

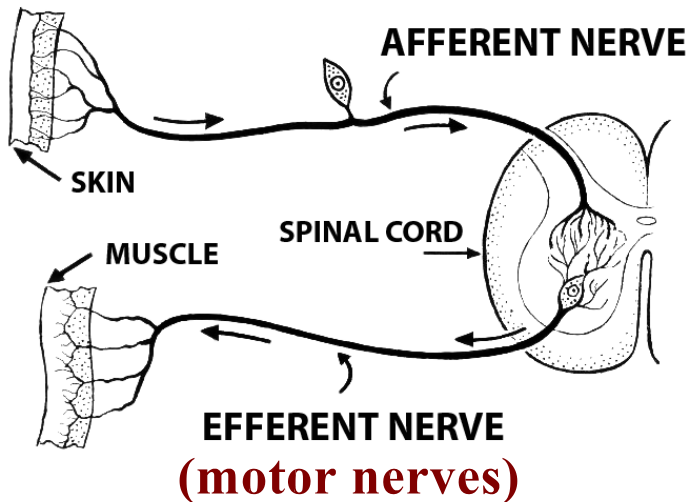
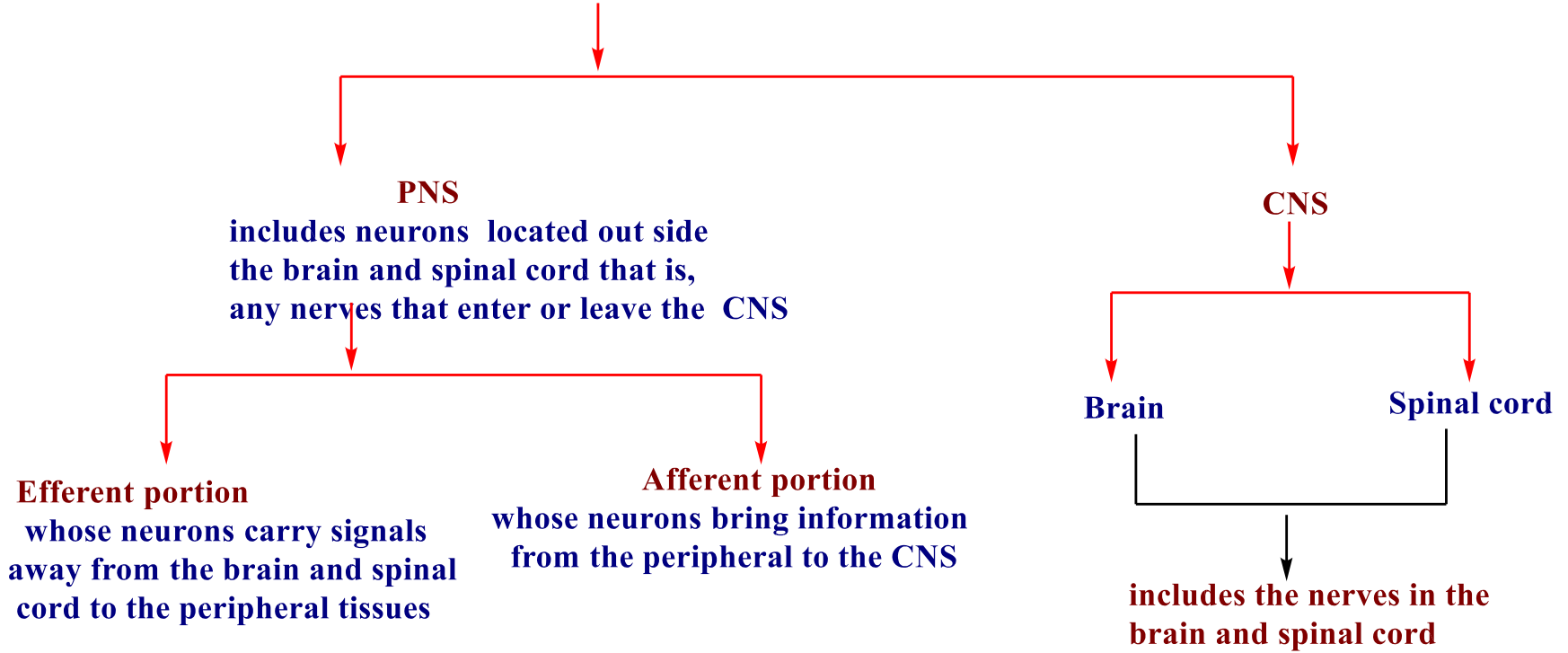
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# Nervous system



**PNS  
Efferent portion**

**autonomic nervous system (ANS)**

This system functions involuntarily to regulate the everyday needs and requirements of the body without the conscious participation of the mind, (regulate the activities of smooth muscle and glandular secretion), such as control of respiration, circulation, digestion, body temperature, metabolism, cardiac regulation.

