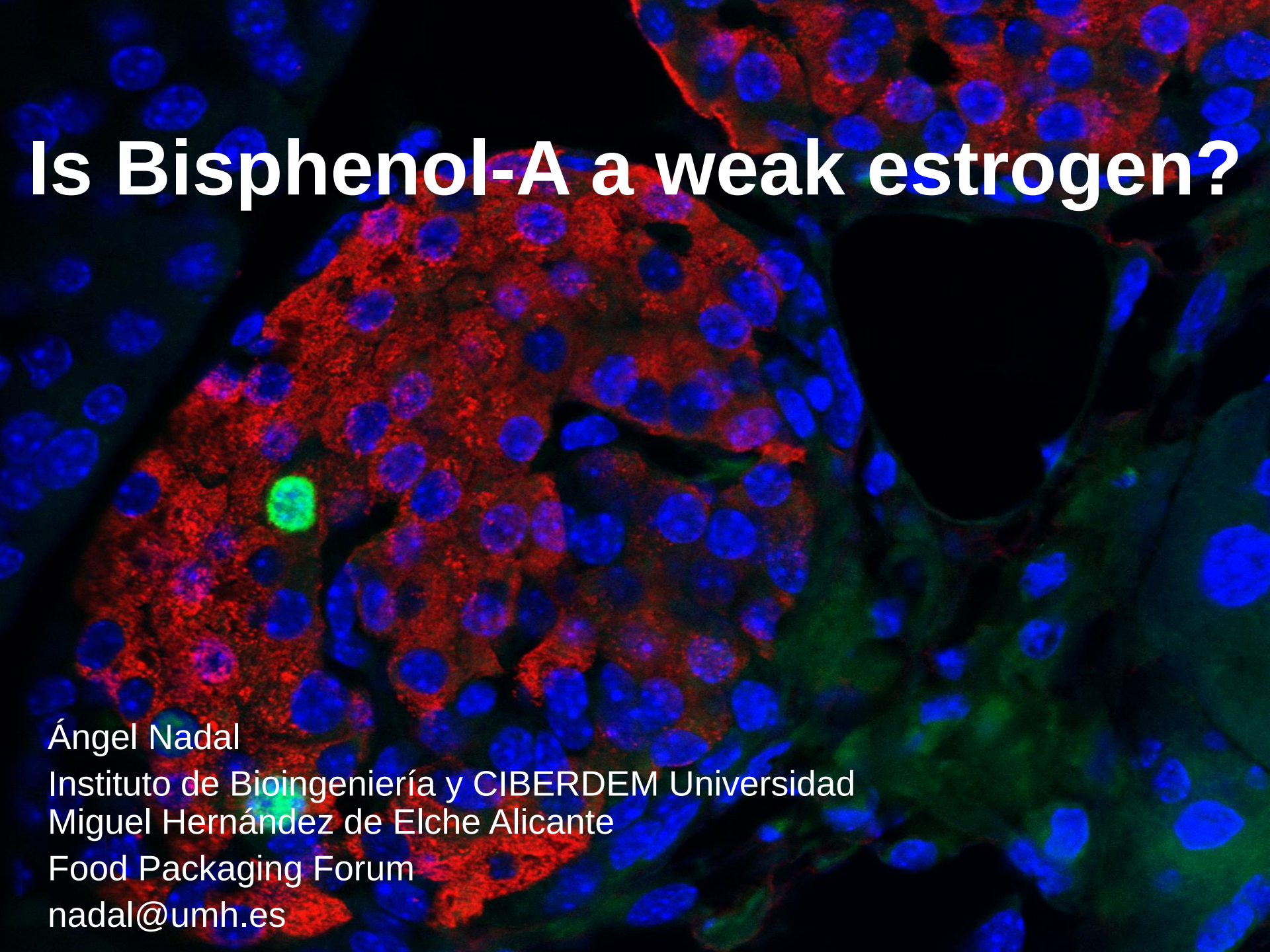


Is Bisphenol-A a weak estrogen?

A fluorescence microscopy image of cells. The nuclei are stained blue, the cytoplasm is stained red, and a single nucleus is stained green. The cells are arranged in a cluster, with some cells showing more intense staining than others.

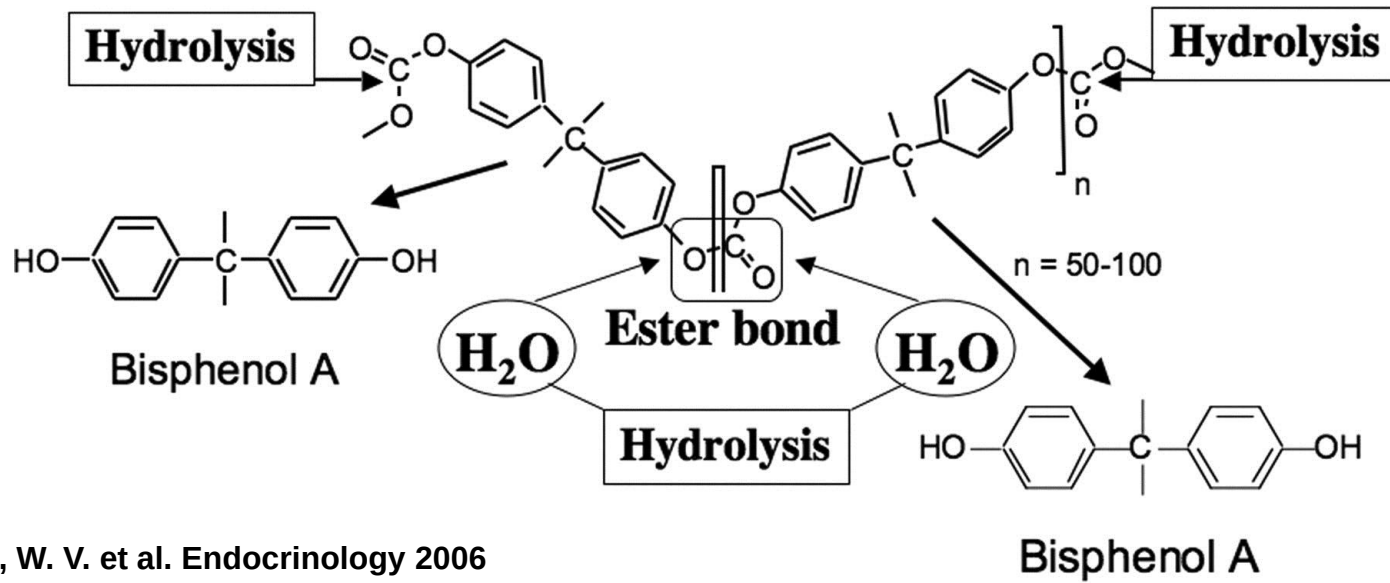
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Welshons, W. V. et al. Endocrinology 2006



BISPHENOL-A is found in urine of 93% US citizens (Calafat et al, EHP 2008)

BISPHENOL-A CONCENTRATION IN HUMAN SERUM:

0.3-4 ng/ml (1.3-18 nM) unconjugated BPA in serum from adult men and women (Vandenberg et al, EHP 2010)

BISPHENOL-A EXPOSURE LEVELS OF HUMANS:

0.07-12 µg/kg bw/day

Joint Research Center. Institute for Health and Consumer Protection. European Commission.

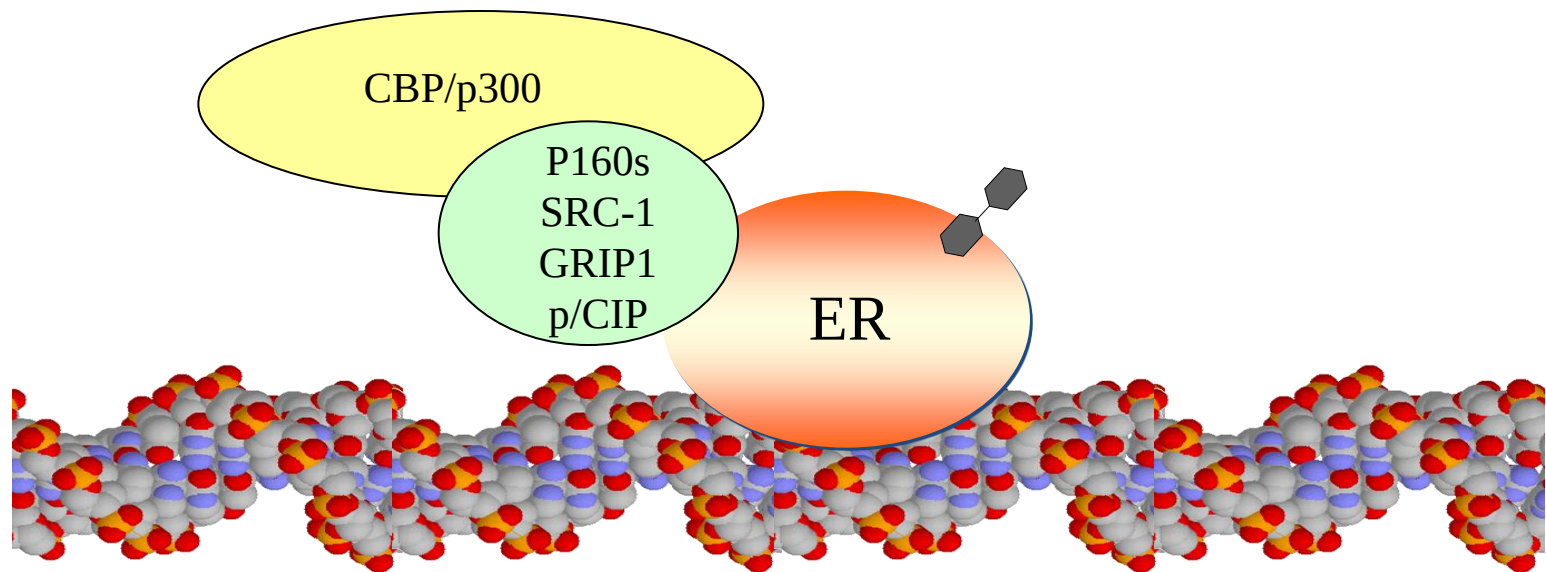
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Based in Pharmacokinetic experiments in monkeys (Taylor et al, EHP 2011).

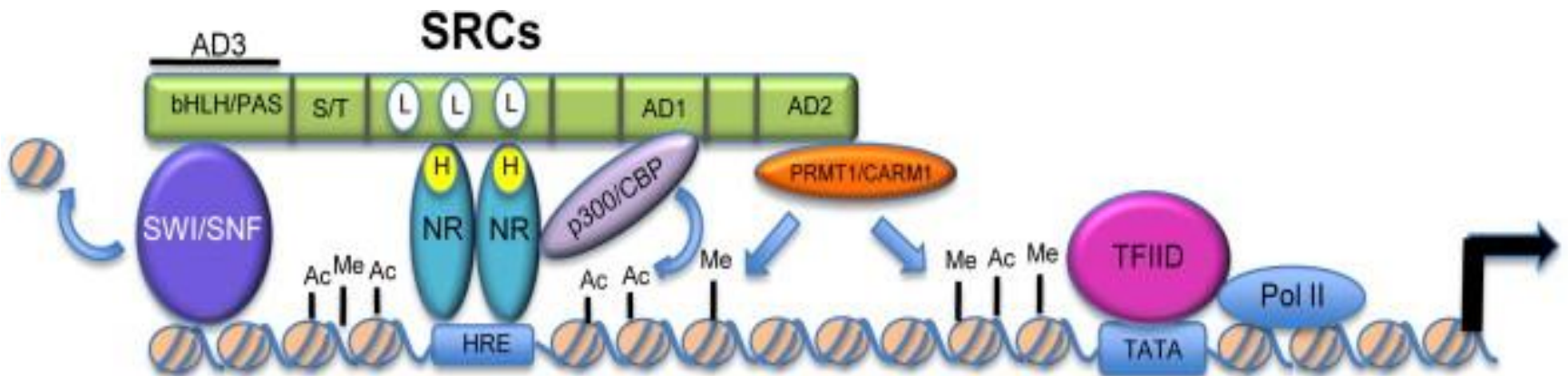
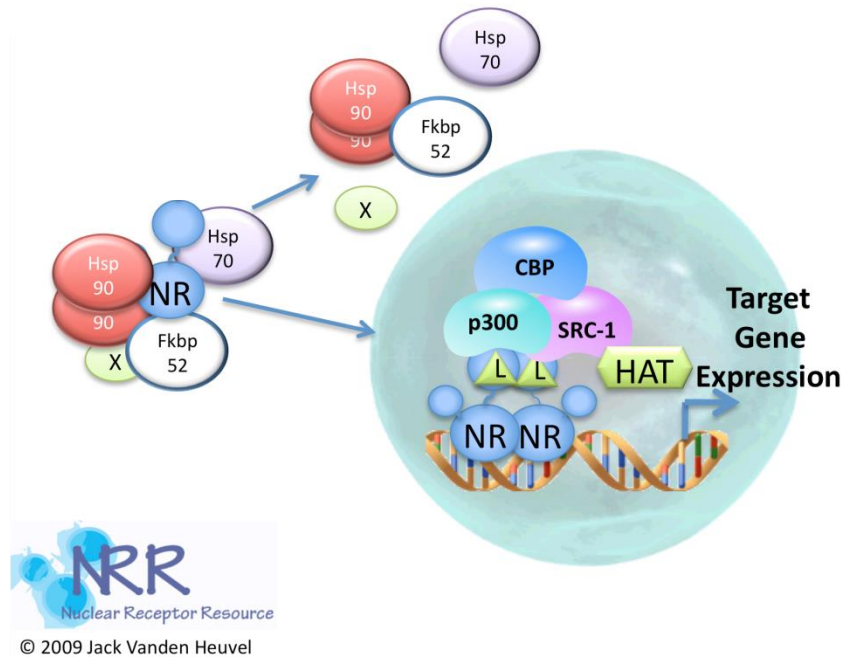
Nonfood exposure (Stahlhut et al, EHP 2009; Zalco et al, Chemosphere 2011)

Environmental estrogens are endocrine disruptors that mimick 17 β -estradiol actions

The concept of estrogenicity of an exogenous chemical is based on the property of these compounds to bind ER α and ER β , and to act subsequently as transcription factors when binding to the ERE in the DNA



A. Steroid hormone receptors (AR, ER, GR, MR)



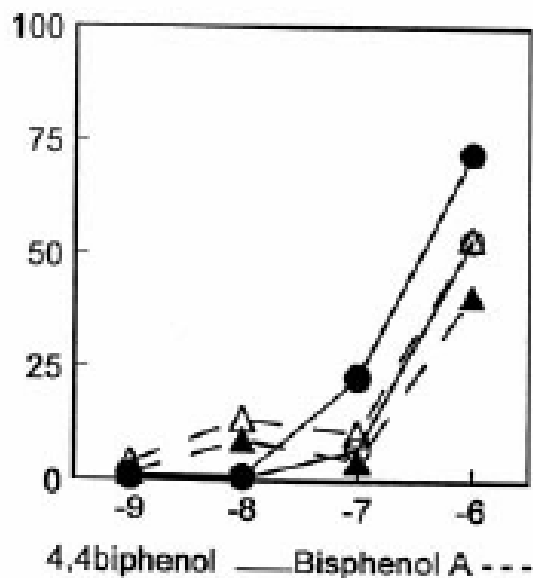


FIG. 4. Activation of transcription by various estrogenic chemicals and phytoestrogens. The experiment (two different experiments with each point in triplicate) were done as described in *Materials and Methods*. ER α = $\circ$ or $\triangle$ and ER β = $\bullet$ or $\blacktriangle$. Abscissa, log M of compound; ordinate, transcriptional activity as percentage of the maximal induction by E $_2$ for each ER subtype.

TABLE 1. RBA of suspected environmental endocrine disruptors for ER α and ER β from solid-phase (Scintistrip) competition experiments

Compound	RBA ^a	
	ER α	ER β
17 β -estradiol	100	100
17 α -estradiol	7	2
Diethylstilbestrol	236	221
4- <i>tert</i> -amylphenol	<0.01	<0.01
4- <i>tert</i> -octylphenol	0.01	0.03
4-octylphenol	0.02	0.07
Nonylphenol	0.05	0.09
Bisphenol A	0.01	0.01
Methoxychlor	<0.01	<0.01
Endosulfan	<0.01	<0.01
Chlordecone	0.06	0.1
4,4'-biphenol	<0.01	0.03

^a RBA of each competitor was calculated as ratio of concentrations of E $_2$ or competitor required to reduce the specific radioligand binding by 50% (= ratio of IC $_{50}$ values). RBA value for E $_2$ was arbitrarily set at 100.

“Bisphenol-A has an affinity 10,000-fold lower than that of E $_2$ for both ER subtypes”

“The estrogenic potency of Bisphenol-A *in vitro* is 1000 to 5000 fold lower than that of E $_2$...”

The Environmental Estrogen Bisphenol A Stimulates Prolactin Release *in Vitro* and *in Vivo**

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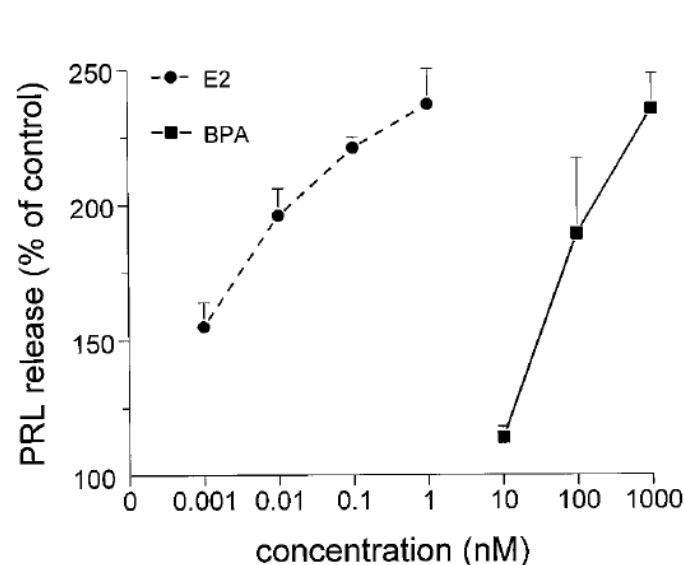


FIG. 2. Concentration-dependent stimulation of PRL release from primary anterior pituitary cells by E_2 and BPA. Cells were harvested from OVEX F344 rats and plated at 2.5×10^4 cells/well. After culturing in SFM for 4 days, the cells were incubated with BPA or E_2 for 3 days. Control cells were incubated with vehicle. Media aliquots were analyzed in duplicate for PRL by RIA. Each value is a mean $\pm$ SEM of five replicates. Data shown are representative of three experiments.

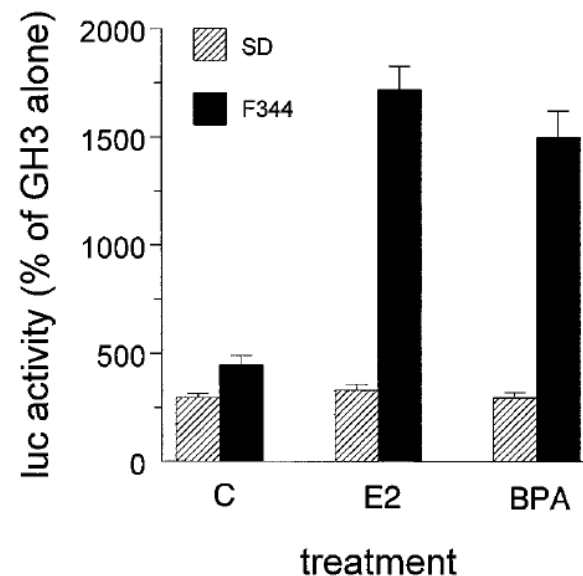
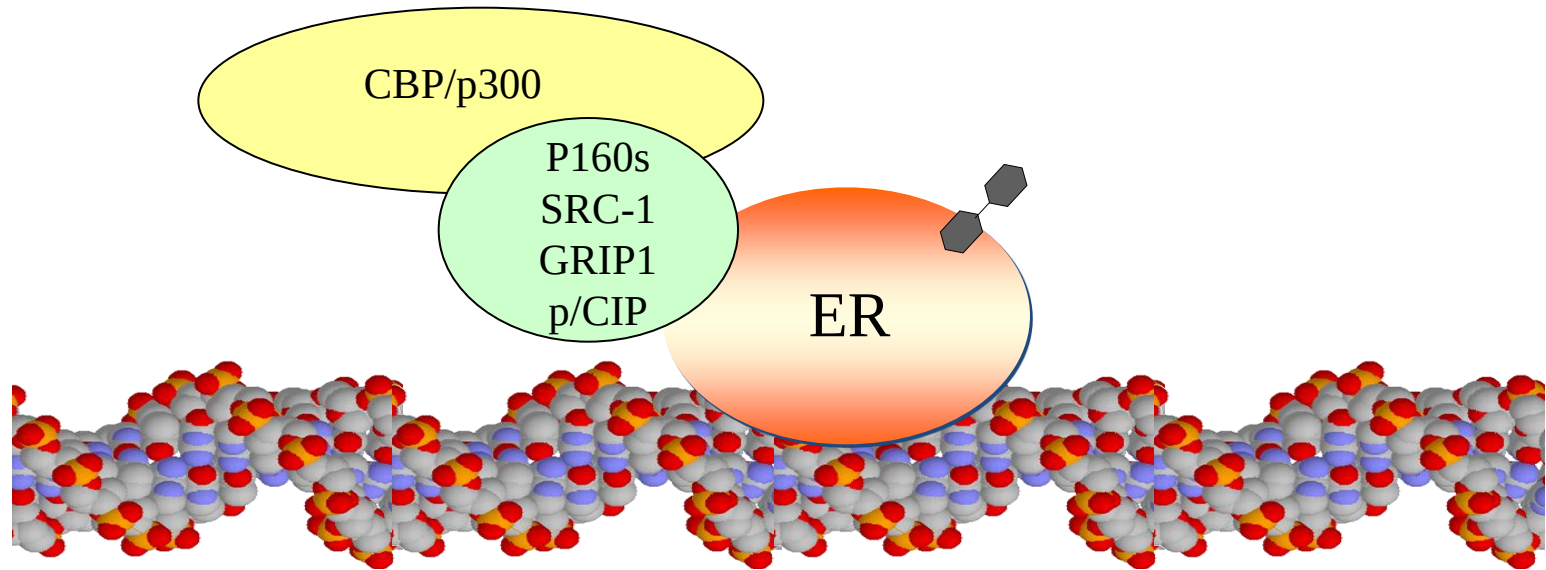


FIG. 7. Increased PRF activity in posterior pituitary cells from F344, but not SD rats, pretreated with E_2 or BPA for 3 days. Posterior pituitary cells, harvested from rats treated as in Fig. 5, were plated at 1×10^4 cells/well in SFM. After 4 days, the cells were cocultured for 24 h with GH3/luc cells (2×10^4 cells/well). Luciferase activity was determined in cell lysate and normalized for cell density, determined in parallel plates by MTT assay. Increased luciferase activity above GH₃ cells incubated alone indicates basal PRF activity. Each value is a mean $\pm$ SEM of 12 determinations from three separate experiments.

