

SYMPATHOMIMETICS

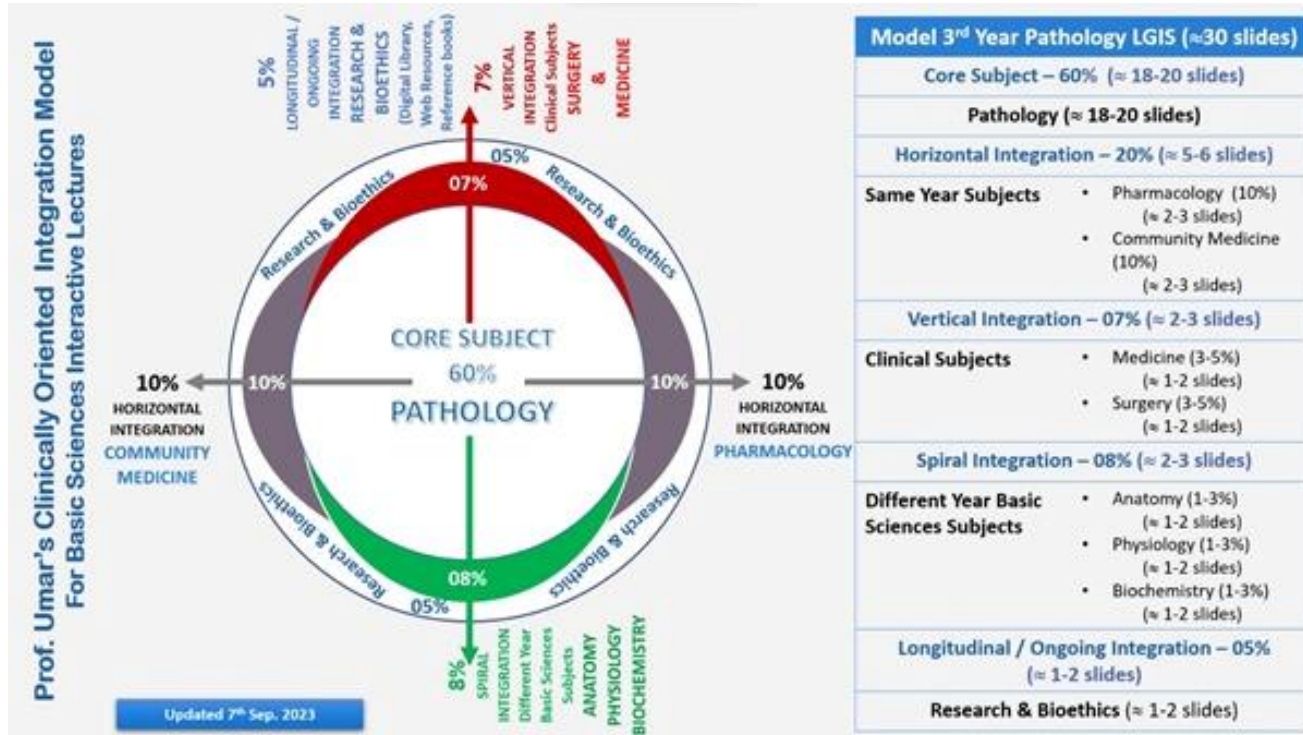
- **Katzung's Basic & Clinical Pharmacology, 16th Edition**
- **Goodman and Gilman's The Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics, 13th Edition**

MOTO AND VISION

- To impart evidence based research oriented medical education
- To provide best possible patient care
- To inculcate the values of mutual respect and ethical practice of medicine



UMAR'S MODEL OF INTEGRATION



PROF. UMAR'S MODEL OF TEACHING STRATEGY

- Self Directed Learning Assessment Program
- **Objectives** :To cultivate critical thinking, analytical reasoning, and problem-solving competencies.
- To instill a culture of self-directed learning, fostering lifelong learning habits and autonomy.
- **How to Assess?**
- Ten randomly selected students will be evaluated within the **first 10 minutes of the lecture** through 10 multiple-choice questions (MCQs) based on the PowerPoint presentation shared on Students Official WhatsApp group, one day before the teaching session.
- The number of MCQs from the components of the lecture will follow the guidelines outlined in the Prof. Umar model of Integrated Lecture.

Component of LGIS	Core Knowledge	Horizontal Integration	Vertical Integration	Spiral Integration
No of MCQs	6-7	1-2	1	1

PRE-LECTURE ASSESSMENT

Which of the following is a characteristic of catecholamines?

- A. They are used for local bronchodilation
- B. They have a common basic chemical structure
- C. They are used for systemic vasodilation
- D. They are not destroyed by digestive enzymes
- E. They can be given orally

Which of the following structural modifications generally enhance the potency of sympathomimetic drugs?

- A) Addition of a bulky group at the para position of the aromatic ring
- B) Increasing the length of the side chain between the aromatic ring and the amino group
- C) Replacement of the hydroxyl group on the aromatic ring with a methoxy group
- D) Introduction of a methyl group on the amine nitrogen
- E) Removal of the hydroxyl group on the beta carbon of the side chain

PRE-LECTURE ASSESSMENT

A hypotensive patient in the critical care unit is given an intravenous infusion of an alpha-adrenergic agonist that lacks beta-adrenergic activity. The cardiovascular effects of this drug are:

- A. Increased vascular resistance
- B. Decrease heart rate
- C. Decrease conduction velocity
- D. Decrease force of contraction
- E. Decrease vascular resistance

A 20-year-old man has been self-treating his nasal congestion with a nonprescription alpha agonist nasal spray for 2 weeks. When he stopped using it he found that he experienced:

- A) Increased nasal congestion
- B) Decreased nasal discharge
- C) Improvement in breathing
- D) Reduction in headache
- E) Enhanced sense of smell

PRE-LECTURE ASSESSMENT

A 3-year-old child presents to the emergency department with acute asthma. He is given a nebulized bronchodilator that relaxes bronchial smooth muscle through direct action on adrenergic receptors. This drug acts via:

- A. Nuclear receptors
- B. G protein coupled receptors
- C. Voltage gated ion channels
- D. Enzyme linked channels
- E. Cytoplasmic receptors

The sympathomimetic which may promote diuresis by a direct effect on the kidney is

- A. Isoproterenol
- B. dobutamine
- C. norepinephrine
- D. dopamine
- E. epinephrine

Which of the following direct-acting drugs is a relatively pure alfa agonist, an effective mydriatic and decongestant and can be used to raise blood pressure?

