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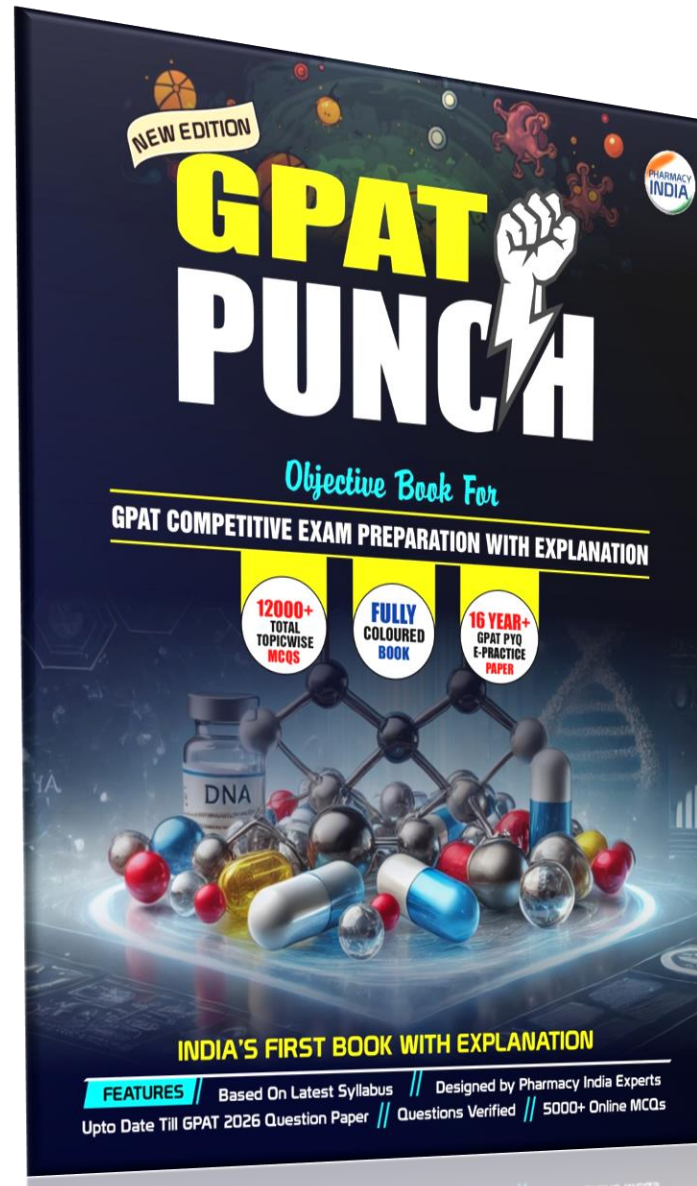
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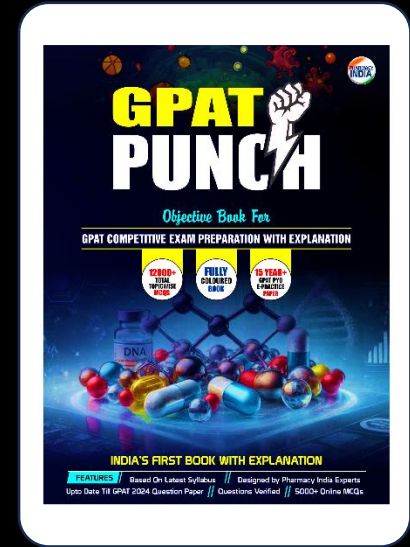




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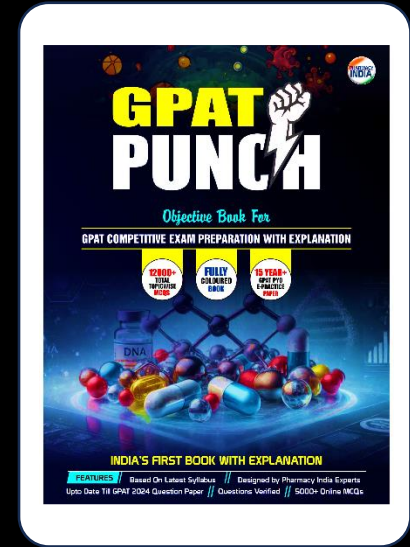
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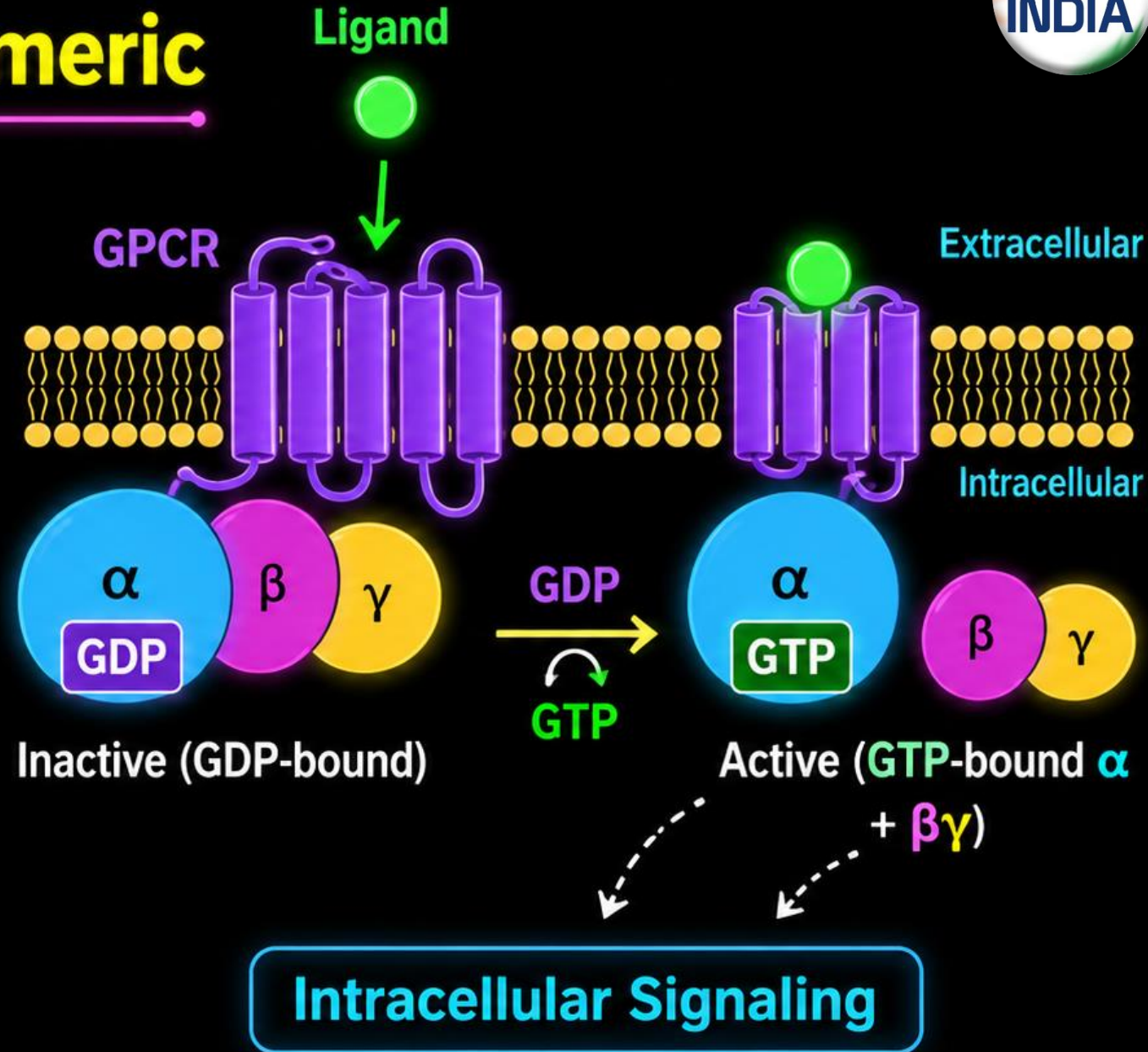


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G-Proteins are Heterotrimeric

- ▶ Contain α , β , γ subunits.
- ▶ α subunit binds **GDP/GTP**.
- ▶ GPCR **activation** $\rightarrow$ GDP to **GTP** exchange on α .
- ▶ Subunits regulate **intracellular signaling**.

★ α has **GDP/GTP** binding; β and γ modulate and stabilize the complex.



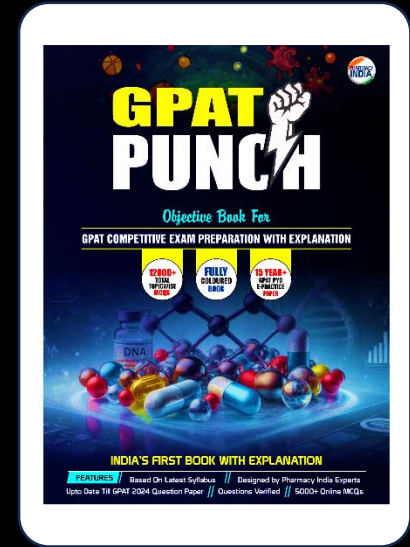


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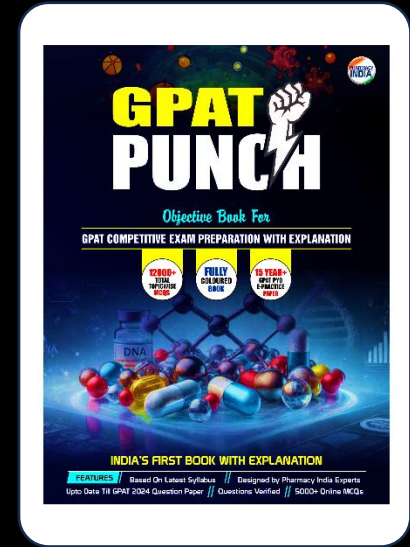


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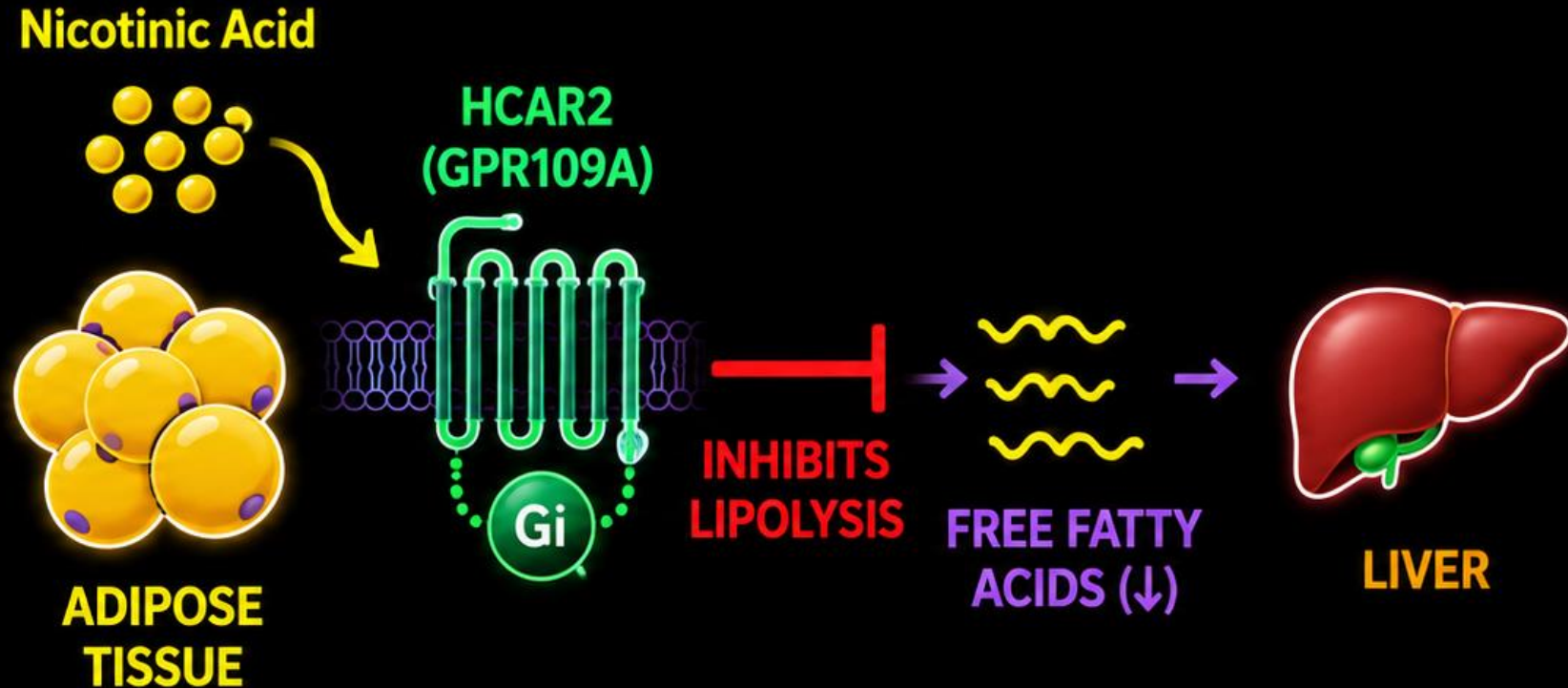
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NICOTINIC ACID ACTS VIA GPCR

- Acts on **HCAR2/GPR109A**
- Inhibits **lipolysis** in adipose tissue
- Reduces **free fatty acid** delivery to liver
- Helps **improve lipid profile**



IMPROVES LIPID PROFILE

↓ LDL ↓ TG ↑ HDL



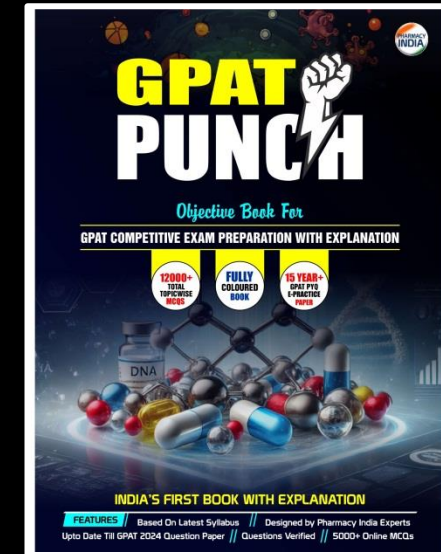
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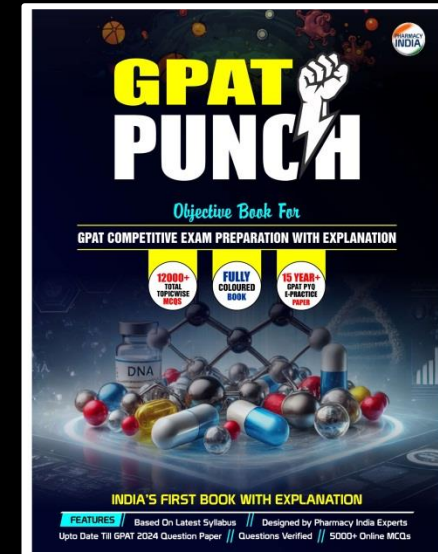
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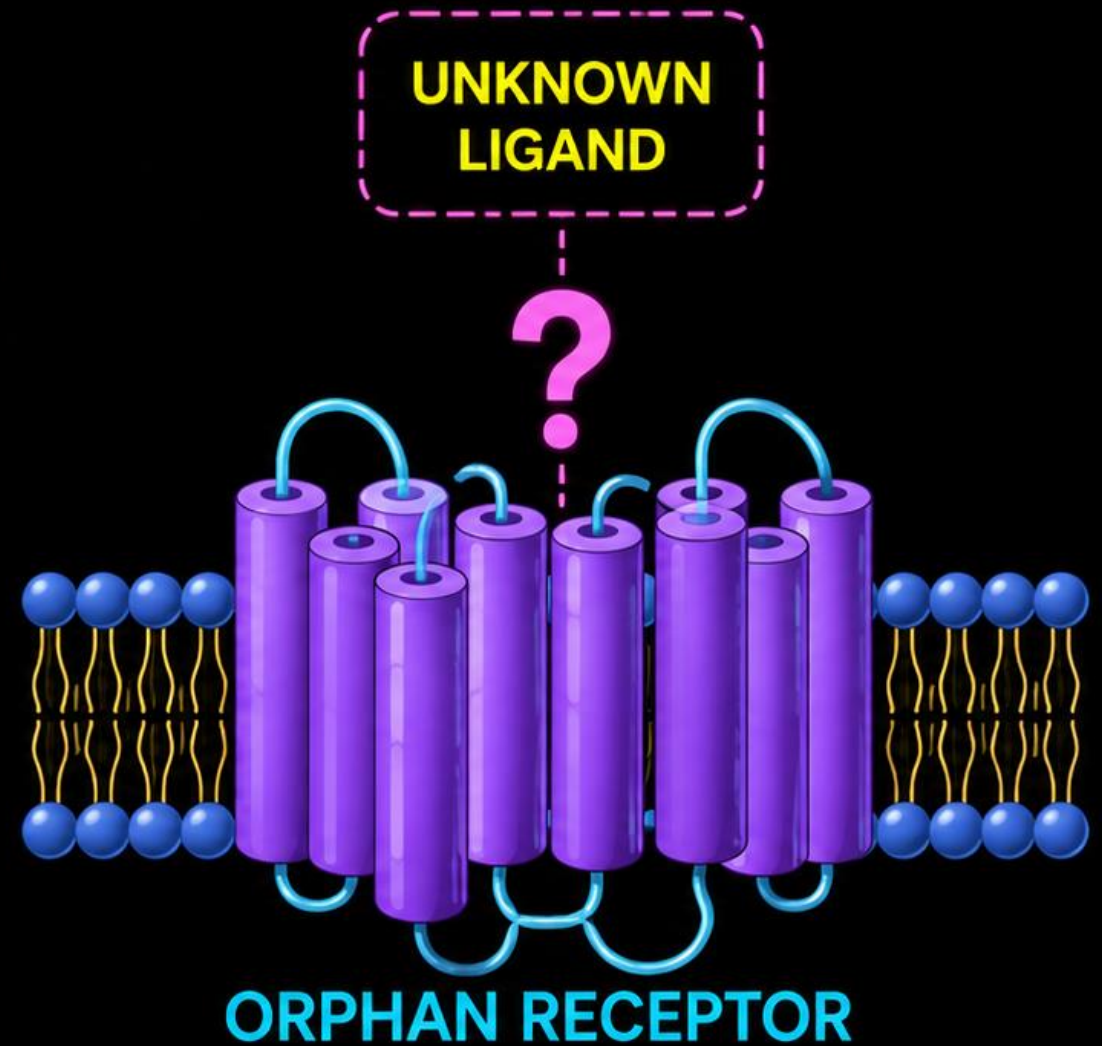
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Orphan Receptor

- **Receptor** with **no known** endogenous ligand
- **Identified** by **structure** but ligand **unknown**
- Important **targets** in **drug discovery**
- When **ligand** is found, it becomes **de-orphanized**



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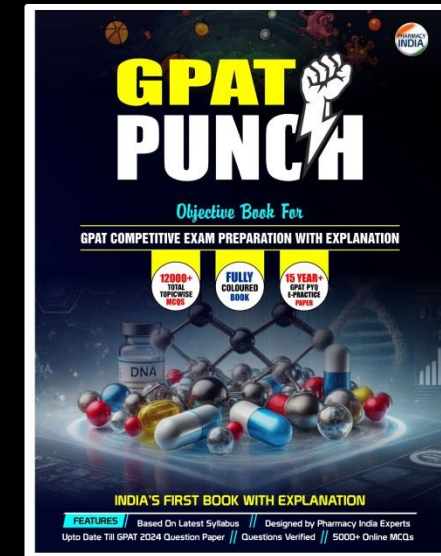
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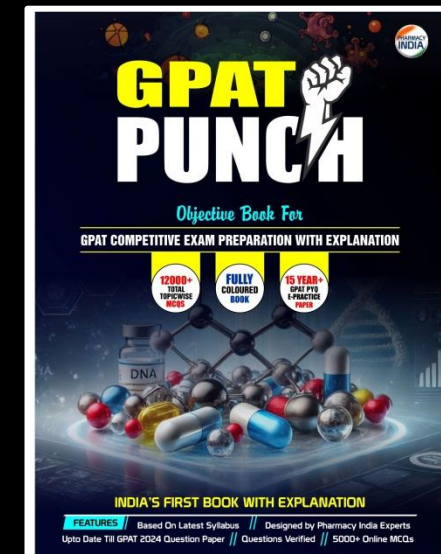
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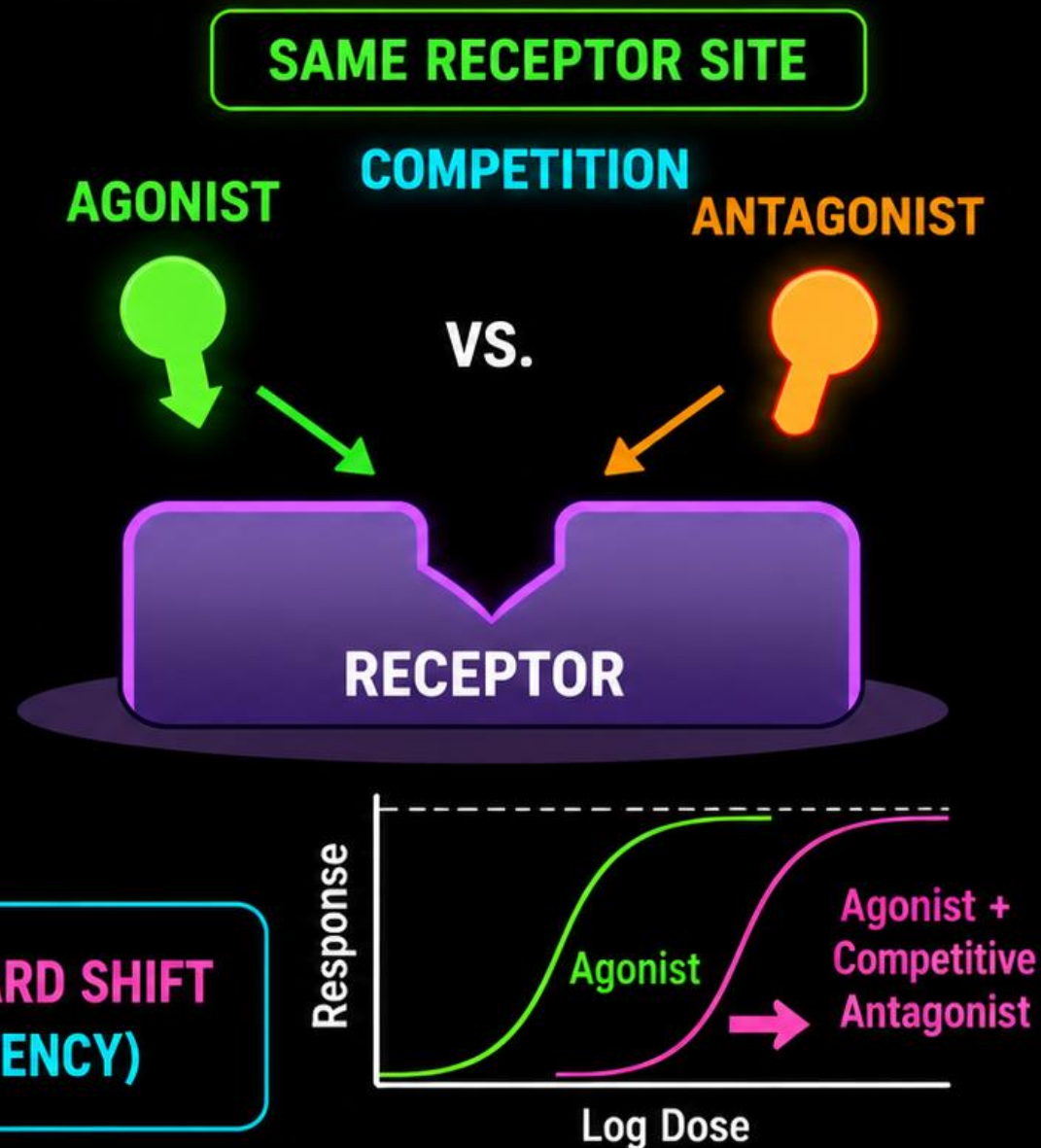
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COMPETITIVE ANTAGONIST

- **BINDS** to the **SAME RECEPTOR SITE** as **AGONIST**
- HAS **AFFINITY** but **NO INTRINSIC ACTIVITY**
- **INHIBITS** AGONIST RESPONSE
- **SHIFTS DOSE-RESPONSE CURVE** to the **RIGHT** →

EFFECT: ↑ agonist dose needed to achieve **same effect**

→ **RIGHTWARD SHIFT**
(↓ **POTENCY**)





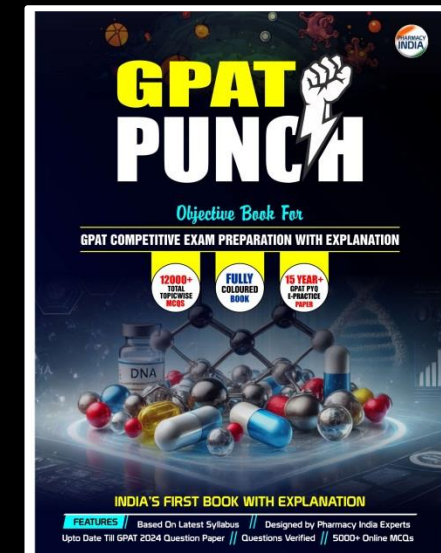
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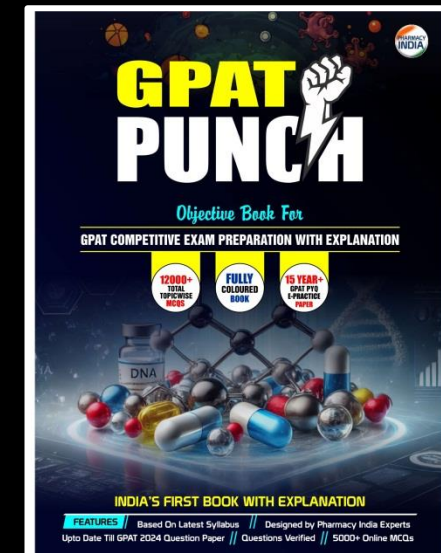
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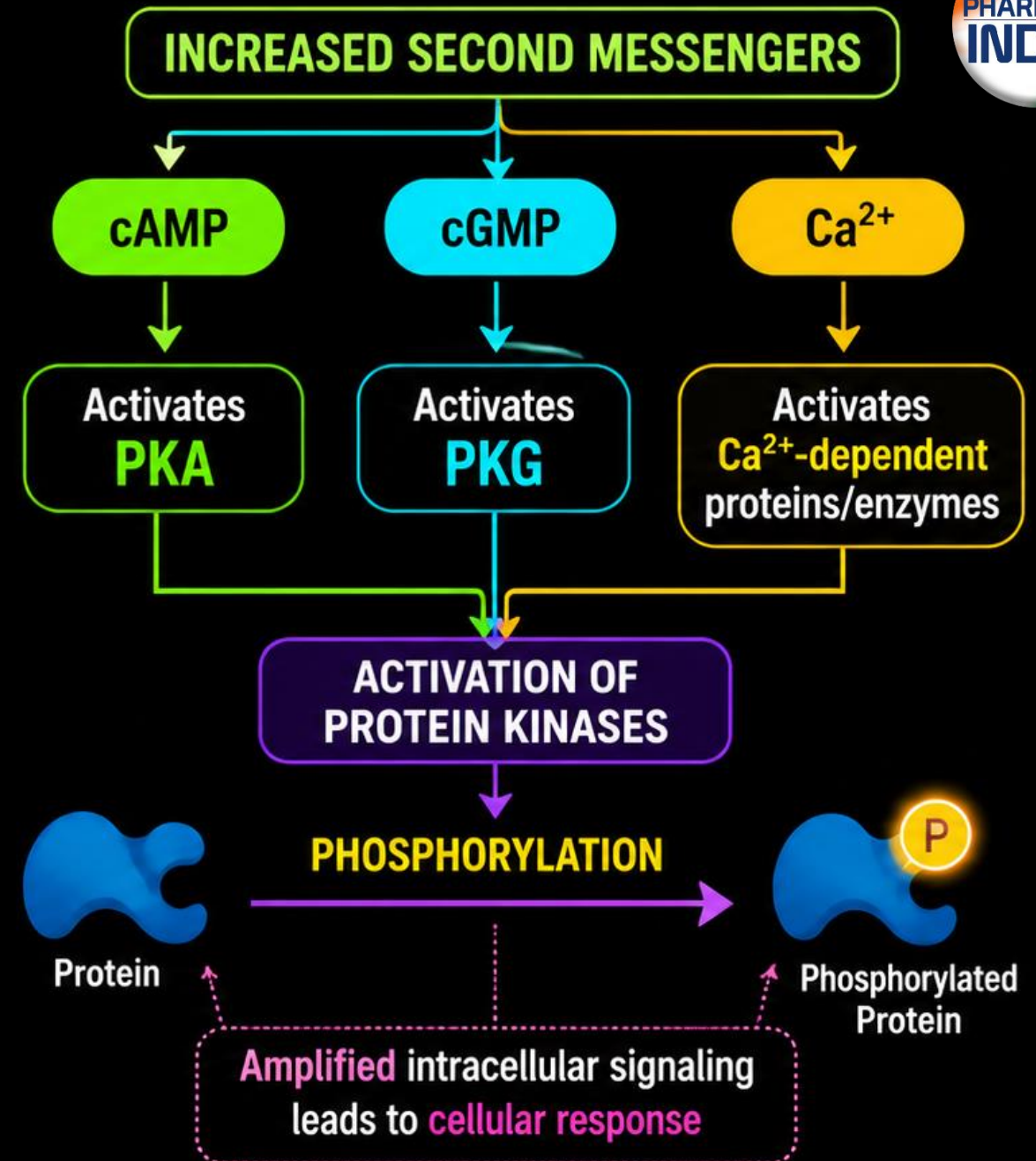
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SECOND MESSENGERS ACTIVATE KINASES

- **cAMP** activates **PKA**
- **cGMP** activates **PKG**
- **Ca²⁺** activates **calcium-dependent proteins and enzymes**
- **Overall result:** intracellular signaling **amplification** and **protein phosphorylation**





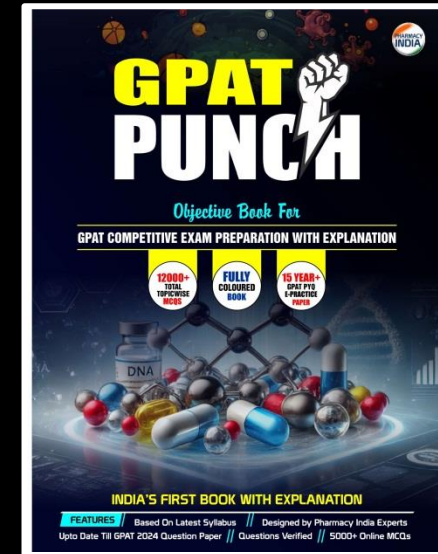
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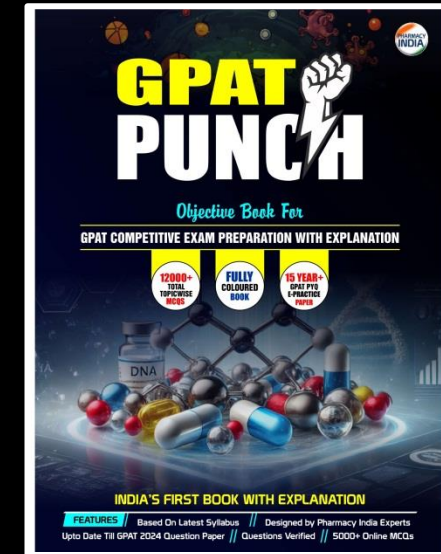
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COMPETITIVE ANTAGONISM



Affinity for agonist binding site



No intrinsic activity



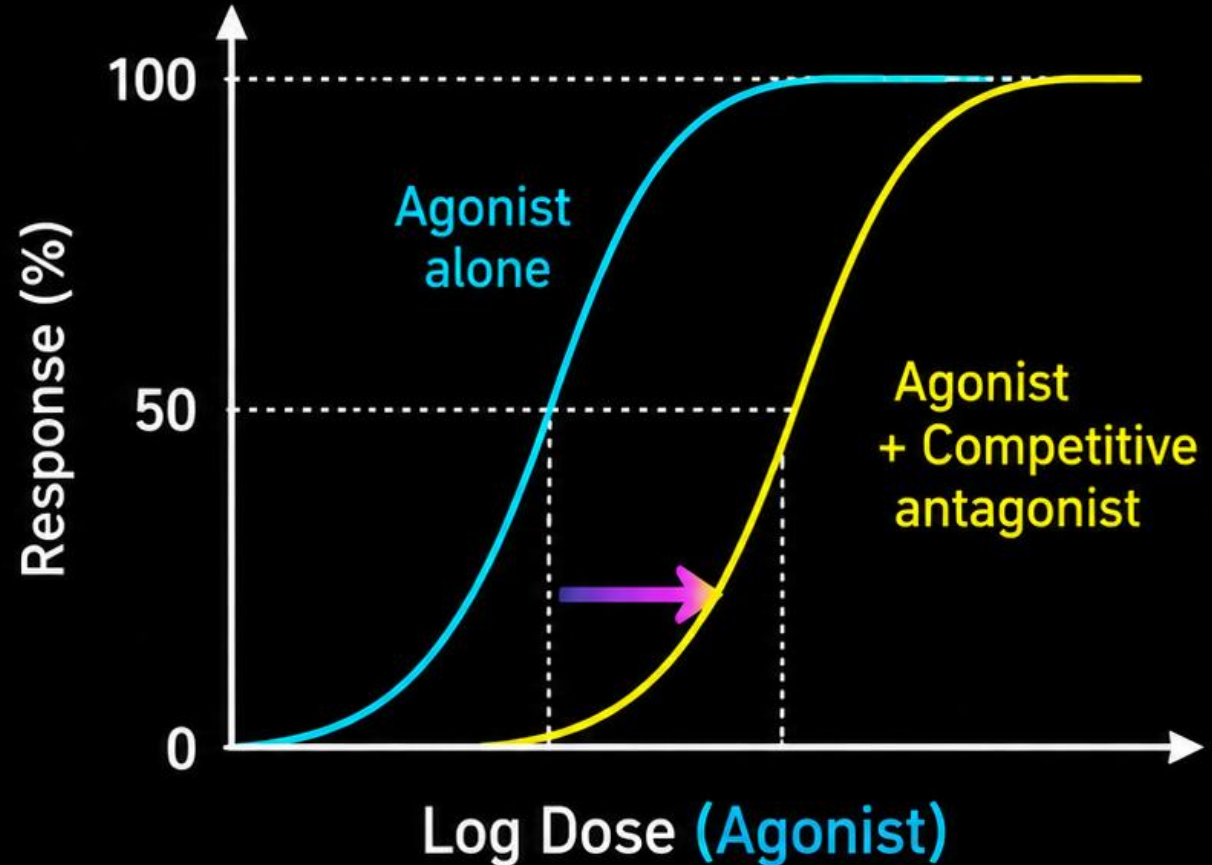
Causes parallel rightward shift of dose-response curve



