



Disorders of lipid profile in clinical laboratory

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Outline

- Dyslipidemia (classic hyperlipidemia classification)
- Hypertiglyceridemia
- Hypercholesterolemia
- NAFLD
- CAD

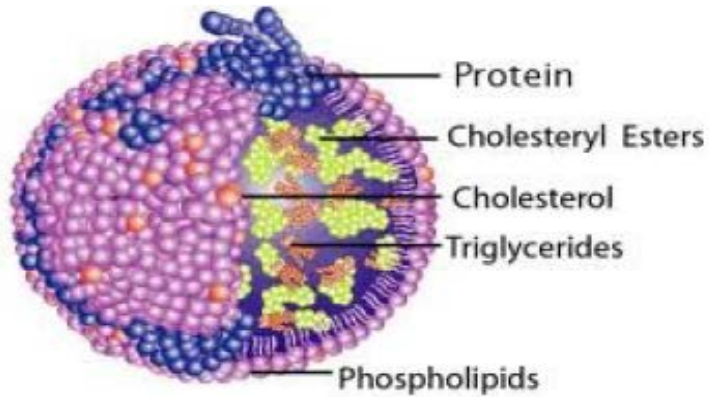


What Is Driving The Dual Epidemic?



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Lipoproteins- Structure, classification



Chylomicron



VLDL



IDL



LDL



HDL

Classic hyperlipidemia classification

TABLE 17-3

Classic Hyperlipidemia Phenotypes

WHO ICD and OMIM Numbers	Type	Particle	Triglycerides	Cholesterol	Comments
E78.3 238600	1 (familial chylomicronemia or LPL deficiency)	CM	High	Normal	Low cardiac risk; hereditary, found mostly in pediatric patients and young adults; autosomal recessive mutation in <i>LPL</i> or <i>APOC2</i> ; <i>APOA5</i> , <i>LMF-1</i> , and <i>GPIHBP1</i> mutations are linked to this phenotype.
E78.0 143890	2A (heterozygous and homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia)	LDL	Normal	High	High cardiac risk; mostly polygenic disease; about 10% are monogenic; heterozygous form is due to mutations in <i>LDLR</i> , <i>APOB</i> , or <i>PCSK9</i> ; homozygous form is due to mutations in <i>LDLR</i> or <i>LDLRAP1</i> (<i>ARH</i>).
E78.4 144250	2B (combined hyperlipoproteinemia)	VLDL, LDL	High	High	High cardiac risk; polygenic disease; links to mutations in <i>USF1</i> , <i>APOB</i> , and <i>LPL</i>
E78.2 107741	3 (dysbetalipoproteinemia)	IDL	High	High	High cardiac risk; mutations in <i>APOE</i> gene or homozygous for E2 allele of <i>APOE</i>
E78.1 144600, 145750	4 (primary hypertriglyceridemia)	VLDL	High	Normal	Lower cardiac risk than type 2 or 3; polygenic disease
E78.3 144650	5 (mixed hyperlipidemia)	VLDL, CM	High	High	Low cardiac risk; polygenic disease; 10% of patients have mutations in <i>LPL</i> , <i>APOC2</i> , and <i>APOA5</i> ; mutations in <i>APOE</i> , <i>TRIB1</i> , <i>CHREBP</i> , <i>GALNT2</i> , <i>GCKR</i> , and <i>ANGPTL3</i> are thought to contribute to this disease.

ANGPTL3, Angiotensin-like 3; *APOA5*, apolipoprotein A-V; *APOB*, apolipoprotein B; *APOC2*, apolipoprotein C-II; *APOE*, apolipoprotein E; *CHREBP*, carbohydrate response element binding protein (or *MLXIP1*); *CM*, chylomicron; *GALNT2*, UDP-N'-acetyl-alpha-D-galactosamine-polypeptide N-acetylgalactosaminyltransferase 2; *GCKR*, glucokinase regulator; *ICD*, International Classification of Diseases; *IDL*, intermediate-density lipoprotein; *LDL*, low-density lipoprotein; *LDLRAP1*, LDLR adaptor protein 1 (also known as *ARH*); *OMIM*, Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man; *TRIB1*, tribbles homologue 1; *USF1*, upstream transcription factor 1; *VLDL*, very-low-density lipoprotein; *WHO*, World Health Organization.

Classic hyperlipidemia classification

TABLE 17-11

Pertinent Details of the Fredrickson Classification

Type	Refrigerator Test	Gel Electrophoresis	Clinical Presentation
1	Positive; clear plasma	Normal	Eruptive xanthoma; acute, recurrent pancreatitis in early childhood; lipids improve on low-fat diet
2a	Negative; clear plasma	Increased β band	Xanthelasma, tendon xanthoma; premature coronary disease; autosomal dominant familial inheritance; commonly known as familial hypercholesterolemia
2b	Negative; cloudy plasma; increased β and pre- β band	Isolated xanthelasma may be present; premature coronary disease; autosomal dominant pattern; affected family members must have varied patterns (e.g., isolated hypertriglyceridemia, isolated hypercholesterolemia, combined hyperlipidemia) to meet diagnostic criteria for familial combined hyperlipidemia	
3	Occasional cloudy plasma; increased pre- β band; eruptive xanthoma and palmar xanthoma; premature coronary disease; autosomal recessive pattern; a secondary cause of dyslipidemia, such as hypothyroidism, can unmask type 3, and treatment of the secondary condition can return lipids to normal		
4	Negative; cloudy plasma; increased α_2 band	May or may not be associated with premature coronary disease	
5	Positive; cloudy plasma; increased α_2 band	Eruptive xanthoma; may be associated with pancreatitis; may be associated with premature coronary disease	

Enzyme in lipid metabolism

TABLE 17-6

Enzymes and Other Proteins Important for Lipoprotein Metabolism

Enzyme	Gene Location	Function	Deficiency	Tissue Expression
ABCG5	2p21	Forms heterodimers with ABCG8 to pump out plant sterols back into the intestinal lumen	Increased plant sterol levels in plasma that can disrupt cell membranes and cause sitosterolemia; influences cholesterol levels in plasma	Tissue expression in liver, colon, and intestines
ABCG8	2p21	Forms heterodimers with ABCG5 to pump out plant sterols back into intestinal lumen; also associated with cholesterol and sterol excretion in bile	Increased plant sterol levels in plasma that can disrupt cell membranes and cause sitosterolemia; influences cholesterol levels in plasma	Tissue expression in the liver, intestines, and gallbladder
ABCA1	9q22-31	Efflux of cholesterol from peripheral cells into HDL	Tangier disease, with very low HDL and accumulation of lipids in peripheral cells	Many cell types, prominently in the liver, testis, and adrenal
CETP	16q21	Transfers CE, PL, and TG among lipoproteins, esp. the transfer of CE from HDL to apoB-100-containing lipoproteins in exchange for TG	Deficiency results in large cholesterol-laden HDL	Produced in liver and circulates with HDL
EL	18q21.1	Hydrolysis of PL and TG in lipoproteins, esp. PL in HDL. Homologous to LPL and EL and pancreatic lipase	Increased levels of HDL ₂ and large buoyant LDL. Overexpression in mice, decreased TC, PL, and HDL-C	Expressed in many tissues, including liver. Synthesized by endothelium
HL	15q22-23	Hydrolysis of TG and PL, esp. from HDL ₂ , and may be necessary for HDL metabolism. Also active on lipids in VLDL remnants and IDL. Not very active on newly released VLDL or CM	Increased TC, TG, and HDL-C in deficiency	Associates with nonparenchymal liver cells
LCAT	16q22.1	Catalyzes the esterification of cholesterol, esp. in HDL, by promoting transfer of fatty acids from lecithin to cholesterol. Enables HDL to accumulate cholesterol as CE. Activated by apoA-I	Deficiency results in decreased HDL	Produced in liver and circulates with HDL
LPL	8q22	Hydrolysis of TG in lipoproteins (esp. VLDL and CM), releasing free fatty acids and glycerol to tissues. ApoC-II are essential cofactors.	Large CM and VLDL with very high TG levels	Present on surface of capillary endothelial cells in adipose tissue and skeletal and heart muscle, but not produced by endothelial cells
LDLR	19p13.2	Binds apoE and apoB-100 and mediates endocytosis of lipoproteins, mostly LDL, but also VLDL, IDL, and CM remnants	Familial hypercholesterolemia results primarily in elevated LDL	Expressed on most cell types, but hepatic receptors clear 70% of LDL
MTP	4q24	Lipidates and regulates secretion of ApoB particles from the liver and intestines	Deficiency of MTP function leads to abetalipoproteinemia where ApoB lipoproteins are virtually undetectable in plasma.	Expression is seen in liver, intestines, heart, kidney, and eye
PLTP	20q12	Transfer of PL to and from HDL. Important for HDL growth and remodeling	Deficiency in mice results in low HDL	Expressed on many cell types
PCSK9	1p32.3	Influences the number of LDLRs expressed on cell surface	Depending on mutation—either gain of function or loss of function—the presence of PCSK9 affects availability of LDLR on cell surface and, consequently, the levels of LDL in plasma; gain of function leads to more LDL in plasma; loss of function associates with increased LDLR expression and thus less LDL in plasma.	Secreted protein by the liver cells; expressed in pancreatic islet beta cells and neuronal cells
SR-B1	12q24.31	Binds HDL on cell surface. Plays a role in selective uptake of CE from HDL in liver and steroidogenic tissues. May also enable macrophages to	Accumulation of large CE-rich HDL, and accelerated atherosclerosis in mice	Macrophage, adrenal, liver and testis

HYPERTRIGLYCERIDEMIA

- **Triglyceride levels are classified as**
 - Normal (<150 mg/dL),
 - Borderline high (150-199 mg/dL)
 - High (200-499 mg/dL)
 - Very high (\geq 500 mg/dL)
- **Causes of very high triglycerides**
 - Genetic disorders (LPL deficiency, apolipoprotein C-II deficiency, apolipoprotein A-V deficiency, GPIHBP1 deficiency, Marinesco-Sjogren syndrome, familial hypertriglyceridemia);
 - Acquired disorders of the metabolism (hypothyroidism, pregnancy, poorly controlled insulinopenic diabetes)
 - Drugs (α -interferon, atypical antipsychotics, ...)
 - Diet (alcohol excess, especially with a high-saturated fat diet);
 - Diseases (autoimmune chylomicronemia [e.g., antibodies to LPL, SLE], chronic idiopathic urticaria, renal disease).

