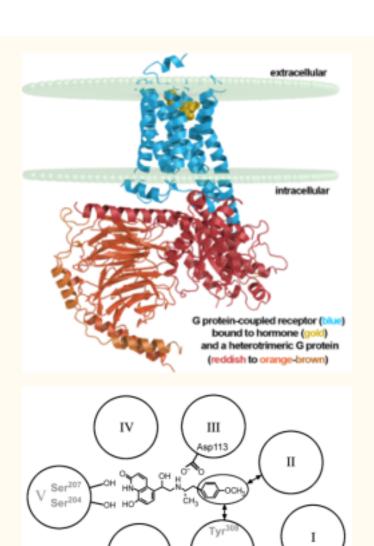
# $\beta$ -2 Adrenergic Receptor

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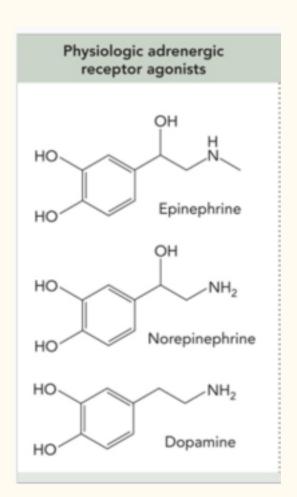
#### Class and Structure

- GPCR
- 7 transmembrane domains:  $\alpha$  helices and loops
  - 3 extracellular loops
  - 3 intracellular loops
    - PKA phosphorylates the 3rd loop and cytoplasmic tail (Ser 207 and Ser 204)
  - Domain 7 involved in high specificity binding (Tyr 308)



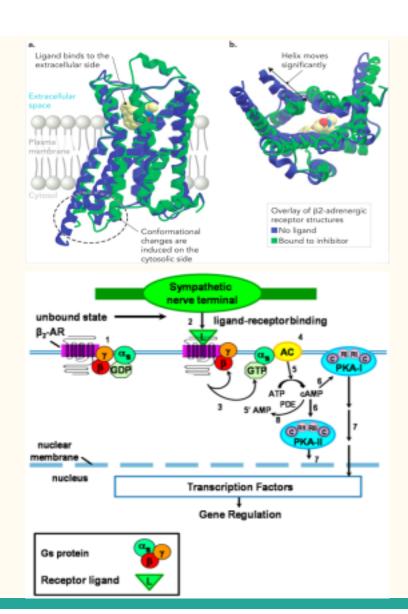
# The ligands

- Epinephrine (adrenaline) and Norepinephrine (noradrenaline): fight or flight
  - Catecholamine 1st messengers
  - released from adrenal medulla during times of acute stress
  - Cause: relaxation of smooth muscle (bronchodilation) and release of glucose to bloodstream
- Dopamine
  - Catecholamine 1st messenger
  - Activates pathway similarly
- Epinephrine>Norepinephrine>Dopamine



#### Activation

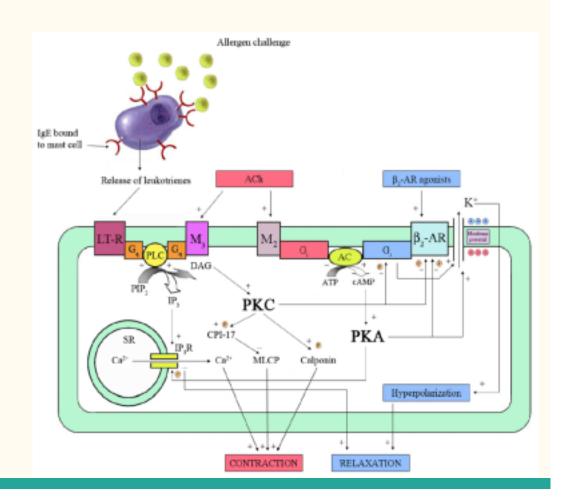
- Ligand binds & exchanges GDP→GTP
   causing a conformational change in switch II
   helix of Gsa
- 2. Gsa separates and stimulates AC.
- 3. AC stimulates the production of cAMP.
- cAMP activates PKA.
- PKA phosphorylates target proteins which trigger specific responses depending on body location.



### **Bronchioles Downstream Mechanism**

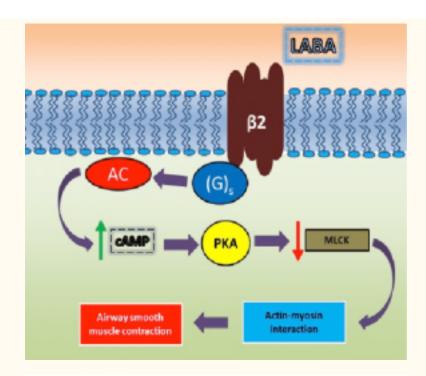
#### 6. PKA then:

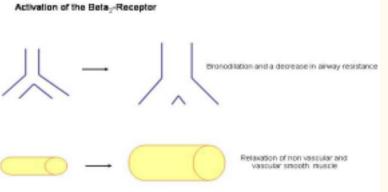
- inhibits myosin-light-chain kinase
   (MLCK) and phosphoinositide
   hydrolysis
- Promotes Ca<sup>2+</sup>/Na<sup>+</sup> exchange thus decreasing Ca<sup>2+</sup> in smooth muscle cells allowing muscles to relax
- Stimulates Na<sup>+</sup>/K<sup>+</sup> ATPase



#### **Function**

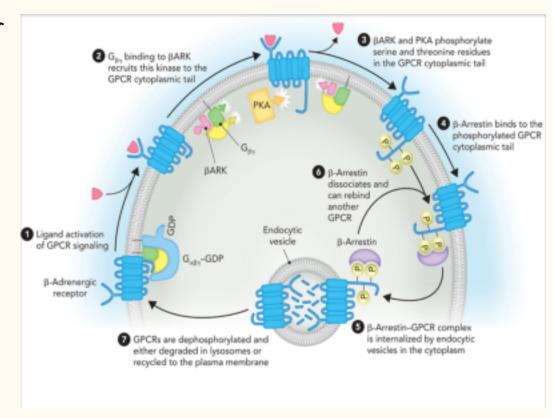
- In smooth muscle → relaxation
  - Lungs = bronchodilation
  - Gut = pause digestion by stopping peristalsis
  - Note: LABA is a long-acting beta-agonist drug (such as formoterol and salmeterol) used to treat asthma
- In the liver
  - Stop glycogen synthesis
  - Start glycogen breakdown to glucose
  - Start glucose synthesis





## Inhibition: β-arrestin

- 1. βARK recruited to membrane by GβY
- βARK & PKA phosphorylate cytoplasmic tail
- 3. β-arrestin binds
- 4. Receptor internalized
- B-arrestin dissociates
- 6. Phosphates removed
  - a. Recycled to plasma membrane
  - b. Degraded by lysosomes



#### Inhibition Cont.

 The B-2 Adrenergic Receptor can be inhibited by a class of drugs called beta blockers.

 Beta blockers competitively competes with agonists like Epinephrine for the binding site.

Ex. Propanolol

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