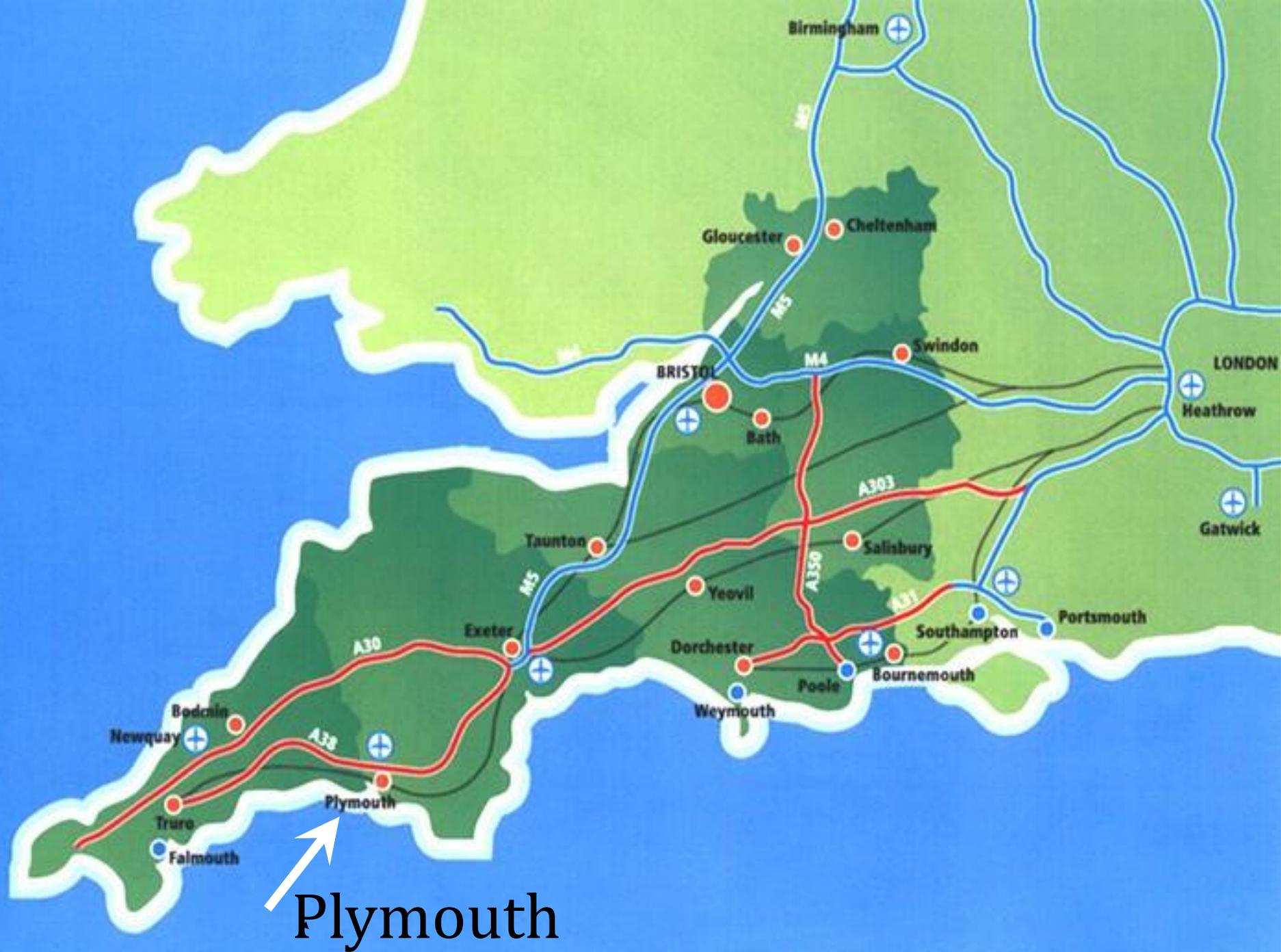


Pholasin<sup>®</sup>-based ABEL<sup>®</sup> assays  
for measuring real time  
production of ROS on the FDSS  
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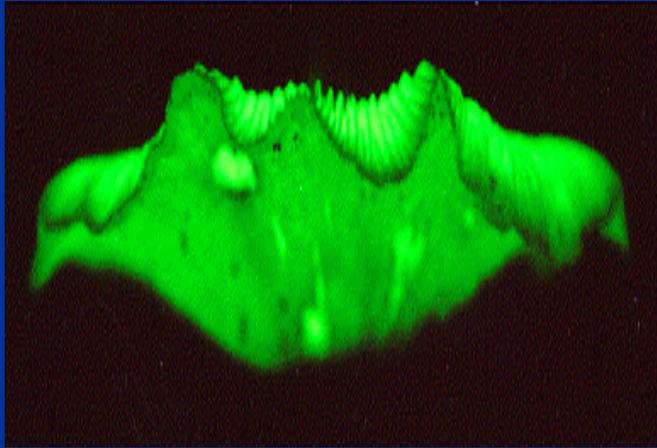


Plymouth

# WHAT IS PHOLASIN ?

- Photo-protein of the bioluminescent mollusc *Pholas dactylus*
- A glycoprotein with a light-emitting moiety
- A chemiluminescent probe
- Emits light on chemical stimulation
- It is NOT fluorescent

# BIOLUMINESCENT ORGANISMS



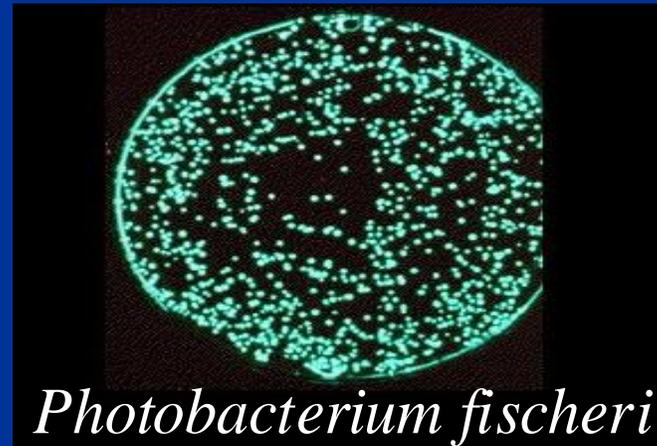
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*Vargula hilgendorfi*



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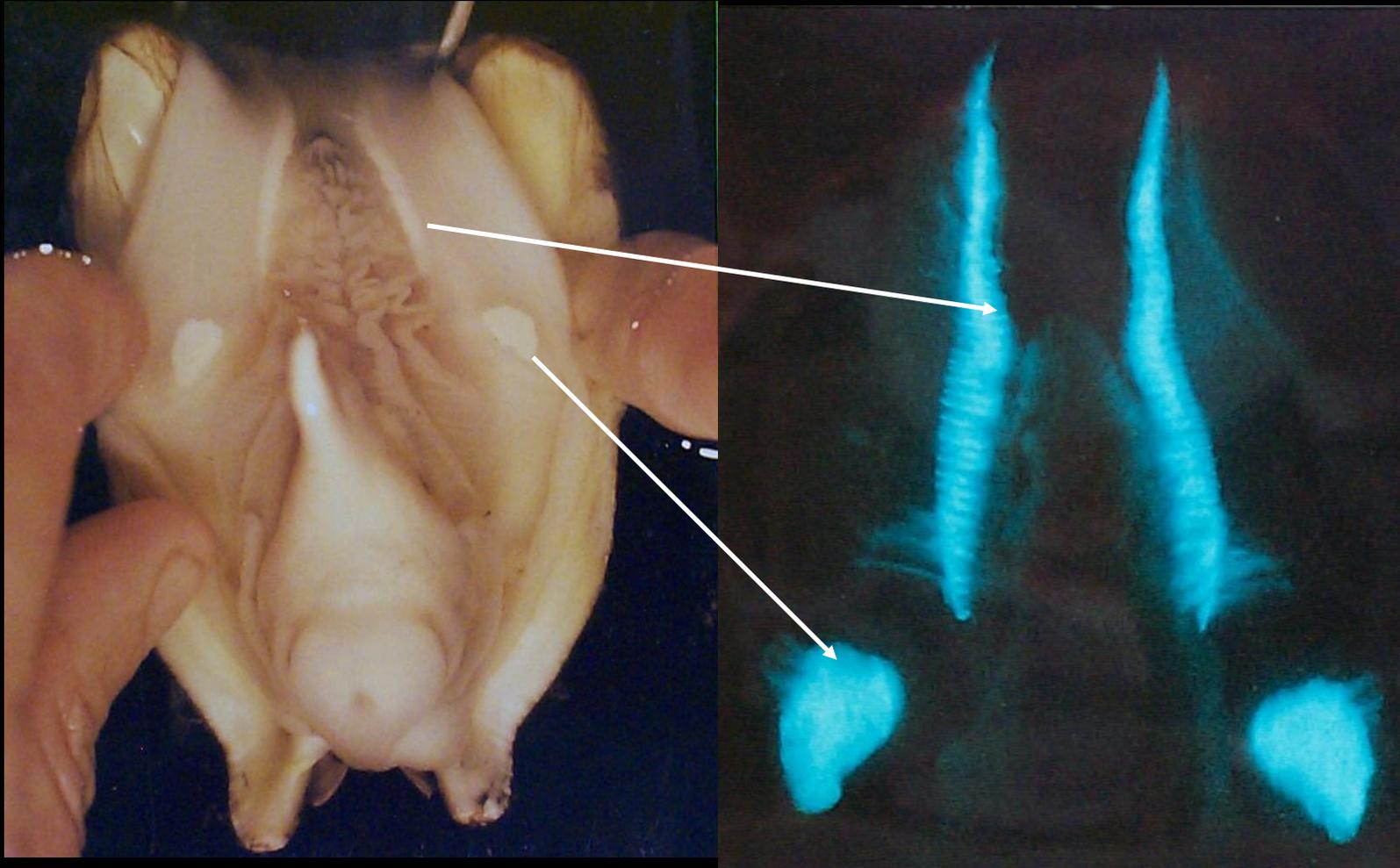


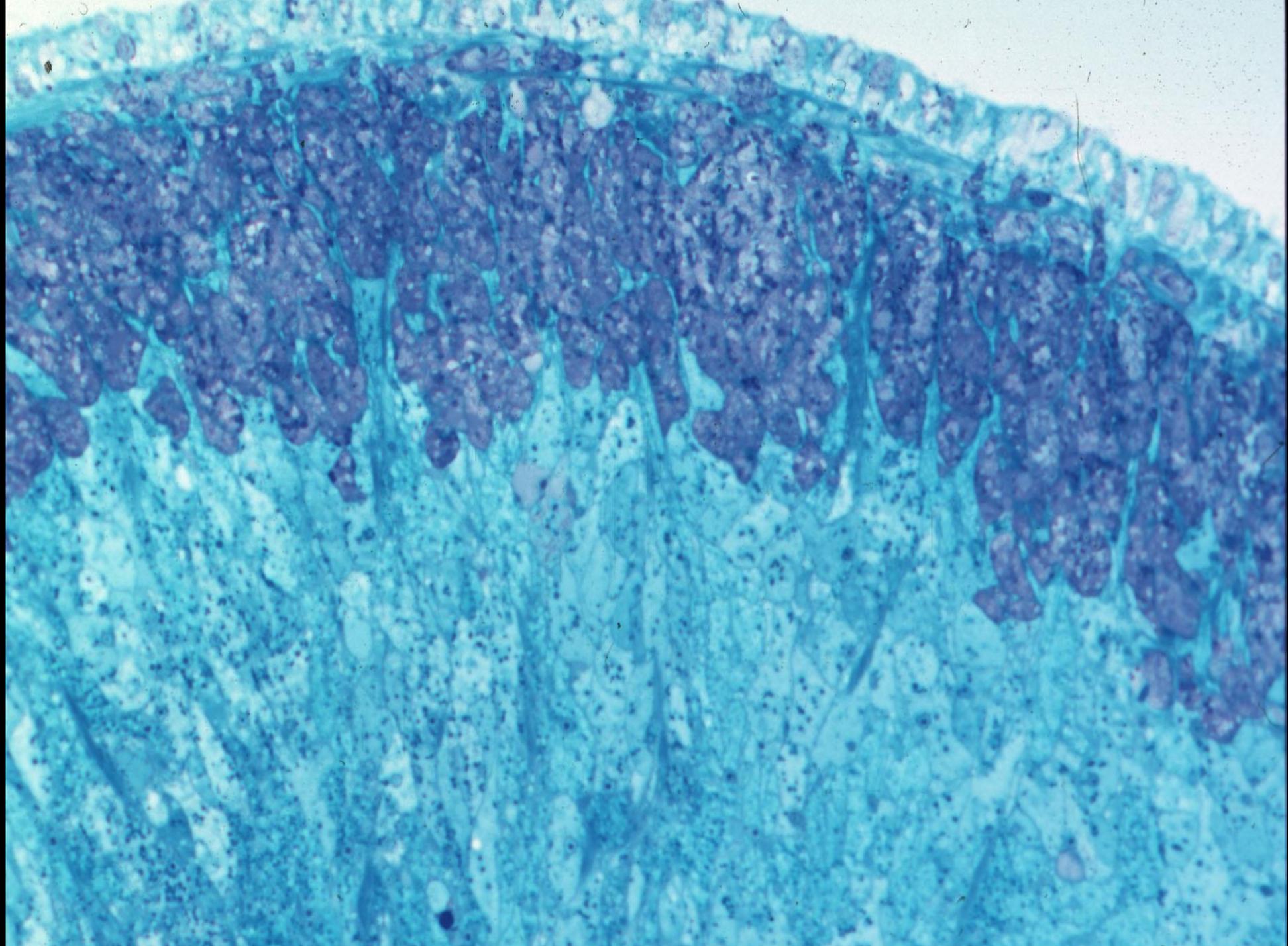
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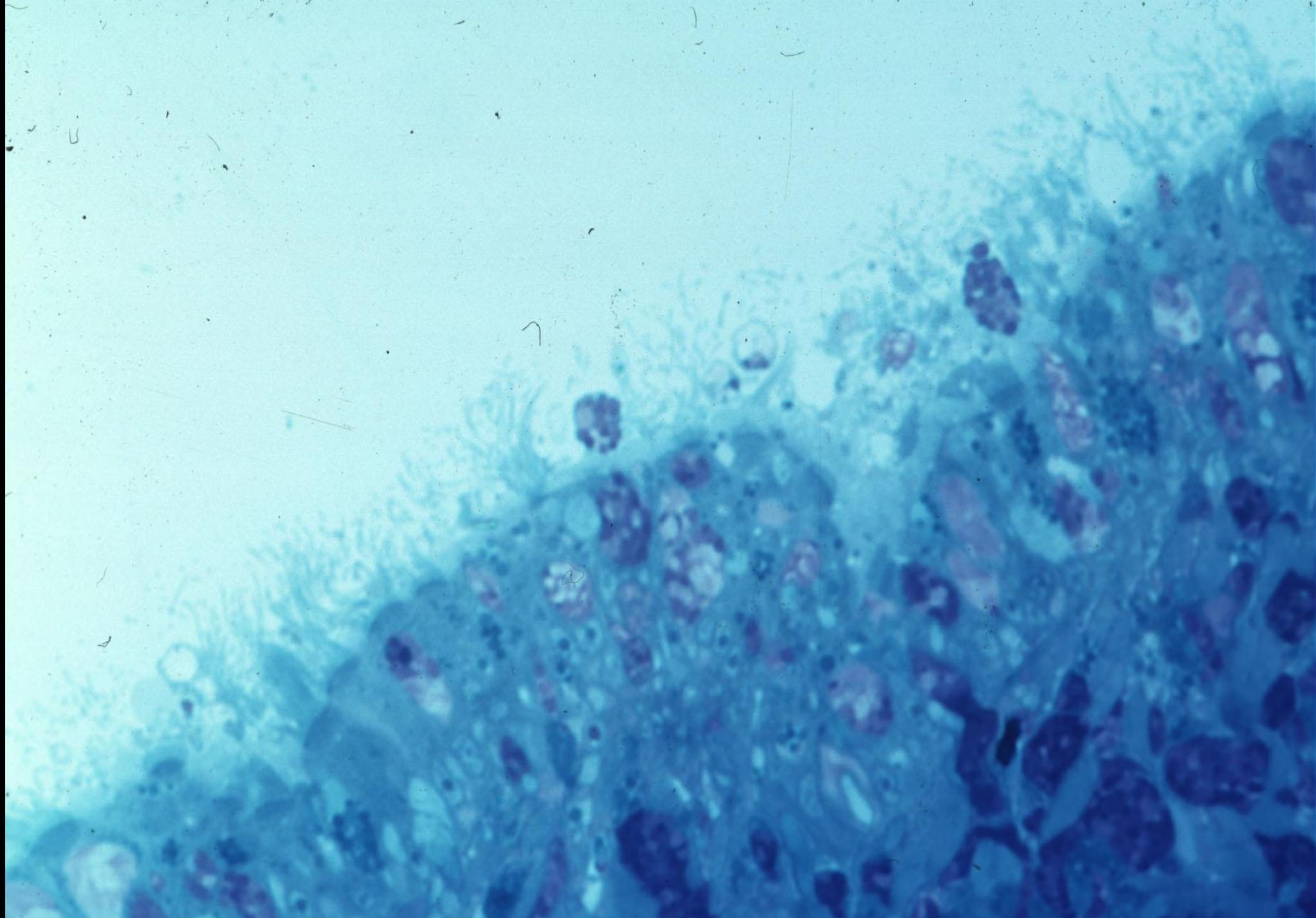
*Pholas dactylus*  
The Common Piddock



