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# Il latte: colpevole o assolto. La voce del veterinario

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# Outline



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Why measuring hormones in milk  
Hormones & Lactation  
Colostrum vs Milk

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Peptide Hormones (IGF-1)

IGF-1 absorption?

Steroid Hormones (E2 & DHEA)

Entero-Hepatic Circulation &  
Hormone inactivation

G.A.L.T. interaction



# Hormones & ACNE



Oestrogens



**Androgens**



Progesterone



Sebo production during menstrual cycle?

Glucocorticoids



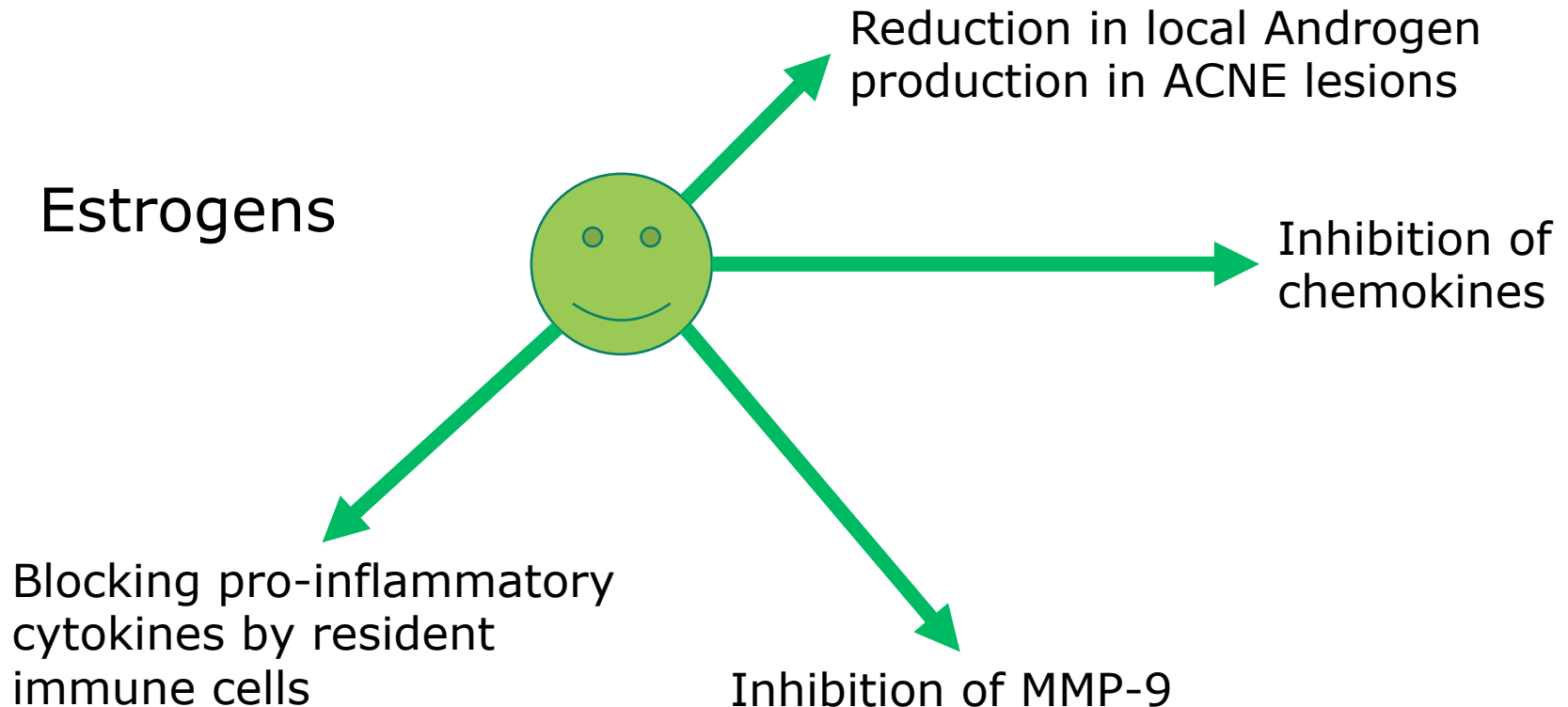
Increase TLR2 expression & enhance immune response in skin? **Local HPA axis!**

**IGF-1**





# Hormones & ACNE





# Oestrogens in milk products



Product	Fat (%)	E2 (pg/mL)	E2/serving (ng)
Skim milk	< 0.05	0.4 ± 0.03	0.1 (237 mL)
Milk	1	0.6 ± 0.03	0.1 (237 mL)
Milk	2	0.9 ± 0.06	0.2 (237 mL)
Whole milk	3.25	1.1 ± 0.05	0.3 (237 mL)
Cream	36	6.0 ± 0.29	0.1 (15 mL)
Butter	80	15.8 ± 1.17	0.2 (14 g)



# Hormones & ACNE



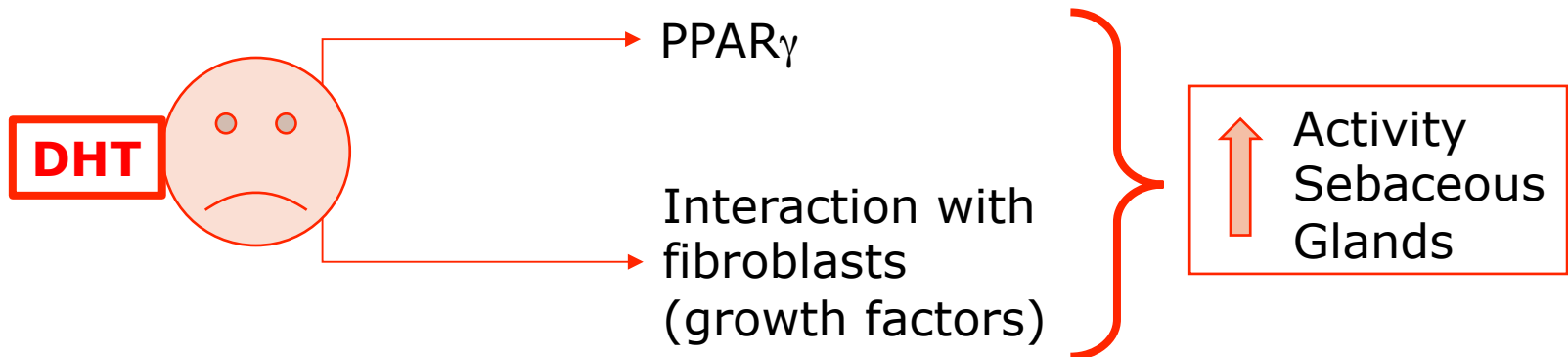
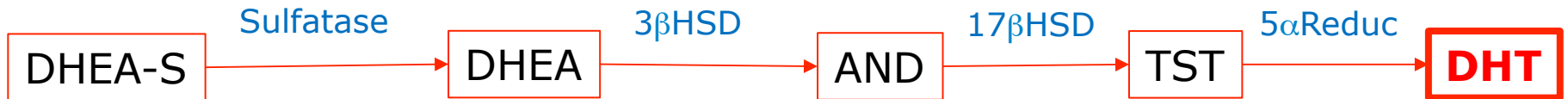
## Androgens

Higher Androgen in Blood

**ACNE patients**

Normal Androgen in Blood

More reactive sebaceous glands





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# Growth Factors & Keratinocytes

