

# Receptors

## and Anesthetics

# ~~Local~~ Anesthetics



Without feeling or sensation

## Local Anesthetics



local  
numbs  
small  
area of  
body

## General Anesthetics



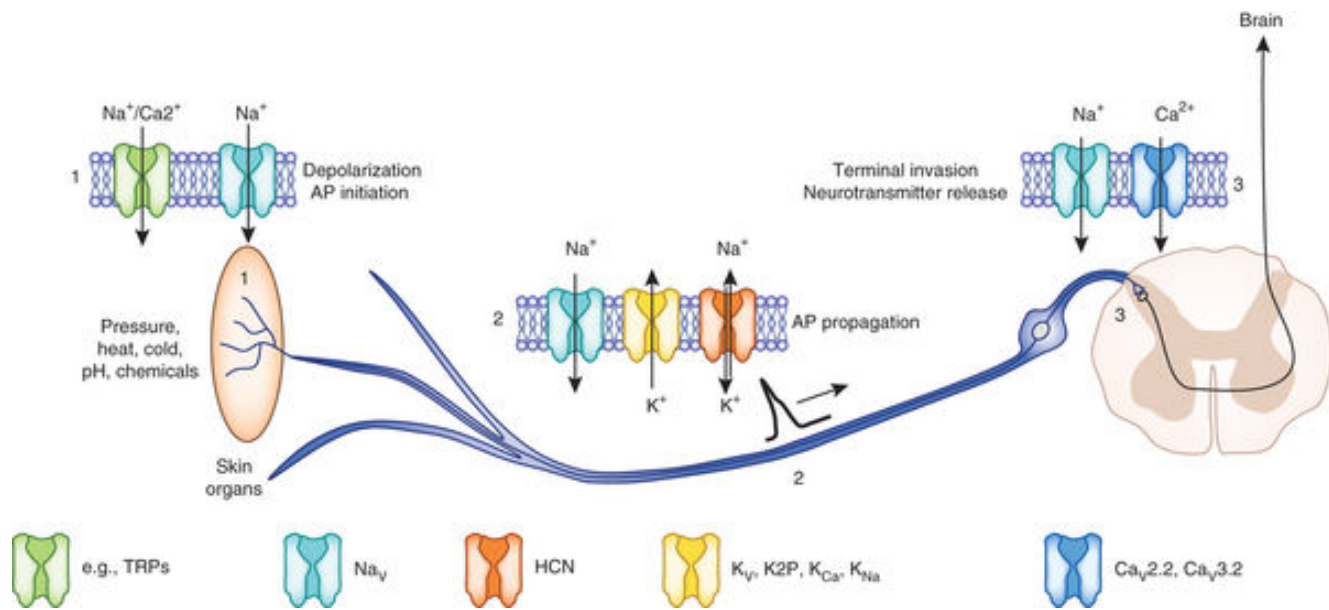
effect  
the whole  
body

## Analgesics

↑  
relief of  
pain  
without  
loss of  
feeling

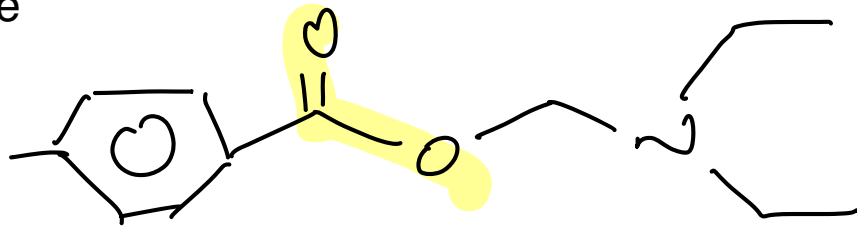
↓ of

Earliest recorded example of local anesthetic  
hypothermia  
used to use  
evaporative cooling  
ether, EtBr, EtCl



# Structures of Local Anesthetics

*-caine*  
Ester Type



procaine

Amide Type



lidocaine

*hydrophobic  
benzene rings*

*3° amine  
protonate  
becomes hydrophilic*

1900 Meyer and Overton


Lipid Theory :

general anesthetics act through  
interact by nonspecific  
mechanisms by dissolving  
in membrane to change  
fluidity

