

NEUROTRANSMITTER

- *Neurotransmitter is a type of chemical messenger that transmits signals across a chemical synapse, from one neuron to another.*

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- *sympathetic= adrenergic*

- *Para-sympathetic= cholinergic* (Neuron)

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- Both adrenergic and cholinergic division work antagonistically to maintain homeostasis
- Adrenergic system produces catecholamines like dopamine, epinephrine, non-epinephrine

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DOPAMINE [PLEASURE]

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Dopamine is responsible for allowing you to **feel pleasure, satisfaction and motivation.**

When you feel good that you have achieved something, it's because you have a surge of dopamine in the brain.

EPINEPHRINE [ADRENALINE]

It is produced in stressful or emergency situation. Increase the heart rate and flow of blood, leading to physical boost and heightened awareness

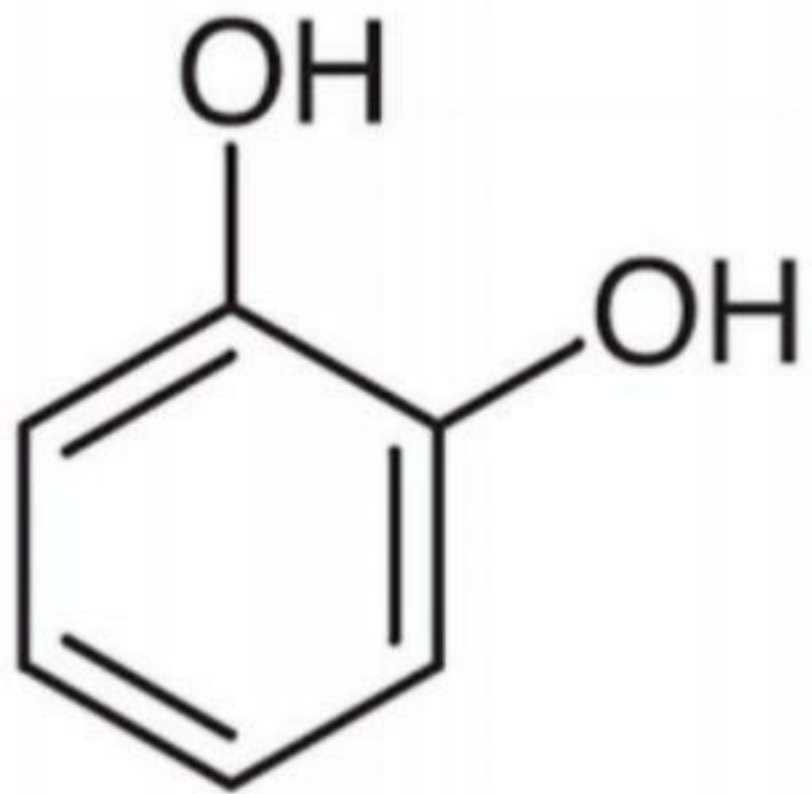
NOR-EPINEPHRINE [NOR-ADRENALINE]

Affects the response and attention action of brain . Increasing the blood flow and contracting the vessels

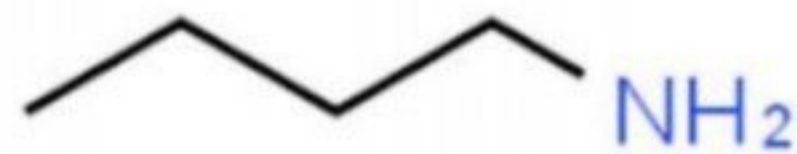
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DEPTH OF BIOLOGY *CATECHOLAMINES*

- A catecholamine is a monoamine neurotransmitter, that has a catechol ring and a side-chain amine.



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BIOSYNTHESIS OF CATECHOLAMINES

- It takes place in dopaminergic and adrenergic neurons in the CNS, in the sympathetic neurons, ANS and in adrenal medulla

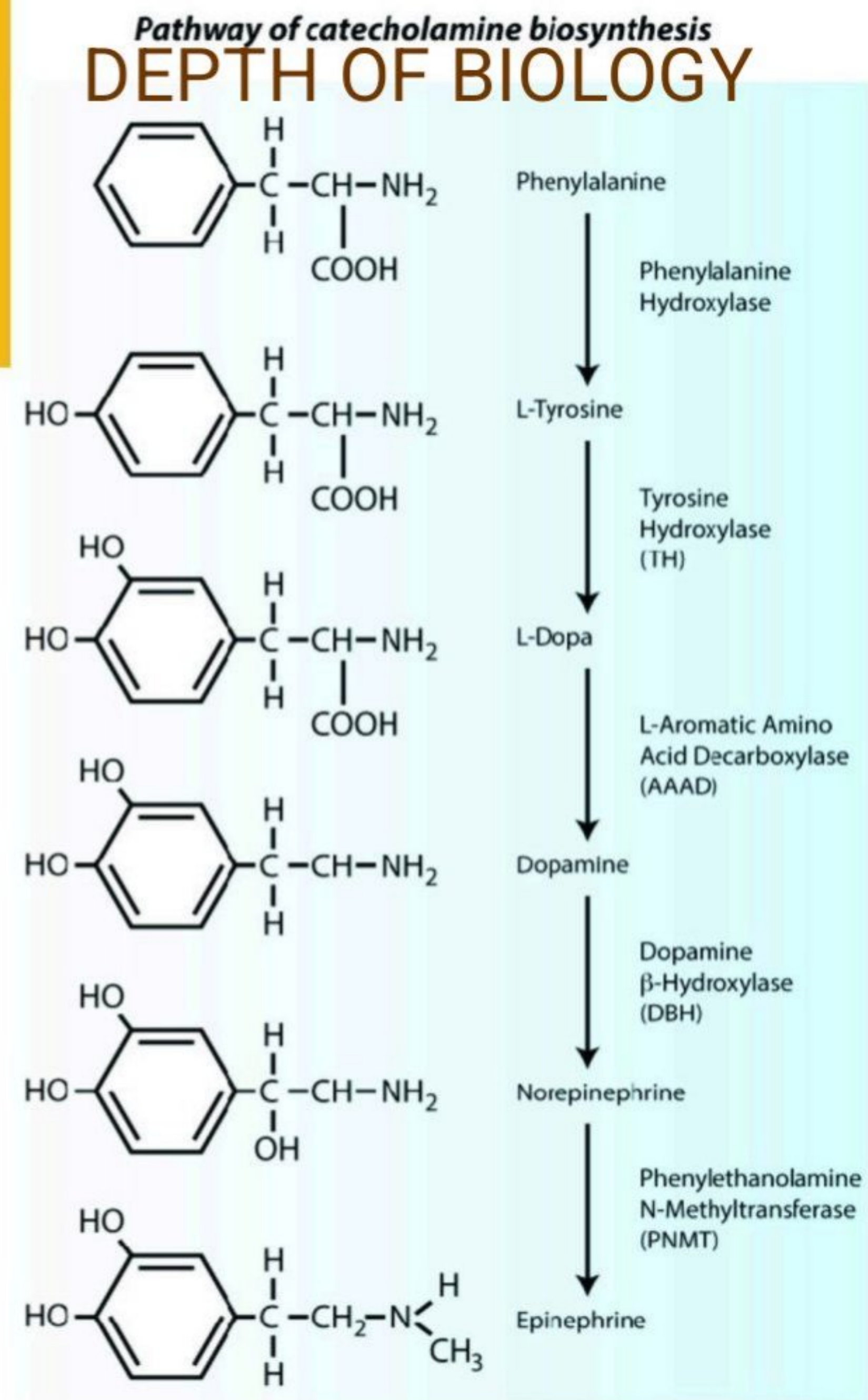
Phenylalanine gets hydrolyzed into tyrosine in liver. **DEPTH OF BIOLOGY**

Tyrosine hydrolyzed to DOPA by the enzyme tyrosine hydroxylase [in cytoplasm of neuron].