**Somatic system**

This system functions voluntarily controlled function such as contraction of the skeletal muscles in locomotion

**sensory (afferent) nerve**

**motor (efferent) nerve**

The motor nerves arise from the spinal cord and project uninterrupted throughout the body to all skeletal muscle. ACh mediates transmission of impulses from the motor nerve to skeletal muscle (i.e.. neuromuscular junction).

**sympathetic neurons**

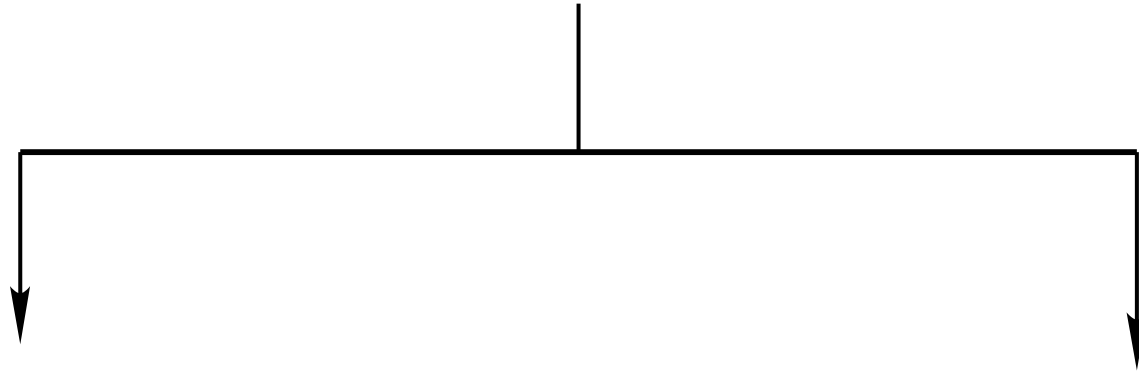
The sympathetic nervous system's primary process is to stimulate the body's fight-or-flight response

**Parasympathetic neurons**

it is responsible for stimulation of "rest-and-digest" or "feed and breed activities that occur when the body is at rest, especially after eating, including sexual arousal, salivation, lacrimation (tears), urination, digestion and defecation

ACh serves as a neurotransmitter at both sympathetic and parasympathetic preganglionic nerve endings, postganglionic nerve fibers in the parasympathetic division, and some postganglionic fibers (e.g.. salivary and sweat glands) in the sympathetic division of the autonomic nervous system.