Anesthetics interact directly with proteins

\*Isomers\* have different potencies which supports a non nonspecific mode

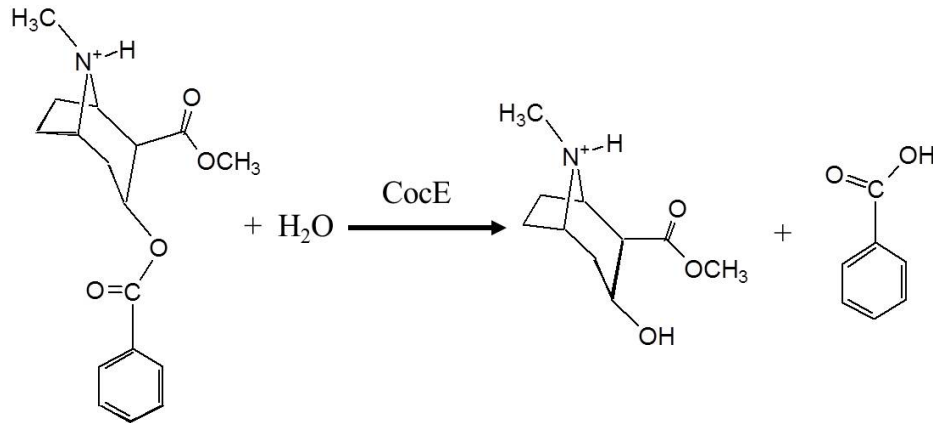
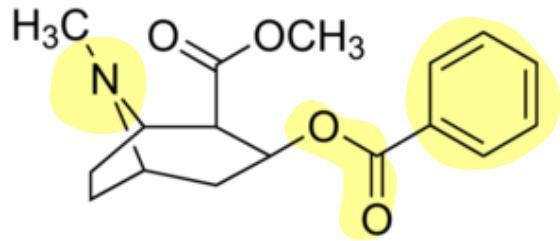
*general volatile anesthetics  
act on different  
receptors*



	GABA	Glycine	nACh muscle	nACh neural	5-HT
etomidate	X	/	/	/	
propofol	X	X	/	/	
barbiturates	X	/	/	X	/
ketamine	/		/	X	/
isoflurane	X	X	/	X	X
sevoflurane	X	X	/	X	
Nitrous oxide	/	/	X	X	X

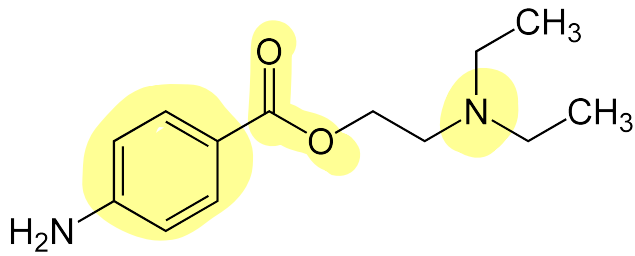
Coca leaves - traditionally used for pain  
 or wounds  
 began to be used as  
 anesthetic in 1880s  
 Structure found in 1924

Cocaine



- addictive
- can cause allergic reactions
- not stable in solution

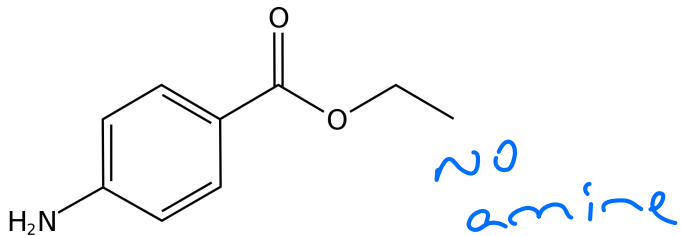
Procaine



novacaine 1904

- doesn't have cocaine's side effects
- prototype for whole class of local anesthetics
- short acting, not very potent