*Pholas dactylus*  
opened to show light organs









Part of the Pholas farm

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STORE DRY PRODUCT  
SEE INSTRUCTIONS FOR STORAGE

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# PHOLASIN

does not **GLOW**  
by itself

but has to be **SWITCHED** on

# FREE RADICALS & ACTIVE OXYGEN

- superoxide anion  $O_2^{\cdot-}$
- hydroxyl radical  $OH^{\cdot}$
- [singlet molecular oxygen]  $^1O_2$

# OXIDANTS

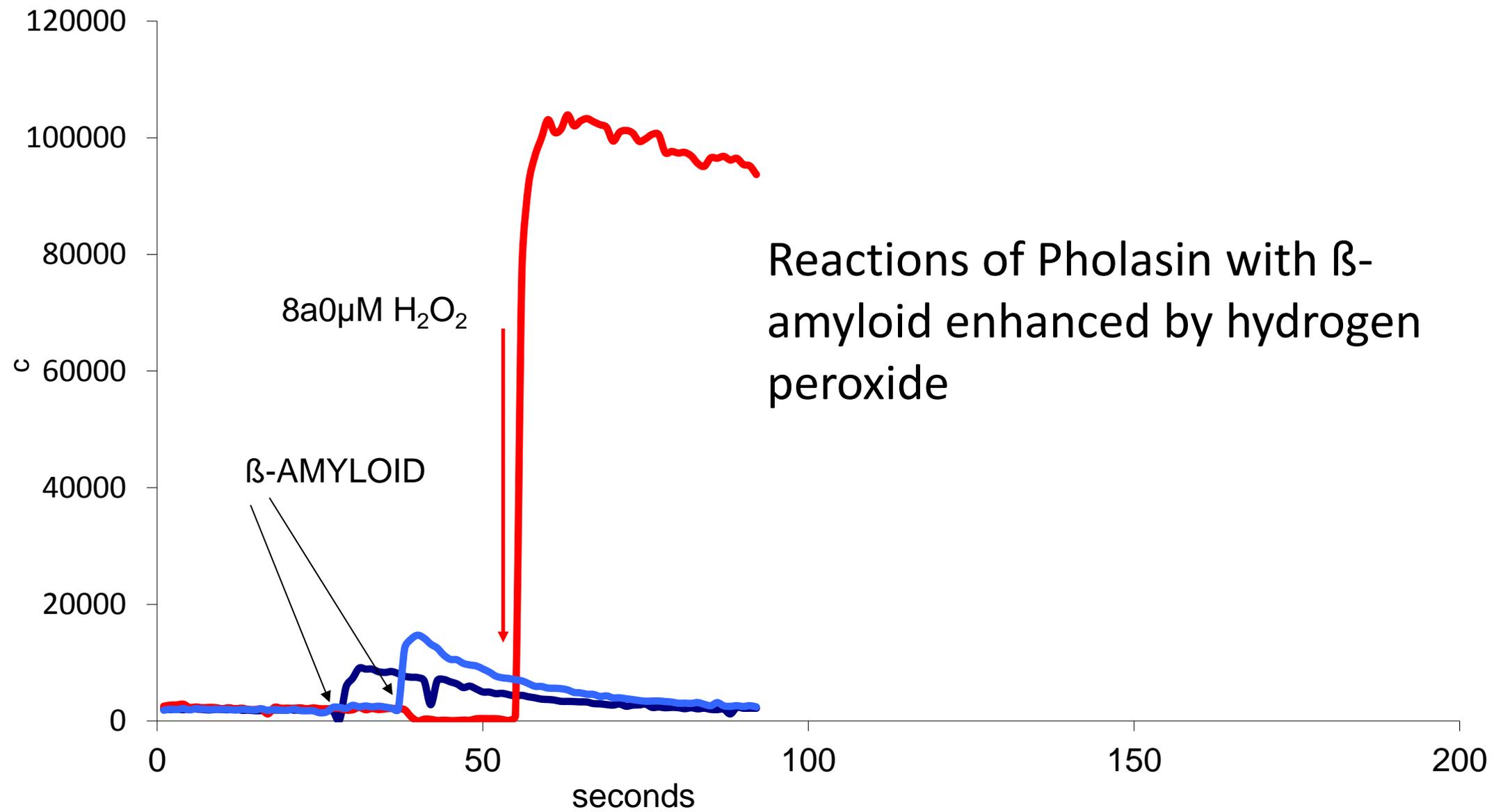
- hypochlorous acid  
 $\text{HOCl}^-$ 
  - n-chlorotaurine
- hypobromous acid  
 $\text{HOBr}^-$ 
  - bromamine
- peroxynitrite  
 $\text{ONOO}^-$

# ENZYMES

- myeloperoxidase
  - bromoperoxidase
    - horseradish peroxidase
      - lactoperoxidase

Pholasin does not react with  
hydrogen peroxide

but reactions of Pholasin with  
peroxidases are very much  
enhanced by  $H_2O_2$



# OXYGEN TOXICITY

Toxicity is due mainly to the production of highly reactive products from oxygen

Diatomic molecular oxygen ( $O_2$ ) readily reacts to form partially reduced species which are generally short-lived and highly reactive

# Reactive Oxygen Species

- **Free radicals:** ionically unbalanced molecules with an excess negative charge
- **Oxidants:** that are not free radicals

# Some examples of ROS

- Superoxide Anion (free radical)  $O_2^{\cdot-}$
- Peroxynitrite (oxidant)  $ONOO^-$
- Hydrogen Peroxide (oxidant)  $H_2O_2$
- Hydroxyl Radical (free radical)  $OH$
- Hypochlorous Acid (oxidant)  $HOCl$
- Peroxyl Radical (free radical)
- Singlet Oxygen (oxidant)  $^1O_2$

# PRO-OXIDANTS

Free radicals (FR) and reactive oxygen/nitrogen species (ROS) are formed by:

- inflammatory cells as part of the oxidative burst
- non-inflammatory cells in response to dramatic changes in oxygen levels (ischaemia-reperfusion)
- enzymes such as xanthine oxidase and myeloperoxidase
- by signalling molecules that operate through redox regulation

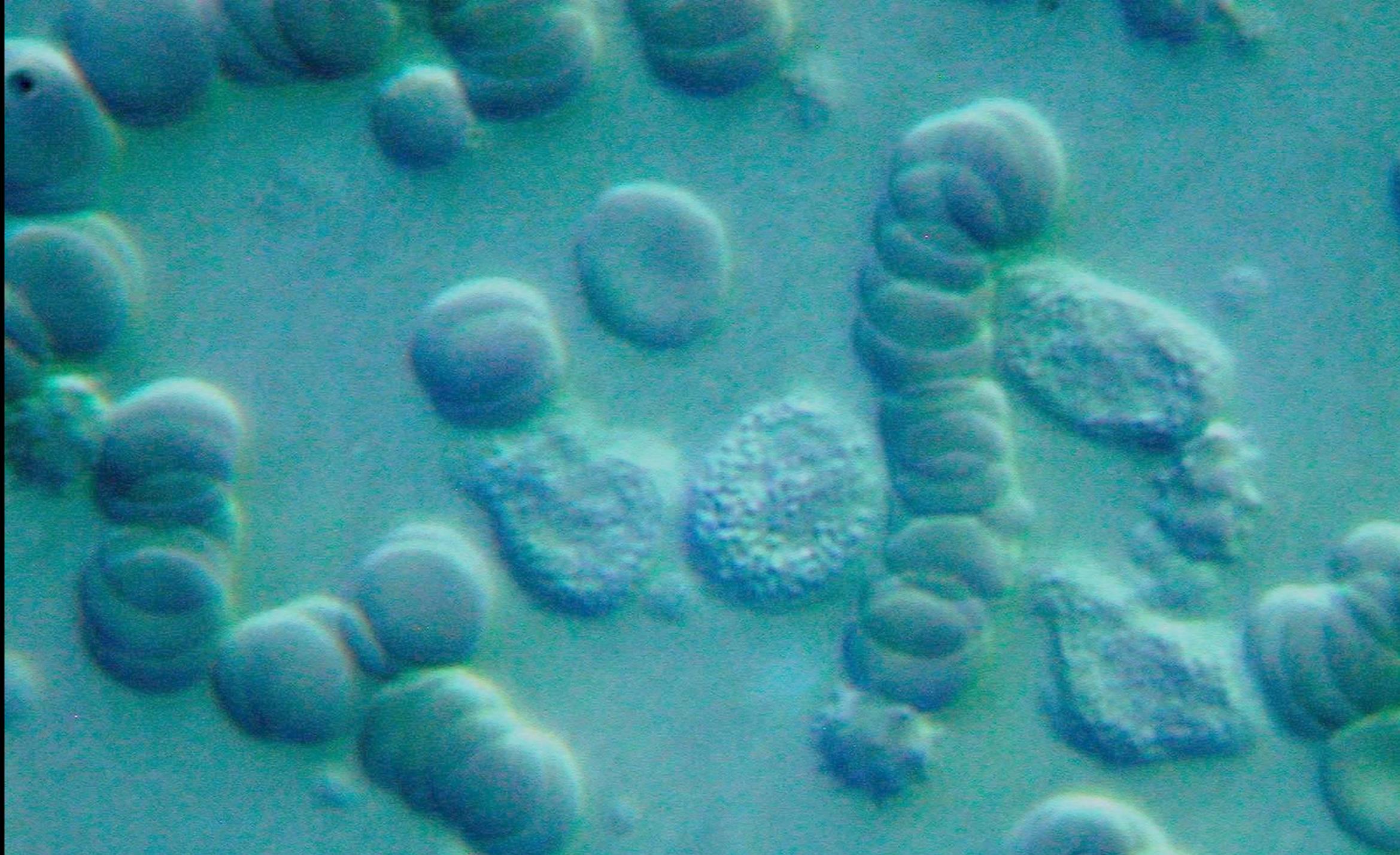
# ANTIOXIDANTS

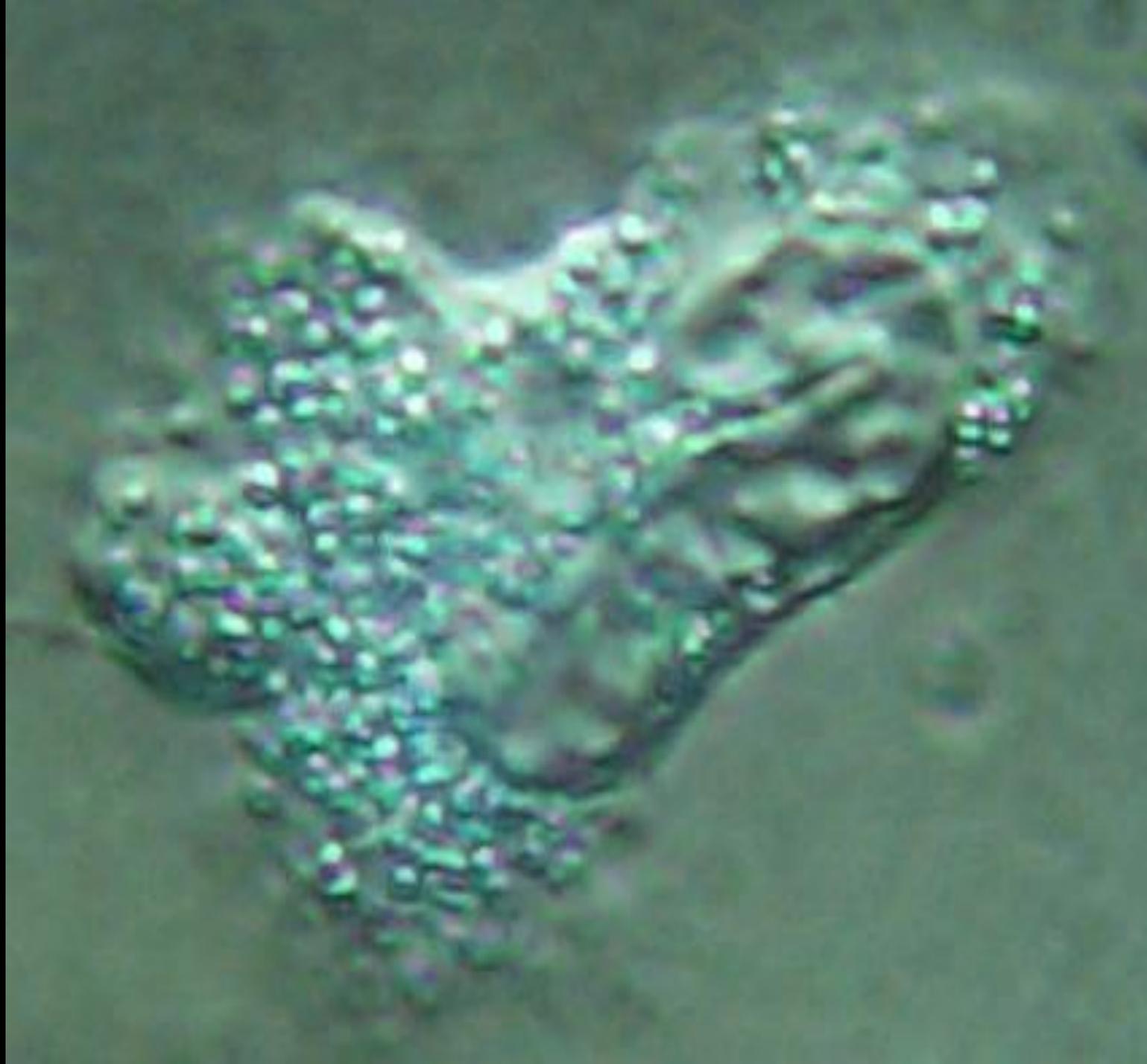
- Protect cells from the toxic effects of ROS
- Excessive production of ROS can lead to loss of antioxidants
- Which can lead to cell damage and eventual death

