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Oxidative Stress and Atherosclerosis

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Oxidative stress

- **A condition in which cells are subjected to excessive levels of Reactive Species (Oxygen or Nitrative species) & they are unable to counterbalance their deleterious effects with antioxidants.**

- **It has been implicated in the ageing process & in many diseases (e.g., atherosclerosis and coronary heart diseases).**

Oxidative Stress

Imbalance between oxidant production and antioxidant mechanisms

Oxidative damage to:

DNA

Proteins

Lipids (unsaturated fatty acids)

Oxidative stress and diseases:

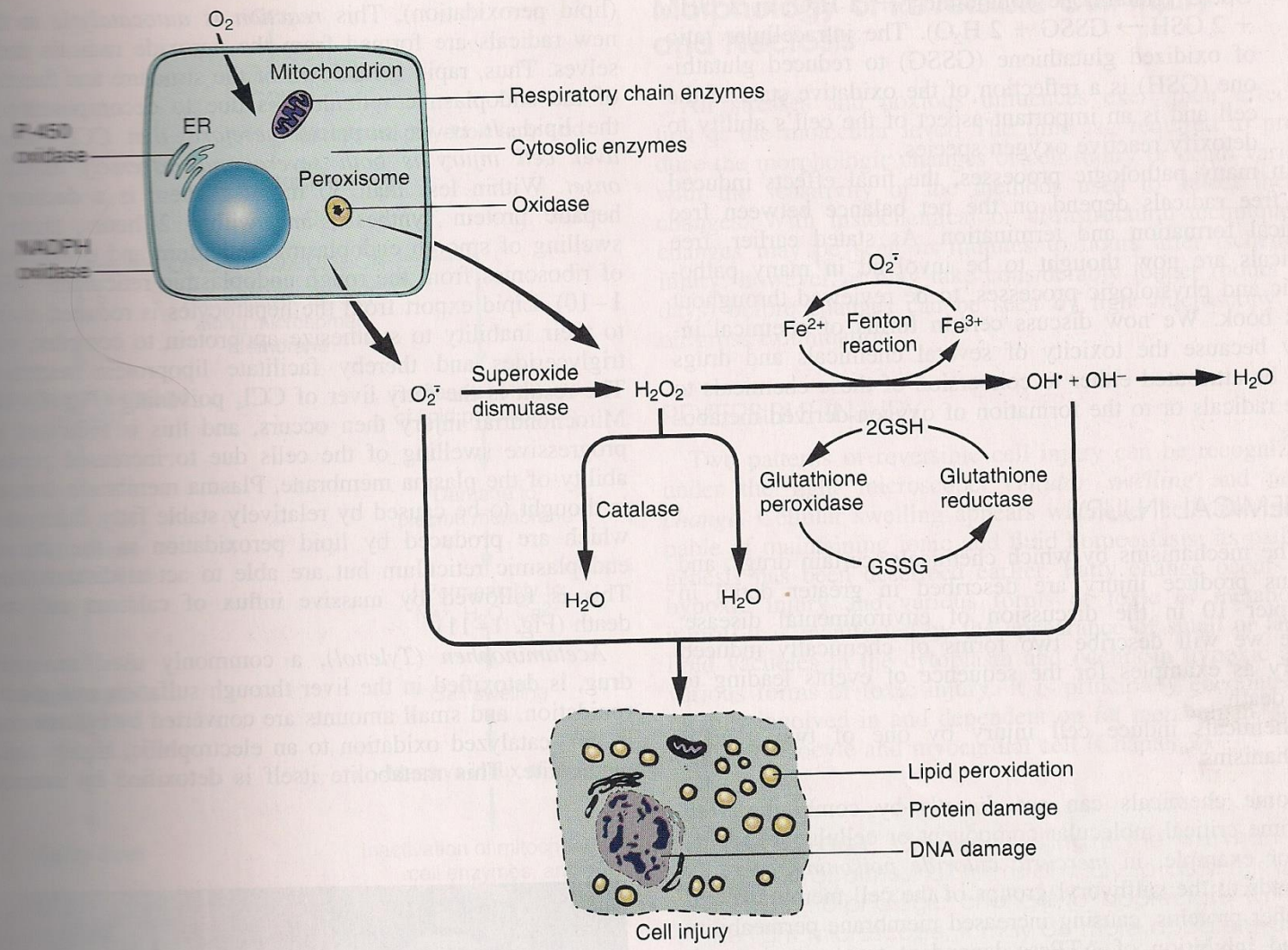
Inflammatory conditions e.g., Rheumatoid arthritis

