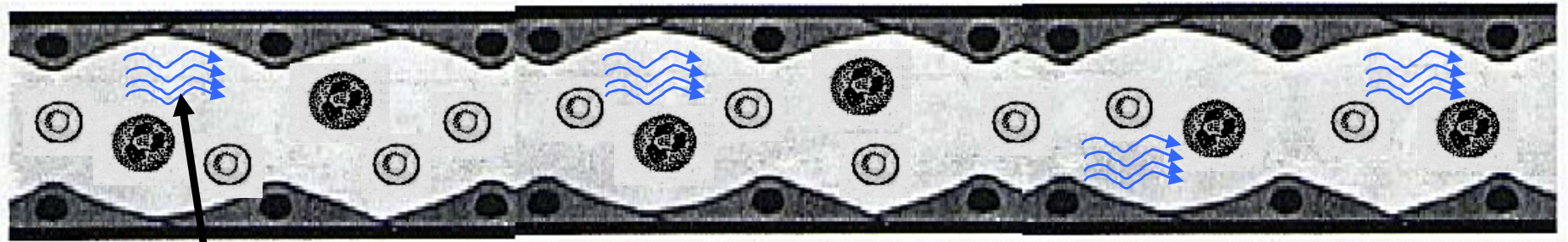


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**Neutrophil Activation Status in Navy Clearance Divers Following  
Trimix Dives and In-Water Oxygen Decompression.**

## Normal Blood Vessel Physiology



Laminar flow

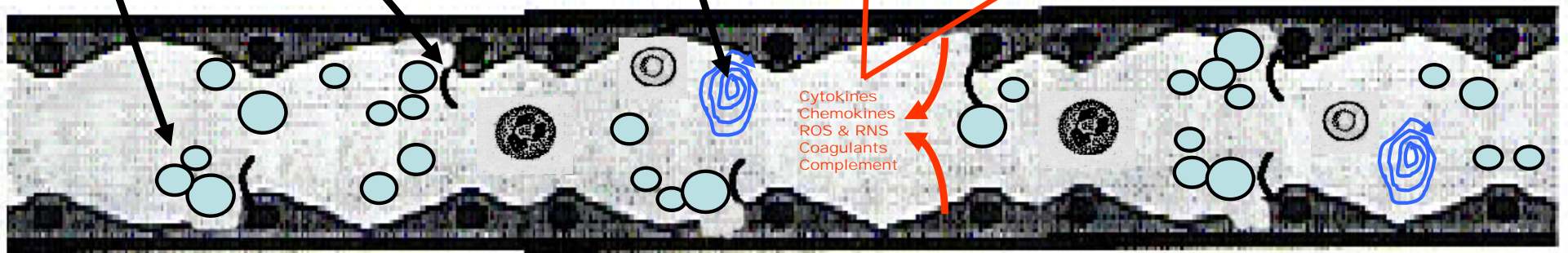
## Immunoinflammatory Messengers

Cytokines  
Chemokines  
Reactive Species (ROS & RNS)  
Coagulants  
Complement

irregular  
or oscillatory  
shear stress

VGE

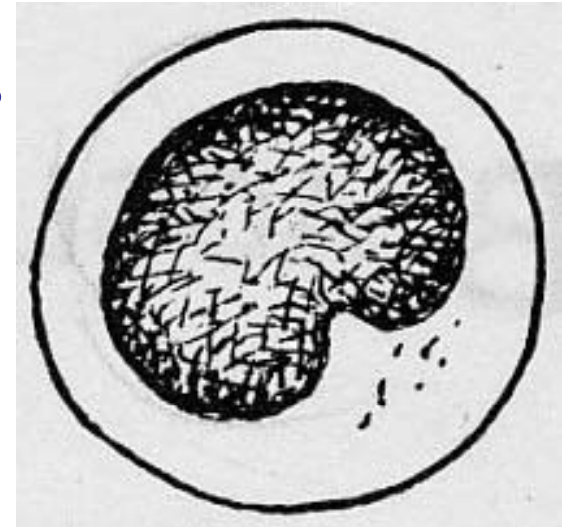
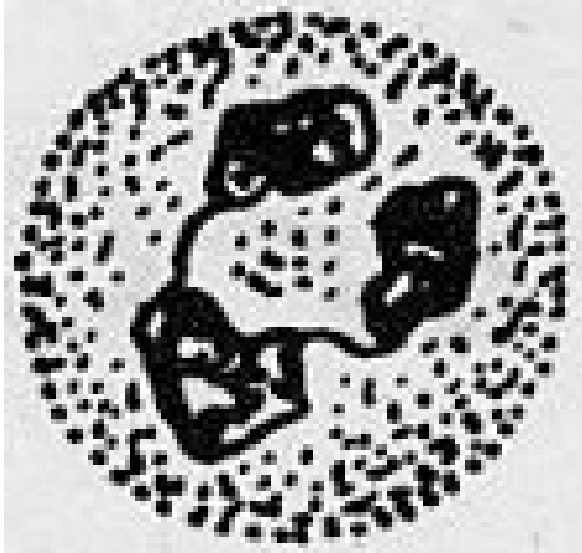
vascular  
trauma



Cytokines  
Chemokines  
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**Neutrophils and Monocytes are Cells of the Innate Immune System that Respond to Tissue Injury Caused by Trauma, Attack by Bacteria and Viruses, or Other Injurious Agents**

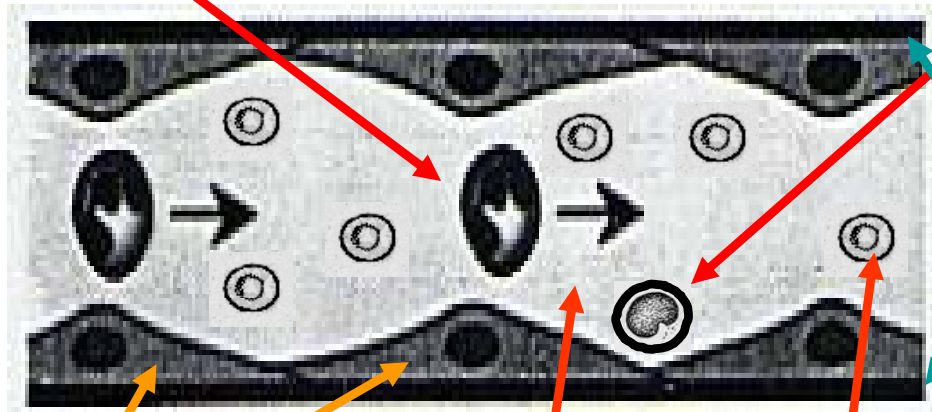


**Neutrophils (50%) of PBLs**

**(4000-5000 cells/mL blood)**

**Monocytes**

**(300-400 cells/mL blood)**



**Vessel smooth muscle**

**Plasma**

**Red Blood Cells**

**Blood Vessel Endothelial Cells**

# The Main Character of Our Investigation

Neutrophil Activation

## Immunoinflammatory Messengers

Cytokines

Chemokines

Reactive Species (ROS & RNS)

