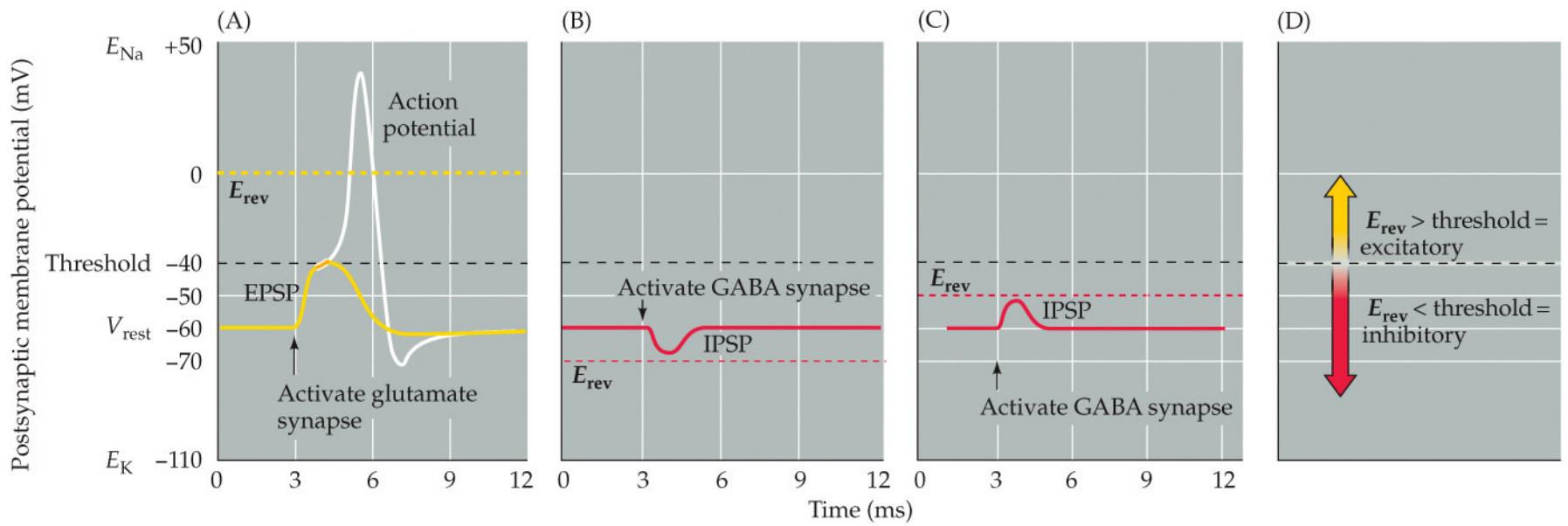


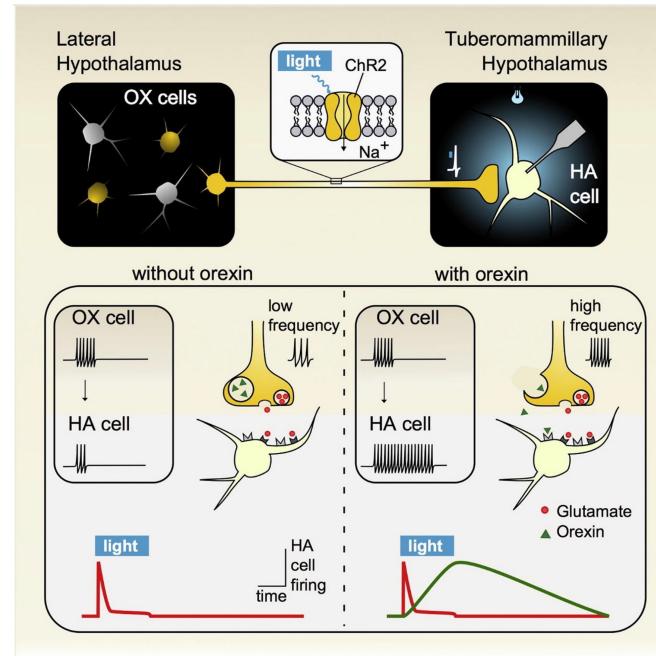
Reversal potentials and threshold potentials determine postsynaptic excitation and inhibition



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Formal criteria have been established to definitively identify a substance as a neurotransmitter. These criteria have led to the identification of more than 100 different neurotransmitters, which can be classified into two broad categories: small-molecule neurotransmitters, such as ACh, and neuropeptides (see Chapter 6). Having more than one transmitter diversifies the physiological repertoire of synapses. Multiple neurotransmitters can produce different types of responses on individual postsynaptic cells. For example, a neuron can be excited by one type of neurotransmitter and inhibited by another type of neurotransmitter. The speed of postsynaptic responses produced by different transmitters also differs, allowing control of electrical signaling over different timescales. In general, small-molecule neurotransmitters mediate rapid synaptic actions, whereas neuropeptides tend to modulate slower, ongoing neuronal functions. In some cases, neurons synthesize and release two or more different neurotransmitters; in this case, the molecules are called **co-transmitters**. Co-transmitters can be differentially released according to the pattern of synaptic activity, so that the signaling properties of such synapses change dynamically according to the rate of activity.



From: General Principles of Neuronal Co-transmission: Insights From Multiple Model Systems
By Erik Svensson et al. 2019

Amino acid sequences of neuropeptides

(A) Brain-gut peptides



(B) Opioid peptides



Amino acid properties

- Hydrophobic
- Polar, uncharged
- Acidic
- Basic

(C) Pituitary peptides



(D) Hypothalamic-releasing peptides



(E) Miscellaneous peptides



Endogenous Opioid Peptides

TABLE 6.2 ■ Endogenous Opioid Peptides

Name	Amino acid sequence ^a
Endorphins	
α-Endorphin	<i>Tyr-Gly-Gly-Phe-Met-Thr-Ser-Glu-Lys-</i> Ser-Gln-Thr-Pro-Leu-Val-Thr
α-Neoendorphin	<i>Tyr-Gly-Gly-Phe-Leu-Arg-Lys-Tyr-Pro-</i> Lys
β-Endorphin	<i>Tyr-Gly-Gly-Phe-Met-Thr-Ser-Glu-Lys-</i> Ser-Gln-Thr-Pro-Leu-Val-Thr-Leu- Phe-Lys-Asn-Ala-Ile-Val-Lys-Asn- Ala-His-Lys-Gly-Gln
γ-Endorphin	<i>Tyr-Gly-Gly-Phe-Met-Thr-Ser-Glu-Lys-</i> Ser-Gln-Thr-Pro-Leu-Val-Thr-Leu
Enkephalins	
Leu-enkephalin	<i>Tyr-Gly-Gly-Phe-Leu</i>
Met-enkephalin	<i>Tyr-Gly-Gly-Phe-Met</i>
Dynorphins	
Dynorphin A	<i>Tyr-Gly-Gly-Phe-Leu-Arg-Arg-Ile-Arg-</i> Pro-Lys-Leu-Lys-Trp-Asp-Asn-Gln
Dynorphin B	<i>Tyr-Gly-Gly-Phe-Leu-Arg-Arg-Gln-</i> Phe-Lys-Val-Val-Thr

^aNote the initial homology, indicated by italics.

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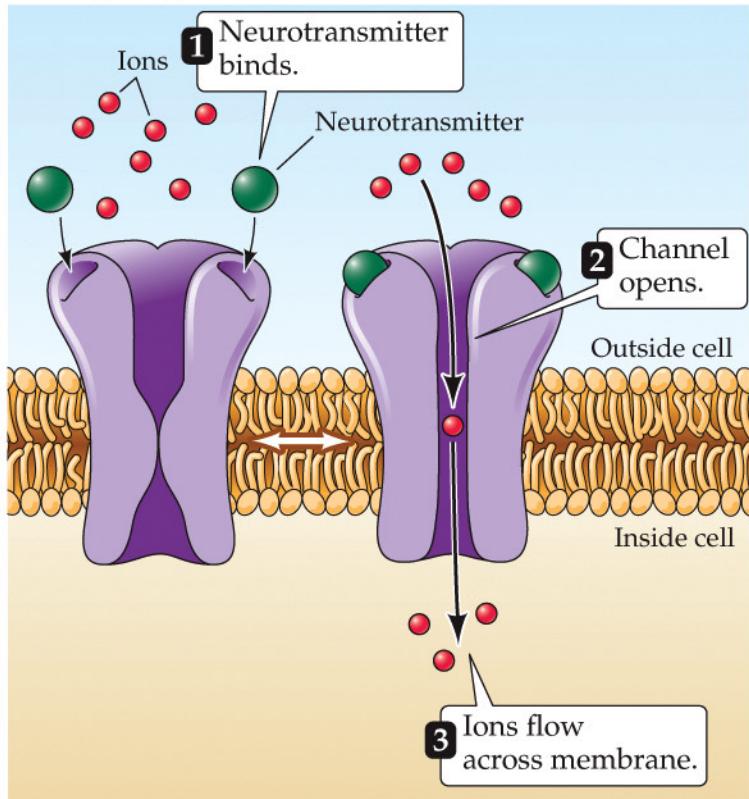
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Two different types of neurotransmitter receptors