Atherosclerosis and coronary artery diseases

Obesity

Cancers

G6PD deficiency hemolytic anemia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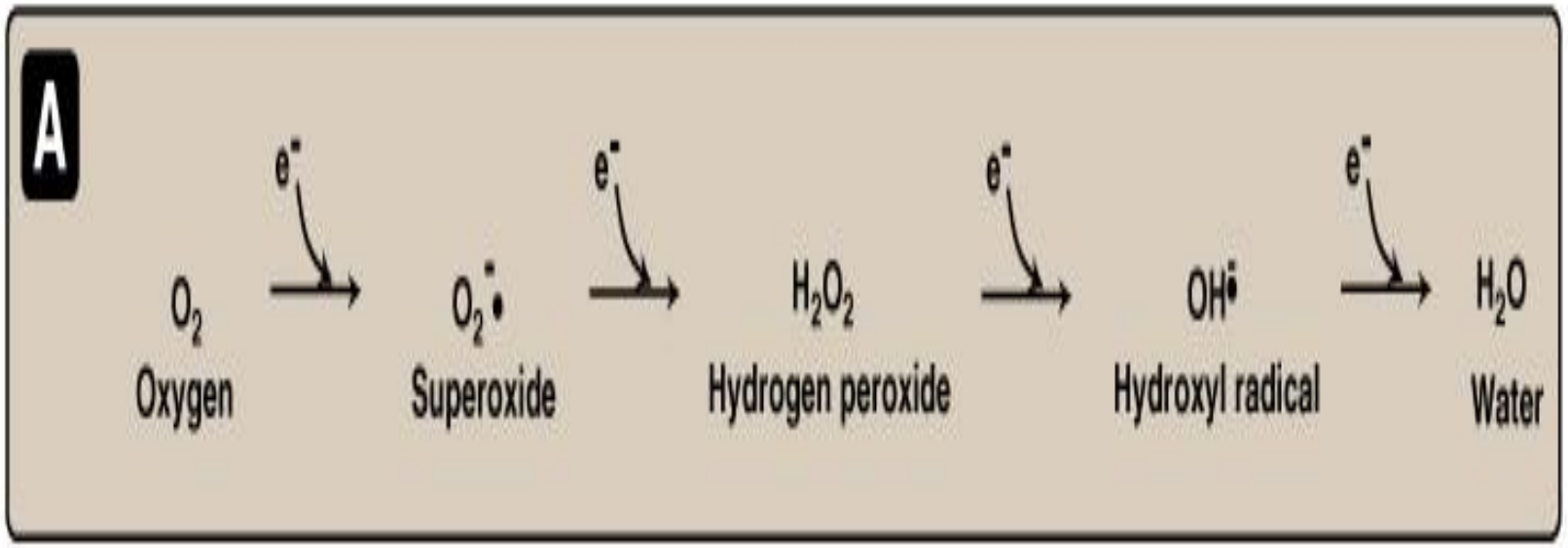
Mitochondrion
Respiratory chain enzymes
ER
P-450 oxidase
Cytosolic enzymes
Peroxisome
Oxidase
NADPH oxidase
$O_2^{\cdot-}$
Fe^{2+}
Fenton reaction
Fe^{3+}
$O_2^{\cdot-}$
Superoxide dismutase
H_2O_2
$OH^{\cdot} + OH^-$
H_2O
2GSH
Glutathione peroxidase
Glutathione reductase
Catalase
GSSG
H_2O
H_2O
Lipid peroxidation
Protein damage
DNA damage
Cell injury

Reactive Oxygen Species (ROS)

