

# PROGETTO “LOMBARDIA ECCELLENTE”

## Obiettivi e Contesto della ricerca

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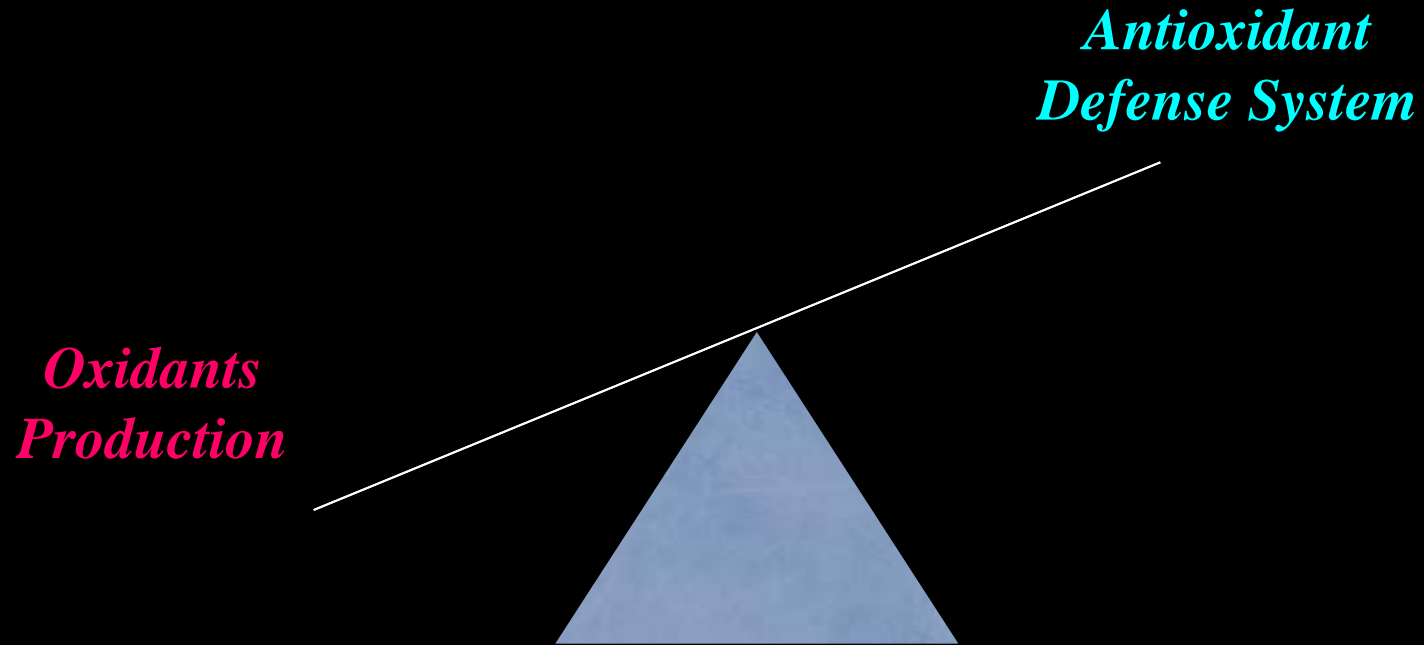
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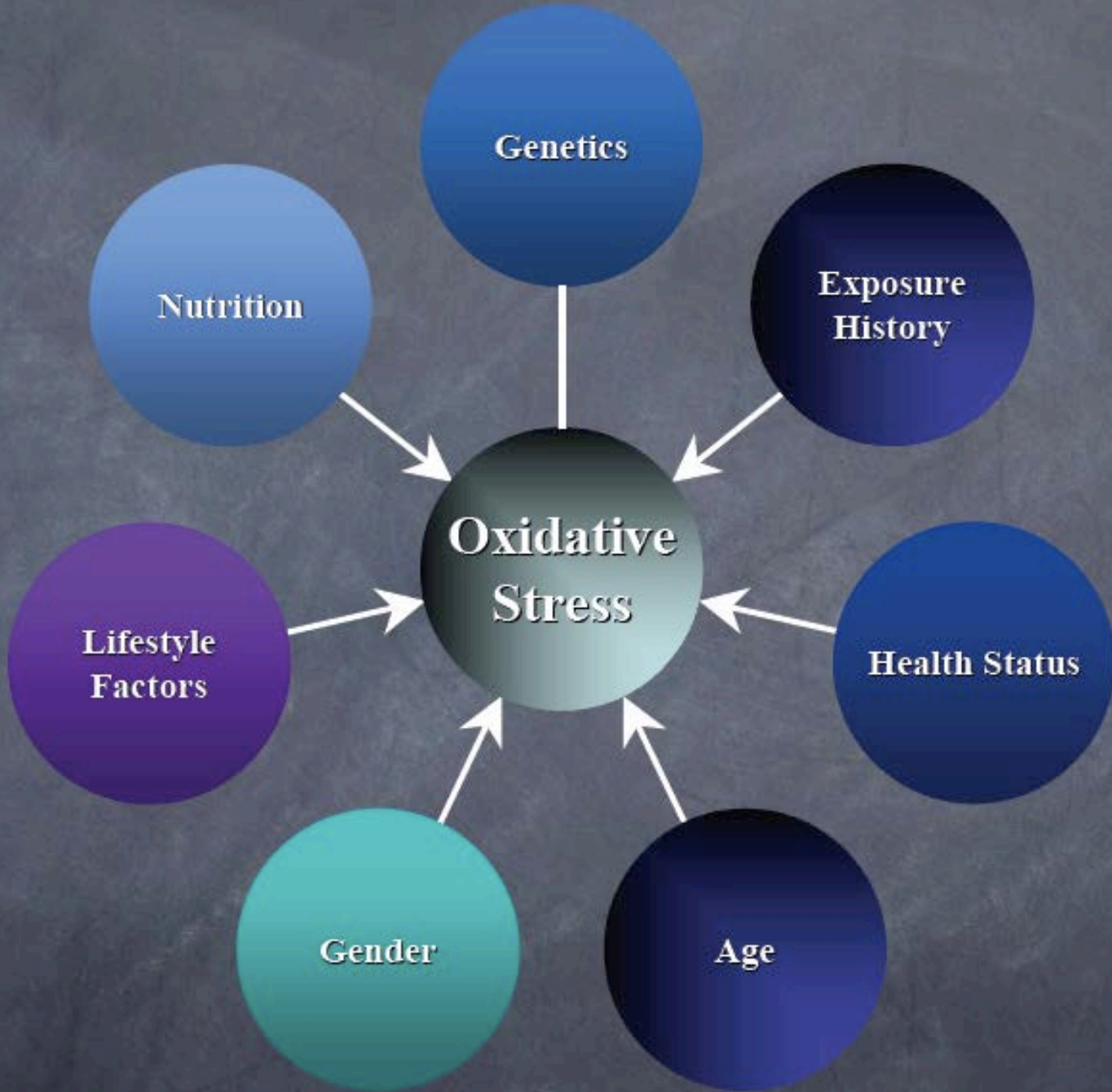
**“ The paradox of aerobic life, or the “Oxygen Paradox”, is that humans, animals, and plants cannot exist without oxygen, yet oxygen is inherently dangerous to their existence.”**