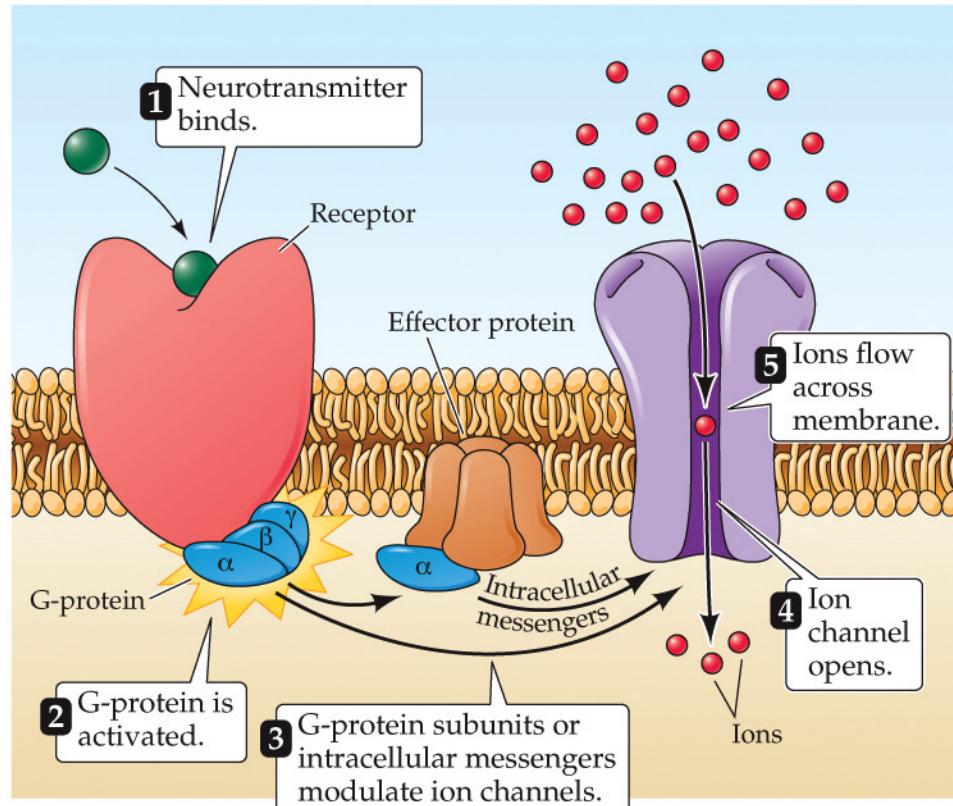
Fast

(A) Ligand-gated ion channels



Slow

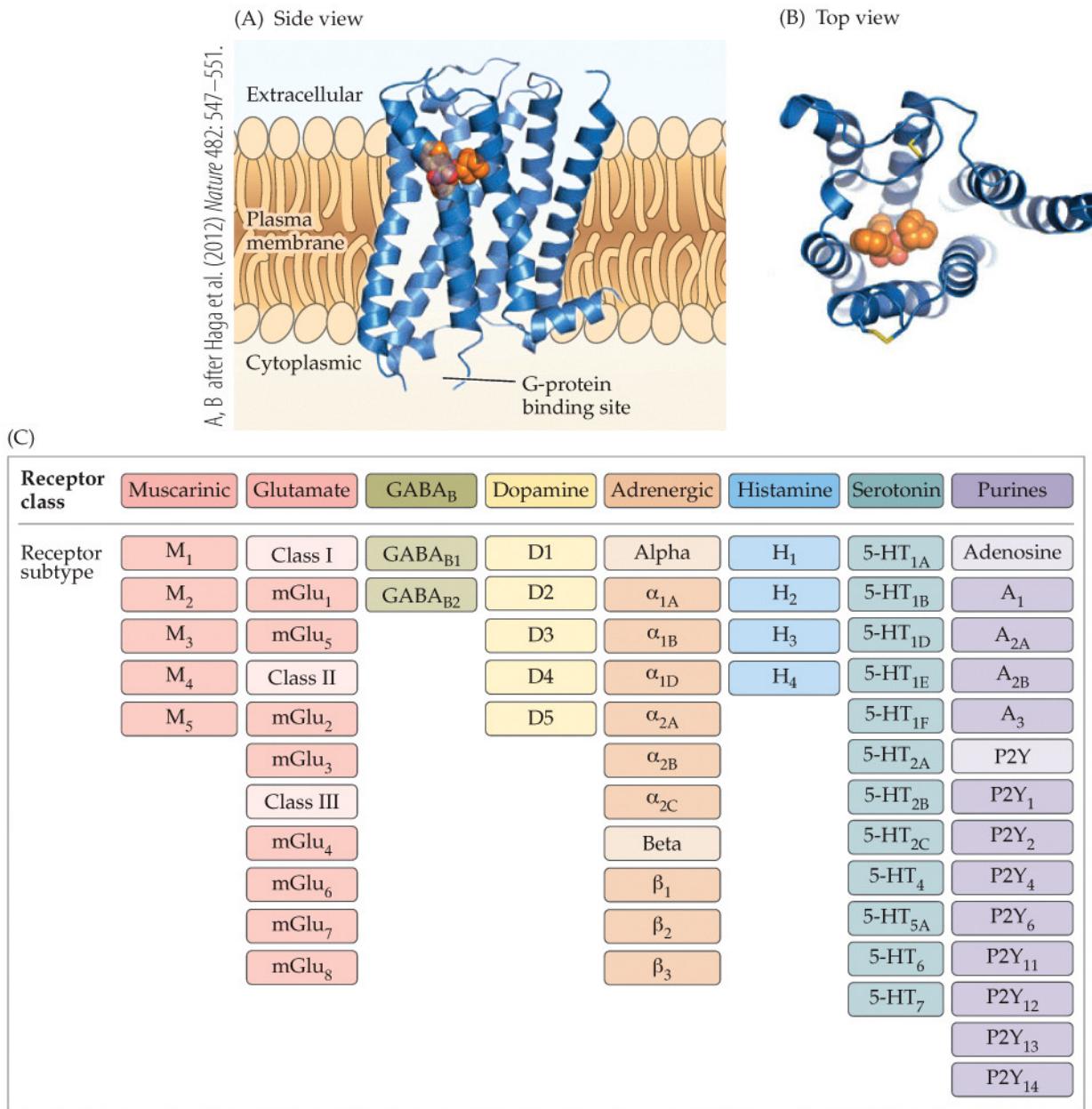
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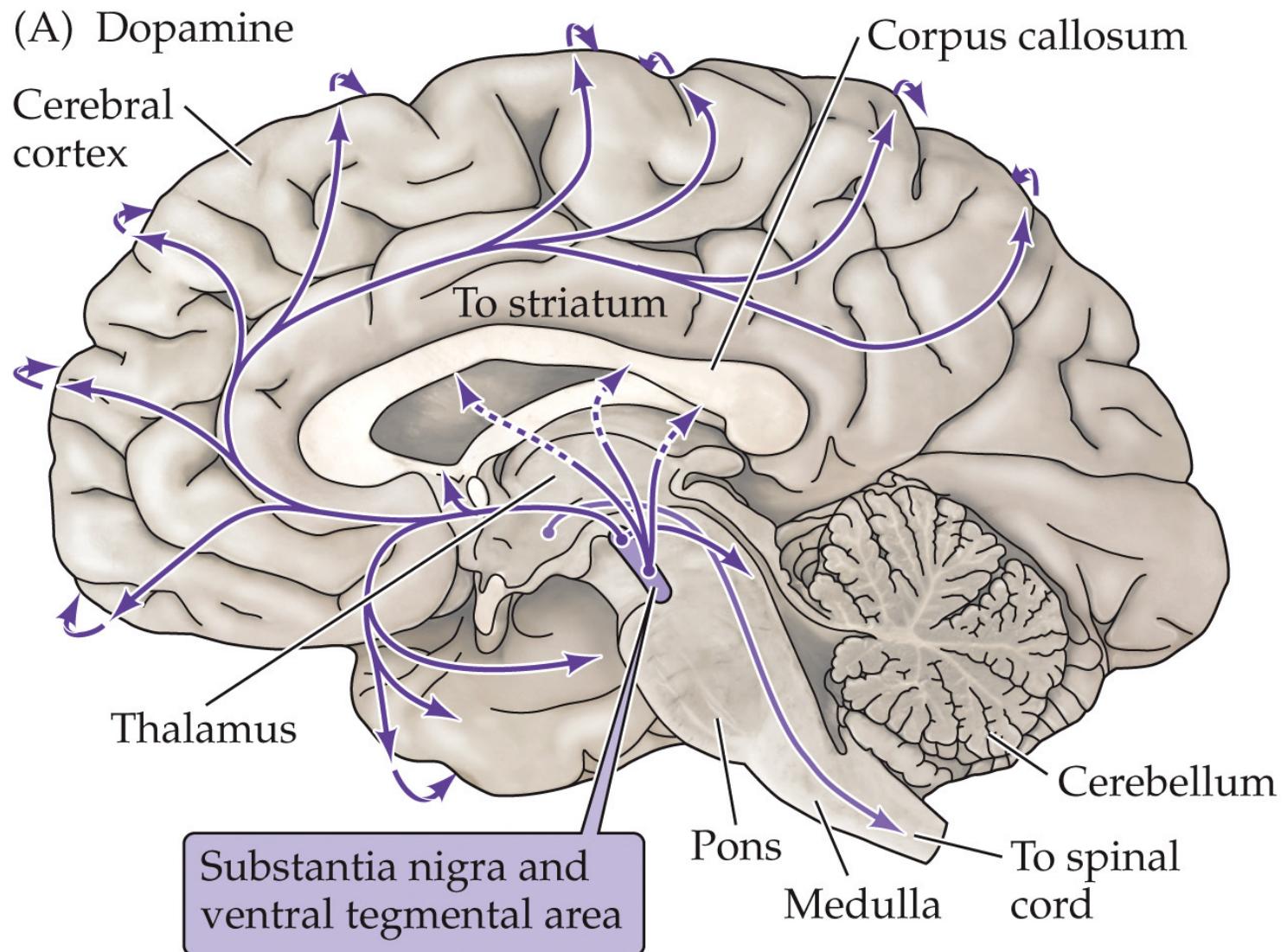
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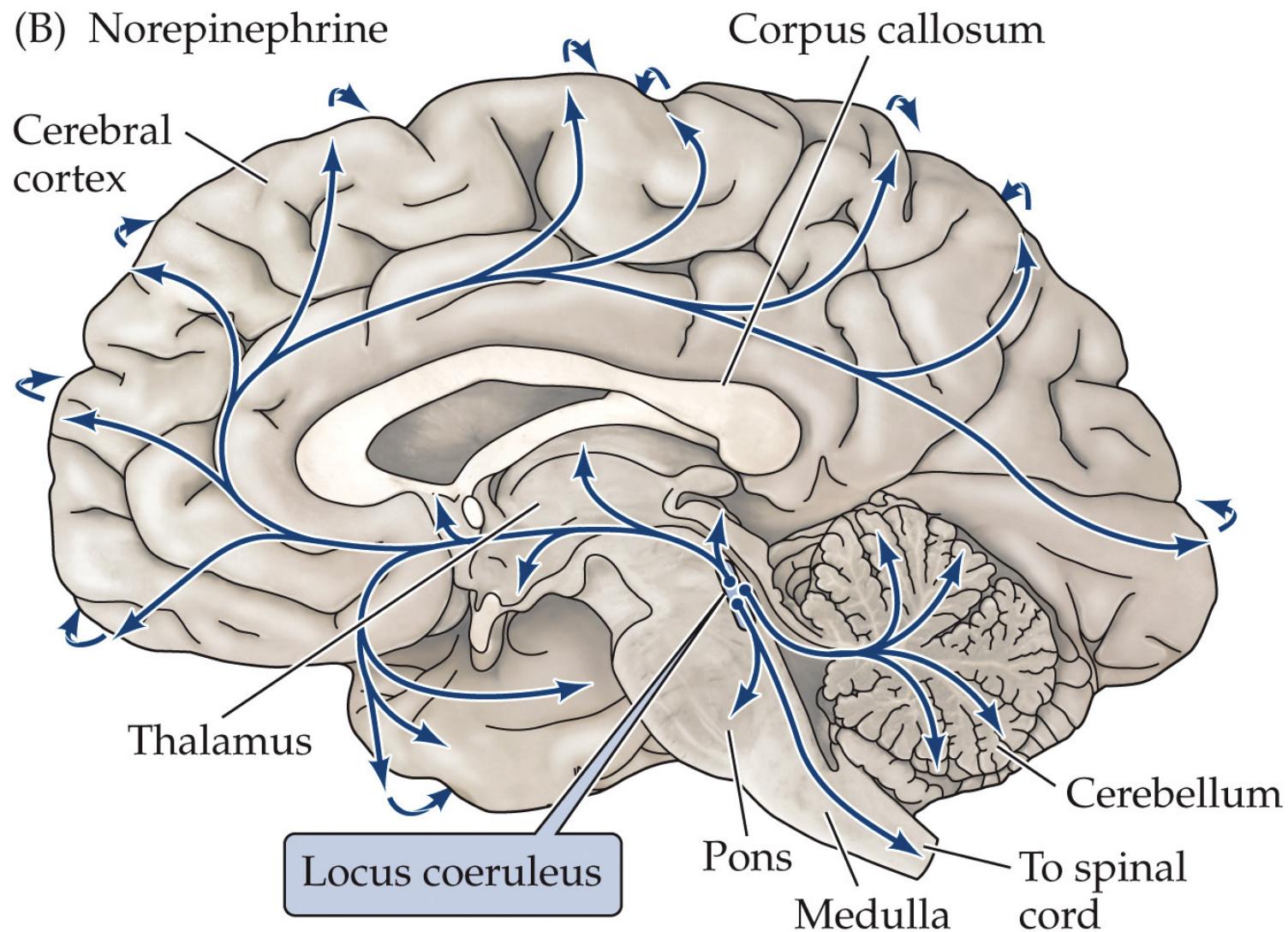
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The distribution of dopamine in the human brain

