



# Fibrogenesis and fibrolysis in opisthorchiasis: an implication for chemoprevention

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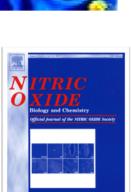
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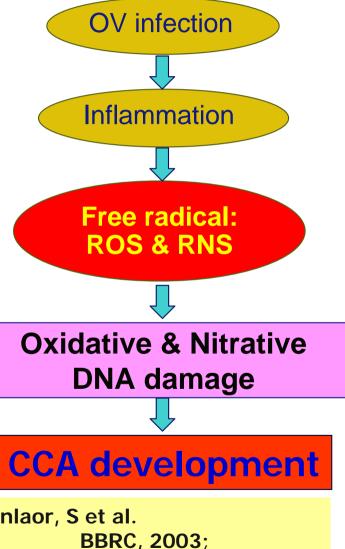


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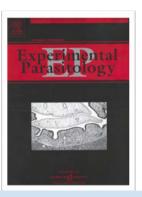
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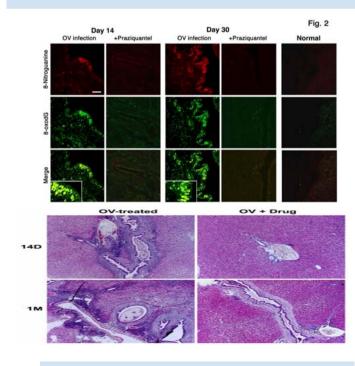


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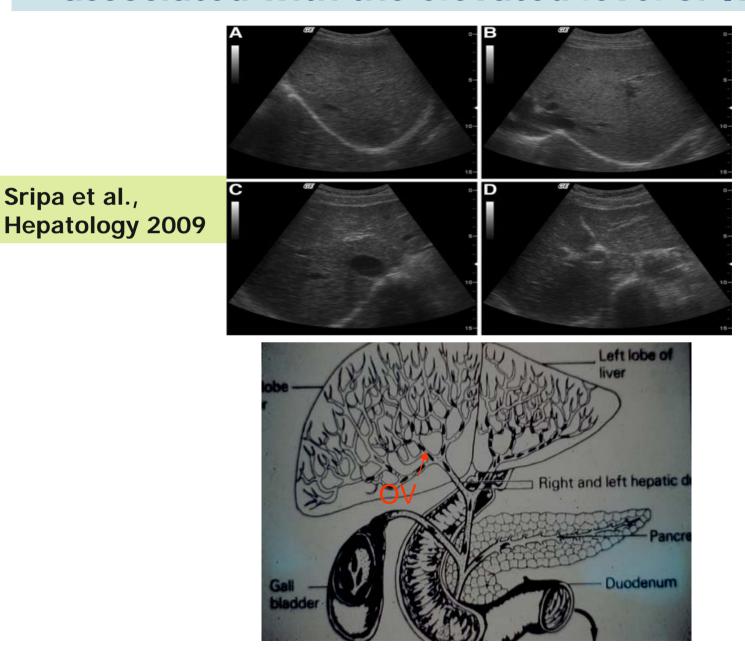