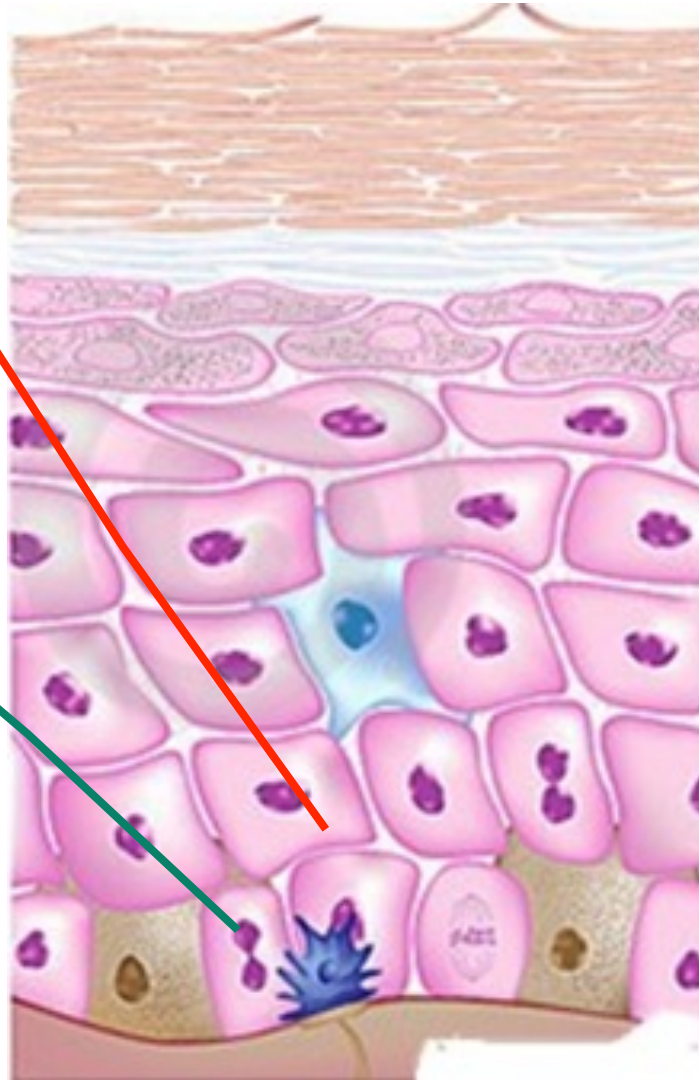


## Inhibit Growth:

1. TGF $\beta$
2. Vitamin D3
3. INF $\gamma$

## Promote Growth & Migration:

1. EGF
2. FGF
3. HGF
- 4. IGF**
5. GM-CSF



s. corneum

s. lucidum

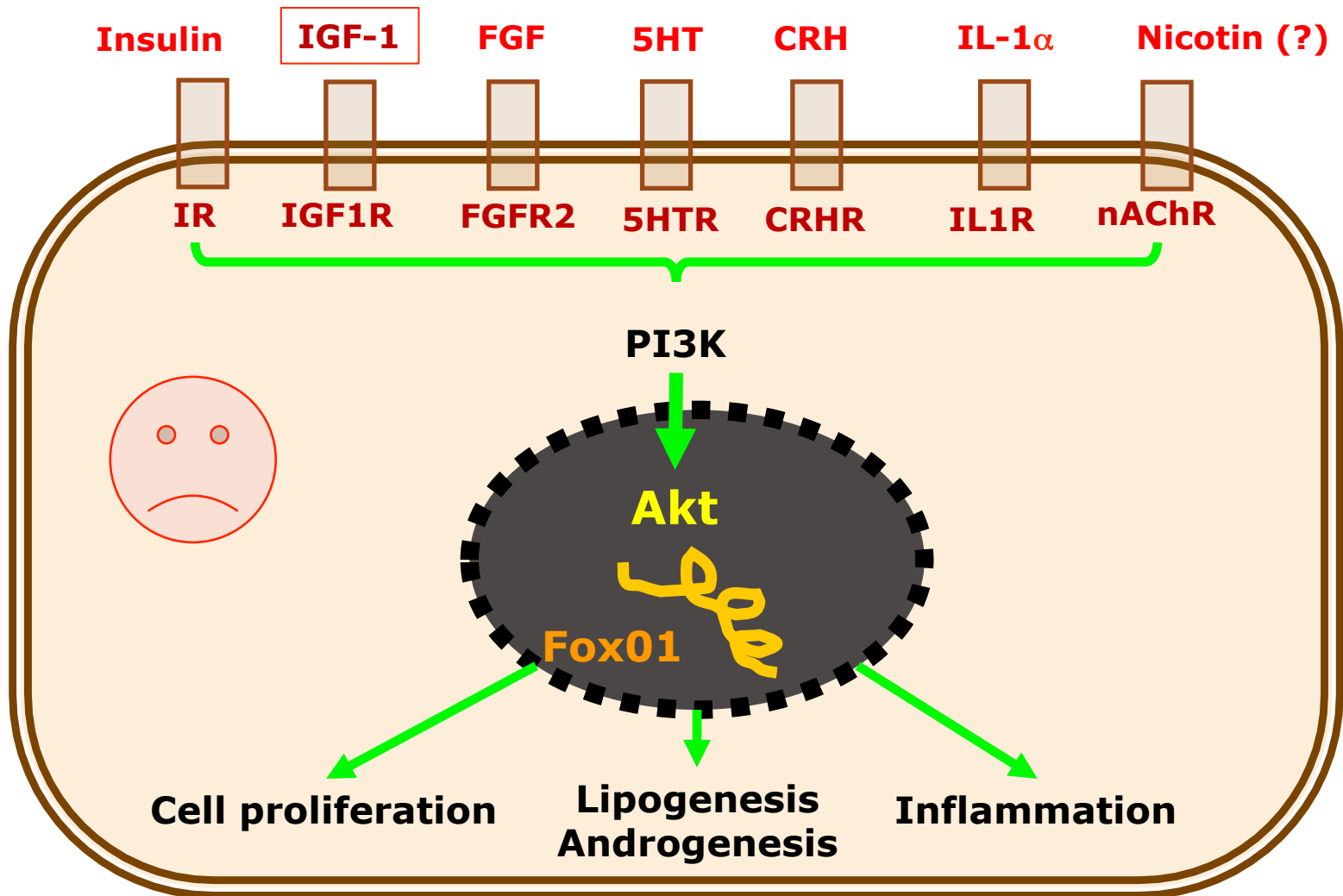
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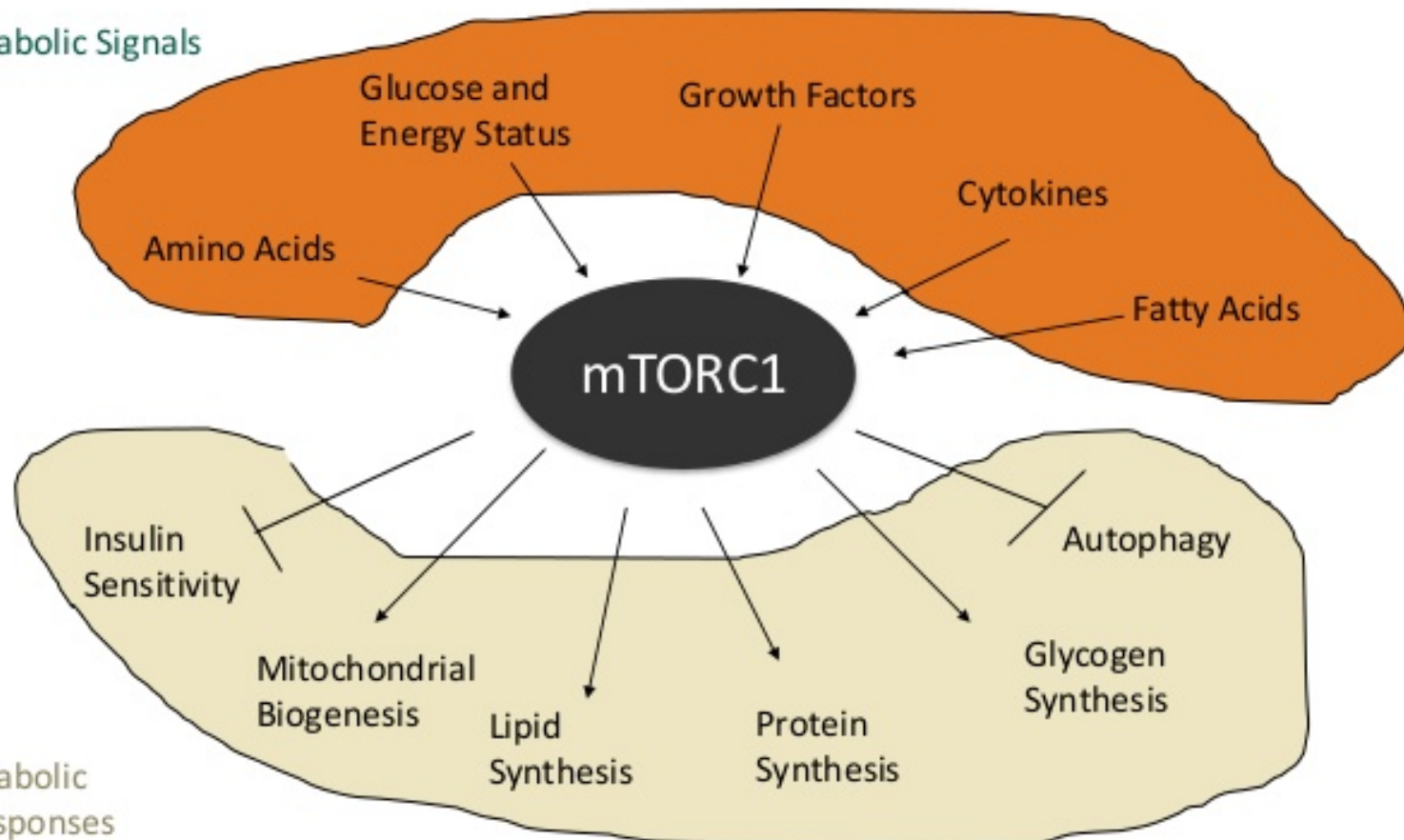






