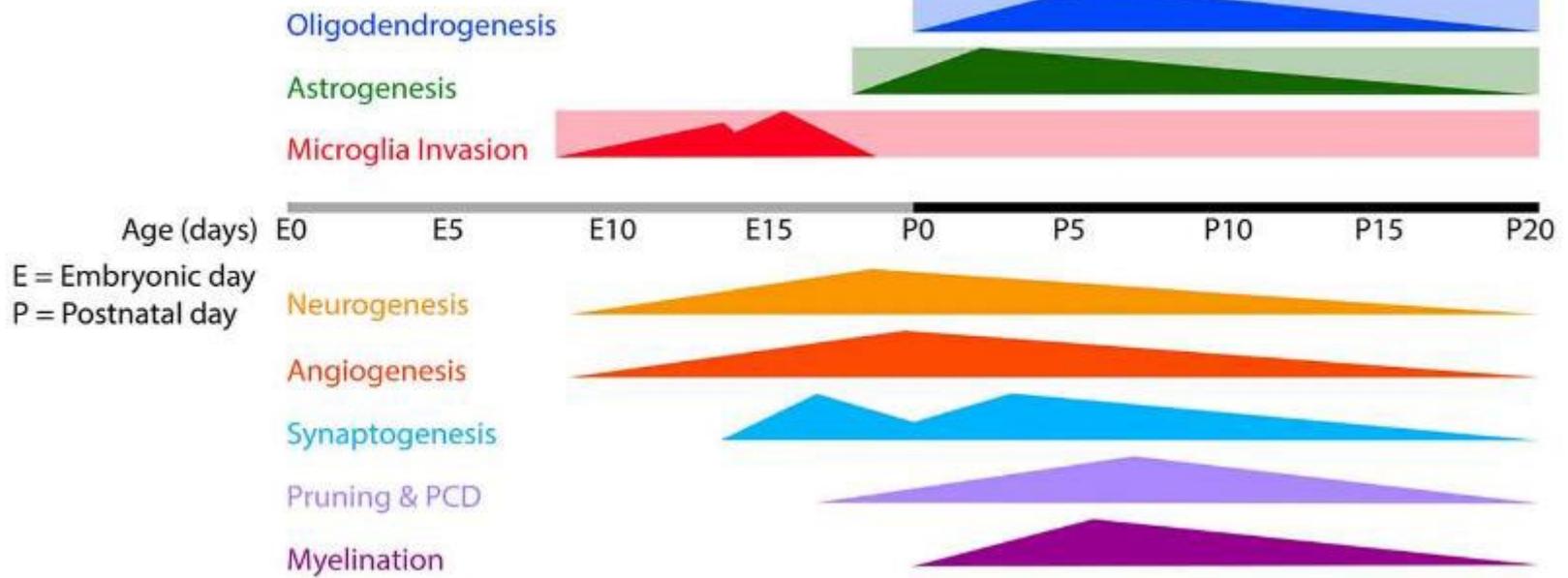
- Originate from embryonic ectoderm
- Intimate morphological association with neurons

or

to separate neuronal elements from mesodermal layers

→ MACROGLIA

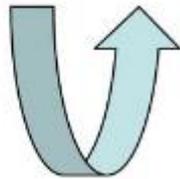
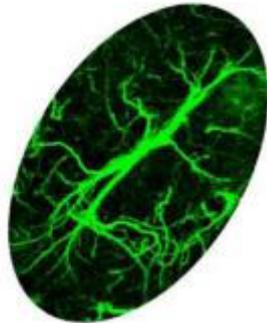
≠ MICROGLIA



Astrocytes

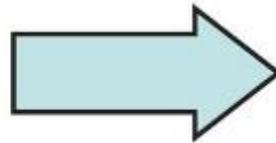


Non-reactive astrocytes

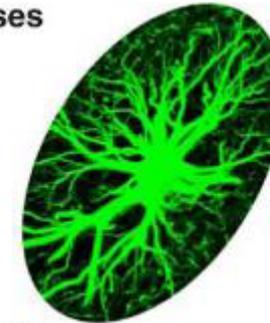


Physiological responses
- see Fig 8C

Pathophysiological responses
- see Fig 8C



Activation e.g. by $TGF\alpha$,
CNTF, IL-6, LIF, oncostatin M



Reactive astrogliosis

In response to e.g. trauma, stroke, epilepsy,
neurodegenerative diseases - upregulation of
GFAP and hypertrophy of cellular processes
are among the hallmarks

A defensive reaction aiming at

- handling of acute stress
- limiting tissue damage
- restoring homeostasis

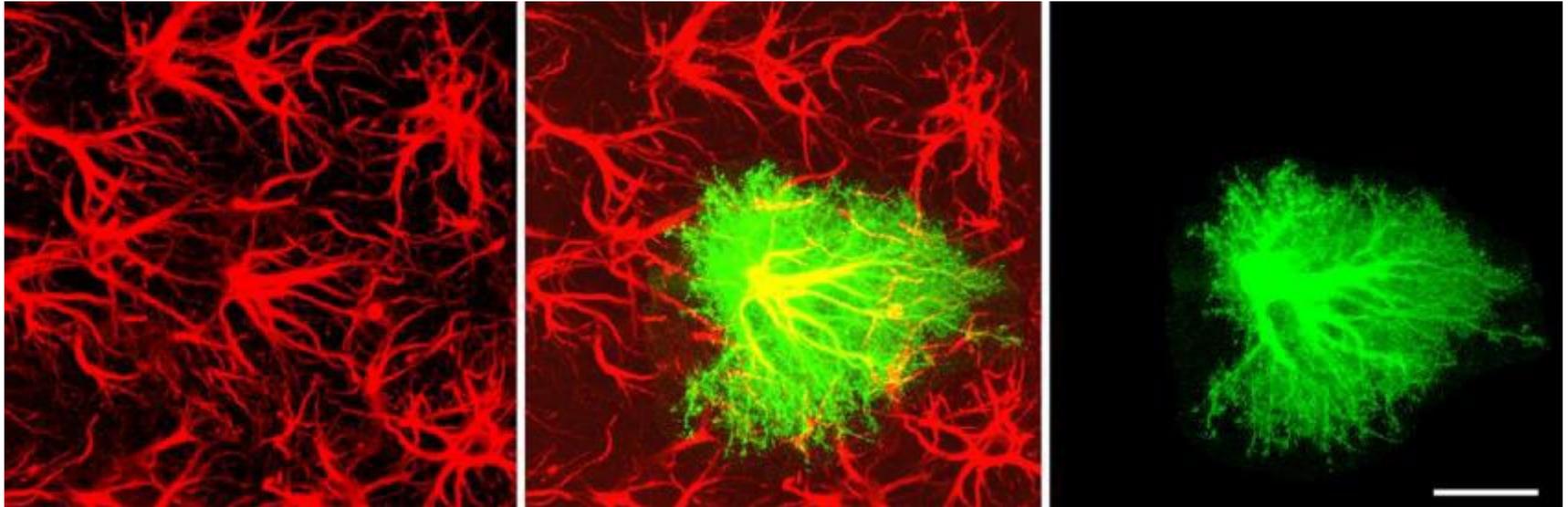
Reactive astrogliosis is

- context (=disease) dependent
- multistage
- region specific
- diffuse or demarcating the lesion
- graded (from mild astrogliosis to a glial scar)

It is adaptive, but when it persists, can turn into
maladaptive → a target for therapeutic intervention



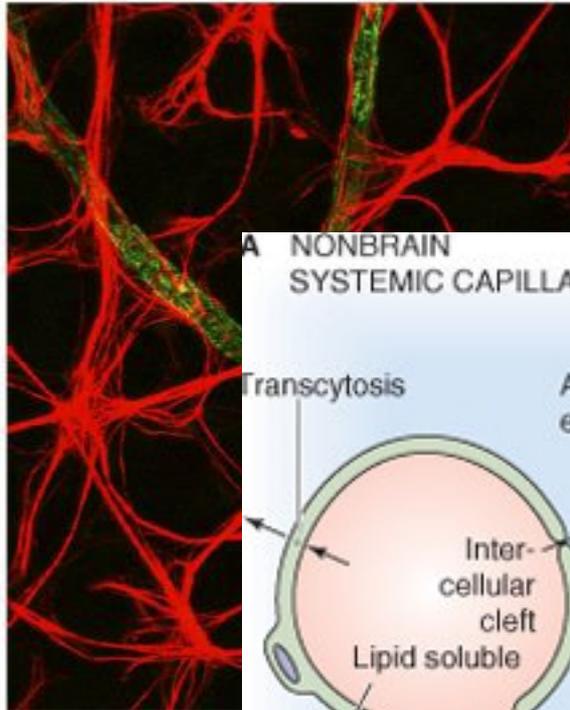
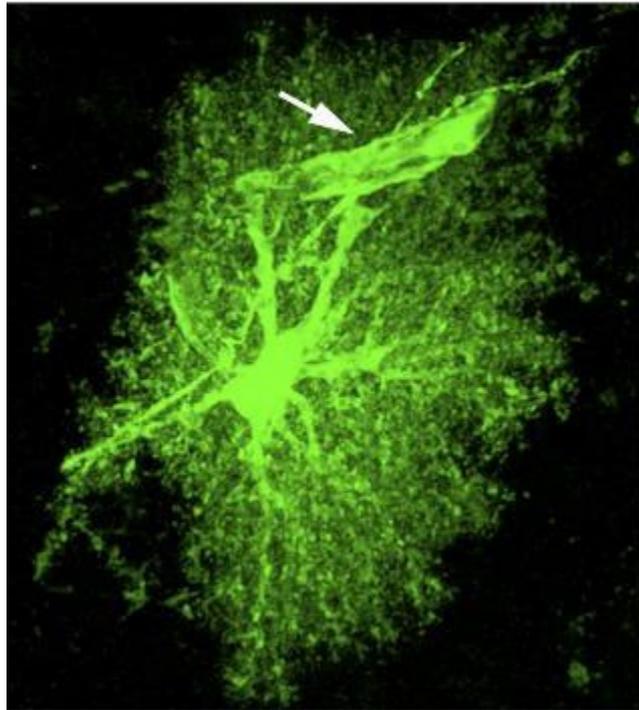
Astrocyte morphology



GFAP: Glial fibrillary Acidic Protein = principal intermediate filament (nanofilament) protein of astrocytes

