



Mechanism of hormone actions II

Cell Surface Receptors

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G protein-coupled receptors

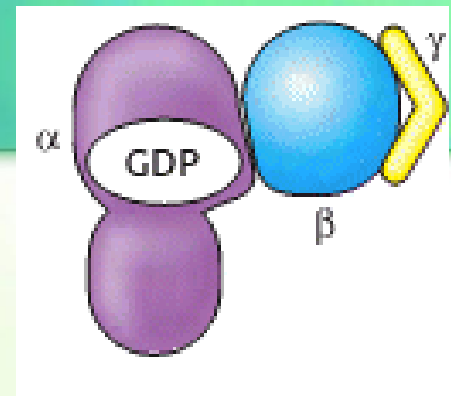
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Homology



- Although all GPCRs are structurally similar, their amino acid sequences generally are quite dissimilar.
 - β 1- and β 2-adrenergic receptors are 50 percent identical.
 - α - and β -adrenergic receptors exhibit even less homology.
- The specific amino acid sequence of each receptor determines:
 - Ligand binding
 - G proteins interaction

G proteins



- G proteins are intermediary in signal transduction from the seven transmembrane (7TM) receptors.
- G proteins are made of three subunits α , β , and γ .

G_{α} class	Initiating signal	Downstream signal
G_{α_s}	β -Adrenergic: amines, glucagon, parathyroid hormone, many others	Stimulates adenylate cyclase
G_{α_i}	Acetylcholine, α -adrenergic: amines, many neurotransmitters	Inhibits adenylate cyclase
G_{α_q}	Acetylcholine, α -adrenergic: amines, many neurotransmitters	Increases IP ₃ and intracellular calcium
G_{α_t}	Photons	Stimulates cGMP phosphodiesterase
G_{α_{13}}	Thrombin, other agonists	Stimulates Na ⁺ and H ⁺ exchange

Second messengers



- Information is transduced via changes in the concentration of second messengers:
 - cyclic AMP and cyclic GMP, calcium ion, inositol 1,4,5-trisphosphate (IP3), diacylglycerol (DAG)
- Why are second messengers good?
 - Second messengers are often free to diffuse to other compartments of the cell.
 - The signal may be amplified significantly in the generation of second messengers
 - The use of common second messengers in multiple signaling pathways often results in cross-talk between different signaling pathways.

Classification according to second messengers



Group II. HORMONES THAT BIND TO CELL SURFACE RECEPTORS

A. The second messenger is cAMP

Adrenocortrophic hormone (ACTH)	Parathyroid hormone (PTH)
Angiotensin II	Opioids
Antidiuretic hormone (ADH)	Acetylcholine
Follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH)	Glucagon
Human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG)	α_2 -Adrenergic catecholamines
Lipotropin (LPH)	Corticotropin-releasing hormone (CRH)
Luteinizing hormone (LH)	Calcitonin
Melanocyte-stimulating hormone (MSH)	Somatostatin
Thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH)	β -Adrenergic catecholamines

B. The second messenger is calcium or phosphatidylinositides (or both)

α_1 -Adrenergic catecholamines	Acetylcholine (muscarinic)
Cholecystokinin	Substance P
Gastrin	Angiotensin II
Thyrotropin-releasing hormone (TRH)	Gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH)
Vasopressin	

C. The intracell messenger is a protein kinase cascade (started by tyr phosphorylation)

Growth hormone (GH)	Oxytocin
Insulin	Nerve growth factor (NGF)
Insulin-like growth factors (IGF-1, IGF-II)	Epidermal growth factor (EGF)
Prolactin (PRL)	Platelet-derived growth factor
	Fibroblast growth factor (FGF)

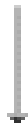
Ligand
+
Receptor



Activated
receptor



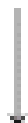
Activated
G protein



Activated
adenylate cyclase



Increased
[cAMP]



Activated
effectors

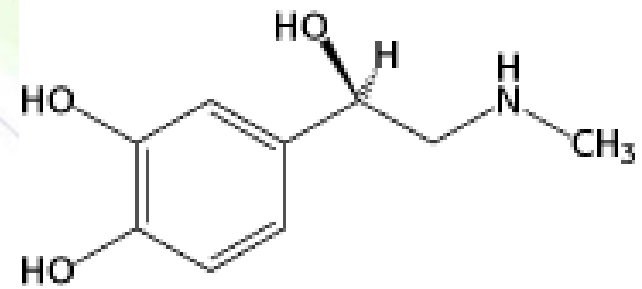


An example

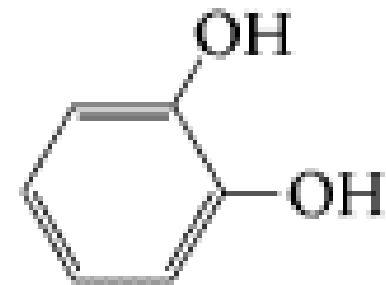
Adrenergic receptors



- This protein binds epinephrine (also called adrenaline), a hormone responsible for the "fight or flight" response.



Epinephrine



Actions of epinephrine (β -adrenergic receptor)



Beta Receptors	
β_1 (postsynaptic)	β_2 (postsynaptic)
Gs protein coupled Activates Adenyl Cyclase ATP \rightarrow cAMP	
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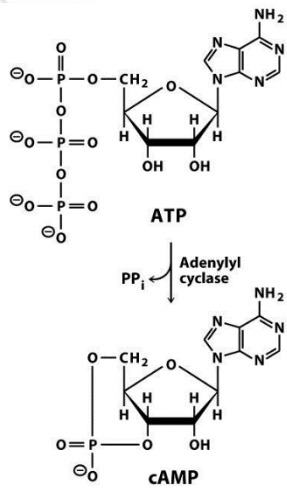
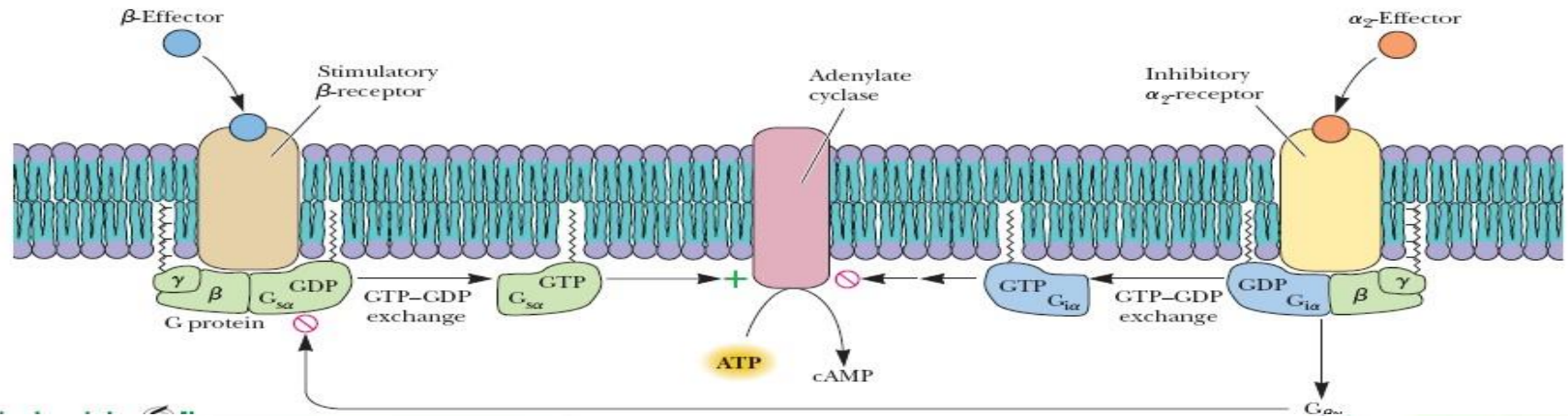
Actions of epinephrine

(α 1-adrenergic receptor)



Alpha Receptors	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Vasoconstriction of <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Coronary arteries Veins Imotility of GIT smooth muscle cells 	
α 1 (postsynaptic)	α 2 (presynaptic)
Gq protein coupled Activates Phospholipase C PIP2 \rightarrow IP3 + DAG	Gi protein coupled Inhibits Adenyl Cyclase ATP \rightarrow X \rightarrow cAMP
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Vasoconstriction of blood vessels of <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Skin GIT Kidney Brain Contraction of smooth muscles of <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ureter Vas deferens Urethral spincter Uterus Cilliary body (mydiarisis) Glucose metabolism <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Gluconeogenesis Glucolysis 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Glucose metabolism <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Inhibits insulin release Stimulates glucagon release Contraction of anal spincter Inhibits release of Norepinephrine

The signal transduction of epinephrine



Signal Transduction

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Cellular effects of cAMP



- ↑ degradation of storage fuels
- ↑ **secretion of acid by gastric mucosa**
- Dispersion of melanin pigment granules
- ↓ aggregation of blood platelets
- Opening of chloride channels

