

Spirit, Sleep & Immunity

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Happiness is intrinsic.

It is about you
and how you perceive the events in your life.
It's about the stories you tell yourself.

Objectives

Biology of Sleep;

Sleep & Immunity;

Pharmacology of Sleep;

Discuss how spiritual well being and life-purpose influences sleep and immunity

Part 1

Sleep

What is sleep?



Sleep: Behavioral. Sustained immobility or quiescence. Exceptions.



Dolphins



Seals



Whales

Sleep: Characteristic posture lying down.
Exceptions.



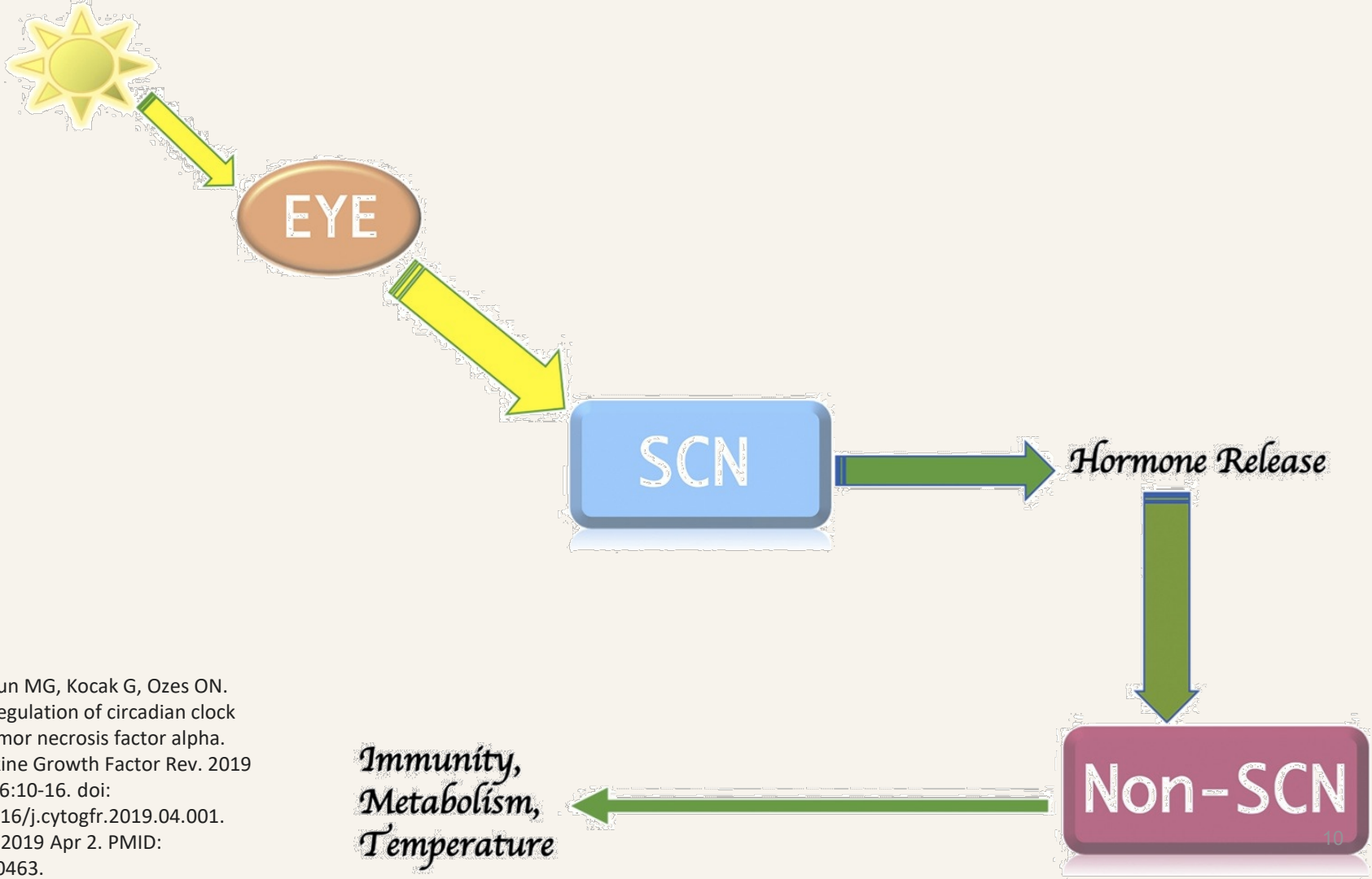
Horses



Elephants

Sleep: Reduced responsiveness to external stimuli

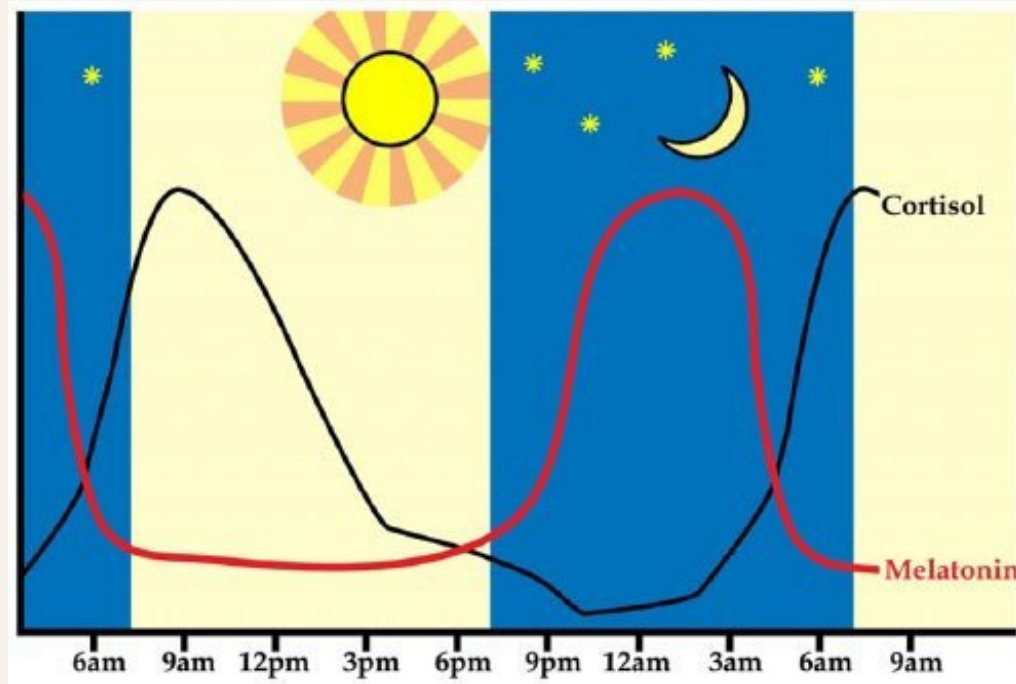




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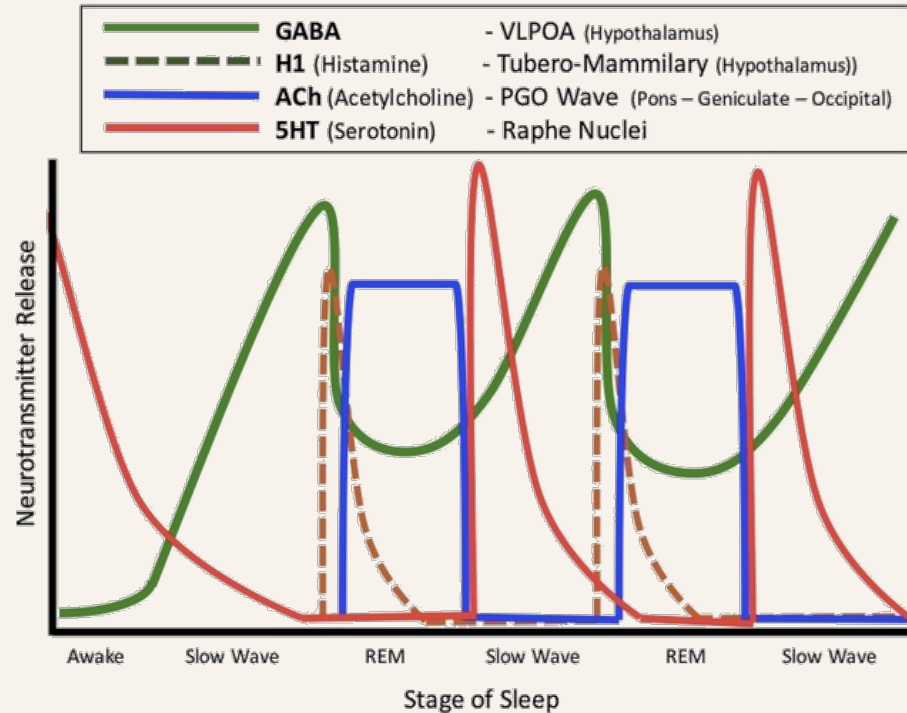
*Immunity,
Metabolism,
Temperature*

