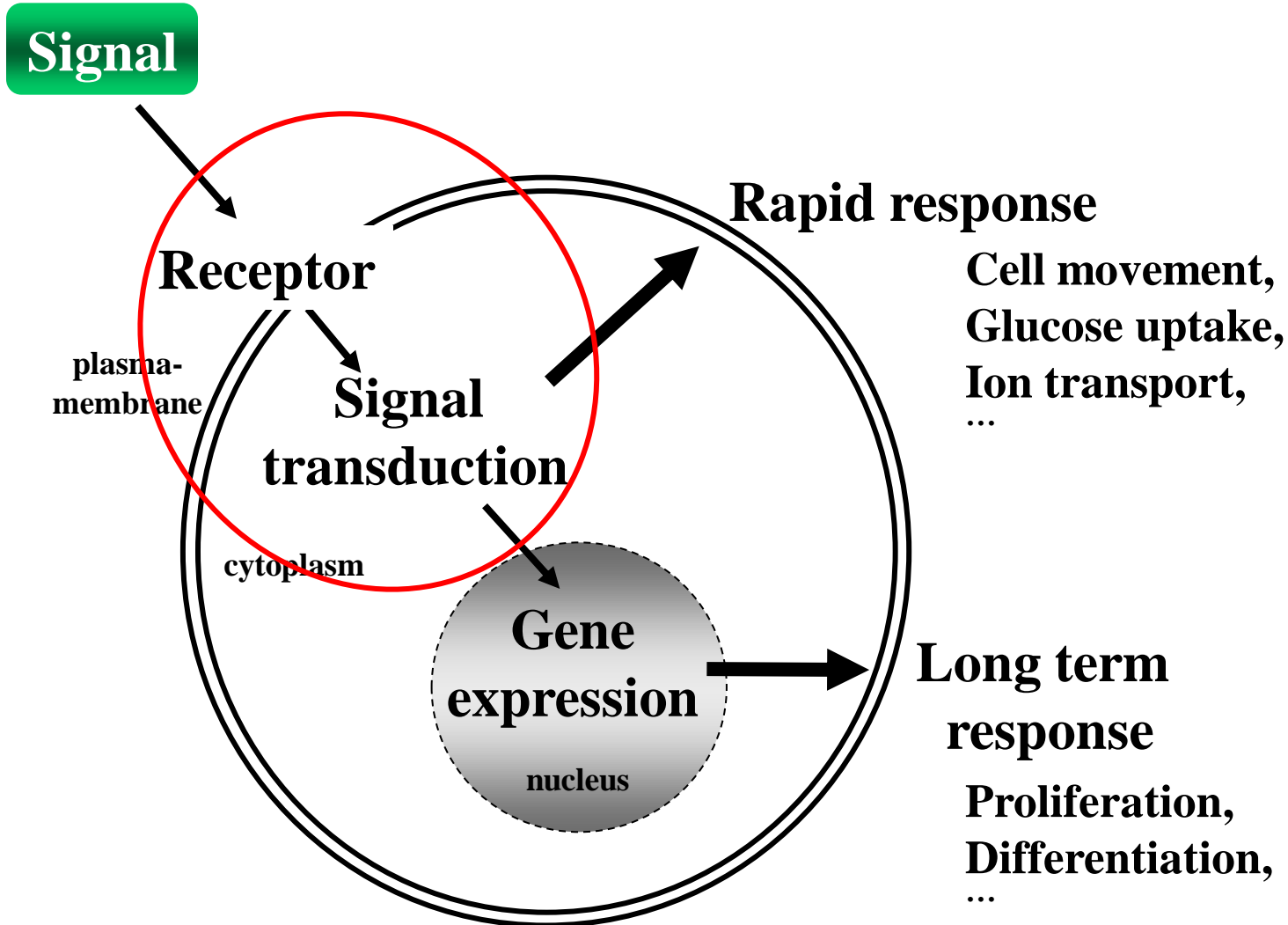


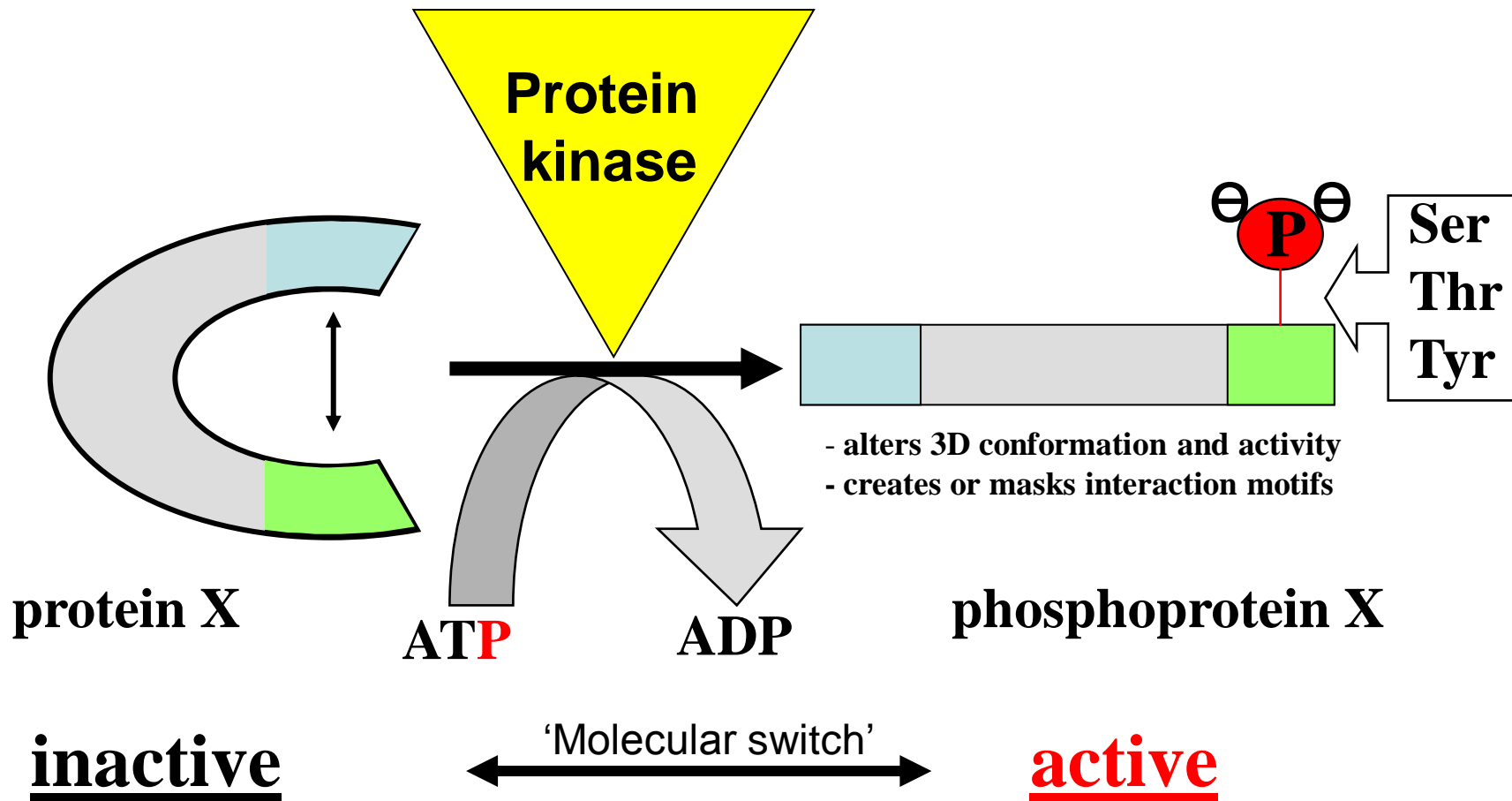
# Protein kinases in signal transduction- lessons from the WNK subfamily

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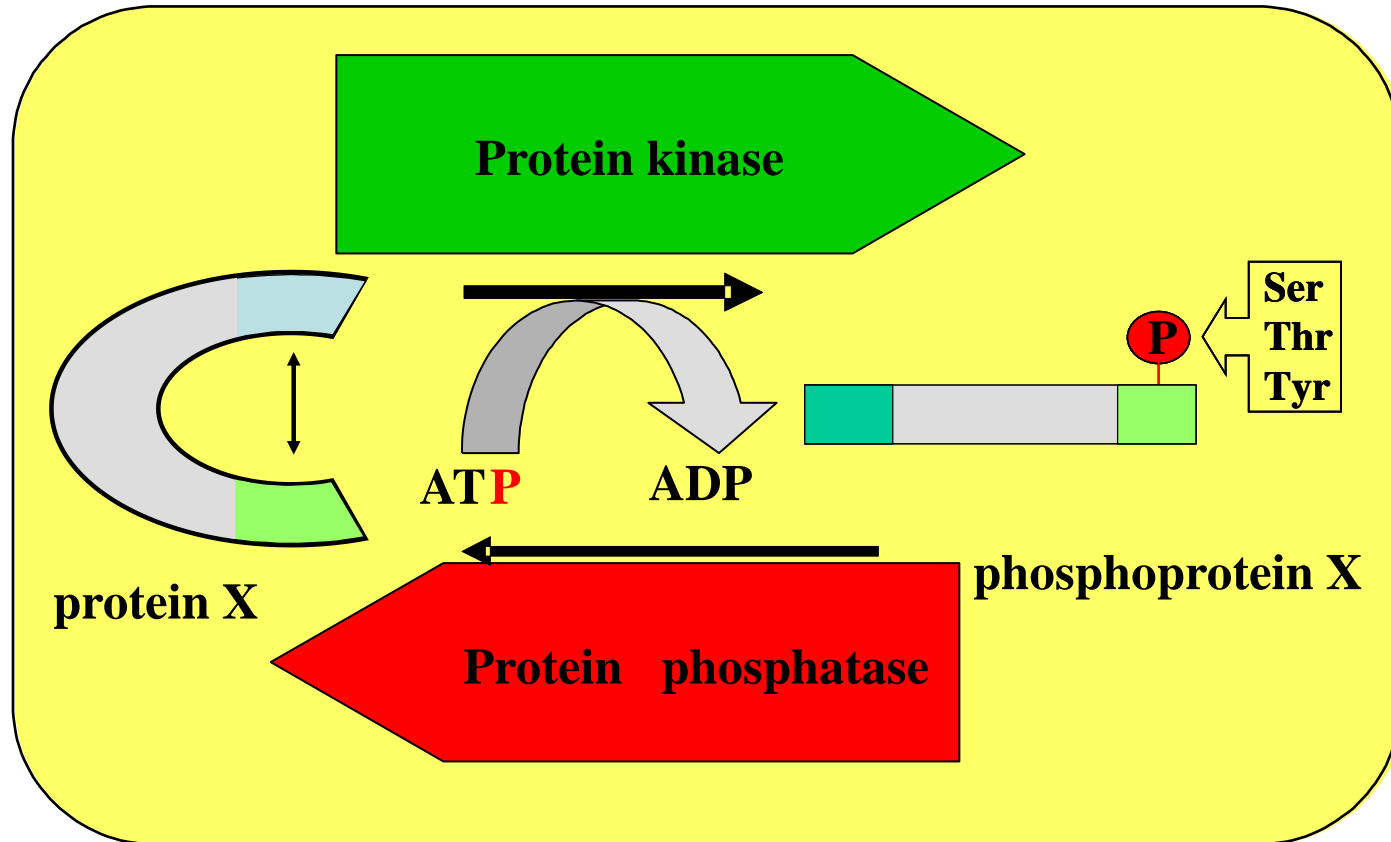
# Extracellular signals and cellular response



