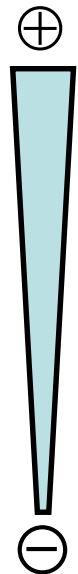
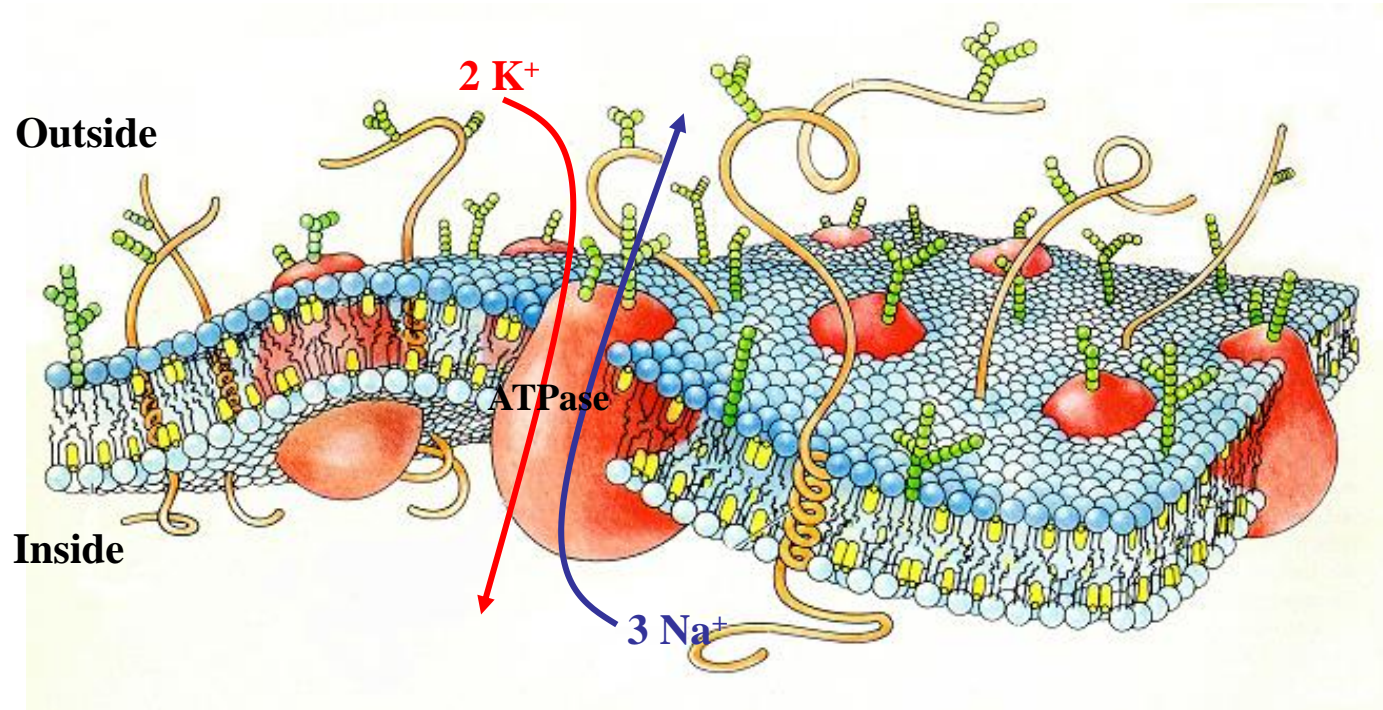
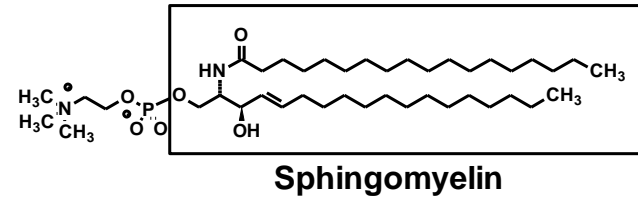
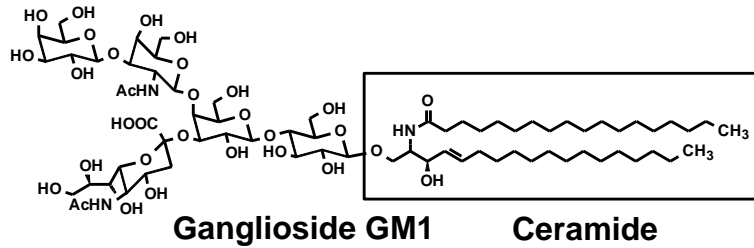


Membrane lipids regulate glycosphingolipid catabolism, its enzymes and lipid binding proteins

Philadelphia, Aug. 2015

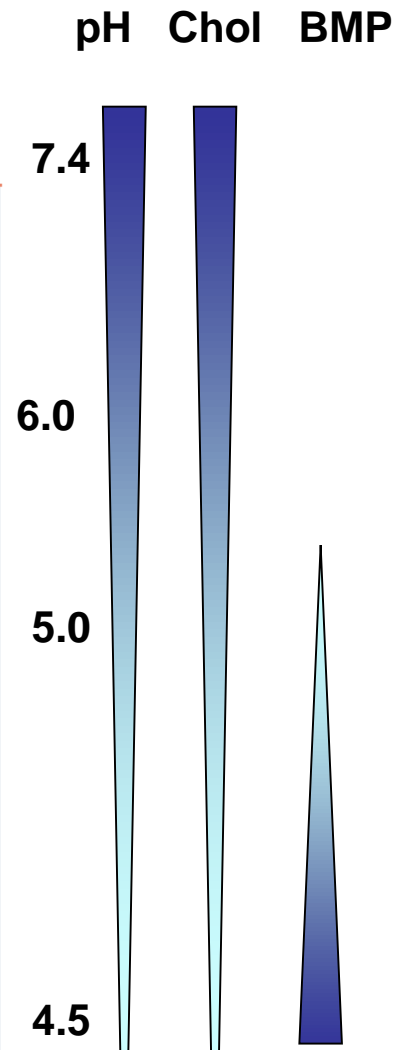
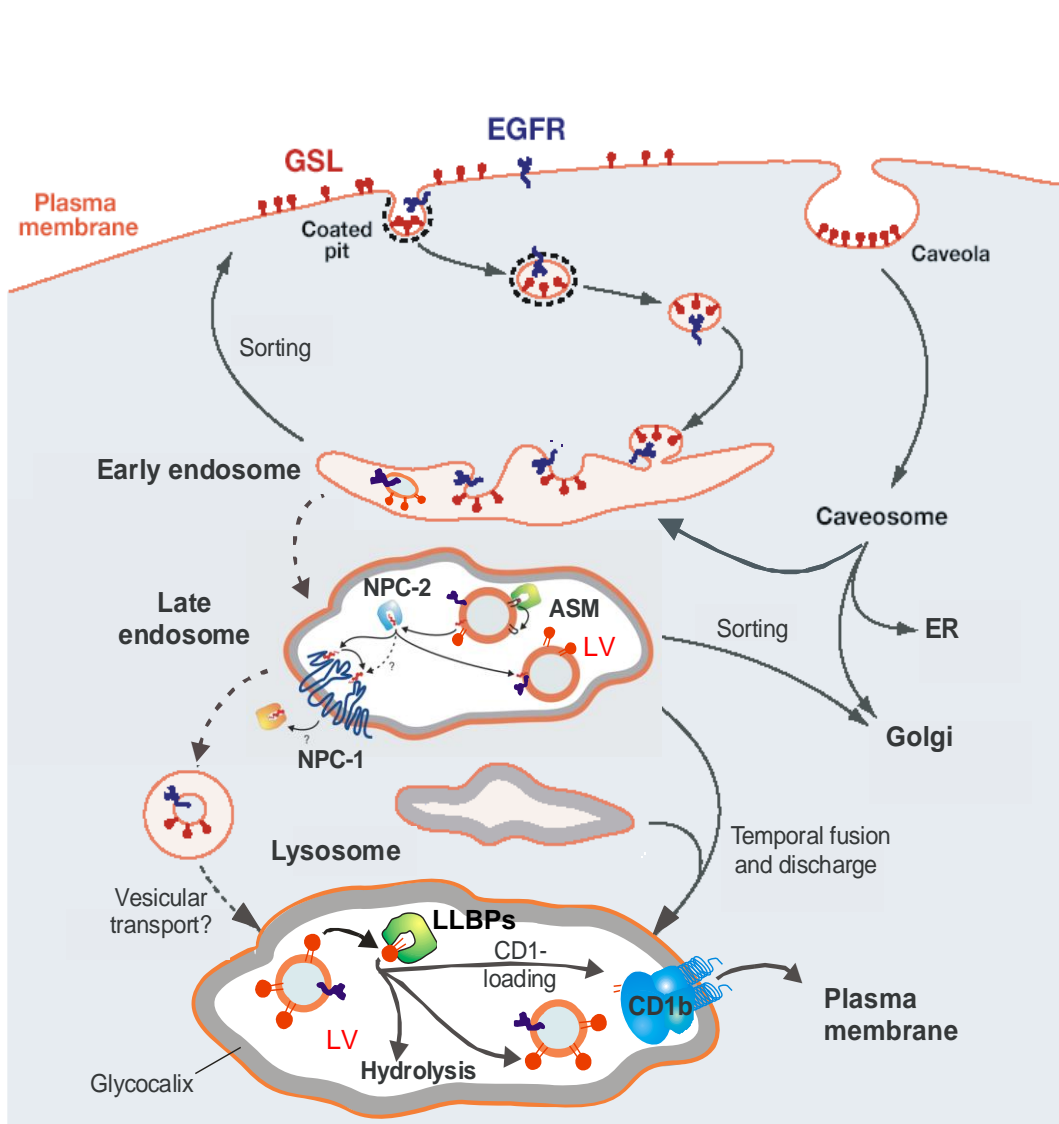


Electro-chemical potential, Gradients

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-Gangliosides, SM & Chol. stabilize neuronal membranes.
 -However, Chol. & SM inhibit lysos. catabolism of ganglioside GM2.-

Principles of lysosomal sphingolipid catabolism and membrane digestion



Luminal vesicles (LV) are platforms for SL, GSL- and membrane-degradation

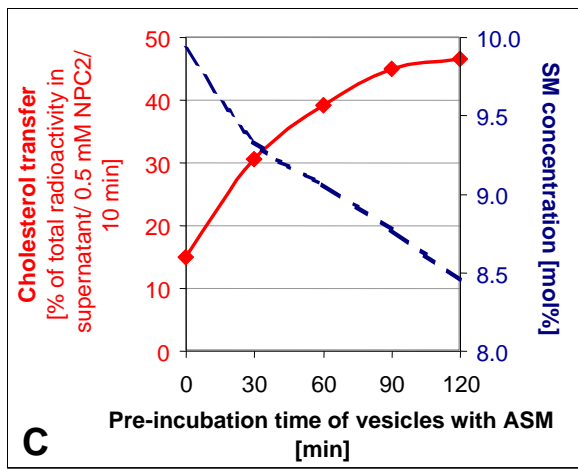
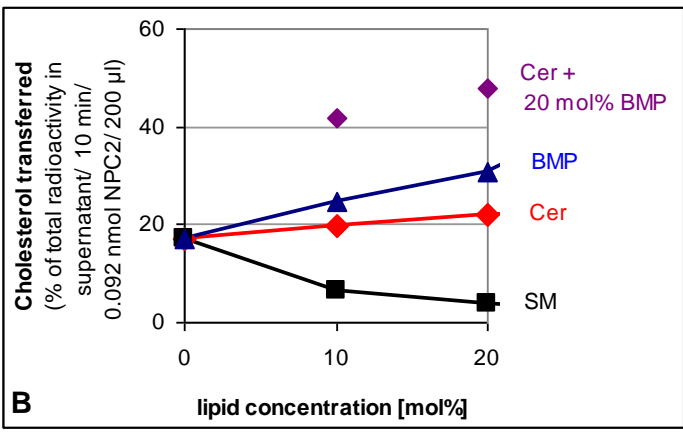
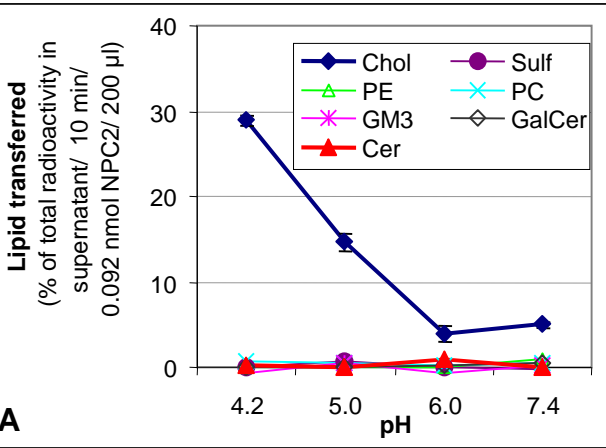
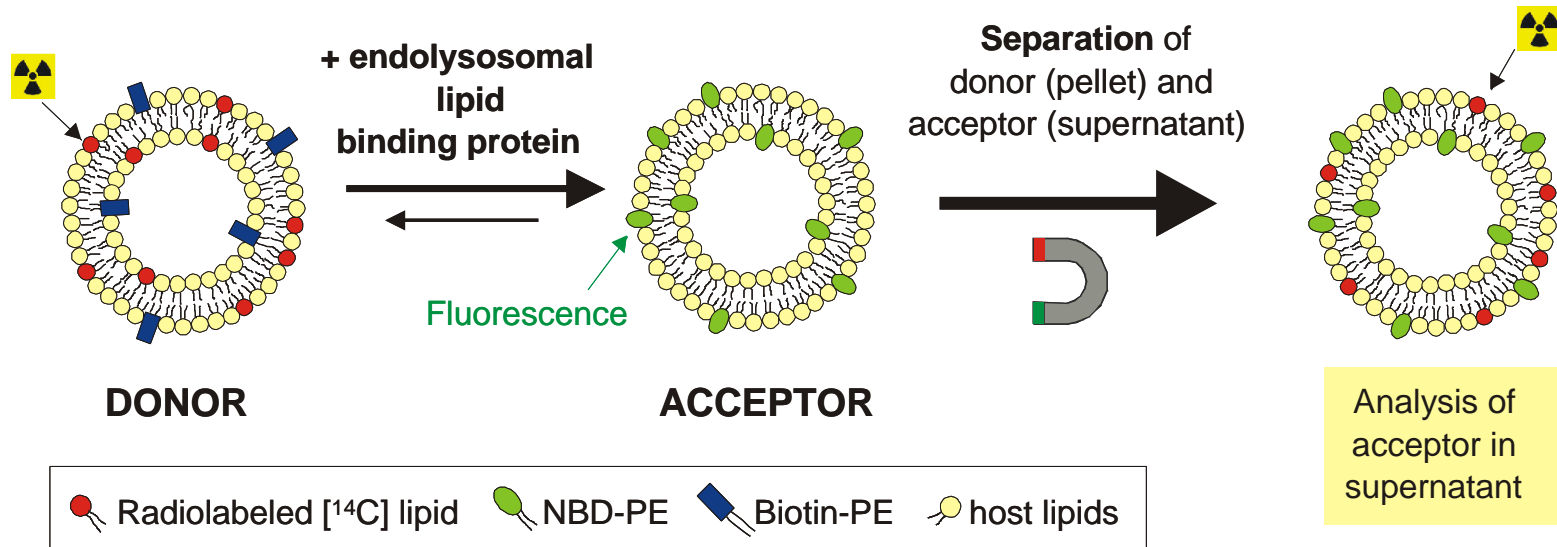
1. Late endosomes: Maturation of IMs by removal of Chol (NPC1, NPC2, NPC disease)

2. Lysosomes: Degradation by enzymes and LLBPs (GM2AP, Sap A,B,C,D) :

Inherited defects cause fatal diseases, lipid and membrane storage, loss of permeability barrier in the skin, and affect CD1 loading

3. KO mice are available

At late endosomes: Membrane lipids & ASM regulate cholesterol transfer by NPC-2

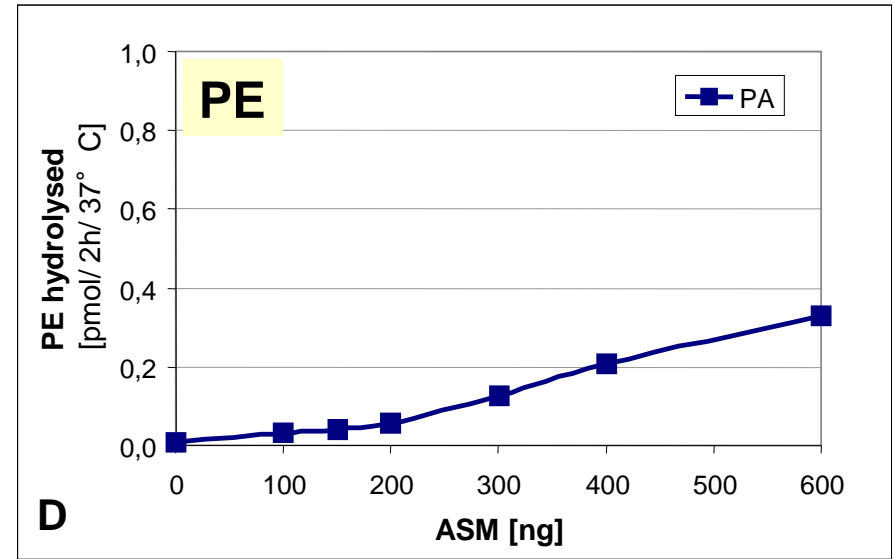
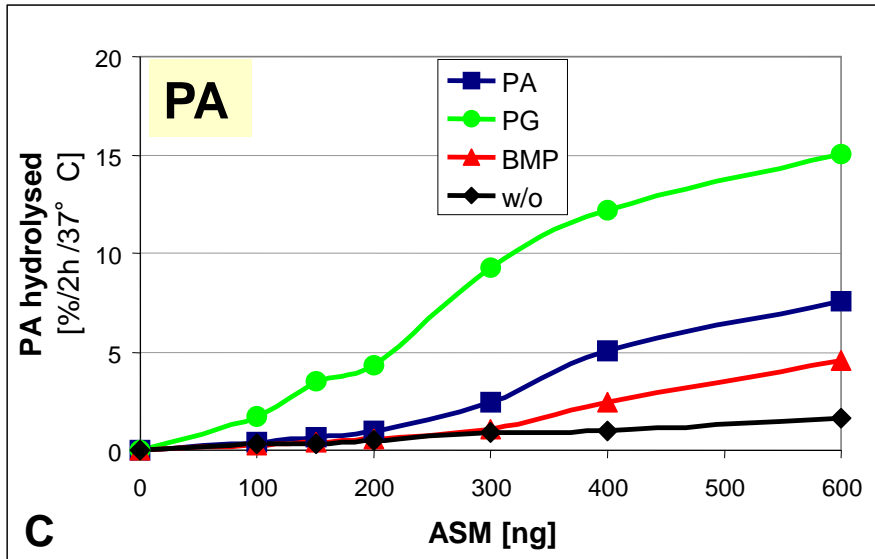
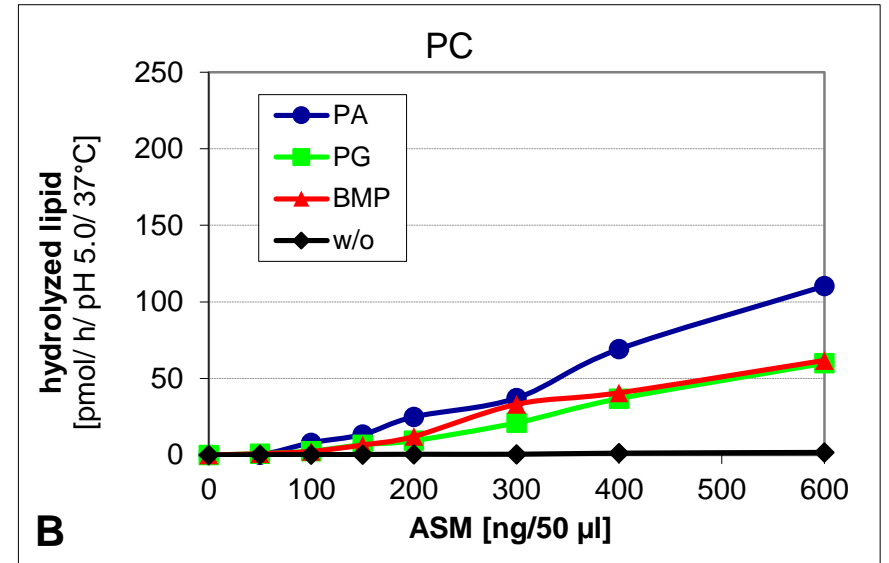
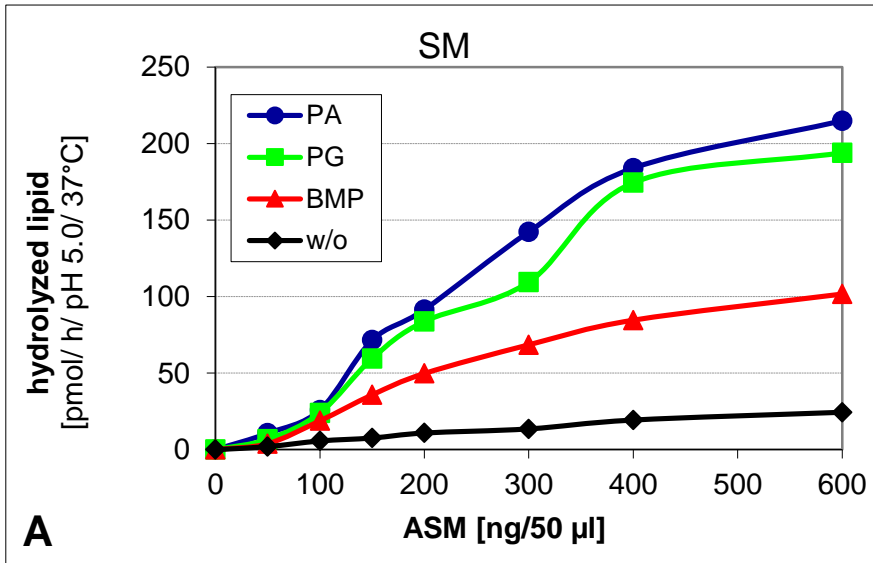


Abdul-Hammed *et al.*, J. Lipid Res. 2010

Oninla, Breiden, Sandhoff, 2014

Chol.-storage in NPC disease triggers GM2 & GSL accumulation

ASM is regulated by membrane lipids

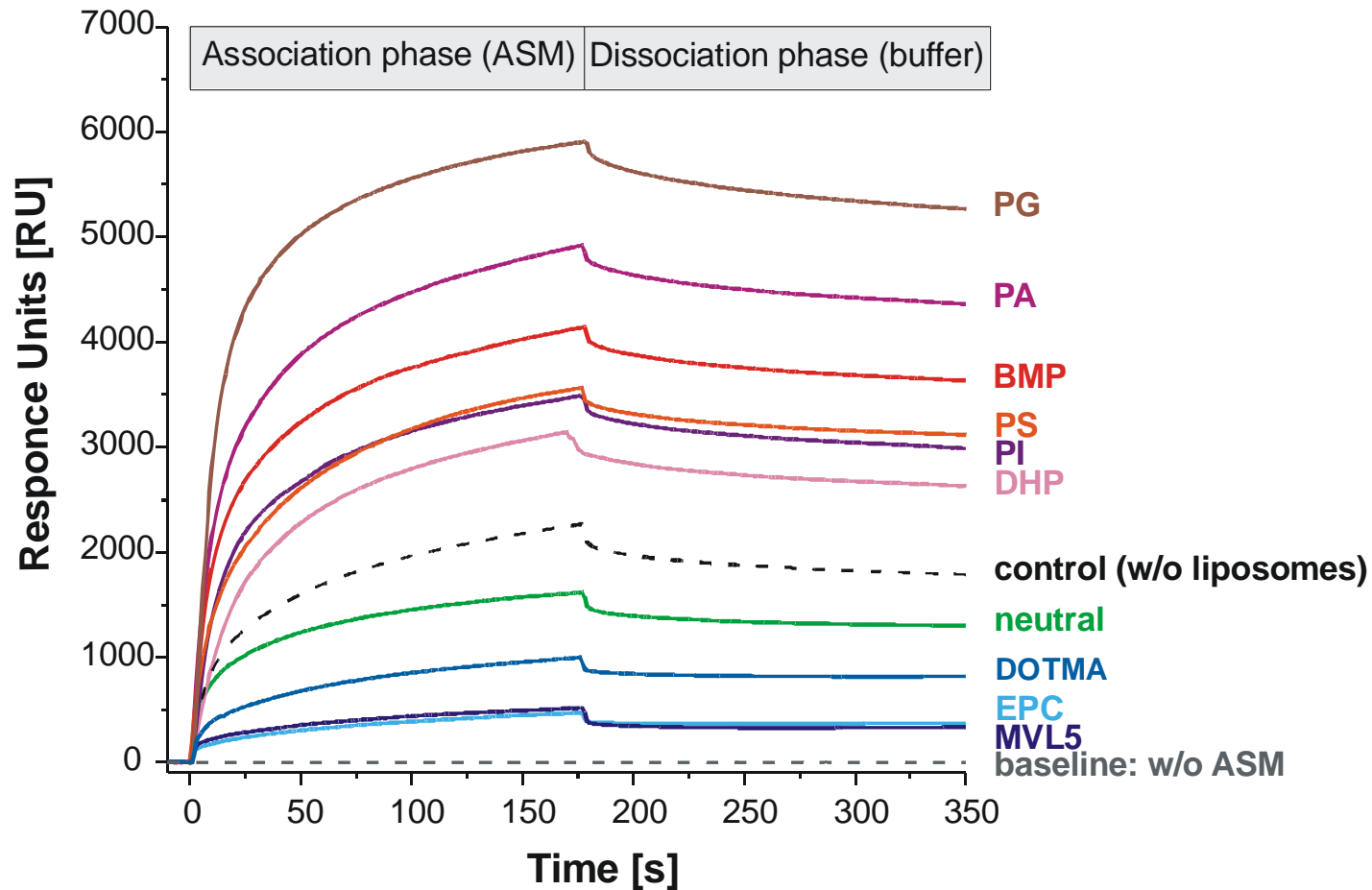


Liposomes: 10 mol% Cholesterol; 10 mol% SM ; 0 or 20 mol% anionic lipids ; 80 or 60 mol% DOPC

ASM: recombinant human ASM expressed in insect Sf21 cells (Lansmann *et al.*, 2000)

