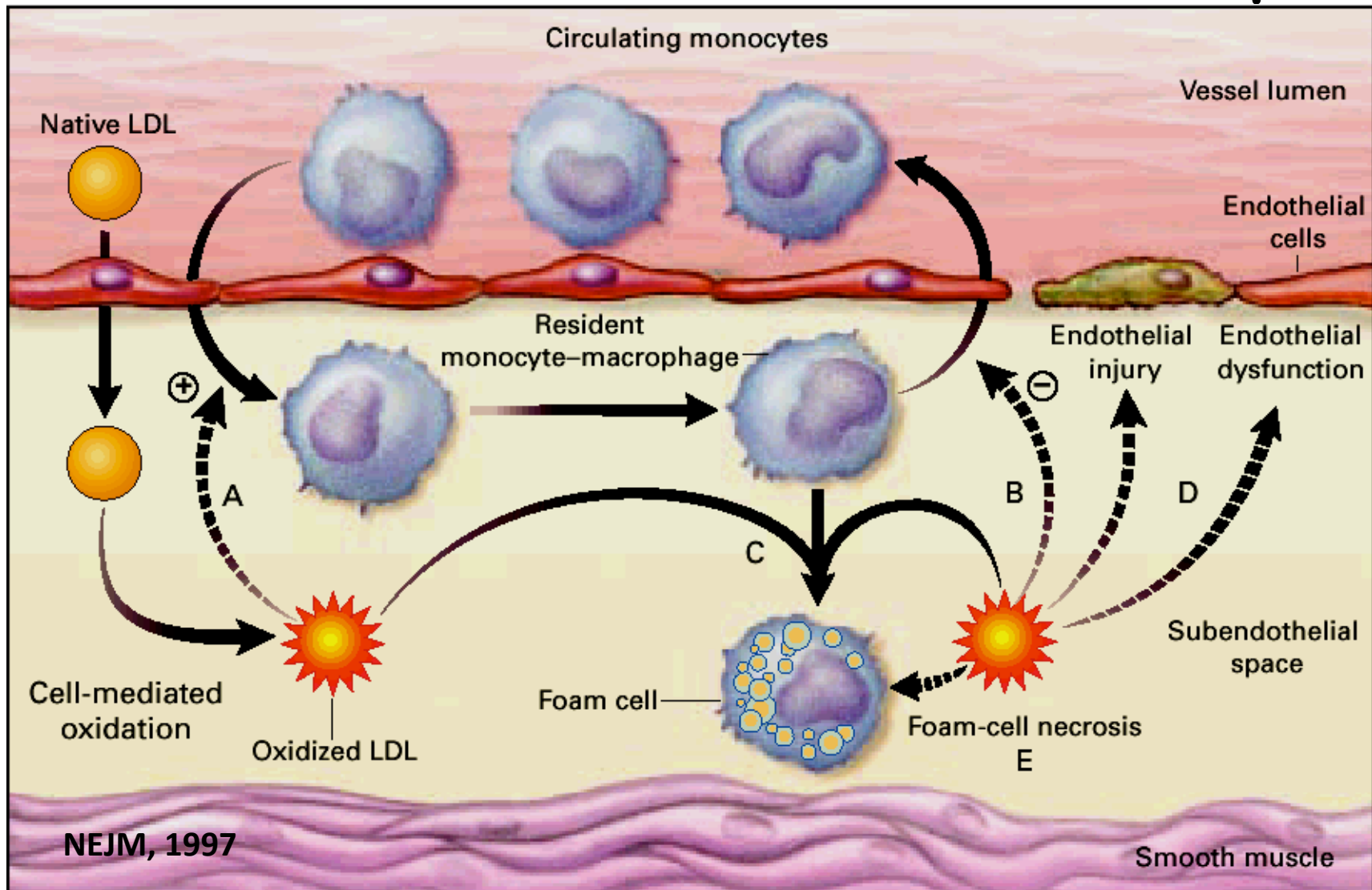


# Introduction to ROS in the Cardiovascular System

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# Role of ROS in CV Disease: Antiquated



## Antioxidant Defenses

Enzymatic Systems:  
CAT, SOD, GPX  
Non-enzymatic systems:  
Glutathione  
Vitamins

## Endogenous Sources

Mitochondria  
Peroxisomes  
Lipoxygenases  
NADPH Oxidases  
Cytochrome P450

**ROS/RNS**

**Impaired Physiologic Function**



**Decreased Repair**

**Decreased Adaptive Responses**

**Vascular and Myocardial Disease**

**Homeostasis**



**Normal**

**Impaired Physiologic Function**



**Random Oxidation**

**Specific Signal Pathways**

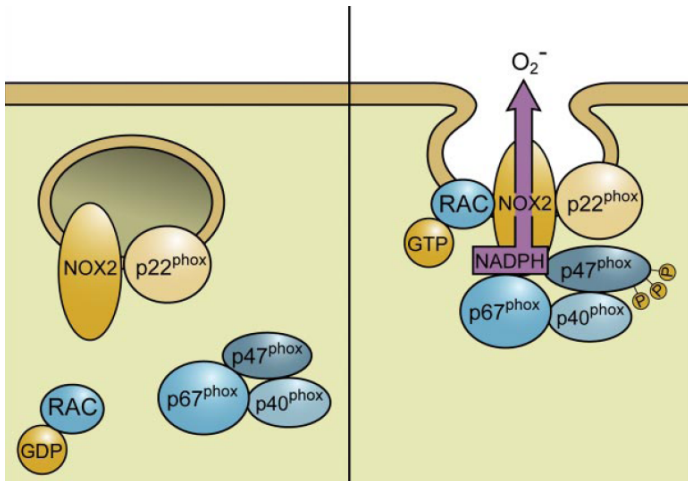


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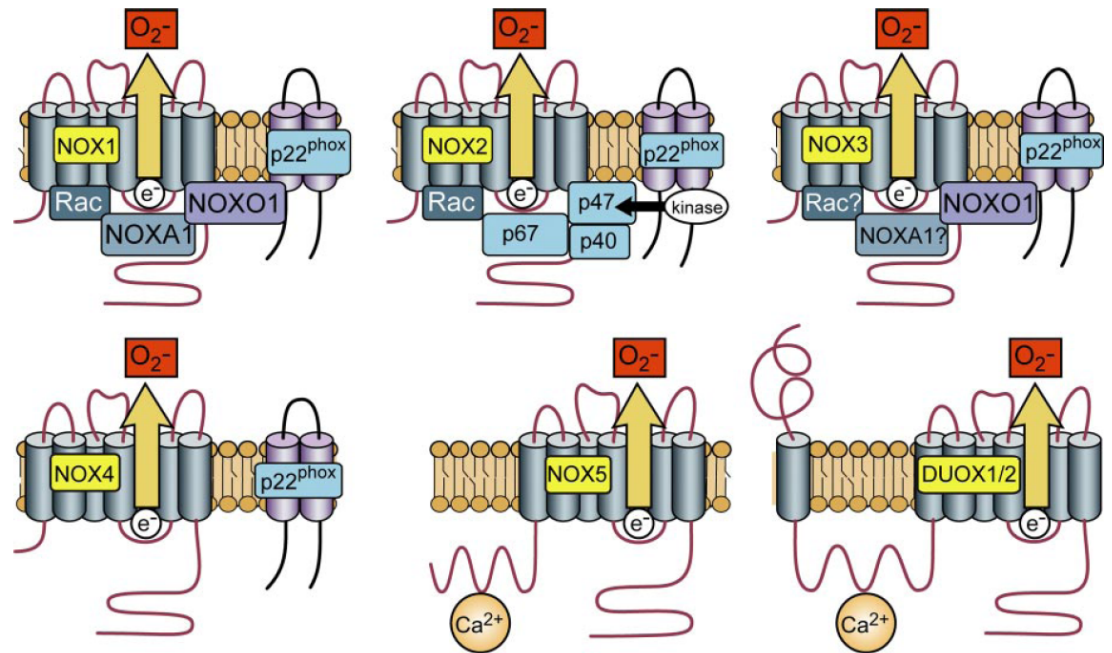
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# NADPH Oxidases

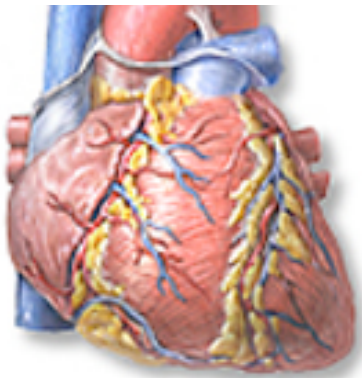
## Neutrophil “Burst” Oxidase



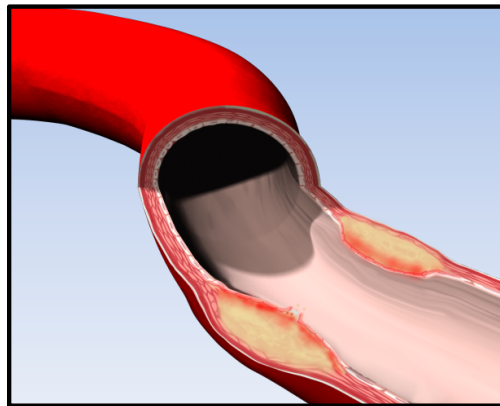
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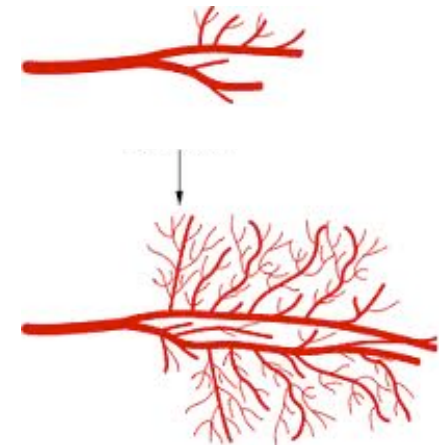
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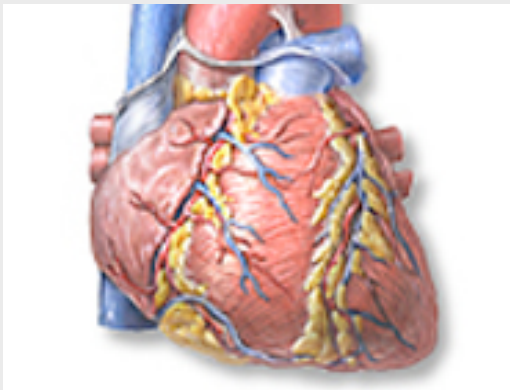


