

ReGen Therapeutics Plc

Colostrinin™/Strategy update

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Overview/Strategy

Percy Lomax
Executive Chairman



Key Assumptions in AIM Document - March 2000

- Polish Clinical Trial to show Colostrinin™ clinical effect
- Trial data would secure attractive licensing deal
- Approval faster in Poland
- Further clinical work to be done in Europe



Implications

- Company will generate revenue later than expected
- More external cash needed
- But Biotech fundraising market difficult



Immediate Action

- Reduce costs
- Direct salary costs cut by £300K pa
- Polish office shut
- London office halved in size



Strategic Action

Build on achievements

- Favourable patient data from a number of trial sources
- Scientific data from major University source - UTMB
- Industry contacts built up - pharmaceutical/nutraceutical
- Manufacturing expertise developed



Strategic action

- Individual Executive responsibility for each sector
- Tightly defined sector budgets
- Constant review process

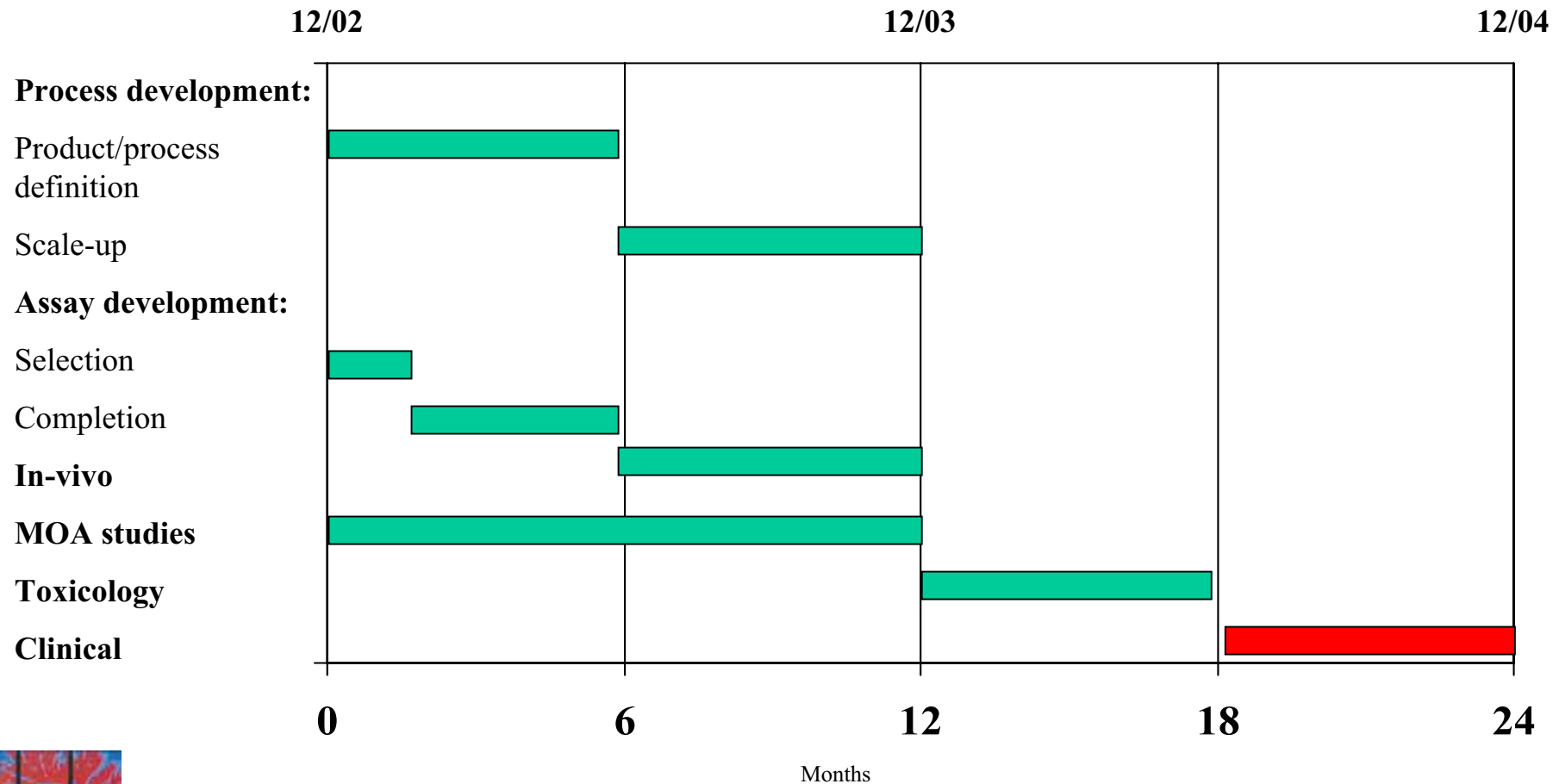


Action

- Develop Colostrinin™ further as a pharmaceutical
- Develop Colostrinin™ further as a nutraceutical
- Continue scientific programme
- Acquire further legs for the business



Development Timeline/Costs



ReGen – approx £2M ex. overheads



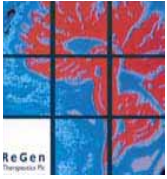
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Colostrinin - Scientific update

Dr Marian Kruzel

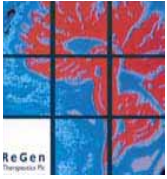
Senior Scientific Adviser





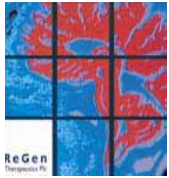
Alzheimer's Disease

“Alzheimer's Disease is a progressive neurodegenerative disorder that affects an estimated 18 million people in the world ”

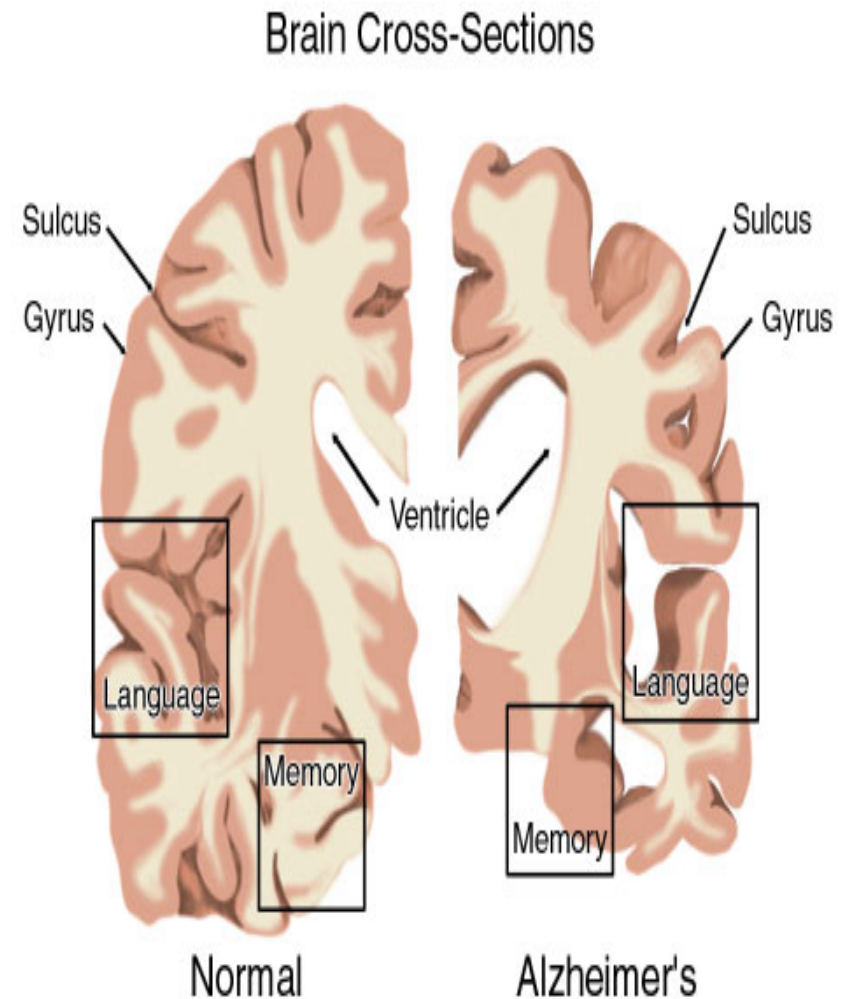
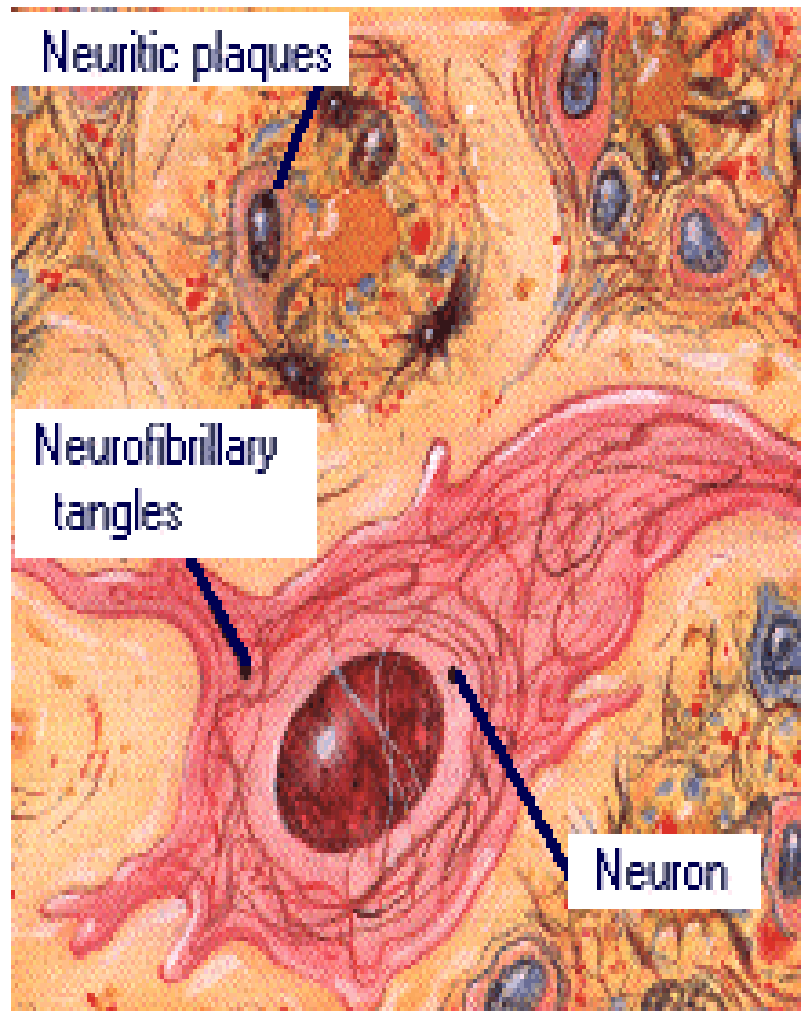


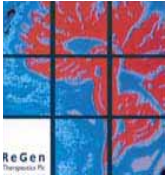
Neuropathology Of Alzheimer's Disease

- Senile Plaques (SPs) - extracellular lesions
- Neurofibrillary Tangles (NFTs) - intraneuronal lesions
- Massive Neuronal Loss (Hippocampus and Neocortex)



