



Historical perspective: How basic scientific understanding has led to improvements in hyperinsulinism treatment

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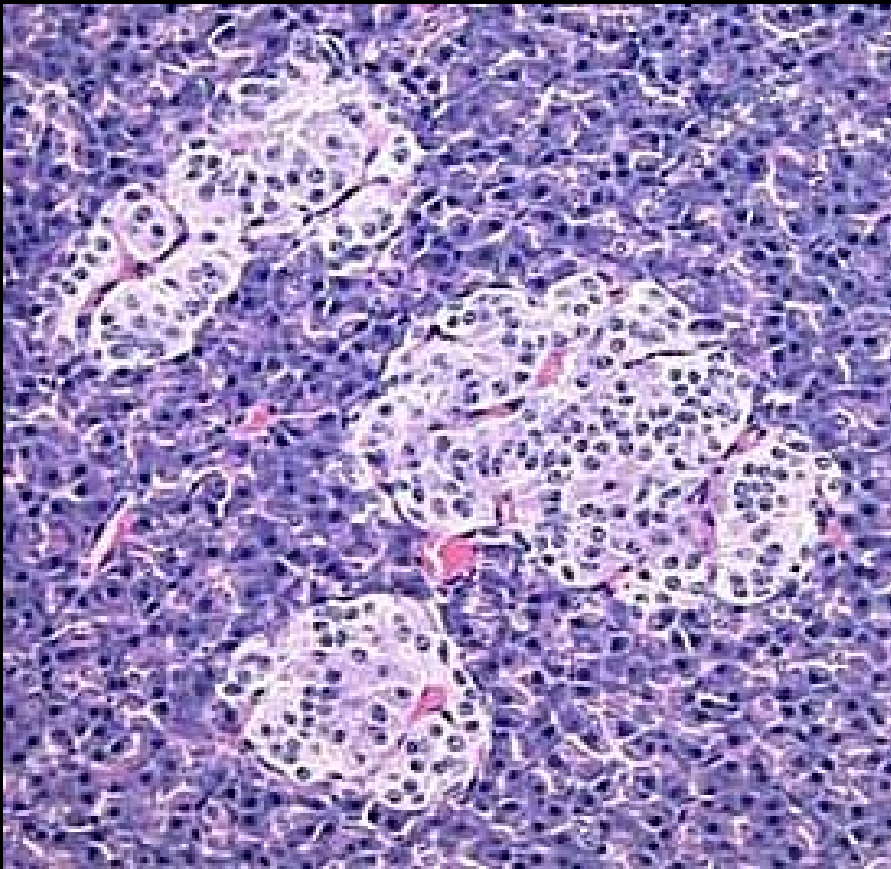
Two newborns with different ABCC8 mutations

Alice

- Alice was born to 1st. cousin parents after a normal 40 week pregnancy.
- At birth she weighed 5 kilos (11 lbs).
 - Two hours after birth Alice was unresponsive with shallow and irregular breathing.
- Severe hypoglycemia was documented and a diagnosis of congenital hyperinsulinism was confirmed biochemically and genetically. Alice's ABCC8 mutation led to premature truncation of SUR1, an incomplete protein unable to make a functional channel.
- Alice did not respond to diazoxide or octreotide, inhibitors of insulin secretion; a partial pancreatectomy was done at 17 days of age followed by a total one at 32 days to reduce her insulin levels.

