

LES DOULEURS VISCERALES:
Actualités physiopathologiques et perspectives thérapeutiques

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DOULEURS D'ORIGINE DIGESTIVE

✓ Organiques et/ou inflammatoires:

- Pathologies cancéreuses (foie, pancréas, intestins...etc)
- Pathologies ischémiques (intestins...etc)
- MICI (Crohn, RCH)
- Obstructions, accident,

✓ Fonctionnelles et/ou non-inflammatoires

- RGO

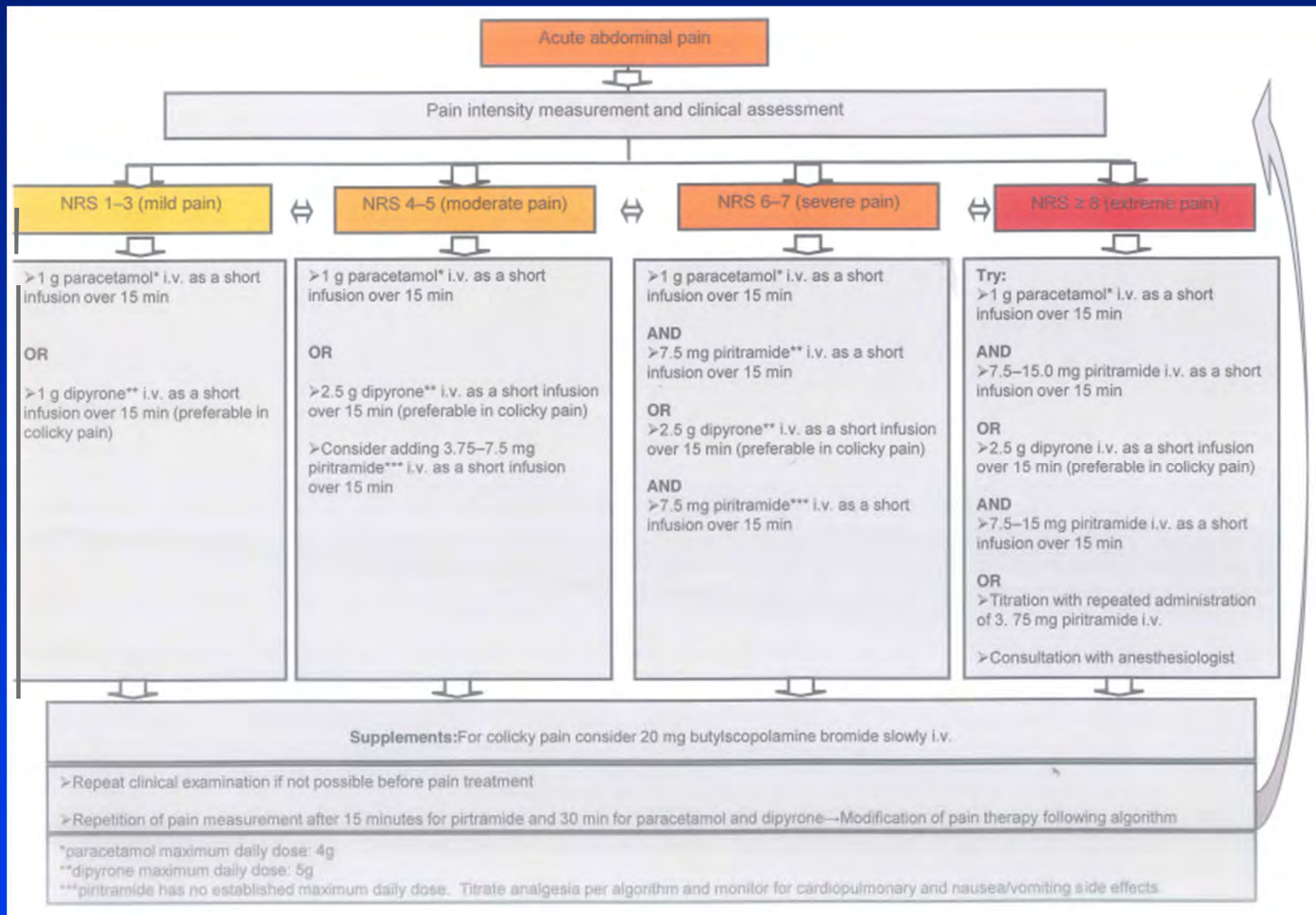
- Dyspepsie

- TFI - SII

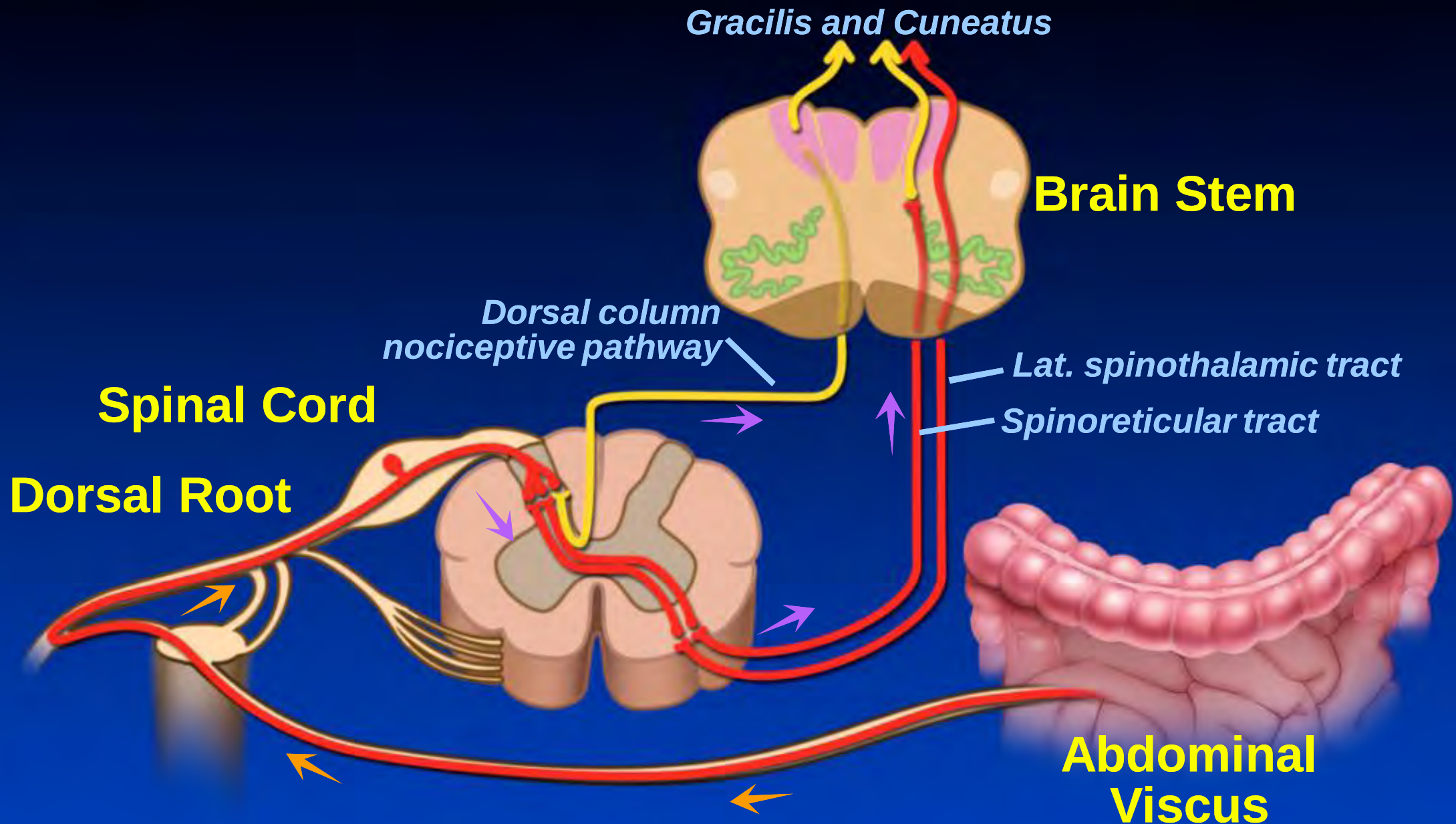
- FAPS



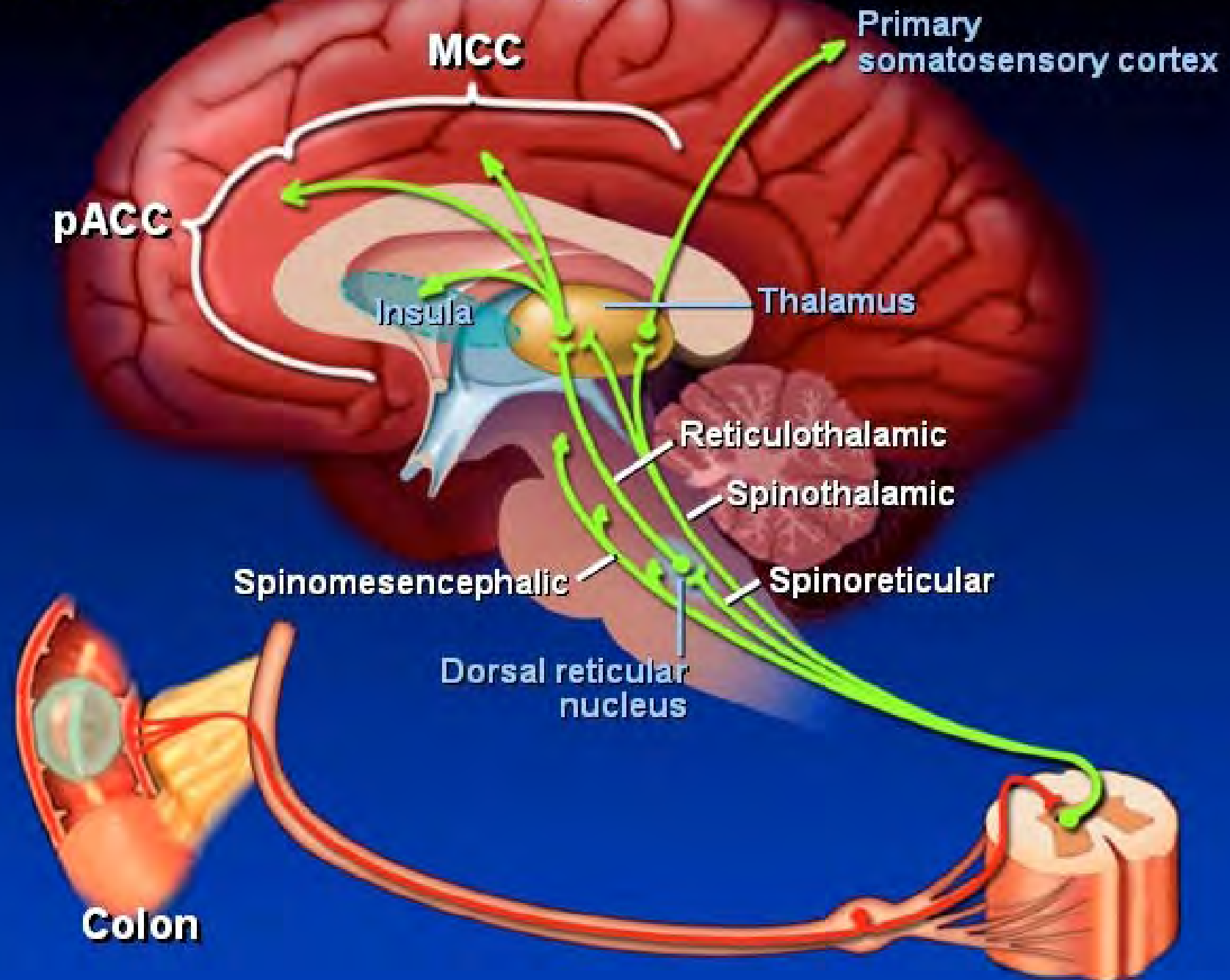
Algorithm for pre-diagnostic analgesia of acute abdominal pain in general adult population



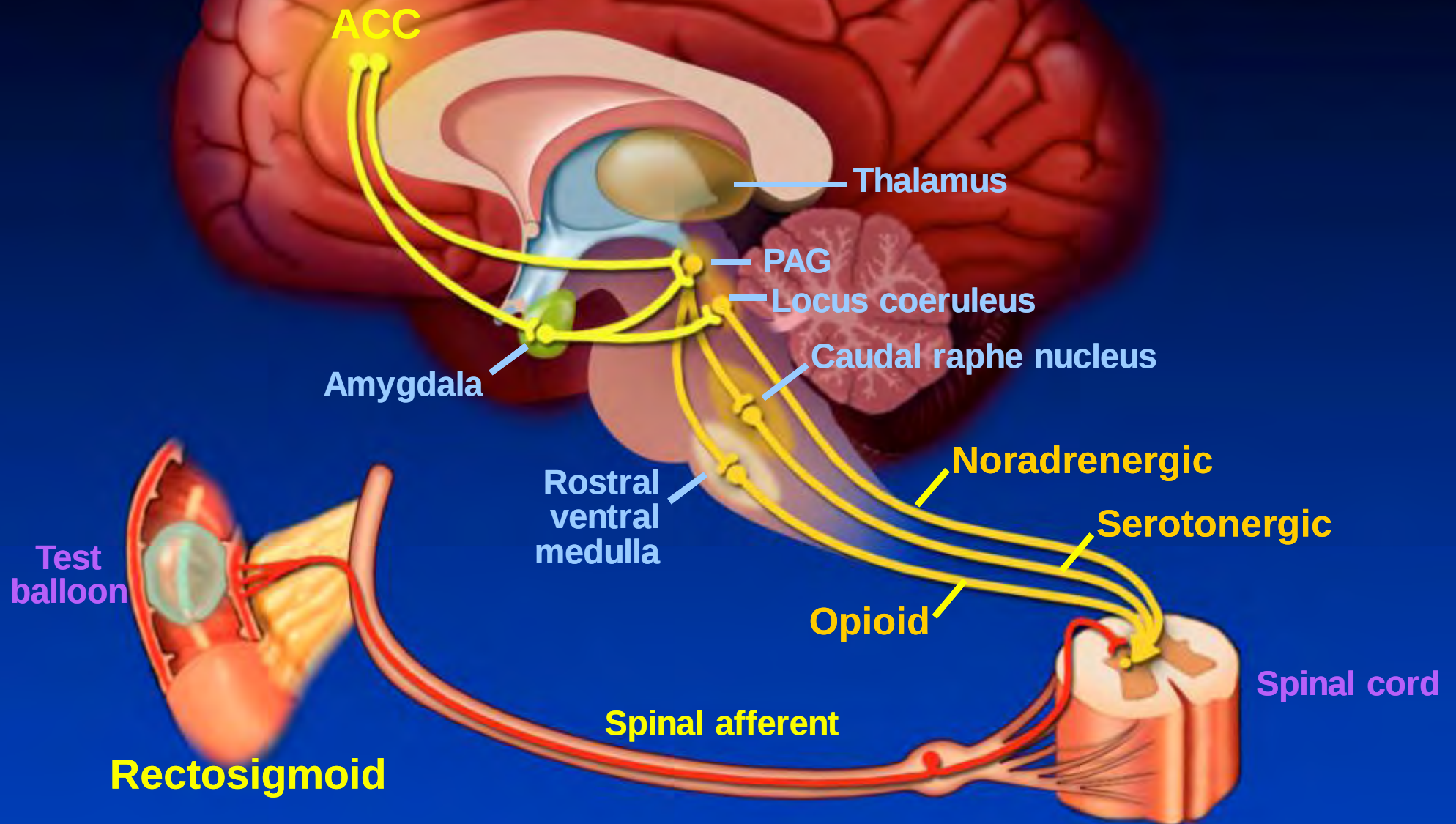
Processing of Sensory Signals in Spinal Cord, Brain Stem, and Brain



