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“O Allah! Show me the reality of all things as it (really) is..”

***PREVENTION IS  
BETTER THAN CURE***

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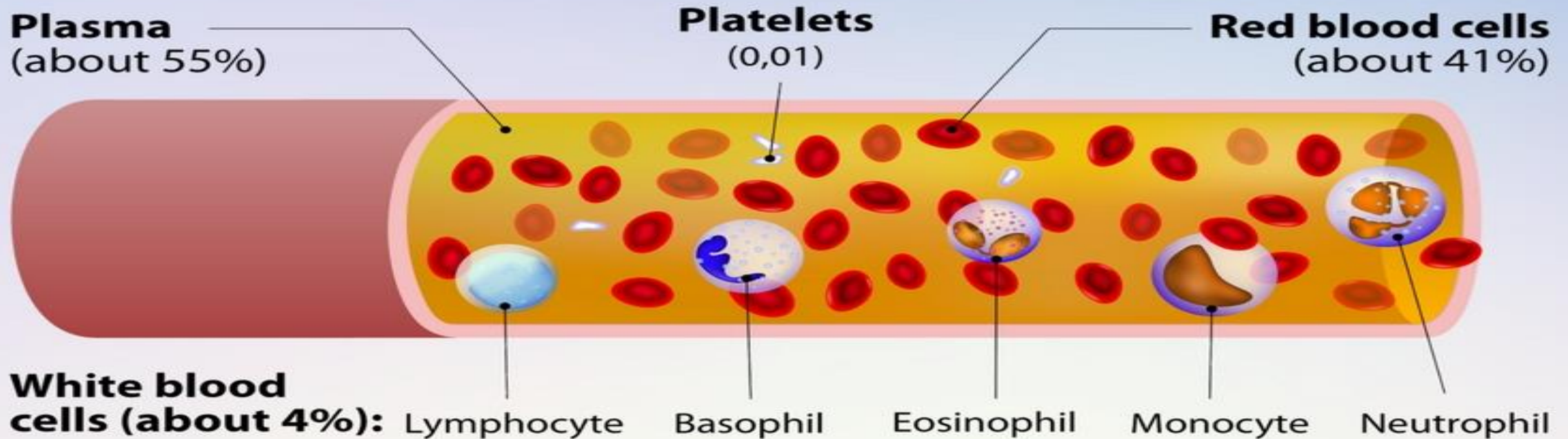
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**Classification of Anemia**

A close-up photograph of a gloved hand holding a test tube filled with a red liquid. The test tube has a red cap. The background is a blurred white surface, possibly a lab bench or paper. The overall image has a green geometric pattern on the right side.

# WHAT IS BLOOD?

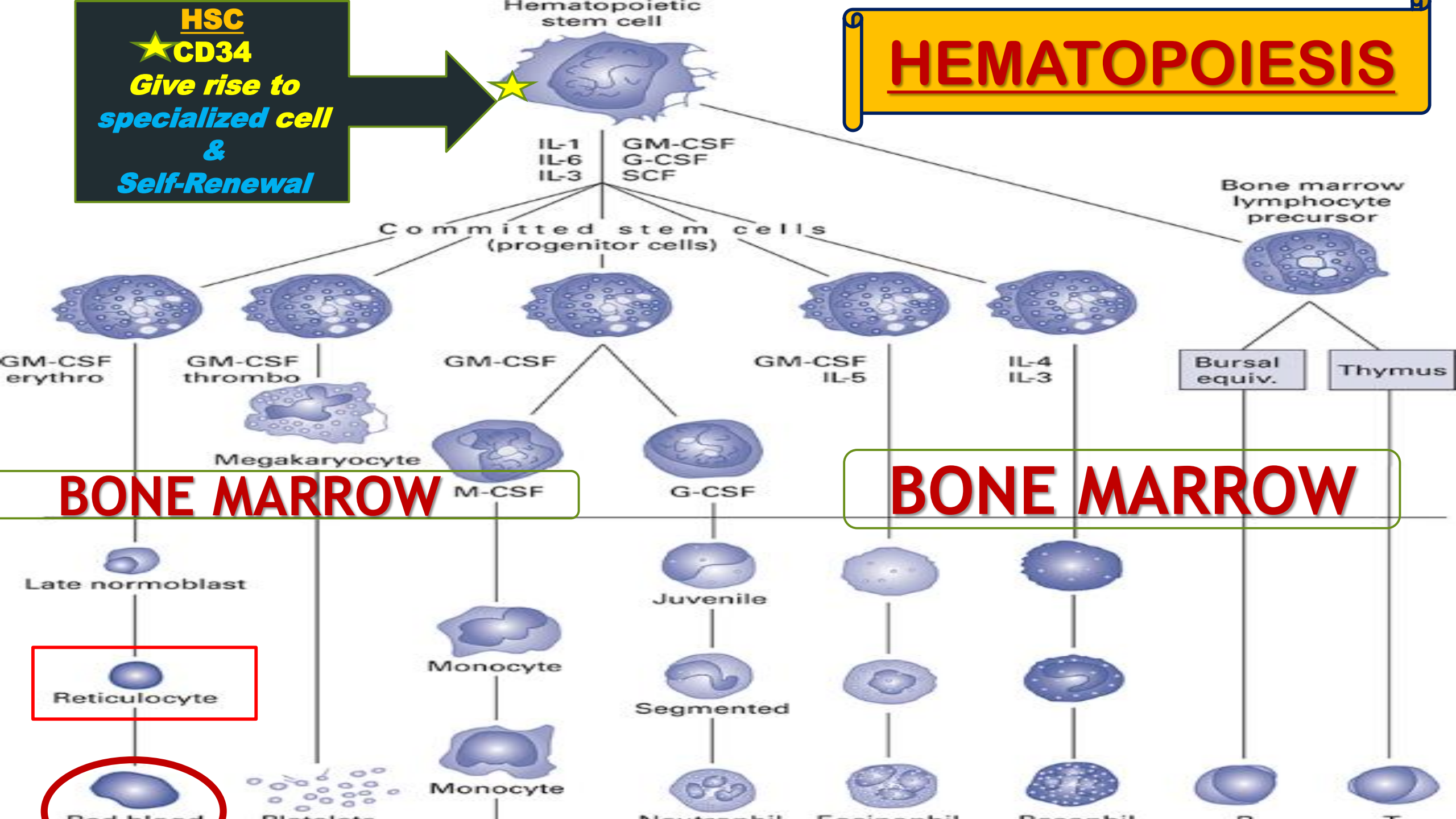
# BLOOD & ITS COMPONENTS



B L O O D   I S   T H E   O R I G I N A L   H E A L E R

# HEMATOPOIESIS

**HSC**  
★ **CD34**  
*Give rise to  
specialized cell  
&  
Self-Renewal*



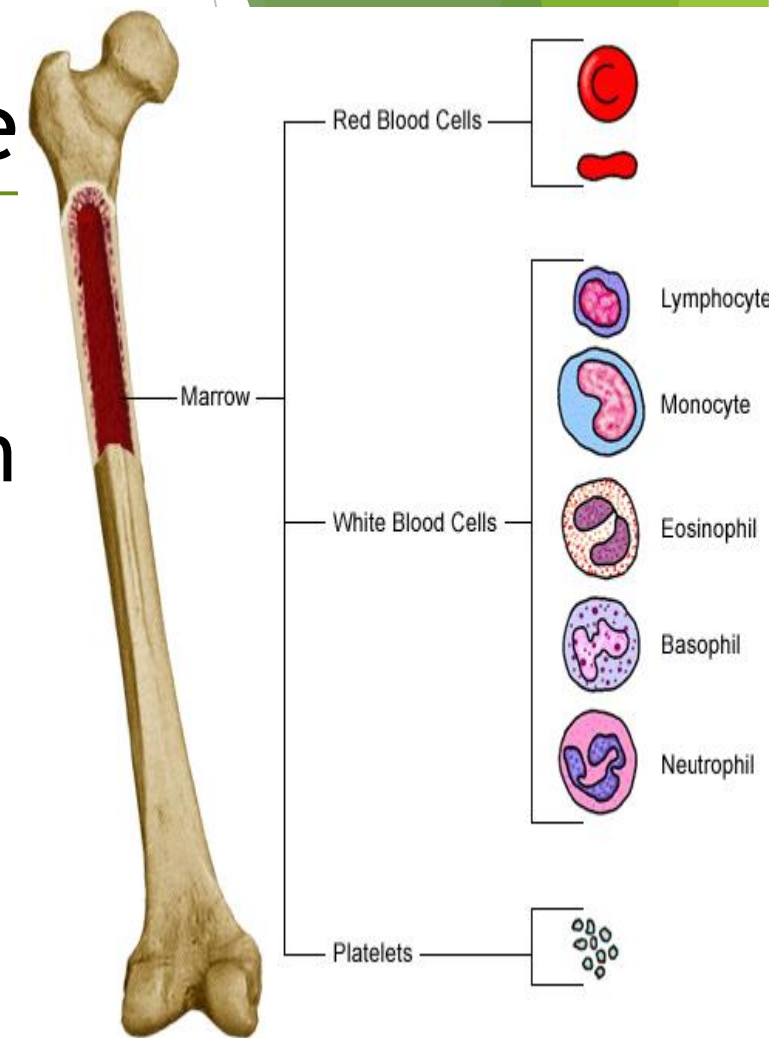
# HEMATOPOIESIS, ERYTHROPOIESIS & ERYTHROPOIETIN

