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Low Dose Cytokine Therapy for healthy longevity. A novel Pharmacology for a systemic and multi-level approach to aging

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# Low Dose Cytokine Therapy











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#### ABSTRACT

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• The relationship between drug dose and clinical outcome has not been established for many medications used to treat chronic disease. Evidence is emerging that chronic diseases can be treated effectively with low doses.

- Adverse drug reactions account for significant morbidity and mortality and are generally dose related.
- Optimal drug dose the best balance of benefit and risk varies between individuals and may change over time. When treating chronic disease it is important to establish and maintain the optimal dose for each patient by close clinical monitorina. MJA 2009; 191: 511-513



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Rapid induction of clinical remission by low-dose interleukin-2 in a patient with refractory SLE

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MINI REVIEW

#### Low-Dose IL-2 Therapy in Autoimmune and **Rheumatic Diseases**

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#### Low-Dose IL-2 Therapy in Transplantation, Autoimmunity, and Inflammatory Diseases

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### Why Low Dose Cytokine Therapy for a healthy longevity?

# In a **complex system** an impairment in the **cross-talk between cells** can be at the origin of the aging process as well as the disease onset.







### Reductionistic approach vs Systemic approach



Barabási AL, Gulbahce N, Loscalzo J. Network medicine: a network-based approach to human disease. Nat Rev Genet. 2011;12(1):56-68. doi: 10.1038/nrg2918







# Unexpected role of interferon- $\gamma$ in regulating neuronal connectivity and social behaviour

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# Systems Medicine (Network Medicine)



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According to the Systems Theory, the mind is not an entity but a process, the process of life.

The living beings' activity of organization, at all the levels where life shows itself, is mental activity.

The interactions of a living being (vegetal, animal, human) with its enviroment are cognitive interactions, i.e. mental.

(F. Capra, La rete della vita 1996)



### «NEGATIVE THOUGHTS» AND LOW-GRADE CHRONIC INFLAMMATION

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Fig. 1. Cultural moderation of the association between negative emotions and IL-6 after controlling for gender, age, and years of education, positive emotions, neuroticism, extraversion, smoking status, alcohol consumption, the number of chronic conditions linked to inflammation, and log-transformed BMI (Model 5). Negative emotions were rated on a 5-point rating scale: *none of the time* (1), *a little of the time* (2), *some of the time* (3),*most of the time* (4), and *all the time* (5). Negative emotions predicted IL-6 in the United States, *b* = 0.06, S.E. = 0.02, *t*(1363) = 2.68, *p* = .001, but not in Japan, *b* = -0.01, S.E. = 0.03, *t*(1363) = 0.35, *p* = .73.





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# Talking about a Complex System

### THE HUMAN BODY IS A NETWORK OF NETWORKS

# 40.000 billion cells



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1. How do they talk?

2. Where do they talk?







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### SIGNALING MOLECULES-BASED LOW DOSE PHARMACOLOGY THE GREAT INNOVATION







# Signaling Molecules

# The Fundation for LDM

# CYTYOKINES are MESSENGERS, THE WORDS used by the 3 homeostatic control systems (or functional networks) and <u>BY THE</u> <u>CELLS</u> to speak each other and to lead the body physiology.



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# Signaling (Messenger) Molecules

### The Foundation for Low Dose Pharmacology









### Neither good nor bad in Nature



Raphael I et al. T cell subsets and their signature cytokines in autoimmune and inflammatory diseases. Cytokine (2014), http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.cyto.2014.09.011



TRANS-MEMBRANE RECEPTORS Up- and Down-Regulation



Jak-1: Tyrosine kinasis STAT-1: Signal transducer and activator of transcription 1 SOCS-1:Suppressor of cytokin signaling 1





### Femtograms of Interferon-γ Suffice to Modulate the Behavior of Jurkat Cells: A New Light in Immunomodulation

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# **GUNA Signaling Molecules**



• Bio-Tech – human recombinant in *E. Coli or in SF21 (Spodoptera frugiperda).* 





# The biological EFFECTS of LOW DOSES





#### Article The Role of BDNF on Aging-Modulation Markers

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### In vivo BRAIN BDNF QUANTIFICATION

















To verify whether the mechanism activated by BDNF solutions is the same as the one observed in cells during in vitro experiments, the effects of 1.2 pg/mL BDNF SKA and 25 ng/mL BDNF on some main markers were investigated by Western blot. Since BDNF is necessary for survival of neurons in the brain, after encoding by this gene its expression was investigated, as reported in Figure 9A. 1.2 pg/mL BDNF SKA and 25 ng/mL BDNF both at 24 h and 24 h plus 24 h were able to induce the expression of BDNF compared to control (p < 0.05), indicating a better influence of stimulations. Moreover, 1.2 pg/mL BDNF SKA at 24 h and 24 h plus 24 h caused a significant increase compared to and 25 ng/mL BDNF (about 50% and about 62%, respectively), indicating the induction of endogenous production of BDNF by physiological mechanism, as shown by the significant increase induced by 1.2 pg/mL BDNF SKA at 24 h plus 24 h with respect to at 24 h (p < 0.05, about 24%).





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Figure 1 – Simplified synoptic scheme of the main pathways of BDNF's mediated cellular responses.

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**Protocol A** a single cell treatment in 6 days **Protocol B** 1 cell treatment a day for 6 days









#### Protocol A

a single cell treatment in 6 days

#### **Protocol B**

1 cell treatment a day for 6 days

\*p<0.05 vs CTRL; \*\* p<0.05 vs NaCl 0.9% SKA ;  $^{\varphi}$ p<0.05 vs the same treatment in the two protocols;  $^{\varphi\varphi}$ p<0.05 vs BDNF within the same protocol







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### MIOKINES PRODUCED AND RELEASED BY THE MUSCLE DURING MUSCLE CONTRACTION



FIGURE 1 | The function of muscle contraction-induced myokines. The figure shows the selected the functions for each myokines released from muscle contraction (exercise) in muscle. BDNF, brain-derived neurotrophic factor; FGF21, fibroblast growth factor 21; SPARC, secreted protein acidic and rich in cysteine; IL, interleukin.

Aryana IGPS, et al.

**REVIEW ARTICLE** 

Myokine Regulation as Marker of Sarcopenia in Elderly

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#### Myokine Regulation as Marker of Sarcopenia in Elderly

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A Complex System



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### ECM and pathological inflammation







EXPERIMENTAL AND THERAPEUTIC MEDICINE

#### Effects of a natural multi-component compound formulation on the growth, morphology and extracellular matrix production of human adult dermal fibroblasts

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### (LOW GRADE) CHRONIC Inflammatory Diseases



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### IL-2/IL-6 RATIO AND AGING

mechanisms of ageing and development



Mechanisms of Ageing and Development 100 (1998) 313-328

Increase of interleukin 6 and decrease of interleukin 2 production during the ageing process are influenced by the health status

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### Integrating Interleukin-6 into depression diagnosis and treatment



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#### ABSTRACT

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Brain Kynurenine and BH4 Pathways: Relevance to the Pathophysiology and Treatment of Inflammation-Driven Depressive Symptoms

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### THE PIVOT OF FIBROTIC PHENOMENON IS THE EPITHELIAL MESENCHIMAL TRANSITION MECHANISM (EMT)











### **Is There an Interconnection between Epithelial–Mesenchymal Transition (EMT) and Telomere Shortening in Aging?**

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IF DISEASES ARE EXPRESSIONS, CONSEQUENCES OF CHANGED

CONCENTRATION OF SIGNALING MOLECULES...