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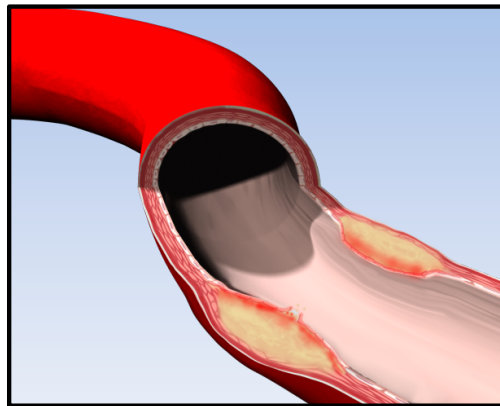


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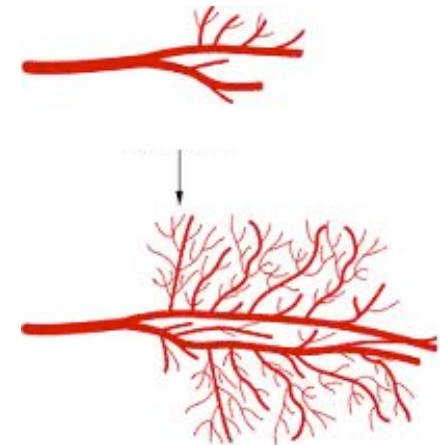
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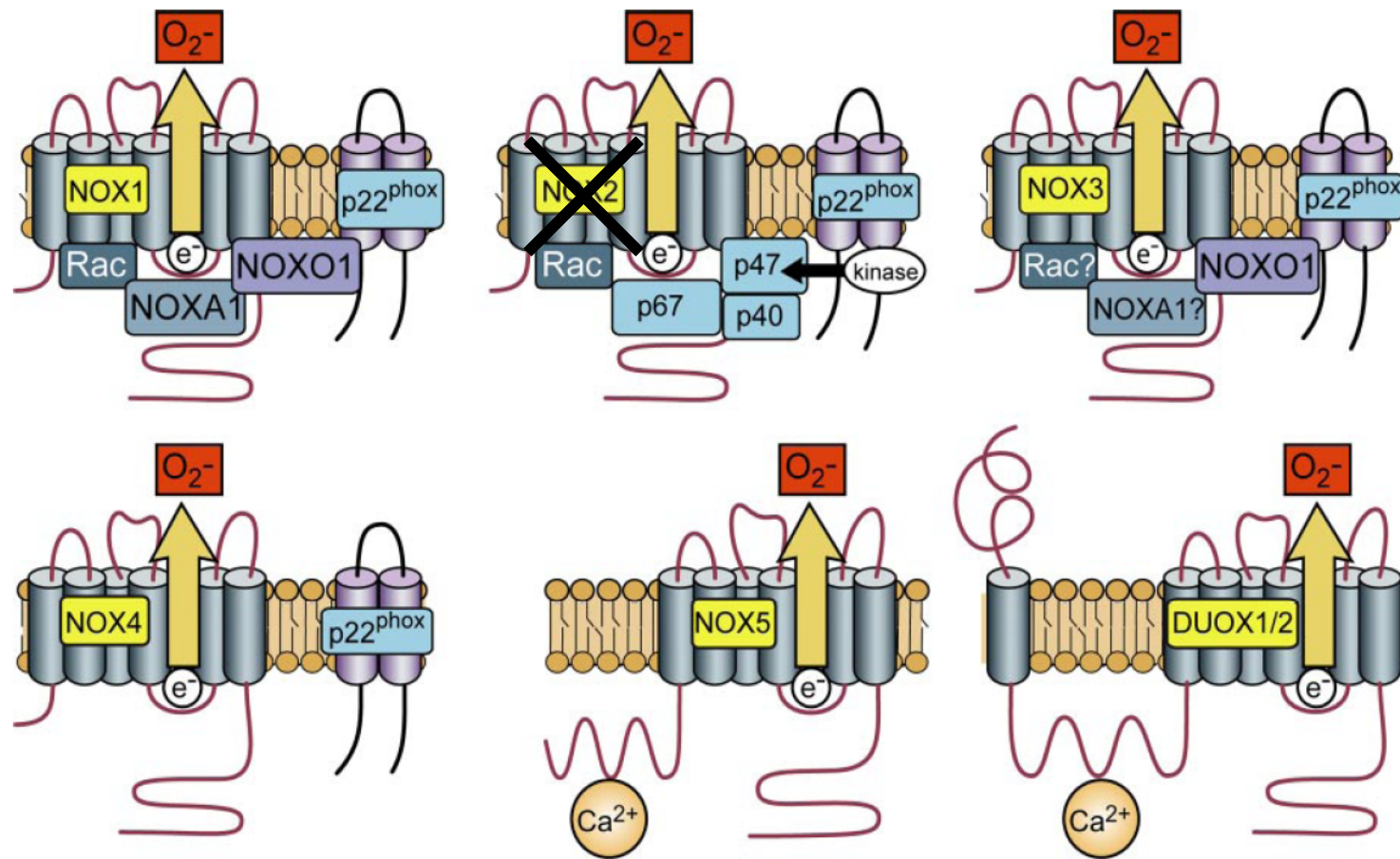
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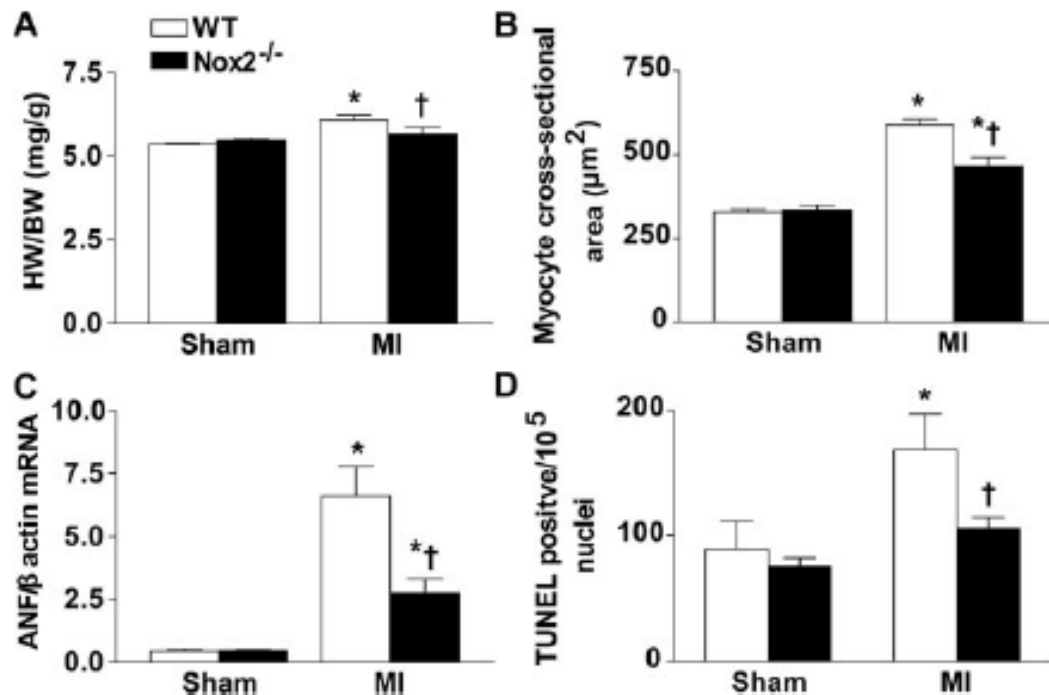
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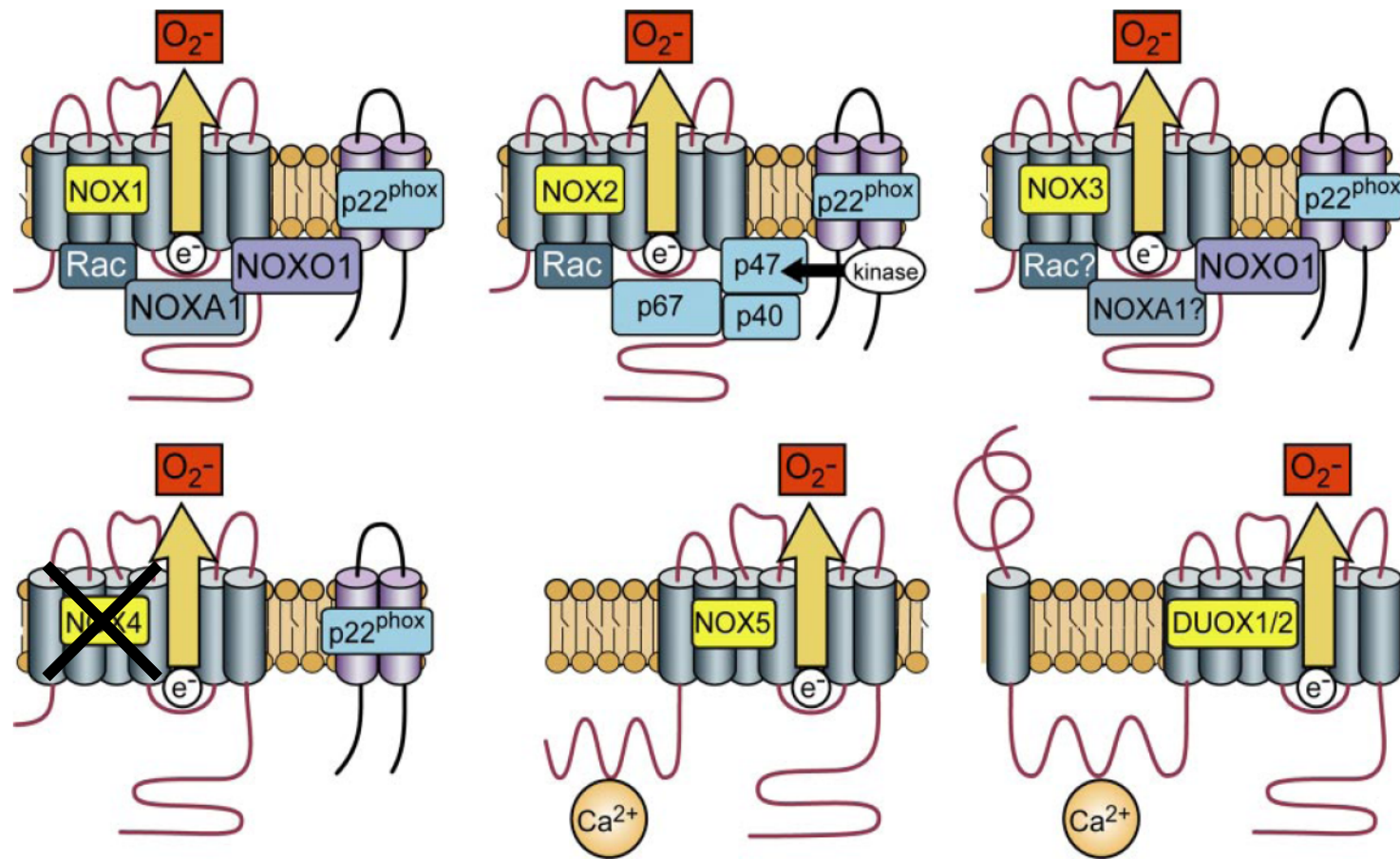
# Nox2 Influences Cardiac Remodeling After Myocardial Infarction