**HEMATOPOIESIS** : production of all of the cellular components of blood)

**ERYTHRPPPOIESIS:** erythrocyte/RBC production

**LEUCOPOIESIS:** leucocyte production

**THROMBOPOIESIS:** platelet/thrombocyte production



# HEMATOPOIESIS, ERYTHROPOIESIS & ERYTHROPOIETIN

**ERYTHROPOIESIS:** erythrocyte/RBC production  
Mature RBCs result from finely regulated process (differentiation and maturation) called ERYTHROPOIESIS that produces 2 million RBCs in healthy human adults (Palis, 2014)

In Fetus : Liver and Spleen

In Adults: Bone marrow

**With Increasing Age Bones become less productive**

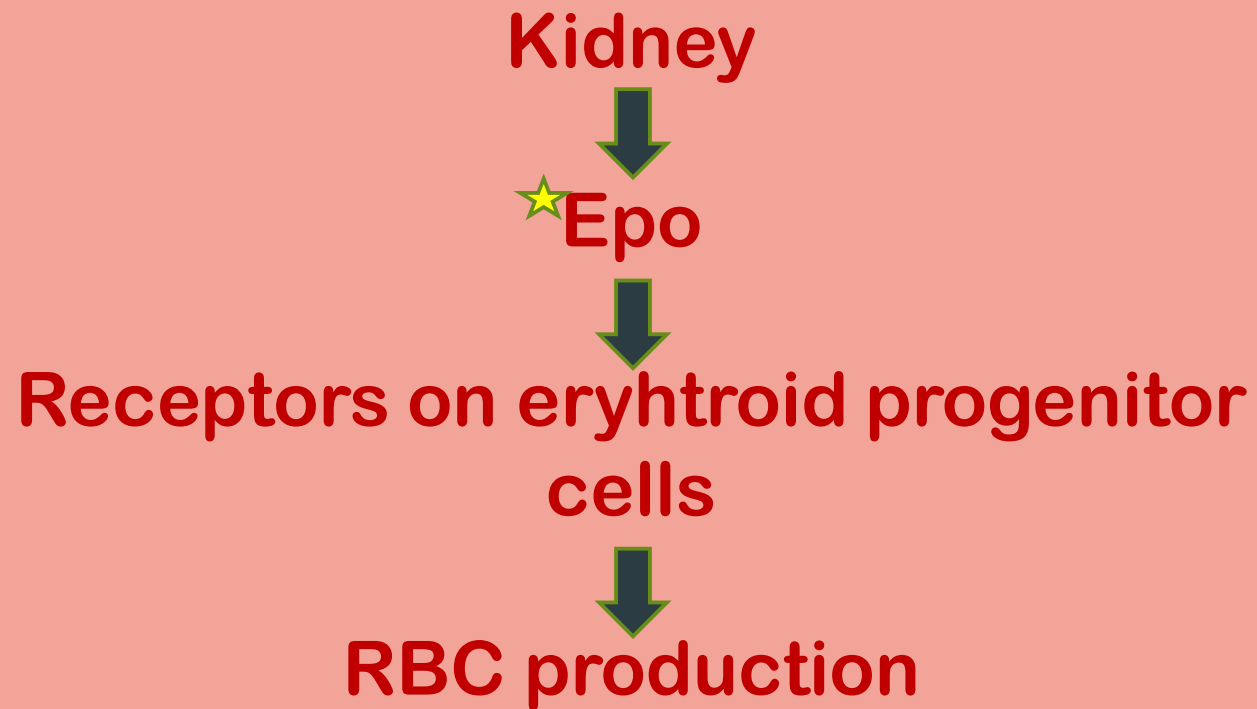
M E N

1. Marrow
2. Erythropoietin
3. Nutrients  
(Iron, B12 and Folic Acid )

# HEMATOPOIESIS, ERYTHROPOIESIS & ERYTHROPOIETIN

## Erythropo

- ▶ **Epo** is a hormone produced by the kidney
- ▶ renal erythropoietin-producing cells are interstitial cells in the kidney cortex and outer medulla
- ▶ **Epo** is assisted by testosterone and cortisol in stimulating erythropoiesis



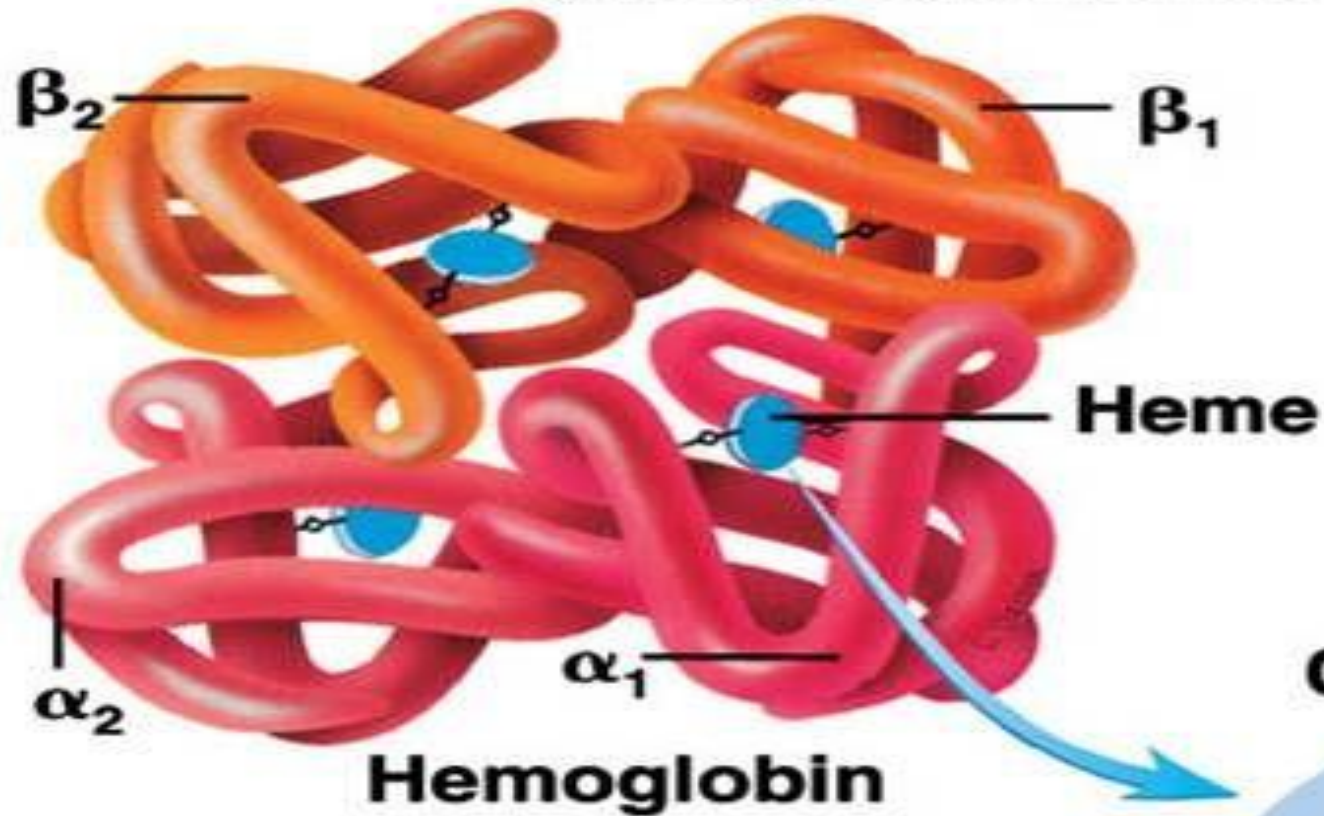
★concentration is dynamically altered by the presence of hypoxia or anemia

# HEMATOPOIESIS, ERYTHROPOIESIS & ERYTHROPOIETIN

## Primary requirements for *Effective Erythropoiesis*

1. Marrow (normal functioning factory - Hb synthesis)
2. Erythropoietin
3. Nutrients (Iron, B12 and Folic Acid )

# HEMOGLOBIN & Hemoglobinopathies



(a)