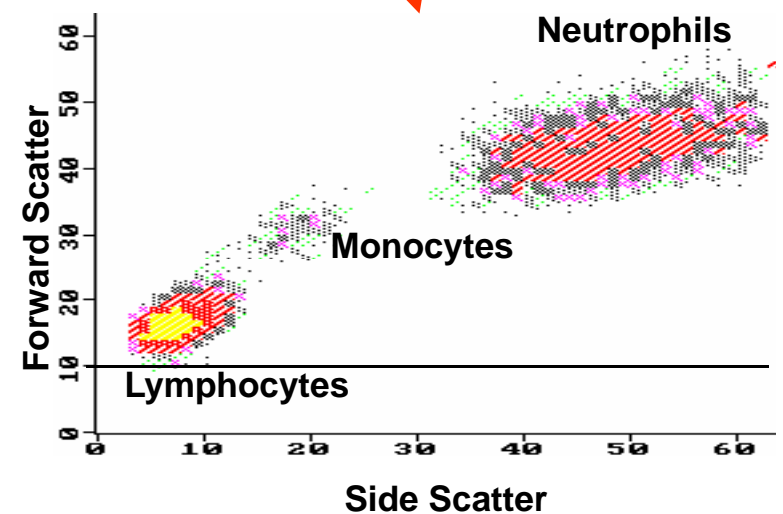
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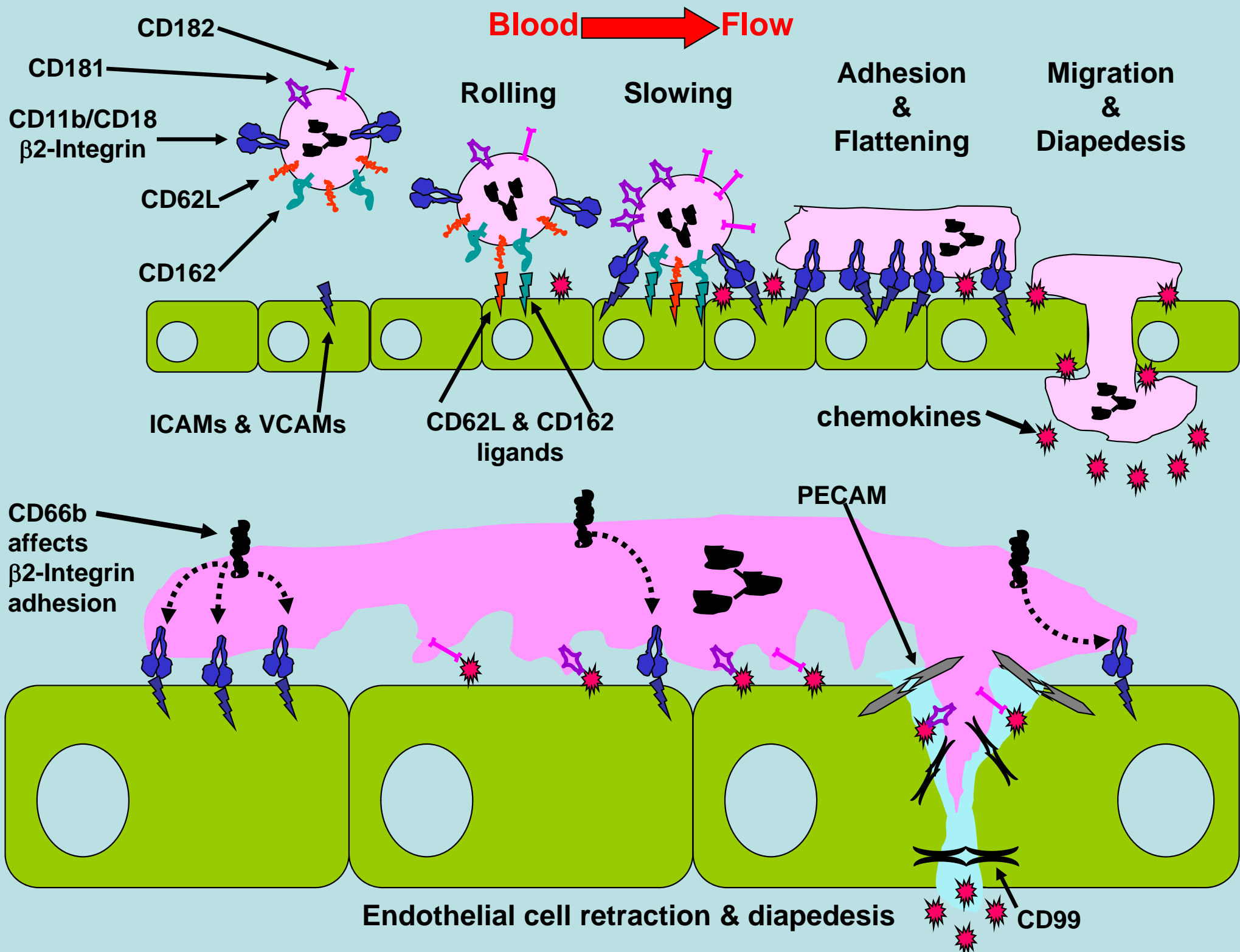
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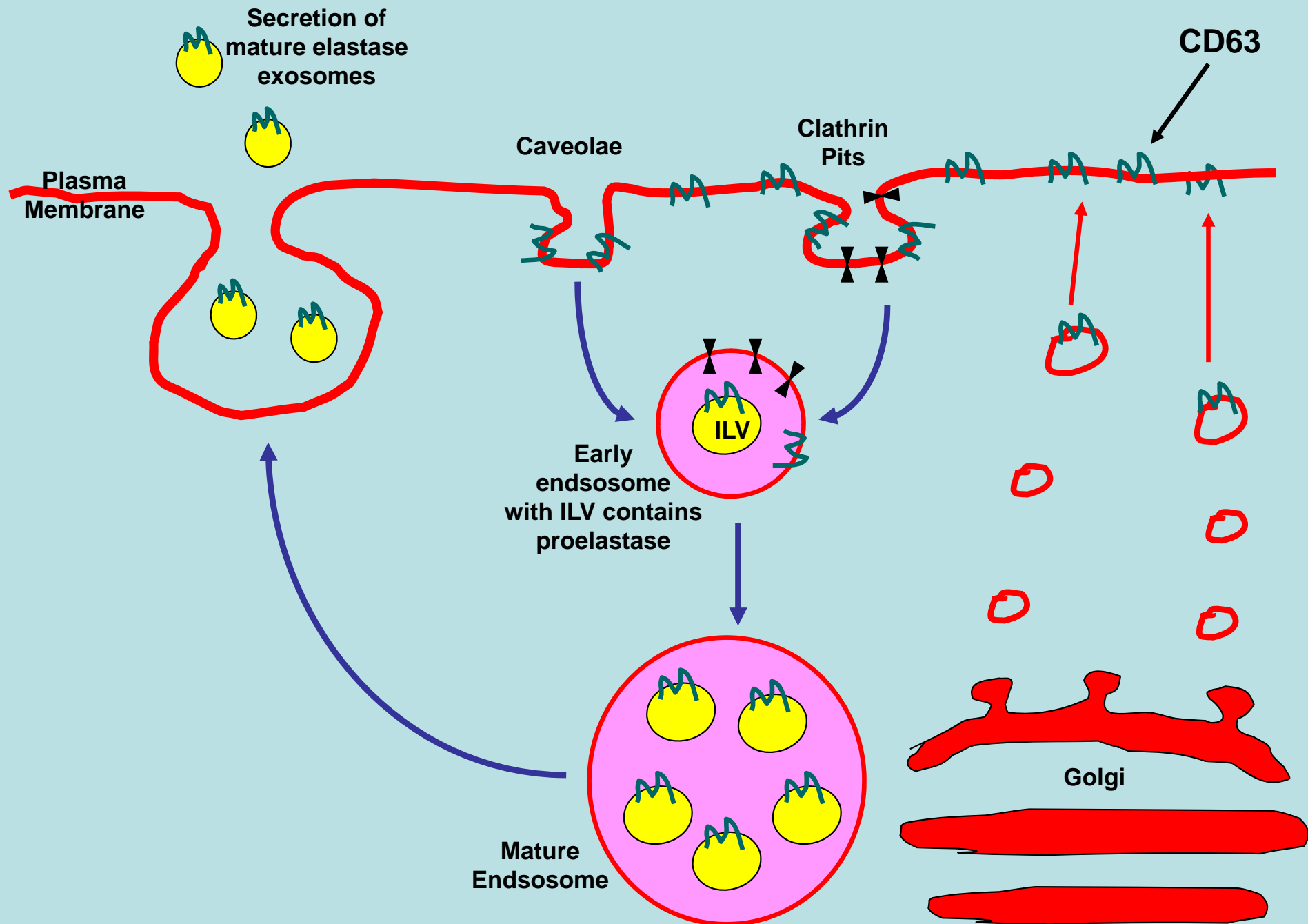
## Neutrophils