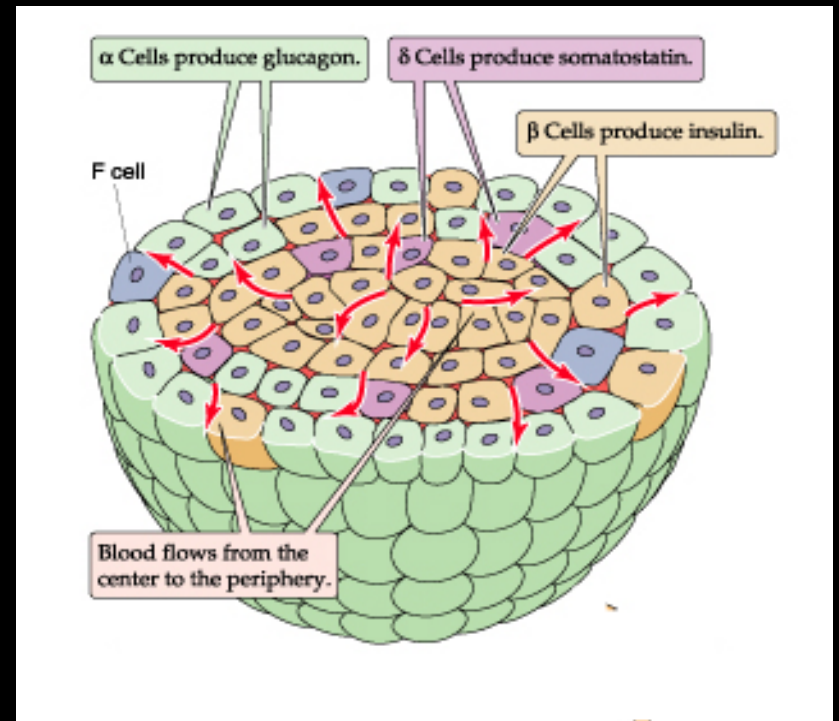
Bob

- Bob was born to unrelated parents after a normal 39 week pregnancy.
- Bob weighed 2 kilos (4.5 lbs) at birth.
- After a week he was dehydrated due to very high blood glucose levels.
- Bob was diagnosed with neonatal diabetes and given insulin to lower his blood sugar levels.
- Bob's ABCC8 mutation produced a protein which was too active. His K_{ATP} channels were always open preventing insulin secretion.
- Fortunately, his mutation was responsive to the oral sulfonylurea, glibenclamide, a K_{ATP} channel inhibitor, and he was eventually weaned off insulin and is in excellent control.



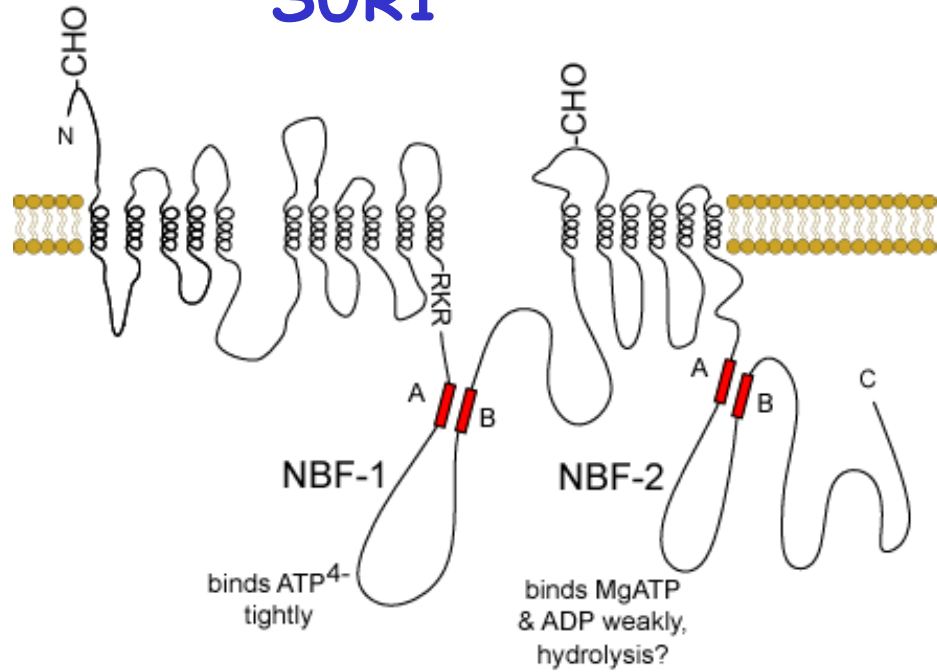
- α cells ~15-20% produce glucagon
- δ cells ~3-10% produce somatostatin
- β cells 65-80% produce c-peptide, insulin and pro-insulin

- F or PPI cells ~3-5% produce pancreatic polypeptide
- ϵ cells <1% produce ghrelin