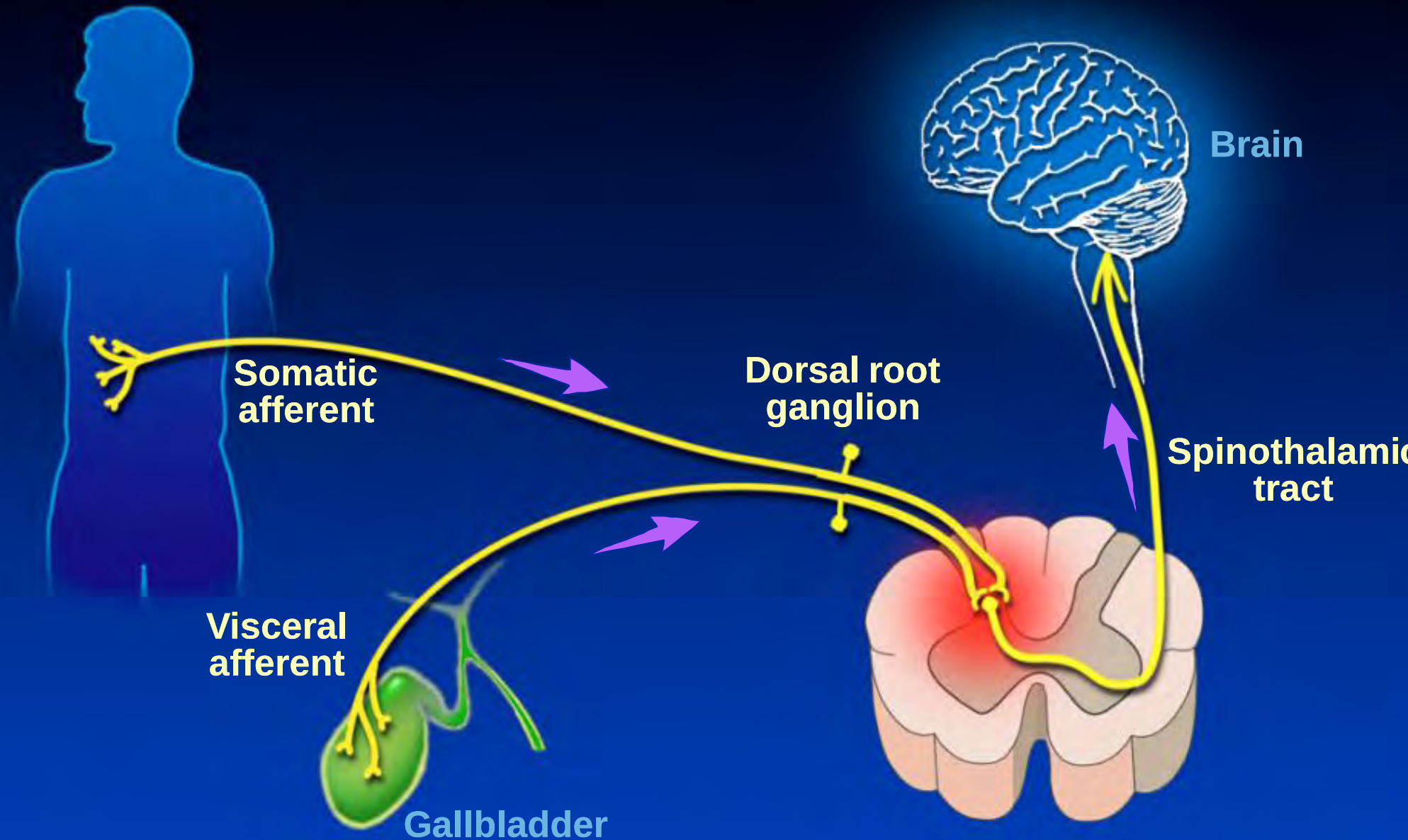
Ascending Visceral Pain Pathway



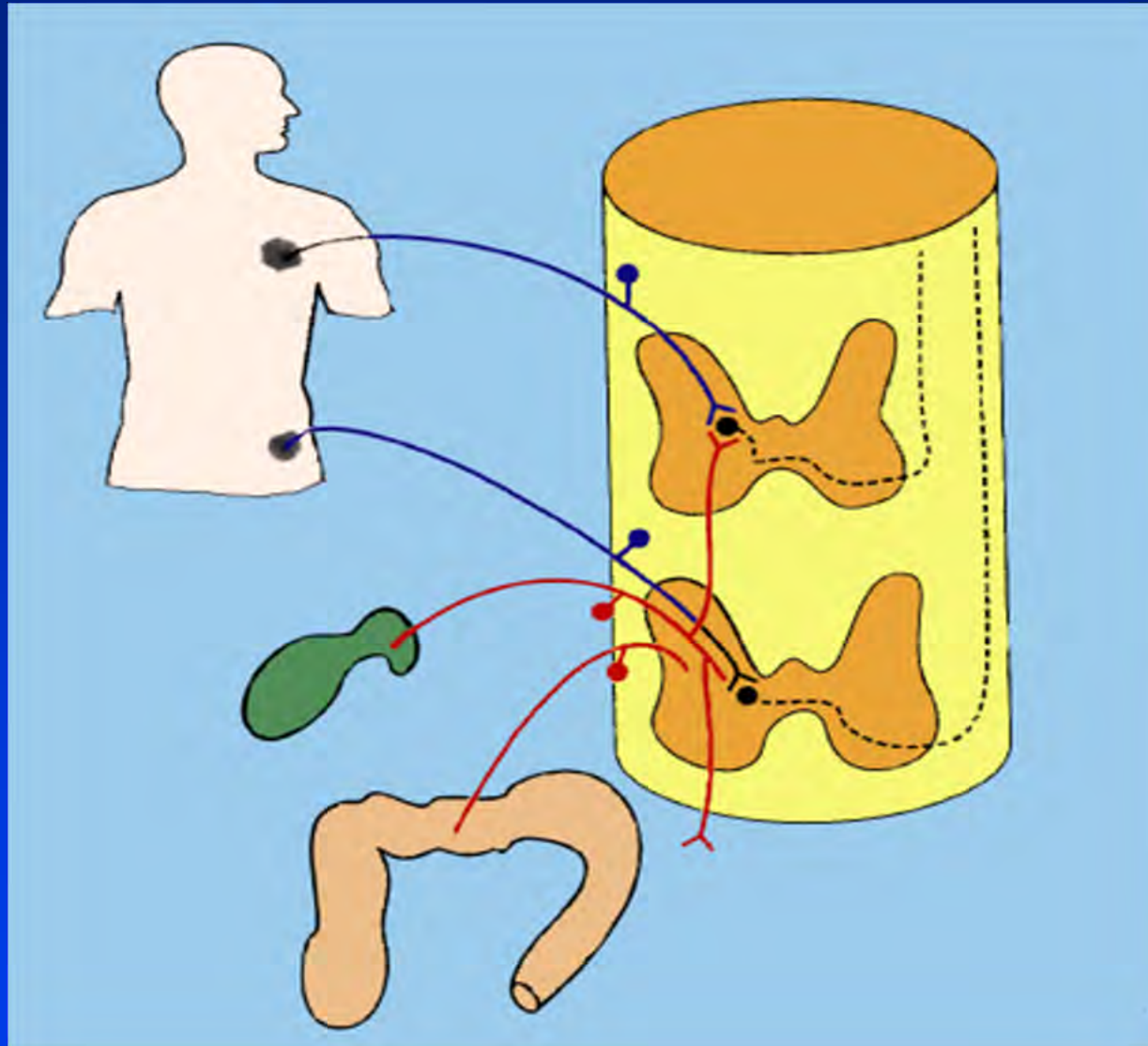
Descending Pain Modulation



Convergence of Somatic and Visceral Afferents in the Spinal Cord



Divergence of Somatic and Visceral Afferents in the Spinal Cord



(Wolf et al. 1965)

Brain Activation with Noxious Visceral Stimulation

Prefrontal Cortex

Cing Cx included

pACC ↑

MCC ↑

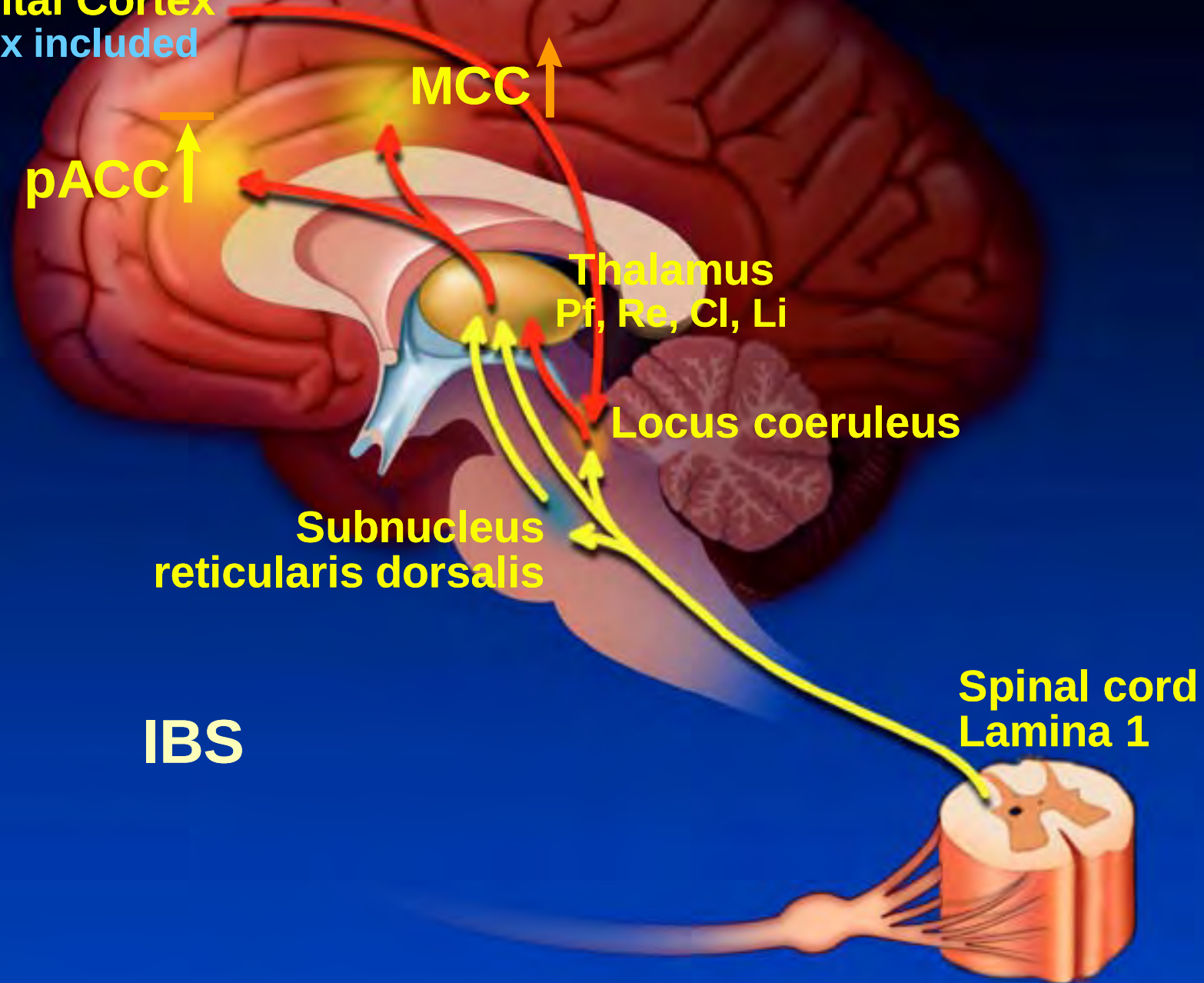
Thalamus
Pf, Re, Cl, Li

Locus coeruleus

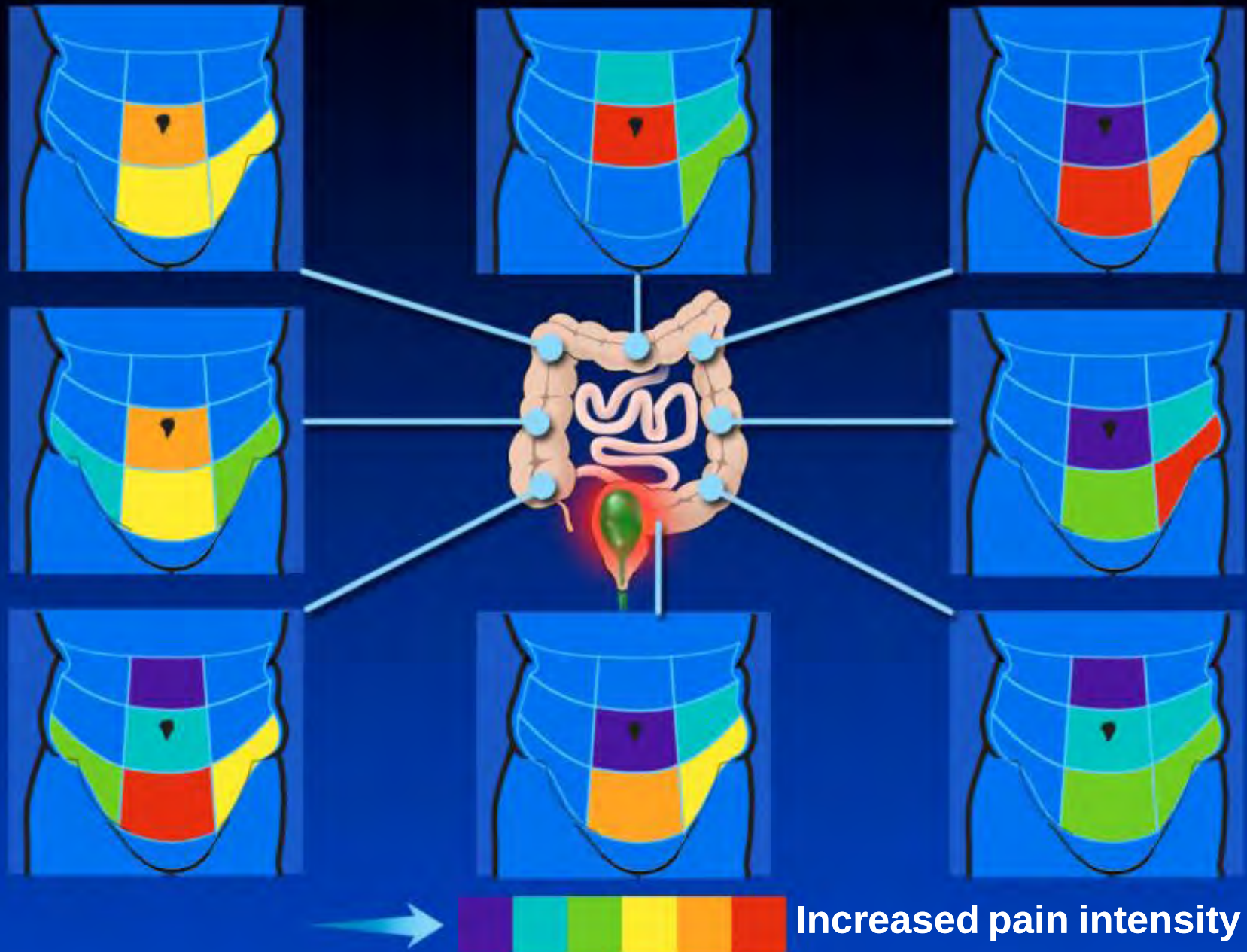
**Subnucleus
reticularis dorsalis**

IBS

**Spinal cord
Lamina 1**



Colonic Referred Pain (mechanosensitivity)



PATHOLOGIES INTESTINALES DOULOUREUSES

Cancer

MICI: maladie de Crohn, RCH

Gastroentérites infectieuses

Reflux gastro-esophagien (EBO +/-)

Troubles fonctionnels intestinaux (TFI)

Dyspepsie

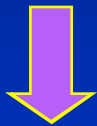
Syndrome de l'Intestin Irritable (SII-IBS)

Douleurs fonctionnelles abdominales (FAPS)

Dans les TFI: la douleur viscérale est-elle associée à une hypersensibilité de la paroi en particulier à celle des mécanorécepteurs?