E_{max} remains unchanged because antagonism is surmountable



Higher agonist concentration is needed → same maximal effect



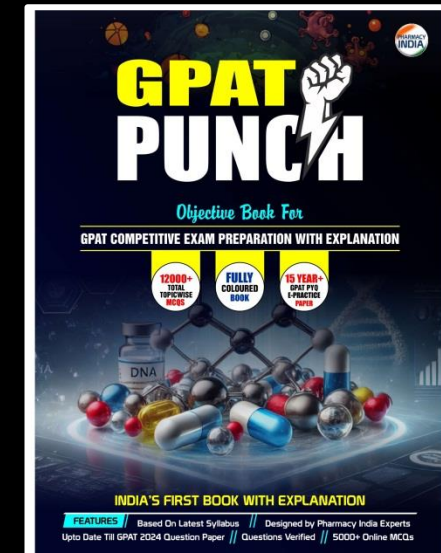


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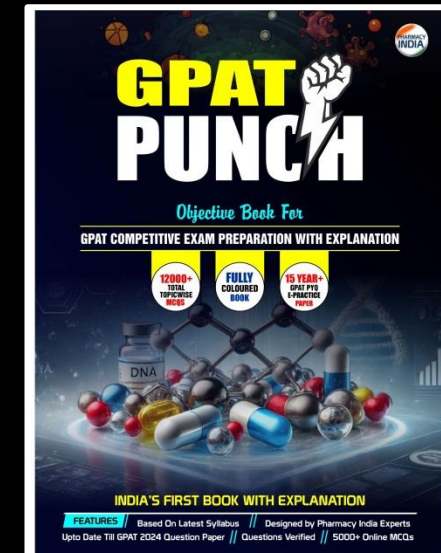
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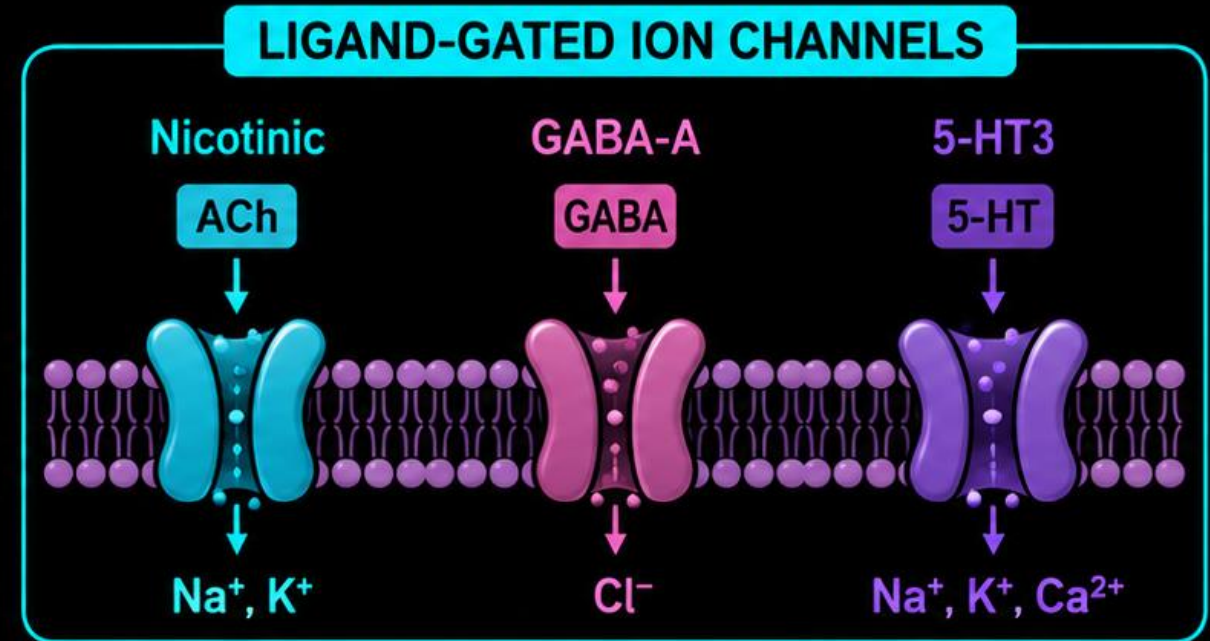
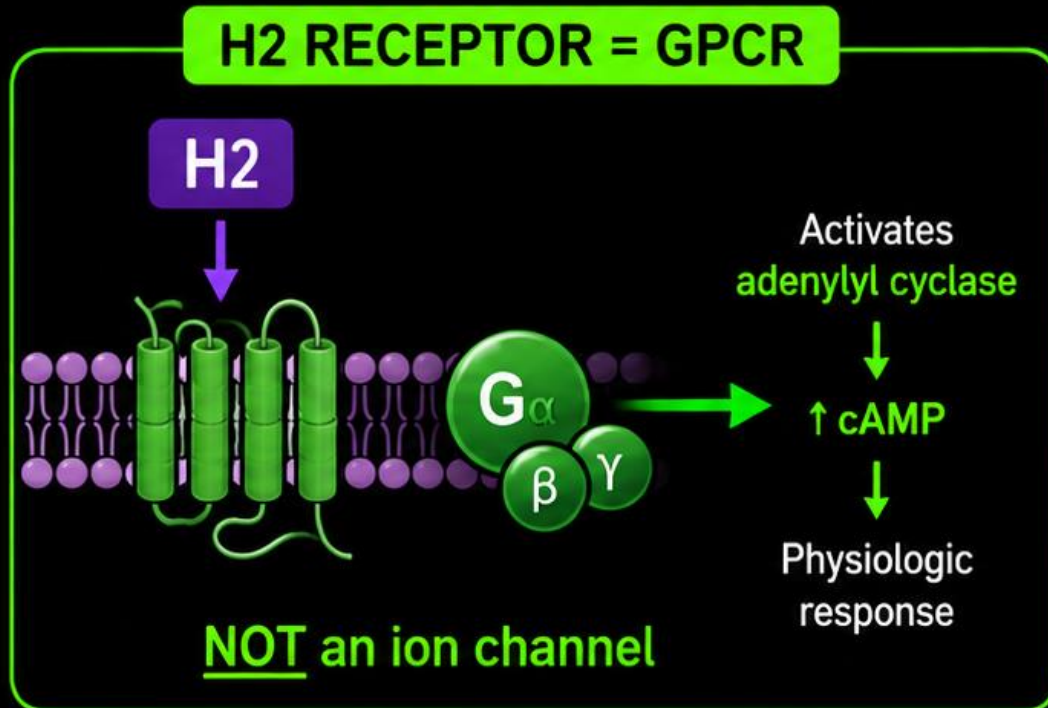
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H2 Receptor = GPCR

- H2 receptor is G-protein coupled.
- Nicotinic receptor is ligand-gated ion channel.
- GABA-A is a chloride ion channel.
- 5-HT3 is also a ligand-gated ion channel.



GPCRs signal via G proteins;
Ligand-gated channels allow ion flow.

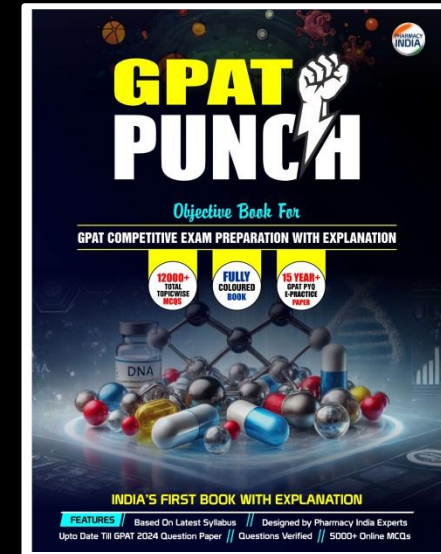


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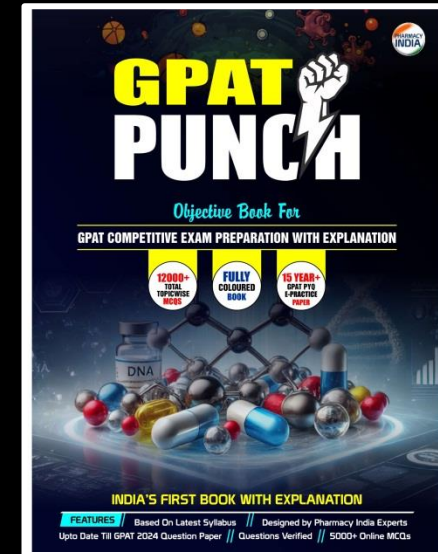


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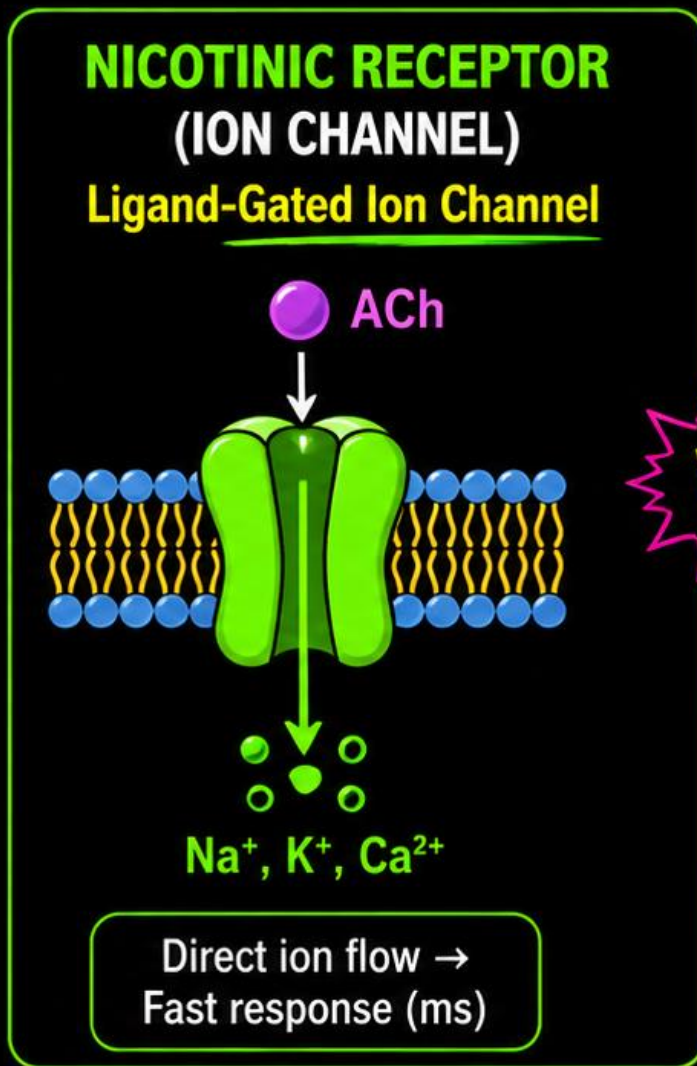
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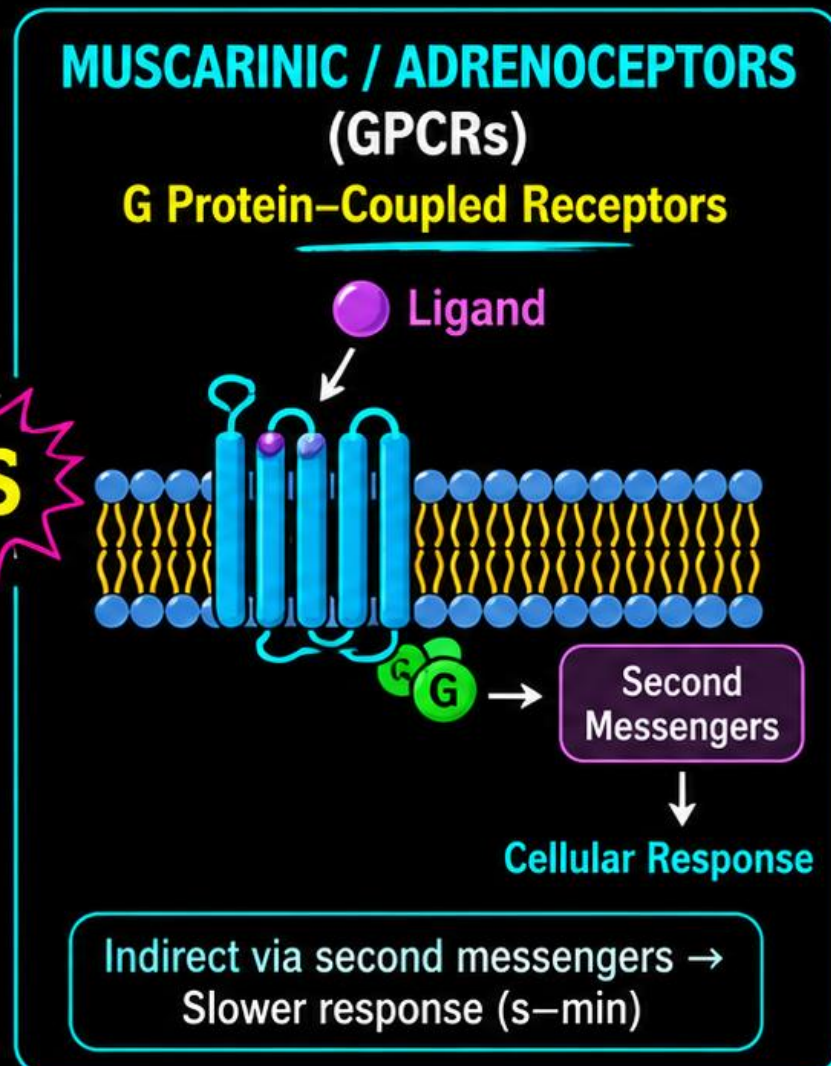
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Nicotinic Receptor is an Ion Channel

- ✓ Nicotinic receptor is a ligand-gated ion channel.
- ✓ Muscarinic receptors are GPCRs.
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☆ **Key Takeaway:** Nicotinic = Ion Channel (Fast) | Muscarinic, α & β Adrenoceptors = GPCRs (Slower)



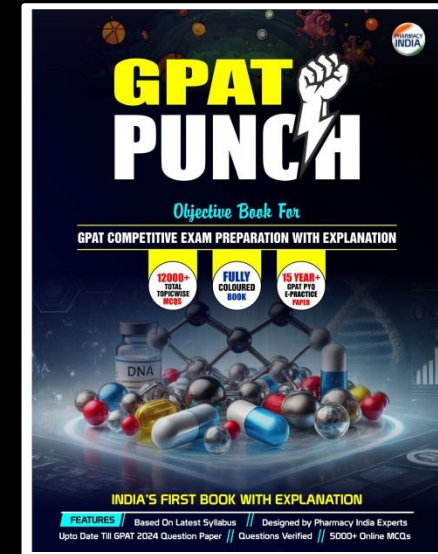
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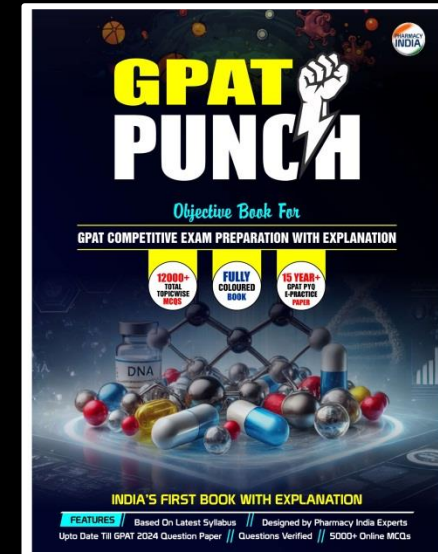
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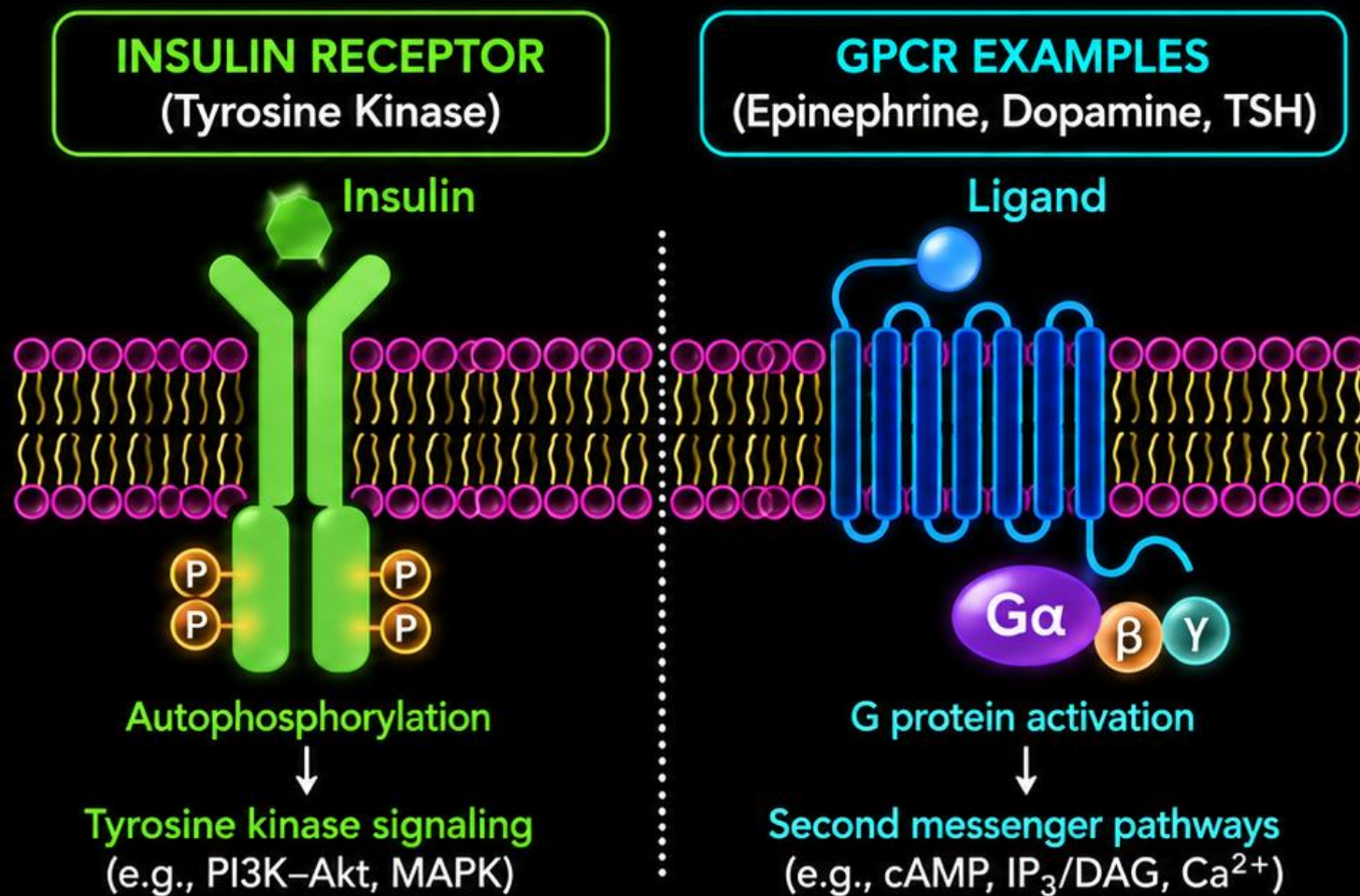
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Insulin Uses a Tyrosine Kinase Receptor

- ➔ **Insulin** acts through **receptor tyrosine kinase**.
- ➔ **Epinephrine** acts through **adrenergic GPCRs**.
- ➔ **Dopamine** acts through **dopamine GPCRs**.
- ➔ **TSH receptor** is **GPCR-linked**.



Key Point: Insulin ≠ GPCR → Insulin uses a **receptor tyrosine kinase**.



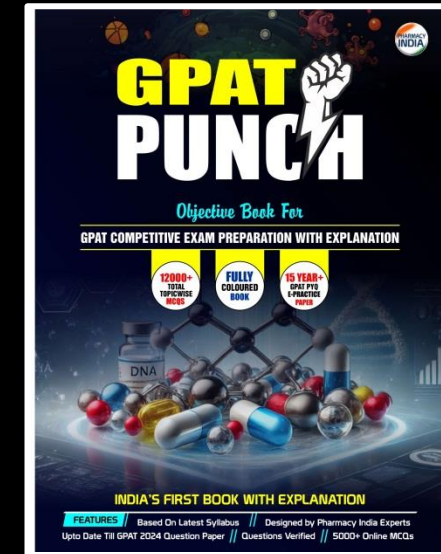
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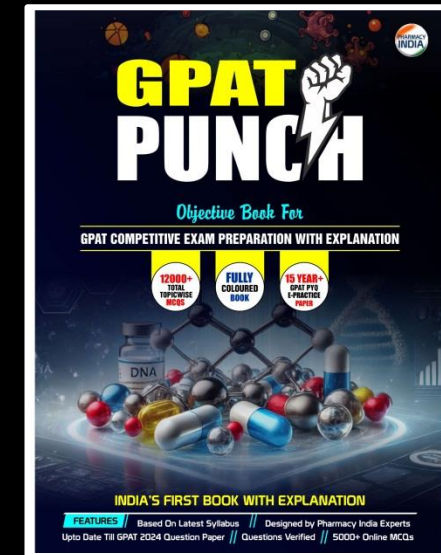
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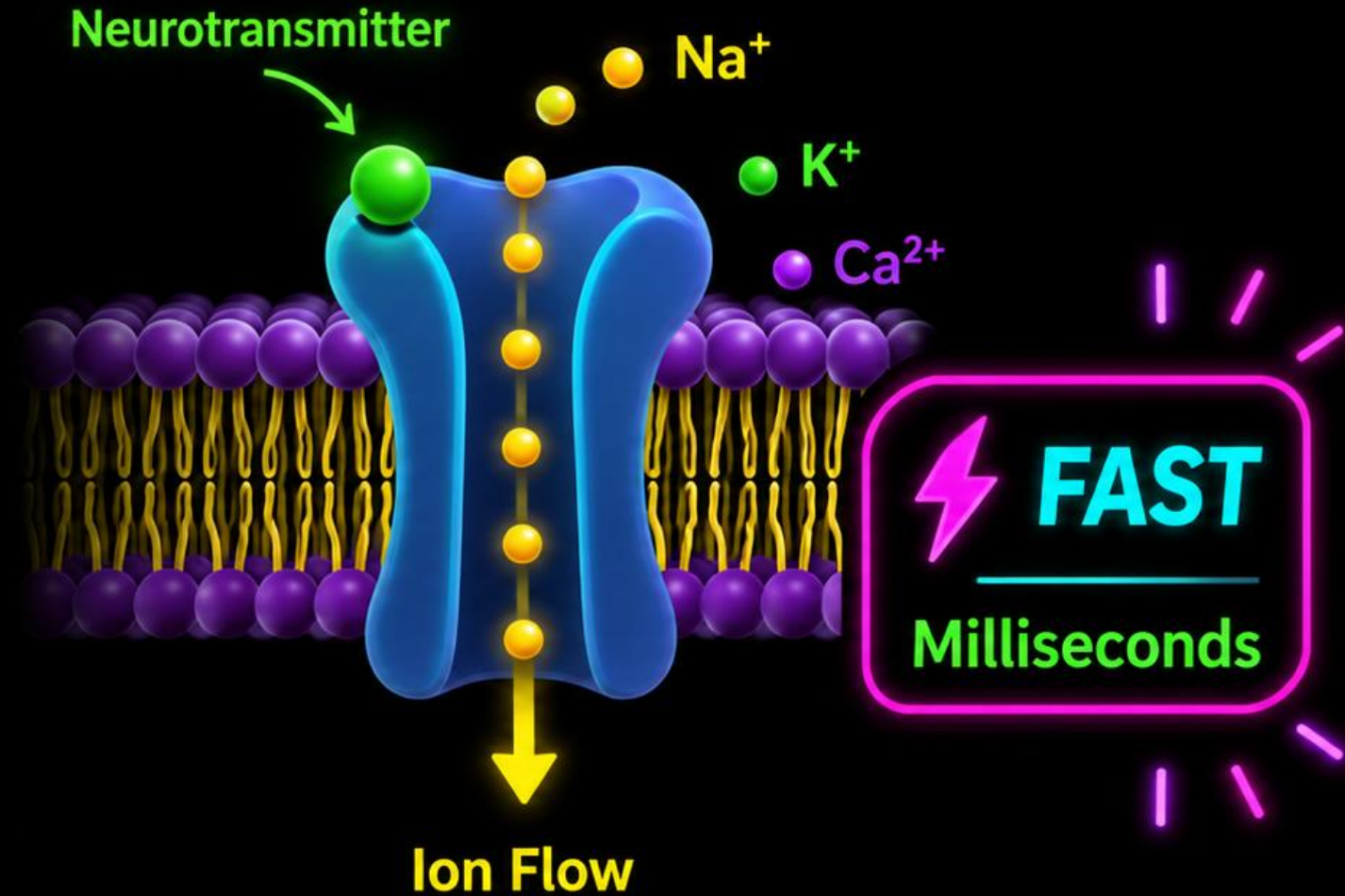
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Ionotropic Receptors: Fastest Response

- They are **ligand-gated** ion channels.
- Response occurs within **milliseconds**.
- They allow **direct ion flow** across membrane.
- Nuclear receptors are **slower** because they alter gene expression.



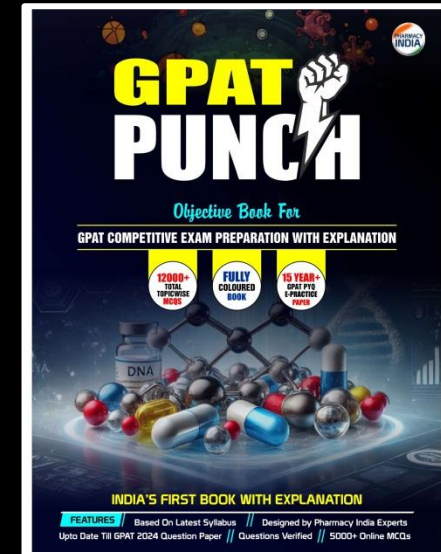


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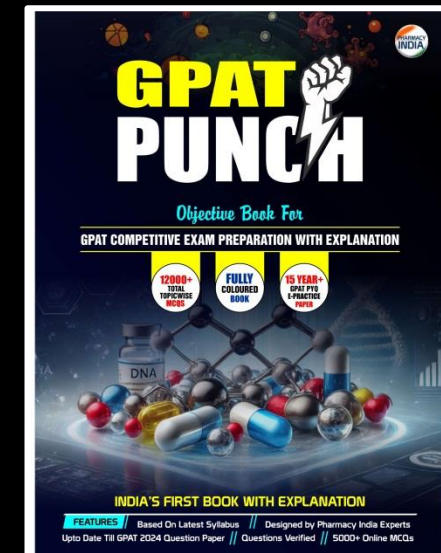
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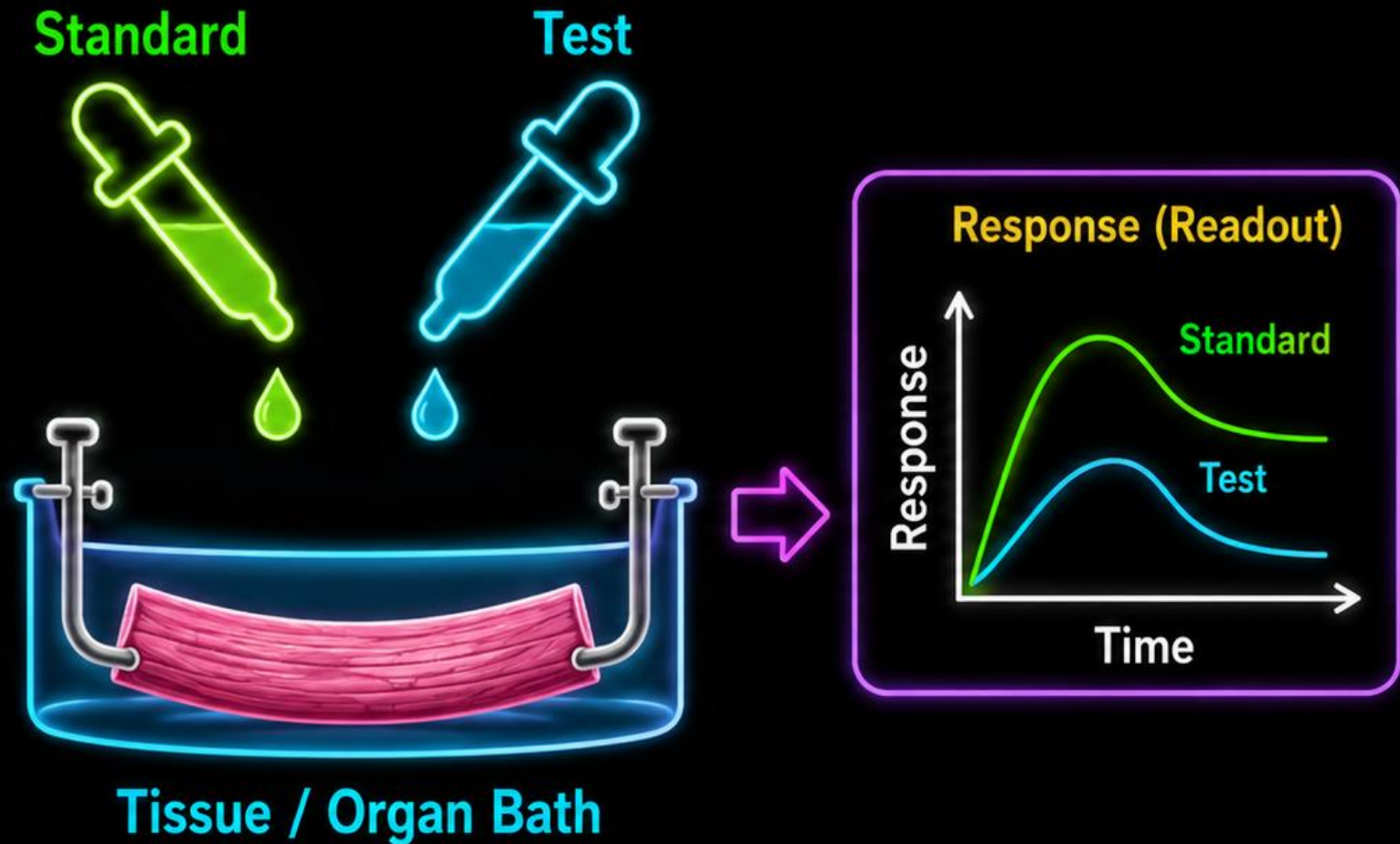
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Bioassay Measures Pharmacological Activity

- ▶ Bioassay measures the **biological activity** of a **drug** or **substance**.
- ▶ It uses **living tissues**, **cells**, or **whole organisms**.
- ▶ It is **useful** when **chemical assay** alone is **not sufficient**.
- ▶ **Response** of a **test sample** is compared with a **standard**.