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Membrane estrogen receptors identified by multiple antibody labeling and impeded-ligand binding

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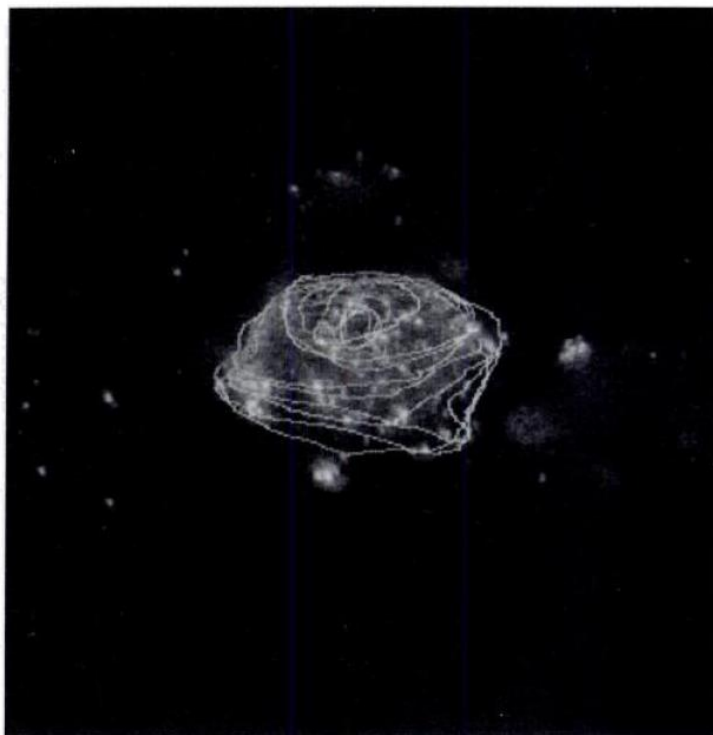


Figure 2. Serial sections show that anti-ER antibody (R3) localizes with the perimeter of the cell. A well-attached cell with punctate labeling and peripheral antigen localization is shown using five sections along the z axis (1-5) and with a reconstructed image (B) rotated 30° from horizontal.

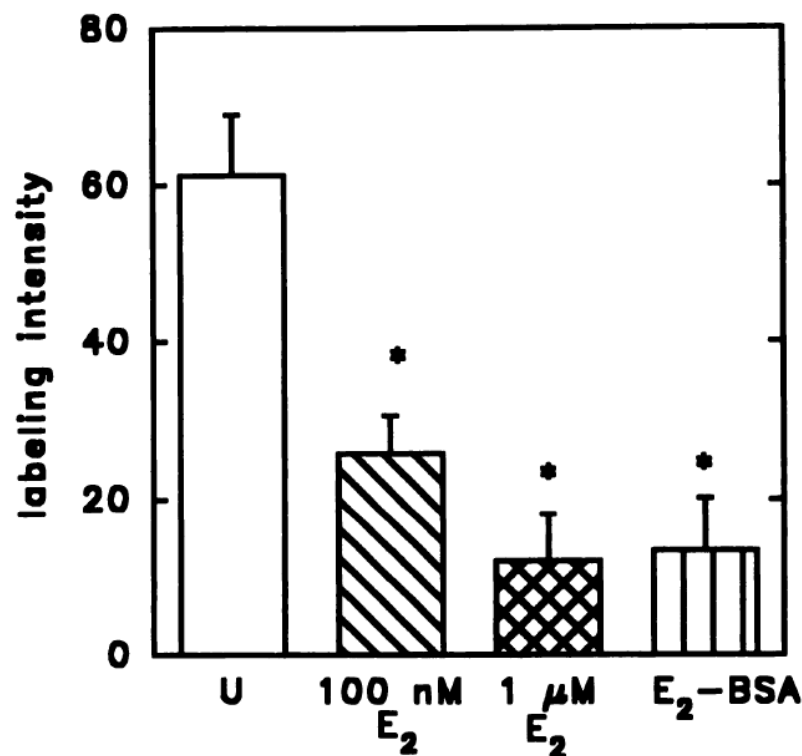
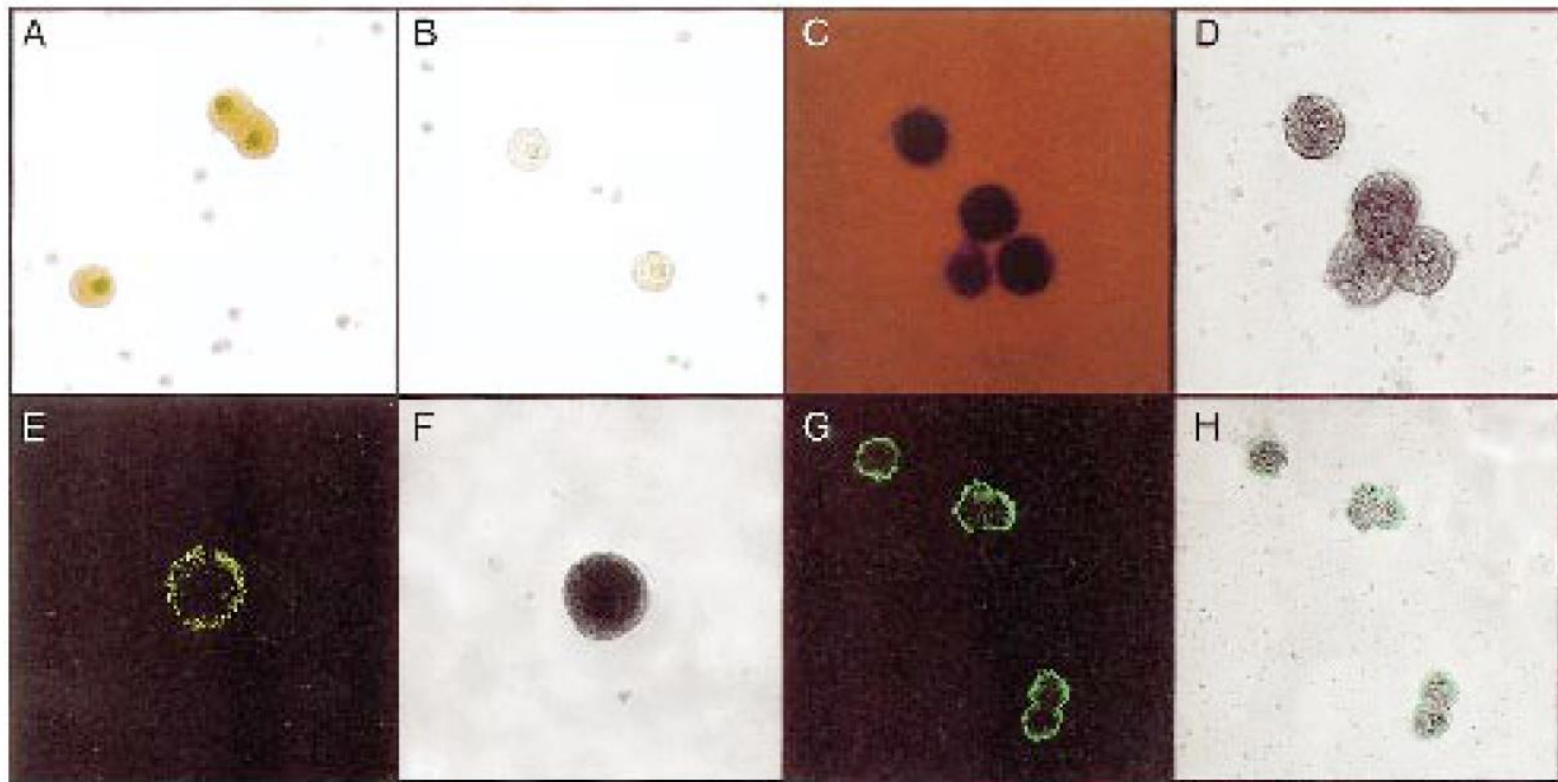


Figure 6. E₂-BSA-FITC binds to the surface of immuno-enriched GH₃/B6 cells in an estrogen-specific manner. Labels on the x-axis indicate amount of competitor added; U = uncompeted E₂-BSA-FITC; E₂BSA = 10-fold excess unlabeled E₂-BSA. Data are from four experiments; error bars are SEM.

Rapid insulinotropic effect of 17β -estradiol via a plasma membrane receptor

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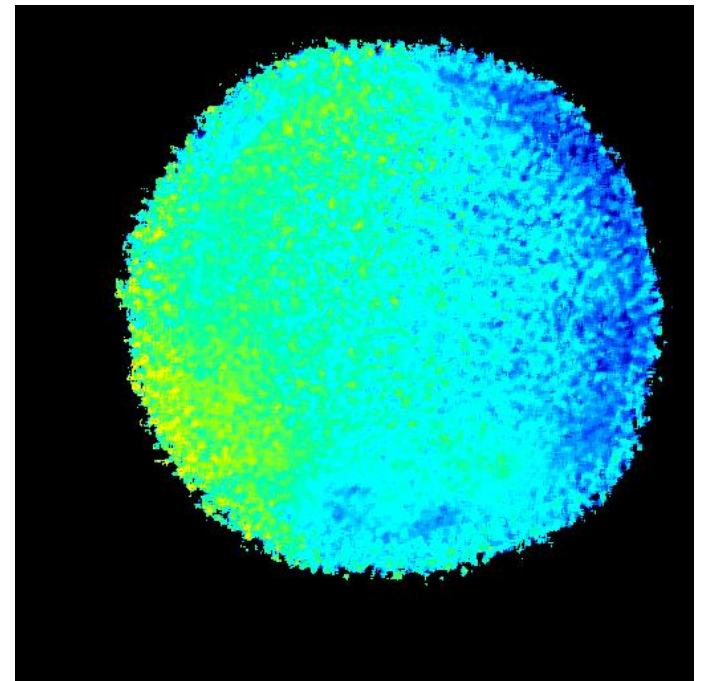
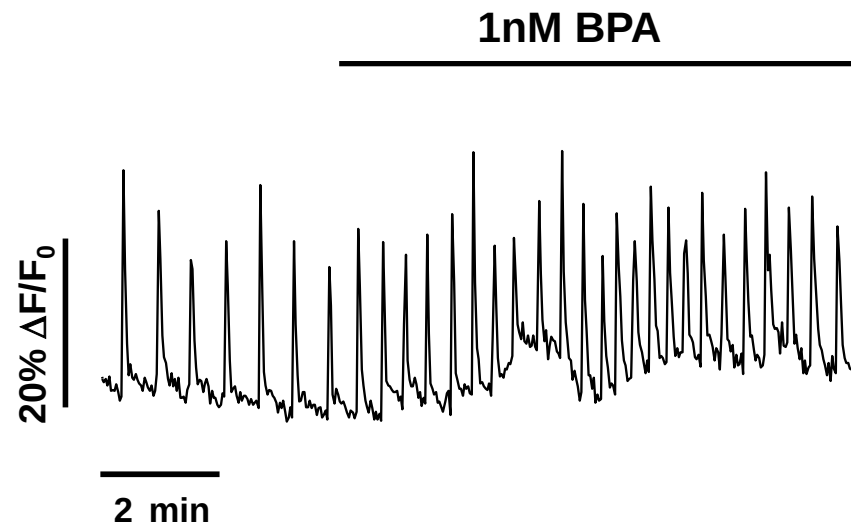


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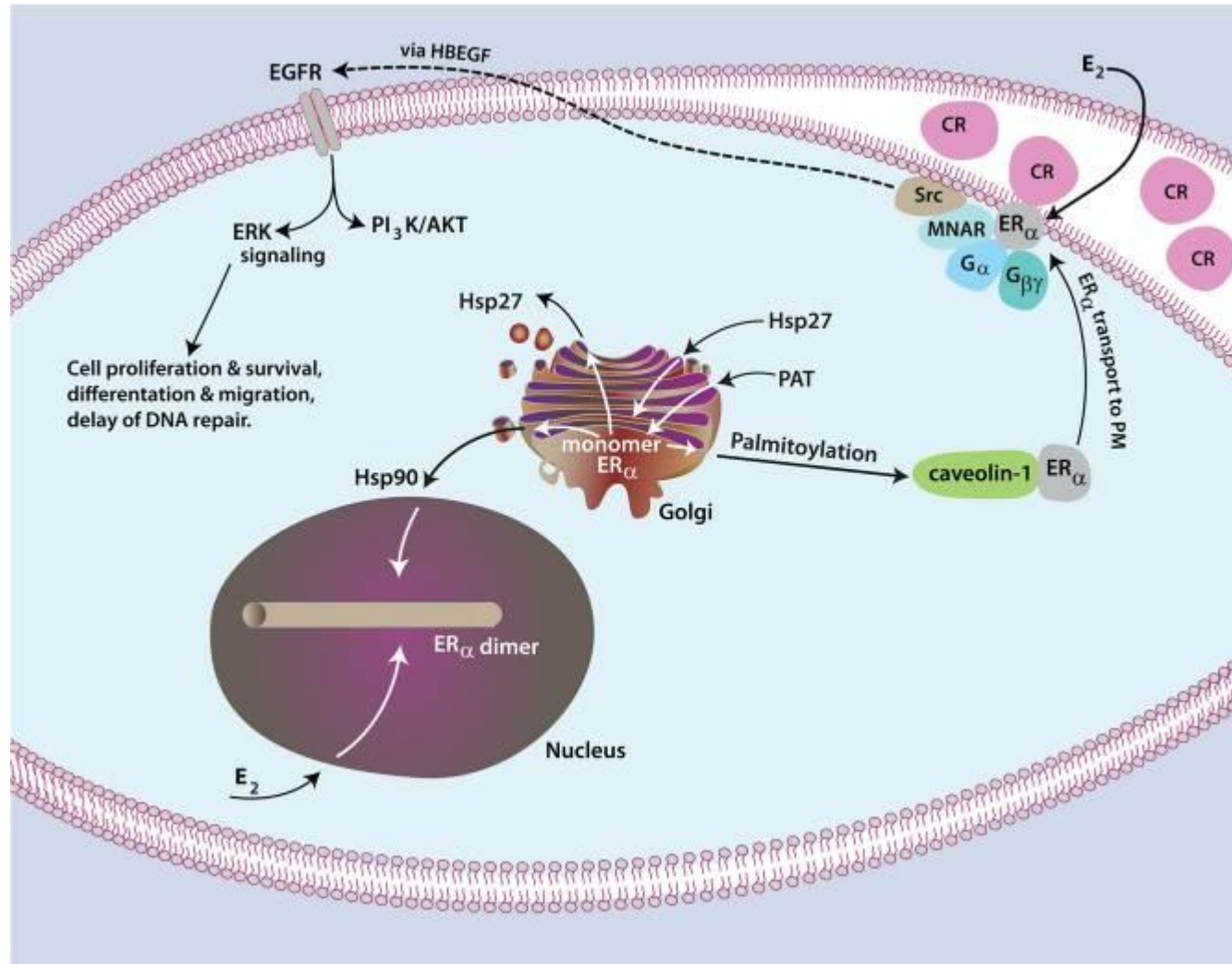
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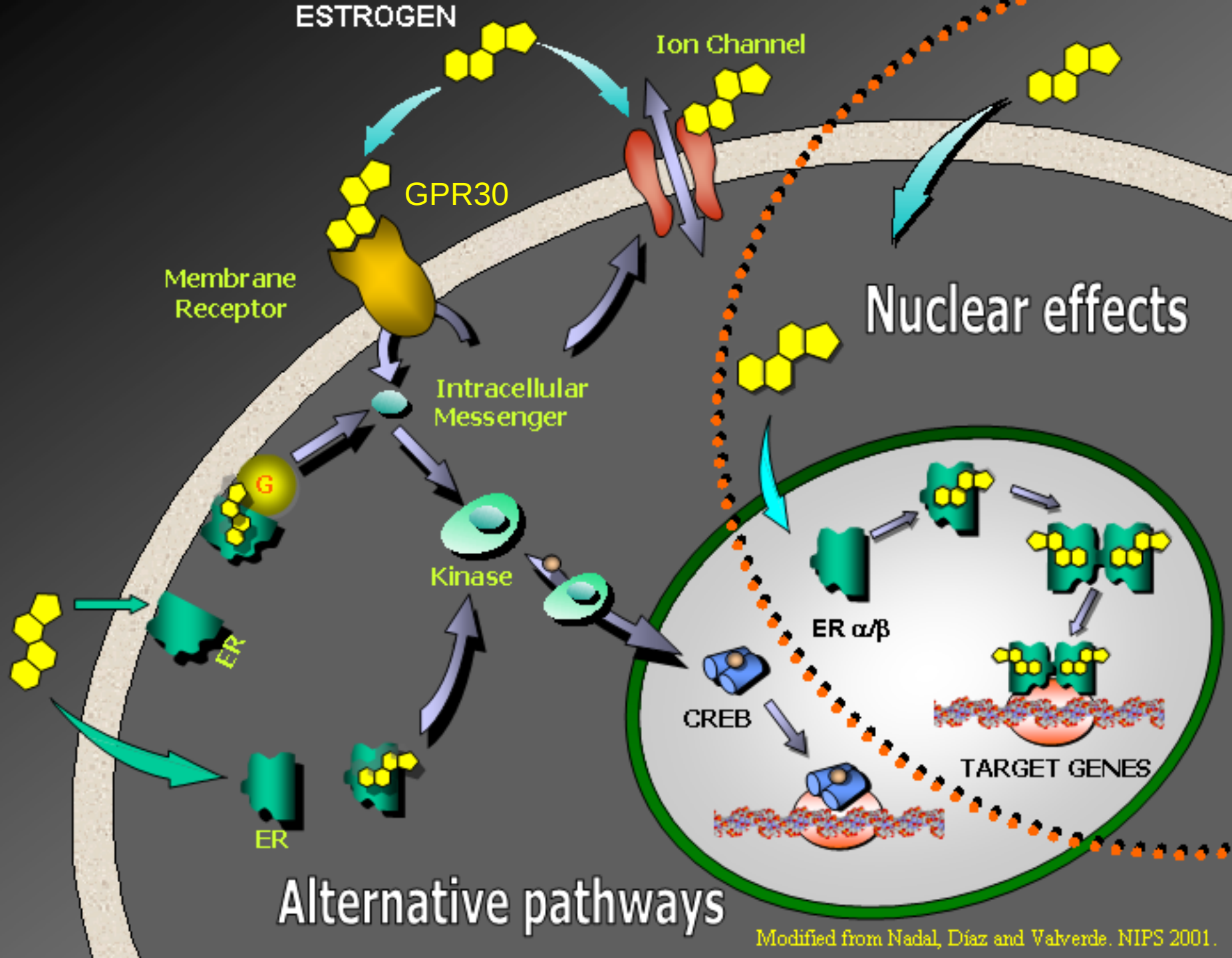
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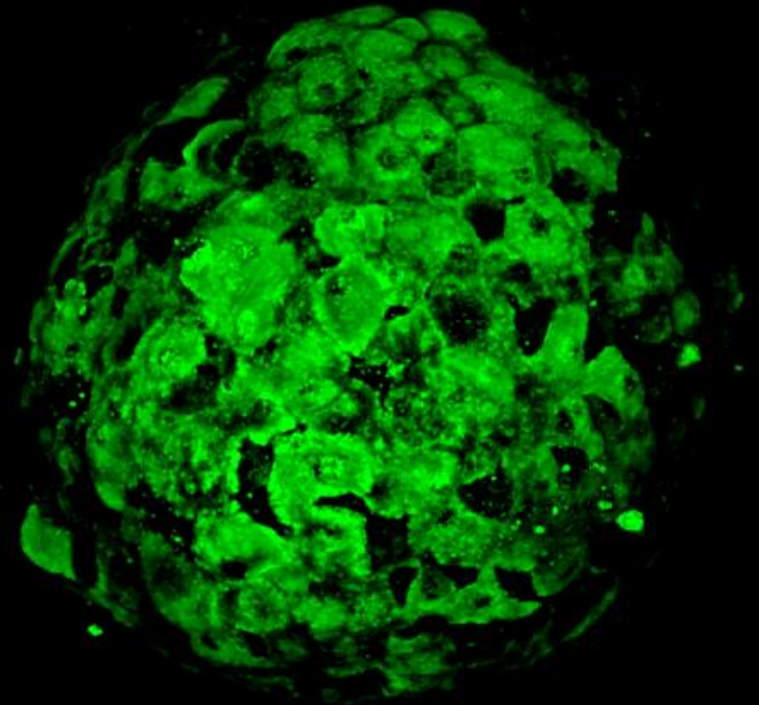
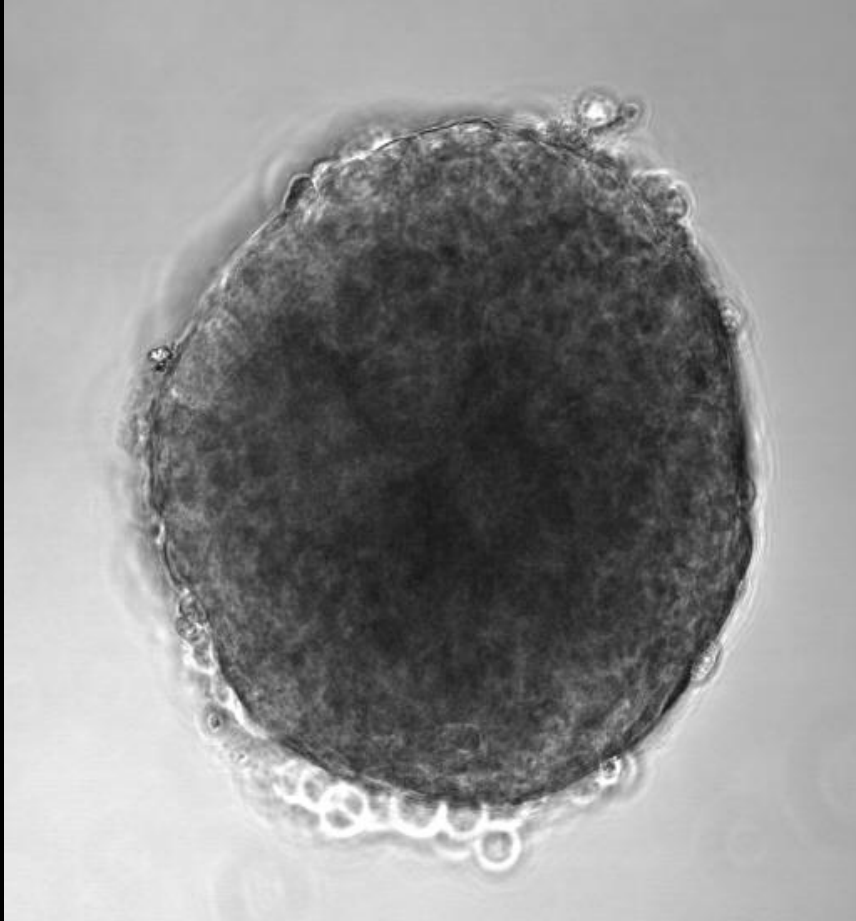


