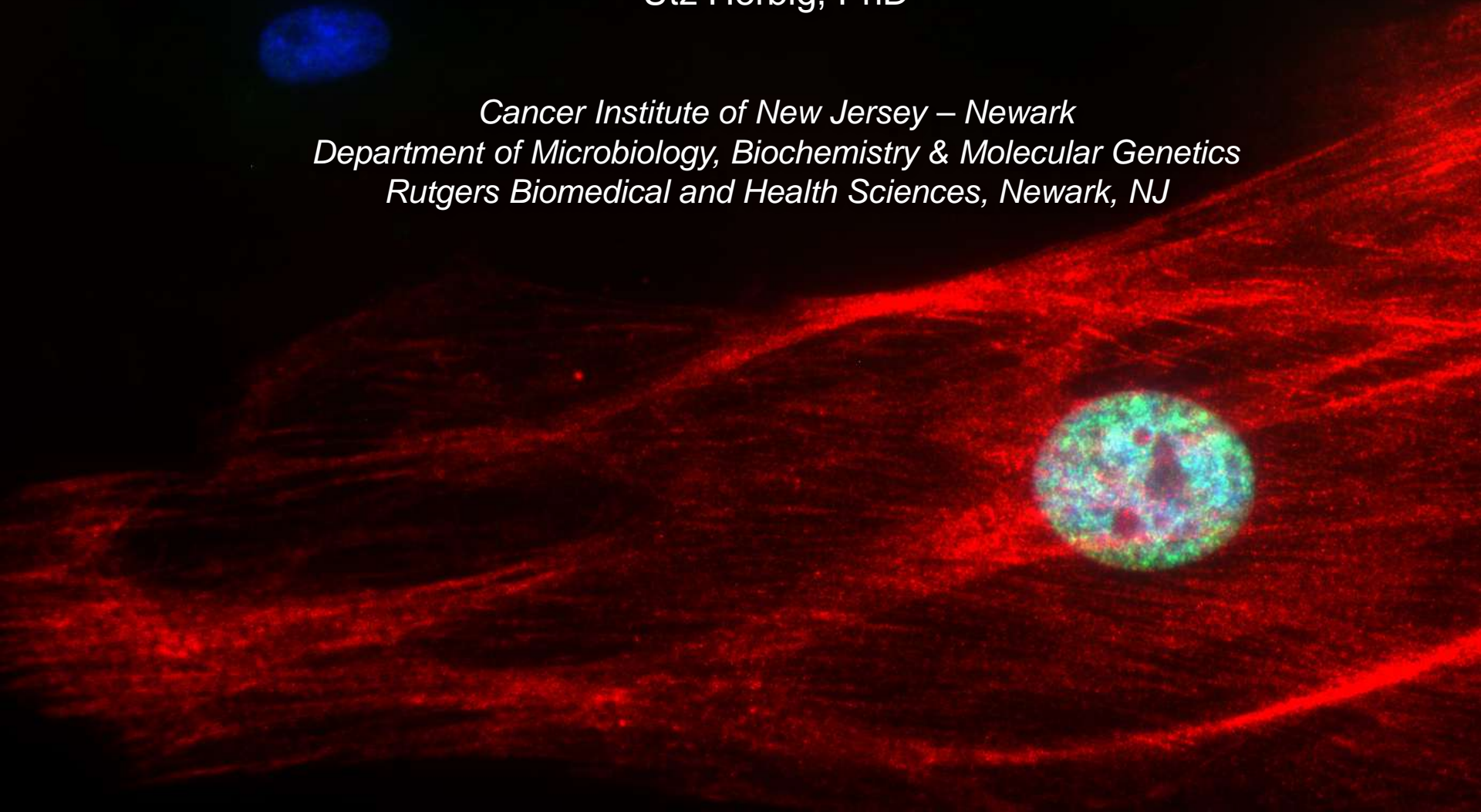


# Telomere Dysfunction-Induced Senescence in Aging and Disease

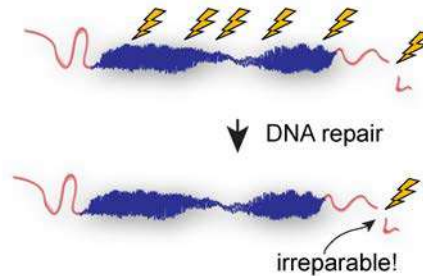
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# Cellular Senescence

DNA Replication (Telomere Shortening)  
Oncogenic Stress  
DNA Damage  
Oxidative Stress  
Cytokines  
Chromatin Changes  
Developmental Cues  
Mitochondrial Disturbances  
Cell Reprogramming  
Cell-Cell Fusion

