

# Inflammation and Impaired Gut Physiology in Postoperative ileus



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# Definition

- Transient **cessation of coordinated bowel motility** after surgical intervention, which prevents effective transit of intestinal contents and/or tolerance of intake.

	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
POI	Time until first flatus or stool + adequate oral intake during 24 hrs	2-4 days	Almost every abdominal surgical procedure
Prolonged or paralytic ileus	Precipitated by complication of surgery	>6 days	10-25%

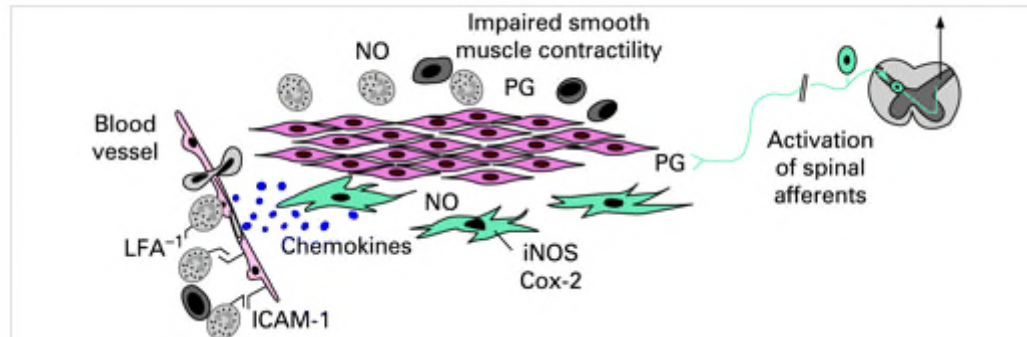
# Time to recovery

- **Small intestinal** function generally normalizes first, often within several hours of surgery.
- **Gastric motility** usually returns to normal within 24-48 hours after surgery.
- The **colon** is usually the final portion of the GI tract to regain normal motility, which usually occurs within 48-72 hours after surgery.

→ POI, main cause of **delayed hospital discharge** after abdominal surgery

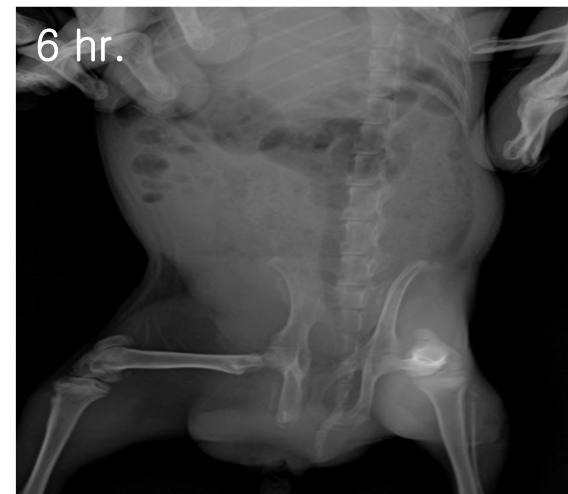
# Mechanisms leading to generalized hypomotility in POI

- Local inflammatory response activates
  - Increased production of NO and COX-2 metabolites
  - An adrenergic inhibitory pathway impairing motility of distant area.



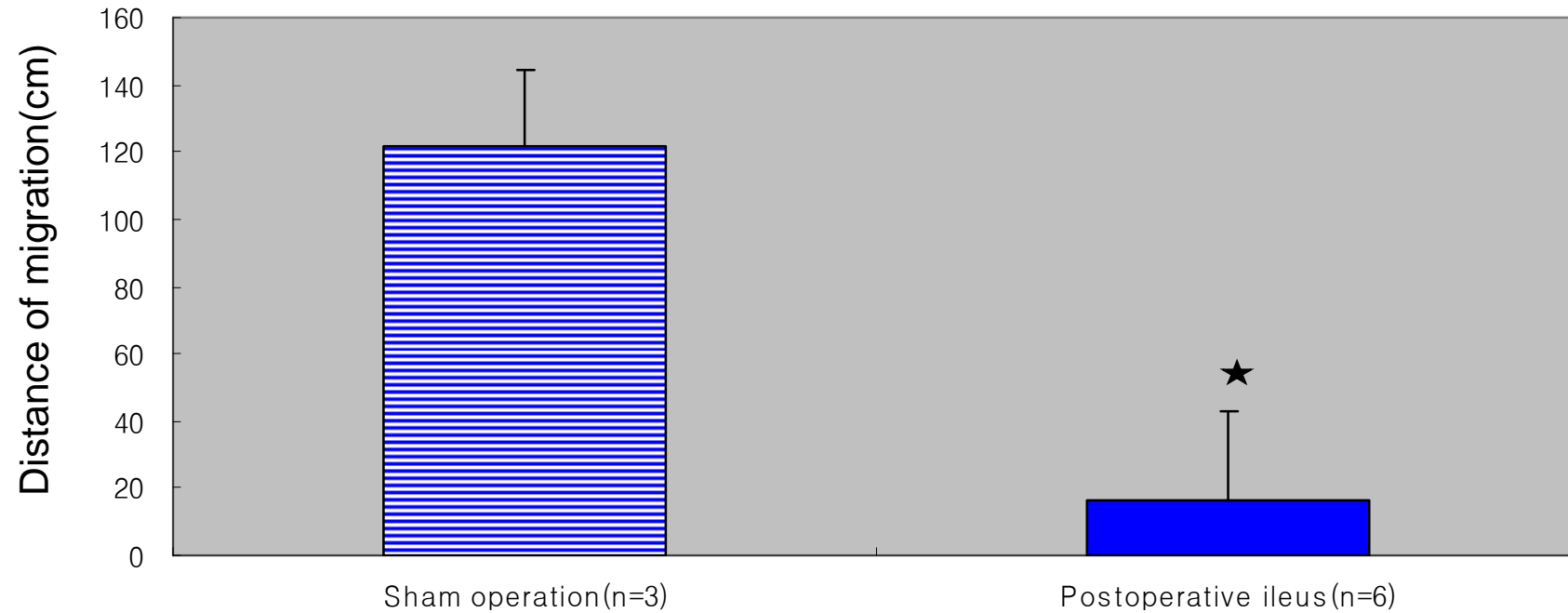
(Boeckxstaens GE et al., 2009)