HIGH TRIGLYCERIDES WITH NORMAL CHOLESTEROL

- Diabetic Dyslipidemia
- Familial Hypertriglyceridemia
- Lipoprotein Lipase Deficiency
(Hyperlipoproteinemia Type 1 or Hyperchylomicronemia)
- ApoC-II Deficiency
- ApoC-III Excess
- ApoA-V

Hypercholesterolemia

- **HIGH CHOLESTEROL IN CHILDREN**

- Selective screening (starting at 2 years of age) of children and adolescents with a family history of premature cardiovascular disease or those with at least one parent with high blood cholesterol

TABLE 17-10

Classification of Total and LDL-Cholesterol in Children: Targeted Fasting Screen in Children over Age 2 with Family History of Dyslipidemia or Premature CHD

Category	Total Cholesterol (mg/dL)	LDL-Cholesterol (mg/dL)
Acceptable	<170	<110
Borderline	171-199	111-129
High	≥200	≥130

Hypercholesterolemia (Cont.)

- HIGH CHOLESTEROL WITH HIGH LDL-C
- These disorders share hyperbetalipoproteinemia (Fredrickson Type 2A)
 - Polygenic (Nonfamilial) Hypercholesterolemia
 - Familial Hypercholesterolemia (LDLR gene mutations (deletion, missense, nonsense, and insertion))
 - Familial Defective ApoB
 - Sitosterolemia (phytosterols accumulate in plasma, mutations in the *ABCG8* or *ABCG5* gene, chromosome 2p21)
 - Autosomal Recessive Hypercholesterolemia (ARH)
 - Autosomal Dominant Hypercholesterolemia (ADH)

Hypercholesterolemia (Cont.)

- **HIGH CHOLESTEROL WITH HIGH TG**
 - Familial Combined Hyperlipidemia (Type 2B)
 - Acquired Combined Hyperlipidemia
 - Dysbetalipoproteinemia (Type 3)
 - Hepatic Lipase Deficiency
 - Cholesterol 7-Alpha-Hydroxylase Deficiency

LOW TOTAL CHOLESTEROL AND TRIGLYCERIDE

- Abetalipoproteinemia
- Hypobetalipoproteinemia
- Chylomicron Retention Disease
(Anderson's disease)
 - presents in childhood with fat malabsorption disorder is linked to the *SARA2* gene on chromosome 5q3 that encodes the Sar1 GTPase protein.

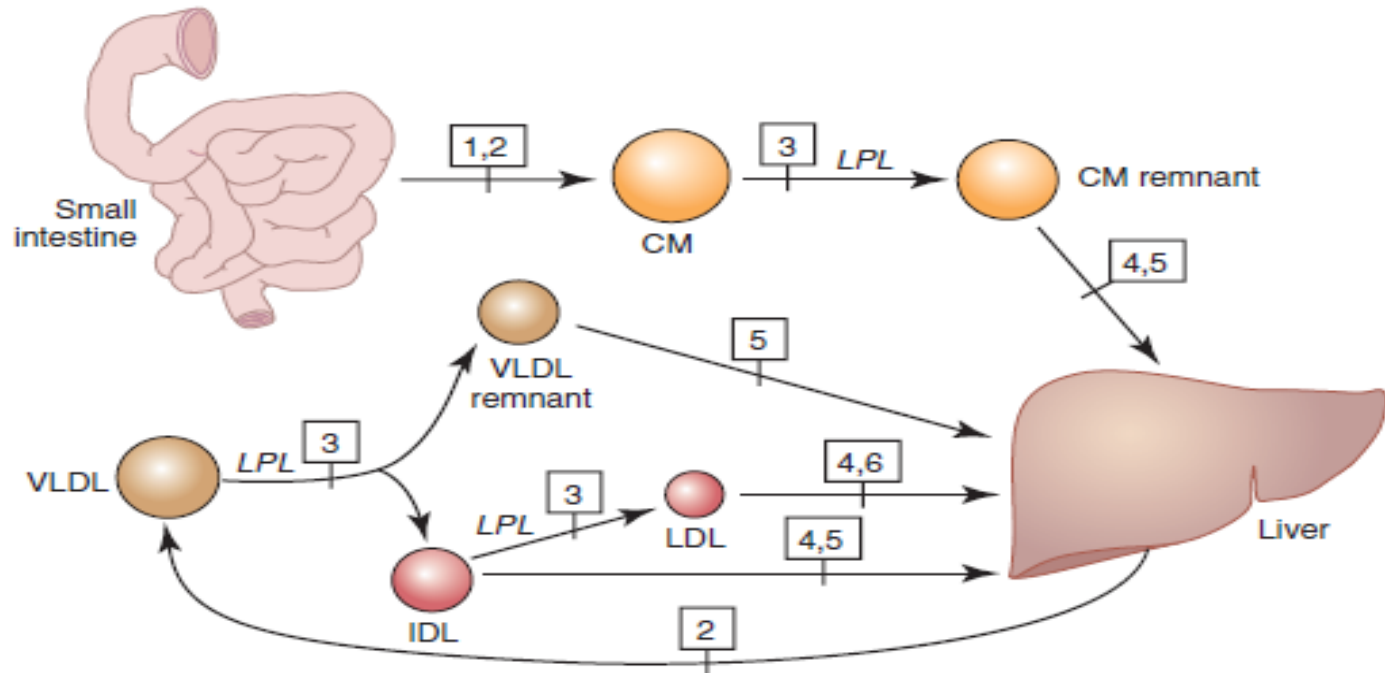
ISOLATED LOW HDL-C

- Familial Hypoalphalipoproteinemia
- ApoA-I Deficiency and ApoC-III Deficiency
- ApoA-I Variants
- Tangier Disease
- Lecithin : Cholesterol Acyltransferase Deficiency

ISOLATED HIGH HDL-C

- Cholesteryl Ester Transfer Protein Gene Defects
 - CETP, the plasma protein that facilitates the transfer of cholesteryl esters from HDL to apoB-100–rich proteins (VLDL and LDL) in exchange for triglycerides.
 - CETP deficiency is an autosomal recessive disorder.
 - HDL particles are large and laden with cholesterol ester, and apoA-I is increased,

Review of dyslipidemia



- 1 - Chylomicron retention (Apo B-48 defect)
- 2 - Hypobetalipoproteinemia/Abetalipoproteinemia
- 3 - LPL deficiency/Apo C II deficiency
- 4 - Familial hypercholesterolemia
- 5 - Dysbetalipoproteinemia (Type III hyperlipoproteinemia, associated with Apo-E-2)
- 6 - Familial defective Apo B

Figure 17-5 Disorders associated with the transport of lipids. Apo, Apolipoprotein; CM, chylomicron; IDL, intermediate-density lipoprotein; LPL, lipoprotein lipase; VLDL, very-low-density lipoprotein.

Review of dyslipidemia

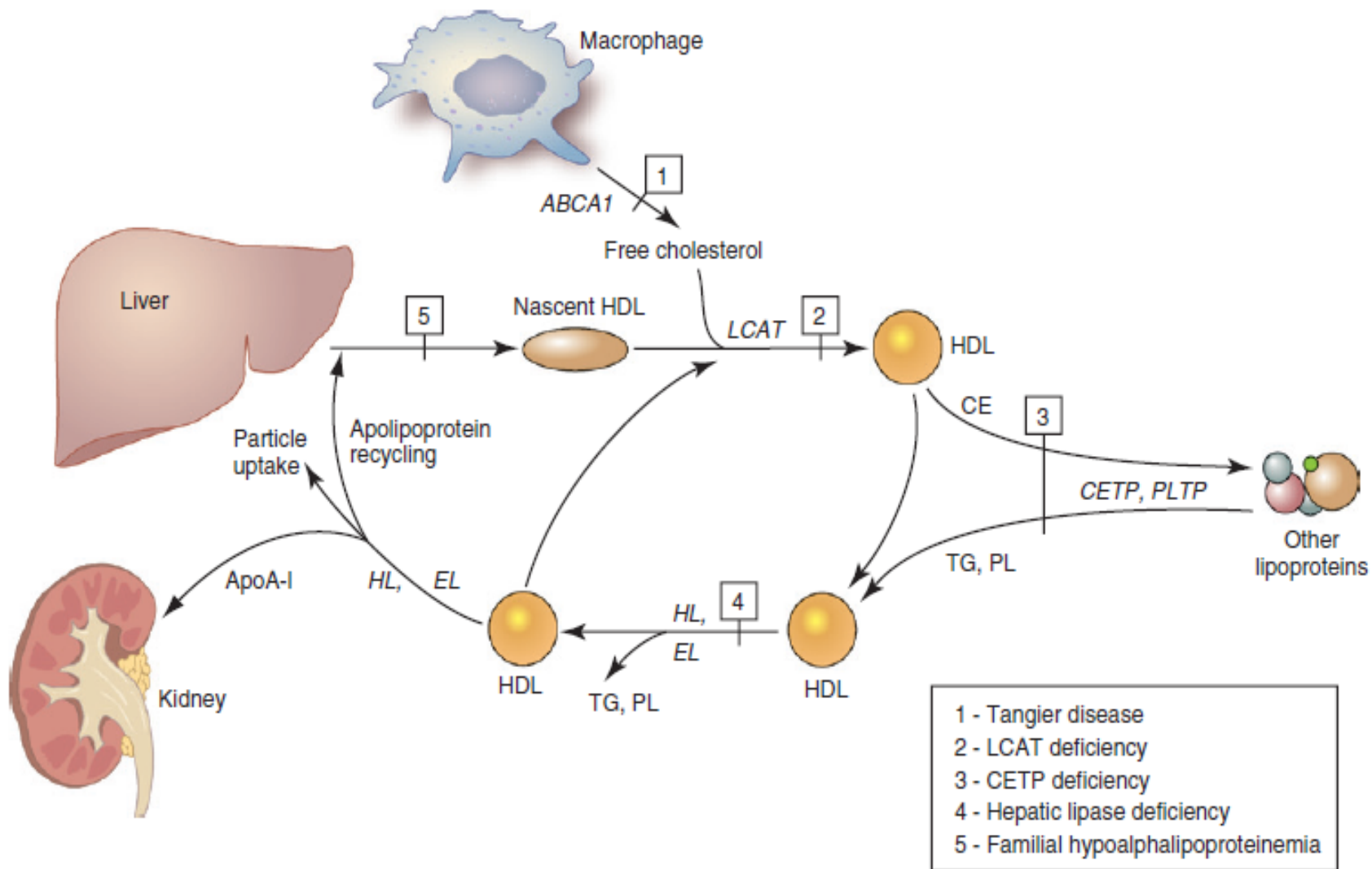


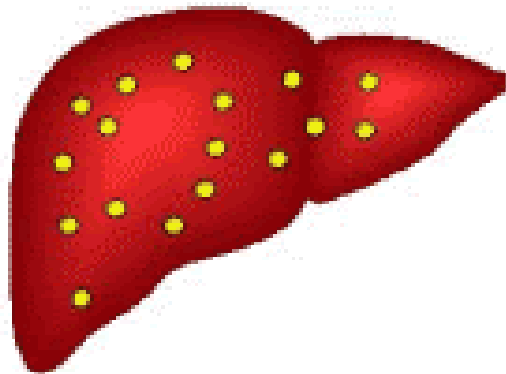
Figure 17-6 Disorders associated with the reverse transport of lipids. *ABCA1*, Adenosine triphosphate (ATP)-binding cassette protein A-1; *Apo*, apolipoprotein; *CE*, cholesterol ester; *CETP*, cholesterol ester transfer protein; *EL*, endothelial lipase; *HDL*, high-density lipoprotein; *HL*, hepatic lipase; *LCAT*, lecithin:cholesterol acyltransferase; *PL*, phospholipids; *PLTP*, phospholipid transfer protein; *TG*, triglycerides.

