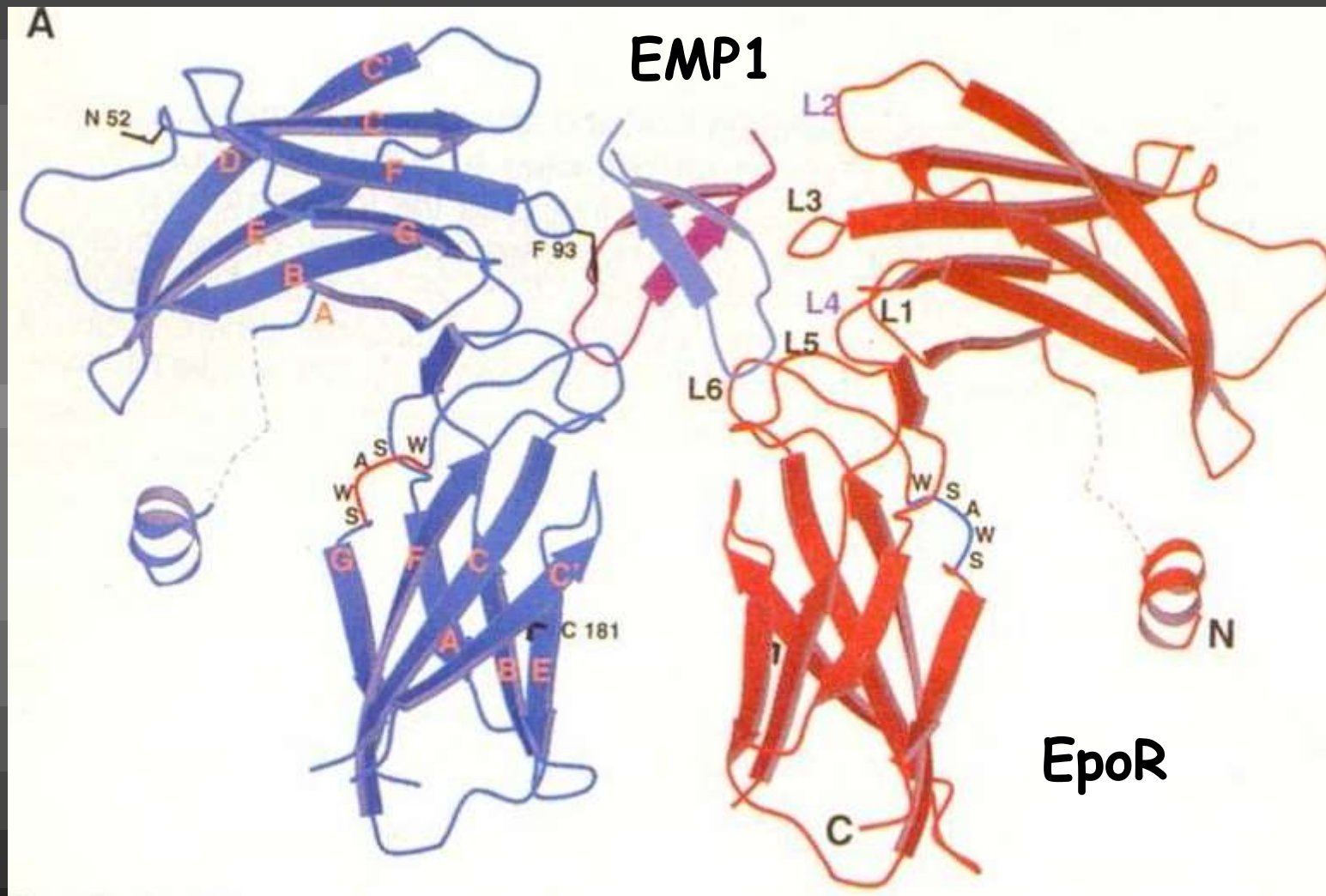


# "Hormone mimicry"

*EMP1* è la dimostrazione che una molecola di 20 aa (in doppia copia) può mimare la funzione di un ormone

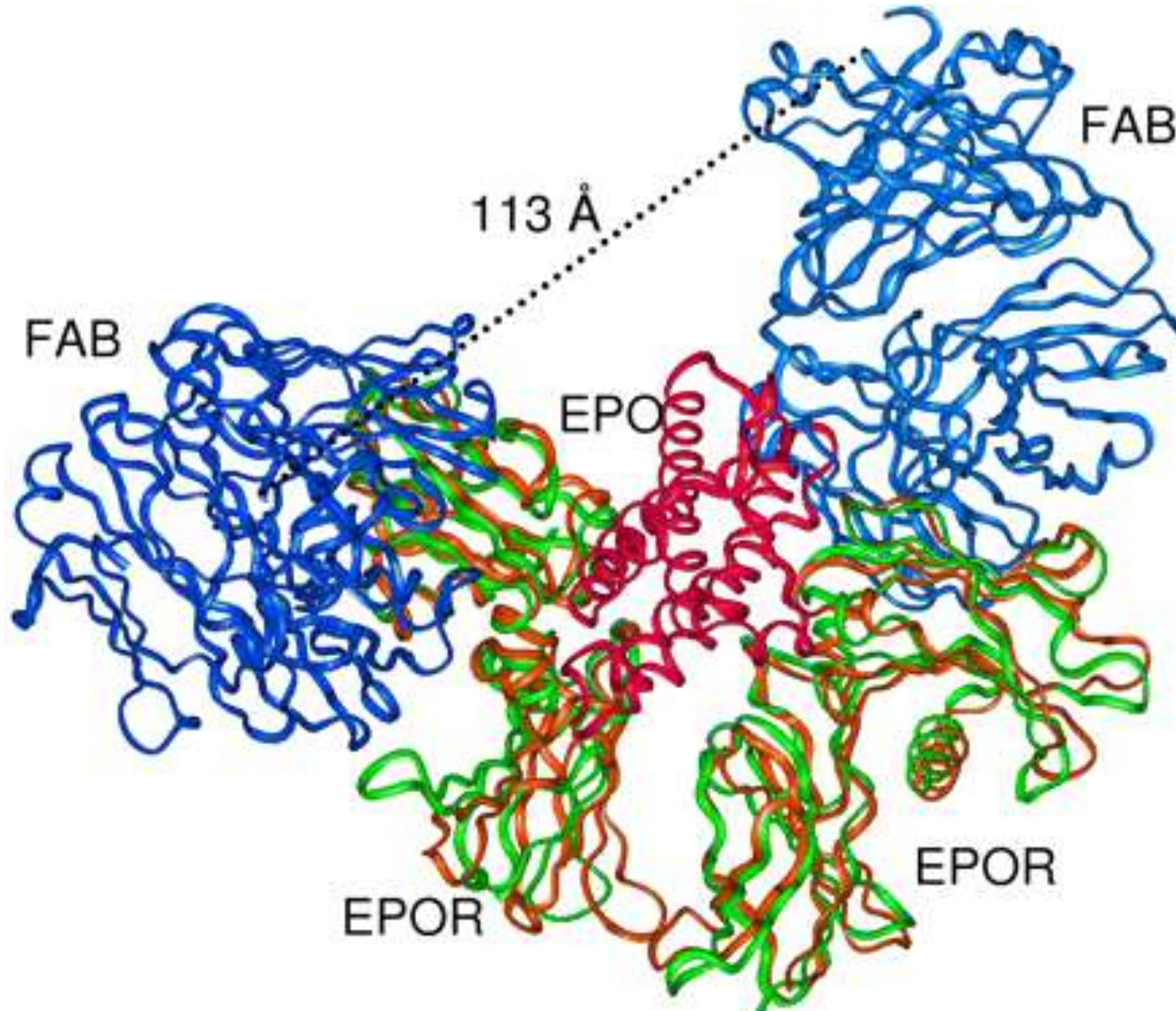
ABT007 è la dimostrazione che un anticorpo (in doppia copia) può mimare la funzione di un ormone

