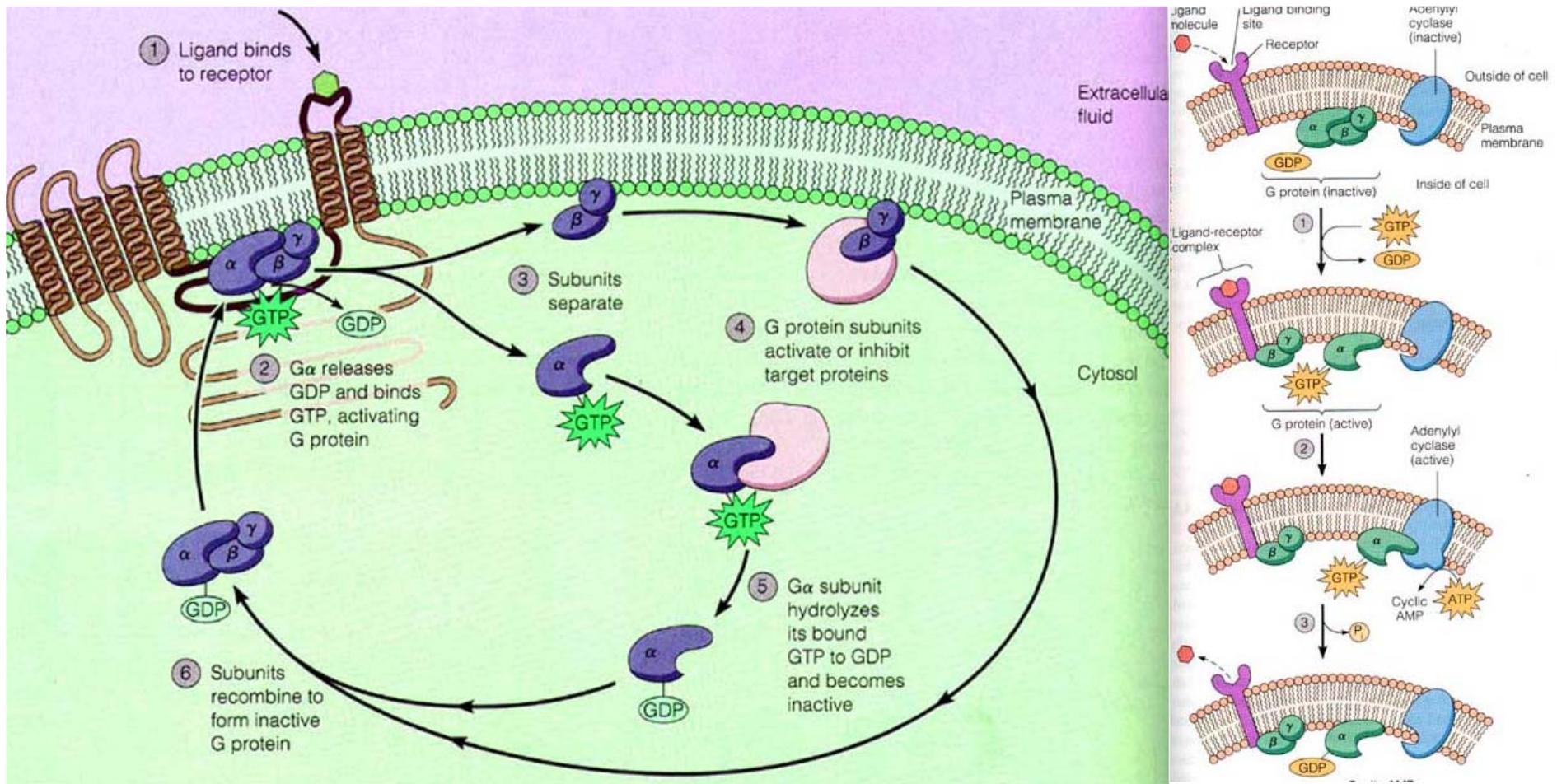
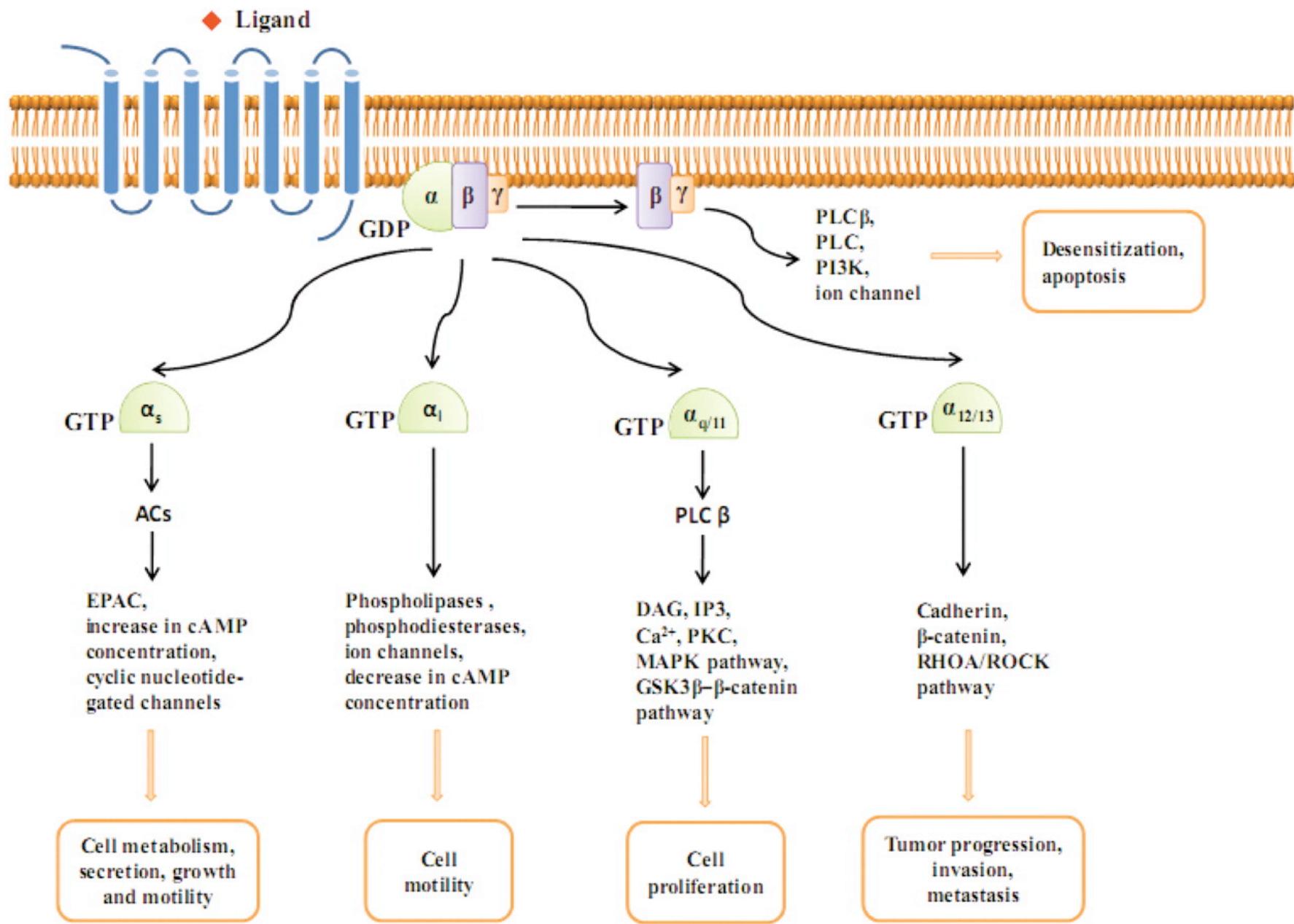
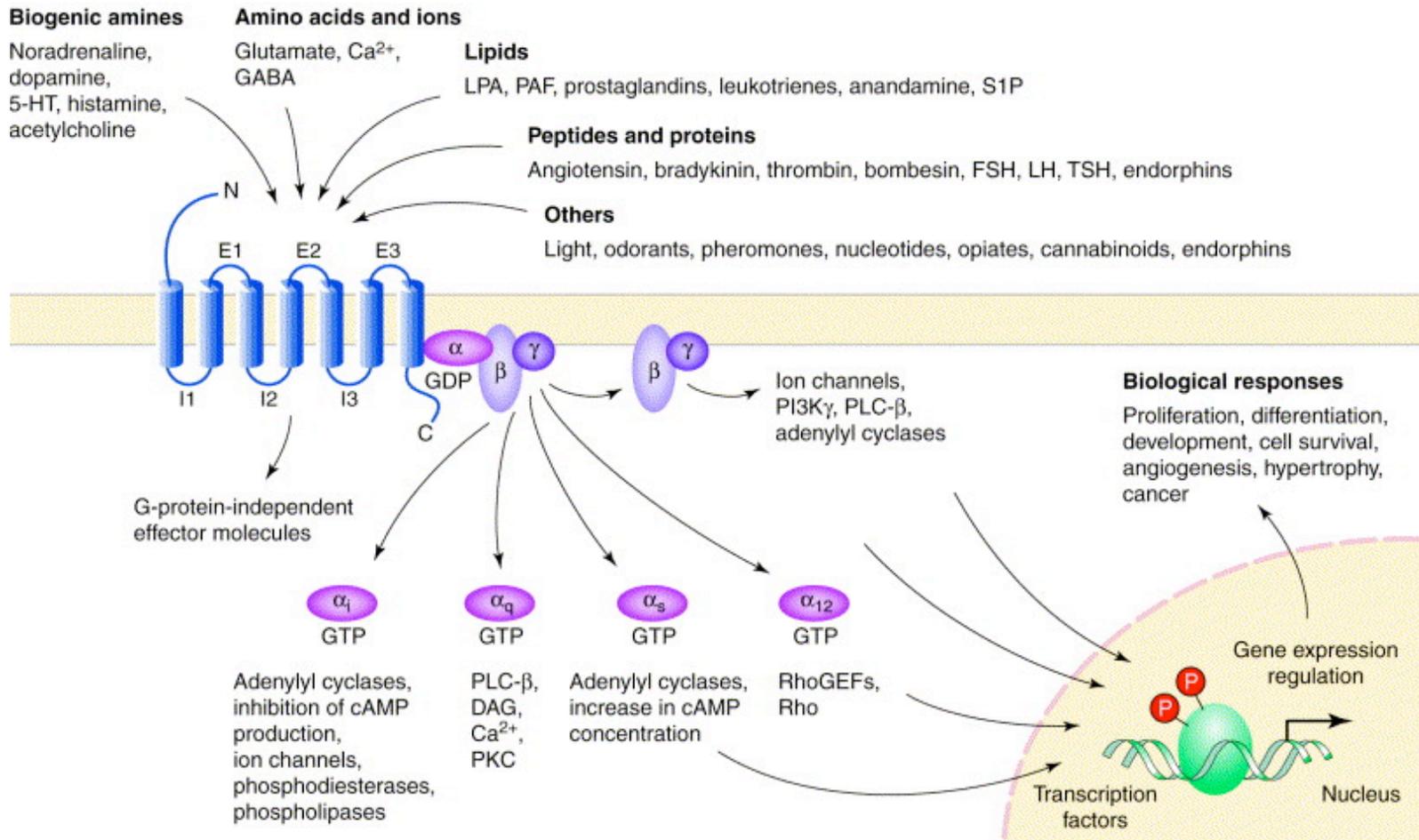


