

# **NEUROMODULATION**

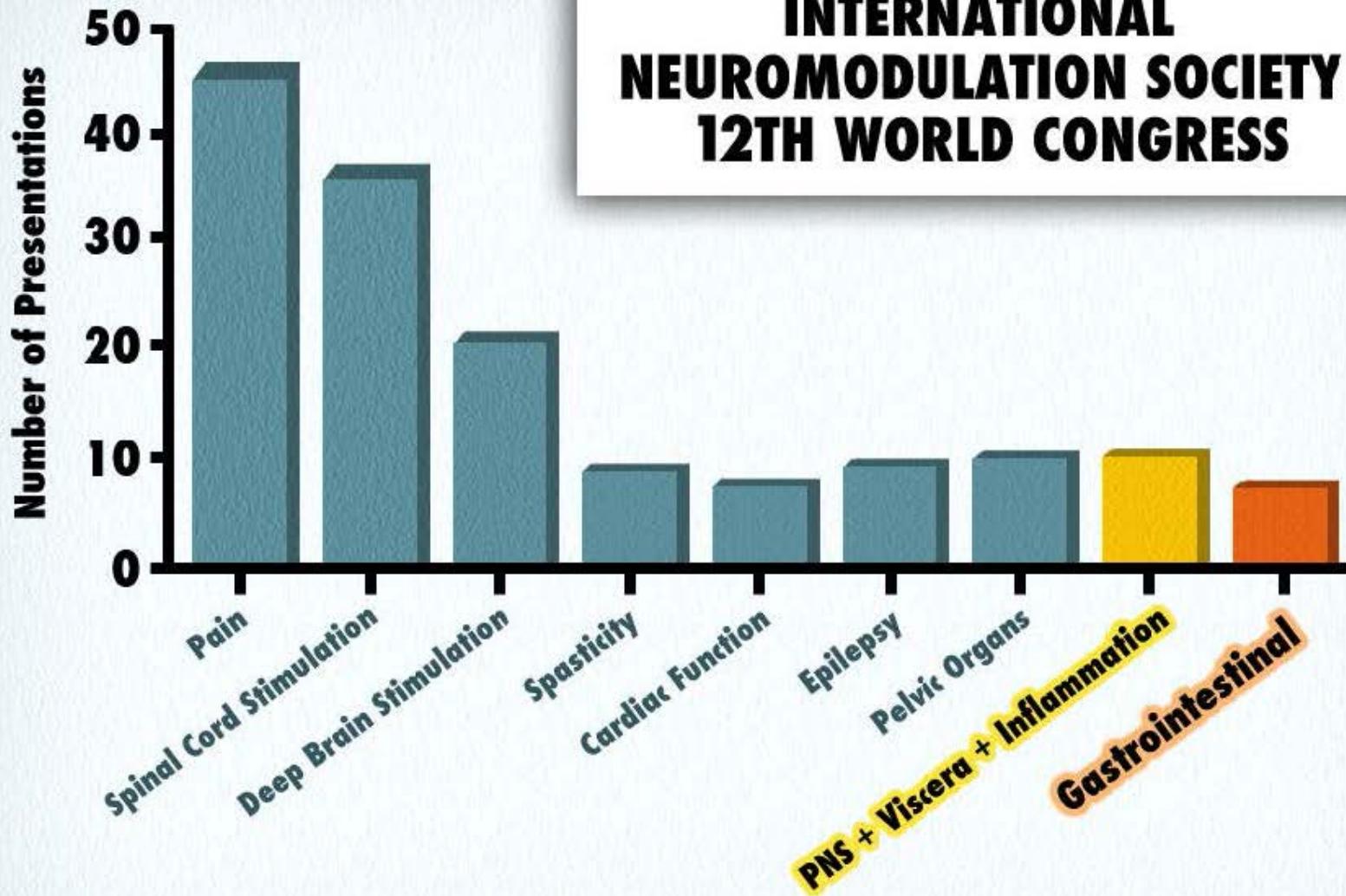
THE AUTONOMIC NERVOUS SYSTEM AND GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT DISORDERS

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# DISORDERS TO TREAT WITH NEUROMODULATION

**ACHALASIA  
DYSPHAGIA  
GERD  
MEGA ESOPHAGUS**

**COLITIS  
IBS  
CROHN'S DISEASE  
HIRSCHSPRUNG DISEASE  
CHAGAS DISEASE**

**GASTROPARESIS  
GUT DYSMOTILITY  
DYSPEPSIA  
VISCRAL PAIN  
NAUSEA, EMESIS  
OBESITY  
PYLORIC STENOSIS  
DUMPING  
REFLUX**



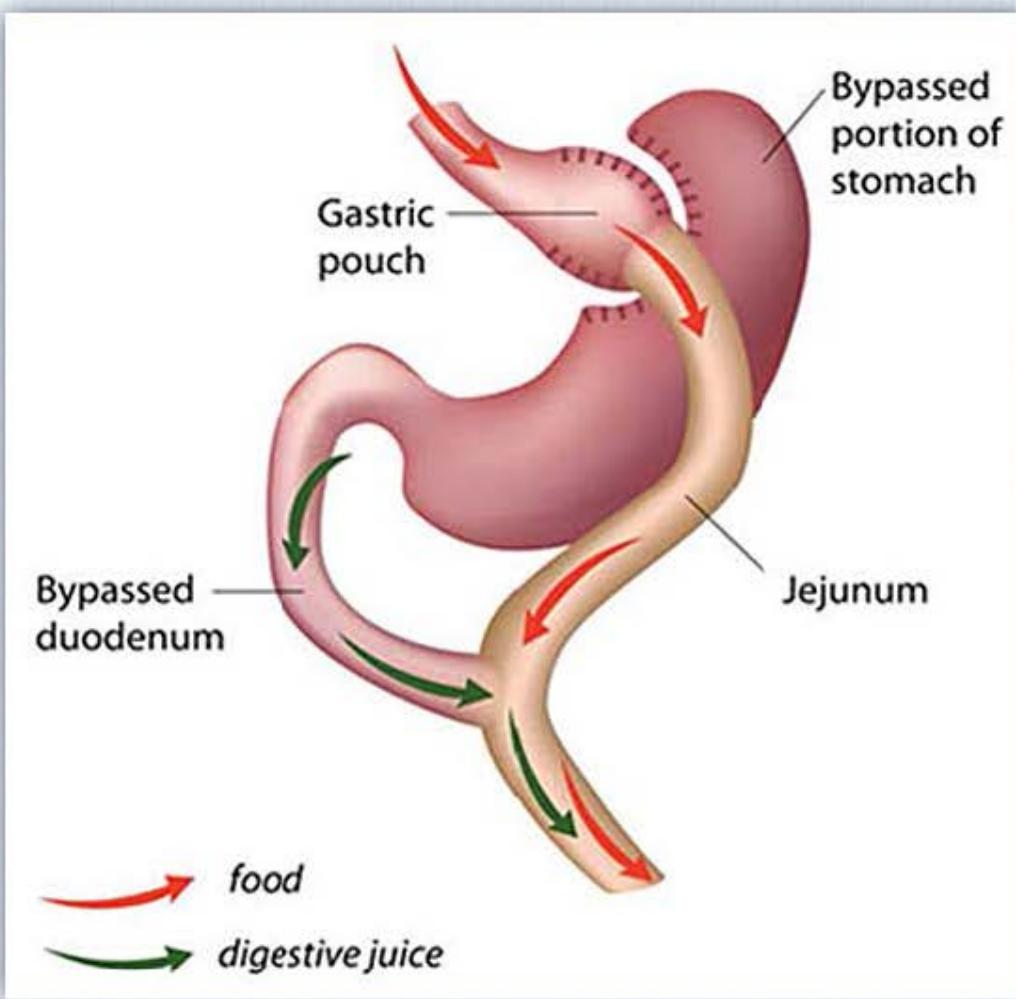
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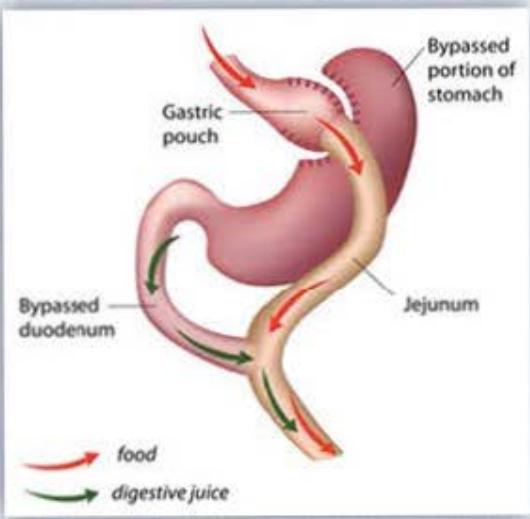
# TIME

## The Obesity Epidemic in America



# ROUX-EN-Y BYPASS





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# Great and Desperate Cures

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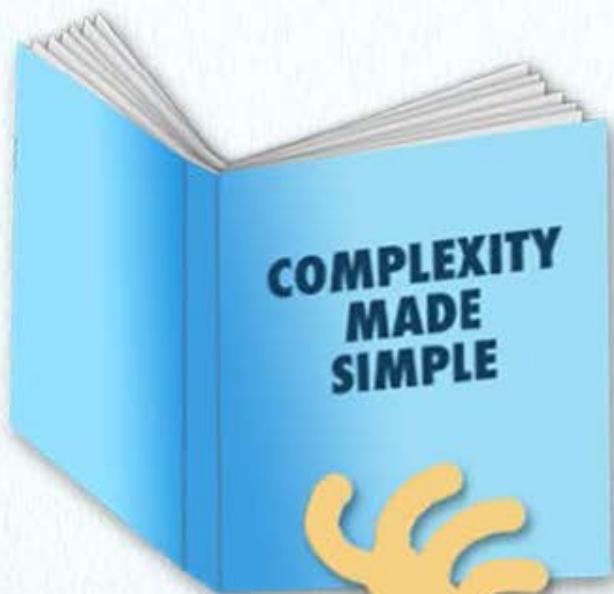
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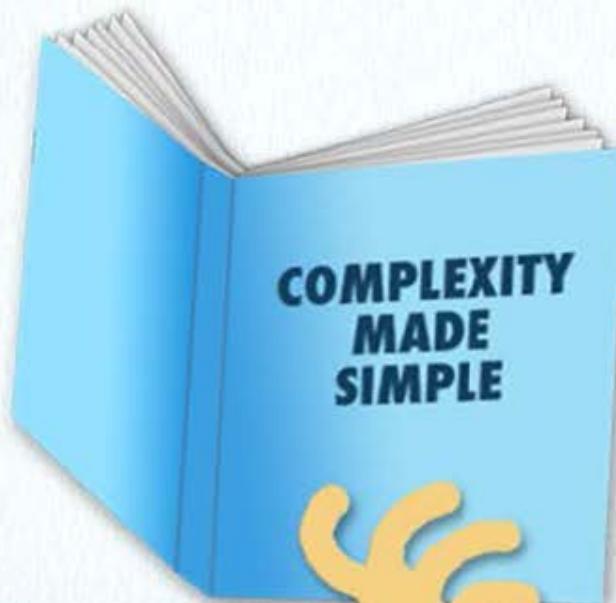


