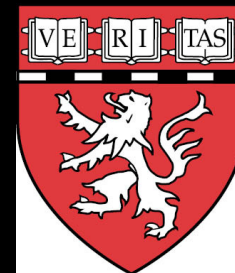
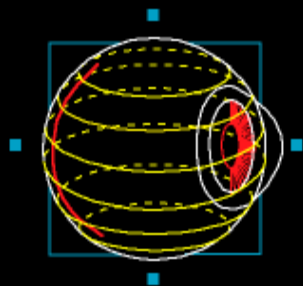


Dry eye disease:  
A tear film and ocular surface  
challenge



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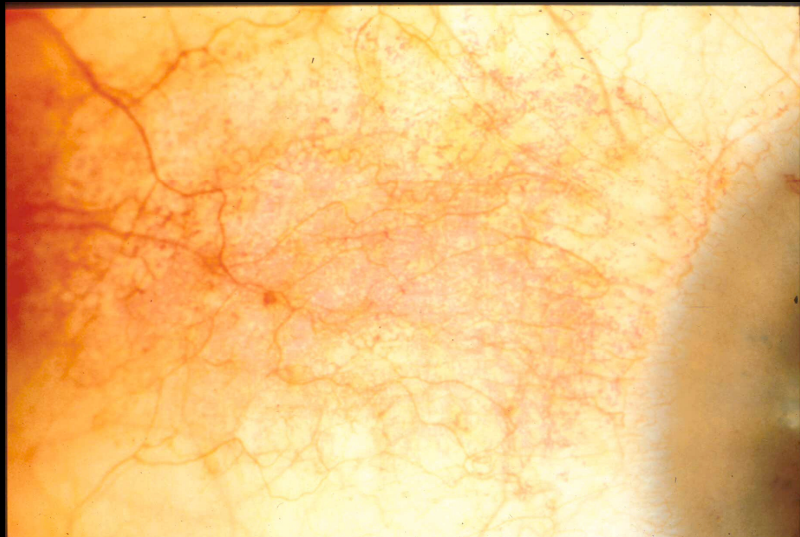
# Assignment



- Review the definition, impact, classification, mechanism & risk factors of dry eye disease
- Highlight the new therapeutic approaches and challenges for the treatment of dry eye disease



“Dry eye is a multifactorial disease of the tears and ocular surface that results in symptoms of discomfort, visual disturbance, and tear film instability with potential damage to the ocular surface. It is



accompanied by increased osmolarity of the tear film and inflammation of the ocular surface.”

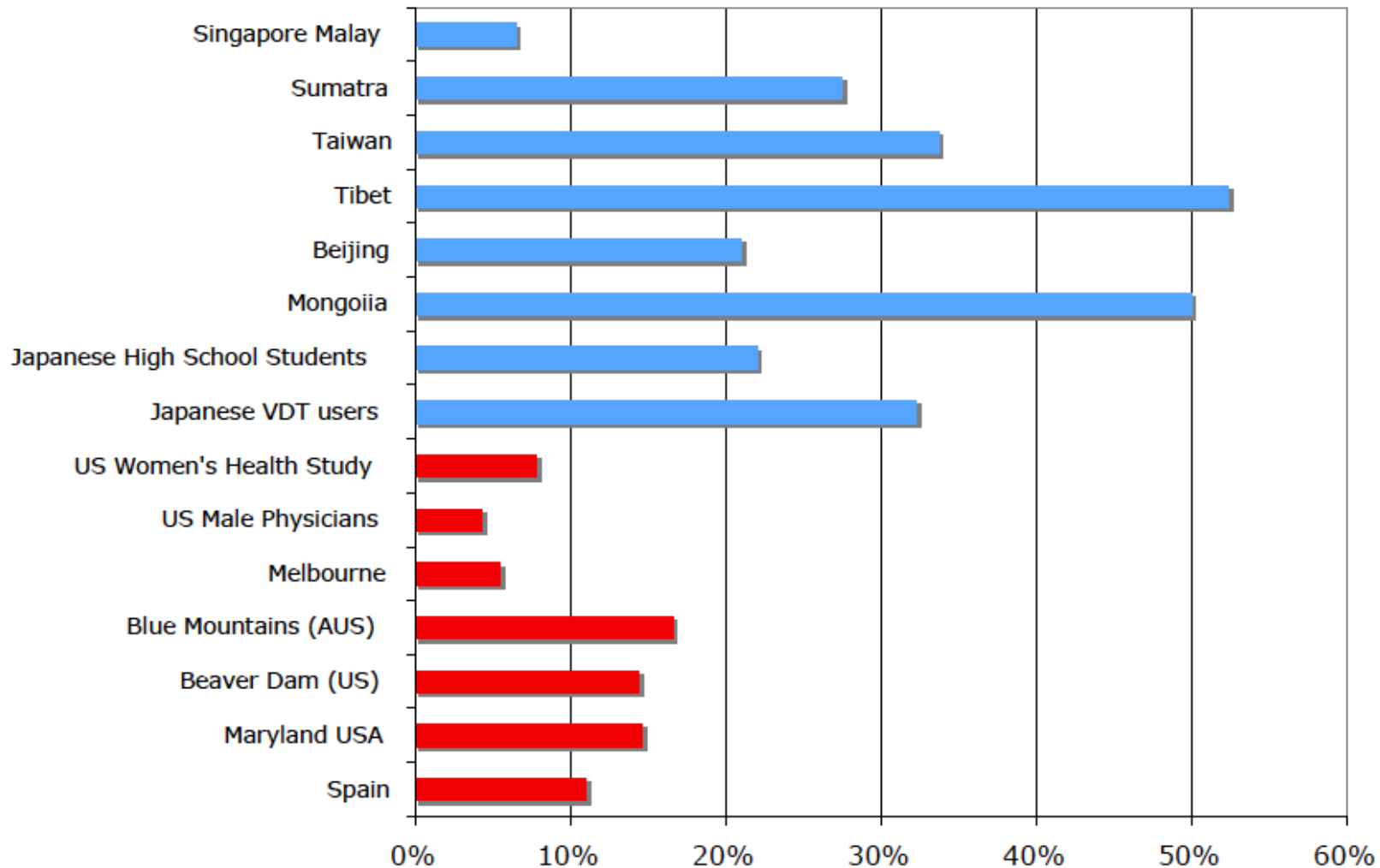
TFOS DEWS, 2007

# Dry Eye Disease

- Afflicts > 40 million people in USA
- Leading cause of patient visits to eye care practitioners
- Has no cure



# Global Prevalence of Dry Eye in Adults



# DRY EYE

## Aqueous-deficient

### Sjogren Syndrome Dry Eye

Primary

Secondary

### Non-Sjogren Dry Eye

Lacrimal Deficiency

Lacrimal Gland Duct Obstruction

Reflex Block

Systemic Drugs

## Evaporative

### Intrinsic

Meibomian Oil Deficiency

Disorders of Lid Aperture

Low Blink Rate

Drug Action  
Accutane

### Extrinsic

Vitamin A-Deficiency

Topical Drugs  
Preservatives

Contact Lens Wear

Ocular Surface Disease  
eg, Allergy

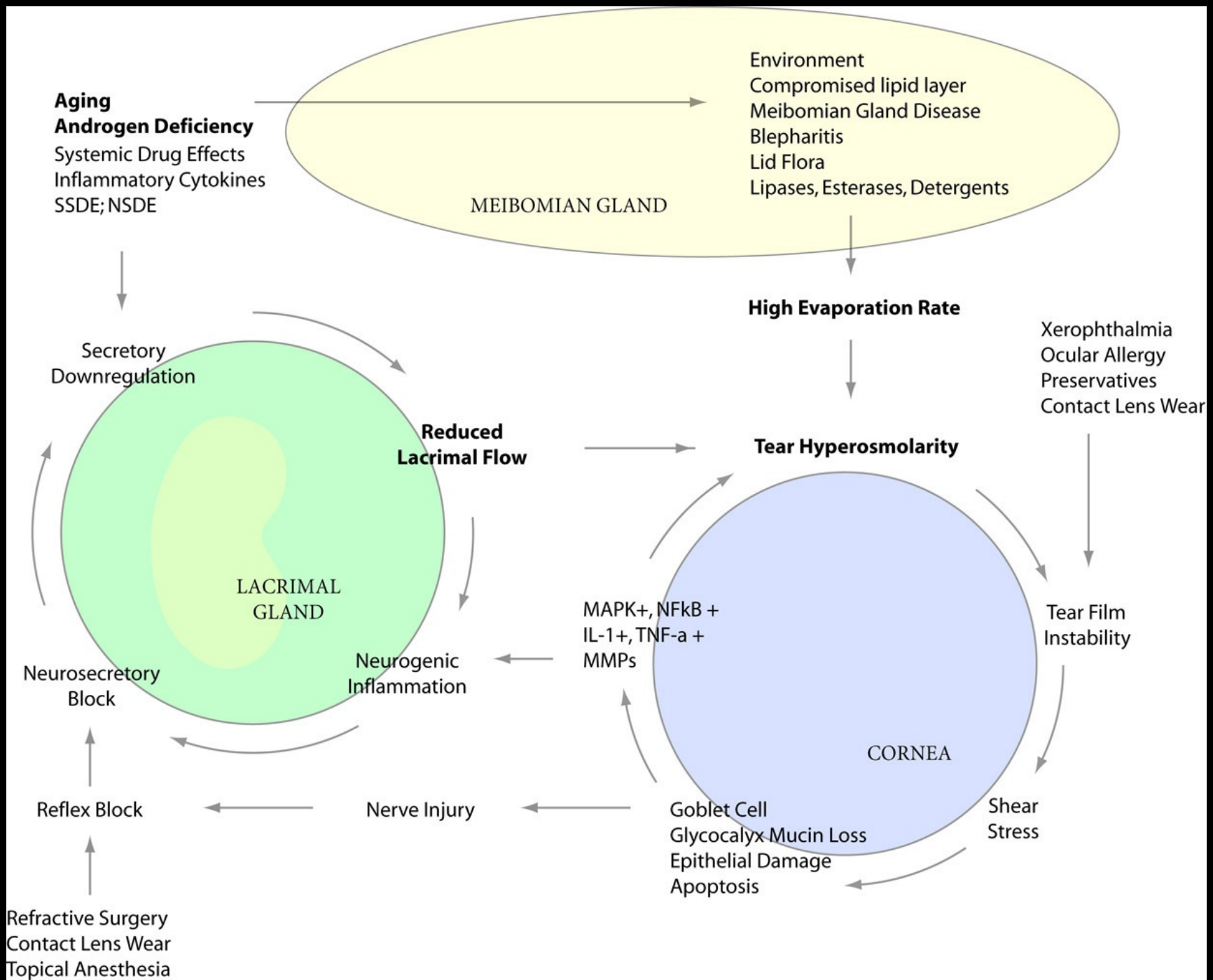
## Effect of the Environment

### *Milieu Interieur*

Low blink rate  
behavior, VTU,  
microscopy  
Wide lid aperture  
gaze position  
Aging  
Low androgen pool  
Systemic Drugs:  
antihistamines,  
beta-blockers,  
antispasmodics,  
diuretics, and  
some psychotropic  
drugs

