

Figure 1. Transmembrane protein tyopology. Proteins c an be arranged with varioud orientations in the plasma membrane. Both N-terminus and the C-terminus can be either inside or outside the cell. Proteins can be single pass, meaning that they contain a single transmembrane segment and pass the membrane once, or multipass, meaning that they contain multiple transmembrane sequences and span the membrane more than one time. Single Pass proteins may further be characterized as Type 1 proteins or Type II proteins based on their orientation in the membrane. In this figure, the multipass proteins were drawn with 3,4 or 5 transmembrane segments, but within cells, mutipass proteins may span the membrane various numbers of times. In the cell lines used in this experiment, the N terminal end is tagged with the 6xHis epitope (blue) and the C terminal end is tagged with the FLAG epitope (orange).