- A. Epinephrine
- B. Norepinephrine
- C. Phenylephrine
- D. Ephedrine
- E. Dopamine

A 65-year-old patient is prescribed a drug to treat hypotension. The drug is known to have a rapid onset of action and is metabolized quickly by monoamine oxidase (MAO) and catechol-O-methyltransferase (COMT).

Which of the following drugs is most likely being prescribed?

- A) Epinephrine
- B) Phenylephrine
- C) Albuterol
- D) Isoproterenol
- E) Dopamine

Which of the following mechanisms is commonly associated with sympathomimetics that specifically target beta-adrenergic receptors?

- A) Inhibition of cyclic AMP (cAMP) breakdown, leading to increased smooth muscle relaxation
- B) Activation of phosphodiesterase to decrease intracellular cAMP levels
- C) Direct release of norepinephrine from nerve terminals
- D) Inhibition of catecholamine reuptake at presynaptic terminals
- E) Activation of alpha-adrenergic receptors to constrict blood vessels

Which of the following mechanisms helps regulate the release of norepinephrine from sympathetic nerve endings?

- A) Positive feedback by increasing norepinephrine release with higher blood pressure
- B) Negative feedback through alpha-2 receptors that inhibit further norepinephrine release
- C) Direct inhibition by acetylcholine at adrenergic nerve endings
- D) Activation of dopamine receptors to stimulate norepinephrine release
- E) Inhibition of serotonin reuptake to enhance norepinephrine release

At the end of the lecture, students of 3rd Year MBBS will be able to ;



Learning Objectives

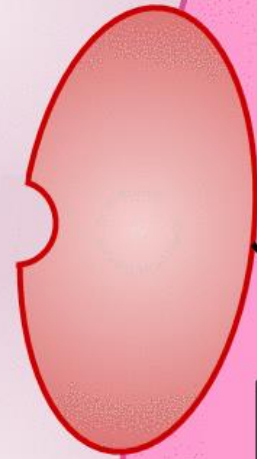
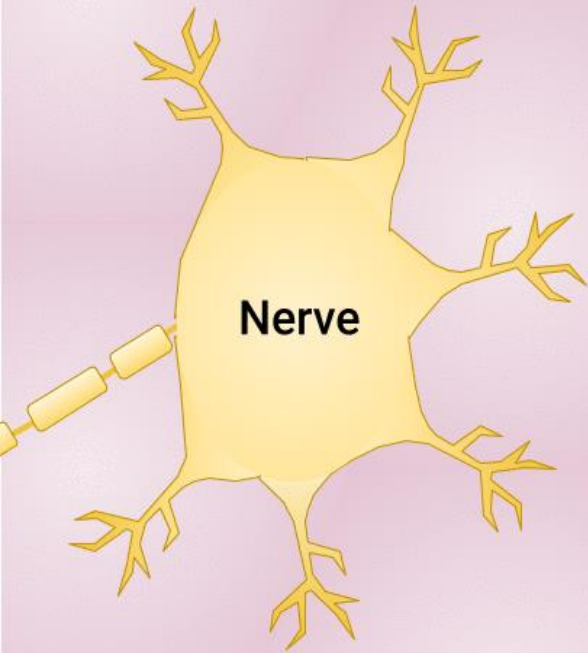
- ▶ **Recall components of sympathetic neurotransmission**
- ▶ **Identify adrenoceptors and their affiliated signal transduction mechanism**
- ▶ **Classify sympathomimetic drugs**
- ▶ **Discuss structure activity relationship of sympathomimetics**
- ▶ **Differentiate between catecholamines and non catecholamines**



