



BIOMARKERS FOR OXIDATIVE STRESS AND  
ENDOTHELIAL DYSFUNCTION IN A COHORT OF  
INTENSIVE CARE PATIENTS WITH PREECLAMPSIA -  
PREDICTORS OF CRITICAL ILLNESS AND FUTURE  
CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

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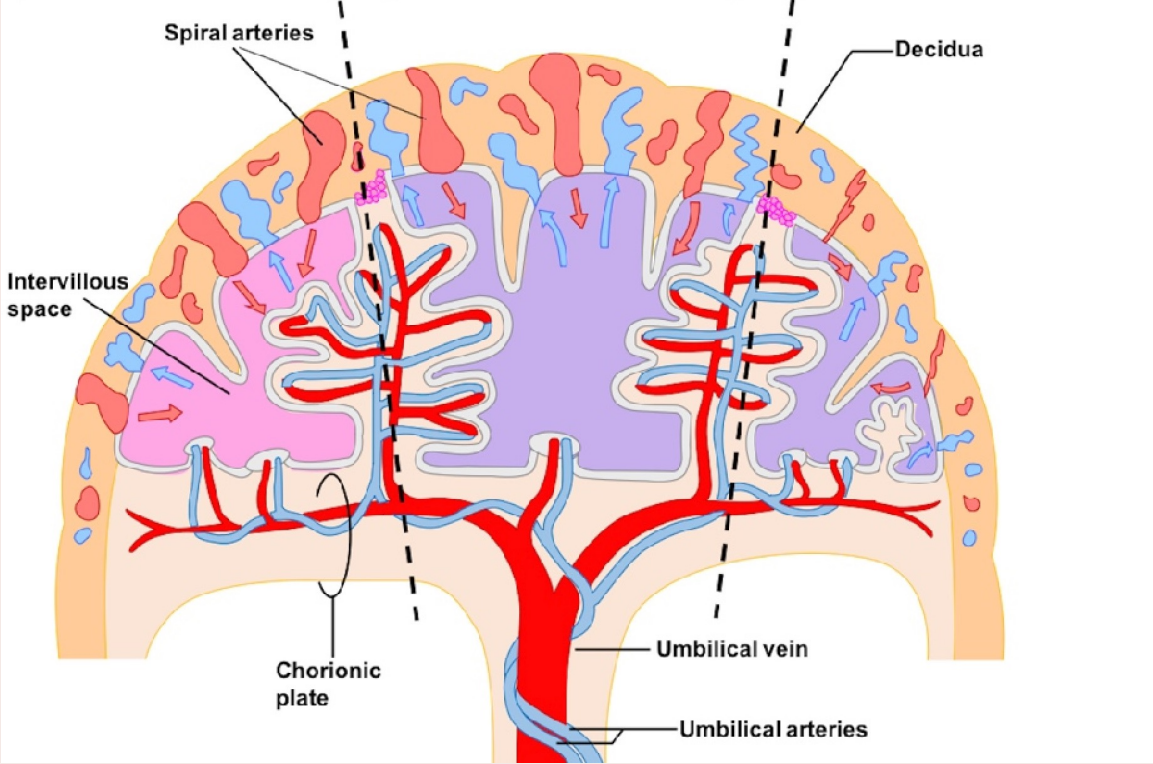
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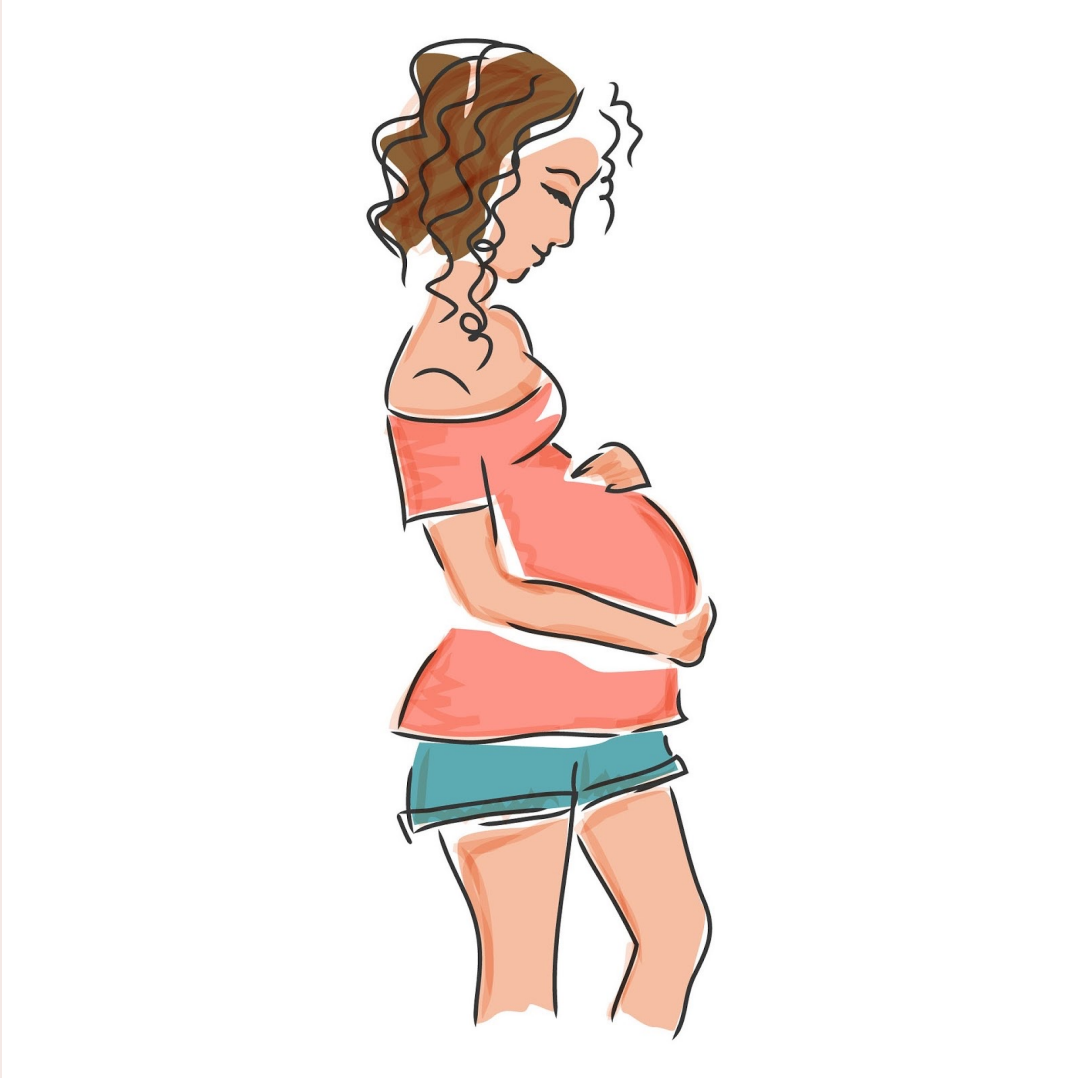
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# Pathophysiology behind development of preeclampsia

