

痛与镇痛 (Pain and analgesia)

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Somatic sensation (躯体感觉):

Touch: Mechanoreceptors of skin (触觉感受器)

Temperature: Thermoreceptors (温度感受器)

Pain: Nociceptors (痛感受器)

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Pain teaches us to avoid harmful situations. It elicits withdrawal reflexes from noxious stimuli. It exhorts us to rest an injured part of our body. Pain is vital. In any case, life without pain is not a blessing.

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Pain is initiated as activation of peripheral sensory fibers by injury or an insult to tissue but is perceived as a sensation through central responses.

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1. Pain

- Peripheral events in the initiation of pain
- Central events in the transmission of pain

2. Analgesia

- Melzack and Wall's gate theory of pain
- Descending inhibitory pathway
- Endogenous opiate

1. Pain

Peripheral events in the initiation of pain

Tissue damage and chemical mediators

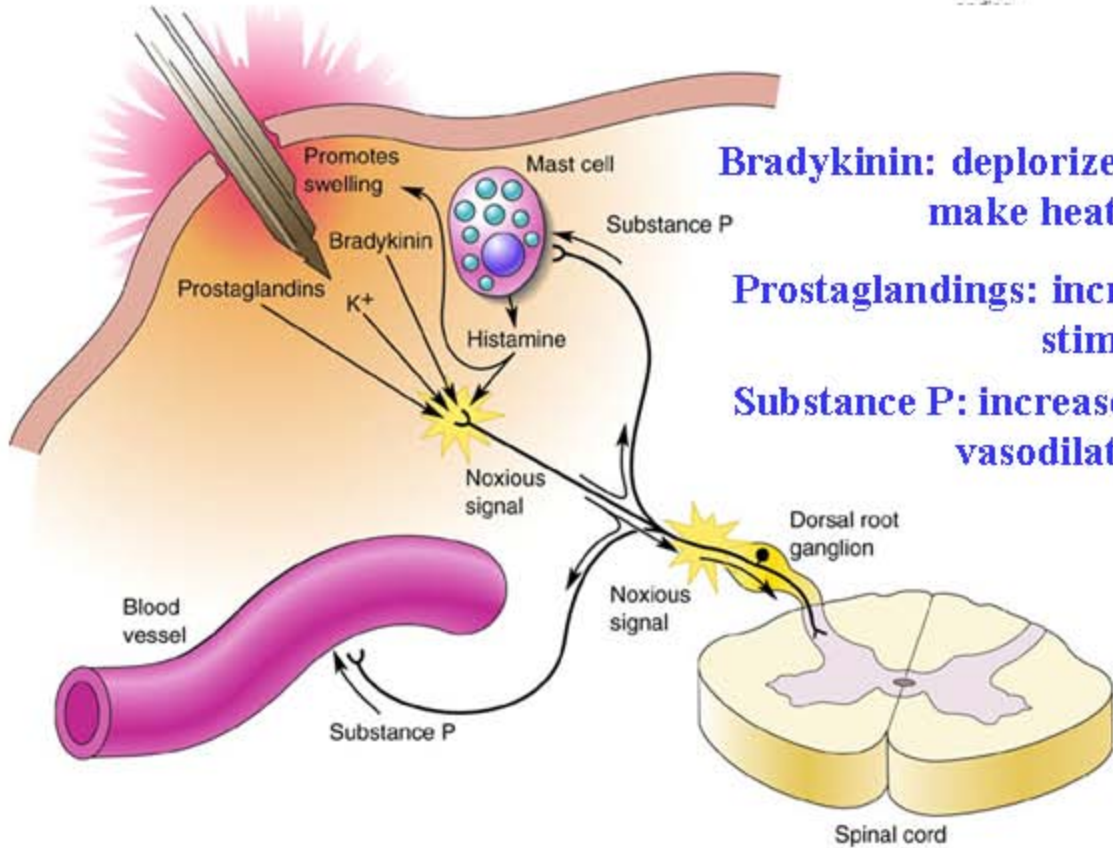
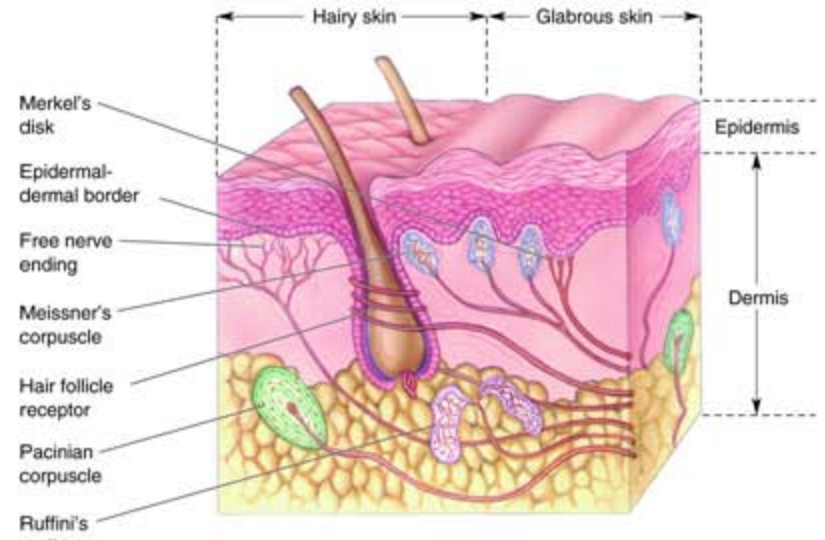
Sensory receptors-Nociceptors

Primary afferent fibers mediating painful inputs:

A β -, A δ - and C-fibers

Pain and Nociception

- Pain is the feeling or perception of irritating, sore stinging, aching, throbbing, miserable, or unbearable sensations arising from a part of the body.
- Nociception is the sensory process that provides the signals that trigger pain.



Bradykinin: deplete nociceptors, make heated-activated ion channels more sensitive.

Prostaglandins: increase the sensitive nociceptors to stimuli.

Substance P: increase the sensitive nociceptors to stimuli vasodilatation, histamine release,

