

INTRACELLULAR SIGNALLING

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General section
Fundamentals of
signaling between cells

Introduction

- Drugs act by modifying the extracellular environment, influencing intracellular structures or metabolism, or influencing signaling cascades
- The concept of humoral signaling – the unification of various signal transmissions at the cellular level
- Hormone, mediator, transmitter - the first messenger
- Second, third, (fourth) messenger inside the cell
- Receptor theory - agonists, antagonists
- Development of selective drugs
- Pathogenesis of diseases and pathological conditions

Mozog, PNS, ANS

β -Endorfín (31), Dopamín (DA), Serotonín, Noradrenalín, Acetylcholín, LEK (5), MEK(5)

Epifýza Melatonín, Serotonín

Hypotalamus

TRH(3), GnRH(41), SS (28), GH-RH (40), CRH (41), PRF(20), DA

Adenohypofýza

ACTH (31), TSH (204), GnRH, FSH (209), LH (213), Prolaktín (199), STH (191), β -Endorfín (31), α MSH (13), LEK, MEK

Neurohypofýza

Vazopresín (9), Oxytocín (9)

Pečeň IGF1(70), IGF2 (67)

Nadoblička

Aldosterón, 17-OH-progesterón
Kortizol, DHEA, DHEAS,
Androstendión, Katecholamíny

Testes Testosterón, Inhibín B

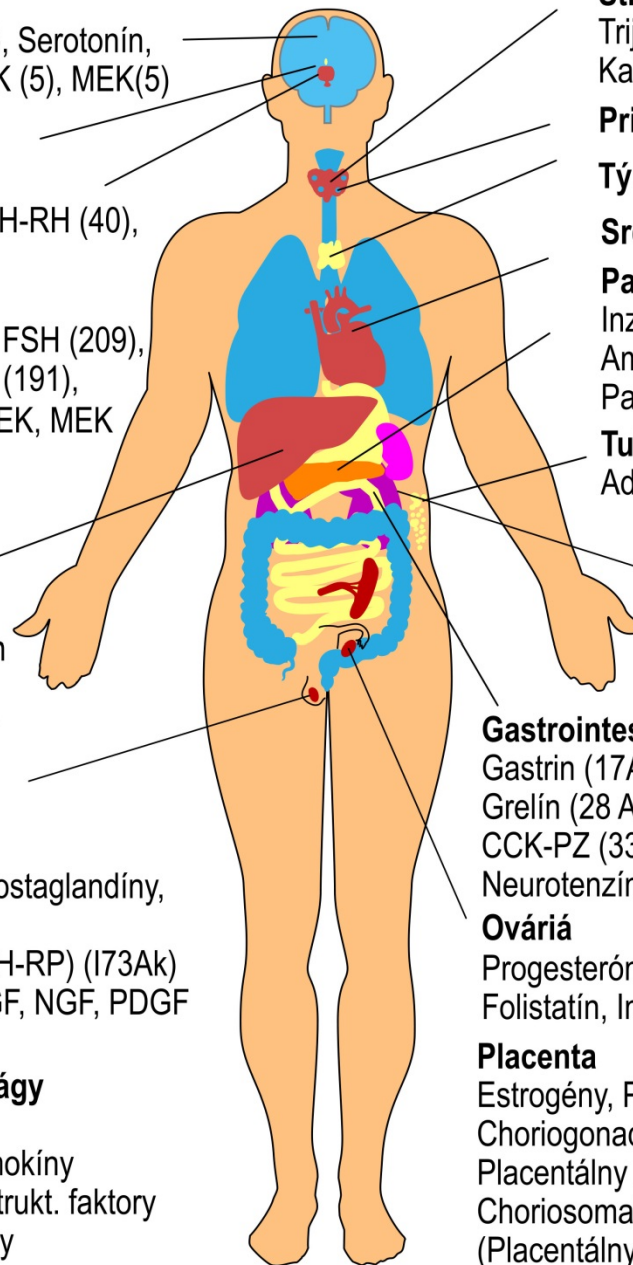
Mnohé typy buniek

Estrogény, Galanín (30 Ak), Prostaglandíny,
Leukotriény, Tromboxány,
Parathormónu-podobný h. (PTH-RP) (173Ak)
Rastové faktory: EGF, FGF, TGF, NGF, PDGF
HRF, VEGF

Monocyty/ lymfocyty/makrofágy

Cytokíny

- interleukíny, interferóny, chemokíny
- tumor nekrotizujúci faktor, inštrukt. faktory
- monikíny, lymfokíny, neurokíny



Štítna žľaza

Trijodotyronín (T3), Tyroxín (T4),
Kalcitonín (32)

Prištítne žľazy Parathormón (84)

Týmus Tymozín (28), Tymopoetín (49)

Srdce ANP (28), BNP(32)

Pankreas

Inzulín (51 Ak), Glukagón (29 Ak),
Amylin (37 Ak), Somatostatín (14 Ak)
Pankreatický polypeptid (39 Ak)

Tukové tkanivo

Adiponektín (224), Leptín (167),
Rezistín (94)

Obličky

1,25-(OH)₂ cholecalciferol
Erytropoetín (165), Renín (297) →
Ang1 (10) → Ang2 (8)

Gastrointestinálny trakt

Gastrín (17Ak, 34 Ak), Motilín (22Ak), VIP (28 Ak),
Grelín (28 Ak), Sekretín (27 Ak), Bombezín (14Ak),
CCK-PZ (33Ak), GIP (42 Ak), GLP (31 Ak),
Neurotenzín (13 Ak), SP (látka P) 11Ak)

Ováriá

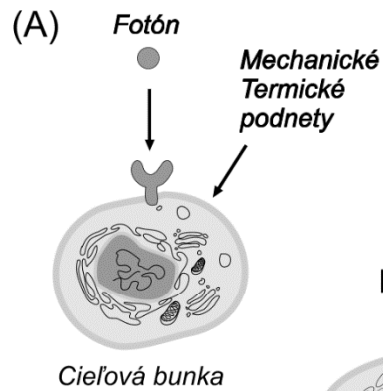
Progesterón, Estriadiol, DHEA, Relaxín
Folistatín, Inhibín A a B, Aktivín A a B

Placenta

Estrogény, Progesterón, Relaxín
Choriogonadotropín (CG)
Placentálny rastový hormón (GH-V)
Choriosomatotropín (CS) (191 Ak)
(Placentálny laktogén (PL))

Formy extracelulárnych signálov

Fyzikálne signály



Chemické signály

Signalizácia sekrečnými mediátormi

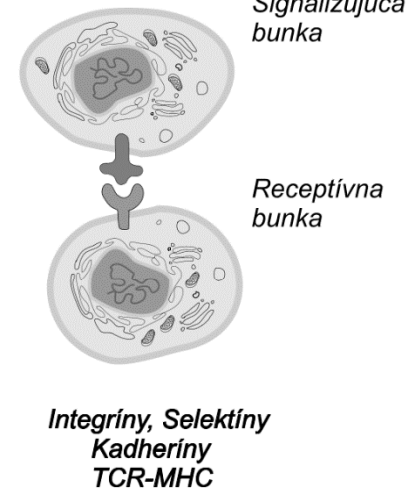
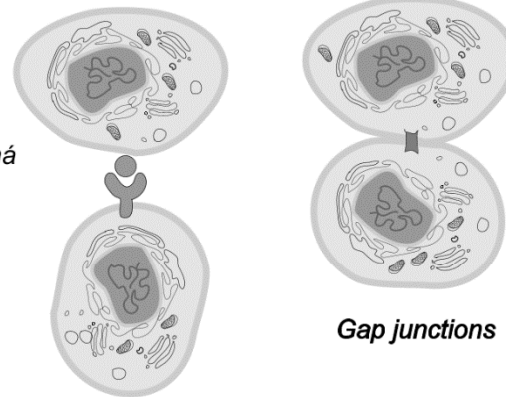
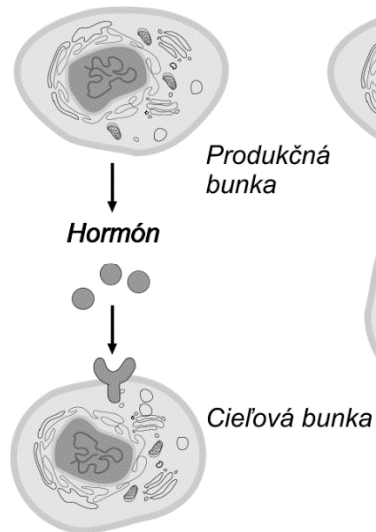
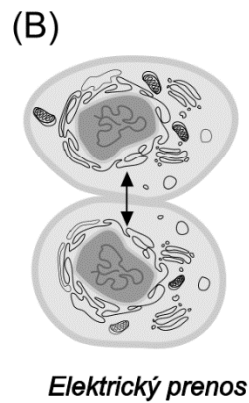
Signalizácia membránovo-viazanými molekulami

Klasická

Ultrakrátka

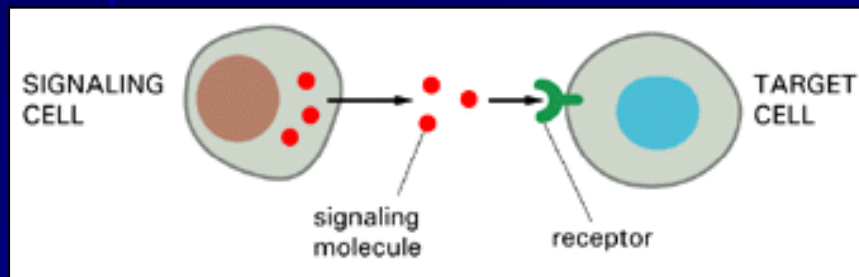
Kontaktná

Adhezívna



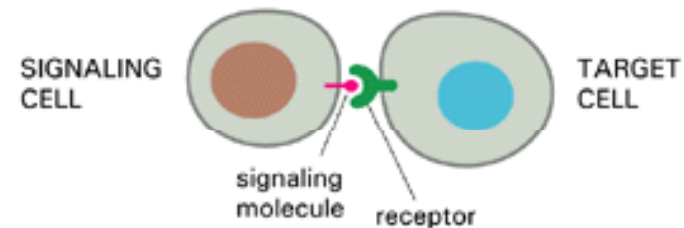
Humoral signaling

Signaling by secretory molecules

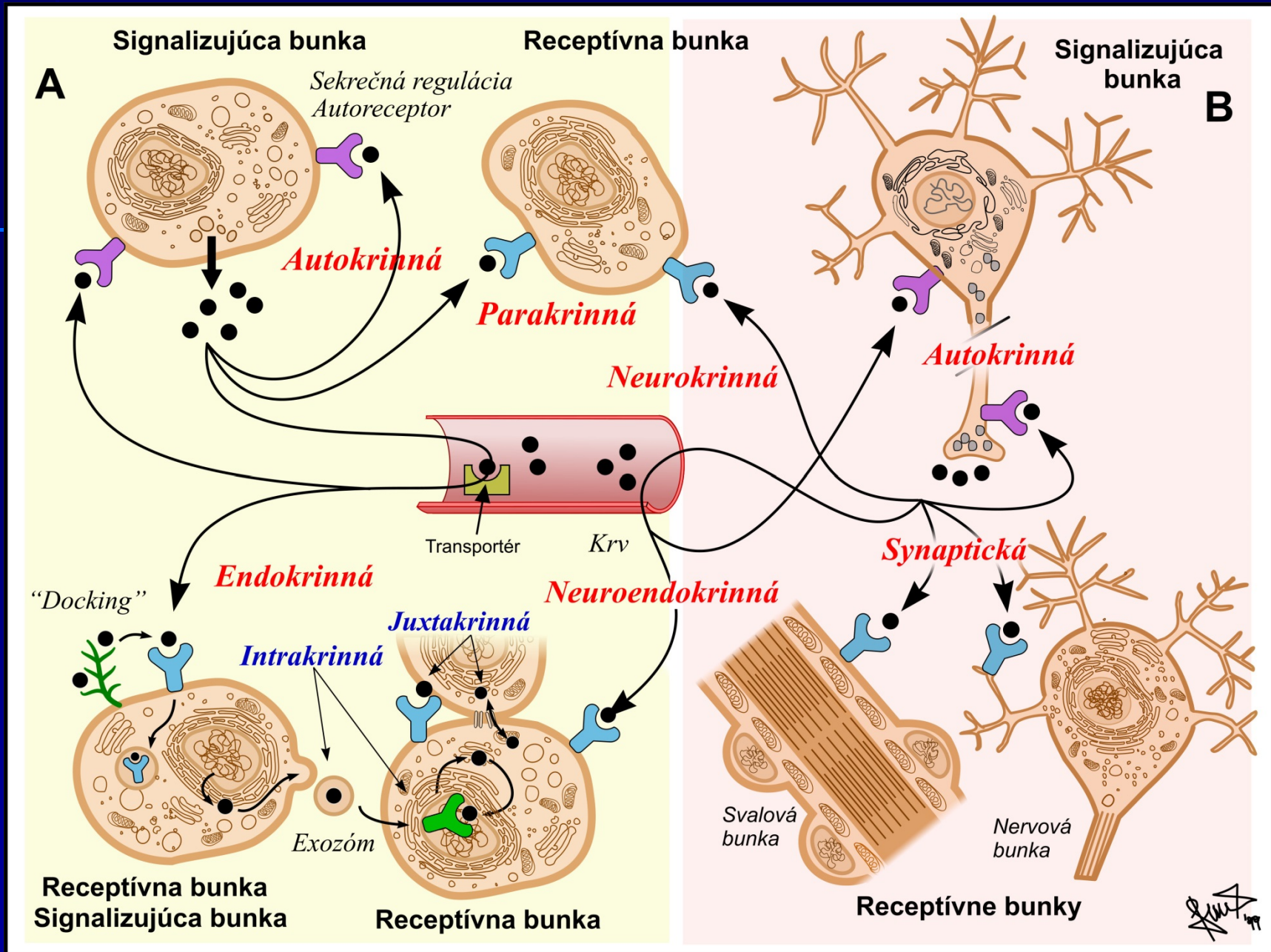


- The mediator is secreted by the producing cell into the environment
- The mediator travels different distances and through different environments to the target cell (blood, interstitium, axon)
- The target cell has a recognition receptor

Signaling by membrane-bound molecules (contact)

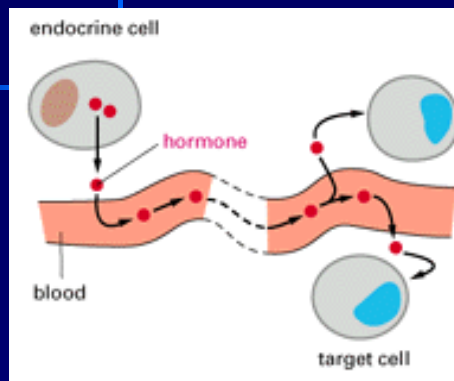


- The mediator is fixed directly/indirectly to the cytoplasmatic membrane
- The mediator reaches the target cell when approaching the product. cells
- The target cell has a recognition receptor



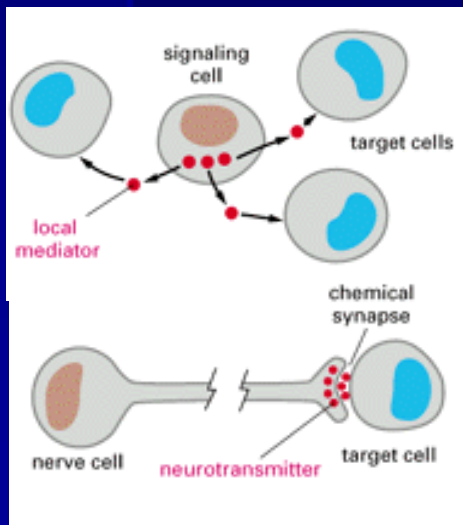
Signaling by secretory molecules

Endocrine



- The substance secreted by the production cell penetrates into the circulation, acts on distant or nearby targets
 - Examples: insulin, glucagon, sexual hormones, corticoids
- **Neuroendocrine signaling** - production cells are neurons; the mediator is excreted into the circulation
 - Examples: Vasopressin, oxytocin, hypothalamic effects - statins, liberins

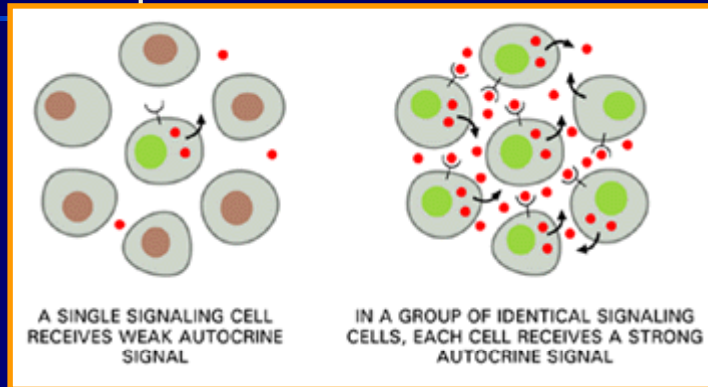
Paracrine



- The substance secreted by the producing cell penetrates to the target cell by diffusion in the interstitial fluid (other than blood)
 - Example: secretin, cholecystinin,
- In a broader sense – any short-distance signaling (within tissue, organ) (including blood)
 - Example: cytokines, prostanoids in inflammatory response
- **Synaptic** – ultra short distance (neuron - neuron; neuron - muscle)
- **Neurocrine signaling** (neuron – cell; sympathetic, parasympathetic)

Signaling by secretory molecules

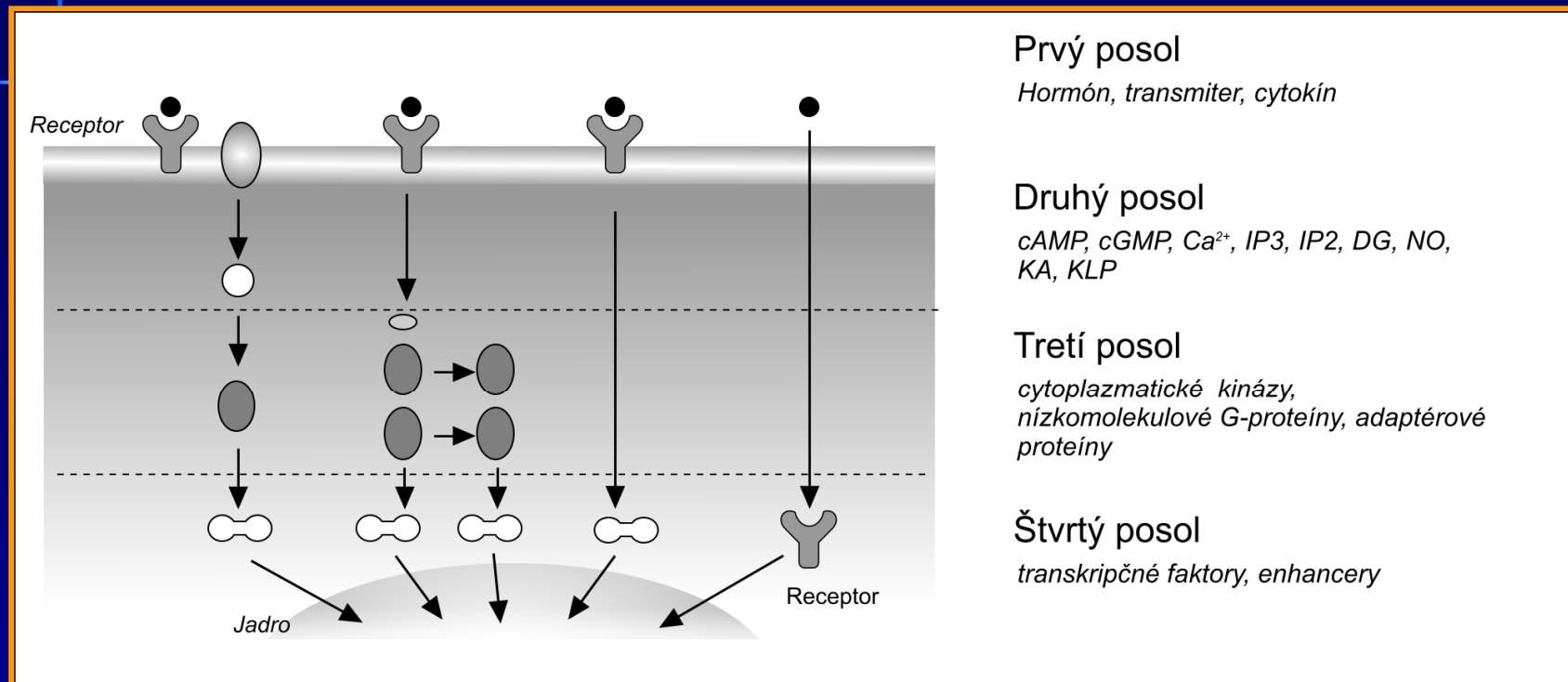
Autocrine



- The cell has a receptor for the mediator that it secretes
- It is essentially a feedback loop – for a short distance - if the concentration of the mediator exceeds a certain level
- over a long distance - theoretically, the mediator can return to the cell after circulating in the blood