# PROBLEM Is it possible to modulate the action of cytokines and other signaling molecules?





### Clinical application of low dose cytokines



# 1. antagonistic cytokines are used in order

to slow down the biological effect of another specific cytokine

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### RECOVERING THE BALANCE IN CHRONIC INFLAMMATORY DISEASES







#### REVIEW



### **Cytokines Focus** Biology and therapeutic potential of interleukin-10

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The cytokine IL-10 is a key anti-inflammatory mediator ensuring protection of a host from over-exuberant responses to pathogens and microbiota, while playing important roles in other settings as sterile wound healing, autoimmunity, cancer, and homeostasis. Here we discuss our current understanding of the regulation of IL-10 production and of the molecular pathways associated with IL-10 responses. In addition to IL-10's classic inhibitory effects on myeloid cells, we also describe the nonclassic roles attributed to this pleiotropic cytokine, including how IL-10 regulates basic processes of neural and adipose cells and how it promotes CD8 T cell activation, as well as epithelial repair. We further discuss its therapeutic potential in the context of different diseases and the outstanding questions that may help develop an effective a



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### Targeting IL-10 Family Cytokines for the Treatment of Human Diseases

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#### Oral Administration of Interleukin-10 and Anti-IL-1 Antibody Ameliorates Experimental Intestinal Inflammation

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### Research Article

Twenty-five years of studies and trials for the therapeutic application of IL-10 immunomodulating properties. From high doses administration to low dose medicine new paradigm

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#### IMMUNOMODULATING TREATMENT WITH LOW DOSE INTERLEUKIN-4, INTERLEUKIN-10 AND INTERLEUKIN-11 IN PSORIASIS VULGARIS

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#### VITILIGO: SUCCESSFUL COMBINATION TREATMENT BASED ON ORAL LOW DOSE CYTOKINES AND DIFFERENT TOPICAL TREATMENTS

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LOW DOSE PHARMACOLOGY Conclusions

# Why take it under consideration?

- 1) Highest clinical safety
- 2) Long term treatments
- 3) Effectiveness
- 4) Allows an overlapping approach
- 5) Fills the therapeutic *vacuum(s)*
- 6) Affordable cost









# **SHORT VERSION**



# These slides are based on the presenter's studies on Low Dose Medicine.

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MINI REVIEW

### Low-Dose IL-2 Therapy in Autoimmune and **Rheumatic Diseases**

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### Low-Dose IL-2 Therapy in Transplantation, Autoimmunity, and Inflammatory Diseases

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### Why Low Dose Cytokine Therapy for a healthy longevity?

# In a **complex system** an impairment in the **cross-talk between cells** can be at the origin of the aging process as well as the disease onset.







### Reductionistic approach vs Systemic approach



Barabási AL, Gulbahce N, Loscalzo J. Network medicine: a network-based approach to human disease. *Nat Rev Genet*. 2011;12(1):56-68. doi:10.1038/nrg2918







# Unexpected role of interferon- $\gamma$ in regulating neuronal connectivity and social behaviour

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# Systems Medicine (Network Medicine)



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# Systems Medicine (Network Medicine)





According to the Systems Theory, the mind is not an entity but a process, the process of life.

The living beings' activity of organization, at all the levels where life shows itself, is mental activity.

The interactions of a living being (vegetal, animal, human) with its enviroment are cognitive interactions, i.e. mental.

(F. Capra, La rete della vita 1996)



### «NEGATIVE THOUGHTS» AND LOW-GRADE CHRONIC INFLAMMATION

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Fig. 1. Cultural moderation of the association between negative emotions and IL-6 after controlling for gender, age, and years of education, positive emotions, neuroticism, extraversion, smoking status, alcohol consumption, the number of chronic conditions linked to inflammation, and log-transformed BMI (Model 5). Negative emotions were rated on a 5-point rating scale: *none of the time* (1), *a little of the time* (2), *some of the time* (3),*most of the time* (4), and *all the time* (5). Negative emotions predicted IL-6 in the United States, *b* = 0.06, S.E. = 0.02, *t*(1363) = 2.68, *p* = .001, but not in Japan, *b* = -0.01, S.E. = 0.03, *t*(1363) = 0.35, *p* = .73.





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### Integrating Interleukin-6 into depression diagnosis and treatment



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# Talking about a Complex System

### THE HUMAN BODY IS A NETWORK OF NETWORKS

# 40.000 billion cells



Bianconi E, Piovesan A, Facchin F, Beraudi A, Casadei R, Frabetti F, Vitale L, et al. An estimation of the number of cells in the human body. Ann Hum Biol. 2013;40(6):463-71.





1. How do they talk?

2. Where do they talk?







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### SIGNALING MOLECULES-BASED LOW DOSE PHARMACOLOGY THE GREAT INNOVATION







# Signaling Molecules

# The Fundation for LDM

# CYTYOKINES are MESSENGERS, THE WORDS used by the 3 homeostatic control systems (or functional networks) and <u>BY THE</u> <u>CELLS</u> to speak each other and to lead the body physiology.







# Signaling (Messenger) Molecules

### The Foundation for Low Dose Pharmacology









### Neither good nor bad in Nature



Raphael I et al. T cell subsets and their signature cytokines in autoimmune and inflammatory diseases. Cytokine (2014), http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.cyto.2014.09.011



TRANS-MEMBRANE RECEPTORS Up- and Down-Regulation



Jak-1: Tyrosine kinasis STAT-1: Signal transducer and activator of transcription 1 SOCS-1:Suppressor of cytokin signaling 1





### Femtograms of Interferon-γ Suffice to Modulate the Behavior of Jurkat Cells: A New Light in Immunomodulation

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# **GUNA Signaling Molecules**



• Bio-Tech – human recombinant in *E. Coli or in SF21 (Spodoptera frugiperda).* 







# The biological EFFECTS of LOW DOSES



### Low dose oral administration of cytokines for treatment of allergic asthma

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## About **BIO-STIMULATION** activity of physiological low doses *The mystery ...which is not a mistery*







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#### The Role of BDNF on Aging-Modulation Markers

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## In vivo BRAIN BDNF QUANTIFICATION

















To verify whether the mechanism activated by BDNF solutions is the same as the one observed in cells during in vitro experiments, the effects of 1.2 pg/mL BDNF SKA and 25 ng/mL BDNF on some main markers were investigated by Western blot. Since BDNF is necessary for survival of neurons in the brain, after encoding by this gene its expression was investigated, as reported in Figure 9A. 1.2 pg/mL BDNF SKA and 25 ng/mL BDNF both at 24 h and 24 h plus 24 h were able to induce the expression of BDNF compared to control (p < 0.05), indicating a better influence of stimulations. Moreover, 1.2 pg/mL BDNF SKA at 24 h and 24 h plus 24 h caused a significant increase compared to and 25 ng/mL BDNF (about 50% and about 62%, respectively), indicating the induction of endogenous production of BDNF by physiological mechanism, as shown by the significant increase induced by 1.2 pg/mL BDNF SKA at 24 h plus 24 h with respect to at 24 h (p < 0.05, about 24%).









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Figure 1 – Simplified synoptic scheme of the main pathways of BDNF's mediated cellular responses.

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**Protocol A** a single cell treatment in 6 days **Protocol B** 1 cell treatment a day for 6 days









#### Protocol A

a single cell treatment in 6 days

#### **Protocol B**

1 cell treatment a day for 6 days

\*p<0.05 vs CTRL; \*\* p<0.05 vs NaCl 0.9% SKA ;  $^{\varphi}$ p<0.05 vs the same treatment in the two protocols;  $^{\varphi\varphi}$ p<0.05 vs BDNF within the same protocol





## **CELL PROLIFERATION**





#### **Protocol A**

a single cell treatment in 6 days

#### **Protocol B**

1 cell treatment a day for 6 days

\*p<0.05 vs T0; \*\* p<0.05 vs CTRL;  $^{\wp}\text{p}$ <0.05 vs NaCl 0.9% SKA

\*Astrocytes are the only brain proliferative cells, which intervene during development and reparation processes





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# **Guna-BDNF**

### DIRECTIONS AND ADMINISTRATION WAYS

20 drops twice a day for 4-6 months. Children under 6 years: 10 drops twice a day for 4-6 months.