# OXIDATIVE STRESS

- ROS can injure or kill cells
- damage DNA
- attack enzymes and other compounds
- ROS are implicated in a large number of conditions and diseases

# THE LEUCOCYTE AND OXIDATIVE STRESS



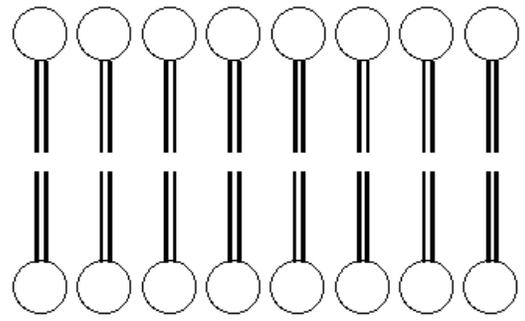


The leucocyte NADPH oxidase is one of a family of NOX transmembrane protein systems that transports electrons across biological membranes to reduce oxygen to superoxide ( $O_2^{\bullet-}$ )

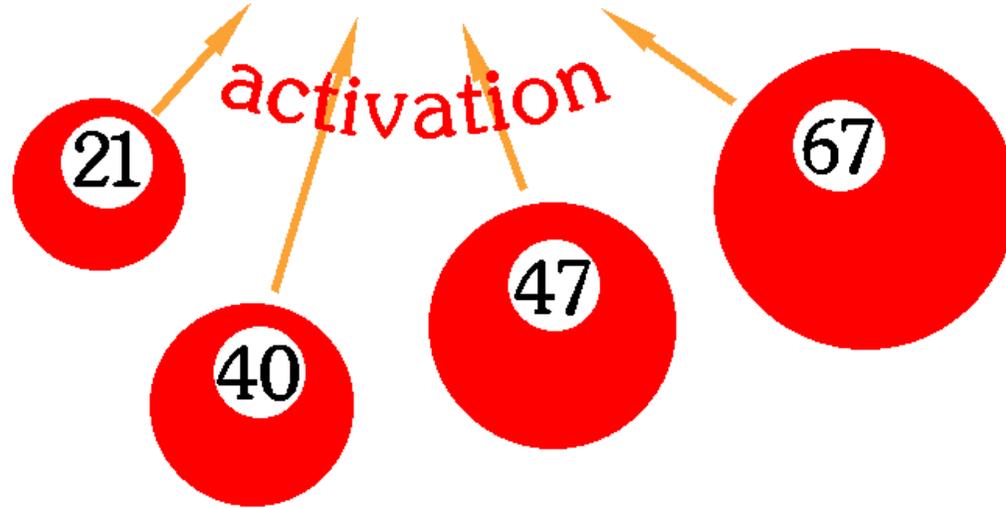
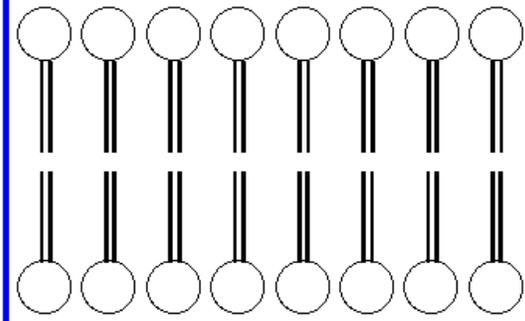
The activation of the leucocyte NADPH oxidase can trigger a cascade of events: some good some bad

# Activation of the NADPH oxidase is the so-called respiratory burst

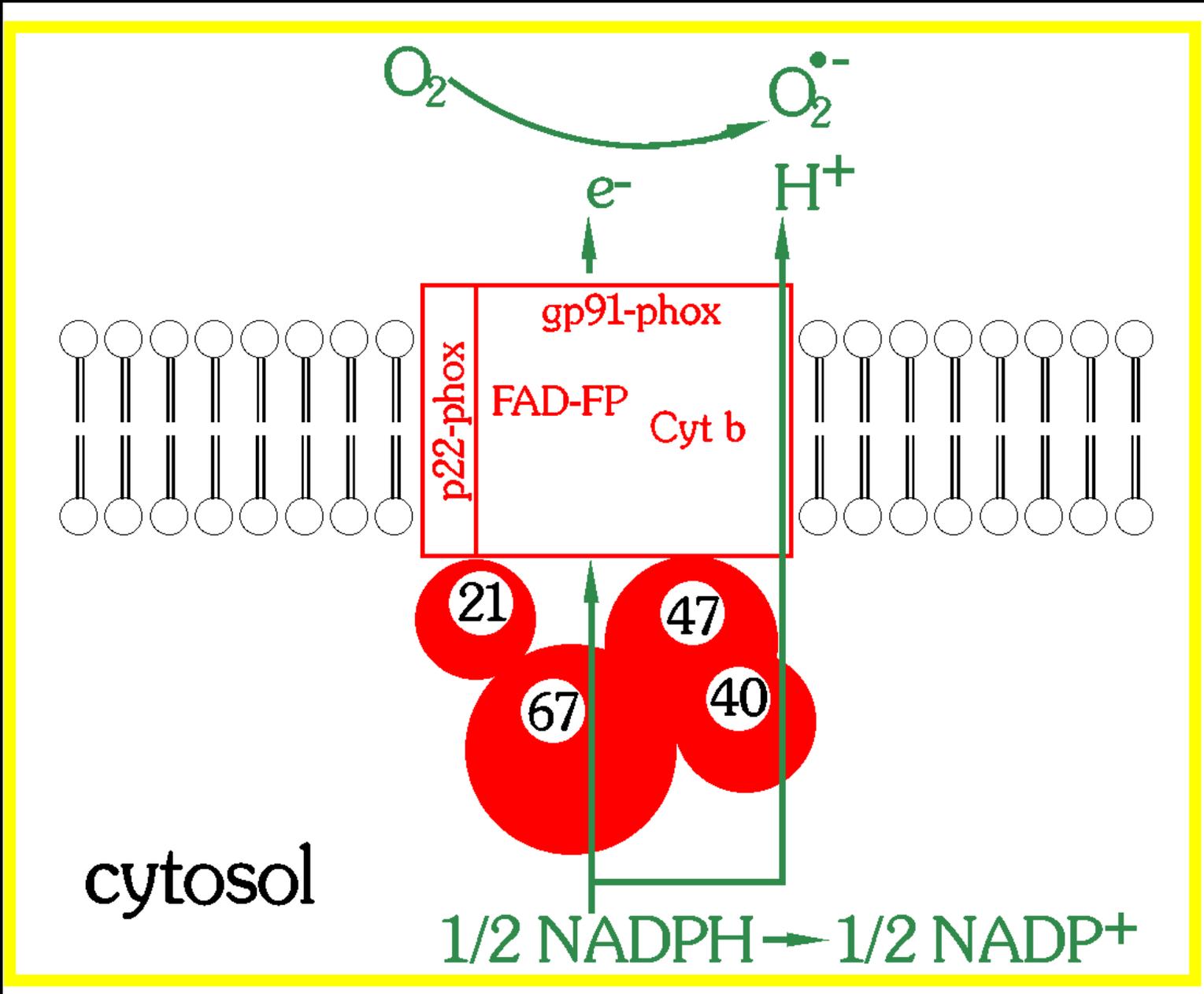
- large amounts of oxygen are consumed but **not** as part of normal respiration
- glucose is oxidised to produce NADPH
- NADPH provides the electrons
- which are transported through the membrane
- to reduce oxygen to superoxide
- which is released outside the cell