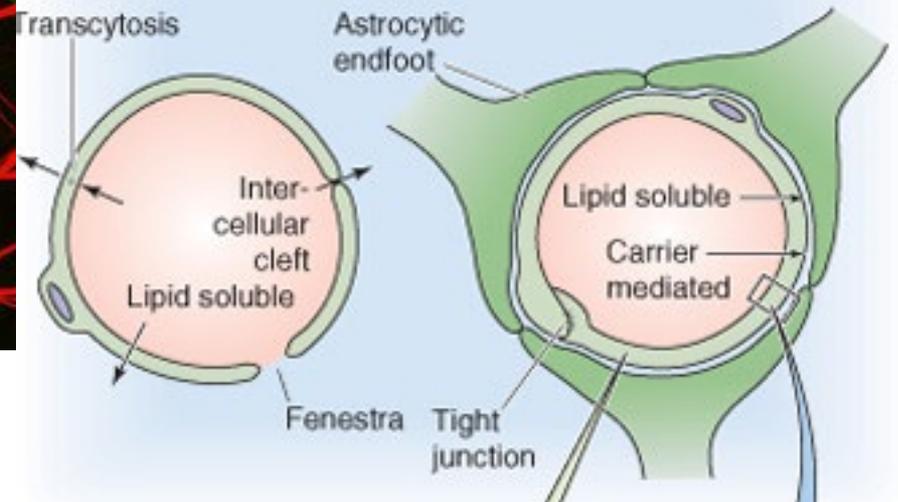
Dye filing → fine branches

Blood Brain Barrier



A NONBRAIN SYSTEMIC CAPILLARY

B BRAIN CAPILLARY

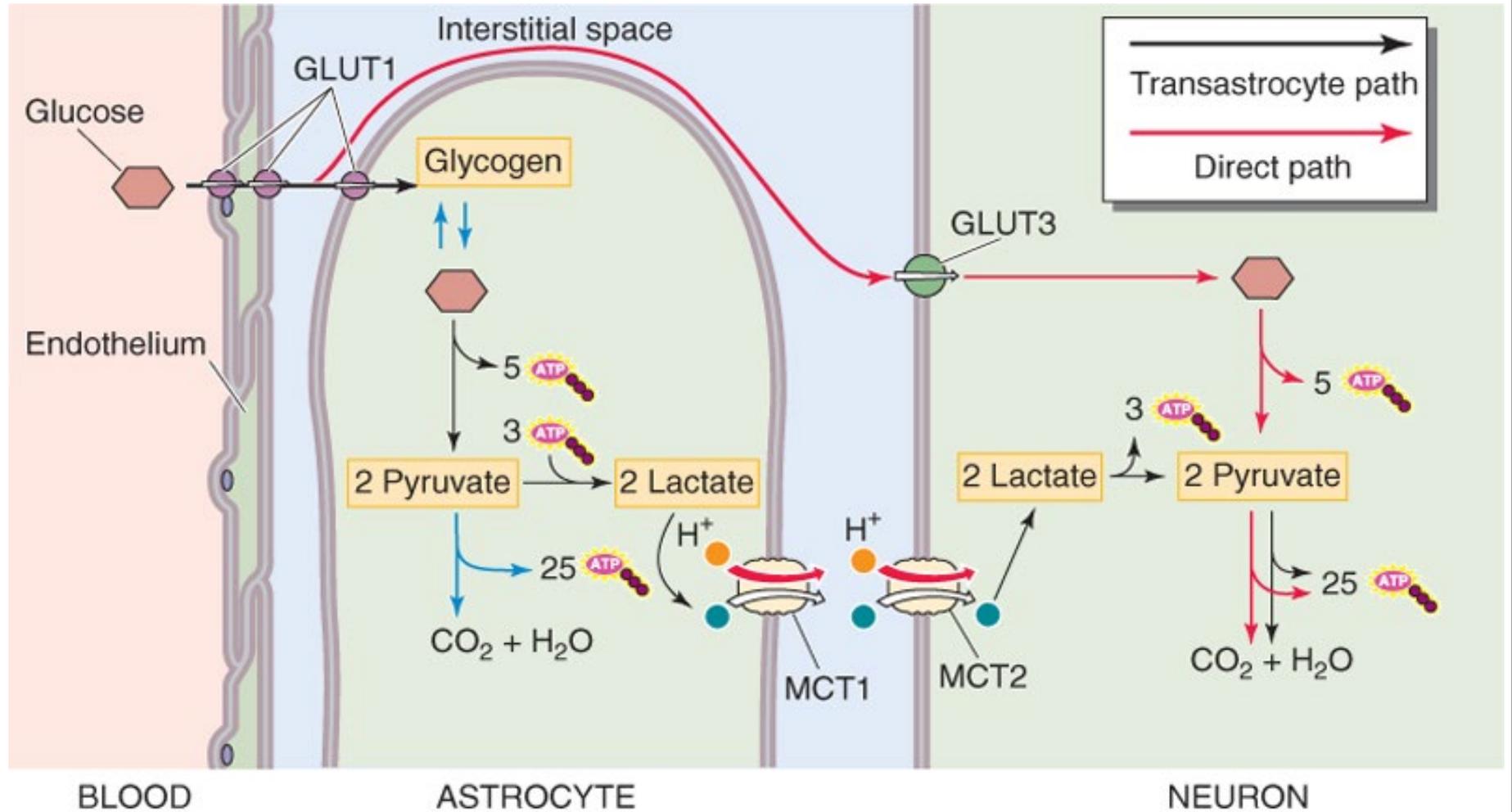


C BRAIN-CAPILLARY ENDOTHELIAL CELL

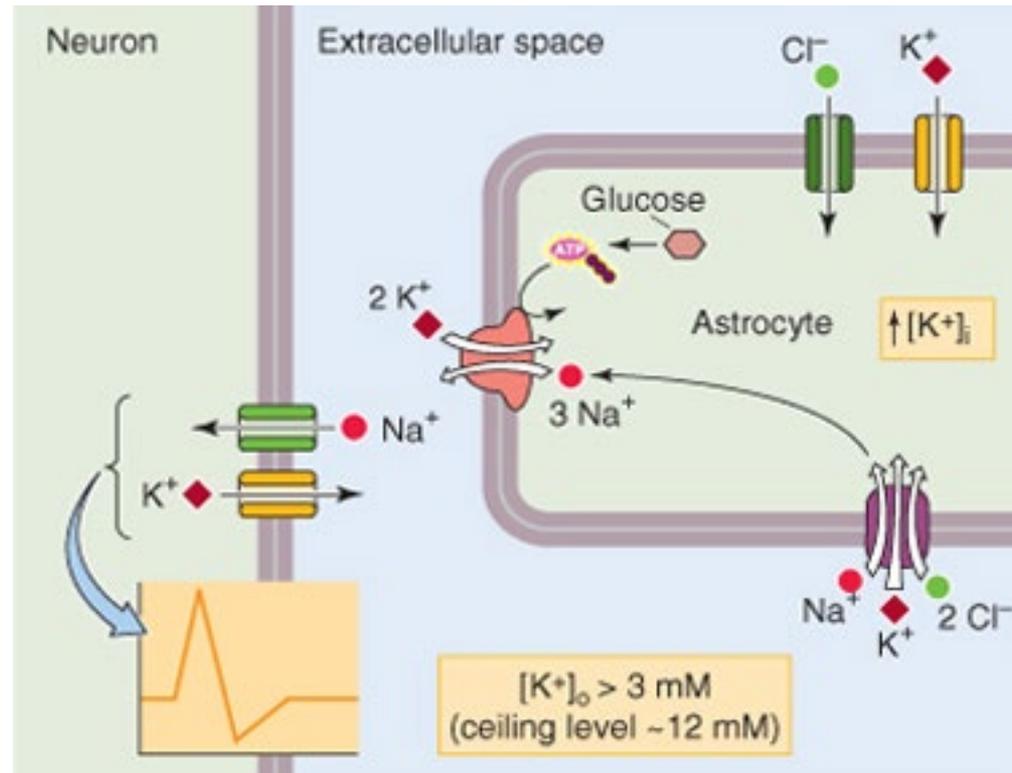
Endothelial cells sit on a thick basal lamina basement membrane.



Energy supply



Potassium buffering



Potassium buffering

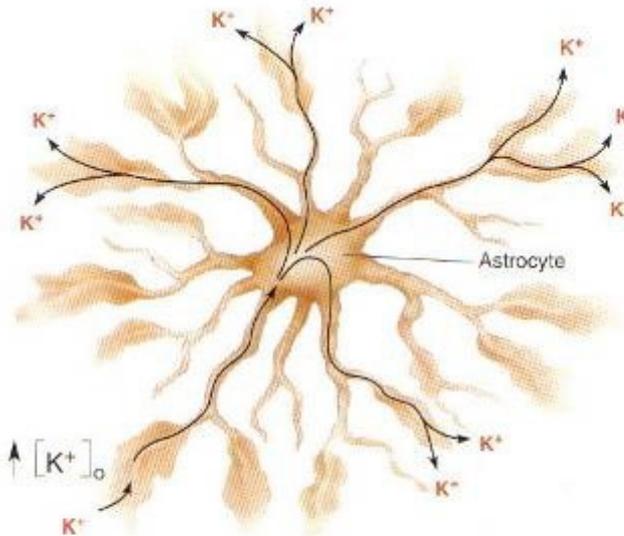
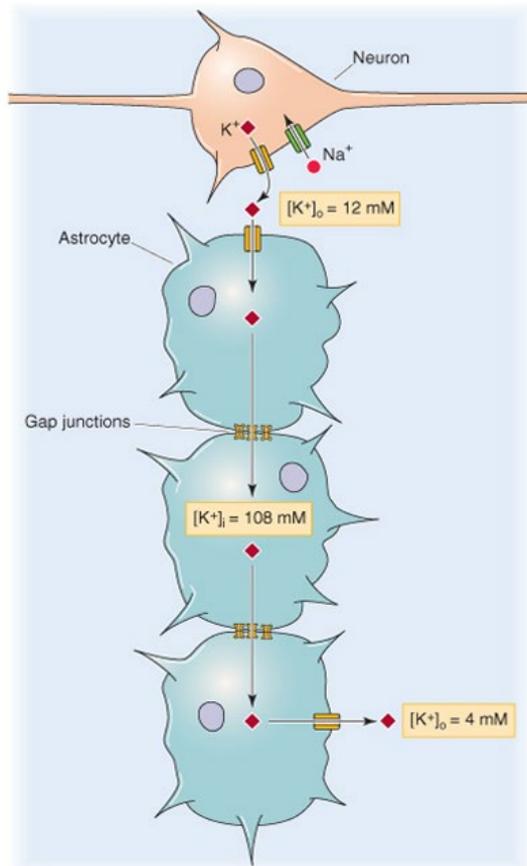
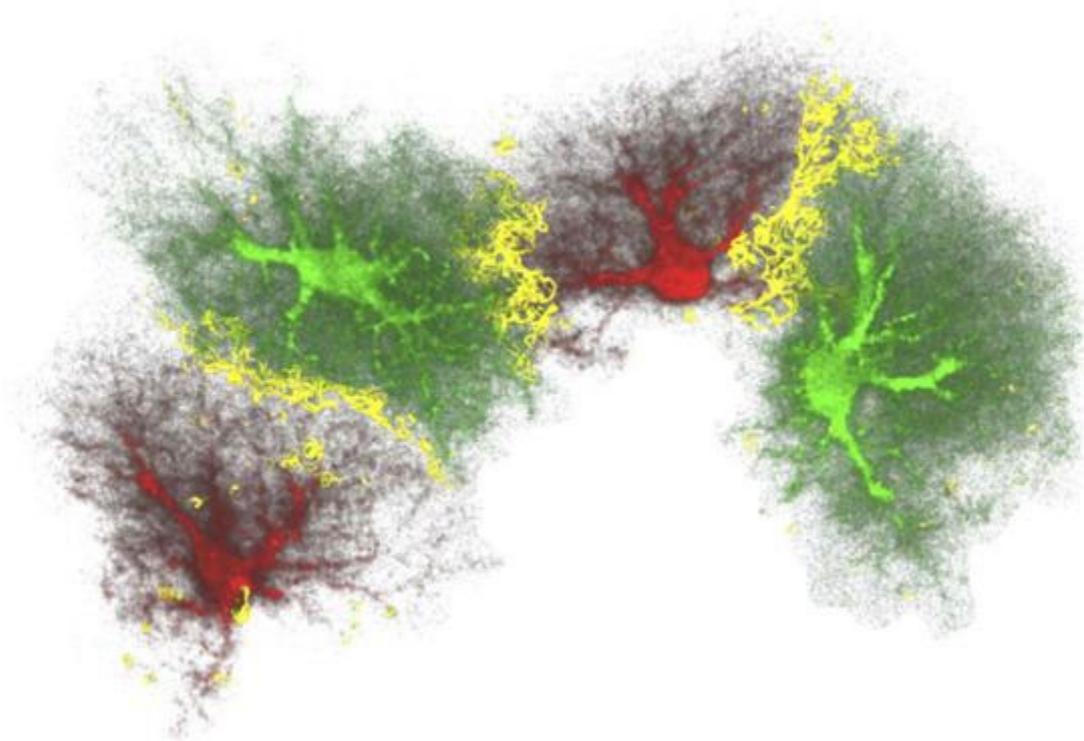
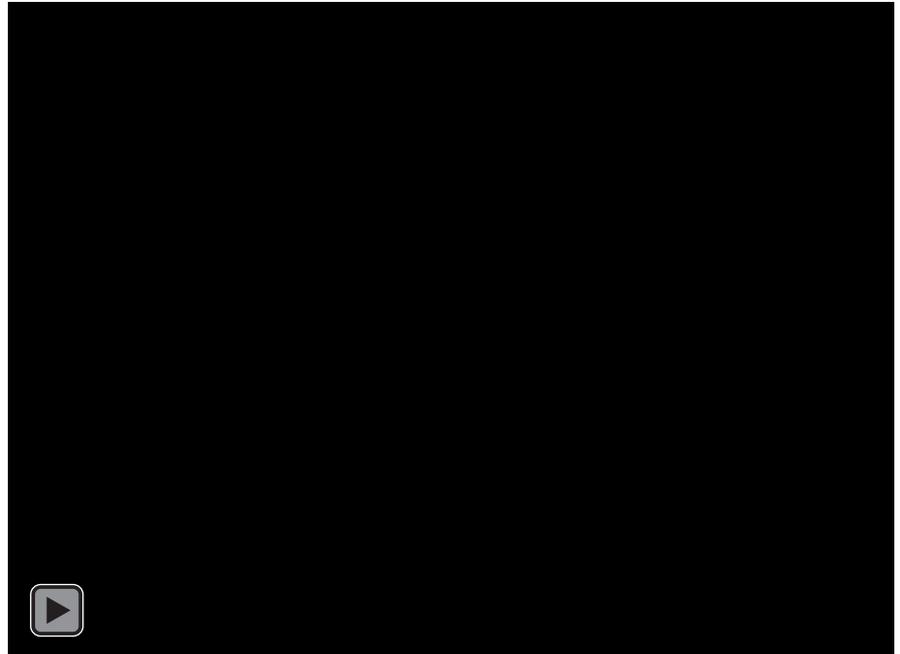
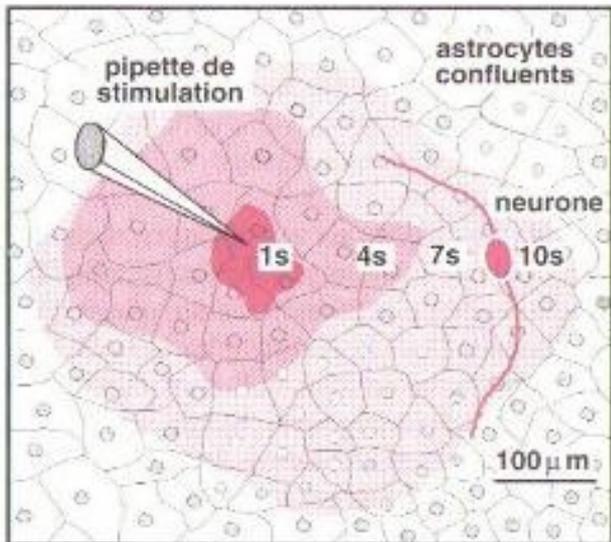