# Oxidative Stress



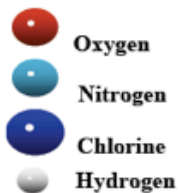
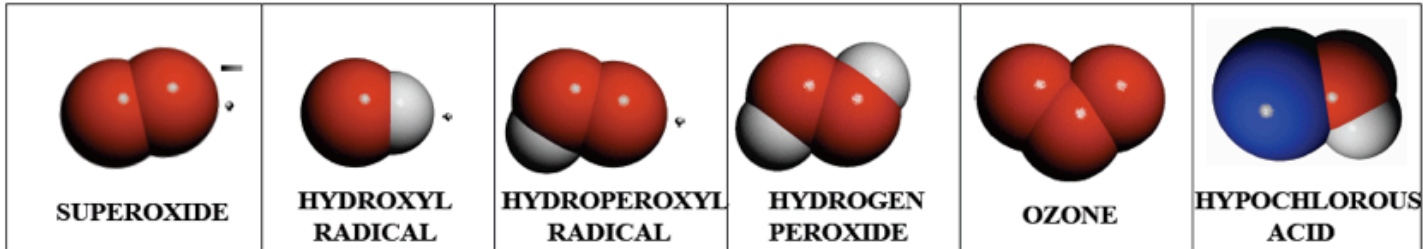
**Altered homeostatic balance**  
resulting from oxidant insult.



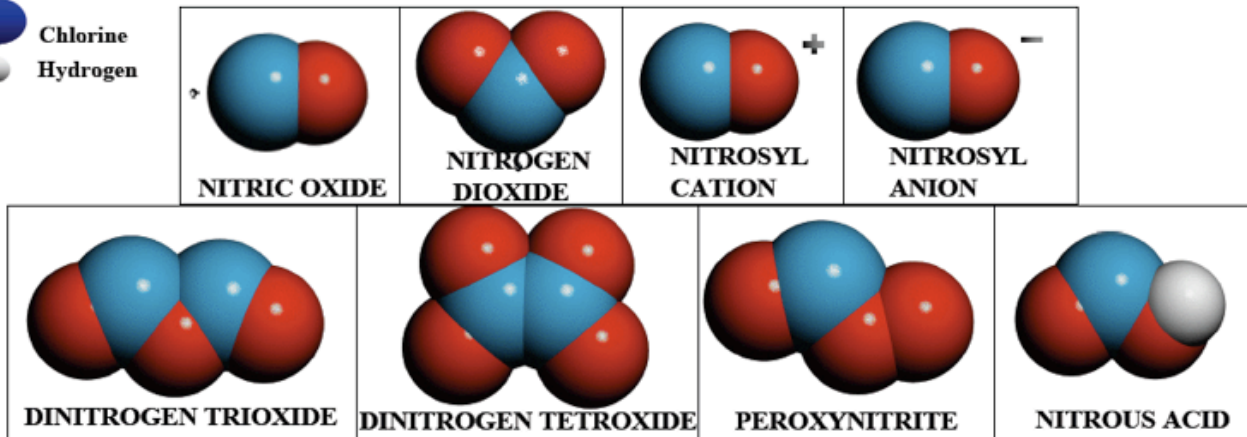


# Oxidative Stress

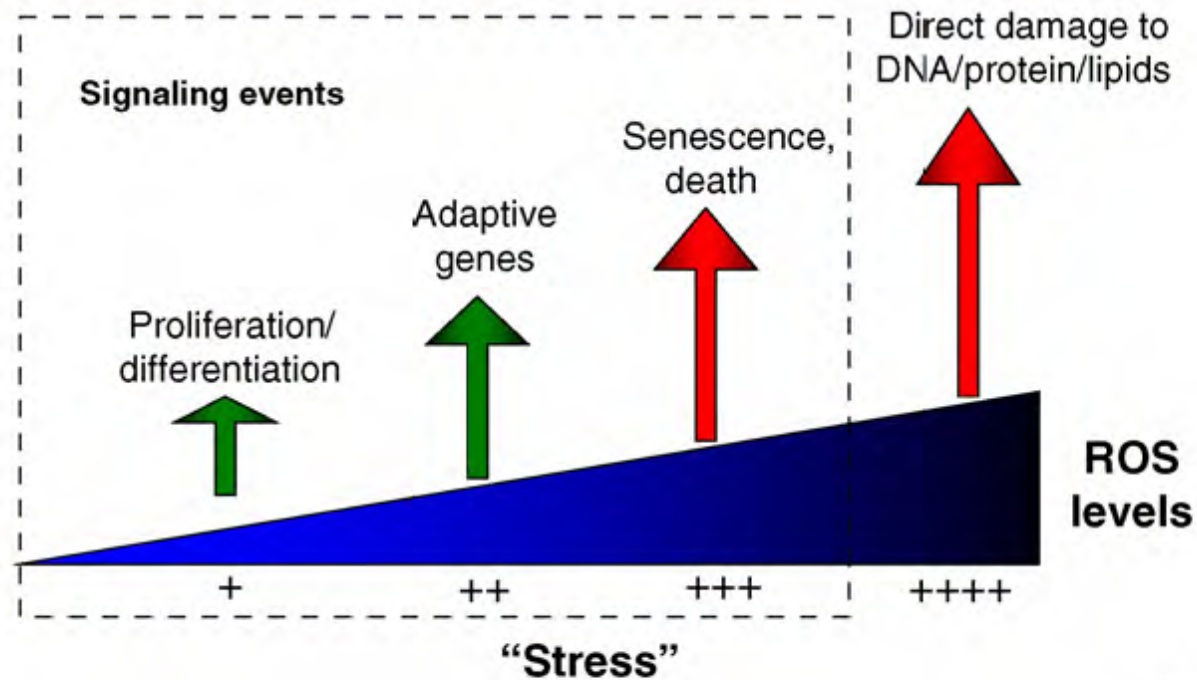
## Reactive Oxygen Species



## Reactive Nitrogen Species



## Model: mitochondrial ROS signaling dictates biological outcomes.



TiBS

Mitochondrial ROS levels are crucial for biological outcomes. Low levels of mitochondrial ROS production are required for cellular processes such as proliferation and differentiation. An induction in ROS production will lead to adaptive programs including the transcriptional upregulation of antioxidant genes. Even higher levels of ROS will signal the initiation of senescence, apoptosis and necrosis. Non-signaling, irreversible damage to cellular components is only observed under the highest levels of cellular ROS.