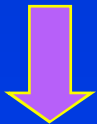
Mechanoreceptors of the Digestive tract - localisation

Vascular
(8/10 high threshold)

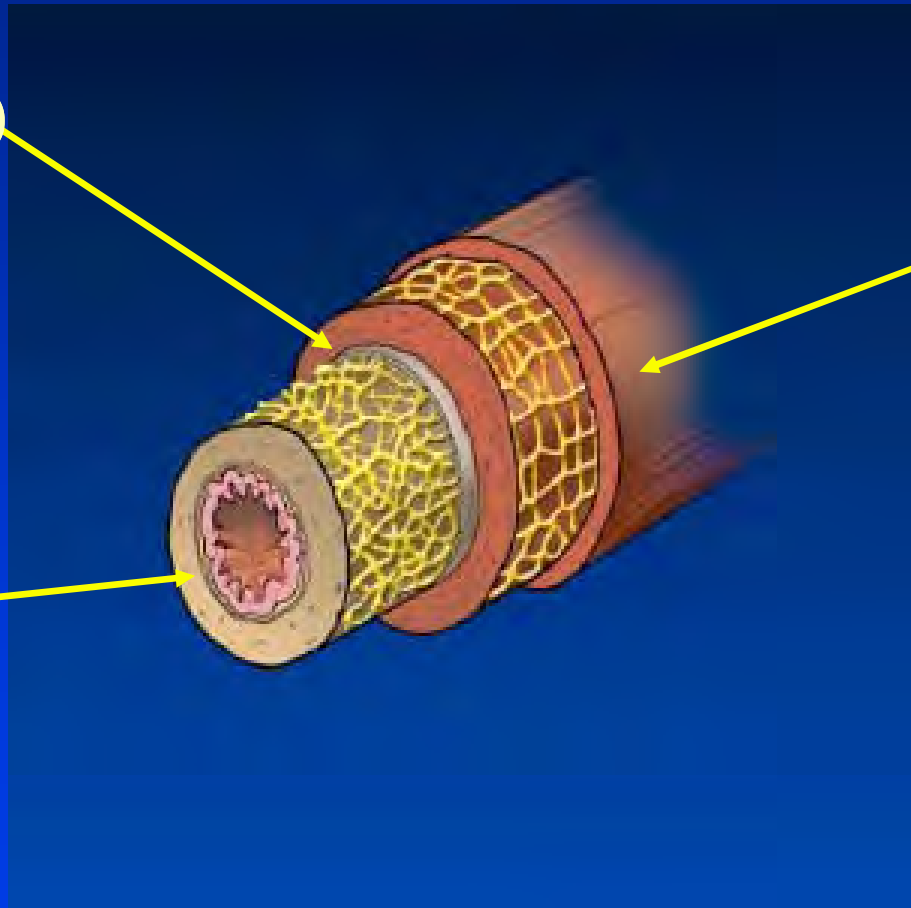


**Tonic &
Phasic
distensions**

Mucosal
(8/10 low threshold)



**Phasic
Distension (act in parallel)**



Serosal
(1/3 low threshold)

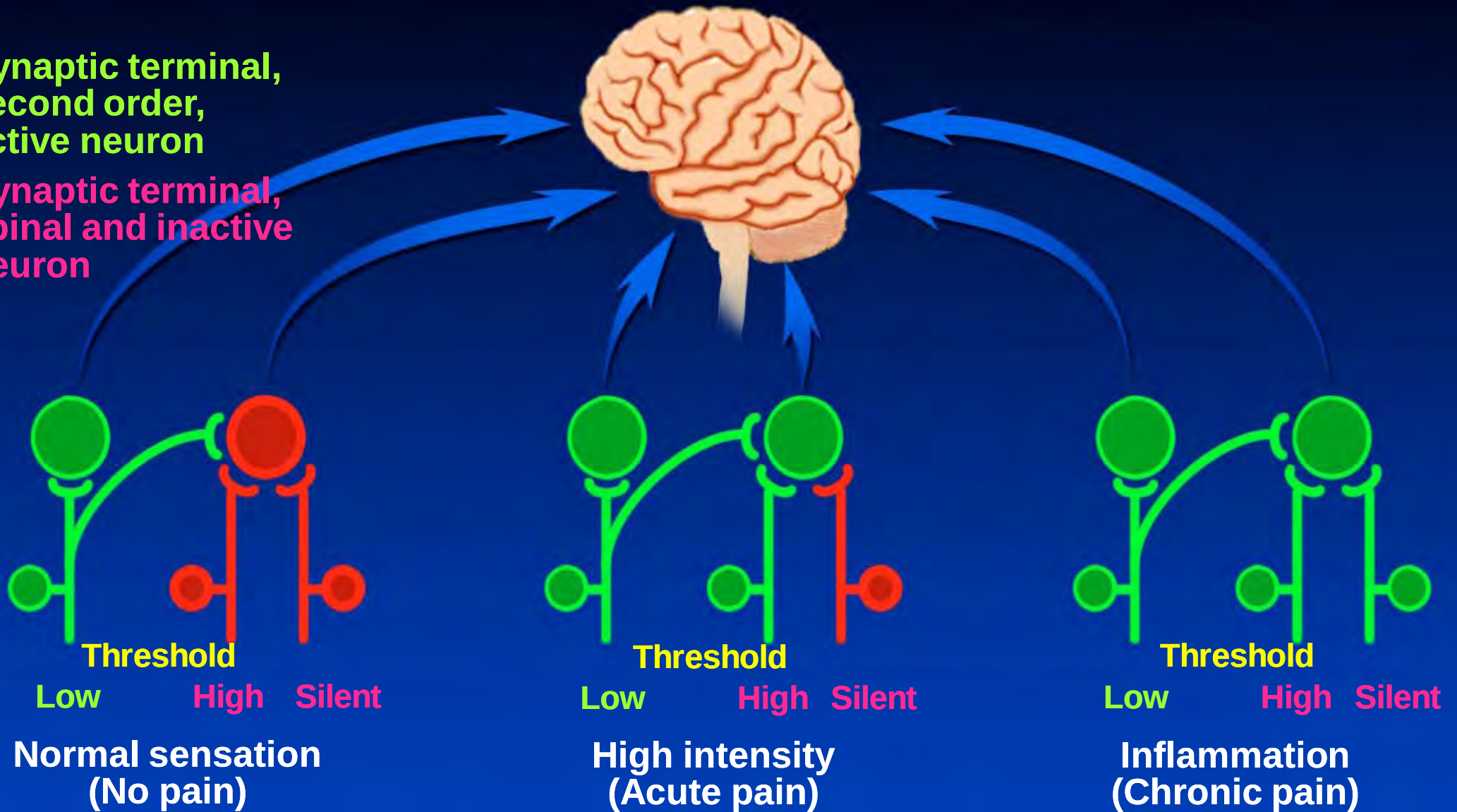


**Tonic
Distension
(act in series)**

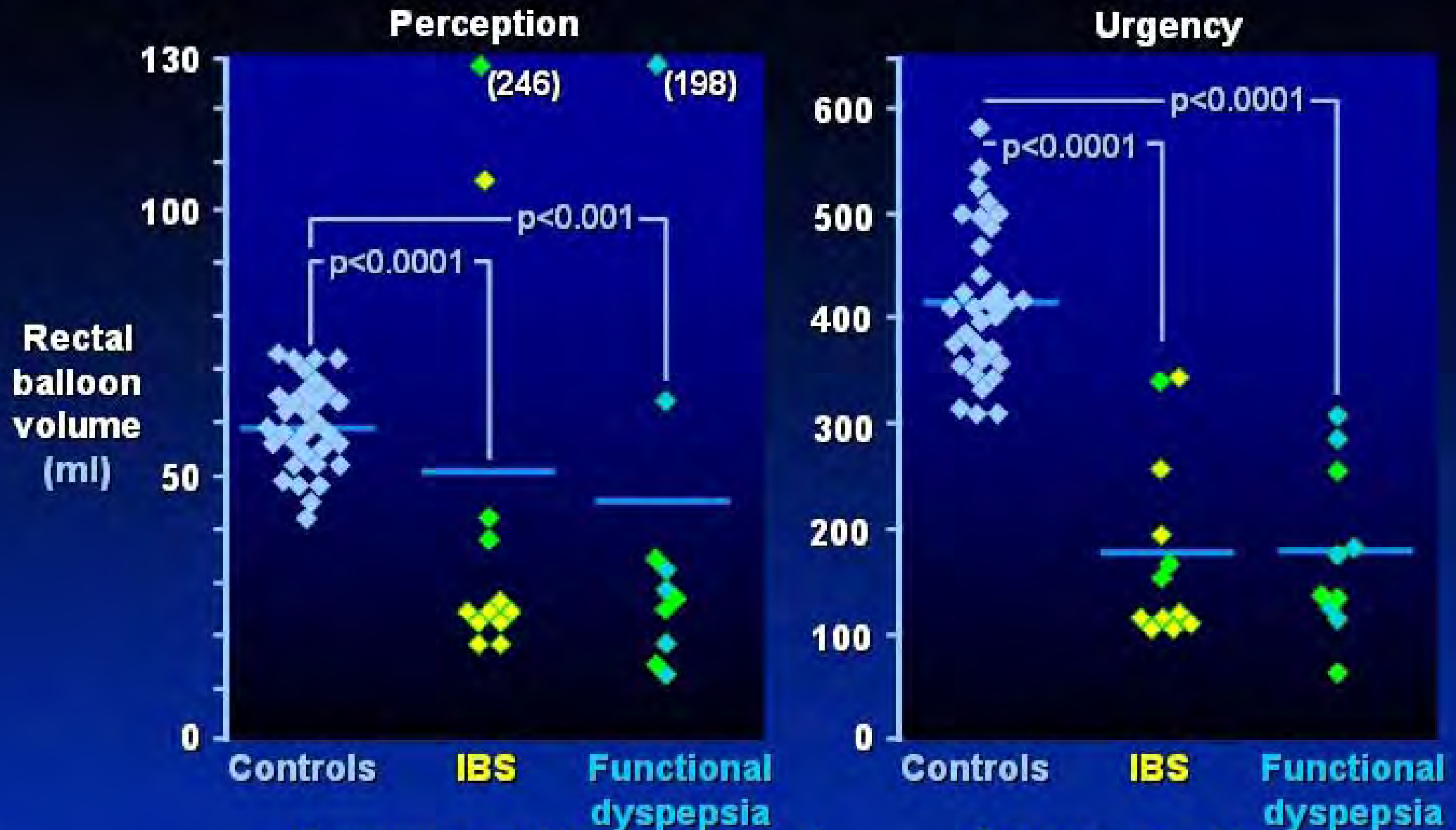
Spinal Gating for Three Classes of Visceral Nociceptors (Low, High and Silent) Account for Normal Regulatory Functions, Acute and Chronic Pain

Synaptic terminal,
second order,
active neuron

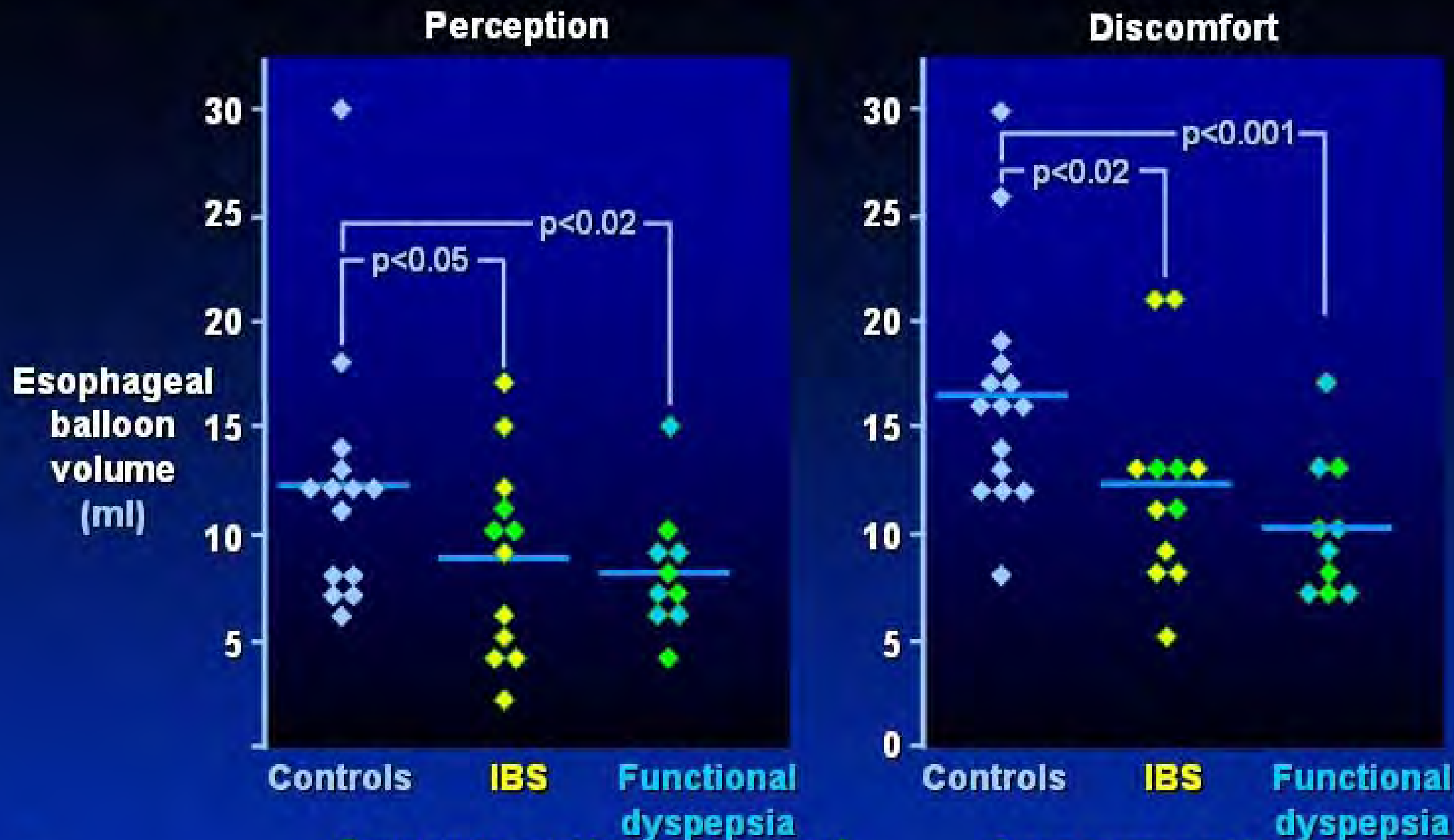
Synaptic terminal,
spinal and inactive
neuron