# Complesso EpoR-EMP1



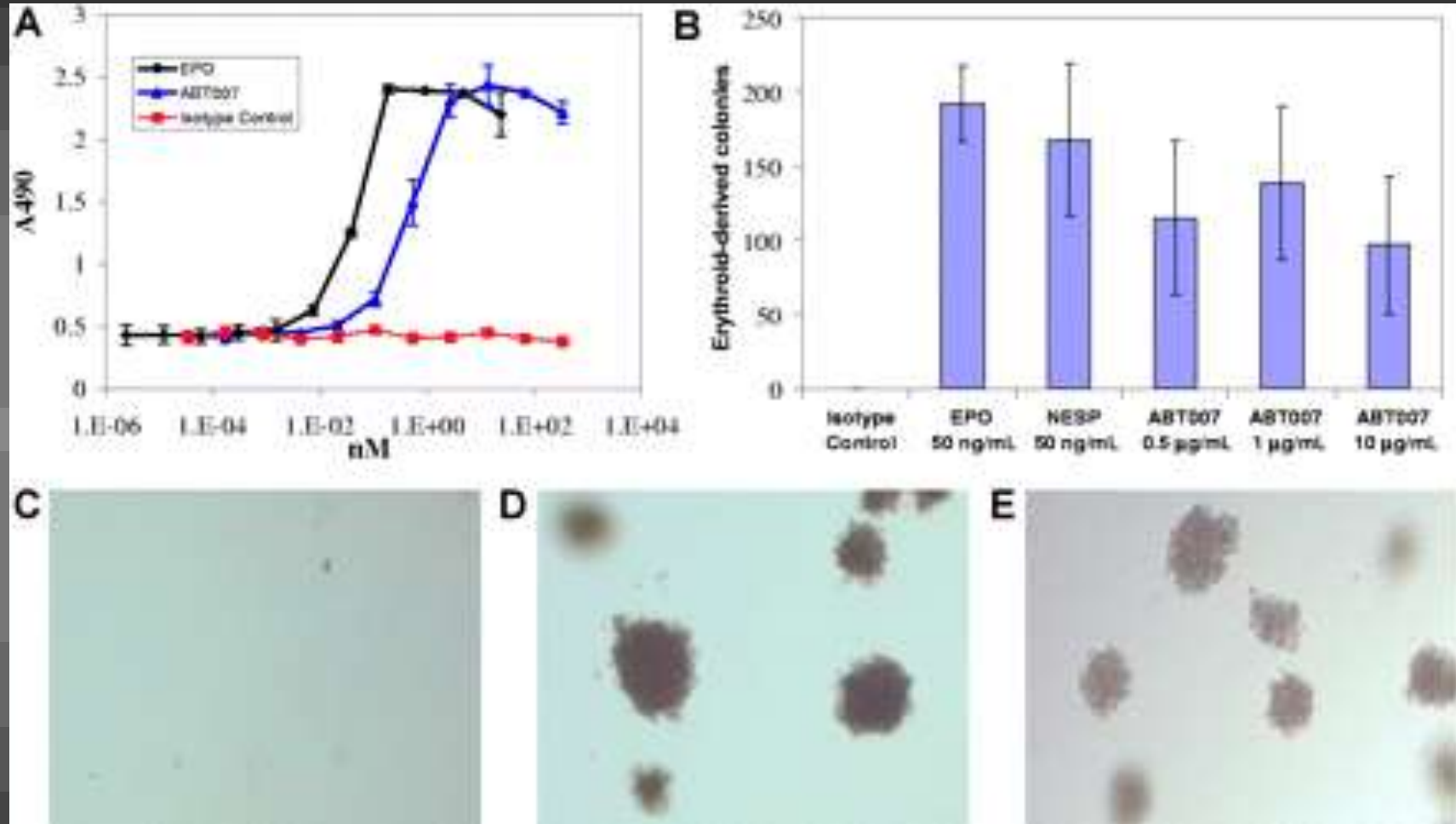
Fab-EPOR<sub>e</sub>

EPOEPOR



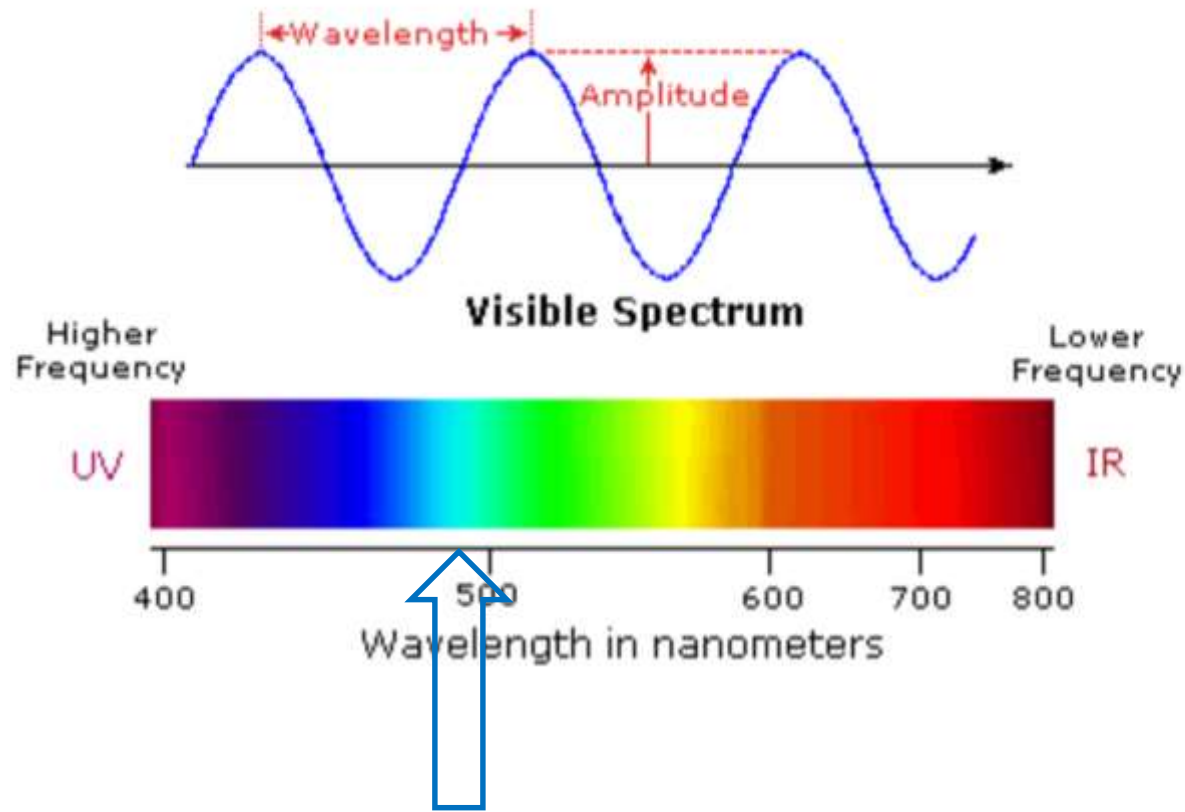
conformation induced onto EPOR by ABT007 in a 2:1 ratio and by EPO

# A potent erythropoietin-mimicking human antibody



ABT007 stimulates in vitro erythropoiesis

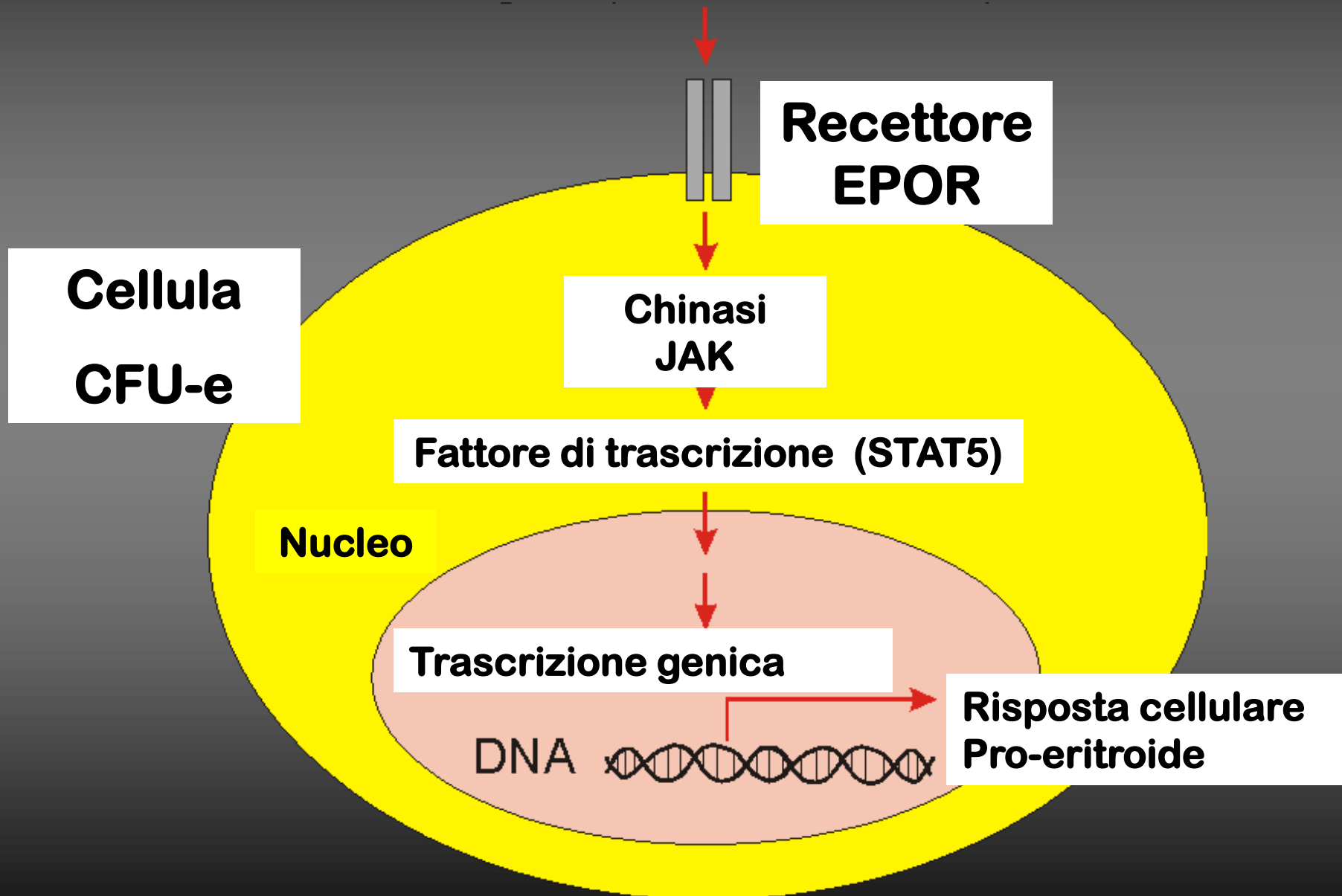




- **Violet:** 400 - 420 nm
- **Indigo:** 420 - 440 nm
- **Blue:** 440 - 490 nm
- **Green:** 490 - 570 nm
- **Yellow:** 570 - 585 nm
- **Orange:** 585 - 620 nm
- **Red:** 620 - 780 nm

Molte molecole assorbono a questa lunghezza d'onda (Es Eme, Emoglobina..)  
Può essere una misura della crescita cellulare, come in questo caso.  
Normalmente si usano lisati cellulari

