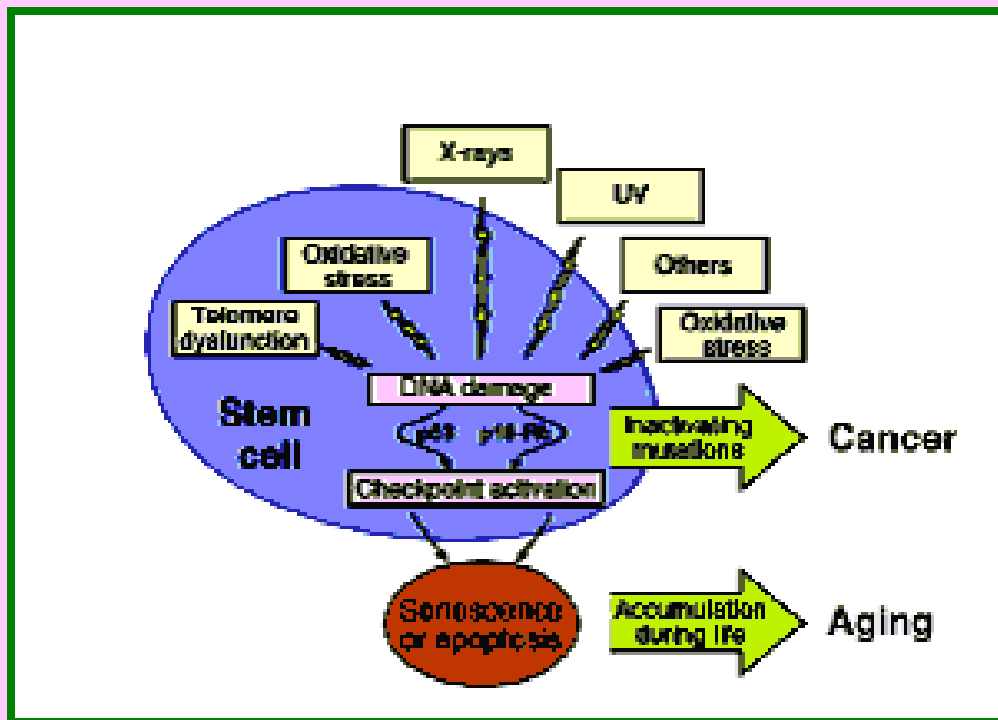


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Nutrition and Aging Mechanisms of Aging



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Learning Objectives

- **Theory of Aging**
- **Factors Influencing Aging Process**
- **Nutrient Intake and Aging**

References

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The Oldest People

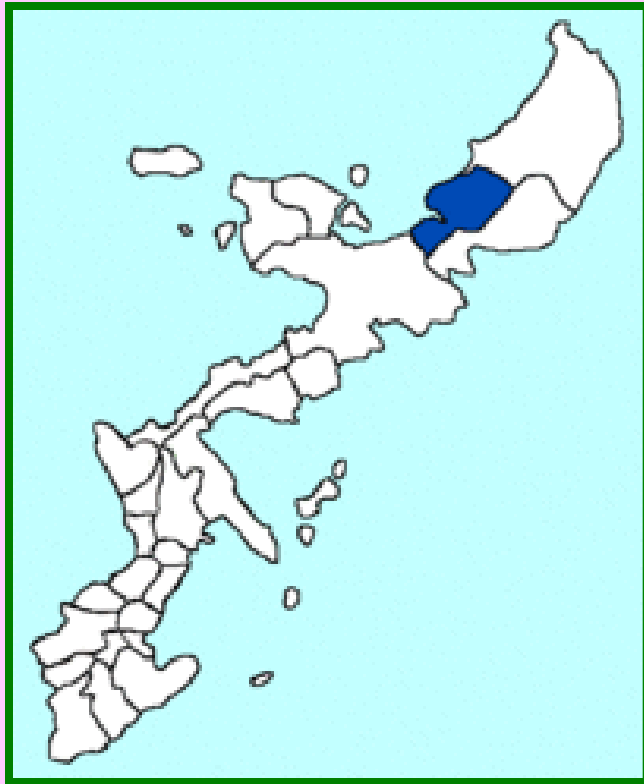
- *Supercentenarian: ≥ 110 yr*
- *Jeanne Calment (F) of France (1875 ~ 1997), was aged 122 years and 164 days*
- *Shigechiyo Izumi (M) of Japan (1865 ?~1986) was aged 120 years and 237 days*
- *Sarah DeRemer Knauss (F) of USA (09.24.1880~12.30.1999), was aged 119 years and 97 days*
- *Lucy Hannah (F) of USA (07.16.1875 ~ 03.21.1993) is aged 117 yr and 248 days*
- *among top 10 oldest (113~114 yr) people currently living: 9 are females, 6 live in USA, 2 live in Japan, 1 lives in UK or France*