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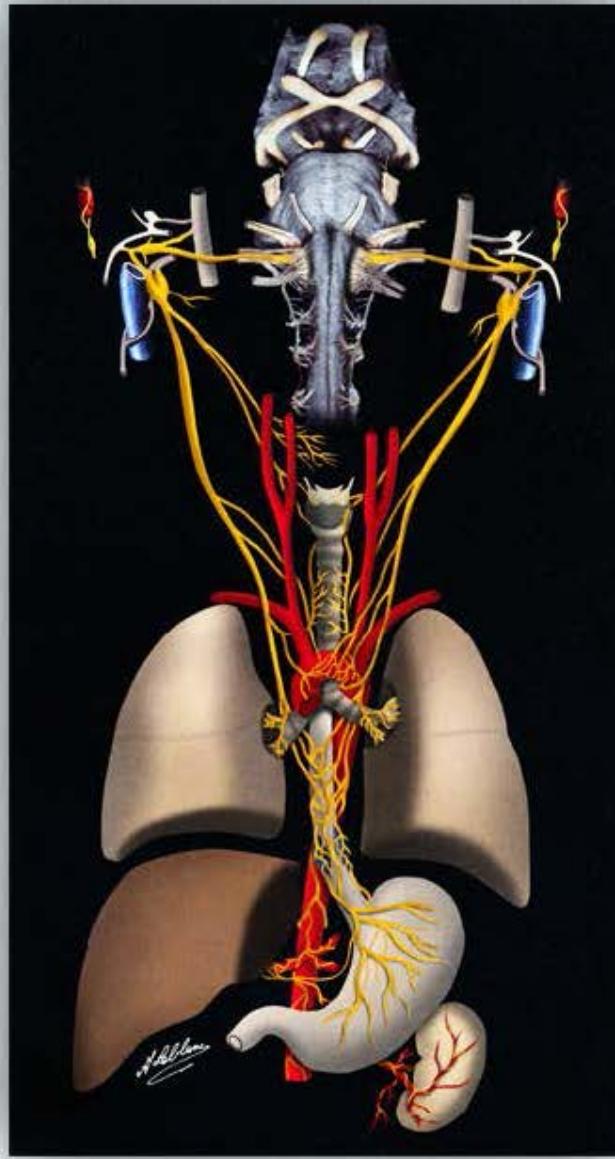
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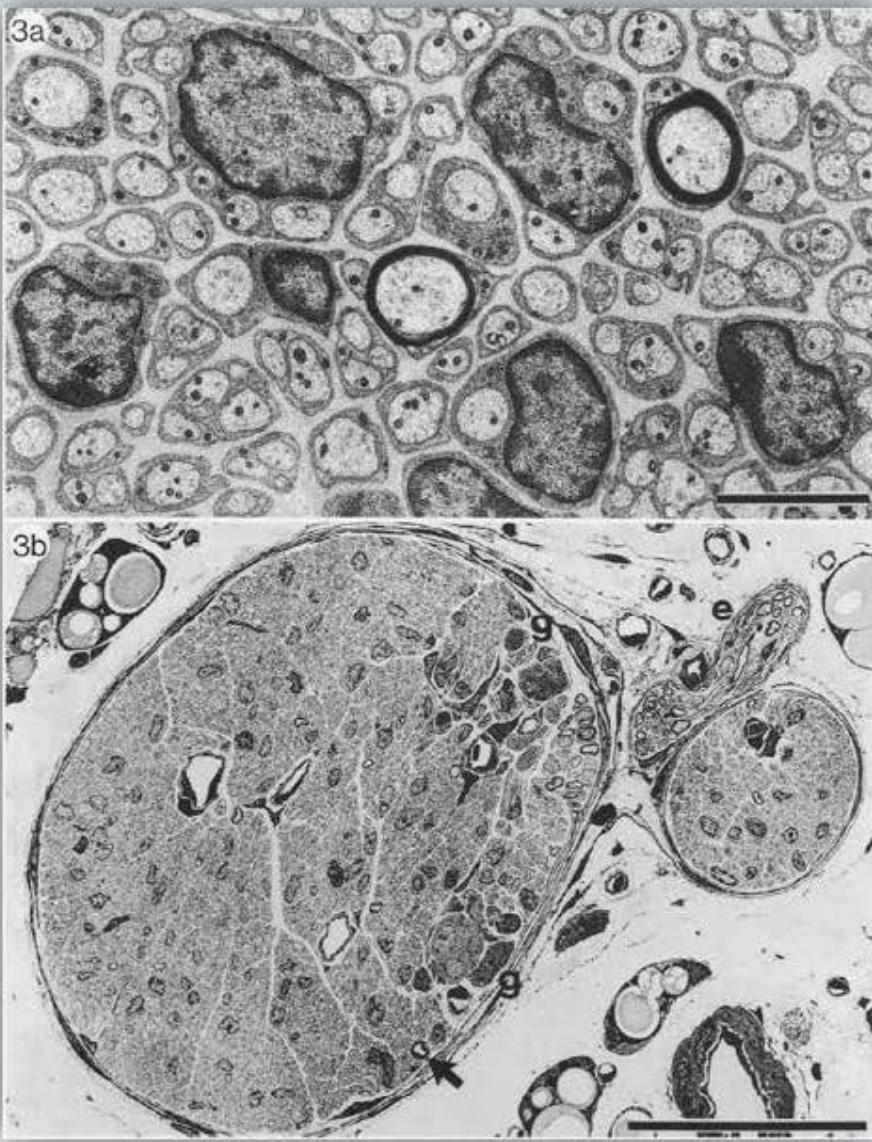
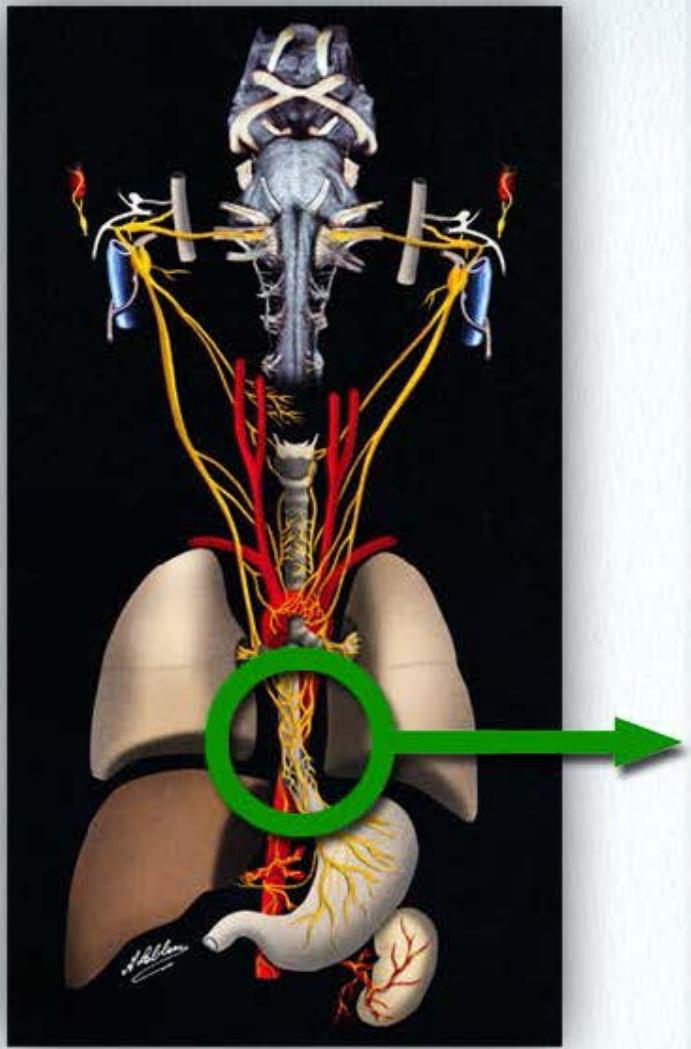
**The VAGUS may  
be the answer!!**



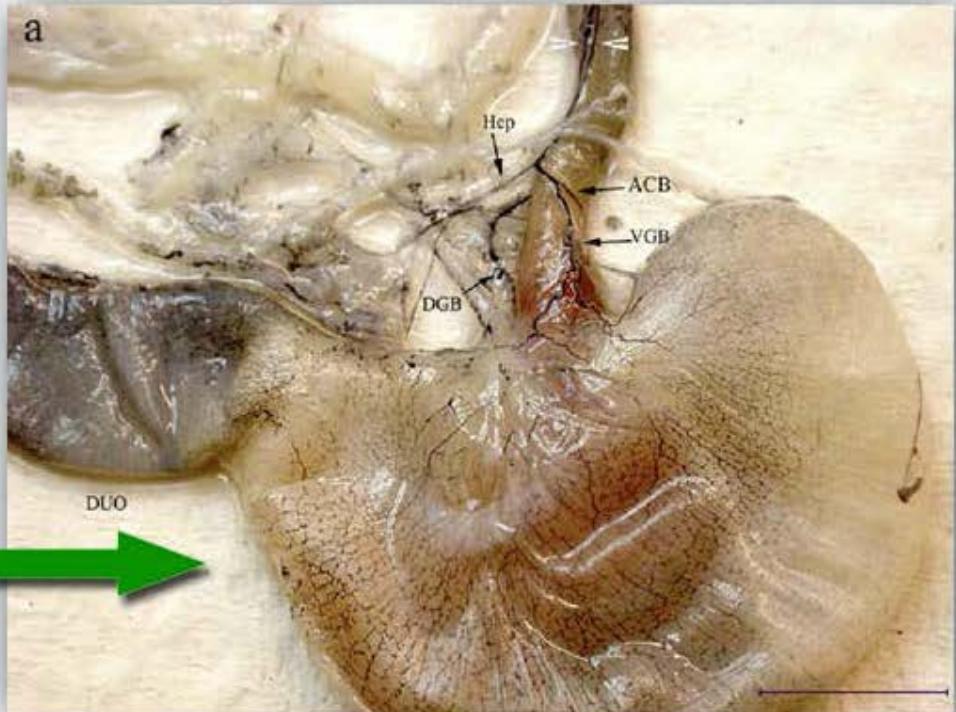
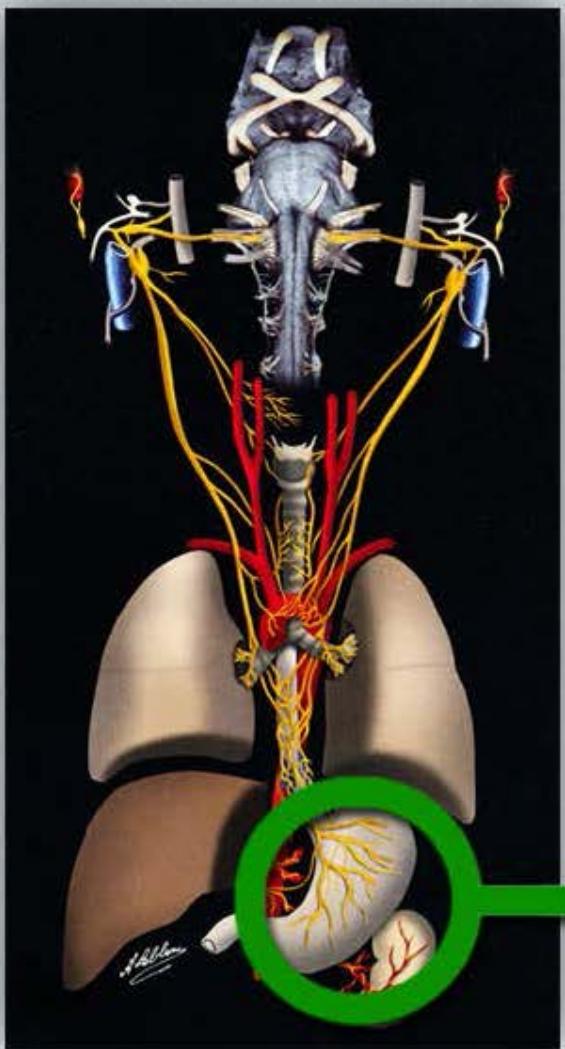
**NEURO  
MODULATOR**



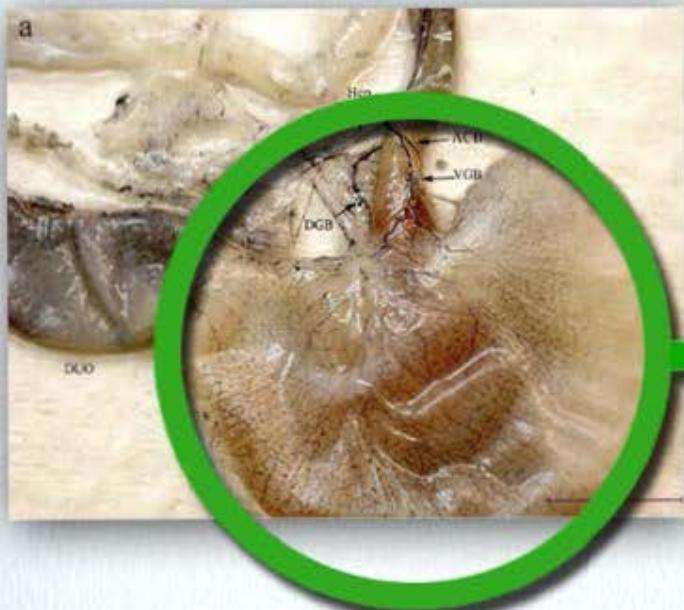
Leblanc, 2001



Precht and Powley



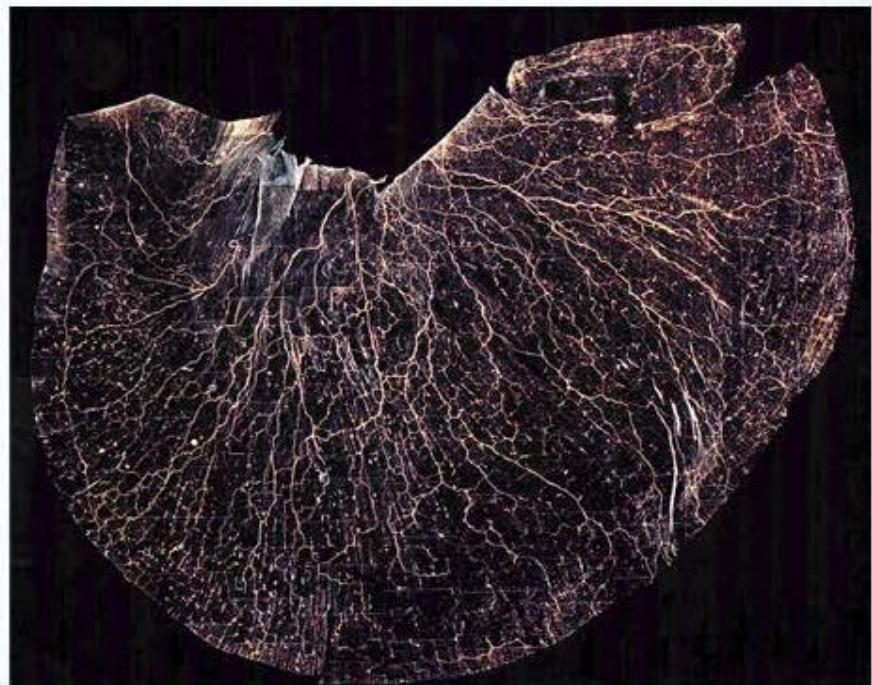
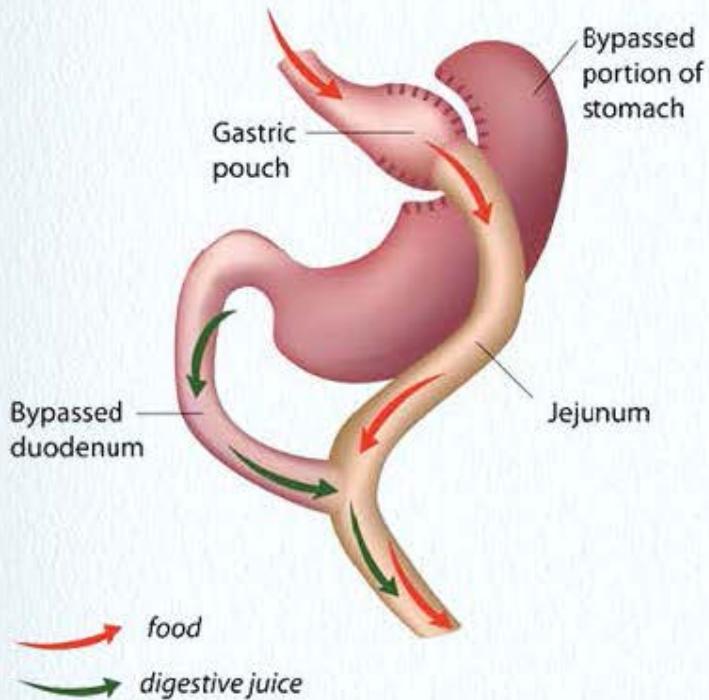
Wang & Powley, 2007