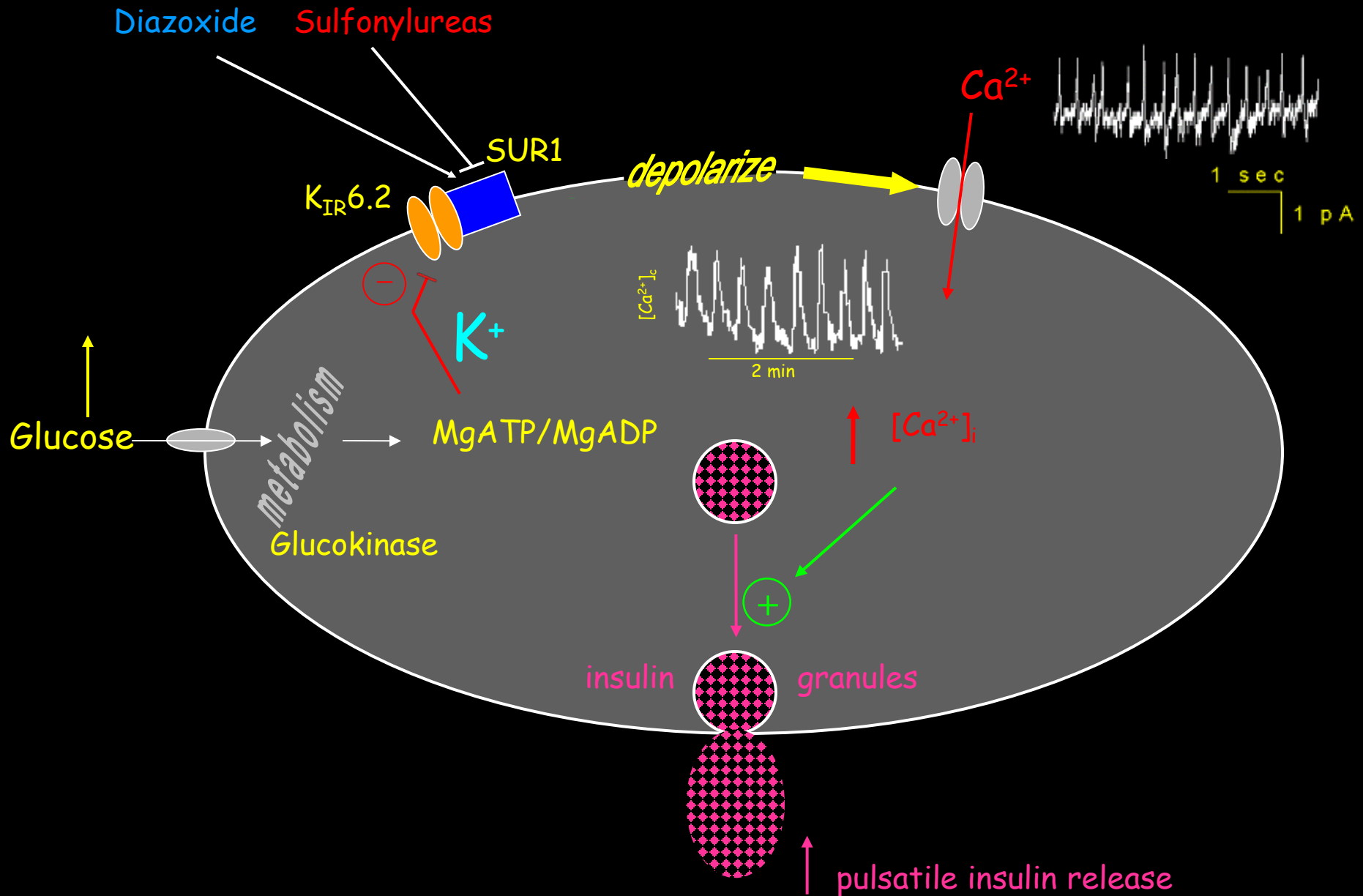


K_{ATP} channels

SUR1



K_{ATP} channels and the regulation of insulin release

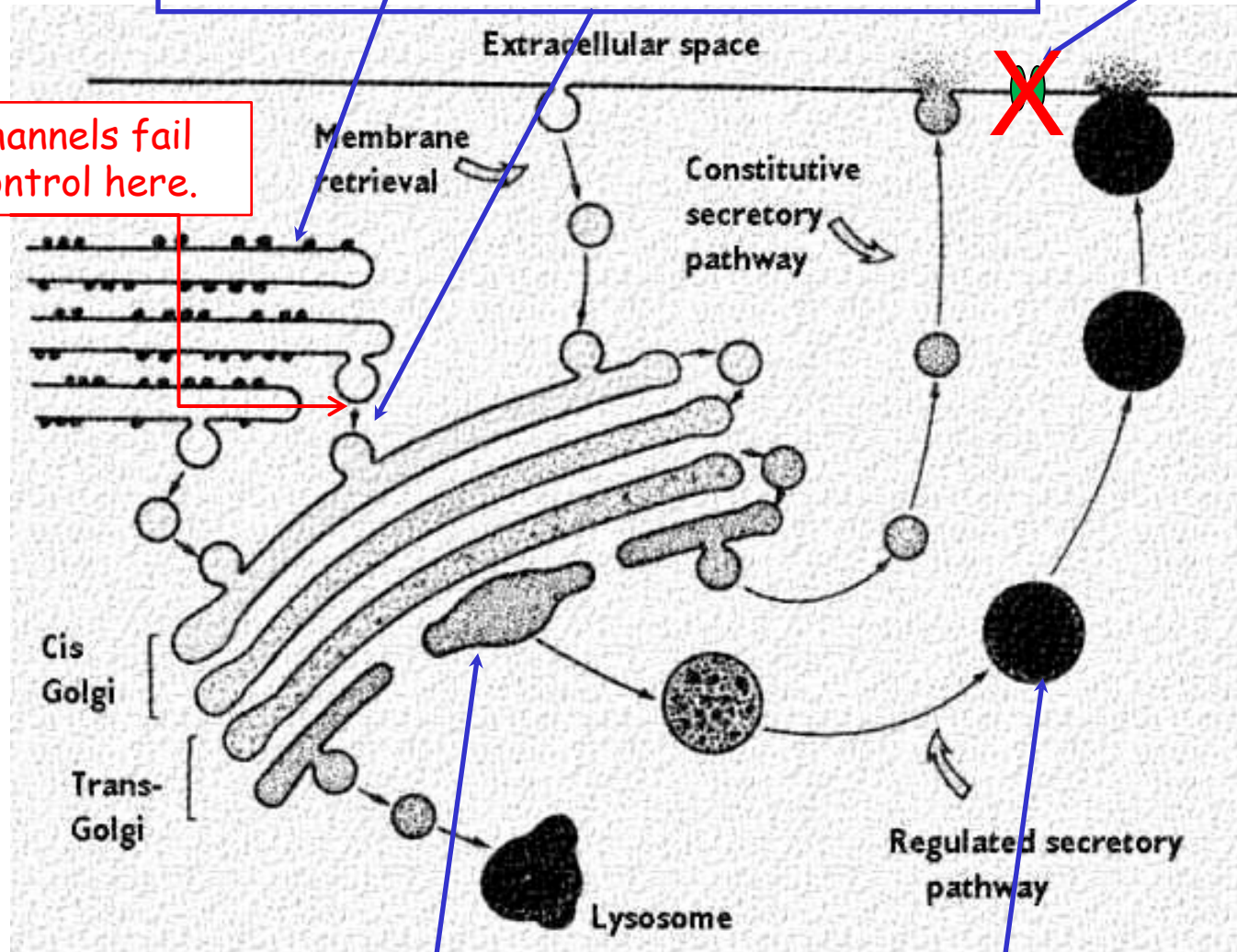


Understanding Alice's CPE

The protein factory Quality control is done here. Normal, and some mutant, K_{ATP} channels are made and put into the ER. Defective channels are at cell surface to the factory and destroyed

Making K_{ATP} channels in β -cells

Alice's channels fail quality control here.



