

PARASYMPATHETIC NERVES

"Rest and digest"

Constrict pupils

Stimulate saliva

Slow heartbeat

Constrict airways

Stimulate activity of stomach

Inhibit release of glucose; stimulate gallbladder

Stimulate activity of intestines

Contract bladder

Promote erection of genitals



Cervical nerves

Thoracic nerves

Lumbar nerves

Cranial nerves

Sacral nerves

SYMPATHETIC NERVES

"Fight or flight"

Dilate pupils

Inhibit salivation

Increase heartbeat

Relax airways

Inhibit activity of stomach

Stimulate release of glucose; inhibit gallbladder

Inhibit activity of intestines

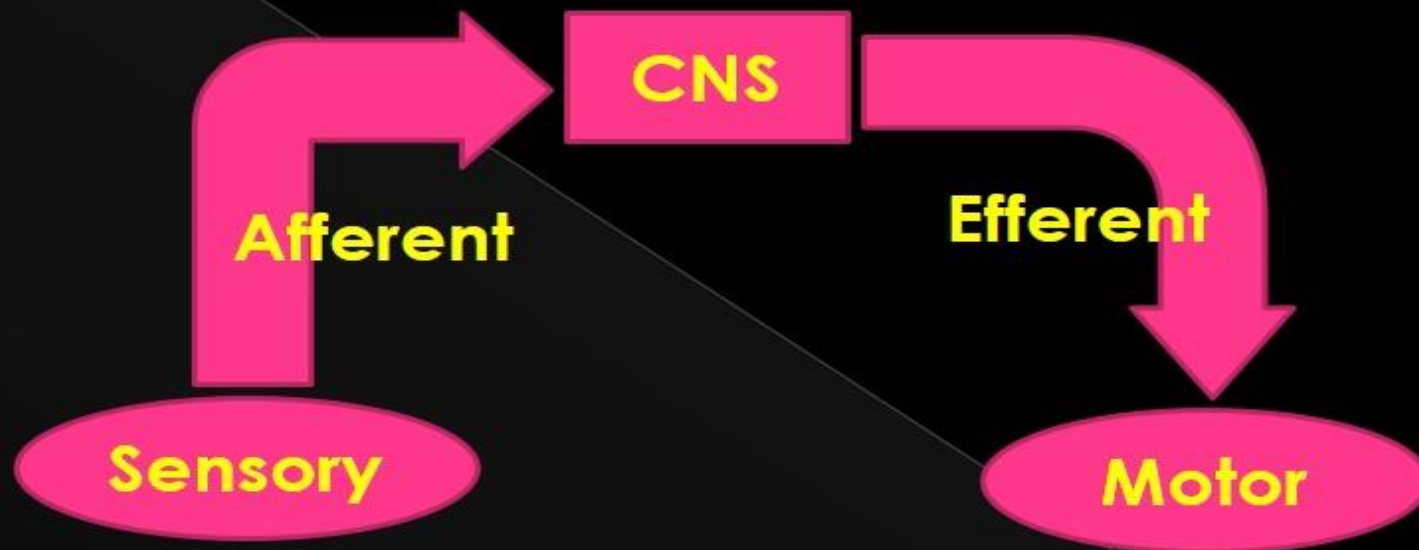
Secrete epinephrine and norepinephrine

Relax bladder

Promote ejaculation and vaginal contraction

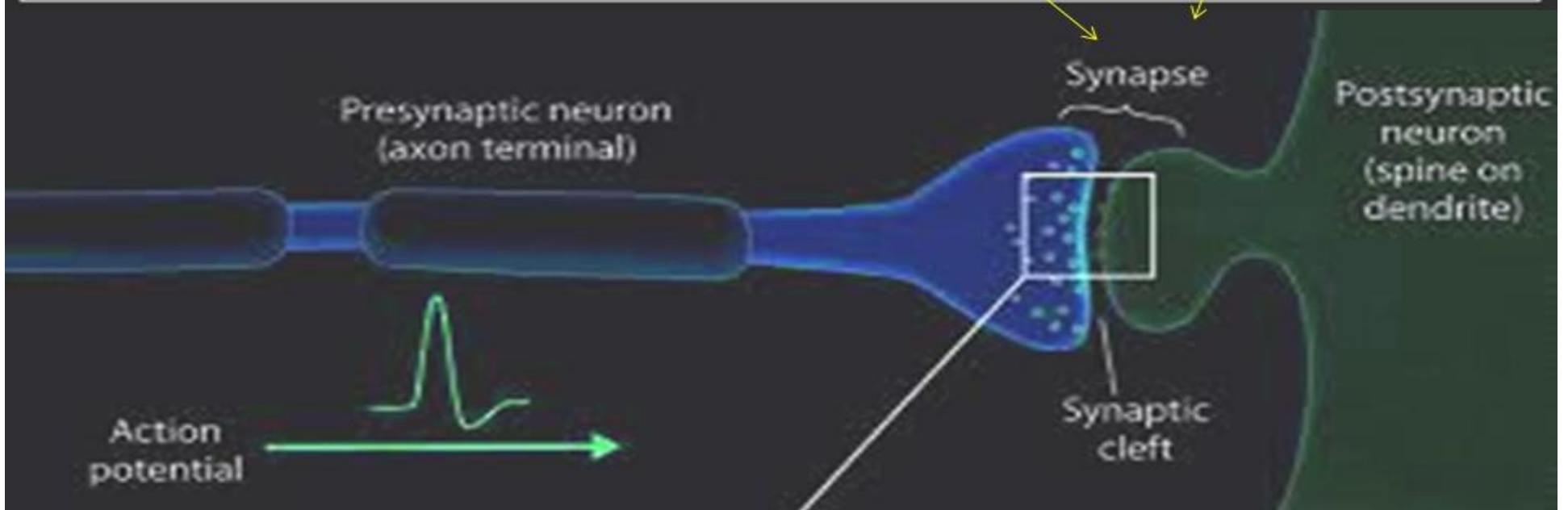
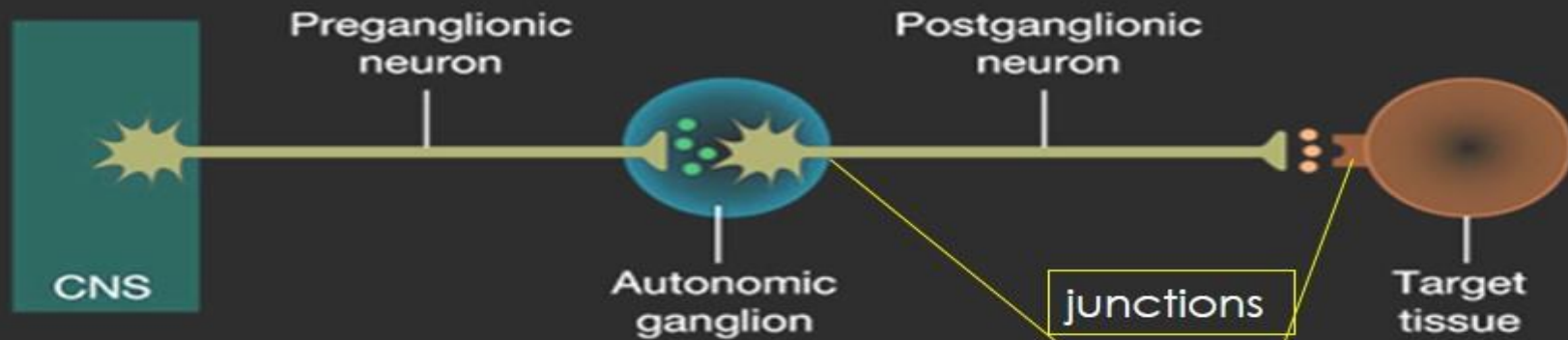


