# $\bigcirc$ $\bigcirc$ Cell Signaling & Regulation of Metabolism



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# Objectives



Differentiate different steps in signaling pathways.



Describe the second messenger systems.



- Recognize the function of signaling pathways for:
  - Signal transmission





Discuss the role of signaling pathways in regulation and integration of metabolism.



• **Cell signaling:** the fundamental process by which specific information is transferred from the cell surface to the cytosol and ultimately to the nucleus, leading to changes in gene expression.





#### No cell lives in isolation

- Cells communicate with each other
- Cells send and receive information (Signals).
- Information is relayed within cell to produce a response.
  - (The response is necessary in maintain homeostasis)

# Signaling Process

# 01 Red

02

### **Recognition of signal**

Receptors

## Transduction

Change of external signal into intracellular message with amplification and formation of second messenger.

## 03 Effect

Modification of cell metabolism and function.



# General Signaling Pathway



#### **The ligand binds to the receptor** The ligand is the primary messenger and it could be

hormones or neurotransmitters.



## Signal transduction

The change of the primary messenger into an intracellular second messenger

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#### **Cellular response or changes in gene expression** The second messenger modifies the cell's function and metabolism.

Note that any disruption or error found in this process gives rise to various diseases and cancers.

# **General Signaling Pathway**



# Signaling Cascades

The Ligand will bind to the receptor in the extracellular environment.

02

03

01

The receptor will activate the intracellular signaling protein (forming a second messenger).

The second messenger will affect the target cell and producing the required outcome.

This is a brief explanation of the image, the image is on the original presentation and thus it should be well understood



Recognition





## Oifferent Responses to the Same Signaling Molecule



## GTP-Dependant Regulatory Proteins (G-Proteins)

- **G-Proteins:** trimeric membrane proteins ( $\alpha\beta\gamma$ ) G-stimulatory (G<sub>s</sub>) and G-inhibitory (G<sub>i</sub>) binds to GTP/GDP.
  - G-proteins have three subunits:  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$ .
  - G-proteins bind to guanosine nucleotides: GTP or GDP.



The  $\alpha$ -subunit has intrinsic GTPase activity, resulting in hydrolysis of GTP into GDP and inactivation of G-proteins.

## Signaling Pathways for Regulation of Metabolism





# Adenylyl Cyclase System

- **Adenylyl cyclase:** membrane-bound enzyme, converts ATP to cAMP.
- Activation/Inhibition:



• Then the receptor will activate G-protein which will activate the system

## Signal Transduction: Adenylyl Cyclase System



<u>Helpful video</u>











Signal transmission and amplification.

Regulation of metabolism.

Intercellular communications & coordination of complex biologic functions.

# Quiz

Q1: Change of external signal into intracellular message with amplification and formation of second messenger is called:

A	Recognition	В	Effect	С	None	D	Transduction
Q2: The recognition process is done by:							
A	Receptors	В	Neurotransmitter	С	Hormones	D	DNA
Q3: The inactive form of G-protein is:							
A	αβγ/GTP	В	αβγ/GDP	С	α/GTP	D	a/GDP
Q4: cAMP activates:							
A	Kinase B	В	Kinase A	С	Kinase C	D	Both C&B
Q5: An enzyme that can terminate signal:							

 A
 Phospholipase C
 B
 Kinase A
 C
 Phosphatase
 D
 cAMP

 Answer Key:
  $2 (G \subseteq B)$   $3 (f_{P} \otimes B)$   $3 (E \otimes P)$   $9 (G \subseteq C)$   $0 (f_{P} \otimes C)$ 

Q6: Explain how a single ligand can cause different effects. Q7: List the three main steps of the signaling process. Q8: Kinase C is activated by Q9: Phospholipase C can break phosphatidylinositol into Q6: Slide 7 Q7: Recognition  $\rightarrow$  transduction  $\rightarrow$  effect Q8: Diacylglycerol & calcium Q9: Discylglycerol (DAG) Inositol | trisphosphate (IP3)

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