Oninla, Breiden *et al.* (2014) JLR

Electrostatic binding of ASM to liposomes

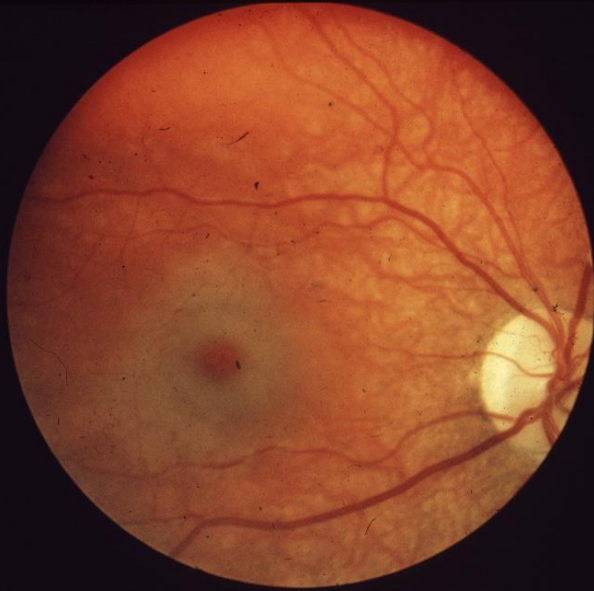


Zeta potential [mV] of liposomes

PG	- 24.65
PA	- 24.48
BMP	- 26.53
PS	- 23.58
PI	- 21.50
DHP	- 22.45
Neutral (PC)	0.11
DOTMA	22.21
EPC	23.44

10 mol% Cholesterol
10 mol% SM
20 mol% **anionic** or **cationic** lipid
60 mol% DOPC

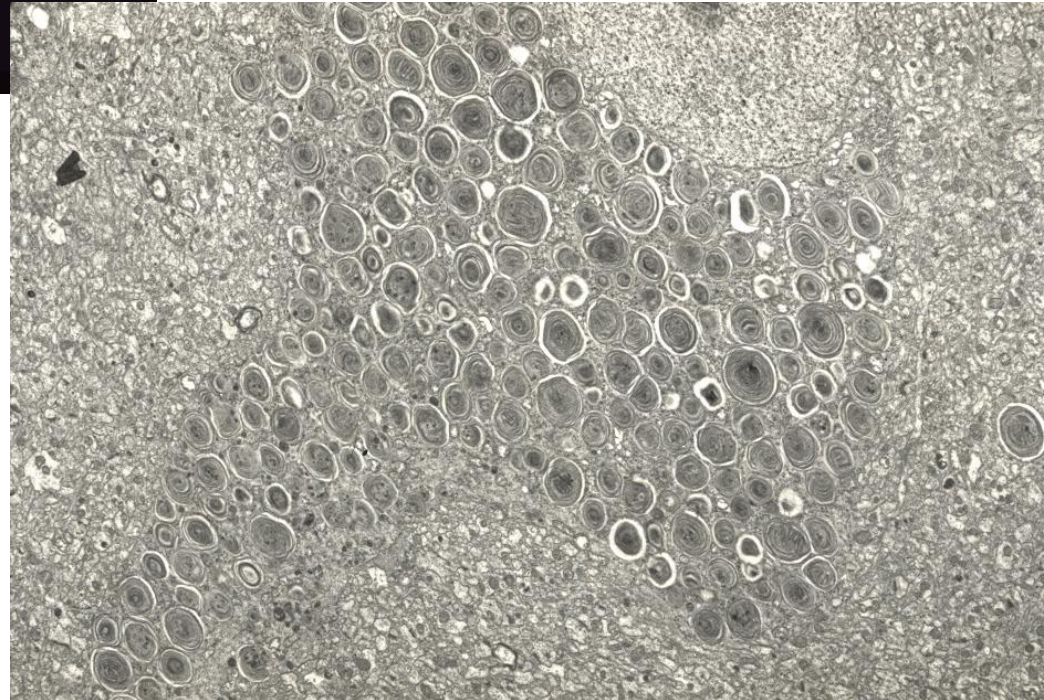
TSD is a recessive and lethal ganglioside storage disease



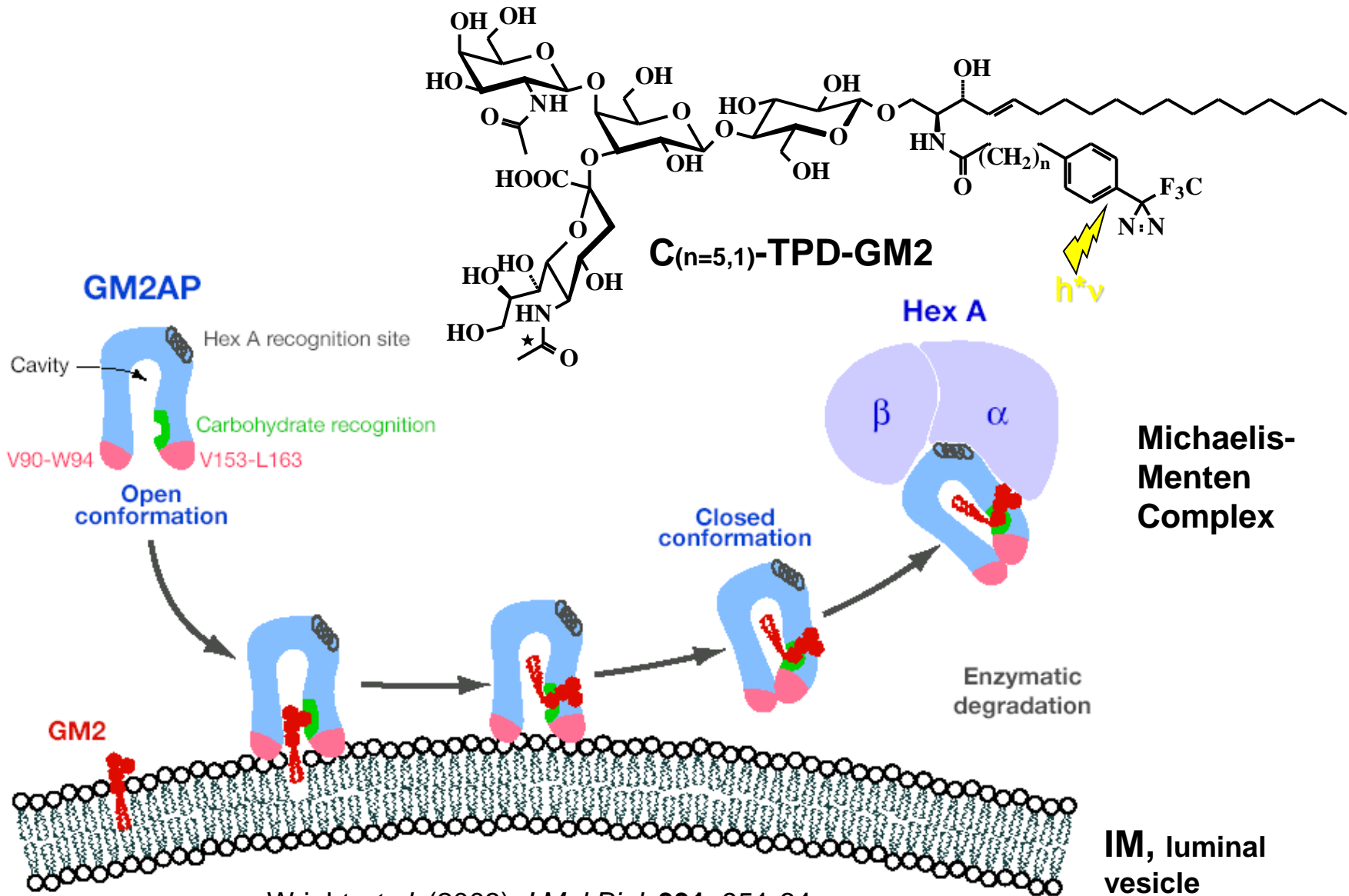
Infantile Amaurotic Idiocy:
cherry red spot

Tay-Sachs Disease:

Neuronal MCBs, Lysosomal storage

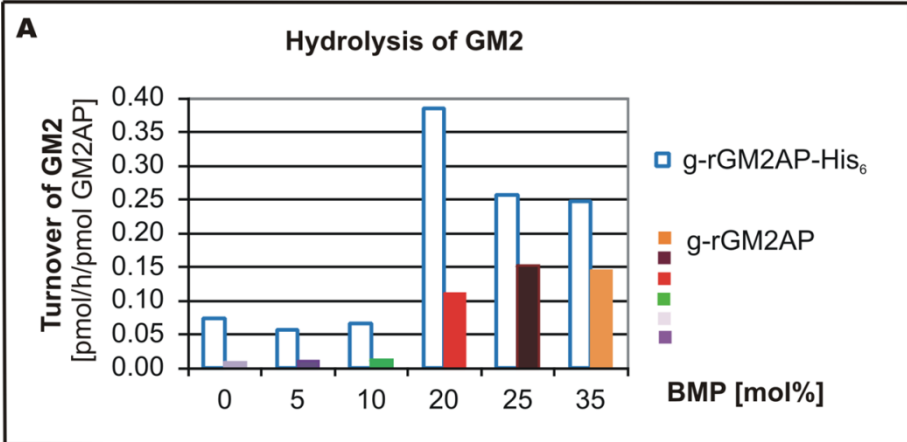


Mechanism of GM2AP-Liftase



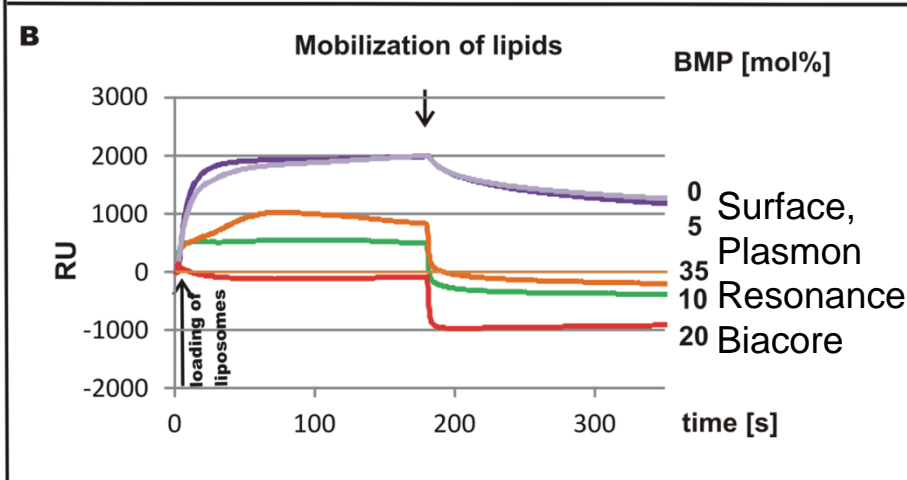
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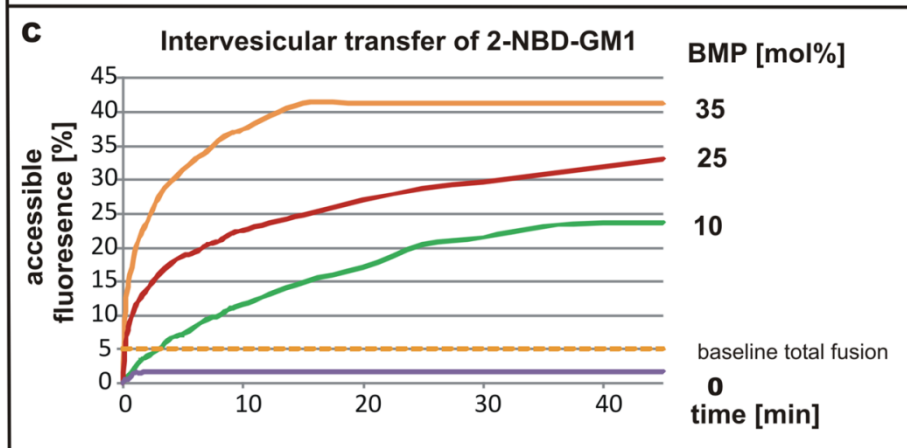


BMP (PA&PI) stimulate hydrolysis of liposomal GM2 by Hex A and GM2AP

His-tag falsifies results



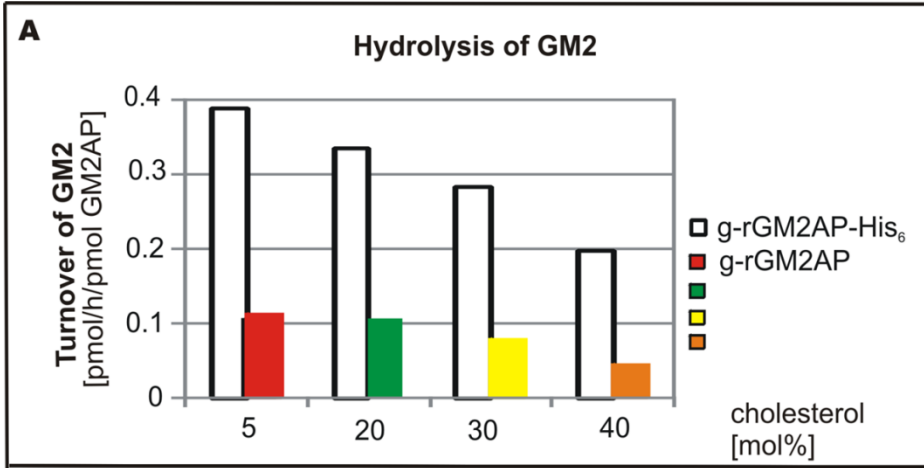
BMP mobilizes membrane lipids by GM2AP



BMP stimulates inter-vesicular lipid transfer by GM2AP

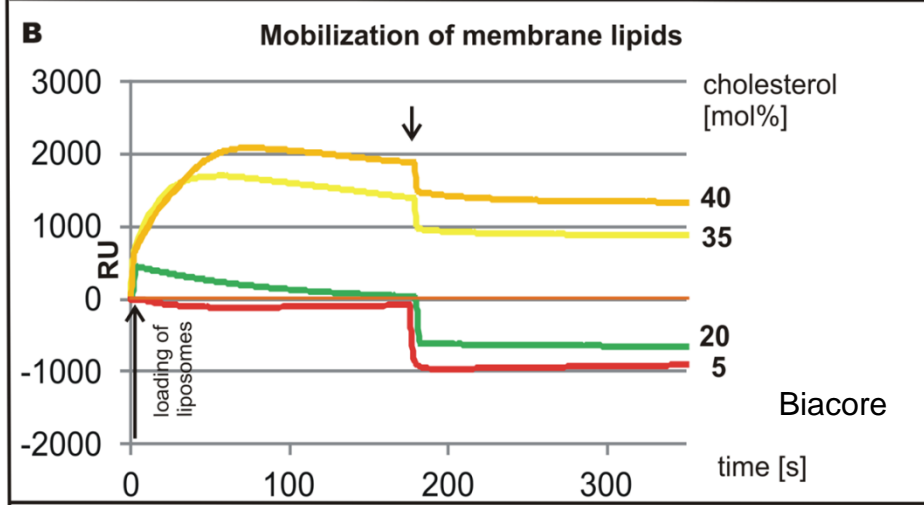
Anheuser et al.(2015), JLR

NPC: Lysosomal cholesterol accumulation inhibits lysosomal GM2 catabolism, e.g. In NPC disease

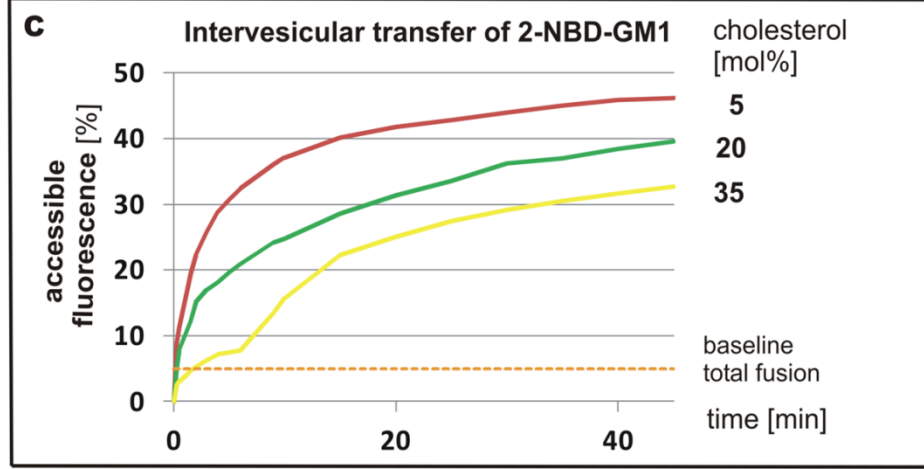


Cholesterol inhibits hydrolysis of liposomal GM2 by Hex A & GM2AP

Q: Is solubilization of M-lipids by SAPs physiologically relevant?



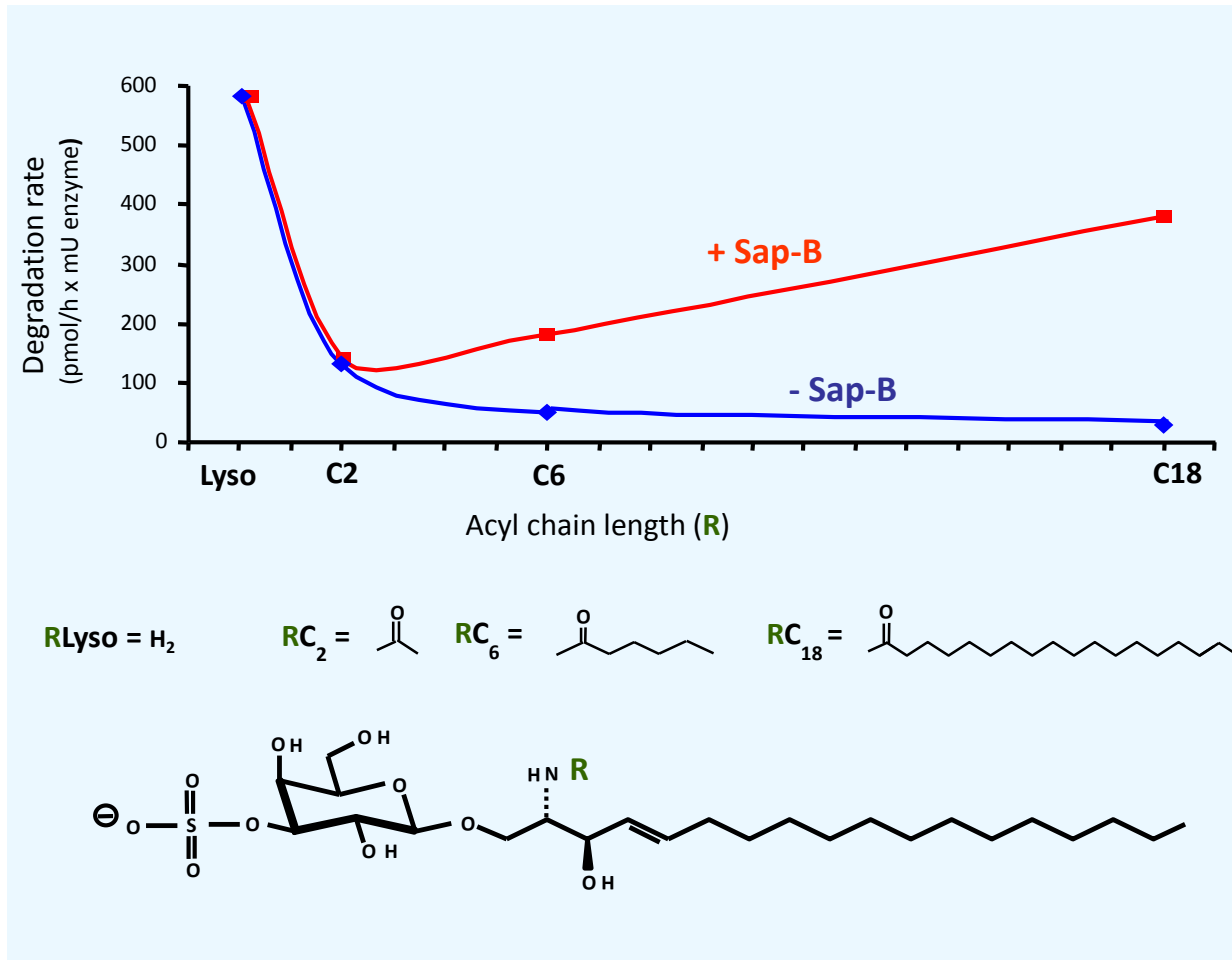
Cholesterol Inhibits solubilization of M-lipids by GM2AP



Cholesterol inhibits Intervesicular transfer M-lipids by GM2AP

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Lysosomes: Lipid phase problem, sulfatide cleavage



(Also LUV-bound GlcCers by beta-Glucase, GM2 by Hex A, GM1 by beta-Galase)

Glycosylation of Sap- B is essential for its physiological functions

	Sap-B	
	Glycosylated	Unglycosylated
Causing MLD (glycosylation site variants)	— _{1,2}	+ _{1,2}
Rescue of Sap-B deficient cells	+ _{3,4}	— ₄
In vitro:		
Stimulation of sulfatide degradation (micellar/ liposomal assays)	+ ₄	+++ ₄
Lipid transfer (sulfatide etc.)	+ ₅	(+) ₆
SPR (liposomes adsorbed on chip):		
Lipid binding	+ ₄	+ ₄
Lipid mobilization	+++ ₄	— ₄

Lipid modifiers may contribute to clinical heterogeneity of lysosomal diseases

- **BMP & other anionic PLs enhance**
 - a) cholesterol **transfer** by NPC2
 - b) the **hydrolysis** of SM by ASM, of GM1 by β -Galase, and of GM2 by Hex A
 - c) the **mobilization** of membrane lipids by SAPs
 - d) **transfer** of 2-NBD-GM1 by GM2AP
 - e) the **activities** of GM2AP, Sap A & B etc.
- **Cholesterol levels inhibit:**

Hydrolysis of GM2 by Hex A (in NPC2), PC by ASM, **mobilization** of lipids by Sap A,B & GM2AP, **transfer** of 2-NBD-GM1 by GM2AP
- **SM inhibits cholesterol transfer by NPC2 (in NPA&B), hydrolysis** of GM2 by Hex A , and **mobilization** of membrane lipids by GM2AP
- **Turnover of GM2 by Hex A, mobilization** of membrane lipids and **transfer** of 2-NBD-GM1 by GM2AP are dependent on a **narrow pH range** of 4.2 +/- 0.4 (Hex A range: pH 3 – 7)
- The **His₆-tag** changes capabilities of GM2AP :
It **stimulates** of hydrolysis of liposomal GM2 by Hex A, but **inhibits** lipid mobilization completely. It **triggers** vesicle fusion.

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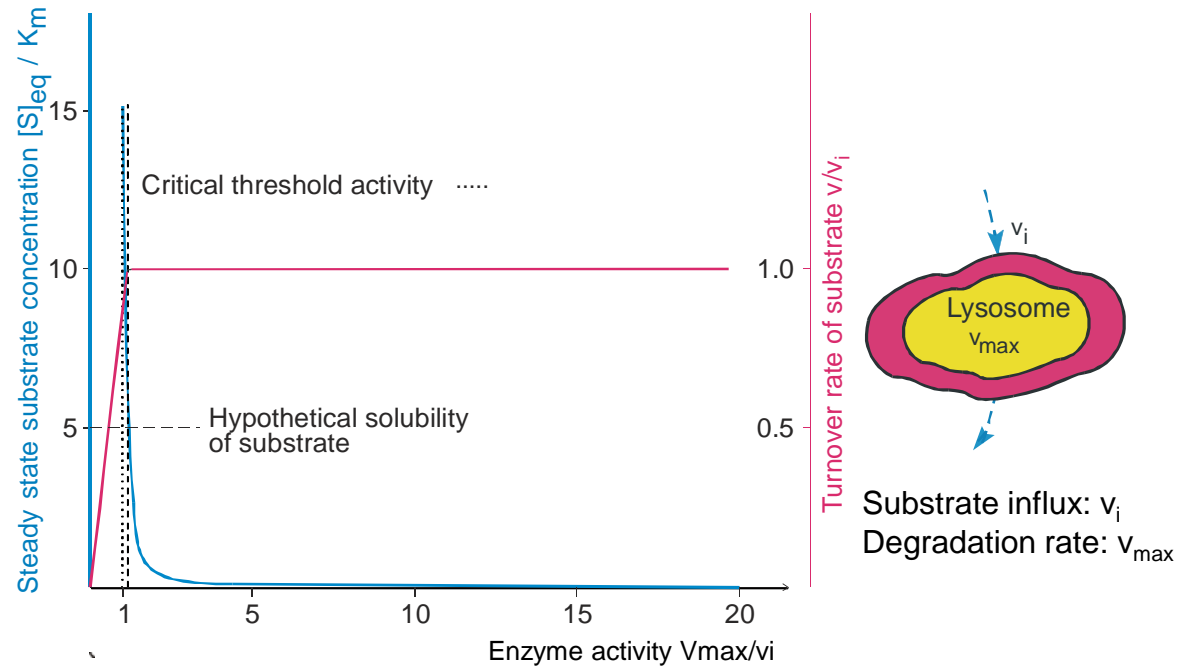
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Threshold Theory

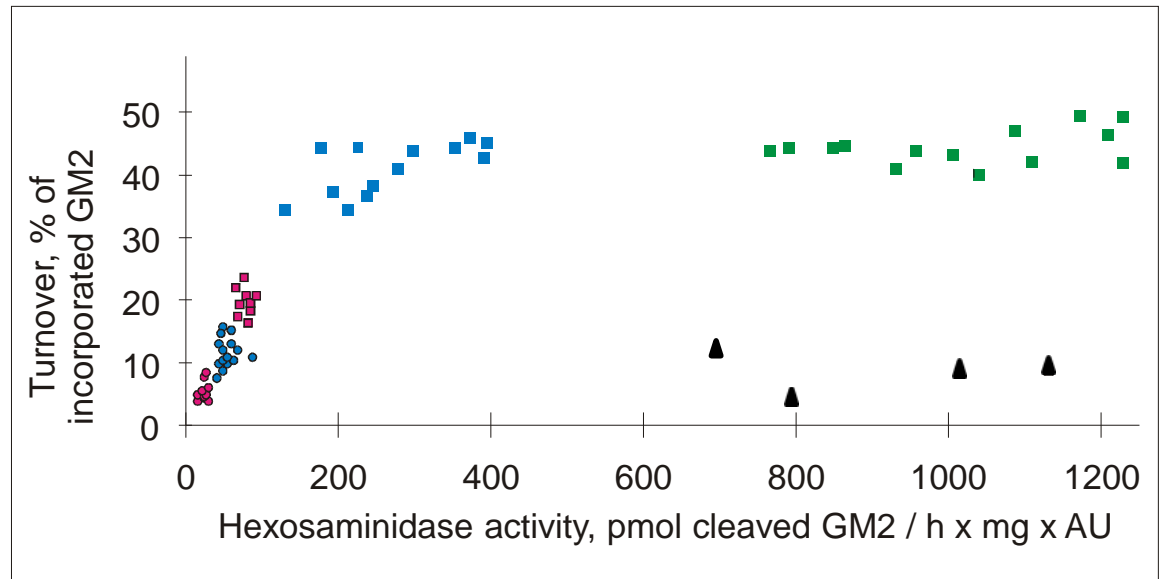
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$$[S]_{eq}/K_m = 1/[(v_{max}/v_i)-1]$$