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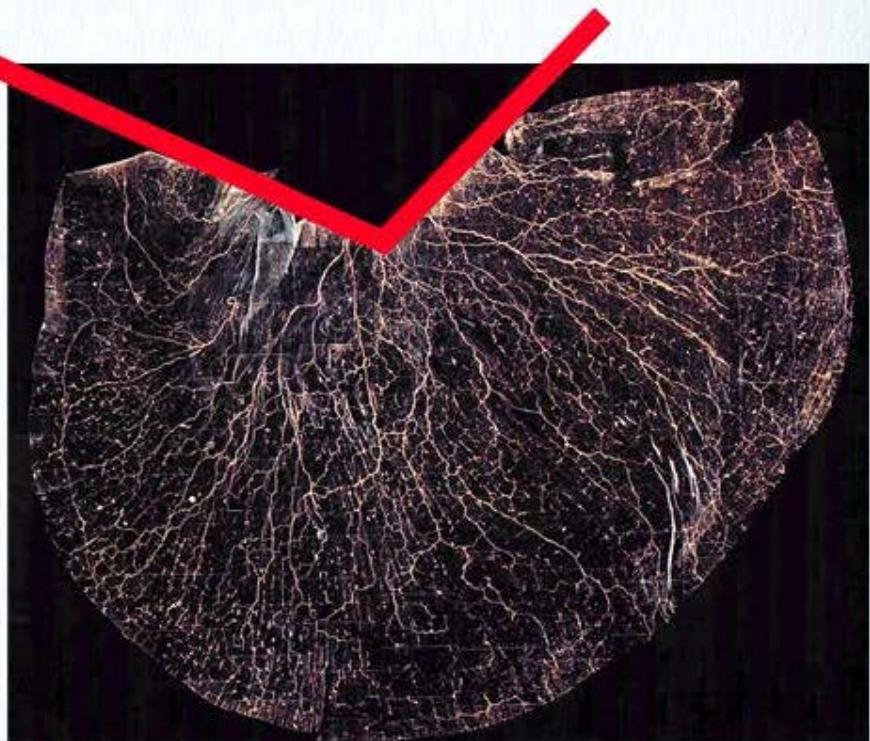
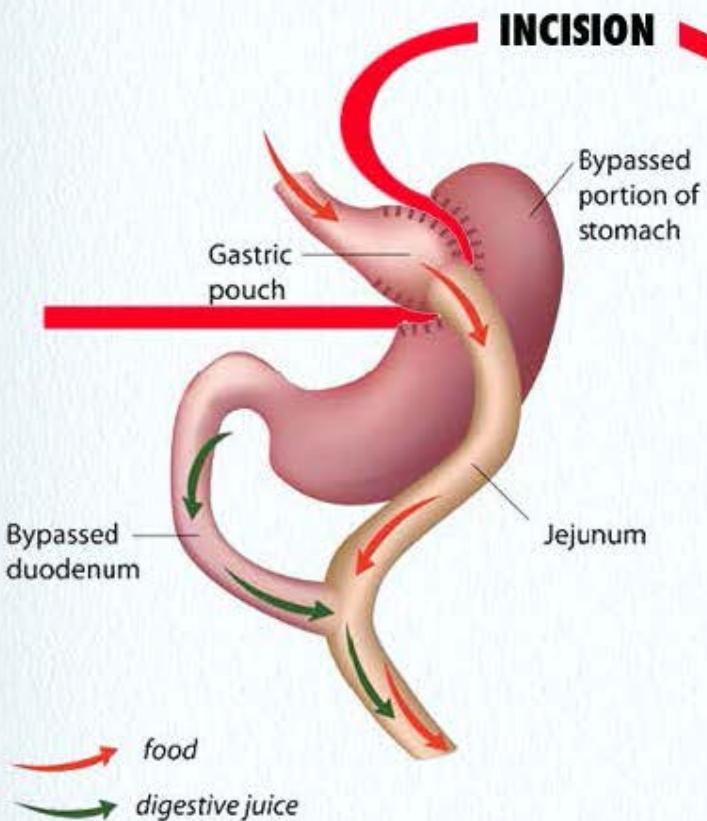
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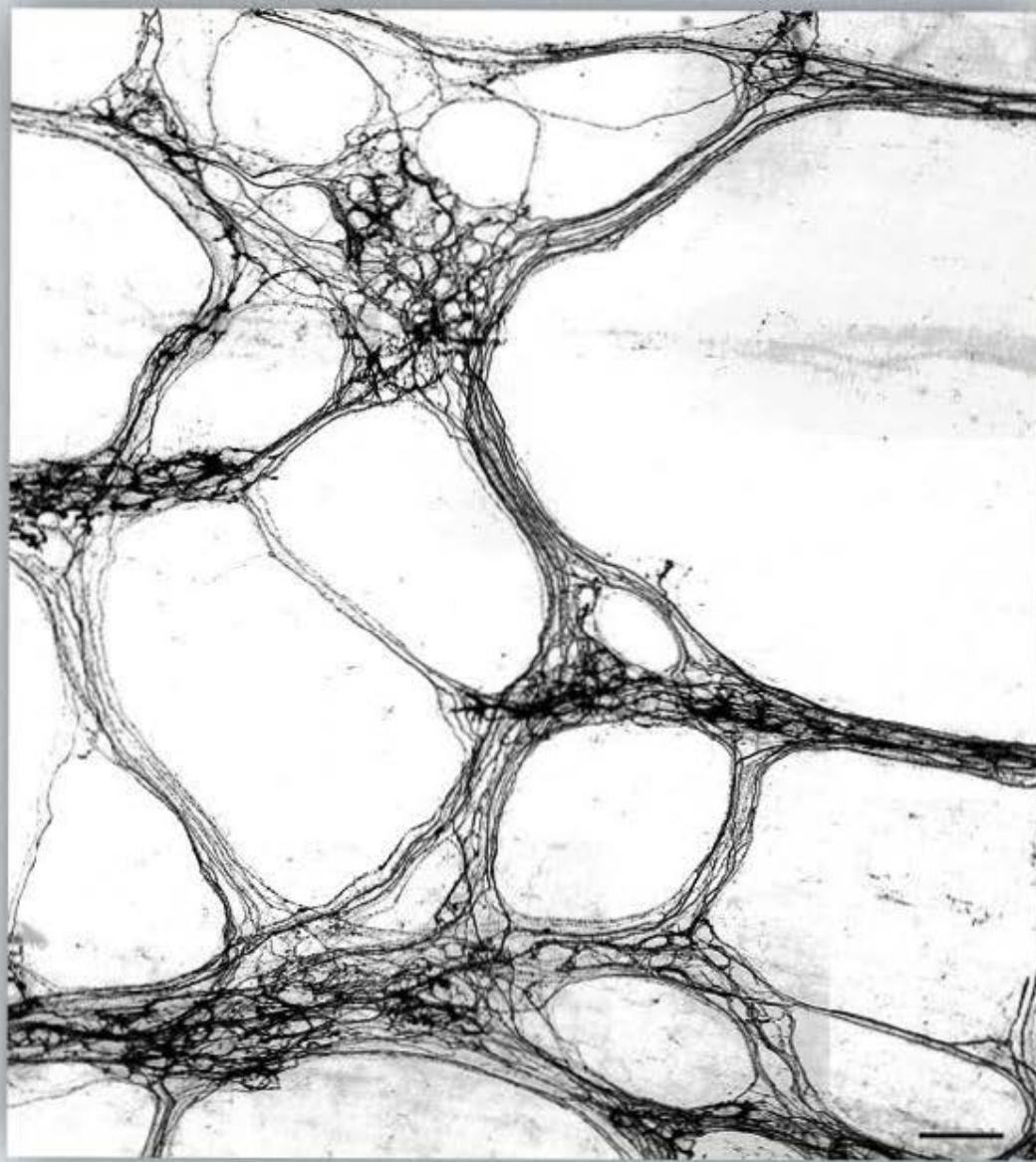


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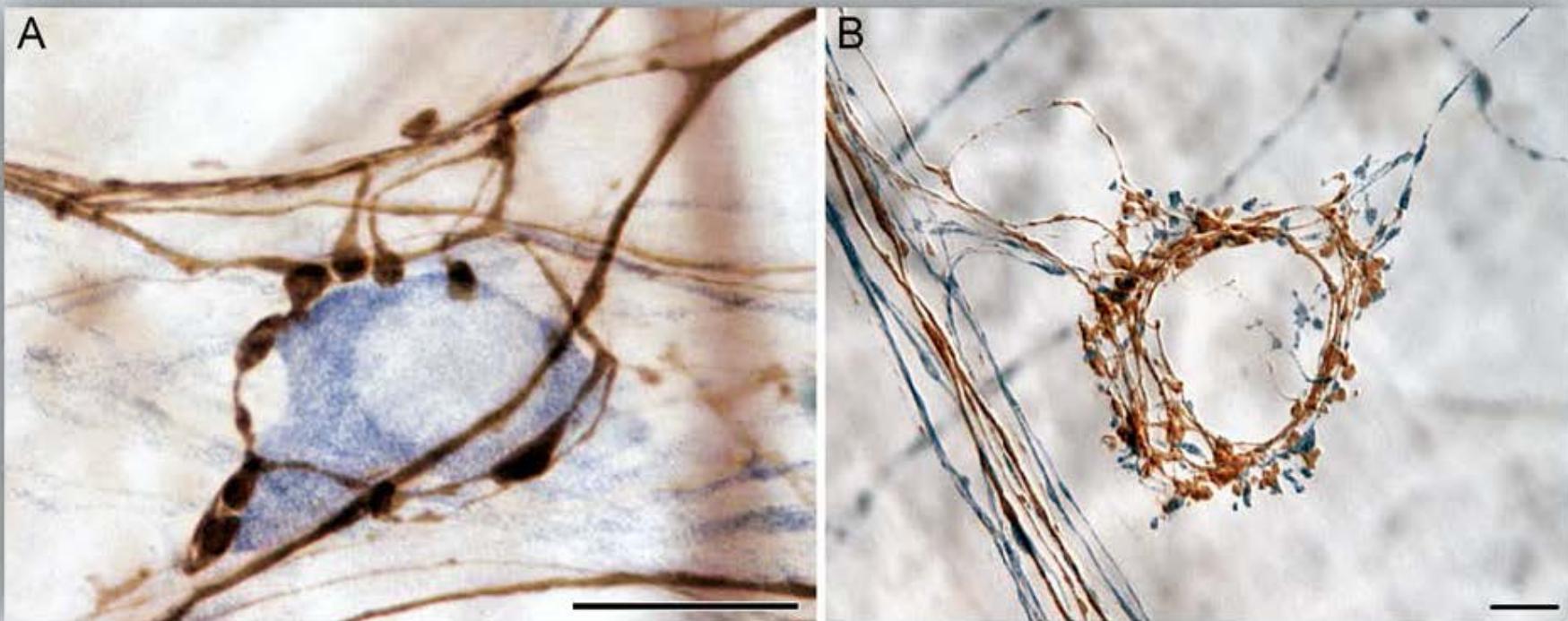