**Oxygen  
binds to  
Ferrous in  
Heme**

- ▶ Oxygen-carrying protein contained in RBCs.
- ▶ FOUR Subunits - Heme bound to polypeptide



(b)

# HEMOGLOBIN & Hemoglobinopathies

- ▶ Uptake of iron by developing normoblast is partially controlled by intracellular heme – which has negative feedback on ALA synthase
- ▶ Heme synthesis partially occurs in mitochondria and partially in cytosol
- ▶ ***Transferrin*** transports iron; some stored as ***ferritin*** while most enters mitochondria to combine with protoporphyrin to perform Heme, using enzyme ***ferrocheltase*** to enhance reaction
- ▶ Globin chains synthesis occurs in ribosomes ***HbA -  $\alpha_2\beta_2$*** ;  
**HbA2** -  $\alpha_2\delta_2$  ; **HbF** -  $\alpha_2\gamma_2$
- ▶ ***HbA<sub>1c</sub>*** - Glycated hemoglobin ( glc attached to valine of beta chain)  
Clinically important as it is increased in DM and may serve as a tool to monitor progression of disease or treatment effectiveness/compliance

## Thalassemia:

**2 pair of alpha genes (chromosome 16)**

**Single beta gene on each chromosome 11**

**Beta thalassemia major: Two genes affected.**

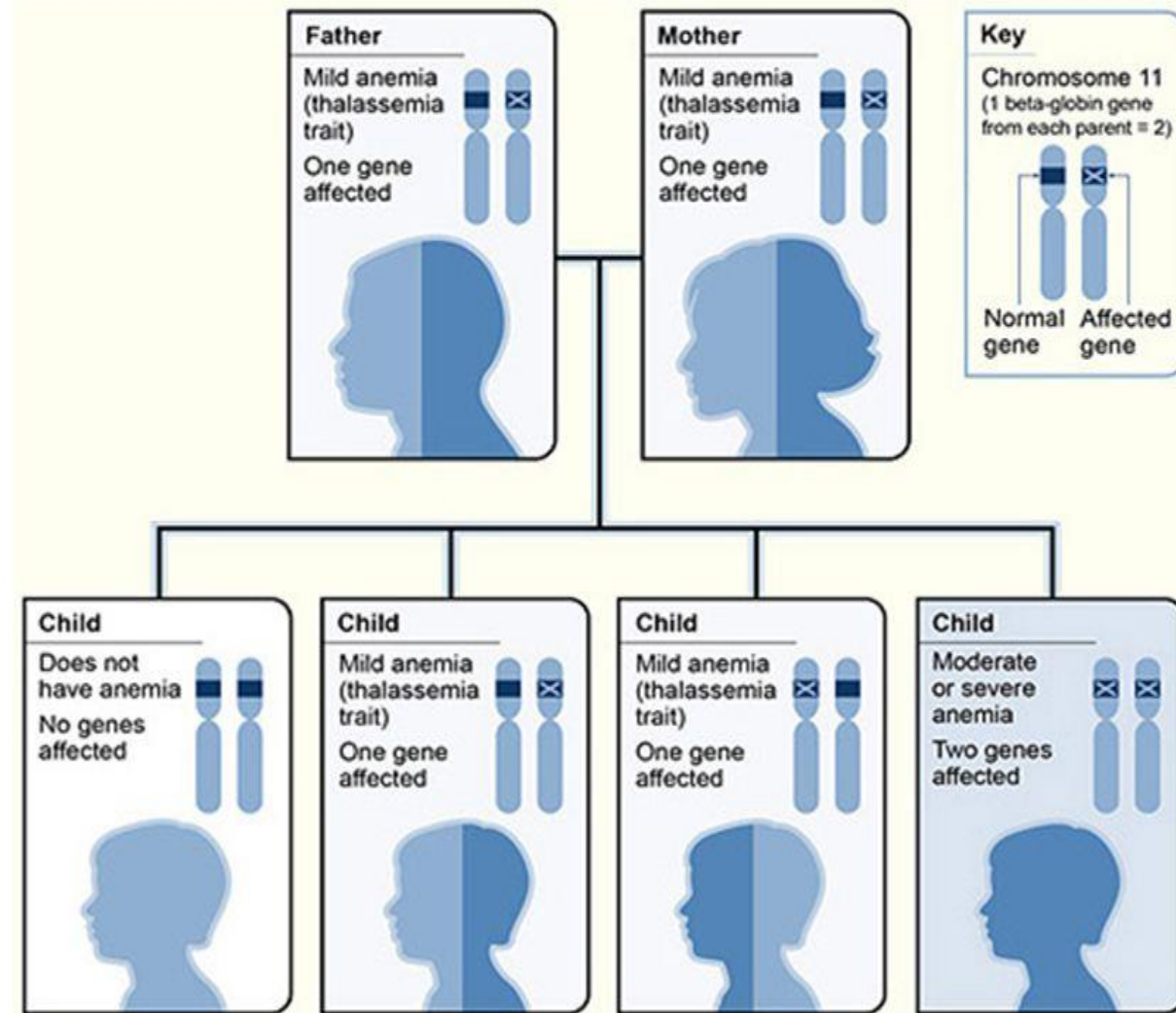
**Decreased chains or absent.**

**Severe anemia.**

**Transfusion required life-long. Risk of iron overload.**

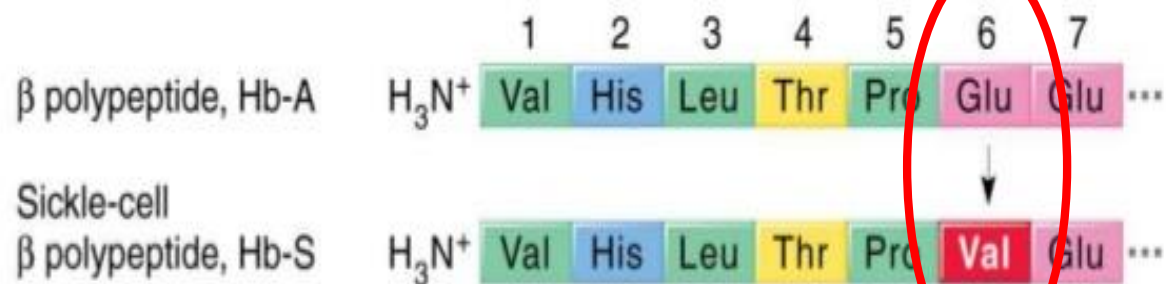
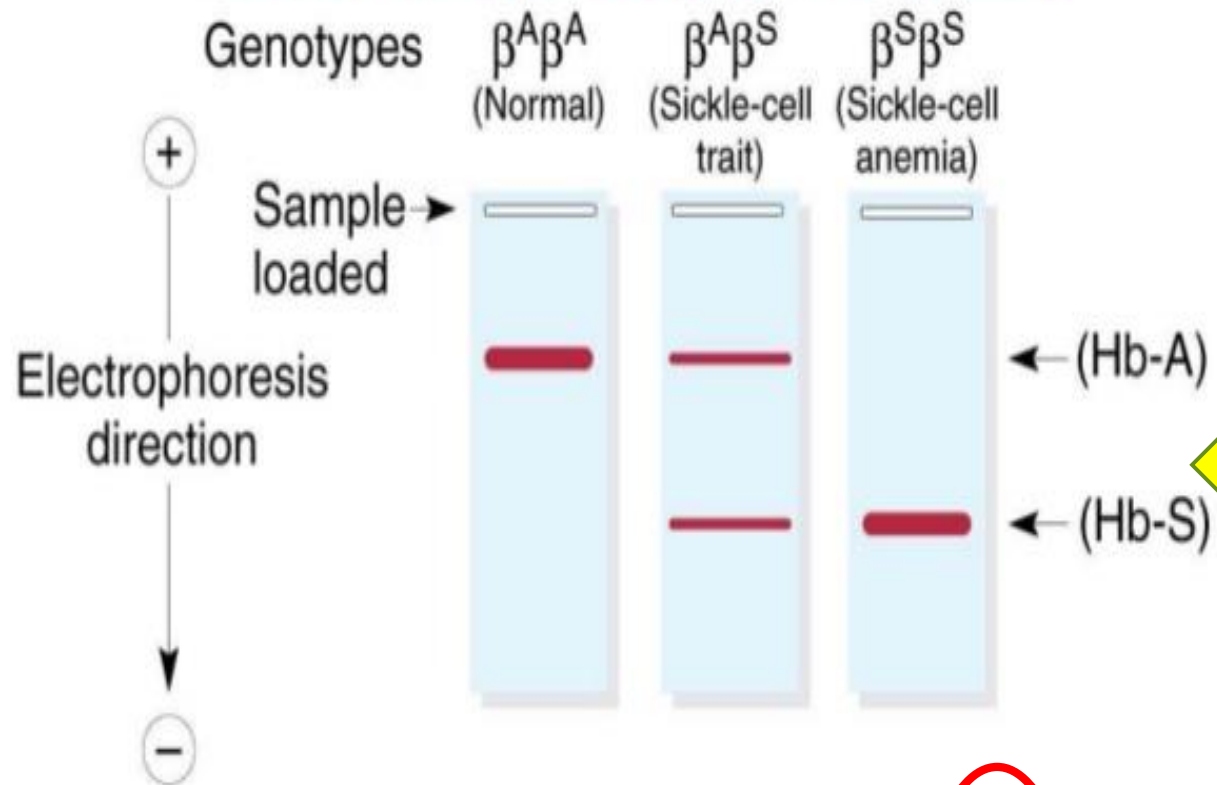