## Drugs act on the autonomic system



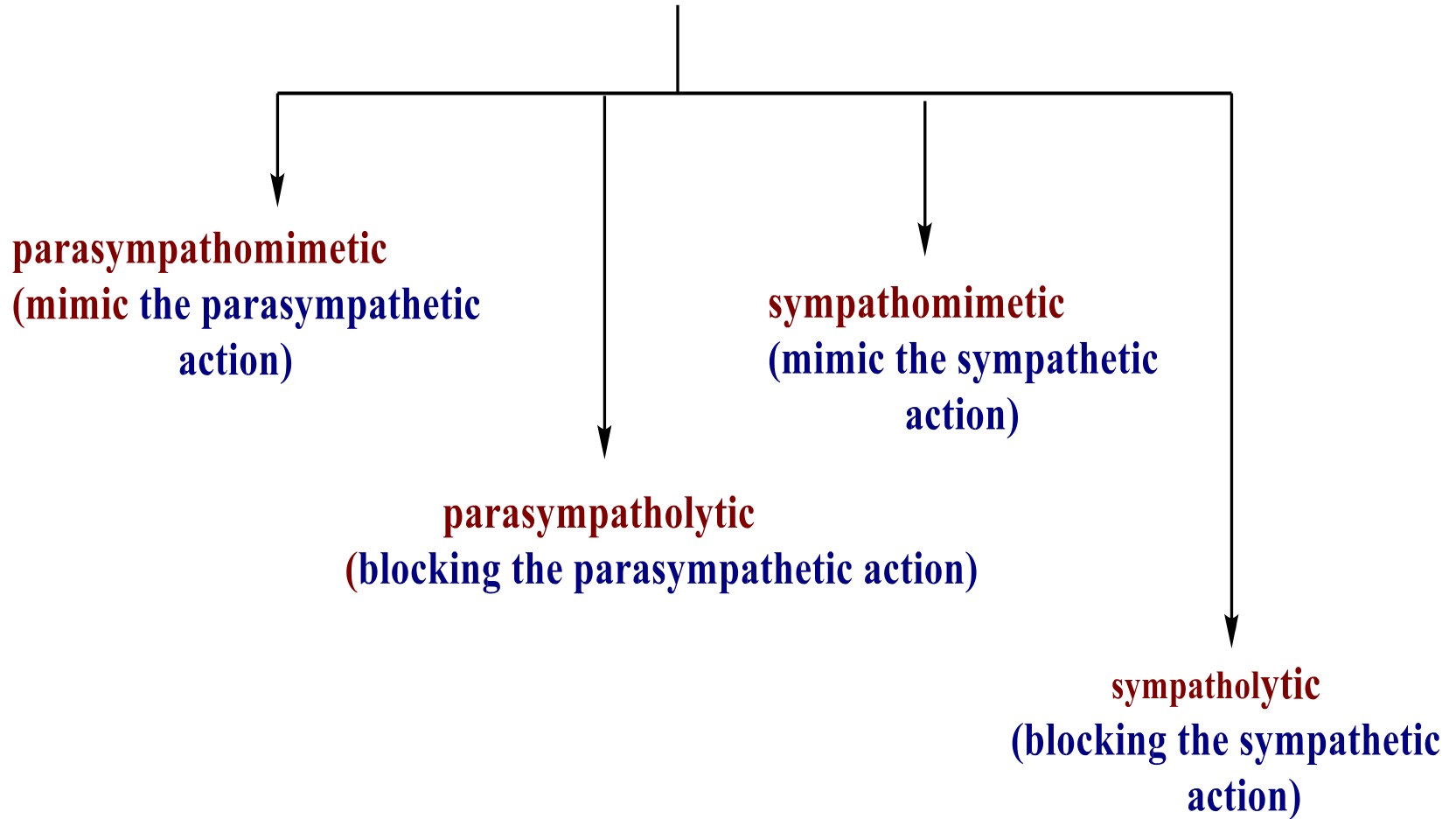
### **Adrenergic agent**

for those postganglionic  
sympathetic fiber that  
release of norepinephrine  
and epinephrine

### **Cholinergic agent**

for the remaining fibers in the  
autonomic nervous system and  
the motor fibers of the somatic  
nerve that release of acetylcholine

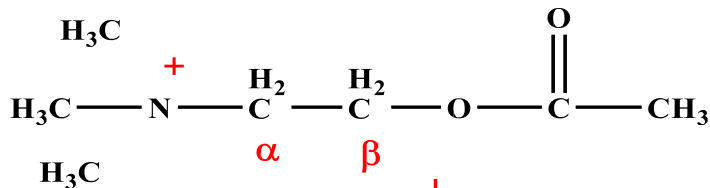
# Classification of drugs acting on the nervous system



**Cholinergic agents:** - are drugs and chemicals that act on cholinergic nerves or the tissues they innervate to either mimic or block the action of ACh.

**Cholinergic agent**

**Drugs that mimic the action of ACh**



**acting directly on the cholinergic receptors in the tissue**

**acting indirectly inhibiting acetylcholinesterase (AChE), the enzyme that inactivates ACh at the nerve terminal.**

**Drugs that block the action of ACh**

**Chemicals that bind or compete with ACh for binding to the receptor may block cholinergic neurotransmission.**

**Cholinergic nerves are found  
in the two systems**

**Peripheral nervous system**

**Central nervous system (CNS) of humans**

**Synaptic terminal in  
cerebral cortex**

**Corpus striatum**

**Hippocampus**

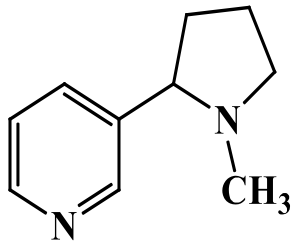
**are rich in ACh and in the enzymes that synthesize  
and hydrolyze this neurotransmitter**

# CHOLINERGIC RECEPTORS

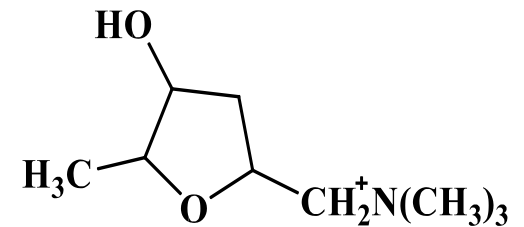
ACh receptors

Two distinct receptor types for ACh

Nicotinic receptor (nAChR)  
binding to the naturally occurring  
alkaloids nicotine.



Muscarinic receptor (mAChR)  
binding to the naturally occurring  
alkaloids muscarine.



they are differ in

composition

location

pharmacological function

have specific agonists and  
antagonists



**Nicotinic Receptors-: -: (ionotropic receptor, ligande gate ion channel) when stimulated by their neurotransmitter they themselves become an ion channel.**