Figure 3.20

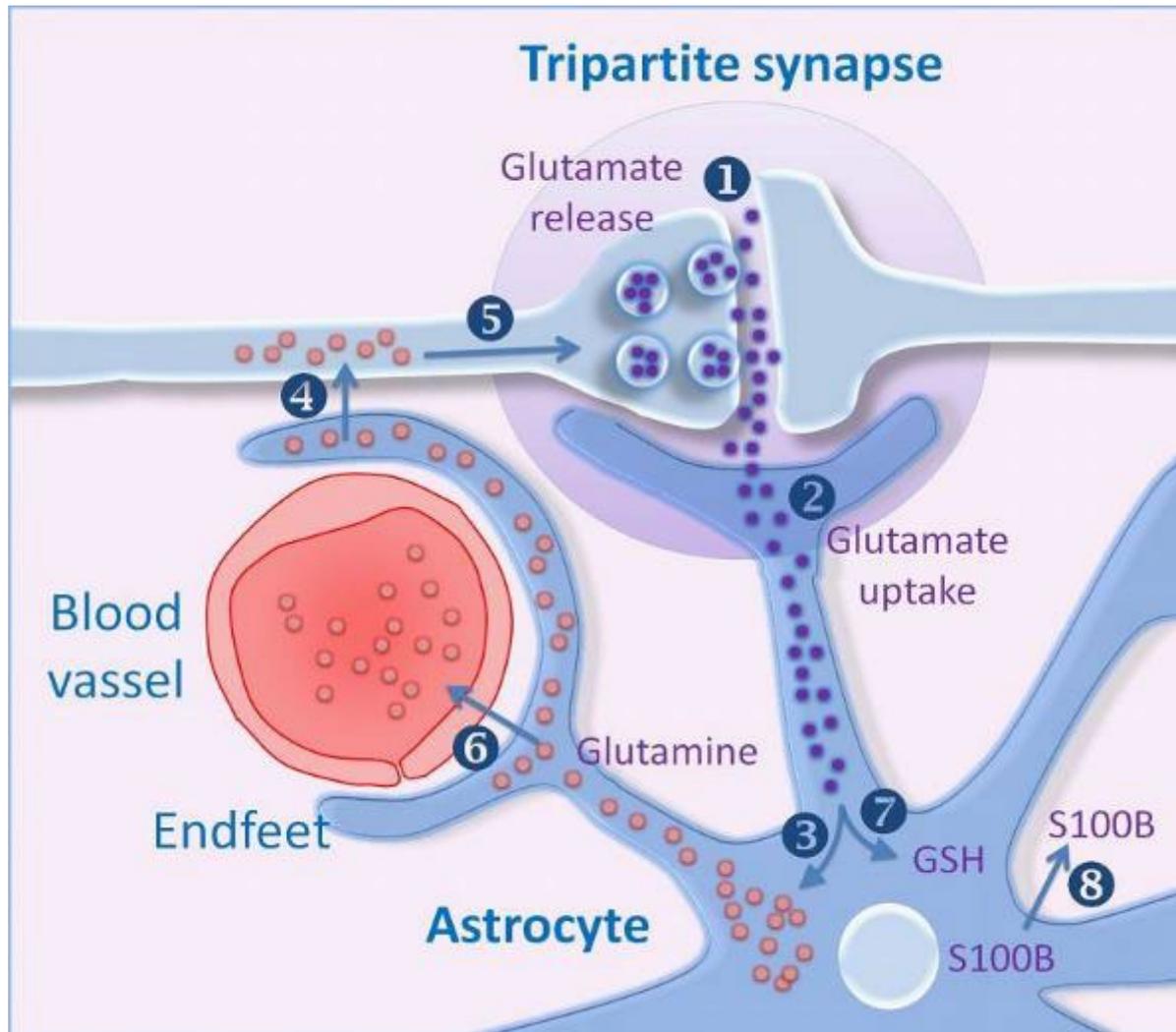
Potassium spatial buffering by astrocytes. When brain $[K^+]_o$ increases as a result of local neural activity, K^+ enters astrocytes via membrane channels. The extensive network of astrocytic processes helps dissipate the K^+ over a large area.

