Information transfer





Figure 1.2 Cell Signaling (© Garland Science 2015)

The signal transduction pathways in eukaryotes





signals



transfer of information across the membrane

membrane-(b) gated transmembrane (a) (C) permeable signals channels receptors

Receptors

Multiple membrane spanning

Single membrane spanning

Figure 8.2 Cell Signaling (© Garland Science 2015)

Human membrane proteins as drug targets

G protein-coupled receptors (GPCRs) are cellsurface receptors mediating the responses of $2/3^{rds}$ of human hormones¹ and $1/3^{rd}$ of drugs.

Each GPCR can bind several transducers, G proteins, GPCR kinases (GRKs) and arrestins leading to distinct intracellular signaling networks and functional outcomes.



Membrane protein production and formulation for drug discovery_(A)



GPCR Endothelin-1 receptor type B

Ion channel Nav1.7 with β 1 and β 2 auxiliary subunits

Transporter GLUT1



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Production

(A) Membrane protein production and formulation for drug discovery

Expression platform Therapeutic discovery Mammalian cells Microbes Insect (e.g. Yeast, E. coli (HEK293/CHO) cells Structure-based drug design mAb discovery Tetrahymena) Cell-free Virus-like particles High-throughput screening systems Purification Purify Formulate Scale-up Purified protein

(B) Formulation **WNI A**mphipols Oriented solid support **Detergent micelles** Nanodiscs (C) Stabilizing active/inactive conformations Extracellular Intracellular Lipids/cholesterol Nanobodies Ligands (D) Protein-protein interaction Oligomers Extracellular Intracellular **Regulatory subunits** Signaling/regulatory proteins

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Sense

Humans have five major sensory systems:

1.Olfaction—smell

Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2004 Richard Axel and Linda B. Buck "for their discoveries of odorant receptors and the organization of the olfactory system."

2.Gustation—taste

3.Vision

4.Hearing

5.Touch

Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2021 David Julius and Ardem Patapoutian "for their discoveries of receptors for temperature and touch"

Each of the sensory systems has specialized sensory neurons that convey nerve impulses to the central nervous system where they are integrated and analyzed.



Berg et al., *Biochemistry*, 9e, © 2019 W. H. Freeman and Company

The family tree of human GPCRs

2013

AA2AR: adenosine receptor A2a, OPRD: 2-type opioid receptor, PAR1: proteinase-activated receptor 1, PAR2: proteinase-activated receptor 2, ADRB1: 2-1 adrenergic receptor, DRD4: dopamine D4 receptor, CLTR1: Cysteinyl leukotriene receptor 1

2022

https://gpcrdb.org

Data

•423 Human proteins

•974 Drugs

•174 Drug targets

•411Disease indications

•793GPCRs structures

•844GPCRs structure models

•2,910 Generic residues

•663Refined structures



Signaling through G-protein coupled receptors (GPCRs)



b Scaffolding proteins regulating GPCR signalling

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GPCR signalling



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structures of rhodopsin and $\beta 2$ adrenergic receptor



Binding pocket





caffeine

histamine H₁

receptor

doxepin

(drug)

δ-type opioid

receptor

naltrindole

(antagonist)



carazolol

CXC chemokine

receptor 4









carazolol

dopamine D_3

receptor

eticlopride

(antagonist)

µ-type opioid

muscarinic ACh receptor M₂

muscarinic ACh receptor M₃



tiotropium (drug)



neurotensin receptor 1



neurotensin

rhodopsin



retinal



sphingosine-1 phosphate

3-quinuclidinyl-

benzilate

(antagonist)













(antagonist)

sphingolipid mimic





opiate-receptor-like 1











receptor



"JDTic" (antagonist)



antagonist

irreversible morphinan



















peptide inhibitor

CVX15 cyclic

κ-type opioid

contact networks between GPCRs and G proteins





- Ligands bind to different regions near the ligand-binding cradle of the receptor
- Diverse ligand interactions trigger distinct conformational changes across the receptor
- Activation signals converge near the transducer-binding region of the receptor
- Conserved rewiring of non-covalent receptor contacts exposes G protein-binding residues
- Receptor coupling is guided by a selectivity barcode specific to each of the 16 Gα proteins
- Different receptors can read the same barcode using distinct regions and conformations
- GPCR binding induces GDP release and G protein activation
- Disruption of the H1–H5 interaction and H1 unfolding are conserved mechanisms linking GPCR binding to GDP release

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determination of a three-dimensional structure of a GPCR-G



β2 adrenergic receptor





odorants



Most odorants are small organic compounds that interact with receptors in specific neurons.

The shape of the molecule rather than any other physical property is crucial for its odorant characteristic.







Photoreceptor cells detect electromagnetic radiation in the region between 390 and 750 nmvisible light.

Vertebrates have two types of photoreceptor cells: rods and cones.

Cones function in bright light and perceive color. Rods function in dim light, but cannot detect color.

Detection of visible light





Three distinct photoreceptors in cone cells, homologs of rhodopsin, are responsible for perception of color.

The receptors absorb blue, green, and red light. The visual receptors have evolved

by gene duplication.

Color vision is mediated by three cone receptors that are homologs of rhodopsin



Signaling by photoactivation of rhodopsin in ROS membranes.

