

Chemistry and the Nervous System

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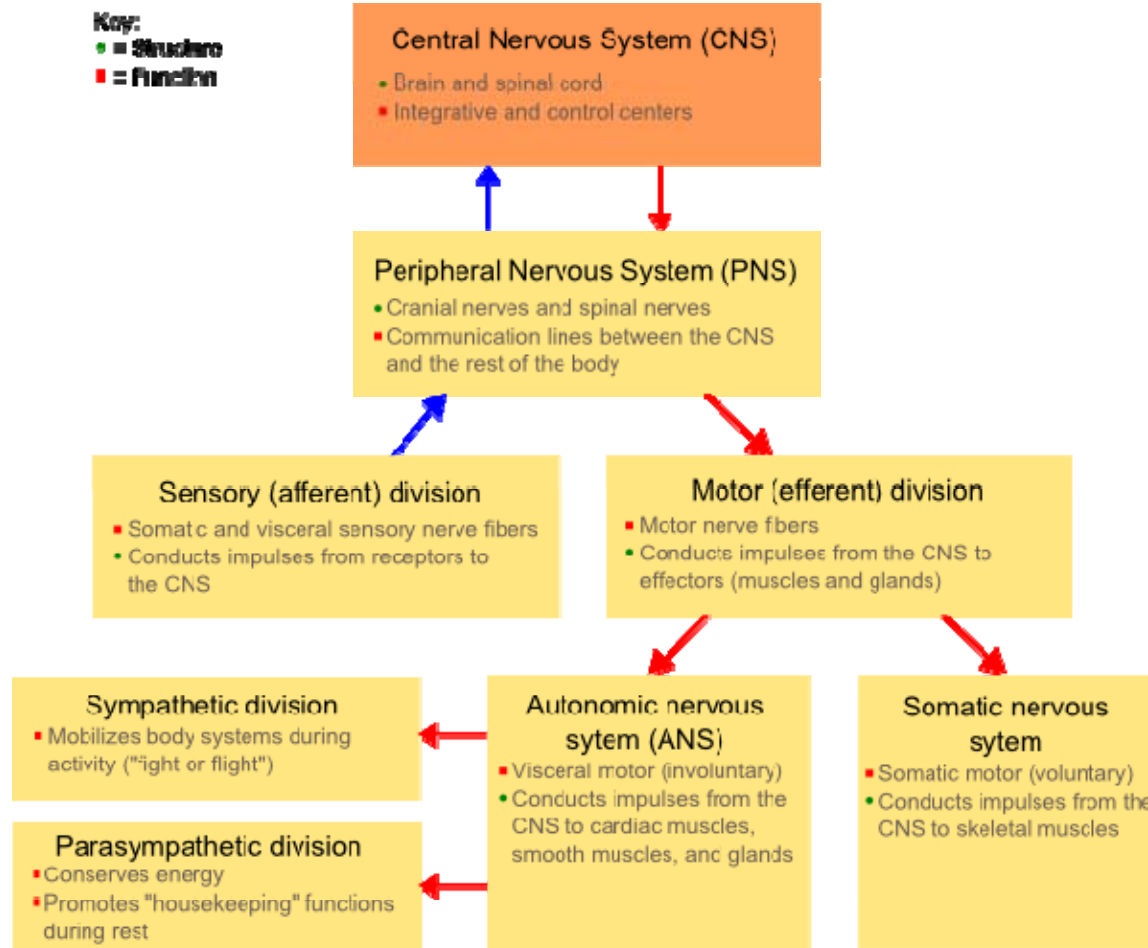
What to expect from this presentation

- Medicinal chemistry
- Biochemistry
- Total synthesis

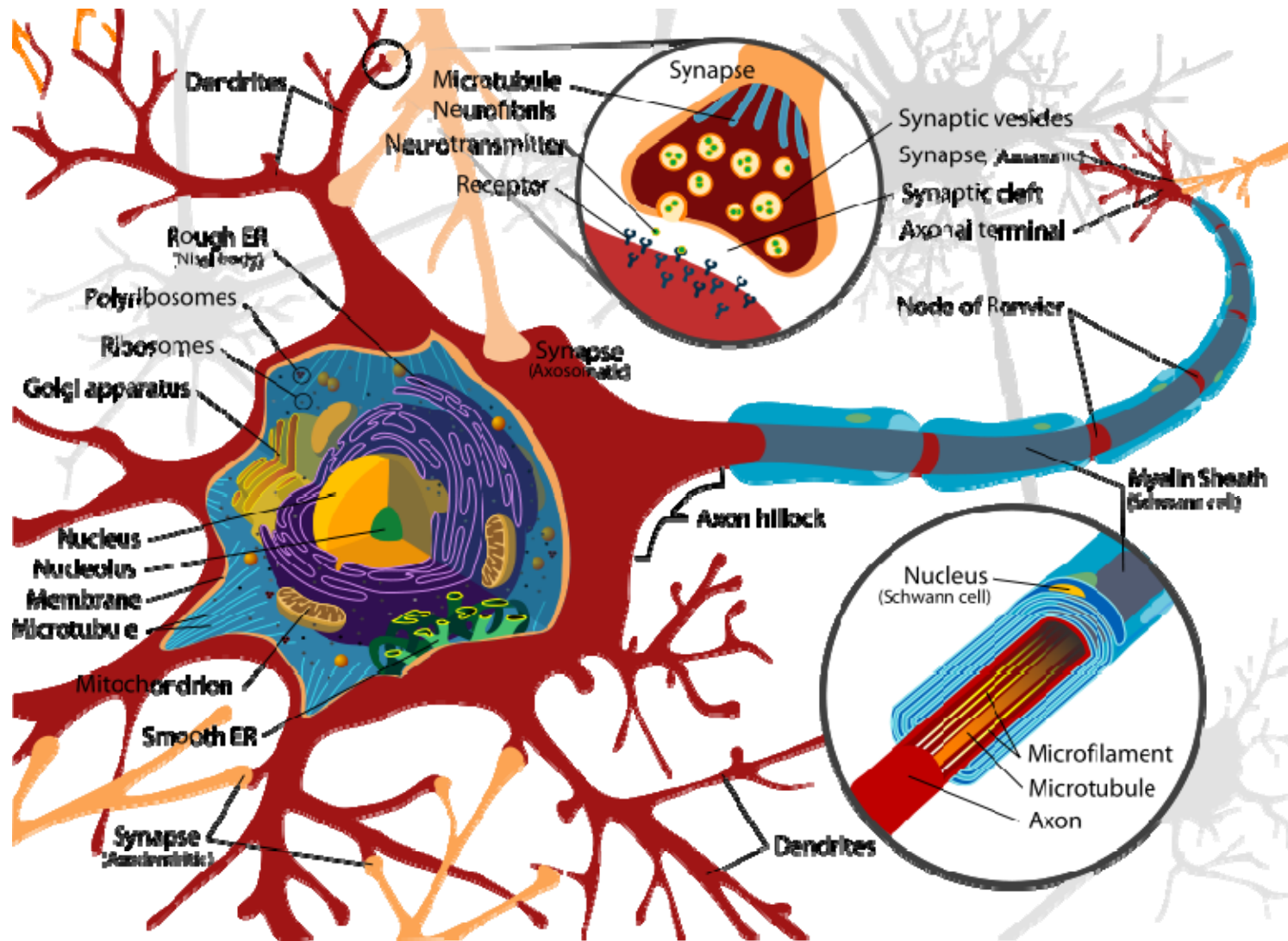
Outline

- Nervous system
 - Classification
 - Neurons
 - Ionic and metabotropic receptors
- Neurotransmitters
 - Acetylcholin and related chemicals
 - Monoamines and related chemicals
 - Aminoacids and related chemicals
- Conclusion

Human Nervous System



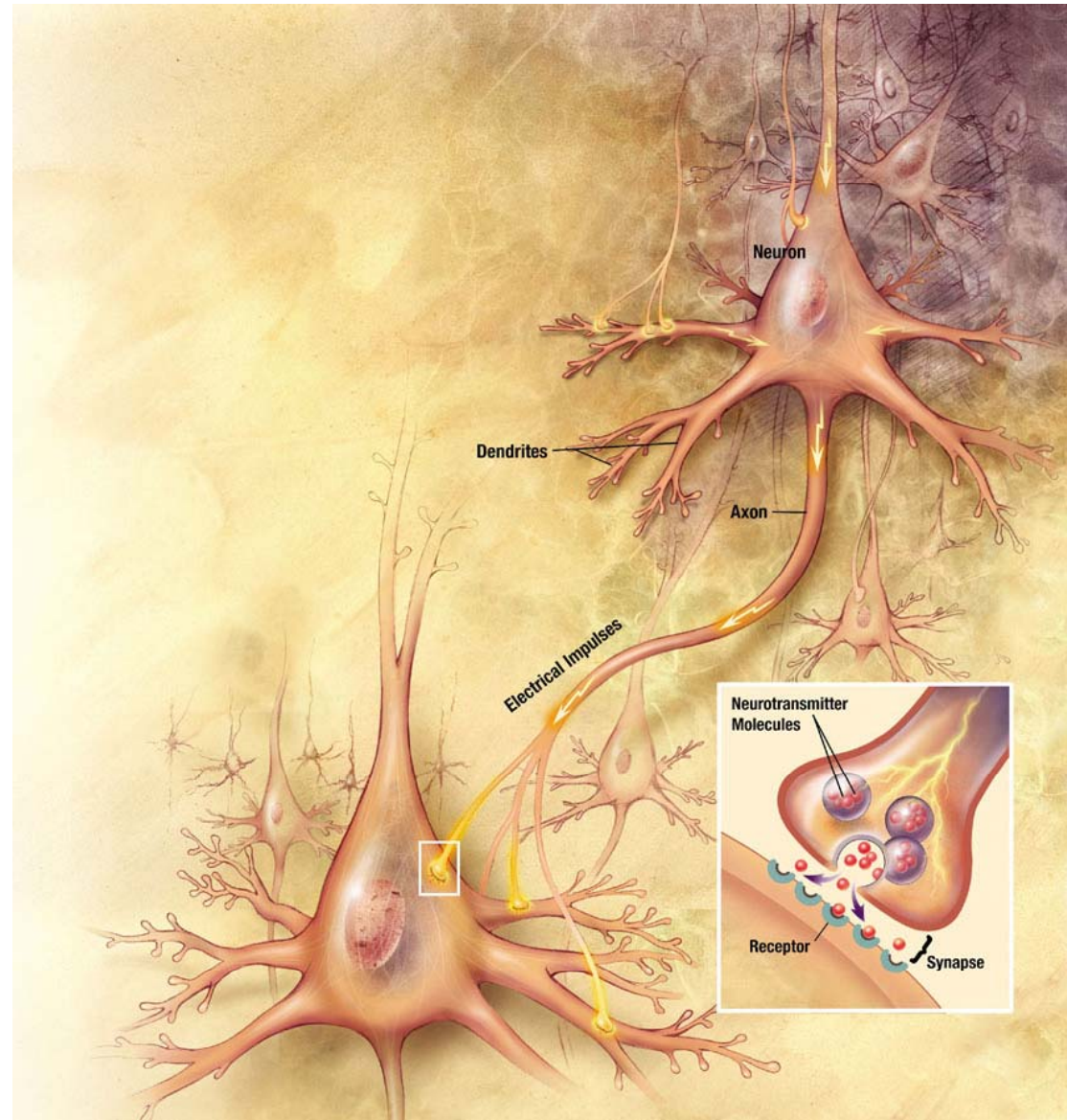
Neuron



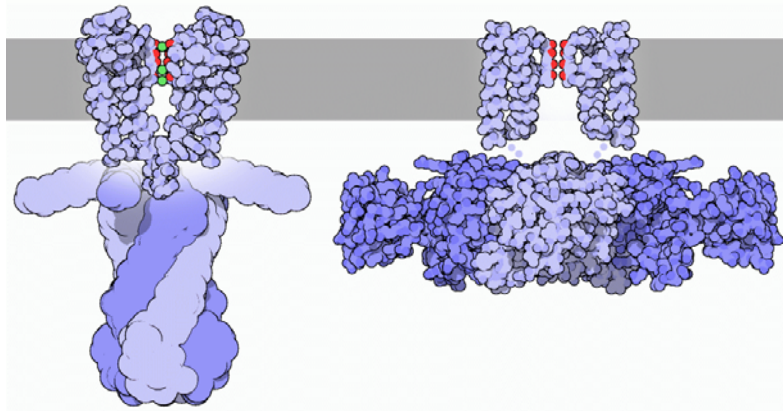
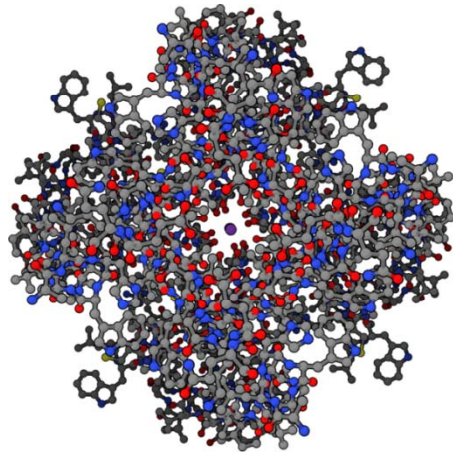
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Some facts