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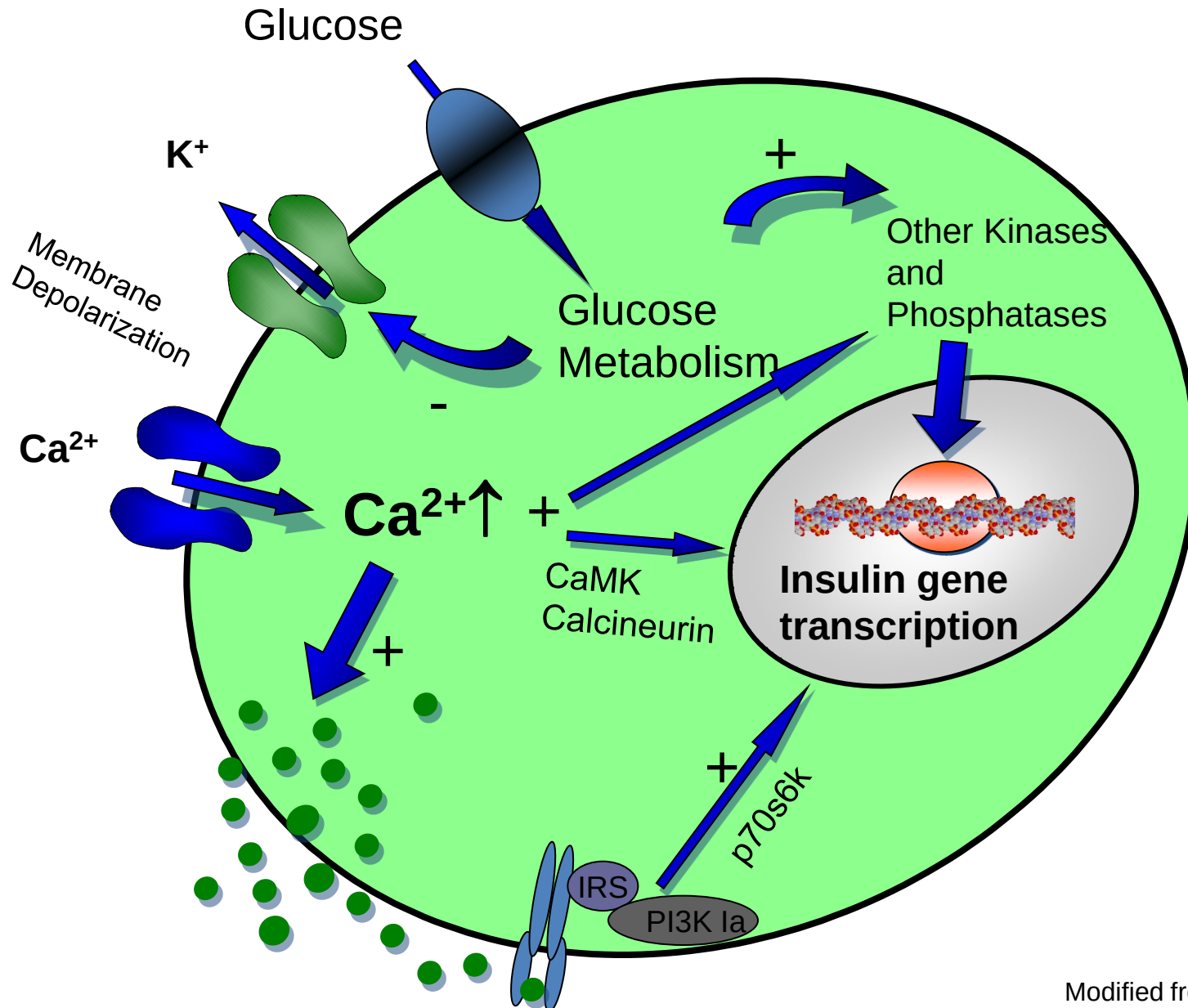


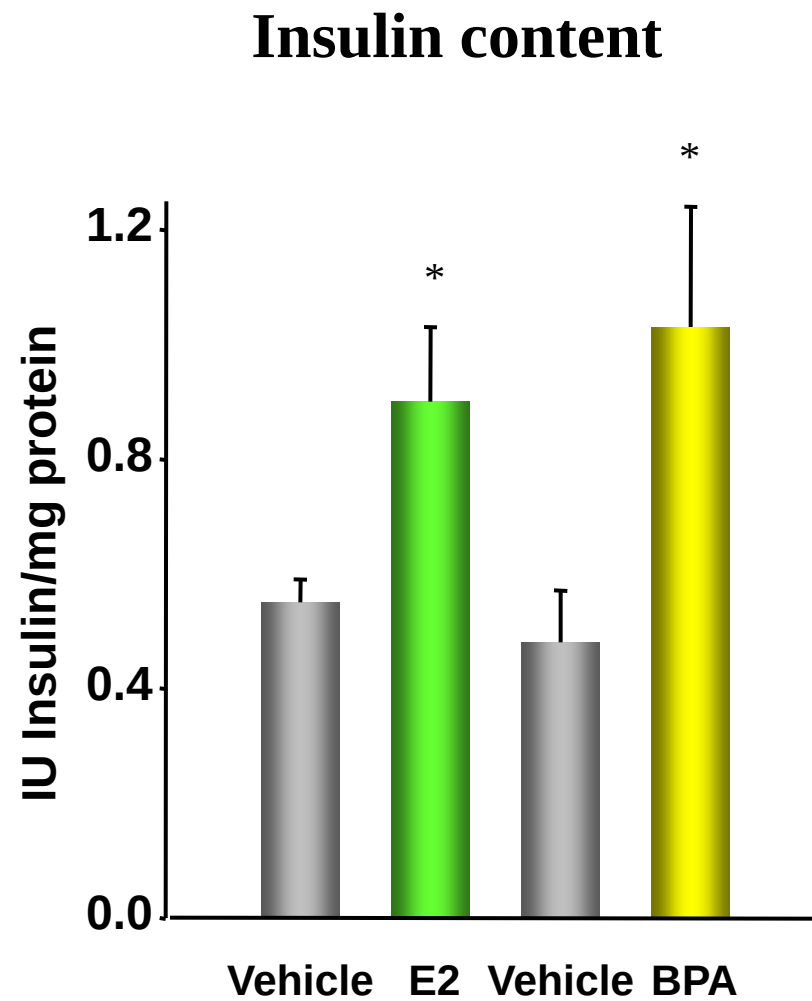
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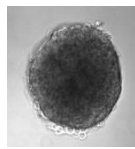
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Insulin secretion/Insulin-Gene-Transcription coupling in β -cells



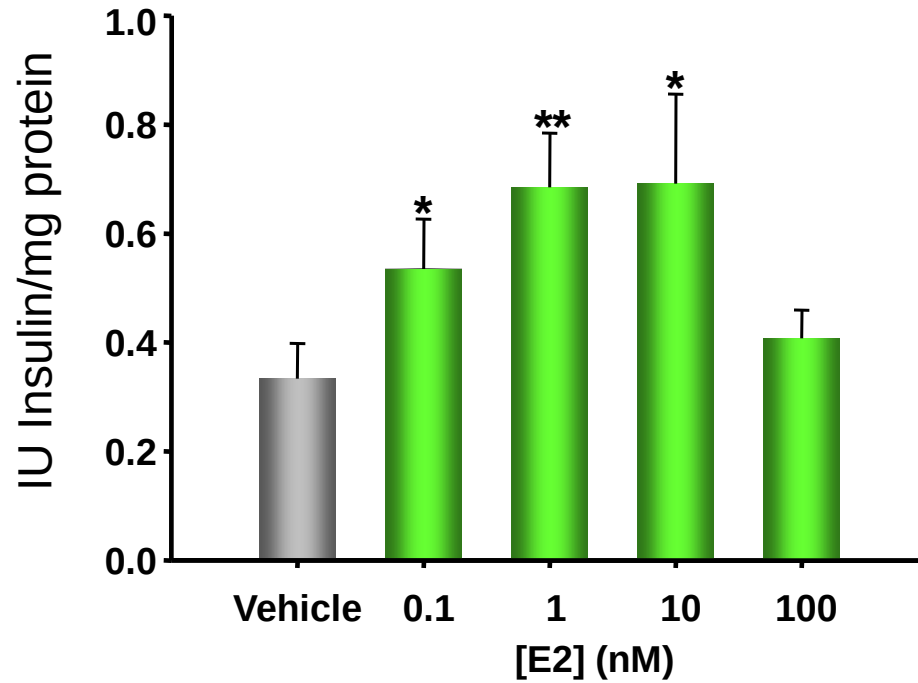


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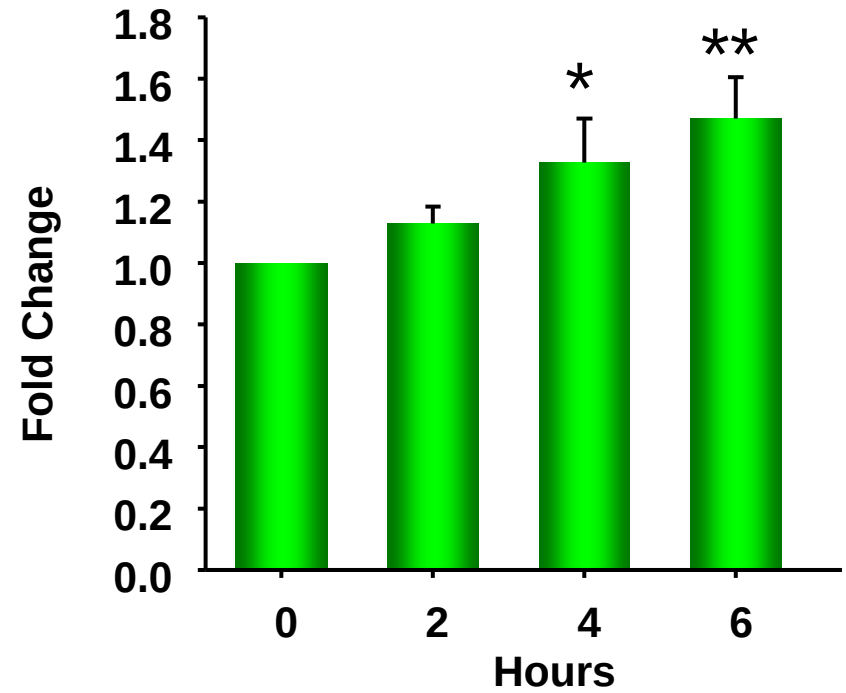


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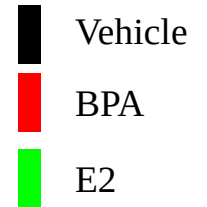
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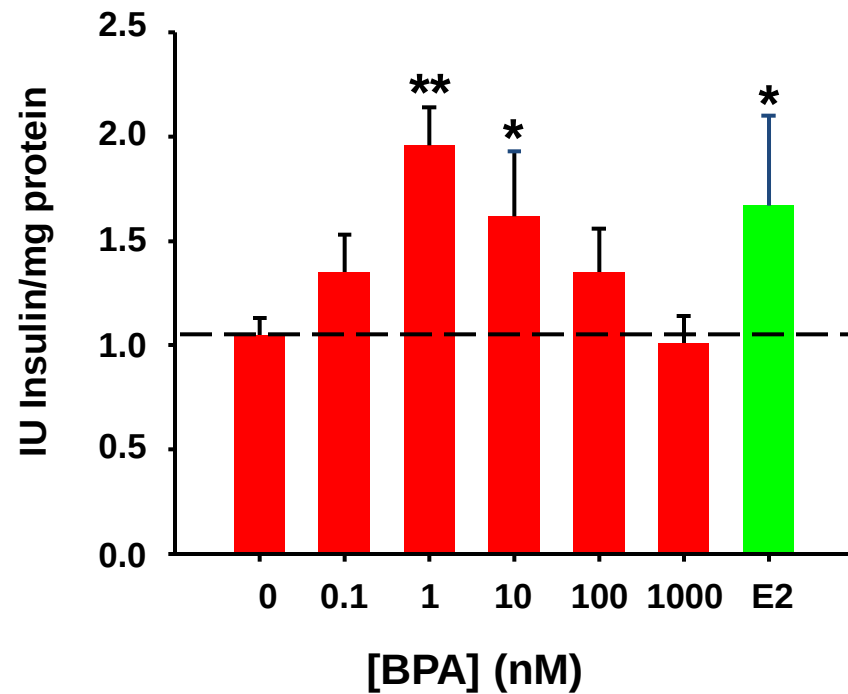
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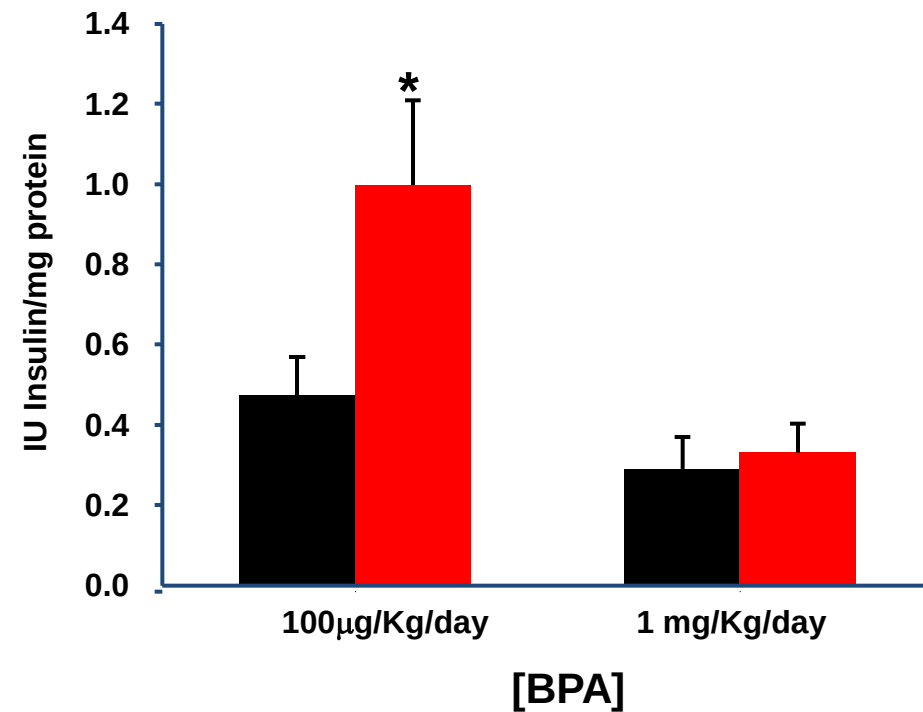
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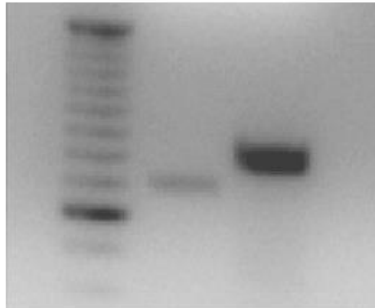
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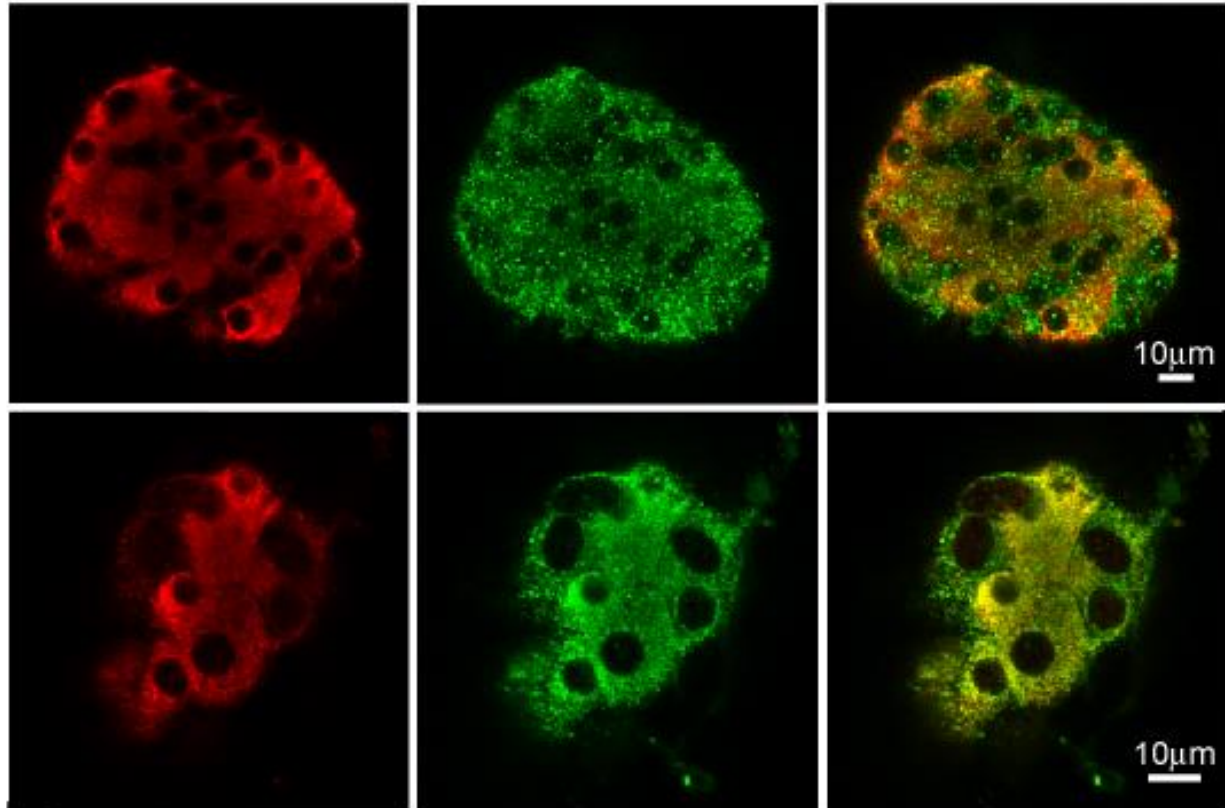
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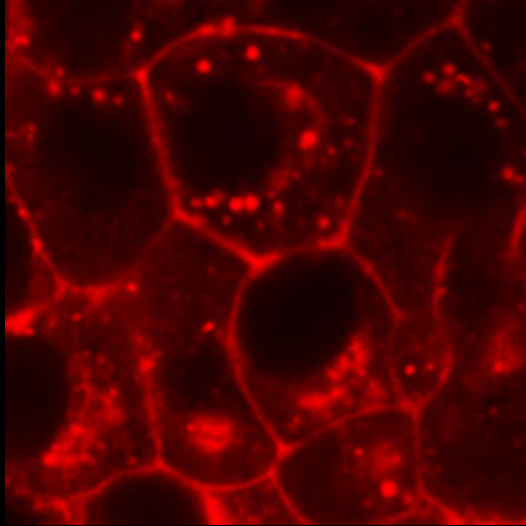