## What Does TORC1 Do?

Anabolic Signals

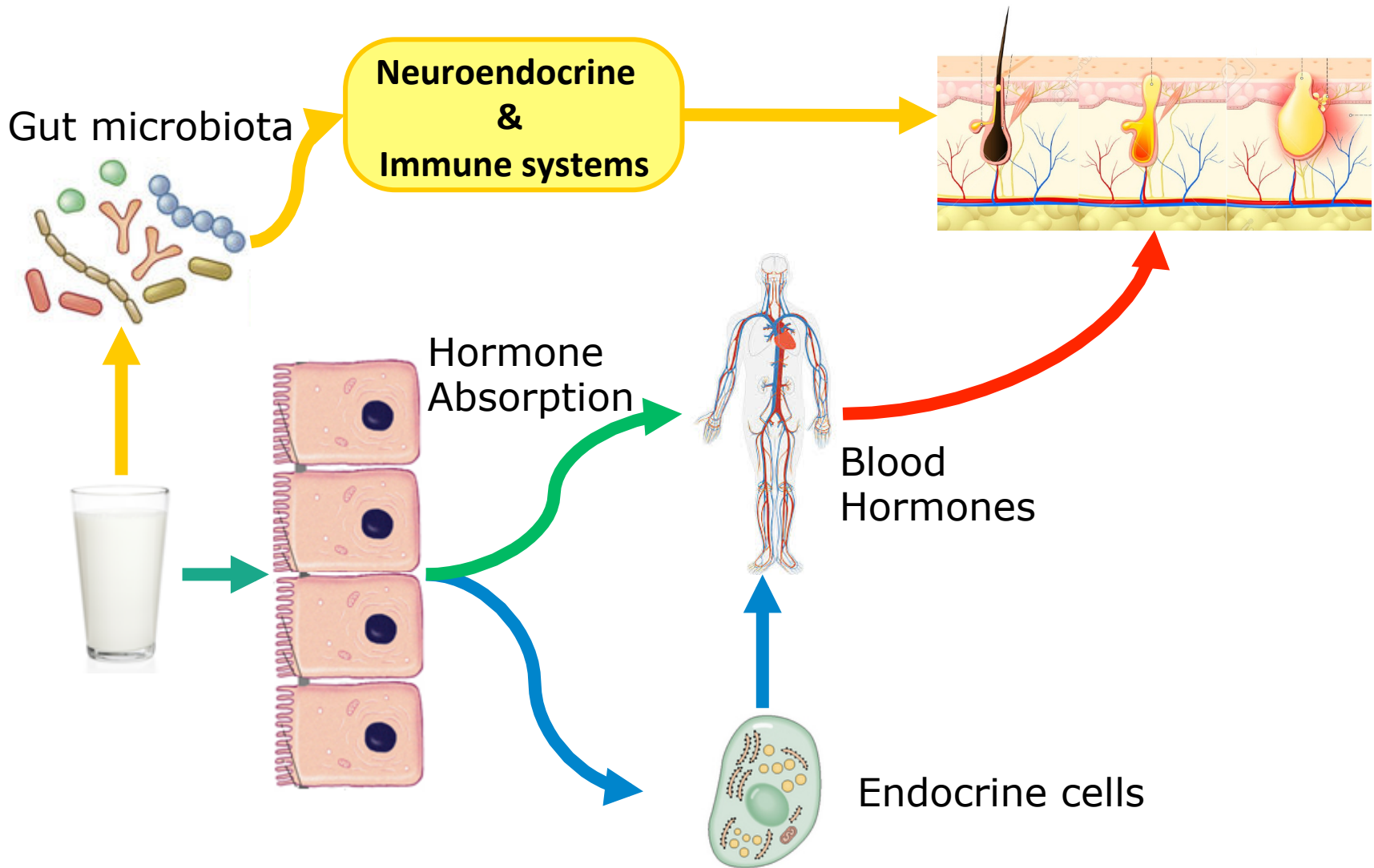


Anabolic Responses



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# Can milk contribute to ACNE pathogenesis?





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# Hormones in Milk, Mammary Gland Biology & Newborn Development



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# Why Measuring Hormones in Milk?

**Milk is a biological matrix alternative to blood**

Monitoring reproductive activity/fertility

**E2; P4; (PAG)**

Monitoring metabolism

**IGF-1, Insulin, GH**

Monitoring "stress" & "welfare"

**HC; DHEA**

Monitoring immune status

**HC, Cytokines; TNF $\alpha$**

Studying mammary biology

**PRL; PL; IGF-1; IGF-2**



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# Hormones in Milk



Hormones /  
Growth factors

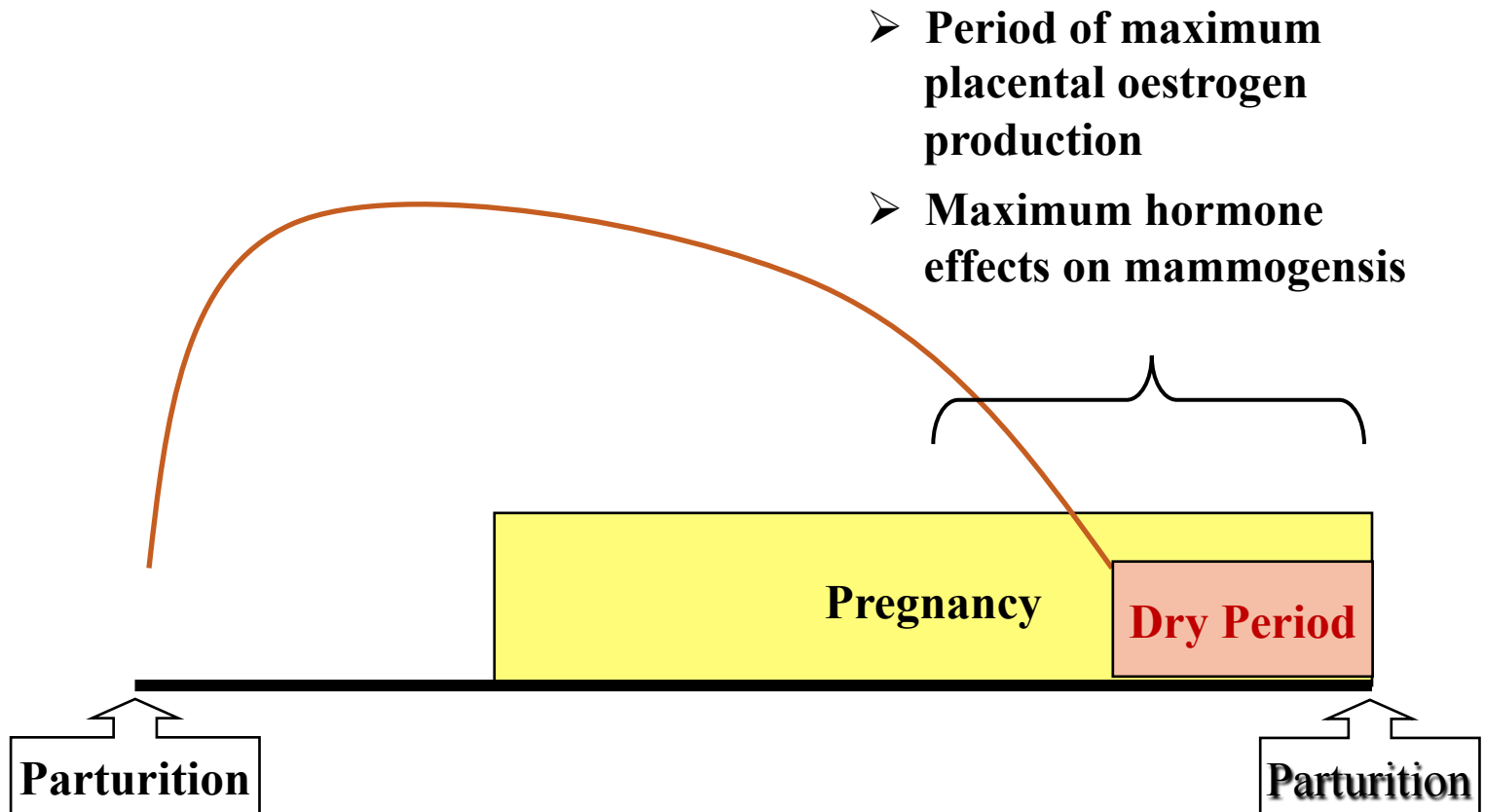


## Newborn

- Development:
  - Gastrointestinal tract
  - Immune system
  - Neuroendocrine system
- Metabolic functions