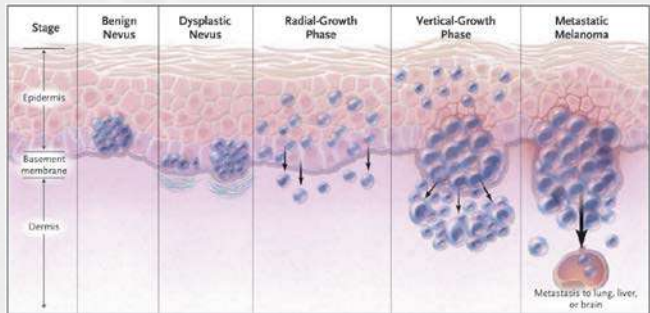


Human Diploid Fibroblasts



# Biological Role of Cellular Senescence

## Tumor Suppression 2005



## Wound Healing 2008



## Aging 2011



## Embryonic Development 2013



# Biological Role of Telomere Dysfunction-Induced Senescence - TDIS

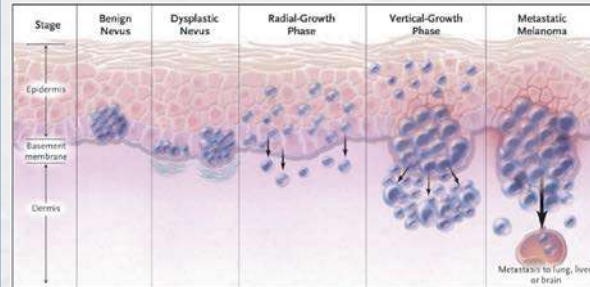
## Aging

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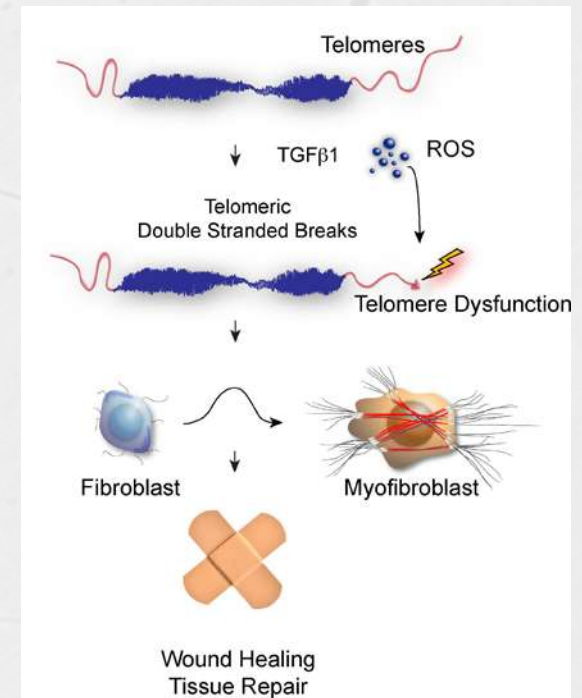
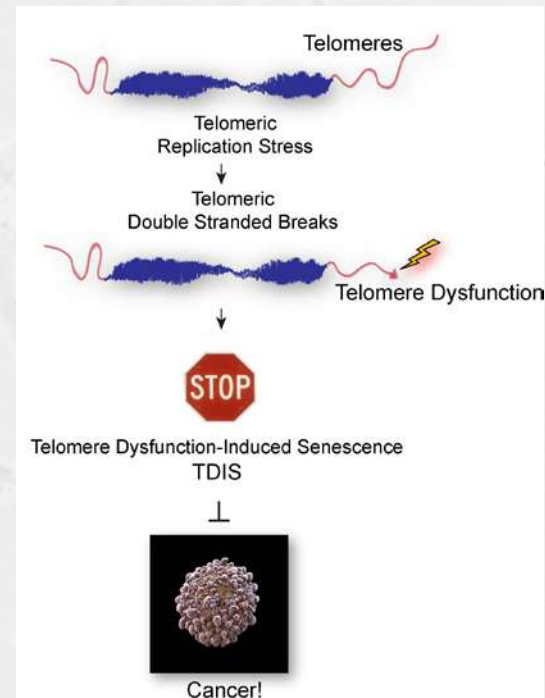
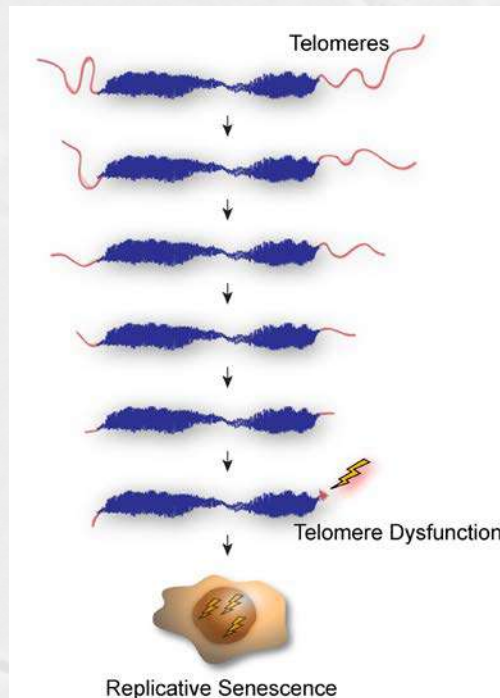
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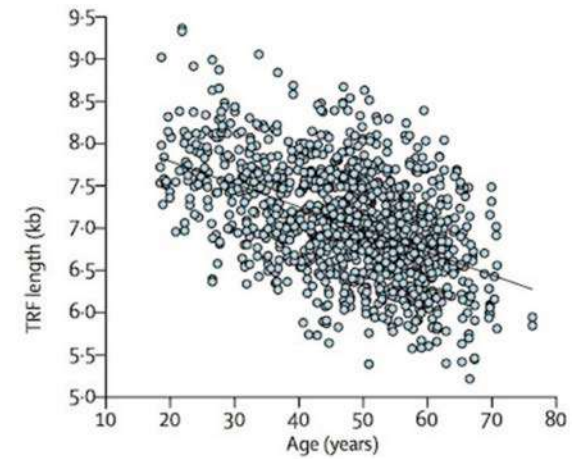
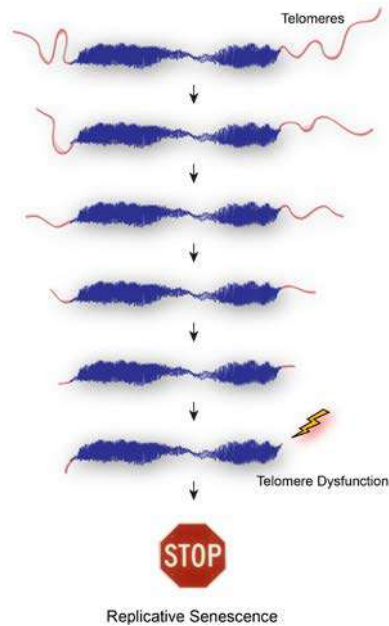
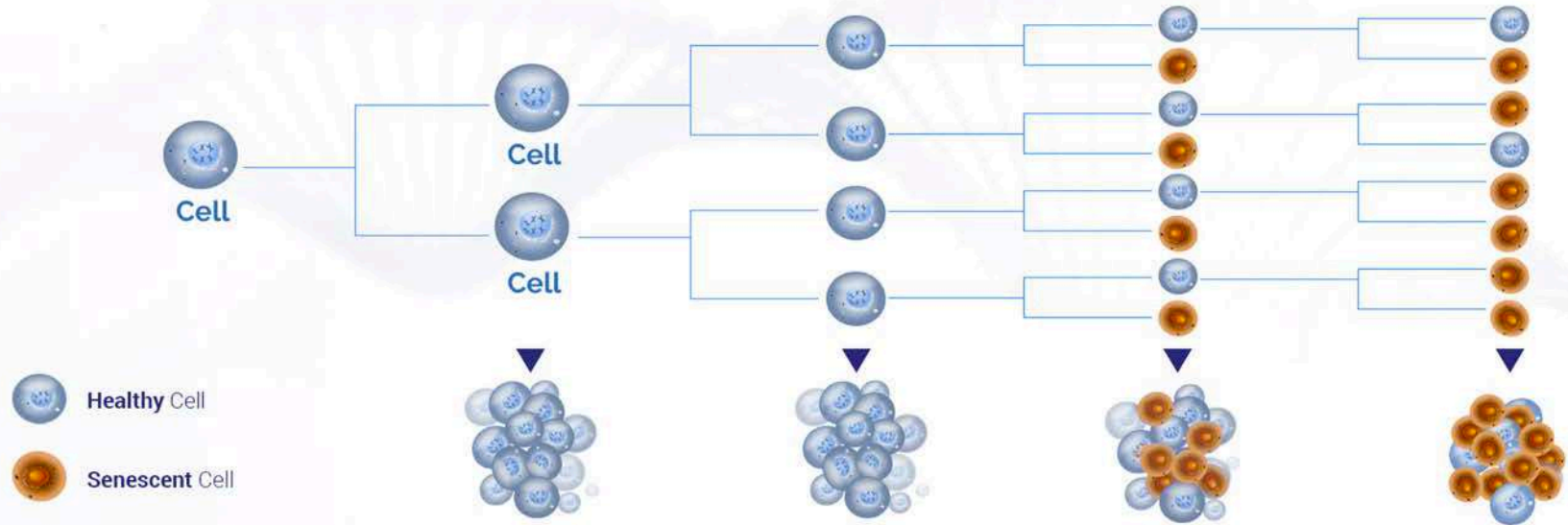
## Wound Healing

