Chem 452 - Lecture 10
Signal Transduction
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Here we look at the movement of a signal from the outside of a cell to its inside, where it elicits changes within the cell. These changes are usually mediated by protein kinases, which phosphorylate enzymes to turn them on or off. We will focus on three examples; the β-adrenergic receptor, which is involved in the "flight or fight response, the insulin receptor, which is involved in regulating blood glucose levels, and the epidermal growth factor (EGF) receptor, which triggers cell growth in response to injury. Each example presents common themes such as secondary messengers, the amplification of a signal, and the activation of protein kinases. These signal pathways also provide examples of how multiple proteins can work together in complex ways to produce a concerted result.

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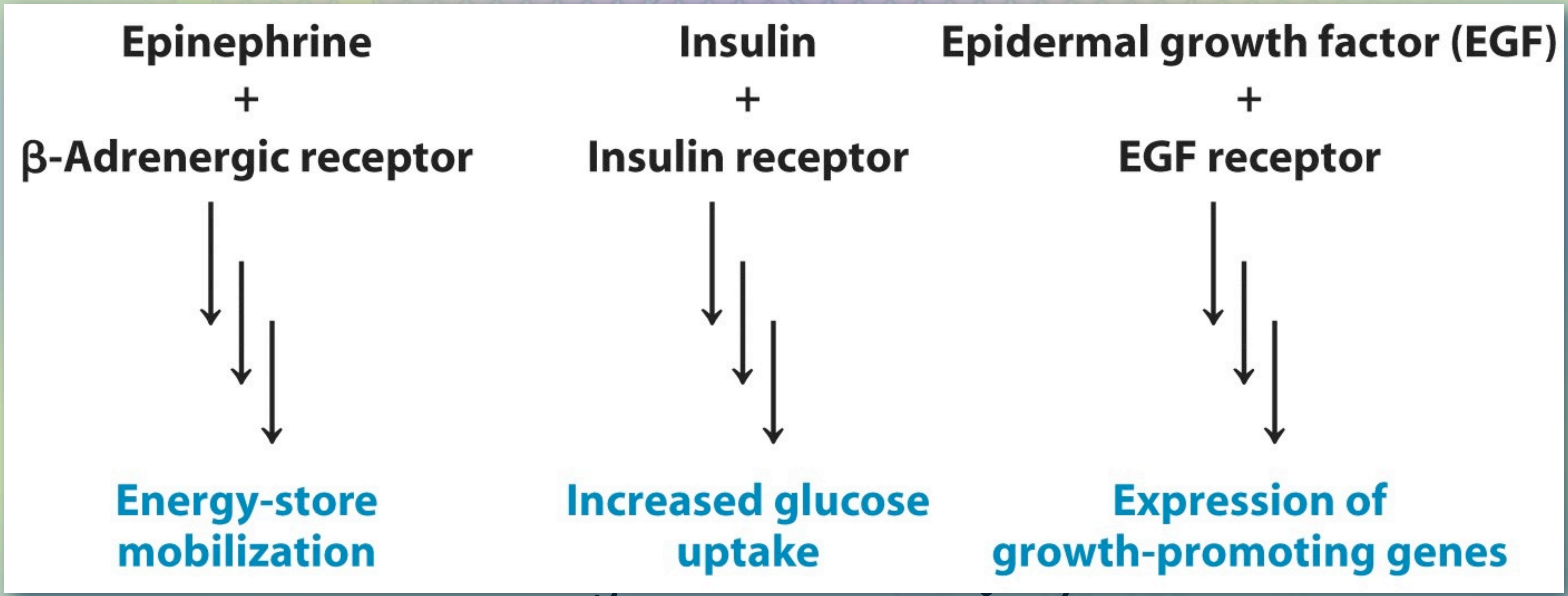

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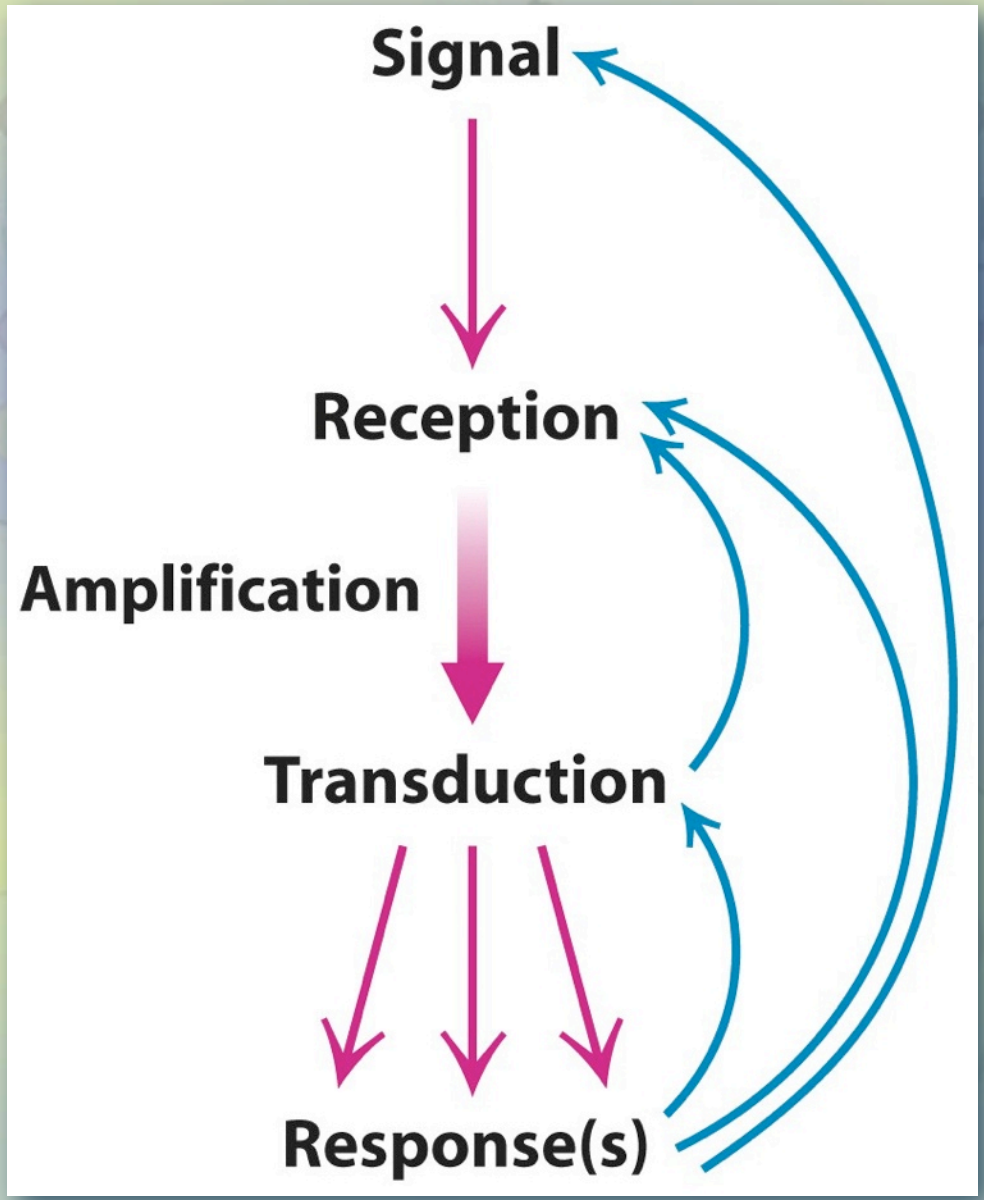

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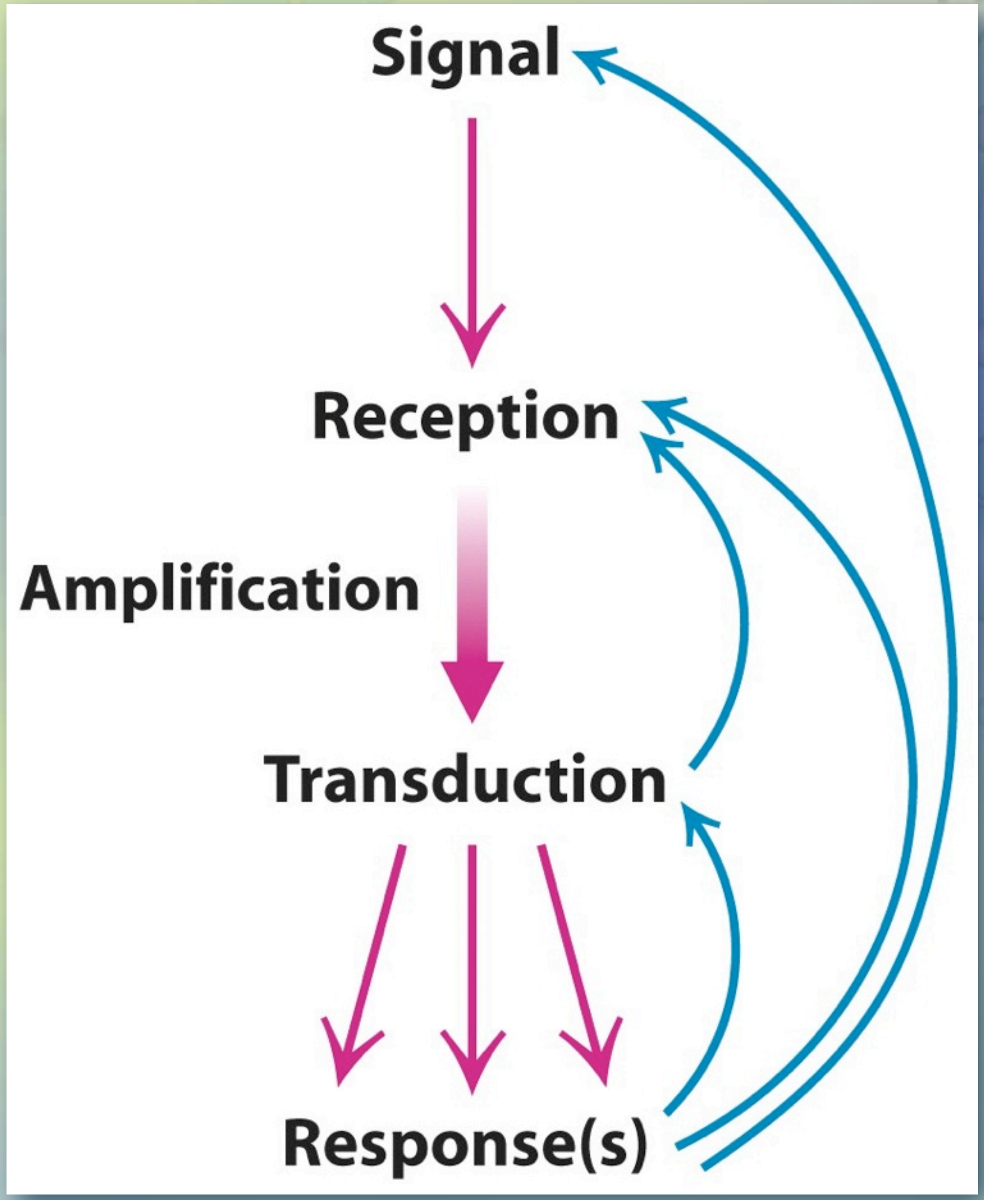

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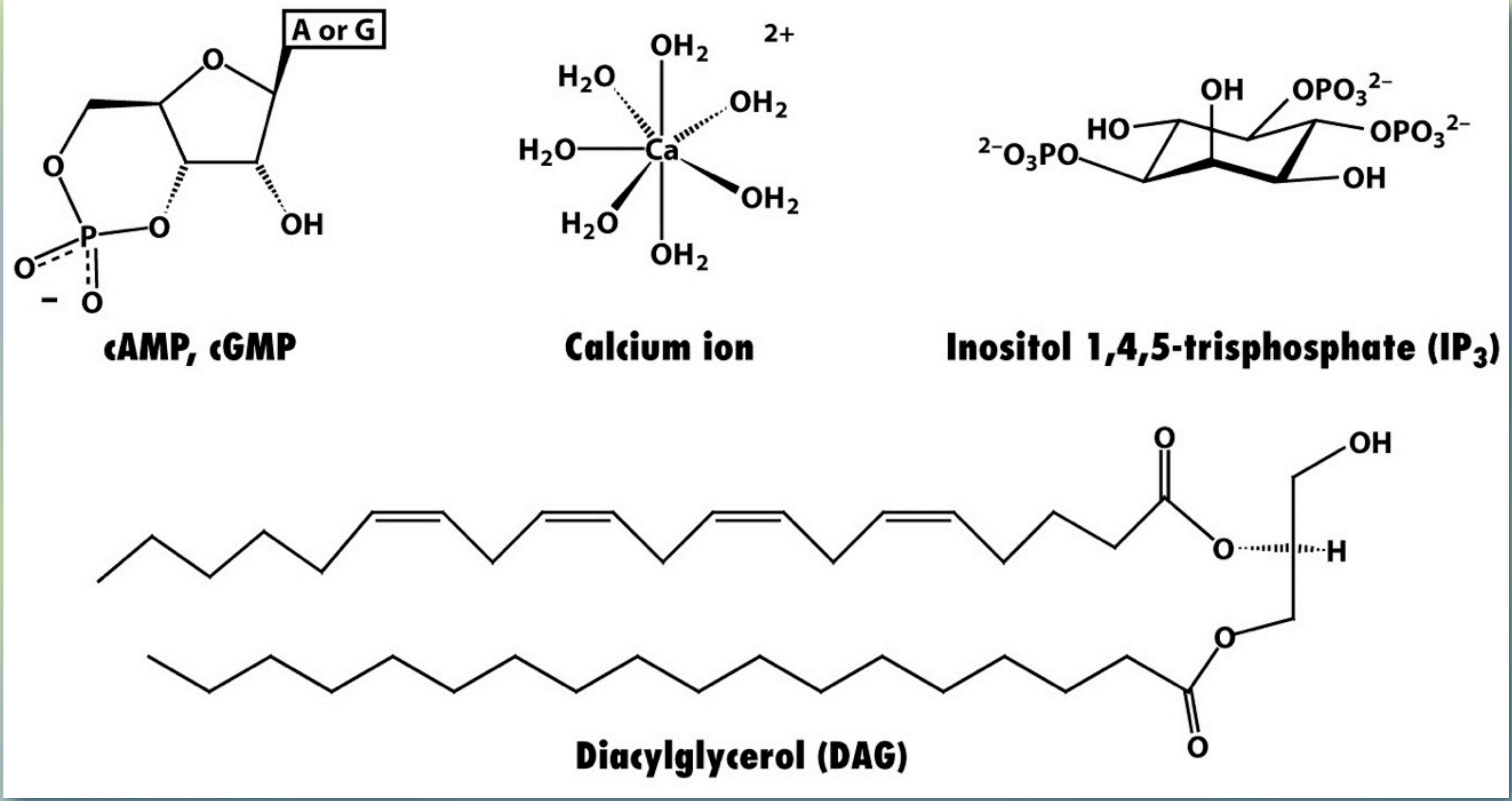