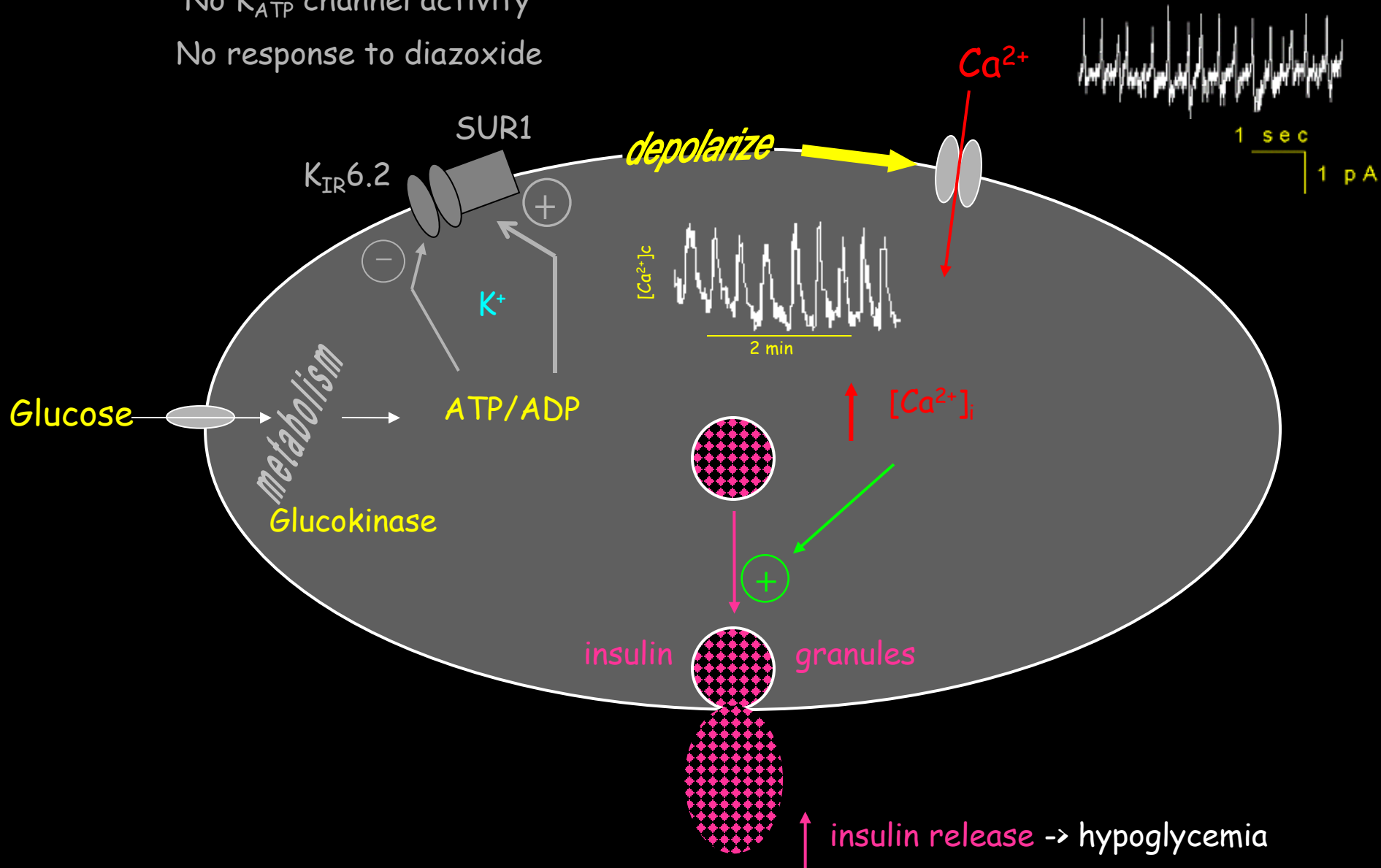
Channels are modified and packaged into insulin granules here

The K_{ATP} channels move to the cell surface with insulin

The Protein Assembly Line

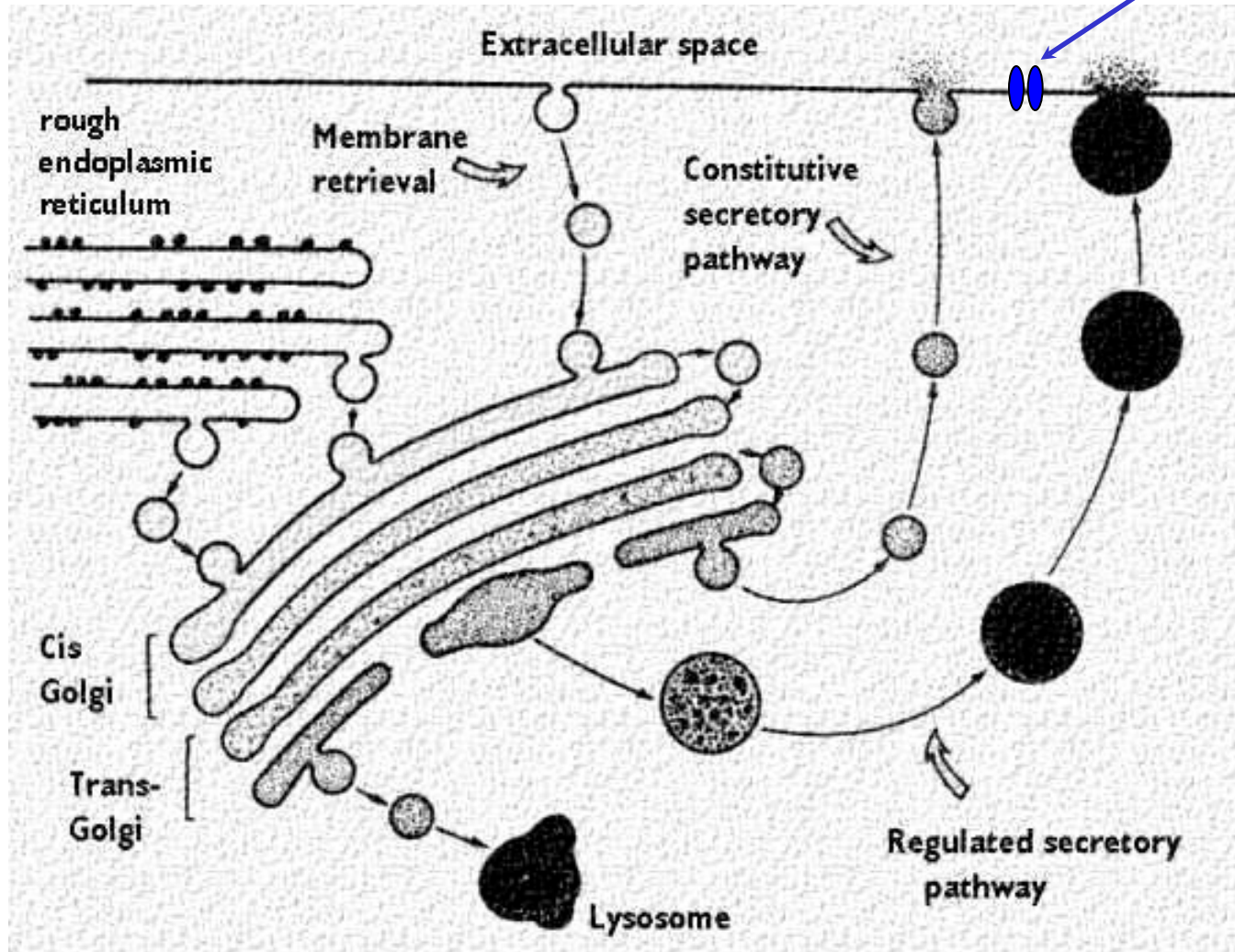
Alice's lack of K_{ATP} channels cause her hyperinsulinism