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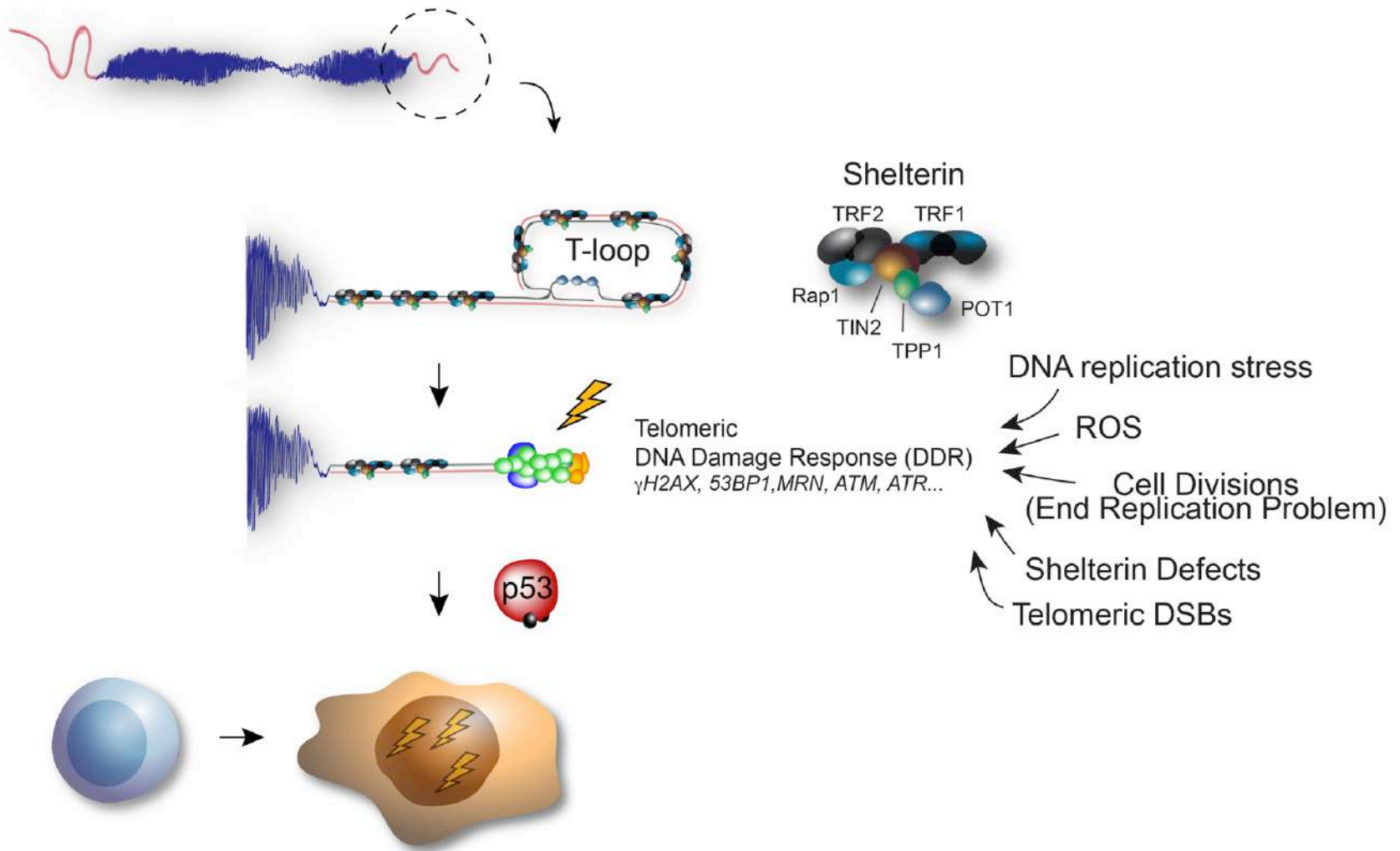




