A detailed microscopic image of various cells, including a large, textured blue cell in the center, surrounded by smaller, more rounded cells in shades of purple, blue, and green. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue.

MEDICINE OF THE FUTURE

Discovering the Cure to Cancer

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What is Cancer?

- Uncontrollable Cell Growth

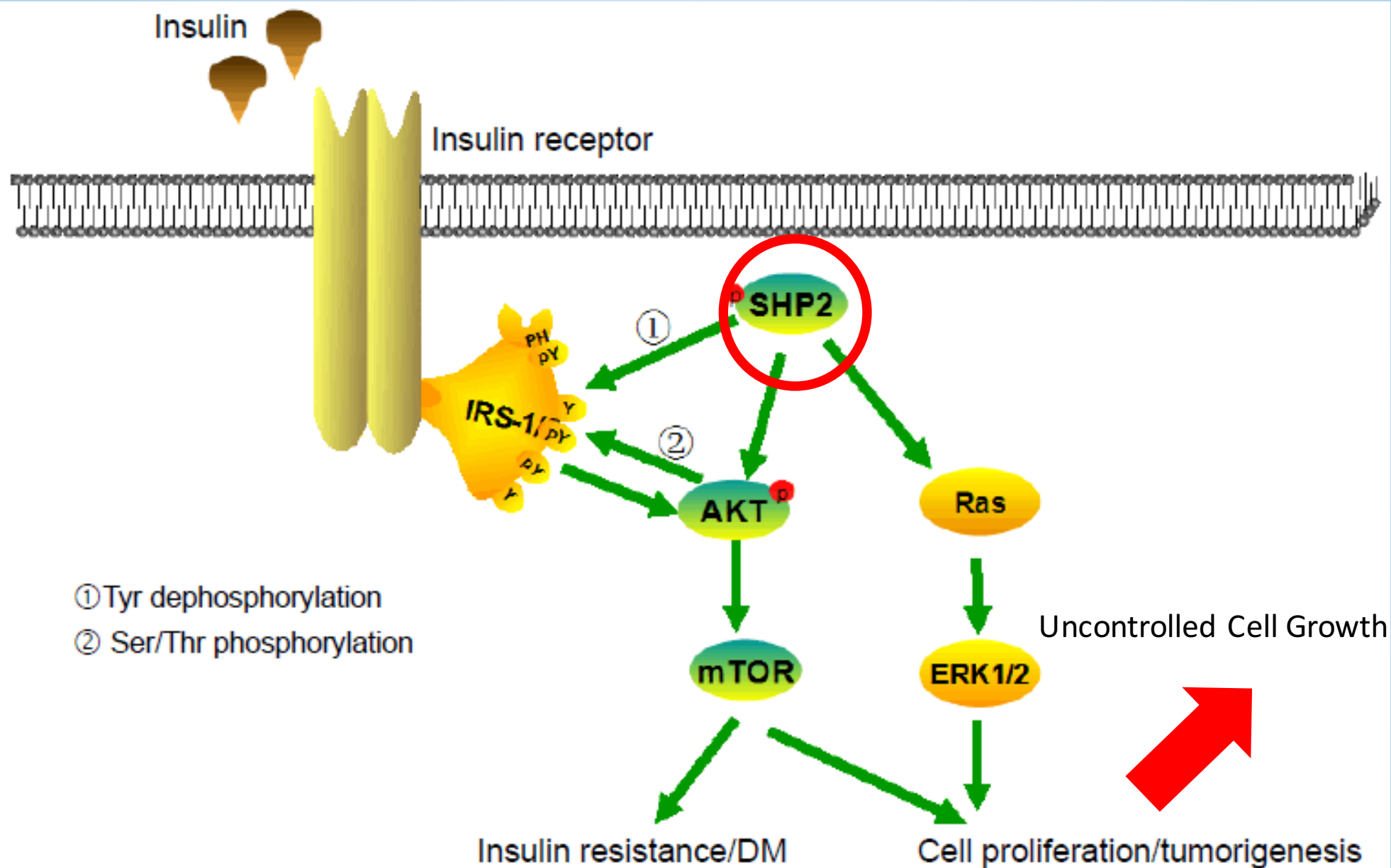
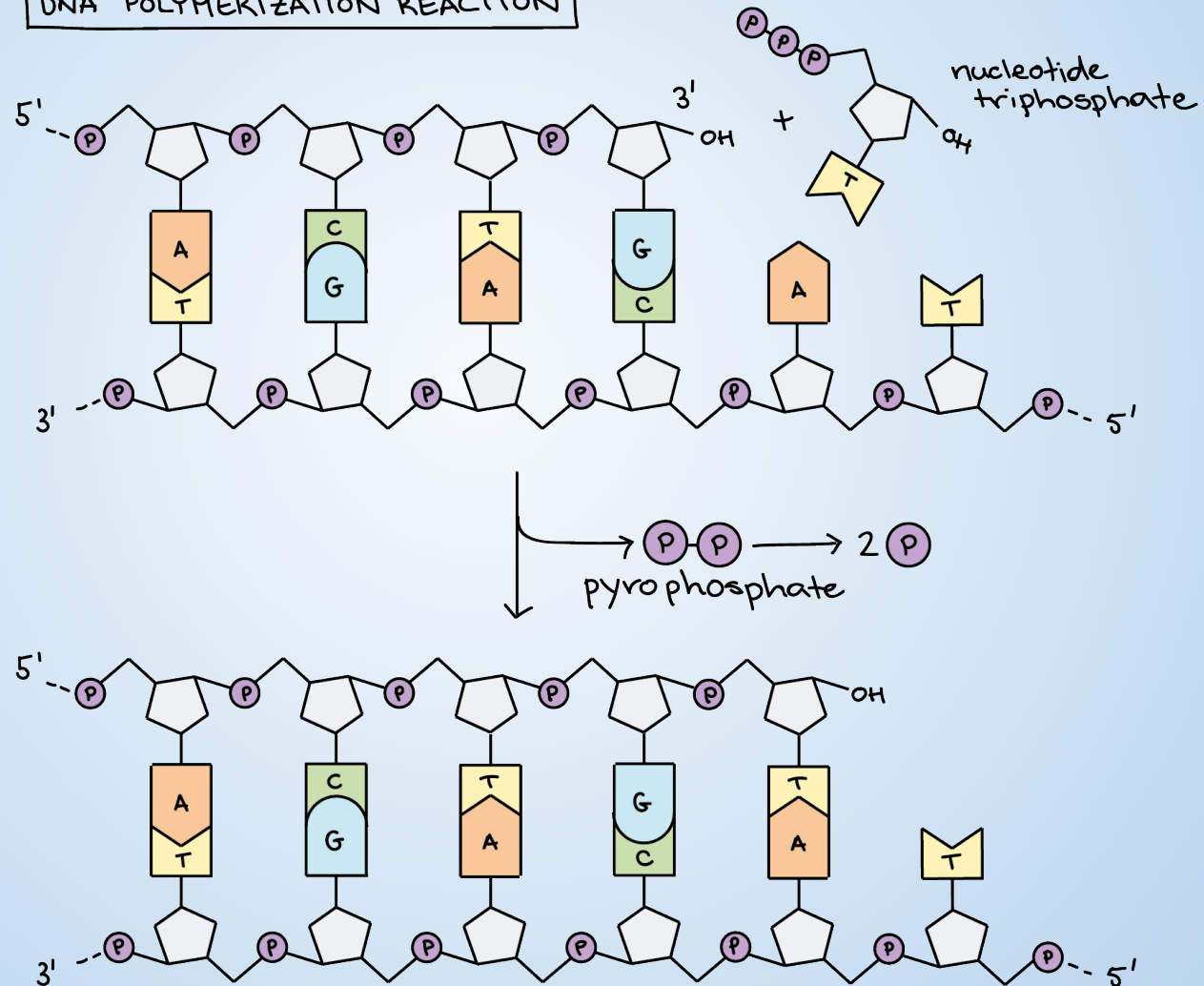