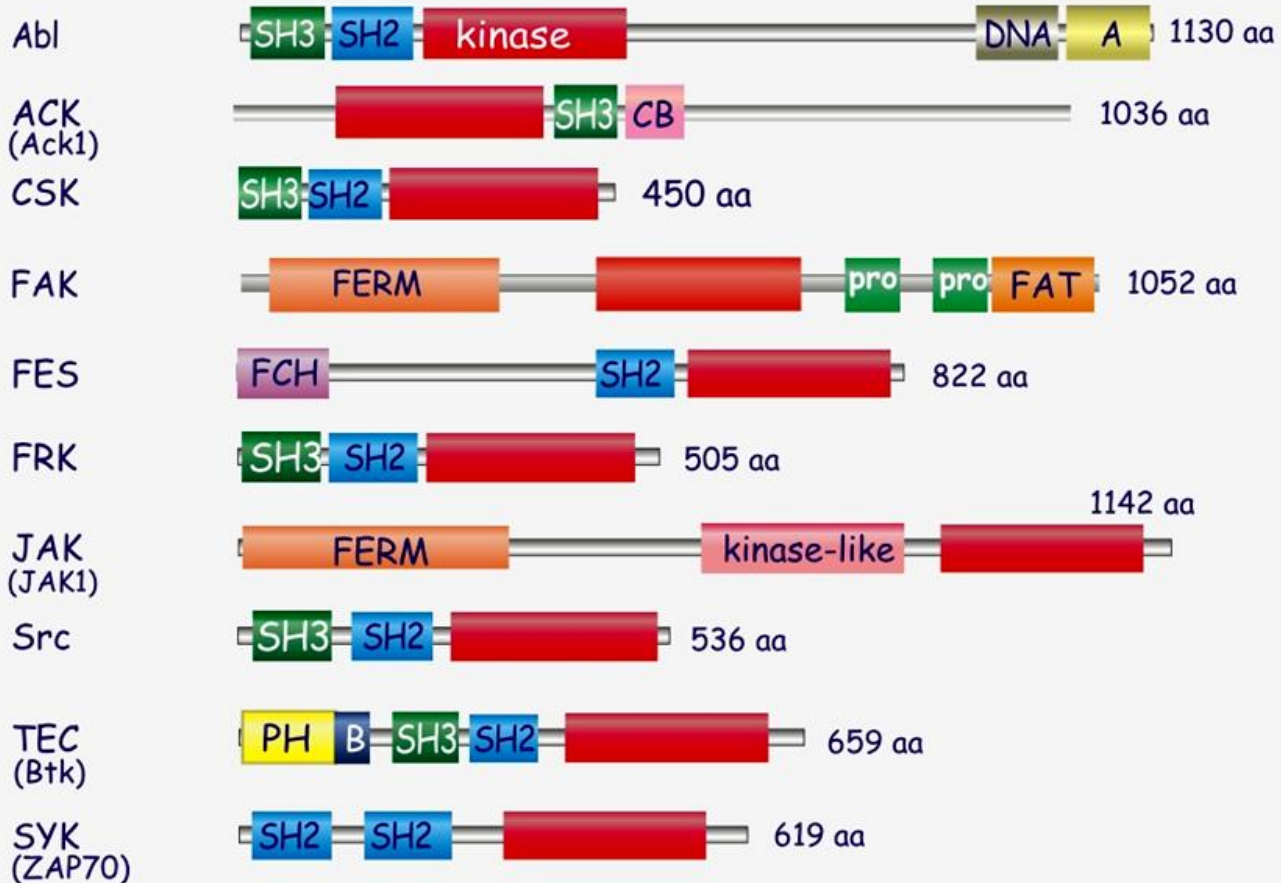


|      | -     | EGF | +   |
|------|-------|-----|-----|
| pSer | 89%   |     | 85% |
| pThr | 10%   |     | 12% |
| pTyr | 0.05% |     | 2%  |

# Reversible protein phosphorylation

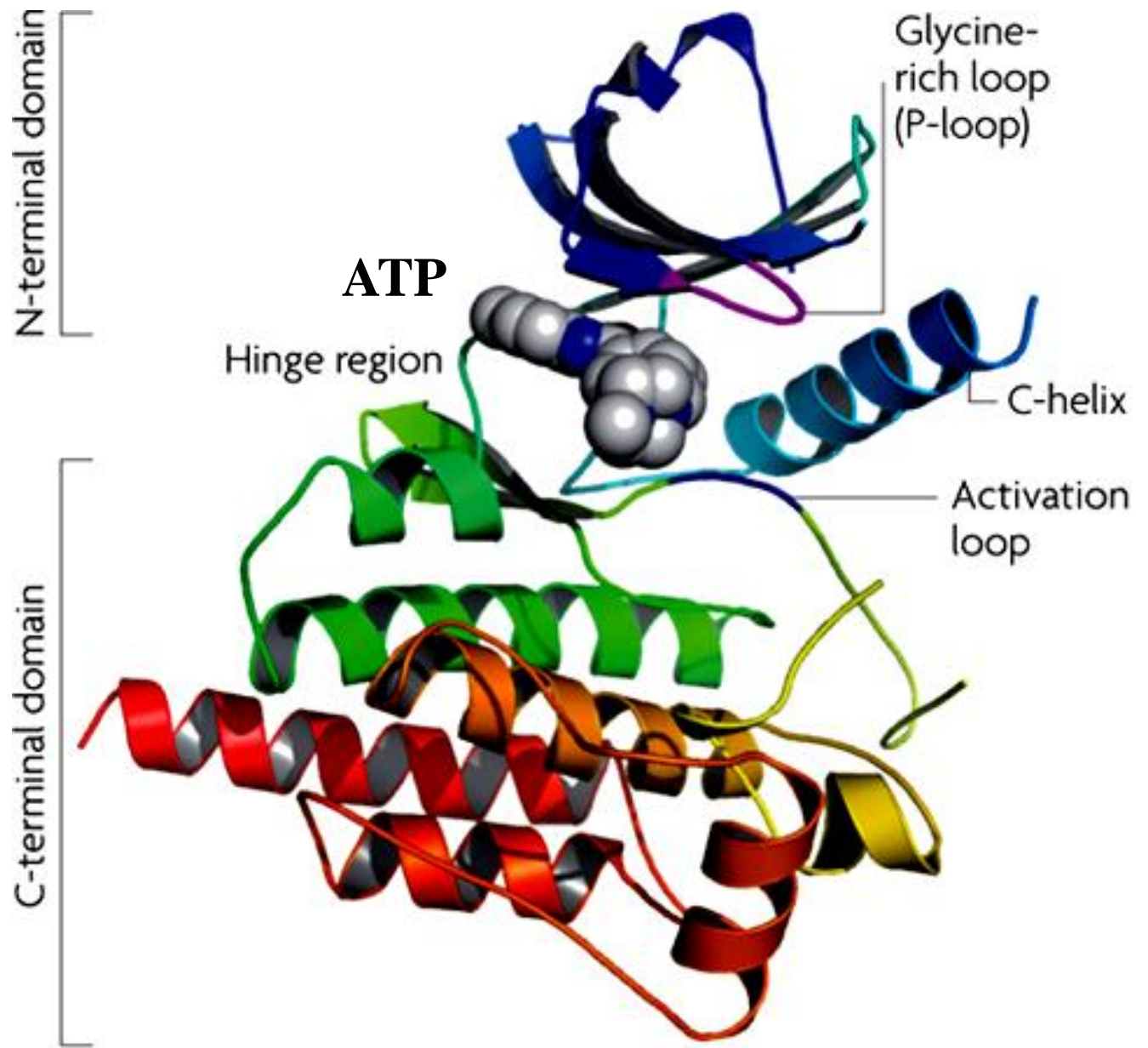


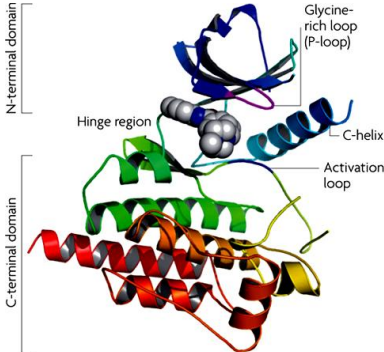
# Protein kinase = catalytic domain + remaining protein



|            |                                    |               |                                     |            |                     |
|------------|------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|------------|---------------------|
| <b>A</b>   | actin binding domain               | <b>FAT</b>    | focal adhesion targeting            | <b>PH</b>  | pleckstrin homology |
| <b>B</b>   | Btk motif, Zn <sup>2+</sup> finger | <b>FCH</b>    | Fes/CIB4 homology domain            | <b>pro</b> | proline rich region |
| <b>CB</b>  | Cdc42 binding domain               | <b>FERM</b>   | 4.1-protein, ezrin, radixin, moesin | <b>SH2</b> | Src homology 2      |
| <b>DNA</b> | DNA binding motif                  | <b>kinase</b> | protein tyrosine kinase             | <b>SH3</b> | Src homology 3      |

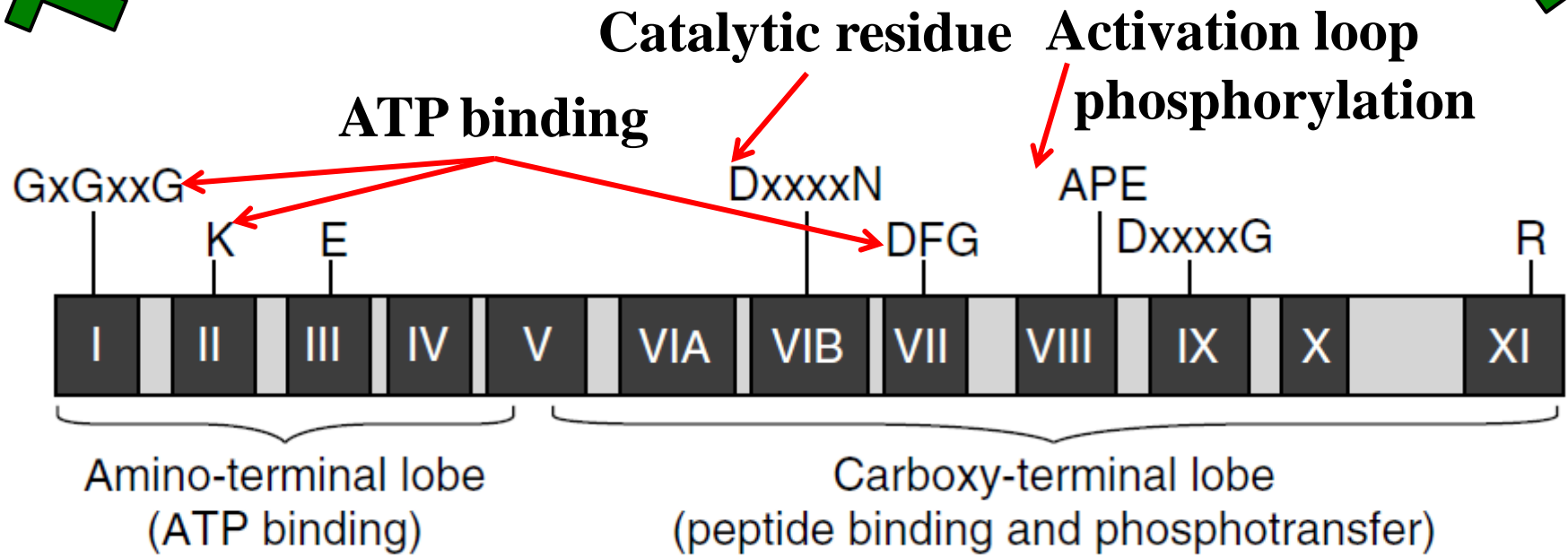
# Structure of the catalytic kinase domain