# Inheritance Pattern for Beta Thalassaemia



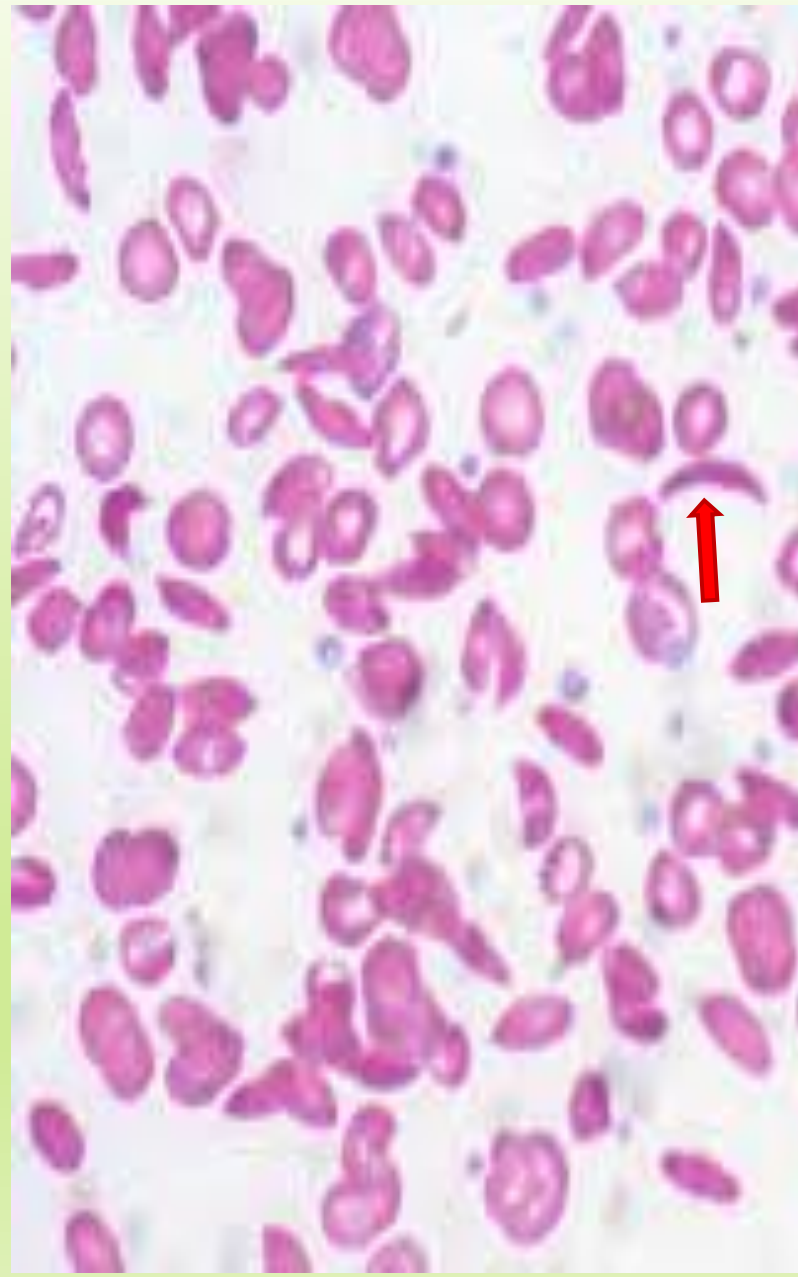
# HEMOGLOBIN & Hemoglobinopathies

## Electrophoretic pattern of Sickle Cell Disease



- Autosomal recessive
- one in ten in African American is a carrier ; also common in ME and SouthAsia
- Point mutation in beta globin gene
- Peripheral smear best initial; **electrophoresis** is diagnostic
  - Sickle cell trait - identified as a major human malaria resistance factor

Low oxygen levels



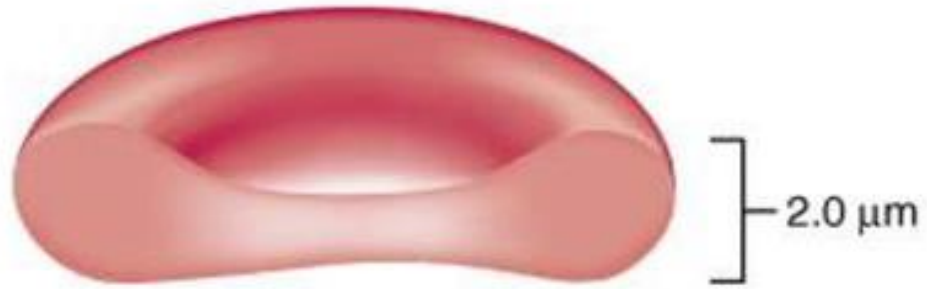
***Hydroxyurea*** stimulates  
production of HbF.  
HbF decreases polymerization of  
polymerization of deoxygenated  
HbS

**What is ultimate therapy for  
sickle cell Dz / Thalassemia?**

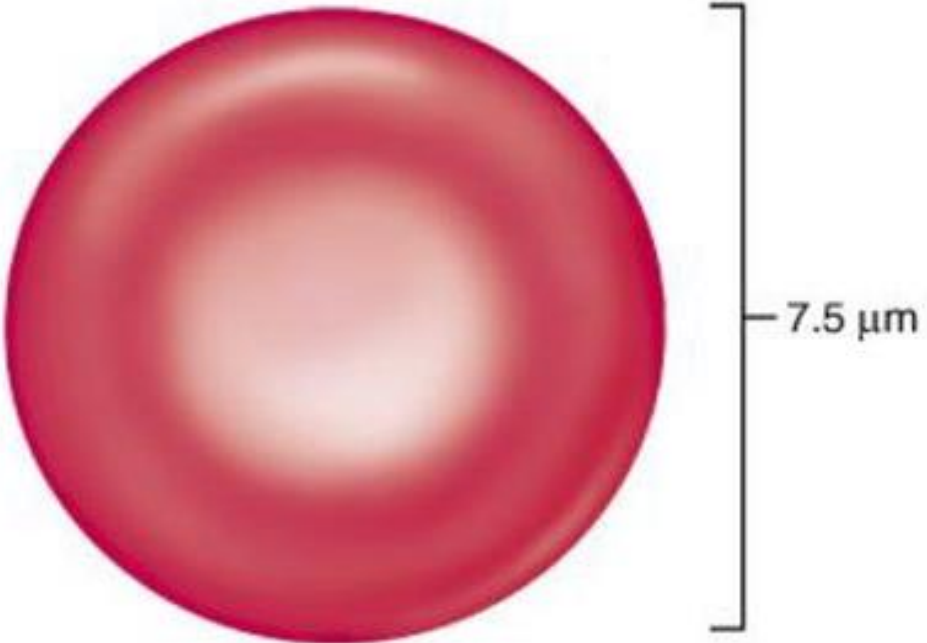


- **IMPORTANCE OF Glucose phosphatase dehydrogenase enzyme and Glutathione reductase in Red Blood Cell?**
- **What are Bite Cells (peripheral blood smear)?**