# The cow's reproductive cycle



**The dairy cow is contemporarily  
pregnant during most lactation**

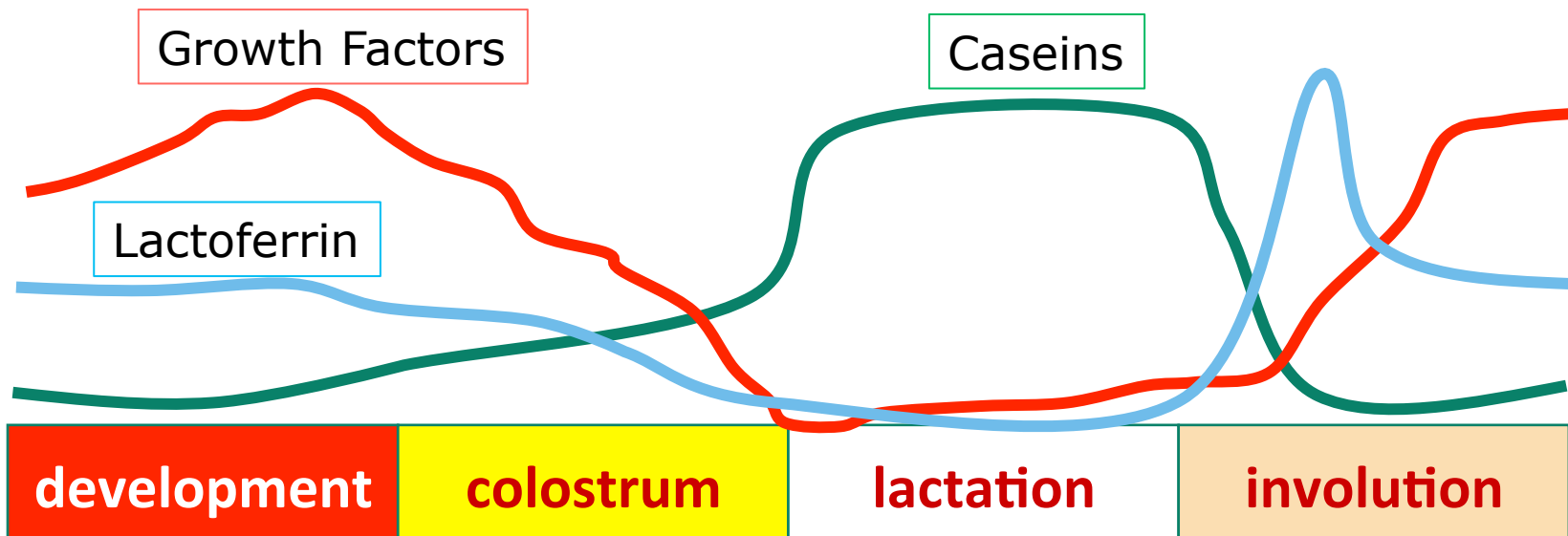


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# Proteins in Colostrum and Milk

**\*Growth Factors are low in milk**





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**This sentence is true  
not only for  
oestrogens**

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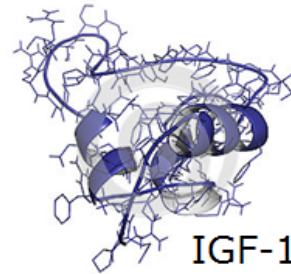
“..., over the past recent years, concern has been raised about the possible adverse effect of milk-borne oestrogens by epidemiologically found correlations, but **without scientific evidence for a relationship**”.

Malekinejad et al., 2006 – J. Agric. Food Chem, 54, 9785-9791





# IGF-1



Hormone	Colostrum (day 2) NOT SOLD	Mature milk (week 4) SOLD	
<b>IGF-1 (ng/mL)</b>	<b>103 ± 21</b>	<b>4 ± 1</b>	<i>Resistant to heat (pasteurization) &amp; acid</i>
Insulin (ng/mL)	4.6 ± 1.0	0.4 ± 0.0	Several studies suggested that growth factors in colostrum (and milk) are important for the <b>development of the newborn intestine.</b>
TNF-a (ng/mL)	5.0 ± 0.6	1.8 ± 0.2	

**Ontsouka et al., 2002 – J Dairy Sci, 86:2005-2011**



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# IGF-1



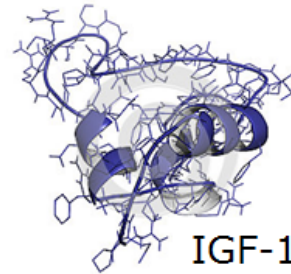
## IGF-1 concentration in milk

Human	≈ 3.0 ng/ml	Milsom et al. 2008	Hormone Research, 69:307-311
Human	2.8 ng/ml	Elmlinger et al. 2007	Hormone Research, 68:124-131
Cow (ctrl)	2.8 ng/ml	Prosser et al. 1989	J Dairy Res, 56:17-26
(bST)	11.2 ng/ml		
Retail cow	3.1 ng/ml	Vicini et al. 2008	J Am Diet Ass, 108:1198-1203
Cow (ctrl)	3.9 ng/ml	Collier et al. 2008	Dom Anim Endocrinol, 35:16-23
(bST)	4.3 ng/ml		

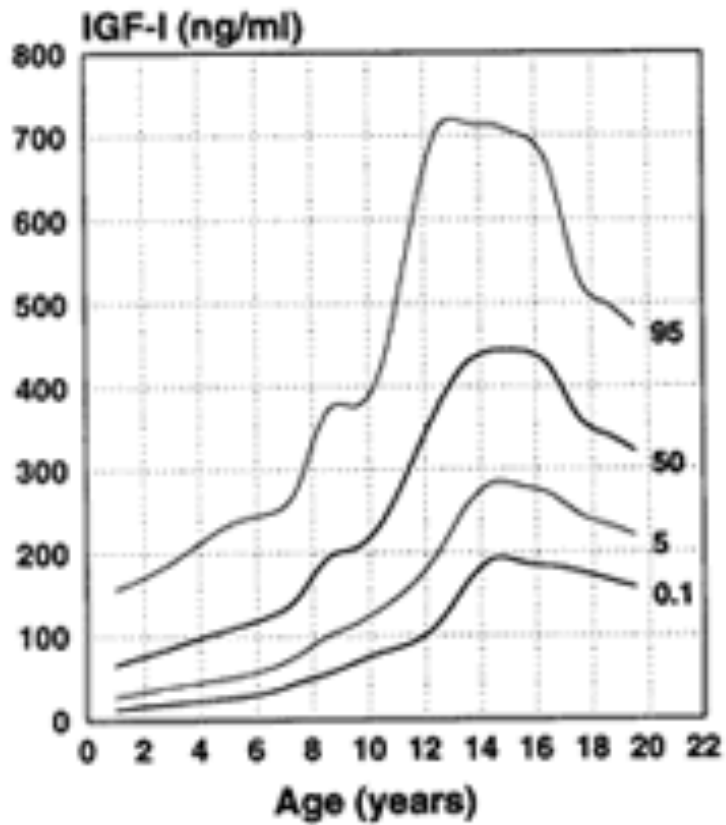


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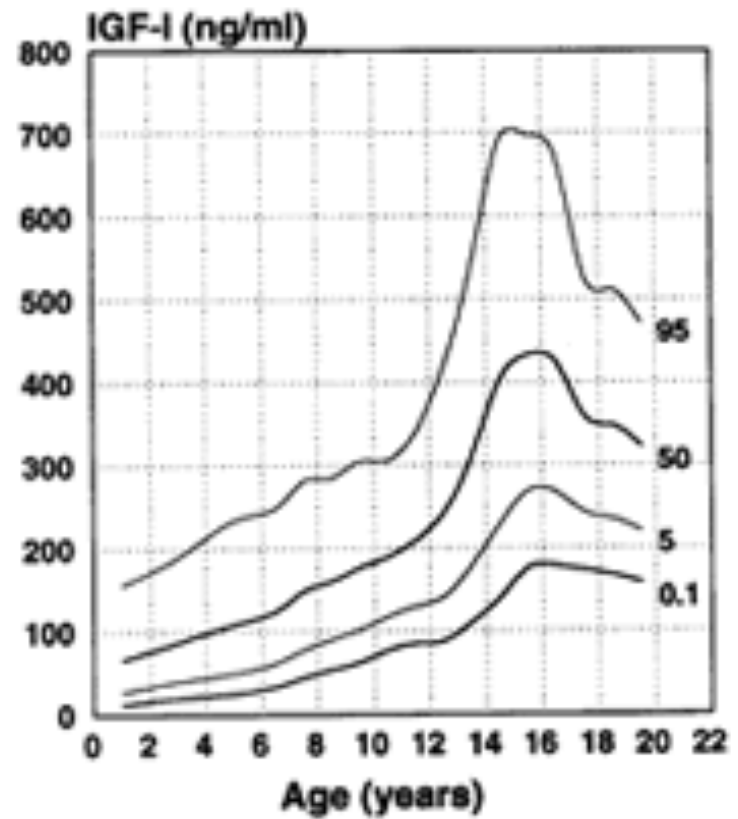
# IGF-1



## Girls



## Boys

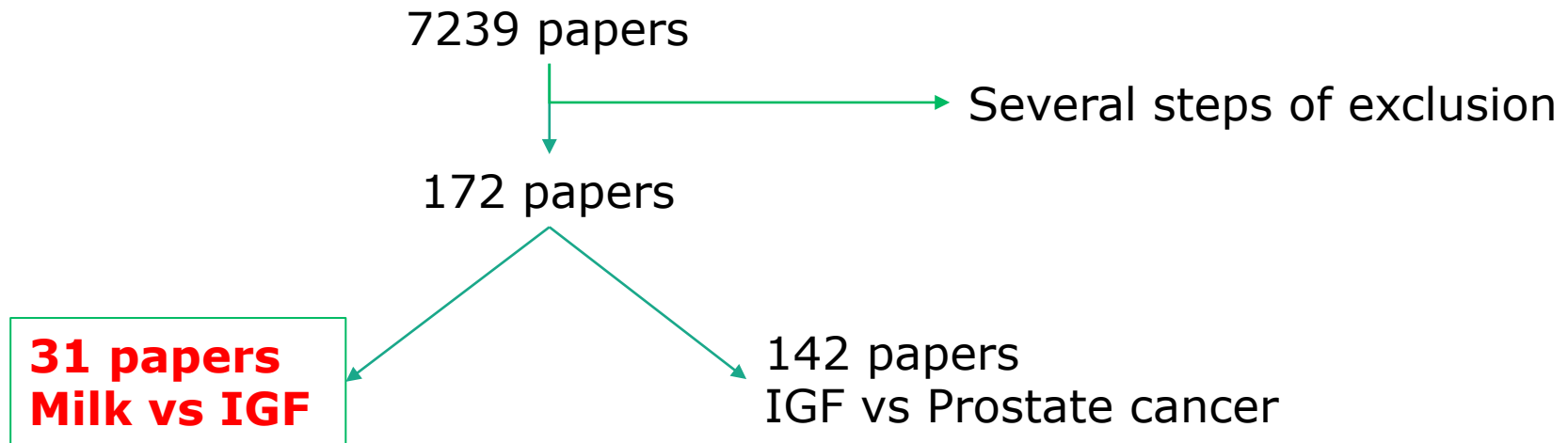




# Milk & IGF-1 in Blood



**Metanalysis** by: Harrison et al., 2017, Cancer Causes Control 28, 497-528



There is moderate evidence that circulating IGF-1 and IGFBP-3 increase with milk (and dairy protein) intake.