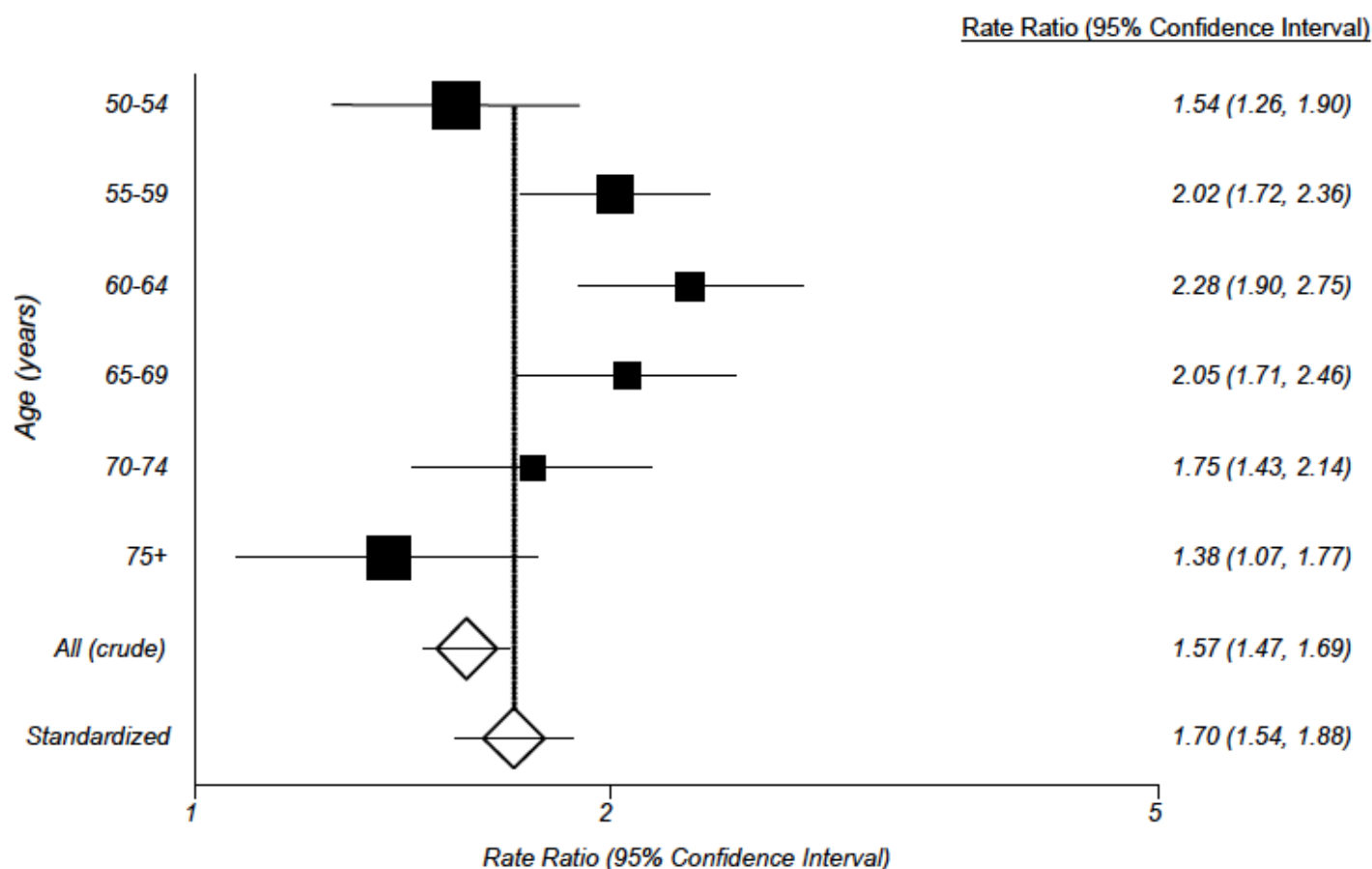
### *Milieu Exterieur*

Low relative humidity  
High wind velocity  
Occupational  
environment



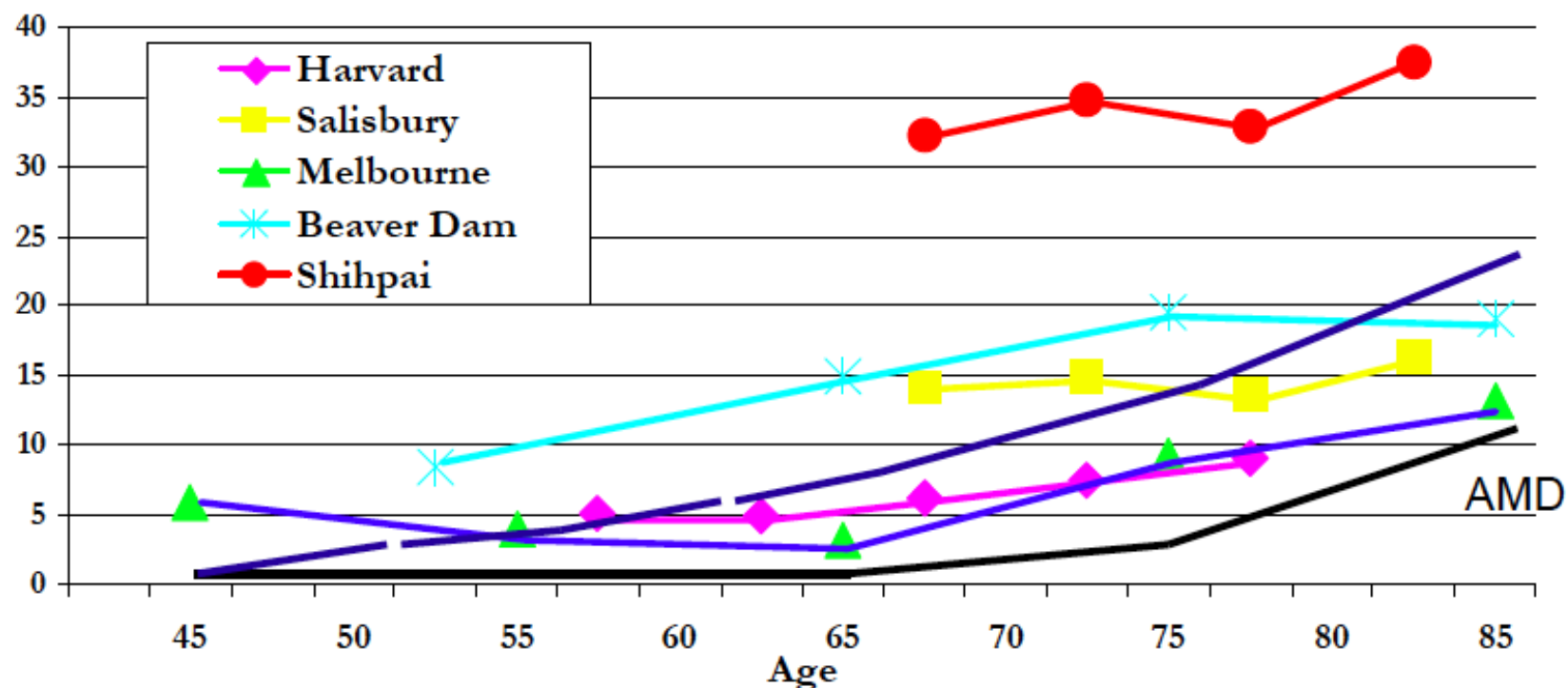
# Dry eye disease: Risk factors

# Sex Differences in DED Prevalence



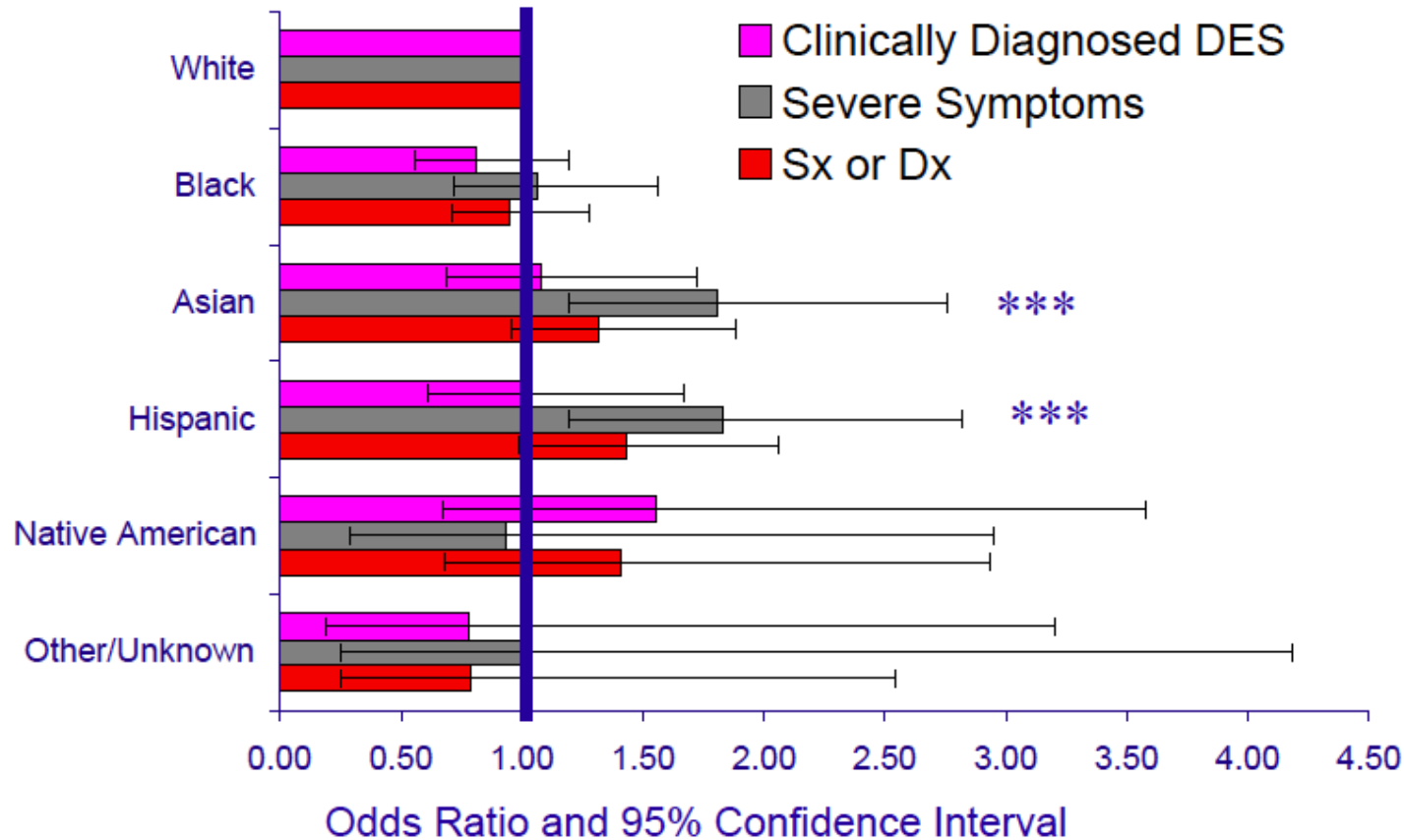
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# Prevalence of Dry Eye by Age





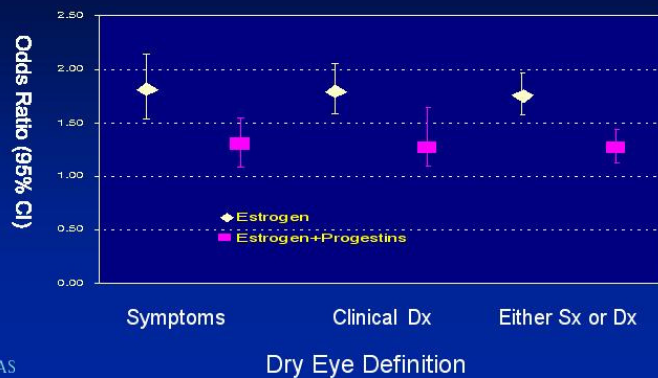
# Prevalence of Dry Eye in US, by Race



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# Additional risk factors for DED

Relationship of Dry Eye Syndrome with HRT in Women



- Androgen deficiency
- Estrogen replacement therapy
- Benign prostatic hyperplasia & associated medications
- Hypertension
- Antidepressant medications

# Dry eye disease: Quality of life

# Dry eye & quality of life



- Impact of moderate to severe dry eye is comparable to dialysis and severe angina
- DED leads to problems with reading, computer use & work performance, and is associated with role limitations, lower vitality & poorer general health

# Dry eye disease: Approved treatments

# Topical Restasis



“Restasis is indicated to increase tear production in patients whose tear production is presumed to be suppressed due to ocular inflammation associated with keratoconjunctivitis sicca.”

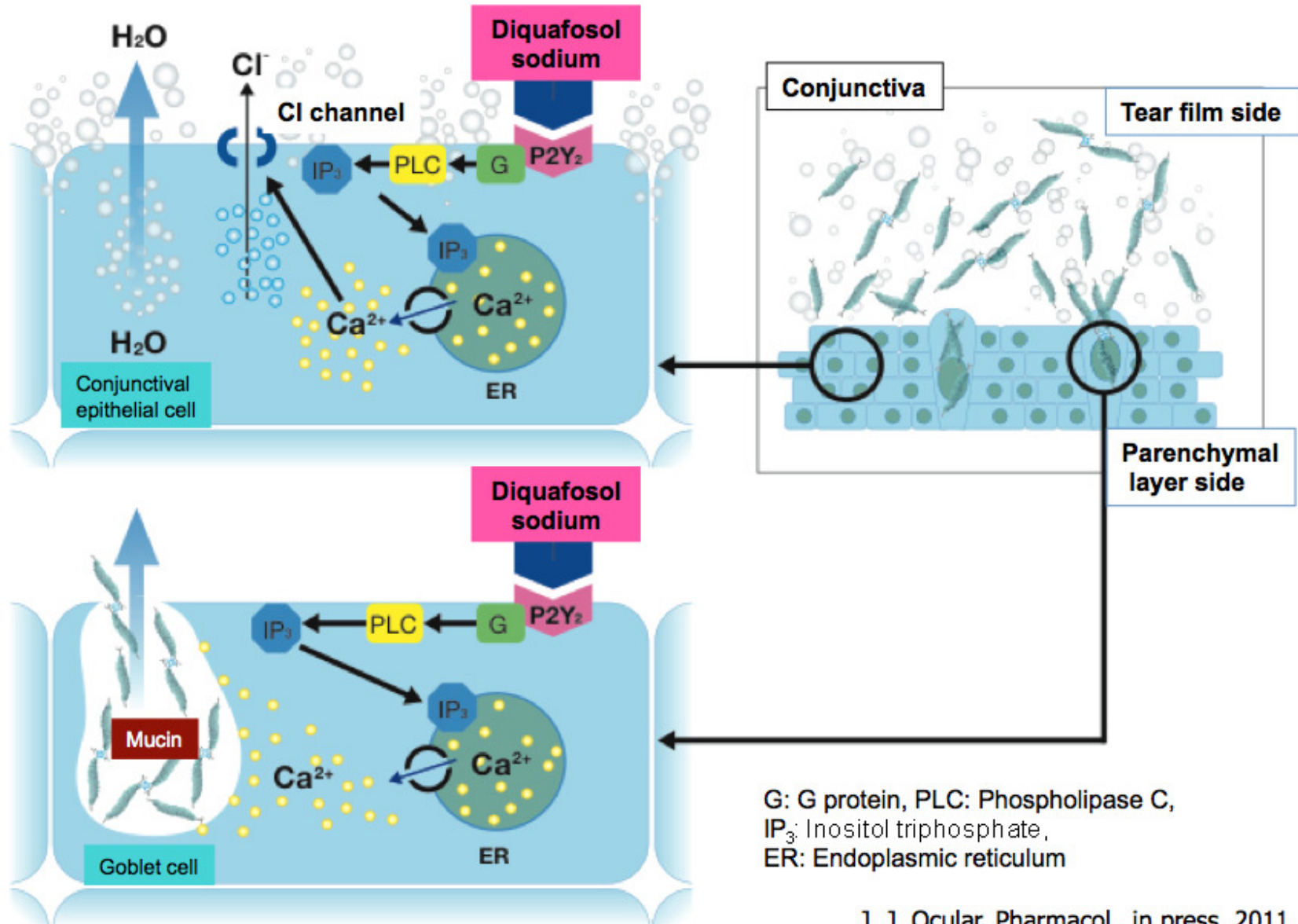
# Restasis sales in 2010: > \$700 million



“... statistically significant increases in Schirmer wetting of 10 mm versus vehicle...effect was seen in ~ 15% of RESTASIS® ophthalmic emulsion treated patients versus ~ 5% of vehicle treated patients.”



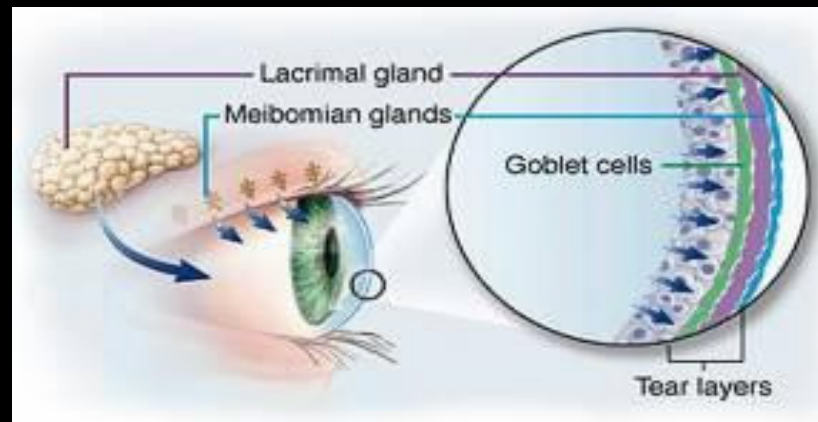
# Mechanism of Action - Diquafosol tetrasodium -