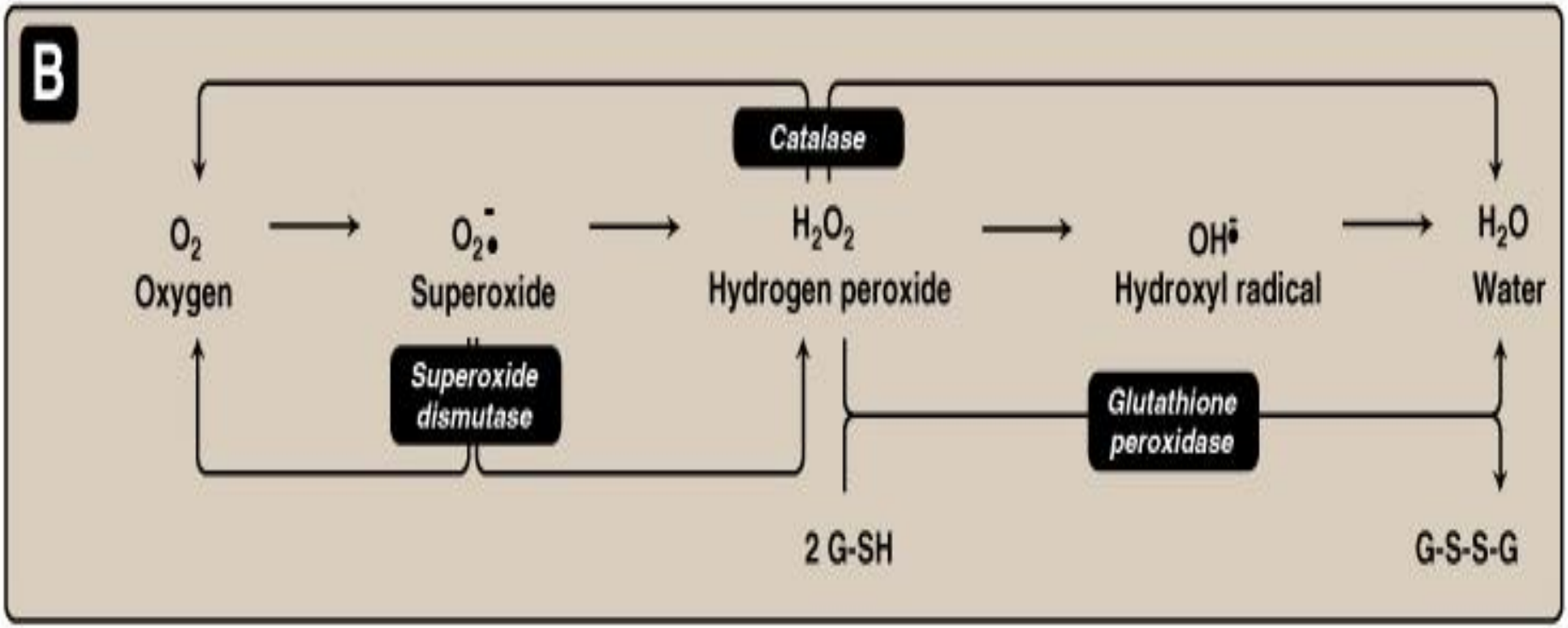


Oxygen-derived free radicals :