Clinical feature of lipoprotein metabolism

- **1. Fatty Liver**
- is an abnormal accumulation of certain fats (triglycerides) inside liver cells.
- Hepatic triacylglycerol synthesis provides the immediate stimulus for the formation and secretion of VLDL.
- Impaired VLDL formation or secretion leads to no mobilization of lipid components from the liver, results in fatty liver.

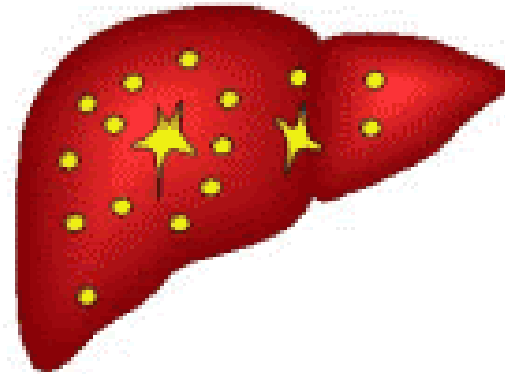
The Spectrum of NAFLD

Fatty Liver



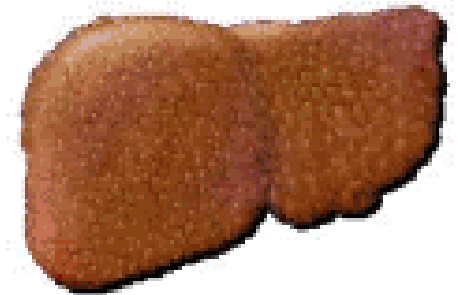
**Fat
accumulates
in the liver**

NASH



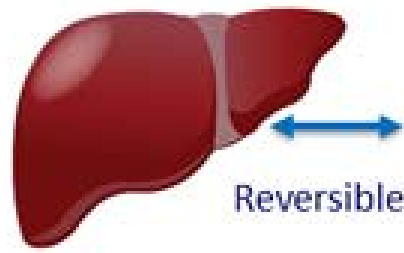
**Fat plus
inflammation
and scarring**

Cirrhosis



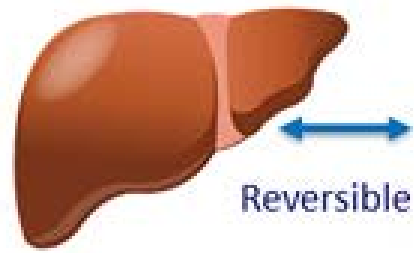
**Scar tissue
replaces liver
cells**

Healthy Liver



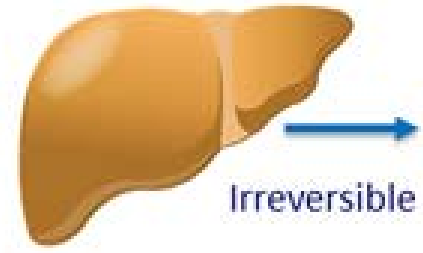
Reversible

NAFLD



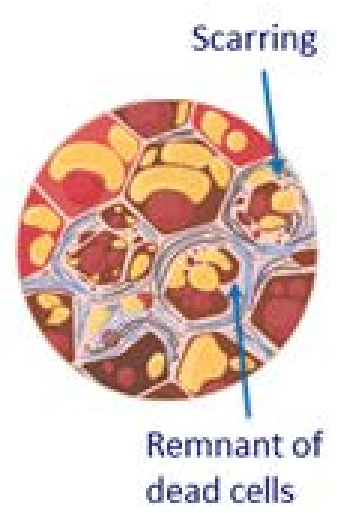
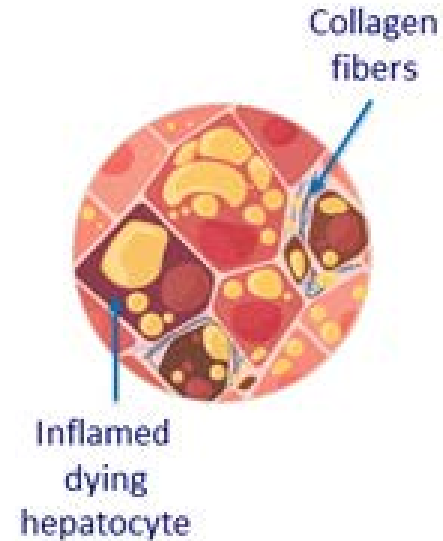
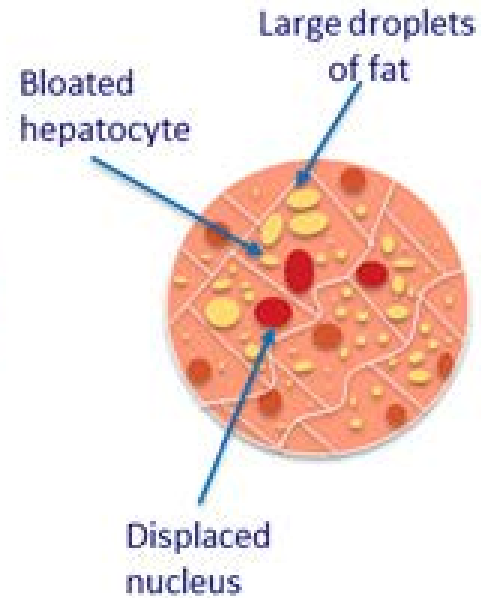
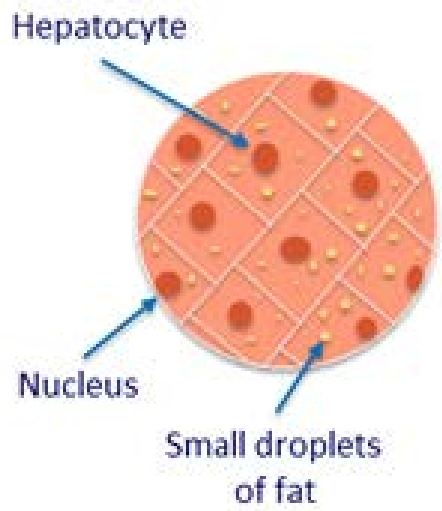
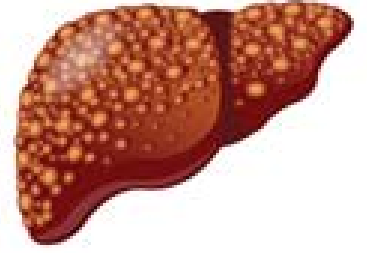
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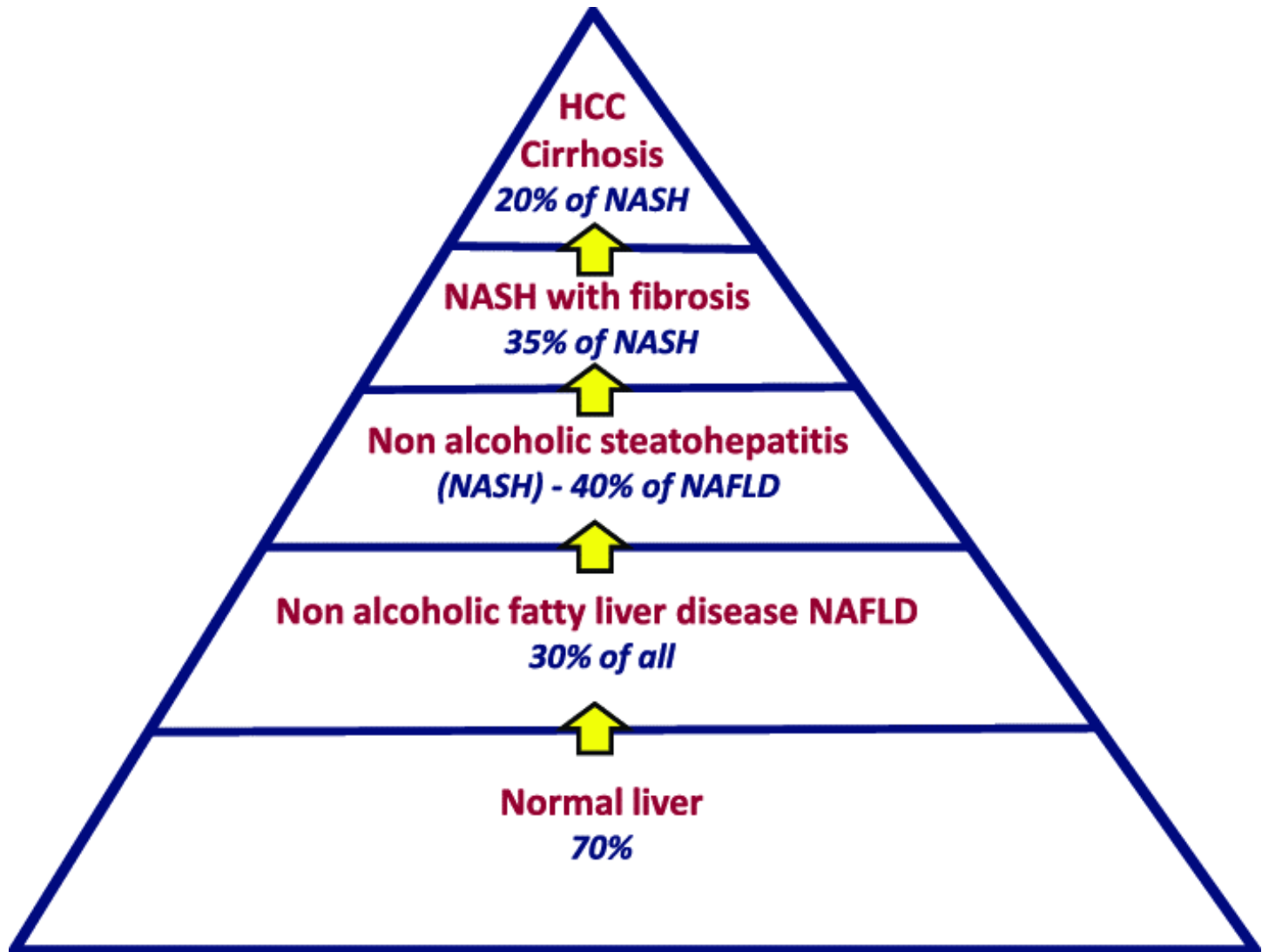
NASH