# Oxidative Stress - Human Health

## **The Good**

Inflammation protects the body

Destroys invading pathogens

Dissolves damaged tissue

## **The Bad**

Chronic or prolonged inflammation

**Allergies and Autoimmune Diseases**

# Oxidative Stress - Human Health

**The Ugly** *collateral damage results in.....*

Asthma

Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)

Multiple Sclerosis (MS)

Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE)

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)

**Aging processes**

**Neurodegeneration**

Parkinson Disease

Alzheimer Disease

Huntington Disease

**Circulatory Diseases**

**Cancer**



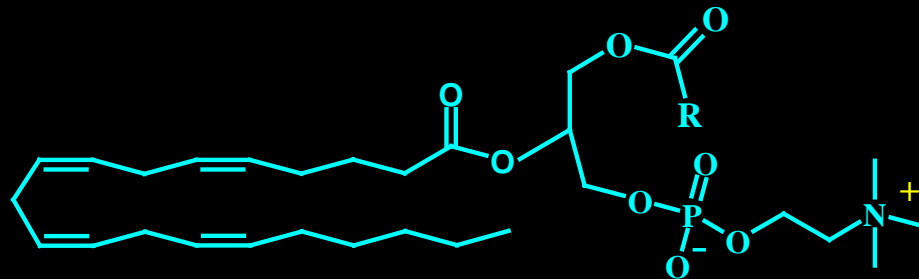
## **Oxidative Stress and Human Health**

**Free radical-mediated oxidative damages to tissue biomolecules, e.g. lipids, proteins, and DNA, are believed to play a key role in the pathophysiology of severe human diseases.**

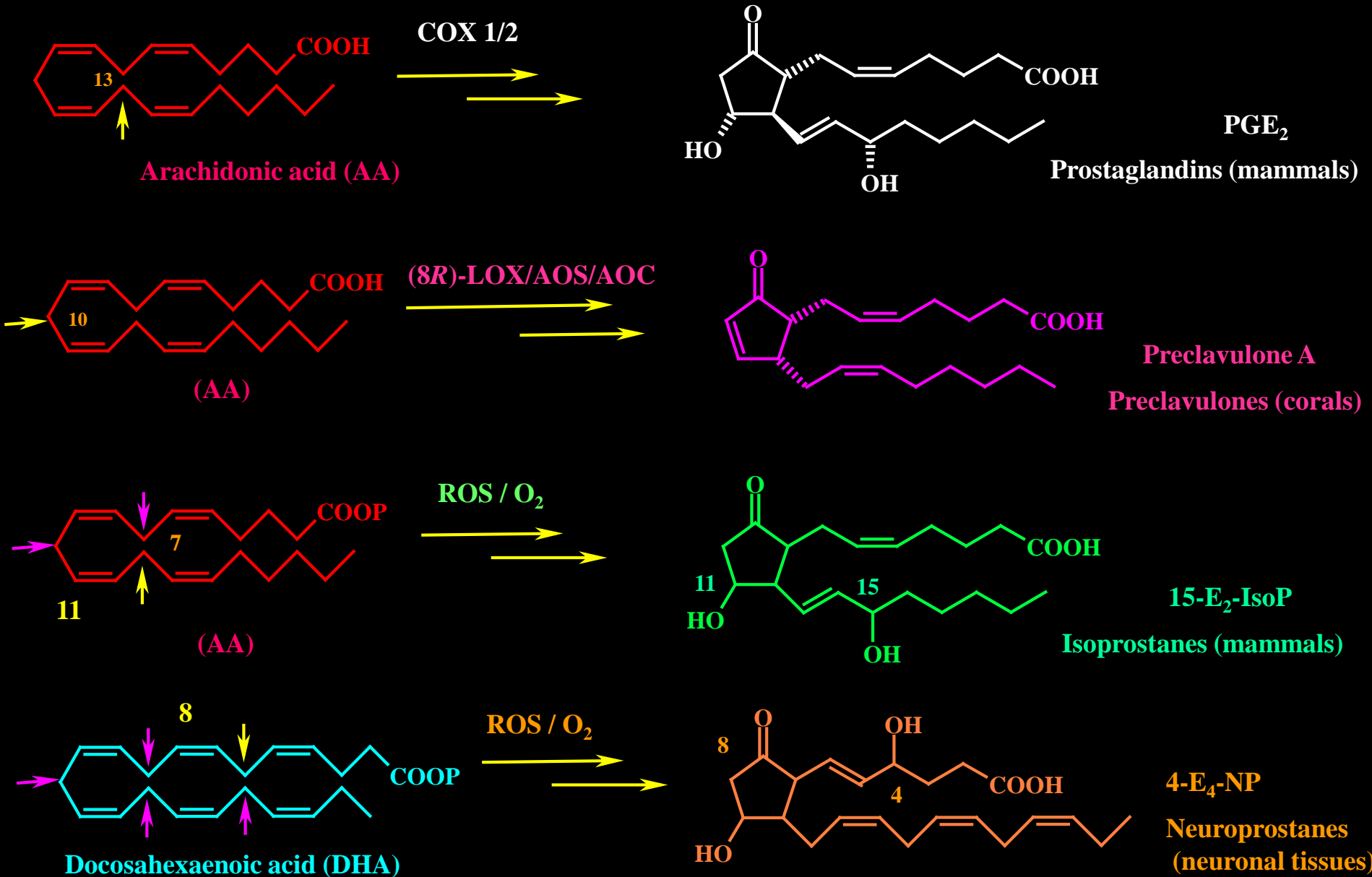
**“Antioxidant compounds are considered to be beneficial to maintain human healthy conditions”**