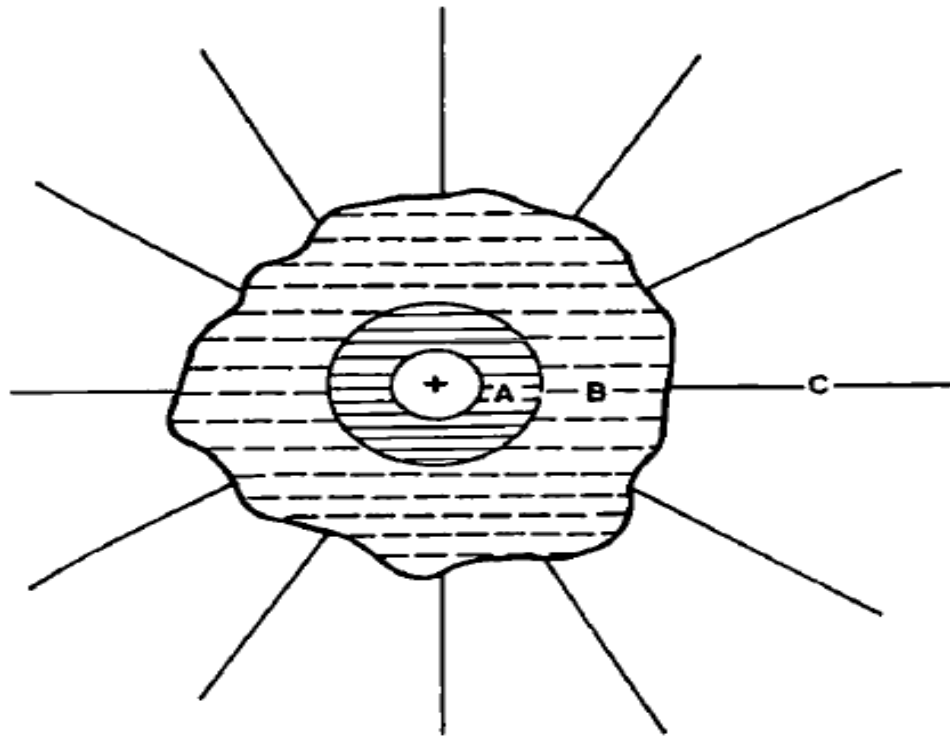
**Ion channels are responsible for-:**

- 1-The electrical excitability of nerve and muscle cells.**
- 2-The sensitivity of sensory cells.**

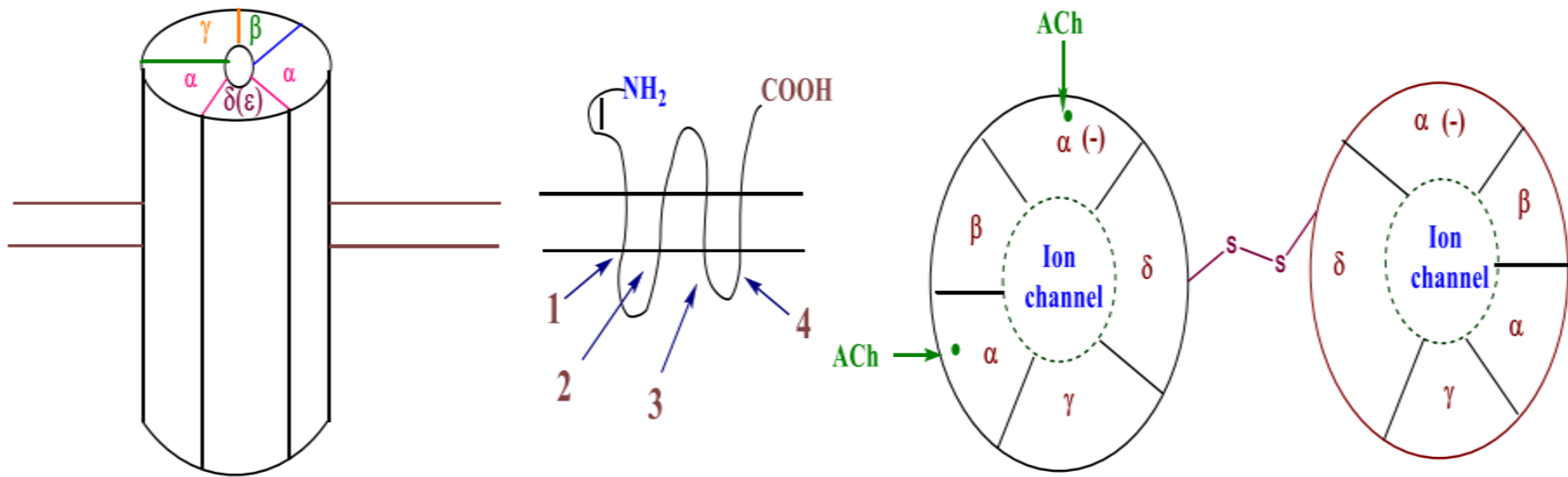
**The channels are pores that open or close on time scales ranging from 0.1 to 10 milliseconds to provide aqueous pathways through the plasma membrane that ions can transverse.**

**Factors affecting selectivity of ion pores include both-:**

- 1-The charge of ions.**
- 2-The size of ions.**

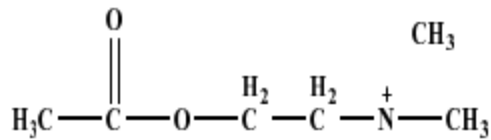


Ions in aqueous solution are hydrated. The water around the ion is characterized by the presence of two distinct water structures: a tightly bound, highly ordered layer immediately surrounding the ion and a second, less structured layer. Ion transport through a channel requires some denuding of the surrounding water shell. The degree of organization of the water structure determines the energy required to remove the hydration shell and is a factor in the selectivity of that ion channel