- Mediators (hormone, transmitter) do not have a calling card to which location they should travel and which cell they should act on
- Method of signaling or the path by which the mediator reaches the target cell is not predetermined. They are a matter of the mutual topology of the production and target cells. For example the same insulin secreted from b-cells has a paracrine effect on the neighboring a-cell, on other endocrines

The main elements of signal transmission



- Regardless of the method of "transportation" of chem. signal to the cell (nervous, endocrine) intracellular signaling pathways seem to be universal
- Similar if not identical signaling pathways exist across the phylogenetic spectrum of animals

Pathophysiology Deficiency of hormonal effect

■ Decreased hormone production (reduced blood concentration)

- Destruction of the gland, horm dystrophy. product cells
- Disorder of hormone production in the cell (hereditary dysgenesis; enzymatic defects;
- Attenuation of production (excessive feedback; other hormonal effects; release disorder)

■ Disorder of hormone transport (concentration in the blood)

- Transport disorder (insufficiency of the transporter in the blood)

■ Hormone insensitivity (sensitivity) syndromes (hormone resistance syndromes) blood concentration normal or increased)

- receptor defects (sy. of androgen insensitivity AGR, Laron's sy. GHR; DM type 2)
- postreceptor defects (DM type 2); IGH1 insensitivity syndrome
- disorders of feedback regulation in the cell
- disorders of feedback regulation outside the cell (feedback) (DM type 2)

Receptors

Surface receptors

without enzymatic activity

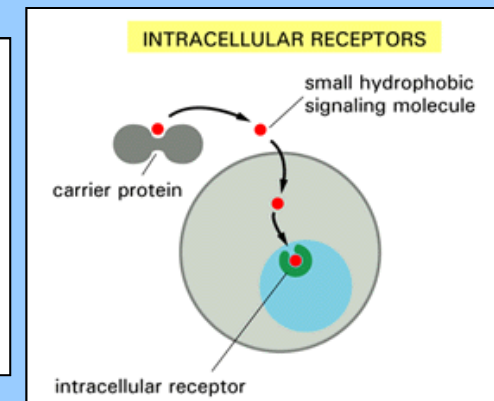
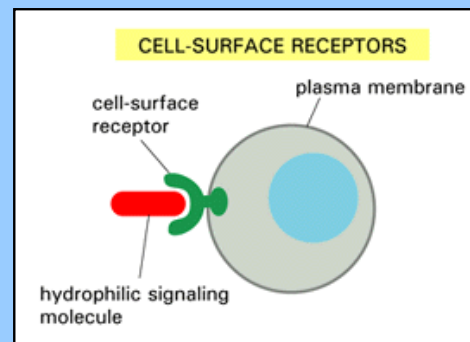
- Iontropic receptors
- GPCRs

with enzymatic activity

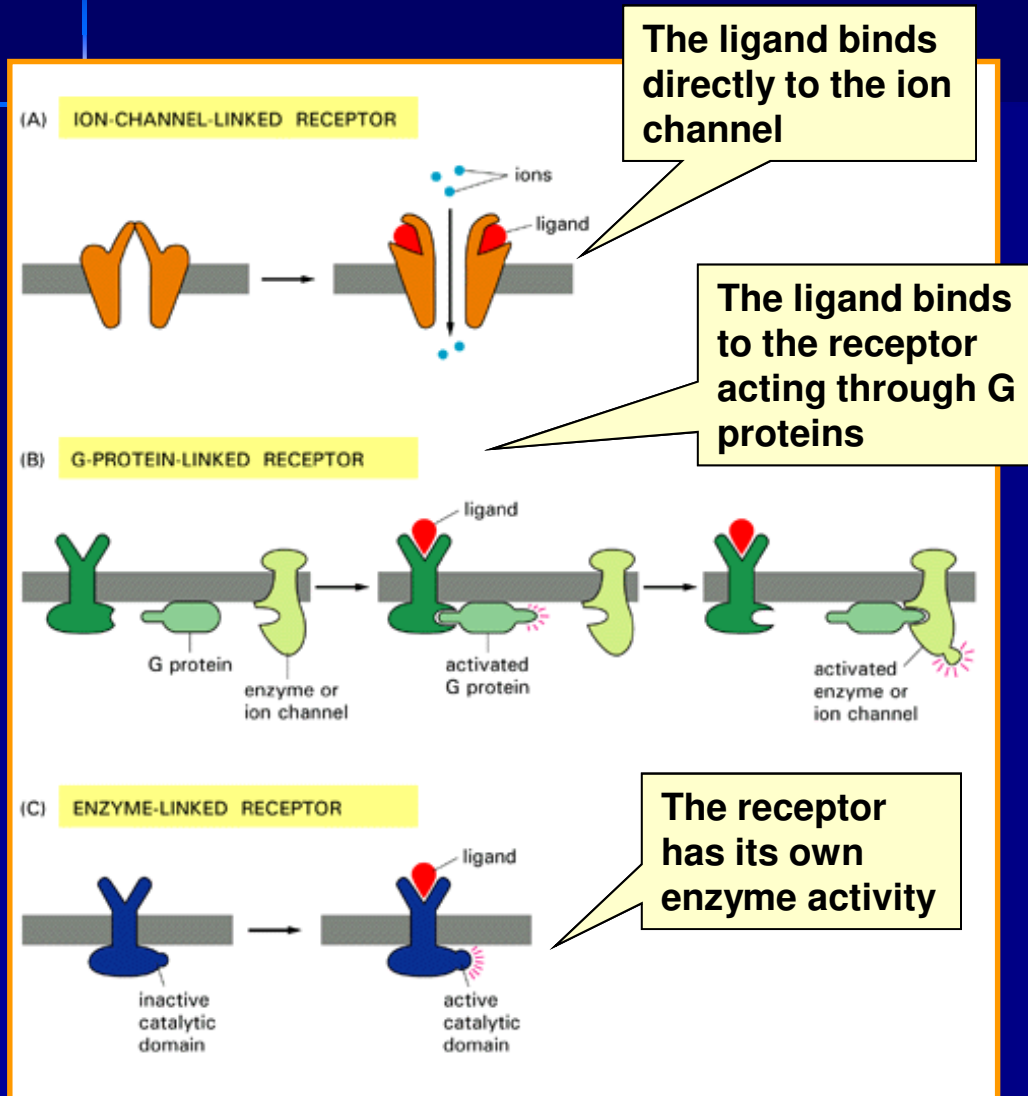
- Guanyl cyclase
- Tyr-kinase
- Ser/Thr - kinase
- Ser/Thr - phosphatase

Intracellular receptors

- cytoplasmic receptors
- nuclear receptors



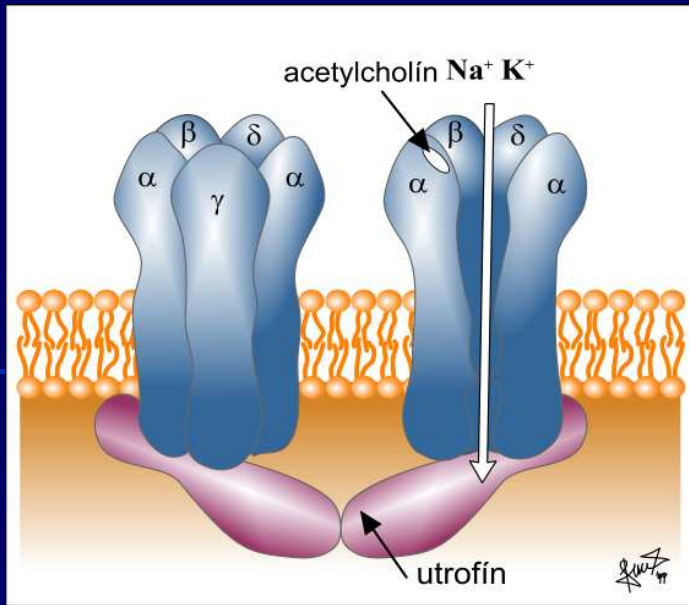
Surface (cytoplasmic) receptors



Acetylcholine (N), GABA (A),
Glutamate (NMDA, AMPA),
Serotonin(3), Purines,

Catecholamines (a/b),
Acetylcholine (M), GABA (B),
Glutamate (M)
Serotonin (1,2),
Interleukins, Prostaglandins,

Growth factors (FGF, EGF, NGF,
PDGF), Insulin



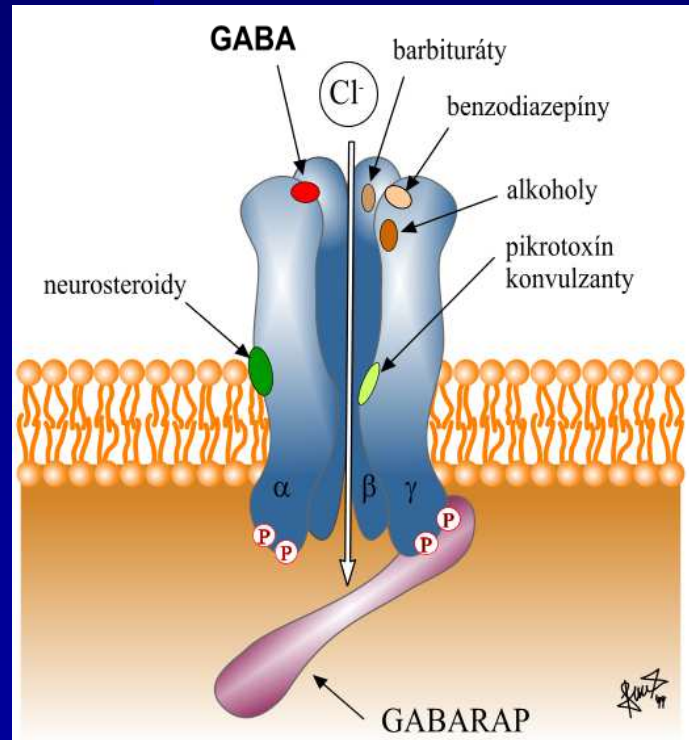
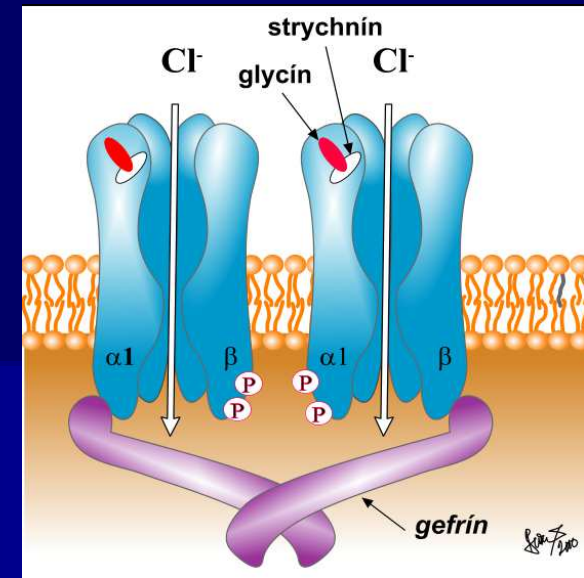
Iontropic receptors

Nicotinic receptor

Neuromuskulárna platnička, Mozog

Glycine receptor

Spinal cord – the main inhibitory mediator

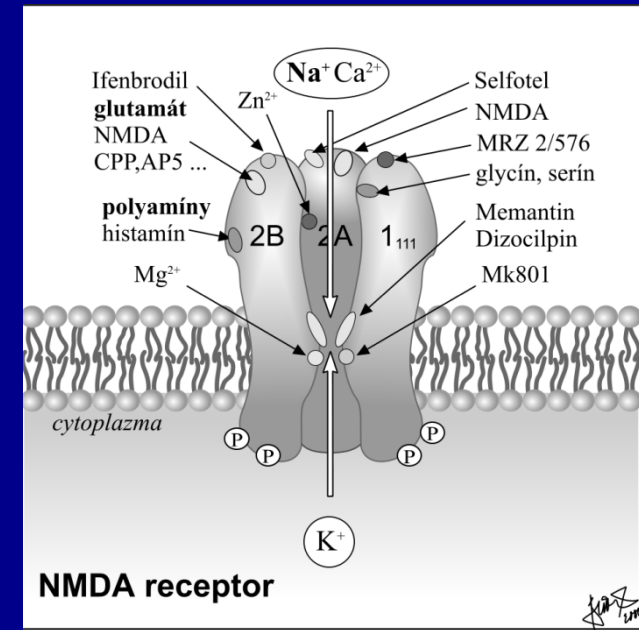


GABA (A) receptor

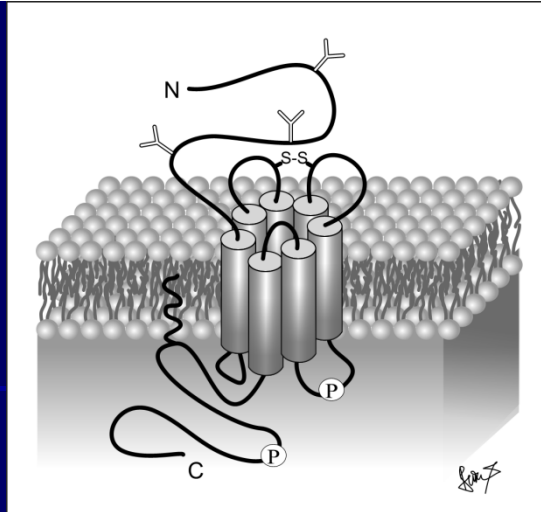
Brain (main inhibitory signal transduction)
Spinal cord (less)

Glutamate receptor NMDA

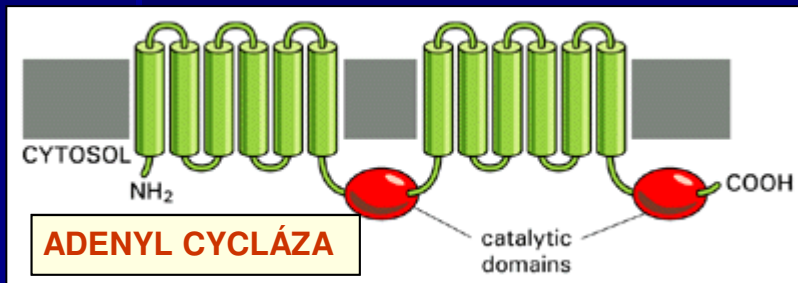
Brain (one of the main excitatory transmissions)



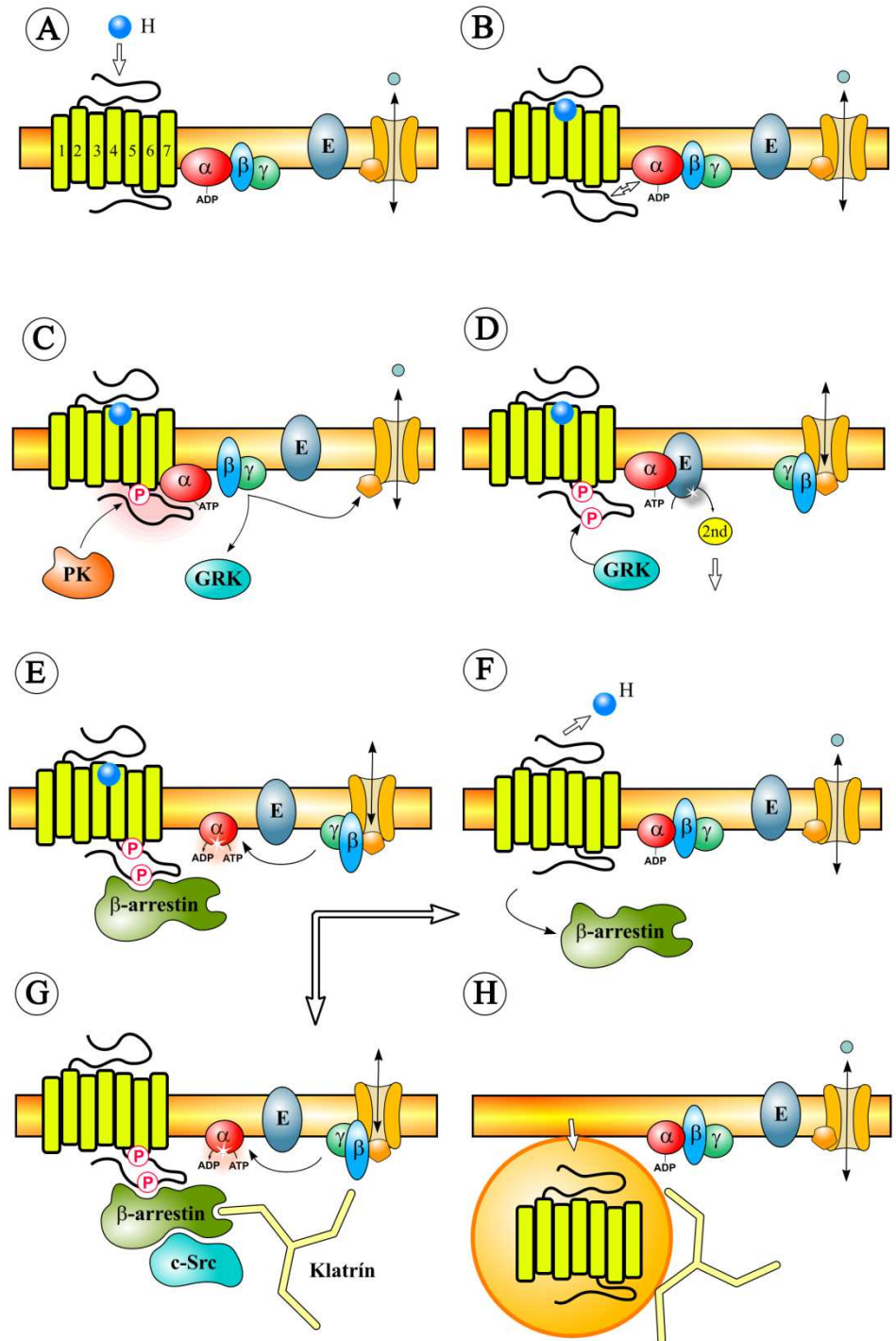
GPCR



The receptor contains 7 transmembrane alpha-helical segments intracellular and extracellular domains



The enzyme contains about 1100 amino acids, 6 transmembrane domains and 2 cytoplasmic domains. There are 6 types of adenylyl cyclase