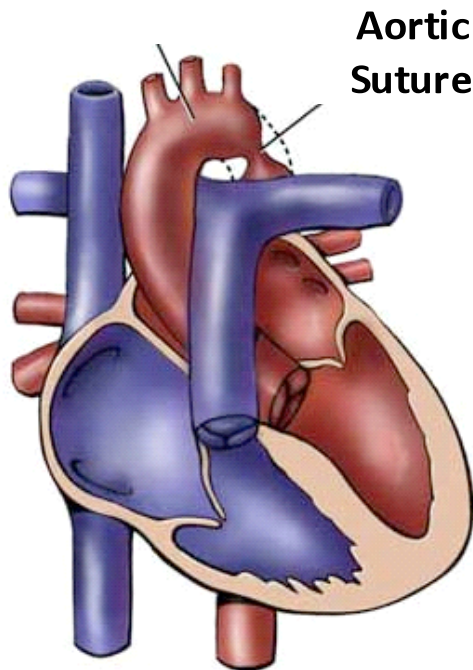
- Less pathologic heart remodeling
- Reduced change to the fetal gene program
- Less apoptosis



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# Trans Aortic Constriction Model



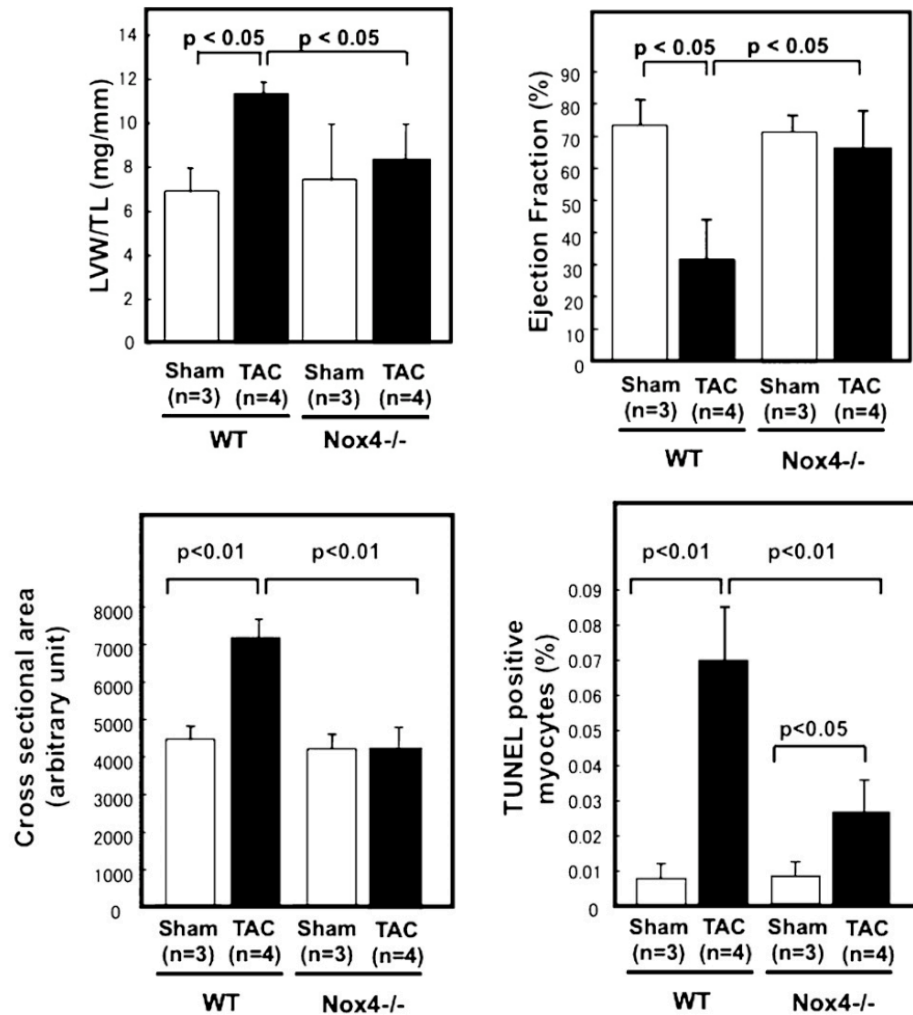
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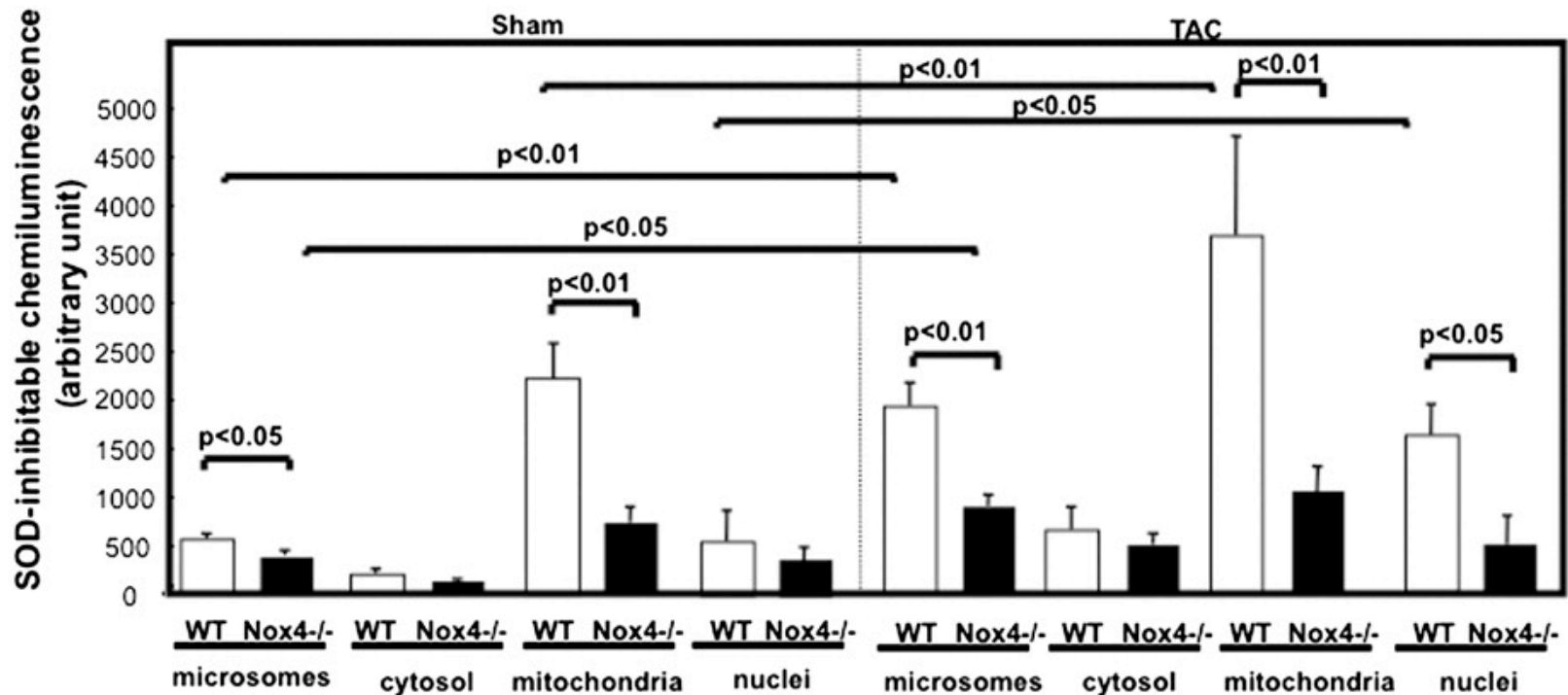
# Cardiac Nox4 is Deleterious in Pressure Overload



