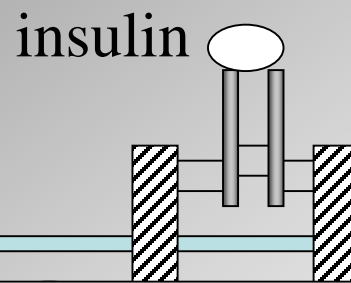
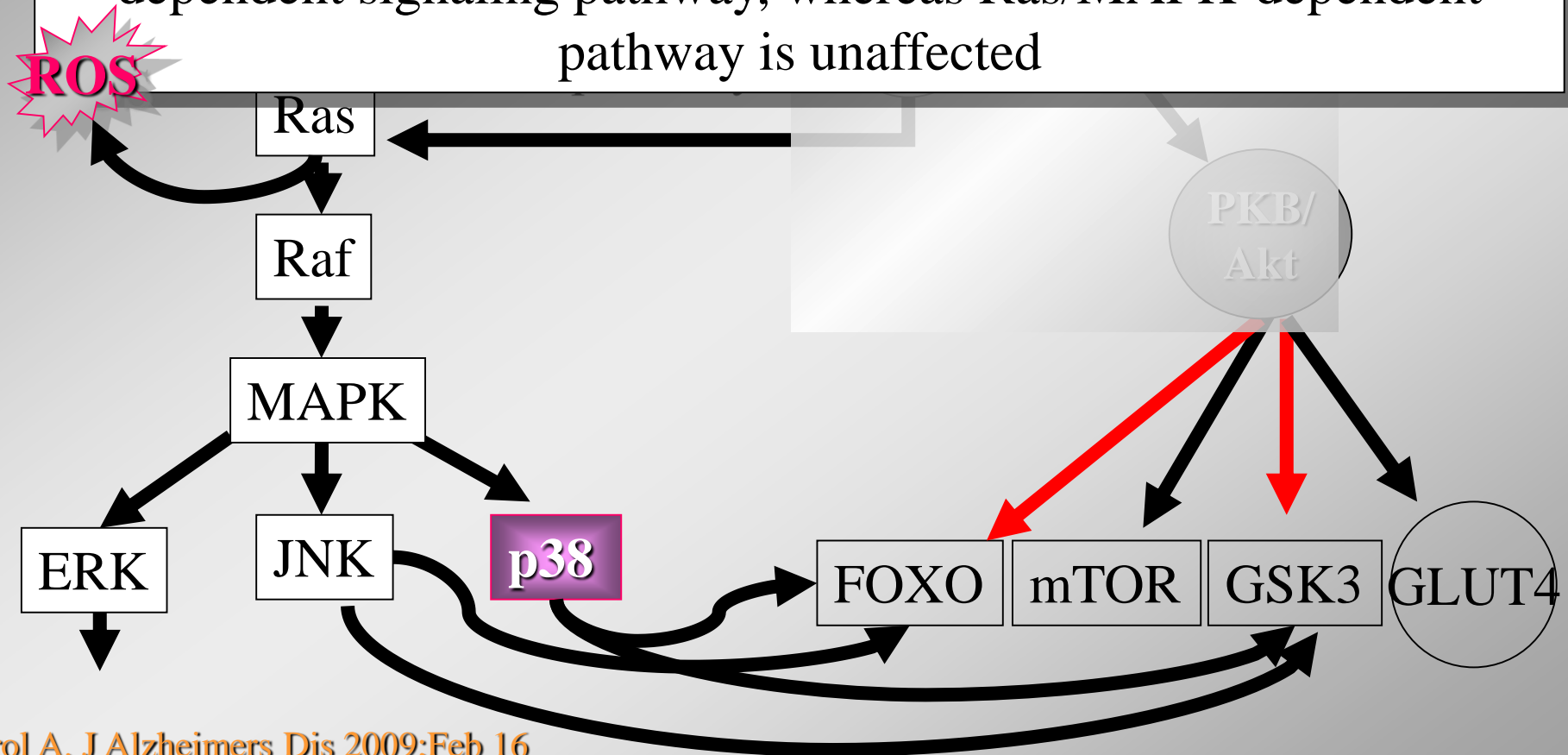


# Metabolically-induced paradoxical cell cycle activity in astrocytes and neurons linked to neurodegeneration

**Adnan Erol MD.**



Insulin resistance is characterized by specific impairment in PI3K-dependent signaling pathway, whereas Ras/MAPK-dependent pathway is unaffected