**Segnale (EPO o molecola mimetica)**

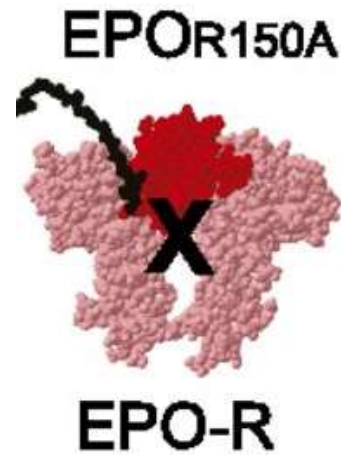


# Red blood cell-targeted EPO

To direct its activity to EPO receptors (EPO-Rs) on red blood cell (RBC) precursors and prevent interaction with EPO-Rs on nonerythroid cells (platelets-prothrombotic)

1) engineered EPO molecule was mutated to weaken its affinity for EPO-R

# Targeting EPO to RBC precursors

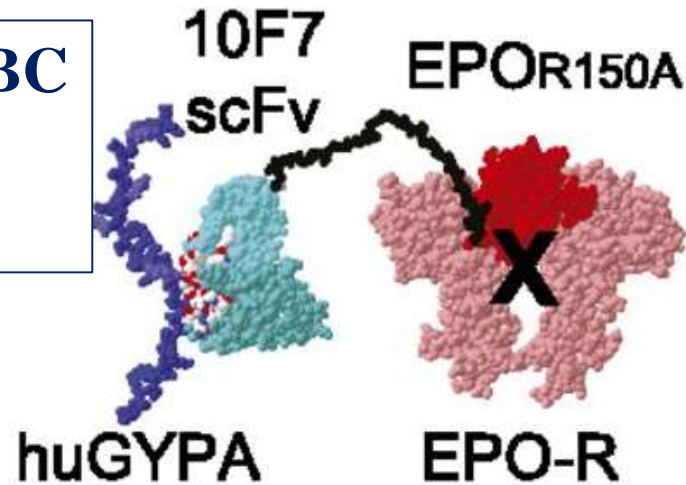


**EPO mutated to weaken  
affinity for EPO-R**



# Targeting EPO to RBC precursors

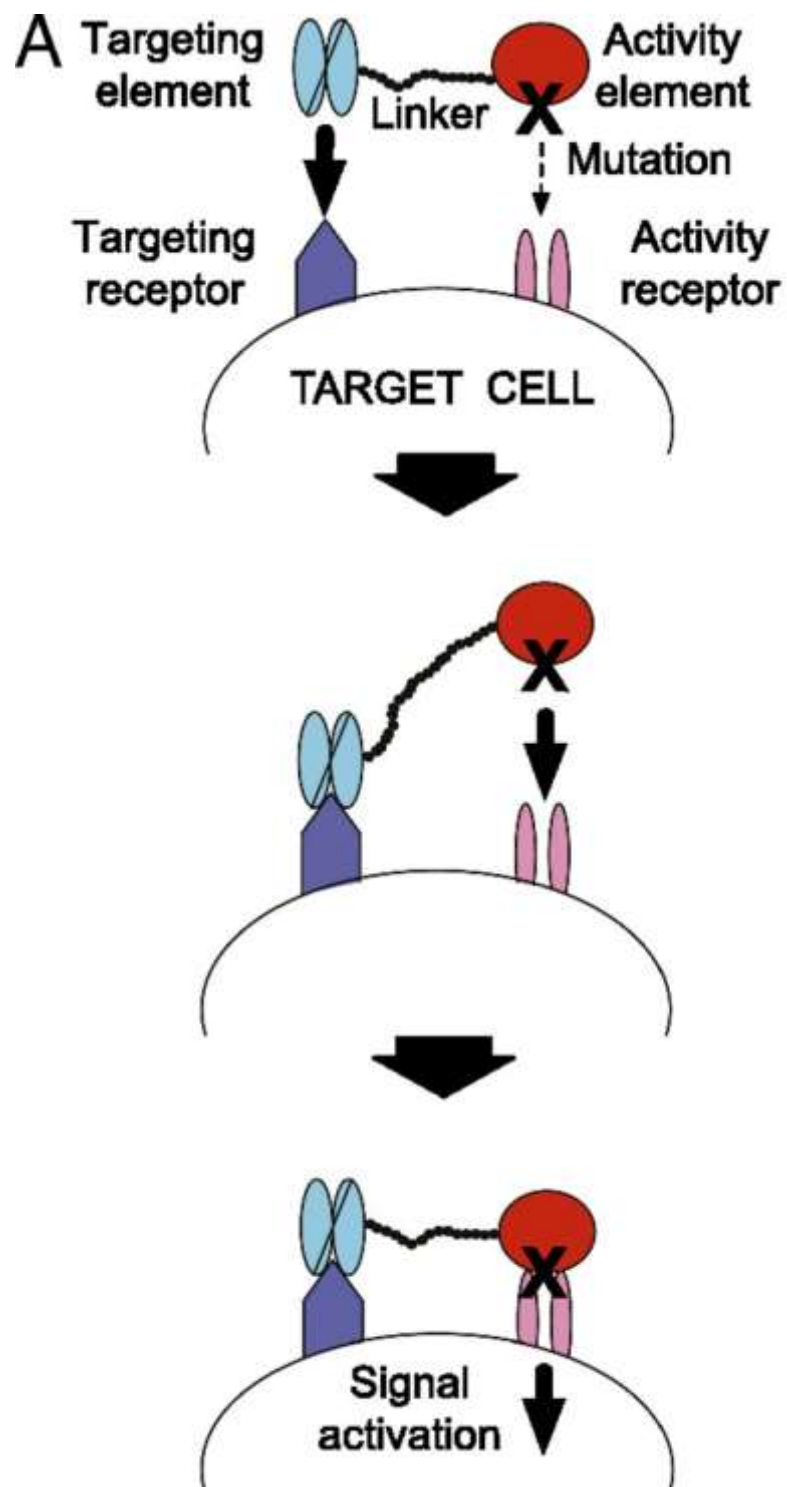
antibody binds the RBC glycoprotein A (huGYPA)