- Less pathologic hypertrophy
- Improved function (ejection fraction)
- Less apoptosis

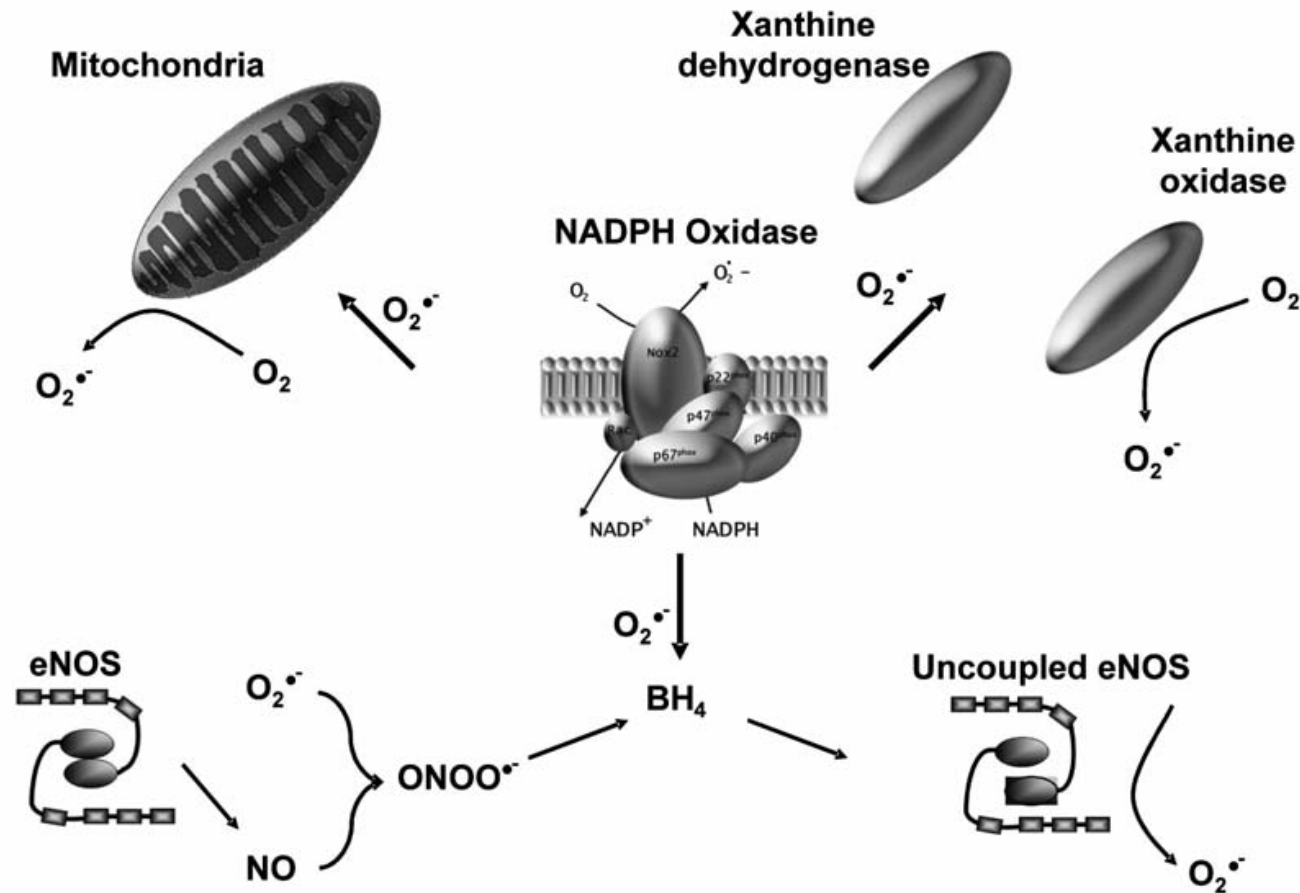
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# Nox4 Impacts Multiple ROS Sources