Astrocytic contacts

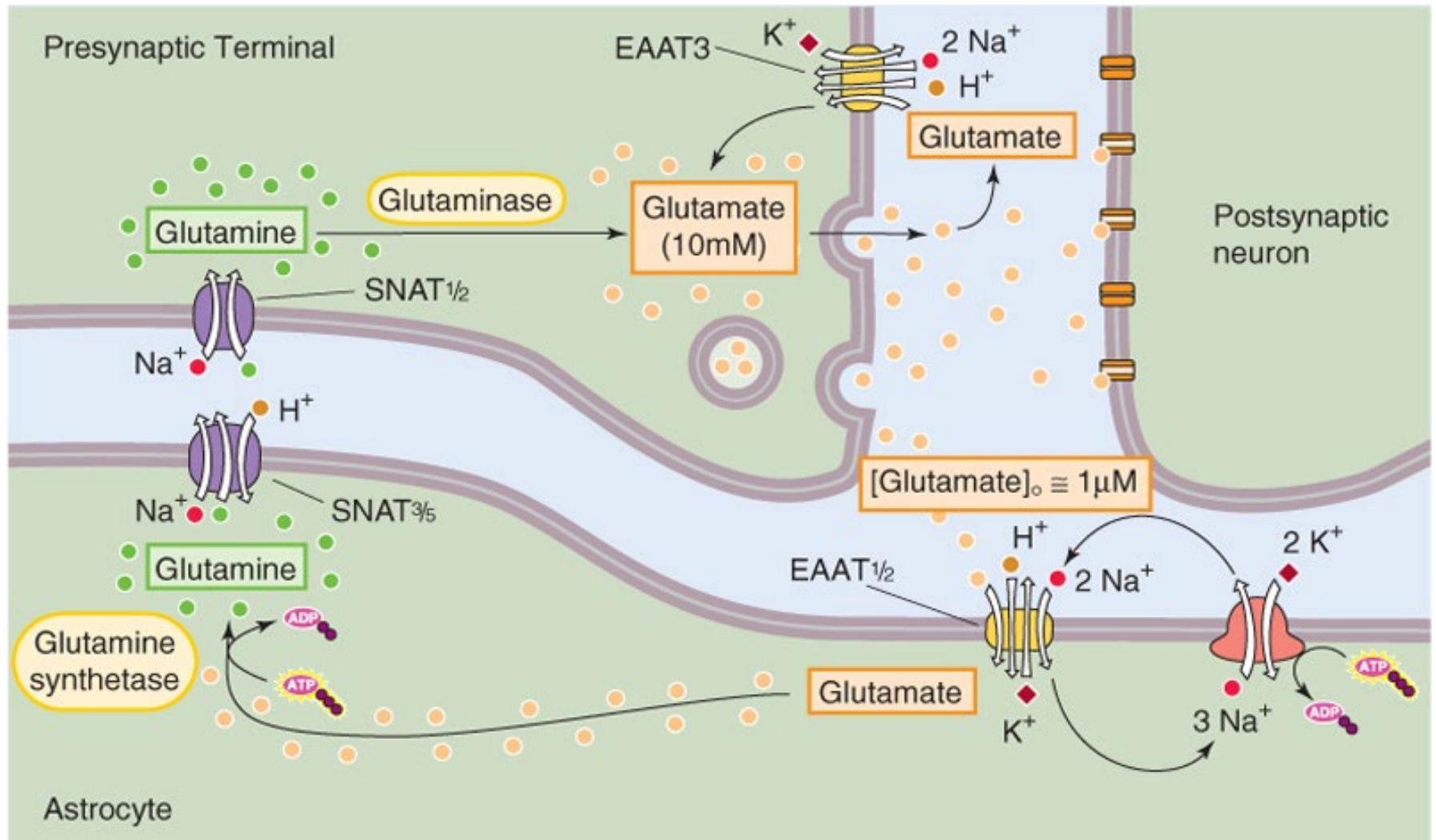




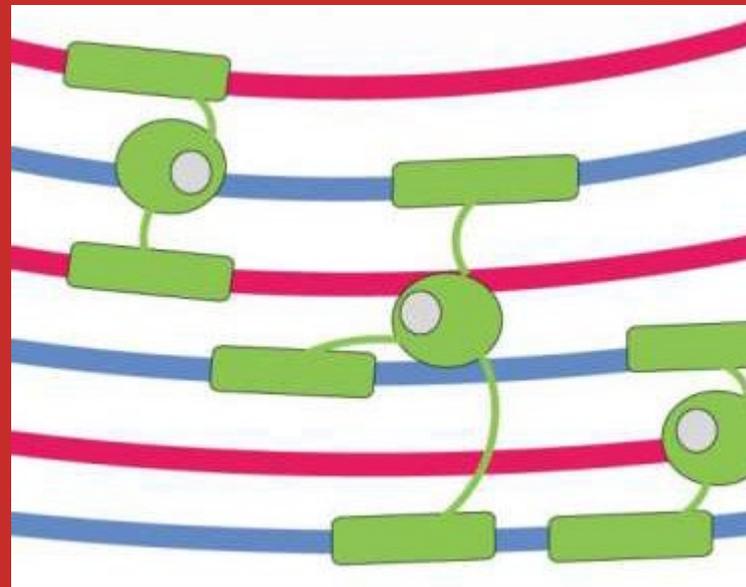
Tripartite synapses



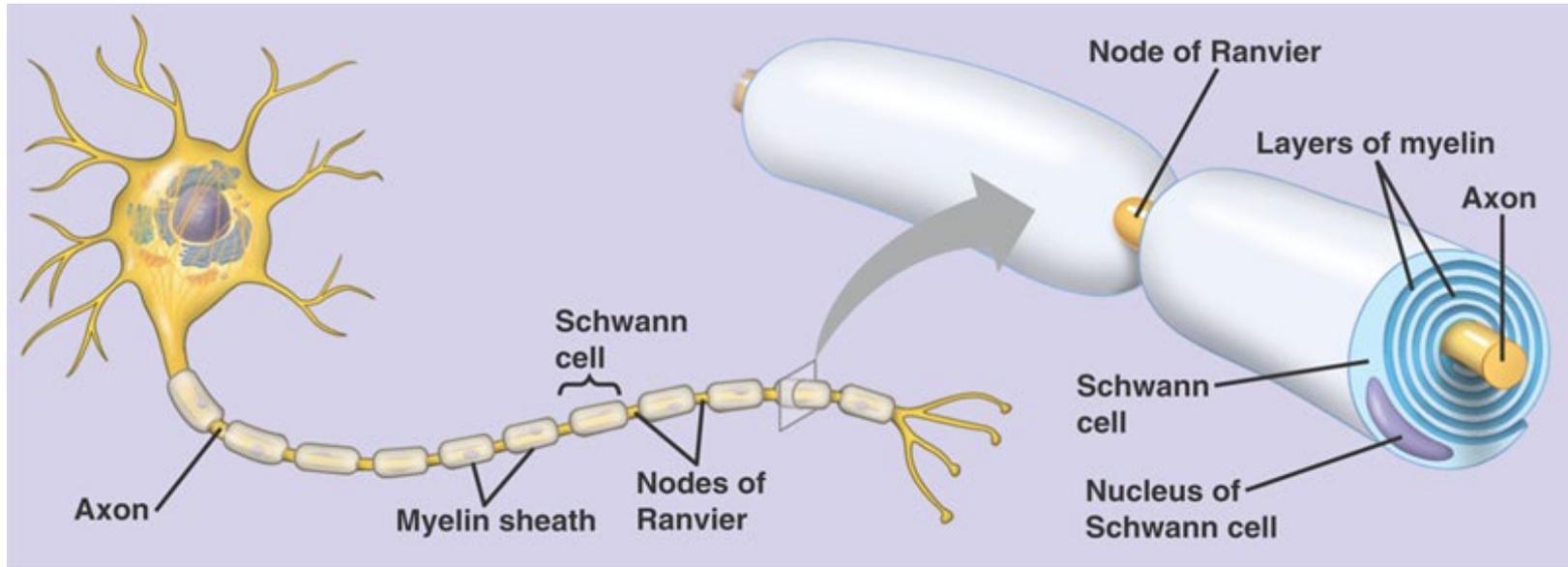
Tripartite synaps



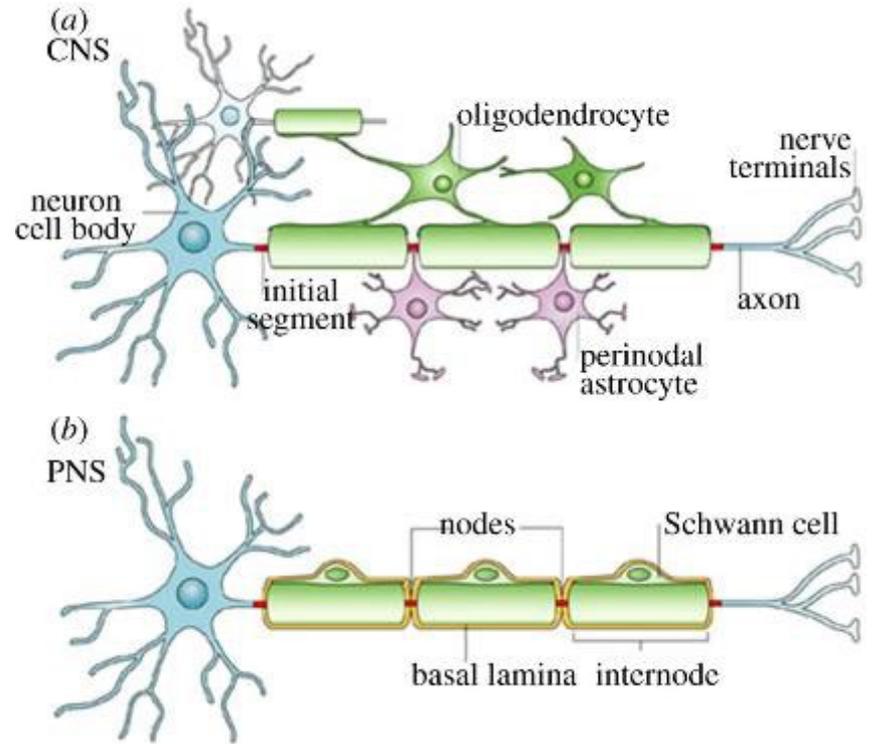
Oligodendrocytes



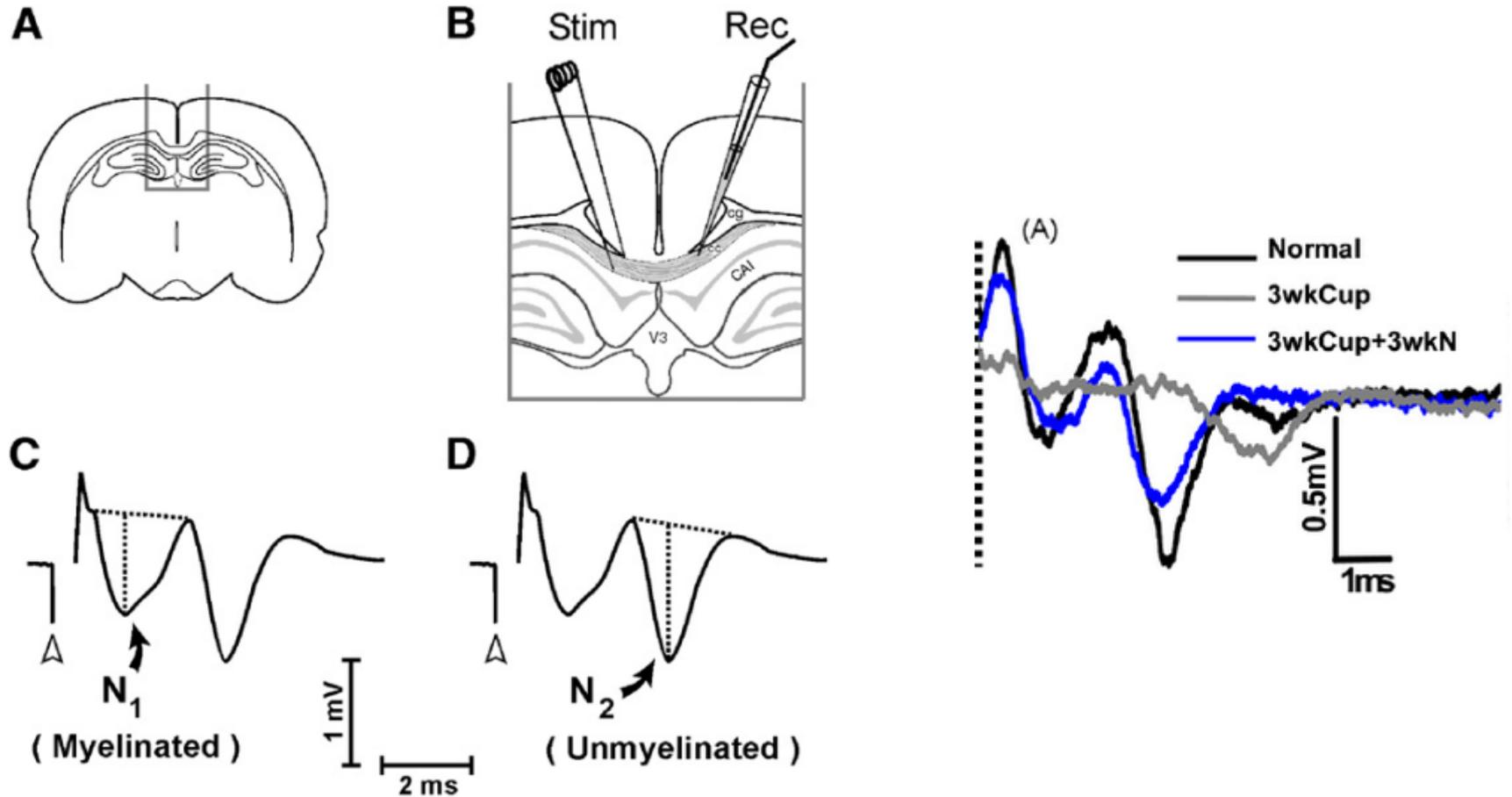
Oligodendrocytes produce myeline



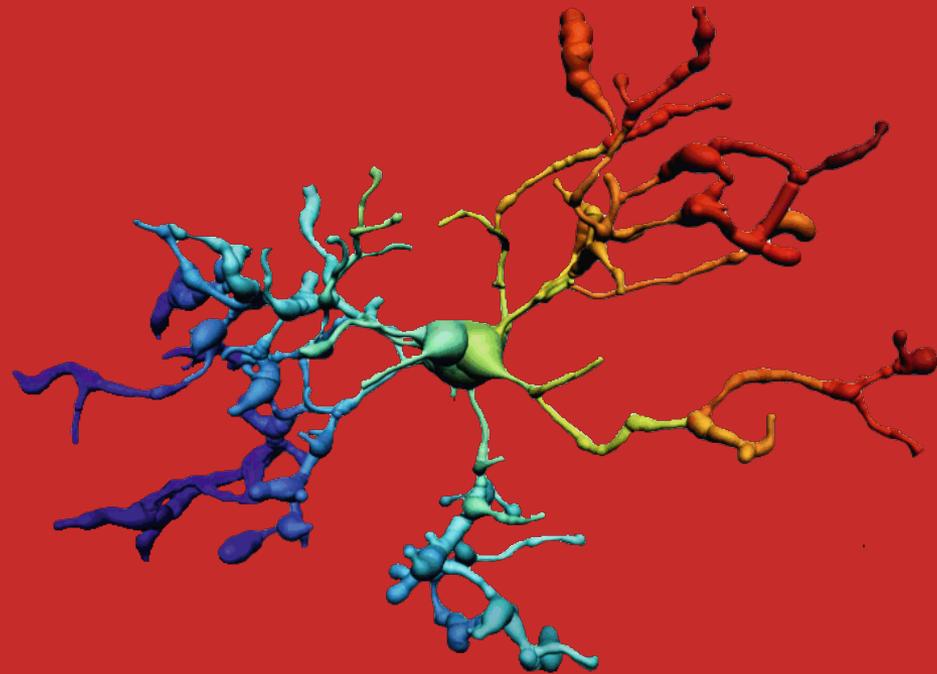
Oligo vs Schwann



Pathology: Myelin loss



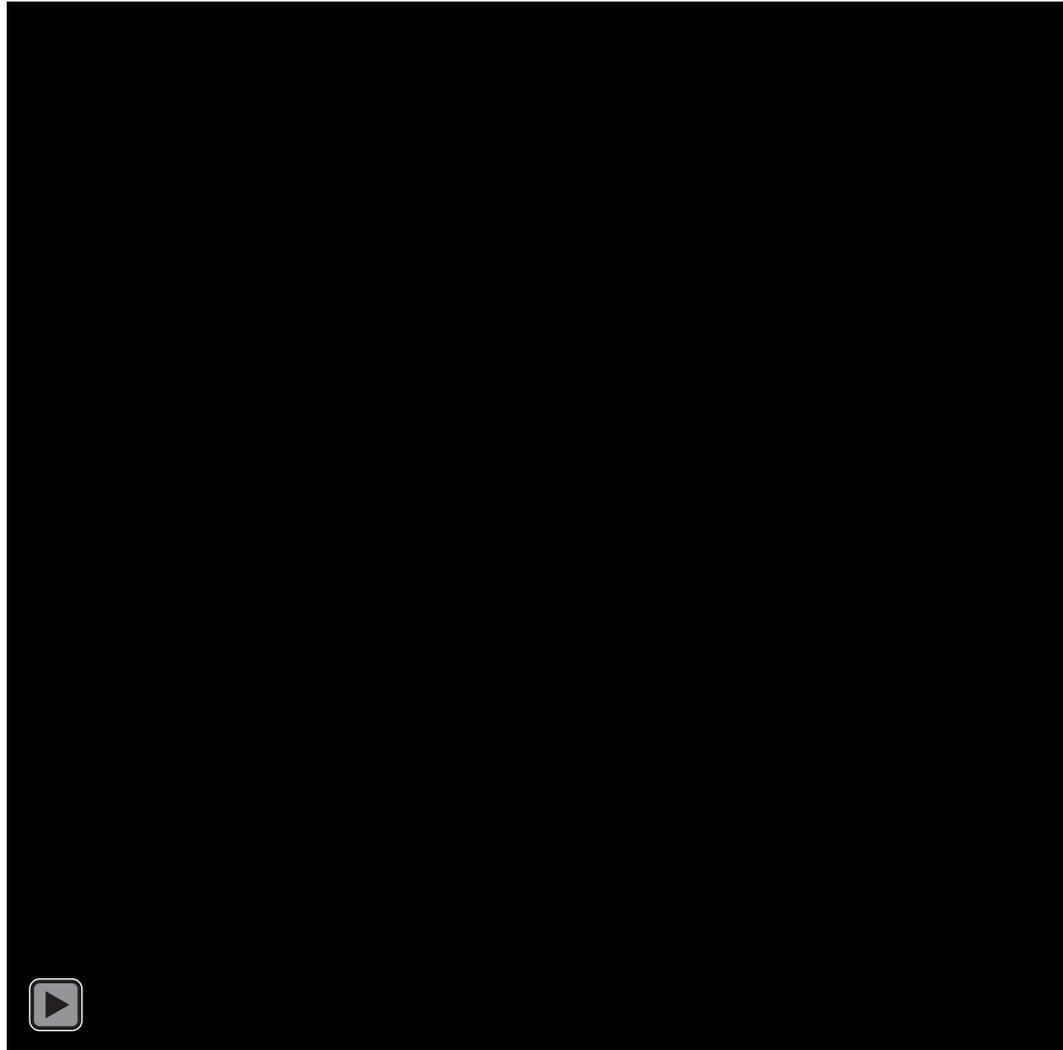
Microglia



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React to brain damage



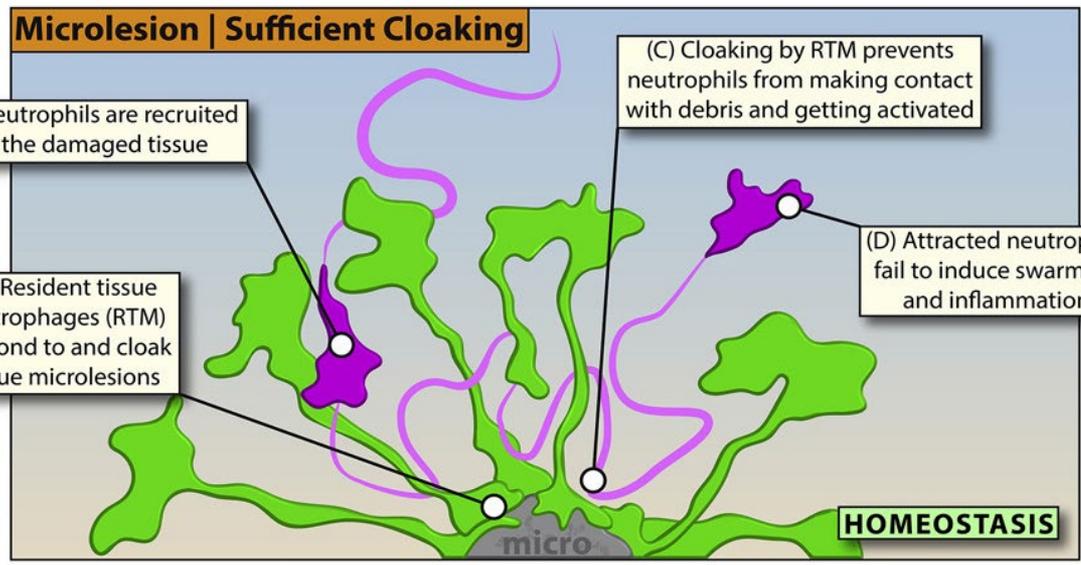
Microlesion | Sufficient Cloaking

(B) Neutrophils are recruited to the damaged tissue