Sublingual absorption: directly under the tongue or in a little water, preferably far from the meals.





# LOW DOSE BDNF in Paroxysmal Atrial Fibrillation Preliminary data





# **Paroxysmal Atrial Fibrillation**

- No structural signs of heart disease
- Not pharmacological treatments suspended

Evaluation of:

- Minutes per month
- Symptoms
- Dynamic ECG (sec. Holter)
- Loop recorder
- PM ICD implanted



## Minutes per month



	MINUTES PER MONTH	
	Pre-treatment with BDNF	Post-treatment with BDNF
S1	10	0
S2	45	0
S3	120	2
S4	12	2
S5	10	2
S6	8	3
S7	50	0
S8	20	2
S9	12	2
S10	26	3
S11	260	10
S12	120	2
S13	38	3
S14	14	0
S15	20	0
S16	12	0
S17	250	25
S18	60	3
S19	110	80
S20	60	50
S21	80	20
S22	100	0



# Les liaisons dangereous



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#### BDNF — a key transducer of antidepressant effects

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#### Review

The serotonin–BDNF duo: Developmental implications for the vulnerability to psychopathology



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Schematic representation of BDNF effects on the serotonergic system. As shown in the left side of the figure, impaired expression of the neurotrophin, as occurring in BDNF transgenic mice, results in reduced hippocampal function of 5-HT1A and 5-HTT as well as in 5-HT2A receptor defects within the prefrontal cortex and the dorsal raphe nucleus.

Conversely, as depicted in right side of the figure, **infusion of BDNF leads to enhanced 5HIAA/5-HT ratio and stimulates the maturation of the serotonergic phenotype.** 

Homberg JR, Molteni R, Calabrese F, Riva MA. The serotonin-BDNF duo: developmental implications for the vulnerability to psychopathology. Neurosci Biobehav Rev. 2014 Jun;43:35-47. doi: 10.1016/j.neubiorev.2014.03.012. Epub 2014 Apr 3. PMID: 24704572

5-HTT: 5-HT transporter; 5-HIAA: 5-hydroxyindoleacetic acid – catabolita urinario della serotonina; TrkB: tropomyosin related kinase B





Acute intermittent stress
Depression
Anxiety
Physical exercise

# BDNF codifying mRNA BDNF 1-7 transcription factors





## MIOKINES PRODUCTED AND RELEASED BY THE MUSCLE DURING MUSCLE CONTRACTION



Lee JH, Jun HS. Role of Myokines in Regulating Skeletal Muscle Mass and Function. Front Physiol. 2019;10:42. Published 2019 Jan 30. doi:10.3389/fphys.2019.00042





Muscle BDNF loss or gain of function is sufficient to decrease or increase, respectively, the proportion of type IIB muscle fibers along with a broad range of oxidative and glycolytic marker genes.

Aryana IGPS, et al.

### **REVIEW ARTICLE**

Myokine Regulation as Marker of Sarcopenia in Elderly



## Myokine Regulation as Marker of Sarcopenia in Elderly

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Delezie J, Weihrauch M, Maier G, et al. BDNF is a mediator of glycolytic fiber-type specification in mouse skeletal muscle. Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A. 2019;116(32):16111-16120. doi:10.1073/pnas.1900544116





A Complex System



1. How do they talk?

# 2. Where do they talk?













## ECM and pathological inflammation



















EXPERIMENTAL AND THERAPEUTIC MEDICINE

#### Effects of a natural multi-component compound formulation on the growth, morphology and extracellular matrix production of human adult dermal fibroblasts

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# Galium-Heel





- Overweight and obesity
- Skin Rashes
- Itchy skin
- Anxiety and depression
- Sleepness
- Insomnia
- Headche
- Lack of focusing
- Irritability
- Low libido
- Fybromialgia
- IBS
- CFS
- MCS

# intoxicated

# inflammed





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HIGH LEVEL OF INFLAMMATION
HIGH LEVEL OF OXIDATION
HIGH LEVEL OF INTOXICATION







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## (LOW GRADE) CHRONIC Inflammatory Diseases



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#### LOW-GRADE CHRONIC INFLAMMATION: THE MOTHER OF ALL DISEASES





# Mechanisms that contribute to the onset of long term complications in patients suffering from Rheumatoid Arthritis.



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## IL-2/IL-6 RATIO AND AGING

mechanisms of ageing and development



Mechanisms of Ageing and Development 100 (1998) 313-328

Increase of interleukin 6 and decrease of interleukin 2 production during the ageing process are influenced by the health status

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#### LOW-GRADE CHRONIC INFLAMMATION TRIGGERS

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# INTERLEUKIN-6 LGCI AND FIBROSIS




### The main marker of chronic inflammation, aging, and fibrotic phenomena







### INFLAMMASOME (NLRP3), IL-6 and Fibrosis





### INFLAMMASOME AND RELATED DISEASES







### THE PIVOT OF FIBROTIC PHENOMENON IS THE **EPITHELIAL MESENCHIMAL TRANSITION MECHANISM (EMT)**

TGF-β IL-1 IL-6 TGF-βR IL-6R IL-1R MyD88 JAK1 NLRP3 JAK2 TYK2 JNK P38 MAPK ERK1/2 STAT3 SMAD 2/3/4 C-JUN P-SMAD 2/3/4 → TGF-β P-C-JUN P-STAT3 **Proteine FIBROSIS EMT** 

Alyaseer AAA, de Lima MHS, Braga TT. The Role of NLRP3 Inflammasome Activation in the Epithelial to Mesenchymal Transition Process During the Fibrosis. Front Immunol. 2020 May 20;11:883.



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Fibrosis, regeneration and cancer: what is the link?

Valeria Cernaro, Antonio Lacquaniti, Valentina Donato, Maria Rosaria Fazio, Antoine Buemi and Michele Buemi



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### **Is There an Interconnection between Epithelial–Mesenchymal Transition (EMT) and Telomere Shortening in Aging?**

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## **STRESS – INTERLEUKIN-6**

## NEURO (-DEGENERATIVE) DISEASES AND DEPRESSION





### The psycho-endocrine-neuro connection...

Possible links between chronic depression and dementia



**Fig. 1** Possible links between chronic depression and dementia.NFT's = neurofibrillary tangles, bA = beta amyloid, APOE 4 = apolipoprotein E4 (+) = increase; (-) = decrease







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Leonard BE. Inflammation, Depression and Dementia: Are they Connected? Neurochem Res 2007 Dipartimento Scientifico Guna S.p.a. Tryptophan dioxygenase (*TDO*) and indoleamine 2,3-dioxygenase (*IDO*)





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Brain Kynurenine and BH4 Pathways: Relevance to the Pathophysiology and Treatment of Inflammation-Driven Depressive Symptoms

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IF DISEASES ARE EXPRESSIONS, CONSEQUENCES OF

**CHANGED CONCENTRATION OF MESSENGER MOLECULES...** 

# **PROBLEM** Is it possible to modulate the action of cytokines and other signaling molecules?





### Clinical application of low dose cytokines



- same cytokines are used in order to enhance the biological activity of the homologue cytokine
- antagonistic cytokines are used in order to slow down the biological effect of another specific cytokine



THE CONCEPT OF BALANCE – RECIPROCITY of TH CELLS



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# Th subsets **Cross-regulate** expansion and functions each other.