Norepinephrine

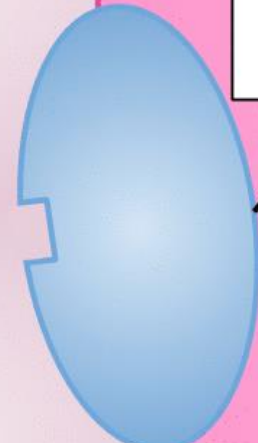


Acetylcholine

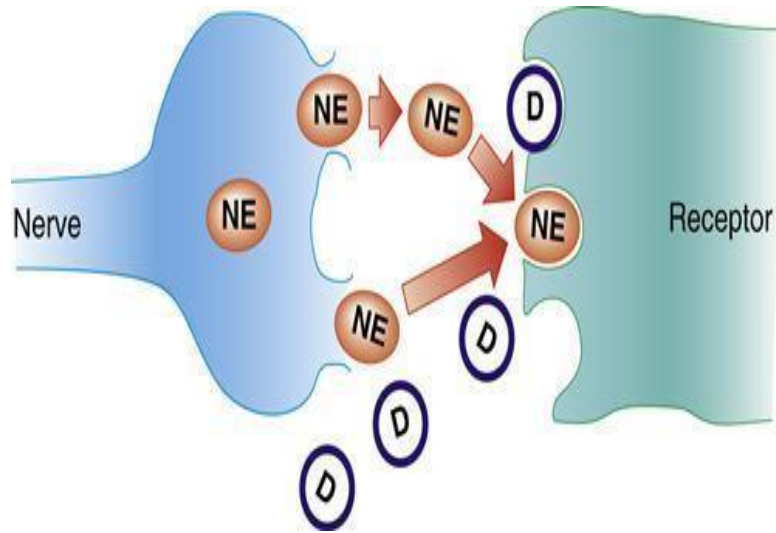


Cell

Adrenergic
Receptor

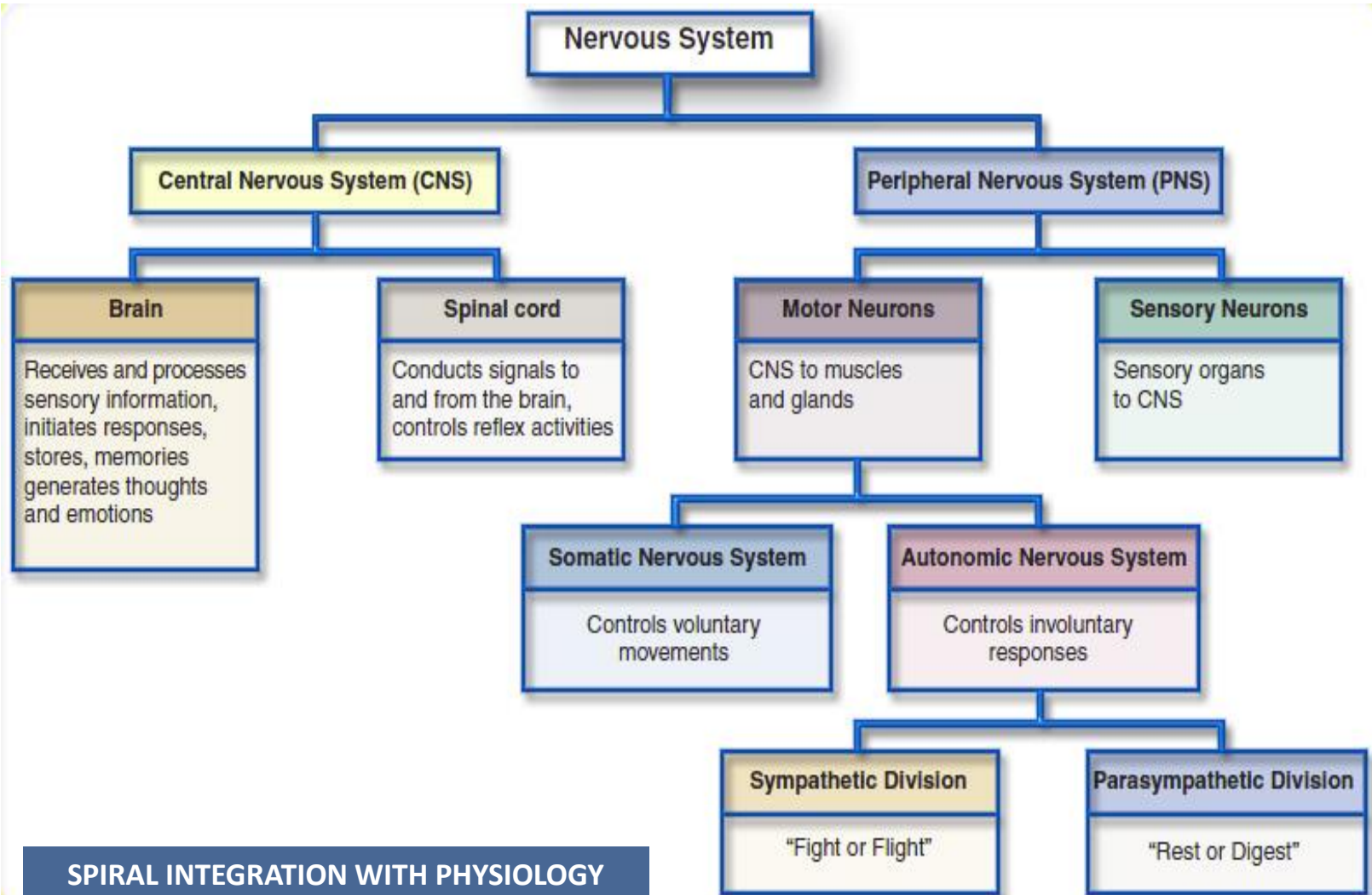


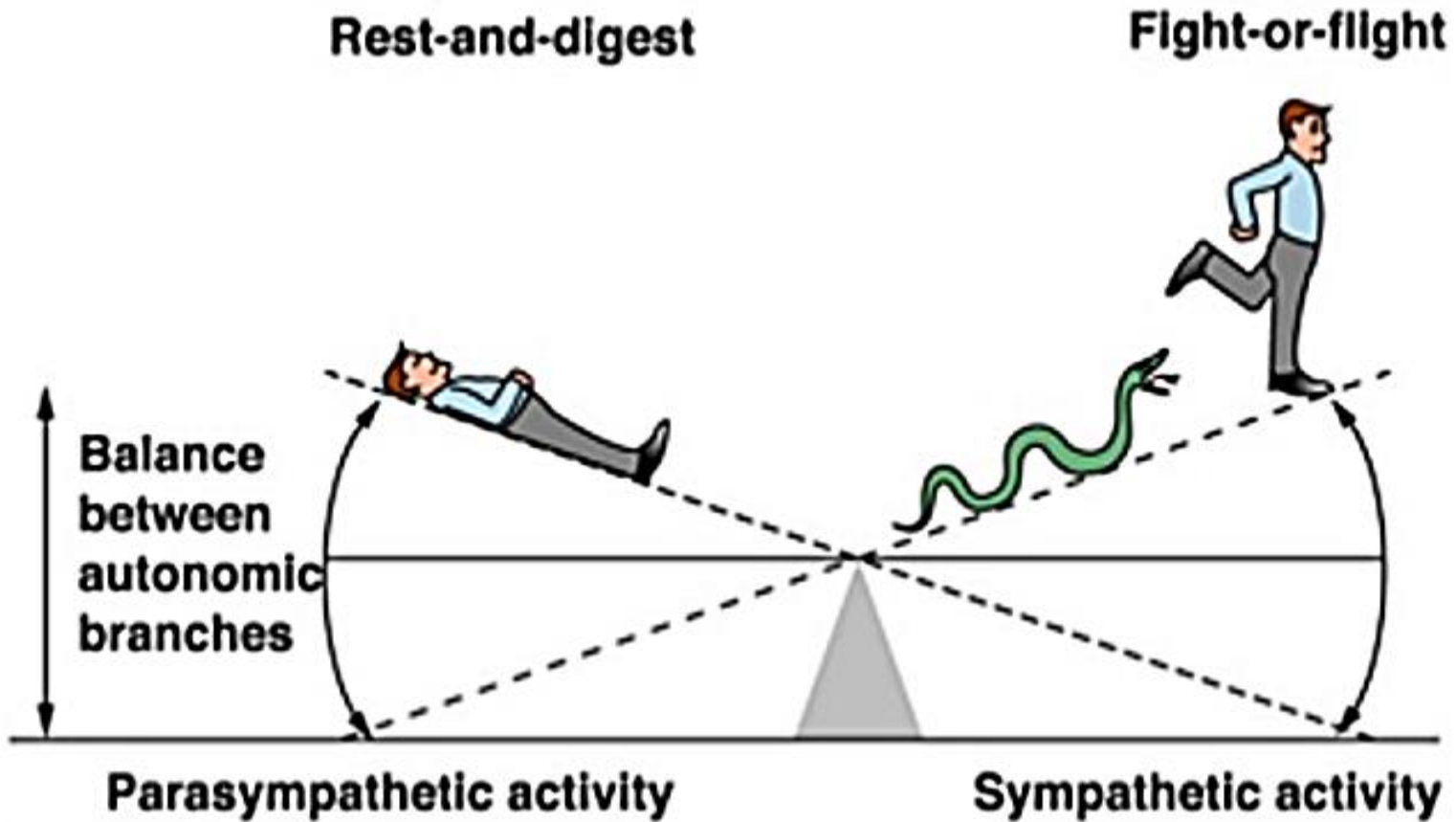
Nicotinic
Receptor



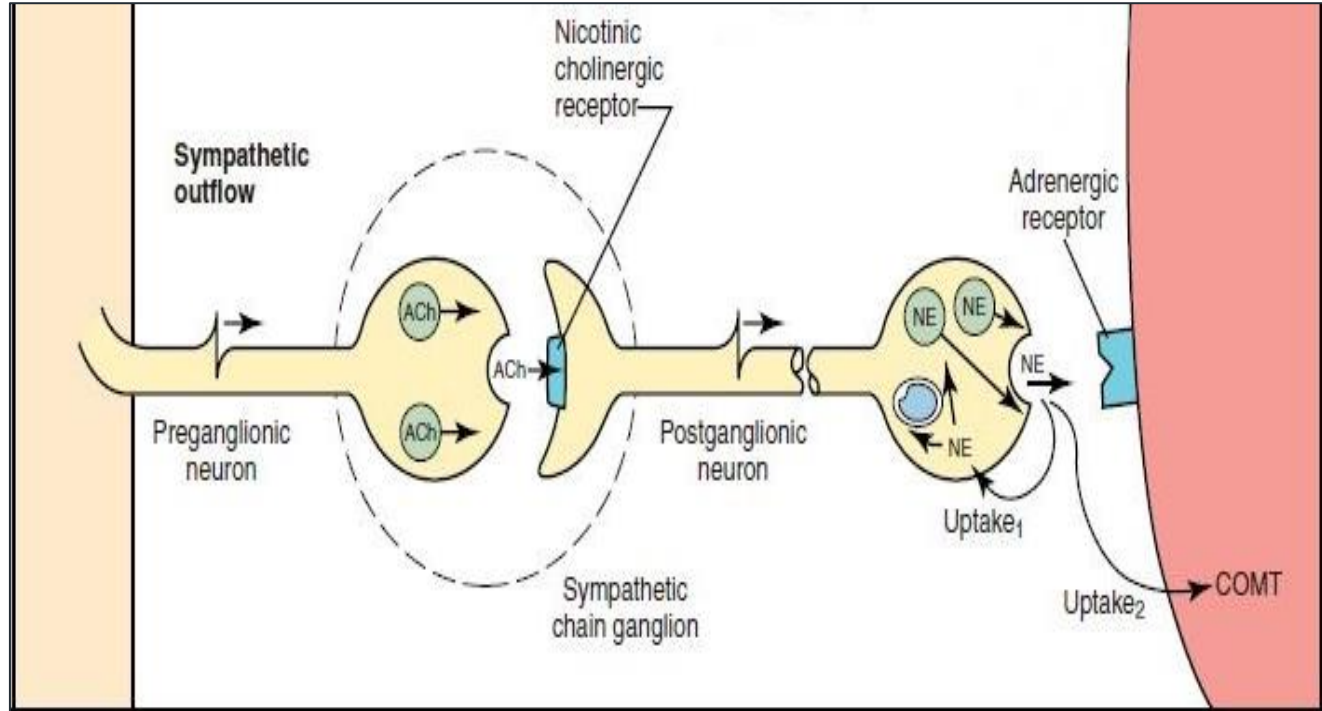
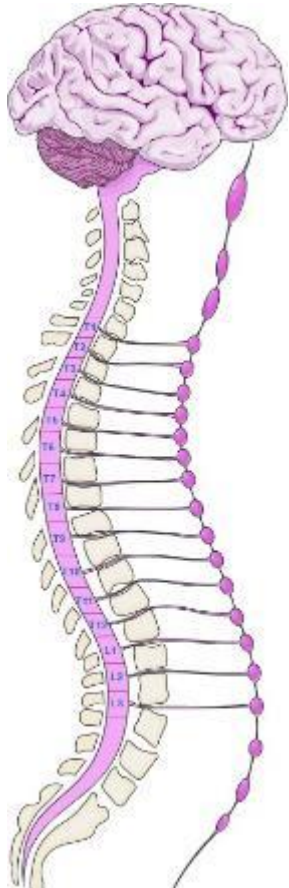
Sympathomimetics

Drugs that facilitate or mimic the actions of the sympathetic nervous system stimulation on sympathetic effectors are called **sympathomimetics**, **adrenomimetics**, or **adrenergic agonists**.