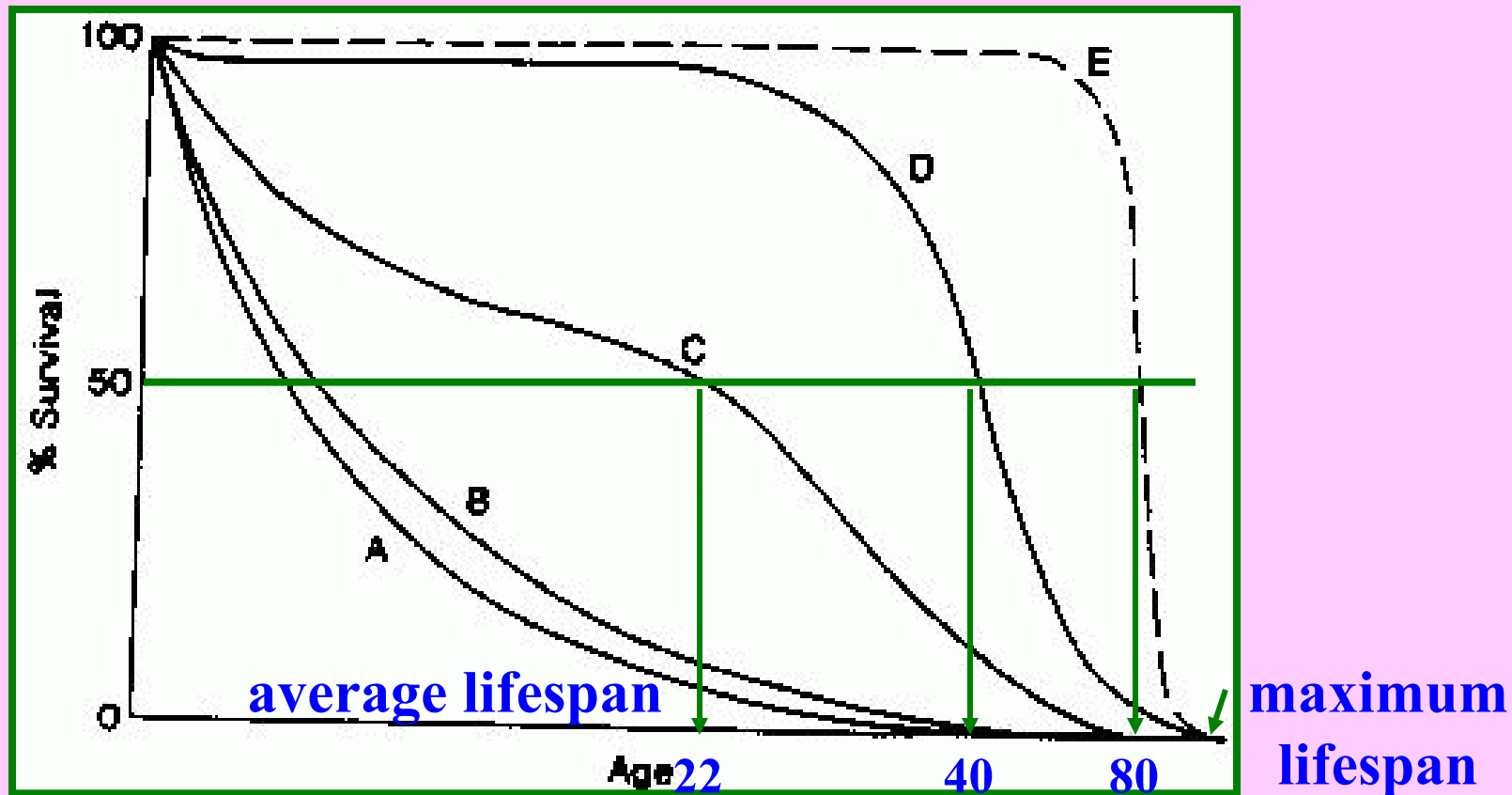
Kama Chinen from Okinawa, Japan @ 114y

日本長壽村

- 日本琉球列島沖繩島大宜味村 (おおぎみそん)
- 90歲以上者46人，佔總人口的**1.3%**



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A: exponential decay (指數衰減) curve

B: to the survival of small animals, such as mice or squirrels

C: human survival curve when average lifespan was 22 yr

D: human survival curve when average lifespan was 40 yr

E: human survival curve when average lifespan was 80 yr

<http://www.benbest.com/lifeext/aging.html>

Theory of Aging

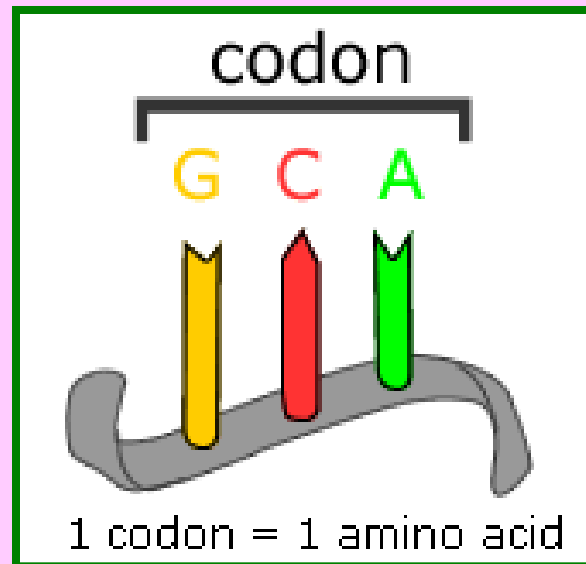
- Hayflick (1977) tissue cultures (most cellular systems) are able to undergo only **40~50** doublings (no. of cell division)
→ finite life span no immortal
- biological theory:
 - **genetic**: damage to DNA or errors in transmission of information
 - **nongenetic**: chemical or structural changes induced by environmental factors

Genetic Theory of Aging

- human with long-lived parents and grandparents live ~ 6 yr longer than those with parents and grandparents who died < 50 yr
- a genetic program sets upper limits of life span in a species
- familial characteristics influence differences in life span
- genetic programs can be altered by environmental factors

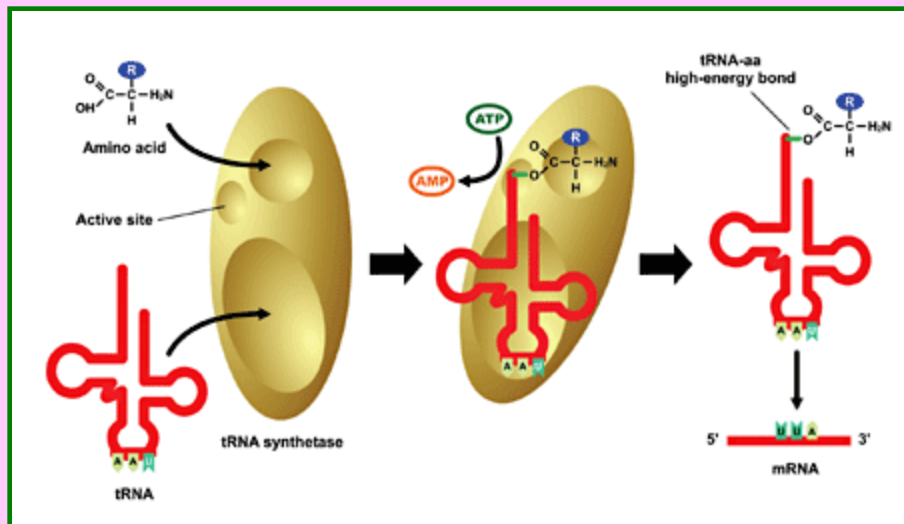
Genetic Theory of Aging

- DNA readout - codon restriction
- DNA damage - somatic mutation
- error theory
- telomere theory
- Hayflick limit theory