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### RECOVERING THE BALANCE IN CHRONIC INFLAMMATORY DISEASES





### IL-10 AS AN ANTINFLAMMATORY IN CHRONIC DISEASES

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### REVIEW



### **Cytokines Focus** Biology and therapeutic potential of interleukin-10

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The cytokine IL-10 is a key anti-inflammatory mediator ensuring protection of a host from over-exuberant responses to pathogens and microbiota, while playing important roles in other settings as sterile wound healing, autoimmunity, cancer, and homeostasis. Here we discuss our current understanding of the regulation of IL-10 production and of the molecular pathways associated with IL-10 responses. In addition to IL-10's classic inhibitory effects on myeloid cells, we also describe the nonclassic roles attributed to this pleiotropic cytokine, including how IL-10 regulates basic processes of neural and adipose cells and how it promotes CD8 T cell activation, as well as epithelial repair. We further discuss its therapeutic potential in the context of different diseases and the outstanding questions that may help develop an effective a



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# Evidence from the Research





### ORAL ADMINISTRATION OF INTERLEUKIN-10 AND ANTI-IL-1 ANTIBODY AMELIORATES EXPERIMENTAL INTESTINAL INFLAMMATION







### **Cytokines levels**



IL-12\*

IFN-γ

**IL-8** 

1: levels in healthy mouse 2: levels in the mouse with Crohn's 3: levels in the mouse with Crohn's after 7 days treatment with Anti IL-1+IL-10 at pharmacological doses (ng/ml) 4: levels in the mouse with Crohn's after 7 days treatment with Anti IL-1+IL-10 at a concentration of 0.01 pg/ml SKA 5: levels in the mouse with Crohn's after 7 days treatment with Anti IL-1+IL-10 at a concentration of 0.01 pg/ml non-SKA

Legenda:

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**BEFORE TREATMENT** 



### **AFTER TREATMENT**





### AN OPEN RANDOMIZED ACTIVE-CONTROLLED CLINICAL TRIAL WITH LOW-DOSE SKA CYTOKINES VERSUS DMARDS EVALUATING LOW DISEASE ACTIVITY MAINTENANCE IN PATIENTS WITH RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

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An open randomized active-controlled clinical trial with low-dose SKA cytokines *versus* DMARDs evaluating low disease activity maintenance in patients with rheumatoid arthritis.

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52 Subjects underwent the screening. 39 of these were enrolled. 5 patients did not complete the study





After randomisation, subjects were split into two study groups:

- Group A started taking <u>GUNA®-IL 4, GUNA®-IL 10 and GUNA®-Anti IL 1</u> in 10 fg/mL SKA formulations, administered at a dose of 20 drops per day for 12 consecutive months.
- Group B started or continued taking DMARD therapy (FIG. 2).





**Primary endpoint** 

The maintenance of LDA at 12 months is obtained respectively in <u>66.7%</u> of subjects treated with low-dose cytokines (Group A) (n=10) and in <u>42.1%</u> of patients treated with DMARDs (Group B) (n=8); the difference between the groups is not statistically significant (Fisher exact test: p = 0.185)

In Group A 2 subject have been treated at the same time with DMARDs (MTX) and low-dose cytokines.



### Disease Activity Score DAS28

DAS28 values are similar in the two groups at baseline (Mann-Whitney U test: p = 0.3991) as well as at 12 months (Mann-Whitney U test: p = 0.1030). Group A maintains constant values of DAS 28 (Friedman test: p= 0.41604), while in the Group B DAS 28 values are on the rise (Friedman test: p = 0.00198), with significant difference (test according Conover: p < 0.05) between T0 and T9, T0 and T12, T3 and T9, T3 and T12





### RESULTS

### **Primary endpoint**



### **Clinical Disease Activity Index CDAI**

CDAI score are similar in the two groups at baseline (Mann-Whitney U test: p = 0.7317) as well as at 12 months (Mann-Whitney U test: p = 0.0510). The Group A show a constant sealing over time (Friedman test: p = 0.84645), while values are on the rise in the Group B (Friedman test: p = 0.00004), with significant difference (test according Conover: p < 0.05) between T0 and T6, T0 and T9, T0 and T12, T3 and T9, T3 and T12, T6 and T9, T6 and T12



#### Simplified Disease Activity Index SDAI

The SDAI showed no statistical difference between the two groups at baseline (Mann-Whitney U test: p = 0.9223) as well as at 12 months (Mann-Whitney U test: p = 0.0790). Group A showed a constant intra-group sealing (Friedman test: p = 0.56774), while a significant intra-group difference was shown in the Group B (Friedman test: p < 0.00001 and test according Conover: p < 0.05) between the following time points:T0 and T6, T9 and T0, T0 and T12, T3 and T9, T12 and T3, T6 and T9, T6 and T12



### Secondary endpoints





#### 90 120 -Cytokines 80 DMARDs 70. 60 · 50 · 40 • 30 • 20 • 10 • GH\_03 GH\_06 GH\_00 GH\_09 GH\_12

#### Pain Visual Analog Scale

The Pain VAS values are similar between the two groups at both baseline visit (Mann-Whitney U test: p = 0.7336) and 12 months follow up (Mann-Whitney U test: p = 0.1772). Patients maintain constant levels without any intra-group difference as show by the Friedman test, p values were respectively 0.79490 in the Group A and 0.12474 in the Group B



GH values didn't show any statistical difference between the two groups at baseline (Mann-Whitney U test: p = 0.4998) and at 12 months (Mann-Whitney U test: p = 0.3269). Patients maintain constant values in both groups; Friedman test: p = 0.19770 in the Group A and Friedman test: p = 0.05608 in the Group B



#### Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate ESR

ESR mean values didn't show any significant intergroup difference at baseline (Mann-Whitney U test: p = 0.7153) as well as at 12 months (Mann-Whitney U test: p = 0.0699). Similarly no intra-group significant differences were reported, Friedman test p values were respectively 0.53603 in the Group A and 0.08022 in the Group B



#### **C-Reactive Protein CRP**

The PCR mean values are lower in the Group A at baseline (Mann-Whitney U test: p = 0.0078), but similar at 12 months without any significant statistical difference (Mann-Whitney U test: p = 0.0966). Patients show intra-group constant levels, Friedman test was respectively p = 0.69002 in the Group A and p = 0.22356 in the Group B

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# Growth Factors and SKIN AGING





- *EGF* is involved in the regulation of the growth and differentiation of bulge cells. •
- **PDGFs** manages the interaction arising between the bulge and associated tissue during follicle morphogenesis. •



Location of hair bulge, which is a stem cell reserve involved in hair regeneration phase.



Figure 1. Weak, punctate EGF and TGF-a immunoreactivities and strong EGFR immunoreactivity are seen in the bulge of human fetal hair follicles at 16-18 wk EGA. A-D) Anti-EGF. E-H) Anti-TGF-a. I-D) Anti-EGFR. Bulge (b) and sebaceous gland (a) (A,E,D, ORS (B,F,D, bulb and dermal applila (p) (C,G,N). Confical microscopic images of the bulge (prophidium iodide nuclear stain) (D,H,L). EGF (A) and TGF-a (D) immunoreactivities are present in the bulge (b) and EGFR immunoreactivity (l) is also seen in the bulge (b). Confocal microscopy reveals the punctate staining in the bulge for EGF (D) and TGF- $\alpha$  (H) and diffuse cytoplasmic staining for EGFR (L). Scale bars, 50  $\mu$ m.