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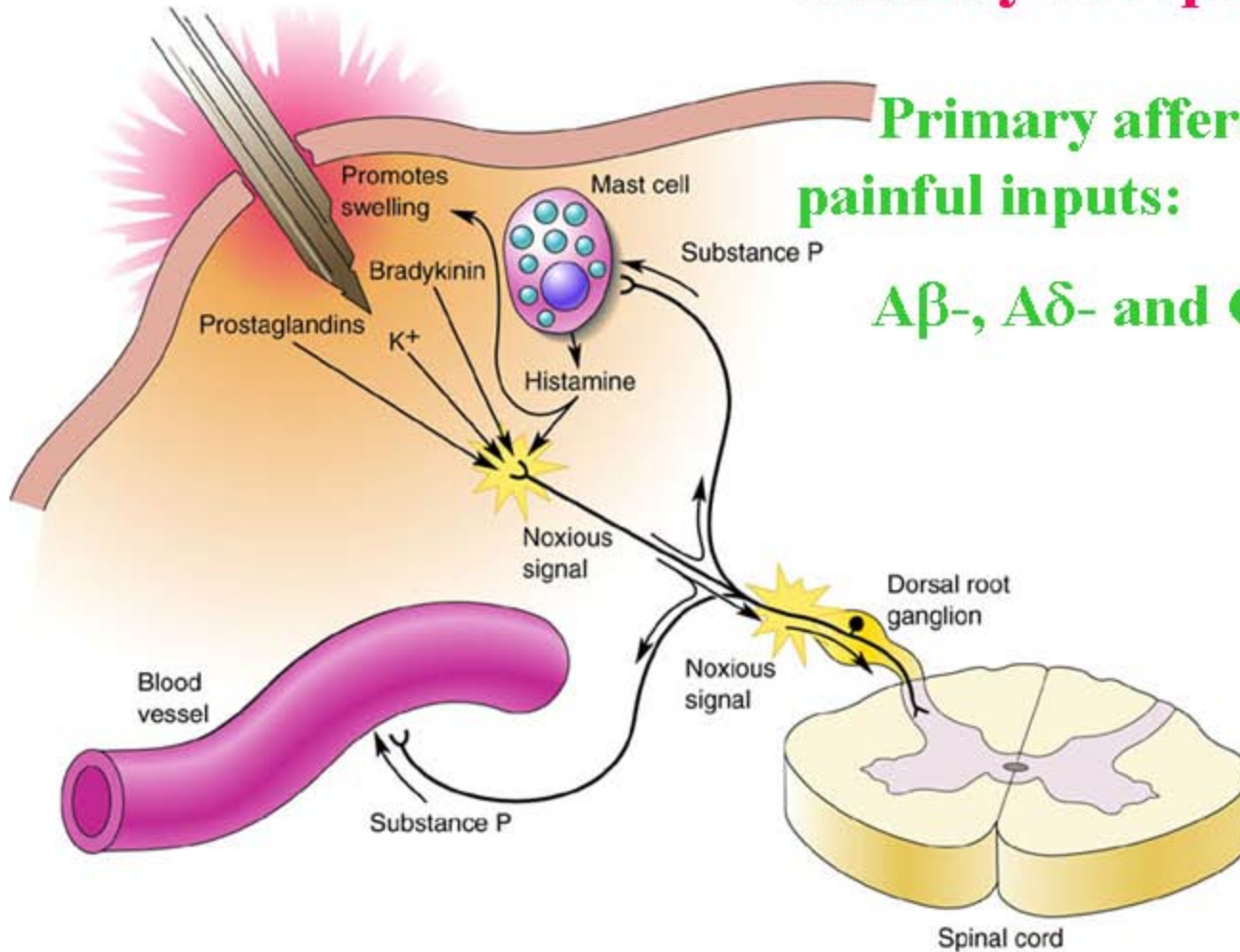
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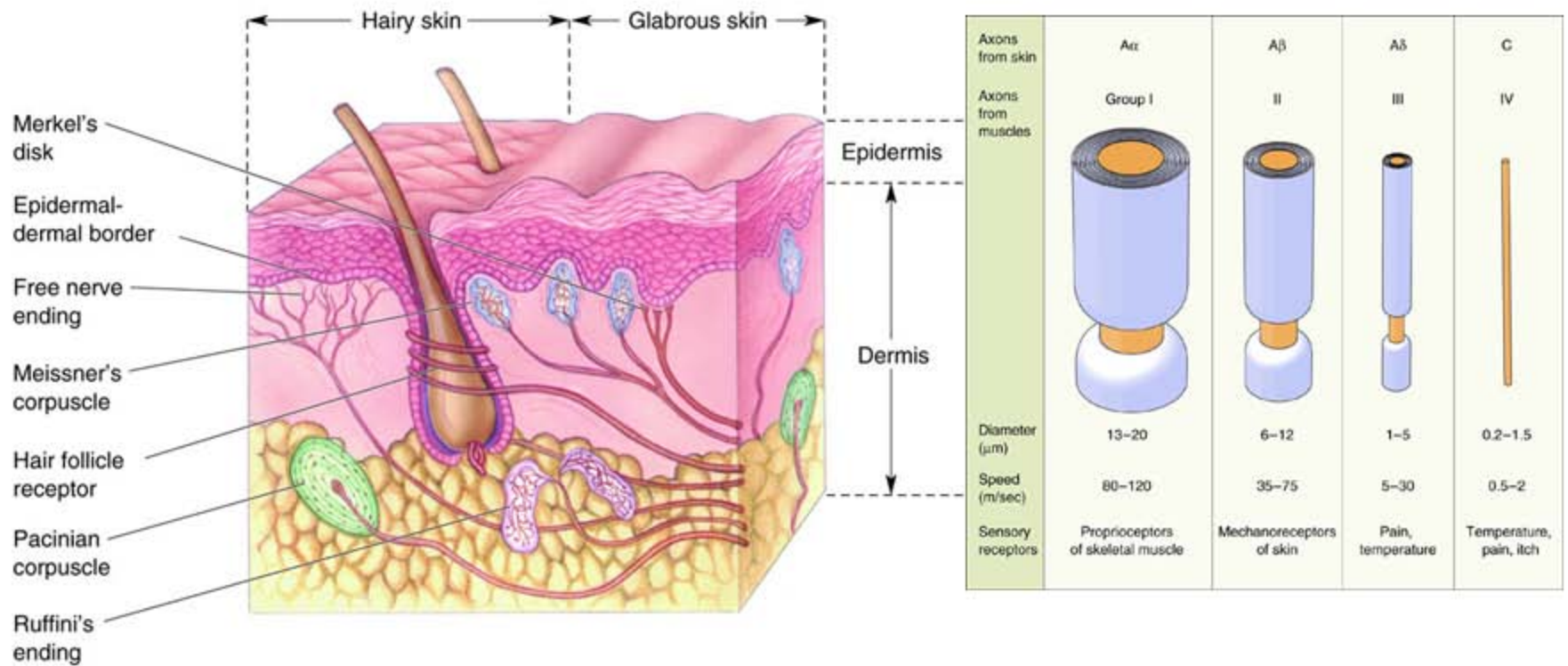
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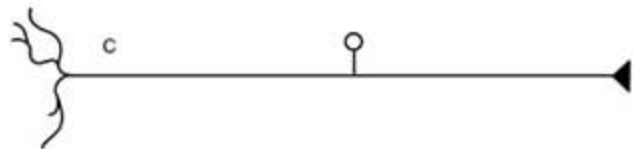
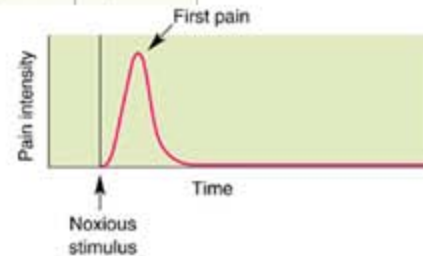
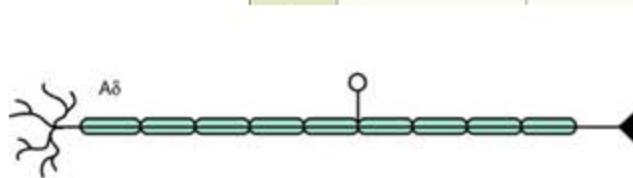
$A\beta$ -, $A\delta$ - and C-fibers





1. The pain pathways has only free nerve endings;
2. The touch pathway is swift and uses thick myelinated A β fiber; the pain pathway is slow and uses thin, lightly myelinated A δ fibers and unmyelinated C fibers;
3. They differ with respect to their connections in the spinal cord.

| Axons from skin | A α | A β | A δ | C |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Axons from muscles | Group I | II | III | IV |
| Diameter (μm) | 13–20 | 6–12 | 1–5 | 0.2–1.5 |
| Speed (m/sec) | 80–120 | 35–75 | 5–30 | 0.5–2 |
| Sensory receptors | Proprioceptors of skeletal muscle | Mechanoreceptors of skin | Pain, temperature | Temperature, pain, itch |



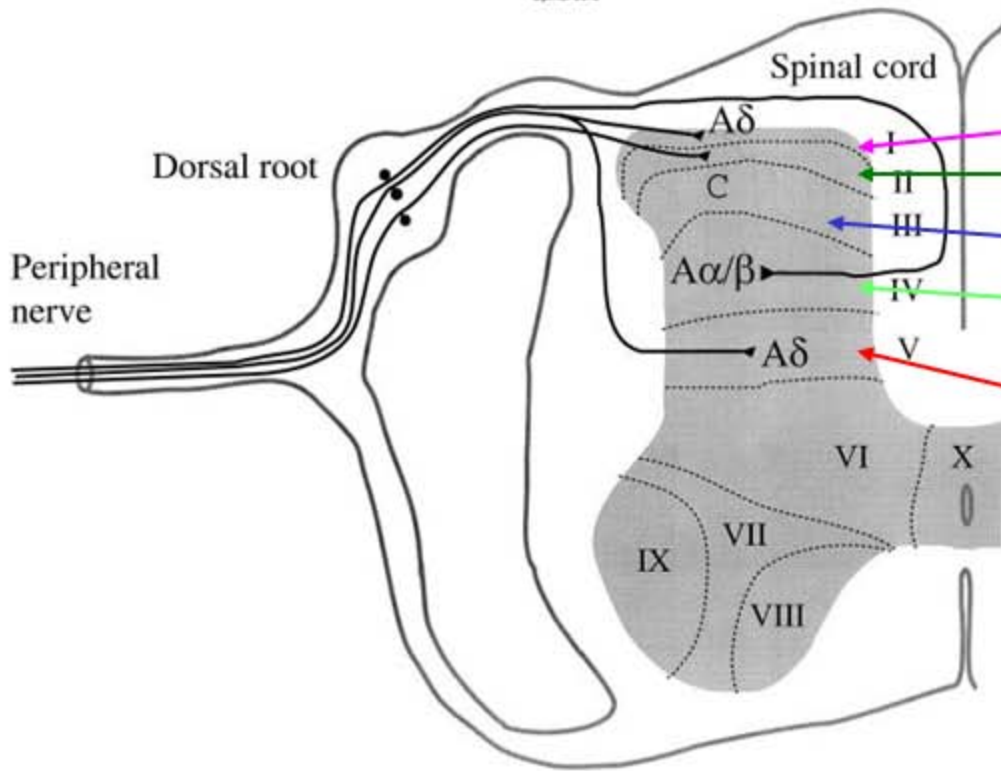
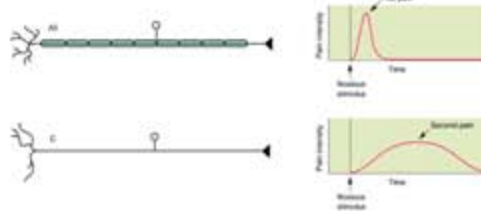
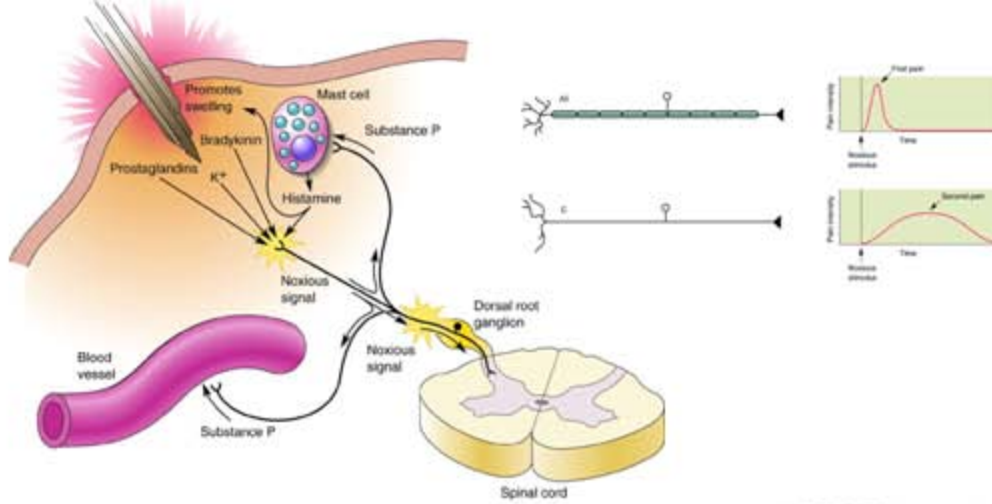
Activation of skin nociceptors produces two distinct perceptions of pain: A fast sharp first pain followed by a duller, longer-lasting second pain. First pain is caused by the activation of A δ fibers; second pain, C fibers.