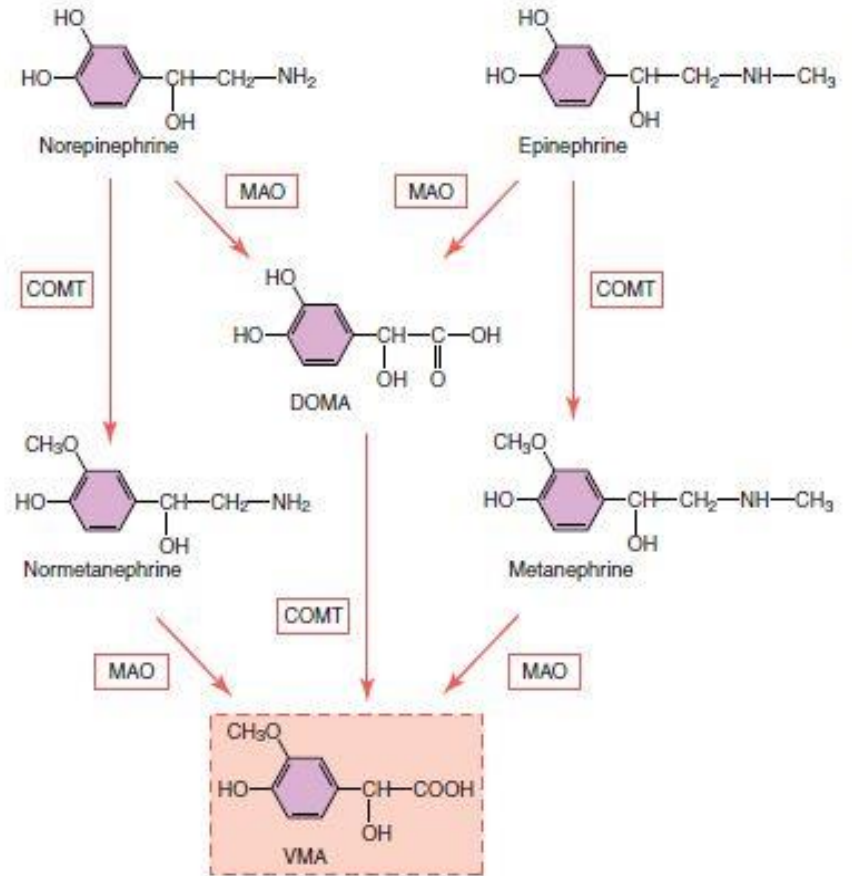
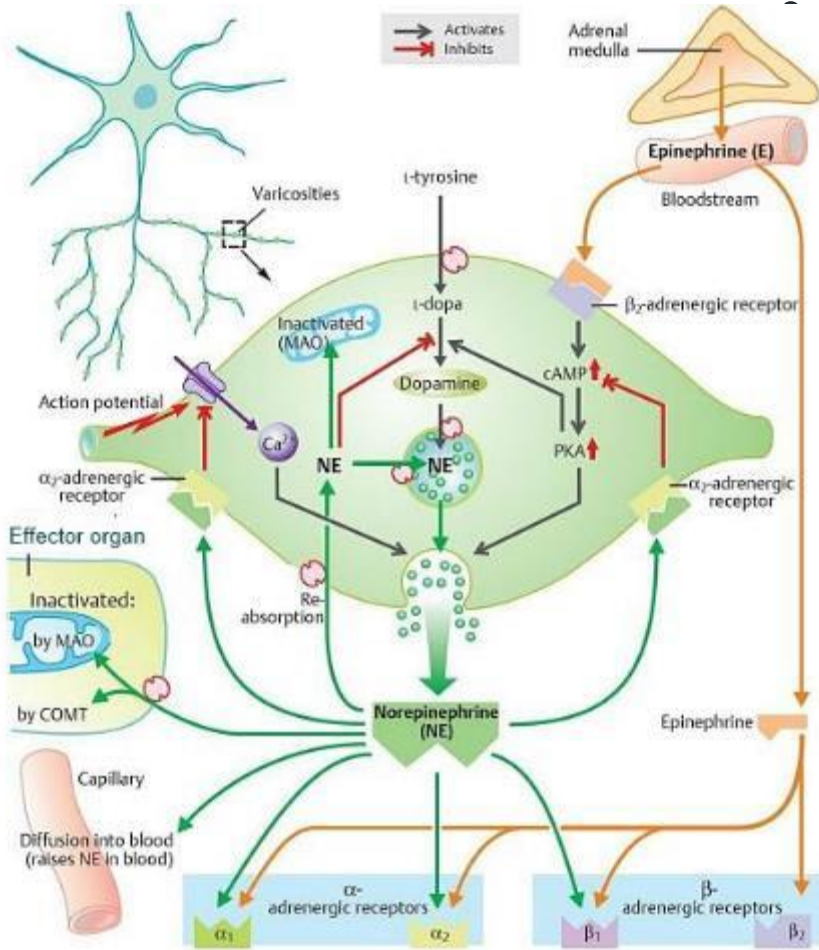