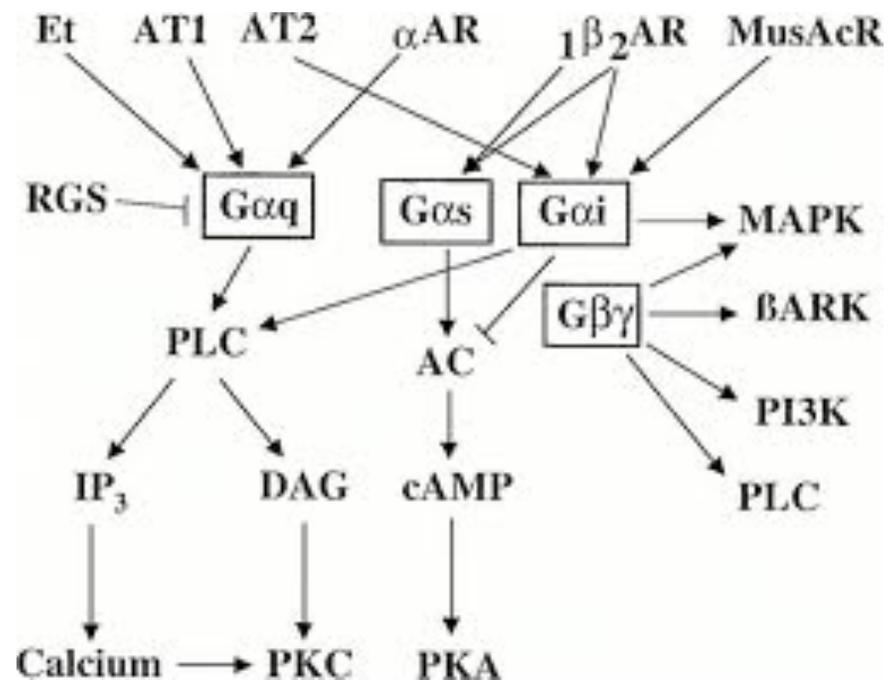
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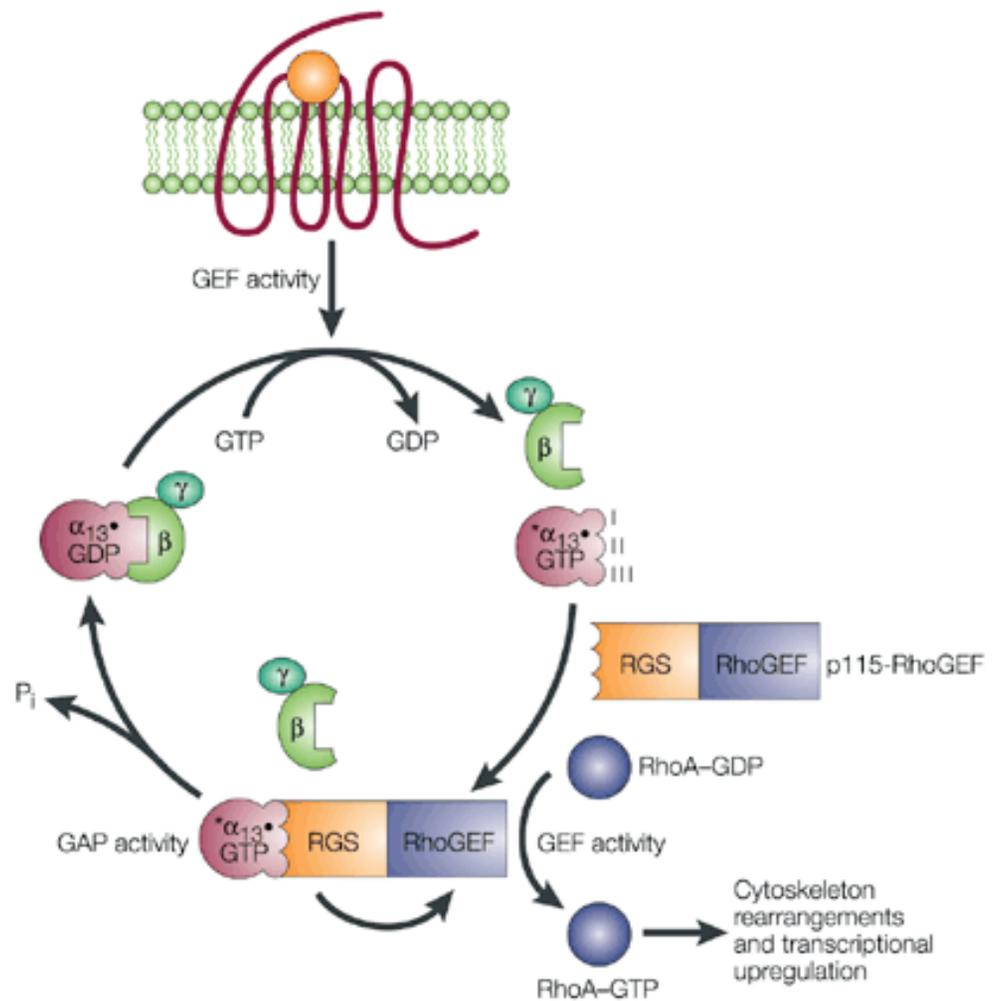
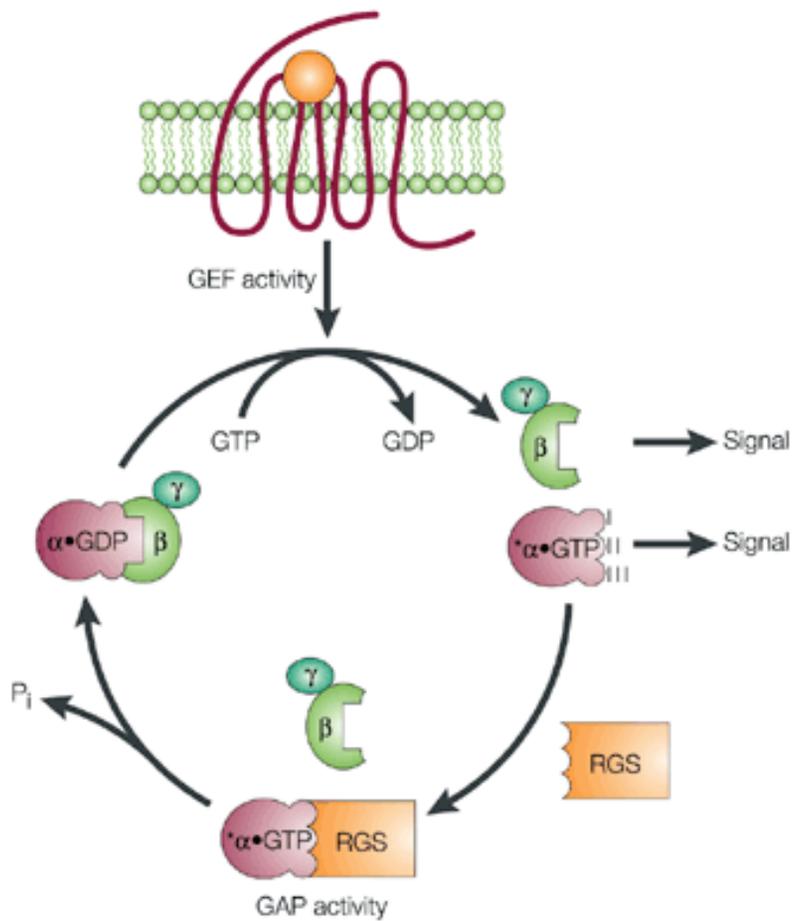
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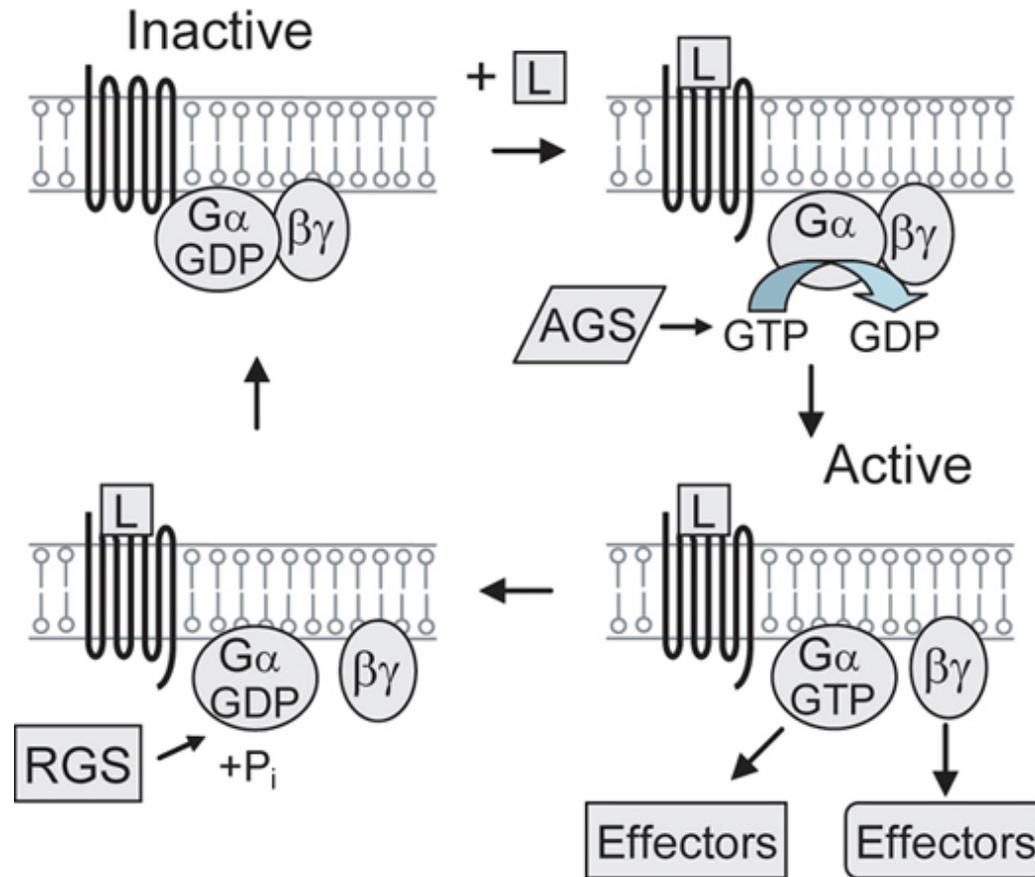


Figure 1. Heterotrimeric G-protein mechanism. The activation of the G-protein coupled receptor by a ligand (L) causes the exchange of GDP for GTP on the α subunit. This switches $G\alpha$ to the active conformation and results in the release of $G\alpha$ and $G\beta\gamma$ from the receptor to signal to downstream effectors. The switch is turned off by the intrinsic GTP hydrolysis (GTPase) activity of $G\alpha$, which leads to its reassociation with $G\beta\gamma$ and the receptor. The regulators of G-protein signaling (RGS) play key roles in inactivating G-protein signaling. The activators of G-protein signaling (AGS) activate G-proteins by several mechanisms.

Regulation of neurite outgrowth by $G_{i/o}$ signaling pathways

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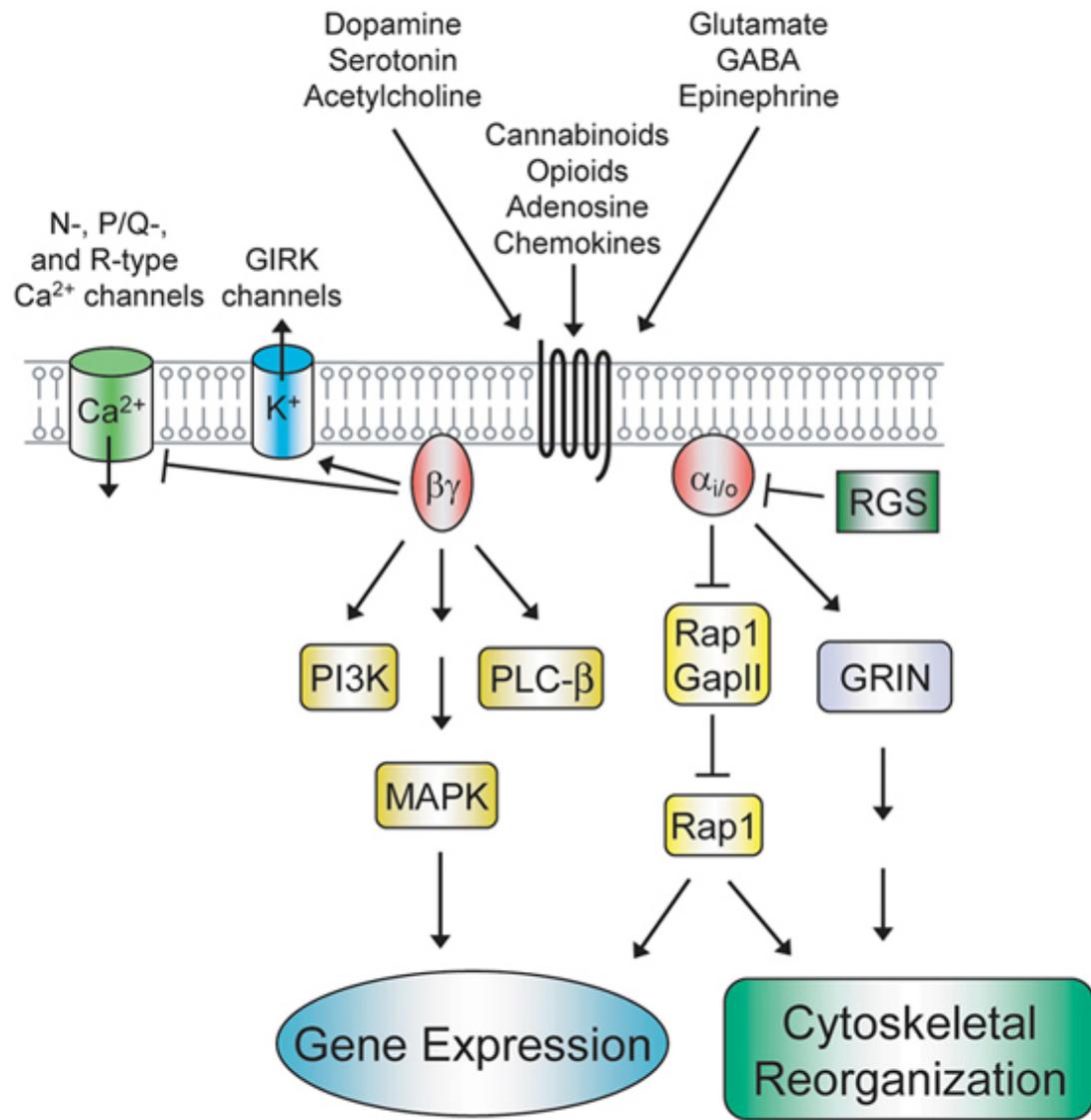


Figure 2. Effector pathways activated by $G_{i/o}$ signaling. Signals from a wide array of hormones, neurotransmitters, and chemokines are transduced into intracellular responses by $G_{i/o}$ -coupled receptors. Depicted are pathways that are stimulated by G_{α} and $G_{\beta\gamma}$ and lead to changes in gene expression and cytoskeletal reorganization. See text for further details. GIRK, G-protein-coupled inward rectifying potassium channels.