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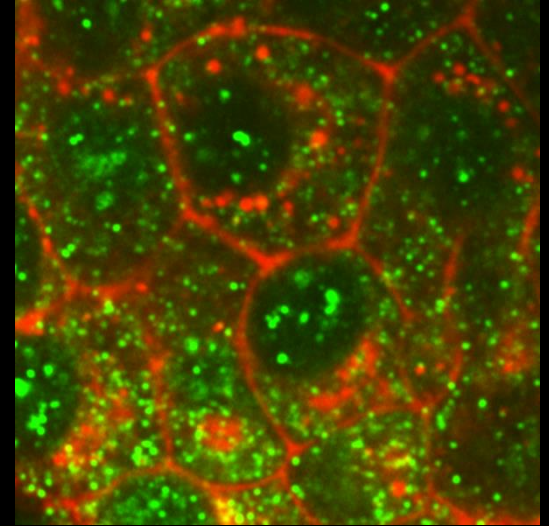
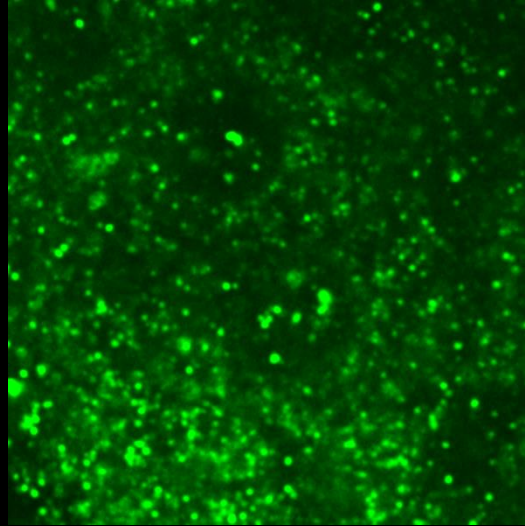
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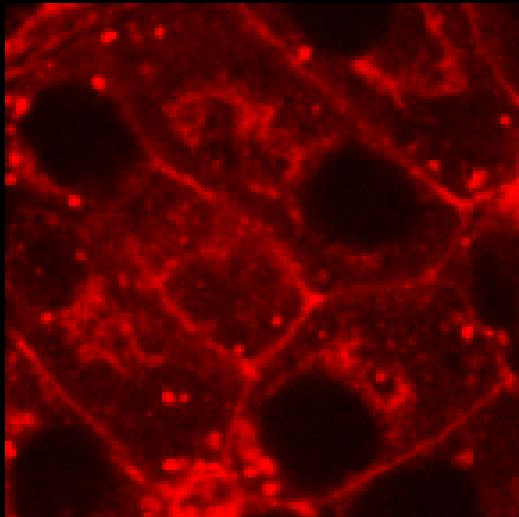
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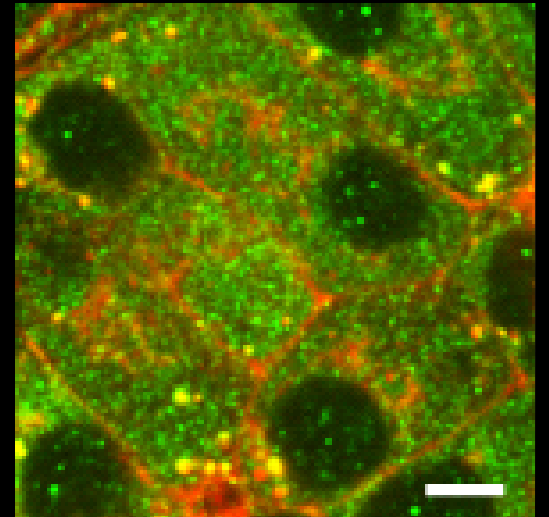
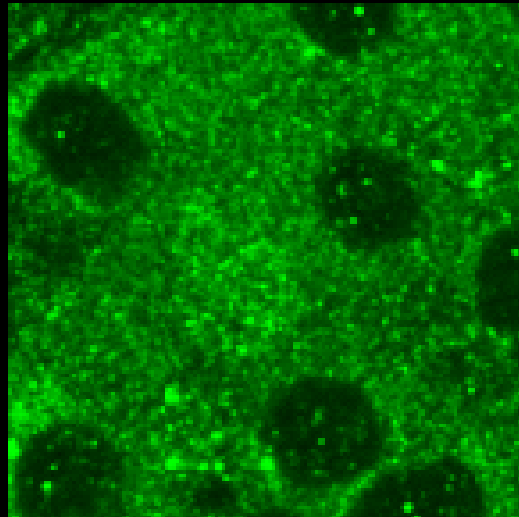
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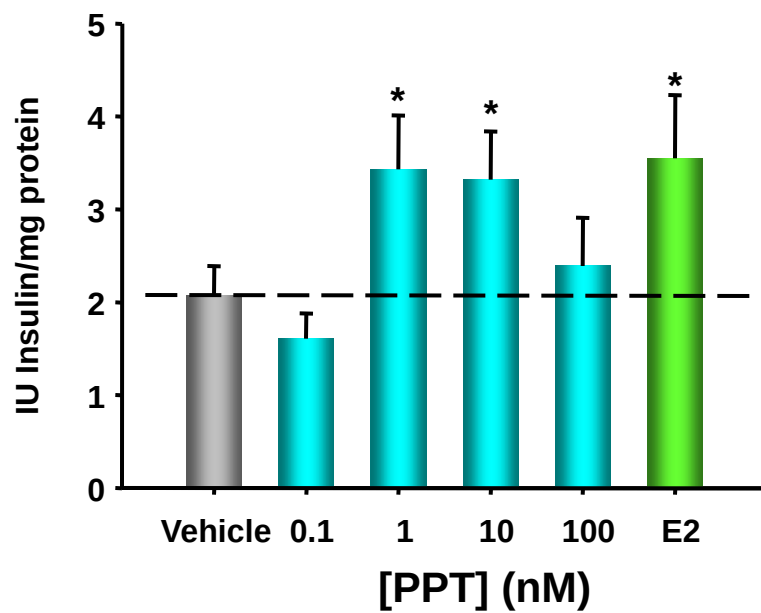
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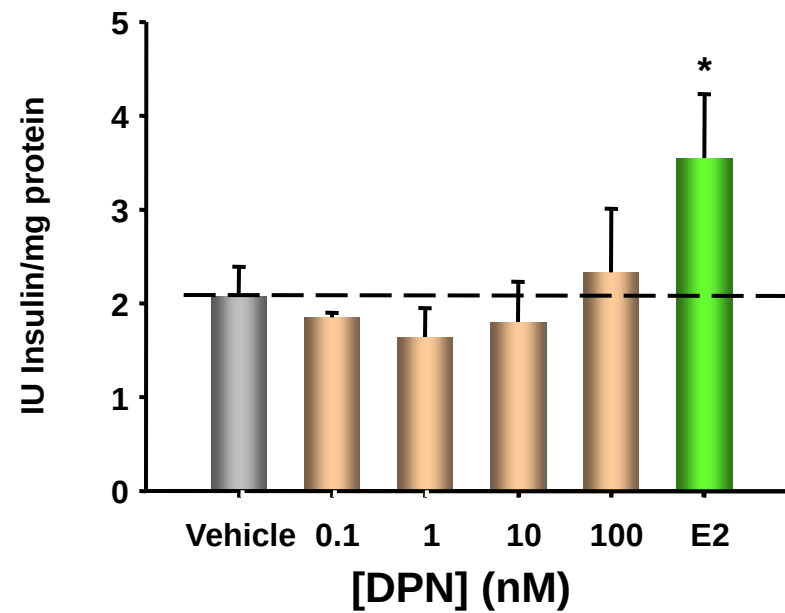
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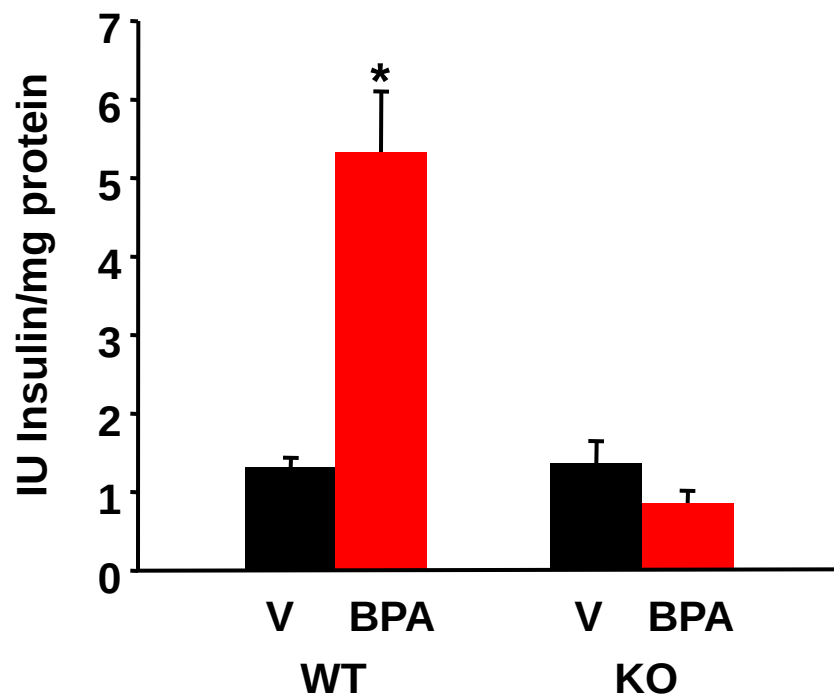
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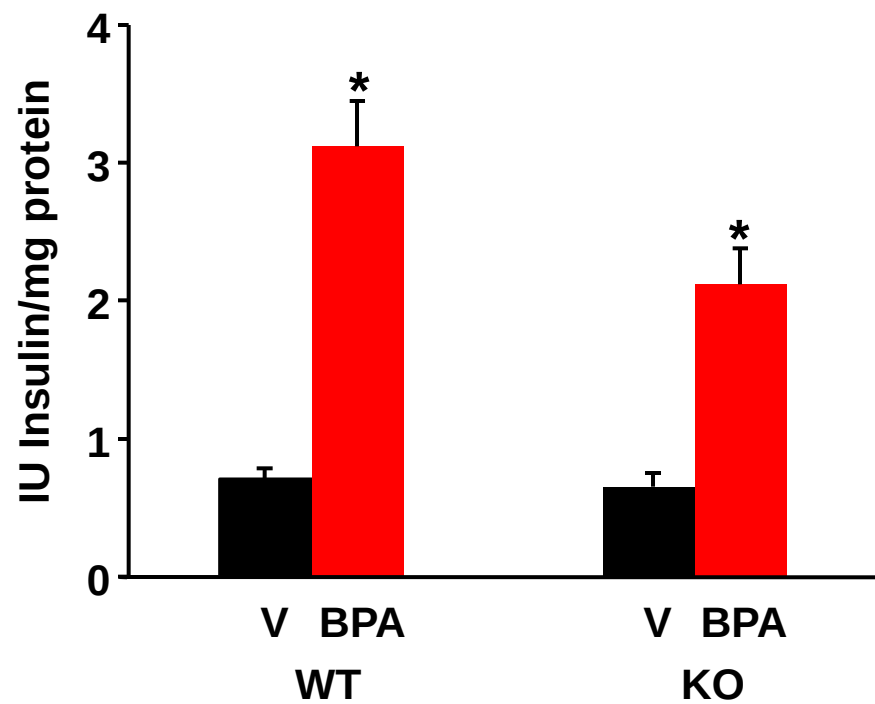
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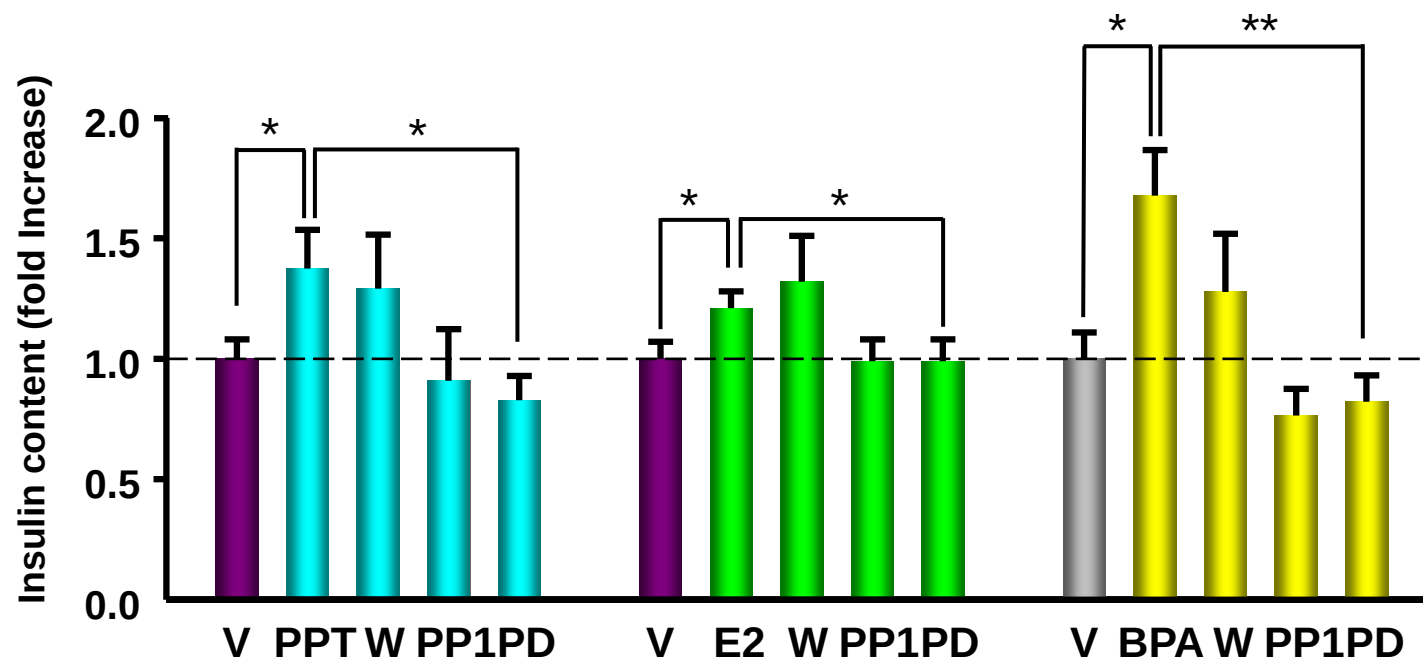
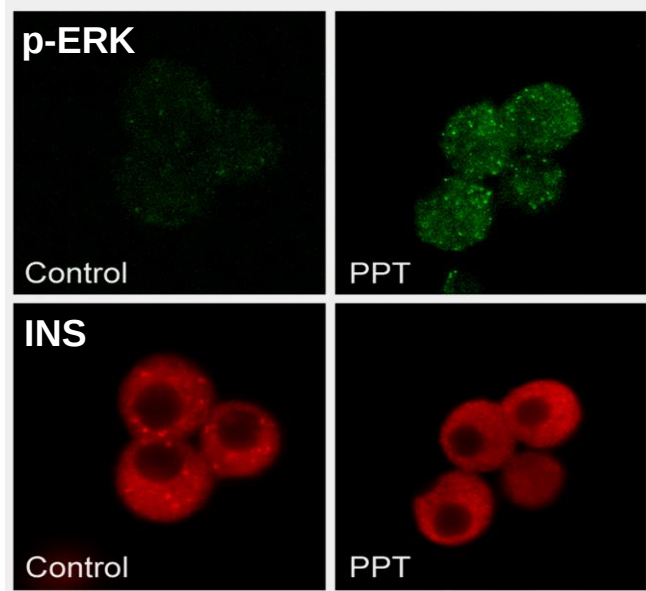


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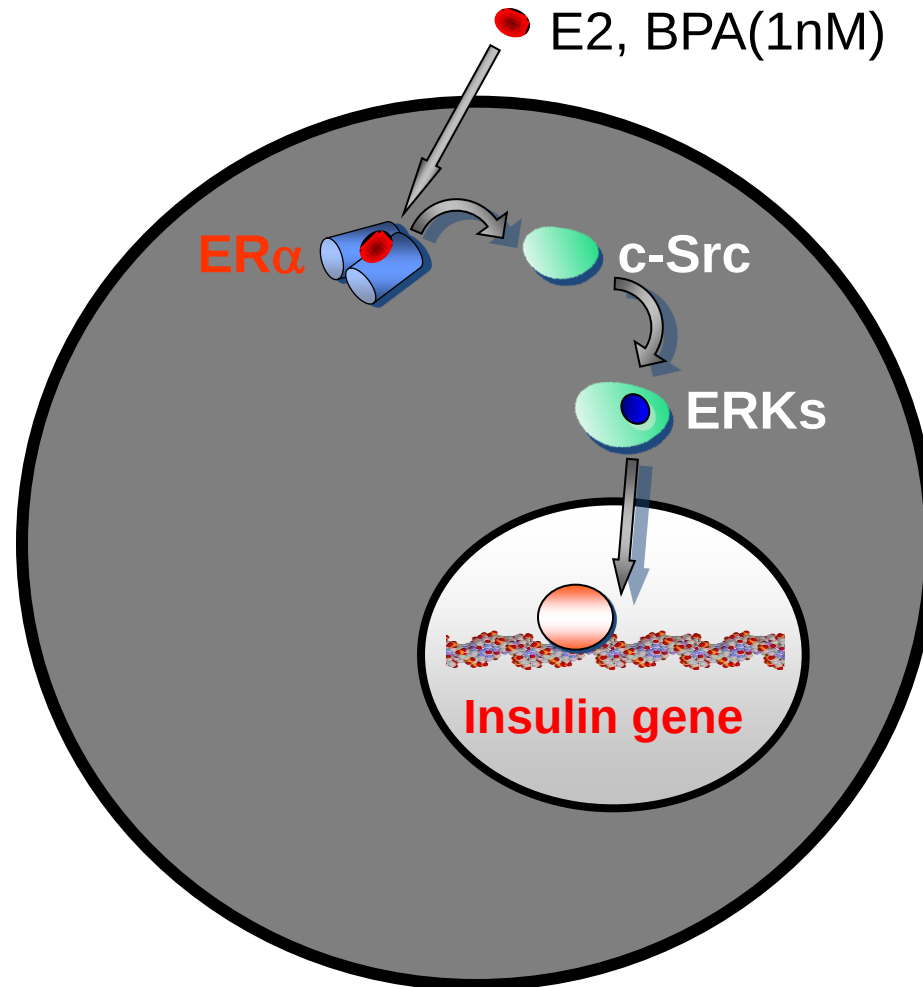
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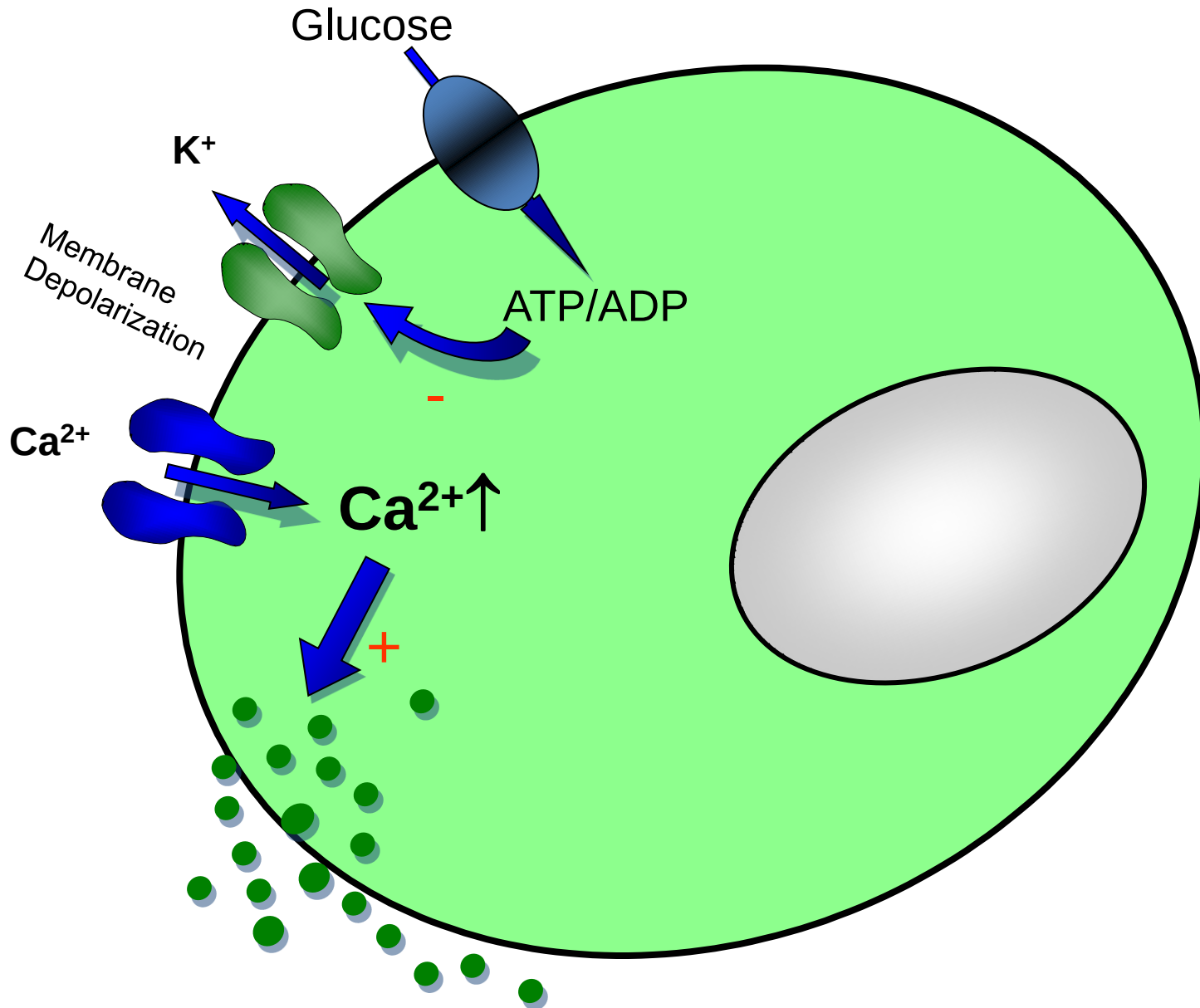