Sympathetic Neurotransmission



Sympathetic





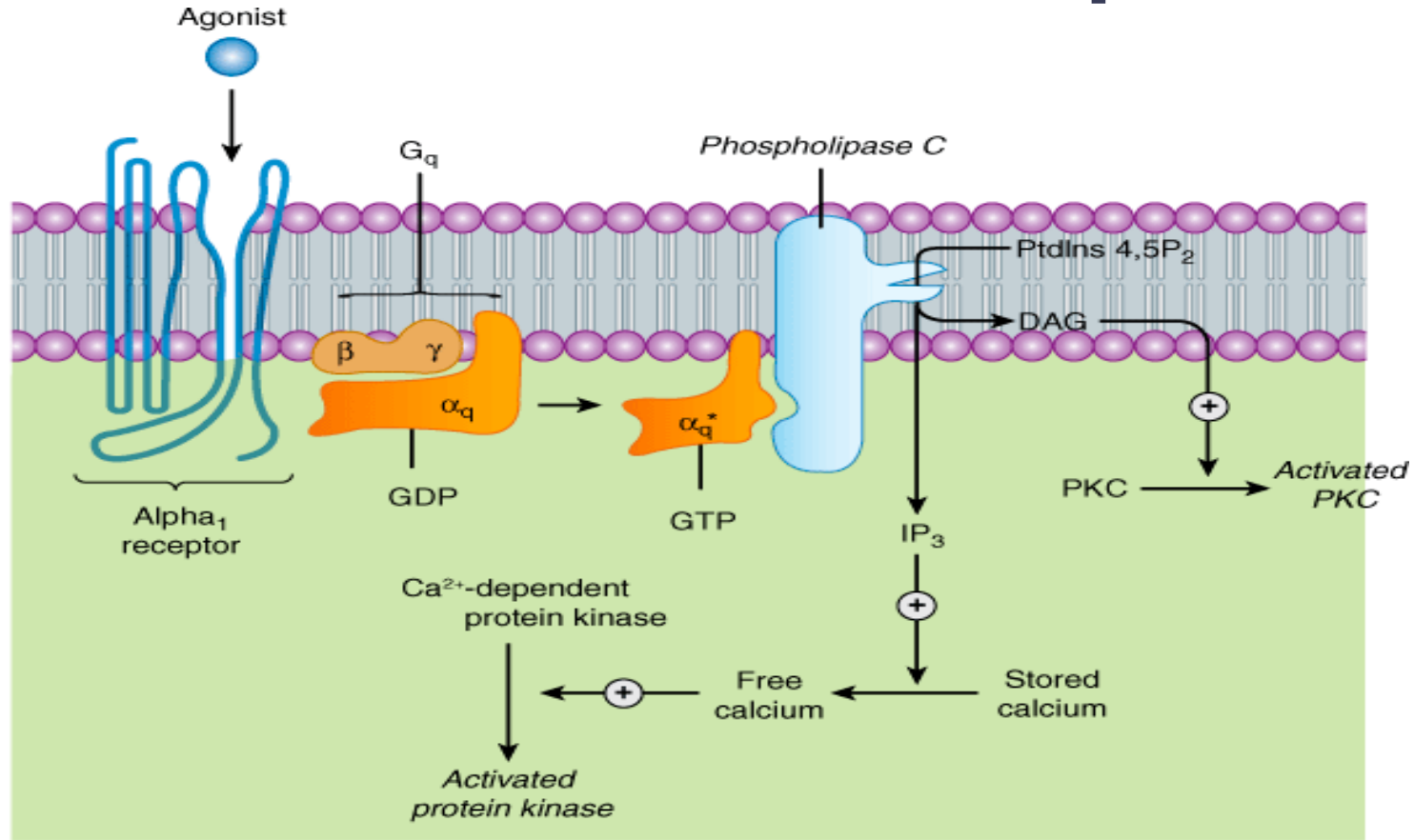
Receptors

1. **Adrenergic receptors**
 - a) **Alpha receptors (α)**
 - i) $\alpha 1$ ($\alpha 1_A$ $\alpha 1_B$ $\alpha 1_D$)
 - ii) $\alpha 2$ ($\alpha 2_A$ $\alpha 2_B$ $\alpha 2_C$)
 - b) **Beta receptors (β)**
 - i) $\beta 1$
 - ii) $\beta 2$
 - iii) $\beta 3$
2. **Dopamine receptors**
3. **Imidazole receptors**