Flow Cytometry with mAbs

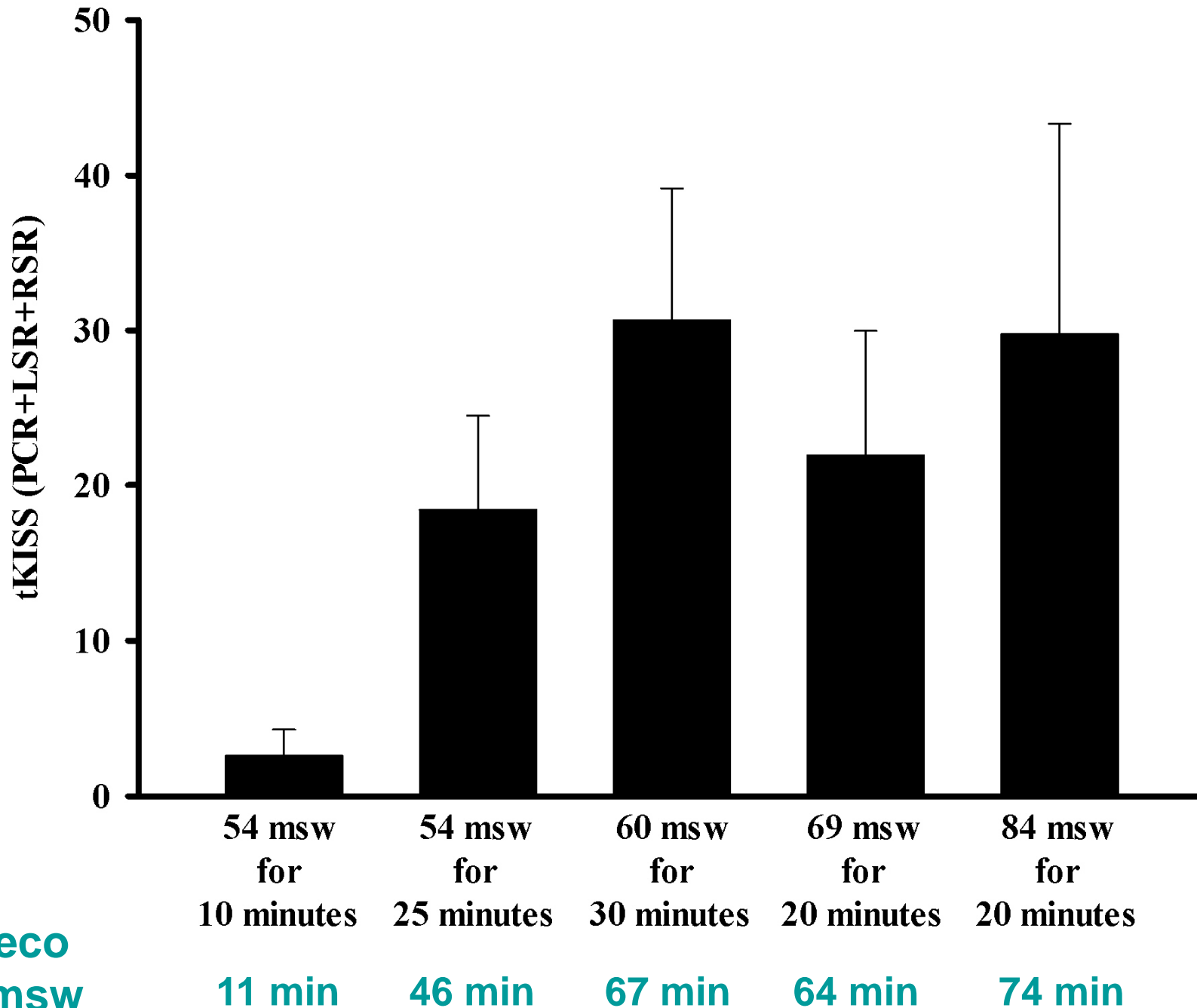




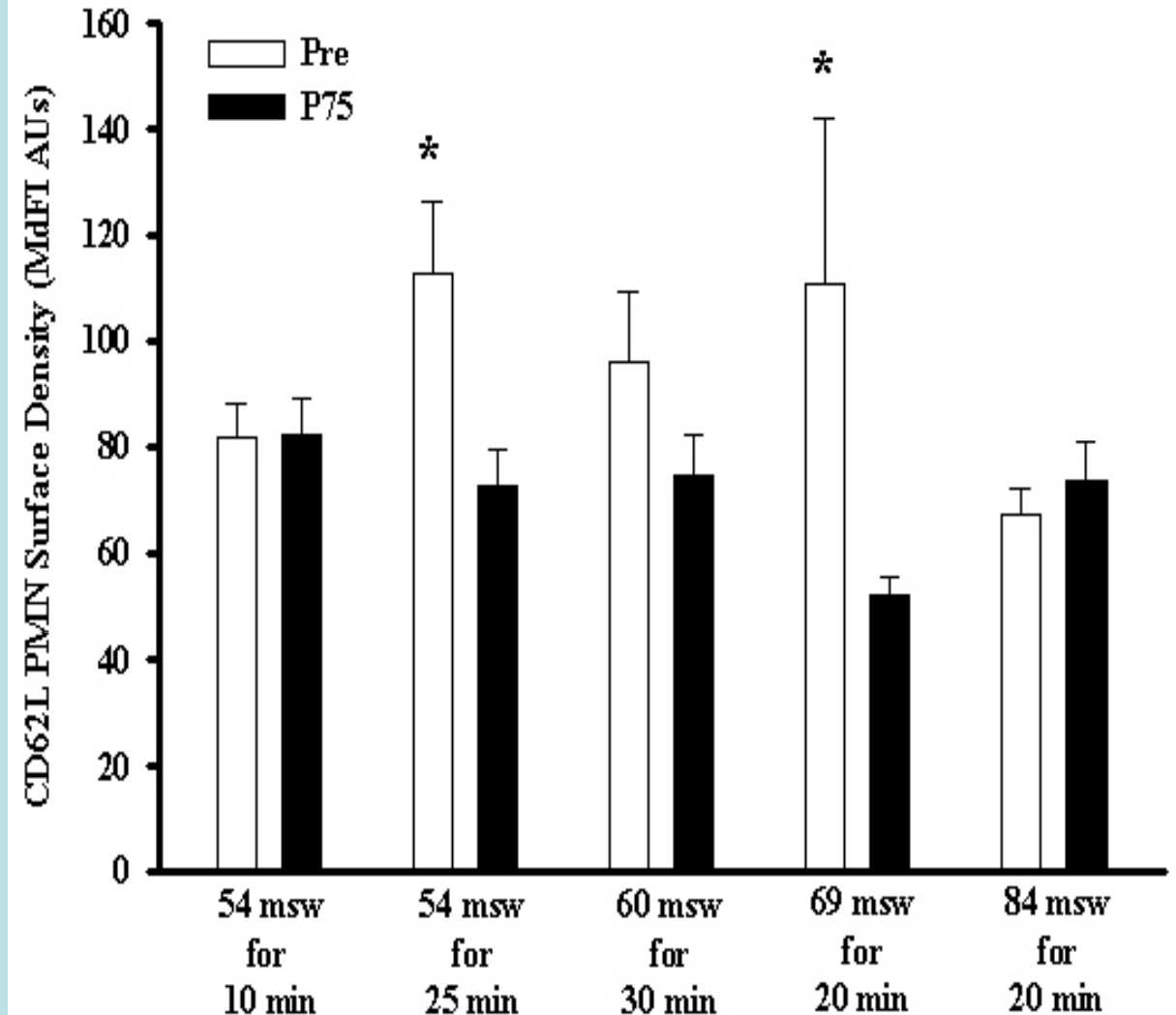
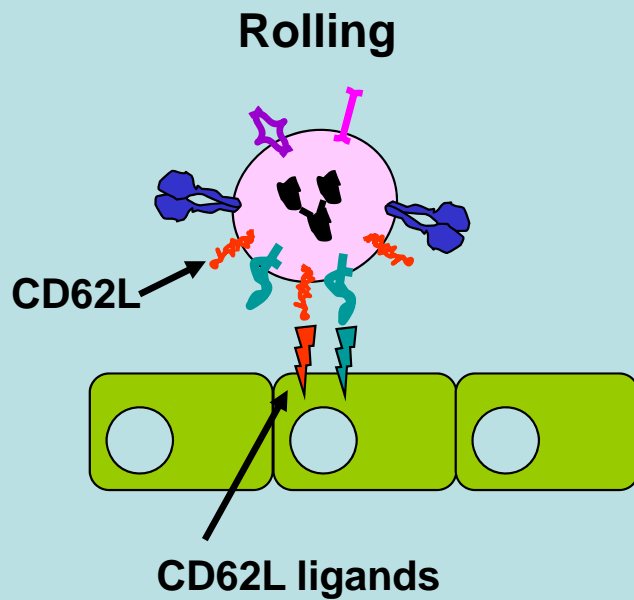


**Activated PMNs produce CD63 in plasma membranes during degranulation**

## Total Kisman Integrated Severity Scores (tKISS) following Doppler detection of VGE in the precordium and left and right subclavian veins at rest

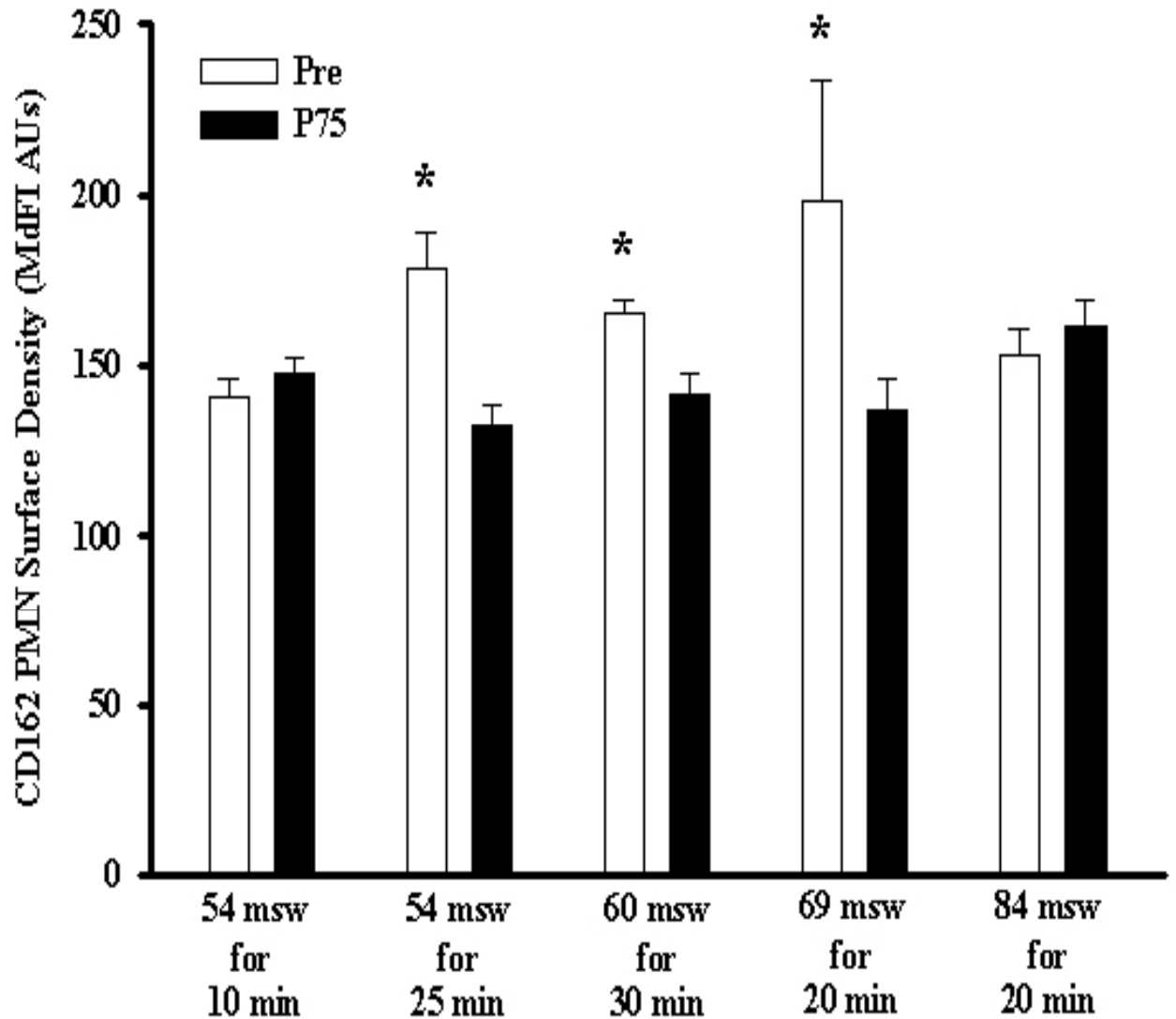
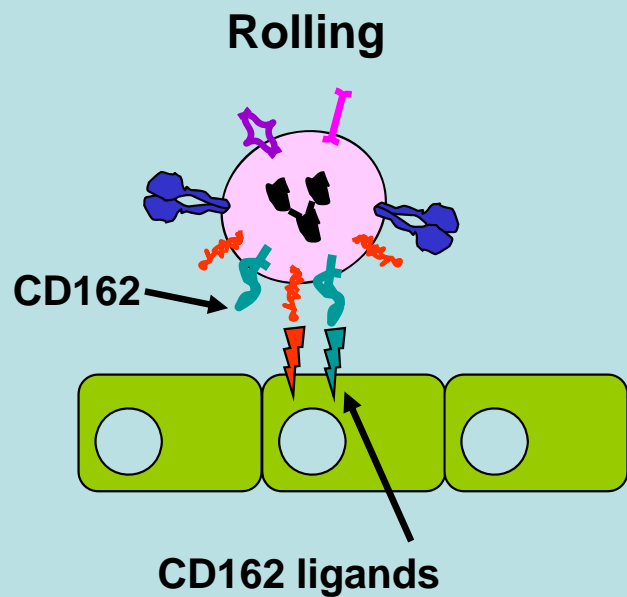