e.g., Superoxide and hydroxyl radicals

Non-free radical: Hydrogen peroxide

Antioxidant Mechanisms



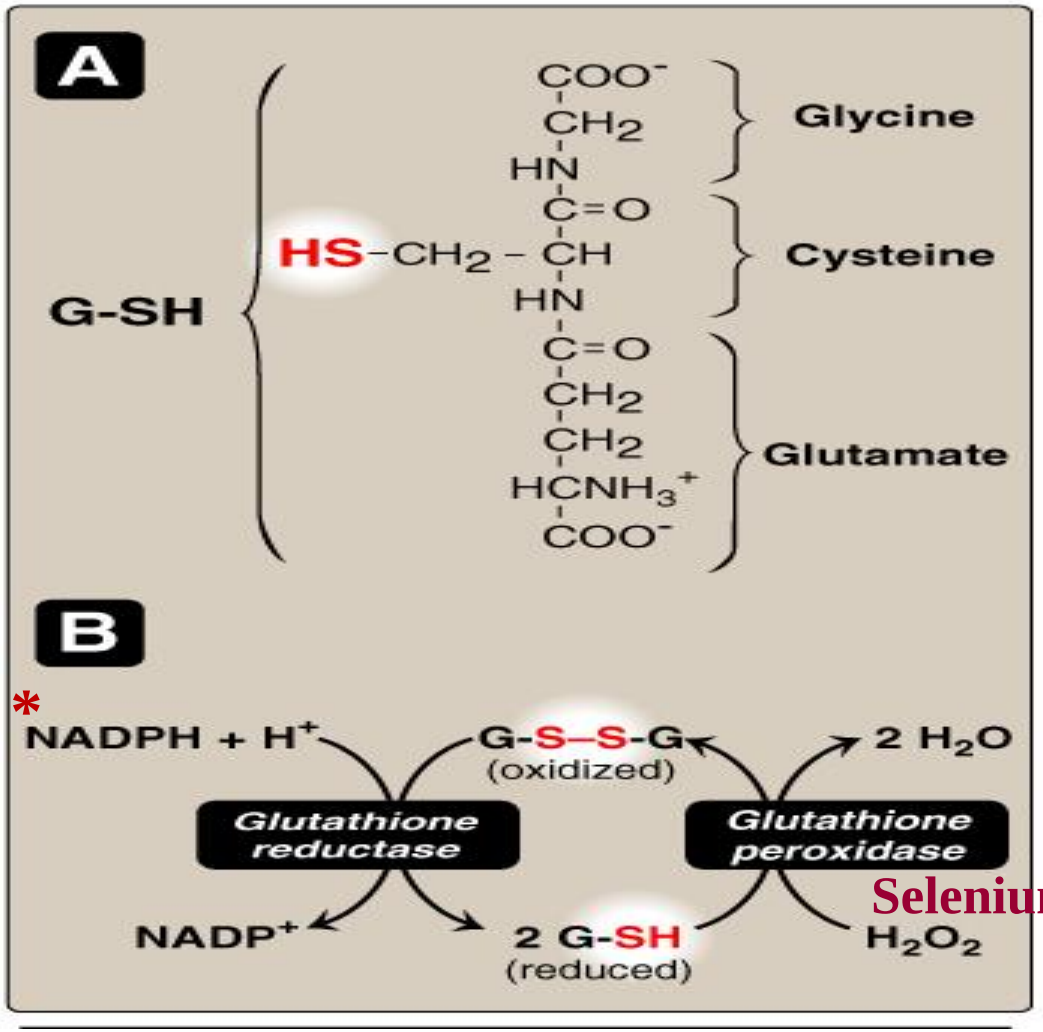
ROS: Types and Sources

- **Types:**
  - **Free radical:**
    Superoxide ($O_2^{\cdot -}$)
    Hydroxyl radical ($OH^{\cdot}$)
    Peroxyl radical ($ROO^{\cdot}$)
  - **Non free radical:**
    Hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2)
- **Sources:**
  - **During course of metabolism**
    e.g., $O_2^{\cdot -}$ by auto-oxidation of hemoglobin and xanthine oxidase
    $OH^{\cdot}$ by Fenton reaction
    $O_2^{\cdot -}$, H_2O_2, $OH^{\cdot}$ By partial reduction of molecular oxygen in electron transport chain in mitochondria
  - **Ingestion of toxins, chemicals or drugs**