# Dry eye disease: Potential treatments

# Treatment Targets



Mucin deficiency

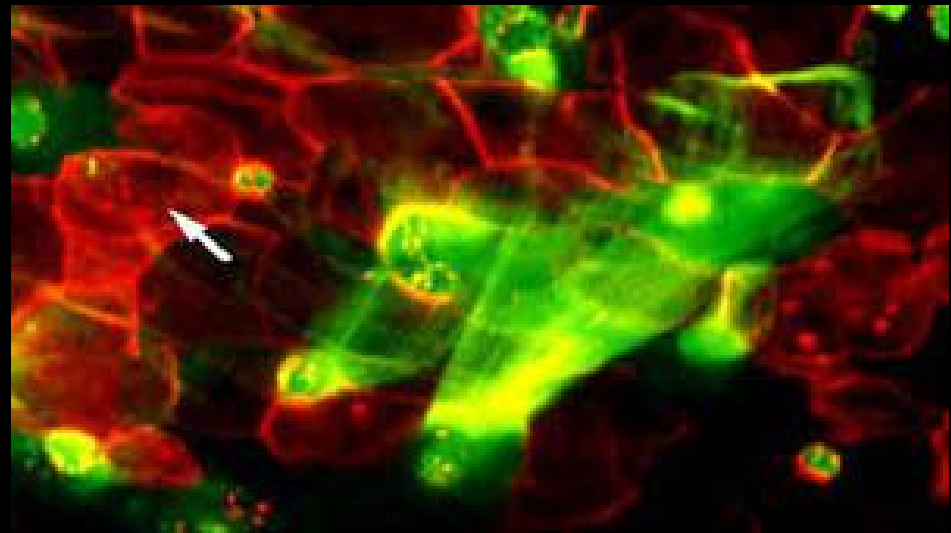
Aqueous tear deficiency

Lipid deficiency

Ocular surface damage

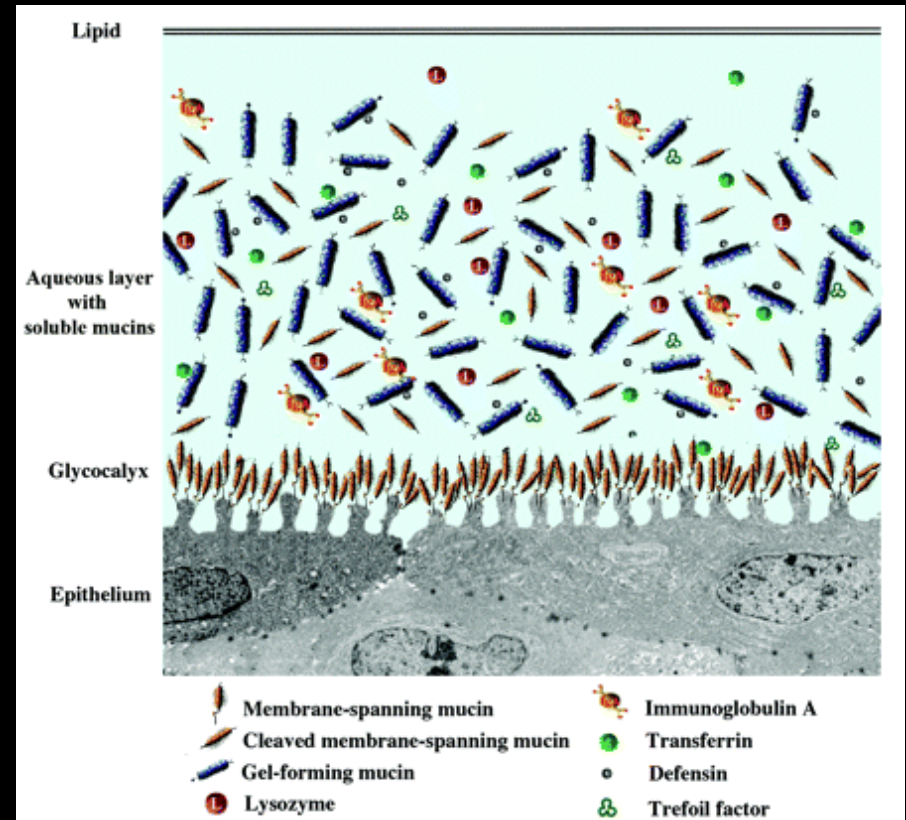
# New therapeutic approaches for the treatment of mucin deficiency

- Diquafasol
- Gefarnate
- Eupatilin
- Rebamipide
- Galectin 3
- Tamarind seed
- Trefoil factor family peptide 3 (TFMP3)
- Mycophenolate mofetil
- Nerve growth factor & mimetic



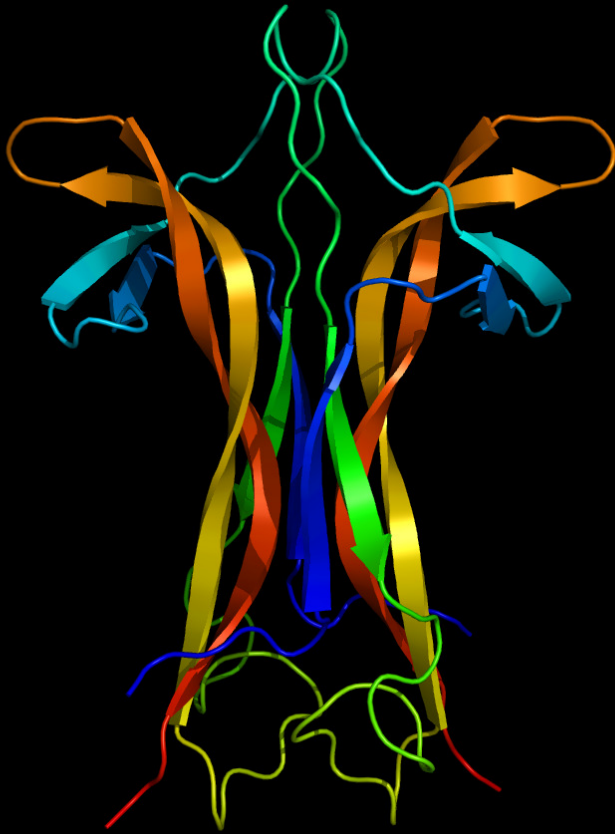
# Stimulation of ocular surface mucins

- **Mycophenolate mofetil** –  
↑ MUC5AC in human conjunctiva
- **DA-6034 (Eupatilin)** – ↑  
MUCs 1, 2, 4, 5AC, 5B &  
16 in human conjunctiva
- **Rebamipide** – causes  
mucus secretion (activates  
cyclooxygenase 2)
- **TFMP3** – stabilizes  
mucous layer



Gipson IK, IOVS 2007;48:4391-4398

# Nerve growth factor & mimetic



↑ Goblet cell number &  
MUC 5AC production

↑ Corneal sensitivity

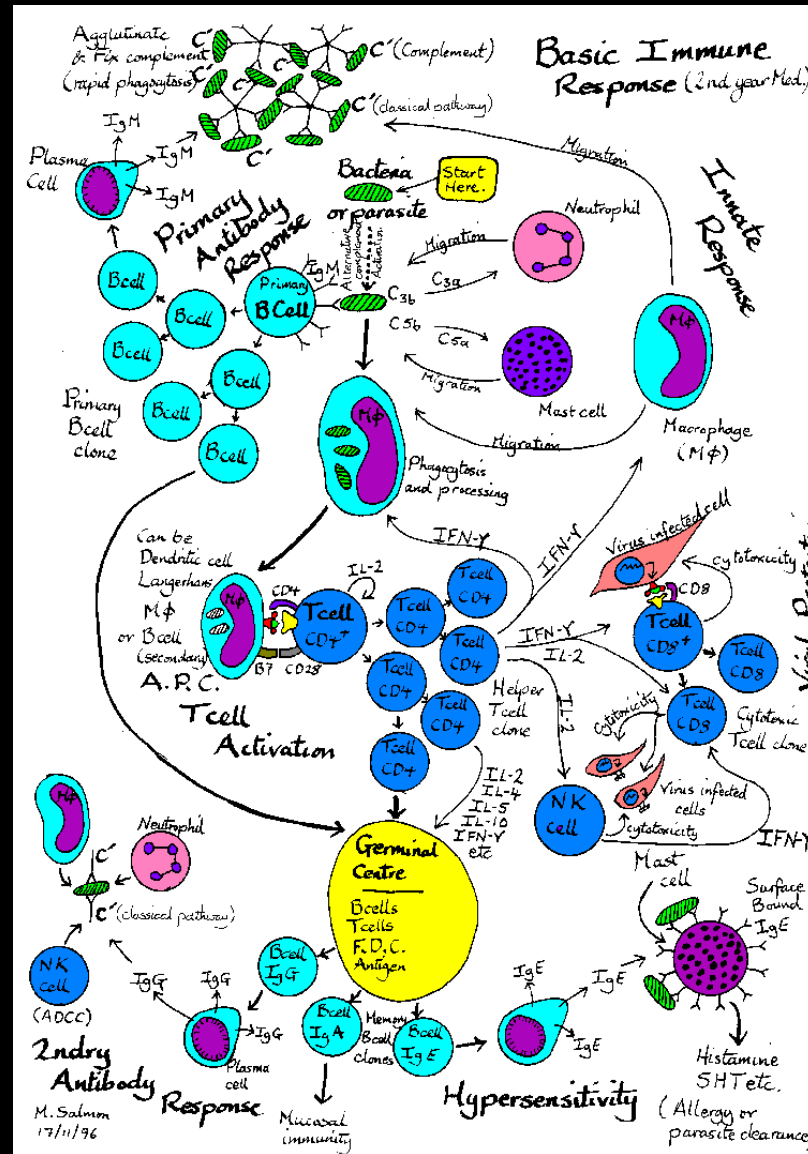
- Promotes corneal  
epithelial cell wound  
healing

# New approaches for the treatment of aqueous tear deficiency



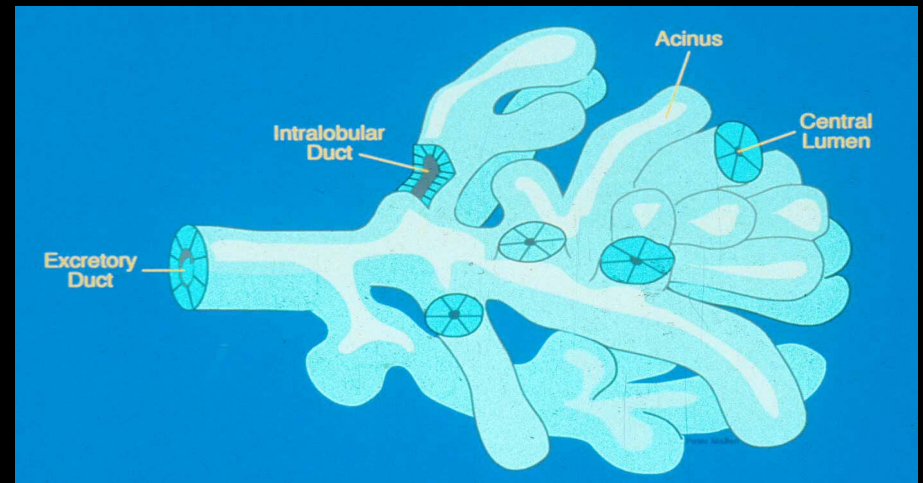
Immunomodulation  
Lacrimal gland stimulation

# Immunomodulation



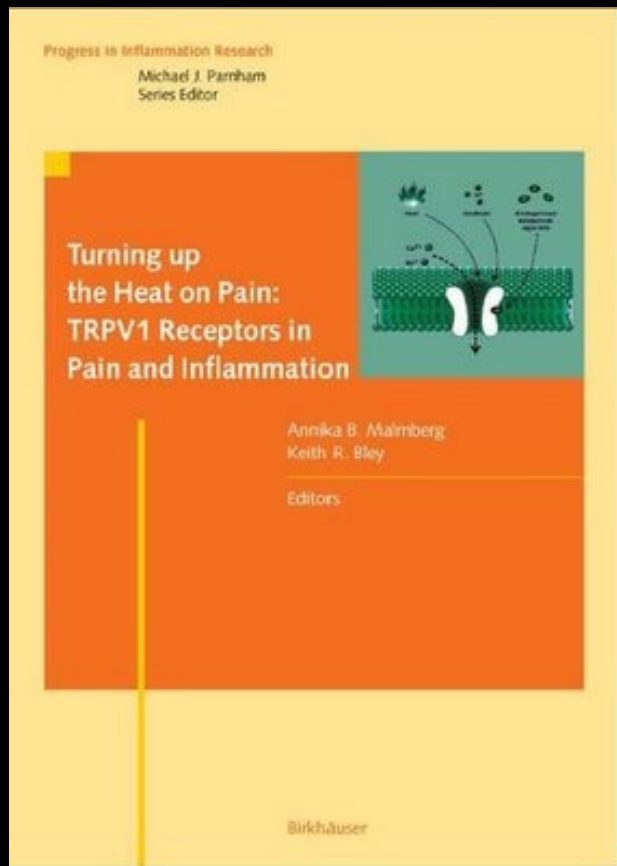
# Lacrimal Gland Stimulants

- TRPV1 receptor modulators
- Taste & salivation
- Anethol trithione
- Uridine
- Hydroxychloroquine
- Vitamin A
- Muscarinic receptor agonists
- Topical androgens





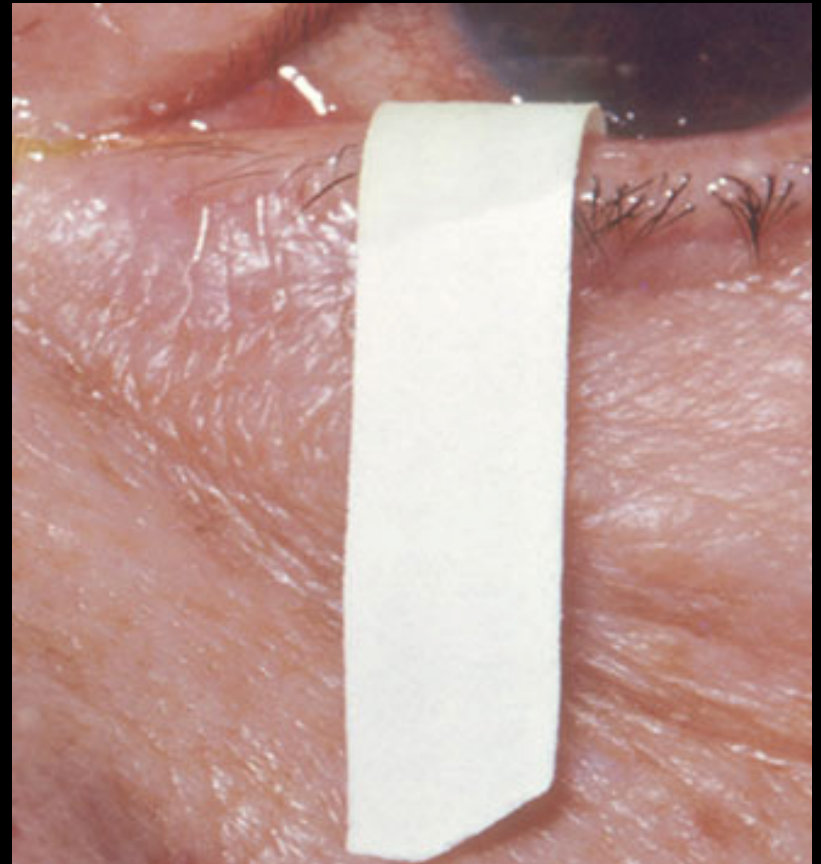
# Transient receptor potential vanilloid 1 (TRPV1) receptor modulator



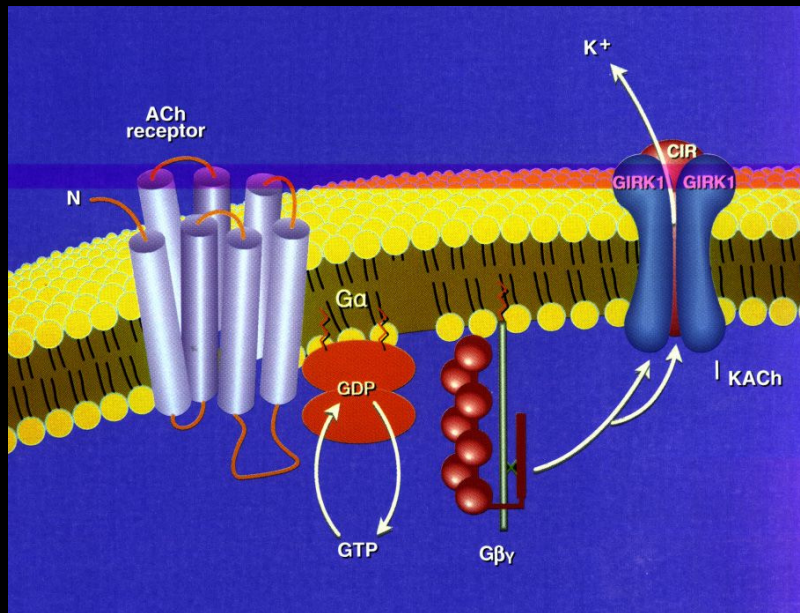
Intranasal application of Civamide, a TRPV1 receptor modulator, reportedly increases tear production. TRPV1 is a permeable, non-selective cation channel.