## Malplacentation/placental factors

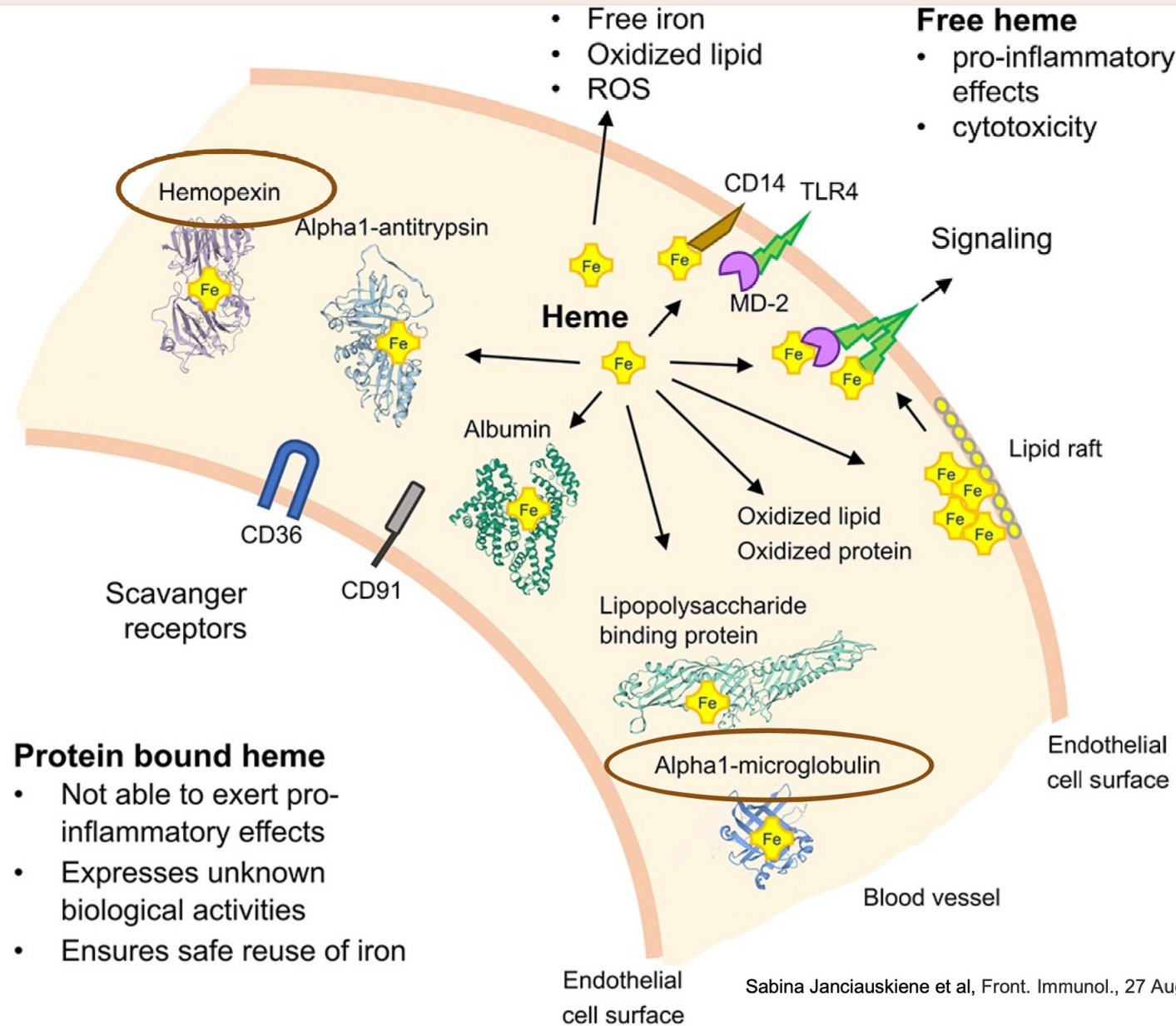


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Maternal factors

# Oxidative stress!



## Protein bound heme

- Not able to exert pro-inflammatory effects
- Expresses unknown biological activities
- Ensures safe reuse of iron

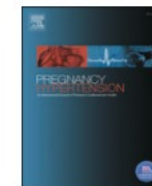


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### Intensive care patients with preeclampsia – Clinical risk factors and biomarkers for oxidative stress and angiogenic imbalance as discriminators for severe disease