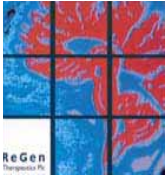
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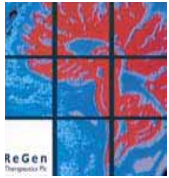
Biochemistry Of Alzheimer's Disease

- Accumulation of extracellular Amyloid- β
- Reduced level of Acetylcholine
- Overproduction of reactive oxygen species (ROS)

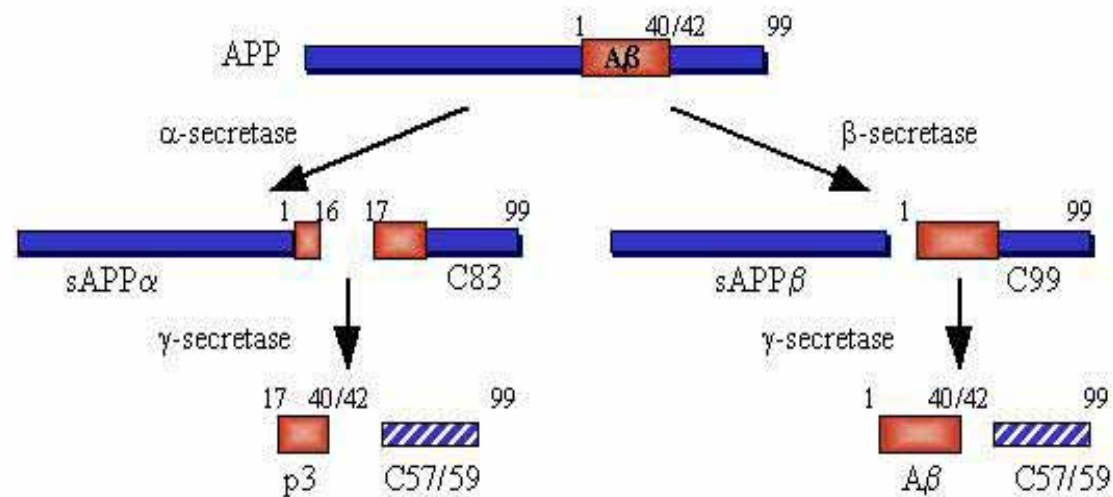


Therapeutic Interventions In Alzheimer's Disease

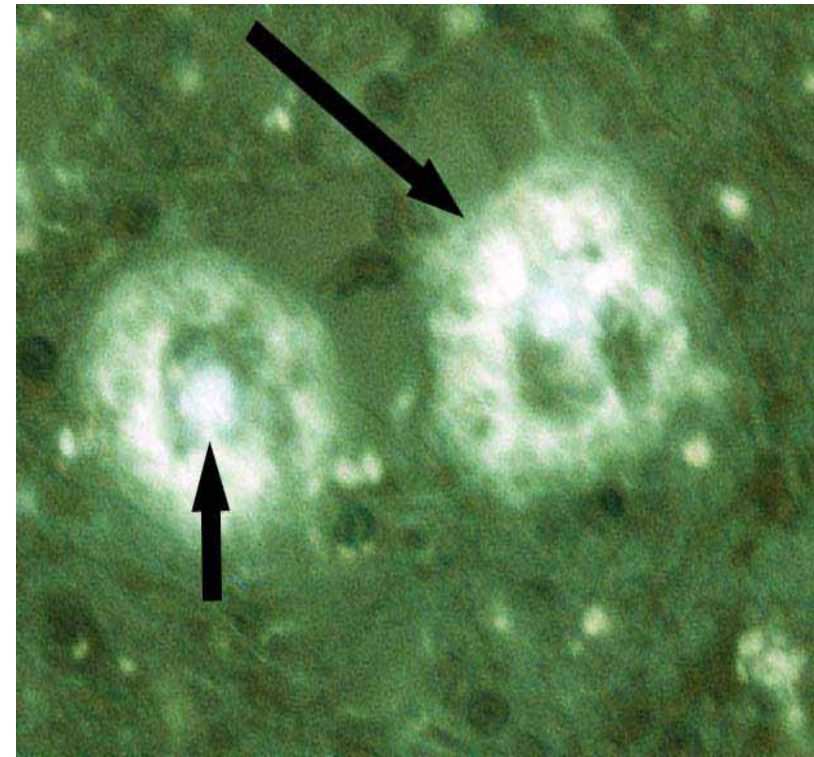
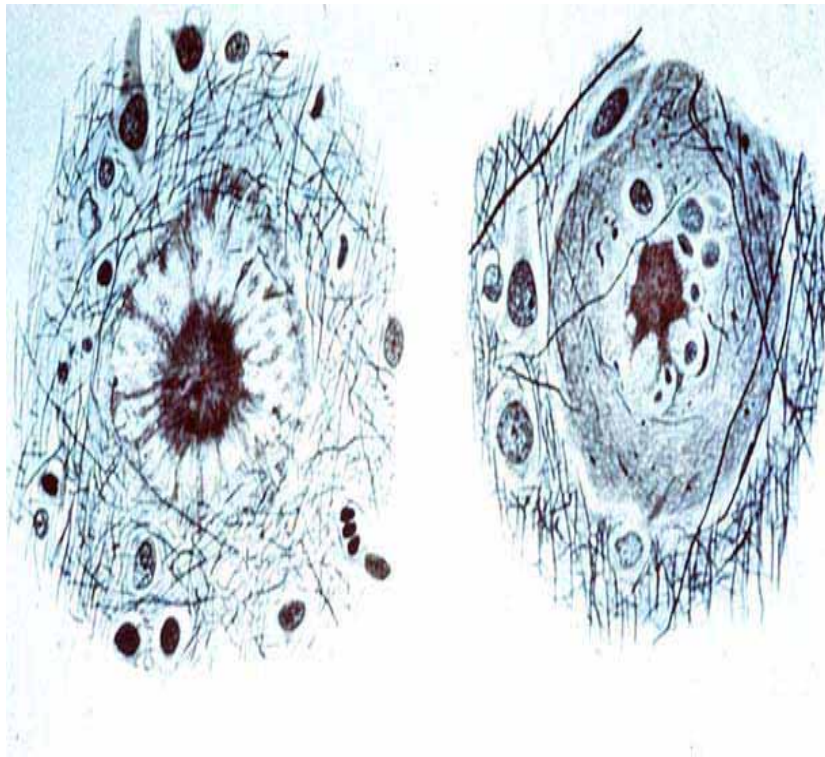
- Anti- β amyloid Experimental Vaccine (clinical trials terminated due to increased mortality)
- Acetylcholinesterase inhibitors (Aricept, Exelon, Galantamine; general limitations)
- Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs/Anti-ROS (anecdotal)