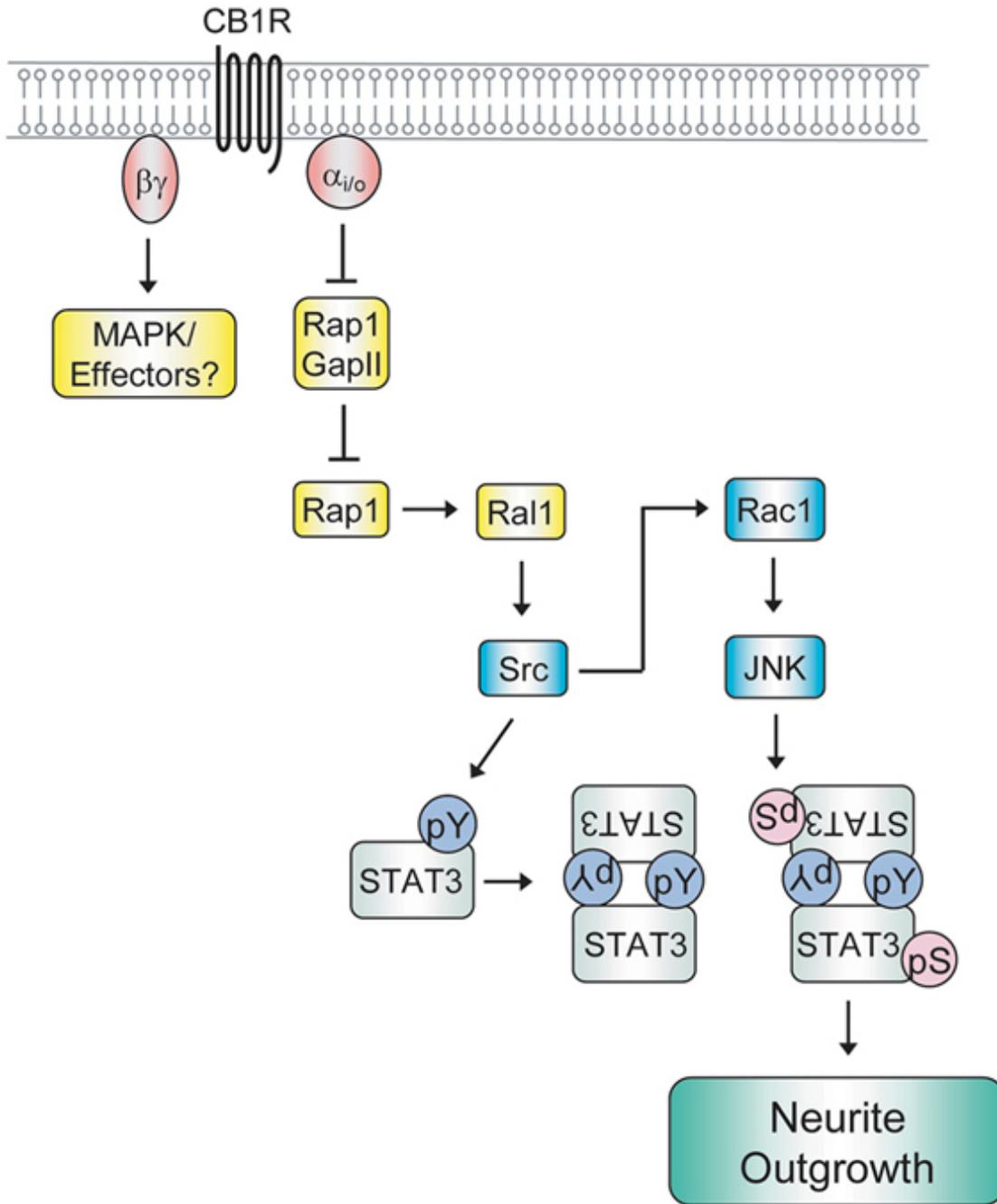


Figure 3. $G_{i/o}$ signaling to the nucleus during the induction of neurite outgrowth. Signal flow emanating from stimulation of the $G_{i/o}$ -coupled cannabinoid receptor 1 (CB1R) to the activation of the transcription factor STAT3 is depicted in the schematic. It is likely that $G\beta\gamma$ also signals to downstream effectors to change patterns of gene expression, possibly through p42/44 mitogen activated protein kinase (MAPK). See text for further details. pY, phospho-tyrosine; pS, phospho-serine.

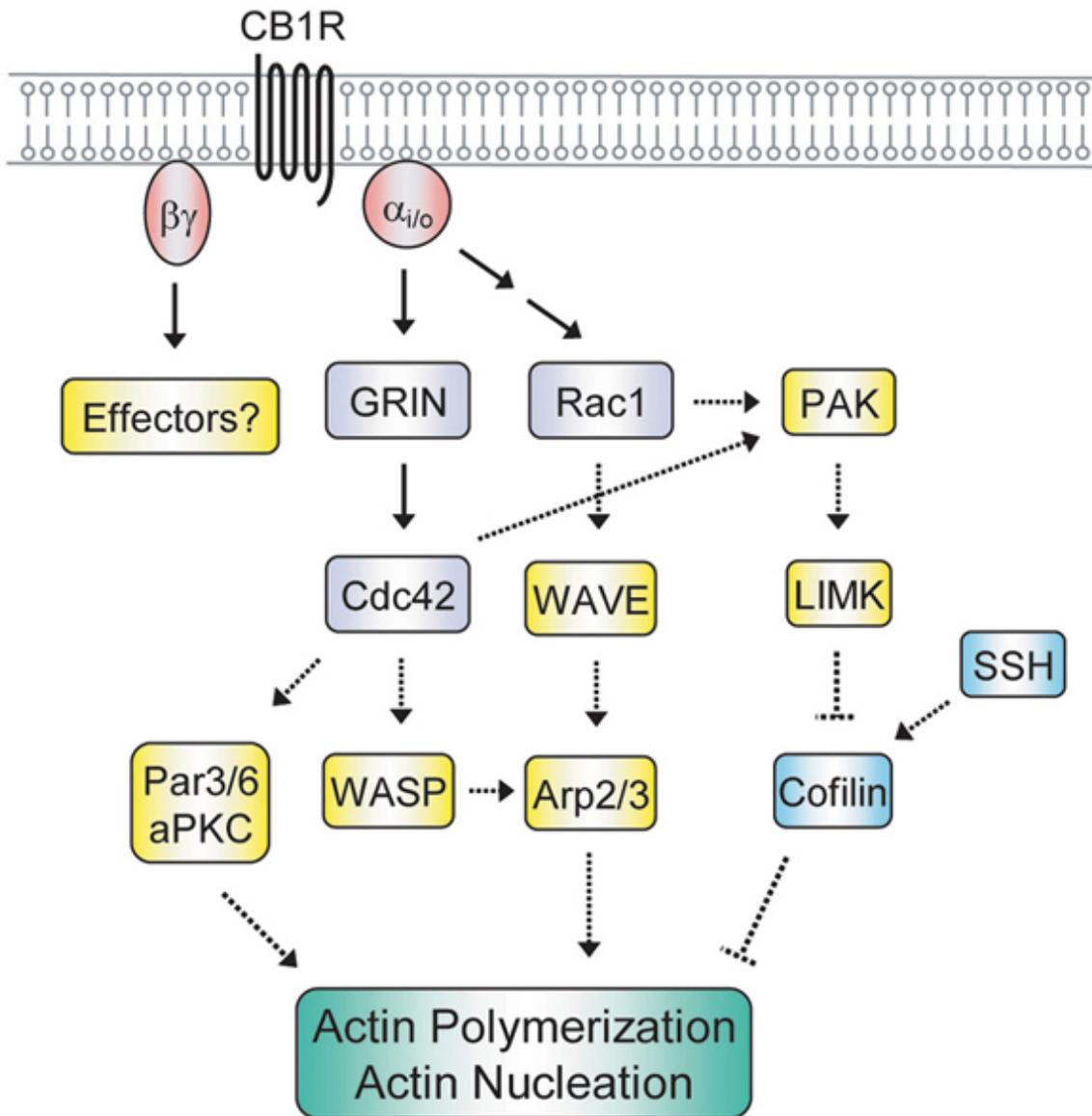
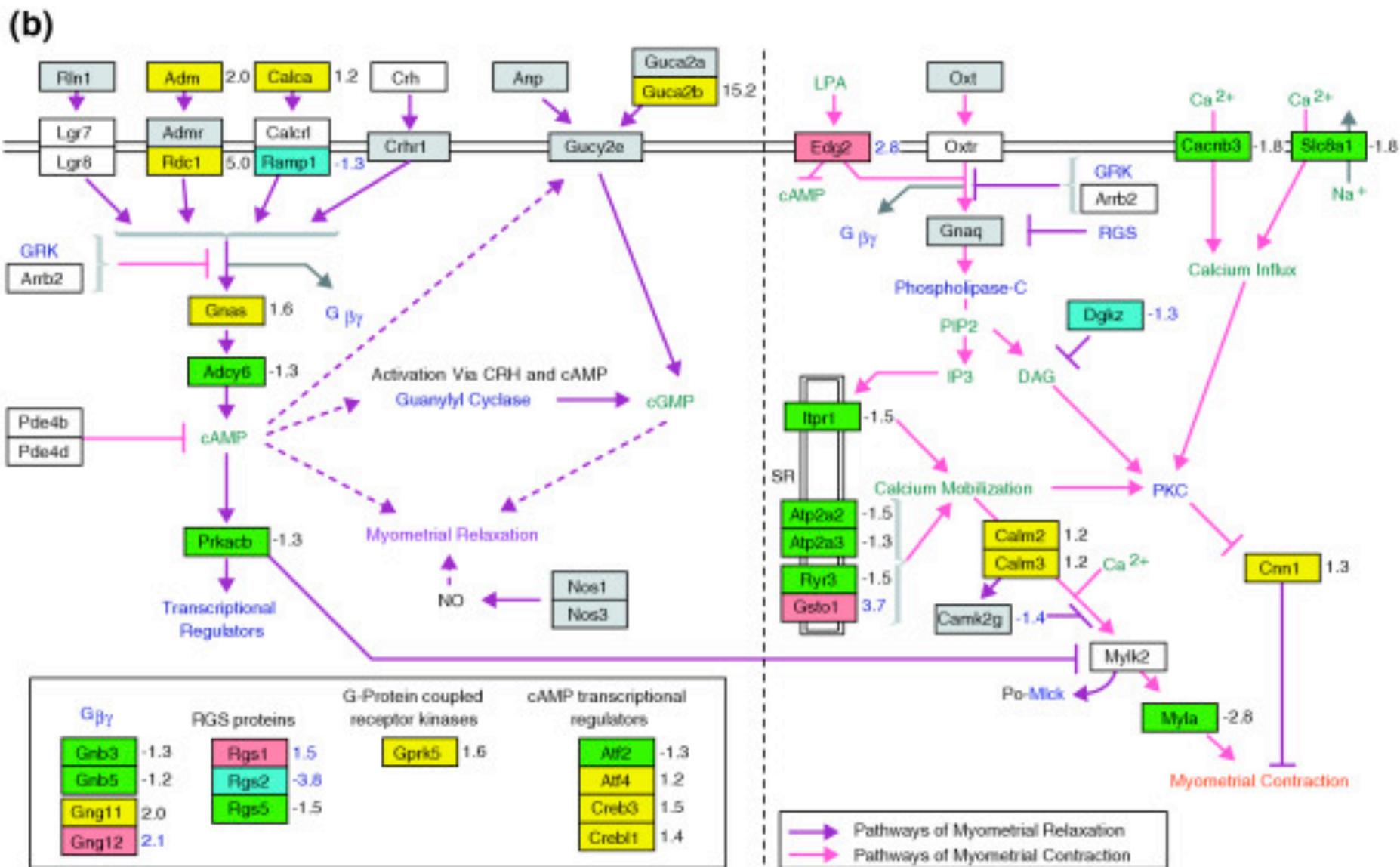
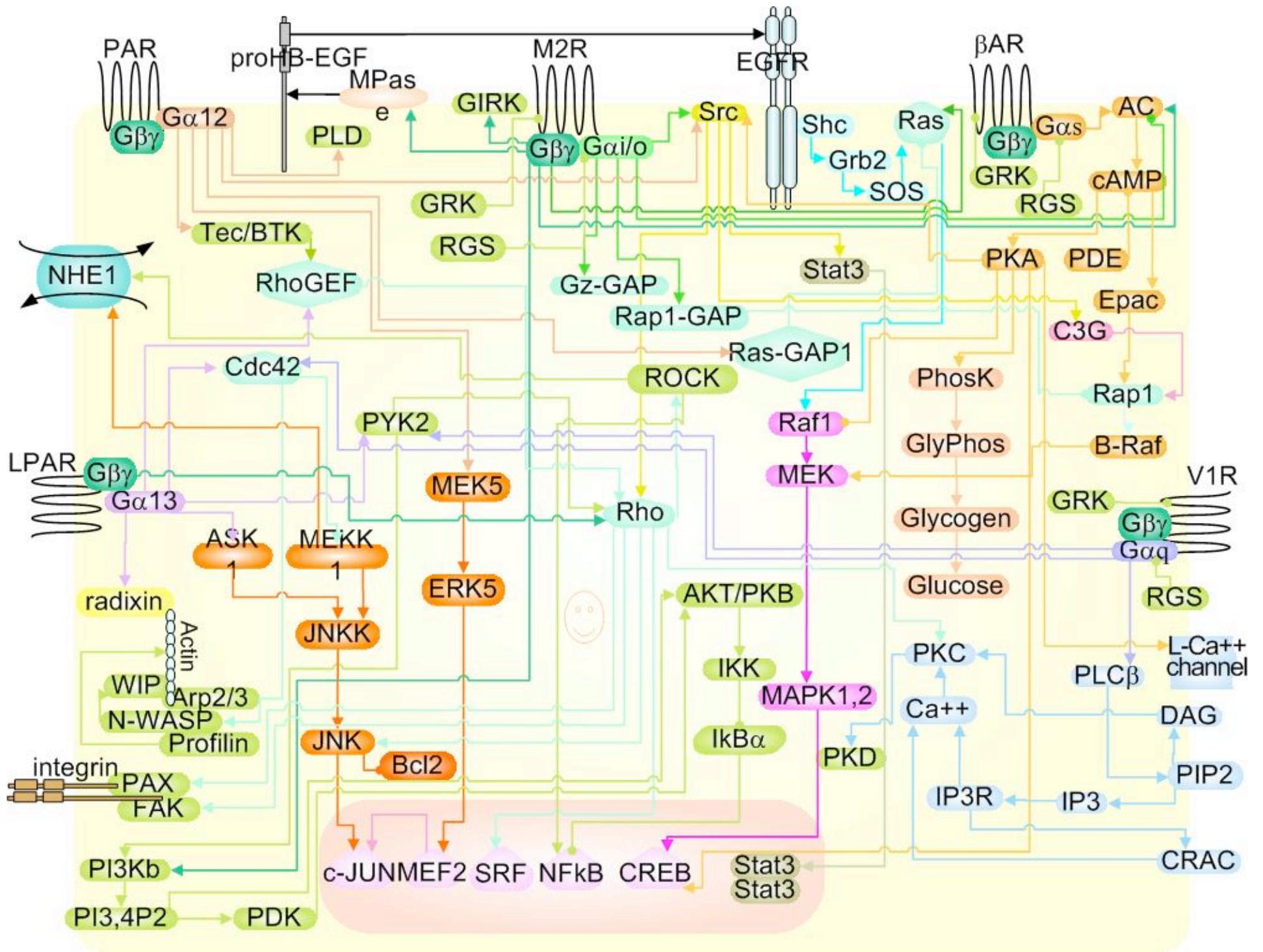