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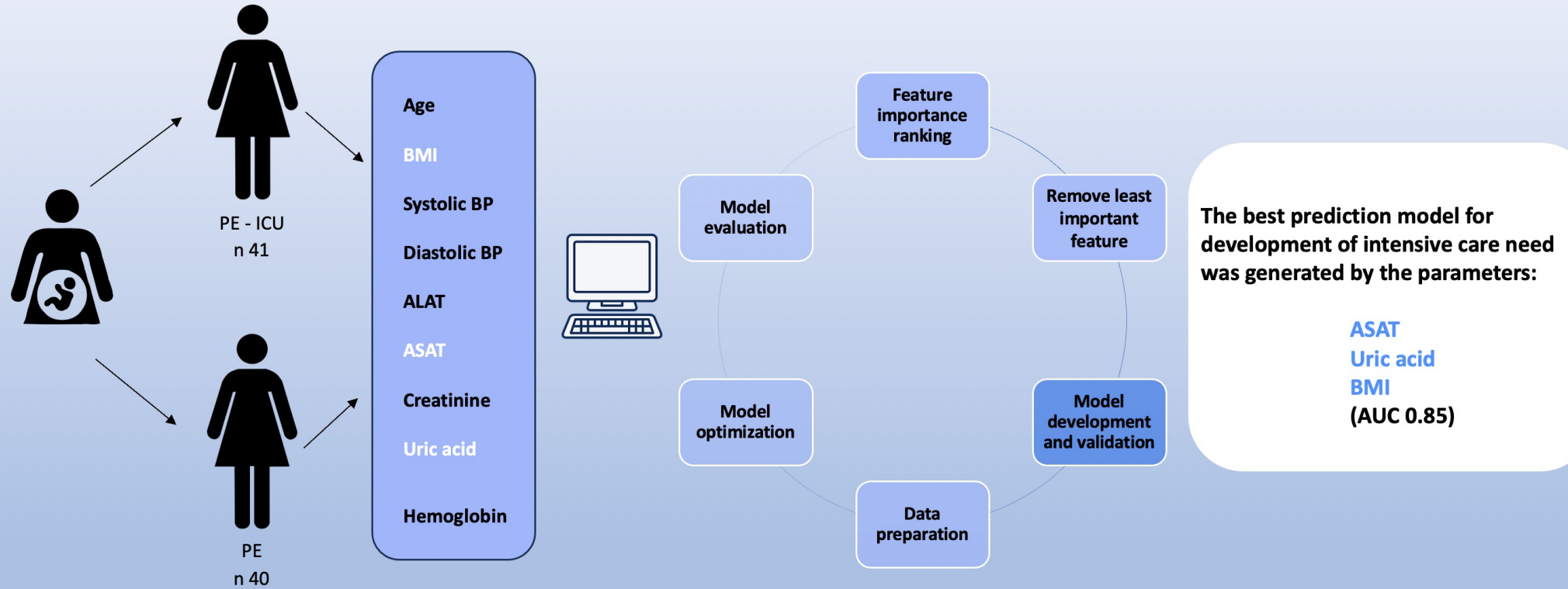
**Background:** Approximately 180 mothers are treated in Swedish Intensive Care Units (ICU) due to preeclampsia each year. Although several clinical risk factors are known, prediction of critical disease is challenging. Two scavenger proteins, hemopexin (Hpx) and alpha-1-microglobulin (A1M) have been suggested to be associated with the oxidative stress seen in preeclampsia. The ratio of two other biomarkers, soluble fms-like tyrosine kinase (sFlt-1) to placental growth factor (PlGF), is predictive of adverse pregnancy outcomes.