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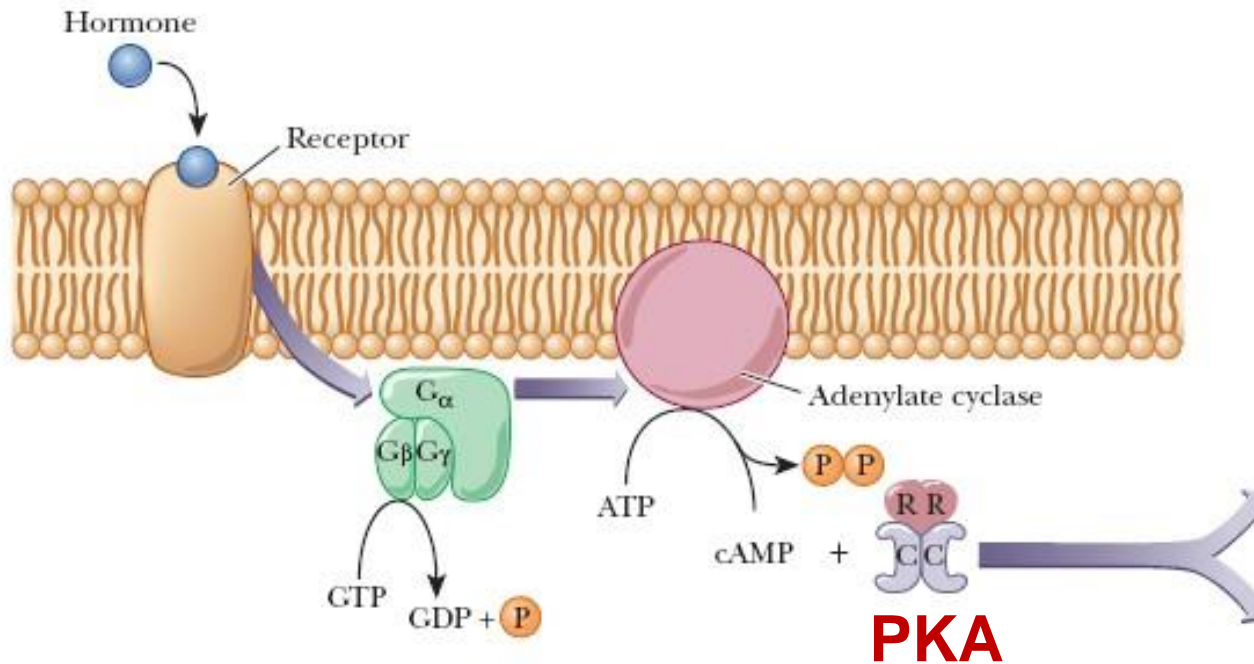
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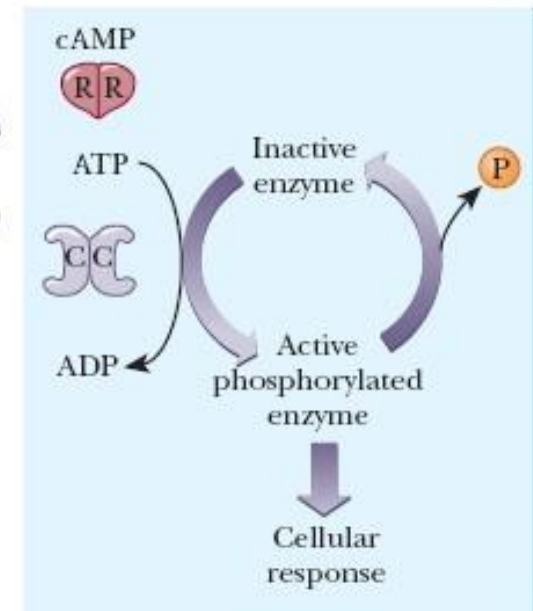
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Caffeine induces gastric acid secretion via bitter taste signaling in gastric parietal cells

Then...



**Usually:
Ser or Thr**





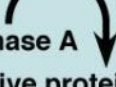
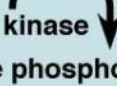
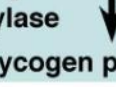
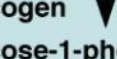


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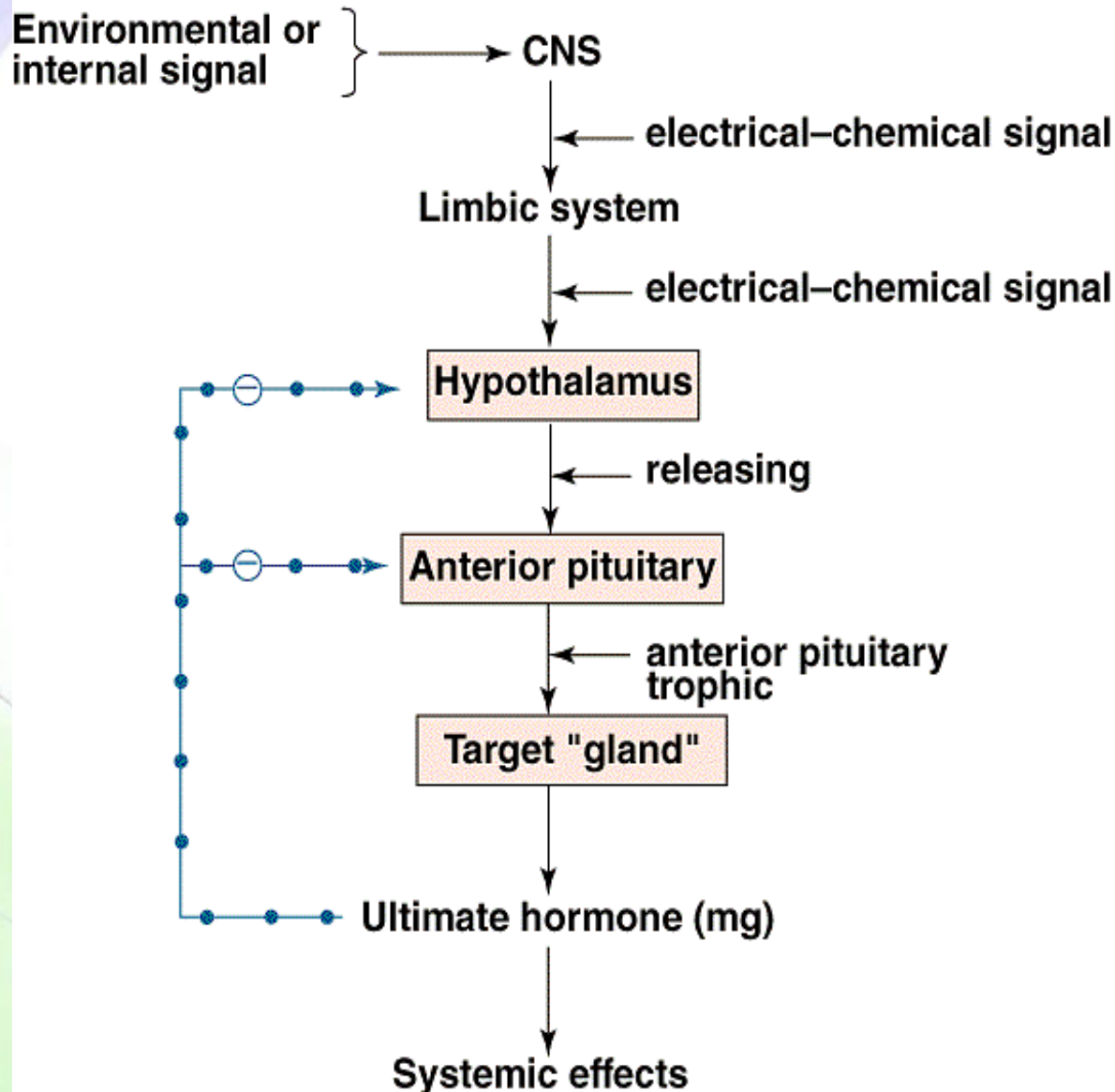
**Glycogen
Synthase!!**