# Cells Age and Undergo Replicative Senescence



# Telomere Dysfunction-Induced Senescence

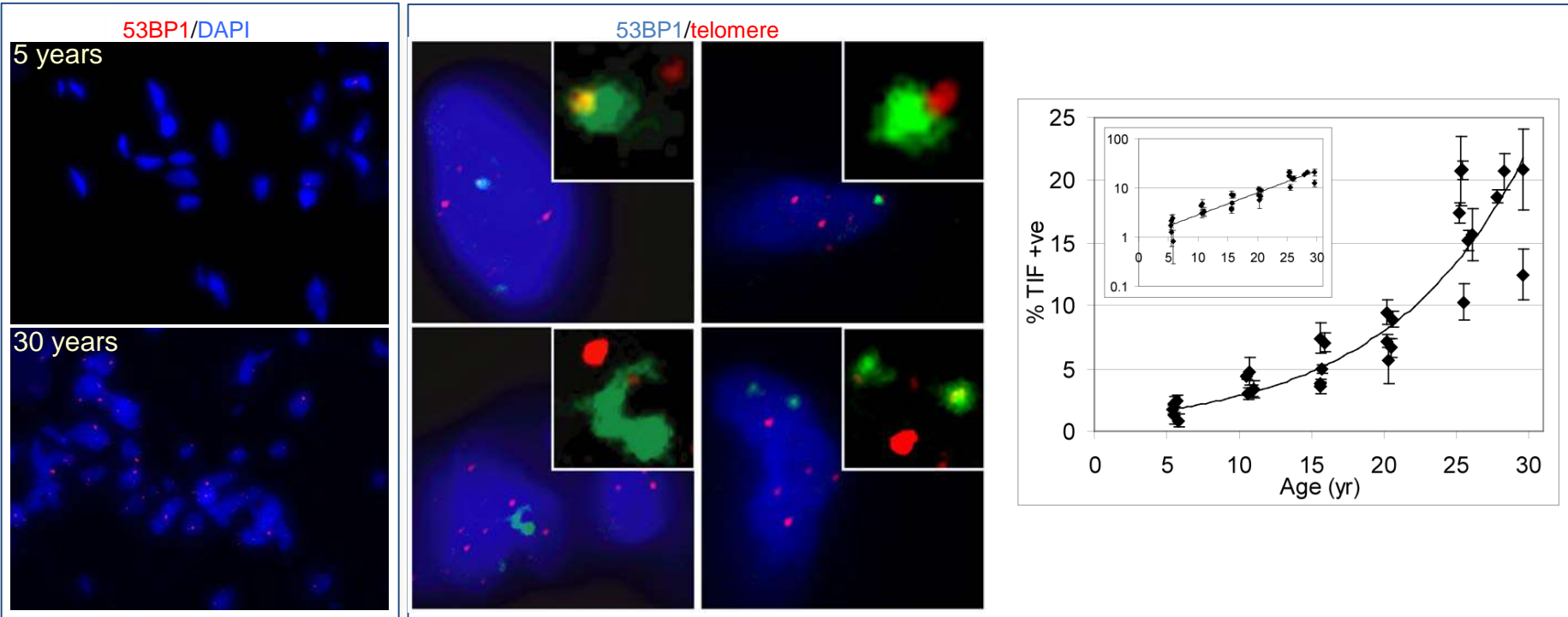


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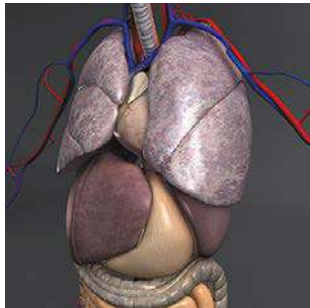
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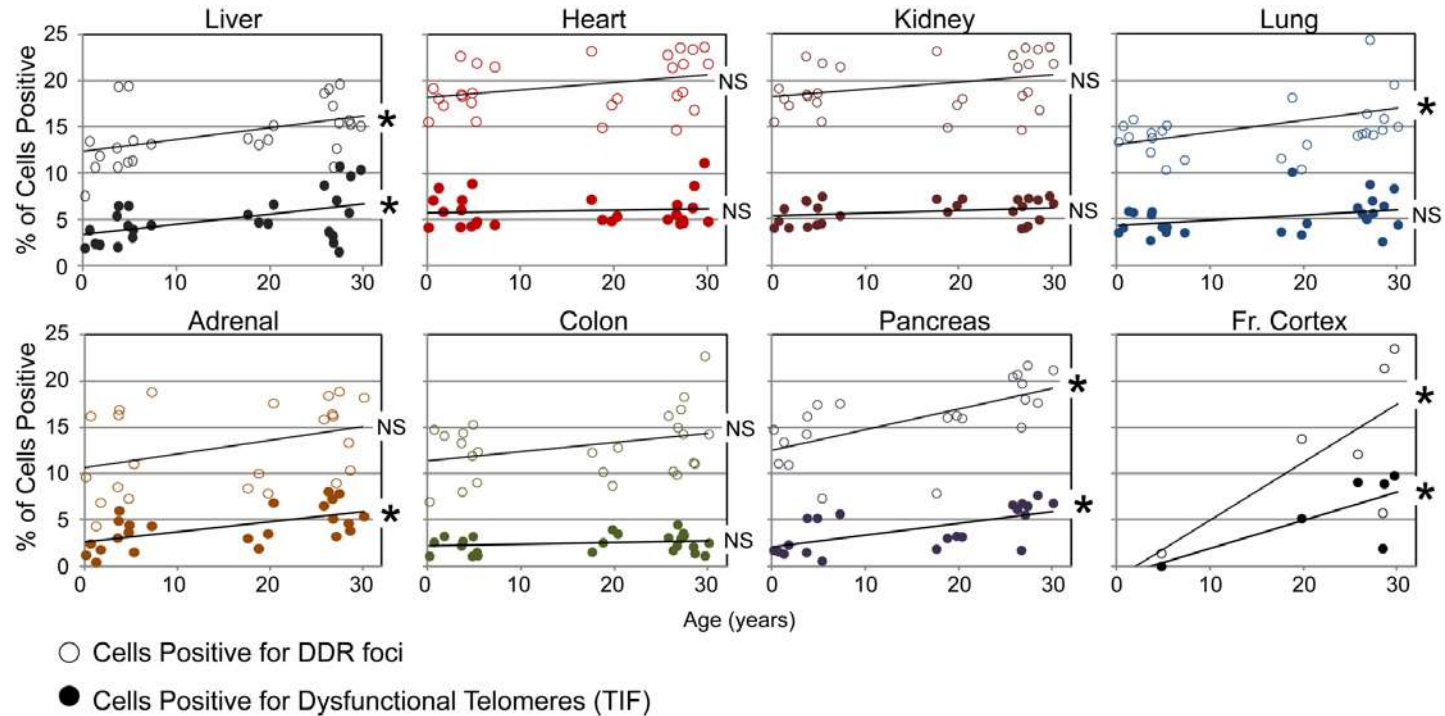
Fibroblasts  
In  
Dermal Tissue



# Cells With Dysfunctional Telomeres Increase With Age

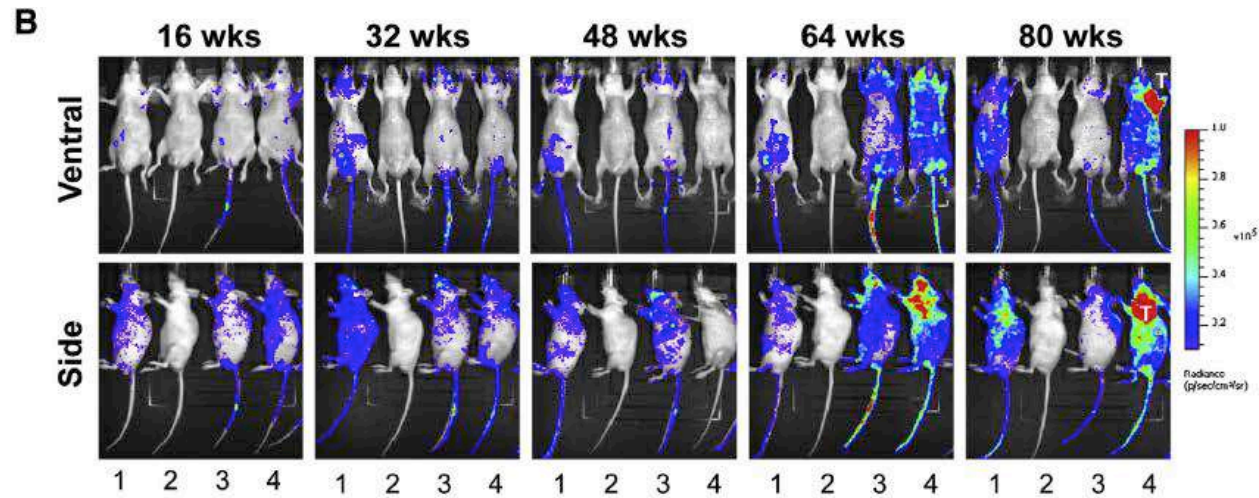
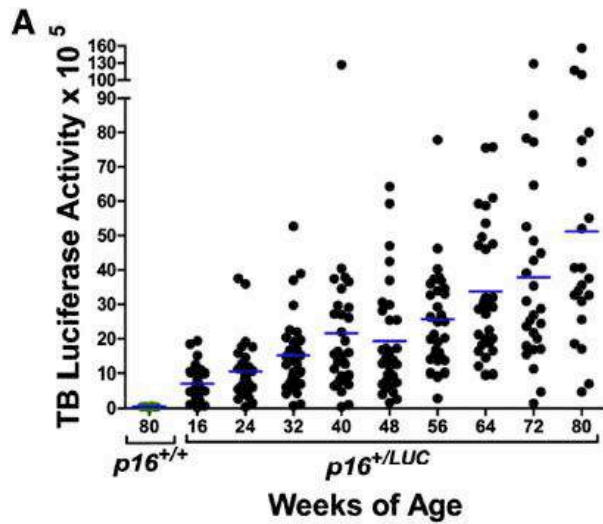


Skin (2-21%)  
 Liver (4-7%)  
 Heart  
 Kidney  
 Lung (fibroblasts, 12-17%)  
 Adrenal Cortex (2-6%)  
 Colon (epithelium)  
 Pancreas (1-6%)  
 Brain (Frontal Cortex; 2-20%)