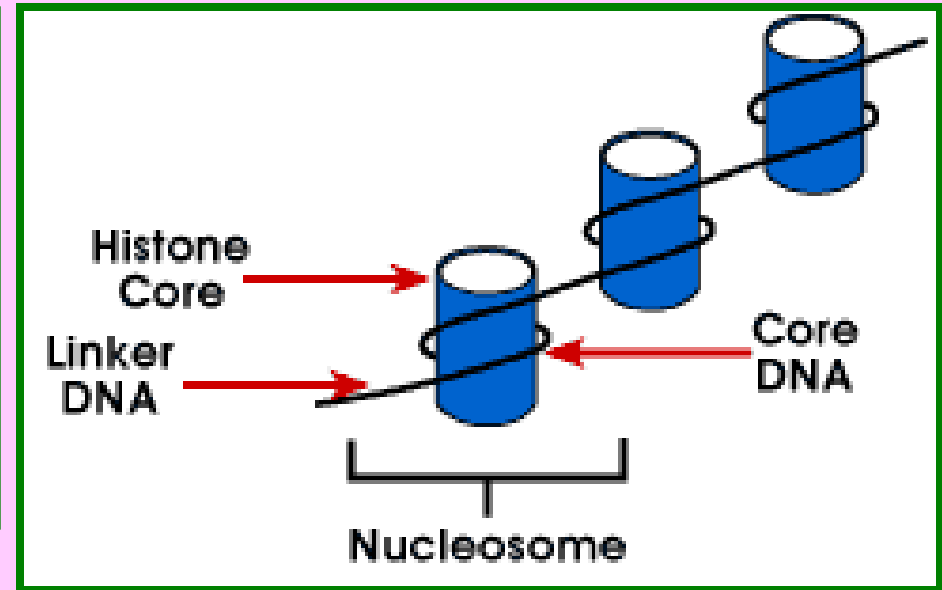


DNA Readout – Codon Restriction

- aging is accompanied by changes in the types of aminoacyl-tRNA synthetases present in cells
- histones are more tightly bound to chromatin than in young



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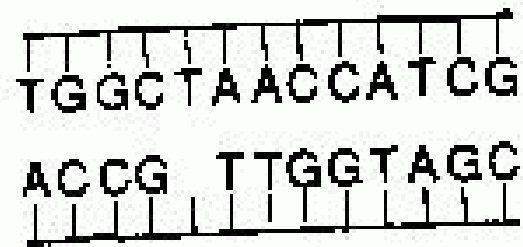


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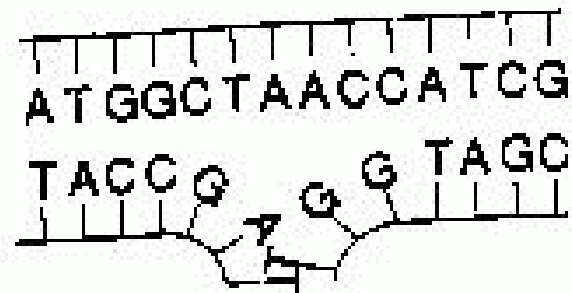
DNA Damage – Somatic mutation

- slight differences in the structure of protein formed

TYPE OF DAMAGE	events/cell/d	% of total daily damage
Single-strand break	120,000	50.9
N ⁷ -Methylguanine	84,000	35.6
Depurination	24,000	10.2
O ⁶ -Methylguanine	3,120	1.3
Oxidized DNA	2,880	1.2
Depyrimidation	1,320	0.5
Cytosine deamination	360	0.2
Double-strand breaks	9	0.01
Interstrand cross-links	8	0.01



DEPURINATION



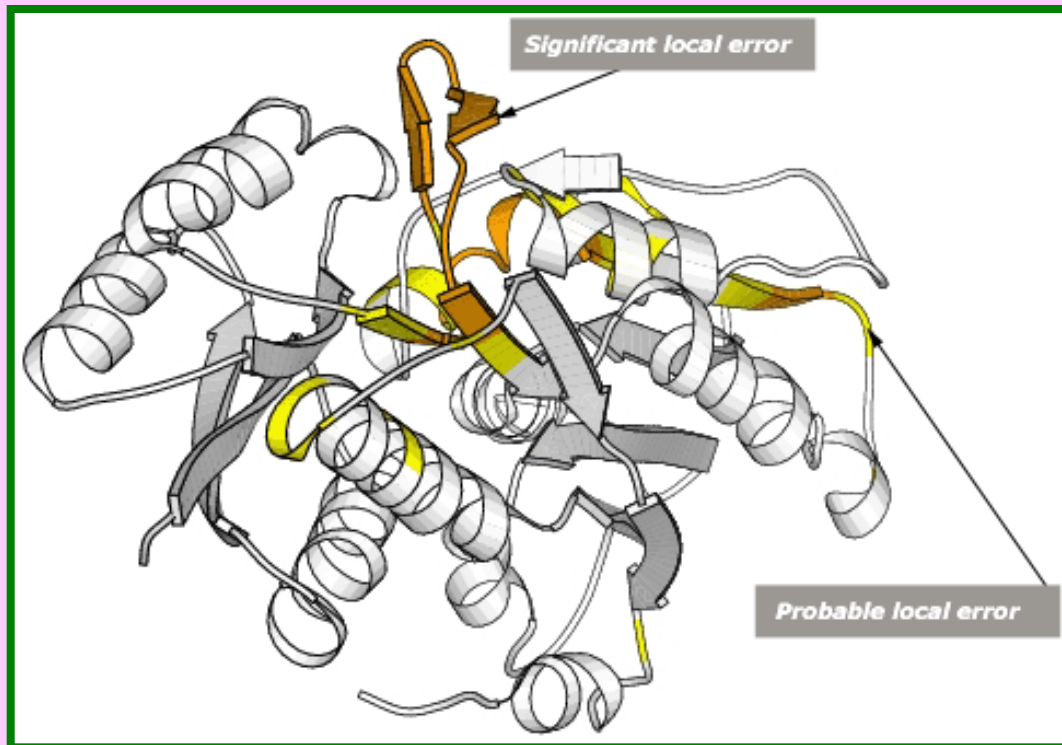
SINGLE-STRAND BREAK



CROSS-LINK

Error Theory

- the production of proteins and the reproduction of DNA sometimes is not carried out with accuracy
- the accumulation of these flawed molecules can cause diseases and other age changes to occur