B

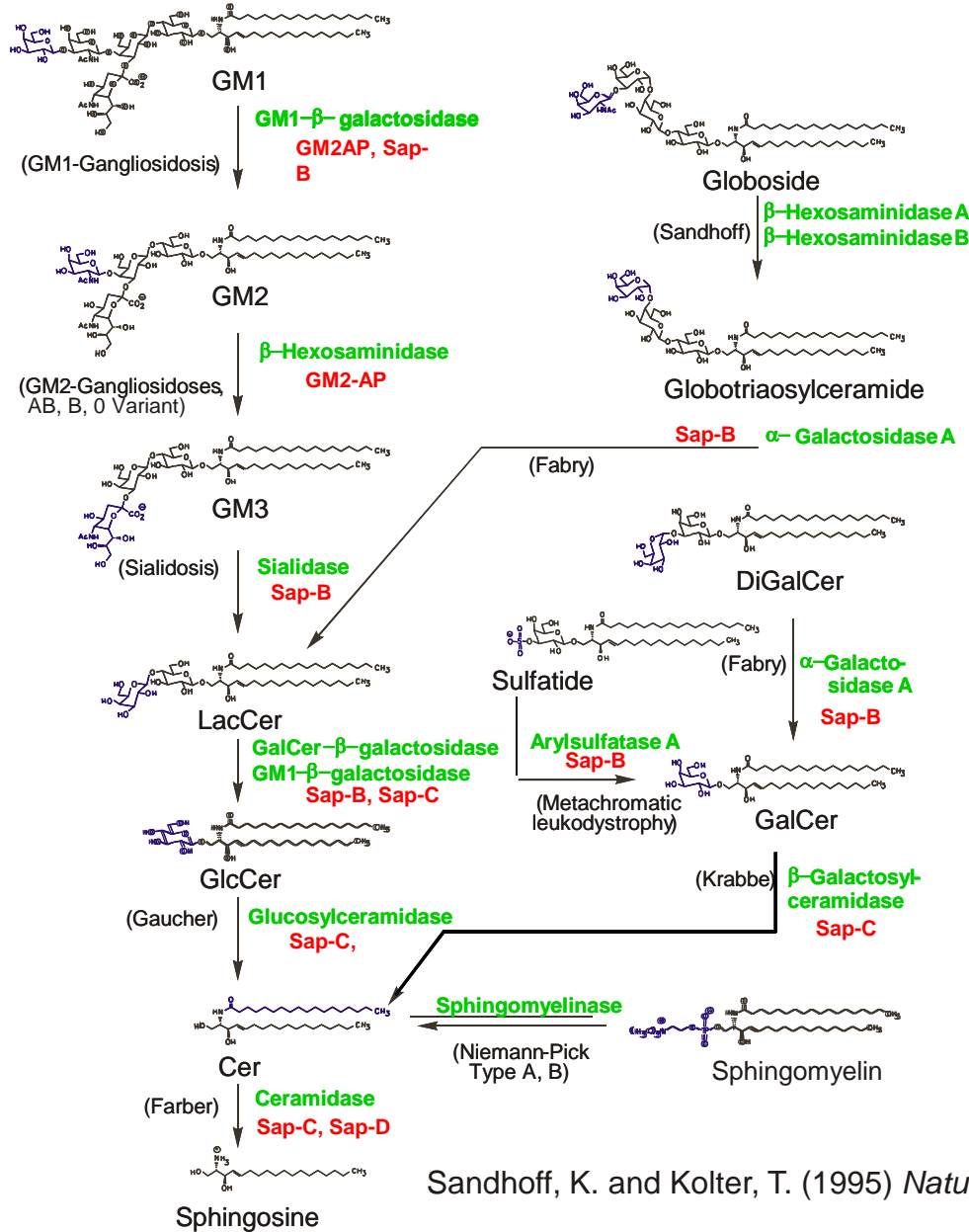
- Normal
- Heterozygotes
- Adult
- Juvenile
- Infantile
- ▲ GM2-Activator deficiency



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Lysosomal & extracellular GlcCer degradation: Protein & lipid modifiers

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Amaurotic idiocy: 5 genetic diseases:
GM1- and 4 forms GM2-gangliosidoses (Var AB, B, B1, 0)

Hex A deficiency: various clinical courses (inf. juv. adult chron.),
Threshold theory

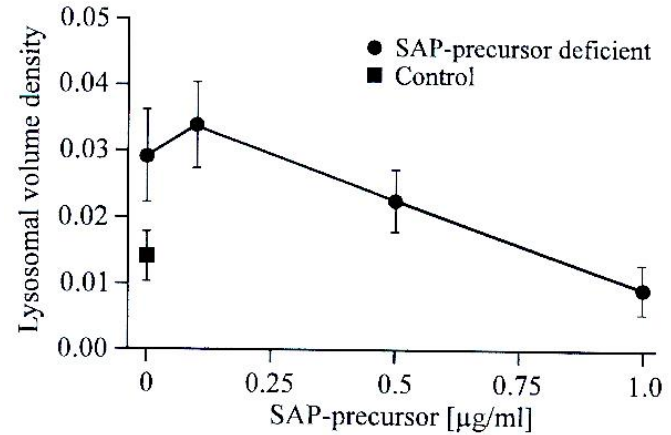
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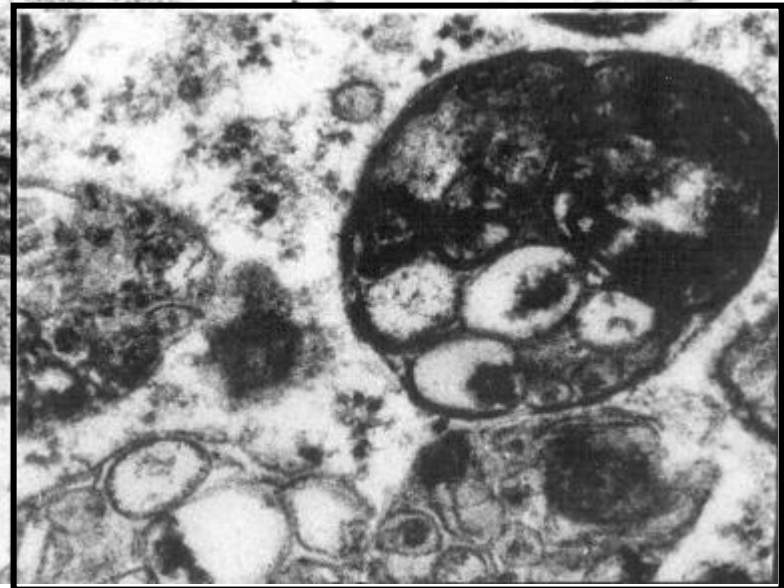
Skin biopsy of a pSap-deficient patient

(W. Roggendorf)

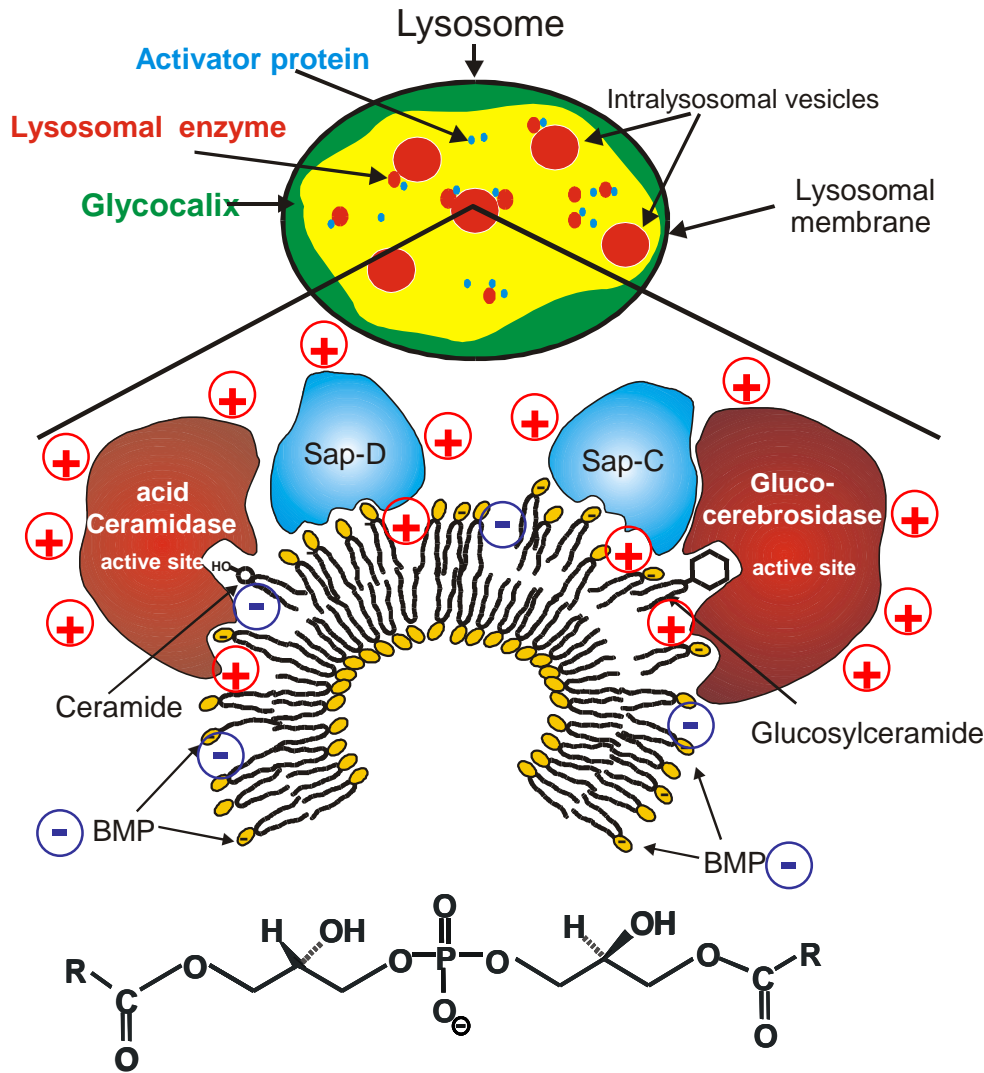


Feeding of pSAP reverses membrane storage

Burkhardt *et al.* (1997)



Spingolipid degradation at intralysosomal membrane surfaces: Stimulation by SAPs and anionic lipids

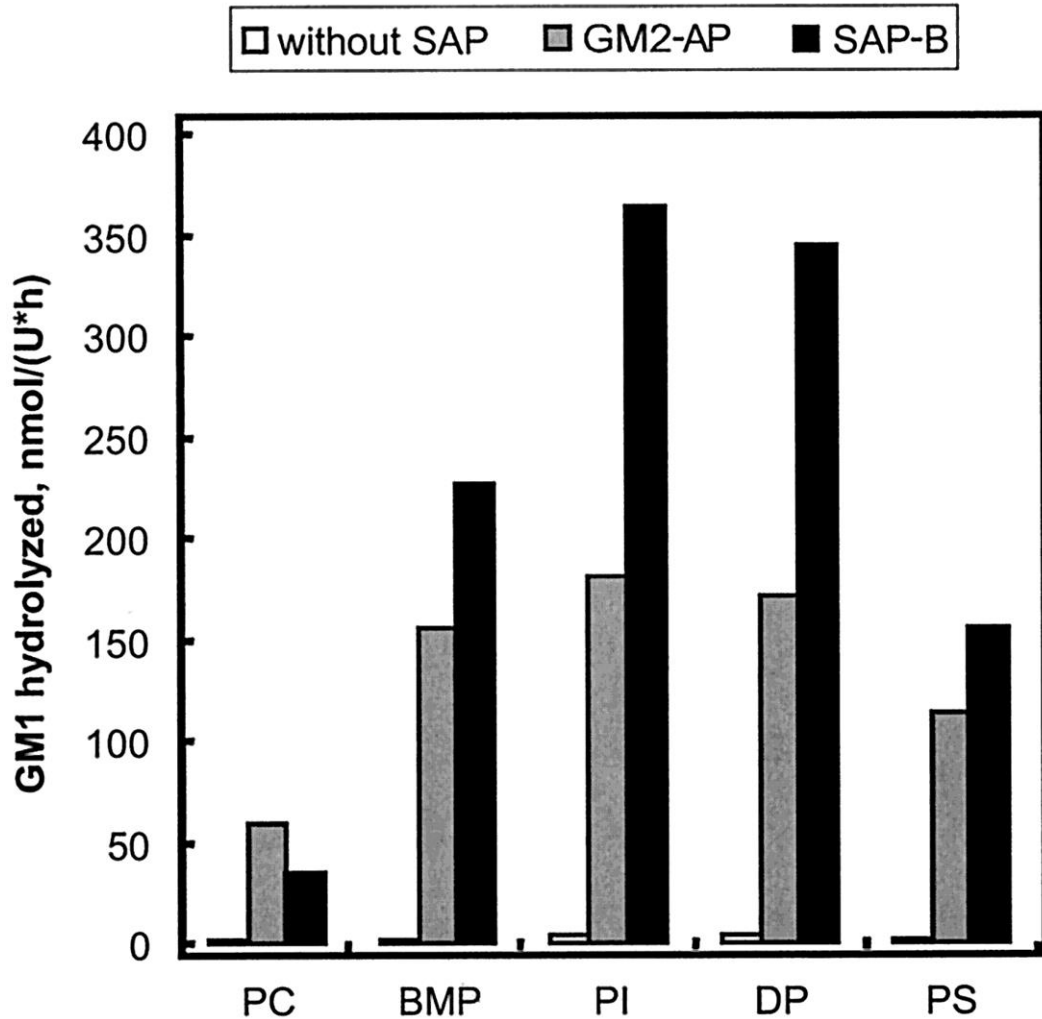


- **Electrostatic interaction:** Cationic proteins bind to anionic vesicles
 - **SAPs** stimulate enzymatic hydrolysis of liposome-bound sphingolipids.
 - **BMP and other anionic PLs** stimulate degradation of:
 - Cer, GlcCer, SM, GM1, GM2:
- 3-15 fold in the presence of SAPs.**
(Sensitivity to CADs)

Sandhoff, Proc. Jpn. Acad. Ser. B, Vol. 88, 554-82 (2012)

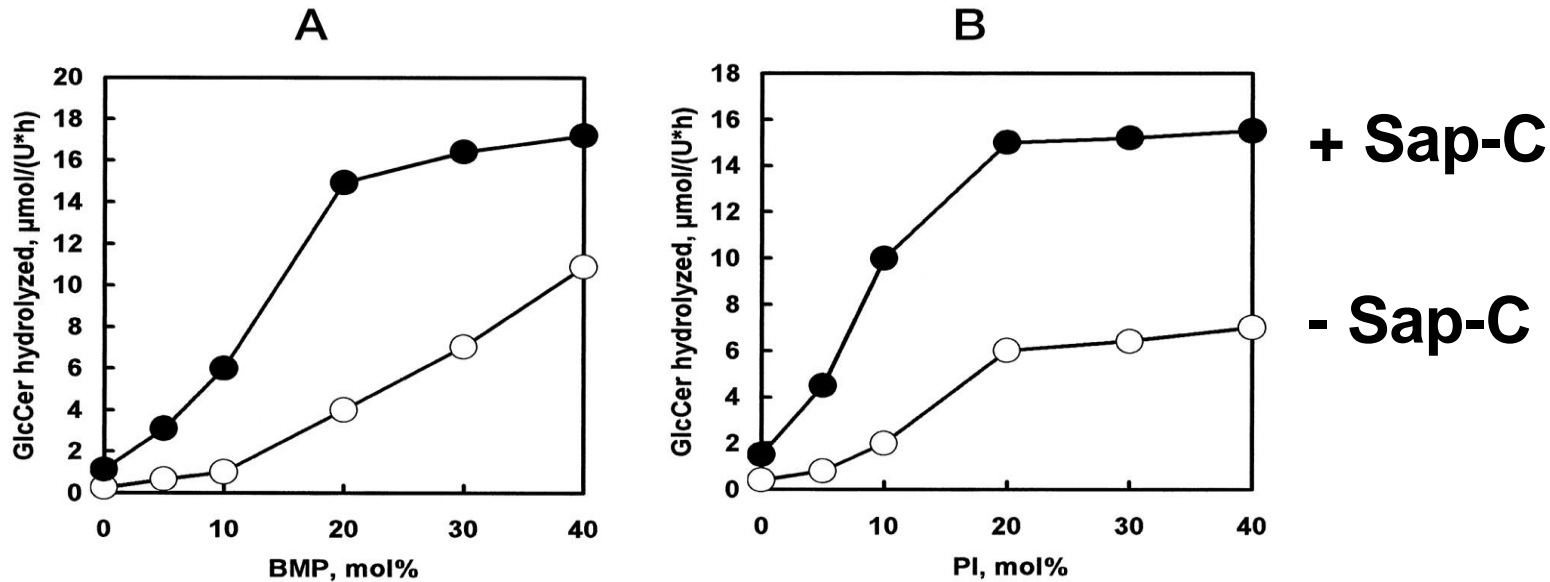
Bis(monoacylglycero)phosphate (BMP, S-configuration, sn1)

Lysosomal anionic lipids enhance the degradation of GM1 by β -galactosidase, but only in the presence of SAPs



Lysosomal anionic lipids (10 mol %) were incorporated in LUVs, composed of 10 mol % GM1, 20 mol % cholesterol, and 60 mol % PC. Assays in the absence of an activator protein and in the presence of 5 μ m GM2-AP or 5 μ m SAP-B were carried out.

Lysosomal lipids in LUVs stimulate the enzymatic GlcCer hydrolysis in the presence and also in the absence of Sap-C.



A: Assays were conducted with GlcCer as substrate in the absence (○) and presence of Sap-C (2.5 μm) (●), using LUVs with various proportions of synthetic BMP (0–40 mol %).

B: Assays were carried out with varying concentrations of PI in LUVs, with (●) and without (○) the addition of 2.5 μm Sap-C, keeping the total lipid concentration in the assays constant.

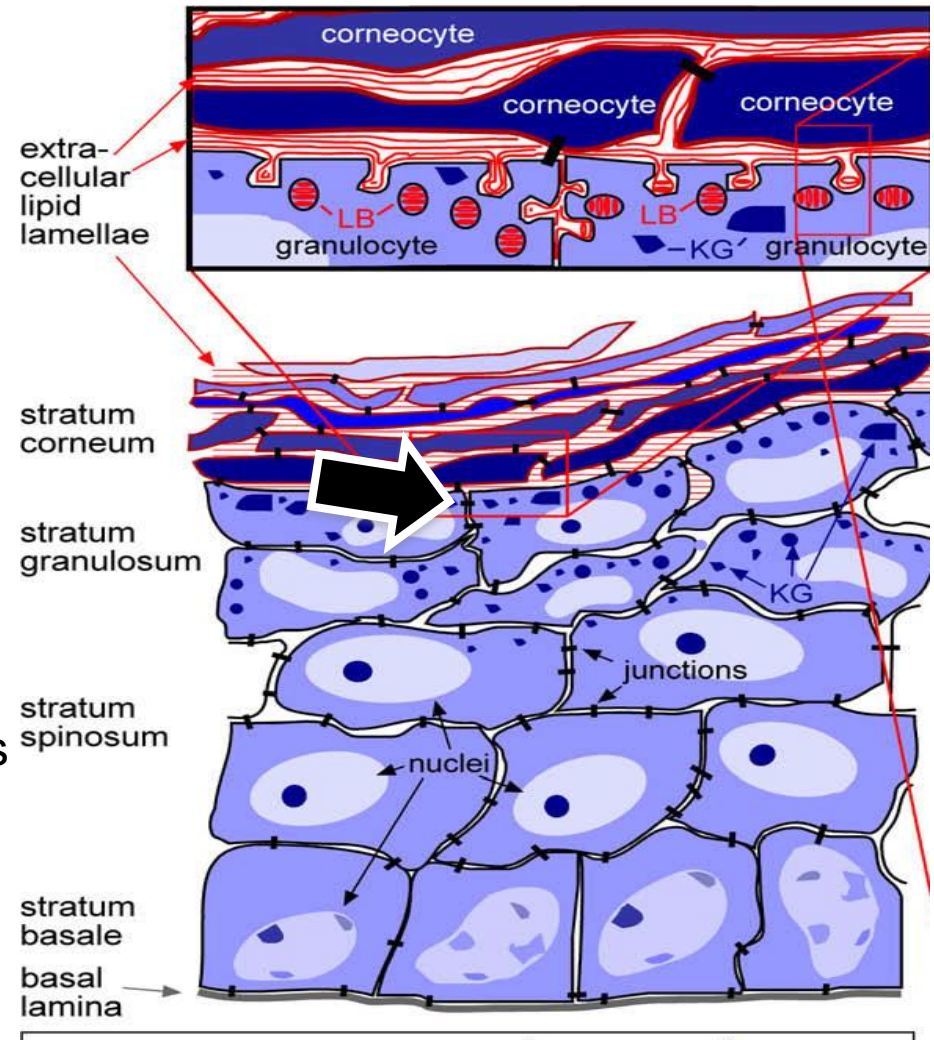
Conclusions

- Several inherited diseases can generate the same clinical phenotype (amaurotic idiocy caused by GM1&GM2 gangliosidoses (TSD, SD, Var AB & B1)
- Mutations in the same gene (e.g.Hex A) can cause different clinical courses (inf., juv., adult & chronic courses due to different levels of residual catabolic activities)
- Catabolic activity of an enzyme (e.g. Hex A) is strongly modified by the microenvironment in which the enzymic reaction occurs, e.g. at the surface of liposomes (or in vivo at the surface of luminal lysosomal vesicles) (pH-value, ionic strength, LTPs or SAPs, lipid composition of the **GM2** carrying membrane: anionic M-lipids stimulate (up to 15 fold), cholesterol inhibits strongly
- No direct correllation between gene mutations and the clinical course of a disease, **the microenvironment of the enzymic reaction modifies the catabolic rate.**

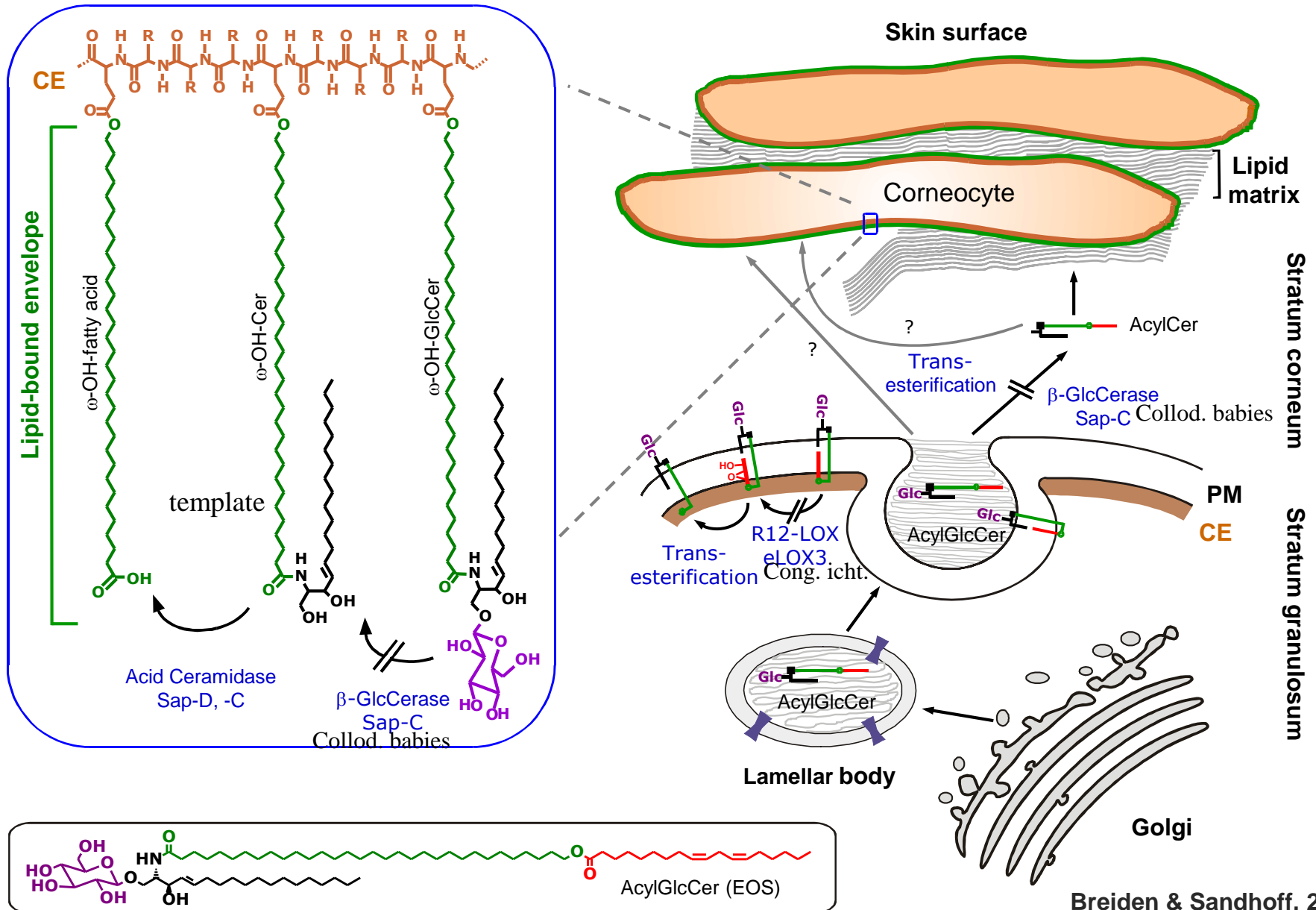
Ceramide metabolism: Key to skin barrier function