Signal Amplification



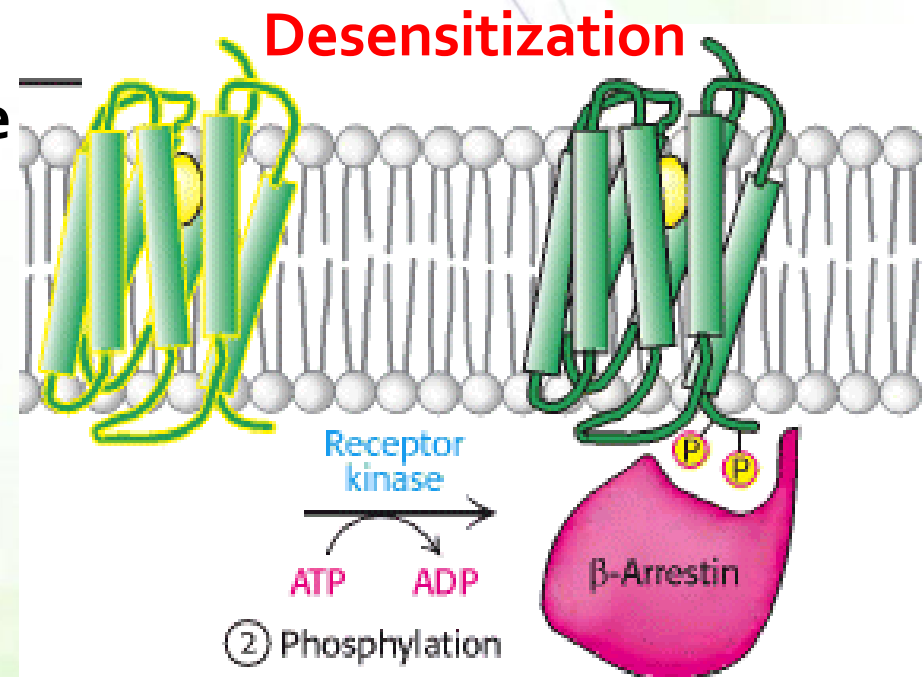
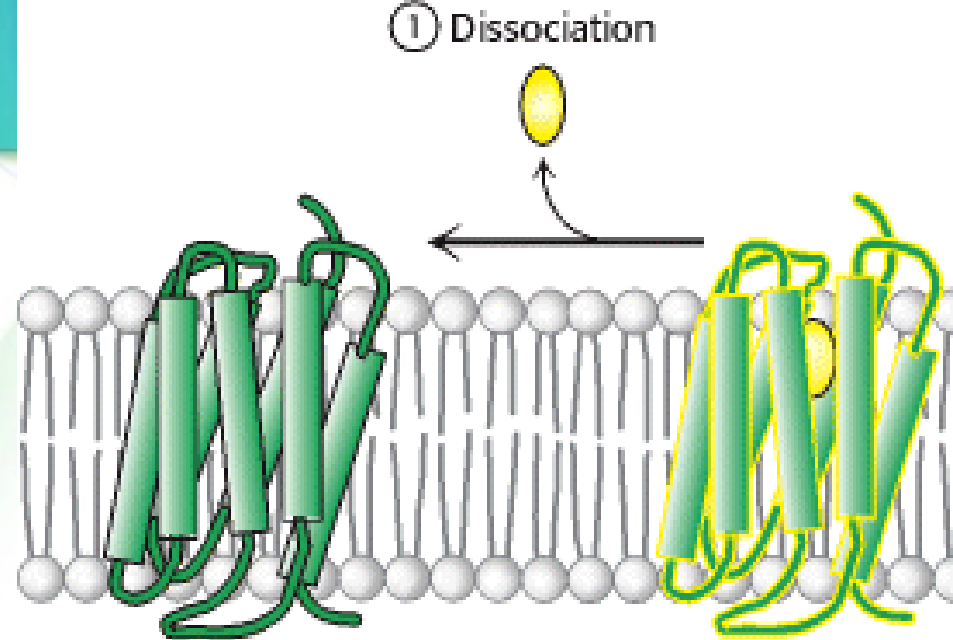
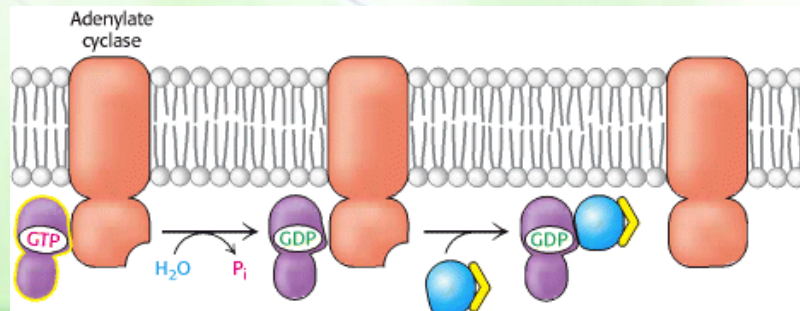
(a) Signaling pathway	(b) Number of molecules activated
RECEPTION Binding of epinephrine to G protein-linked receptor 	1 molecule
TRANSDUCTION Inactive G protein  Active G protein	10^2 molecules
Inactive adenylyl cyclase  Active adenylyl cyclase	10^2 molecules
ATP  Cyclic AMP	10^4 molecules
Inactive protein kinase A  Active protein kinase A	10^4 molecules
Inactive phosphorylase kinase  Active phosphorylase kinase	10^5 molecules
Inactive glycogen phosphorylase  Active glycogen phosphorylase	10^6 molecules
RESPONSE Glycogen  Glucose-1-phosphate	10^8 molecules

Amplification at the hormonal level as well



Termination

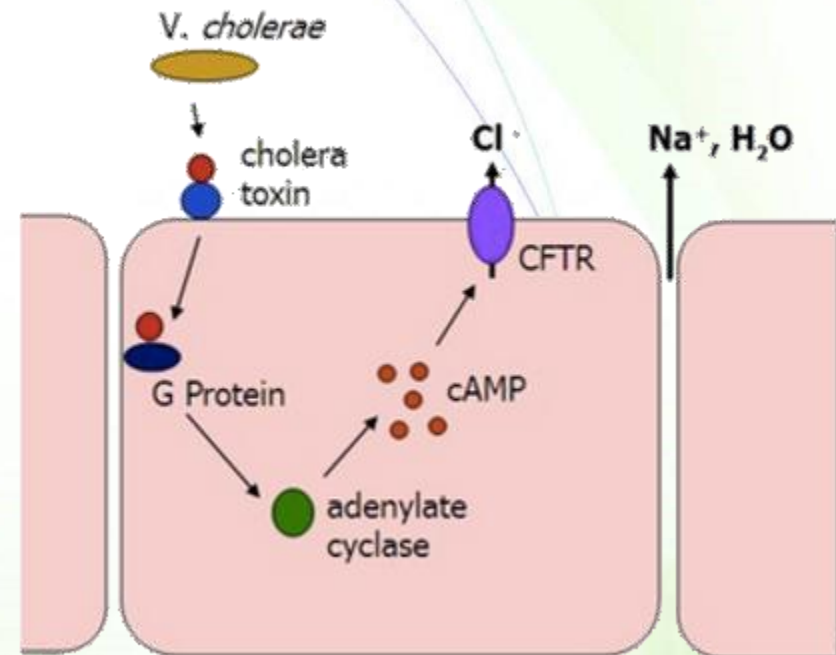
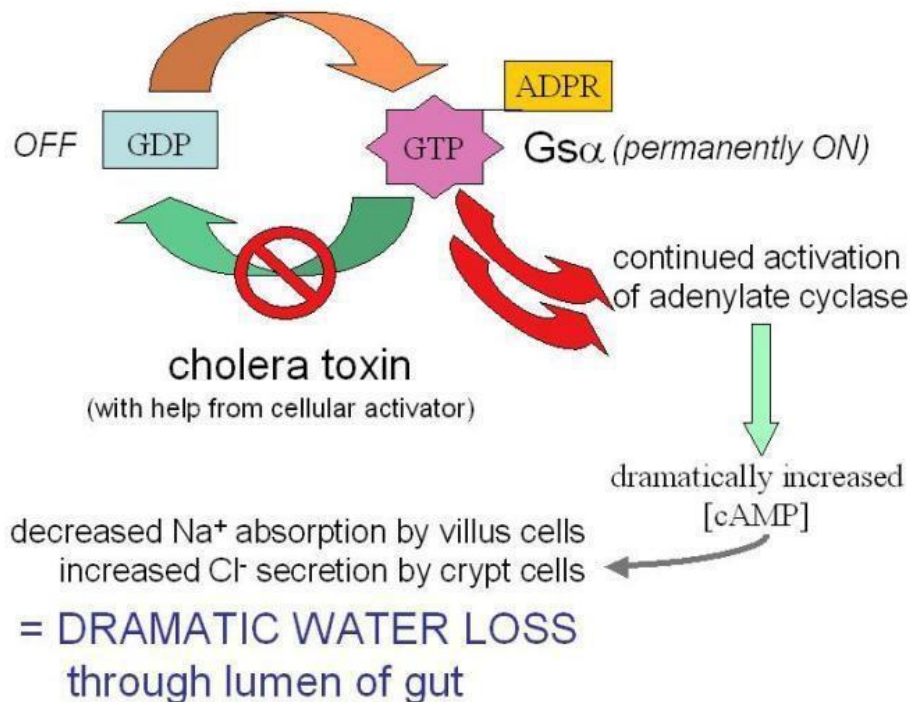
- **Dissociation** of the hormone
- **GTPase** activity of $G\alpha$ subunit
- **Hydrolysis** of cAMP (phosphodiesterase)
- Phosphorylation of the hormone bound-receptor followed by binding to **β -Arrestin**



Cholera



- Cholera toxin → G protein is locked in active form → overactive adenylate cyclase → Excessive cAMP → active transport of Na^+ → large flow of Na^+ and water from the mucosa → diarrhea