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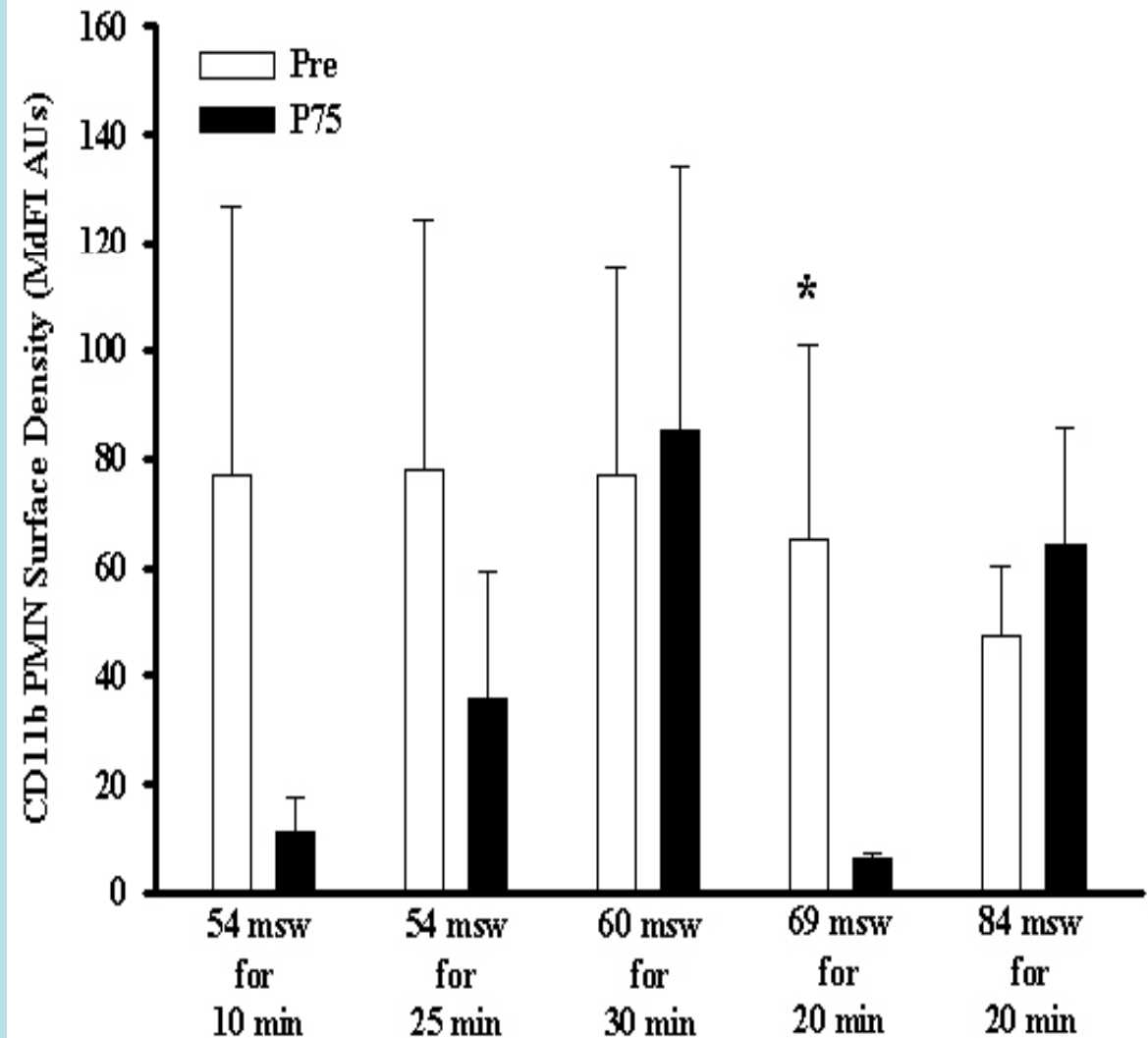
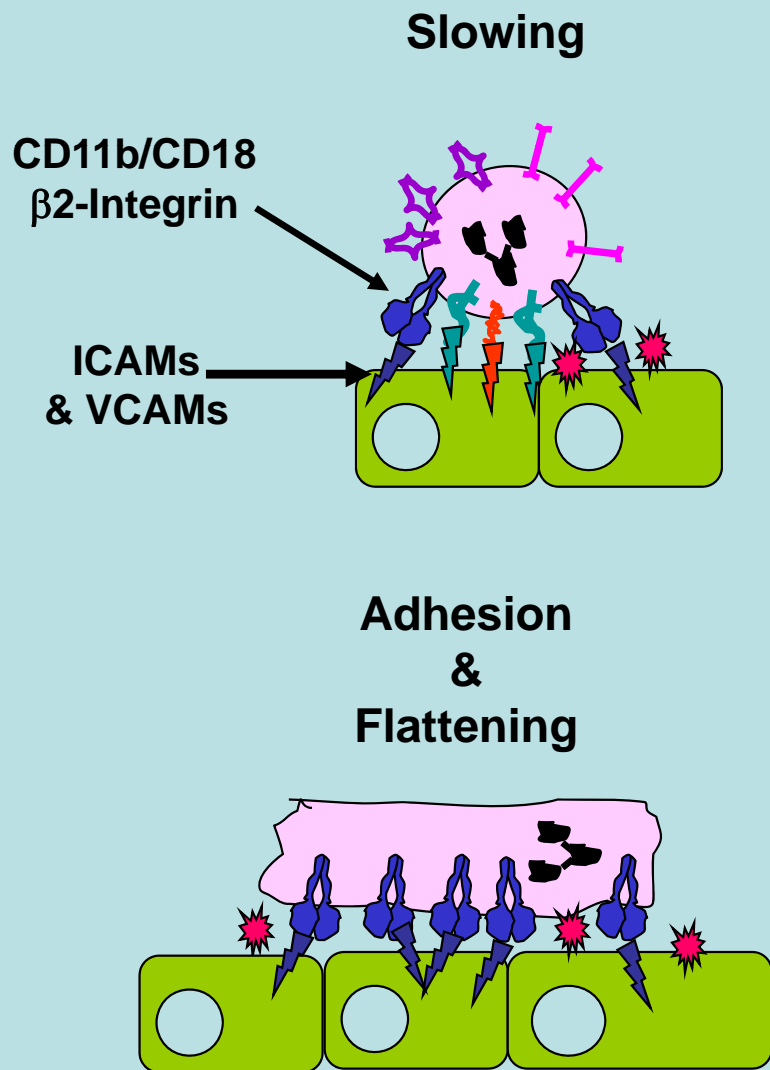


**CD62L** may be a suitable marker protein for decompression stress and DCS but the protein has a soluble anti-inflammatory role that is complex