DOPA is converted into dopamine with help of DOPA carboxylase [in cytoplasm of neuron].

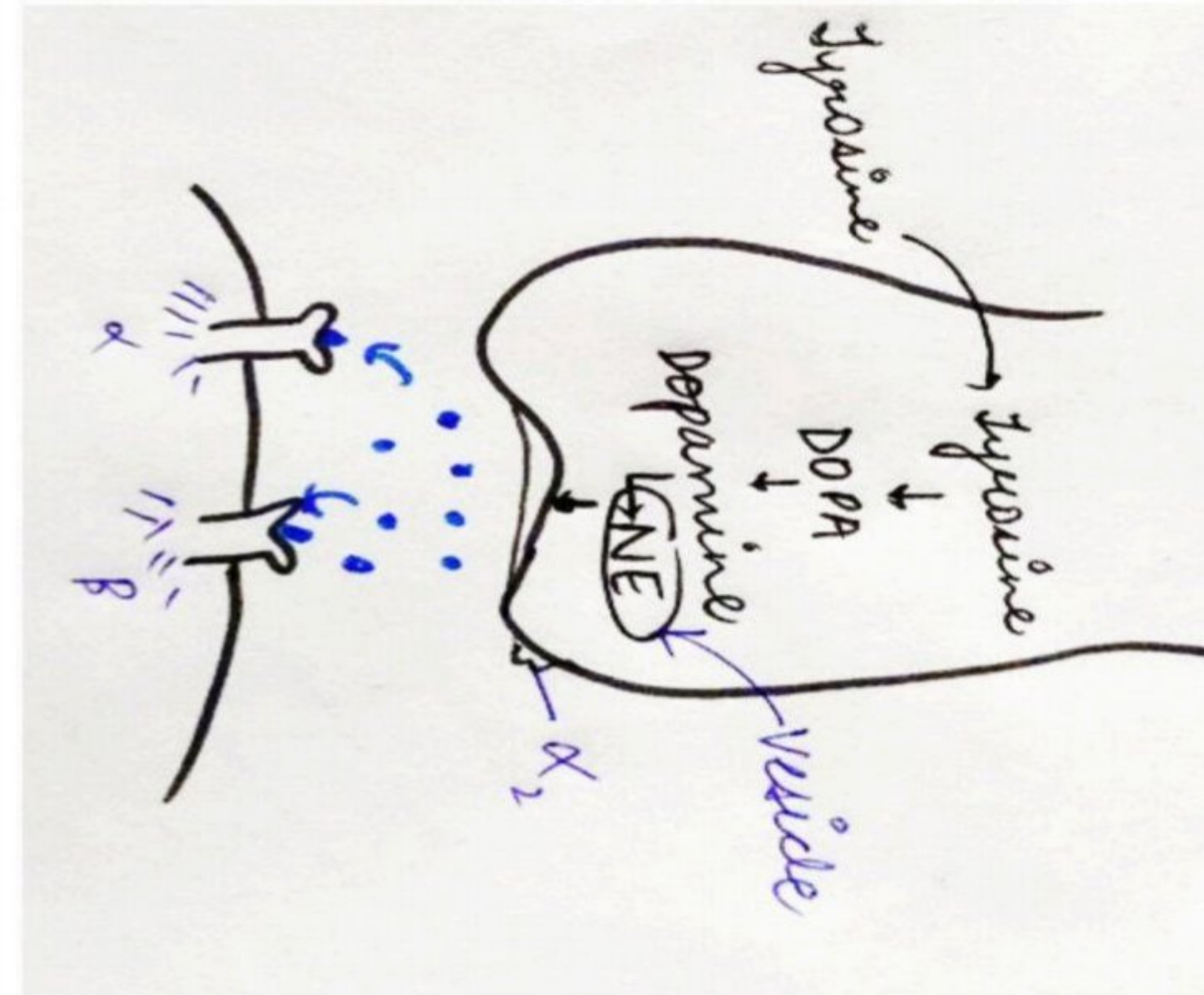
Dopamine is converted to non-adrenaline with help of dopamine β hydroxylase

Non-adrenaline converted into adrenaline with



SYNTHESIS & RELEASE OF NEUROTRANSMITTER

- Nor-adrenaline formed in nerved ending remain stored in vesicles in the form of ATP complex. **DEPTH OF BIOLOGY**
- Nor-adrenaline gets diffused out in cytoplasm and gets methylated into adrenaline
- Adrenaline enters the chromatin granules and gets stored **DEPTH OF BIOLOGY**
- Now, neurotransmitter is released from vessels
- Then neurotransmitter bind with receptor and give response



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CATABOLISM OF CATECHOLAMINES

- It is removal of catecholamine and termination of action of catecholamine
- In this process, structure of catecholamine change with the help of enzymes [MAO, COMT]. **DEPTH OF BIOLOGY**
- So they do not react with adrenergic receptor to produce effect.

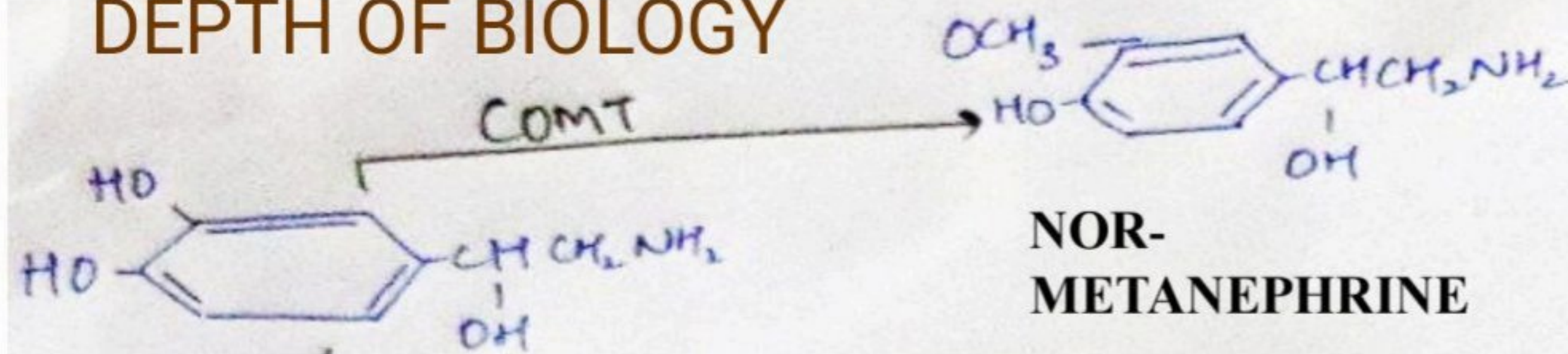
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MAO= monoamine oxidase [deamination]