Telomere Theory

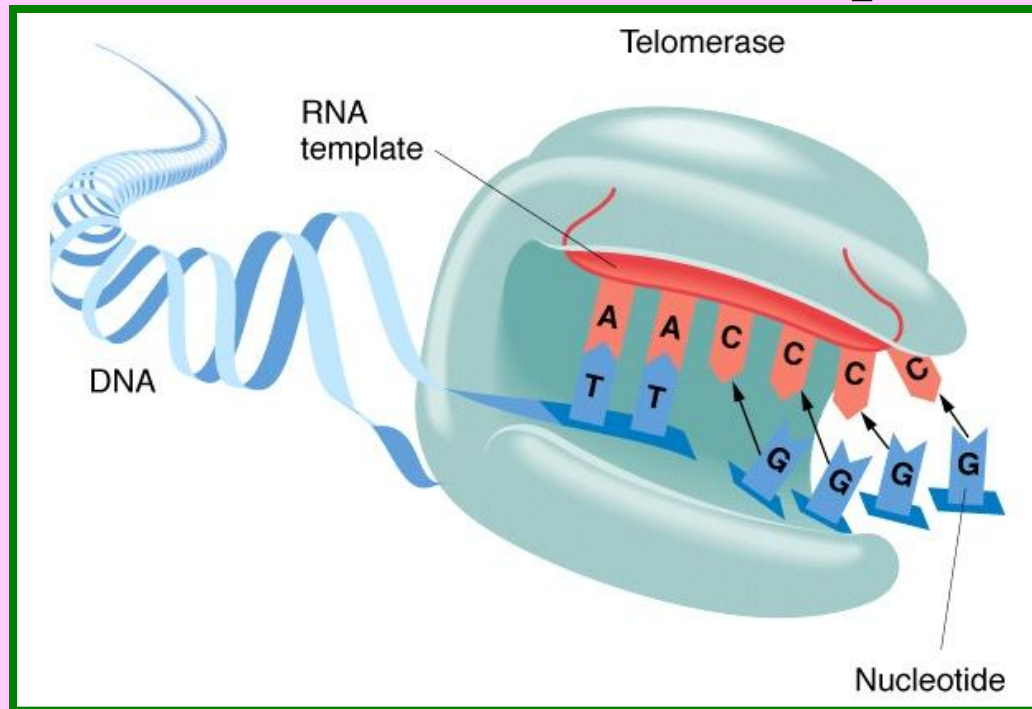
- at the ends of each chromosome is a long **non-functional** strand of DNA
- consist of the **6**-base repeating sequence **5'-TTAGGG-3'**
- at conception each human telomere is about 10 k bp long (ie, about **1,666** TTAGGG repeats)
- the typical chromosome is about 13,000 times longer (130 million bp)
- telomeres lose an average of **8** TTAGGG subunits per cell division
- at birth (9 mo. later), the average telomere is **half** as long as it was at conception

Telomere Theory

- with each cell division, some of the telomere is lost because **DNA polymerase** cannot complete the 5'-end and therefore leaves a single-strand 3'-end overhang
- the number of times that most dividing cells can divide is limited by **telomere length**
- telomeres shorten more **rapidly** in **short-lived** mammals & birds than in long-lived ones
- germ cells (sperm or egg), stem cells (undifferentiated cells) and "immortalized" cancer cells contain **telomerase** that replaces lost telomeres

Telomere Theory

- telomerase is a **reverse transcriptase**, making DNA from an RNA template
- in adults, telomerase is expressed in cells that need to divide regularly (e.g., in the **immune** system), although most somatic cells do not express it



Hayflick Limit Theory

- human cells are limited in the number of times it can divide, which can be affected by waste accumulation
- human cells ability to divide is limited to approximately **50**-times, after which they simply stop dividing (and hence die)

Nongenetic Theory of Aging

- wear and tear theory
- deprivation theory
- waste accumulation (membrane) theory
- cross-linking (**glycosylation**) theory
- free radical theory
- mitochondrial decline theory
- neuroendocrine theory

Wear and Tear Theory

- the body and its cells were damaged by **overuse** and **abuse**
- the cells and organs are worn down by **toxins** in our diet and in the environment; by the **excessive consumption** of fat, sugar, caffeine, alcohol and nicotine; by the **ultra-violet** rays of the sun and by the many other physical and emotional **stresses** to which we subject our bodies

Deprivation Theory

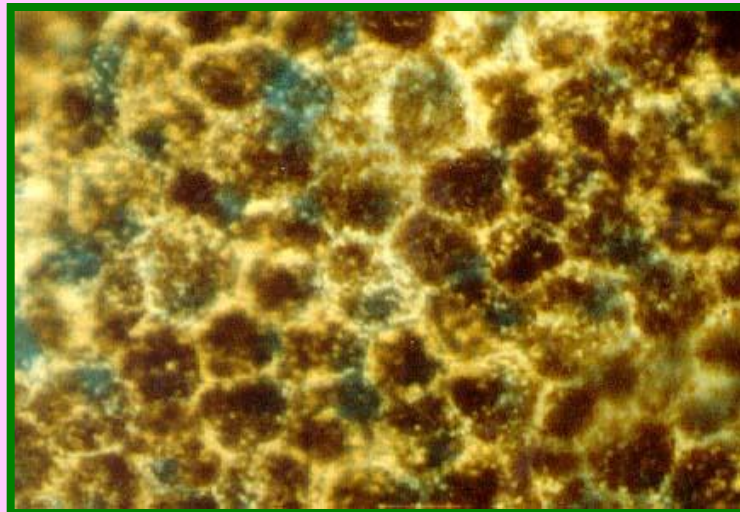
- inadequate delivery of essential nutrients or O₂



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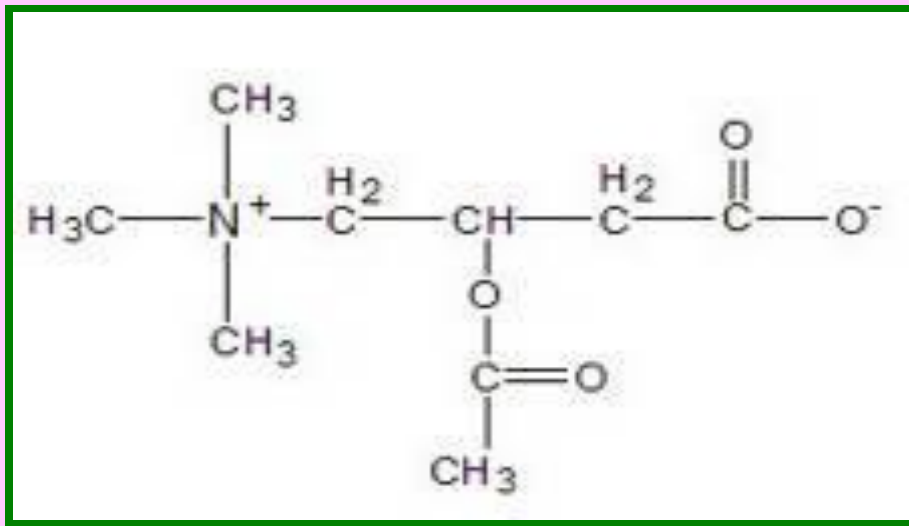
Waste Accumulation Theory