EPO mutated to weaken affinity for EPO-R

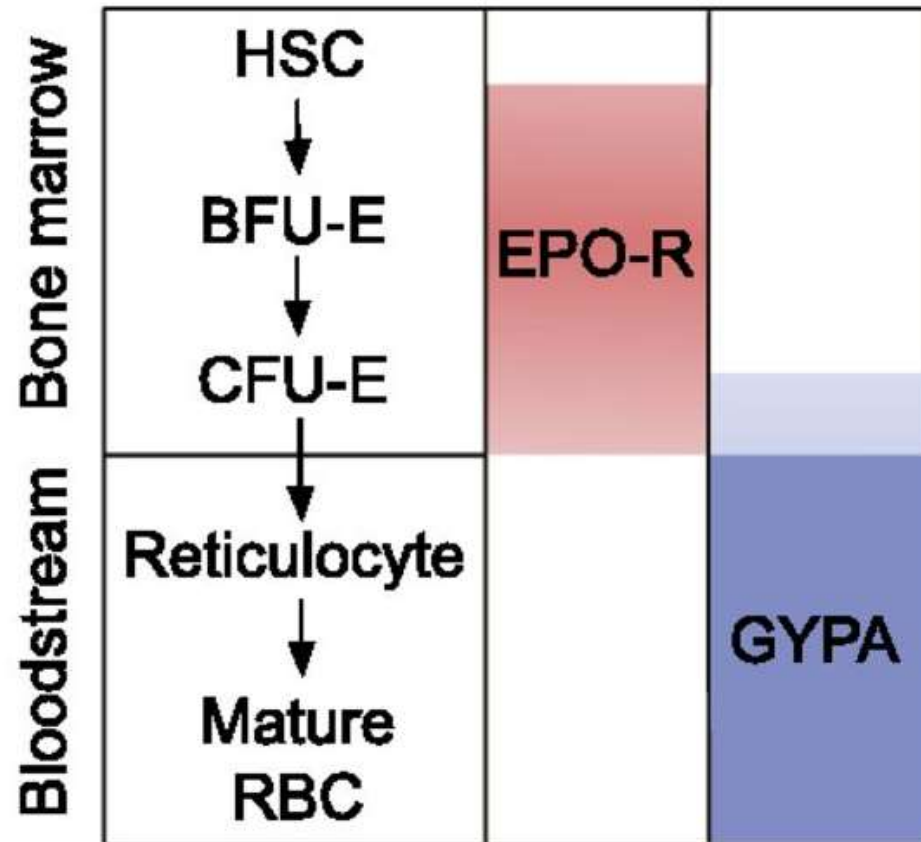
2 avidity for RBC precursors was rescued via tethering to an antibody fragment (scFv) that specifically binds the RBC protein glycoprotein A (huGYPA)

# Targeting EPO to RBC precursors



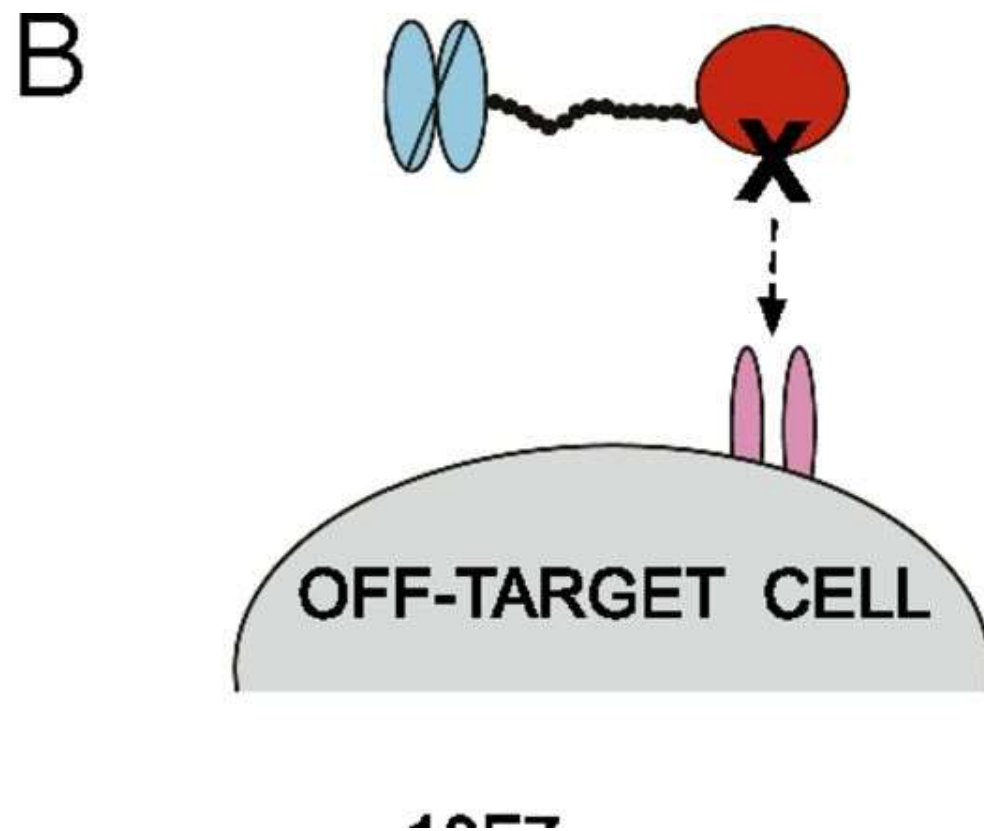
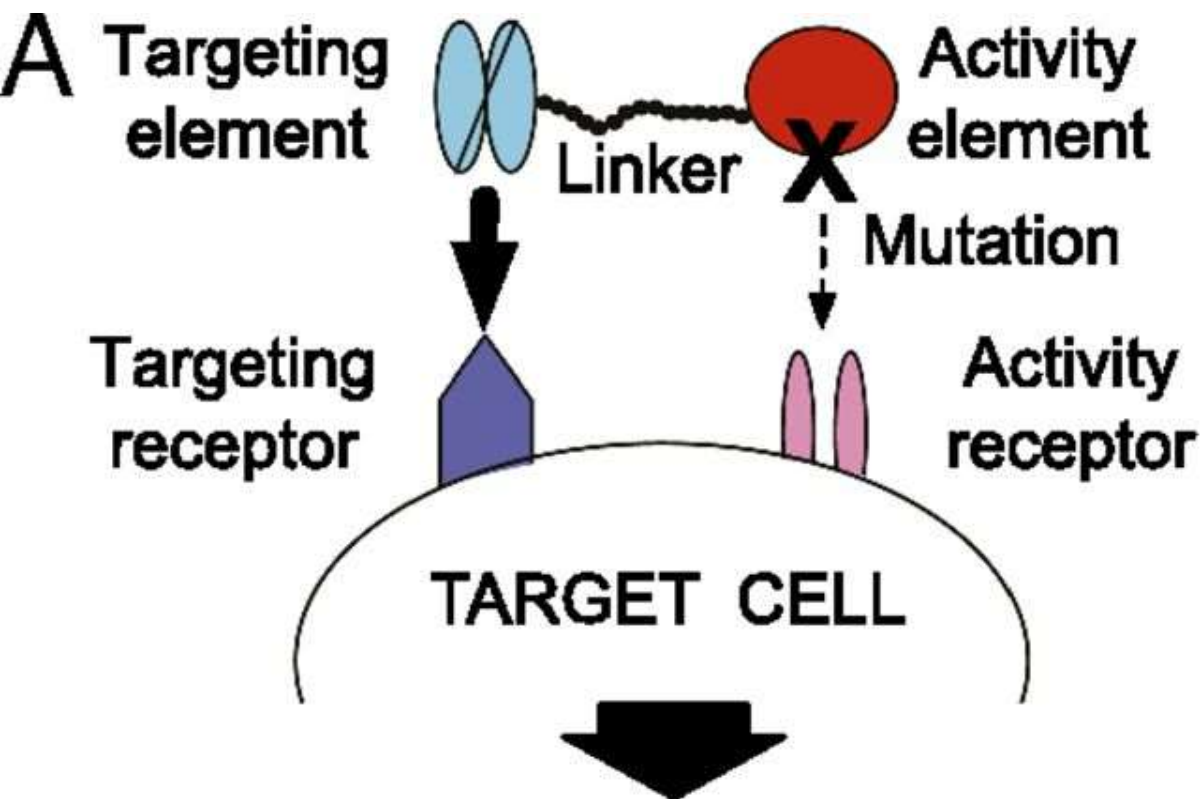
# Targeting EPO to RBC precursors