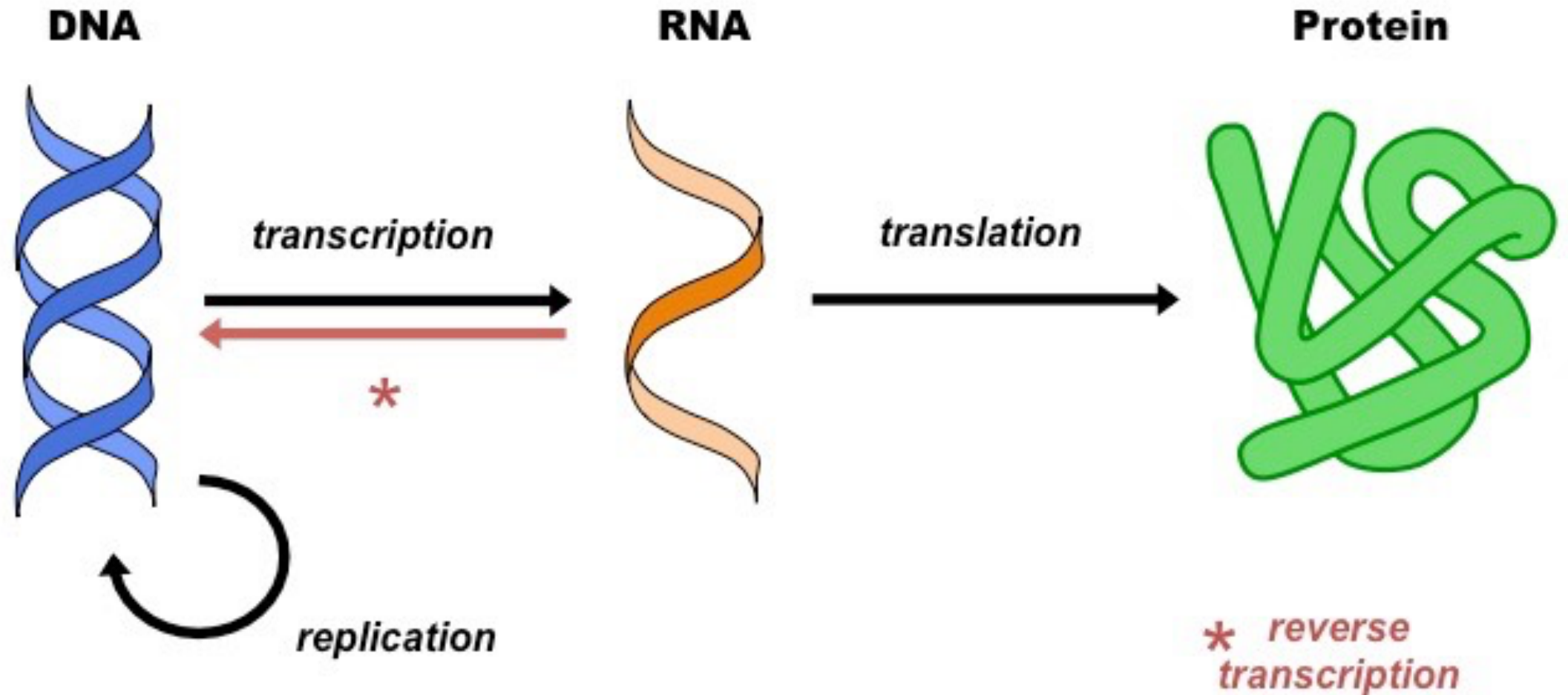
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What Causes Mutations?