Epidermis is important against desiccation and infections

Barrier : Extracellular lipid layers :ULC-Cers ,ULC-FA, Cholesterol

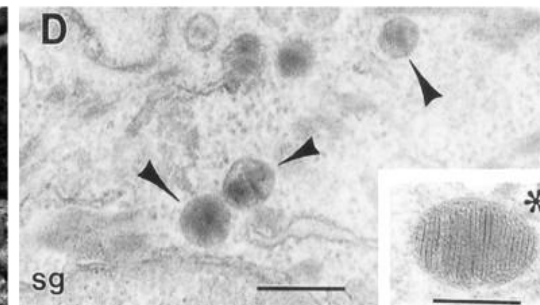
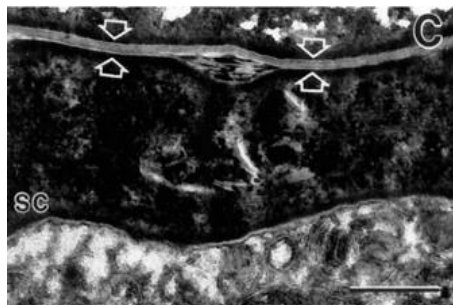
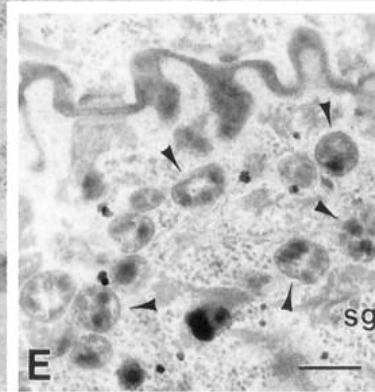
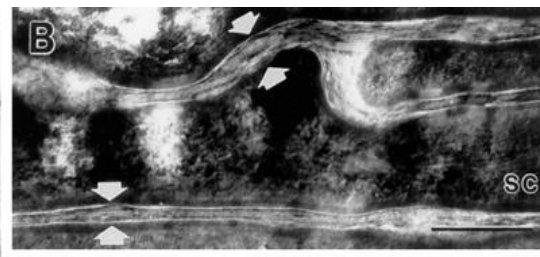
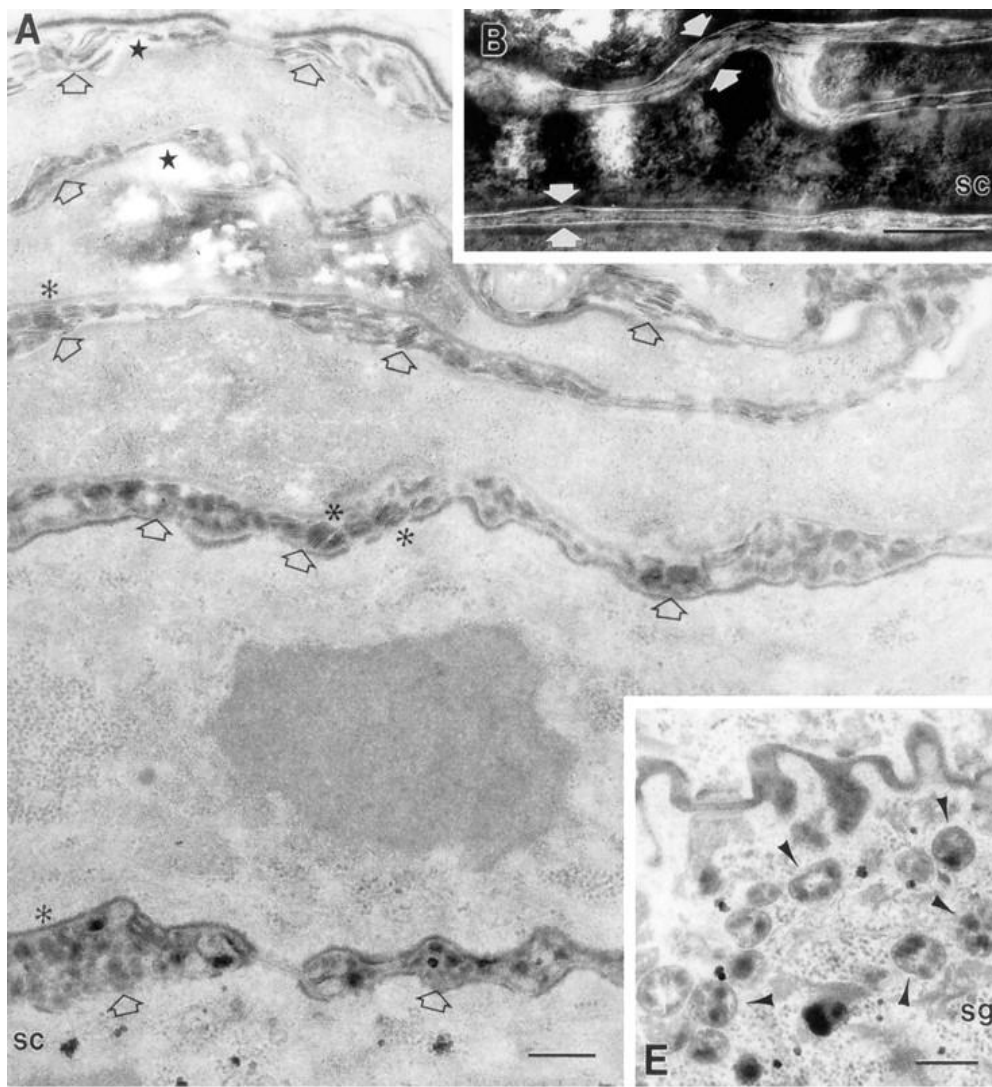


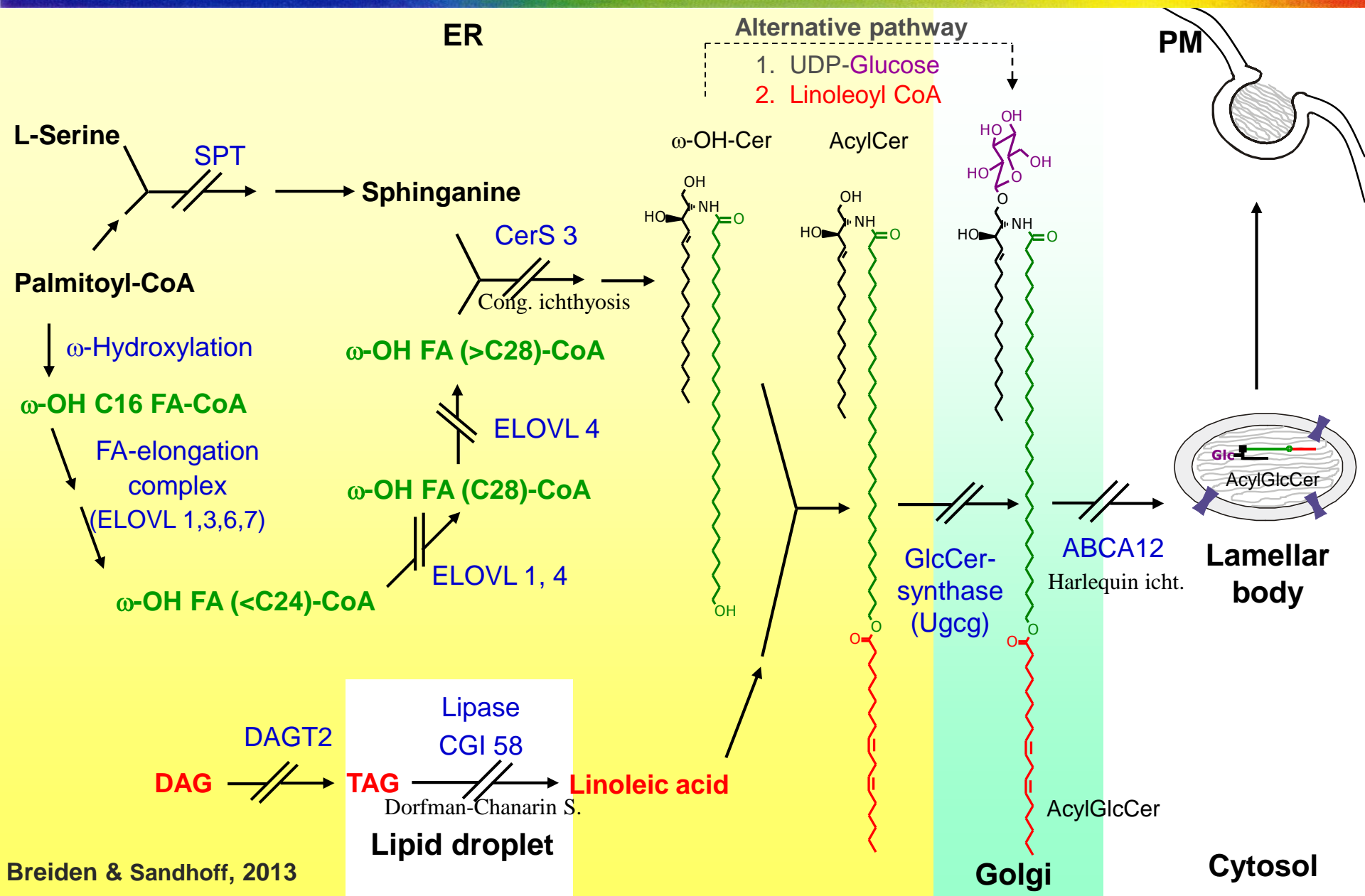
Permeability barrier of the skin



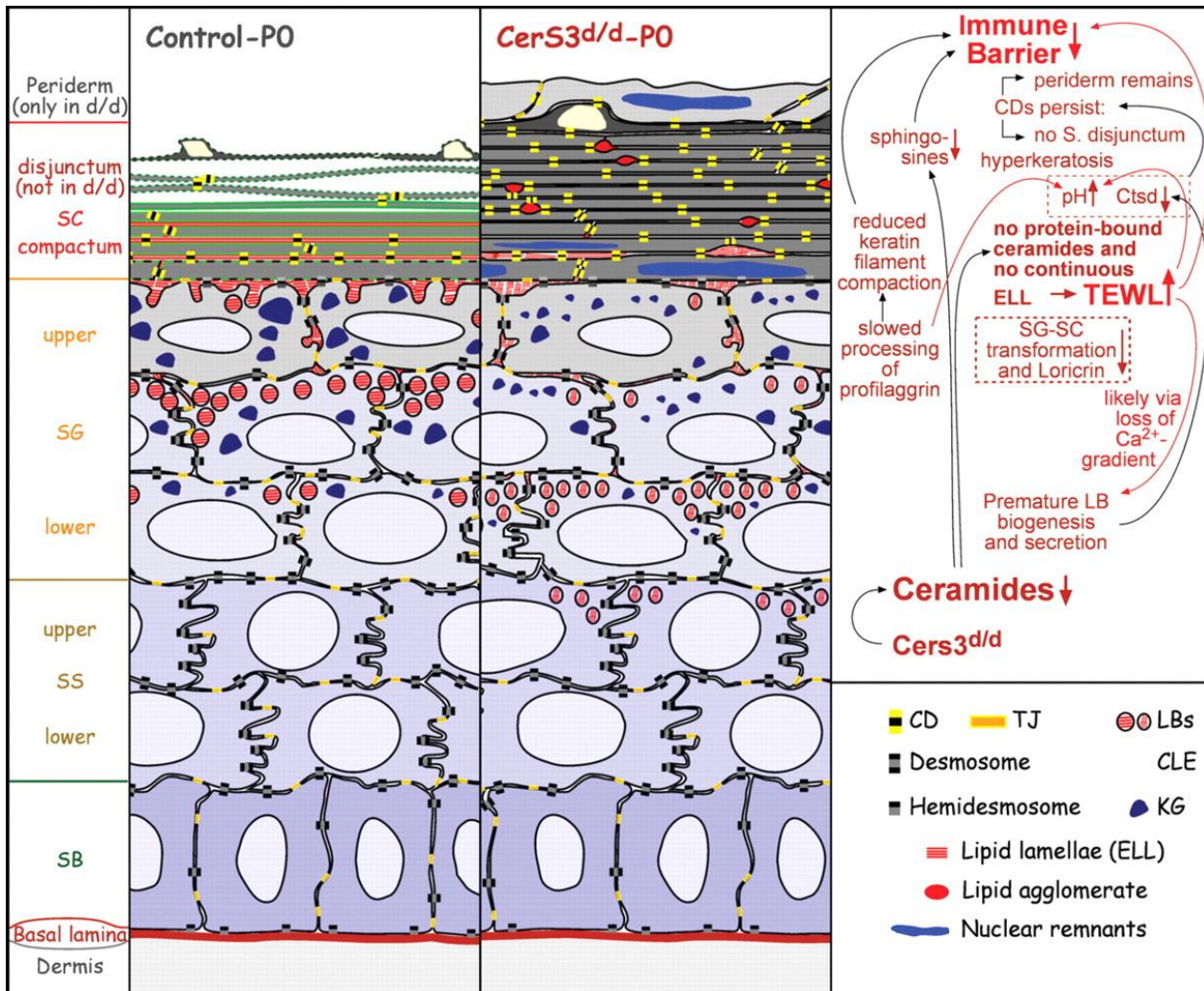
Ultrastructure of pSAP knockout epidermis

Ruthenium staining reveals that the pSAP-deficient interstices (*B*, between arrows) lack the regular, compact pattern of lamellar membranes observed in normal, pSAP-replete SC (*C*, between open arrows)..





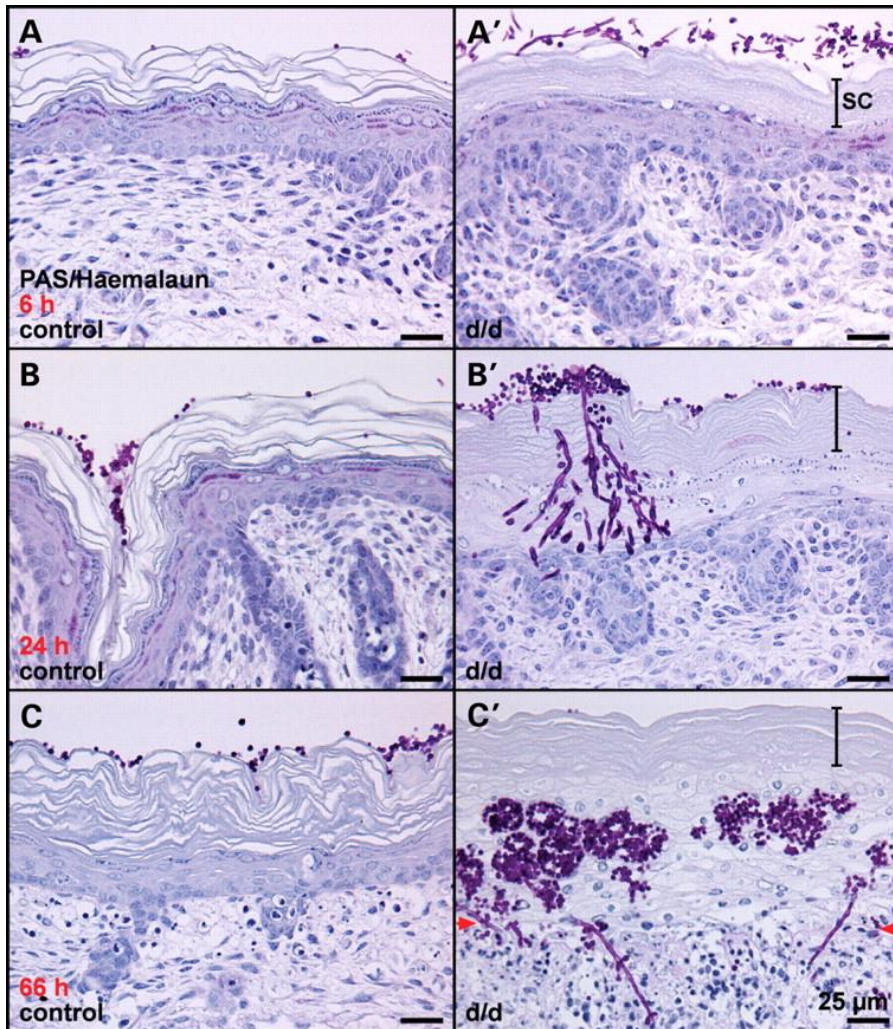
Schemes of CerS3d/d phenotypic alterations with proposed cascades of events.



- CerS3 ko mice die shortly after birth from TEWL
- Loss of all SLs with acyl residues longer than 24 C-atoms, **lack of protein-bound ceramides**
- Lack of continuous extracellular lipid lamellae, water loss, hyperkeratosis
- **High skin susceptibility to Candida infection**
- SG –SC interface: absence of LB exocytotic figures and lamellar lipid-free domains
- Impaired processing of epidermal proteins: (pro) filaggrin, involucrin, loricrin.

Jennemann R et al.....Sandhoff R, (2012) Hum. Mol. Genet.; 21:586-608

High skin susceptibility to *Candida* infection

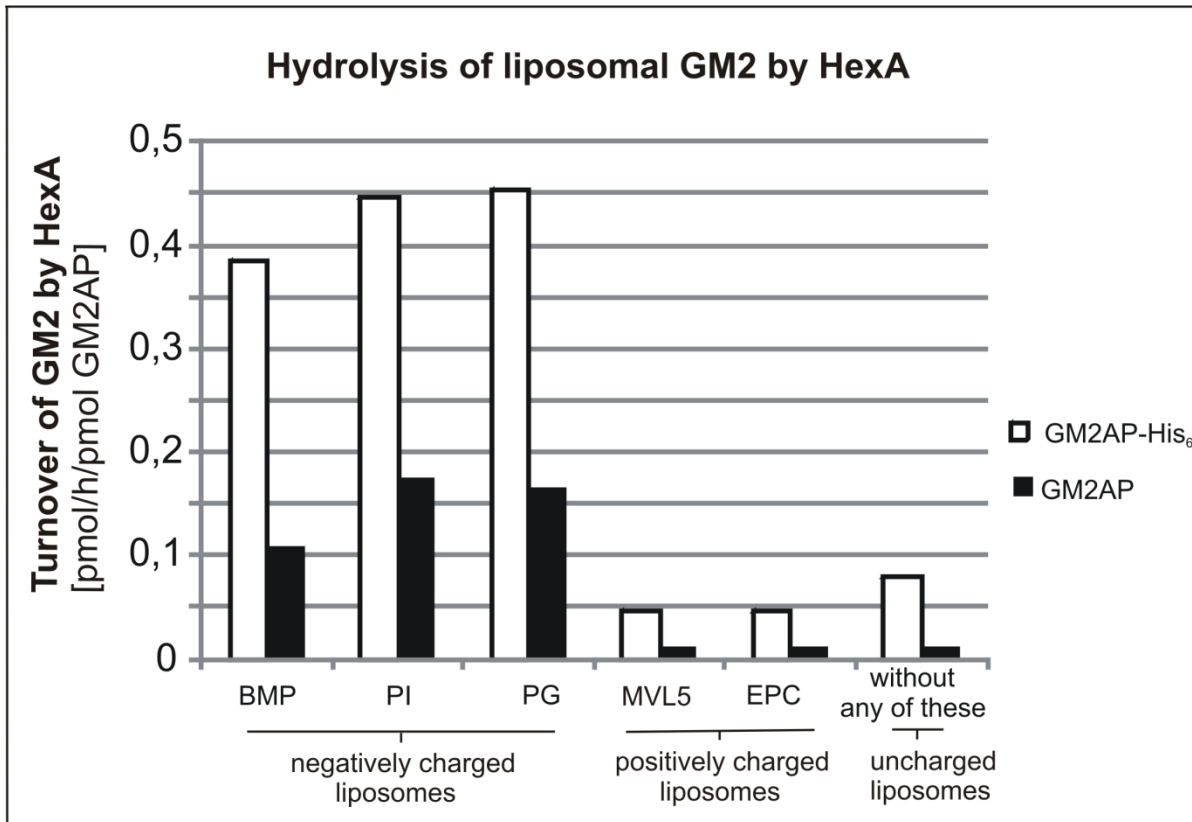


(A–C') Cultured skin samples of CerS3d/d mice reveal after inoculation with *C. albicans* increased microbial adhesion and growth after 6 h (A'), microbial invasion of all epidermal layers after 24 h (B') and microbial colony formation within SS in parallel to migration of pseudohyphae into the dermis after 66 h (C', the residual basement membrane, red arrowheads). Note the abundance of immune cells in mutant dermis after 66 h. PAS-hemalaun.

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Principles of molecular and cellular pathology

- Cell type specificity of GSL- & SL- biosynthesis
- Promiscuity (and redundancy) of hydrolases and SAPs
- SAPs are multifunctional proteins (lipid binding & mobilization, intermembrane lipid transfer and vesicle fusion)
- Membrane lipids are strong regulators of lipid degradation at vesicular surfaces
- Unknown transient levels of cholesterol & anionic lipids in luminal vesicles of lysosomes may contribute to clinical heterogeneity of diseases
- ULC-Glc-Ceramides & ULC-Ceramides are key components of the water & immune barrier of mammalian skin. Defects in their metabolism can cause ichthiosis and are often fatal

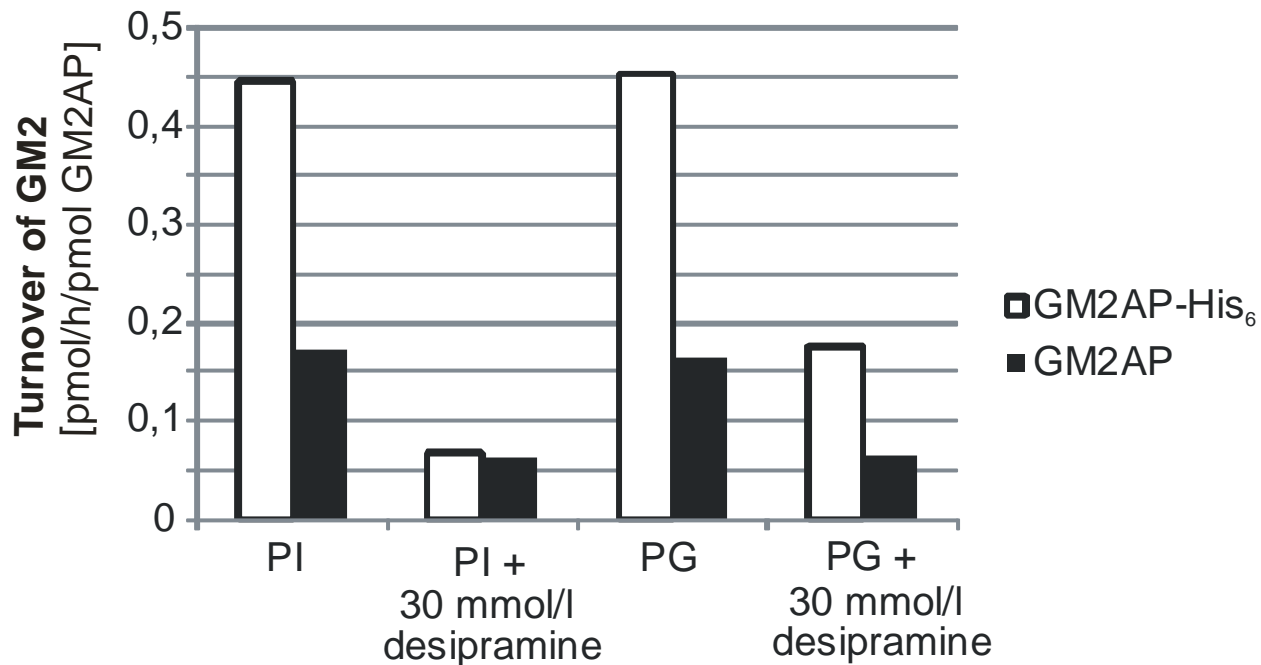


Liposomal activity assay

- Uncharged liposomes contained: 5 mol% cholesterol, [¹⁴C]-GM2 and PC as a host lipid
- negatively charged liposomes contained additional 20 mol% BMP, PI or PG, positively charged liposomes contained 20 mol% MVL5 or EPC

Adding negative charged lipids in the liposomal membranes resulted in a strong enhanced hydrolysis of GM2 by HexA in presence of GM2AP. Using positively charged liposomes, the hydrolysis rate of GM2 was as low as that observed with uncharged vesicles.

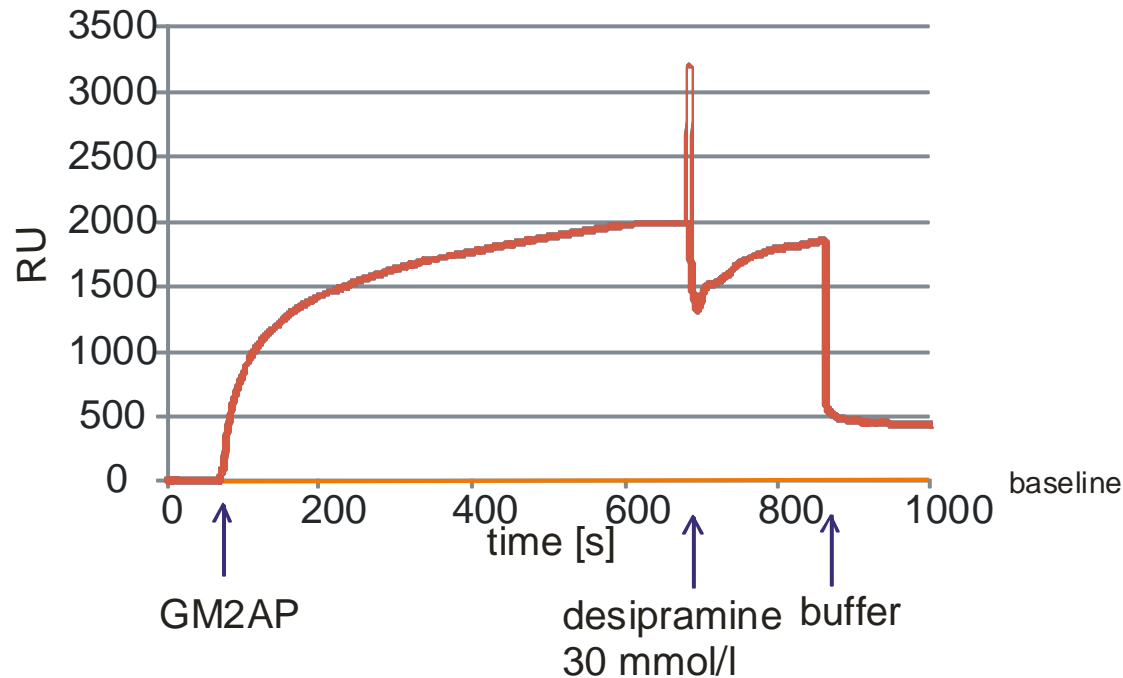
Hydrolysis of liposomal GM2 by HexA



Liposomal activity assay

- The negatively charged liposomes contained 20 mol% PI or PG, 5 mol% cholesterol, [¹⁴C]-GM2 and PC as a host lipid. Adding desipramine to the assay preparation (30 mmol/l final concentration), the hydrolysis of GM2 by HexA in presence of GM2AP was strongly reduced.
- The cationic amphiphilic drug desipramine is disturbing the interaction of GM2AP with the vesicle membrane, most likely by its positive netcharge.