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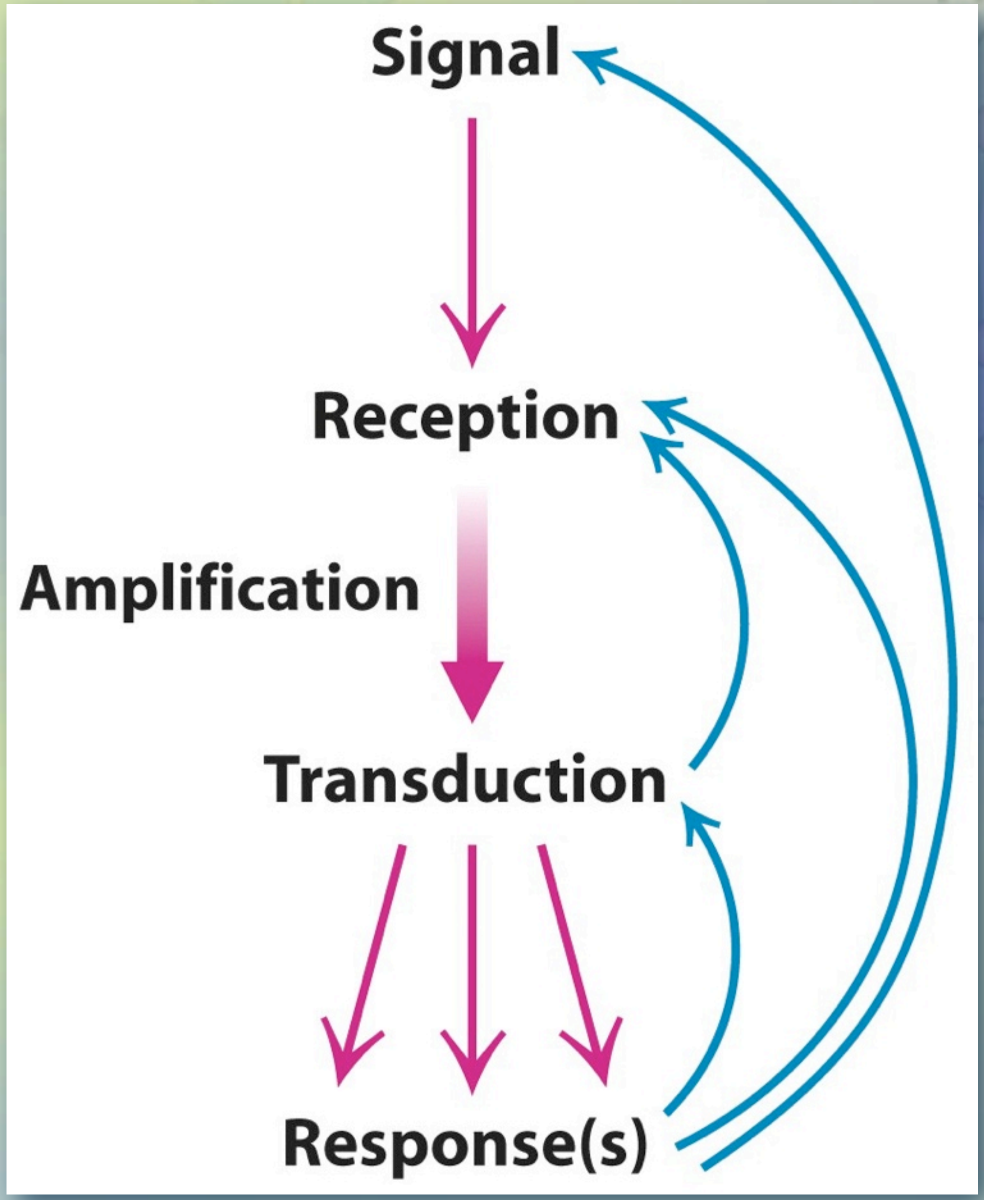

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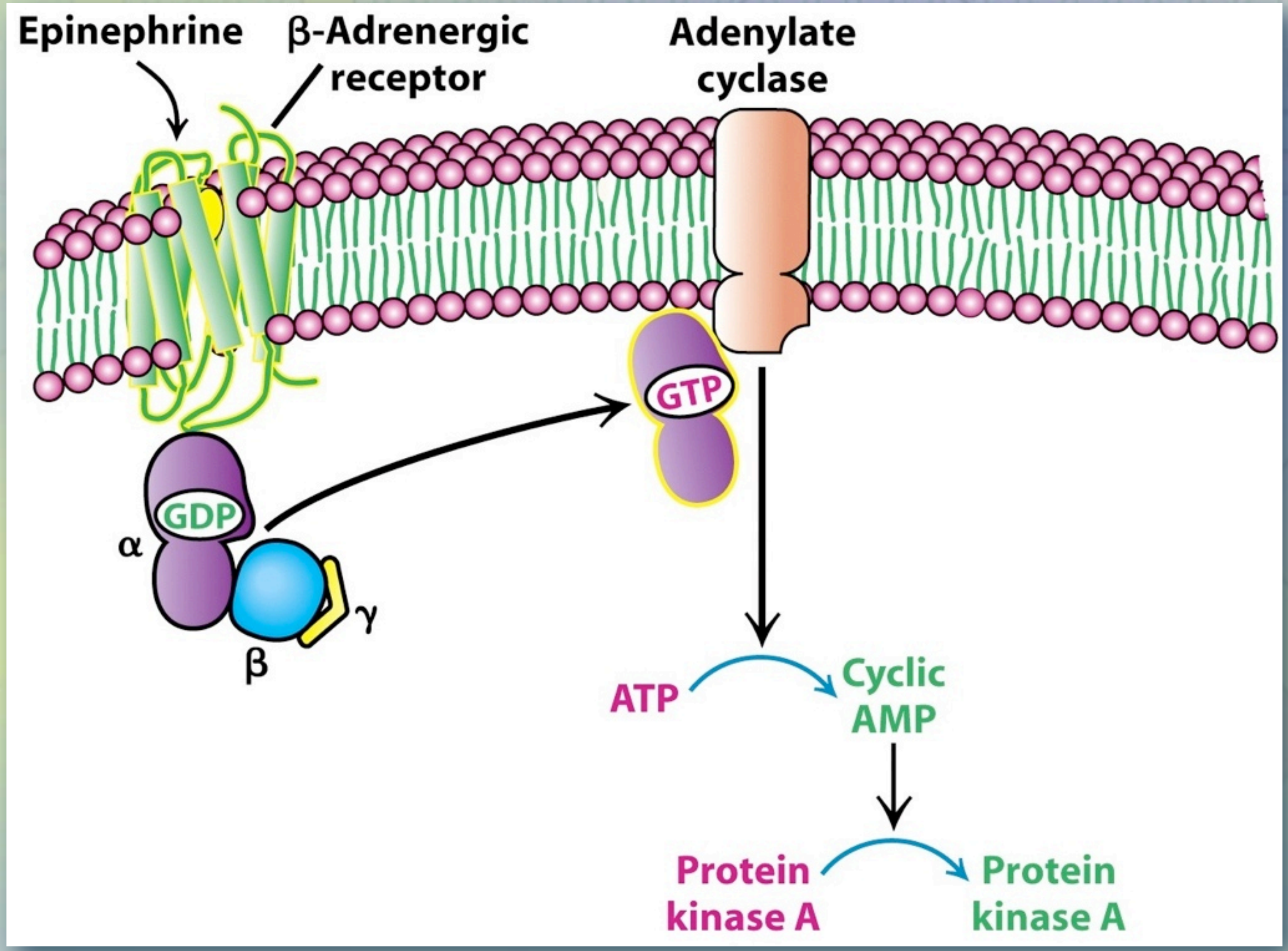

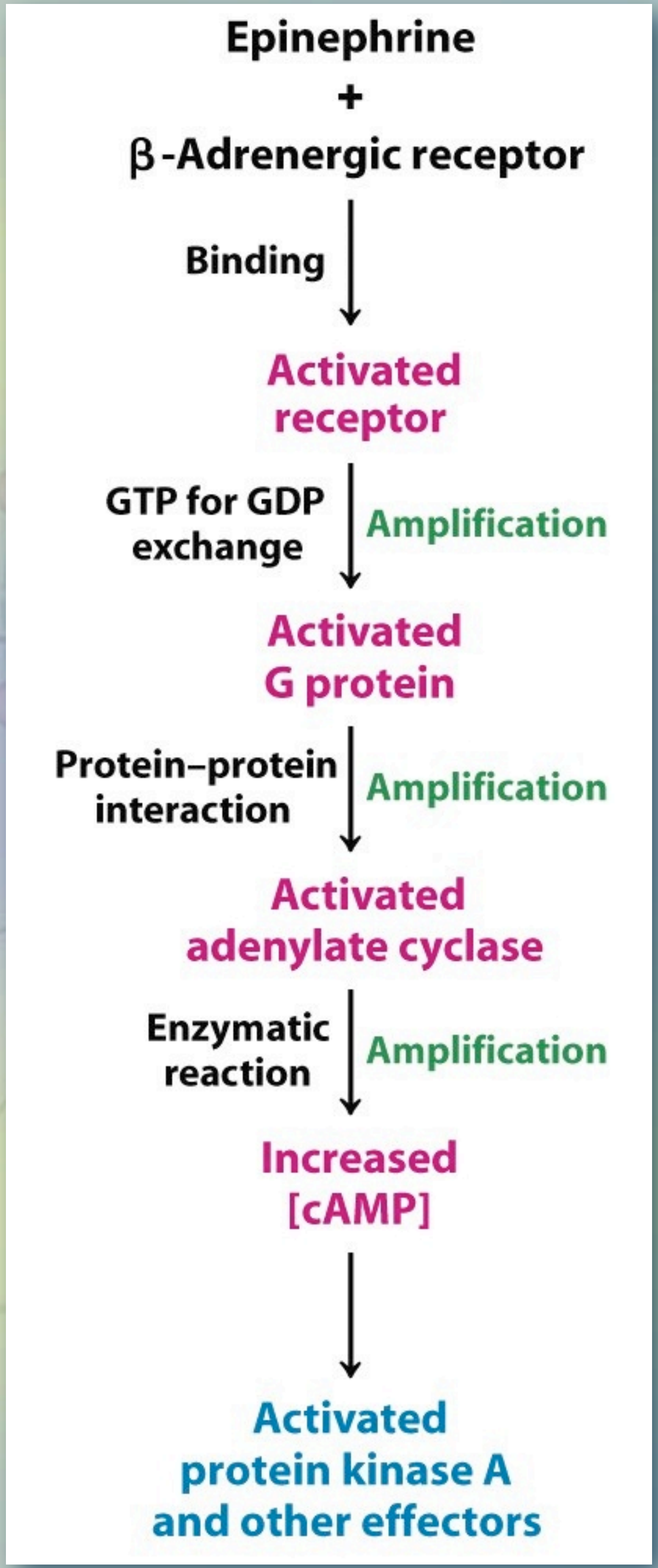

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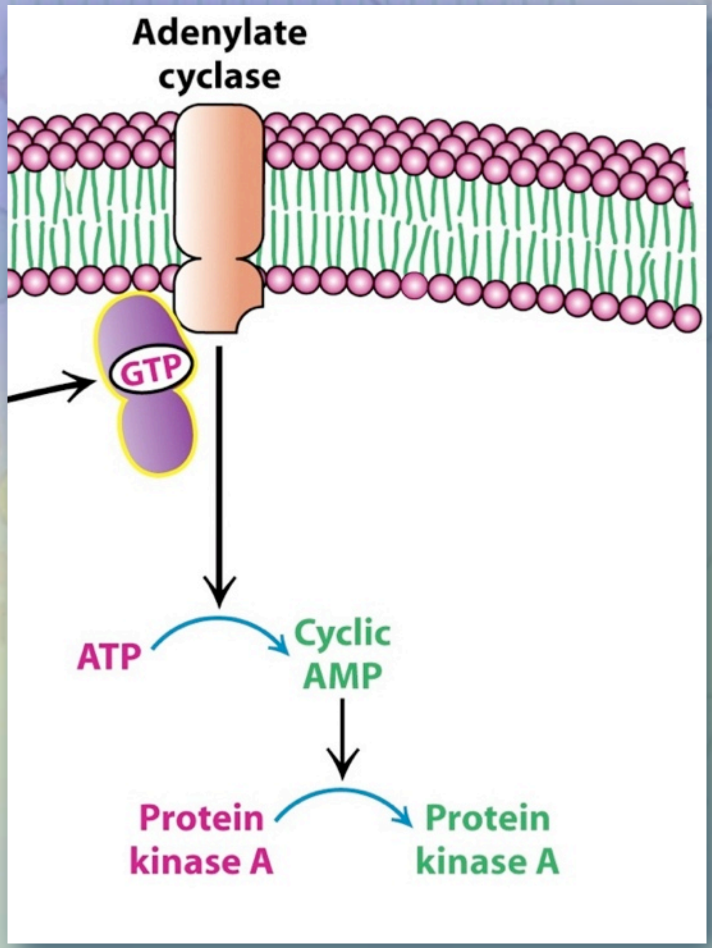

