



# Section 2

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## Signal Transduction of Cell Membrane

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# Signal Transduction of Cell Membrane

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- **Hydrophobic** signal substances  
(steroid hormones, vitamin D,  
thyroid hormones)  
diffusion—intracellular receptor
- **Hydrophilic** signal substances:  
membrane protein (receptor or  
ionic channel)--**signal transduction**

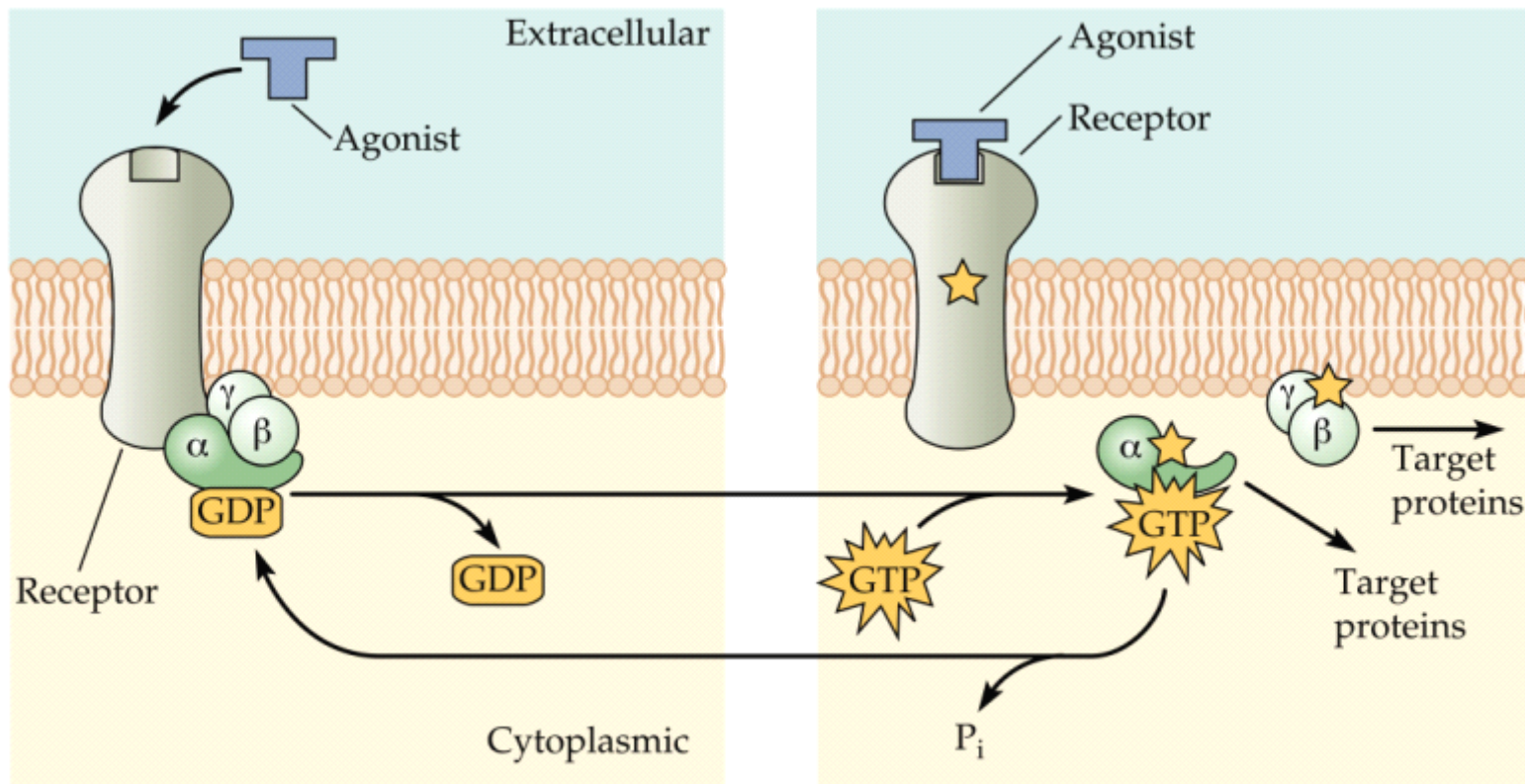


# Signal Transduction of Cell Membrane

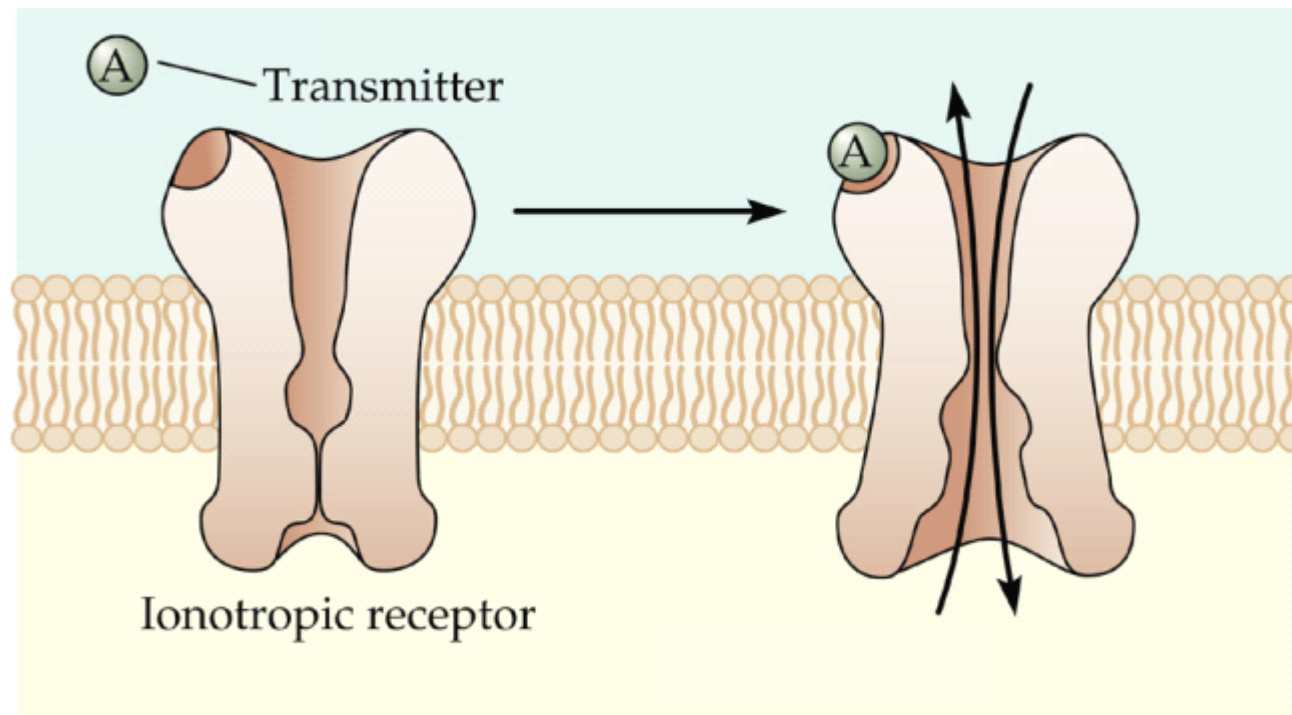
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- **Signal transduction mediated by G-protein coupled receptor**
- **Signal transduction mediated by ion channel coupled receptor**
- **Signal transduction mediated by enzyme-coupled receptor**

# Signal transduction mediated by G-protein coupled receptor

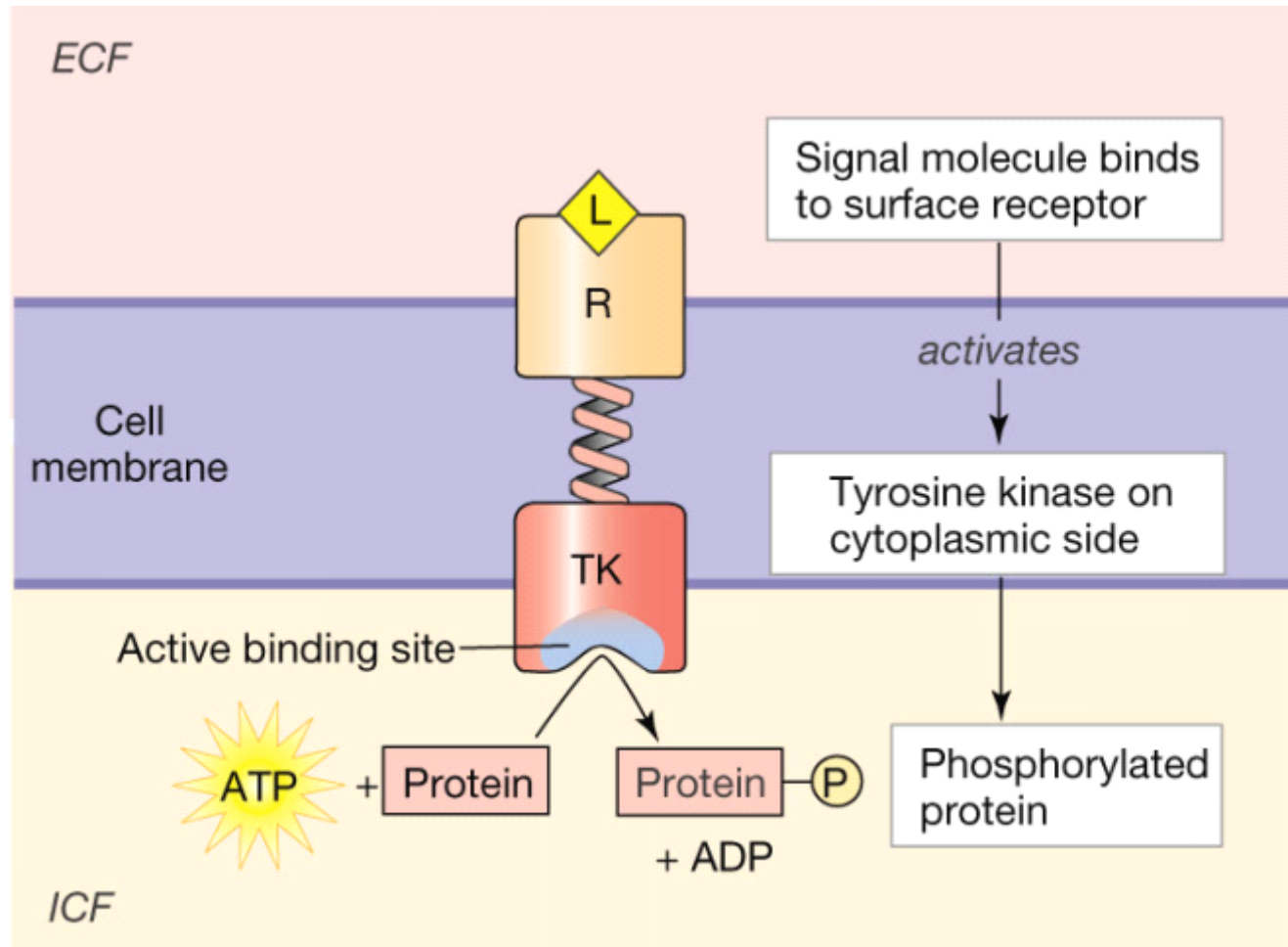


# Signal transduction mediated by ion channel receptor



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# Signal transduction mediated by tyrosine kinase receptor