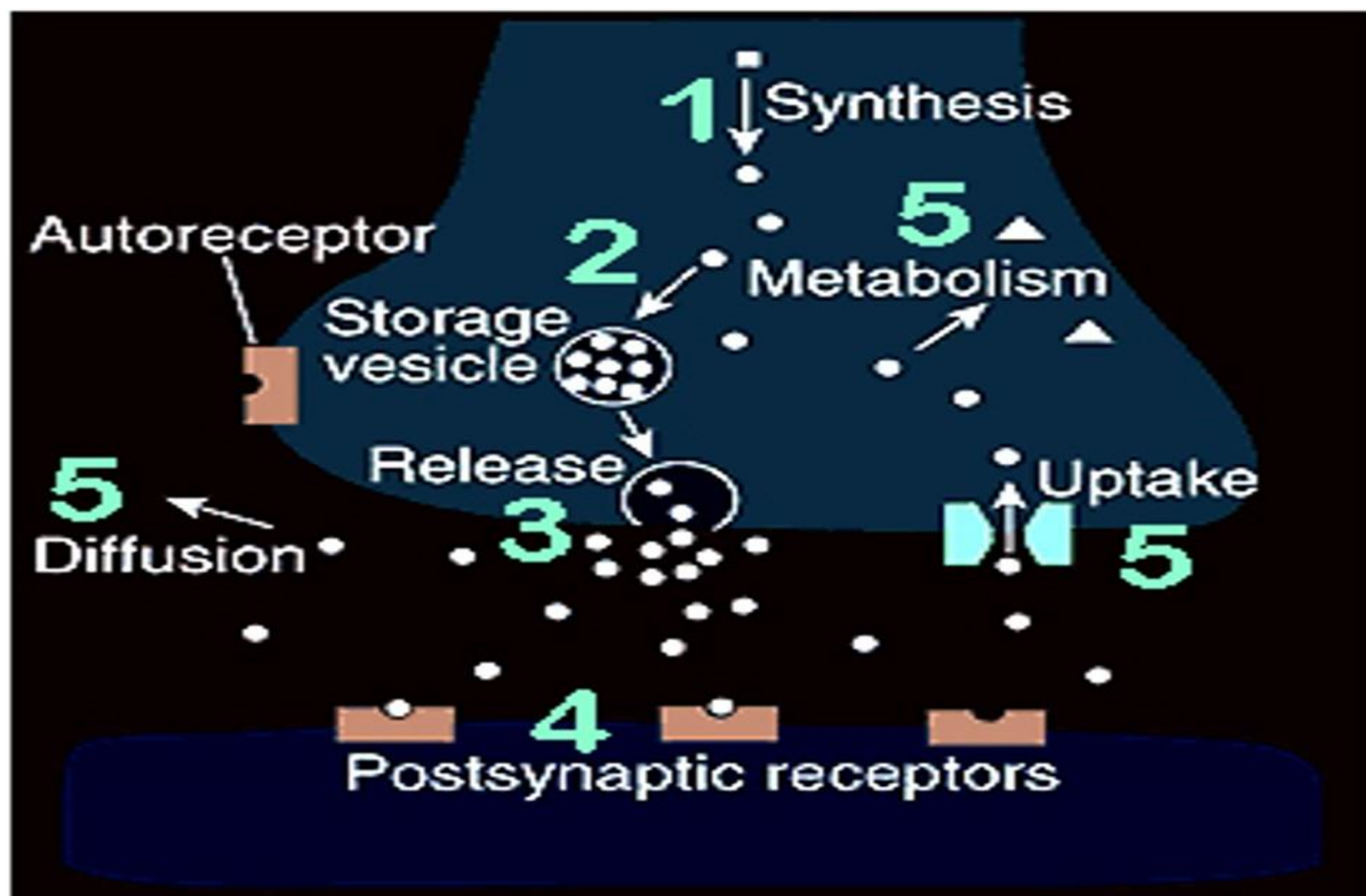
Autonomic Reflex Arch (ARA)