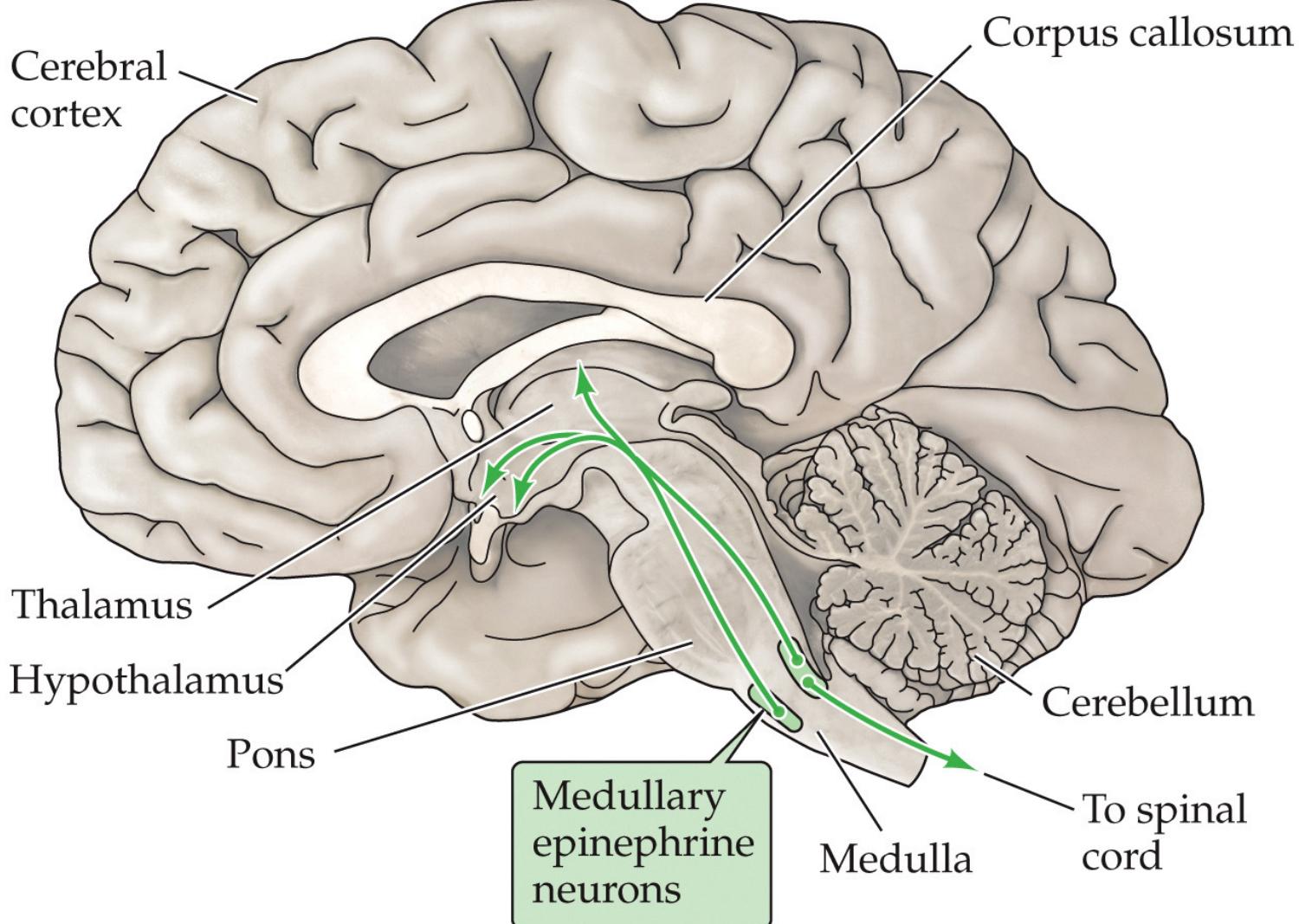


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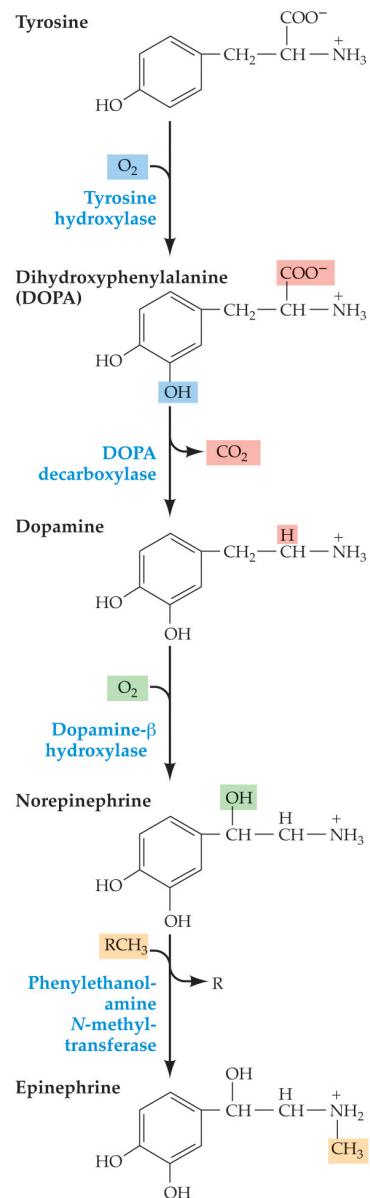


The distribution of adrenaline in the human brain

(C) Epinephrine

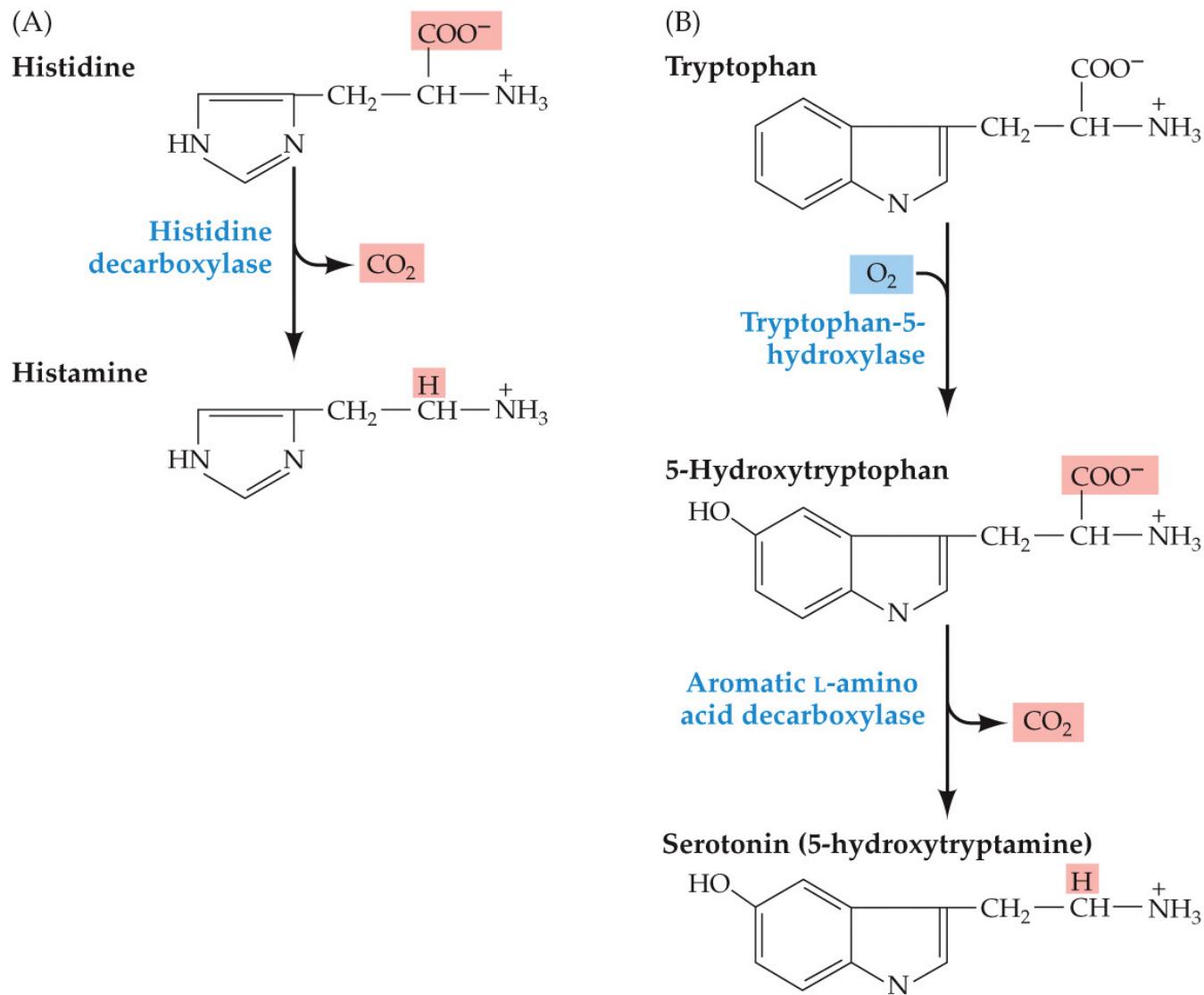


The biosynthetic pathway for the catecholamine neurotransmitters



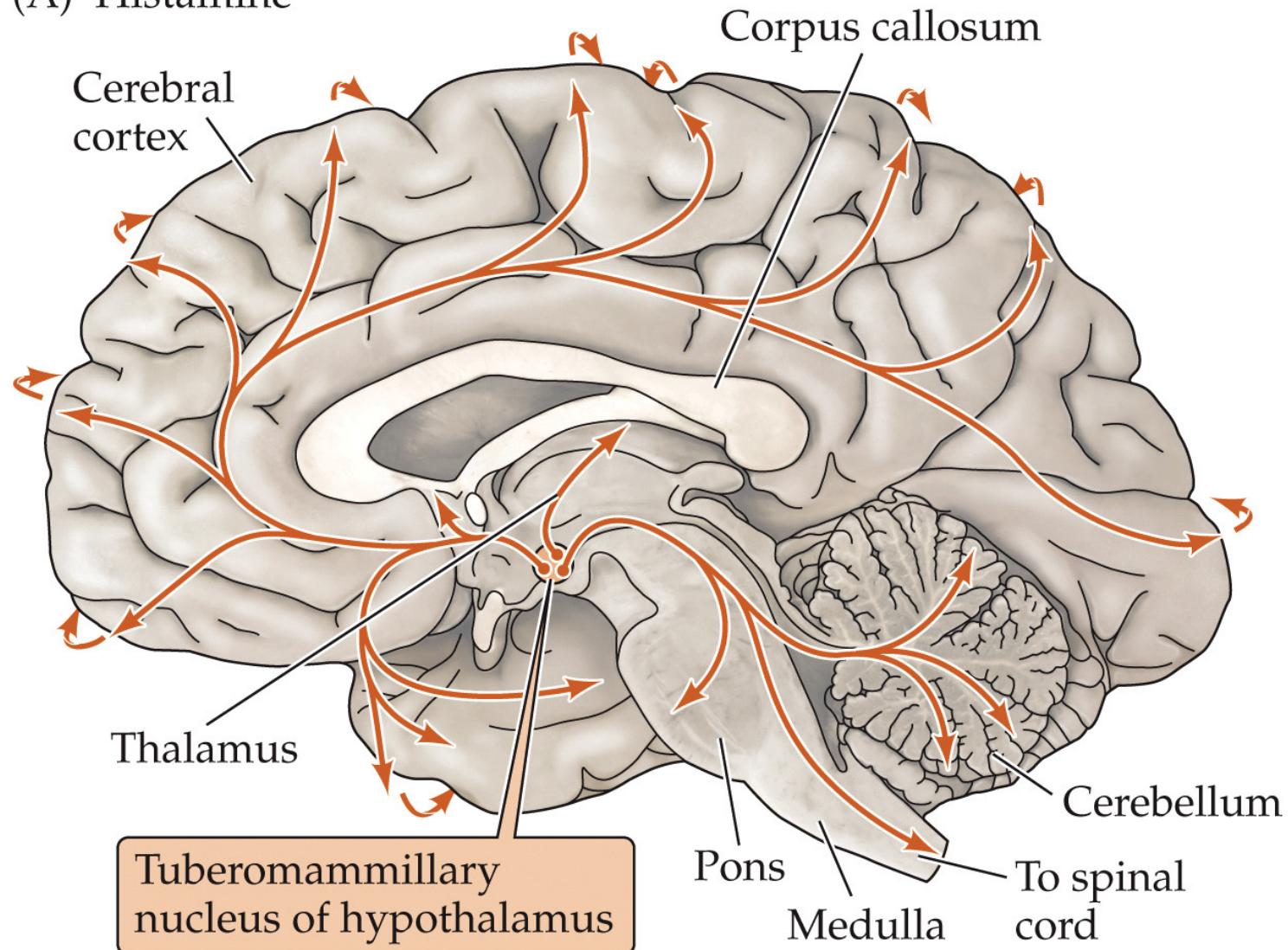
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Synthesis of histamine and serotonin



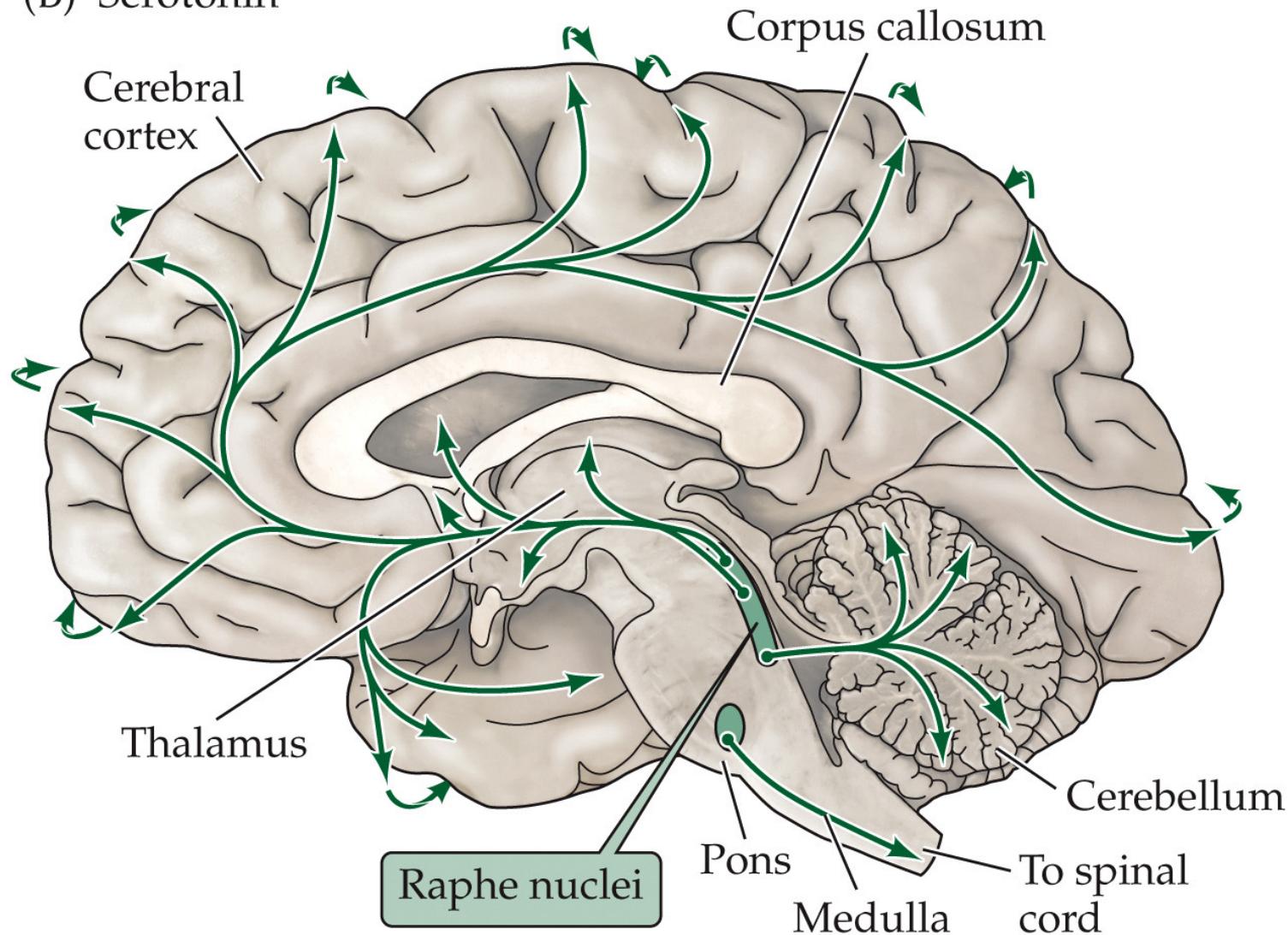
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(A) Histamine