# RBC, RBC indices and Polycythemia



Side view



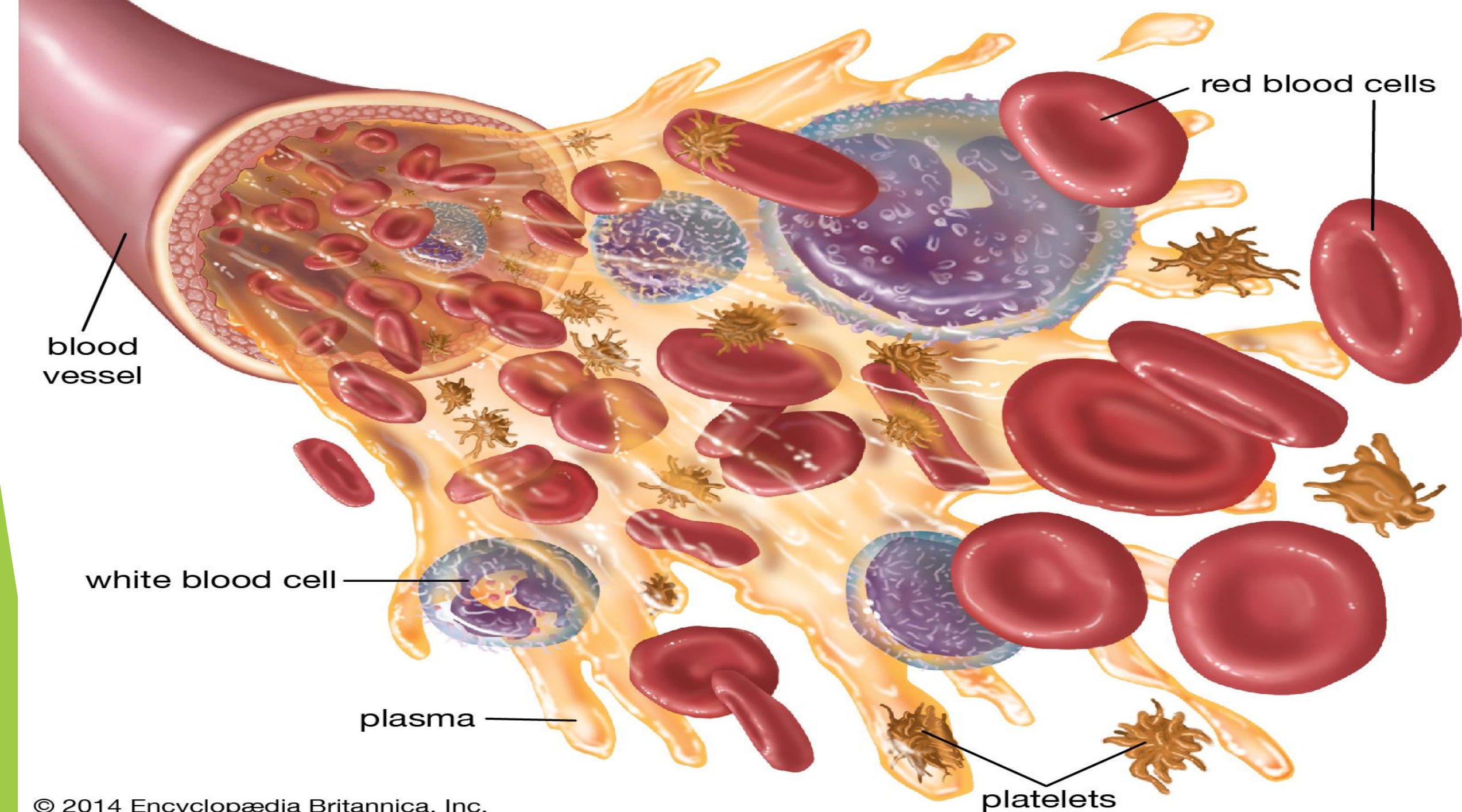
Top view

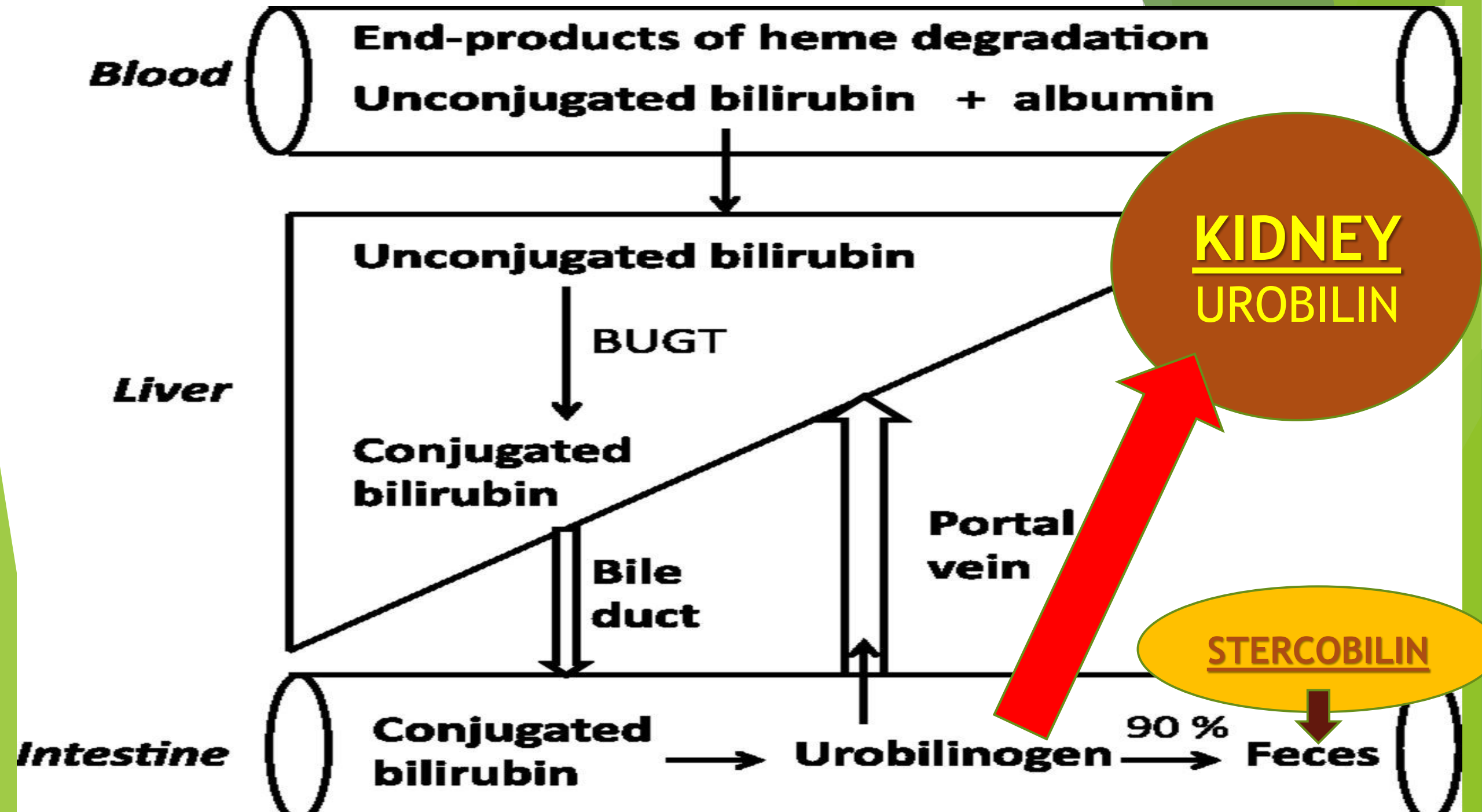
**Biconcave shape that has a huge surface area to volume ratio. This is essential for gas exchange**

**Cytoskeletal protein (ankyrin ; spectrin) prevent RBC deformity and resist fragmentation particularly when they transverse through micovasculature (spleen)**

**cytoplasm is filled with hemoglobin (Hb)**

**ATP is generated anaerobically, so the erythrocytes do not consume the oxygen they transport.**





# RBC, RBC indices and Polycythemia

## Mean Corpuscular Volume (MCV):

MCV refers to the average size of the RBCs constituting the sample and is expressed as femtoliters ( $10^{-15}$ ; fl) (normal: 80-100 fL )

## Mean Corpuscular Hb Concentration (MCHC):

MCHC correlates the hemoglobin content in the red blood cell contained within the sample. It is expressed as g/dl of red blood cells or as a percentage value. Reference interval for adults is typically 32 - 36 g/dL.

## Red Cell Distribution Width (RDW):

RDW represents the coefficient of variation of the red blood cell volume distribution (size) and is expressed as a percentage.

Hematocrit: The hematocrit is a ratio of the volume of red blood cells to the whole blood (45% to 52% for men and 37% to 48% for women)

# RBC, RBC indices and Polycythemia

The hemoglobin of red cells is located peripherally, leaving an area of central pallor equal to approximately 30 to 45% of the diameter of the cells. Cells of normal size and hemoglobin content (color) are termed *normocytic* and *normochromic*

Larger than normal erythrocytes are macrocytes (diameter greater than 9  $\mu\text{m}$ ); small red cells are microcytes (diameter less than 6  $\mu\text{m}$ ); and those with central pallor greater than 50% of the diameter are hypochromic

Abnormal variability in size is termed *anisocytosis*  
unusual variation in shape is called *poikilocytosis*

A 32-year-old woman with type 1 diabetes mellitus has had progressive renal failure over the past 2 years. She has not yet started dialysis. Examination shows no abnormalities. Her hemoglobin is 9 g/dL, hematocrit is 28%, and mean corpuscular volume is 94  $\mu\text{m}^3$ . A blood smear shows normochromic, normocytic cells. most likely cause of anemia?