(A) Resident tissue macrophages (RTM) respond to and cloak tissue microlesions

(C) Cloaking by RTM prevents neutrophils from making contact with debris and getting activated

(D) Attracted neutrophils fail to induce swarming and inflammation



HOMEOSTASIS

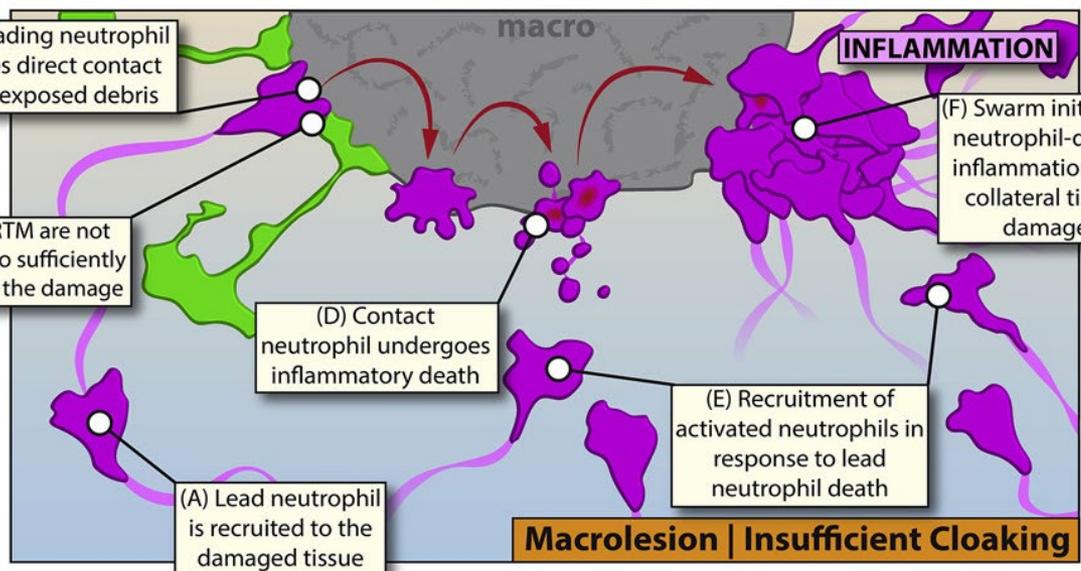
(C) Leading neutrophil makes direct contact with exposed debris

(B) RTM are not able to sufficiently cloak the damage

(D) Contact neutrophil undergoes inflammatory death

(E) Recruitment of activated neutrophils in response to lead neutrophil death

(F) Swarm initiation, neutrophil-driven inflammation and collateral tissue damage