The phosphoinositide pathway



- Used by many hormones (e.g. ADH)
- Binding of a hormone to 7TM receptor

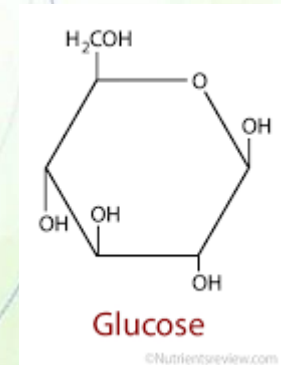
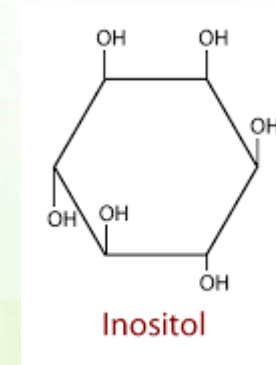
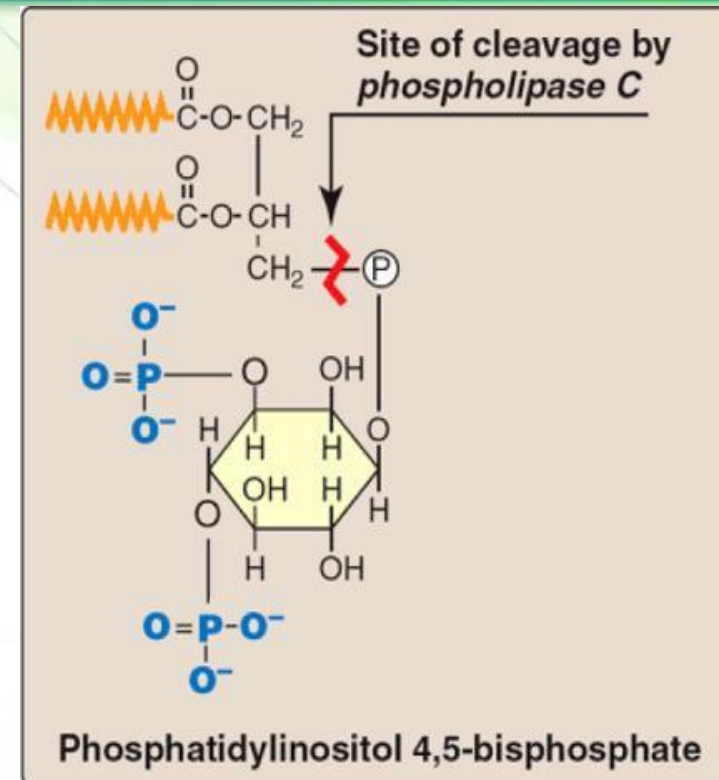


Activation of G Protein

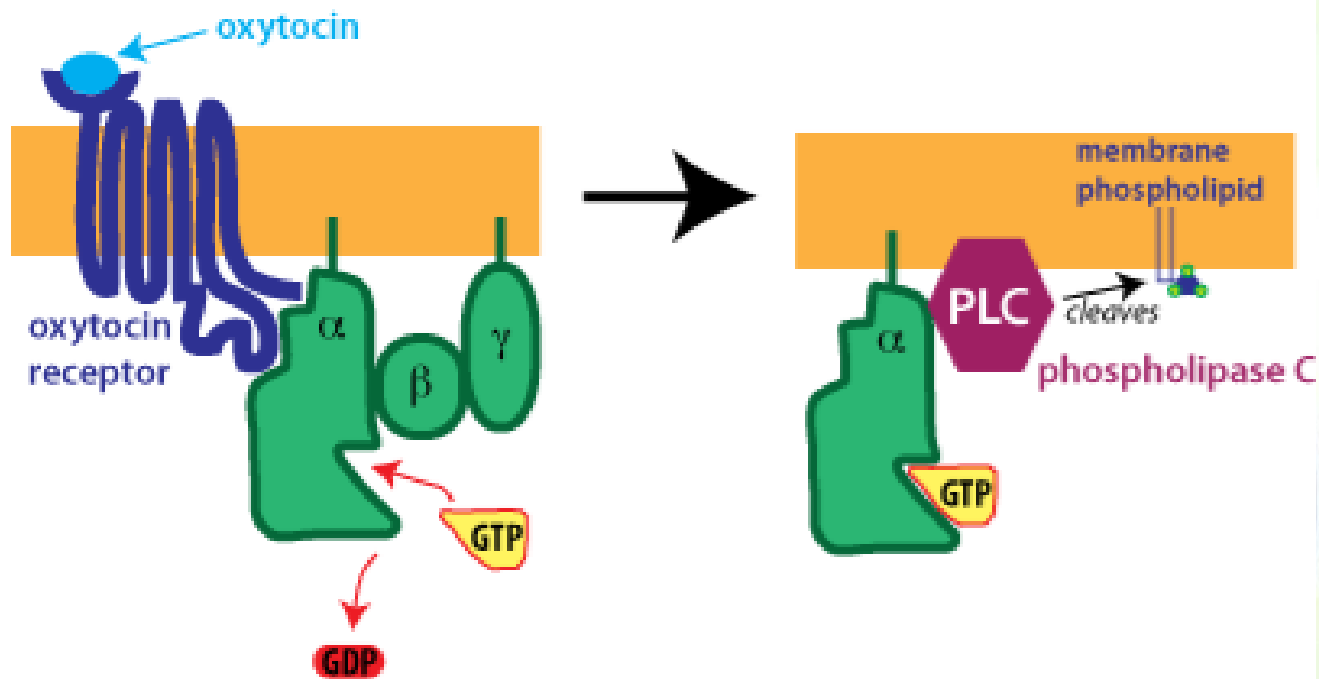
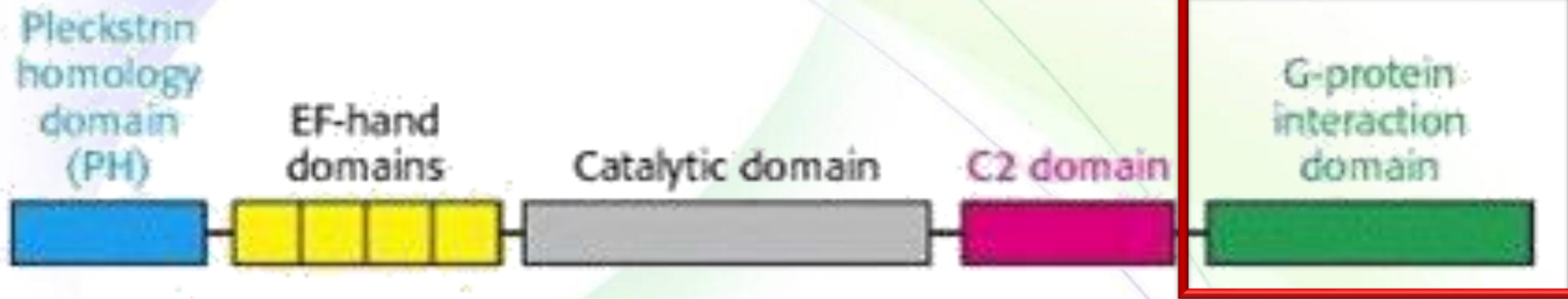


Activation of Phospholipase C (many isoforms) – PIP₂

- Two messengers are produced
 - Inositol 1,4,5-trisphosphate, hydrophilic, (Soluble)
 - IP₃ is the actual second messenger
 - Diacylglycerol, amphipathic (membrane)