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Central events in the transmission of pain

Ascending pain pathways:

- Sensory transmission in the spinal cord
- Pathways;
- Neurotransmitters

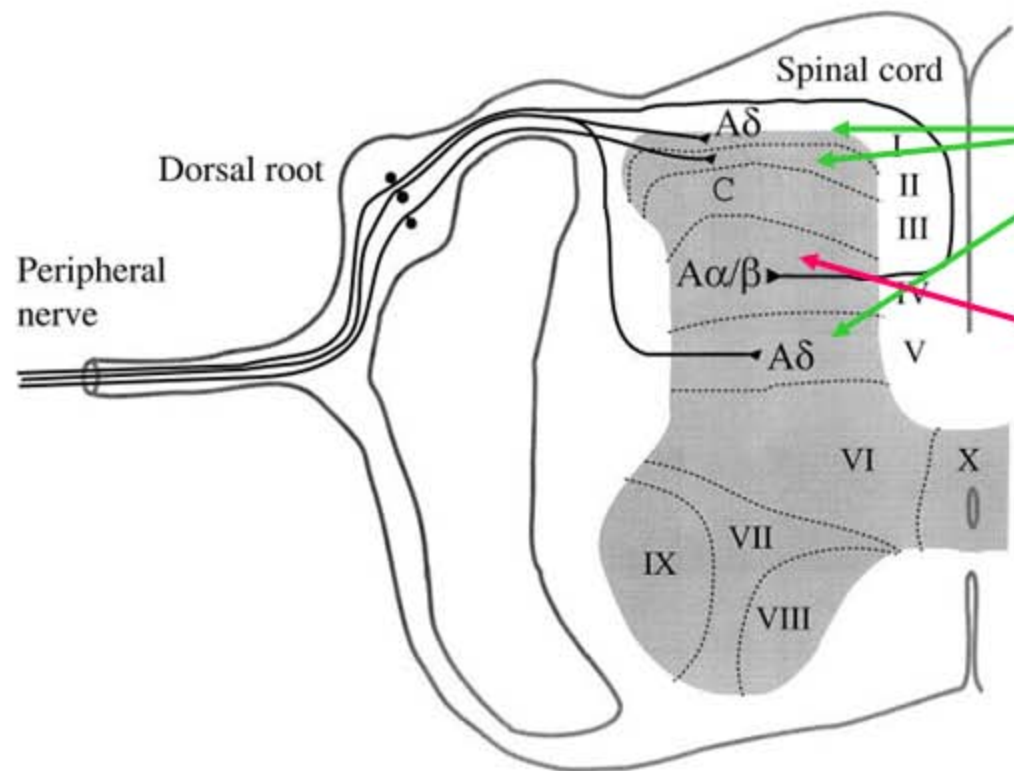


Laminae II:

- C₁
- Laminae III
- Laminae IV
- Laminae V
- Three types Projection cells:
 - Spinocervical tract (SCT)
 - Postsynaptic dorsal column (PSDC)
 - Spinothalamic tract (STT)

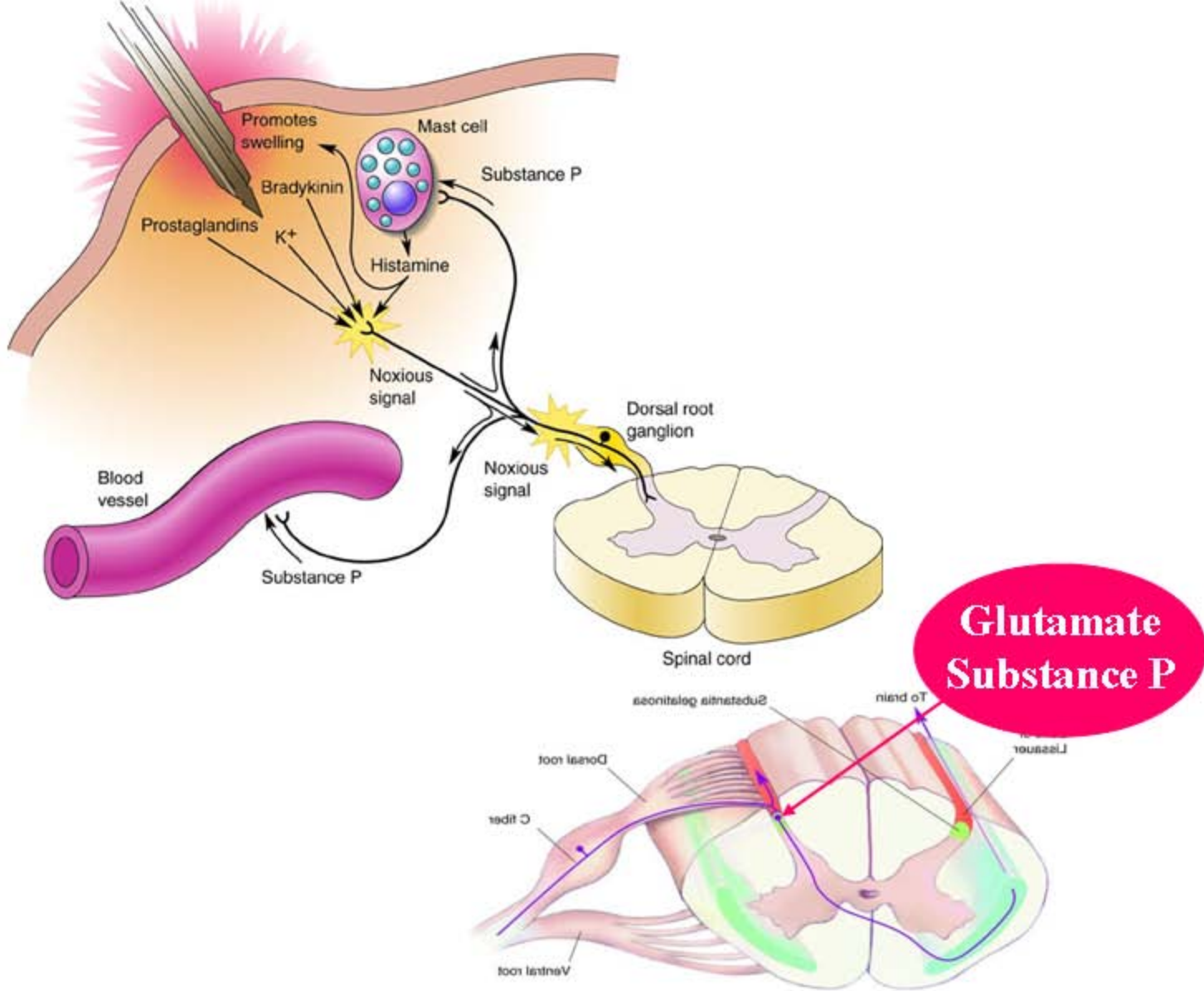
Inter neurons

Receive A δ and C-fiber inputs:
 Low- & high-threshold mechanical stimuli
 Nociceptive inputs from the viscerae