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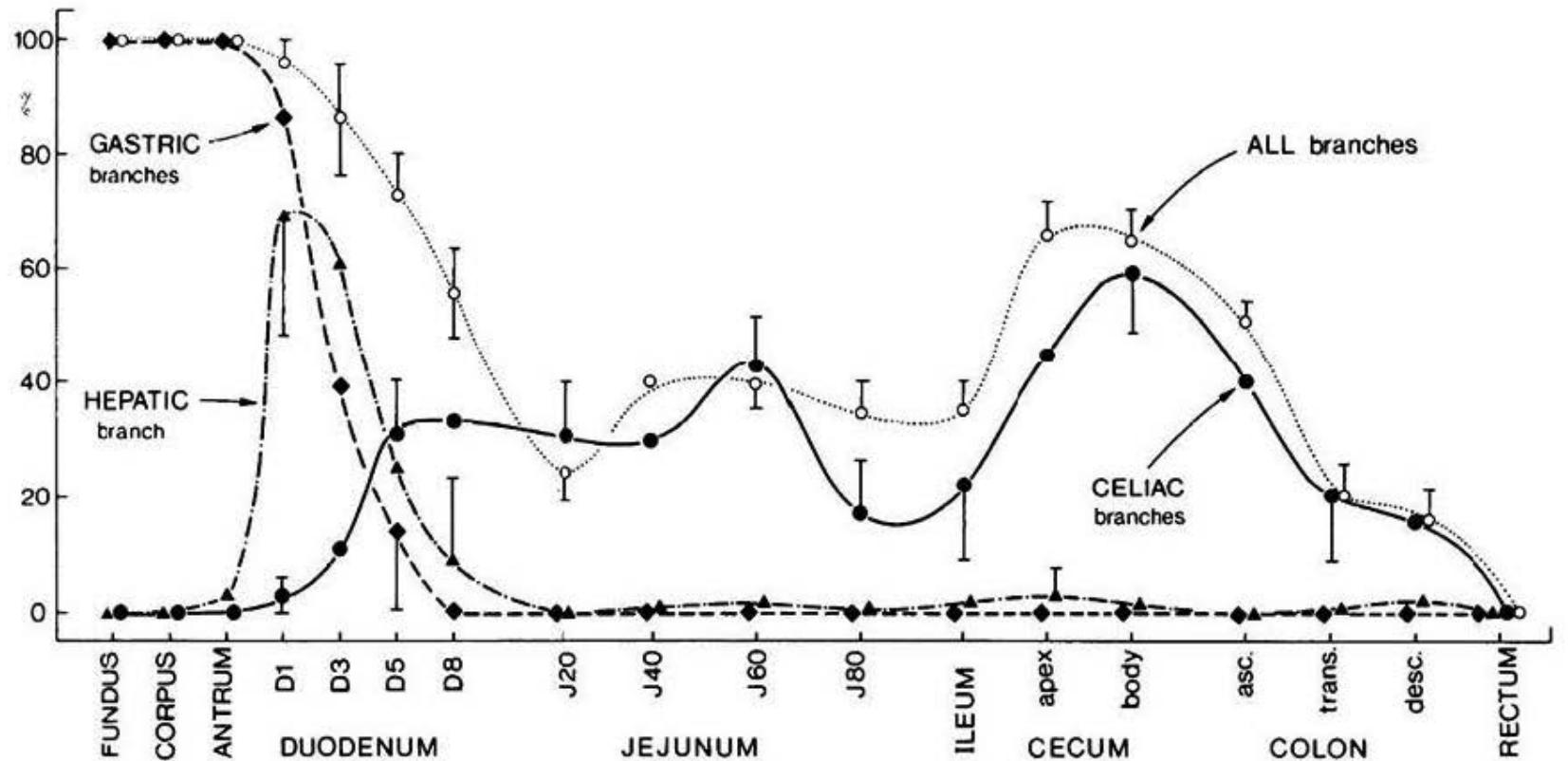
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# VAGAL & SYMPATHETIC MOTOR - MYENTERIC PLEXUS

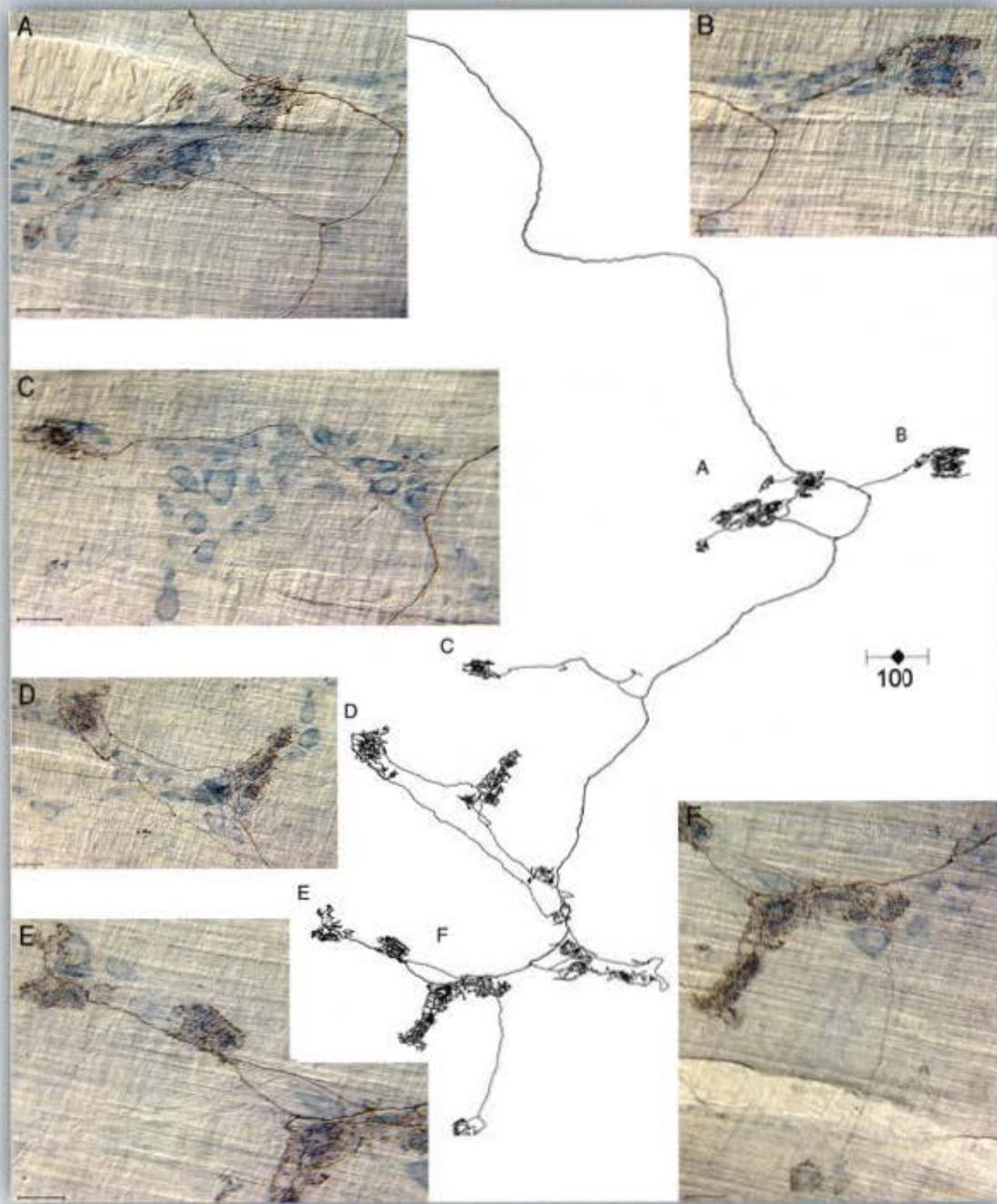


# PERCENT MYENTERIC GANGLIA INNERVATED BY VAGUS

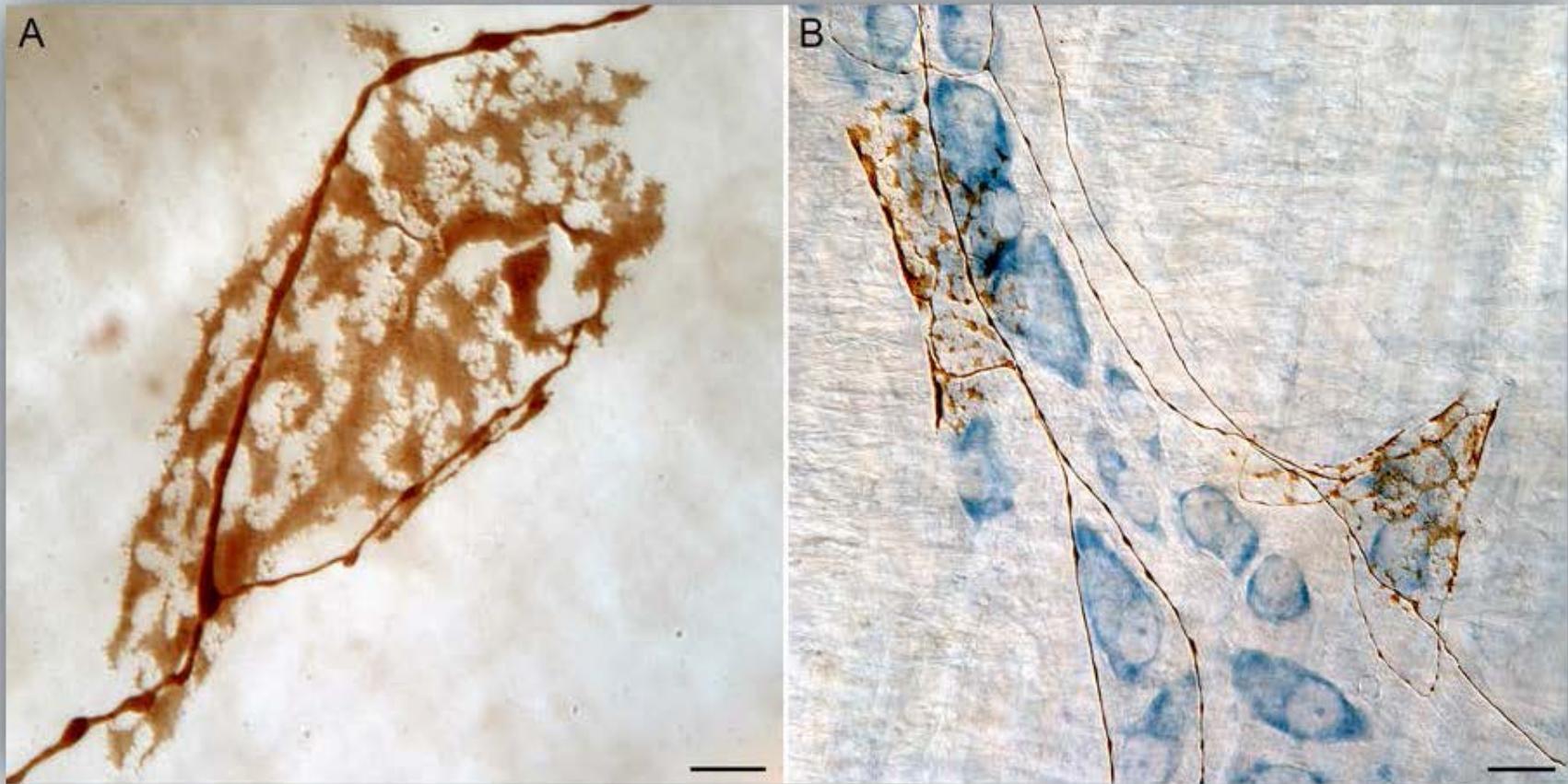


Berthoud, Carlson, and Powley

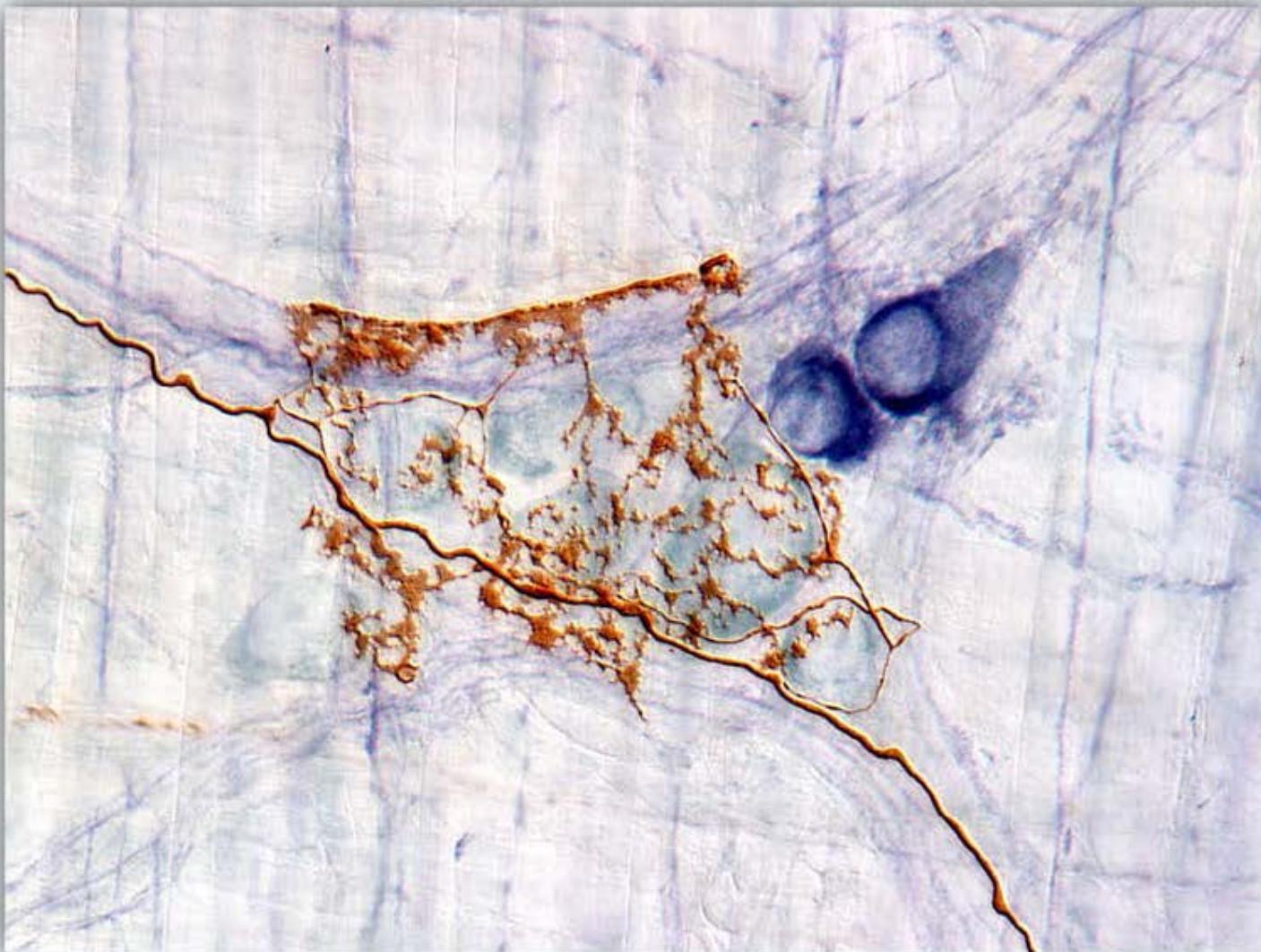
# VAGAL SENSORY INNERVATION: INTRAGANGLIONIC LAMINAR ENDING (IGLE)