**Standardized effect:**

**0.1 SD increase** in blood IGF-1 per **1 SD increase** in Milk intake



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# Intestinal Absorption of Milk IGF-1?



“in vivo” experiment in **neonatal** subjects

Odle et al. 1996  
J Anim Sci 74:2509-2522

NEONATES OF FARMED SPECIES  
(Review)

Xu & Wang 1996  
J Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition 23:430-437

PIGLETS

Vacher et al. 1995  
Biology of the Neonate 68:354-367

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# Intestinal Absorption of Milk IGF-1?



Kimura et al. 1997 - J Pharmacol Exp Therapeutics 283:611-618

Adult RATS "*ex vivo*"

**IGF-1**  
**200  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$**

+ casein  
**0.2 g/100 ml**

Alone

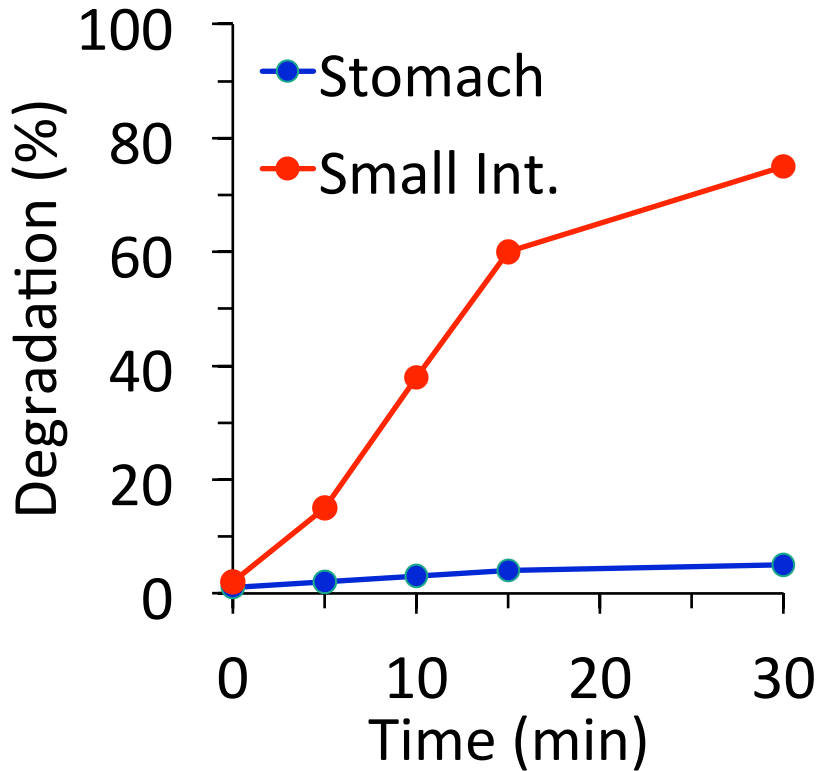
- **Degradation study**
- **Absorption studies**
  - Oral administration
  - *In situ* loop method
  - *In situ* single pass perfusion
  - *In vivo* everted sac



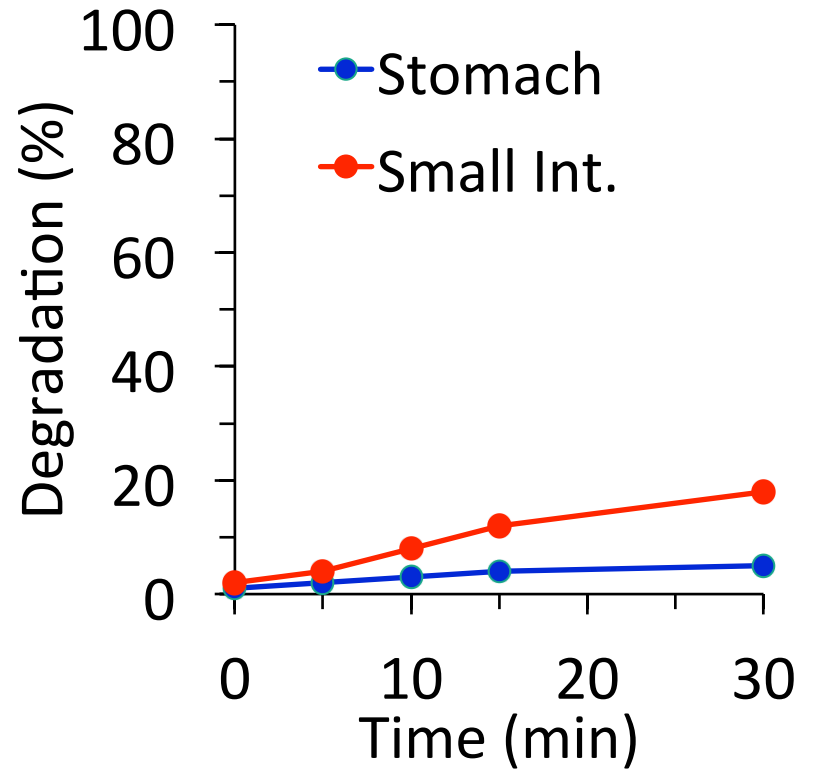
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IGF-1 alone



IGF-1 + Casein

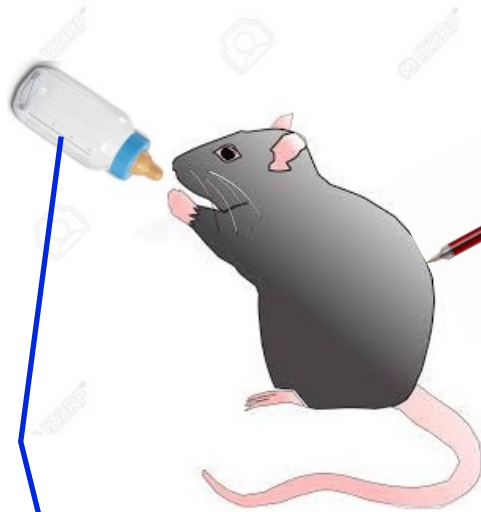


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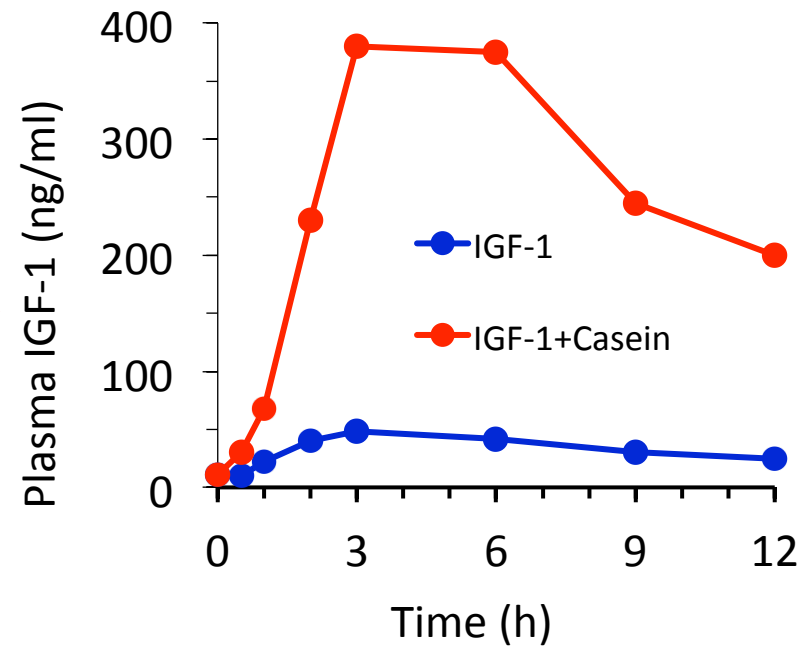
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**0.2 g/100 ml**