# Cellular transmembrane signal transduction

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# Signal transduction mediated by G-protein coupled receptor

## Signal molecules

- G protein coupled receptor

- G protein

**Gilman and Rodbell (1994)**

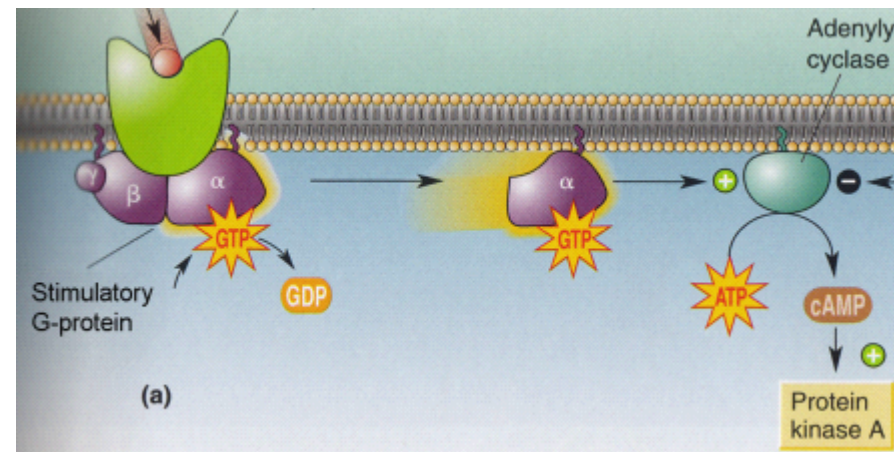
- G protein effector

- Second messenger

**Sutherland (1971); Furchgott, Murad and Ignarro (1998)**

- Protein kinase

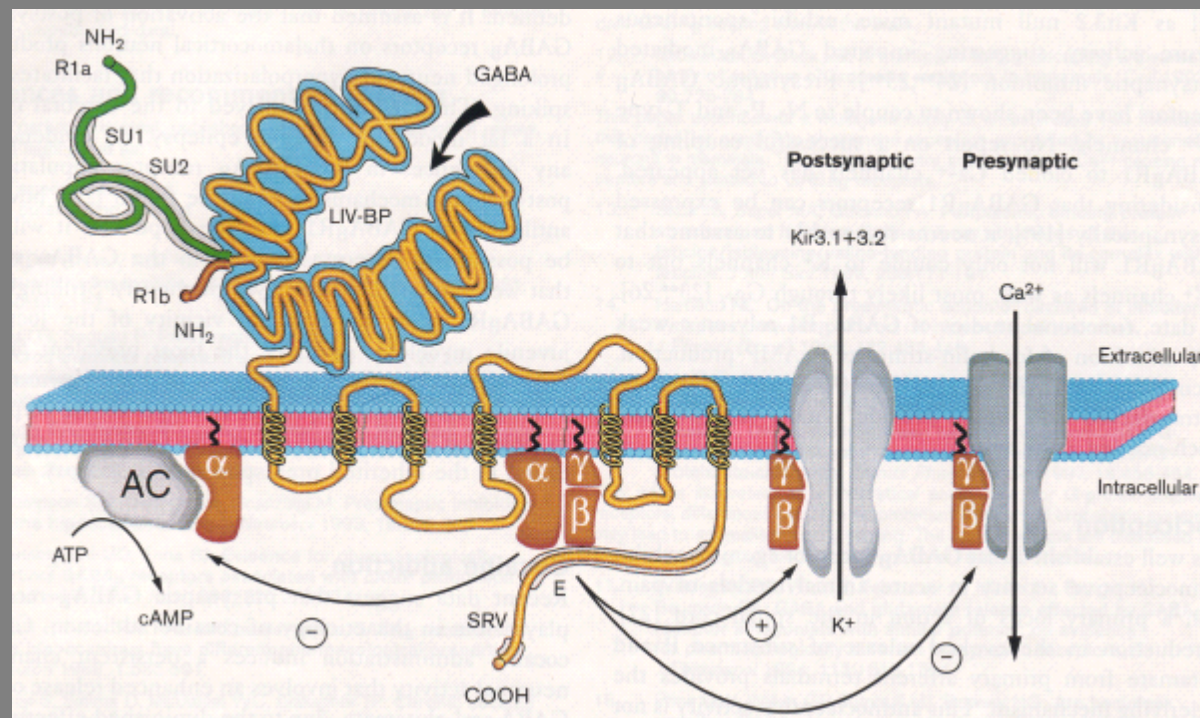
**Krebs (1992)**





# 1. G protein coupled receptor (metabotropic receptor)

## ■ GABA<sub>B</sub> receptor



7-transmembrane receptor



# 1. G protein coupled receptor (metabotropic receptor)

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- The basic structure is that the receptor consist of a peptide chain that traverses the membrane seven times, 7-transmembrane receptor.
- There is a ligand binding site on the extracellular part of the receptor, while the intracellular part of the receptor molecule is for G protein.
- The conformation of the receptor changes after the ligand binding, then the receptors combine with and activate G protein.



## 2. G protein

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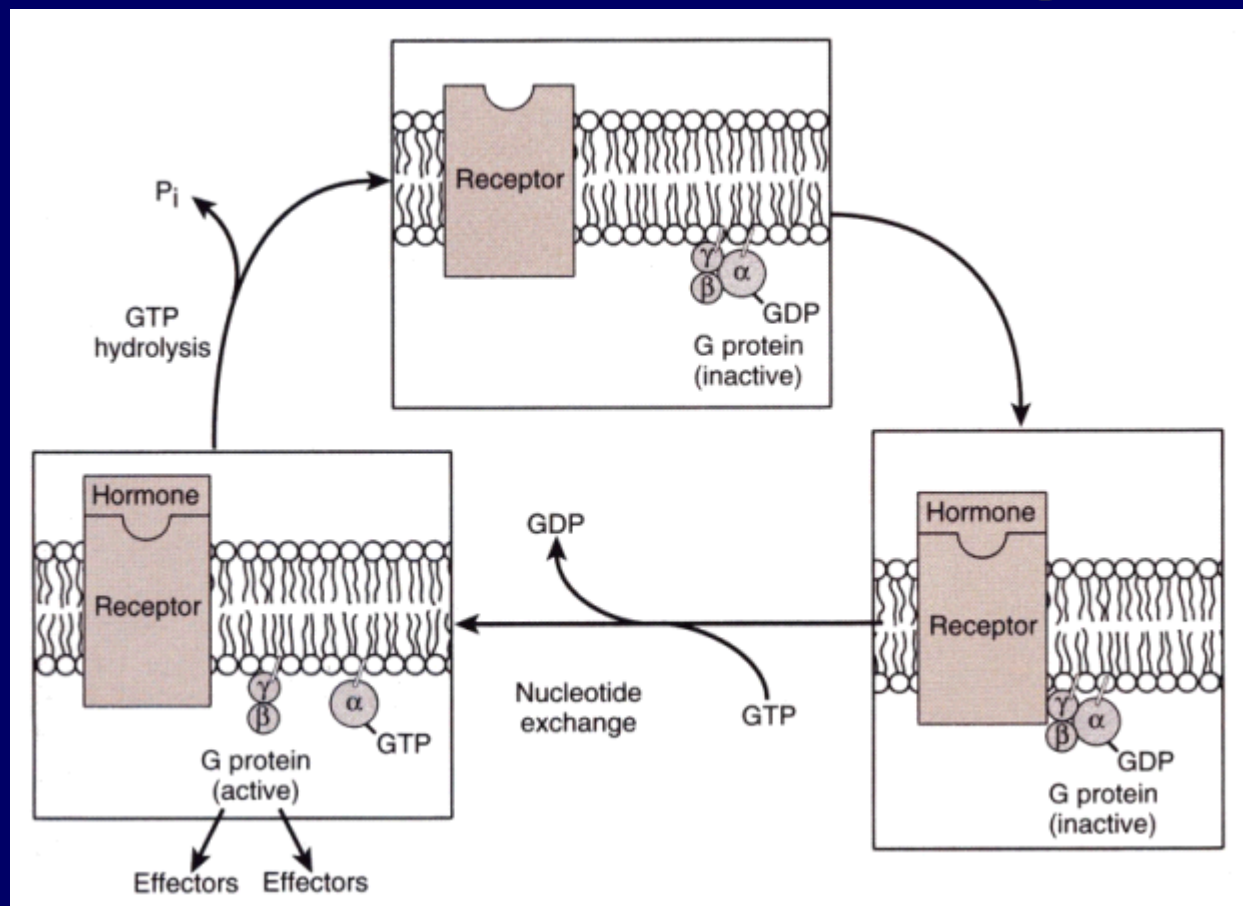
- **G Protein:** plasma-membrane regulatory protein that responds to an activated receptor and, in turn, interacts with membrane ion channels or enzymes.
- **$G_s$ ,  $G_{i/o}$ ,  $G_q$ ,  $G_t$ ,  $G_g$ ,  $G_{12}$**

# Major family of trimeric G protein

Family	Some member	Action mediated	Functions
I	$G_s$	$\alpha$	Activate adenylyl cyclase, $Ca^{2+}$ channels
II (Gi)	$G\alpha_i$	$\alpha$	Inhibit adenylyl cyclase
		$\beta \gamma$	Activates $K^+$ channel
	$G\alpha_o$	$\beta \gamma$	Activates $K^+$ channel, inactivate $Ca^{2+}$ channels
		$\alpha$ and $\beta \gamma$	Activates phospholipase C- $\beta$
	$G\alpha_t$	$\alpha$	Activates cyclic GMP phosphodiesterase
III	$G_q$	$\alpha$	Activates phospholipase C- $\beta$
IV	$G_{12}$	$\alpha$	$Na^+$ 、 $H^+$ exchange, cell proliferation <sup>66</sup>

## 2. G protein

### ■ Activation and inactivation of G protein





## 2. G protein

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1. The changes of conformation of the receptor cause the receptor to combine with the G protein.
2. This combination causes alpha subunit of the G protein to dissociate GDP and bind GTP.
3. When bound to GTP, alpha subunits dissociates from the remaining beta and gamma subunits.
4. Then two functional units produced, alpha-GTP and beta gamma.
5. Both these two functional units could further link up with G protein effectors.
6. Once the alpha subunits of G protein activates its effector protein, a GTPase activity cleaves the GTP into GDP plus Pi. This cleavage renders the alpha subunit inactive, allowing it to recombine with beta and gamma subunits.



## 3. G protein effector

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- **Enzyme:** catalyze the generation of second messengers
  - **Adenylyl cyclase, AC**
  - **Phospholipase C, PLC**
  - **Phospholipase A<sub>2</sub>, PLA<sub>2</sub>**
  - **Guanylyl cyclase, GC**
  - **Phosphodiesterase, PDE**
- **Ion channels**



## 4. Second messenger

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- **Second messenger:** intracellular substance that increases as a result of combination of extracellular chemical messenger (the “first” messenger) with plasma-membrane receptor; serves as relay from plasma membrane to intracellular biochemical machinery, where it alters some aspect of cell’s function.