Irreversible

Cirrhosis





Alternative NAFLD and NASH Screening Methods

Estimated Global Prevalence of NAFLD

World population: **7.5 billion**



People with NAFLD: **1.8 billion**



Prevalence rate: **~25%**



Stages and Occurrence of NAFLD Progression



Are Biomarkers a Suitable Screening Alternative?

Gold Standard
Liver Biopsy

- High direct and indirect costs per surgery
- Invasive
- Risky and painful

Biomarkers

- Noninvasive
- No special equipment
- Cost effective
- Rapid turn around time

Imaging

- Noninvasive
- Excessive body fat presents limitation
- Not optimized

Emerging Biomarkers

- Adiponectin
- TNF- α
- Leptin
- C-Reactive Protein
- IL-6
- IL-17
- Oxidized-LDL

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Fatty livers

Fatty livers fall into two main categories

- A) More **synthesis** of Triglycerides
 - High carbohydrate diet
 - High fat feeding
 - Starvation
 - Diabetes mellitus
- High carbohydrate diet stimulates de novo fatty acid synthesis by providing excess of Acetyl CoA
- High fat feeding provides more flux of fatty acids from the diet that can be esterified to provide excess triglycerides

Fatty livers (cont.)

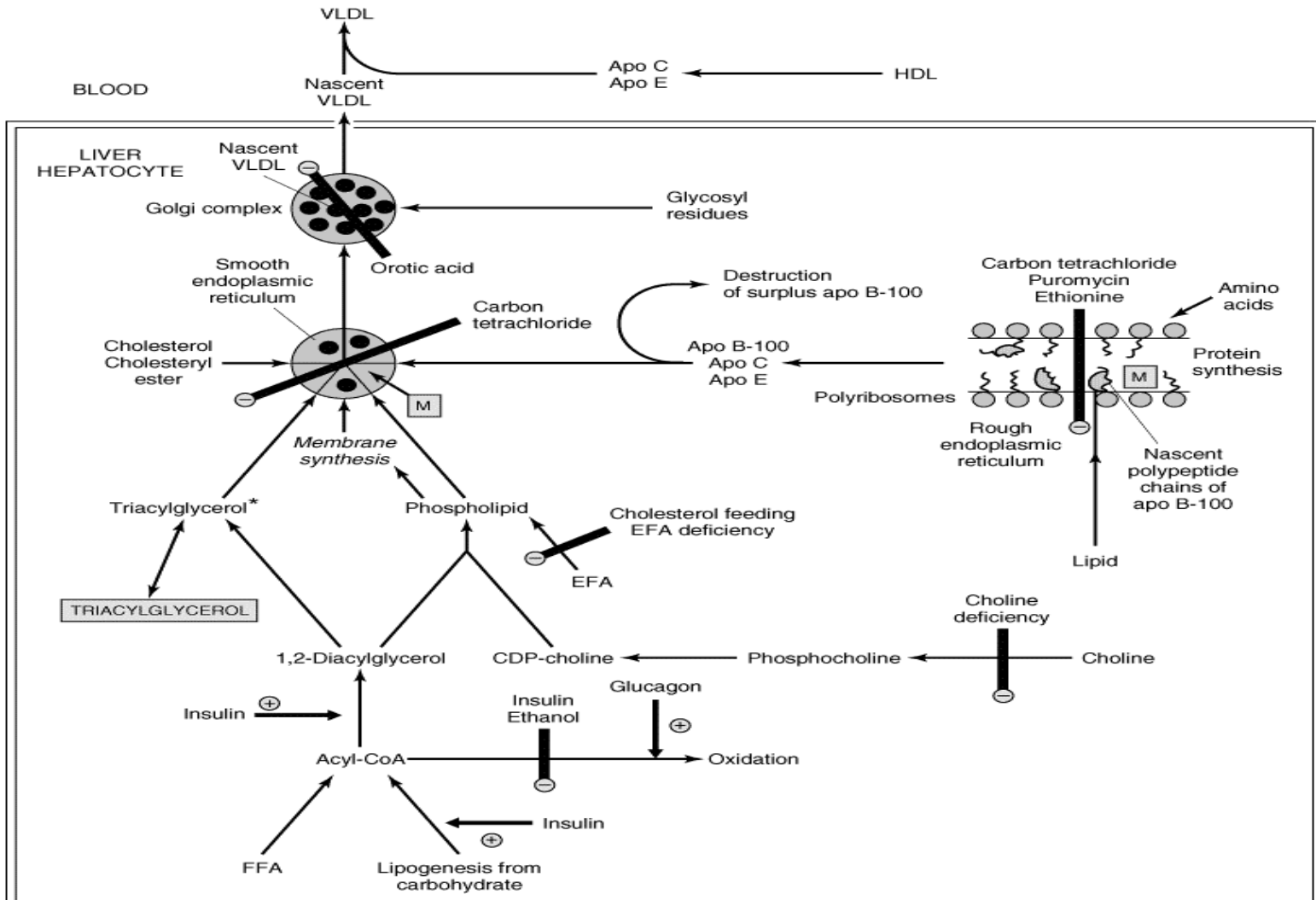
- **B) Defective VLDL synthesis**
- The second type of fatty liver is usually due to a **metabolic block in the production of plasma lipoproteins**, thus allowing triacylglycerol to accumulate.
- The lesion may be due to
- **(1)A block in apolipoproteins synthesis**
 - a) Protein energy Malnutrition
 - b) Impaired absorption
 - c) Presence of inhibitors of endogenous protein synthesis e.g. Carbon tetra chloride, Puromycin, Ethionine , Heavy metals etc.
 - d) Hypobetalipoproteinemia- Defective apo B gene can cause impaired synthesis of apo B protein.

Fatty livers

- (2) A failure in provision of phospholipids that are found in lipoproteins
 - a) A deficiency of **choline**, a **lipotropic factor** can cause impaired formation of phosphatidyl choline (Lecithin), a glycerophospholipid.
 - b) Methionine deficiency can also cause impaired choline synthesis
 - c) Inositol deficiency
 - d) Deficiency of essential fatty acids can also cause impaired PL synthesis

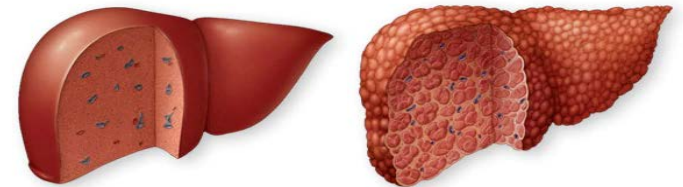
Fatty livers

- (3) Impaired Glycosylation
- Orotic acid also causes fatty liver; it interferes with glycosylation of the lipoprotein, thus inhibiting release, and may also impair the recruitment of triacylglycerol to the particles.
- In conditions of Orotic aciduria (disorder of pyrimidine nucleotide biosynthesis), fatty liver can be observed.
- 4) Impaired secretion of VLDL
- oxidative stress is a common cause for membrane disruption of lipoproteins.