- accumulation of deleterious substances
- **lipofuscin (脂褐素)** is formed by a complex reaction that binds fat in the cells to proteins
- lipofuscin is common in the neurons, muscle fibers of heart, lungs, skin, adrenal cortex, and testicle



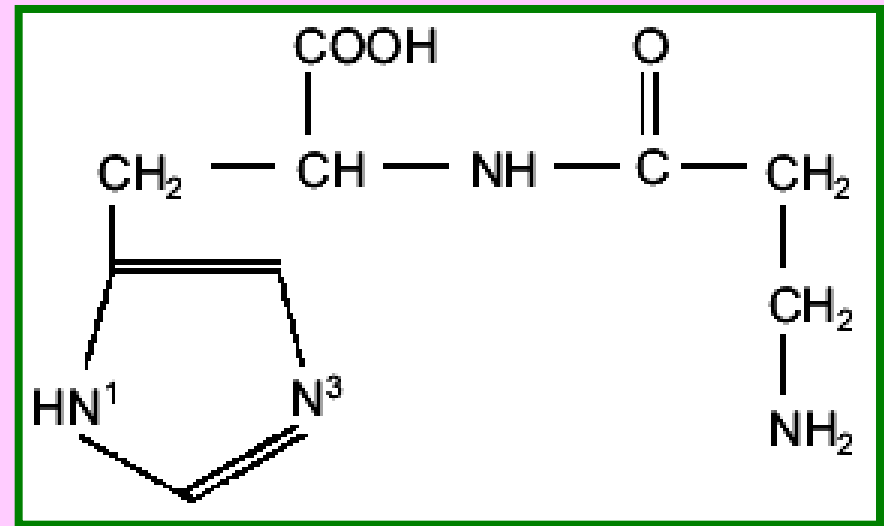
Waste Accumulation Theory

- acetyl-L-carnitine (ALC) and carnosine (β-alanyl-L-histidine) help to chelate ionic metals (flush toxins from the body) and to remove lipofuscin



acetyl-L-carnitine

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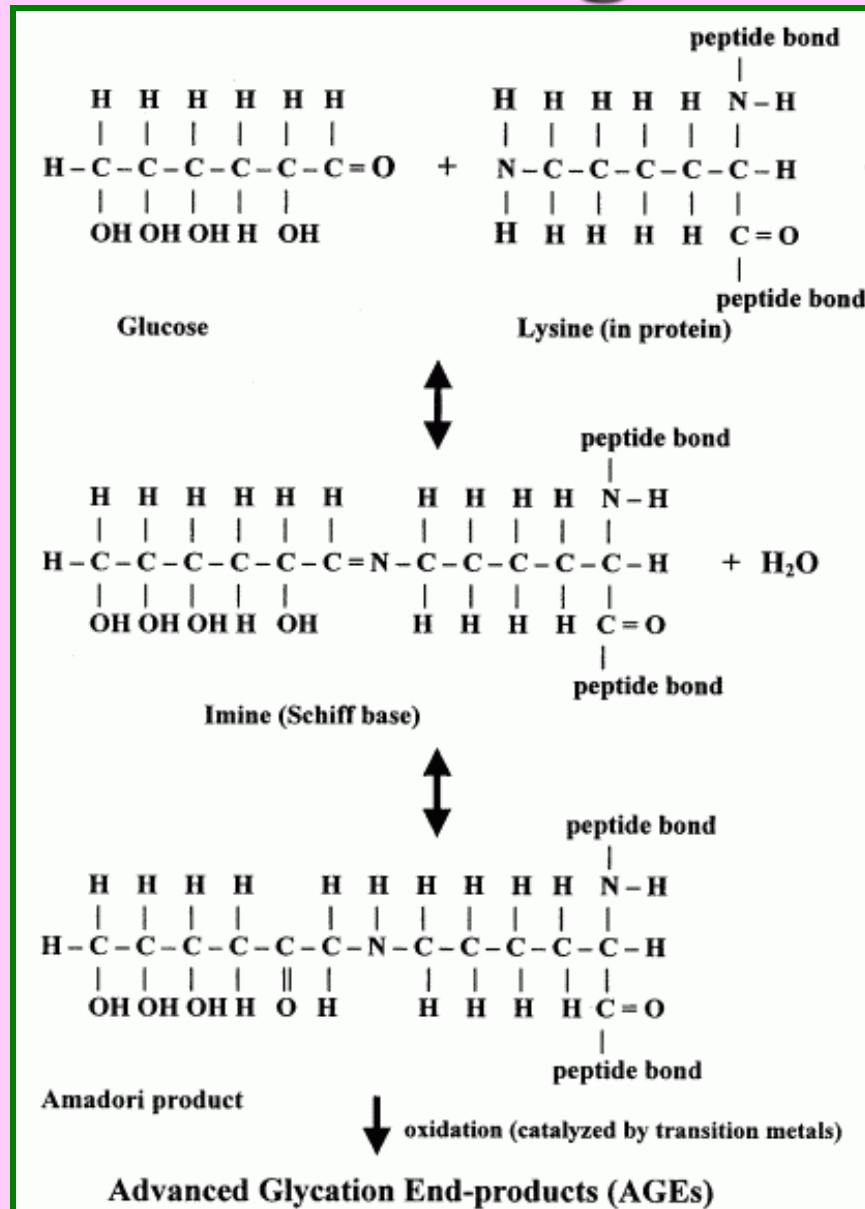
carnosine

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Cross-Linking Theory

- the binding of glucose (simple sugars) to protein: **Maillard** reaction, or **non-enzymatic glycosylation**, a process that occurs under the presence of oxygen → causes various problems
- binding to DNA may cause damage that leads to malformed cells and thus cancer
- responsible for cataract, cardiac enlargement, the hardening of collagen, and renal disorder
- diabetics have **2-3** times the numbers of cross-linked proteins when compared to their healthy counterparts