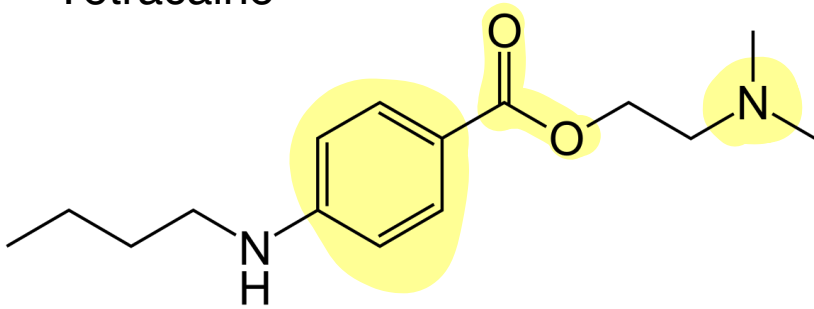
Benzocaine



- usually combined with epinephrine
- vaso constrictor

lower H<sub>2</sub>O solubility  
not as potent

Tetracaine



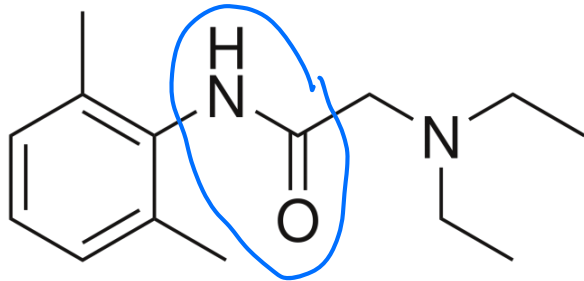
long lasting

potent

Spinal anesthesia

# Amide type local anesthetic

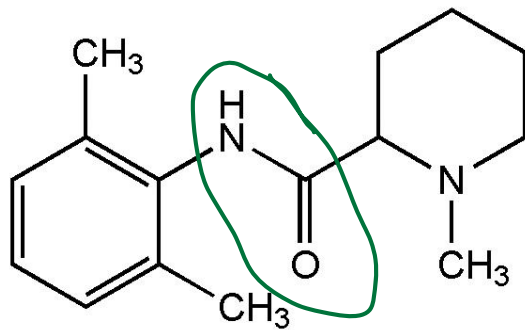
Lidocaine *Xylocaine*



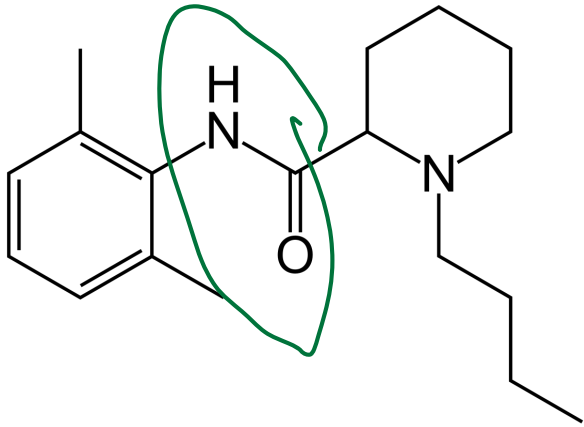
← open chain analogue of isogramine

A hand-drawn green structure representing an open chain analogue of isogramine. It shows a six-membered ring with an oxygen atom, connected to a chain containing a double bond and a nitrogen atom with two substituents.