Antioxidants

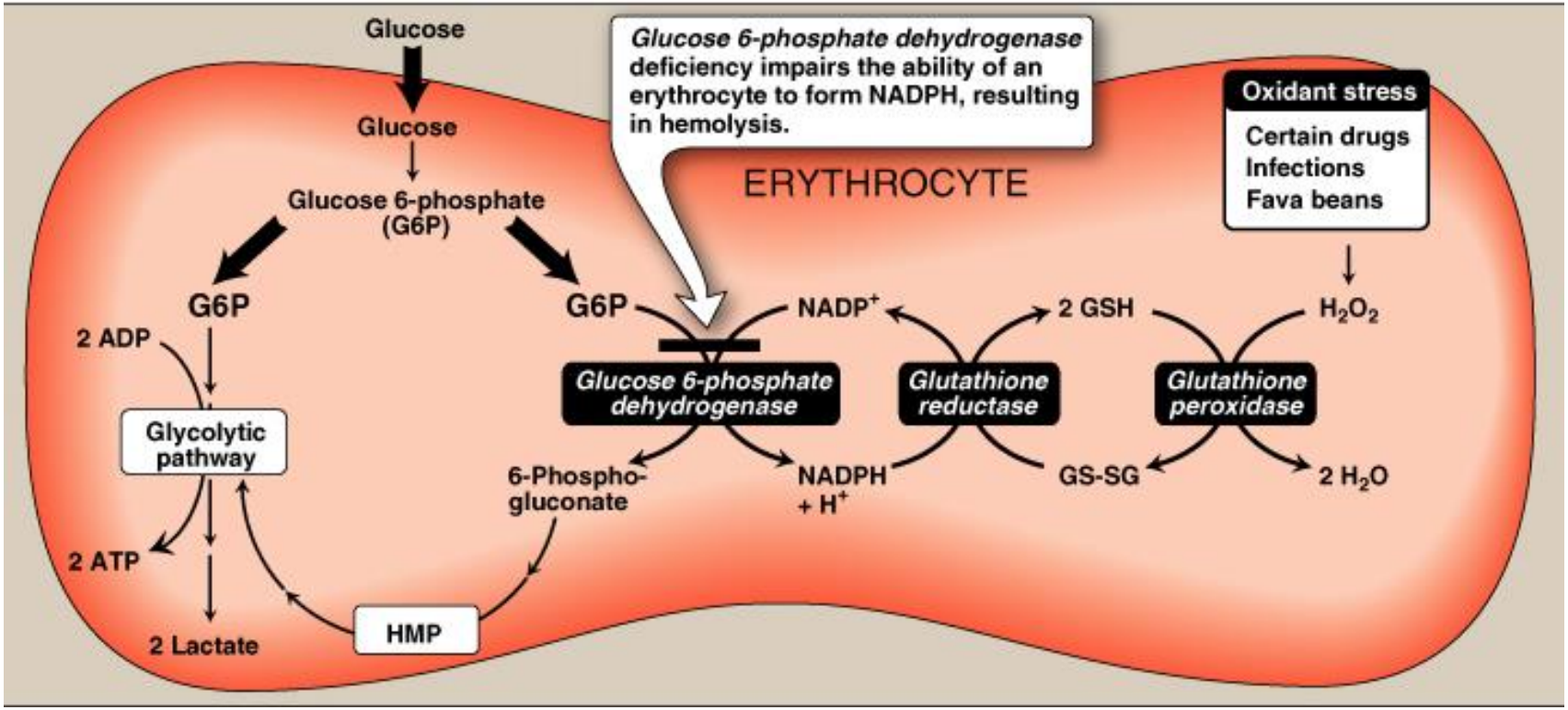
- **Enzymes:**
  - **Superoxide dismutase**
  - **Catalase**
  - **Glutathione system (glutathione, NADPH, reductase, peroxidase & selenium)**
- **Vitamins:**
  - **Vitamin C (ascorbic acid)**
  - **Vitamin A and β-carotenes**
  - **Vitamin E**
- **Trace elements:**
  - **Selenium**

Glutathione System



* Glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase (G-6-PD) is the main source for NADPH generation and is, therefore, essential for proper function of glutathione system