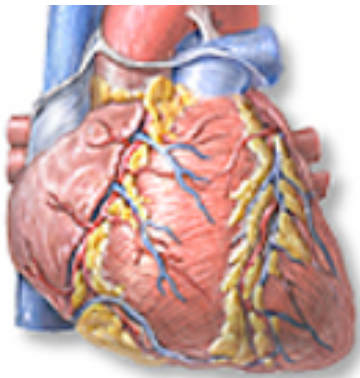


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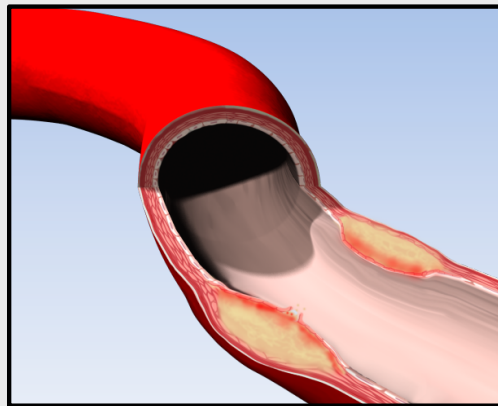
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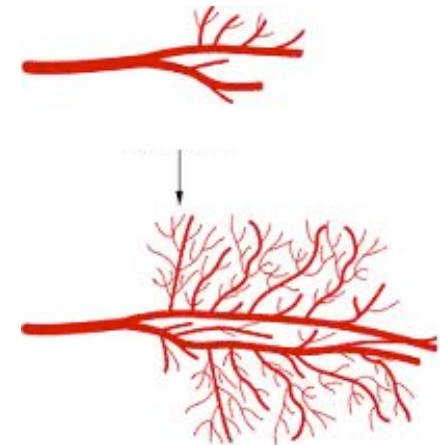
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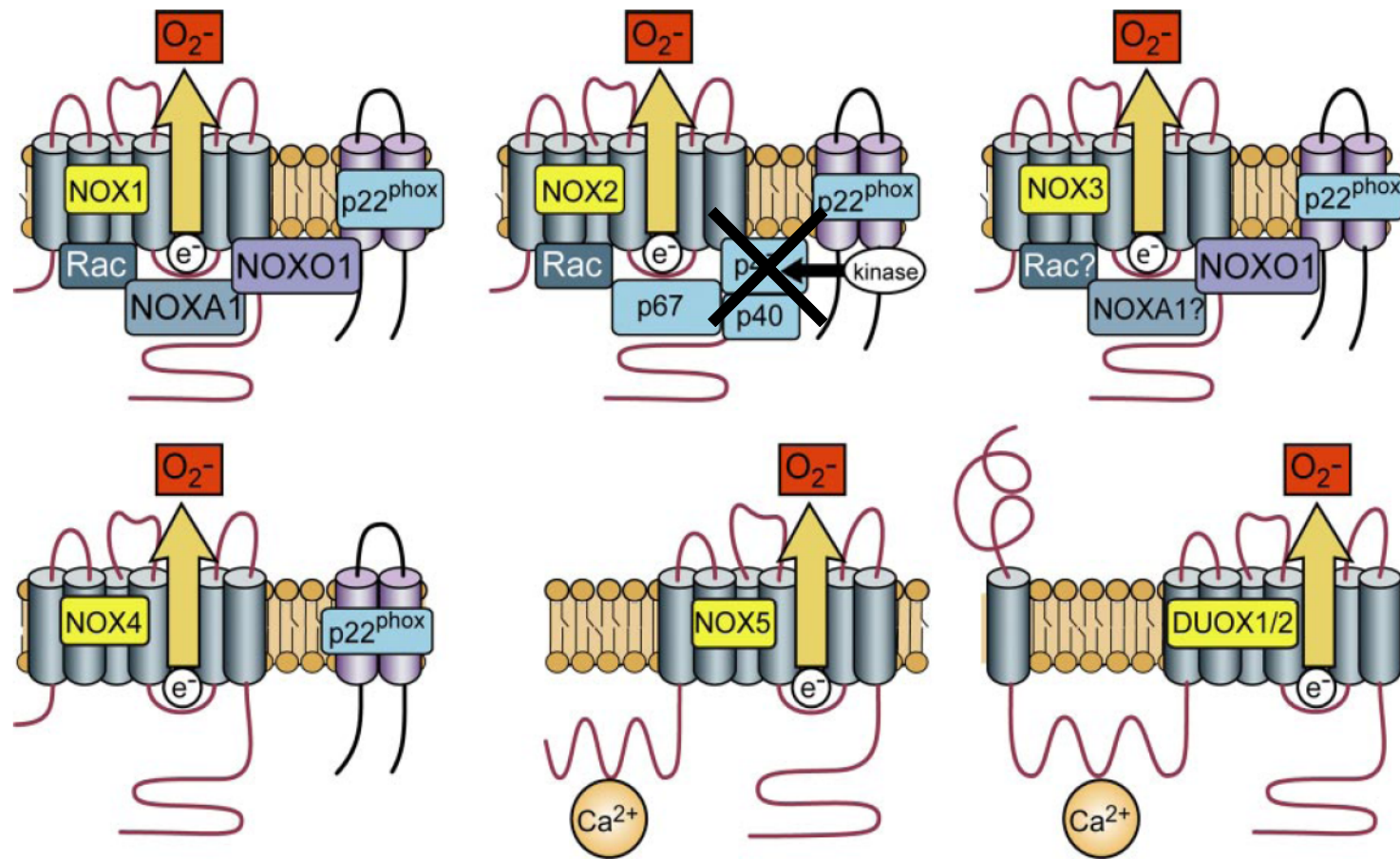
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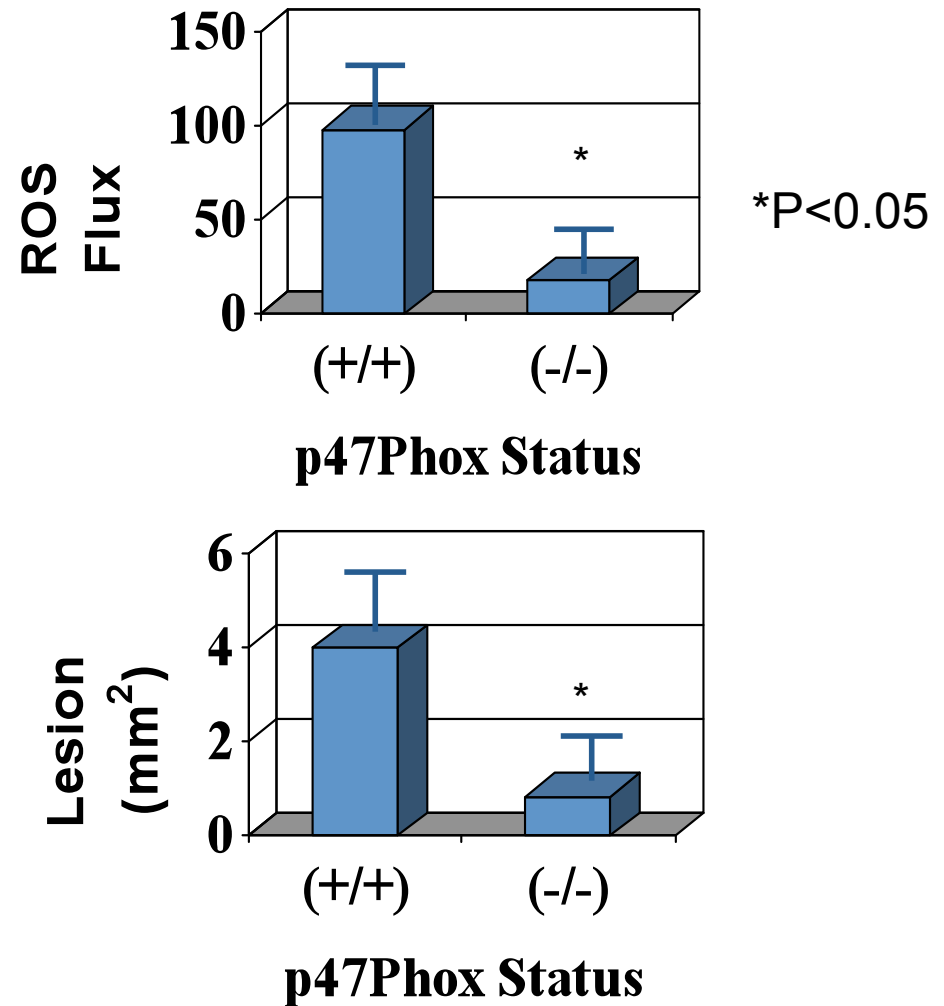
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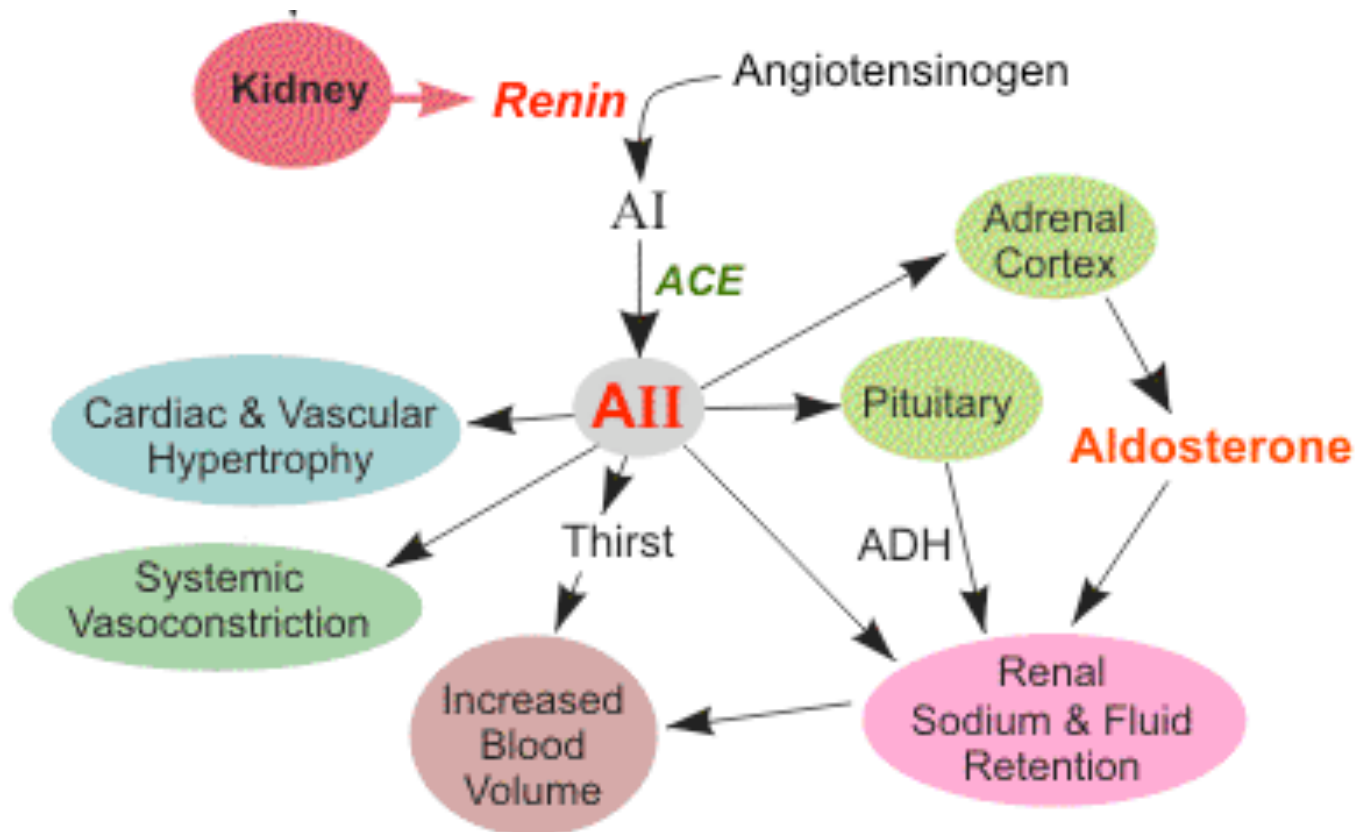
# NADPH Oxidase Activity and Atherosclerosis

- ApoE(-/-) mice with or without p47phox
- Animals on chow followed for 30 weeks
- ROS production measured by DHE staining
- Atherosclerosis determined by aortic lipid content