## D Expression during erythropoiesis



expression EPOR/GYPA overlaps in the bone marrow

# Targeting EPO to RBC precursors

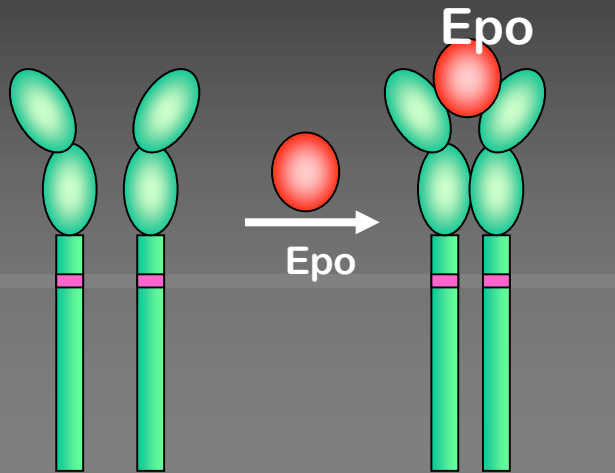


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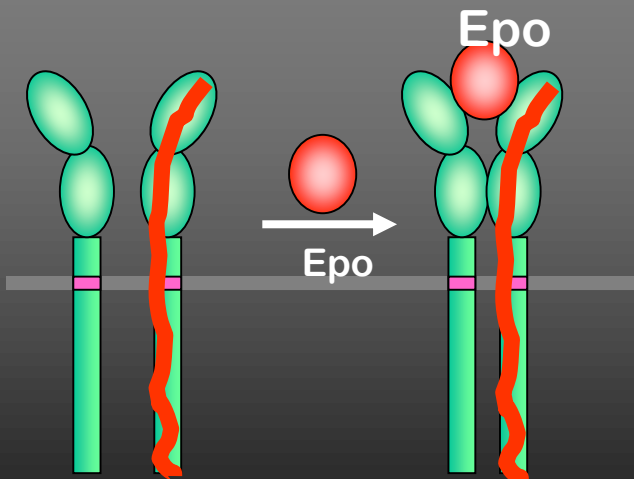
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# Un altro recettore dell'Epo!

Famiglia dei recettori  
delle citochine



EPOR-EPOR



EPOR-CD131

Legame del ligando



Dimerizzazione



Attivazione del  
recettore

## EPO's tissue-protective actions

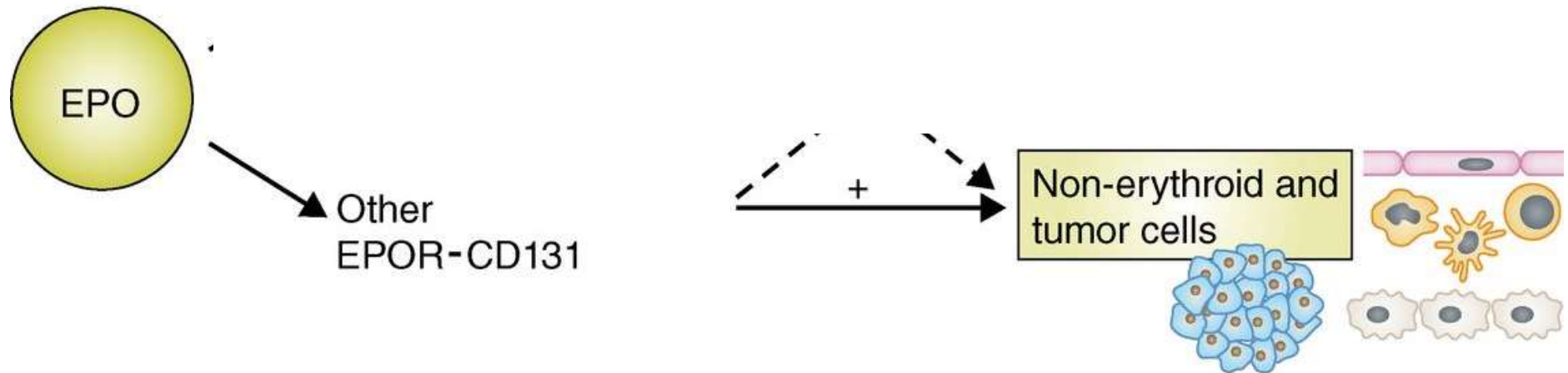
- mediated by a tissue-protective receptor complex consisting of the EPO receptor and the  $\beta$  common-receptor (CD131) subunit
- CD131 is also used by GM-CSF, IL-3, and IL-5