COMT= catechol O-methyl transferase [methylation in ring]

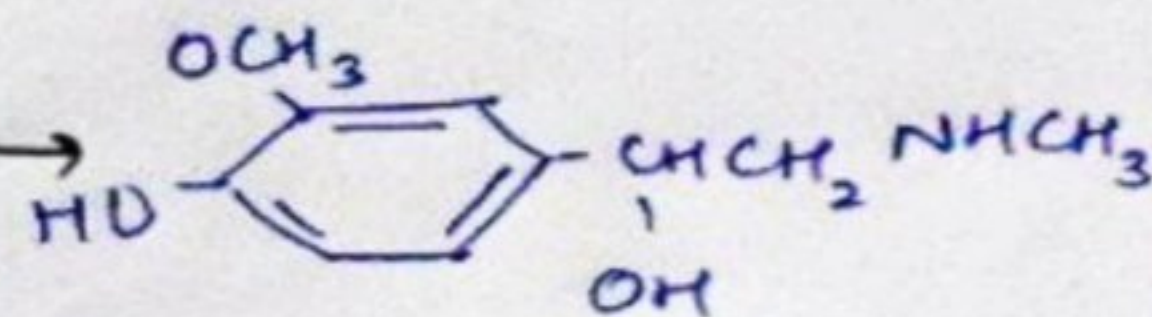
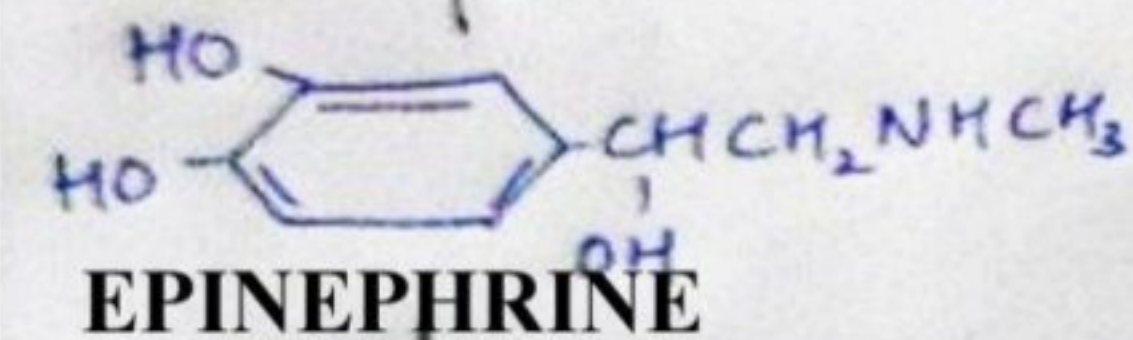
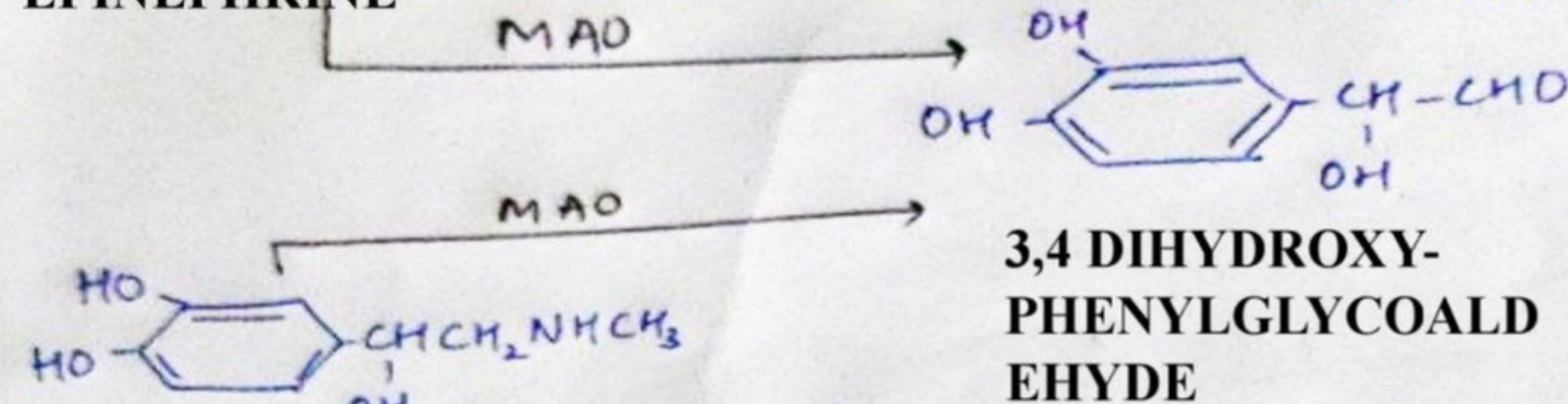
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NOR-EPINEPHRINE

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METANEPHRINE

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ADRENERGIC RECEPTOR AND THEIR DISTRIBUTION

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- Those receptors in which adrenergic drugs/ neurotransmitter will directly bind to induce various action/responses
- Adrenergic receptors are membrane bound G protein coupled receptors
- These are classified as

α - α_1 and α_2

β - β_1 , β_2 and β_3

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DISTRIBUTION OF ADRENERGIC RECEPTOR WITH THEIR ACTION

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• α 1 RECEPTOR-

- it is present on post synaptic receptor sites
- Smooth muscle of blood vessels [vasoconstriction]
- Gland cells [gland secretion]
- Glycogenolysis in liver [glucose synthesis]
- Also presents in iris of eye, bladder and uterus
- These are mainly excitatory in nature

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• α 2-

- Present on both pre and post synaptic receptor sites
- Inhibit neurotransmitter release

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β 1- DEPTH OF BIOLOGY

Present in cardiac tissue and kidney

Contraction of heart increases

Release renin from kidneys results increases blood pressure

Excitatory in nature

β 2-

Present in smooth muscle and gland cell i.e bronchi, uterus, liver, GIT

Relaxation – vasodilation, relaxation, bronchodilation

Inhibitory in nature DEPTH OF BIOLOGY

β 3-

Present in adipose tissue and urinary bladder

Function is lipolysis in adipose tissue and relaxation in urinary bladder

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SYMPATHOMIMETIC AGENTS

- Sympatho – nervous system and mimetic = copying [mimic]
- Also known as adrenergic agents.
- Those agents which copy the action of sympathetic nervous system are known as SYMPATHOMIMETIC AGENTS

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- These agents bind with adrenergic receptor and give action

SAR OF SYMPATHOMIMETIC AGENTS

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SAR= structure activity relationship

- Relationship between chemical structure of a molecule and its biological activity

INDIRECT ACTING DRUGS

- Act indirectly to increase concentration of neurotransmitter by causing its release
- These drugs themselves do not react with the receptor but causes release of neurotransmitter from storage sites which then interact with receptor to produce effects.