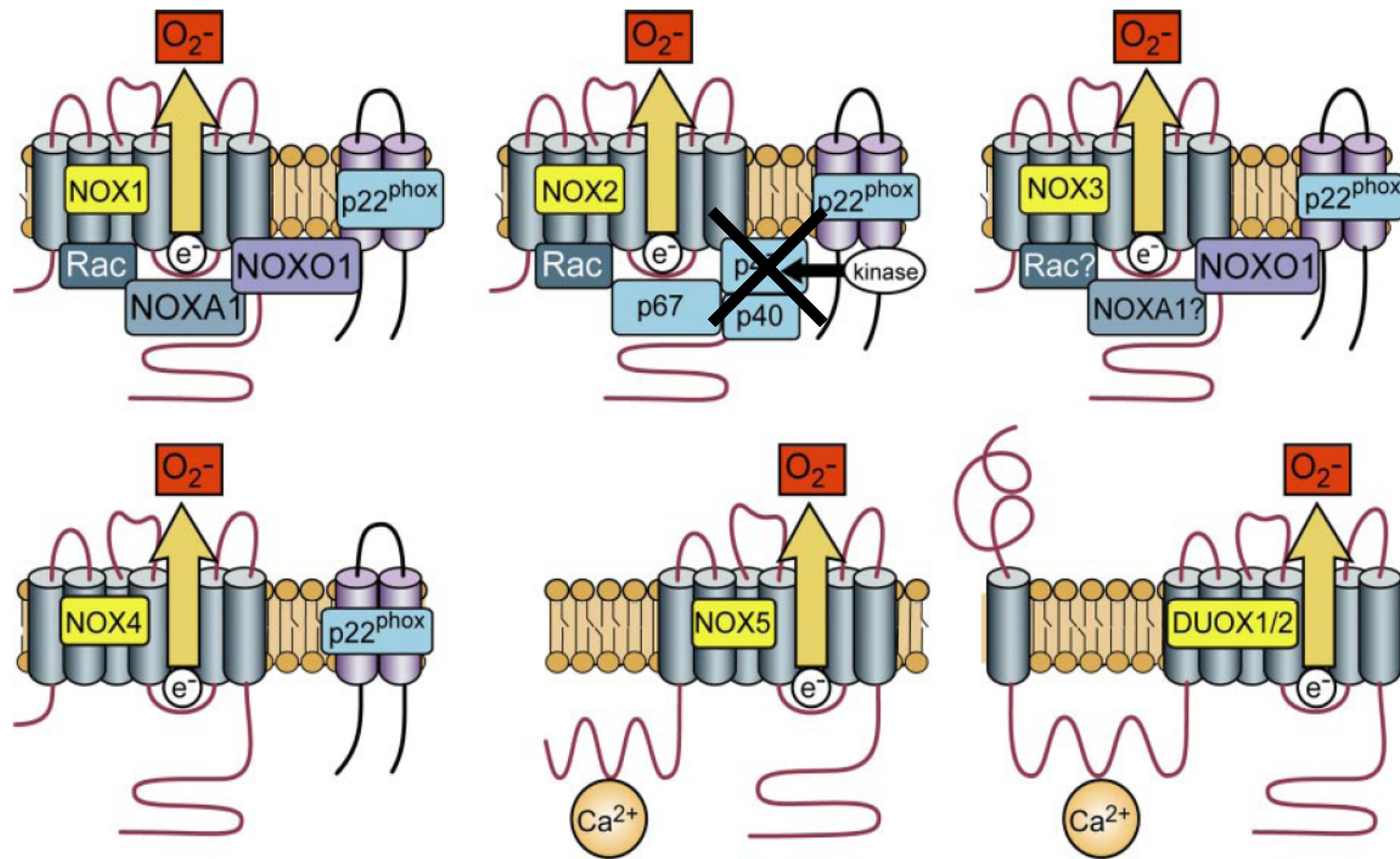


What about hypertension?

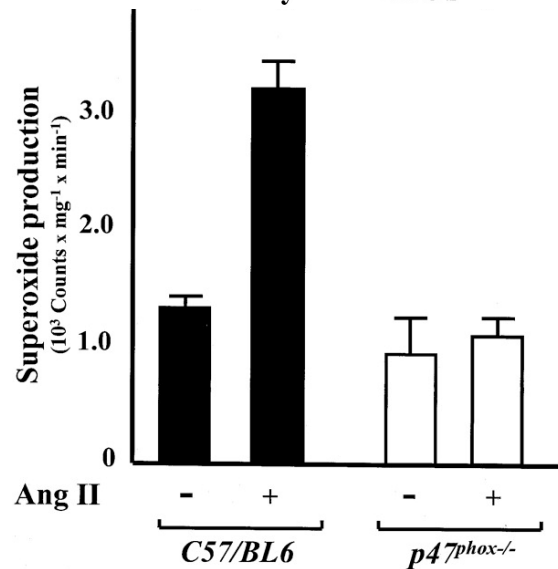
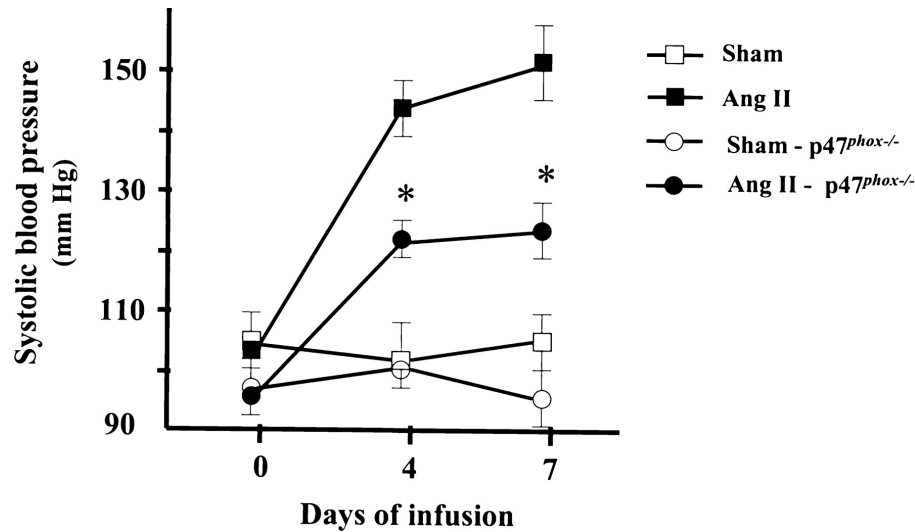
# Renin-Angiotensin System



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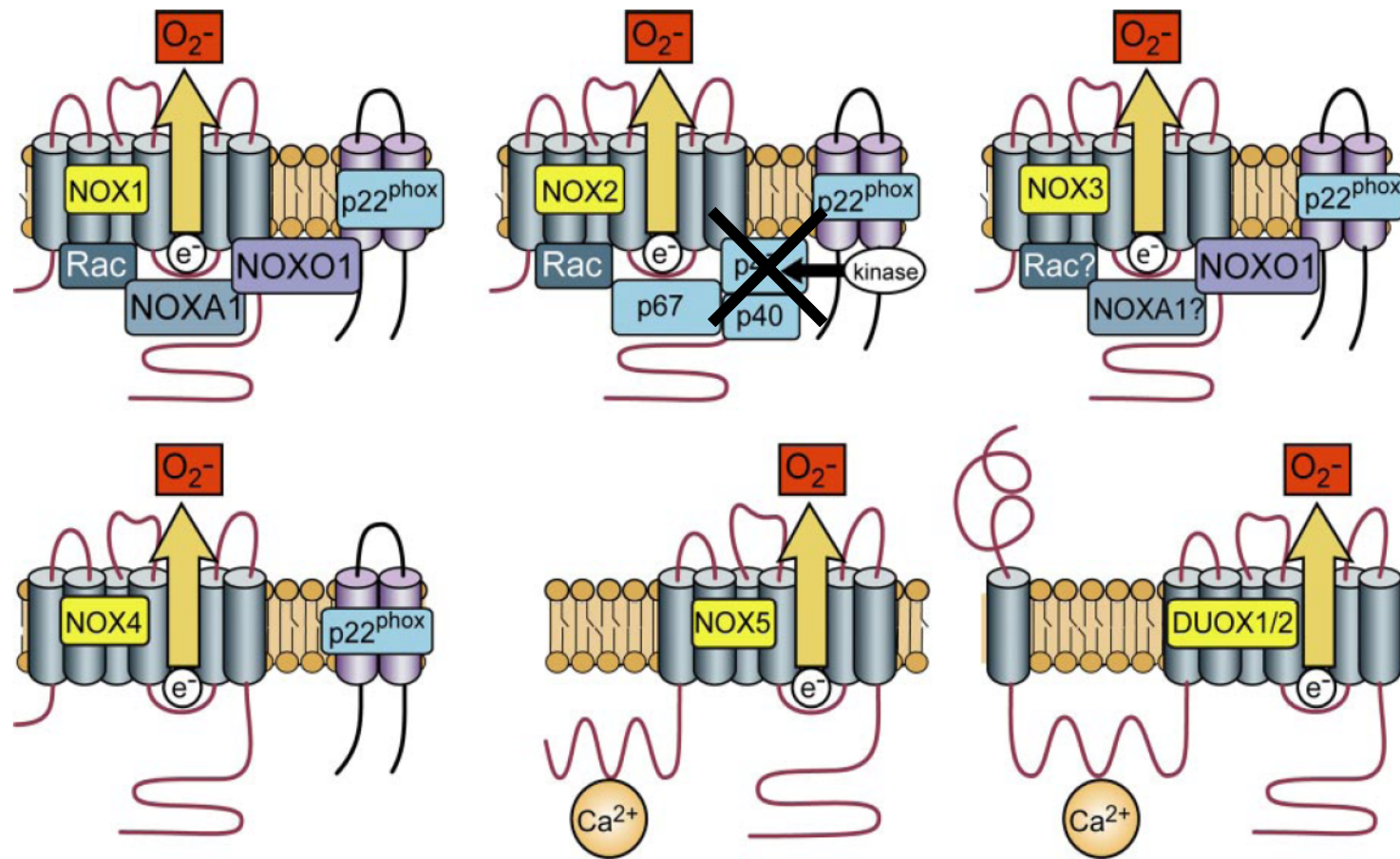
# Nox2 and Hypertension



- Less ROS produced from blood vessels
- Less rise in blood pressure
- Less vascular hypertrophy