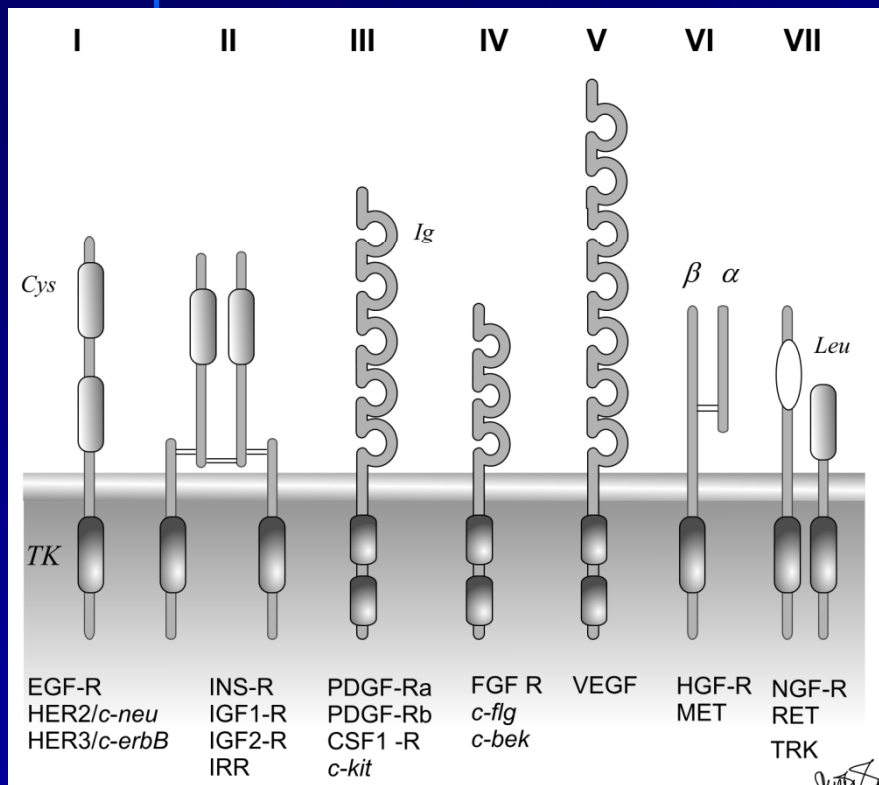
Endocrine diseases caused by GPCR mutations

Endocrine disorders associated with mutation of serpentine receptors

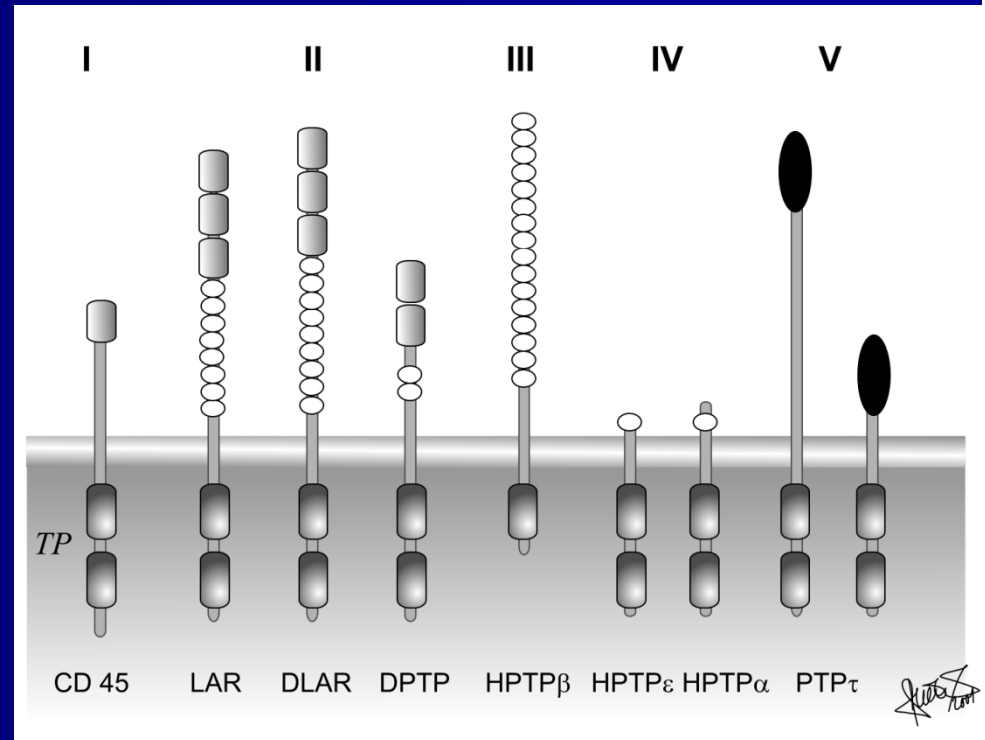
Mutated protein	Disorder	Type of mutation
Gain of function		
LH receptors	Familiar male precocious puberty	Autosomal dominant
TSH receptor	Non-autoimmune hereditary hyperthyroidism	Autosomal dominant
PTH receptor	Hyperfunctioning thyroid adenoma	Somatic
	Jansen metaphysal chondrodysplasia	Autosomal dominant
Calcium receptor	Hypoparathyroidism	Autosomal dominant
Loss of function		
LH receptor	Male pseudohermaphroditism	Autosomal recessive
FSH receptor	Hypergonadotrophic ovarian dysgenesis	Autosomal recessive
GHRH	Laron dwarfism	Autosomal recessive
TSH receptor	Congenital hypothyroidism	Autosomal recessive
TRH receptor	Congenital hypothyroidism	Autosomal recessive
ACTH	Familial ACTH resistance	Autosomal recessive
Vasopressin	Nephrogenic diabetes insipidus	X-linked
Calcium receptor	Familial hypocalciuric hypercalcaemia	Autosomal dominant
	Neonatal severe hyperparathyroidism	Autosomal recessive

Receptors with enzyme activity in mitogenic pathways

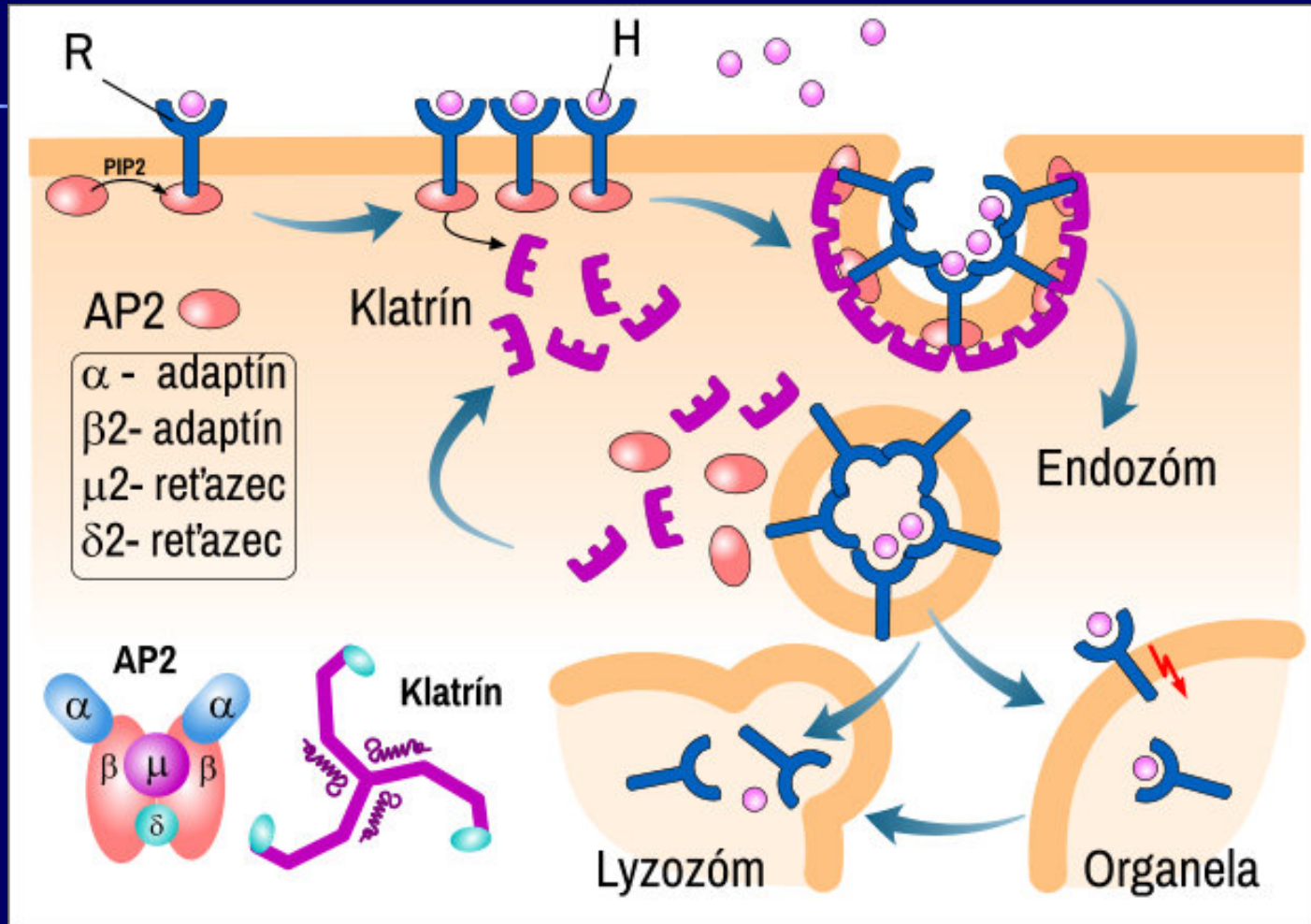
Receptors with Tyr-kinase activity



Receptors with Tyrosine Phosphatase activity



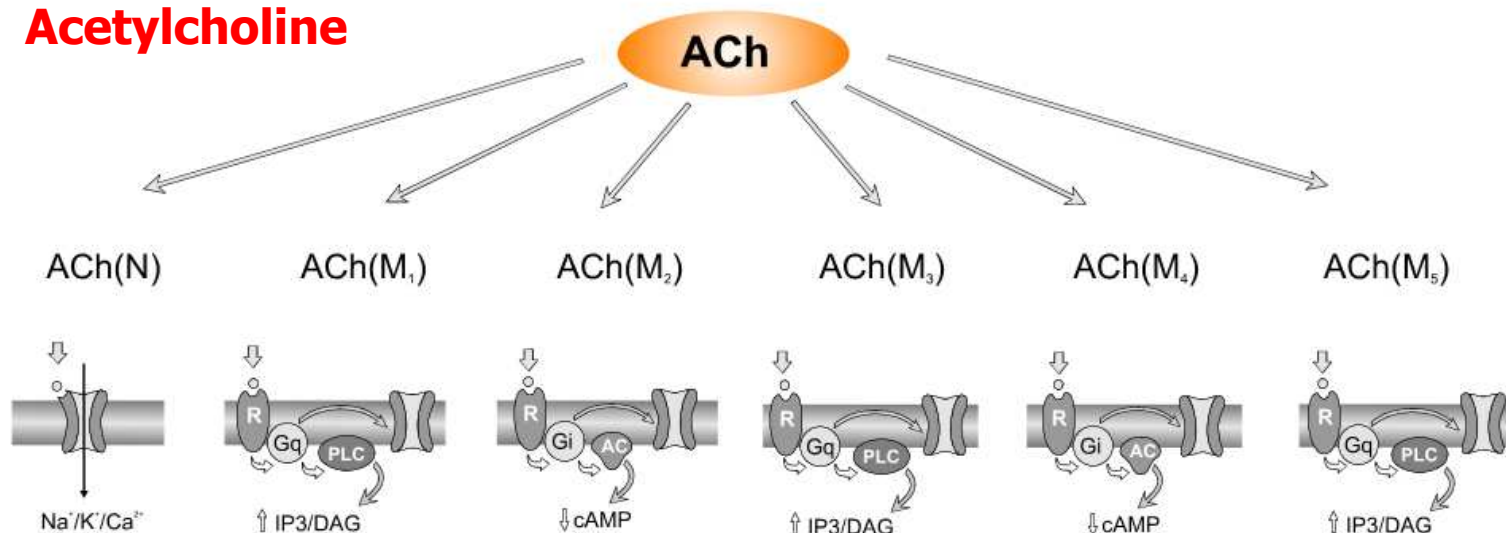
Receptor internalisation



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The same mediator usually acts through several specific receptors

Acetylcholine



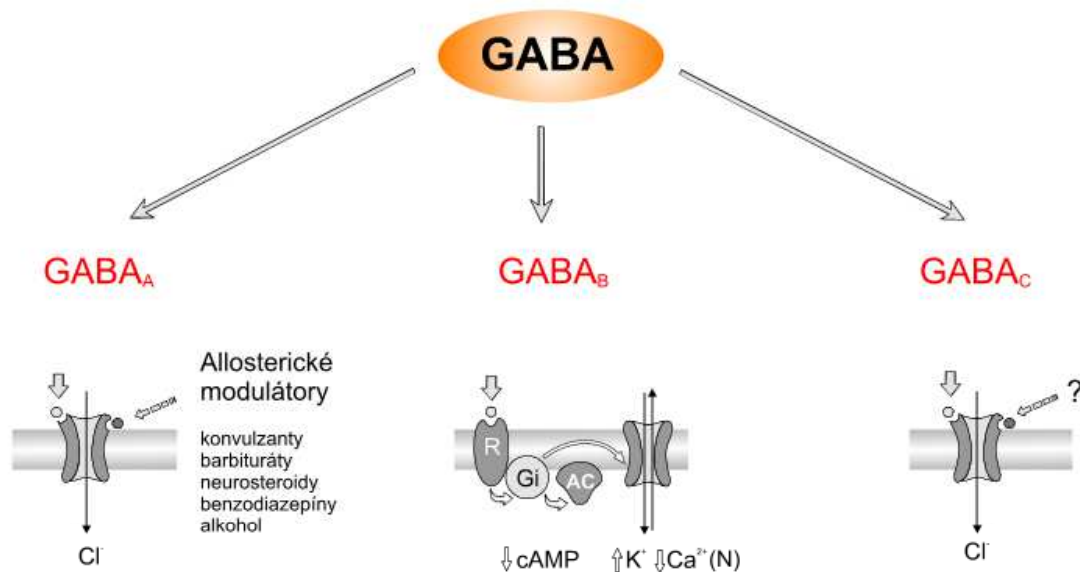
Agonisti

Nikotin α - Anatoxin Epibatrin Epiboxidin	Oxotremorin-M McN-A-343	Oxotremorin-M	Oxotremorin-M	Oxotremorin-M	Oxotremorin-M
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Tubokurarin α - Bungarotoxin α - Kobra toxin α - Konotoxin Neosurugatoxin Dekametónium Hexametónium Metylykatónium Gallamin	Atropin Skopolamin Pirenzepin Telenzepin QNX hemioxalát	Atropin Gallamin Skopolamin Himbacin Metoktramín Imperialin	Atropin Skopolamin 4-DAMP Hexahydrozyl Odifenidol	Atropin Skopolamin Himbacin Tropicamid	Atropin Pirenzepin 4-DAMP AF-DX 384
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ACh binds to ionotropic nicotinic receptor (4 subtypes) and metabotropic muscarinic receptor (5 subtypes)



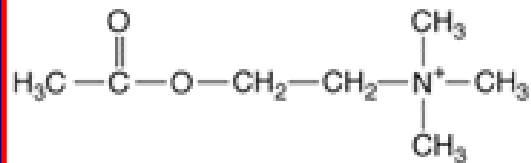


Modulátory

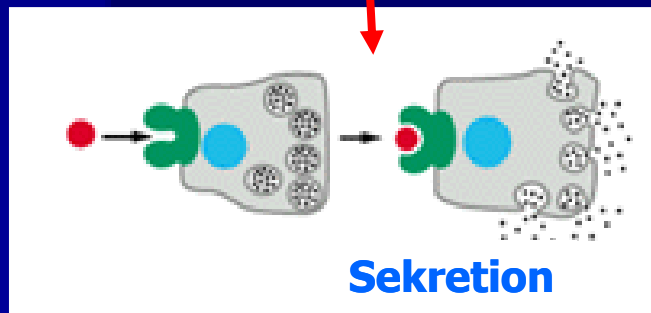
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Bikukulín Pikrotoxín Gabazín SR 95531 Hydrastín	Flumazenil ZK 93426	Saklofen 2-OH saklofen Faklofen CGP 55845	ZAPA 3APPA TPMPA THIP SKF 97541

2 Different cells can respond differently to the same mediator (specifically for them)

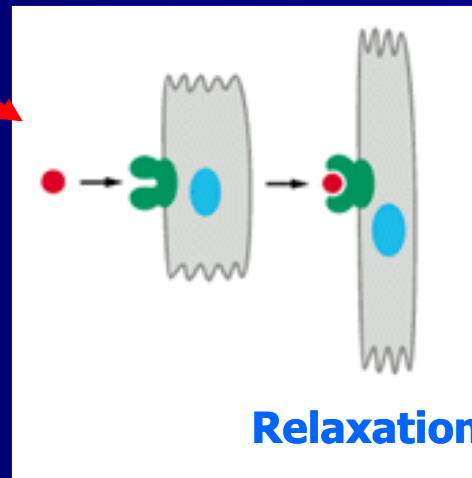
Acetylcholine



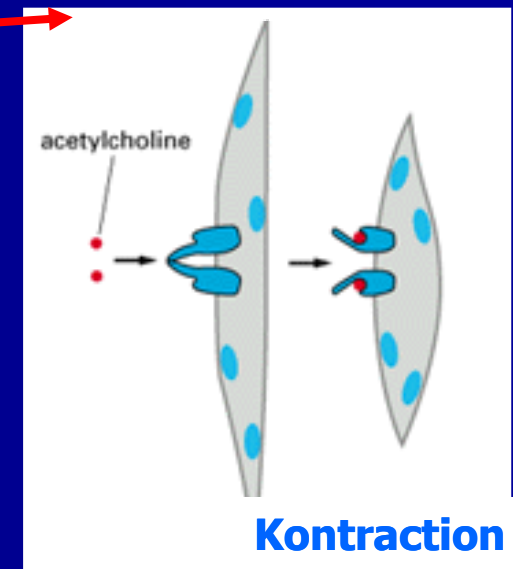
Gland



Heart muscle

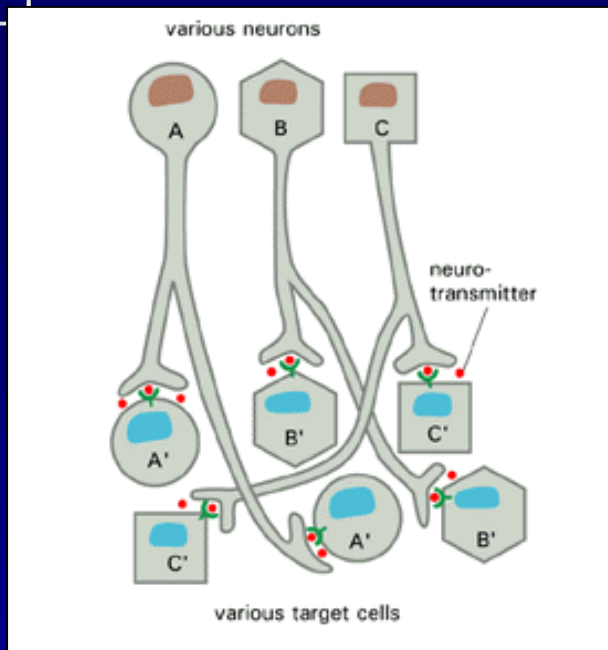


Skeletal muscle



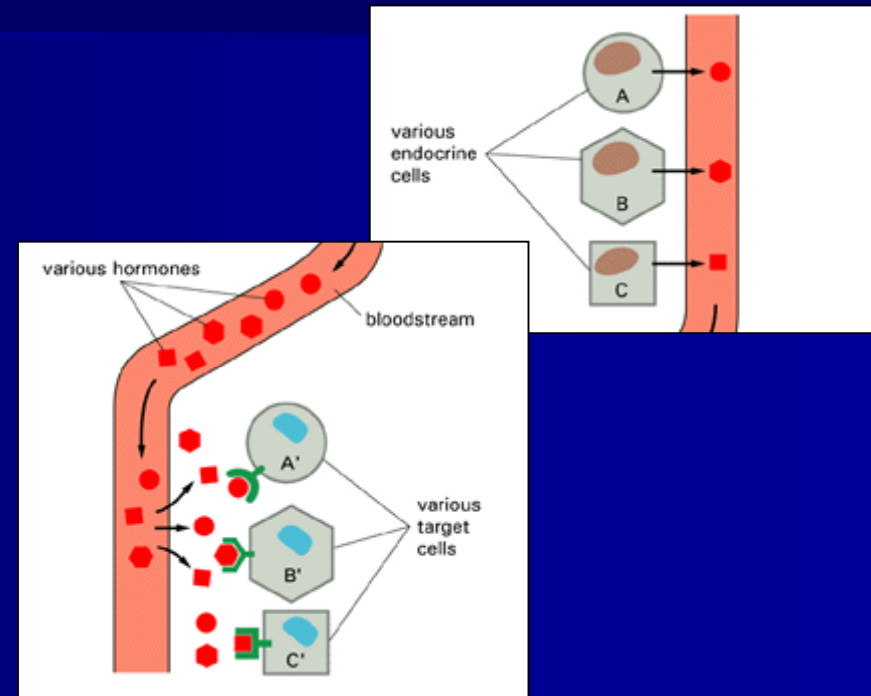
3 Špecifická nervového a endokrinného sy.

