

Chapter 9: Cell Communication

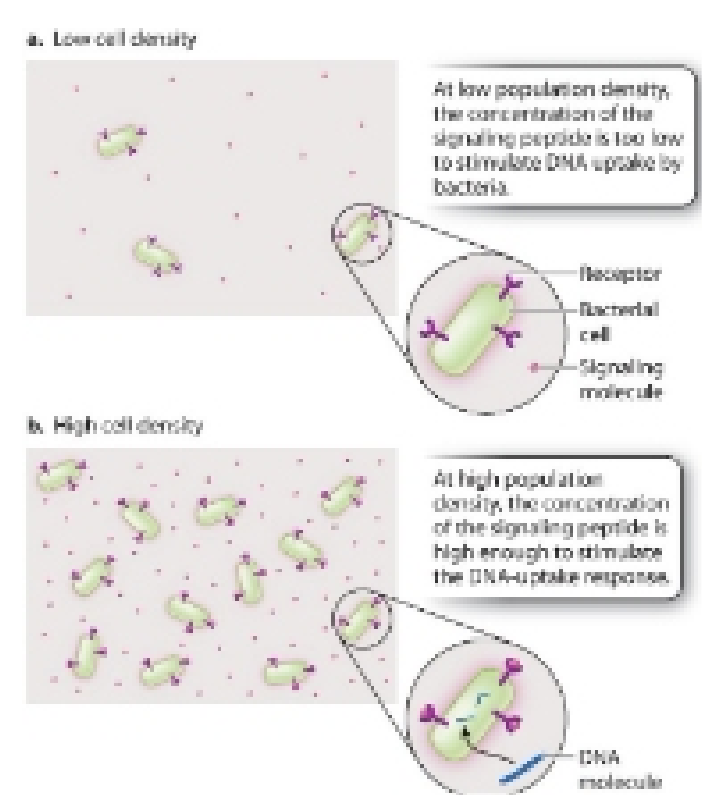
I. Introduction & Pupillary Reflex

A. Definitions

- Communication** – producing, detecting, and/or responding to signals
- Signal** – any “agent” that affects a cell
 - Ex. a molecule (ligand), a force, light
 - Ligands bind to receptors noncovalently*
- Receptor**: a cellular structure, usually a protein, that responds to a signal

B. Unicellular organisms communicate with neighbors or the environment (**Fig. 9.1a**)

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II. When a cell receives a signal... (Fig. 9.3)

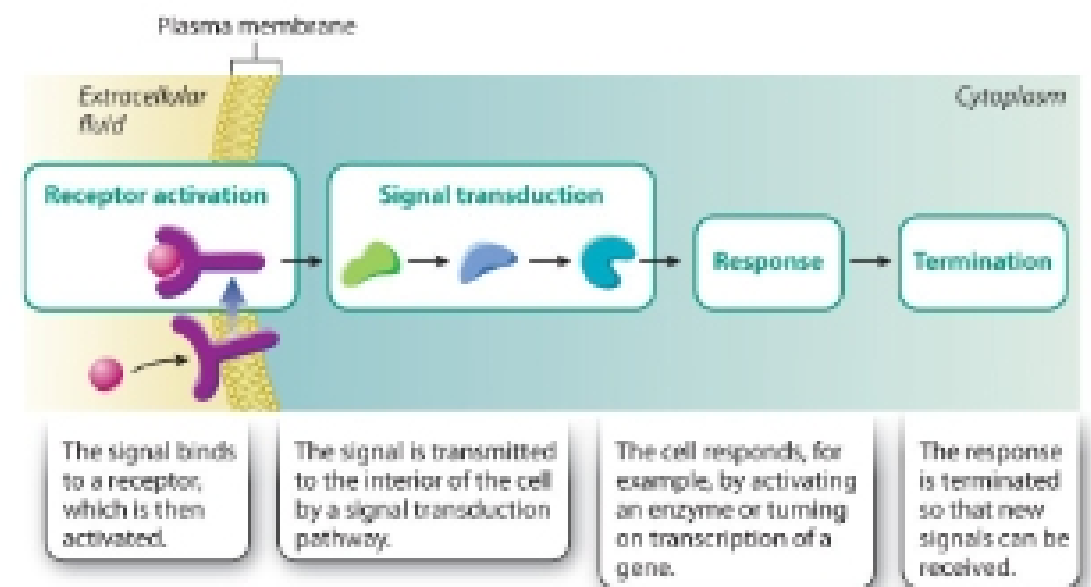
A. Receptor Activation

B. Signal Transduction (conversion to a different form)

C. Cell Response to the signal

- Ex. enzyme activation, cytoskeletal change, or transcription

D. Termination of Response



III. Types of cell signaling (Fig. 9.4)

A. Endocrine

- Signals travel **long distances** through the bloodstream
- Signals are called **hormones**