No K_{ATP} channel activity
No response to diazoxide



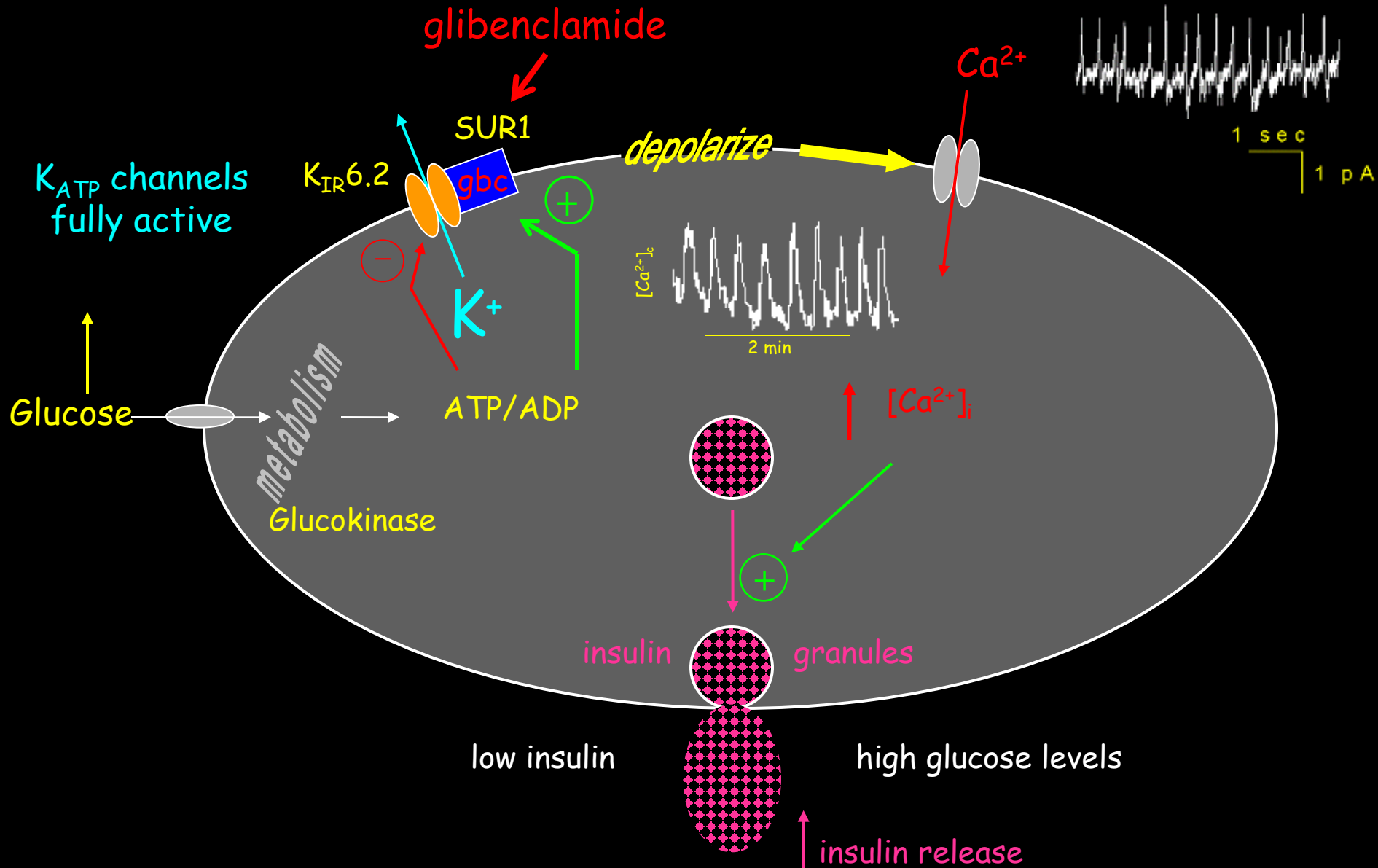
Understanding Bob's ND.