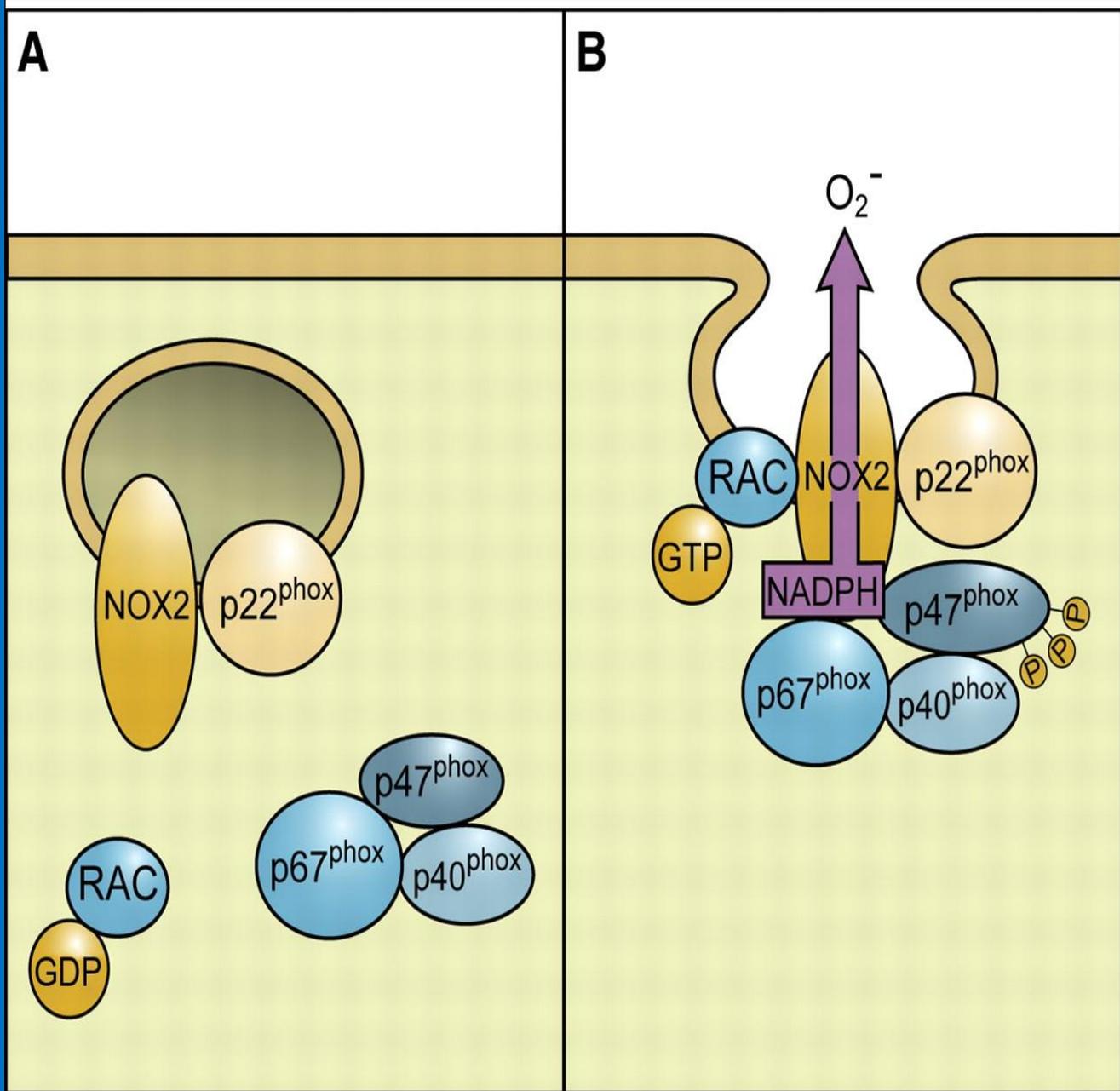


inactive  
NADPH  
oxidase

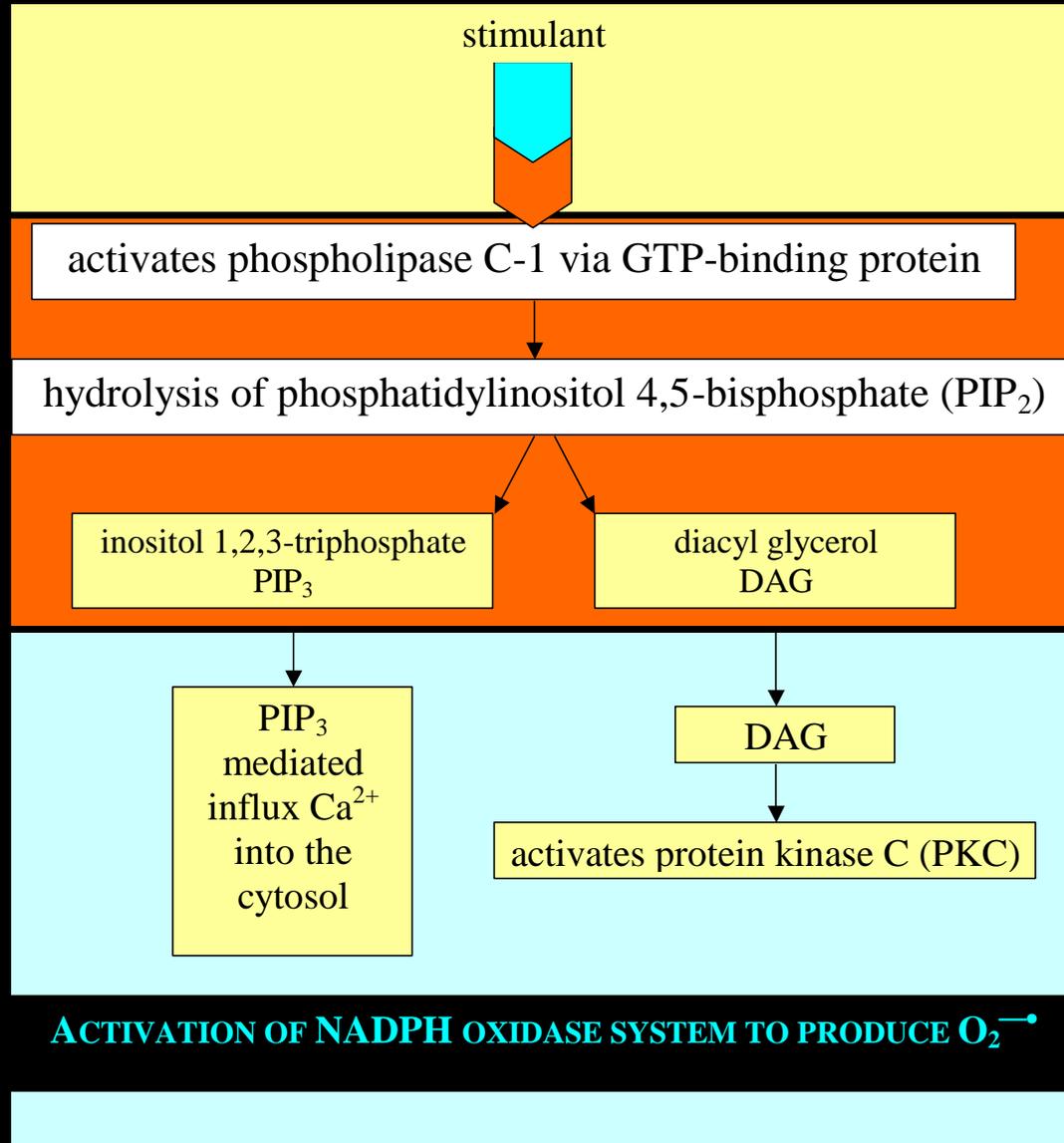


cytosol





# Activation of NADPH oxidase via binding to receptor



## Receptor Stimulants:

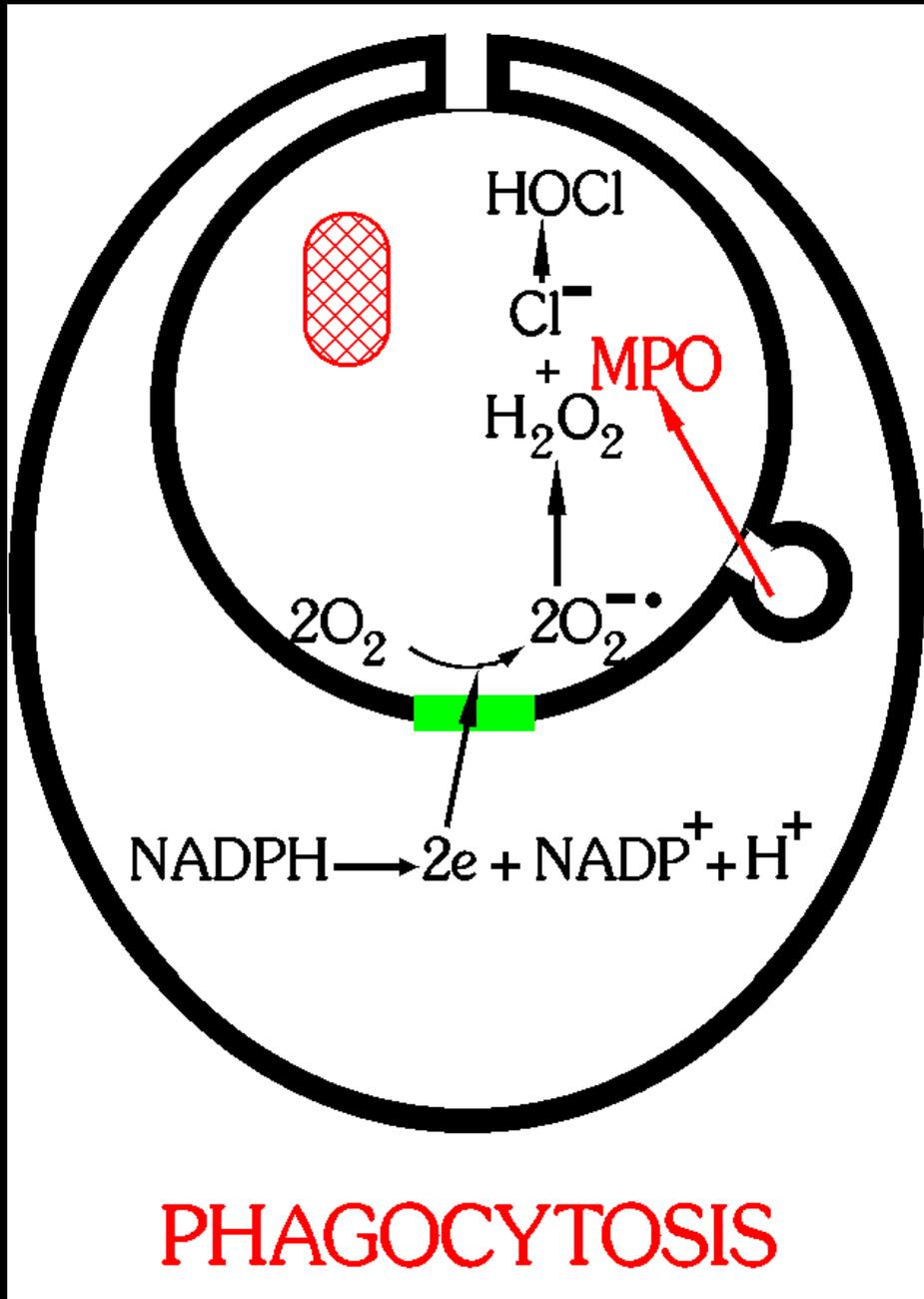
- complement fragment C5a
- chemotactic peptide fMLP
- platelet activating factor (PAF)
- neutrophil activation proteins such as IL-8, GM-CSF

# Summary

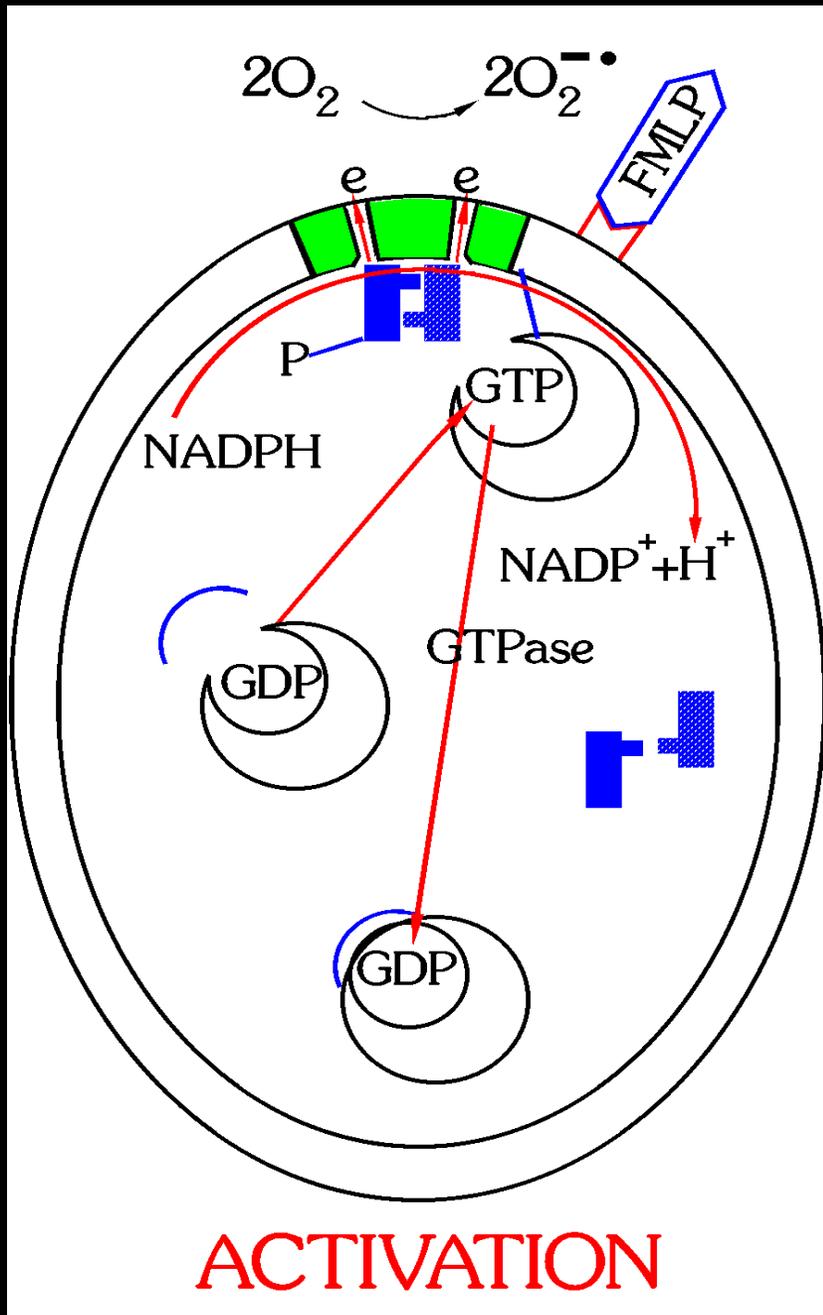
## Receptor Activation

- calcium dependent
- involves tyrosine kinase
- lag-time from binding of stimulant to detection of superoxide is short (about 5-10 seconds)
- reaction is brief (tailing off over about 1 min)
- termination can be prevented by pre-treatment of phosphatase inhibitor okadaic acid
- Suggesting dephosphorylation as the normal switching mechanism

# Phagocytosis

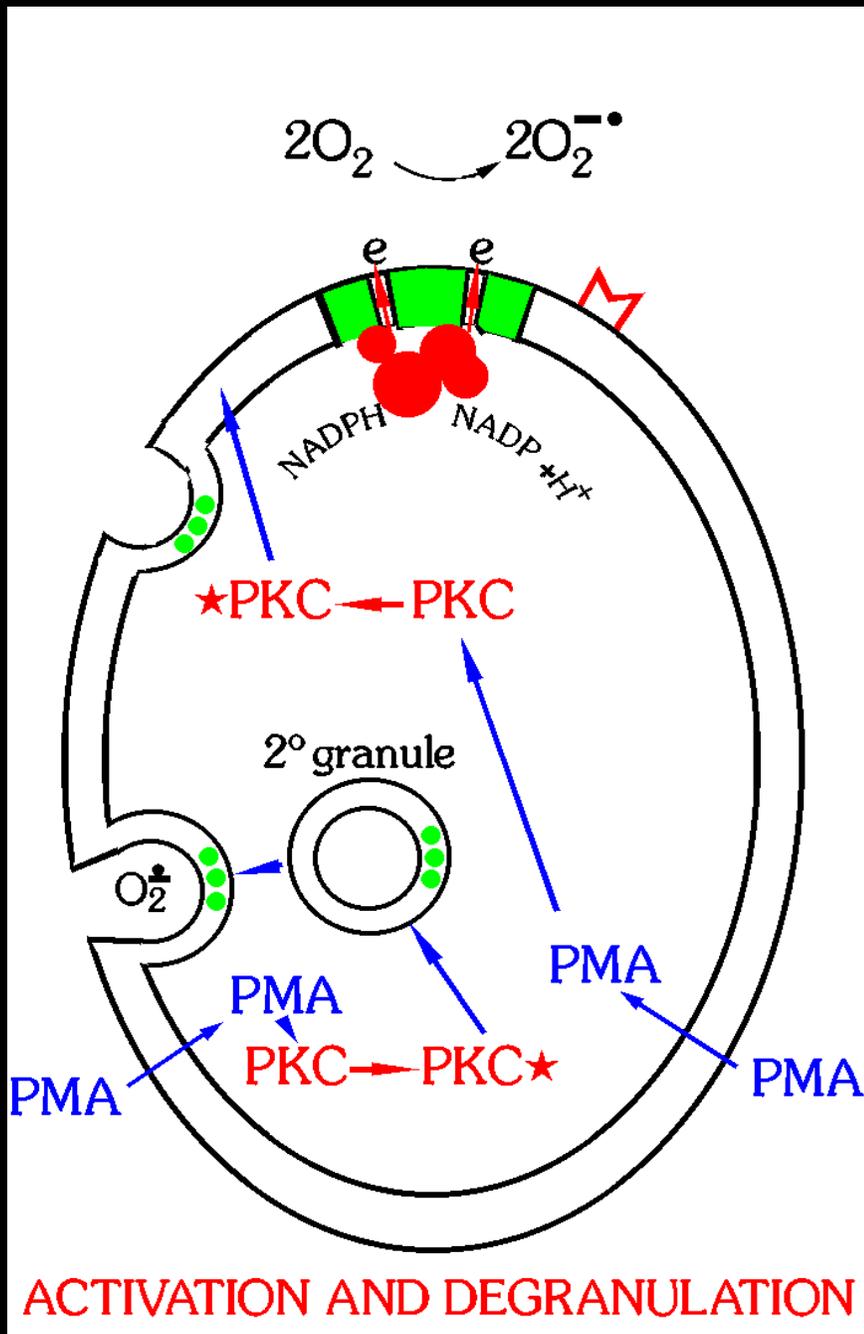


- a bacterium is detected
- a phagocytic vacuole forms
- the NADPH oxidase is activated
- superoxide produced is converted to  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$
- degranulation of myeloperoxidase (MPO)
- MPO uses  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  and  $\text{Cl}^-$  to produce  $\text{HOCl}^-$
- bacteria may be destroyed



## Receptor Activation

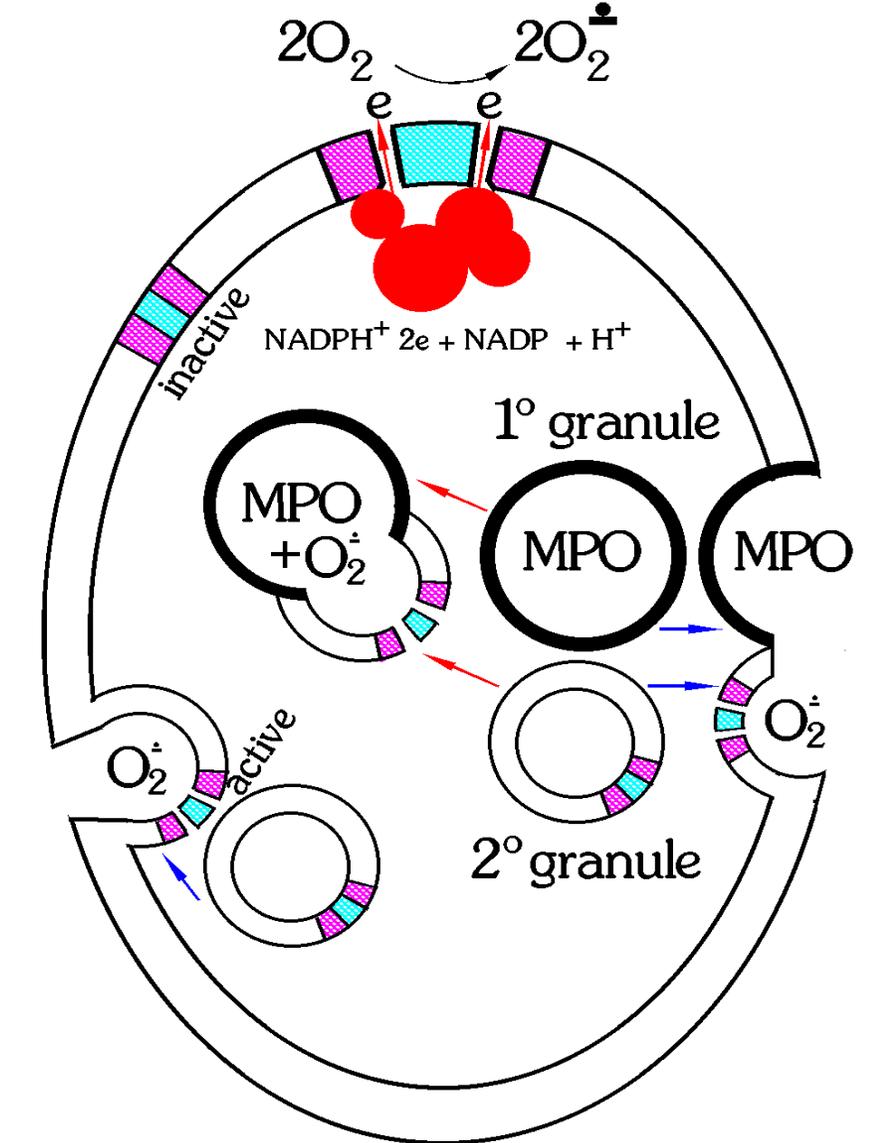
- The NADPH oxidase can be activated by soluble substances without formation of a phagocytic vacuole
- Activation is initiated when the soluble ligand binds to a receptor
- A series of events occurs



## Intracellular Activation

- Another way to activate the NADPH oxidase is by using substances such as PMA (phorbol myristate acetate)
- ... which acts directly on protein kinase C (PKC)
- and activates the NADPH oxidase on the cell membrane and secondary granules
- The lag time is about 25 seconds
- The response is sustained for many minutes
- Superoxide is released extracellularly
- Okadaic acid can terminate the response