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1. HYDORXYAMPHETAMINE- white powder freely soluble in water

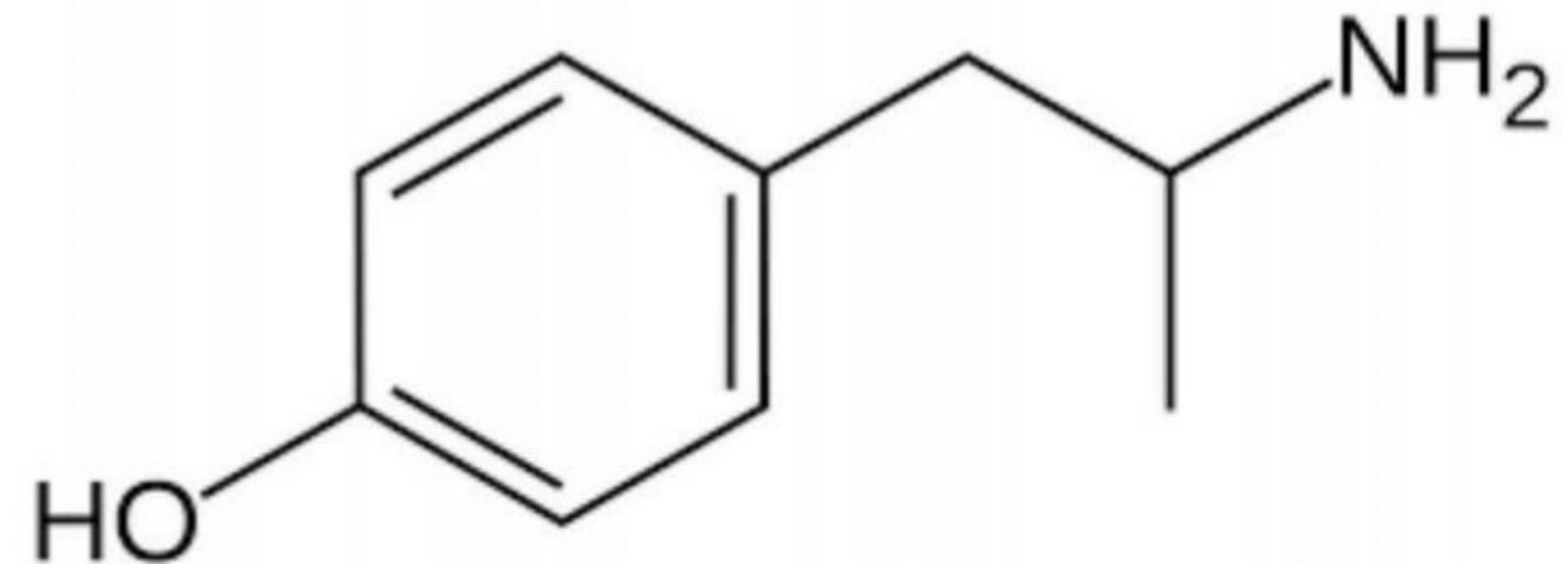
MECHANISM OF ACTION-

Cause release of nor-adrenaline from synapse
& cause dilation of pupil.

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- Used as an eye drop to dilate pupil

- Used to test horner's syndrome



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AGENTS WITH MIXED MECHANISM

- These directly act on adrenergic receptor and also effect release of nor-adrenaline
- Act both ways- direct & indirect

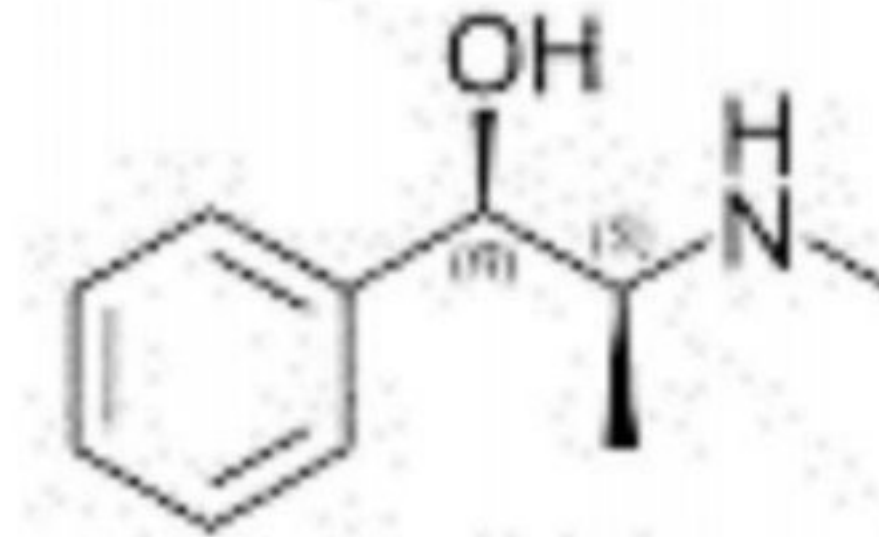
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1.EPIHEDRINE-

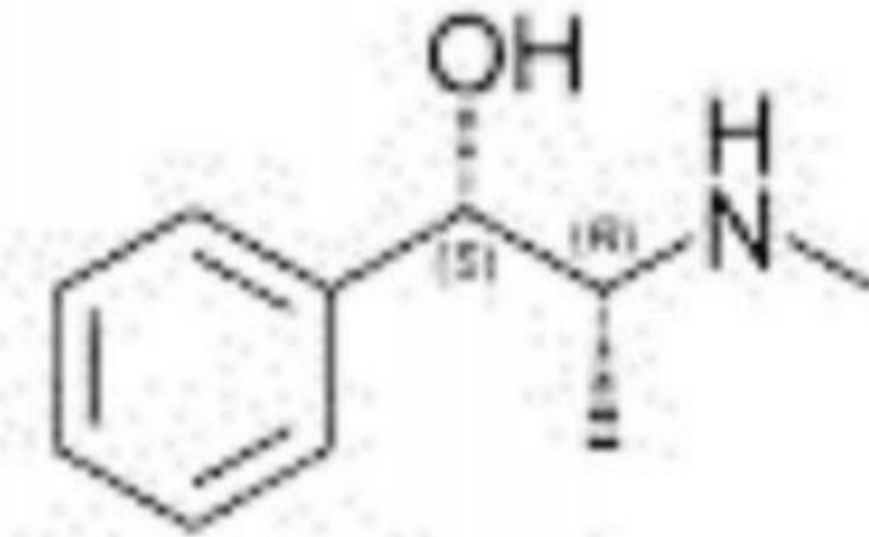
Occurs naturally in ephedra

2 asymmetric carbon; 4 optical

Isomers



(1R,2S)-(-)-Ephedrine



(1S,2R)-(+)-Ephedrine

MECHANISM OF ACTION-

Stimulates CNS and both receptors [α & β]

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ADRENERGIC ANTAGONISTS

- Those drugs which inhibit the effect of the sympathomimetic agents by blocking the receptors. DEPTH OF BIOLOGY

ANTAGONIST= oppose the agonist

- Alpha [α] adrenergic antagonist
- Beta [β] adrenergic antagonist .