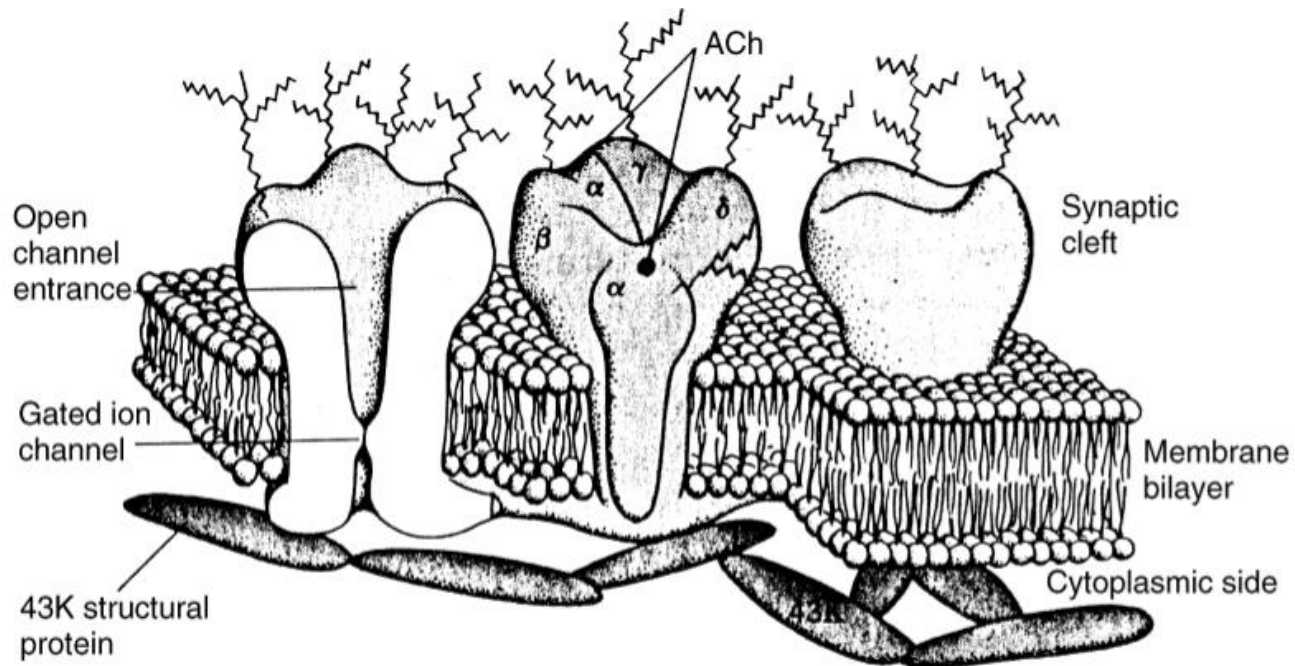


Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptor  
nAChR

The nicotinic ACh receptor was the first neurotransmitter isolated and purified in an active form. It is a **glycoprotein** embedded into the polysynaptic membrane that can be obtained from the electric organs of the marine ray, *Torpedo californica* and the electric eel, *Electrophorus electricus*. The receptor is pictured as a **cylindrical protein of about 250,000 Da and consists of five-subunit polypeptide chains, of which two appear to be identical**. The subunit stoichiometry of the polypeptide units from the *Torpedo* receptor is  $\alpha_2\beta\gamma\delta$  **The peptide chains of the receptor are arranged to form an opening in the center, which is the ion channel. Each chain contains a negatively charged binding site for the quaternary ammonium group of ACh**. The receptor appears to exist as a dimer of the two five-subunit polypeptide chain monomers linked through a disulfide bond between  $\delta$  chains. A structural protein of molecular weight 43,000 binds the nicotinic receptor to the membrane



**ACh structure**



When the neurotransmitter ACh binds to the nicotinic receptor, it causes a **change in the permeability of the membrane** to allow passage of small cations  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$ ,  $\text{Na}^{+}$ , and  $\text{K}^{+}$ . The physiological effect is to temporarily **depolarize** *depolarization is a change within a cell, during which the cell undergoes a shift in electric charge distribution, resulting in less negative charge inside the cell. Depolarization is essential to the function of many cells, communication between cells, and the overall physiology of an organism.* the end plate. This depolarization results in muscular contraction at a neuromuscular junction or, as occurs in autonomic ganglia, continuation of the nerve impulse. Neuromuscular nicotinic ACh receptors are of interest as targets for autoimmune antibodies in myasthenia gravis and for muscle relaxants used during the course of surgical procedures. Nicotinic receptors in autonomic ganglia, when blocked by drugs, can play a role in the control of hypertension.