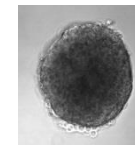
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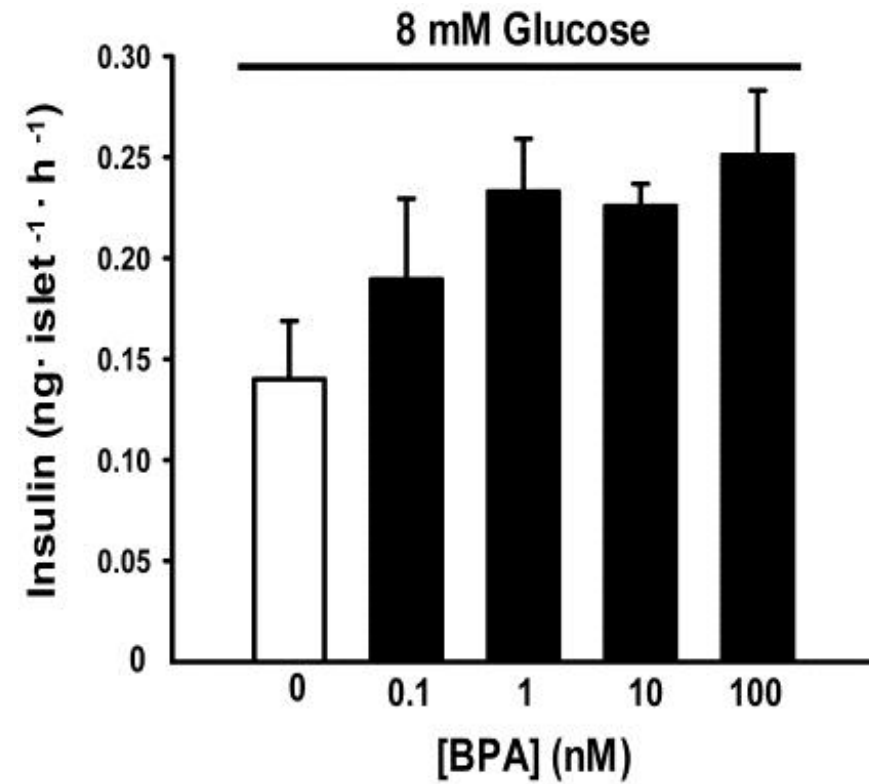
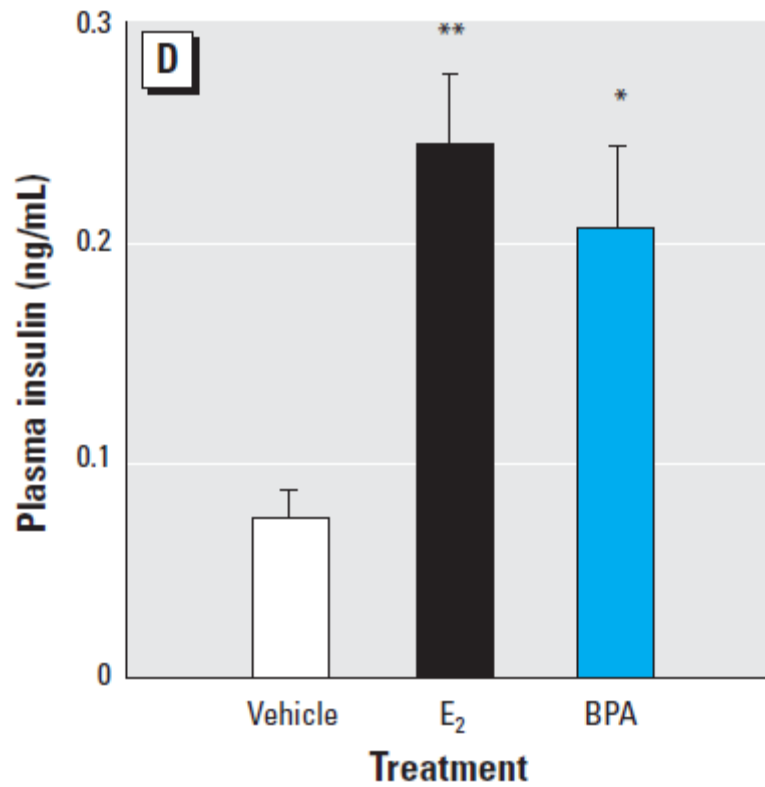


Stimulus-secretion coupling in β -cells

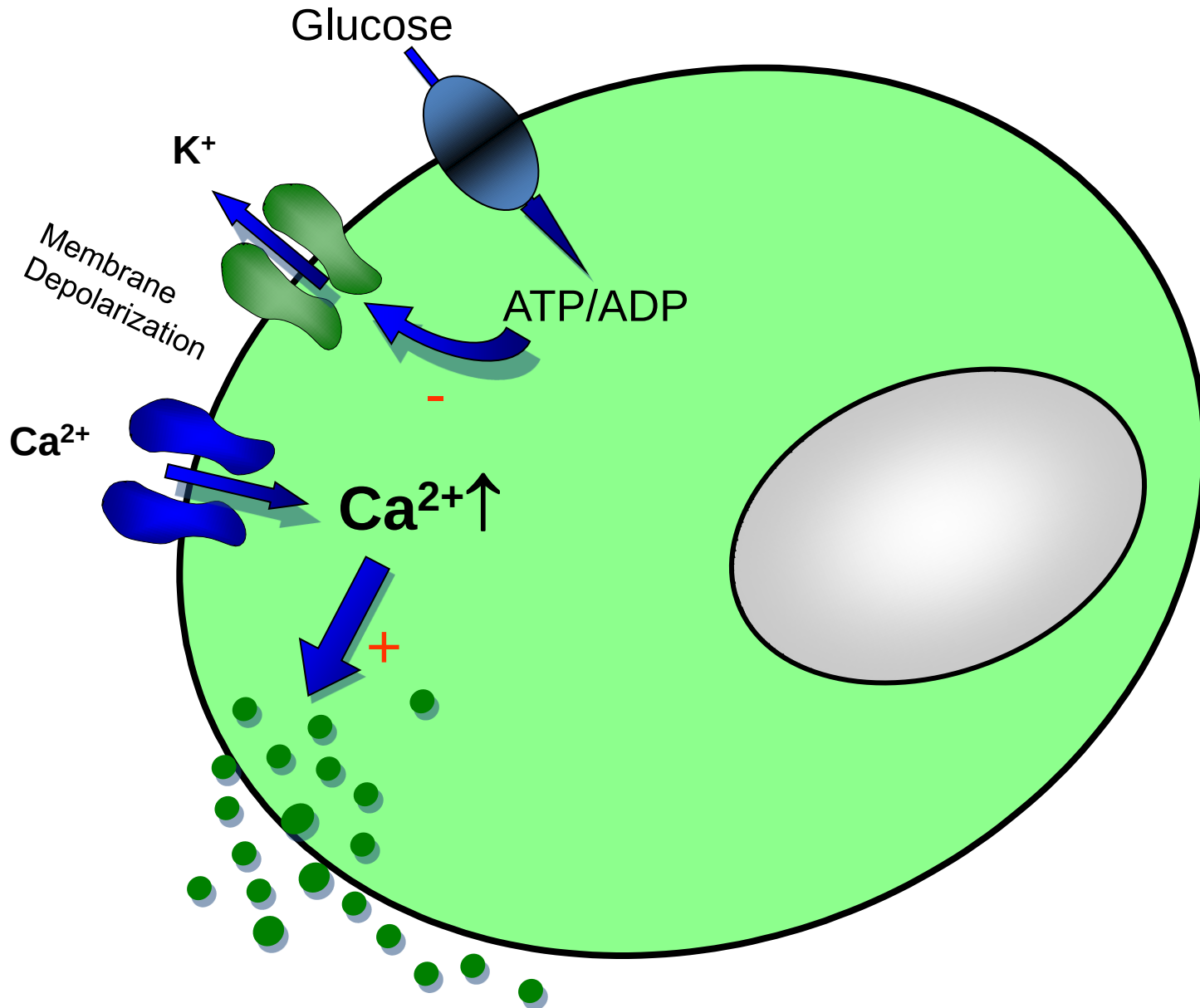


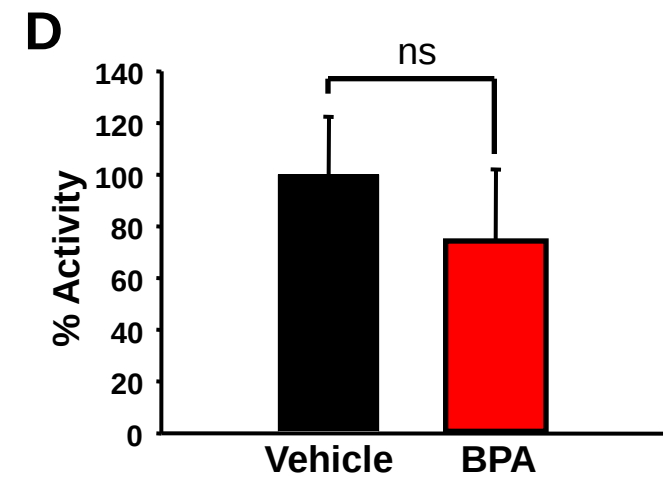
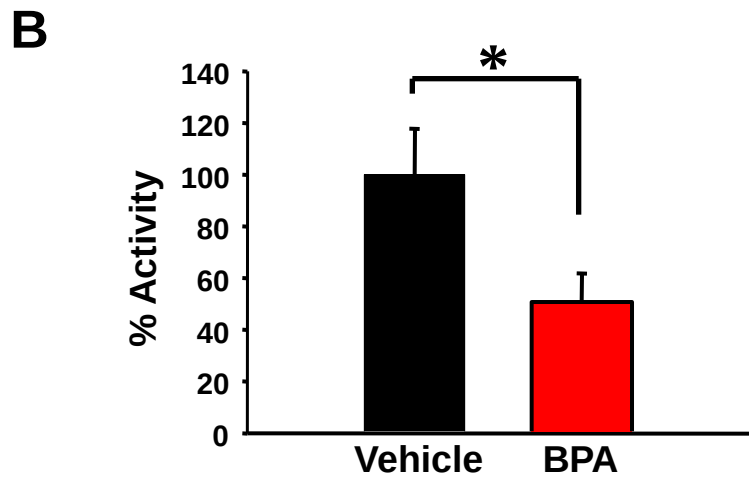
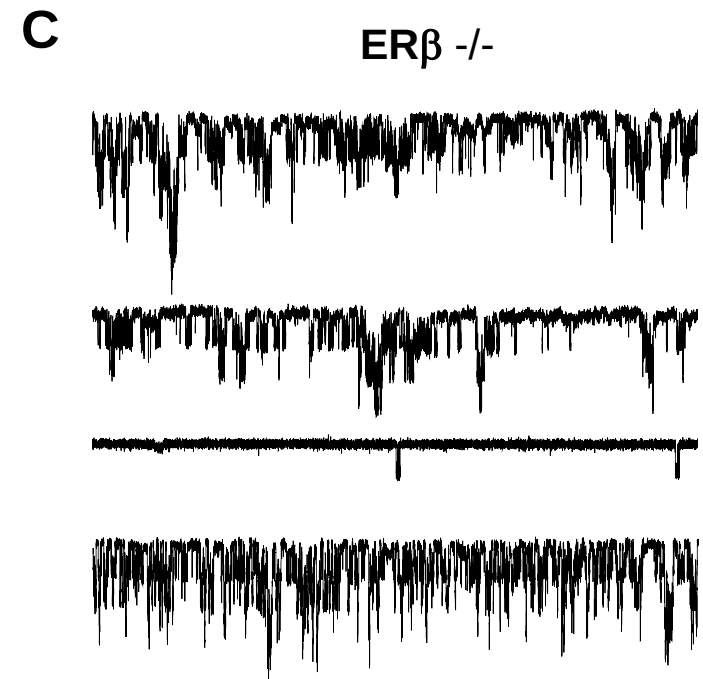
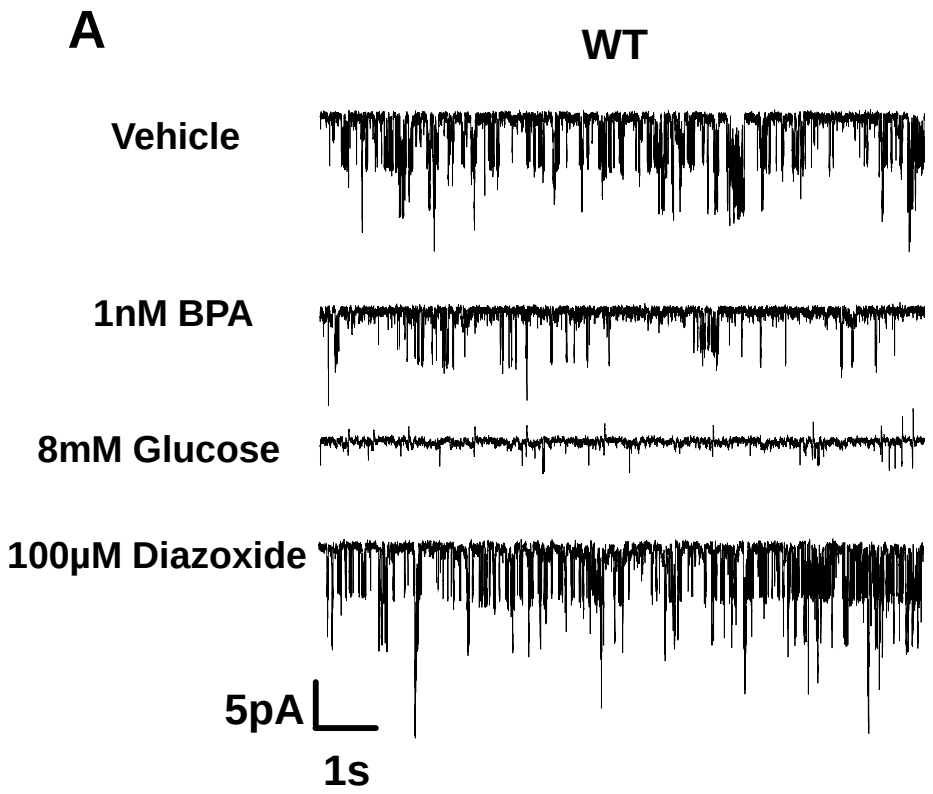
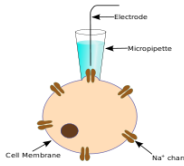


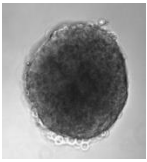
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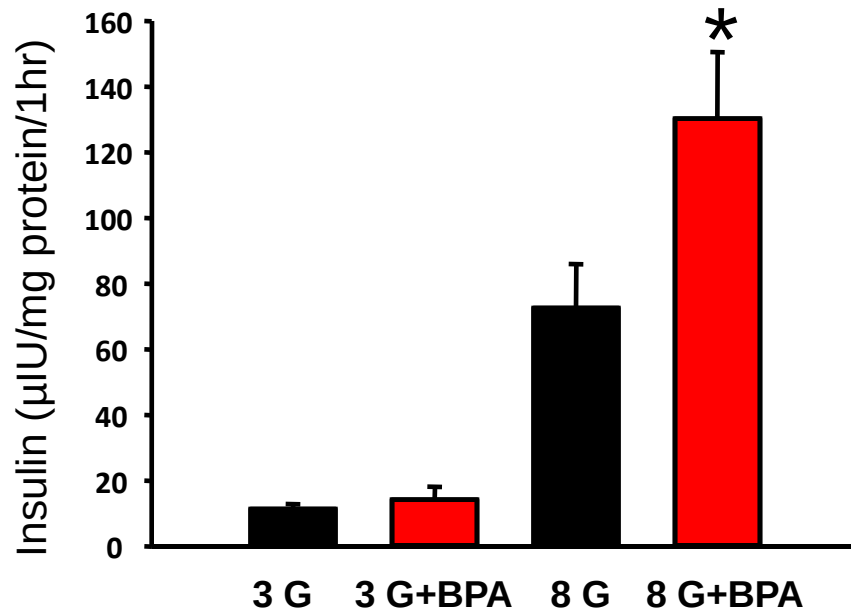




1nM BPA increases Glucose-Stimulated Insulin Secretion in mice in an Estrogen Receptor β dependent manner

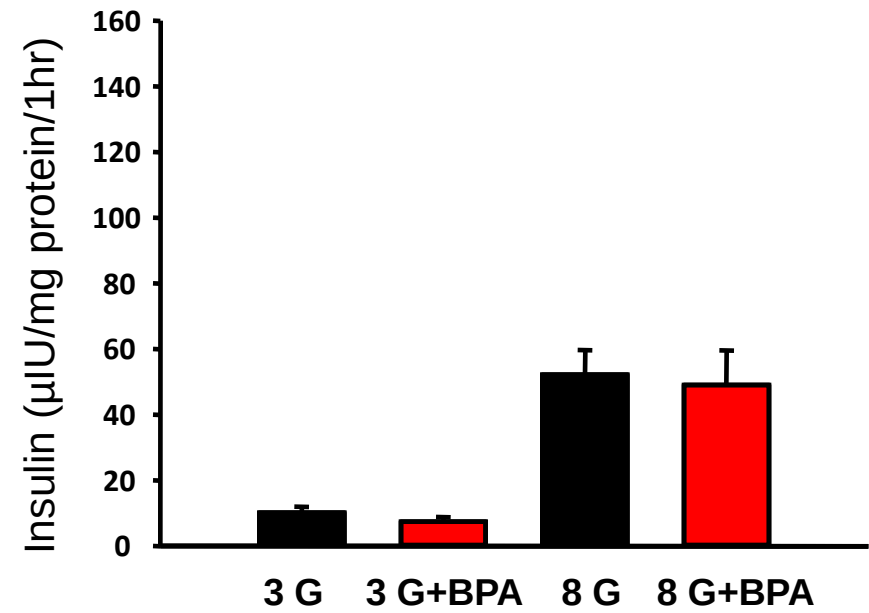
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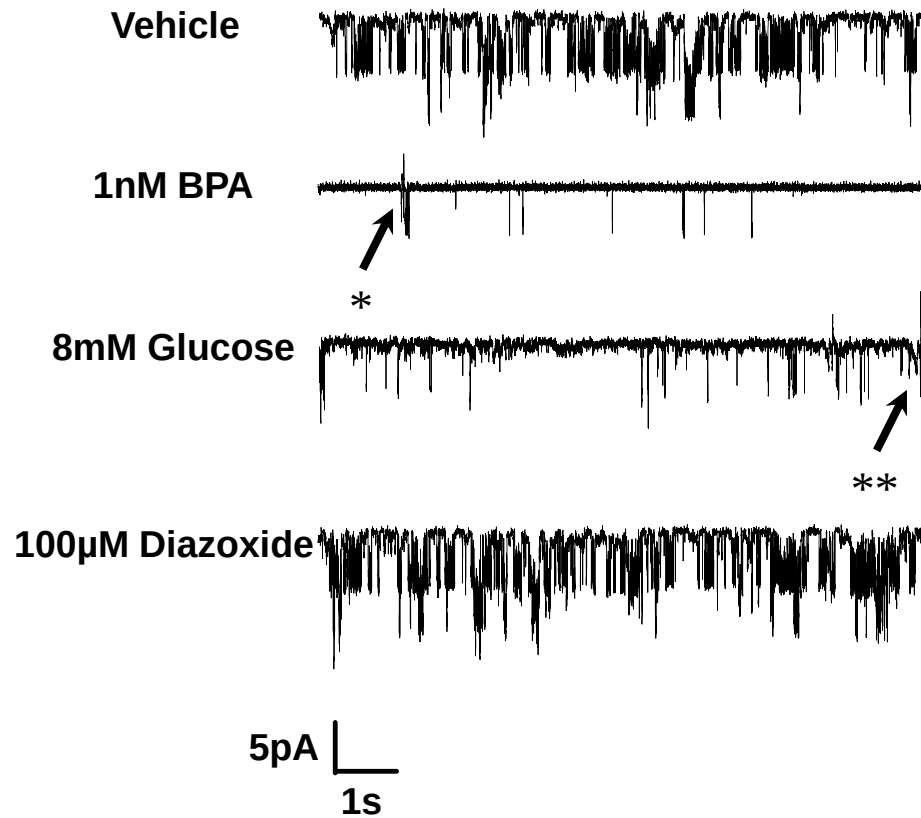
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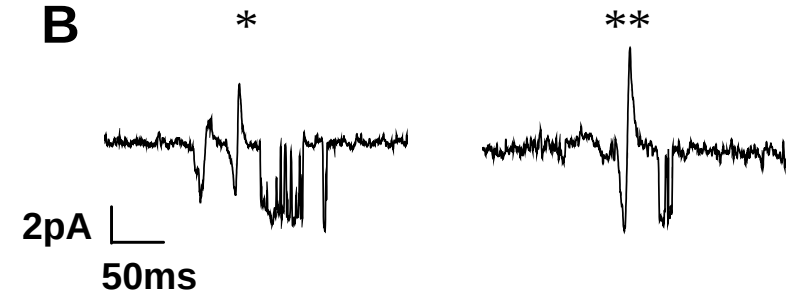


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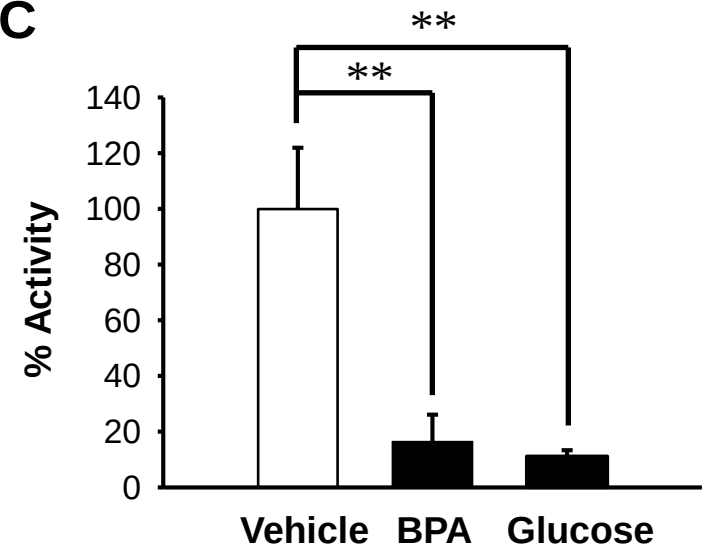
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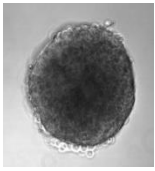