Figure 2. PDGF A chain and B chain immunoreactivities are observed in the bulge and PDGFR  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  immunoreactivities are seen 

EGFR expression at hair bulge level (red arrows)

PDGFR expression at hair bulge level (blue arrows)

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# PRE-CLINICAL STUDY <u>Ex vivo</u>

Treatment with low-dose cytokines (**IL-4**, **IL-10**, **b**-**FGF and β-Endorphin**) reduces oxidative-mediated injury in perilesional keratinocytes from vitiligo skin



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### **CLINICAL RESULTS**





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LOW DOSE PHARMACOLOGY Conclusions

## Why take it under consideration?

- 1) Highest clinical safety
- 2) Long term treatments
- 3) Effectiveness
- 4) Allows an overlapping approach
- 5) Fills the therapeutic *vacuum(s)*
- 6) Affordable cost









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#### Is bigger better? An argument for very low starting doses

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VIEWPOINT

#### Low drug doses may improve outcomes in chronic disease

#### Simon B Dimmitt and Hans G Stampfer

hronic diseases are creating a growing burden of ill health as populations age<sup>1</sup> and become more obese,<sup>2</sup> and as survival from many conditions improves. Long-term pharmacotherapy is used increasingly to control symptoms and slow disease progression. Unfortunately, there is a dearth of reliable information about drug dosages for, and outcomes of, long-term treatment of physical and mental illness. Dosages recommended in clinical practice guidelines are usually derived from studies of acute and severe cases of disease. There is little research to support the application of these guidelines to long-term treatment regimens and to the large number of patients with mild cases of disease who are managed in primary care. In addition, few studies specifically address dosage.

ANALYSIS

Long-term pharmacotherapy carries the risk of adverse drug

#### ABSTRACT

- The relationship between drug dose and clinical outcome has not been established for many medications used to treat chronic disease. Evidence is emerging that chronic diseases can be treated effectively with low doses.
- Adverse drug reactions account for significant morbidity and mortality and are generally dose related.
- Optimal drug dose the best balance of benefit and risk varies between individuals and may change over time. When treating chronic disease it is important to establish and maintain the optimal dose for each patient by close clinical monitoring.

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#### Low-Dose IL-2 Therapy in Transplantation, Autoimmunity, and Inflammatory Diseases

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#### Low-Dose IL-2 Therapy in Autoimmune and Rheumatic Diseases

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## Rapid induction of clinical remission by low-dose interleukin-2 in a patient with refractory SLE

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Low Dose IL-2 Increase Regulatory T Cells and **Elevate Platelets in a Patient with Immune** Thrombocytopenia

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		Table 2					
Results of the Patient's Blood Routine Examination During Treatment							
Patient characteristics	Day 0	Day 6	Day 13	Day 20	Day 25	Day 29	
White blood cell(×10 <sup>9</sup> /L)	4.78	3.74	3.84	9.63	5.97	6.88	
Lymphocyte( $\times 10^{9}/L$ )	1.47	0.73	1.05	1.55	1.01	1.26	
Neutrophils(×10 <sup>9</sup> /L)	2.87	2.49	2.16	7.12	4.01	4.75	
Monocyte(×10 <sup>9</sup> /L)	0.38	0.39	0.48	0.62	0.57	0.70	
Hemoglobin(g/L)	136	137	123	130	119	127	
Platelet(×10 <sup>9</sup> /L)	36	40	43	73	66	85	
Tregs	3.50	ND	10.2	13.0	ND	9.0	
CD4/CD8 ratio	1.39	ND	ND	1.64	ND	1.16	

Day 1 was considered as the first day treating with low dose IL-2.







### Why Low Dose Cytokine Therapy for a healthy longevity?

In a complex system an impairment in the cross-talk between cells can be at the origin of the aging process as well as the disease onset.







### Reductionistic approach vs Systemic approach



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### Systems Medicine (Network Medicine)



- Neuroendocrine network
- Immunological network
- Metabolic network
- Cell-Energy network



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## Unexpected role of interferon- $\gamma$ in regulating neuronal connectivity and social behaviour

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### Review

# Can the brain inhibit inflammation generated in the skin? The lesson of $\alpha$ -melanocyte-stimulating hormone

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> **Figure 1** In the brain  $\alpha$ -melanocyte stimulating hormone is synthetized predominantly in the pituitary gland. When administered into the cerebral ventriculi (in mice) a-MSH inhibits the cutaneous inflammation induced by application of topical irritants and intradermal injection of cytokines. This action is related to the integrity of the spinal cord descending neurogenic pathways and of B2 receptors in the periphery. a-melanocyte stimulating hormone is also released in the plasma by the pituitary gland and by different cells, including keratinocytes, melanocytes, monocytes, macrophages, endothelial cells, adipocytes, fibroblasts and mast cells. Membrane receptors for  $\alpha$ -MSH are present both in the brain and on nearly all the cells that produce and release  $\alpha$ -MSH and participate in cutaneous inflammation mainly by reducing and terminating the same flogistic reactions



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Secondo la teoria dei sistemi viventi, la mente non è un'entità ma un processo, il processo stesso della vita. In altre parole, l'attività di organizzazione dei sistemi viventi, ad ogni livello a cui si manifesta la vita, è attività mentale. Le interazioni di un organismo vivente (vegetale, animale, umano) con il suo ambiente sono interazioni cognitive, ossia mentali.

Dunque, vita e cognizione risultano connesse in modo inseparabile. La mente, o per essere più precisi, il processo mentale, è insita nella materia ad ogni livello a cui si manifesta la vita.

(F. Capra, La rete della vita 1996)



#### «NEGATIVE THOUGHTS» AND LOW-GRADE CHRONIC INFLAMMATION

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Fig. 1. Cultural moderation of the association between negative emotions and IL-6 after controlling for gender, age, and years of education, positive emotions, neuroticism, extraversion, smoking status, alcohol consumption, the number of chronic conditions linked to inflammation, and log-transformed BMI (Model 5). Negative emotions were rated on a 5-point rating scale: *none of the time* (1), *a little of the time* (2), *some of the time* (3),*most of the time* (4), and *all the time* (5). Negative emotions predicted IL-6 in the United States, *b* = 0.06, S.E. = 0.02, *t*(1363) = 2.68, *p* = .001, but not in Japan, *b* = -0.01, S.E. = 0.03, *t*(1363) = 0.35, *p* = .73.





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#### Integrating Interleukin-6 into depression diagnosis and treatment



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There is growing evidence of a relationship between inflammation and psychiatric illness. In particular, the cytokine Interleukin-6 (IL-6) has been linked to stress-related disorders such as depression and anxiety. Here we discuss evidence from preclinical and clinical studies examining the role of IL-6 in mood disorders. We focus on the functional role of peripheral and central release of IL-6 on the development of stress susceptibility and depression-associated behavior. By examining the contribution of both peripheral and central IL-6 to manifestations of stress-related symptomatology, we hope to broaden the way the field thinks about diagnosing and treating mood disorders. © 2016 Published by Elsevier Inc. This is an open access article under the CC BY-NC-ND license (http://

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# Raised plasma nerve growth factor levels associated with early-stage romantic love

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## A Complex System

THE HUMAN BODY IS A NETWORK OF NETWORKS

40.000 billion cells

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1. How do they talk?

2. Where do they talk?







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### SIGNALING MOLECULES-BASED LOW DOSE PHARMACOLOGY THE GREAT INNOVATION







## Signaling Molecules

## The Fundation for LDM

## CYTYOKINES are MESSENGERS, THE WORDS used by the 3 homeostatic control systems (or functional networks) and <u>BY THE</u> <u>CELLS</u> to speak each other and to lead the body physiology.