- (A) Acute blood loss    (B) Erythrocyte enzyme deficiency  
(C) Erythropoietin deficiency    (D) Immuno-hemolysis  
(E) Microangiopathic hemolysis    (F) Sickle cell disease

# POLYCYTHEMIA

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graph TD; A[POLYCYTHEMIA] --> B[ABSOLUTE]; A --> C[RELATIVE]; B --> D["PRIMARY  
PV- JAK2 gene  
mutation"]; B --> E["SECONDARY  
COPD  
OBSTRUCTIVE SLEEP  
APNEA"];
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The diagram is a hierarchical flowchart. At the top is a box labeled 'POLYCYTHEMIA'. A line from this box branches into two boxes: 'ABSOLUTE' on the left and 'RELATIVE' on the right. From the 'ABSOLUTE' box, another line branches into two boxes: 'PRIMARY' (with 'PV- JAK2 gene mutation' below it) on the left, and 'SECONDARY' (with 'COPD', 'OBSTRUCTIVE SLEEP', and 'APNEA' listed below it) on the right. The 'RELATIVE' box has no further sub-classifications shown.

**ABSOLUTE**

**RELATIVE**

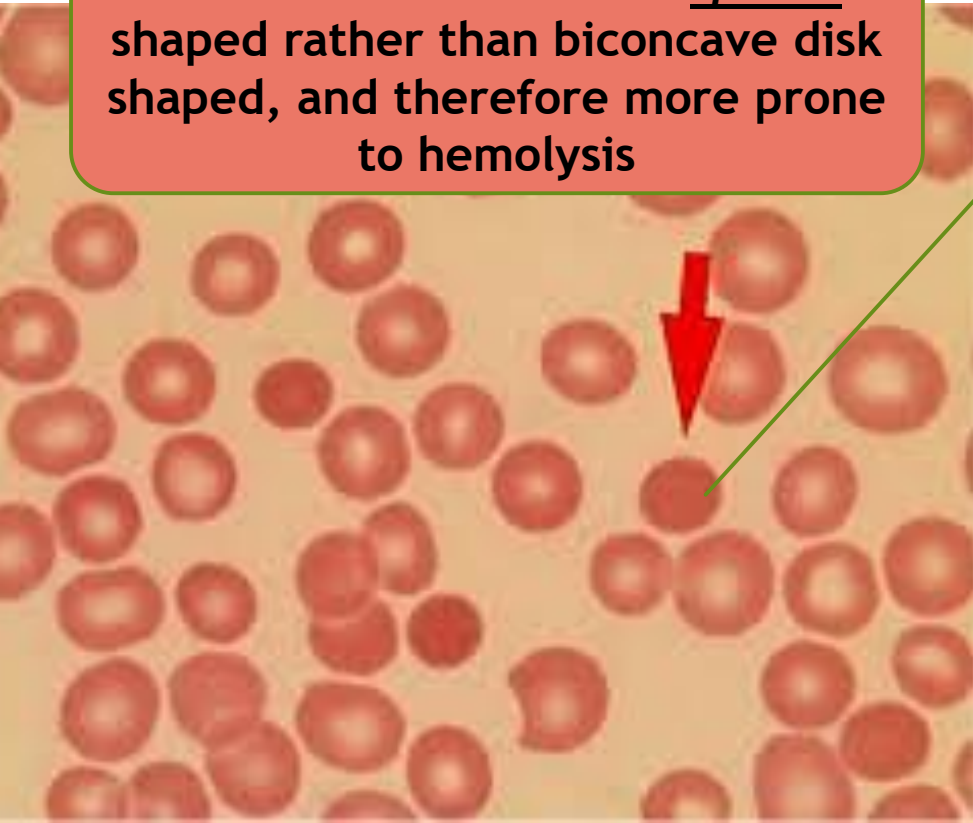
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PV- JAK2 gene  
mutation

**SECONDARY**  
COPD  
OBSTRUCTIVE SLEEP  
APNEA

# RBC, RBC indices and Polycythemia

## Hereditary Spherocytosis

red blood cells that are sphere shaped rather than biconcave disk shaped, and therefore more prone to hemolysis



Defect

### Osmotic Fragility Test

Fragile Spherocytes do not tolerate the (hypotonic) saline solution well and will burst their membranes sooner than normal cells.

Sub

### The eosin-5-maleimide (EMA) binding test performed by flow cytometry

P

A

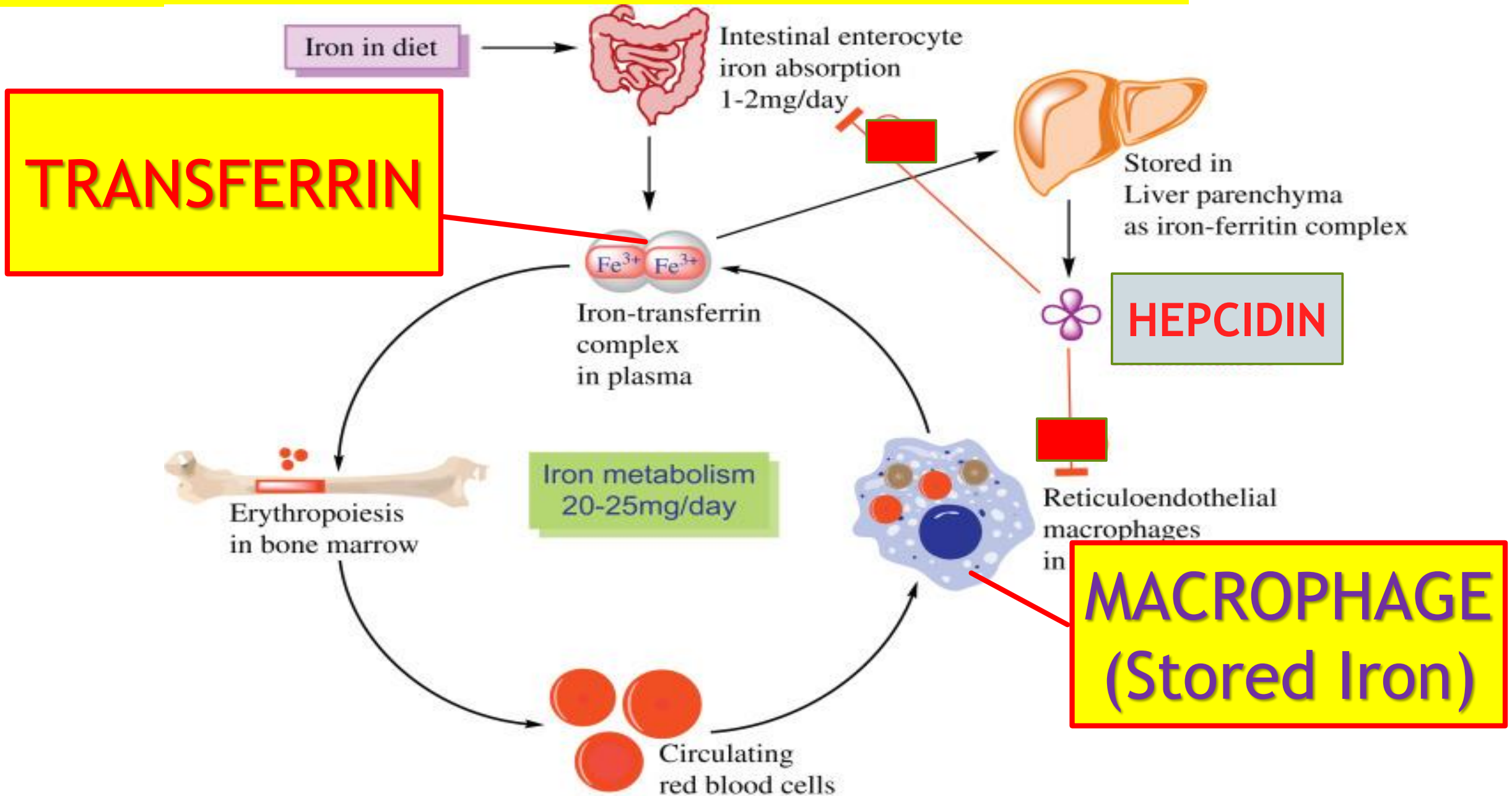
decreased expression of red blood cell membrane proteins found in HS causes a reduced binding of EMA to band-3 protein and its fluorescence emission