## Experimental Model of Postoperative Ileus in Guinea Pig



## UGI transit in sham operation group and postoperative ileus group

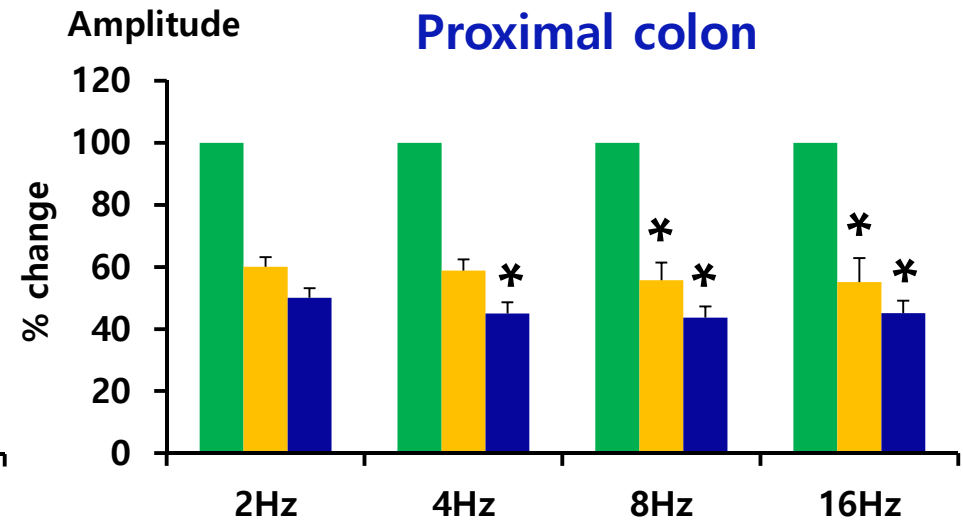
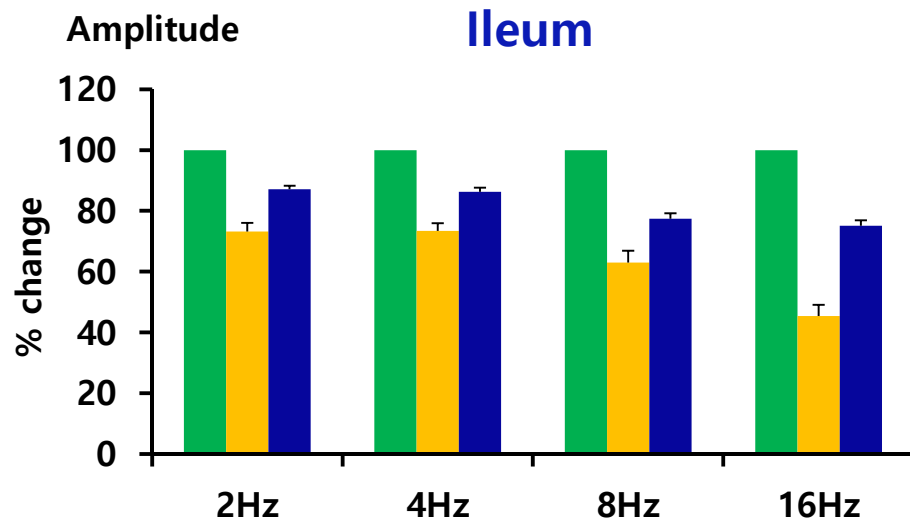
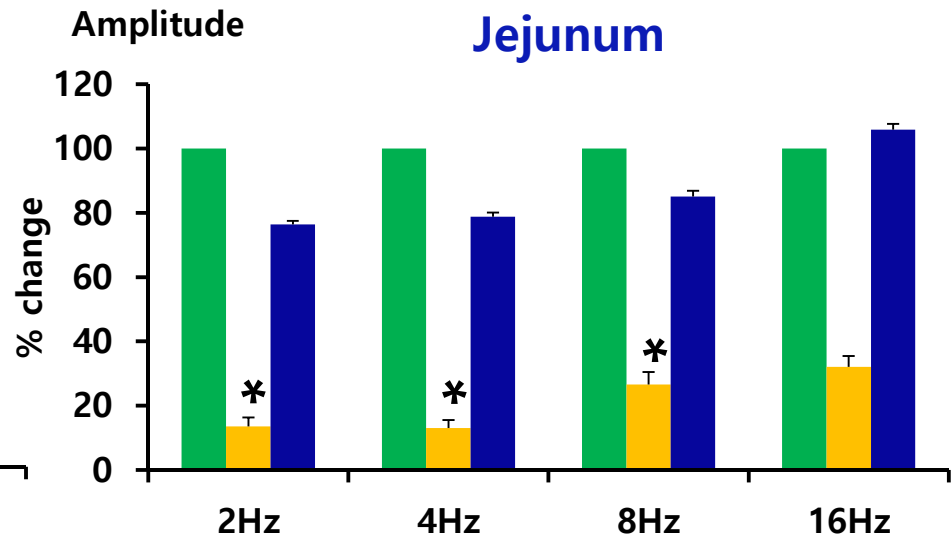
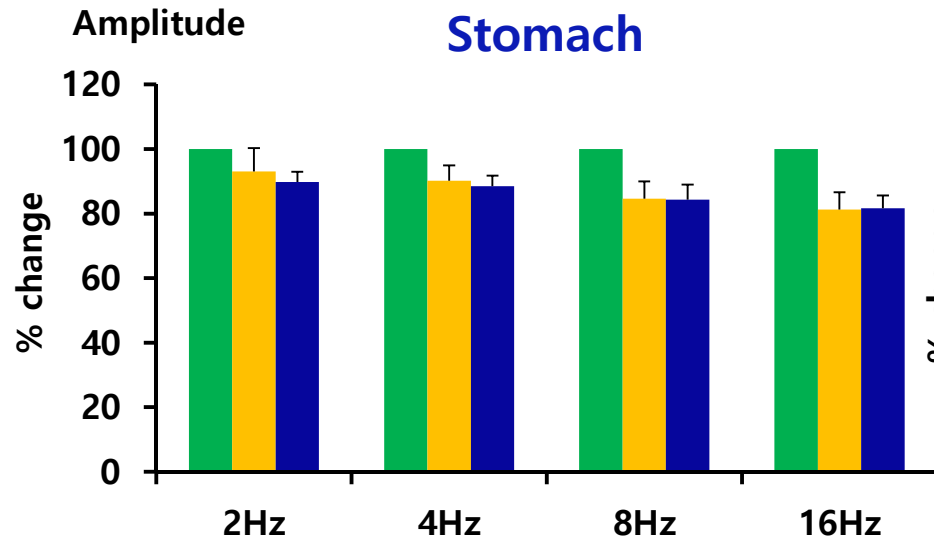
(★:  $p < 0.05$ )



(Lim HC & Park H, 2008)

# Contractile Amplitude

■ Control ■ 3hr POI ■ 6hr POI



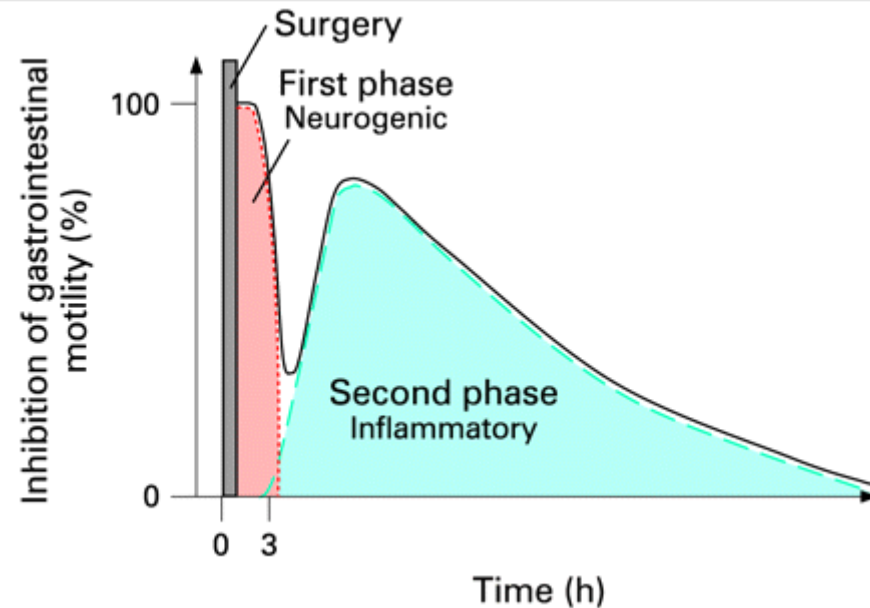
\* $p < 0.05$  in one way ANOVA



# Mechanism

- **Neurogenic** mechanisms with overactivation of sympathetic pathways
- Intestinal **inflammatory** response to bowel manipulation and surgical trauma.
- Inhibition of GI motility by opioid analgesics

## Two phases involved in POI.



- The first phase starts during abdominal surgery and ends soon after it.
- Initial mechanical factors -> activate neural reflexes suppressing bowel motility via the sympathetic adrenergic pathway.
- The second inflammatory phase lasts much longer and is therefore **clinically relevant**.

(Boeckxstaens GE et al., 2009)

## The inflammatory phase of POI

- **Macrophages** and **Mast cells**
- **Intestinal manipulation** activates resident **MP** in intestinal muscularis externa
  - > cytokine and chemokine release
  - > influx of leucocyte starting 3-4 h after surgery.
  - > Accumulation of inflammatory cells in the muscularis

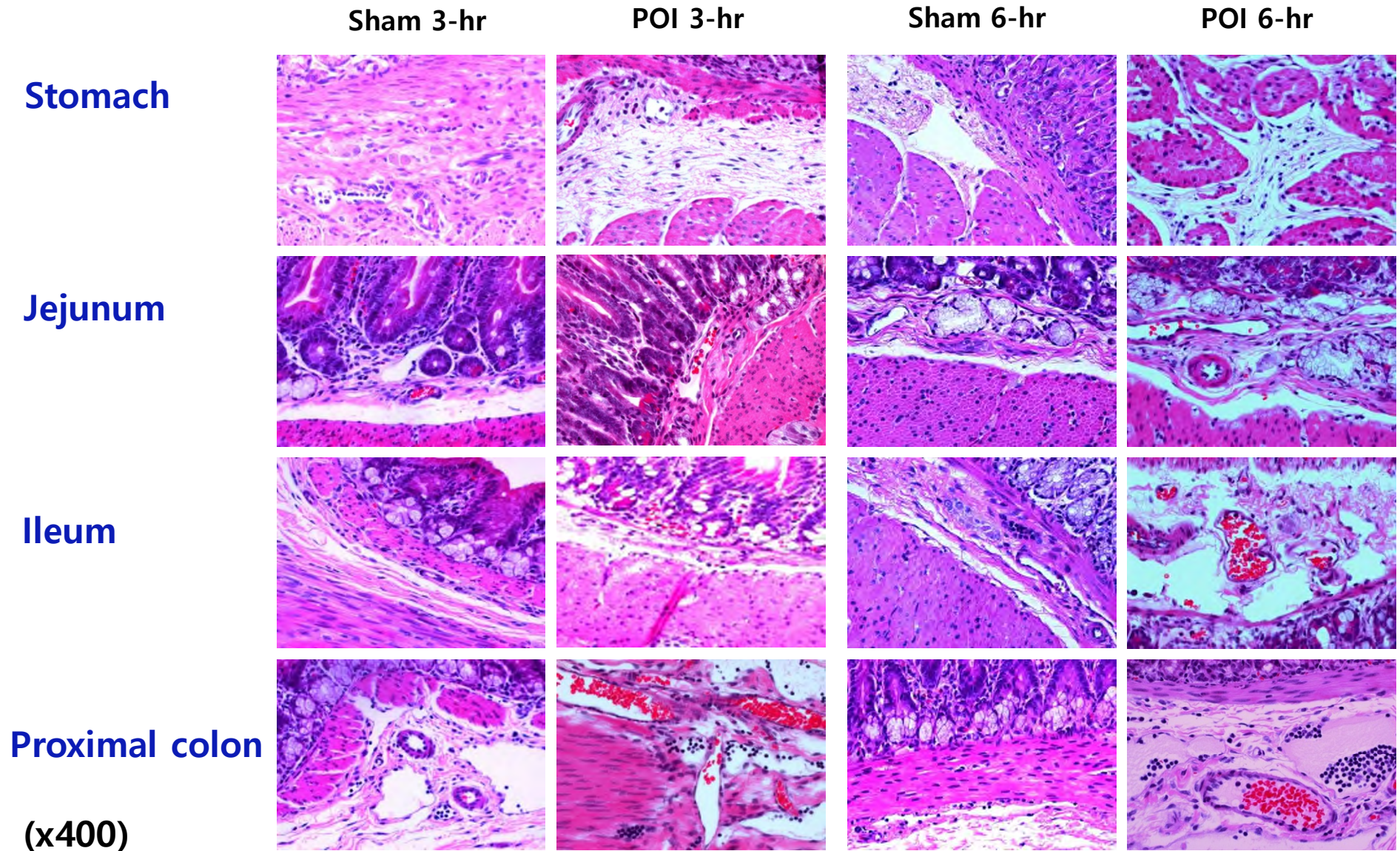
# Inflammatory Responses in the Muscle Coat of Stomach and Small Bowel in the Postoperative Ileus Model of Guinea Pig