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Alpha [α] adrenergic antagonist-receptor which block the α - receptor and antagonizes the effect produced by the drugs acting on α - receptors.

Alpha adrenergic blockers

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BETA β ADRENERGIC BLOCKERS

- Those drug which block β receptor and agonizes the effect produced by drugs. DEPTH OF BIOLOGY
- These are mainly used as anti-hypertensive agents
- It can be classified as
 - β 1 selective DEPTH OF BIOLOGY
 - β 2 selective
 - Non selective [blocks β 1 and β 2]
- β 1 selective- cardio selective β blockers drugs have affinity for only β 1 receptor which are present in the heart. So, blockers are mainly used in treatment of hypertension DEPTH OF BIOLOGY

- **β₂ SELECTIVE-** β₂ receptors are present in lungs and bronchial muscles. So β₂ blockers causes contraction of bronchial muscles

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- **NON-SELECTIVE:** Non- selective β blocker act on both β₁ & β₂ receptor, used in treatment of ocular hypertension and glaucoma.

➤ SAR OF β BLOCKERS

- PROPRANOL DIAG

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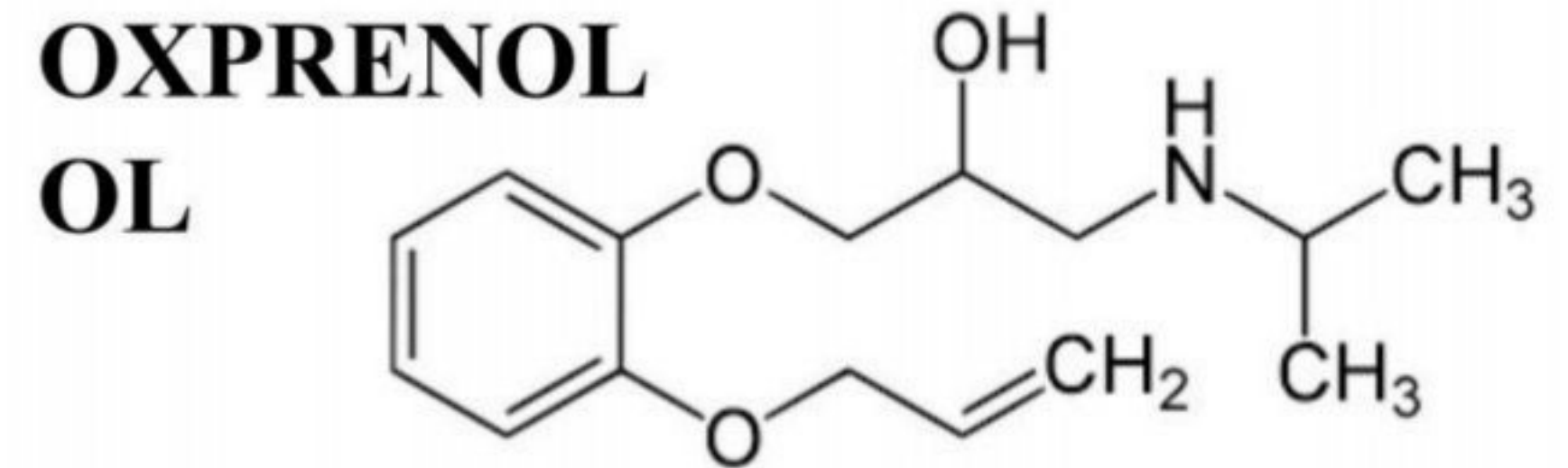
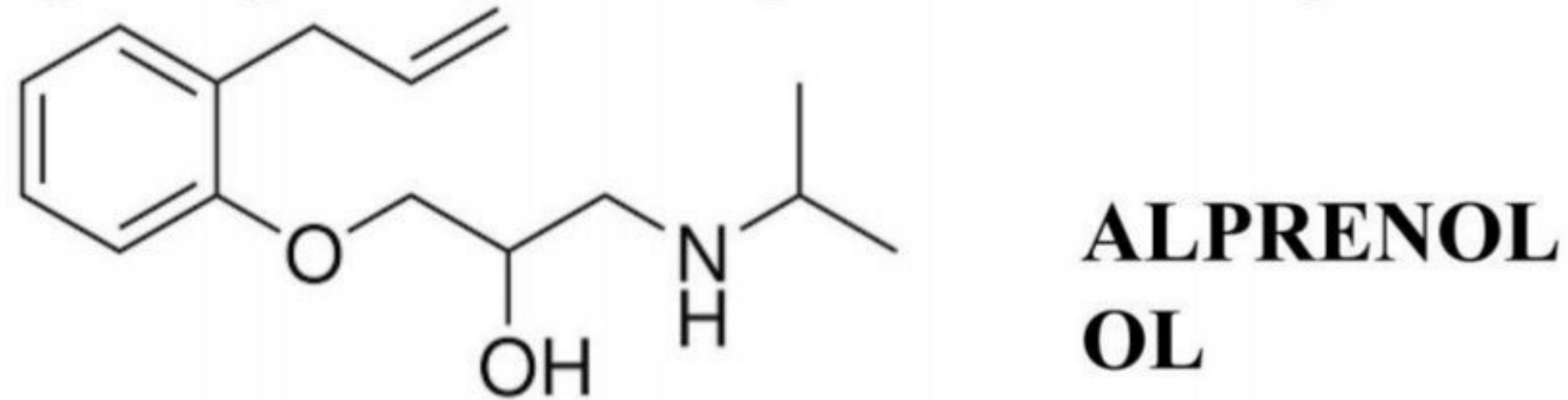
- Structurally, substitution is possible on-

- Aromatic ring
- Carbon chain
- Amino group

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- **AROMATIC RING**- most of the derivatives have substituted phenyl ring in place of naphthyl ring **DEPTH OF BIOLOGY**

Alkenyl & alkoxy group when present in ortho position on phenyl ring, give good β antagonist activity



Addition of -OH group in phenyl ring leads to removal of antagonist activity **DEPTH OF BIOLOGY**

If phenyl ring is replaced by naphthyl /substituted naphthyl, then they are non-selective

EG- propranolol: non-selective

Atenolol, betaxolol, bisoprolol etc: selective

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- **CARBON CHAIN-** the OCH_2 group is placed between the aromatic ring and ethanol amino side chain, increase activity or essential for the activity [aryloxy propanolamine] **DEPTH OF BIOLOGY**
- If there are H in place of $-\text{OCH}_2$ then compound is known as aryl ethanolamine [non-selective].