**Methods:** In total 121 women were included in this study where we compared risk factors for preeclampsia, plasma levels of Hpx and A1M in ICU-patients with preeclampsia (n = 41) compared to uncomplicated preeclampsia cases (n = 40) and normotensive pregnancies (n = 40), with the objective to identify clinical risk patterns for severe disease. The sFlt-1/PlGF ratio was investigated in early and late onset preeclampsia ICU-patients. Blood samples were collected at admission to ICU and within 27 h postpartum for all groups.

**Results:** Hemopexin and A1M levels were significantly lower in the preeclampsia ICU-cohort compared to uncomplicated preeclampsia patients. The sFlt-1/PlGF-ratio was elevated in the ICU-patients but there was no difference between early and late onset preeclampsia. The ICU-patients had more clinical risk factors, refractory hypertension, and an increased rate of emergency Caesarean section.

**Conclusion:** Intensive care patients have more clinical risk factors and a Hpx and A1M profile suggestive of depletion and thereby a reduced capacity to respond to oxidative stress. The ratios of sFlt-1/PlGF were high in the ICU-cohort and in accordance with pre-delivery levels predictive of adverse pregnancy outcomes.

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### ABSTRACT

**Background:** Predicting severe preeclampsia with need for intensive care is challenging. To better predict high-risk pregnancies to prevent adverse outcomes such as eclampsia is still an unmet need worldwide. In this study we aimed to develop a prediction model for severe outcomes using routine biomarkers and clinical characteristics.

**Methods:** We used machine learning models based on data from an intensive care cohort with severe preeclampsia (n=41) and a cohort of preeclampsia controls (n=40) with the objective to find patterns for severe disease not detectable with traditional logistic regression models.

**Results:** The best model was generated by including the laboratory parameters aspartate aminotransferase (ASAT), uric acid and body mass index (BMI) with a cross-validation accuracy of 0.88 and an area under the curve (AUC) of 0.91. Our model was internally validated on a test-set where the accuracy was lower, 0.82, with an AUC of 0.85.