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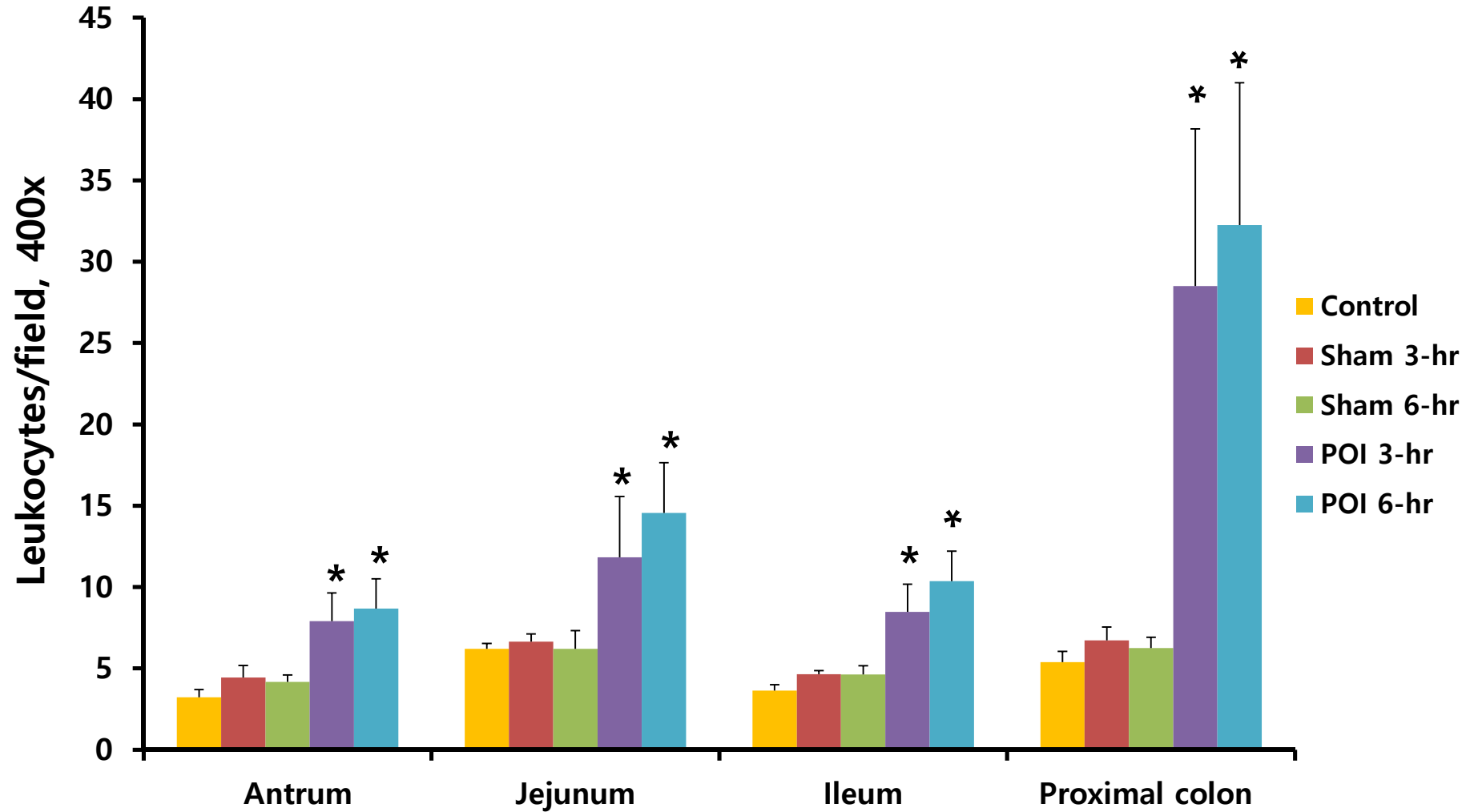
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# Degree of inflammation



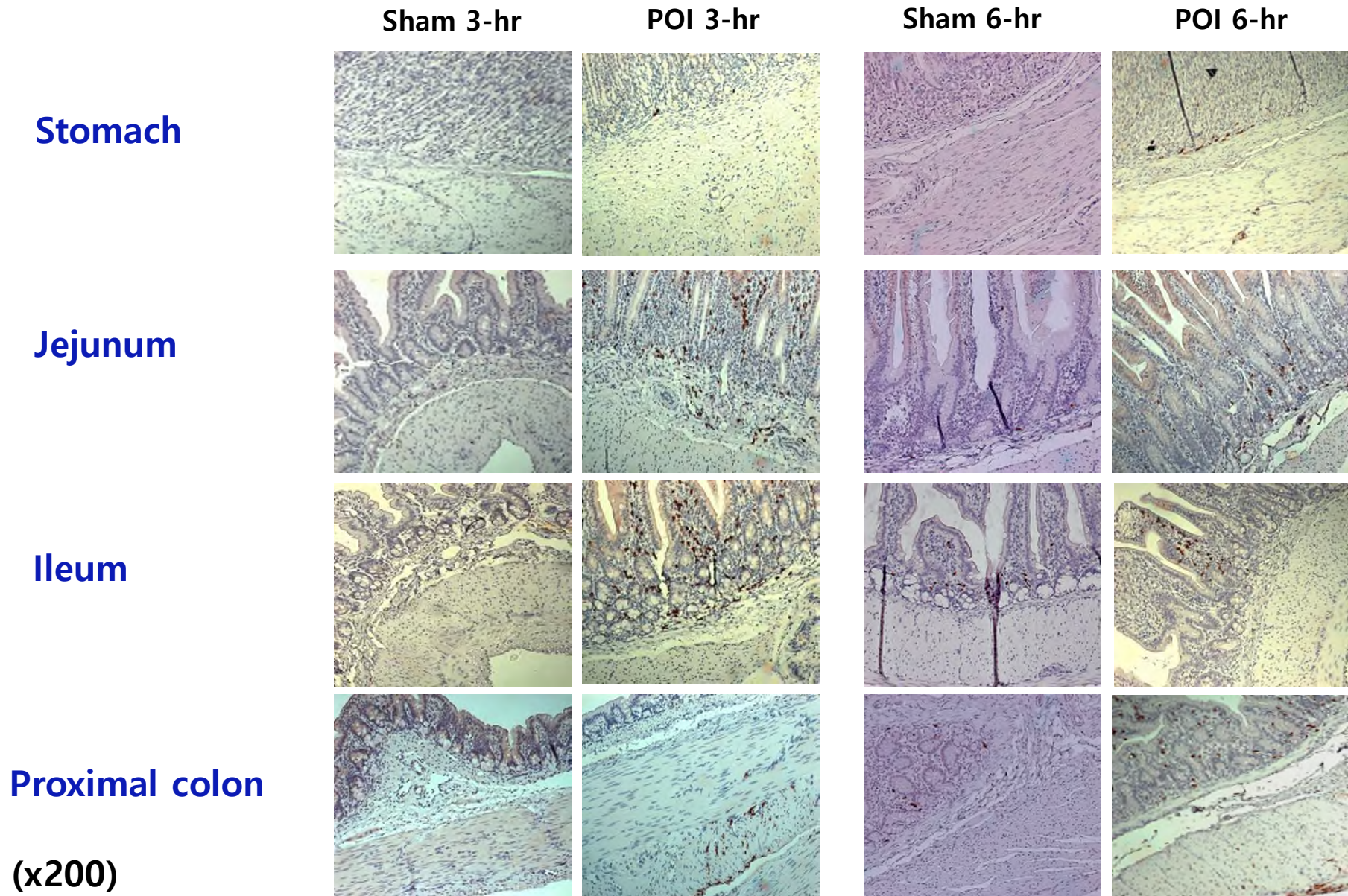
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## Degree of inflammation