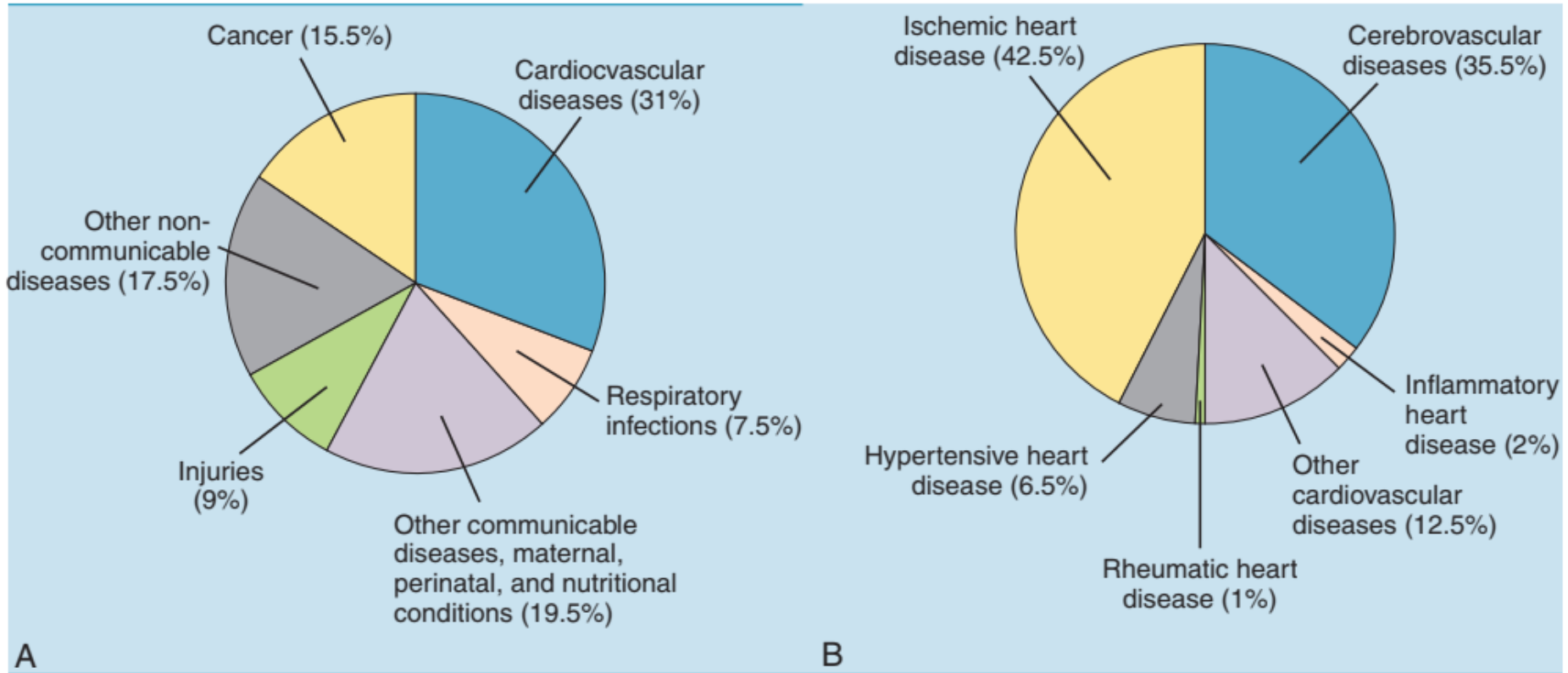
2) Alcoholic fatty liver

- **Alcoholism** leads to fat accumulation in the liver, hyperlipidemia, and ultimately **cirrhosis**.
- The fatty liver is caused by a combination of impaired fatty acid oxidation and increased lipogenesis, which is thought to be due to changes in the [NADH]/[NAD⁺] redox potential in the liver,
- and also to interference with the action of transcription factors regulating the expression of the enzymes involved in the pathways



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Causes of death worldwide in 2010



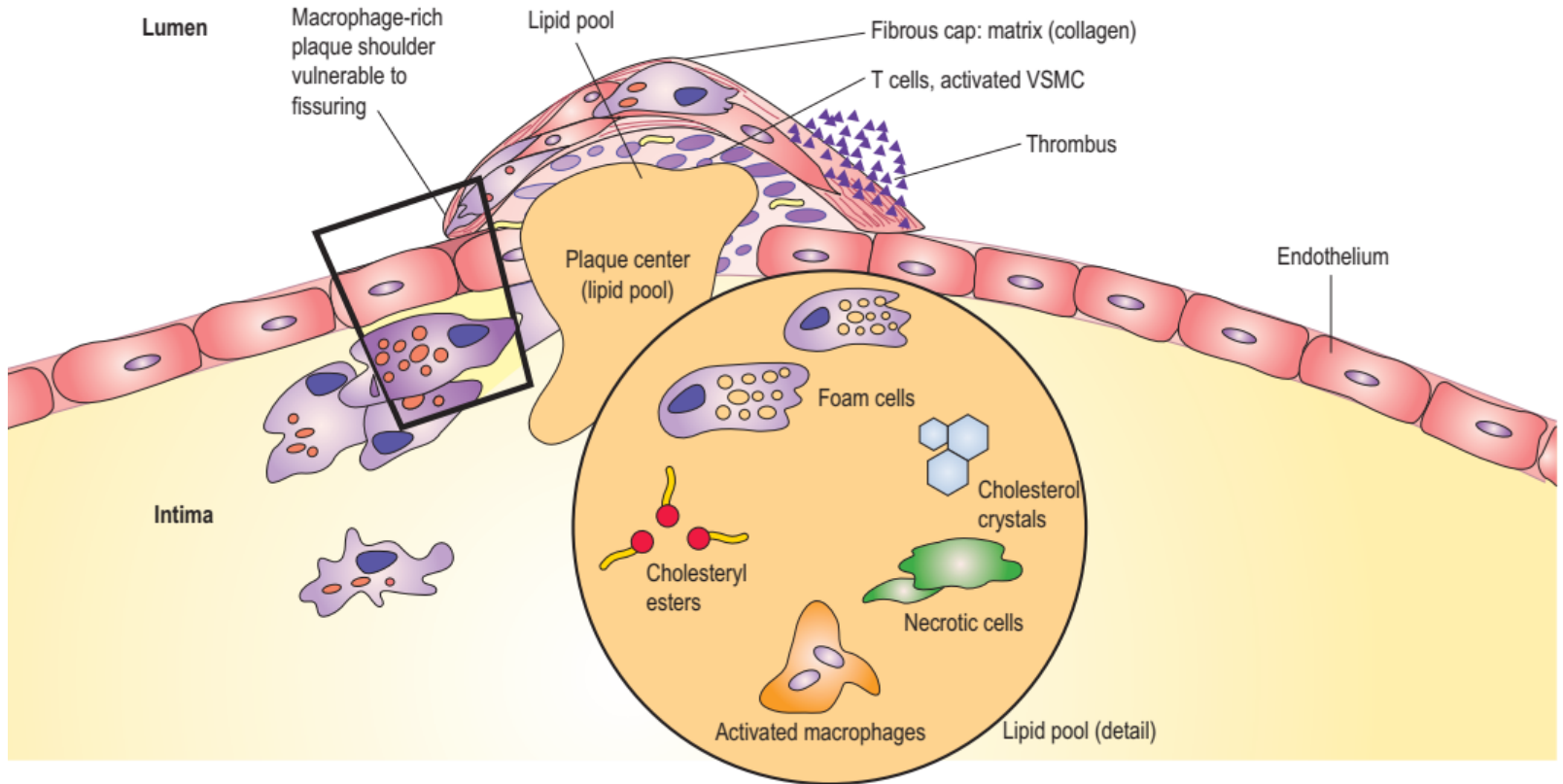
The main and emerging cardiovascular risk factors

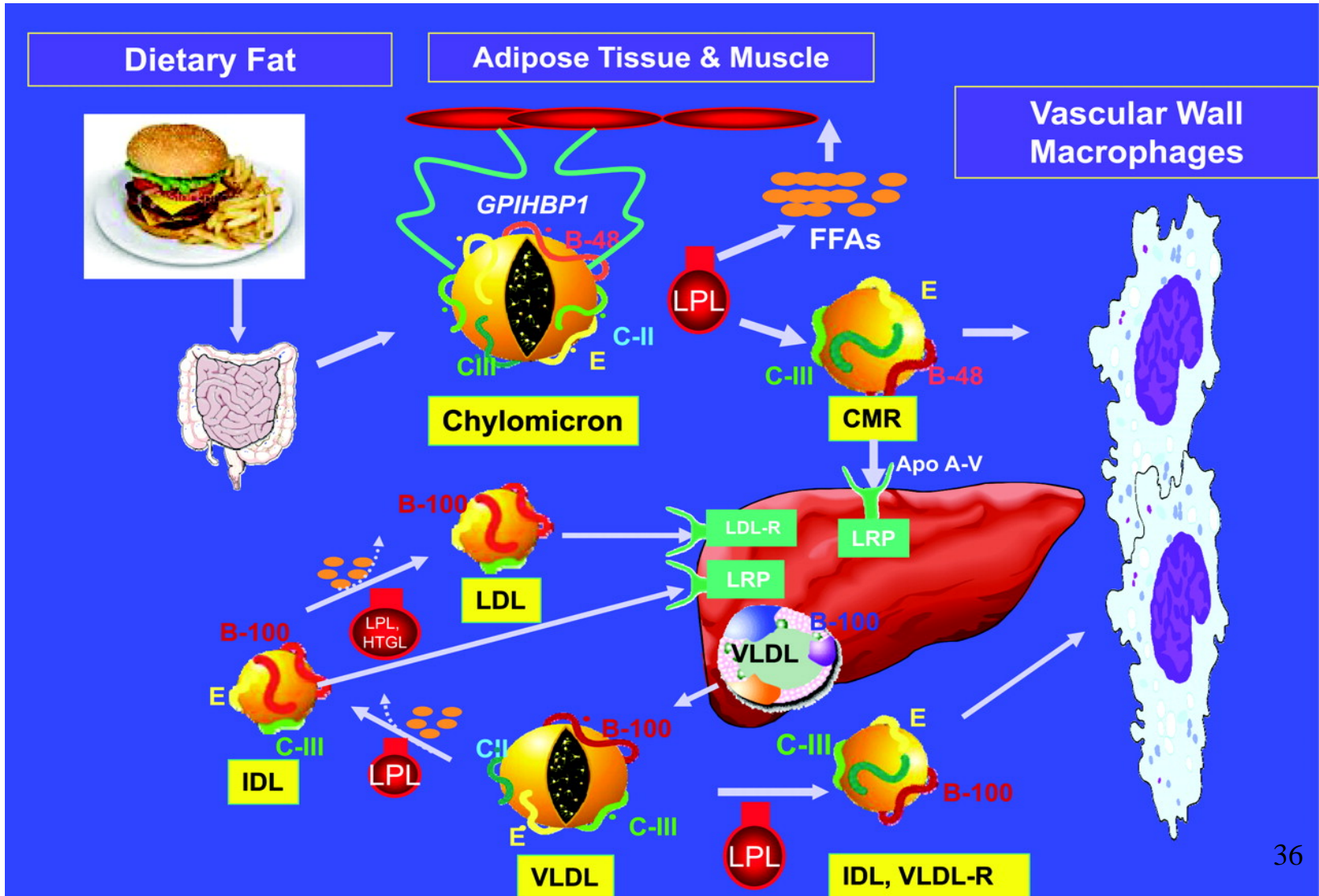
Male sex	Cardiovascular risk between sexes equalizes in postmenopausal women.
Age	In elderly people, age and gender alone may determine the high risk.
Smoking	
Hypertension	
High plasma total cholesterol	
High LDL-cholesterol	
Low plasma HDL-cholesterol	
Diabetes mellitus	CVD is the main cause of death in diabetes.
Impaired renal function	

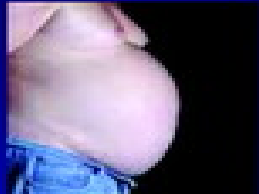
Family history of premature ASCVD	Positive family history of premature CVD increases the calculated risk by a factor of 1.7–2.0.
High plasma apoB	
Low plasma apoA	Newer studies show that prediction of risk based on apolipoproteins is better than that based on cholesterol concentration.
High lp(a)	Refines risk assessment
High hsCRP/fibrinogen	Refine risk assessment
Low adiponectin	Important in obesity and diabetes
Central obesity	
Sedentary lifestyle	
Increased carotid intima-media thickness	
Social deprivation	
Autoimmune inflammatory conditions (rheumatoid arthritis, SLE, psoriasis)	