IBS Physiology - Visceral Hypersensitivity: Rectal Distention



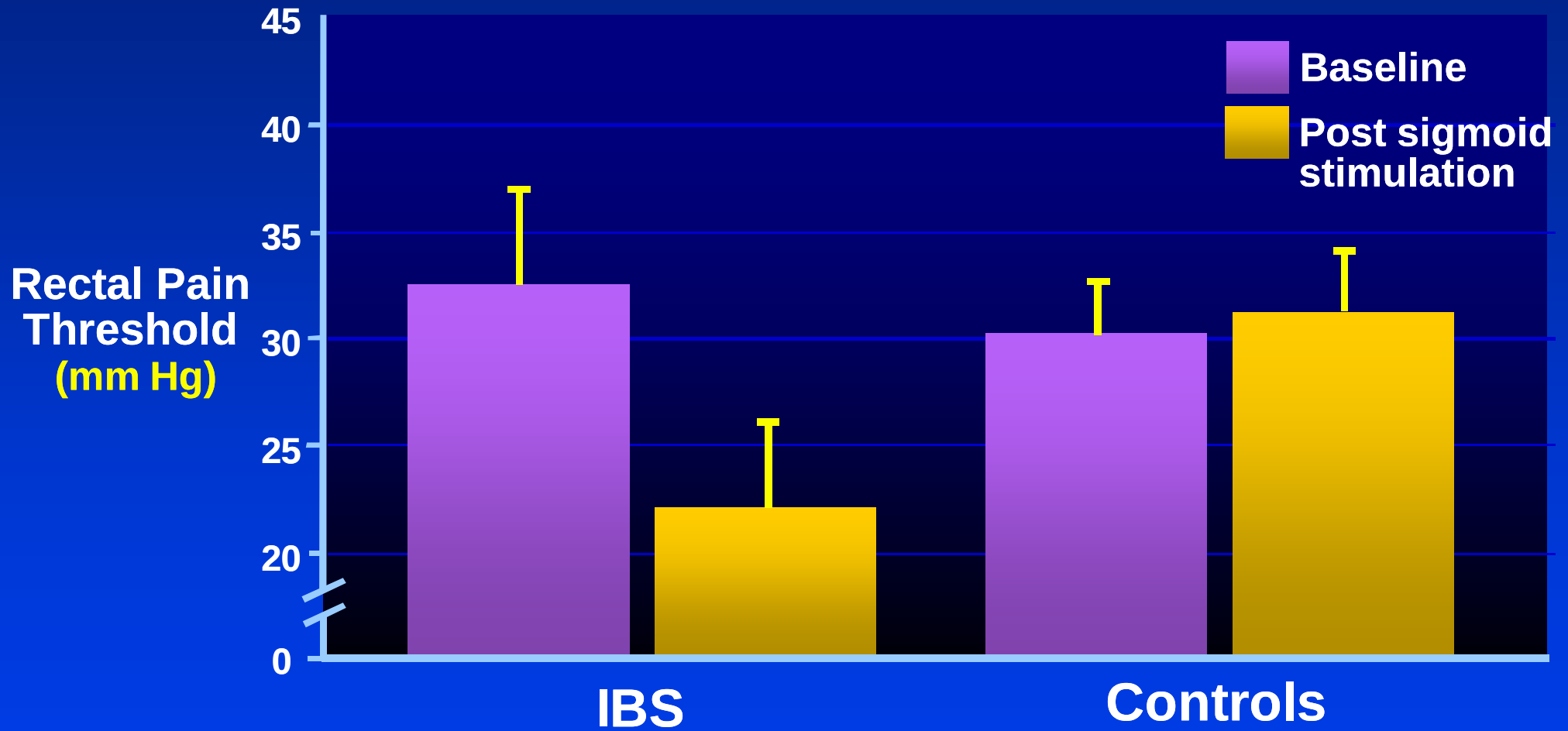
IBS Physiology – Visceral Hypersensitivity: Esophageal Distension



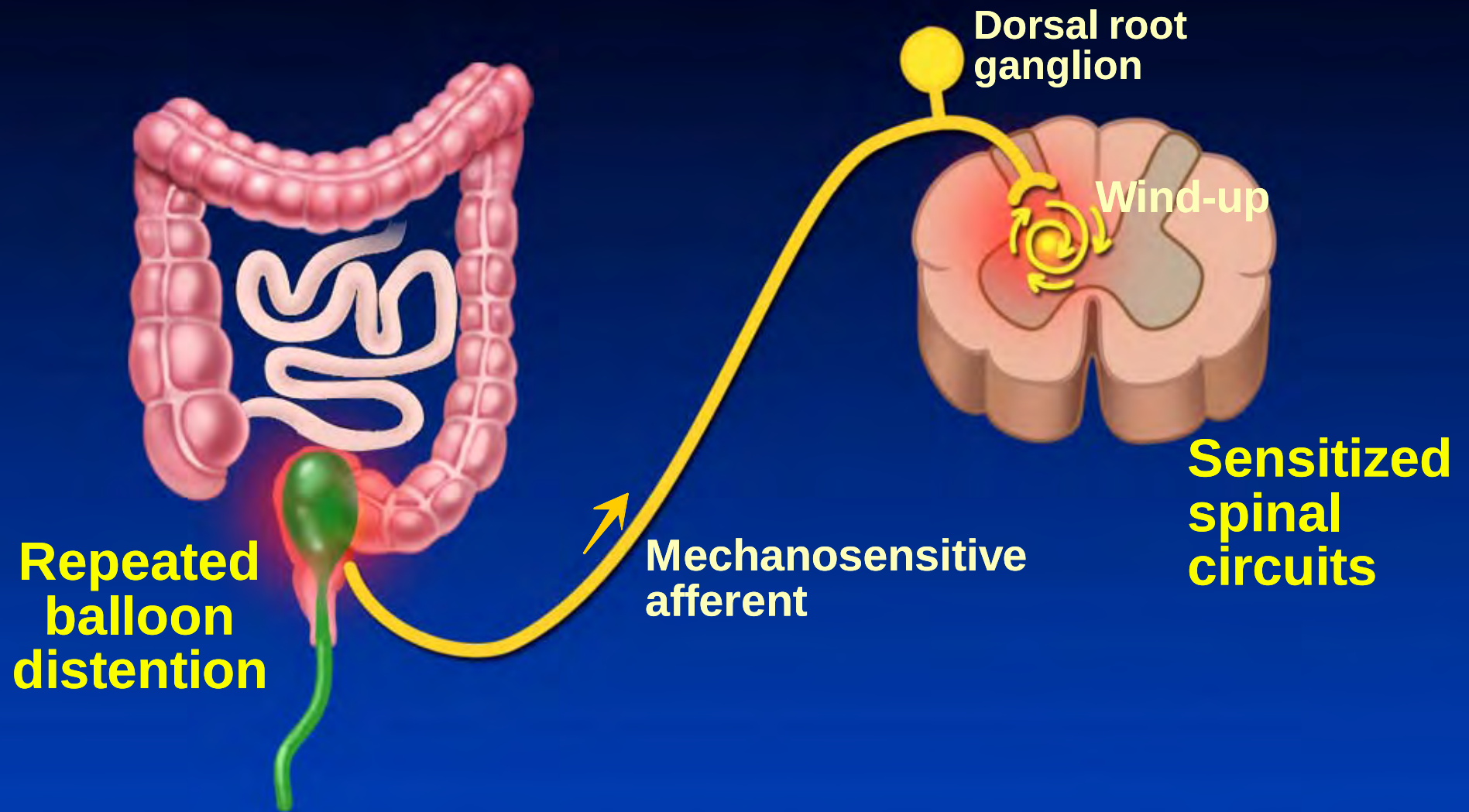
1995-2013: Evidence (27 articles) of allodynia in 60-70% of IBS patients

Trimble et al.1995

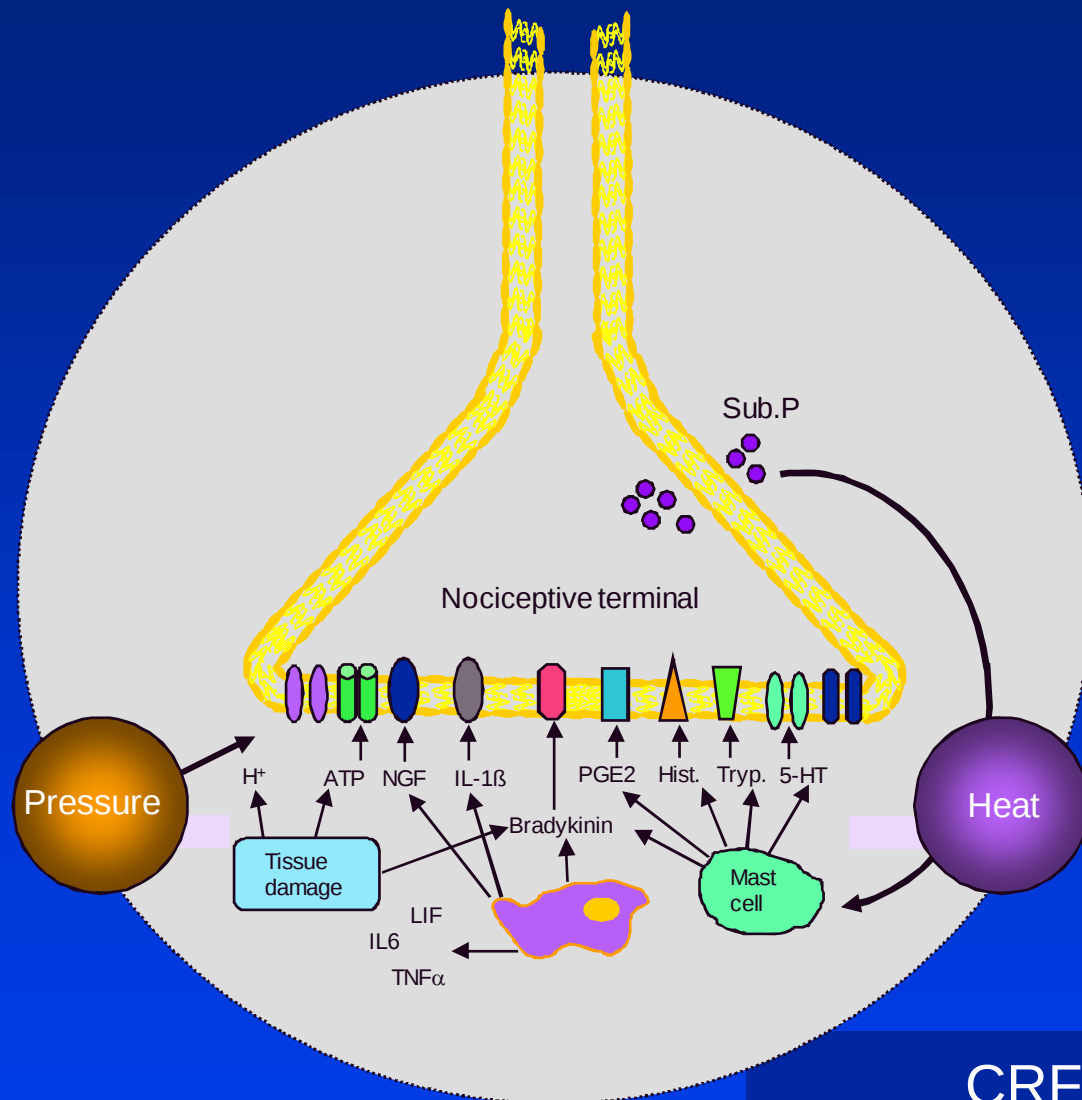
HYPERALGESIA IN IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME (Use of “barostatic” distensions)



Repetitive Stimulation Sensitizes the Spinal Cord



Receptors at nerve terminals of nociceptive fibers as putative targets to reduce inflammation-induced hyperalgesia



Other putative targets
(spinal cord level)

TRPV_{1...5}
mGluR_{1,5}
CB₁, CB₂
 $\alpha_2\delta$
 κ opioid
NK_{1,2,3}
CCK₁
and..... others

Other putative targets
(periphery)

CRF
CRF-R₁, CRF-R₂

NGF
TrkA, p75

Proteases
PAR₁, PAR₂

(Bueno et al. 2005)

TRILOGY OF IBS PERIPHERAL PATHOPHYSIOLOGY

● Altered gut sensitivity to Distension

- Lower threshold of sensitivity (pain) to distension evidenced in 60-70% of IBS patients
- Increased perception of pain for a given visceral stimulus (Whitehead et al.1998, 20-25 ref.)