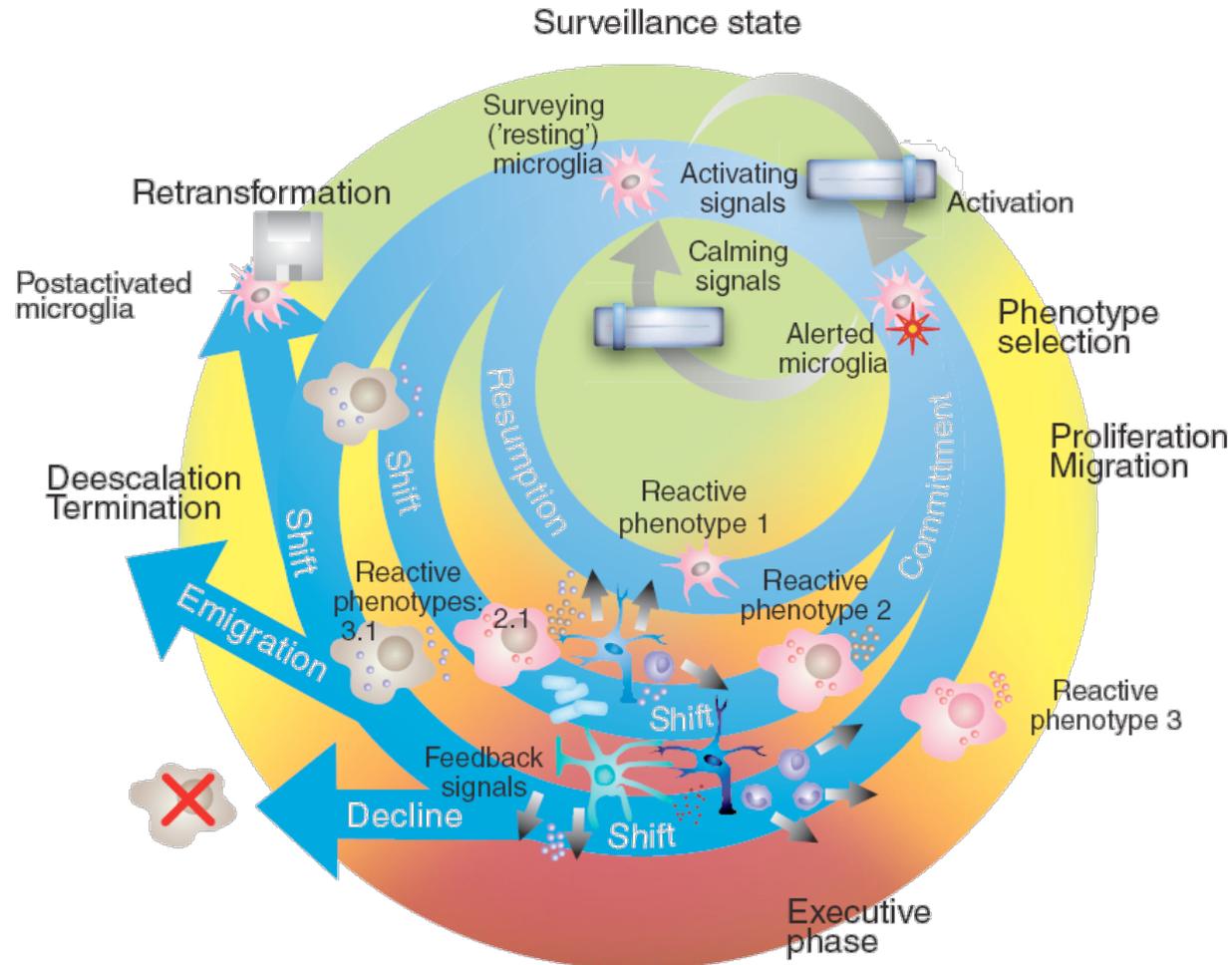


INFLAMMATION

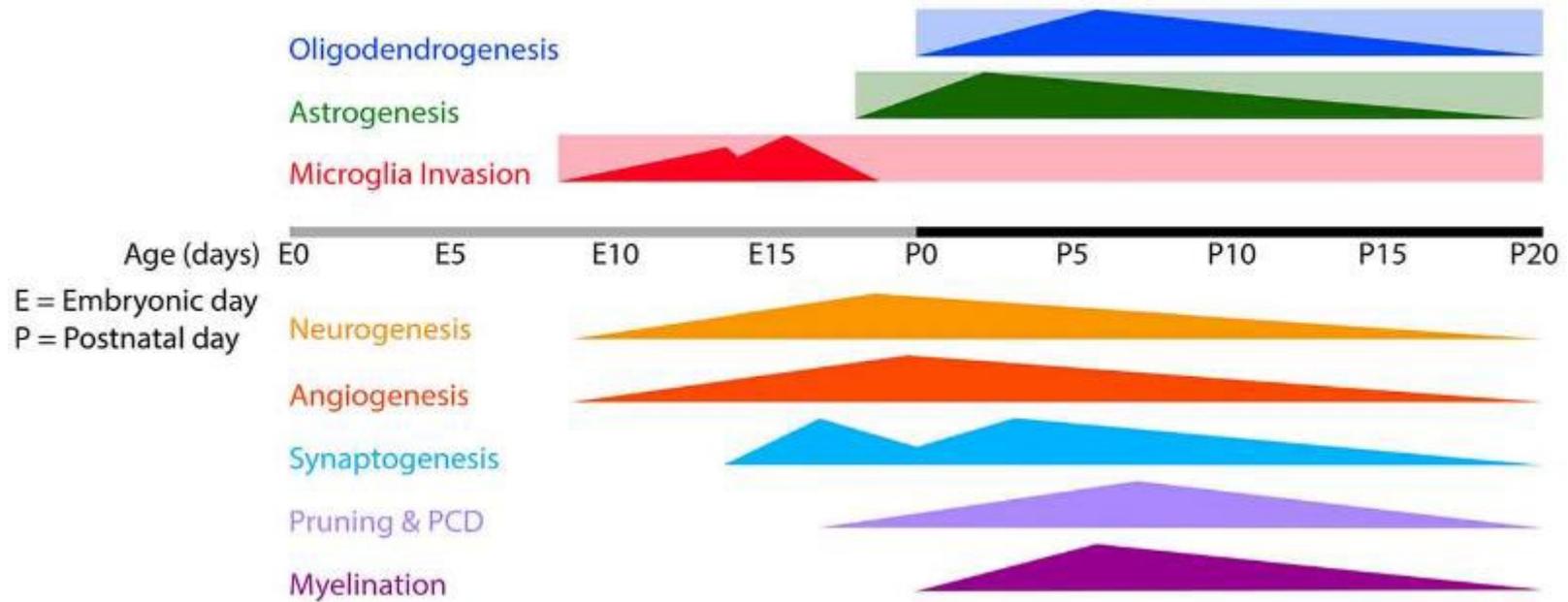
Macrolesion | Insufficient Cloaking

(A) Lead neutrophil is recruited to the damaged tissue

Resident immune cells of the brain: Activation phenotypes



Microglia during development

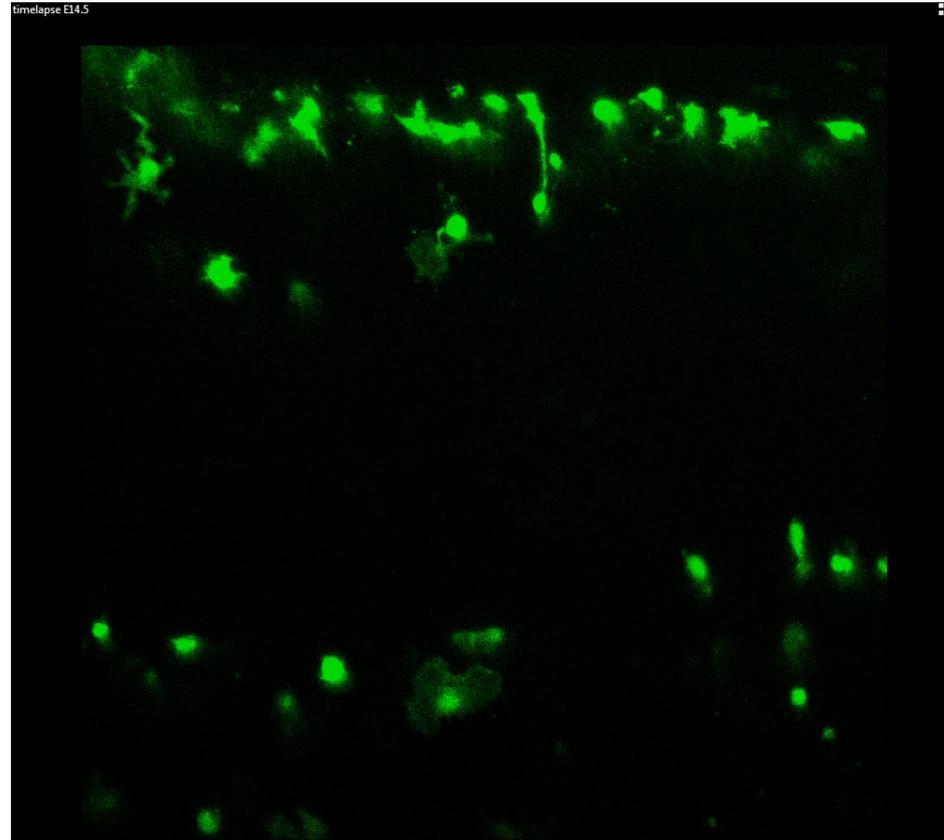
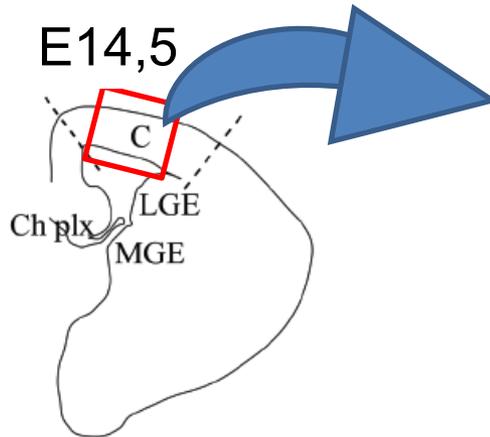


How do microglia migrate in the embryonic cortex?



