

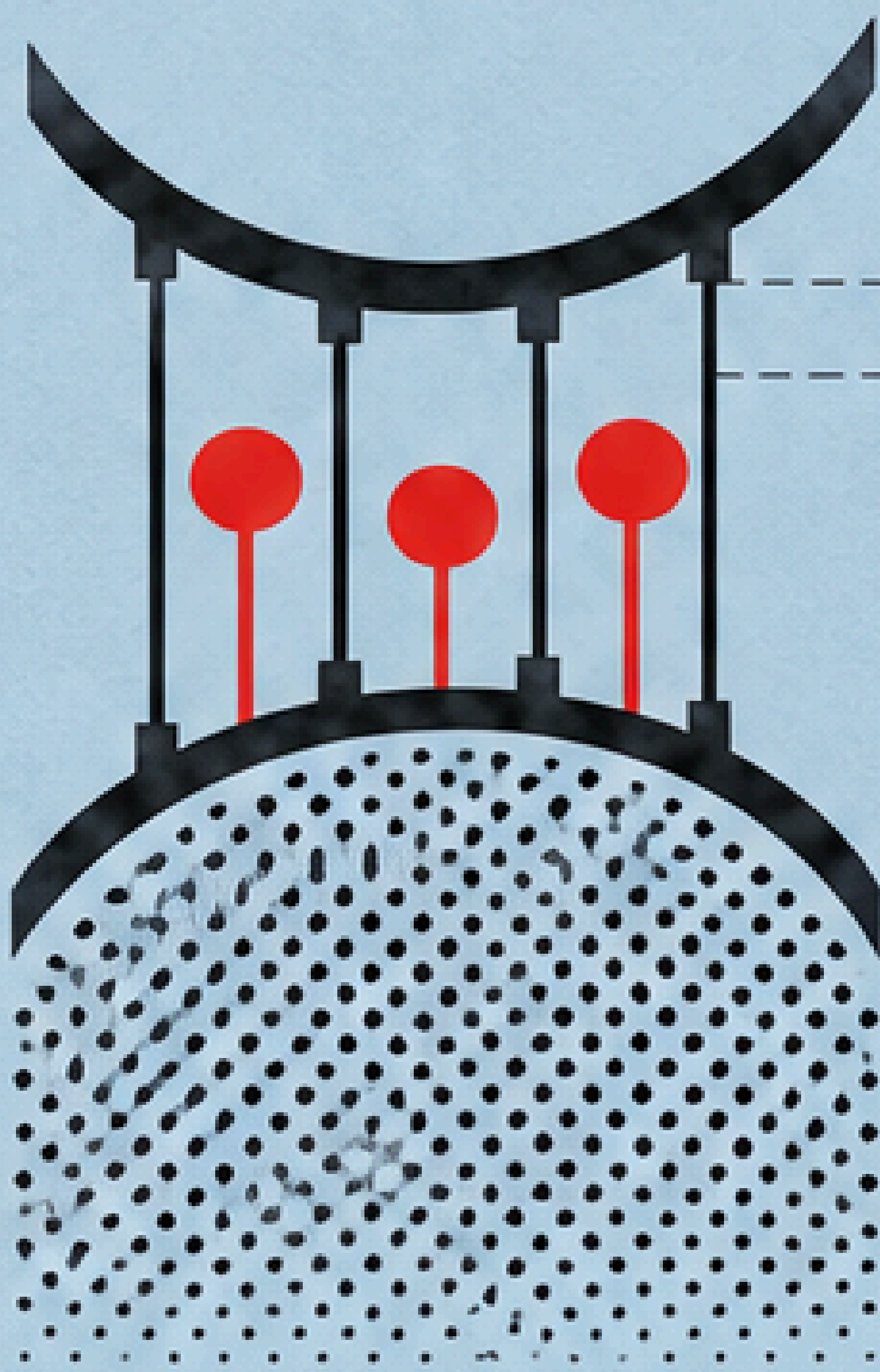
Wider contacts impair macrophage engulfment

A proposed contact-distance test in macrophage clearance after tissue damage.