## 4. Second messenger

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- **Cyclic adenosine monophosphate, cAMP**
- **Inositol triphosphate, IP<sub>3</sub>**
- **Diacylglycerol, DG**
- **Cyclic guanosine monophosphate, cGMP**
- **Ca<sup>2+</sup>**
- **NO**



## 5. Protein kinase

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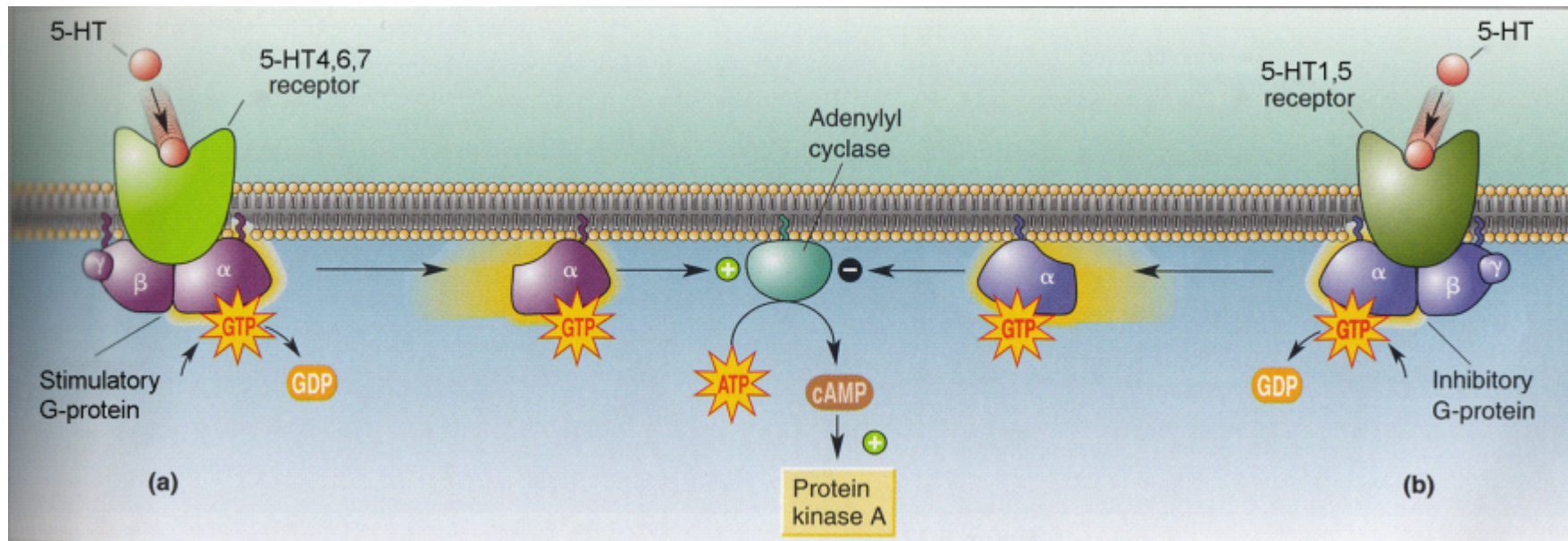
- **Protein kinase** is the name for any enzyme that phosphorylates other proteins by transferring to them a phosphate group from ATP.
- **Protein kinase A, PKA**
- **Protein kinase C, PKC**



# Pathways of G protein-mediated signal transduction

- **Receptor-G protein-AC pathway**
- **Receptor-G protein-PLC pathway**
  - ❖ **IP<sub>3</sub>-Ca<sup>2+</sup> pathway**
  - ❖ **DG-PKC pathway**

# Receptor-G protein-AC pathway

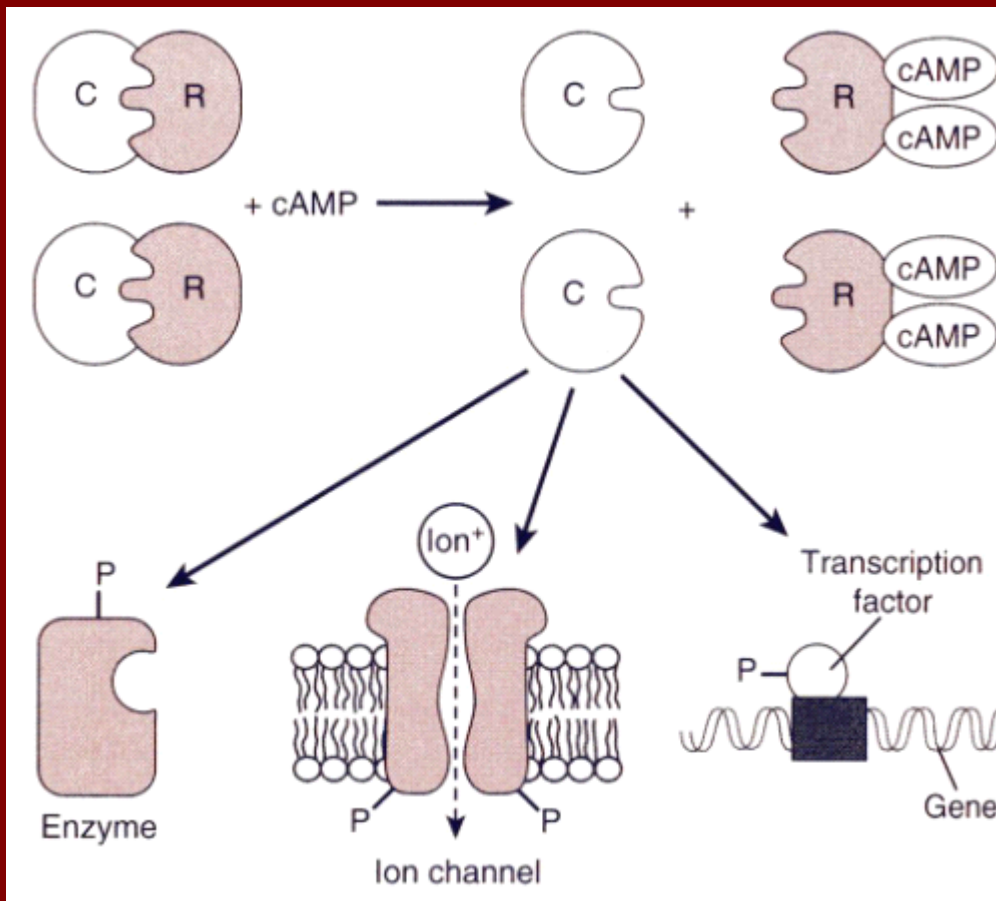


G<sub>s</sub> protein

G<sub>i</sub> protein

# Receptor-G protein-AC pathway

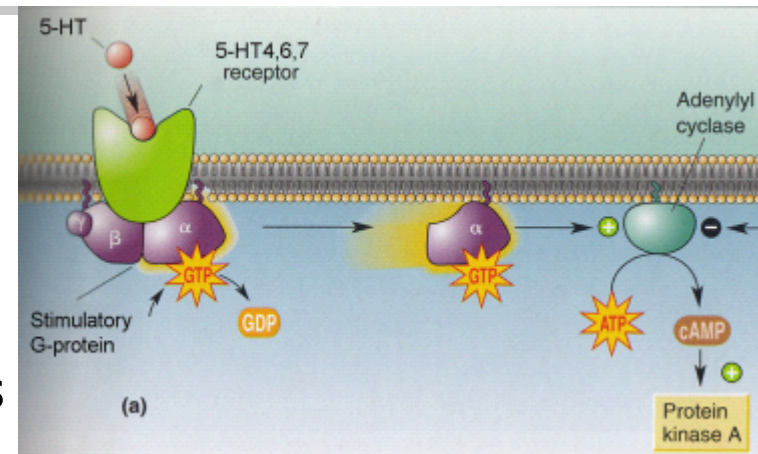
## Activation of PKA



- cAMP binds to the regulatory subunits, leading to their dissociation from the catalytic subunits.
- The free catalytic subunits are then enzymatically active and able to phosphorylate serine residues on their target proteins.

# Amplification cascade

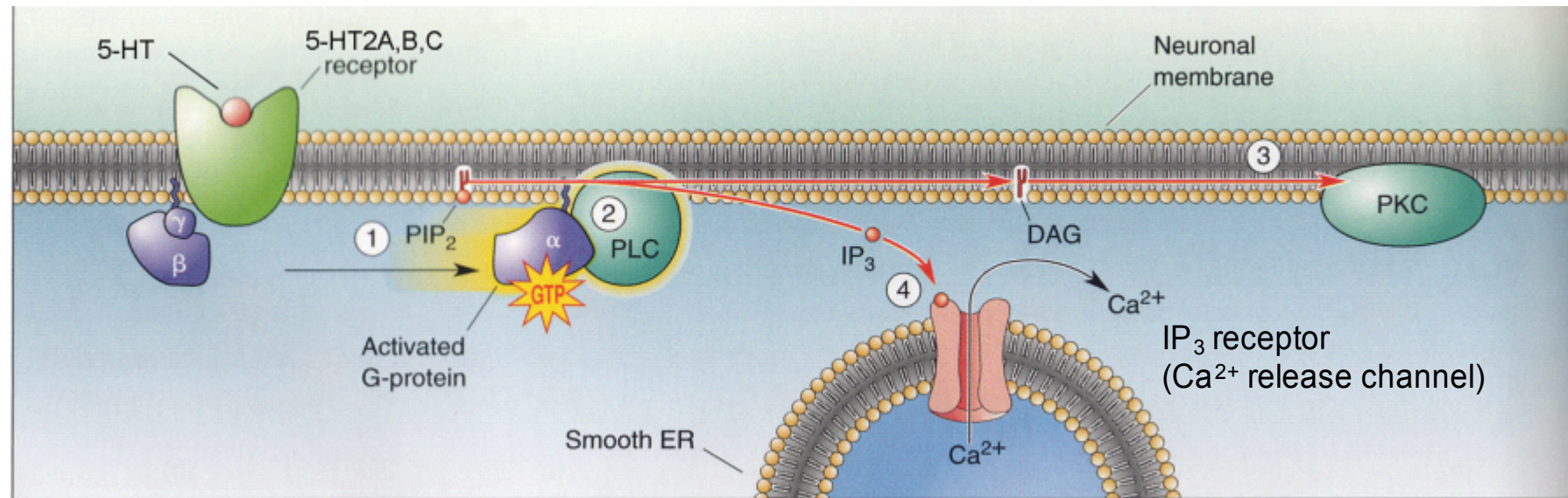
- 1 ligand-receptor activates 100 Gs
- 1 Gs activates 1 AC
- 1 AC produces 100 cAMP
- 1 cAMP activates 100 protein kinases



- **Therefore, the end result is that a single molecule of the first messenger could cause the generation of 1 million product molecules.**
- **This could explain how hormones and other messengers can be effective at extremely low extracellular concentration.**