# VAGAL SENSORY - IGLEs - PLATES ON MYENTERIC GANGLIA



# **VAGAL SENSORY IGLE INNERVATES CHOLINERGIC NEURONS & IGNORES NITRERGIC NEURONS IN MYENTERIC GANGLION**



# VAGAL SENSORY INNERVATION: INTRAMUSCULAR ARRAY (IMA)

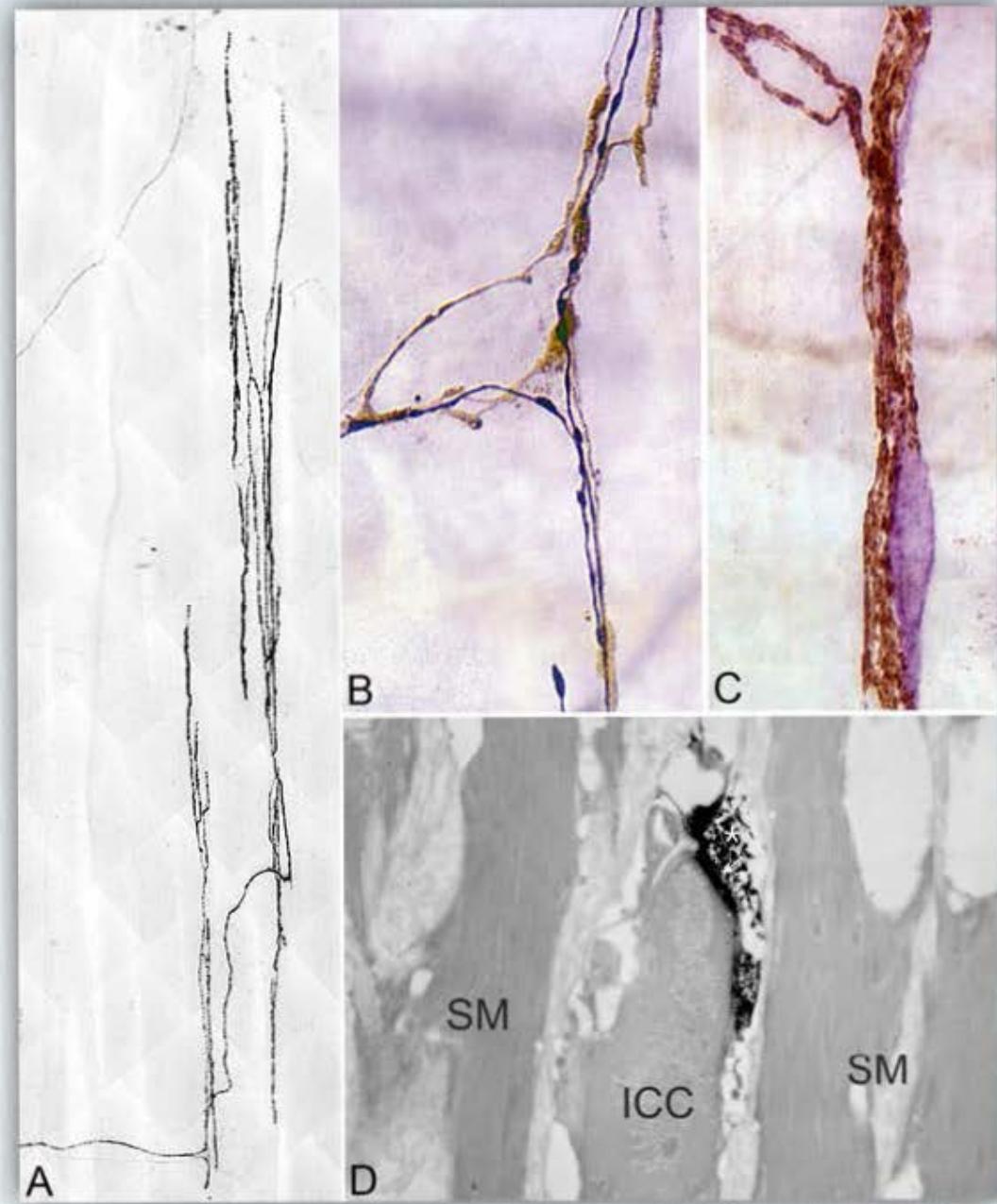


**VAGAL SENSORY  
IMAs:**

**STRETCH RECEPTORS?**

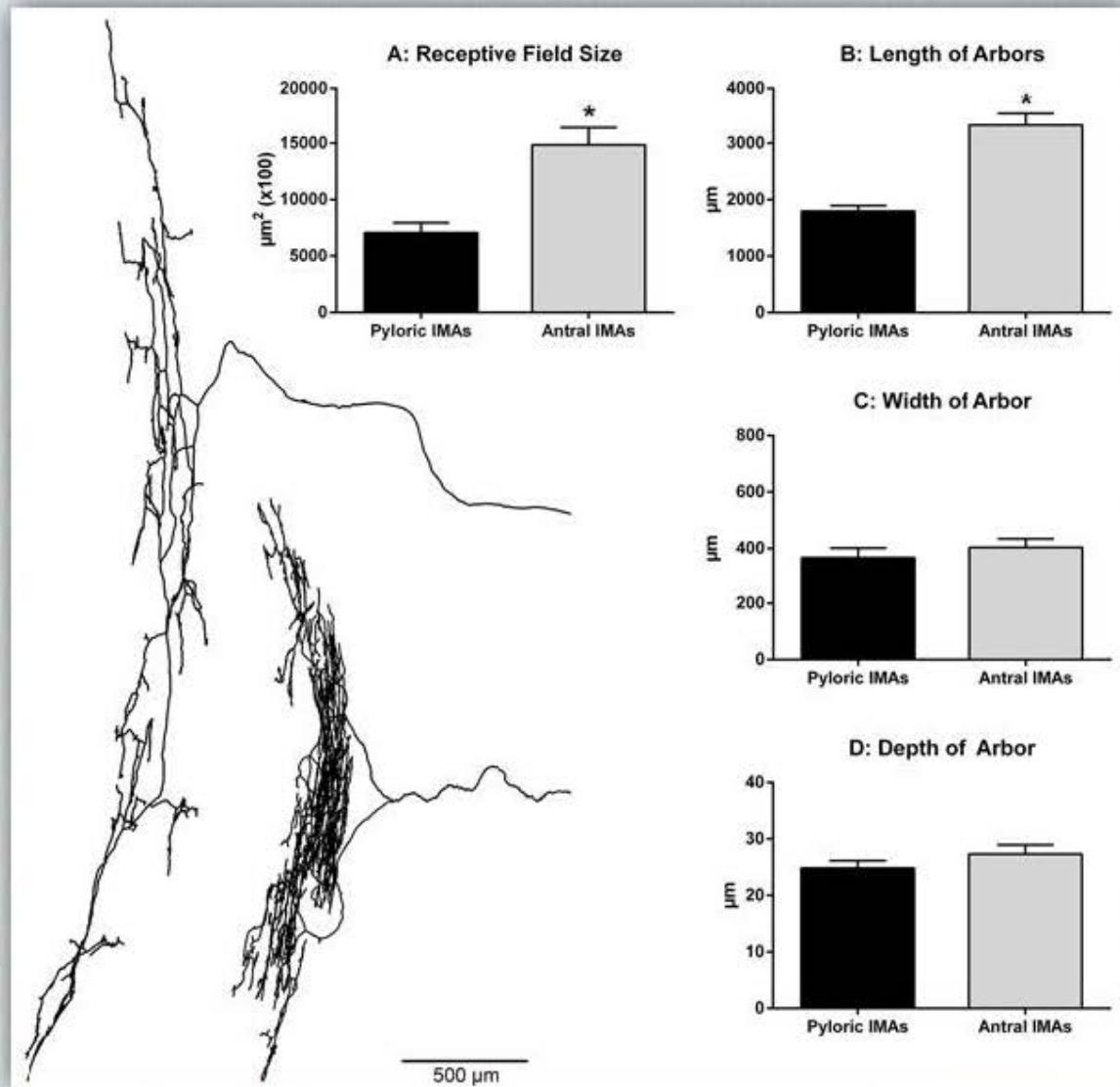
**MUSCLE SPINDLE  
ORGAN ANALOGUES?**

**AXON REFLEXES?**



**IMAs ARE REGIONALLY  
SPECIALIZED AND  
CONCENTRATED:**

**SPHINCTERS,  
FORESTOMACH, ETC.**



# OBESITY: VBLOC THERAPY

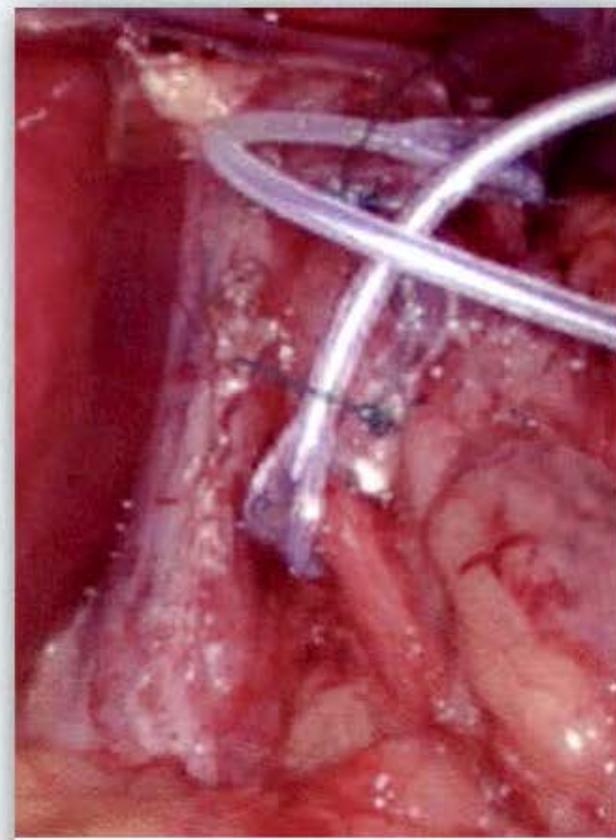
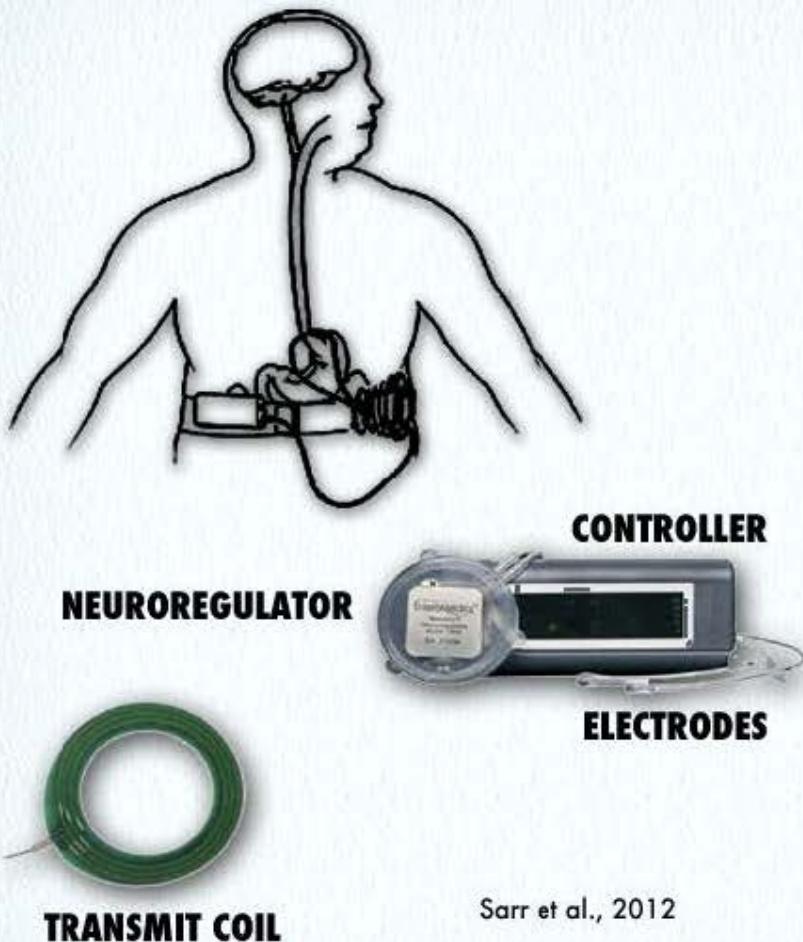


Fig 1. Electrodes implanted on anterior and posterior vagal trunks (original magnification,  $\times 4$ ).