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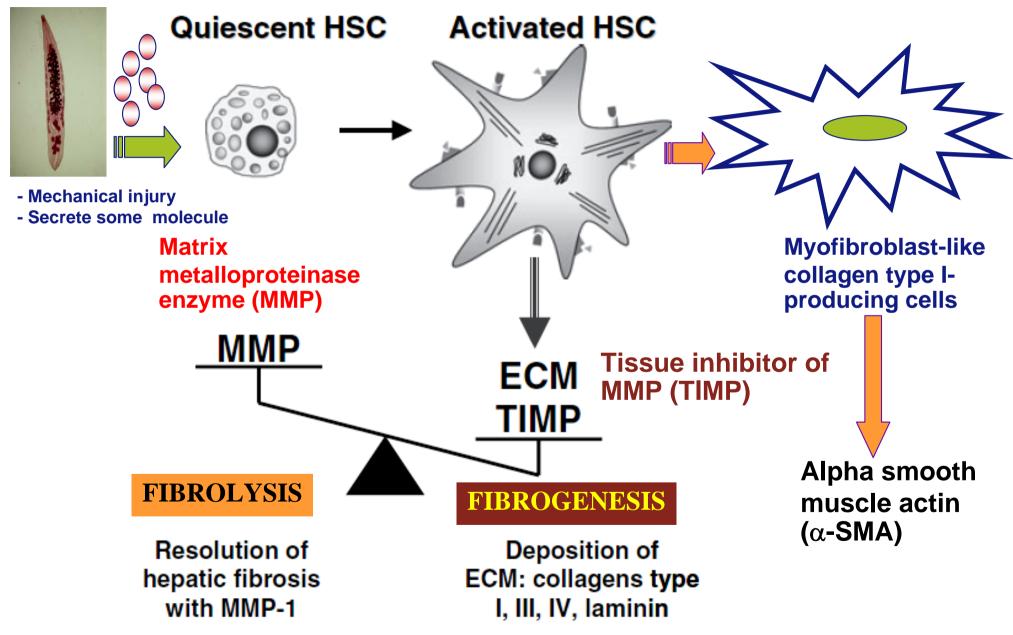
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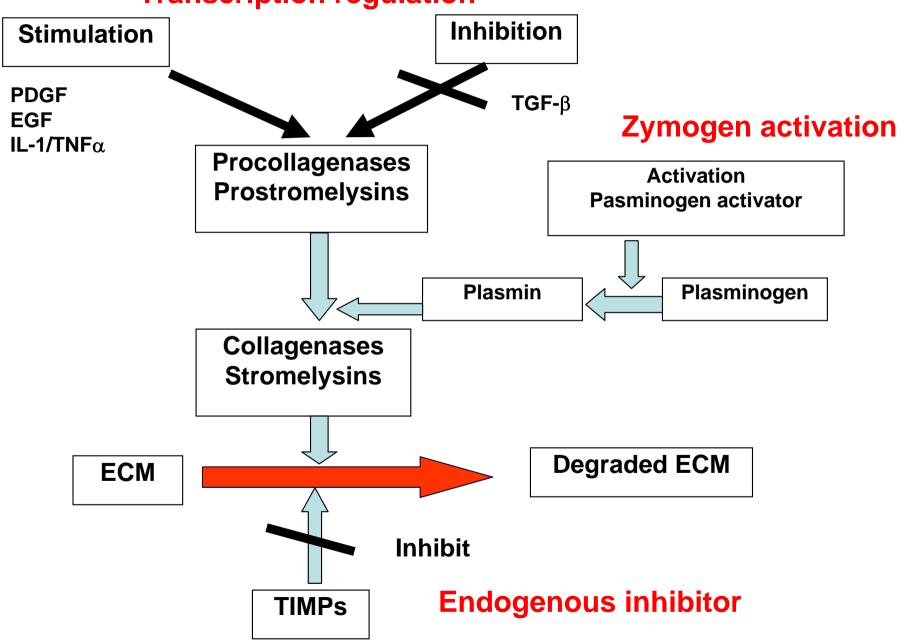
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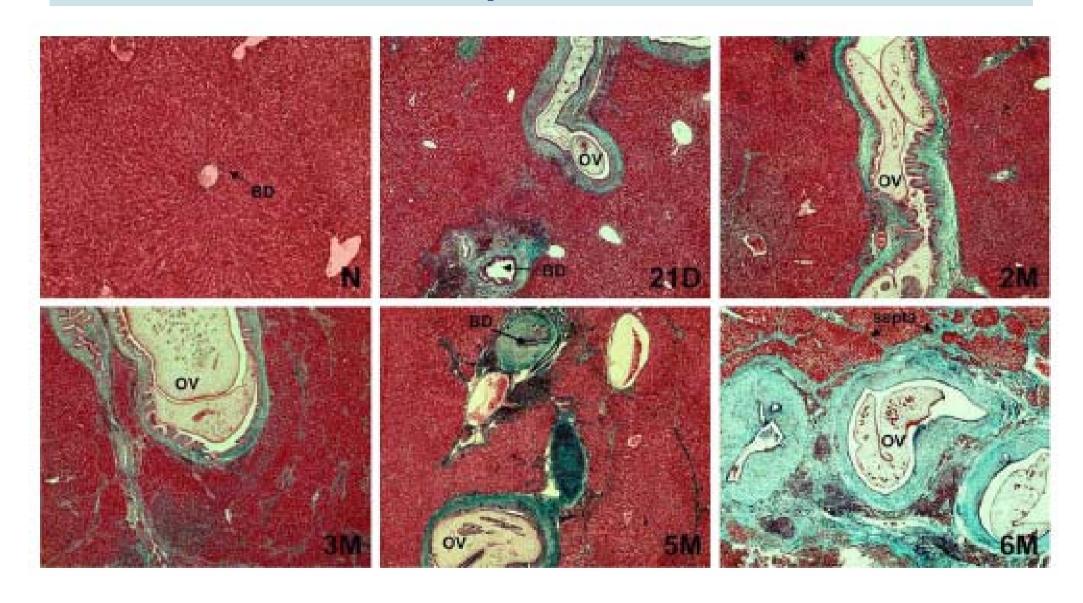
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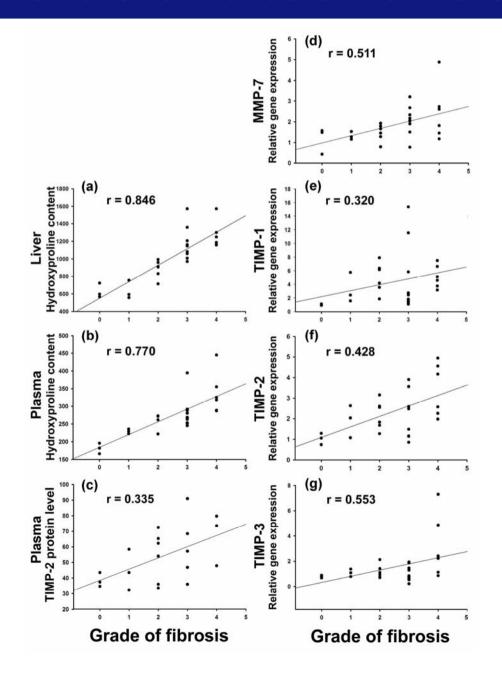
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### OV infection increased fibrosis with timedependent



## The correlation of grading score of fibrosis and the fibrotic markers



### **CONCLUSION I**

- OV infection increased fibrosis with timedependent
- Grading score of fibrosis positively correlated with:
  - The level of hydroxyproline in the liver and in the plasma
  - Plasma TIMP-2 level
  - mRNA expression level of *MMP-7*, *TIMPs-1*, *-2*, and *-3*

### **CONCLUSION II**

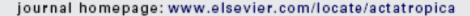
- Curcumin had no effect on periductal fibrosis at the short-term in OV-infected hamsters
- Curcumin decreased the thickness of periductal fibrosis at the long-term in OV-infected hamsters by:
  - Suppresion TIMPs and TNF-α genes
  - Increasing IL-1, TGF-β and MMPs-7, -13
  - Enhancing MMPs activities
- Curcumin may prove a valuable anti-fibrogenic agent including in the OV-induced fibrosis and prevent opisthorchiasis associated the risk of CCA development.





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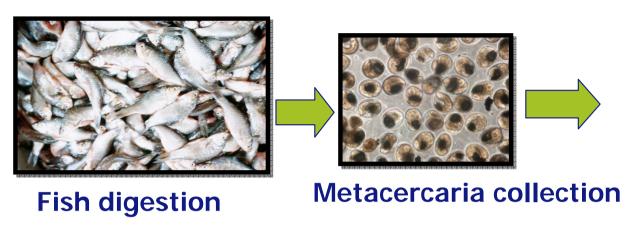
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### MATERIALS AND METHODS





50 MC infected hamsters 4-6 week-old male golden hamsters



OV-infected for 21 days (acute infection, AI)