Biology of Sleep: Cortisol and Melatonin



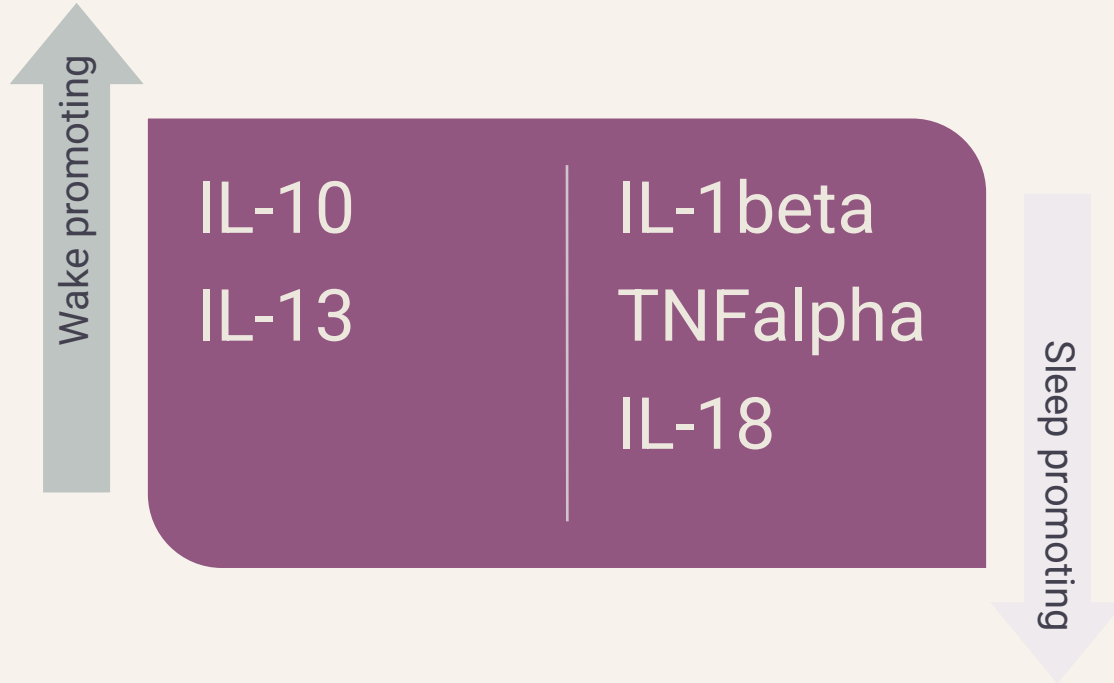
Biology of Sleep: Neurotransmitters

(Some) Neurotransmitters regulating Sleep Cycle

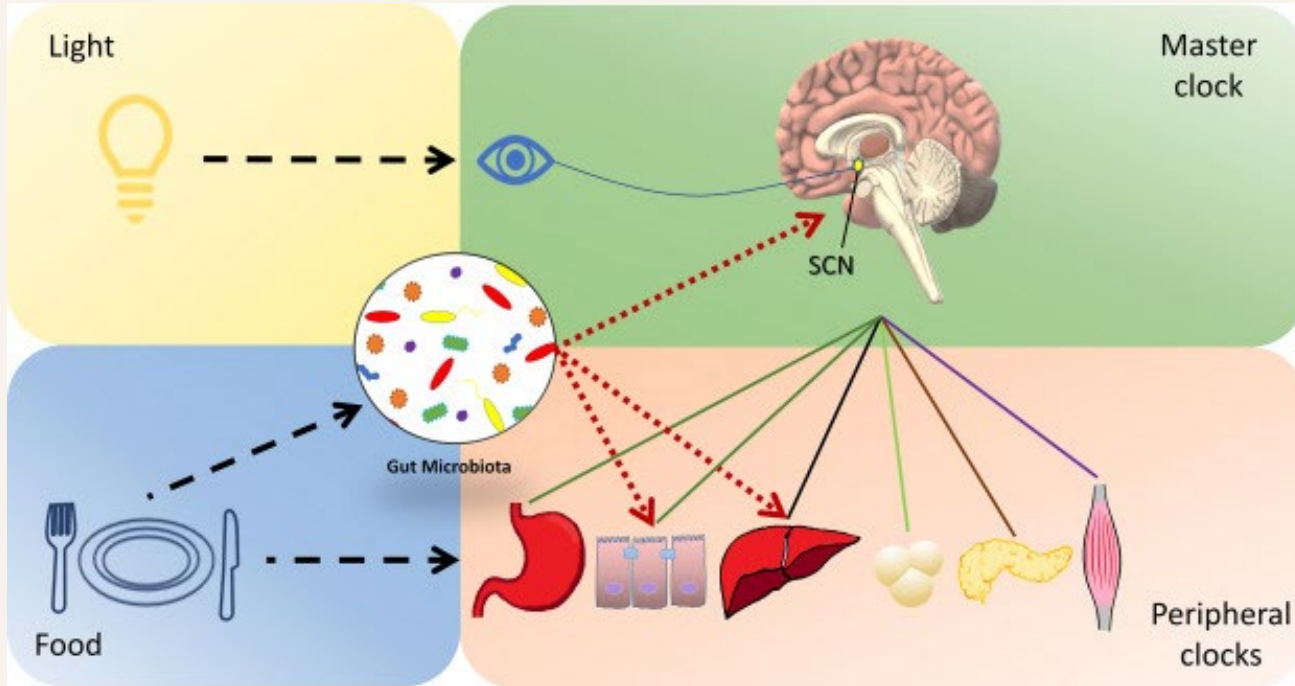


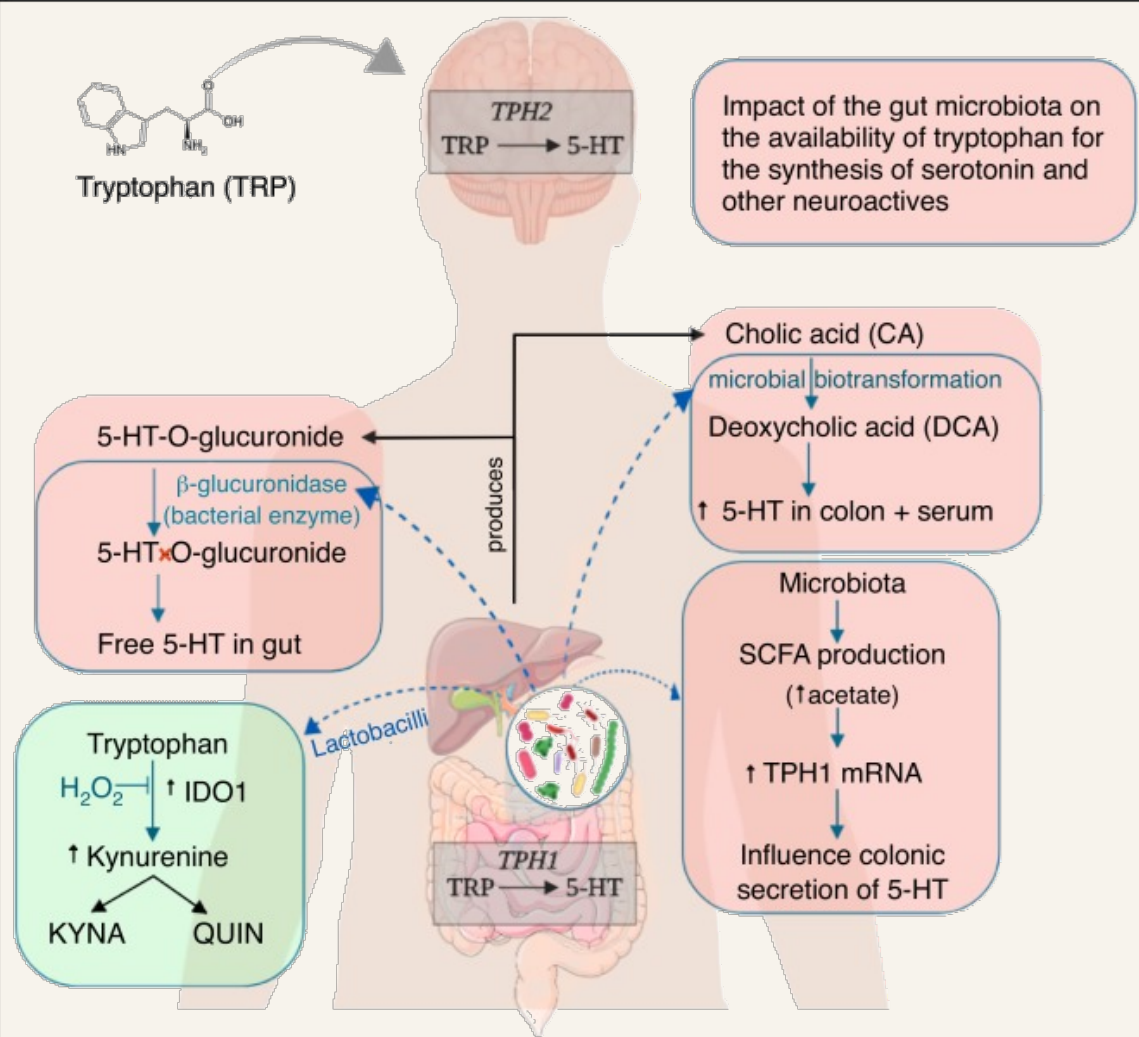
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Biology of Sleep: Cytokines