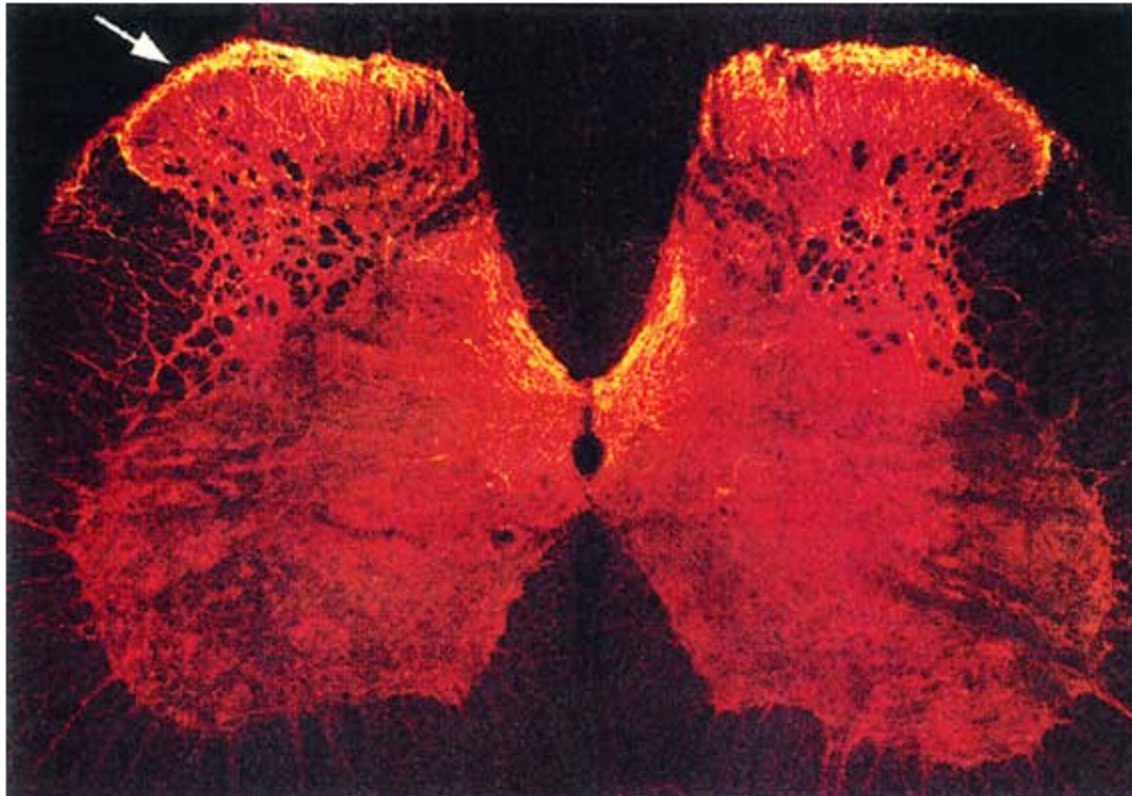
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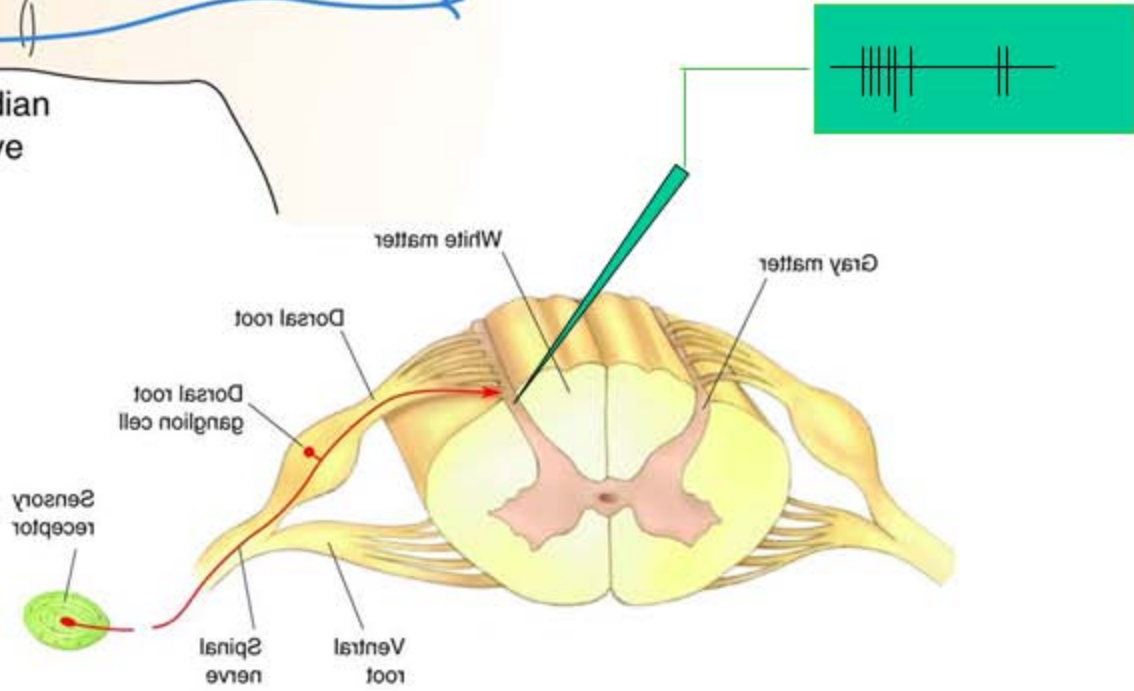
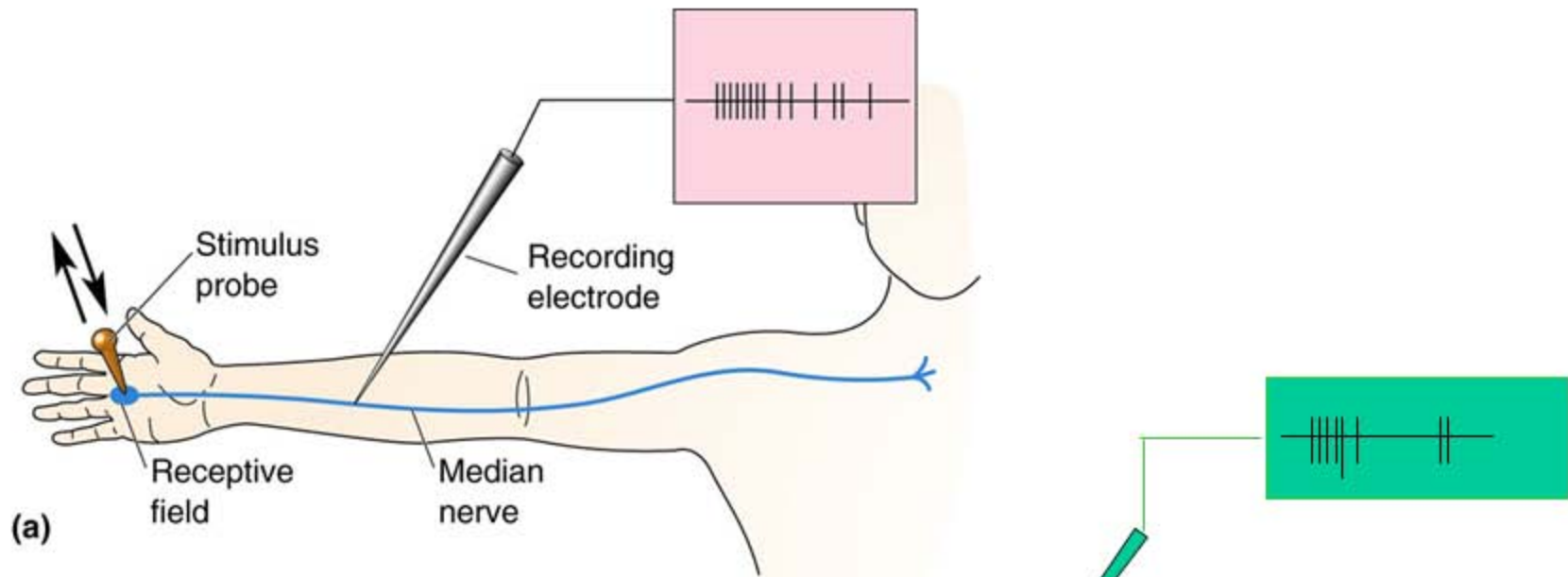
A β fibers:
Touch pathway.



The neurotransmitter of the pain afferents is believed to be glutamate ($A\delta$, $A\beta$, and C fibers), substance P (C-fibers).

Substance P in the SG





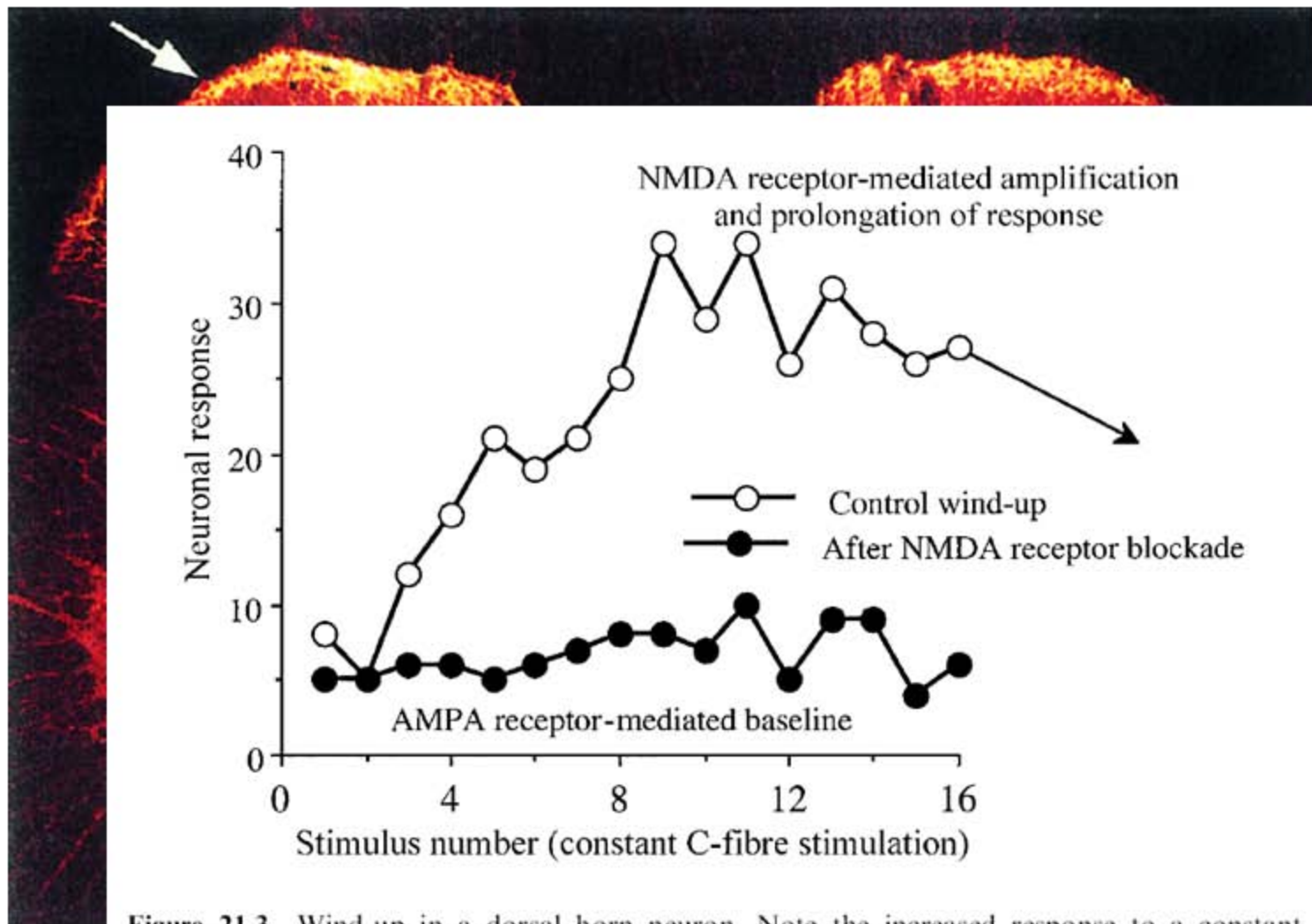
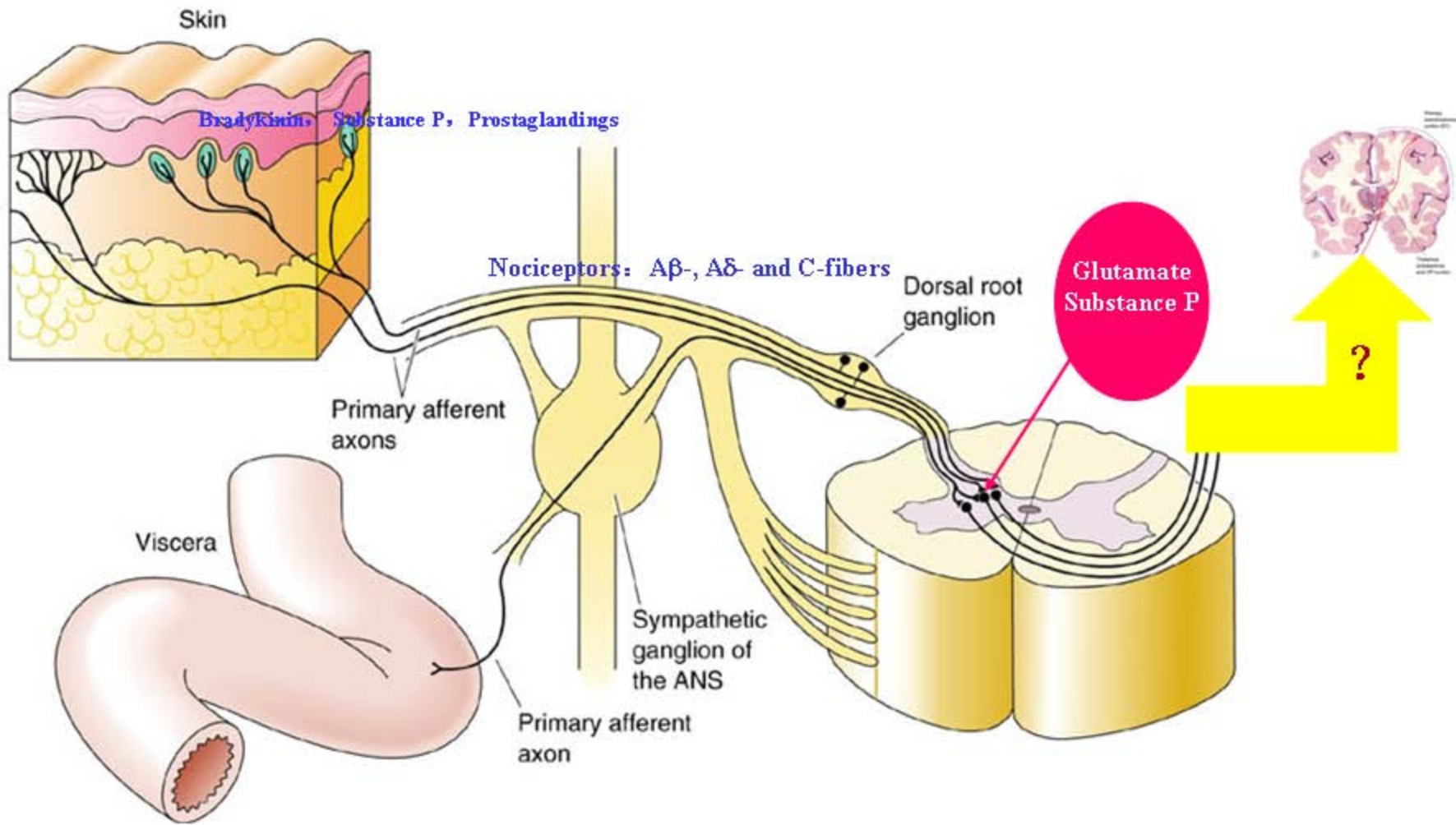