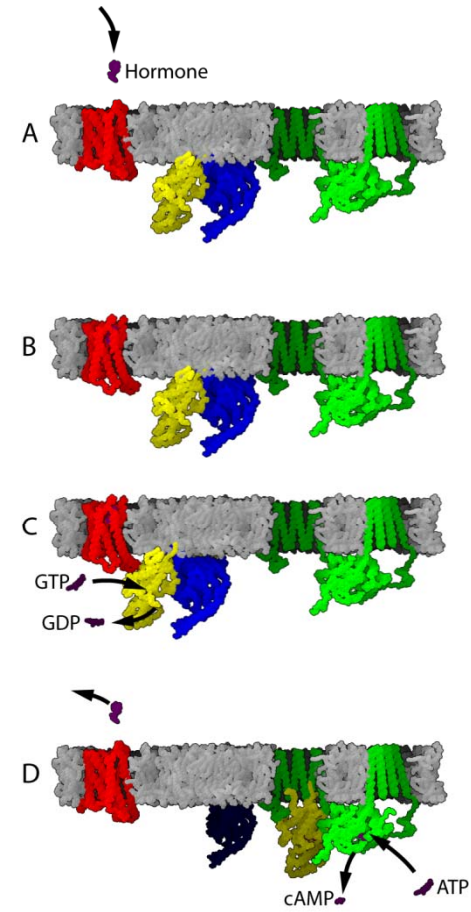
10^{11} - neurons
 10^{15} -synapses
synaptic gap 2×10^{-5}
mm



Ions channels and G-proteins

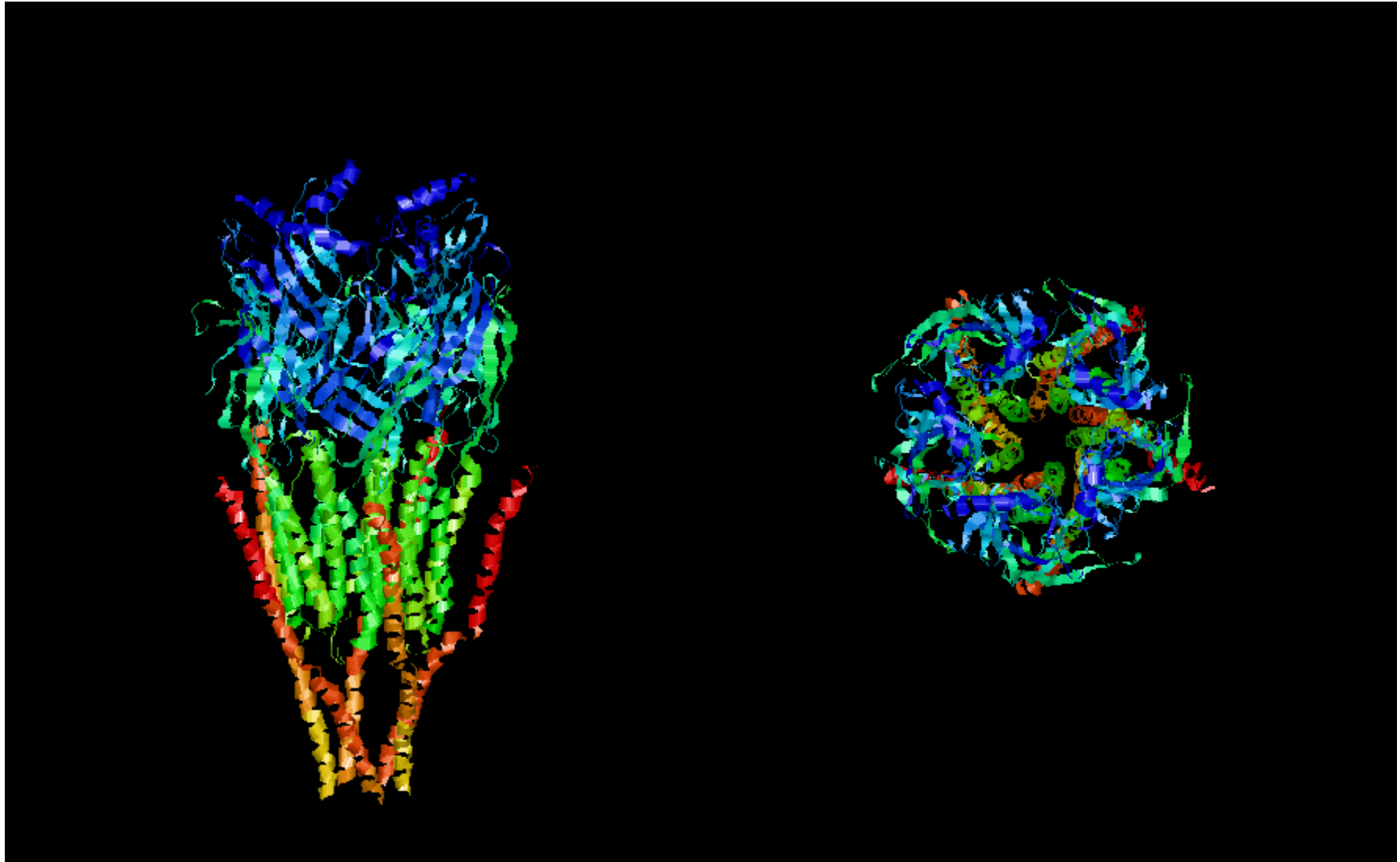


Ionotropic receptor

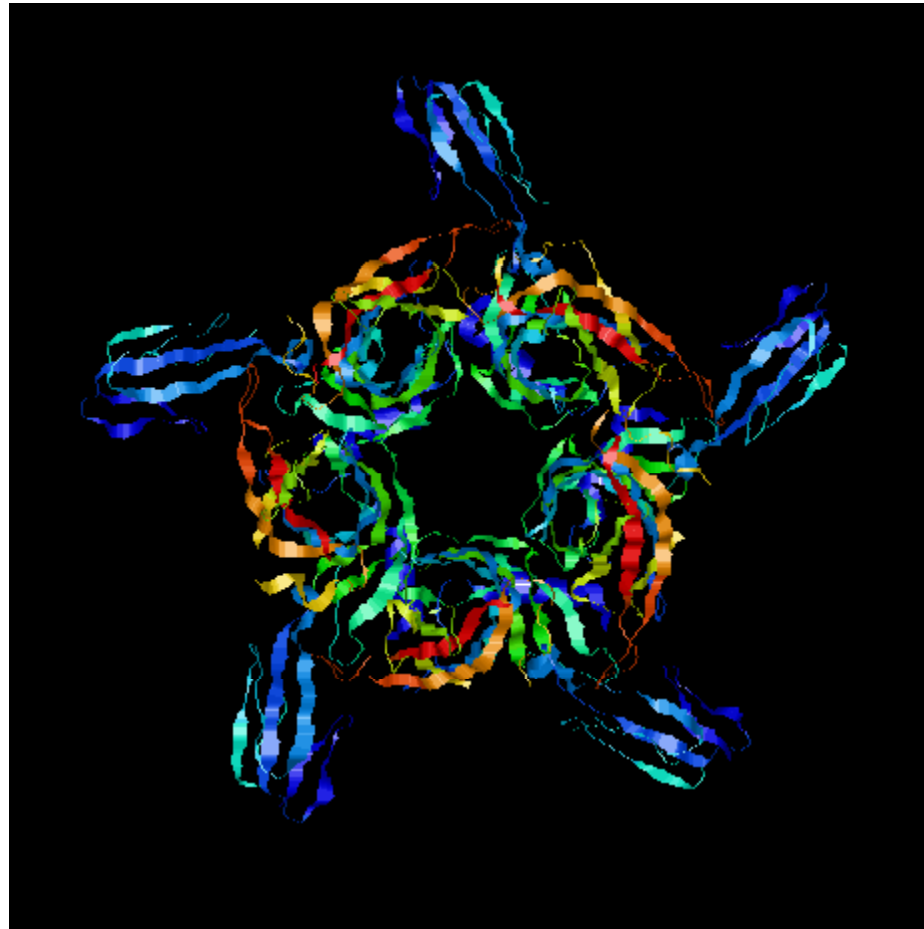


Metabotropic receptor

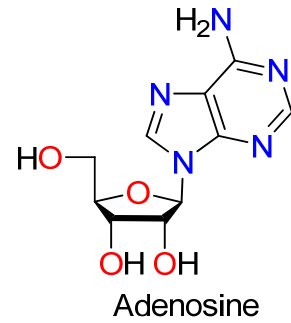
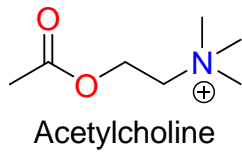
Nicotinic Acetylcholine receptor (nAChR)



Cobra venom action



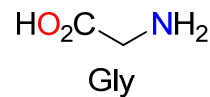
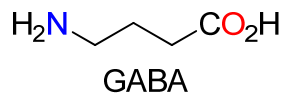
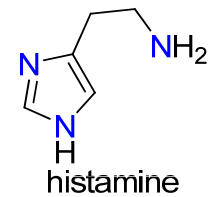
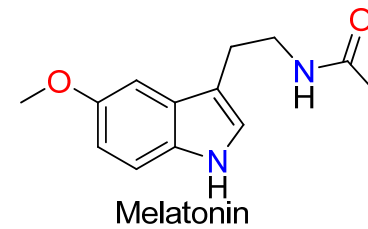
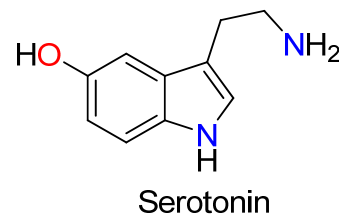
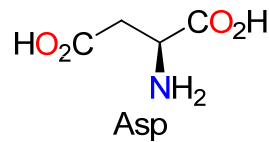
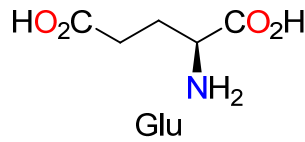
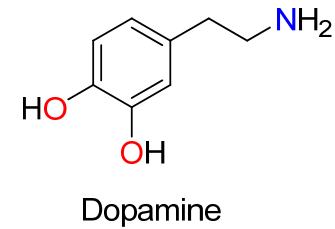
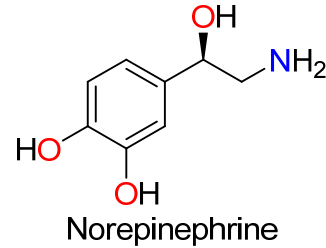
Neurotransmitters (NT)



ADP, GDP

Vasopressin
Oxytocin
Neuropeptides

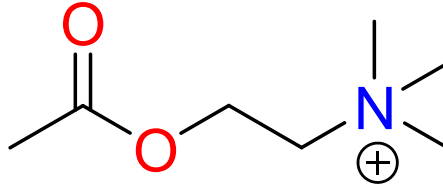
Purines



Aminoacids

Monoamines

Acetylcholine



Acetylcholine

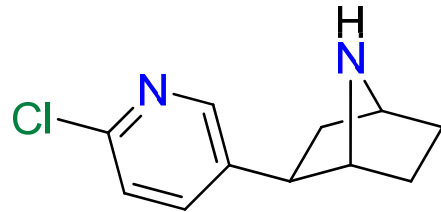
- First isolated in 1914 by Henry Dale, Otto Loewi. Both received 1936 Nobel prize in Medicine
- In the PNS, acetylcholine activates muscles, and is a **major** neurotransmitter in the autonomic nervous system.
- In the CNS, acetylcholine and the associated neurons form a neurotransmitter system, the cholinergic system, which tends to cause excitatory actions.

AcetylCholine receptors

- nicotinic acetylcholine receptors nAChR
 - 290 kDa, 5 subunits around central pore.
Similarities with GABA, glycine, 5HT receptors
 - Nicotine, choline, epibatidine affinity
- Muscarinic acetylcholine receptors mAChR