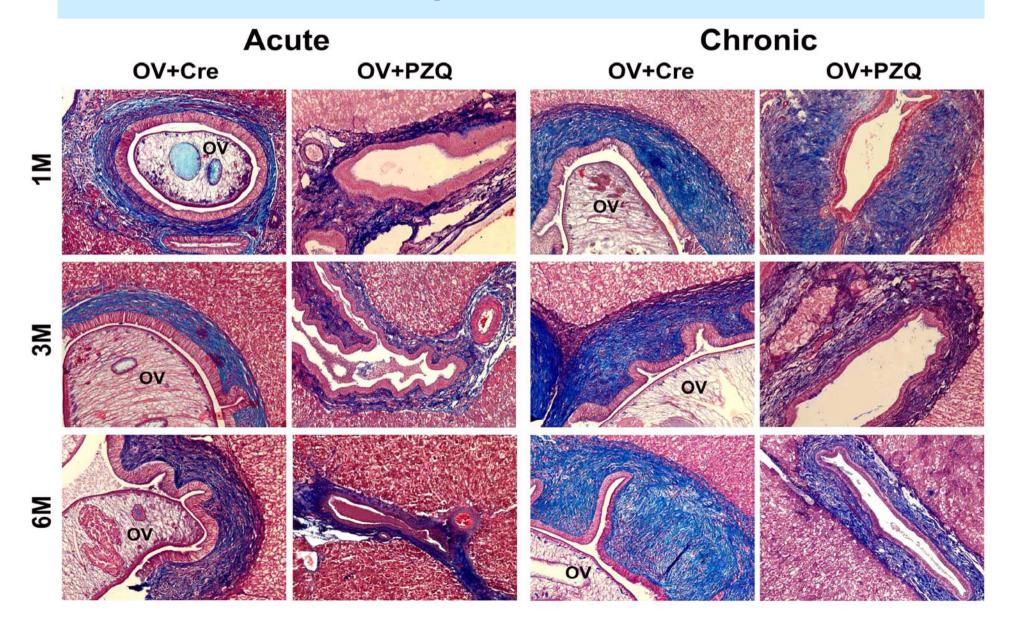
OV-infected for 4 months (chronic infection, CI)



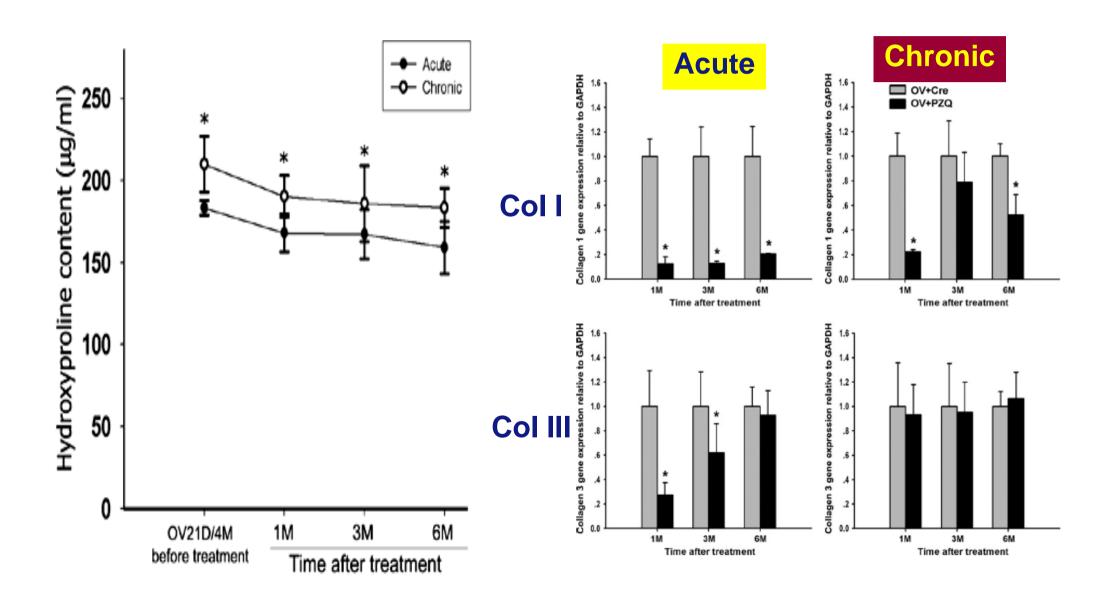
Treated with praziquantel 2 days

Sacrificed at 1, 3 and 6 months post-treatment

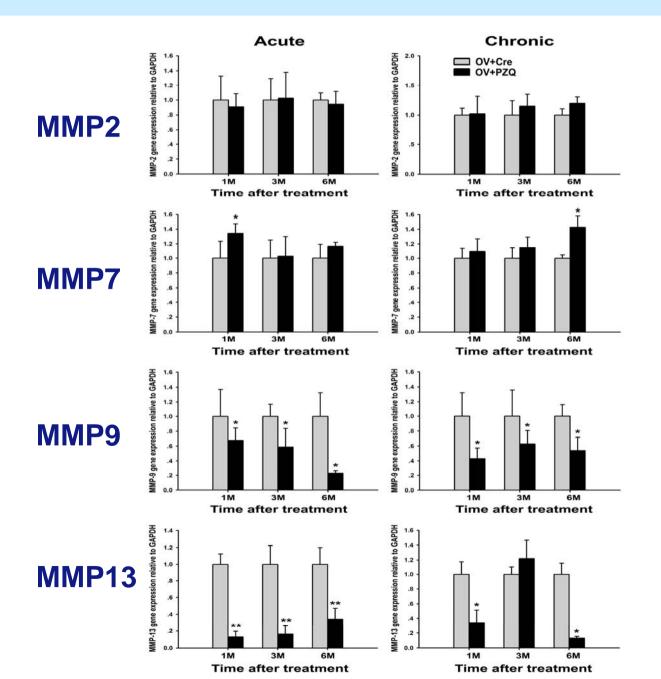
## Slower tissues resolution in praziquantel (PZ) treatment of chronic *O. viverrini* -infected hamsters compared with acute infection