Figure 4. $G_{i/o}$ signaling to the actin cytoskeleton during the induction of neurite outgrowth. Signaling from the $G_{i/o}$ -coupled CB1R to its effectors GRIN, Cdc42 and Rac1 and their potential downstream targets is shown in the schematic. The intermediate molecules between CB1R and Rac1 have been omitted for clarity. It is likely that $G\beta\gamma$ also signals to yet to be identified downstream effectors to reorganize the actin cytoskeleton. Known interactions are depicted by solid arrows, putative interactions by dashed arrows. See text for further details. PAK, p21-activated kinase; SSH, Slingshot; WASP, Wiskott-Aldrich-syndrome protein.

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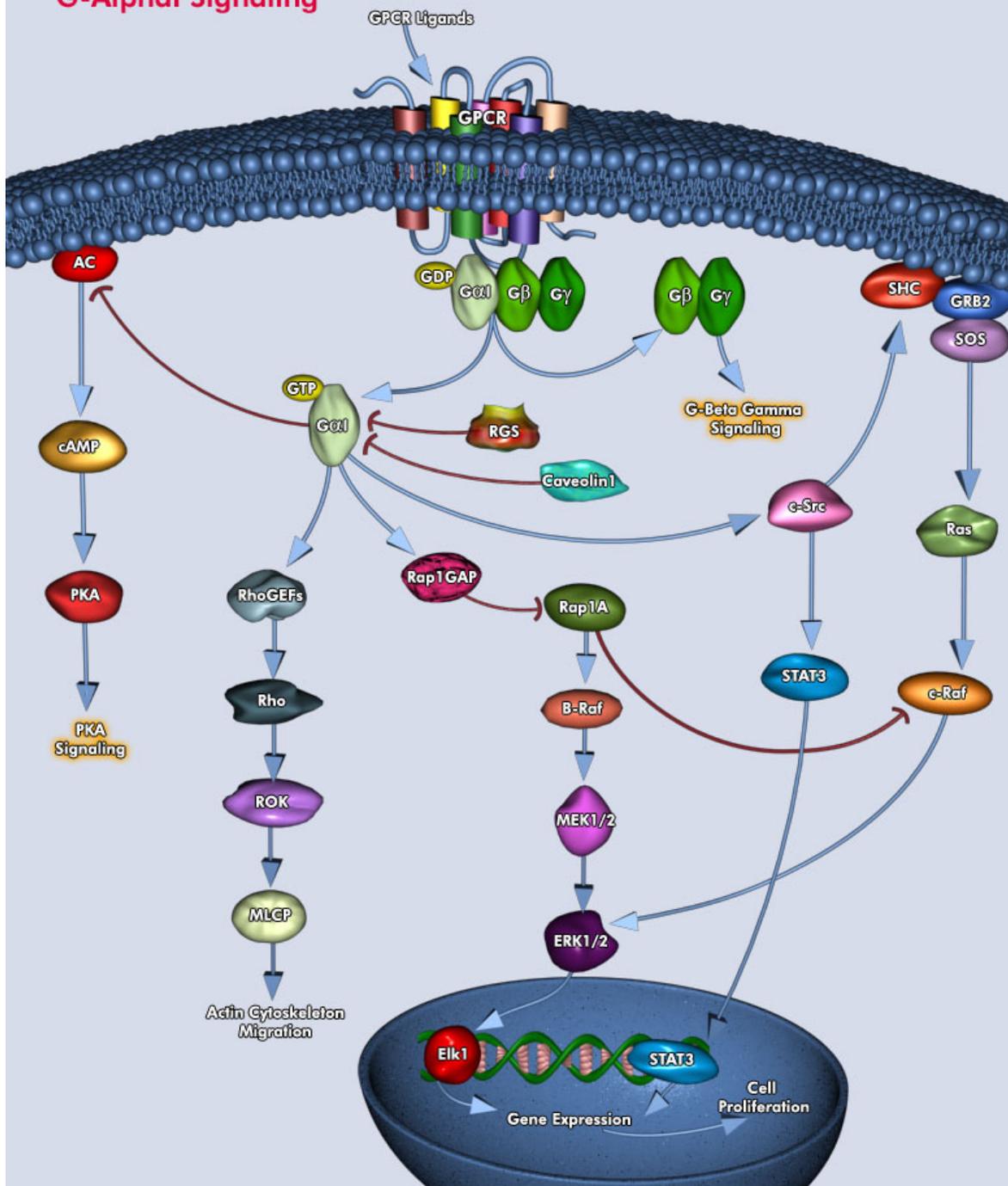
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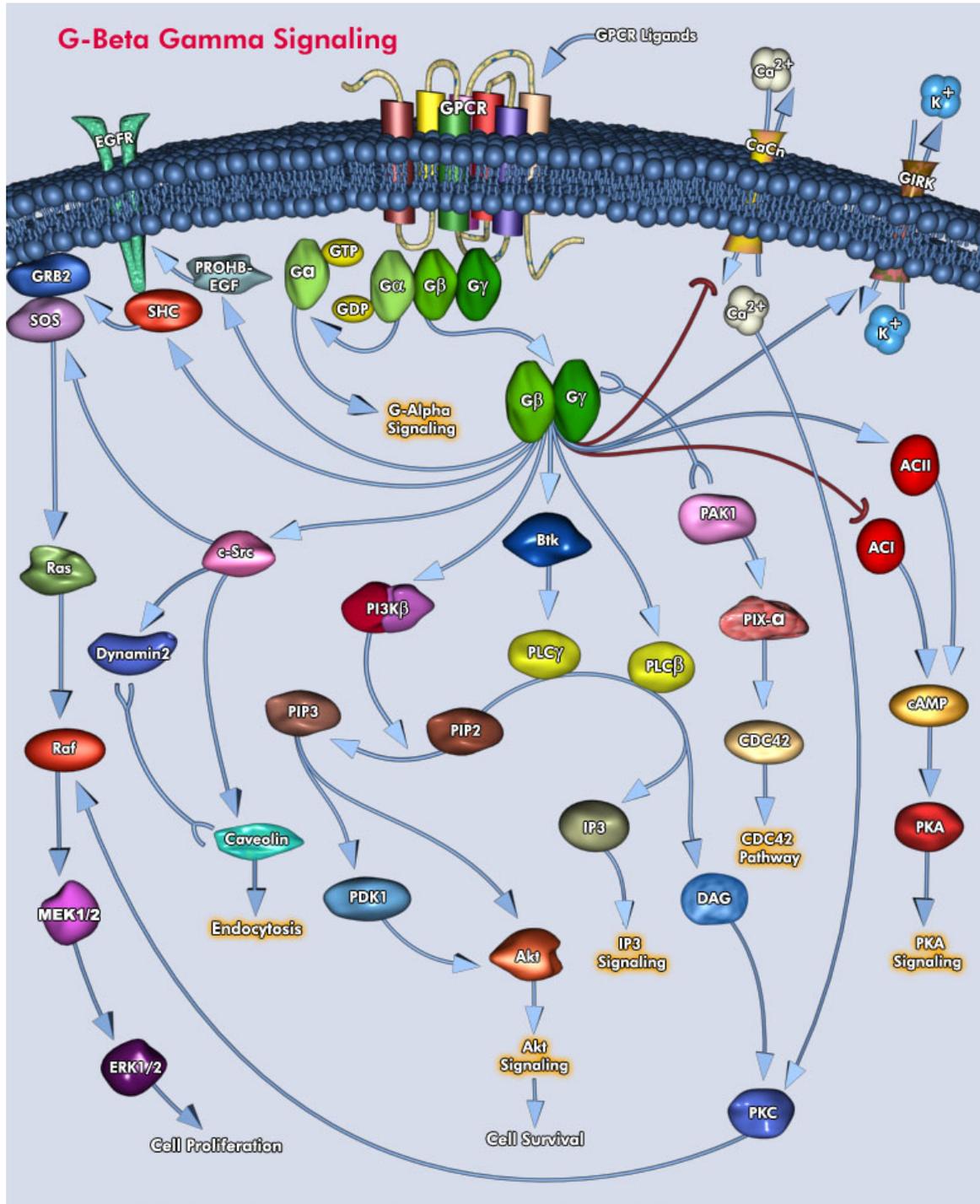


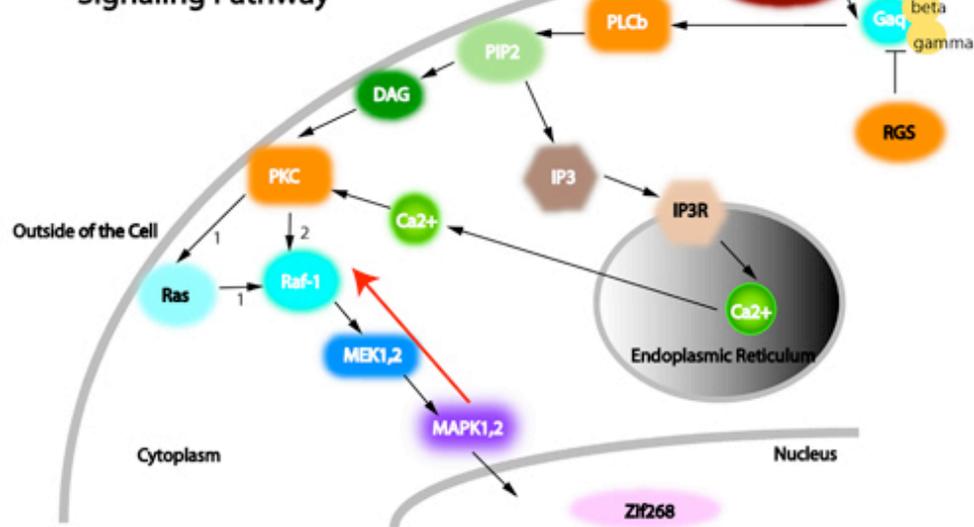
This schematic was prepared by R. Iyengar's laboratory to provide a sense of the complexity of heterotrimeric G protein signaling. Each canonical G protein pathway is represented in the diagram.