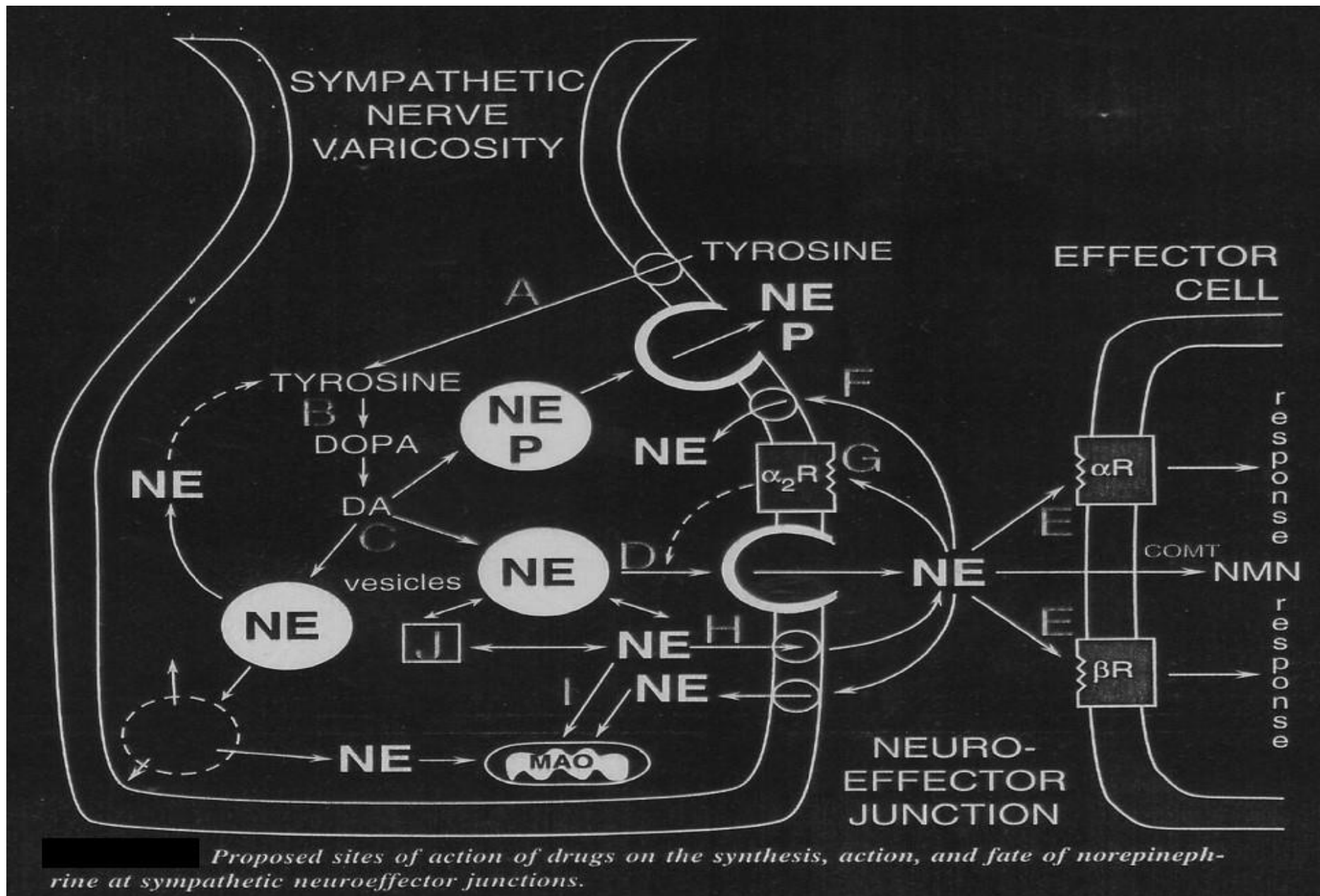


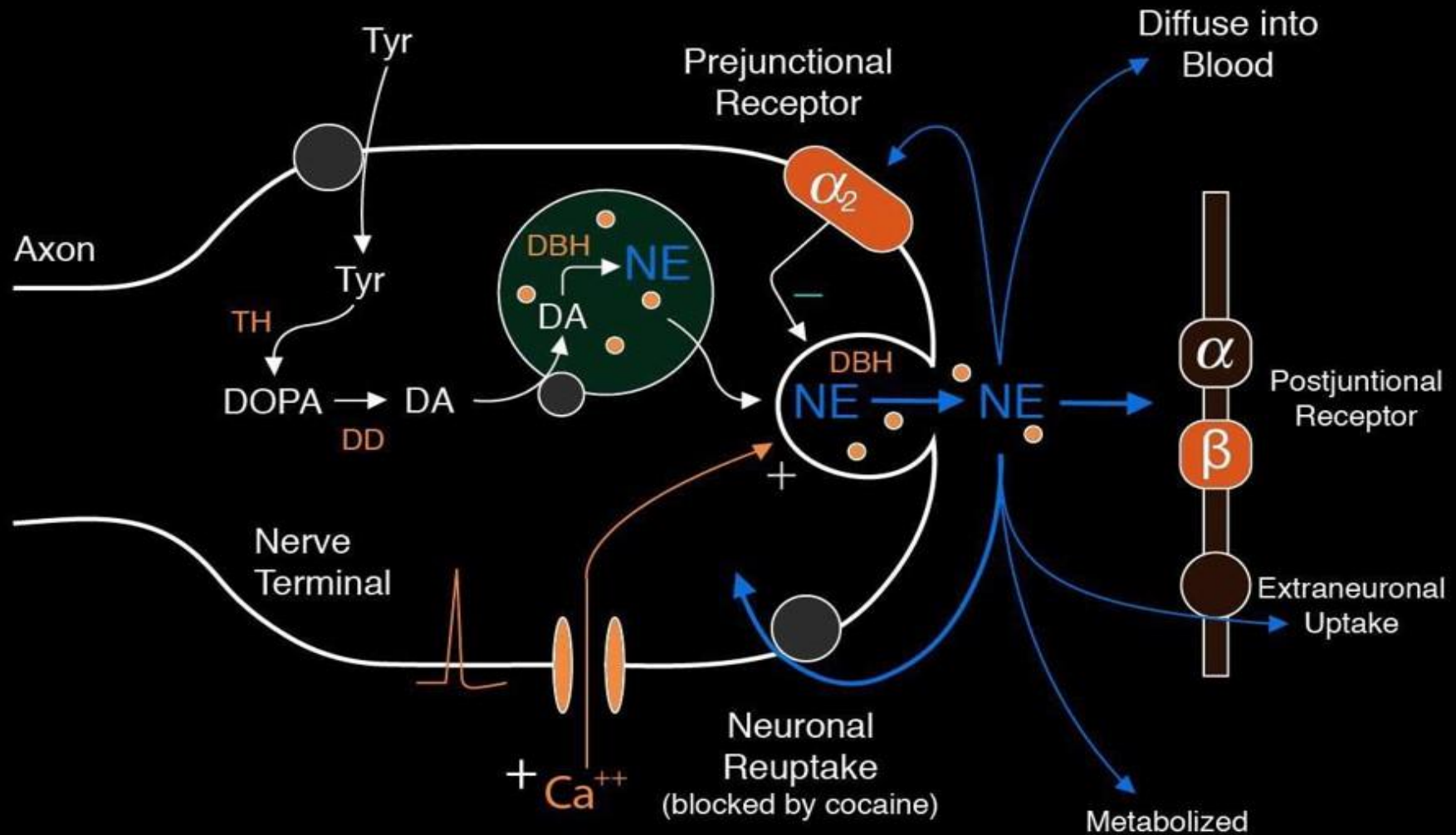
- **Afferent neuron:** cholinergic
- **Efferent neuron:**
 - ✓ Cholinergic
 - ✓ adrenergic

Autonomic pathways consist of two neurons that synapse in an autonomic ganglion.



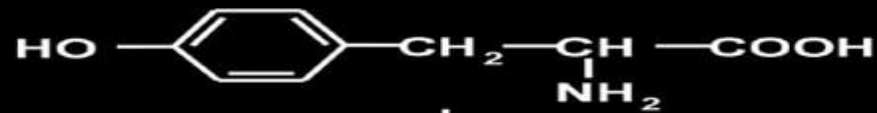






tyr = tyrosine; TH = tyrosine hydroxylase; DD = DOPA decarboxylase; DA = dopamine; DBH - dopamine β-Hydroxylase; NE = norepinephrine



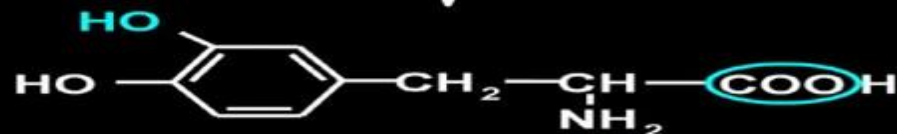


L - TYROSINE



Tyrosine hydroxylase (TH)

(tetrahydrobiopterin, Fe²⁺, O₂)



L - DOPA



L-Aromatic amino acid decarboxylase (AAAD)

(pyridoxal-phosphate)

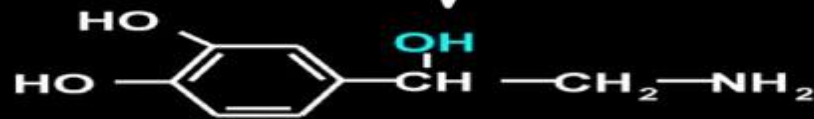


DOPAMINE



Dopamine-β-hydroxylase (DBH)