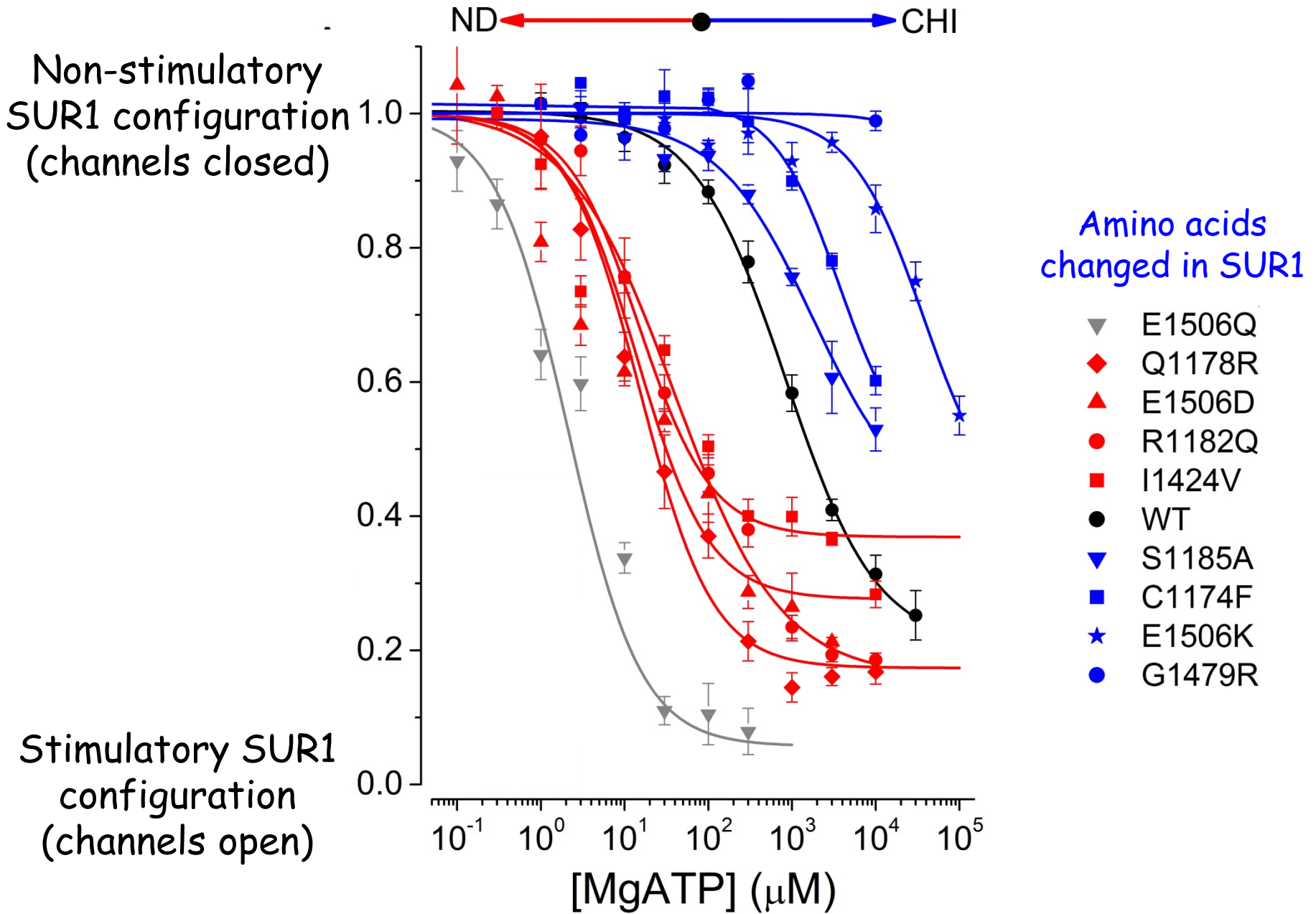
Bob's K_{ATP} channels reach the cell surface, but are defective.