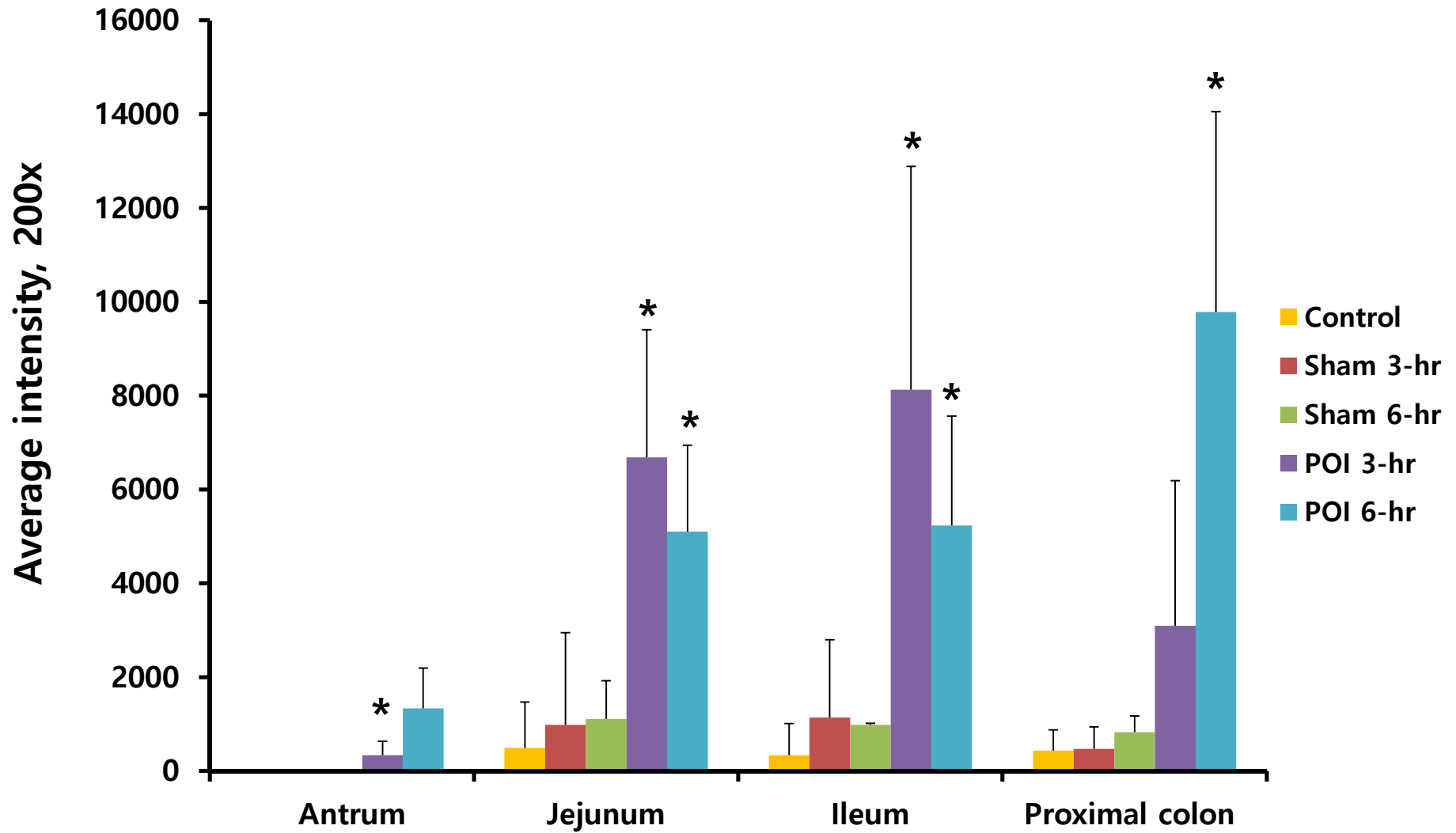


\* $p < 0.05$  vs. sham

# Expressions of calprotectin

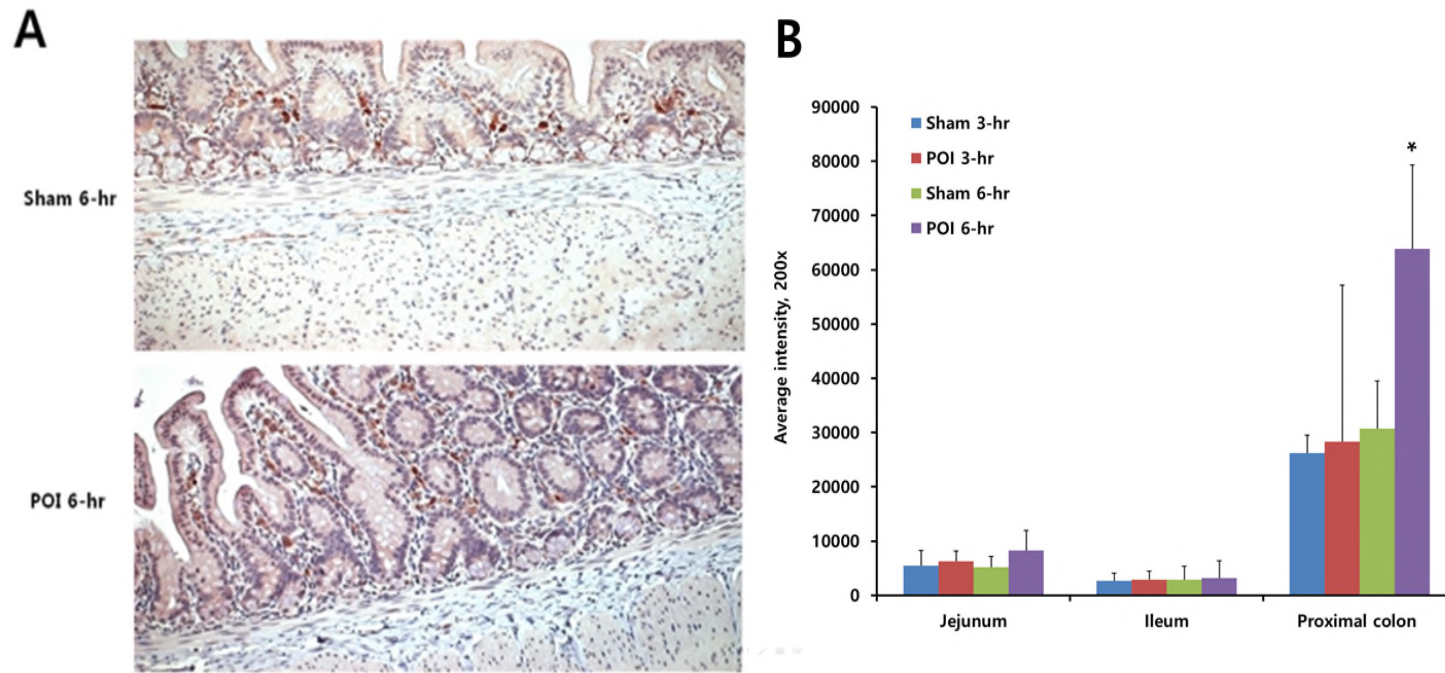


# Expressions of calprotectin



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(A) Representative picture of the IHC of mast cell tryptase in proximal colon.

(B) Mast cell tryptase expressions in jejunum, ileum and proximal colon of POI and sham groups.

\*Significant  $p$  value compared with the same time-point in the POI group compared with sham.