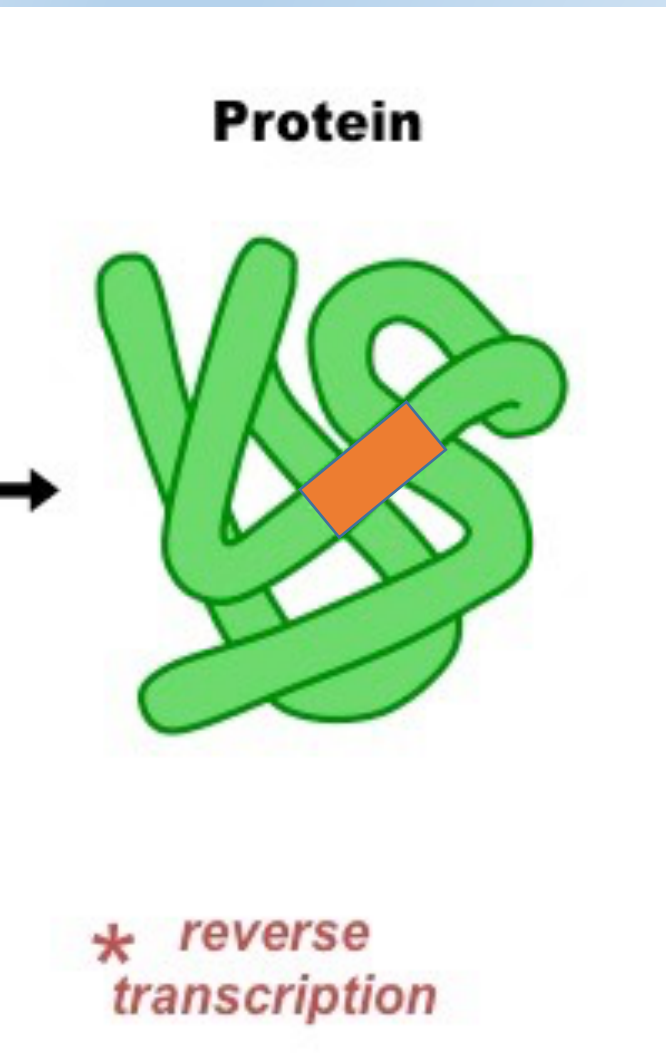
DNA POLYMERIZATION REACTION



Central Dogma



Protein Mutation:



- May lead to new biochemical properties
- May lose ability for regulation

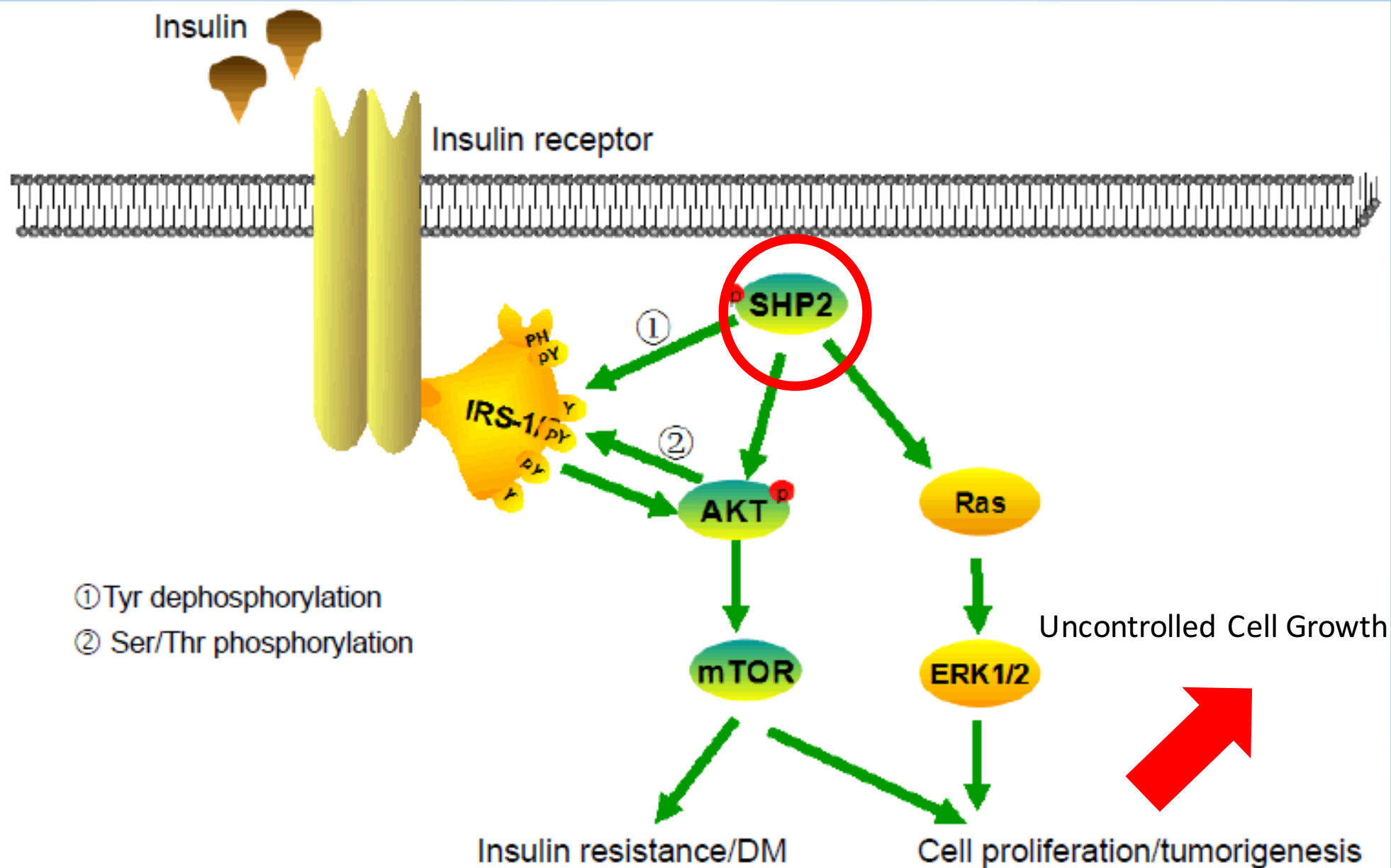
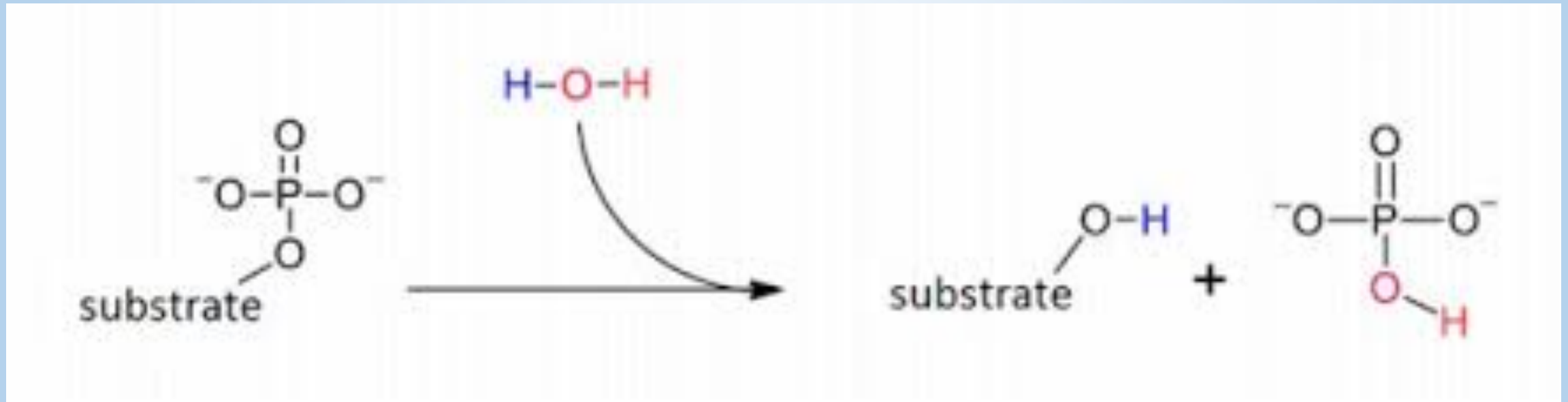
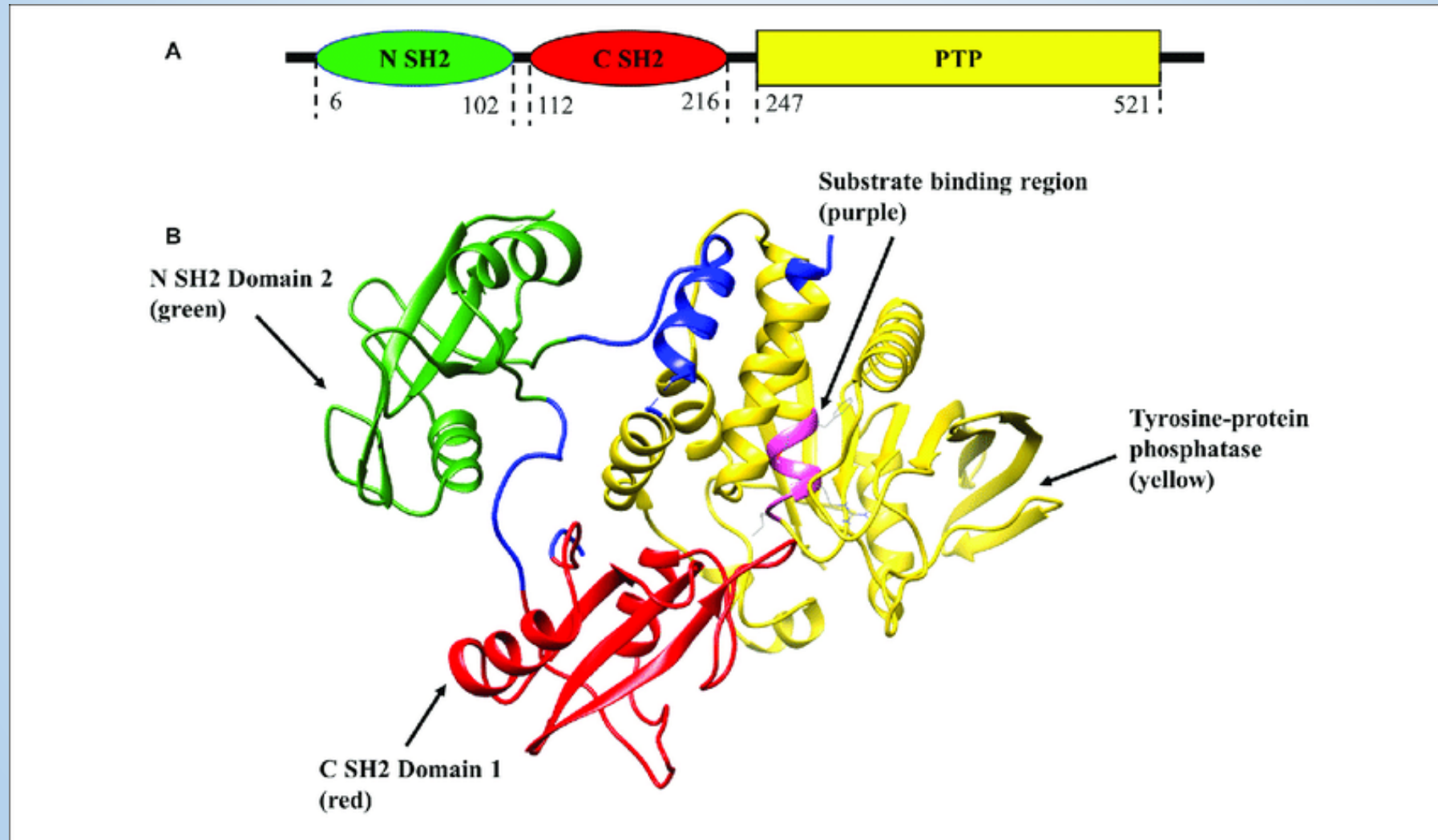


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What's Happening at the Chemical Level?