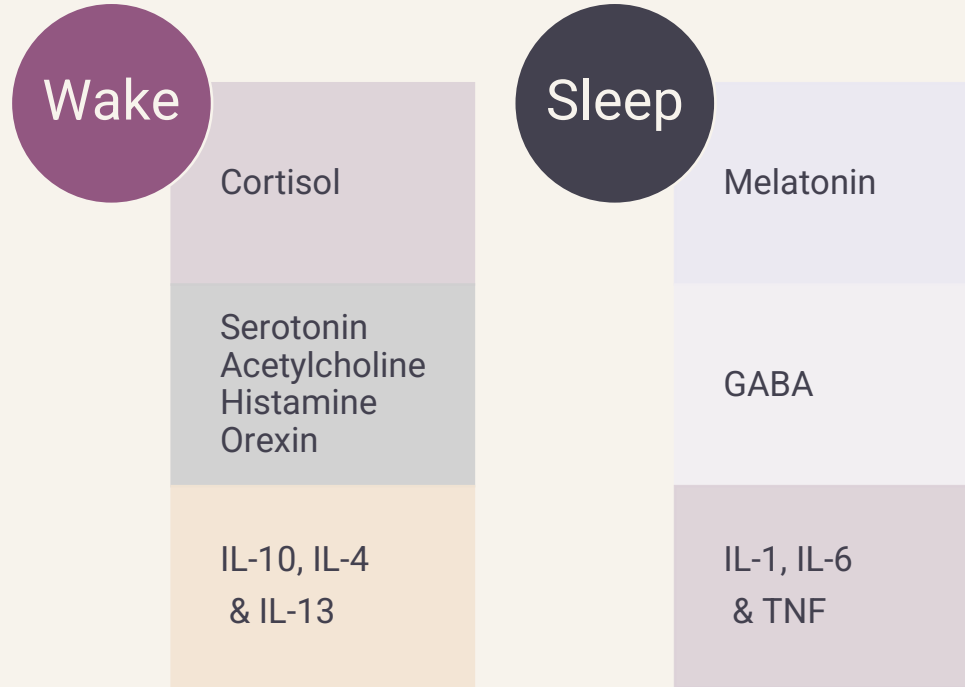
Biology of Sleep: Microbiome





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Putting it together



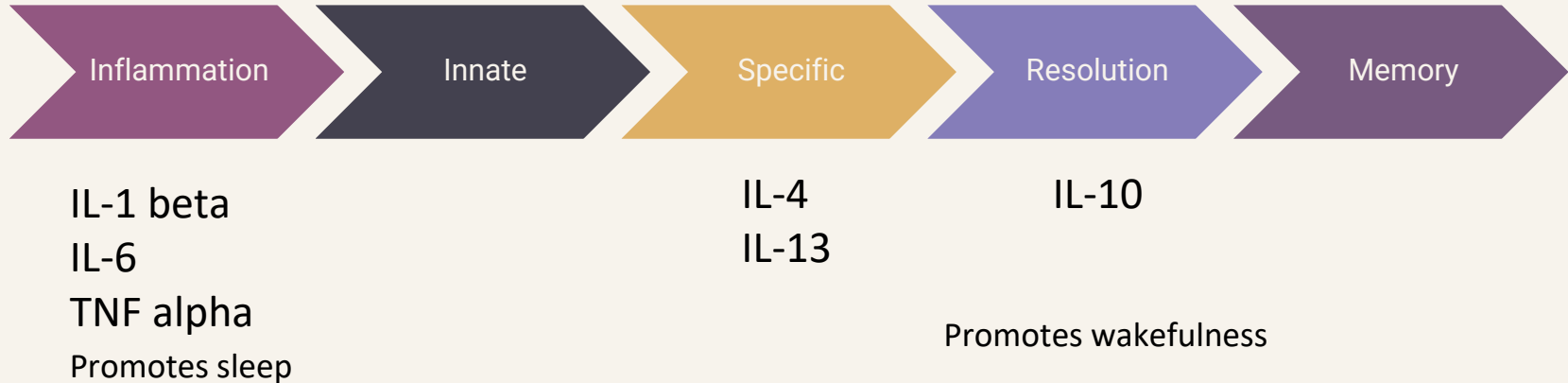
Melatonin, GABA, IL-1 & TNF-alpha



Part 2

Sleep and Immunity

Relationship between sleep and immunity



Sleep deprivation

24/7 Society

Smart-phone addiction

Blue light

Poor diet

Sleep apnea

Stress

Fatigue, excessive daytime sleepiness, and impaired cognitive performance



Relationship between sleep and immunity

Bacteria cell wall components (muramyl and LPS) induce sleep

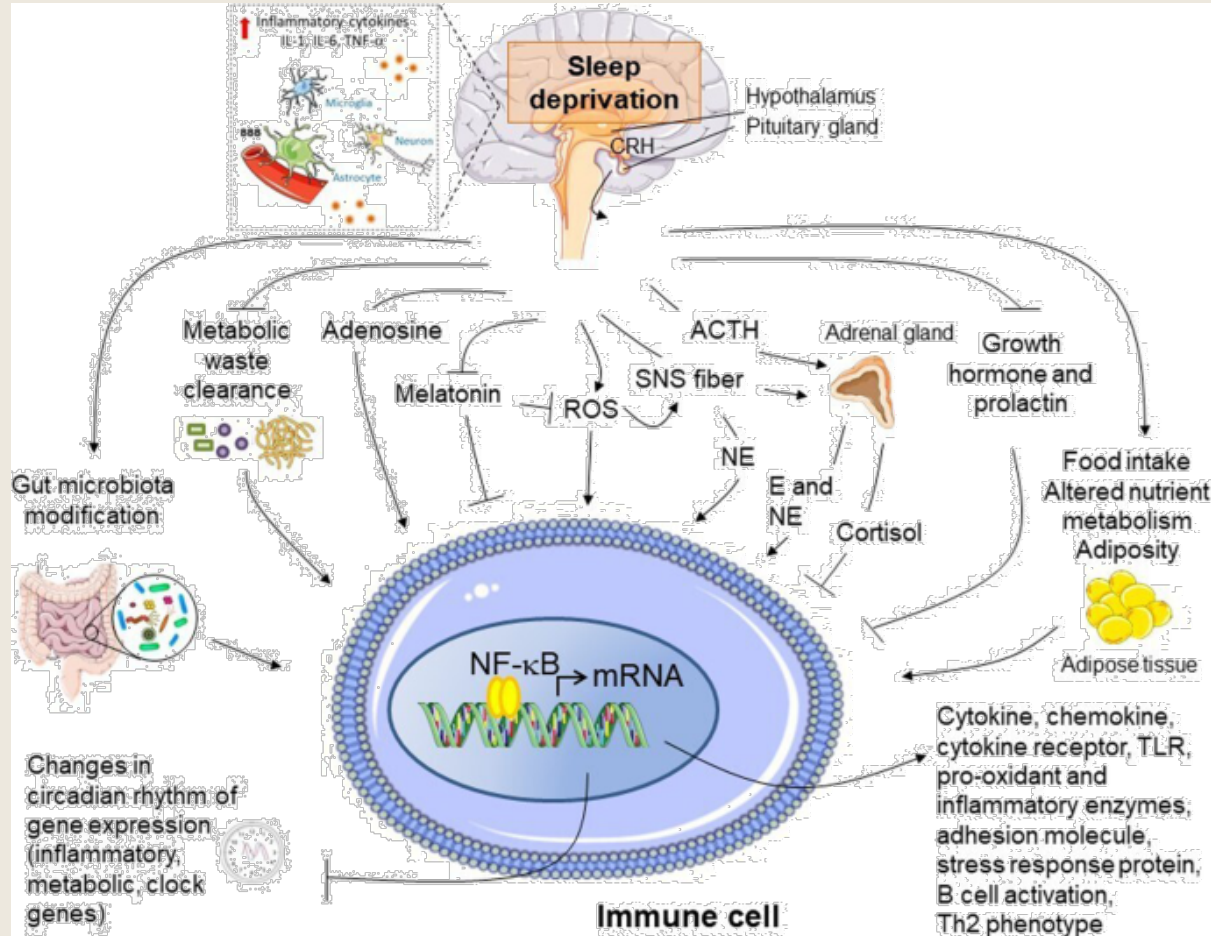
Pro-inflammatory cytokines

Cytokine receptors

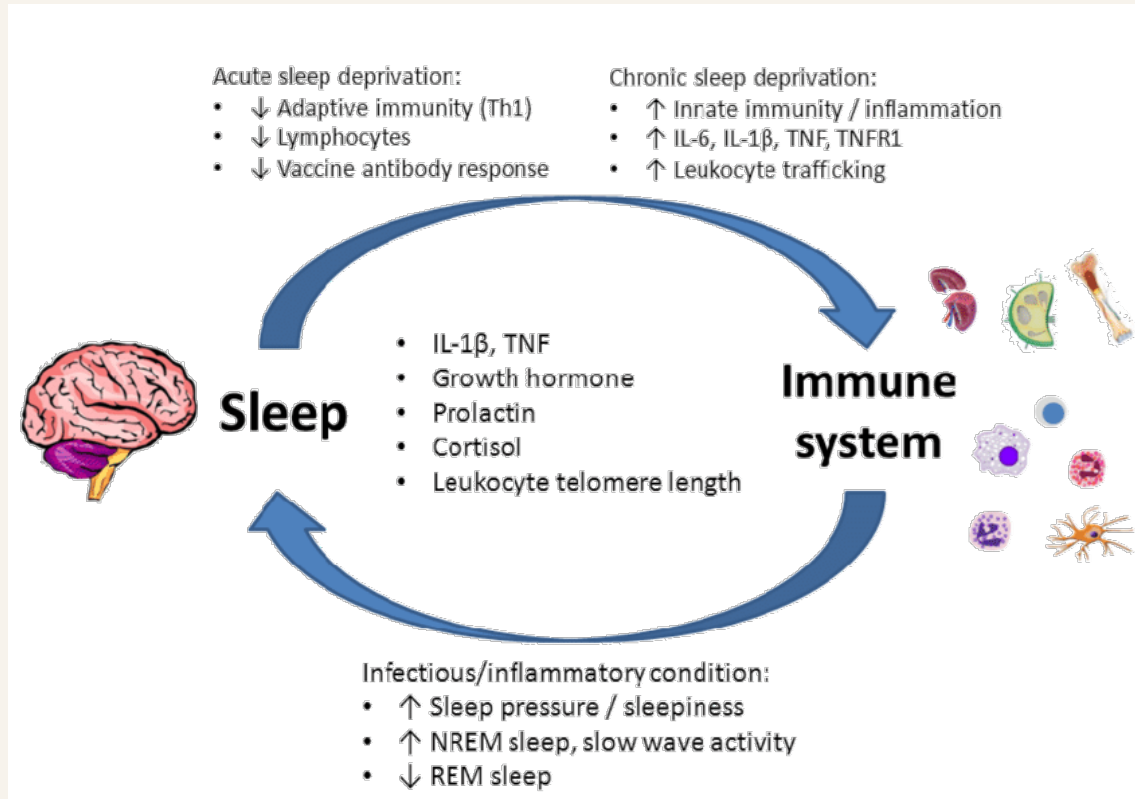
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Relationship between sleep and immunity



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Part 3

Pharmacology of Sleep

Sleep CBT (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy)

Sleep Consolidation

- Limit the amount of time spent in bed

Stimulus Control

- Only use bed for sleeping & sex (No reading, watching TV, etc.)

