

# Pharmacodynamics III ;

## Receptor Families

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# Objectives :

- \* Classify receptors into their main super-families.
- \* Recognize their different transduction mechanism.
- \* Identify the nature & time frame of their response.



# Key Words :

Recognition, Reception, Transduction, Response, ligand, Conductance, Transcription, Translation, Adrenoseptors , Cholinergic receptors.

# Abbreviations :

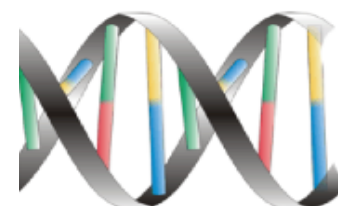
**VSMC** : Vascular Smooth Muscle Cells  
**PLC** : Phospholipase C  
**AC** : Adenyl Cyclase  
**cGMP** : Cyclic Guanyl Mono-Phosphate  
**GC** : Guanyl Cyclase  
**ANP** : Atrial Natriuretic Peptide  
**Ach** : Acetylcholine  
**PKA**: Protein kinase A



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Study the 10th lecture of biochemistry  
(**Cell Signaling and Regulation of Metabolism**)

To download the Biochemistry-team's work on  
this lecture:

[<http://www.ksums.net/files/1st/Foundation%20Block/433%20Teams%20Work/Biochemistry/Lecture%209%20&%2010%20important%20.pdf>]

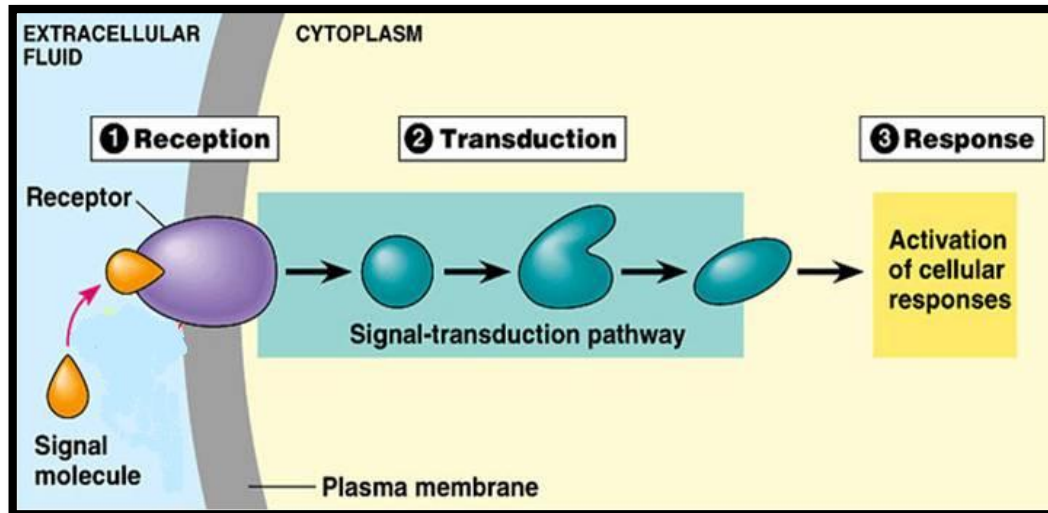


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# WHAT IS A RECEPTOR ?

Responsible for selectively sensing & binding of a stimulus (ligand) & its coupling to a response via a set of signal transduction machinery.



## Receptors are classified according to :

- \*Location
- \*Structure
- \*Transduction Mechanism
- \*Nature of Response
- \*Time Scale of Response