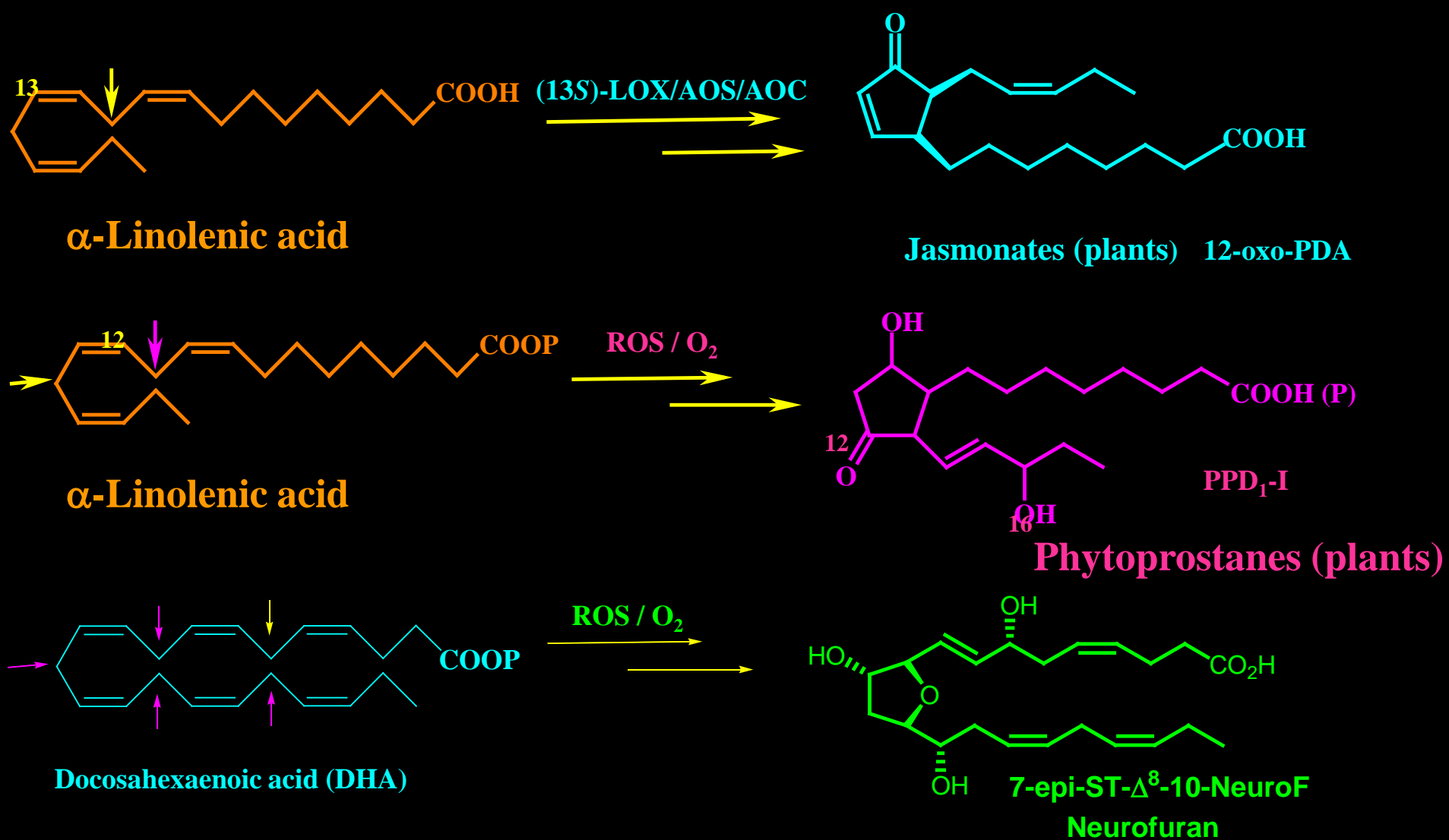
# Lipid peroxidation

**Peroxidation of cell membrane lipids is a central feature of oxidative stress and occurs in various tissues of humans and other living organisms, promoting the formation of important biologically and physiologically active compounds**



# Lipid peroxidation: enzyme and free-radical promoted routes





**Isoprostanes:** J.D. Morrow et al. *Anal. Biochem.* **1990**, *184*, 1; *Curr. Med. Chem.* **2003**, *10*, 1723.

**Neuroprostanes:** J. D. Morrow et al. *J. Biol. Chem.* **1998**, *273*, 13605; L. J. Roberts et al. *Chemistry and Physics of Lipids* **2004**, *128*, 173.

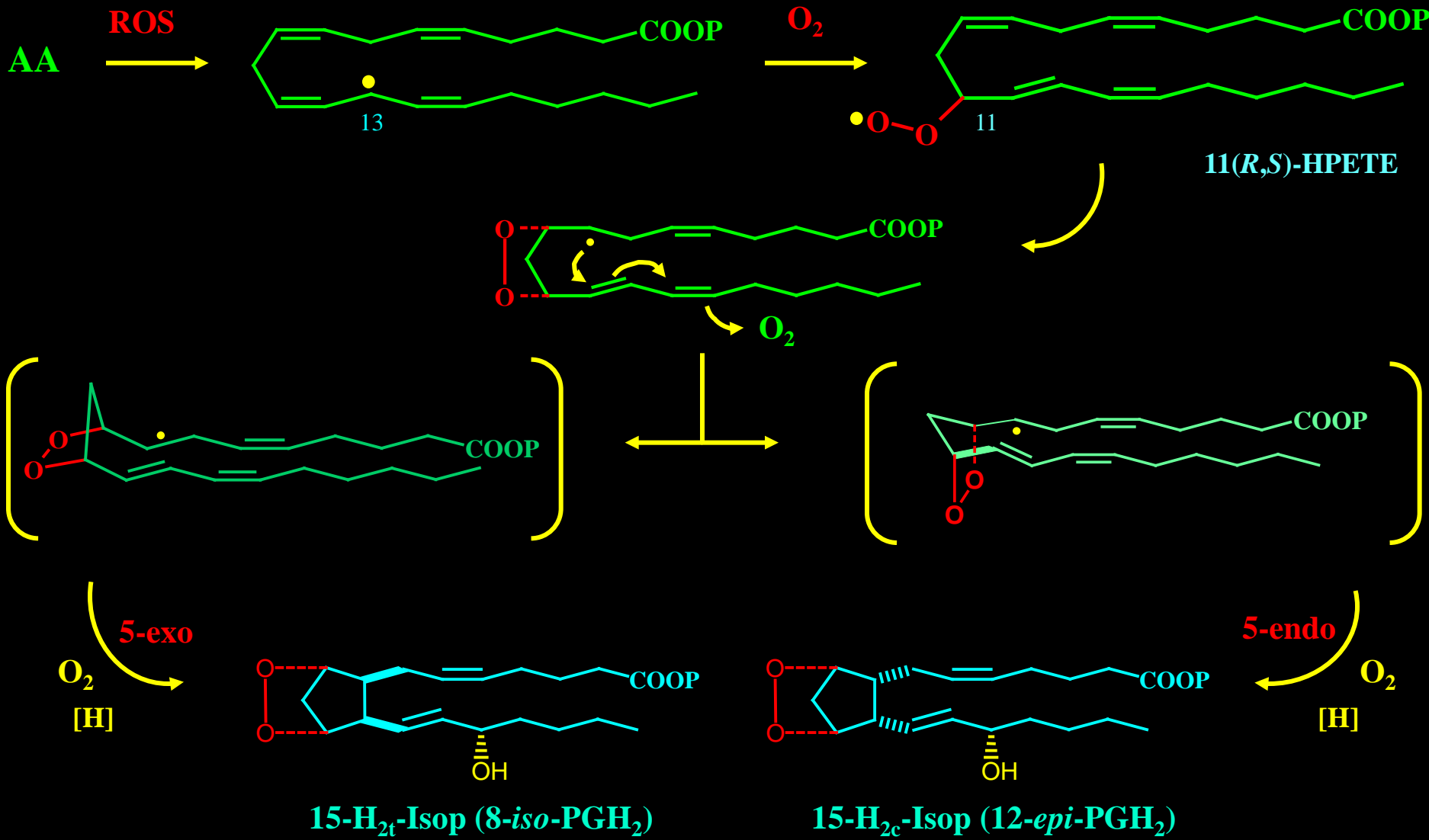
**Clavulones:** A. N. Grechkin *J. Lipid Mediators Cell Signaling* **1995**, *11*, 205; A. F. Rowley et al. *J. Exp. Biol.* **2005**, *208*, 3.