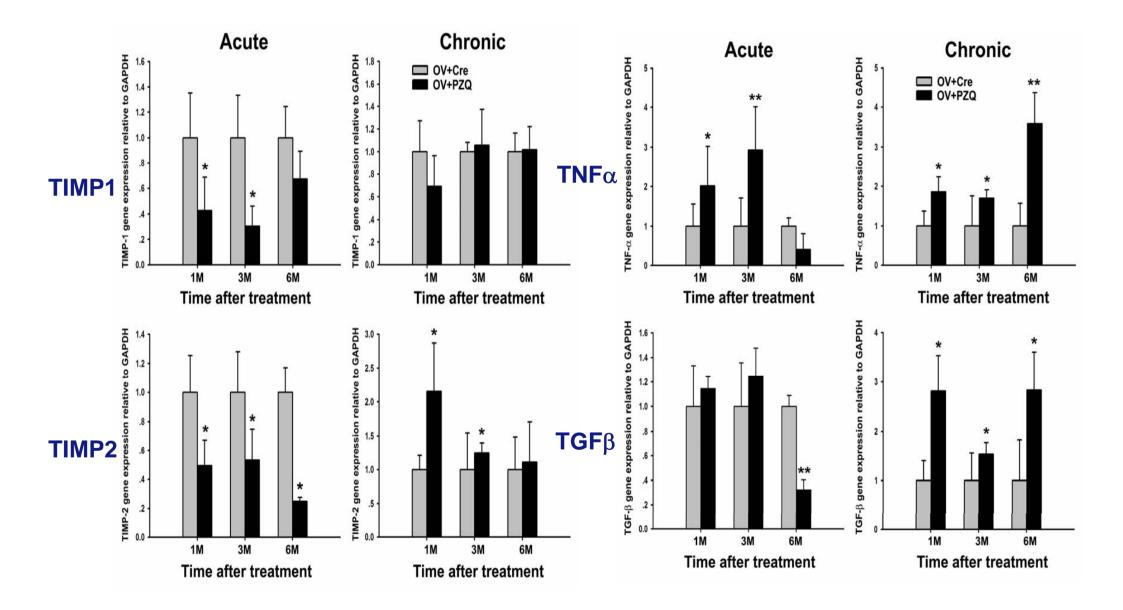
## Reduction of hydroxyproline content and collagens gene expression



### Profiles of mRNA expression of MMPs in OV - infected hamsters and the effect of PZ treatment



### Profiles of mRNA expression of TIMPs and cytokines



### **CONCLUSION III**

- Tissue resolution with AI and CI treatment is different and its is correlation with the expression levels of TIMPs, MMP7, TNF- $\alpha$  and TGF- $\beta$  gene after praziquantel treatment
- In animals with chronic OV infection, praziquantel treatment induces the inhibition of MMP activity via the expression of TGF-β, and TIMPs, resulting in slow resorption of hepatic fibrosis

### **SUMMARY**

- OV infection increases periductal fibrosis time-dependent in the correlation with fibrotic markers
- ◆Curcumin decreases fibrosis at the longterm treatment which it may use as chemopreventive agent in opisthorchiasis patient
- Reduction rate of tissue resolution is different between PZ-treated in acute and chronic OV infection
- PZ-treated at chronic OV infection has slow tissue resolution