G protein interaction domain



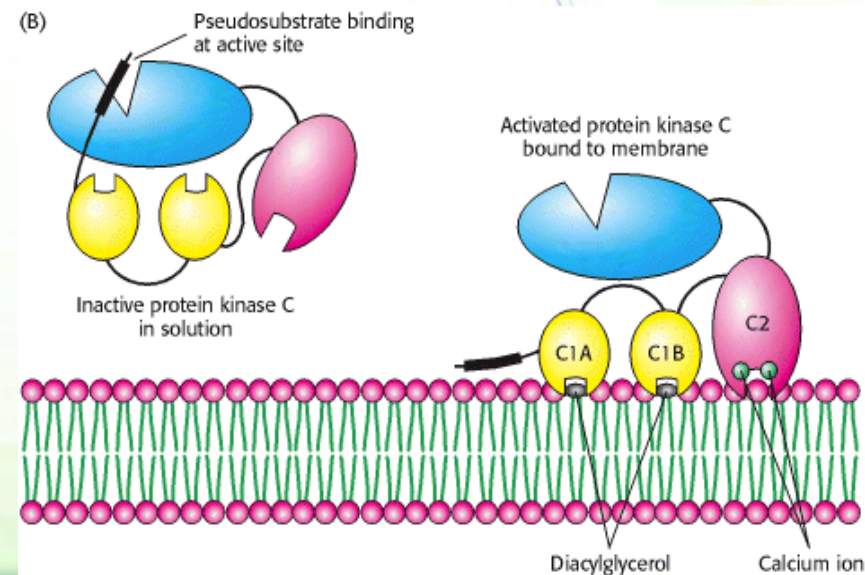
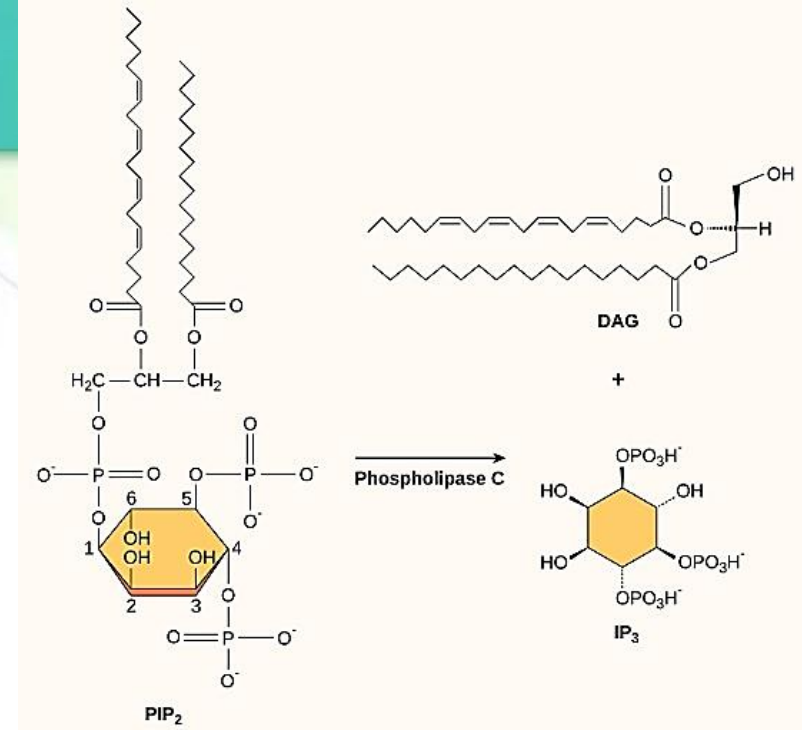
The biochemical effects of IP3

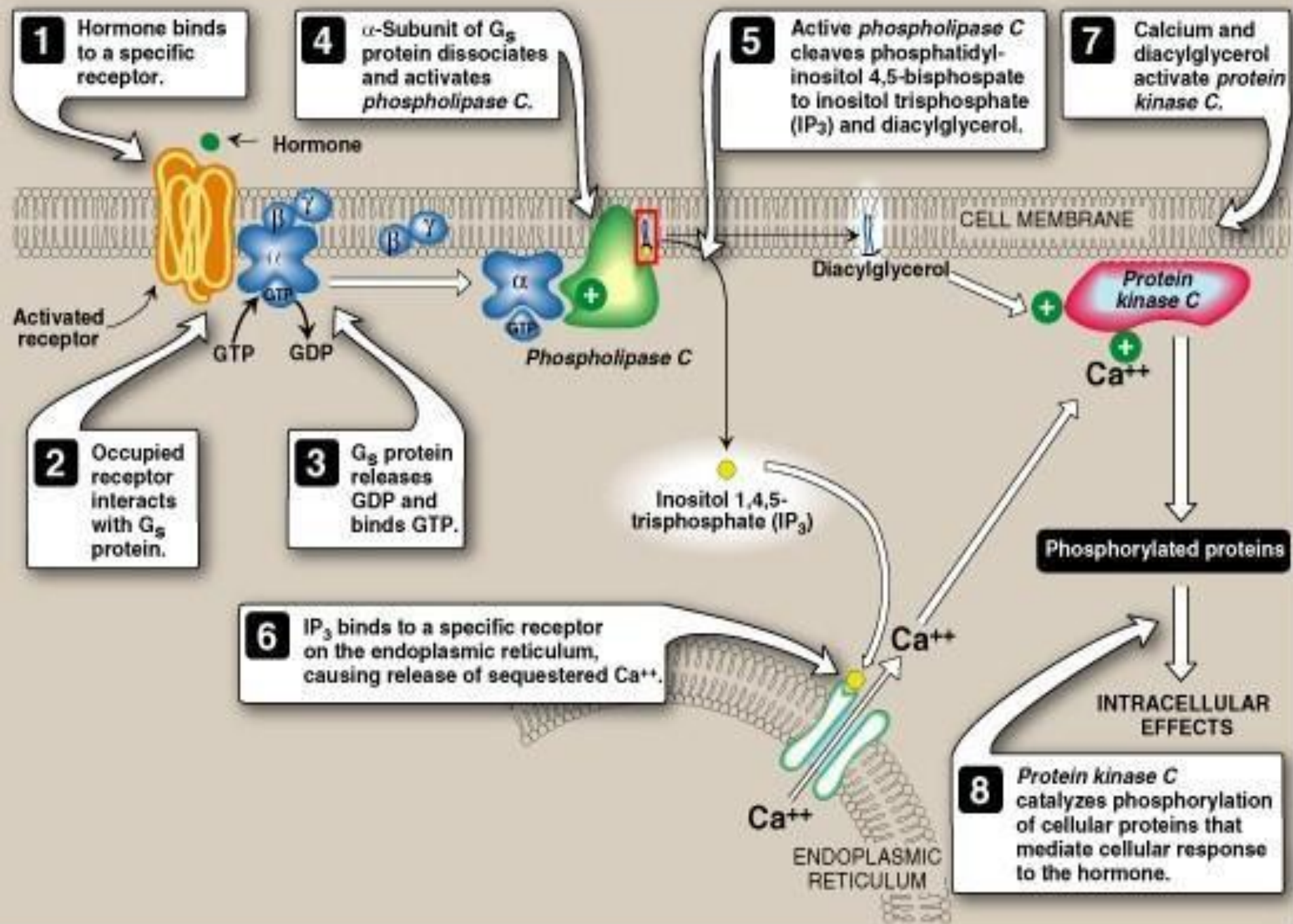


- IP3 binds to a membrane protein called the IP3 receptor, which forms an ion channel.
- The channel opens releasing Ca^{2+} from the endoplasmic reticulum and, in smooth muscle cells, the sarcoplasmic reticulum.
- Increased Ca^{2+} triggers processes such as smooth muscle contraction, glycogen breakdown, and vesicle release (exocytosis).

Diacylglycerol

- DAG is formed by the hydrolysis of PIP₂ by PLC.
- DAG activates many targets
 - Protein kinase C
- How?
 - PKC is inactivated by a self pseudosubstrate.
 - Increased Ca²⁺
 - allows enzyme binding to the membrane facilitating DAG binding to PKC, which pulls out the pseudosubstrate out of the active site.





Ca-activated calmodulin



- Ca^{2+} also interacts with and activates calmodulin, which modulates the functions of many enzymes:
 - adenylate cyclase
 - phosphorylase kinase
 - pyruvate carboxylase
 - pyruvate dehydrogenase
 - glycerol-3-phosphate dehydrogenase
 - glycogen synthase
 - guanylate cyclase
 - myosin kinase
 - phospholipase A2
 - calmodulin-dependent kinase

Ca-activated calmodulin

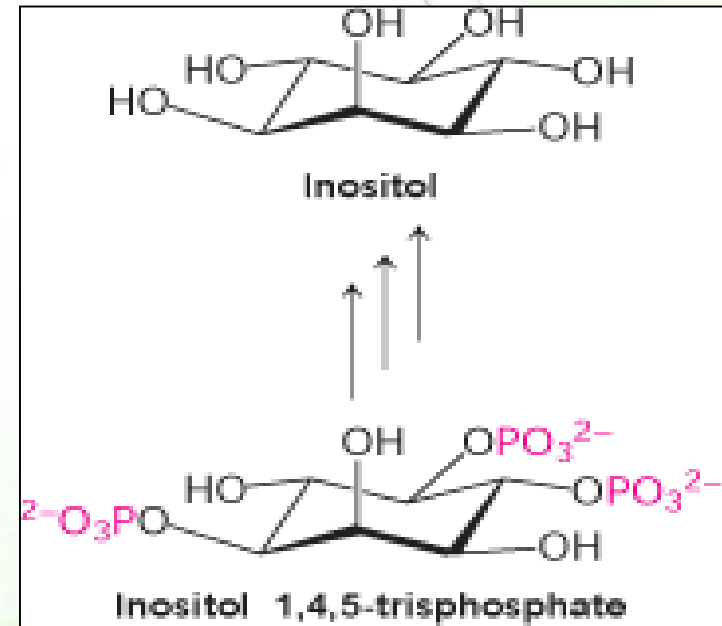
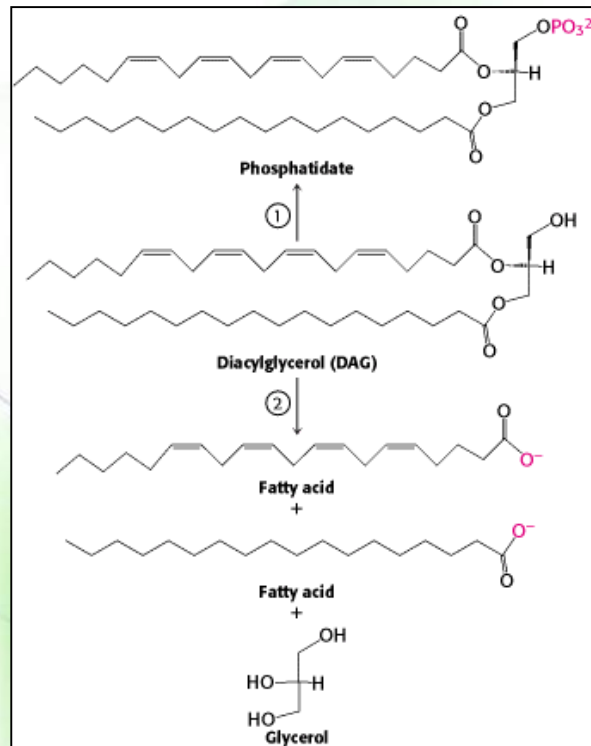