# Receptor-G protein-PLC pathway



PIP<sub>2</sub>: phosphatidylinositol bisphosphate

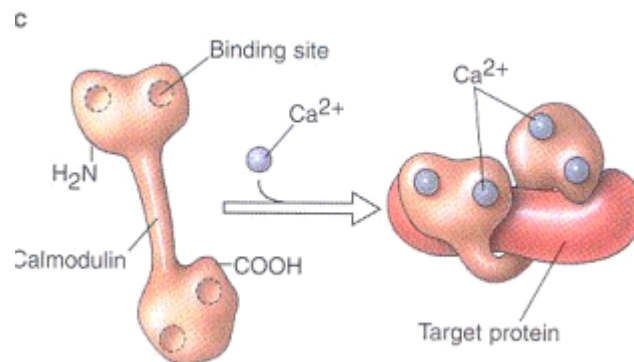
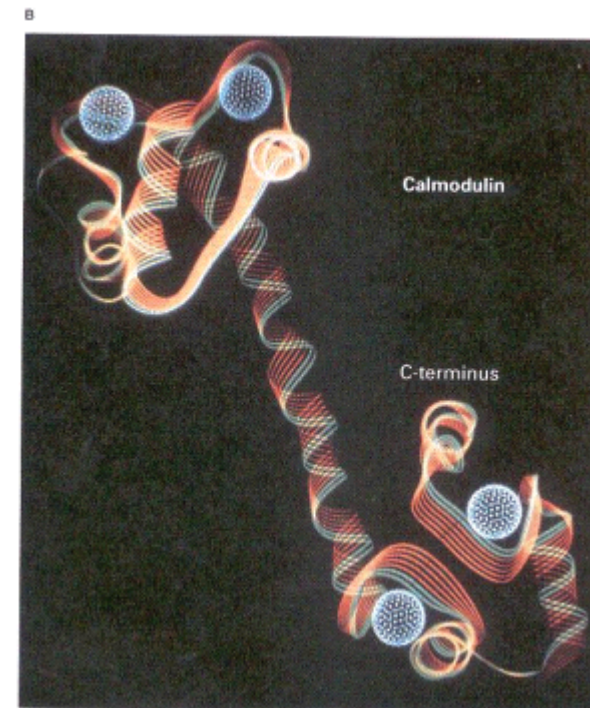
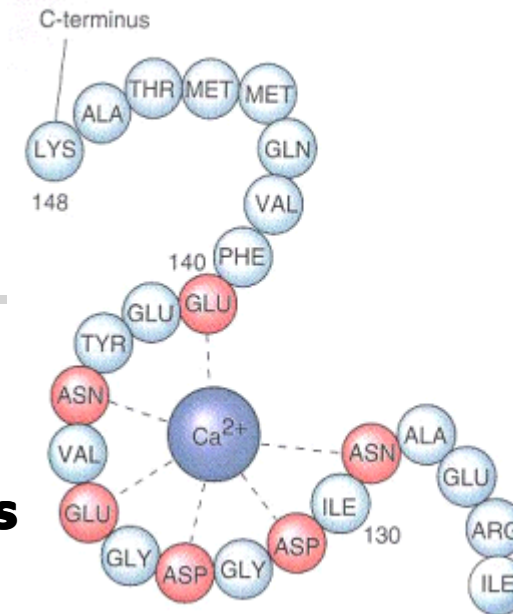
PLC catalyzes the breakdown of PIP<sub>2</sub> to produce DAG and IP<sub>3</sub>.

# Calmodulin

**(A) Amino acid sequence of the Ca<sup>2+</sup> binding site at the C-terminus. Each binding site contains aspartate, glutamate, and asparagine residues**

**(B) Model of the calmodulin molecule with four bound Ca<sup>2+</sup>**

**(C) Diagram illustrating Ca<sup>2+</sup> induced conformational change**







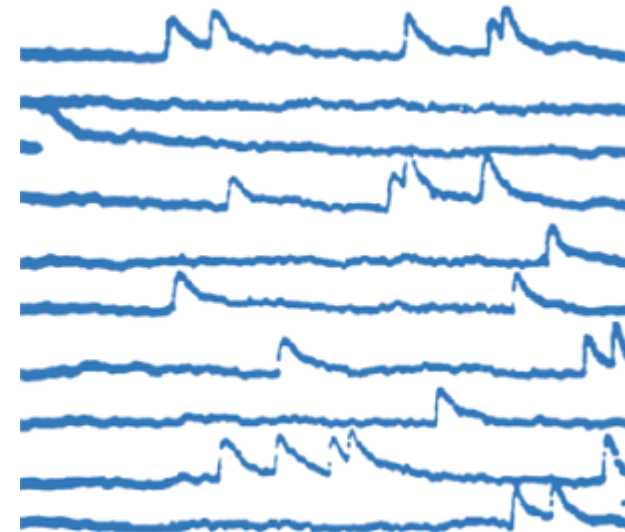
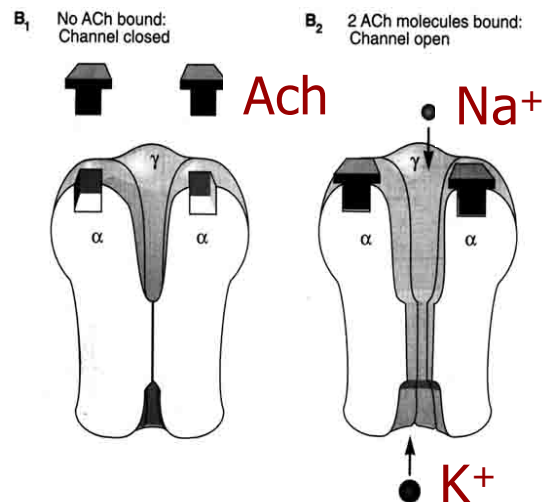
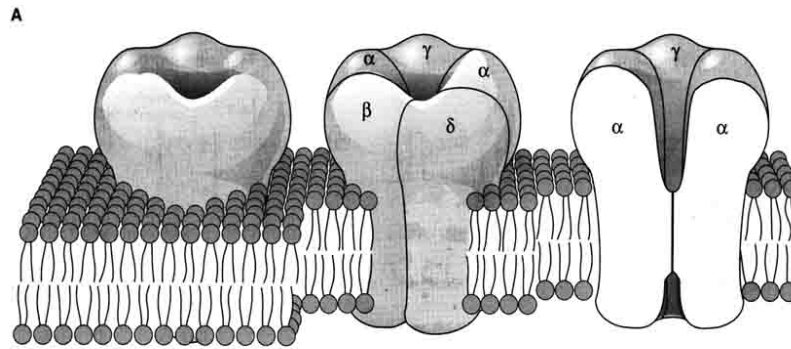
# Cellular transmembrane signal transduction

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# Signal transduction mediated by ionotropic receptor

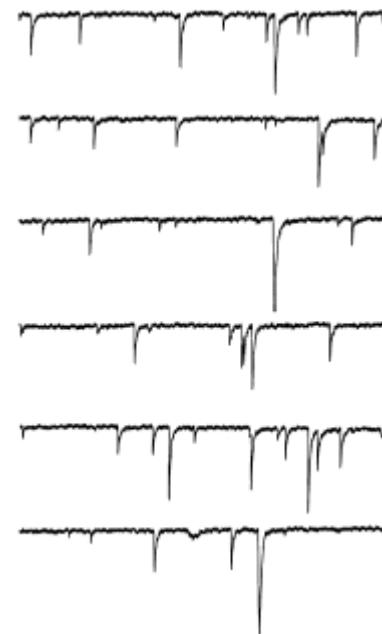
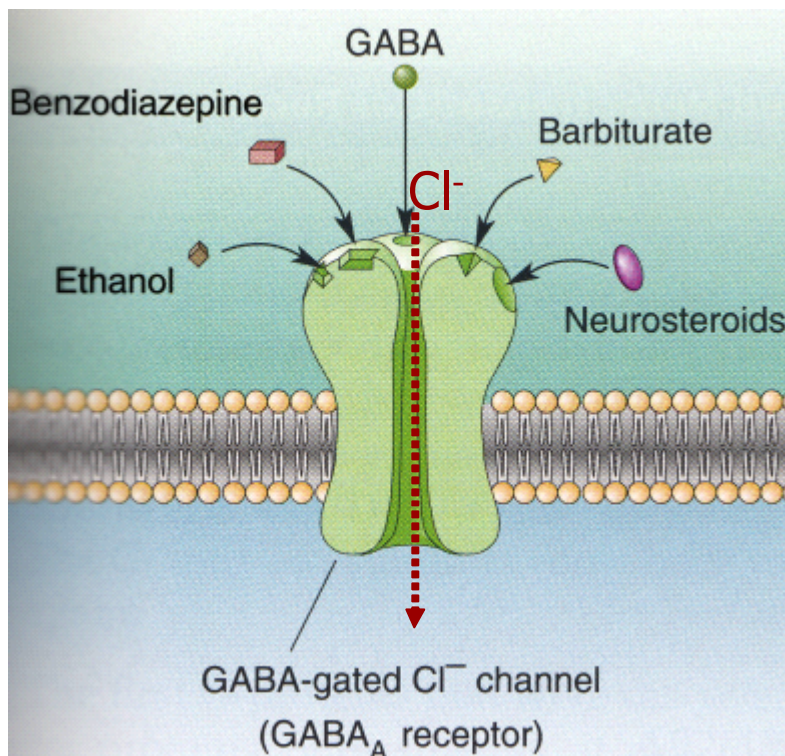
## ■ Nicotinic Ach receptor