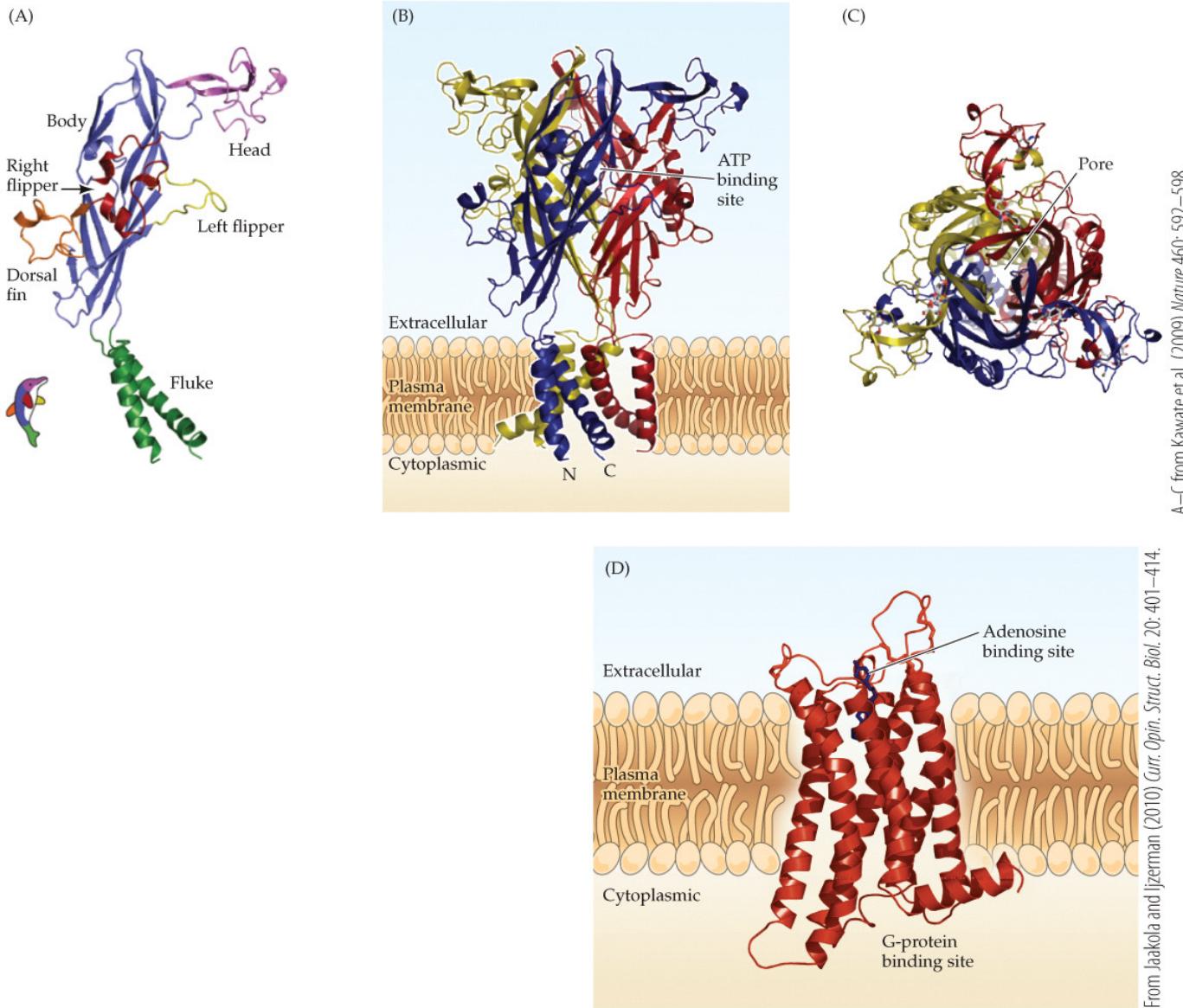


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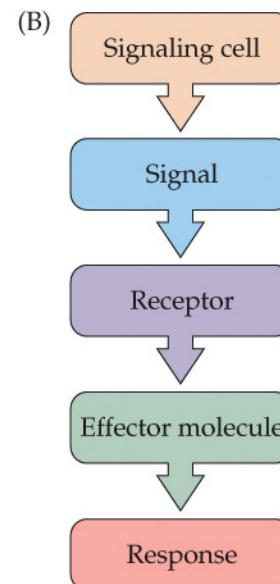
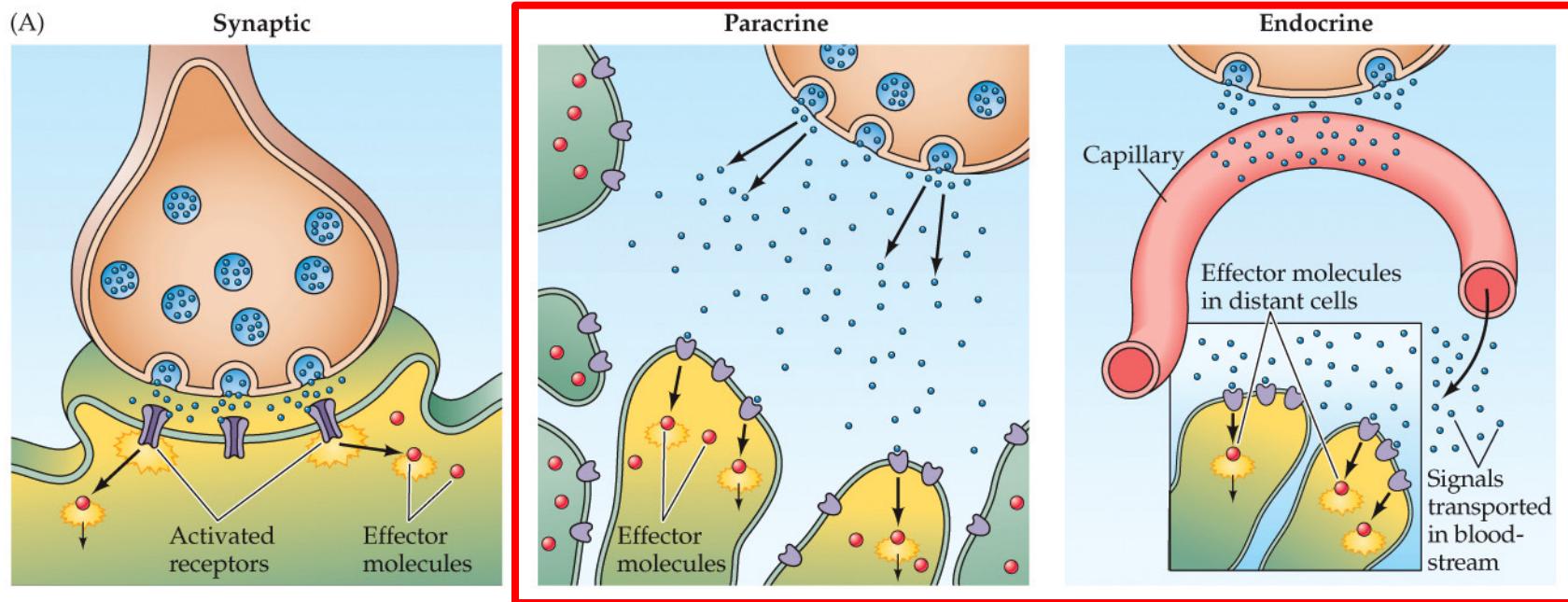
(B) Serotonin



Purinergic receptors



Chemical signaling



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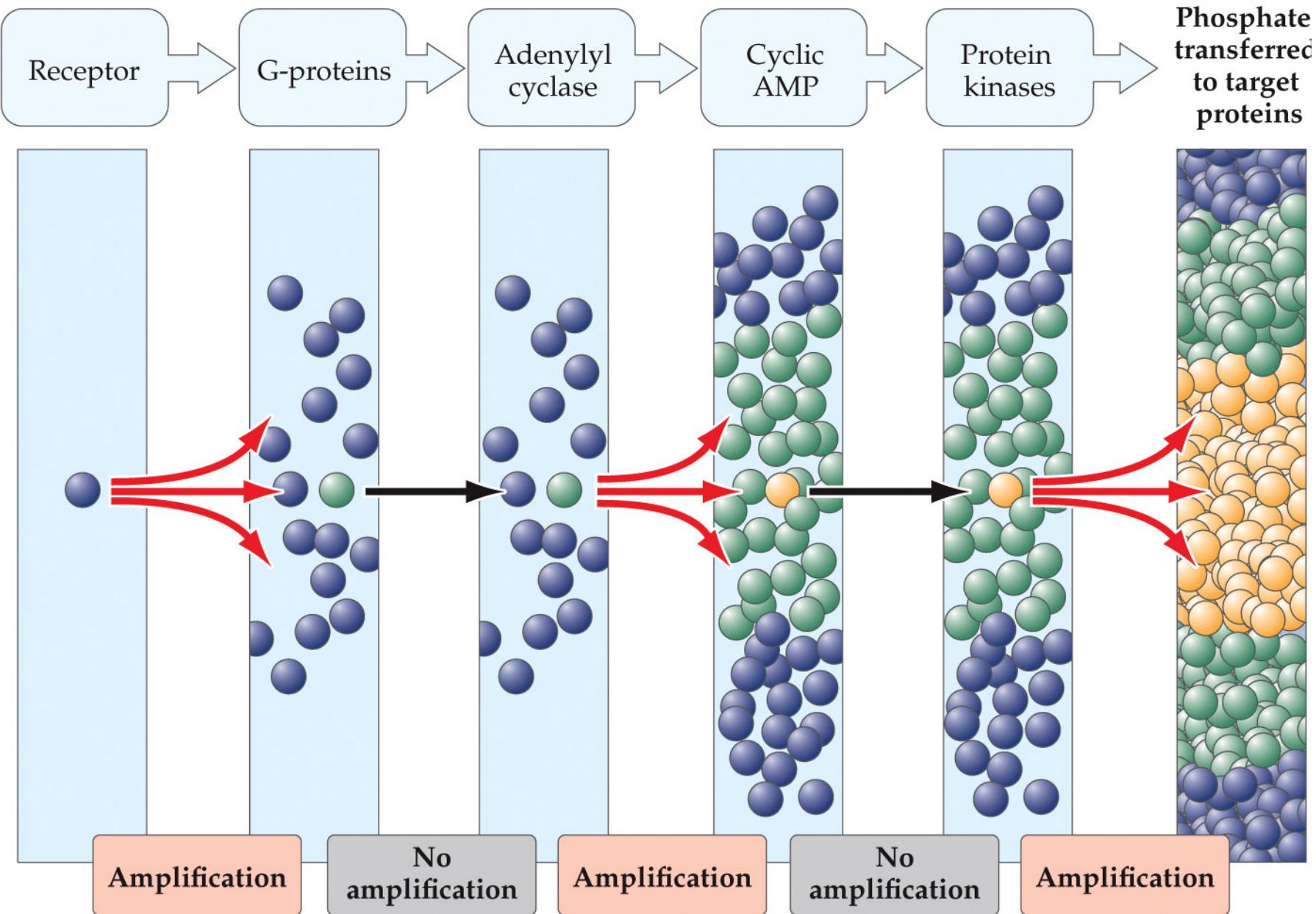
Neurotransmitter