ATHEROSCLEROSIS

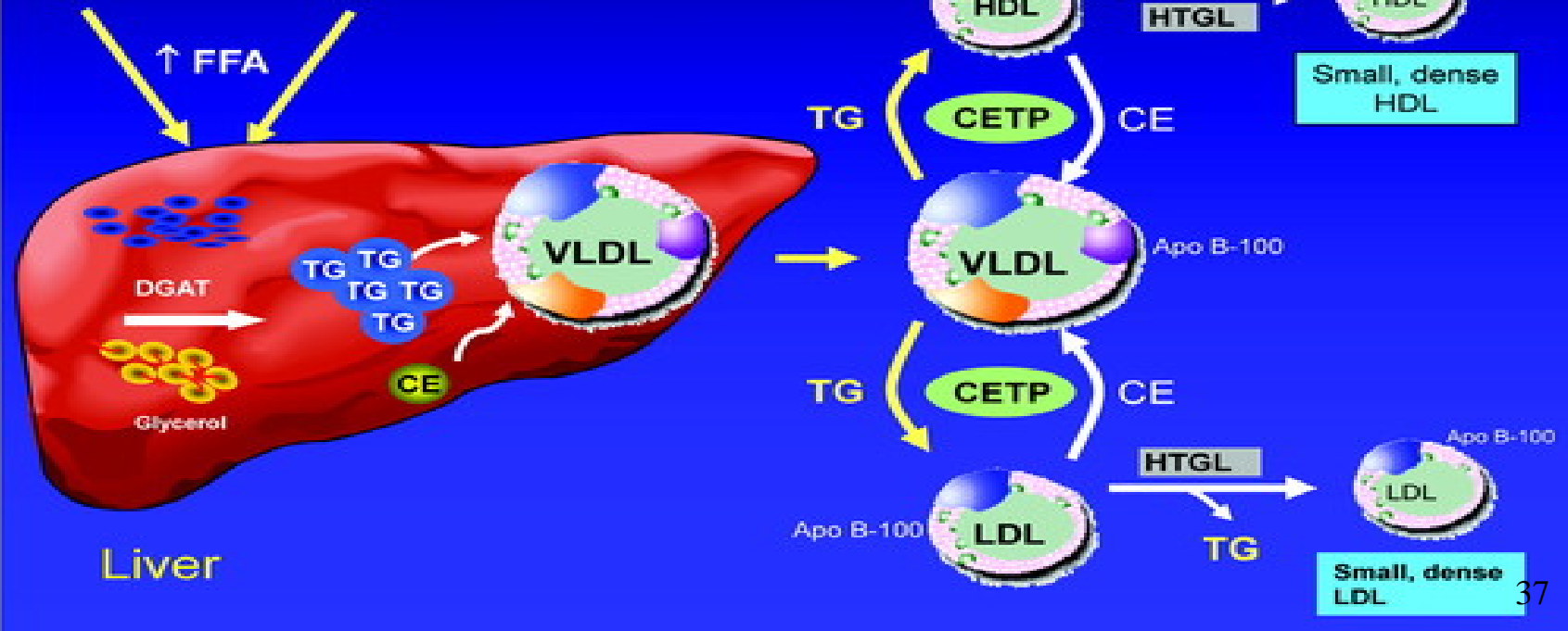
- ASCVD is presently the most frequent cause of death in the world; ischemic heart disease and cerebrovascular disease are together responsible for 23.6% of all deaths worldwide (WHO 2011). **Atherogenesis** is a process that leads to the narrowing, or a sudden complete occlusion, of the arterial lumen. The result is ASCVD. An occlusion may cause **myocardial infarction** (if the blockage is in a coronary artery), **stroke** (blockage in an artery supplying the brain), or **peripheral vascular disease** (blockage in leg arteries; this leads to characteristic pain that occurs during walking, with fast relief on stopping, known as intermittent claudication)