**Jasmonates:** M. H. Beale and J. L. Ward *Nat. Prod. Rep.* **1998**, 533.

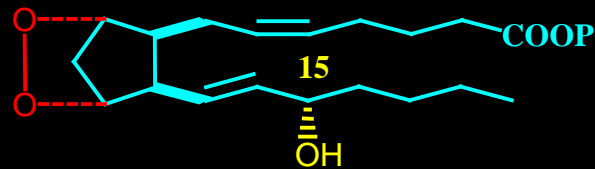
**Phytoprostanes:** M.. Mueller et al. *The Plant Journal* **2003**, *34*, 363; *Current Opinion in Plant Biology* **2004**, *7*, 441.

# Radical route to Isoprostanes

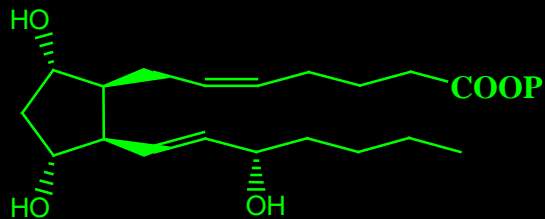
Produced in abundance in vivo in quantities far exceeding COX-derived PGs







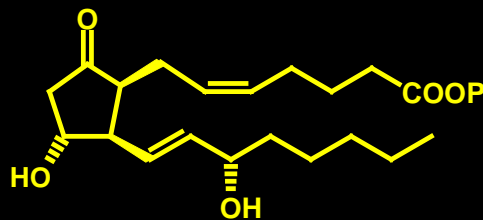
**15-H<sub>2t</sub>-Isop (8-iso-PGH<sub>2</sub>)**



**15-F<sub>2t</sub>-Isop (8-iso-PGF<sub>2α</sub>)**

**Rearrang.**

**Cyclopentenone isoprostanes**



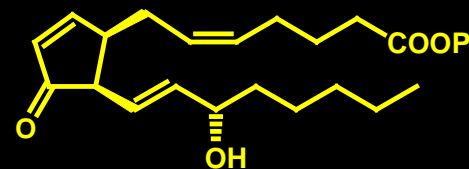
**15-E<sub>2t</sub>-IsoP**



**15-A<sub>2t</sub>-IsoP**



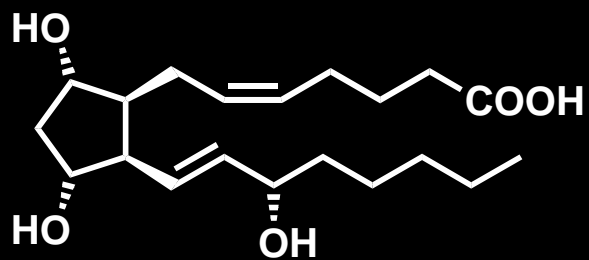
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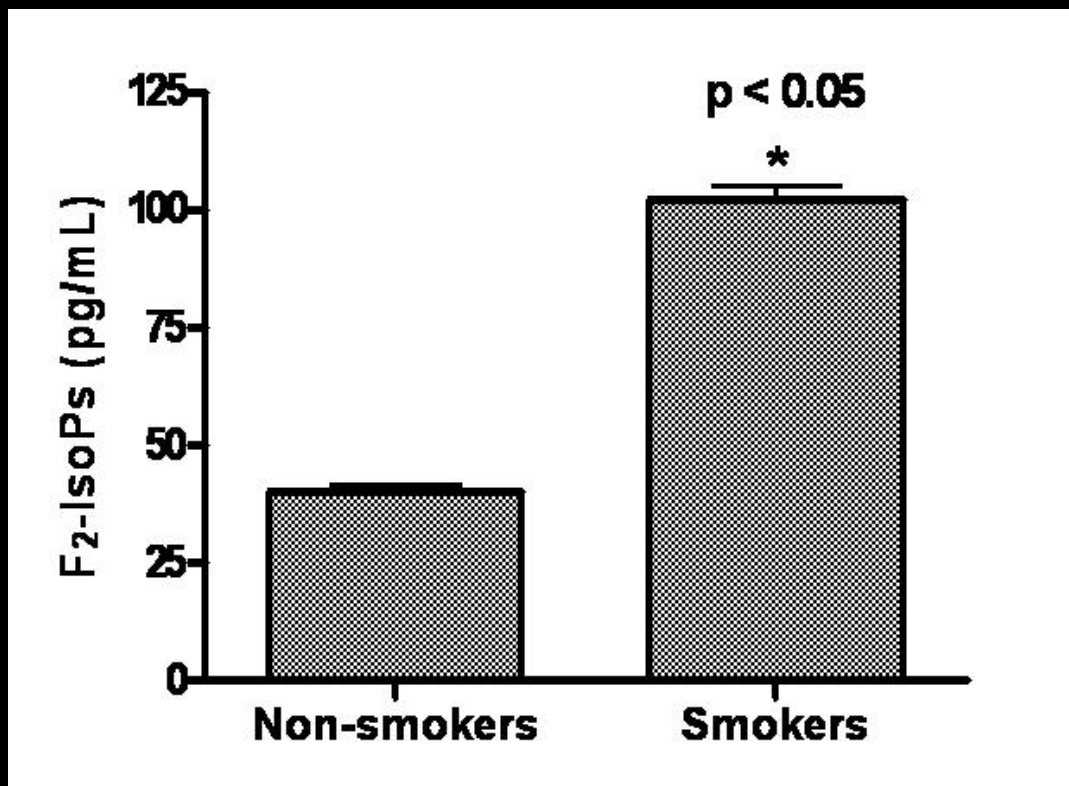
**15-J<sub>2t</sub>-IsoP**