- These enzymes catalyze many important cellular responses
 - glycogenolysis in liver cells
 - histamine secretion by mast cells
 - insulin secretion by pancreatic islet cells
 - aggregation of blood platelets
 - epinephrine secretion by adrenal chromaffin cells
 - smooth muscle contraction
 - visual transduction
 - gene transcription

Termination



- IP3 is a short-lived messenger (less than a few seconds) because it is rapidly degraded to inositol.
- DAG is phosphorylated to phosphatidate or hydrolyzed to glycerol and fatty acids.



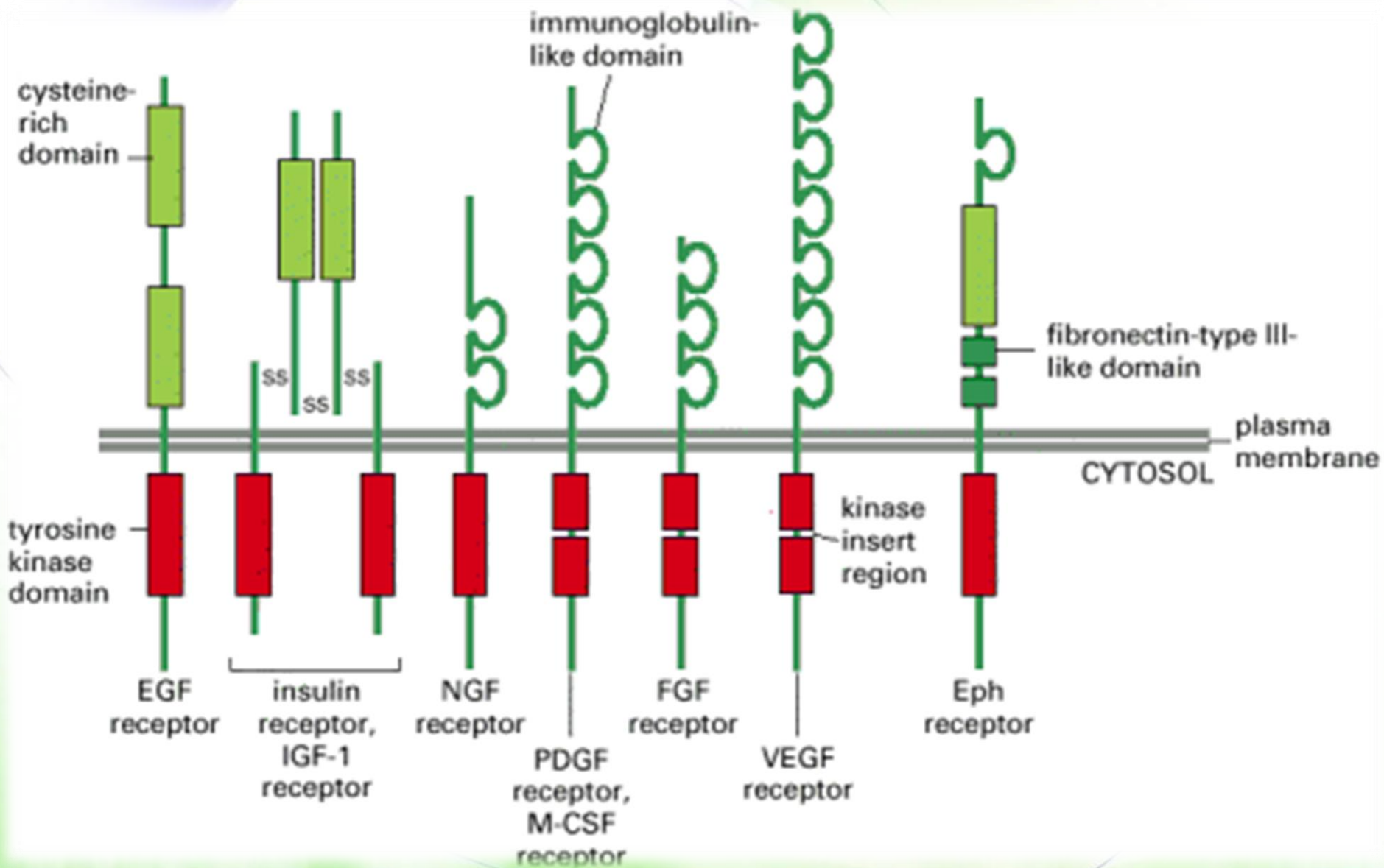


Signaling through Enzyme-Linked Cell-Surface Receptors

Enzyme-Linked Cell-Surface Receptors



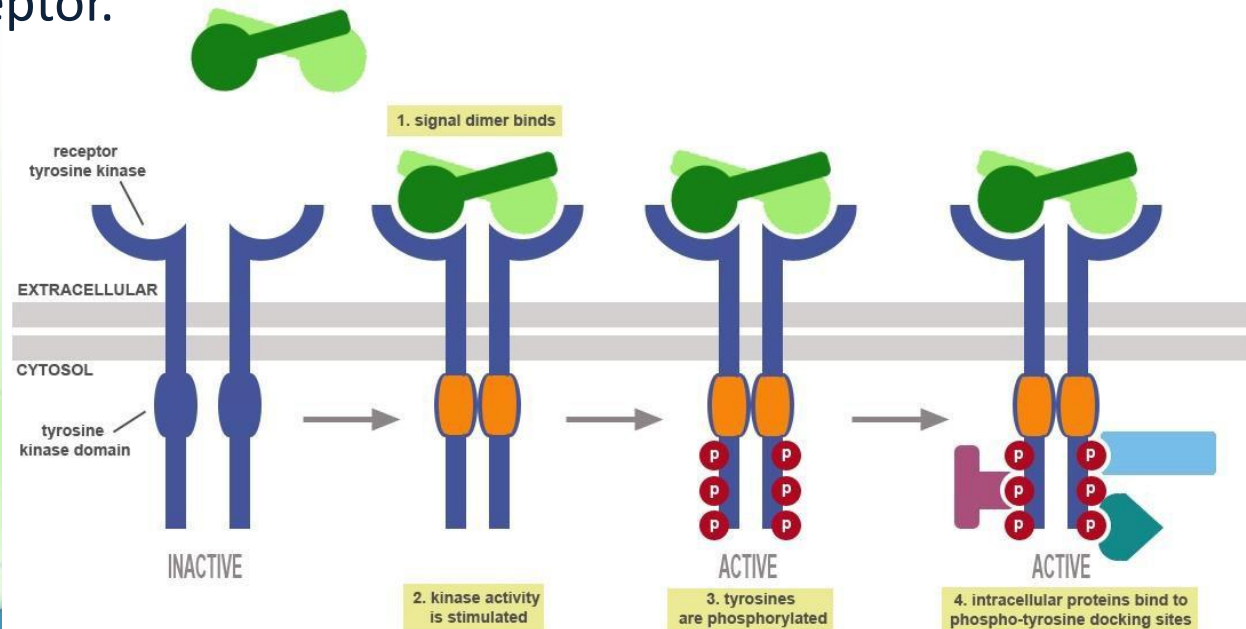
- Enzyme-linked receptors are a major type of cell-surface receptors that promote cell growth, proliferation, differentiation, or survival.
- Their ligands are often called growth factors, which act at very low concentrations (about 10^{-9} - 10^{-11} M).
- Receptors either mediate slower response (hours) that lead to changes in gene expression or faster responses (seconds) with effects on the cytoskeleton (cell movement and shape).



Receptor tyrosine kinases



- An example of enzyme-linked receptors is receptor tyrosine kinases.
- These receptors also contain an intracellular kinase domain that phosphorylates specific tyrosines on a small set of intracellular signaling proteins.
- The binding of a signal protein to the ligand-binding domain induces dimerization of the receptor and activates the intracellular tyrosine kinase domain that phosphorylates itself (autophosphorylation) and other intracellular signaling proteins that subsequently bind to the phosphorylated receptor.