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## Signaling (Messenger) Molecules

### The Foundation for Low Dose Pharmacology







## SIGNALING MOLECULES Quality and Quantity

# Not just the right MESSAGE but the right «VOLUME» too.





### Neither good nor bad in Nature



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### DEFINITIONS







TRANS-MEMBRANE RECEPTORS Up- and Down-Regulation



Jak-1: Tyrosine kinasis STAT-1: Signal transducer and activator of transcription 1 SOCS-1:Suppressor of cytokin signaling 1





### Femtograms of Interferon-γ Suffice to Modulate the Behavior of Jurkat Cells: A New Light in Immunomodulation

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## **GUNA Signaling Molecules**



• Bio-Tech – human recombinant in *E. Coli or in SF21 (Spodoptera frugiperda).* 





# The biological "INTELLIGENCE" of LOW DOSES

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### Low Dose of IL-12 Stimulates T Cell Response in Cultures of PBMCs Derived from Non Small Cell Lung Cancer Patients<sup>\*</sup>

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#### Relationship among Th1-Th2-Treg



















# The biological EFFECTS of LOW DOSES



#### Low dose oral administration of cytokines for treatment of allergic asthma

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#### About **BIO-STIMULATION** activity of physiological low doses *The mystery ...which is not a mistery*







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#### The Role of BDNF on Aging-Modulation Markers

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#### In vivo BRAIN BDNF QUANTIFICATION

















To verify whether the mechanism activated by BDNF solutions is the same as the one observed in cells during in vitro experiments, the effects of 1.2 pg/mL BDNF SKA and 25 ng/mL BDNF on some main markers were investigated by Western blot. Since BDNF is necessary for survival of neurons in the brain, after encoding by this gene its expression was investigated, as reported in Figure 9A. 1.2 pg/mL BDNF SKA and 25 ng/mL BDNF both at 24 h and 24 h plus 24 h were able to induce the expression of BDNF compared to control (p < 0.05), indicating a better influence of stimulations. Moreover, 1.2 pg/mL BDNF SKA at 24 h and 24 h plus 24 h caused a significant increase compared to and 25 ng/mL BDNF (about 50% and about 62%, respectively), indicating the induction of endogenous production of BDNF by physiological mechanism, as shown by the significant increase induced by 1.2 pg/mL BDNF SKA at 24 h plus 24 h with respect to at 24 h (p < 0.05, about 24%).





A Complex System



1. How do they talk?

## 2. Where do they talk?





















ECM and pathological inflammation











### Galium-Heel





- Overweight and obesity
- Skin Rashes
- Itchy skin
- Anxiety and depression
- Sleepness
- Insomnia
- Headche
- Lack of focusing
- Irritability
- Low libido
- Fybromialgia
- IBS
- CFS
- MCS

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HIGH LEVEL OF OXIDATION
HIGH LEVEL OF INTOXICATION







HIGH LEVEL OF INFLAMMATION
HIGH LEVEL OF OXIDATION
HIGH LEVEL OF INTOXICATION







A premise for the clinical use of low dose cytokines

### DISEASES ARE EXPRESSIONS,

## **CONSEQUENCES OF CHANGED**

## **CONCENTRATION OF**

## SIGNALING MOLECULES.

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#### In healthy conditions





### ... in inflammation





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## CRONOBIOLOGIA DELL'INFIAMMAZIONE FISIOLOGICA **ONSET RISOLUZIONE** MANTENIMENTO IL-6 FLUTTUAZIONE DEI LIVELLI DI CITOCHINE TNF-α IL-10 IL-1β TGF-β

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# Chronic Inflammation





#### ...in (LOW GRADE) CHRONIC inflammatory diseases





#### LOW GRADE CHRONIC (SYSTEMIC) INFLAMMATION



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#### LOW-GRADE CHRONIC INFLAMMATION: THE MOTHER OF ALL DISEASES





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#### IL-2/IL-6 RATIO AND AGING

mechanisms of ageing and development



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Increase of interleukin 6 and decrease of interleukin 2 production during the ageing process are influenced by the health status

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#### LOW-GRADE CHRONIC INFLAMMATION TRIGGERS

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## INTERLEUKIN-6 LGCI AND FIBROSIS





### The main marker of chronic inflammation, aging, and fibrotic phenomena







### INFLAMMASOME (NLRP3), IL-6 and Fibrosis





frontiers in Molecular Biosciences

Deep Sequencing Transcriptome Analysis of Murine Wound Healing: Effects of a Multicomponent, Multitarget Natural Product Therapy-Tr14

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#### Interleukin-6 Signaling Drives Fibrosis in Unresolved Inflammation

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Activation of STAT3 integrates common profibrotic pathways to promote fibroblast activation and tissue fibrosis

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IL-6 compromises tissue repair shifting the inflammation process from acute to chronic, and triggering the pro-fibrotic process





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### **Review** Is There an Interconnection between Epithelial–Mesenchymal Transition (EMT) and Telomere Shortening in Aging?

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# STRESS – INTERLEUKIN-6 AND NEURO (-DEGENERATIVE) DISEASES





# The psycho-endocrine-neuro connection...

Possible links between chronic depression and dementia



**Fig. 1** Possible links between chronic depression and dementia.NFT's = neurofibrillary tangles, bA = beta amyloid, APOE 4 = apolipoprotein E4 (+) = increase; (-) = decrease







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## Brain Kynurenine and BH4 Pathways: Relevance to the Pathophysiology and Treatment of Inflammation-Driven Depressive Symptoms

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tetrahydrobiopterin (BH4





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### Integrating Interleukin-6 into depression diagnosis and treatment



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There is growing evidence of a relationship between inflammation and psychiatric illness. In particular, the cytokine Interleukin-6 (IL-6) has been linked to stress-related disorders such as depression and anxiety. Here we discuss evidence from preclinical and clinical studies examining the role of IL-6 in mood disorders. We focus on the functional role of peripheral and central release of IL-6 on the development of stress susceptibility and depression-associated behavior. By examining the contribution of both peripheral and central IL-6 to manifestations of stress-related symptomatology, we hope to broaden the way the field thinks about diagnosing and treating mood disorders. © 2016 Published by Elsevier Inc. This is an open access article under the CC BY-NC-ND license (http://

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IF DISEASES ARE EXPRESSIONS, CONSEQUENCES OF

**CHANGED CONCENTRATION OF MESSENGER MOLECULES...** 

# **PROBLEM** Is it possible to modulate the action of cytokines and other signaling molecules?





## Clinical application of low dose cytokines



- same cytokines are used in order to enhance the biological activity of the homologue cytokine
- antagonistic cytokines are used in order to slow down the biological effect of another specific cytokine



THE CONCEPT OF BALANCE – RECIPROCITY of TH CELLS



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# RECOVERING THE BALANCE IN CHRONIC INFLAMMATORY DISEASES





### IL-10 AS AN ANTINFLAMMATORY IN CHRONIC DISEASES

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### REVIEW



### **Cytokines Focus** Biology and therapeutic potential of interleukin-10

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The cytokine IL-10 is a key anti-inflammatory mediator ensuring protection of a host from over-exuberant responses to pathogens and microbiota, while playing important roles in other settings as sterile wound healing, autoimmunity, cancer, and homeostasis. Here we discuss our current understanding of the regulation of IL-10 production and of the molecular pathways associated with IL-10 responses. In addition to IL-10's classic inhibitory effects on myeloid cells, we also describe the nonclassic roles attributed to this pleiotropic cytokine, including how IL-10 regulates basic processes of neural and adipose cells and how it promotes CD8 T cell activation, as well as epithelial repair. We further discuss its therapeutic potential in the context of different diseases and the outstanding questions that may help develop an effective a



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# Guna Interleukin-10

### DIRECTIONS AND ADMINISTRATION WAYS

20 drops twice a day for 4-6 months.

Sublingual absorption: directly under the tongue or in a little water, preferably far from the meals.