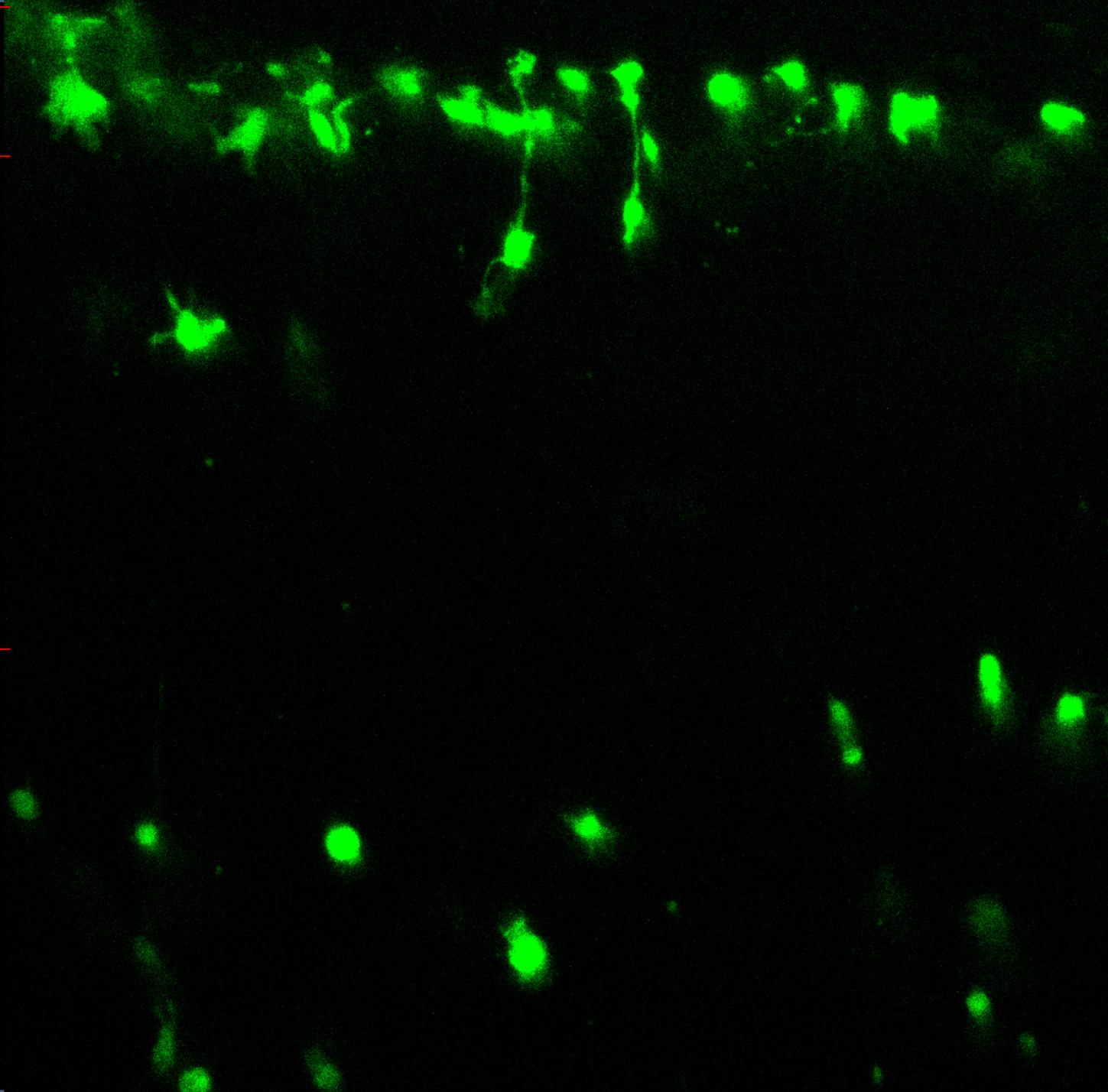
CX3CR1
eGFP $+/+$

E14,5



Pia

CP

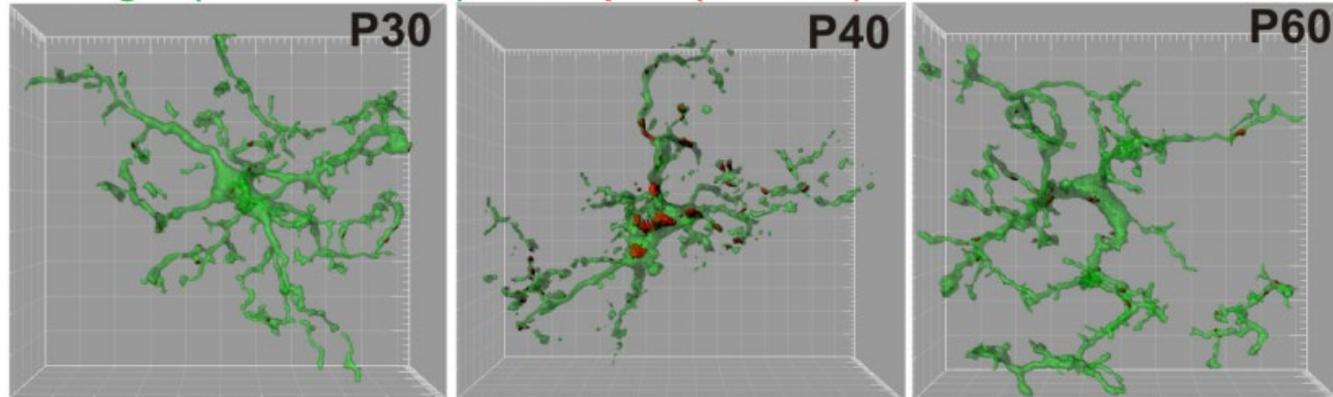


Microglia tasks: Synaptic remodeling

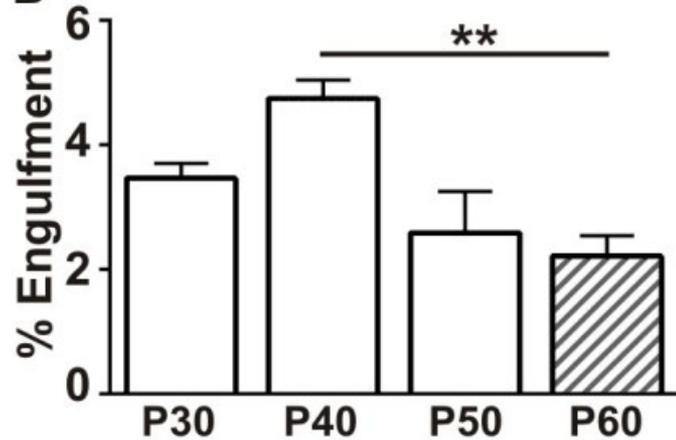


Developmental synaptic pruning

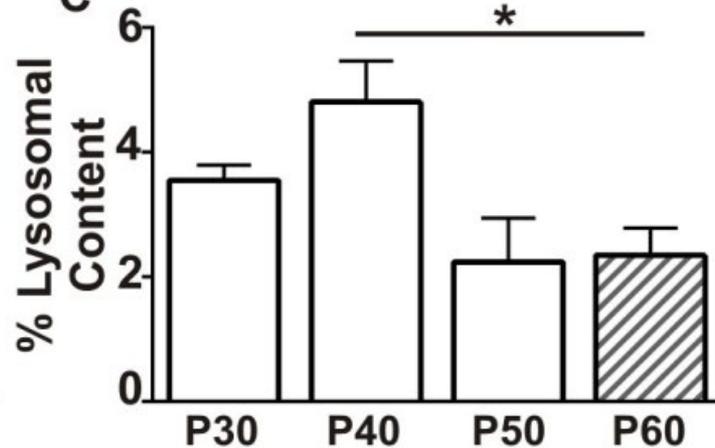
A Microglia (Cx3CR1-EGFP) RGC inputs (CTB-594)



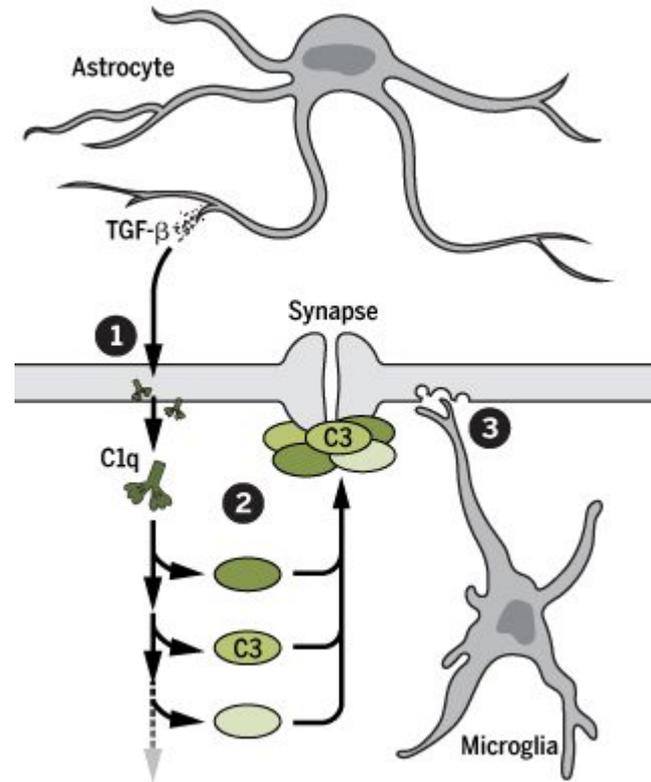
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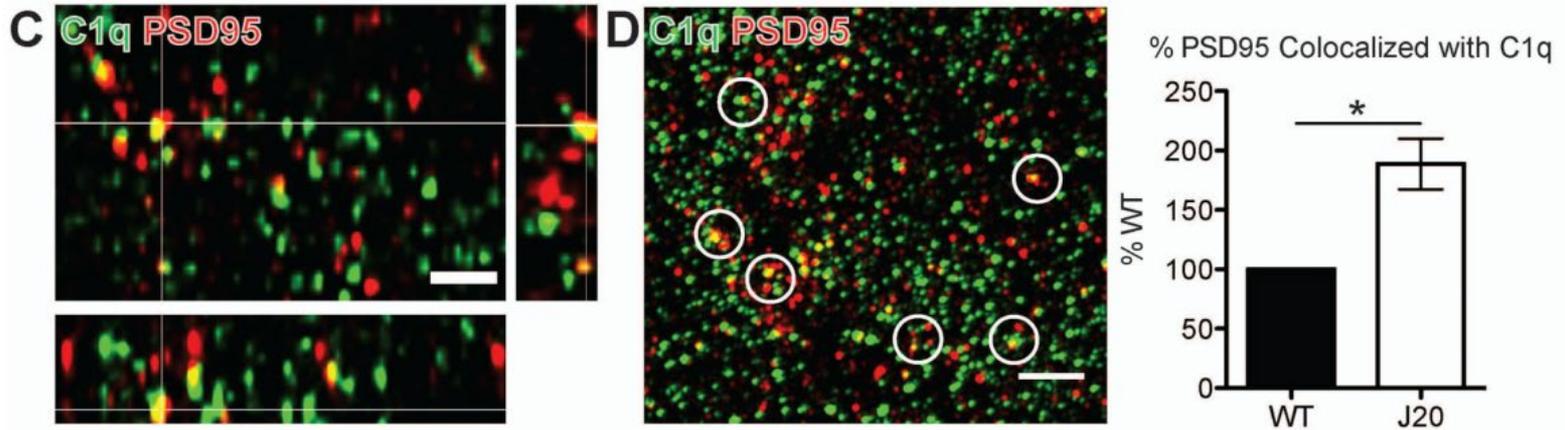
Complement dependent synaptic pruning



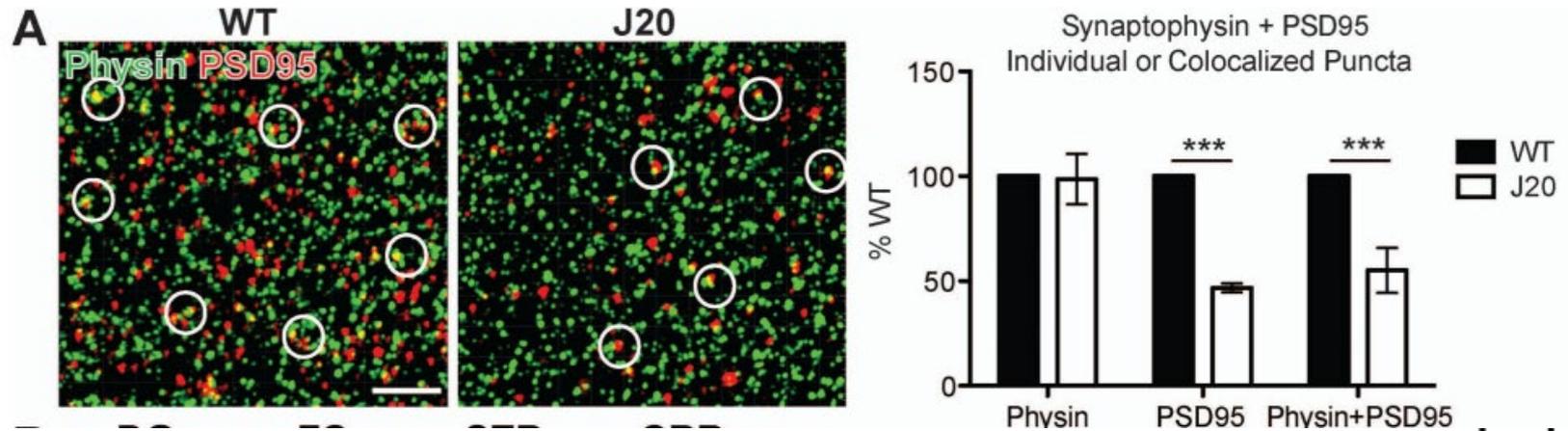
Complement system (C1q C3) marks synapses to be pruned