Epibatidine and Tebanicline

- Isolated from Phantasmal poison frog



Epibatidine

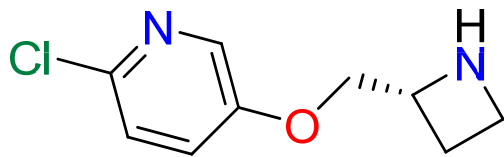
1976 - isolated

1986 -structure elucidated

200 times more potent than morphine



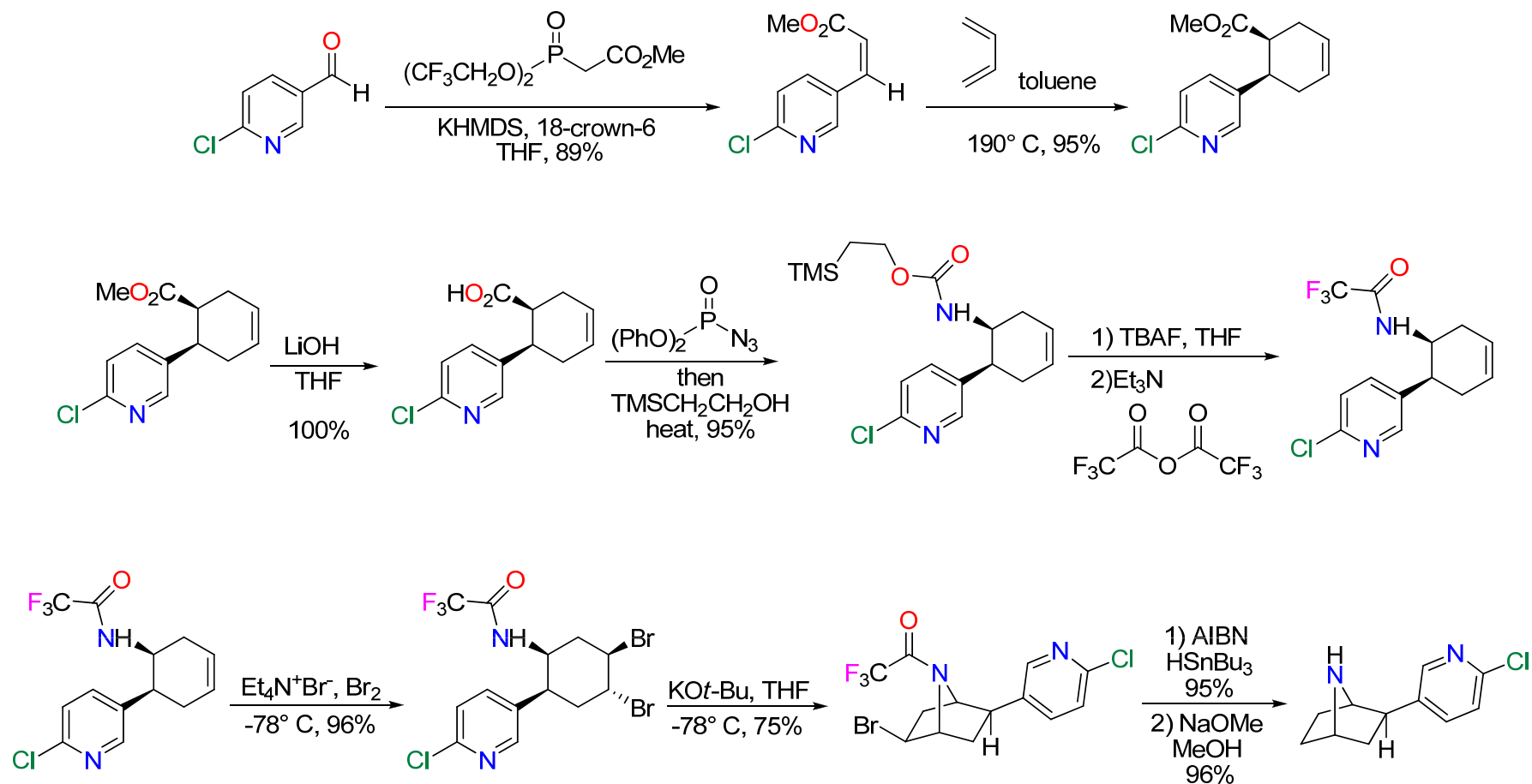
- New lead drug



Tebanicline

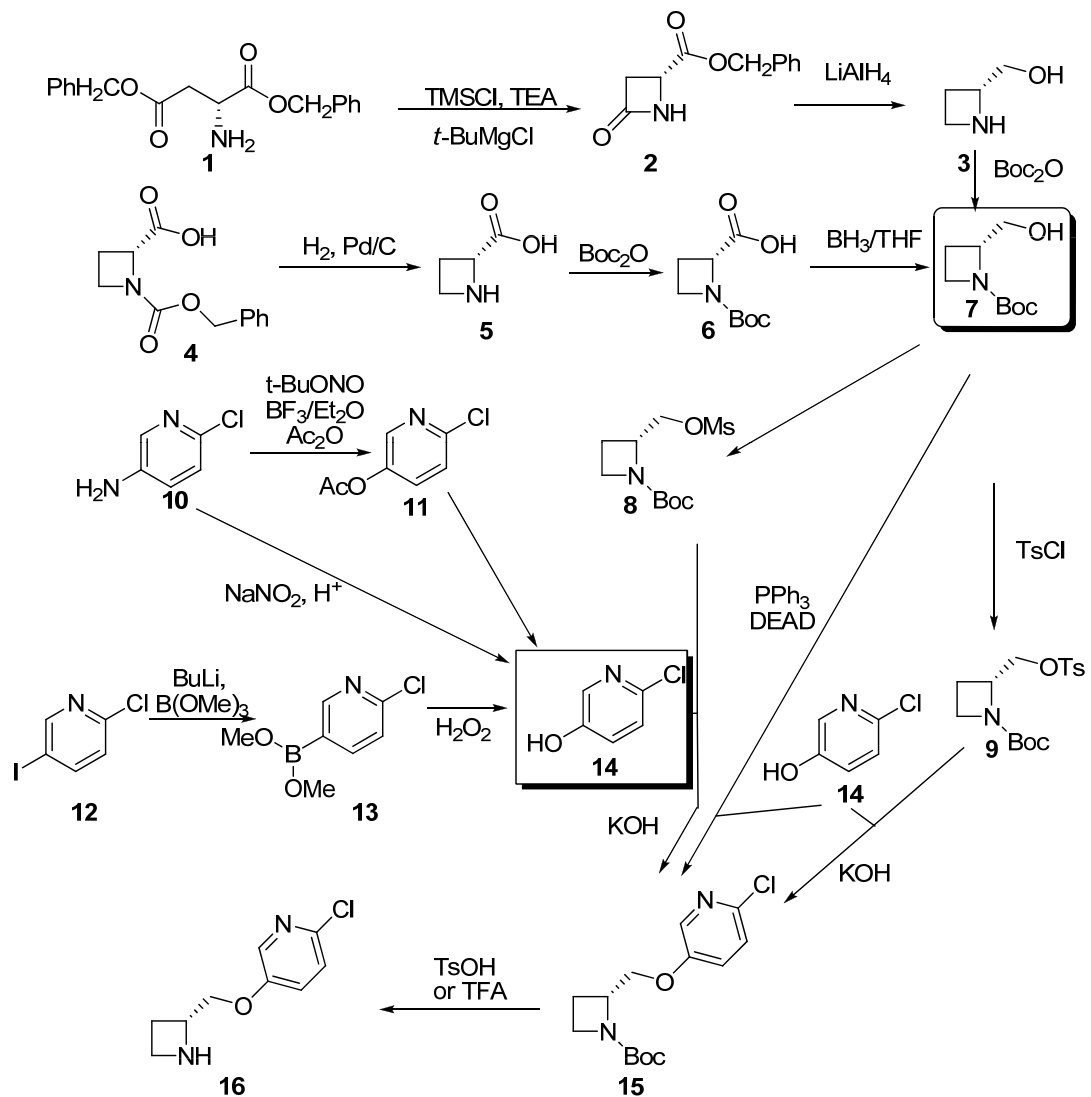
- 50 time more potent than morphine,
- Binds nAChR, not opioid receptors
- Did not go farther than Phase II trial. Due to gastrointestinal side effects

E.J. Corey Synthesis of Epibatidine



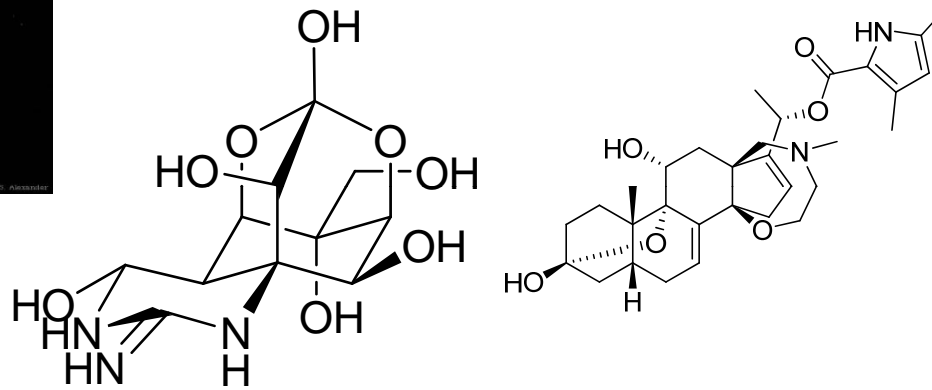
Corey, E. J.; Loh, T. P.; Achyutha, S.; Daley, D. C.; Sarshar, S. *J. Org. Chem.* **1993**, *58*, 5600

Synthesis of Tebanicline



Tetrodotoxin and Batrachotoxin

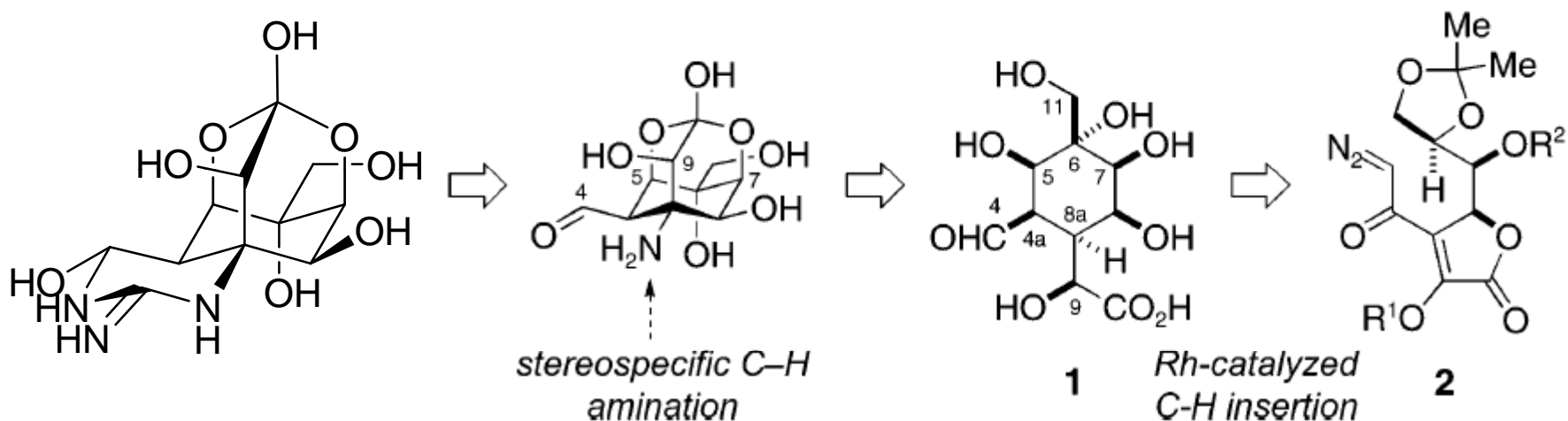
block Na channels in neurons
Inhibitor of nAChr



- [Y. Kishi](#) 1972 racemic
J. Am. Chem. Soc **94** (26): 9217
- [Isobe](#) *J. Am. Chem. Soc* **125** (29): 8798
- [Du Bois](#) 2003 asymmetric
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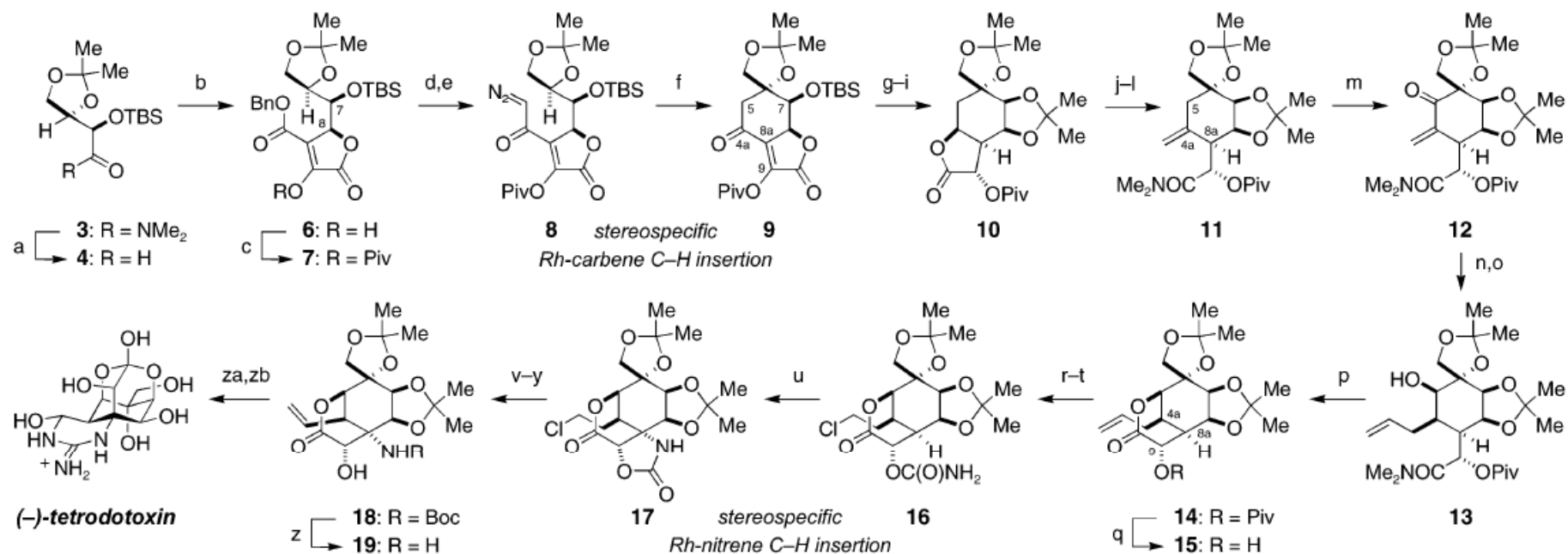
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Synthesis of (+)-Tetradotoxin