## Mast cells trigger epithelial barrier dysfunction, bacterial translocation and postoperative ileus in a mouse model

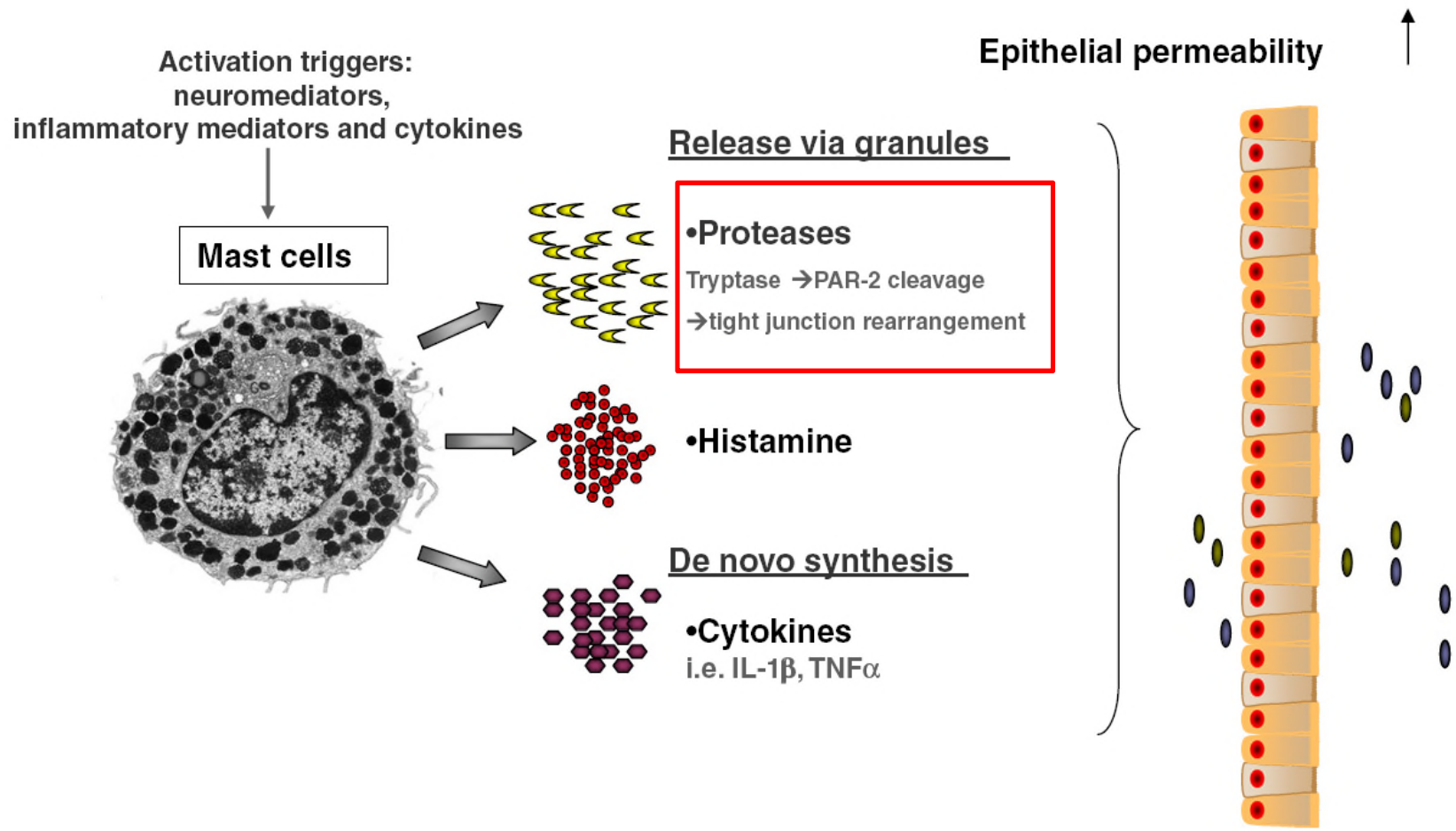
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- **Mast cell activation** during abdominal surgery causes epithelial **barrier dysfunction and inflammation** of the muscularis externa of the bowel.
  - The impairment of the epithelial barrier likely contributes to the pathogenesis of POI.



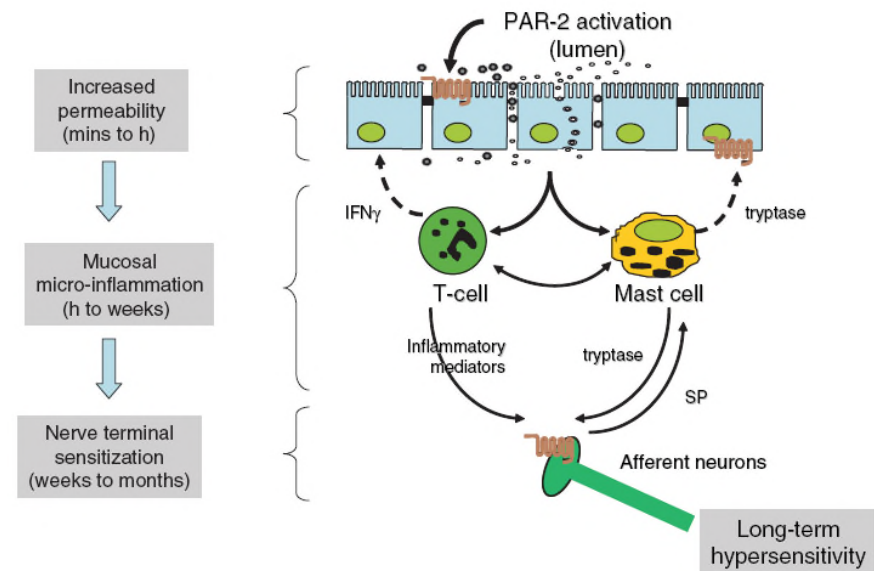
(B.Y.De Winter et al, 2012)

## PAR in the Field



# PAR-2 in the Gut

- **PARs** belong to a family of 7 transmembrane domain **G-protein receptors** that are activated by cleavage of their N-terminal domain by selective proteolytic enzymes.
- Enterocytes, mast cells, smooth muscle cells, myenteric neurons, and on colonic epithelial cells



(Bueno L & Fioramonti J, 2008)

# Expressions of PAR-2

Sham 3-hr

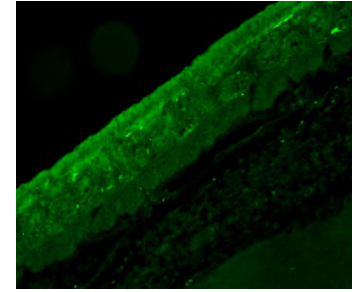
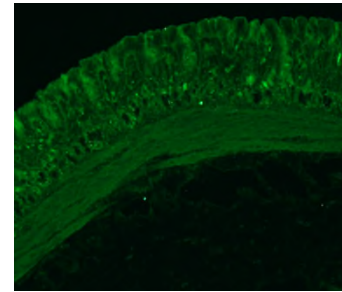
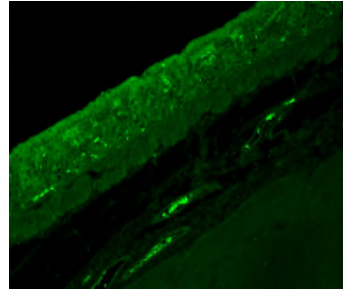
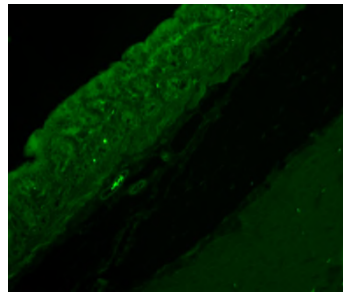
POI 3-hr

Sham 6-hr

POI 6-hr

Proximal colon

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# Epithelial permeability

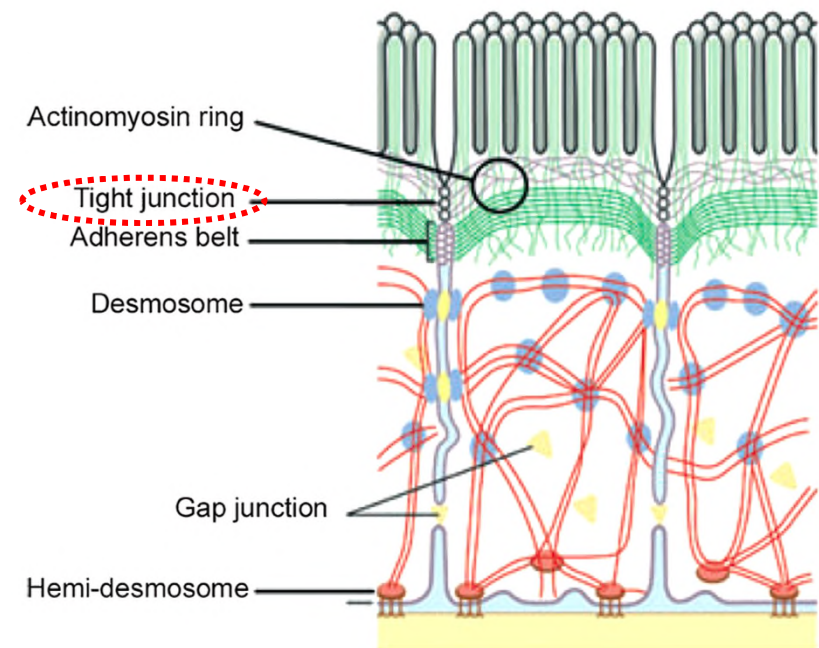
- Alterations of both tissue and luminal level of **protease**

- > **PAR2** activation

- > Cytoskeleton contraction (triggering phosphorylation of myosin light chain)

- > Changes in **tight junction permeability**

- Gut paracellular permeability mainly depends on the configuration of **TJ protein**.



