

My experience as an ERC awardee

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1993: MD

1999: PhD

**since 2003:
Group leader**

**since 2008:
ERC StG**

1999

2002

1999-2002: Postdoc



Semmelweis University

Department of Physiology

built in 1874



Semmelweis University

Department of Physiology

1874 - 2008



Semmelweis University Basic Medical Science Center opened in 2008



**Molecular dissection
of inflammatory pathways
(MOLINFLAM)
ERC Starting Grant
2008-2013**



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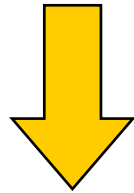
How ERC funding changed my life?

- ➔ Competitive lab size
- ➔ Secure finances of science and life
- ➔ True independence, relief from other duties
- ➔ Follow up on major challenges

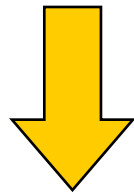
Rheumatoid arthritis



Common, severe and chronic
joint inflammatory disease

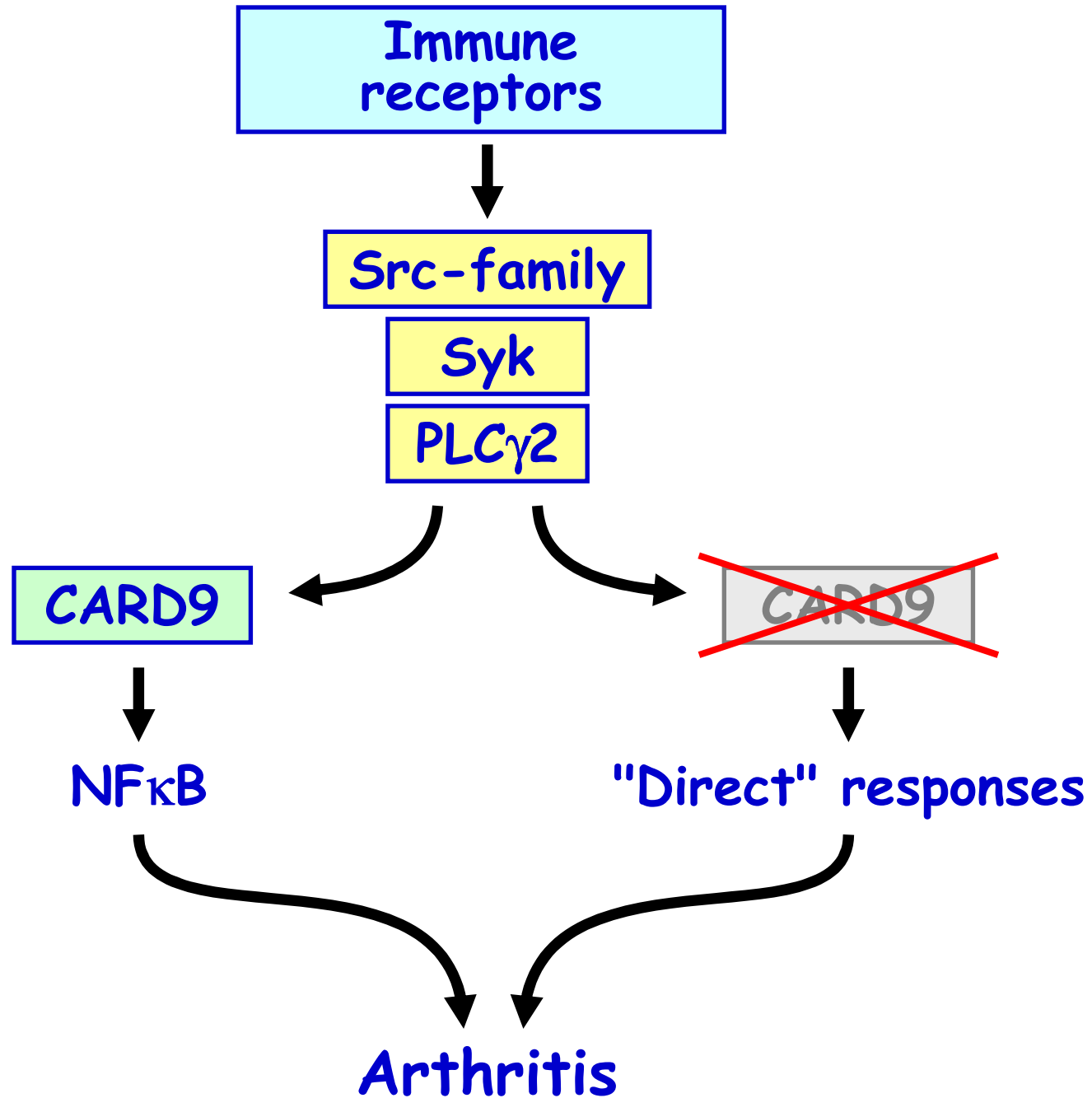


Major societal
challenge



New understanding needed





Recommandations for future PI's

→ "Think big, aim high"
(Tullio Pozzan)

→ Don't forget: the goal is good science
(Vaclav Horejsi)

How to get funded

- ➔ Good track record
- ➔ International experience/integration
- ➔ Good ideas, supported by preliminary results
- ➔ Technical issues - ask an expert

Members of the lab