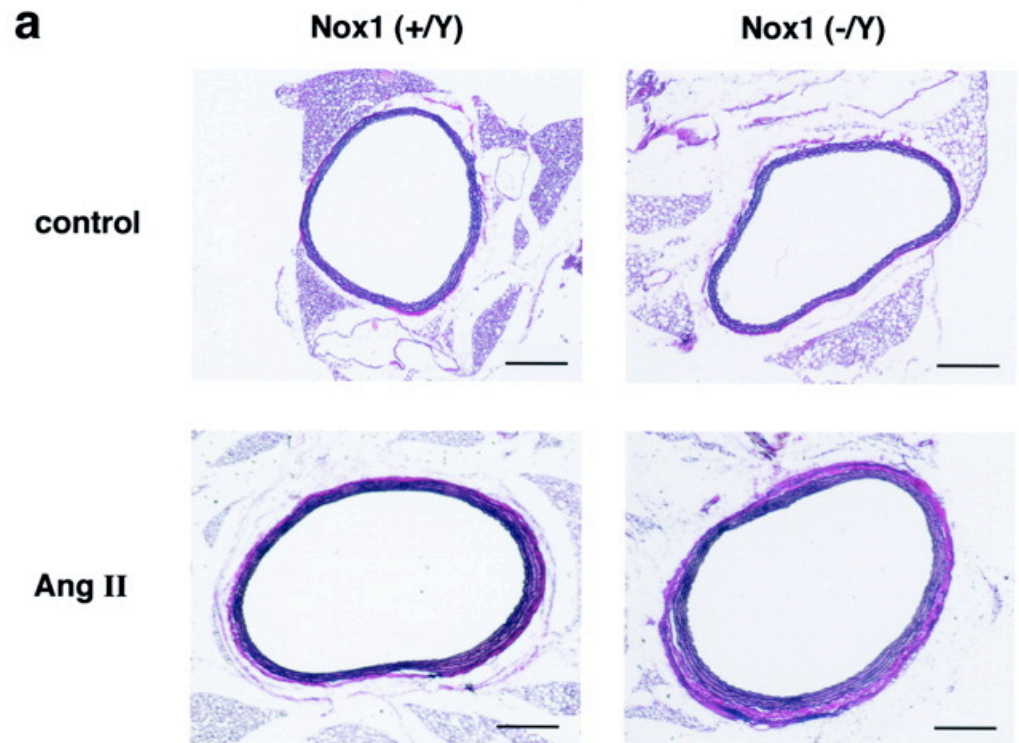
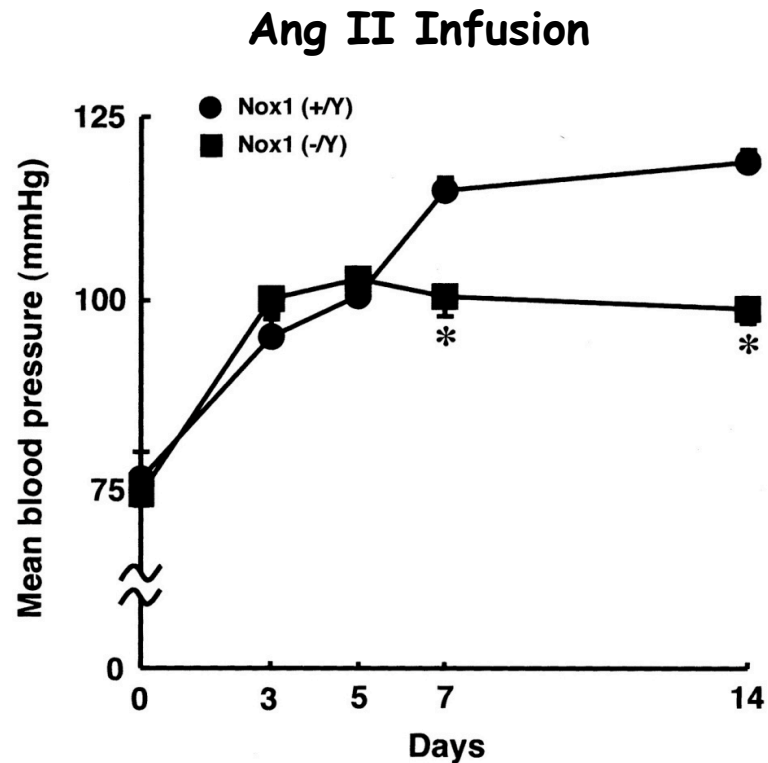
Not all ROS sources are equal!

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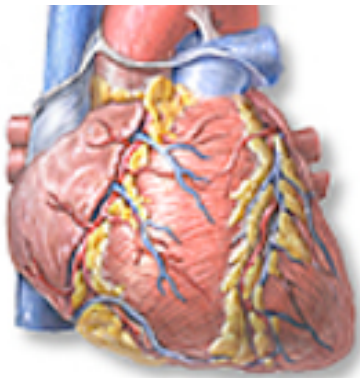


# BP and Hypertrophy are Distinct

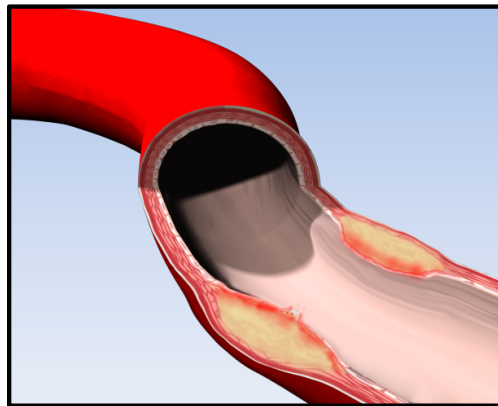


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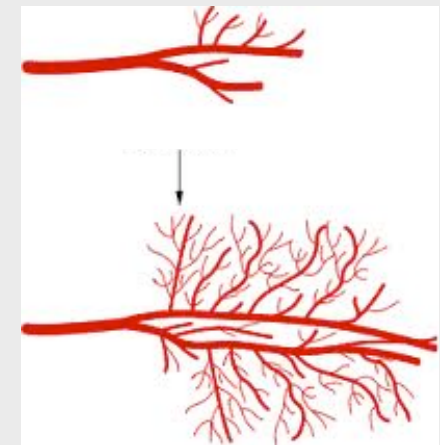
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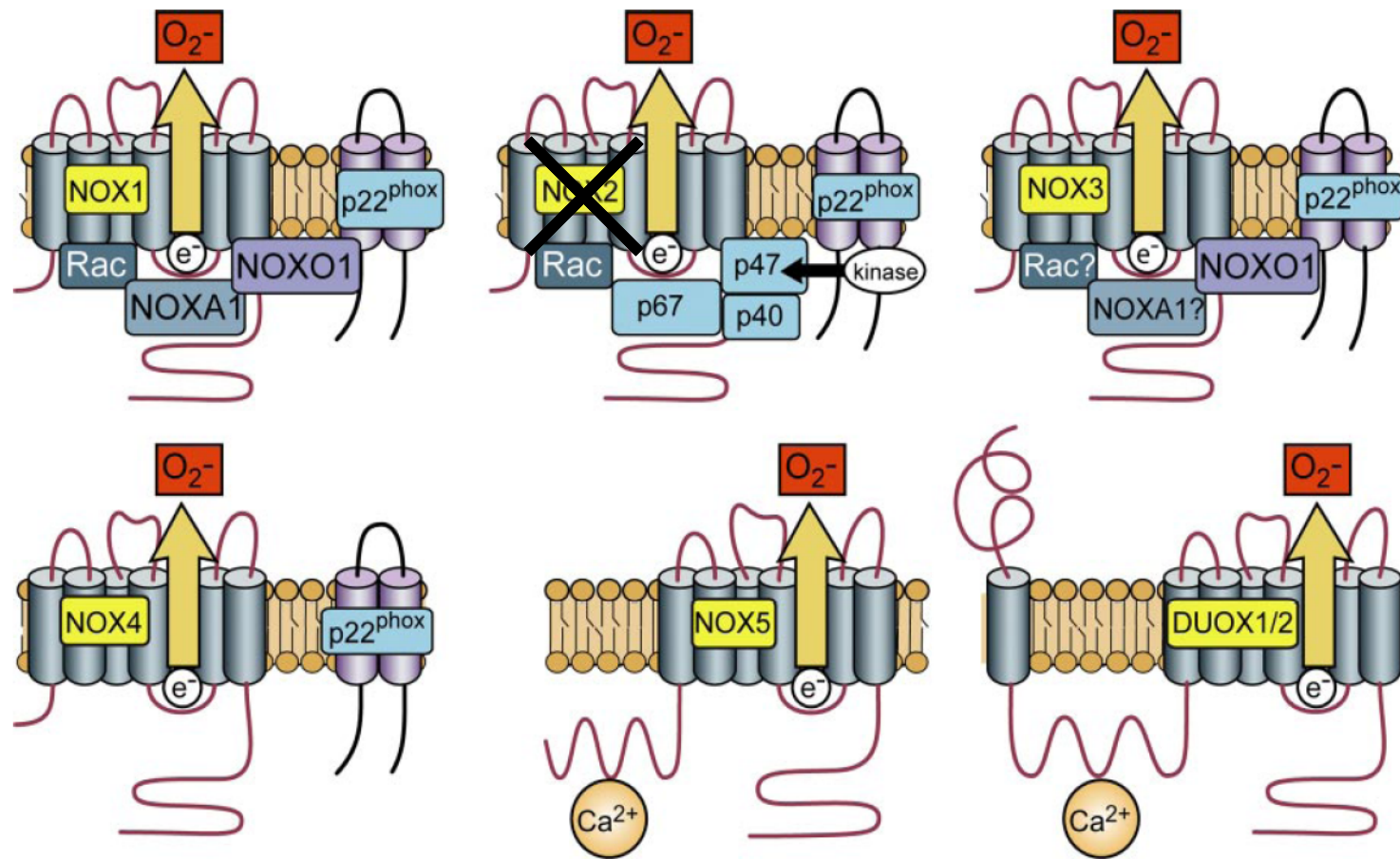