# Increased Schirmer Wetting Score

- **Oral anethole triothine** – a cholagogue
- **Oral uridine** – metabolized into P2Y2 agonist
- **Oral hydroxychloroquine** – in Sjögren's syndrome patients with  $\alpha$ -fodrin antibodies
- **Vitamin A** – retinyl palmitate eye drops



# Muscarinic Receptor Agonists



Salagen (M3 agonist,  
oral pilocarpine)

Cevimeline (M1/M3  
agonist)

# Oral Pilocarpine and Cevimeline

# Sjögren's Syndrome:

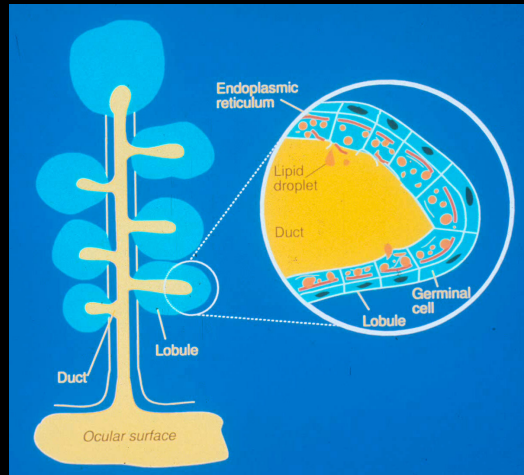
# Beneficial effect on subjective eye symptoms

# No effect on tear volume



# Pilocarpus pennatifolius

# New approaches for the treatment of lipid deficiency



LipiFlow & Maskin Intraductal Probe  
Azithromycin & IL-1Ra  
Topical androgens

# Treatment of Meibomian Gland Duct Obstruction

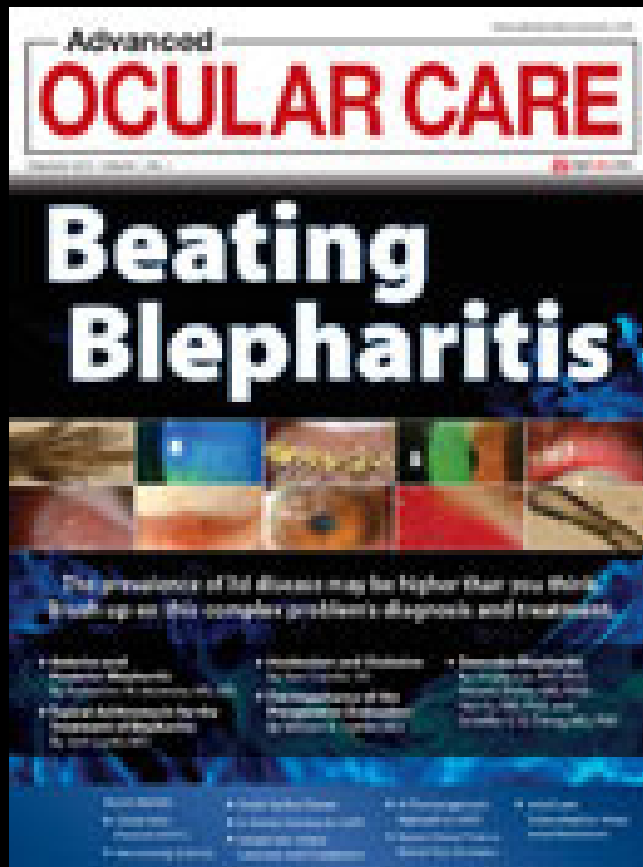
TearScience LipiFlow



Maskin Intraductal  
Probe



# Treatment of Posterior Blepharitis

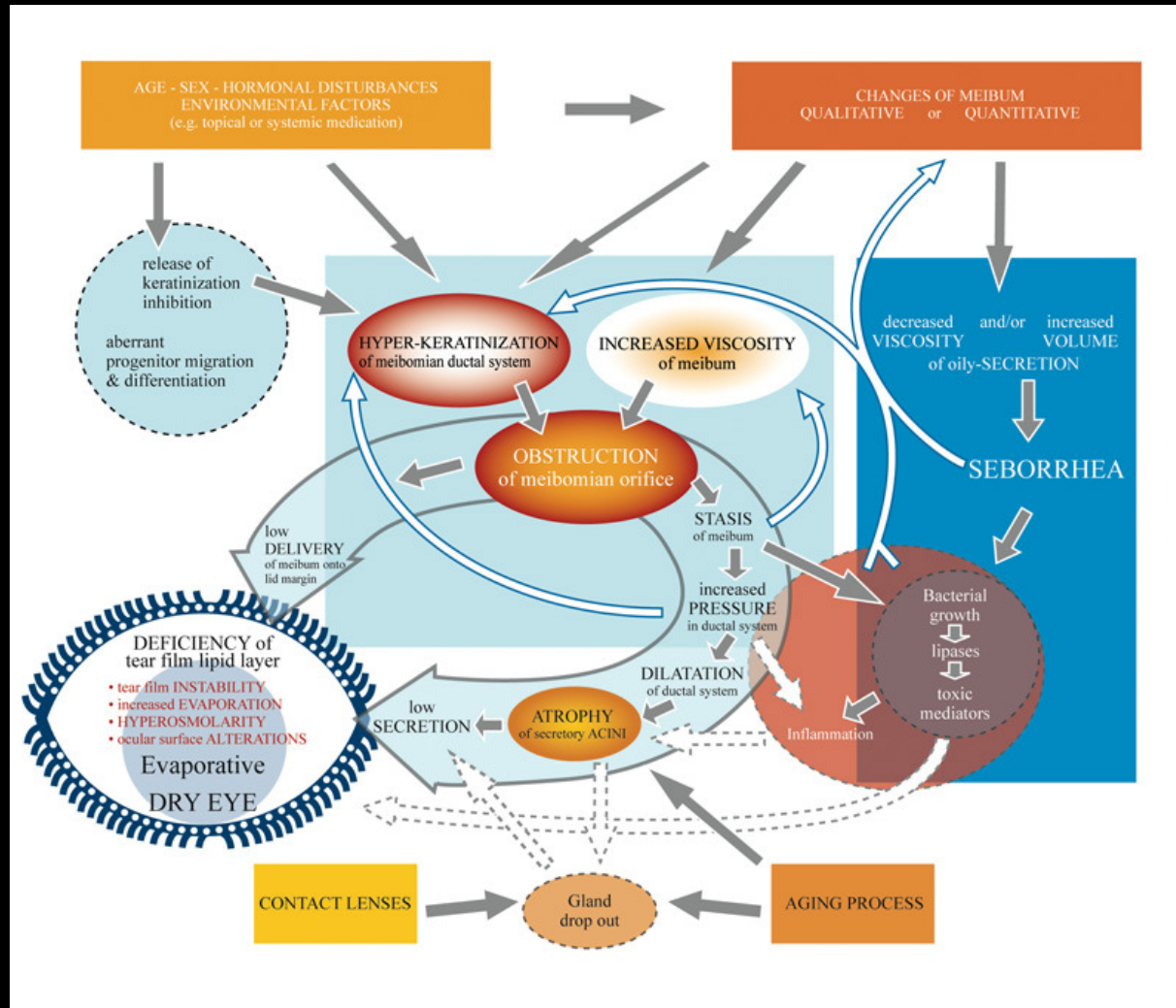


Azithromycin  
(Azasite, Azyter)

Interleukin-1 receptor  
antagonist

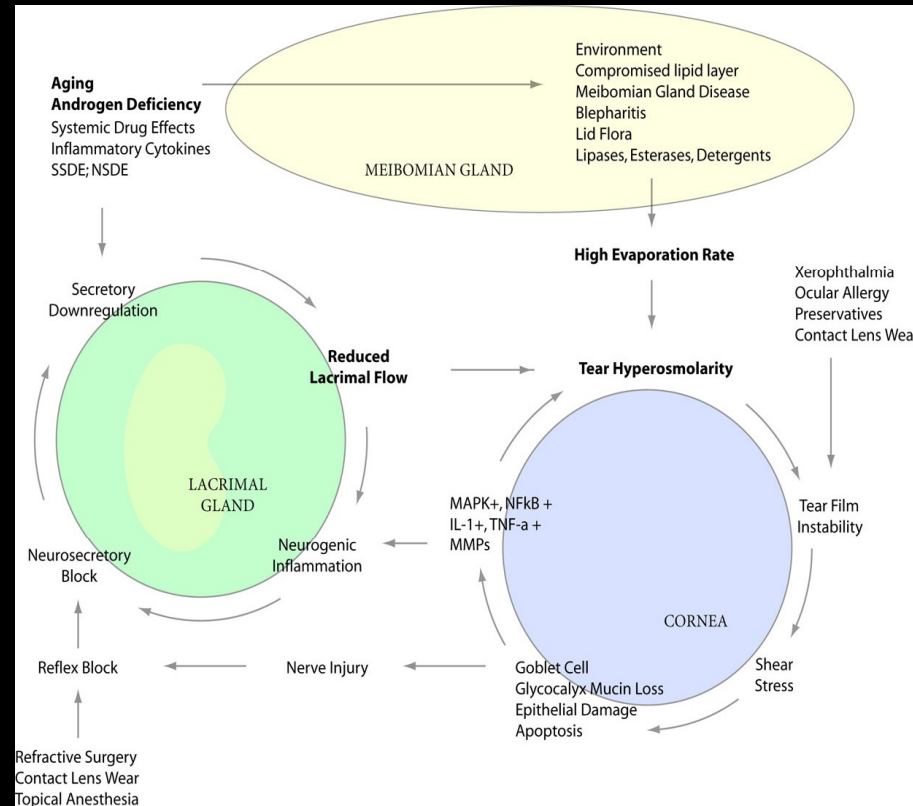


# Topical androgens: Treatment of meibomian gland dysfunction





# Treatment of Ocular Surface Damage



Immunomodulation  
Hydration  
Boundary Lubrication

# Immunomodulation



Omega 3 fatty acids & nutritional foods

Glucocorticoids

NSAIDs

Calcineurin inhibitors

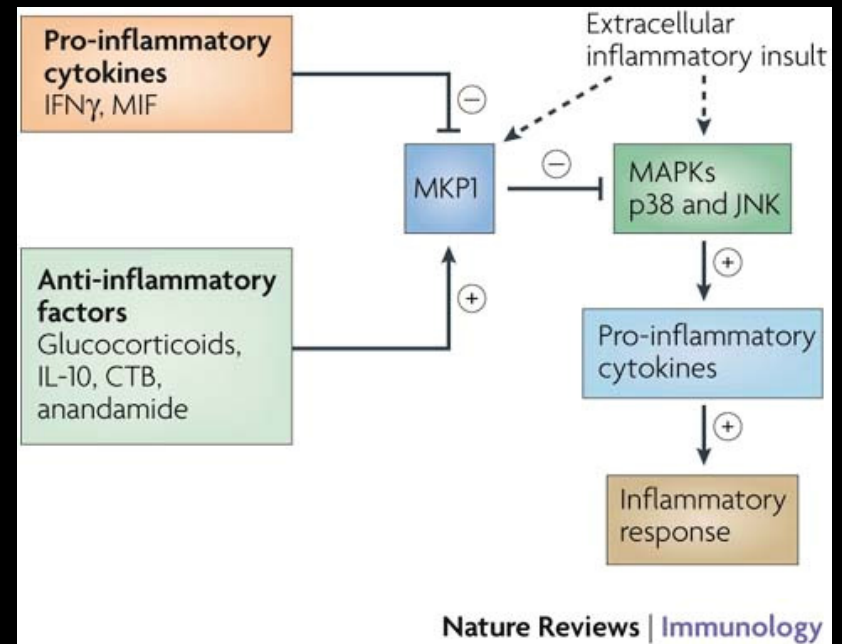
Antibodies & other drugs

# Omega 3 fatty acids & nutritional foods



# Glucocorticoids

- **EGP-437** – EyeGate Pharma, dexamethasone & transscleral iontophoresis
- **Mapracorat** – B&L, selective glucocorticoid receptor agonist
- **DE-110** – Santen, selective glucocorticoid receptor agonist
- **Lotemax** – B&L



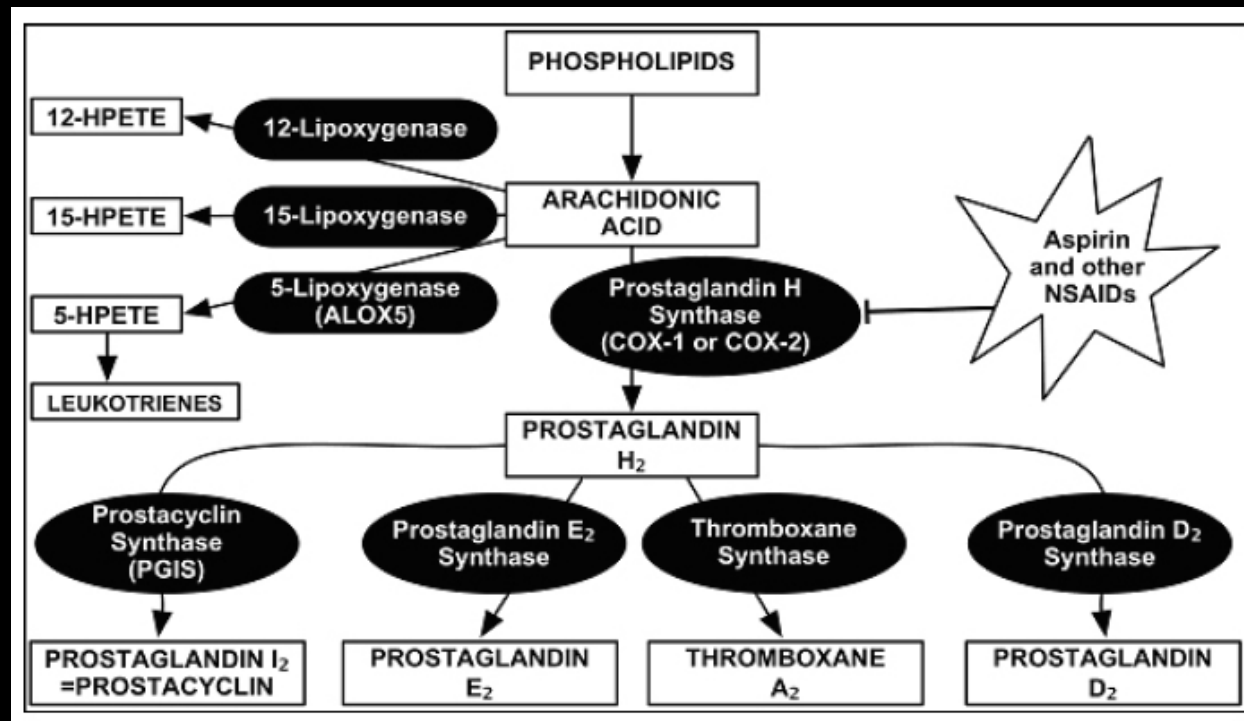
# Possible glucocorticoid side effects

Ocular side effects have included blurred vision, discharge, ocular pain and discomfort, increased intraocular pressure, foreign body sensation, pruritus, and hyperemia in 1% to 5% of patients.