Cognitive Restructuring

- Change negative talk: Even if it takes a little while to fall asleep, I'll be fine tomorrow

Relaxation Techniques

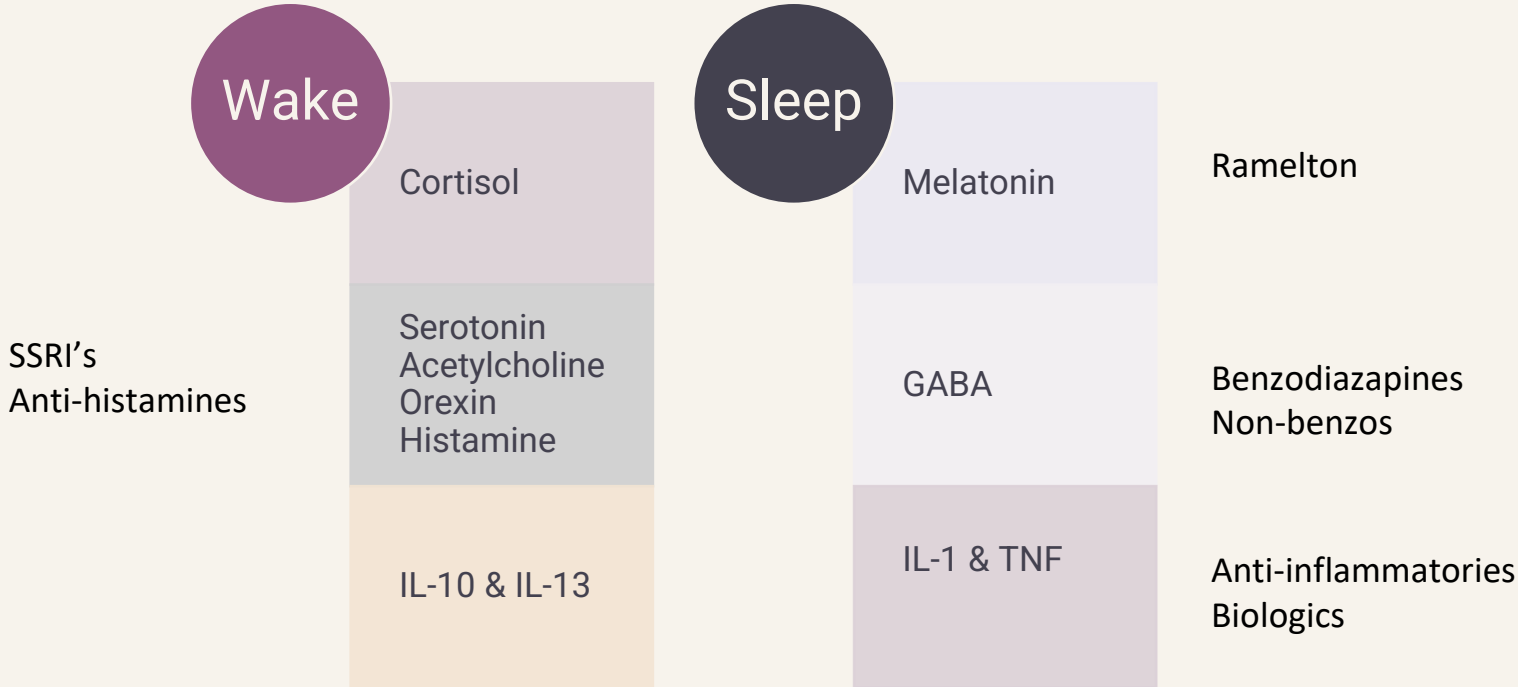
- Mindfulness meditation, Yoga nidra, Breathing exercises

Sleep Hygiene

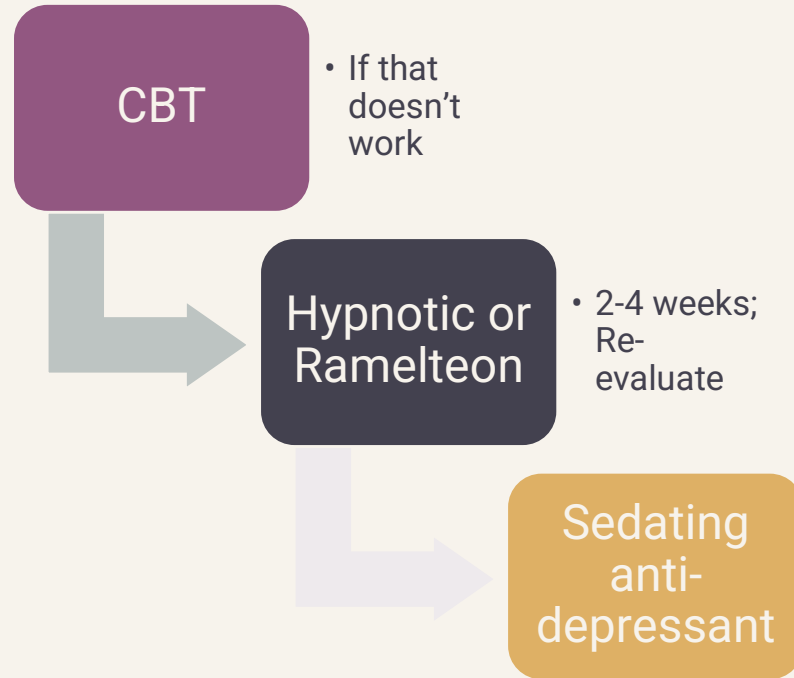
Sleep Hygiene

- Go to bed at the same time each night and wake up at the same time each morning.
- Refrain from eating 2 to 3 hours before bedtime.
- Avoid alcohol 2 to 3 hours before bedtime.
- Avoid exposure to bright light 2 hours before bedtime.
- Avoid caffeine in the afternoon and evening.
- Engage in a relaxing evening routine.
- Expose yourself to bright outdoor light in the morning or early afternoon.
- Decrease exposure to computer screens and cell phones 1 to 2 hours before bedtime.

Sleep Medications



Sleep Medications



Sleep Medications: Hypnotic

Bezodiazapines

Hypnotic Agent	Recommended Dose Range (mg)	Half-life (Hours)	Onset
Quazepam	7.5-15	39-200	fast
Flurazepam	15-30	4 days + metabolites	fast
Estazolam	0.5-2	10-24	Fast-moderate
Temazepam	7.5-30	8-20 hours	Fast-moderate
Triazolam	0.125-0.5	1.5-5.5	Fast

Sleep Medications: Benzos

- Commonly prescribed for treatment of anxiety and insomnia, despite many potential risks
- An estimated 1.8-8.2% of hip fractures in five Western European countries and the US may be attributable to benzo use (Khong, de Vries et al. 2012)
- Short-acting benzos appeared associated more with hip fractures than long-acting benzos
- Memory and cognitive impairment
- Increased risk of traffic accidents
- Risk of tolerance, dependence, abuse potential
- Avoid in: elderly, patients with TBI, OSA, dementia, substance use disorders, if receiving other CNS depressants

Sleep Medications: Hypnotic

Non-Bezodiazapines

Hypnotic Agent	Recommended Dose Range (mg)	Half-life (Hours)	Onset
Eszopiclone	1 - 3	6 - 9	fast
Zolpidem	5 – 10	2 - 5	fast
Zaleplon	5 - 20	1	fast

Abuse potential less than benzos

Insufficient evidence to say whether non-benzos are safer than benzos

Sleep Medications

Automatic sleep behaviors: may occur with zolpidem at high doses

Rebound insomnia

Impaired motor function

Falls

Impaired cognitive function, including amnesia

Daytime impairment

Dosing changes in 2013 (FDA)

Women:

- Recommended dose of zolpidem lowered from 10 mg to 5 mg for immediate-release products (Ambien, Edluar, and Zolpimist) and from 12.5 mg to 6.25 mg for extended-release products (Ambien CR)

Men:

- Consider prescribing the lower doses—5 mg for immediate-release products and 6.25 mg for extended-release products

Dosing changes in 2014 (FDA)

Eszopiclone

- 3 mg dose causes impairment to driving skills, memory, and coordination lasting more than 11 hours after evening dose
- Recommended starting dose of 1 mg for both men and women

Sleep Medications: Ramelteon

- Melatonin agonist – binds to M1 and M2 receptors
- Half-life of 1.5 to 5 hours
- Metabolized by the liver; used with caution in hepatic insufficiency
- Weak evidence for reduction of sleep latency at recommended prescribed dosage (8 mg)
- No consistent evidence of improvement in other objective or subjective parameters
- Benign side effect profile