## Thanks you for your attention













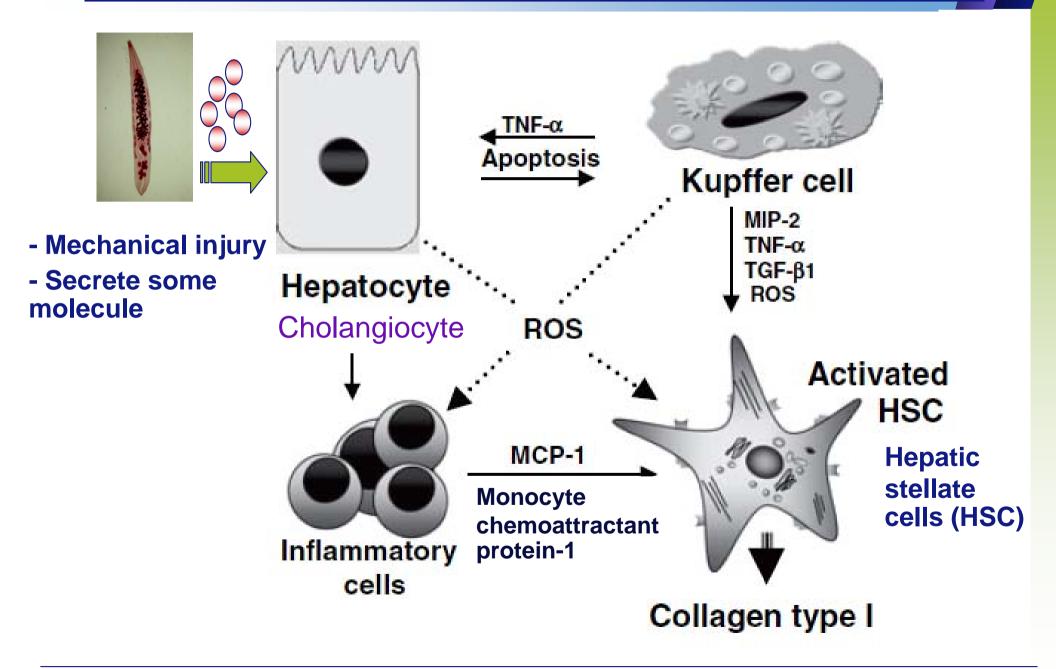


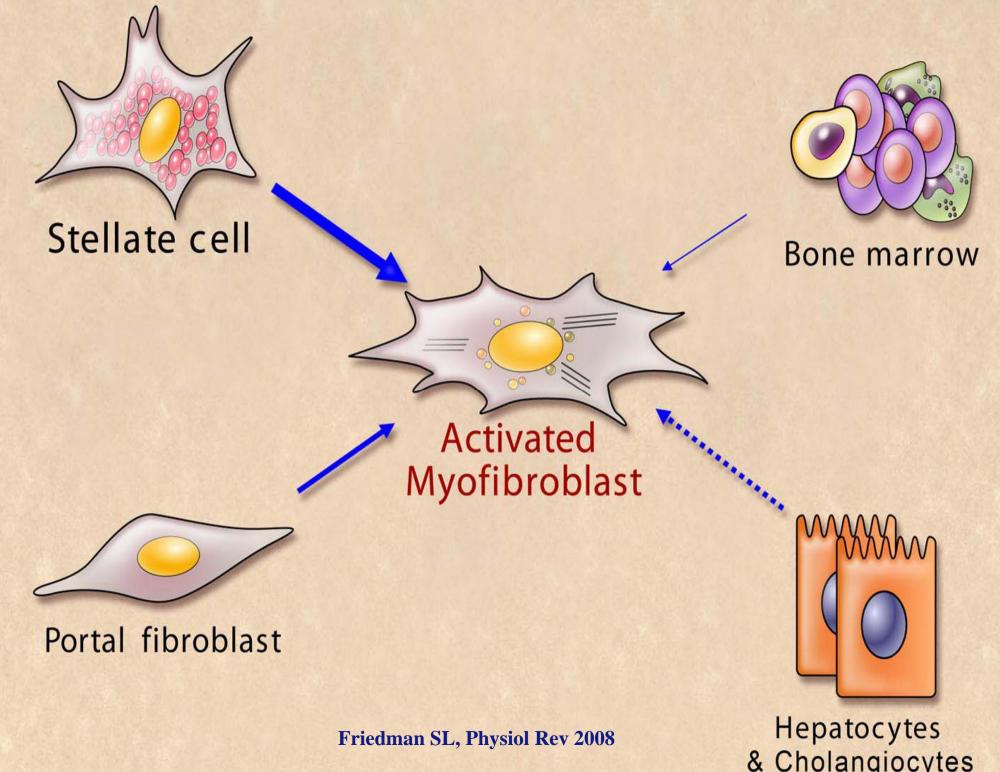


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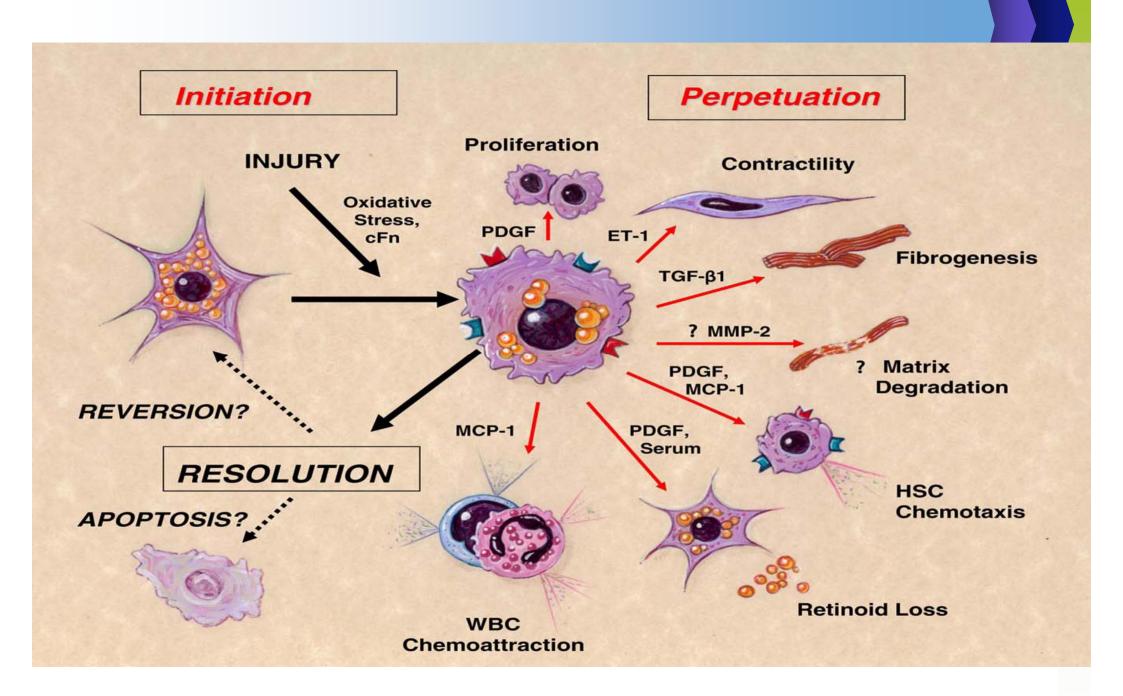


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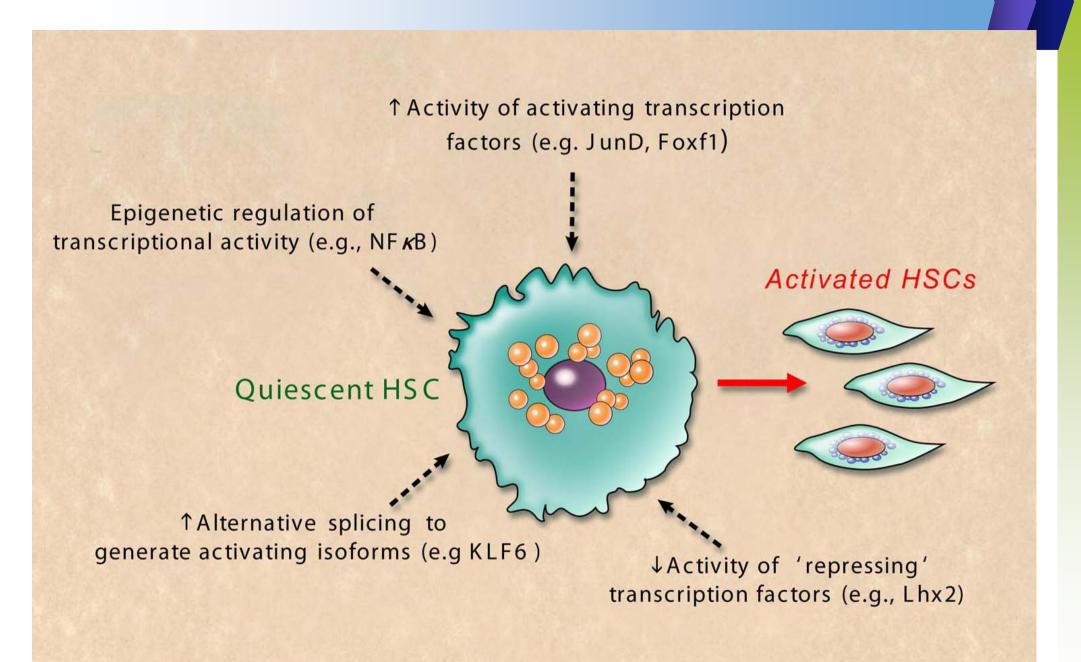