Biochemical Basis of G6PD Deficiency Hemolytic Anemia



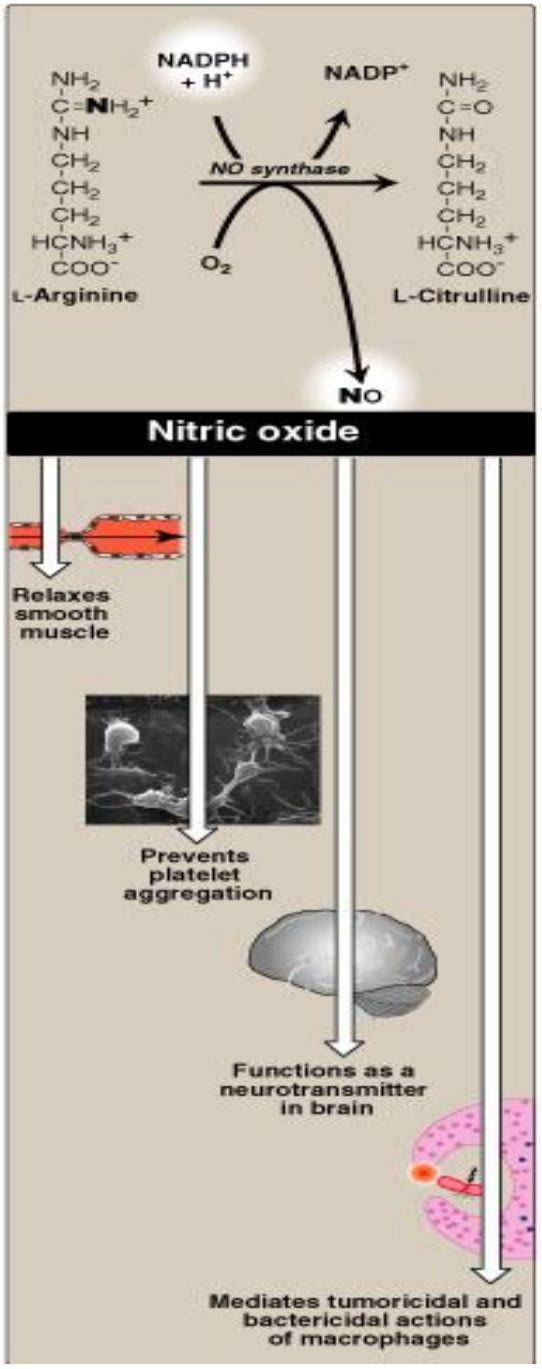
Molecular & Vascular Effects of ROS

- **Molecular effects:**
  - **Lipid peroxidation (polyunsaturated fatty acids)**
  - **Protein denaturation**
  - **Inactivation of enzymes**
  - **DNA damage**
  - **Cell signaling effects**
    (e.g., release of Ca^{2+} from intracellular stores)
  - **Cytoskeletal damage**
  - **Chemotaxis**

- **Vascular effects:**
  - **Altered vascular tone**
  - **Increased endothelial cell permeability**

Nitric Oxide (NO)

- **NO:**
  - **Free radical gas**
  - **Very short half-life (seconds)**
  - **Metabolized into nitrates & nitrites**
- **Synthesis:**
  - **Enzyme: No synthase (NOS)**
  - **Precursor: L-Arginine**
- **Effects:**
  - **Relaxes vascular smooth muscle**
  - **Prevents platelet aggregation**
  - **Bactricidal & Tumoricidal effects**
  - **Neurotransmitter in brain**