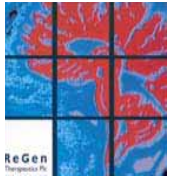


Proteolytic Processing Of APP



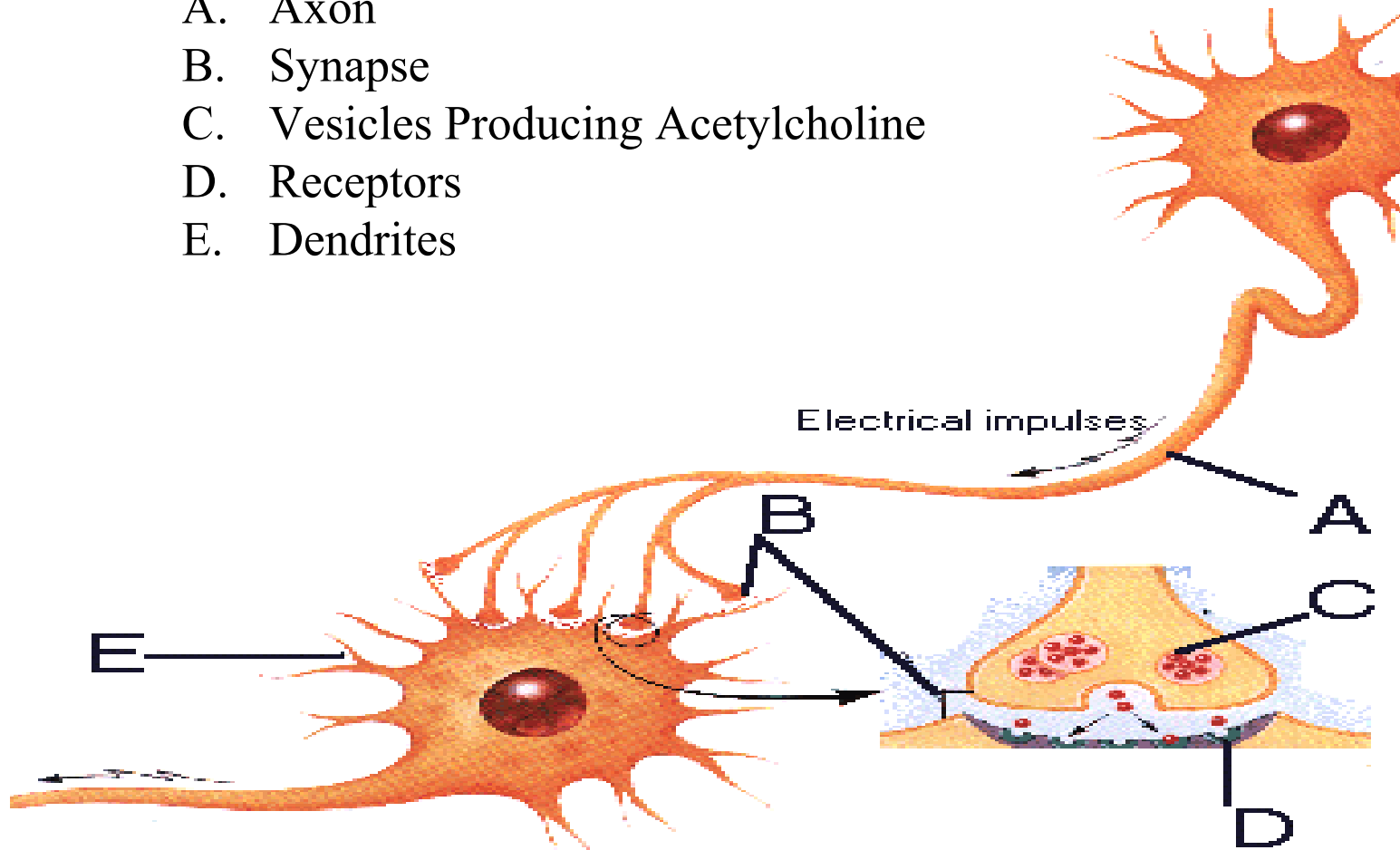
Amyloid Beta Plaques

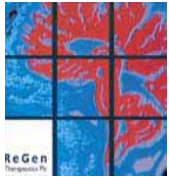




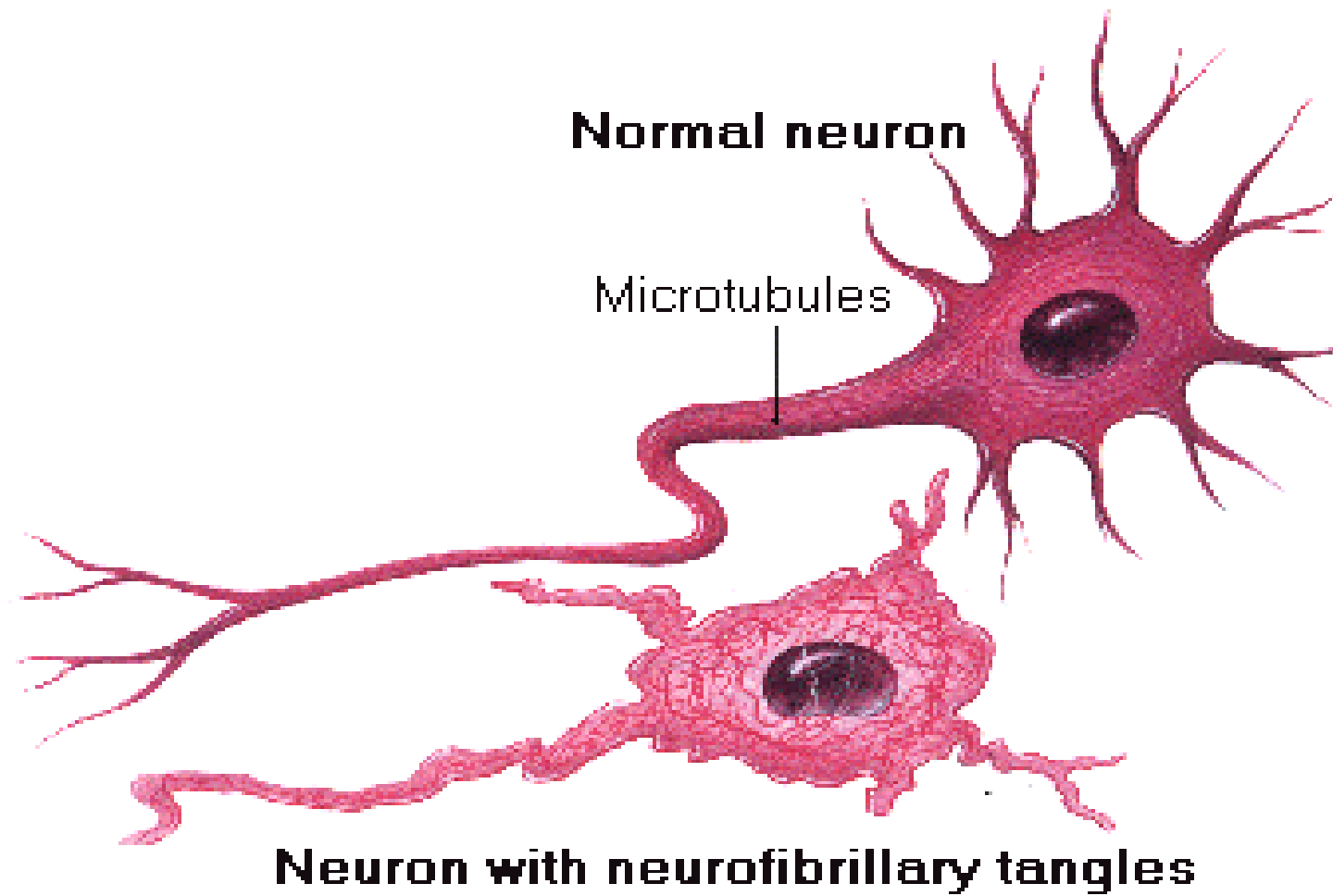
Neuronal Communications

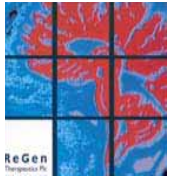
- A. Axon
- B. Synapse
- C. Vesicles Producing Acetylcholine
- D. Receptors
- E. Dendrites





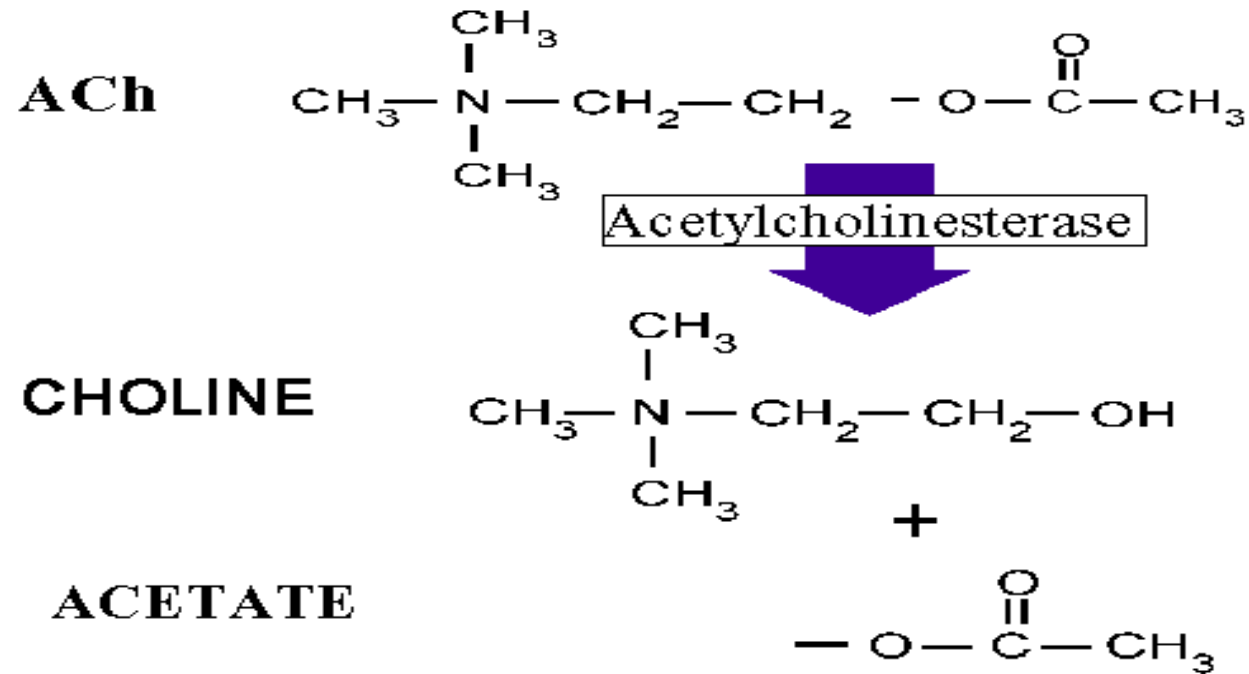
Neuronal Death

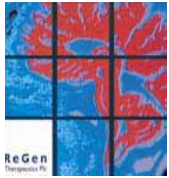




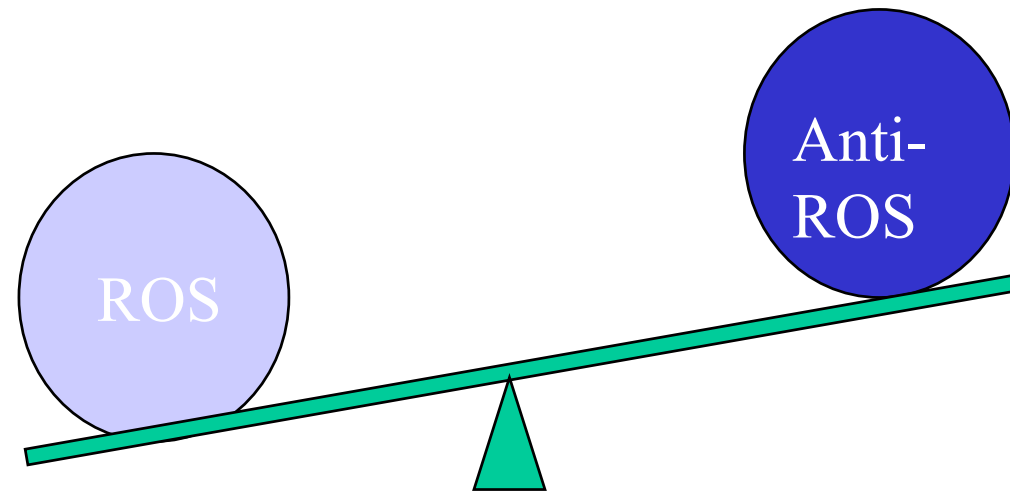
Acetylcholinesterase Inhibitor

Termination of Activity



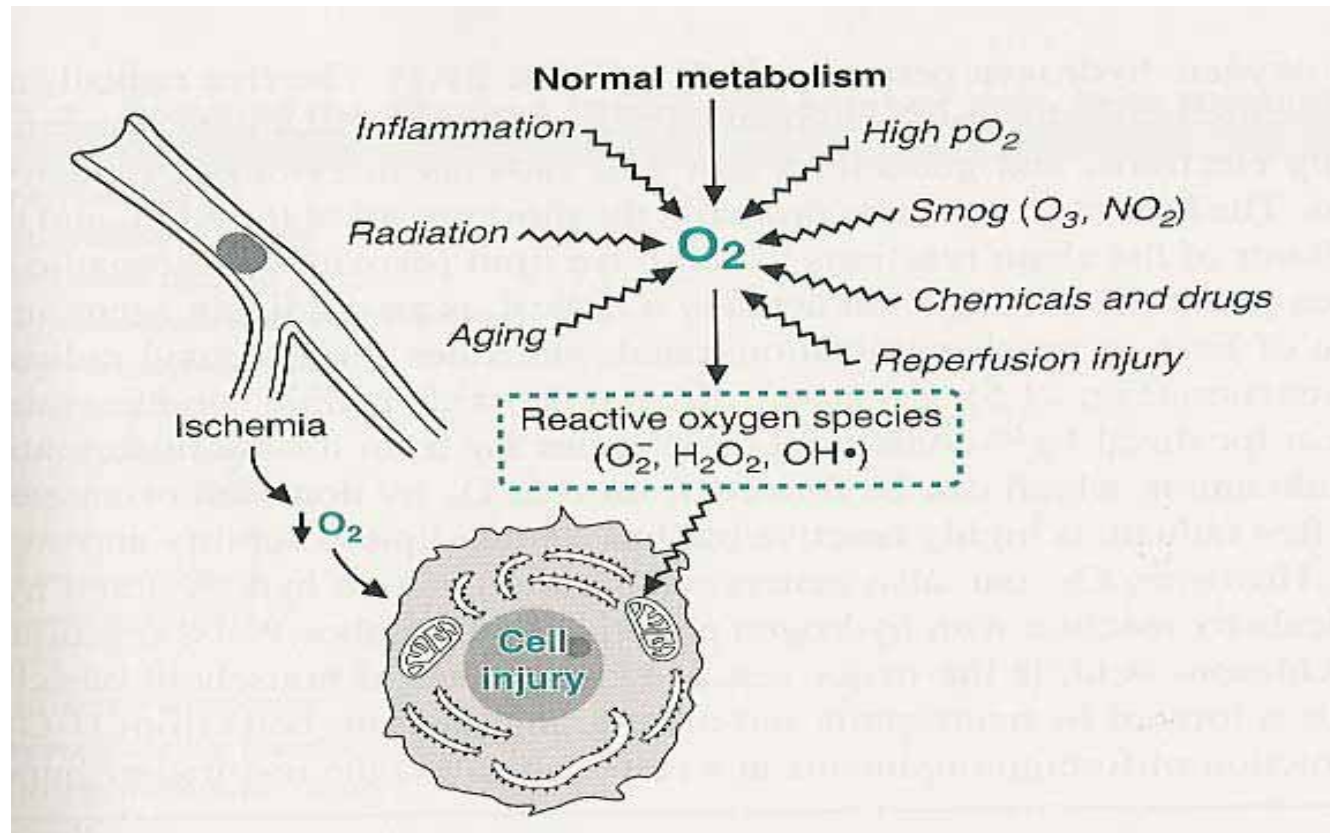


Oxidative Stress

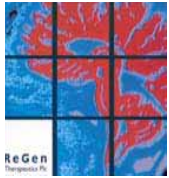


Oxidative Stress is defined as a disturbance in the pro-oxidant to anti-oxidant balance. It describes a state of damage caused by reactive oxygen species (ROS)