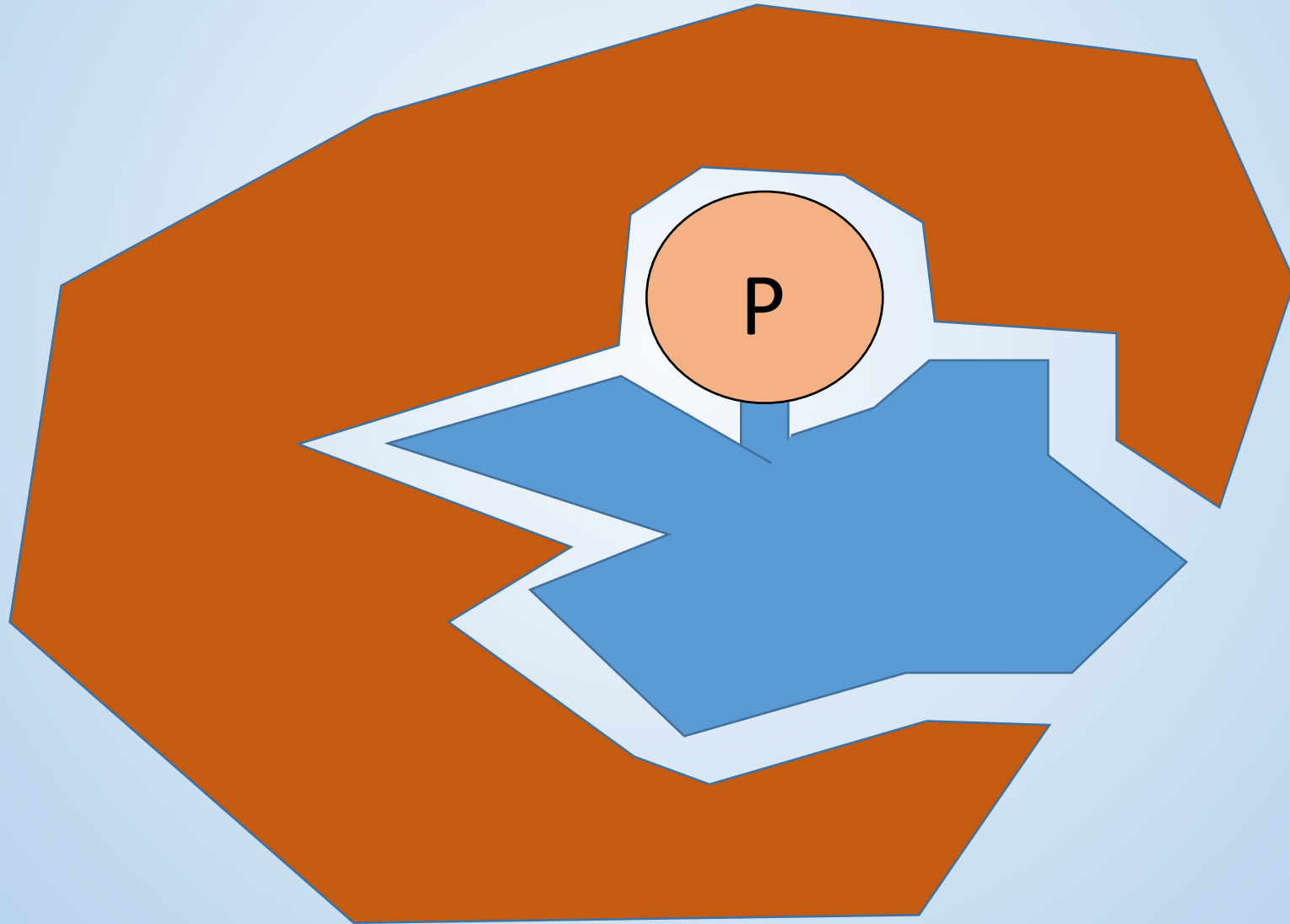
Regulation in Phosphatases



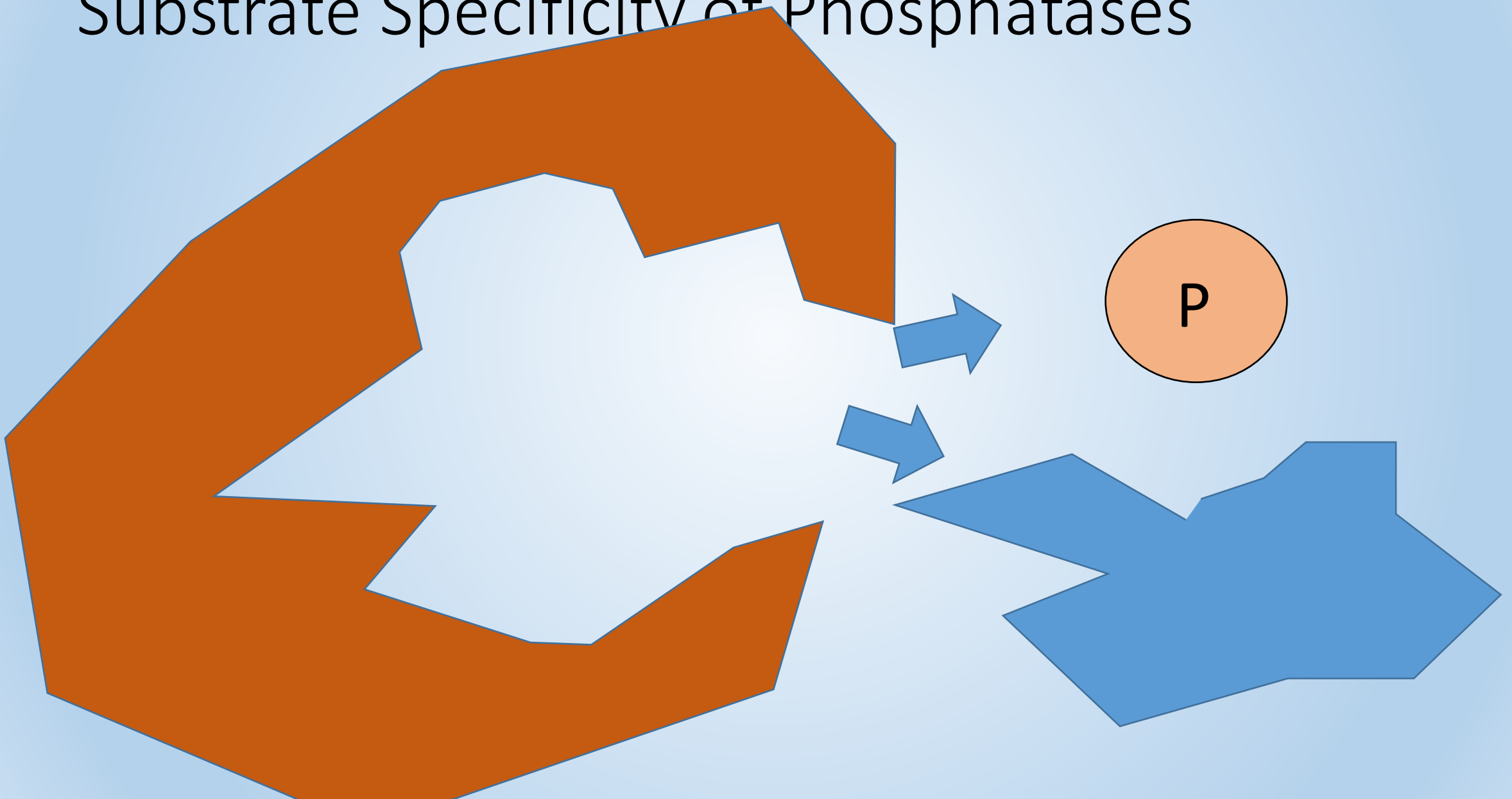
How do we stop constitutive activation?