Cross-Linking Theory



Free Radical Theory

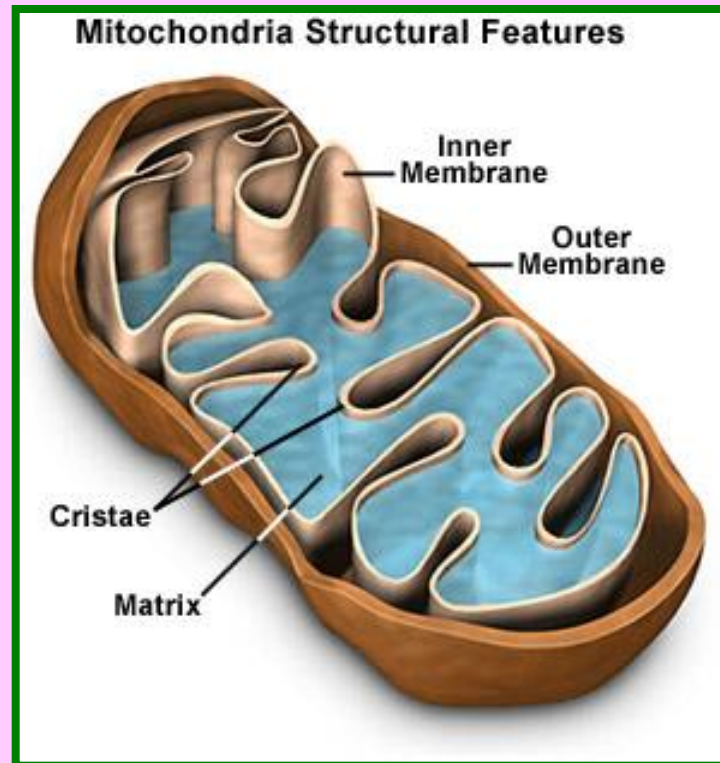
- free radicals are known to attack the structure of cell membranes, which then create metabolic waste products
- toxic accumulations interfere with cell communication, disturb DNA, RNA and protein synthesis, lower energy levels and generally impede vital chemical processes
- most toxic: **hydroxyl ($\cdot\text{OH}$)-radical** and **superoxide ($\text{O}_2 \cdot^-$) –radical**

Table 3 Chemical Notation for various ROS/RNS

Radicals and Related Species	Name
$^1\text{O}_2$	singlet oxygen
H^\bullet	hydrogen atom
H^+	proton, hydron
HO^\bullet	hydroxyl radical
OH^-	hydroxide anion
H_2O_2	hydrogen peroxide
RO^\bullet	alkoxyl radical
ROO^\bullet	alkyldioxygen, alkylperoxy radical
ROOH	alkyl hydroperoxide
GS^\bullet	glutathionyl radical
$^\bullet\text{CH}_3$	methyl radical
$^\bullet\text{NO}$	nitrogen monoxide, nitric oxide
$^\bullet\text{NO}_2$	nitrogen dioxide
N_2O	nitrous oxide
NO_2^-	nitrite
HNO_2	nitrous acid
NO_3^-	nitrate
HNO_3	nitric acid