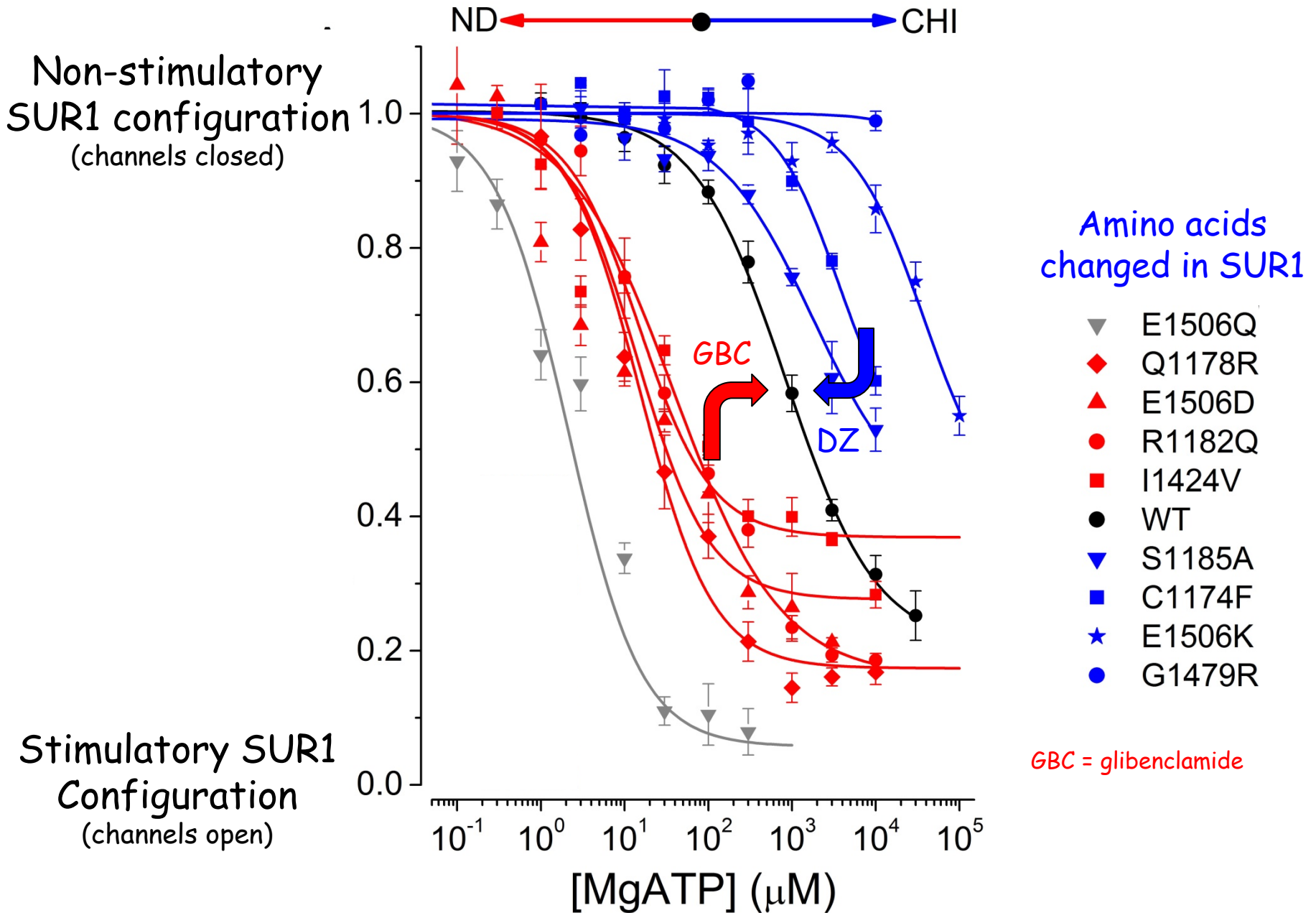


The Protein Assembly Line

Bob's K_{ATP} channels are too active \rightarrow insulin levels low









Thank you Parents
and Children!



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participation.