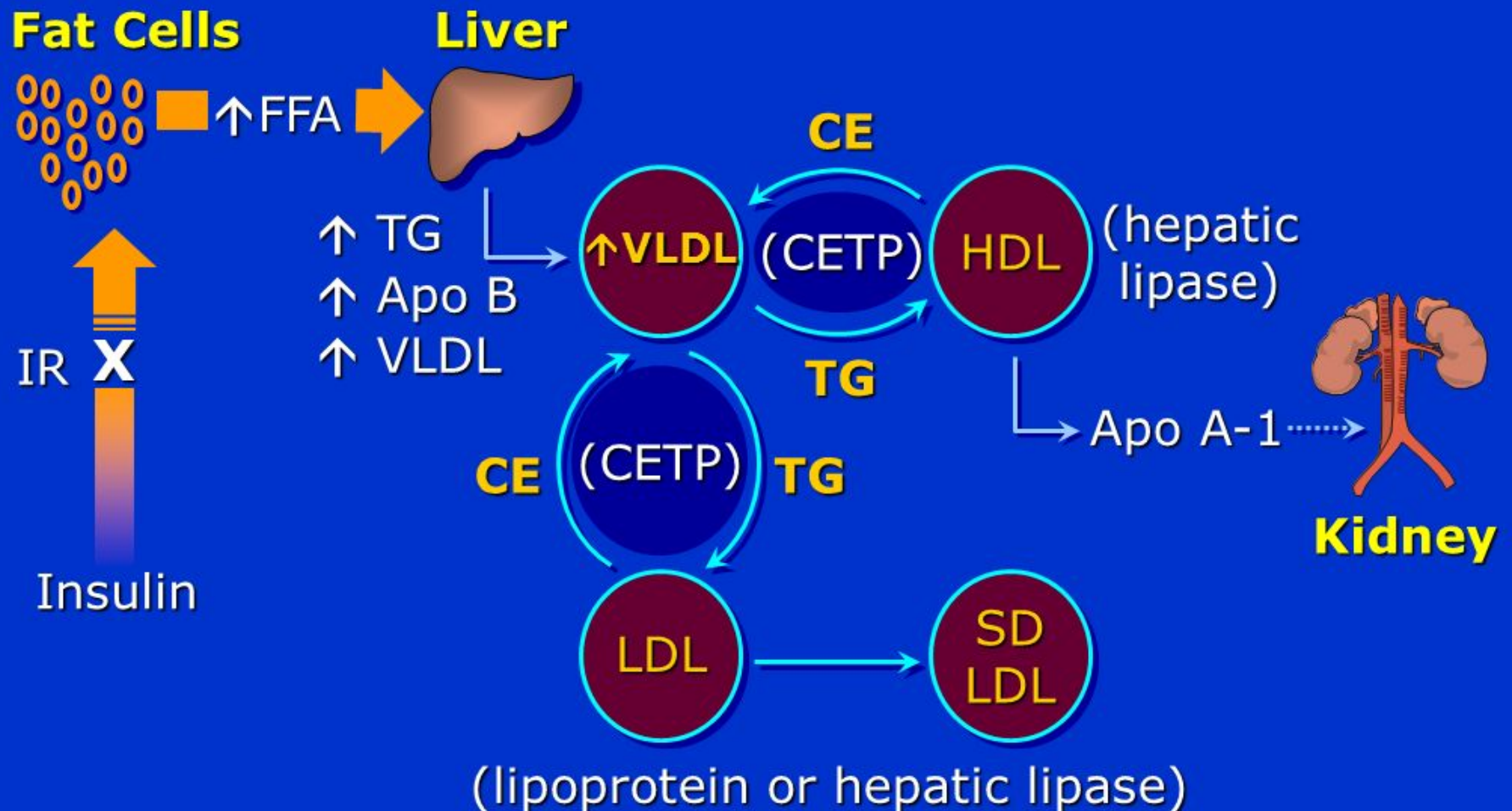




Insulin Resistance



Mechanisms Relating Insulin Resistance and Dyslipidemia

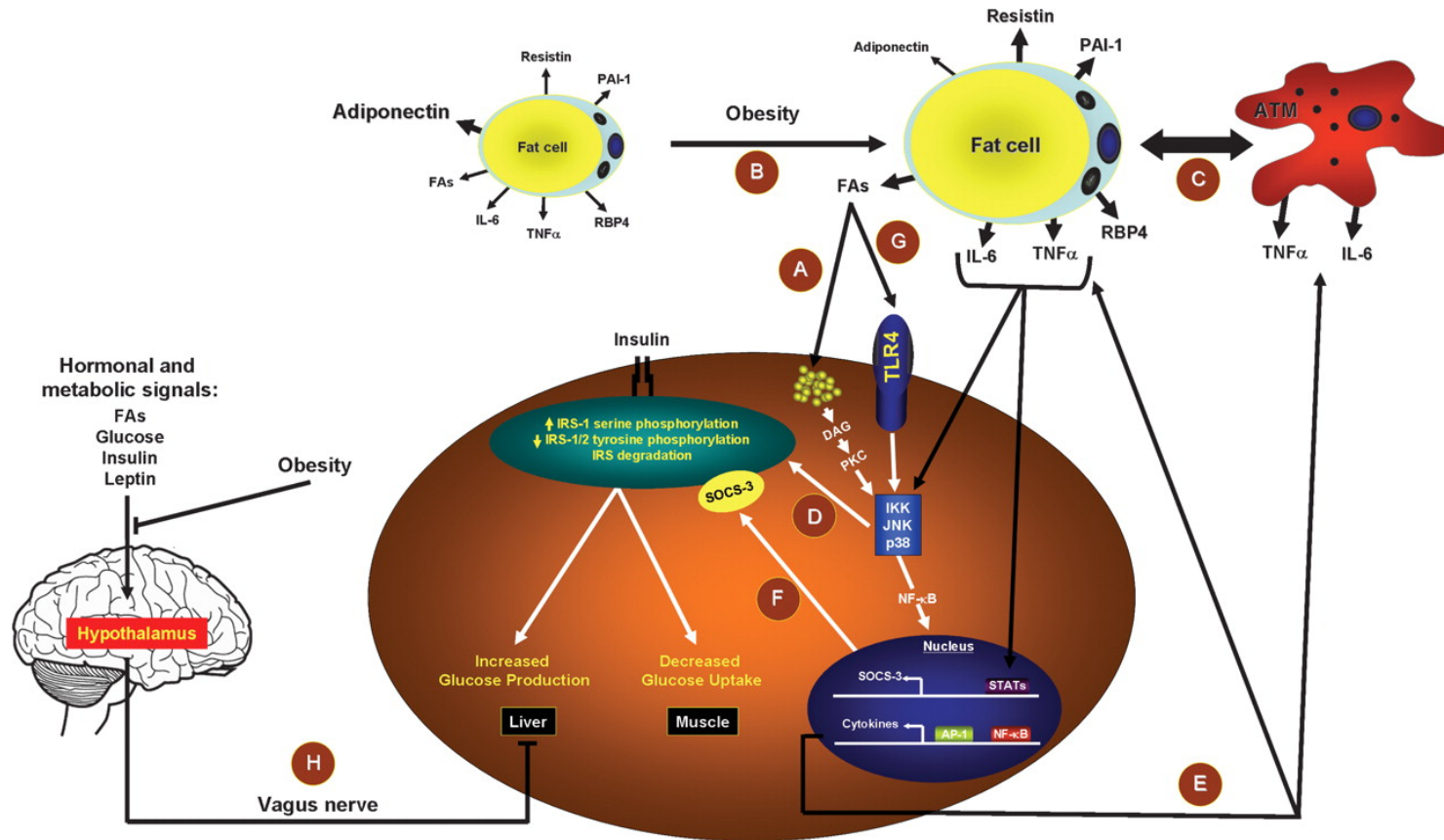




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Extra Cellular Mechanism

Endocrine, inflammatory, and neuronal pathways link obesity to insulin resistance



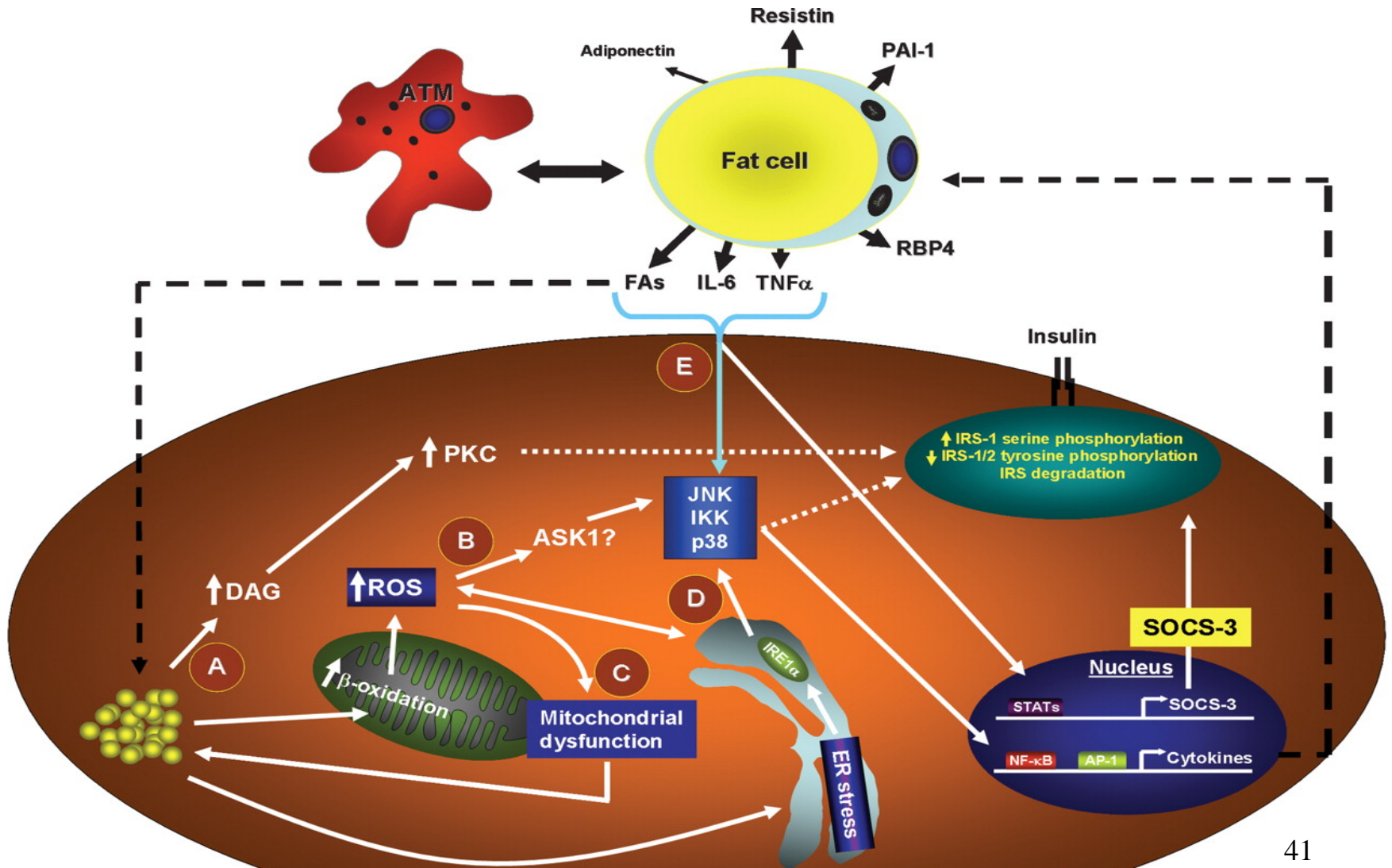
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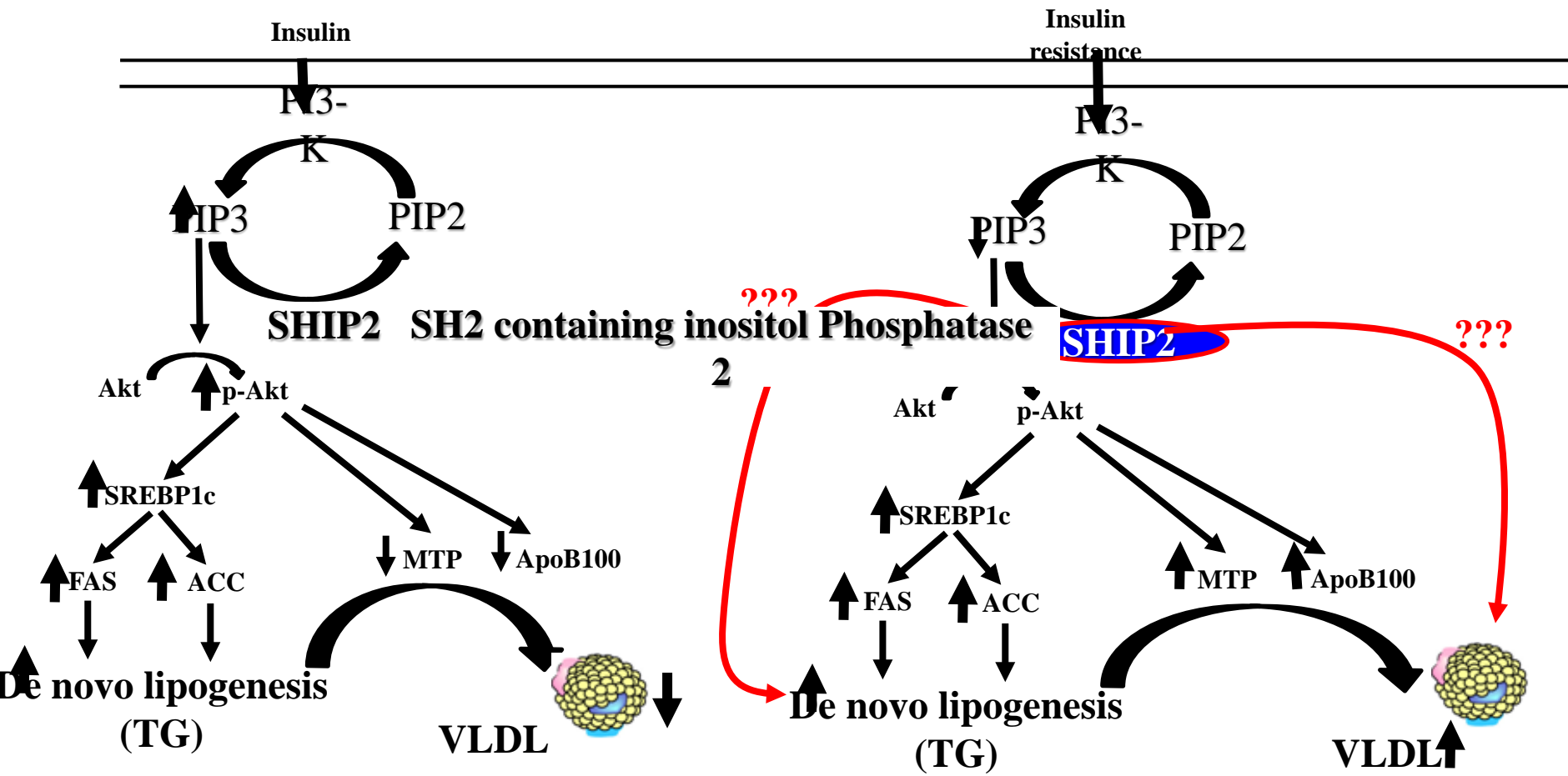