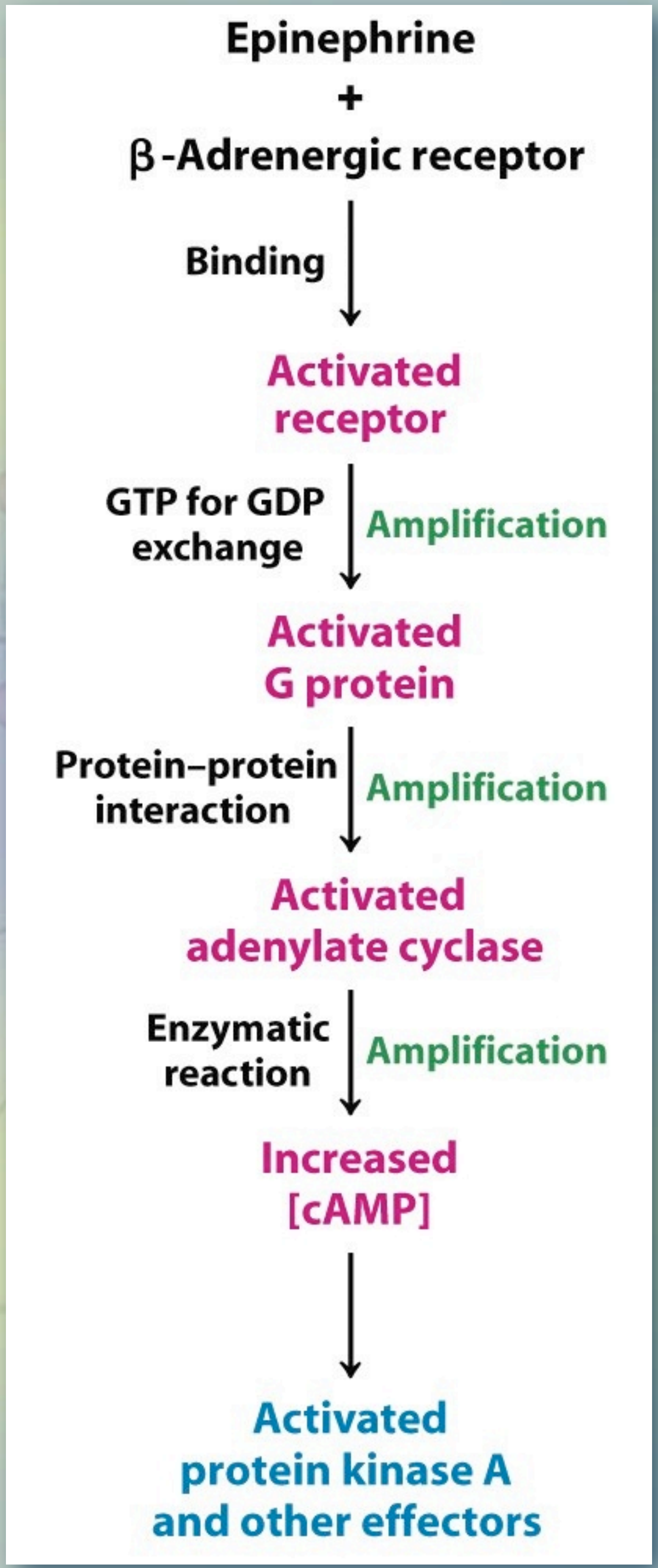

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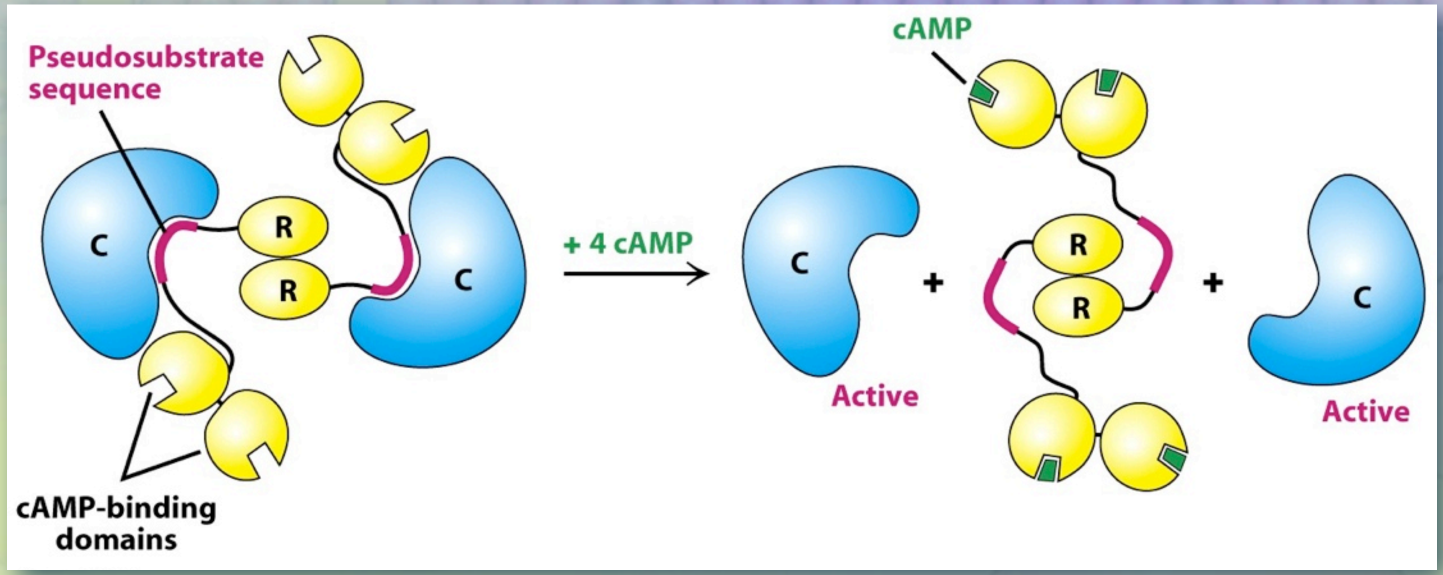
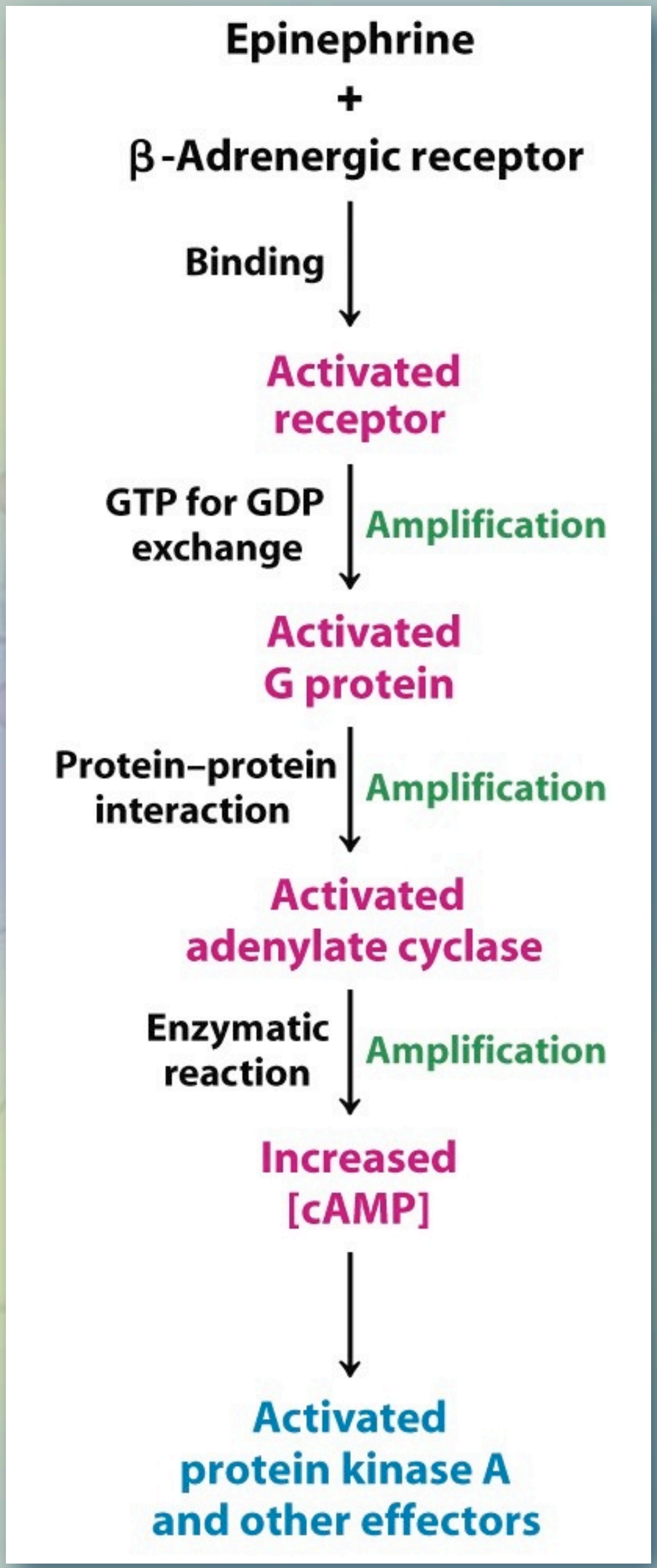
- cAMP binds to the regulatory subunit of Protein Kinase A (PKA) and activates it.





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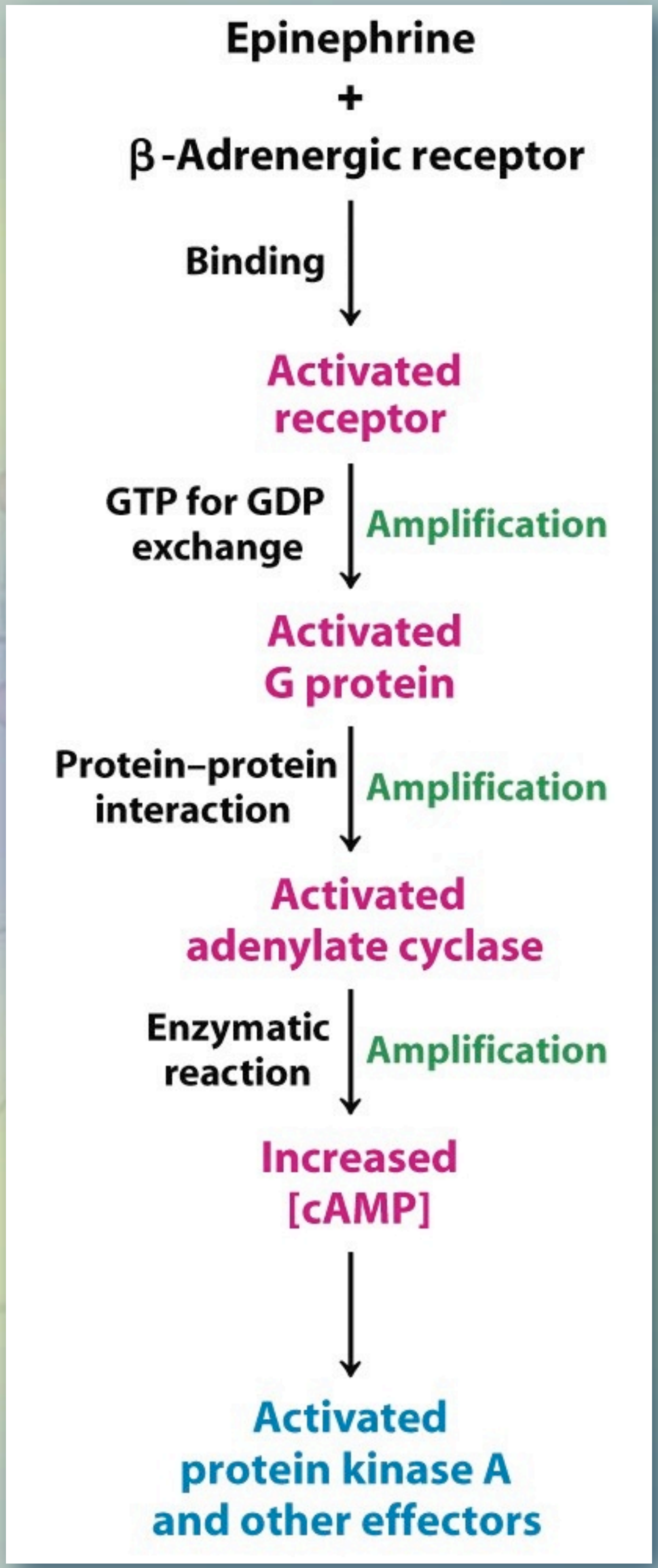
- PKA then phosphorylates and array of cellular proteins (at Ser & Thr), which are leads to
  - Degradation of stored fuels
  - Secretion of acid by gastric mucosa
  - Dispersion of melanin granules
  - Opening of chloride channels



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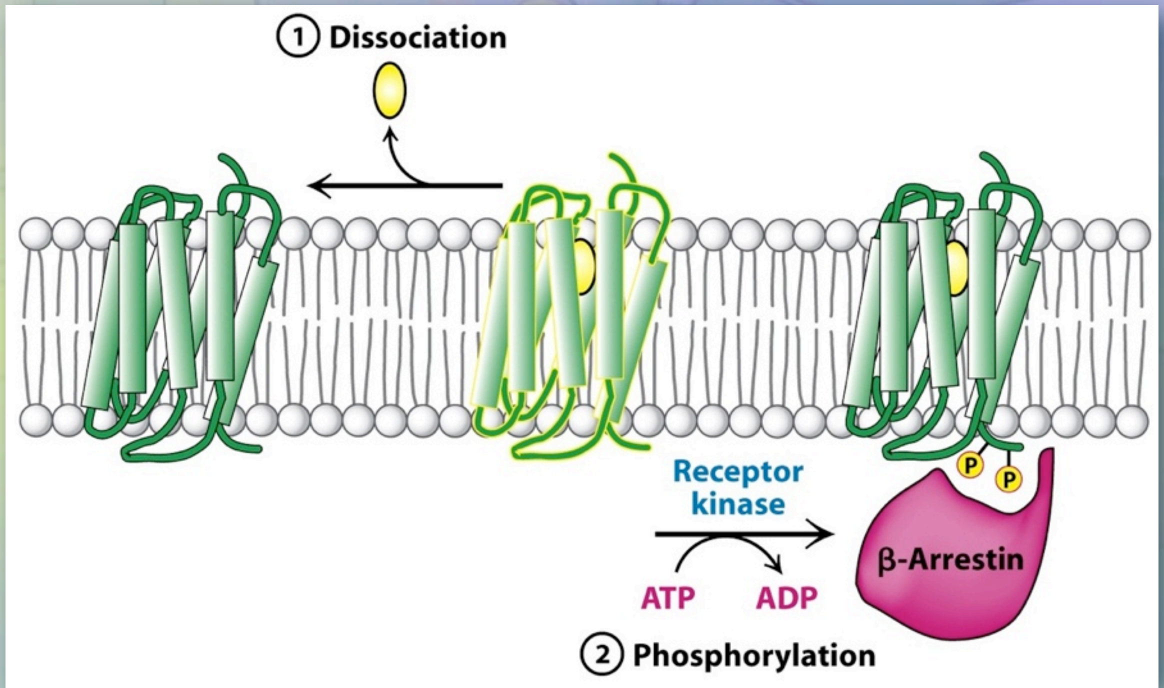
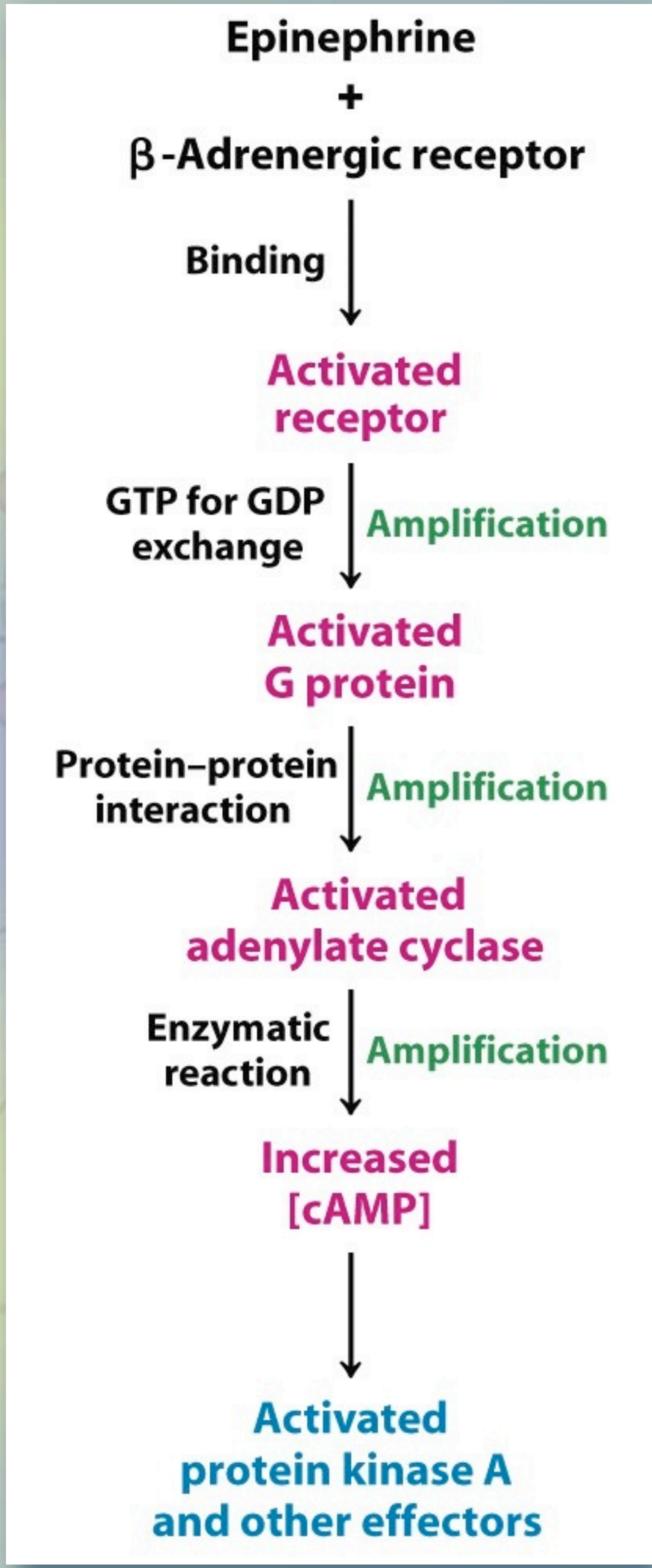
- To turn off the pathway
  - $G_{\alpha s}$ catalyzes the hydrolysis of GTP back to GDP.
  - The β-adrenergic receptor can by inactivated by a G-protein receptor kinases (GRK2)