(ascorbate, Cu²⁺, O₂)



L - NORADRENALINE



Phenylethanolamine-N-methyltransferase (PNMT)

(S-adenosylmethionine)



L - ADRENALINE

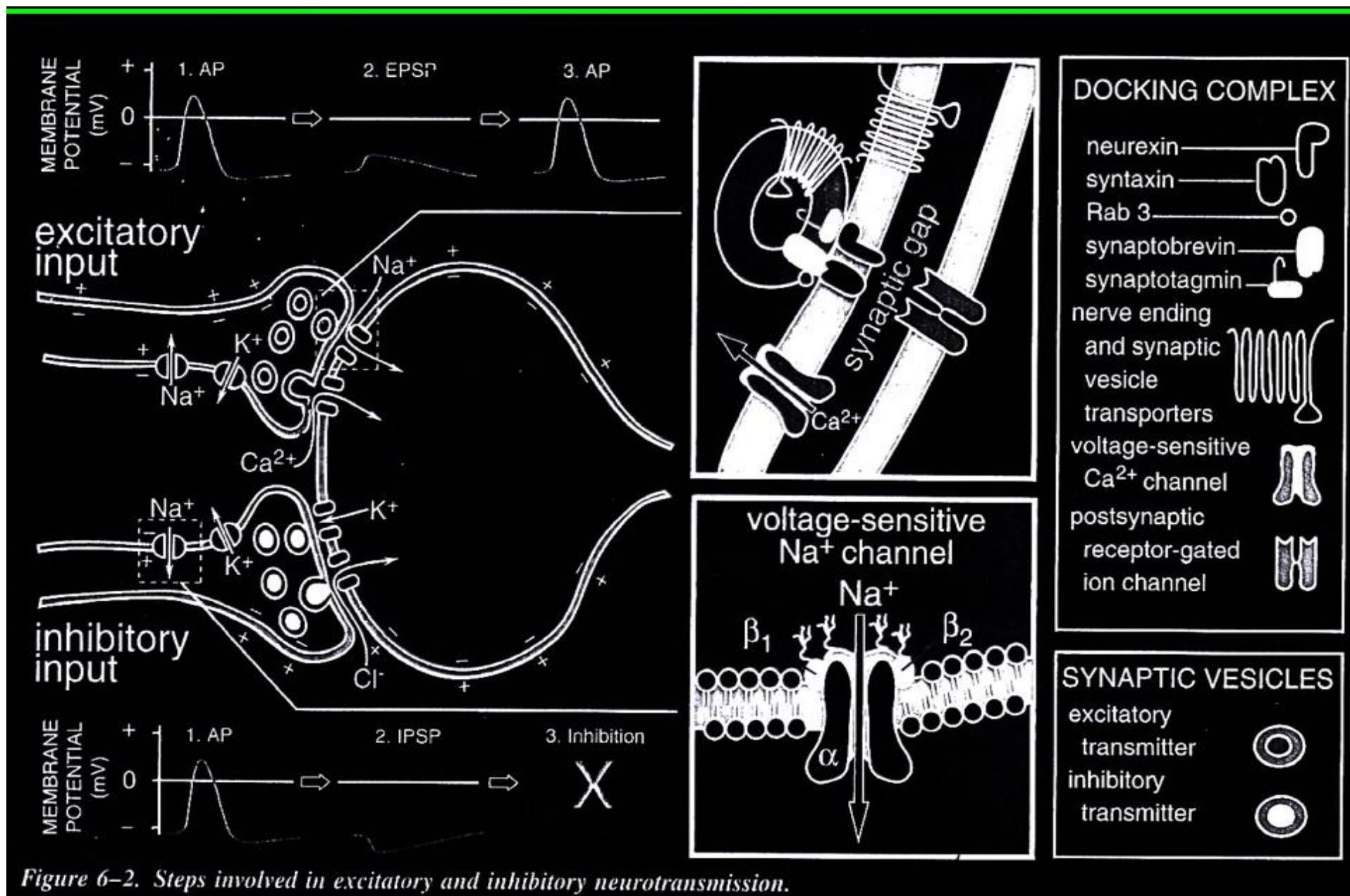


Figure 6-2. Steps involved in excitatory and inhibitory neurotransmission.