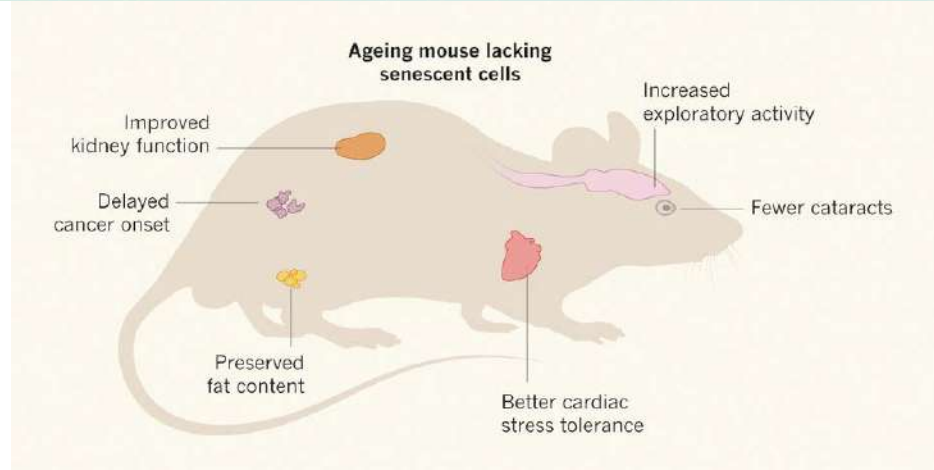
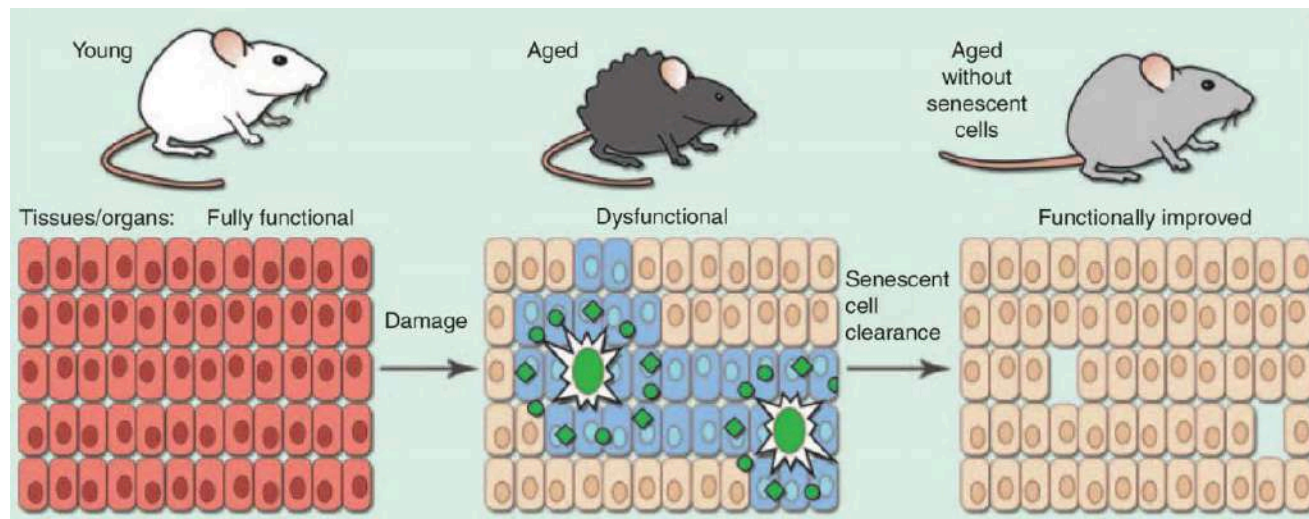


# Mice Accumulate p16<sup>INK4a</sup>-Senescent Cells With Advancing Age

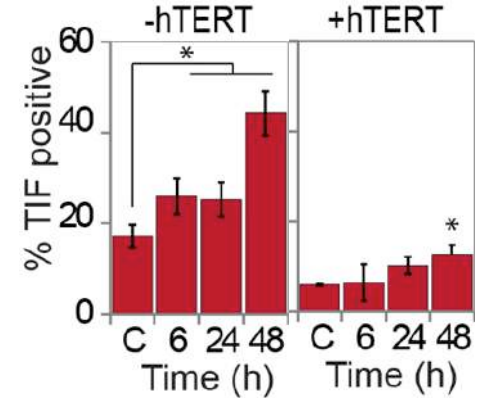
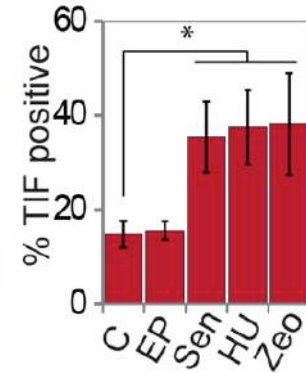
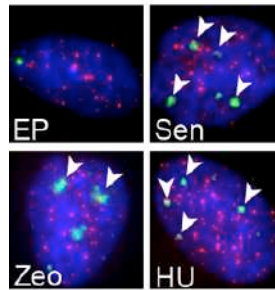
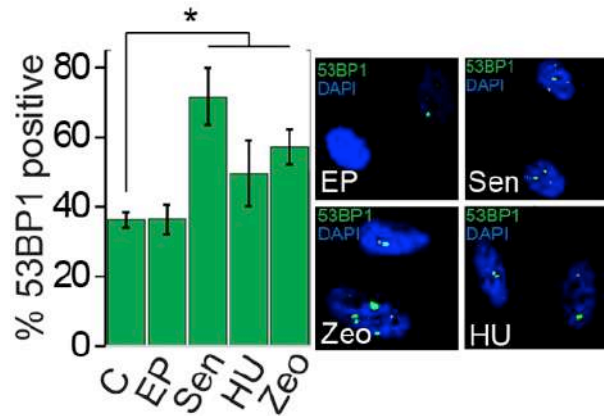
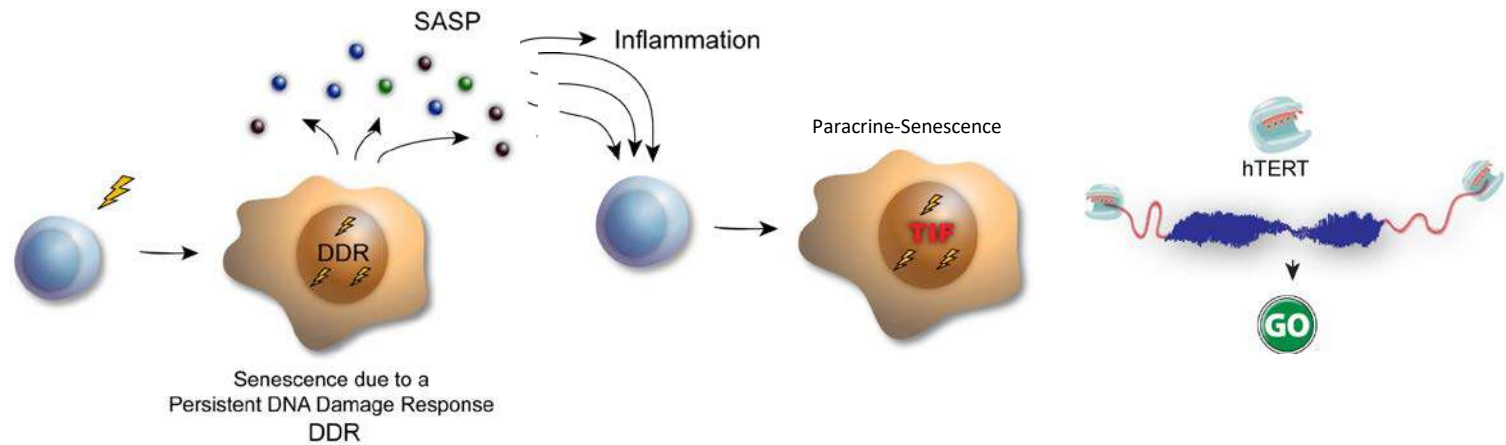