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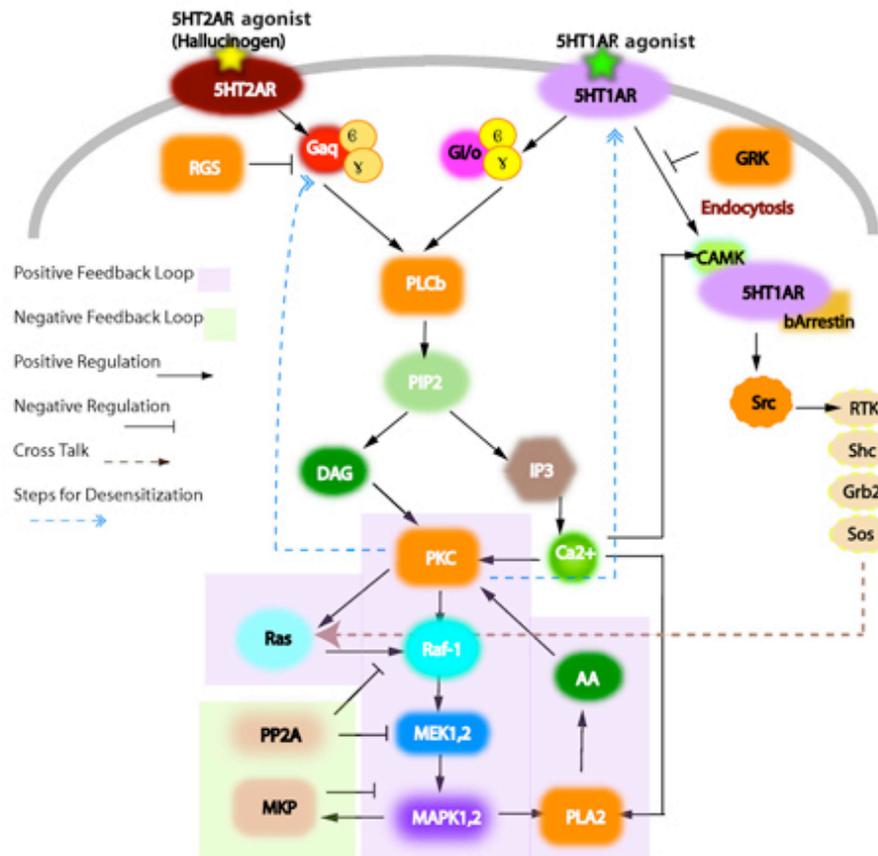


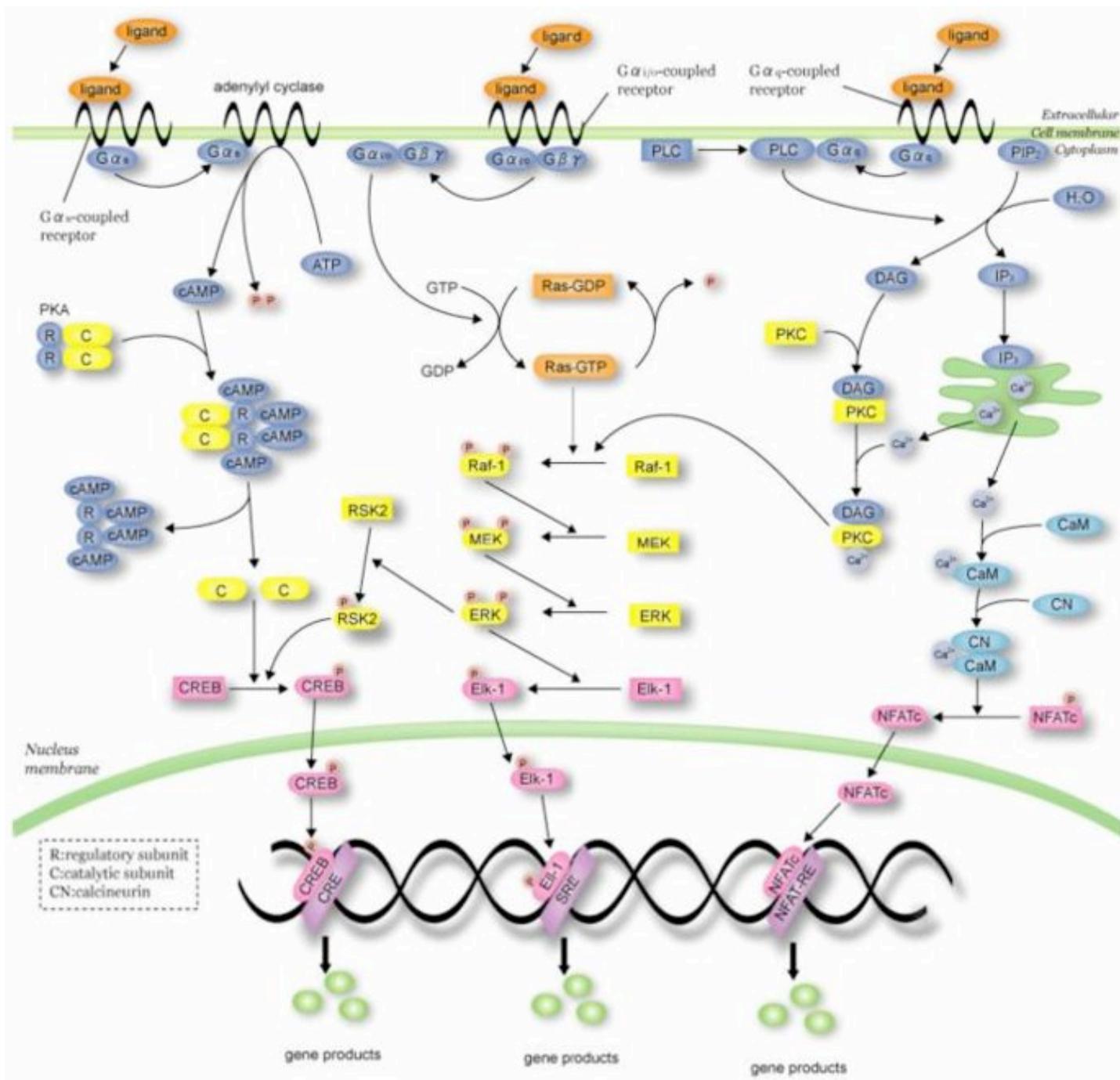
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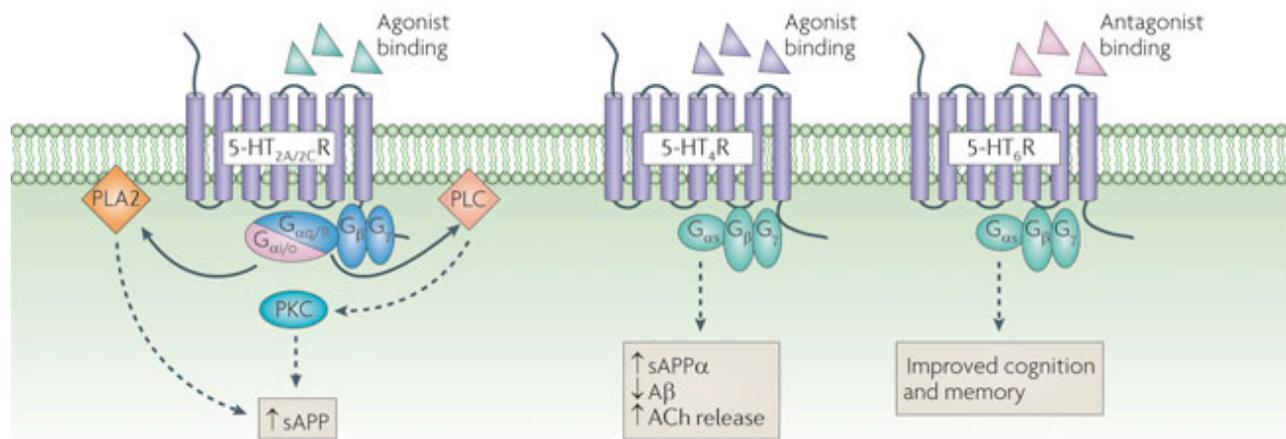
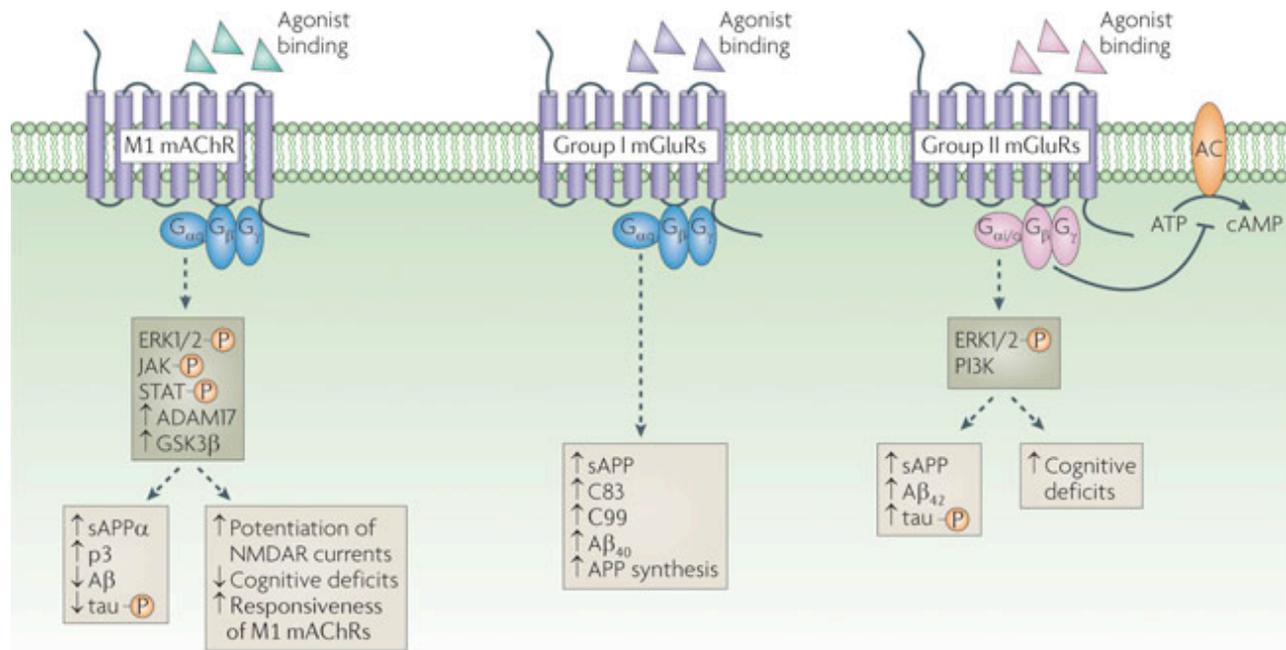