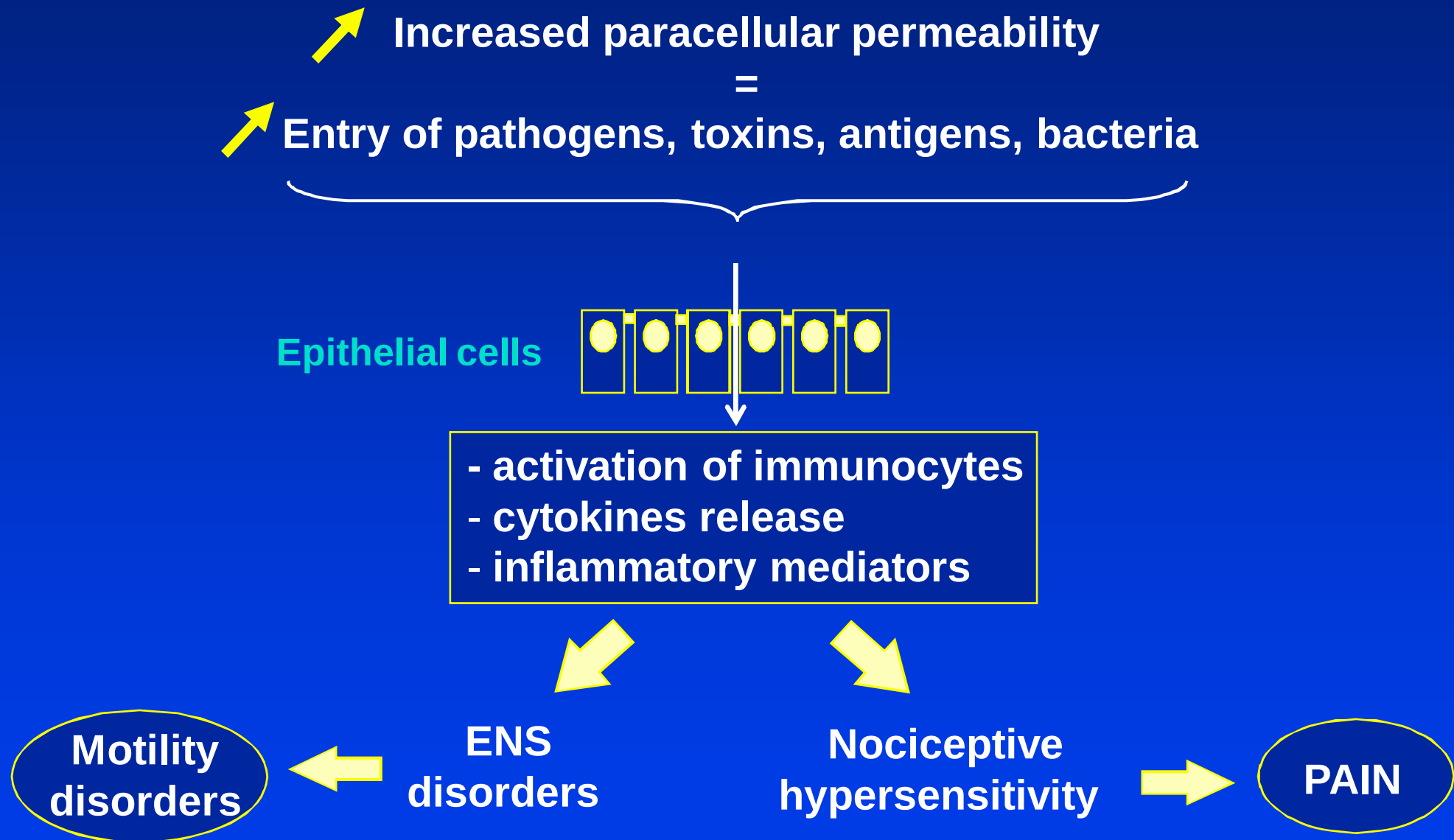
● Colonic mucosal micro-inflammation

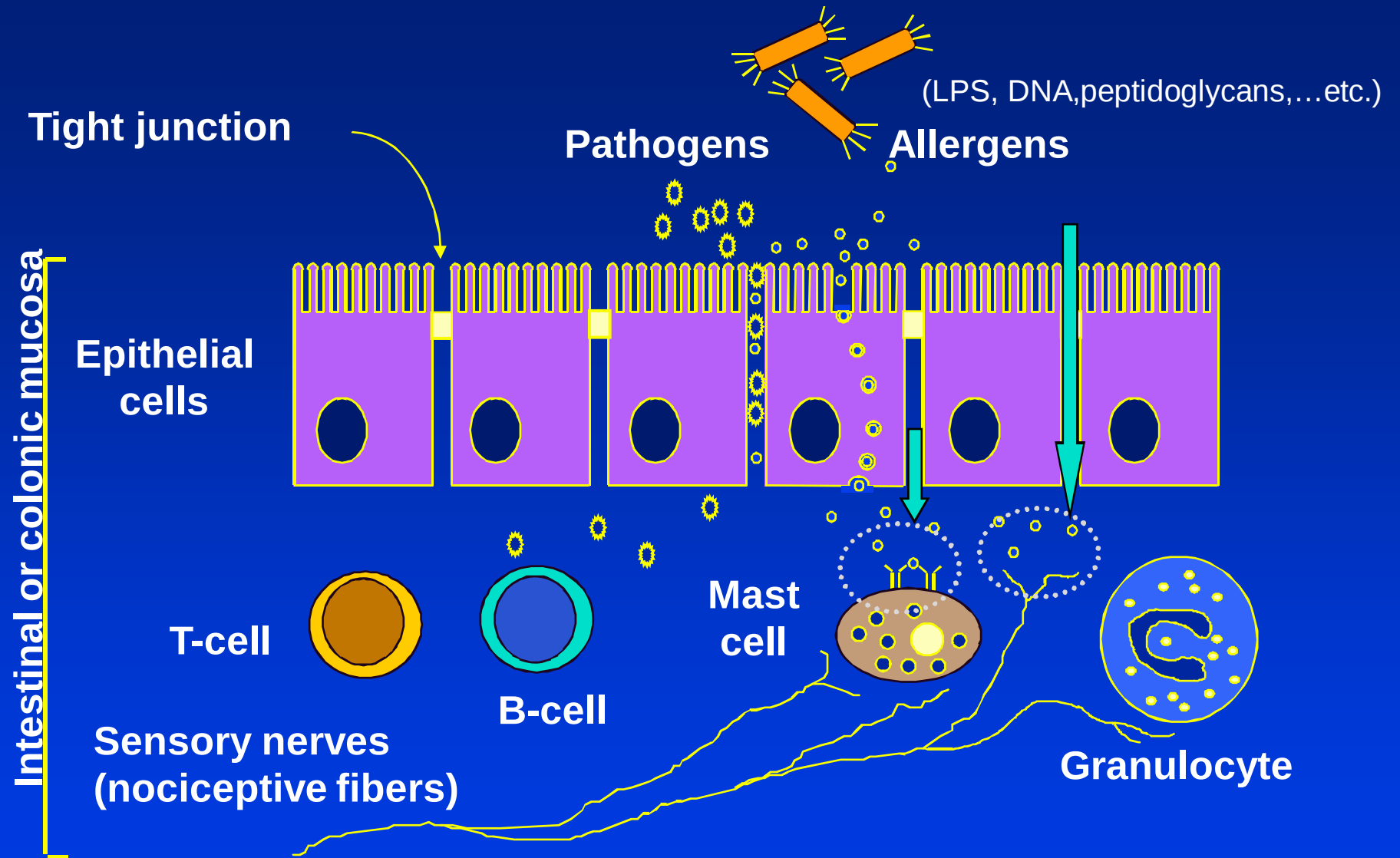
- Increased number of mast cells, immune cells (Weston et al.1993 and 10-12 ref.)
- Presence of pro-inflammatory cytokines (Gwee et al. 2003)
- Release of pro-inflammatory (eicosanoids)(Jones et al.1982) and pronociceptive agents (Barbara et al. 2005)

● Increased paracellular permeability

- colonic or intestinal level in PI-IBS (Dunlop,2000),
- intestinal in all Rome I (Marschall et al.2004)
- colonic in IBS-D patients (Gesce et al. 2008)

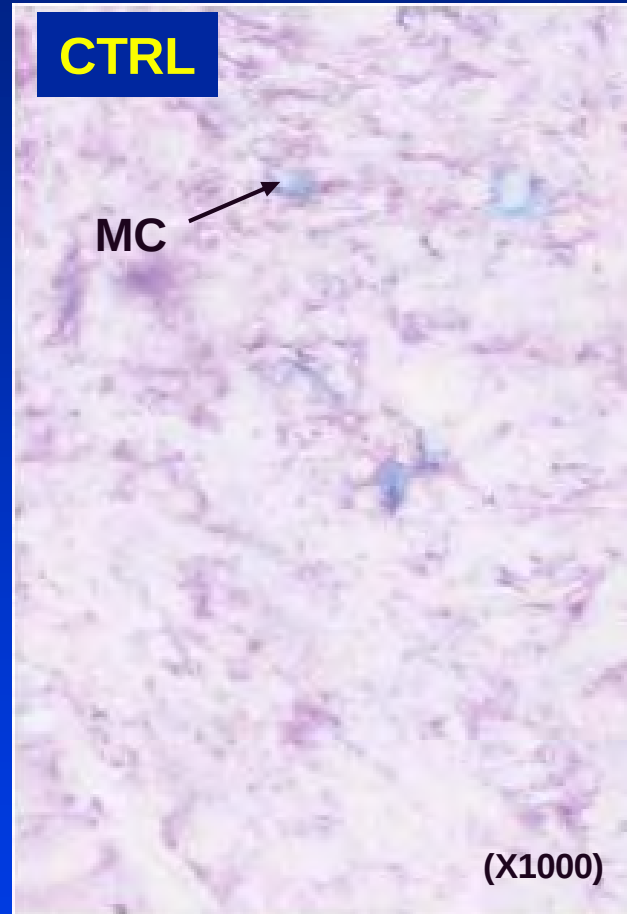
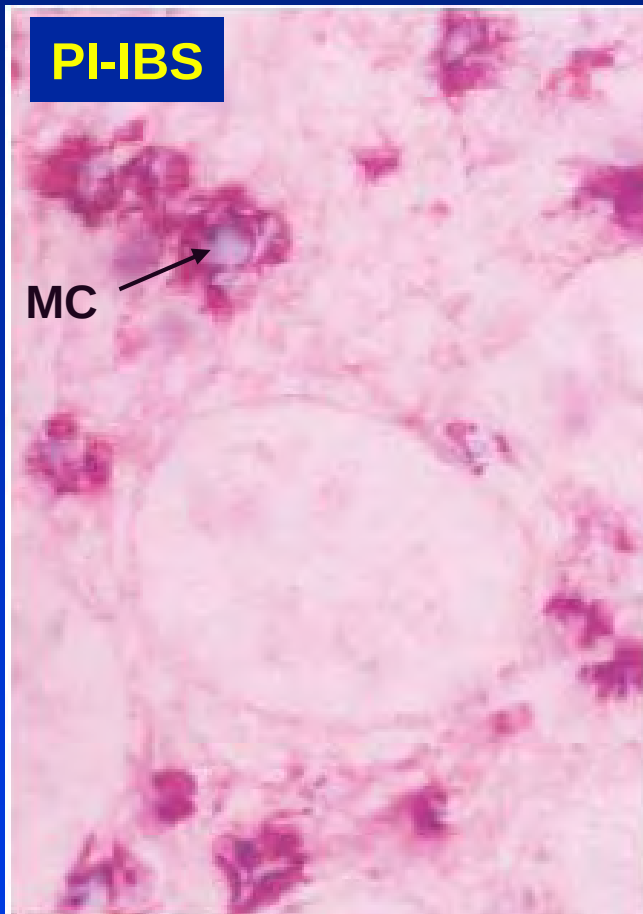
IS INCREASED GUT PERMEABILITY ABLE TO INITIATE MUCOSAL IMMUNE RESPONSE AND VISCERAL HYPERSENSITIVITY?





(from Perdue et al. 2000)

Distribution of nerve terminals close to mast cell in IBS patients.



Red: nerve terminals (enolase labeling)
Blue: mast cells (alcian blue)

Mast cell number (mm²)
(ileal mucosa)

PI-IBS..... $11.2 \pm 2.8^*$
(n=27)

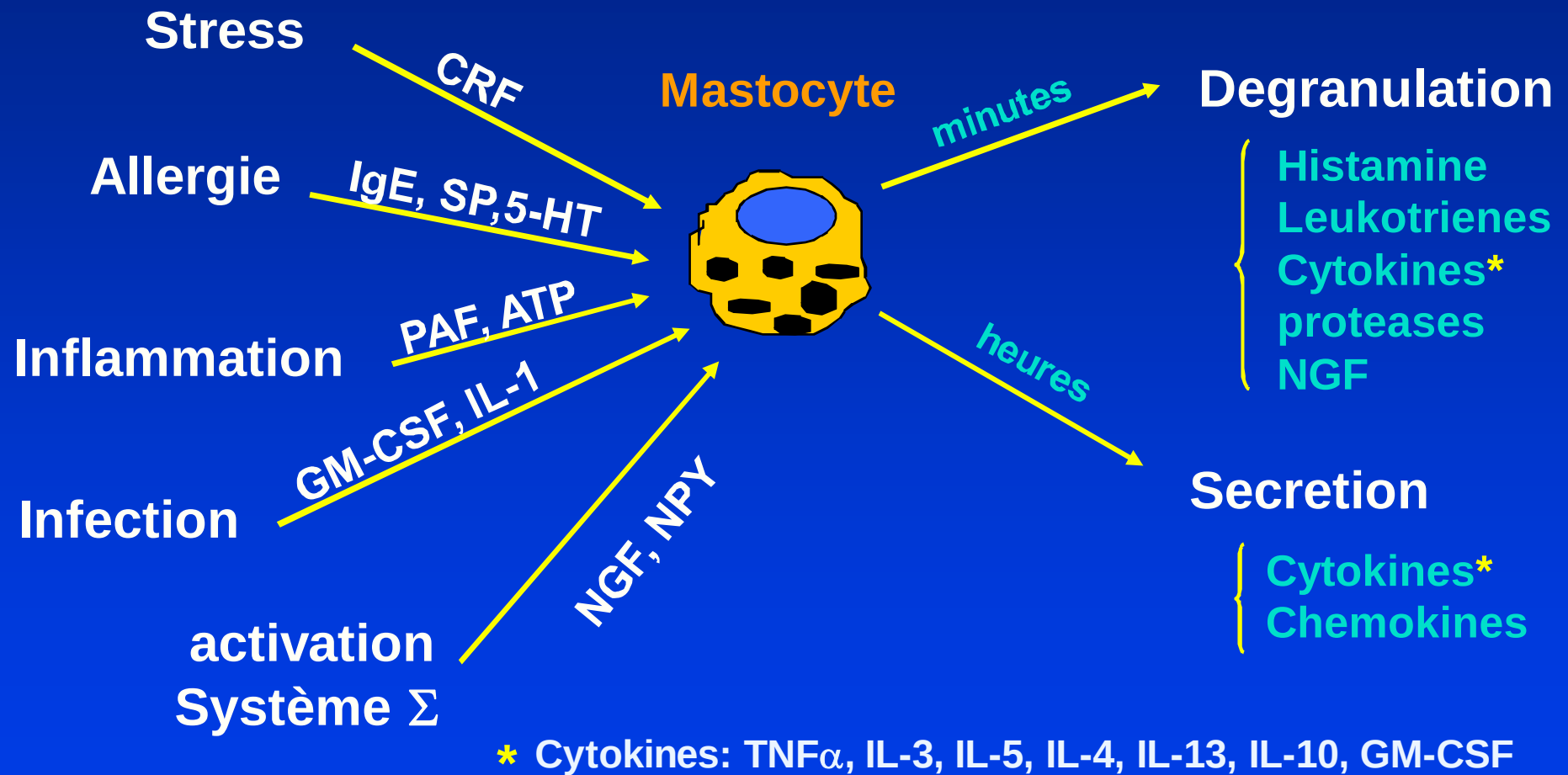
Non PI-IBS..... $10.8 \pm 1.2^*$
(n=29)

Control..... 6.1 ± 0.5
(n=12)

*: from control at $p < 0.01$

(Wang et al. Gut 2004)

Facteurs principaux produisant la dégranulation ou l'activation des mastocytes muqueux du tube digestif