Desipramine strongly reduces membrane binding of GM2AP

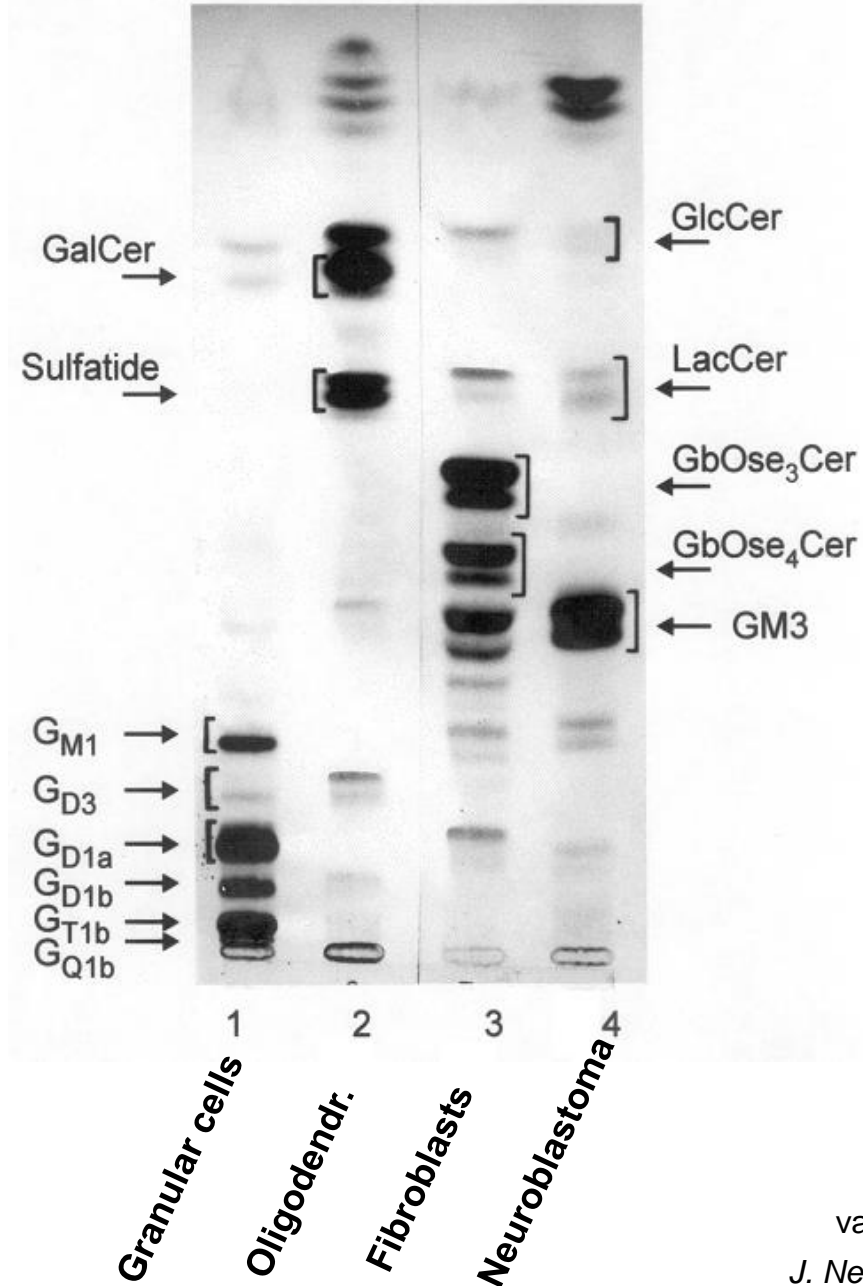
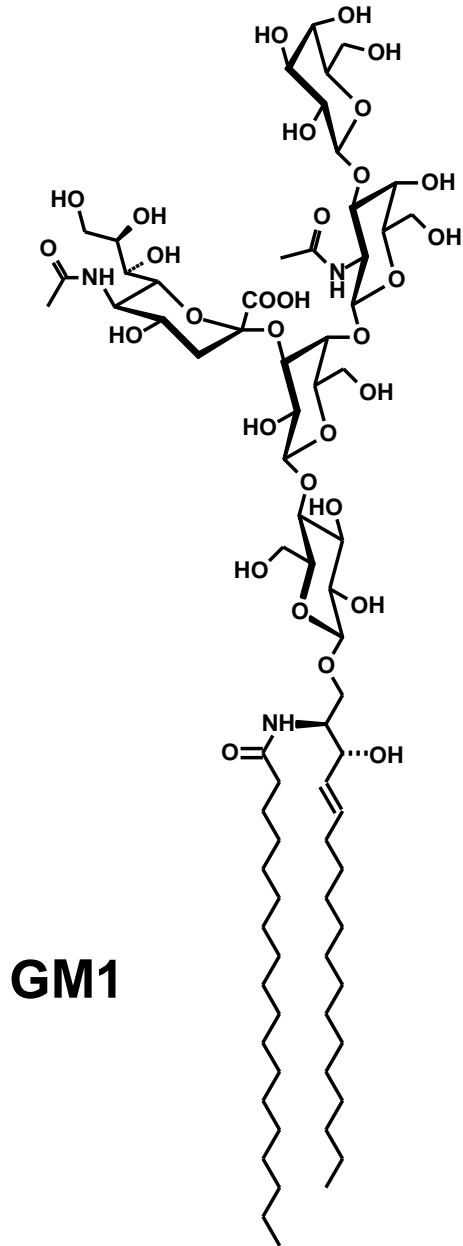


Surface plasmon resonance (SPR) study

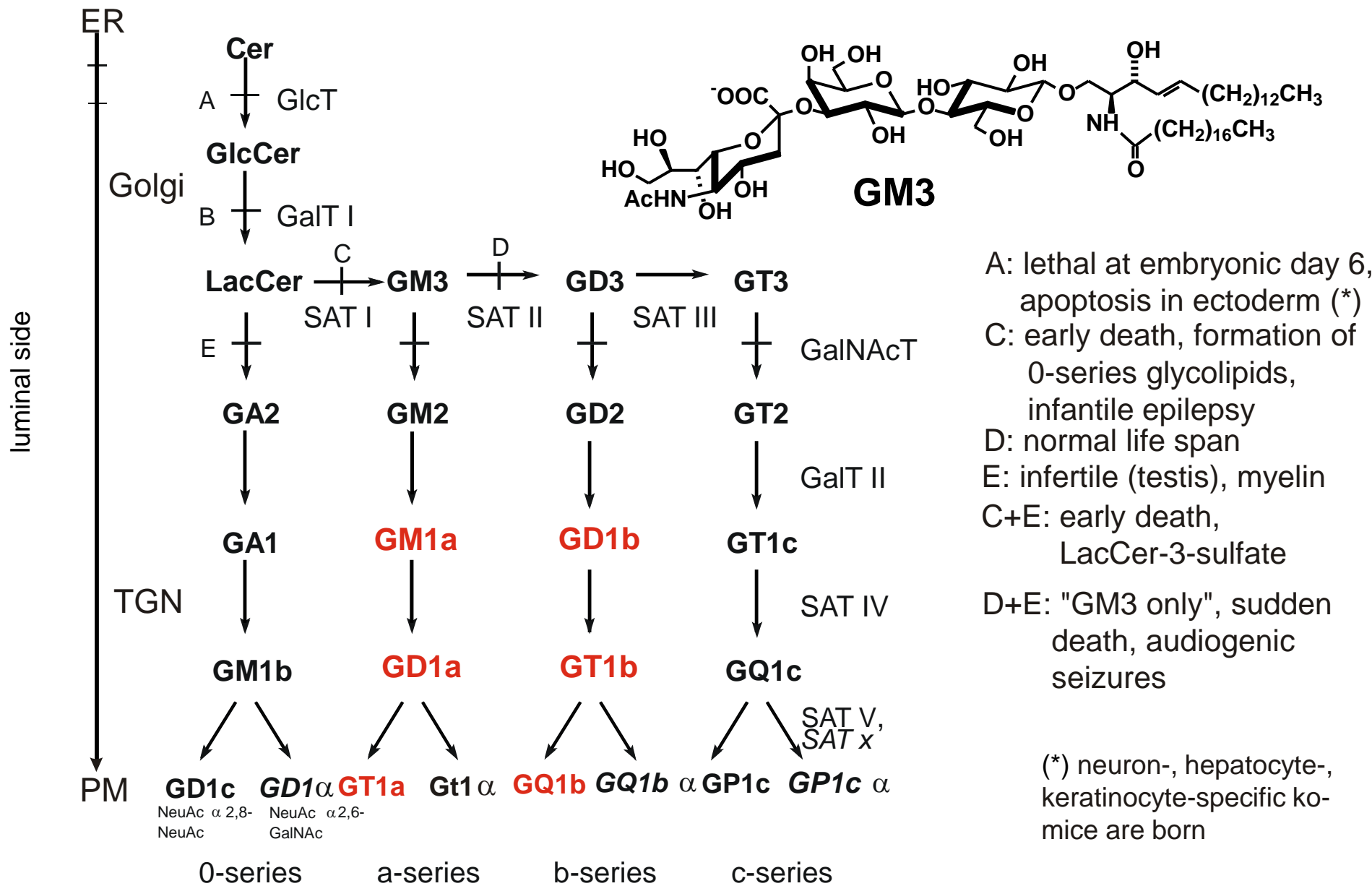
Negatively charged liposomes containing 5 mol% cholesterol, 5 mol% BMP and 10 mol% GM2 were immobilized on a Pioneer HPA-chip. Running buffer was 20 mM sodium citrate buffer (pH 4.2). Response signals measured after binding of membrane lipids were defined as zero (baseline: orange). GM2AP (0.2 mM) in running buffer was injected into the flow cells at a rate of 20 $\mu\text{l}/\text{min}$. Afterwards, desipramine (30 mmol/l, dissolved in water) was injected for 3 min (flow rate 20 $\mu\text{l}/\text{min}$), followed by buffer alone.

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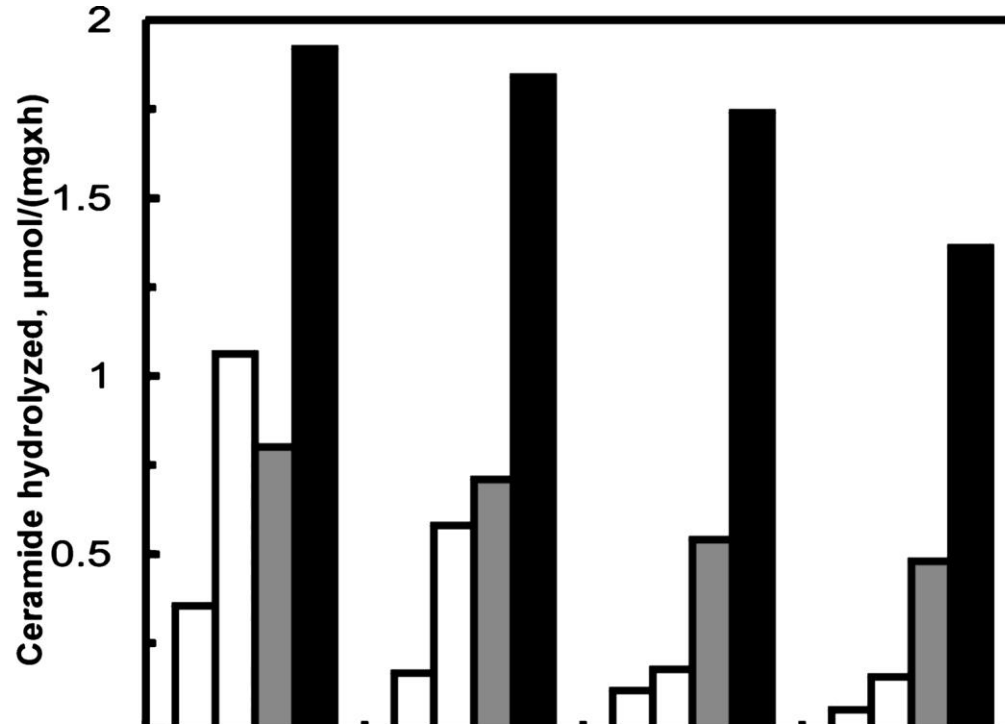
Cell type specific biosynthesis of glycosphingolipids



Combinatorial Ganglioside Biosynthesis



Sap-D, PI and increased membrane curvature enhance ceramide hydrolysis by aCerase



mean vesicle size, nm	30	50	100	200
PI, 25 mol%	- - + +	- - + +	- - + +	- - + +
SAP-D, 2.5 μM	- + - +	- + - +	- + - +	- + - +

LUVs and SUVs with varying mean diameter either contained none or 25 mol % PI. In addition, incubation mixtures contained either none or 2.5 μM SAP-D.

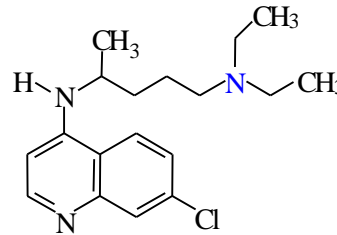
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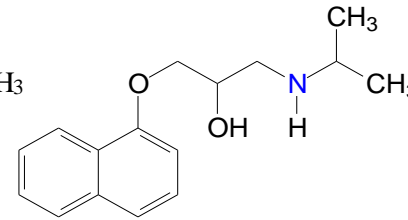
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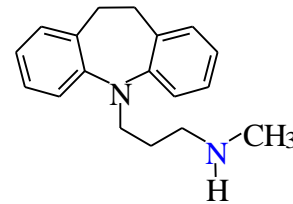
CADs are partially neutral at pH 7, penetrate membranes, and are protonated & trapped in lysosomes.



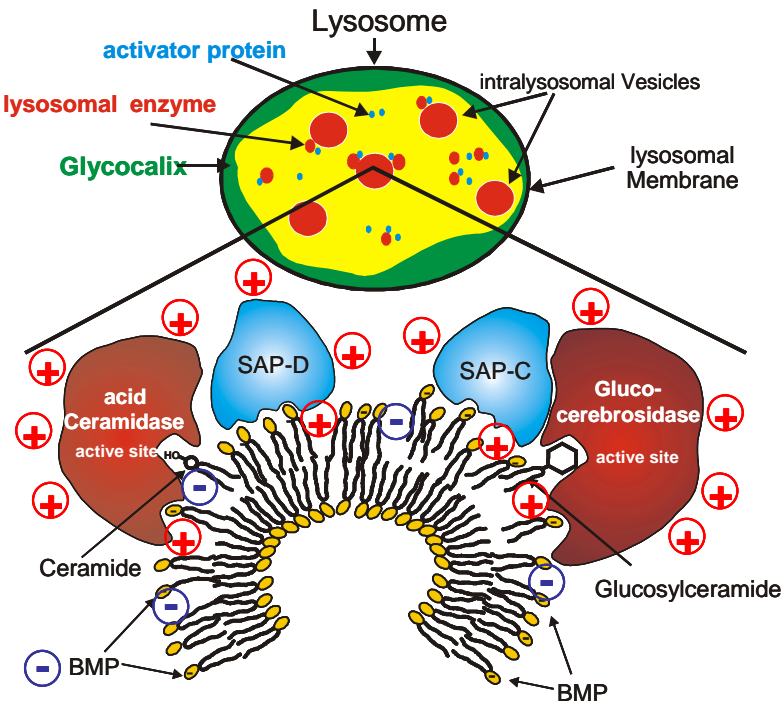
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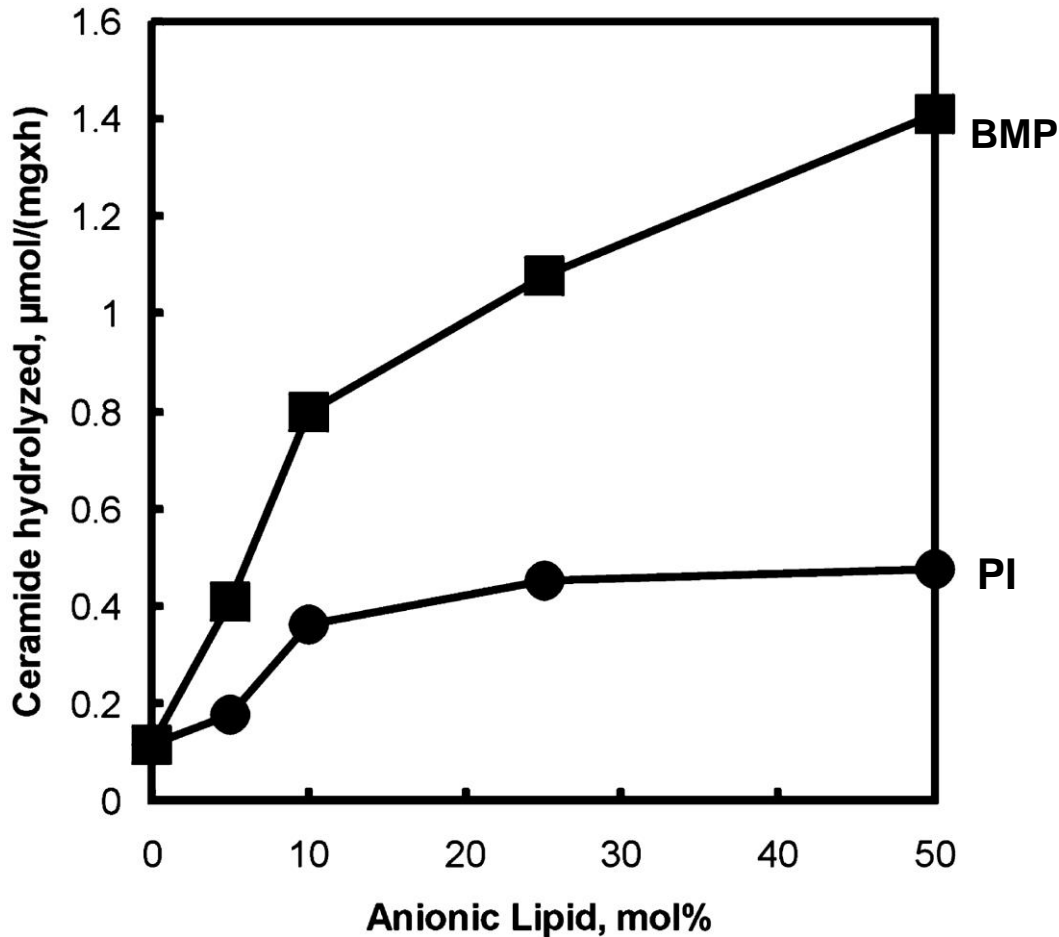
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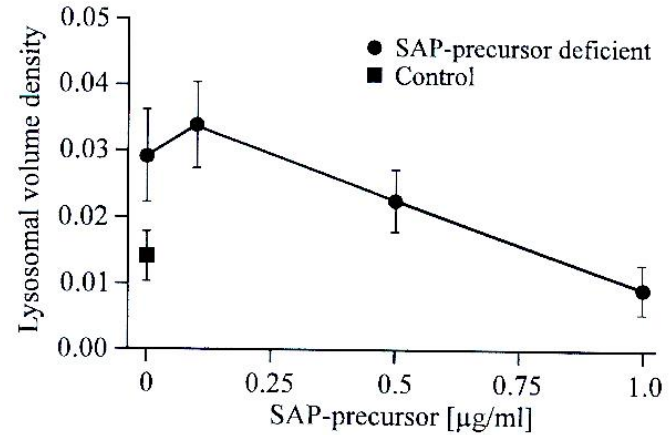
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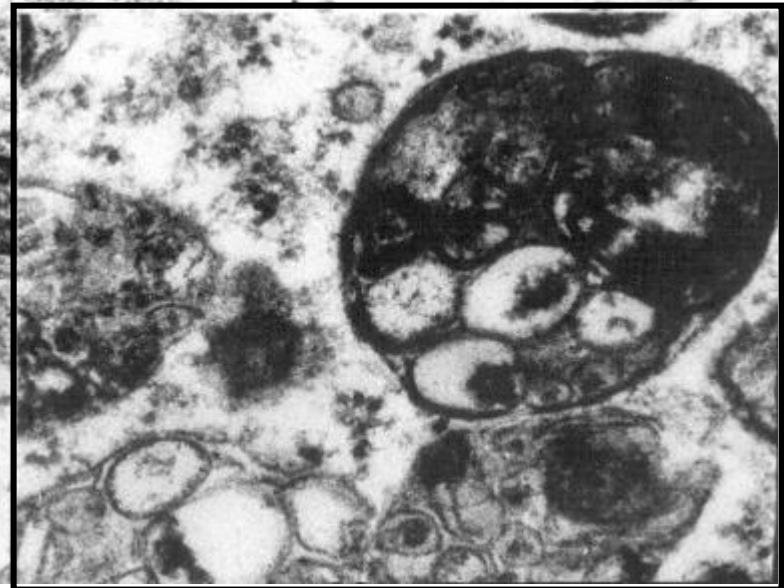
Skin biopsy of a pSap-deficient patient

(W. Roggendorf)

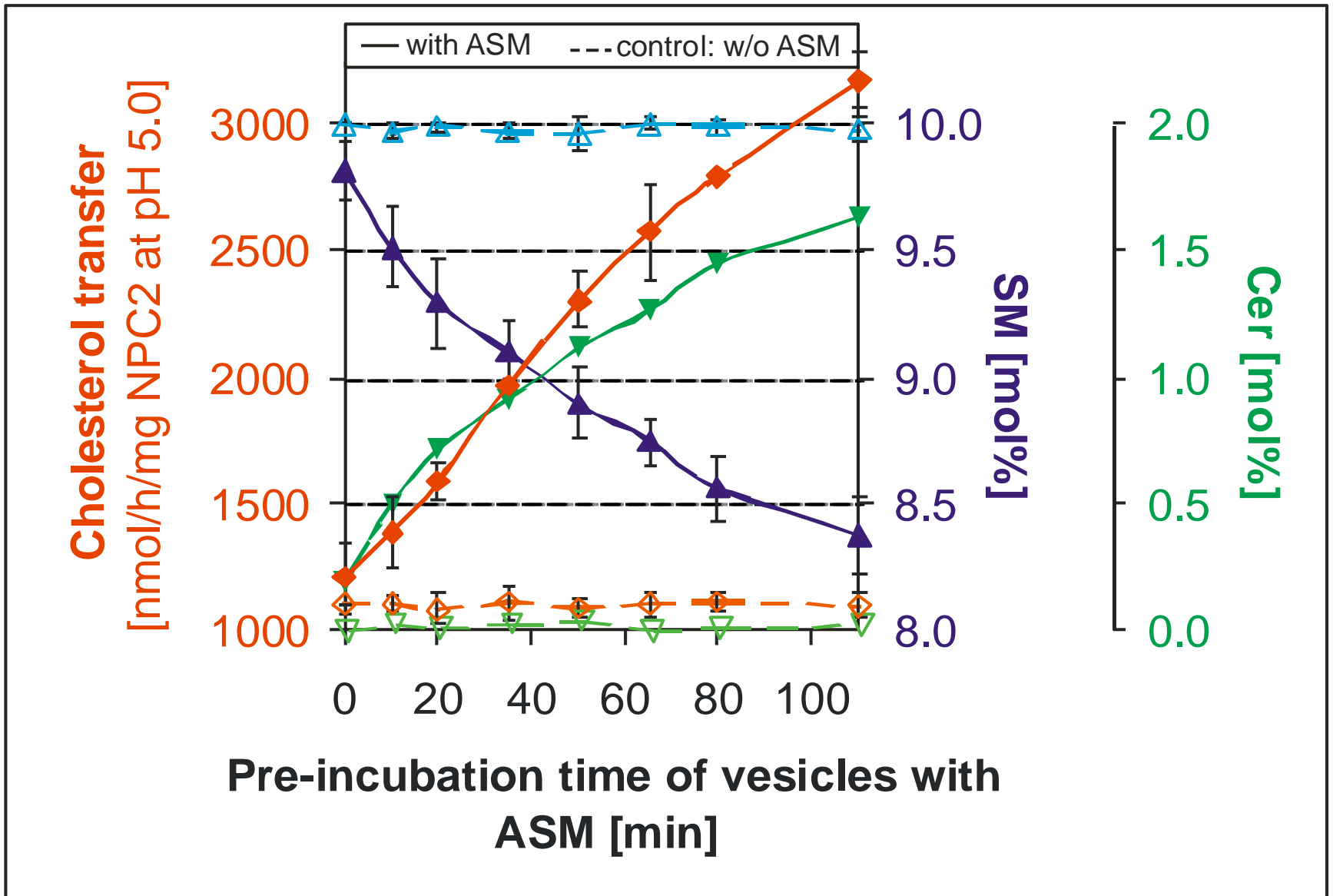


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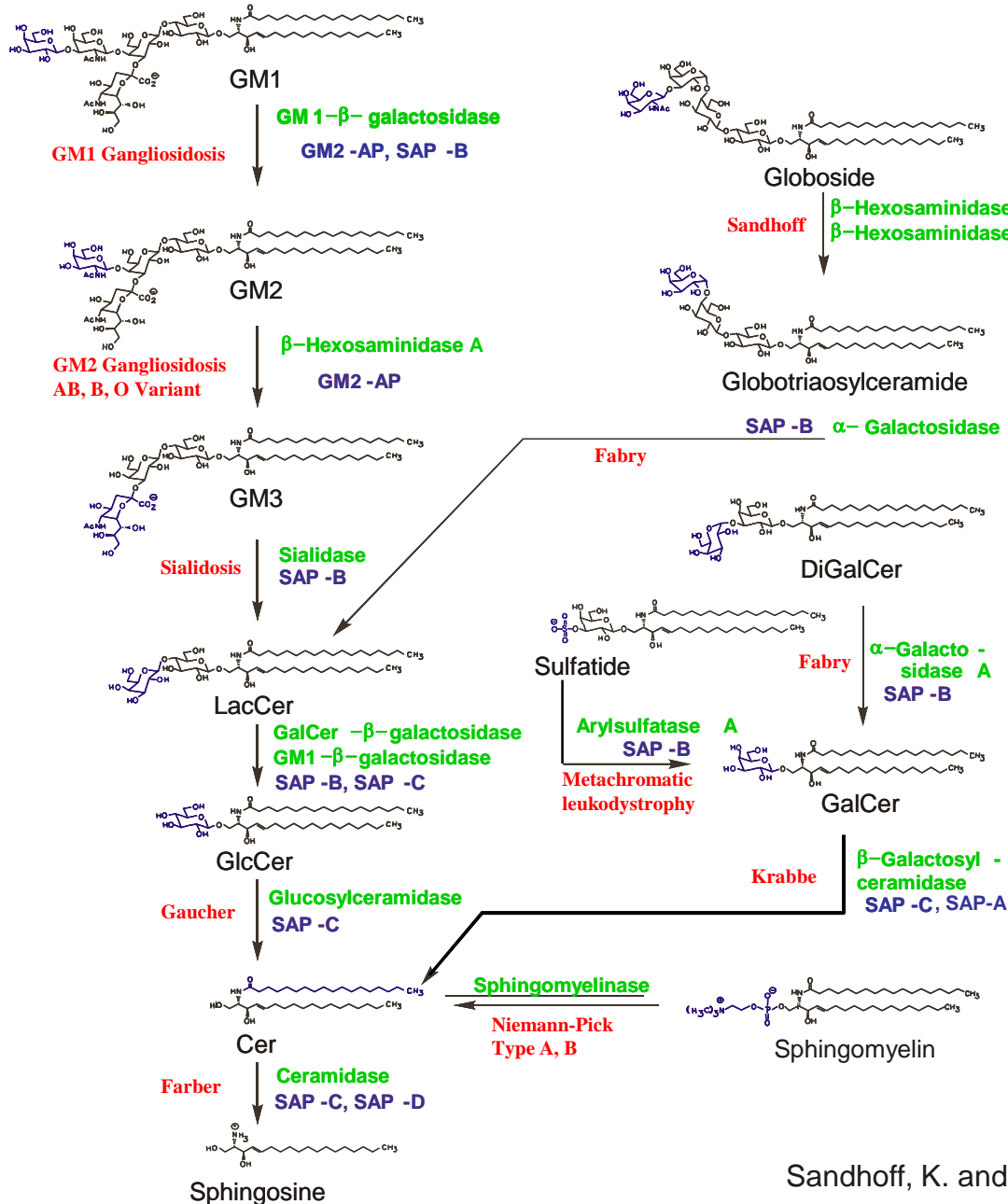
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Degradation of SM by ASM stimulates intervesicular cholesterol transfer by NPC2