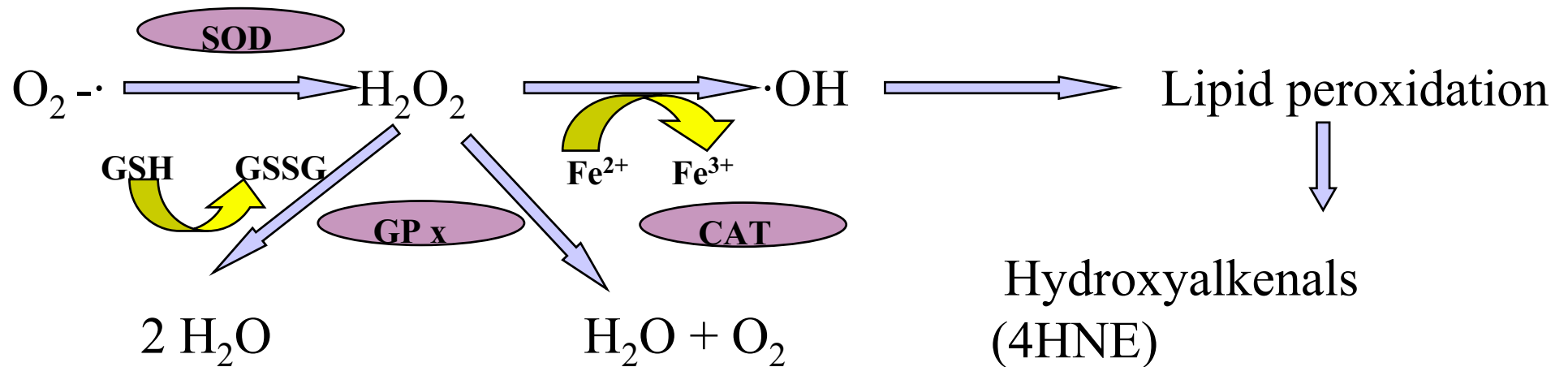
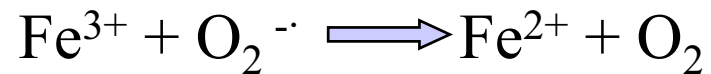
Oxygen Metabolism and ROS

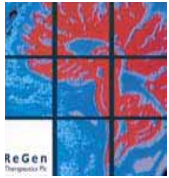


Various stimuli can increase the formation of ROS and cell injury



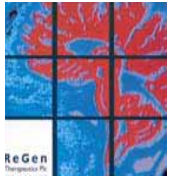
Iron-dependent Oxygen Metabolism





Colostrinin™

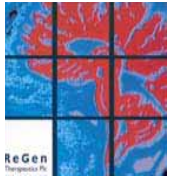
- Colostrinin, also known as proline-rich polypeptide (PRP) has been developed at the Polish Academy of Sciences
- It has been shown to be immunoregulatory in various *in-vitro* and *in-vivo* tests



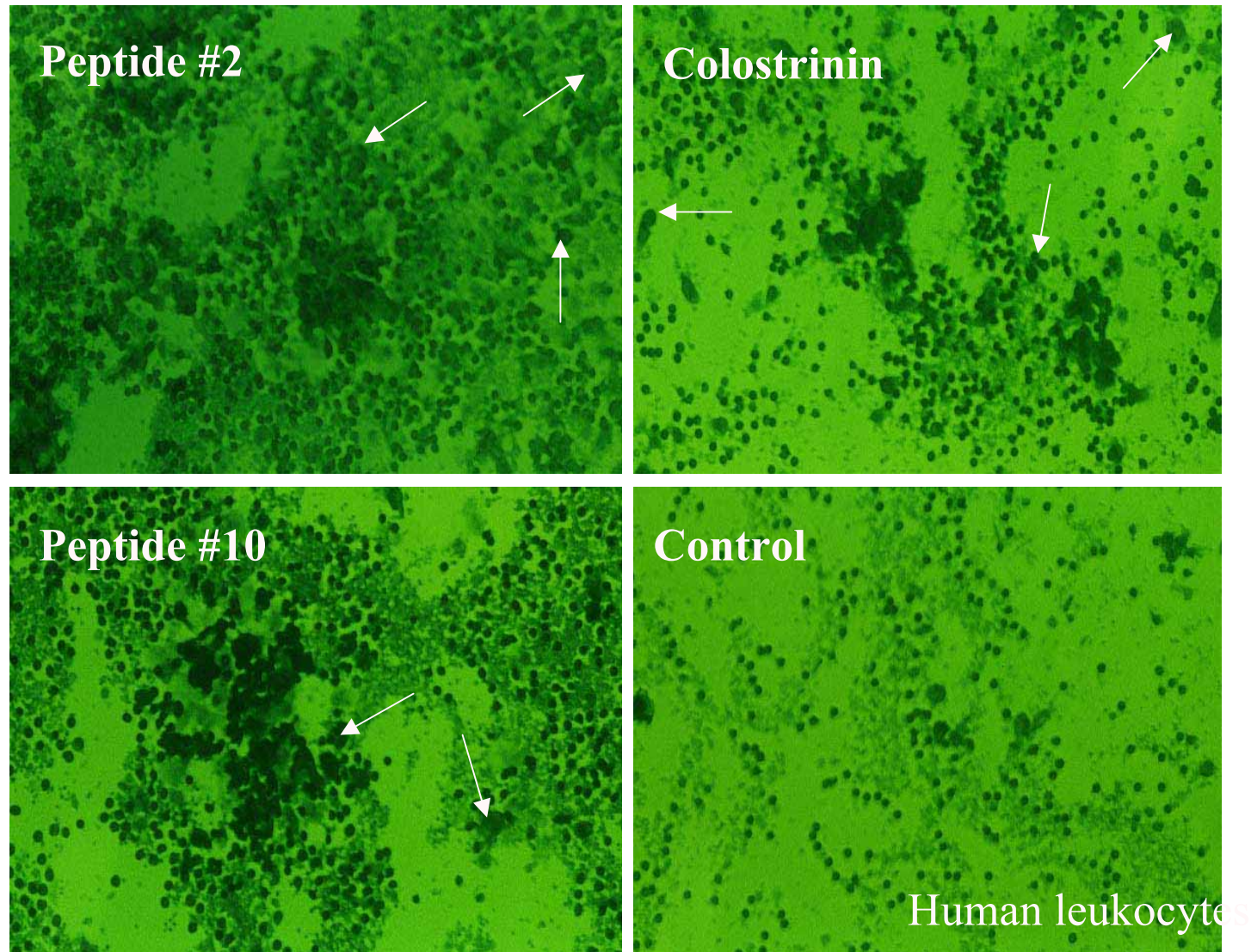
Colostrinin™ and its Peptides

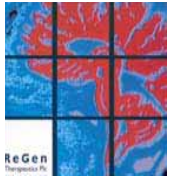
The UTMB Study

- Anti-oxidant activity
- Proliferative responses/Cytokine induction
- Cell differentiating responses

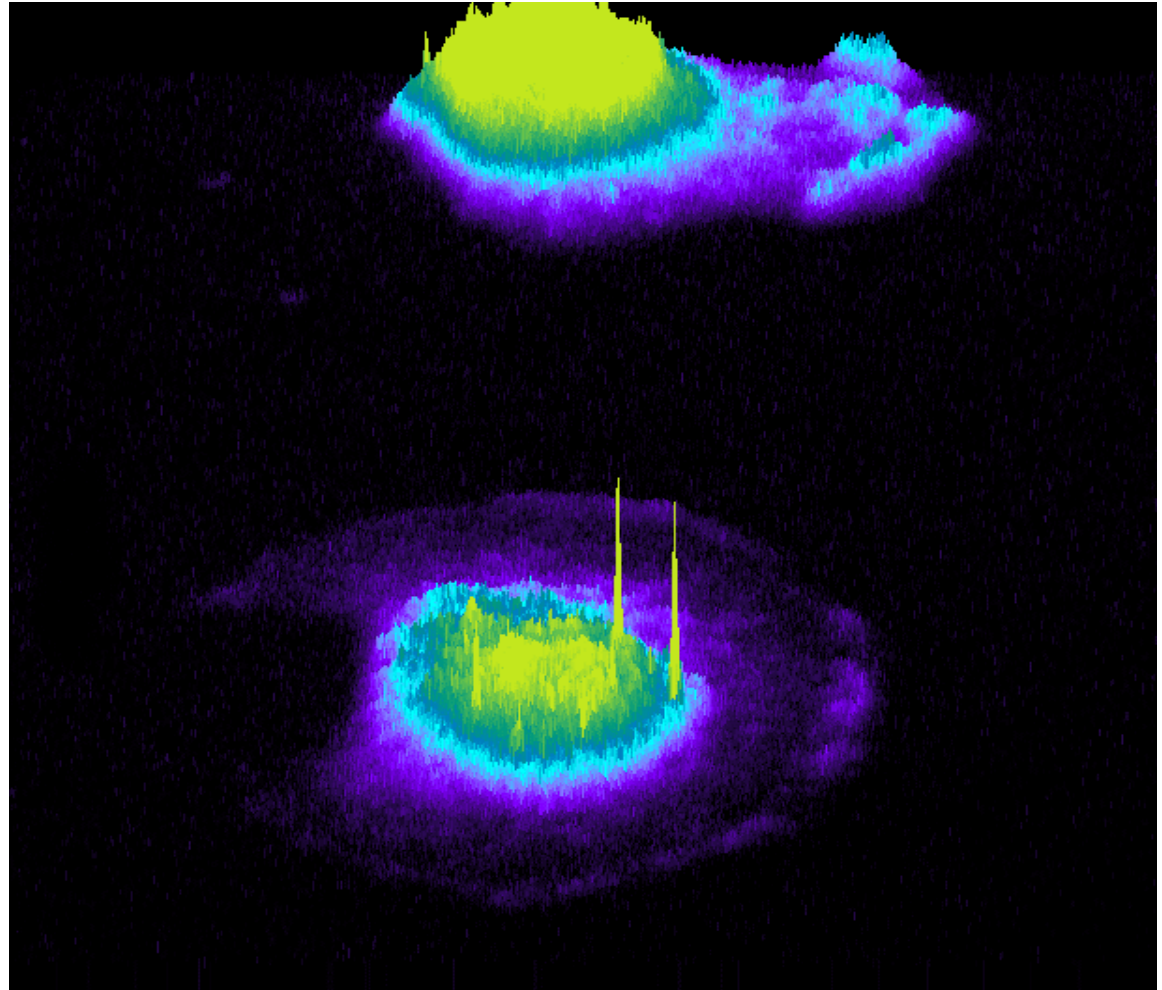
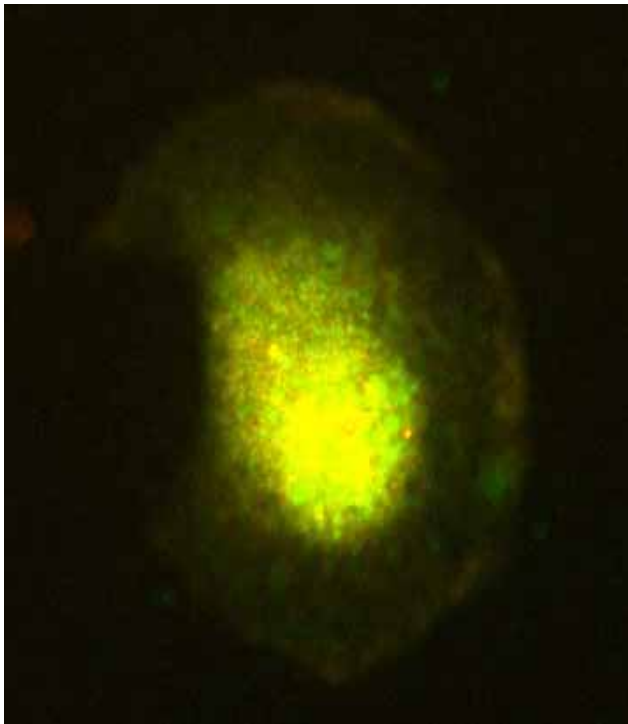