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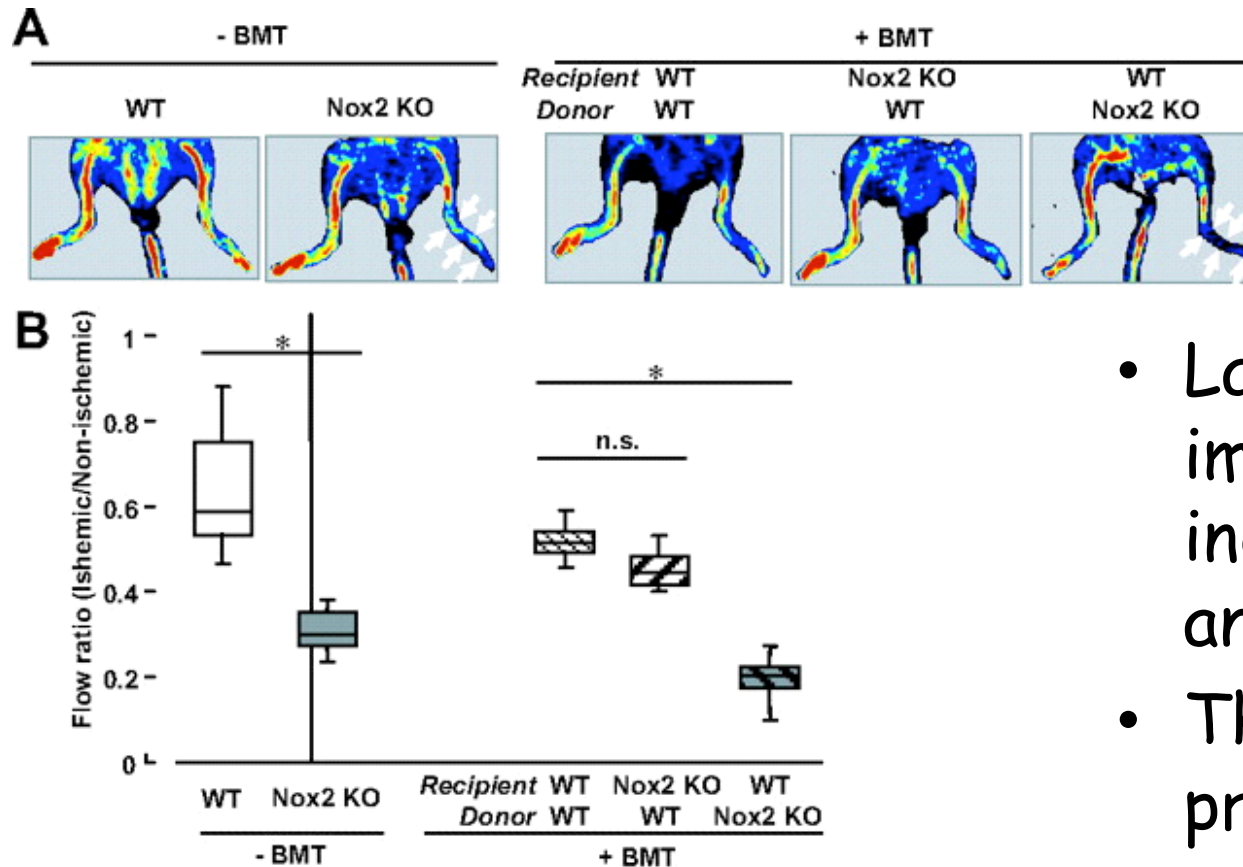


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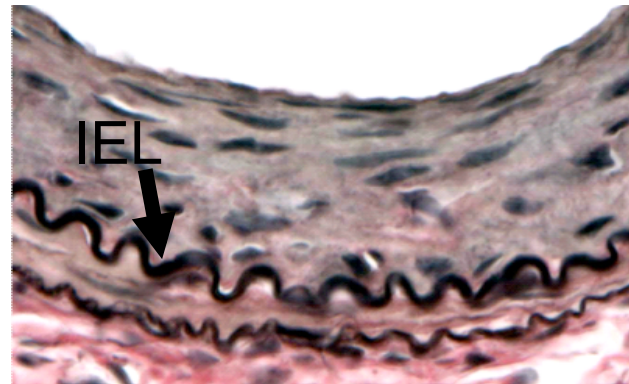
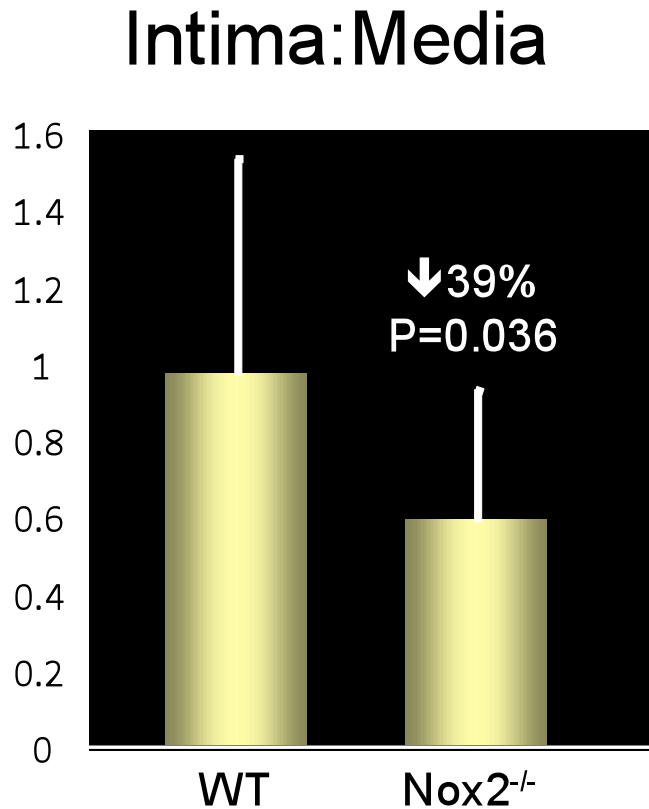


# Bone Marrow Nox2 is Important for Ischemia-Induced Angiogenesis

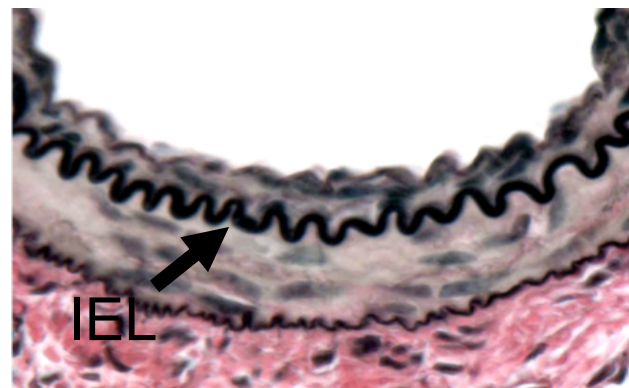


- Lack of Nox2 impairs ischemia-induced angiogenesis
- This effect is most prominent in bone marrow

# Nox2 Modifies Arterial Injury



Wild-type, 28d

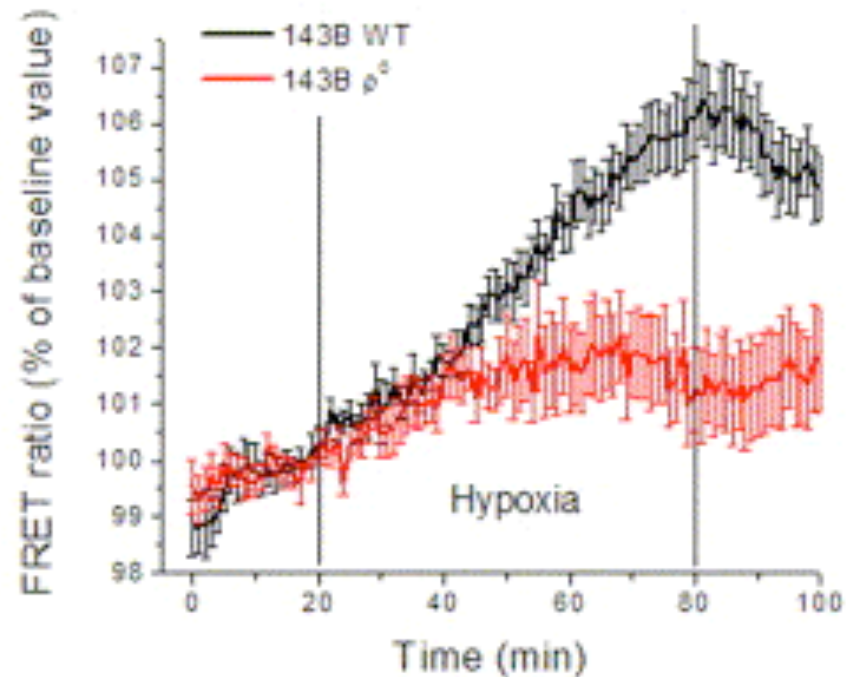
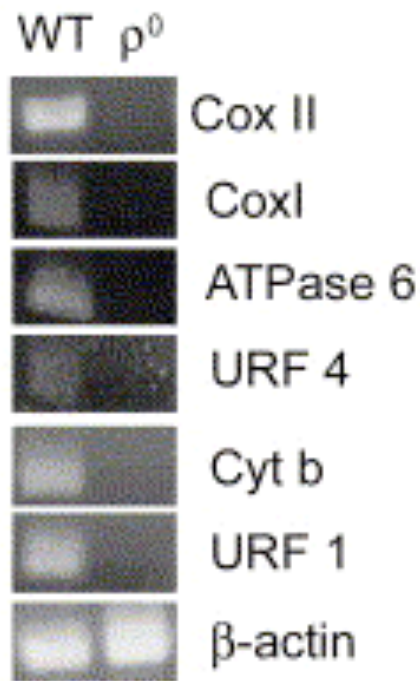


Nox2<sup>-/-</sup>, 28d

How about other ROS Sources?



# Mitochondrial ROS are Important for Hypoxic Responses



Guzy et al. , Cell Metabolism, 2005



# Take Home Points

- ROS are ubiquitous, and serve as cellular messengers
- ROS responses are generally linked to injury and repair responses
- ROS sources and the regulation of these sources has, thus far, proven the most fruitful means of impacting disease
- NADPH oxidases are one important source of ROS in the cardiovascular system

# What we do not yet know

- Which source(s) of ROS are specific for certain pathologic disorders
- How do the different source(s) of ROS relate to each other
- What are the "normal" mechanisms for specificity of ROS species
- Which ROS/RNS are most important in specific disease(s)