Drugs!

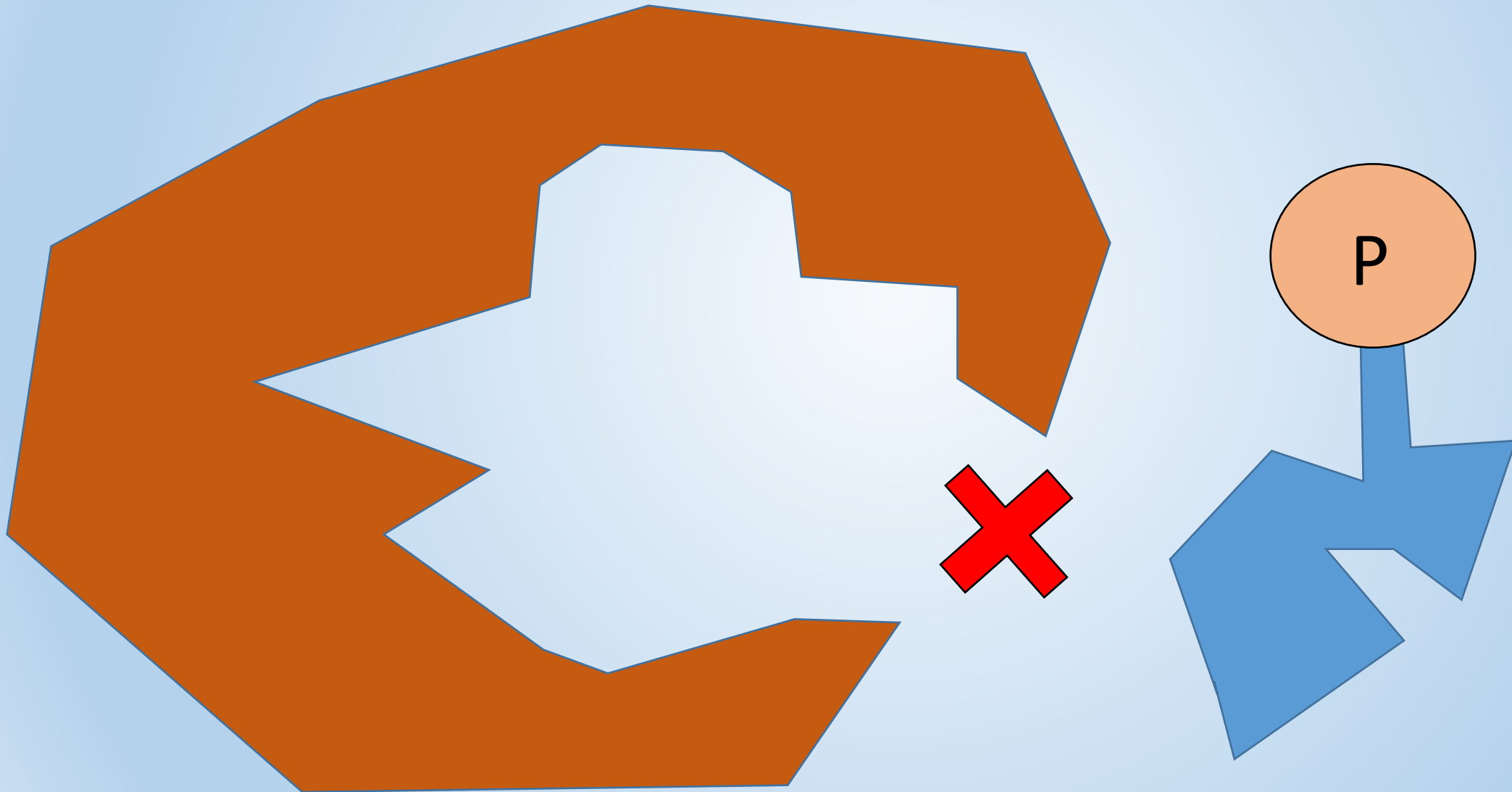
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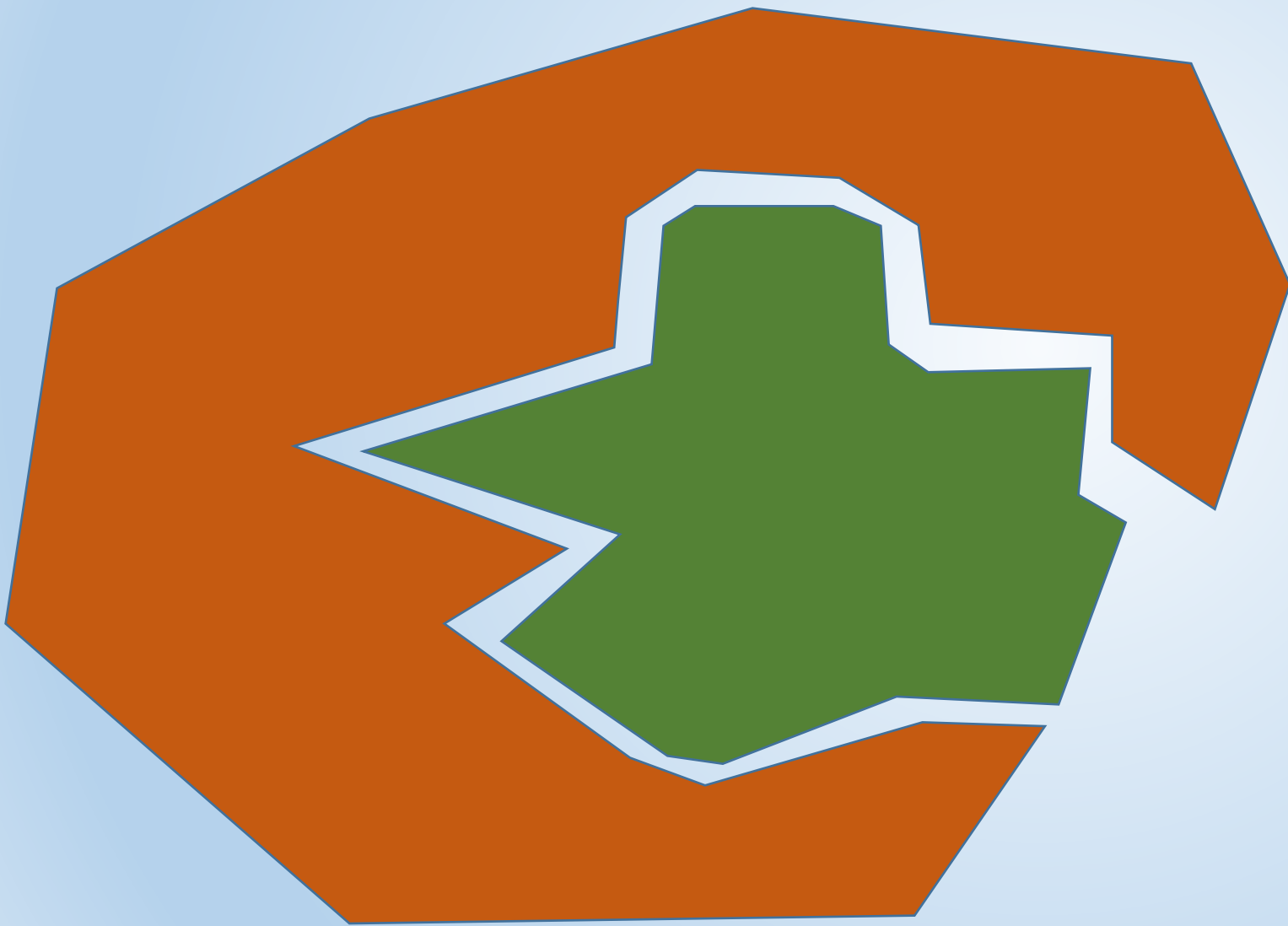
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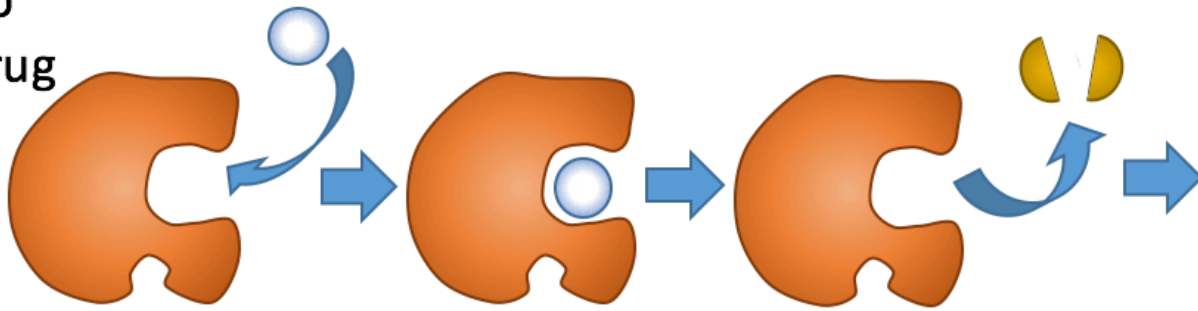