# NICOTINIC RECEPTOR SUBTYPES

Nicotinic ACh receptors

Muscle (neuromuscular junction)  
N1 receptor

CNS receptor

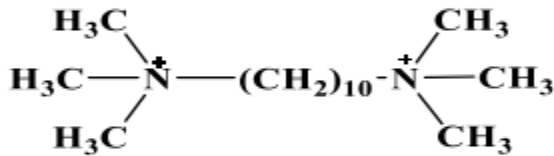
Ganglionic receptors  
(found in the autonomic ganglia)  
(N2 receptor)

blocked by

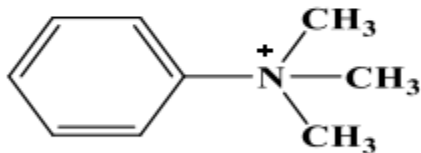
stimulated by

succinylcholine  
d-tubocurarine  
decamethonium

phenyltrimethylammonium



decamethonium



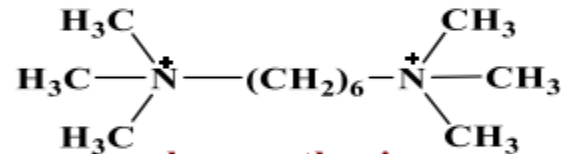
phenyltrimethylammonium

blocked by

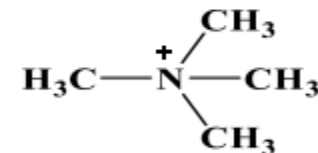
stimulated by

hexamethonium  
trimethaphan

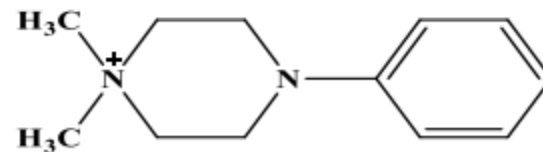
tetramethylammonium  
dimethyl-4-phenyl  
piperazinium (DMPP)



hexamethonium



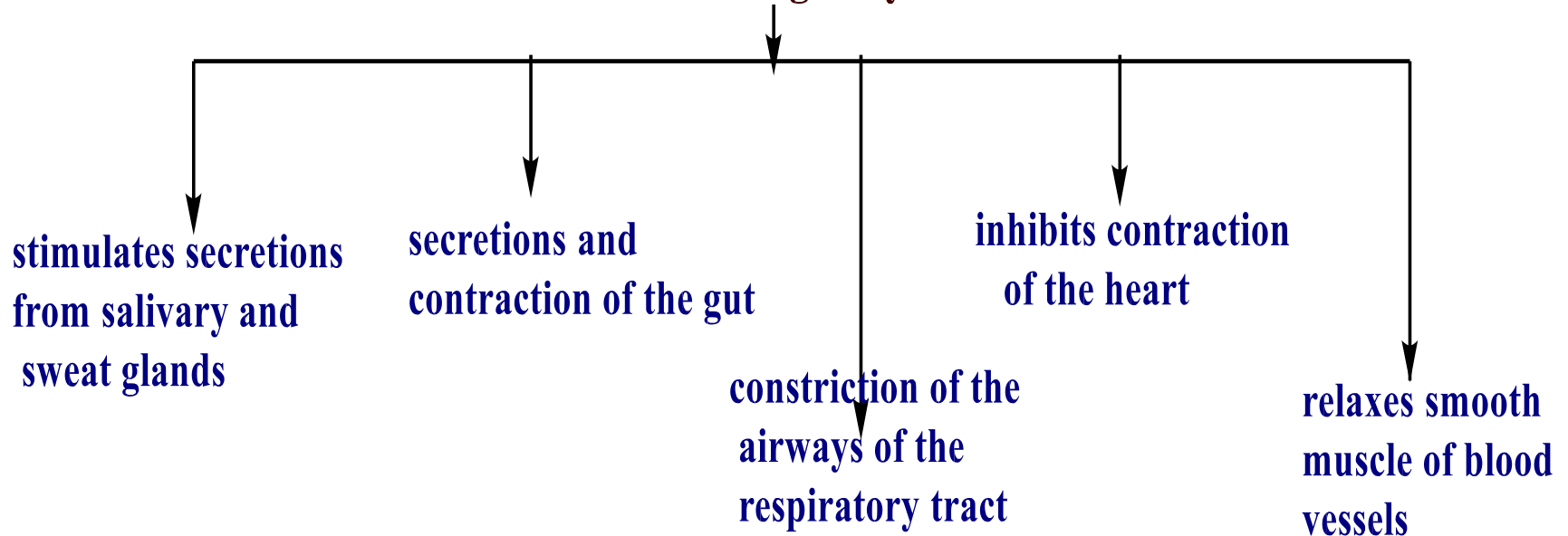
tetramethylammonium



dimethyl-4-phenylpiperazinium  
(DMPP)

**Muscarinic Receptors:-** play an essential role in regulating the functions of organs innervated by the autonomic nervous system to maintain homeostasis of the organism.

The action of ACh on muscarinic receptors can result in stimulation or inhibition of the organ system affected



Muscarinic receptors mediate their effects by activating guanosine triphosphate (GTP)-binding proteins (G-protein). These receptors have seven protein helices that transcend the plasma membrane, creating four extracellular domains and four intracellular domains. The extracellular domain of the receptor contains the binding site for ACh. The intracellular domain couples with G proteins to initiate biochemical changes that result in pharmacological action from receptor activation.