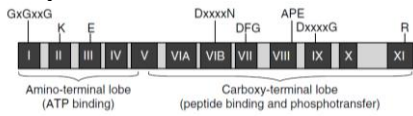


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# The catalytic domain



# The human kinome



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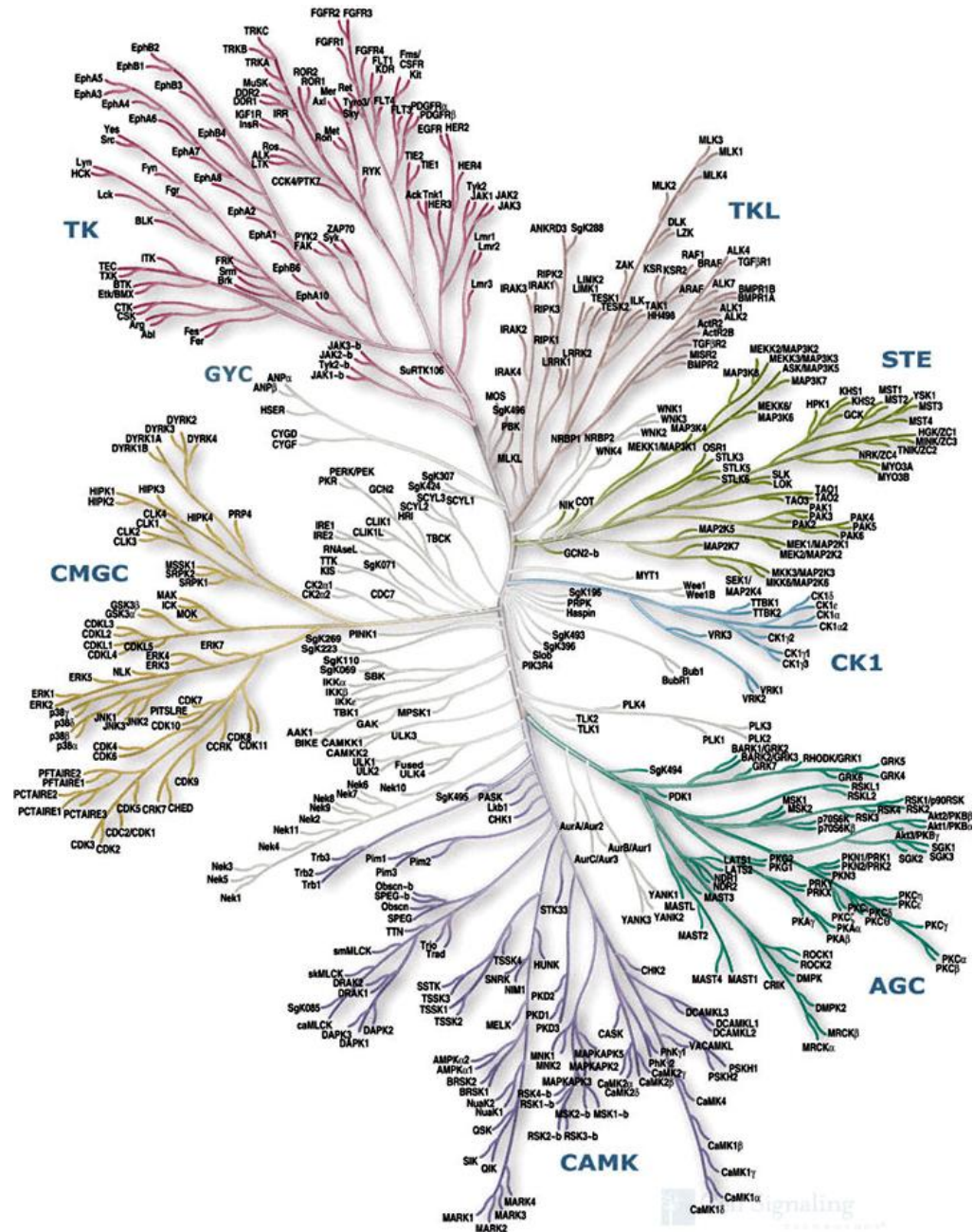
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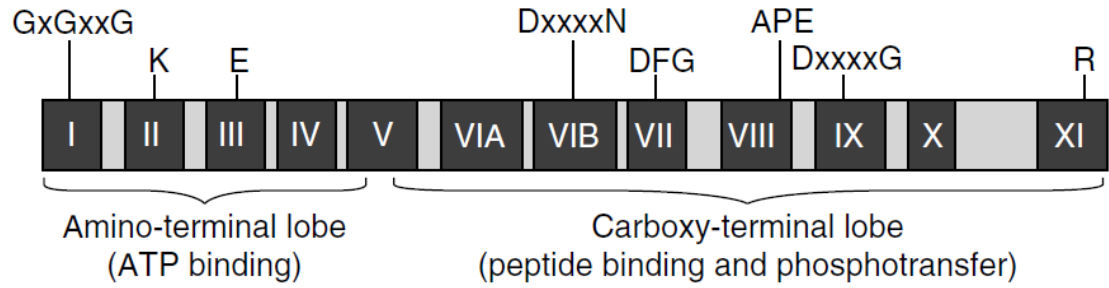
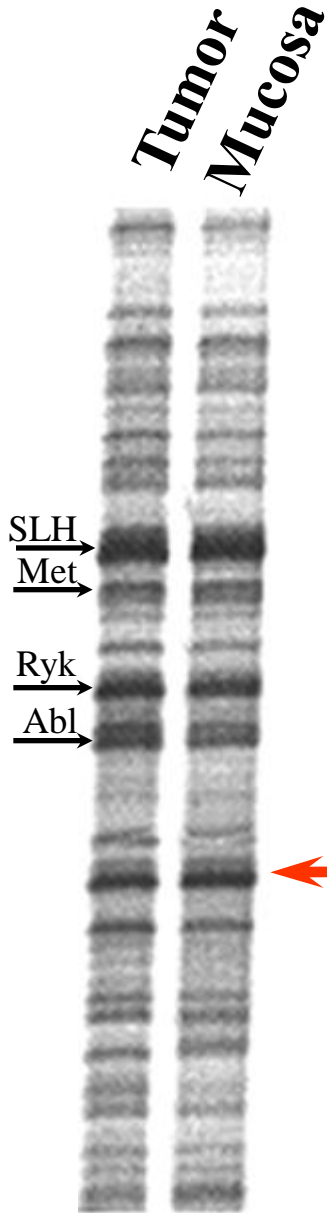
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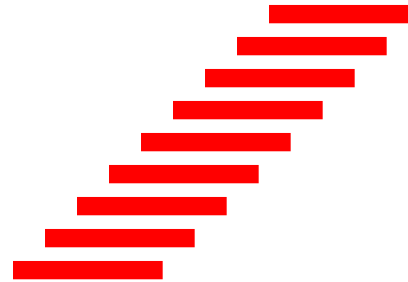
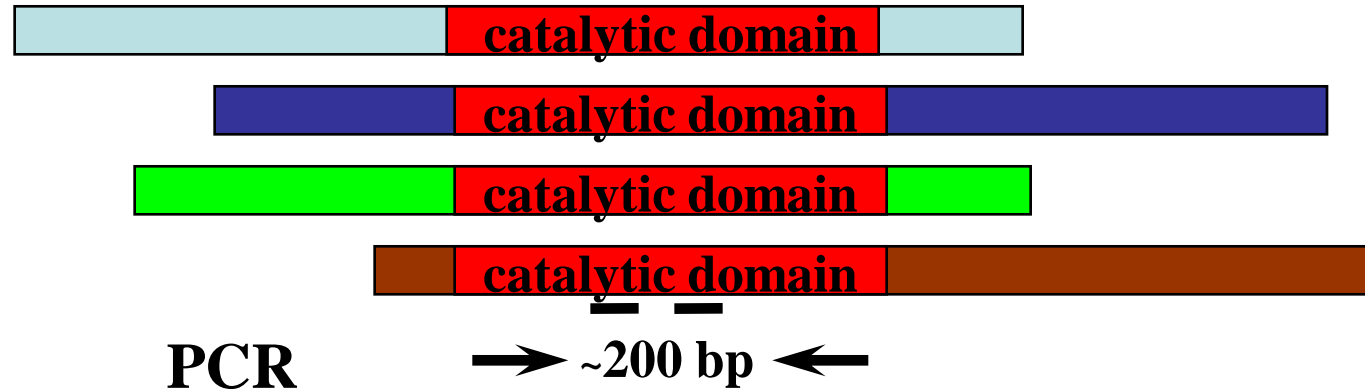
**8 subgroups:**  
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**The human kinome tree:**  
 clustering by sequence  
 similarity in the kinase  
 domain led to identification  
 of different subfamilies  
 (incl. 60 receptor kinases)