Dry eye, tearing, conjunctival and corneal edema, keratitis, photophobia, corneal erosion, corneal ulcer, corneal staining, increased fibrin, tearing, photophobia, edema, irritation, browache, lid margin crusting, and infiltrate have been reported in less than 1% of patients.

In addition, prolonged use of topical ophthalmic corticosteroids has caused ocular hypertension/glaucoma, optic nerve damage, defects in visual acuity and fields of vision, posterior subcapsular cataract formation, and secondary infections of the eye. The use of topical corticosteroids has caused perforation of the globe where there is preexisting thinning of the cornea or sclera.

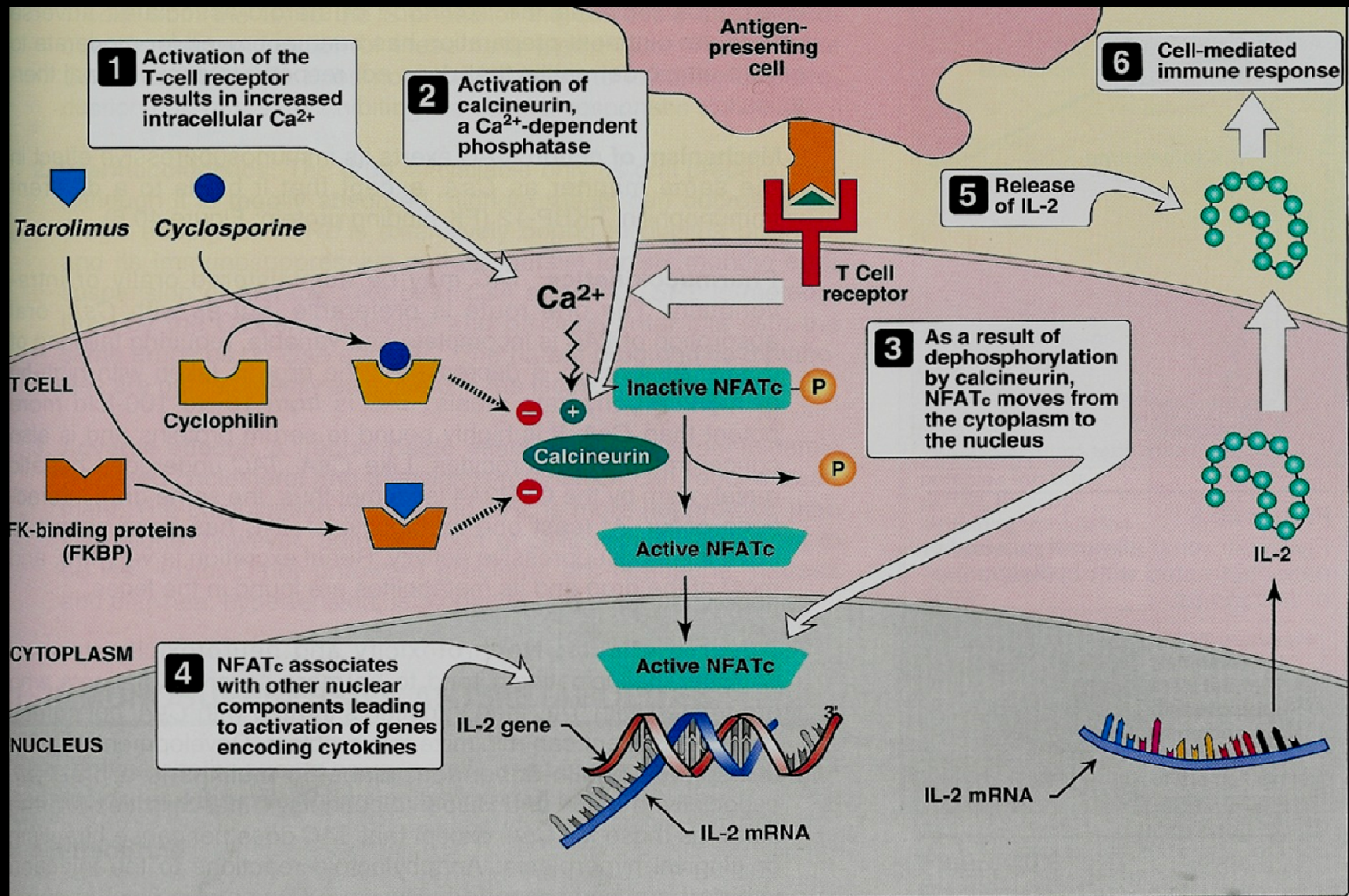
# Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs



Remura (ISTA Pharmaceuticals) & ISV-101 (InSite Vision) – bromfenac, thought to inhibit cyclooxygenases 1 & 2



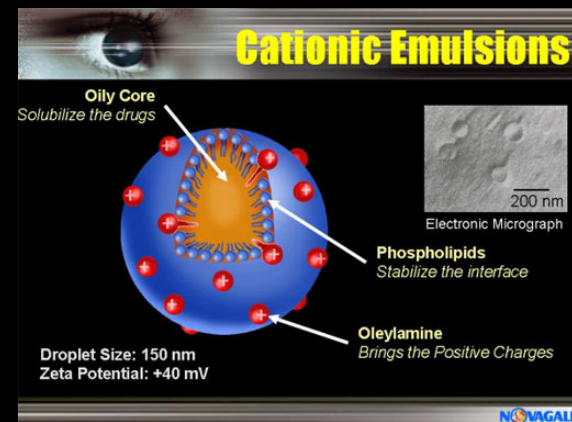
# Calcineurin inhibitors



# Additional formulations

**Novagali** – Cyclokat, a cyclosporine

**LuxBio** – LX214, a voclosporine



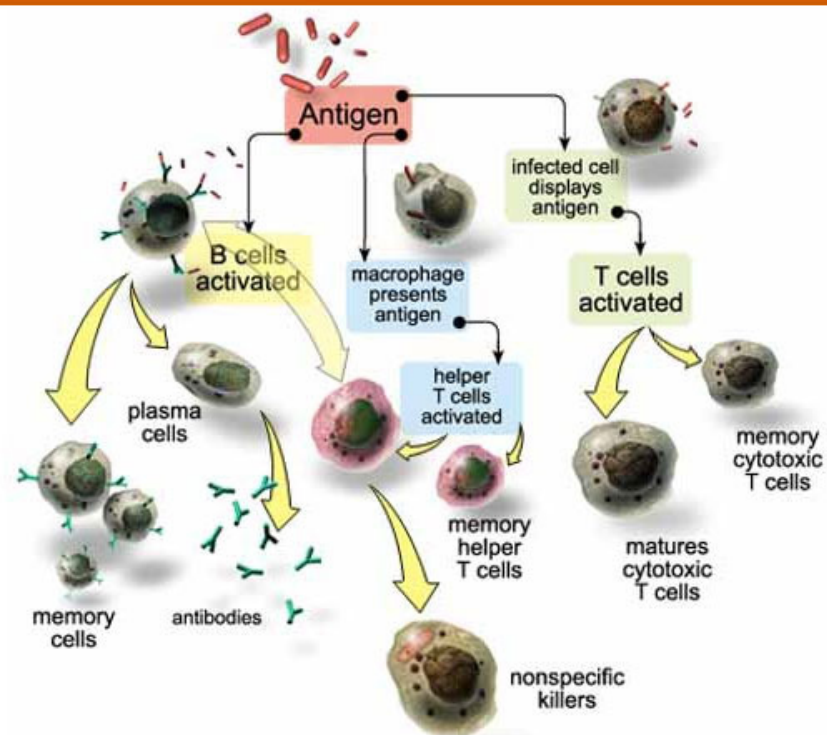
Calcineurin inhibitors.

*tacrolimus (Prograf)*  
*pimecrolimus (Elidel)*



# Antibodies

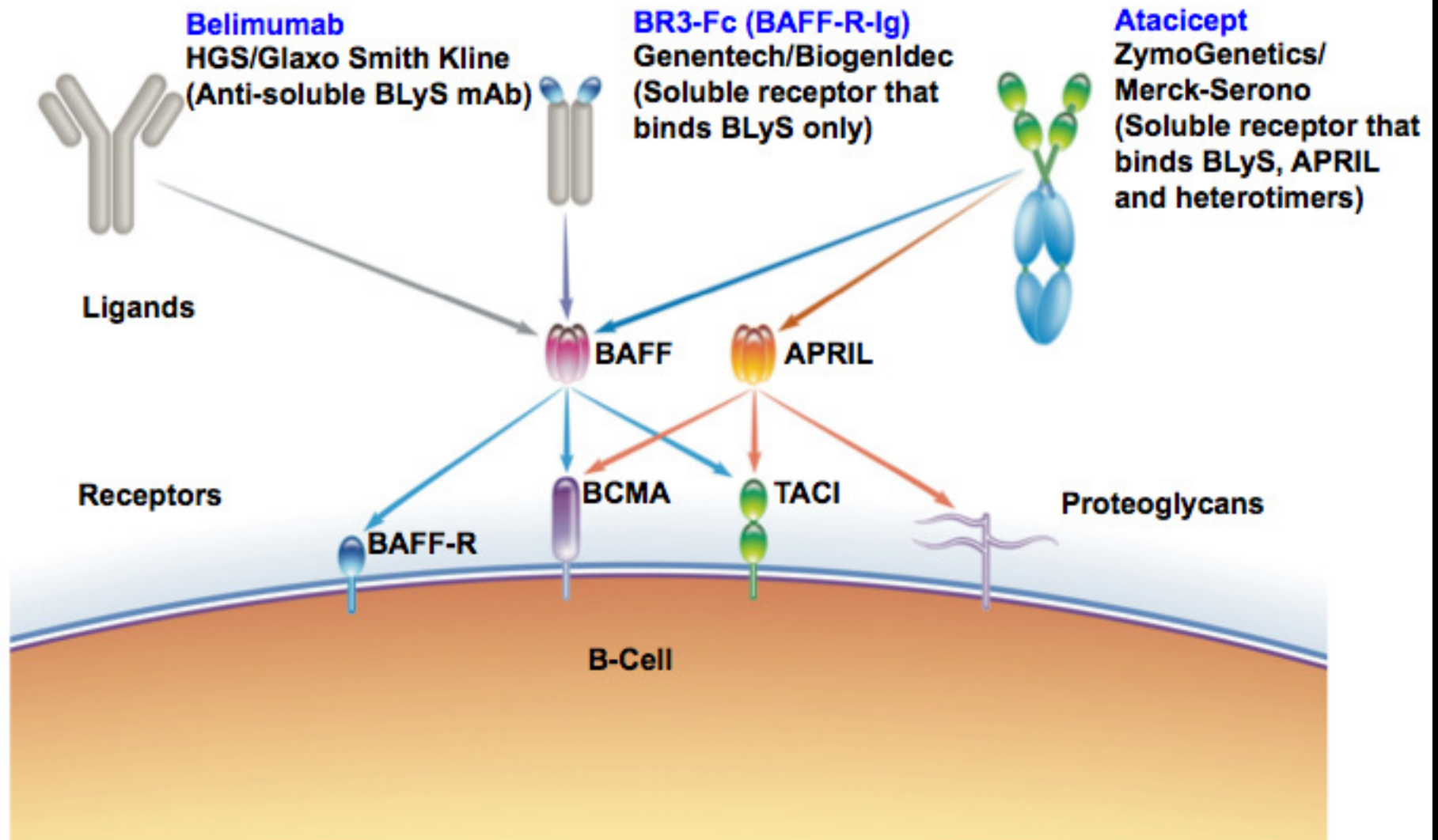
## Immune system cells



(Source: the Human Immune Response System [www.uta.edu/chagas/images/immunSys.jpg](http://www.uta.edu/chagas/images/immunSys.jpg))

- **AIN457** (Novartis) – neutralizes IL-17A
- **ESBA105** (Alcon) – fragment against TNF- $\alpha$
- **Belimumab** (GSK) – human monoclonal inhibits B cell activation factor
- **Rituximab** (Biogen) – murine/human anti-CD20 monoclonal

# Inhibiting BAFF or BAFF + APRIL ?



# Other anti-inflammatory drugs

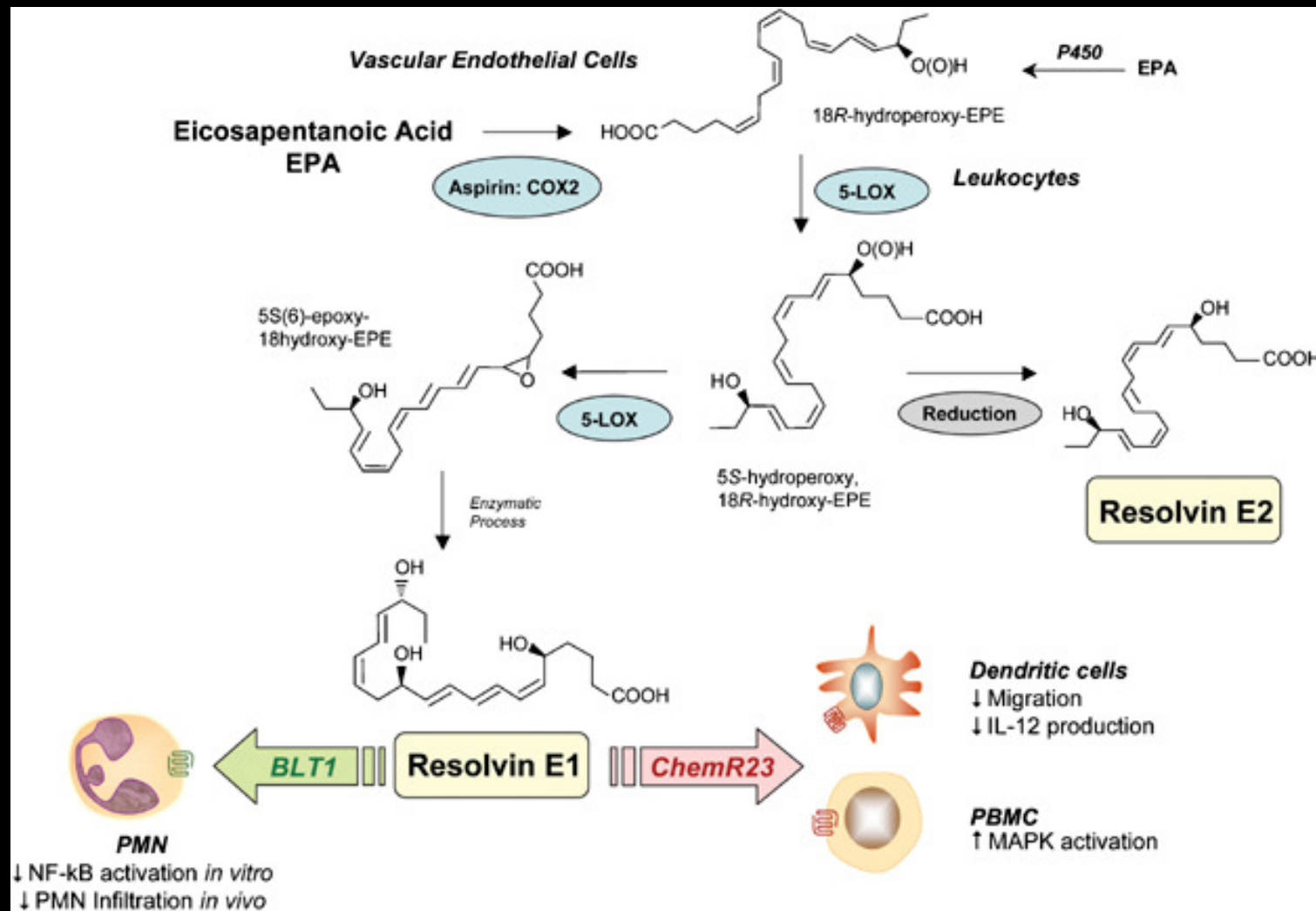
**CF-101 (CAN-FITE)** – oral adenosine3 receptor agonist, induces inflammatory cell apoptosis