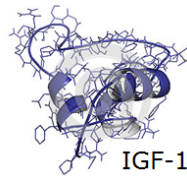


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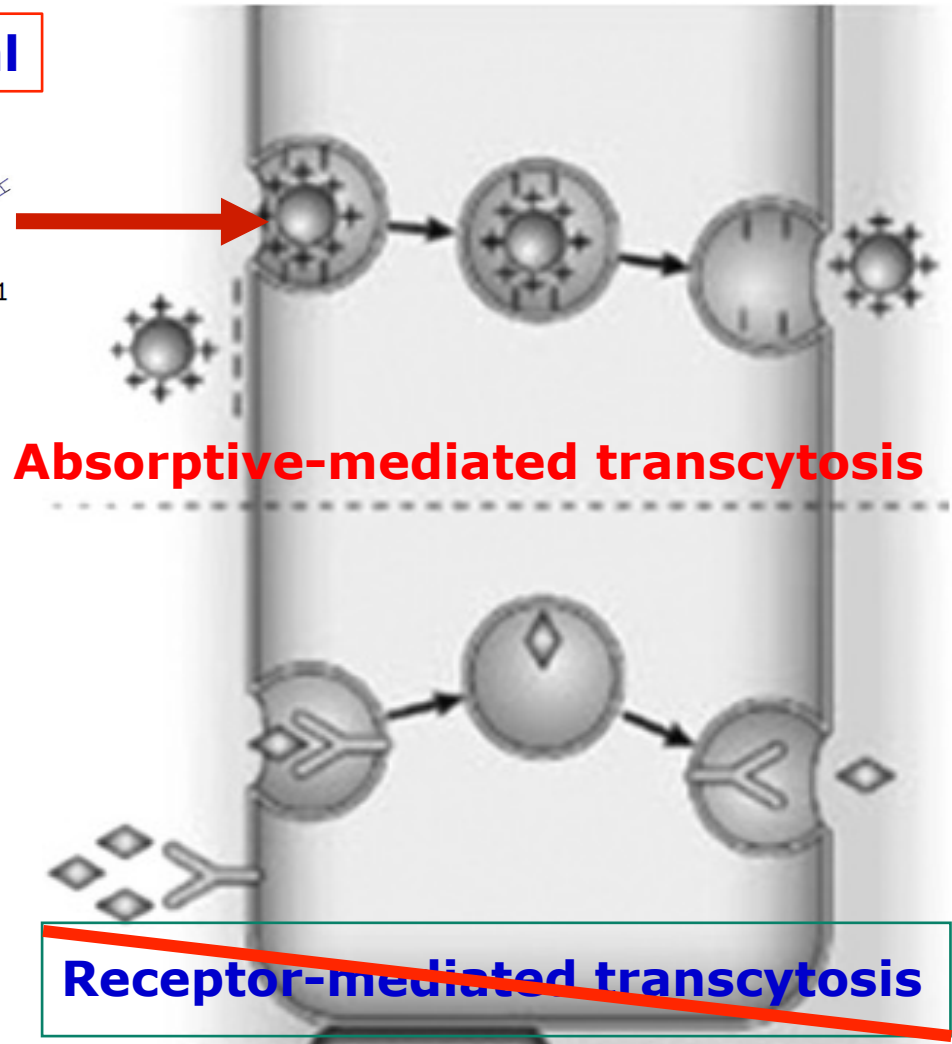


**200  $\mu\text{g/ml}$**



## Keywords:

- escapes digestion in the stomach;
  - poor absorption
- BUT**
- protective effect of casein
  - local action





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# Intestinal Absorption of Milk IGF-1?



## Physiological conditions

- IGF-1 concentration in cow milk:  $\approx 4$  ng/ml
- Casein concentration in cow milk: **2.8 g/100 ml**
- Casein **does not escape stomach digestion** and does not reach the small intestine intact

## Experimental setting

- IGF-1 concentration in saline: **200  $\mu$ g/ml**
- Casein concentration in saline: **0.2 g/100 ml**
- Casein added **intact to the small intestine environment**

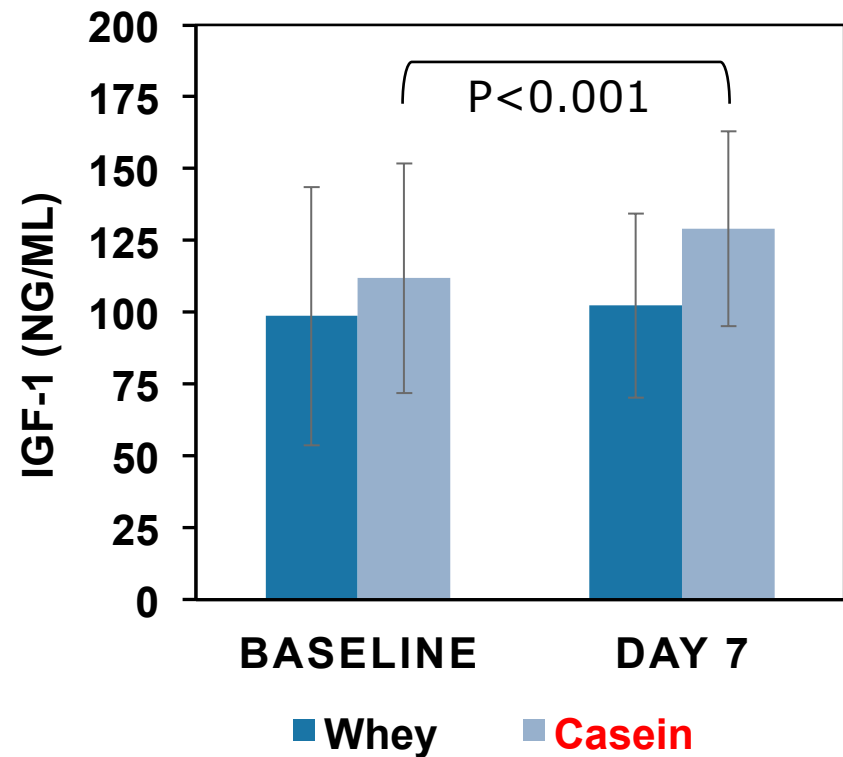


# Indirect effects of milk in stimulating endogenous IGF-1 release



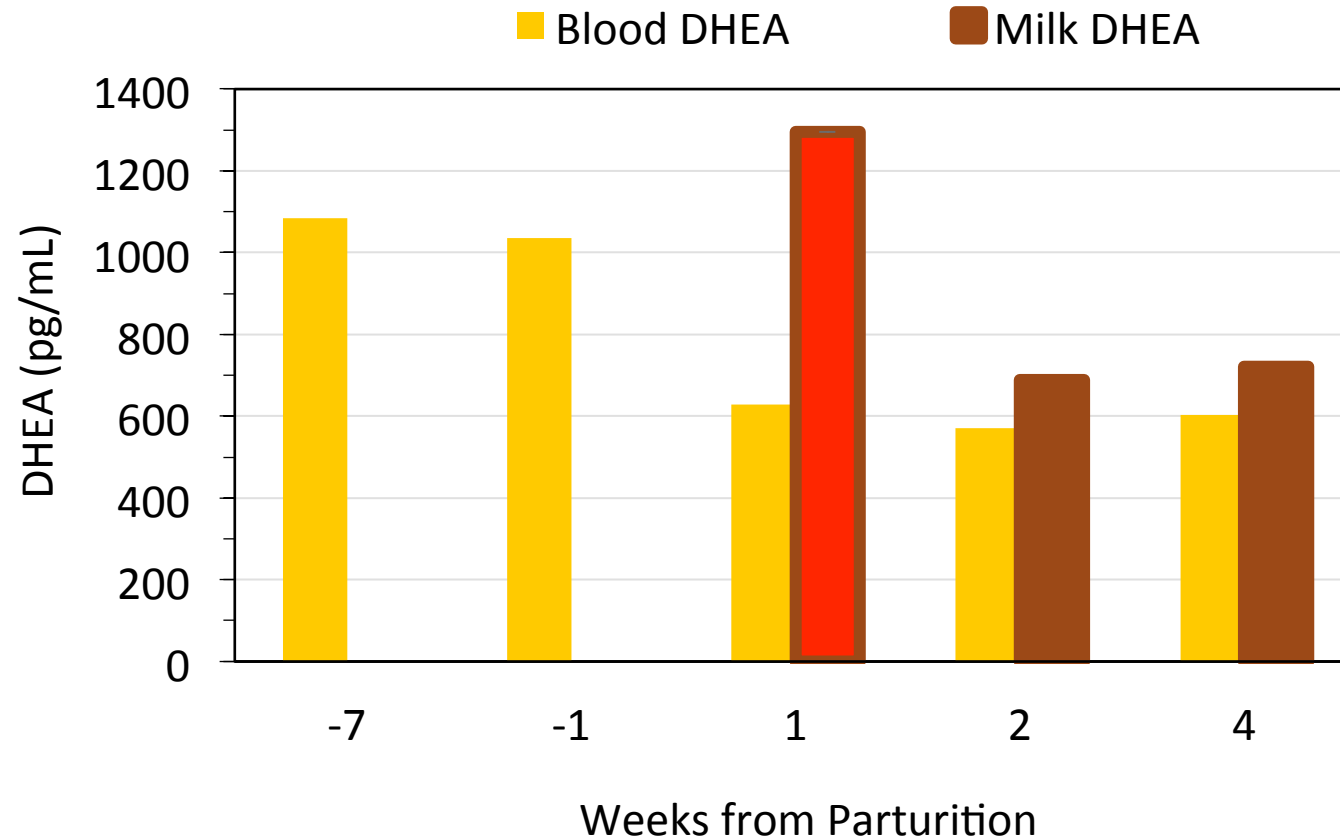
- 8-year-old boys (N=57)
- Eating their habitual diet
- **Problem:** most subjects drank milk (<500 ml/day)
- Supplemented with milk-based drinks:

In 540 ml/day	
Whey (g)	10.5
Casein (g)	42.0



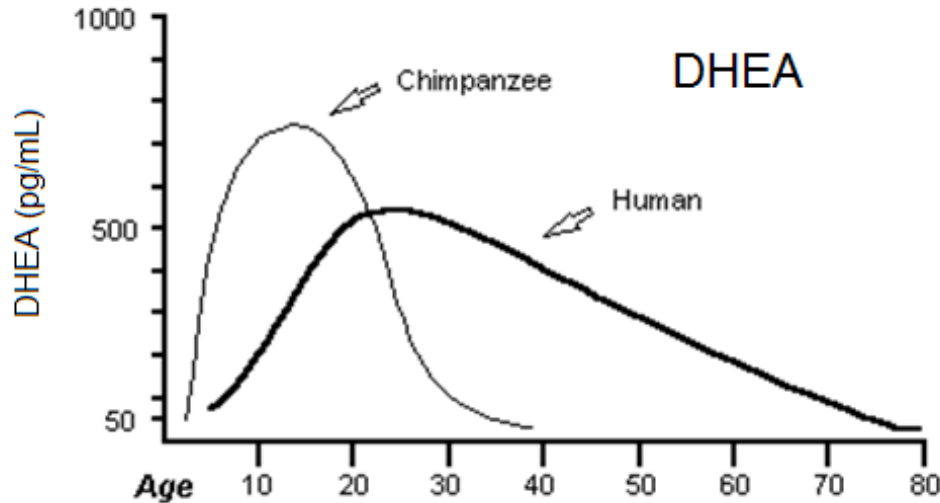


# DHEA

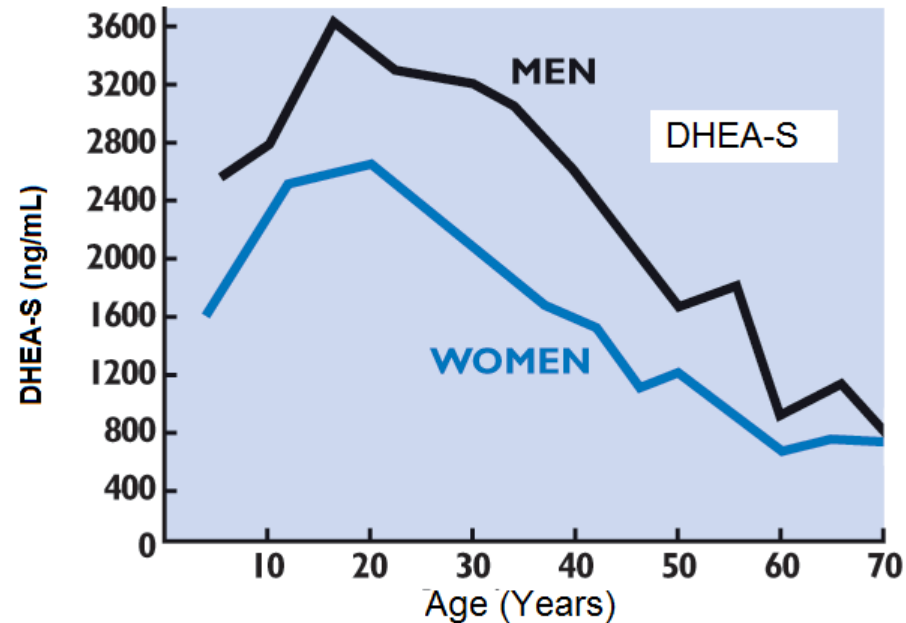




# DHEA (androgen precursor)

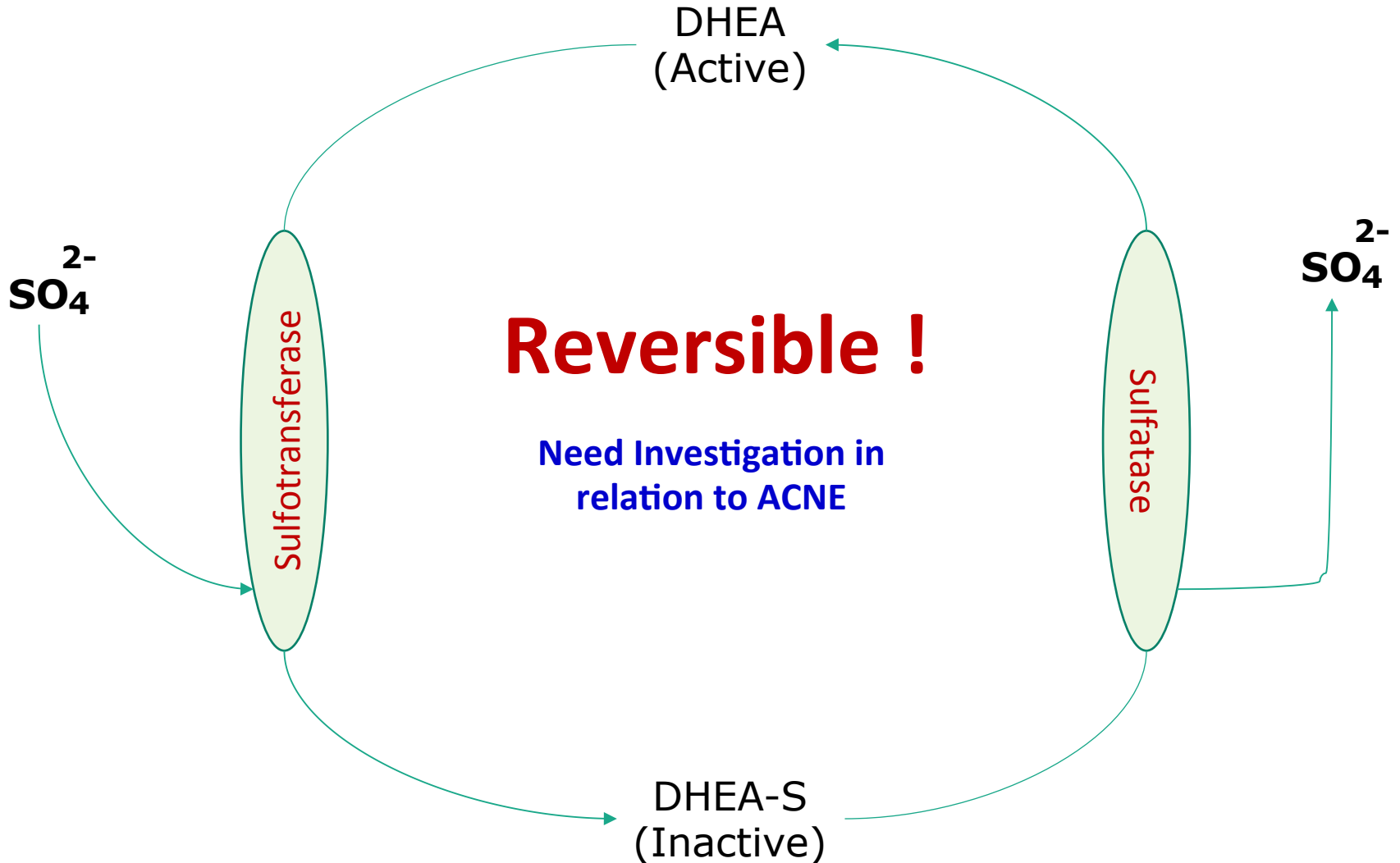


**DHEA-S** in cow's plasma:  
**Same magnitude of DHEA**

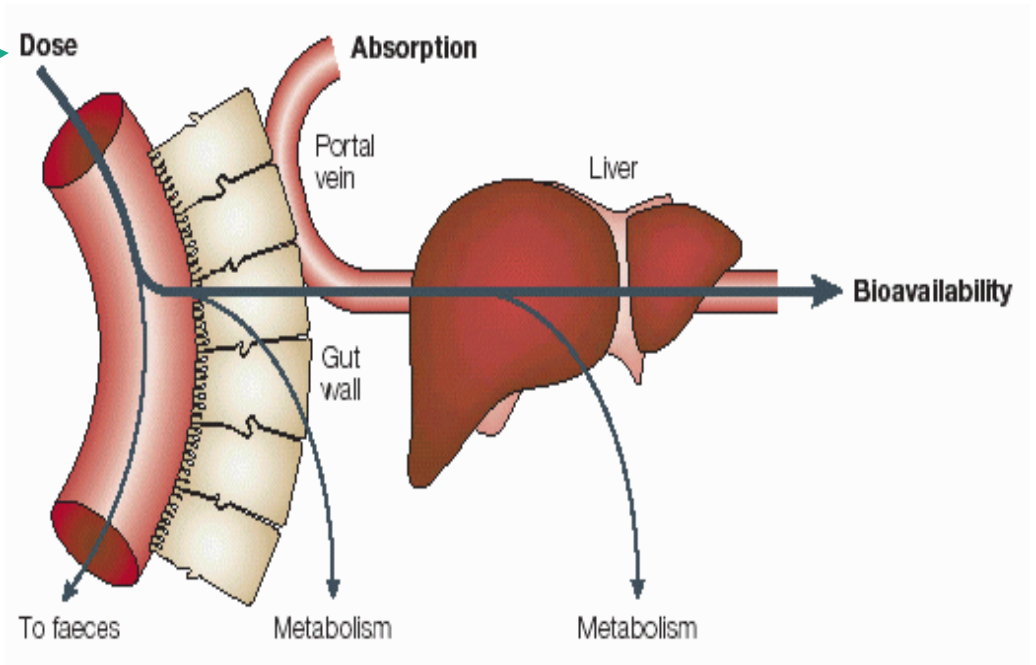
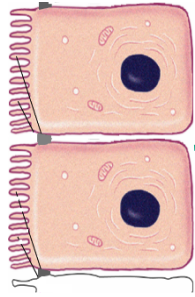