B. Paracrine signaling

- Signaling cell lack receptors; target cell is **local**

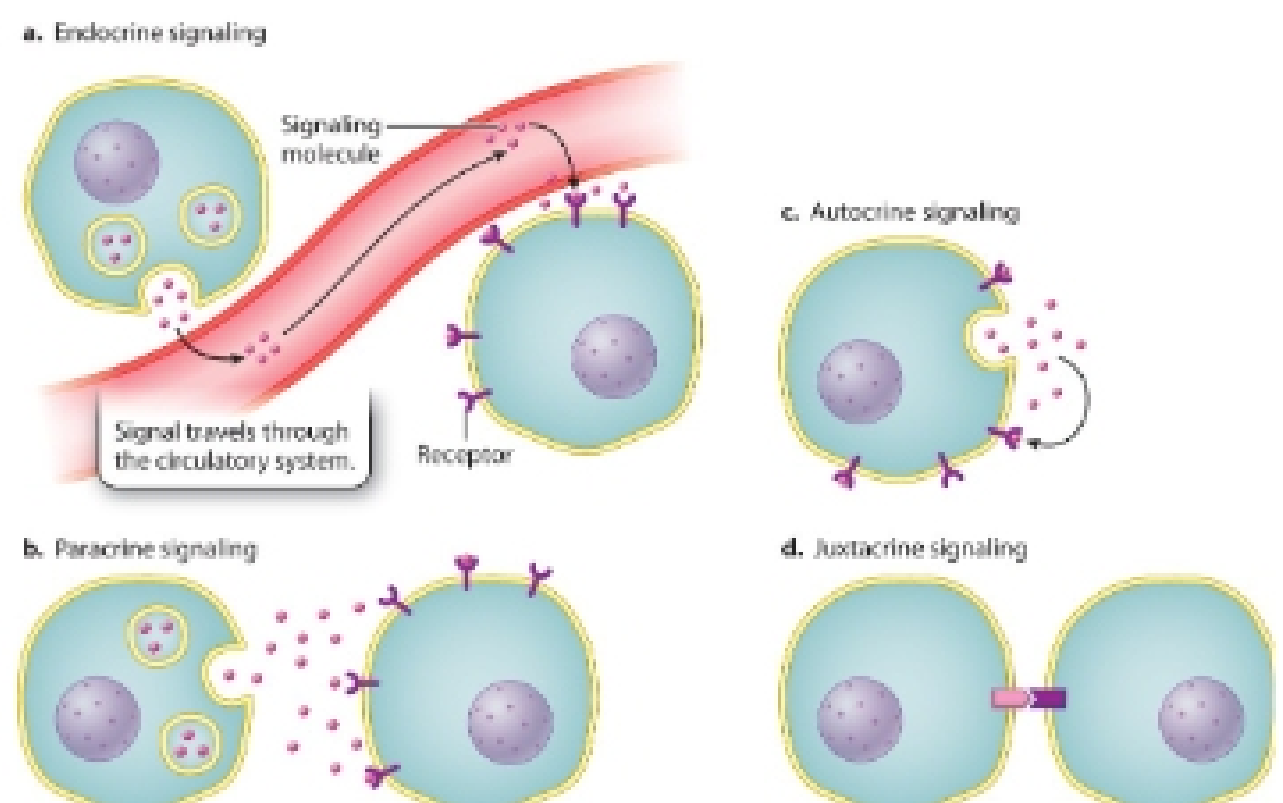
C. Autocrine signaling

- Signaling cell **receives its own signal**
- Ex. *Looking in a mirror*

D. Juxtacrine signaling

- Contact-dependent
- Cell that produces the signal must directly contact receptor cell to communicate (signal never enters extracellular space)
- Ex. *Development of a zygote*