(Bueno L & Fioramonti J, 2008)

## Conditions associated with Gut permeability

Evidence level	GI	Extra-GI
Established	IBD GVHD Celiac disease	Type I DM HIV/ AIDS MOF
Possible	IBS Food allergy Postoperative ileus ?	Autism Eczema
Limited	NAFLD Cirrhosis Acute pancreatitis	Psoriasis Parkinson's disease Fibromyalgia Depression Chronic fatigue Asthma

(Odenwald & Turner, 2013)



# Mechanisms of altered intestinal permeability

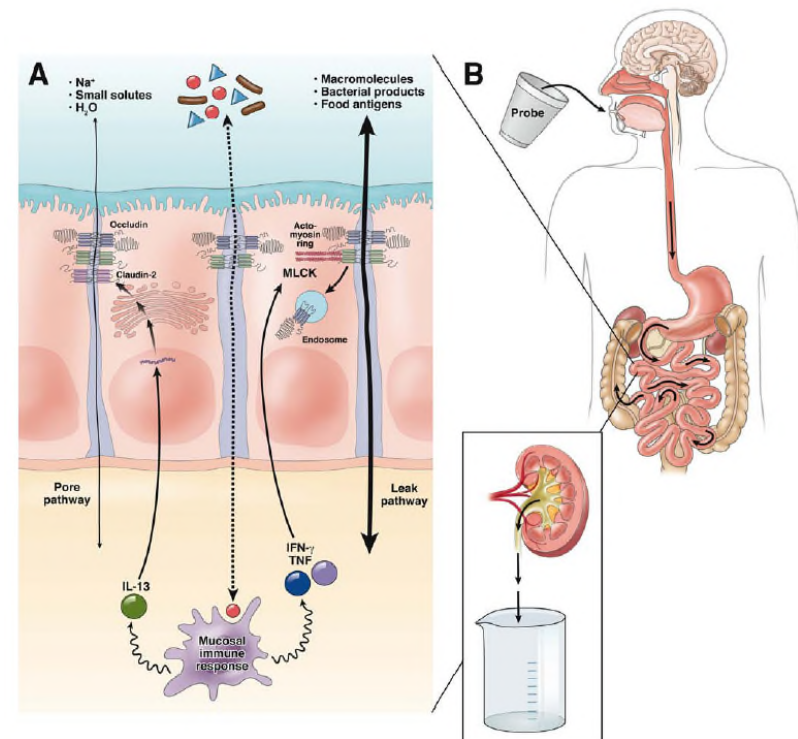
- Alteration in tight junction protein expression or localization
- Abnormal regulation of tight junction function
- Dysbiosis in microbial flora resulting in the lack of signals to maintain barrier function
- Dysbiosis resulting in an increase in signals that break the barrier
- **Presence of active inflammation and increased presence of pro-inflammatory cytokines and oxidative species**
- Increased density of epithelial gaps caused by increased cell shedding

# Assessment of Intestinal Permeability

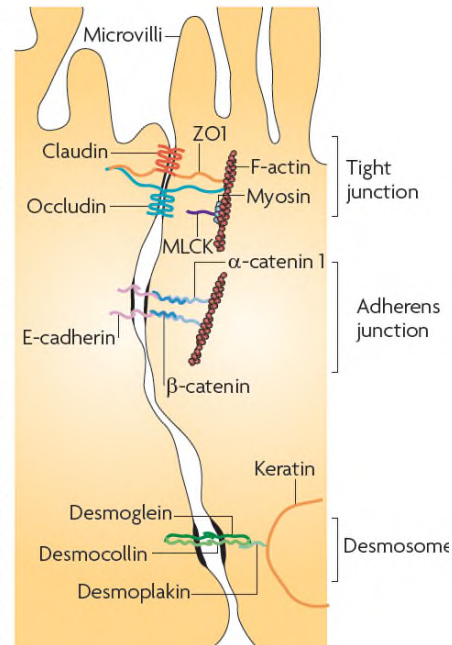
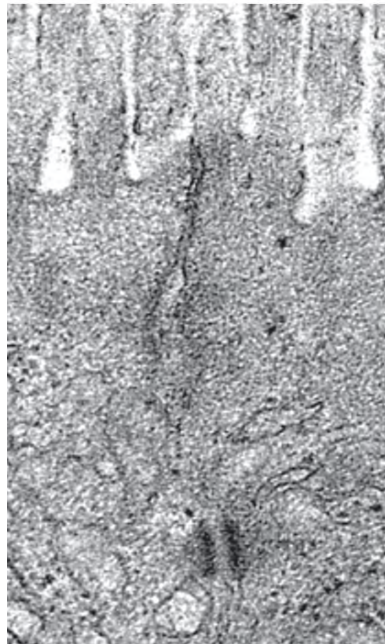
## *In vitro* methods

- Morphology (IHC, EM)
- Function (Ussing chamber)
- TJ molecular biology

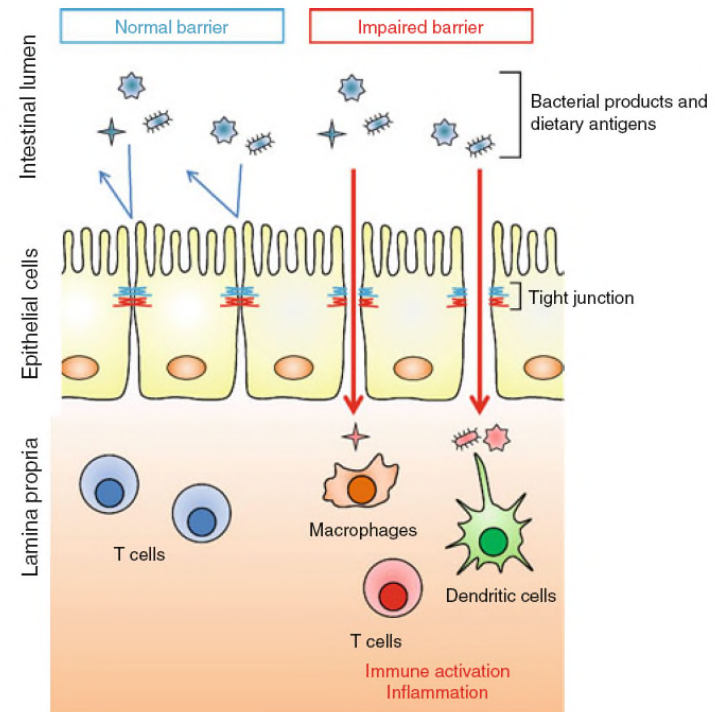
## *In vivo* methods



# Tight Junction Protein



(Turner JR et al., 2009)



(Suzuki T, 2013)



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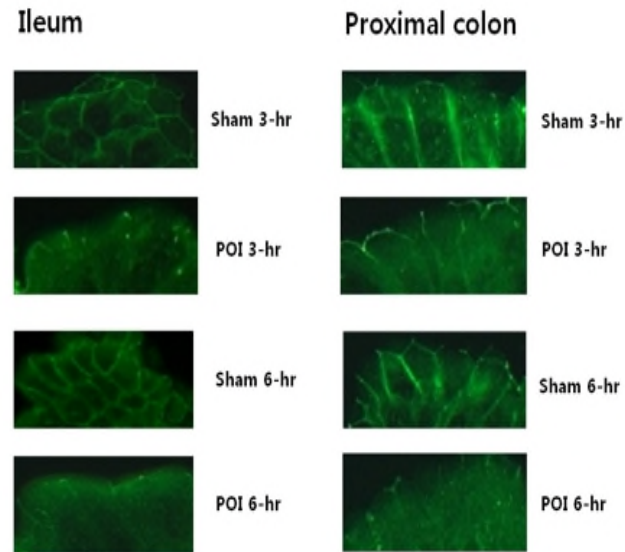
# Inflammation, Impaired Motility, and Permeability in a Guinea Pig Model of Postoperative Ileus

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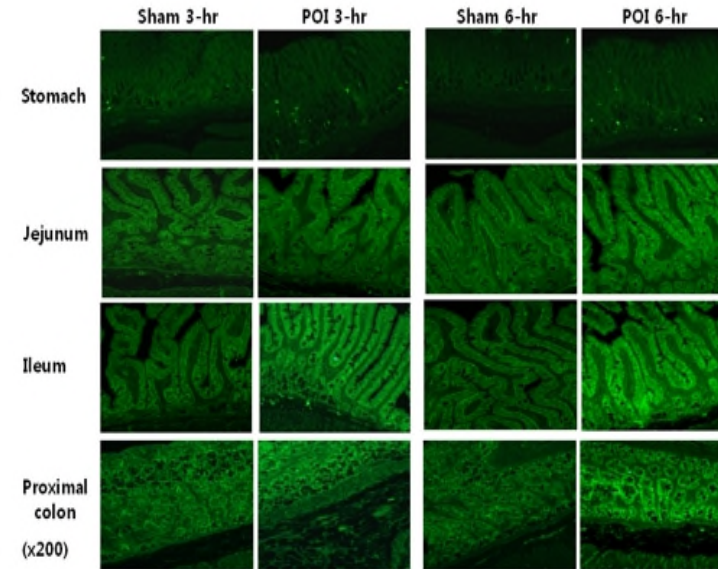
# Claudin

- **Claudin-1** : Barrier-forming  
Decreasing paracellular permeability
- **Claudin-2** : Pore-forming  
Increasing paracellular permeability