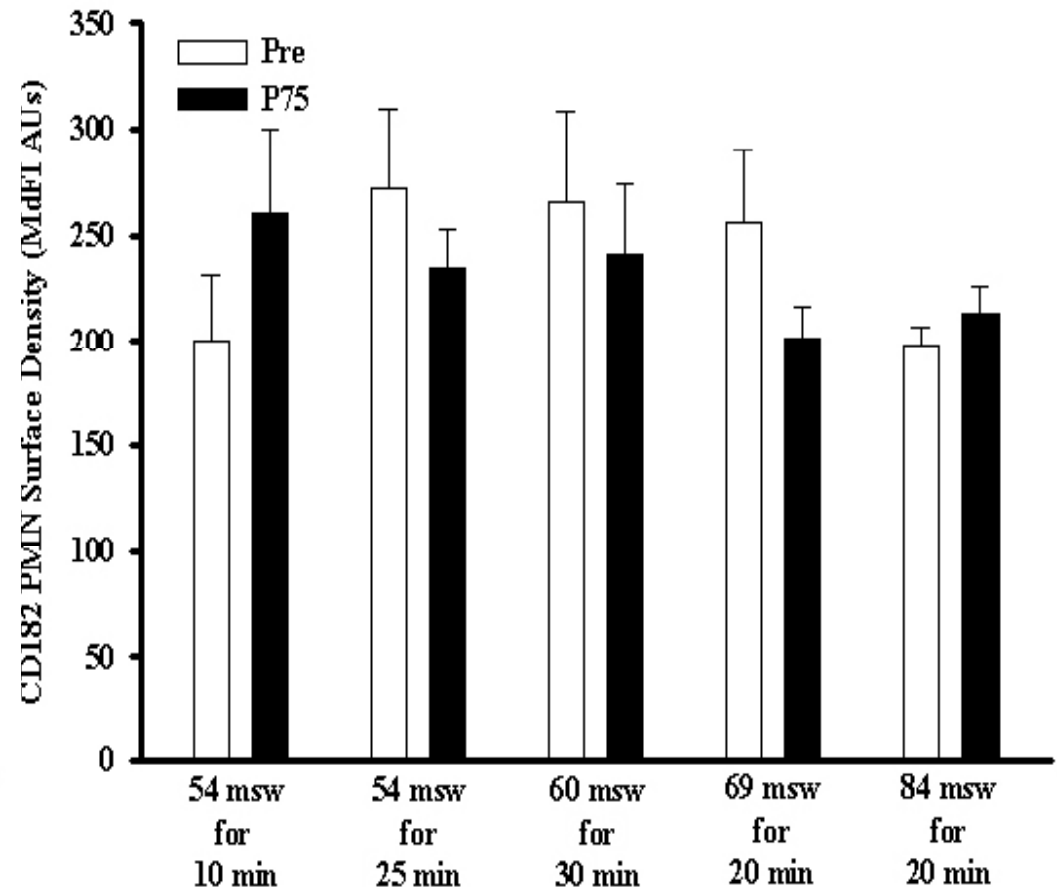
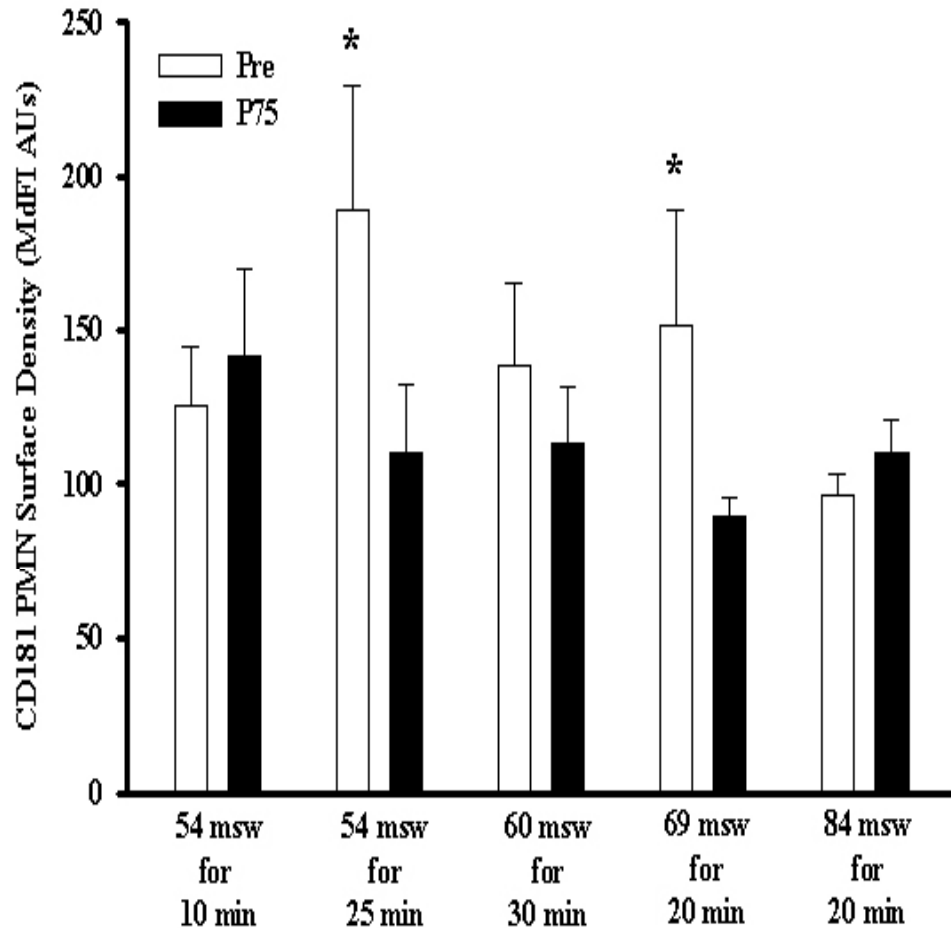
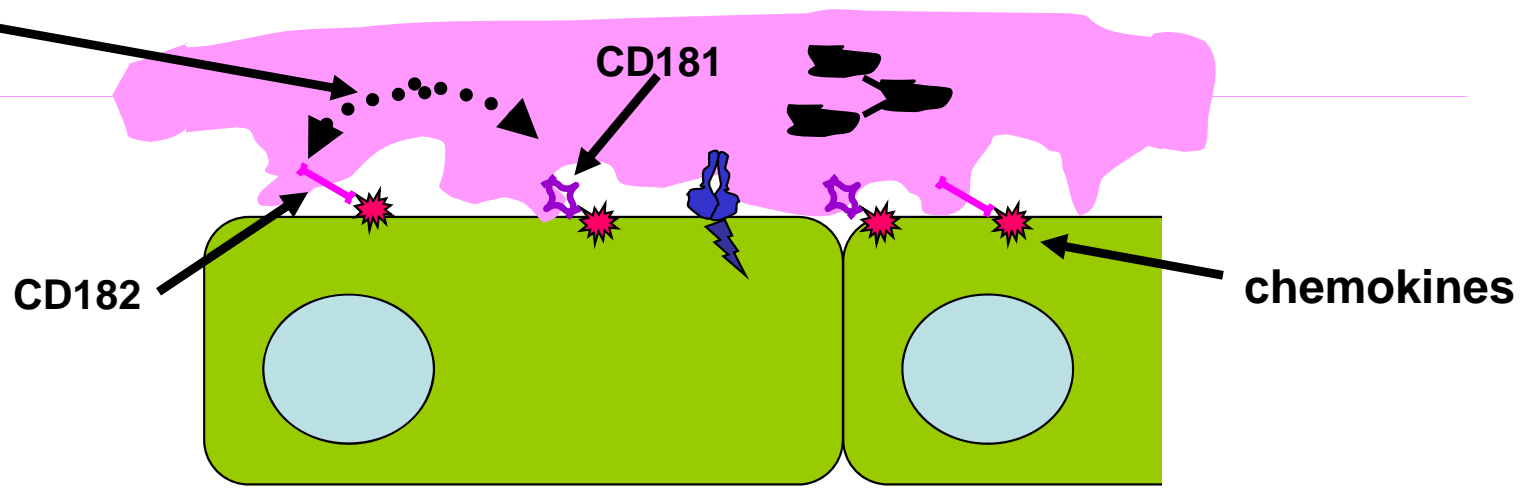