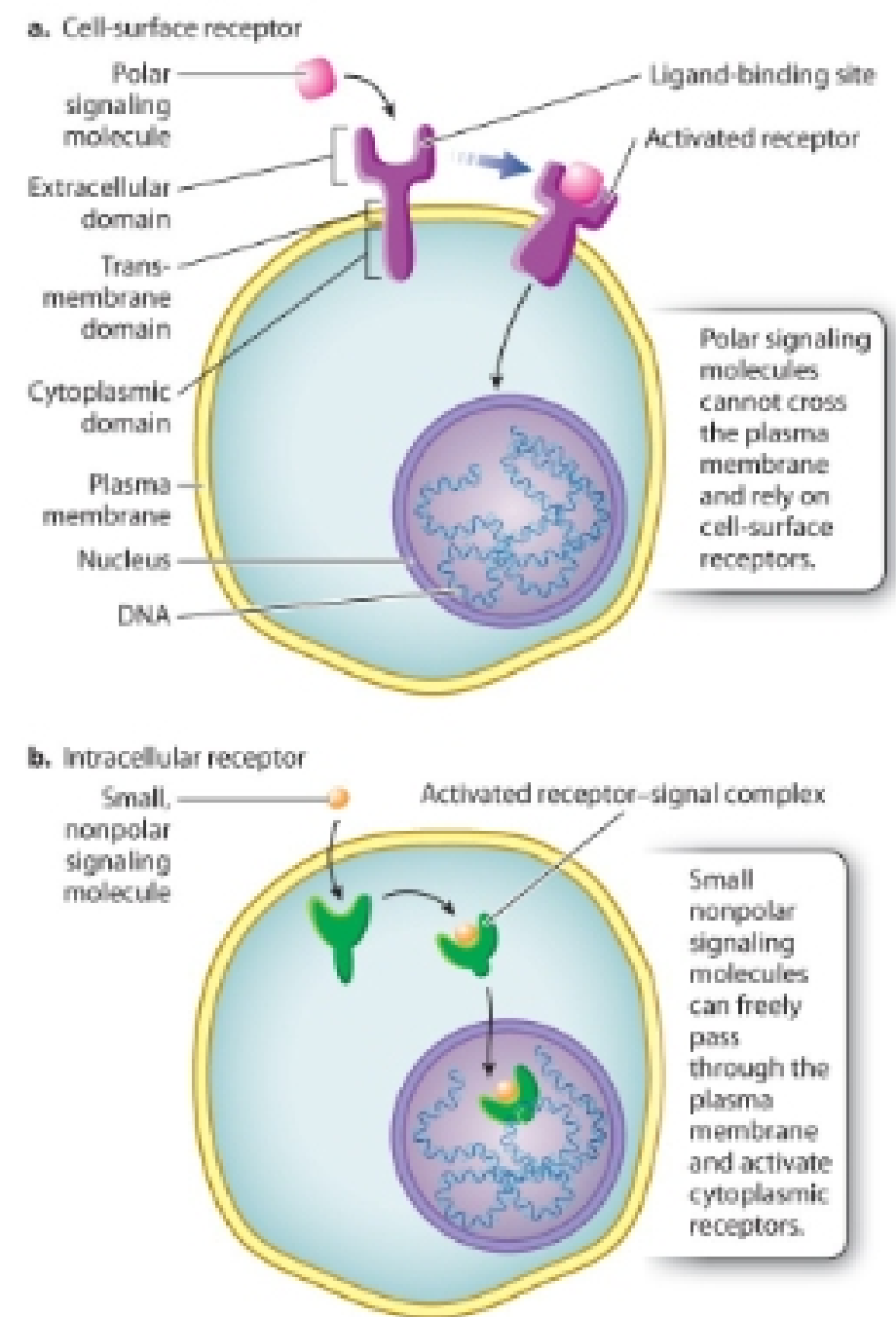
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IV. Ligand-Receptor Activity

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- A. **Cell surface receptors** interact with molecules that **can't diffuse** across membrane (**Fig. 9.6**)
- B. Signals that **do diffuse** across the membrane bind to **intracellular receptors** (**fig. 9.6b**)
- C. ****Clicker question: Ligand//type of receptor (intra vs. extracellular)**
 - 1. **Tryptophan: extracellular**
 - 2. **ATP: extracellular**
 - 3. **Estrogen: intracellular (all steroids diffuse through membranes)**
 - 4. **Insulin: extracellular**
 - 5. **Adrenaline: extracellular**
- D. **ATP can be released as a signaling molecule**
 - 1. **3 types of ATP receptors**
 - a. **P1, P2X, P2Y**



V. **3 classes of cell surface receptors (GPCR's, Enzyme-Linked, & Ligand-Gated Ion Channels)**

A. G-Protein Coupled Receptors (G.P.C.R.) (Fig. 9.7b, 9.8)

1. Associate with other proteins when activated

2. 5 steps of G.P.C.R. Activation

1) Signal binds to G.P.C.R.