## 4 main Super-Families of receptors :

1. Channel-Linked Receptor

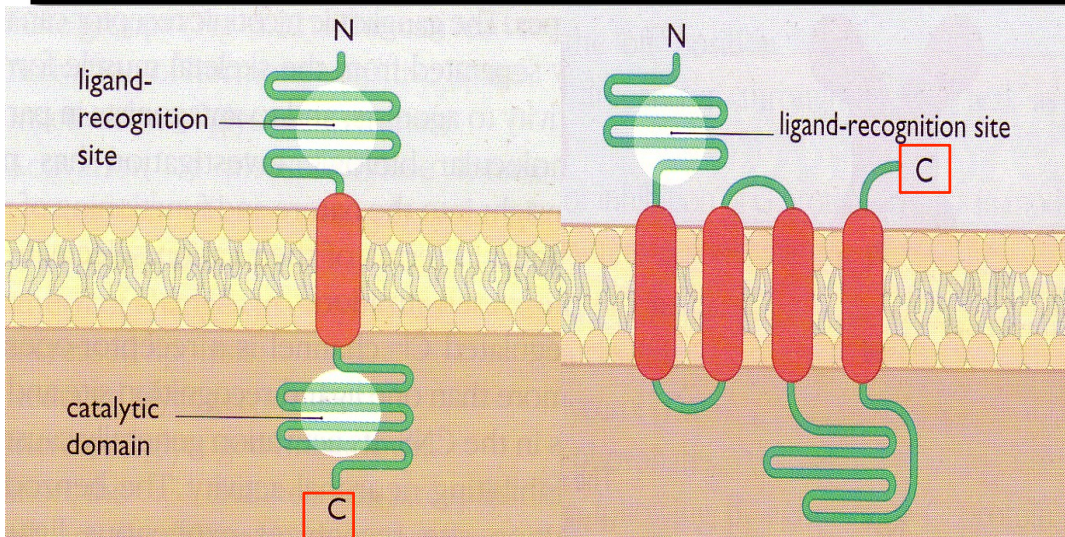
2. G-Protein Coupled Receptors

3. Enzyme-Linked Receptors

4. Nuclear Receptors

On the cell membrane

In the Cytosol or Nucleus



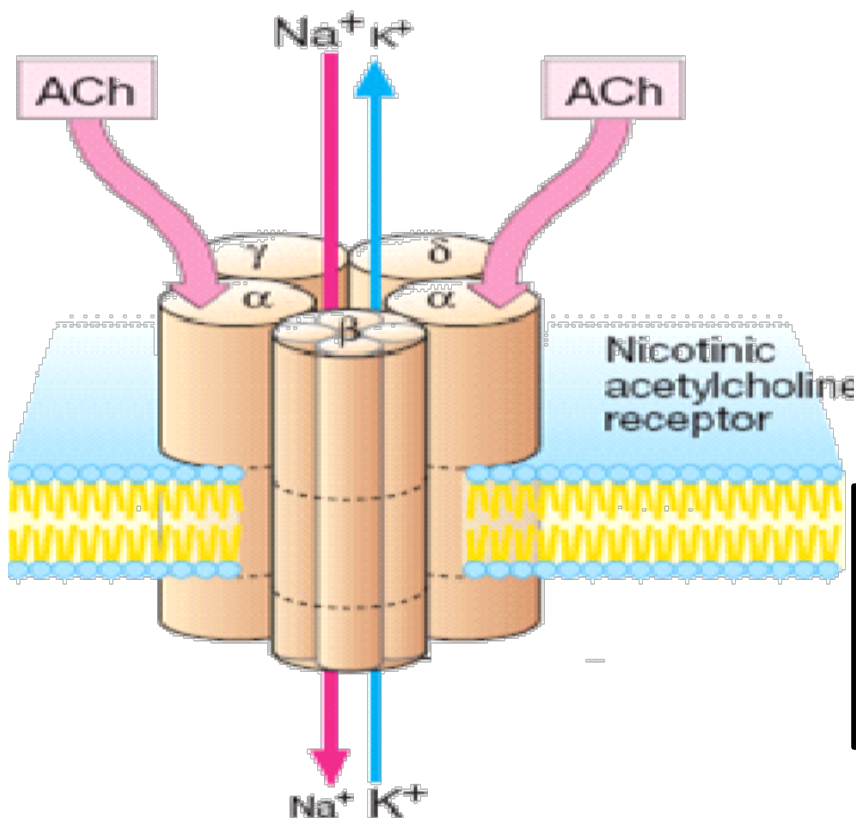
**Its Structure: 1\ N terminal 2\ C terminal**

# 1. Channel-Linked Receptor

Involved in fast synaptic neurotransmission occurring over **milliseconds**

It is **activated directly when a ligand binds to the receptor** to open the channel causing **influx of ions** and it can cause either **hyperpolarization** or **depolarization** that is incorporated as part of its structure.

Examples; **Nicotinic ACh** receptor activated by **Acetylcholine**.