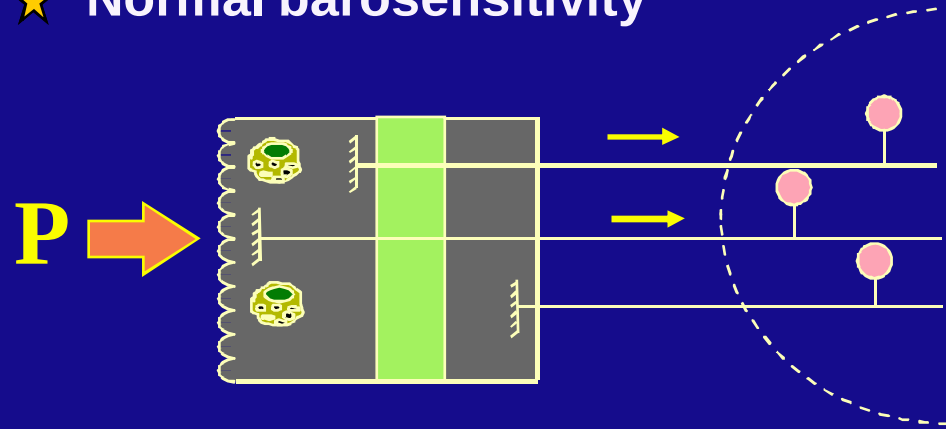


(adapted from Shakoory et al, 2004, Penicci et al. 2003)

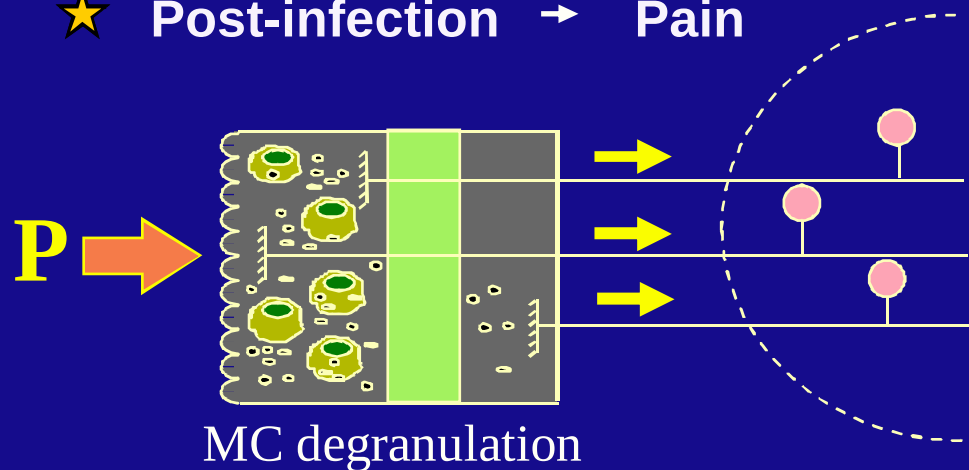
ROLE OF MAST CELLS IN VISCERAL PAIN: (degranulation in response to mechanical stimuli)

Density

★ Normal barosensitivity

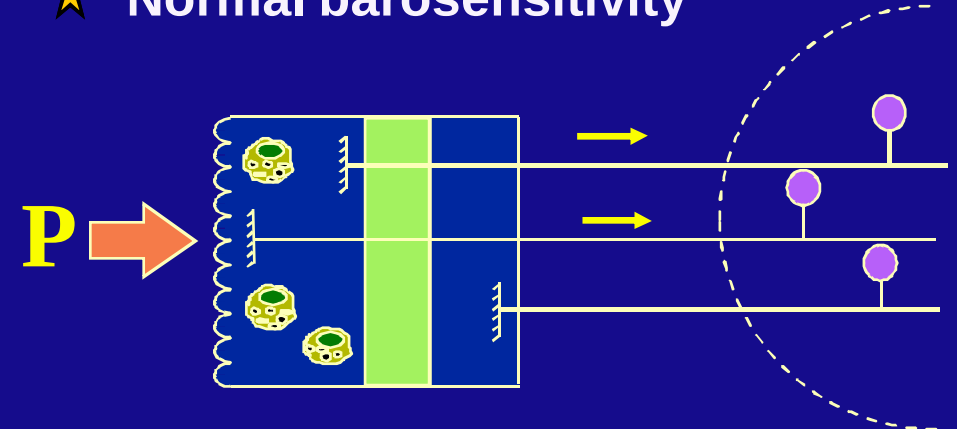


★ Post-infection → Pain

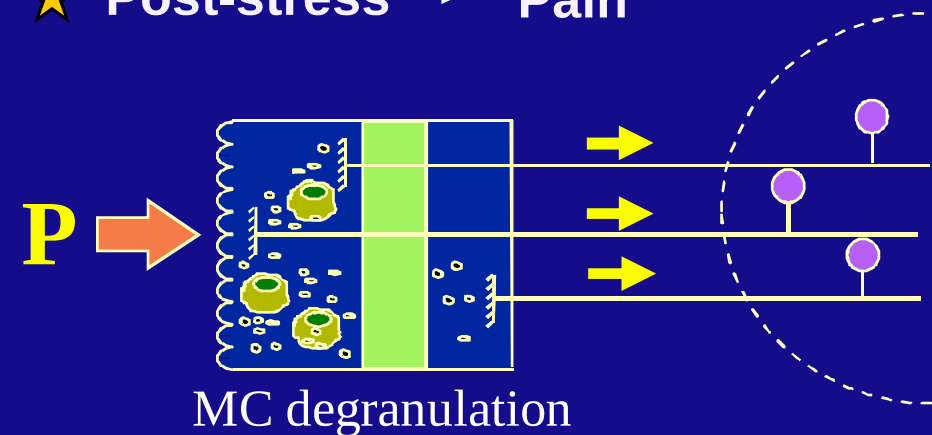


Sensitization

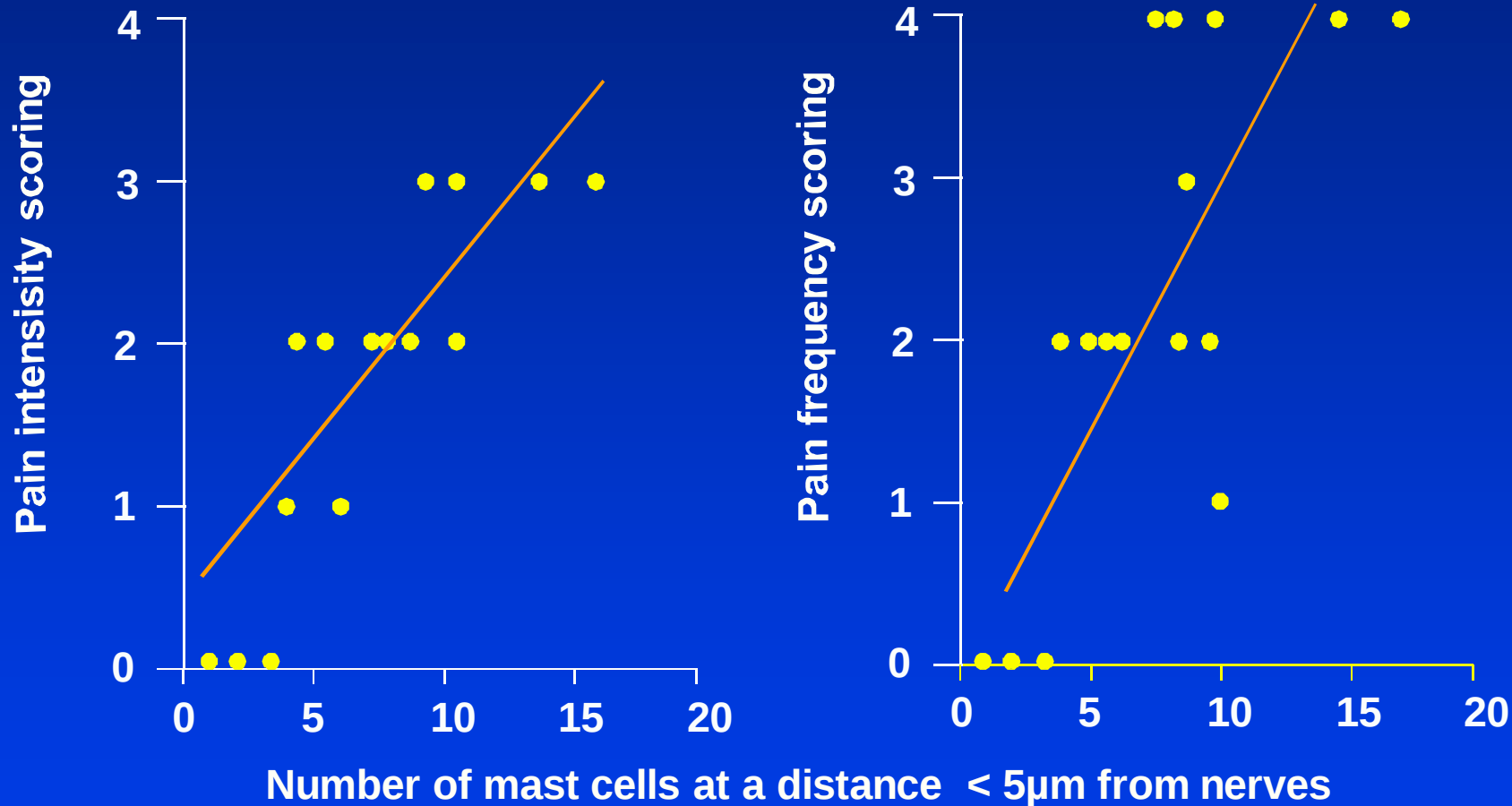
★ Normal barosensitivity



★ Post-stress → Pain

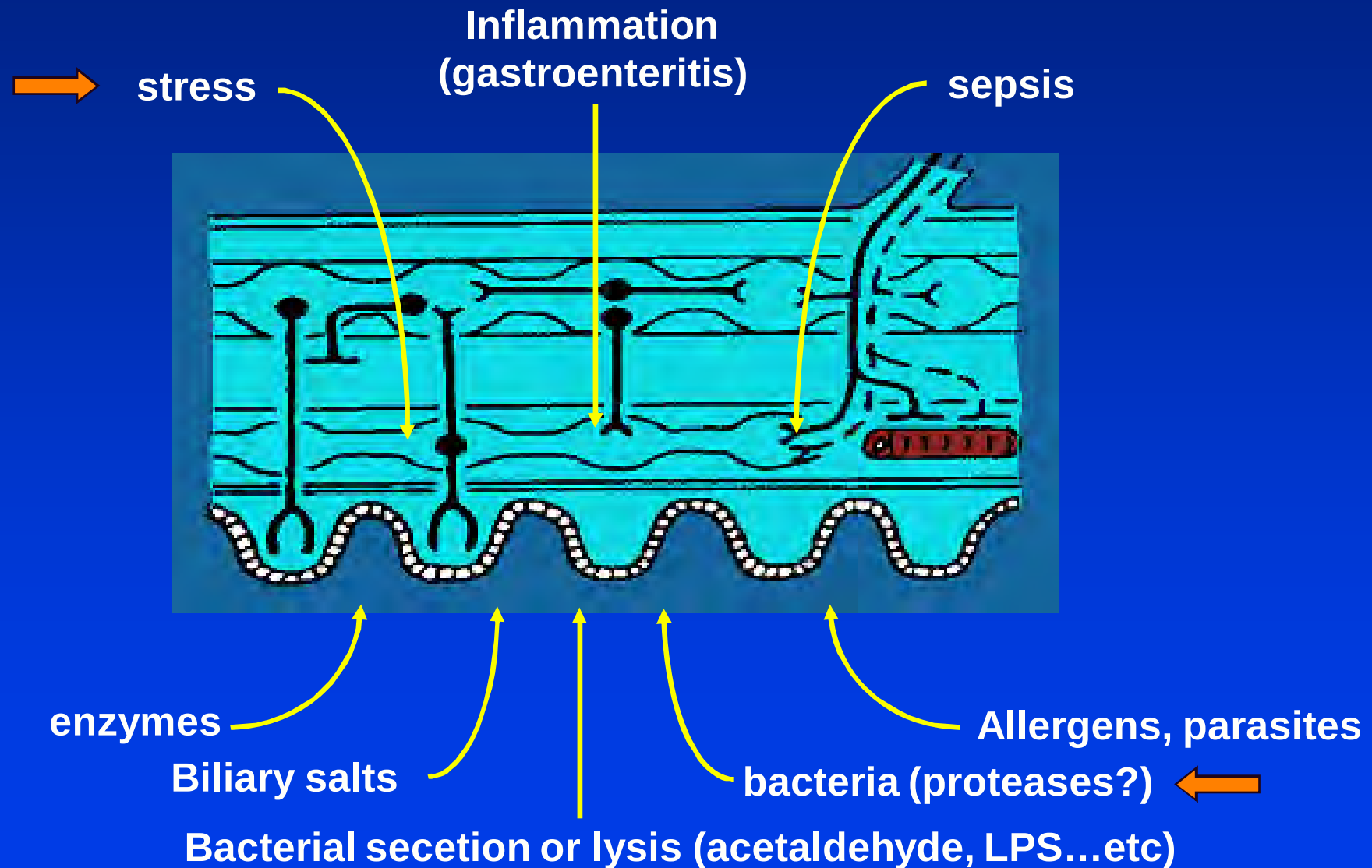


RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MAST CELL-NERVES CONNECTION AND PAIN IN IBS PATIENTS

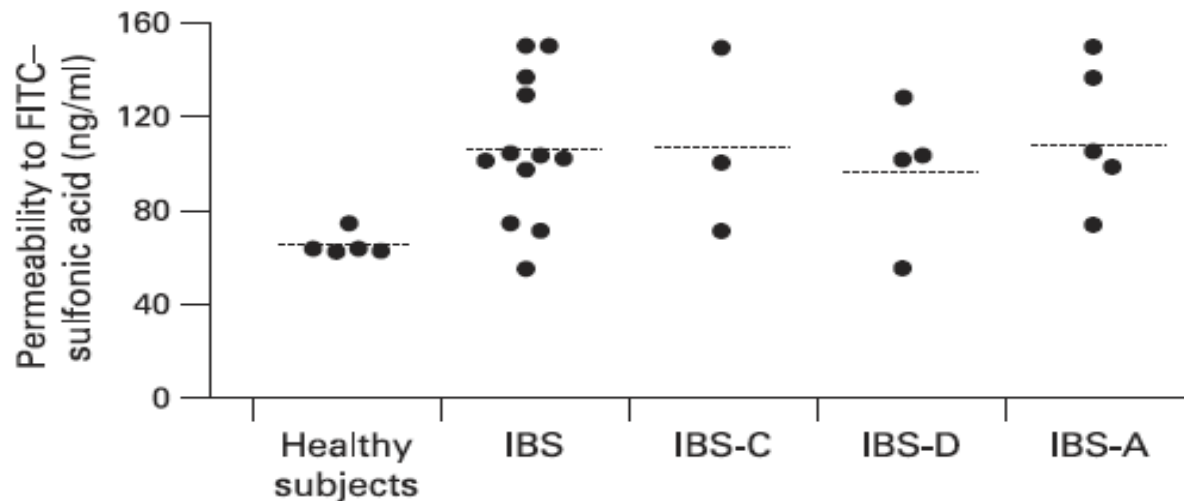


(Barbara et al. Gastro. 2004)