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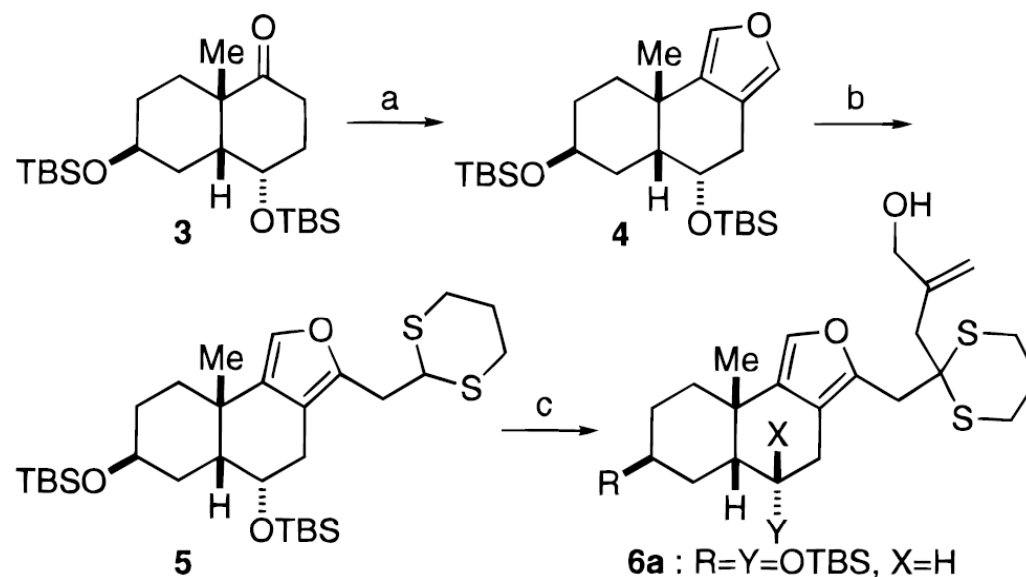
Synthesis of (+)-Tetradotoxine



^a Conditions: (a) *i*-Bu₂AlH, *n*-BuLi, THF/hexanes; (b) BnO₂CCH₂C(O)CO₂Bn **5**, NaOAc, THF; (c) *t*-BuCOCl, C₅H₅N, THF, 85% (three steps); (d) H₂, Pd–C, THF, 88%; (e) (COCl)₂, cat. DMF, THF; then CH₂N₂, CH₂Cl₂, 63–70%; (f) 1.5 mol % Rh₂(HNCOCPh₃)₄, CCl₄; (g) NH₃·BH₃, CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, 75% (two steps); (h) H₂ (1200 psi), 5 mol % Rh–C, 2:1 CF₃CO₂H/MeOH; (i) *p*-TsOH, 2,2-DMP, THF, 77% (two steps); (j) Me₂NH, THF, 83%; (k) cat. (*n*-Pr₄N)RuO₄, NMO, 4 Å MS, CH₂Cl₂, 94%; (l) Zn, TiCl₄, CH₂I₂, cat. PbCl₂, THF, 72%; (m) Ph₂Se₂, PhIO₂, C₅H₅N, C₆H₅Cl, 100 °C, 70%; (n) H₂C=CHMgBr, CuI, THF; (o) *t*-BuNH₂·BH₃, DCE, 77% (two steps); (p) *t*-BuCO₂H, C₆H₅Cl, 200 °C; (q) NaOMe, THF/MeOH 78% (two steps), (r) Cl₃CC(O)NCO, CH₂Cl₂; Zn, MeOH, 93%; (s) O₃; then NaBH₄, CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, 83%; (t) MeSO₂Cl, C₅H₅N, DCE, 86%; (u) 10 mol % Rh₂(HNCOCF₃)₄, PhI(OAc)₂, MgO, C₆H₆, 65 °C, 77%; (v) NaSePh, THF/DMF, 77%; (w) *m*-CPBA; C₅H₅N, DCE, 55 °C, 92%; (x) Boc₂O, Et₃N, DMAP, THF; (y) K₂CO₃, THF/MeOH, 84% (two steps); (z) H₂O, 110 °C, 95%; (za) BocN=C(SMe)NHBoc, HgCl₂, Et₃N, MeCN/CH₂Cl₂, 80%; (zb) O₃, CH₂Cl₂/MeOH; Me₂S; then aq CF₃CO₂H, 65%.

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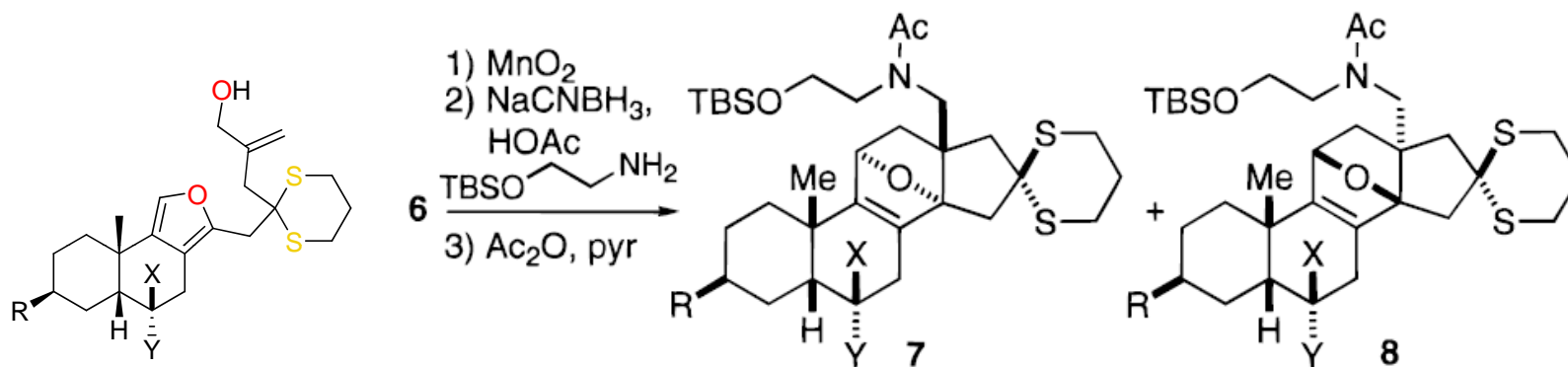
Synthesis of (\pm)-Batrachotoxine



^a Reagents and yields: (a) (i) ethyl formate, NaH; (ii) *n*-BuSH, TsOH (88%); (iii) Me₃Si, NaHMDS;¹² (iv) HgCl₂ (54%); (b) (i) DMF, (COCl)₂ (84%); (ii) KO^t-Bu, CH₃OCH₂P(Ph)₃Cl; (iii) 1,3-propanedithiol, CSA (72%); (c) (i) *t*-BuLi, HMPA, 2-(bromomethyl)-1-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-2-propene; (ii) TBAF (52%).

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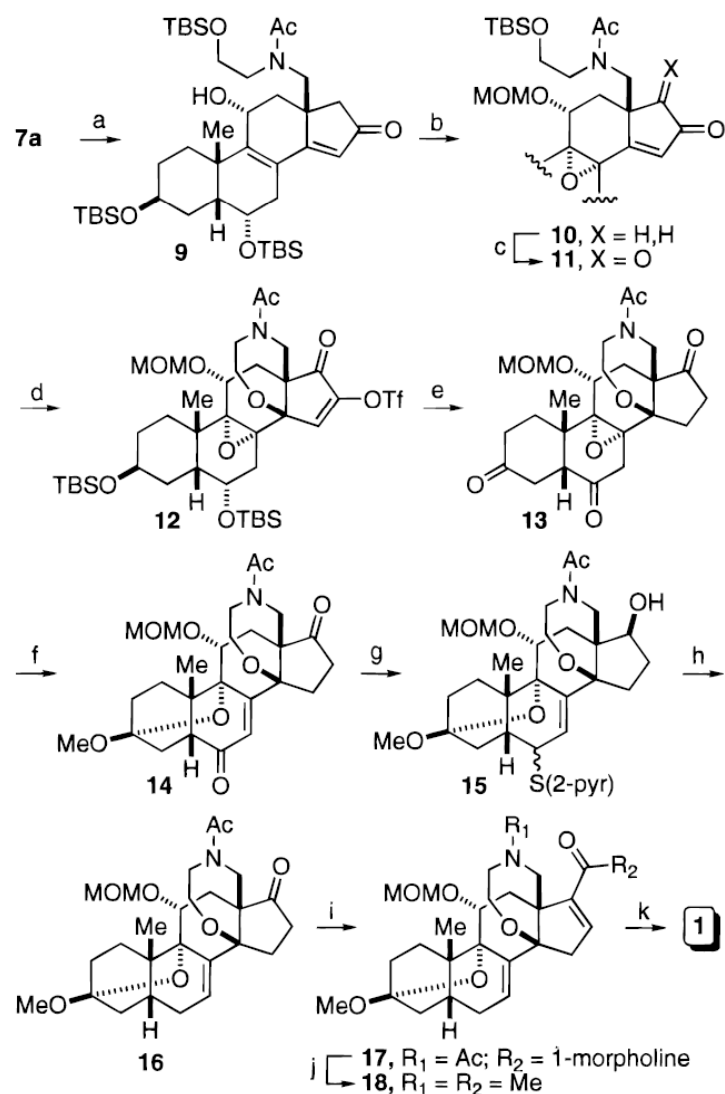
Diels-Alder Cyclization



entry	R	X	Y	yield, %	ratio (7:8)
a	OTBS	H	OTBS	70-75	>25:1
b	OTBDPS	H	H	75-80	3-4:1
c	OTBDPS	OMPM	H	40-50	1.4:1

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Completion



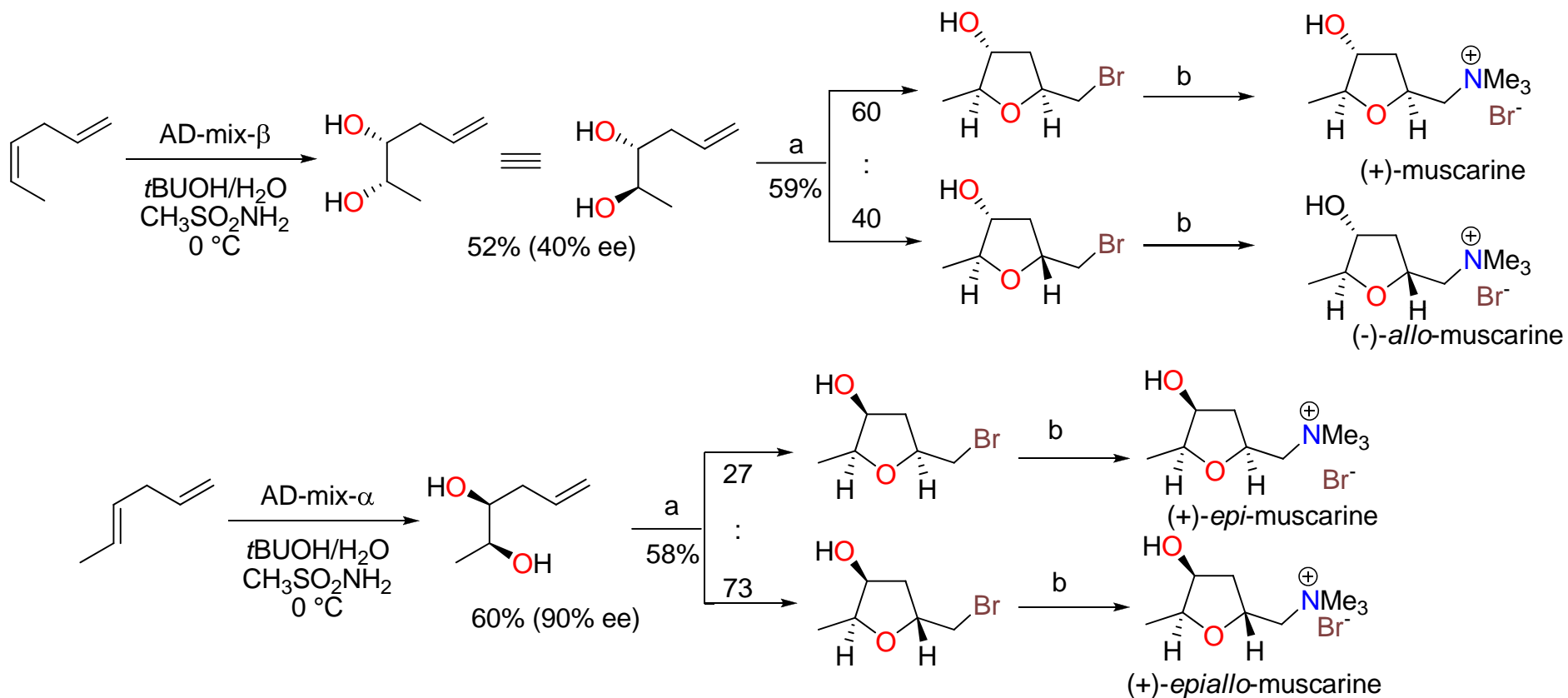
^a Reagents and yields: (a) (i) $(CF_3CO_2)_2IC_6H_5$,²² $CaCO_3$, MeOH; (ii) PPTS, acetone; (iii) DBU (68%); (b) (i) *p*-nitroperoxybenzoic acid (90%); (ii) MOMCl, DIEA (93%); (c) (i) KHMDS, Davis' oxaziridine²³ (93%); (ii) TFAA, DMSO, TEA (88%); (d) (i) $(Me_2N)_3S(Me_3SiF_2)$,¹⁷ (ii) $PhNTf_2$, TEA (95%); (e) (i) PtO_2 , H_2 , 2,6-di-*tert*-butylpyridine (90%),¹⁸ (ii) $NaBH_4$; (iii) TBAF; (iv) Dess–Martin oxidant; (f) (i) DBU; (ii) CSA, MeOH (85%); (g) (i) $NaBH_4$, $CeCl_3$; (ii) 2,2'-dipyridyl disulfide, (*n*-Bu)₃P; (h) (i) W-2 Raney Ni, H_2 ; (ii) Dess–Martin oxidant²⁰ (73%); (i) (i) KHMDS, $PhNTf_2$; (90%); (ii) $Pd(PPh_3)_4$, CO, morpholine (96%);²¹ (j) (i) $CeCl_3$, MeLi;¹¹ (ii) $NaHCO_3$, MeI (80%); (k) (i) $Zn(BH_4)_2$ (80%); (ii) *p*-TsOH, wet acetone (83%).