- (a) Rokach, J.; Khanapure, S. P.; FitzGerald, G. A. *Synthesis* **1998**, 569;  
 (b) Morrow, J. D.; Roberts II, J. L. et al. *Biochim. Biophys. Acta* **1999**, 1436, 550;  
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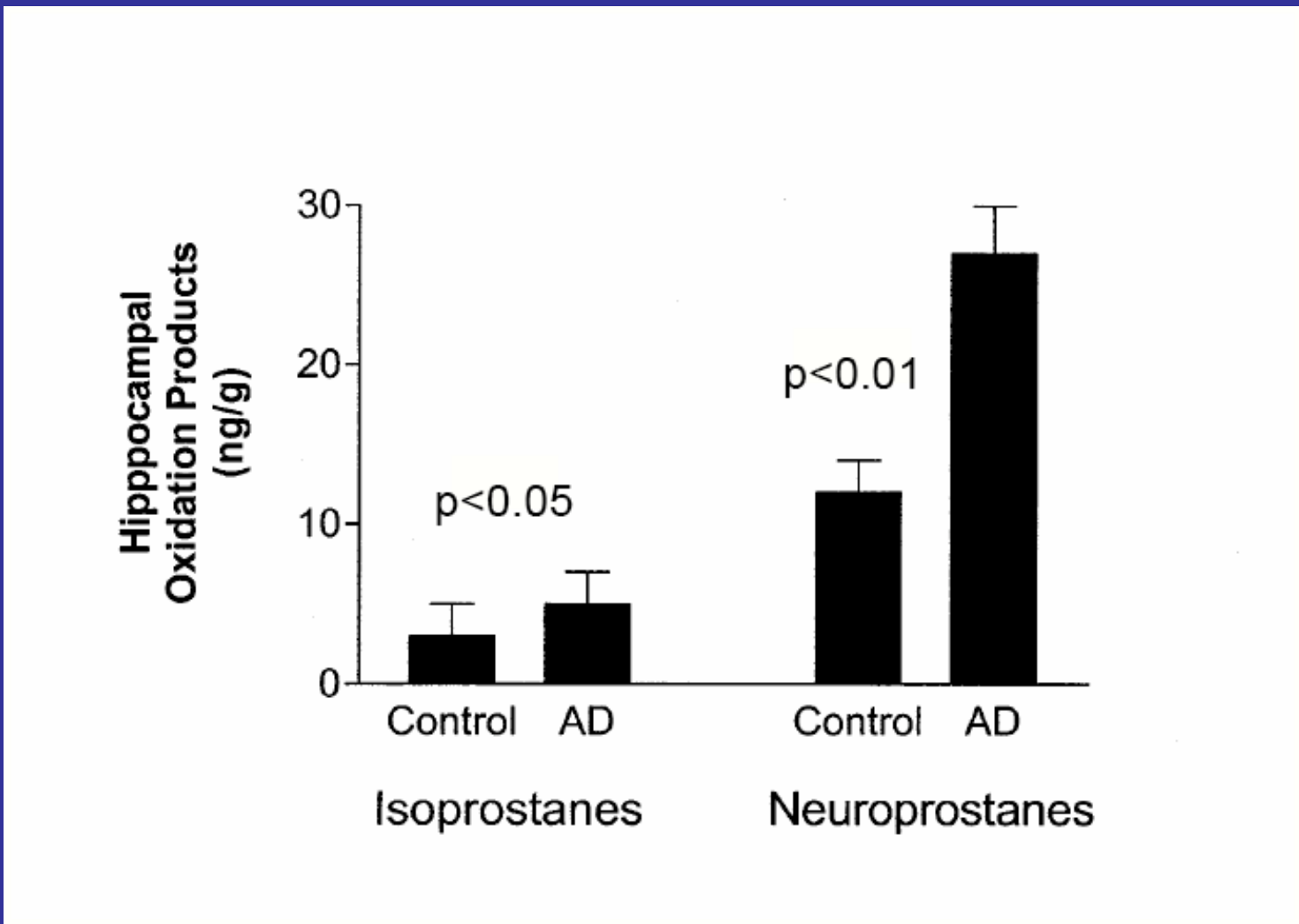
# Isoprostanes in Smokers