Types of Action of Representative Agents at Peripheral Cholinergic and Adrenergic Synapses and Neuroeffector Junctions

MECHANISM OF ACTION	SYSTEM	AGENTS	EFFECT
1. Interference with synthesis of transmitter	Cholinergic	Choline acetyl transferase inhibitors	Minimal depletion of ACh
	Adrenergic	α -Methyltyrosine	Depletion of norepinephrine
2. Metabolic transformation by same pathway as precursor of transmitter	Adrenergic	Methyldopa	Displacement of norepinephrine by false transmitter (α -methylnorepinephrine)
	Adrenergic	Cocaine, imipramine	Accumulation of norepinephrine at receptors
3. Blockade of transport system of membrane of nerve terminal	Cholinergic	Vesamicol Hemicholinium	Block of choline uptake with consequent depletion of ACh
	Adrenergic	Reserpine	Destruction of norepinephrine by mitochondrial MAO, and depletion from adrenergic terminals
4. Blockade of transport system of storage granule membrane	Adrenergic	Reserpine	Destruction of norepinephrine by mitochondrial MAO, and depletion from adrenergic terminals
	Cholinergic	Vesamicol	Block of ACh storage

Table Cont.

5. Displacement of transmitter from axonal terminal	Cholinergic	Black widow spider venom	Cholinomimetic followed by anticholinergic
6. Prevention of release of transmitter	Adrenergic	Amphetamine, tyramine	Sympathomimetic
7. Mimicry of transmitter at postsynaptic receptor	Cholinergic	Botulinus toxin	Anticholinergic
	Adrenergic	Bretylum, guanethidine	Antiadrenergic
	Cholinergic Muscarinic Nicotinic	Muscarine, methacholine Nicotine	Cholinomimetic Cholinomimetic
	Adrenergic α_1 α_2	Phenylephrine Clonidine	Sympathomimetic Sympathomimetic (periphery)
	$\beta_{1,2}$	Isoproterenol	Reduced sympathetic outflow (CNS) Nonselective β -adrenomimetic
	β_1	Dobutamine	Selective cardiac stimulation
	β_2	Terbutaline	Selective inhibition of smooth muscle contraction

Types of Action of Representative Agents at Peripheral Cholinergic and Adrenergic Synapses and Neuroeffector Junctions (Continued)

MECHANISM OF ACTION	SYSTEM	AGENTS	EFFECT
H. Blockade of endogenous transmitter at postsynaptic receptor	Cholinergic Muscarinic Nicotinic, N_M Nicotinic, N_N	Atropine Tubocurarine Trimethaphan	Muscarinic blockade Neuromuscular blockade Ganglionic blockade
	Adrenergic α $\beta_{1,2}$ β_1	Phenoxybenzamine Propranolol Metoprolol	α -Adrenergic blockade β -Adrenergic blockade Selective adrenergic blockade (cardiac)
U. Inhibition of enzymatic breakdown of transmitter	Cholinergic	Anti-ChE agents (physostigmine, diisopropyl phosphorofluoridate [DFP])	Cholinomimetic
	Adrenergic	MAO inhibitors (pargyline, nialamide, tranylcypromine)	Little direct effect on norepinephrine or sympathetic responses; potentiation of tyramine

Responses of Effector Organs to Autonomic Nerve Impulses

Effector Organs	Adrenergic Impulses ¹		Cholinergic Impulses ¹	
	RECEPTOR TYPE ²	RESPONSES ³		RESPONSES ³
<i>Eye</i>				
Radial muscle, iris	α_1	Contraction (mydriasis) ++	—	Contraction (miosis) +++
Sphincter muscle, iris		—		Contraction for near vision +++
Ciliary muscle	β_2	Relaxation for far vision +		
<i>Heart⁴</i>				
SA node	β_1, β_2	Increase in heart rate ++		Decrease in heart rate; vagal arrest +++
Atria	β_1, β_2	Increase in contractility and conduction velocity ++		Decrease in contractility, and shortened AP duration ++
AV node	β_1, β_2	Increase in automaticity and conduction velocity ++		Decrease in conduction velocity; AV block +++
His-Purkinje system	β_1, β_2	Increase in automaticity and conduction velocity +++		Little effect
Ventricles	β_1, β_2	Increase in contractility, conduction velocity, automaticity, and rate of idioventricular pacemakers +++		Slight decrease in contractility