End plate potential

# Signal transduction mediated by ionotropic receptor

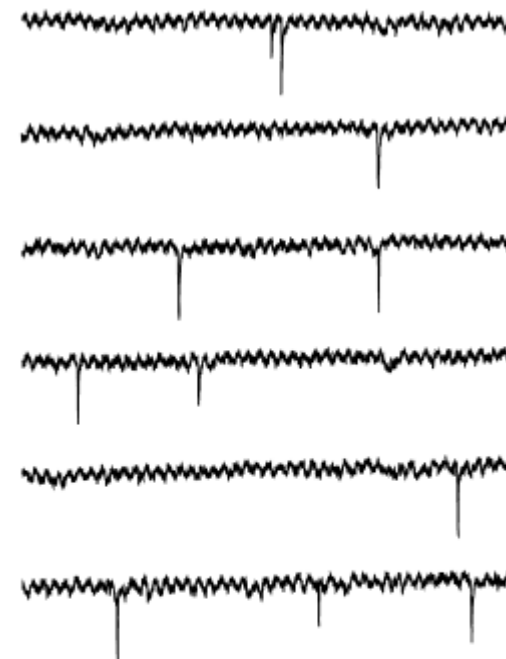
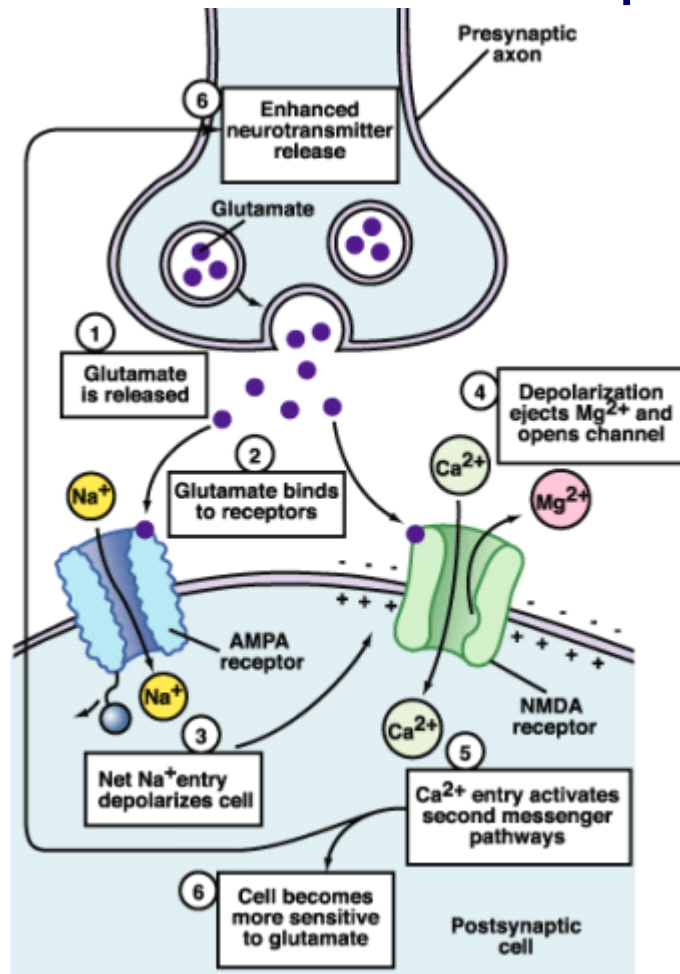
- GABA<sub>A</sub> receptor



Inhibitory postsynaptic current

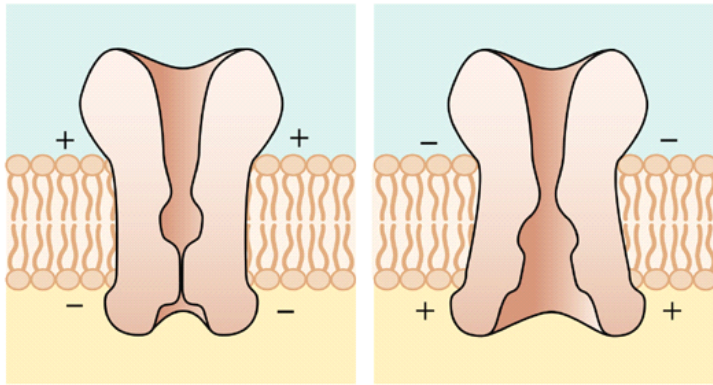
# Signal transduction mediated by ionotropic receptor

## ■ Glutamate receptor

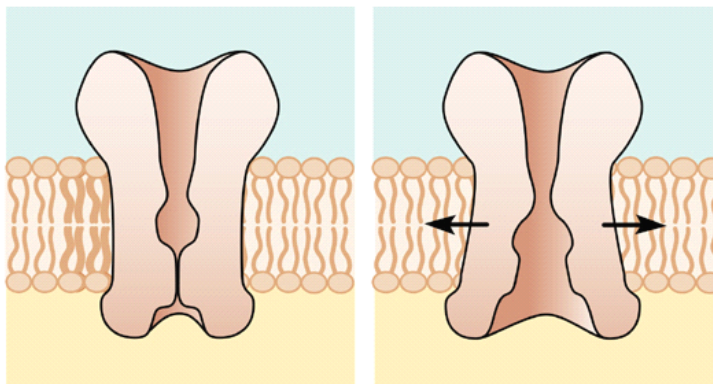


**Excitatory postsynaptic current**

# Channels activated by physical changes in the cell membrane



Voltage-activated

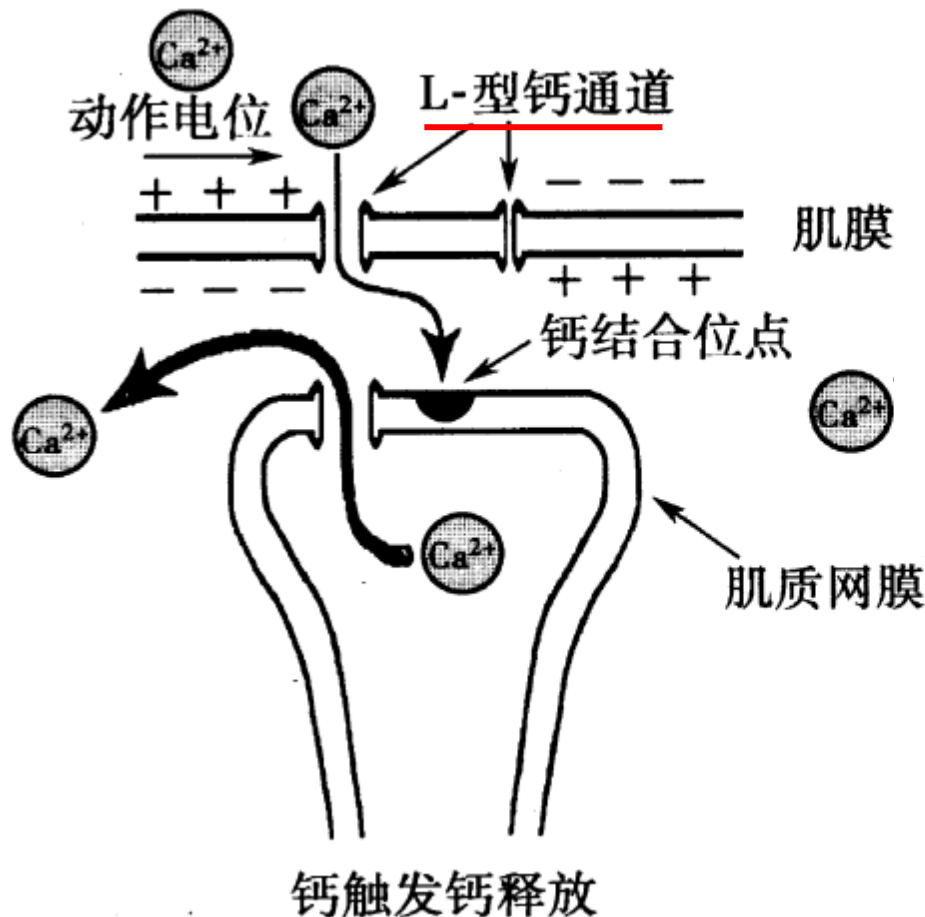


Stretch-activated

■ **Voltage-gated channels** – open and close in response to changes in the membrane potential

■ **Mechanically-gated channels** – open and close in response to physical deformation of channels