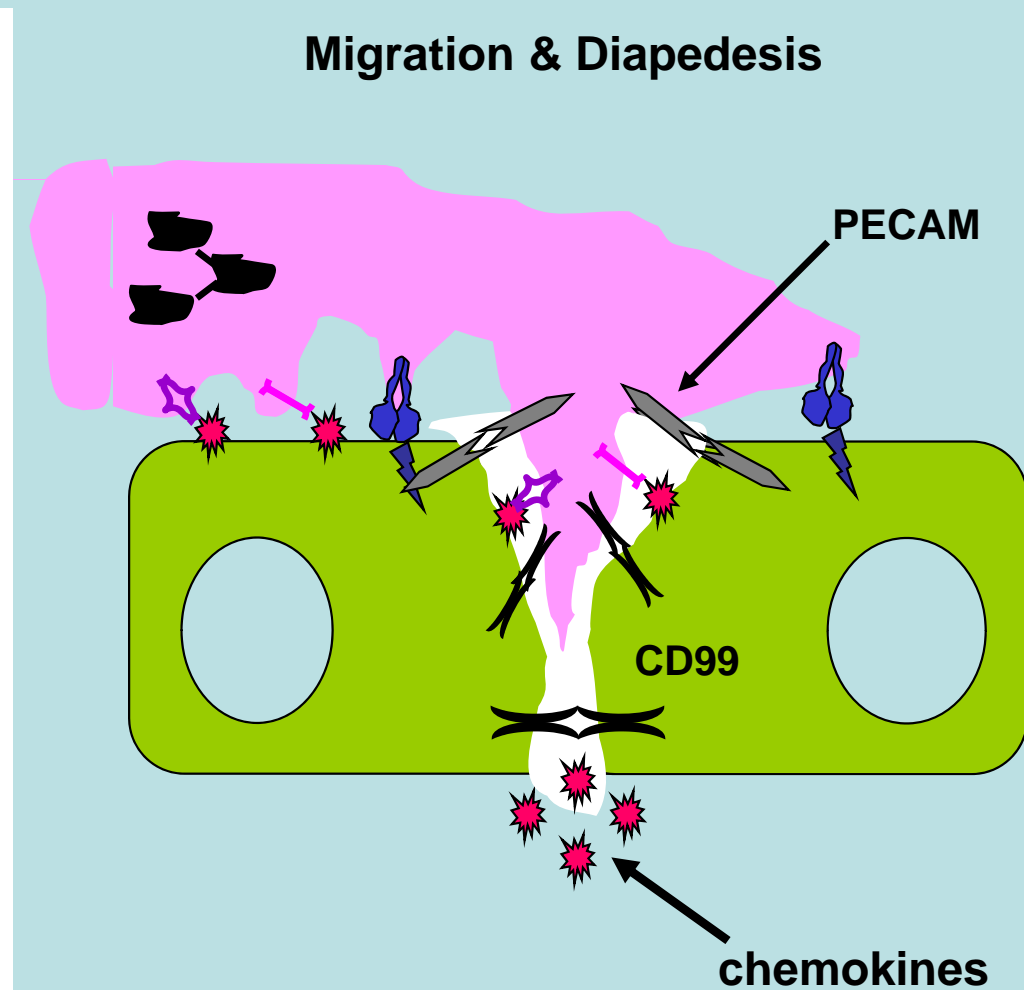
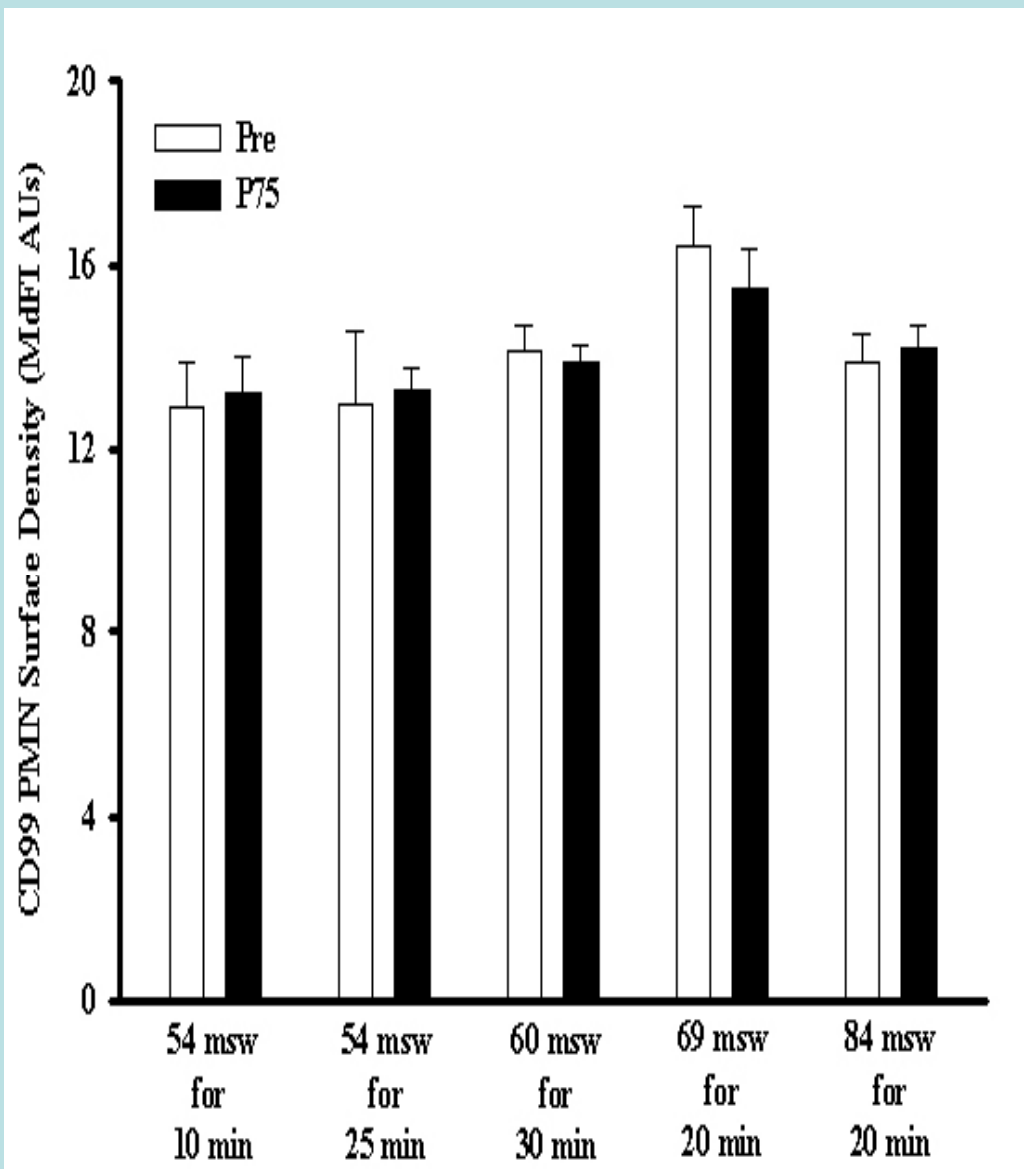
**CD162** may be a suitable marker protein for decompression stress and DCS but the protein has a soluble anti-inflammatory role that is complex



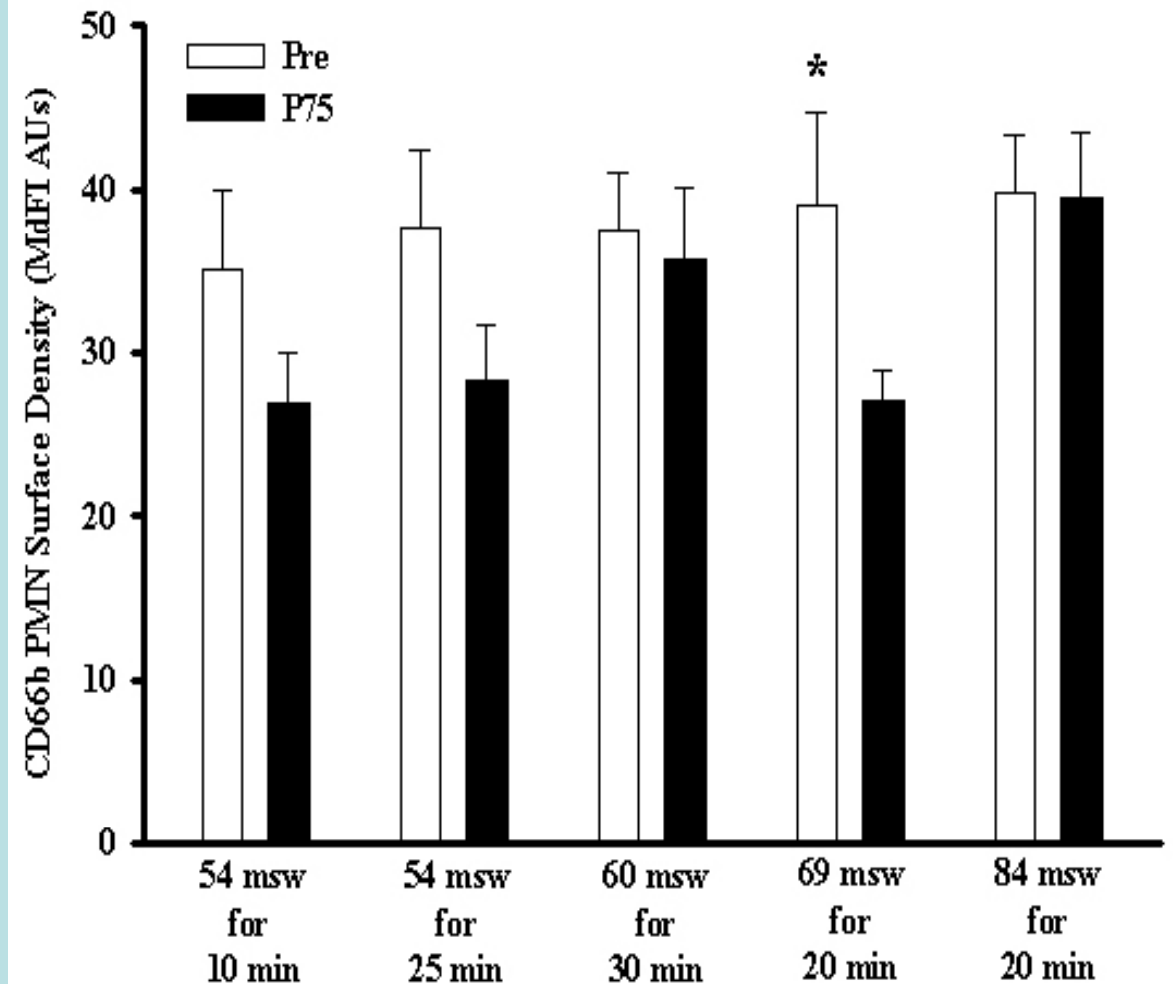
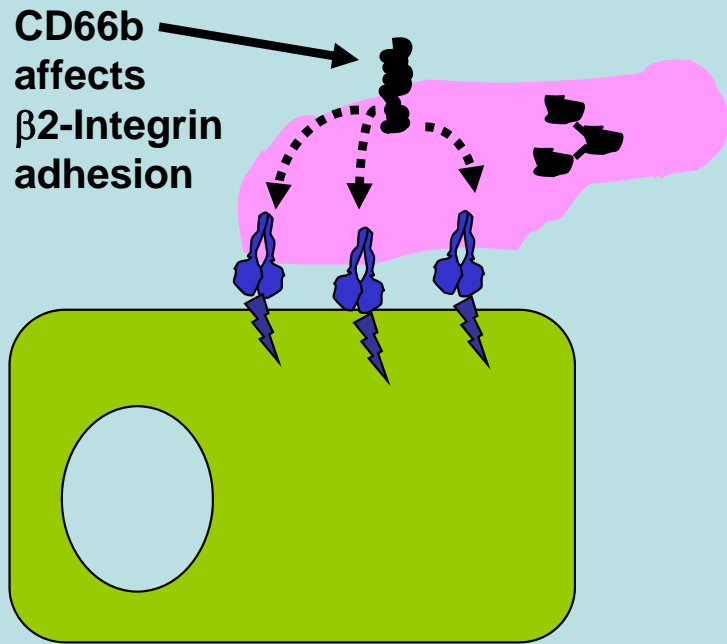
**CD11b** may be a suitable marker protein for decompression stress and DCS