Ionotropic or Metabotropic

Ions or 2nd Messenger
Pathway

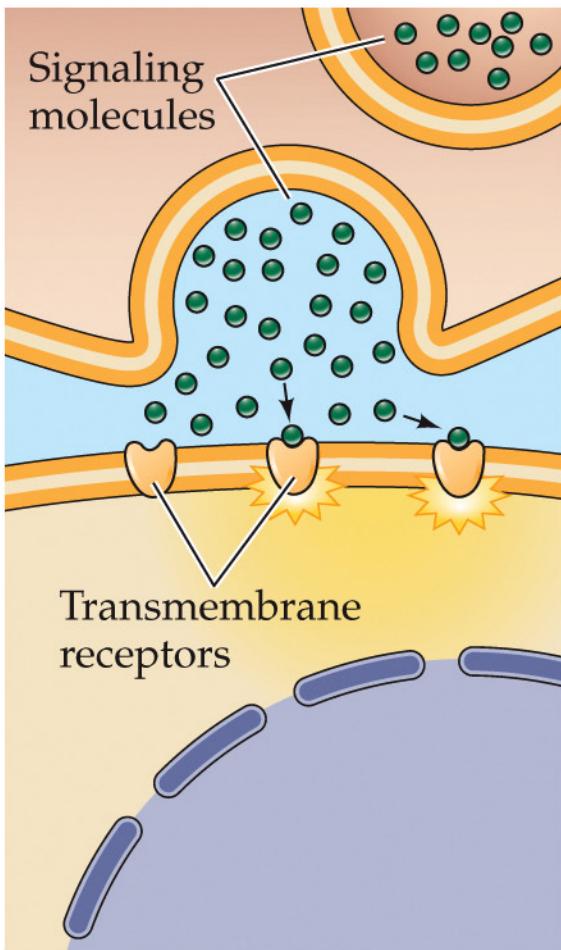
Simple or Complex

Amplification in signal transduction pathways

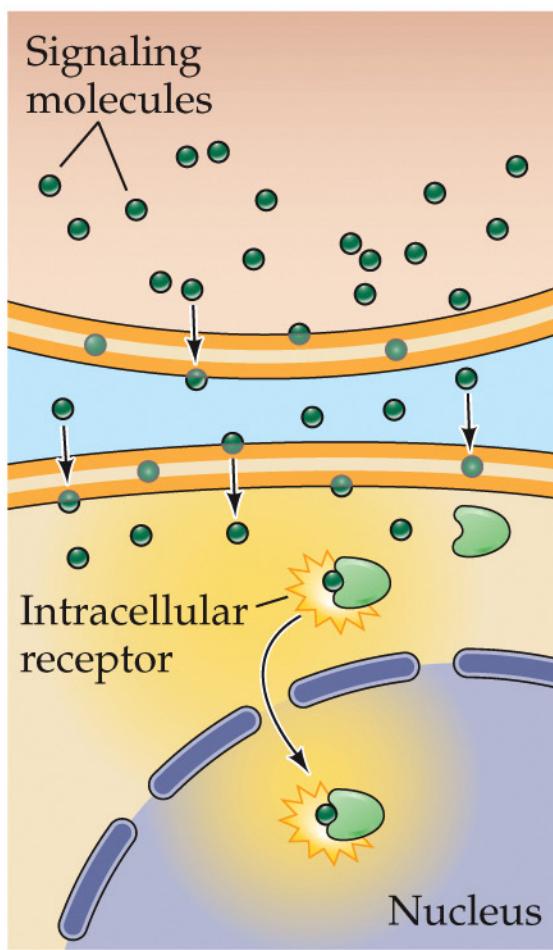


Three classes of cell signaling molecules

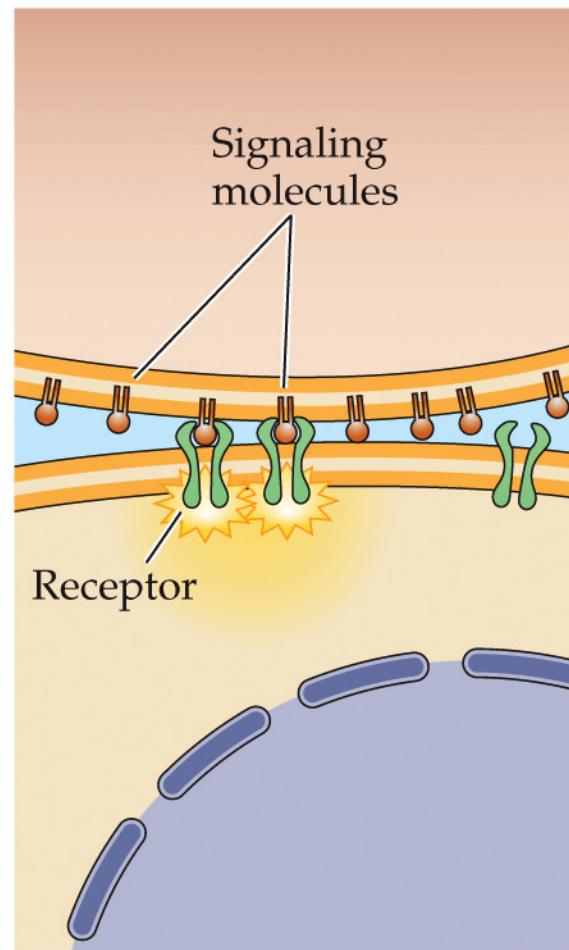
(A) Cell-impermeant molecules



(B) Cell-permeant molecules

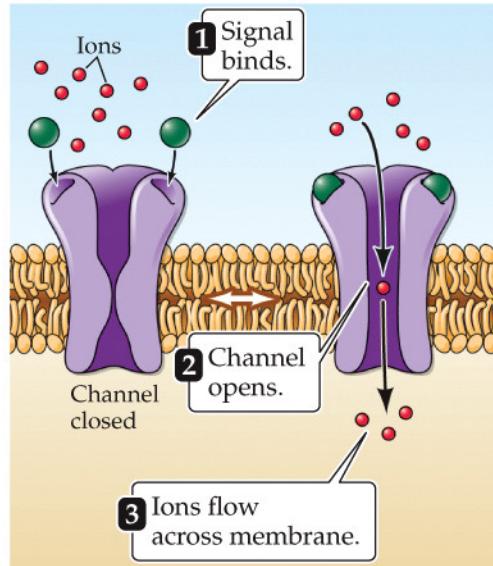


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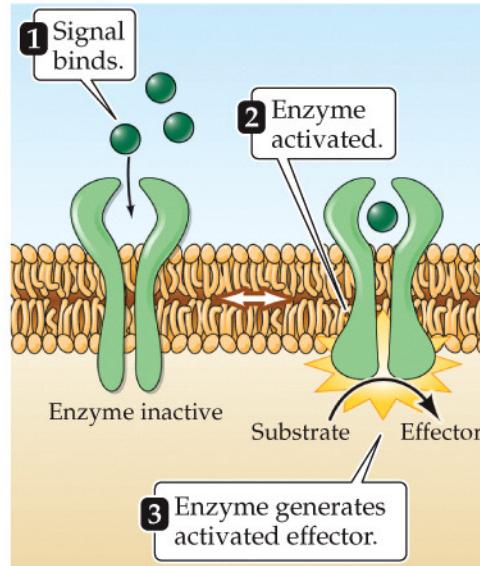


Categories of cellular receptors

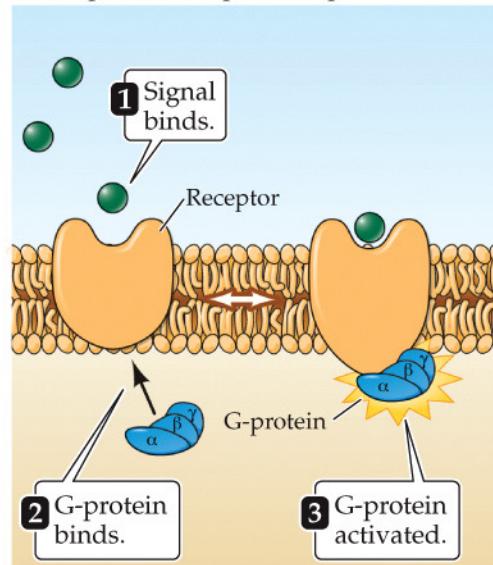
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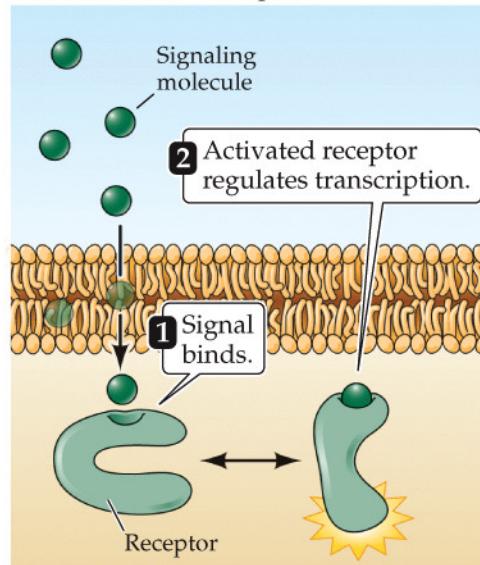
(B) Enzyme-linked receptors



(C) G-protein-coupled receptors

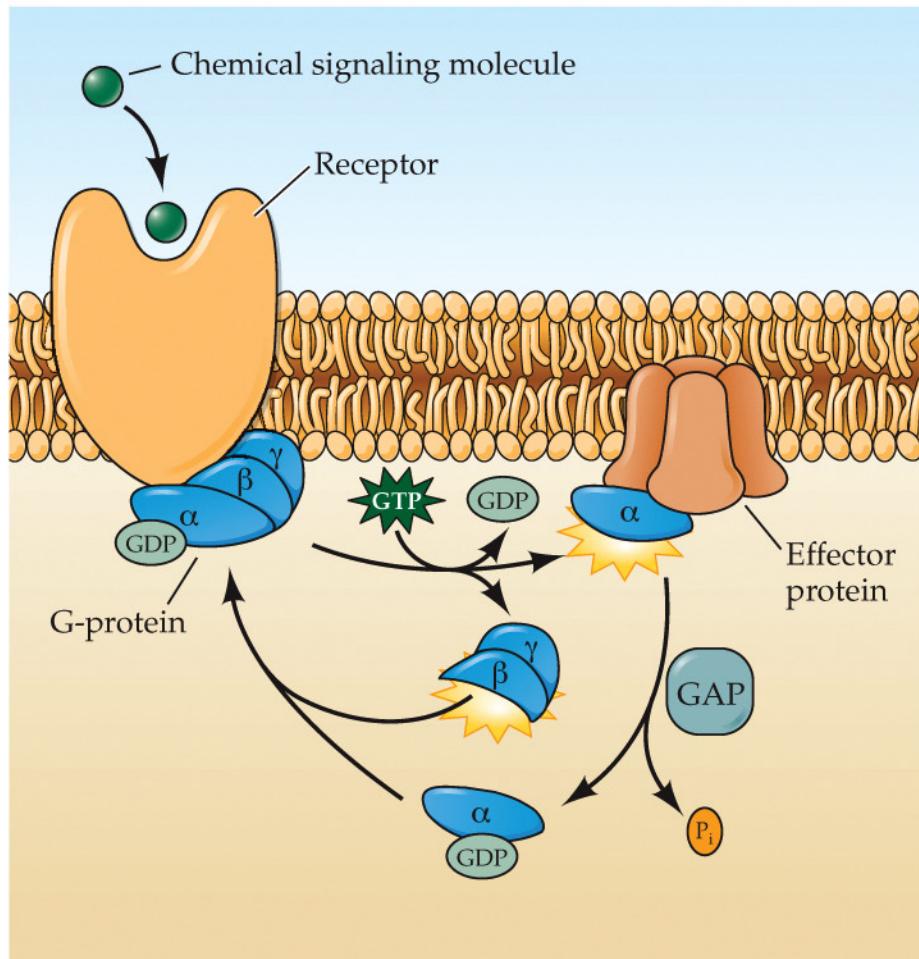


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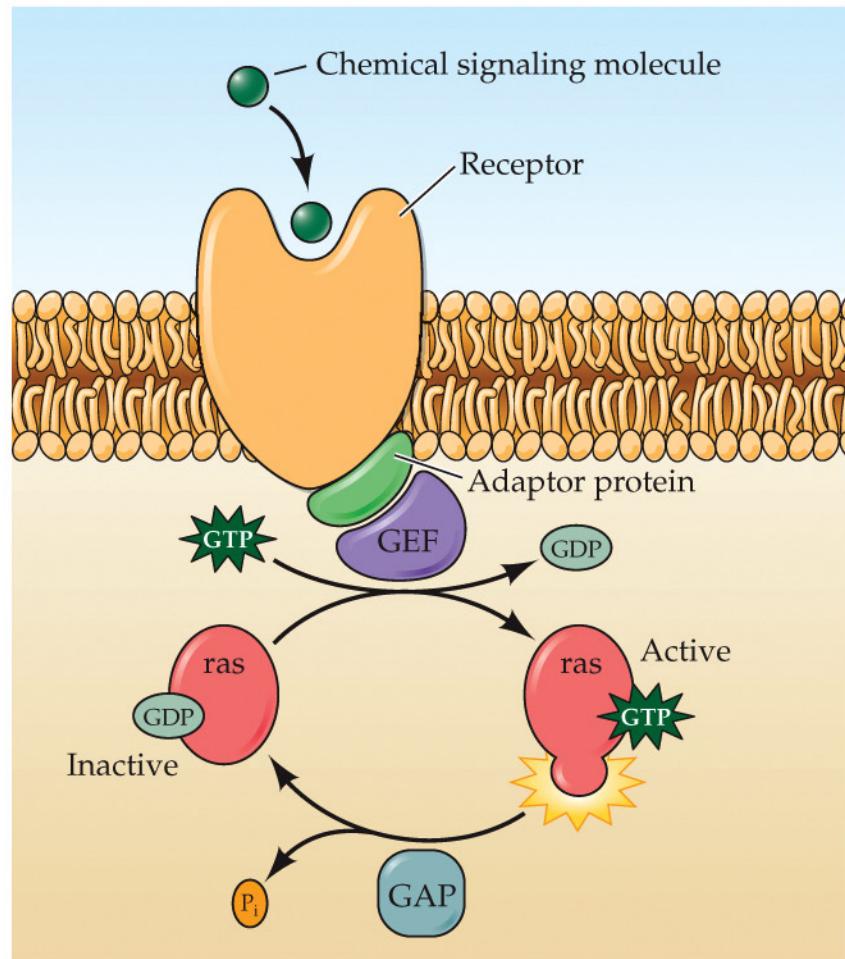