 G_{α} peptide

(B)

(A)

(C)

GaCT

H8



EPSP: excitatory postsynaptic potential IPSP: inhibitory postsynaptic potential

rhodopsin



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Visual signal transduction



Heterotrimeric G proteins



Lipidation of proteins as membrane anchors



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GDP/GTP exchange





Figure 12.6 Molecular Biology of Assemblies and Machines (© Garland Science 2016)



Figure 12.7a Molecular Biology of Assemblies and Machines (© Garland Science 2016)



 $G\alpha_{i1}/GMPPNP$

Organization and function of the cyclic AMP signaling pathway





Figure 12.8 Molecular Biology of Assemblies and Machines (© Garland Science 2016)

Adenylyl cyclase





Second messenger



AC complexes and activated Gα subunit structures

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Catalytic domain



(A) plasma membrane



(B)



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Catalytic mechanism





Figure 12.11b Molecular Biology of Assemblies and Machines (© Garland Science 2016)

Figure 12.11a Molecular Biology of Assemblies and Machines (© Garland Science 2016)

Phosphorylation

Protein kinase



Dephosphorylation

Protein Kinases are enzymes that modify the function of other proteins by attaching phosphate groups to them.

They are key controllers of most biochemical pathways and important in health and disease.

Effect

Activation Inactivation Creation of recognition side for other signaling molecules Transition between structural disorder and order

Protein kinase

Over 160 protein kinases are associated with human diseases, and several dozen are the targets of drugs in development or already approved.

the commercial impact of total sales of kinase-related drugs is estimated at \$240 billion during 2011-15

Kinase	Description
AGC	Containing PKA, PKG, PKC families
САМК	Calcium/calmodulin-dependent protein kinase
CK1	Casein kinase 1
CMGC	Containing CDK, MAPK, GSK3, CLK families
STE	Homologs of yeast Sterile 7, Sterile 11, Sterile 20 kinases
тк	Tyrosine kinase
TKL	Tyrosine kinase-like



Protein kinase

Table 12.2.1 Selected protein kinases and their preferredsubstrate specificities.

Name	Full name	Consensus sequence	
Ser/Thr kinases			
РКА	Protein kinase A	-R-R-X- S/T - Φ	
PhK	Phosphorylase kinase	-R-Х-Х- S/T -Ф-R	
Cdk2	Cyclin-dependent protein kinase 2	- S/T -P-X-K/R	
ERK2	Extracellular signal- regulated kinase 2	-Р-Х- S/Т -Р	
Plk1	Polo-like kinase 1	-D/E/N-X- S/T -Φ/not P	
Aurora B	Aurora B	-R-R/K- S/T -(not P)	
Tyrosine kinases			
Irk	Insulin receptor kinase	-D- Y -M-M	
c-Src	Cellular form of the Rous sarcoma virus transforming agent	-E-E-I- Y X-X-F	
Csk	C-terminal Src kinase	-I- Y -M-F-F	
EGFR	Epidermal growth factor kinase	-E-E-E- Y -F	

The Ser, Thr, or Tyr residues phosphorylated are indicated in bold. Φ is a hydrophobic residue. Some kinases (such as Plk1 or Aurora B) discriminate against Pro in the P + 1 site.

Box 12.2 Table 12.2.1 Molecular Biology of Assemblies and Machines (© Garland Science 2016)



Functional diversity of Cyclin-dependent Kinases



Strategies for targeting Cyclin-dependent kinases



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Tyrosine kinases

Receptor tyrosine kinases (RTKs) are high affinity cell surface receptors

Polypeptide Growth factors Cytokines Hormones

RTKs are characterized by specific domains

i) Extracellular portion that interact with the ligand

ii) Single transmembrane domain

iii) Tyrosine kinase domain in part exposed to the cell interior.

Human receptor tyrosine kinases (RTKs) contain 20 subfamilies



Receptor kinase mechanism



Figure 8.3 How Proteins Work (©2012 Garland Science)

Ligand as dimer

Vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF)



epidermal growth factor receptor

в

Figure 12.18b Molecular Biology of Assemblies and Machines (© Garland Science 2016)

the epidermal growth factor

Activation

four different ways to induce signaling.

insulin receptor

 $\alpha_2\beta_2$ heterotetramer

IR reconstitution into nanodiscs and activity assay

Conformations assigned to IRs in nanodiscs.

Theresia Gutmann et al. J Cell Biol 2018;217:1643-1649

EM averages of IRs reconstituted into MSP1E3D1 nanodiscs and ligand-induced IR activation

Figure 12.19a Molecular Biology of Assemblies and Machines (© Garland Science 2016)

Figure 12.19b Molecular Biology of Assemblies and Machines (© Garland Science 2016)

specificity

Gly-Asp-Tyr-Met-Asn-Met

IRK active catalytic site

Figure 12.19c Molecular Biology of Assemblies and Machines (© Garland Science 2016)

Two forms

inactive EGFR kinase domain

Figure 12.20b Molecular Biology of Assemblies and Machines (© Garland Science 2016)

Figure 12.20a Molecular Biology of Assemblies and Machines (© Garland Science 2016)

kinase as target

kinase as target

Box 12.3 Figure 12.3.1a Molecular Biology of Assemblies and Machines (© Garland Science 2016)

Abl kinase inhibitors

Structure of novel agents for T315I