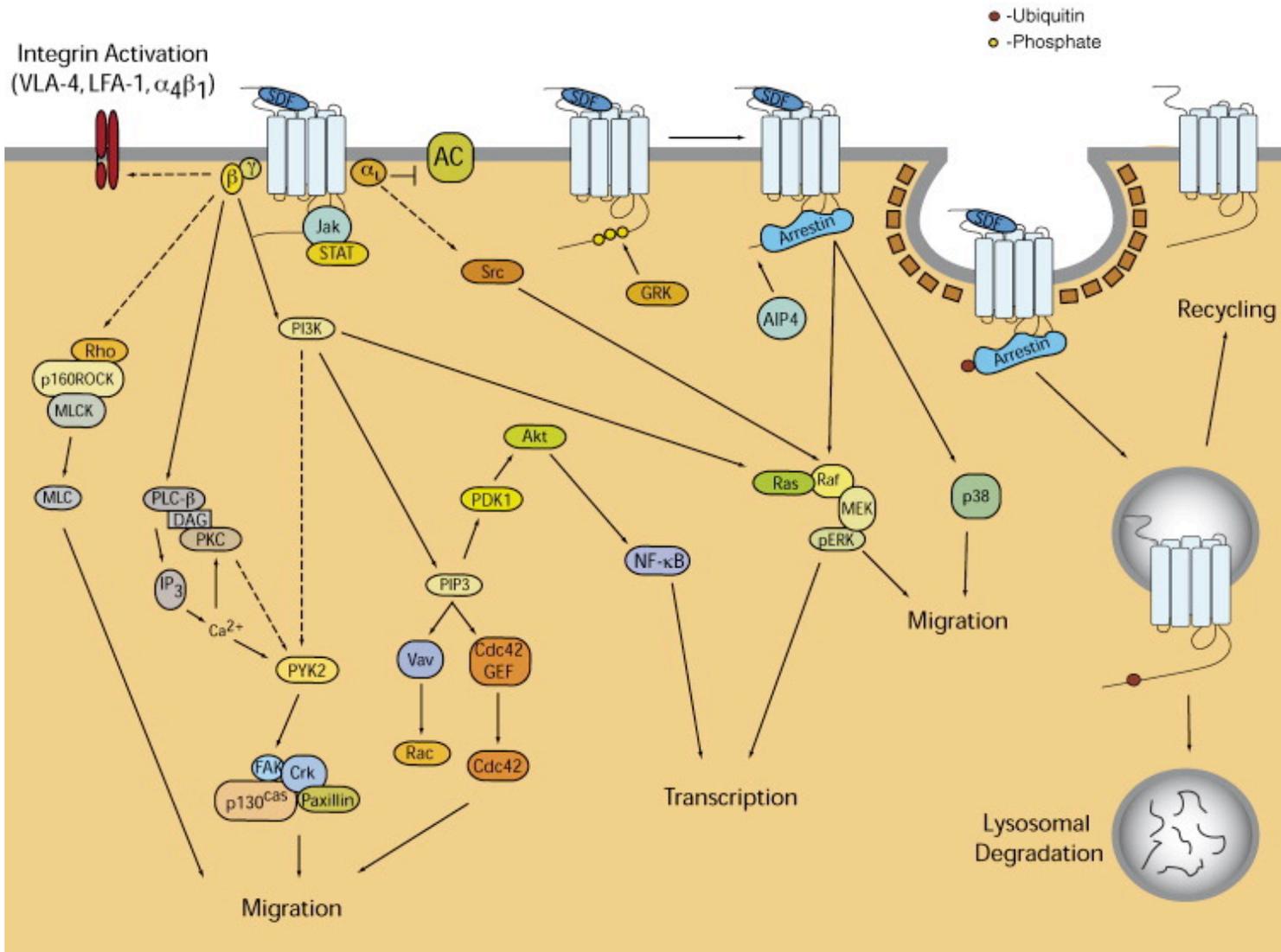
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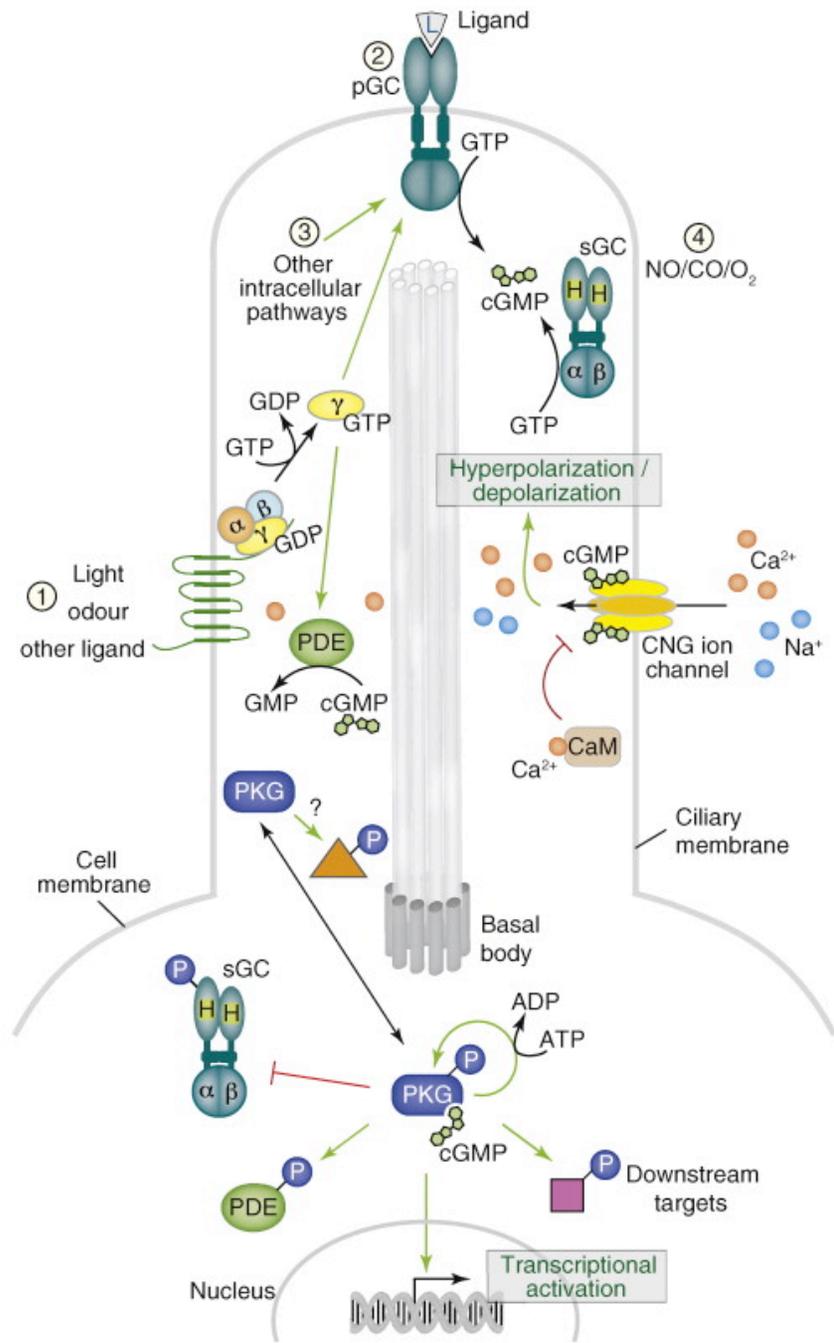