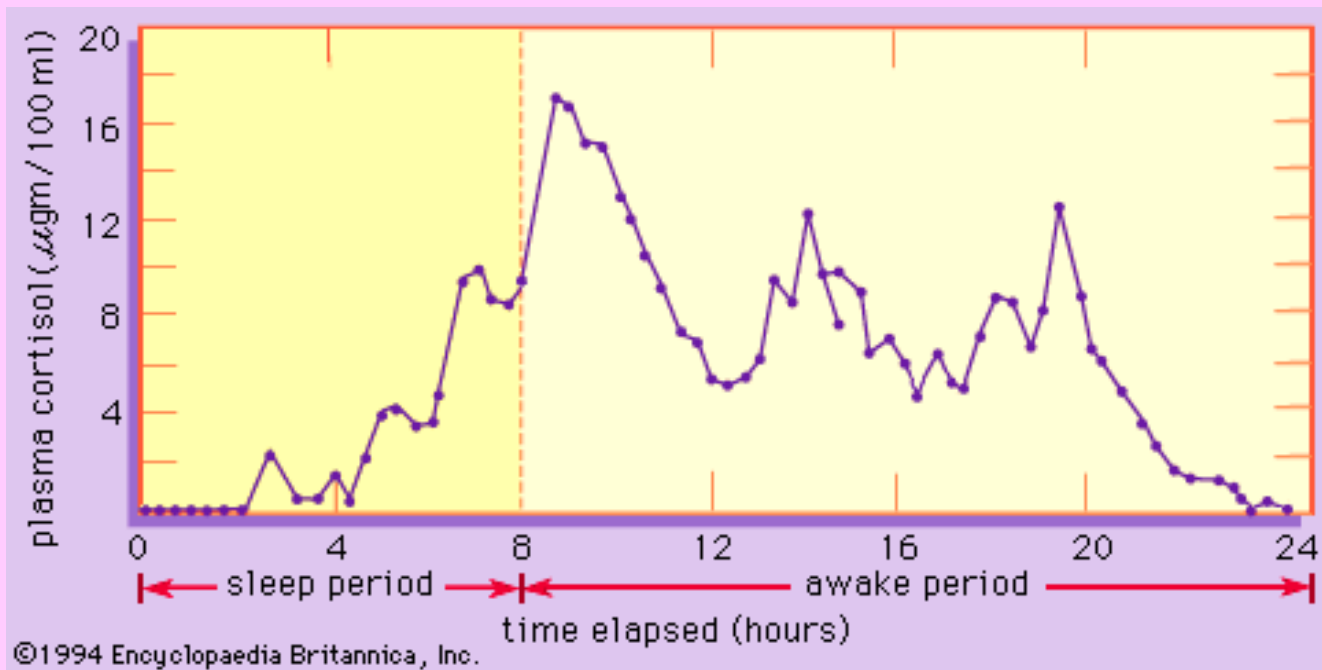
Mitochondrial Decline Theory

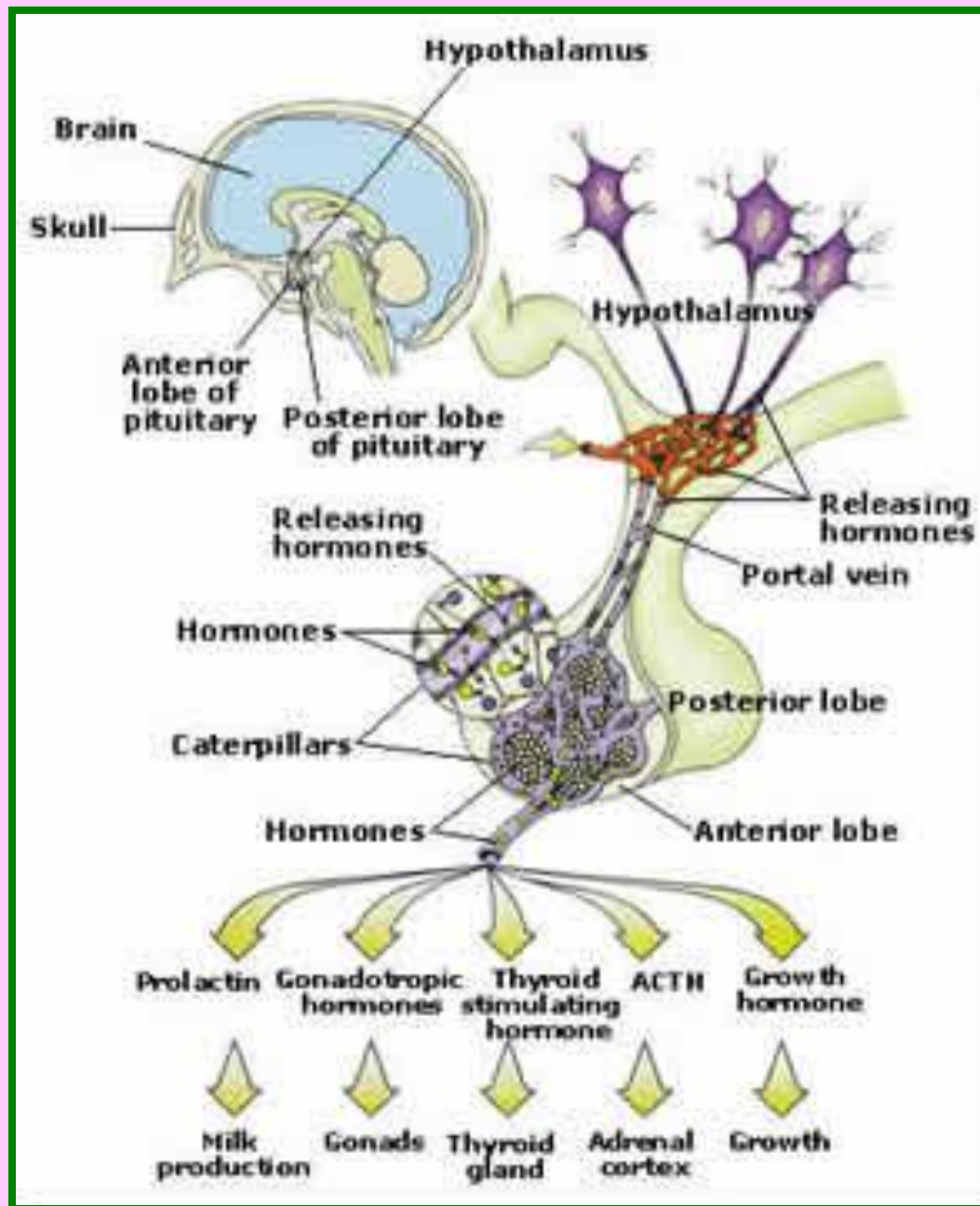
- mitochondria become less efficient, fewer in number and larger
- ATP production declines



Neuroendocrine Theory

- the hypothalamus loss of regulation
- hypothalamus is damaged by the hormone cortisol
- cortisol is produced from the adrenal glands and considered to be a hormone responsible for stress