**RGN259** (Regenerx) – topical thymosin  $\beta$ 4

**Perceiva** (MacuSight) – sirolimus, subconjunctival injection, inhibits response to IL-2



# Resolvins



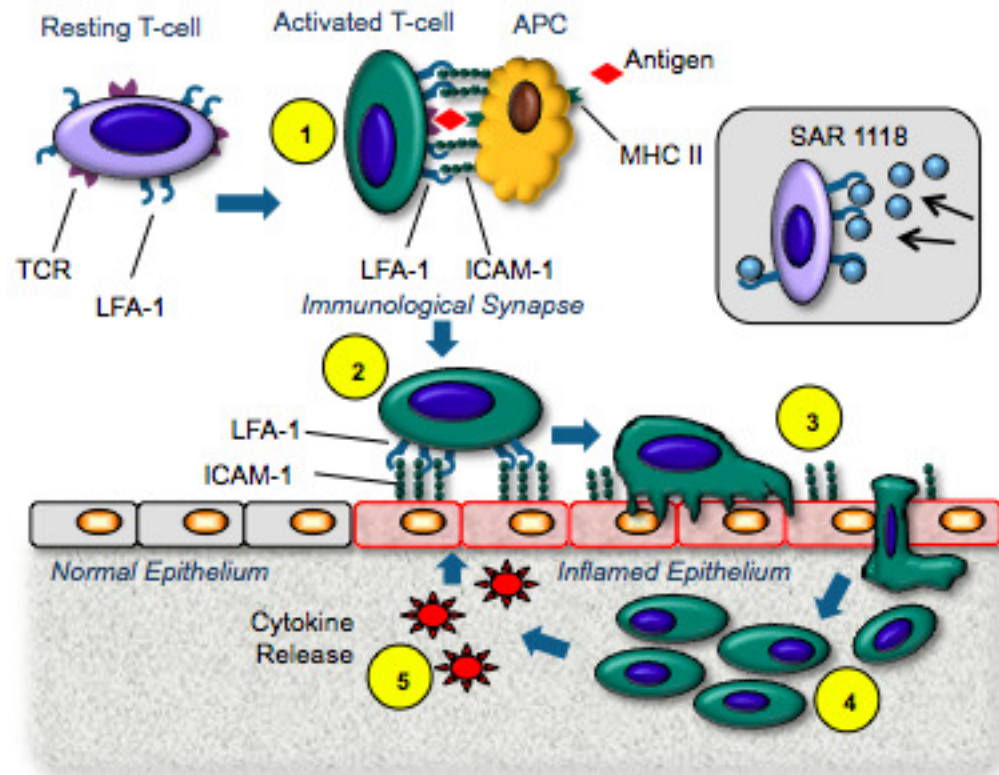


# Goal – Break Cycle of Inflammation

*SAR 1118 Binds to LFA-1 on T-cells and Prevents Interaction with ICAM-1*

## SAR 1118 Inhibits T-cell

1. LFA-1/ICAM-1
2. Adhesion
3. Migration
4. Proliferation
5. Cytokine Release



**LFA-1:** lymphocyte function-associated antigen-1 (CD11a/18;  $\alpha\text{L}\beta\text{2}$ )

**ICAM-1:** intercellular adhesion molecule-1 (CD54)

**TCR:** T cell receptor

**APC:** antigen presenting cell

**MHC II:** major histocompatibility complex class II

# Other anti-inflammatory compounds

- **Rivoglitazone (Santen)** – binds to PPARs
- **Cilomilast (Alcon)** – phosphodiesterase 4 inhibitor
- **DA-6034 (Dong-A)** – inhibits NF- $\kappa$ B activation
- **Chitosan-N-acetylcysteine conjugate** – thiolated polymer, suppresses inflammation, no effect on corneal staining
- **Tranilast** – inhibits lipid mediator and cytokine release
- **N-acetyl aspartyl glutamic acid** – neuropeptide
- **Astaxanthin** – oral carotenoid
- **Curcumin** - natural polyphenol extracted from turmeric
- **Catechins** – from green tea
- **KLS-0611 & KCT-0809 (Kissei)** - treat surface damage

# Hydration

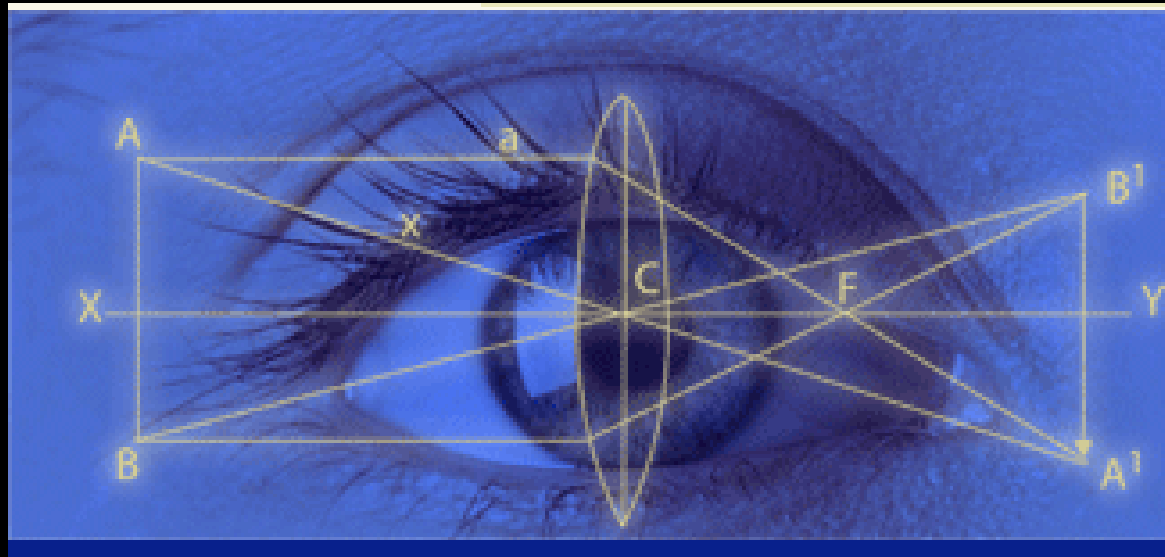
Oral sea buckthorn oil –  
reduces tear osmolarity

Lancutovide (Lantibio) –  
promotes hydration

Alpha eye dry eye relief  
mask – moisture barrier



# Boundary Lubrication



## Lubricin -

- Protects against shear stress
- Addresses central causative mechanism (*i.e.* shear stress) of ocular surface damage in dry eye disease



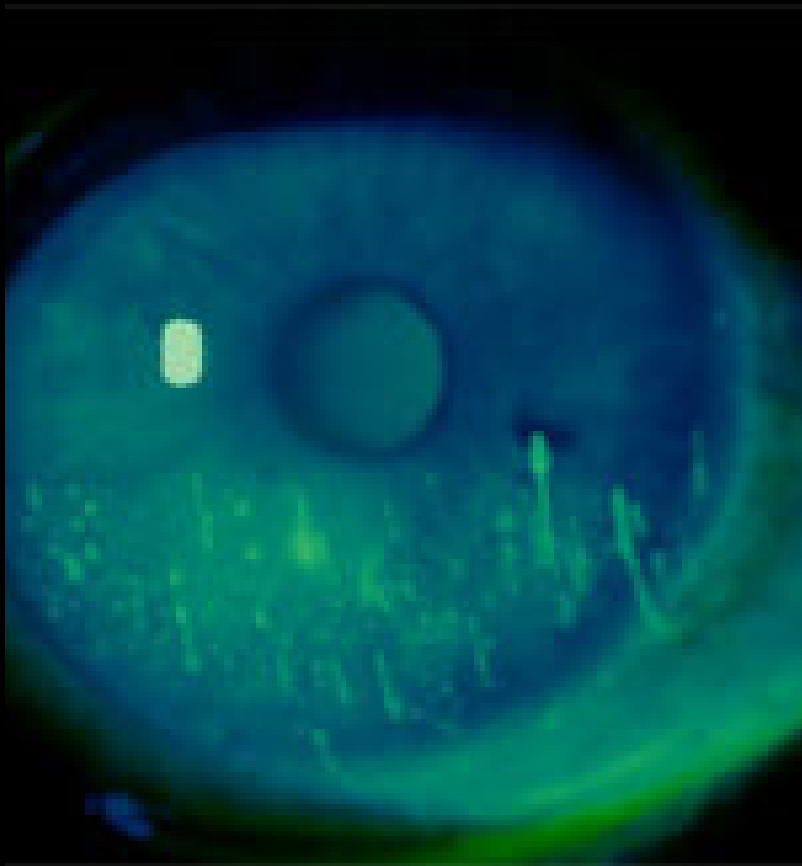
# Virtual kaleidoscope of potential treatments for dry eye disease



# CHALLENGE



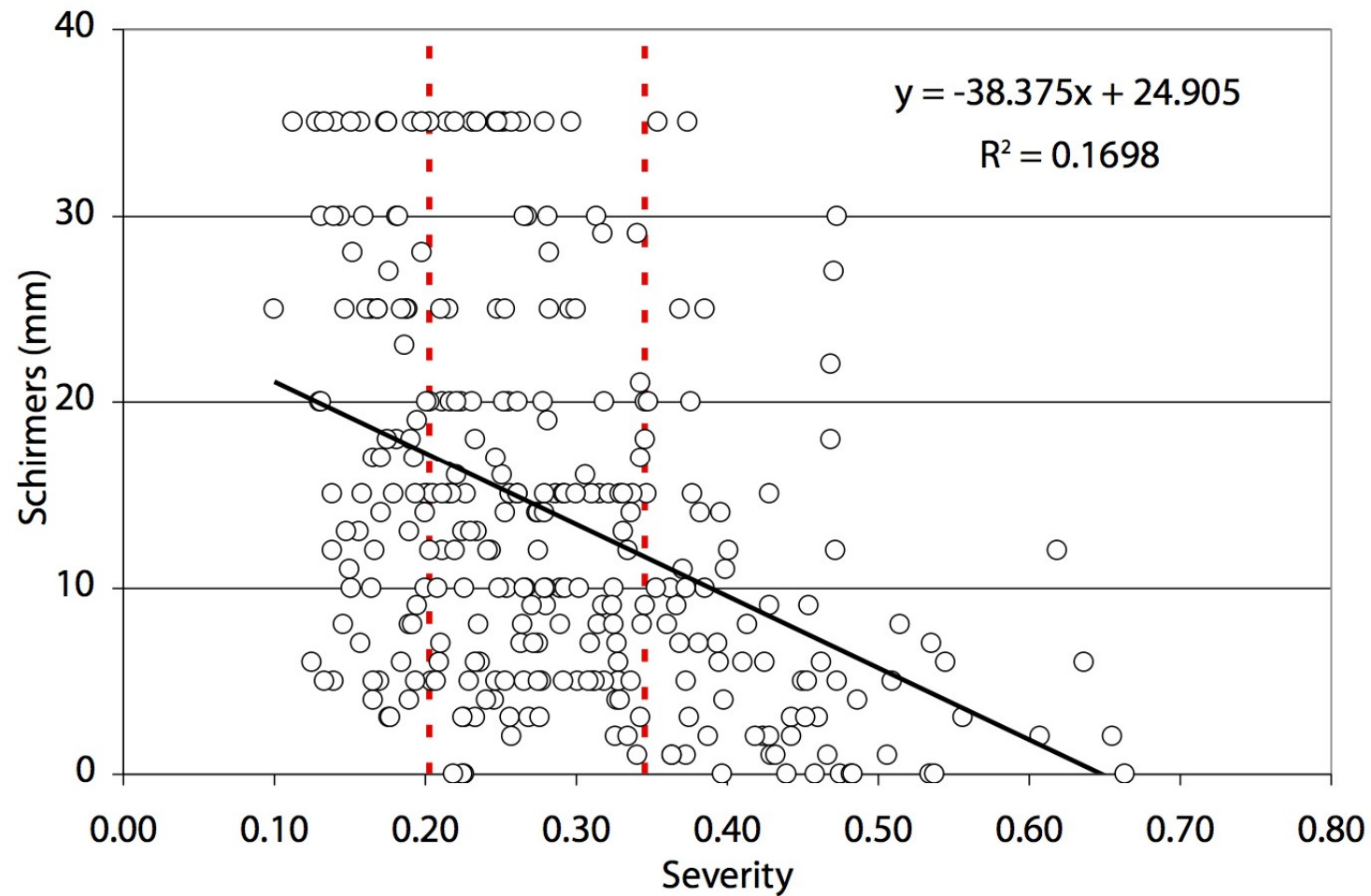
# Common signs and symptoms of dry eye disease do not correlate