Excessive synaptic pruning in disease

Complement marked synapses increased AD mice



Loss of synapses in AD mice



Glia-Neuron and Glia-Glia cross talk

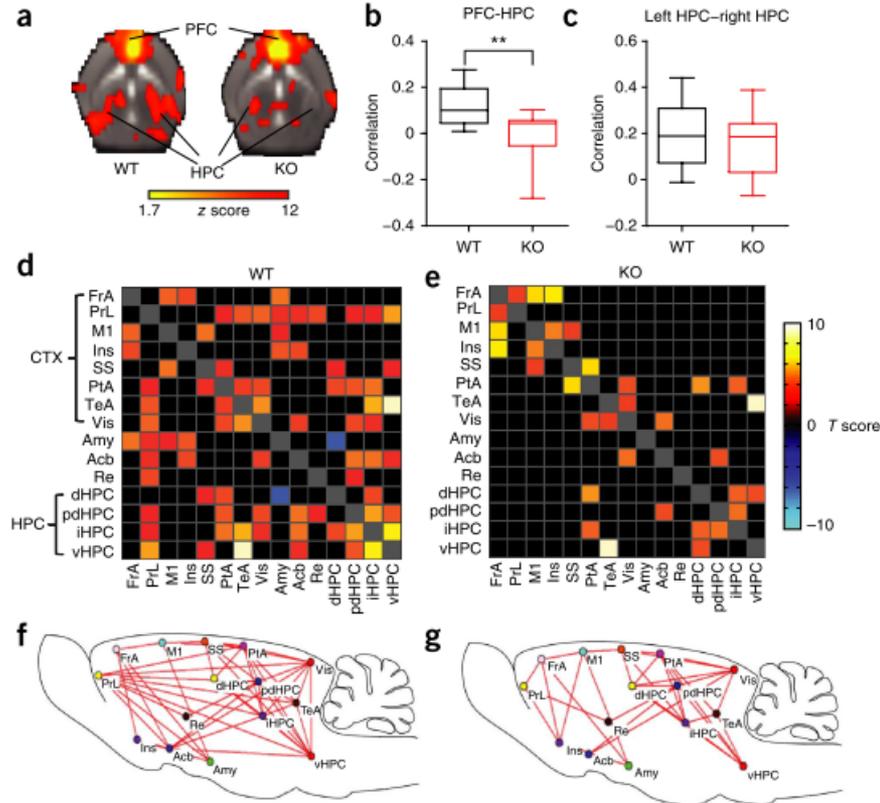


Neuron-microglia cross talk

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neuroscience

Deficient neuron-microglia signaling results in impaired functional brain connectivity and social behavior

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CX3CR1 → neuro glia cross talk

CX3CR1 KO

→ reduced synaptic events

→ Reduced fMRI connectivity

Models to study Glia



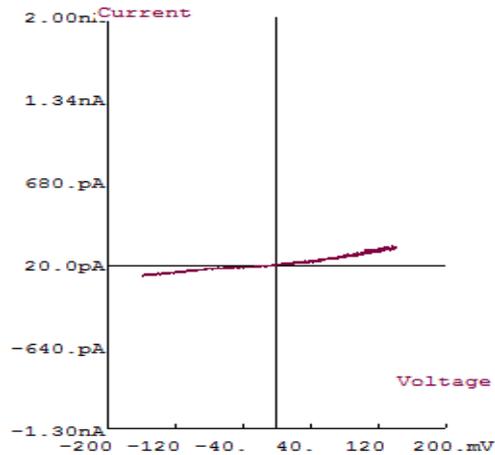
Glial Cell Models

- Cell lines
 - BV2, RBA-2, CG-4...
- Primary cell cultures
 - Shake off technique
 - FACS, MACS,...
- iPSC derived cells

RELEVANCE???

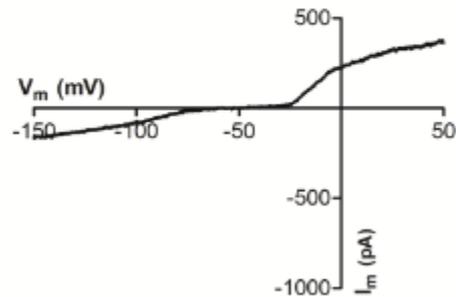
Primary cultured microglial cells

Brain slice

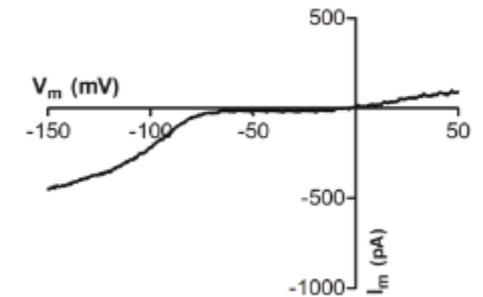


Primary cultured microglia

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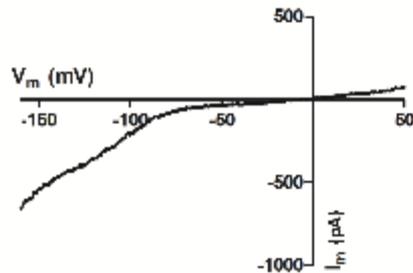


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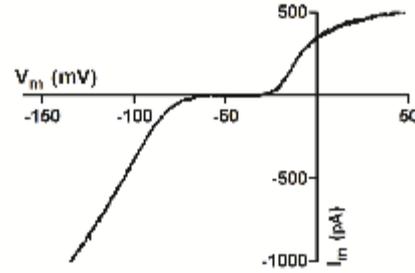
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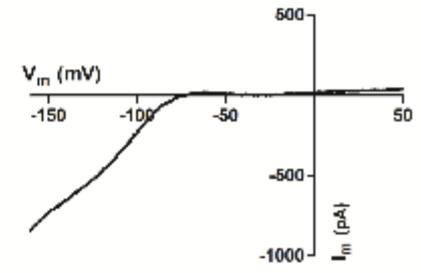
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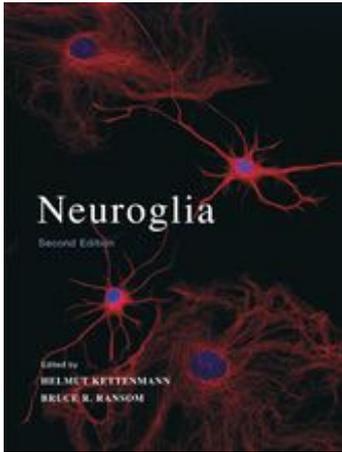
LPS + MINO



Glial Mouse Models

- Mouse reporter lines
 - Microglia: CX3CR1-eGFP, fmp
 - Astrocytes: GFAP-CFP
 - Oligodendrocytes: CNP-GFP
- IHC/markers
 - Microglia: Iba-1, TMEM119, CSF1R, Sal1, P2Y12
 - Astrocytes: GFAP, S100 β , CD144
 - Oligodendrocytes: NG2, O4, MBP, PLP (different.)
- Depletion models
 - Microglia: Difteria tox, CSF1R AB, PU1 KO, clodronate, PLX compounds
 - Astrocytes: GFAP Cre?
 - Oligodendrocytes: cuprisone model,...

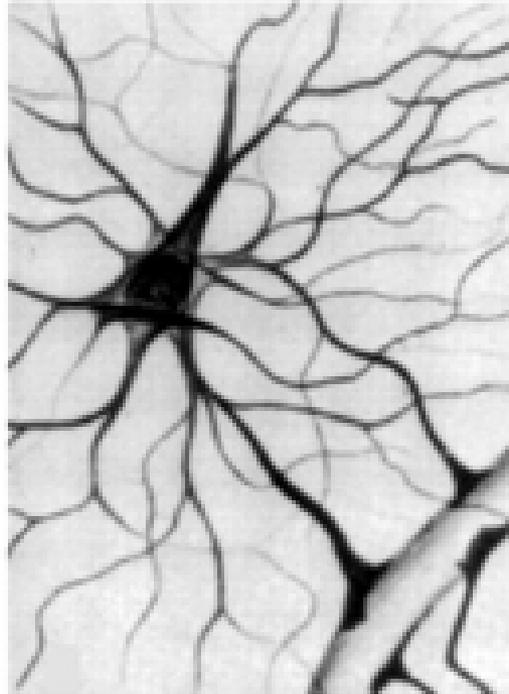
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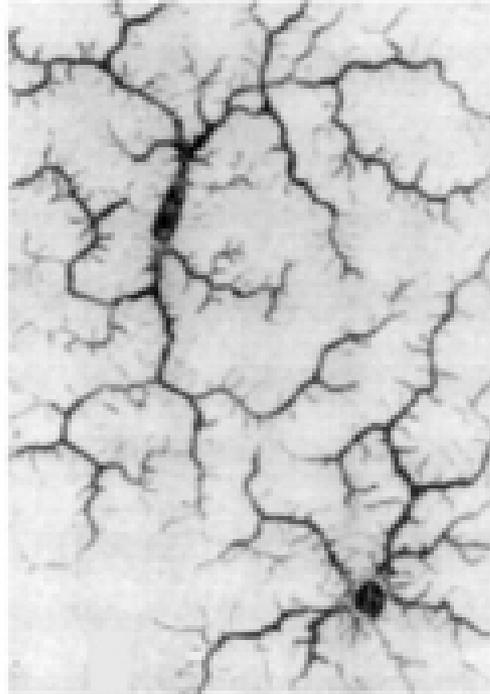
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- “Reactive astrocyte nomenclature, definitions, and future directions.”
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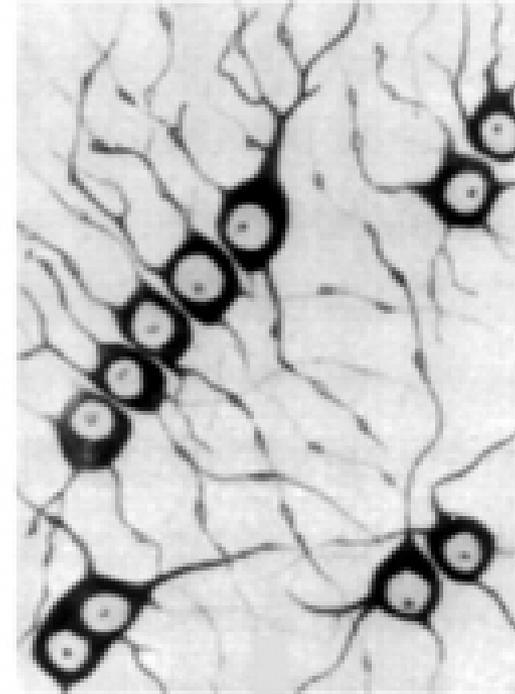
Glial cells make up 90 percent of the cells in our brain



astrocytes



microglia



oligodendrocytes

P. del Rio-Hortega (1920)