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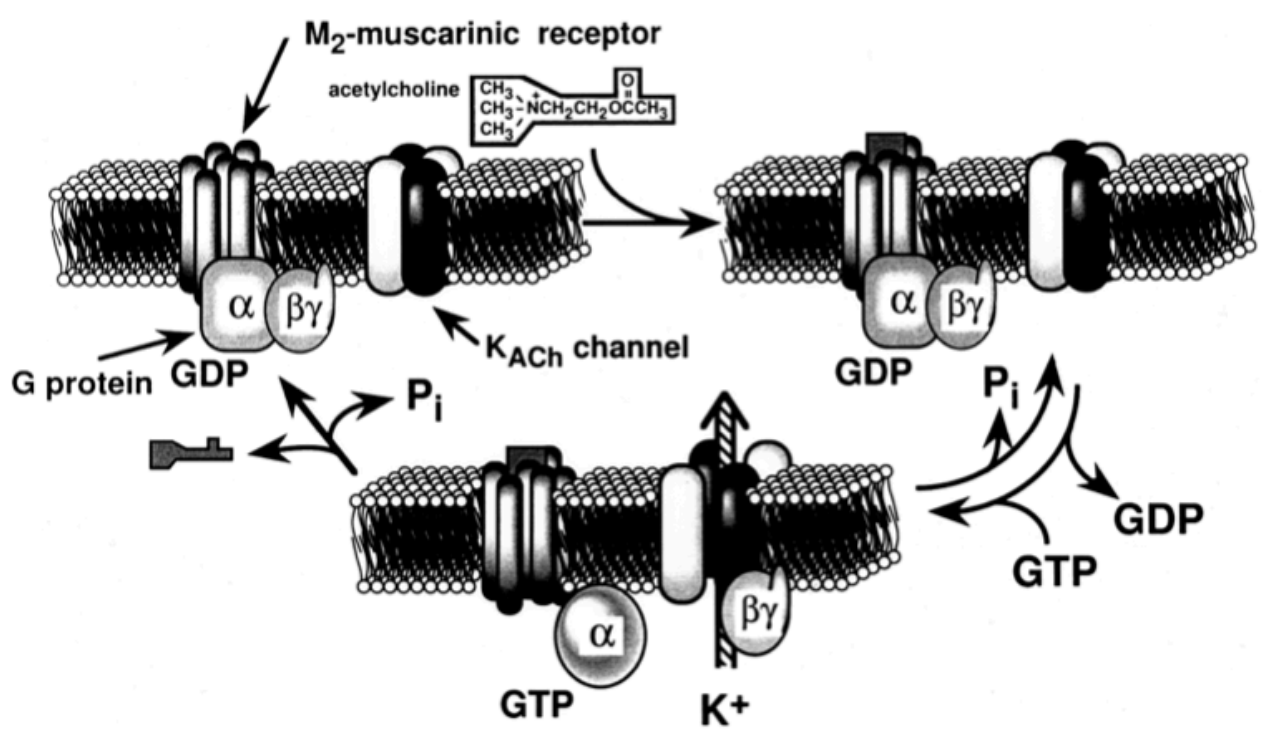

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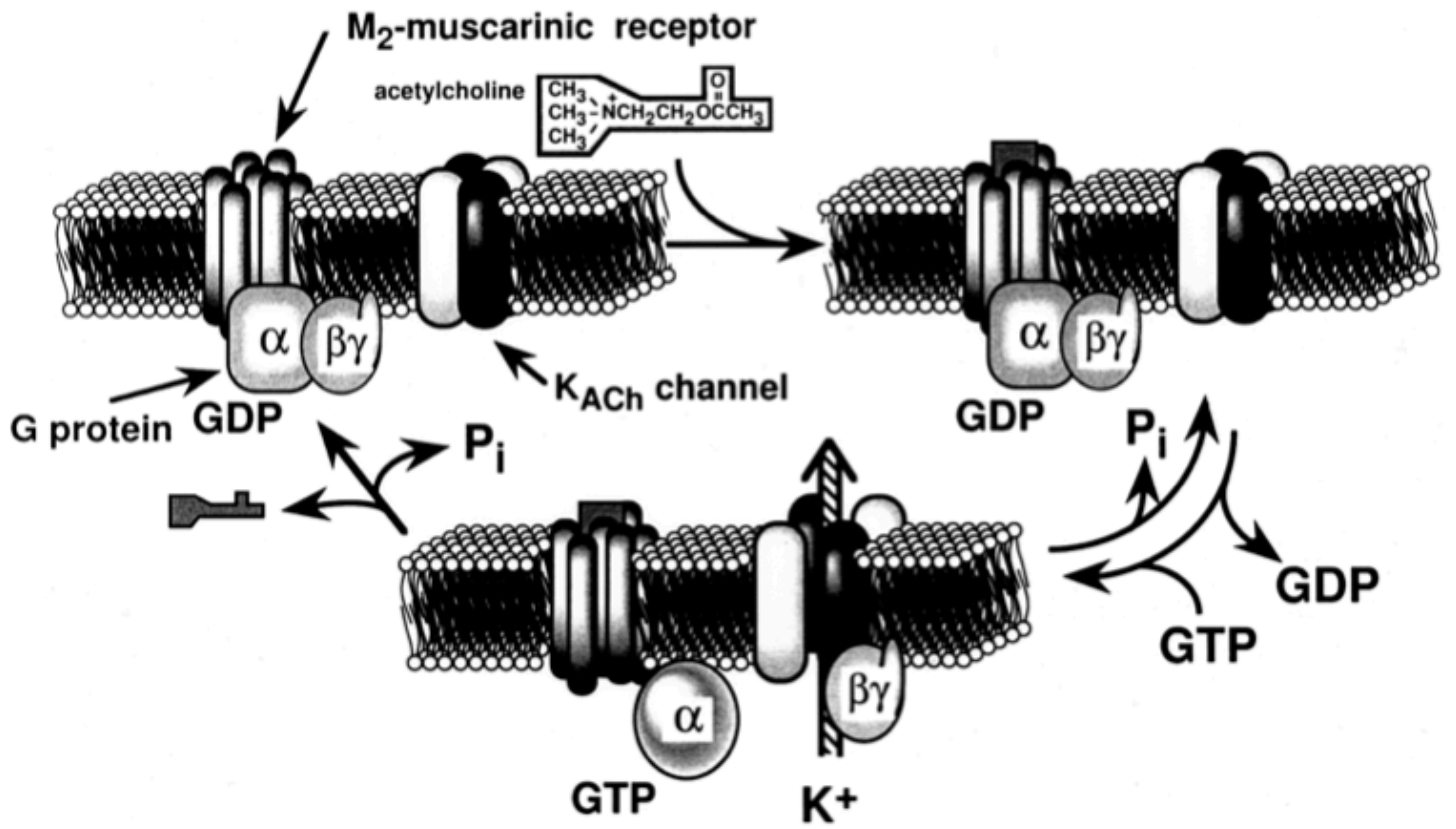

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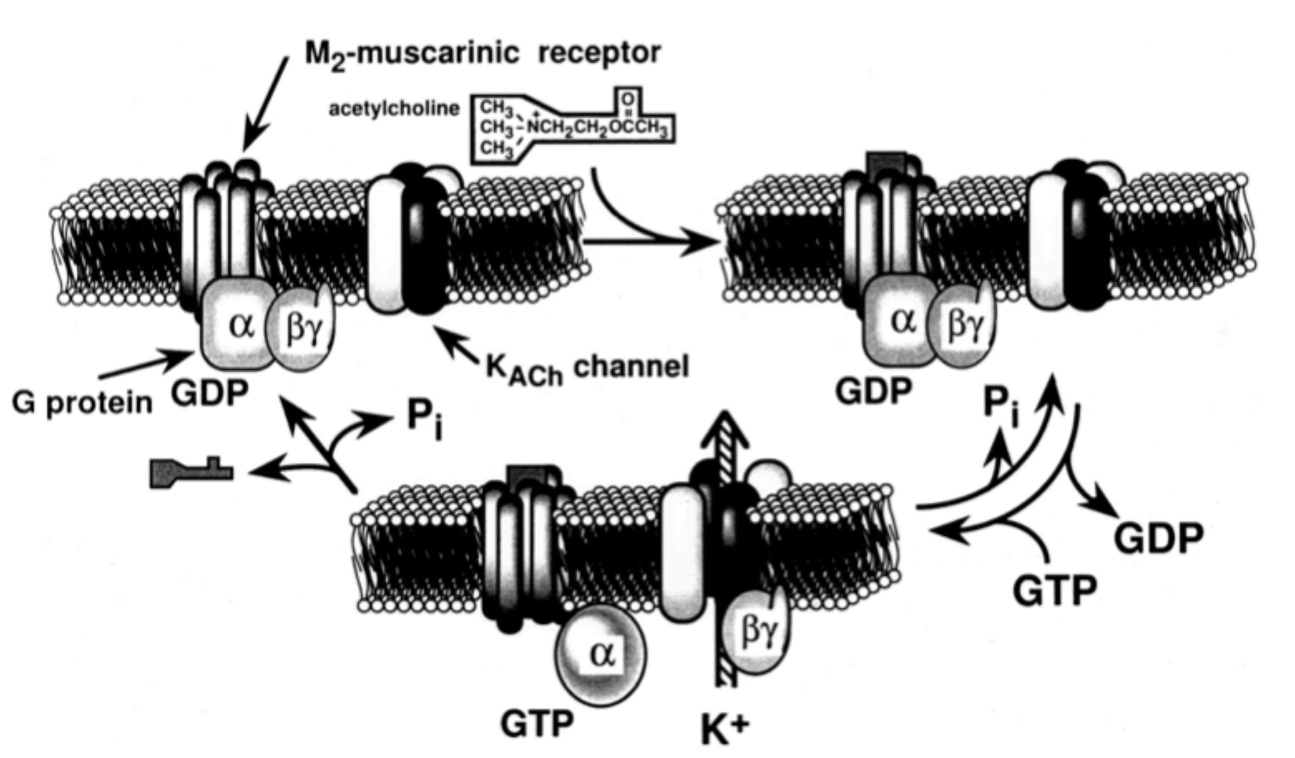

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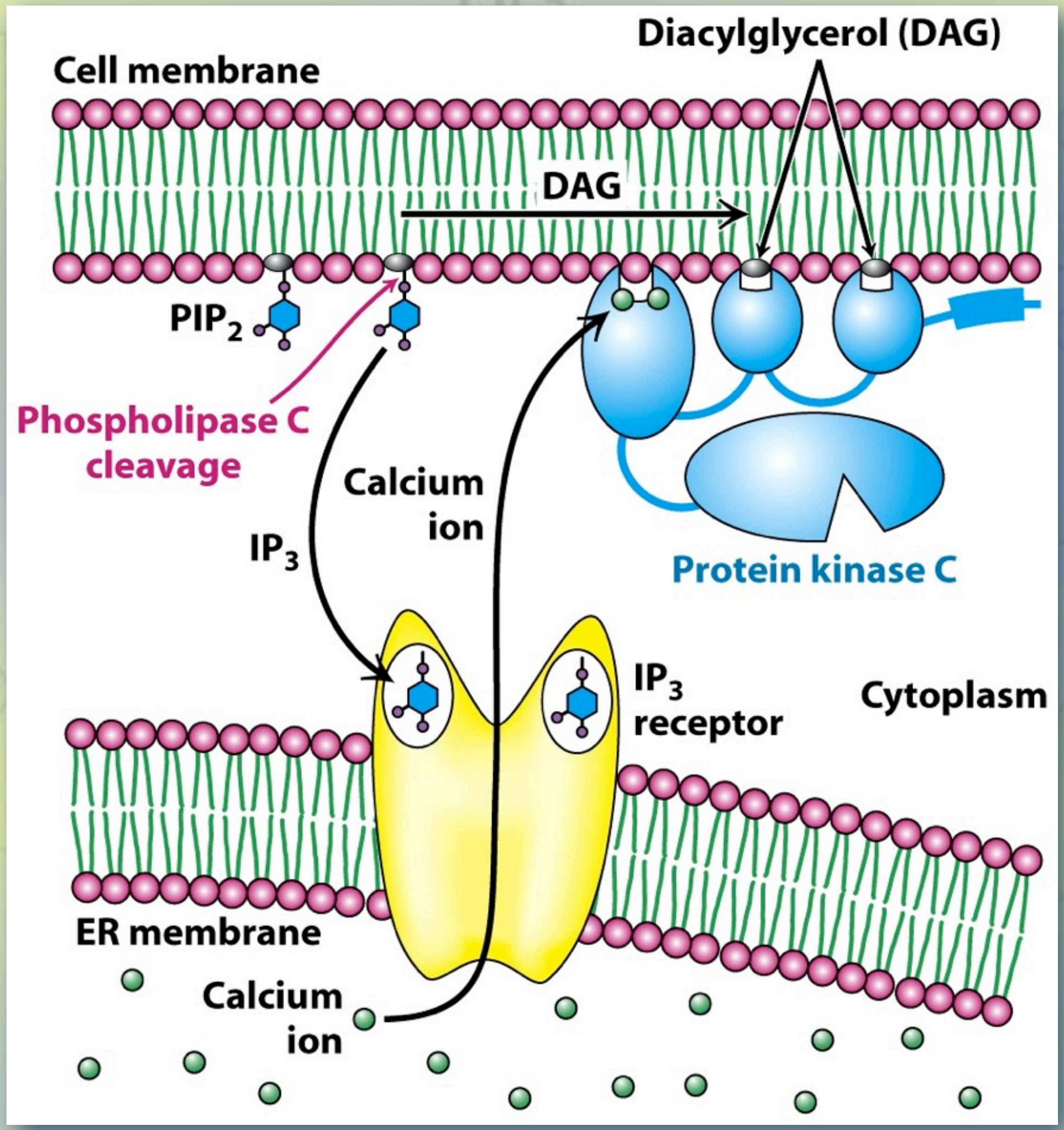

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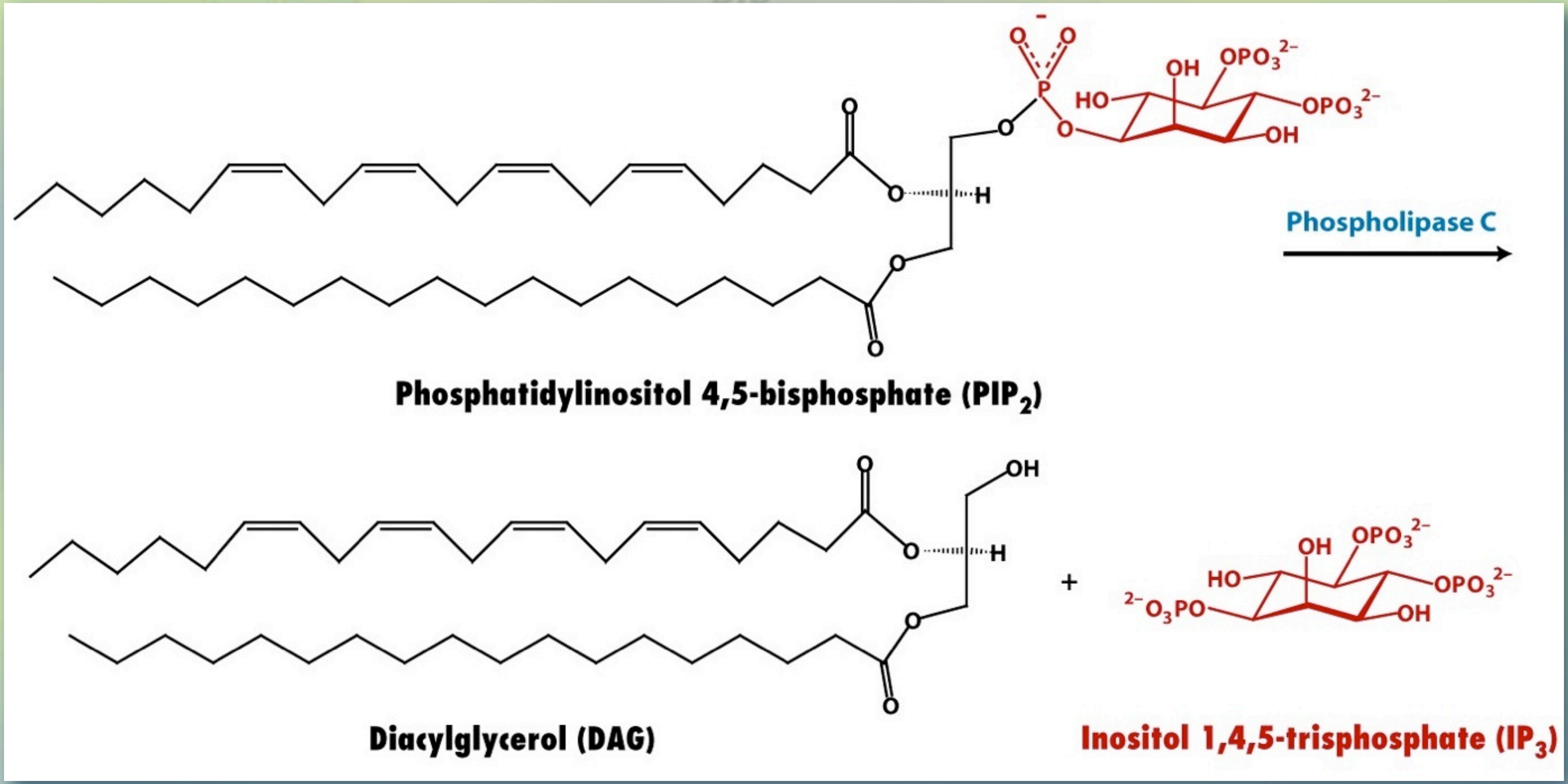