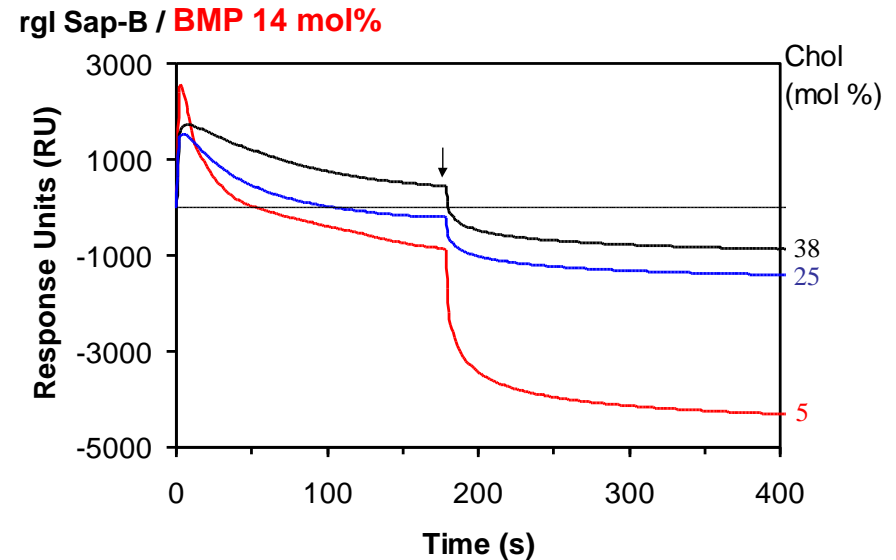
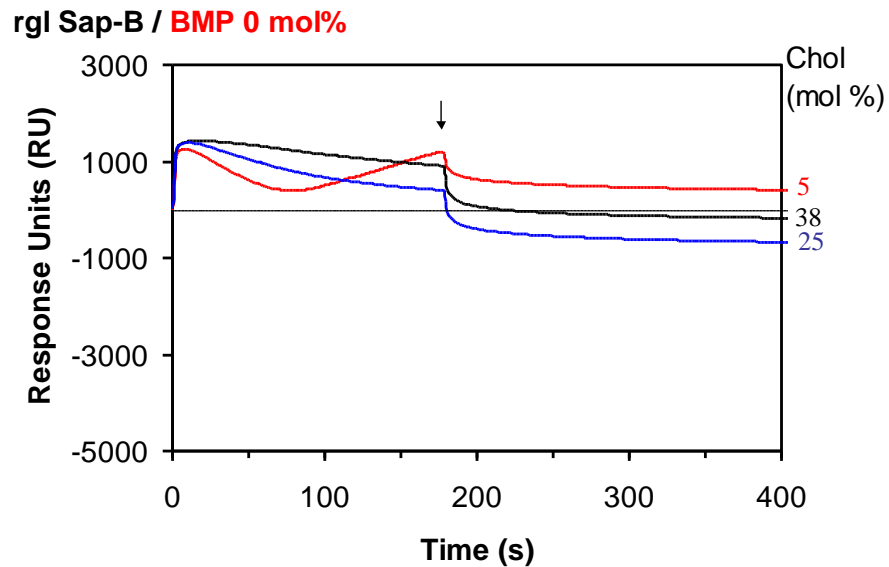
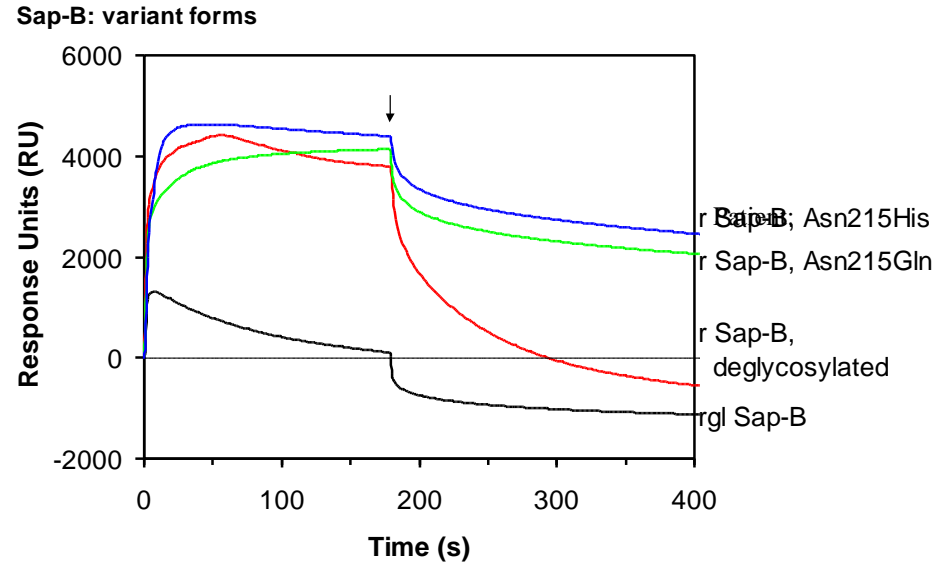
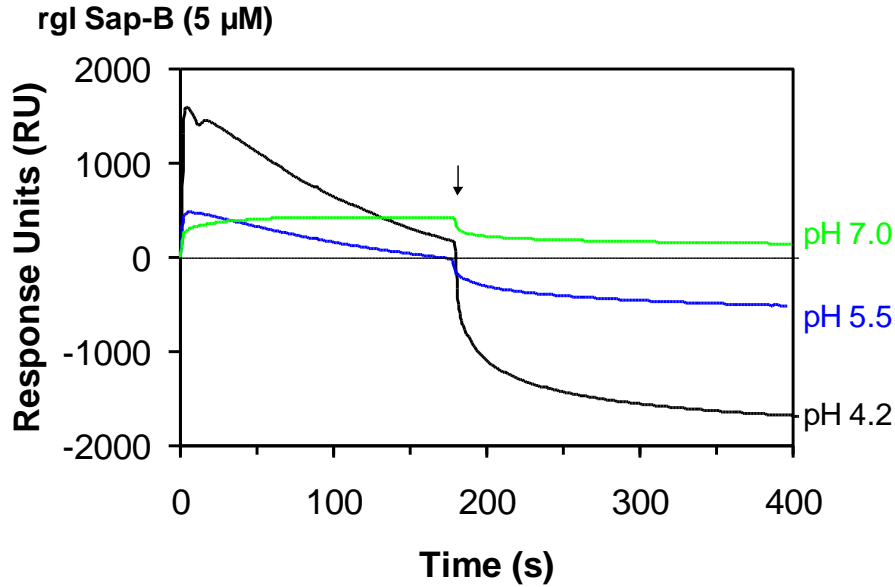
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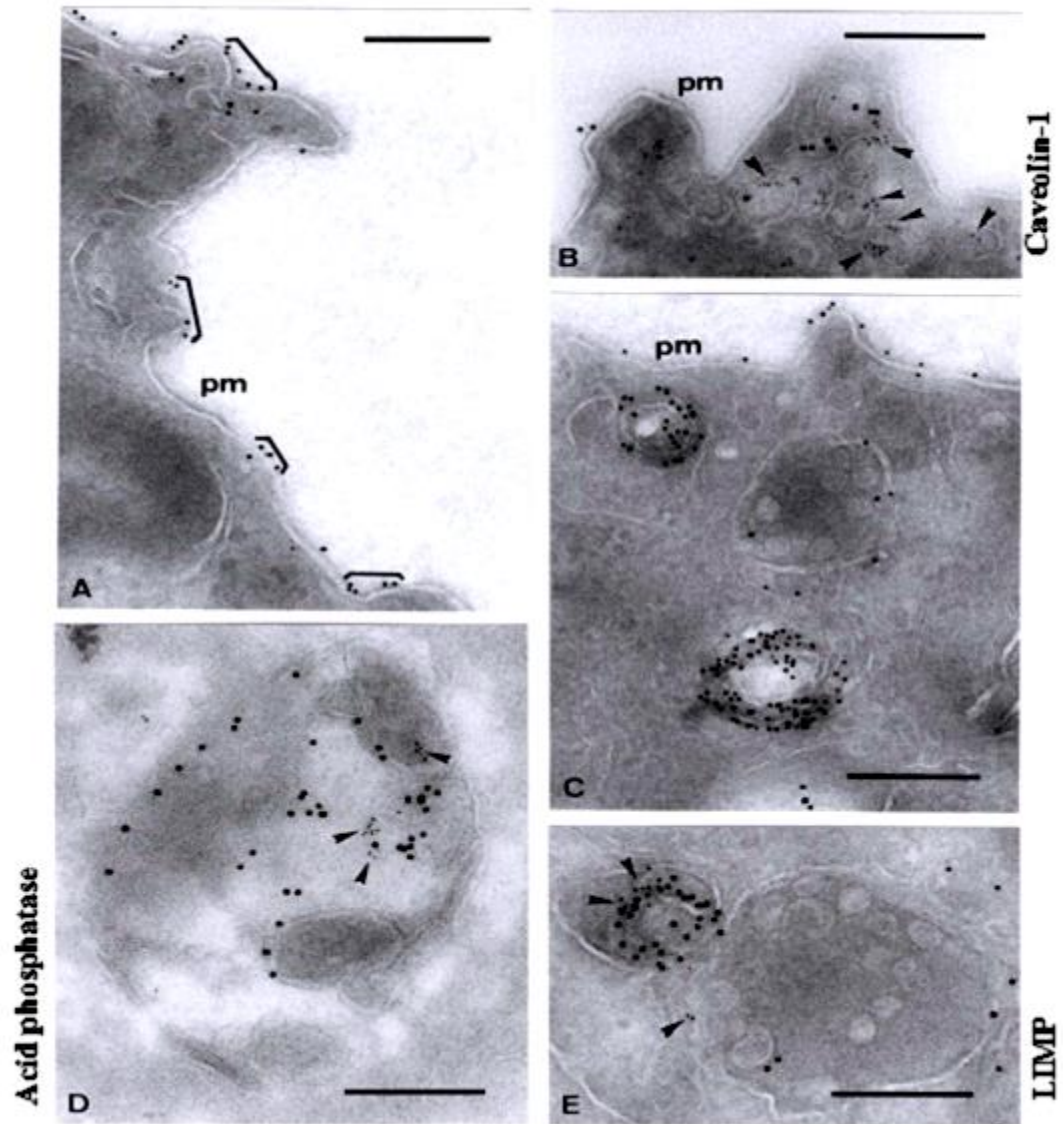
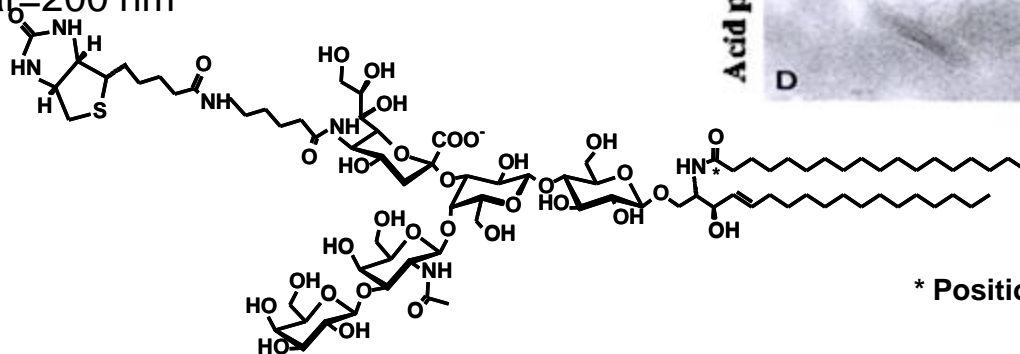
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Möbius, Herzog, Sandhoff, Schwarzmann (1999). J. Histochem. Cytochem. 7

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Perspectives for endocytosis and sphingolipid digestion

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- **ASM** is stimulated by anionic lipids (PG, PA, BMP) up to 14 fold, but not inhibited by cholesterol.
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 - At late endosomes PM derived anionic PLs (PG, PA) stimulate ASM to degrade SM, thereby releasing the block of NPC2 mediated cholesterol egress. ASM also degrades PG, PA, and other PLs, triggering loss of bilayer structure and barrier function of luminal membranes.
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Lysosomal lipid binding proteins (SAPs and NPC2)

LLBPs are small glycoproteins, generated from big precursors by proteolysis in endolysosomes. Their activity is regulated at acidic pH by membrane lipids:

Some (NPC2, Saps A, B, C) bind and lift membrane lipids from surfaces of liposomes.

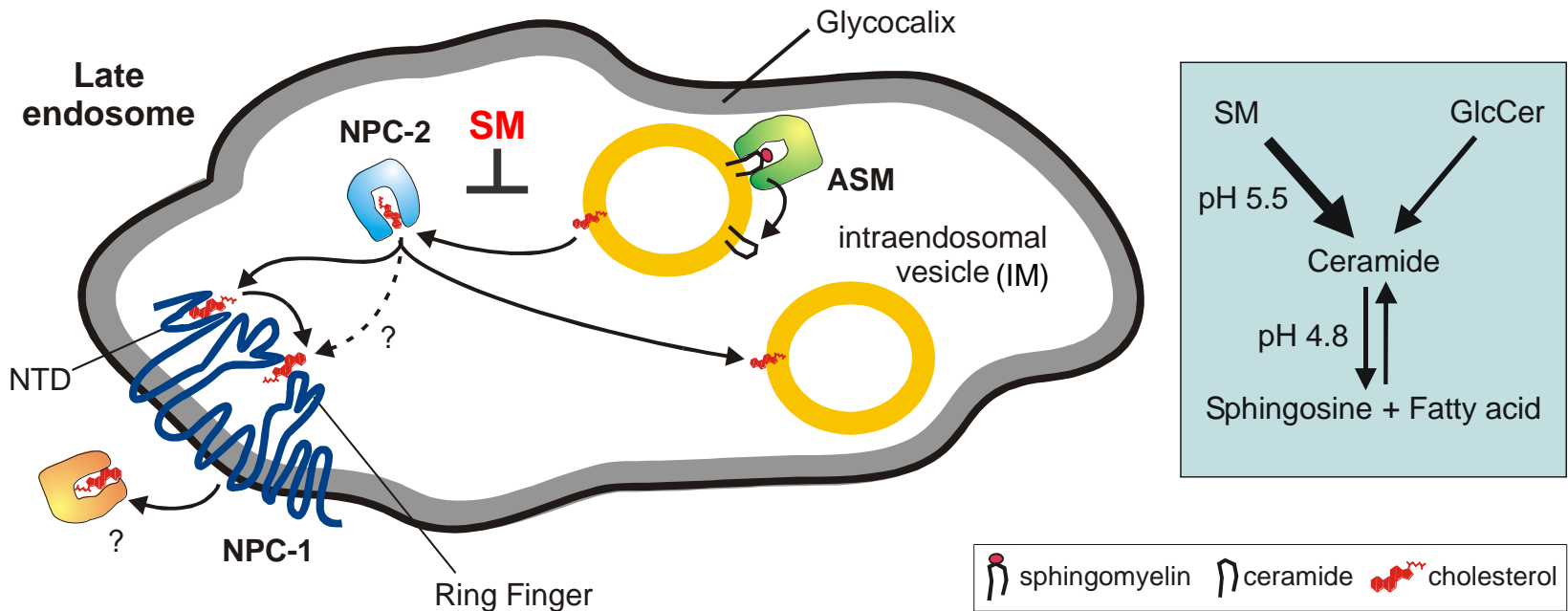
Some form soluble stoichiometric lipid protein complexes (GM2 – GM2AP; sulfatides - (Sap-B)₂) (and Michaelis complexes with their catabolic hydrolases). SapA forms lipoprotein discs (2 SapA, 8-10 PL, Prive).

Inherited deficiencies of LLBPs (NPC-2, GM2AP, Sap A, B, C, D) cause fatal diseases (prosaposin (-/-) : SL and membrane storage, defective skin barrier).

LLBPs (GM2AP, Saps A,B,C...) are regulated by lipids and

- transfer lipids from donor to acceptor vesicles,
- are fusogenic (GM2AP, Sap-D, Sap-C.....), and
- disintegrate **BMP** rich and **cholesterol** poor vesicles.

IMs are adjusted for degradation, BMP is generated and cholesterol leaves inner vesicles of late endosomes

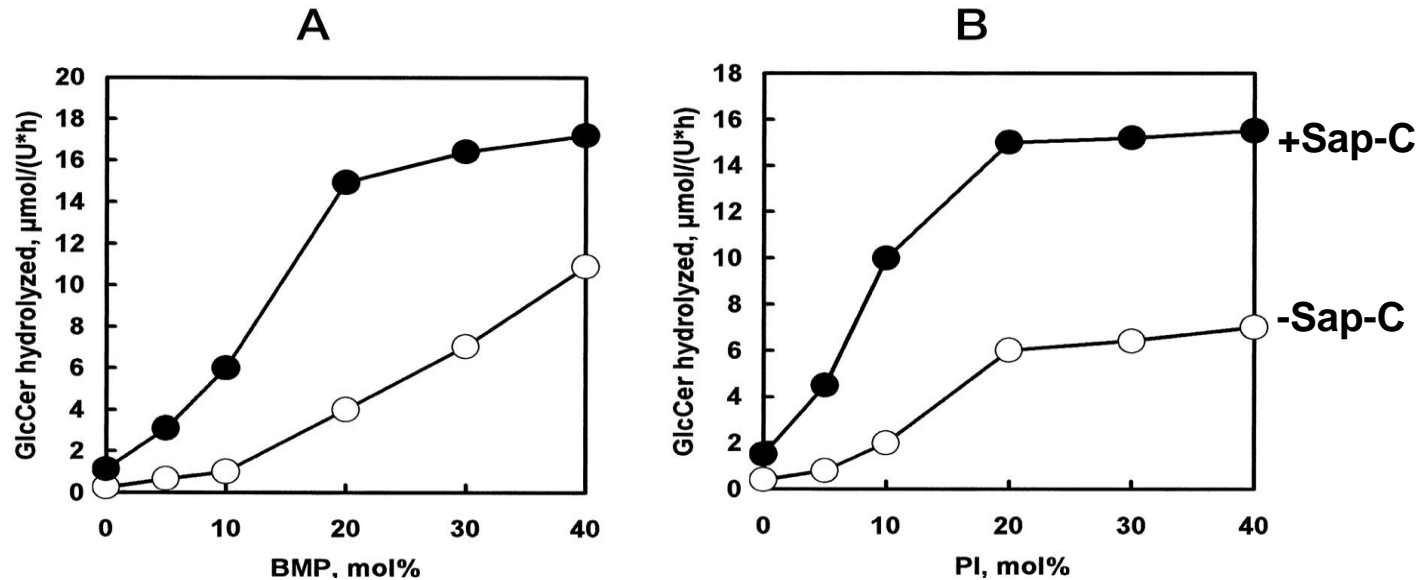


1. Membrane lipids regulate cholesterol transfer by NPC-2 (BMP... \uparrow , Cer \uparrow , SM \downarrow)
2. Digestion of SM(15%) by ASM enhances cholesterol transfer by NPC-2 (3fold)
3. ASM is a phospholipase C, cleaves PA, PG, PC, lyso-PC, SM and 17 other PLs
4. Anionic membrane lipids stimulate ASM: PA and PG 7-14fold; BMP 3fold
5. Diacylglycerol – a hydrolysis product of PLs by ASM- stimulates ASM activity
6. High cholesterol content inhibits PC, hydrolysis by ASM, but less SM cleavage

Pathologic mechanisms caused by lipid storage in late endosomes and lysosomes

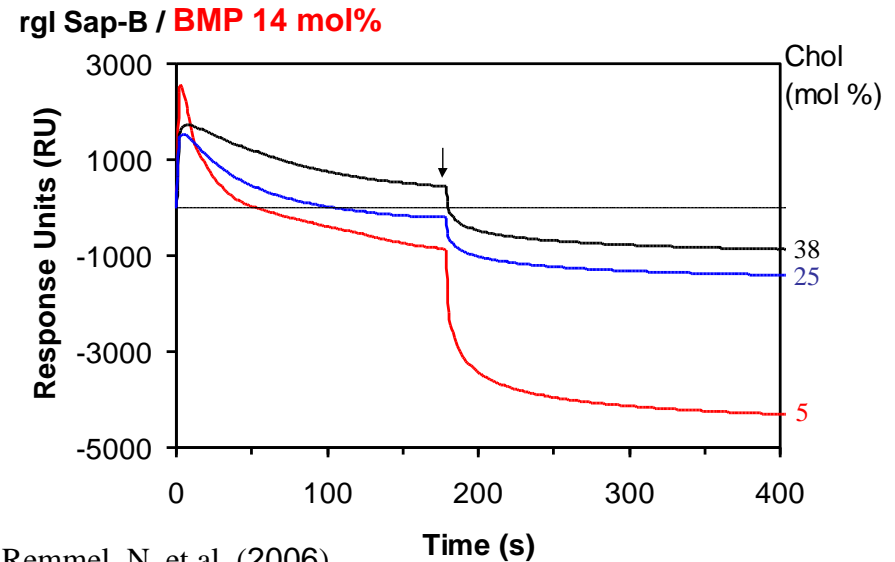
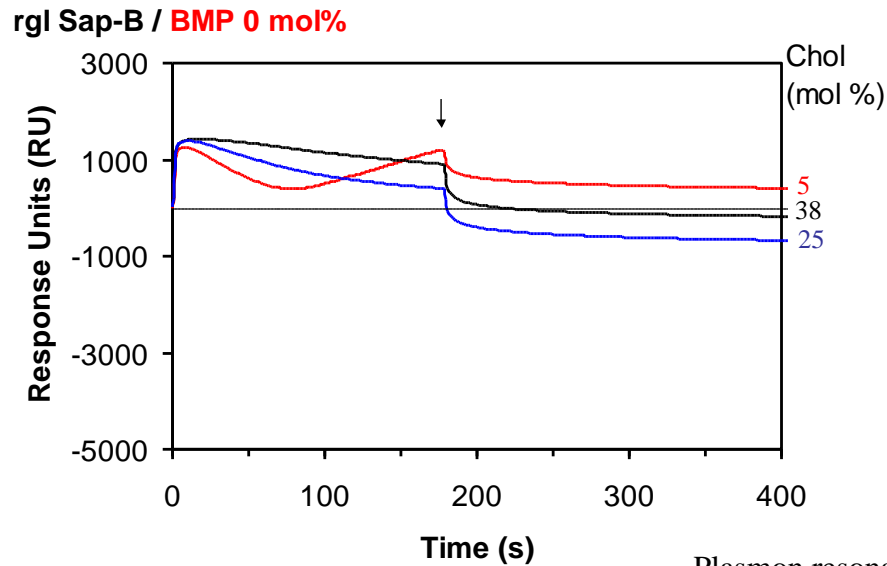
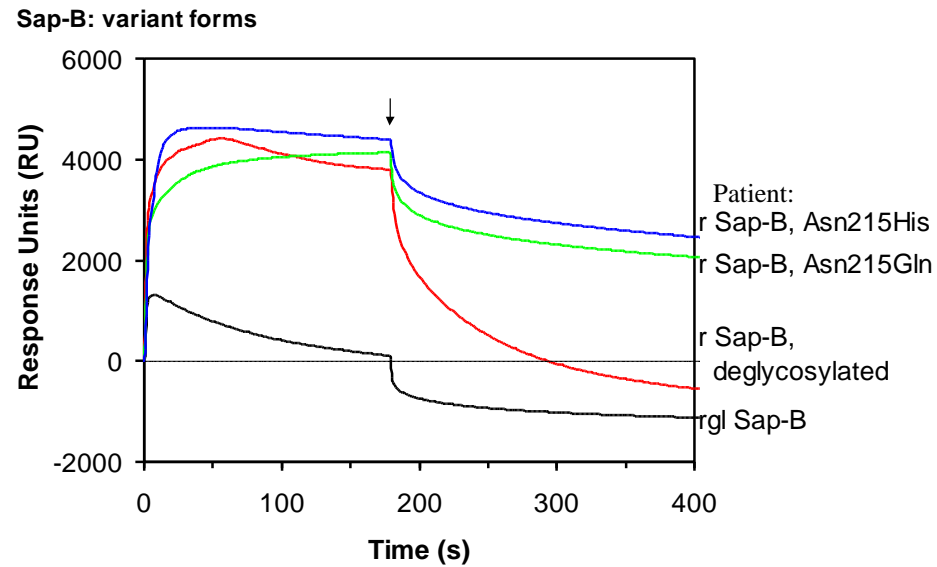
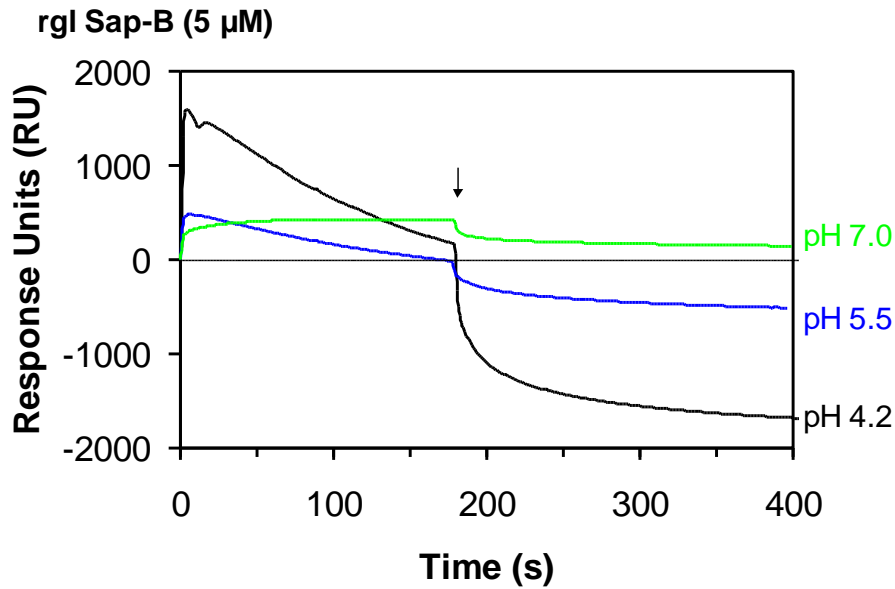
- Expansion of lysosomal compartment at the expense of cytosol and other organelles
- Impaired digestion of macromolecules: Inhibition of catabolic enzymes and proteins (SM inhibits NPC-2 and lipid sorting, cholesterol inhibits Sap-A, -B etc., CADs inhibit catabolic steps and trigger proteolysis of ASM etc.)
- Starvation of neurons by impaired digestion and traffic jams in lysosomes (cellular stomachs reduce their nutrient supply: Fe⁺⁺, B12, FAs, AAs, CHO, sphingoid bases, salvage pathways).
- Further mechanisms:
 - Accumulation of toxic cationic lipids; galactosylsphingosine (GalSo) (psychosine hypothesis, Krabbe), GlcSo, So, Sa.
 - Release of cytokines, activation of microglia, influx of macrophages.
 - CADs (Desipramine) impair lysosomal digestion, trigger proteolysis of ASM and other catabolic hydrolases.

Lysosomal lipids in LUVs stimulate the enzymatic GlcCer hydrolysis in the presence and also in the absence of Sap-C.