Cell-intrinsic Mechanisms

Obesity-associated intrinsic mediators of insulin resistance

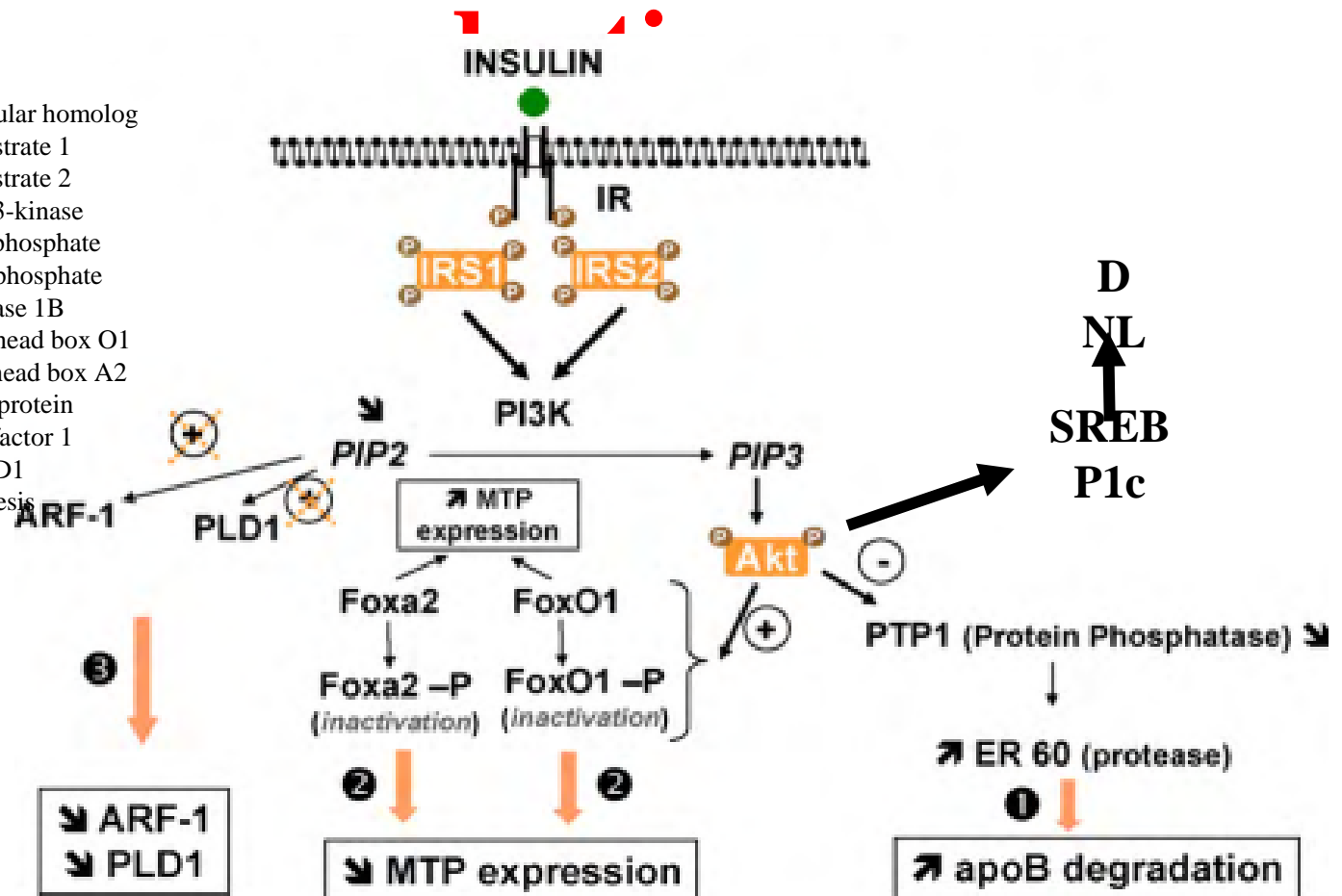


Role of SHIP2 in insulin signaling and lipogenesis



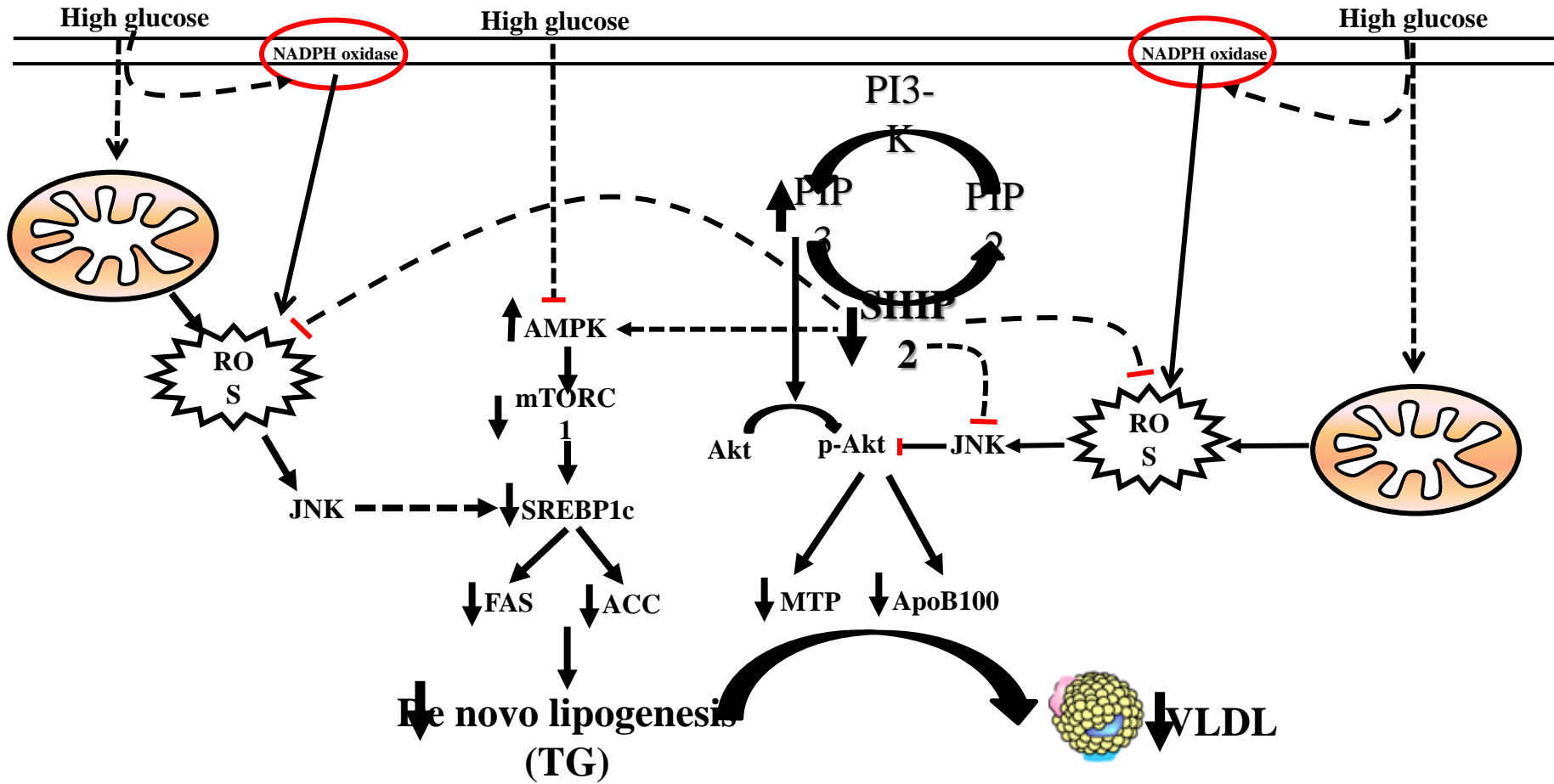
Direct role of insulin in VLDL

- AKT: AKT8 virus oncogene cellular homolog
- IRS1: insulin receptor Substrate 1
- IRS2: insulin receptor Substrate 2
- PI3K: phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase
- PIP2: phosphatidylinositol biphosphate
- PIP3: phosphatidylinositol triphosphate
- PTP 1B: protein phosphatase 1B
- FoxO1: transcription factor forkhead box O1
- Foxa2: transcription factor forkhead box A2
- MTP: microsomal transfer protein
- ARF-1: ADP ribosylation factor 1
- PLD1: phospholipase D1
- DNL: De-novo lipogenesis



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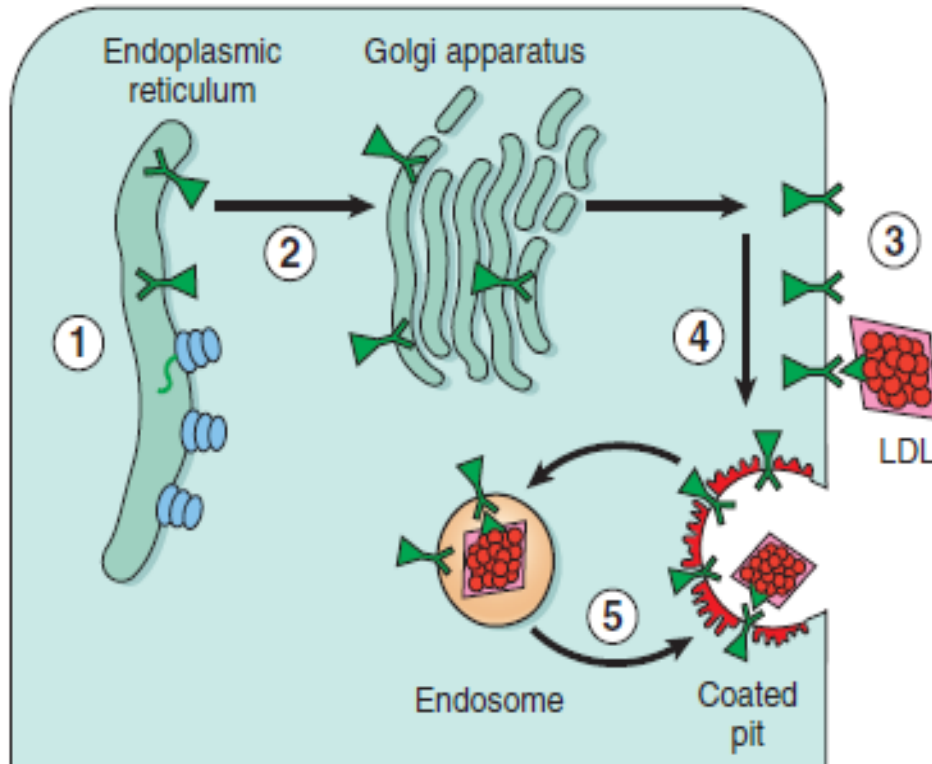
Conclusion



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Familial Hypercholesterolemia



Mutation class	Synthesis	Transport	Binding	Clustering	Recycling
I	X				
II	→	X			
III	→	→	X		
IV	→	→	→	X	
V	→	→	→	→	X

Class I: LDLR is not synthesized at all.

Class II: LDLR is not properly transported from the endoplasmic reticulum to the Golgi apparatus for expression on the cell surface.

Class III: LDLR does not properly bind LDL on the cell surface because of a defect in either apoB-100 (R3500Q) or in the LDLR.

Class IV: LDLR bound to LDL does not properly cluster in clathrin-coated pits for receptor-mediated endocytosis.

Class V: LDLR is not recycled back to the cell surface.