Factors able to alter gut permeability/sensitivity in FGID

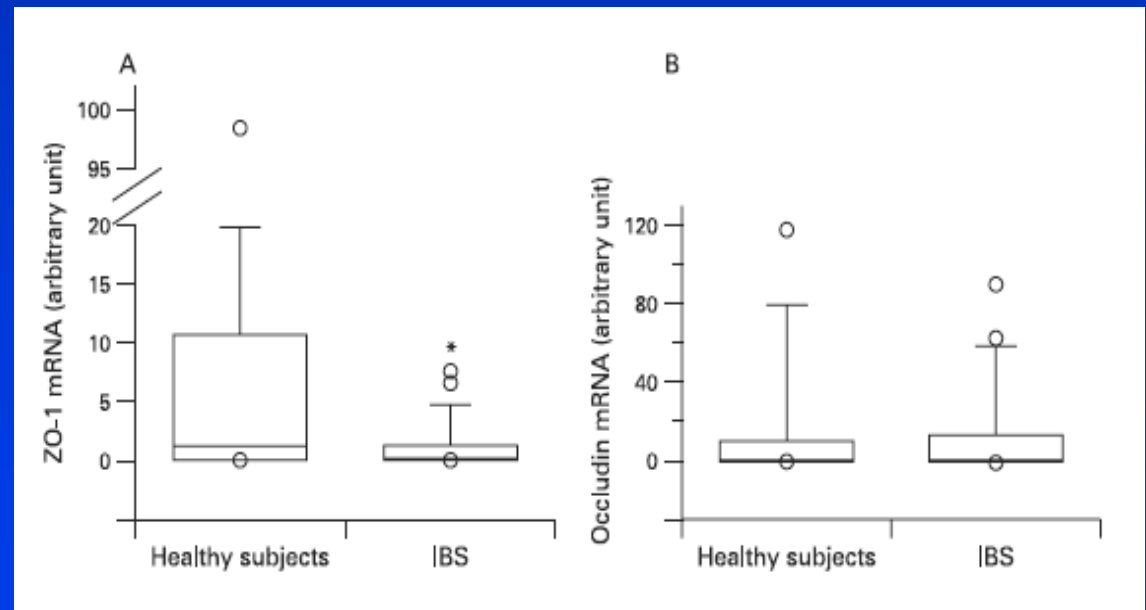


IN VITRO MEASUREMENT OF PARACELLULAR PERMEABILITY OF COLONIC BIOPSIES (Ussing chambers)

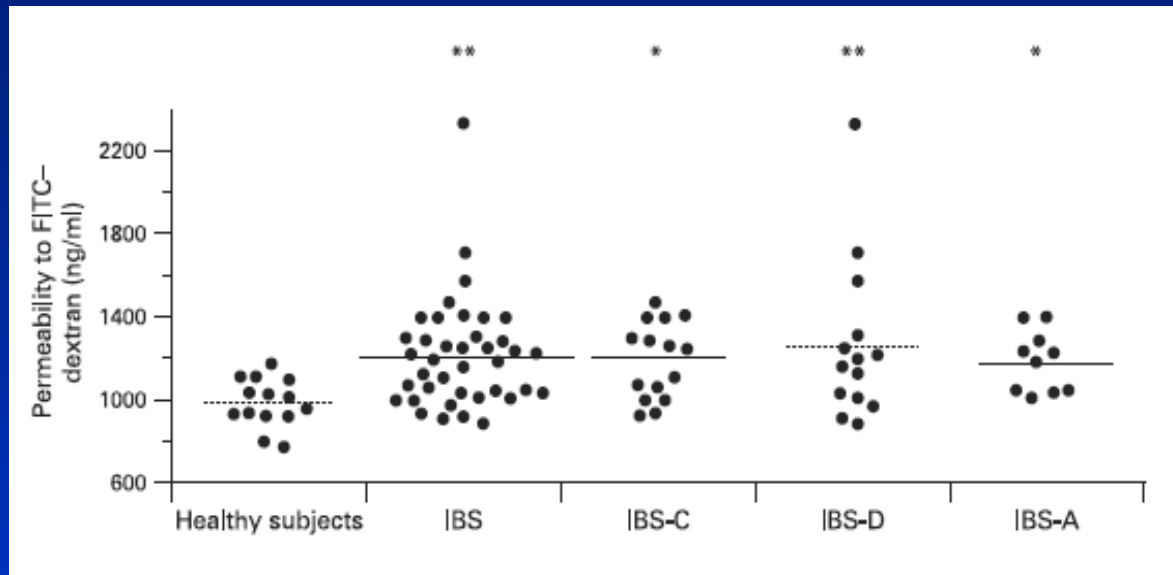


- The degree of porosity of biopsies from IBS patients is higher than that of healthy subjects independently of bowel habit alterations.

- This altered permeability is associated with a decrease in the expression of ZO-1, a protein linking the actinomyosin apical ring to the proteins of the TJs

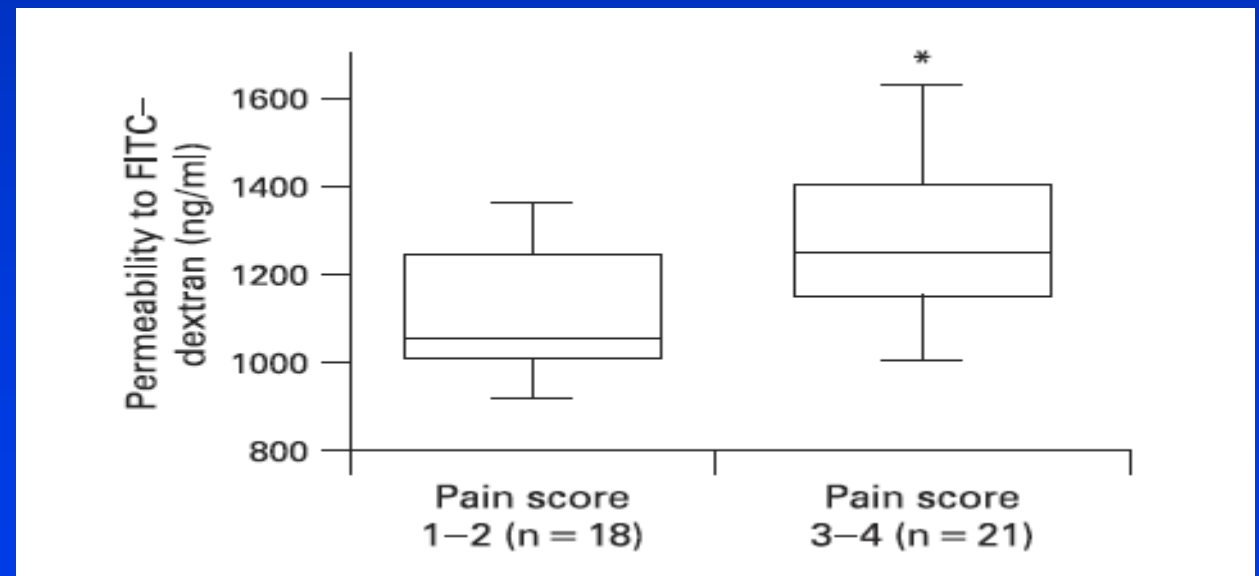


EFFECTS OF COLONIC BIOPSY SUPERNATANT ON CaCo2 CELL PERMEABILITY AND CORRELATIONS WITH SYMPTOM SCORES



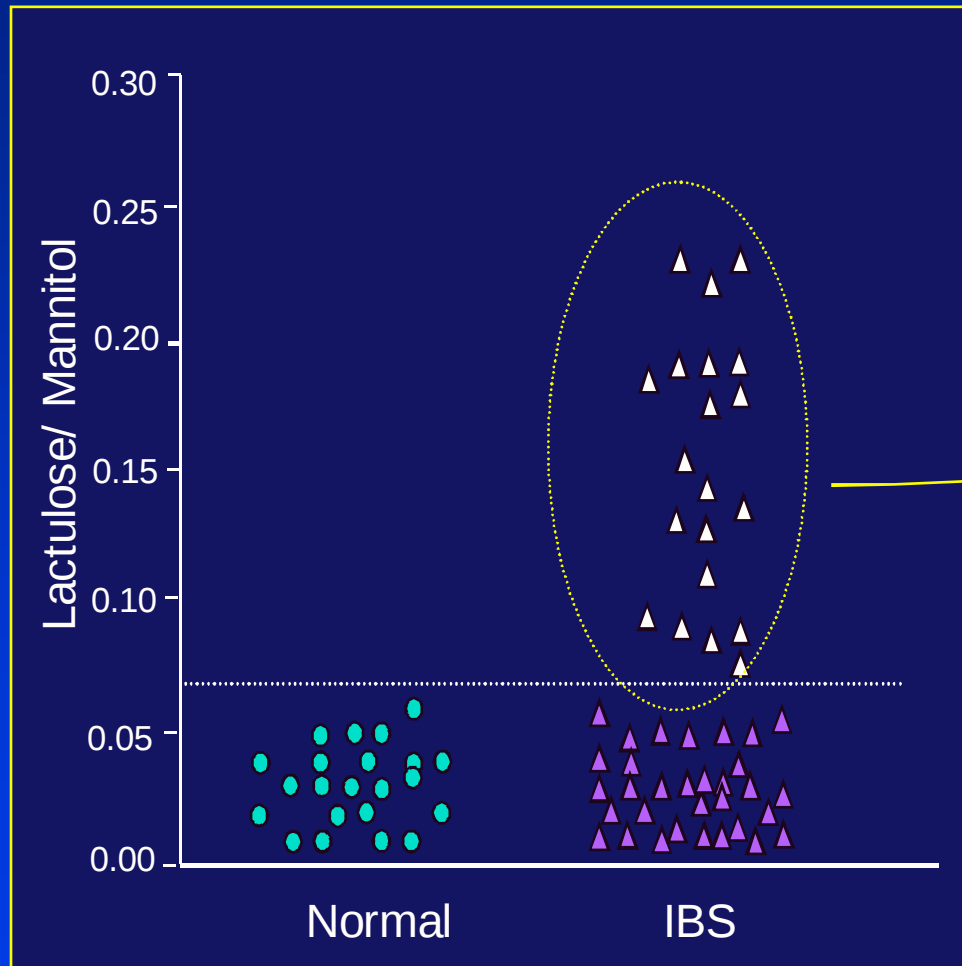
- Increase of permeability of CaCo2 cells, 48h after mucosal exposure with supernatant of biopsies from IBS patients

- Changes in permeability of CaCo2 cells is correlated with the pain score of explored IBS patients

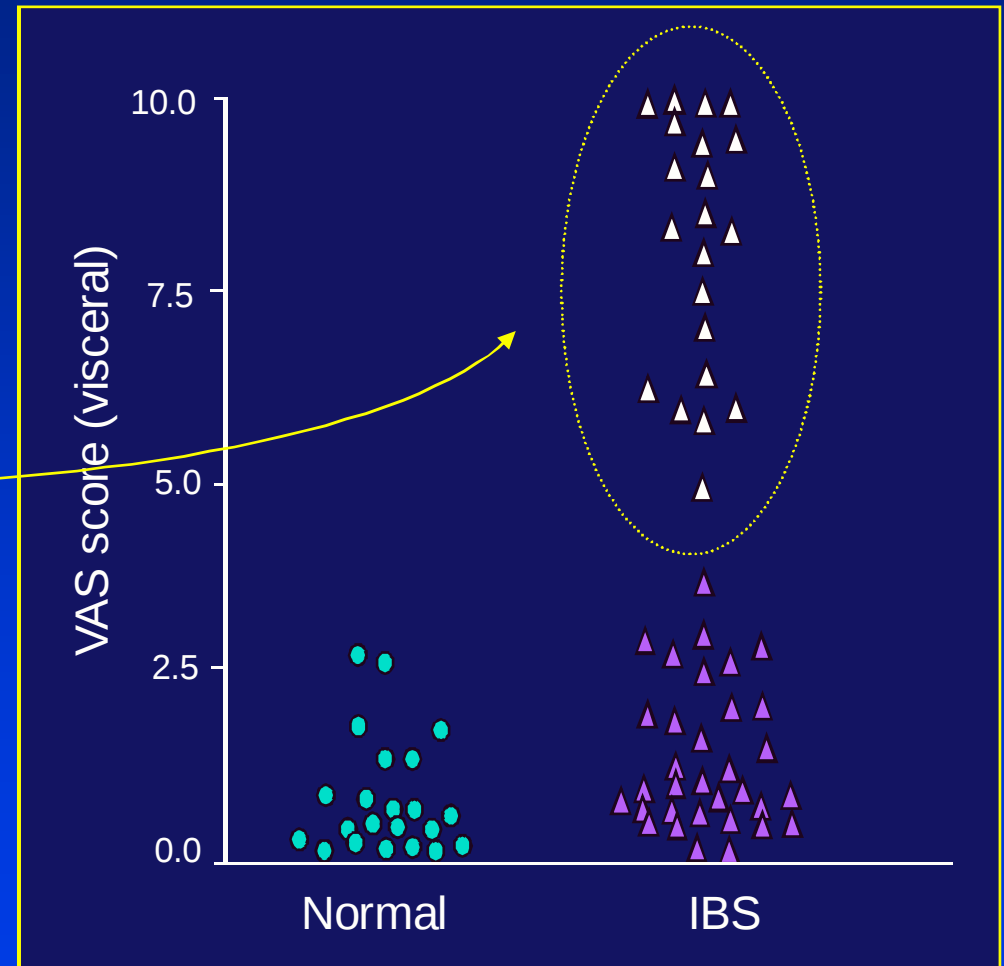


RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN GUT PERMEABILITY AND PAINFUL SENSATIONS TO DISTENSION MEASURED IN VIVO

INTESTINAL PERMEABILITY



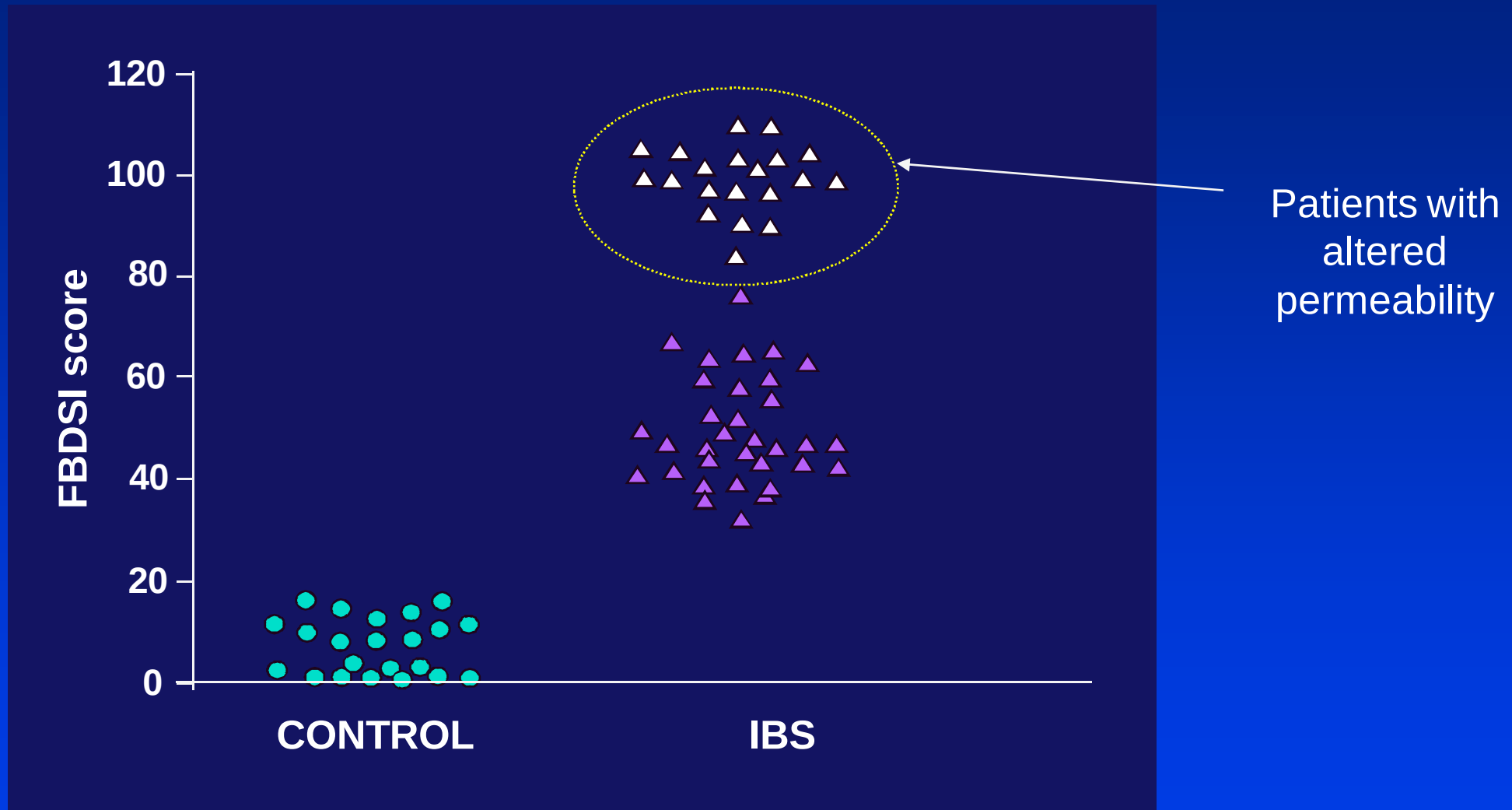
VISCERAL PAIN*



* Pain measurement after repeated (2) 35mm Hg rectal distension performed during 30 sec. at 2 min. interval.