The Microbiome and Medications

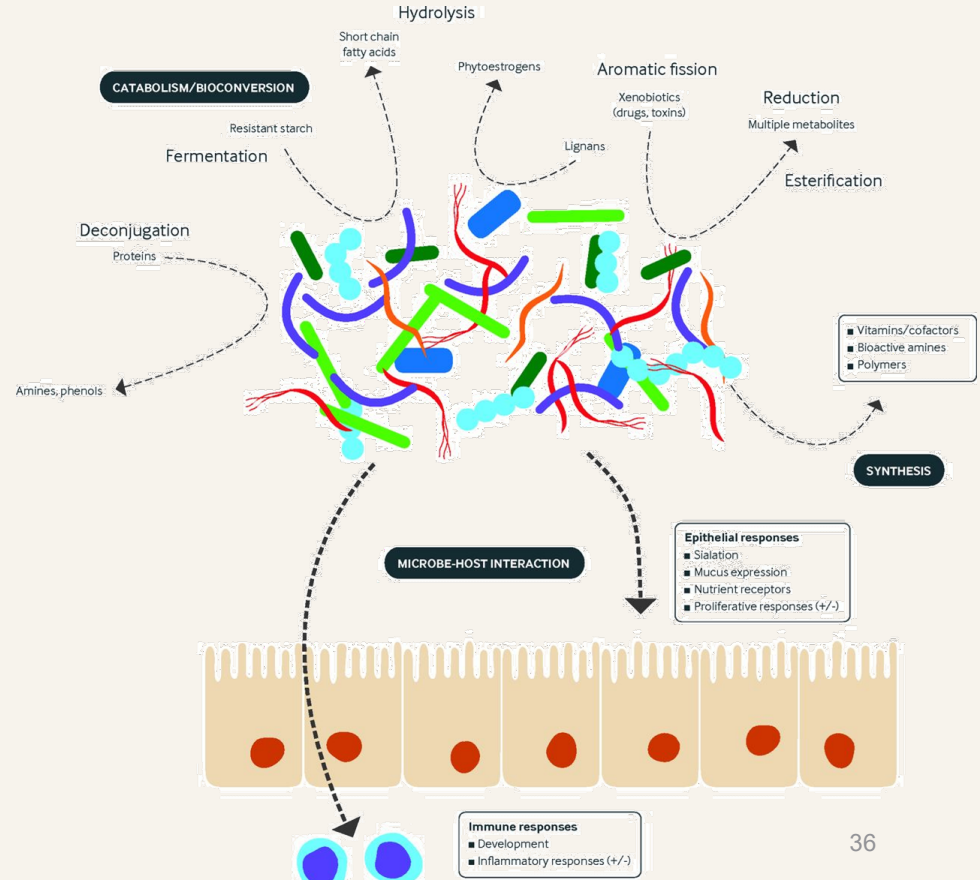
Direct vs Indirect Microbiome-Drug Interactions

Direct Interactions (Metabolism)

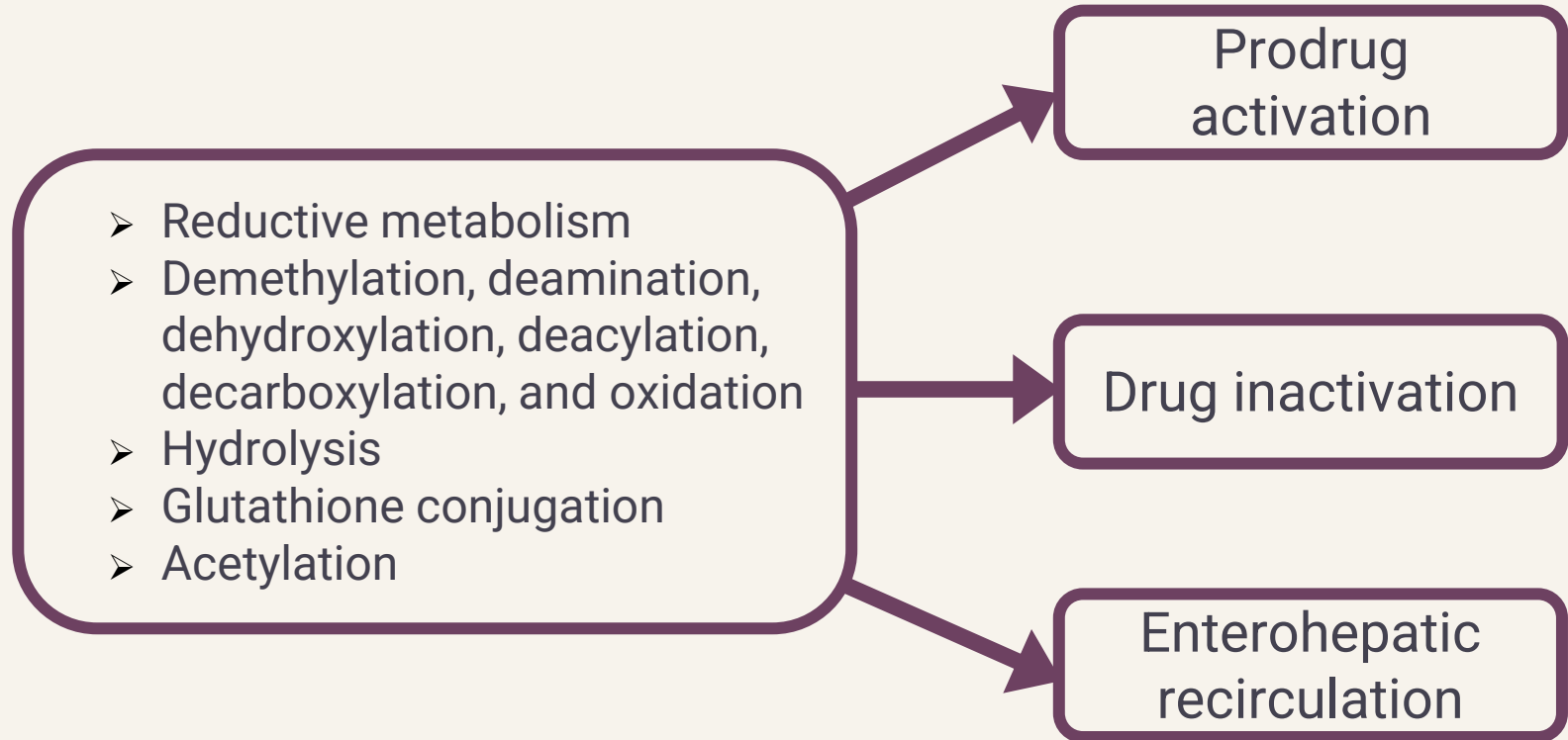
- Activation – 5-ASA, Prontosil
- Inactivation – Digoxin
- Enterohepatic recirculation – Diclofenac

Indirect Interactions (Microbiome-host-drug)

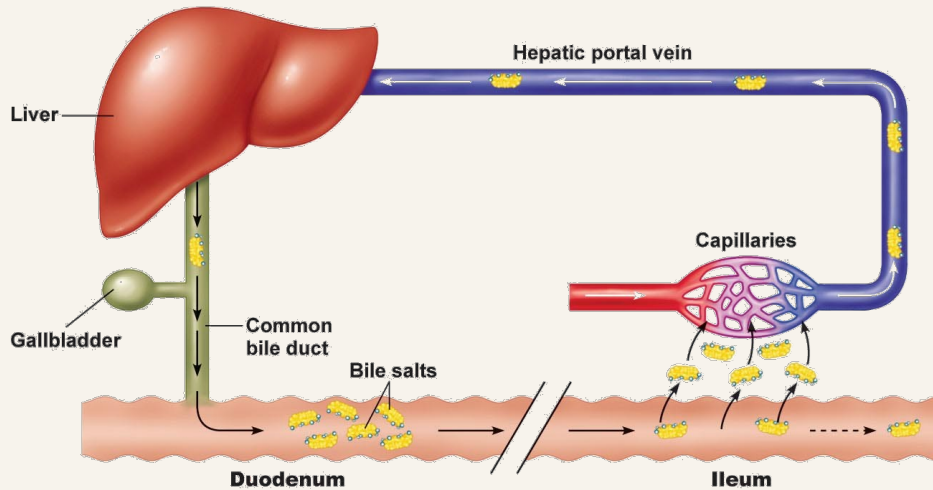
- Competition for drug metabolizing enzymes or transporters by microbiome metabolites
- Modulation of drug metabolizing enzyme or transporter expression
- Changes in microbiome composition or expression