Nervous signaling system



- Most synapses are chemical
- A neuron affects specific types of cells according to specific patterns
- The contact is given by the target cells, so they usually have the necessary receptors

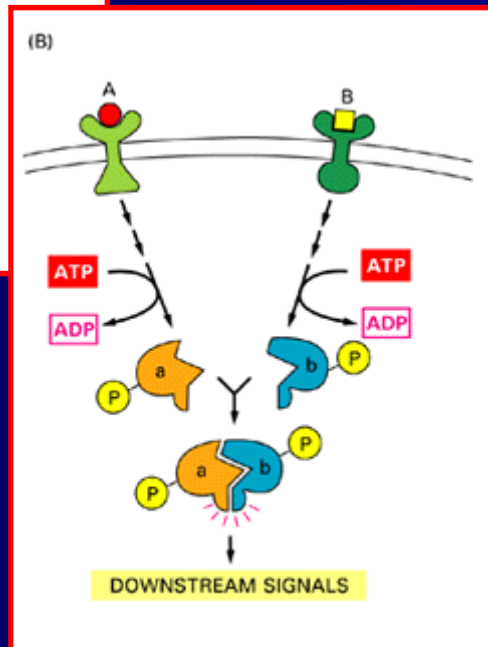
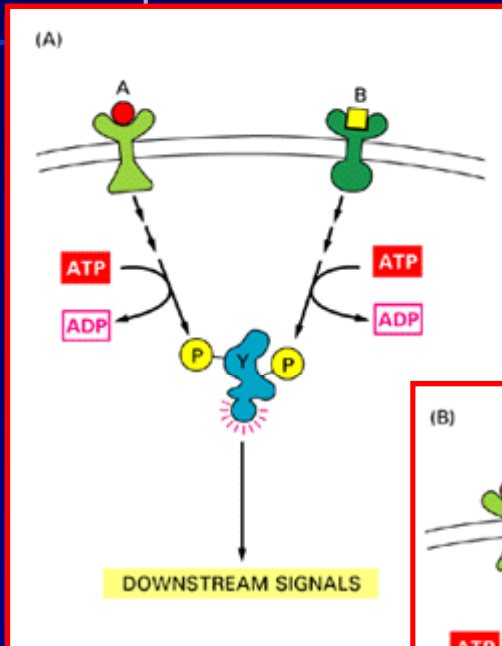
Endocrine signaling system



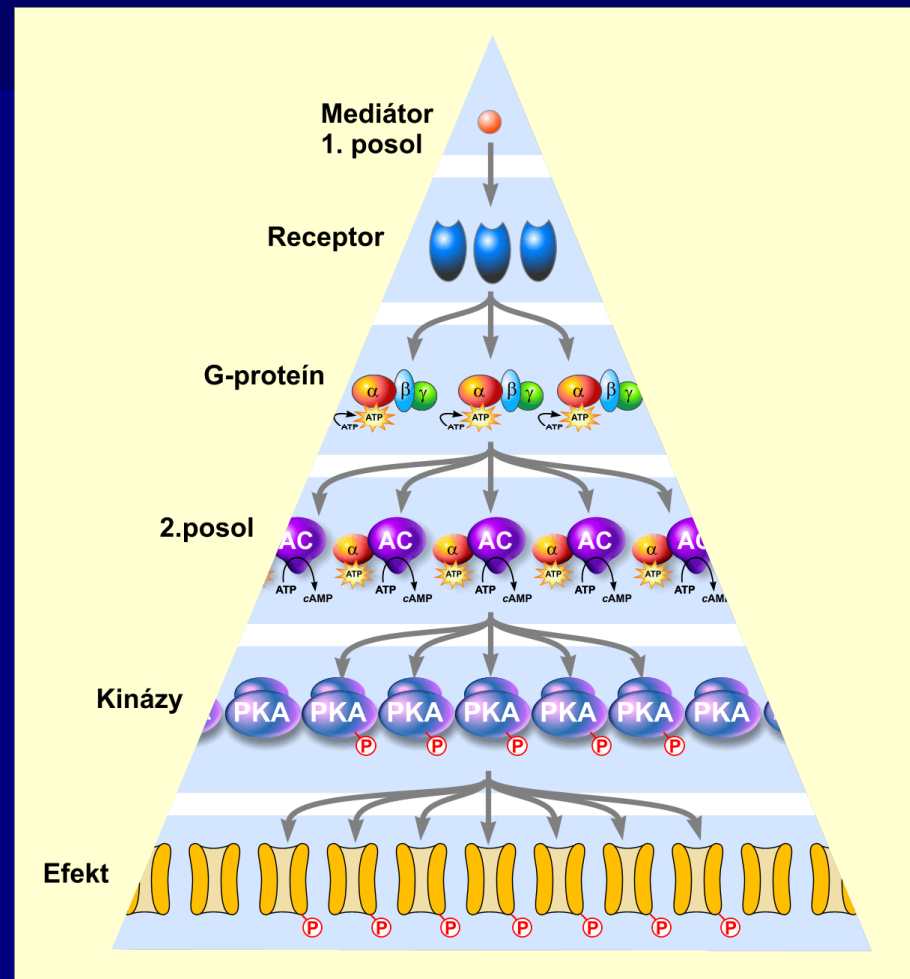
- The target cells are not predetermined
- Signal guidance to the cells is partial
- Cells that have receptors for the corresponding signal respond

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Integration of downstream signaling pathways



Signal amplification

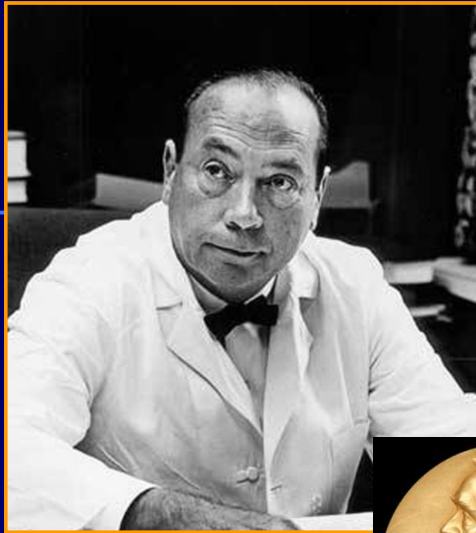


Special part
Signaling cascades

1. Long distance chemosignalling

A. Receptors without enzymatic activity

- c-AMP signalling
- IP3- dependent signalling
- c-GMP/NO – signalling
- PLA2 –dependent signalling
- Ca²⁺- dependent signalling



- **Earl Wilbur Sutherland Jr.** (1915 –1974) American pharmacologist, biochemist Nobel Prize for Physiology and Medicine 1971: "discoveries concerning the mechanisms of the action of hormones"

- Metabolic effects of noradrenaline, glucagon associated with an increase in cAMP



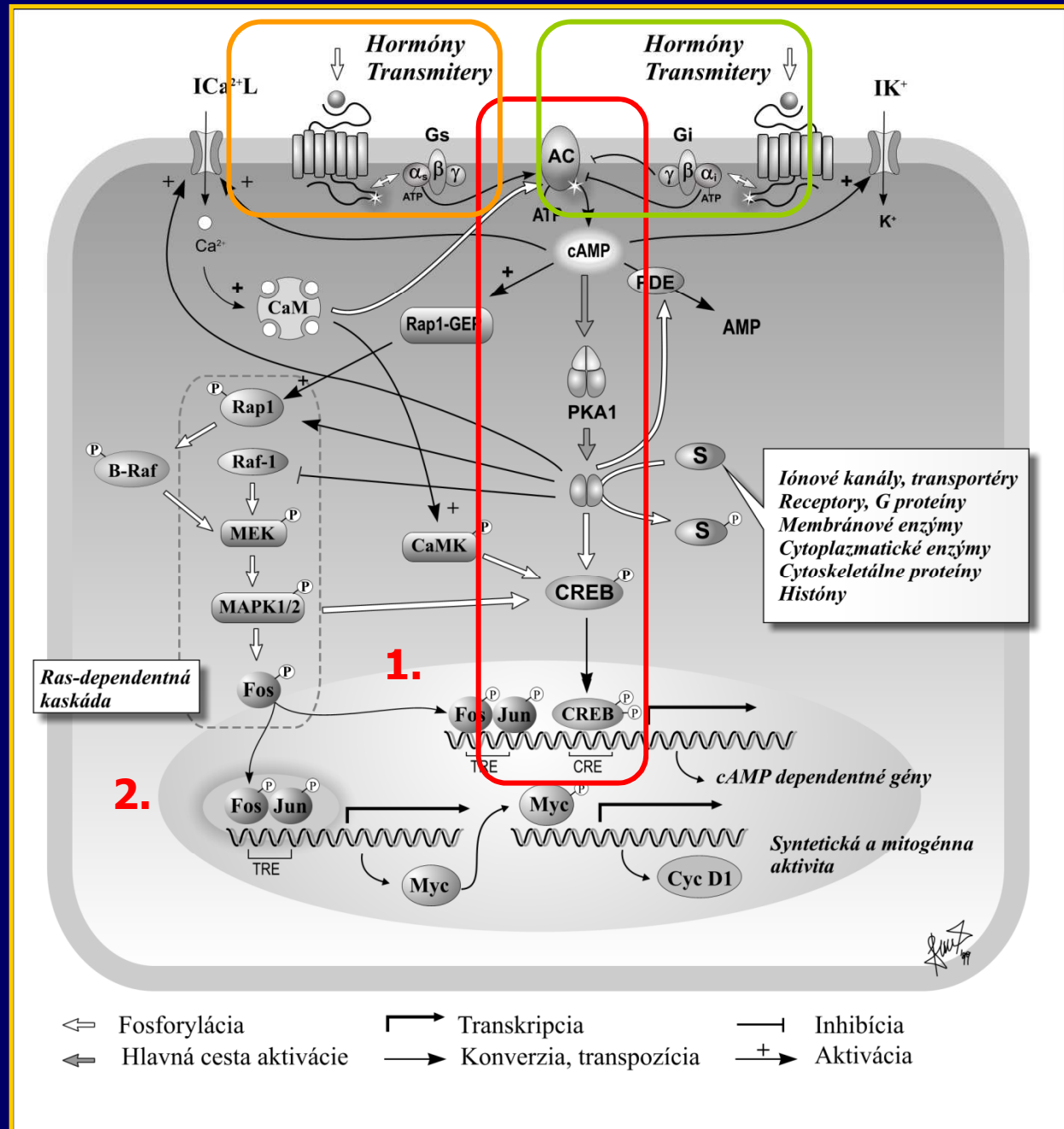
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- **Eric Richard Kandel** (1929) neuropsychiatrist; Nobel Prize for Physiology and Medicine 2000: "physiological basis of memory storage in neurons"
- Mechanism of long-term memory associated with cytoskeletal remodeling and axon growth
- CREB – cAMP responsive genes; gene effects of cAMP signaling

c-AMP-dependent signalling

- Trigger: many hormones, transmitters, cytokines
- Membrane G-protein coupled receptors
- Stimulatory & inhibitory transfer (Gs or Gi)
- Effectors: Adenyl cyclase – cAMP – PKA
- Effects: widespread
 - Immediate: phosphorylation of proteins
 - Late: gene expression



cAMP/IP3 dependent signaling

Some Hormone-induced Cellular Responses Mediated by Cyclic AMP

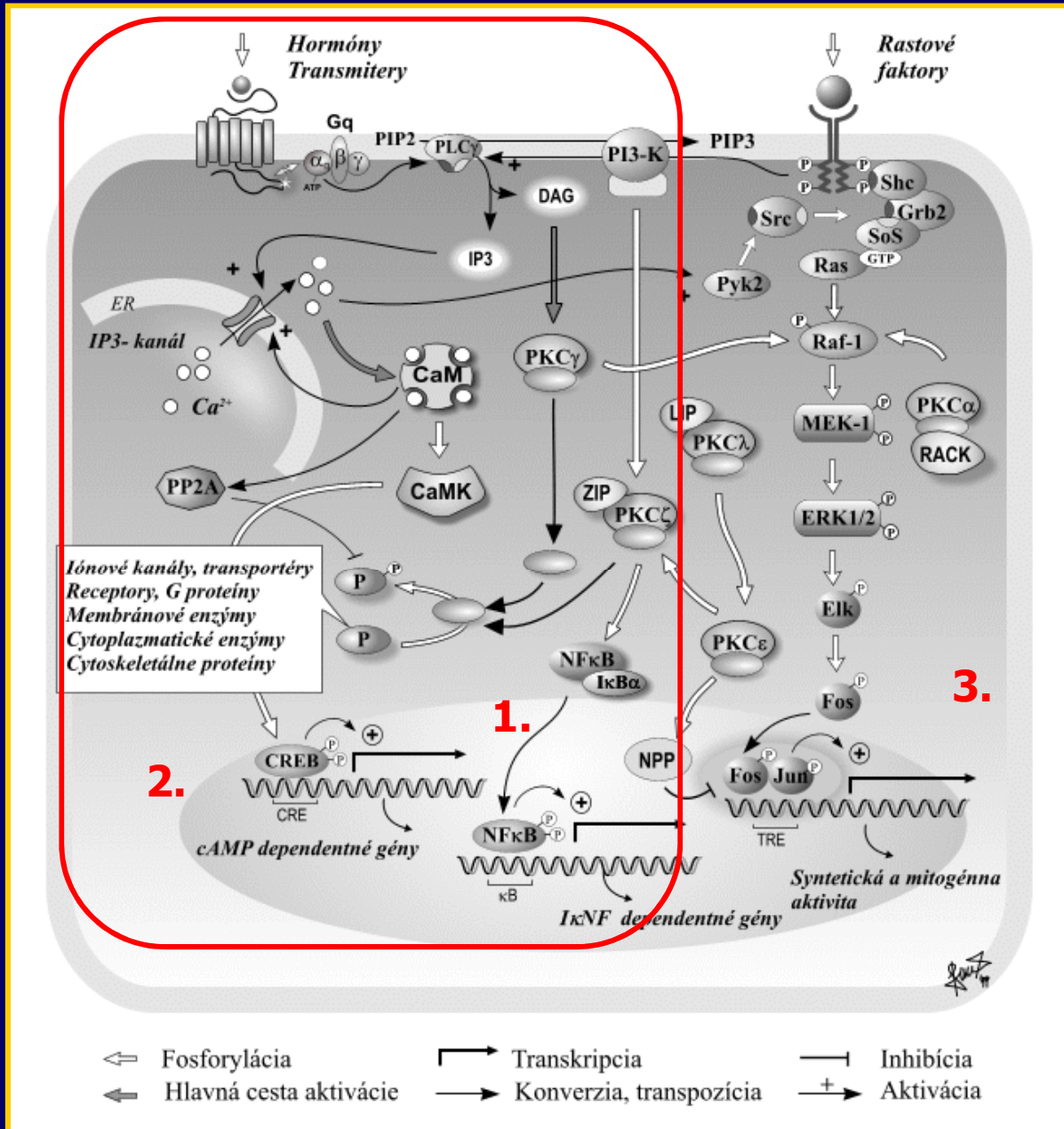
Hormone	Target Tissue	Major Response
Thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH)	Thyroid gland	thyroid hormone synthesis and secretion
Adrenocorticotrophic hormone (ACTH)	Adrenal cortex	cortisol secretion
Luteinizing hormone (LH)	Ovary	progesterone secretion
Adrenaline	Muscle	glycogen breakdown
Noradrenalin, Adrenaline	Heart	increase in heart rate and force of contraction
Parathormone	Bone	bone resorption
Glucagon	Liver	glycogen breakdown
Vasopressin	Kidney	water resorption
Adrenaline, ACTH, glucagon, TSH	Fat	triglyceride breakdown

Some Cellular Responses Mediated by G-Protein-linked Receptors Coupled to the Inositol-Phospholipid Signaling Pathway

Signaling Molecule	Target Tissue	Major Response
Vasopressin	Liver	glycogen breakdown
Acetylcholine	Pancreas	amylase secretion
Acetylcholine	Smooth muscle	contraction
Antigen	Mast cells	histamine secretion
Thrombin	Blood platelets	thrombin