## Clearance of p16<sup>Ink4a</sup>-positive senescent cells delays ageing-associated disorders

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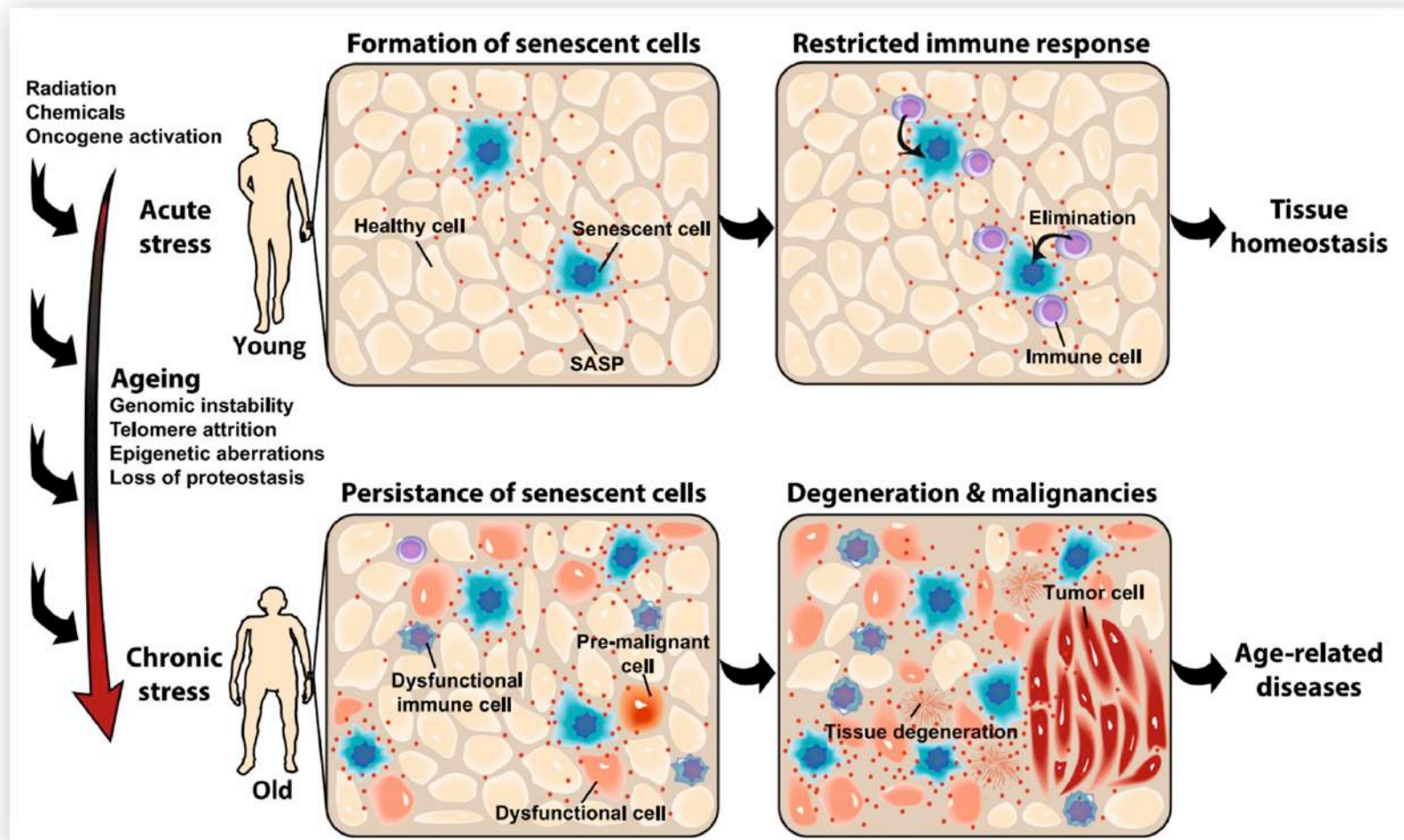