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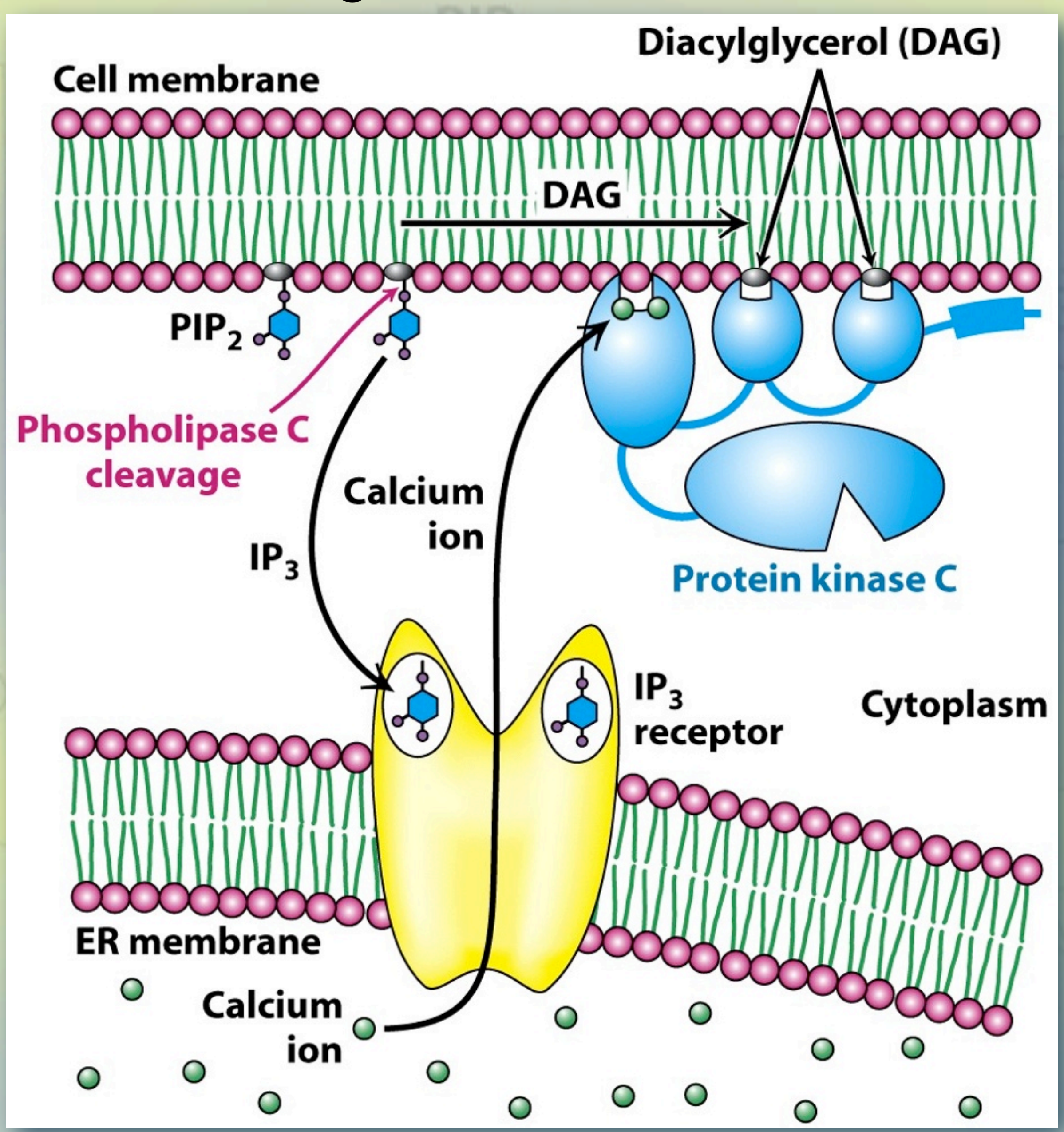

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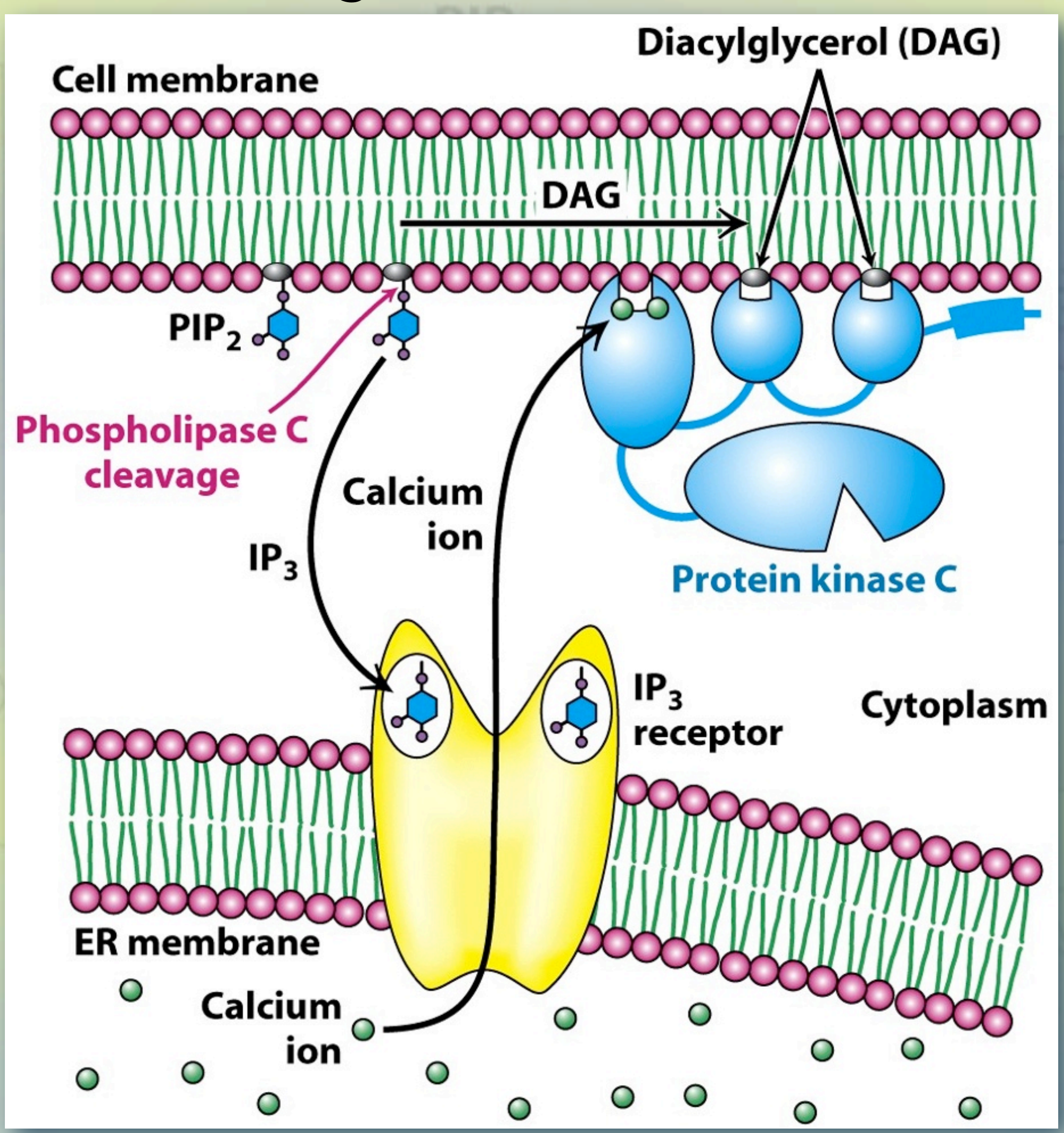

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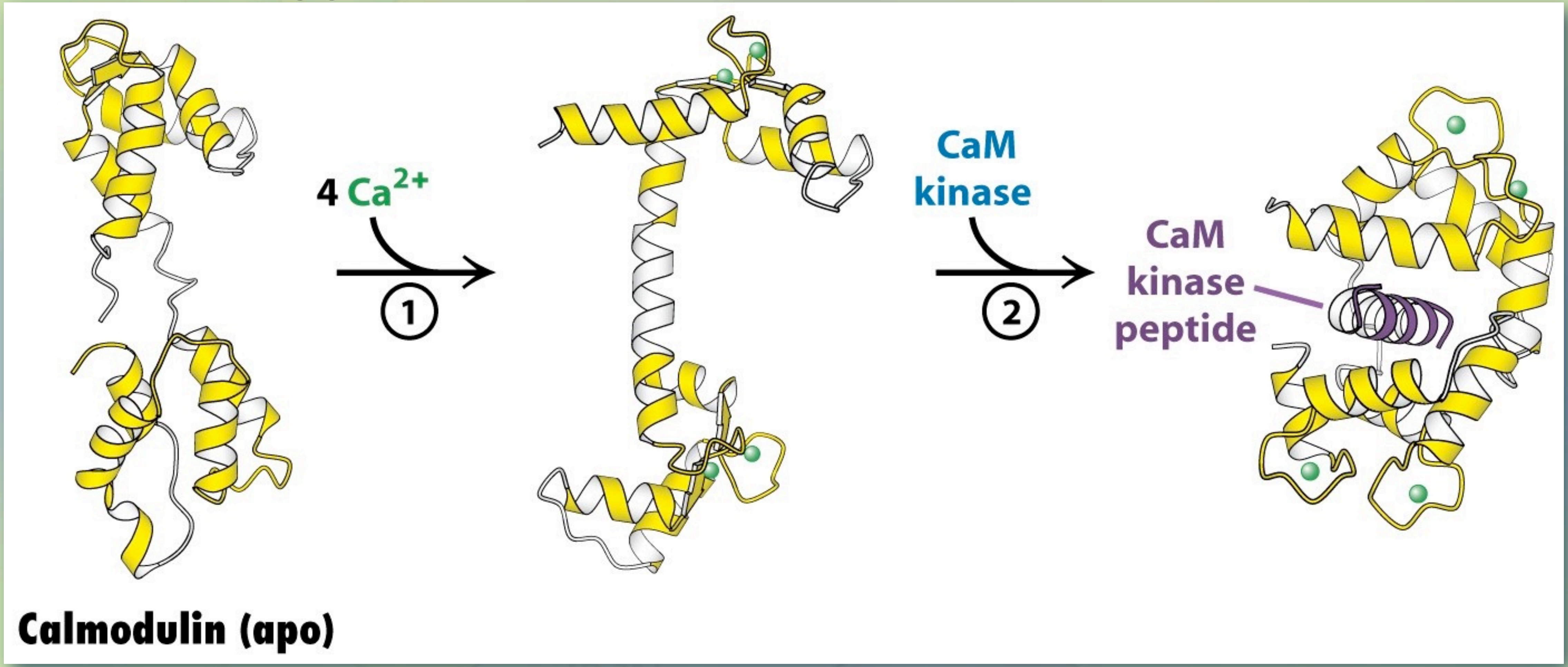

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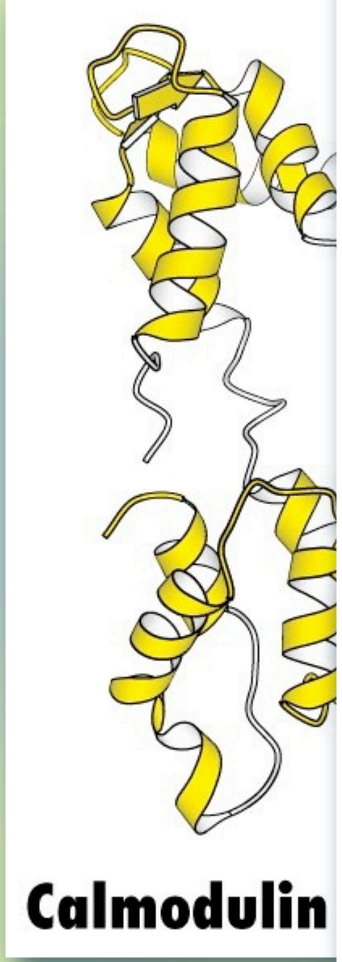

