

PROTEIN INTERACTIONS
IN RATIONAL APPROACHES
FOR MEDICINAL
INNOVATIVE DRUGS

# **Protein-Protein Interaction IL-15**









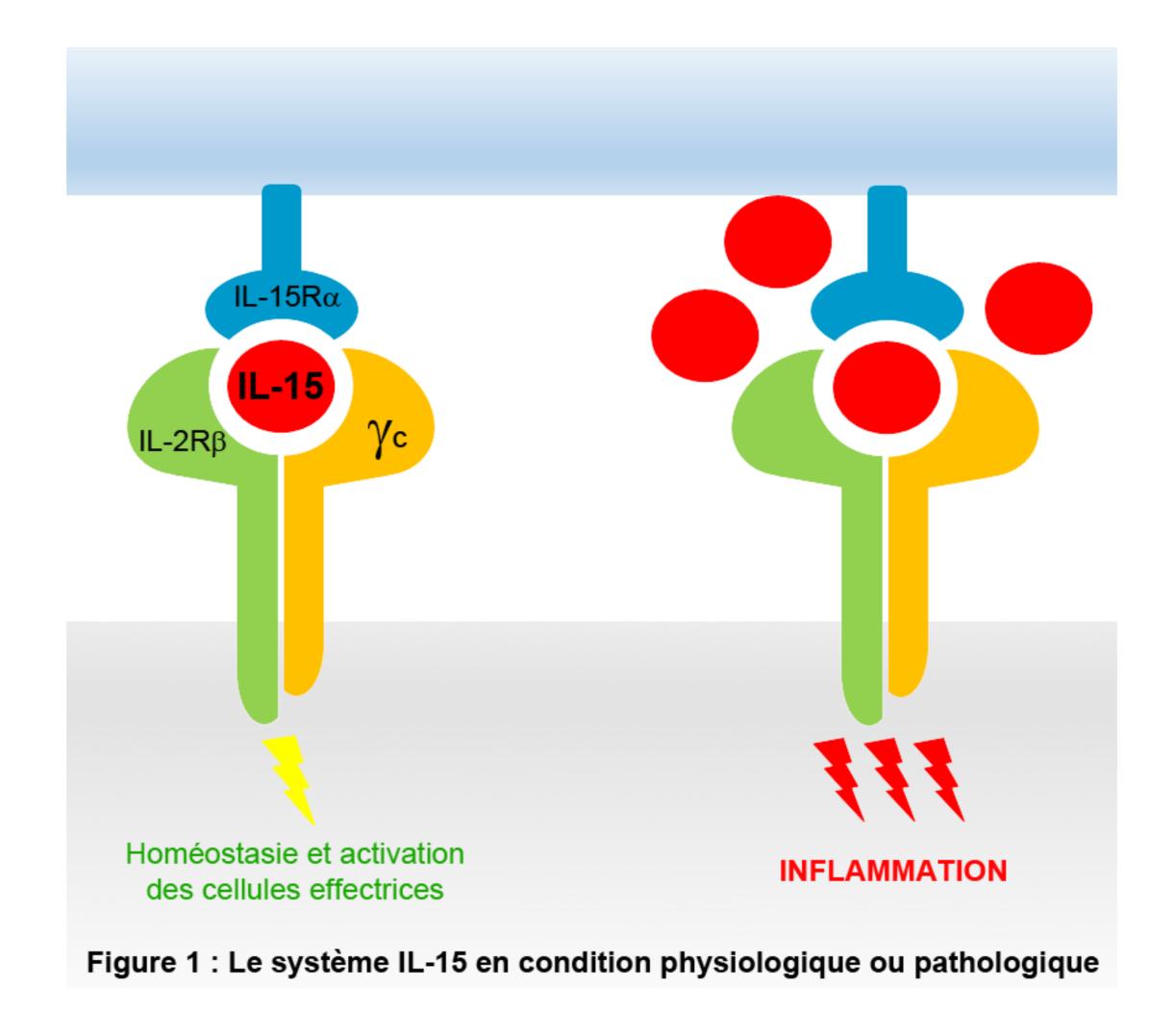
# Context:

**Cytokines** are key mediators involved in the regulation of the normal immune response. Dysregulation of cytokine expression has a complex role in the pathogenesis of autoimmune diseases.

## **IL-15**

IL-15R $\alpha$  binds to IL-15 with high affinity, retaining IL-15 on the surface of IL-15-producing cells. IL-15 is then trans-presented to  $\beta$  /  $\gamma$ c dimeric receptors on nearby effector NK an T cells, participating to the immunological synapse.

IL-15 uncontrolled expression would undeniably result in the induction of autoimmunity.



# Goals and ambitions:

The aim of this project is the identification of low molecular weight chemical compounds capable of inhibiting the actions of IL-15 overexpressed in the context of autoimmune diseases.

#### Resources:

2 PhD

1 post-doctoral

Laboratory CEISAM, Laboratory CRCINA, Laboratory SONAS, Laboratory IMMM.