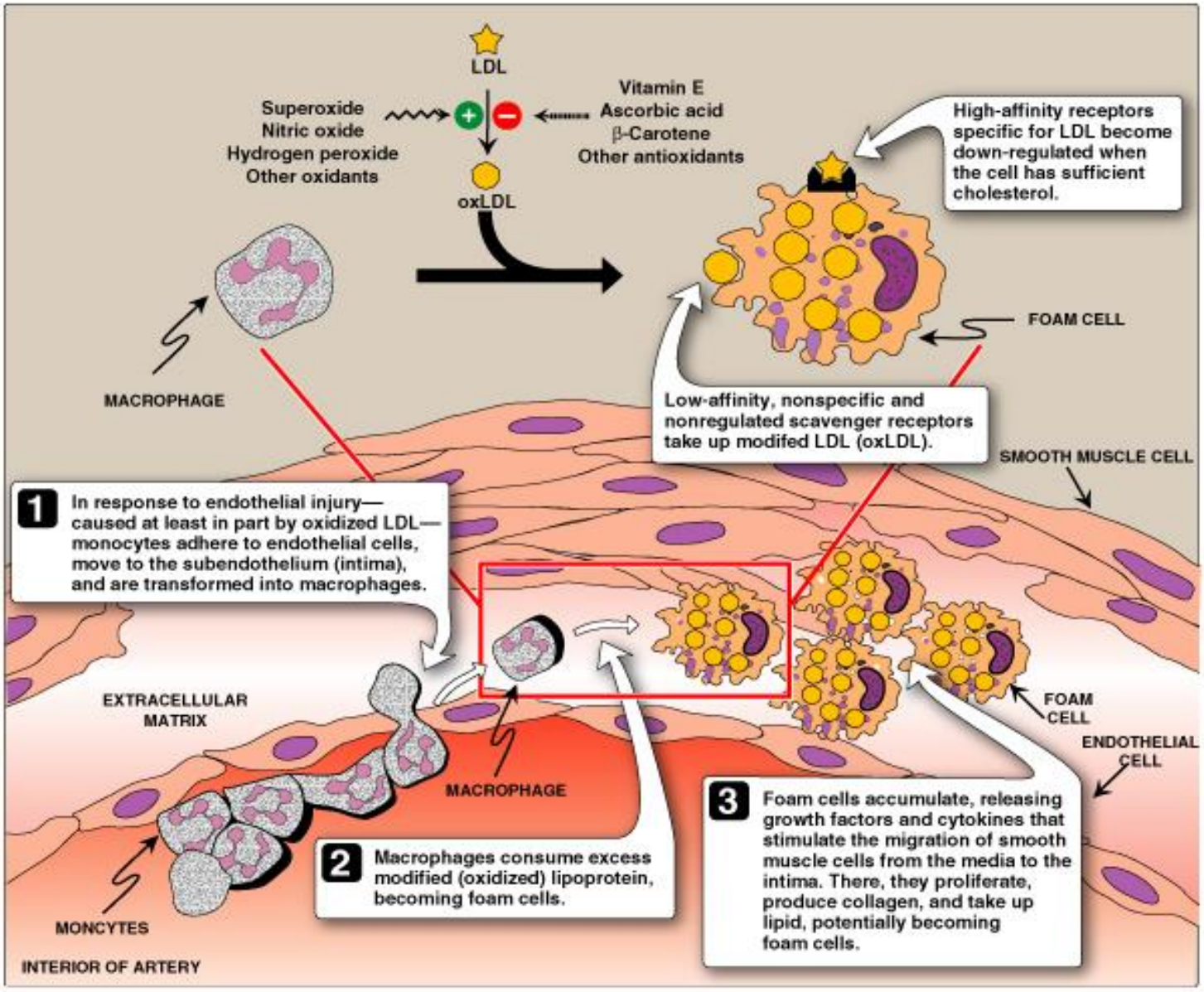
Oxidative Stress: Role of Nitric Oxide (NO)

- **This may be both beneficial and detrimental, depending upon when and where NO is released**
- **NO produced by endothelial NOS (eNOS) → improving vascular dilation and perfusion (i.e., beneficial).**

  Vasodilators such as nitroglycerin is metabolized into NO and causes vasodilatation
- **In contrast, NO production by neuronal NOS (nNOS) or by the inducible form of NOS (iNOS) has been reported to have detrimental effects.**
- **Increased iNOS activity is generally associated with inflammatory processes**