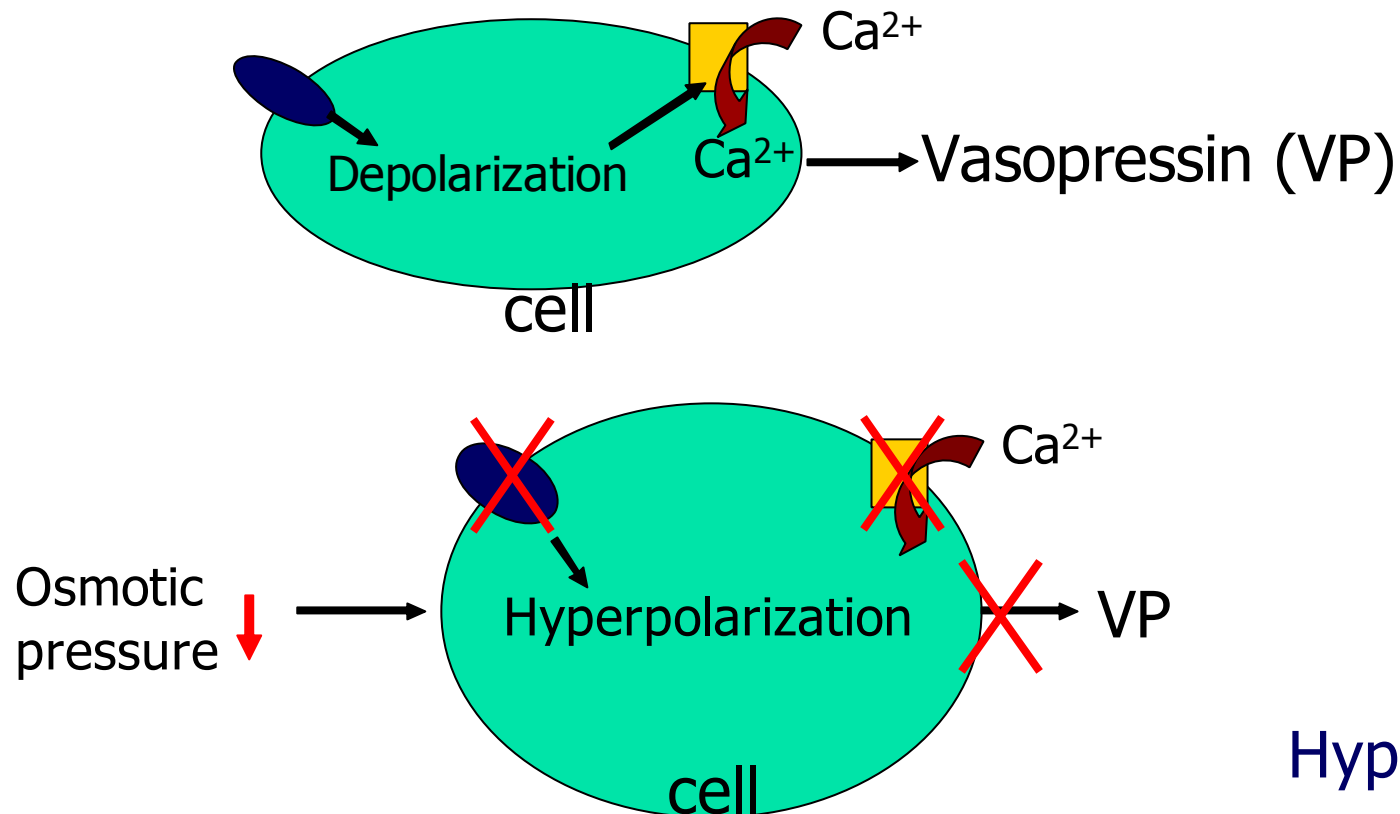
# Voltage-gated ion channel



**Cardiac muscle**

# Mechanically-gated ion channel

- Mechanically-gated cation channel

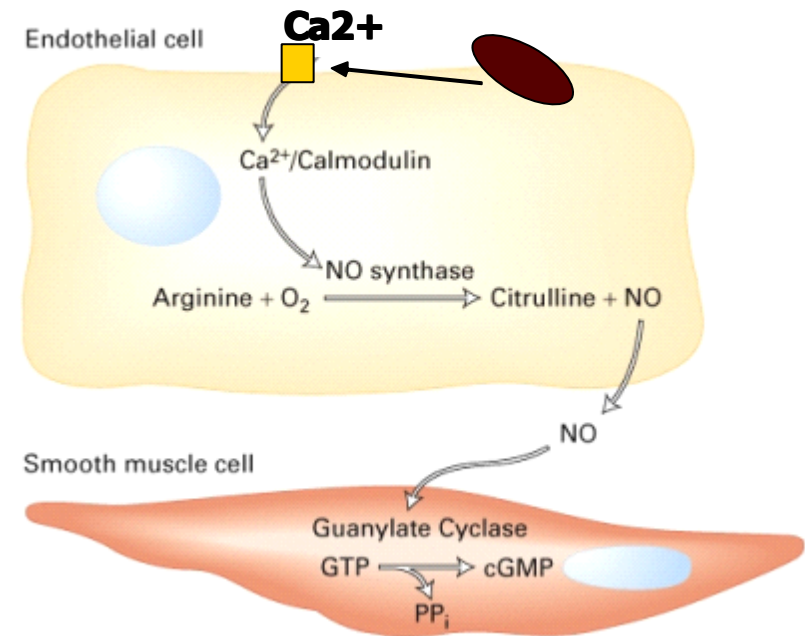
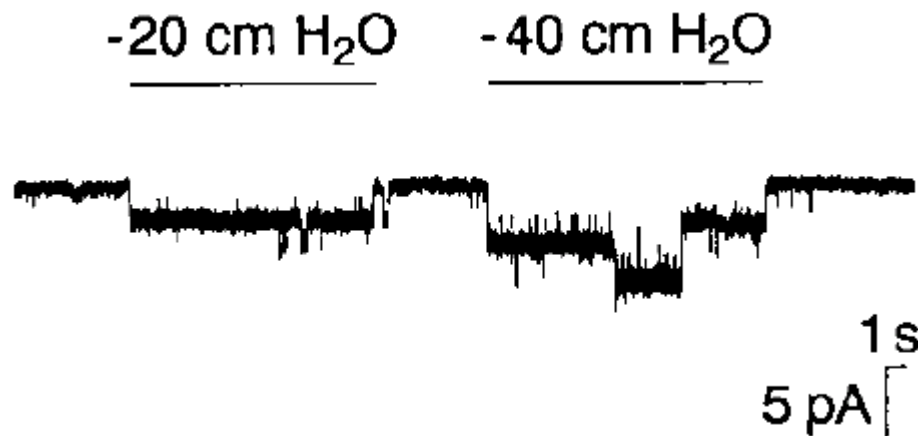


Hypothalamus



# Single channel recording from a stretch activated ion channel

## Stretch activated cation channel



Molecular Identification of a Eukaryotic, **Stretch-Activated Nonspecific Cation Channel** Kanzaki et al. 1999





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- **Signal transduction mediated by enzyme-coupled receptor**

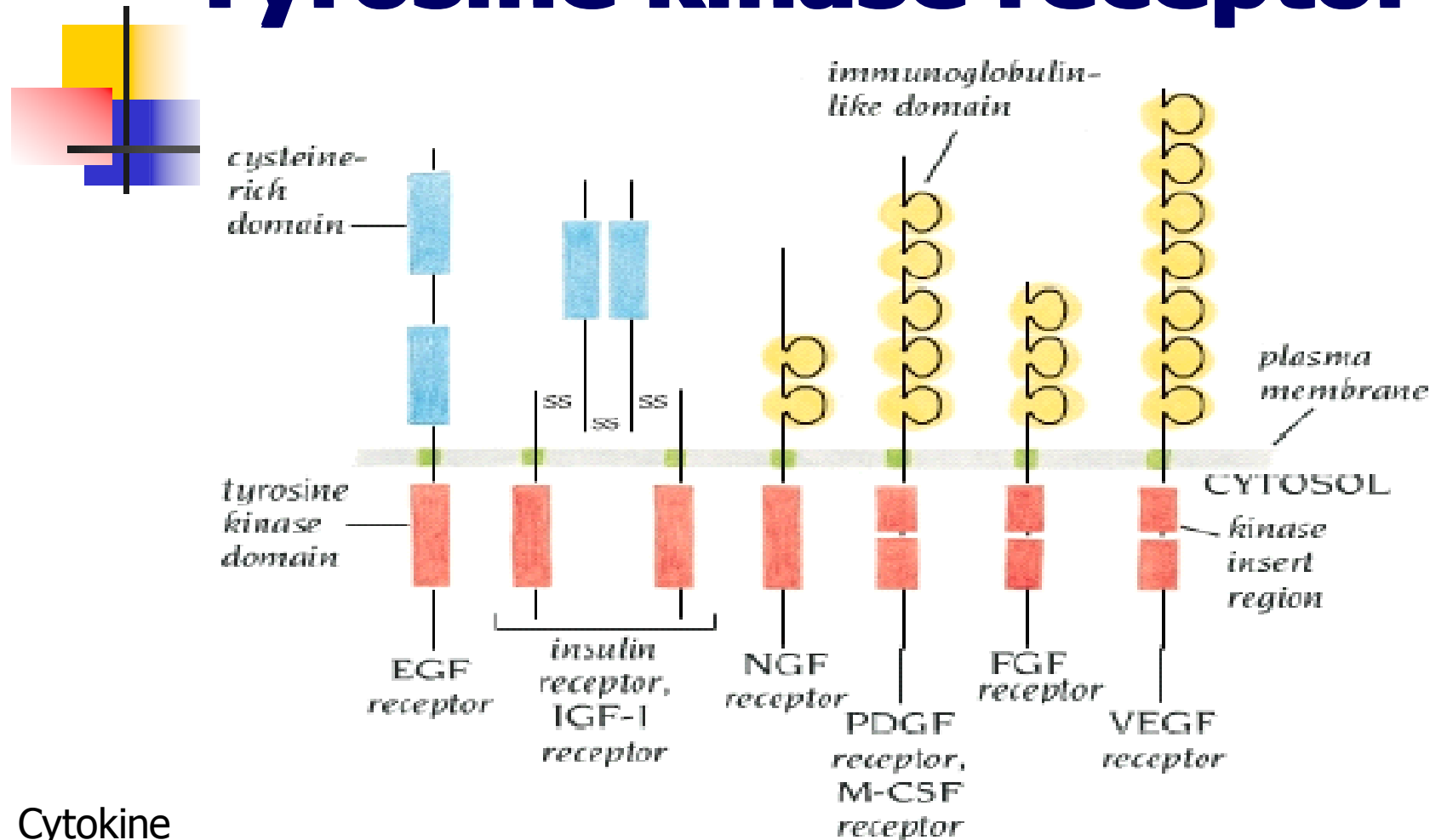


# Signal transduction mediated by enzyme-coupled receptor

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- **The receptors have intrinsic enzyme activity**
- **Tyrosine kinase receptor, **TKR****
- **Guanylyl cyclase receptor, **GCR****