# Activation & Degranulation



ACTIVATION AND DEGRANULATION

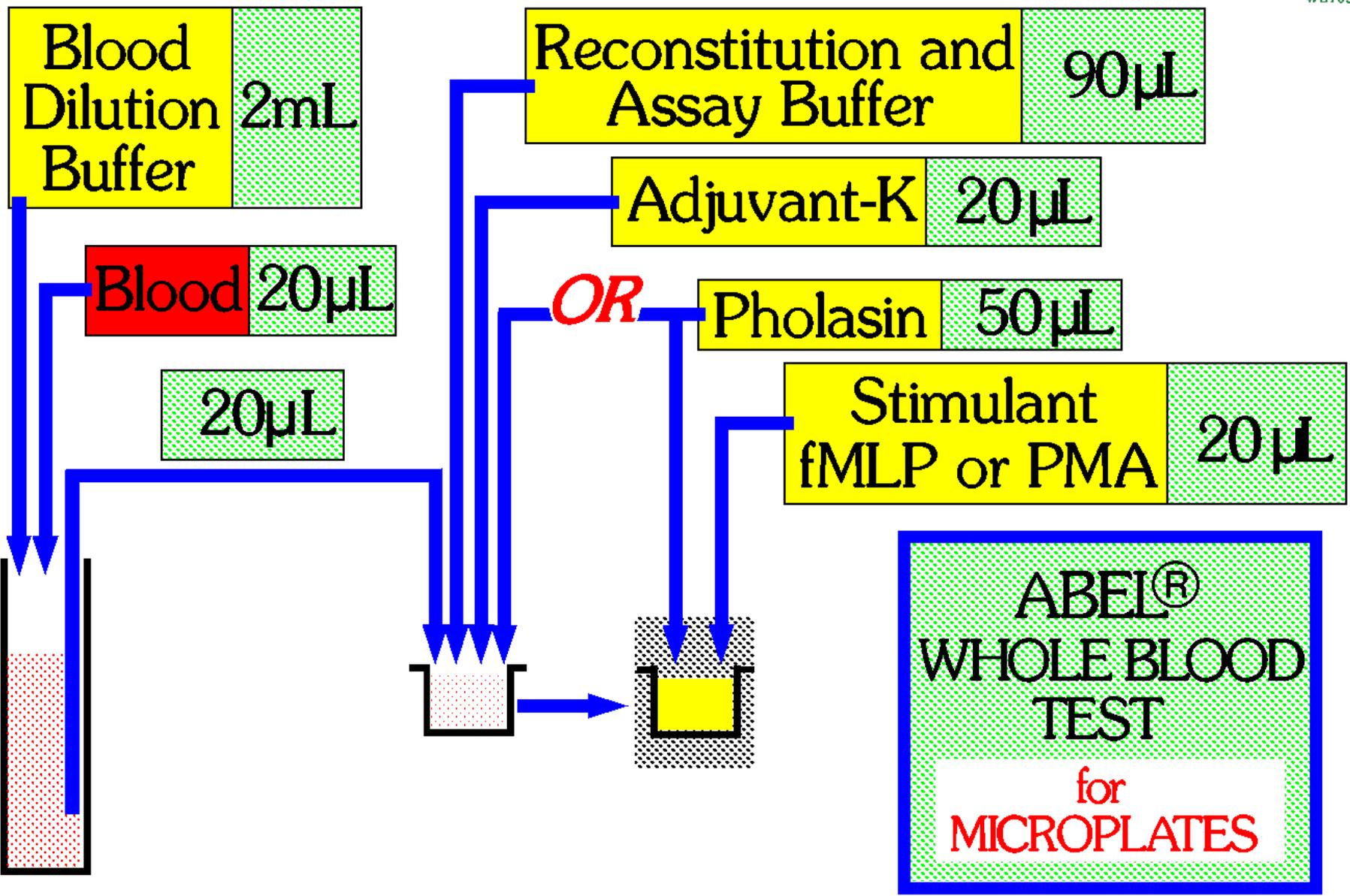
- granules containing a range of enzymes fuse with the plasma membrane and release enzyme contents to surrounding tissue
- myeloperoxidase (MPO) from primary granules can react with superoxide and subsequent  $H_2O_2$  from secondary NADPH oxidase
- Released MPO can bind to a peroxidase binding site on the activated oxidase

## ABEL Cell Activation Assay Kits

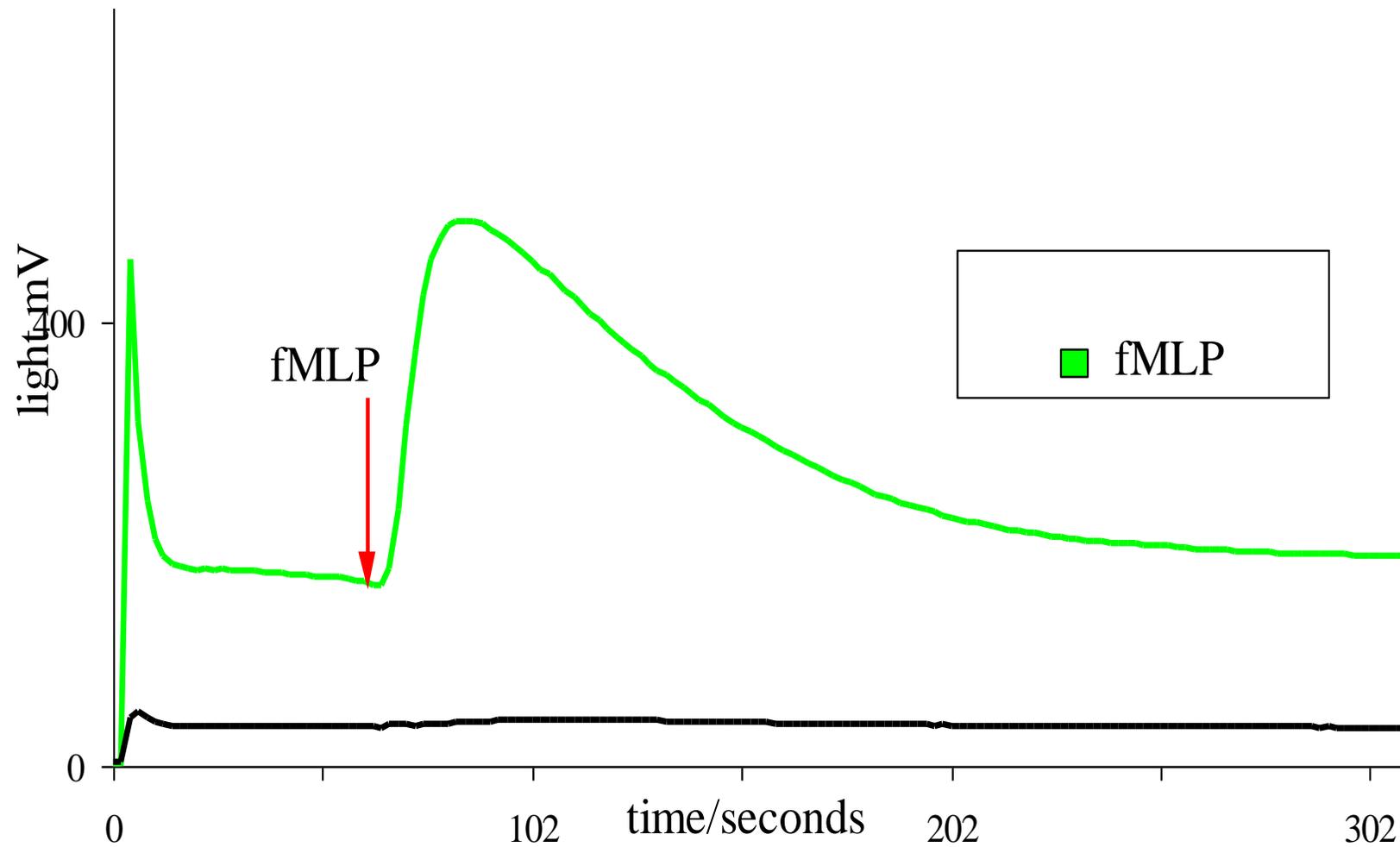
- The cell activation assays can be used on human and animal blood, including marine species
- only very small amounts of blood or other fluids are required
- or small numbers of cells
- works on venous and capillary blood
- suitable for premature babies and small animal studies
- drug evaluation and repeat sampling

# ABEL<sup>®</sup> CELL ACTIVATION KITS for monitoring the production of free radicals and degranulation enzymes by leucocytes in diluted blood or a range of isolated cell types

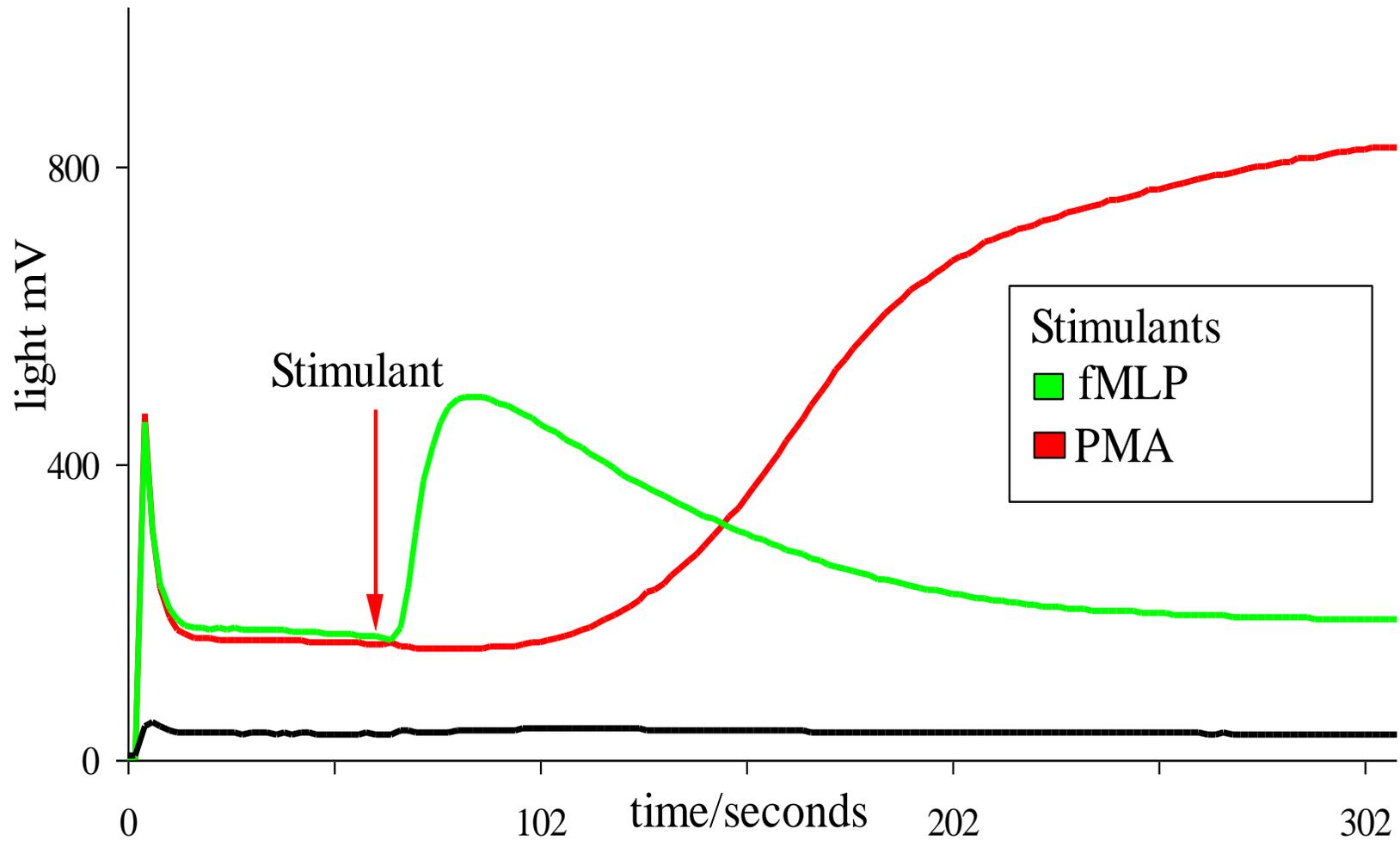


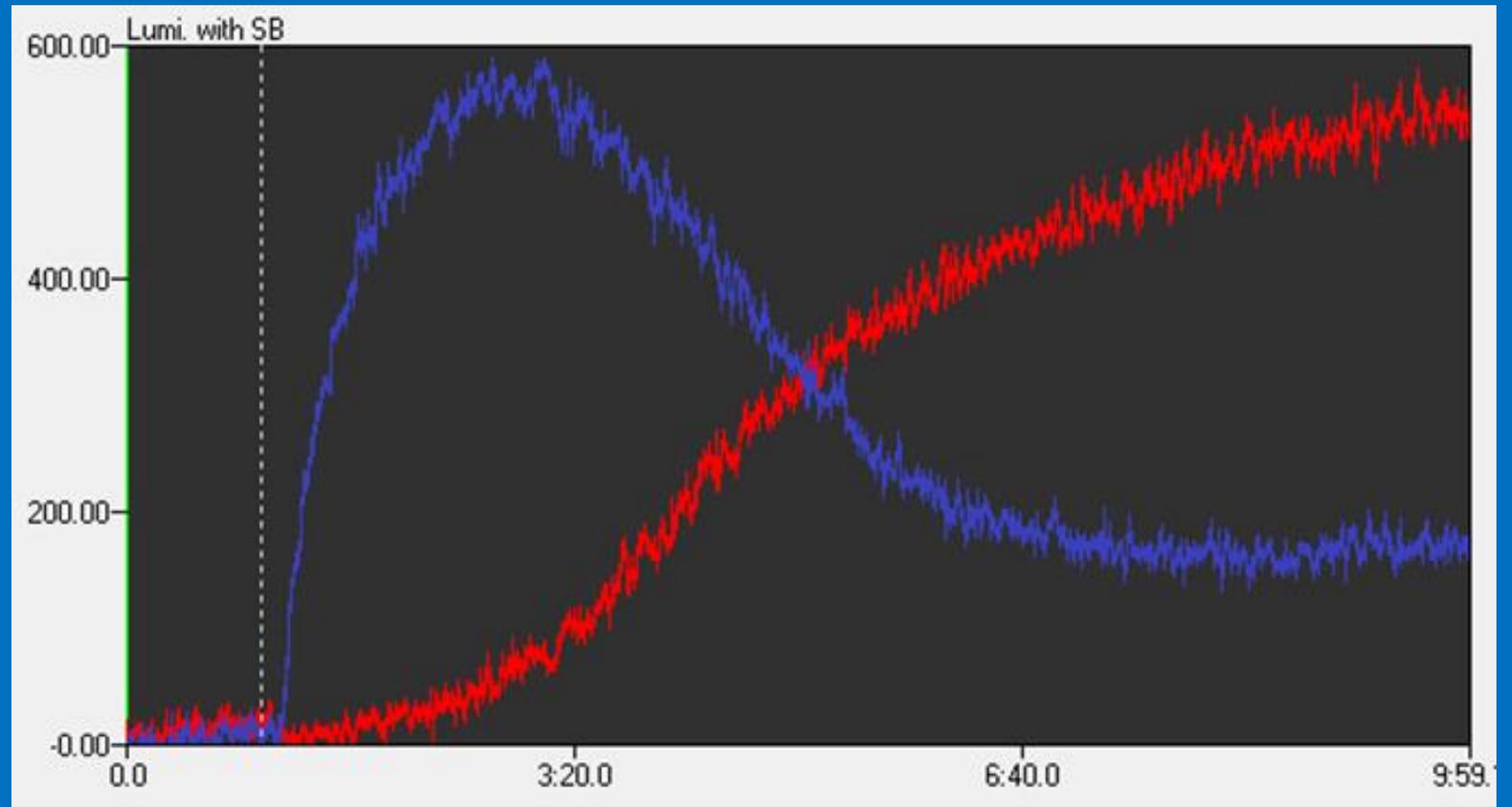
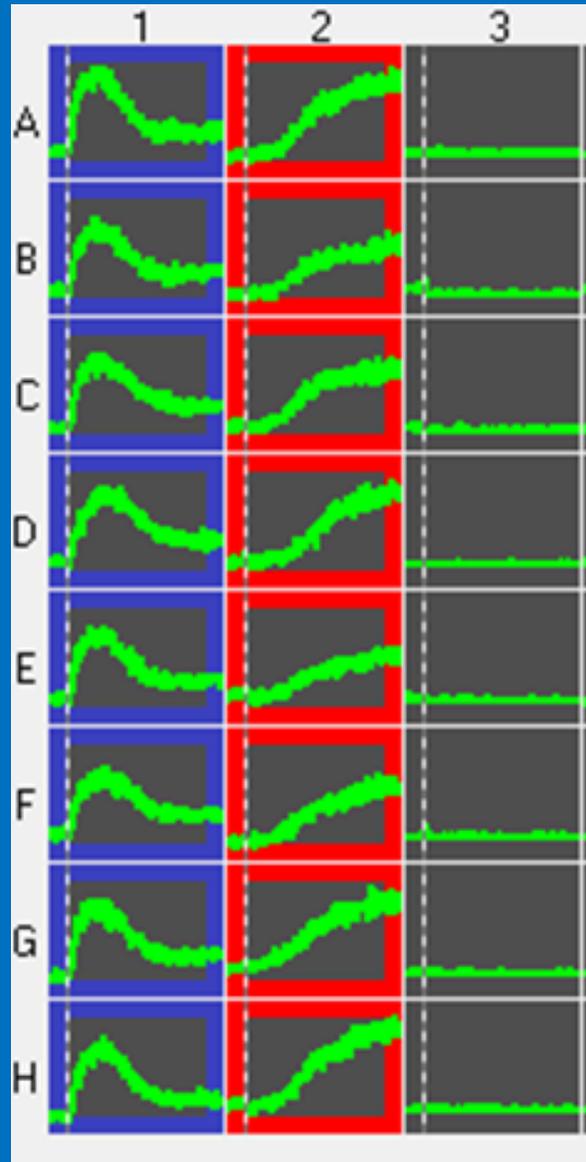