Biotransformation by the Microbiome



Enterohepatic Recirculation

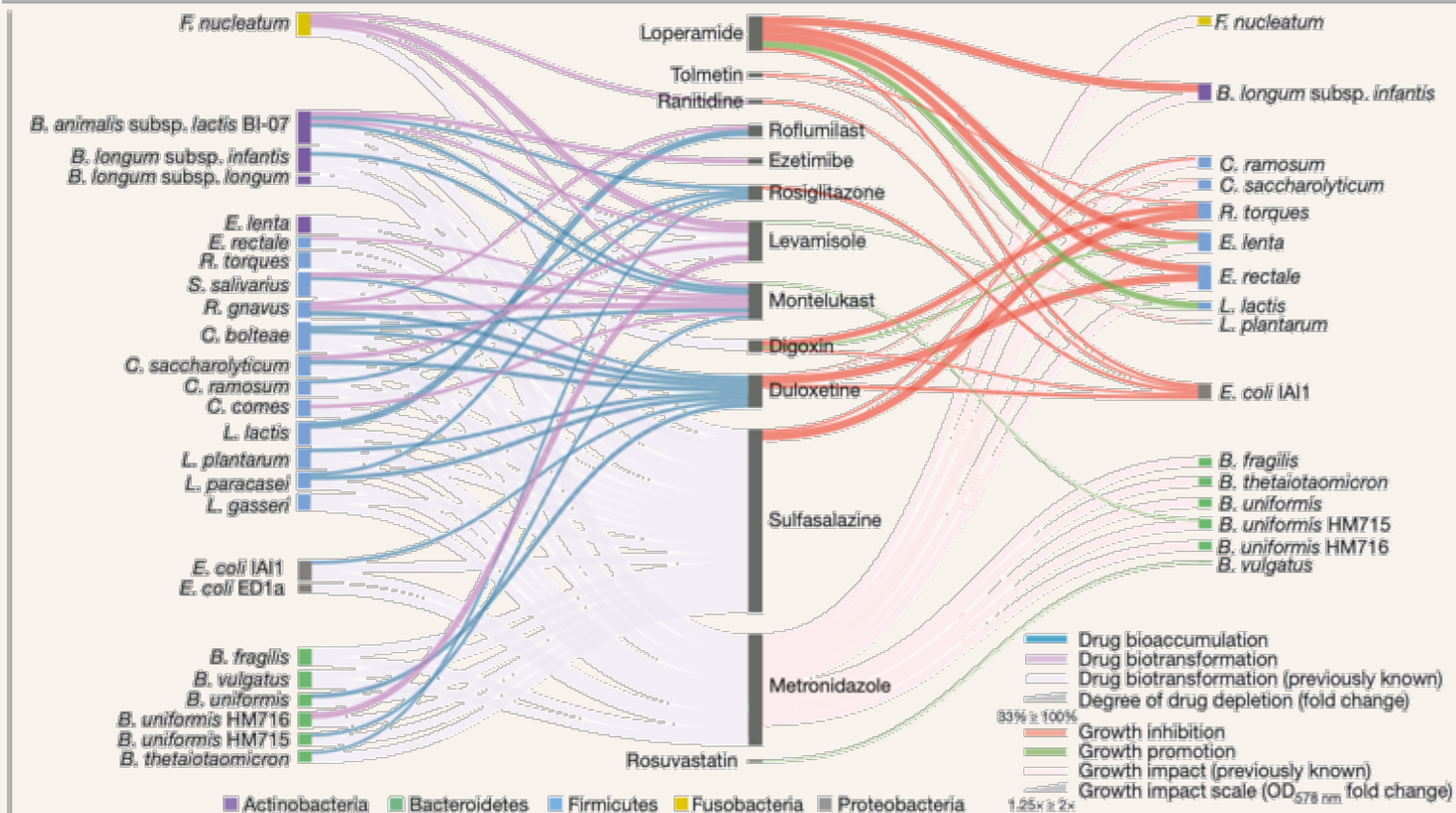


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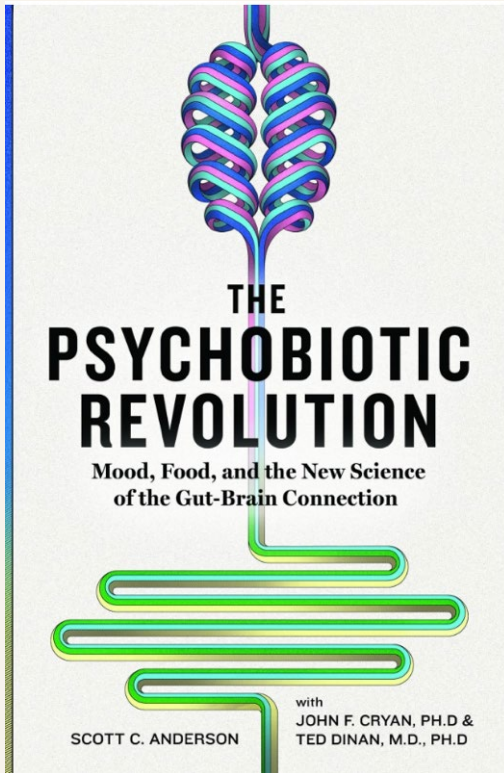
Phase II Enzymes	
UDP-glucuronosyl transferase (UGTs)	Thiopurine S-methyl transferase
Sulfotransferase (SULTs)	Catechol O-methyl transferase
Glutathione-S-transferase (GSTs)	N-/O-methyl transferase
N-acetyltransferase (NATs)	<i>Epoxide hydrolase (EO), heme oxygenase-1 (HO-1), etc.</i>

- Enterohepatic recycling occurs by biliary excretion and intestinal reabsorption of a drug.
- Drugs can undergo hepatic conjugation by Phase II metabolizing enzymes and intestinal deconjugation by gut microbiota.
- Cycling is often associated with multiple peaks and a longer apparent half-life in a plasma concentration-time profile.

Bioaccumulation of Therapeutic Drugs By Gut Bacteria - Klünemann et al 2021



Psychobiotic - Probiotics that impact the brain



Chapter 7

- *B. longum* / *infantis* – Reduce cortisol, stress, and anxiety
- *B. breve* – anxiety
- *B. animalis* – IBS/IBD, mood
- *B. Bifidum* – MDD
- *L. Acidophilus* – anti-inflammatory
- *L. Bulgaricus/helveticus* – lowers blood pressure, anxiety, cognitive impairment
- *L. rhamnosus* – depression and anxiety, reduces cortisol
- *L. reuteri* – satiety, reduces inflammation and heart disease
- *L. plantarum* – IBS, reduces inflammation
- *L. casei* – Mood
- *L. paracasei* – Liver support and pain
- *S. boulardii* – immune support, diarrhea, IBS, IBD

Microbiotic Medicinal Products



Inactivated Cells



LBPs

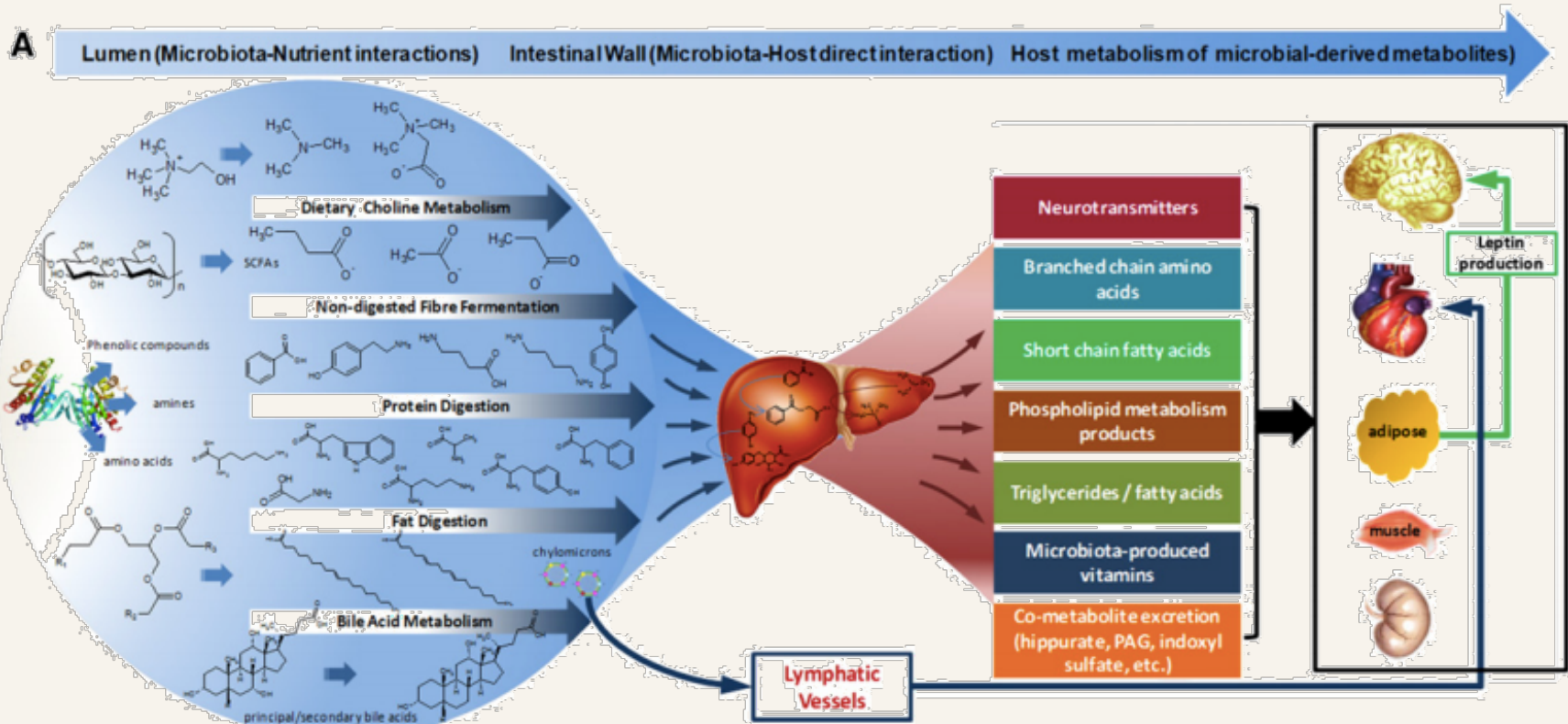


FMTs



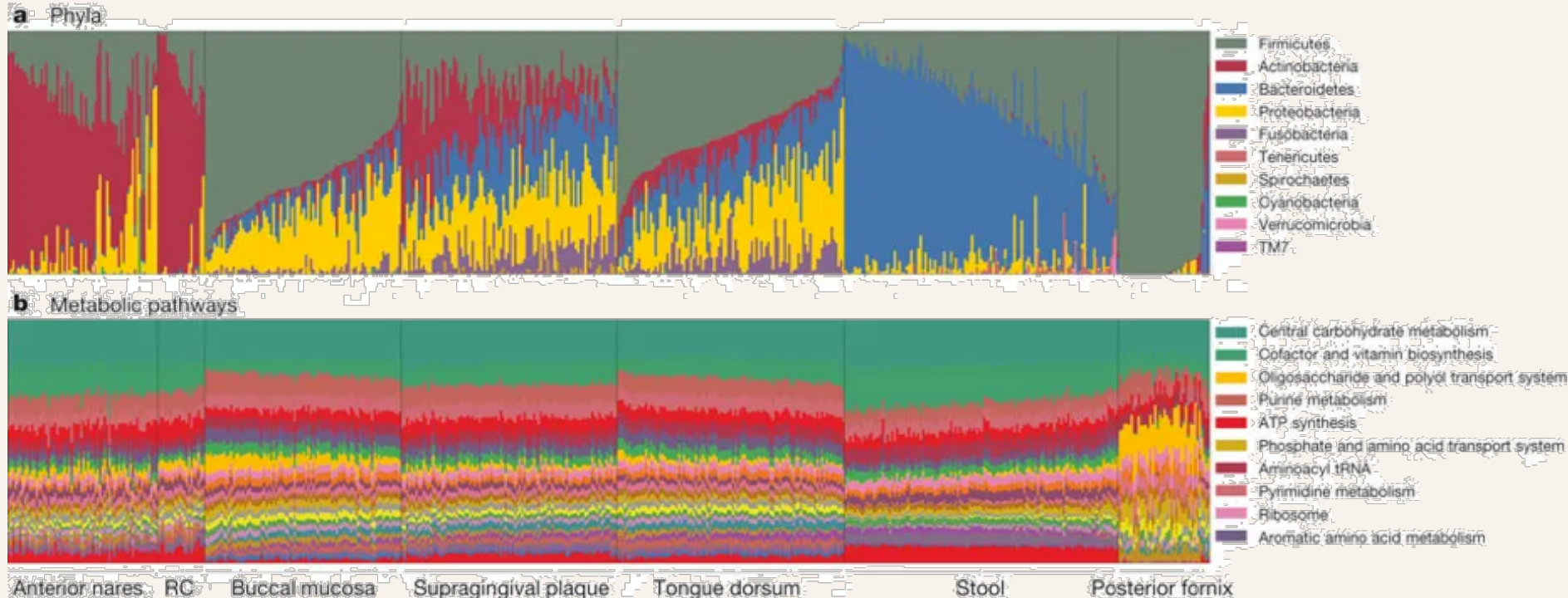
Phages

Metabolites Are The Key To Communication



Holmes, E., Li, J. V., Marchesi, J. R., & Nicholson, J. K. (2012). Gut microbiota composition and activity in relation to host metabolic phenotype and disease risk. *Cell Metabolism*, 16(5), 559–564.