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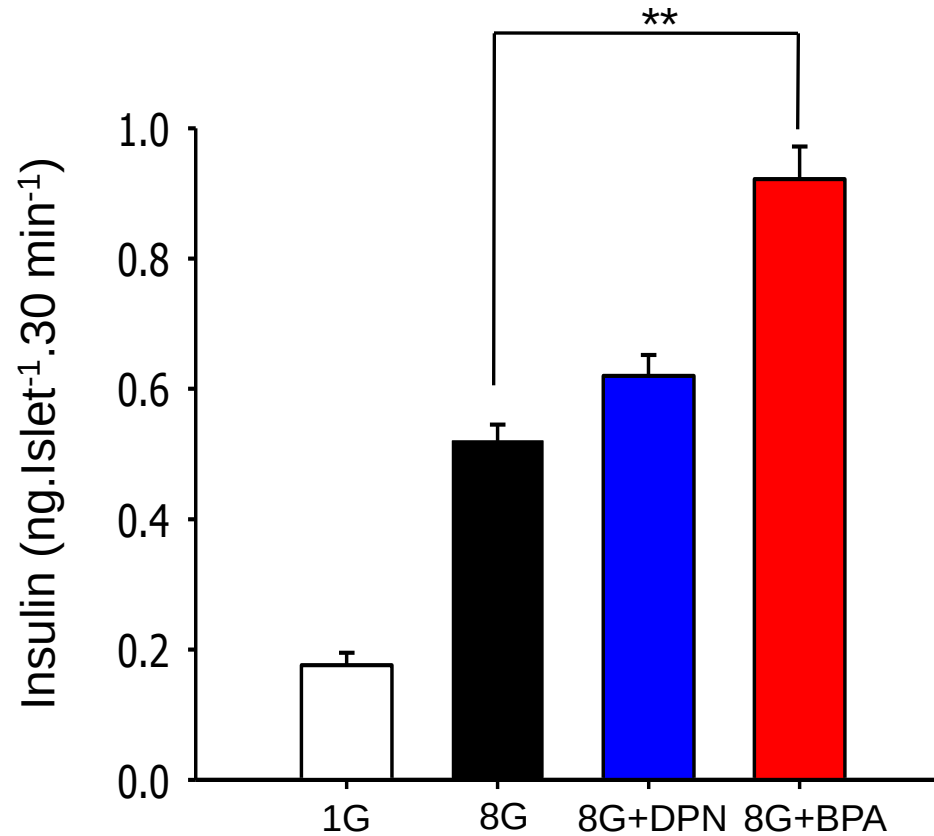
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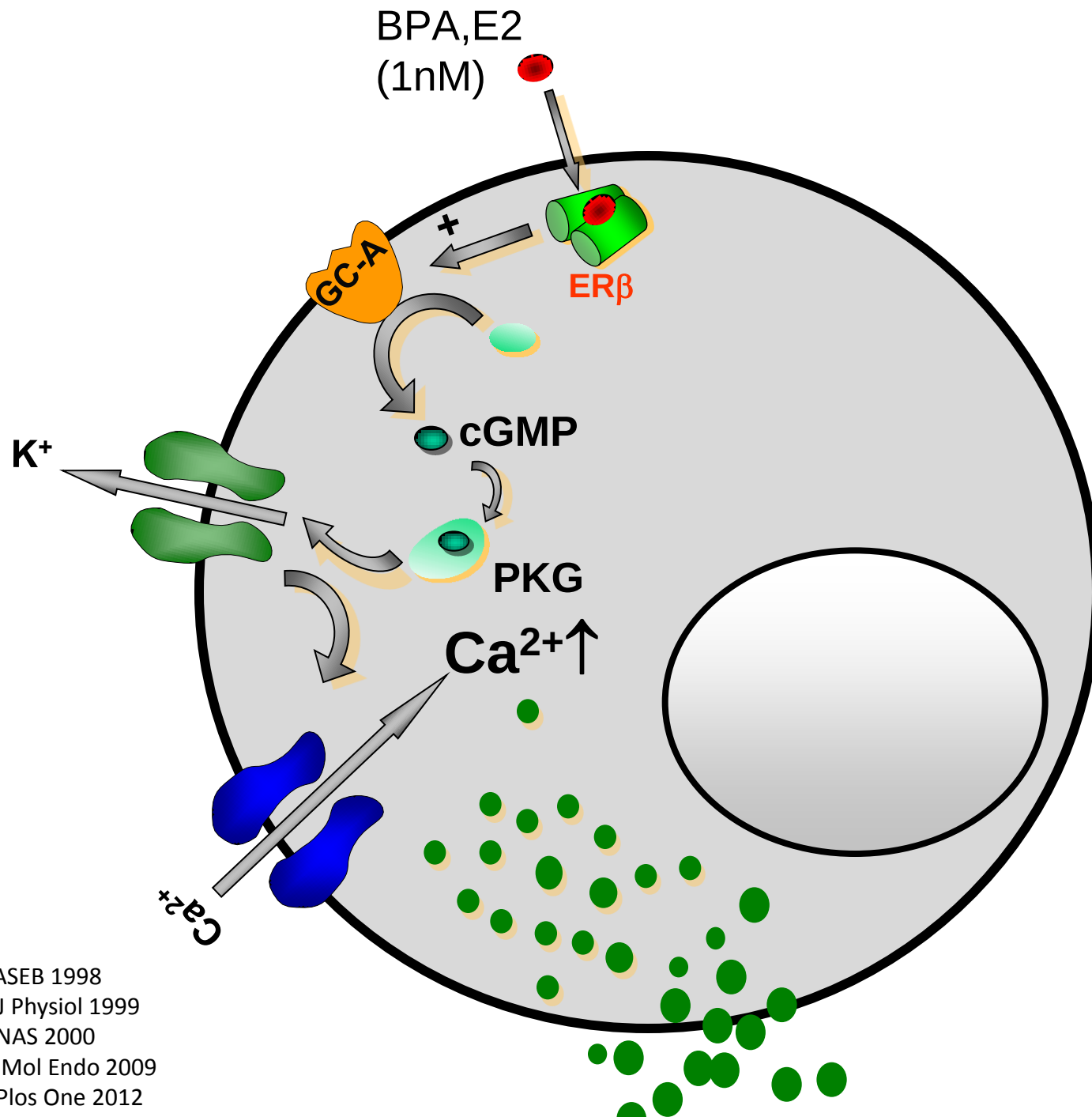




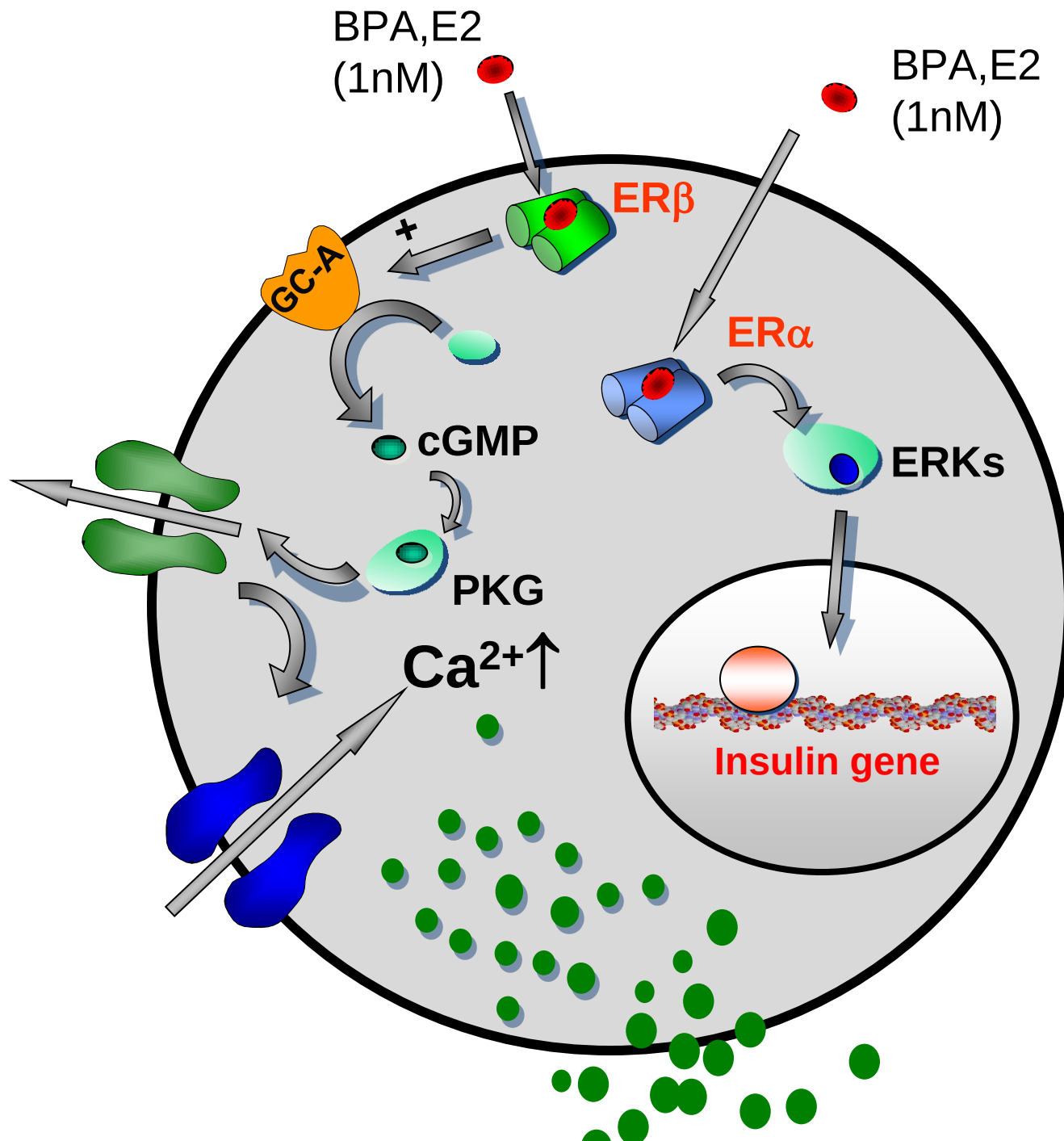
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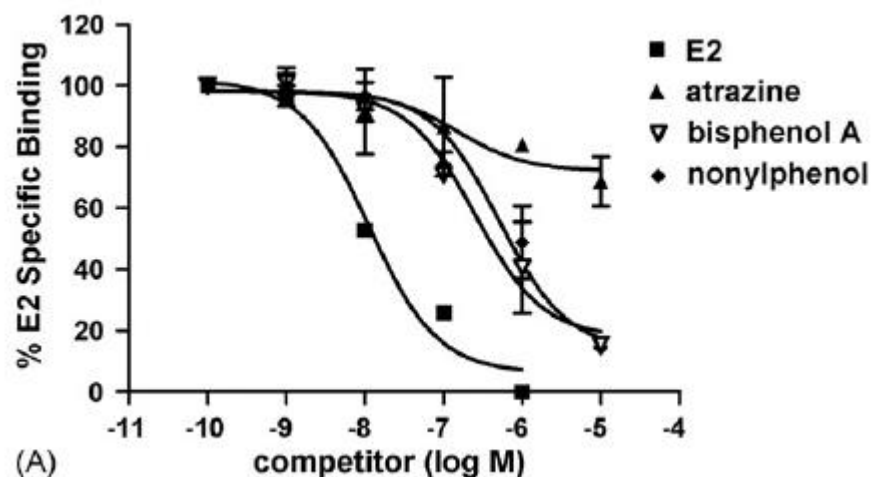


Table 1

Rank order of binding affinities of environmental estrogens to plasma membranes prepared from HEK293 cells transfected with GPR30^a

Compound	IC ₅₀ nM	RBA
Estradiol-17β	17.8	100.00
Genistein	133	13.41
Bisphenol A	630	2.83
Zearalenone ^b	763	2.34
Nonylphenol	828	2.15
Kepone	1350	1.32
<i>p,p'</i> -DDT	2719	0.66
2,2',5' PCB-4-OH	3763	0.47
<i>o,p'</i> -DDE ^b	7144	0.25
Atrazine	ND	ND
Methoxychlor	ND	ND
<i>o,p'</i> -DDT	ND	ND
<i>p,p'</i> -DDE	ND	ND

^a Each value is the mean of three separate competitive binding assays. IC₅₀ is the competitor concentration that causes 50% displacement of [³H]estradiol-17β. RBA is the relative binding affinity (%) compared to that of estradiol-17β. ND, not determined; displacement <50% at 10⁻⁵ M.

^b Calculated from competitive binding assays with SKBR3 cells (24).

Low Concentrations of Bisphenol A Induce Mouse Spermatogonial Cell Proliferation by G Protein–Coupled Receptor 30 and Estrogen Receptor- α

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We showed here that the mechanism by which BPA induces the activation of Erk1/2 is distinguishable from the mechanism of ER α -mediated signaling in human breast cancer cells.

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In vitro molecular mechanisms of bisphenol A action[☆]

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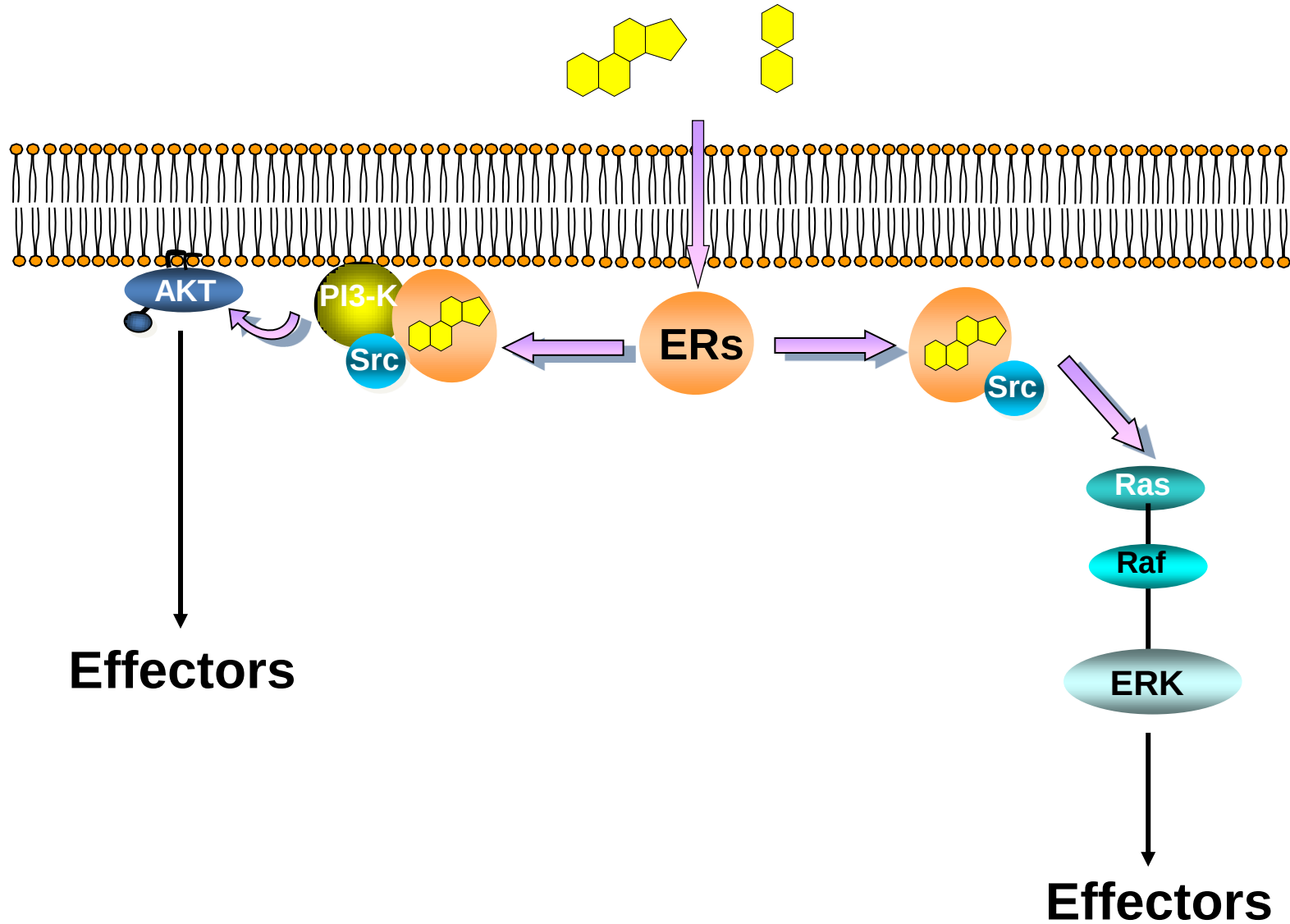
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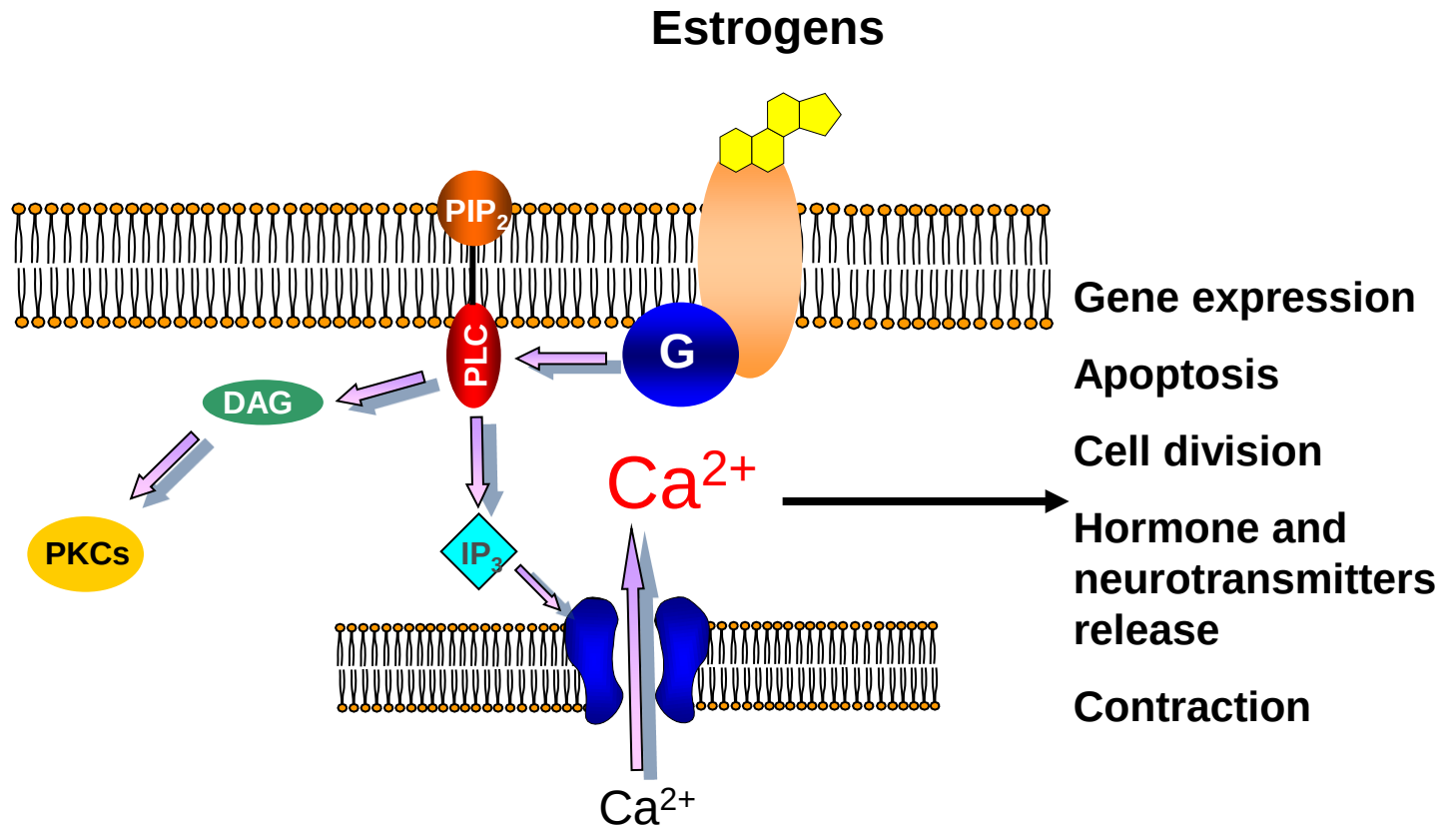
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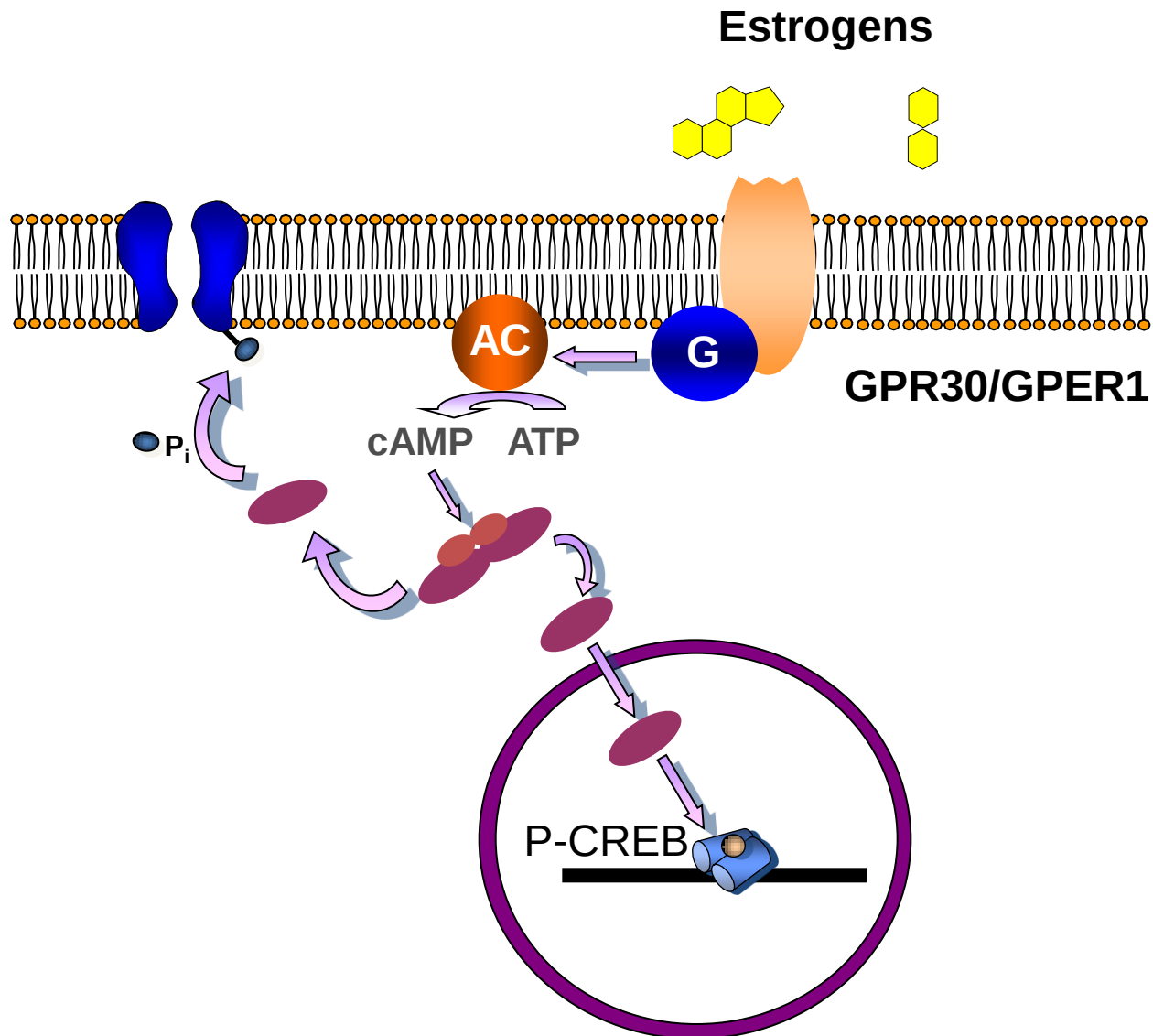
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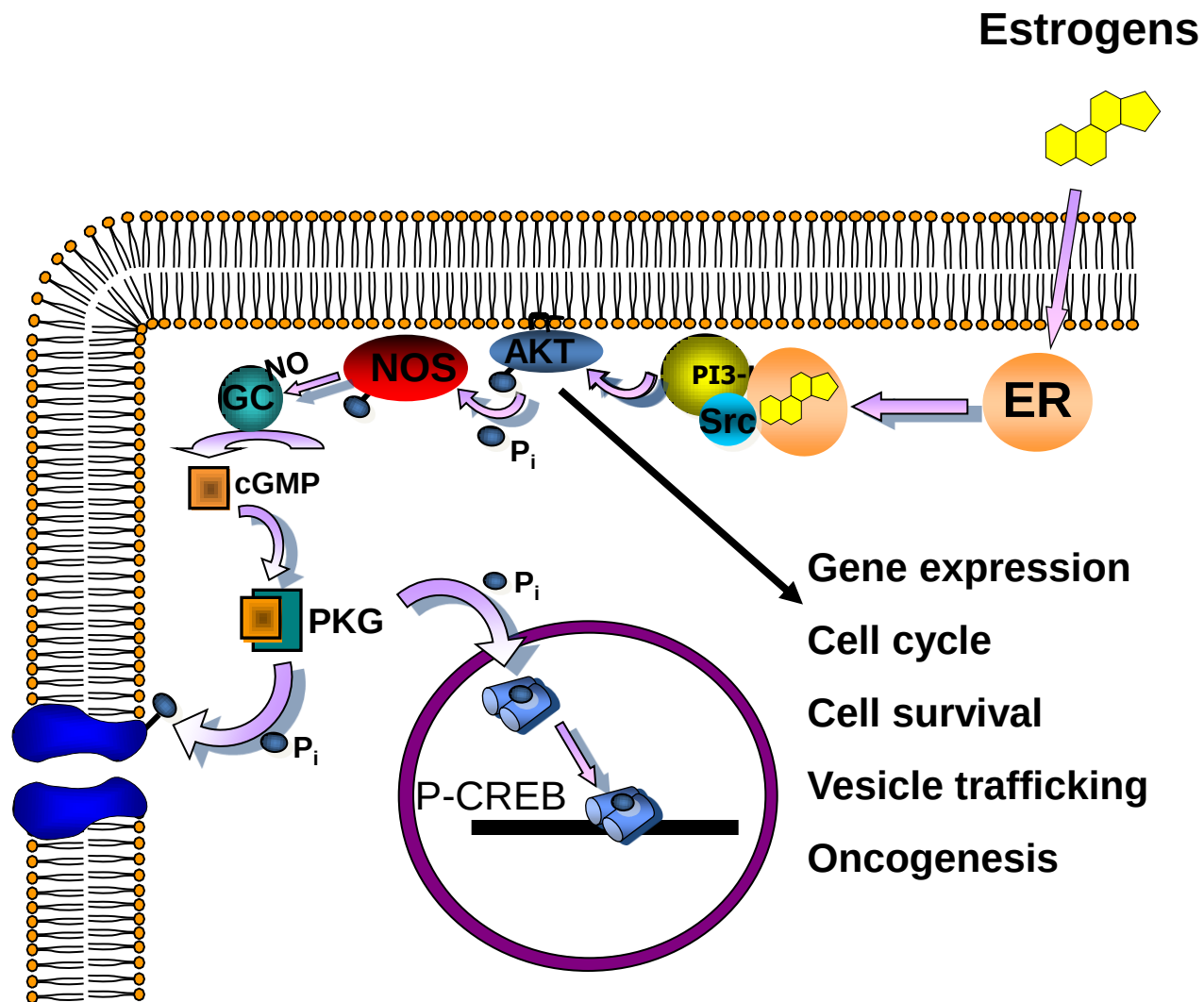
- a. BPA can act as an estrogen. Its effects are, however, cell type specific.
- b. Timing (developmental stage) of exposure and exposure dose/concentration are critical.
- c. When BPA binds to classic nuclear estrogen receptors and induce specific ERE binding, BPA is usually less potent than estradiol.
- d. When BPA action is mediated by estrogen receptors outside the nucleus, its potency is as high as that of estradiol, ranging within the pico- and nano-molar concentrations.