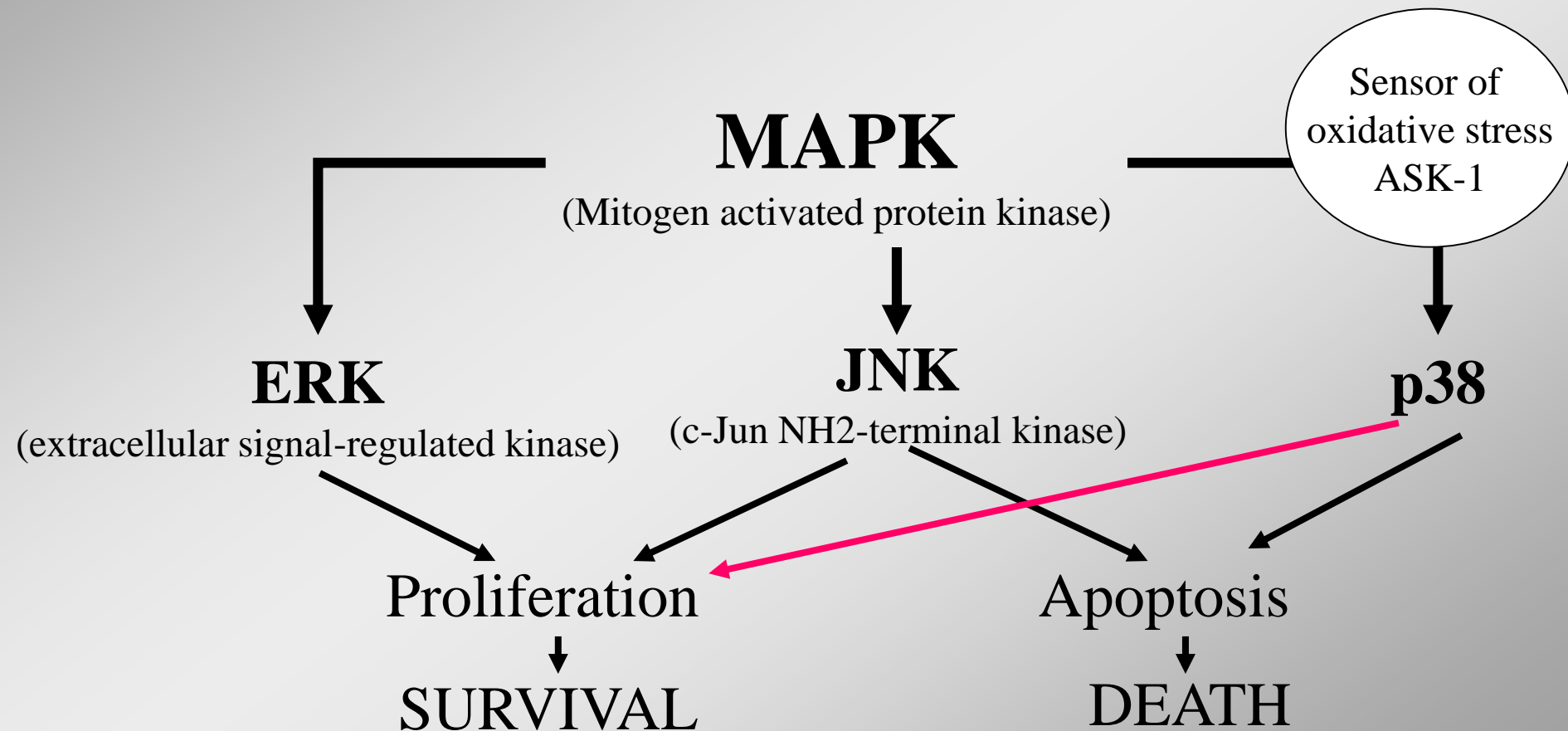


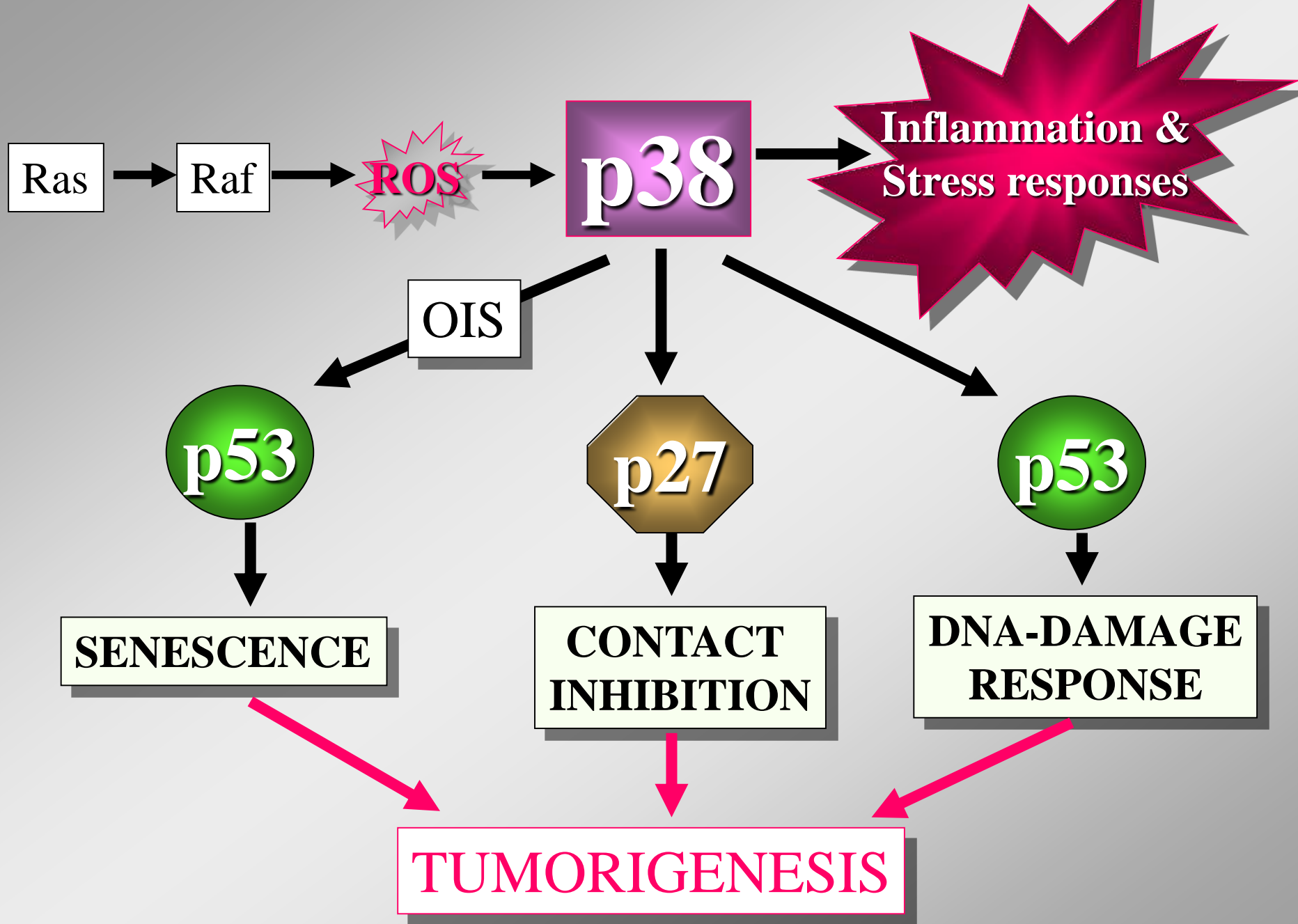
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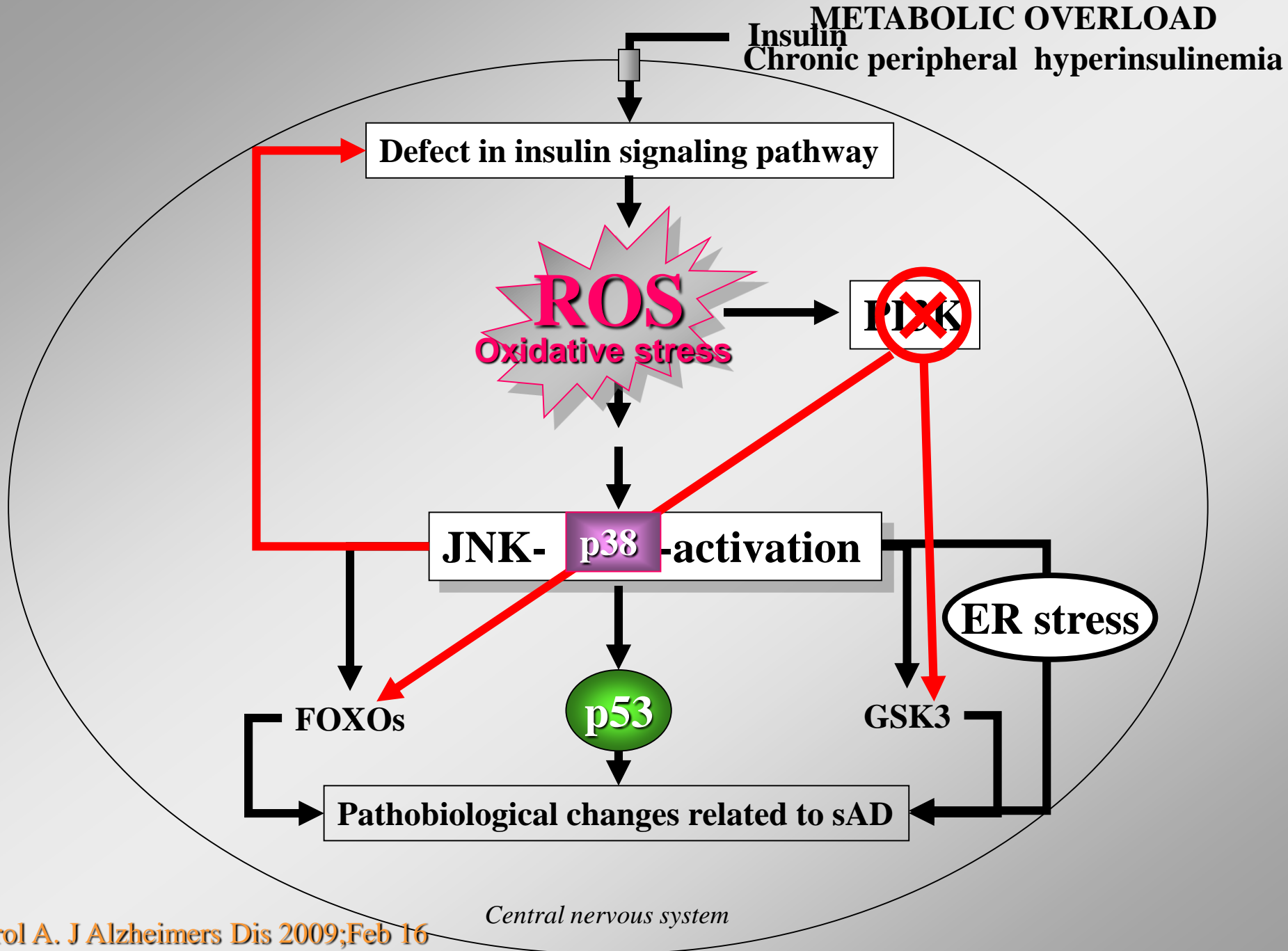