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Muscarinic acetylcholine receptors mAChR

- Stimulated by muscarine and acetylcholine
- Inhibited by atropine
- Metabotropic in action
- Located in CNS, heart, lungs, sweat glands

Muscarine



(a) TBHP, pyHBr, CHCl_3 , 10 mol% of VOL(OEt)(EtOH)
 [L = N-(hydroxyphenyl)salicylideneimine dianion], 20°C , 6 h;
 (b) NMe_3 , EtOH, 60°C , 7 d

Hartung, J.; Kuz., P.; Laug. S.; Schmidt, P. *Synlett*, **2003**, 1, 51

Donepezil

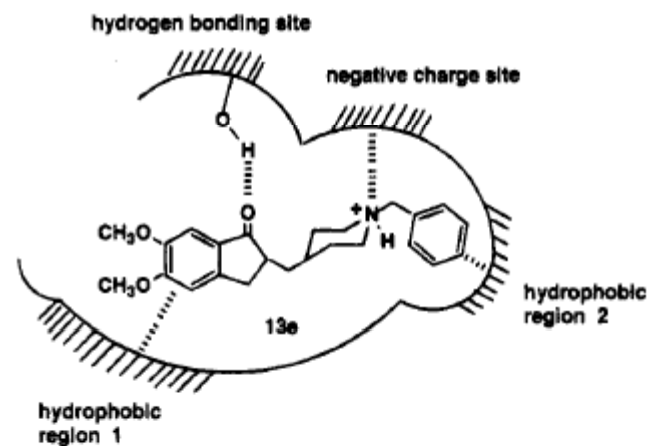
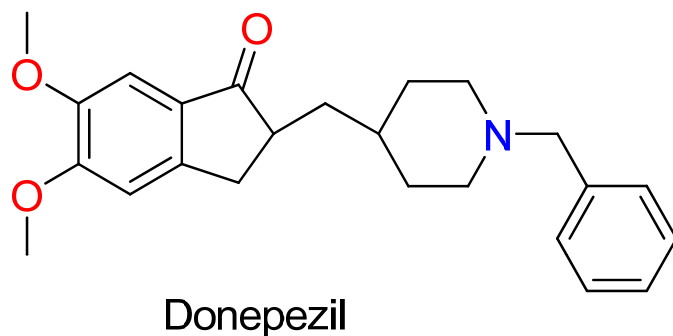
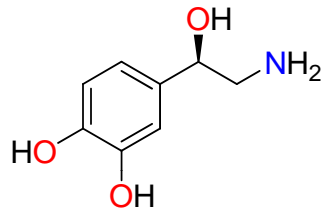


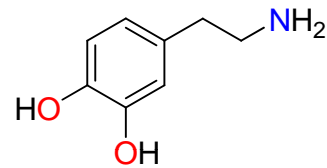
Figure 7. Proposed model of the acetylcholinesterase active site shown with 13e interacting at the hydrogen-bonding site, negative charge site, and hydrophobic regions 1 and 2 on the binding protein.

- Acetylcholine esterase inhibitor
- Discovered late 1980's
- Introduction 1996 (Eisai)
- Main treatment of Alzheimer's disease

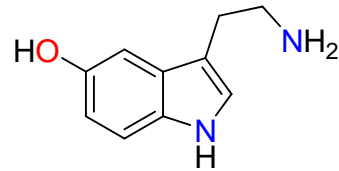
Monoamines



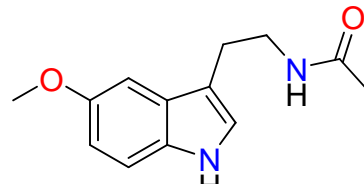
Norepinephrine



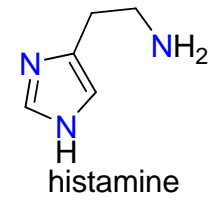
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Serotonin



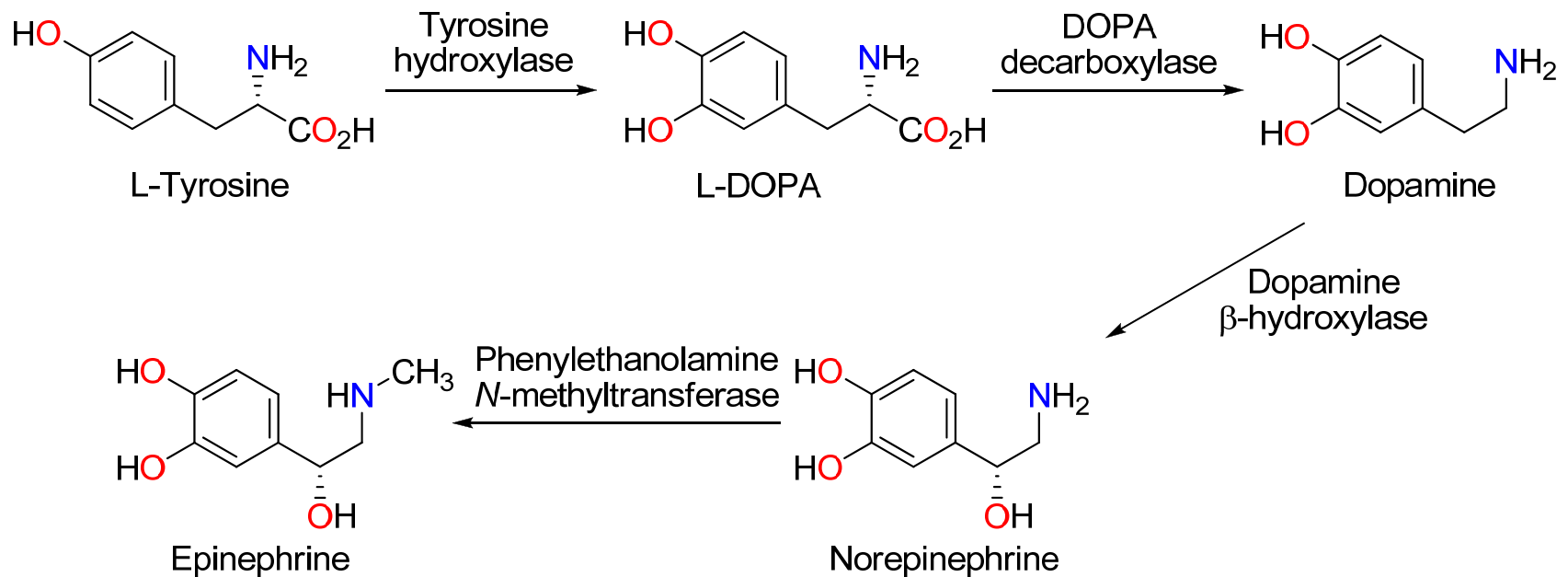
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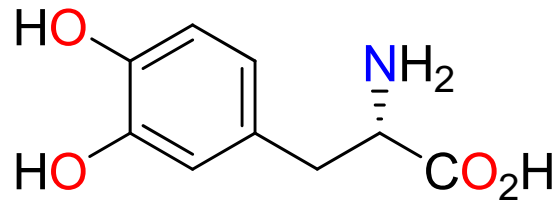
histamine

Monoamines

Catecholamines Biosynthetic Relationship

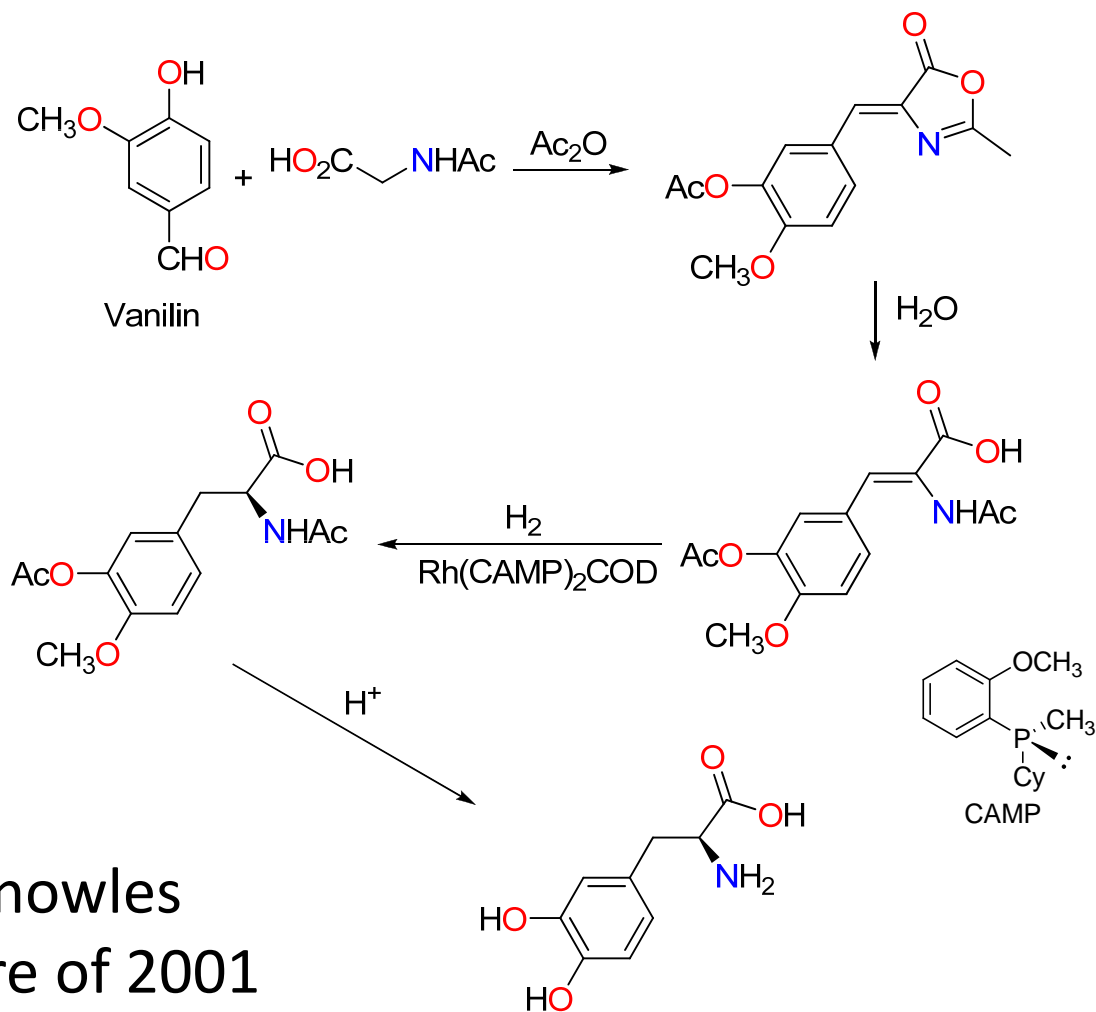


Levodopa (L-DOPA)



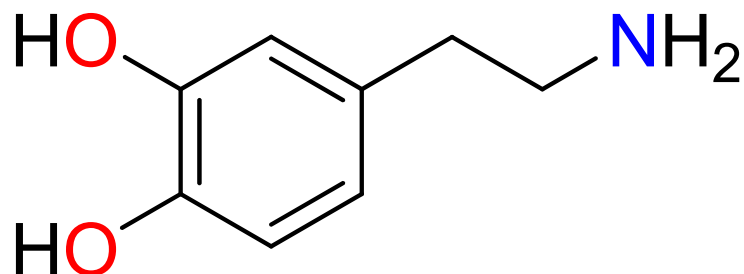
- Discovered 1960's
- Introduction in 1970 (Roche) racemic
- Cross blood-brain barrier while dopamine not
- 2001- William S. Knowles got Nobel prize in Chemistry with R. Noyori, B. Sharpless for the development of asymmetric hydrogenation

Monsanto Process of Levodopa



William S. Knowles
Nobel lecture of 2001

Dopamine



1958 discovered by Arvind Carlsson

2000 Nobel prize in Medicine

1910 first synthesis

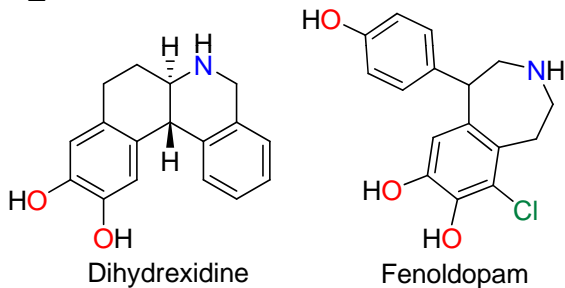
Functions

- Behavior and conditions
- Motor activity
- Motivation and reward
- Mood, learning, attention

Dopamine Receptors

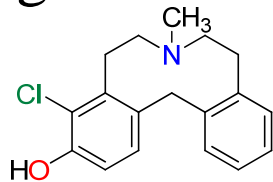
- **Excitatory**

- **D₁** most abundant, neuronal growth, D₂-mediator.