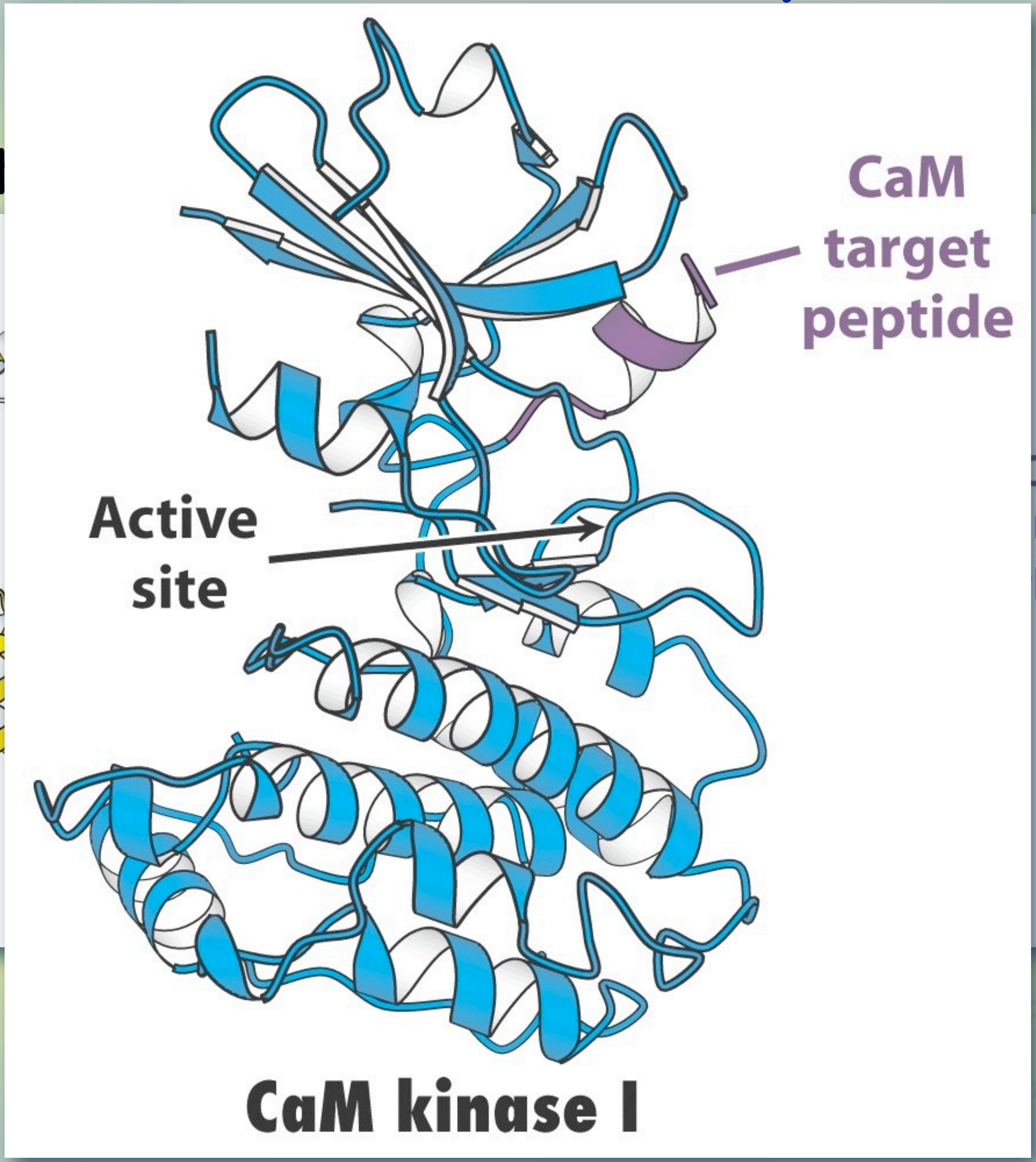

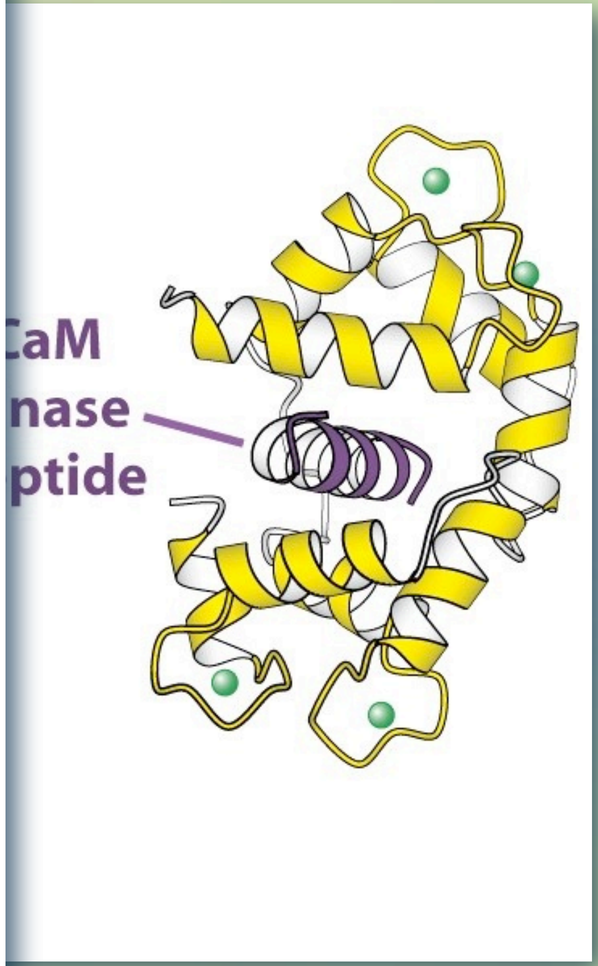

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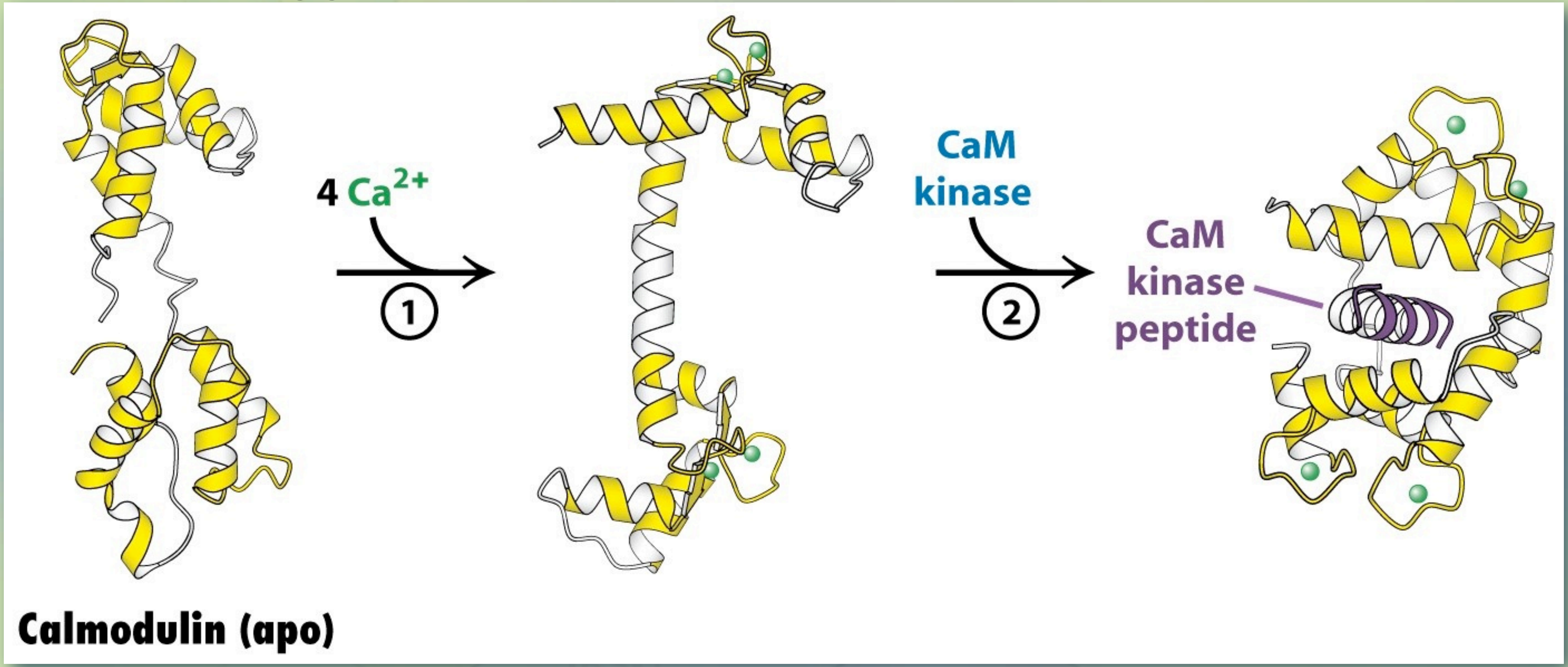

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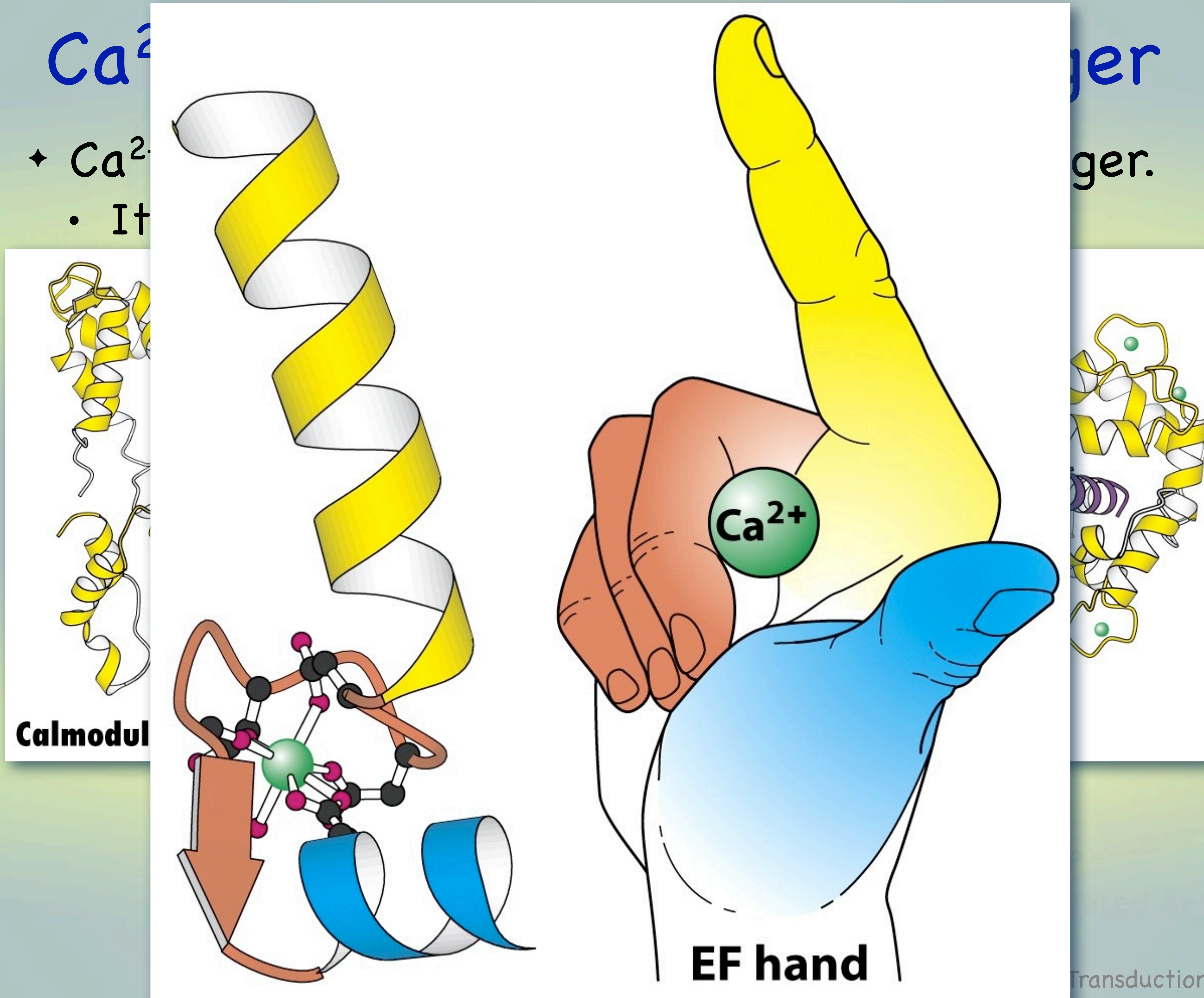

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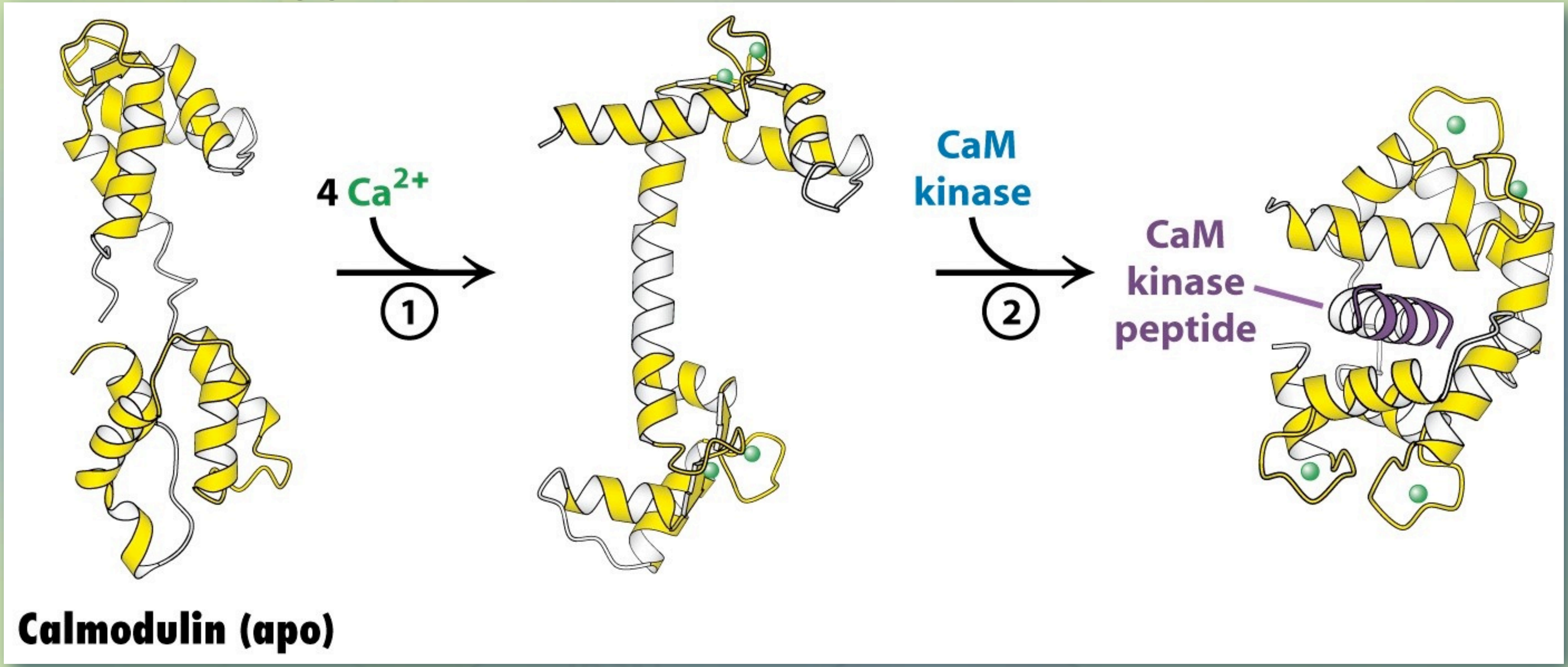

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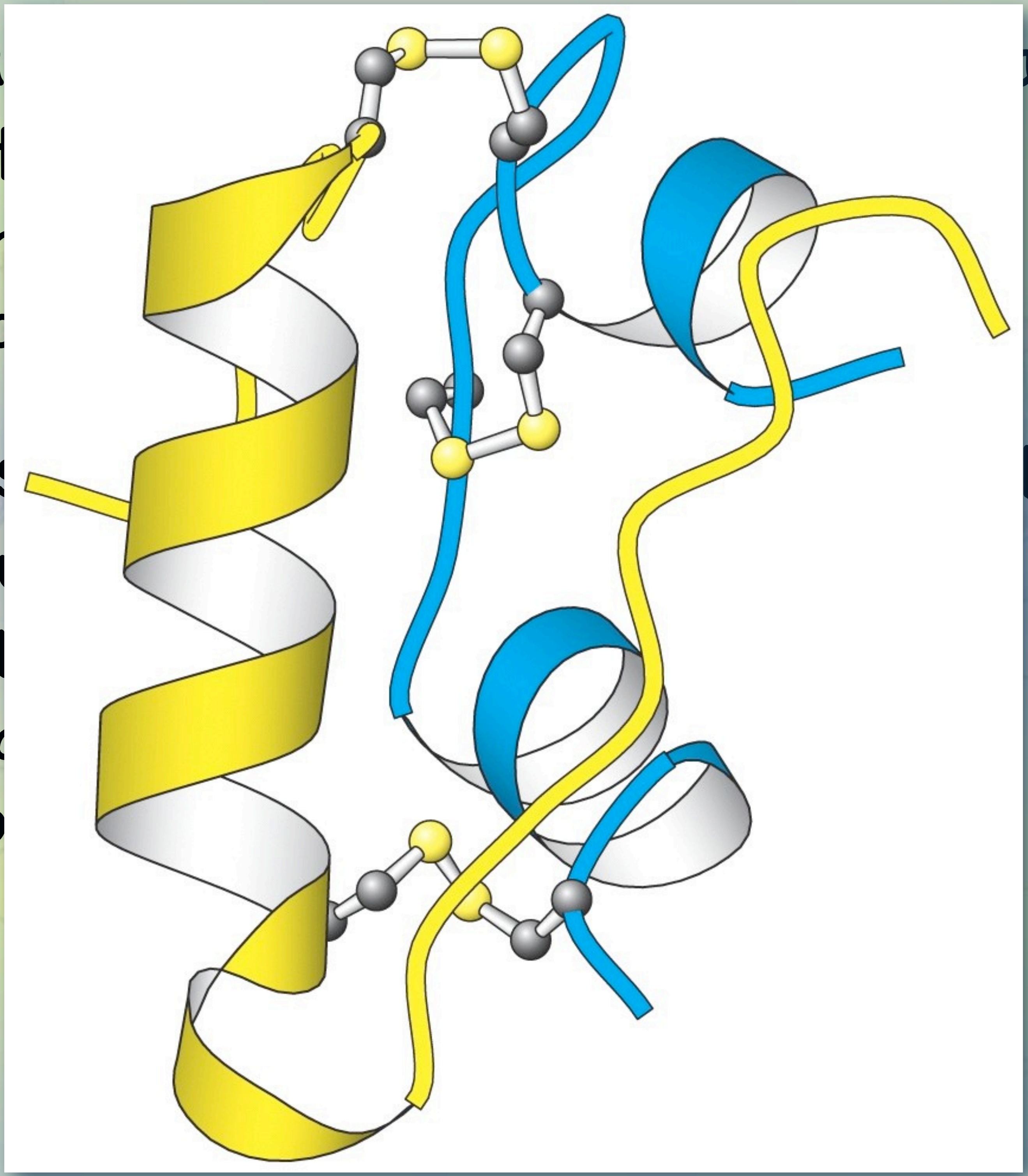