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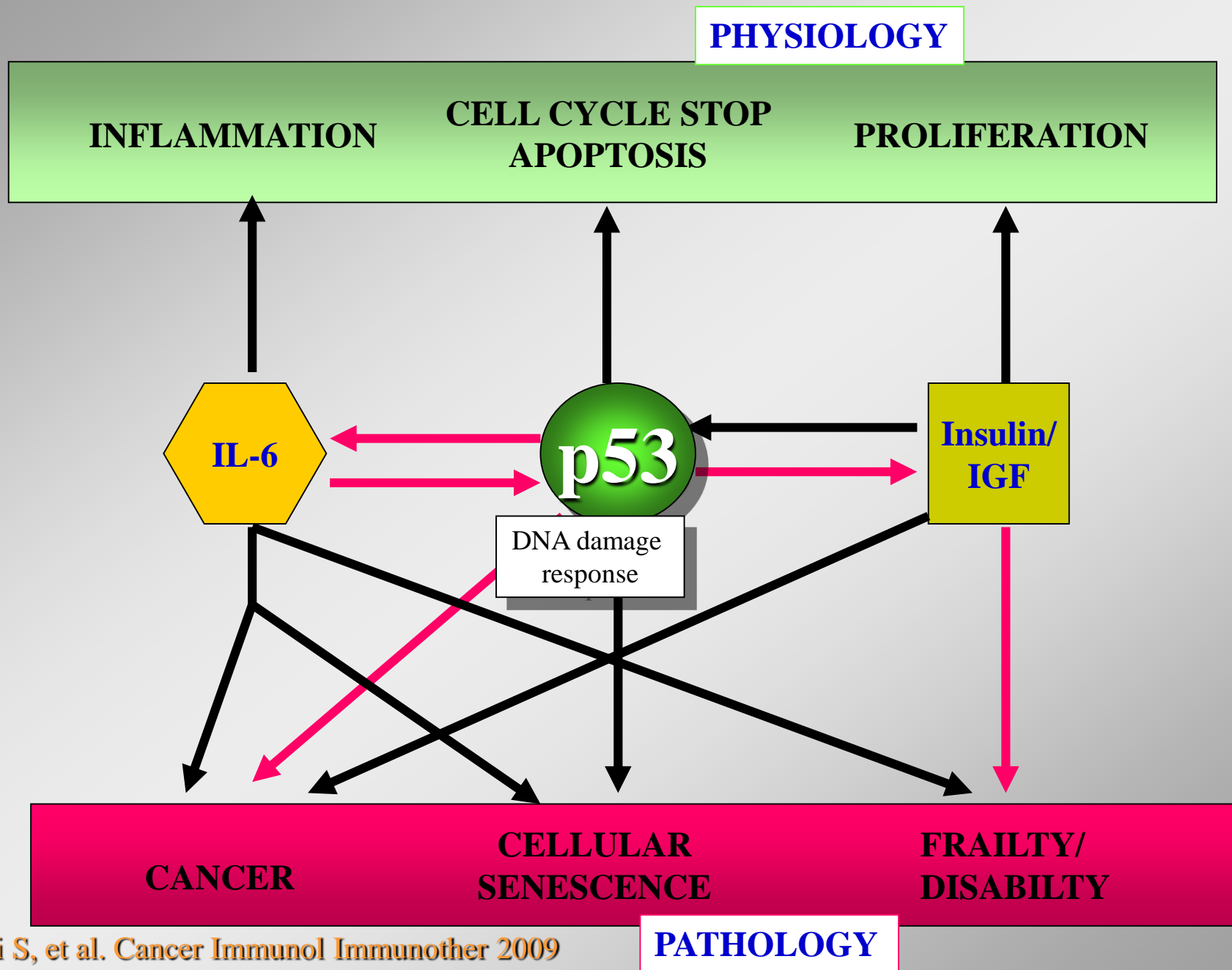
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Cells sense changes in their environment and activate signal transduction pathways to mediate proliferation, differentiation, and survival