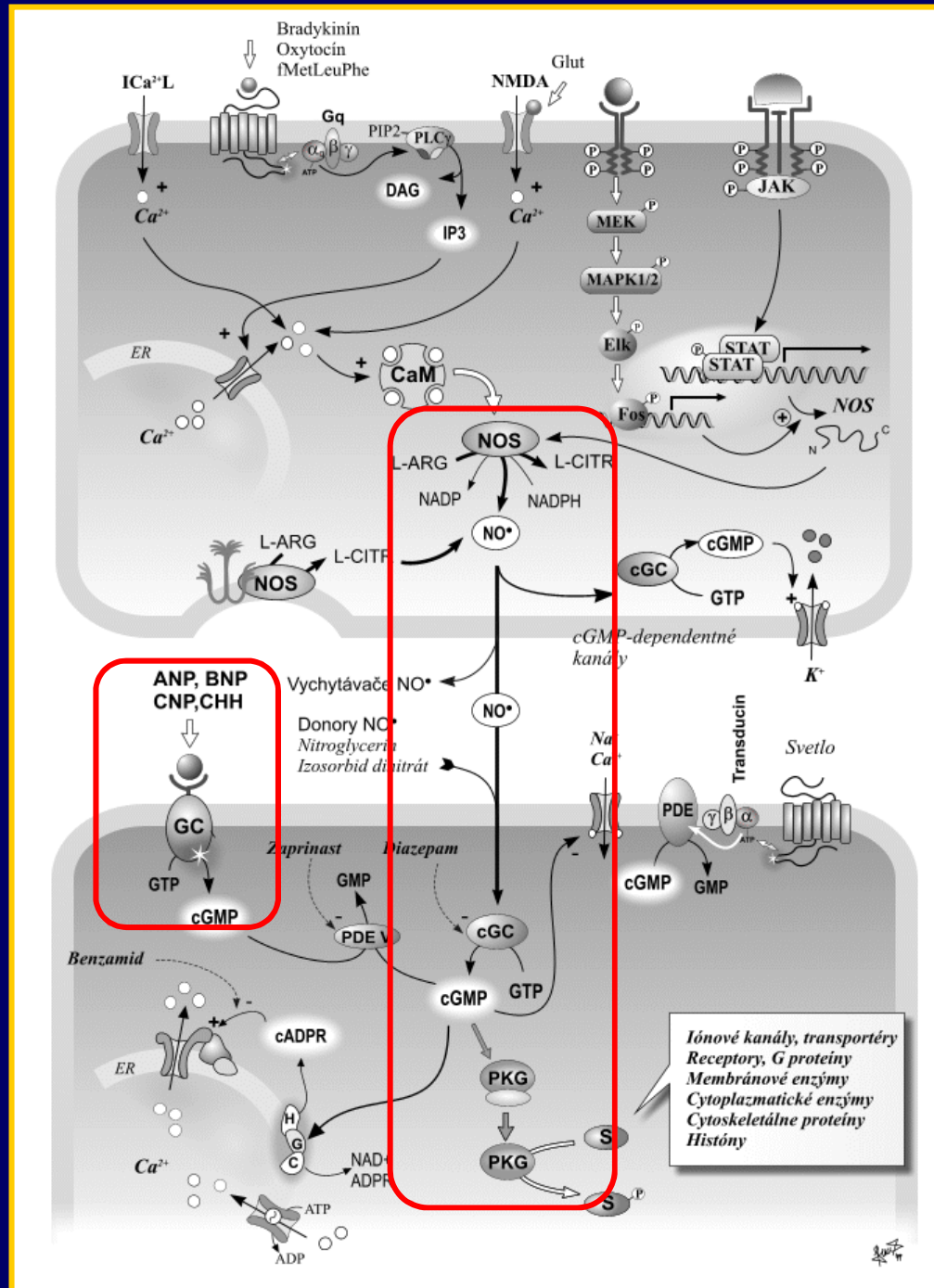
IP3 / DAG – signalling

- Trigger: many hormones, transmitters, cytokines
- Membrane G.protein coupled receptors (Go)
- Both stimulatory & inhibitory influence
- Effectors: Phospholipase C (PLC) – DAG, IP3 - PKC
- Effects: widespread
 - Immediate: phosphorylation of proteins
 - Late: gene expression



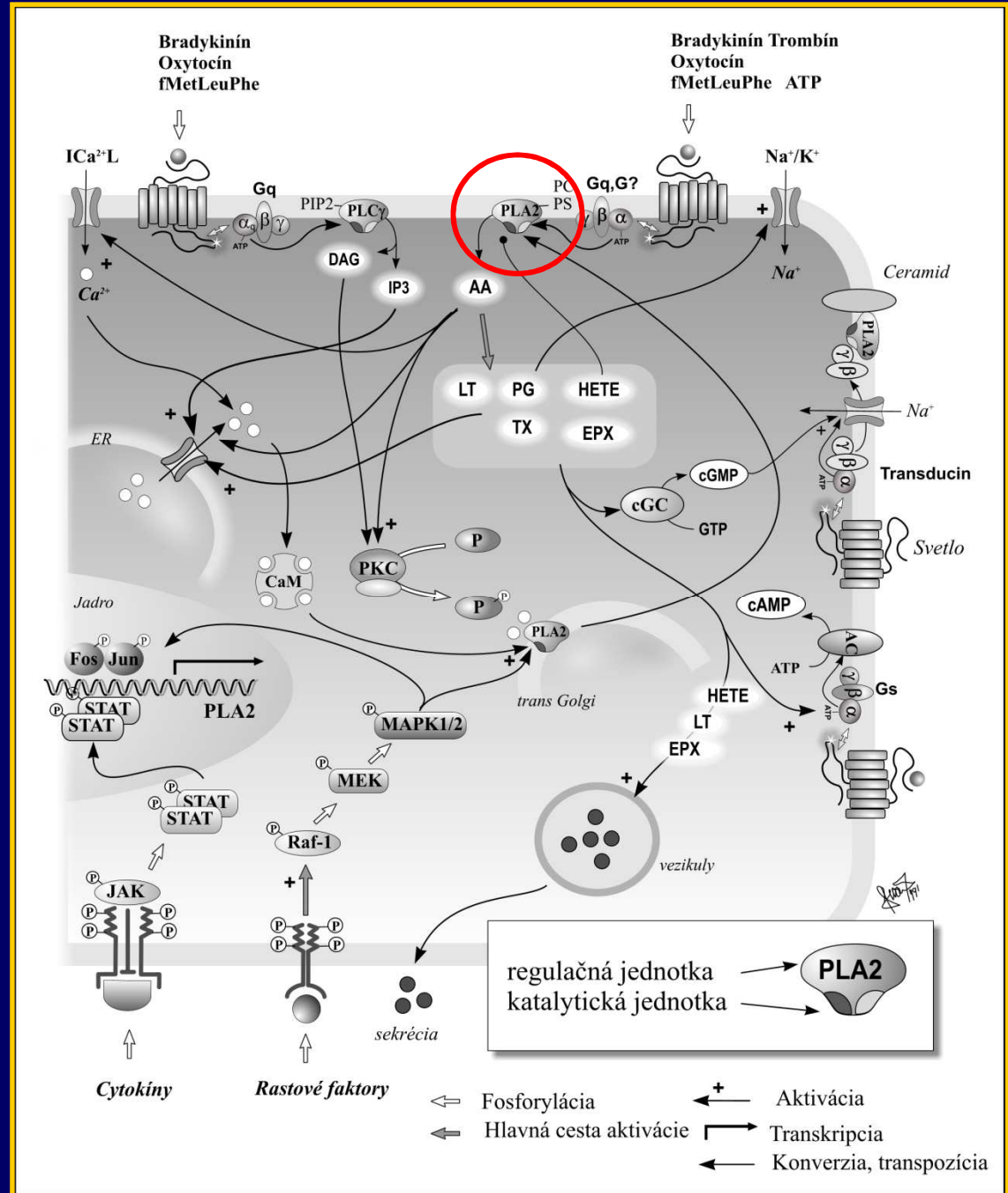
cGMP/NO – signalling

- Triggers:
 - A. Ca^{2+} - signalling
 - B. ANP, BNP
 - C. NO - donors
- Membrane G-protein coupled receptors + Membrane receptors with GC activity
- Effectors: NO, cGMP - PKG
- Effects: phosphorylation of proteins
- Use: - vascular smooth muscle dilation
- vision, etc.



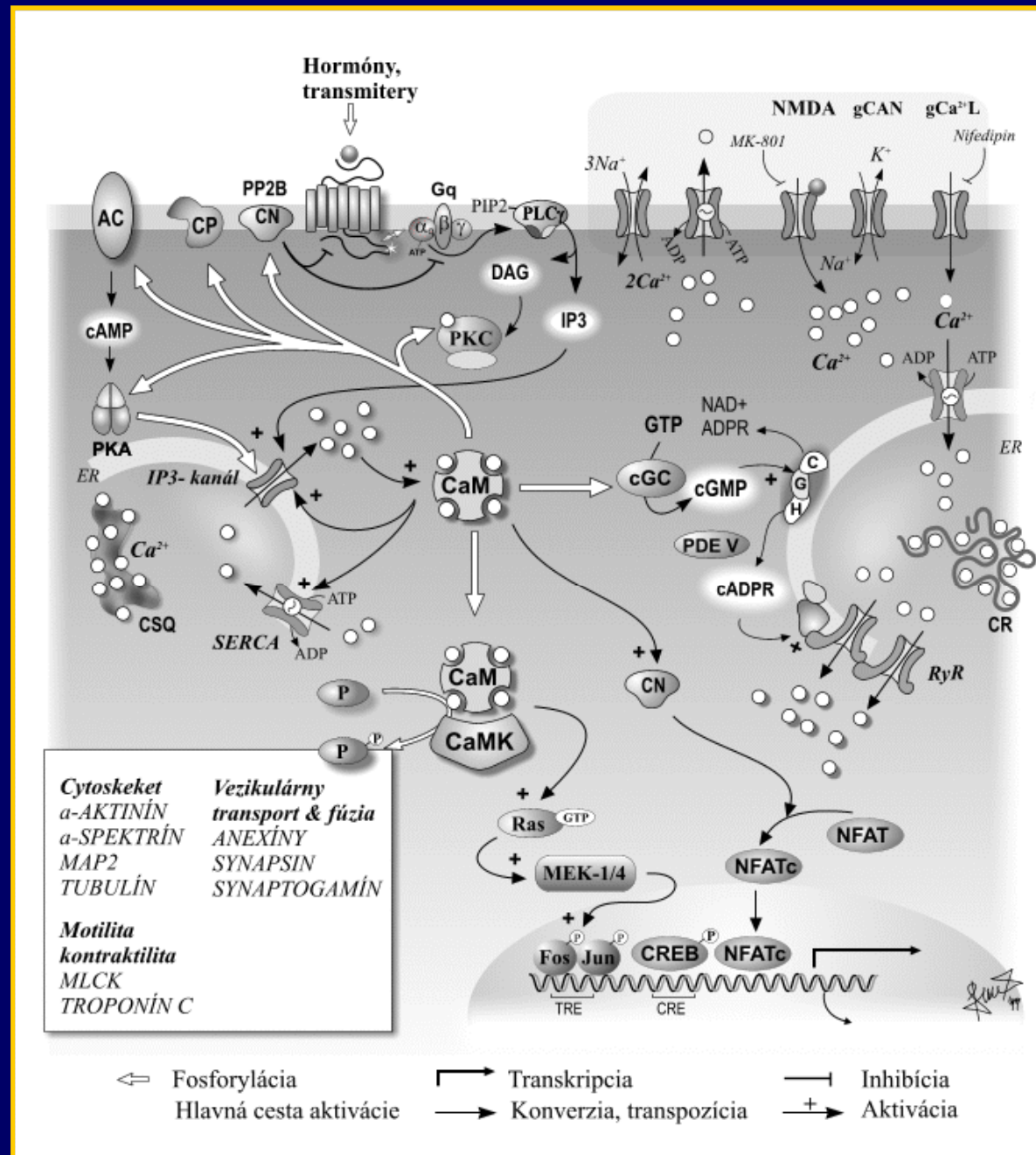
PLA2 – dependent signalling

- G-protein coupled receptors
- Use: suplementar to IP3-dependent signalling
- Phospholipase A2 (PLA2)
- Arachidonic acid (AA)
- 2nd messeng.: AA derivatives
 - Leucotriens (LT)
 - Prostaglandins (PG)
 - Tromboxans (TX)
 - Epoxides (EPX)
 - HETE
- Interactions with other signalling: cAMP, cGMP, JAK/STAT, MEK



Ca²⁺-dependent signalling

- Ubiquitous, of particular importance in skeletal & smooth muscles, nervous sy.
- Trigger: any rise of cytosolic [Ca²⁺]_i
- Effectors: calmodulin (CaM) – Ser/Thr kinase
- Effects:
 - Immediate: phosphorylation/ dephosphorylation
 - Late: gene transcription
- Use: transmission of excitatory processes



1. Long distance chemosignalling

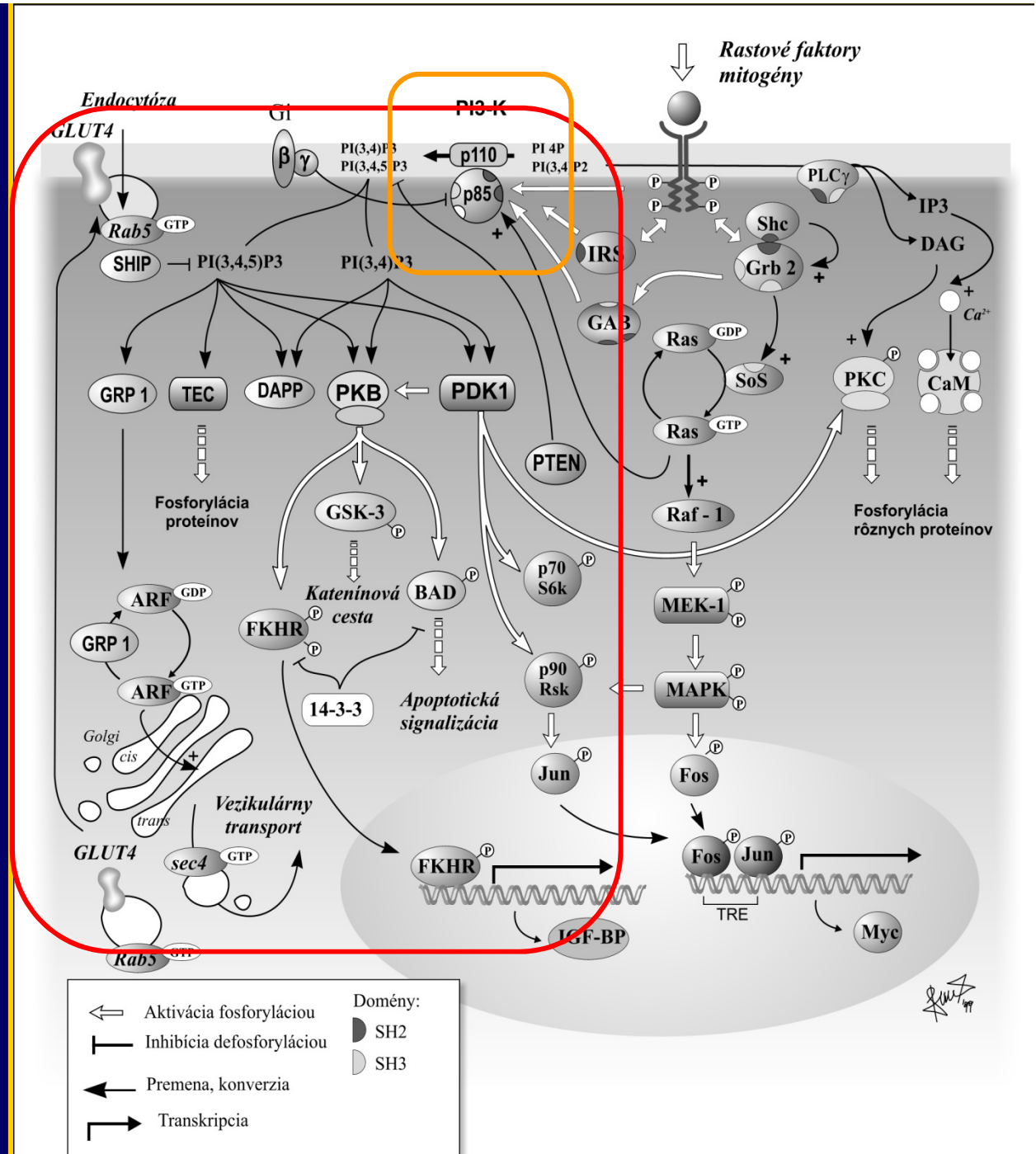
A. Receptors without enzymatic activity

B. Receptors with enzymatic activity

- Classical growth signalling
- Stress signalling
- Signalling via PI-3K
- Signalling through JAK/STAT
- Signalling via SMAD
- Signalling via Toll
- Signalling via NFkB

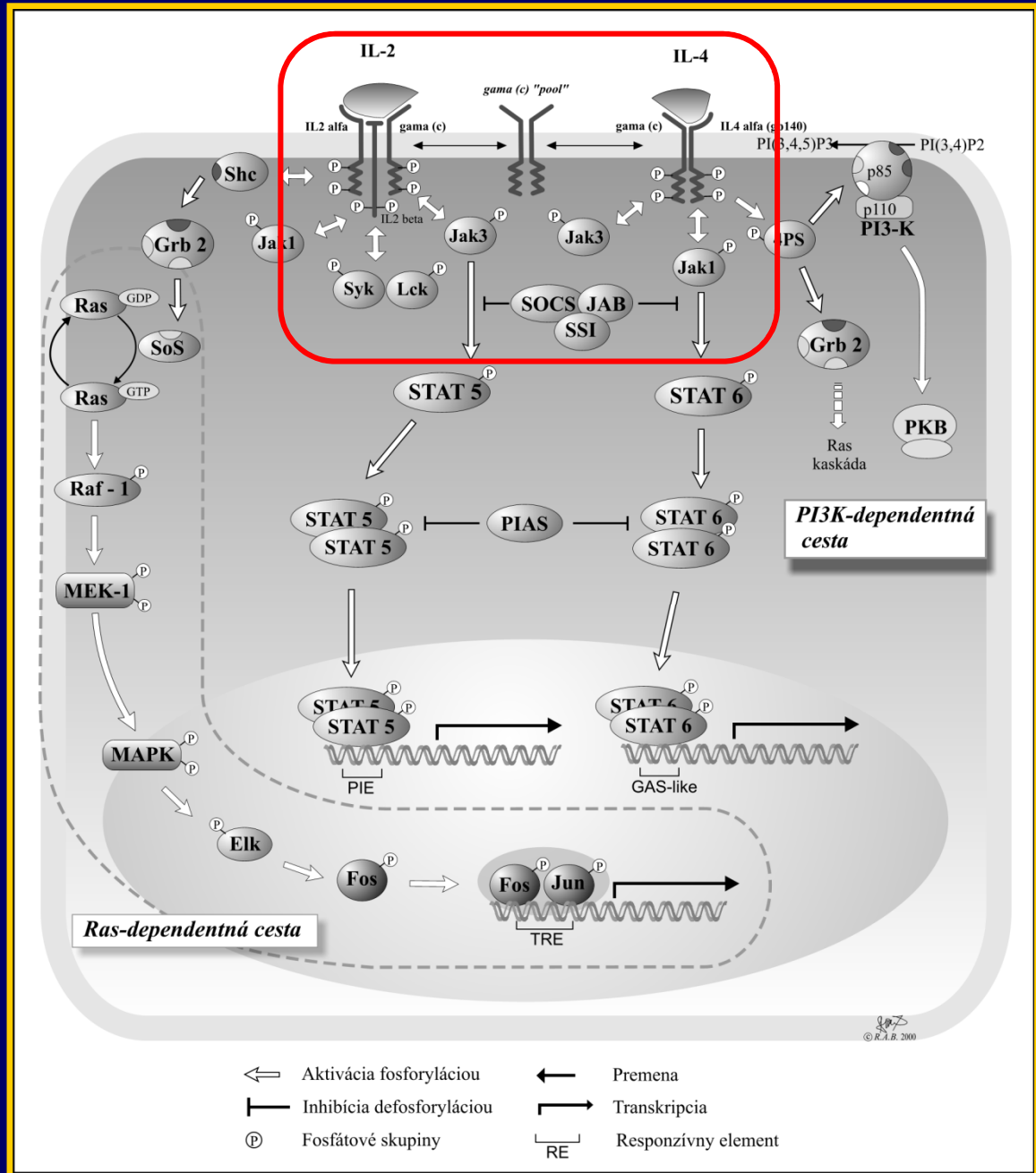
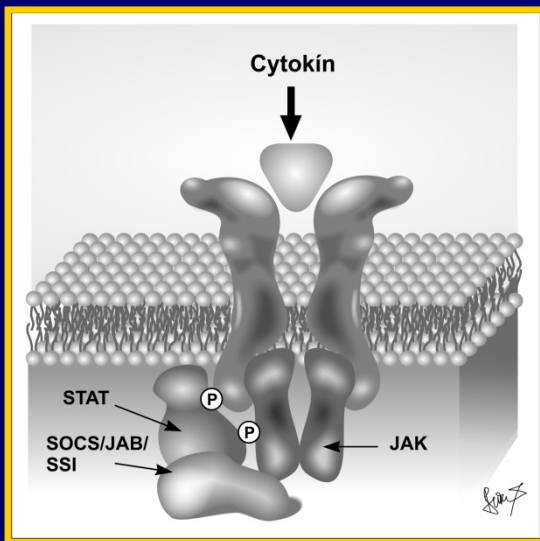
Signalling via PI-3K