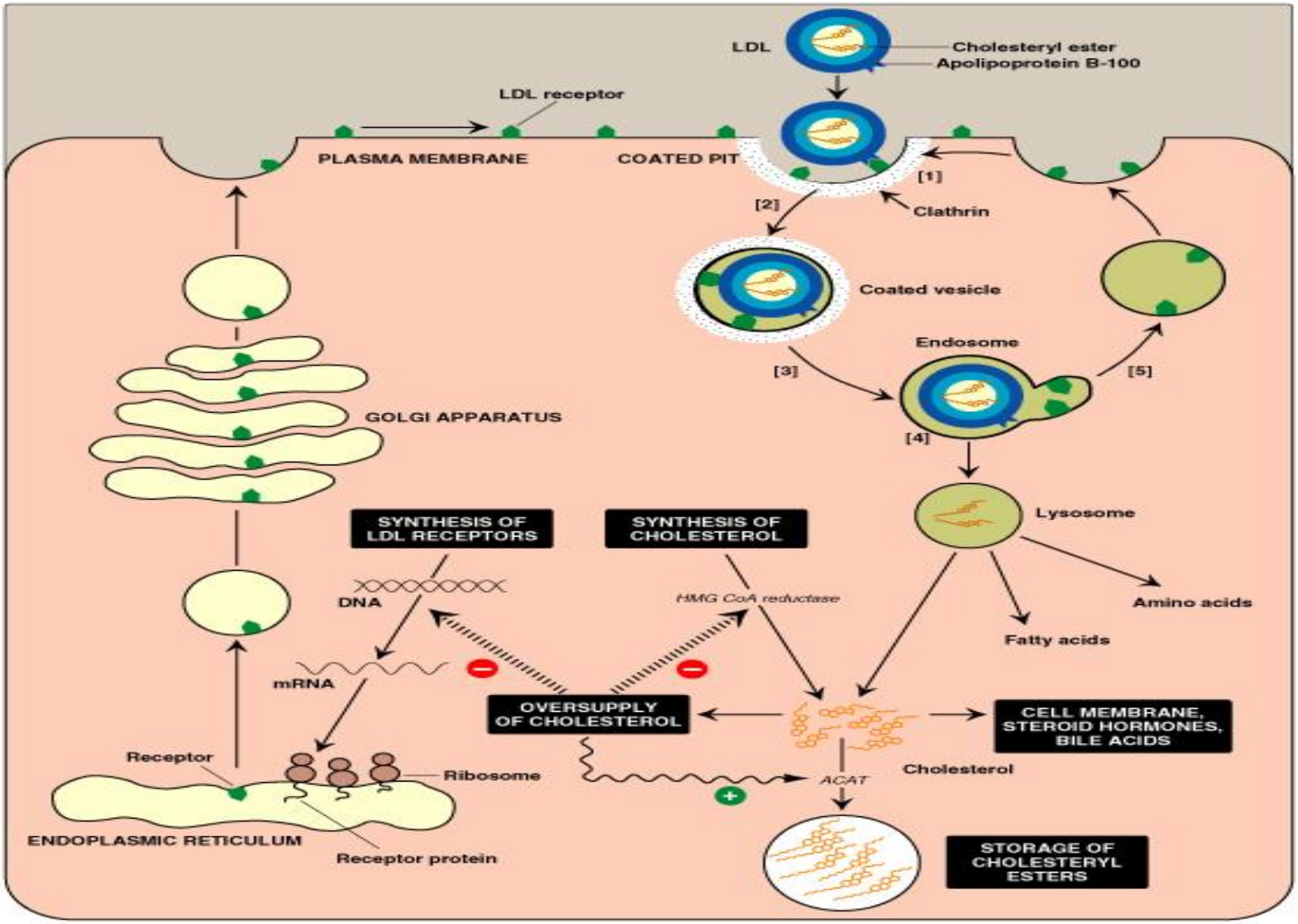
Pathogenesis of Atherosclerosis

- Modified (oxidized) LDL … Oxidative stress
  (imbalance between oxidants and antioxidants)
- Endothelial injury of arterial wall
- Adherence of monocytes to endothelial cells and their movement into intima where it becomes macrophages
- Uptake of oxLDL by macrophage scavenger receptor:
  Scavenger receptor class A (SR-A)
  Low-affinity, non-specific receptor
  Un-regulated receptor
- Foam cell transformation: Accumulation of excess lipids inside the cells (unregulated receptor)
- Atherosclerotic plaque formation



Atherosclerotic plaque Formation

Compare to physiological uptake of LDL (unmodified) by high-affinity, specific & tightly regulated LDL-Receptor



LDL: Receptor-Mediated Endocytosis