Making a Drug!



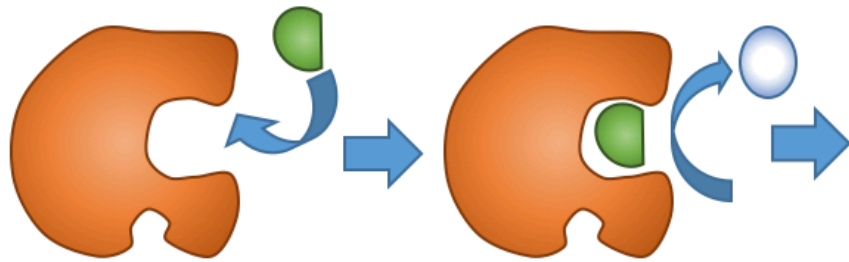
1A: Traditional Active Site Targeting

No Drug



Excessive tyrosine phosphorylation:
Uncontrolled cell growth

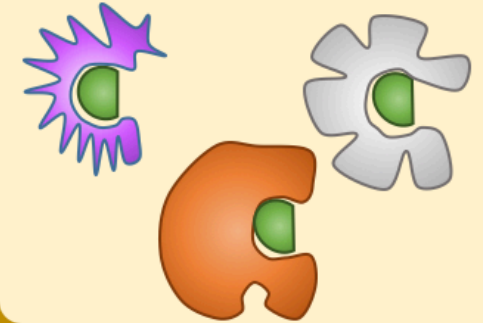
With Traditional Drug



Tyrosine blocked from PTP binding,
No phosphorylation,
No uncontrolled growth

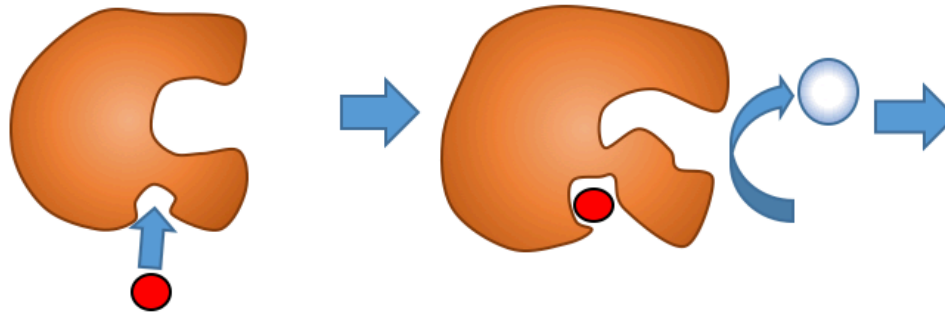
The Problem With Active Site Targeting:

PTP active sites cannot be targeted with specificity!