2) G.P.C.R. changes shape & binds to G protein complex

3) G protein releases GDP from its α -subunit

4) GTP binds to the α -subunit, taking the place of GDP

5) G protein complex dissociates (breaks apart) & activated α -subunit propagates response

3. When GTP binds to a protein, the protein changes shape

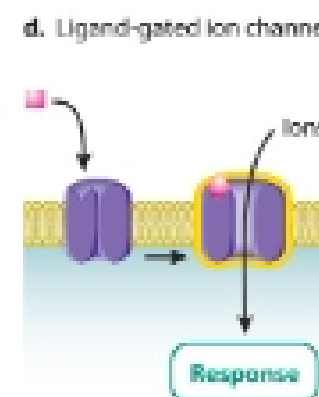
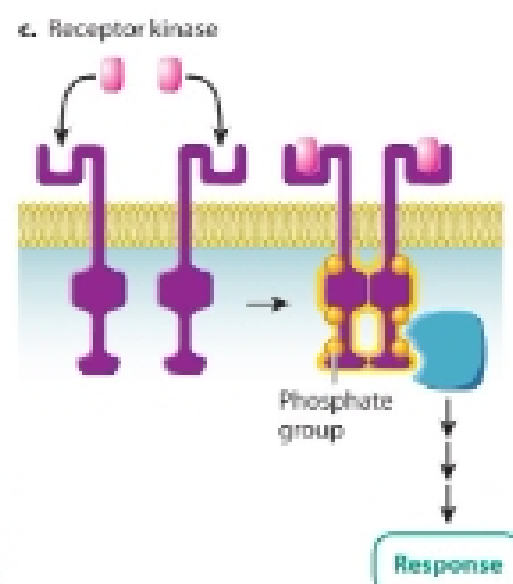
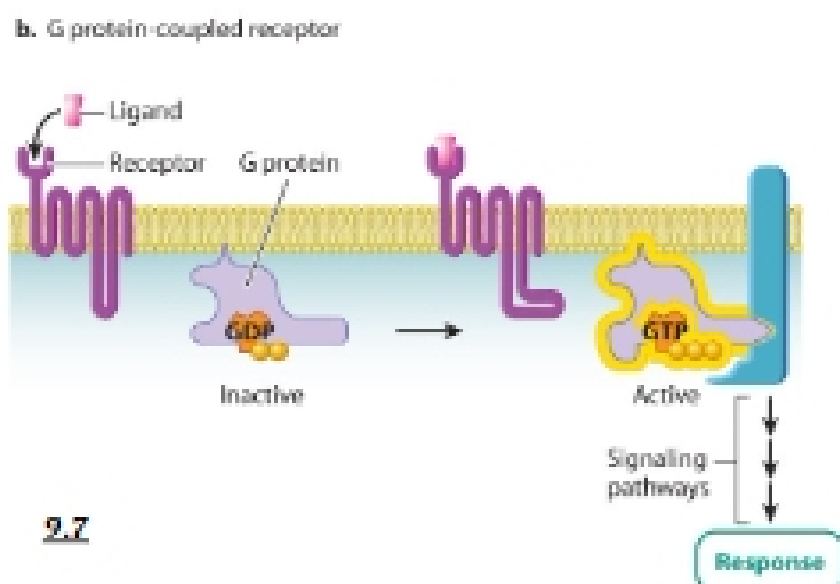
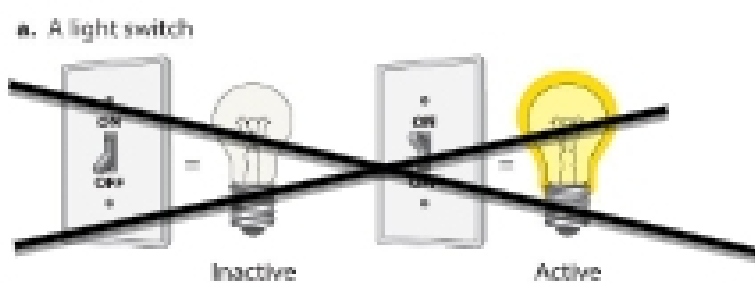
B. Enzyme-Linked Receptors (Fig. 9.7c)