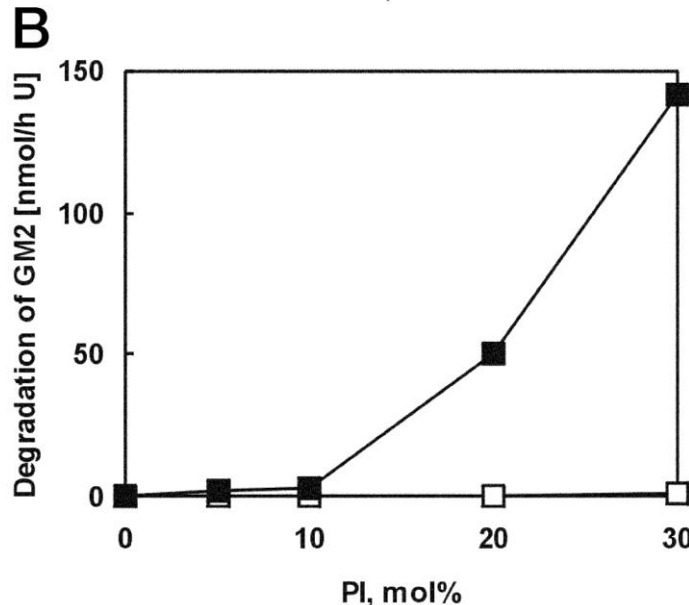
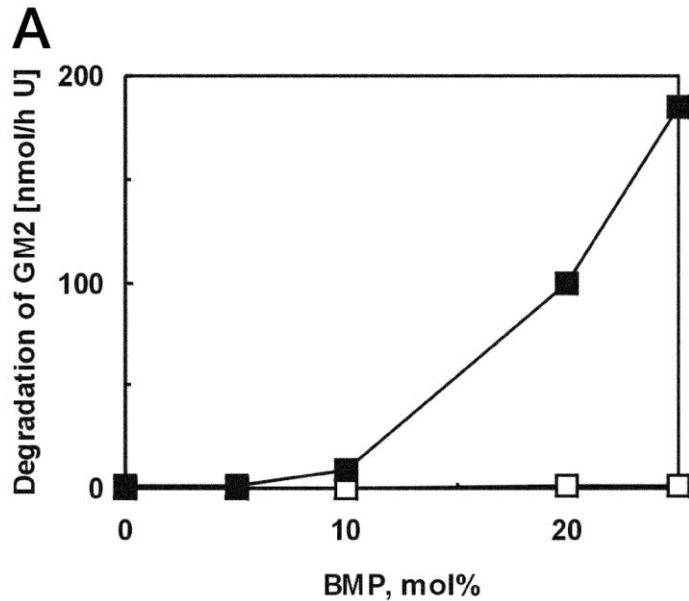


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gSap-B mobilizes lipids from BMP rich and cholesterol poor membranes at acidic pH values



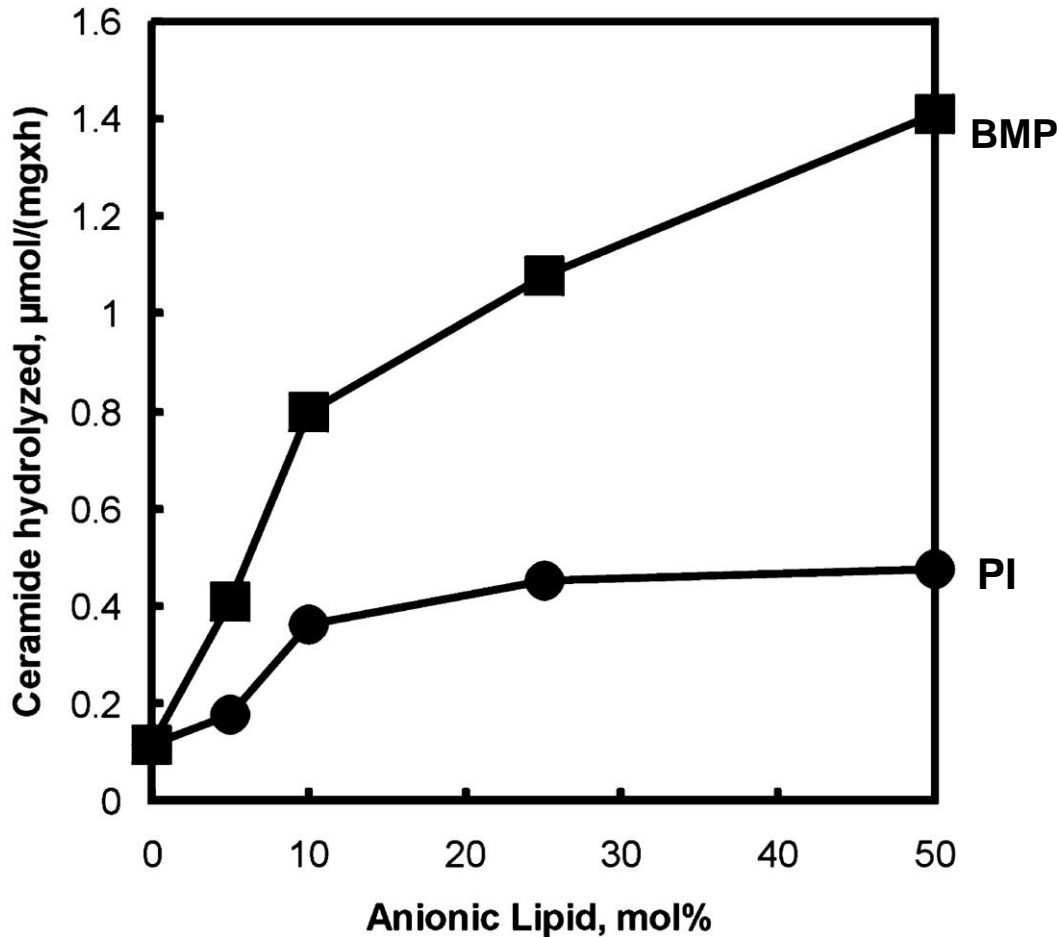
Lysosomal lipids in LUVs stimulate the enzymatic hydrolysis of ganglioside GM2 in the presence of GM2AP.



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PA, sulfatides and BMP plus Chol stimulate to a similar extent.

BMP and PI stimulate the degradation of membrane-bound ceramide in the absence of SAPs

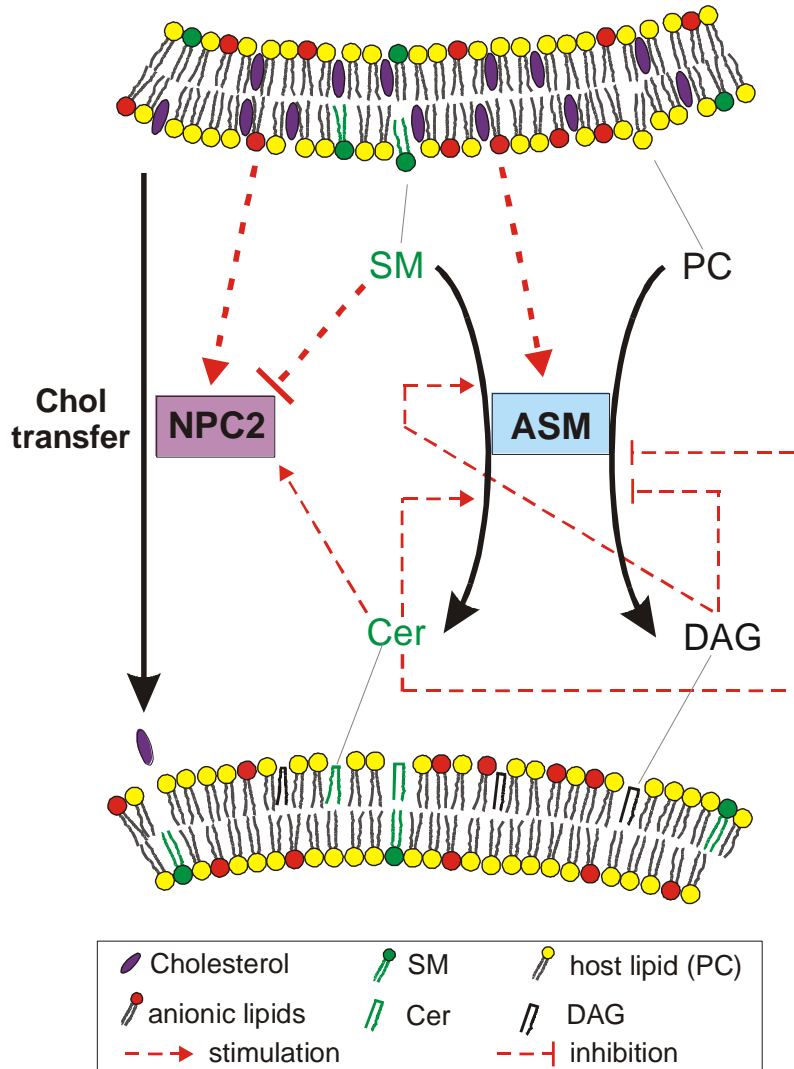


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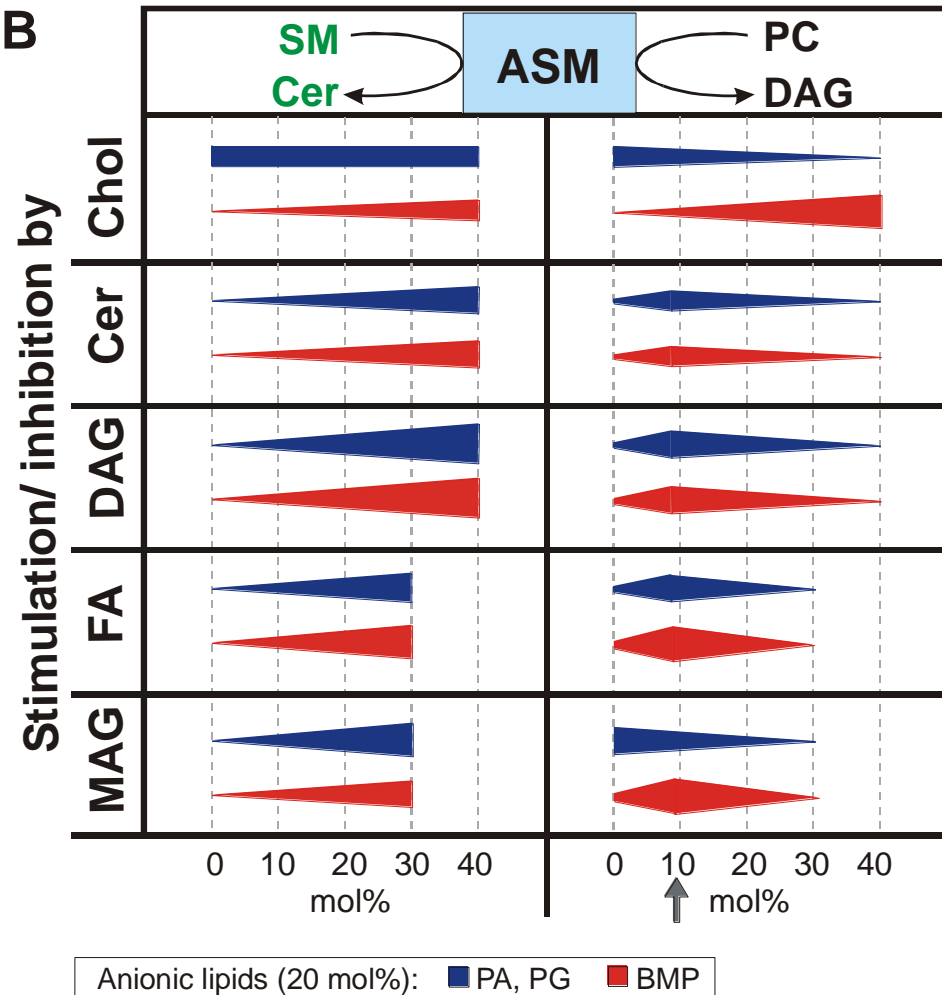
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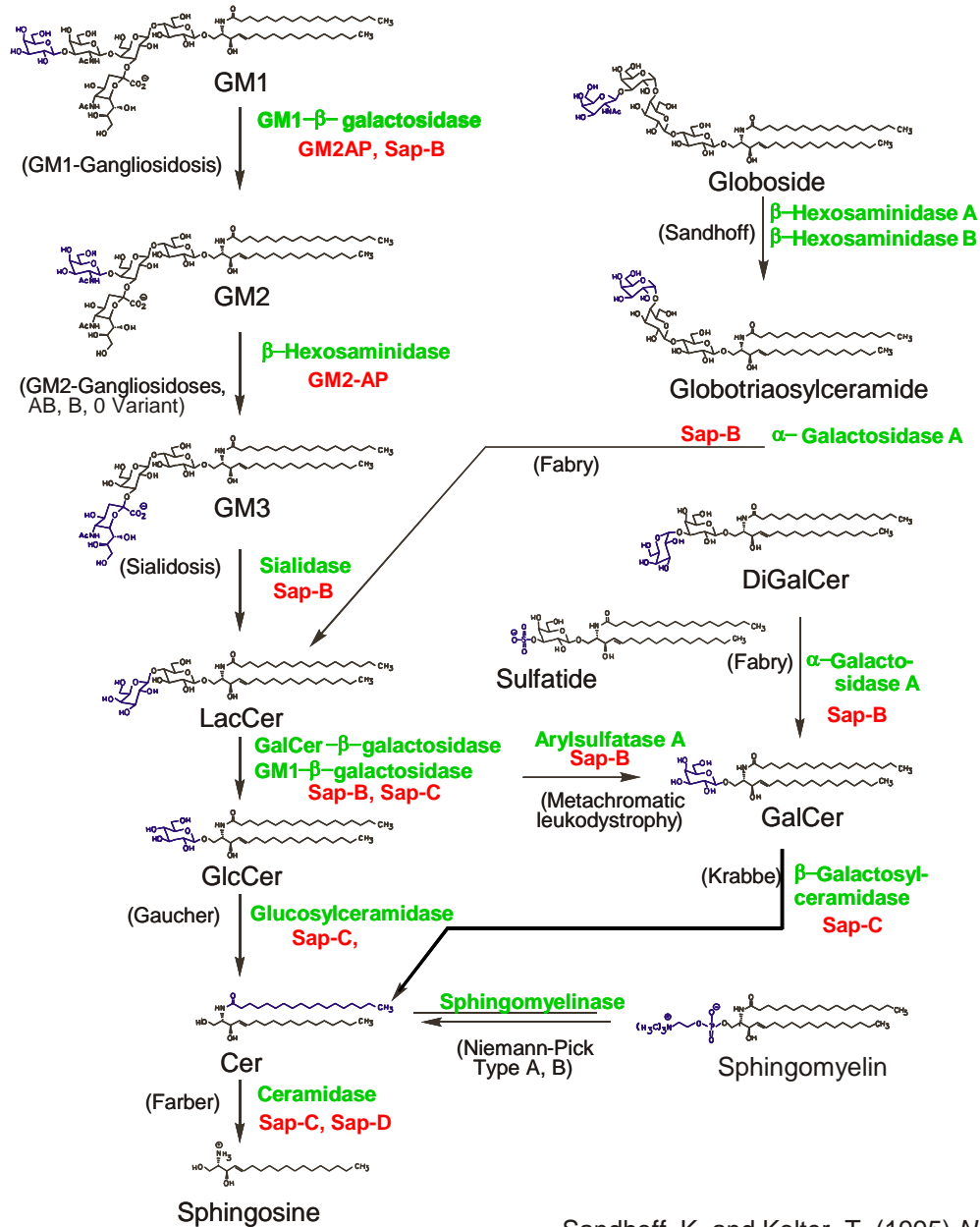
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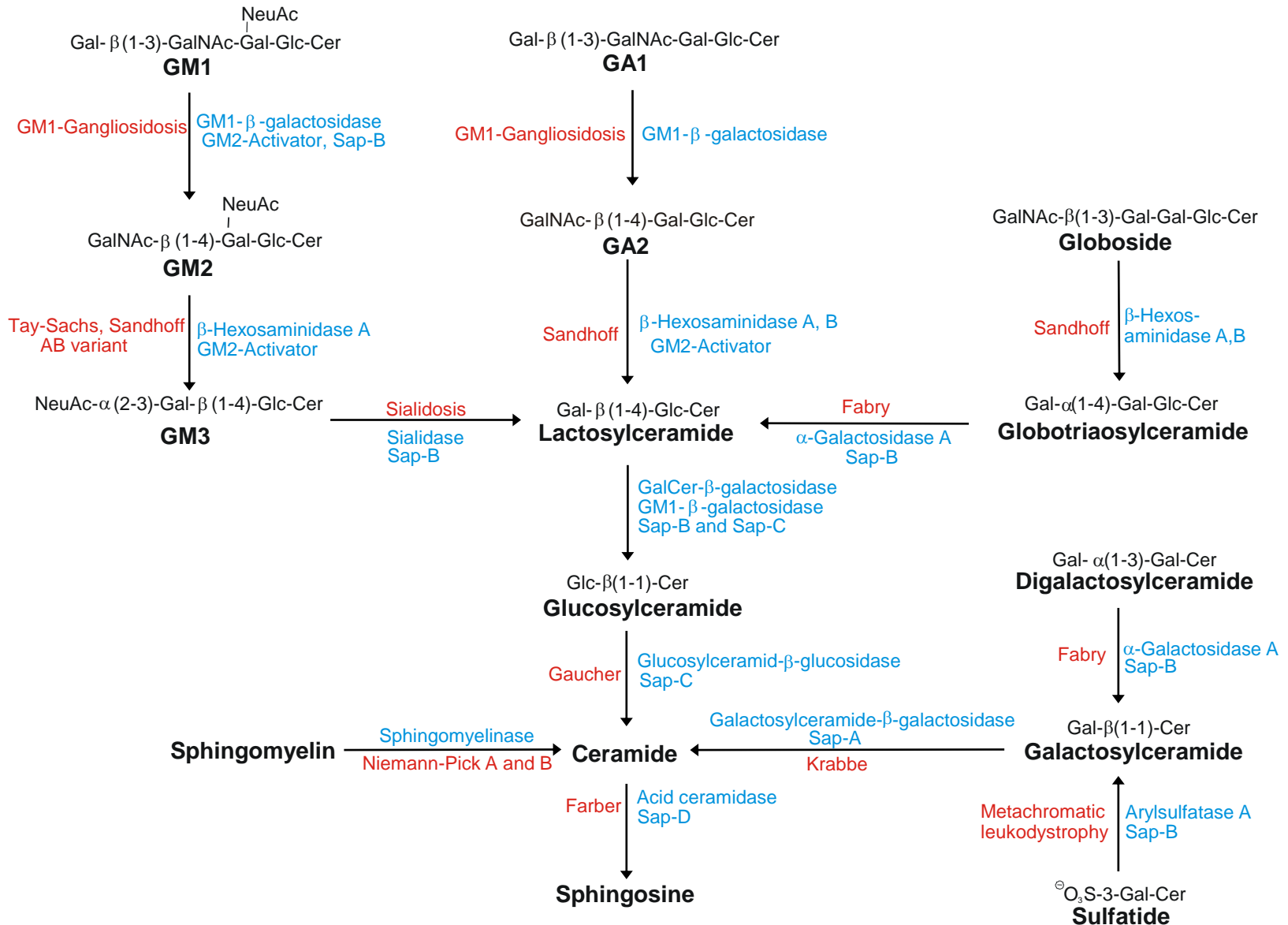
Lysosomal sphingolipid degradation



Summary

- **NPC-2 is a cholesterol-binding and -transfer protein needed for secretion of cholesterol from intraluminal vesicles (IMs) of late endosomes (SM inhibits, PA, PG & BMP stimulate). NPC-2 deficiency causes NPC, ASM deficiency NPA & NPB disease**
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- **rgSap-A and rgSap-B solubilize liposomal lipids at low pH, low cholesterol and high BMP levels. Variant saposins of patients are inactive.**
- **Blocks in SL-catabolism cause fatal neurodegenerative lipid storage diseases. Prosaposin and β Glcase(-/-):skin barrier broken; Collodion babies; O-acyl-VLC-GlcCers up.**
- **Cationic lipids (GalSo in Krabbe, GlcSo in Gaucher, So&Sa)are cytotoxic. Desipramine (CAD, a lipid !) interferes with lipid catabolism and triggers proteolytic degradation of ASM and other hydrolases.**

Lysosomal sphingolipid degradation



Lipid substrate (*GM2) :

Its turnover in patient`s cells correlates with:

- Patient`s cellular Hex A & GM2AP (GM2 cleaving) activity and with the clinical course of the disease.
- But the clinical course hardly correlates with patient`s enzyme activity on soluble, artificial, synthetic substrates & the gene mutations.

The latter concepts **ignore** the influence of :

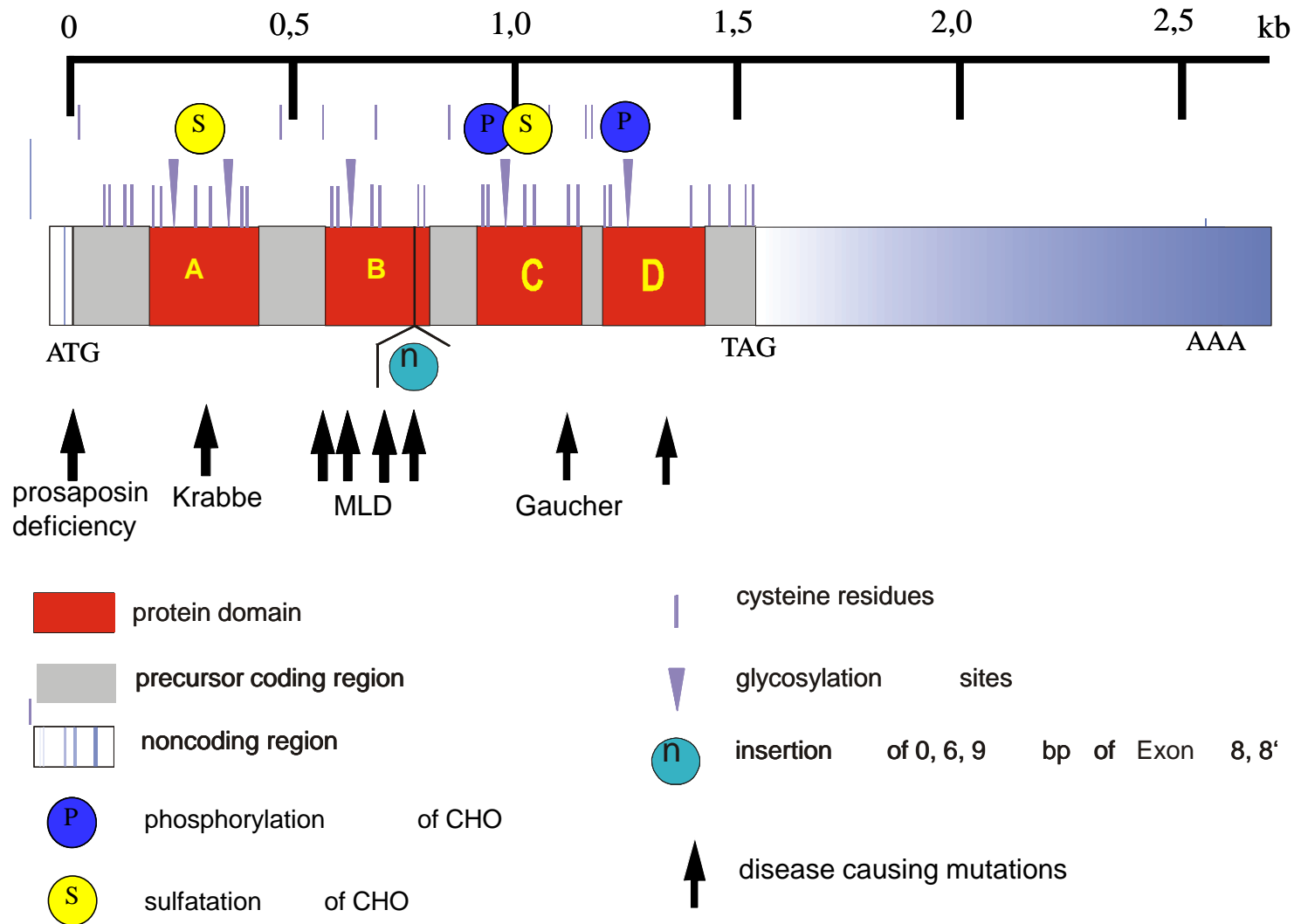
- (Patient`s) enzyme specificity against lipids,
- Activity and specificity of essential, promiscuous and multifunctional SAPs,
- Extensive regulation of lipid turnover by membrane lipids at luminal vesicular surfaces.