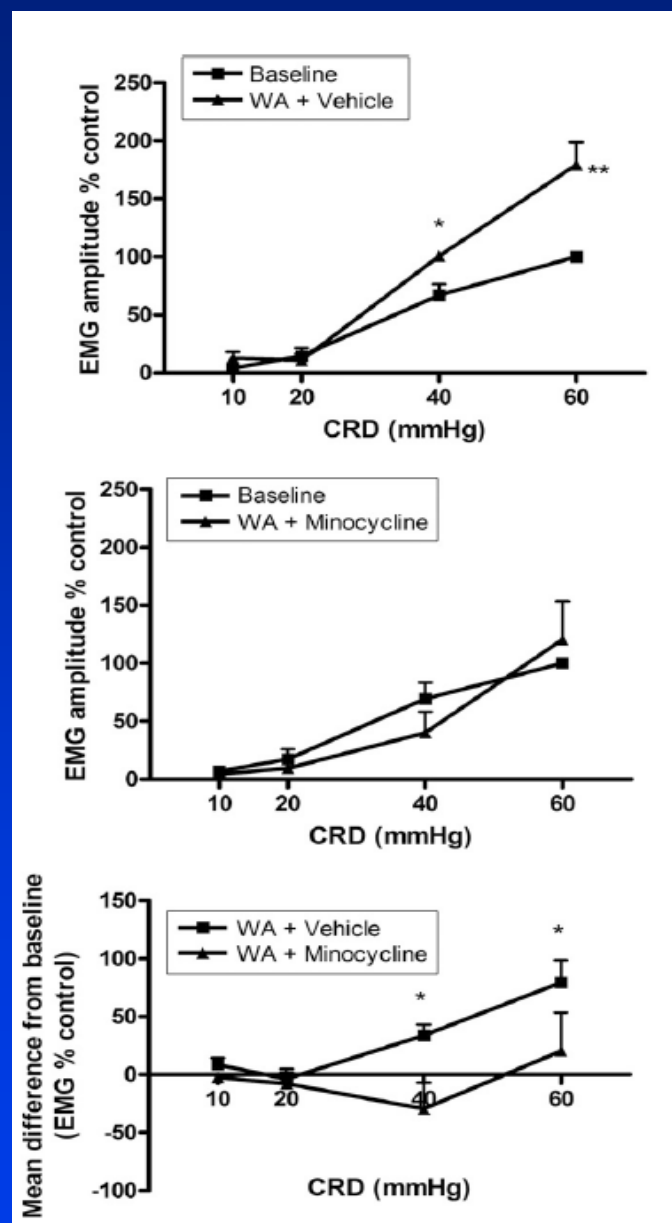
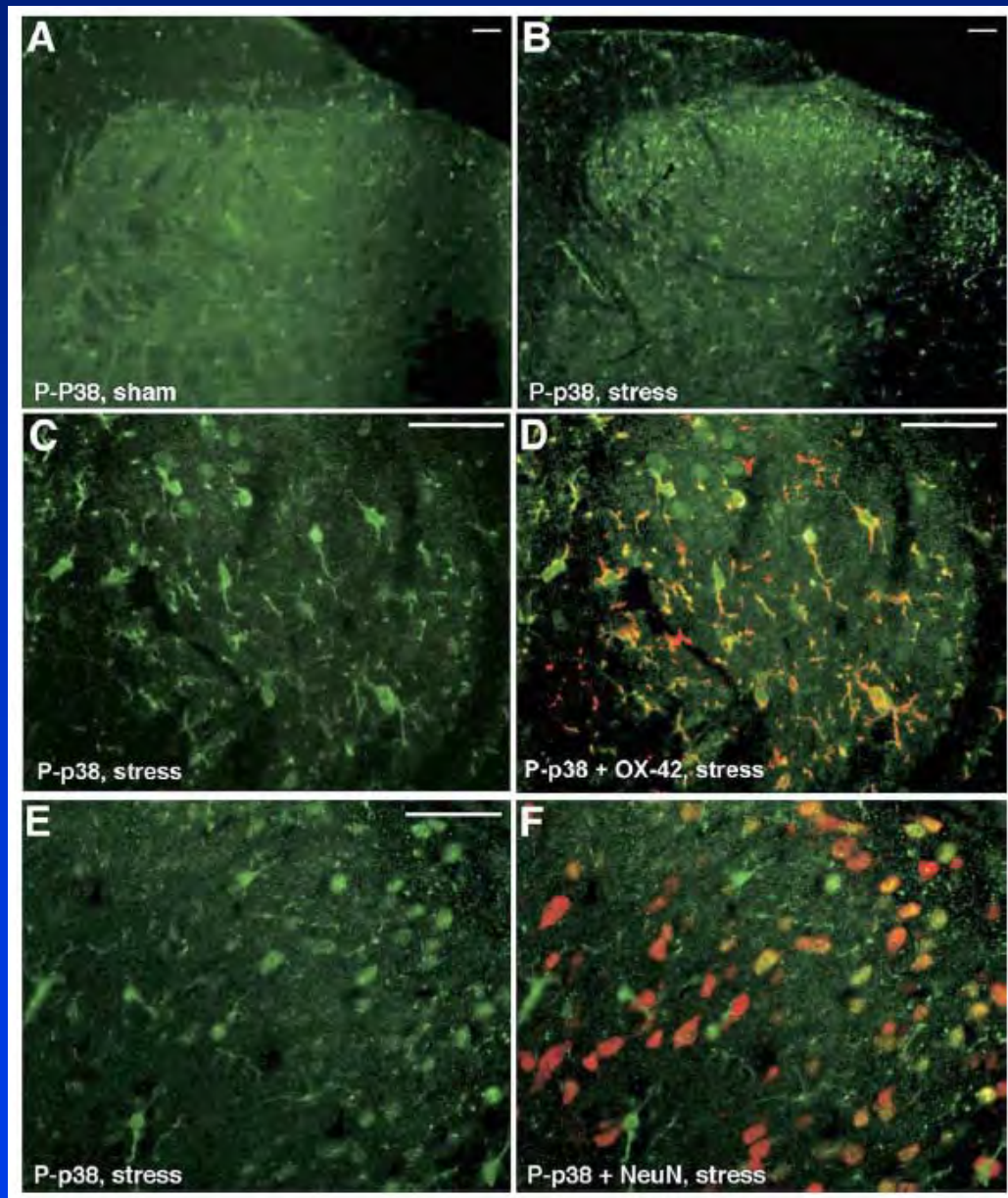
Zhou et al. Pain 2009

RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN GUT PERMEABILITY AND SOMATIC* SENSITIVITY IN IBS PATIENTS

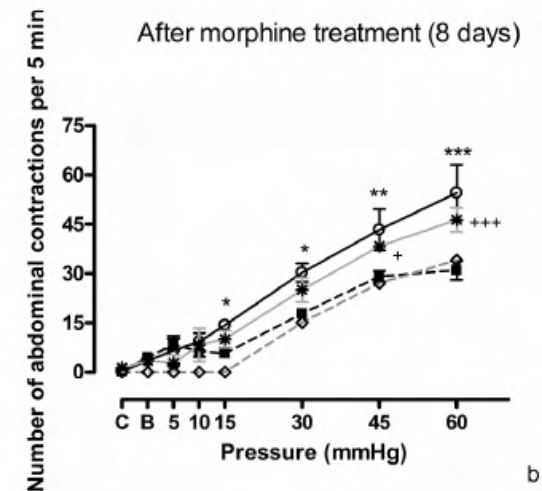
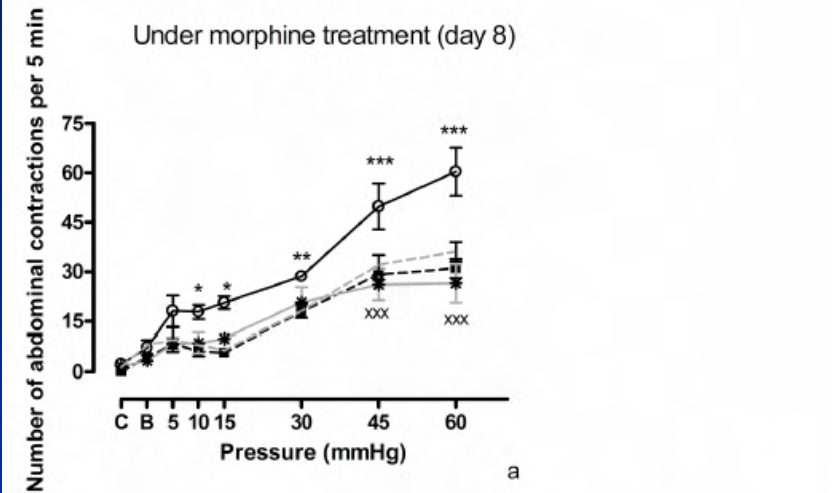
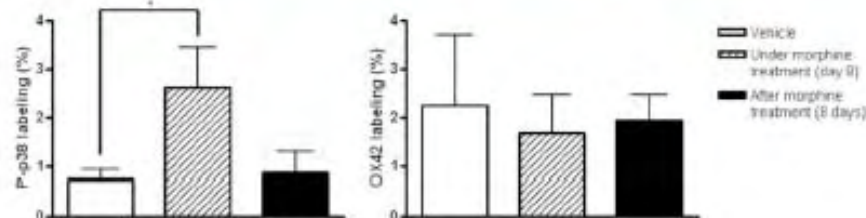
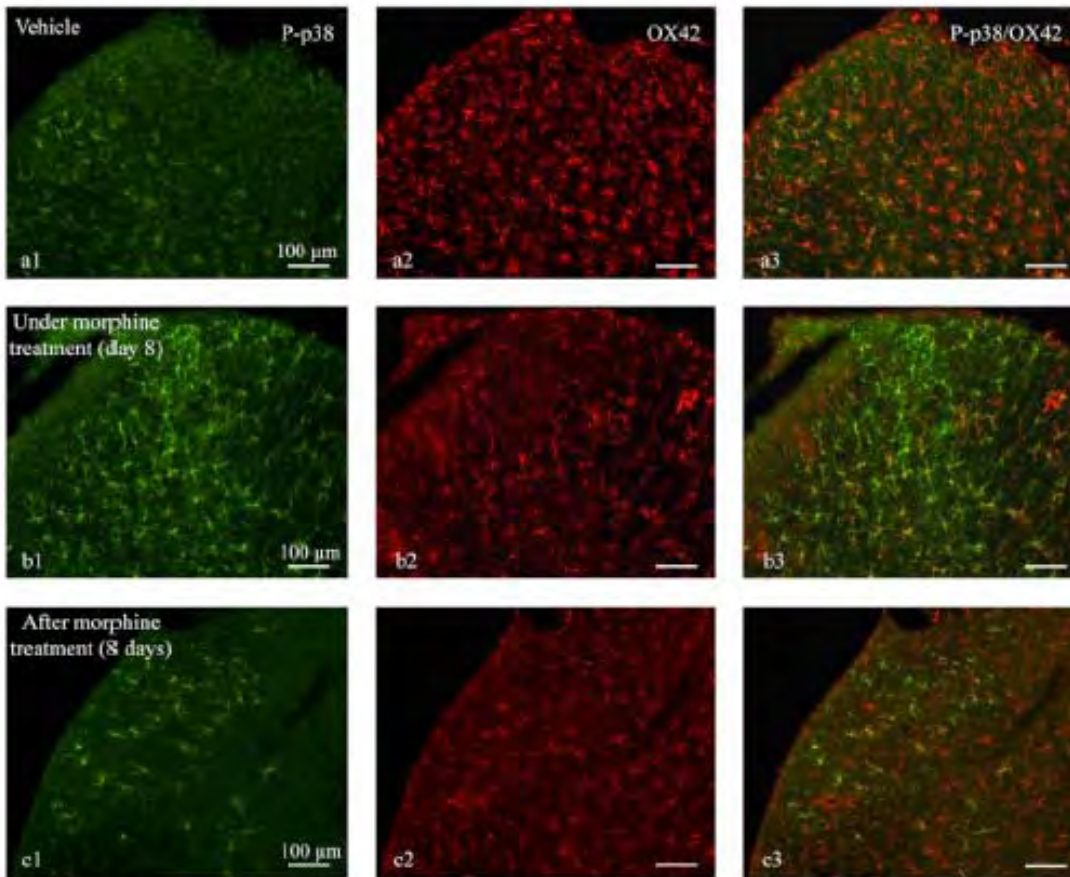


*skin thermal stimulus (Pelletier probe 3x3 cms) at 47 °C applied to the left hand during 10 sec.

SPINAL MICROGLIA ACTIVATION IN STRESS -INDUCED VISCERAL HYPERALGESIA



SPINAL MICROGLIA ACTIVATION IN “NARCOTIC BOWEL SYNDROME”



CONCLUSIONS

- La douleur d'origine digestive est le plus souvent associée à une sensibilisation des mécano-récepteurs pariétaux principalement par les produits de dégranulation des mastocytes.
- La présence d'une micro-inflammation associée à une redistribution des terminaisons est un facteur majeur de l'hypersensibilité viscérale observée dans le SII.
- Des altérations de la perméabilité intercellulaire de l'épithélium intestinal sont en partie responsables de cet état micro-inflammatoire, ces altérations pouvant être générées par des facteurs locaux et systémiques
- Outre les facteurs locaux, des altérations non sélectives de la transmission spinale associée à une activation de la microglie sont à prendre en considération dans les douleurs viscérales chroniques comme le SII.