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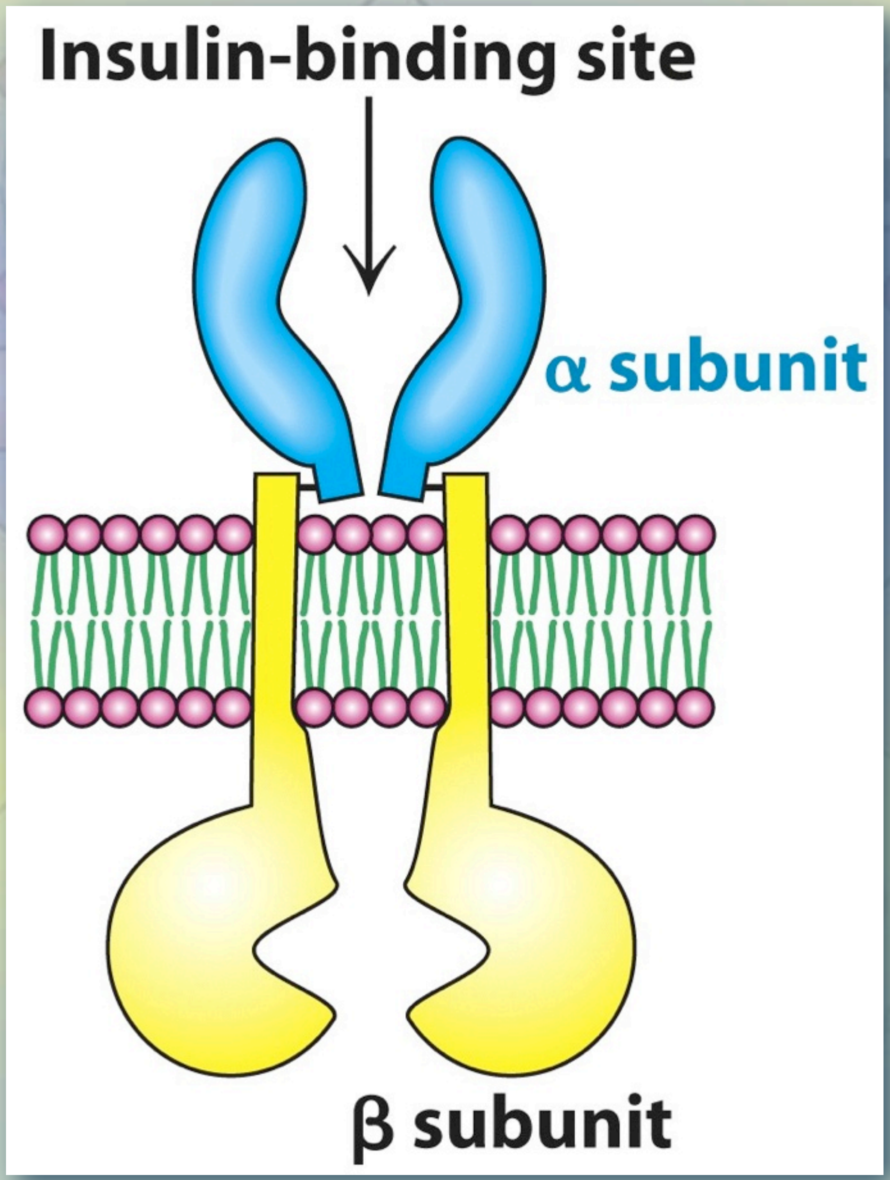

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- The substrate for the kinase is the kinase itself.
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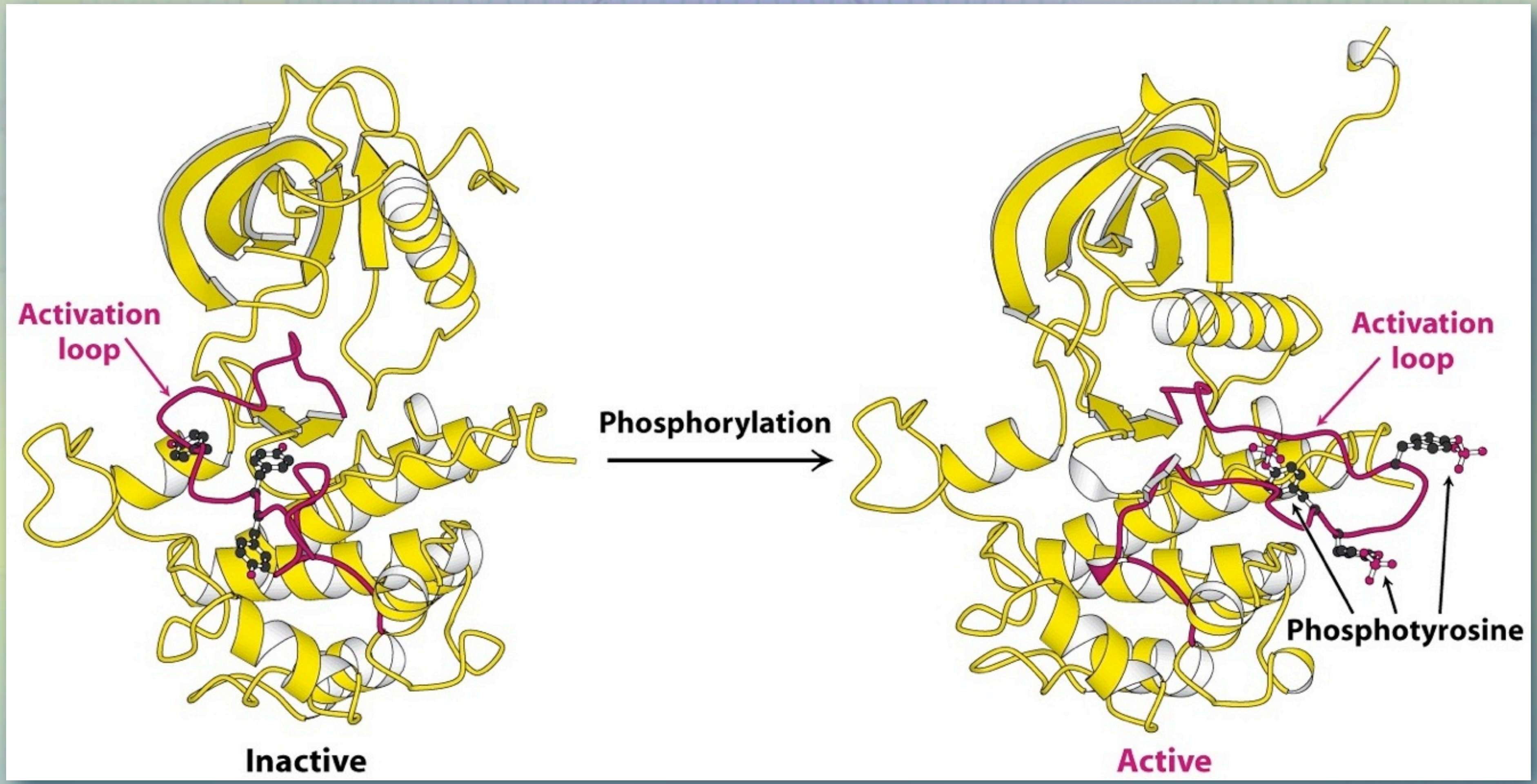

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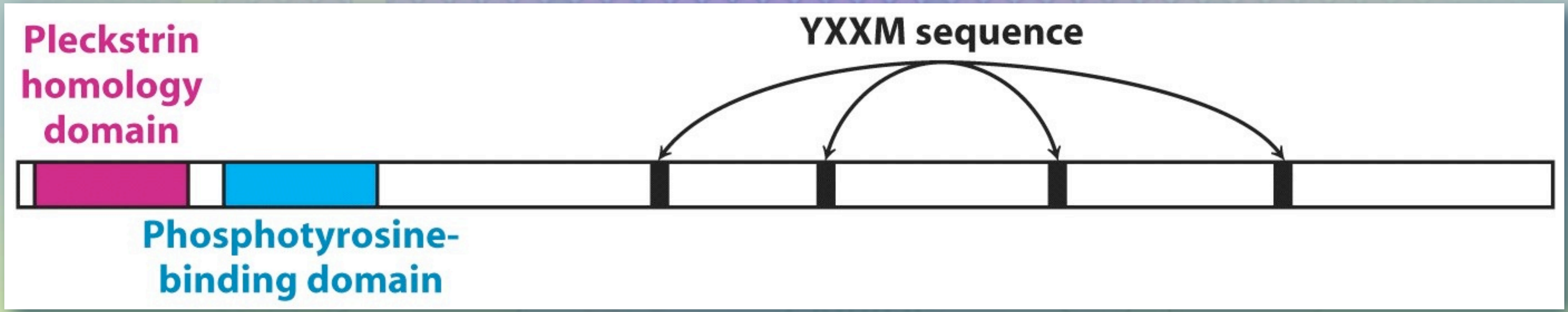

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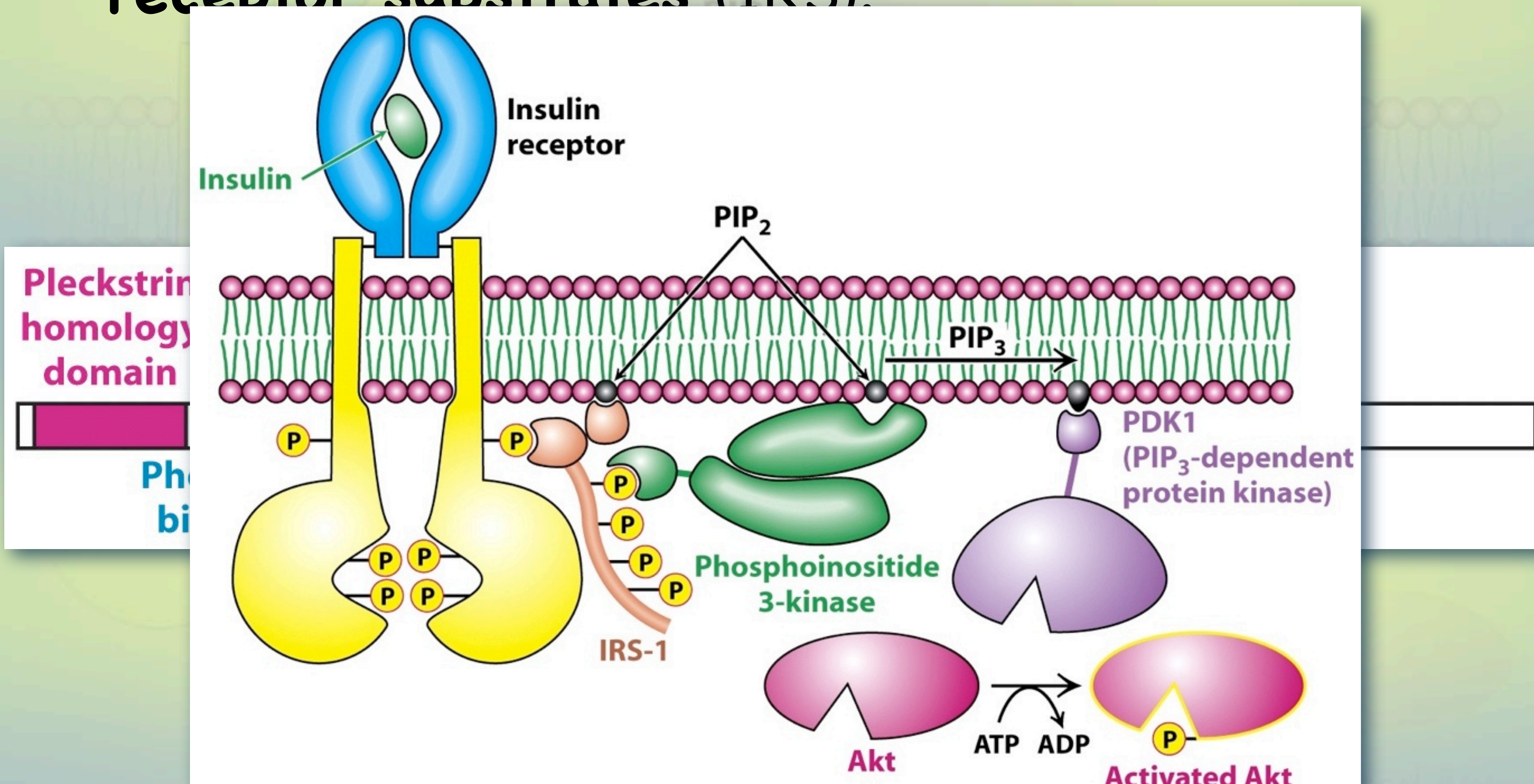

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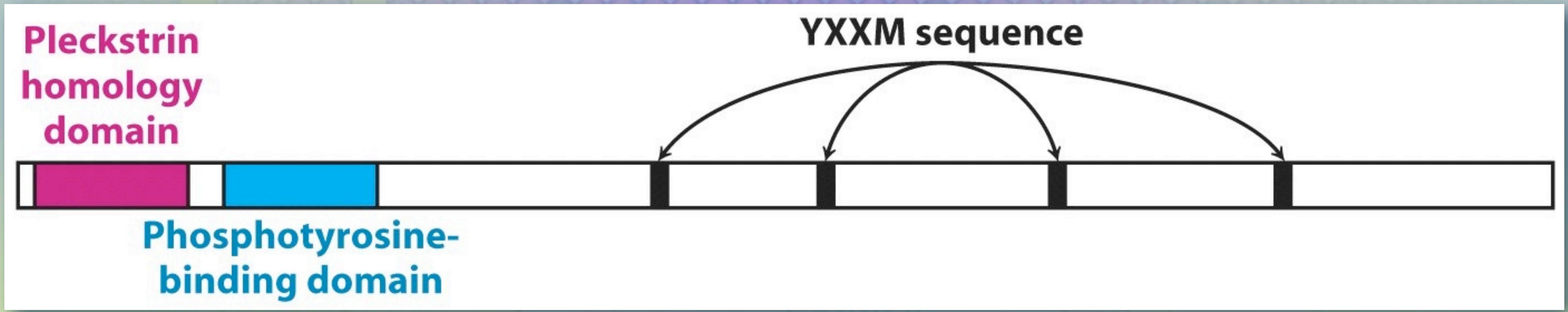

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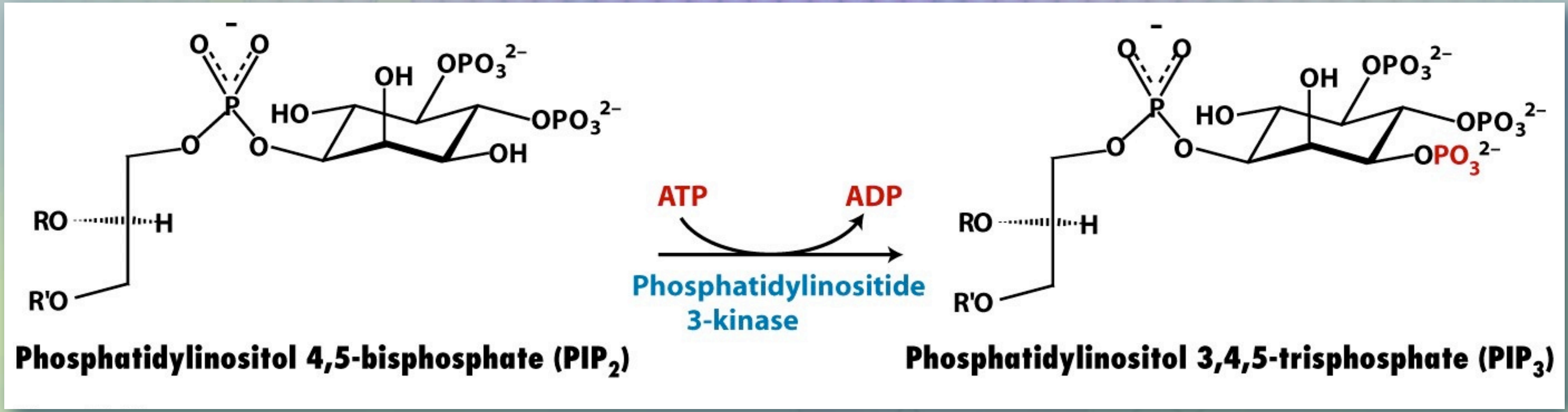