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- **AMINO GROUP-** if isopropyl and t butyl group present on amino group then it provides nucleophilicity to the amino group (increase activity)
EG- atenolol and timolol.

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CHOLINERGIC NEUROTRANSMITTER

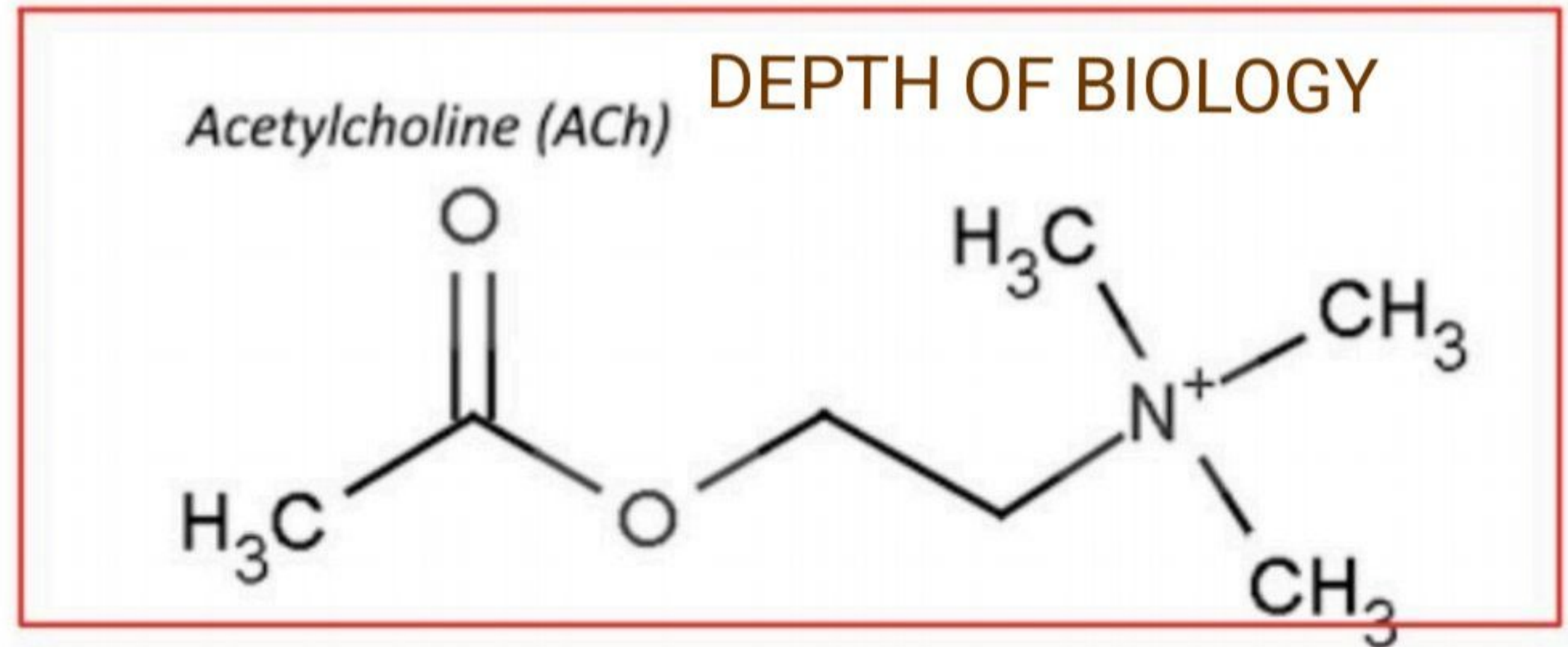
- Found or released from nerve ending of parasympathetic ending

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- ACETYLCHOLINE- (ACh)

Present at post ganglionic synapses of cholinergic /parasympathetic nerve ending
Major neurotransmitter

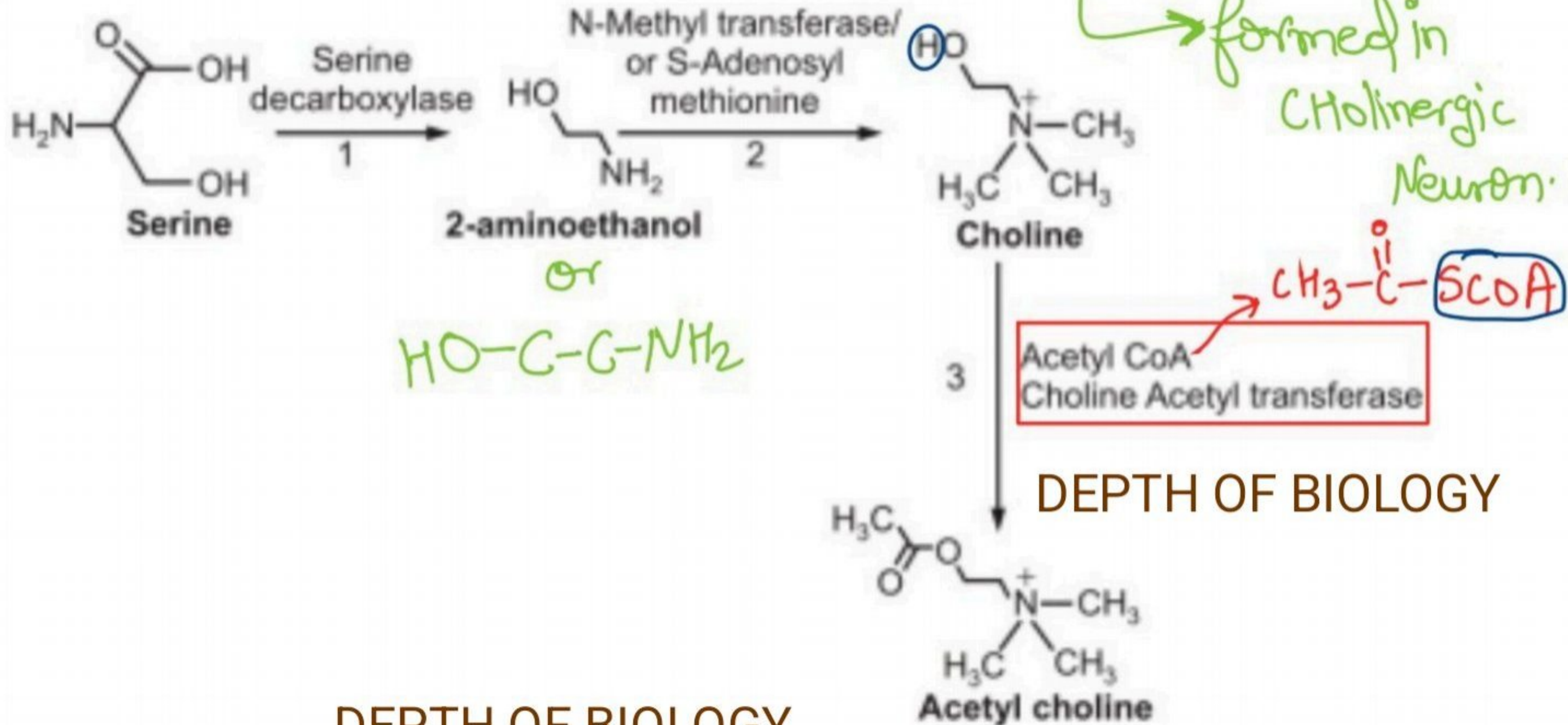
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BIOSYNTHESIS, STORAGE & RELEASE OF

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AChc (Acetylcholine).