Carbocaine

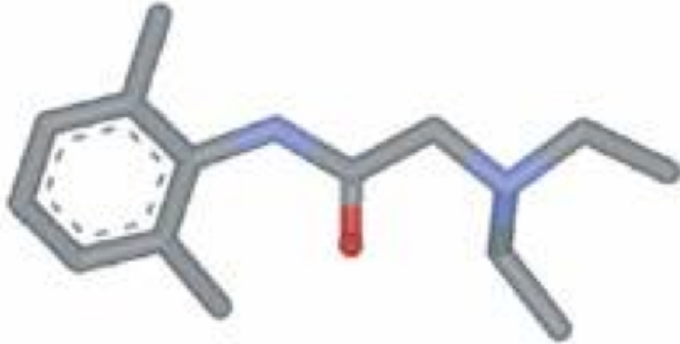


# Bupivacaine

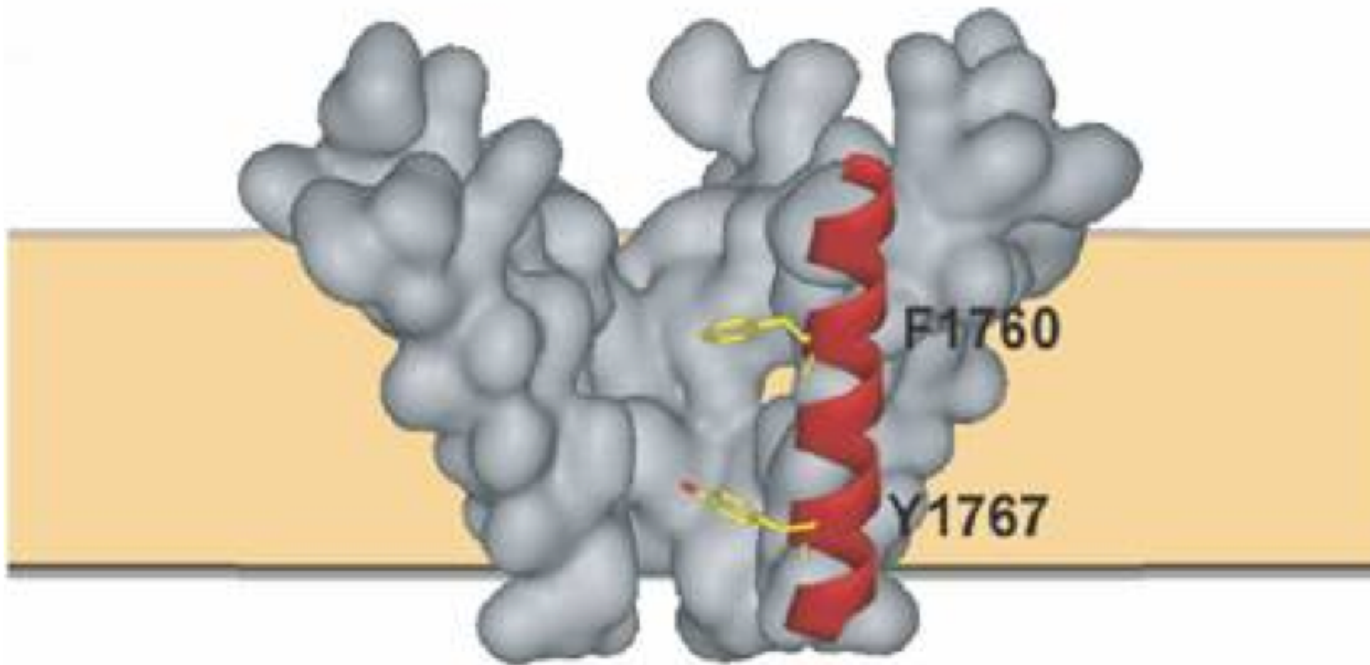


longer lasting  
up to 8 hrs

Lidocaine



← Binds Na<sup>+</sup> channels  
to interfere  
with nerve  
transmission





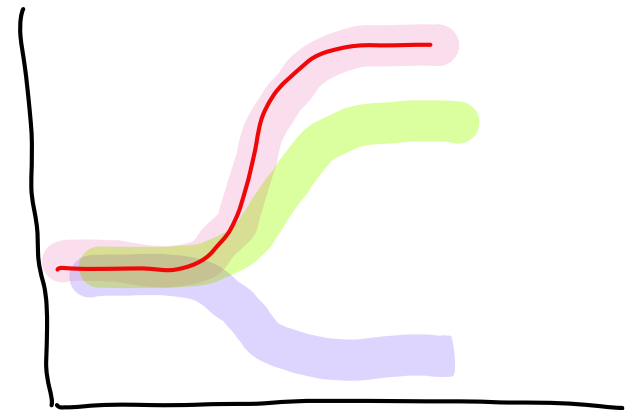
## Receptor Vocabulary

**Agonist:** — produce same response as the usual ligand

**Partial Agonist:** — interacts but doesn't give full response

**Inverse Agonist:** — Inhibit basal activity

**Pleiotropic:** —  
agonist that produces multiple biochemical effects



Antagonist: Bind a receptor and keep a response from occurring

Competitive: — compete with agonist for same binding site

Noncompetitive: — binds some other place on allosteric binding site

# Binding of Ligands to Receptors

Simplest model for  
binding of L to R



or D for drug

## Occupancy Theory (Clark, 1920's)

Ligand (D) binds independent  
receptors

response  $\propto$  to # of receptors  
occupied



looks like  
m-m



↑  
there is  
an  $K_{eq}$   
for this  
step

$K_D$ 's for  
most against  
 $10^{-10} - 10^6 M$

$$K_D = \frac{[R][D]}{[R \cdot D]}$$

$$K_a = \frac{1}{K_D}$$

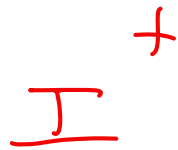
Smaller dissociation  
constants mean  
better binding