Figure 21.3 Wind-up in a dorsal horn neuron. Note the increased response to a constant peripheral stimulus as the NMDA receptor is activated. (Unpublished data)



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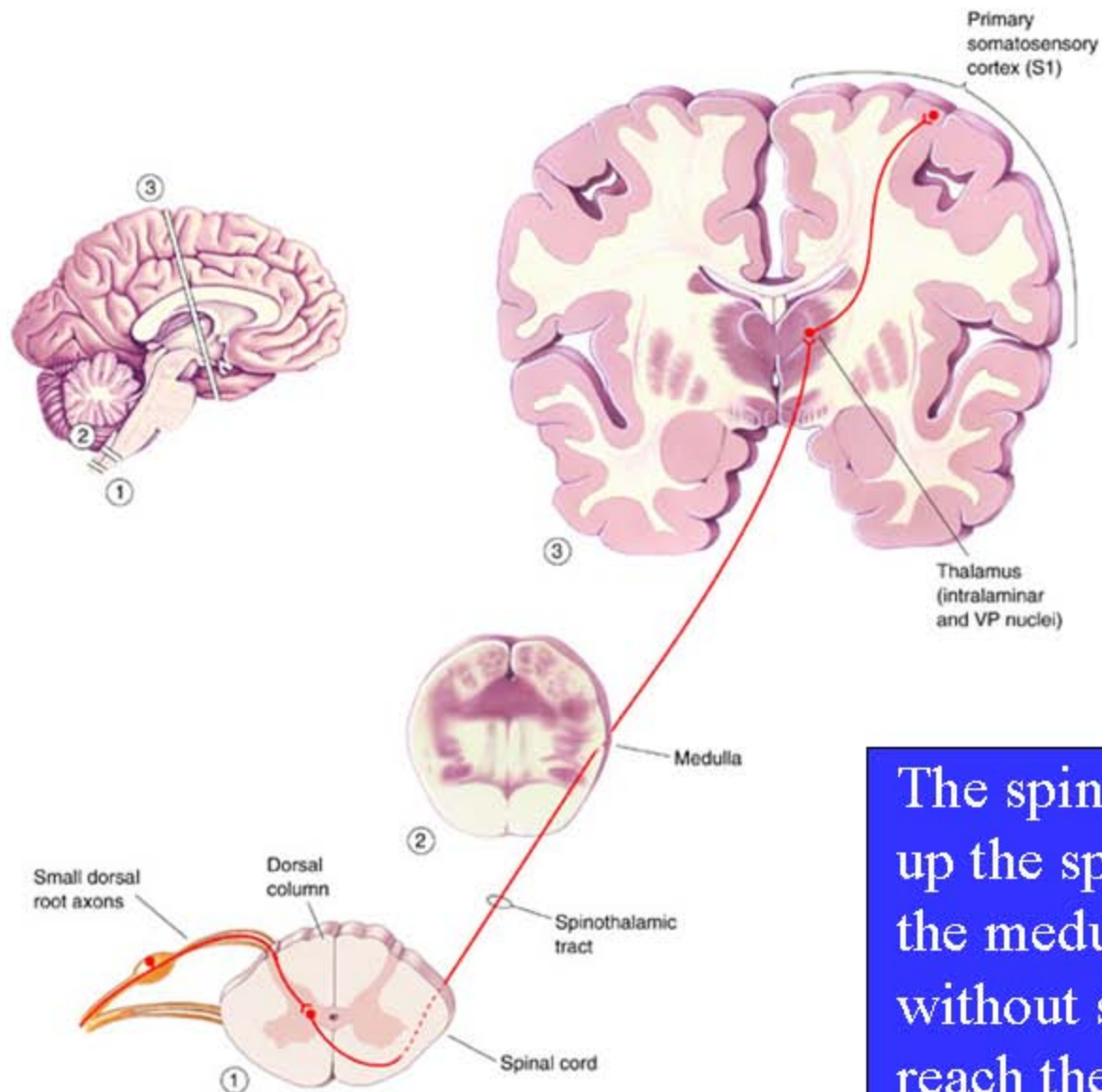
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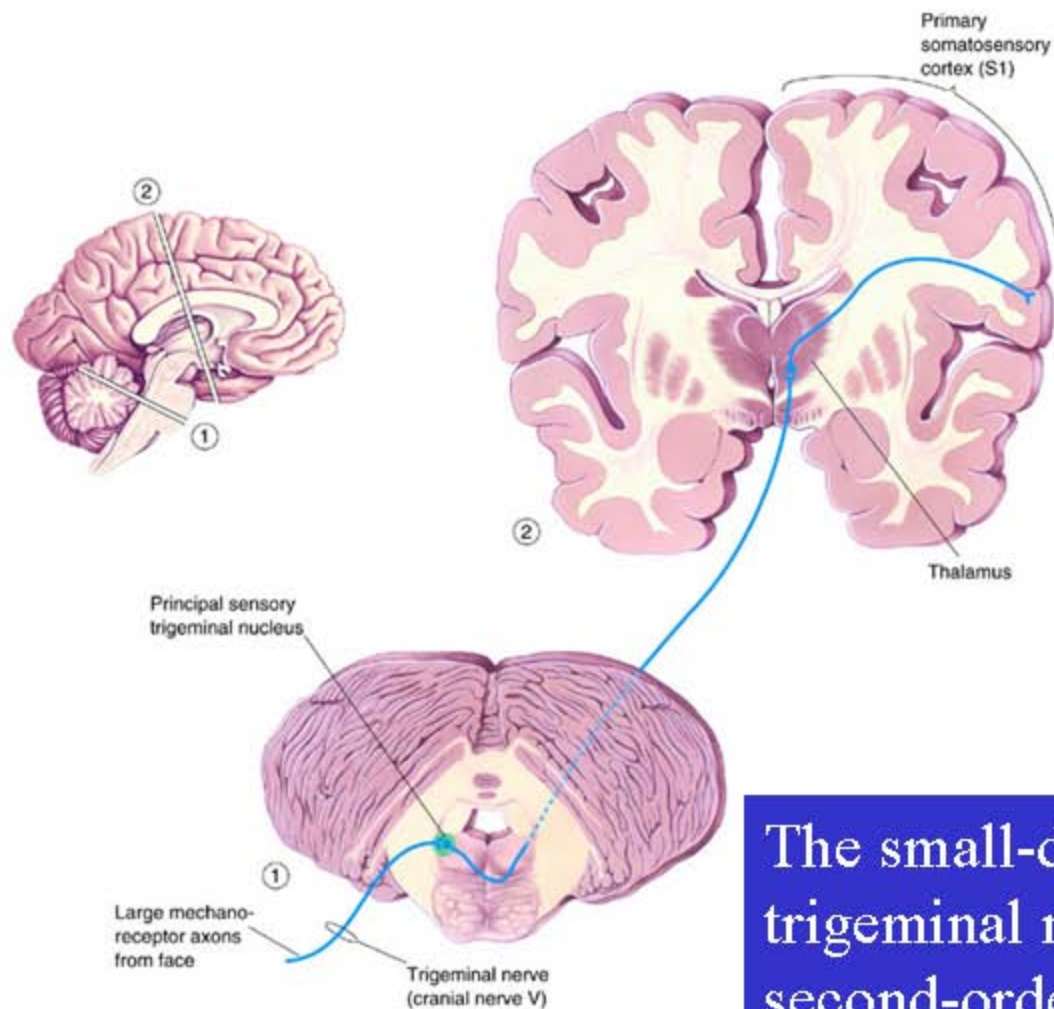
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- Pathways;
- Neurotransmitters

Ascending pain pathways:

- The spinothalamic pain pathway
- The trigeminal pain pathway
- The thalamus and cortex