1B: Allosteric Site Targeting

With Allosteric Inhibitor



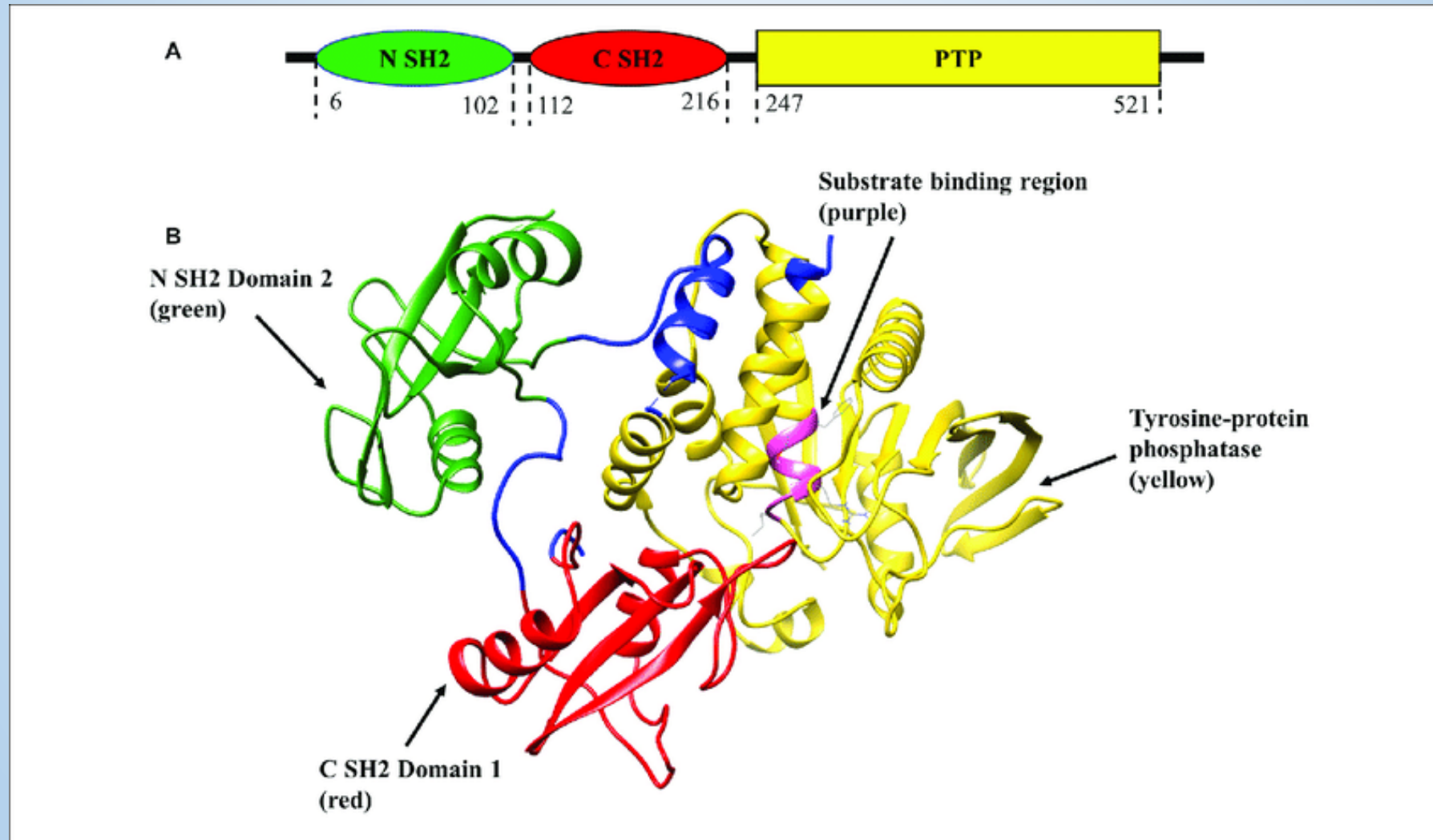
PTP active site unable to bind tyrosine,
No phosphorylation,
No uncontrolled growth
Other PTPs unaffected

Targeting a Cryptic Allosteric Site for Selective Inhibition of the Oncogenic Protein Tyrosine Phosphatase Shp2

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Protein tyrosine phosphatases (PTPs) have been the subject of considerable pharmaceutical-design efforts because of the ubiquitous connections between misregulation of PTP activity and human disease. PTP-inhibitor discovery has been hampered, however, by the difficulty in identifying cell-permeable compounds that can selectively target PTP active sites, and no PTP inhibitors have progressed to the clinic. The identification of allosteric sites on target PTPs therefore represents a potentially attractive solution to the druggability problem of PTPs. Here we report that the oncogenic PTP Shp2 contains an allosteric-inhibition site that renders the enzyme sensitive to potent and selective inhibition by cell-permeable biarsenical compounds. Because Shp2 contains no canonical tetracysteine biarsenical-binding motif, the enzyme's inhibitor-binding site is not readily predictable from its primary or three-dimensional structure. Intriguingly, however, Shp2's PTP domain does contain a cysteine residue (C333) at a position that is removed from the active site and is occupied by proline in other classical PTPs. We show that Shp2's unusual cysteine residue constitutes part of a Shp2-specific allosteric-inhibition site, and that Shp2's sensitivity to biarsenicals is dependent on the presence of the naturally occurring C333. The determinative

Regulation in Phosphatases



For Research Confidentiality Reasons I Can't Share the Experimental data with you.

- Below is link to paper I talked about in class:
- <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4303306/>

Allosteric Site-Directed Drugs are the Future

Thank You