

- 1. TNFR1/2 monomers have low affinity for TNF but they spontaneously form trimers that have high affinity.
- 2. TNF ligand stabilizes TNFR complexes. This allows activation of receptor signaling.
- 3. DR3 trimer does not need to join to another molecule to be activated.

## **TNFR1 pathway:**

- NF-kB activation & pro-inflammatory cytokines production
- Apoptosis induction via caspase activation
- Insulin resistance & lipolysis in adipose tissue
- Stimulation of hepatic production of acute phase proteins
- Induction of antiviral genes & cellular resistance to viral infection

- T cell proliferation & survival
- Enhancement of regulatory Treg function
- Promotion of tissue regeneration & repair
- Neuronal survival & protection in the central nervous system
- Angiogenes stimulation in endothelial cells

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TNF superfamily is conformed by 19 ligands and 29 receptors. The complexity of TNF pathways far exceeds the capacity of a slide. This is an attempt to condense the most relevant information in IBD field

## **TNFR2 pathway:**

## TL1A-DR3 pathway:

- T cell activation & proliferation
- Th1 & Th17 cell differentiation
- Treg expansion & function
- Innate lymphoid cell (ILC) activation
- Intestinal inflammation & mucosal immunity
- Bone metabolism regulation
- Direct activation of fibroblasts