# The innate repair receptor (IRR)

EPO signals in nonerythroid cells via EPOR-CD131 heterodimers

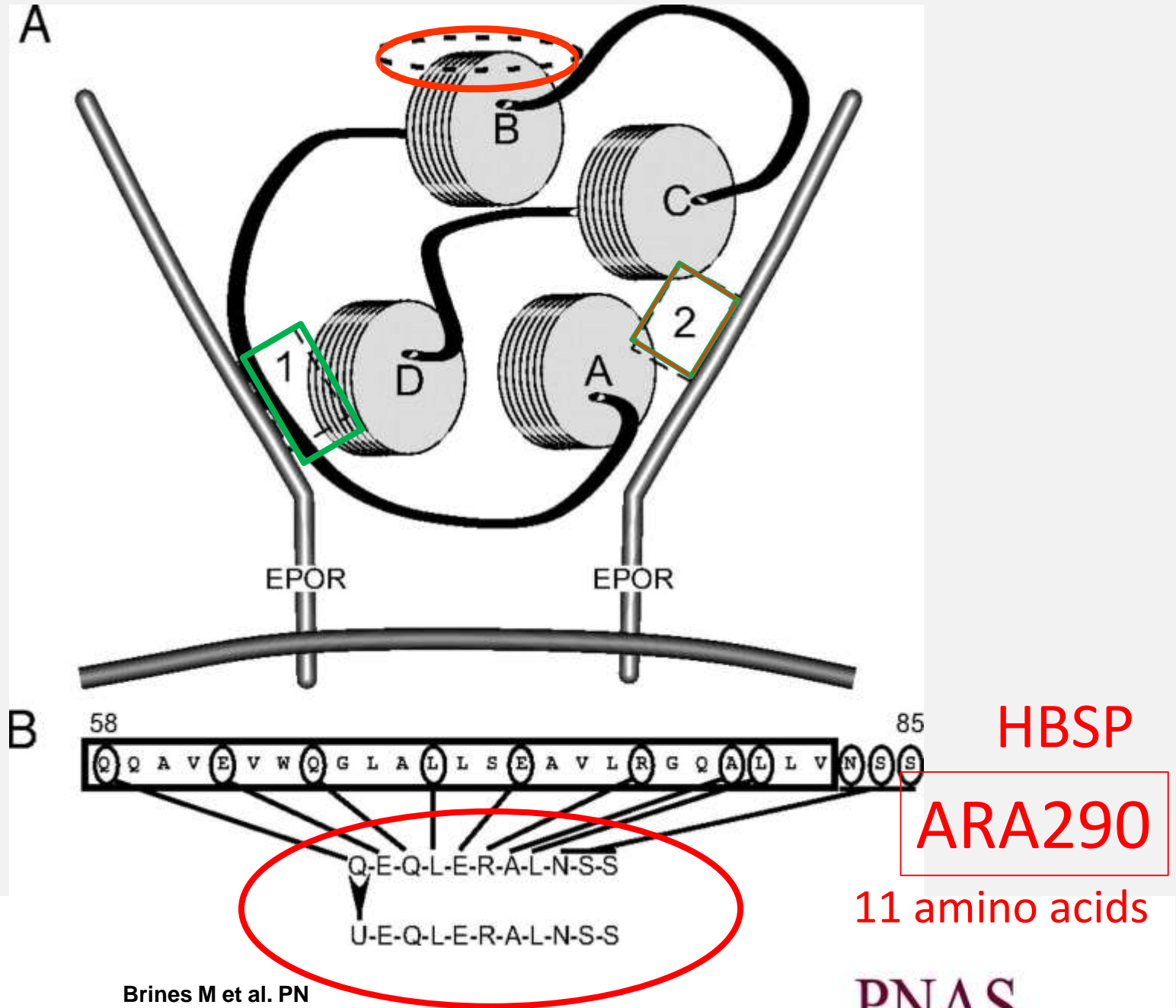
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- simultaneously activates anti-inflammatory and tissue repair pathways

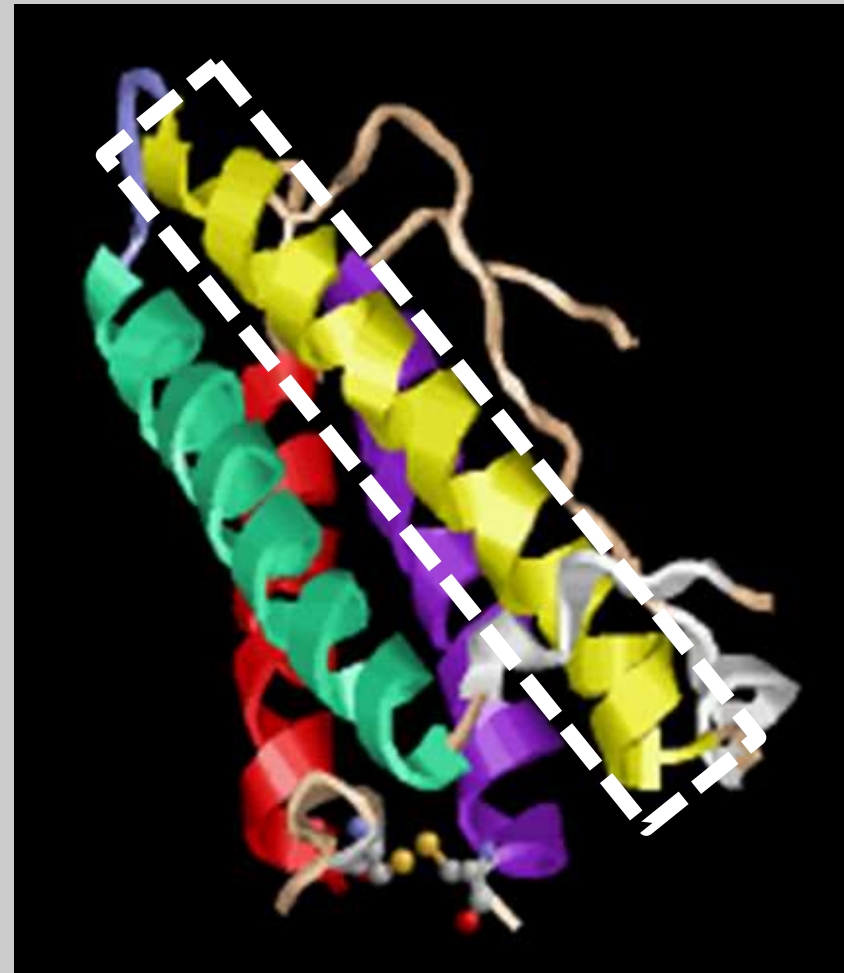
-after peripheral nerve injury, the IRR is upregulated

# Structure of EPO indicating tissue protective domains and sequences



# ERITROPOIETINA (Epo)

- ✓ Ormone glicoproteico di 34 kDa (165 aa)
- ✓ Struttura a 4  $\alpha$ -eliche  
(A, B, C, D)