Types of GTP-binding proteins

(A) Heterotrimeric G-proteins

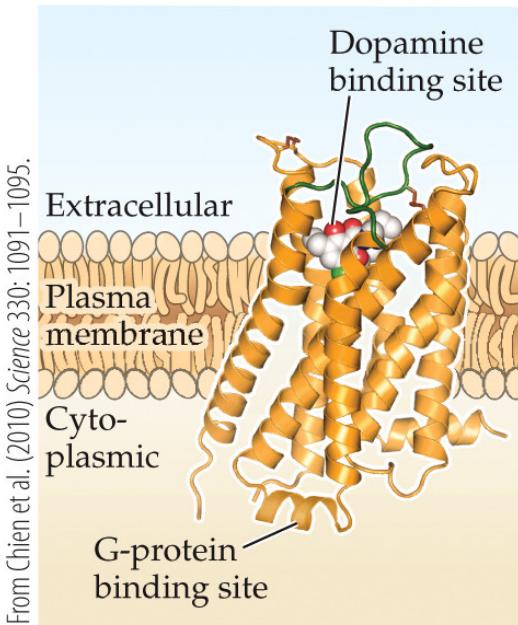


(B) Monomeric G-proteins

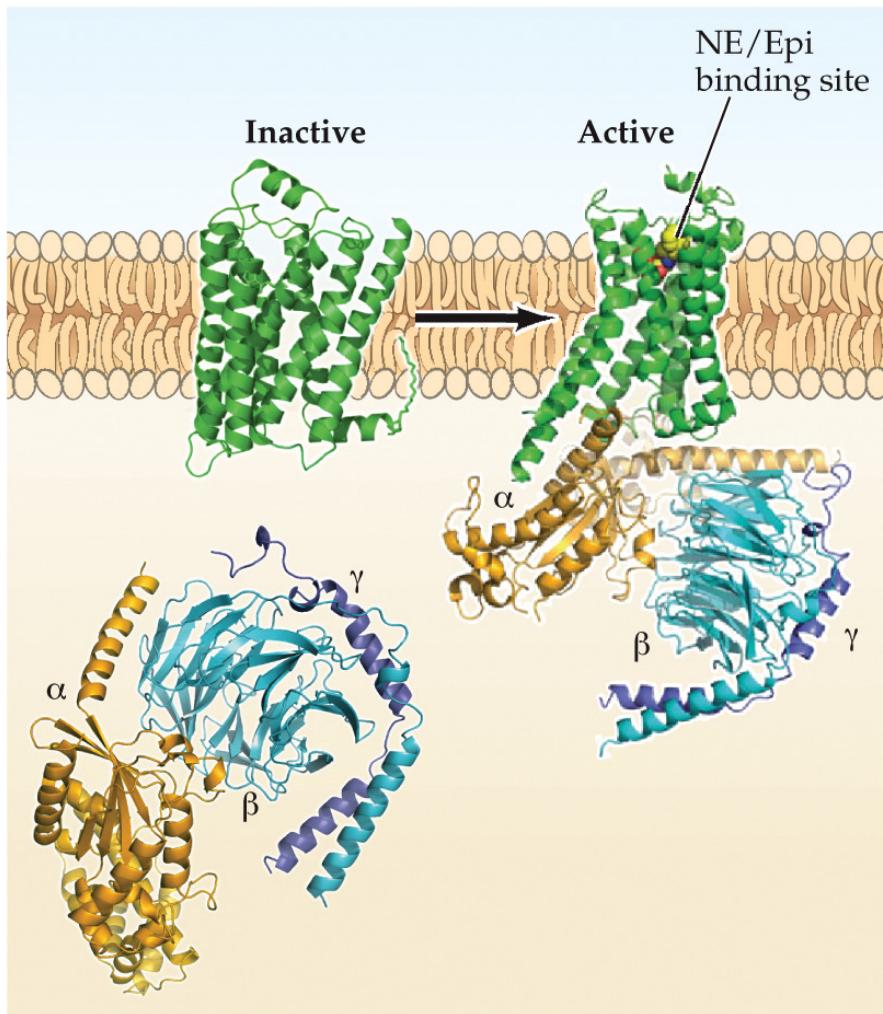


Metabotropic receptors for catecholamine neurotransmitters

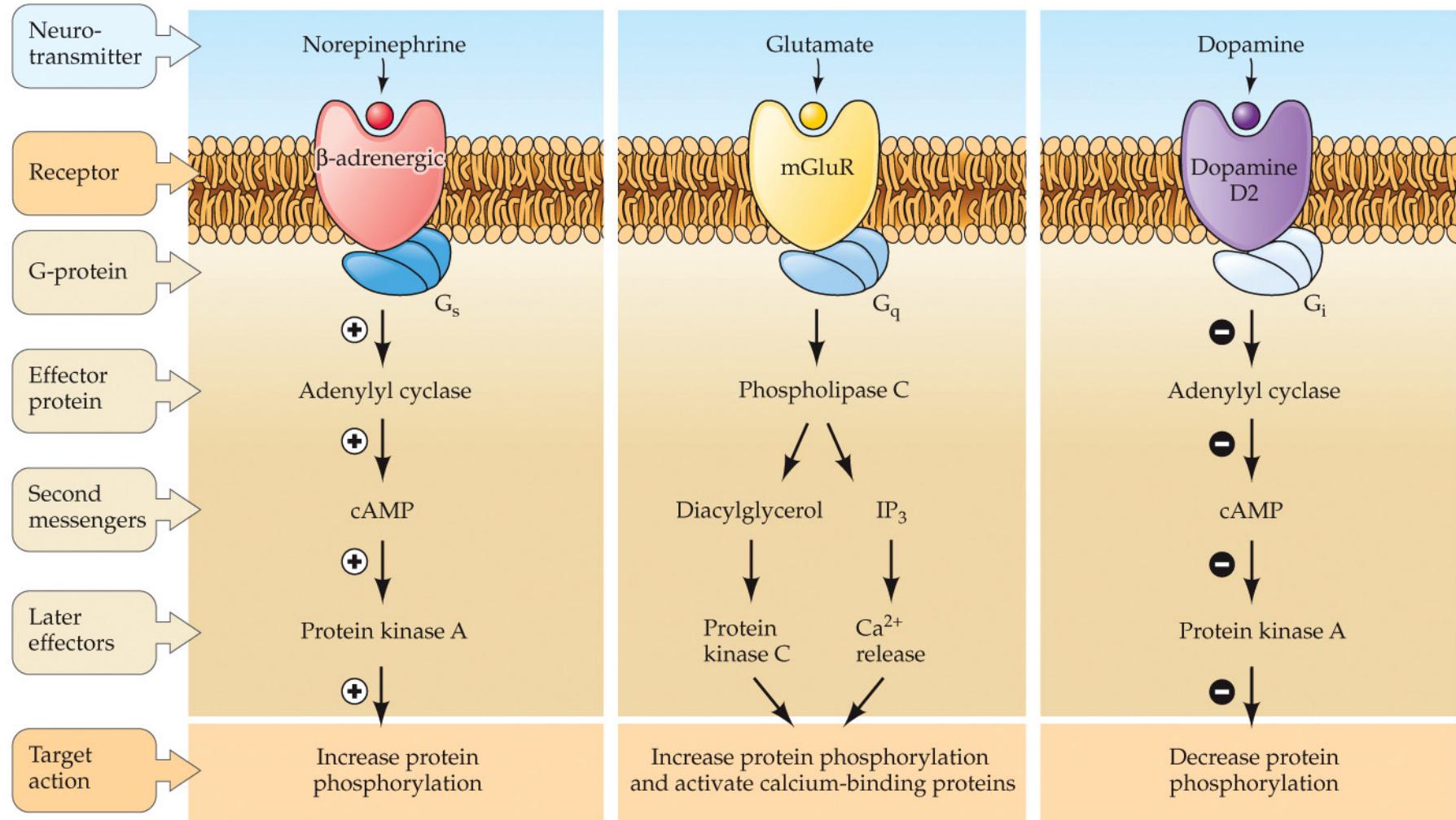
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Effector pathways associated with G-protein-coupled receptors



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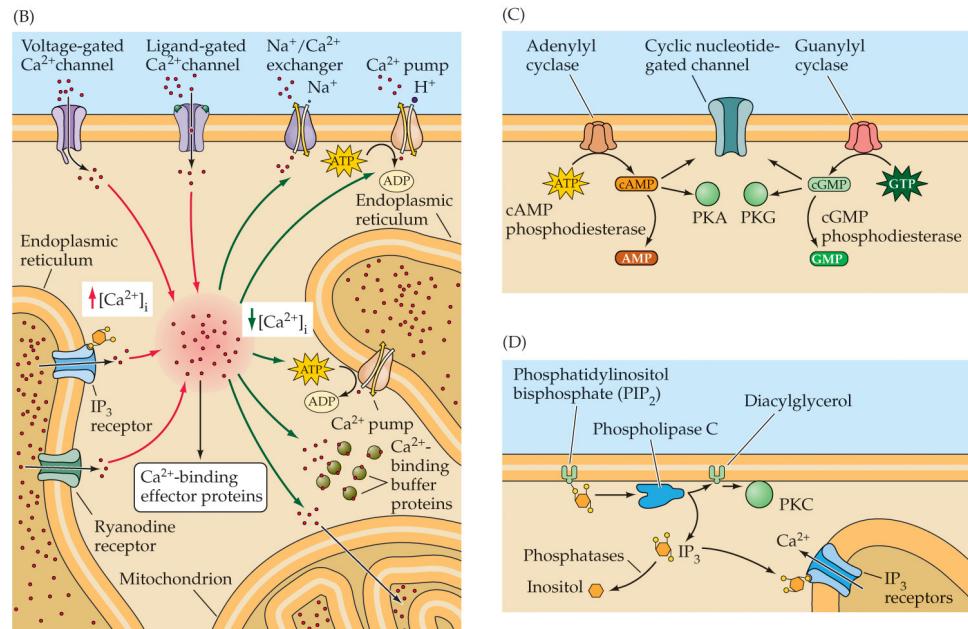
Effector protein is usually associated with the plasma membrane

Neuronal second messengers

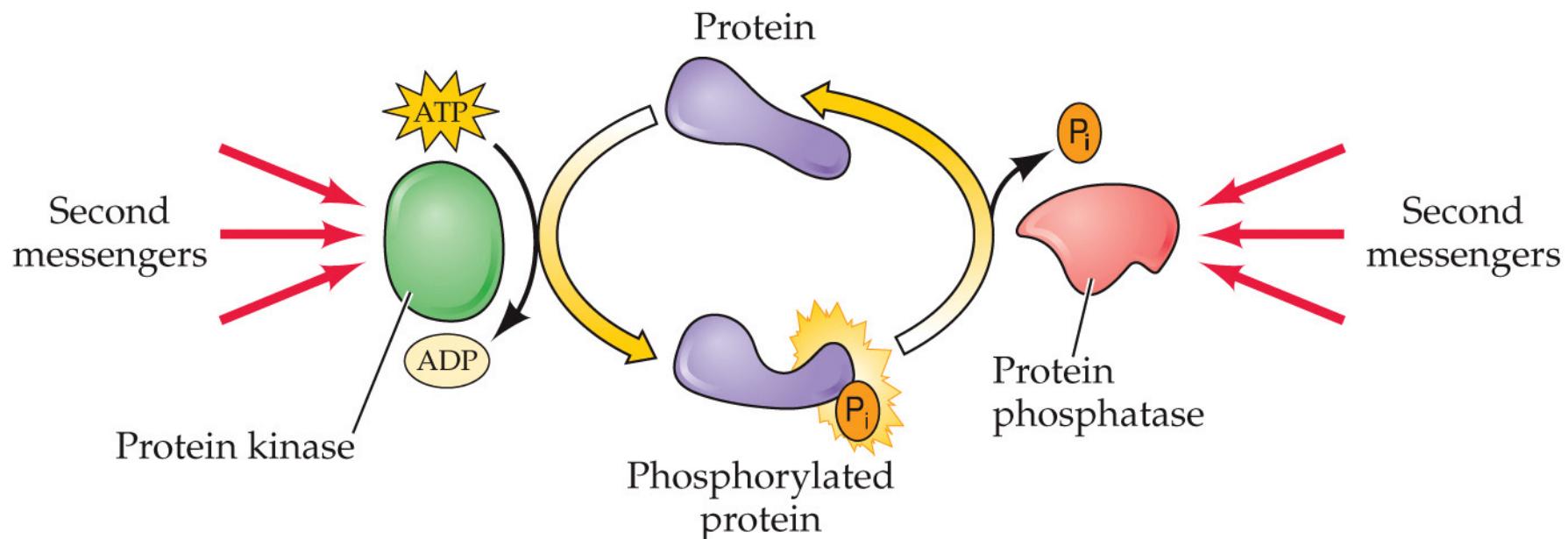
Phospholipase C

Second messenger	Sources	Intracellular targets	Removal mechanisms
Ca^{2+}	Plasma membrane: Voltage-gated Ca^{2+} channels Various ligand-gated channels Endoplasmic reticulum: IP_3 receptors Ryanodine receptors	Calmodulin Protein kinases Protein phosphatases Ion channels Synaptotagmins Many other Ca^{2+} -binding proteins	Plasma membrane: $\text{Na}^+/\text{Ca}^{2+}$ exchanger Ca^{2+} pump Endoplasmic reticulum: Ca^{2+} pump Mitochondria
Cyclic AMP	Adenylyl cyclase acts on ATP	Protein kinase A Cyclic nucleotide-gated channels	cAMP phosphodiesterase
Cyclic GMP	Guanylyl cyclase acts on GTP	Protein kinase G Cyclic nucleotide-gated channels	cGMP phosphodiesterase
IP_3	Phospholipase C acts on PIP_2	IP_3 receptors on endoplasmic reticulum	Phosphatases
Diacylglycerol	Phospholipase C acts on PIP_2	Protein kinase C	Various enzymes