## A Claudin-1



## B Claudin-2

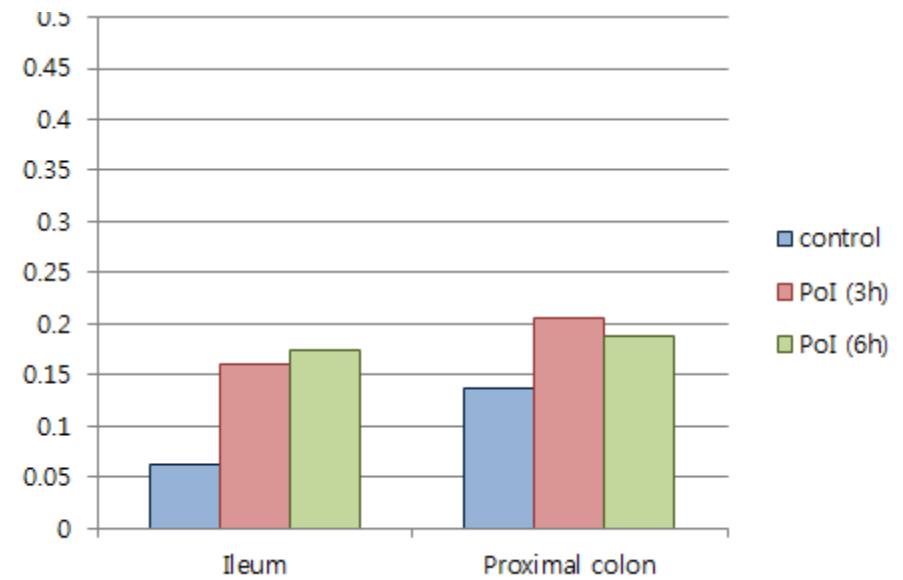
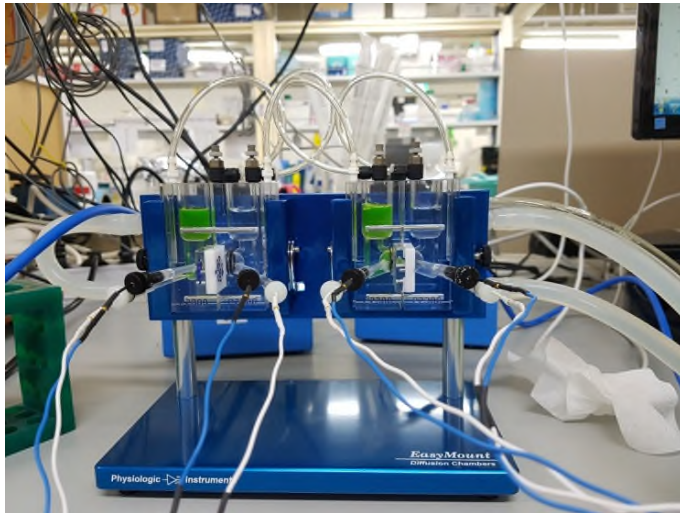


### Expression of junctional proteins by Immunofluorescence (IF) stain in POI and sham groups.

(A) Claudin-1 expression in ileum and proximal colon. The decreased expression of claudin-1 was observed in POI groups compared with sham groups.

(B) (B) Claudin-2 expression. The expression of claudin-2 was increased in POI groups compared with sham groups

# Increased Permeability in POI



- Our findings are valuable in encouraging future studies on the **role of inflammation and permeability** in the pathophysiology of POI.
- **Macrophages and mast cells** initiate and orchestrate the cascade of inflammatory events. Thus, these immune cells seem to be the most interesting **targets for the purgative therapy for POI**.



# Perioperative inflammatory marker as a predictive factor for prolonged postoperative ileus after gastrectomy for gastric cancer

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◆ PPOI group was significantly associated with elevated perioperative inflammatory marker (pre- and post-operative CRP, NLR, and PLR).

Variables	Control (N=258) (n,%)	PPOI (N=132) (n,%)	P value
<b>Preoperative marker</b>			
CRP (mg/L)	2.55 (± 0.39)	5.25 (±13.76)	0.034
NLR	2.02 (±1.19)	2.28 (±1.27)	0.041
PLR	134.34 (±56.14)	146.89 (±73.49)	0.087
<b>POD1 marker</b>			
CRP (mg/L)	46.19 (±27.50)	51.31 (±28.09)	0.085
NLR	6.74 (±4.01)	7.79 (±4.79)	0.023
PLR	172.59 (96.68)	194.37 (±128.82)	0.063
<b>POD3 marker</b>			
CRP (mg/L)	103.31 (±58.77)	137.32 (±69.84)	<.001
NLR	5.33 (±3.02)	6.76 (±3.81)	0.04
PLR	172.42 (±81.81)	191.97 (±100.97)	<.001

NLR = neutrophil to lymphocyte ratio, PLR = platelet to lymphocyte ratio, CRP = c-reactive protein

➤ The **perioperative inflammatory markers** may be used as clinically relevant predictive markers for PPOI following gastric cancer surgery.

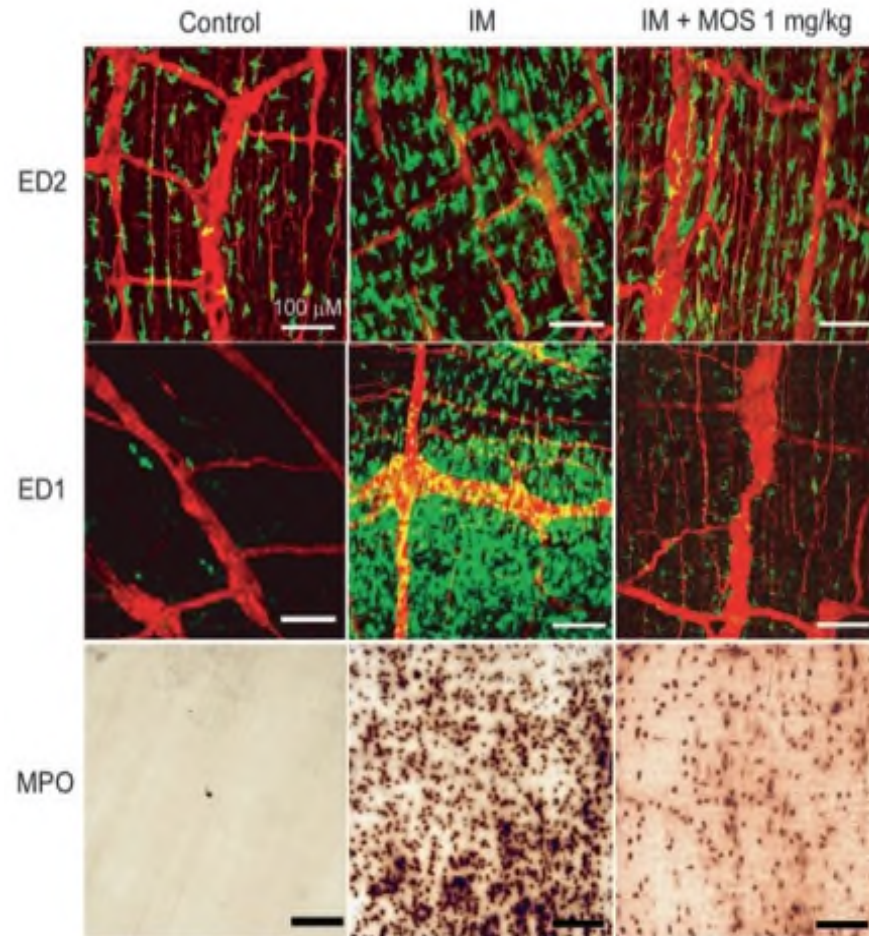
# Outlines

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# Targets for treatment

- Therapy should aim to **prevent** or **reduce** the **inflammatory** response to intestinal handling.
- **Macrophages and Mast cells**

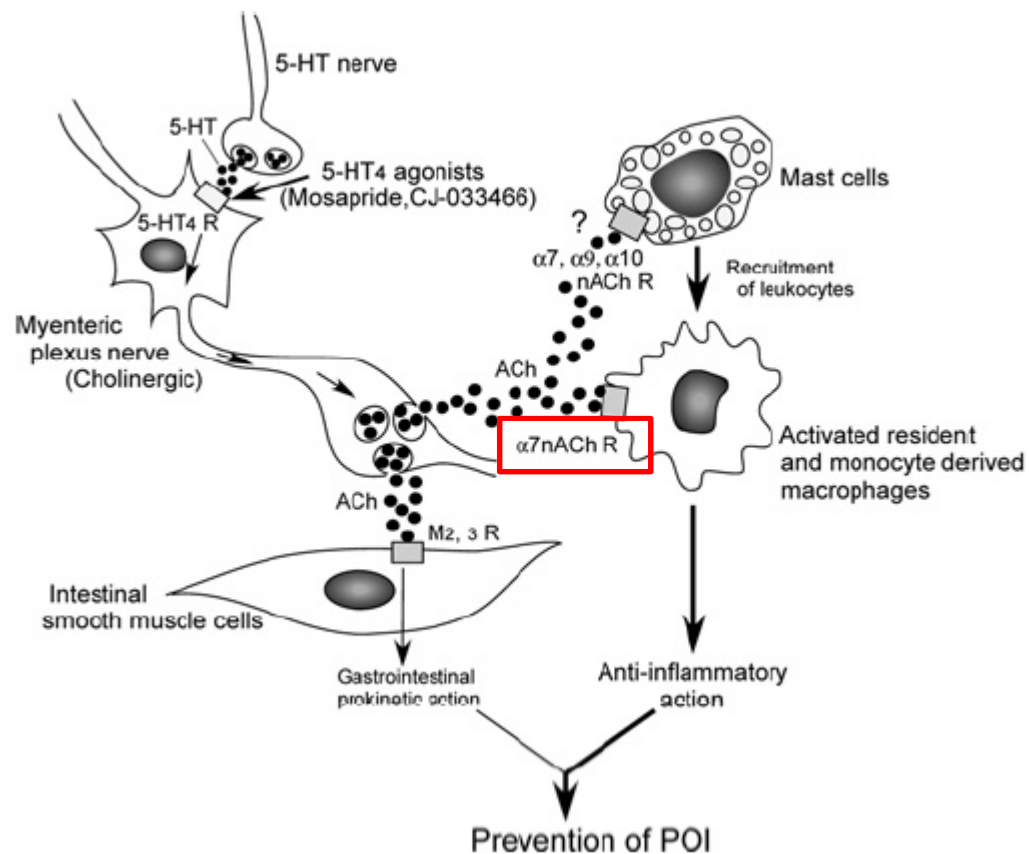
# 5-HT<sub>4</sub>R stimulation inhibited inflammation induced by intestinal manipulation