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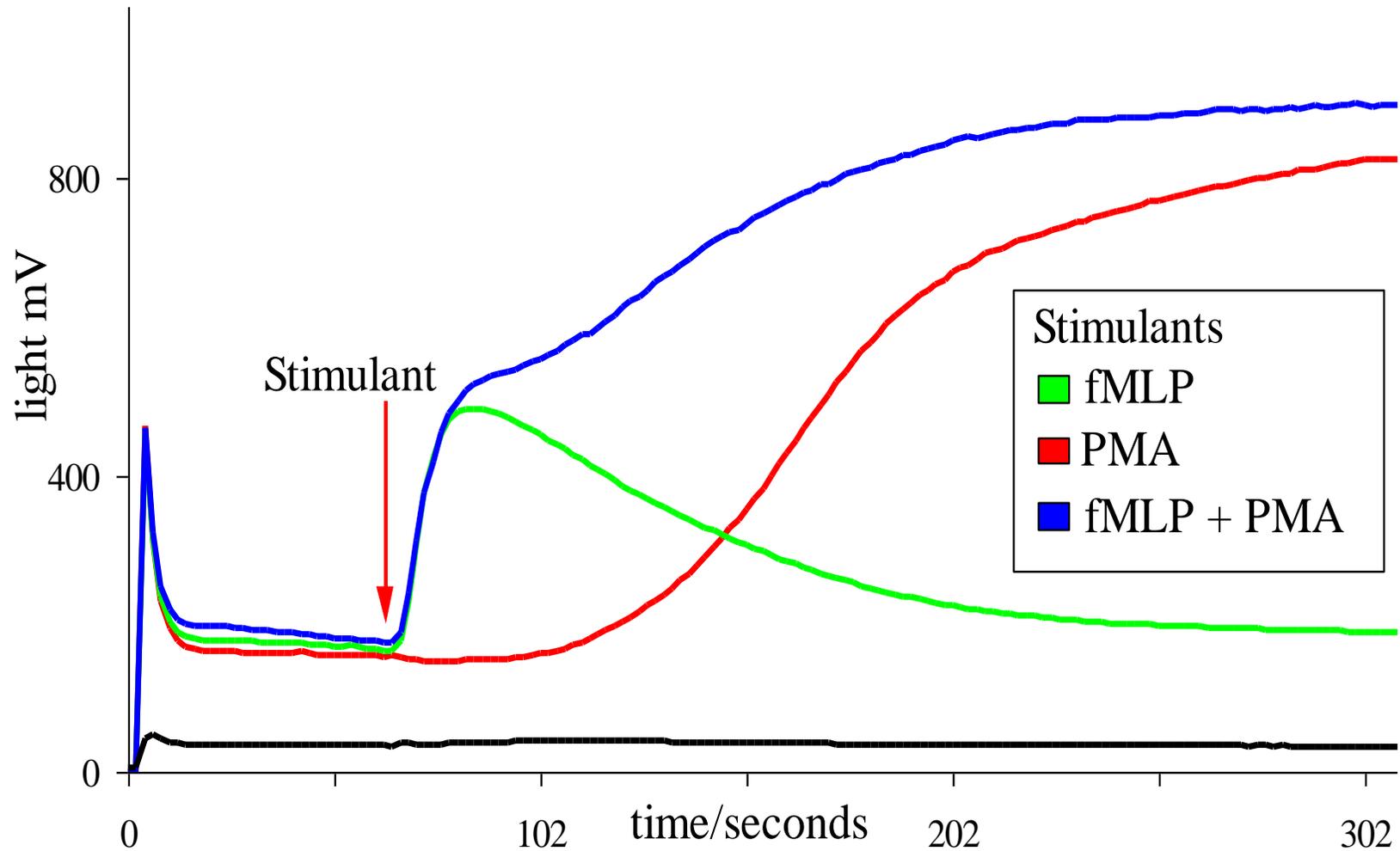


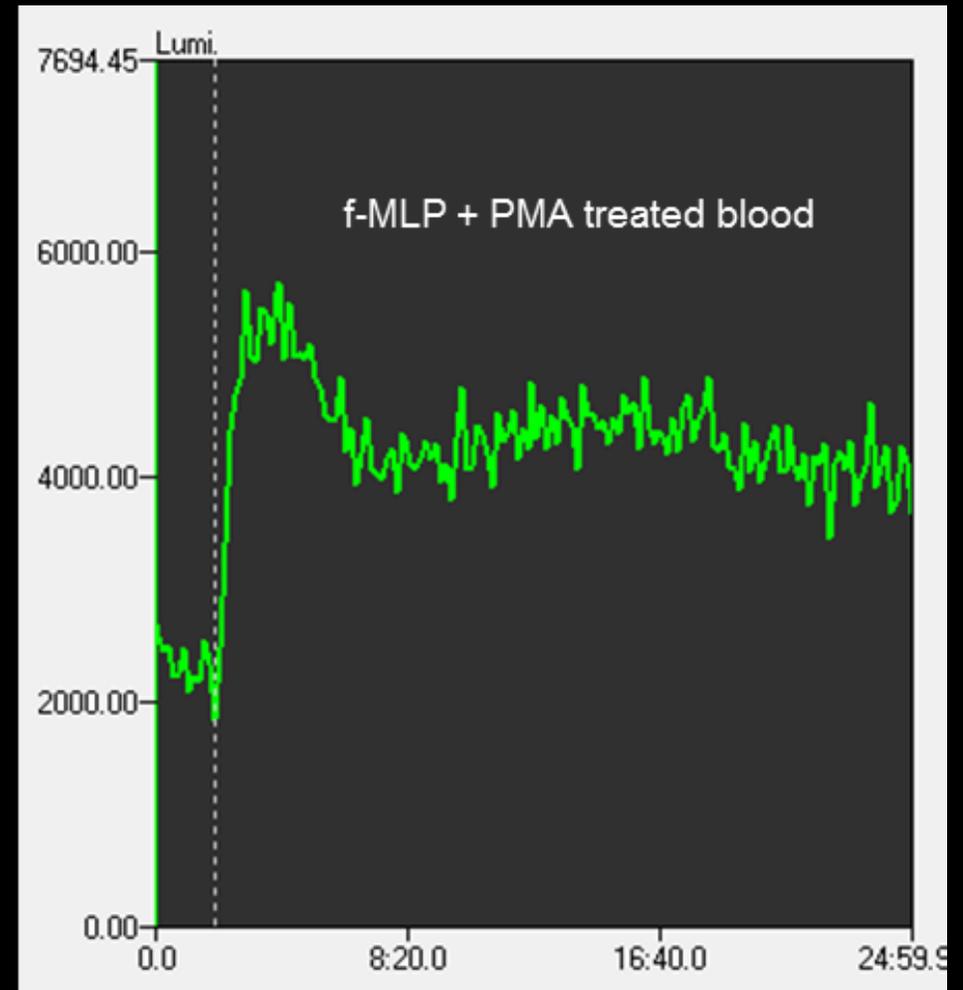
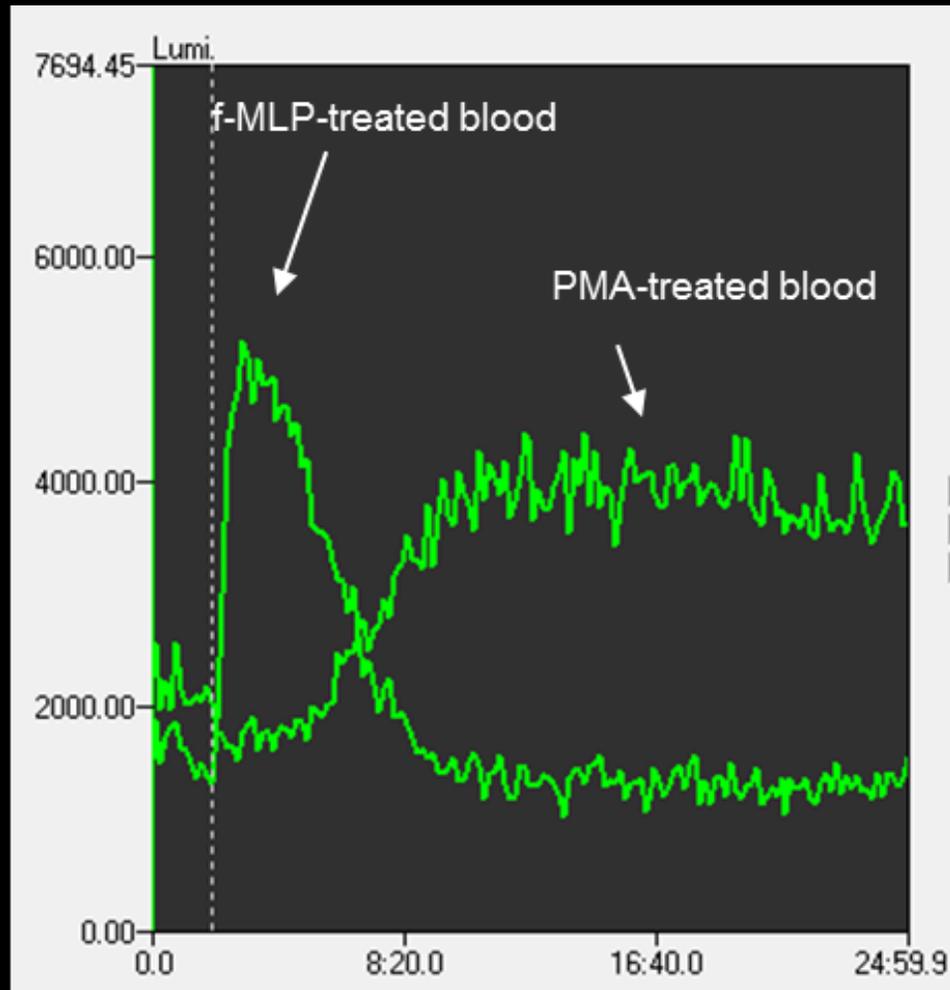
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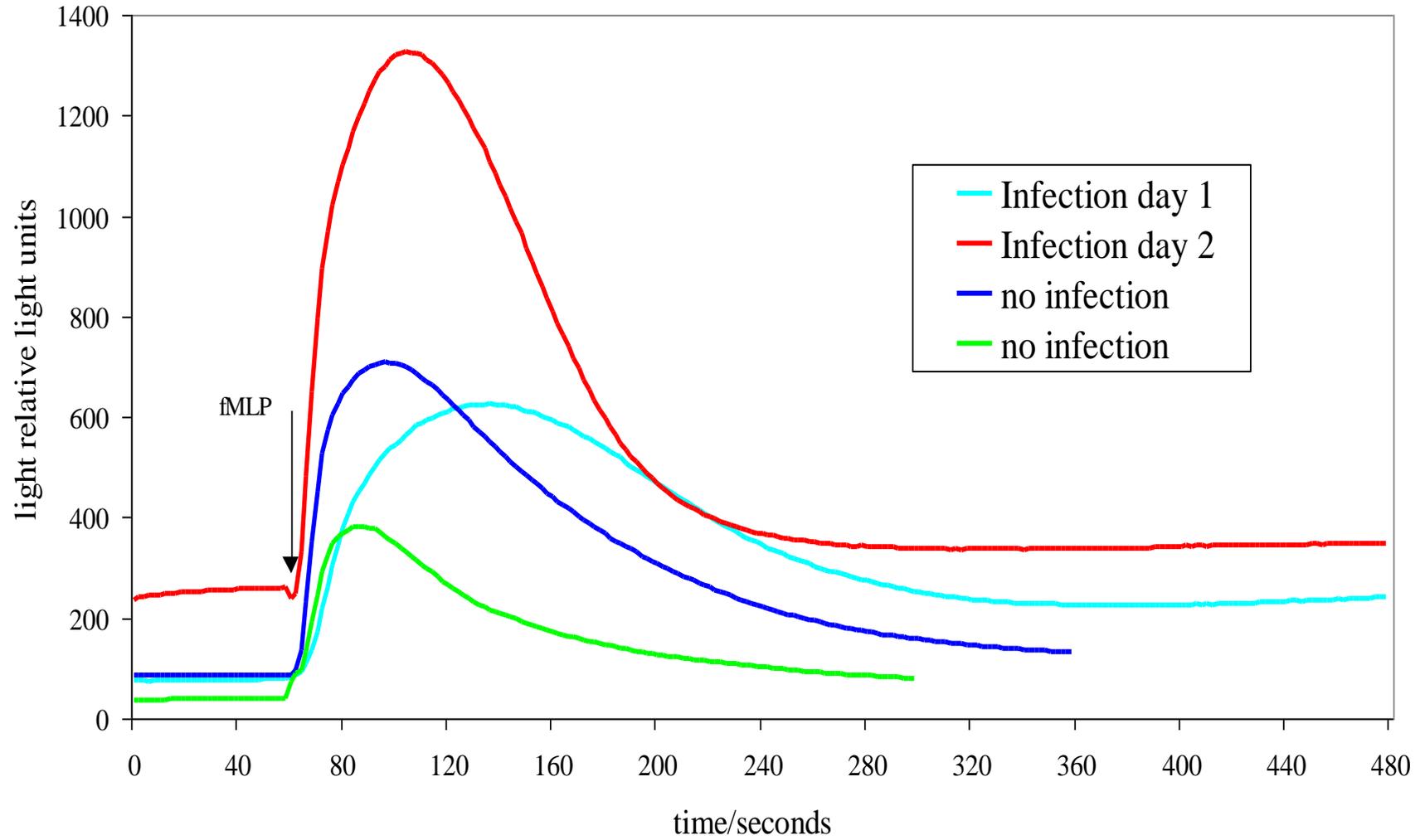
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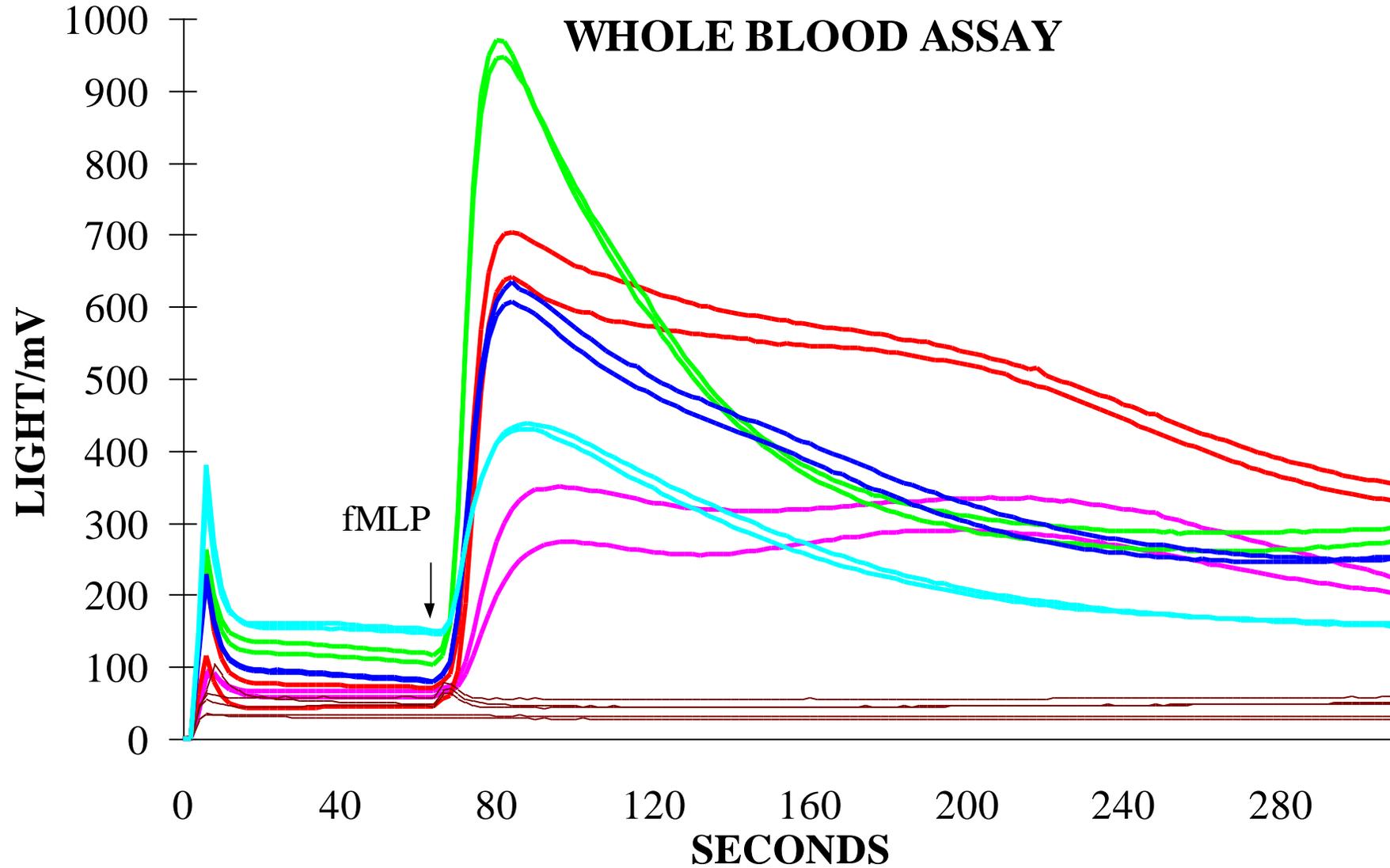