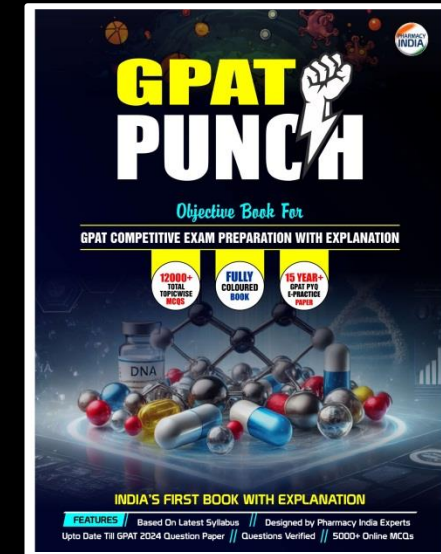


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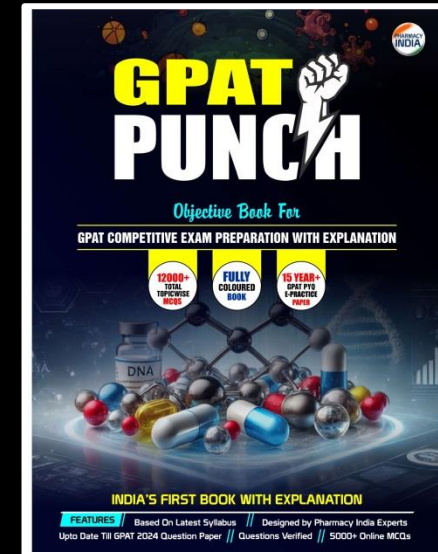
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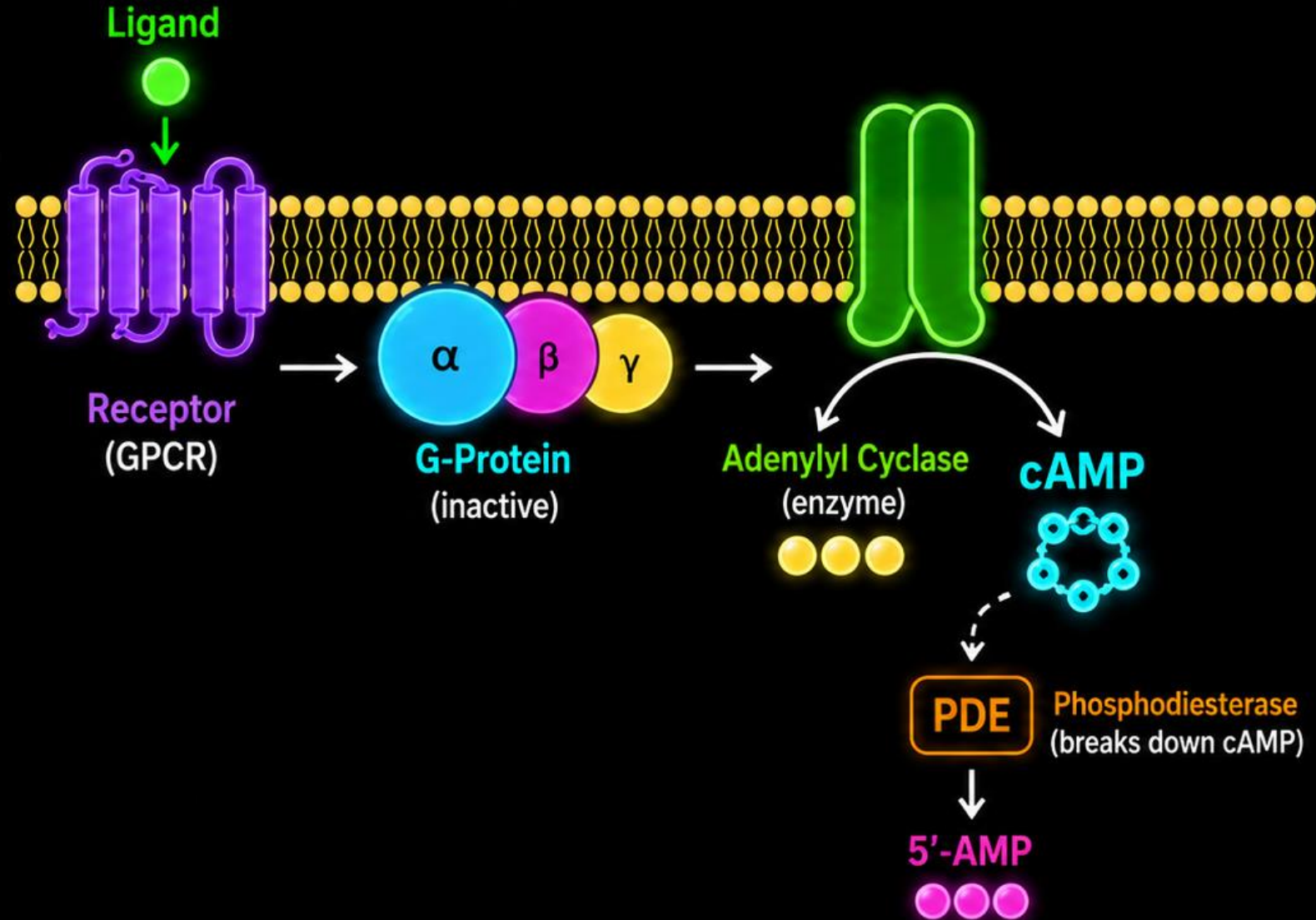
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Adenylyl Cyclase Forms cAMP

- ▶ Adenylyl cyclase is a **membrane-bound enzyme**.
- ▶ It converts **ATP** into **cAMP**.
- ▶ It is regulated by **stimulatory** or **inhibitory G-proteins**.
- ▶ **Phosphodiesterase** breaks down **cAMP**, not adenylyl cyclase.





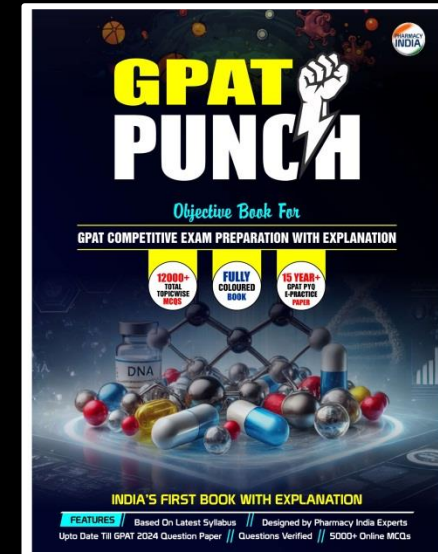
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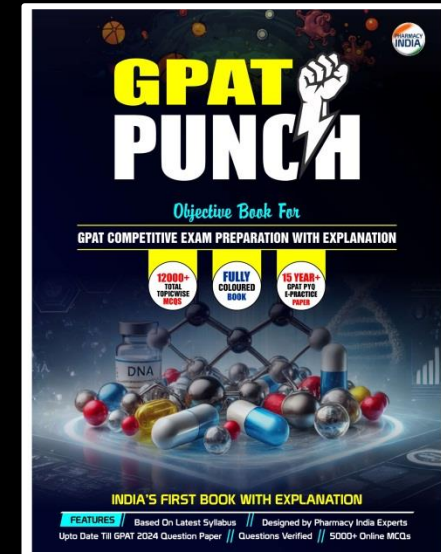


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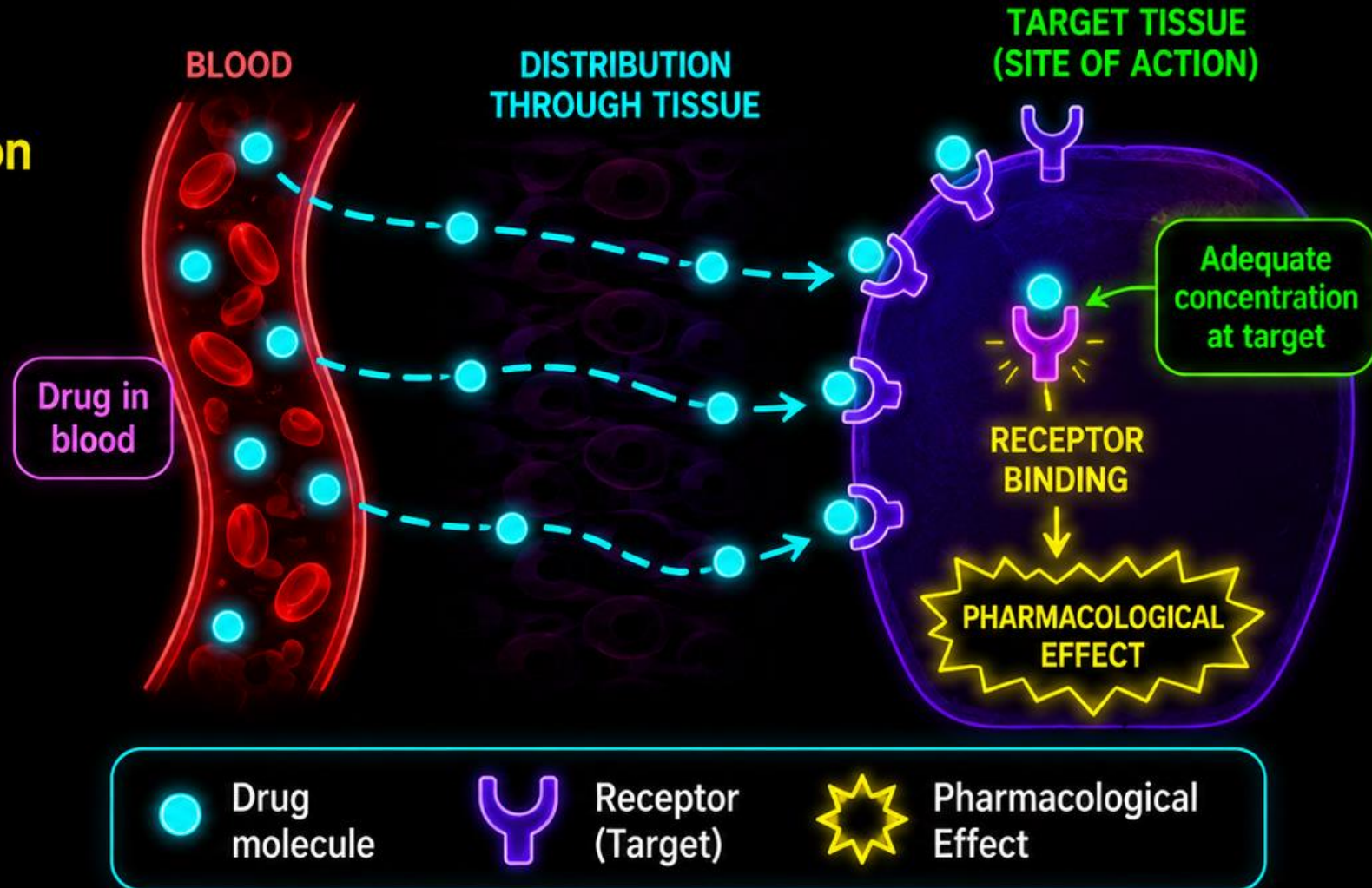
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Drug Action Needs Adequate Site Concentration

- ▶ Pharmacological effect depends on **drug concentration** at the **site of action**.
- ▶ **Blood level** alone does not always guarantee **response**.
- ▶ Some drugs act **locally** without major **systemic absorption**.
- ▶ Adequate concentration at the **receptor/target** is **essential**.





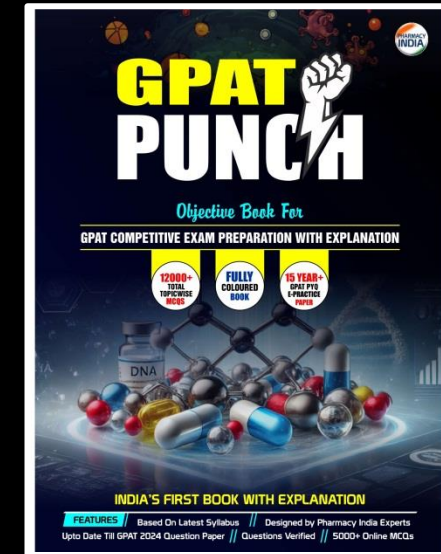
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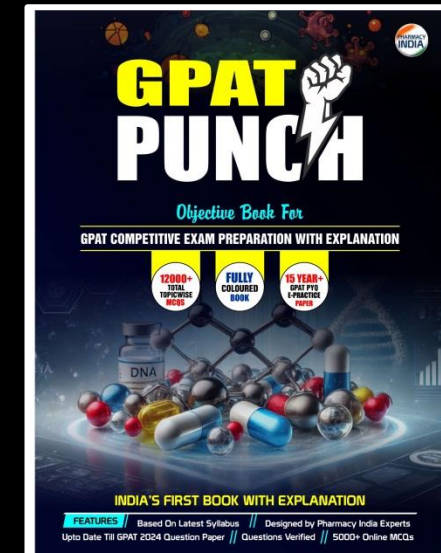
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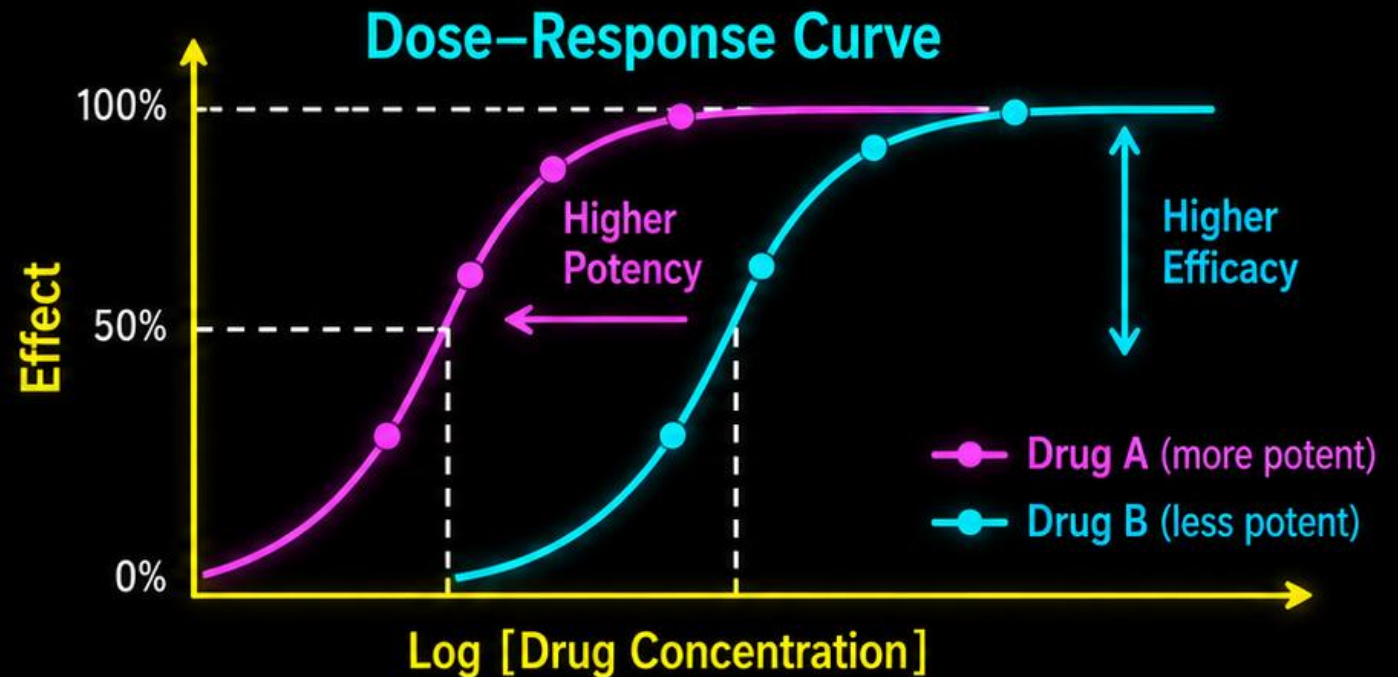
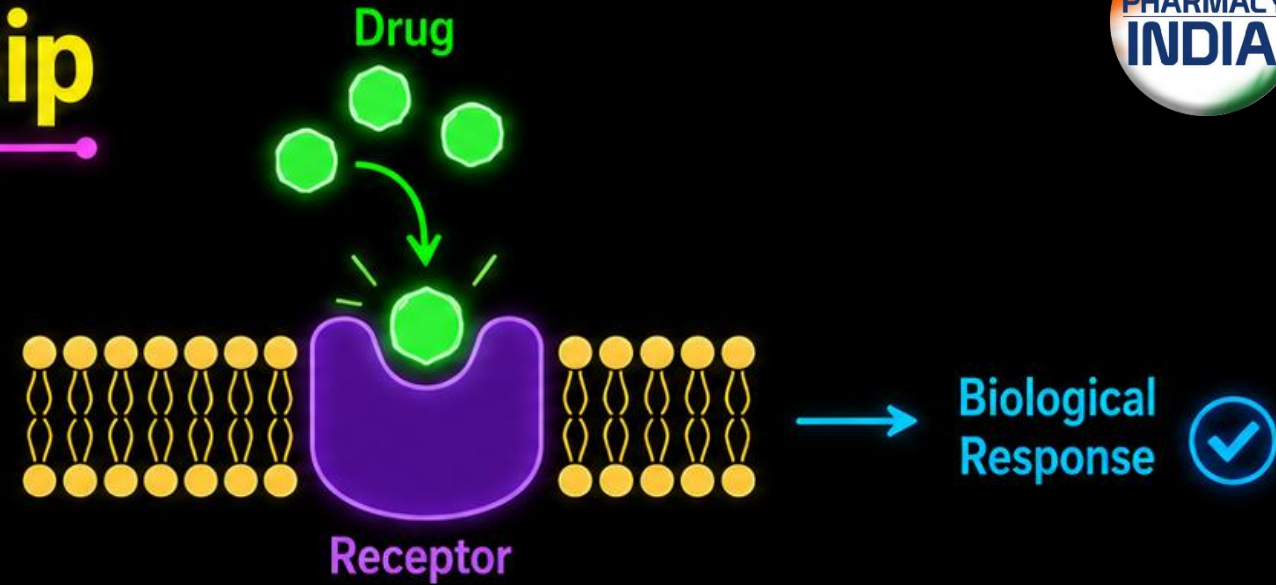
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Drug–Effect Relationship

- ▶ Pharmacodynamics relates drug **dose** or **concentration** to **biological effect**.
- ▶ **Drug–receptor** interaction is assessed by the **response** produced.
- ▶ **Dose–response** curves help **quantify** this relationship.
- ▶ **Potency** and **efficacy** are derived from this **comparison**.



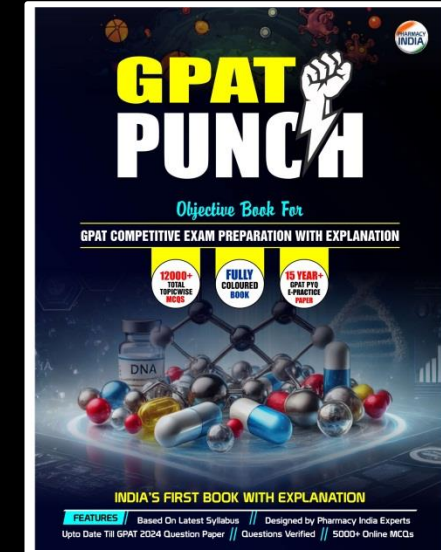


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- (b) Chemical action
- (c) Enzymatic action
- (d) Receptor action



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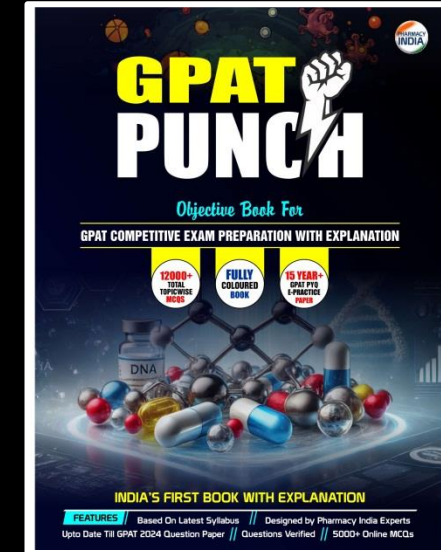


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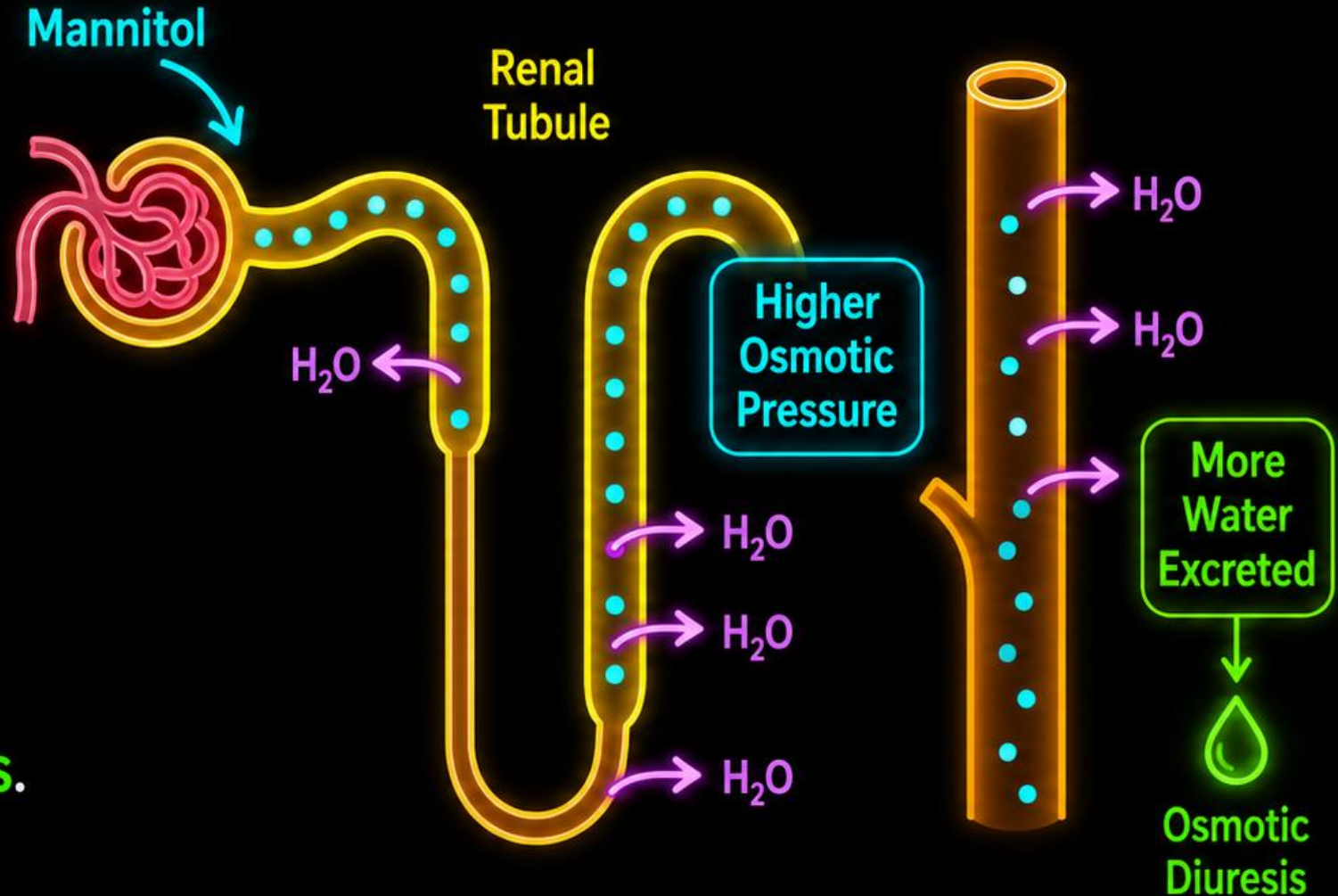
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Mannitol Shows Physical Action

- ▶ Mannitol acts by an **osmotic** effect.
- ▶ It does **not** require **receptor binding**.
- ▶ It increases **osmotic pressure** in **renal tubules**.
- ▶ This causes **osmotic diuresis**.

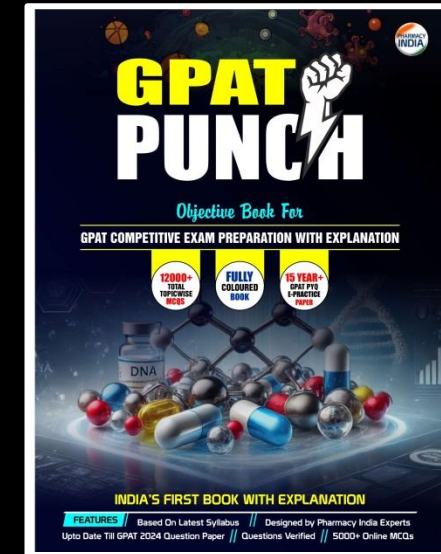




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- (b) Chemical action
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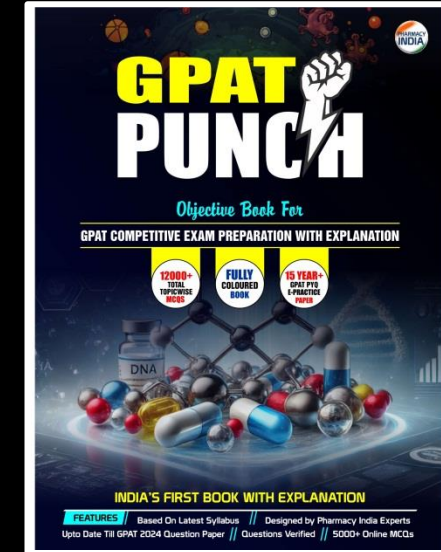
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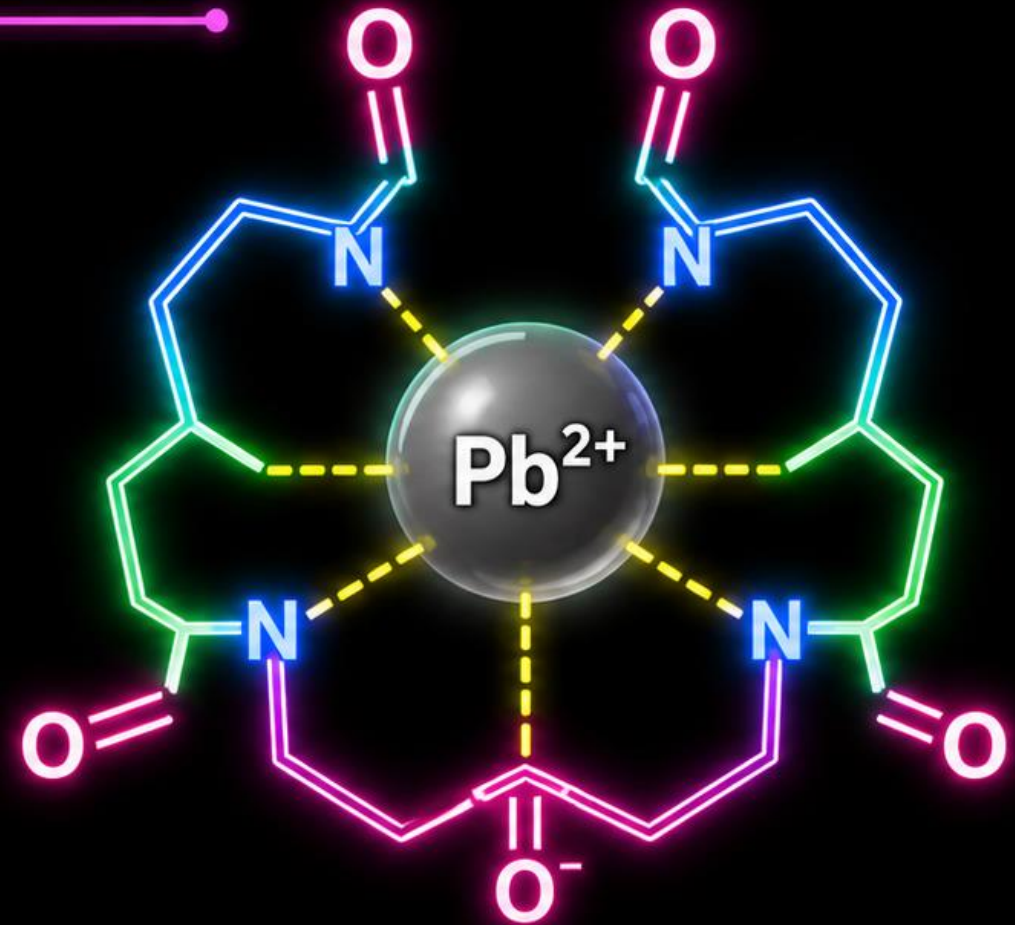
- (a) Receptor action
- (b) Chemical action
- (c) Physical action
- (d) Enzymatic action



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Chelation Is Chemical Action

- ▶ Chelating agents bind **heavy metals** chemically.
- ▶ They form **stable complexes**.
- ▶ The complex becomes **less toxic** and can be **excreted**.
- ▶ **Example: EDTA** chelates **lead**.



EDTA-Pb²⁺ Complex
(Less toxic & excretable)



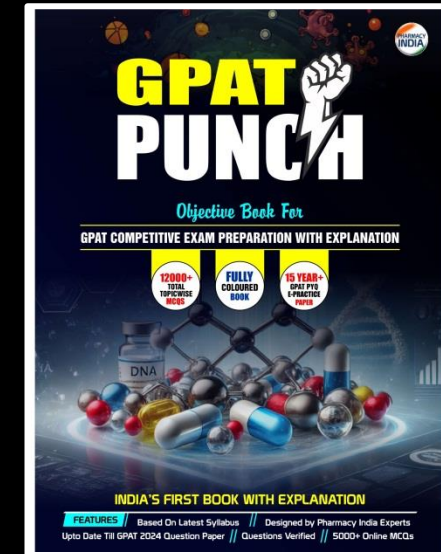
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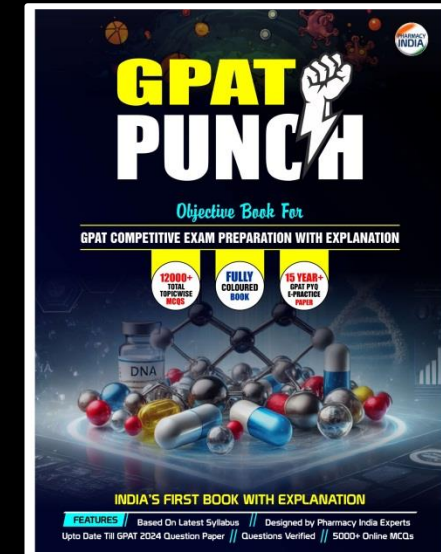
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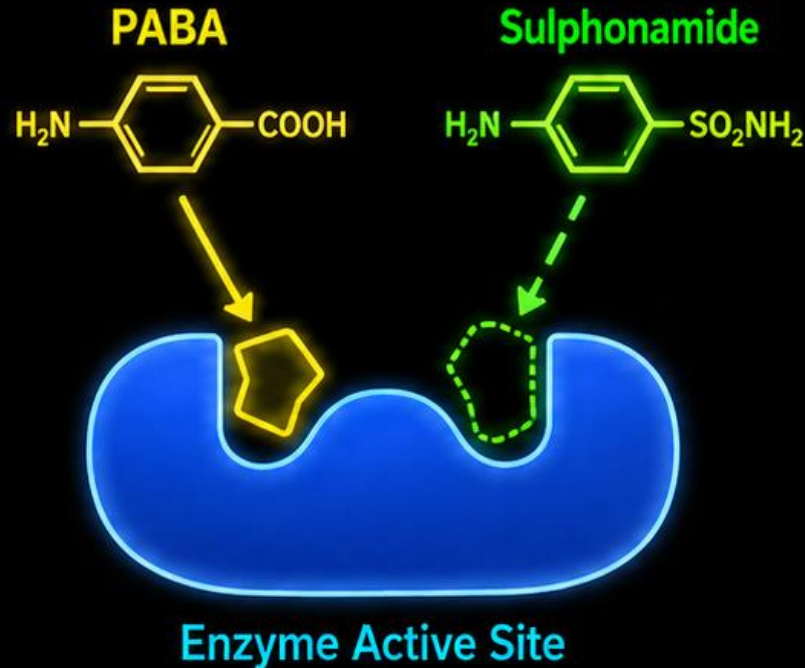


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Sulphonamides:

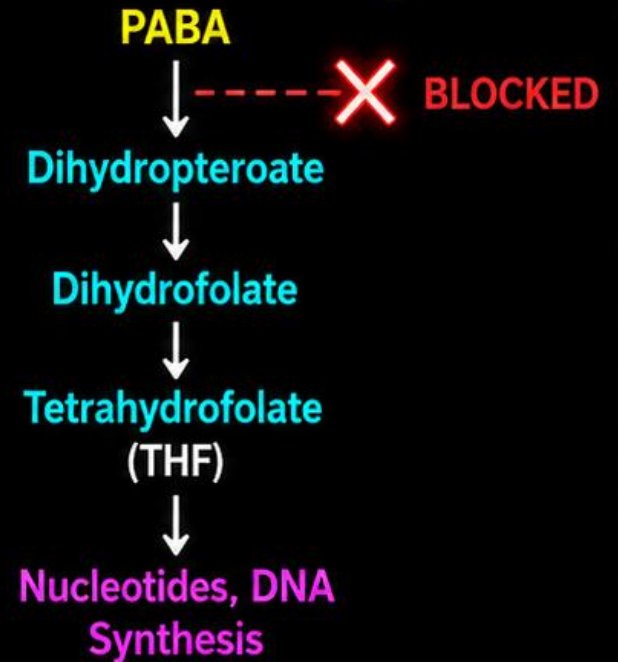
Competitive Enzyme Inhibition

- ▶ Sulphonamides are structural **analogues** of **PABA**.
- ▶ They **compete** at the **active site** in the folate synthesis pathway.
- ▶ This **blocks** bacterial **folic acid formation**.
- ▶ It is a classic example of **competitive enzyme inhibition**.



Sulphonamide **competes** with **PABA** for the active site.

Folate Synthesis in Bacteria



★ **Sulphonamides** block folate synthesis by **competing** with **PABA** at the enzyme active site.