**A 55-yr old man with 1yr Hx of fatigue, daytime hypersomnolence.**

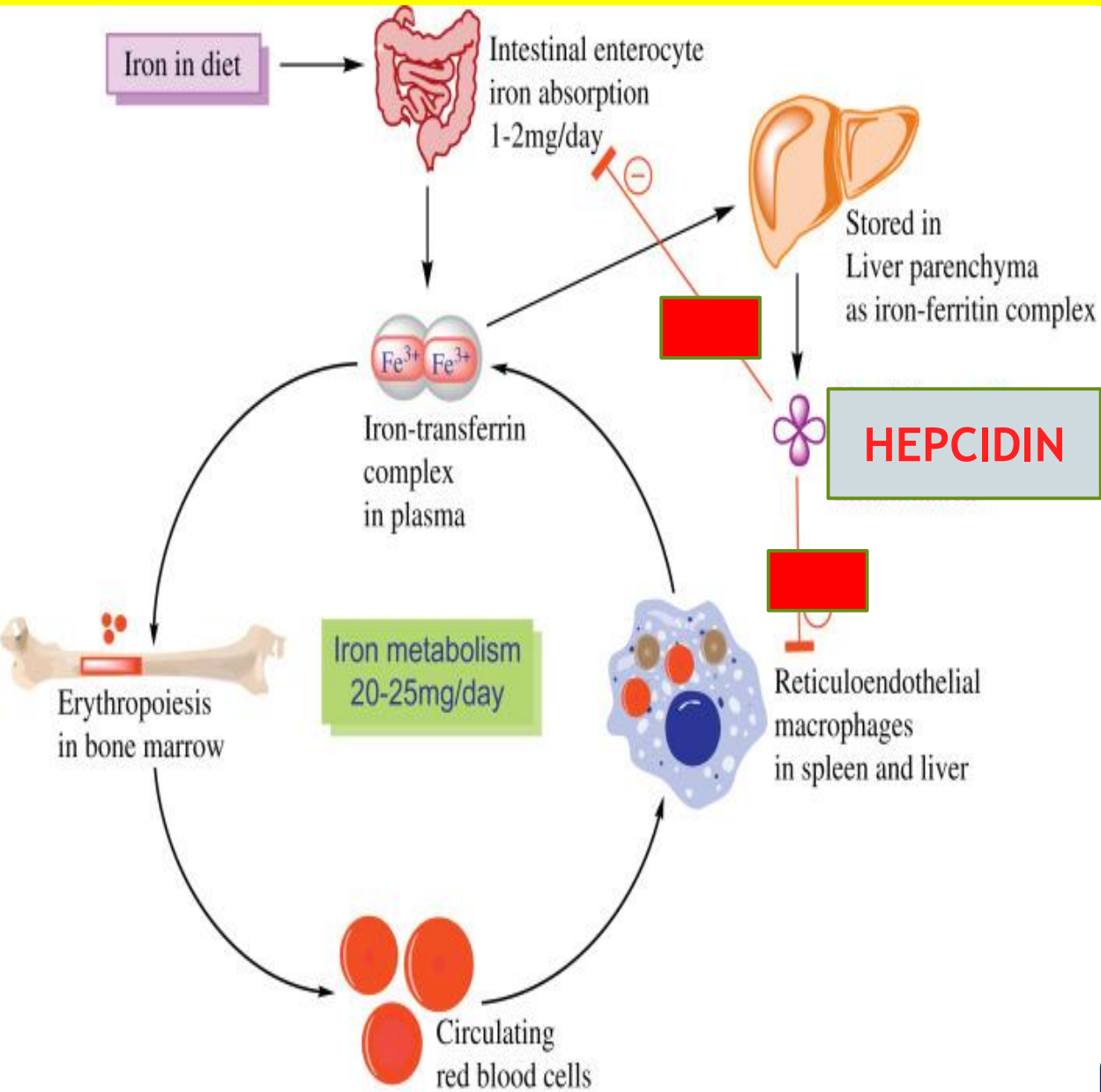
**Hypertensive & smoking since 30 years. BP 135/85, Pulse 84, RR 28/min. BMI 35. Lab Hct 58% (↑), WBC normal, Plt ↑, EPO raised, JAK2 gene mutation negative. Why Hct elevated:**

- a. Relative polycythemia**
- b. High oxygen affinity Hb**
- c. Secondary polycythemia**
- d. Polycythemia vera**

# IRON METABOLISM AND MICROCYTIC ANEMIA



# IRON METABOLISM AND MICROCYTIC ANEMIA



**Ferrous vs Ferric sources of iron? Which is better?**

**Transferrin vs Ferritin?**  
**Hemosiderin?**  
**TIBC vs Transferrin saturation?**

**Ferritin in Liver vs Ferritin in macrophages?**

# IRON METABOLISM AND MICROCYTIC ANEMIA

## IRON DEFICIENCY ANEMIA

MCV

LOW

RDW

HIGH

FERRITIN

LOW

TIBC

HIGH

TRANS.SATU.

LOW

# IRON METABOLISM AND MICROCYTIC ANEMIA

|                          | IDA  | ACD    | THALASSEMIA |
|--------------------------|------|--------|-------------|
| MCV                      | LOW  | LOW    | LOW         |
| RDW                      | HIGH | NORMAL | NORMAL      |
| FERRITIN                 | LOW  | HIGH   | NORMAL      |
| TIBC                     | HIGH | LOW    | NORMAL      |
| TRANS.SAT <sub>u</sub> . | LOW  | HIGH   | NORMAL      |

***65YR OLD PRESENTS WITH FATIGUE & MALAISE. APPEARS PALE. BLOOD TEST SHOWS Hb 8.0g/dl, Hct 30%, MCV 65, Reticulocyte 0.5%. Iron studies results:***

***Ferritin – TIBC – Transferrin saturation***

- A. high – low – high***
- B. low - low – low***
- C. Low – high – low***
- D. low – high - high***

- ▶ **SERUM FERRITIN** IS THE SINGLE BEST TEST IN DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN IDA AND Anemia of Chronic Disease (Inflammatory anemia)