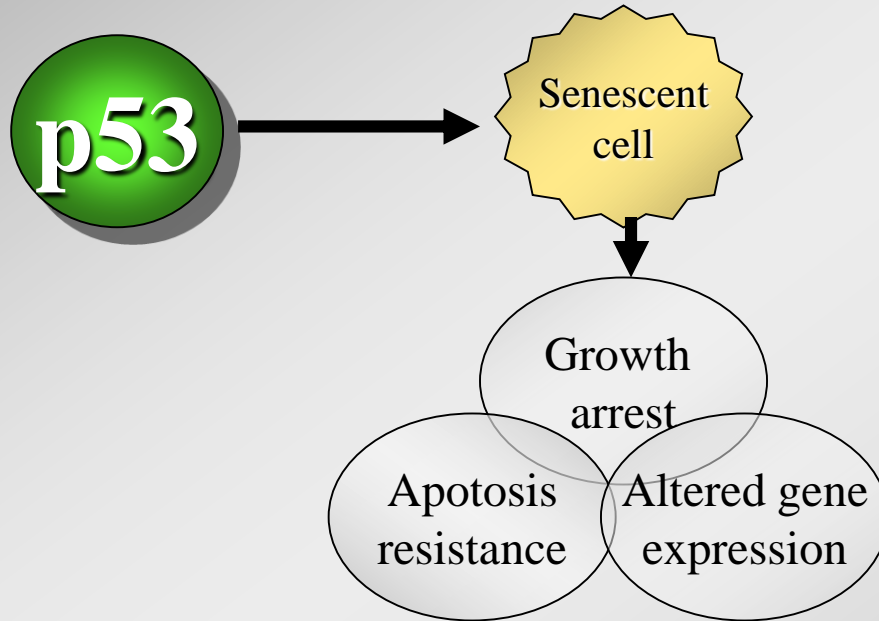




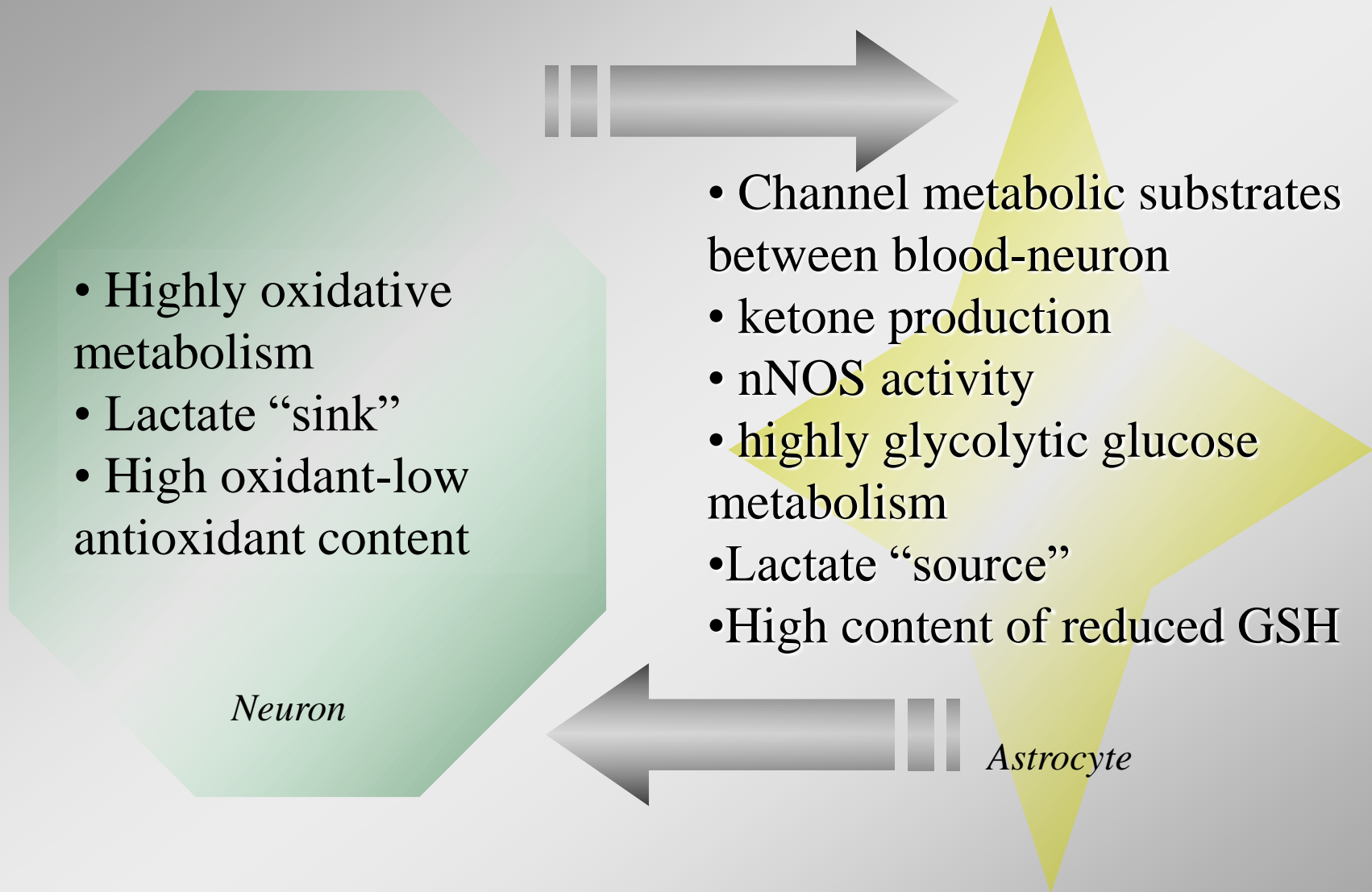


# SENESCENCE

**Metabolically viable cell cycle arrest  
with persistent DNA damage  
signaling**



**Cellular senescence is confined to mitotic cells, which are at  
risk for neoplastic transformation**





# “Cell cycle activation occurs in Alzheimer’s Brain”

**Abstract:** The mechanisms leading to increased hyper-phosphorylation of proteins in Alzheimer's disease (AD) are unknown. We have characterized seven new monoclonal antibodies recognizing independent phospho-epitopes in the paired helical filament proteins (PHF) found in AD brain. These antibodies show pronounced immunoreactivity with cultured human neuroblastoma cells that are in the M phase of cell division.