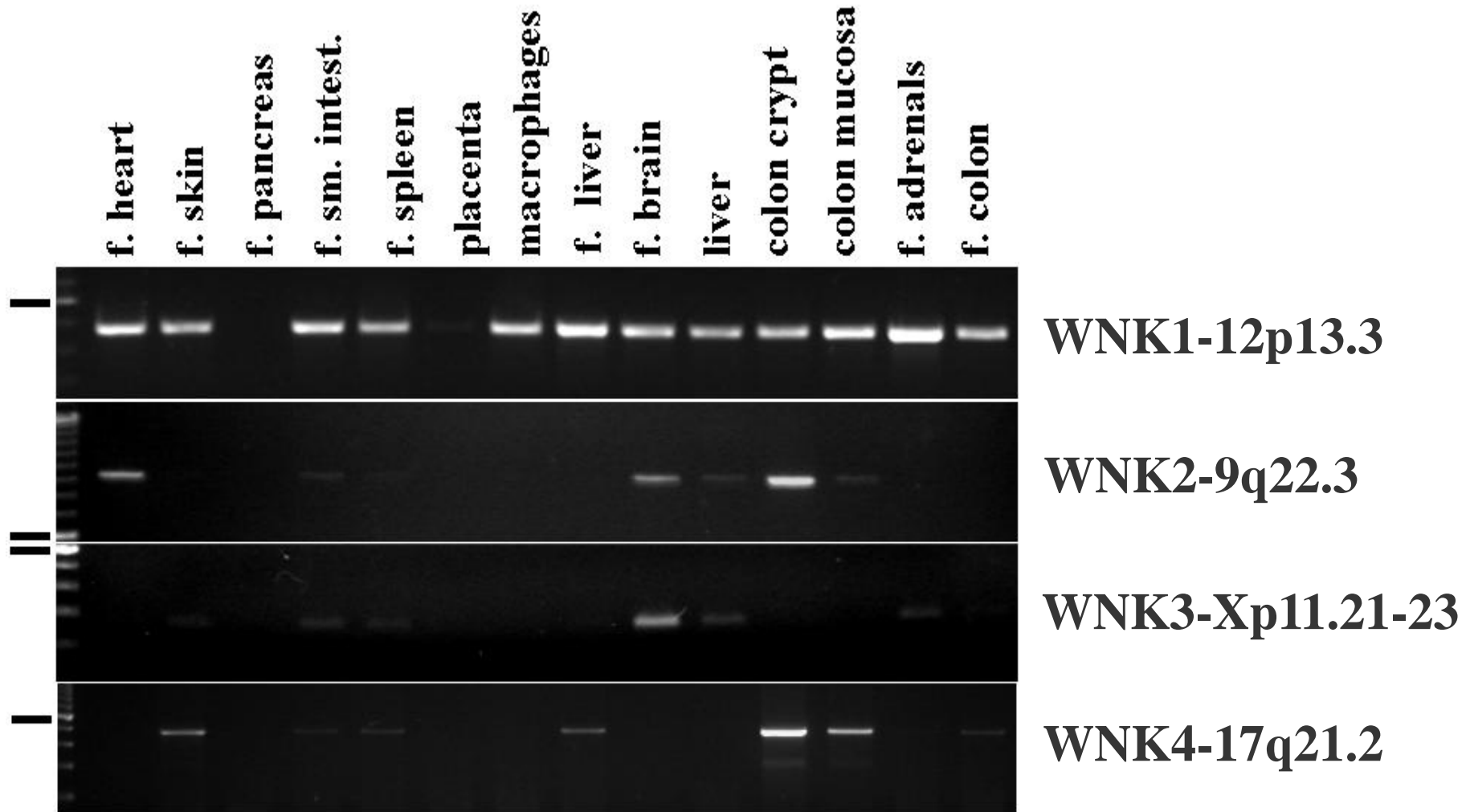


## Superfamily of protein kinases

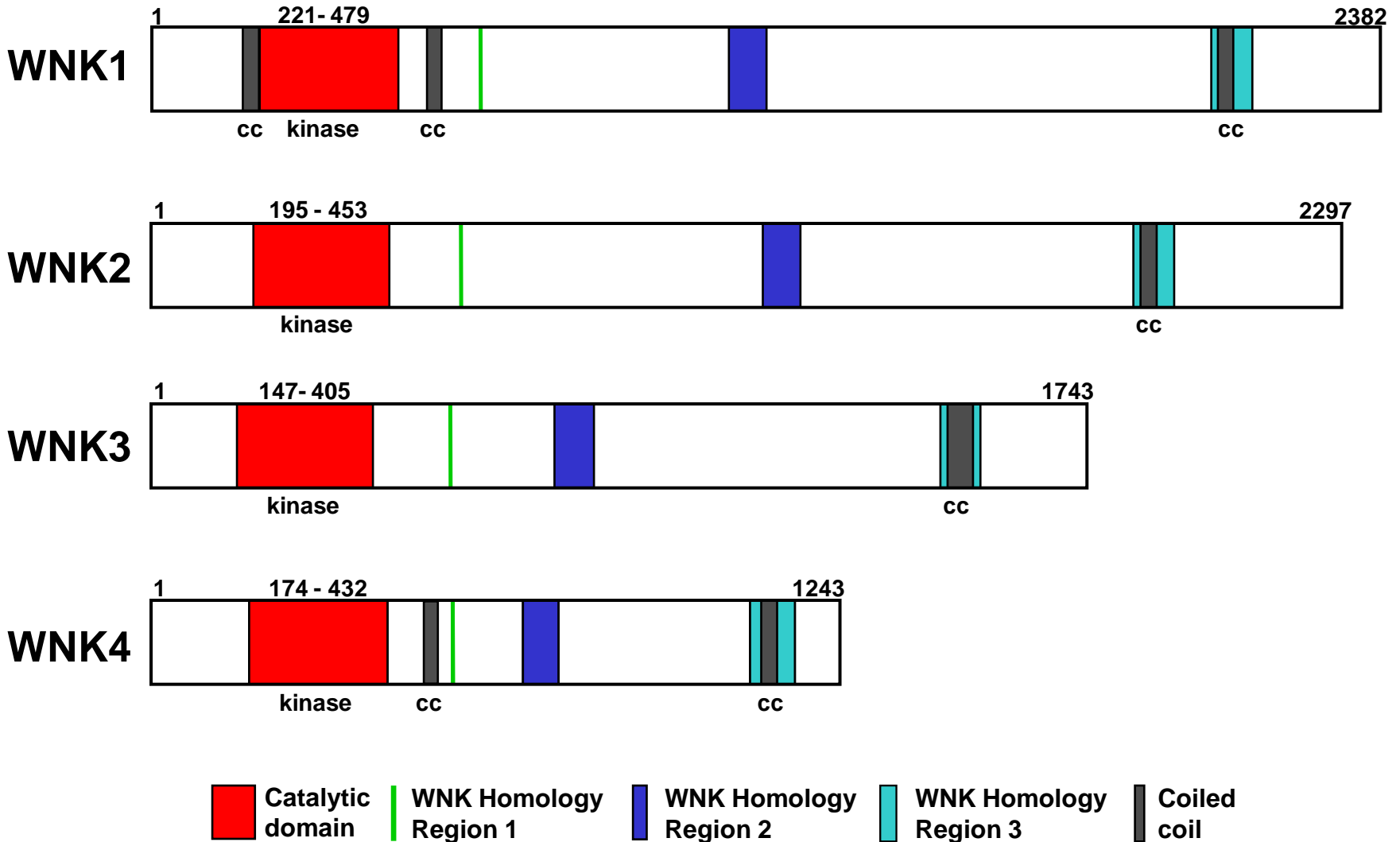




# Four human *WNK* genes exist and differ in expression



# The mammalian WNK subfamily

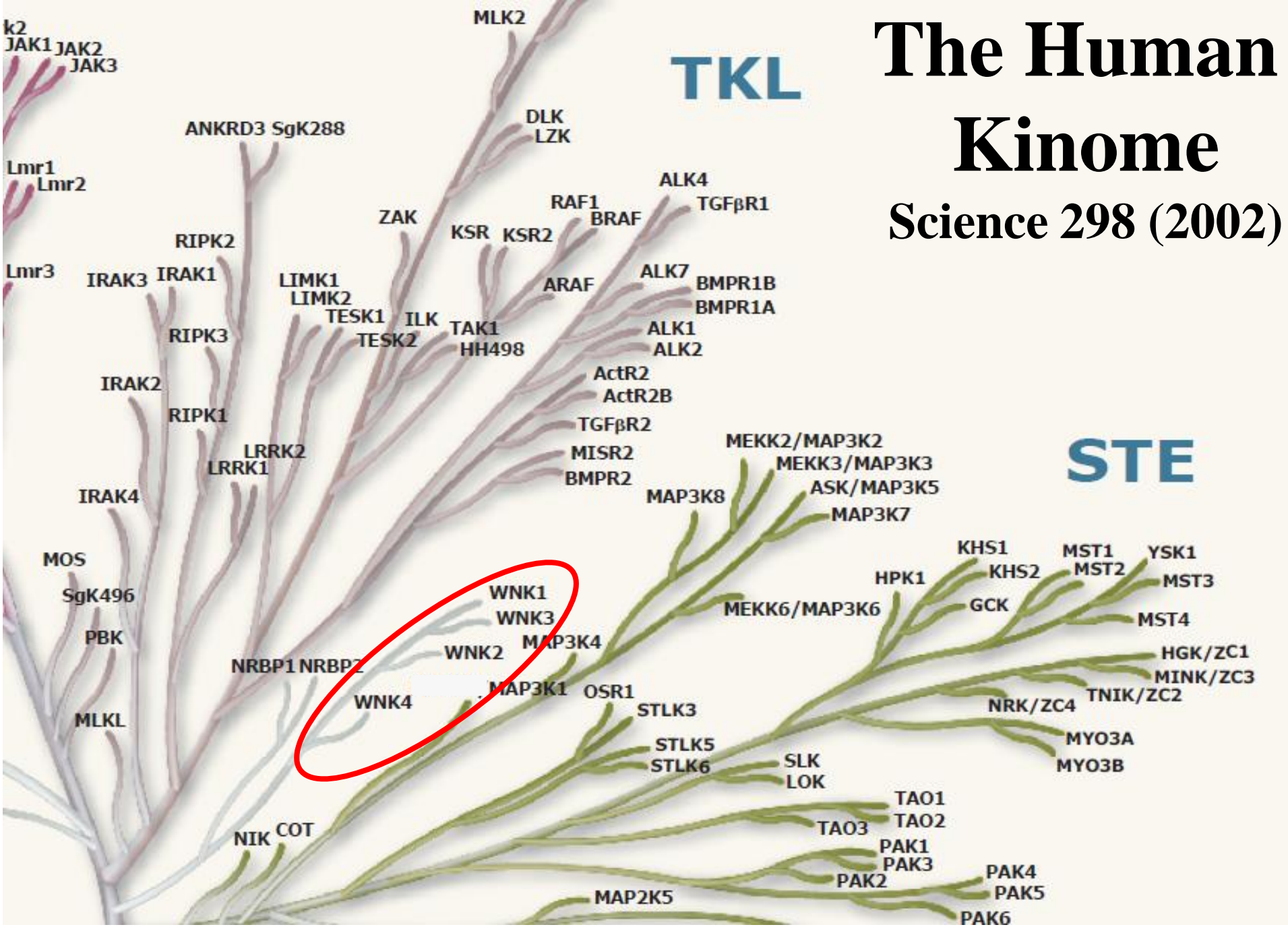


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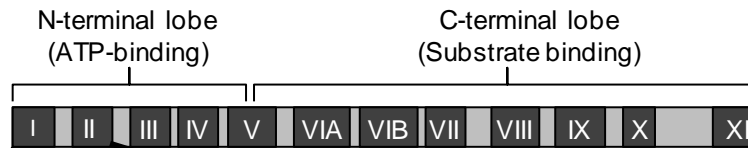
Science 298 (2002)

TKL

STE



Veríssimo and Jordan (2001) Oncogene 20



| GENE       | CATALYTIC SUBDOMAINS I+II   | GENE ID |
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| hs WNK1    | LKFDIEI <b>G</b> R <b>G</b> S <b>F</b> K <b>T</b> VYKGLDTEETTVE <b>V</b> A <b>W</b> CELQ                  | 65125   |
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| at WNK1    | GRYNEVL <b>G</b> K <b>G</b> A <b>S</b> K <b>T</b> VYRA <b>F</b> DEYEGIE <b>V</b> A <b>W</b> NQVK          | 819651  |
| at WNK2    | GRYDEIL <b>G</b> K <b>G</b> A <b>S</b> K <b>T</b> VYRA <b>F</b> DEYEGIE <b>V</b> A <b>W</b> NQVK          | 821810  |
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| ce C46C2.1 | LKFDEEL <b>G</b> R <b>G</b> S <b>F</b> K <b>T</b> VFRGLDTEETGVA <b>V</b> A <b>W</b> CELQ                  | 177743  |

**Invariant**                      **G G K V D VAW**                      **WNK signature sequence**

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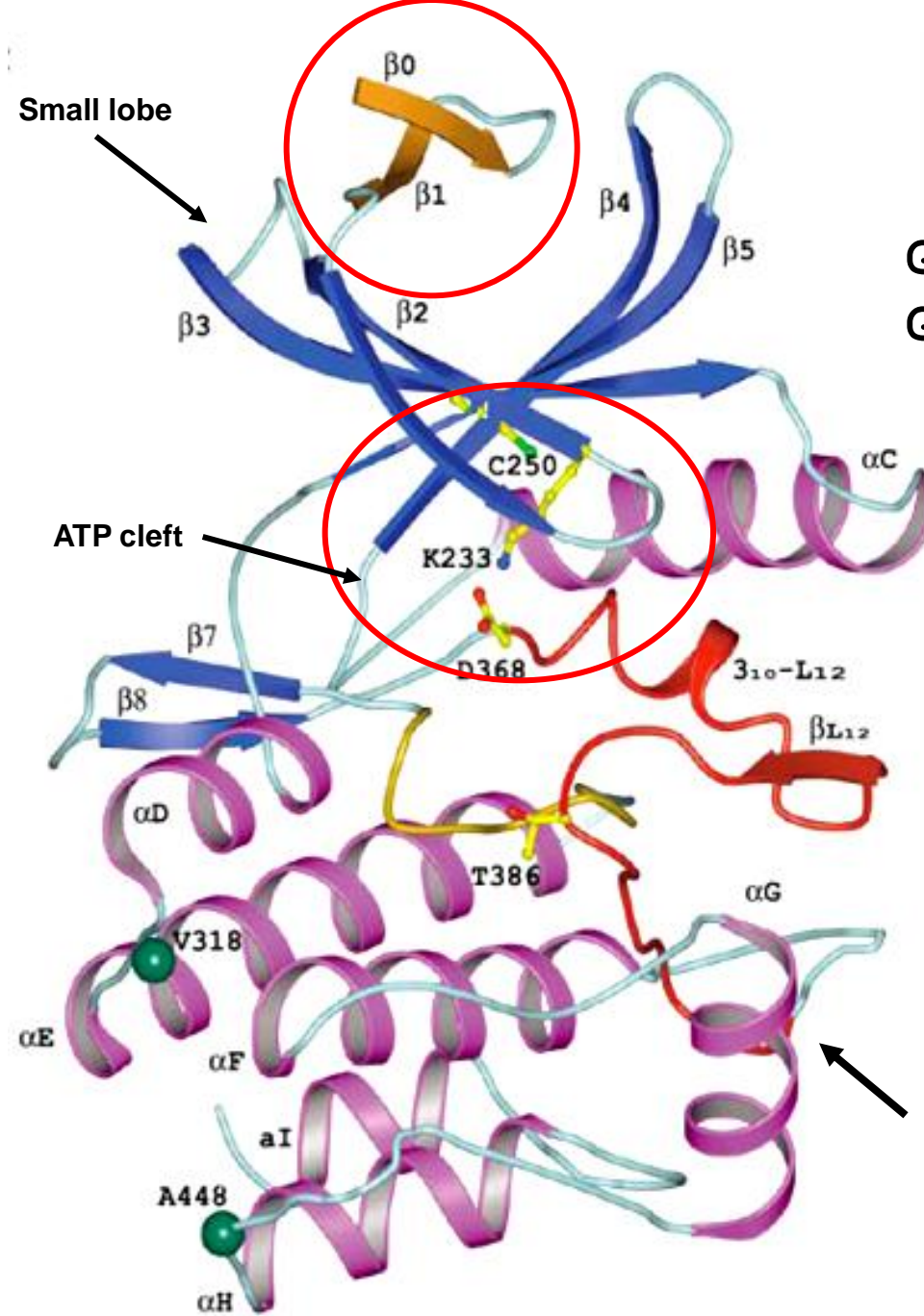
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**WNK subfamily**



typical catalytic lysine (Subdomain II)

glycine flap

GXGXXGXVXXXXXXXXXXXXVAIKXXX

GXGXF $K$ XVXXXXXXXXXXXXVAWCXXX

Distinct catalytic lysine in WNKs (Subdomain I)