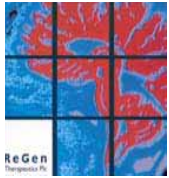
CLN-Induced Proliferation





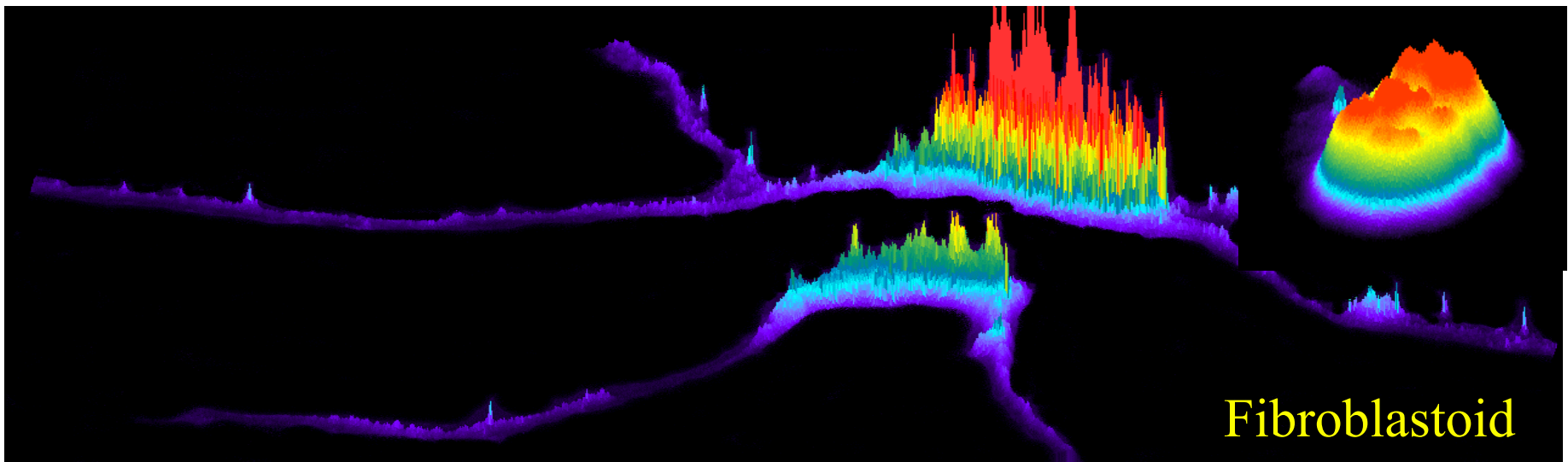
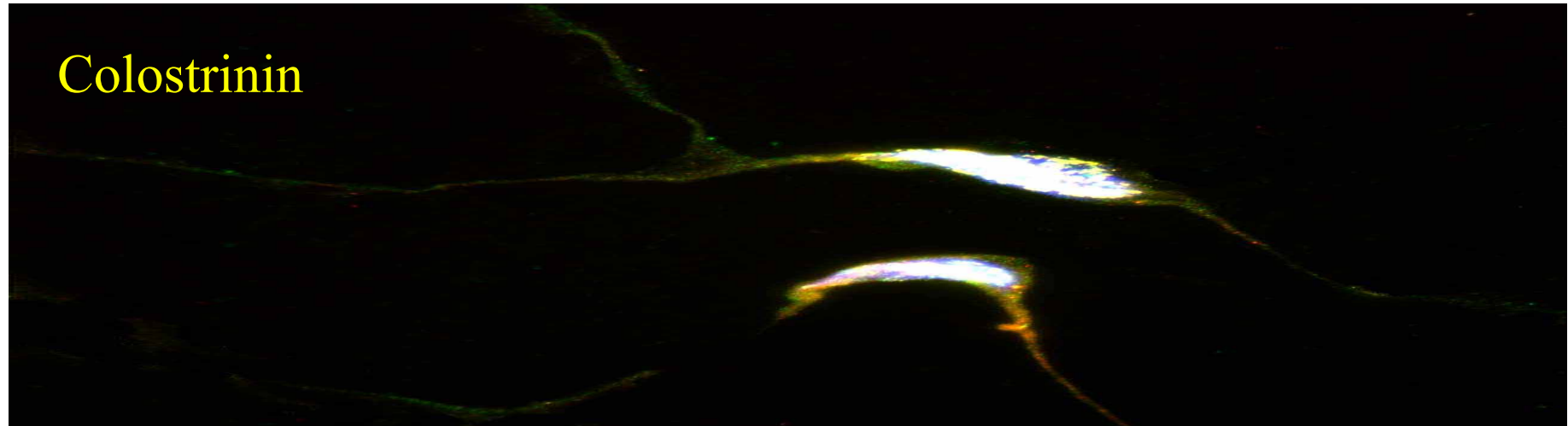
Morphology of the PC12 Cells



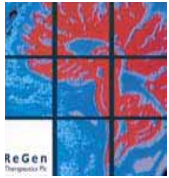


CLN-Induced Morphological Changes

Colostrinin

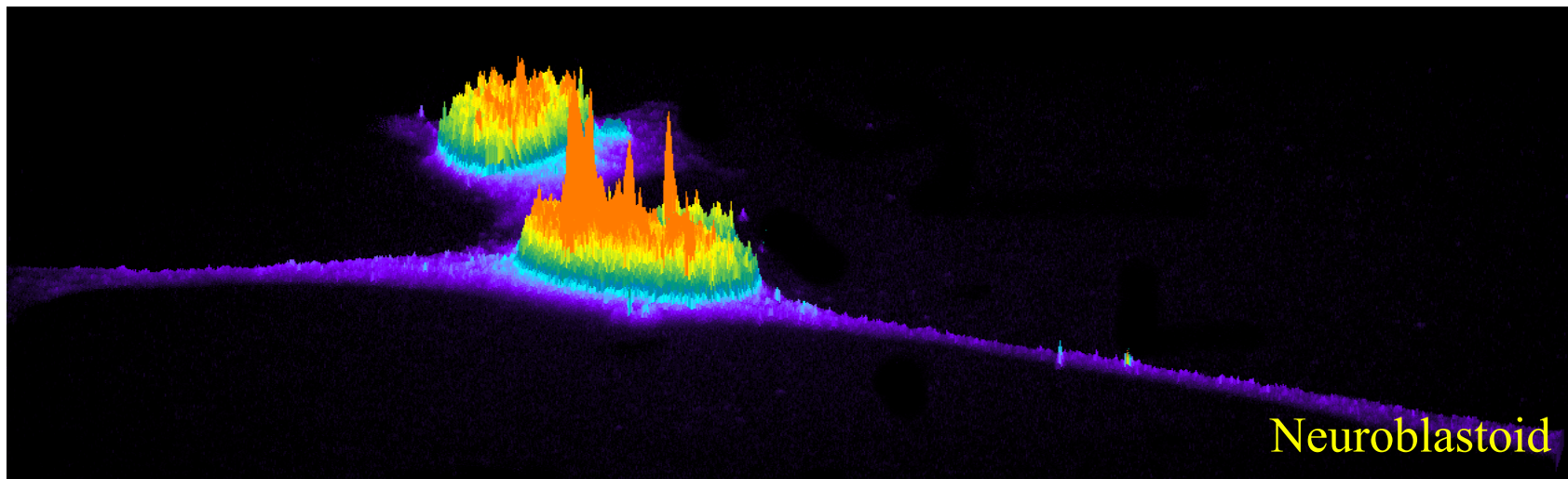
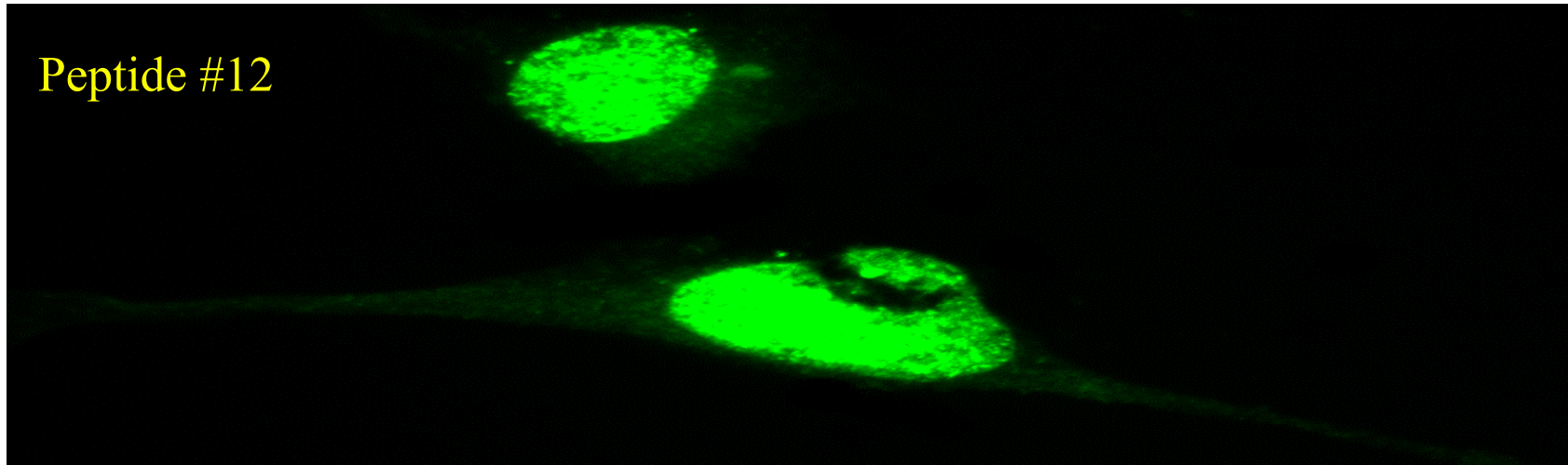