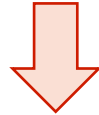
# DHEA in human blood



**Steroid Hormone  
High concentrations**



**One CYP  
isoform**



**Many Substrates  
(drugs/hormones)**

**CYP**

Xenobiotic

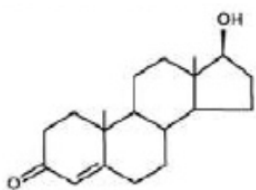
*Phase I - Activation*

Reactive intermediate

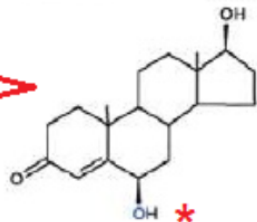
*Phase II - Conjugation*

Conjugate

Excretion



Testosterone



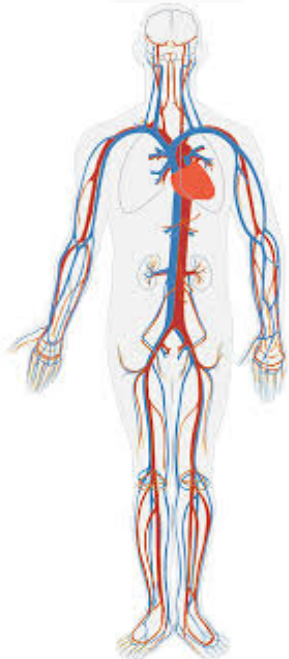
6β,OH-Testosterone \*

# What we get in a glass of milk ?

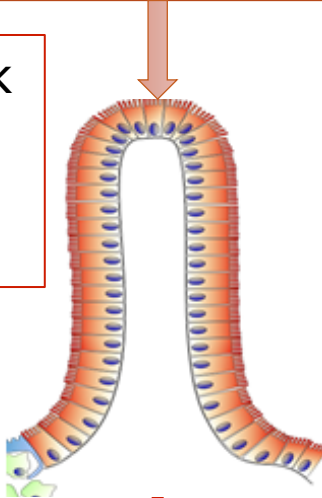
100 mL



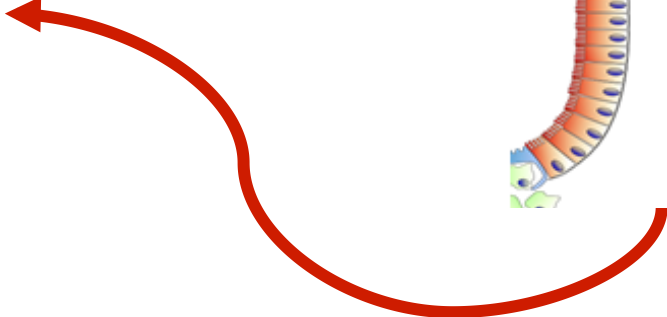
Hormone	Quantity
Oestradiol	40-110 pg
DHEA	80-100 ng
IGF-1	400-800 ng



Can a glass of milk affect circulating hormone concentrations?



**Probably Not**







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## Esiste un «rischio ormonale» associato al consumo di latte?

Letteratura scientifica (talvolta, pseudoscientifica basata su conoscenze "aneddotiche") mette in dubbio l'utilità dell'assunzione di latte (rischio per la salute umana).

L'interazione tra l'alimento e il consumatore dovrebbe considerare ogni possibile contesto

**e**

Mettere in evidenza i meccanismi di interazione tra alimento e organismo.

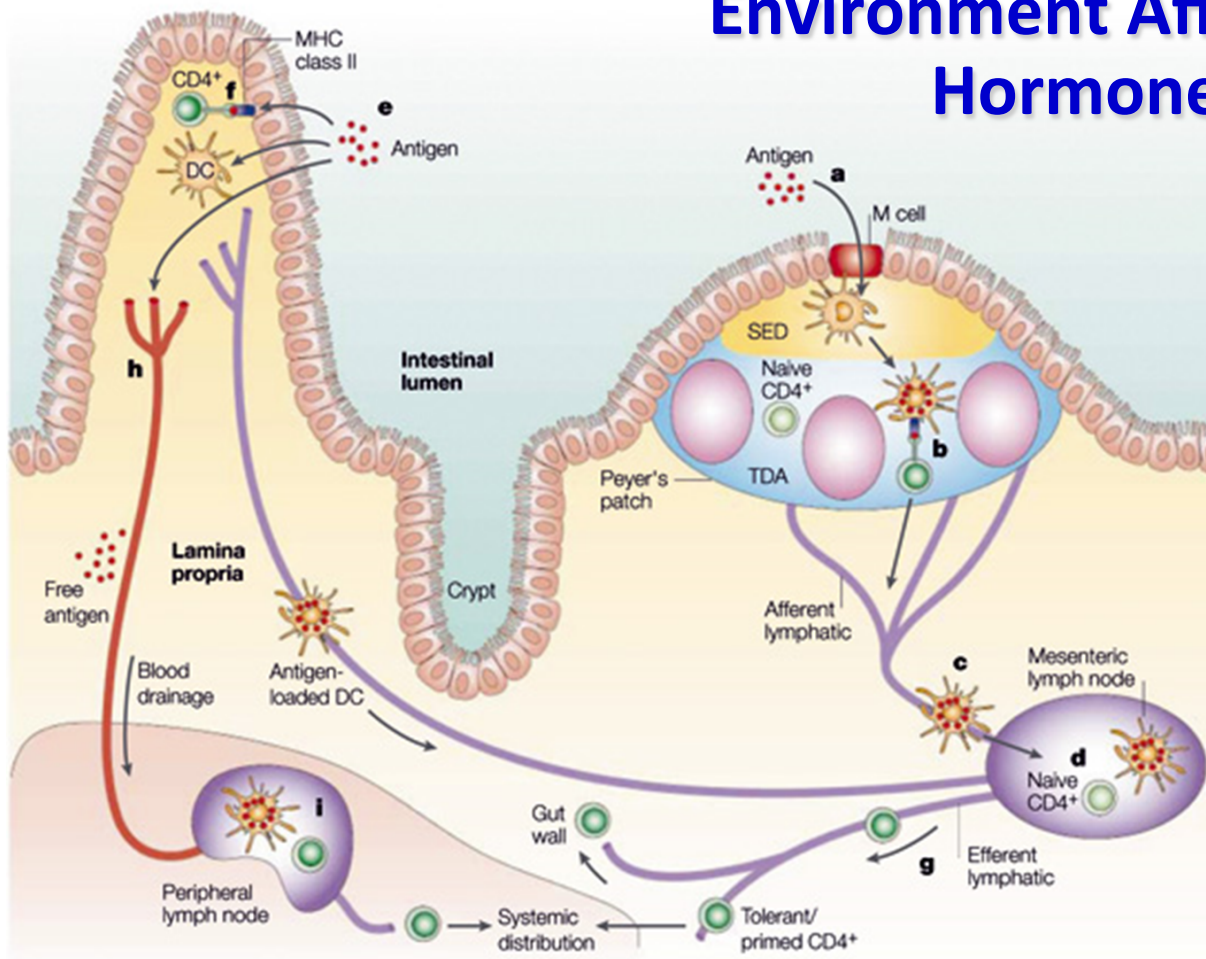


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## The Next Question:



# (How) Can Disease/Intestinal Environment Affect Intestinal Hormone Absorption?

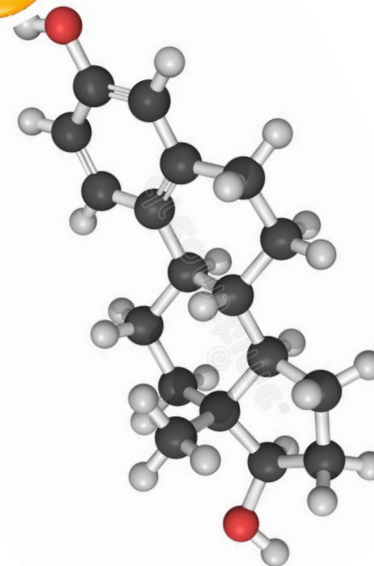




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