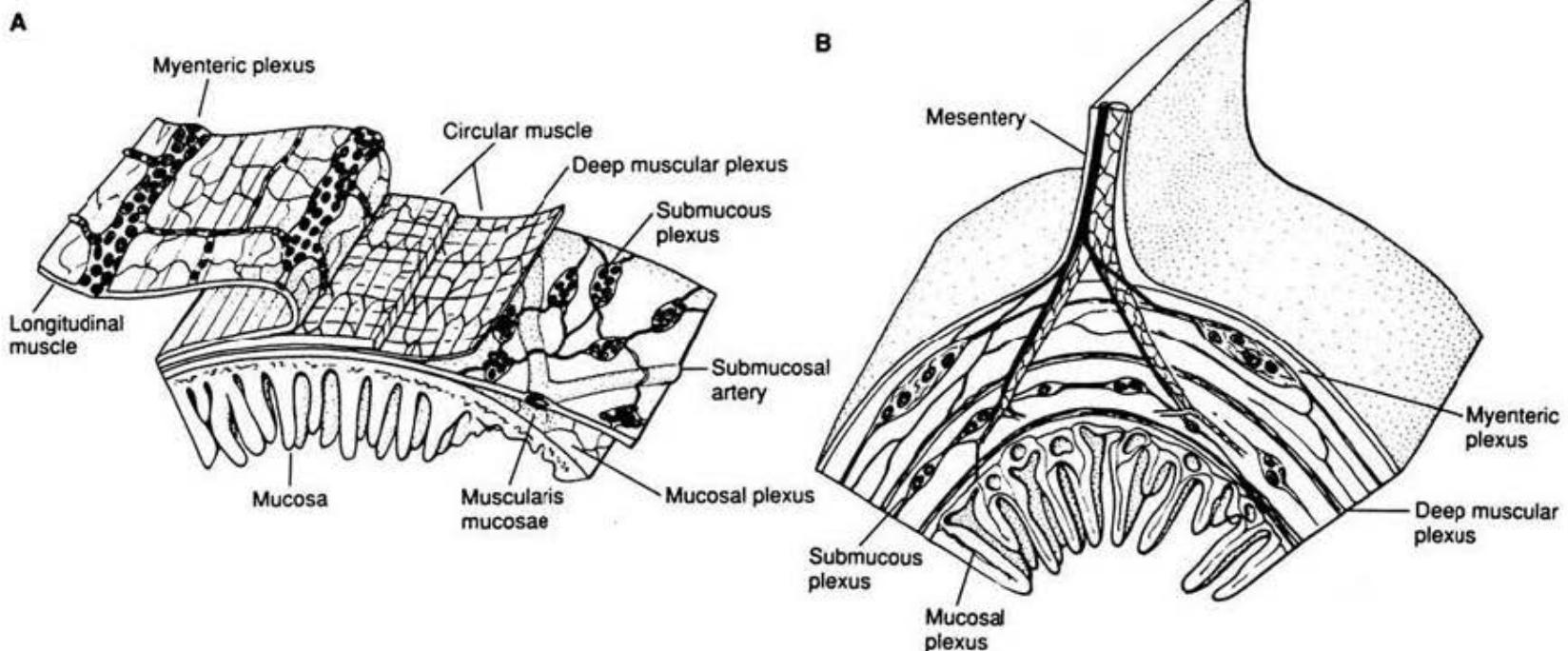
Camilleri et al., 2008

# VAGAL MOTOR INNERVATION: ESOPHAGUS



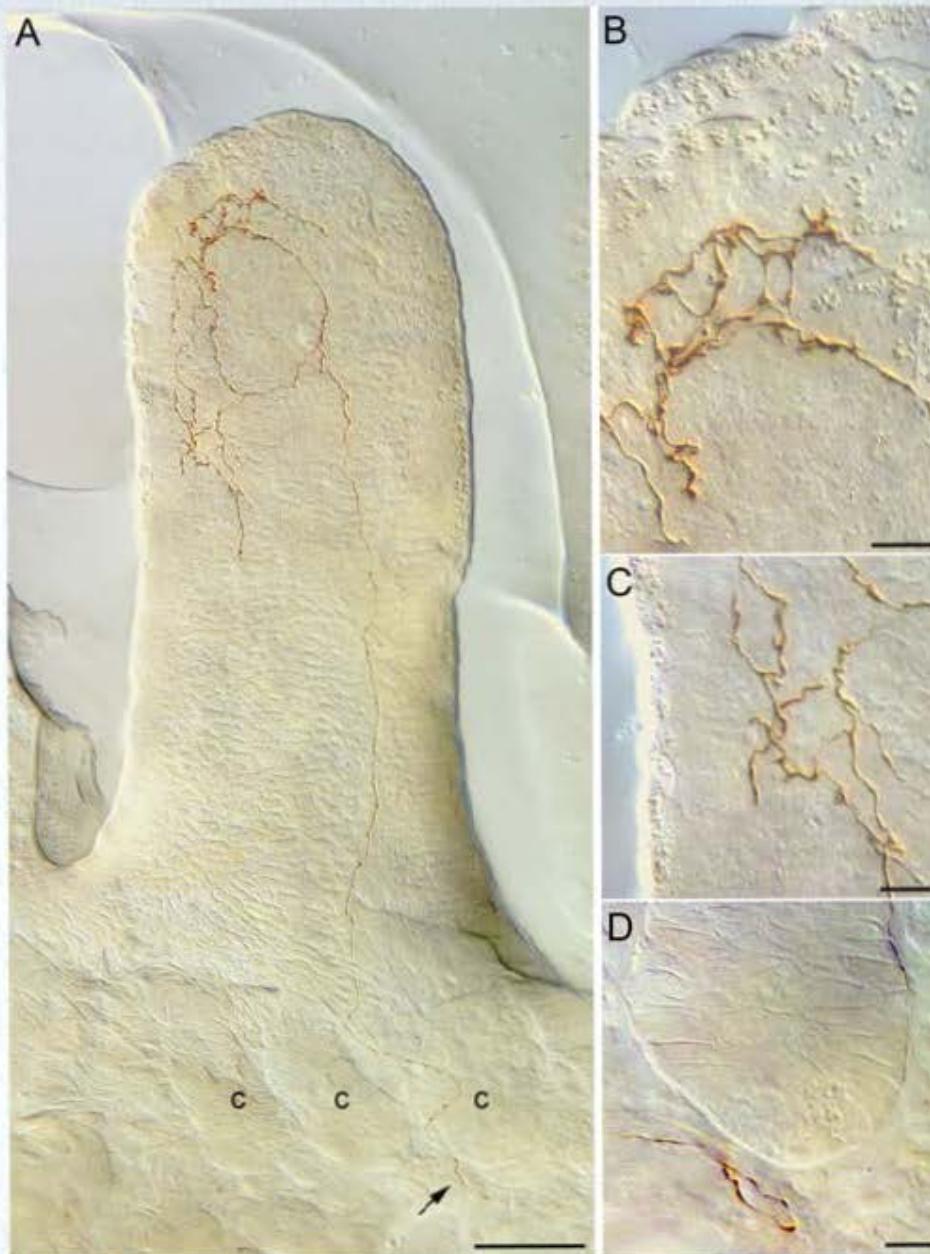
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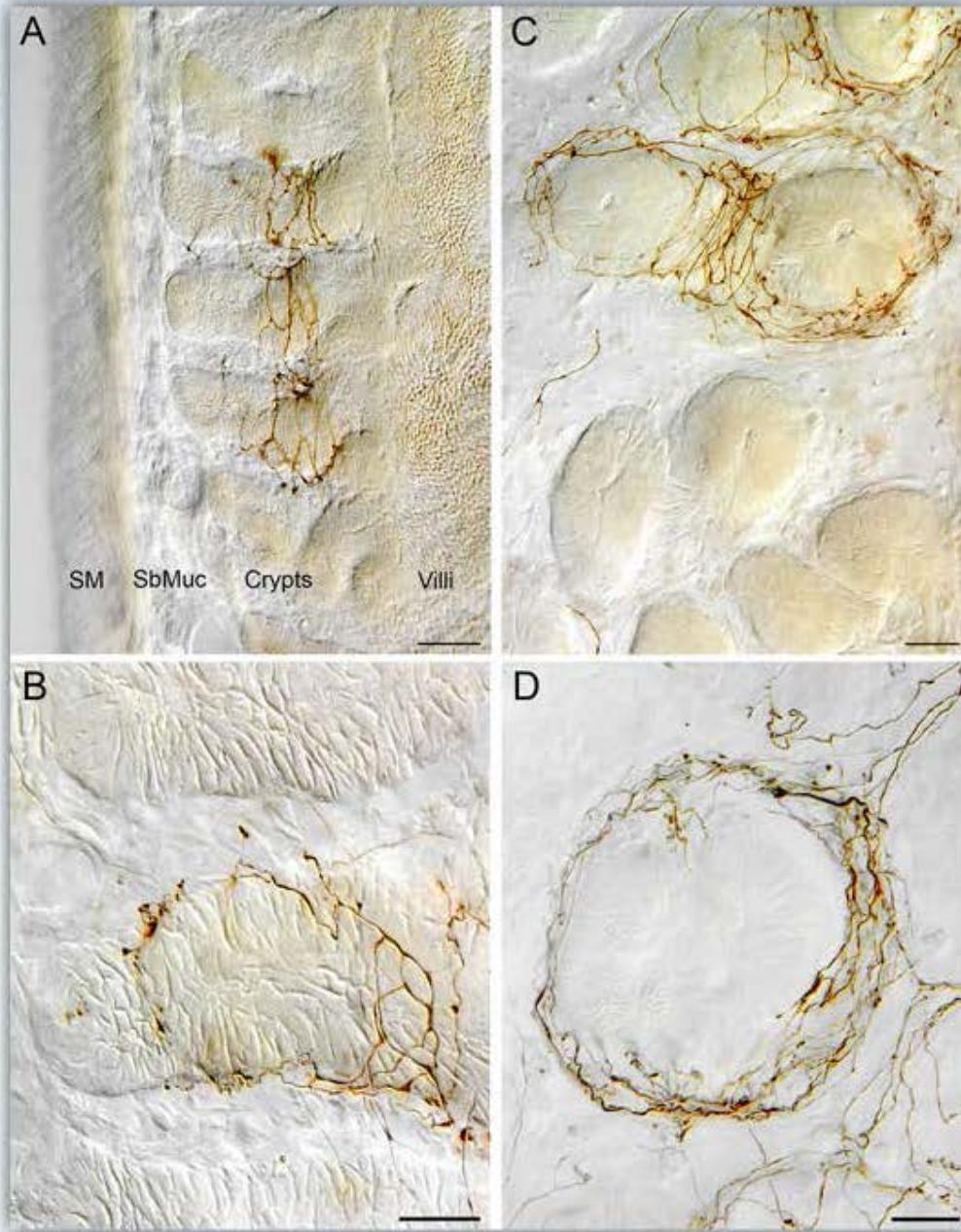
Furness & Costa