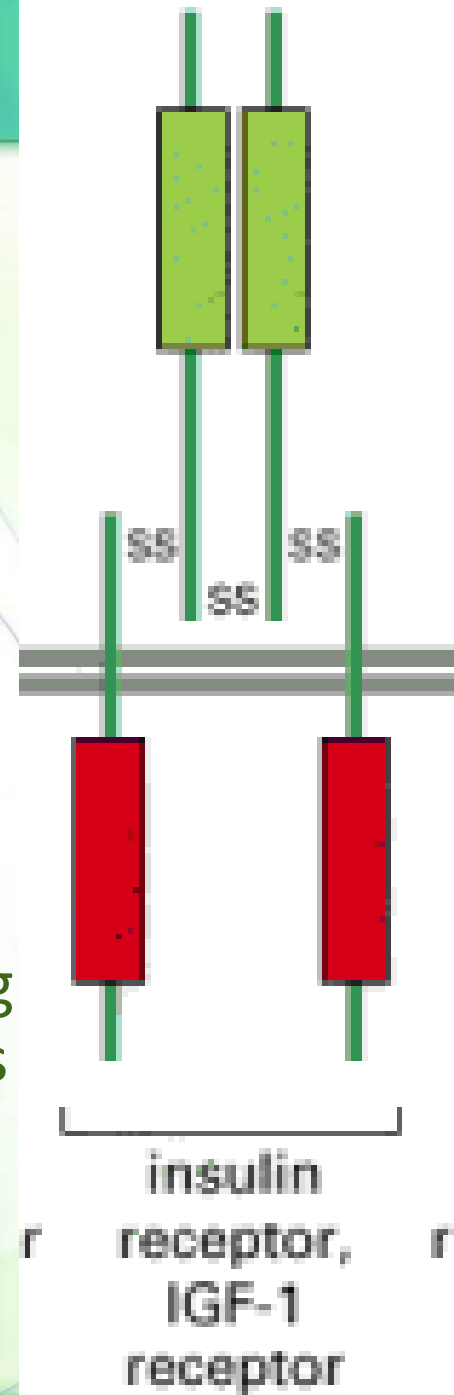




***An example:
insulin and IGF-1 receptor***

The mechanism of receptor activation

- The receptors are tetramers where, when bound to the ligand, the two kinase domains come close together, phosphorylate each other (autophosphorylation).
- Autophosphorylation activates signaling by:
 - First, phosphorylation of tyrosines within the kinase domain increases the kinase activity
 - Second, phosphorylation of tyrosines outside the kinase domain creates high-affinity binding sites for the binding of other signaling proteins such as
 - Insulin receptor substrate-1 (IRS-1)
 - Grb2



Insulin signaling pathways



- Insulin can initiate multiple signaling pathways resulting in:

- Immediate effects (minutes):

- an increase in the rate of glucose uptake from the blood into muscle cells and adipocytes.
- modulation of the activity of various enzymes involved in glucose metabolism.

These effects do not require new protein synthesis.

- Longer-lasting effects (hours):

- increased expression of enzymes that synthesize glycogen (liver) and triacylglycerols (adipocyte).

Insulin-activated signaling pathways

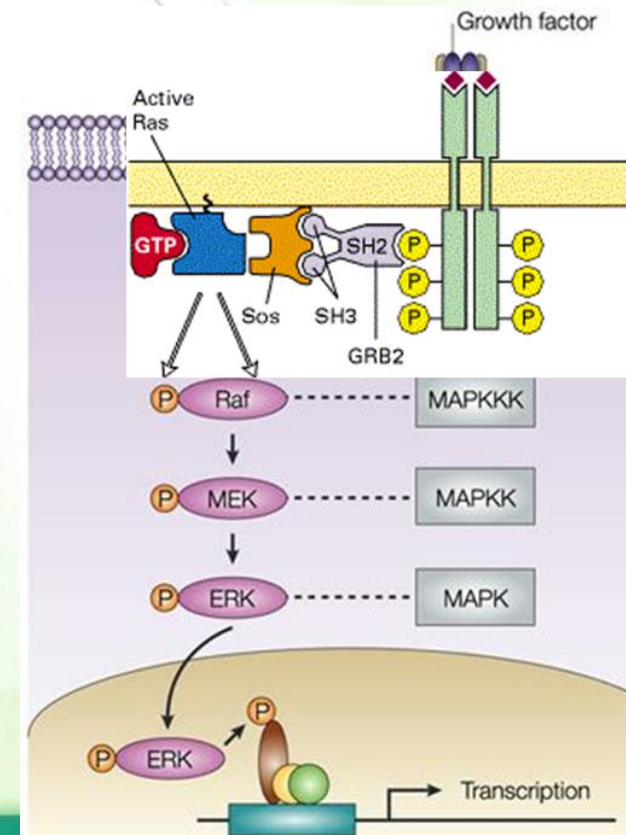
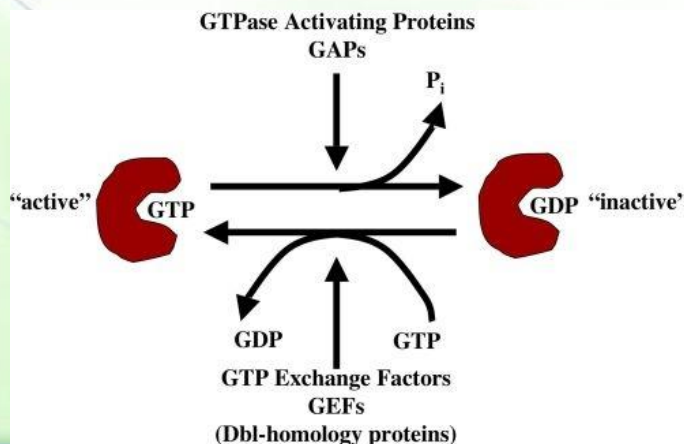


- Binding of insulin can initiate three distinct signaling pathways:
 - Ras-dependent pathway and
 - Ras-independent pathways
- Both depend on insulin receptor substrate 1 (IRS1).

Ras-Dependent Pathway

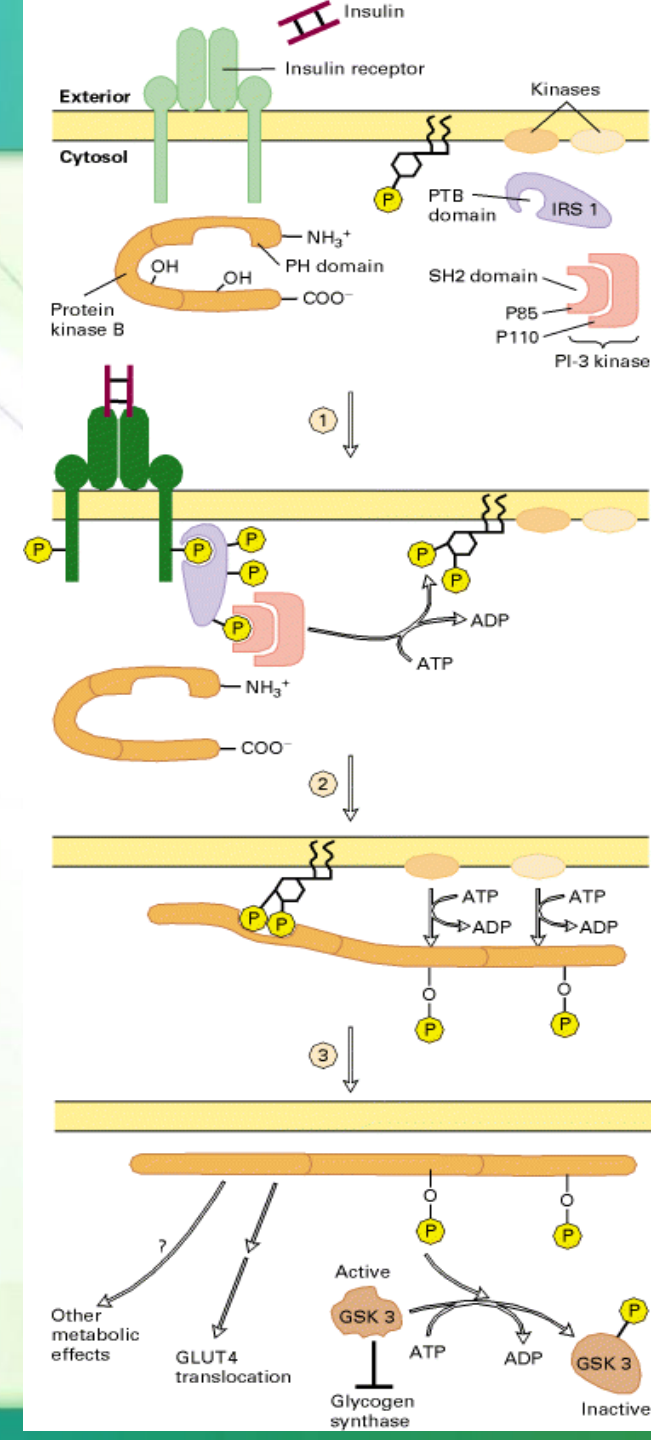


- IRS1 binds to the activated insulin receptor and is phosphorylated by the receptor's kinase
- Phosphorylated IRS1, not the activated insulin receptor, binds to Grb2, which binds to Sos protein.
- SOS is a GTP-exchange factor promoting exchange of GDP to GTP in Ras.
- GTP-Ras activates Raf (a kinase), which activates MAP kinase, which activates ERK.
- ERK can then be re-located into nucleus activating transcription factors.