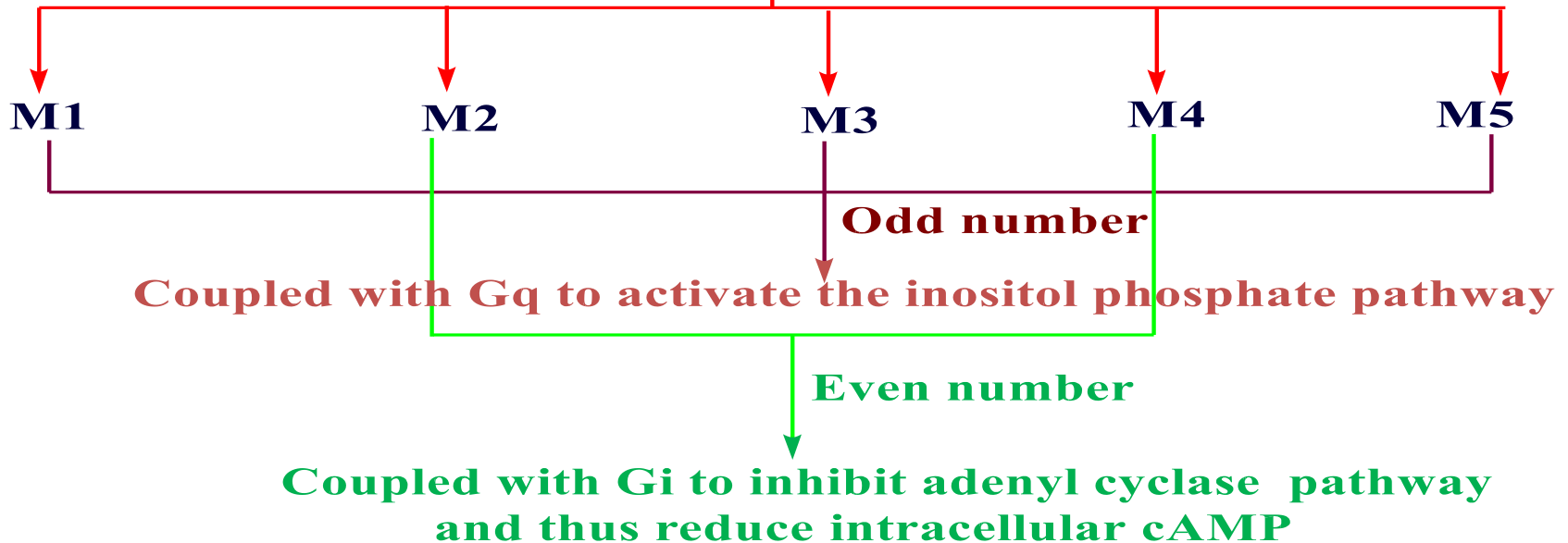
**G<sub>q</sub> protein alpha subunit** is a family of [heterotrimeric G protein alpha subunits](#). This family is also commonly called the **G<sub>q/11</sub> (G<sub>q</sub>/G<sub>11</sub>)** family or **G<sub>q/11/14/15</sub>** family to include closely related family members. G alpha subunits may be referred to as G<sub>q</sub> alpha, G<sub>αq</sub>, or G<sub>qα</sub>. G<sub>q</sub> proteins couple to [G protein-coupled receptors](#) to activate beta-type [phospholipase C](#) (PLC-β) enzymes. PLC-β in turn hydrolyzes [phosphatidylinositol 4,5-bisphosphate](#) (PIP<sub>2</sub>) to [diacyl glycerol](#) (DAG) and [inositol trisphosphate](#) (IP<sub>3</sub>). IP<sub>3</sub> acts as a second messenger to release stored calcium into the cytoplasm, while DAG acts as a second messenger that activates [protein kinase C](#) (PKC).

### Muscarinic Receptors subtypes

Subtypes of muscarinic receptors are located in the CNS and peripheral nervous system muscarinic receptor subtypes have been defined on the basis of their affinity for selective agonists and antagonists and the pharmacological effects they cause.