- **Trigger:** growth factor families
- **Receptors** with enzymatic activity
- **Effectors:**
 - **PI3K –PKB, PDK**
- **Effect:**
 - Gene transcription
 - Vesicular transportation
 - Apoptotic machinery
 - Fosforylation of proteins
- **Use:** proliferative & growth process control



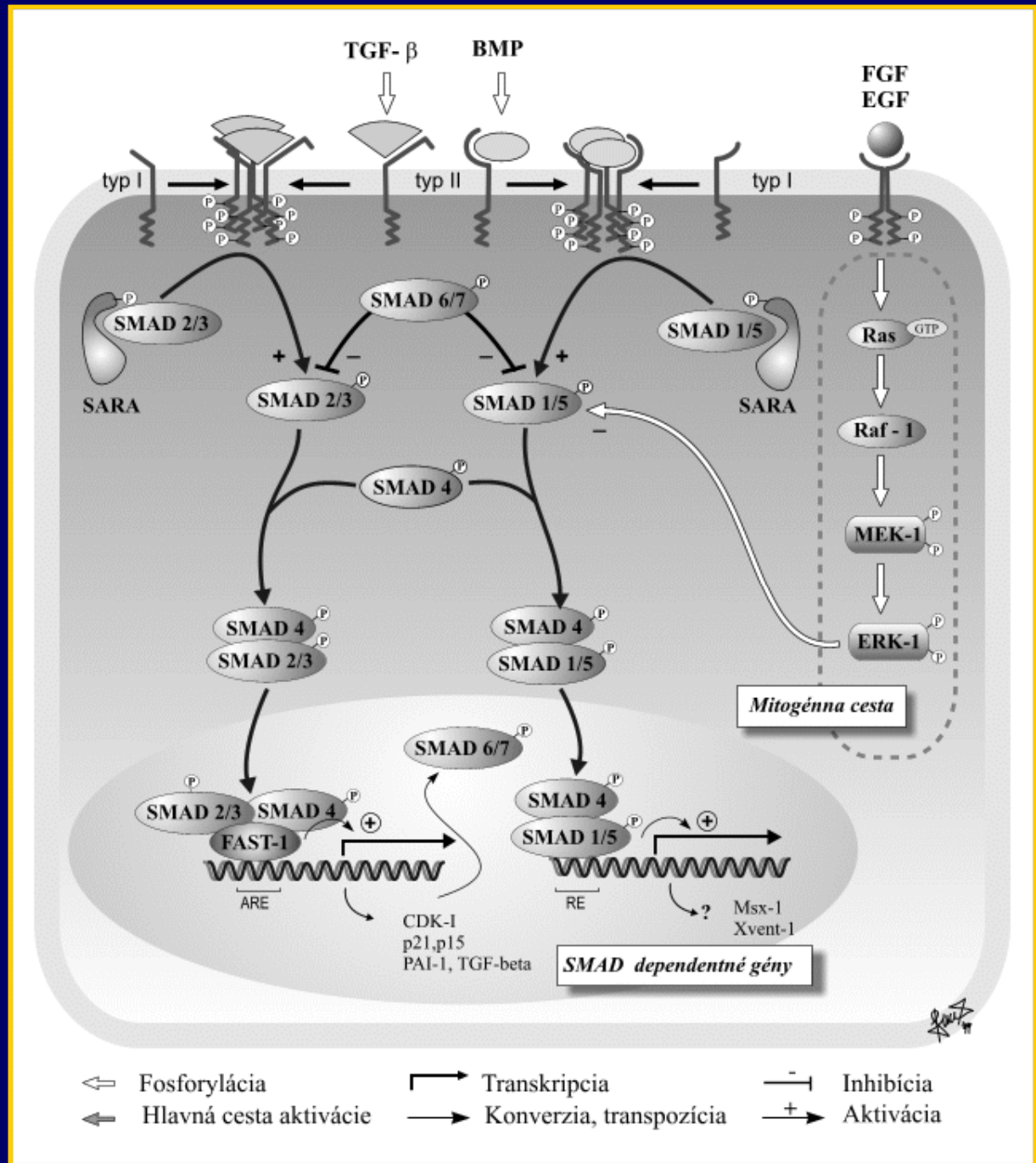
Signalling through JAK/STAT

- Membrane receptors with associated enzymatic activity
- Trigger: IL-2, IL.4, IL-6 family, GH, PRL EPO
- Effectors: SMAD family
- Effect: early responses gene expression
- Use: growth & differentiation processes



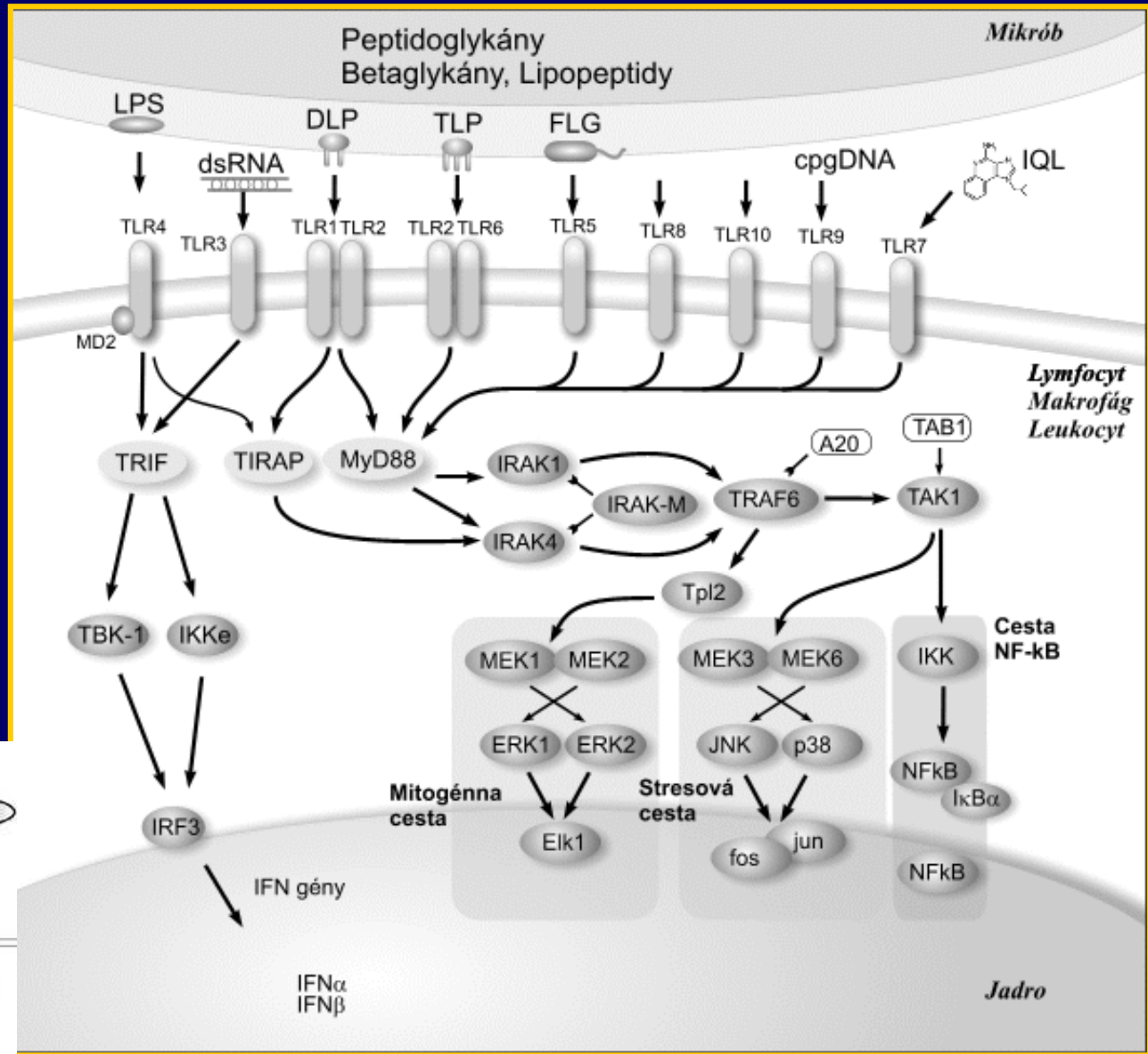
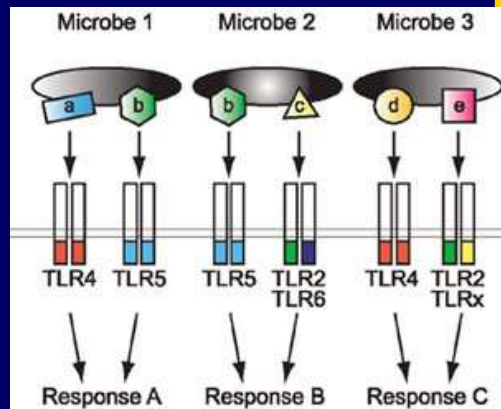
Signalling via SMAD

- Mutiunit membrane receptors with enzymatic activity
- Trigger: TGF & BMP factors
- Effectors: SMAD family
- Effect: delayed - gene expression
- Use: growth & differentiation processes



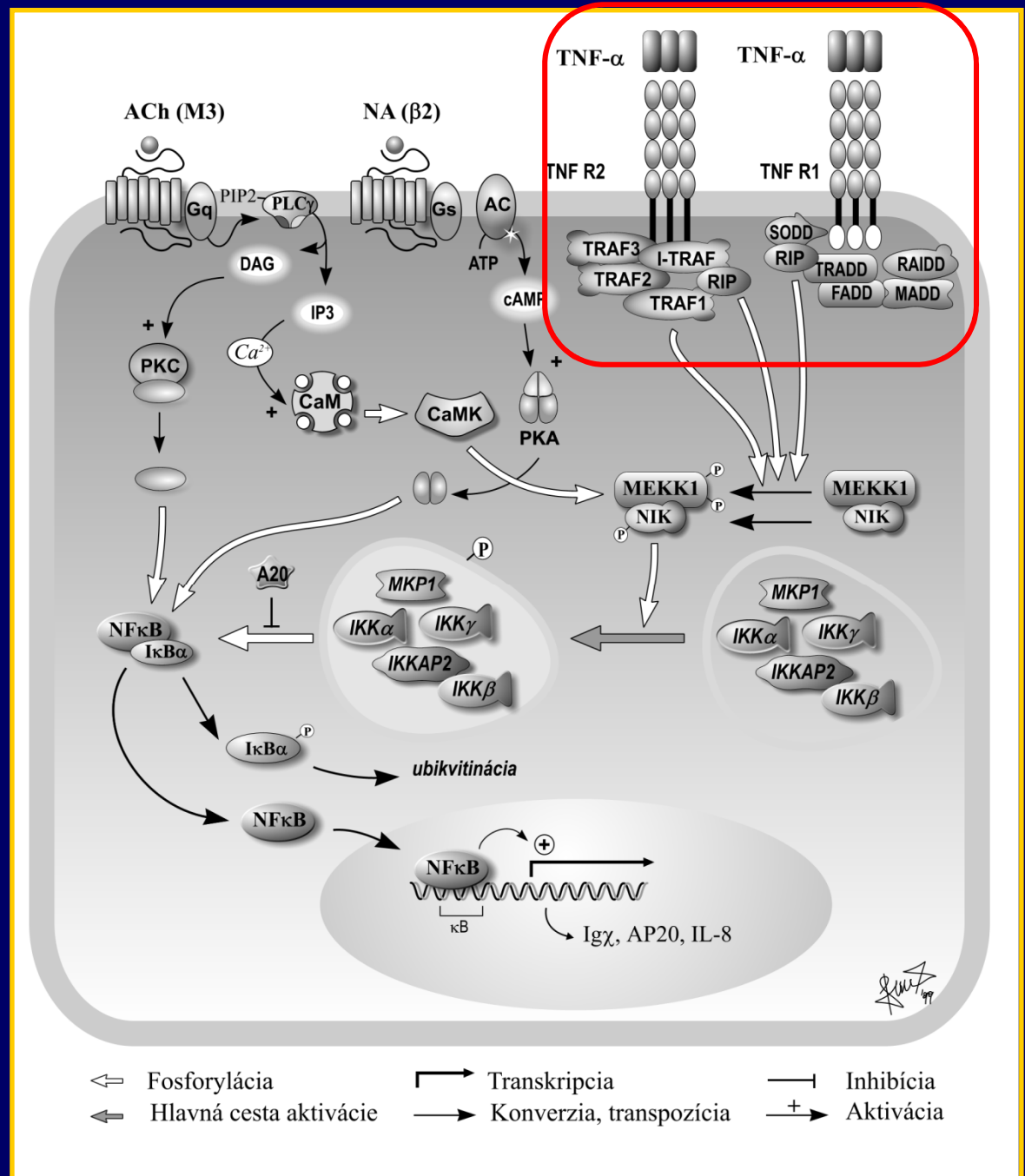
Signalling via Toll receptors

- **Trigger:** components of bacterial body, chemicals
- **Effectors:** IRAK, TRIF, TIRAP, TIRAP
- **Effect:** modifying other signalling pathways
- **Use:** Component of innate immune response
- Inflammation – „specific” response to antigen



Signalling via NFκB

- **Trigger:** TNF.alpha family
- **Effectors:** TRAF, TRADD, RIP
- **Effects:** Gene expression
- **Use:** wide spread immune reactions



1. Long distance chemosignalling

A. Receptors w/o enzymatic activity

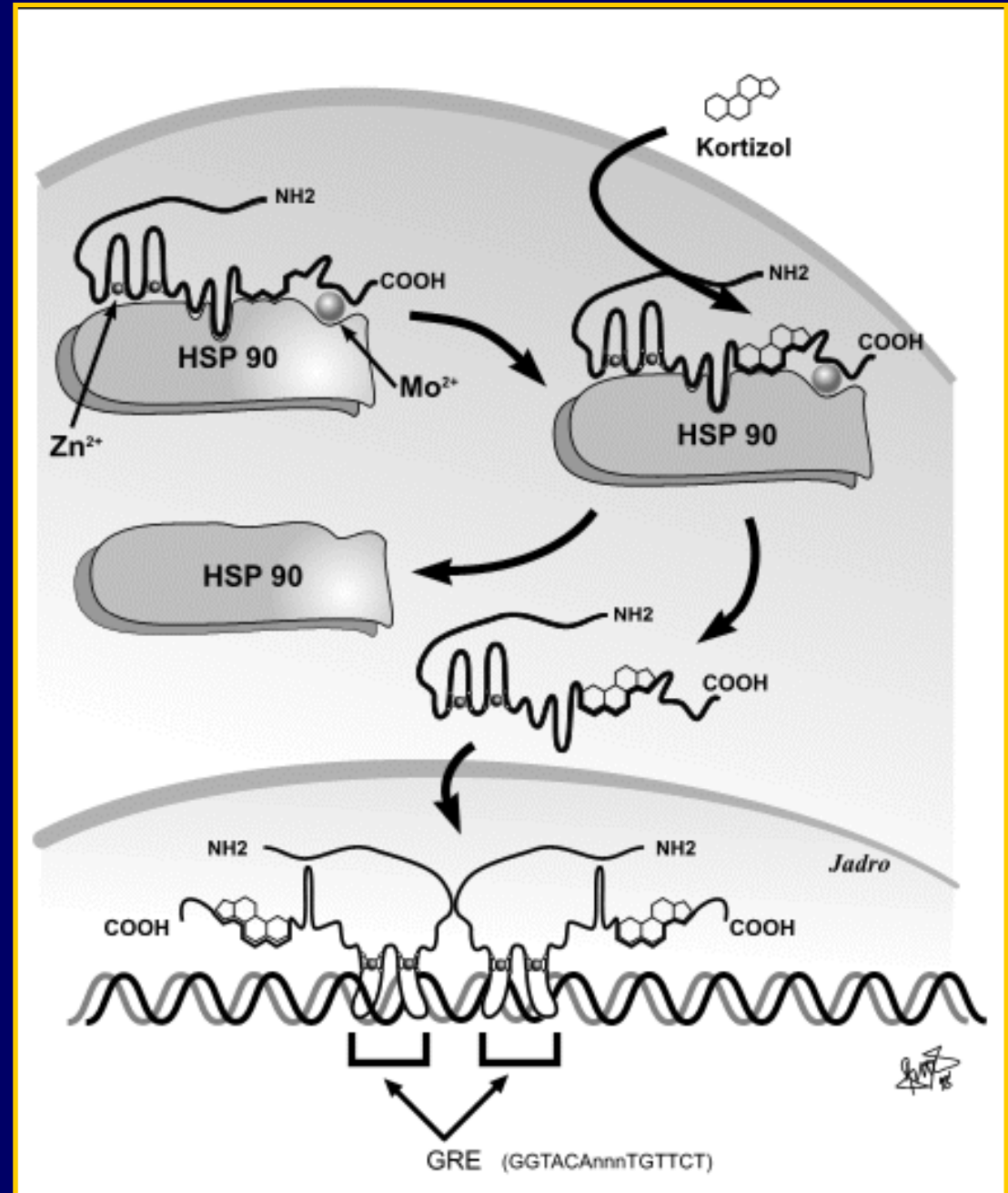
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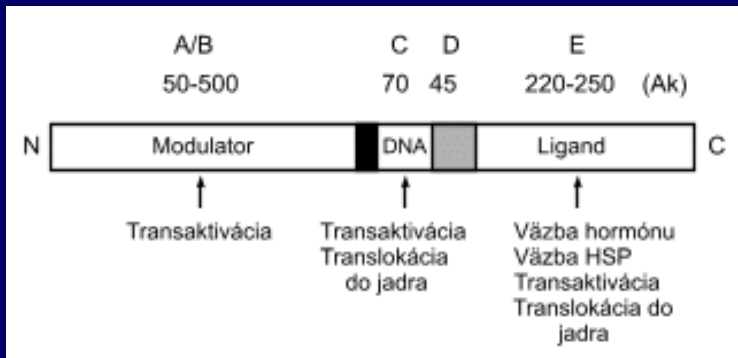
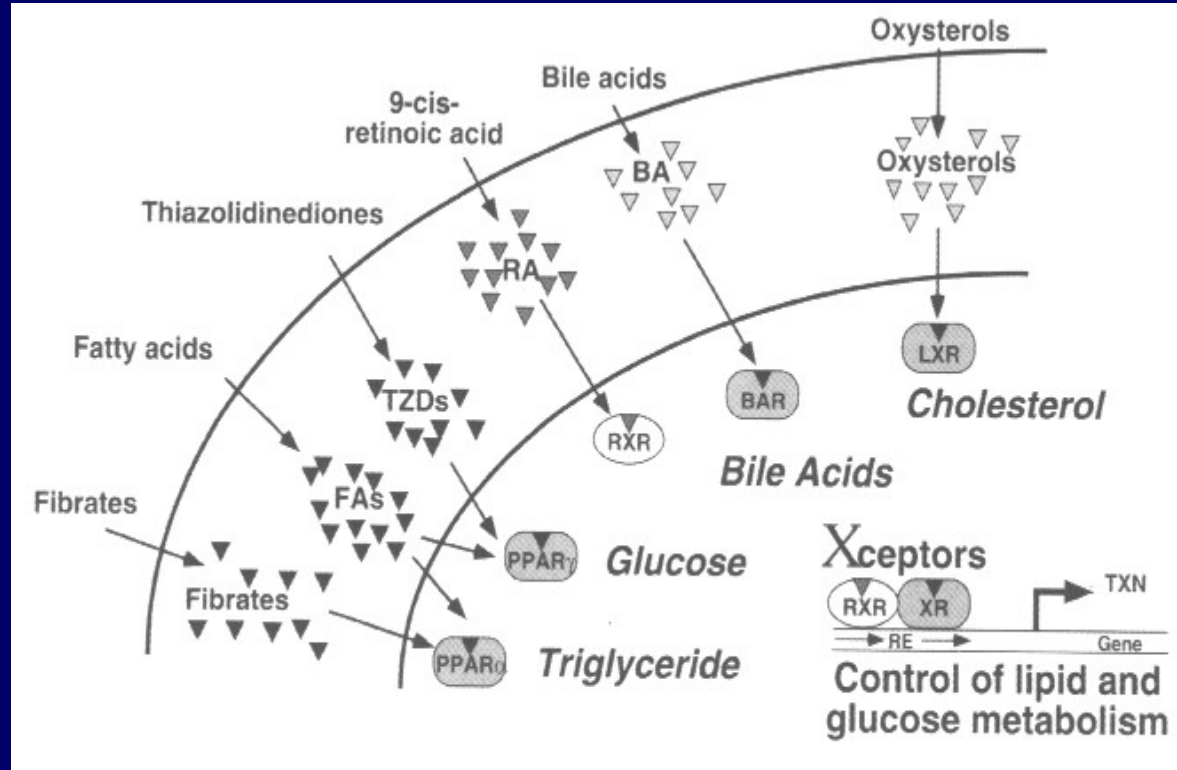
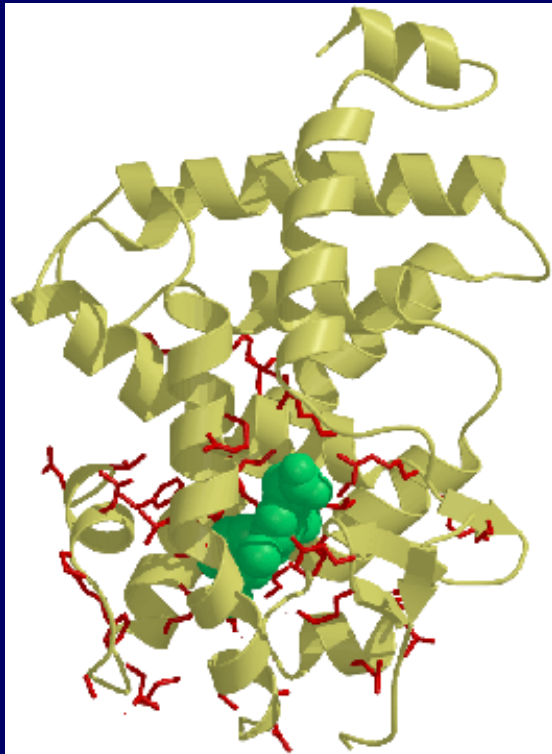
C. Intracellular receptors