**WNK1 crystal structure**  
(Min et al., 2004, Structure 12)

# Human Hypertension Caused by Mutations in WNK Kinases

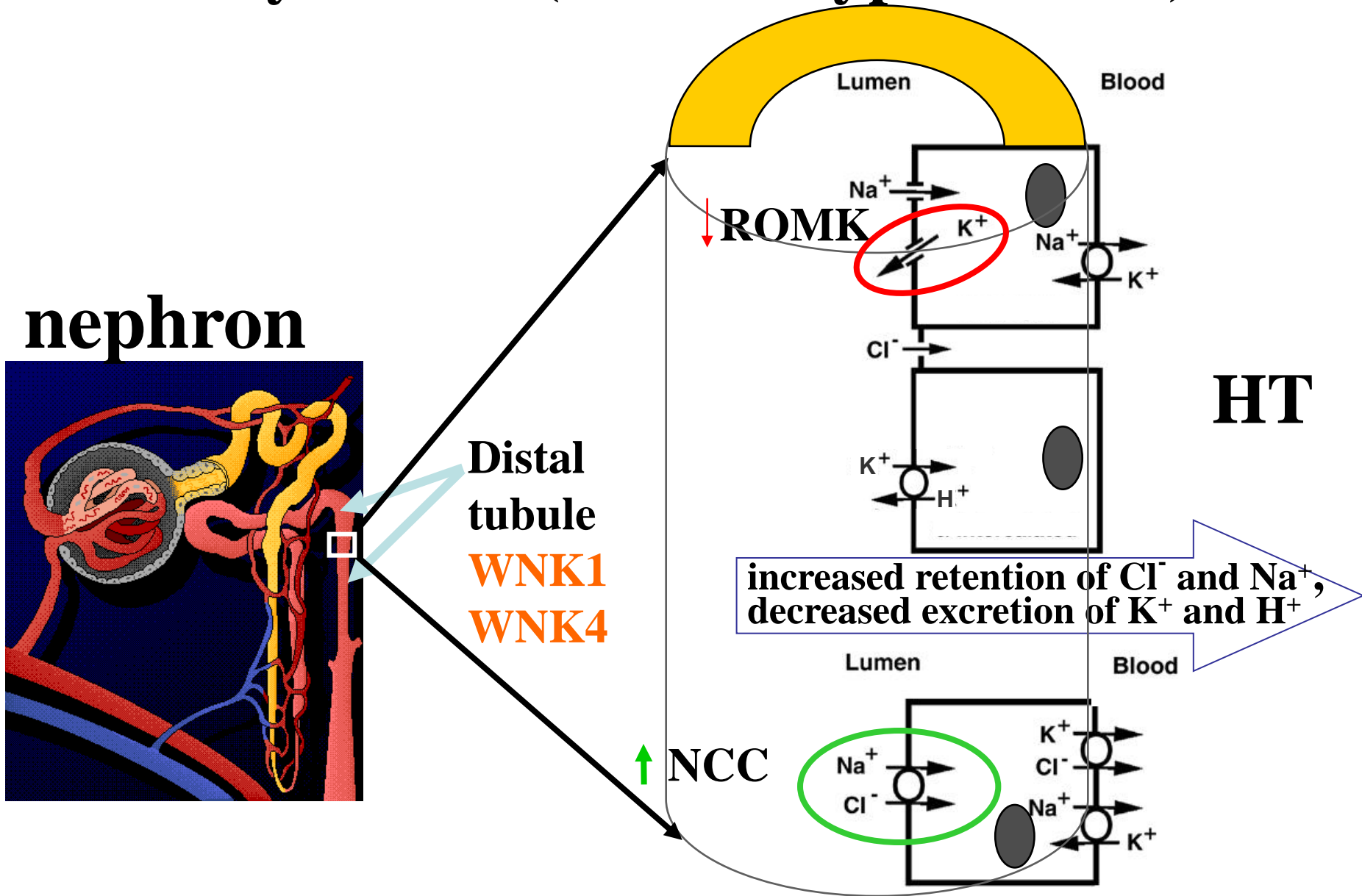
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## The Gordon syndrome

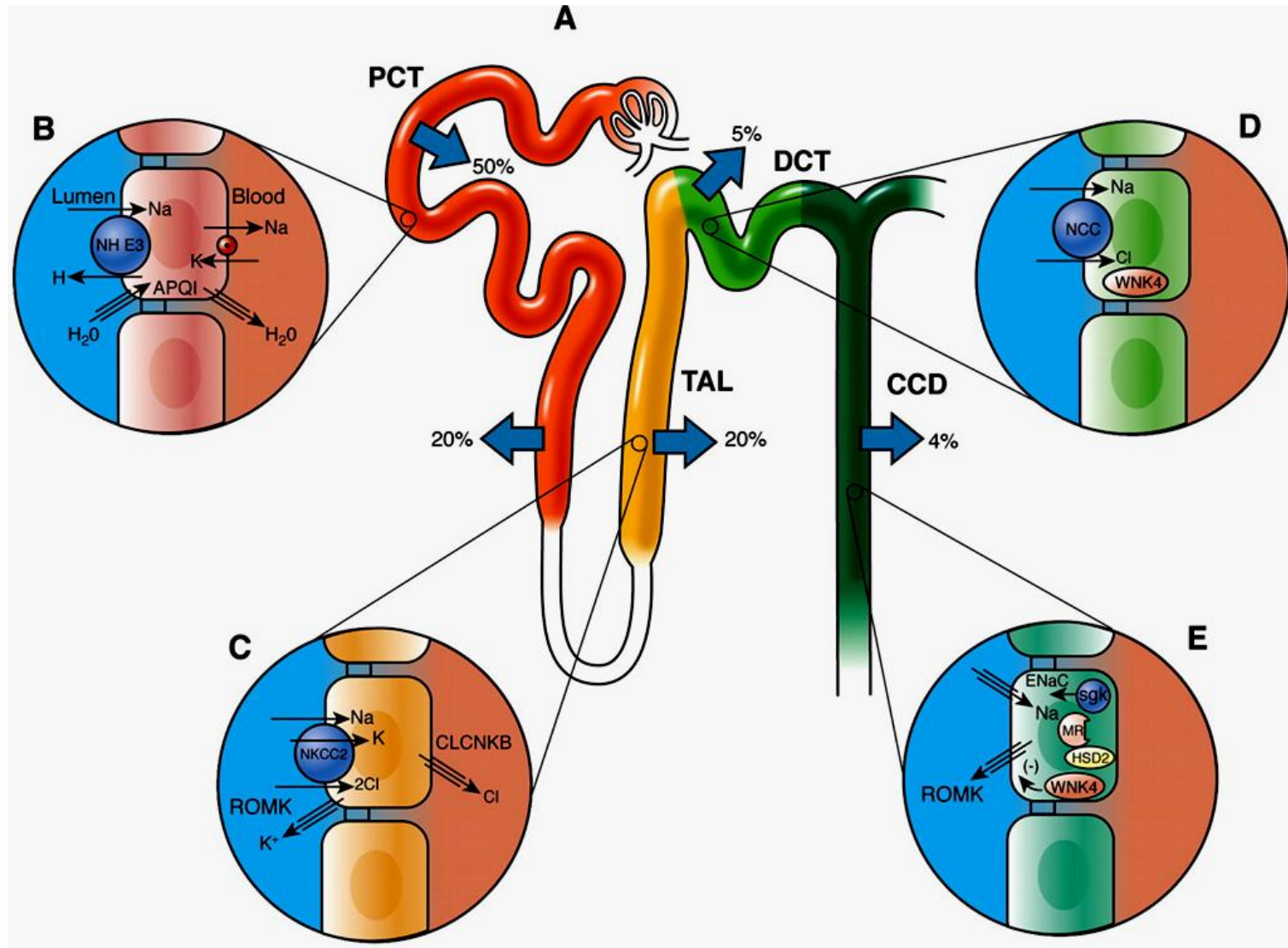
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- or pseudo-hypo-aldosteronism type II (PHA II)
- hypertension↑, salt retention↑, potassium secretion↓
- familial disease, autosomal dominant
- germline mutations in the *WNK1* or *WNK4* genes

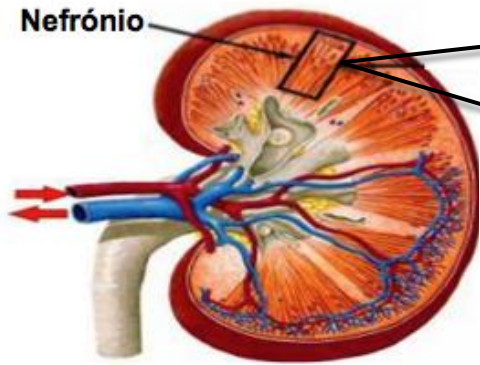
# Mutations in the *WNK1* and *WNK4* genes cause Gordon syndrome (familial hypertension)