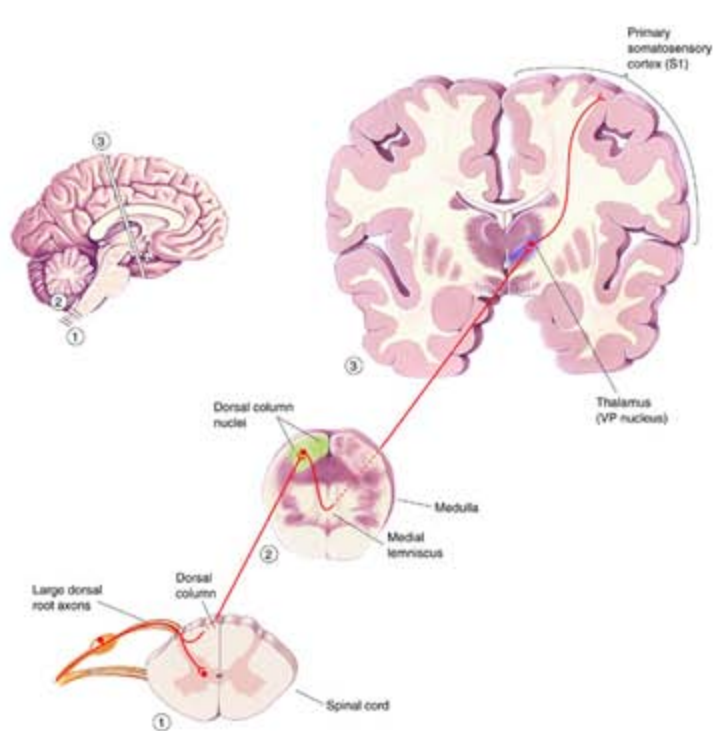


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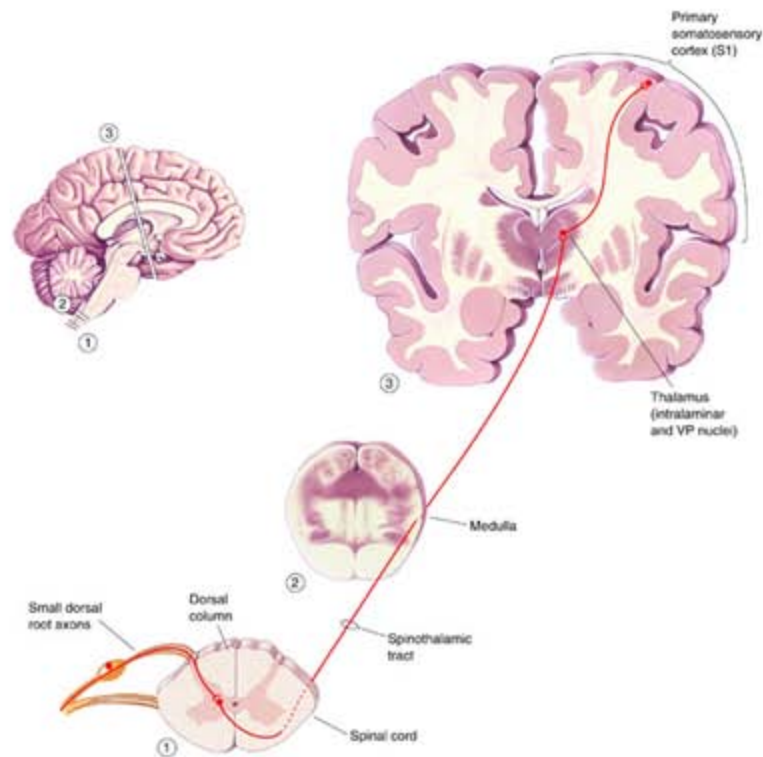
The small-diameter fibers in the trigeminal nerve synapse first on second-order sensory neurons in the spinal trigeminal nucleus of the brain stem. The axons of these cells cross and ascend to the thalamus in the trigeminal lemniscuses.