- **D₅**- limbic region of brain (responsible for emotions)

1 Antagonist



- **Inhibitory**

- **D₂** renal system, antipsychotic drugs target

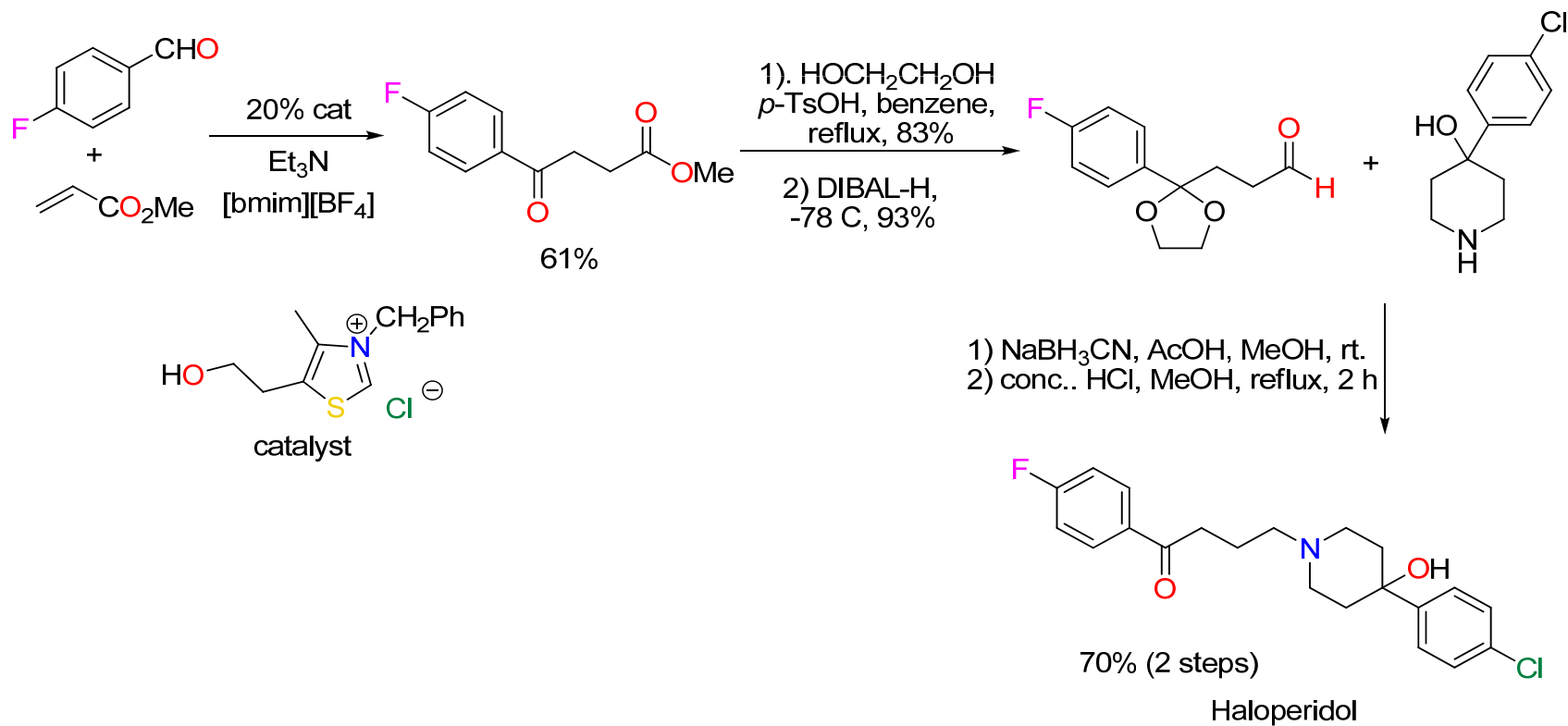
Antagonist:

risperidone, haloperidol

- **D₃**, limbic system

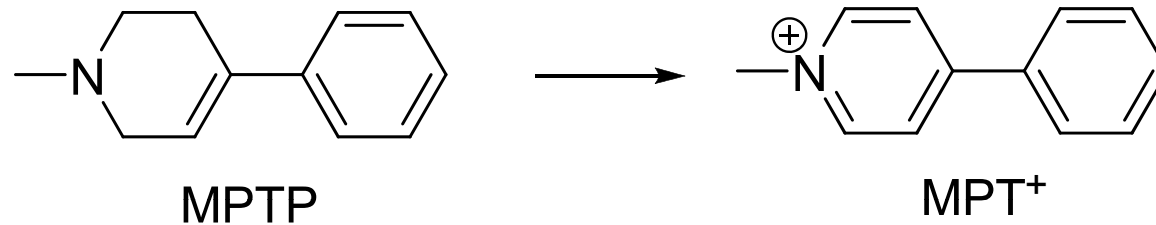
- **D₄**, signals cardiac output without changing heart rate, ADHD

Haloperidol Synthesis



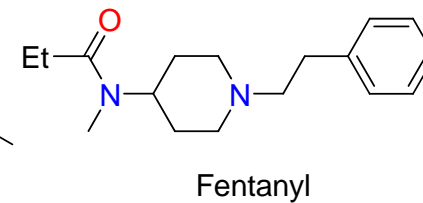
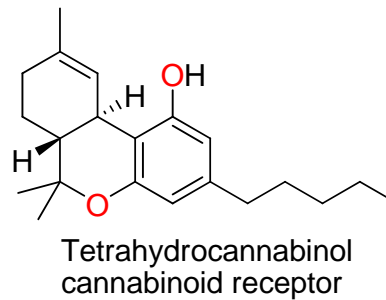
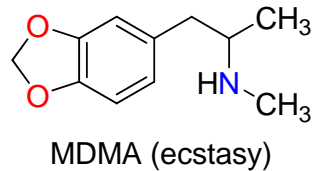
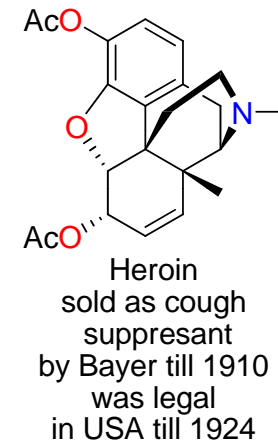
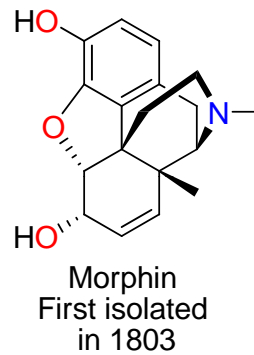
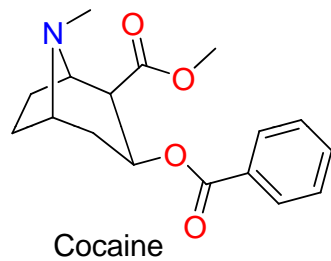
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MPTP (Herbicide Cyperquat)

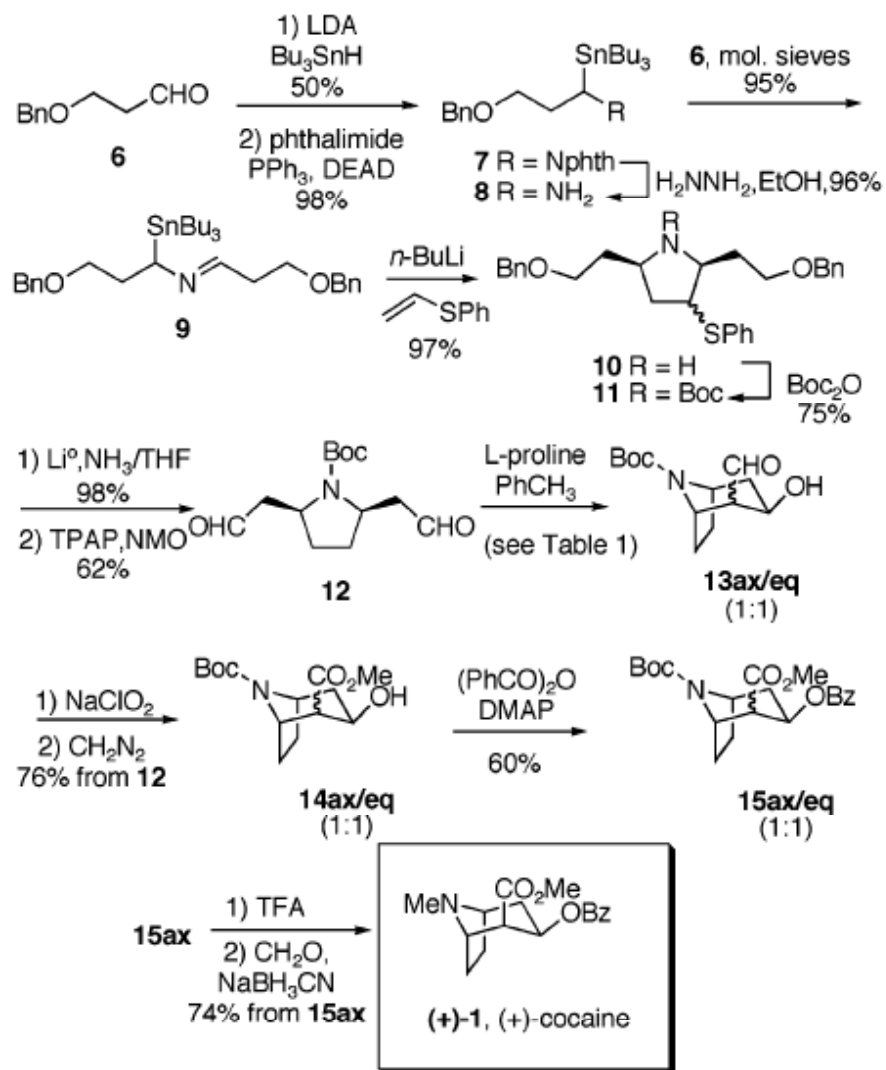


- Binds to dopamine transporter
- Kills dopamine receptors
- Initiate Parkinson disease in monkeys and rats