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Twenty-five years of studies and trials for the therapeutic application of IL-10 immunomodulating properties. From high doses administration to low dose medicine new paradigm

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# Evidence from the Research





## ORAL ADMINISTRATION OF INTERLEUKIN-10 AND ANTI-IL-1 ANTIBODY AMELIORATES EXPERIMENTAL INTESTINAL INFLAMMATION







# **Cytokines levels**



IL-12\*

IFN-γ

**IL-8** 

1: levels in healthy mouse 2: levels in the mouse with Crohn's 3: levels in the mouse with Crohn's after 7 days treatment with Anti IL-1+IL-10 at pharmacological doses (ng/ml) 4: levels in the mouse with Crohn's after 7 days treatment with Anti IL-1+IL-10 at a concentration of 0.01 pg/ml SKA 5: levels in the mouse with Crohn's after 7 days treatment with Anti IL-1+IL-10 at a concentration of 0.01 pg/ml non-SKA

Legenda:

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# Immunofluorescence



**BEFORE TREATMENT** 



### **AFTER TREATMENT**





# AN OPEN RANDOMIZED ACTIVE-CONTROLLED CLINICAL TRIAL WITH LOW-DOSE SKA CYTOKINES VERSUS DMARDS EVALUATING LOW DISEASE ACTIVITY MAINTENANCE IN PATIENTS WITH RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

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An open randomized active-controlled clinical trial with low-dose SKA cytokines *versus* DMARDs evaluating low disease activity maintenance in patients with rheumatoid arthritis.

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After randomisation, subjects were split into two study groups:

- Group A started taking <u>GUNA®-IL 4, GUNA®-IL 10 and GUNA®-Anti IL 1</u> in 10 fg/mL SKA formulations, administered at a dose of 20 drops per day for 12 consecutive months.
- Group B started or continued taking DMARD therapy (FIG. 2).





**Primary endpoint** 

The maintenance of LDA at 12 months is obtained respectively in <u>66.7%</u> of subjects treated with low-dose cytokines (Group A) (n=10) and in <u>42.1%</u> of patients treated with DMARDs (Group B) (n=8); the difference between the groups is not statistically significant (Fisher exact test: p = 0.185)

In Group A 2 subject have been treated at the same time with DMARDs (MTX) and low-dose cytokines.



### Disease Activity Score DAS28

DAS28 values are similar in the two groups at baseline (Mann-Whitney U test: p = 0.3991) as well as at 12 months (Mann-Whitney U test: p = 0.1030). Group A maintains constant values of DAS 28 (Friedman test: p= 0.41604), while in the Group B DAS 28 values are on the rise (Friedman test: p = 0.00198), with significant difference (test according Conover: p < 0.05) between T0 and T9, T0 and T12, T3 and T9, T3 and T12





### RESULTS

### **Primary endpoint**



### **Clinical Disease Activity Index CDAI**

CDAI score are similar in the two groups at baseline (Mann-Whitney U test: p = 0.7317) as well as at 12 months (Mann-Whitney U test: p = 0.0510). The Group A show a constant sealing over time (Friedman test: p = 0.84645), while values are on the rise in the Group B (Friedman test: p = 0.00004), with significant difference (test according Conover: p < 0.05) between T0 and T6, T0 and T9, T0 and T12, T3 and T9, T3 and T12, T6 and T9, T6 and T12



### Simplified Disease Activity Index SDAI

The SDAI showed no statistical difference between the two groups at baseline (Mann-Whitney U test: p = 0.9223) as well as at 12 months (Mann-Whitney U test: p = 0.0790). Group A showed a constant intra-group sealing (Friedman test: p = 0.56774), while a significant intra-group difference was shown in the Group B (Friedman test: p < 0.00001 and test according Conover: p < 0.05) between the following time points:T0 and T6, T9 and T0, T0 and T12, T3 and T9, T12 and T3, T6 and T9, T6 and T12



### Secondary endpoints





### 90 120 -Cytokines 80 DMARDs 70. 60 · 50 · 40 • 30 • 20 • 10 • GH\_03 GH\_06 GH\_00 GH\_09 GH\_12

### Pain Visual Analog Scale

The Pain VAS values are similar between the two groups at both baseline visit (Mann-Whitney U test: p = 0.7336) and 12 months follow up (Mann-Whitney U test: p = 0.1772). Patients maintain constant levels without any intra-group difference as show by the Friedman test, p values were respectively 0.79490 in the Group A and 0.12474 in the Group B



GH values didn't show any statistical difference between the two groups at baseline (Mann-Whitney U test: p = 0.4998) and at 12 months (Mann-Whitney U test: p = 0.3269). Patients maintain constant values in both groups; Friedman test: p = 0.19770 in the Group A and Friedman test: p = 0.05608 in the Group B



### Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate ESR

ESR mean values didn't show any significant intergroup difference at baseline (Mann-Whitney U test: p = 0.7153) as well as at 12 months (Mann-Whitney U test: p = 0.0699). Similarly no intra-group significant differences were reported, Friedman test p values were respectively 0.53603 in the Group A and 0.08022 in the Group B



#### **C-Reactive Protein CRP**

The PCR mean values are lower in the Group A at baseline (Mann-Whitney U test: p = 0.0078), but similar at 12 months without any significant statistical difference (Mann-Whitney U test: p = 0.0966). Patients show intra-group constant levels, Friedman test was respectively p = 0.69002 in the Group A and p = 0.22356 in the Group B

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## Clinical application of low dose cytokines



# 1. same cytokines are used in order to enhance the

# biological activity of the homologue cytokine

2. antagonistic cytokines are used in order to slow down the biological effect of another specific cytokine





## **BDNF** maturation processes









Figure 1 – Simplified synoptic scheme of the main pathways of BDNF's mediated cellular responses.

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# BDNF – main functions involved in cognitive and memory mechanisms

- Neuronal surviving
- Neuronal growth and differentiation
- Snaptogenesis
- Synaptic transmission
- Neuronal plasticity
- Stimulation and control of neurogenesis through its proper action on neuronal brain pluripotent stem cells.

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### Article The Role of BDNF on Aging-Modulation Markers

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human umbilical vein endothelial cells (HUVEC)

Rappresentazione schematica del metodo usato.

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- Immagine adattata dalla letteratura (Xu G. et al., 2013) (33).







## In vivo BRAIN BDNF QUANTIFICATION













**Protocol A** a single cell treatment in 6 days **Protocol B** 1 cell treatment a day for 6 days









### Protocol A

a single cell treatment in 6 days

### **Protocol B**

1 cell treatment a day for 6 days

\*p<0.05 vs CTRL; \*\* p<0.05 vs NaCl 0.9% SKA ;  $^{\varphi}$ p<0.05 vs the same treatment in the two protocols;  $^{\varphi\varphi}$ p<0.05 vs BDNF within the same protocol




## **CELL PROLIFERATION**





#### **Protocol A**

a single cell treatment in 6 days

#### **Protocol B**

1 cell treatment a day for 6 days

\*p<0.05 vs T0; \*\* p<0.05 vs CTRL;  $^{\wp}\text{p}\text{<}0.05$  vs NaCl 0.9% SKA

\*Astrocytes are the only brain proliferative cells, which intervene during development and reparation processes





### APOE2



**Protocol A** a single cell treatment in 6 days

**Protocol B** 1 cell treatment a day for 6 days









#### **Protocol A**

a single cell treatment in 6 days

#### **Protocol B**

1 cell treatment a day for 6 days







P-SIRT1









## **Guna-BDNF**

#### DIRECTIONS AND ADMINISTRATION WAYS

20 drops twice a day for 4-6 months. Children under 6 years: 10 drops twice a day for 4-6 months.

Sublingual absorption: directly under the tongue or in a little water, preferably far from the meals.





#### POSOLOGIA E MODALITÀ DI ASSUNZIONE

20 gocce due volte al giorno di entrambi per 4-6 mesi.

Assorbimento sublinguale: direttamente sotto la lingua o in poca acqua, preferibilmente lontano dai pasti.