The dorsal column-medial lemniscal pathway 脊柱内侧丘系通路

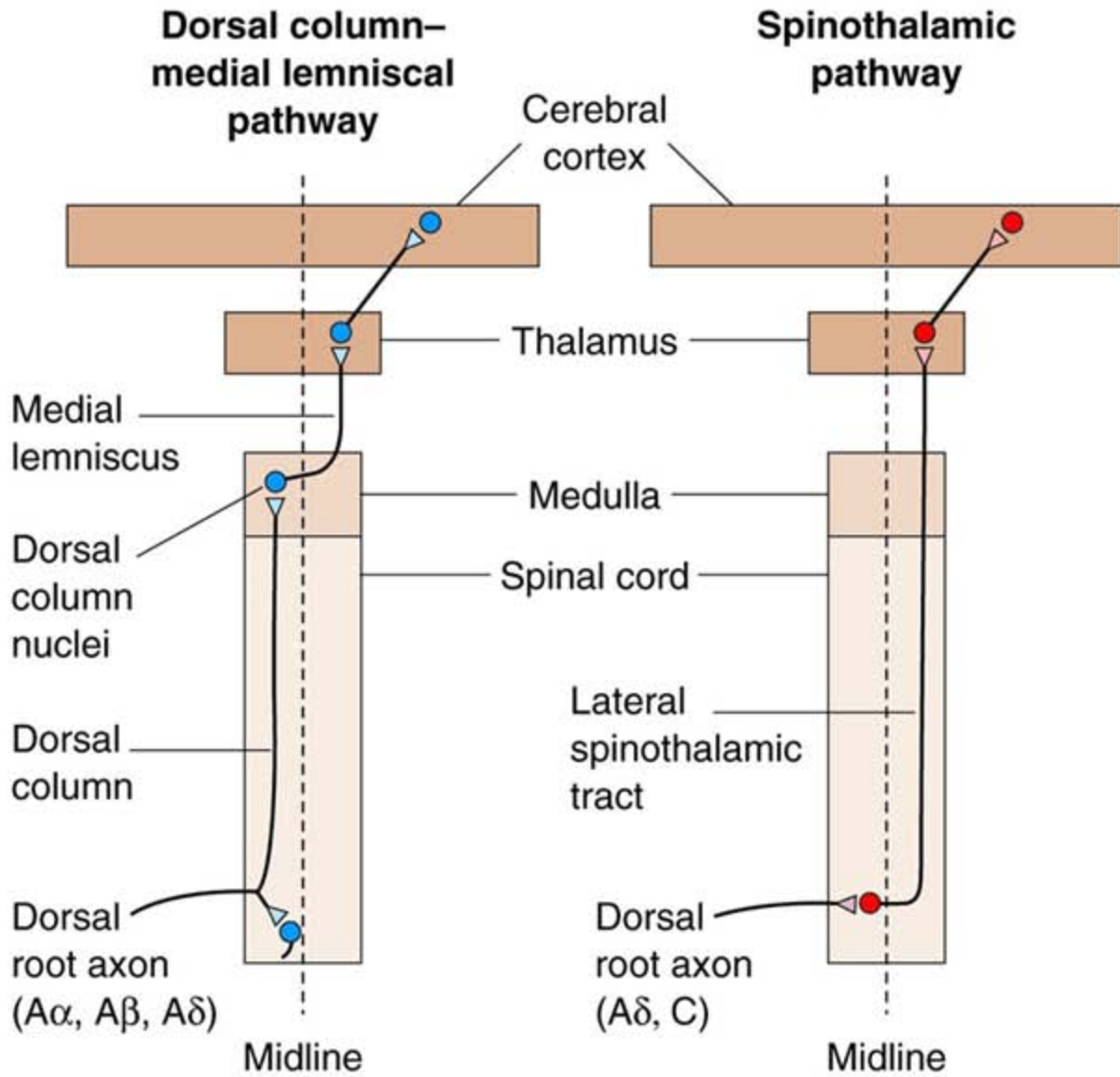


触压觉

The spinothalamic pathway 脊丘束通路

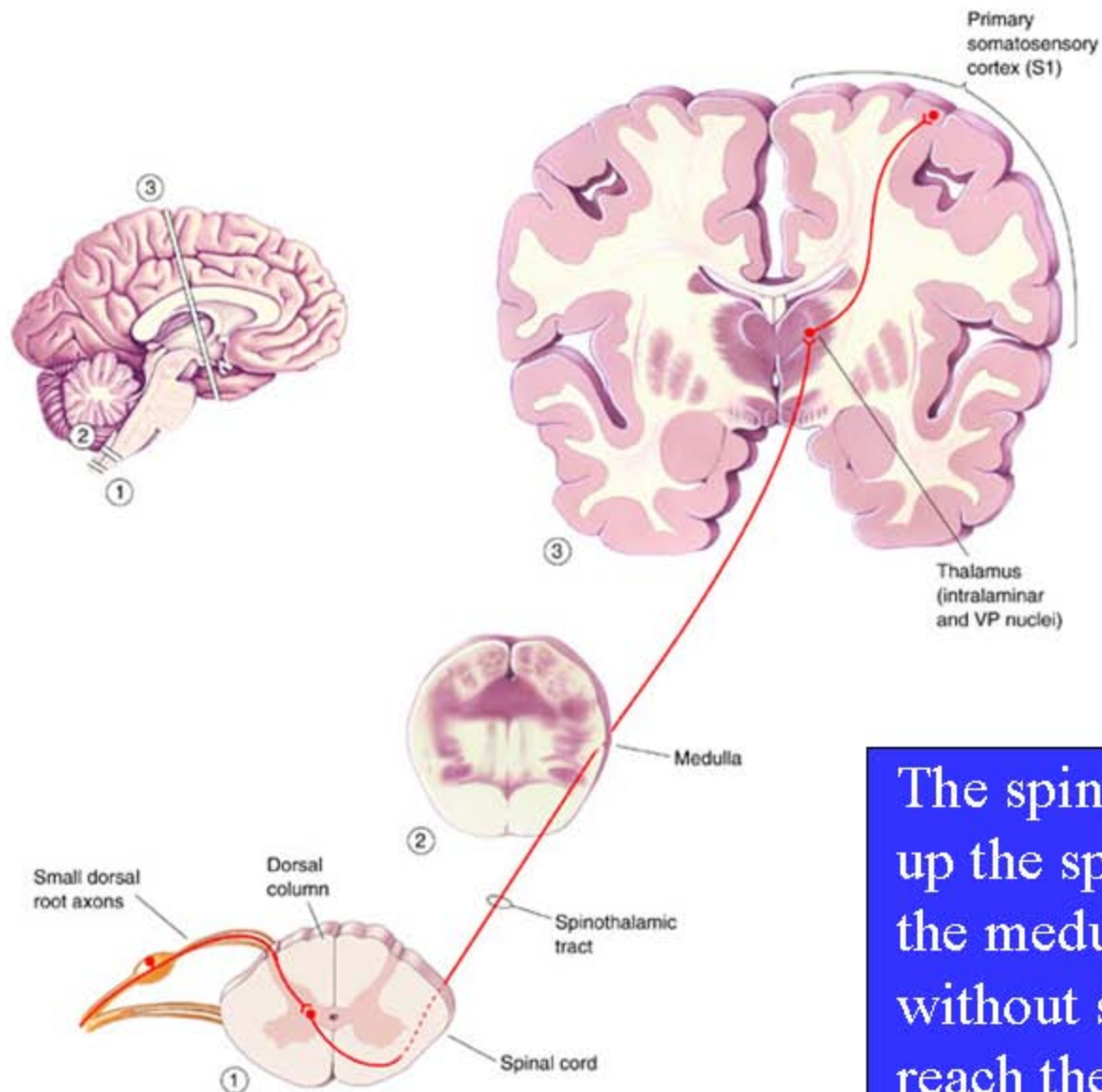


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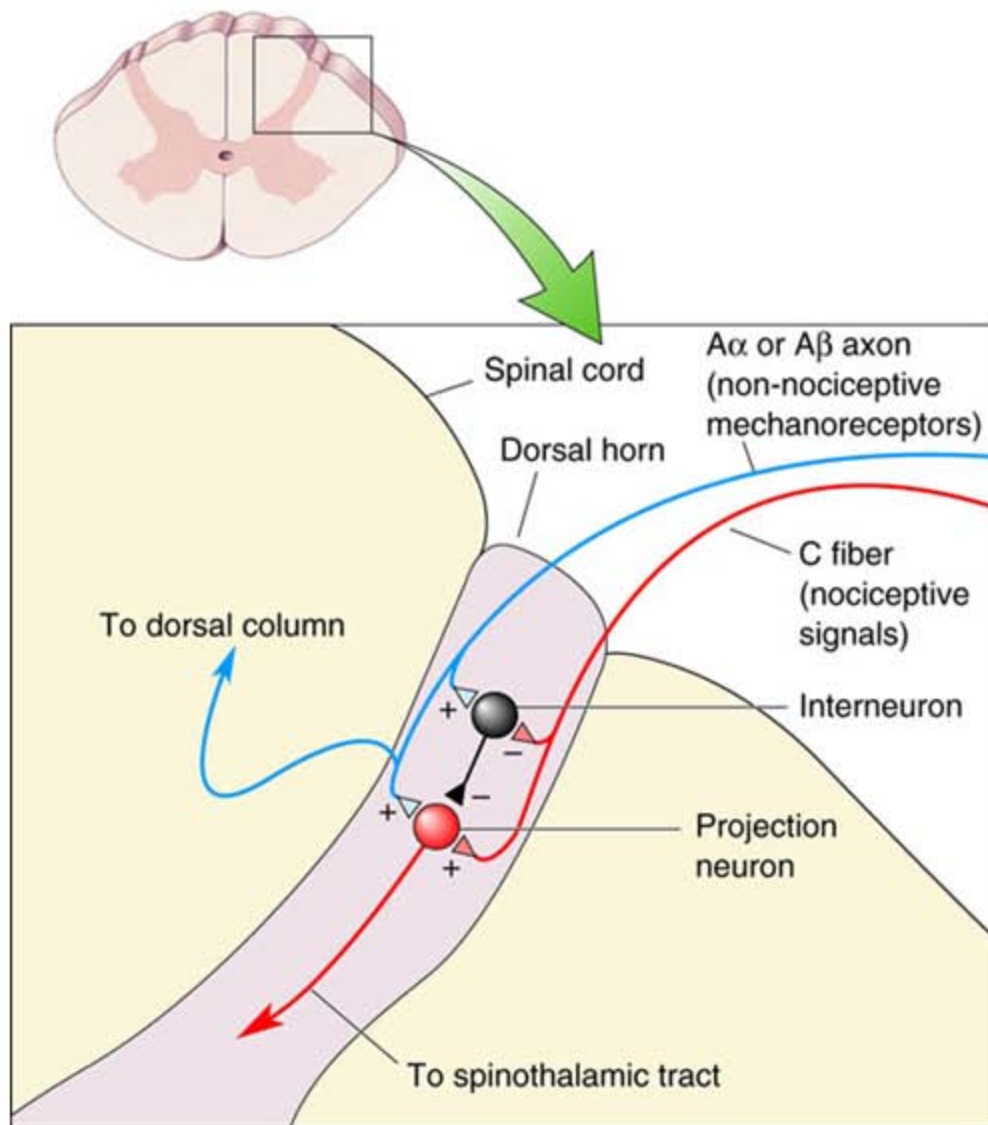


Touch, vibration, two-point discrimination, proprioception

Pain, temperature, some touch



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Melzack and Wall's gate theory of pain

2. Analgesia

Central inhibitory system:

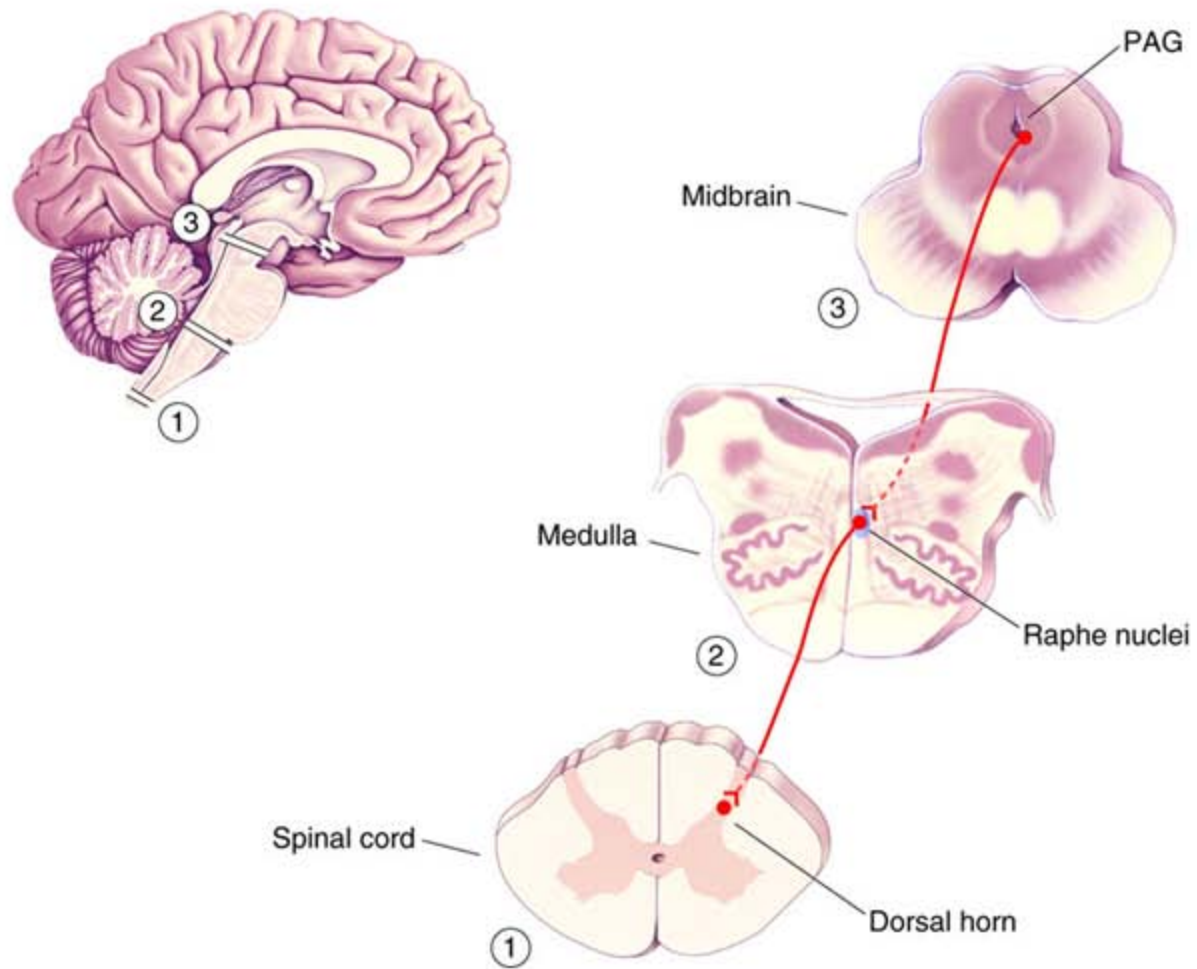
Descending pathways

Neurotransmitters

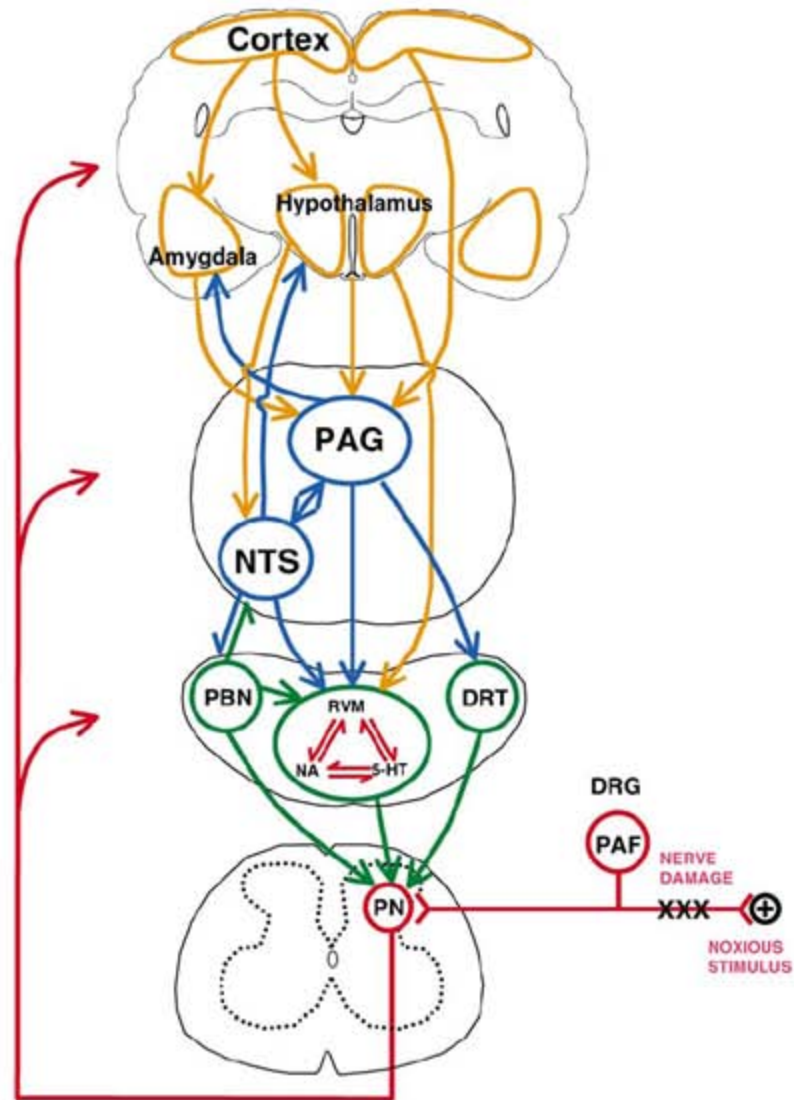
Opiates: Opiate receptor

Spinal opiate analgesia

Supraspinal opiate analgesia



Descending pain-control pathways.



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Neurotransmitters and Morphology; Pathways;

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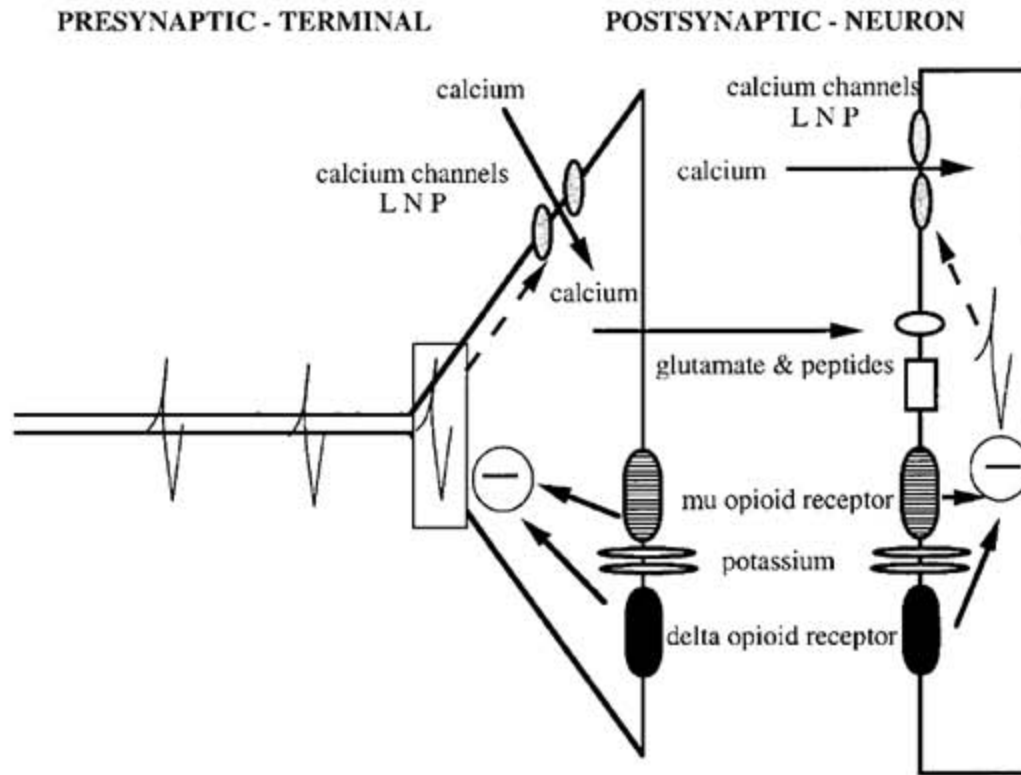


Figure 21.5 Mechanisms of opioid analgesia at the spinal level. Action potentials in nociceptive afferent fibres invade the terminal and by opening calcium channels (L, N and P-type) cause the release of glutamate and peptides that further transmit pain subsequent to activation of their postsynaptic receptors. Presynaptic opioid receptor activation (mu- and delta-mediated effects have been most clearly shown) opens potassium channels which hyperpolarise the terminal, so reducing transmitter release and inhibiting the postsynaptic neuron

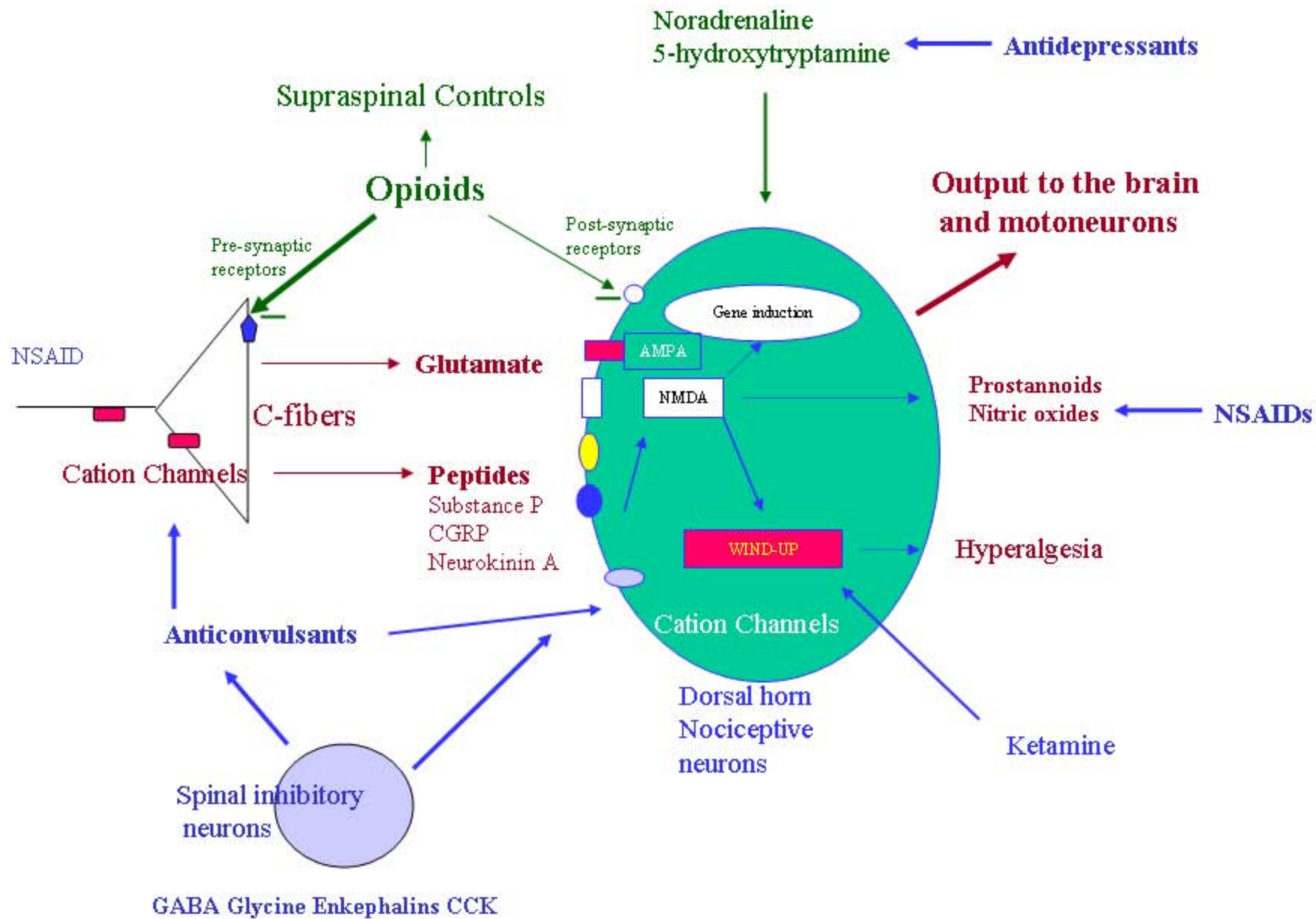


Table 21.2 The four opioid receptors with transmitters and drugs acting on the various receptors together with the effector mechanisms and the effects of receptor activation for each receptor

| Receptor | Mu | Delta | Kappa | ORL-1 |
|--------------------|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Endogenous opioid | β -endorphin Endomorphins | Enkephalins | Dynorphins | Nociceptin |
| Synthetic agonist | Morphine Codeine Fentanyl Pethidine | DSTBULET DPDPE | U50488H Pentazocine Oxycodone? | – |
| Antagonists | Naloxone Beta FNA | Naloxone Naltrindole | Naloxone Not BNI | Not naloxone |
| Effector mechanism | G-protein opens K^+ channel | G-protein opens K^+ channel | G-protein closes Ca^{2+} channel | G-protein opens K^+ channel |
| Effects | Hyperpolarisation of neurons, inhibition of neurotransmitter release | | | |
| | Analgesia Relief of anxiety Euphoria Nausea Constipation Cough suppression Dependence | Similar to mu but less marked | Analgesia Aversion Diuresis | Analgesia Hyperalgesia |