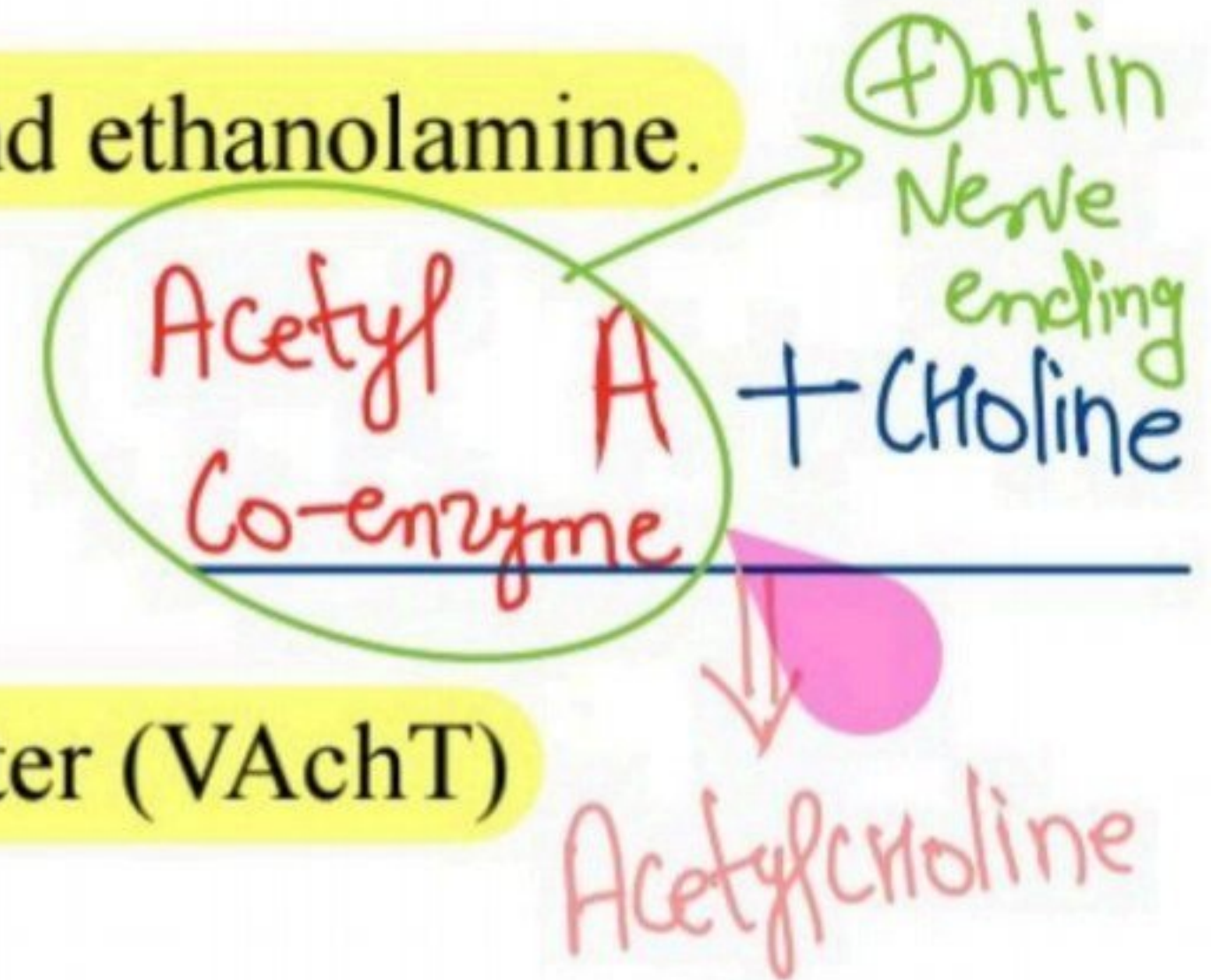
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• Acetylcholine is synthesized by choline and acetyl coenzyme A with the help of enzyme acetylcholintransferase.

• Choline is synthesized by liver from reaction of serin and ethanolamine.

Serine + Ethanolamine \Rightarrow Choline.



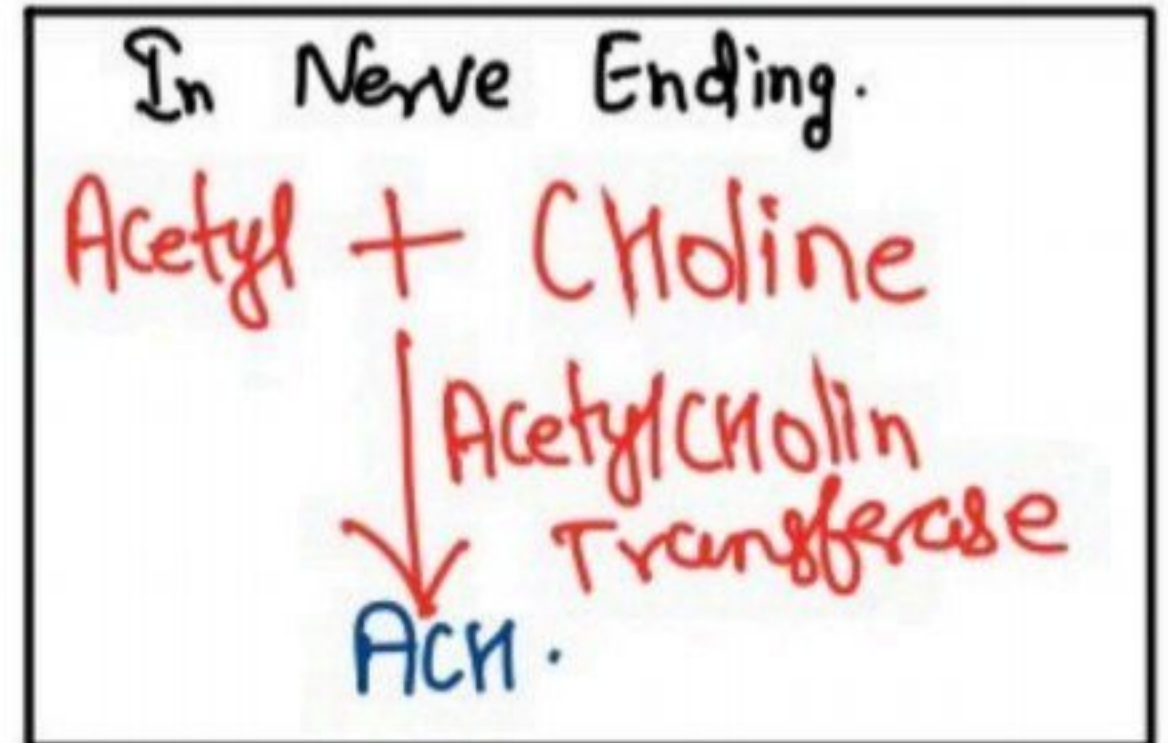
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STORAGE