1. When activated, catalyze reaction

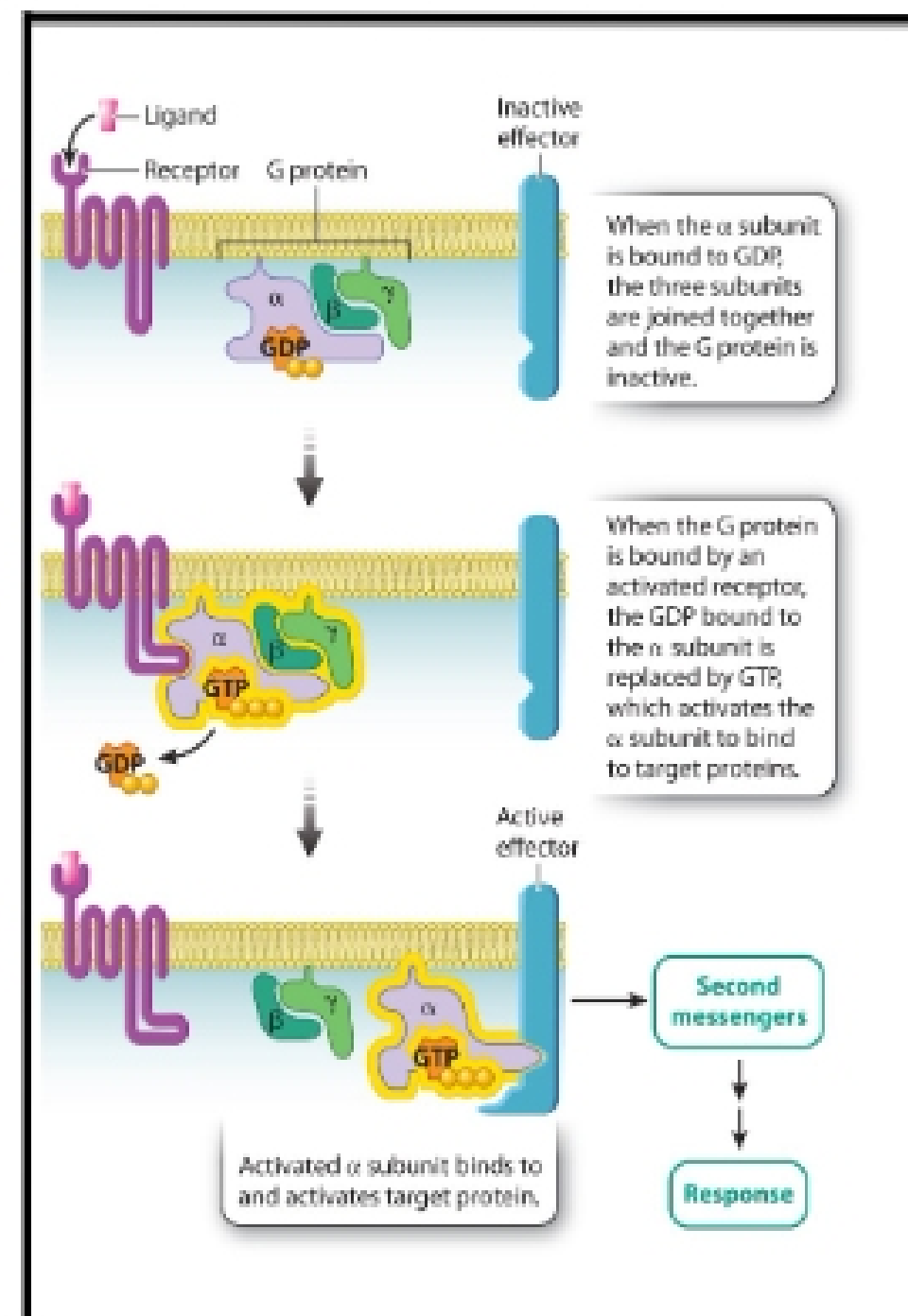
a. Usually phosphorylate cytosolic protein

b. Fig. 9.7c: receptor proteins dimerize to form 2-part structure, then phosphorylate a target protein

C. Ligand-Gated Ion Channels (Fig. 9.7d)



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VI. Amplifying Signals (Secondary Messaging)