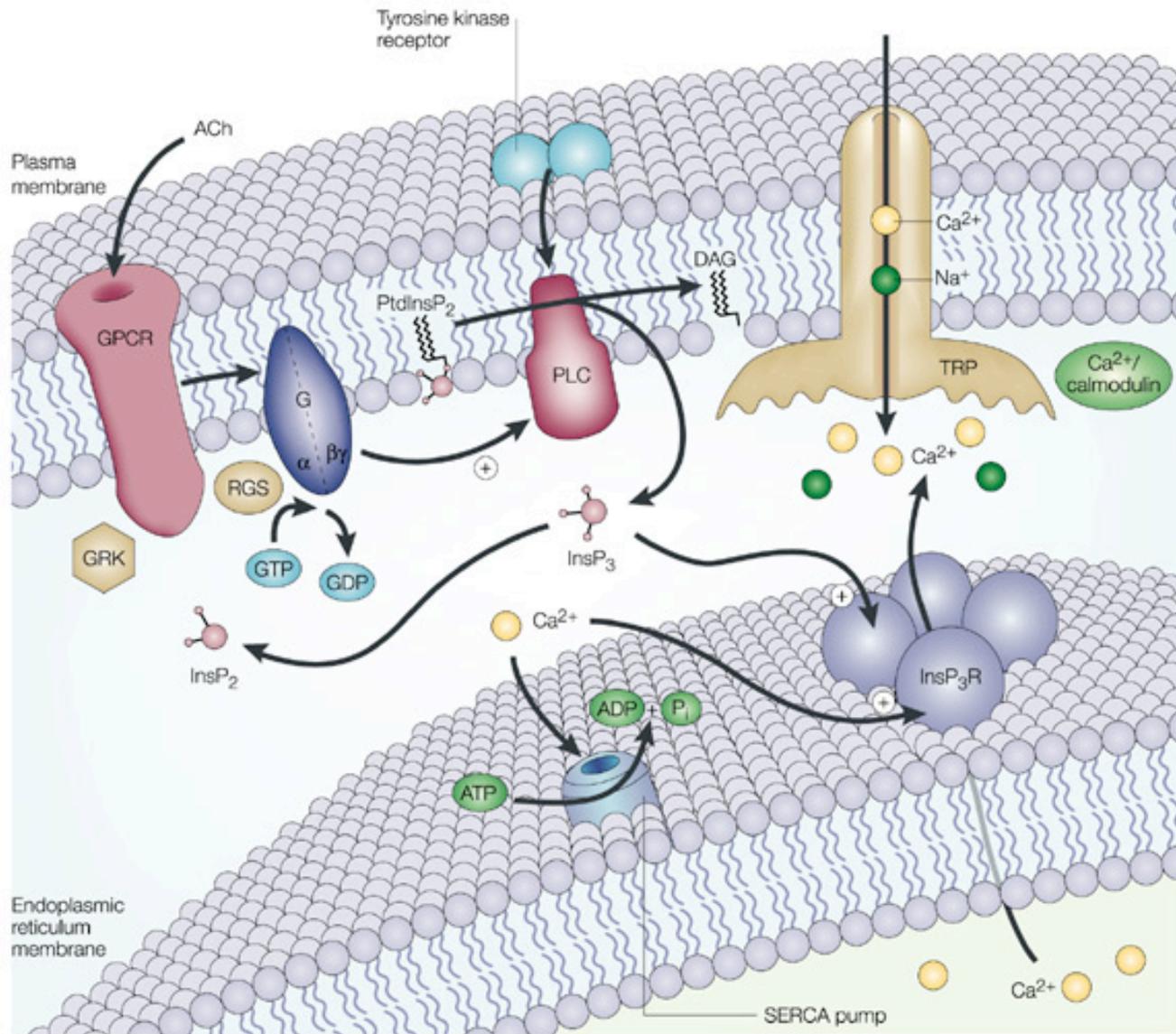




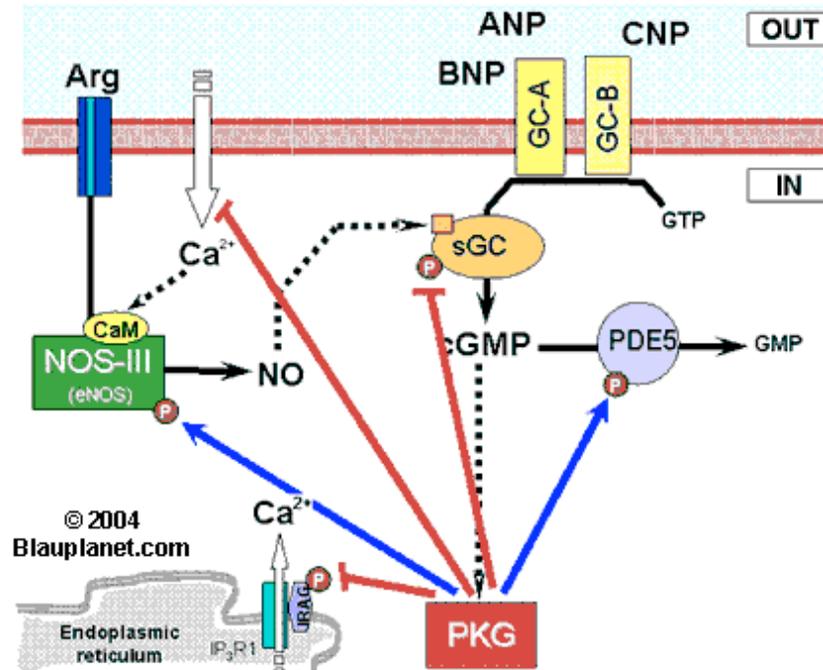
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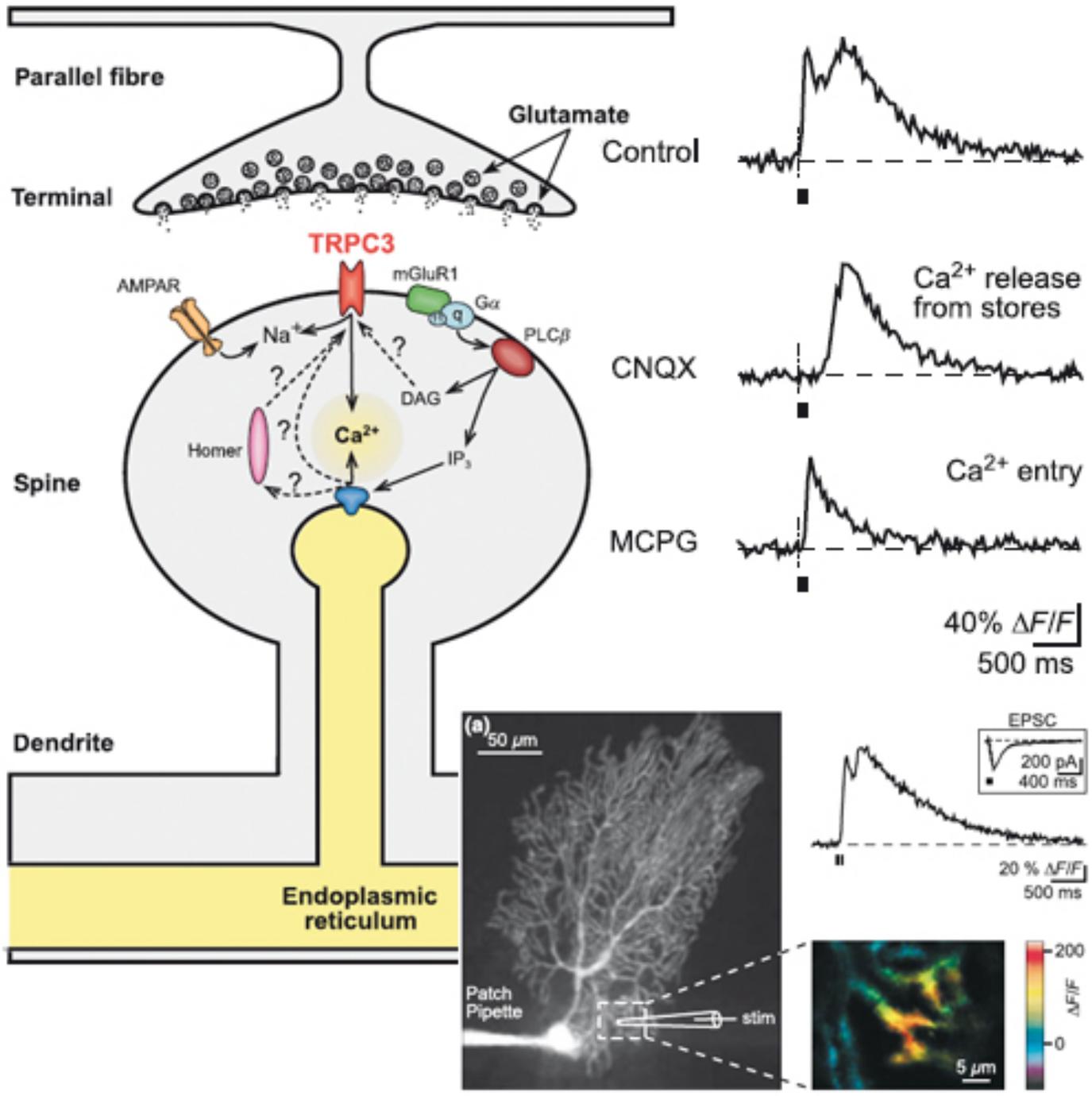




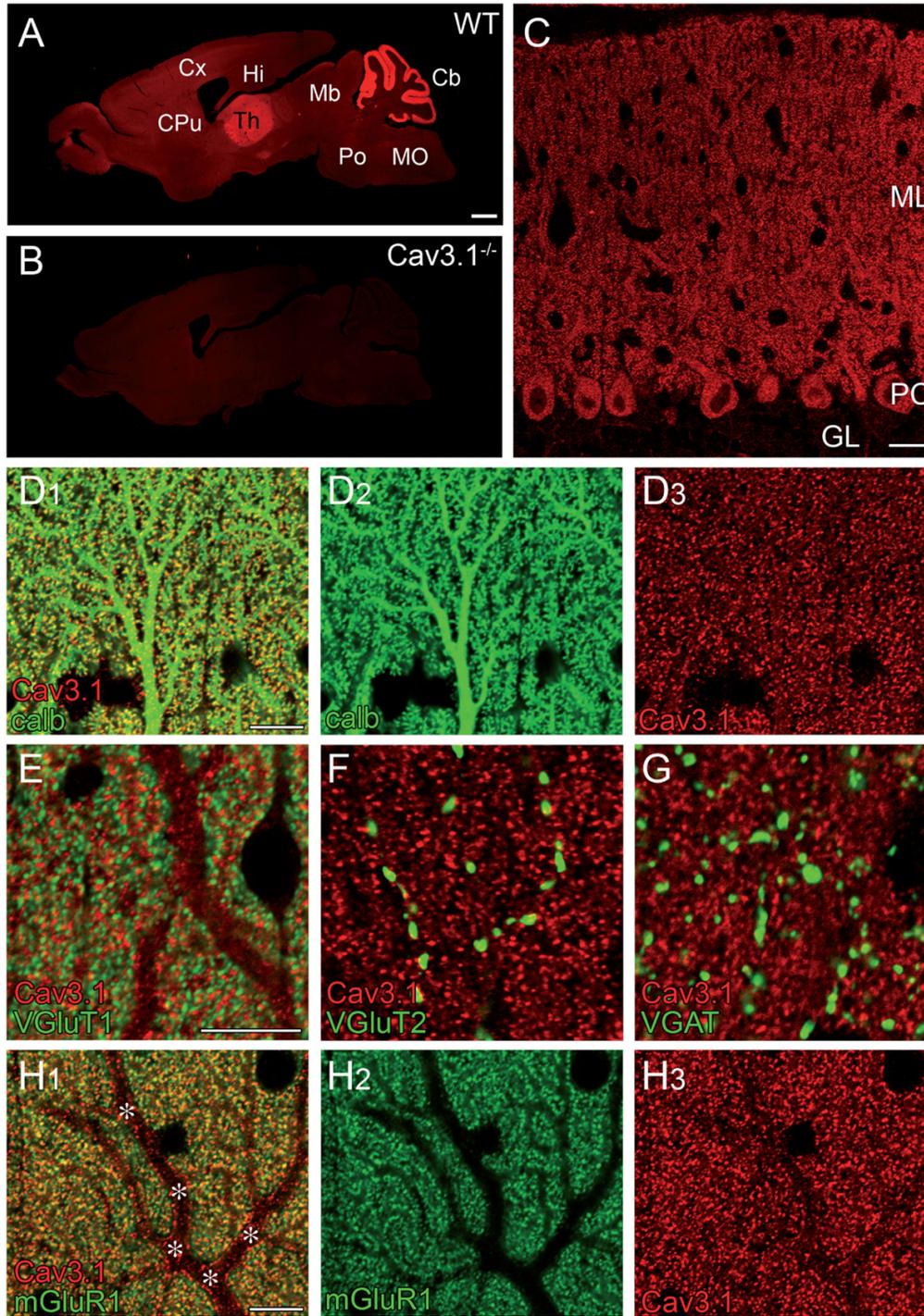
- The G_{α} subunit will eventually [hydrolyze](#) the attached GTP to GDP by its inherent [enzymatic](#) activity, allowing it to re-associate with $G_{\beta\gamma}$ and starting a new cycle. A group of proteins called [Regulator of G protein signalling](#) (RGSs), act as [GTPase-activating proteins](#) (GAPs), specific for G_{α} subunits. These proteins act to accelerate hydrolysis of GTP to GDP and terminate the transduced signal. In some cases, the effector itself may possess intrinsic GAP activity, which helps deactivate the pathway. This is true in the case of [phospholipase C](#) beta, which possesses GAP activity within its C-terminal region. This is an alternate form of regulation for the G_{α} subunit.



- **Fig. 1. Hypothetical center role of protein kinase G in pathway regulation.** Blue lines represent stimulation of target activity (not an increase in target phosphorylation). Red lines represent decrease of target activity.
- **Abbreviations:**
 ANP, atrial natriuretic peptide; Arg, L-arginine; BNP, brain natriuretic peptide; CaM, calmodulin; cGMP, cyclic GMP; CNP, natriuretic peptide C; GC-A (GC-B), particulate guanylyl cyclase type A (or type B), the guanylyl cyclase stimulated by natriuretic peptides (ANP and BNP bind to GC-A, while CNP binds to GC-B); Gi, protein Gi; IRAG, Inositol-3-phosphate receptor associated cyclic GMP kinase substrate; NOS, nitric oxide synthase (I, neuronal NOS or nNOS; II, inducible NOS or iNOS; III, eNOS or endothelial NOS); P, represent a phosphorylated aminoacid that results from cyclic GMP-dependent protein kinase activity; PDE5, cyclic nucleotide phosphodiesterase type 5 (it degrades cGMP; this isoenzyme is considered specific for cGMP, however other types of PDE are also able to degrade cGMP); PKG, cyclic GMP-dependent protein kinase; sGC, soluble guanylyl cyclase (guanylyl cyclase stimulated by NO and CO).



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- **Mechanisms of metabotropic glutamate receptor-mediated synaptic signaling in cerebellar Purkinje cells.**
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- The metabotropic glutamate receptors type 1 (mGluR1s) are required for a normal function of the mammalian cerebellum. These G-protein coupled receptors are abundantly expressed in the principle cerebellar cells, namely the Purkinje neurons. Under physiological conditions, mGluR1s are activated during repetitive activity of both afferent glutamatergic synaptic inputs provided by the climbing and parallel fibers, respectively. Unlike the common ionotropic glutamate receptors that underlie rapid synaptic excitation, mGluR1s produce a complex postsynaptic response consisting of a Ca(2+) release signal from intracellular stores and a slow excitatory postsynaptic potential. While it is well established that the mGluR1-dependent Ca(2+) release signal from intracellular stores involves the activation of inositol-trisphosphate (IP(3)) receptors, the mechanisms underlying the slow synaptic excitation remained unclear. Here we will review recent evidence indicating an essential role of C type transient receptor potential (TRPC) cation channels, especially that of the subunit TRPC3, for the generation of the mGluR1-dependent synaptic current. For the signaling pathways underlying both, Ca(2+) release from intracellular stores and the slow synaptic potential, we present current knowledge about the activators, downstream effectors and possible roles for mGluR1-dependent signaling in Purkinje neurons.



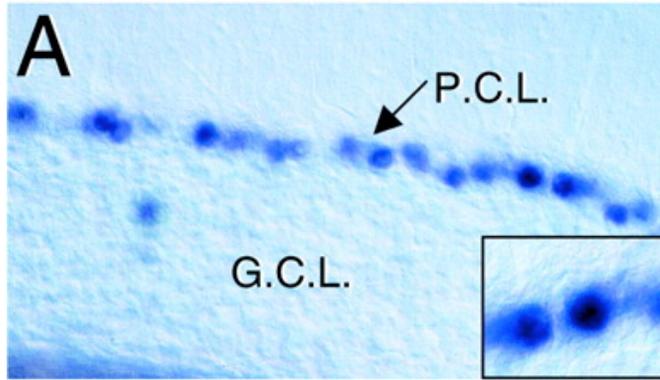
Cav3.1 slow type are thought to set pacemaker rhythm. Parallel fiber stimulation activates mGluR1-potentiated T-type Ca⁺⁺ transients