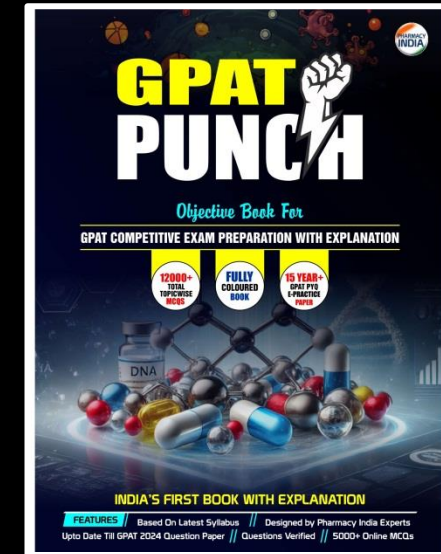
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A drug that activates a receptor to produce an effect in the opposite direction to that of recognized agonist is:

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- (b) Antagonist
- (c) Partial agonist
- (d) Inverse agonist



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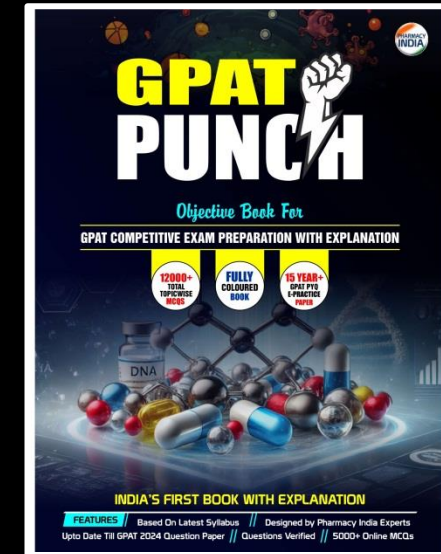
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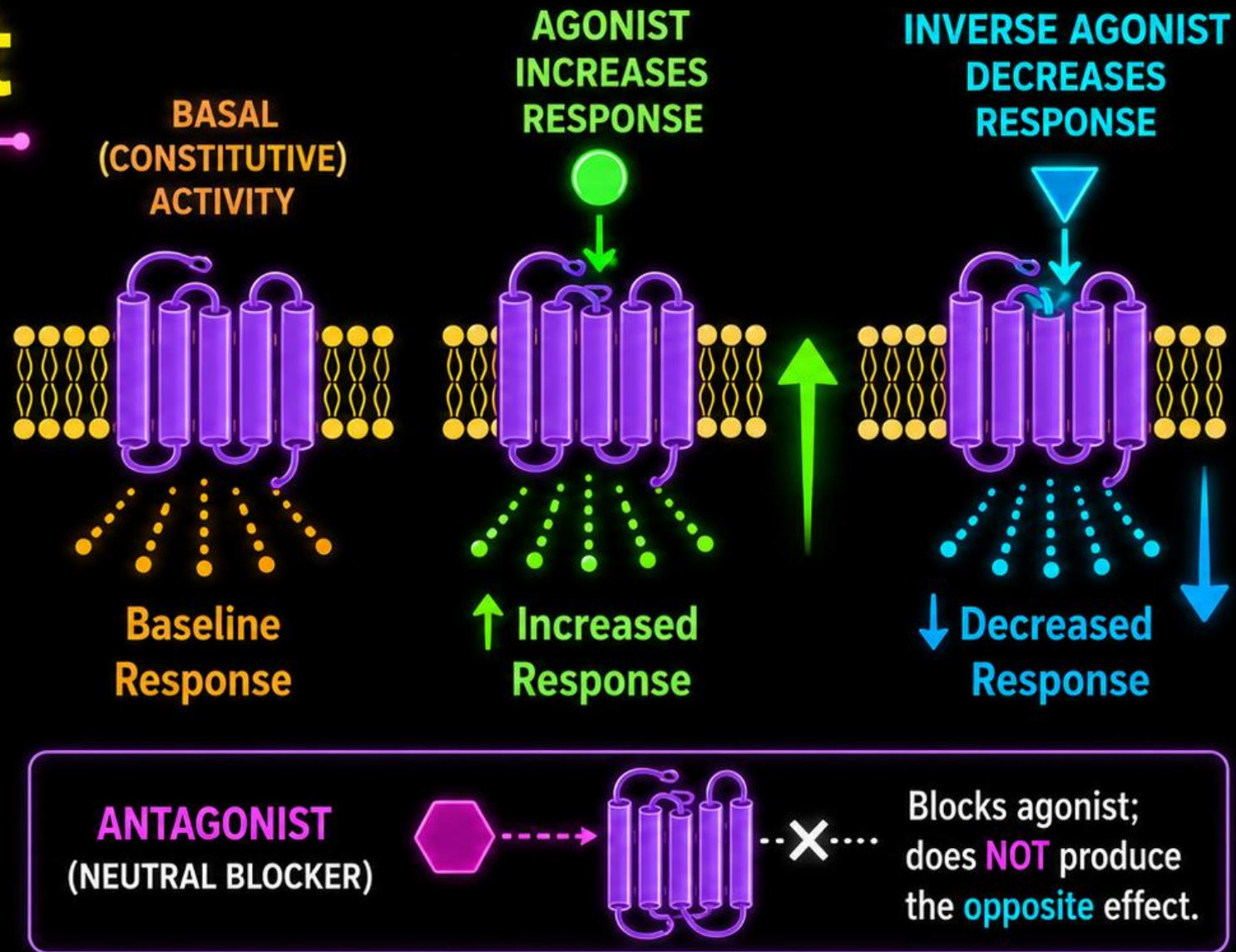
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Inverse Agonist Gives Opposite Effect

- ▶ It **binds** to the receptor with **affinity**.
- ▶ It **reduces basal** or **constitutive** receptor activity.
- ▶ Its effect is **opposite** to that of an **agonist**.
- ▶ **Antagonists** only **block**; they do not produce the **opposite** effect.





19.

Partial agonists are drugs which:

- (a) Have affinity but low intrinsic activity**
- (b) Have only affinity**
- (c) Have only intrinsic activity**
- (d) Have low affinity but high intrinsic activity**



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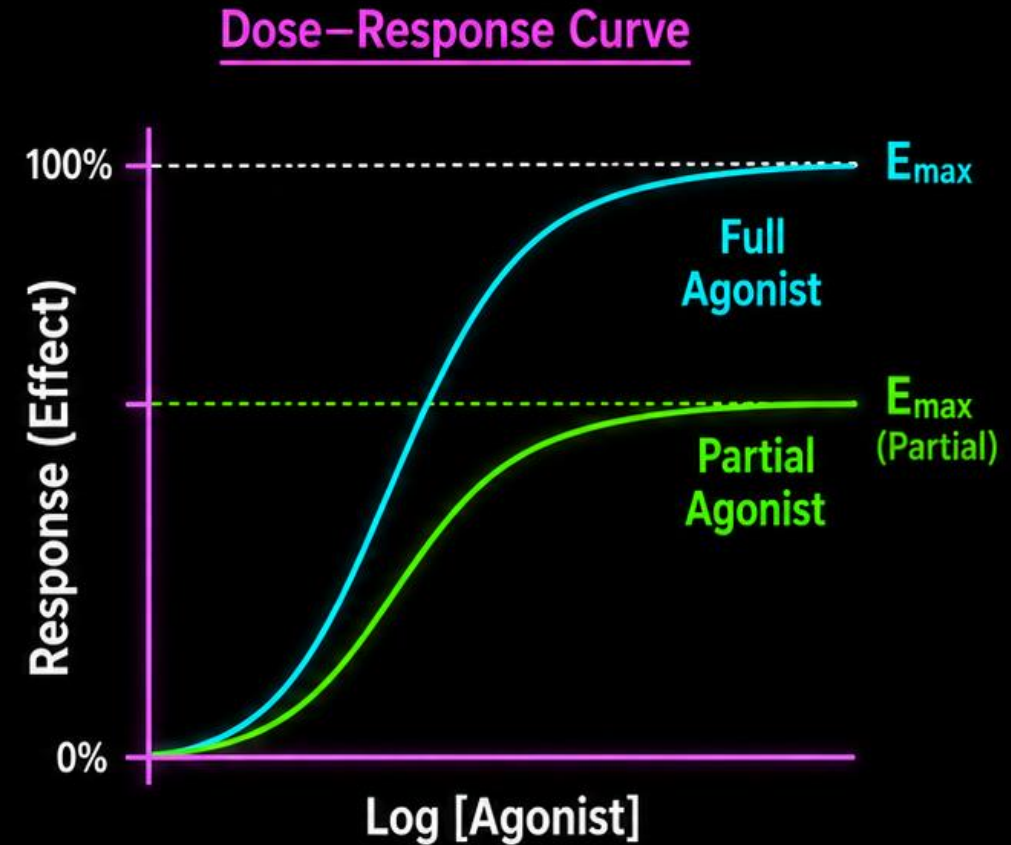
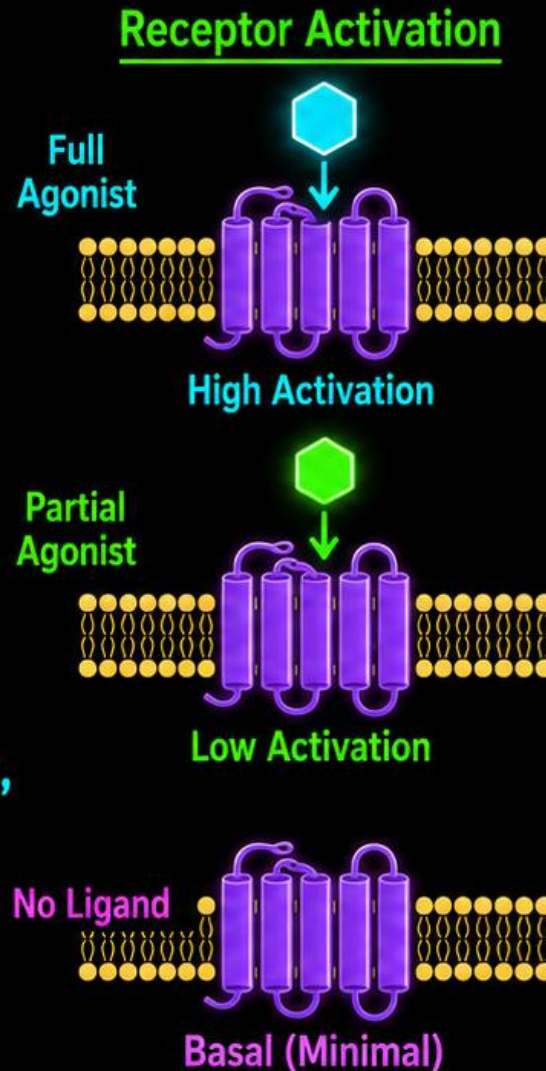
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Partial Agonist: Affinity + Low Intrinsic Activity

- ▶ Partial agonists bind to receptors.
- ▶ They produce a submaximal response.
- ▶ Their intrinsic activity is lower than full agonists.
- ▶ In the presence of a full agonist, they may act functionally like antagonists.



Binds well, but activates less.
Lower E_{max} = lower intrinsic activity.



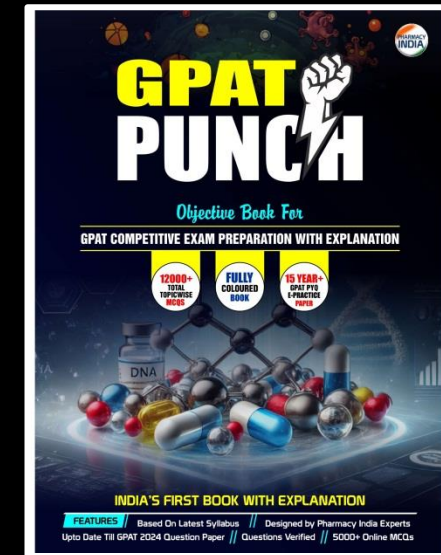
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Agonists are drugs having:

- (a) Only affinity for the receptor
- (b) Only intrinsic activity
- (c) Affinity and maximum intrinsic activity
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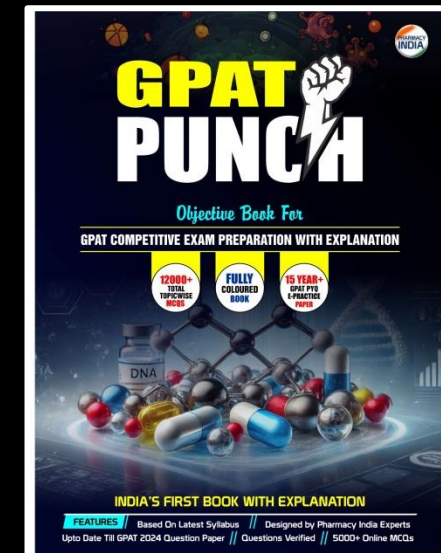
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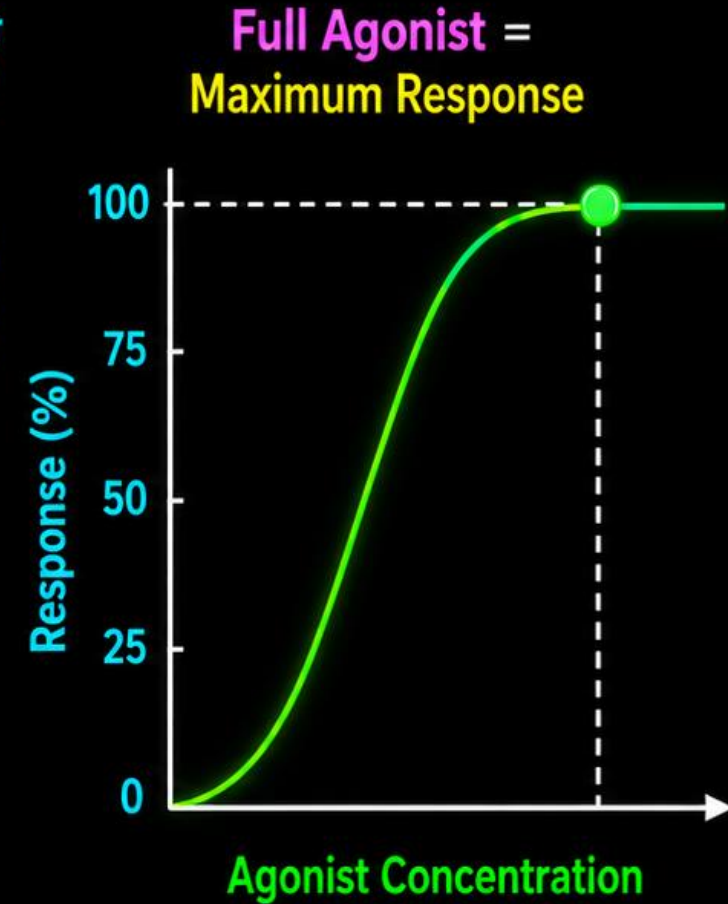
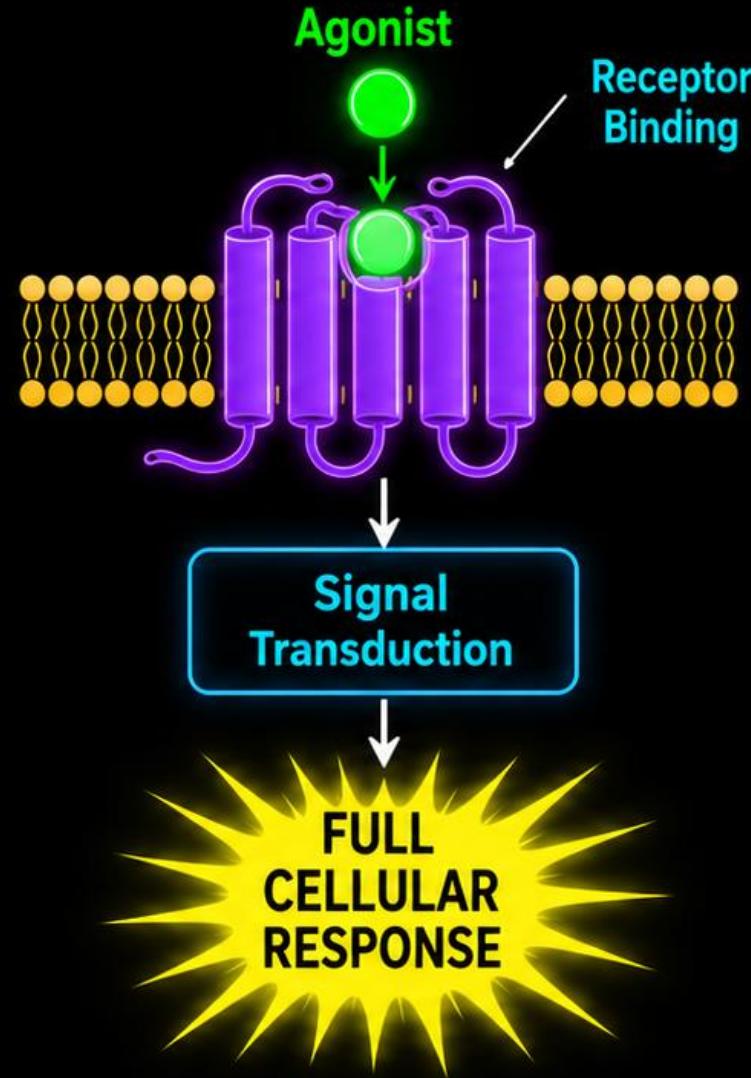
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Agonist = Affinity + Maximum Intrinsic Activity

- ▶ **Agonists** bind to receptors because they have **affinity**.
- ▶ They **activate** receptors because they have **intrinsic activity**.
- ▶ A **full agonist** produces the **maximum response**.
- ▶ Both **affinity** and **efficacy** are required for **agonist action**.



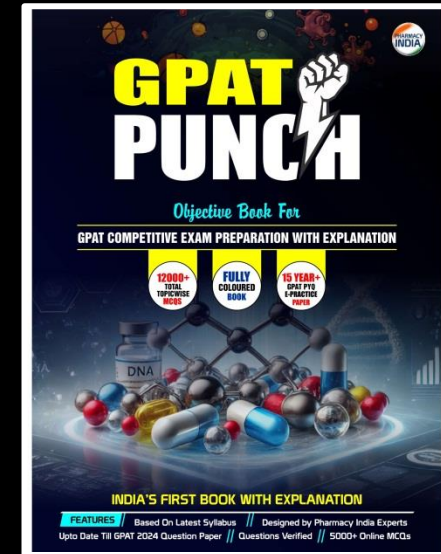


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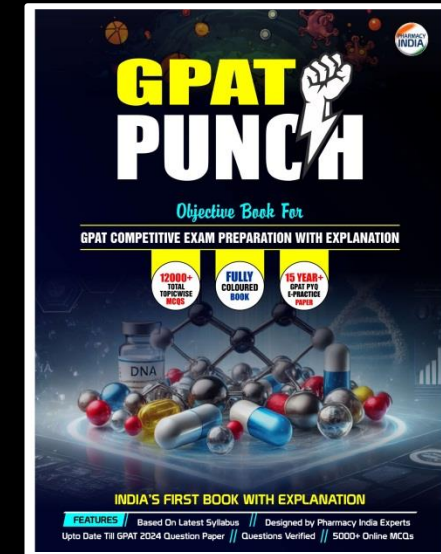
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ALLOPURINOL INHIBITS XANTHINE OXIDASE



Blocks xanthine oxidase enzyme



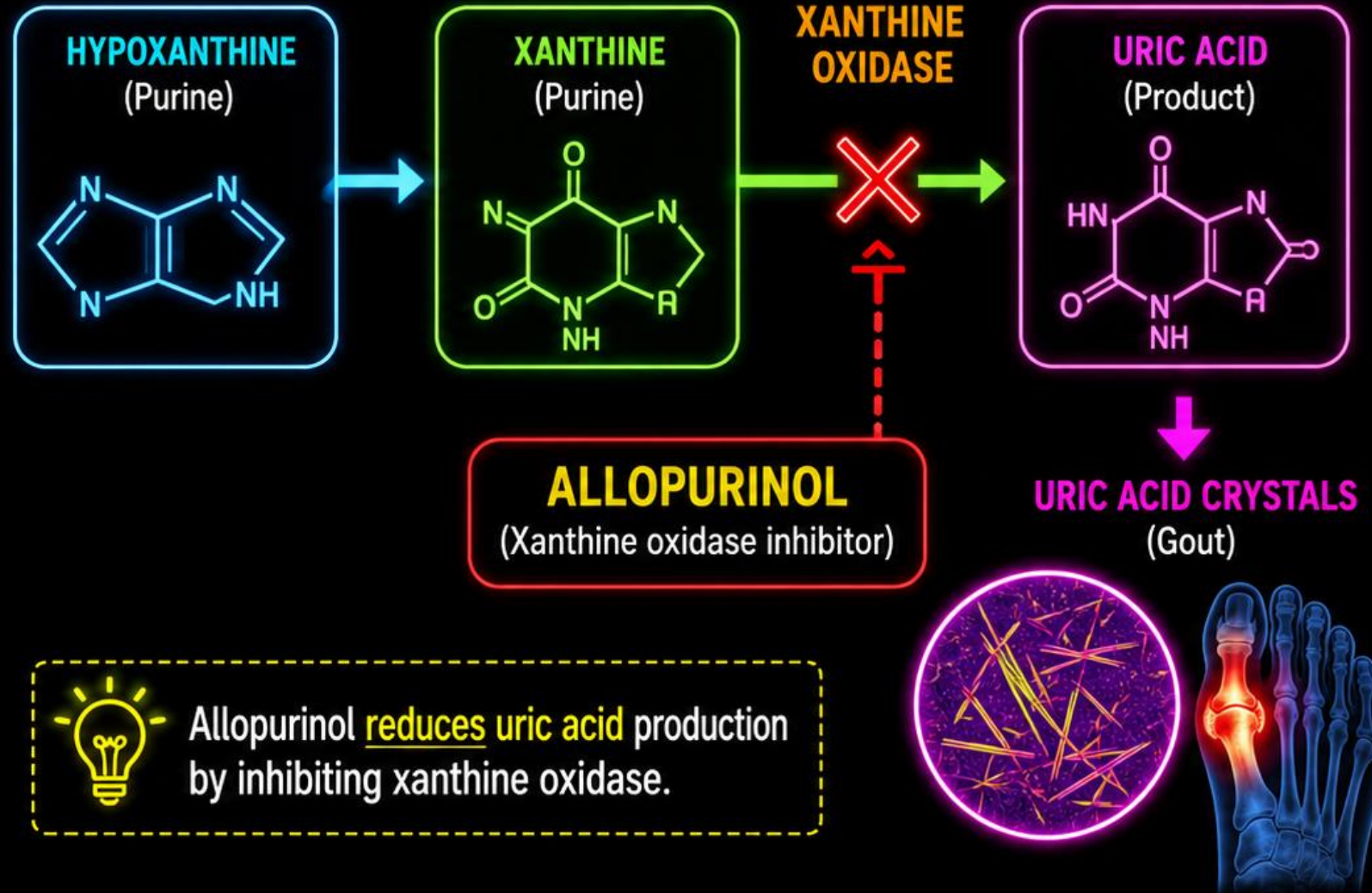
Decreases uric acid formation



Used in gout and hyperuricemia



Atropine acts on receptors, not enzyme inhibition



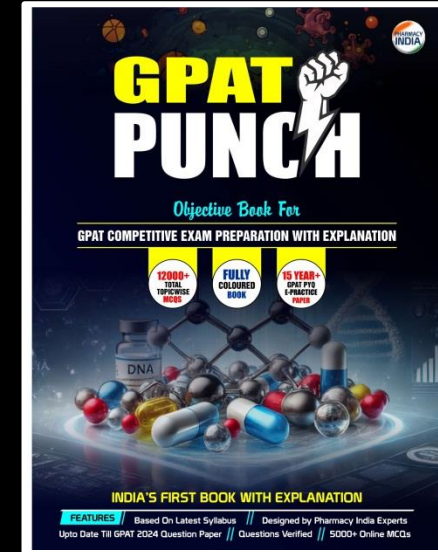


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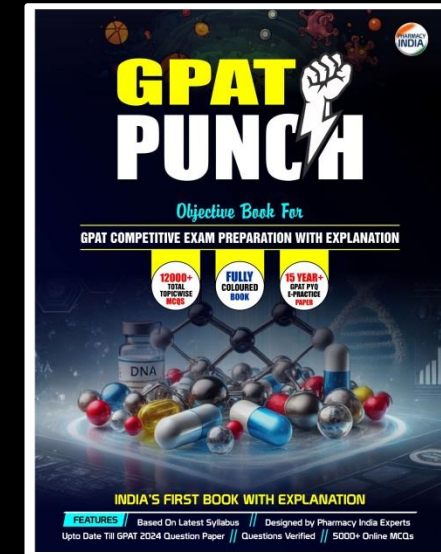


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THEOPHYLLINE INHIBITS PHOSPHODIESTERASE

- Competitive enzyme inhibition
- **Blocks** phosphodiesterase (PDE)
- **Raises** cAMP level
- **Increased cAMP** contributes to **bronchodilation**



Theophylline competitively inhibits PDE → prevents cAMP breakdown → ↑ cAMP → bronchial smooth muscle relaxes → bronchodilation.



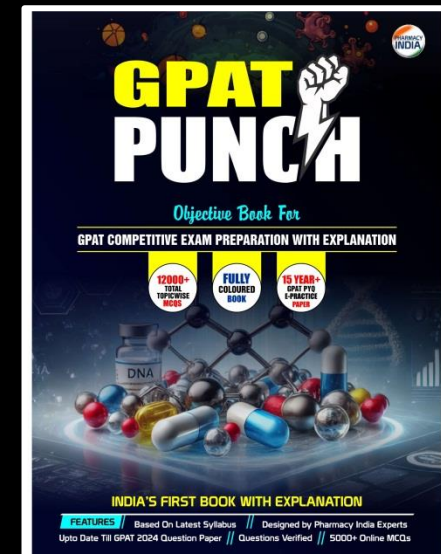
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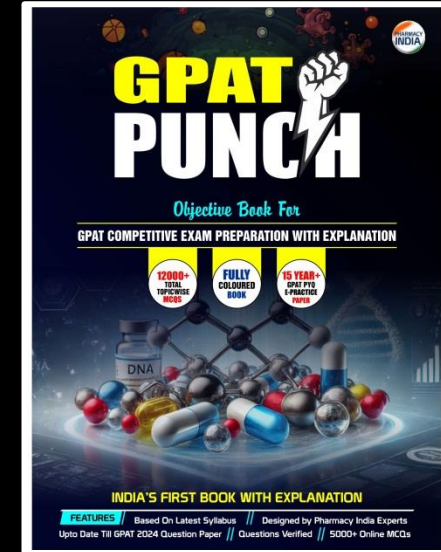
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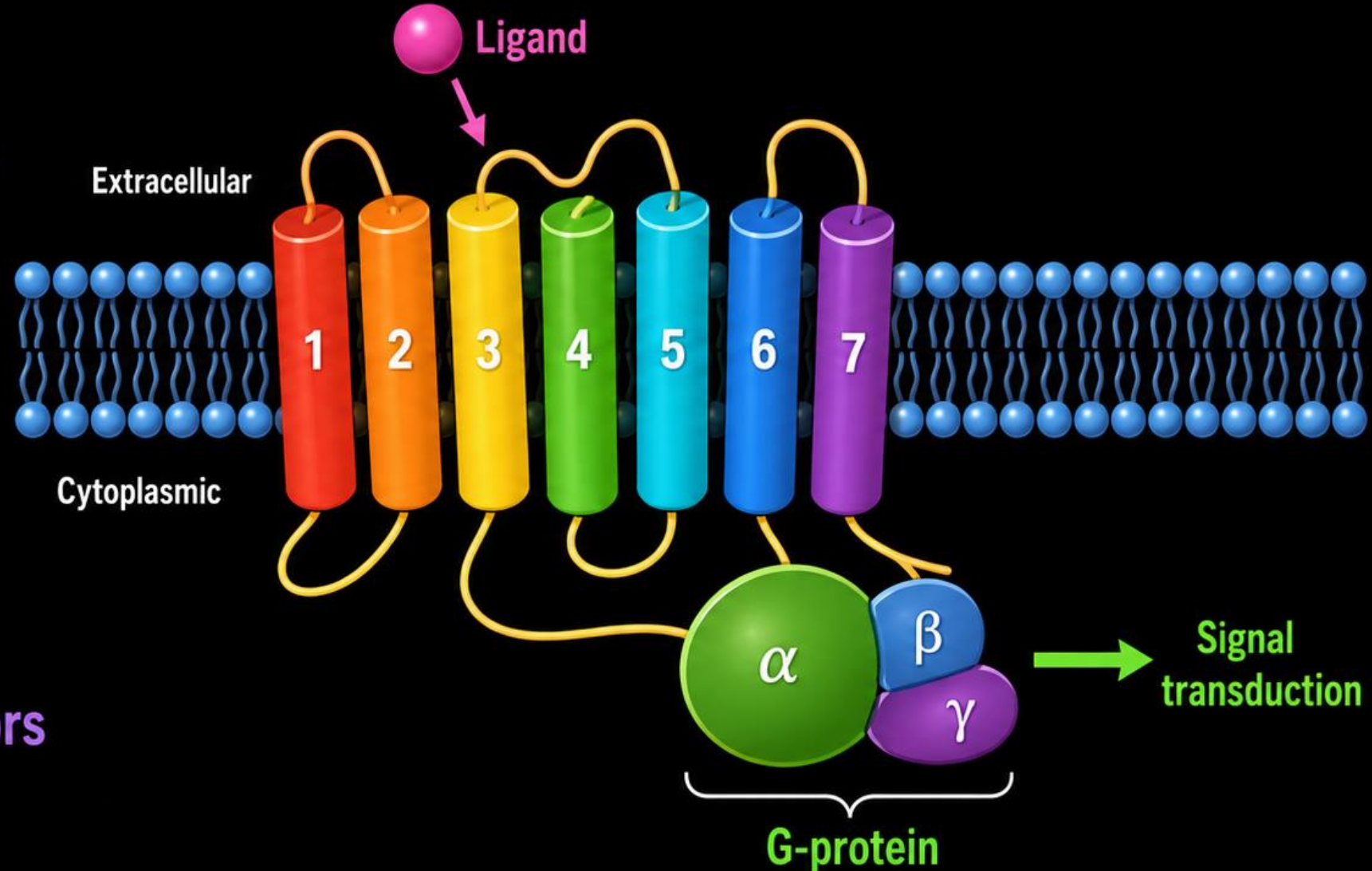
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GPCR = 7 Transmembrane Helices

- Seven membrane-spanning alpha-helices
- Also called serpentine receptor
- Ligand binding activates G-proteins
- Examples: adrenergic and muscarinic receptors

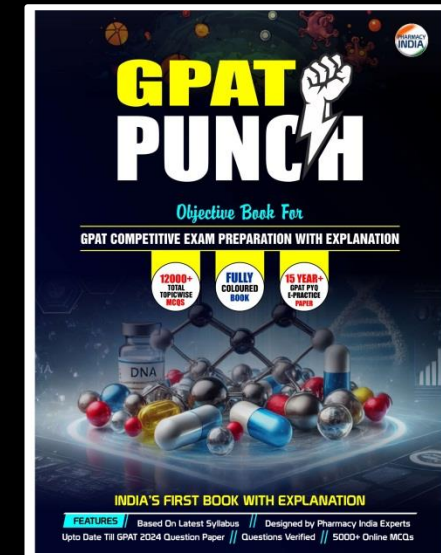




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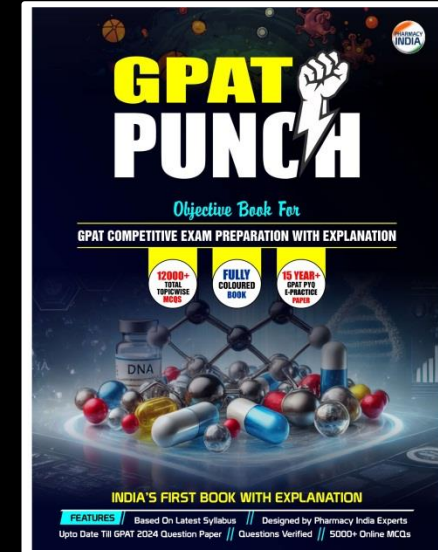
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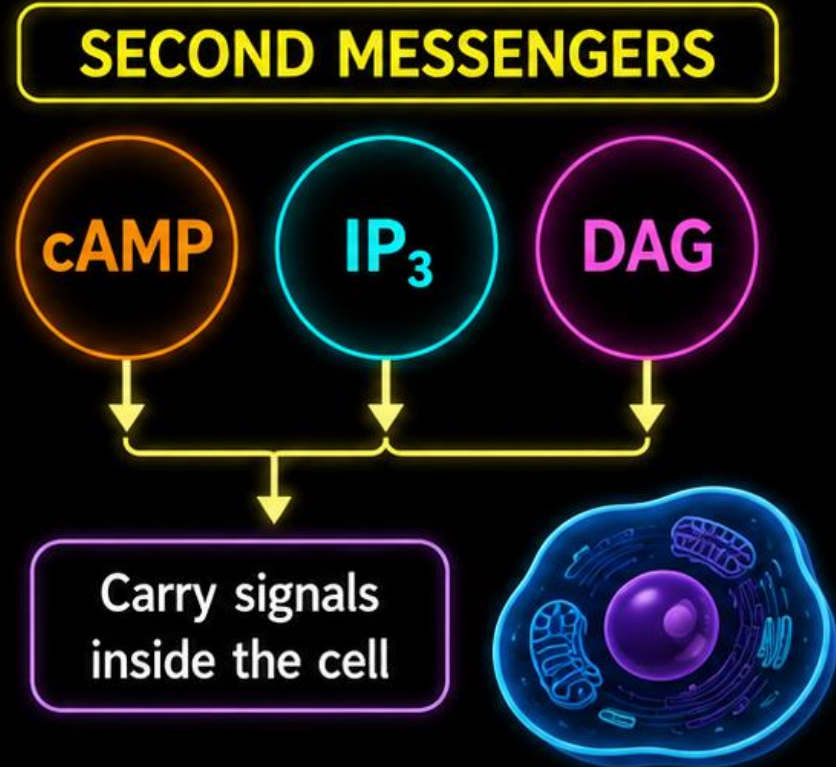
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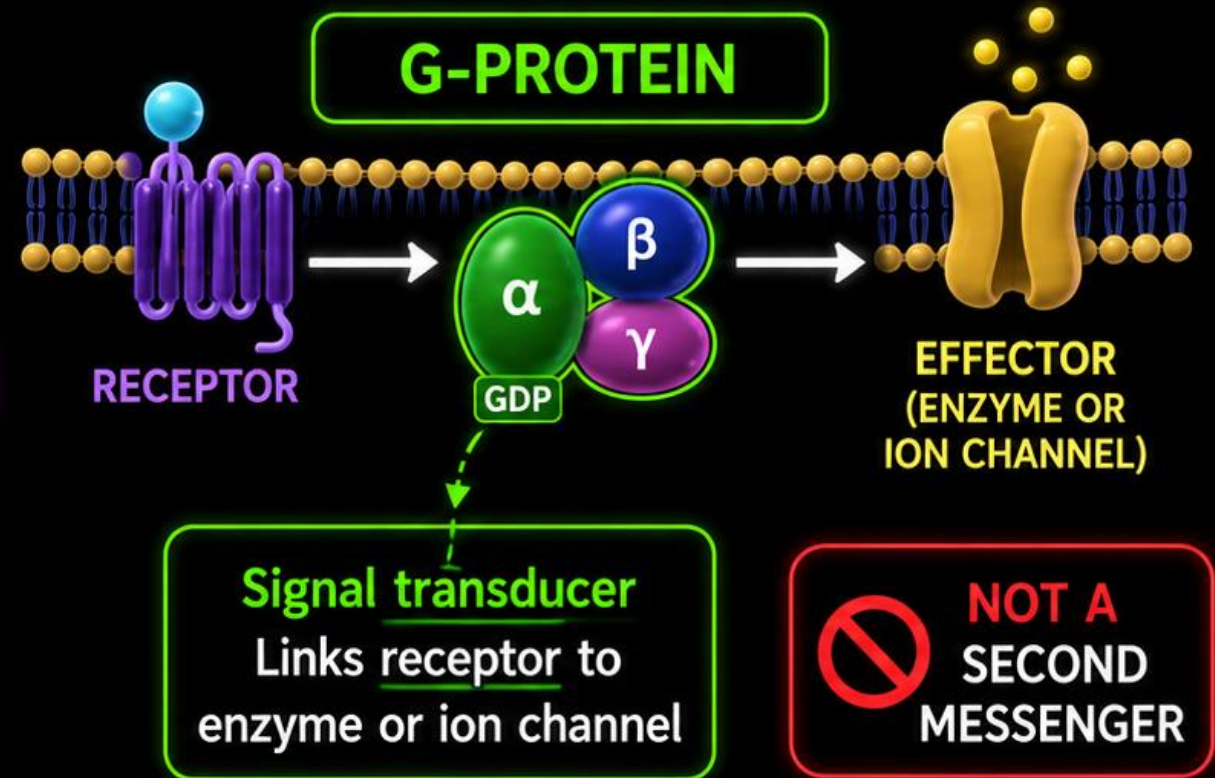
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Second Messengers vs G-Protein