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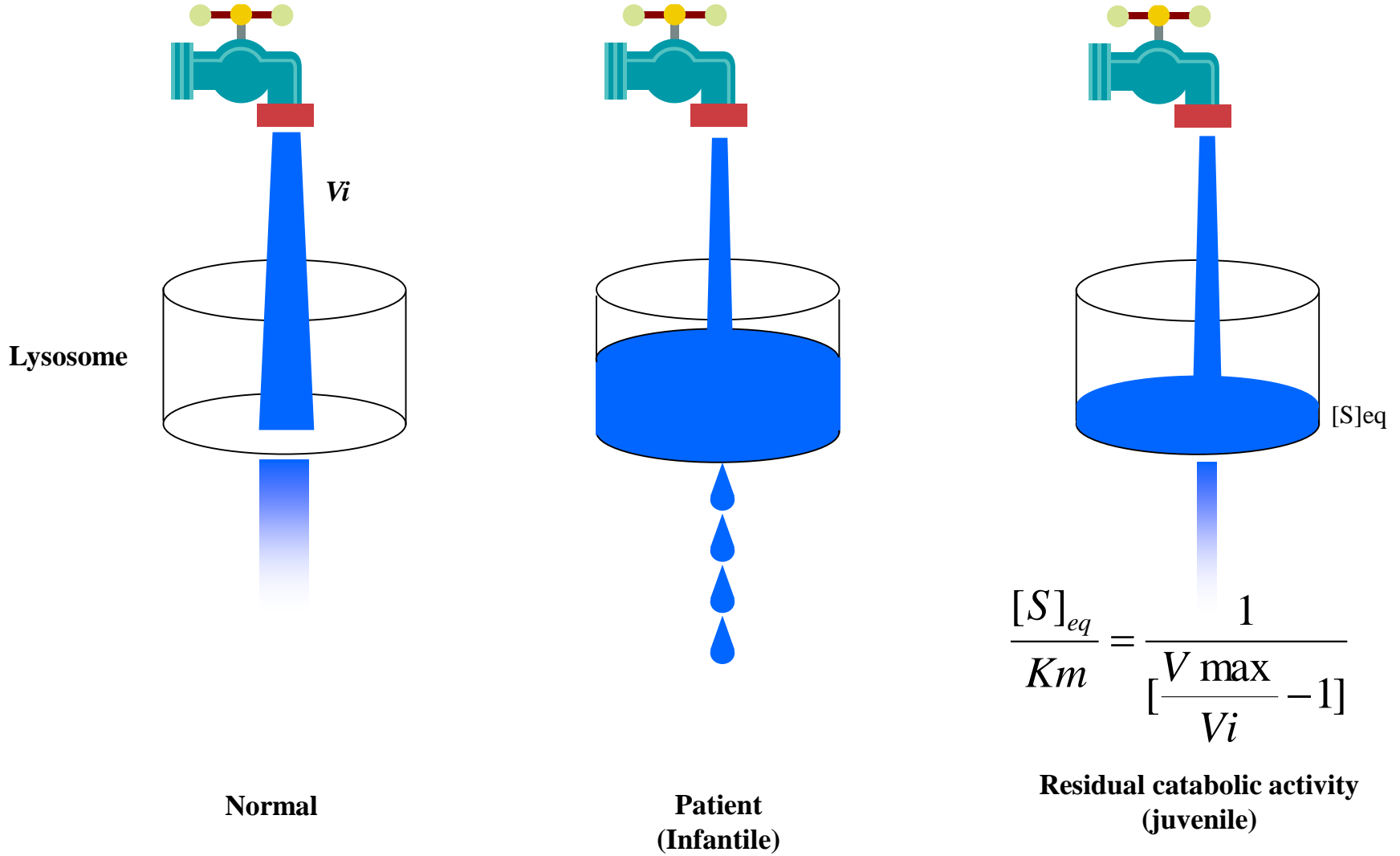
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Lipid Storage and Threshold Theory



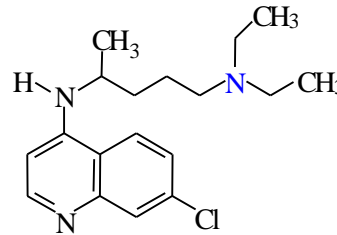
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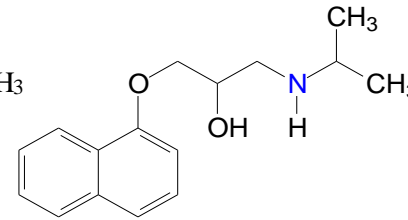
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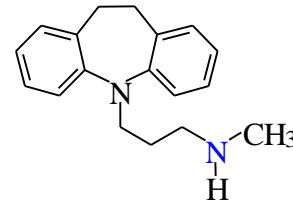
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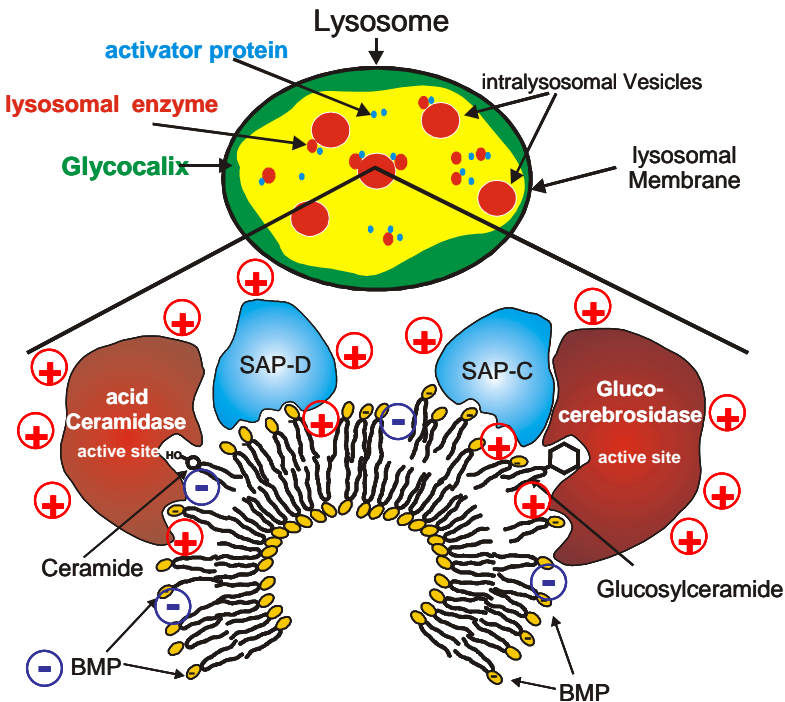
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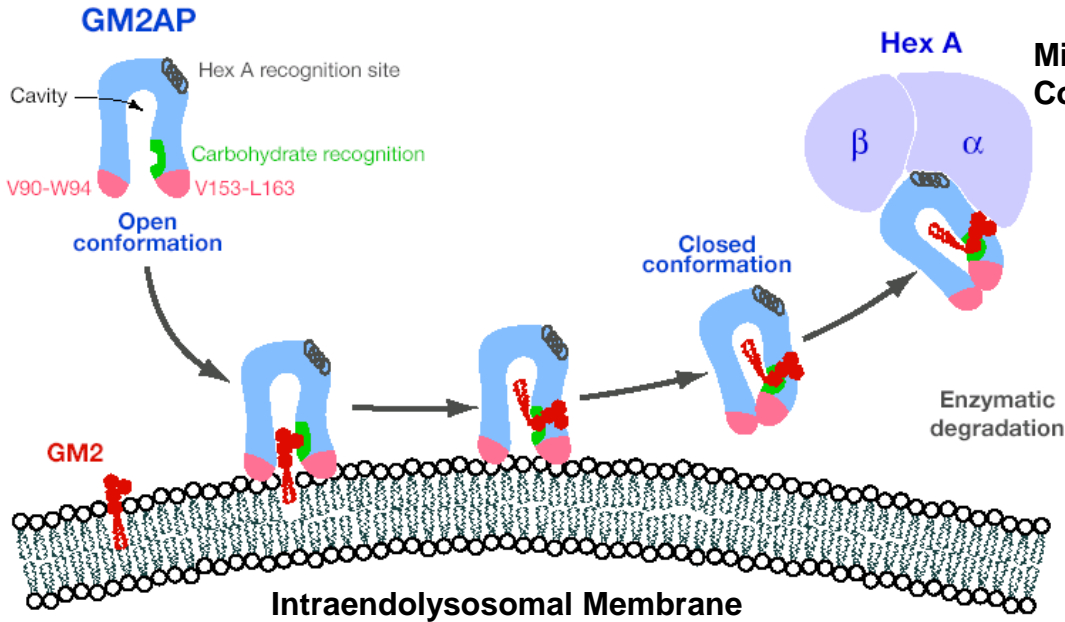
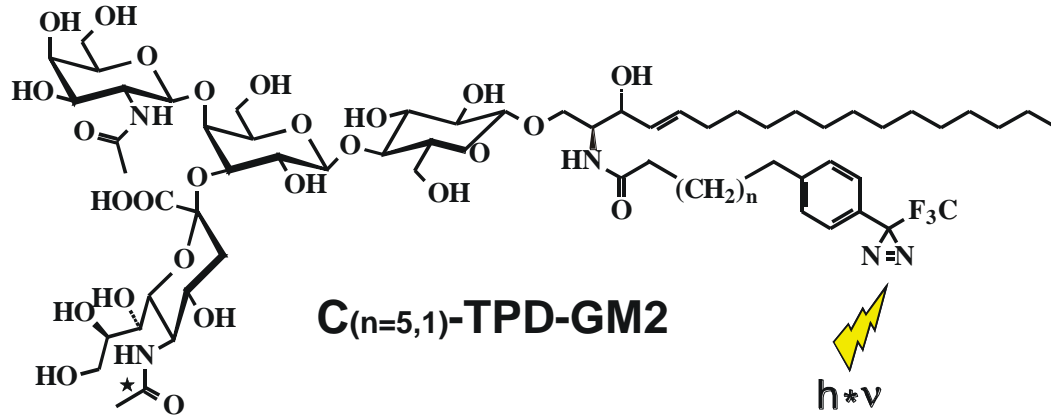


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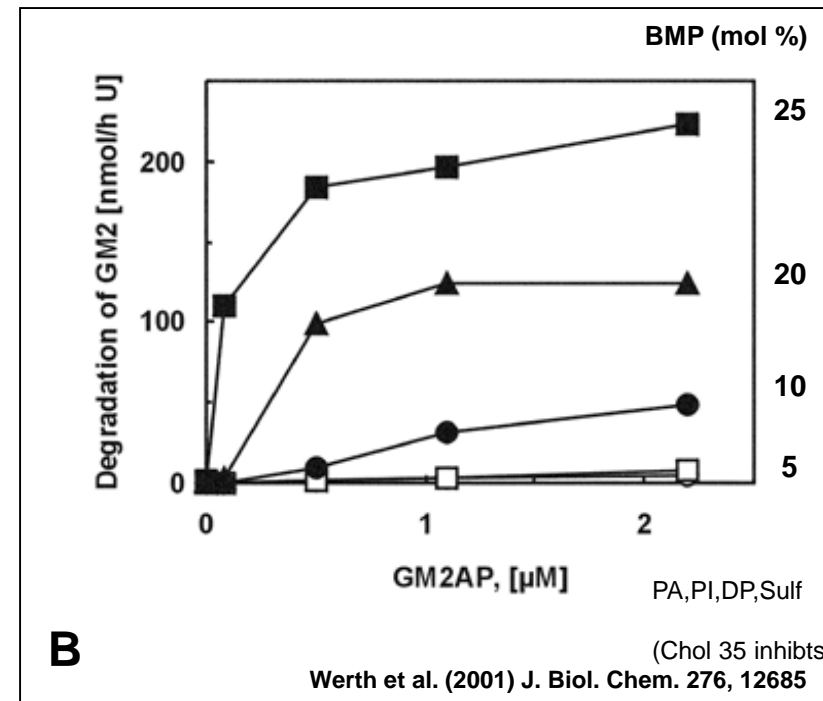
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Mechanism of GM2AP-liftase

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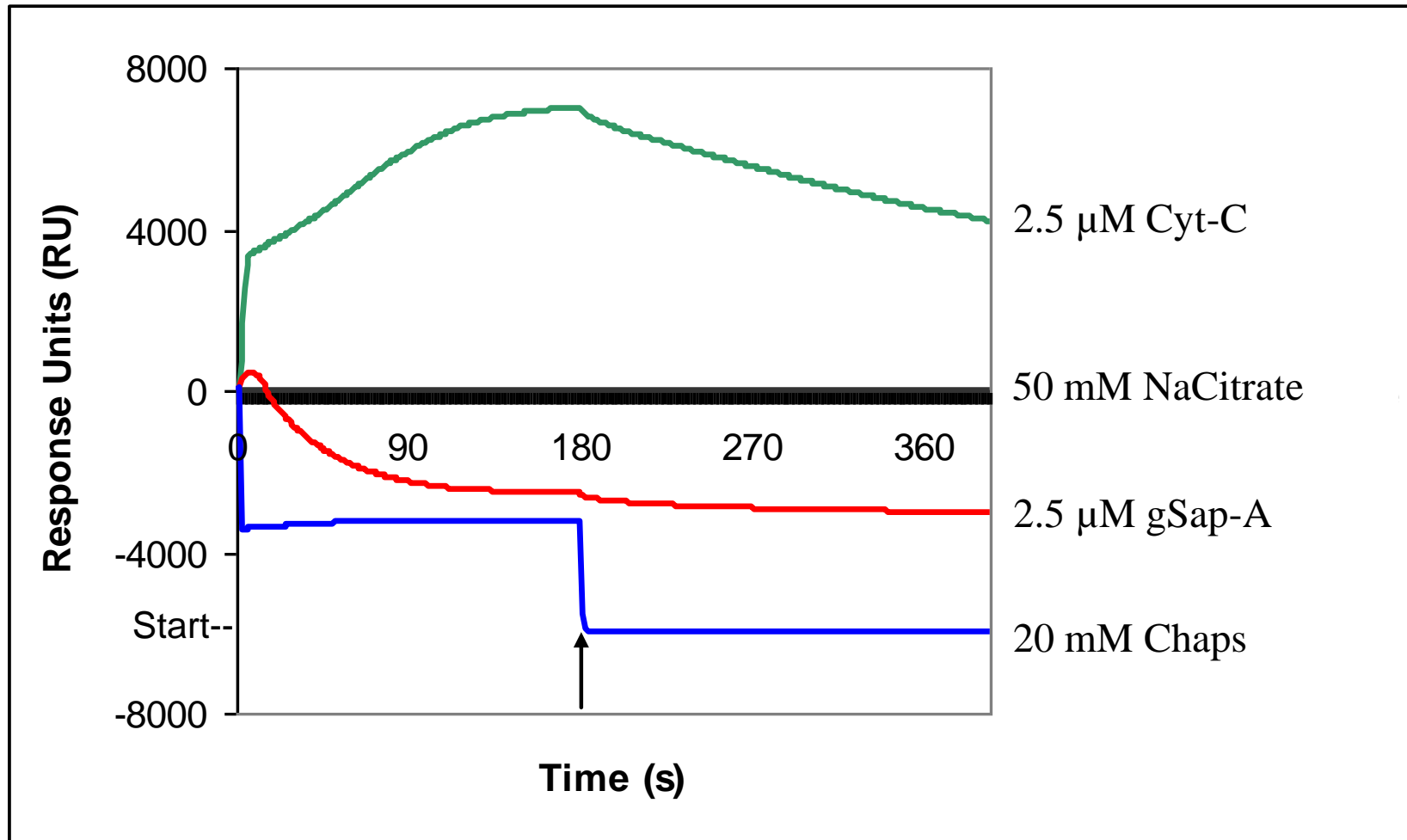
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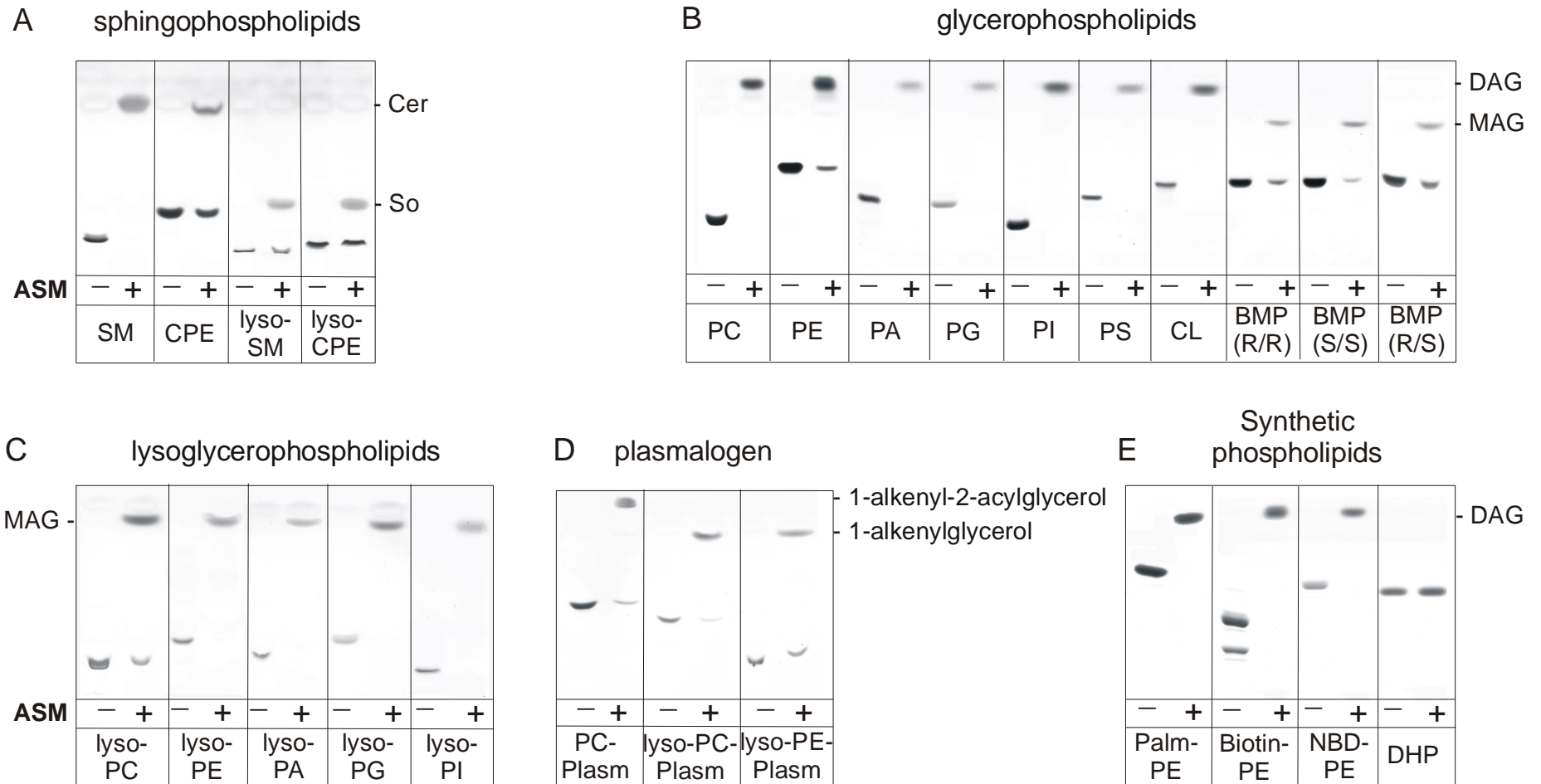
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Lipid solubilization: Sap-A releases lipids from liposomes bound to a sensor chip



Plasmon resonance studies: Liposomes were reversibly bound to the hydrophobic surface of the sensor chip (dextran matrix derivatized with alkyl chains) and can be totally removed by detergent (Chaps). Proteins that are not membrane active (cytochrome-C) bind to liposomes. Their curves reach a plateau value and do not fall below the base line.

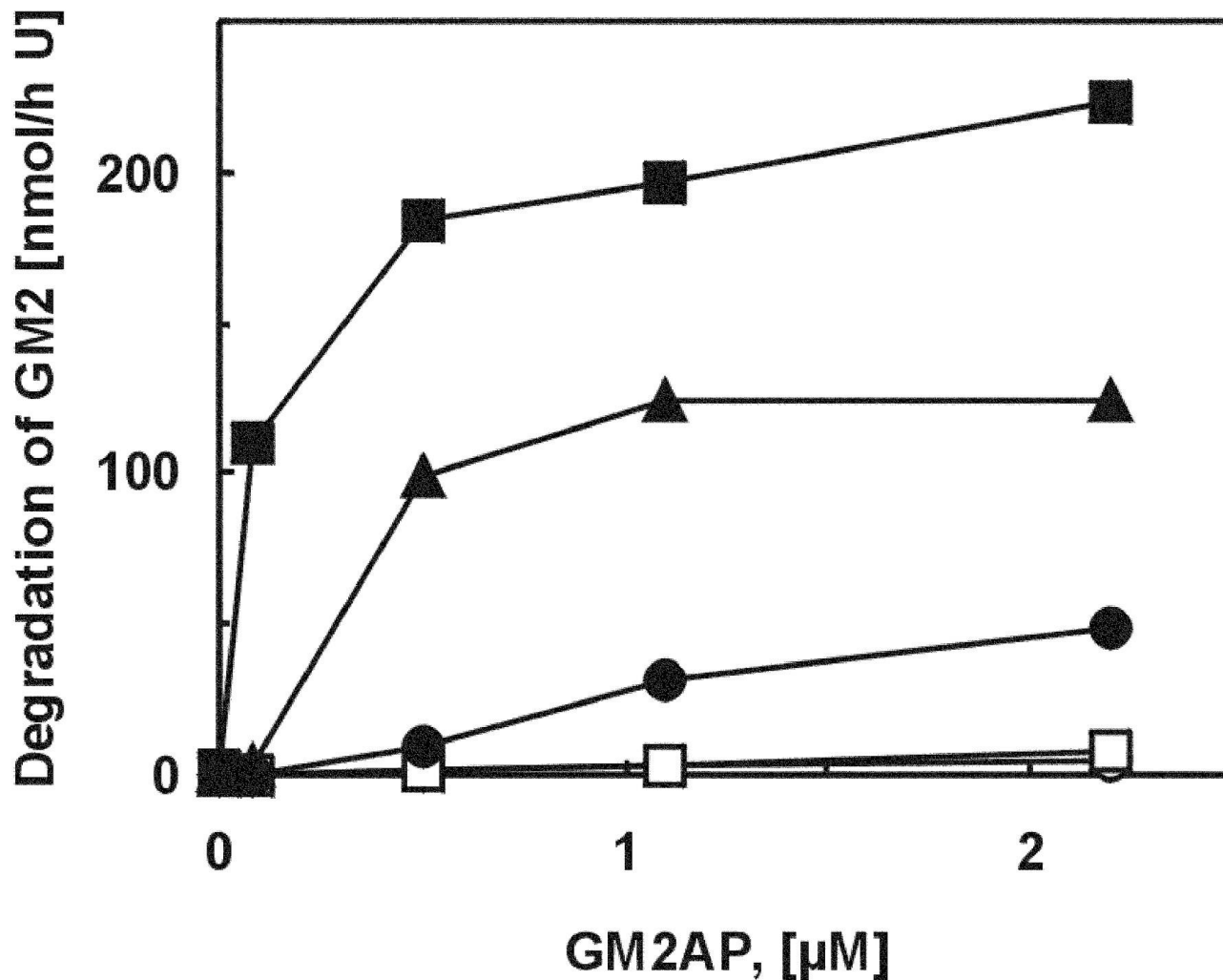
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Micellar assay: 15 µg lipid/10 µg ASM/ 24 h at 37° C pH 4.5

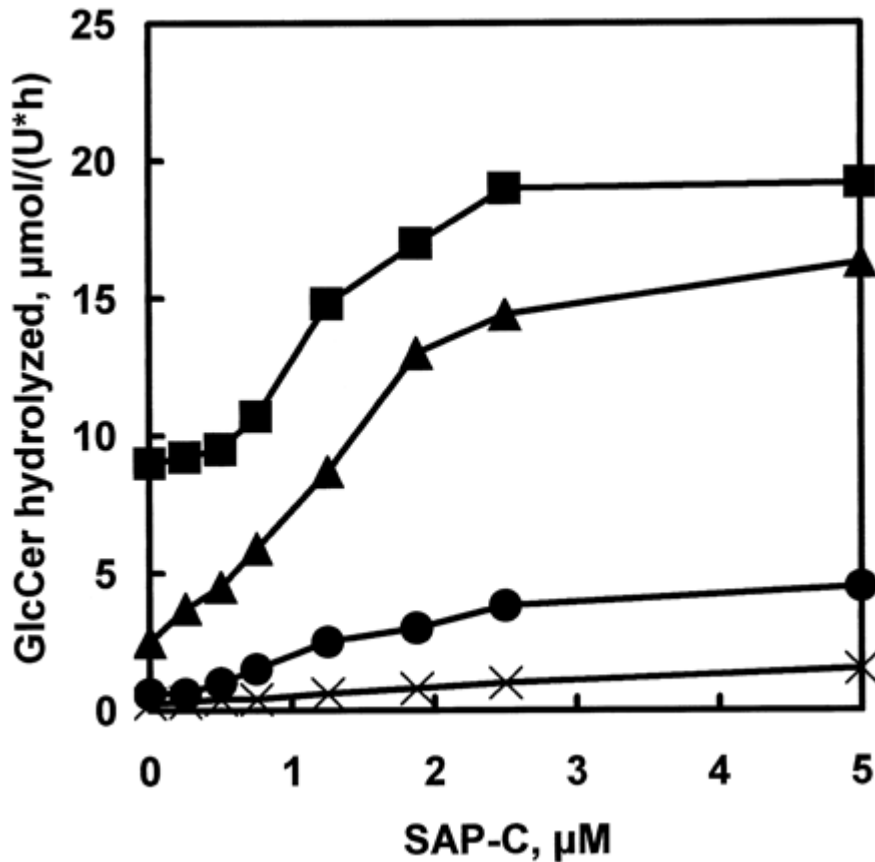
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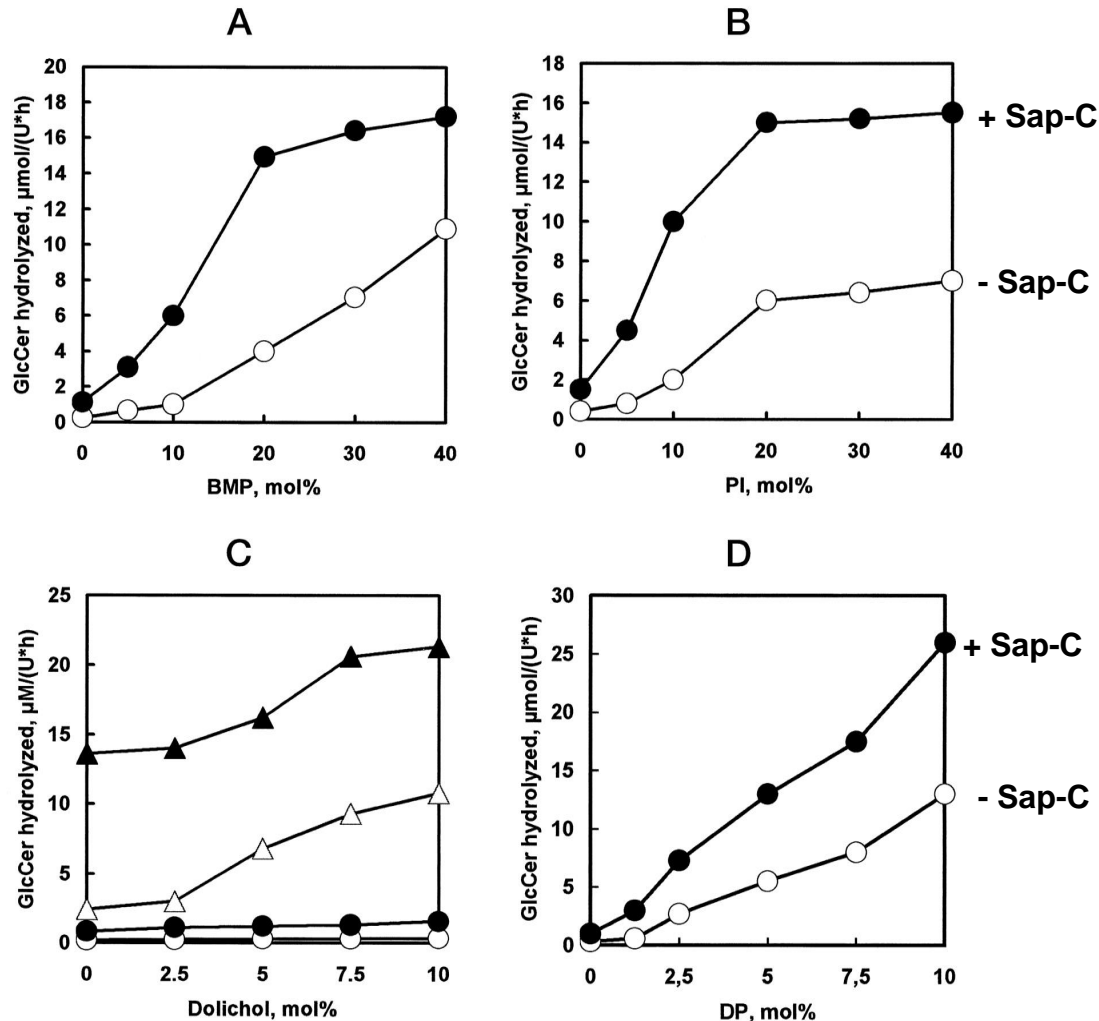
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PA and SAP-C stimulate hydrolysis of LUV-bound glucosylceramide.



The degradation was measured with LUVs doped with 0 mol % PA (x), 5 mol % PA (•), 10 mol % PA (▲), or 20 mol % PA (◐) and increasing concentrations of SAP-C. All assay mixtures were prepared as described under “Experimental Procedures” and contained increasing proportions of PA in LUVs.

Anionic lipids in LUVs stimulate the enzymatic GlcCer hydrolysis in the presence and absence of SAP-C.



A, assays were conducted with GlcCer as substrate in the absence (O) and presence of SAP-C (2.5 μm) (•) using LUVs with various proportions of synthetic BMP (0–40 mol %). **B**, assays were carried out with varying concentrations of PI in LUVs, with (•) and without (O) the addition of 2.5 μm SAP-C, keeping the total lipid concentration in the assays constant. **C**, GlcCer carrying LUVs with or without PA were doped with increasing proportions of dolichol (0–10 mol %) and assayed for enzymatic GlcCer hydrolysis as follows: without SAP-C (O), with 2.5 μm SAP-C (•), with 10 mol % PA (Δ), and with 10 mol % PA and 2.5 μm SAP-C (▲). **D**, assays were performed with varying concentrations of dolichol phosphate (DP) (0–10 mol %) with 2.5 μm SAP-C (•) or no SAP-C (O).

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