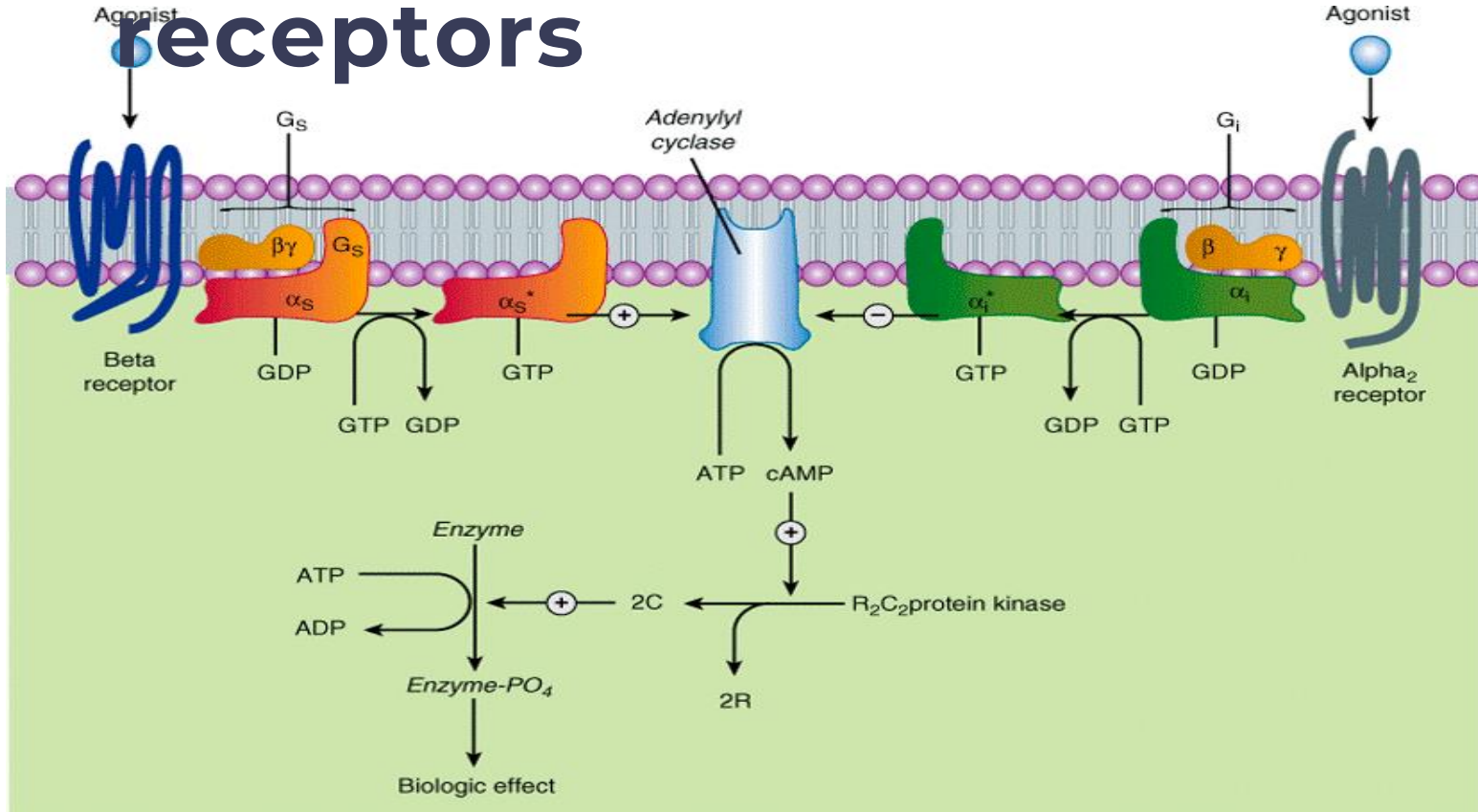
Signal Transduction

Receptor	G-protein	Mechanism
$\alpha 1$	Gq	Phospholipase C activation, increased IP ₃ , DAG and release of calcium
$\alpha 2$	G _i / G _o	Inhibition of adenylyl cyclase and decreased cAMP
$\beta 1$	G _s	Adenylyl cyclase activation, increased cAMP, protein kinase activation
$\beta 2$	G _s	

Activation of α_1 receptors



Activation of β & α_2 receptors

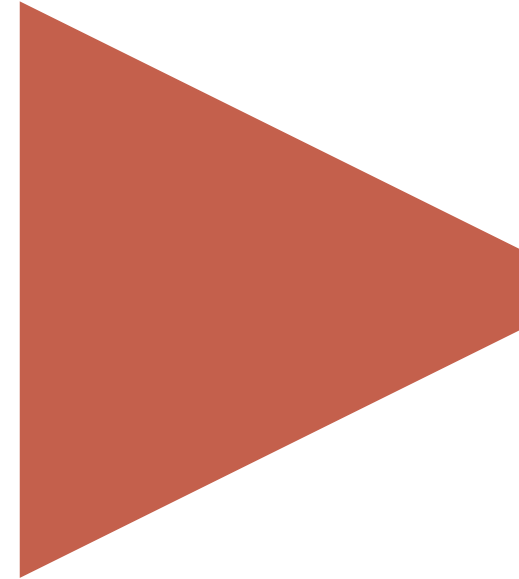


Receptor Distribution & Effects	Type	Tissue	Actions	CORE
	α1	Most vascular smooth muscle	Contraction	
		Pupillary dilator muscle	Contraction (dilates pupil)	
		Pilomotor smooth muscle	Erects hair	
		Urethral sphincter and Prostate	Contraction	
		Heart	Increases force of contraction	
	α2	Synaptic CNS adrenoceptors	Modulate dopamine neurotransmission Decrease sympathetic outflow	
		Platelets	Aggregation	
		Adrenergic and cholinergic presynaptic nerve terminals	Inhibition of transmitter release	
		Some vascular smooth muscle	Contraction	
		Fat cells	Inhibition of lipolysis	
		Pancrease	Inhibition of insulin secretion	

Type	Tissue	Actions
β1	Heart, juxta-glomerular cells	Increases force and rate of contraction; increases renin release
	Muscle and liver	CHO metabolism
β2	Respiratory, uterine,GIT and vascular smooth muscle	Promotes smooth muscle relaxation
	Skeletal muscle	Promotes potassium uptake Activates glycogenolysis (lactate)
	Liver	Activates glycogenolysis (glucose)
	Pancreas	Secretion of insulin and glucagon
β3	Fat cells	Activates lipolysis
D1	Smooth muscle	Dilates renal blood vessels
D2	Nerve endings	Modulates transmitter release

Classification

- 1. Chemistry**
- 2. Mode of action**
- 3. Receptor activation**
- 4. Therapeutic uses**





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Chemical Classification

Chemical Classification

❖ Catecholamines

- **Natural**

Epinephrine

Norepinephrine

Dopamine

- **Synthetic**

Isoprenaline(Isoproterenol)

Dobutamine

Rimiterol

Isoetharine

Hexoprenaline

Chemical Classification

Non-catecholamine

Non-selective (α & β)

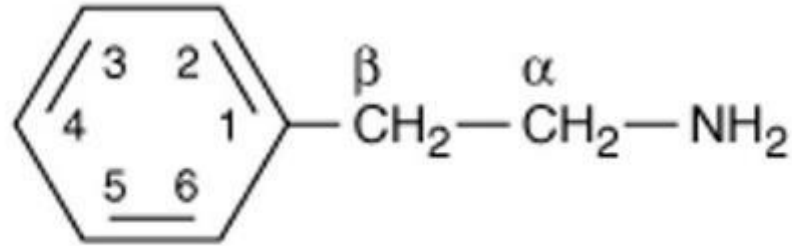
- Ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, amphetamine, methylphenidate