These data suggest that the appearance of the TG/MC phospho-epitopes with activation of mitotic protein kinase with the activity of the neuronal specific cdk5. These data suggest that these epitopes are conserved mitotic phospho-epitopes produced as a result of increased mitotic kinase activity. To investigate this possibility in AD, we exam-

## “Two-hit hypothesis”

### First hit

- Activation of the mitotic processes
- Induction of oxidative stress

### Second hit

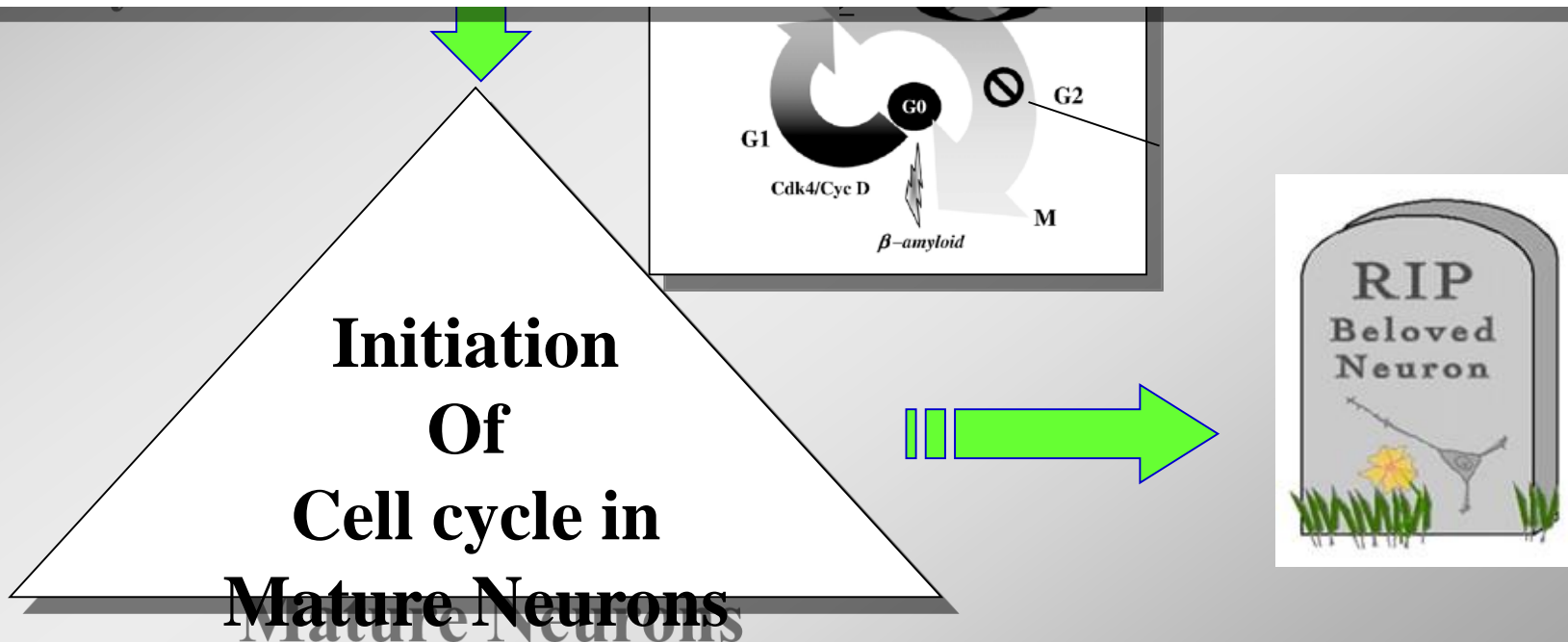
- Increased oxidative stress
- **Activation of cell cycle**