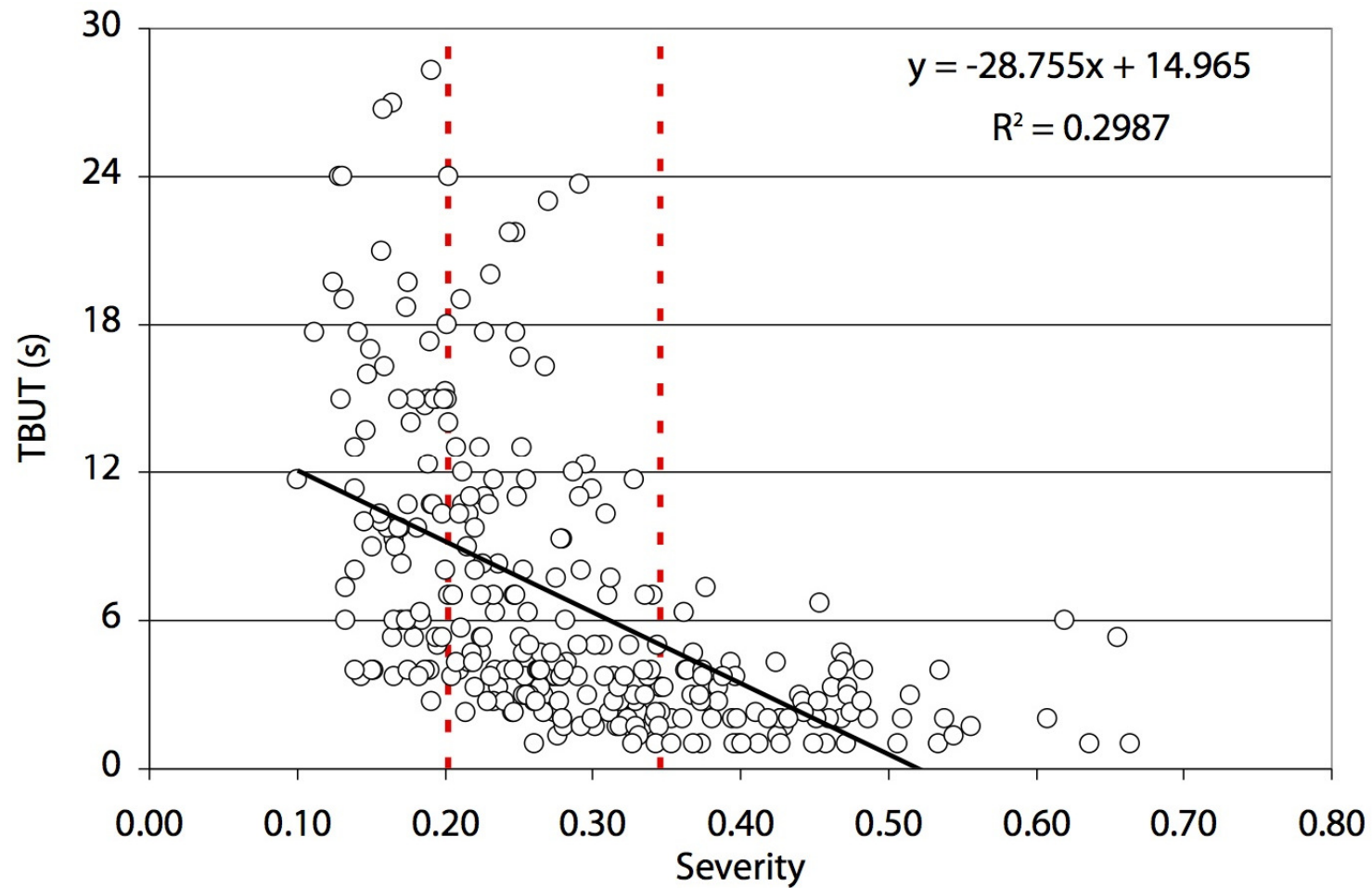
# Clinical Challenges in Dry Eye Therapeutics

- Existing treatments fail to address causative mechanisms
  - Inflammation is low gain, peripheral to central loop
- Difficult inclusion/exclusion criteria
  - Historically subjective signs
  - Symptoms & signs don't correlate
- Schirmer strips and corneal staining are primary endpoints in most clinical trials, but their diagnostic value is limited
- Symptoms alone are insufficient to track severity

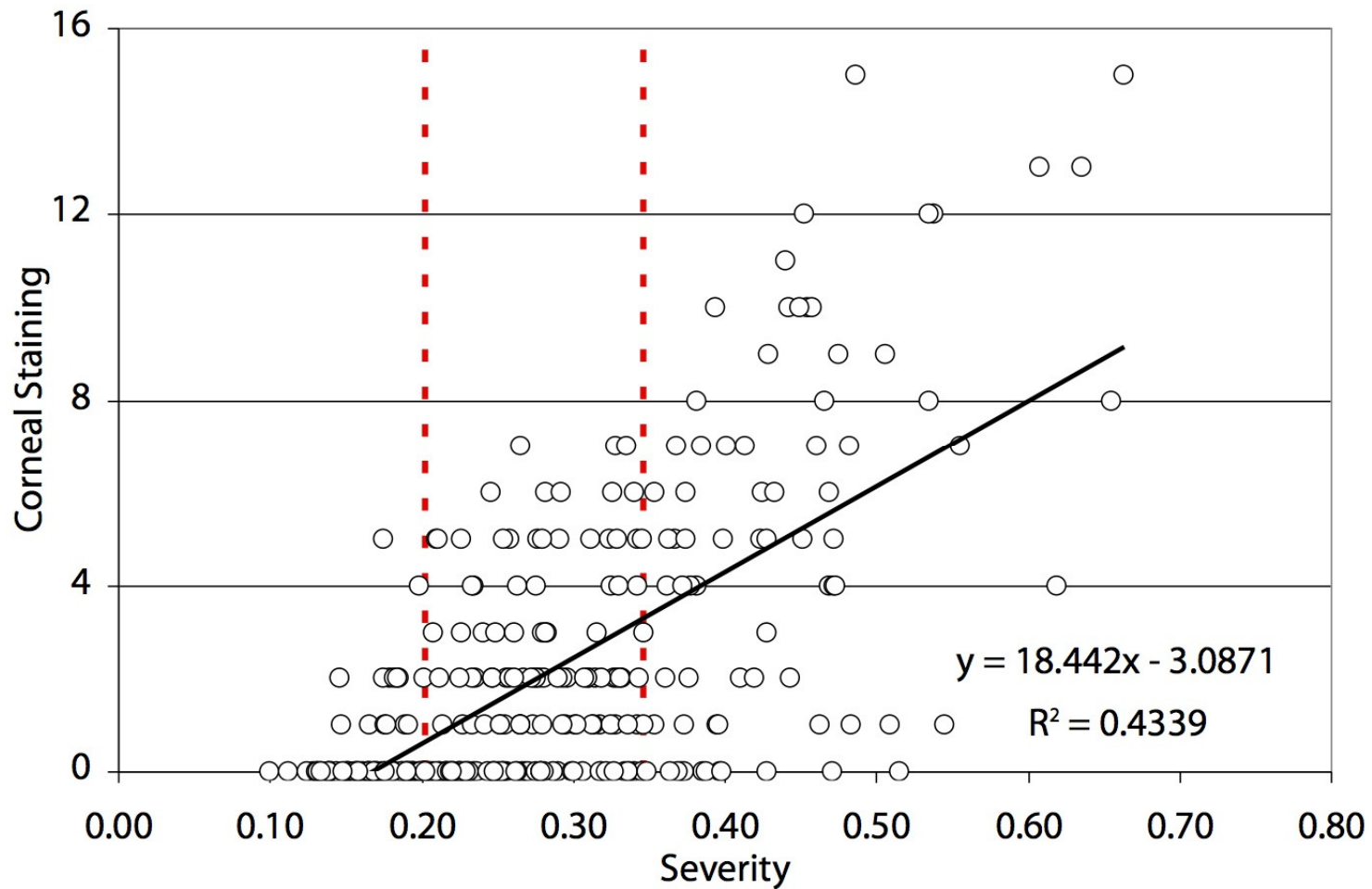
# Schirmer Strip Severity Analysis



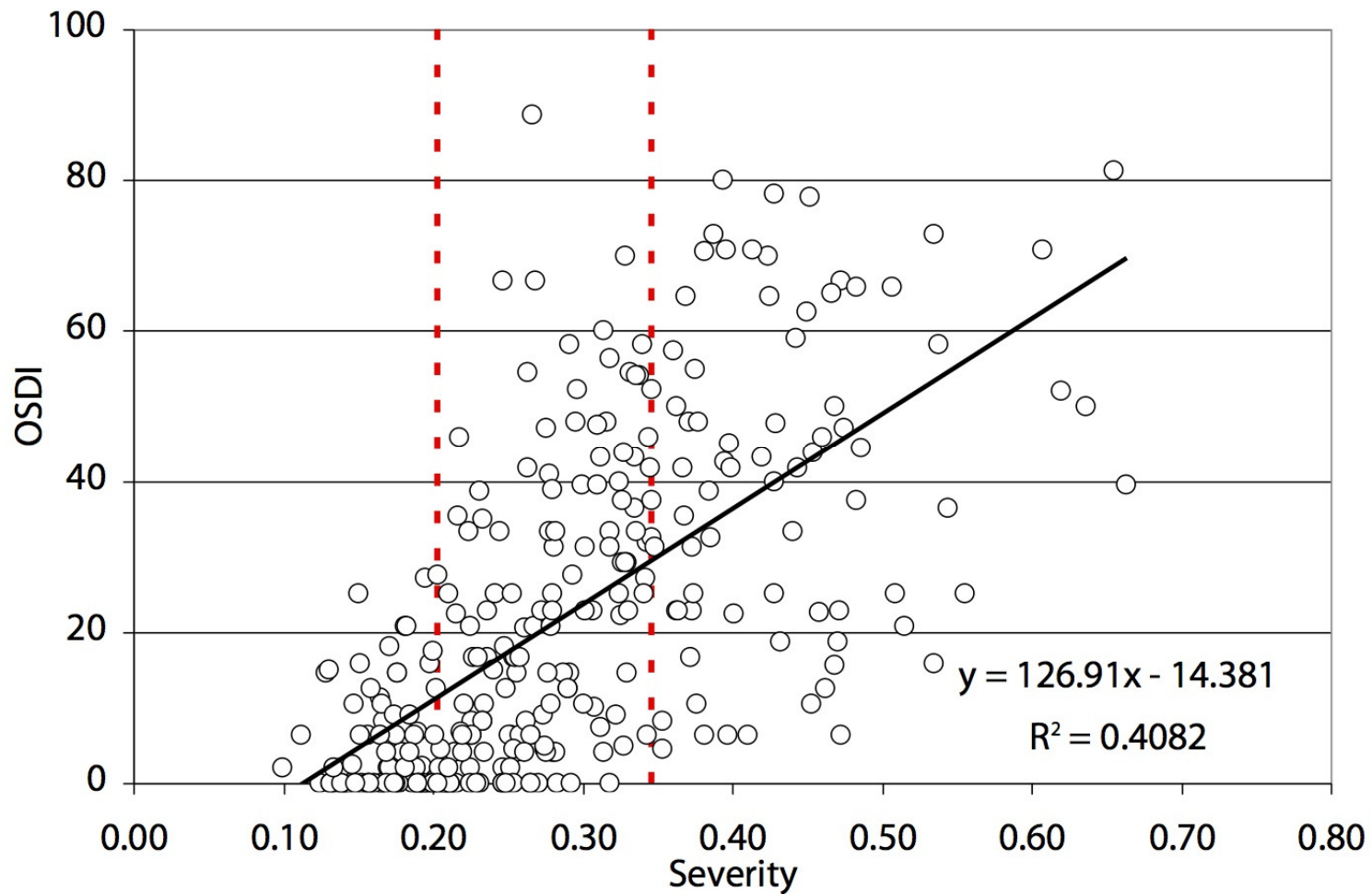
# Tear Film Breakup Time (TBUT) Severity Analysis



# Corneal Staining Severity Analysis



# Symptoms (OSDI) Severity Analysis





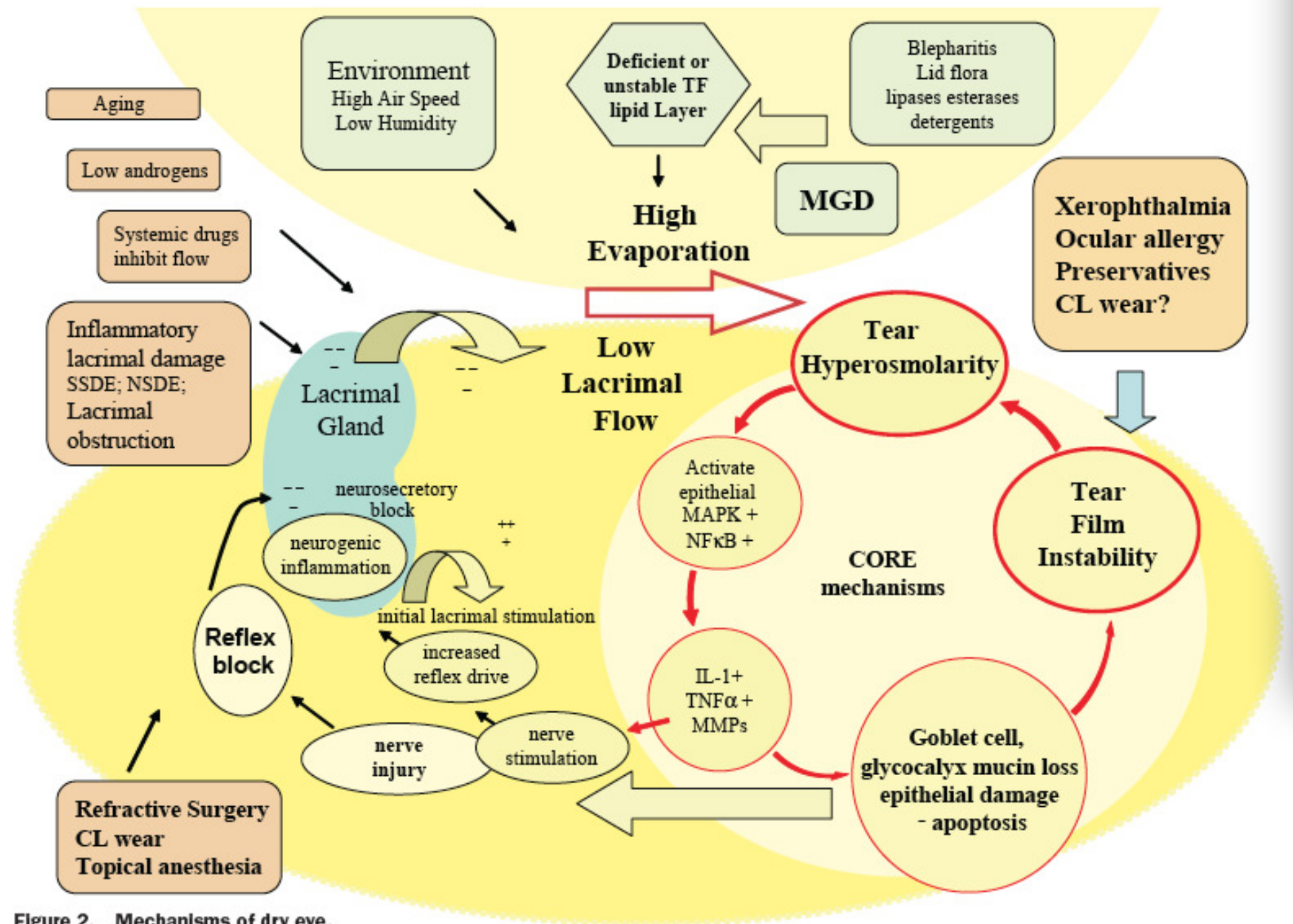
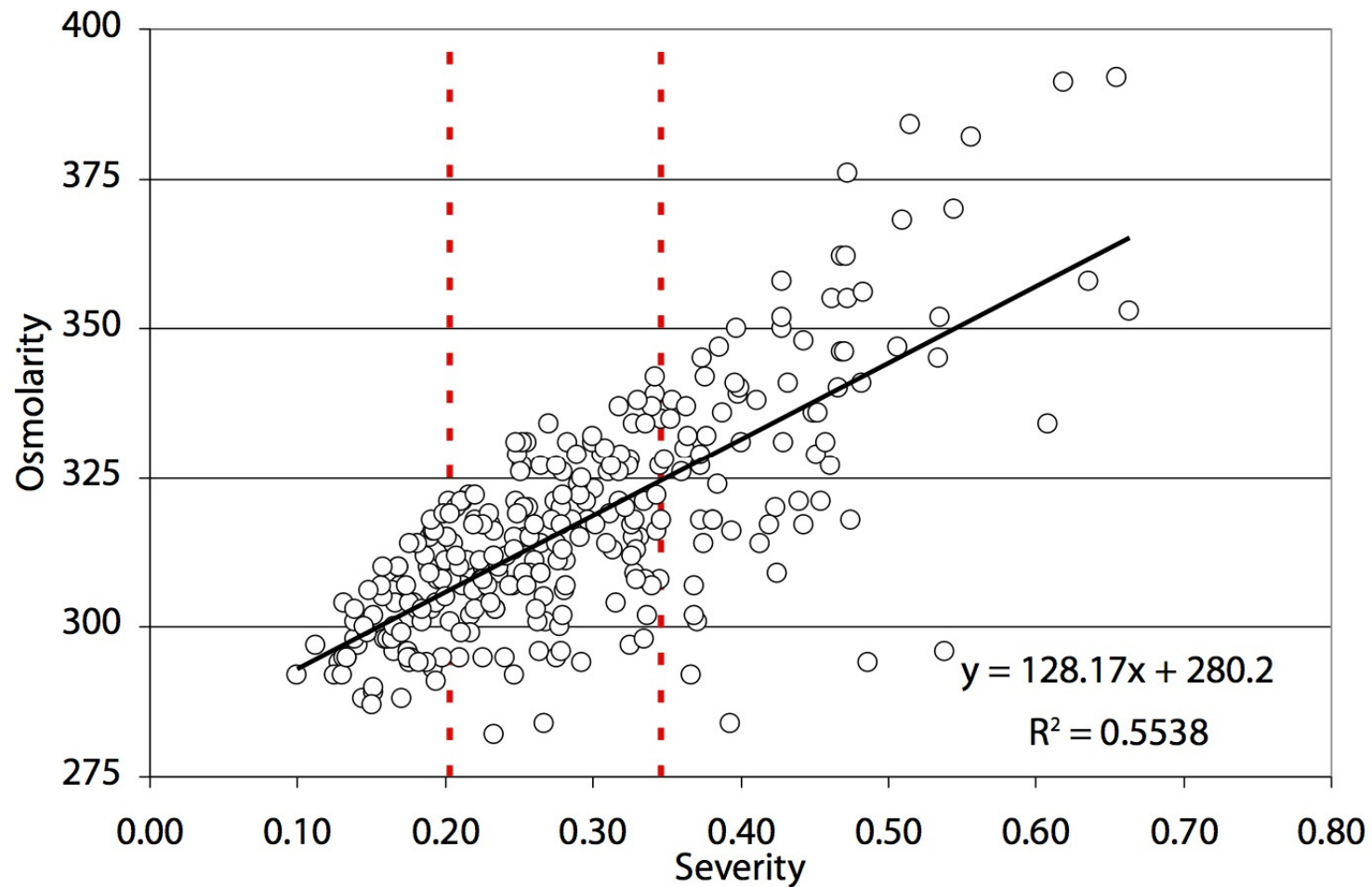