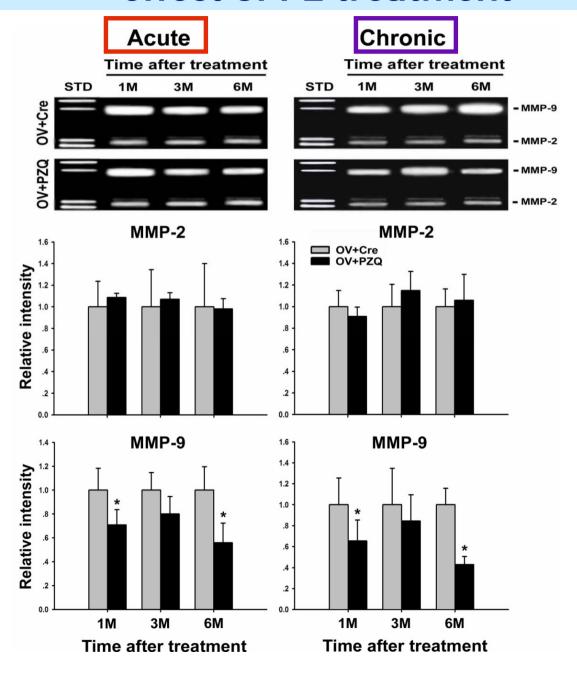
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## Gelatinase activity in OV-infected hamsters and the effect of PZ treatment



### Family of metalloproteinases

Enzyme	MMP	Main substrate (s)
Collagenases		
Collagenase I	MMP 1	collagen
Collagenase II	MMP 8	collagen, gelatin, proteoglycan
Collagenase III	MMP 13	collagen, gelatin, proteoglycan
Collagenase IV	MMP 18	Not defined
Gelatinases		
Gelatinase A	MMP 2	gelatin, collagen, elastin, fribonectin
Gelatinase B	MMP 9	gelatin, collagen, elastin, fribonectin
Stromelysins		
Stromelysins	MMP 3	proteoglycan, fribonectin, laminin, collagen, elastin
Stromelysins	MMP 10	proteoglycan, fribonectin, laminin, collagen, elastin
Stromelysins	MMP 11	alph-1 proteinase
Membrane-type MMPs		
MT-MMP	MMP 14	progelatinase A

### MMP expression regulation

- Transcription regulation
- Zymogen activation
- **◆Tissue inhibitor of metalloproteinases** (TIMPs1-4)

### Stages of wound healing

**Injury phase** 

**Haematostasis phase** 

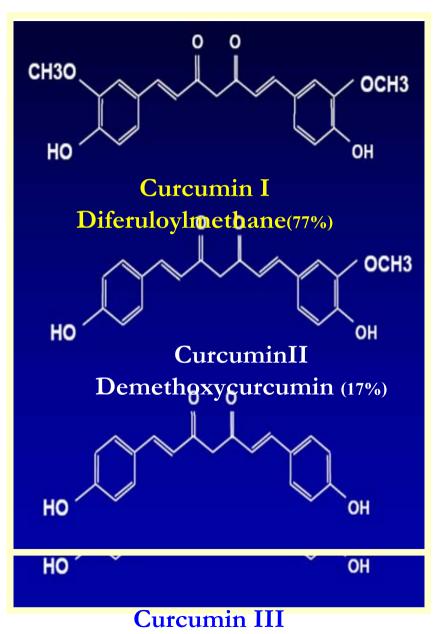
Inflammation and proliferation phase: regeneration

**Maturation phase:** remodeling/fibrosis

Cell types involved Stages of wound healing Epithelial or endothelial cell Damaged Epithelial or endothelial damage site **Platelets** TGF-B Clot formation Neutrophils and monocytes accumulate T cells recruited Collagens and fibronectin Fibroblast migration and proliferation to myofibroblasts IL-13 Angiogenesis Extracellular-matrix deposition