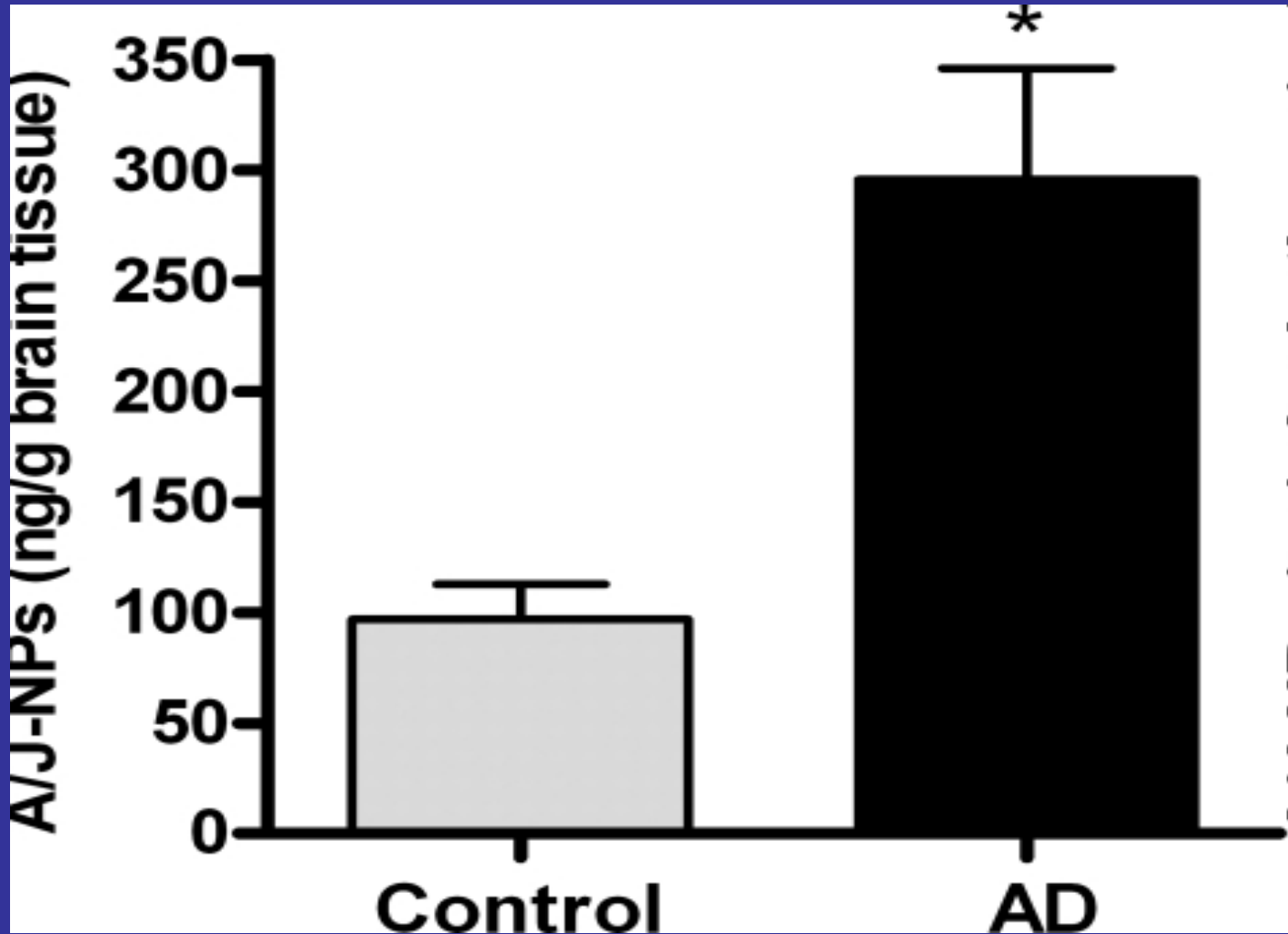
15-F<sub>2t</sub>-IsoP



# Neuroprostanes Vs Isoprostanes in Alzheimer Disease



# A<sub>4</sub>/J<sub>4</sub> Neuroprostanes in Human Brain affected by AD



# Cyclopentenone PG-Like Compounds: What is their biological significance?

**Biomarkers**

**vs**

**Biological Activity**



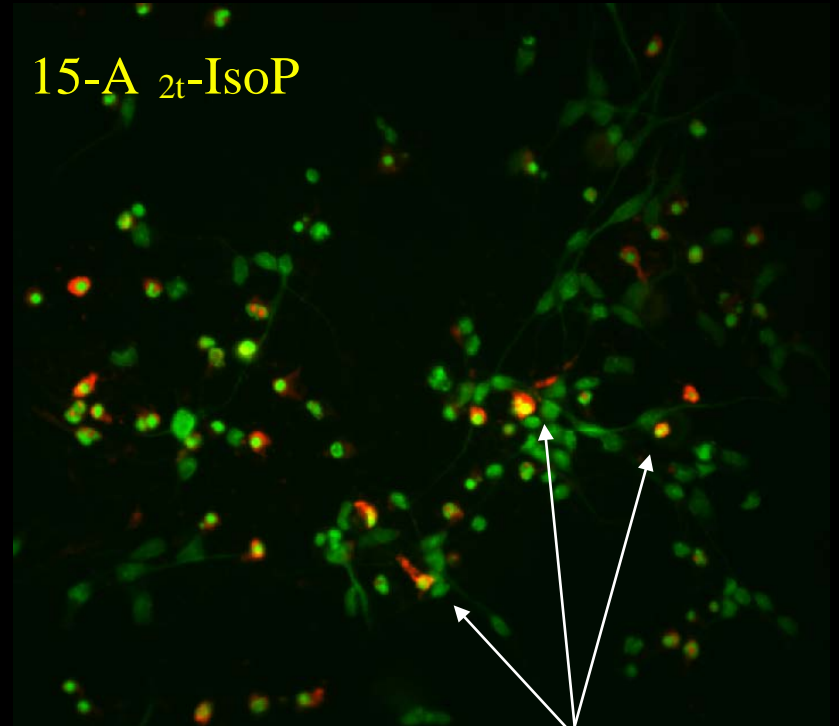
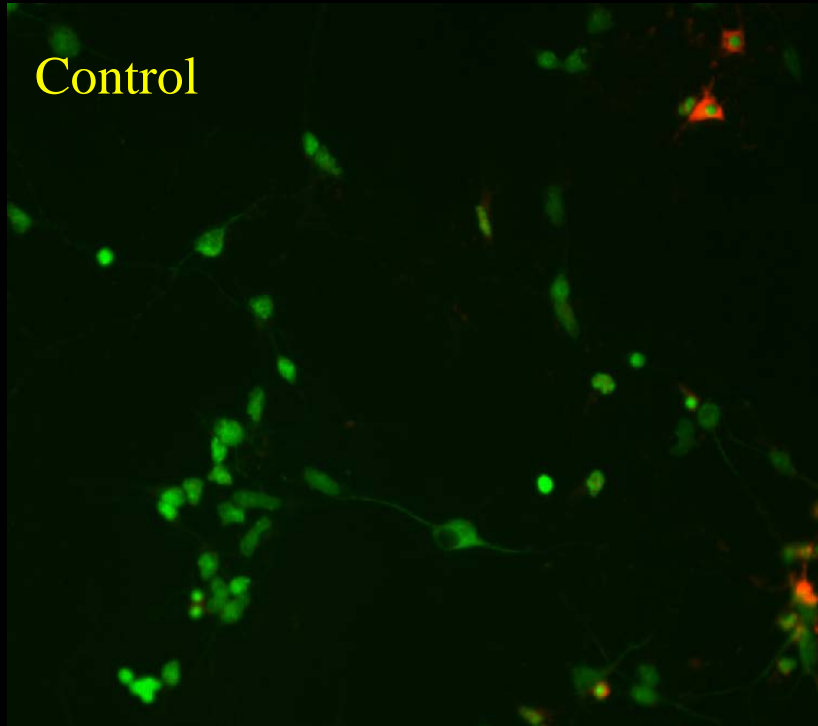
# 15-A<sub>2t</sub>-IsoP Induces Apoptosis in Neurons