Figure 2. Mechanisms of dry eye.

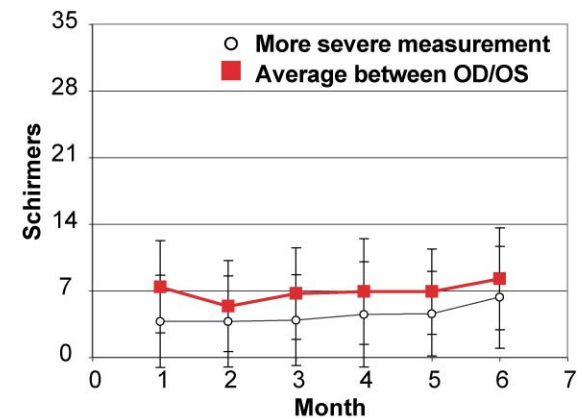
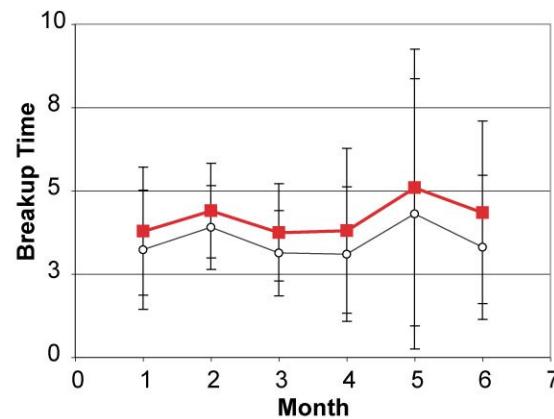
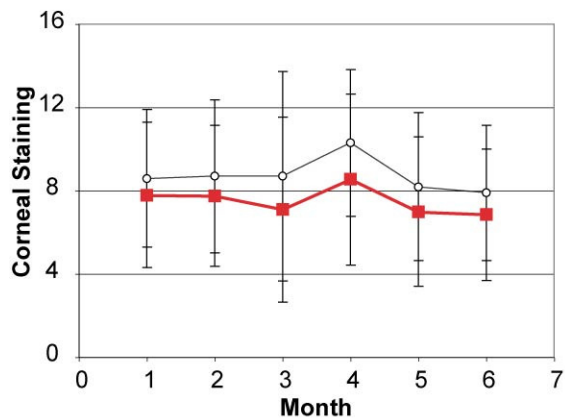
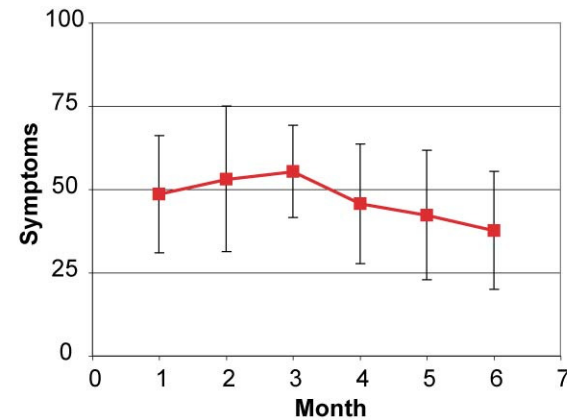
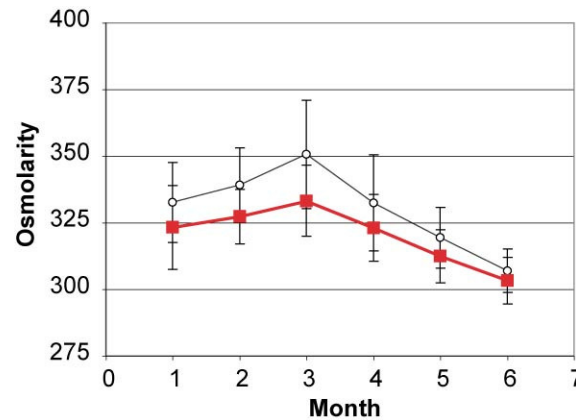
# Hyperosmolarity is Bad

- Hyperosmolarity is recognized as the central pathogenetic mechanism of dry eye disease
- Hyperosmolarity is common across all forms of dry eye disease
- Hyperosmolarity causes epithelial cell death
- Hyperosmolarity causes inflammation
- Hyperosmolarity reduces the ability of mucins to lubricate
  - Loss of lubrication causes friction, which leads to wear
  - Wear roughens ocular surface
  - Rough ocular surface nucleates faster breakup times

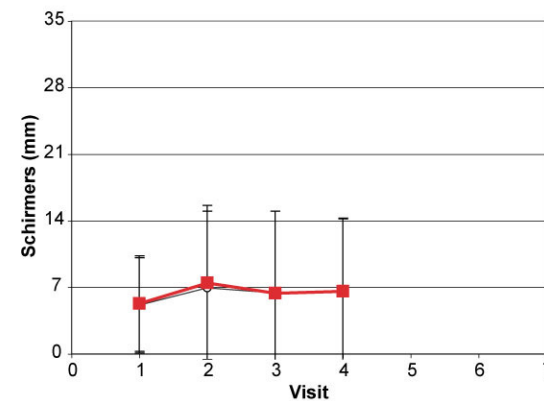
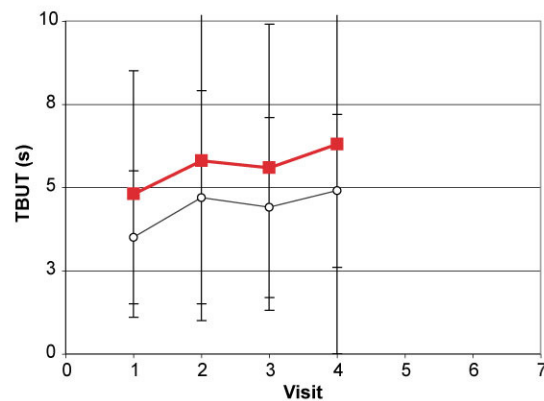
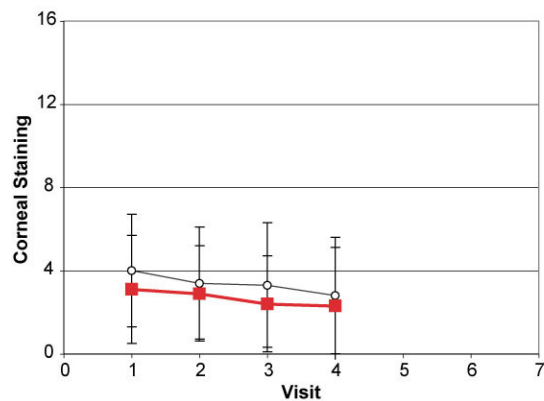
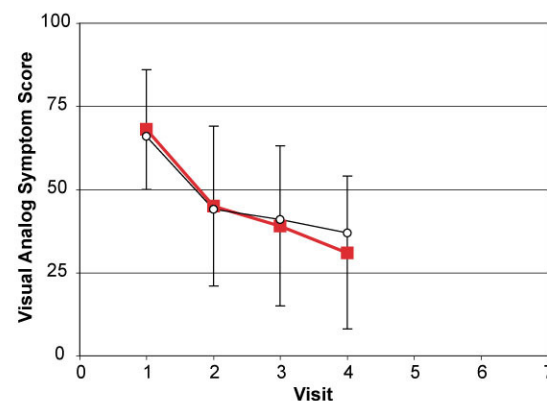
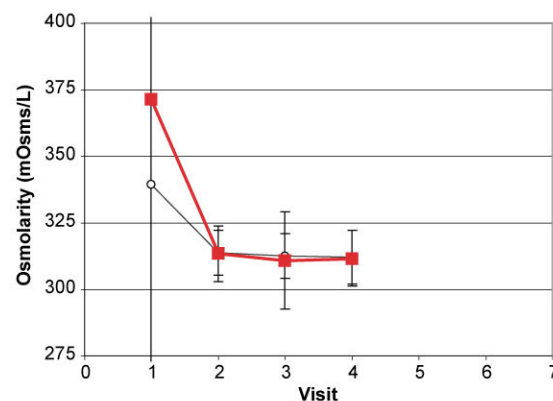
# Osmolarity Severity Analysis



# Osmolarity is a Superior Marker of Therapeutic Efficacy



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○ Sodium Hyaluronate (n=20)  
 ■ Polyvinyl Alcohol (n=15)

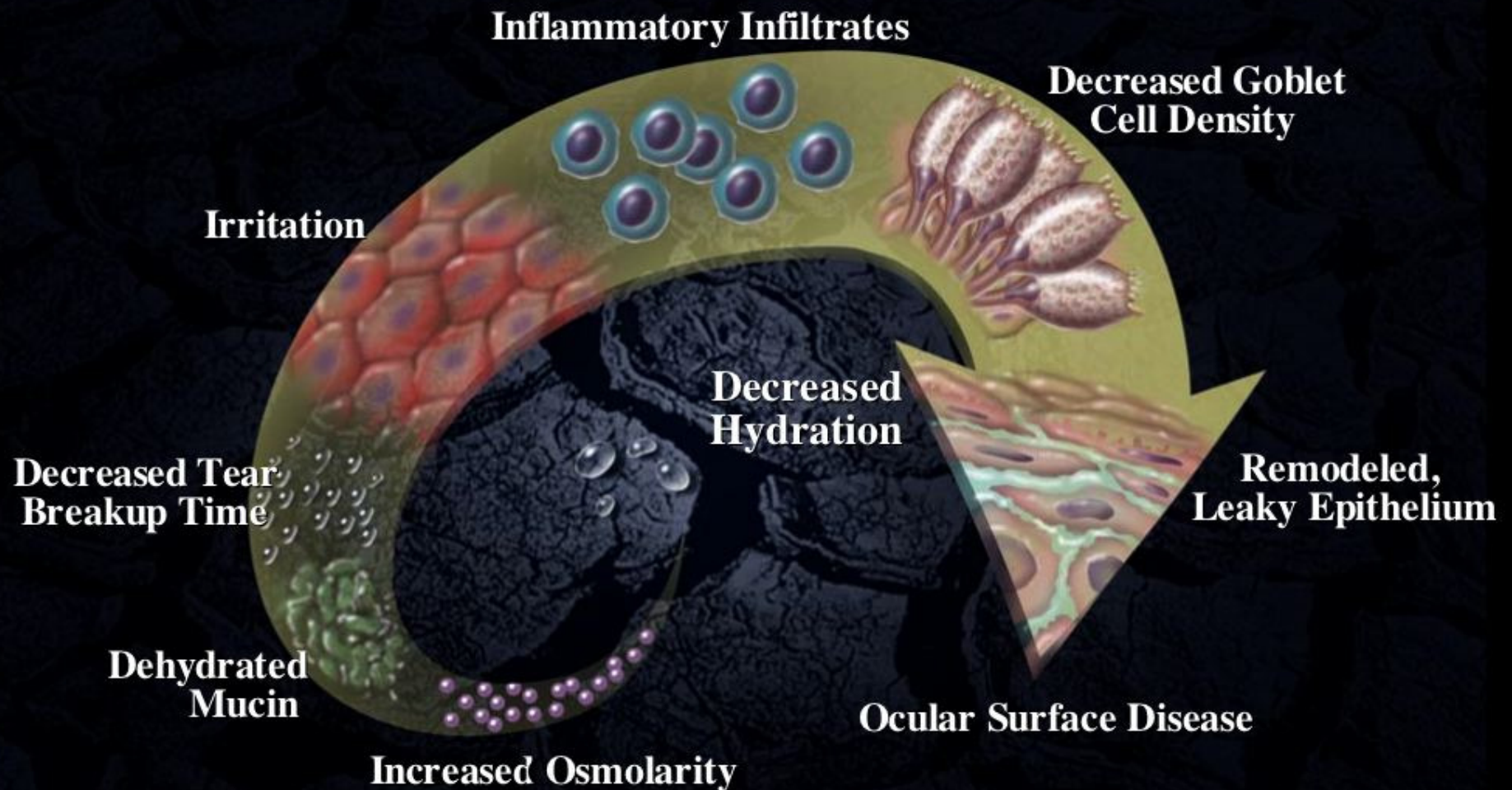
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We need new diagnostic approaches to help solve the puzzle of dry eye treatment





# *Ocular Surface Disease Spiral*





Thank you for your attention