# Tyrosine kinase receptor



## Cytokine

EGF: epidermal growth factor

PDGF: platelet-derived growth factors

FGF: fibroblast growth factors

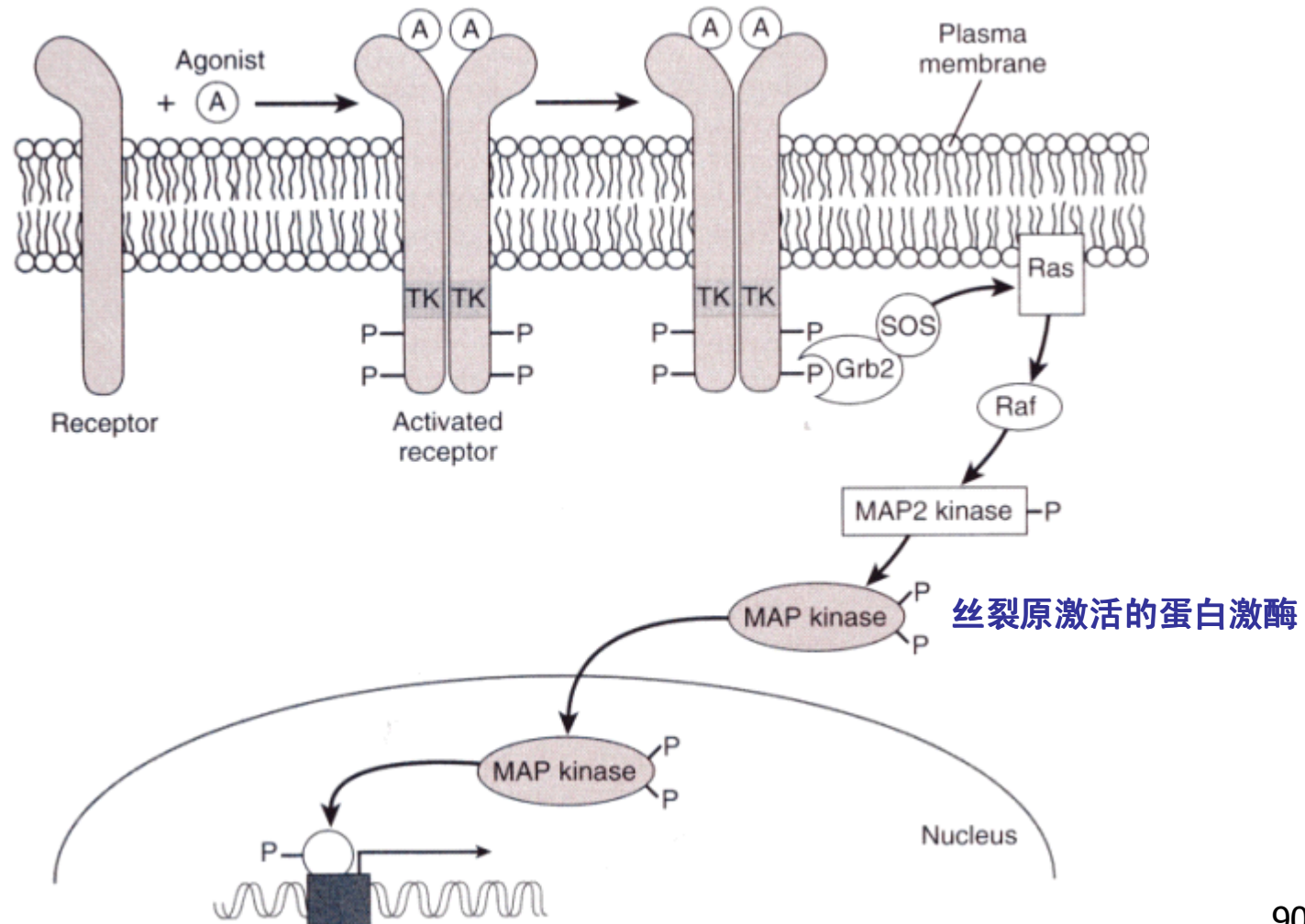
NGF: nerve growth factor

IGF-1: insulin growth factor

VEGF: vascular endothelial growth factor

HGF: hepatocyte growth factors

# Tyrosine kinase receptor

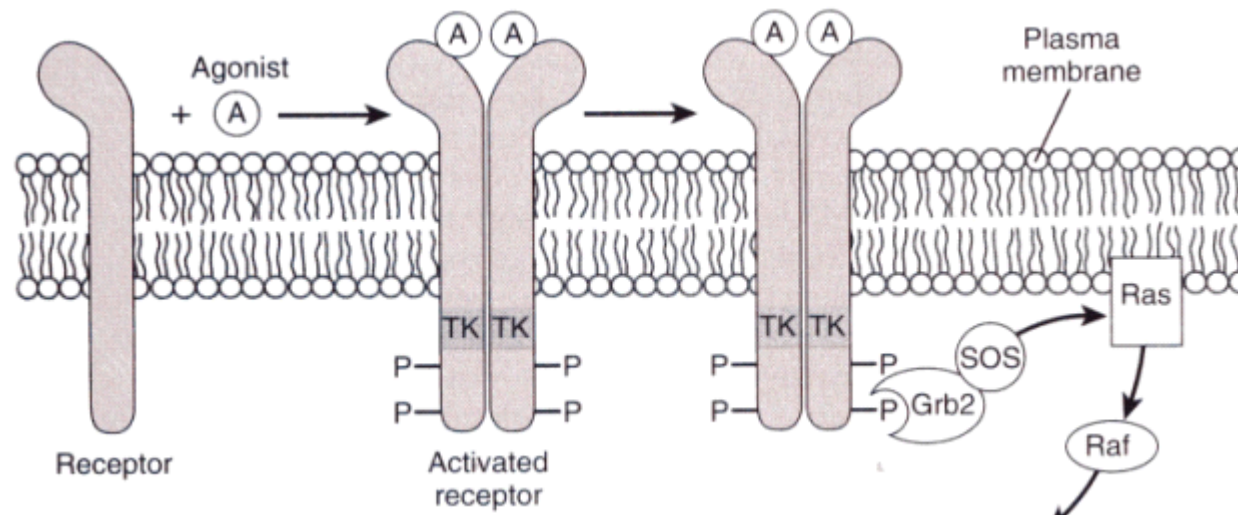


# The sequence of events for tyrosine kinase receptor

- The binding of a specific messenger to the receptor changes the conformation of the receptor (dimer).
- So that the enzymatic portion located at the intracellular side of the receptor is activated.
- This results in the auto-phosphorylation of the receptor.
- The newly created phosphotyrosine on the cytoplasmic portion of the receptor then serves as “docking” site for cytoplasmic proteins.
- The bound docking proteins then bind other proteins, which leads to a cascade of signaling pathways within the cell.

# Tyrosine kinase receptor

- **Auto-phosphorylation of the receptor:**  
**the receptor phosphorylates its own tyrosine groups.**