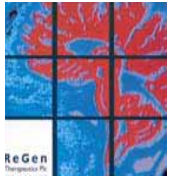
Fibroblastoid



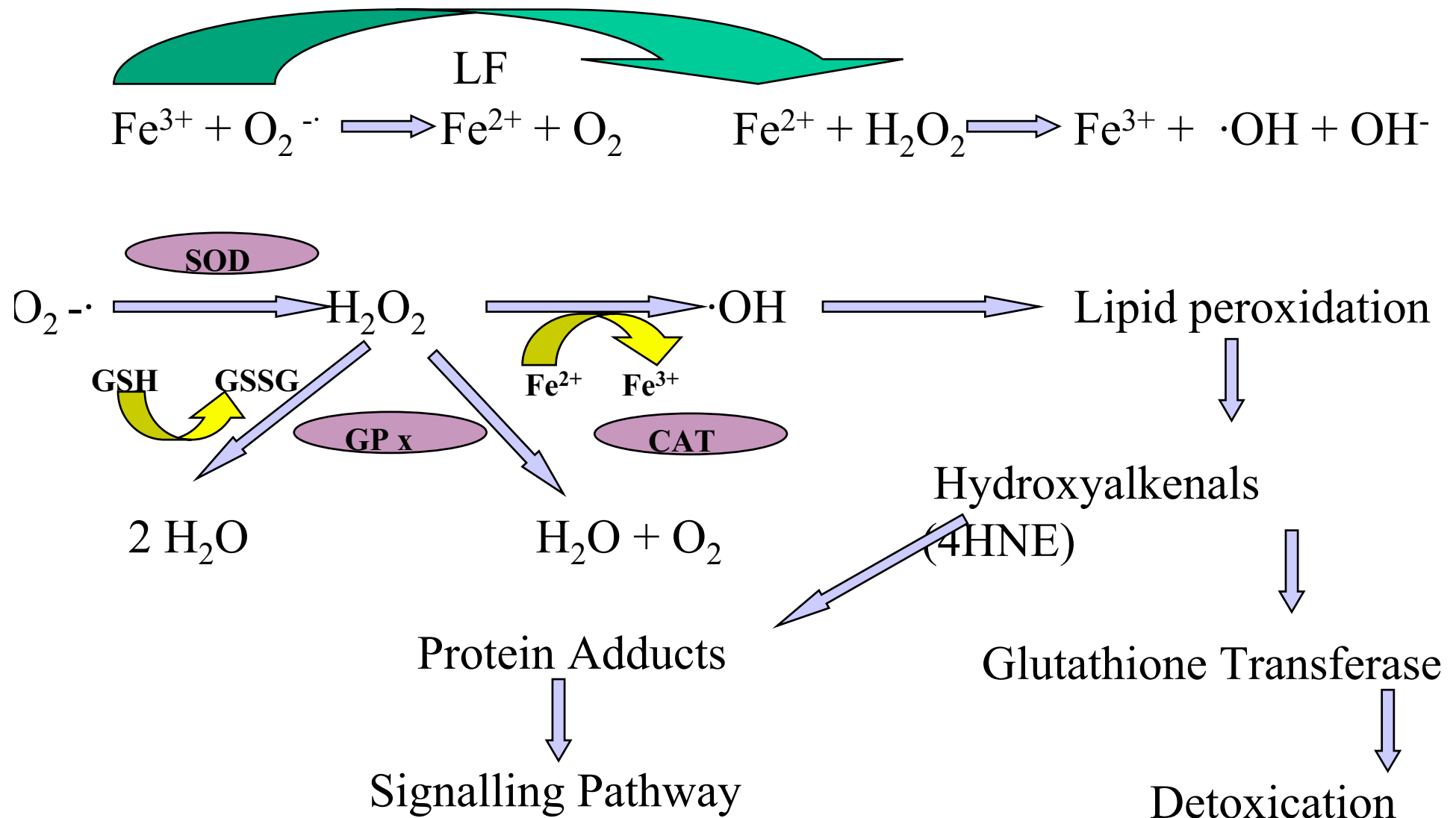
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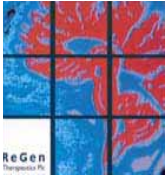
Peptide #12





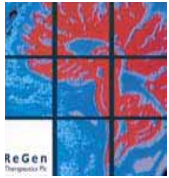
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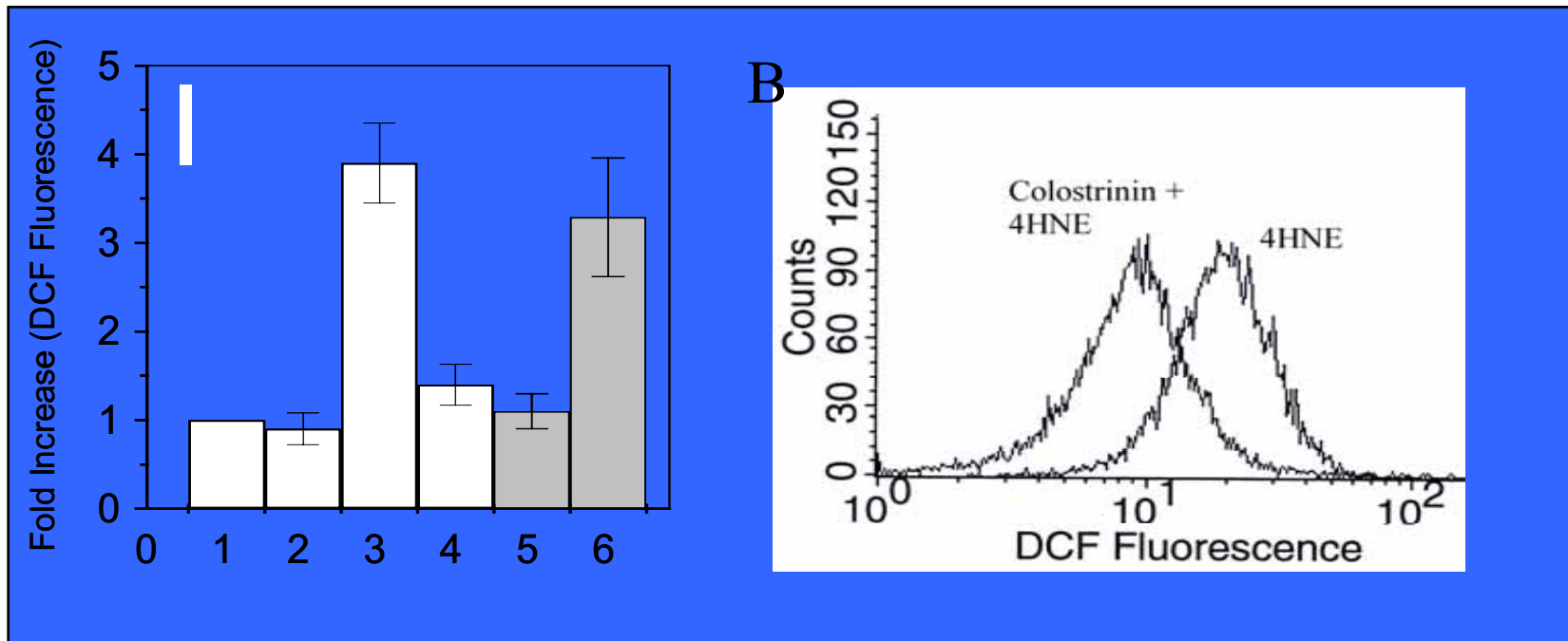


Colostrinin and Lipid Peroxidation

- 4HNE- mediated adduct formation
- Generation of reactive oxygen species (ROS)
- Glutathione metabolism
- Modification of signal transduction cascade: activation of c-Jun NH₂-terminal kinase (JNK) and activation of p53

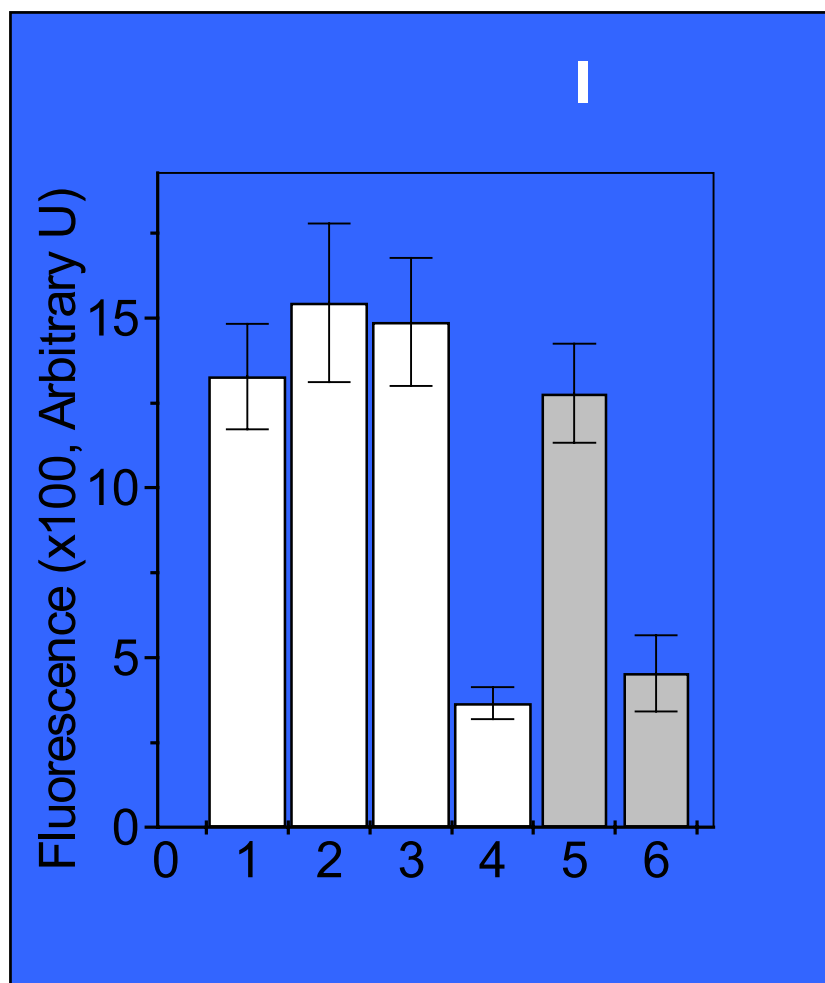


CLN Inhibits 4HNE-induced Oxidative Stress



A: 1, control; 2, colostrinin (10 mg/ml); 3, 4HNE (25 nM); 4, 4HNE (25 nM) plus colostrinin (10 mg/ml); 5, lactalbumin hydrolysate (10 mg/ml); 6, lactalbumin hydrolysate (10 mg/ml) plus 4HNE (25 nM). **B:** A representative FACS histogram of fluorescence of cells treated with 4HNE (25 nM) and CLN (10 mg/ml) plus 4HNE.