30  $\mu$ M 15A<sub>2t</sub>-Isop for 24h

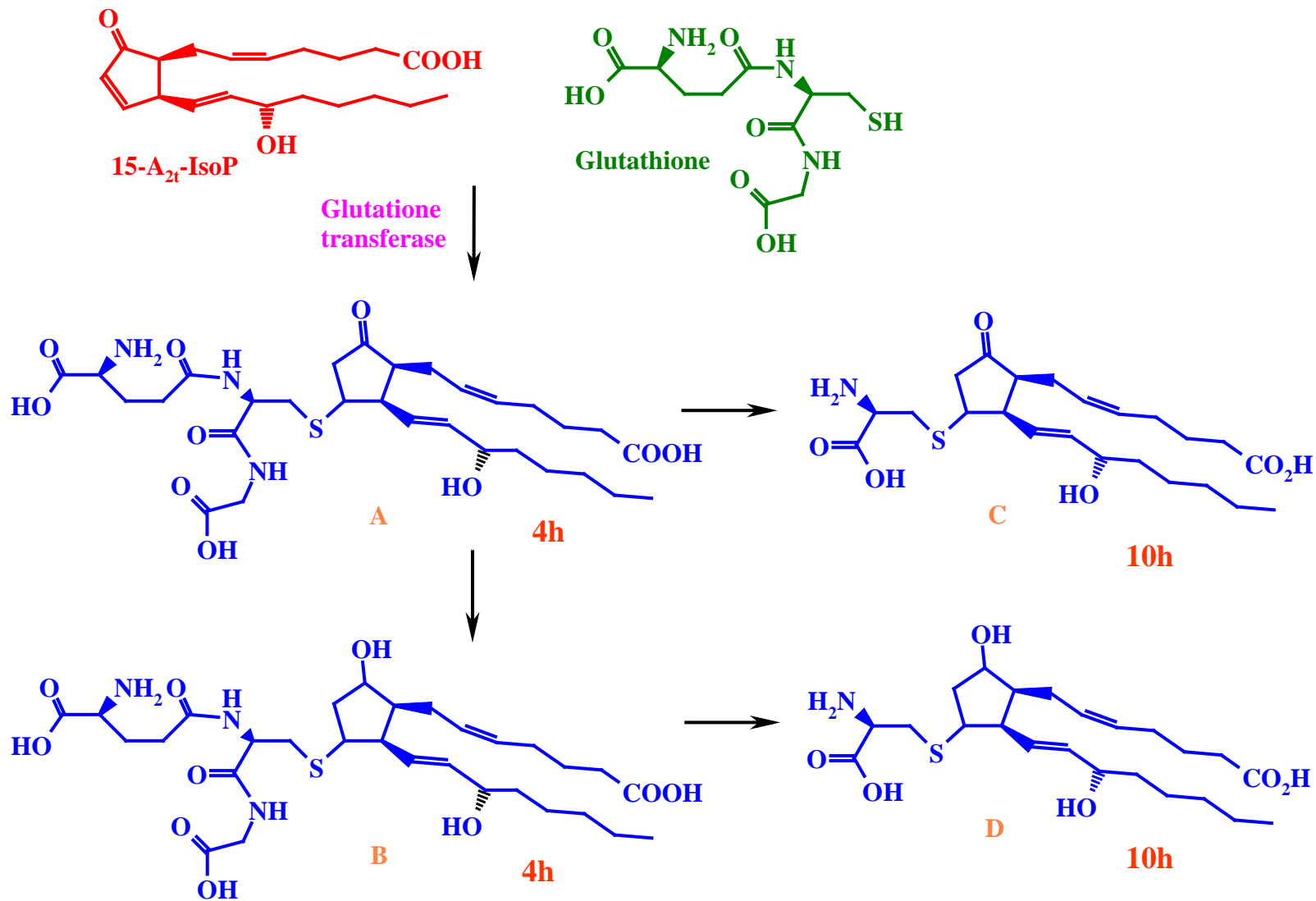
4'-6-Diamidino-2-phenyl indole (DAPI) nuclear staining: abundance of asymmetric chromatin formation consistent with apoptotic cell death

# Caspase-3 is Activated by 15-A<sub>2t</sub>-IsoP



**Increased activated  
caspase-3 expression**

## Conjugation of 15-A<sub>2t</sub>-Isoprostane with Glutathione in HepG2 Cells



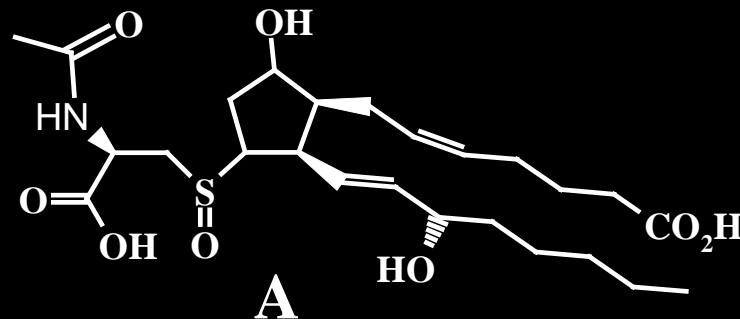
## Biological activities of 15-A<sub>2t</sub>-IsoP and 15-J<sub>2t</sub>-IsoP

**15-A<sub>2t</sub>-IsoP was proven to have proangiogenic effects.**

**It is potently neurotoxic, activates a series of novel signalling molecules in neurons, and potentiates neurodegeneration caused by other insults.**

**Other studies indicate that conjugation with GSH represents a major route of metabolic disposition of 15-A<sub>2t</sub>-IsoP *in vivo*. Compound A was identified in rats as the major urinary metabolite of 15-A<sub>2</sub>-IsoP.**

**The conjugation renders 15-A<sub>2</sub>-IsoPs biologically inactive and may well constitute a primary detoxification process in cells and tissues.**



# **A<sub>4</sub>-Neuroprostanes: *potent anti-inflammatory mediators***

- A<sub>4</sub>/J<sub>4</sub>-NPs readily form **Michael adducts with GSH and key intracellular proteins.**
- in RAW macrophages A<sub>4</sub>/J<sub>4</sub>-NPs potently **suppress LPS-induced nitric oxide production** and **NF-κB mediated expression of the pro-inflammatory enzymes inducible nitric oxide synthase (iNOS) and COX-2.**
- A<sub>4</sub>-NPs also completely **block NF-κB activation** induced by the pro-inflammatory cytokines **TNFα and IL-1β**
- **NF-κB signalling is not inhibited by A<sub>4</sub>-NPs at the receptor level;** instead, the **TNFα or LPS-induced phosphorylation of IκBα by IKK and its subsequent proteasomal degradation**, hence **the translocation of the transcription factor NF-κB to the nucleus**, are suppressed
- **perturbation of IKK function and subsequent inhibition of NF-κB activation are a consequence,** at least in part, of the **Michael addition of the IKKβ Cys-179 thiol group** to the cyclopentenone moiety of A<sub>4</sub>-NPs



**My warmest thanks !!**



**The B2 group: past, present,....and future**