- cAMP, IP₃ and DAG are second messengers
- They carry signals inside the cell
- G-protein is a signal transducer
- It links receptor to enzyme or ion channel



VS





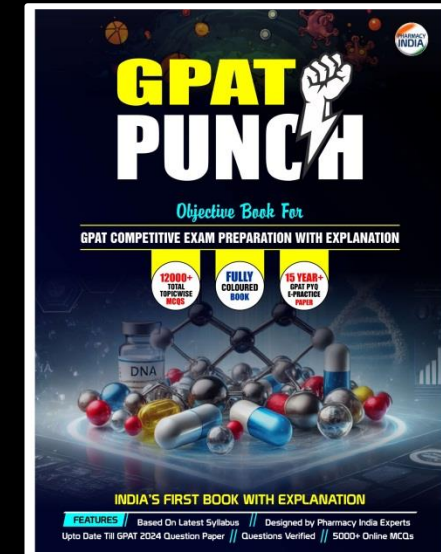
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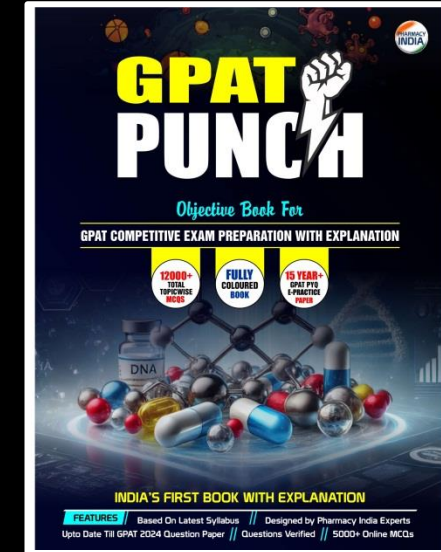
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Insulin Receptor = Tyrosine Kinase



Receptor has **intrinsic** enzymatic activity



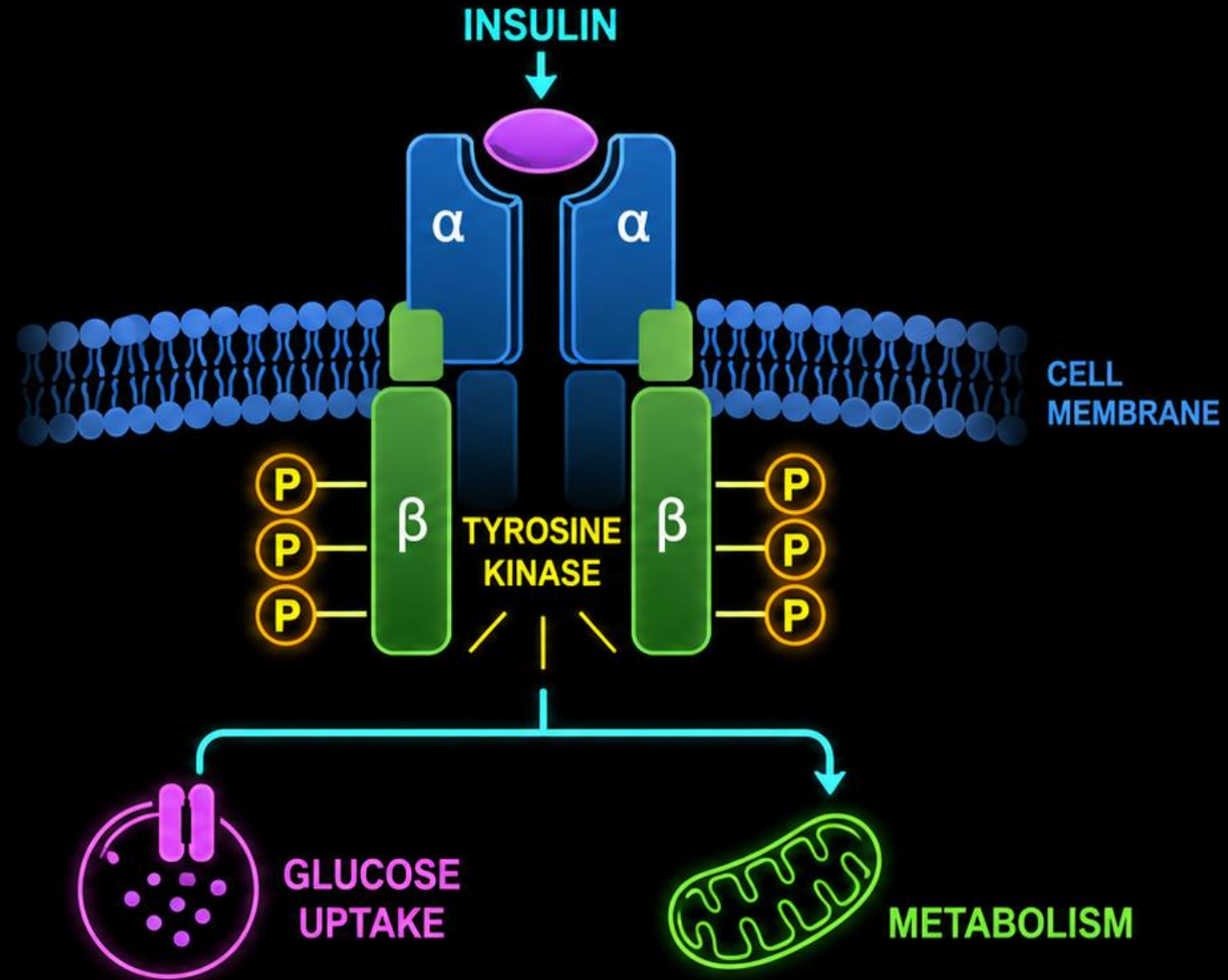
Tyrosine kinase phosphorylates proteins



Helps regulate **glucose uptake** and **metabolism**



Steroid and thyroid receptors mainly regulate **gene transcription**





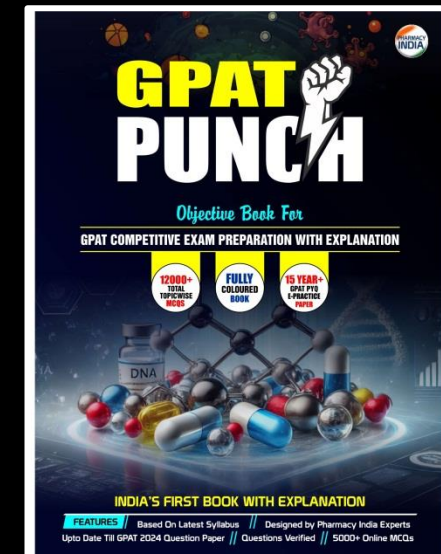
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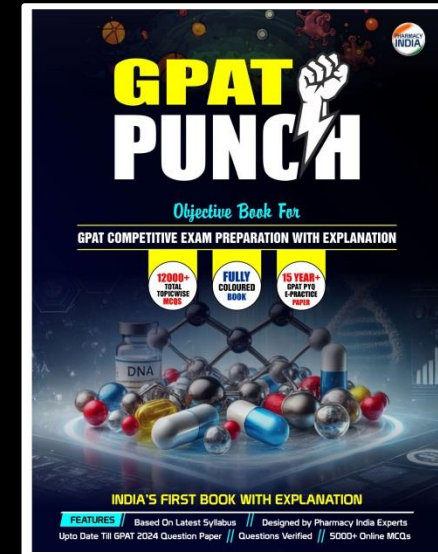
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Therapeutic Window



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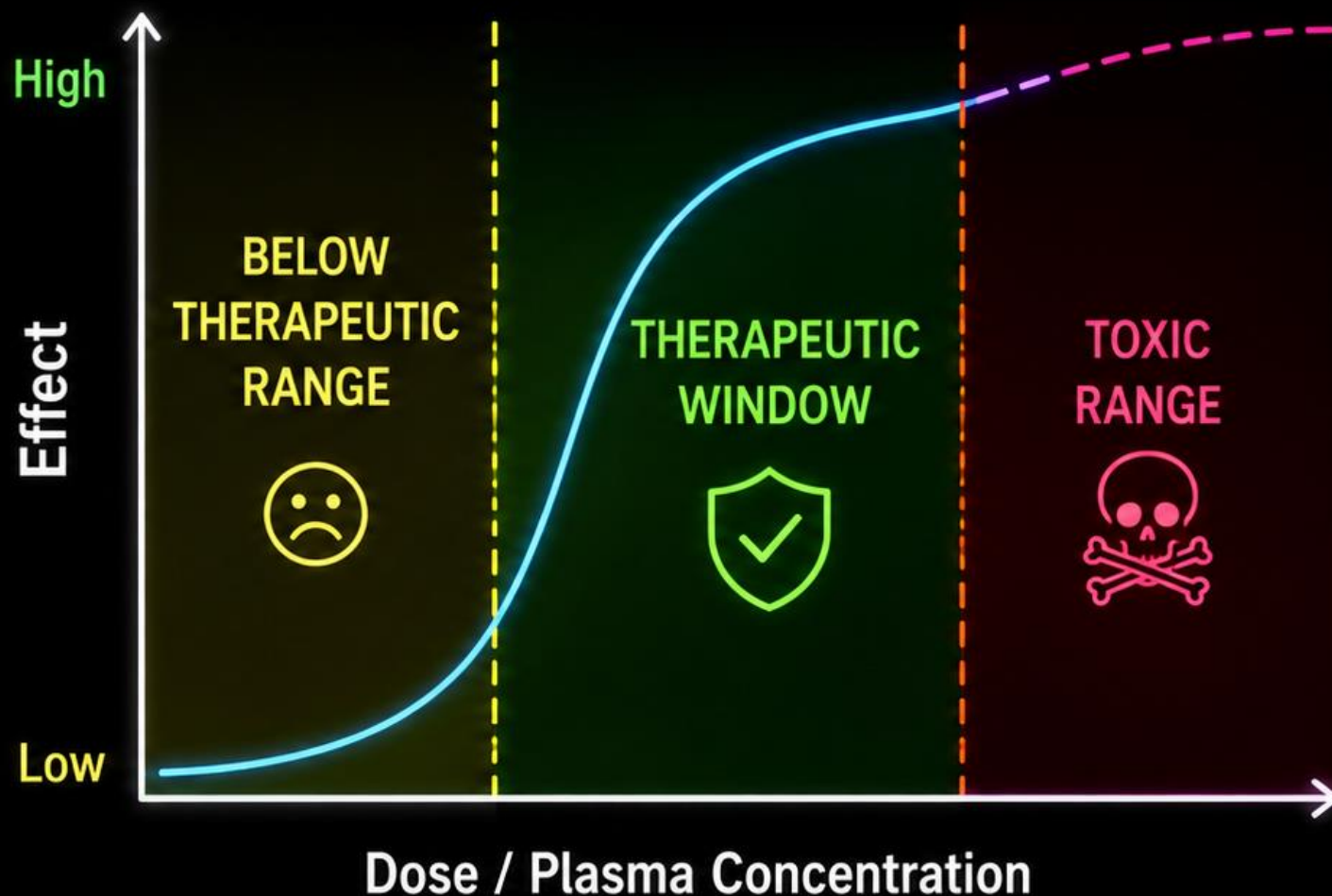
Below range:
subtherapeutic /
inadequate effect



Above range:
toxicity risk increases



Narrow-window drugs
need close monitoring





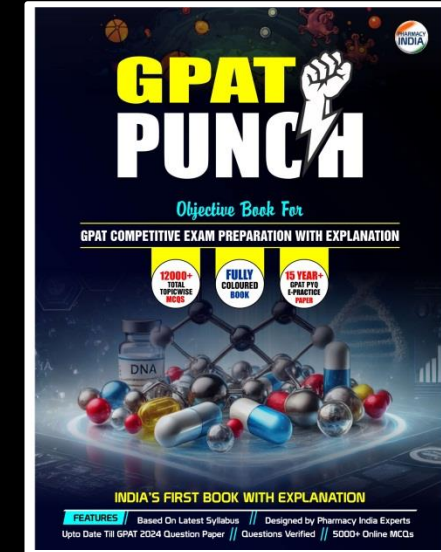
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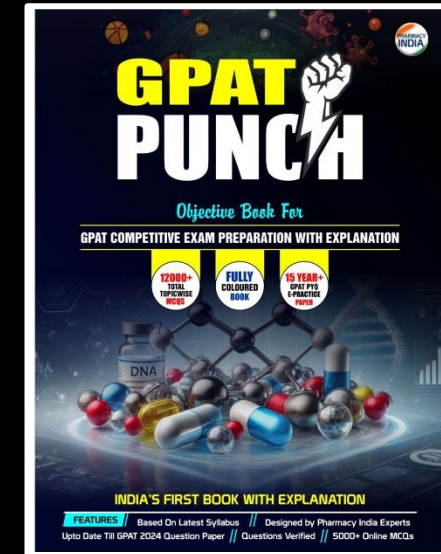
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TDM Helps in Poisoning



- **Measures** drug concentration in **plasma**



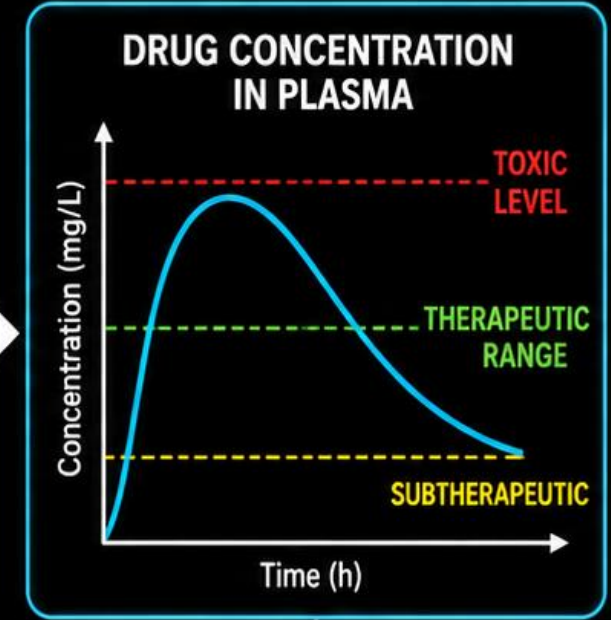
- Useful in **poisoning** and **toxicity**



- **Guides** dose **adjustment** and treatment



- **Very important** for **narrow therapeutic index** drugs



**TOXICITY
RISK**



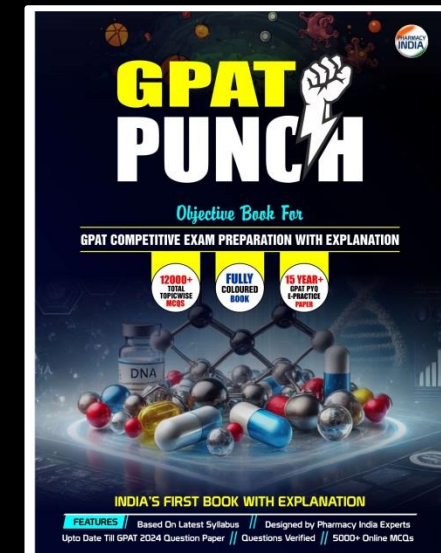
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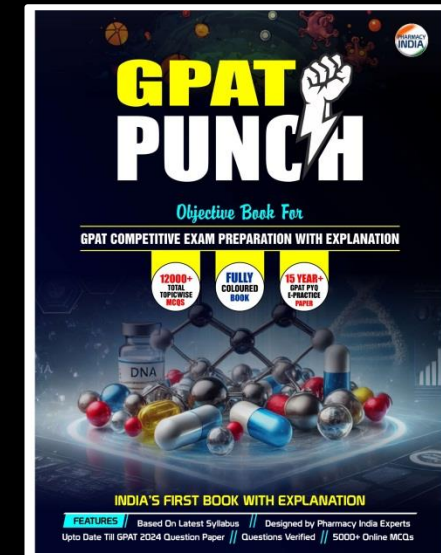


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Imipramine: Narrow Therapeutic Window



Imipramine is a **tricyclic antidepressant**



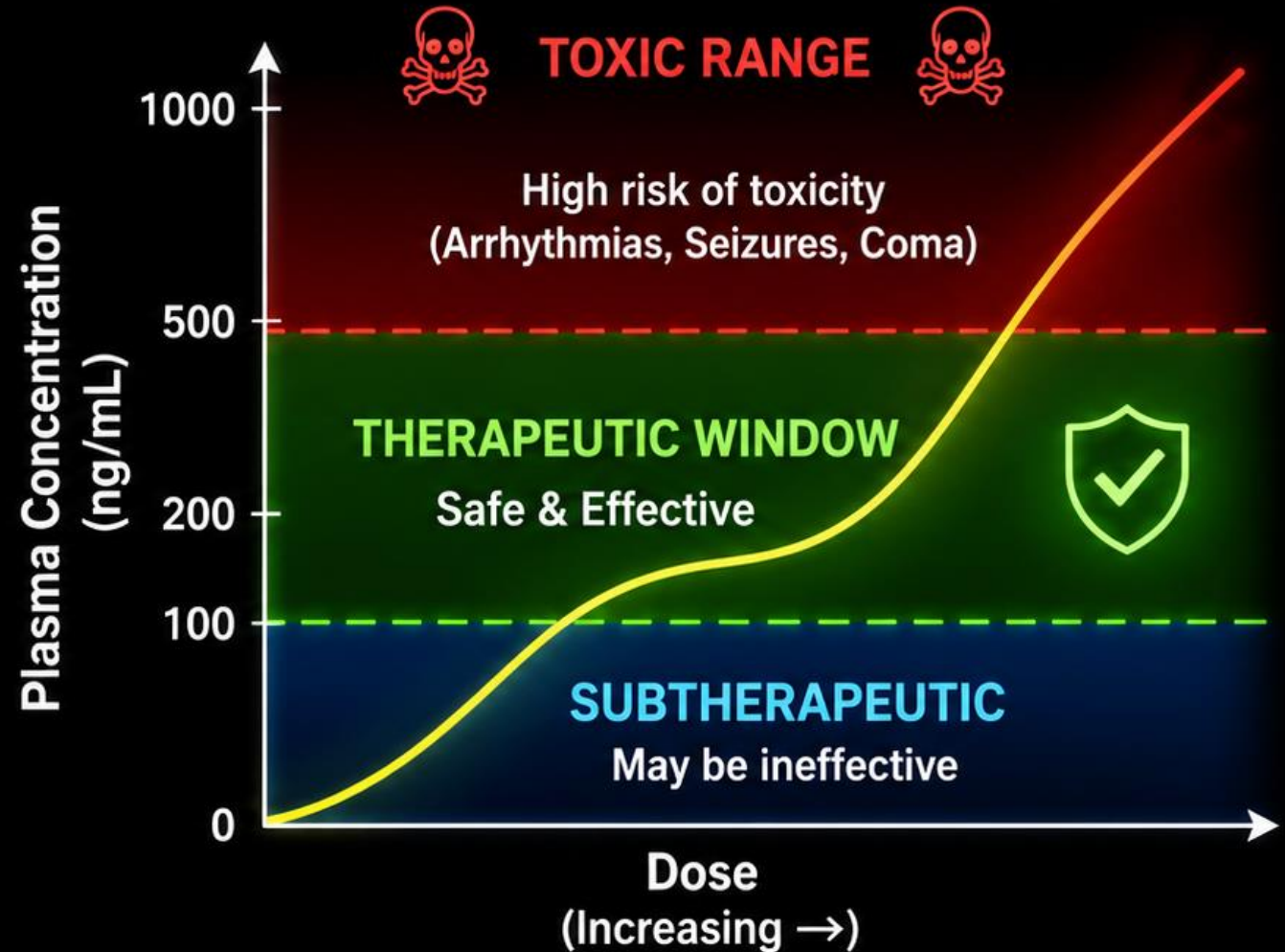
High levels can cause **significant toxicity**



Dose must remain in a **controlled range**



Represents a **narrow therapeutic window** drug



★ Small increase in dose → large increase in toxicity



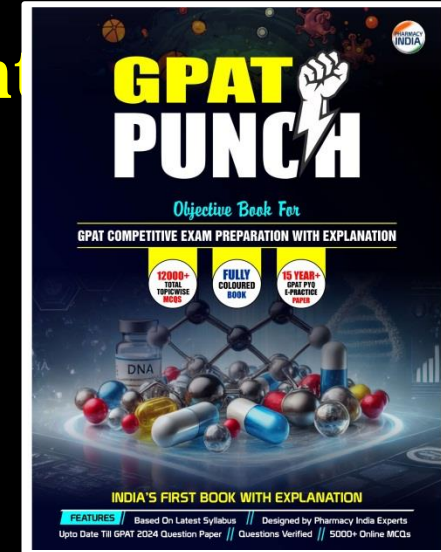
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Therapeutic drug monitoring is done for following agents

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- (c) Phenytoin
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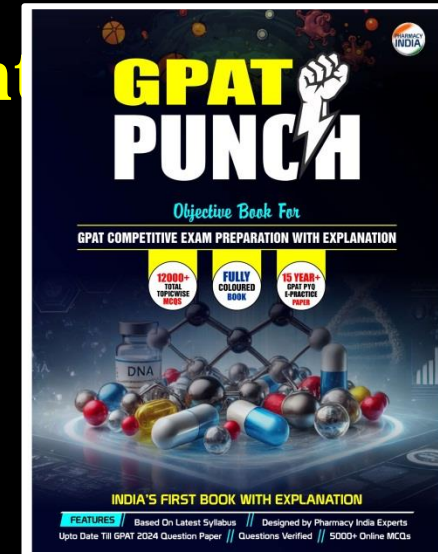
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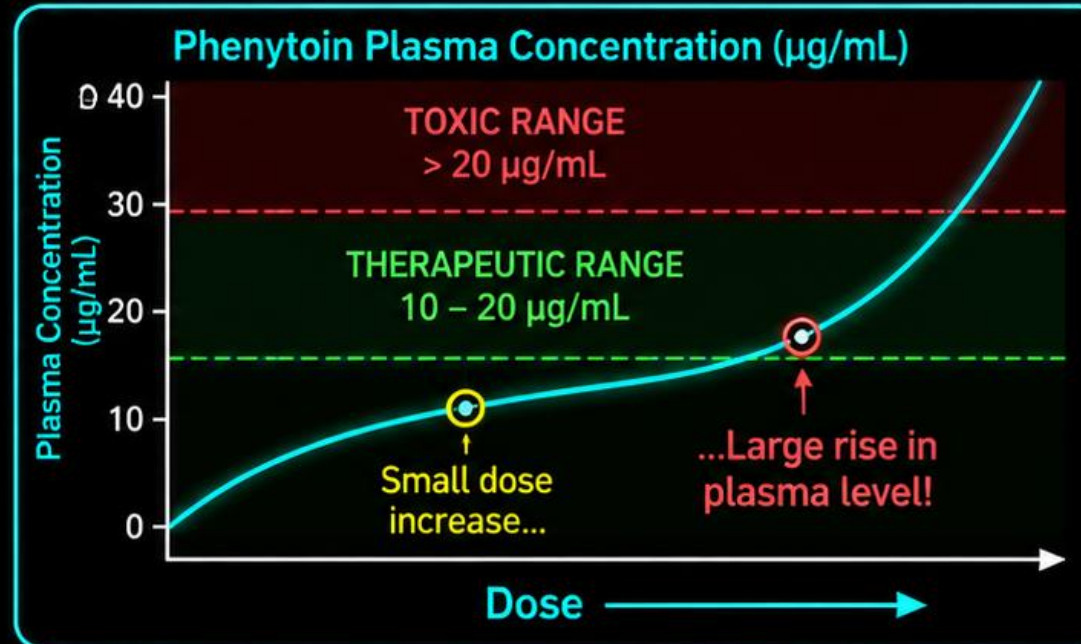
Phenytoin Needs TDM



PHENYTOIN



- **Narrow** therapeutic index
- **Nonlinear** pharmacokinetics
- **Small dose changes** can greatly alter plasma level
- **TDM** helps **avoid toxicity** and **treatment failure**



TOXICITY

- Nystagmus
- Ataxia
- Dysarthria
- Confusion
- Coma





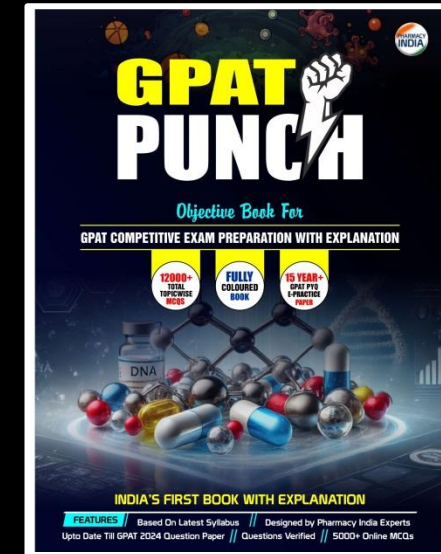
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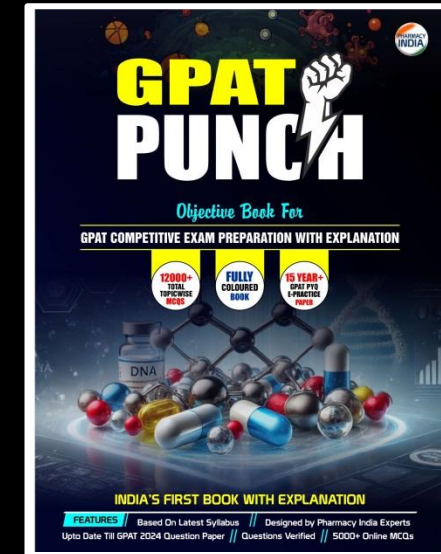
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THERAPEUTIC INDEX = SAFETY



Compares **toxic dose** with **effective dose**



Usually expressed as TD_{50}/ED_{50} or LD_{50}/ED_{50}

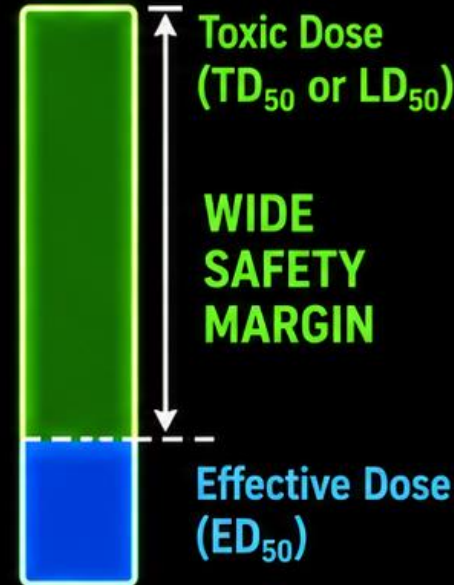


Higher **therapeutic index** = **safer drug**



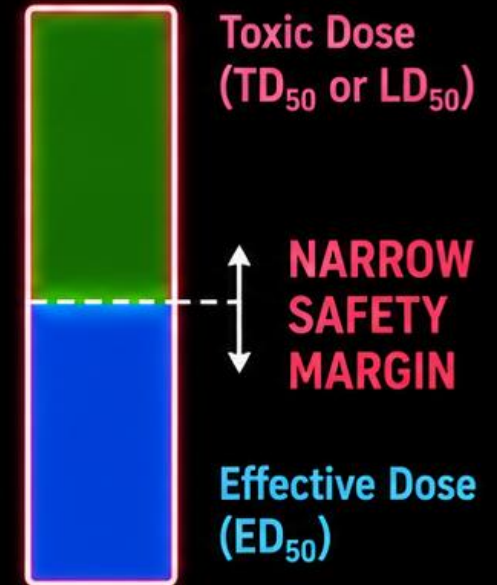
Lower **therapeutic index** = **greater toxicity risk**

SAFER DRUG



$$TI = TD_{50}/ED_{50} \text{ (High)}$$

RISKY DRUG



$$TI = TD_{50}/ED_{50} \text{ (Low)}$$



THERAPEUTIC INDEX (TI)

=

$$\frac{\text{Toxic Dose (TD}_{50} \text{ or LD}_{50})}{\text{Effective Dose (ED}_{50})}$$





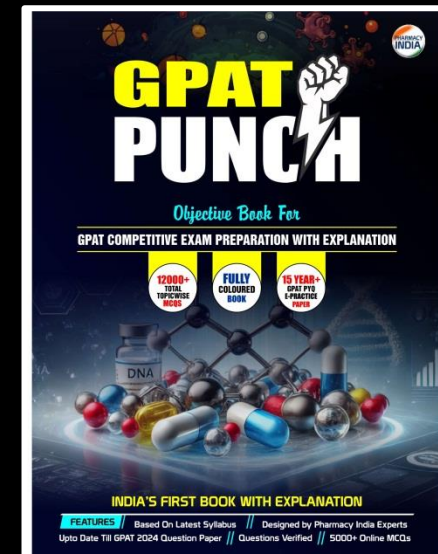
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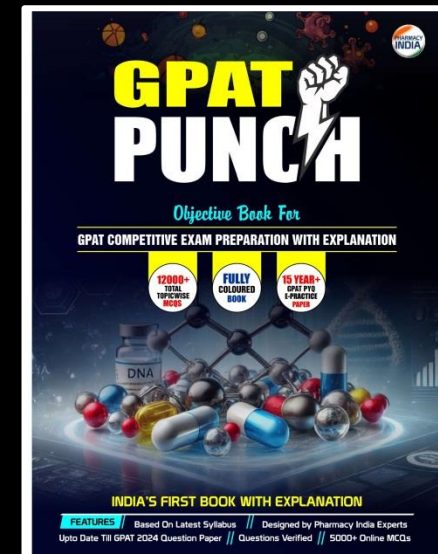
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CHEMICAL ANTAGONISM



Two **substances** combine chemically.