Microbes Vary While Metabolic Pathways Remain Stable Within a Healthy Population



Bacteria and Metabolite Genes

On average, two unrelated individuals shared 82% of metabolic pathways, but only 43% of the species

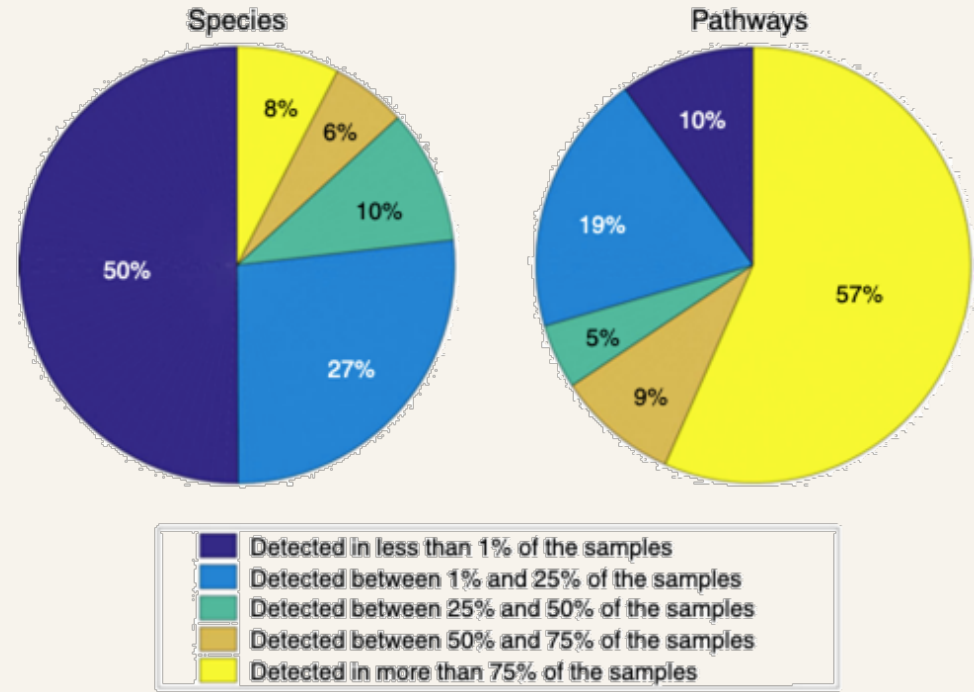


Fig. 1 Gut microbiome composition. The composition of the gut ecosystem is unique to an individual while its functionality is maintained across the population. Pie charts represent the percentage of species (on the left) and microbial metabolic pathways (on the right) present in <1% of the population (dark blue), between 1% and 25% (light blue), between 25% and 50% (turquoise), between 50% and 75% (brown), and more than 75% (yellow)

Sleep medications and microbiome

Baseline microbiome

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graph TD; A[Baseline microbiome] --> B[Changes in metabolism of sleep medication]; B --> C[Differences in side-effects];
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Changes in metabolism of sleep medication

Differences in side-effects

Part 4

Spirit

Why can't we sleep?



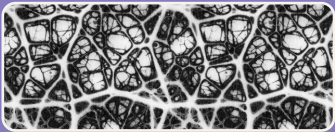
2022 is "about as bad as it's been in two decades of Gallup measurement."



Just 20% of respondents reported being satisfied with the moral and ethical climate.



Only 30% were satisfied with the distribution of wealth and income.



Overall quality of life satisfaction in 2022 was 69%

Barbara Fredrickson – LOVE 2.0



Eudaimonic



Hedonic

Types of Happiness

Eudaimonic

- the type of happiness or contentment that is achieved through self-actualization and having meaningful purpose in one's life

Hedonic

- achieved through experiences of pleasure and enjoyment

FULFILLING LIFE

HAPPY MOMENTS

versus

Eudaimonic

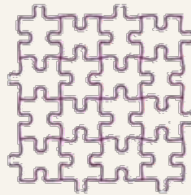


Life

that is satisfying

Holistic

Life as a whole



Feeling your life has meaning / purpose
Your experiences allow you to learn, grow & reach your full potential

Hedonic

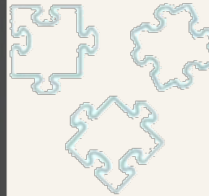
Experiences

that are satisfying



Fragmented

Elements of life



Pleasure or feeling good in the moment,
reaching a goal
feeling temporarily satisfied