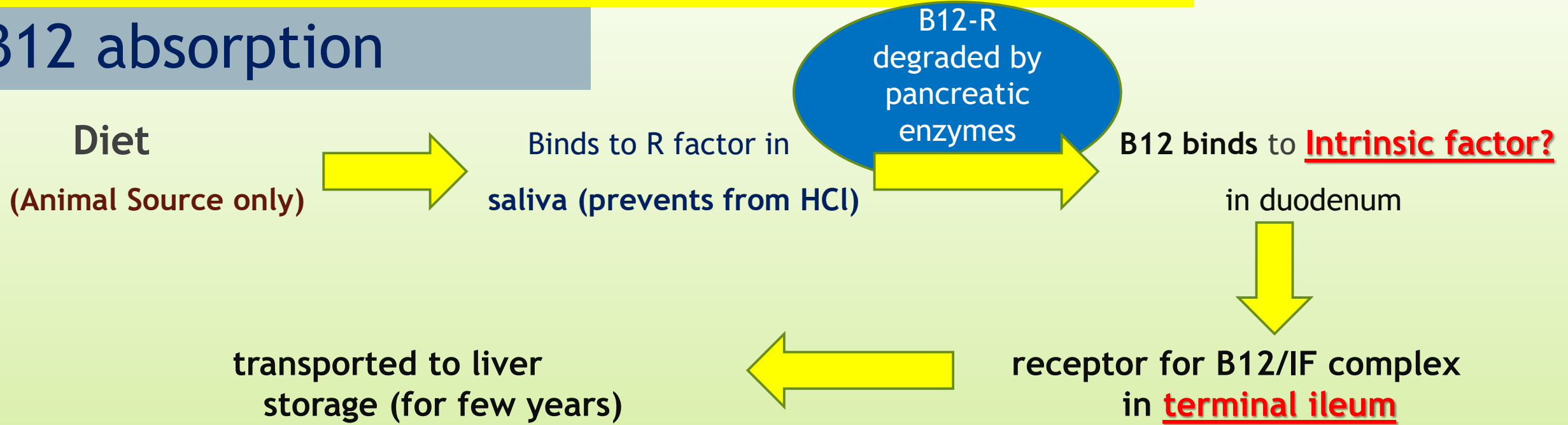
**Source  
transpo**

***Trans***

**AVOID SIMULTANEOUS  
INTAKE OF  
IRON (SOURCE)  
AND  
CALCIUM (SOURCE)  
(particularly in  
infants/children)**

# B12, Folic Acid and Macrocytic Anemia

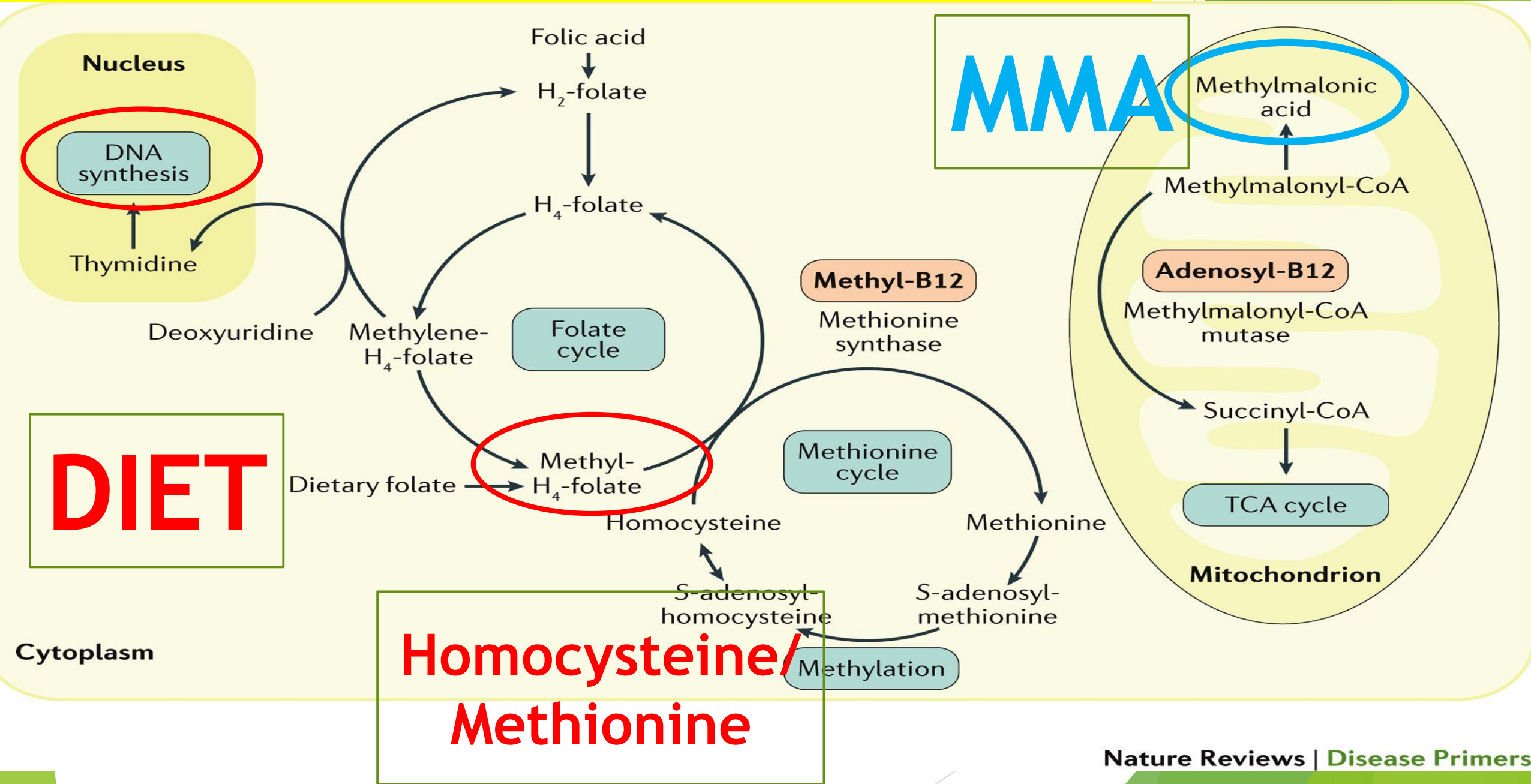
## B12 absorption



**Folic Acid is present in animal and plant products ; absorbed as monoglutamate in jejunum.**

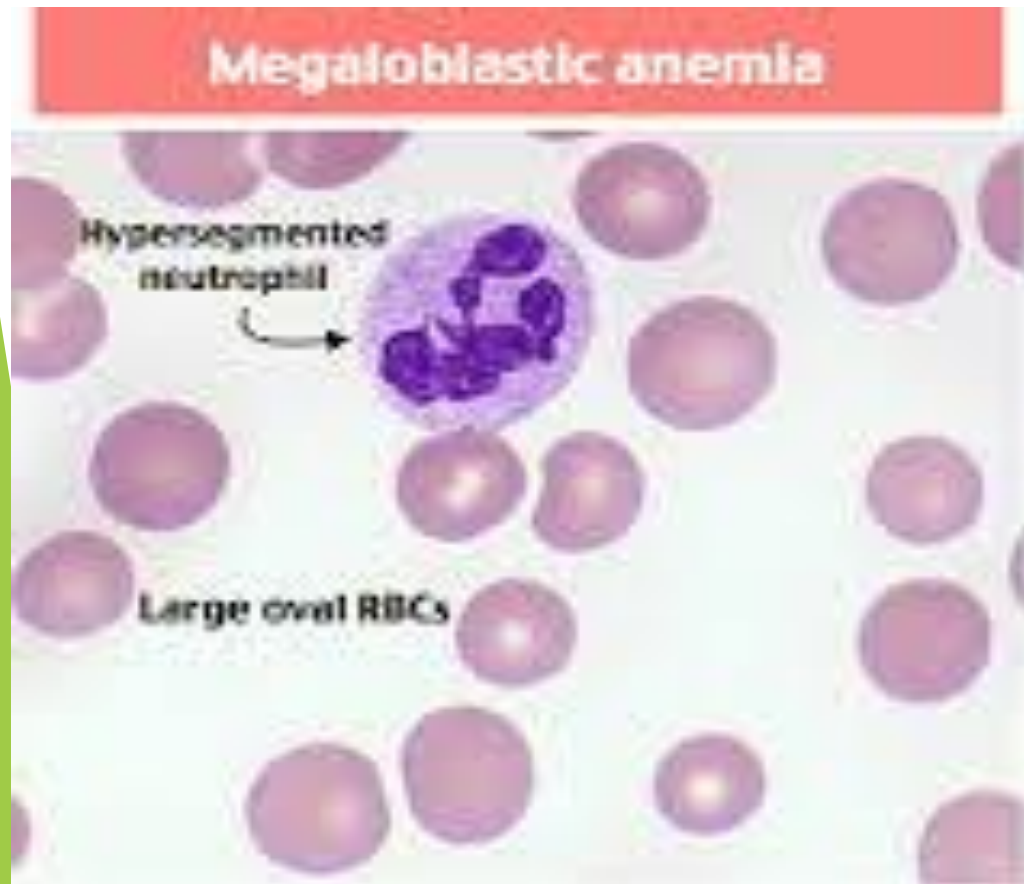
- **In intestinal cells , monoglutamates are converted to N<sup>5</sup> - methyl-FH<sub>4</sub>, which is primary circulating form of folate in blood (for 3-4 months).**
- **Phenytoin, Alcohol, OCP may interfere with folate (monoglutamates) absorption.**
- **Is b12 synthesized by intestinal bacteria?why cannot it be absorbed?**

# B12, Folic Acid and Macrocytic Anemia



# B12, Folic Acid and Macrocytic Anemia

## Ineffective Erythrocytosis



B12/Folic acid deficiency



Impaired DNA synthesis



Premature death of immature appearing erythoblast cells



Maturation Failure



Ineffective Erythrocytosis

**1 YR old child PRESENTS WITH pallor and irritability. Stool Negative for occult blood, parasites and ova. Lab reveals Hb: 6.5mg/dl WBC 6000;Platelets 200,000. MCV: 68. Peripheral smear shows anisocytosis, poikilocytosis, microcytosis. Cause?**

***A. Iron Deficiency Anemia***

***B. Macrocytic anemia***

***C. Folate deficiency***

***D. Normocytic anemia***

# CLASSIFICATION OF ANEMIA

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graph TD; A[CLASSIFICATION OF ANEMIA] --> B[MCV]; B --> C[LOW]; B --> D[NORMAL]; B --> E[INCREASED]; C --> F["MICROCYTIC<br/><80"]; D --> G["NORMOCYTIC<br/>80-96fL<br/>(Observe<br/>Reticulocyte count)"]; E --> H["MACROCYTIC<br/>>96"];
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**MCV**

**LOW**

**MICROCYTIC**  
**<80**

**NORMAL**

**NORMOCYTIC**  
**80-96fL**  
(Observe  
Reticulocyte count)

**INCREASED**

**MACROCYTIC**  
**>96**

**ANEMIA**

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graph TD; A[ANEMIA] --> B[RETICULOCYTE COUNT]; B --> C[NORMAL]; B --> D[INCREASED]; C --> E[MICROCYTIC <80]; C --> F[NORMOCYTIC 80-96fL]; C --> G[MACROCYTIC >96];
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A flowchart illustrating the classification of anemia. It starts with 'ANEMIA' at the top, leading to 'RETICULOCYTE COUNT'. This count is divided into 'NORMAL' and 'INCREASED'. 'NORMAL' further branches into 'MICROCYTIC' (MCV <80), 'NORMOCYTIC' (MCV 80-96fL), and 'MACROCYTIC' (MCV >96). The boxes are green with white text, and the flow is indicated by blue lines.

**RETICULOCYTE  
COUNT**

**NORMAL**

**INCREASED**

**MICROCYTIC**  
**<80**

**NORMOCYTIC**  
**80-96fL**

**MACROCYTIC**  
**>96**