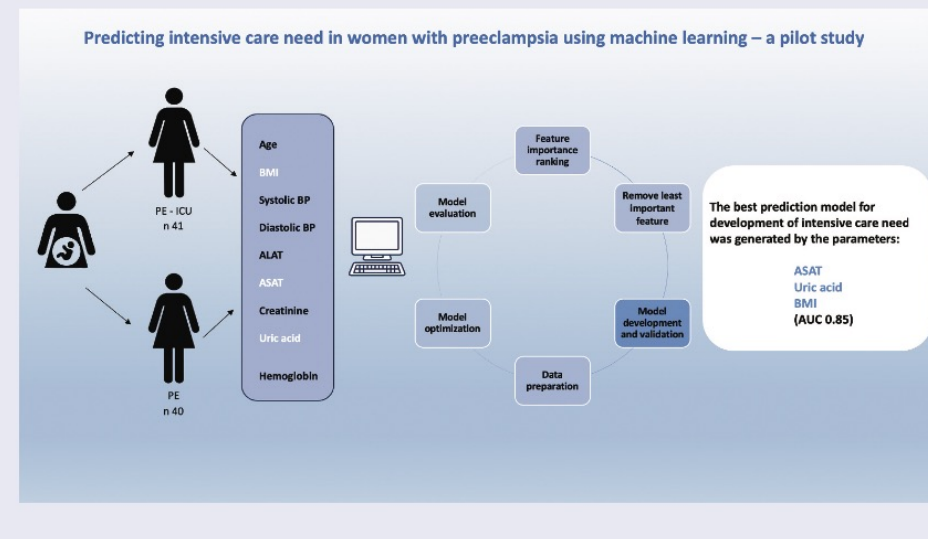
**Conclusion:** The clinical routine blood parameters ASAT and uric acid as well as BMI, were the parameters most indicative of severe disease. Aspartate aminotransferase reflects liver involvement, uric acid might be involved in several steps of the pathophysiologic process of preeclampsia, and obesity is a well-known risk factor for development of both severe and non-severe preeclampsia likely involving inflammatory pathways.

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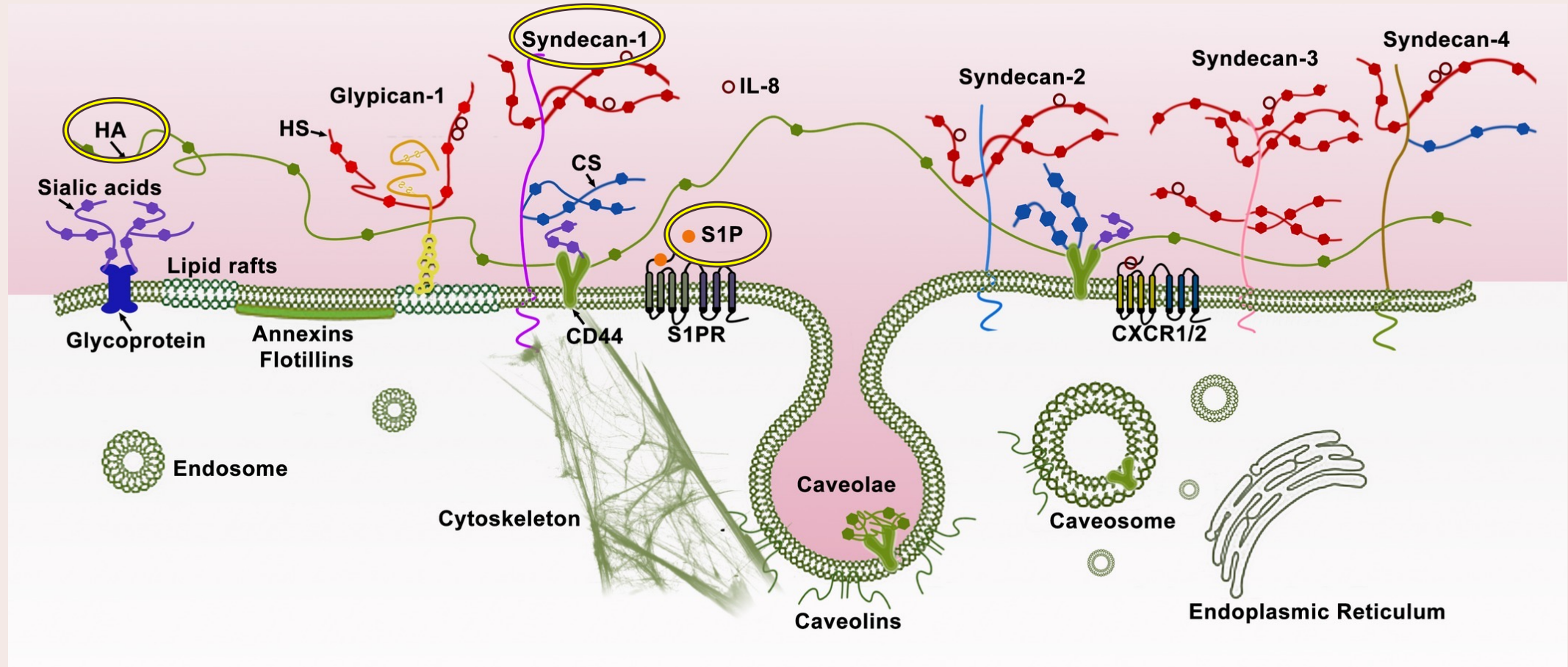
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# sphingosine-1-phosphate and the glycocalyx






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