# Interactions between **CD181** & **CD182** make their use as markers complex



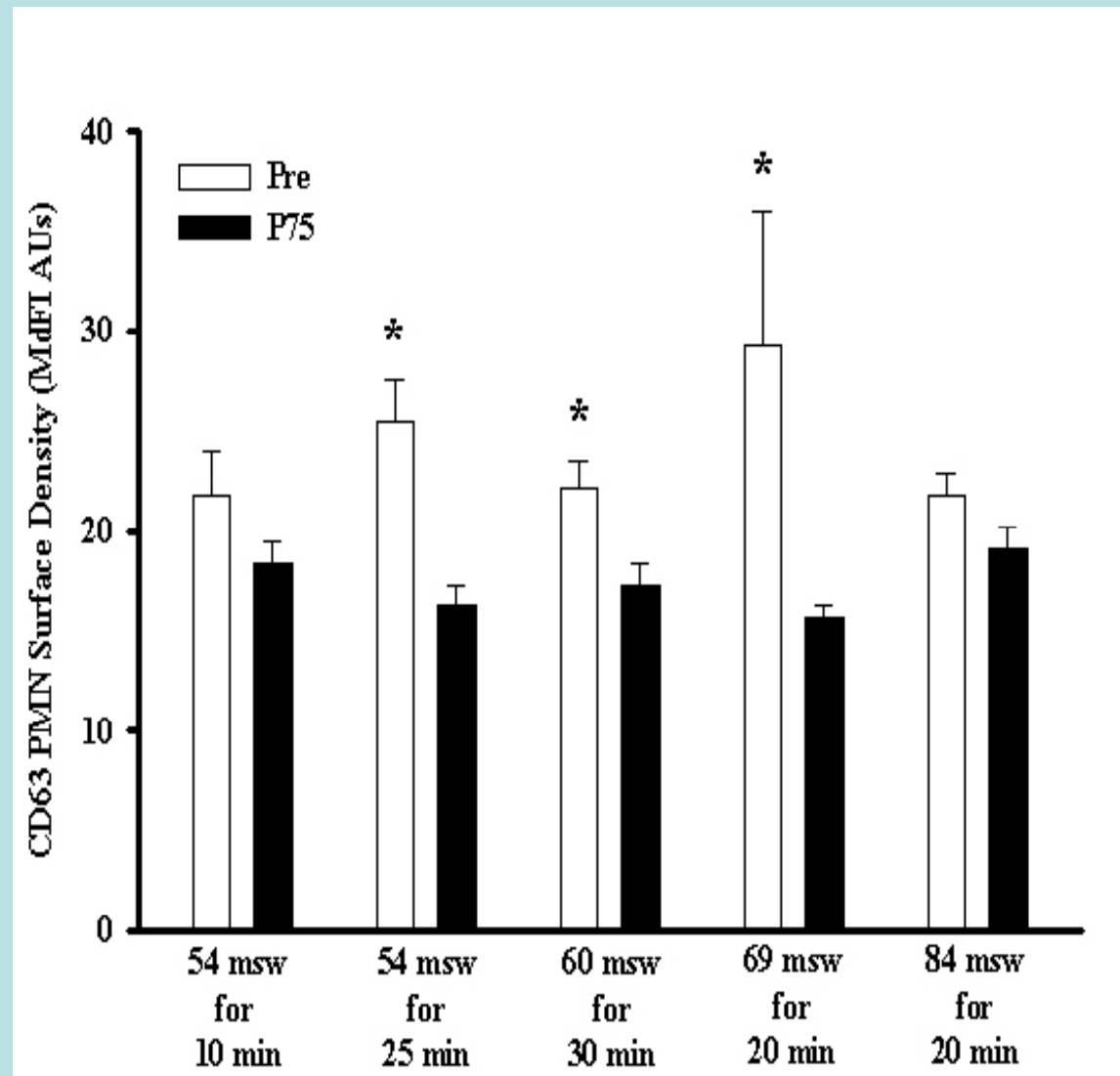
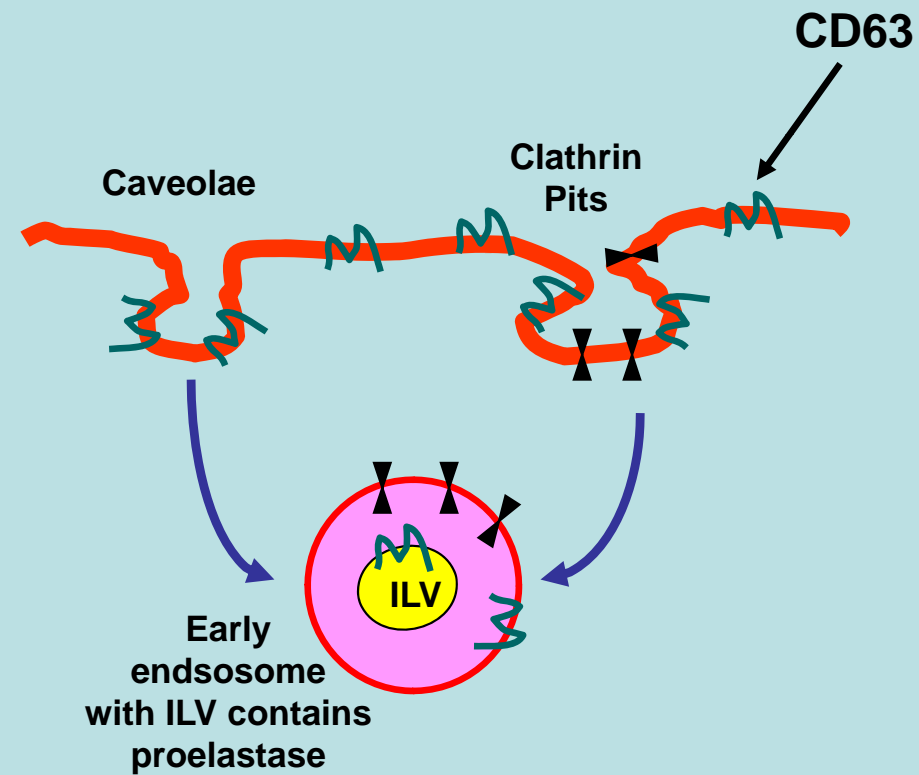


**CD99** may not be a suitable marker protein for decompression stress and DCS



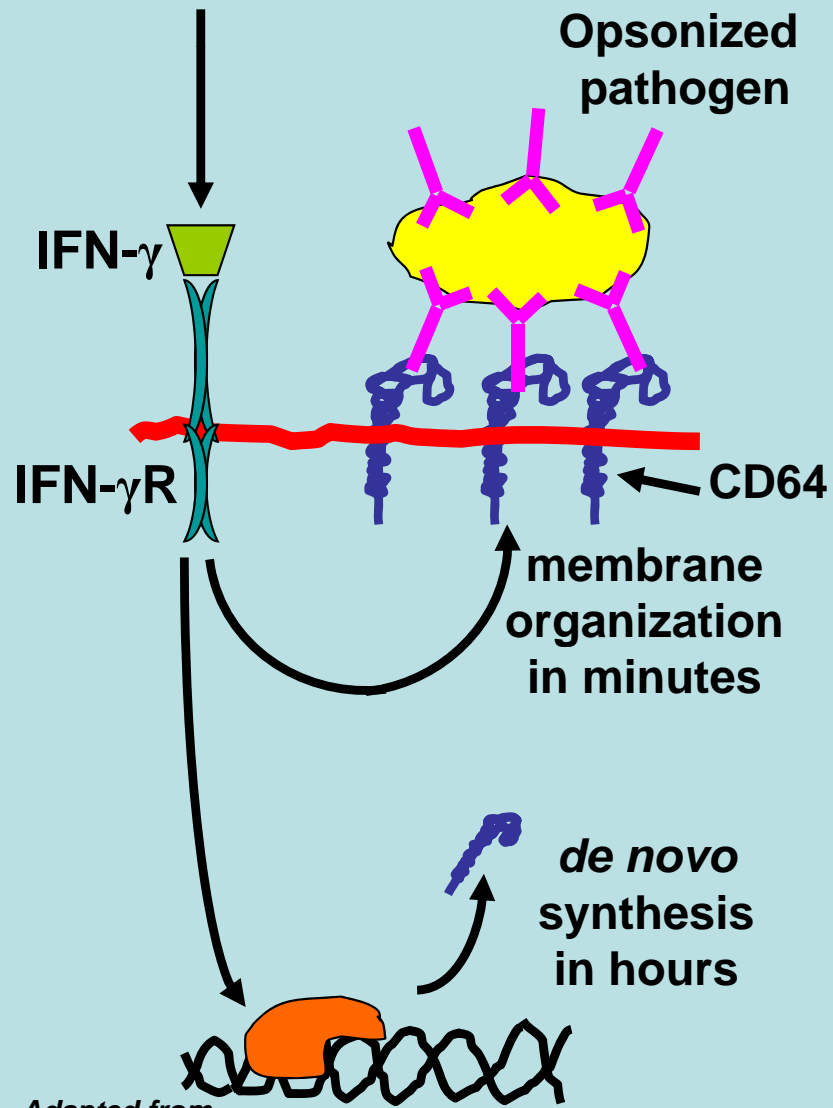
**CD66b** may be a suitable marker protein for decompression stress and DCS