Influx  $\text{Na}^+$  ↓ (depolarization)

Efflux  $\text{K}^+$  ↑ (hyperpolarization)

This mechanism Different from Voltage-Gated Ion Channel , Is activated by a **change in action potential** not by occupancy of a **ligand**

# 2. G-Protein-Coupled Receptor

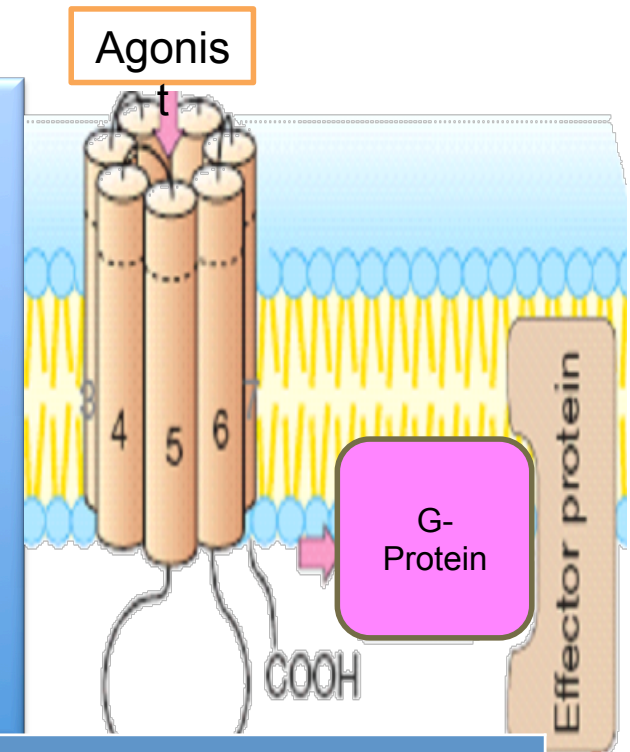
Are the Most Abundant Type

**G-protein** Composed of **3** subunits [ $\alpha$   $\beta$   $g$ ] & **GDP**

They Have Different G-Protein Classes  
Divided according to their  $\alpha$ -subunits  
into  $G_s$ ,  $G_i$  and  $G_q$

$G_s$  and  $G_i$  produce, respective,  
stimulation and inhibition of AC

$G_q$  is linked to activation of PLC- $Ca^{++}$



Activation of	Lead to activation of
G-protein	Adenyl cyclase (AC) Or Phospholipase C (PLC)
Adenyl cyclase (AC)	Protein kinase A (PKA)
Phospholipase C (PLC)	- Increase release of intracellular $Ca^{++}$ $\rightarrow$ calcium and calmodulin dependent protein kinase (CAM-PK) and - protein kinase C (PKC)

Phosphorylates a target protein  $\longrightarrow$  **RESPONSE**





# 3. Enzyme-Linked Receptors

Involved in slow action of; hormones (**insulin is the most common**), growth factors, cytokines..ect. Cytosolic Domain either :

## Associate directly with an enzyme :

e.g. guanyl cyclase [GC] as in **[ANP] receptor**.

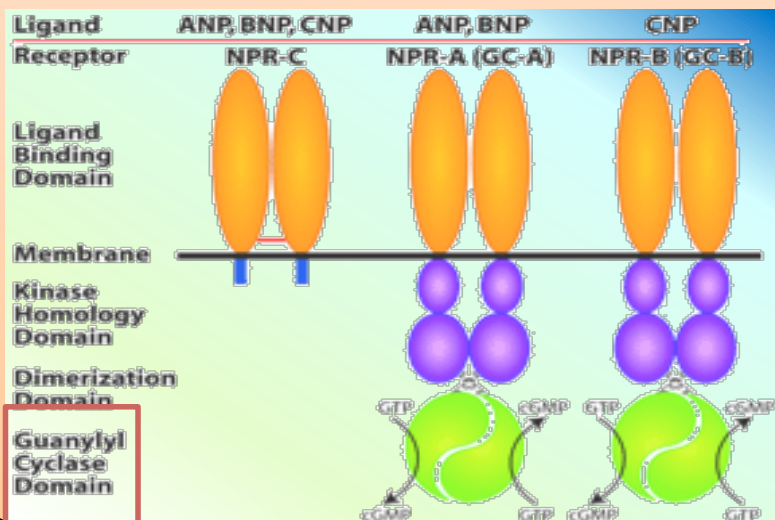
\*They have a single transmembrane spanning element.

\*These have integral intrinsic Guanylate Cyclase activity.