# The role of nephron segments in sodium retention

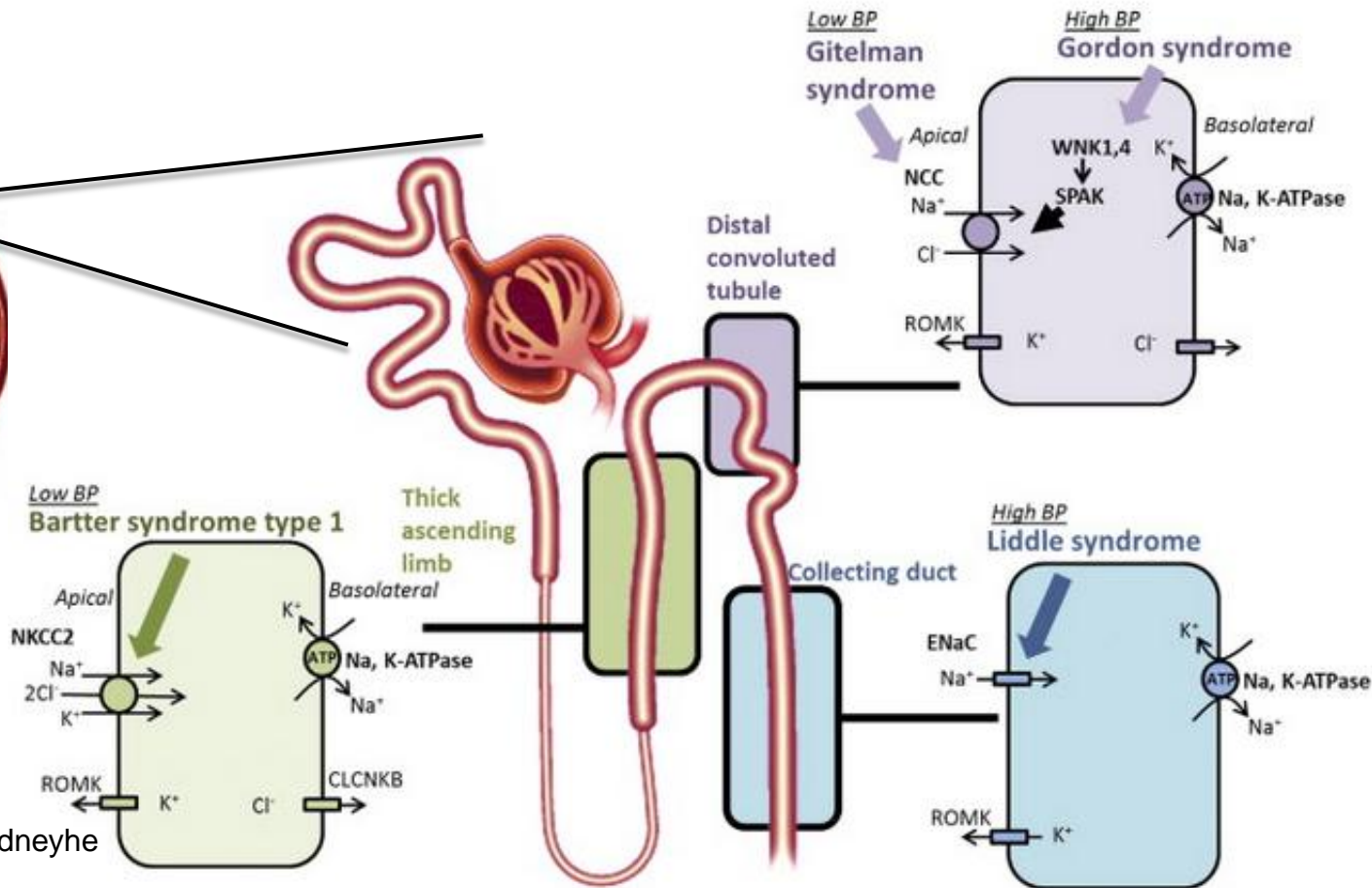


# Rare genetic diseases affecting the renal regulation of blood pressure



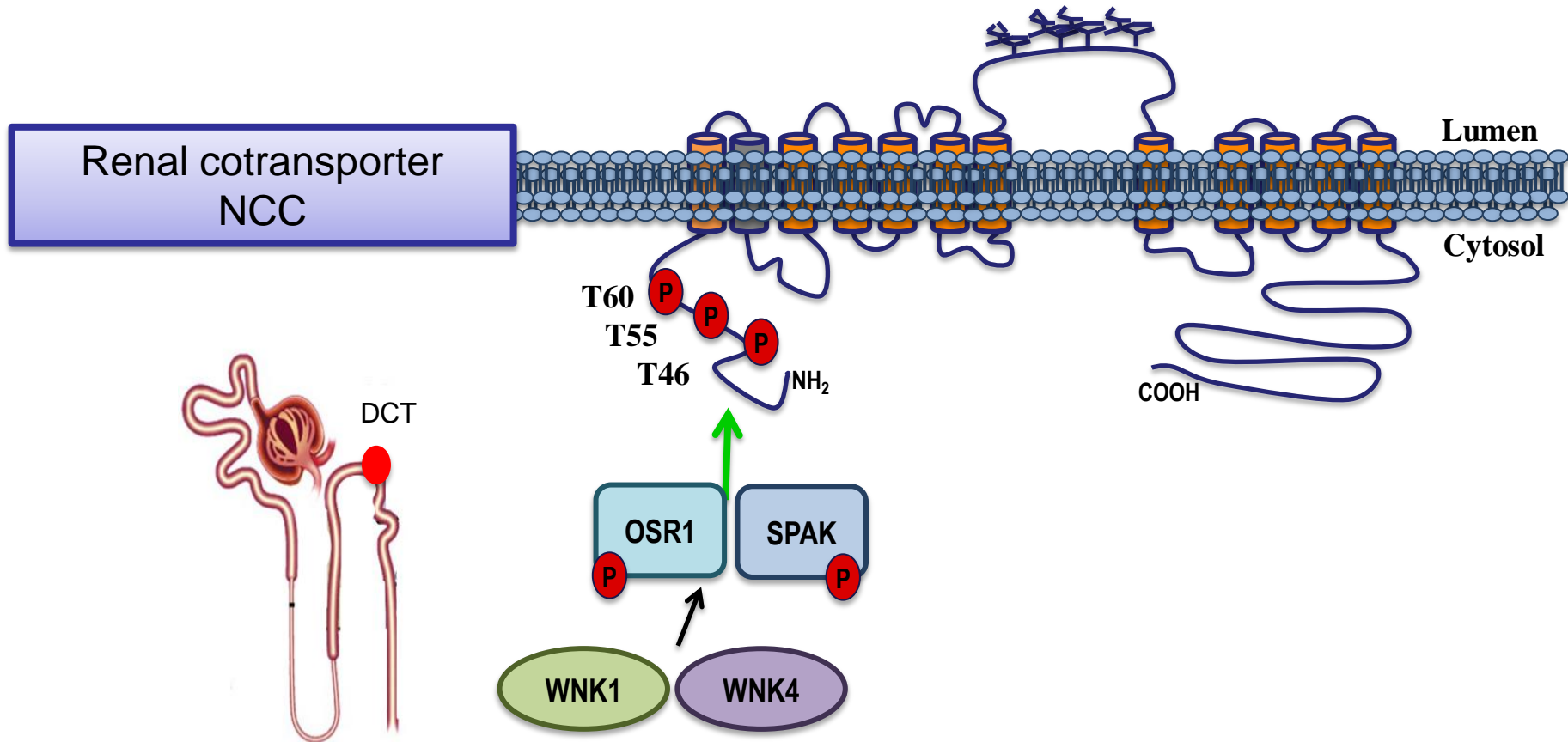
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Kidney



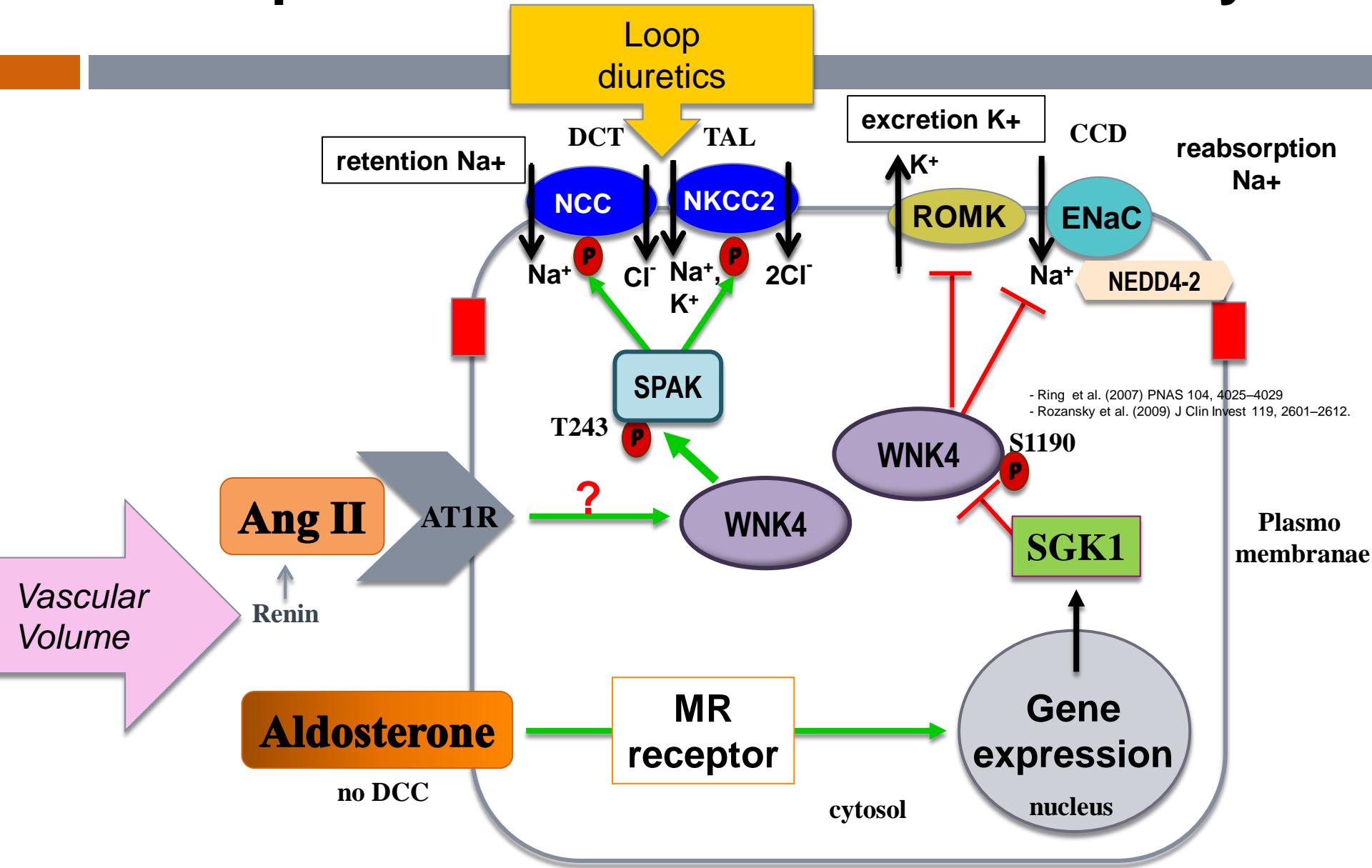
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# Regulation of renal NCC sodium/chloride co-transport by phosphorylation

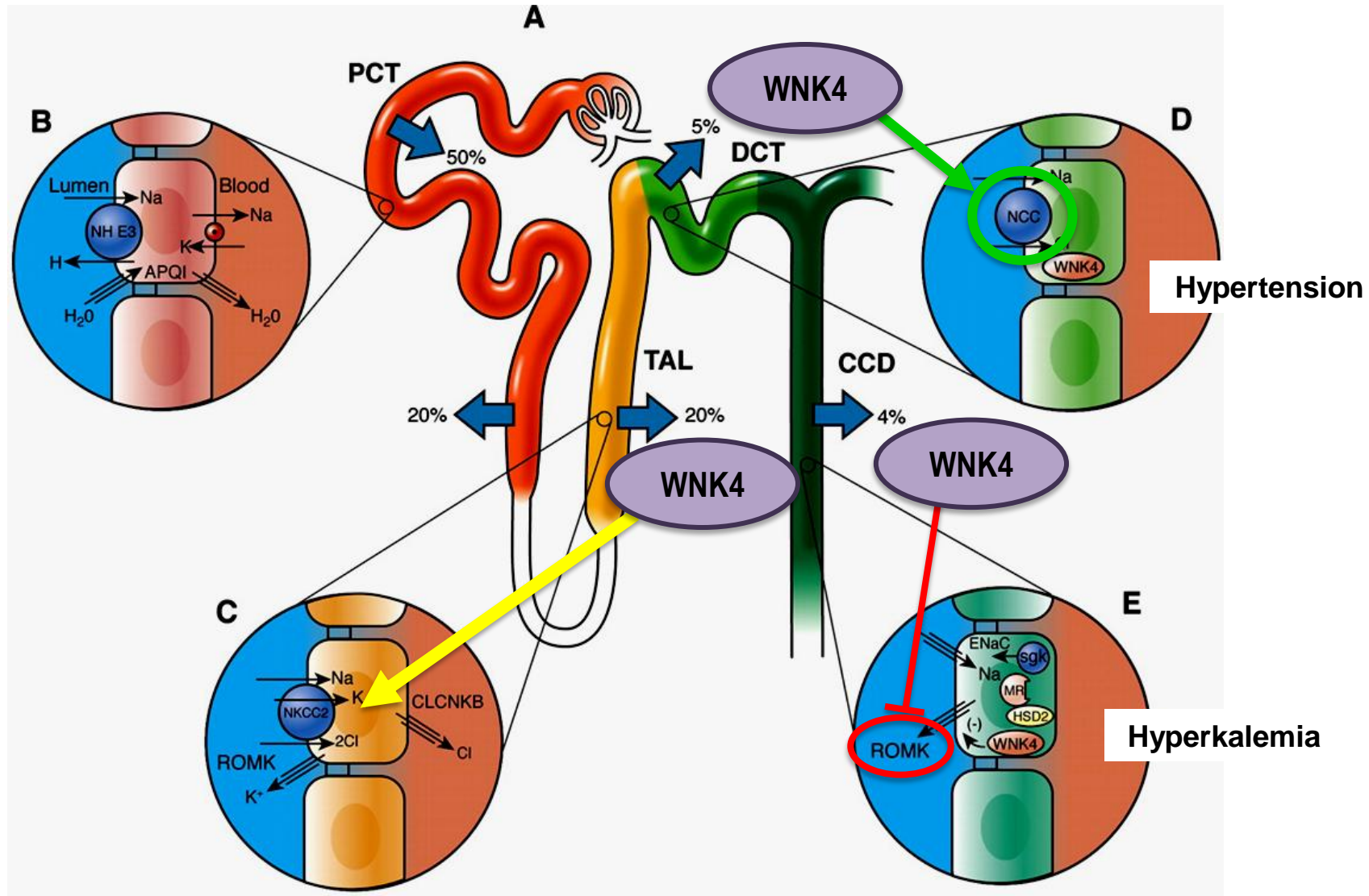


**DCT= distal cortical tubule;  
regulates ~5% of total  
sodium resorption**

# Molecular regulation of sodium retention and potassium excretion in the kidney



# The role of nephron segments in sodium retention



## Experimental evidence for WNK-regulated ion transport

| <b>Channel</b> | <b>Activity</b>  | <b>Effect</b> | <b>WNK activity</b> |
|----------------|--|---------------|---------------------|
| NCC            | Na <sup>+</sup> Cl <sup>-</sup> cotransporter                    | surface       | dependent           |
| NKCC           | Na <sup>+</sup> /K <sup>+</sup> /2Cl <sup>-</sup> cotransporters | activity      | dependent           |
| KCC            | K <sup>+</sup> /Cl <sup>-</sup> cotransporters                   | activity      | dependent           |
| CFTR           | Cl <sup>-</sup> channel  | surface       | independent         |
| SLC26A9        | Cl <sup>-</sup> /HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> exchanger         | surface       | independent         |
| ENaC           | epithelial Na <sup>+</sup> channel                               | surface       | independent         |
| ROMK           | K <sup>+</sup> channel   | surface       | independent         |
| TRPV           | Ca <sup>+</sup> channels   | surface       | dependent           |

