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Menù (turistico) del trimestre di CFTII

Parte prima: generale

Le basi chimico-fisiche dell'interazione farmaco-bersaglio molecolare;

Sistemi di comunicazione cellulare

Parte seconda: sistematica

Farmaci terapeuticamente rilevanti in patologie del SNC, dell'apparato cardiovascolare, del sistema immunitario e del sistema riproduttivo

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Biological or "On" Target



Biological Space

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Really very interesting: the Human Protein Atlas...



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A propedeutic concept: systems theory



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Fundamentals of cellular communication theory:

Organization \Leftrightarrow Compartmentation





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A propedeutic concept: systems theory





Close system (thermodynamics)

Open system (organized)

Objectives:Equilibrium stateStationary stateOperative tools: $\Delta H e \Delta S$ $\Delta H e \Delta S e \Delta I$ Operative process: $\downarrow \Delta H e \uparrow \Delta S$ $\downarrow \Delta H e \downarrow \Delta S e \uparrow \Delta I$

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Fundamentals of cellular communication theory:

Fondamental problems of compartmentation

Through which mechanisms can it be possible to efficiently transfer <u>mass</u> and <u>information</u> between the two sides of the membrane?



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Fundamentals of cellular communication theory: *transporters*



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Fundamentals of cellular communication theory: *receptors*



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We can summarize as follows:

As it is true that a man does not live by bread alone, it is also true that an organized system does not live only of exchange of matter and energy but also of *information*.

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What *receptor* is... from a molecular point of view:

Receptor as recognition machine

Receptor is a molecular machine, prevalently a proteinbased object, able to measure at atomic level molecular complementarity. Molecular complementarity is a fundamental way to describe chemical information.

Receptor as trasduction machine

Recognition is a necessary, but not sufficient, characteristic of a receptor. Receptors are necessarily a molecular machines translating the chemical information of the interaction with the ligand into a cellular response.



What *receptor* is... from a molecular point of view:

The simplest concept in receptor pharmacology



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What *receptor* is... from a molecular point of view:

COMPLEX

(R*-Aqo)

The simplest concept in receptor pharmacology



Mathematical model:

$$\mathbf{D}_{ago} + \mathbf{R} \xleftarrow[\mathbf{k}_{on}]{k_{off}} [\mathbf{D}_{ago}\mathbf{R}] \xrightarrow[]{k_{eff}} \mathbf{Eff}$$



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ANTAGONISTI: come misuriamo la sua efficacia nell'antagonizzare l'azione di un agonista... o misurando la sua costante di affinità al recettore oppure..



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ATTIVITA' BASALE (BASAL ACTIVITY): esistono alcuni sistemi recettoriali che manifestano un *effetto* anche senza la presenza di un agonista.

Modello Matematico:

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AGONISTA INVERSO (INVERS AGONIST): in presenza di una attività basale oltre agli antagonisti (*neutral antagonist*) possiamo osservare il fenomeno dell'agonismo inverso.

... riassumento oggi:

Full Inverse Agonist	Partial Inverse Agonist	Silent Antagonist	Partial Agonist	Full Agonist	Super Agonist
-100%		0%		100%	

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Why two different molecular sensors?

Chemical Information: neurotransmitters, autacoids, hormones...

Electrochemical Information: ionic gradients (in/out) and electrochemical potentials...

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Why two different molecular sensors?

	Ionic channels	GPCRs
Speed of signal transmission	HIGH	MEDIUM/LOW
Tuning of the intensity of signal transmission	COARSE	ACCURATE

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... in particular the correct ionic concentrations are essential for the survival of the cell and for communication between cells.

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Do you remember the typical electrochemical information?

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Obbiettivi del percorso formativo:

Gli obiettivi dell'insegnamento sono quelli di fornire allo studente le conoscenze fondamentali riguardanti le strategie generali di progettazione, la sintesi, lo studio dei meccanismi d'azione a livello molecolare e degli aspetti chimico-tossicologici e le relazioni fra struttura chimica e attività biologica di alcune classi di farmaci. In particolare saranno studiati i farmaci che agiscono sui sistemi nervosi centrali e periferici. Si prevede che lo studente acquisisca la conoscenza dei concetti fondamentali relativi allo studio chimico-molecolare dei farmaci e che sia in grado di discutere i meccanismi d'azione e le relazioni struttura-attività di farmaci sulla base delle caratteristiche chimiche delle molecole coinvolte. Si prevede inoltre che lo studente acquisisca gli elementi indispensabili per progettare farmaci su basi razionali.

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G protein-coupled receptors (GPCRs):

- The largest family of cell-surface receptors involved in signal transmission (3% of human genome, ~ 800 members in human)[1];
- Respond to various extracellular stimuli including hormones, neurotransmitters, odorant molecules and light;
- Target of more than 40% of drugs used today [2].

Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2012



Fredriksson R, Schiöth HB. The repertoire of G-protein-coupled receptors in fully sequenced genomes. Mol Pharmacol 2005;67:1414.
Wise A, et al. Target validation of G-protein coupled receptors. Drug Discov Today 2002;7:235.

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Basic GPCRs Principles

GPCR represents one of the biggest family of ancestrally related proteins.



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Basic GPCRs Principles

- Integral membrane proteins:
 - seven membrane-spanning α-helices (TM1-7, 25-35 hydrophobic residues);
 - three intracellular and extracellular loops (IL1-3 and EL1-3);
 - extracellular N-terminus;
 - intracellular C-terminus;
 - a S-S bond between TM3 and EL2 conserved in most GPCRs.