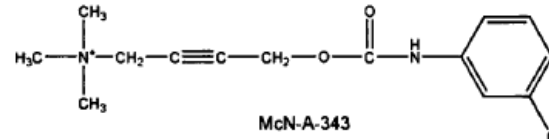
#### **Muscarinic ACh receptors**

#### **G-protein- coupled receptor**



**M1 Receptors  
(neural rec)**

**MCN-A-343  
is a selective agonist**



**pirenzepine HCl act as antagonist**

**Located**

**CNS mainly  
(neural receptor)**

**exocrine glands  
parietal cells in the gastrointestinal  
(GI) tract**

**peripheral neurons  
autonomic ganglia  
intramural ganglia of the stomach  
wall**

**stimulated, M1 receptors cause**

**gastric secretion**

**these receptors seem to affect**

**arousal  
attention**

**rapid eye  
movement  
(REM) sleep**

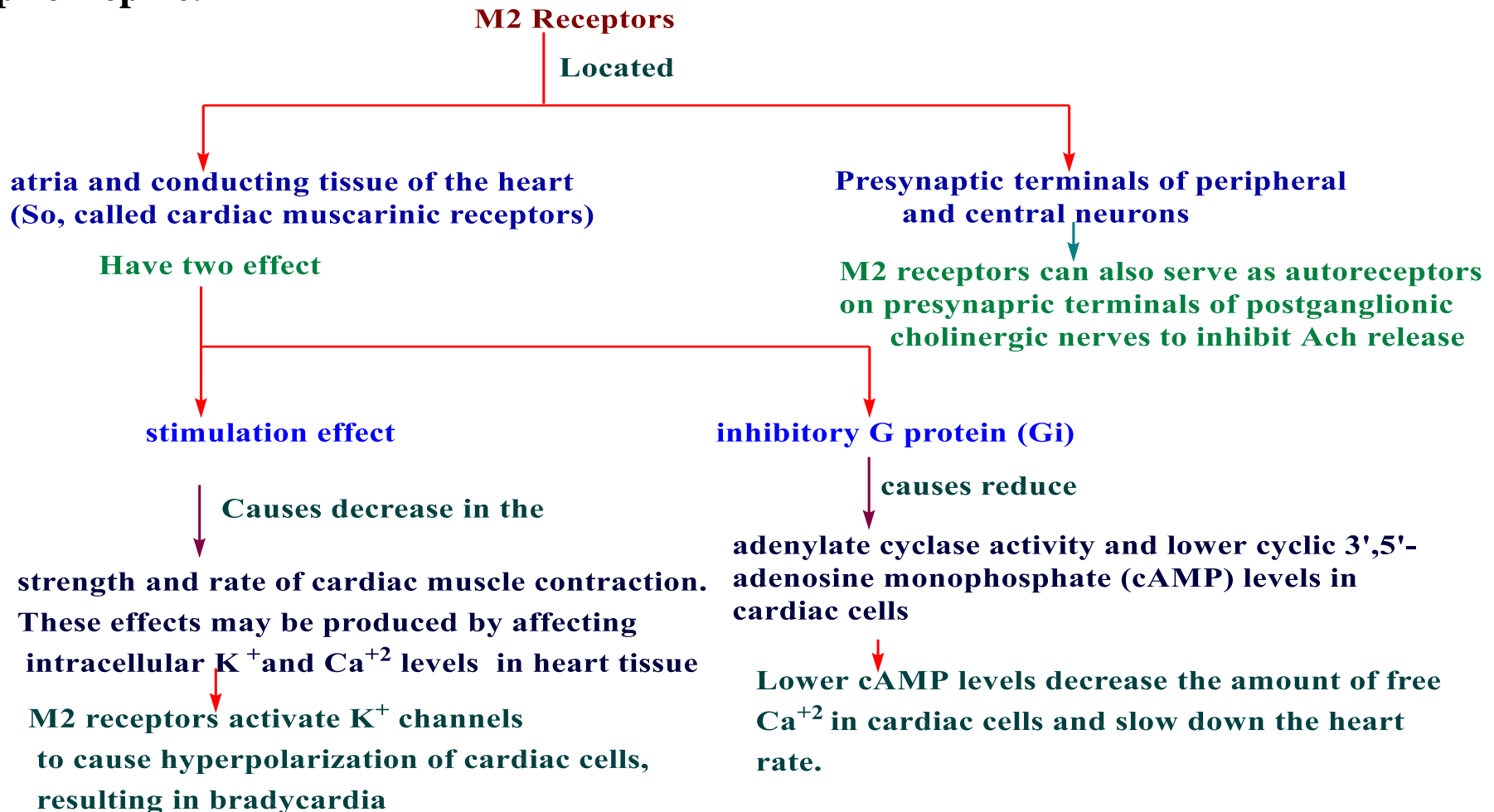
**emotional  
responses**

**affective disorders including  
depression and modulation  
of stress**

**memory,  
learning**



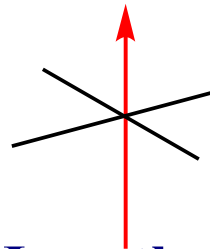
**M2 receptor:-** are also called cardiac muscarinic receptors because they are located in the atria and conducting tissue of the heart. M2 receptors are identified by their high affinity for methoctramine, a polyamine, and by their low affinity for pirenzepine.



**The balance of the effects of multiple muscarinic receptor subtypes determines the size of the airway of the smooth muscle in the bronchioles.**

**ACh**  $\longrightarrow$  **M<sub>3</sub>**  $\longrightarrow$  **Contraction effect**

**ACh**  $\longrightarrow$  **M<sub>2</sub> autoreceptor**  $\longrightarrow$  **Inhibit release of ACh**



**In asthmatics**

**M<sub>2</sub> in the lungs do not function normally.**

# M3 Receptors

So referred to as glandular muscarinic receptors

Located

exocrine glands

smooth muscle

effect on these organ systems

stimulatory

Glandular secretions  
from lacrimal

salivary

bronchial

pancreatic

mucosal cells  
in the GI tract

Contraction of  
visceral smooth  
muscle

Stimulate