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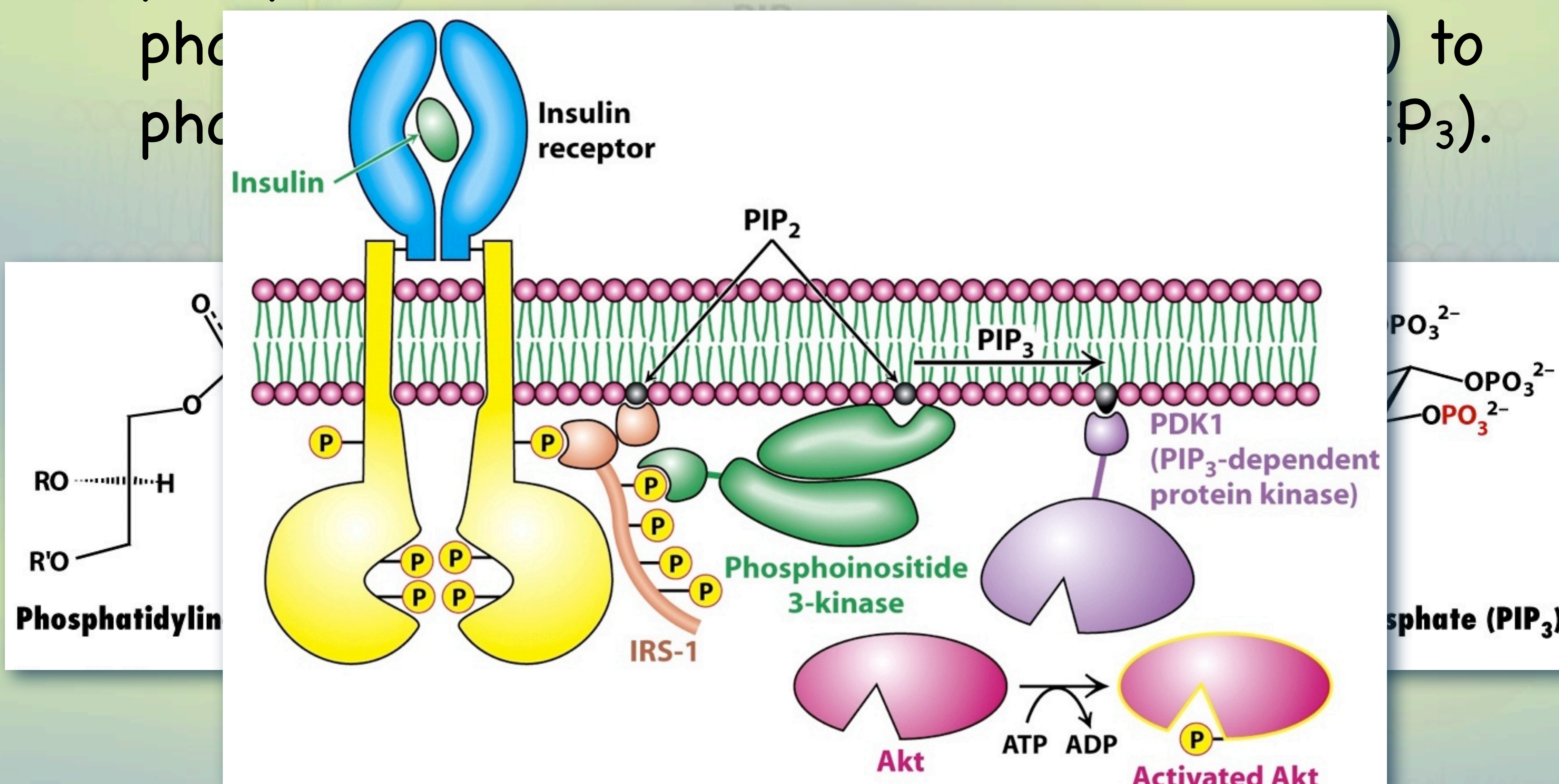

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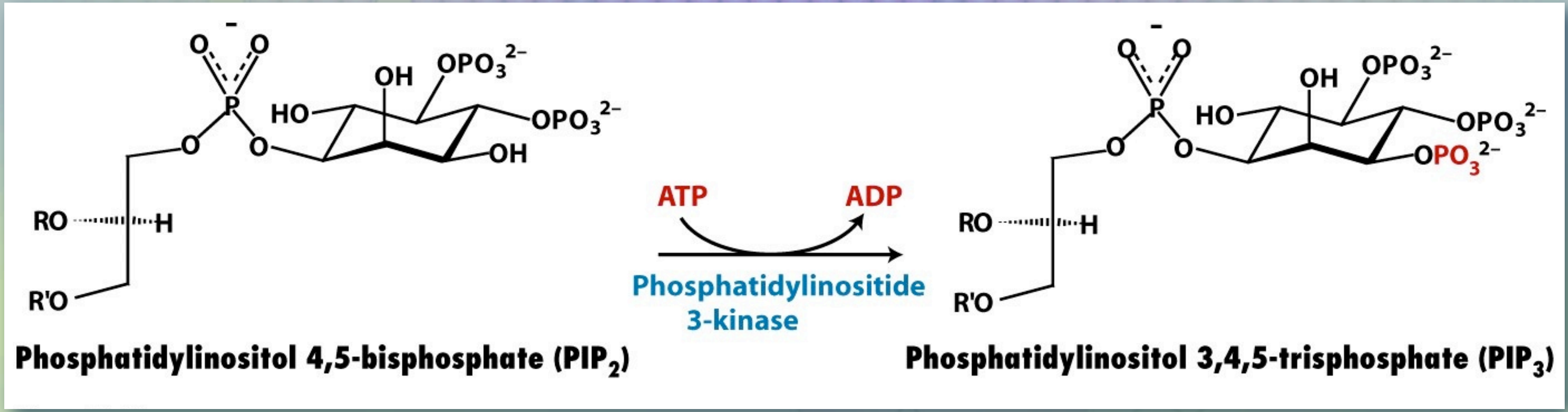

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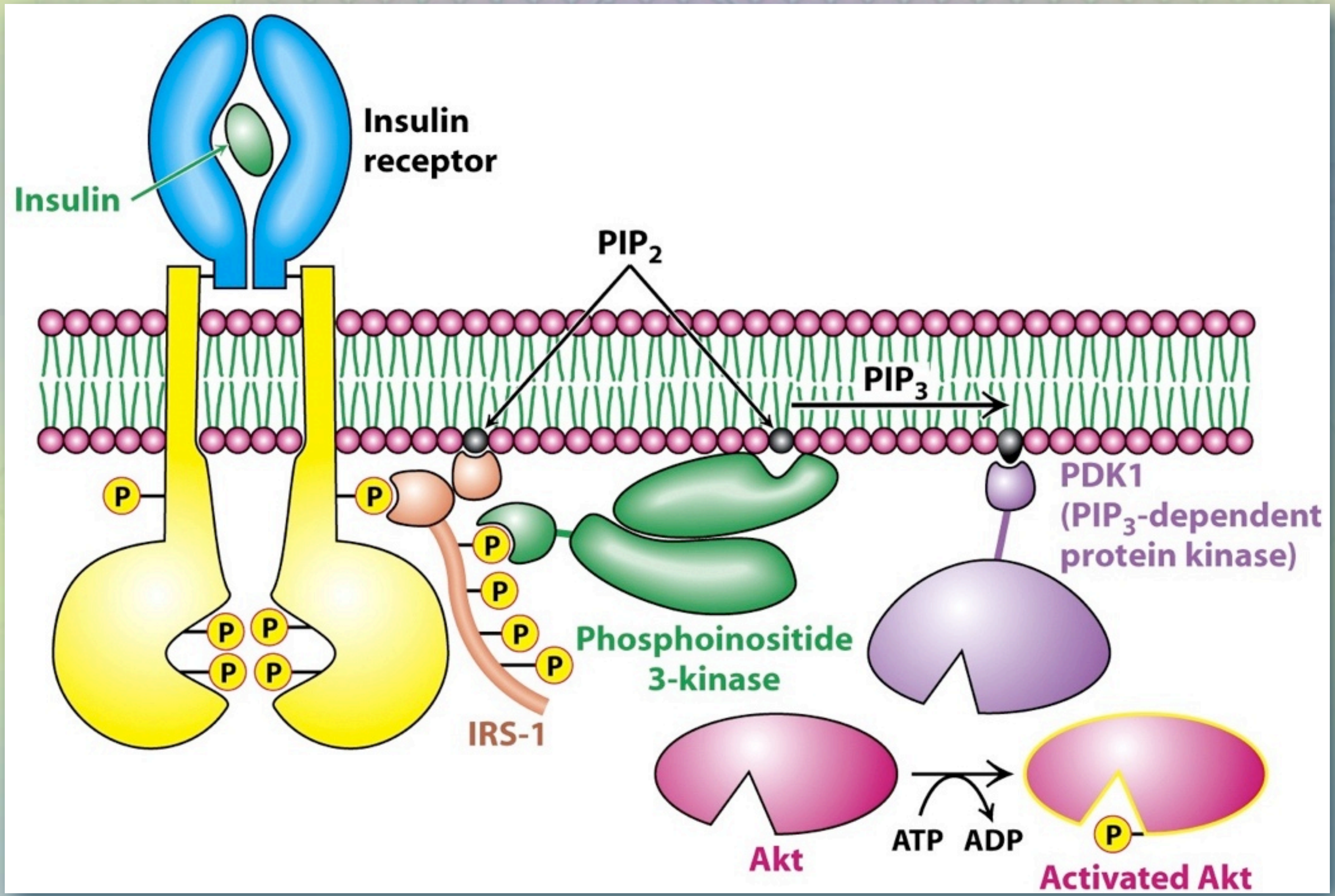

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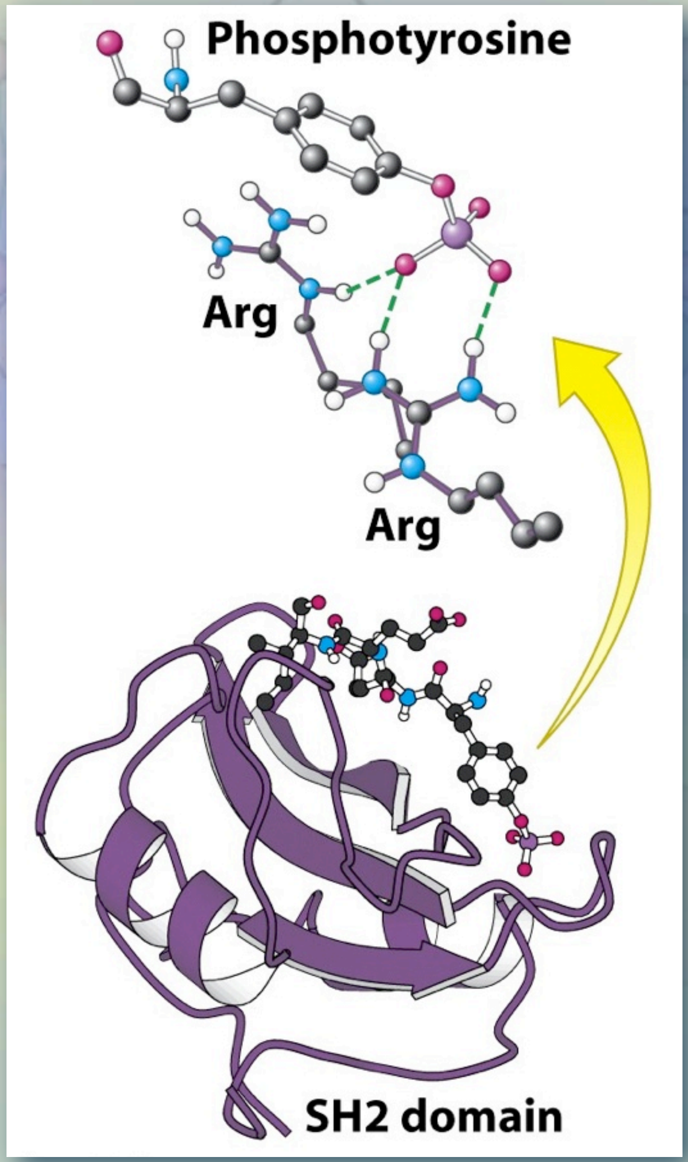

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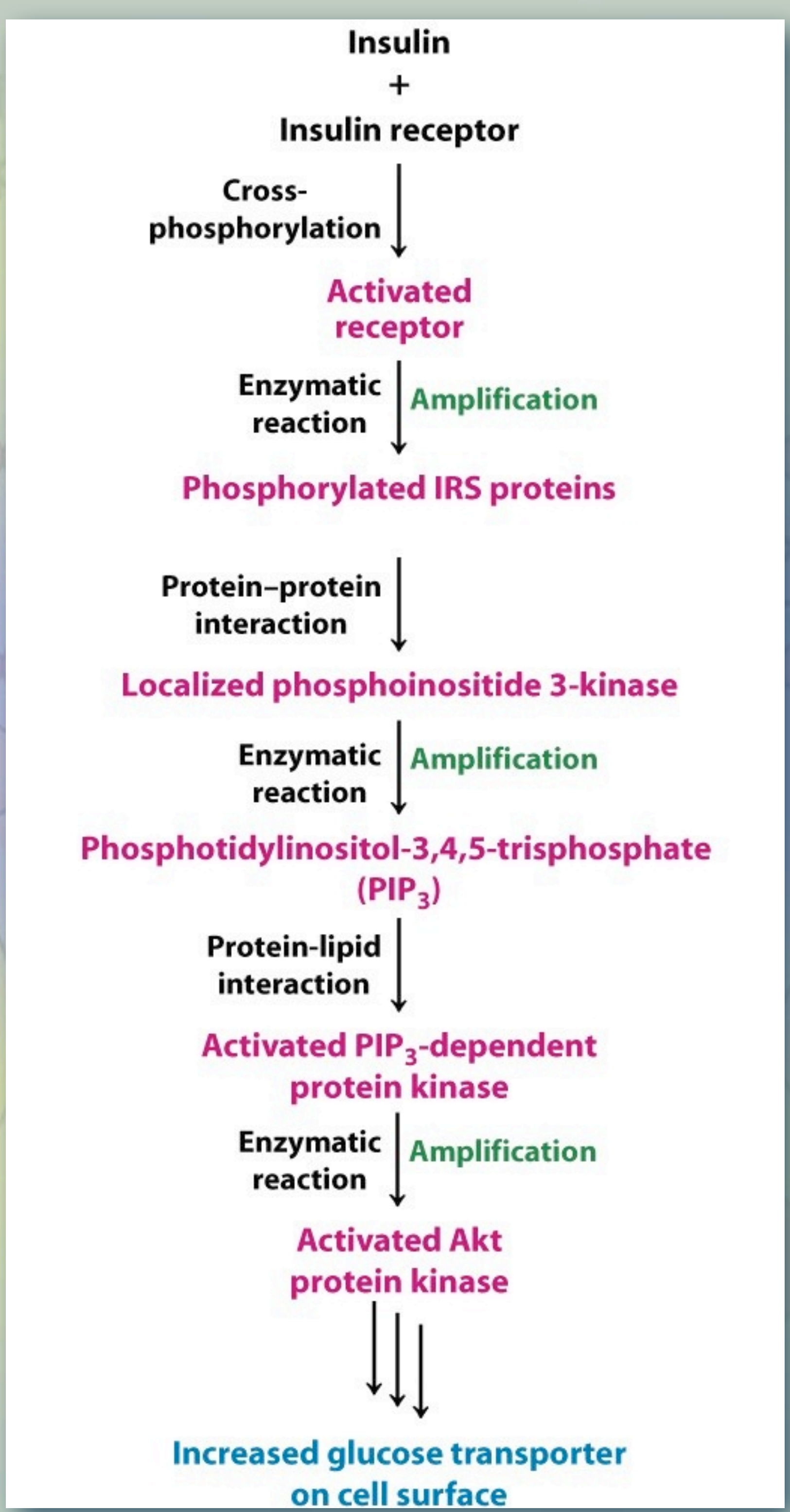

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