Arterioles

Coronary

 $\alpha_1, \alpha_2; \beta_2$ Constriction +; dilatation⁵ ++

Constriction +

Skin and mucosa

 α_1, α_2

Constriction +++

Dilatation⁶

Skeletal muscle

 $\alpha; \beta_2$ Constriction ++; dilatation^{5,7} ++Dilatation⁸ +

Cerebral

 α_1

Constriction (slight)

Dilatation⁶

Pulmonary

 α_1, β_2 Constriction +; dilatation⁵Dilatation⁶

Abdominal viscera

 $\alpha_1; \beta_2$ Constriction +++; dilatation⁷ +

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Salivary glands

 α_1, α_2

Constriction +++

Dilatation ++

Renal

 $\alpha_1, \alpha_2; \beta_1, \beta_2$ Constriction +++; dilatation⁷ +

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Veins (Systemic) $\alpha_1, \alpha_2; \beta_2$

Constriction ++; dilatation ++

—

LungTracheal and
bronchial muscle β_2

Relaxation +

Contraction +

Bronchial glands

 $\alpha_1; \beta_2$ Decreased secretion; increased
secretion

Stimulation ++

Stomach			
Motility and tone	$\alpha_1, \alpha_2; \beta_2$	Decrease (usually) ⁹ +	Increase +++
Sphincters	α_1	Contraction (usually) +	Relaxation (usually) +
Secretion		Inhibition (?)	Stimulation +++
Intestine			
Motility and tone	$\alpha_1, \alpha_2; \beta_1, \beta_2$	Decrease ⁹ +	Increase +++
Sphincters	α_1	Contraction (usually) +	Relaxation (usually) +
Secretion	α_2	Inhibition	Stimulation ++
Gallbladder & Ducts			
	β_2	Relaxation +	Contraction +
Kidney			
Renin secretion	$\alpha_1; \beta_1$	Decrease +; increase ++	—
Urinary bladder			
Detrusor	β_2	Relaxation (usually) +	Contraction +++
Trigone and sphincter	α_1	Contraction ++	Relaxation ++
Ureter			
Motility and tone	α_1	Increase	Increase (?)

Responses of Effector Organs to Autonomic Nerve Impulses (Continued)

<i>Effector Organs</i>	<i>Adrenergic Impulses¹</i>		<i>Cholinergic Impulses¹</i>
	RECEPTOR TYPE ²	RESPONSES ³	RESPONSES ³
<i>Uterus</i>	$\alpha_1; \beta_2$	Pregnant: contraction (α_1); relaxation (β_2). Nonpregnant: relaxation (β_2)	Variable ¹⁰
<i>Sex Organs, Male</i>	α_1	Ejaculation ++	Erection +++
<i>Skin</i>			
Pilomotor muscles	α_1	Contraction ++	—
Sweat glands	α_1	Localized secretion ¹¹ +	Generalized secretion +++
<i>Spleen Capsule</i>	$\alpha_1; \beta_2$	Contraction +++; relaxation +	—
<i>Adrenal Medulla</i>		—	Secretion of epinephrine and norepinephrine (primarily nicotinic and secondarily muscarinic)

<i>Skeletal Muscle</i>	β_2	Increased contractility; glycogenolysis; K^+ uptake	—
<i>Liver</i>	$\alpha_1; \beta_2$	Glycogenolysis and gluconeogenesis ^{1,2} +++	—
<i>Pancreas</i>			
Acini	α	Decreased secretion +	Secretion ++
Islets (β cells)	α_2	Decreased secretion +++	—
	β_2	Increased secretion +	—
<i>Fat Cells</i>	$\alpha_2; \beta_1 (\beta_3)$	Lipolysis ^{1,2} +++ (thermogenesis)	—
<i>Salivary Glands</i>	α_1	K^+ and water secretion +	K^+ and water secretion +++
	β	Amylase secretion +	
<i>Lacrimal Glands</i>	α	Secretion +	Secretion +++
<i>Nasopharyngeal Glands</i>	—	—	Secretion ++
<i>Pineal Gland</i>	β	Melatonin synthesis	—
<i>Posterior Pituitary</i>	β_1	Antidiuretic hormone secretion	—