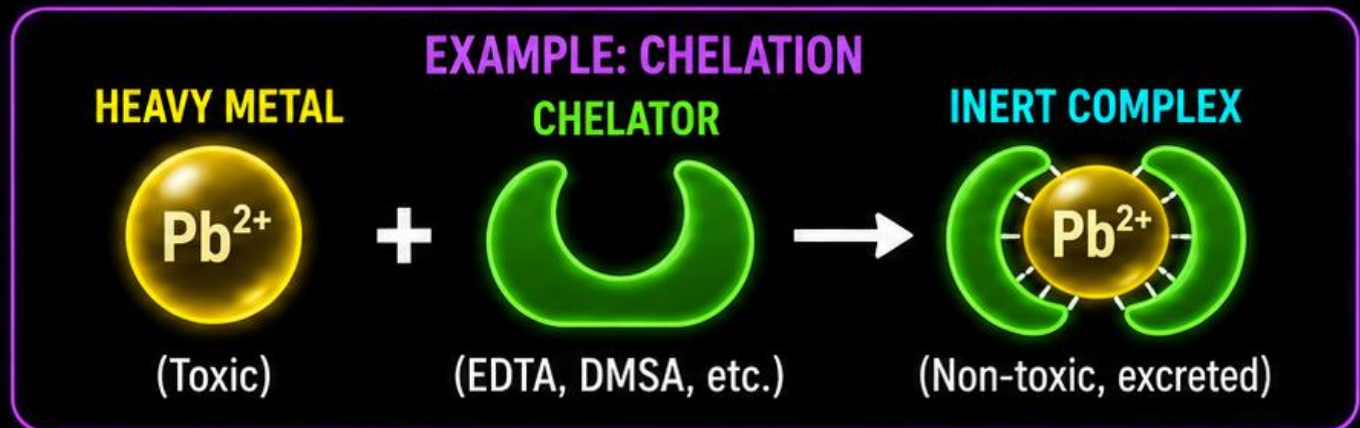
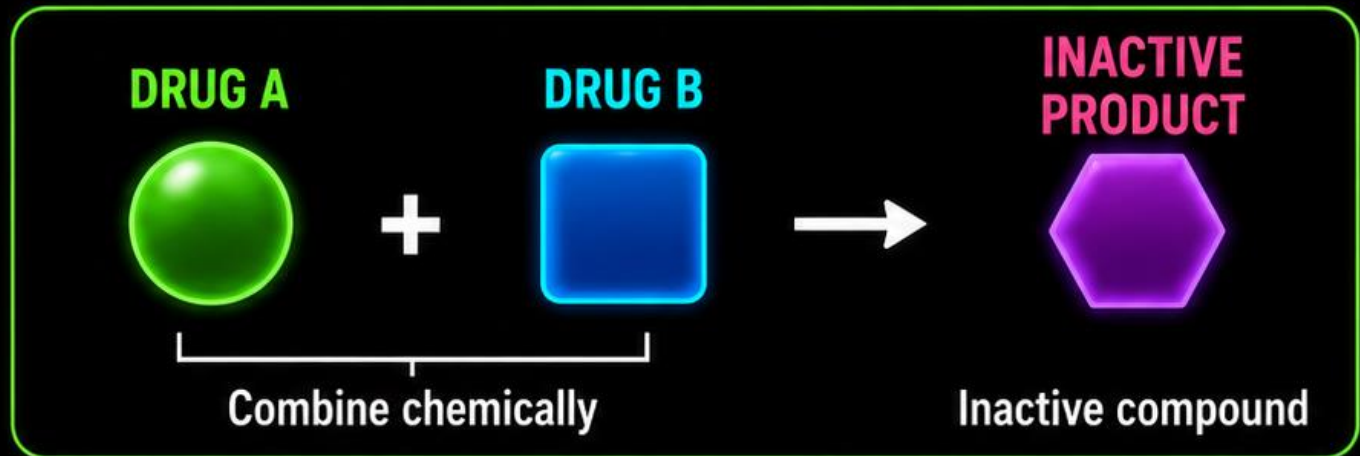
The **reaction** forms an **inactive compound**.



No **receptor** is involved.



Example: **chelators** neutralize **heavy metals**.



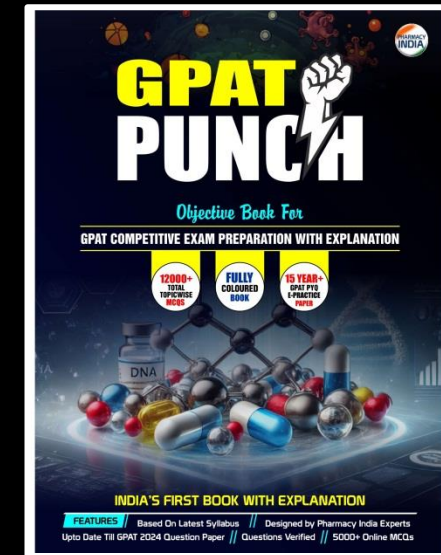
Chemical antagonism reduces activity by **chemical inactivation**, not receptor blockade.



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- (a) Physical antagonism
- (b) Chemical antagonism
- (c) Functional antagonism
- (d) Competitive antagonism



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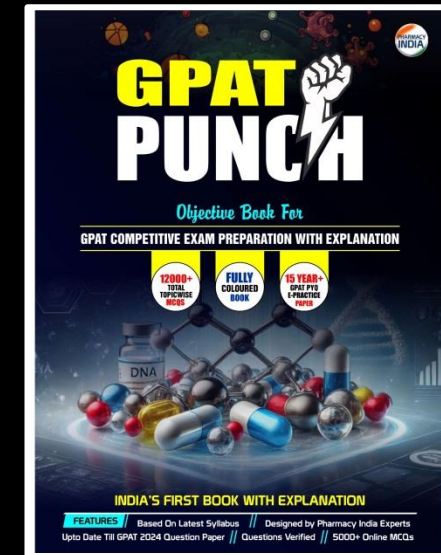
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FUNCTIONAL ANTAGONISM



Two drugs act on
different receptors.



Their physiological
effects **oppose** each other.



Also called
physiological antagonism.

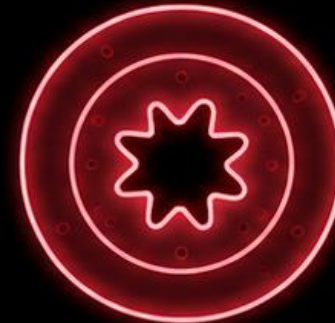


Example: adrenaline
opposes histamine-induced
bronchoconstriction.

HISTAMINE
(Bronchoconstriction)



H₁ RECEPTOR
(G_q)



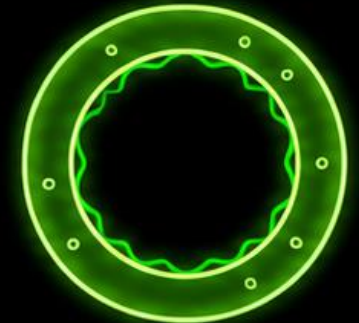
NARROWED BRONCHUS
↑ Airway Resistance

VS

ADRENALINE
(Bronchodilation)



β₂ RECEPTOR
(G_s)



WIDENED BRONCHUS
↓ Airway Resistance

Different Receptors → Opposite Effects → Functional (Physiological) Antagonism



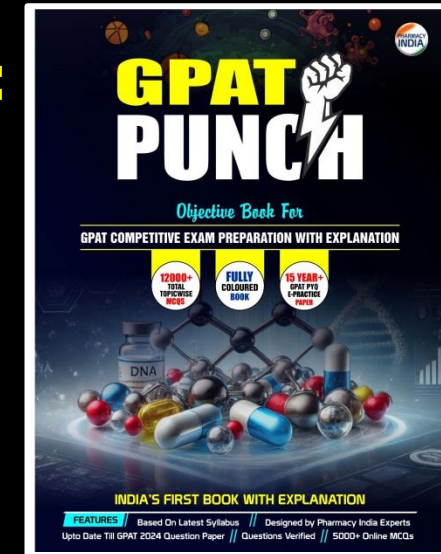
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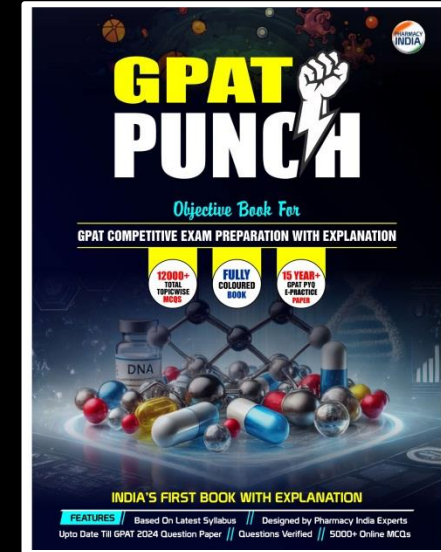
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ADRENALINE vs HISTAMINE



They act on
different receptors.



Histamine causes
bronchoconstriction.



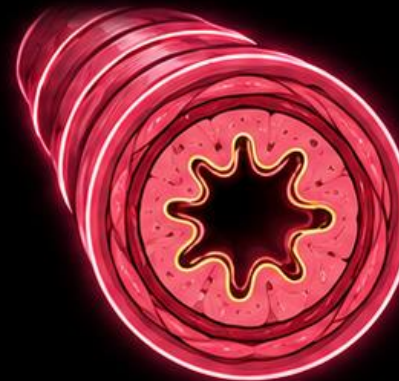
Adrenaline causes
bronchodilation.



This is
physiological antagonism.

HISTAMINE

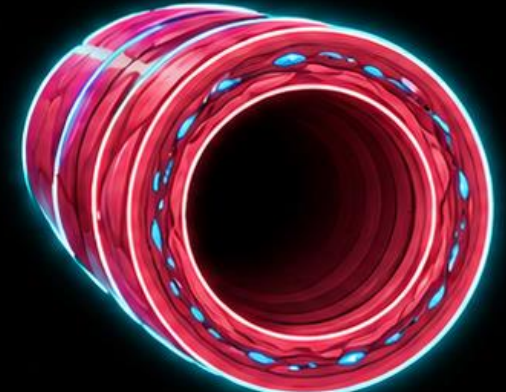
Bronchoconstriction
(NARROW AIRWAY)



HISTAMINE RECEPTOR

ADRENALINE

Bronchodilation
(WIDE AIRWAY)



β_2 ADRENERGIC RECEPTOR

VS

ADRENALINE (β_2) RELAXES AIRWAYS $\longleftrightarrow$ **HISTAMINE (H_1) CONSTRICTS AIRWAYS**



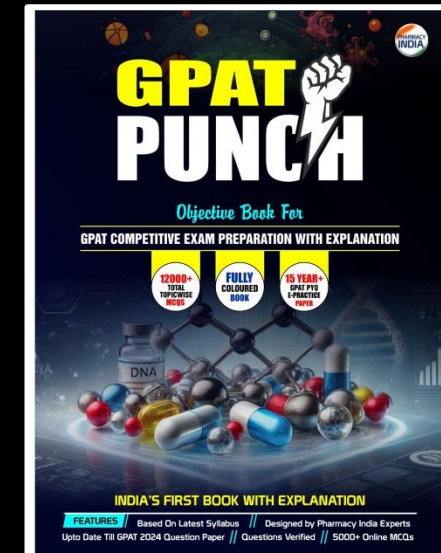
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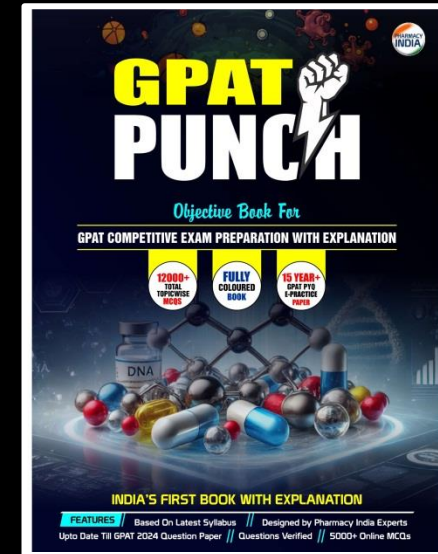
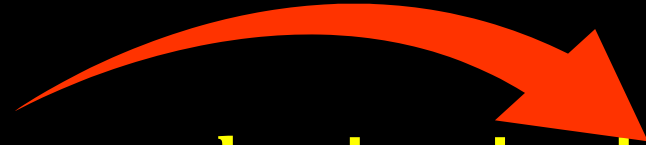


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ATROPINE BLOCKS MUSCARINIC RECEPTORS



Organophosphates increase **acetylcholine**.



Atropine competitively blocks muscarinic receptors.



It prevents **acetylcholine** action at **muscarinic sites**.



This is **competitive receptor antagonism**, not **chemical antagonism**.

ORGANOPHOSPHATE



INHIBITS AChE



Acetylcholinesterase

↑↑ ACETYLCHOLINE



Excess ACh

MUSCARINIC EFFECTS



SLUDGE-D

(Salivation, Lacrimation, Urination, Defecation, GI upset, Emesis, Miosis)

ATROPINE



(Competitive Antagonist)



Muscarinic Receptor



ACh cannot bind → no **muscarinic effects**

ATROPINE COMPETITIVELY BLOCKS MUSCARINIC RECEPTORS → PREVENTS ACh ACTION IN ORGANOPHOSPHORUS POISONING



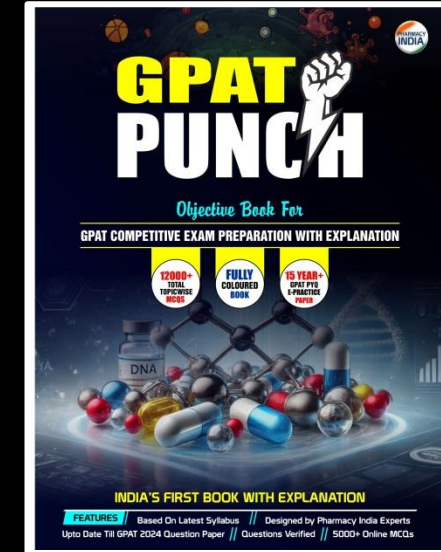
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The correct statement applicable to LD50 is:

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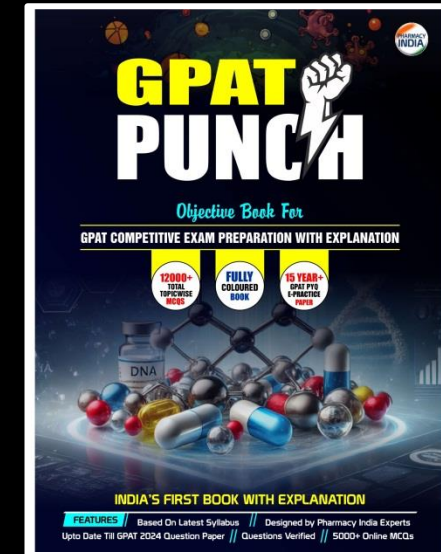
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LD₅₀ = MEDIAN LETHAL DOSE



LD₅₀ causes death in 50% of test animals.



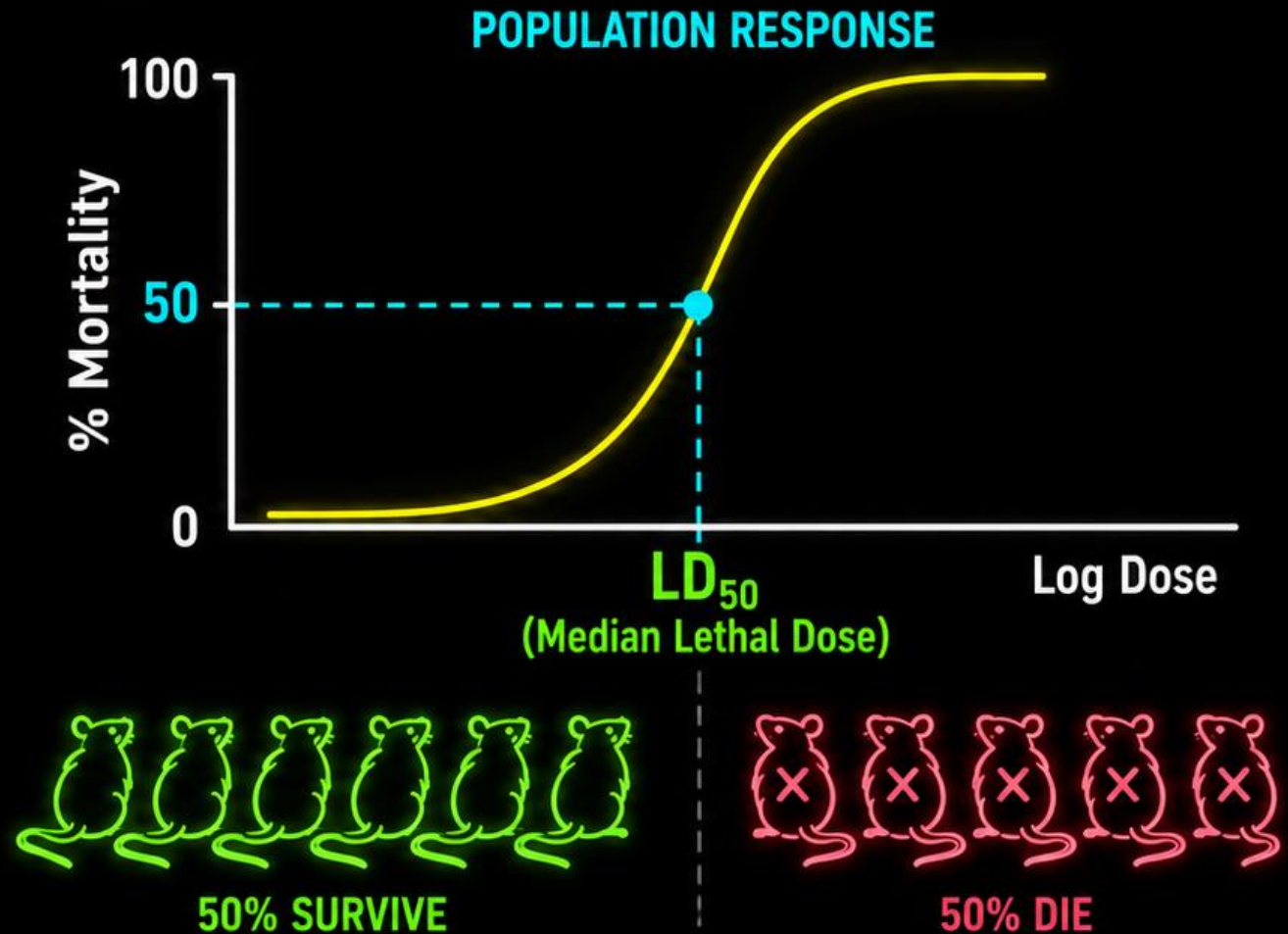
Used in toxicity assessment.



It reflects lethality, not therapeutic effect.



ED₅₀ refers to effect in 50% subjects.



At LD₅₀, 50% of the population dies.



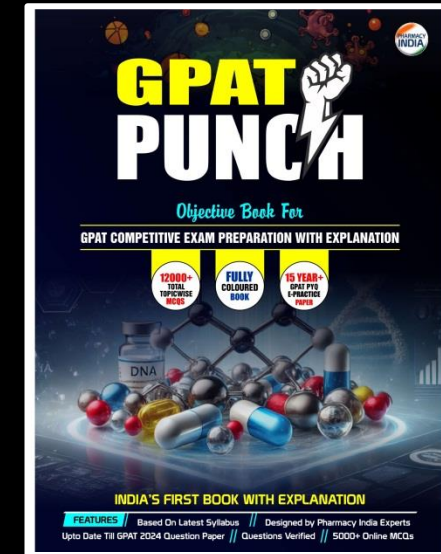
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- (b) Antiepileptics
- (c) Antidepressants
- (d) Oral anticoagulants



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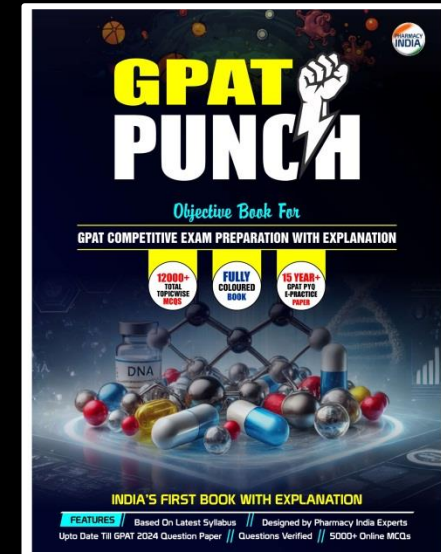


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ORAL ANTICOAGULANTS NEED MONITORING



Dose is adjusted by repeated physiological measurement.



Warfarin is monitored with **PT/INR**.



High dose may cause **bleeding**.



Low dose may fail to **prevent thrombosis**.



Warfarin



Monitor
PT/INR



Target INR
~2.0–3.0



Goal: Keep anticoagulation in the **therapeutic window**
(Minimize **bleeding risk** while preventing **thrombosis**)

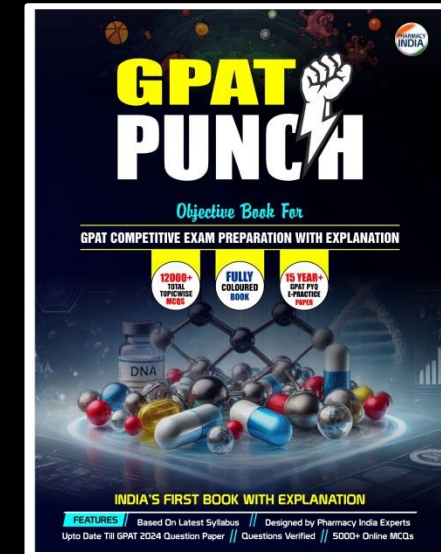


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37. Phenomenon of tachyphylaxis can be seen with:

- (a) Noradrenaline
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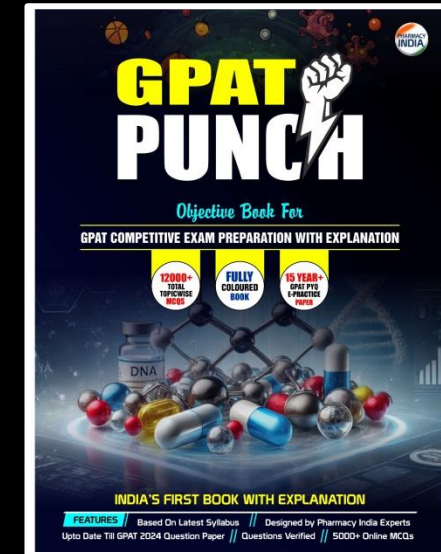
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TYRAMINE CAUSES TACHYPHYLAXIS



① Tyramine is an indirectly acting sympathomimetic.



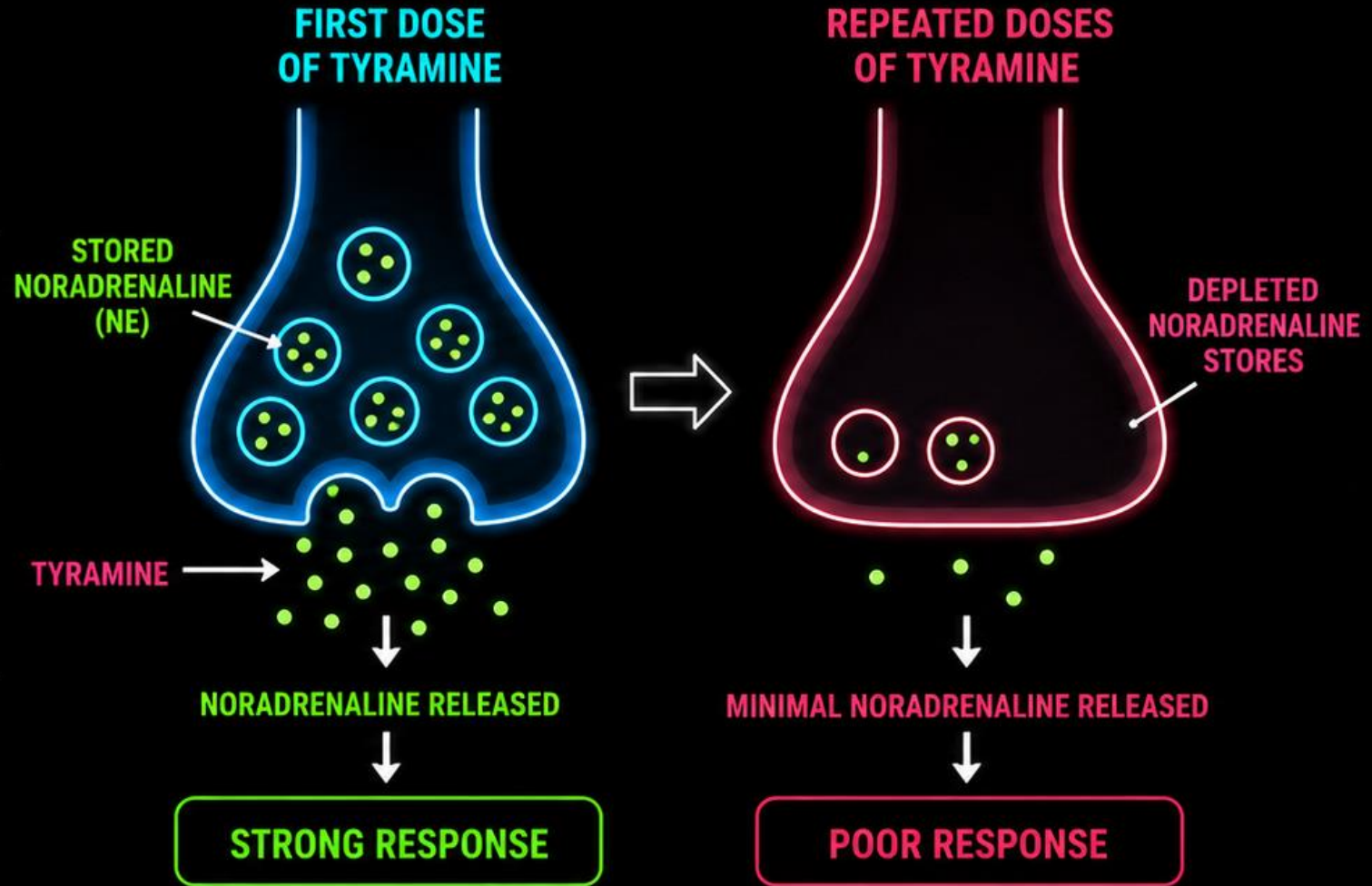
② It releases stored noradrenaline.



③ Repeated doses deplete stores.



④ Response falls rapidly = tachyphylaxis.



REPEATED TYRAMINE → DEPLETED NE STORES → RAPIDLY FALLING RESPONSE = TACHYPHYLAXIS



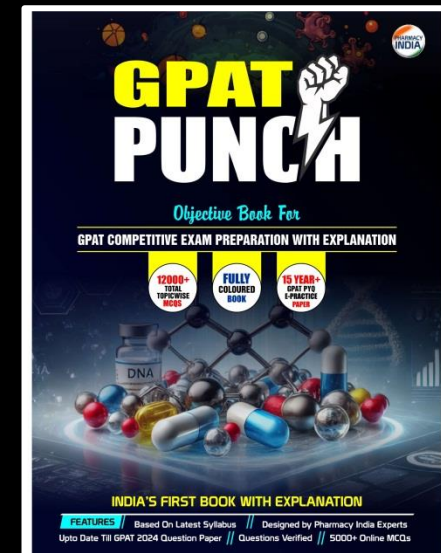
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Pharmacogenetics deals with:

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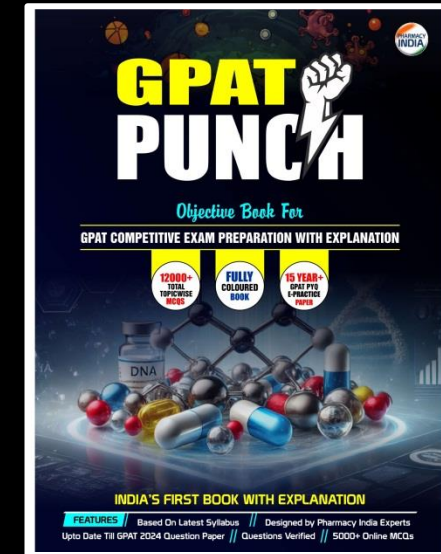
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PHARMACOGENETICS



Studies **genetically mediated variation** in drug response.



Explains differences in **efficacy** and **toxicity**.



Enzyme **polymorphism** alters **metabolism**.



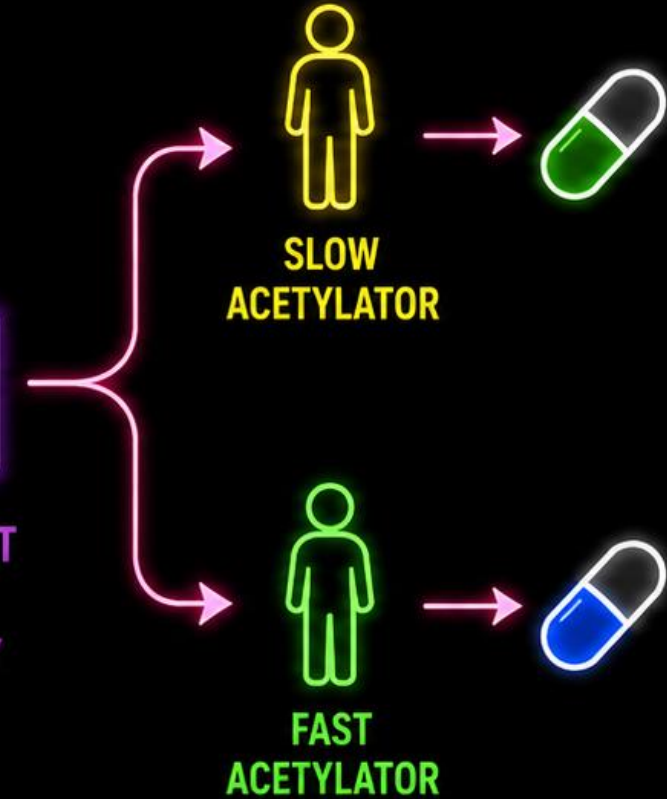
Example: slow and fast **acetylators** of **isoniazid**.



GENETIC
VARIATION



DIFFERENT
ENZYME
ACTIVITY



RIGHT DRUG, RIGHT DOSE, RIGHT PATIENT
BASED ON YOUR GENES.





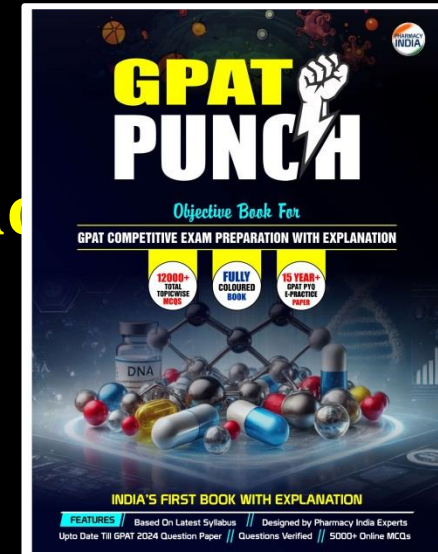
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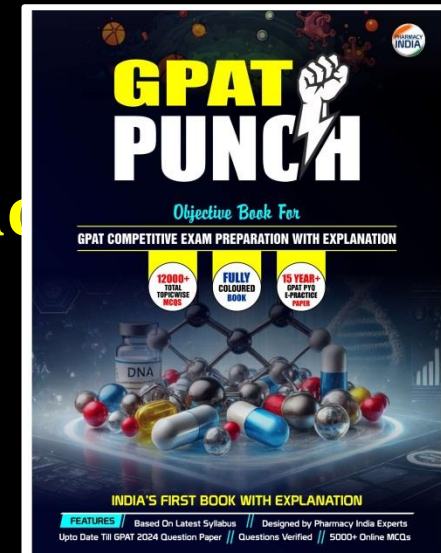
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DISPOSITIONAL TOLERANCE



Also called
pharmacokinetic tolerance.



Hepatic enzyme **induction**
increases **drug metabolism**.

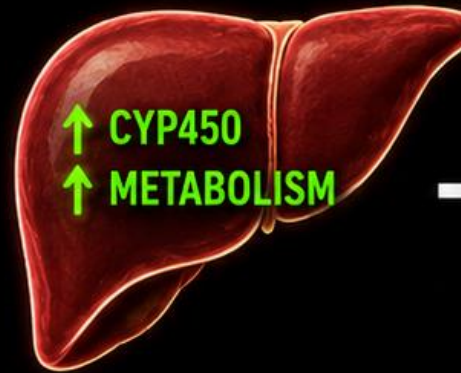


Less drug **reaches**
the **receptor site**.



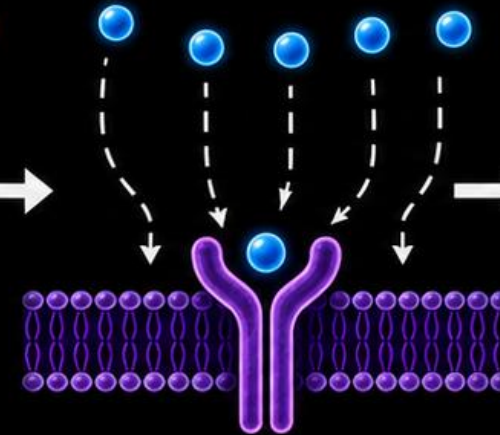
Higher dose is needed
for the same effect.

1. ENZYME INDUCTION



More drug
metabolized

2. LESS DRUG AT
RECEPTOR SITE



Lower drug concentration
at receptor

3. REDUCED
RESPONSE



Response
↓ Effect

Enzyme
Induction



↑ Drug
Metabolism



↓ Drug at
Receptor Site



↓ Response



Higher Dose
Needed



Key Idea: Tolerance due to changes in **drug disposition**, not receptor sensitivity.