Wynn T., Nat Rev Immunol 2006

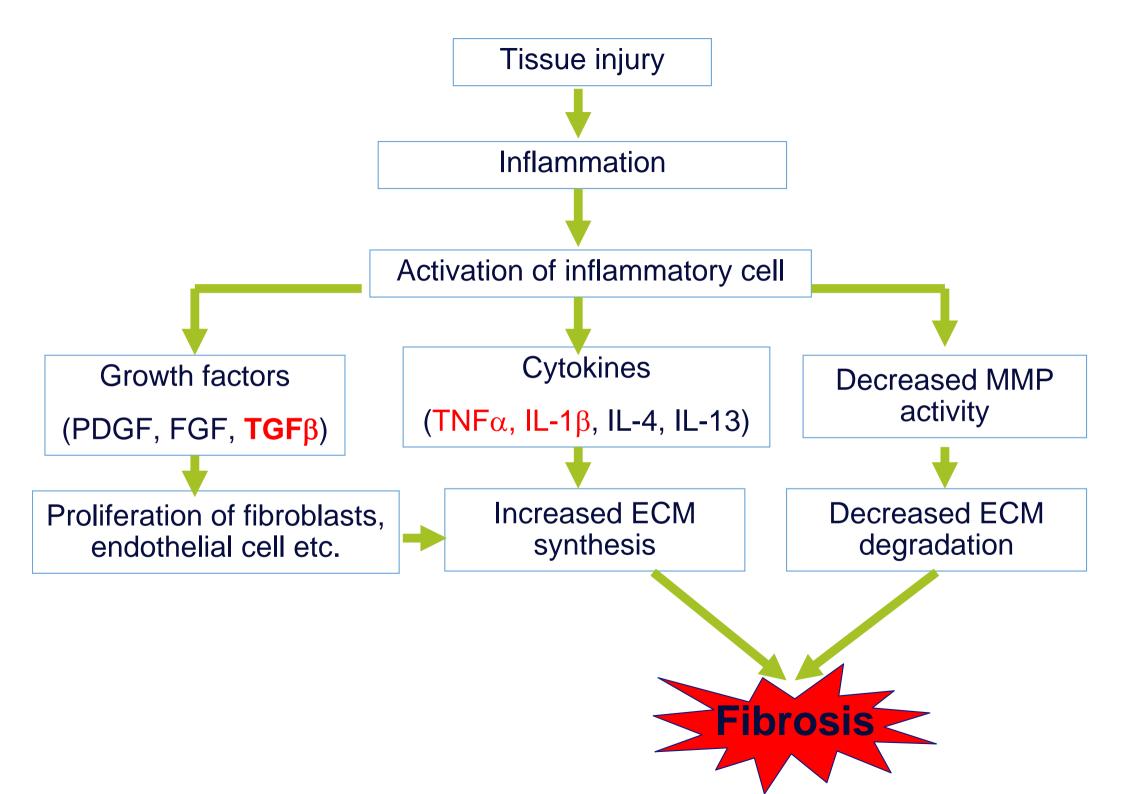
### **Properties of curcumin**



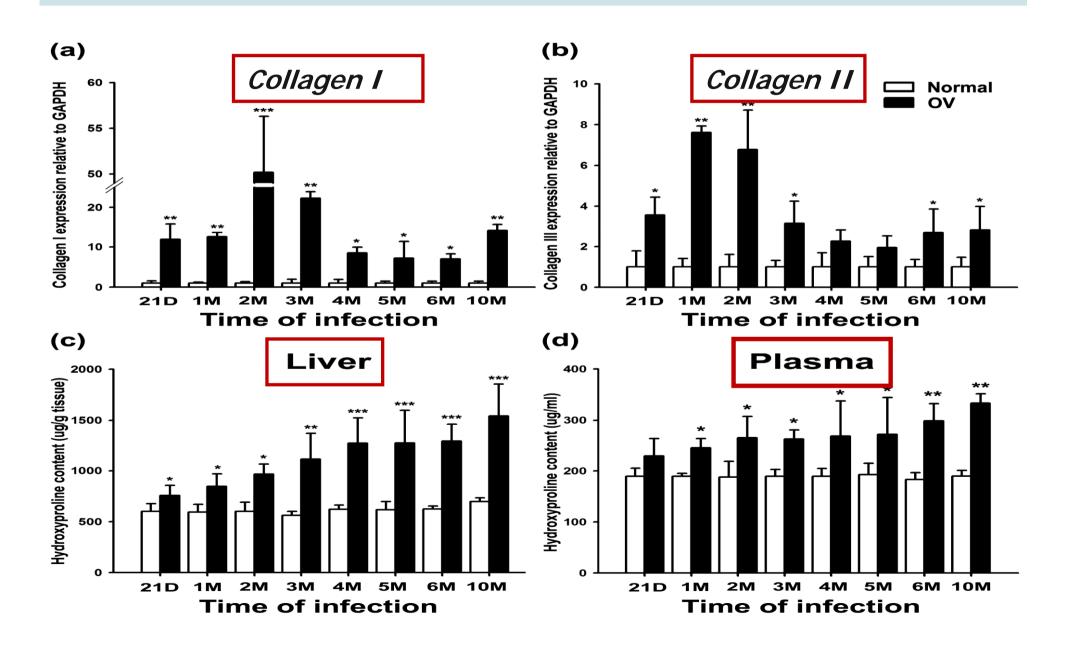


- Free radical scavenging
- >Anti-inflammation
- Antioxidant
- Increased bile secretion

Bis-Demethoxycurcumin (3%; less active)

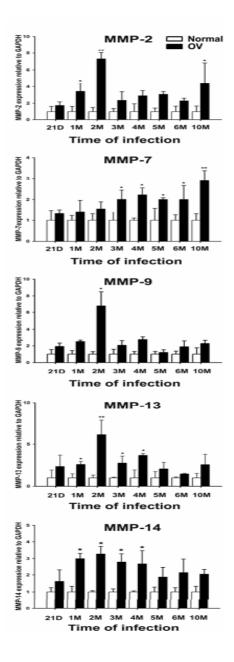


## OV-induced collagen gene expression and increased hydroxyproline (HP) level

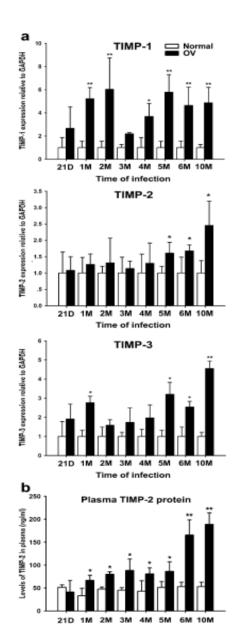


### mRNA expression profiles of MMPs, TIMPs, cytokines



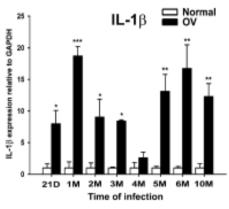


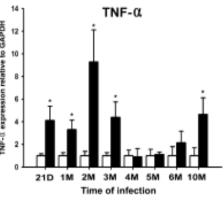
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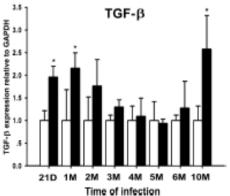


Time of infection

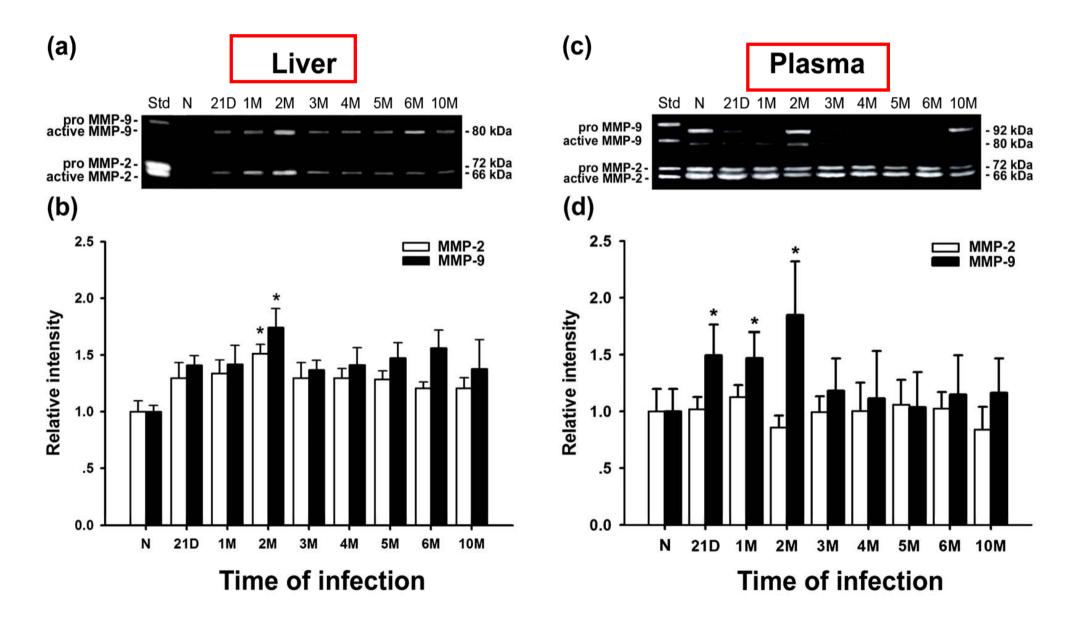
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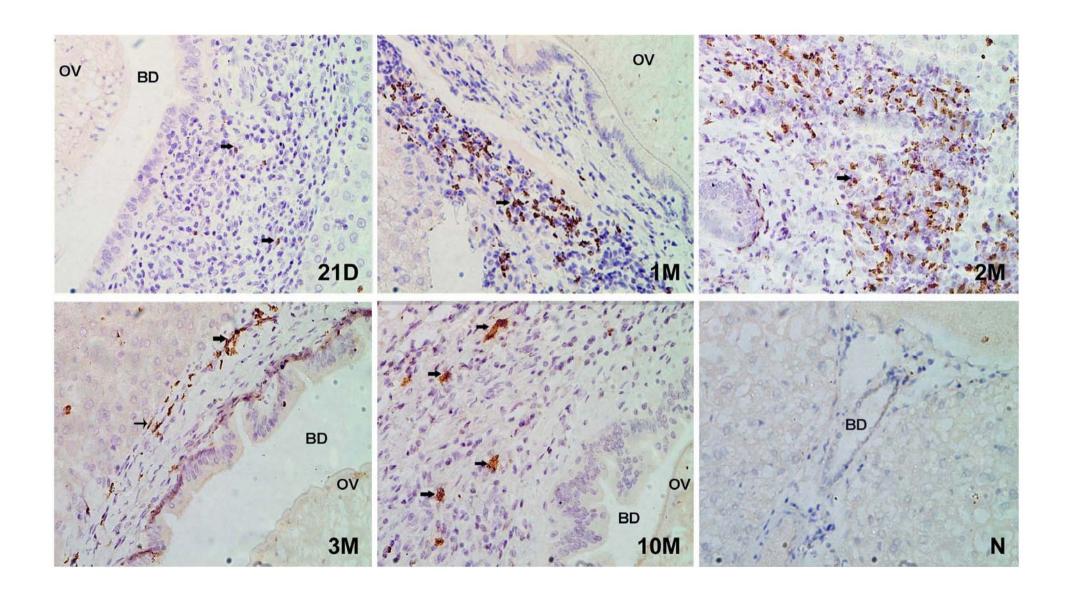