## Other Models: 2 State Receptor Model

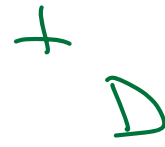
R = relaxed, active, on

T = tense, inactive, off



Antagonists

Bind T state



Agonists bind  
R state

This explains why # occupied  $\neq$  #

receptors

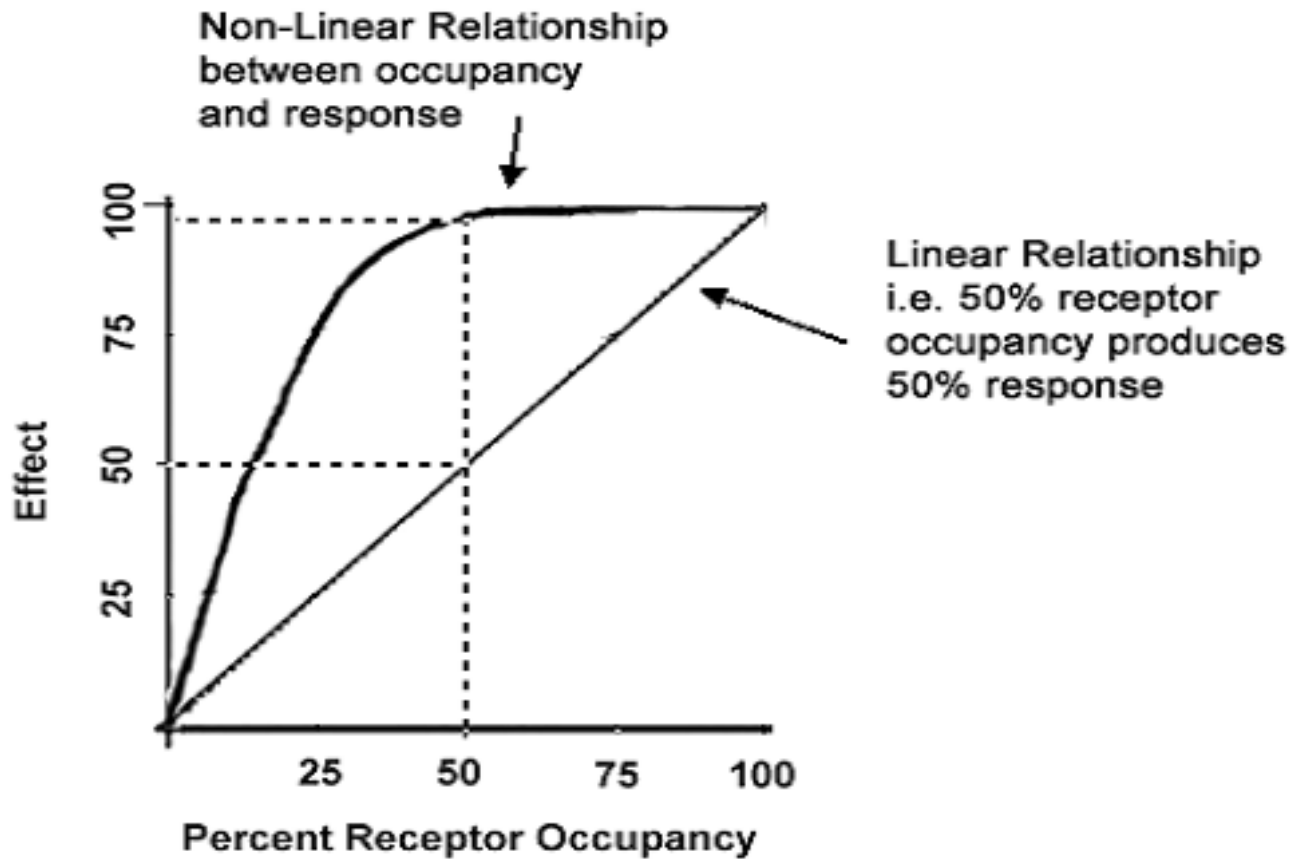
activated  
receptors

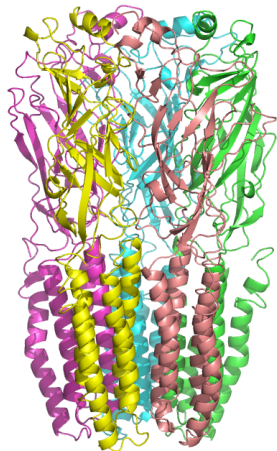
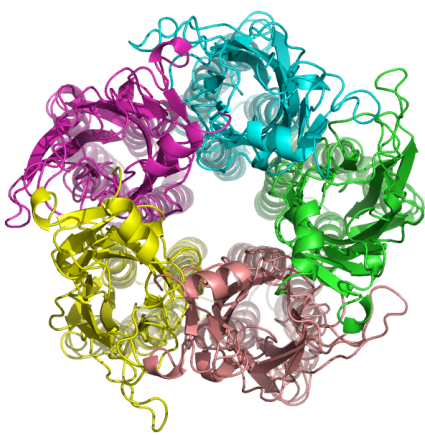