Selective

- α 1 (phenylephrine, midodrine, xylometazoline)
- α 2 (clonidine, α methyldopa)
- α 1 & α 2 (Oxymetazoline)

- β 1 (prenalterol)
- β 2 (salmeterol, terbutaline)
- β 1 & β 2 (orciprenaline)

Structure-Activity Relationship



Phenylethylamine

1. Benzene ring
2. α carbon
3. β carbon
4. Amine group



1. Receptor selectivity
2. Lipid solubility (CNS penetration)
3. Metabolism by MAO/COMT

SUMMARY FOR SAR

1. Direct-acting agonists generally require a hydroxyl group at positions 3 and 4 of the aromatic ring plus a hydroxyl group on the β -carbon atom of the side chain for maximal stimulation of α and β receptors.
2. Indirect-acting agonists have no β -hydroxyl group and either no or one hydroxyl group on the ring. Agents devoid of hydroxyl substitutions can penetrate the blood–brain barrier better and exert prominent CNS effects.
3. Mixed-acting agonists generally have a β -hydroxyl group and a single ring hydroxyl group
4. The alkyl substitution on the nitrogen causes a shift in drug activity toward the β -adrenergic receptor

Catecholamine & Non-catecholamine

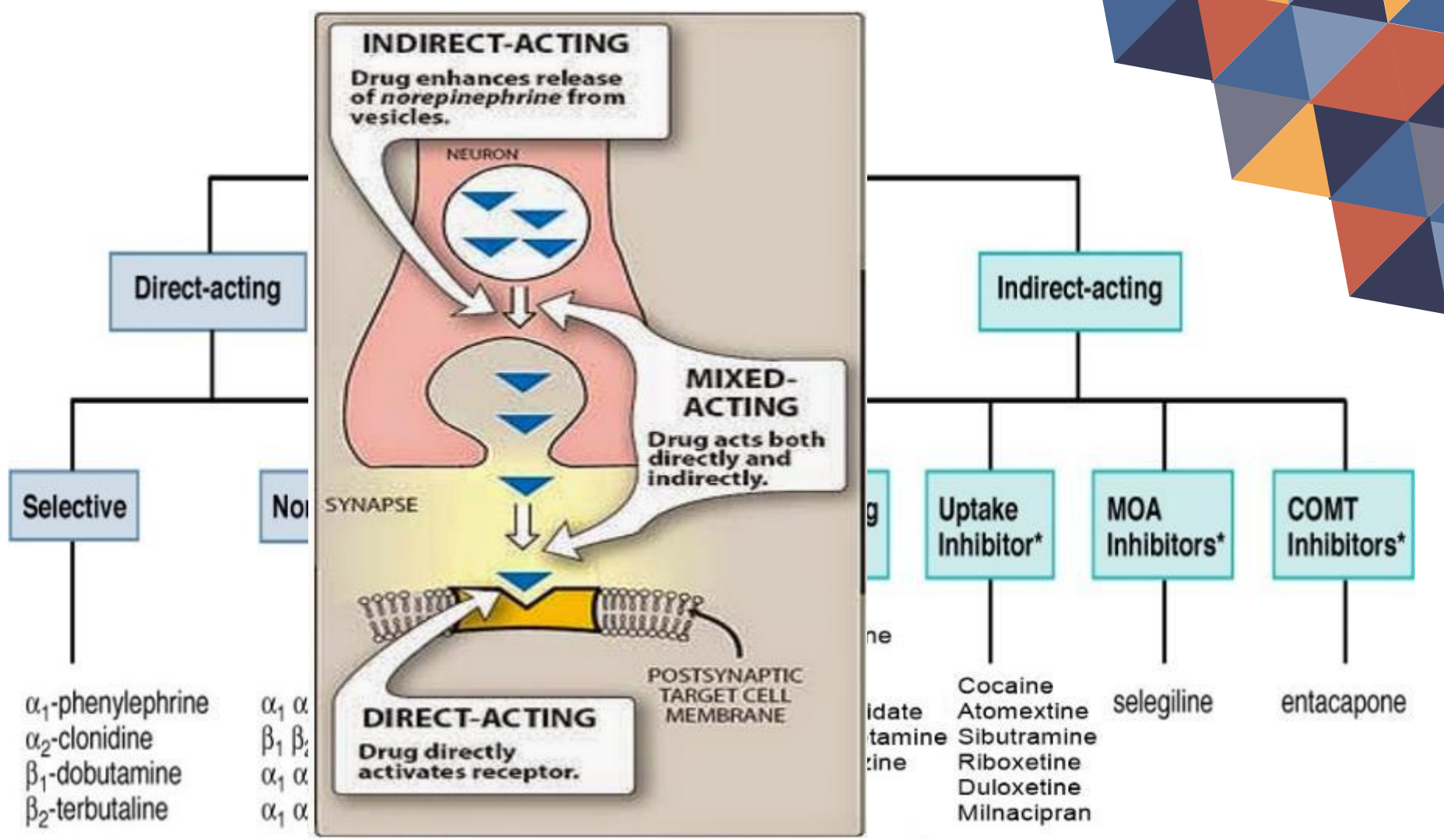
CATECHOLAMINE	NON-CATECHOLAMINE
CHEMISTRY: Catechol nucleus	CHEMISTRY: Absence of catechol nucleus
ROA: Can not be given orally	ROA: can be given orally
DURATION OF ACTION: Shorter as metabolized rapidly by MAO & COMT	DURATION OF ACTION: Prolonged as resistant to metabolism to MAO & COMT
CNS EFFECTS: Can not cross BBB so no or minimal CNS effects	CNS effects: Can be distributed to CNS produce specific effects there
MOA: Usually direct acting	MOA: Act directly, indirectly or by both mechanisms





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Mode of Action



RESEARCH

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