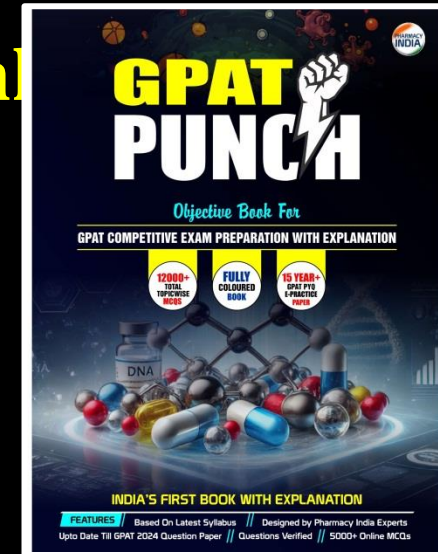
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When there is gradual decrease in response to a drug taken for days or weeks to develop, the phenomenon is called:

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- (c) Tolerance
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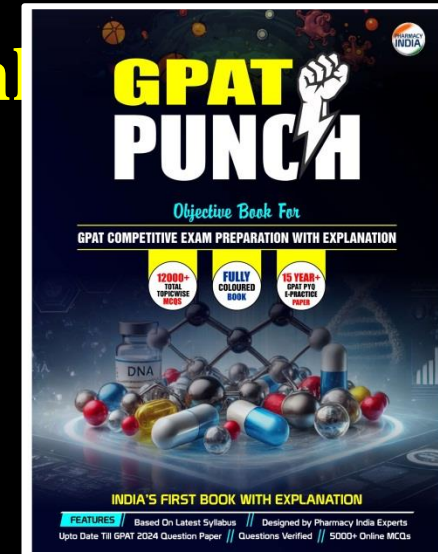


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TOLERANCE DEVELOPS GRADUALLY



1. Response decreases over days or weeks.



2. The same dose gives less effect.

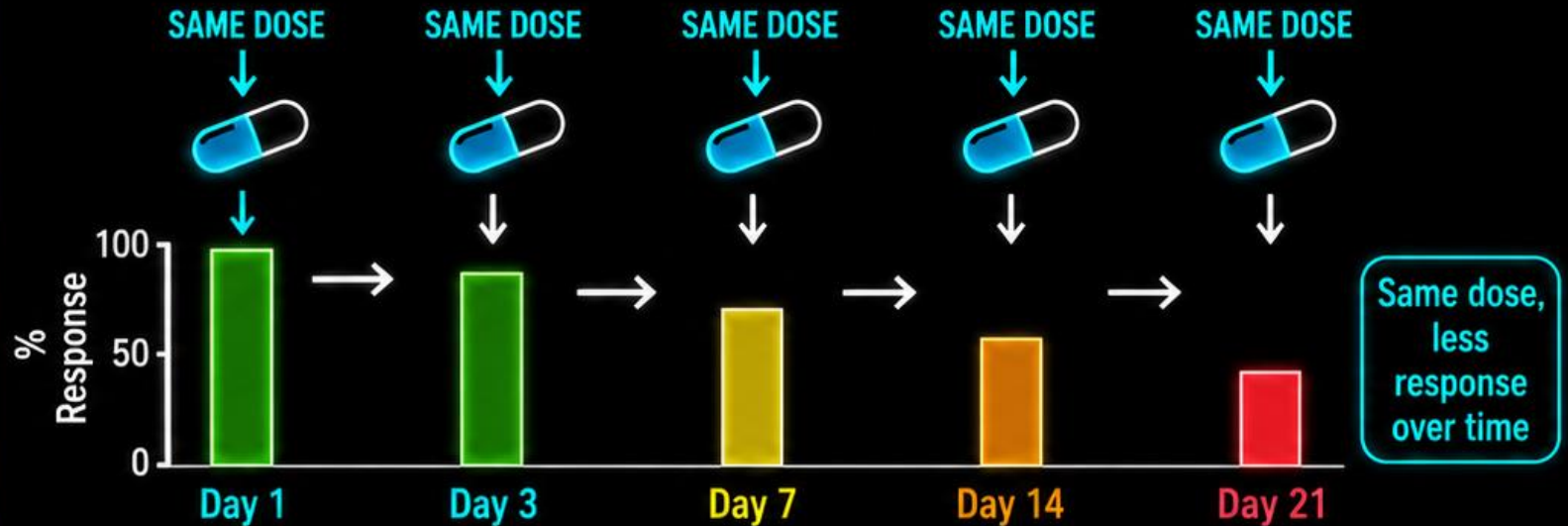


3. A higher dose is needed for the same response.

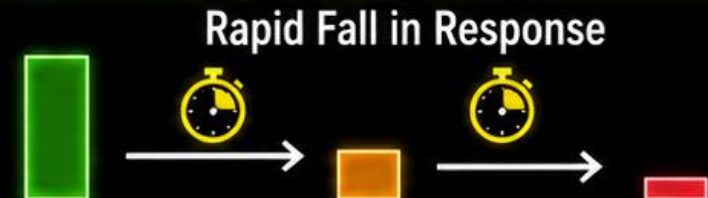


4. It is slower than tachyphylaxis.

TOLERANCE: Gradual Fall in Response with Repeated Dosing



TACHYPHYLAXIS
is **RAPID**
(minutes)



TOLERANCE = GRADUAL ↓ in response → **Higher dose needed**

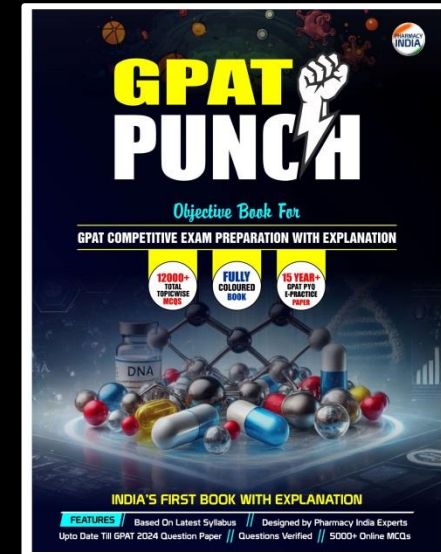


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When an inert chemical produces psychopharmacological effect, it is called:

- (a) Prodrug
- (b) Placebo
- (c) Idiosyncratic response
- (d) Adjuvant



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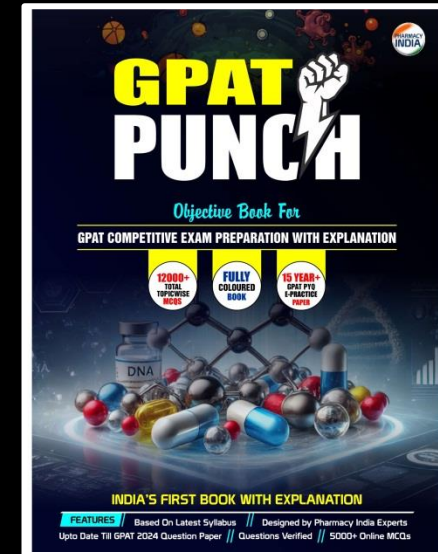
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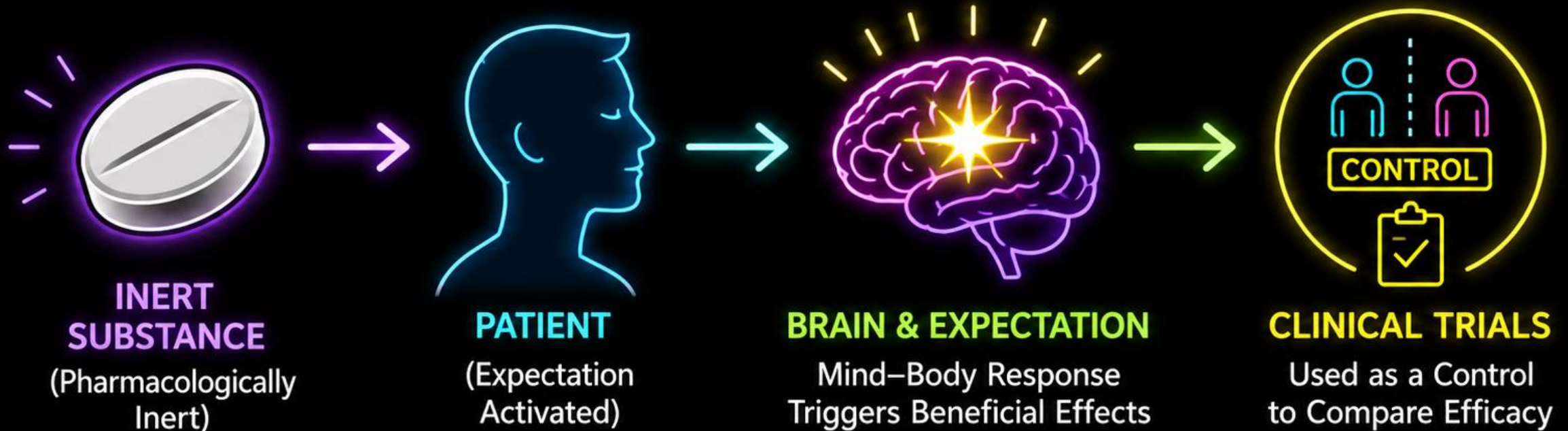
(c) Idiosyncratic response

(d) Adjuvant



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PLACEBO EFFECT



- Placebo is a **pharmacologically inert** substance.
- It can still produce a **perceived psychopharmacological** or **therapeutic effect**.
- The effect depends on **patient expectation** and **mind-body response**.
- It is important as a **control** in **clinical trials**.



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42. Which of the following is a JAK-STAT linked receptor?

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(b) Estrogen

(c) TSH

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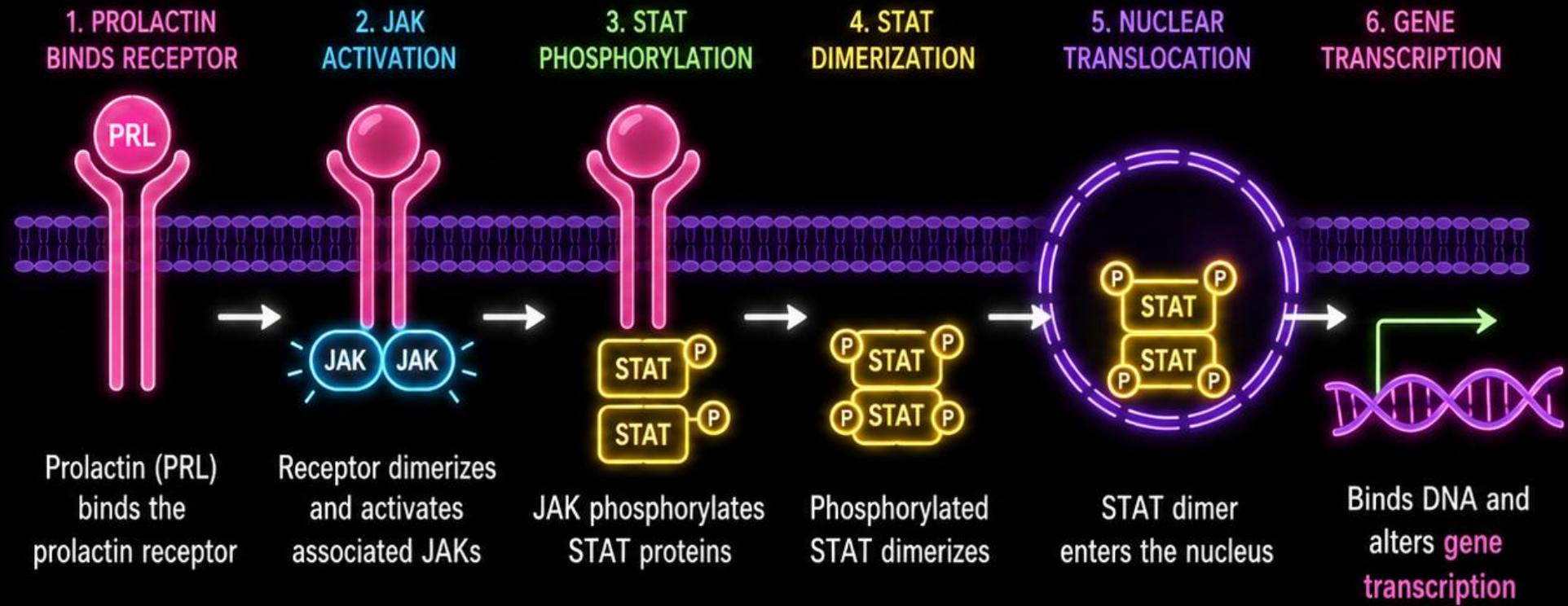
(d) TRH



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PROLACTIN RECEPTOR = JAK-STAT

- Prolactin receptor signals through the **JAK-STAT** pathway.
- Ligand binding activates **JAK**.
- **JAK** phosphorylates **STAT** proteins.
- Phosphorylated **STAT** enters the **nucleus** and alters **gene expression**.



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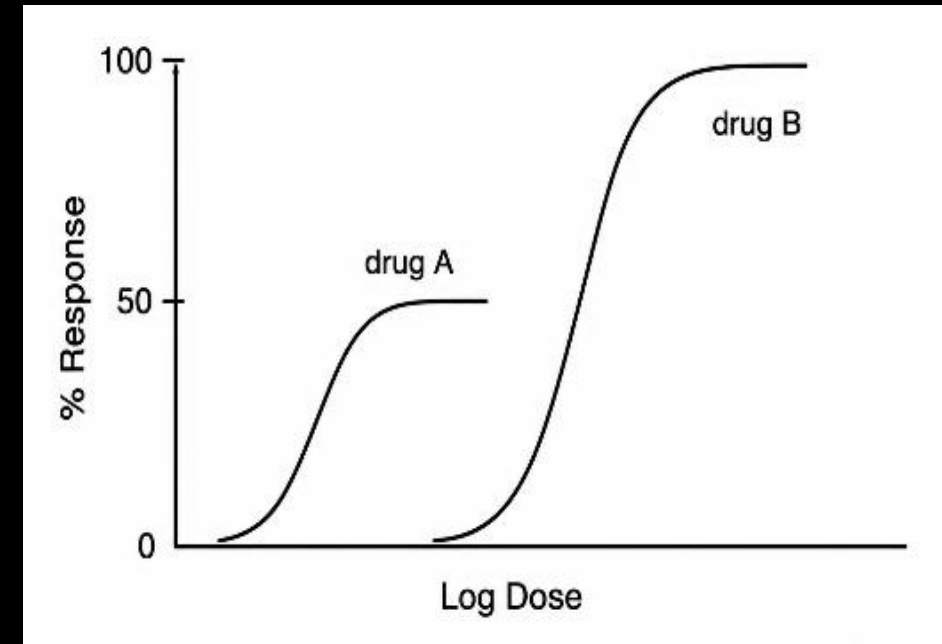
Estrogen action is mainly **nuclear-receptor** mediated.

TSH and **TRH** mainly use **GPCR** pathways.



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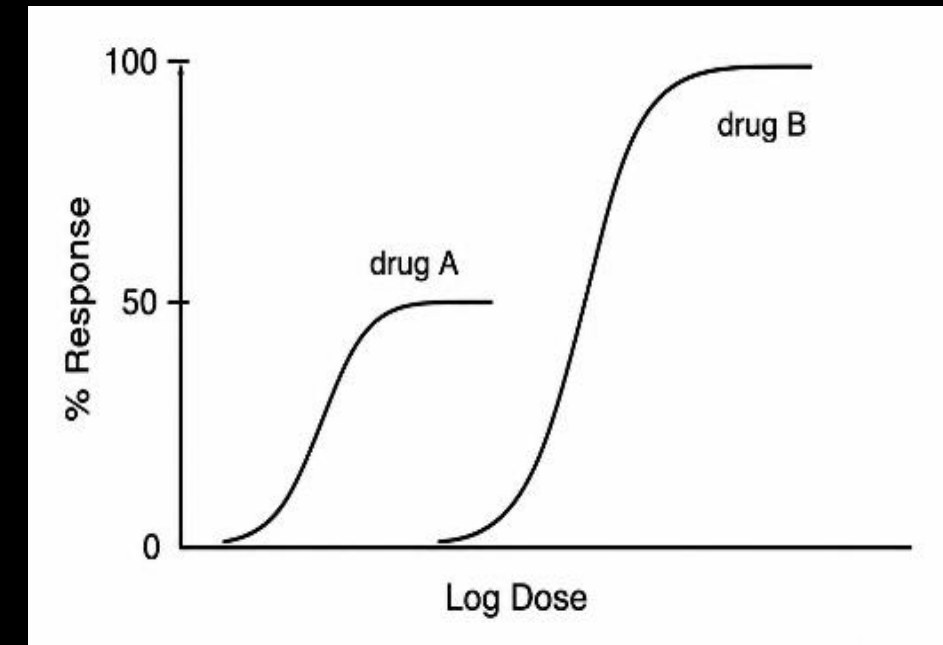
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- (d) Drug B has greater efficacy than drug A





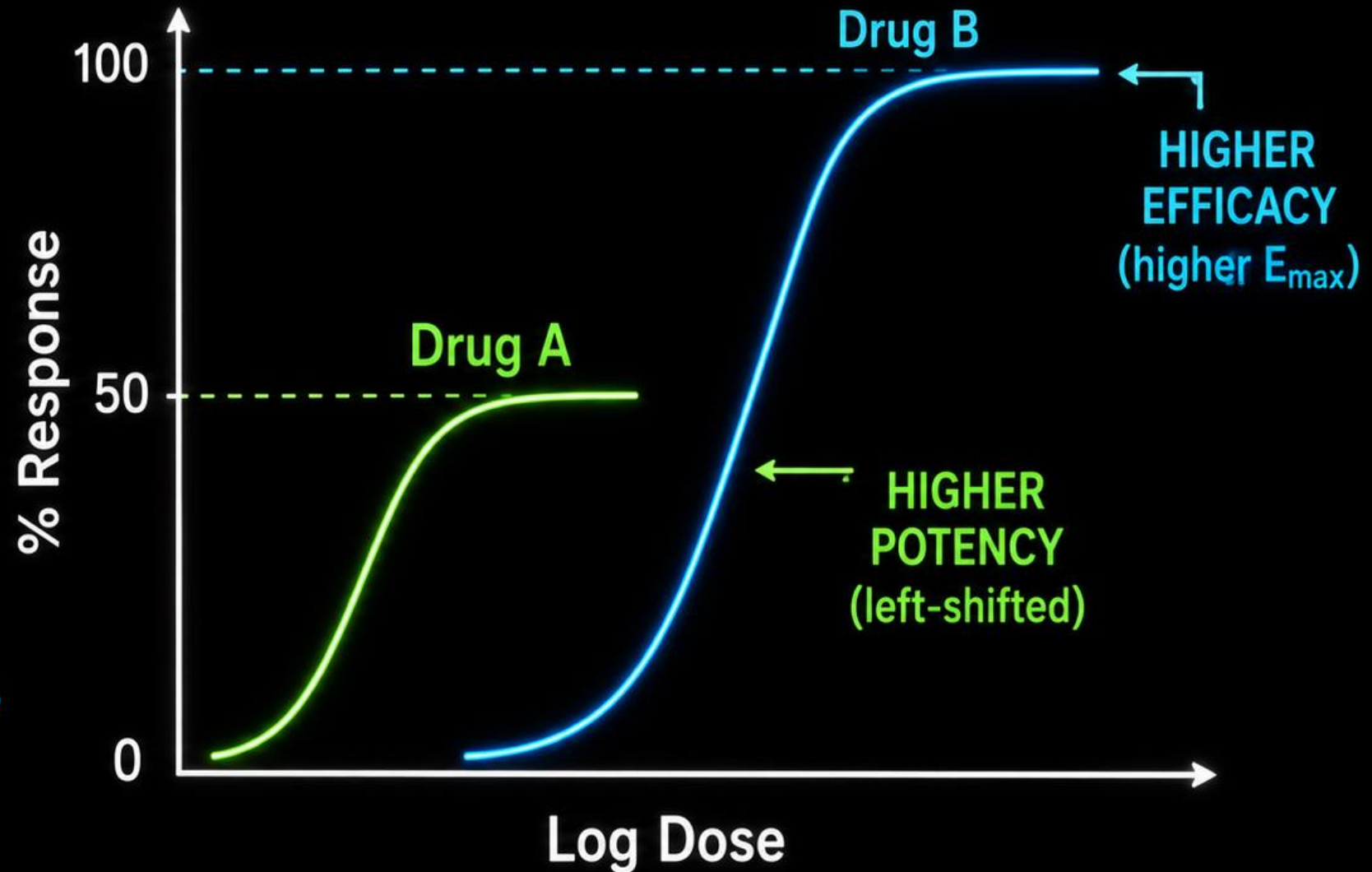
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DRUG B HAS GREATER EFFICACY

- ① Efficacy = maximum response a drug can produce.
- ② Drug B reaches a higher maximum response than Drug A.
- ③ Drug A is left-shifted, so it is more potent.
- ④ For efficacy comparison, Drug B is superior to Drug A.



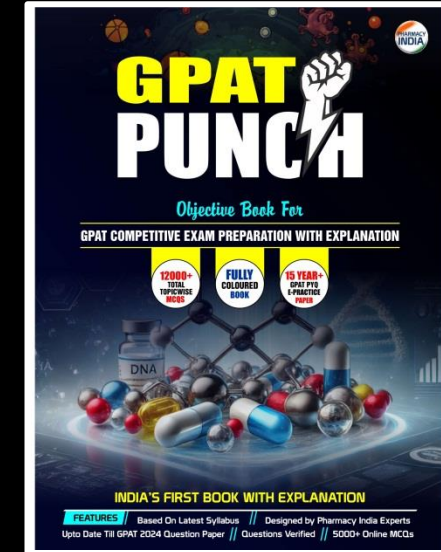


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44. Which receptor is NOT a G-protein coupled receptor?

- (a) 5-HT
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- (c) GABA-A
- (d) GABA-B



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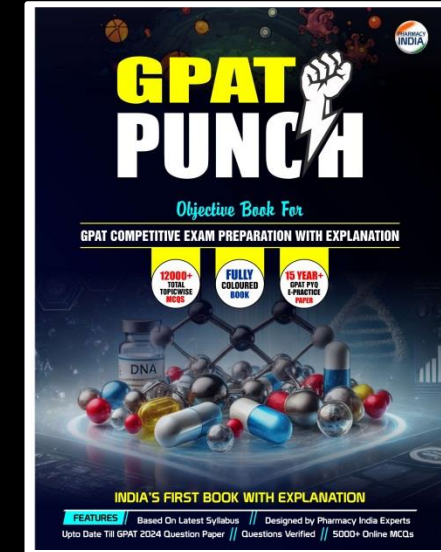
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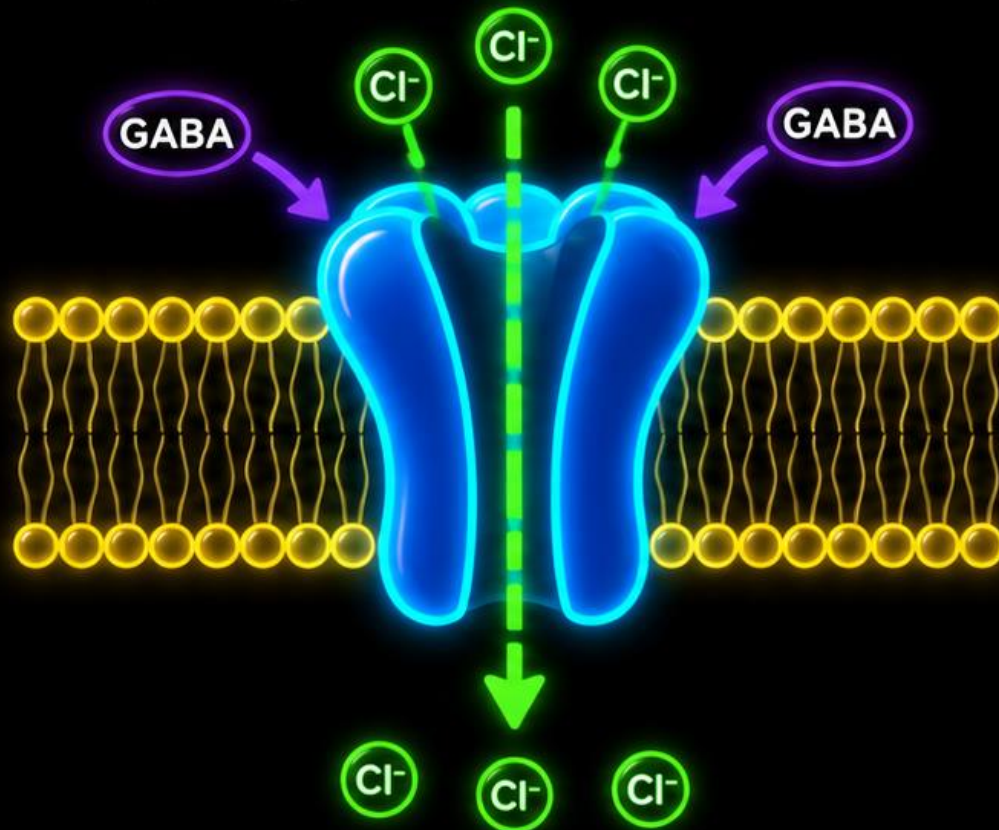


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GABA-A IS AN ION CHANNEL

GABA-A (ION CHANNEL)

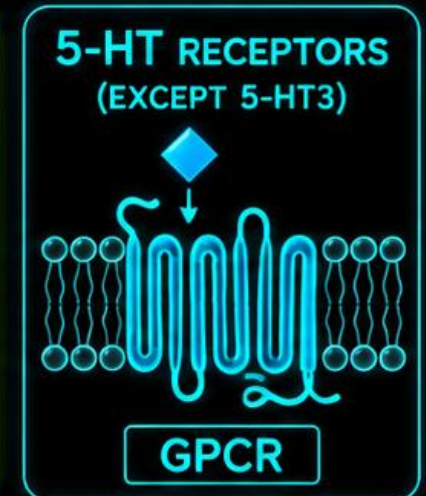
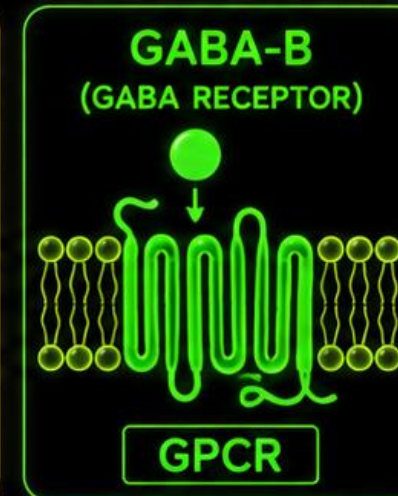
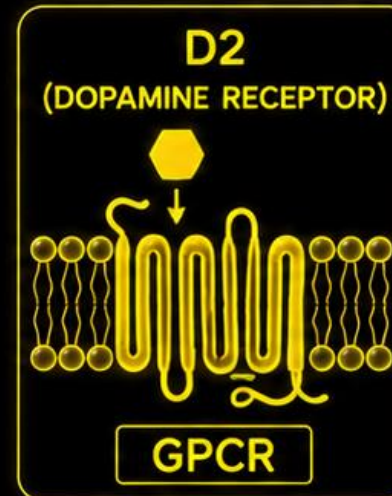
Ligand-gated chloride ion channel



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- GABA-A is a ligand-gated chloride ion channel.
- It is not a G-protein coupled receptor.
- D2 and GABA-B are GPCRs.
- Most 5-HT receptors are GPCRs except 5-HT₃.

COMPARISON: GPCRs (not ion channels)



GPCRs signal via G-proteins → second messengers



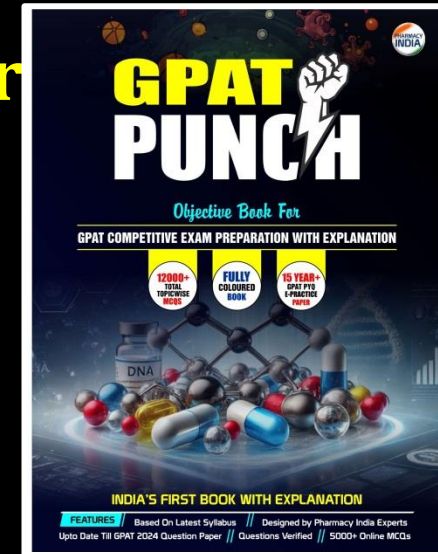
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- (d) Hyposensitivity



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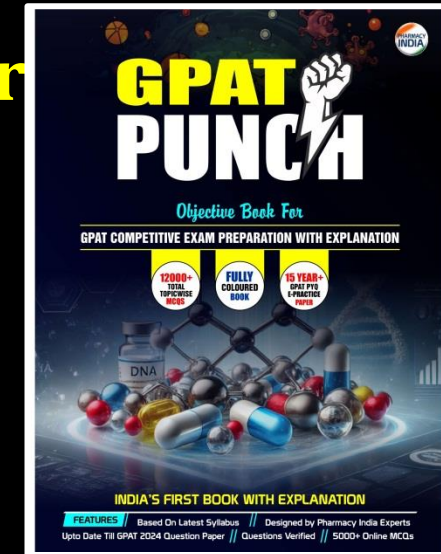
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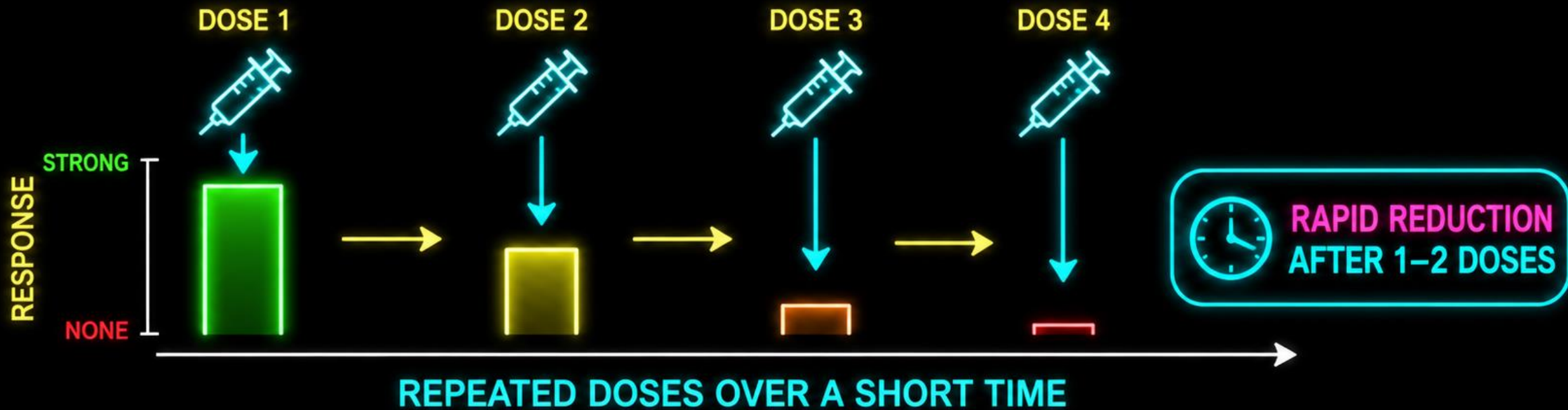
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TACHYPHYLAXIS = RAPID FALL IN RESPONSE

- Tachyphylaxis is acute tolerance.
- It develops after one or a few repeated doses.
- Response falls rapidly.
- Common with indirectly acting sympathomimetics such as tyramine.