**VAGAL SENSORY  
AXONS INNERVATE  
GI MUCOSAL  
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CHEMORECEPTORS**



Powley et al., 2011

# VAGAL SENSORY AXONS ALSO INNERVATE CRYPTS



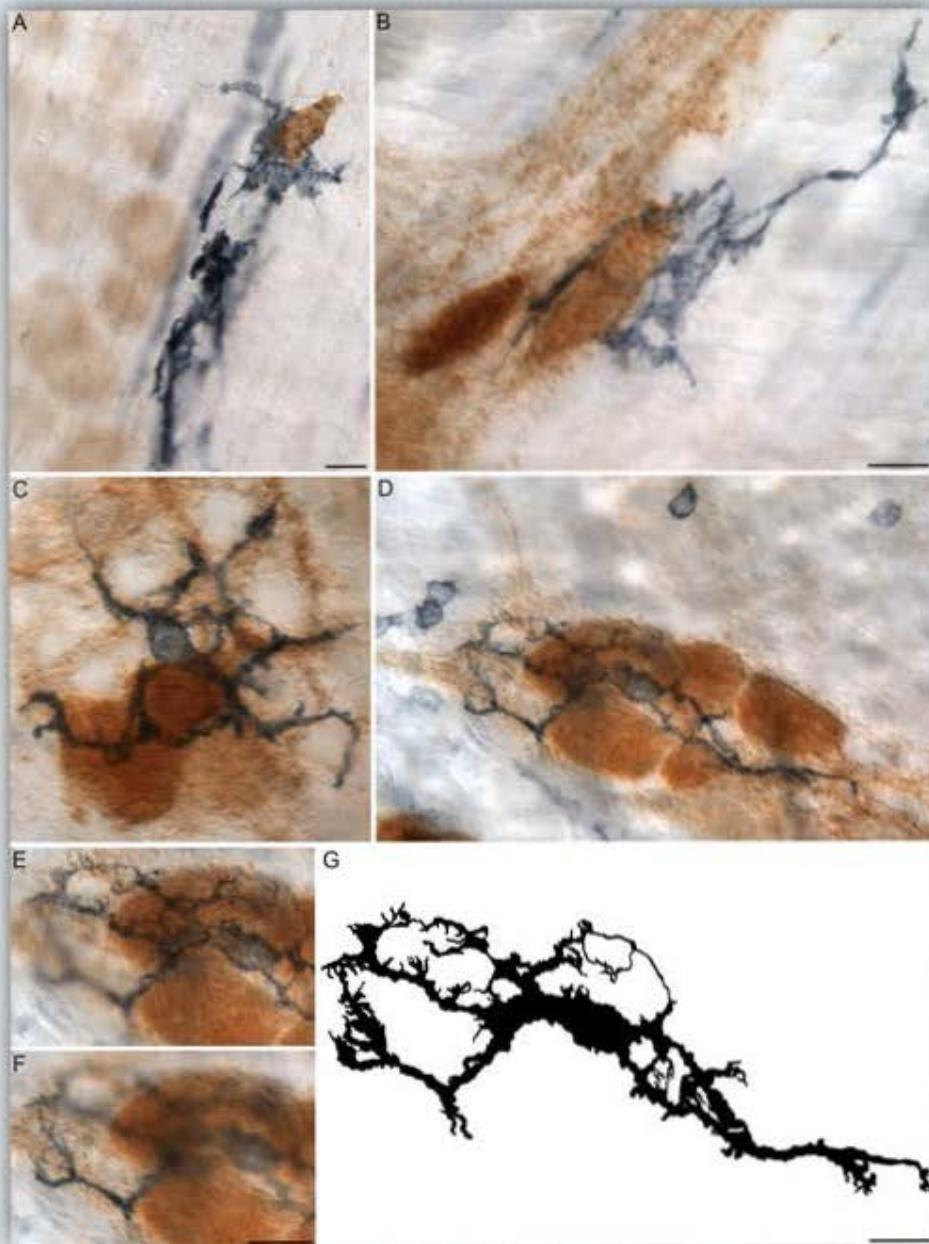
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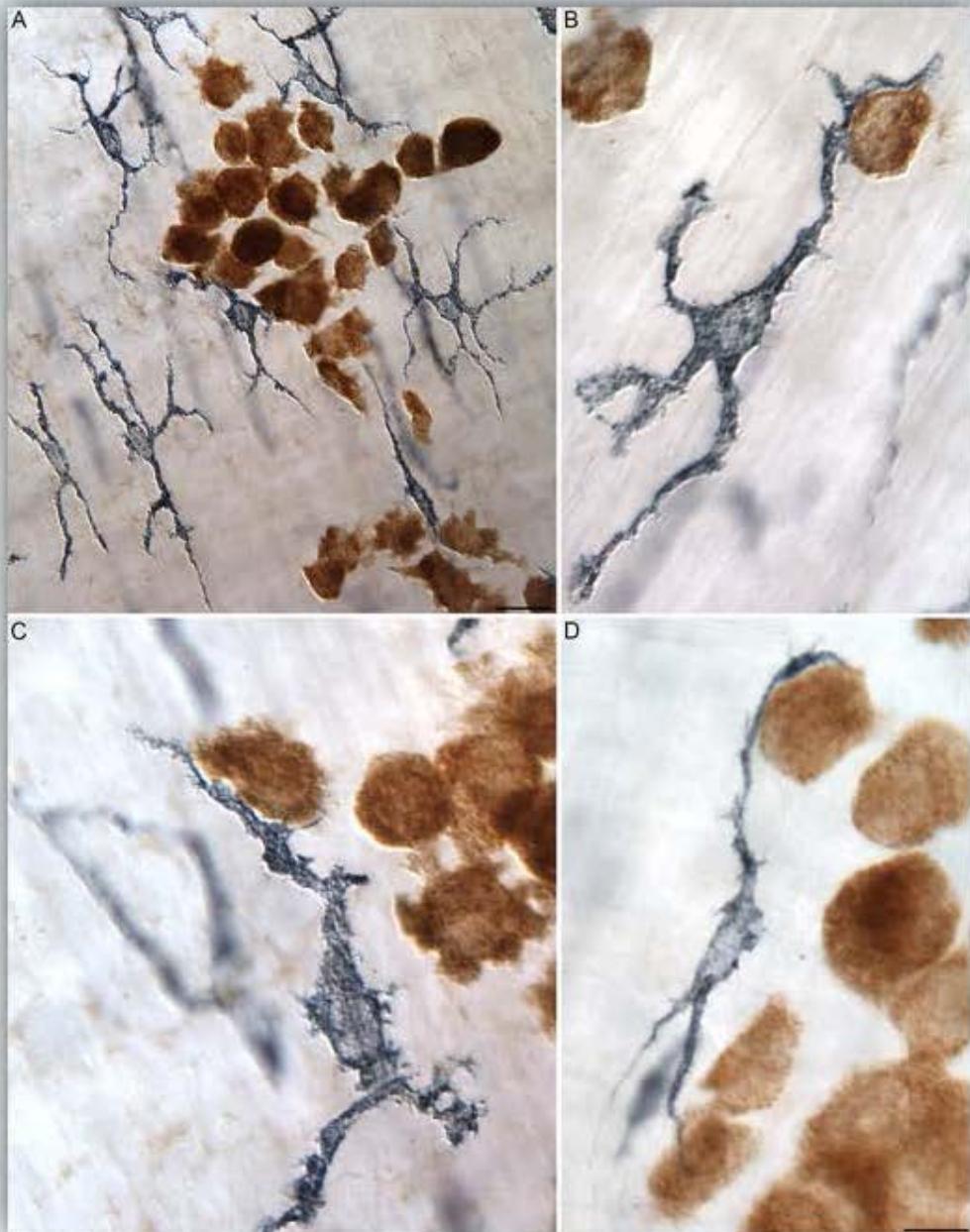
# **GI NEUROMODULATION PRIORITIES**

- **HIGH-PRIORITY OPPORTUNITIES:**
  - OBESITY
  - GASTROPARESIS
- **TECHNOLOGICAL NEEDS:**
  - NEXT-GENERATION STIMULATORS
    - Fiber-caliber tuned
    - Closed Loop
    - Self-programming, real time
  - DATA ON VAGAL INTEGRATIVE ARCHITECTURE

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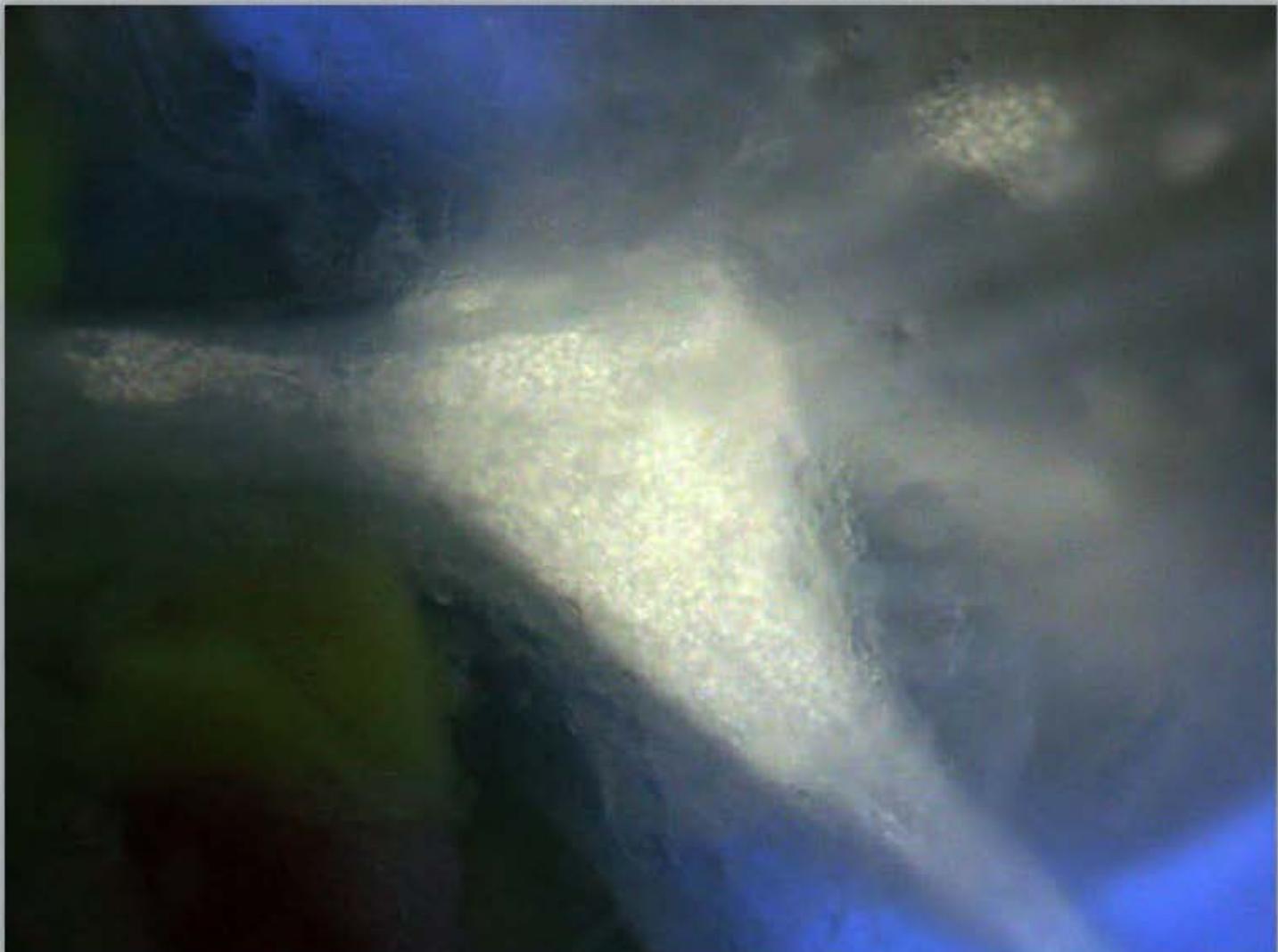


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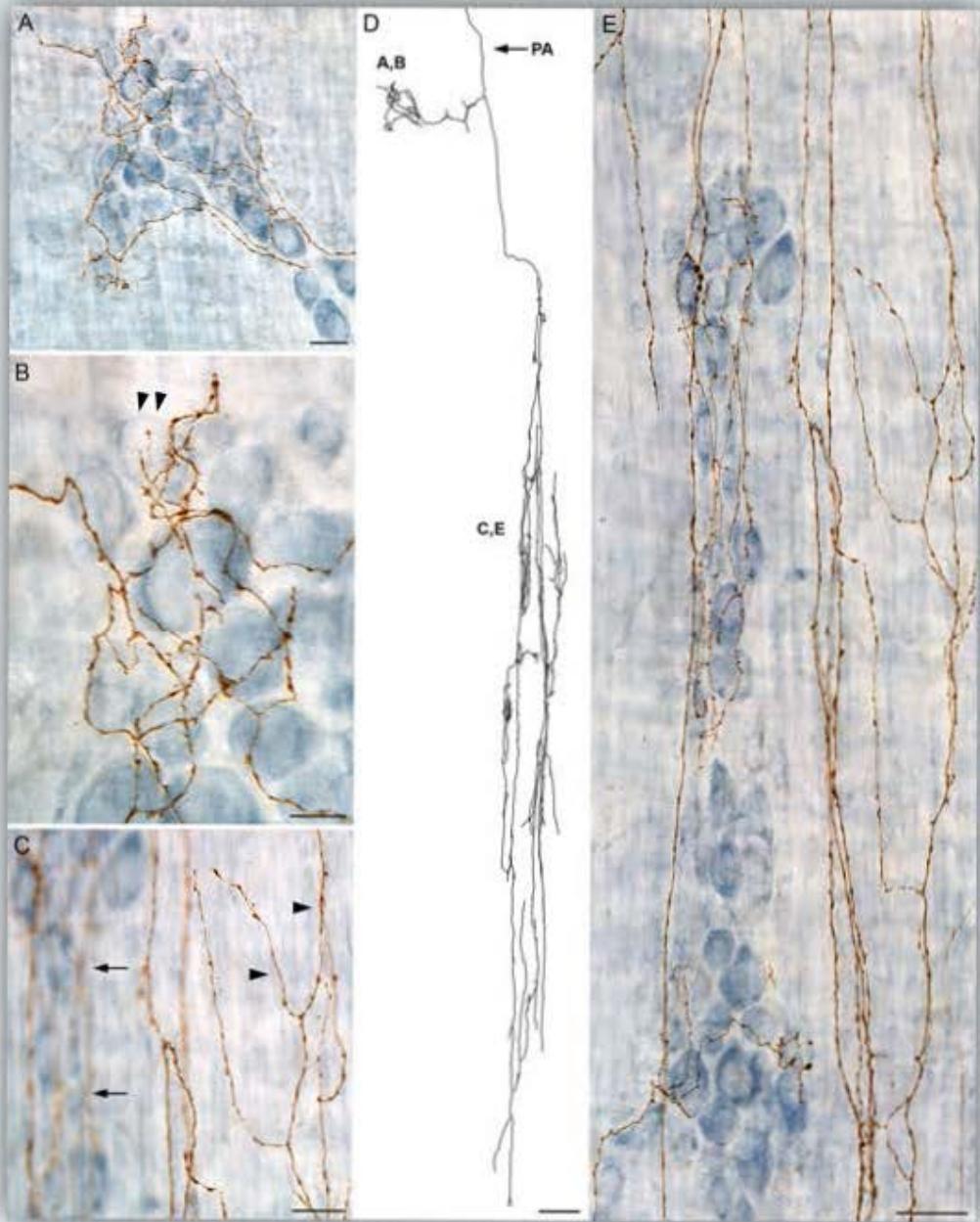
Phillips & Powley, 2012

## **SYMPATHETIC GANGLION (CELIAC) EXPOSED FOR SURGERY**



Phillips et al.

