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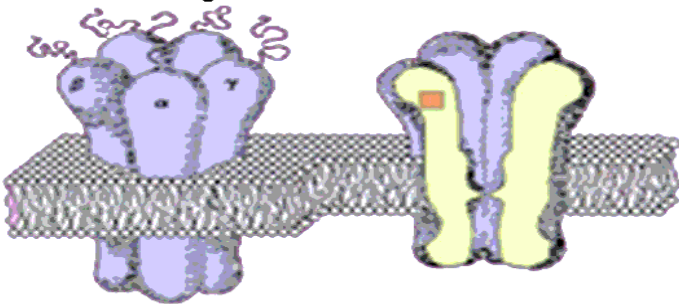
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Molecular Characterization of GABAergic Synapse, GABA_A/Benzodiazepine Receptors and Endogenous Benzodiazepines in the Brain

Benzodiazepines
Agonists
Antagonists
Inverse agonists

GABA Agonists
Muscimol, THIP
GABA Antagonists
Bicuculline



Convulsants
Picrotoxin
TBPS
Steroids

Barbiturates
Steroids
Alcohol

The GABA_A/Benzodiazepine Receptors

Research Interests:

- GABAergic synapse formation.
- Molecular mechanisms involved in synaptic localization of GABA_A receptors.
- Subunit Composition of GABA_A receptors in various brain regions.
- Relationship between ligand-binding specificities and subunit composition.
- mRNA and Protein expression of GABA_A receptor subunits.
- GABA_A Receptor subunit-specific antibodies.
- GABA_A receptor changes during aging.
- Characterization of endogenous brain benzodiazepines.

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