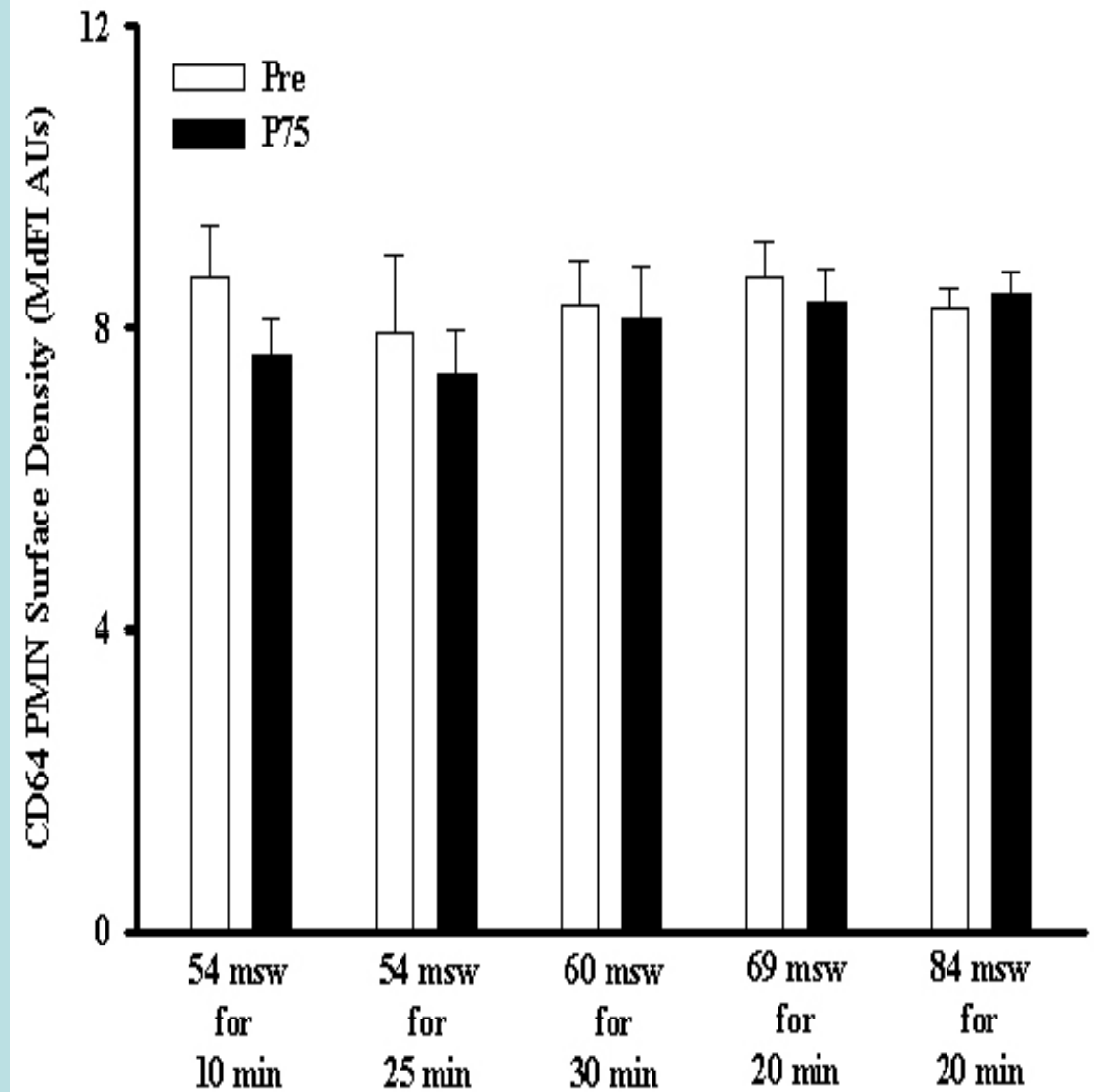


**CD63** may be a suitable marker protein for decompression stress and DCS

Pathogen-stimulated  
cytokine



Adapted from  
van der Poel et al., 2010



**CD64** may not be a suitable marker protein for decompression stress and DCS due to its sensitivity to pathogen infection

# Summary

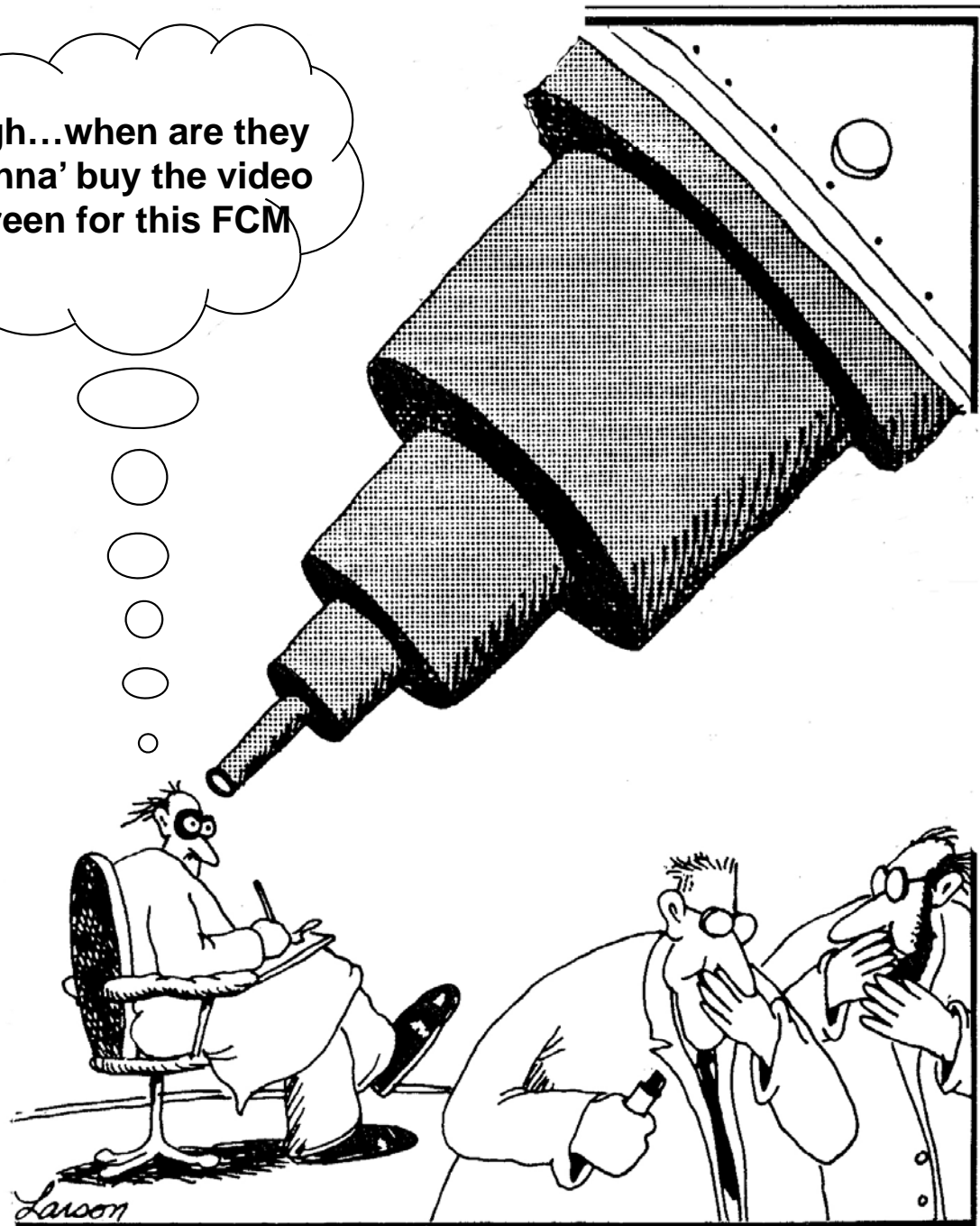
Of the 9 surface neutrophil proteins examined, CD11b, CD63 and CD66b appeared to be the most suitable candidates for markers during decompression stress.

We cannot explain the decreased surface expression of CD11b, CD63 and CD66b following the dives.

We are mindful of the effects of HBO on the topography of cell membranes via increased production of nitric oxide (Thom et al., 2008).

We are presently examining these same marker proteins in the neutrophils of navy clearance divers following dives with no oxygen decompression.

Sigh...when are they  
gonna' buy the video  
screen for this FCM



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