Why seven...





GPCRs classification:



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Families A and B orthosteric binding sites: what we learn from the crystallographic structures...



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Families A and B orthosteric binding sites: what we learn from the crystallographic structures:



MMS Lab (2015): 3D printed model of the human A2A adenosine receptor co-crystallized its antagonist ZM 241385 (PDB entry: 4EIY)

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Basic GPCRs Principles

GPCRs have classically been assumed to exist and function as <u>monomeric</u> entities, and the paradigms of ligand binding and signal transduction were based on this hypothesis.

GPCR-driven signal transduction is based on G protein coupling from the intracellular environment!



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G protein: guanosine nucleotide-binding proteins.



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Heterotrimeric G proteins are composed of three subunits, α , β and γ , and their switching function depends on the ability of the G protein α -subunit (G α) to cycle between an *inactive GDP-bound* conformation that is primed for interaction with an activated receptor, and an *active GTPbound* conformation that can modulate the activity of downstream effector proteins.



Guanosine triphosphate, GTP



Guanosine diphosphate, GDP

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- Despite the size and diversity of the GPCR superfamily, these proteins interact with a relatively small number of G proteins to initiate intracellular signalling cascades. In humans, there are 21 G α subunits, 6 G β subunits, and 12 G γ subunits.
- Heterotrimers are typically divided into four main classes based on the primary sequence similarity of the $G\alpha$ subunit: G_s , $G_{i/o}$, $G_{q/11}$ and $G_{12/13}$



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G protein coupled to its receptor: a mechanicistic scenario.



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Hypothesis 1





CLASSICAL HYPOTHESIS

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Hypothesis 2





BASAL ACTIVITY HYPOTHESIS

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and the story continues ...







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Heterotrimeric Gs protein... with a Gαs unit!



CNG: cyclic nucleotide-gated ion channel

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Adenylate cyclase: an essenzial enzyme!



The nine cloned isoforms of mammalian adenylyl cyclase (AC) share a primary structure consisting of two transmembrane regions, M_1 and M_2 , and two cytoplasmic regions, C_1 and C_2 .



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The crucial role of protein kinase A (PKA)

Protein kinase A phosphorylates and thereby changes the activity of a number of important molecules. Included in its target list are:

Enzymes: Phosphorylation is widely used as a molecular switching mechanism to activate or inactivate enzyme activity. In many cases, the enzyme being phosphorylated is itself a kinase. The classical example is that protein kinase A phosphorylates the enzyme phosphorylase kinase, which, in turn, phosphorylates glycogen phorphorylase, which leads to breakdown of glycogen in liver and muscle.

Ion channels: Certain calcium channels in cardiac muscle cells are activated by protein kinase A, ultimately leading to muscle contraction. Another medically important example is that protein kinase A phosphorylates and thus activates a chloride channel important in secretion of water in the Nucleus small intestine.

Chromosomal proteins: Histone H1 was the first target identified for protein kinase A.

Transcription factors: CREB's (cyclic AMP response element binding proteins) are transcription factors that, when phosphorylated by protein kinase A, become competent to bind promoter regions of responsive genes and stimulate transcription.



Signal processing: amplification



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Signal processing: integration



Heterotrimeric Gq/11 protein... with a $G\alpha q/11$ unit!



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Do you remember?

Cleavage sites of phospholipases.





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The crucial role of protein kinase C (PKC)



Protein kinase C serves many vital roles in the cell and overall system. However, it mainly serves as a specific kinase enzyme for Ca²⁺, as designated by the C in PKC. While previously it was established that not all types of PKC use Ca²⁺ as a substrate for activation, it is known that PKC plays a pivitol role as a relay system in many Ca²⁺ dependent processes. Additionally, PKC serves as a promoter of lipid hydrolysis as well as an effective key in signal transductions throughout the cell. Generally, PKC's function is mediated by two mechanisms - 1) phosphorylations that align PKC for catalysis and localize it to the cytosol and 2) binding of substrates or ligands that free the PS from the core binding site thusly activating the enzyme.

Stopping the signal transmission:



 $\alpha \ \mathbf{e} \ \beta \gamma \ \mathbf{effects}$ **Recycling Ga-ATP** \rightarrow **Ga**-ADP 2 cAMP hydrolysis 3

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Desensitization: a fundamental *stop-step* in signal transmission



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Here is a possible solution:



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The end... or the beginning, again!



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Heterotrimeric Gs protein... with a Gαs unit!



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Two imporant pharmaceutical applications:

1. Sildenafil (Viagra[®]) as PDE5 inhibitor; 2. Diazepam (Valium[®]) as PDE4 inhibitor.

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Last but not least the hydrolysis of GTP and the recycle of α subunit...



Last but not least the hydrolysis of GTP and the recycle of α subunit...

 Intrinsic GTPase rates of small G-proteins are slow (range: k_{cat}=10⁻² - 10⁻³ min⁻¹)



- S_N2 nucleophilic attack with trigonal bipyramidal transition state
- Phosphate hydrolysis reaction is thermodynamically highly favourable but kinetically very slow
- Westheimer FH (1987), Why nature chose phosphates, Science 235, 1173-1178)

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Signal transduction pathways: the story is much much more complex!!!



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The wonderful world of GPCR-land:

G protein-coupled receptors (GPCRs) are the largest family of cell-surface receptors involved in signal transmission.



Moro S., Spalluto G., Jacobson K.A. TIPS 26, 44-51 (2005)

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