# **SYMPATHETIC MOTOR AXONS CO-INNERVATE SMOOTH MUSCLE AND MYENTERIC GANGLIA**

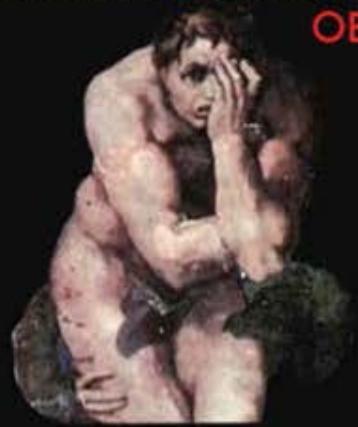


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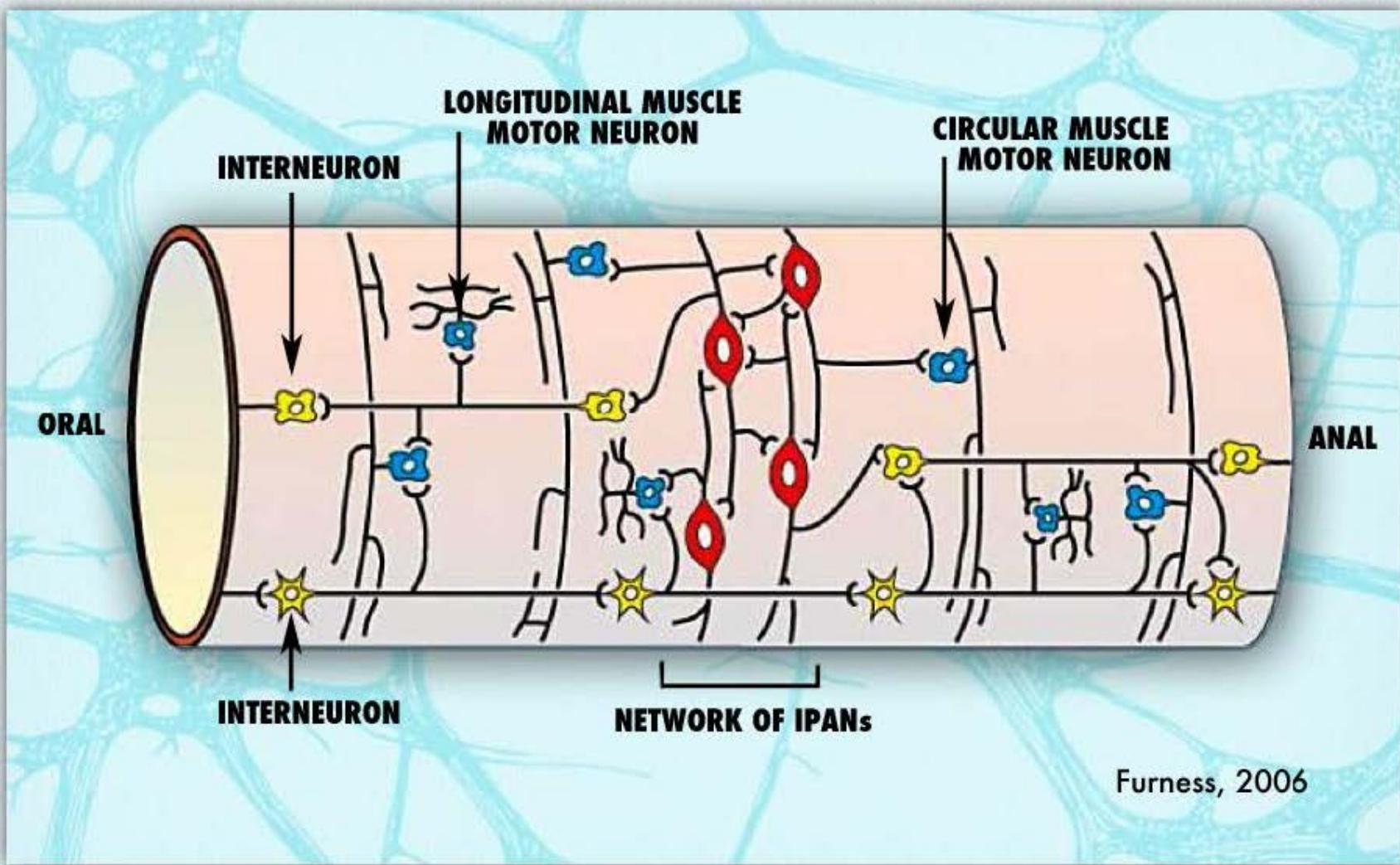
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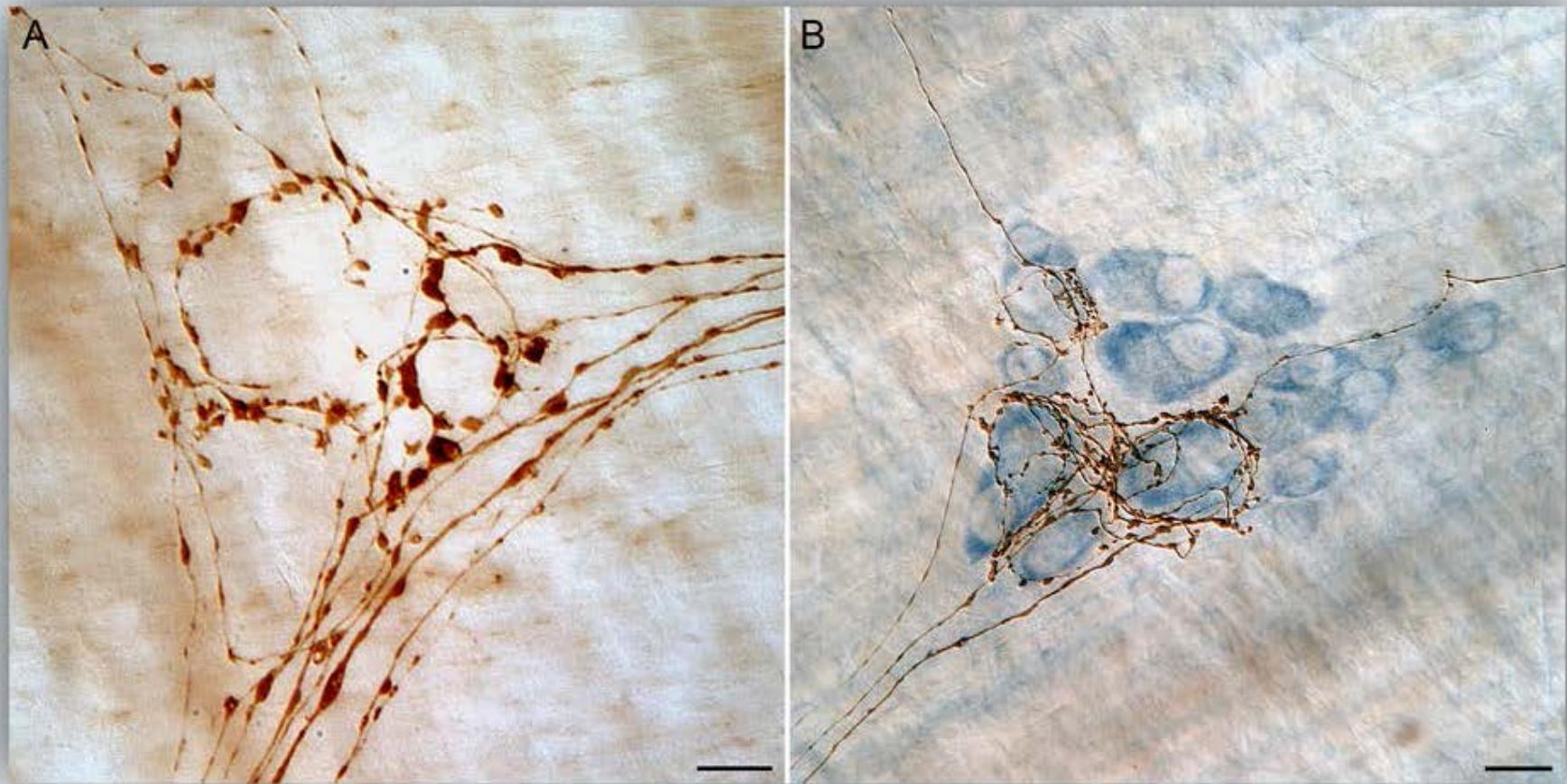
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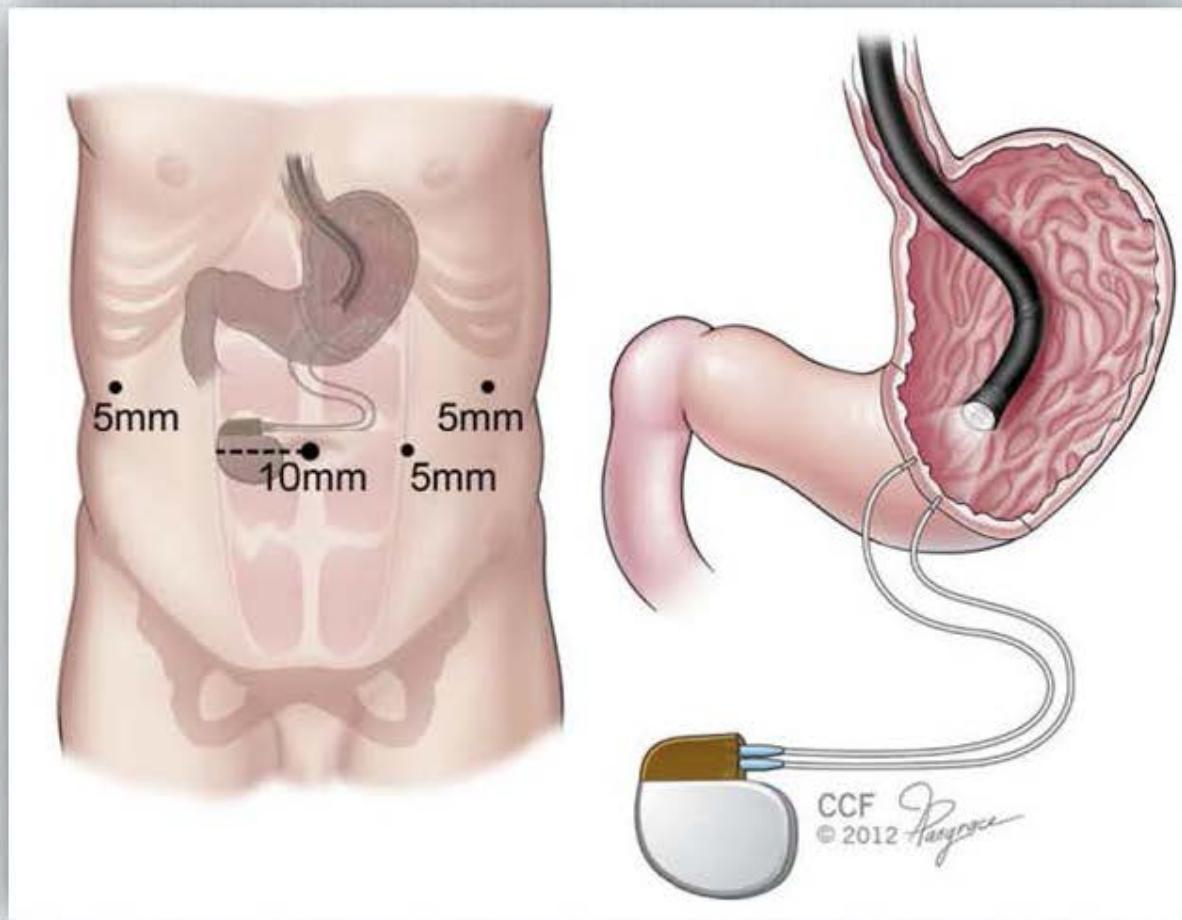
Furness, 2006

## VAGAL MOTOR - MYENTERIC PLEXUS



# GASTROPARESIS: GASTRIC STIMULATION

**Fig. 2** Depiction of laparoscopic gastric electrical stimulation placement with trocar placement and intraoperative endoscopy



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INNERVATION OF  
ESOPHAGUS:  
CO-INNERVATION  
OF MUSCLE FIBERS  
AND GANGLIA**