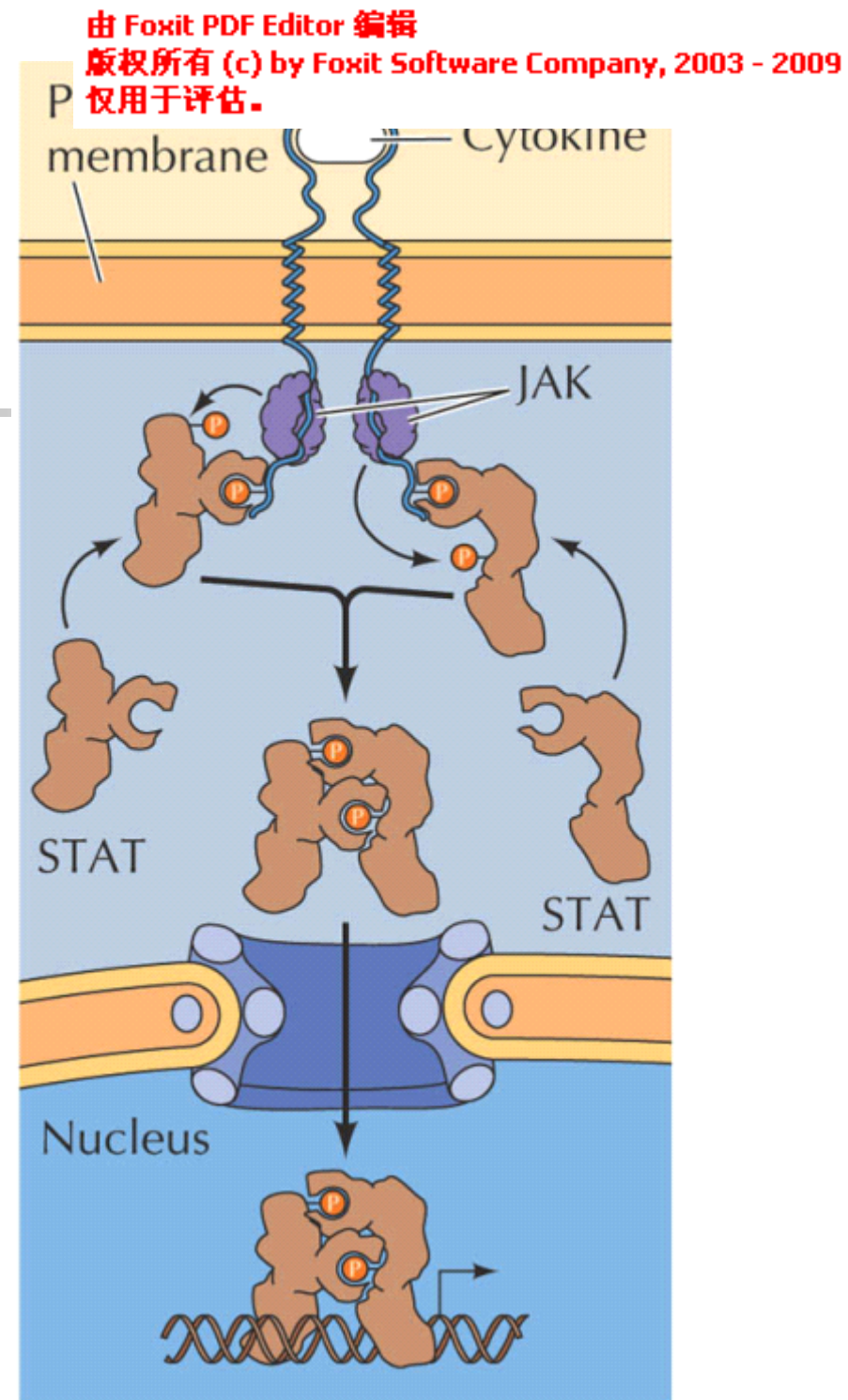


# Receptor-associated tyrosine kinase

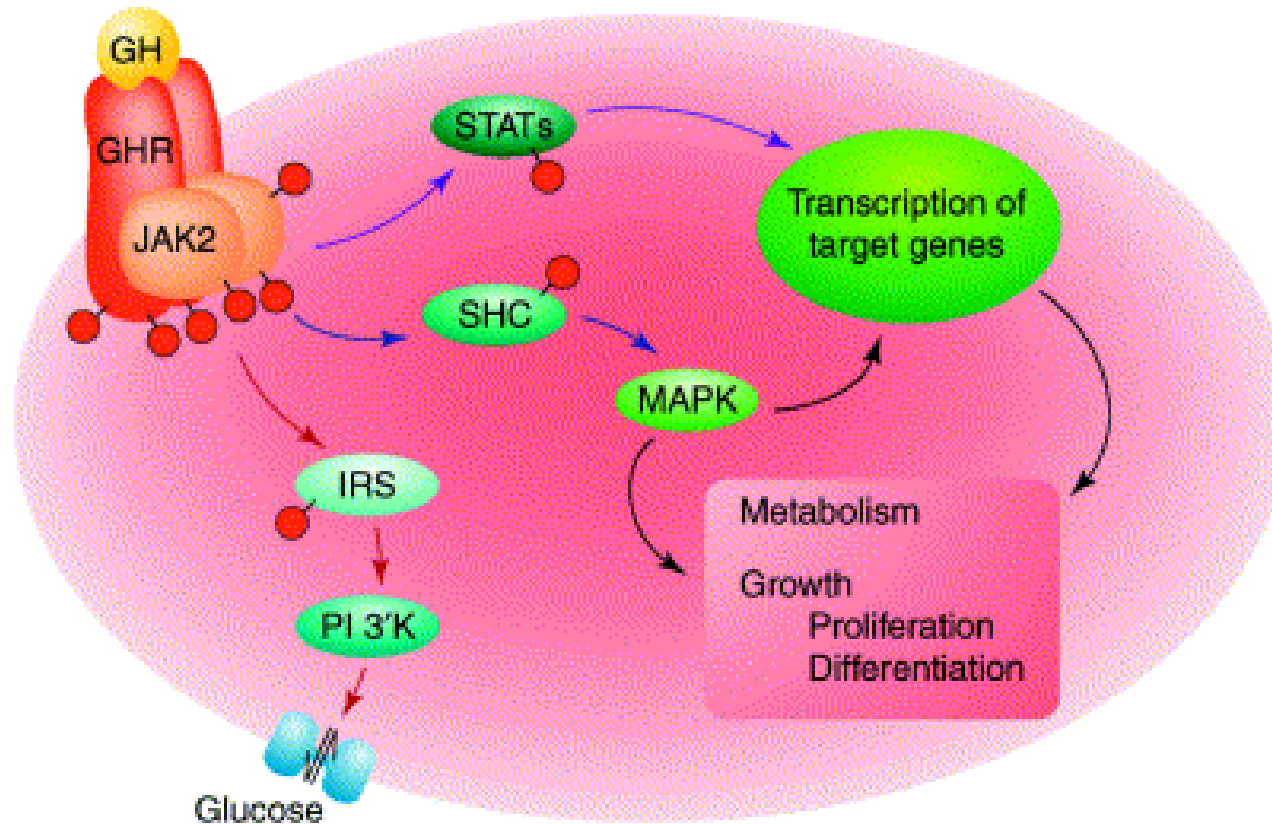
JAK: Janus kinase

STAT: signal transducers and activators of transcription

信号转导与转录激活因子



# GH-GHR signal transduction





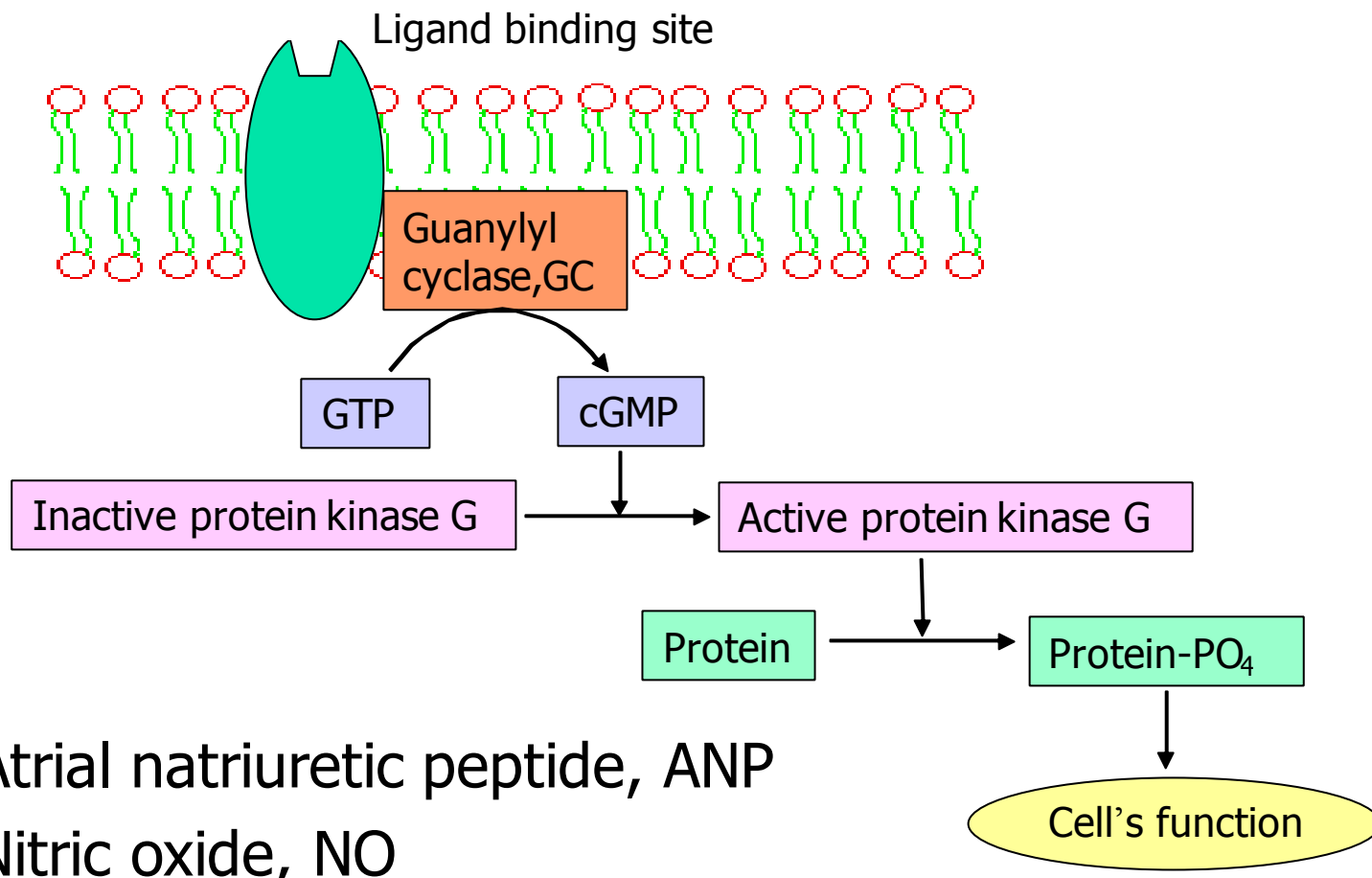
# Function of tyrosine kinase receptor



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- **Most of the receptors with intrinsic tyrosine kinase activity bind first messengers that typically influence cell proliferation and differentiation.**

# Guanylyl cyclase receptor



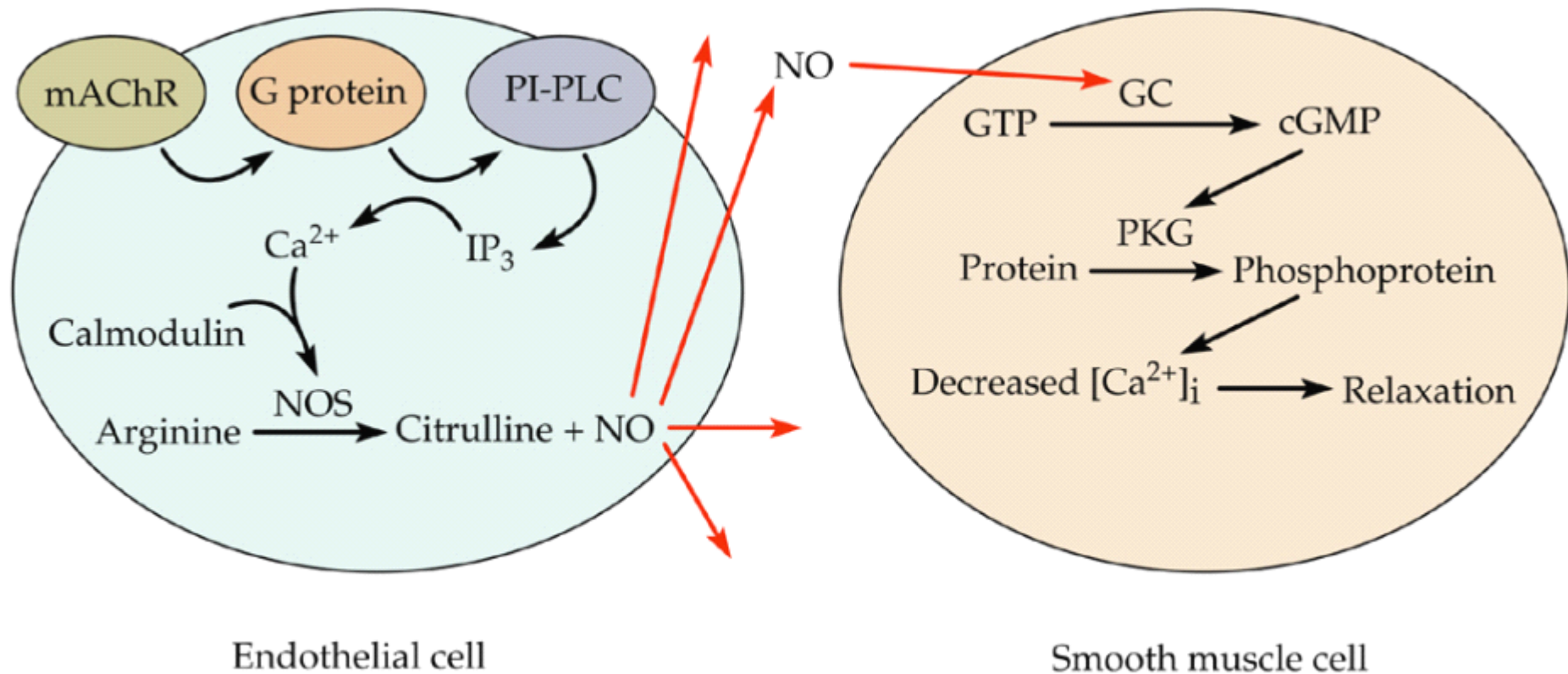


# Atrial natriuretic peptide, ANP

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- **Synthesized and released by atrial muscle cells**
- **Stimulates kidney to excrete sodium and water**
- **Relaxes vascular smooth muscles**

# Receptor guanylyl cyclase



NOS: nitric oxide synthase

# A overview of calcium regulation in cells

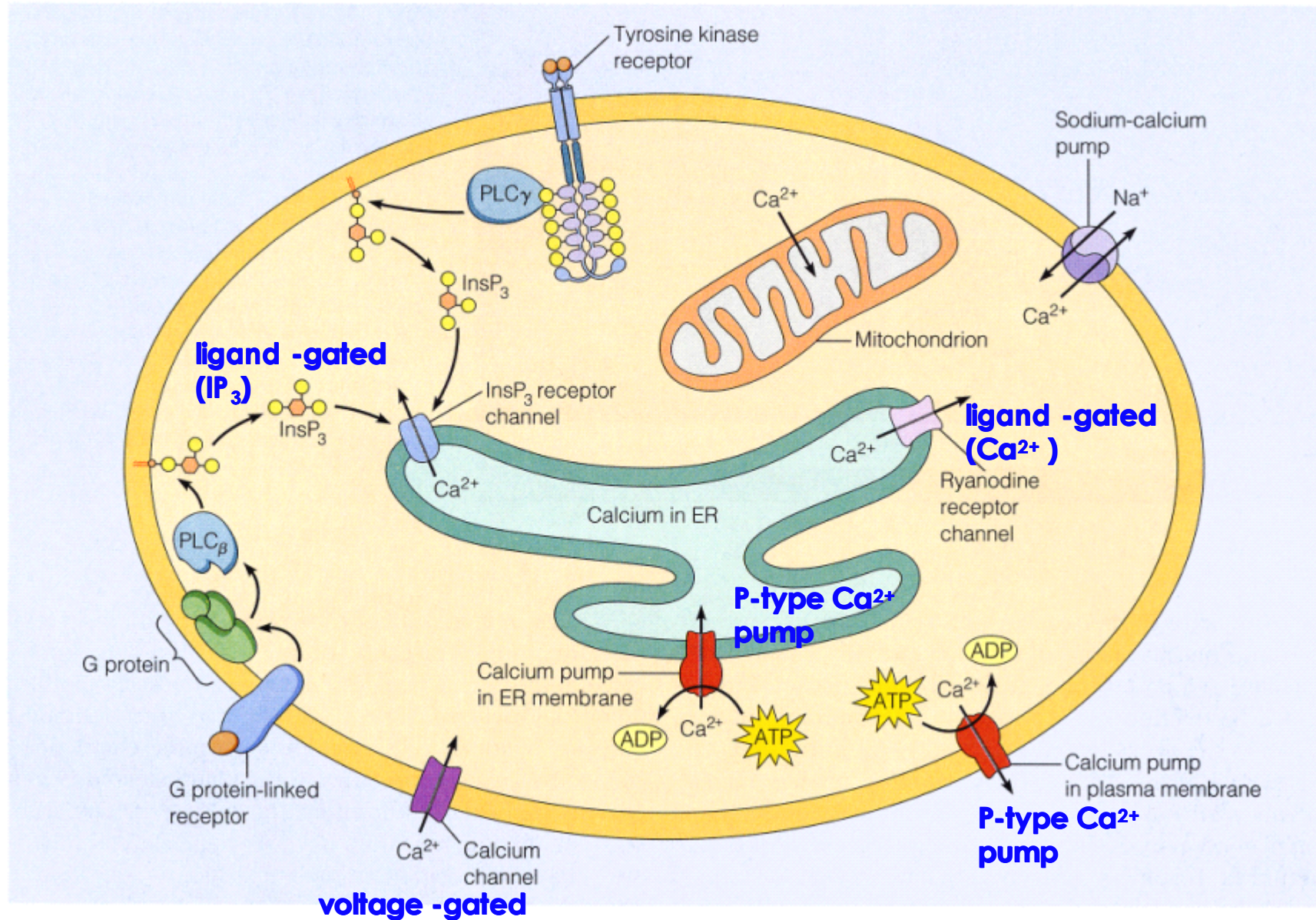


Figure 10-11 An Overview of Calcium Regulation in Cells.



# Summary

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## Signal transduction mediated by

- **G-protein coupled receptor**
  - **cAMP-PKA pathway**
  - **IP3-Ca<sup>2+</sup> pathway**
  - **DG-PKC pathway**
- **Ion channel coupled receptor**
- **Enzyme coupled receptor**



# Questions

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- **Define each term:**
  - Second messenger
  - Protein kinase
- **Answer the following question**
  - Describe the generation of IP3 and DAG and their intracellular signaling roles
  - Describe the activation and inactivation of G protein
  - Describe the sequence of events for receptor-G protein-AC pathway