\*Their 2<sup>nd</sup> messenger is **cyclic guanyl mono-phosph.**  
[cGMP]

→ activates **PKG** (protein kinase G)

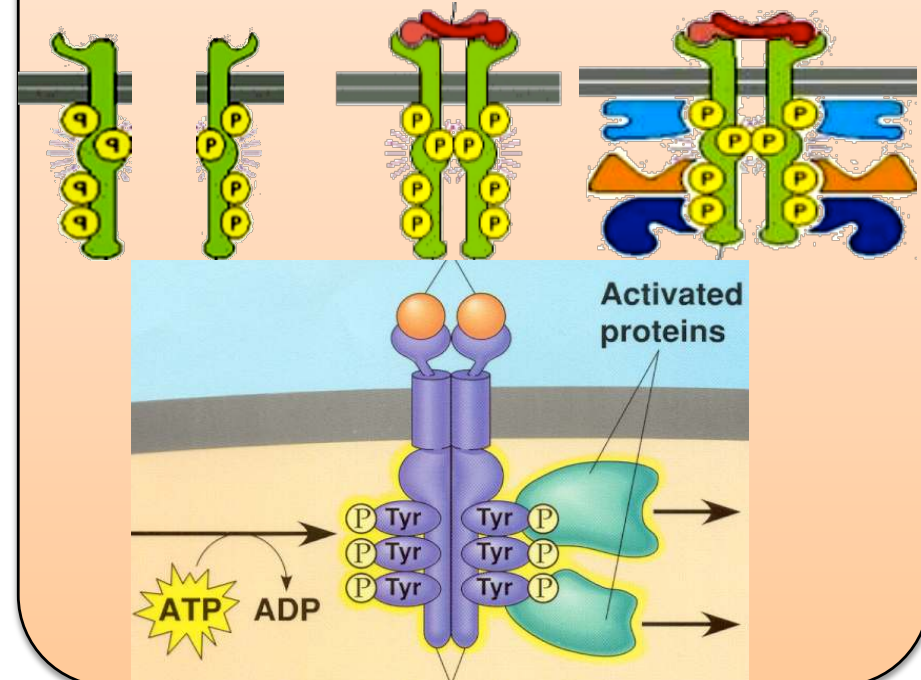
→ to phosphorylate other  
down stream protein signaling molecules.



## Possess intrinsic Kinase activity (as tyrosine or serine/threonine kinase)

((2 receptors bind together to become one))  
**that can phosphorylate itself**  
(autophosphorylation) and/or other  
proteins that dock or bind to it.

**Example; insulin receptor**



# 4. Nuclear Receptors

Are intra-cellularly located whether in cytosol or the nucleus.

Their Natural ligands are usually :

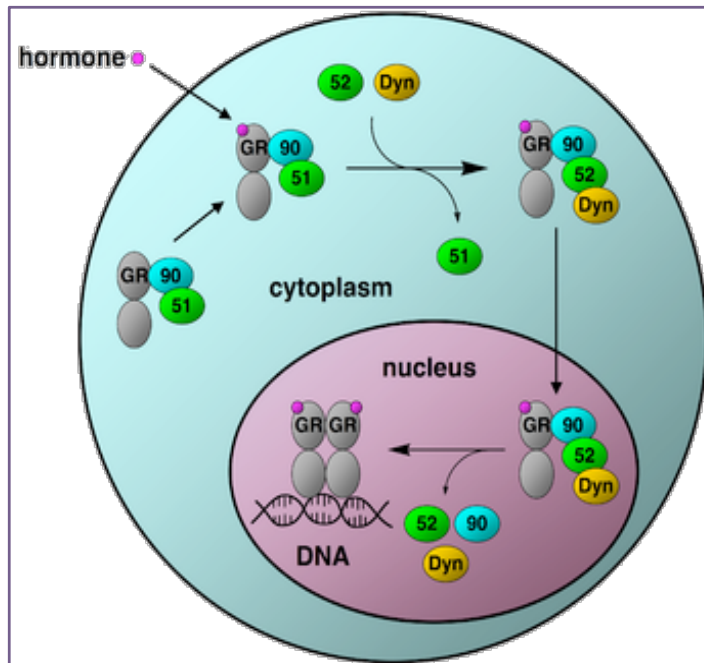
Extracellular lipophylic (hydrophobic, lipid soluble) hormones e.g. **steroids**, thyroids, ...etc.

Have high lipid permeability to inter the cell.