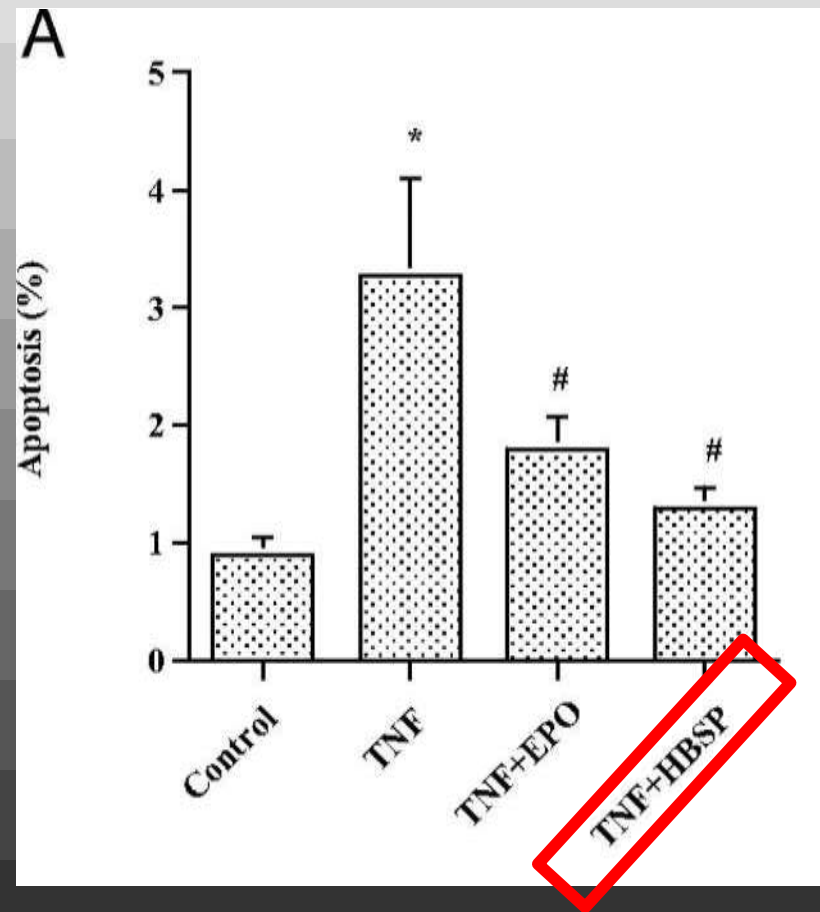


# EPO helix B-surface peptide (HBSP)

This peptide is composed of 11 amino acids (QEQLERALNSS) derived from the aqueous face of **helix B of EPO** and exhibits tissue-protective activities

EPO and HBSP signal in nonerythroid cells via EPOR-CD131 heterodimers

## Effect of HBSP on TNF- $\alpha$ -induced cardiomyocyte apoptosis



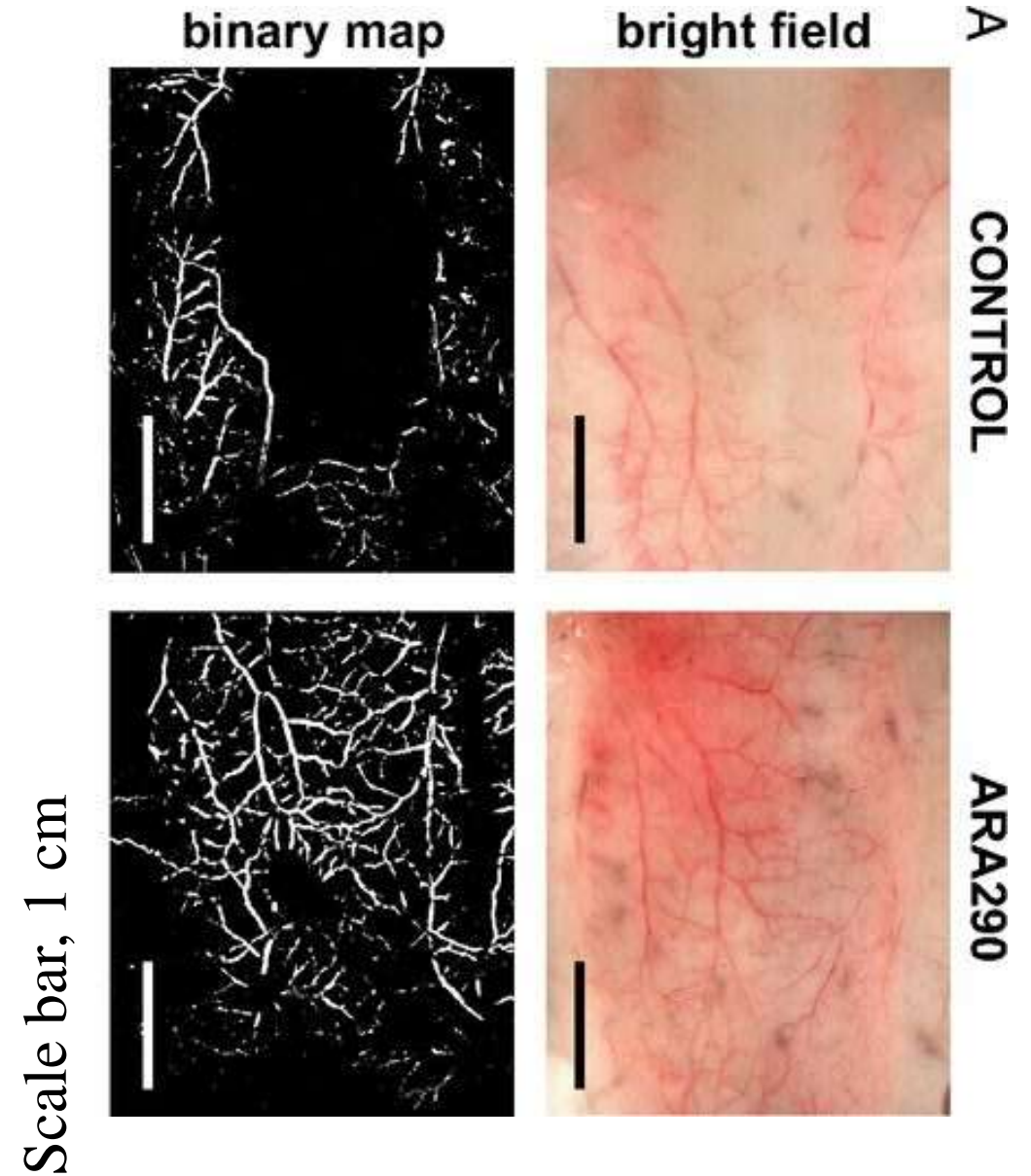
Ueba H et al. PNAS 2010;107:14357-14362

# ARA290 treatment maintains microvascular perfusion in wound beds.

Forty-eight hours postburn (mice)

controls show a white zone of coagulation along the midline

an extensive vascular network is visible in the treated group





## In humans Pain Rep. 2016

In patients with small fiber neuropathy and sarcoidosis, ARA290 significantly **improved neuropathic symptoms**, as well as quality of life

ARA290 treatment for 28 days initiated a **regrowth** of small nerve fibers **in the cornea** in patients with type 2 diabetes

ARA290 reprograms a proinflammatory, tissue-damaging milieu into one of healing and **tissue repair**