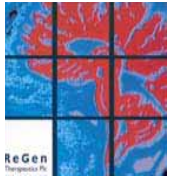
CLN and 4HNE-induced Reduction of Intracellular GSH



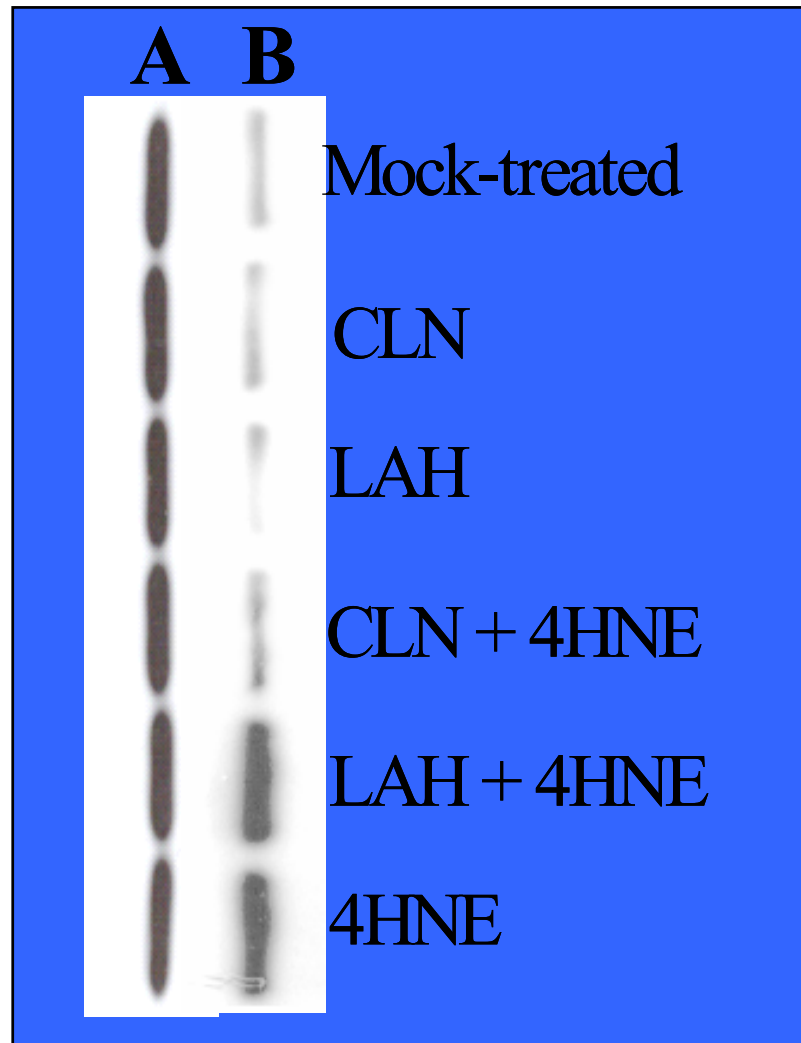
Cells were mock- or treated with CLN (or LAH) and/or 4HNE for 30 min, and o-phthalaldehyde-mediated fluorescence was determined.

Open column: 1, mock-treated; 2, CLN (10 mg/ml)-; 3, LAH (10 mg/ml)-, 4, 4HNE (25 nM)-treated. Filled column: 5, CLN (10 mg/ml) pre- and 4HNE (25 nM)-treated for 30 min; 6, LAH (10 mg/ml) pre and 4HNE (25 nM)-treated for 30 min.

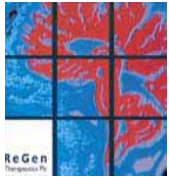




CLN Reduces 4HNE-Mediated p-53 Activation



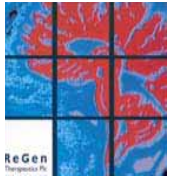
PC12 cells were pre-treated with CLN or LAH and exposed to 4HNE. Three hours after treatment cell lysates were analyzed by Western blot analysis. **B**, p53; **A**, corresponding alpha tubulin. 4HNE (25 nM), CLN (10 μ g/ml), LAH 10 (mg/ml).



CLN and 4HNE-Mediated Inhibition of JNK Induction



Equal amounts of protein (50 μ g) were fractionated, blotted and probed with anti-phospho- (Thr-183/Tyr-185) JNK antibody. Lanes 1 and 2, mock-treated cells; lane 3, 8-(4-chlorophenylthio)-cAMP, an inhibitor of JNK activation; lanes 4 and 5, 25 nM 4HNE; lane 6, CLN (10 mg/ml) alone; lane 7, 25 nM 4HNE plus 10 μ g/ml CLN; lane 8, 25 nM 4HNE plus 1 μ g/ml CLN; lane 9, 25 nM 4HNE plus 0.1 μ g/ml CLN.



CLN and the Signal Transduction Mechanisms

Future Studies:

Functional proteomics and genomics with focus on various gene activation/signaling, anti-apoptotic and cell differentiation pathways

Clinical Studies

Tim Shilton
Development Manager



Clinical Studies

Pre-ReGen/non GCP

Consistent indication of efficacy (MMSE maintained/improved) and well tolerated

- Toxicity and dose-ranging (5 and 6 subjects)
- 12m/db placebo/selenium-controlled, 45 subjects/15 on Colostrinin (13 up to 28 months)
- Open trial, 27 subjects (20 up to 16 months)
- Open trial, 9 subjects



Findings/RG-010

Efficacy

- 15 weeks Colostrinin shows clear benefit vs Placebo (ADAS cog, $p = 0.02$; IADL, $p = 0.018$)
- ‘mild’ subjects show better efficacy than ‘moderate’ (ADAS cog, $p = 0.01$)
- ‘Overall Response’ analysis shows that approximately 40% subjects derived benefit after 15 weeks Colostrinin and 33% continued to benefit after 30 weeks



Findings/RG-010

Safety

- No drug-related concerns at any time during study
- 3 patients in PCP and 4 patients in OL with SAE's
 - All 3 in PCP were on Placebo
 - All SAE's in OL were assessed by clinicians as no relationship or unlikely to be related to Colostrinin
 - Behavioural disorder (unlikely), ventricular cancer (none), heart murmur + pericarditis (none), stroke (unlikely)



ReGen - Study RG-010

Conclusions

- Colostrinin shows evidence of efficacy over 30 weeks; better outcome in milder disease
- Objective of validating short-term ‘clinical activity’ met
- Further development warranted
- Achieved with very low drug exposure (6 mg/30 weeks) and without safety concerns
- Impact of higher/longer dosing needs to be evaluated



Manufacturing

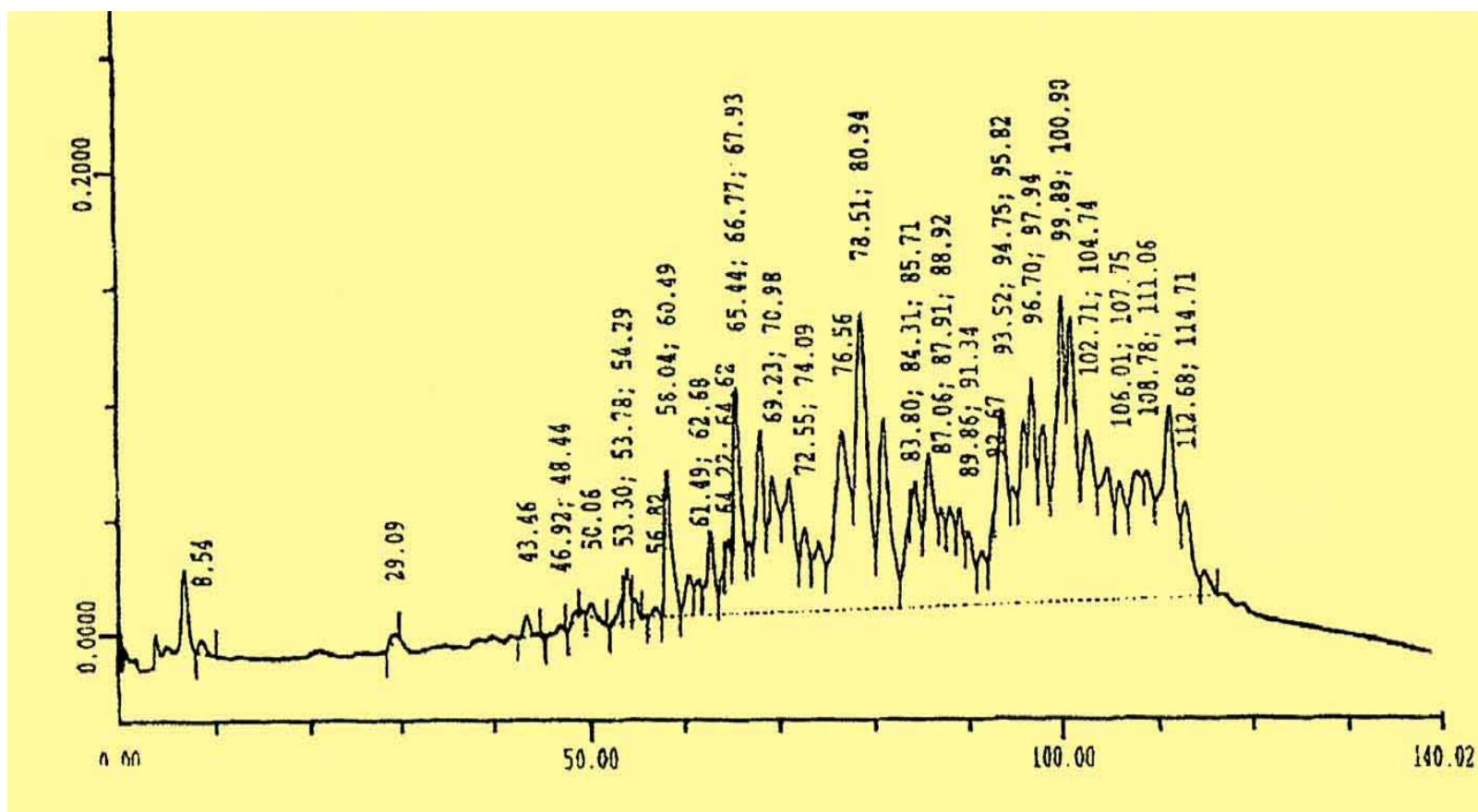


Colostrum/Colostrinin™

- Colostrum is the mammal's first milk after birth which is known to offer protection to the newborn against infection
- Colostrinin™ is the name given to a proline-rich polypeptide complex derived from ovine colostrum
- The science leading to Colostrinin™ was developed over a period of 20 years at the Polish Academy of Sciences



COLOSTRININ™ COMPLEX: HPLC



Specification

- Cytokine induction (g IFN) in PBL's
- SDS – Characteristic pattern (<25KDa)
- Amino-acid analysis (20-30% proline)



Development Plan

Colostrinin

2003 - 2004



Situation Analysis

- ‘Clinical effect’ – positive but may be sub-optimal
 - due to low dose/discontinuous regimen
 - current potency assay may not best represent clinical activity
 - optimised formulation?
- No sign of intolerance
- New extraction methods - may be quicker, simpler, cheaper, higher yielding
- Bovine colostrum may be a more commercially attractive source



Next Clinical Study

Pharmaceutical or nutraceutical?