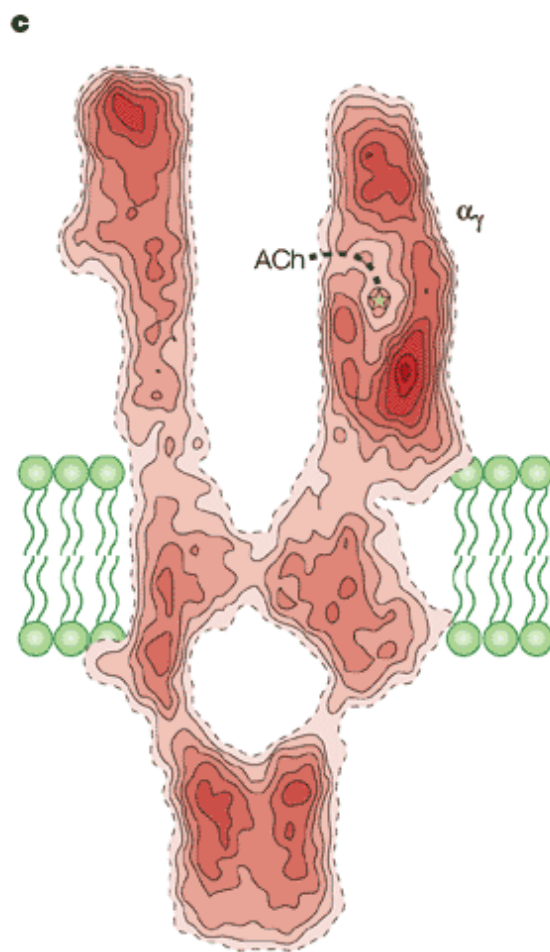
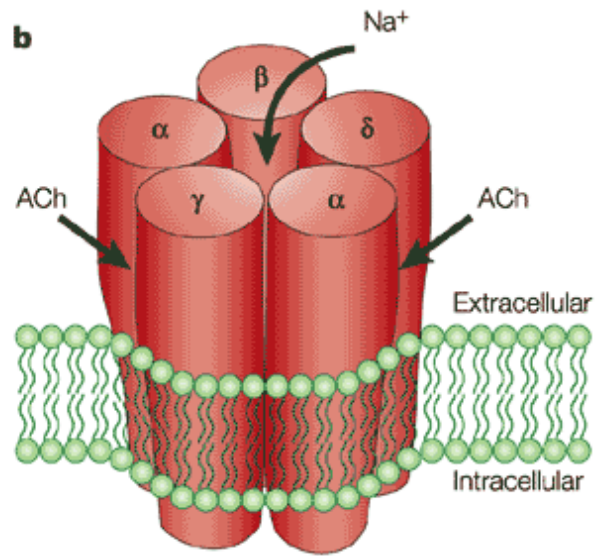
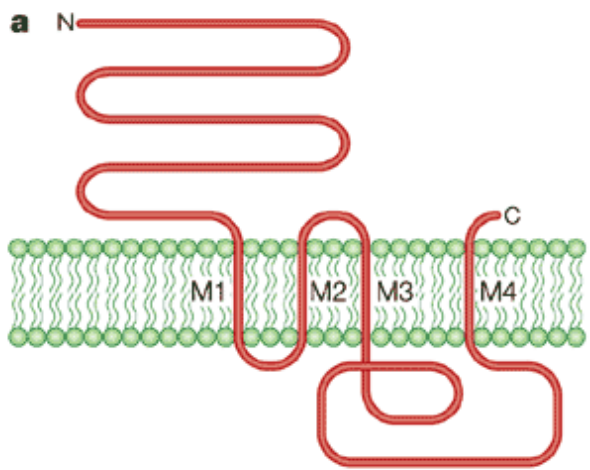
## Spare Receptor Model

don't always need all receptors  
bound to get a full response

only 5-10% of adrenergic receptors  
need NE bound to get response

## Other Models: Spare Receptor Model





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