- Cytoplasmatic
- Nuclear receptors

Signalling via nuclear receptors

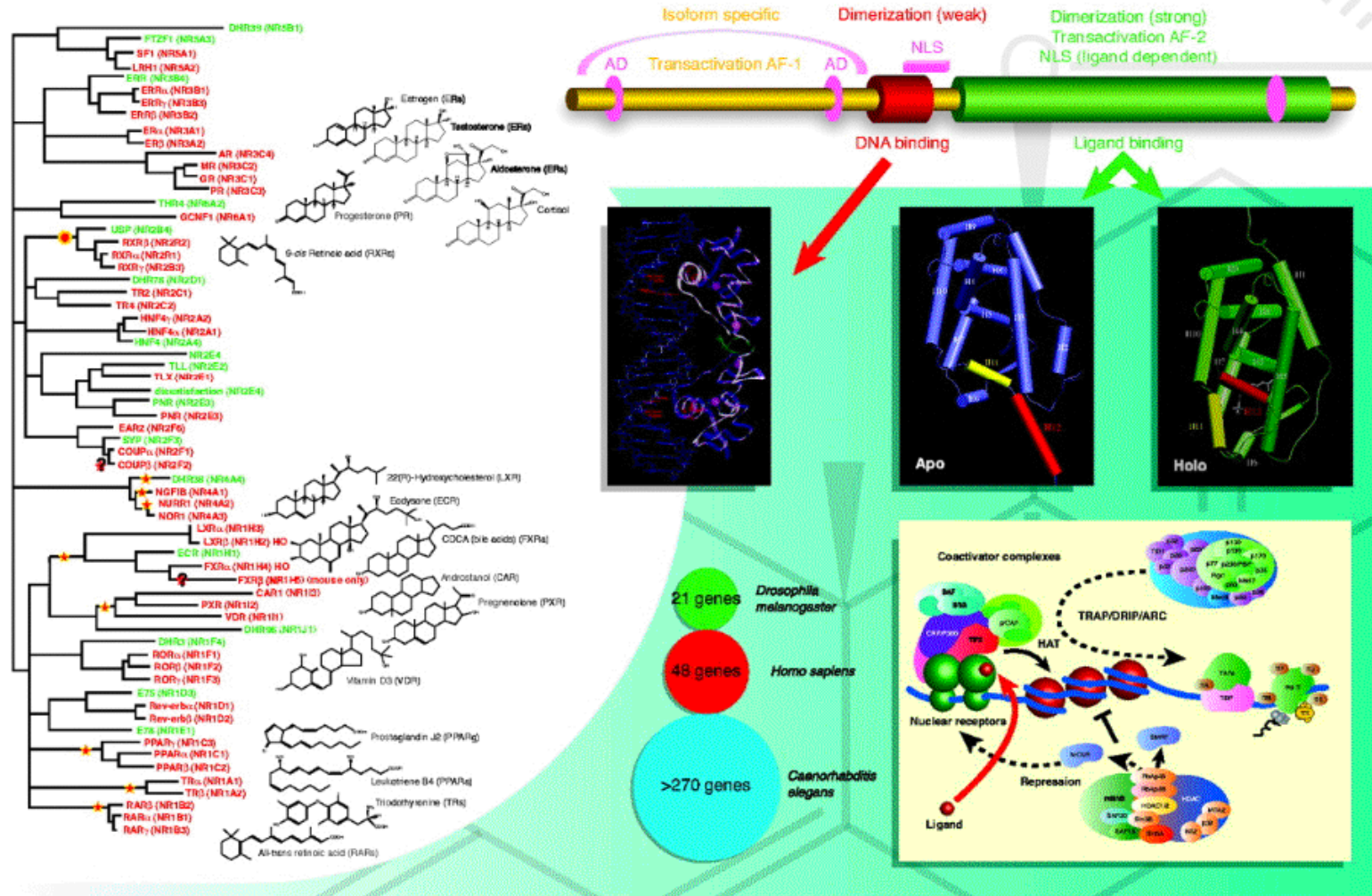
- **Trigger:** gonadosteroids, retinoids, adrenocorticosteroids, T4/T3, vitD3, deoxycholesterol, PGJ2, LTB4, fatty acids?, bile acids
- **Effect:** gene transcription





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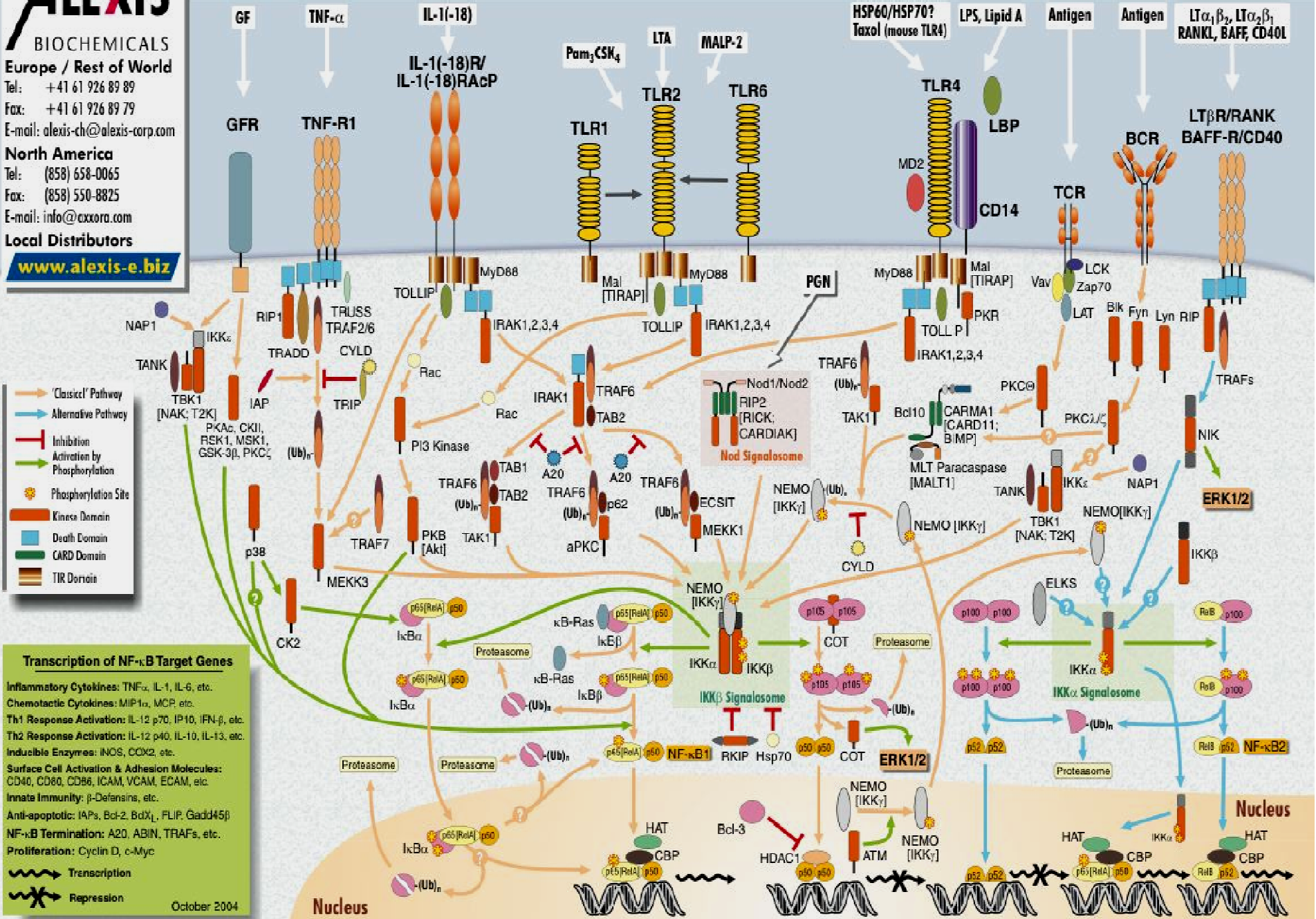
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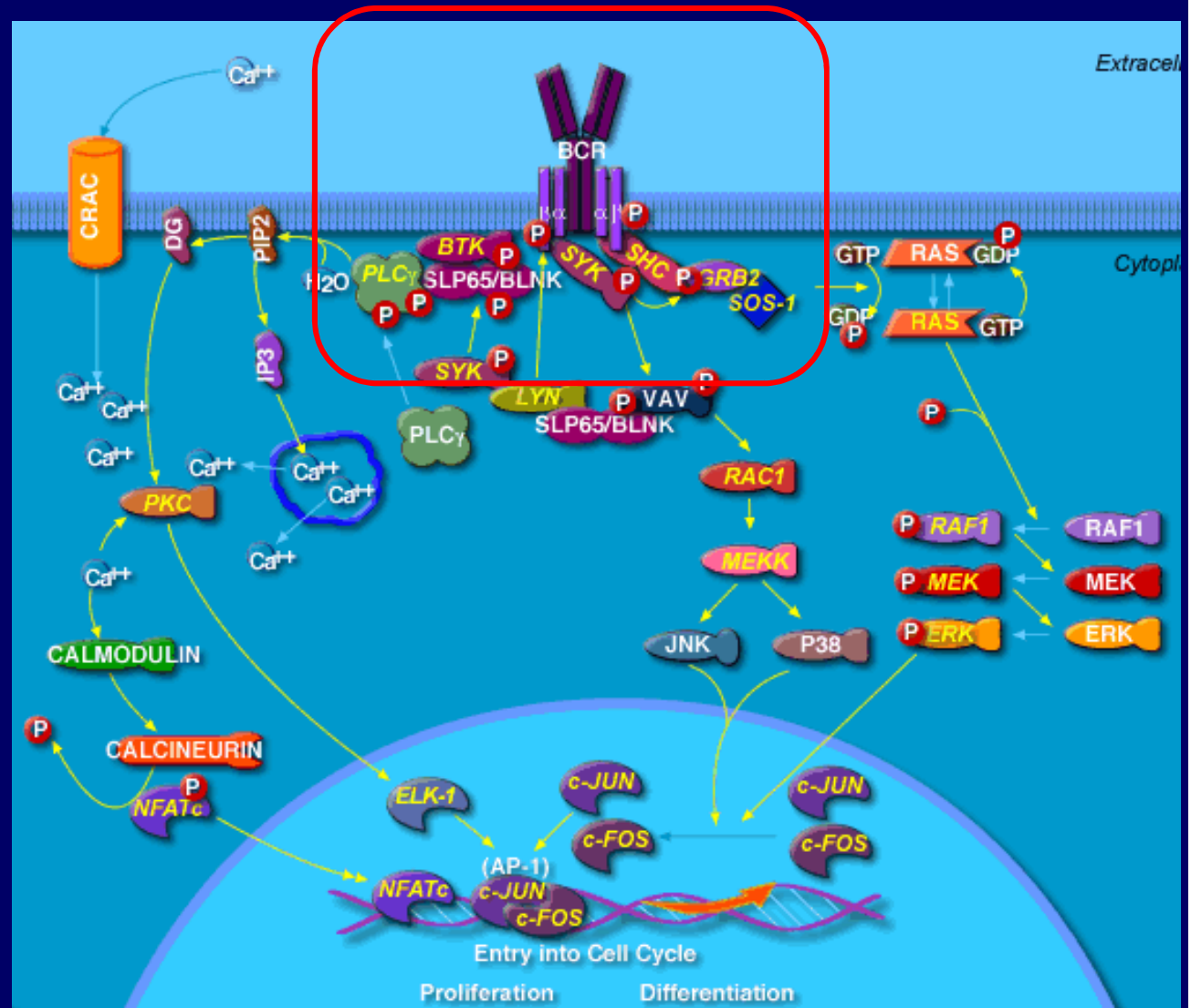


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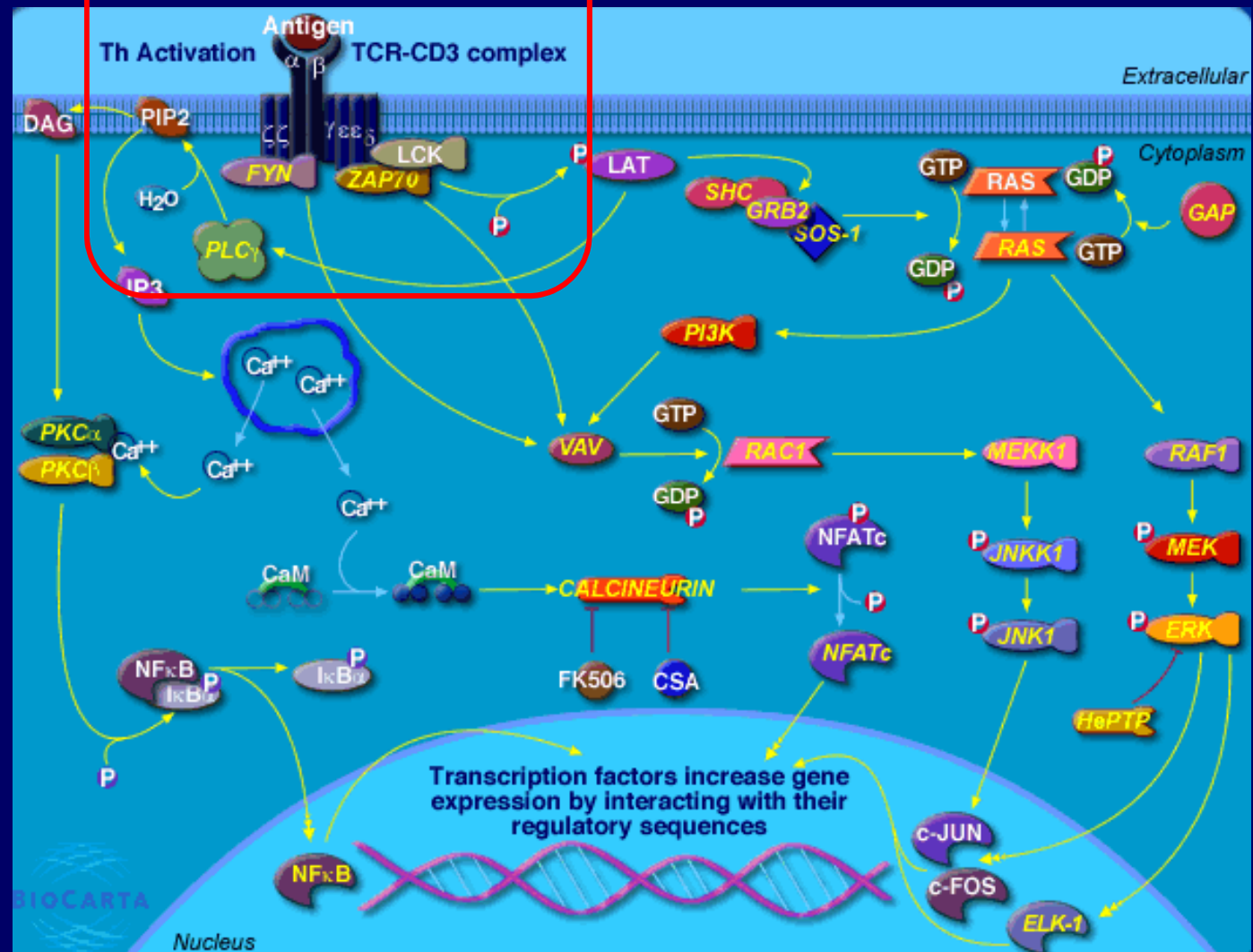
- BCR signalling
- TCR signalling
- Wnt + β -catenin
- DSL-Notch
- Hedgehog signalling

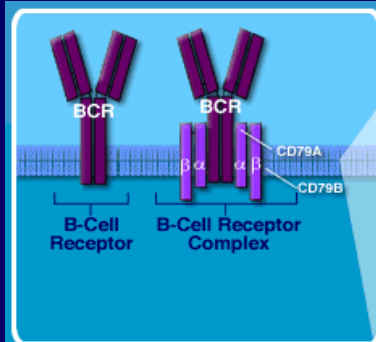
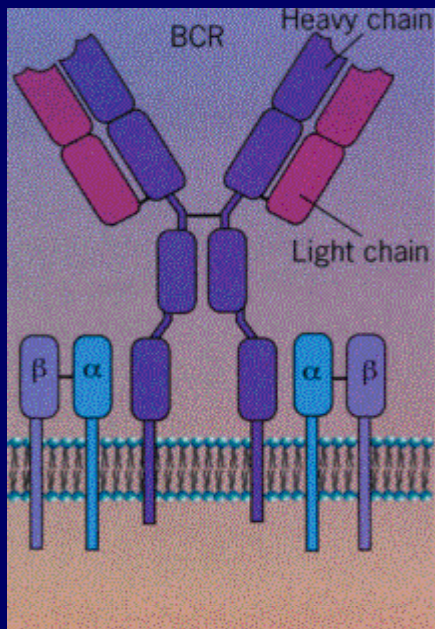
BCR signalling