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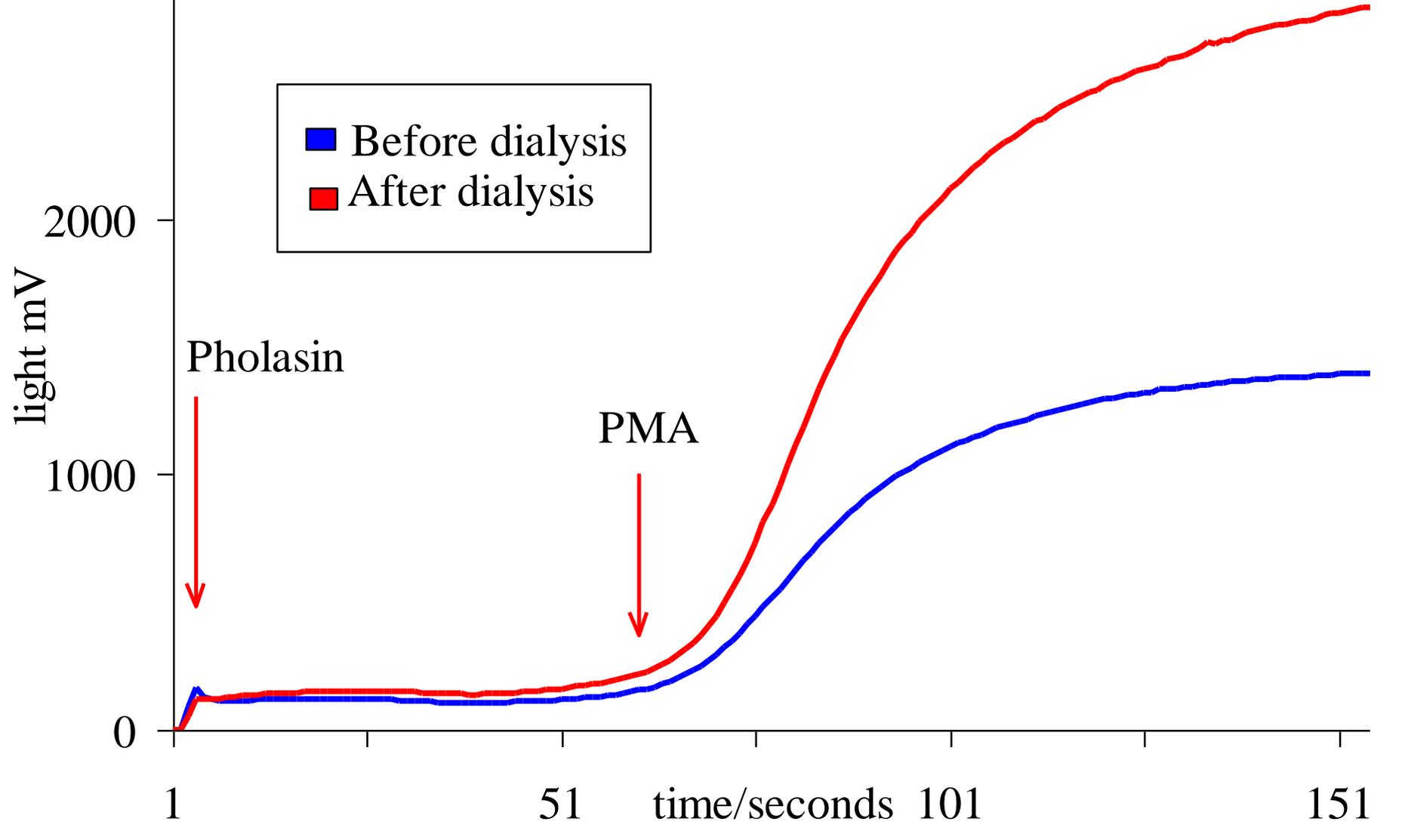
ABEL Whole Blood Test with Adjuvant-K: following progress of an infection