Estrogens









Estrogenic GPR30 signalling induces proliferation and migration of breast cancer cells through CTGF

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bound transcription factors. ERs have been extensively studied at the molecular, cellular, physiological and pathological levels (reviewed by Dahlman-Wright *et al.*, 2006; Deroo and Korach, 2006; Heldring *et al.*, 2007). Tamoxifen and its hydroxylated active form hydroxytamoxifen (OHT) are synthetic ER ligands that compete with the physiological oestrogen 17 β -estradiol (E2) for binding. Depending on promoter, cell and signalling context, OHT functions either as a partial

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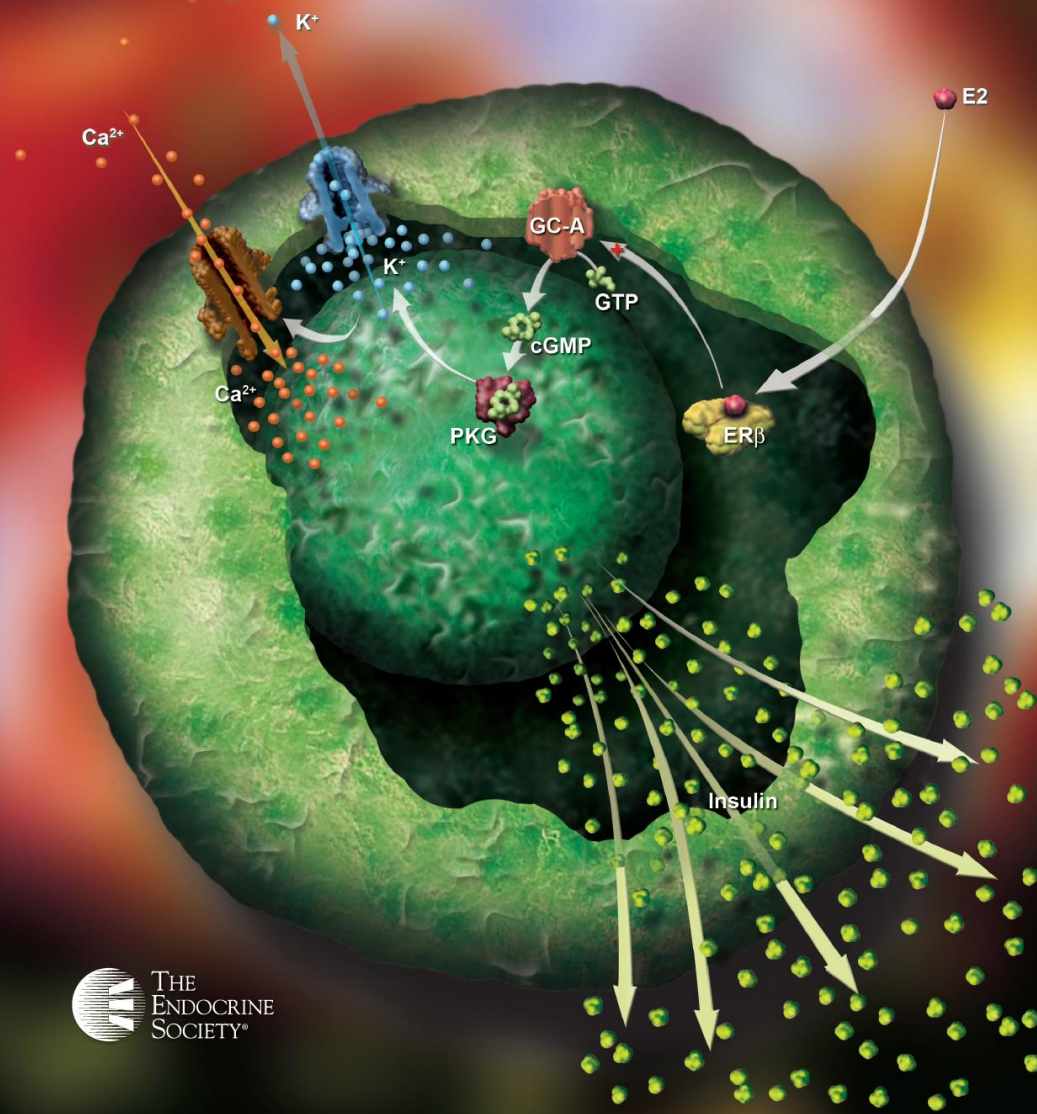
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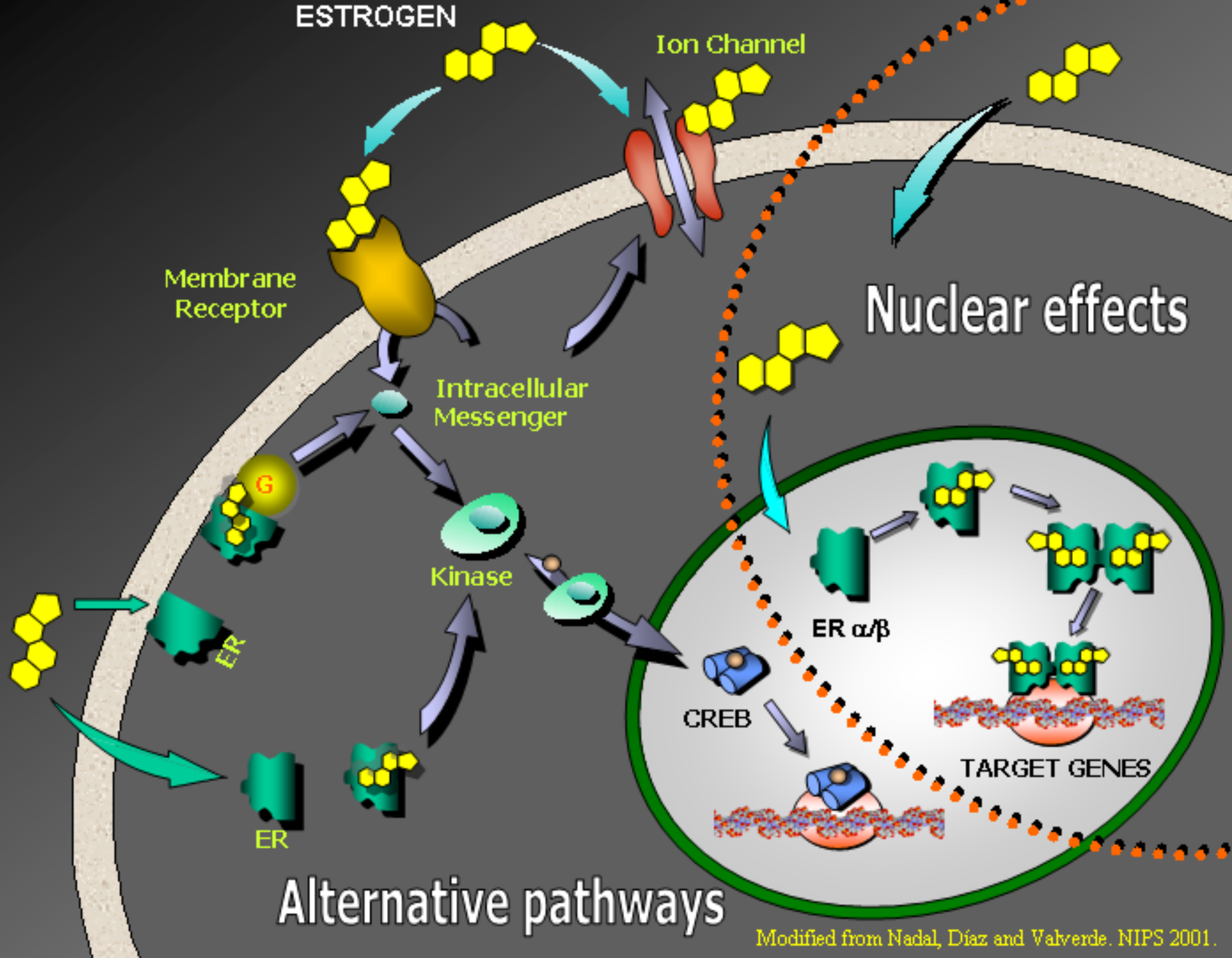
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Identity of an Estrogen Membrane Receptor Coupled to a G Protein in Human Breast Cancer Cells

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mapped the T β RI-interacting region of OCLN to extracellular loop 2 (L2) (Fig. 4C). T β RI is localized to tight junctions in polarized NMuMG cells (25). To determine whether OCLN might contribute to regulating T β RI localization, we used OCLN(Δ L2) as a dominant negative. Confocal microscopy in polarized NMuMG cells revealed that the WT, as well as the extracellular loop 1 (Δ L1) and Δ L2 mutants of OCLN, localized with ZO-1 on the apical aspect of the cell in tight junctions (Fig. 4D). Localization of Myc-tagged T β RI in tight junctions was unaffected by WT OCLN or OCLN(Δ L1), both of which interacted with T β RI. In contrast, OCLN(Δ L2) caused mislocalization of T β RI across the surface of the cell (Fig. 4D). Moreover, when we examined the epithelial-to-mesenchymal transition (EMT) in these cells, 40% of OCLN(Δ L2)-expressing cells exhibited retained tight junctions after TGF β treatment, compared with only 10% of control cells (Fig. 4E) (11). In contrast, none of the OCLN mutants affected TGF β -dependent induction of a Smad-responsive reporter gene (fig. S8). Thus, OCLN regulates T β RI localization to tight junctions, and this is important for efficient TGF β -dependent dissolution of tight junctions during EMT. This suggests that targets of the receptor complex localized to tight

A Transmembrane Intracellular Estrogen Receptor Mediates Rapid Cell Signaling

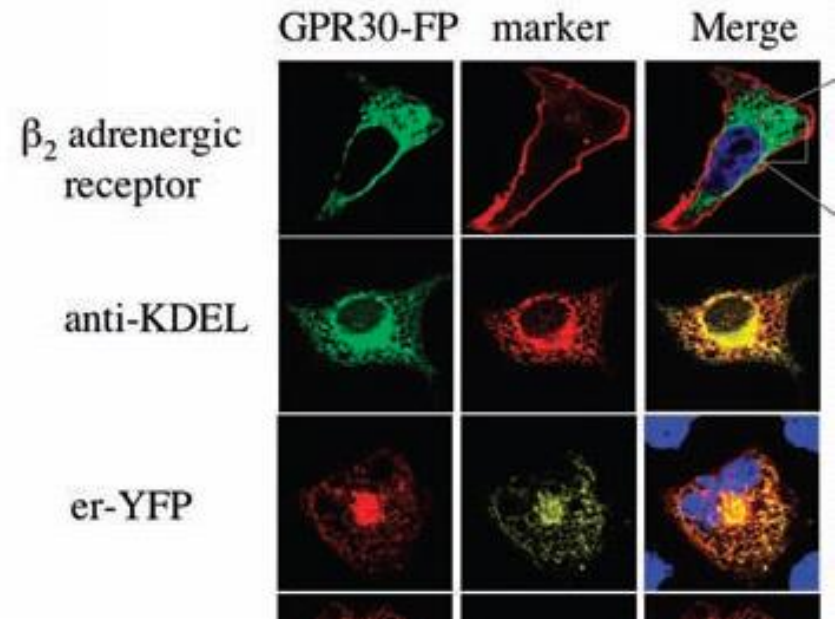
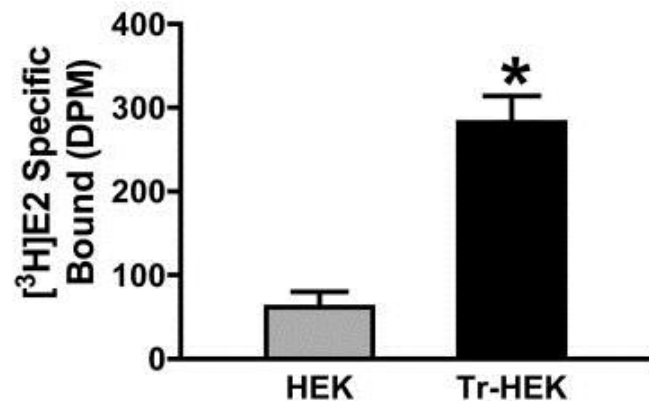
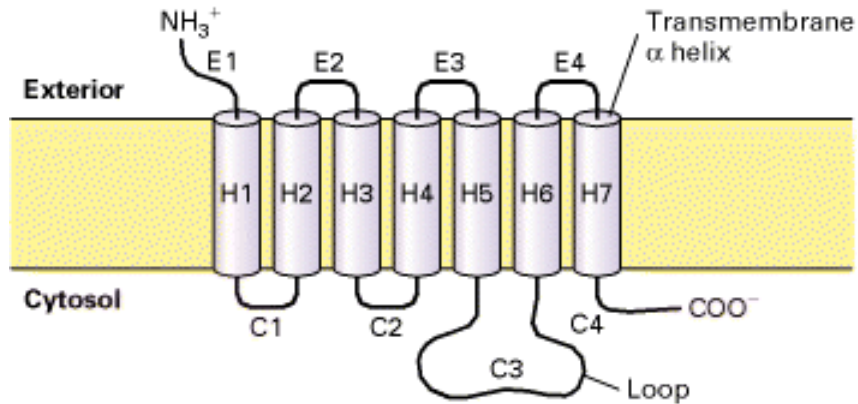
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The steroid hormone estrogen regulates many functionally unrelated processes in numerous tissues. Although it is traditionally thought to control transcriptional activation through the classical nuclear estrogen receptors, it also initiates many rapid nongenomic signaling events. We found that of all G protein-coupled receptors characterized to date, GPR30 is uniquely localized to the endoplasmic reticulum, where it specifically binds estrogen and fluorescent estrogen derivatives. Activating GPR30 by estrogen resulted in intracellular calcium mobilization and synthesis of phosphatidylinositol 3,4,5-trisphosphate in the nucleus. Thus, GPR30 represents an intracellular transmembrane estrogen receptor that may contribute to normal estrogen physiology as well as pathophysiology.