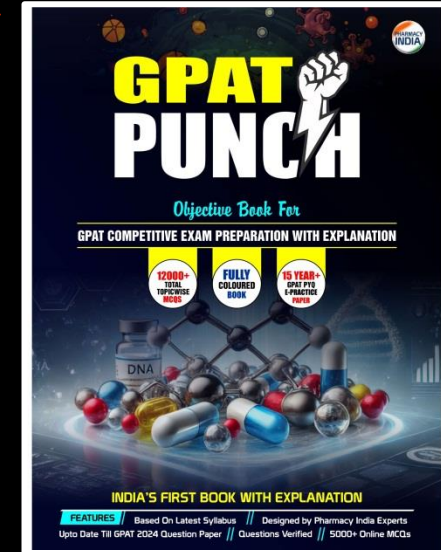


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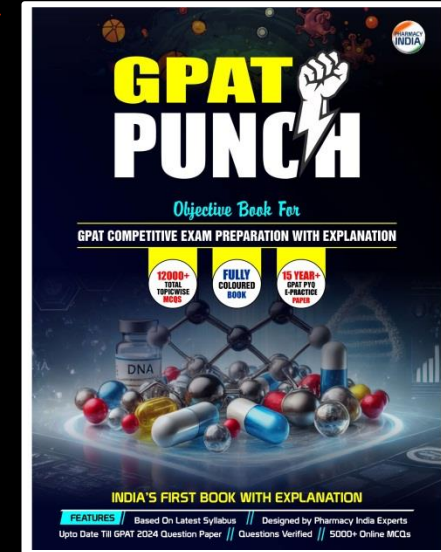


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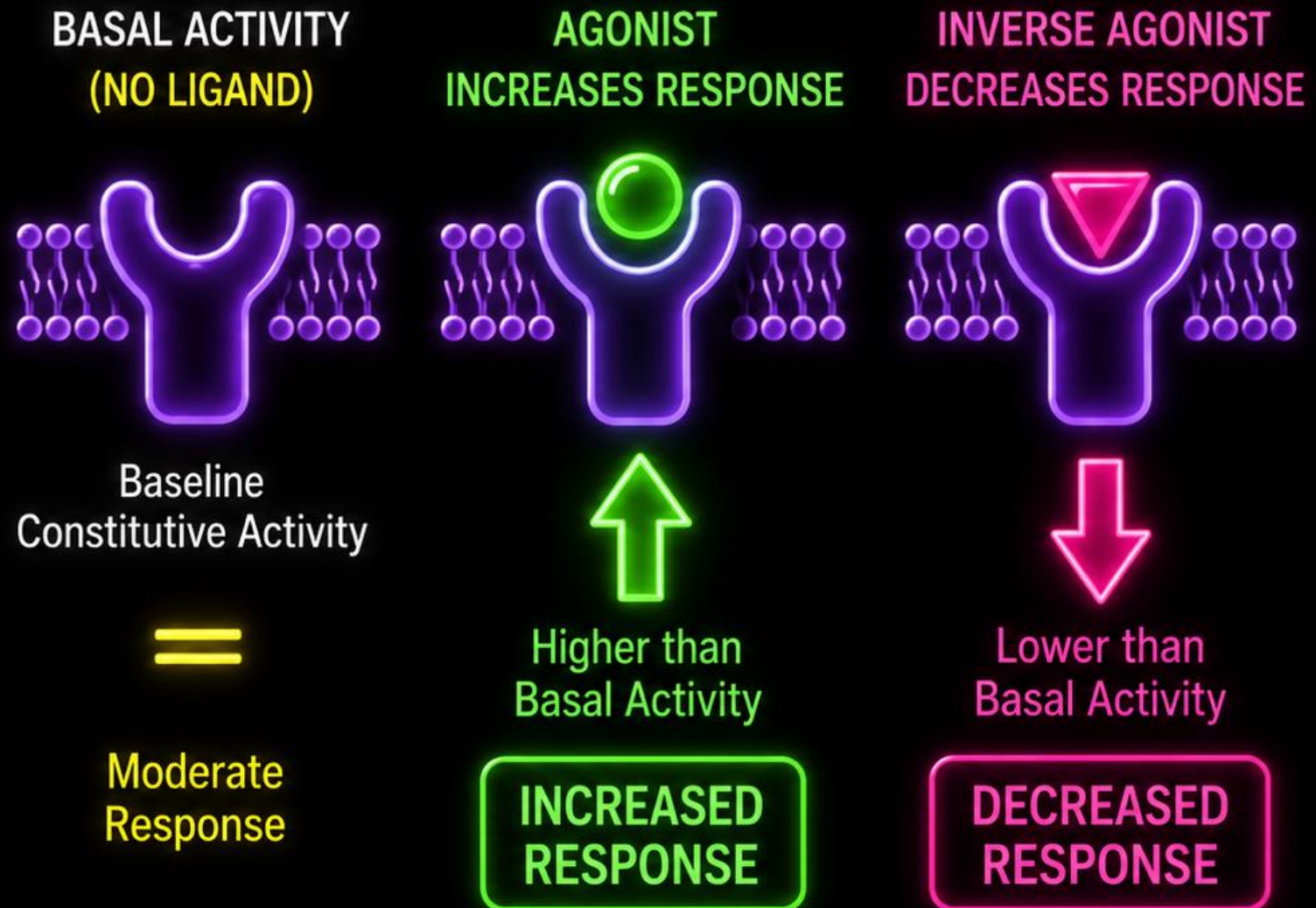
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INVERSE AGONIST CAUSES OPPOSITE ACTION

- **Inverse agonists** bind to the receptor.
- They **reduce** basal or constitutive receptor activity.
- Their effect is **opposite** to an agonist.
- **Neutral antagonists** bind but **do not change** basal activity.





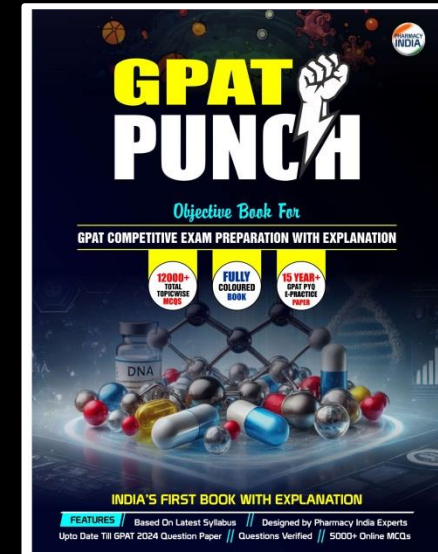
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- (a) Cannot determine the potency of a drug
- (b) Log dose-response curve is sigmoid shaped
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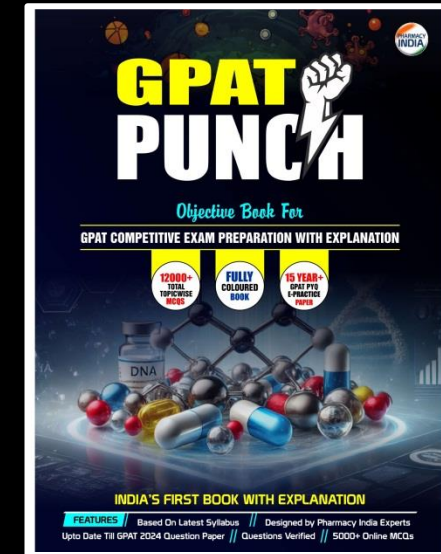
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LOG DOSE-RESPONSE CURVE IS SIGMOID



A dose-response curve shows the relation between dose and effect.



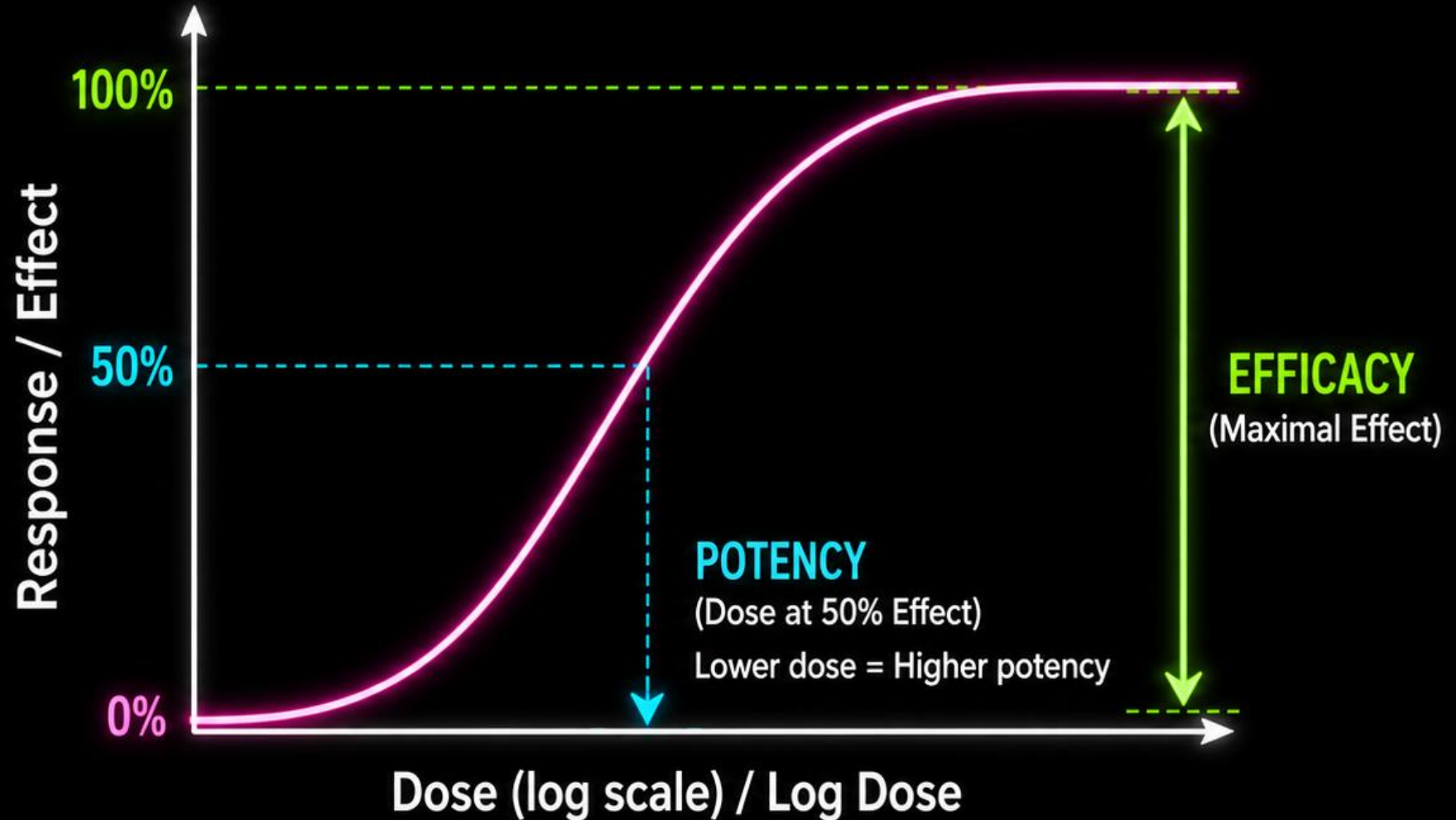
On a log scale, the curve is sigmoid shaped.



It helps compare potency and efficacy.



It is useful for studying agonists and antagonists.





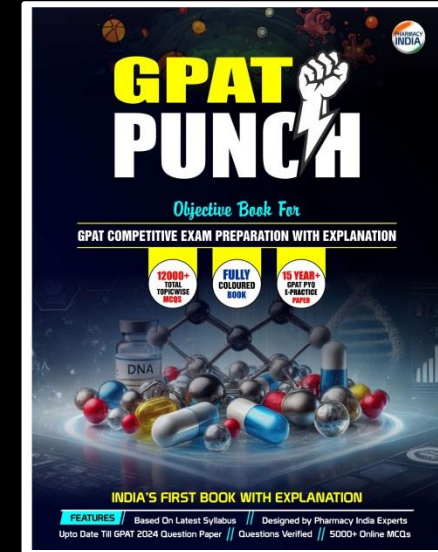
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- (a) G-proteins bind to hormones on the cell surface
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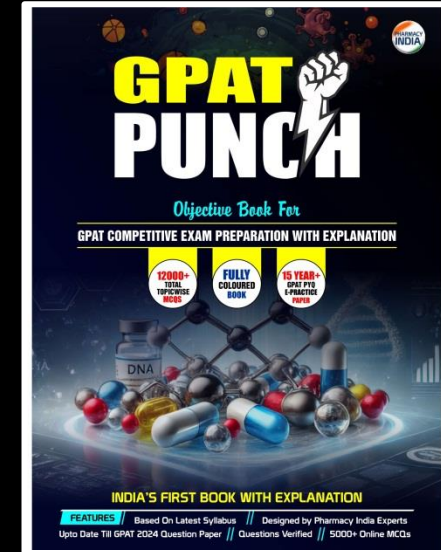


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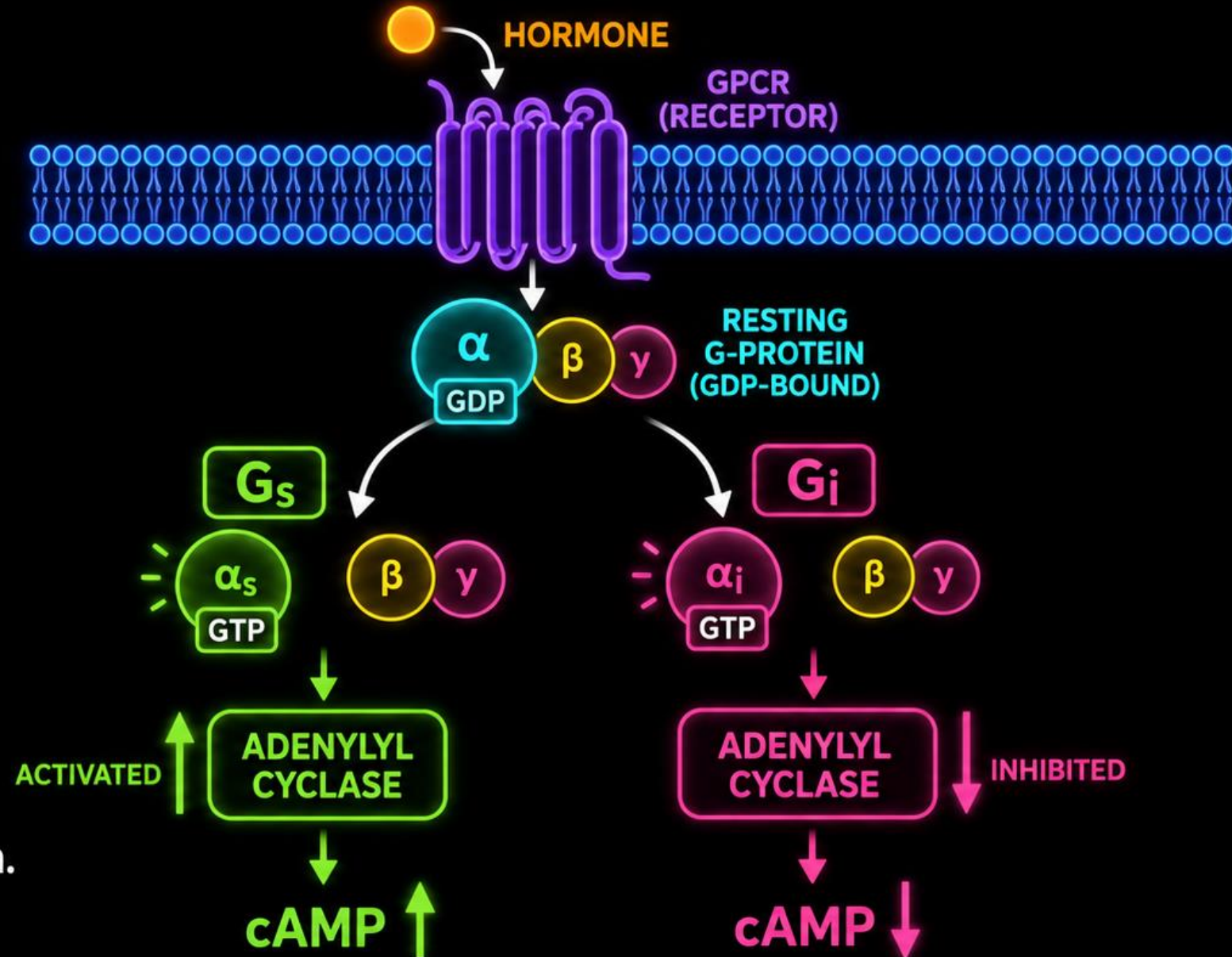
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G-PROTEIN α SUBUNIT DECIDES RESPONSE

- **G_s alpha** stimulates adenylyl cyclase.
- **G_i alpha** inhibits adenylyl cyclase.
- Resting G-protein is **GDP-bound**, not **GTP-bound**.
- Hormone binds the **receptor**, not directly the G-protein.





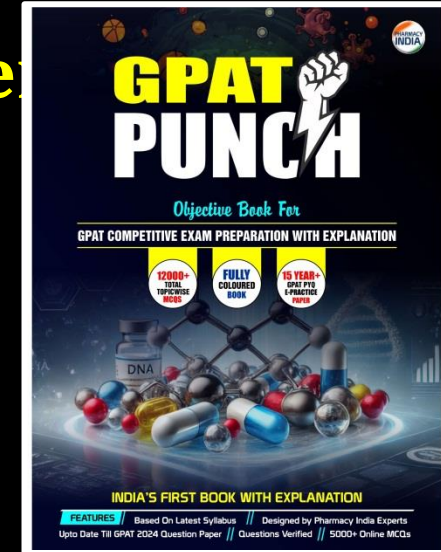
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Hormonal stimulation of formation of second messenger inositol 1,4,5-triphosphate quickly releases which intracellular messenger?

- (a) Cyclic AMP
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- (c) Calcium
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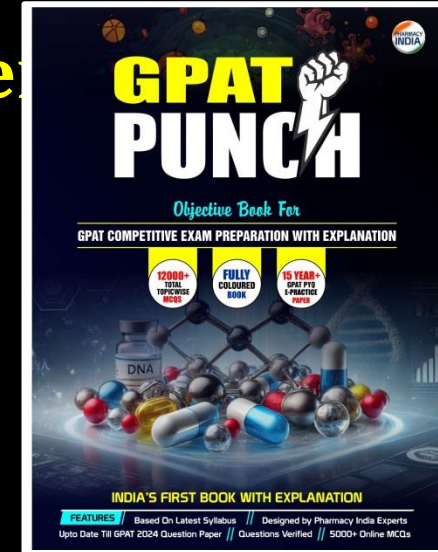
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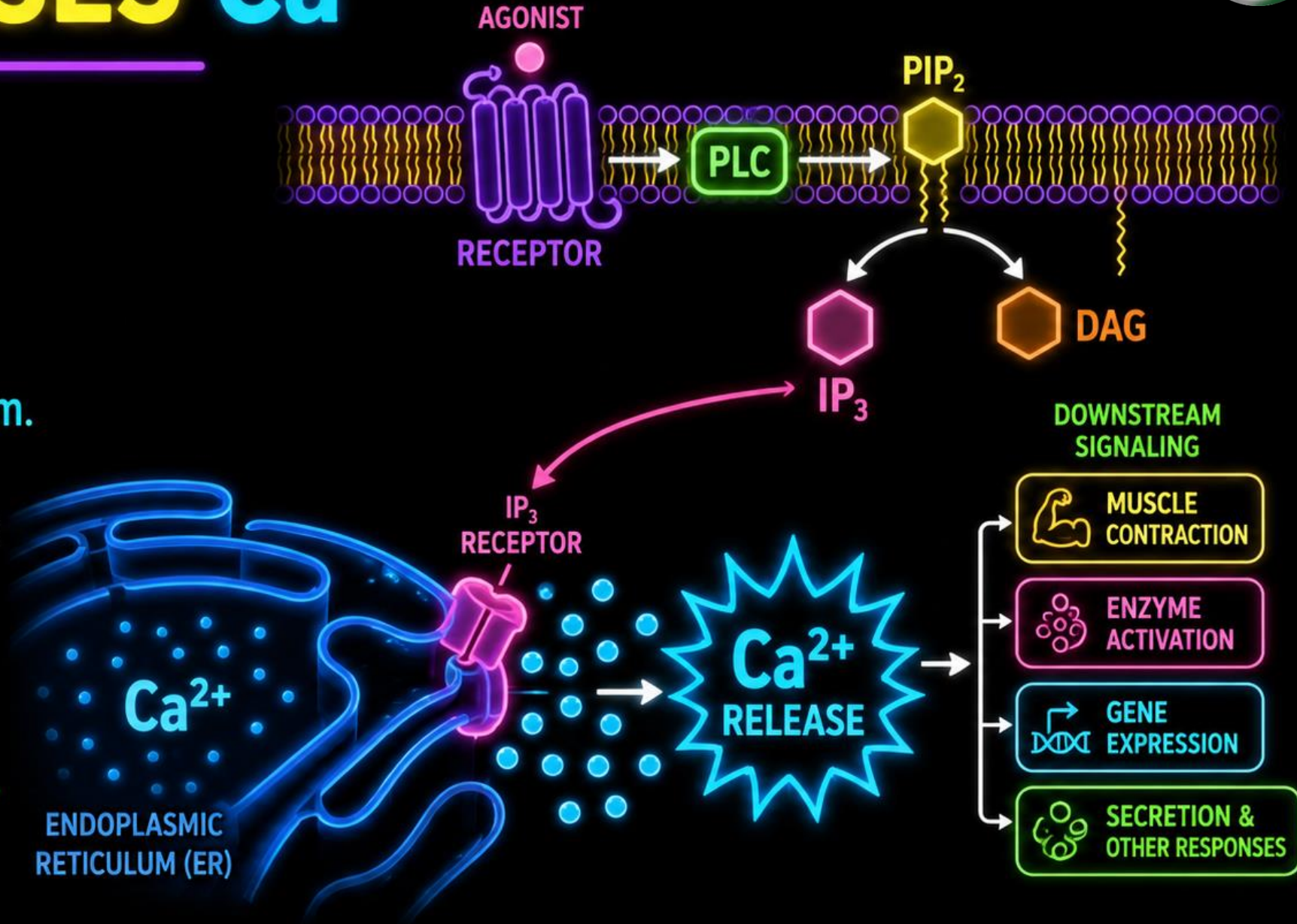
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IP₃ RELEASES Ca²⁺

- ① IP₃ is formed from PIP₂ by phospholipase C.
- ② IP₃ acts on receptors on the endoplasmic reticulum.
- ③ This causes rapid release of intracellular calcium.
- ④ Calcium then triggers many cellular responses.

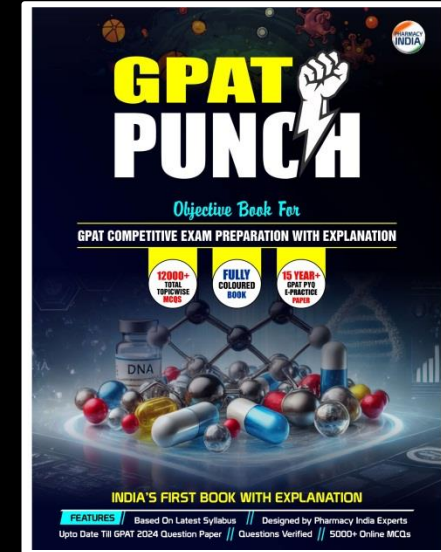




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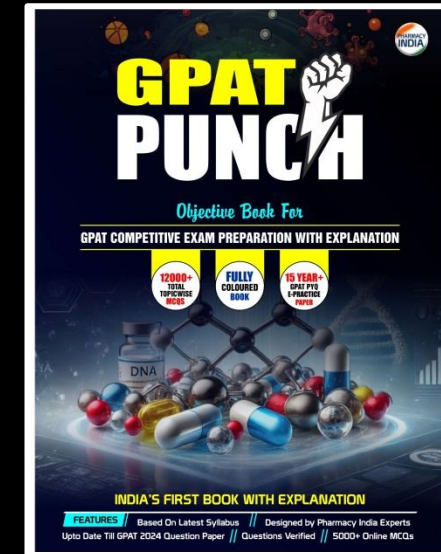
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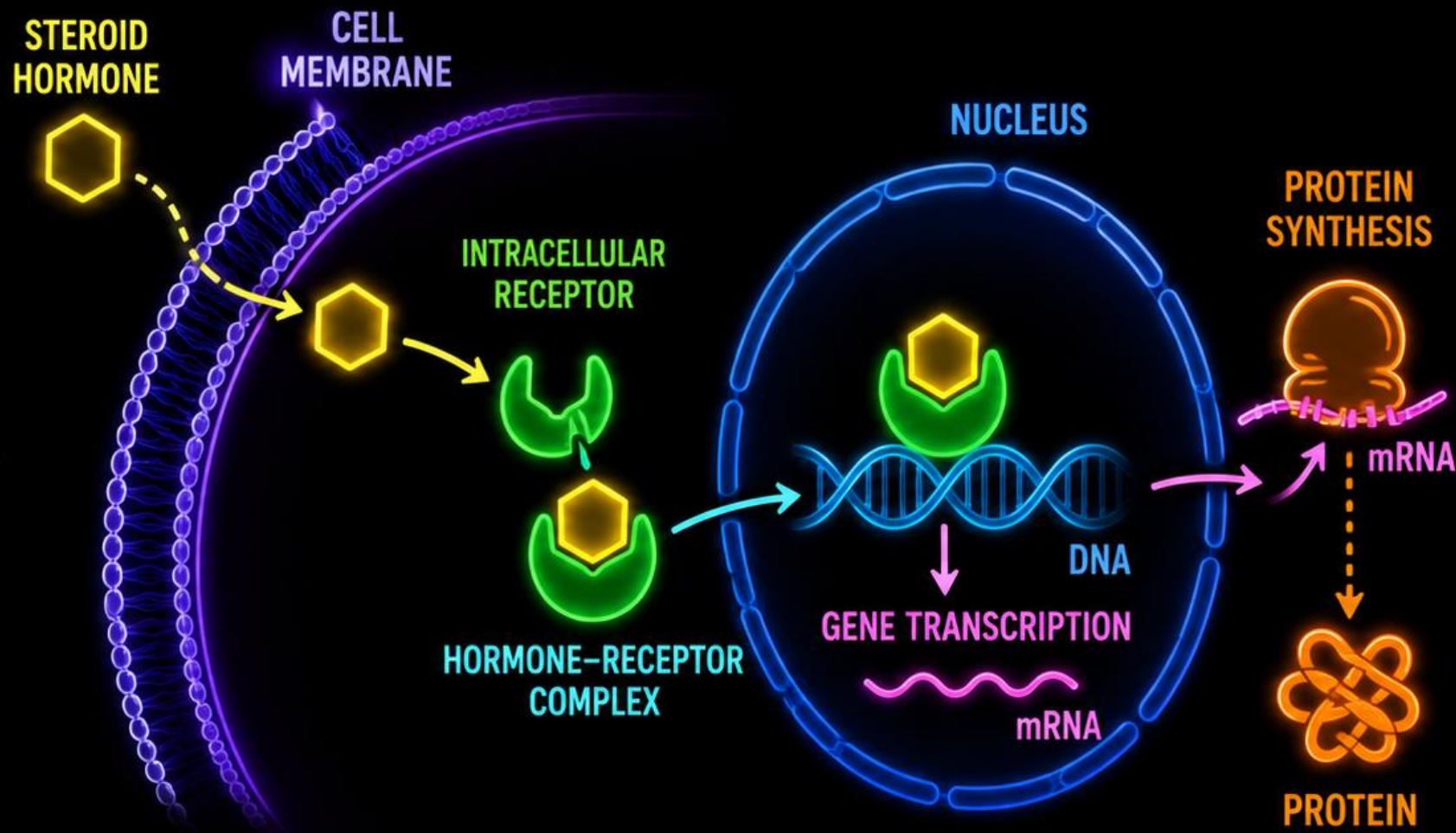
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STEROID HORMONES ACT ON NUCLEAR RECEPTORS

- ① Steroid hormones are lipid-soluble.
- ② They cross the cell membrane easily.
- ③ They bind intracellular or nuclear receptors.
- ④ They regulate gene transcription and protein synthesis.





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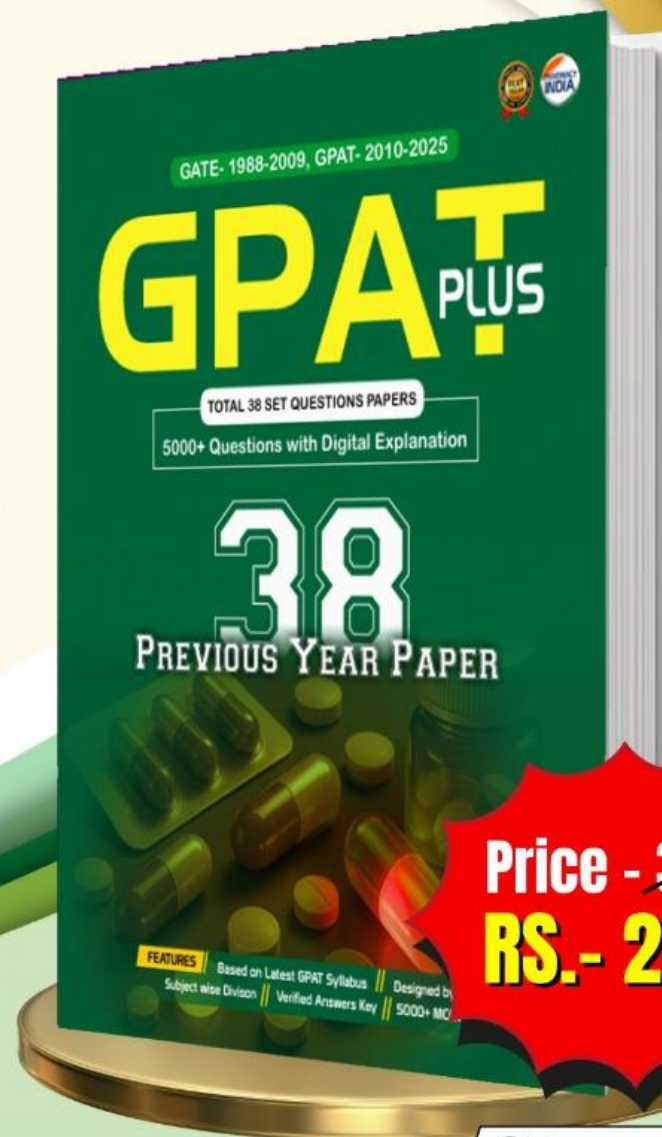
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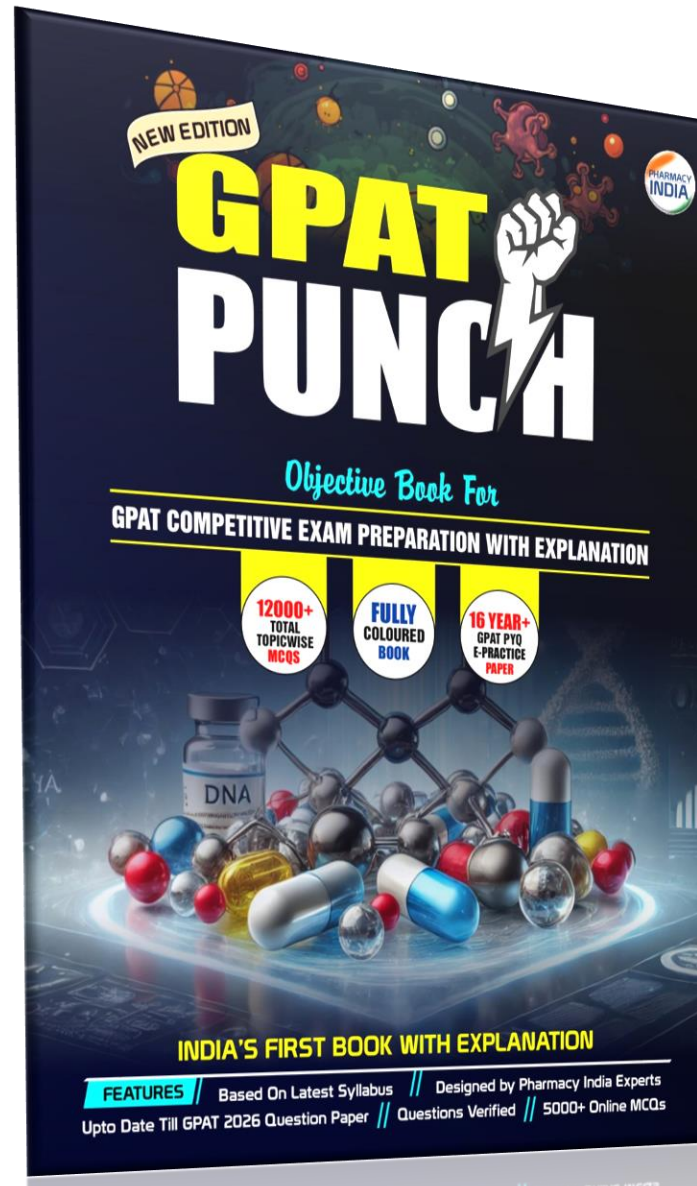


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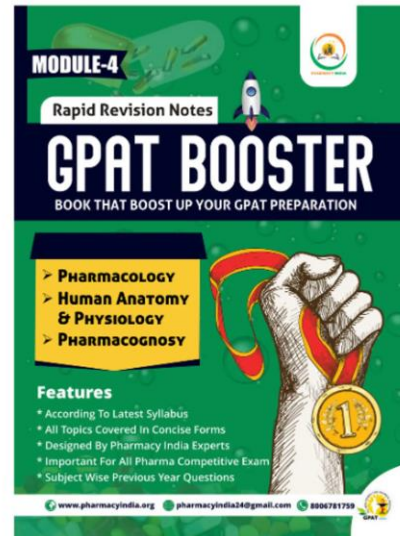
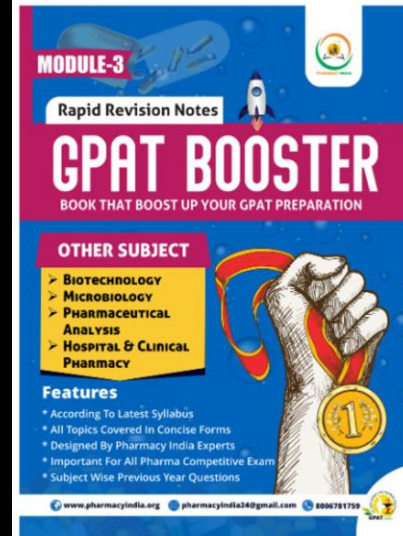
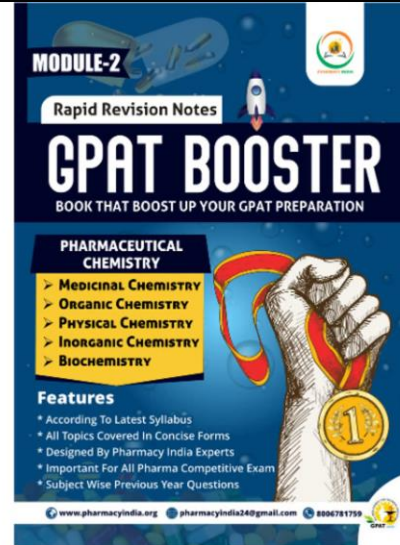
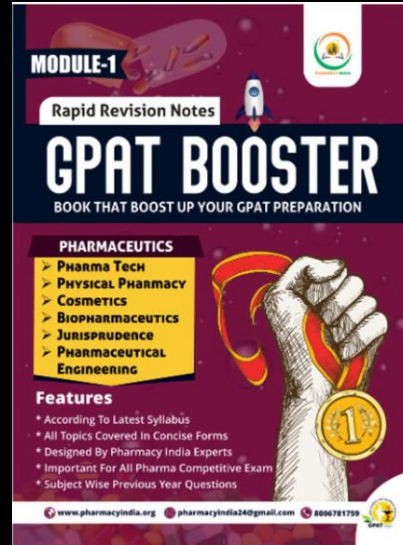
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