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CHOLINERGIC RECEPTORS



CHOLINERGIC RECEPTORS DEFINITION:-

: Chemical sites in effectors cells or at synapses through which acetylcholine exerts its action,

> i.e.: cholinergic receptors respond to Acetyl Cholin in neurosynapse





THE HUMAN BRAIN HAS A HUGE NUMBER OF SYNAPSES. EACH OF THE 10^11 (ONE HUNDRED BILLION) NEURONS HAS ON AVERAGE 7,000 SYNAPTIC CONNECTIONS TO OTHER NEURONS.





CHOLINERGIC RECEPTORS CLASSIFICATION







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N1 OR N RECEPTORS

THESE RECEPTORS ARE LOCATED AT THE NEUROMUSCULAR JUNCTION,

-ACETYLCHOLINE RECEPTORS OF THE NM SUBTYPE ARE THE ONLY ACETYLCHOLINE RECEPTORS THAT CAN BE FOUND AT THE NEUROMUSCULAR JUNCTION.



N2 OR NN RECEPTORS

AS MENTIONED BEFORE, NICOTINIC RECEPTORS PLAY A KEY ROLE IN THE TRANSMISSION OF CHOLINERGIC SIGNALS IN THE AUTONOMIC NERVOUS SYSTEMS.

-NICOTINIC RECEPTORS OF THE NN SUBTYPE CAN BE FOUND BOTH AT CHOLINERGIC AND ADRENERGIC GANGLIA, BUT NOT AT THE TARGET TISSUES (E.G, HEART, BLADDER, ETC). THESE RECEPTORS ARE ALSO PRESENT IN THE CNS AND ADRENAL MEDULLA.





M1, M4 and M5 receptors: >

<u>CNS</u>. These receptors are involved in complex CNS responses such as memory, arousal, attention and analgesia.

M1 receptors are also found at gastric > parietal cells and autonomic ganglia.



M2 receptors:

heart. Activation of M2 receptors lowers conduction velocity at sinoatrial and atrioventricular nodes, thus lowering

heart rate.



<u>M3 receptors:</u> >

smooth muscle. Activation of M3 receptors at the smooth muscle level produces responses on a variety of organs that include: bronchial tissue, bladder, exocrine glands, among others.



CHOLINERGIC NEURONS

Cholinergic neurons: are those which release ac.ch at their endings

Types of cholinergic neurons:

1-Central cholinergic neurons: arise from CNS including all pregang neurons and somatic nerves

2-Peripheral cholinergic neurons: arise from autonomic ganglia including all parasympath and sympathetic cholinergic postganglionic nerves



MECHANISM :-

It binds with cholinergic receptors in effectors organs.

Change of permeability of cell membrane to various ions

<u>• It either increases permeability to Na or Cá</u> ions or to K and Cl.











Drugs acting on cholinergic receptors

PARASYMPATHOMIMETIC DRUGS: (A)- DRUGS ACTING DIRECTLY: MUSCARINIC CHOLINERGIC AGONISTS: LIKE METHACHOLINE, PILOCARBINE, MUSCARINE AND A.C NICOTONIC CHOLINERGIC AGONISTS: CARBACHOL & NI

(B)- DRUGS ACTING INDIRECTLY: INHIBITS CHOLINESTERASE REVERSIBLE ANTICHOLINESTERASE E.G. ESERINE & PROSTIGMINE IRREVERSIBLE ANTICHOLINESTERASE E.G. PARATHION, DFP(GAS). *i.e.* : the main idea is to block the sites of cholinergic receptors in thesynapse in 2 ways >>> 1-to fill the receptors sites with agonists of muscarinic or nicotinic.

2-use anticholinesterase to stop cholinesterase work ... and the sites will still filled with ACH .





THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION! ANY QUESTIONS?