ED2 positive resident macrophage,  
ED-1 positive monocyte-derived macrophage  
MPO positive neutrophil

(Tsuchida Y et al, 2011)

## Anti-inflammatory mechanisms of 5-HT<sub>4</sub> receptor stimulation in POI



(Tsuchida Y et al, 2011)

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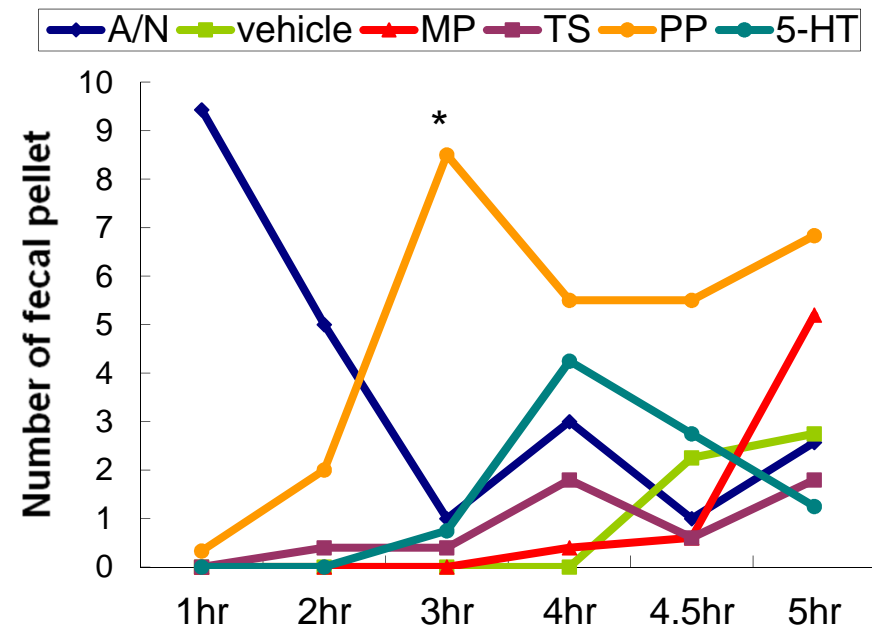
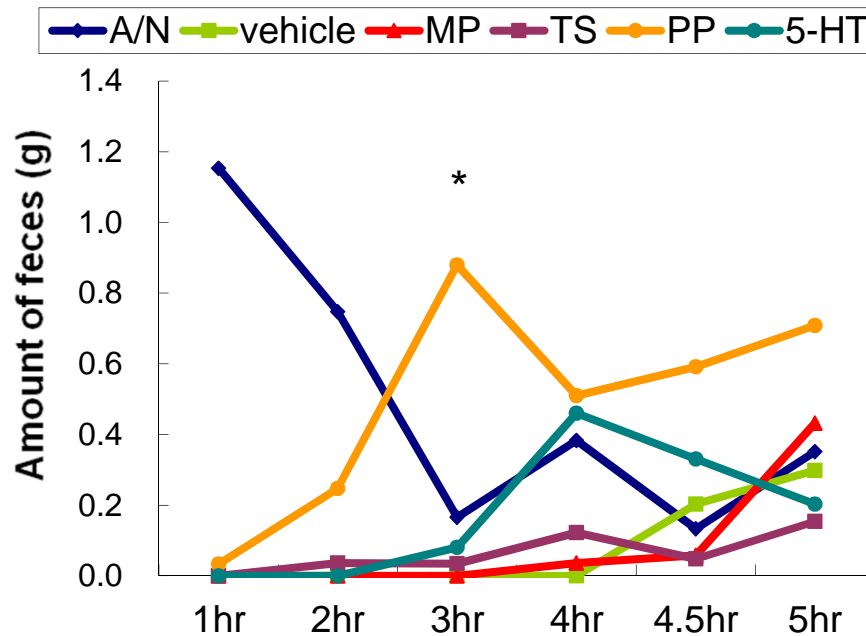
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# The Effects of Prucalopride on Postoperative Ileus in Guinea Pigs

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# 5-HT<sub>4</sub> receptor Agonists in POI : Fecal pellet expulsion

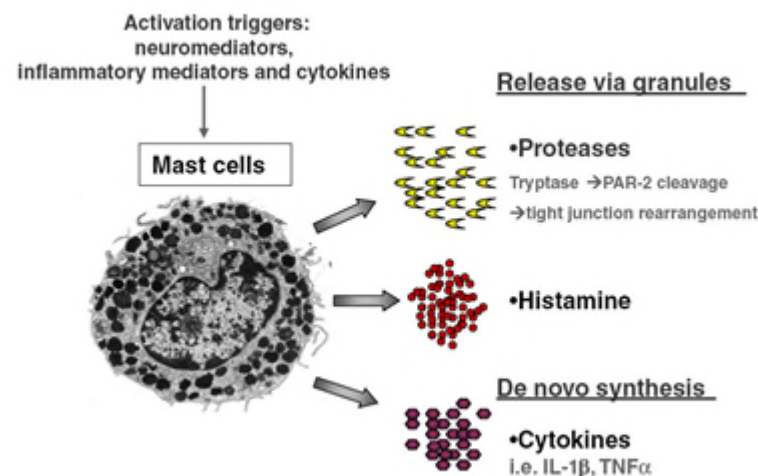


A/N, Anesthesia only; vehicle, POI with vehicle; MP, POI with mosapride;  
TS, POI with tegaserod; PP, POI with prucalopride; 5-HT, POI with 5-HT



# Mast cell-inflammation cascade may represent a new therapeutic approach for POI

- One of the initial steps attracting inflammatory cells to the site of manipulation is **mast cell degranulation**
- Pretreatment of mice with the **mast cell stabilizing** agents prevents the occurrence of inflammation and normalizes postoperative gastric emptying.

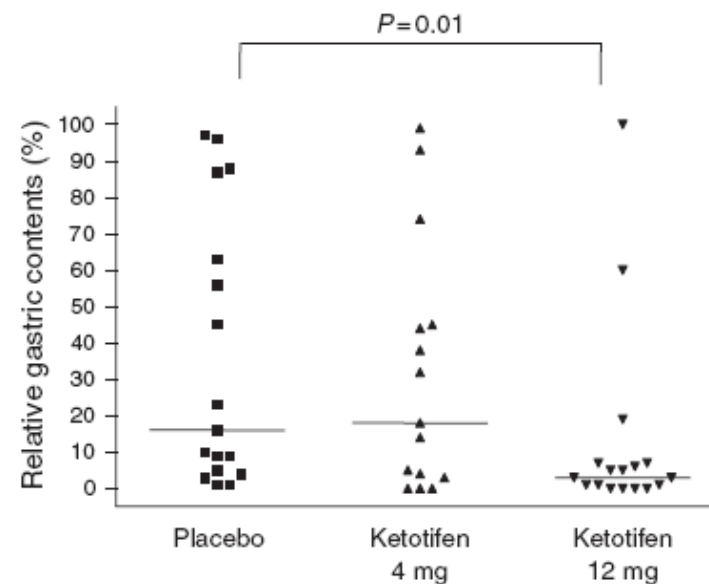


# The Role of Mast Cell Stabilization in Treatment of Postoperative Ileus: A Pilot Study

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(Am J Gastroenterol 2009)



- **Ketotifen** significantly improves gastric emptying after abdominal surgery and warrants further exploration of **mast cell stabilizers** as putative therapy for POI.

# Summary & Conclusions

- **Intestinal manipulation** induces **barrier dysfunction** that is to **perpetuate** the **inflammatory** response.
- The **increased inflammation** and mucosal **permeability** might play an important role for the **different recovery time** of GI organs in POI.
- **Macrophages and mast cells** initiate and orchestrate the cascade of inflammatory events, these immune cells seem to be the most interesting **targets for treatment** in POI.



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