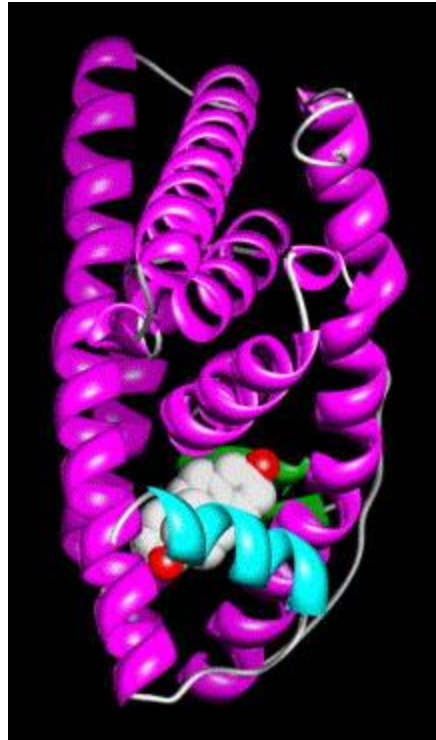
Estrogen (17 β -estradiol, E2) represents one of a family of steroid hormones that act through soluble intracellular receptors. Once activated, these receptors translocate to the nucleus, where they function as ligand-dependent transcription factors (1, 2). This

mode of action of two such estrogen-binding receptors, ER α and ER β , is reasonably well understood (3, 4). However, the existence of functional ERs associated with the plasma membrane has been debated (5). It has been suggested that such membrane receptors me-

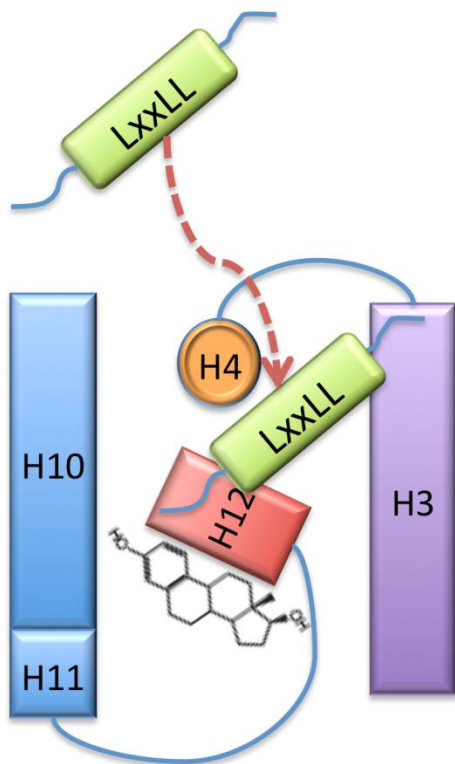
GPR30/GPER1



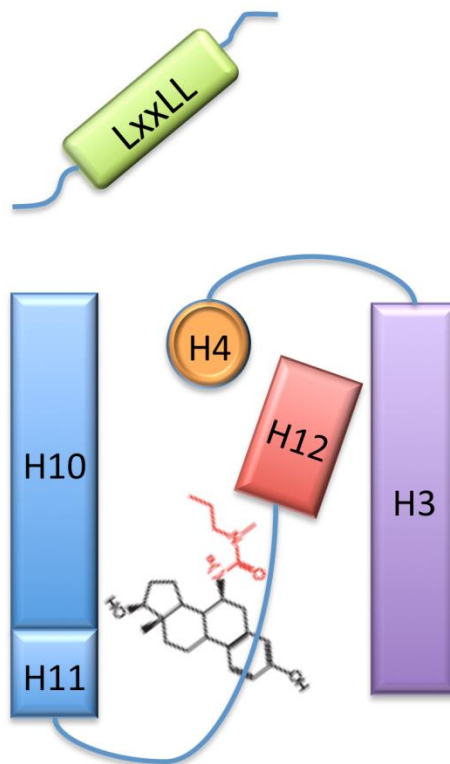
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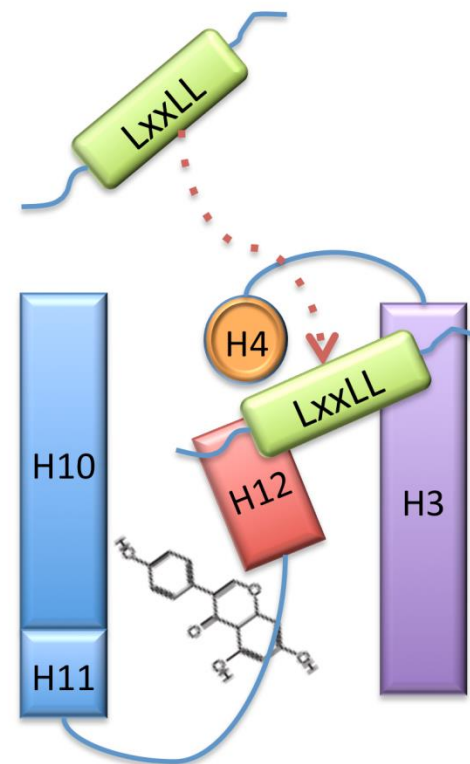
Three-dimensional structure of the human ER α LBD-E2 complex (1ERE) ([Brzozowski et al., 1997](#)). The α -helices are drawn in magenta, the β -strand in green, and the H12 α -helix in cyan. E2 is shown in space-filling form and colored according to atom type. The picture has been generated with UCSF Chimera ([Pettersen et al., 2004](#)).



Agonist
Estradiol



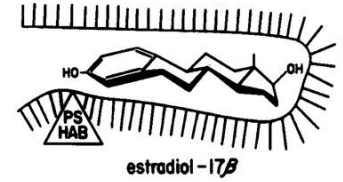
Antagonist
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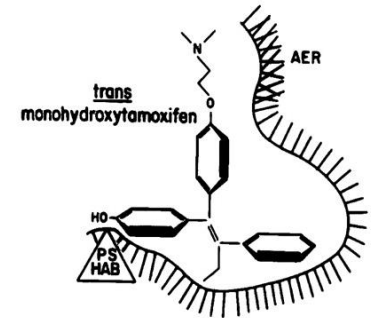
Partial Agonist
Genistein



Human ER α LBD in complex with E2 and SRC-2 NR-box3 peptide (1GWR) ([Wärnmark et al., 2002](#)).



Human ER α LBD-raloxifene complex (1ERR) ([Brzozowski et al., 1997](#)).

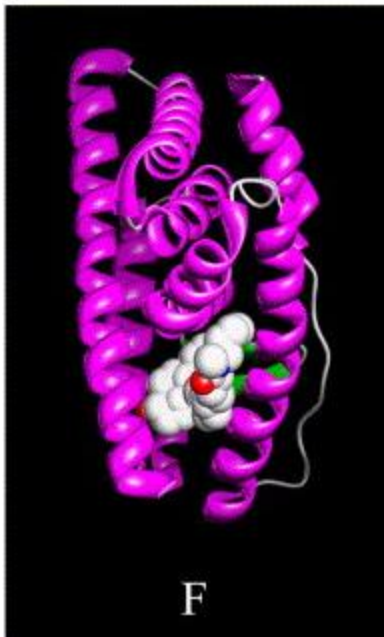


Partial antagonist
Selective estrogen receptor modulator (SERM)



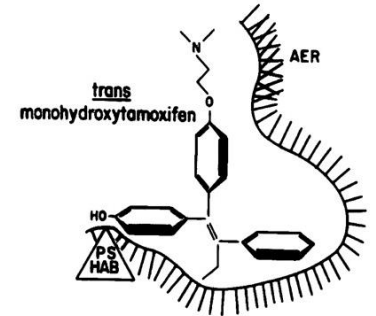
Human ER α LBD-4-hydroxytamoxifen complex (3ERT) ([Shiau et al., 1998](#)).

(SERMs)



Rat ER β LBD-ICI 164,384 (1HJ1) ([Pike et al., 2001](#)). The binding of ICI 164,384 to rat ER β LBD abolishes the association between the H12 α -helix and the rest of the LBD. The H12 α -helix is not shown because it is completely invisible in the experimental electron density maps ([Pike et al., 2001](#)).

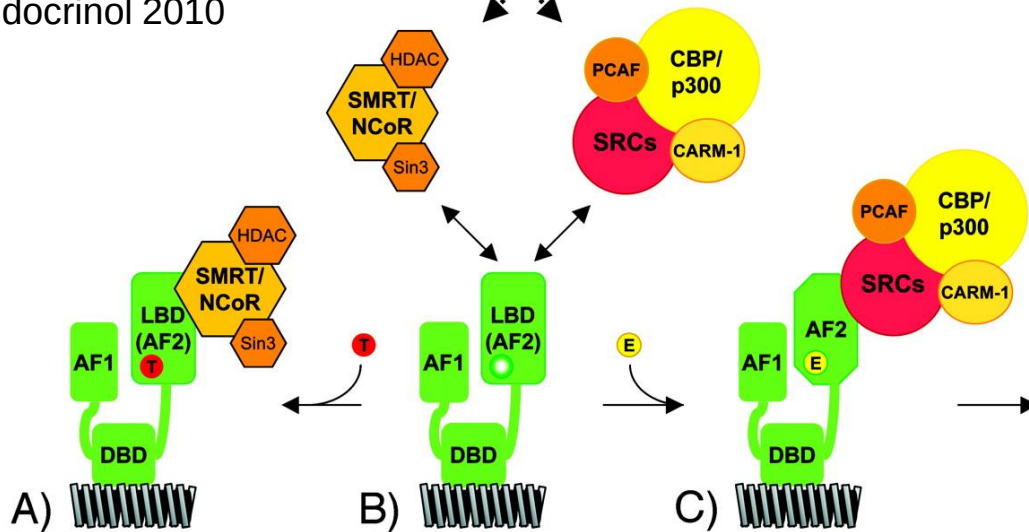
Pure antagonist



Raloxifeno

Breast cancer cells
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Cell Signaling



Model of nuclear receptor-dependent gene expression.

This represents a hypothetical schematic of the exchange of coregulators involved in activation of a gene by a steroid hormone receptor, such as ER. Coactivators and corepressors exist in complexes in the cell and do not appear to bind to receptor as monomers.

CBP/p300 histone acetylases

CARM1 Co activator-associated arginine methyltransferase

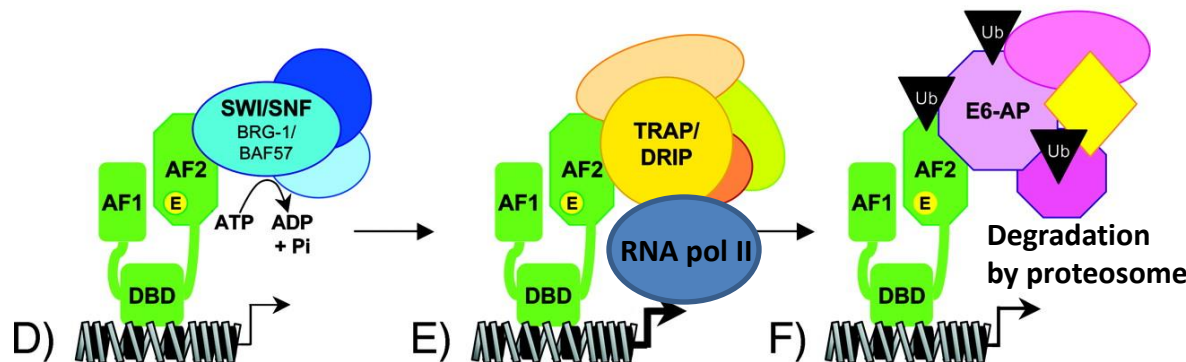
pCAF CBP/p300-associated factor

TRAP/DRIP Thyroid hormone receptor associated protein/Vitamin D receptor-integrating protein

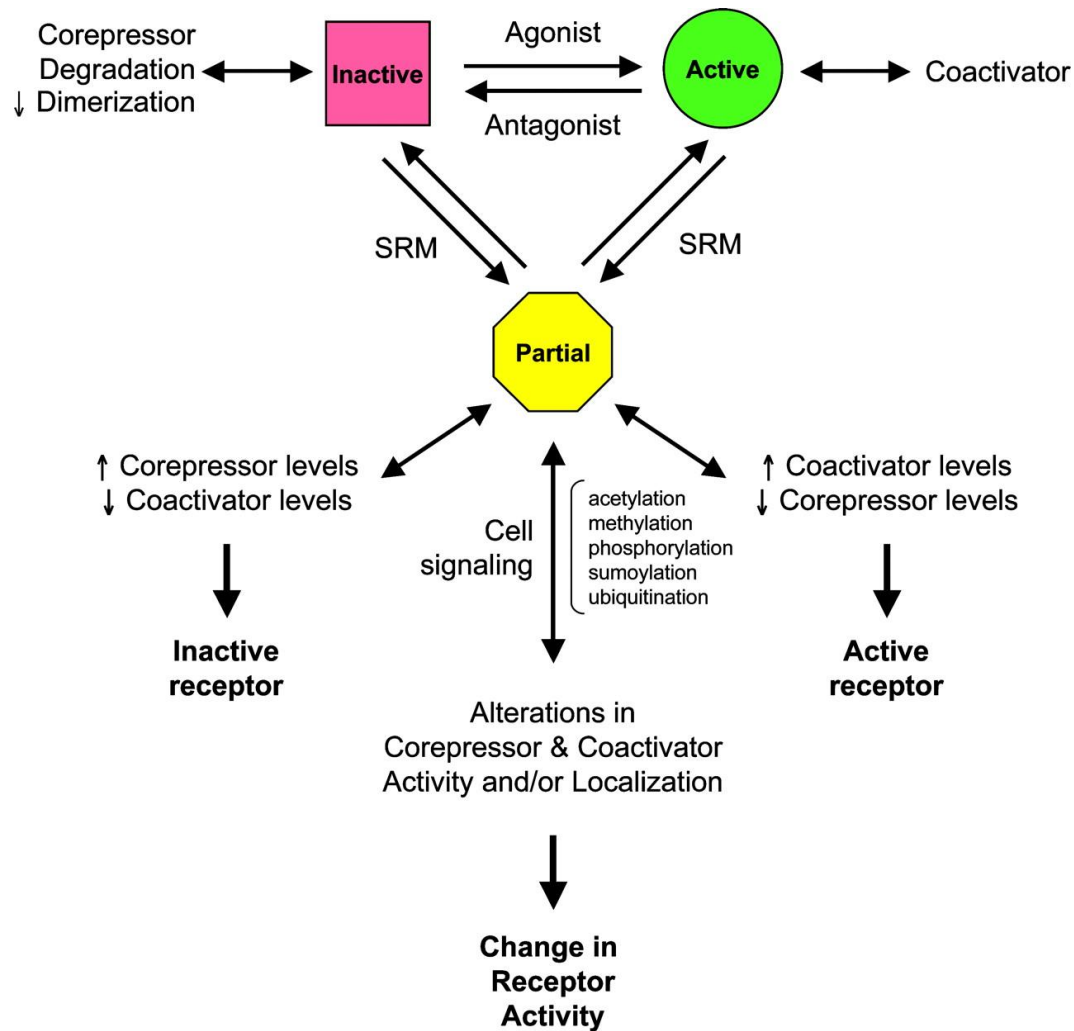
SNF sucrose non-fermenting factor complex, an ATP coupled chromatin-remodeling

E6-AP ubiquitin ligases

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Model of the contribution of coactivators and corepressors to relative SRM agonist/antagonist activity

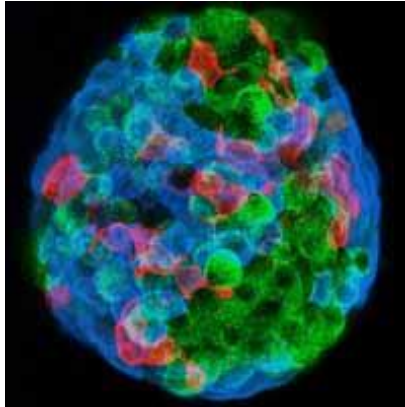


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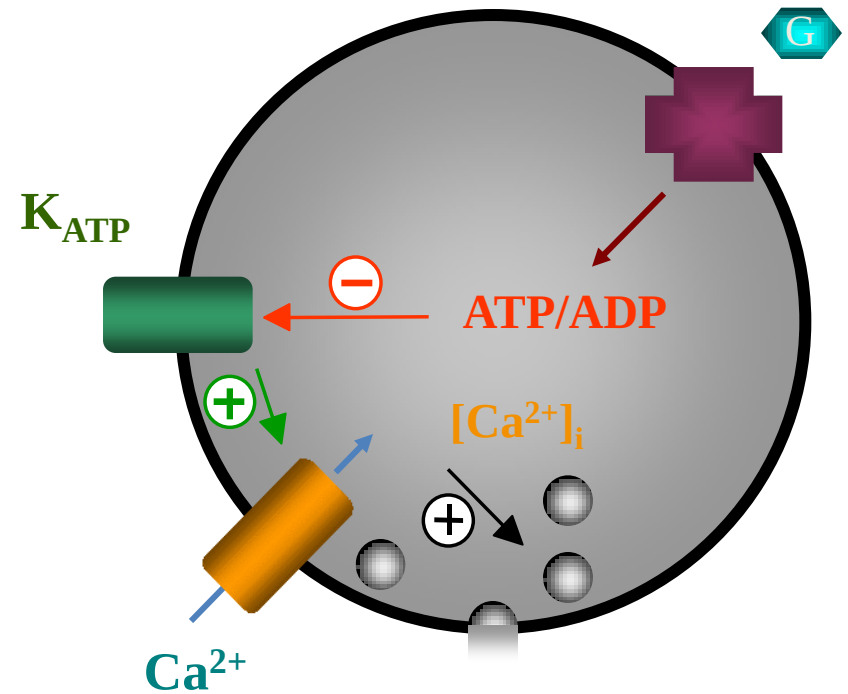
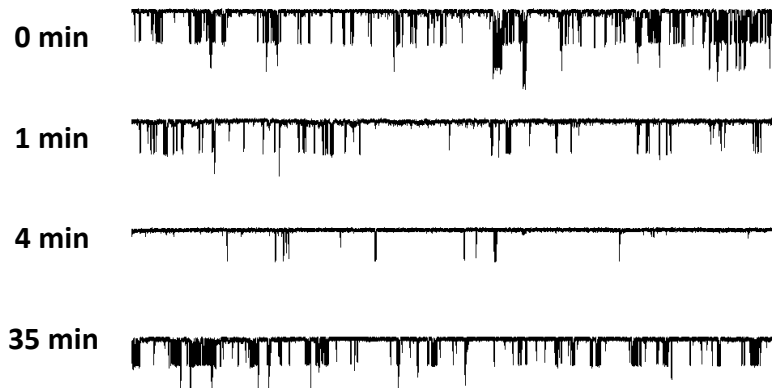
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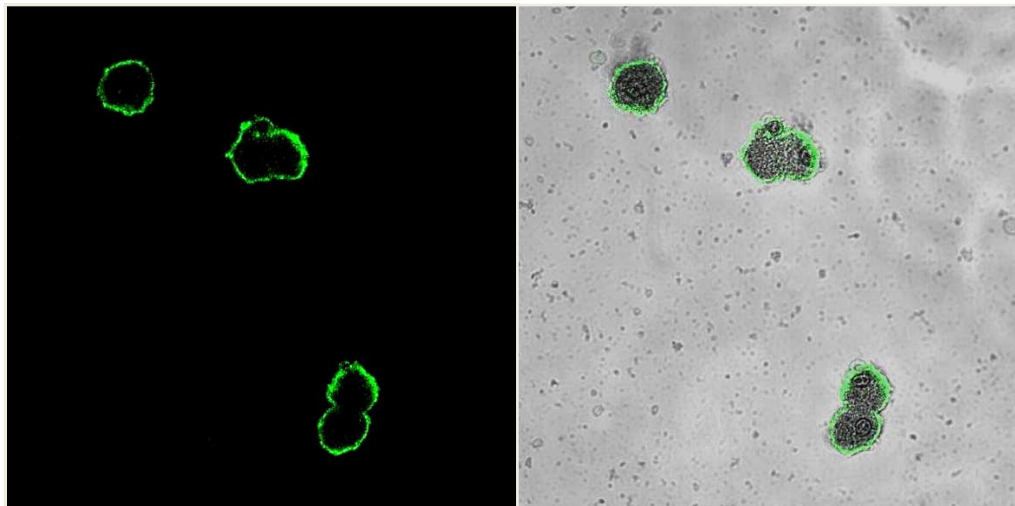
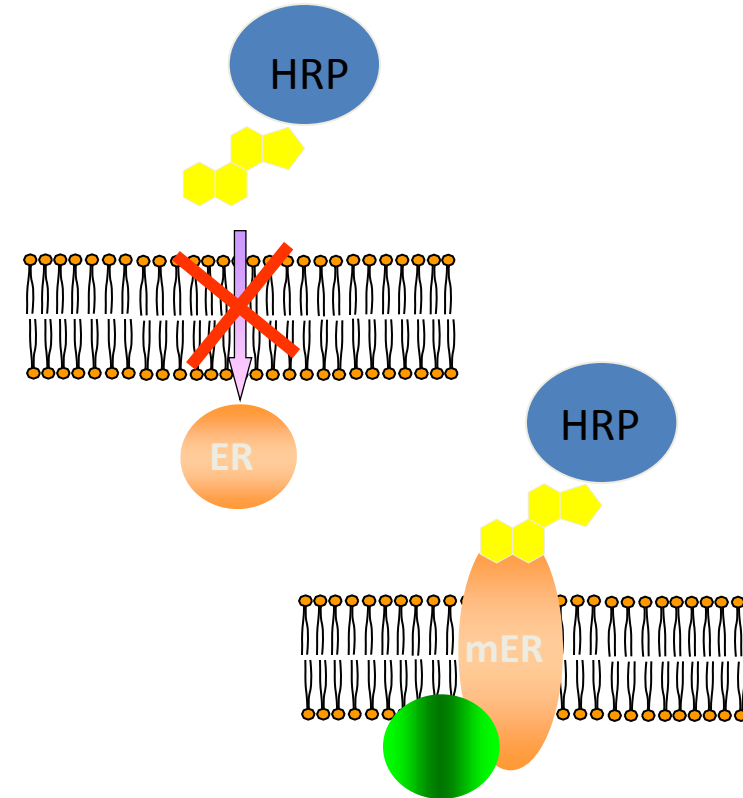
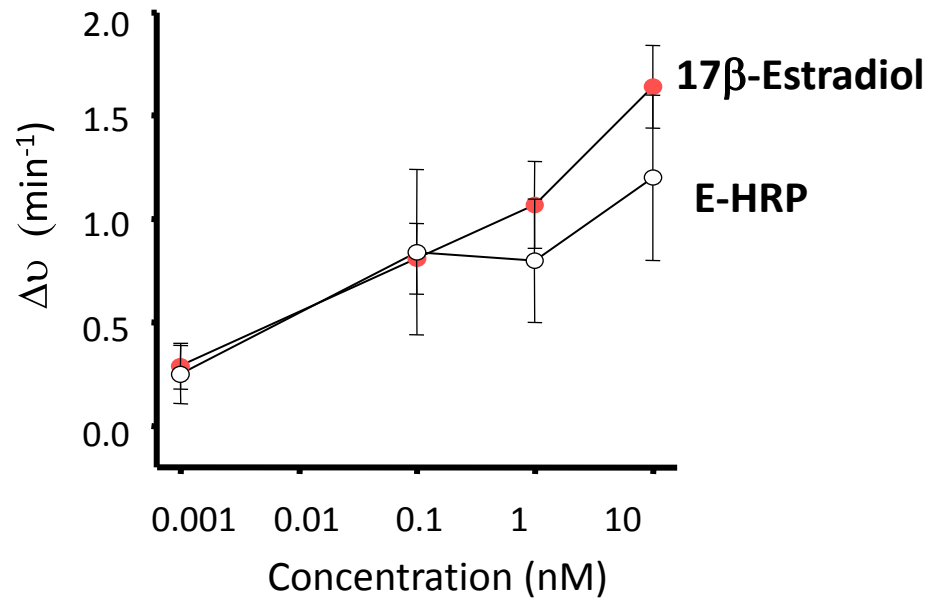
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1nM 17β -Estradiol

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Efectos sobre la membrana plasmática



Insulin biosynthesis

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