Proposed hypothesis

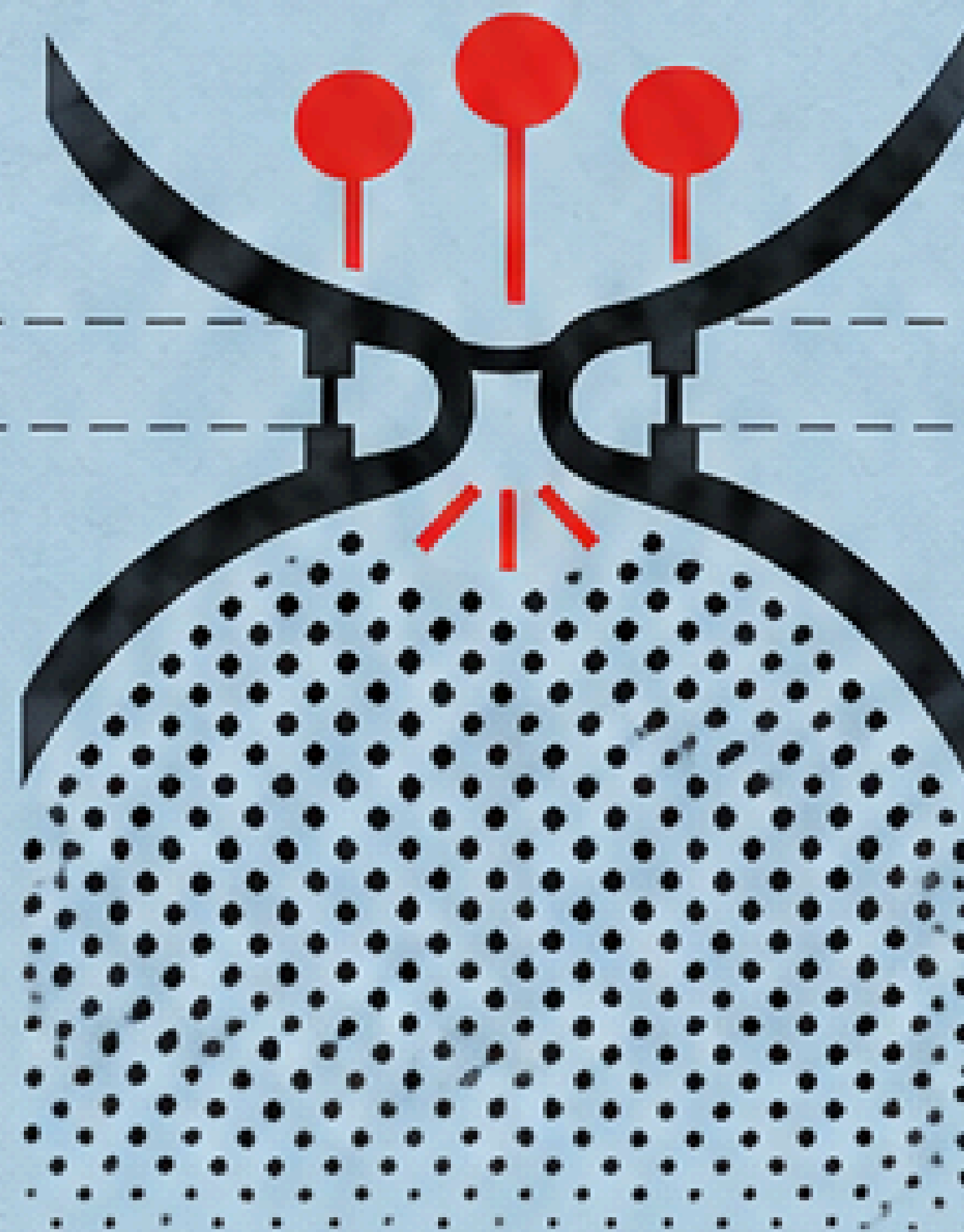
Long connector

CD45 remains
Engulfment falls



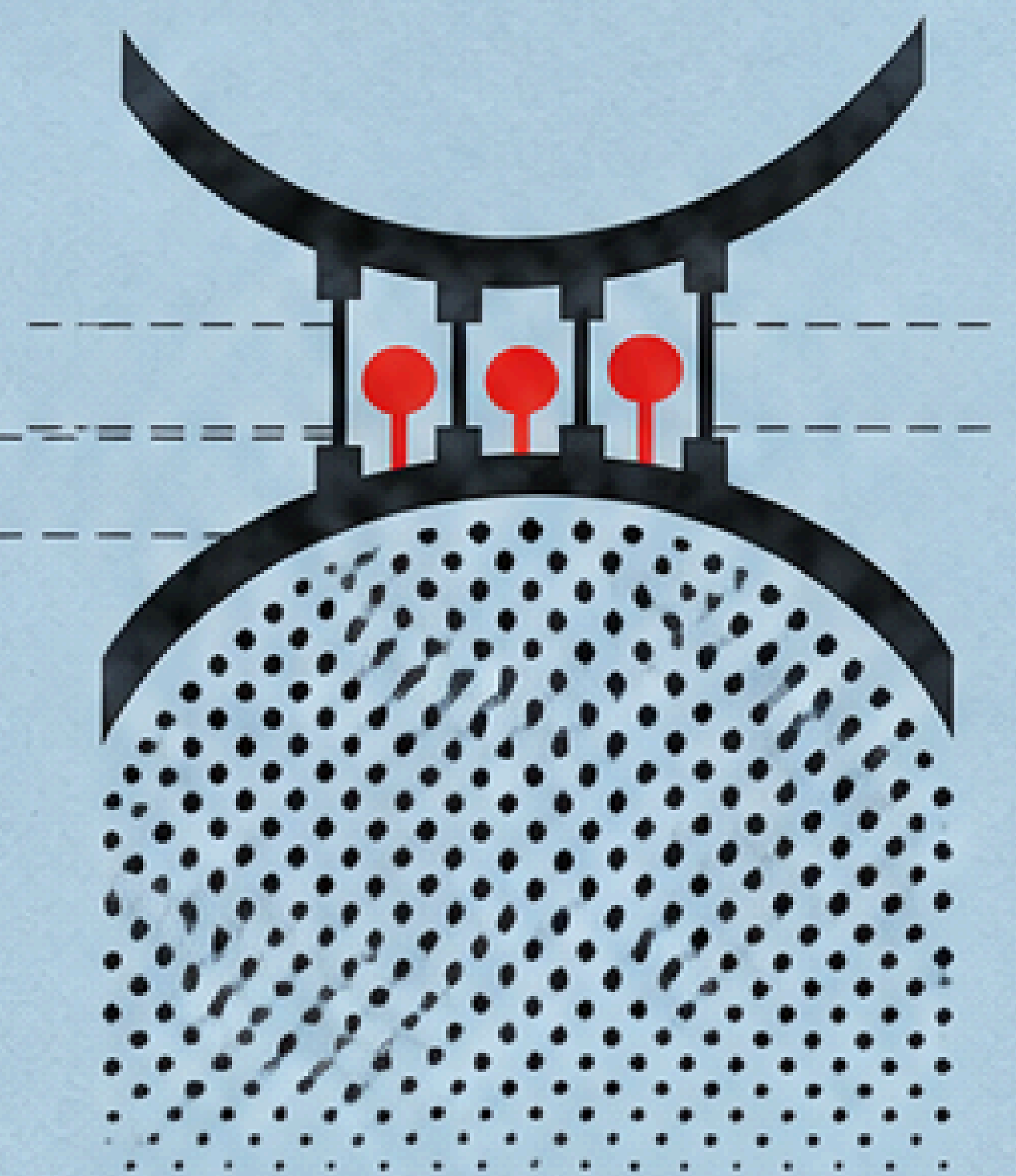
Short connector

CD45 excluded
Engulfment rises



Short CD45

Benefit reverses



Clearance failure can renew inflammation.