Neuronal adaptive changes

Apoptotic neuronal loss & neurodegeneration

- Growth factor deficiency
  - Synaptic loss
  - **Amyloid beta**
- **Cellular redox changes**

**Any events that force a mature neuron back into the cell cycle are lethal rather than mitogenic for the neuron**



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**IR-related metabolic alterations**

**↑ Oxidative stress in brain**

**DNA damage**

**DDR**

Cell cycle re-entry

*neuron*

**Apoptotic  
neuron**

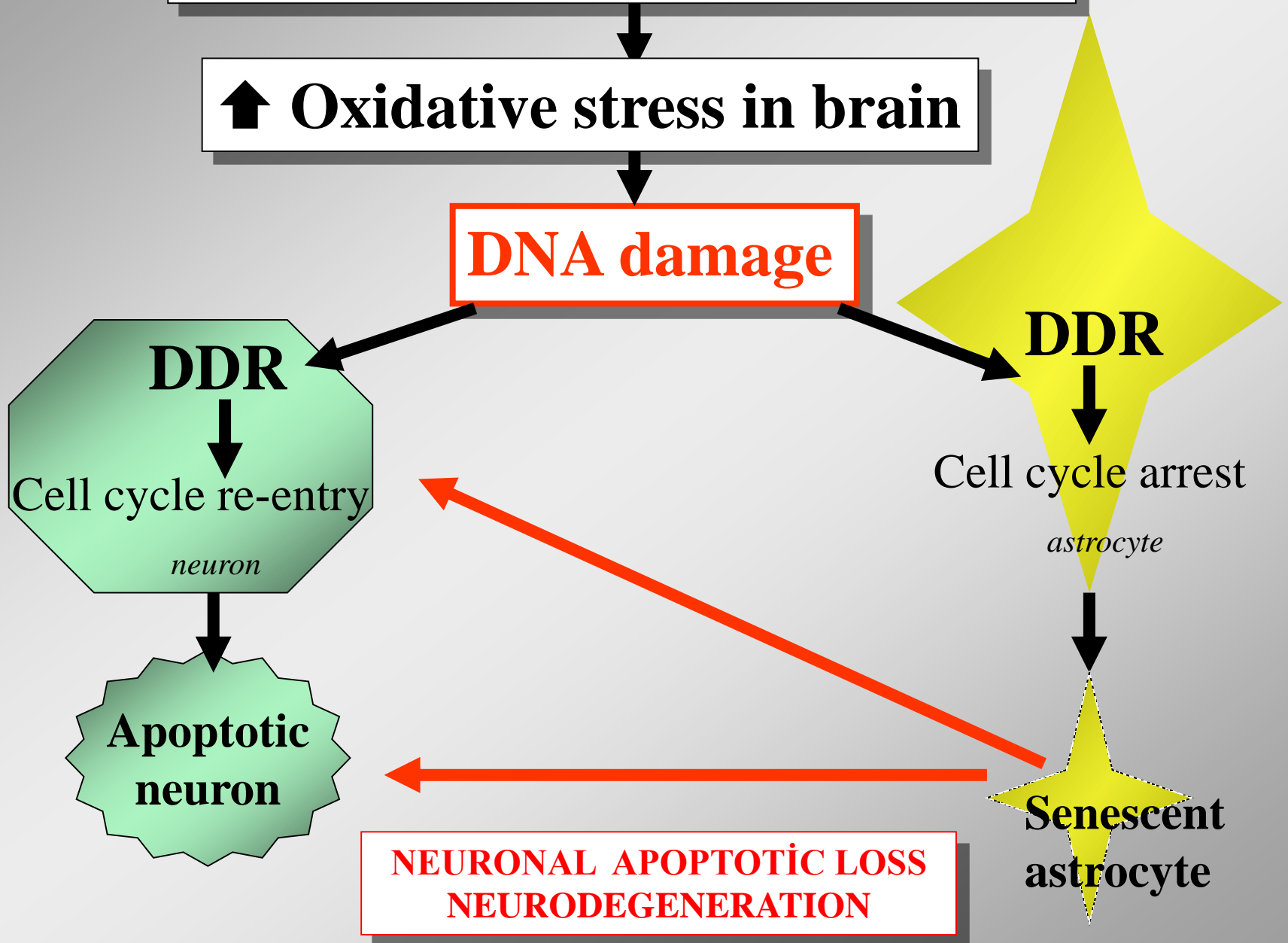
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Cell cycle arrest