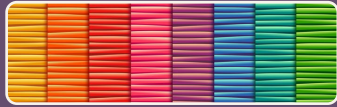
Life satisfaction scale



how often in the past week they felt happy,



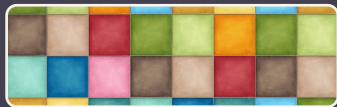
how often they felt satisfied,



that their life had a sense of direction,

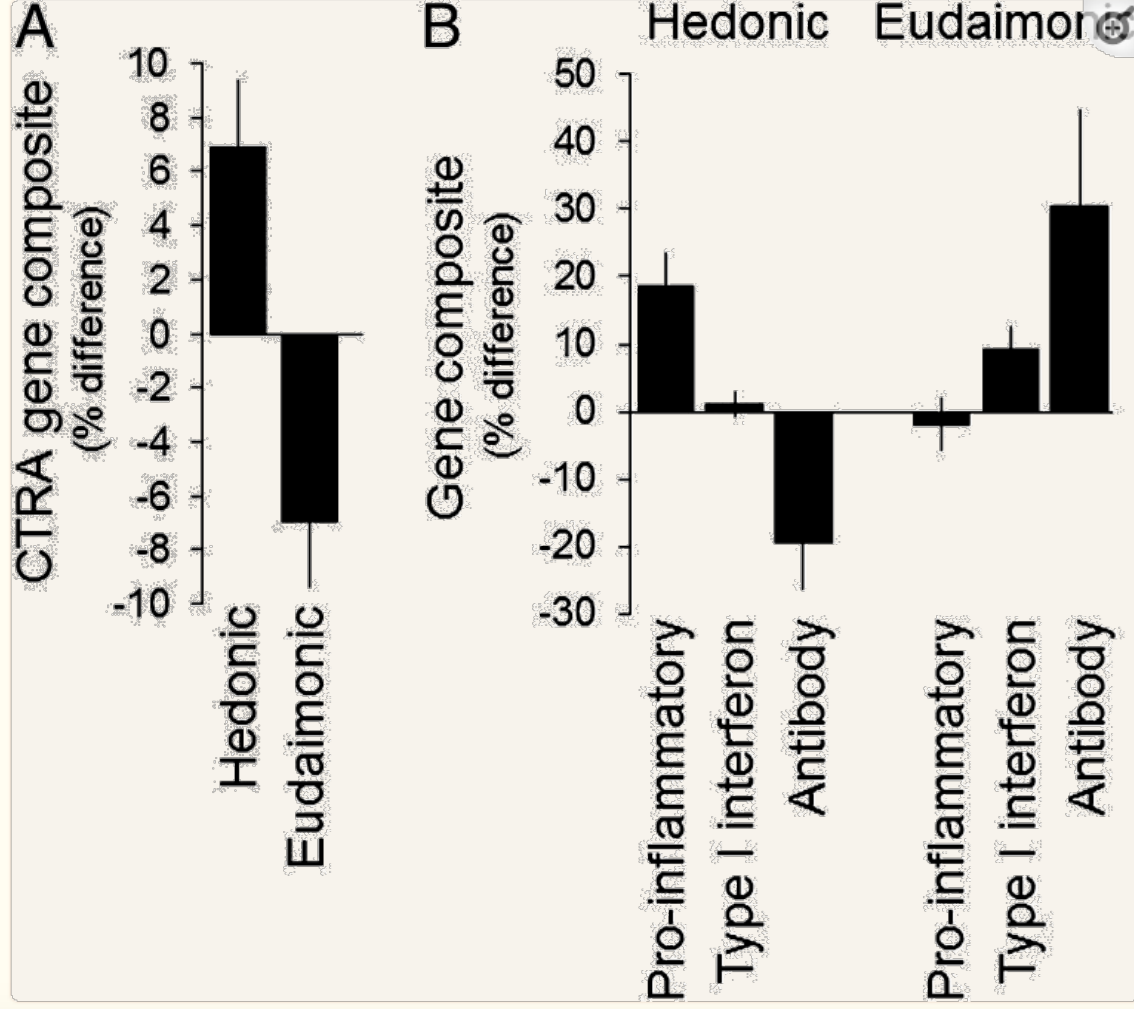


that they had something to contribute to society, and



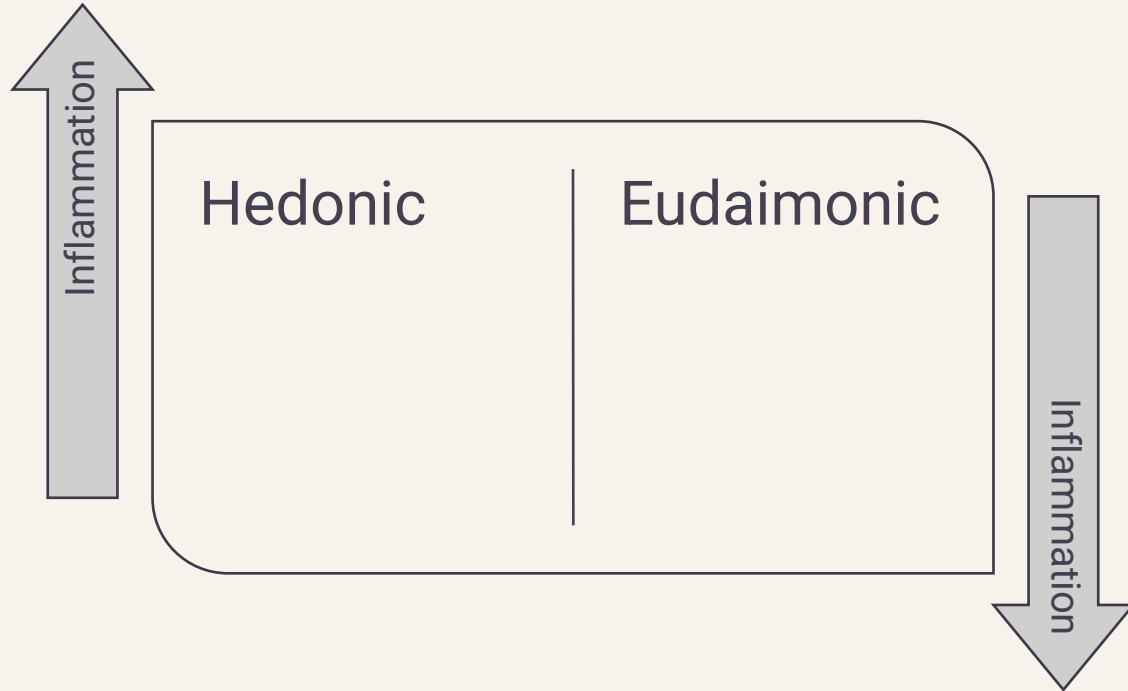
that they were challenged “to grow and become a better person.”

stress-related conserved
transcriptional response to
adversity

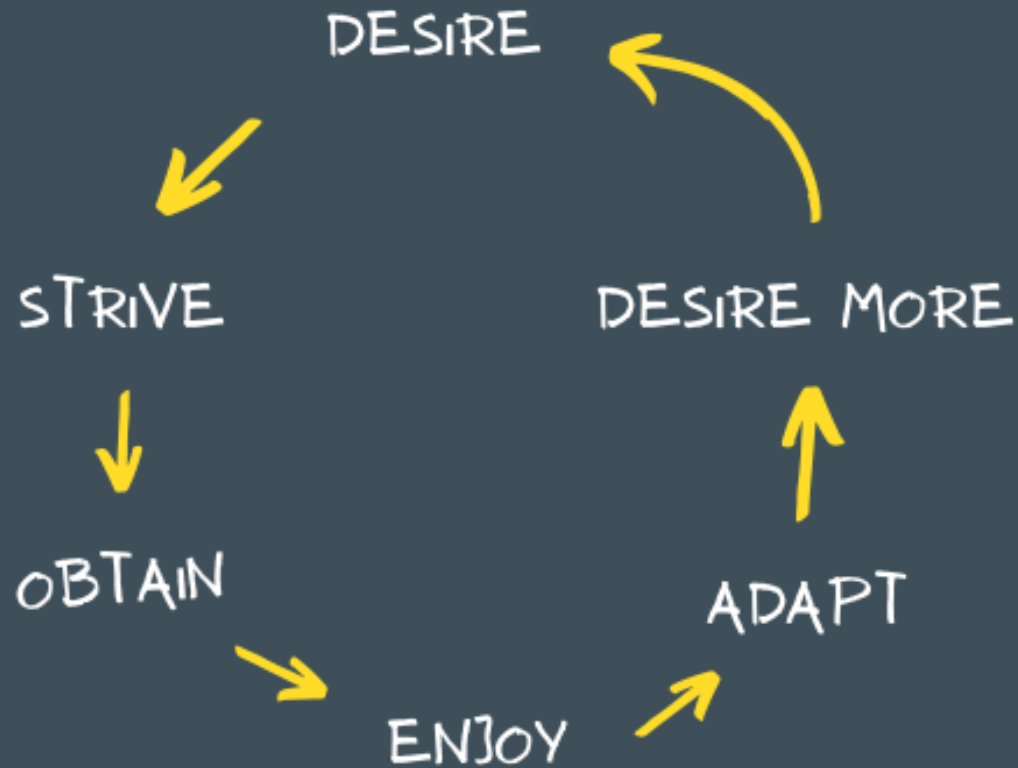


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The punchline



The Hedonic Treadmill



WHY PEOPLE BECOME UNHAPPY

by Anna Vital



set expectations
unrealistically high



think they are special
but can't explain why



measure happiness in
the wrong units



get used to what they
have and want more
(hedonic adaptation)



confuse not being bad
with being good



try to find meaning
in being unhappy



hope that other people
will make them happy



desire happiness
less than fear
disappointment



find commiserators



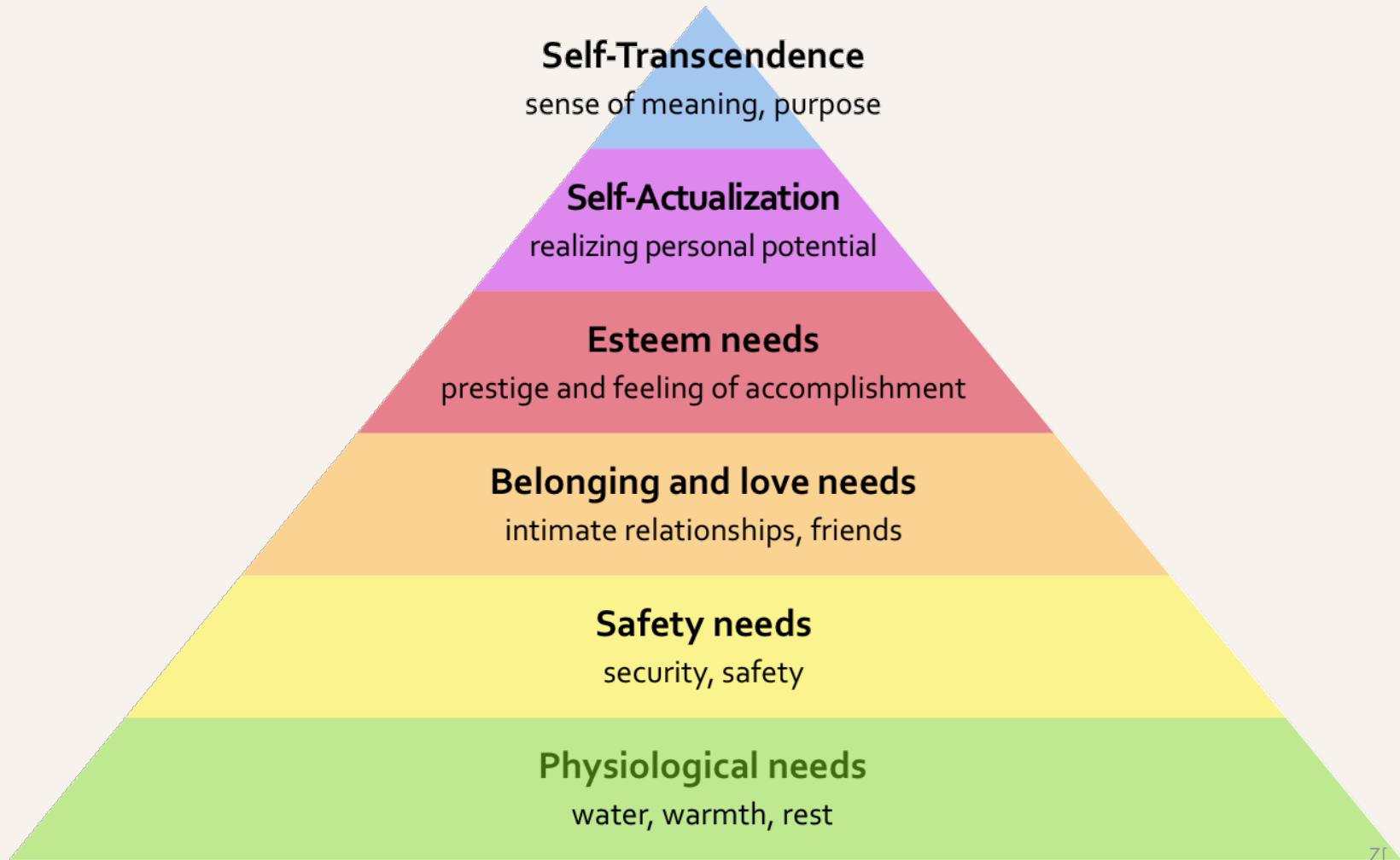
believe happiness is
a selfish pursuit



think that misery
follows happiness



don't see the impact
of their work



Building blocks of eudaimonic happiness

Self
acceptance

Autonomy

Personal
growth

Environmental
mastery

Purpose in life

Positive
relationships



Summary



Sleep involves hormones, neurotransmitters, cytokines, and microbial metabolites



Inability to sleep may have as much to do with stress and life-purpose as blue light



How can we inspire ikigai in our patients and ourselves?

Thank you!

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