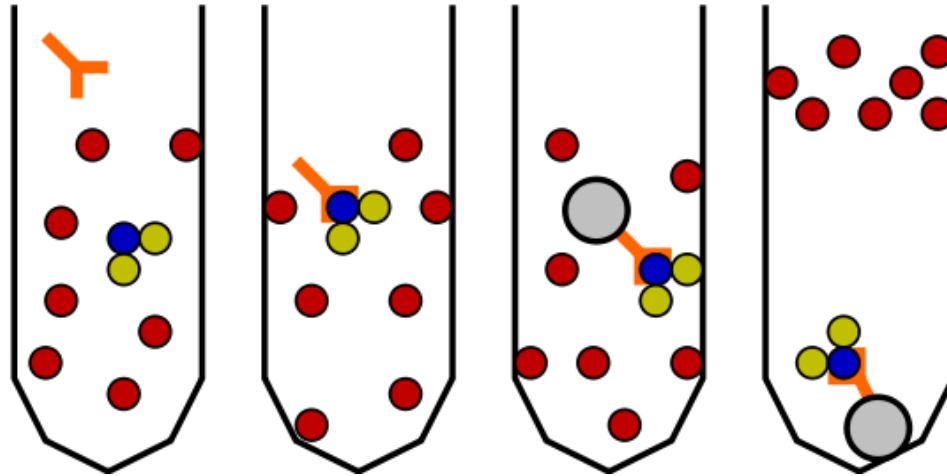
Xenopus oocyte assays

# How do WNK kinases affect expression at the cell surface??

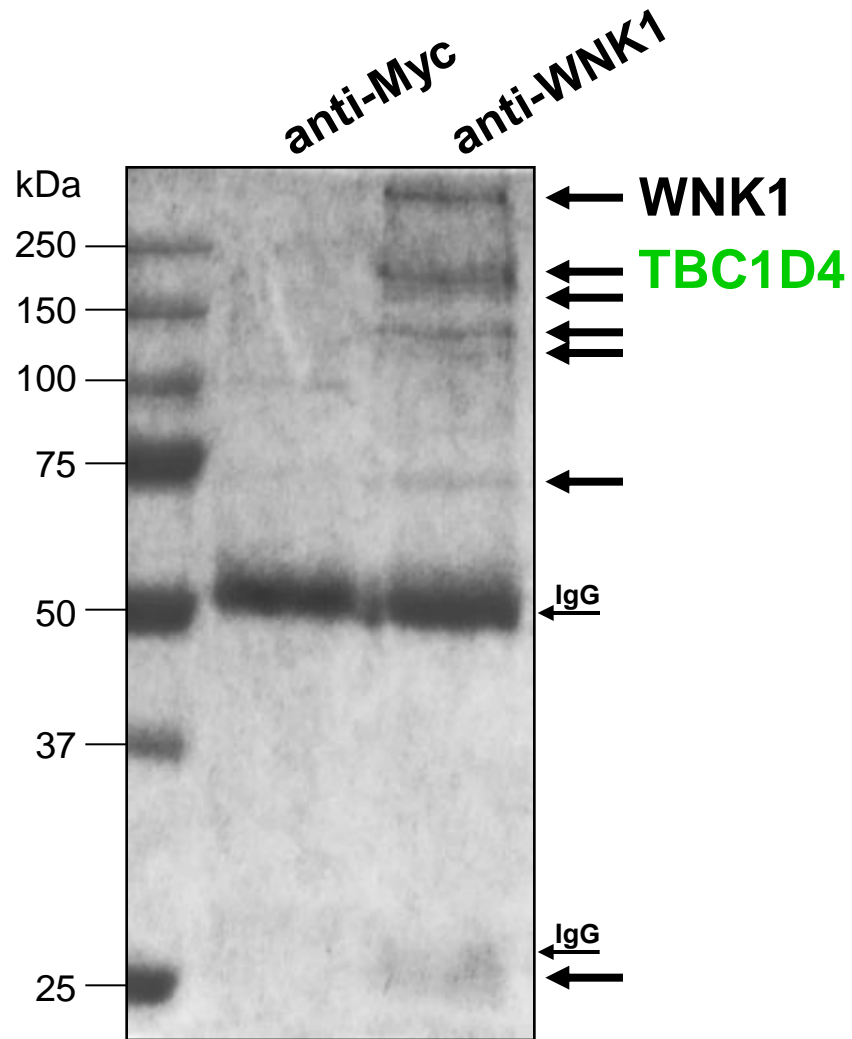
→ identify interacting proteins  
(co-immunoprecipitation/MassSpec)

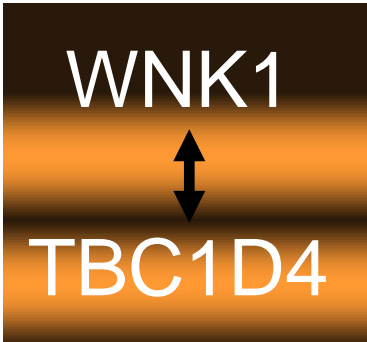


# Co-immunoprecipitation



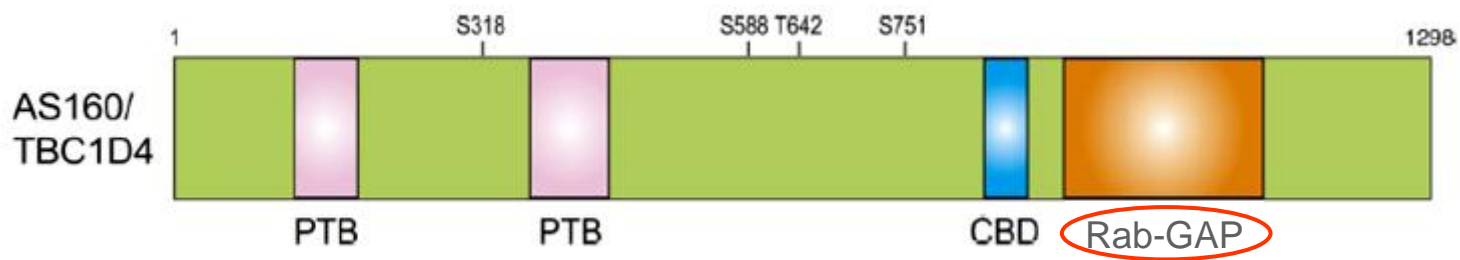
# Endogenous WNK1 co-immunoprecipitates with TBC1D4





## TBC domain\* 1 family member 4/AS160 (Akt substrate of 160 kDa)

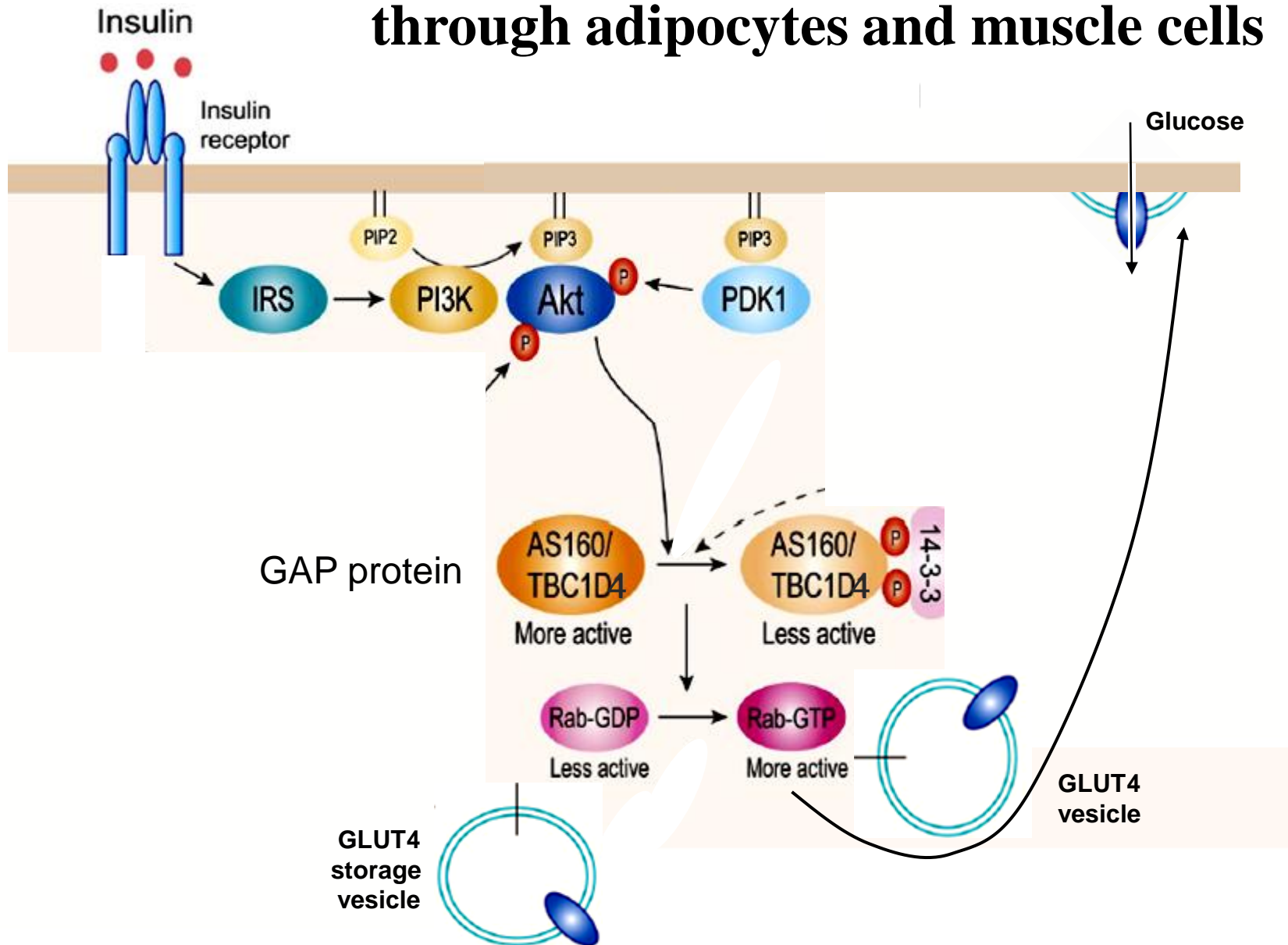
\* TBC (Tre-2, Bub2p, and Cdc16p) domain