Two immediate,
one later

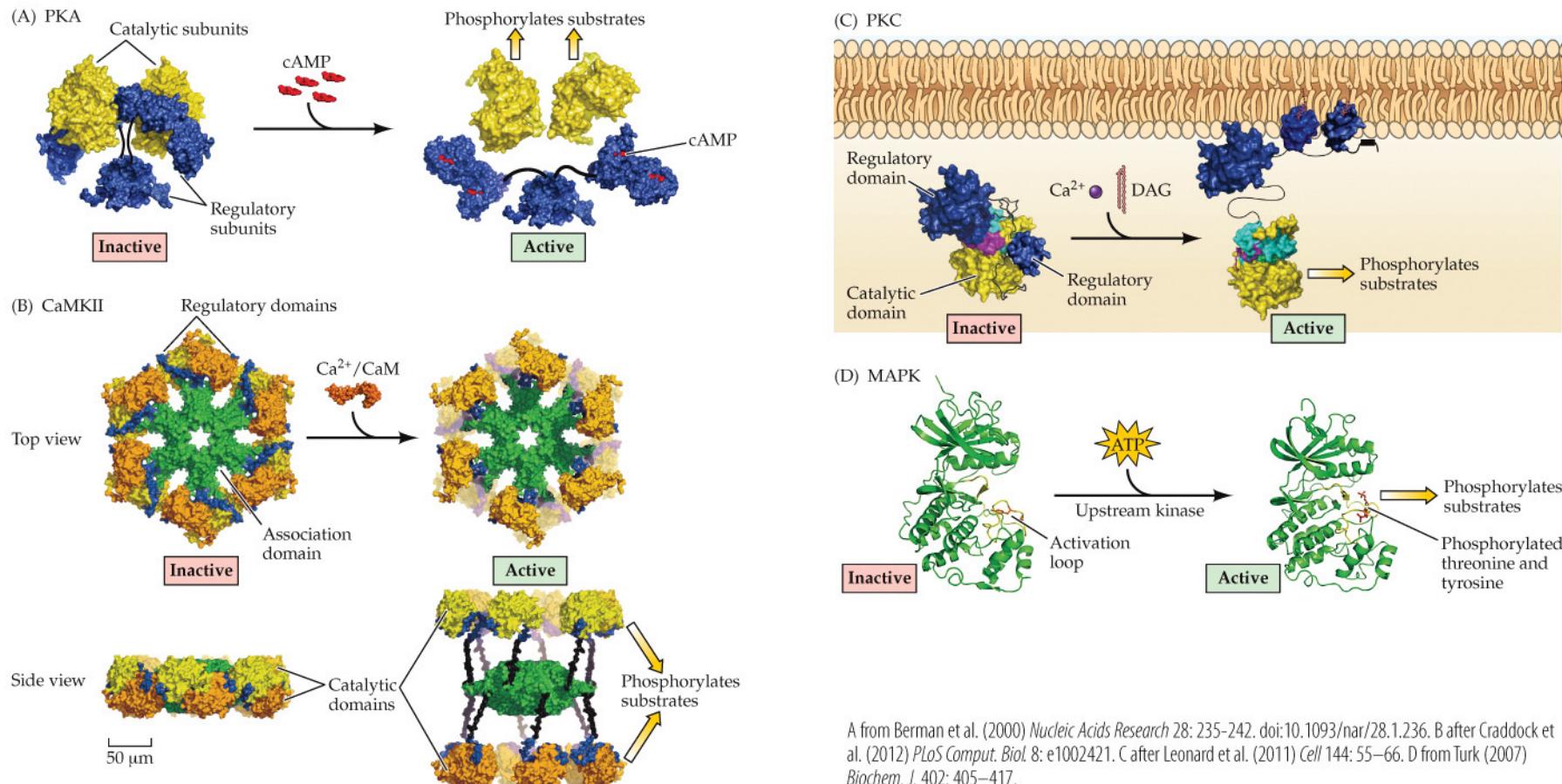


Regulation of cellular proteins by phosphorylation



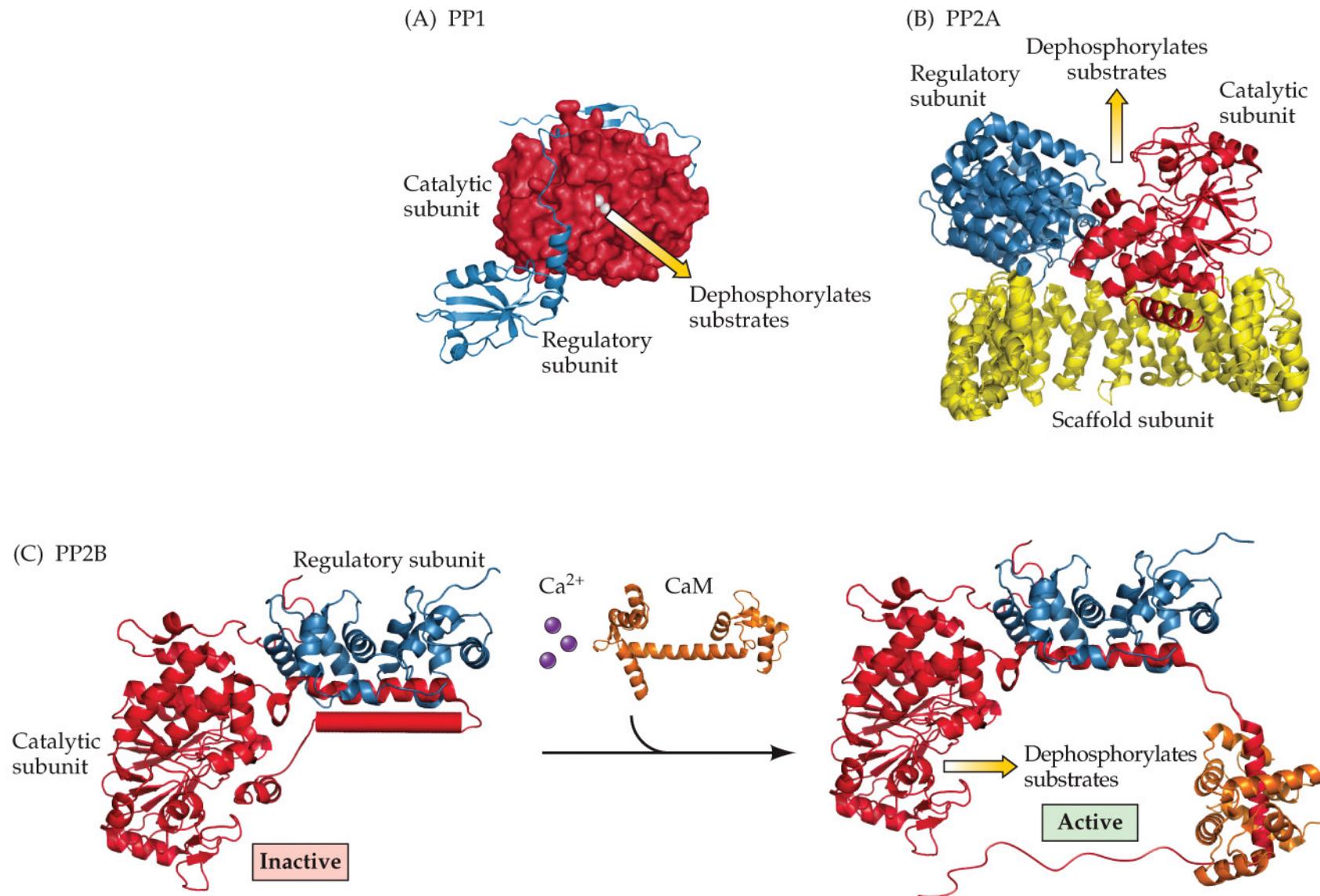
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Activation of protein kinases



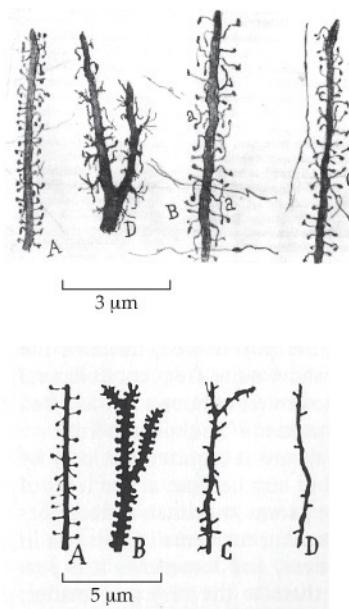
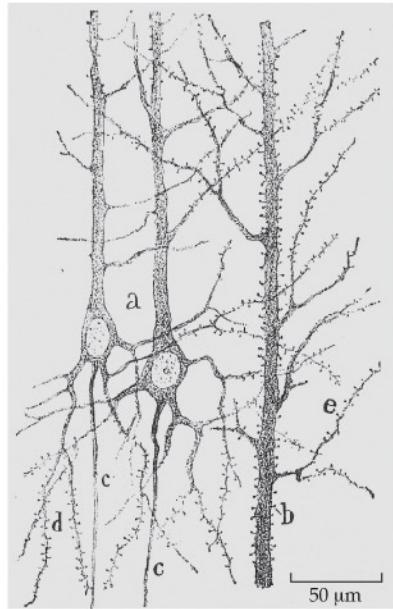
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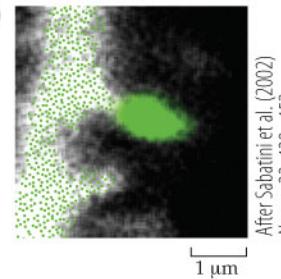


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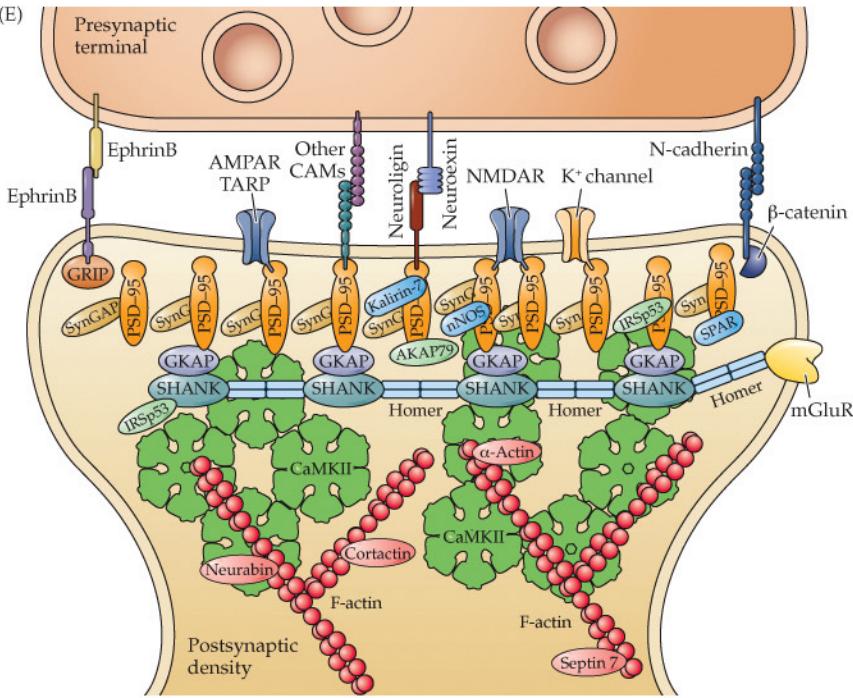
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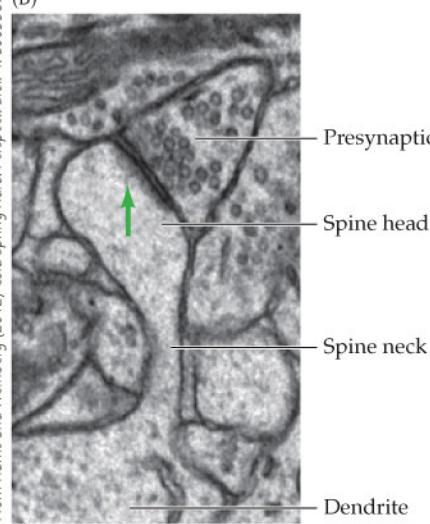