Ras-independent Pathways

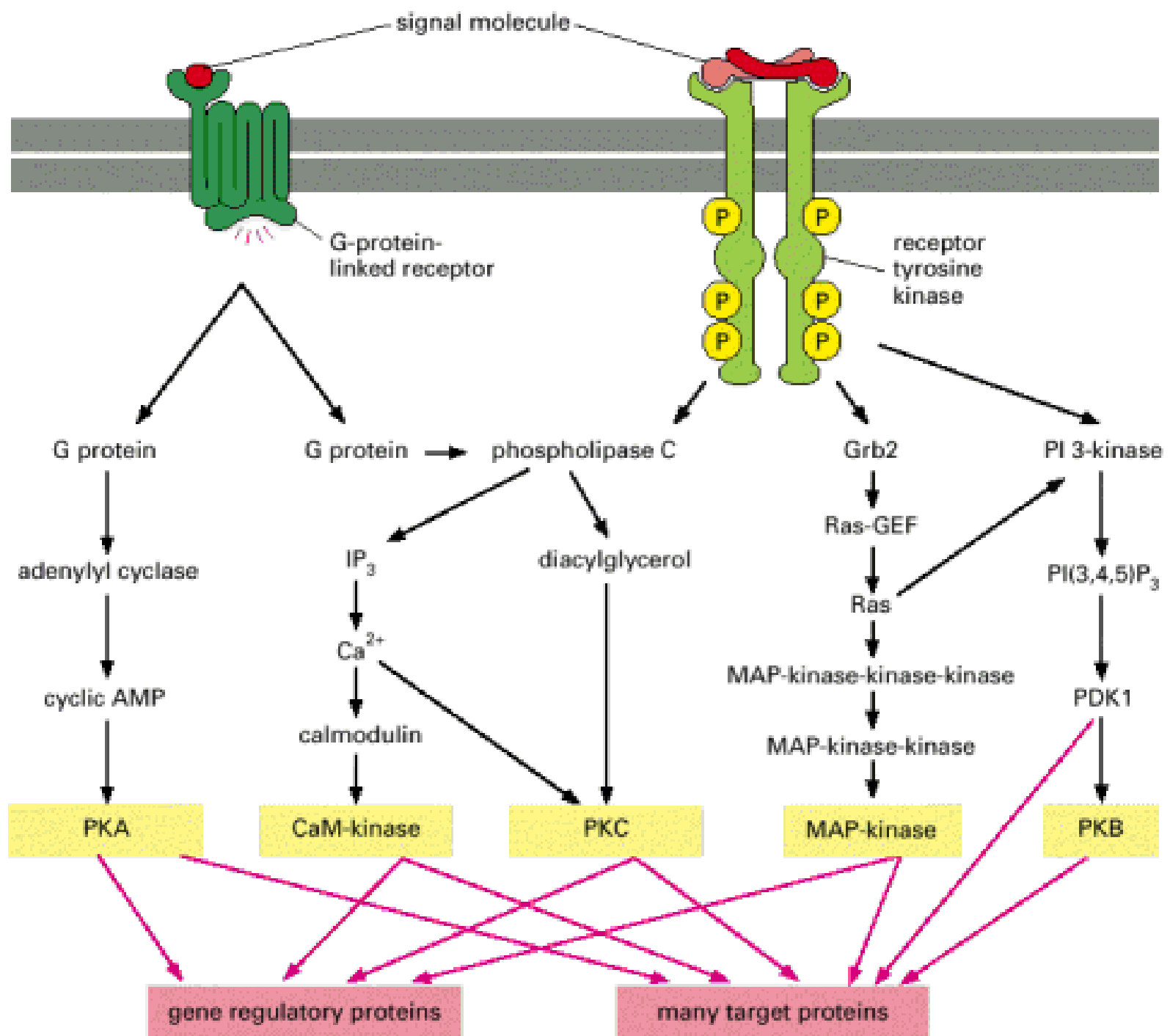
- Phosphorylated IRS1 also binds PI-3 kinase activating it resulting in production of phosphoinositides. This leads to recruitment of protein kinase B (PKB) to the membrane.
- PKB is phosphorylated by membrane-associated kinases.
- Phosphorylated (active) PKB is released into the cytosol mediating many effects of insulin such as stimulation of glucose uptake and glycogen synthesis.



Phospholipase C



- Similar to G-protein mediated signaling, insulin receptor can lead to the activation of phospholipase C



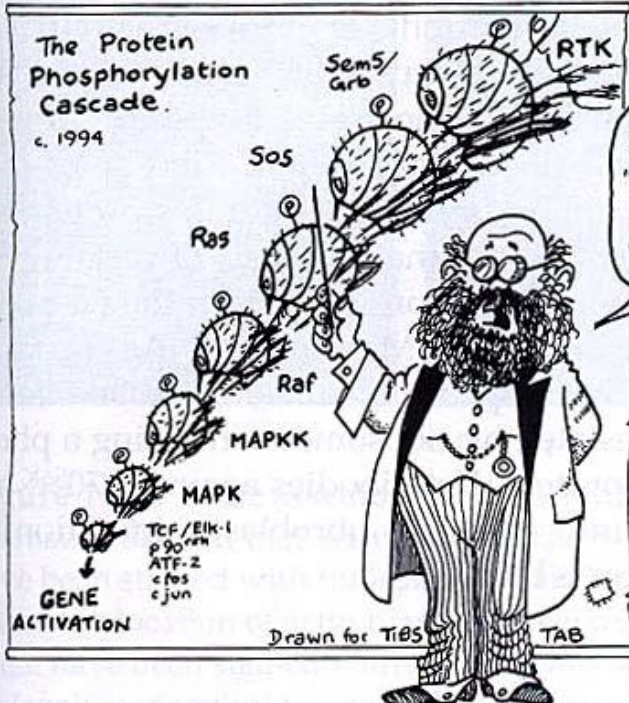
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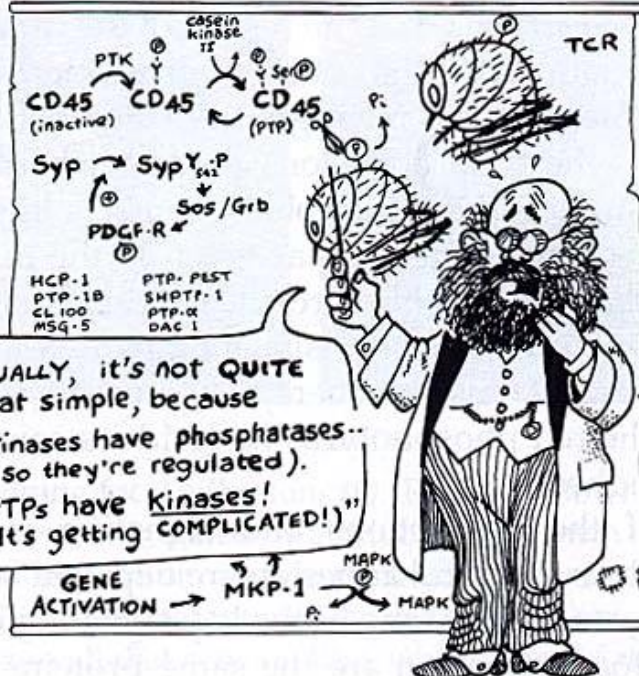
- Signals are terminated by phosphatases.

The Protein Phosphorylation Cascade.

c. 1994



OK, CLASS!
Pay attention!
It's quite simple!
"Kinases have kinases
upon their backs to bite 'em!
Kinase Kinases have kinases--
and so-- ad infinitum?!"



Er - ACTUALLY, it's not QUITE
that simple, because
"Some kinases have phosphatases--
(so they're regulated).
And PTPs have Kinases!
(It's getting COMPLICATED!)"

"And phosphotyrosines will bind
to SH-2 domains!
Whilst proline strings bind SH-3!
... and round we go again.
Some activated proteins shift
from cytosol to membrane,
Whilst some enter the nucleus--
(I've got a pain in my brain!)"

This is the fourth one we've
brought in like this since the
TiBS Special Issue on Protein
Phosphorylation, George!
Do you think there might be a
link?!