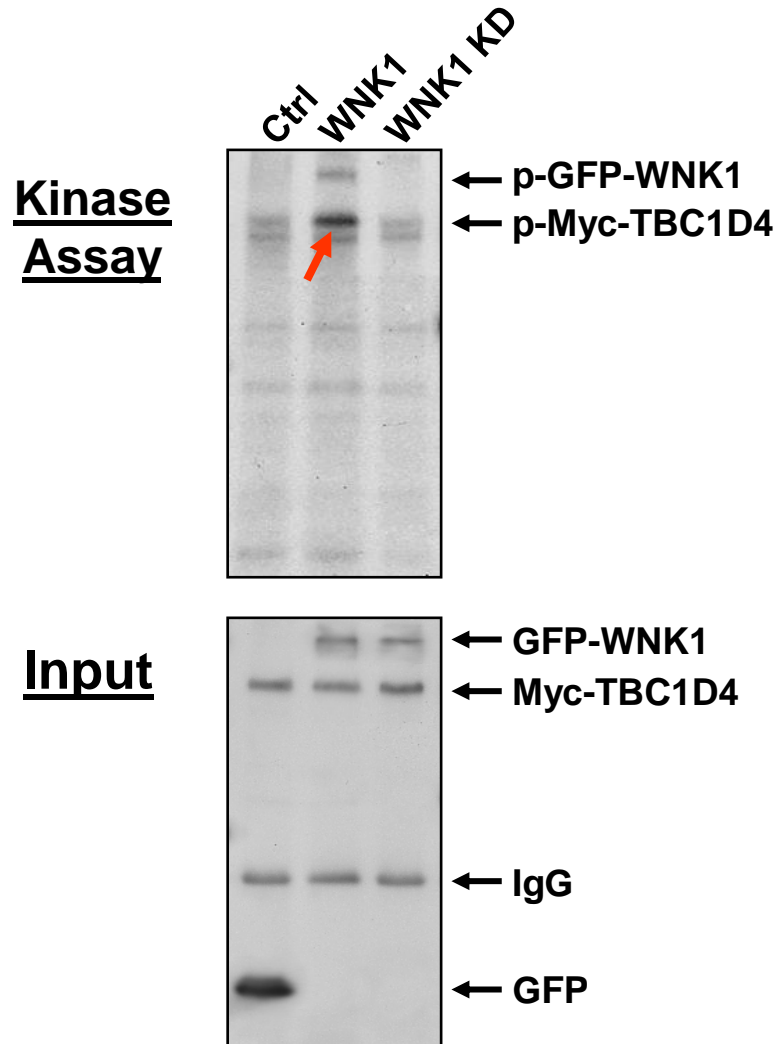
Regulation  
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# Insulin regulates blood glucose levels through adipocytes and muscle cells

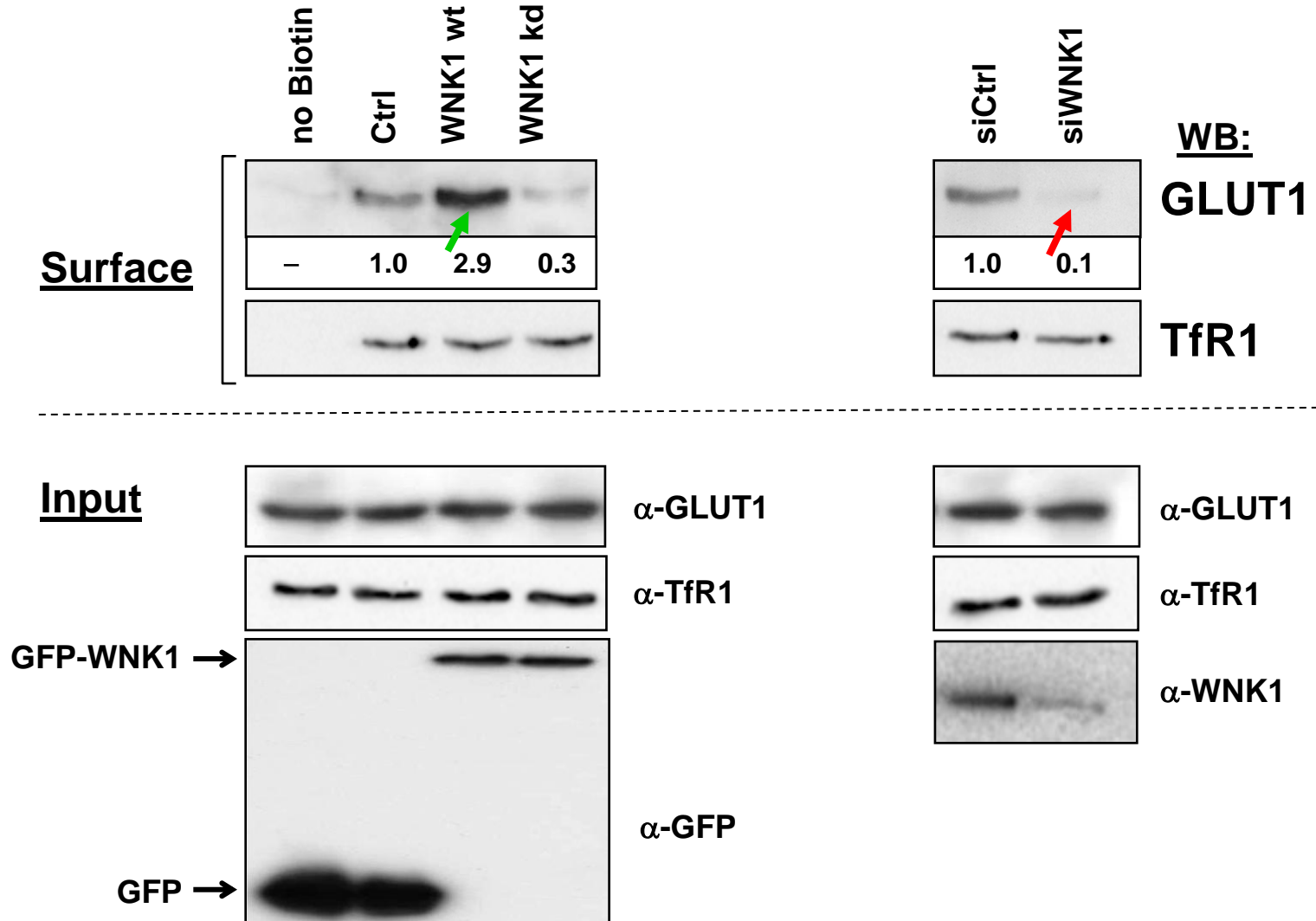


# WNK1 also phosphorylates TBC1D4 *in vitro*

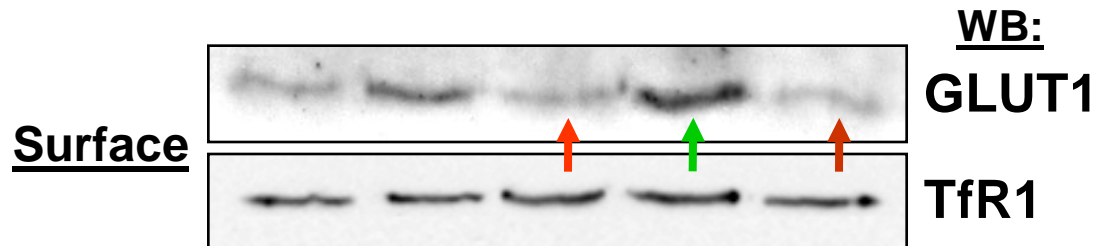
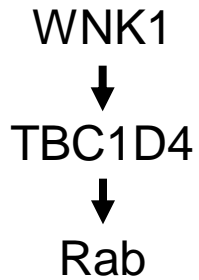


# WNK1 increases surface levels of GLUT1

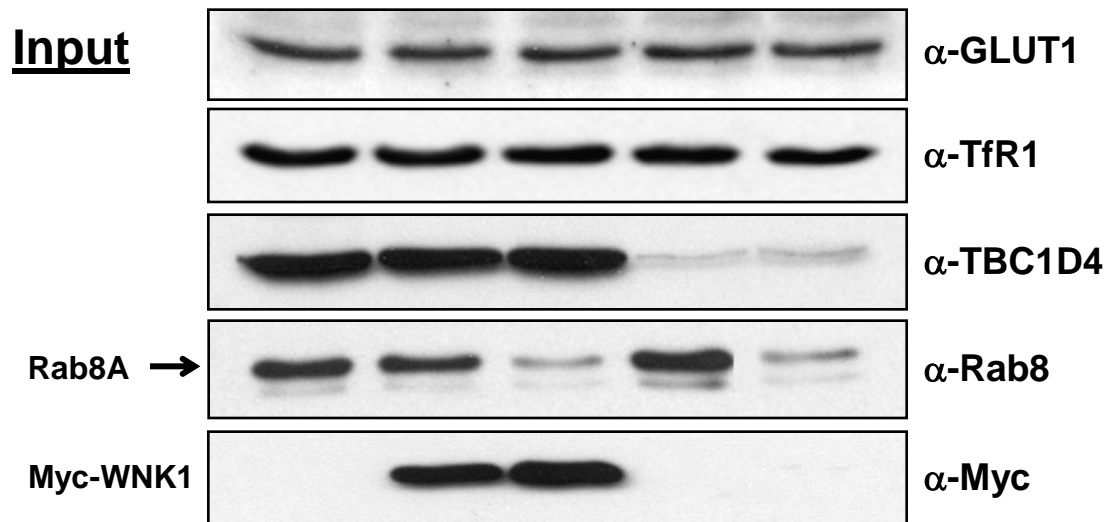
(the constitutive glucose transporter of most cell types)



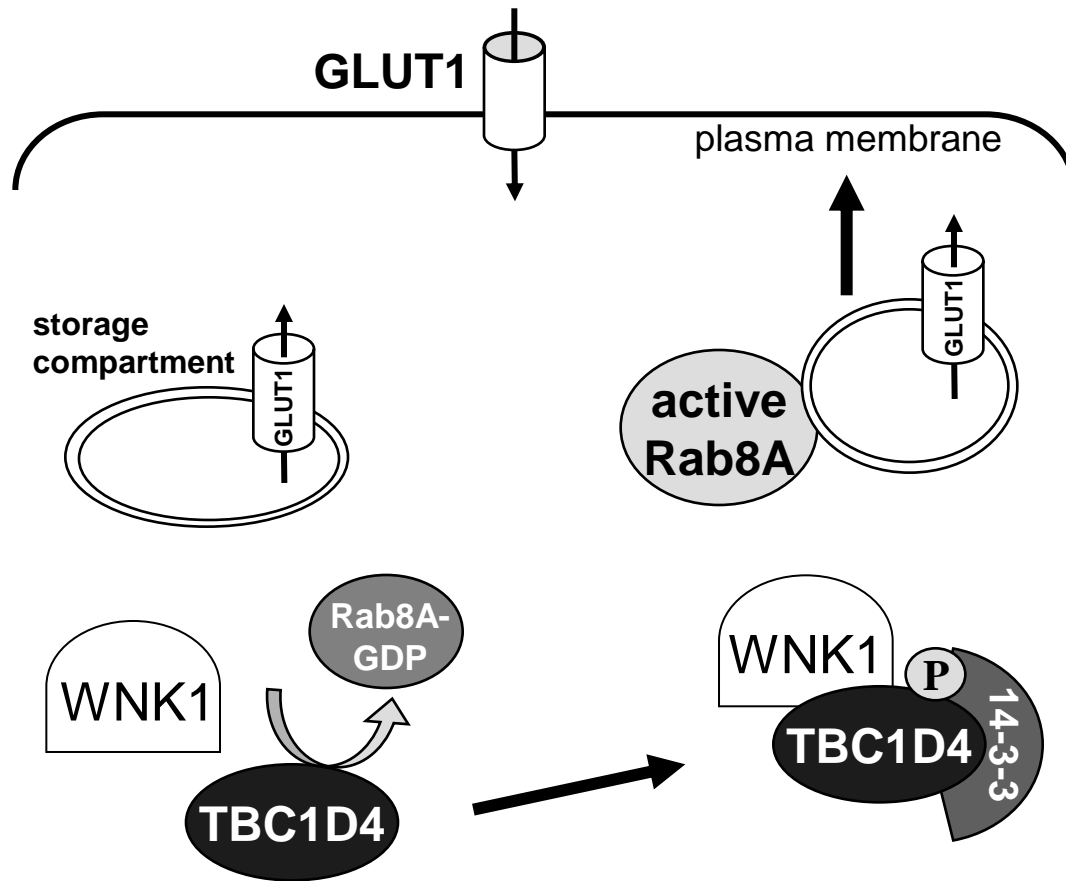
# WNK1 mobilizes Rab8A



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| siTBC1D4 | - | - | - | + | + |



# Model for the regulation of GLUT1 surface expression



**Implication: GLUT1 is overexpressed by many tumour cells**