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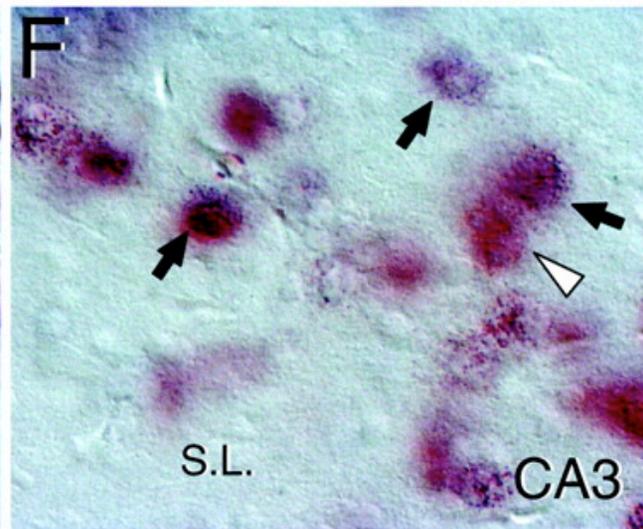
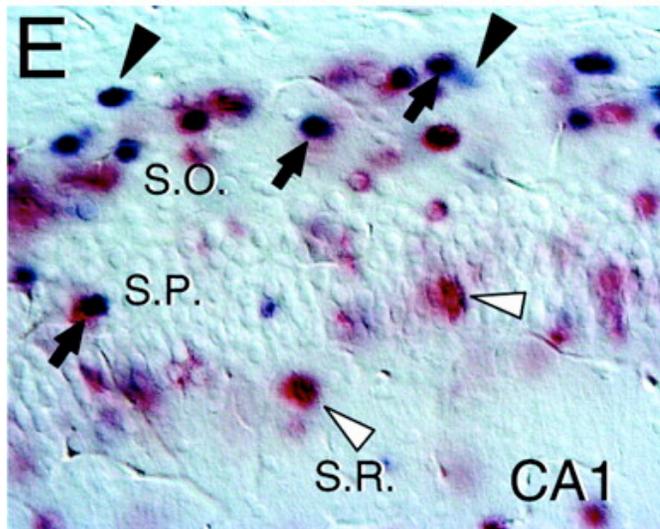
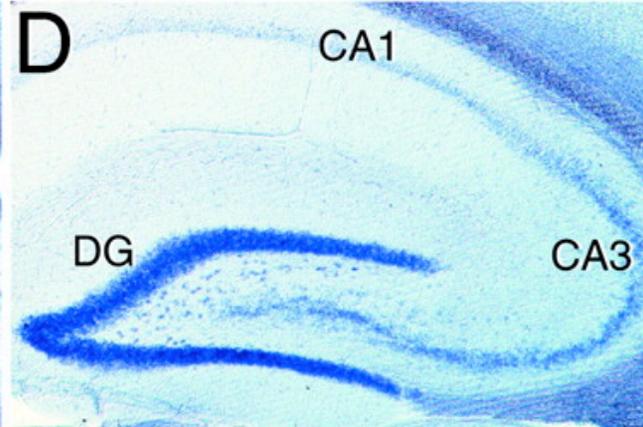
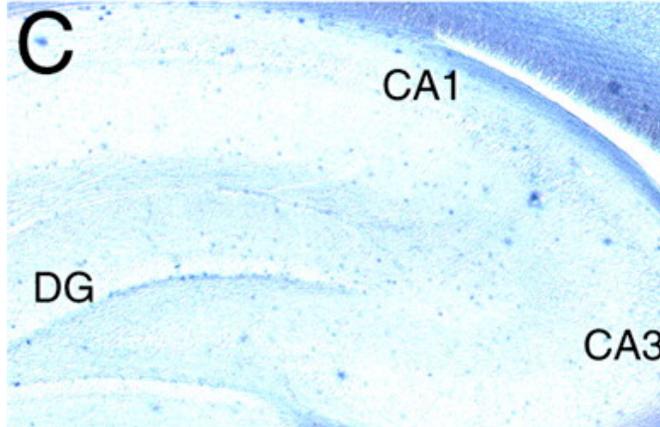
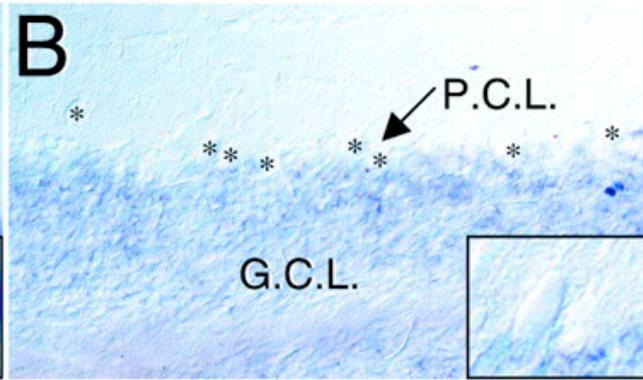
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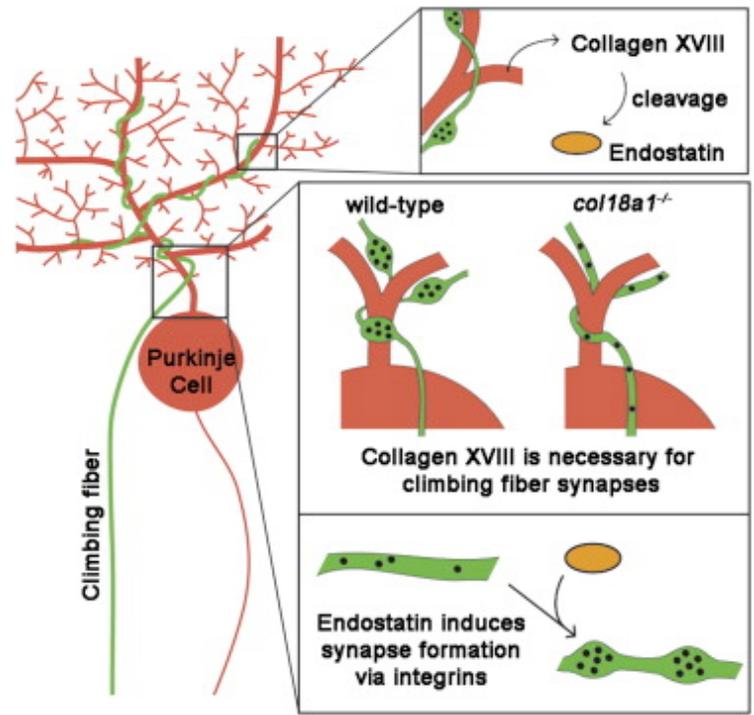
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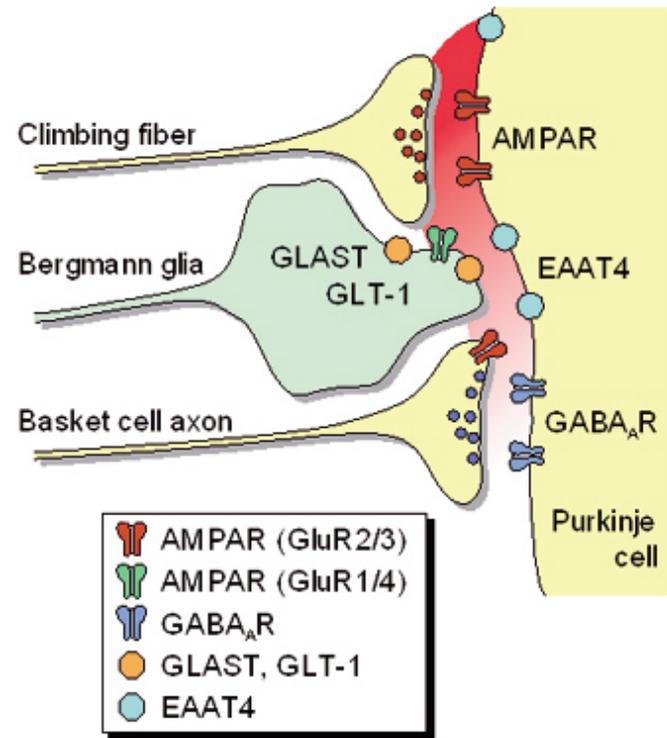
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- **Fig. 3.** Expression pattern of GluR5 and GluR6 mRNA. In the cerebellum (A), GluR5 is expressed in the Purkinje cell layer (P.C.L.) and in Golgi cells of the granule cell layer (G.C.L.), whereas GluR6 is abundantly expressed by the granule cells (B). The asterisks indicate unlabeled Purkinje cell bodies. *Insets* show a magnification of the Purkinje cell layer. In the hippocampus, GluR5 is mainly expressed by interneurons (C), and GluR6 is predominantly expressed in the principal cells (D). Double in situ hybridization with glutamic acid decarboxylase (GAD) and either GluR5 (E) or GluR6 (F) probes is shown. The expression of GAD is labeled red (white arrowheads). The expression of GluR5 or GluR6 is labeled blue (black arrowheads). Coexpression appears as a brown precipitate (black arrows). E and F correspond to a close view of the CA1 and CA3 regions, respectively. S.O., stratum oriens; S.P., stratum pyramidale; S.R., stratum radiatum; S.L., stratum lucidum. [C–F from Paternain et al. ([122](#)).]
- Most abundant at synapse with climbing fiber.



Array analyses of Ccl32/2; Npc12/2 mice compared with age-matched and background-matched Npc12/2 cerebella showed slight decreases in expression of cerebellar Purkinje neuron-specific genes: Calb1/D28K, Pcp2, Stk17b/Drak2, Fgf7 and Gpr63 (Fig. 3A). Decreased expression of these genes is likely due to reduced numbers of surviving Purkinje neurons (48). Stk17b, for example, is produced only in Purkinje neurons of the cerebellum and serves as a useful indicator of cell number (Fig. 3C). The expression of Tyrosine hydroxylase (Th) can also be used to assess the condition of Purkinje neurons in the cerebellum in NPC disease since Th is ectopically expressed in cerebellar Purkinje neurons as a consequence of the disease (49). Th levels on average were higher in Ccl32/2; Npc12/2 cerebella than in Npc12/2 mice (Fig. 3A and J). Based in part on the reduction, though slight, of Purkinje neuron-specific genes and mainly on the increase in Th, we conclude that the loss of Ccl3 is deleterious to neurons in Npc12/2 mice.



Mechanism of Purkinje cell-Bergmann glial crosstalk

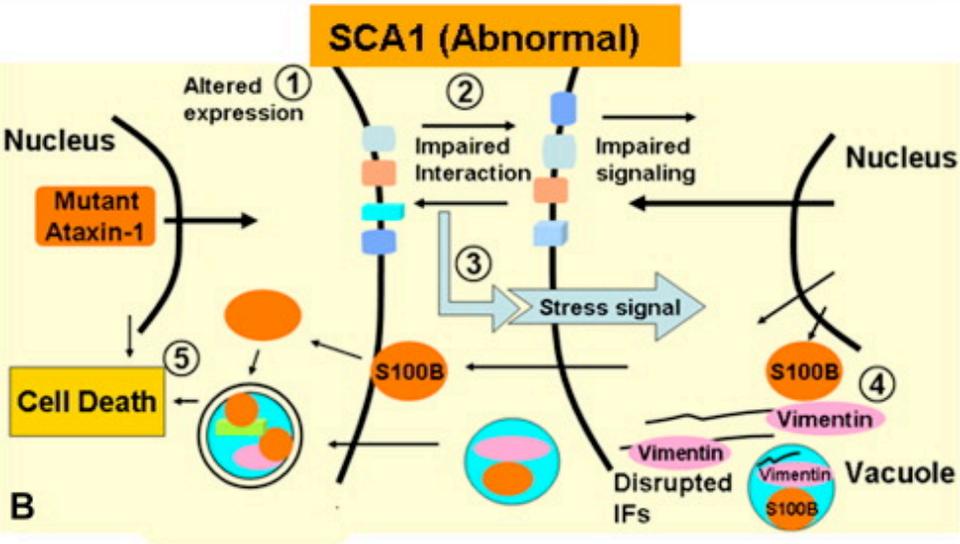
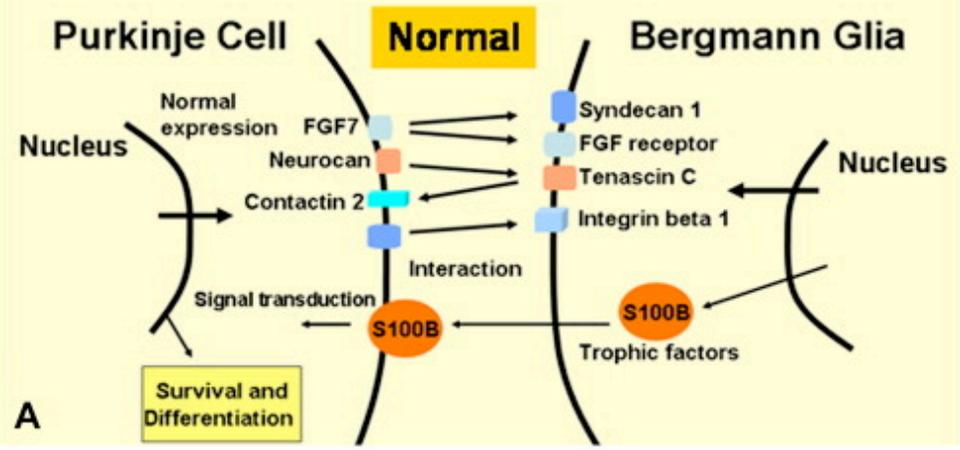


Figure 1. (A) Schematic diagram showing hypothetical mechanism of normal and impaired Purkinje cell (PC)–Bergmann glia (BG) crosstalk. In SCA1 (B), impaired PC–BG interaction results in cytoplasmic vacuole formation in PCs (steps 1–5). Mutant ataxin-1 (transcriptional repressor) early in development causes alterations in the expression of signaling and cell adhesion molecules like FGF7, neurocan and contactin 2. The neighboring BG respond by similar modulations, which produce a stress signal and glia react by releasing high levels of S100B protein. At higher concentrations, S100B either disrupts IFs or causes vimentin to aggregate, and to form vacuoles in PCs. This model was developed based on the preliminary results and gene expression data of 2 week old wildtype and SCA1 mice. FGF7, fibroblast growth factor 7; IF, intermediate filaments.

SERCA regulation and function