# Senescence Associated Secretory Phenotype (SASP) Causes Telomere Dysfunction

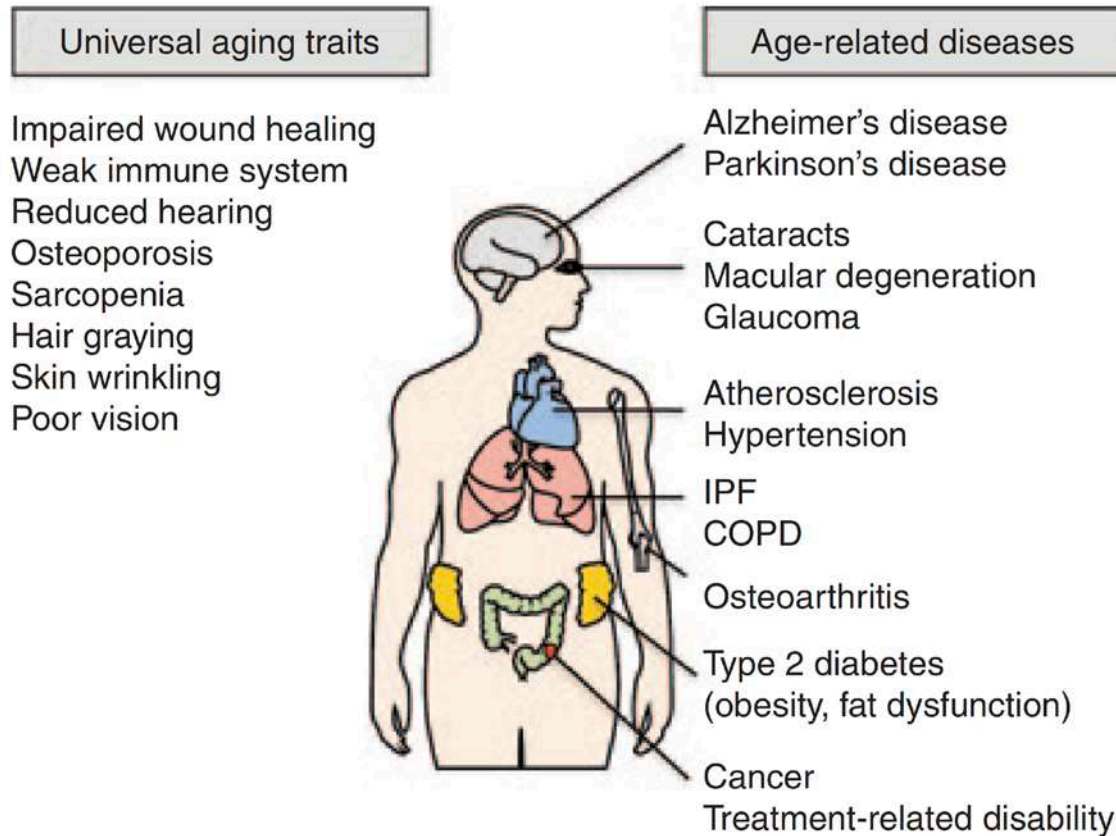




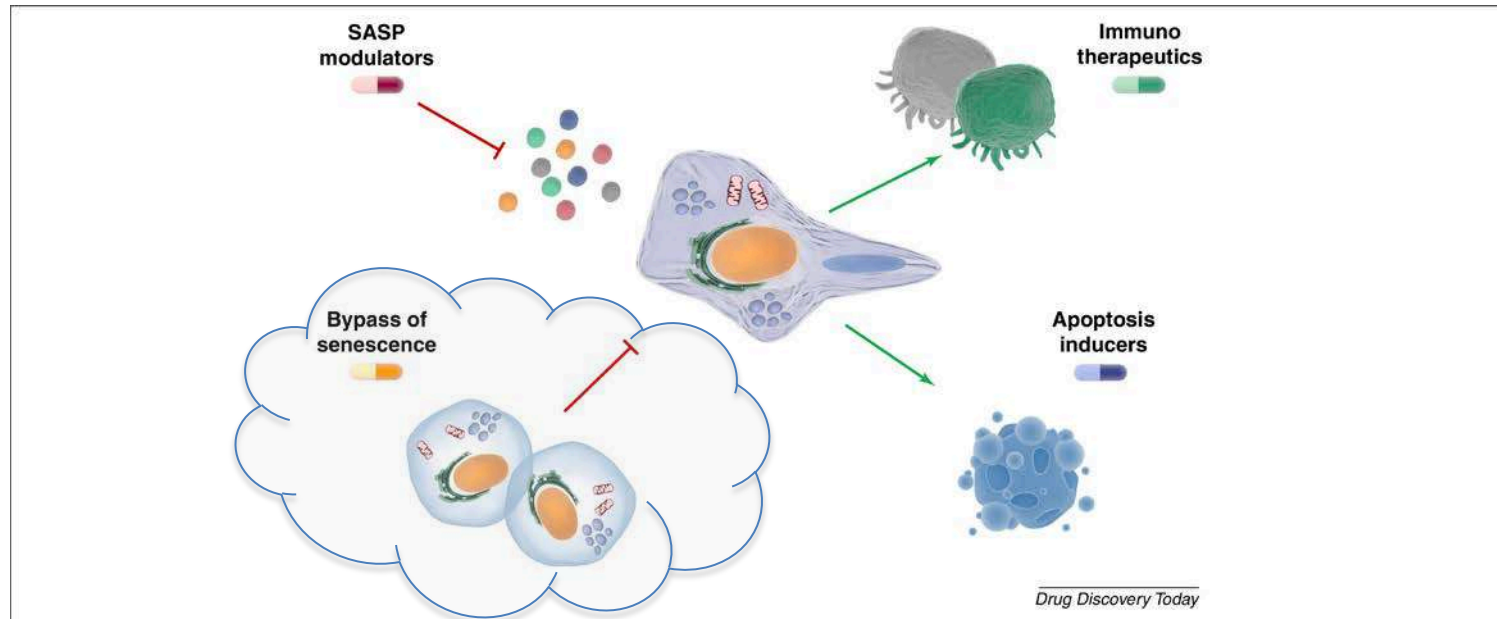
# Senescence and Aging



# The Accumulation of Senescent Cells Causes Aging and Age-Related Diseases



# Senotherapeutic Strategies to Improve Healthy Aging

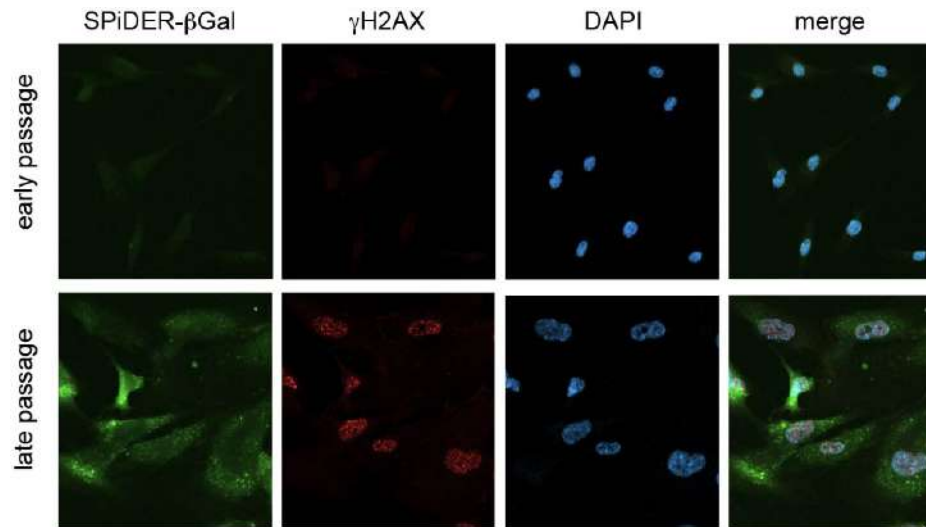
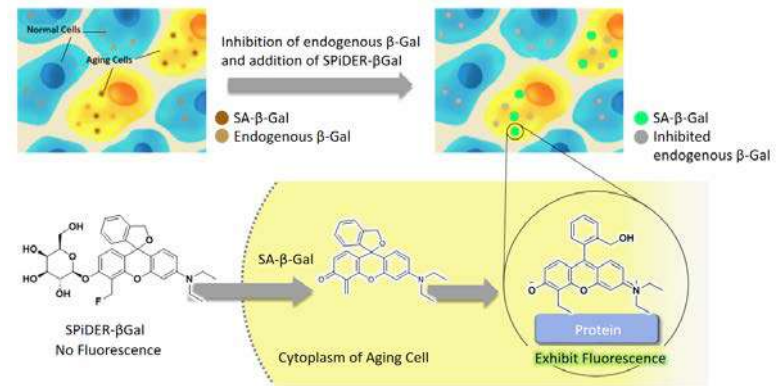