- Extracellular lipids; linolinic a., retinoic a.
- Phosphorylated protein end product of 2<sup>nd</sup> messenger signaling

Involved in regulation of **Protein synthesis** "most slowest in action"

They possess an area that recognizes specific DNA sequence in the nucleus which can bind it. This sequence is called a Responsive Element [RE] → these activated receptors are acting as Transcription Factors [TF] → expressing or repressing target genes sprite.



## GLUCOCORTICOID [GC] RECEPTOR

"It is found in the cytosol"

The activated GC R complex

\*Up-regulates expression of anti-inflammatory proteins.

\*Represses expression of pro-inflammatory proteins

(by preventing the translocation of their transcription factors from the cytosol into the nucleus).

# S U M M A R Y\*

	Channel-Linked Receptor	G-Protein Coupled Receptor	Enzyme-Linked Receptor	Nuclear Receptor
<b>Location</b>	Cell membrane	Cell membrane	Cell membrane	Cytosol or Nucleus
<b>Mechanism</b>	Activation of this receptor lead to opening of ion gate and ion influx , this will lead to <b>(depolarization or hyperpolarization)</b> which produce a response.	*Activation of G protein lead to activation of adeny cyclase (AC) or phospholipase C (PLC). *Activation of adeny cyclase : lead to activated PKA ( protein kinase A). *Activation of phospholipase C, will activate CaM-PK and PKC.	When agonist bind to receptor , it gets activated by two ways :- 1- activated guanyl cyclase enzyme to produce cGMP. example : <b>Atrial Natiueretic Peptide</b> receptor (ANP) 2- the receptor undergoes (autophosphorylation) which phosphorylates other protein that produce a response. example : <b>insulin receptor</b> .	The ligand (drug) has to cross the cell membrane either directly (If it is highly lipid-soluble) or through a carrier protein to act on the receptor. Once it is bound to the receptor, a translocation will happen for the complex to the nucleus. In the nucleus, it binds to a certain gene sequence and it will start the process.
<b>Function</b>	Nervous conduction	Cell signaling	Cell signaling	Transcription → Translation → Protein synthesis
<b>Time Scale</b>	Milliseconds	Seconds	Minutes-Hours	Hours-Days
<b>Example</b>	Nicotine Ach receptor	Muscarinic ACh receptor	Cytokine receptor	Oestrogen receptor



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Glucocorticoid [GC] is :

- A. Nuclear receptor in the Cytosol
- B. G-protein receptor
- C. Nuclear receptor in the Nucleus
- D. Enzyme-Linked receptor

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An Example of Ligand-Gated-Ion Channel

- A. Nicotinic ACh receptor
- B. Muscarinic ACh receptor
- C. Cytokine receptor
- D. Oestrogen receptor

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$\alpha_2$  Adrenoceptor couple to Gi results in :

- A. stimulate AC
- B. Inhibit PLC
- C. decrease in cAMP
- D. Increase in cAMP

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Those control many cellular functions as motility, growth factors, differentiation, division, morphogenesis :

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- B. G-protein Coupled receptors
- C. Enzyme-Linked receptors
- D. Nuclear receptors

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The slowest receptors are

- A. Channel-Linked receptors
- B. G-protein Coupled receptors
- C. Enzyme-Linked receptors
- D. Nuclear receptors

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Nuclear receptors exist in :

- A. Only in the Nucleus
- B. The Nucleus or the Cytoplasmic membrane
- C. The Nucleus or the Cytosol
- D. The Nucleus or the Enzymes

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An example for Channel-Linked (Hyperpolarization and depolarization):

- A. Nicotinic Ach receptor.
- B. Nicotinic Ach receptor.
- C. Metabotropic receptor.
- D. Cytokine receptor.

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How long do Hyperpolarization and depolarization take ?

- A. Second
- B. Days
- C. Hour
- D. Millisecond

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Cytokine Receptor is an example for..... And it takes ..... long.

- A. Enzyme-Linked-minutes to hours
- B. G-Protein Coupled-Hour to Days
- C. Channel-Linked – Millisecond
- D. Enzyme-Linked- Hour to Days.

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Where does change in excitability occur?

- A. Enzyme-Linked
- B. G-Protein Coupled
- C. Channel-Linked
- D. Nucleus

10-B  
3-C 6-C 9-A  
2-A 5-D 8-D  
1-A 4-C 7-A

We hope we made this lecture easier for you  
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Good Luck !

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(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GPoDNQhP0Mg&feature=youtu.be>)

**G-Protein Signaling**

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