- **Trigger:** antigen
- **Receptors** – multicomponent Ig-family
- **Effectors:**
 - Growth pathway (Ras-Raf-MEK-ERK)
 - Stress pathway (Rac-MEKK-Jnk,P38)
 - Ca²⁺-CaM pathway
- **Effect:**
 - Gene transcription
- **Use:**
 - proliferation (mitosis)
 - synthesis of new proteins

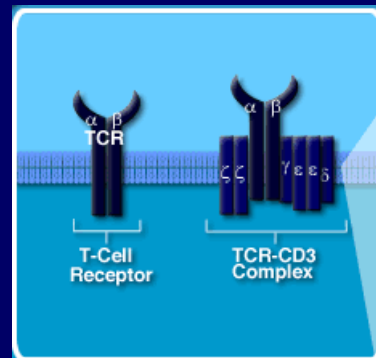
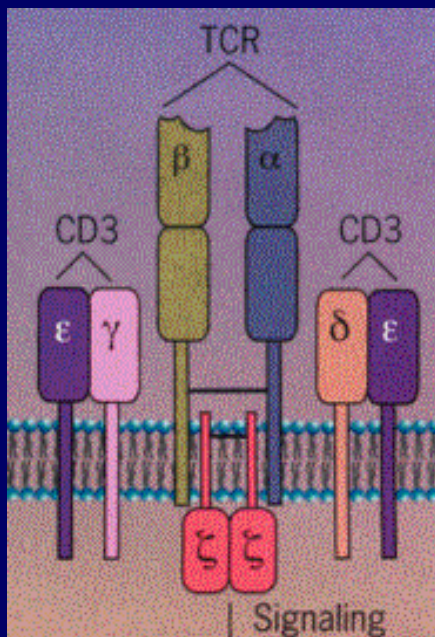
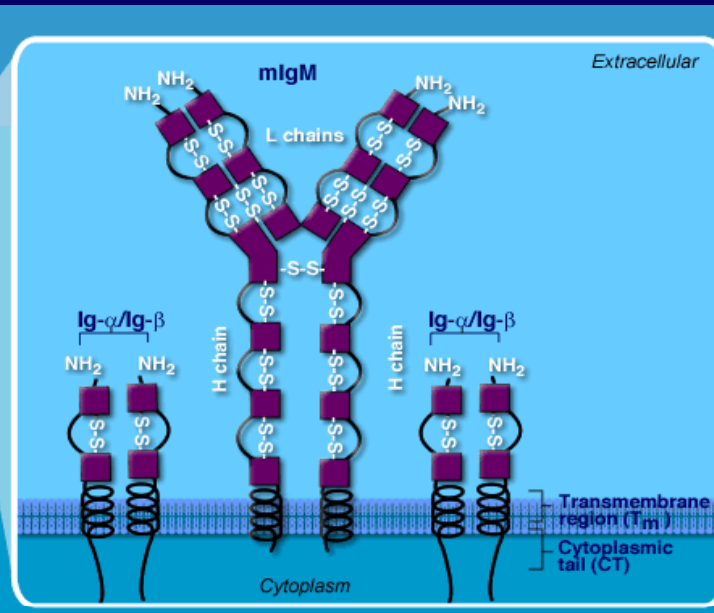


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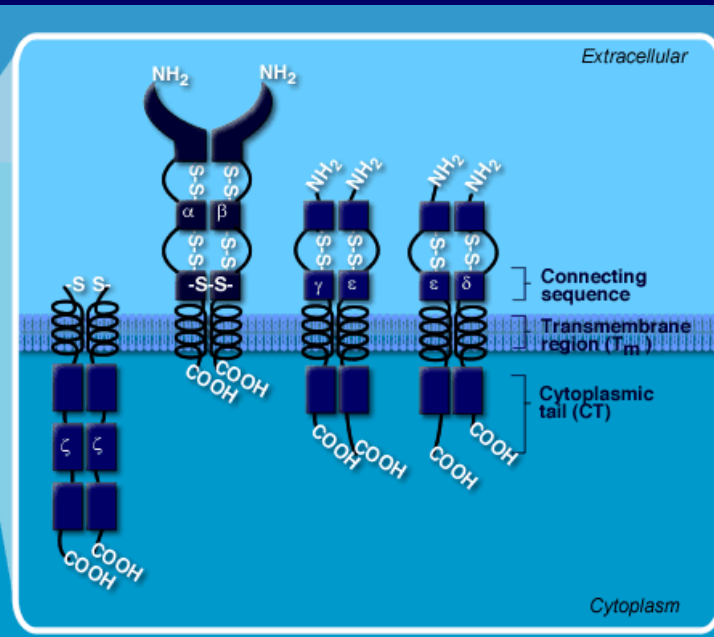




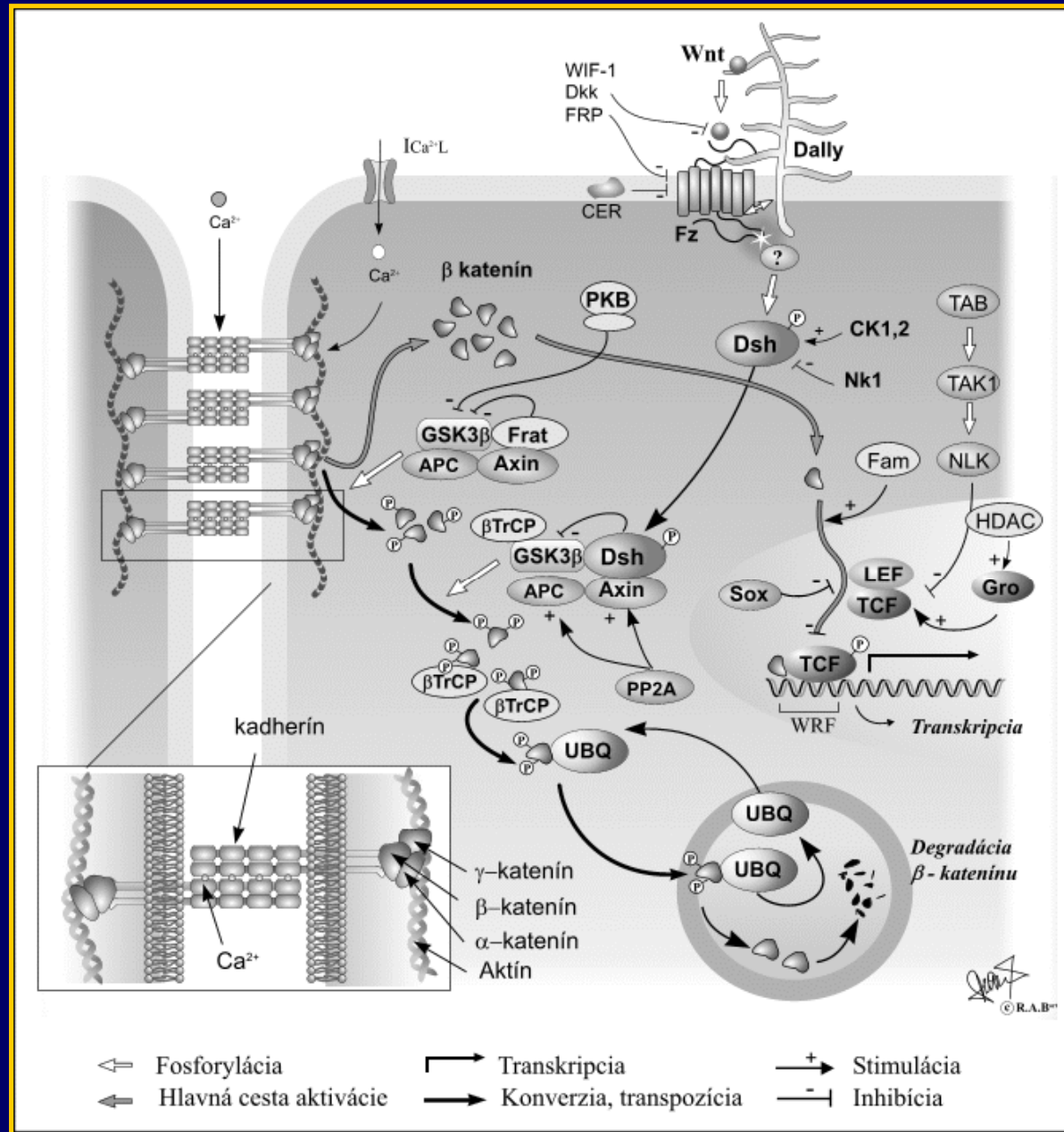
BCR is formed by membrane-bound IgM (mIgM)



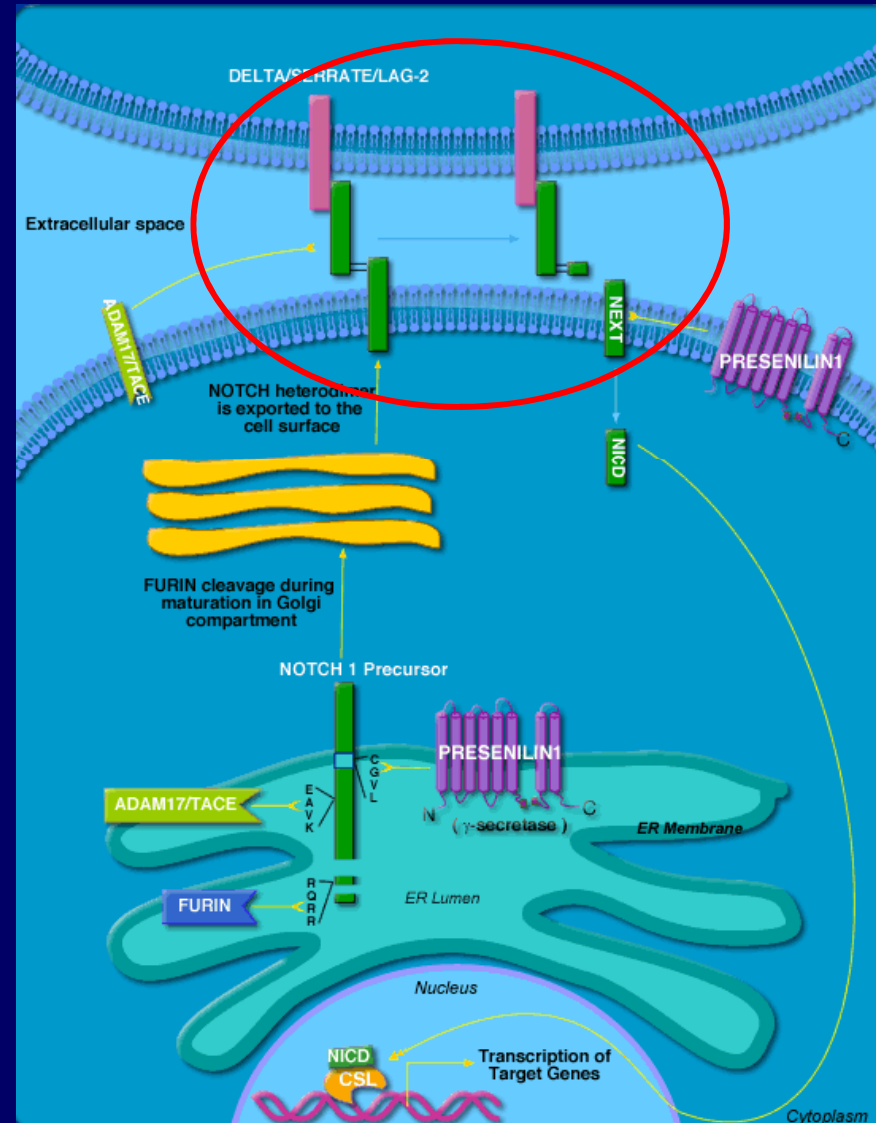
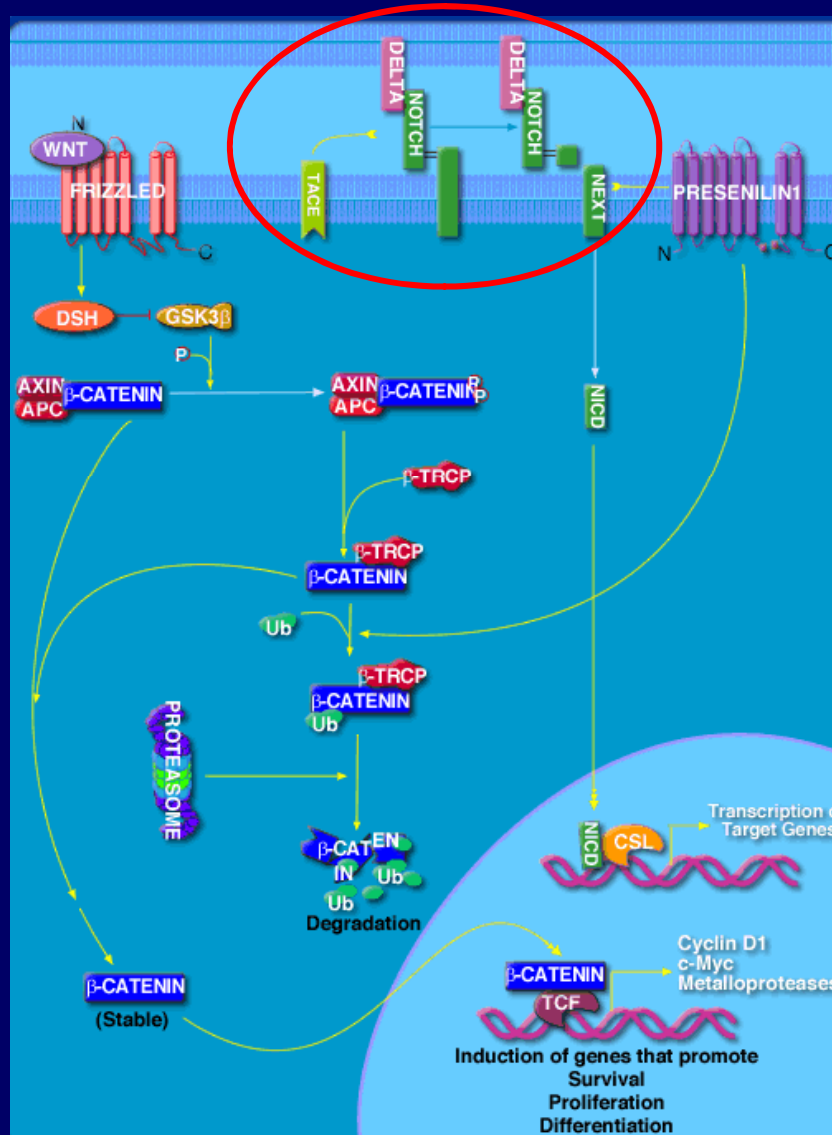
TCR is formed by special alpha and beta Ig chains

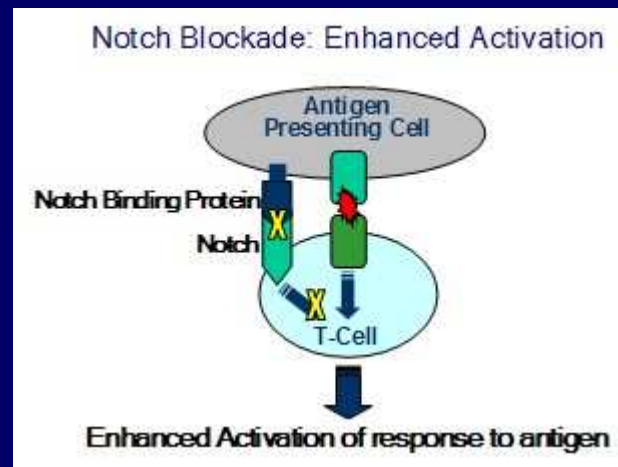
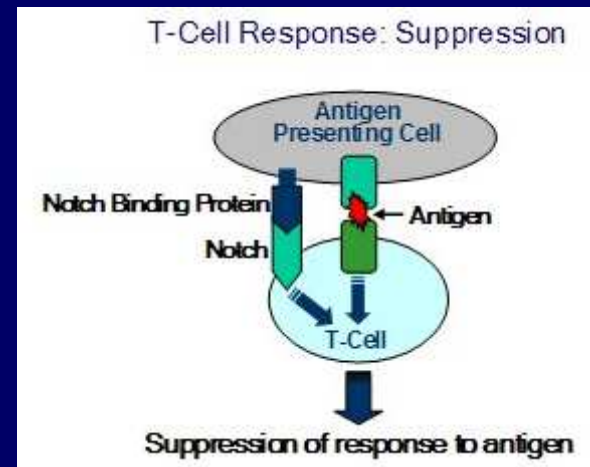
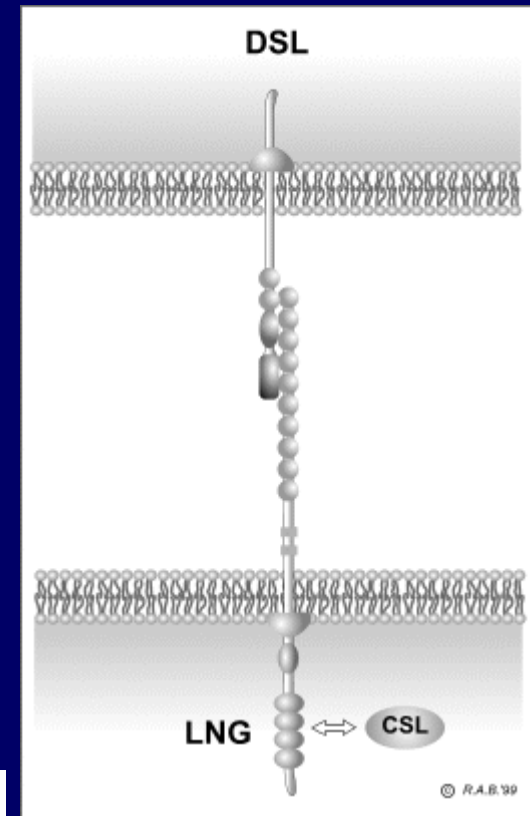
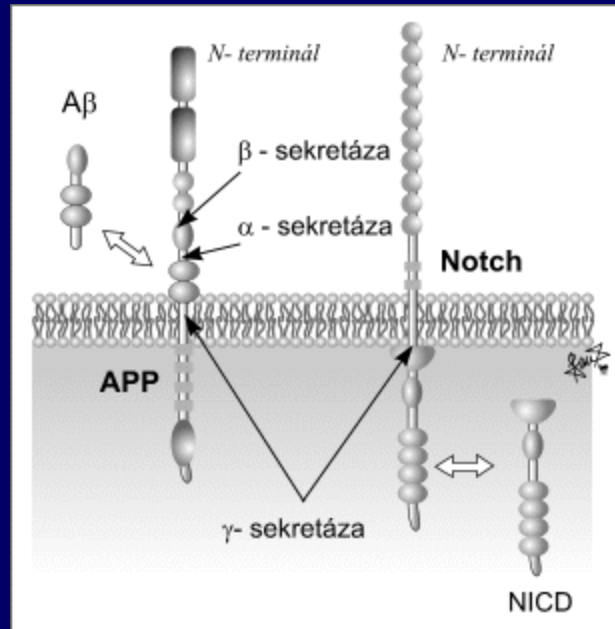


Wnt + β - catenin



DSL-Notch signalling





Hedgehog signalling

- **Trigger:** Hh family
- **Receptors:**
 - Ptc – patched
 - Smo –smoothed
- **Effect:**
 - Gene expression
 - Other signalling
- **Use:**
 - Control over proliferation & differentiation