- Dose-ranging study
 - Higher dose/more convenient regimen
 - Earlier stage disease (MCI/mild)
 - Longer duration/longer placebo comparison
 - Most relevant endpoints



Preparatory Activities

Stage 1

- Select/develop quantitative bioassay and animal model (dose-response/therapeutic index)
- Minimise variation in raw material/finalise analytics and specification

Stage 2

- Complete process development/scale-up (GMP)
- Supplemental pharmacology/toxicology



Potential Activity Assays

- Eight alternatives under evaluation
- Covers all activities associated with Colostrinin™
- Several collaborators
- May lead to simplification of the product



Animal Models

(Choice to be made on basis of in vitro results)

- Effect of Colostrinin on cognitive function
- Lipid peroxidation
- Transgenic mice
- Senescence-accelerated mice (SAM)

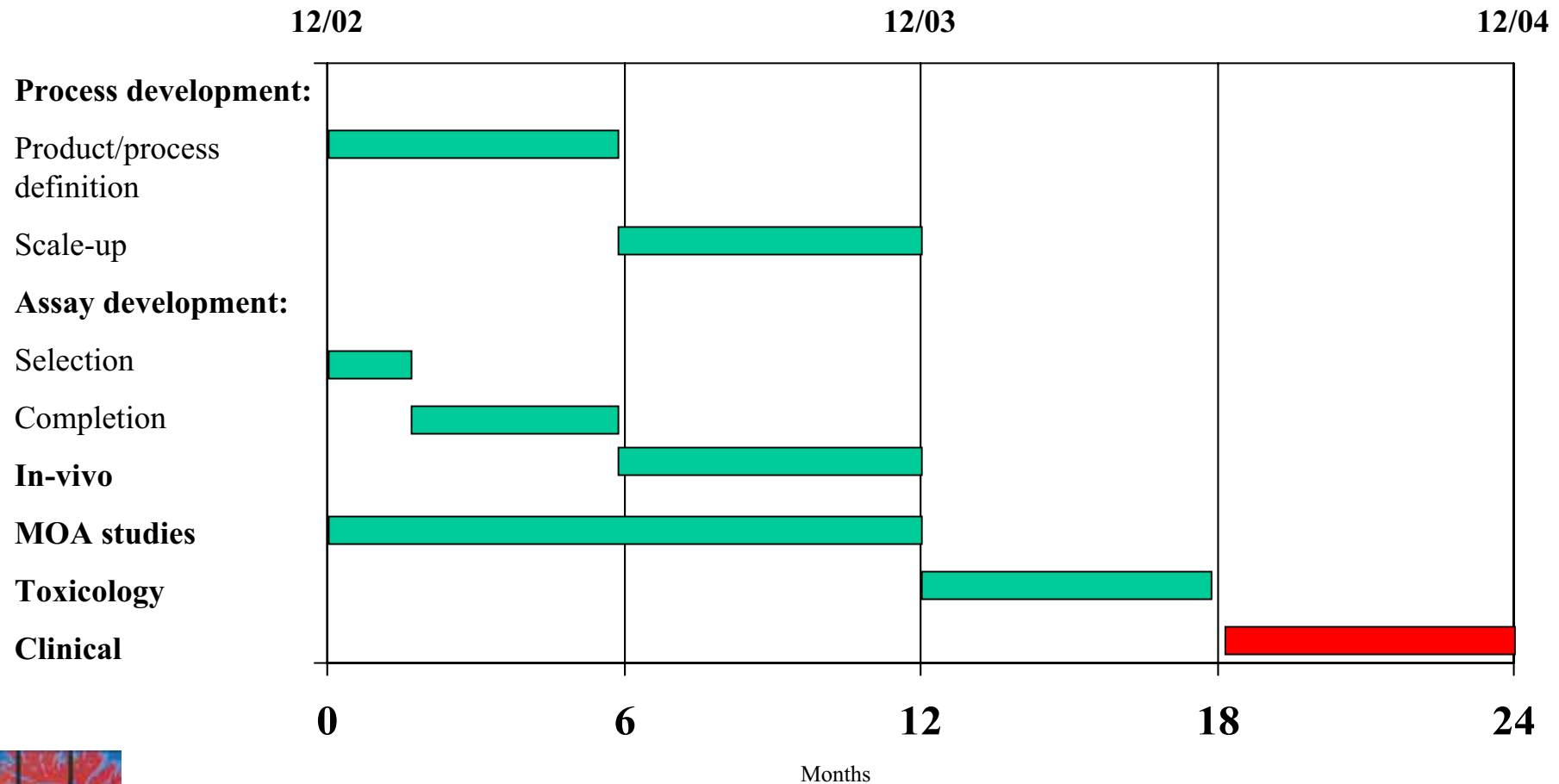


MOA Studies

- Investigation of molecular mechanism of cell differentiation (SH-SY5Y) induced by Colostrinin/role of p53 - UTMB
- Effect of Colostrinin on brain AD markers (including neurotransmitters) in normal and senescence accelerated (SA) mice - OU
- Functional genomics/proteomics to identify specific cytokines and intra-cellular signalling molecules or receptors up/down-regulated by Colostrinin



Development Timeline/Costs



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Partnered

Nutraceuticals

Martin Small
General Manager



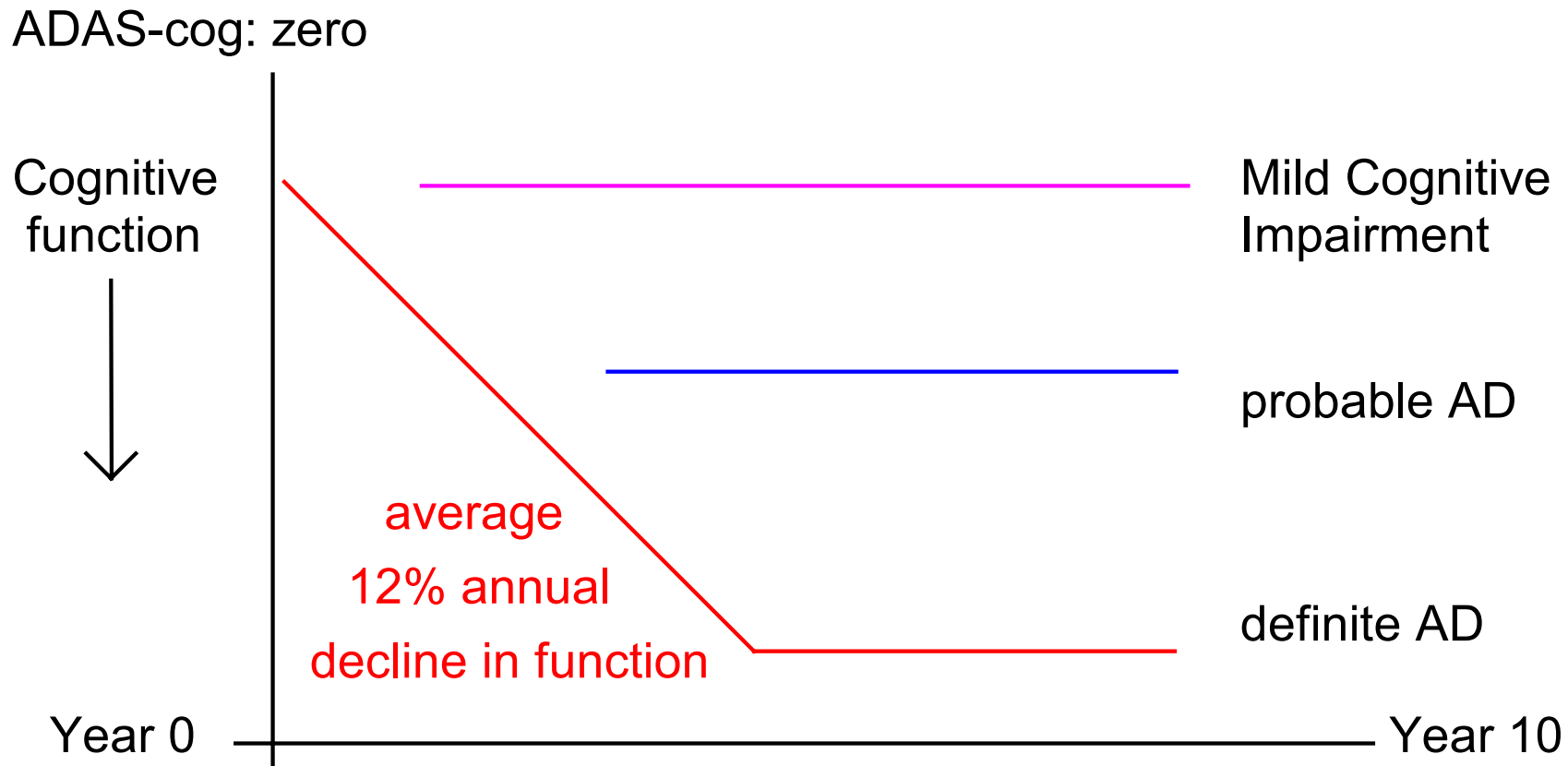
HOW?

Can the potential product range of ReGen be expanded?

- Pharma companies with launched AD products now investigating therapeutic indications for early-stage AD and Mild Cognitive Impairment
- Potential for new indications made possible by improvements in earlier poor side-effect profile
- Any new products likely still to be prescription drug preparations, as improvements or derivatives of existing drugs will have an ongoing need for side-effects to be monitored.



Cognitive Impairment – Natural History



Theoretical model of progressive loss of function in AD



HOW?

Can the existing business of ReGen be expanded?

- Colostrinin™ will continue to be developed as a pharmaceutical for the treatment of AD
- A separate market exists for the treatment of early forms of cognitive impairment using a nutraceutical version of Colostrinin™



WHAT?

Is a nutraceutical

- A term adopted by the food marketing industry to describe a product isolated or purified from foods, generally sold in medicinal forms and demonstrated to have a beneficial, functional or physiological effect or to provide protection against chronic disease
- Examples include isolated nutrients, dietary supplements, specific diets, GM foods, herbal products and bio-engineered vegetable foods



WHY?

Is the nutraceutical market attractive

- Potentially a wider target market than that for prescription-drugs aimed at Alzheimer's disease
- Significant recent growth throughout sector expected to continue
- Already many “major players” involved
- Existing well established distribution & sales networks in the market
- Products aimed at animals, as well as humans, also possible



WHY?

Develop a nutraceutical version of Colostrinin™

- Nutraceutical could reach the market and generate revenues much sooner than the pharmaceutical version
- Already held encouraging discussions with major industry players
- Independent validation that nutraceutical avenue, in parallel with the existing pharma-route, worth investigating



WHAT?

Makes Colostrinin™ an attractive nutraceutical proposition

- Derived from a natural source and shows a good safety profile
- Nutraceutical manufacturing process essentially the same as the pharmaceutical process and can be developed in tandem at relatively modest additional cost
- Anticipated that regulatory requirements acknowledge variations of natural products.



HOW?

Might a nutraceutical version of Colostrinin™ be developed?

- Define the manufacturing process
- Optimise the nutraceutical form, dose and method of presentation (tablet, powder etc)
- Conduct limited patient trial
- Contract with manufacturing, marketing and distribution partner(s)



WHEN?

Might a nutraceutical version of Colostrinin™ be developed and start to generate revenue?

- Project planning, manufacturing process definition and process scale-up: 2003
- Proving trial, partner discussions and potential income from license deal: 2004
- Pre-launch marketing, product launch and revenue generation: 2005



SUMMARY

COLOSTRININ™ AS A NUTRACEUTICAL

- Discussions with major industry players have been encouraging and suggest that a nutraceutical version of Colostrinin™ is worth investigating
- Fast growing industry sector
- Potential revenue generation from sales during 2005 and possibility of earlier income from partner licensing deals
- Potential revenues ease future funding requirements of the Company



Finance

Norman Lott
Finance Director



Spend Analysis

	4 Yrs to 12/01 £(,000)	Yr to 12/02 £(,000)	18 m to 6/04 £(,000)
Overheads	3,338	1,260	1,200
Development	3,381	620	2,300
% Development	50.32	32.98	65.71



Overheads/Cash burn

	2001	2002	2003
Overheads	1.5m	1.25m	0.8m
Cash burn per month:			
Overhead	125k	100k	65k
Overall	200k	160k	150k
Liquid funds		750k	



Overall Summary

Percy Lomax
Executive Chairman



Summary

- Focussed action plan
- Build on three legs
- Raise money



Cash Requirement

- Completion of current plan - £3.75m
- Liquid resources - £750K
- Funding gap - £3m



Cash Raising

- By share issue for cash
- Further Investment Trust issue
- Cash generation from acquisition
- External partnering sources



The Vision

- By 2006 to have a self sustaining profitable Healthcare Business



Thanks for your attention

Q and A