Factors Influencing Aging Process

- **intrinsic factors**

genetic characteristics

centenarians (≥ 100 yr-old people) produce more **lymphocytes**

high specific activity of **superoxide dismutase shows a longer life span**

- **extrinsic factors**

environmental factors

nutrient intake

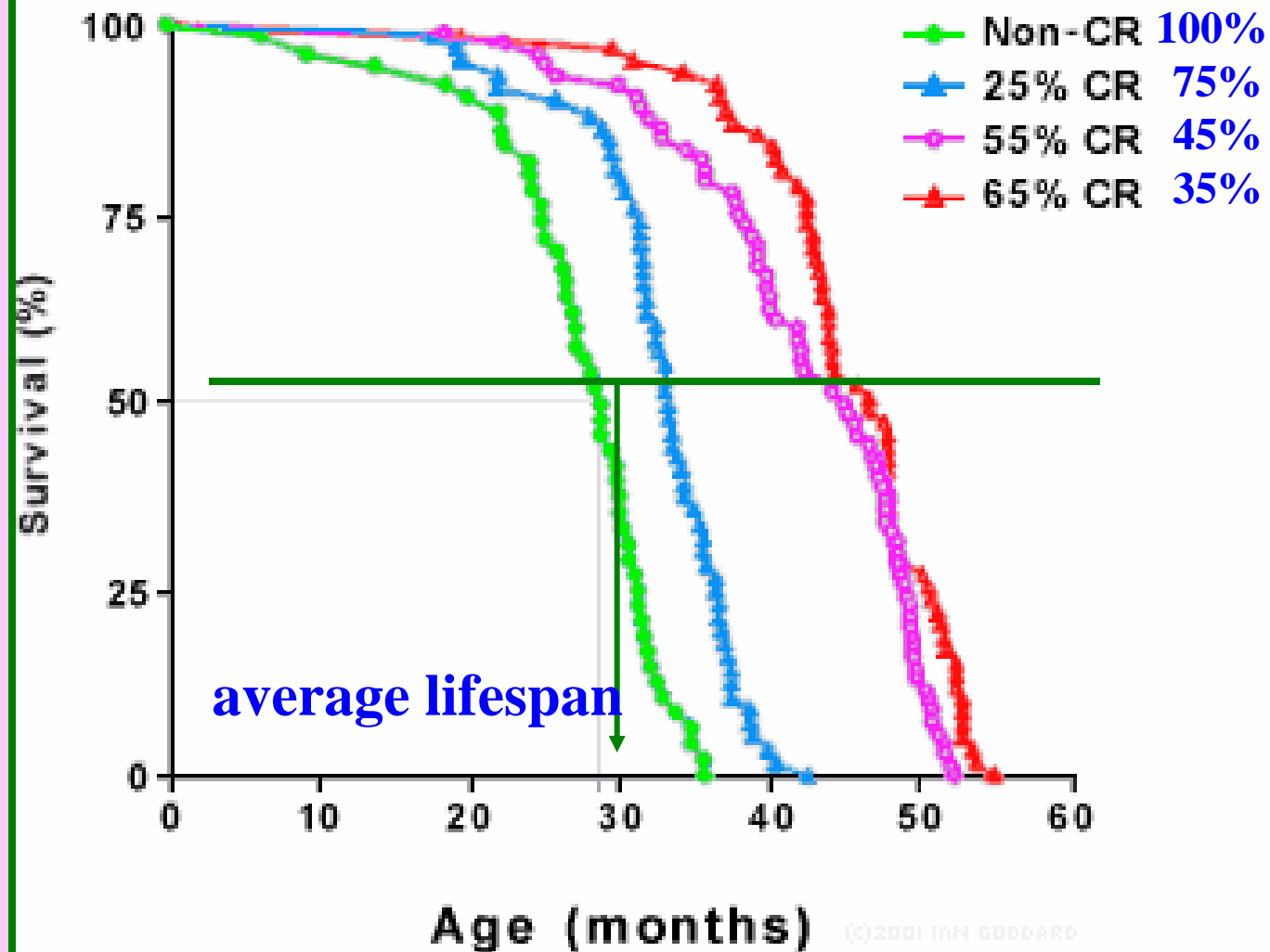
Nutrient Intake and Aging

- Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Gerontology (1988): the only factors effective in preventing aging are **nutrition**, **exercise**, and **blood pressure control**
- Eat to live and not live to eat –Franklin
- autointoxication—Metchnikoff (a Russian physiologist)
death occurred as a result of **toxins** produced in a large intestine by fecal waste and then absorbed into the body






Nutrient Intake and Aging

- yogurt and other fermented milk products containing lactic acid-producing bacilli — destroy the intestinal microbes responsible for the poisonous waste
- caloric restriction ↑ life span
- below 50 percent takes you into actual calorie starvation, and the death rate increases

LIFESPAN OF CR MICE VS NON-CR MICE



Caloric Restriction

-  DNA repair
-  oxidative damage
-  body's own antioxidant defense systems
 -  heat shock protein (Hsp) response
-  glycosylation
- delays age-related immunological decline
- most likely not going to die from a heart attack, stroke or diabetes

Caloric Restriction

A

Mechanical:



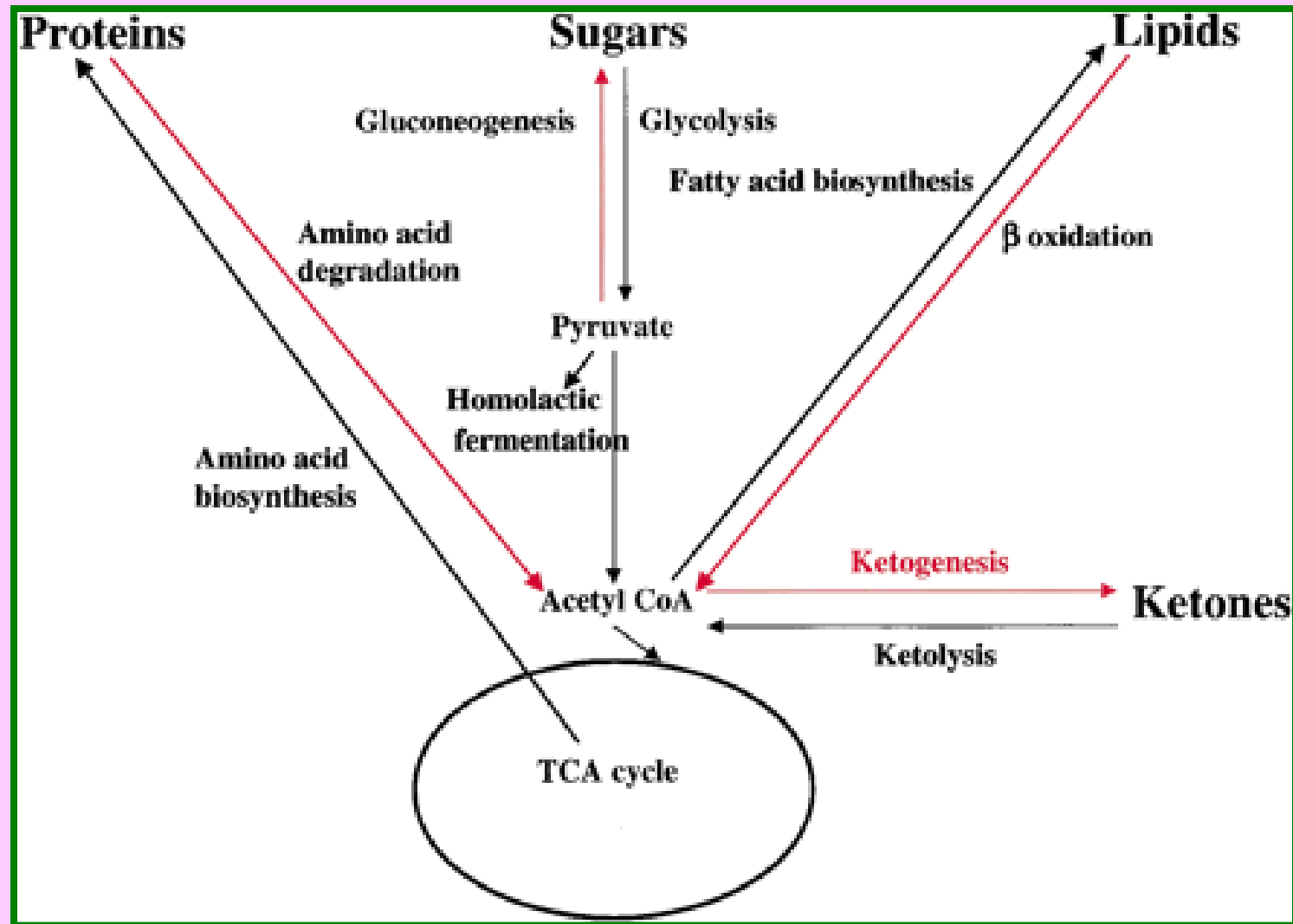
B

Regulated:



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Caloric Restriction



- up-regulation
- down-regulation or no change

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"I can assure you, this is the finest anti-aging formula money can buy. And I should know because I've been selling it for over 150 years."

Summary

- **Theory of Aging**
 - **Genetic**
 - **Nongenetic**
- **Factors Influencing Aging Process**
 - **Intrinsic factors**
 - **Extrinsic factors**