## Gelatin zymography revealed MMPs-2 and -9 to be increased in the liver at all time points

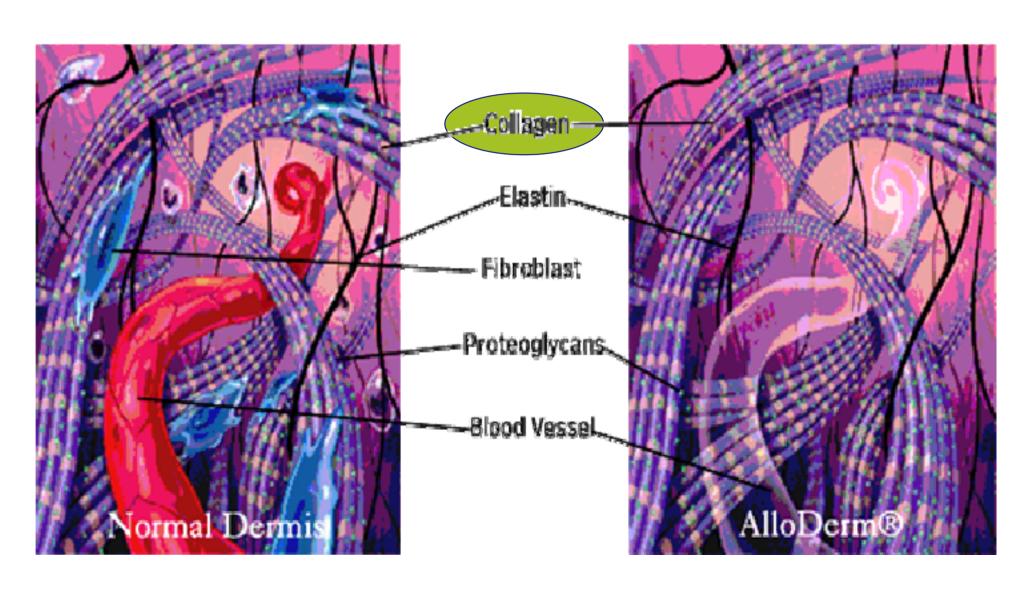


### **localized MMP-9 expression in liver sections**

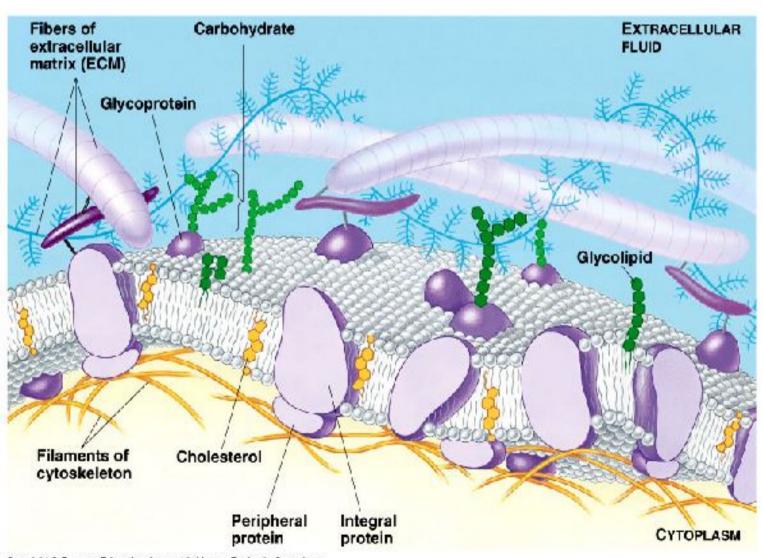


### **Fibrosis**

### Extra cellular matrix (ECM)



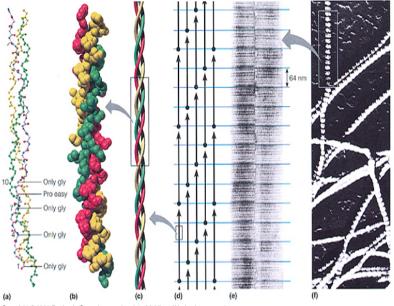
### Fibrosis and ECM accumulation



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### Collagen

Hydroxyproline is a major component of the protein collagen.



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### **Transcription regulation of MMPs**