# BDNF LOW DOSE in Paroxysmal Atrial Fibrillation Preliminary data





**Paroxysmal Atrial Fibrillation** 

- No structural signs of heart disease
- Not pharmacological treatments suspended

Evaluation of:

- Minutes per month
- Symptoms
- Dynamic ECG (sec. Holter)
- Loop recorder
- PM ICD implanted



## Minutes per month



	MINUTES PER MONTH	
	Pre-treatment with BDNF	Post-treatment with BDNF
S1	10	0
S2	45	0
S3	120	2
S4	12	2
S5	10	2
S6	8	3
S7	50	0
S8	20	2
S9	12	2
S10	26	3
S11	260	10
S12	120	2
S13	38	3
S14	14	0
S15	20	0
S16	12	0
S17	250	25
S18	60	3
S19	110	80
S20	60	50
S21	80	20
S22	100	0



## Les liaisons dangereous



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#### BDNF — a key transducer of antidepressant effects

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#### Review

The serotonin–BDNF duo: Developmental implications for the vulnerability to psychopathology



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#### BDNF is a key transducer of antidepressant effects



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Schematic representation of BDNF effects on the serotonergic system. As shown in the left side of the figure, impaired expression of the neurotrophin, as occurring in BDNF transgenic mice, results in reduced hippocampal function of 5-HT1A and 5-HTT as well as in 5-HT2A receptor defects within the prefrontal cortex and the dorsal raphe nucleus.

Conversely, as depicted in right side of the figure, **infusion of BDNF leads to enhanced 5HIAA/5-HT ratio and stimulates the maturation of the serotonergic phenotype.** 

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5-HTT: 5-HT transporter; 5-HIAA: 5-hydroxyindoleacetic acid – catabolite urinario della serotonina; TrkB: tropomyosin related kinase B.



## **BDNF** nella muscolatura scheletrica

funzioni biologiche

*e* 

potenziali campi di applicazione in Odontoiatria Geriatrica



- Acute intermittent stress
- Depression
- Anxiety
   Anxiety

# BDNF codifying mRNA BDNF 1-7 transcription factors



Miochine: citochine prodotte dal muscolo, la cui concentrazione varia in rapporto all'intensità della contrazione muscolare (esercizio).



FIGURE 1 | The function of muscle contraction-induced myokines. The figure shows the selected the functions for each myokines released from muscle contraction (exercise) in muscle. BDNF, brain-derived neurotrophic factor; FGF21, fibroblast growth factor 21; SPARC, secreted protein acidic and rich in cysteine; IL, interleukin.

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BDNF, differenziazione delle fibre muscolari e la sarcopenia nell'anziano

Muscle BDNF loss or gain of function is sufficient to decrease or increase, respectively, the proportion of type IIB muscle fibers along with a broad range of oxidative and glycolytic marker genes.

Aryana IGPS, et al.

#### **REVIEW ARTICLE**



Myokine Regulation as Marker of Sarcopenia in Elderly

#### Myokine Regulation as Marker of Sarcopenia in Elderly

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# Growth Factors and SKIN AGING





- *EGF* is involved in the regulation of the growth and differentiation of bulge cells. •
- **PDGFs** manages the interaction arising between the bulge and associated tissue during follicle morphogenesis. •



Location of hair bulge, which is a stem cell reserve involved in hair regeneration phase.



Figure 1. Weak, punctate EGF and TGF-a immunoreactivities and strong EGFR immunoreactivity are seen in the bulge of human fetal hair follicles at 16-18 wk EGA. A-D) Anti-EGF. E-H) Anti-TGF-a. I-D) Anti-EGFR. Bulge (b) and sebaceous gland (a) (A,E,D, ORS (B,F,D, bulb and dermal applila (p) (C,G,N). contocal microscopic images of the bulge (prophidium iodide nuclear stain) (D,H,L). EGF (A) and TGF-a (D) immunoreactivities are present in the bulge (b) and EGFR immunoreactivity (l) is also seen in the bulge (b). Confocal microscopy reveals the punctate staining in the bulge for EGF (D) and TGF- $\alpha$  (H) and diffuse cytoplasmic staining for EGFR (L). Scale bars, 50  $\mu$ m.



Figure 2. PDGF A chain and B chain immunoreactivities are observed in the bulge and PDGFR  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  immunoreactivities are seen 

EGFR expression at hair bulge level (red arrows)

PDGFR expression at hair bulge level (blue arrows)

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Directions

For 4 consecutive months (or more):
20 drops twice a day

Sublingual administration directly under the tongue or in a little water, preferibly far from meals.



For 4 months (or more): 40 drops (of one or more products) directly in a bottle a water. Drink with little sips during the day.



# PRE-CLINICAL STUDY <u>Ex vivo</u>

Treatment with low-dose cytokines (**IL-4**, **IL-10**, **b**-**FGF and β-Endorphin**) reduces oxidative-mediated injury in perilesional keratinocytes from vitiligo skin



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## **CLINICAL RESULTS**





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### IL-2/IL-6 RATIO AND AGING

mechanisms of ageing and development



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Increase of interleukin 6 and decrease of interleukin 2 production during the ageing process are influenced by the health status

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# INTERLEUKIN-2 INDUCES THE CLONAL EXPANSION OF T CELLS



## INTERLEUKIN-2 INDUCES THE CLONAL EXPANSION OF T CELLS

- Interleukin-2 (IL-2), identified more than 40 years ago, <u>was initially called T Cell</u> <u>Growth Factor</u>; it induces the T cells to enter the S phase of the cell cycle, favoring their expansion. From the outset, its fundamental role in the management of the immune response and the pharmacological potential associated with it was evident.
- IL-2 is produced by activated T cells and has a key role in triggering immune responses. The main effect of IL-2 is to induce the clonal expansion of T cells after antigen recognition; moreover, IL-2 induces the proliferation of activated B cells, increases the levels of Natural Killer (NK) cells, supports cytotoxicity mediated by T cells (CTL -Cytotoxic T-lymphocytes), stimulates the production of other cytokines including TNF. IFN-y and GM-CSF.



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Antigen presentation to naïve T cells results in the development of Th1, Th2 or Th17 cells depending on the cytokine milieu.

From: The Review of Diabetic Studies (2006) 3:72-75



## INTERFERON-γ ACTIVATES CD8+ IN T CYTOTOXIC CELLS



IFN-γ

## INTERFERON- $\gamma$ and $\alpha$ are particularly active in the onset of the cytolitic respons

- IFN-γ can activate a cell-mediated immune response (IFN-γ stimulates CD8 + to differentiate into cytotoxic T effector cells) ideal against viruses. The Tc, in fact, operate the non-specific cytolysis of the cell infected with the virus (the Natural Killer- NK cells- instead, operate the specific cytolysis).
- Interferon-α (in some papers alpha seems to be favored over gamma; it is interesting how Interferon-α prevents the virus from penetrating through the viropexy mechanism, used by many viruses, into the cells not yet infected

 $(IFN-\gamma is also used by the body for the synthesis (conversion) into IFN-\alpha (it is a bit like the mechanism of reciprocity between hormone T4 and T3, where T4 is the precursor of the hormone T3, true effector of the activity thyroid]$ 





#### INTERLEUKIN-7 PLAYS IN SEVERAL T CELLS LIFE STAGES





Naive T cell



#### **INTERLEUKIN-7 INCREASES THE NUMBER OF T LYMPHOCYTES**



A THYMUS-INDIPENDENT MECHANISM (which is active in adult and elderly subjects)







- Socs3 is upregulated in T cells during chronic active viral infection in mice
- Deletion of socs3 in T cells prevents immune failure and promotes viral clearance
- In vivo IL-7 therapy represses Socs3 in T cells and clears chronic infection
- IL-7 promotes IL-22 production to mitigate immunopathology in chronic infection







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- 5) Fills the therapeutic *vacuum(s)*
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