Narcotic drugs among Dopamine and Opioid receptors



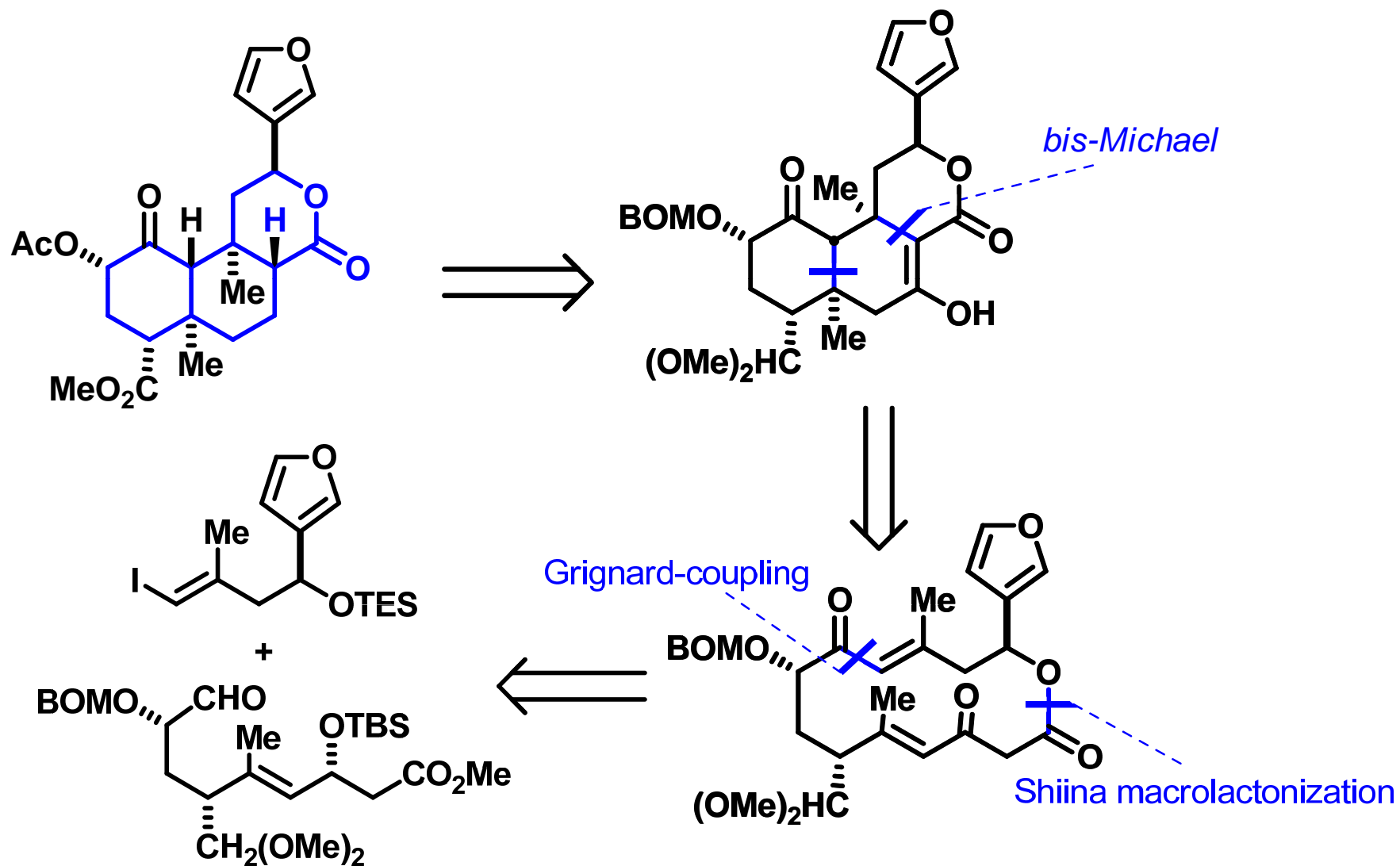
The last synthesis of Cocaine



Mans, D. M.; Pearson, W. H. *Org. Lett.* **2004**, *6*, 3305

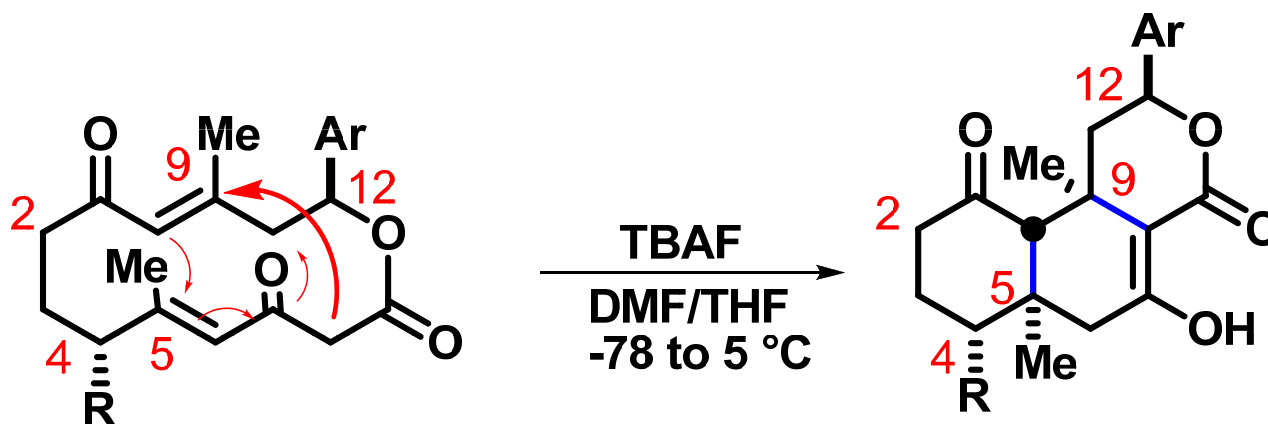
Salvinorin A

(μ -opioid receptor agonist)



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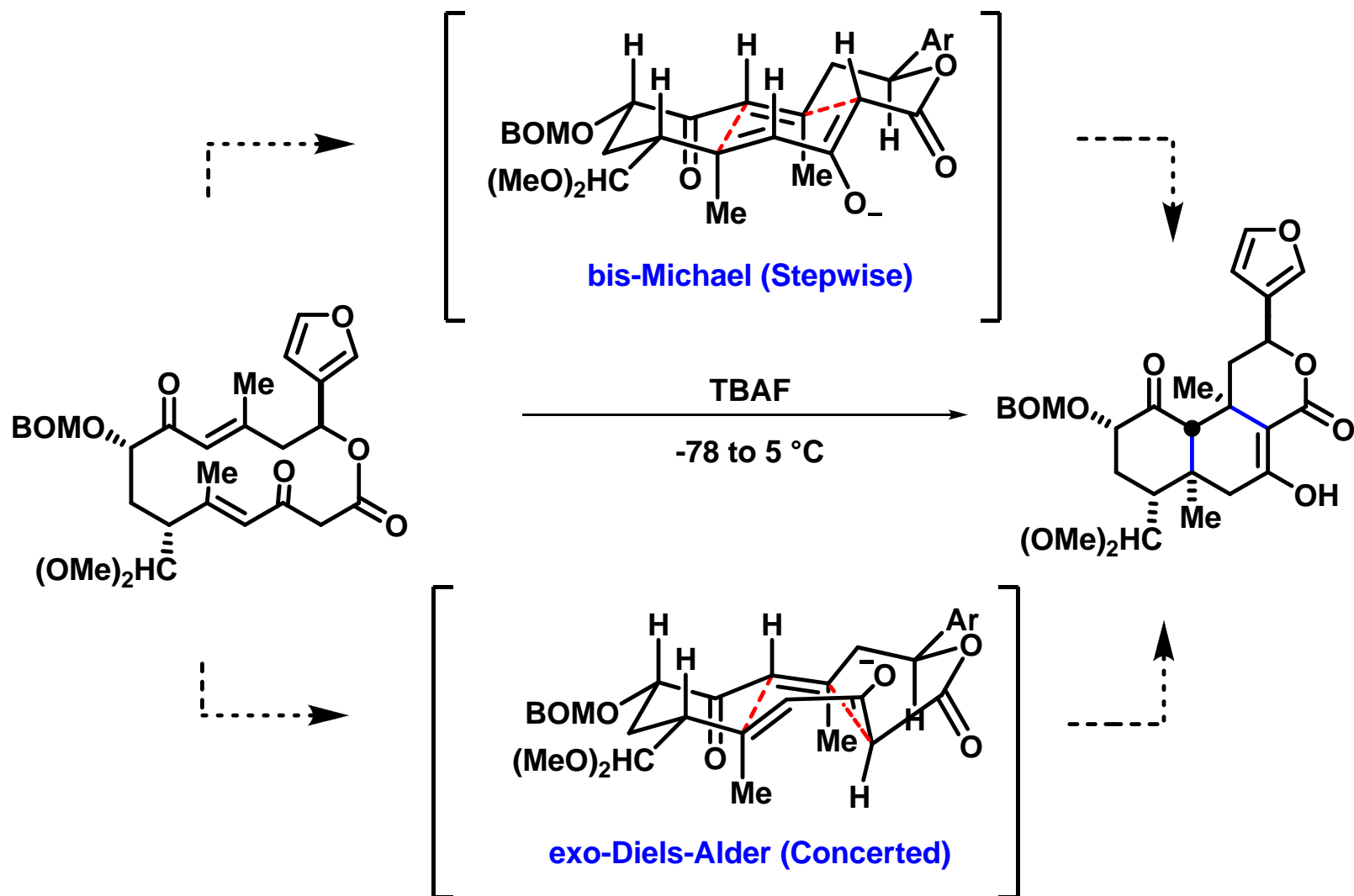
Bis-Michael Addition Cascade



Ar= 2-furyl

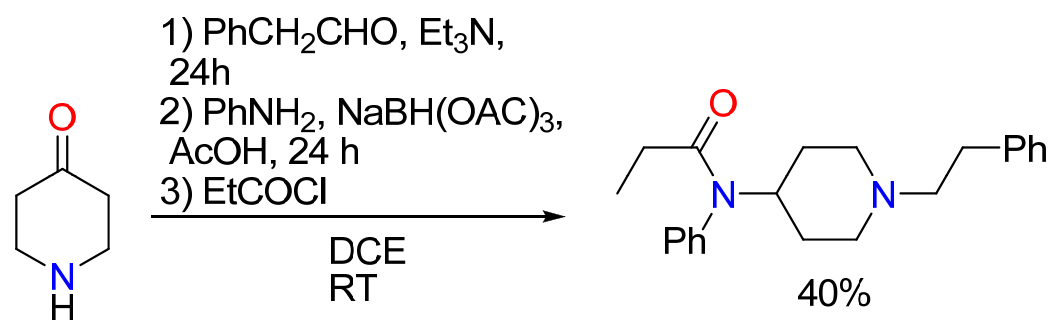
entry	R	yield(%)	dr
1	H	95	95:5
2	CH(OMe) ₂	95	>95:5

Transannular Cyclization Analysis



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One pot synthesis of Fentanyl



μ-Opioid receptor agonist

Analgesic

Derivatives used in heart surgery,

Sedation of big animals

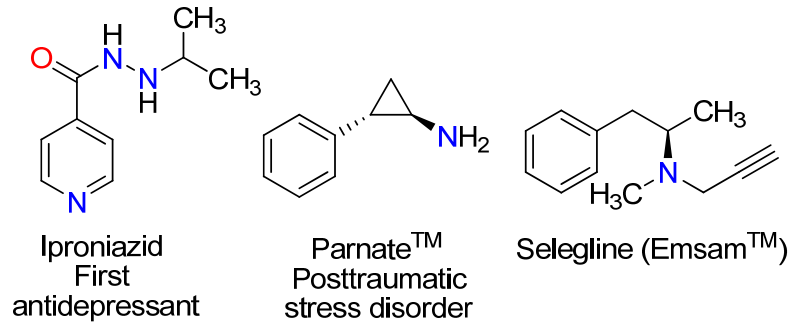
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Antidepressants

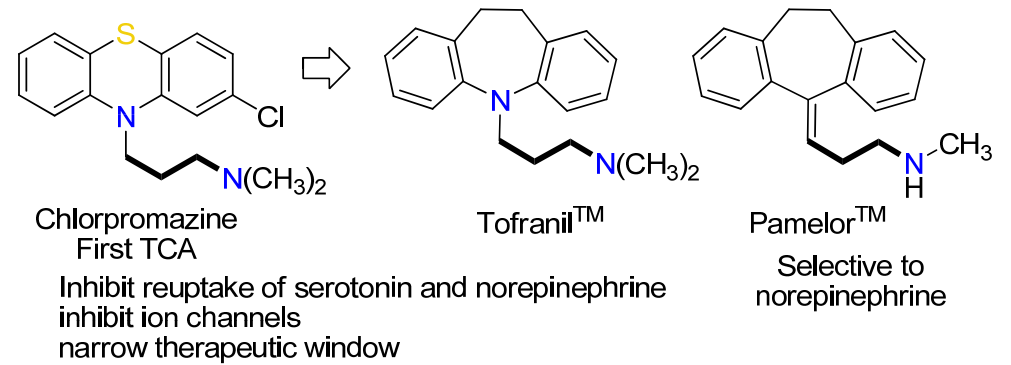
- Monoamine Oxidase Inhibitors (MAOIs)
(historically first)
- Tricyclic Antidepressants (TCA) (very common antidepressants)
- Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRIs)
- Serotonin-Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitors (SNRIs)

Common Antidepressants

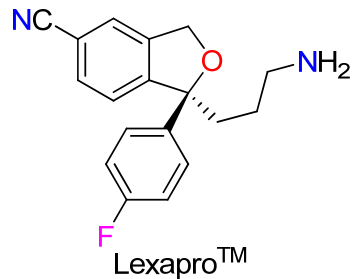
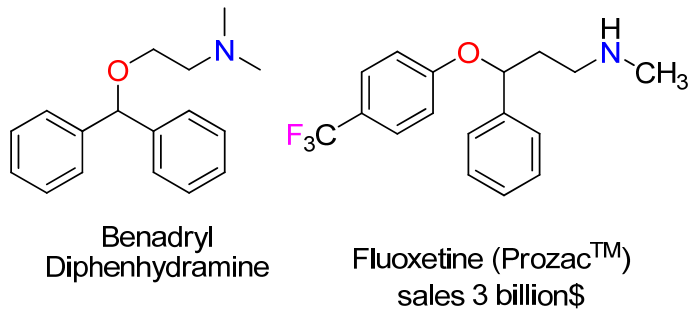
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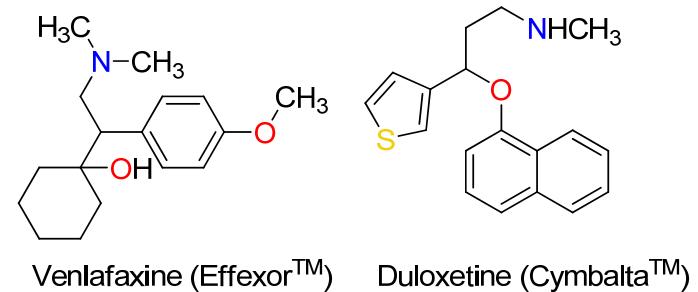
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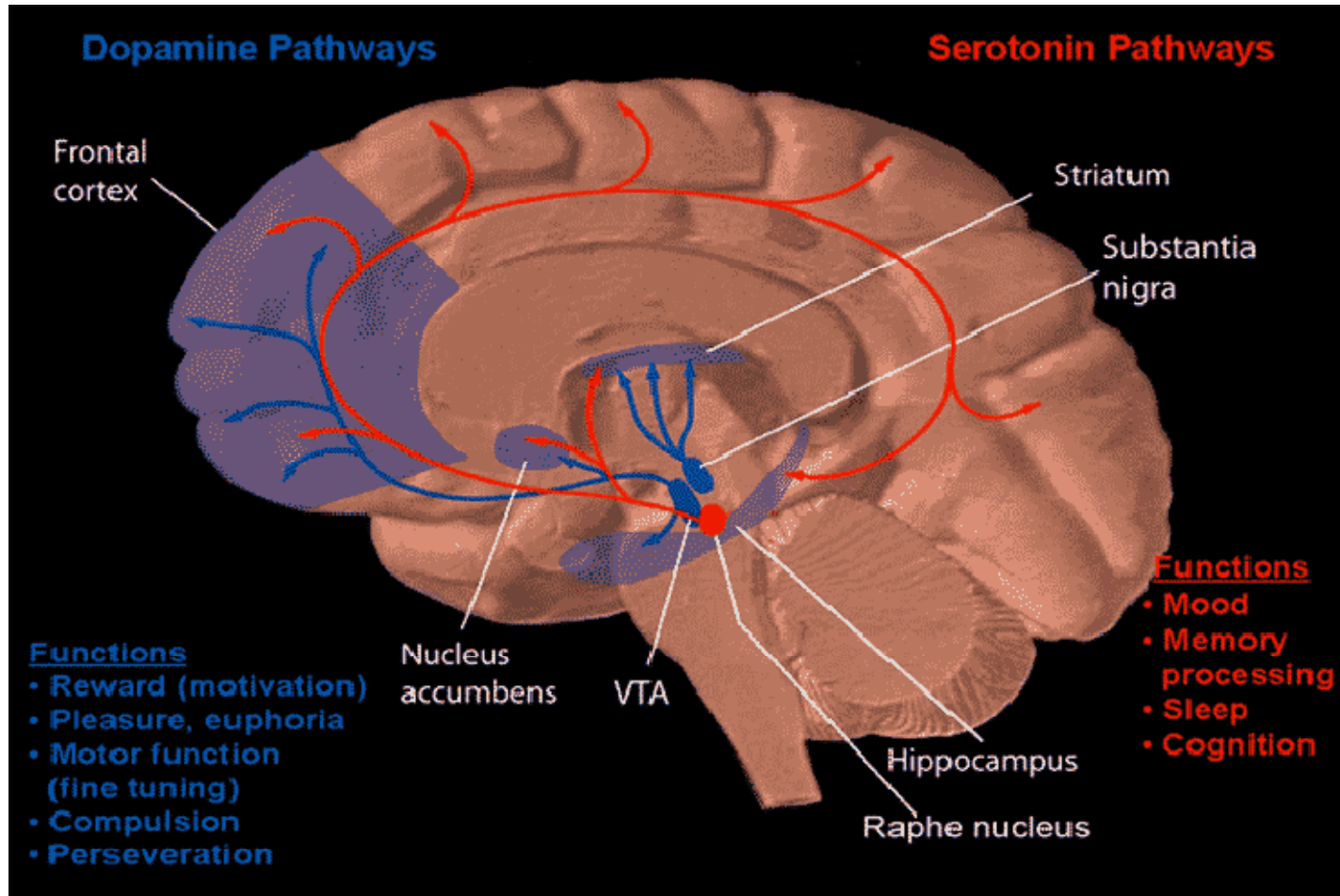
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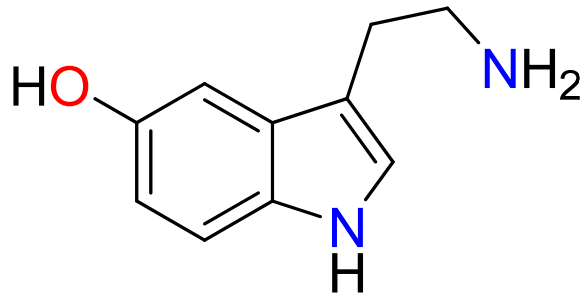