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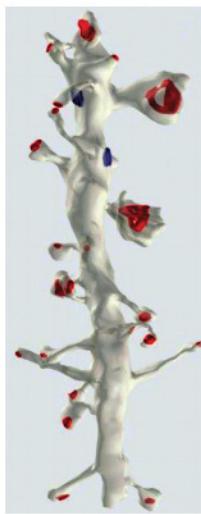


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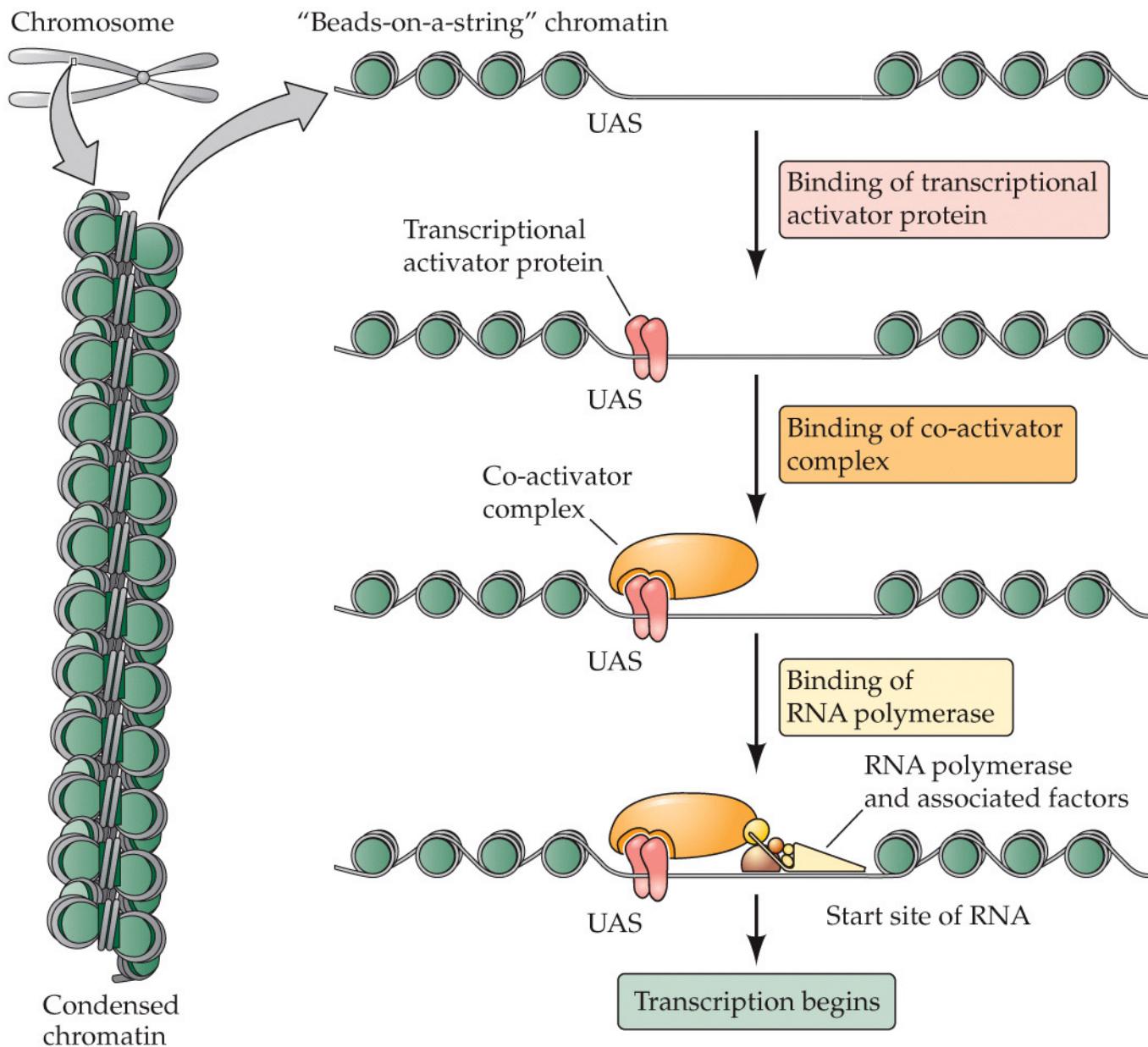


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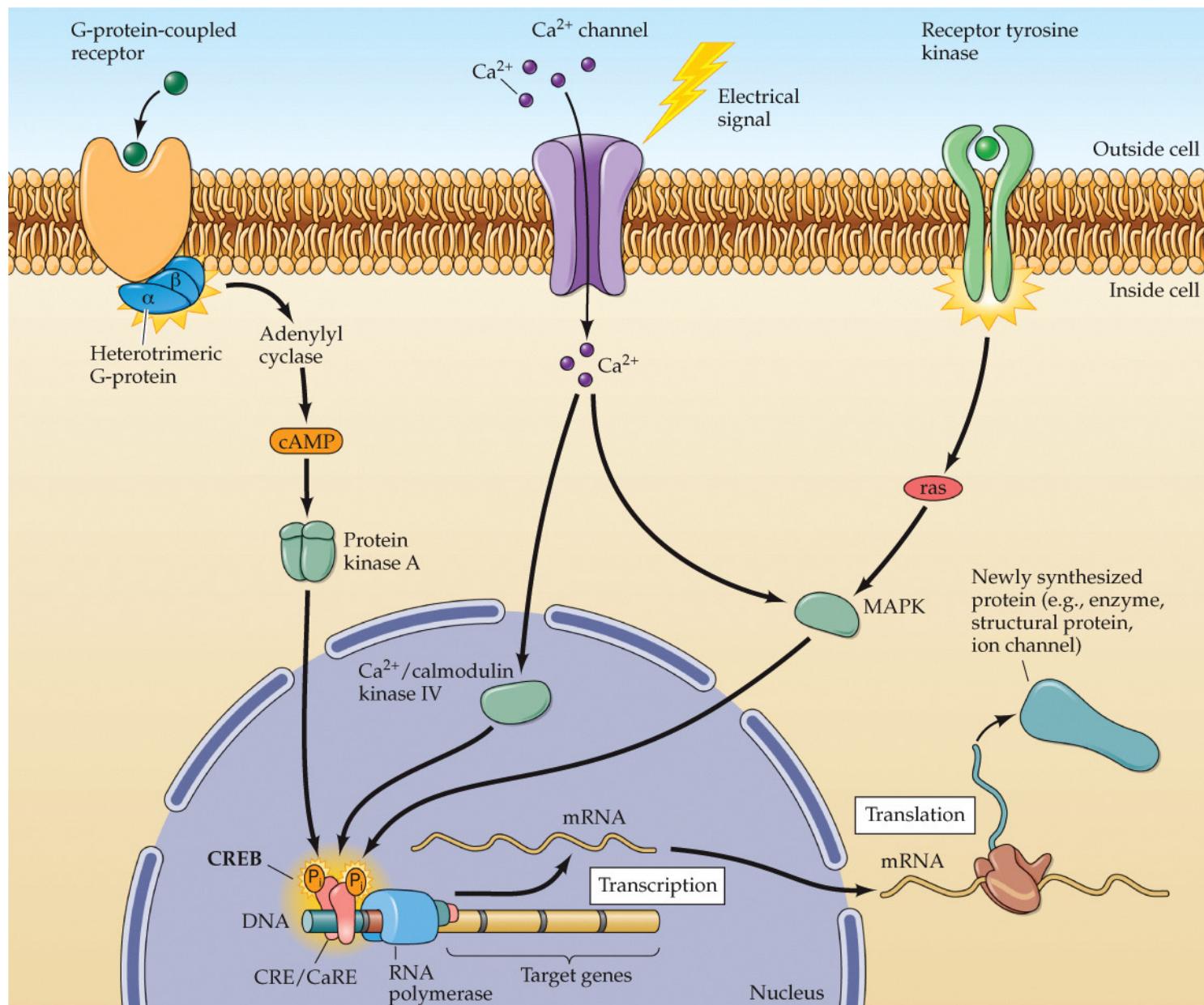


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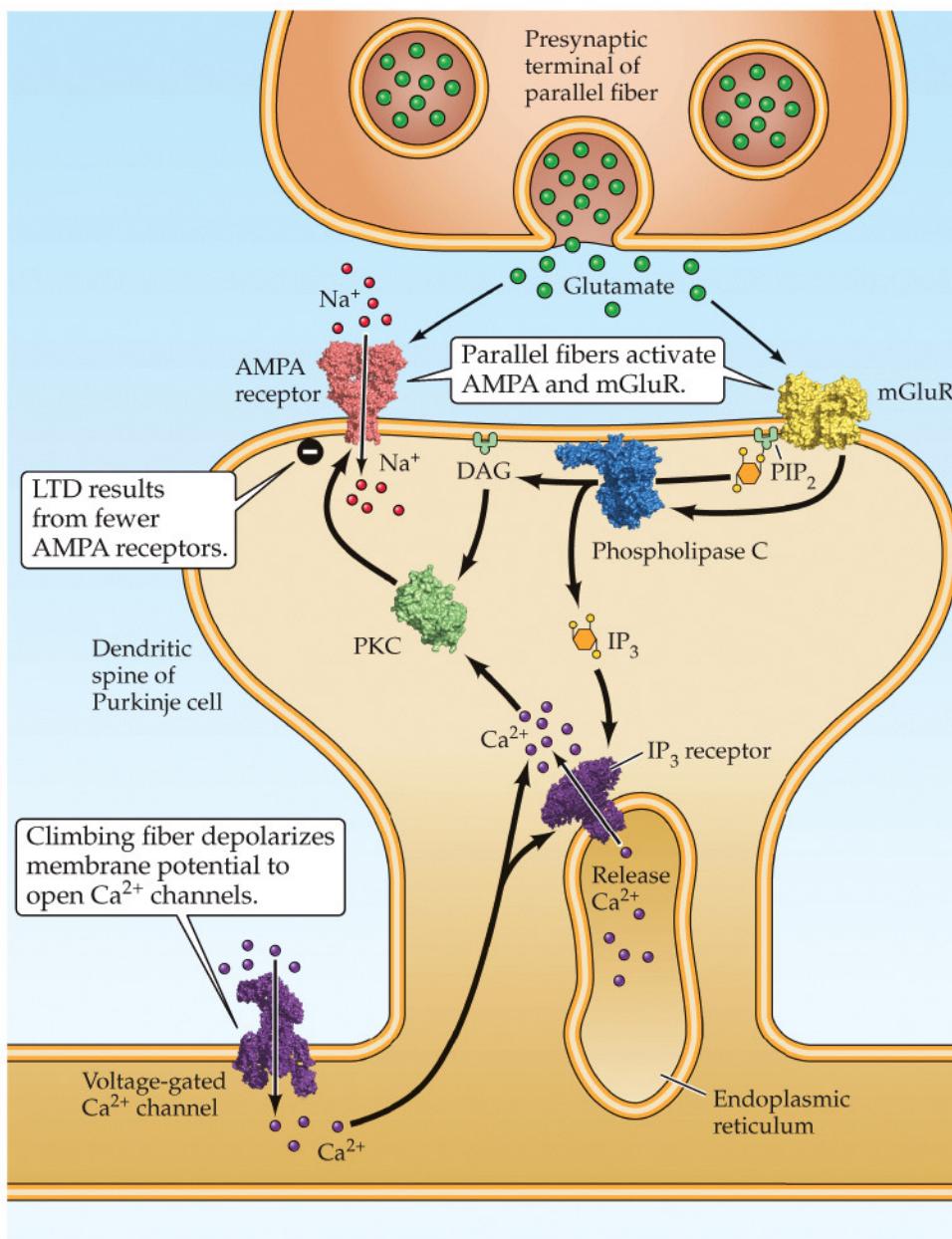


Transcriptional regulation by CREB



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Signaling at cerebellar parallel fiber synapses during long-term synaptic depression



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Regulation of tyrosine hydroxylase by protein phosphorylation