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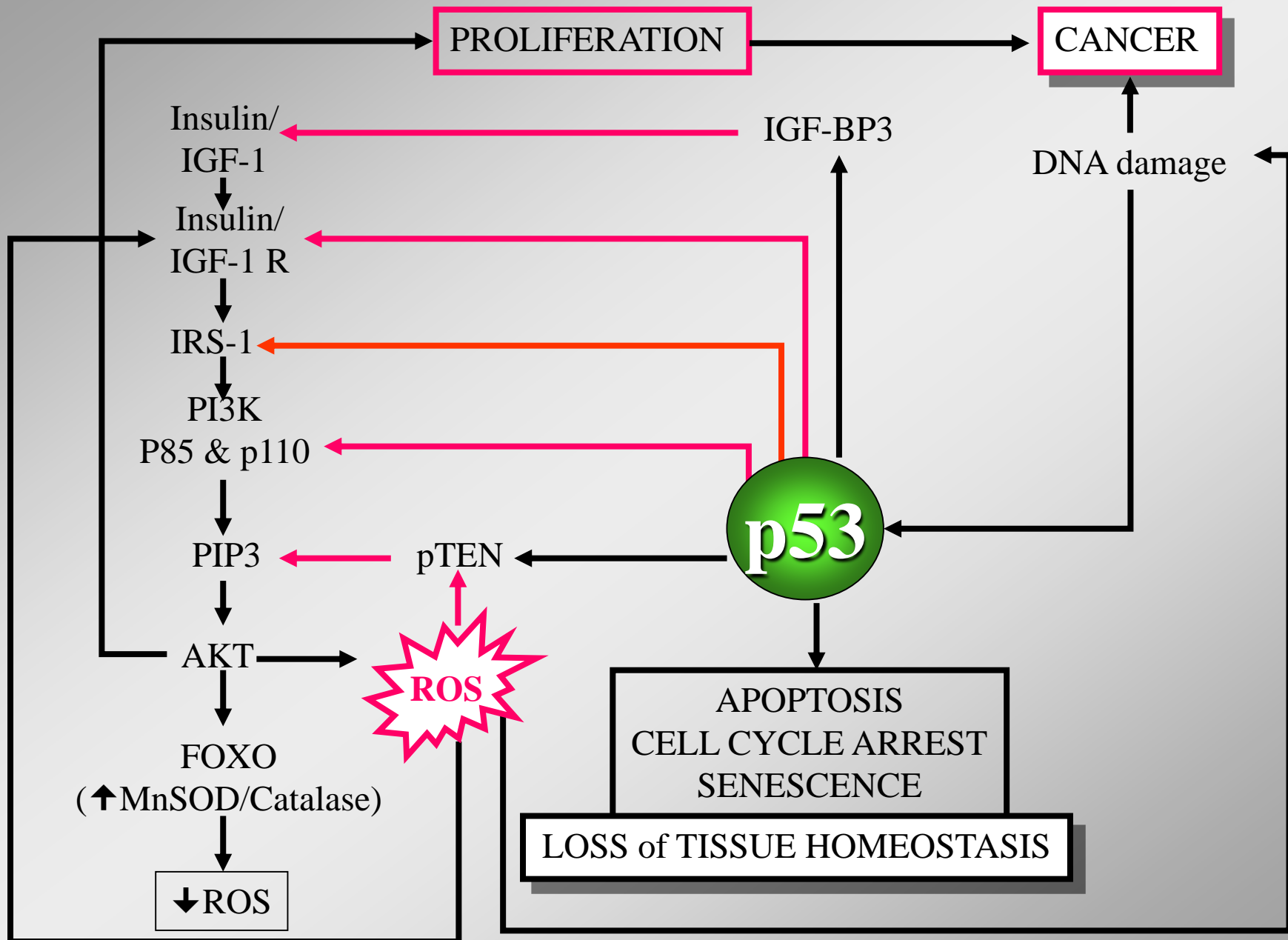
**Senescent  
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**NEURONAL APOPTOTIC LOSS  
NEURODEGENERATION**









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