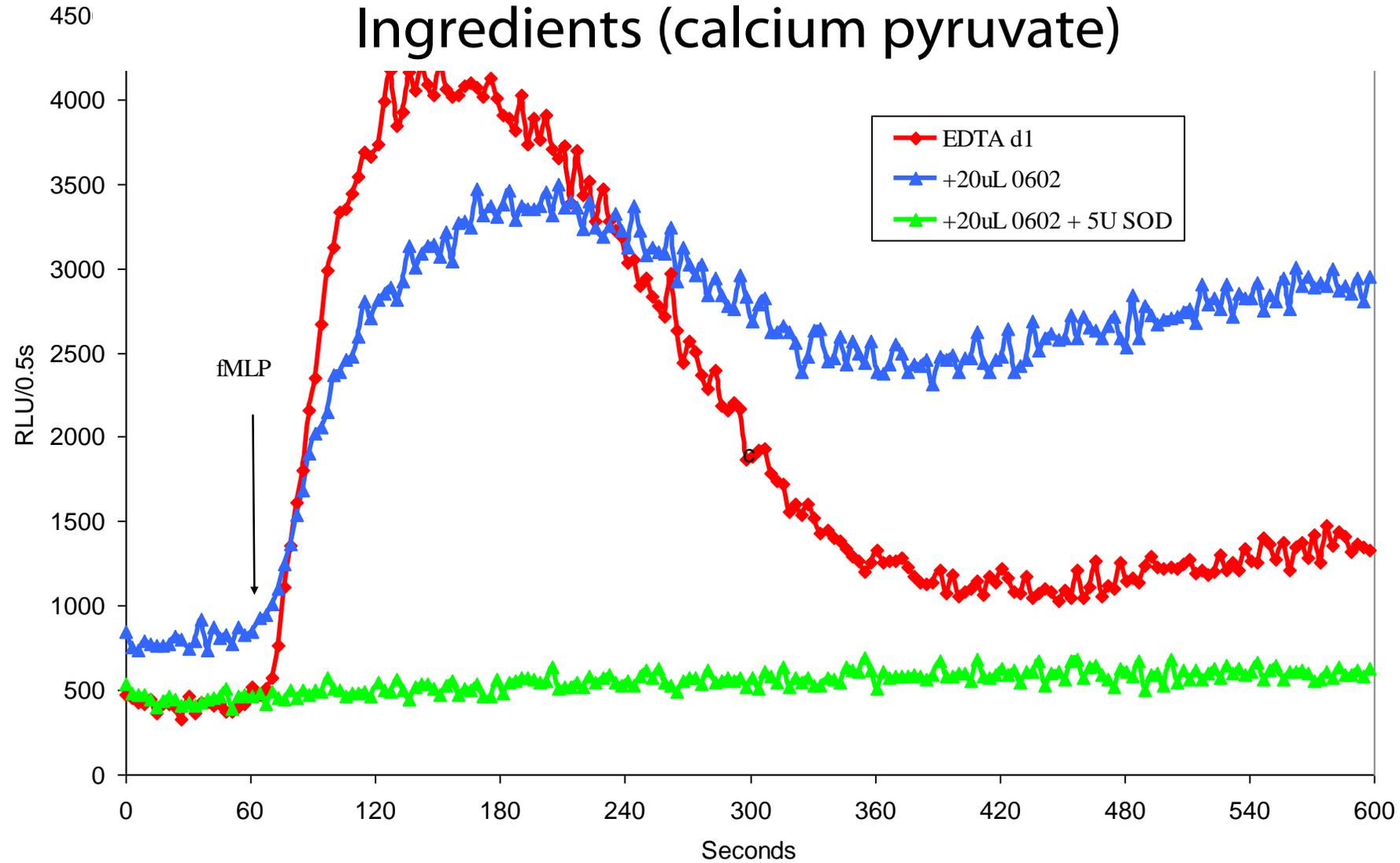
# A VARIETY OF FMLP RESPONSES TO PHOLASIN: WHOLE BLOOD ASSAY



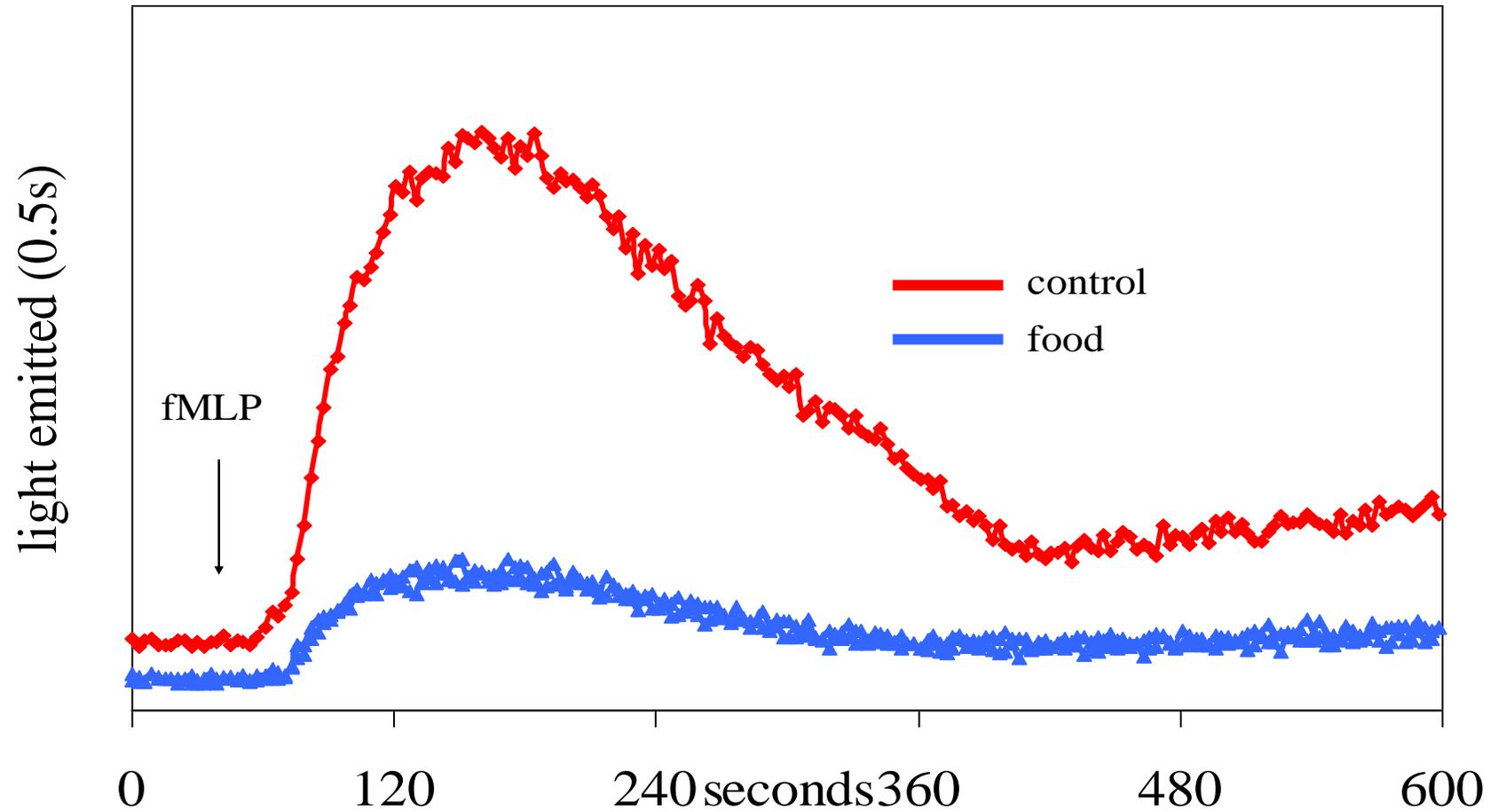
# DEGRANULATION AFTER DIALYSIS



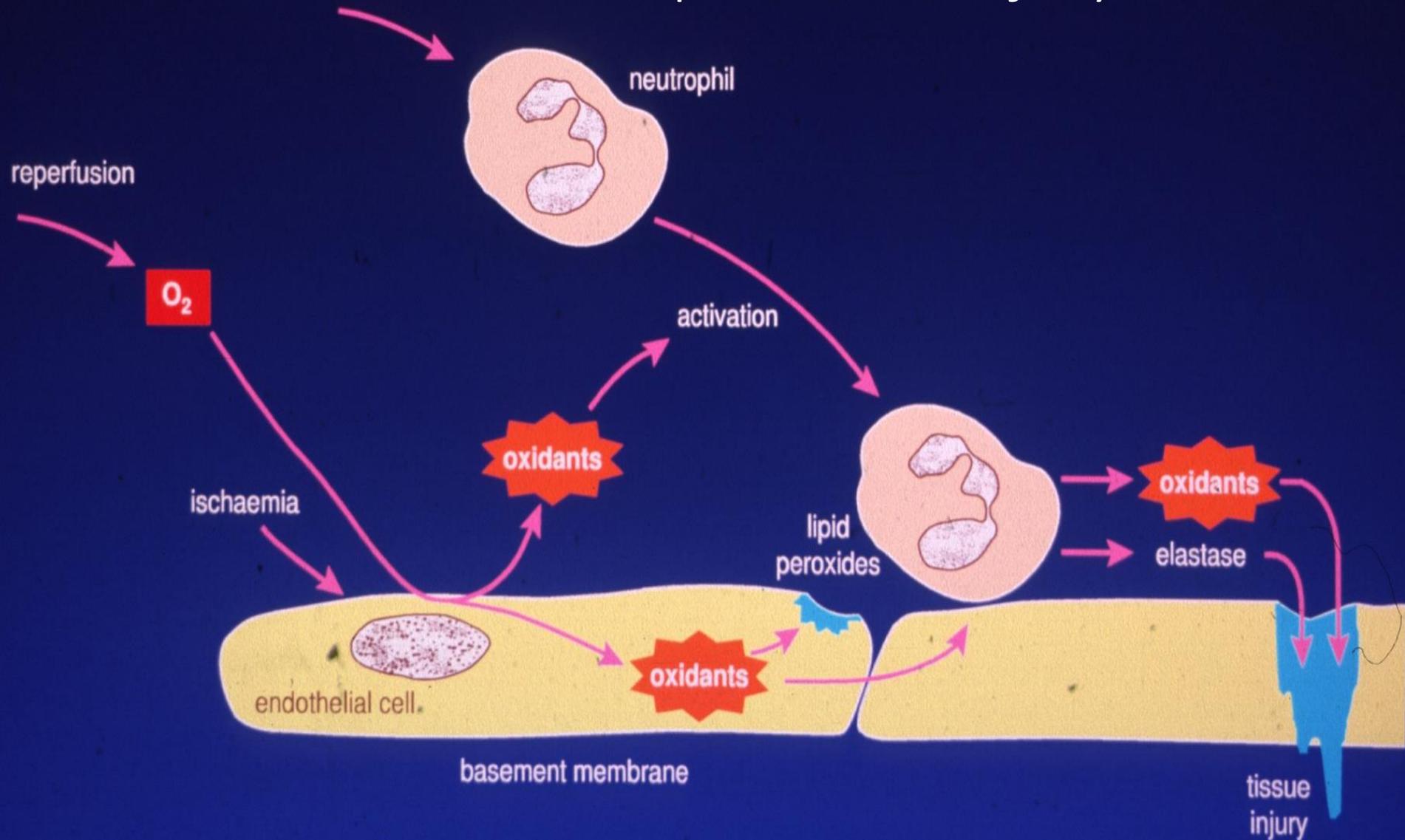
# Activate Cells in the Presence and Absence of Ingredients (calcium pyruvate)



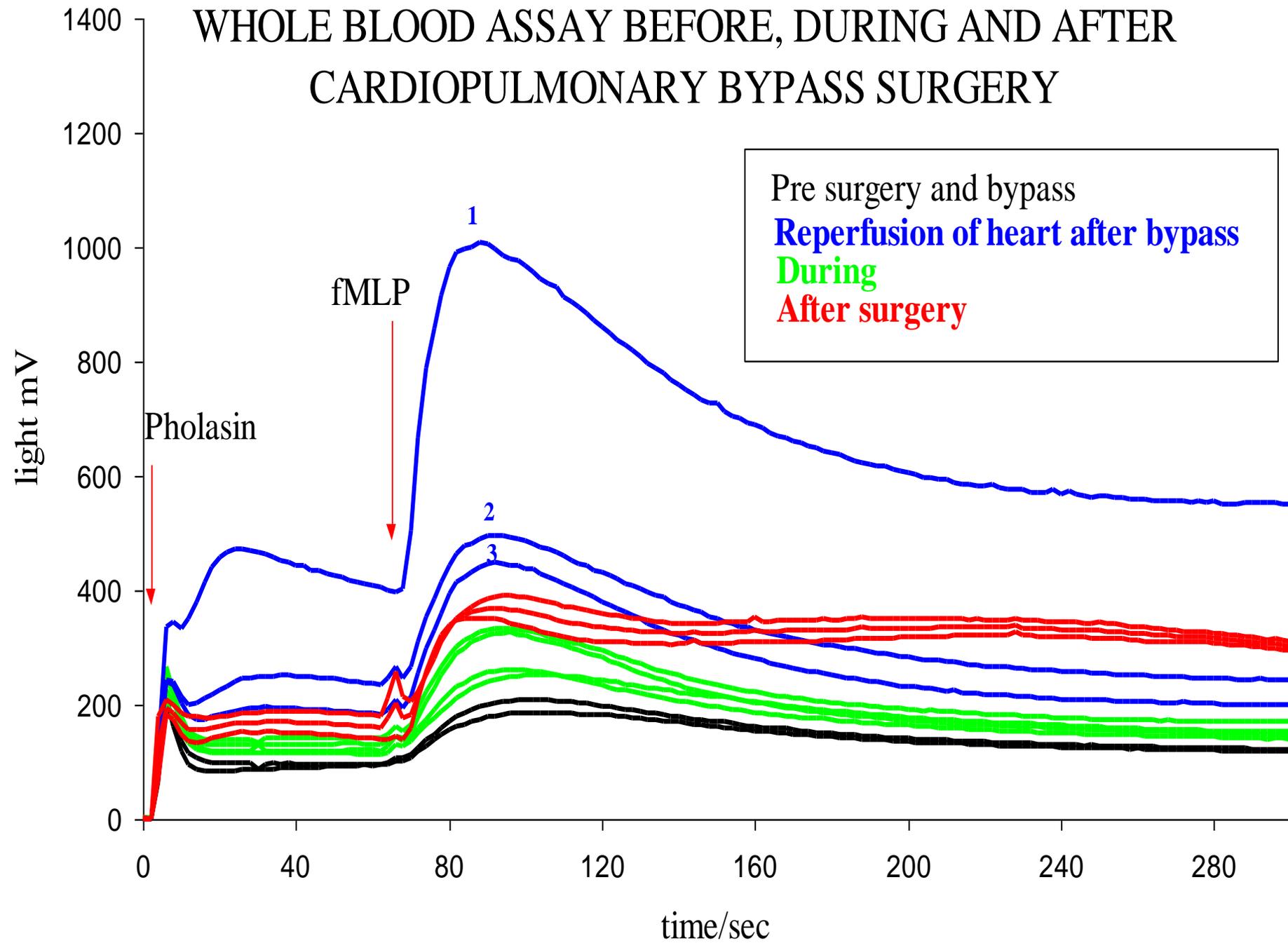
# Complete food (lean-body whey protein blend) tested in diluted blood

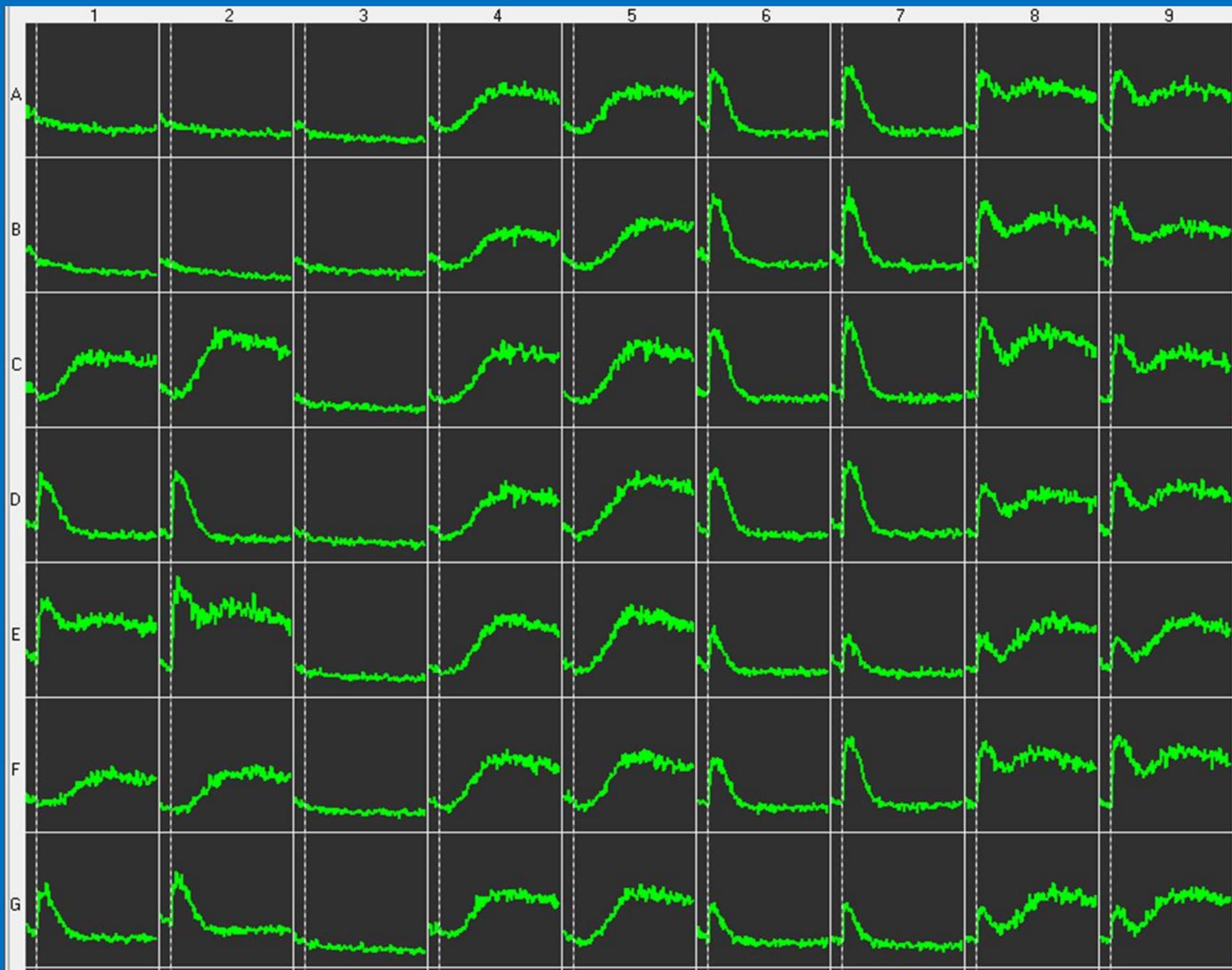


# Ischaemia-reperfusion injury



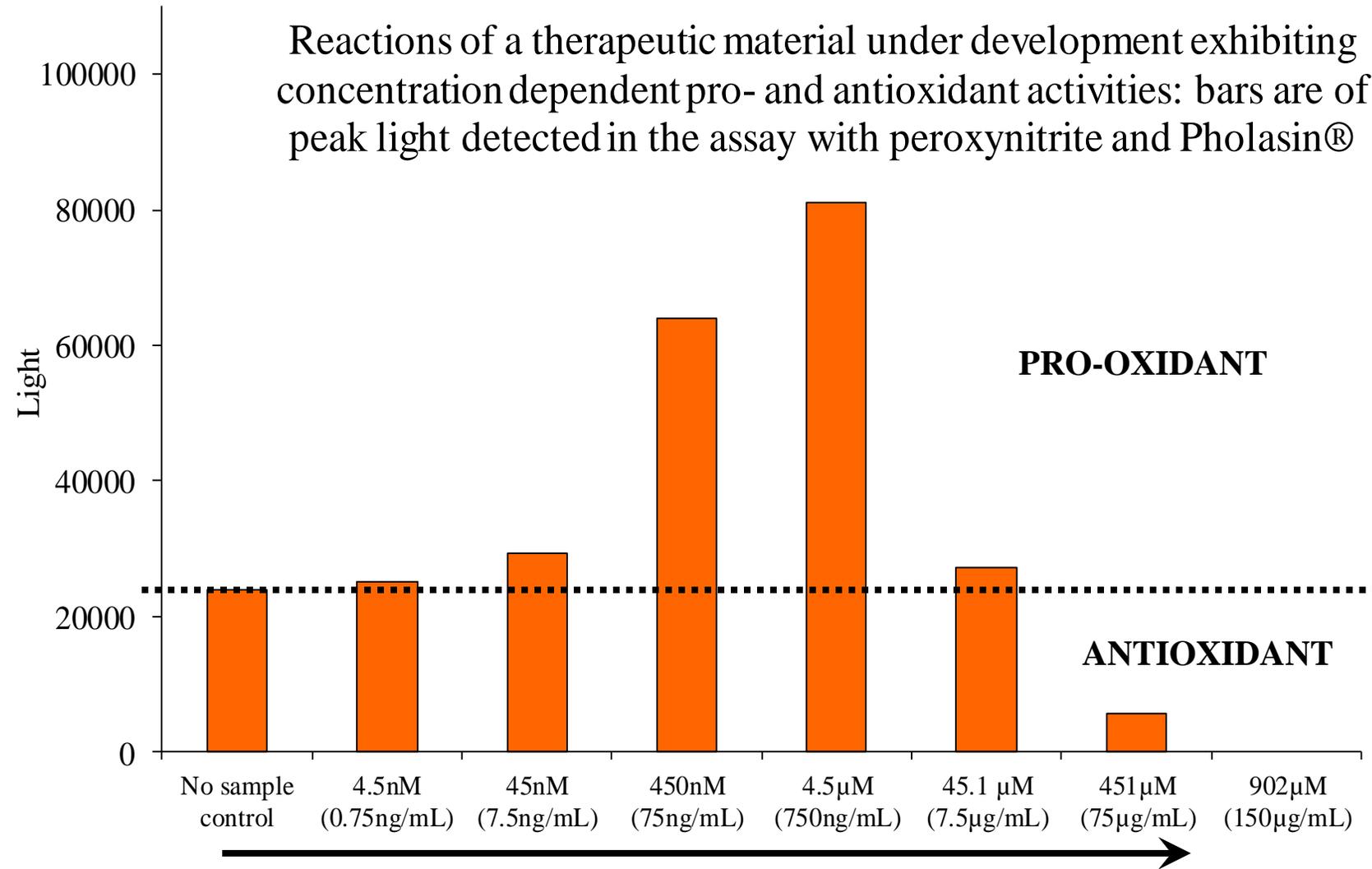
# WHOLE BLOOD ASSAY BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER CARDIOPULMONARY BYPASS SURGERY





Results provided by Dr  
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France

Reactions of a therapeutic material under development exhibiting concentration dependent pro- and antioxidant activities: bars are of peak light detected in the assay with peroxyxynitrite and Pholasin®



# SOME CLINICAL APPLICATIONS

## cell activation assays

- monitoring activity of inflammatory diseases
- drug evaluation studies
- respiratory burst after chemotherapy and bone marrow transplant (especially CGD)
- monitoring during and after surgery
- septic shock
- viability of sperm for in vitro fertilisation
- infection and inflammation
- renal dialysis

and ...

- ageing research
- allergies
- asthma
- cancer
- CGD
- diabetes
- food intolerance
- inflammatory bowel disease
- multi-organ failure
- neuro-degenerative diseases
- reperfusion injury
- ARDS
- smoking
- sports medicine
- toxicology
- tumour killing studies
- vascular studies
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