Dopamine and Serotonin pathways



<http://wpcontent.answers.com/wikipedia/en/1/1c/Dopamineserotonin.gif>

Serotonin or 5-hydroxytryptamine, 5-HT



Modulate

- Anger
- Body temperature
- Mood
- Sleep
- Appetite
- Metabolism
- Vomiting

Release

[raphe nuclei](#)

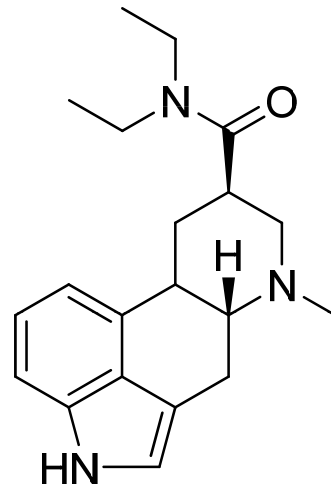
Receptors

7 receptors

Only one 5-HT₃ is ionotropic

Others metabotropic

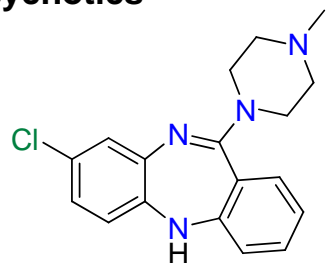
Lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD)



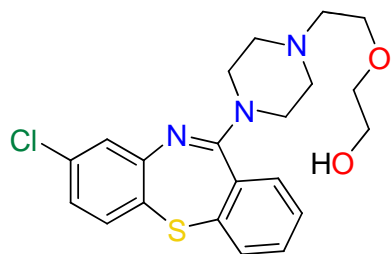
- 5-HT_{2A} [serotonin receptor](#)
- first synthesized in November 16, 1938 by Dr. Albert Hoffmann, published in 1943

Antipsychotics and Antianxiety agents

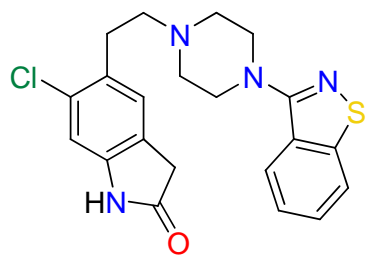
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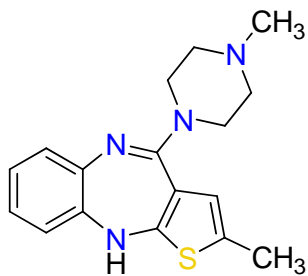
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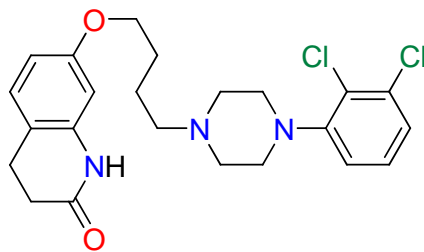
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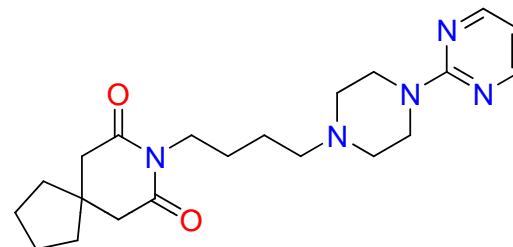
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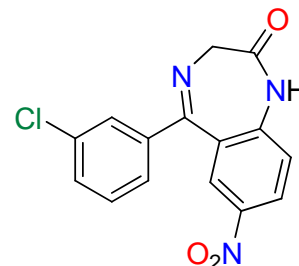
Olanzapine (Zyprexa™)



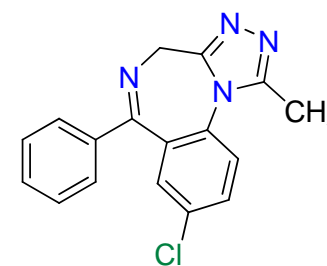
Apiprazole (Abilify™)



Buspirone (BuSpar™)



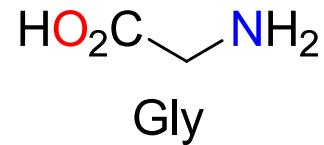
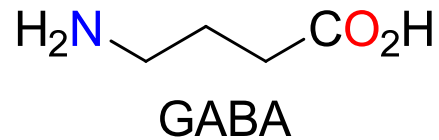
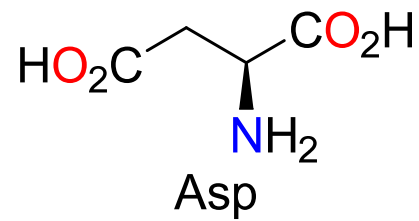
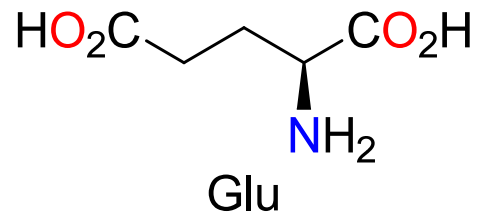
Clonazepam (Klonopin™)



Alprazolam (Xanax™)

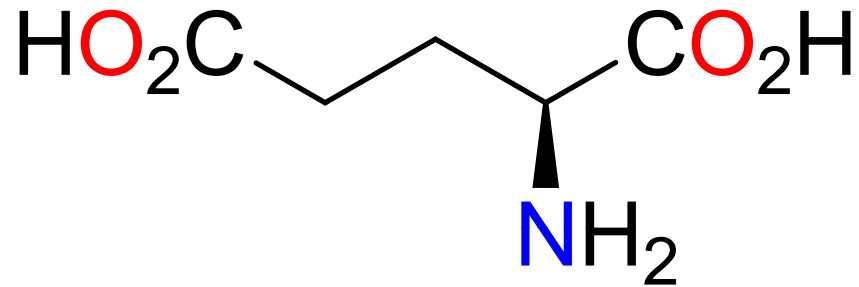
Antianxiety Agents

Aminoacids as Neurotransmitters

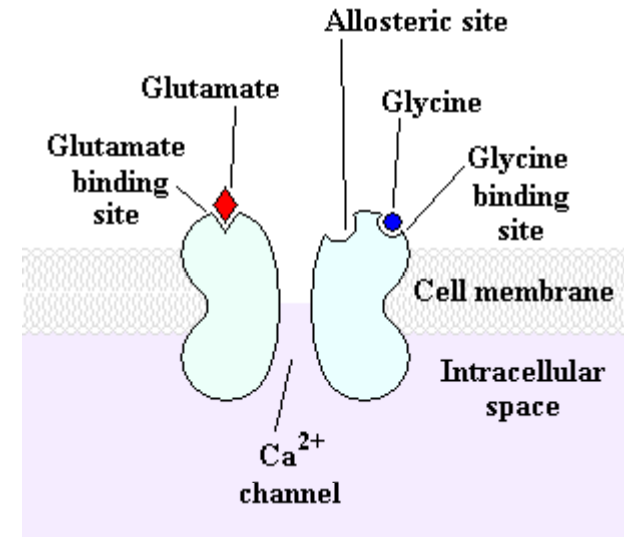


Aminoacids

Glutamate

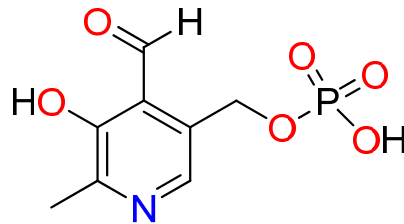
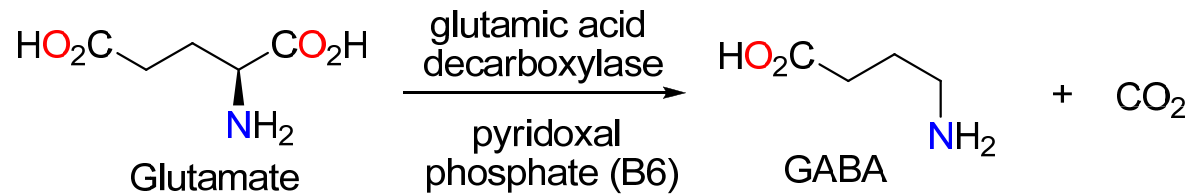


Activated NMDAR



- Most abundant neurotransmitter (90%)
- Binds to NMDA receptors
- Responsible for synaptic plasticity
- Learning and memory
- Implicated in epileptic seizures

GABA



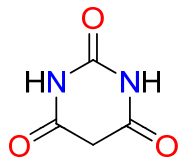
Vitamin B6

- Second most abundant neurotransmitter (9%)
- GAD is in cerebellum and pancreas
- Chief inhibitory neurotransmitter
- GABA_A-Chlorine transmitters
- GABA_B- metabotropic receptor

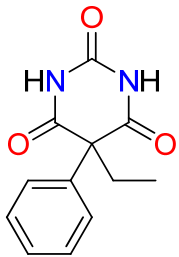
Drugs related to GABA receptors

- Ethanol
- Barbiturates
- Benzodiazepine
- Valleriana
- Theanine (green tea)

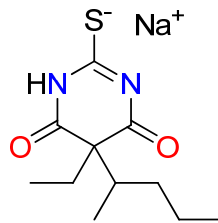
Barbiturates and Benzodiazepines



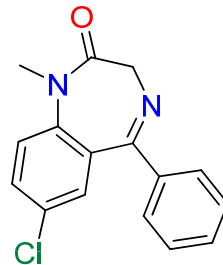
Barbiturate



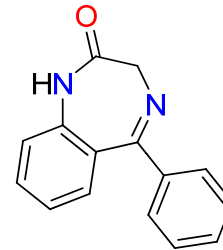
Luminal,
Phenobarbital
Anticollusant



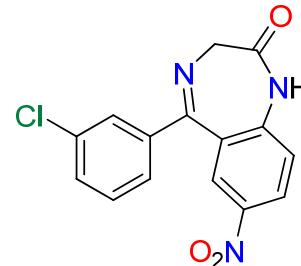
Sodium
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Truth serum
lethal injection



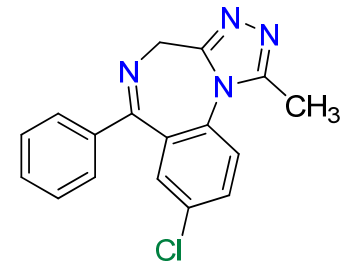
Diazepam
Anticonvulsants



Benzodiazepine



Clonazepam (Klonopin™)



Alprazolam (Xanax™)

Conclusion

- Correlation between neurotransmitters and drug candidates (Epibatidine and Tebanicline)
- Recognizable part of certain types of specifically acting drugs (benzodiazepines, barbiturates etc)
- 11 Industrial and total synthesis of drugs discussed
- Important neurotransmitters were covered