

# Homework 3

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Synaptic signaling	A. A telephone conversation
Paracrine:	B. Talking to people at a cocktail party
Endocrine:	C. A radio announcement
Autocrine:	D. Talking to yourself

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A: No essential.

B: Mutants with total loss of PKA can still obtain wild type PKA through wild type strain in the hybrid, therefore mutants with total loss of PKA is recessive mutant PKA regulatory subunits need higher concentration of cAMP to be activated, even though it fuse with wild type strain these mutant PKA regulatory subunits still exist. therefore these mutants are dominant.

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PDK-activated Akt directly or indirectly caused the phosphorylation of Akt on S473.

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This is due to different receptors recognize different cargoes. Different adaptor proteins bind to different receptors and then recruit clathrin to assemble different vesicles. This whole process is also facilitated by the membrane PI phosphorylation status which could be recognized by small GTPase, allowing precise assembly and targeting of the vesicles. Even though they share the same coating protein, the effector proteins and local environment are all different.

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- Serves as a timer for protein degradation;
- Keep cells in distance, prevent aggregation;
- Play roles in cellular signaling.

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Using a GFP tag or other fluorescence probes track the movement of proteins in cells. Proteins vary types of modifications of maturation patterns. Different processing will take different enzymes to work on the cargo proteins, which result in different time to take.

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At neutral pH, the Fe ion can be recognized by the transferrin and bind to it, this is followed by the recognition of Fe-

transferrin receptor on the cell surface. This is followed by the endocytosis. At the endosomes, pH became lower, Fe will dissociate from transferrin, but the transferrin will remain in a complex with transferrin receptors. This complex will then be recycled back to the plasma membrane for exocytosis, transferrin will then dissociate with the receptors at neutral pH. Finally, Fe is taken into cells for use.

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May be:

- The point mutation causes blockage of secretory vesicles to fuse with the plasma membrane.
- The mutation causes the failure of antitrypsin to be assembled into secretory vesicle.
- This mutation may cause antitrypsin vesicle to failed targeted into the golgin apparatus.

Tagging antitrypsin mutant with GFP and observe its route in vesicle traffic.

Reference from Key.