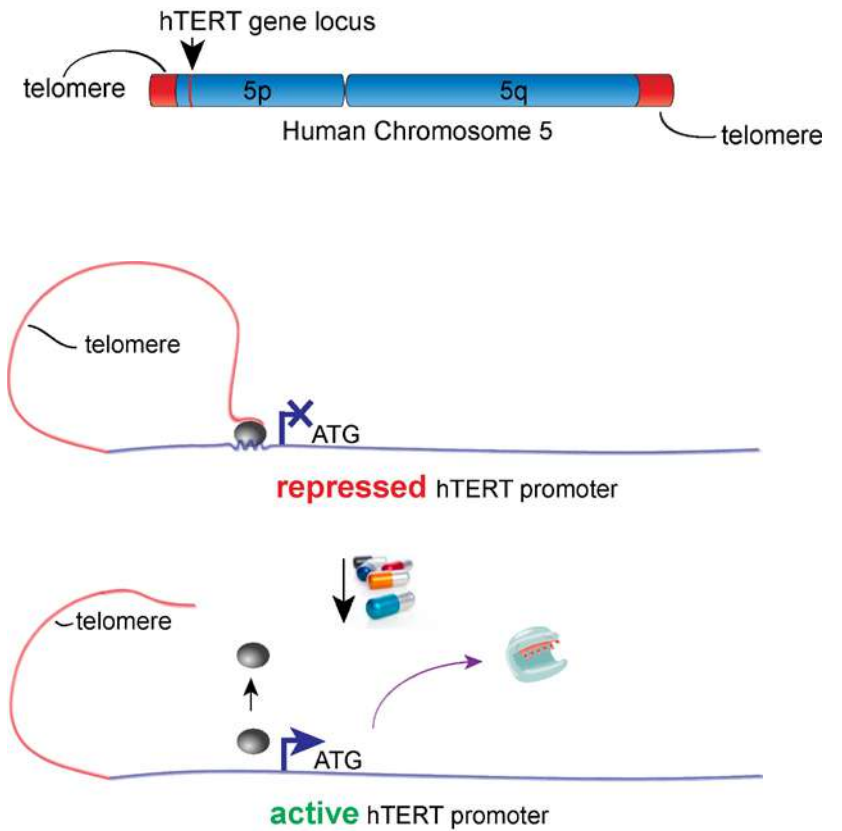
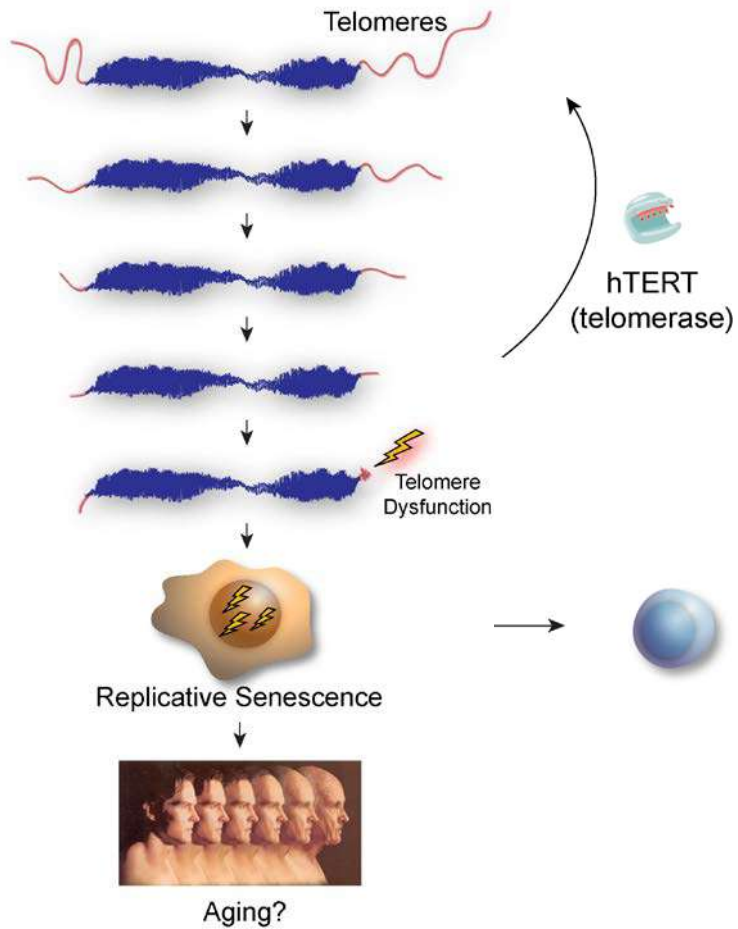
# Our Current Research Efforts to Improve Healthy Aging

1. Improving the detection and characterization of senescent human cells *in tissue*  
*Current techniques (TIF, SA- $\beta$ Gal, DDR-foci, SudanBlack, p16, p21, LaminB1, macroH2A...) are expensive, laborious, and time consuming. Separation of senescent cells from non-senescent cells is challenging*
2. Rejuvenation of aged cells through pharmacological activation of hTERT expression  
*In mice, hTERT gene therapy and TA-65 expression improves health-span and extends lifespan.*
3. Inducing cellular plasticity by SASP factors  
*In mice, SASP factors induce cellular plasticity and promote “stemness” of keratinocytes in a paracrine manner.*

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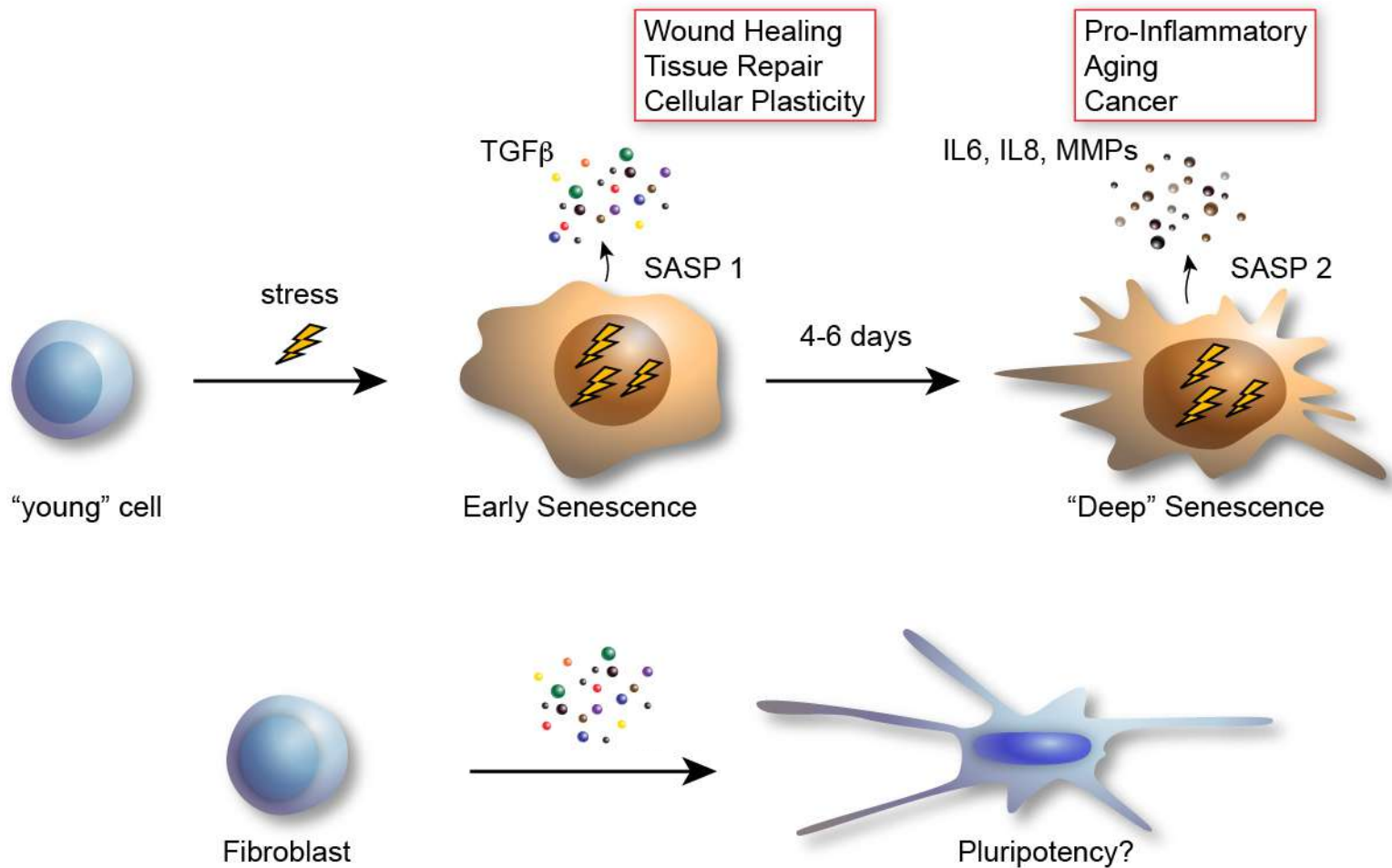


## 2. Rejuvenating Aging Cells





### 3. Inducing Cellular Plasticity



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