- Stored in storage vesicles by the vesicular Ach transporter (VAChT)
- Each vesicle contain about 1k-50k Ach molecules
- Protection from Ach is provided by the vesicles

Choline Transfer by Choline Transport system \rightarrow reach Nerve ending.

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Stimulation

Release

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Ca^{+2} enter
at Nerve
ending.

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Ca^{+2}

Activate
protein
kinase

Break
Vesicle

Nicotinic

muscarinic

(N&M)

Receptor 2⁺
Bind.

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Release ACH
in synaptic cleft

CATABOLISM OF ACETYLCHOLINE

- Cholinesterase's enzyme also known as acetylcholine esterase's (AChE) hydrolyses acetylcholine (ACh) into the inactive metabolite choline and acetic acid

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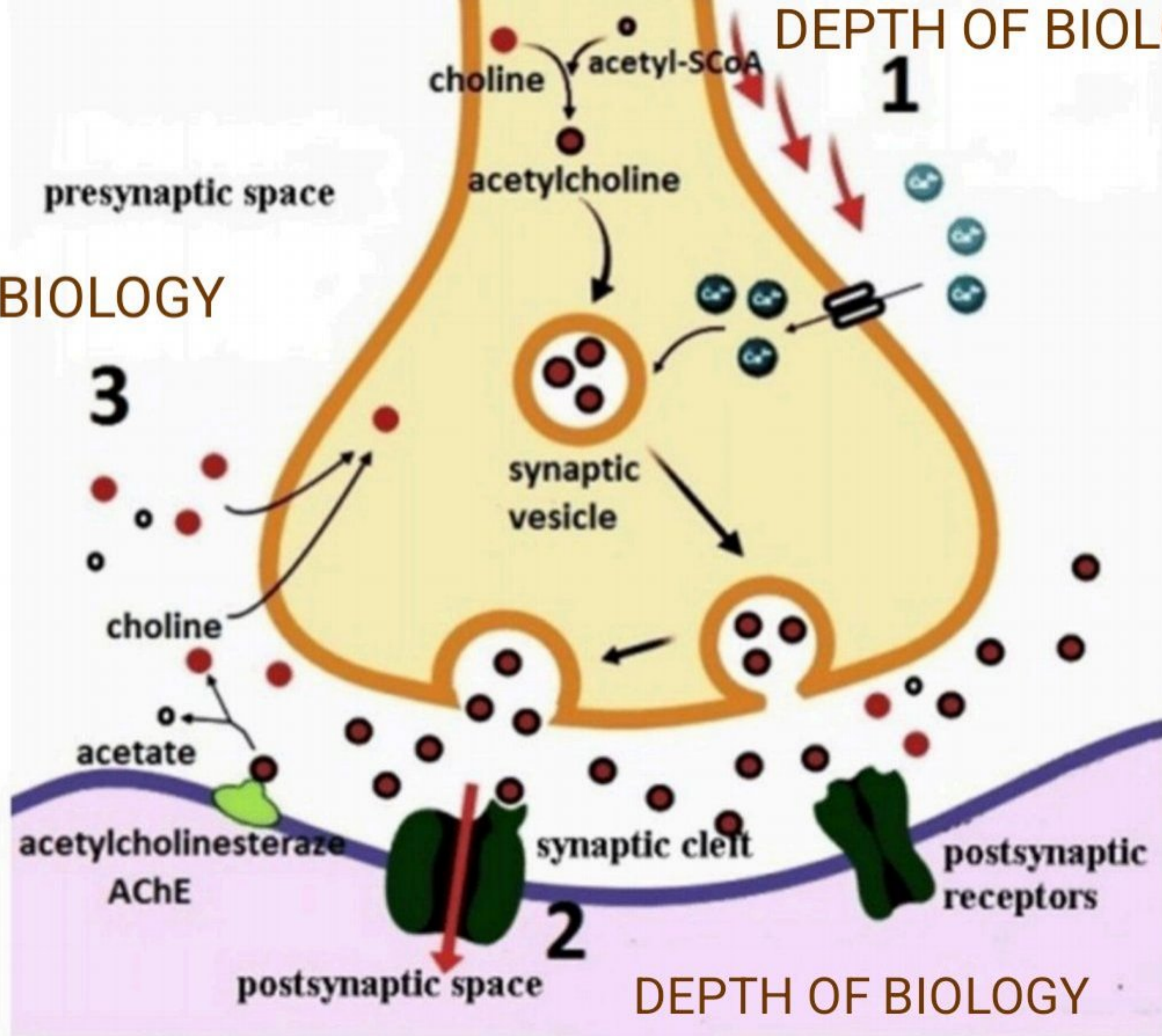
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Botulinum toxin inhibit ACh release

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CHOLINERGIC RECEPTOR & THEIR DISTRIBUTION

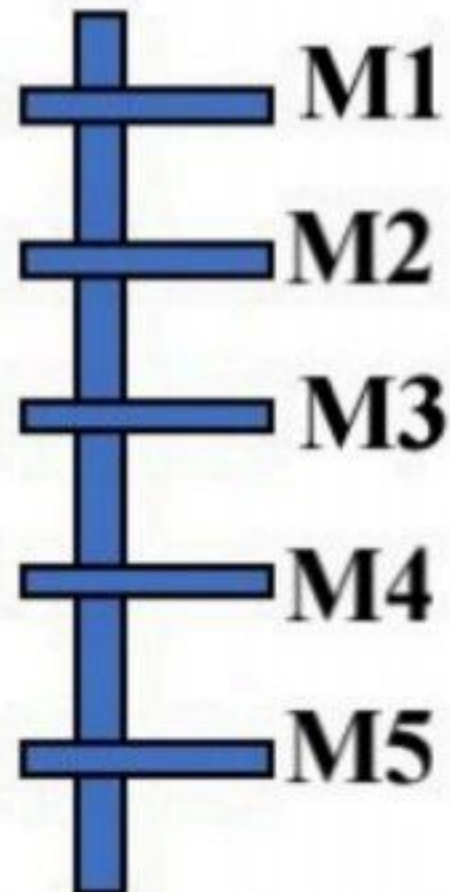
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- Cholinergic neurotransmitter directly bind to induce various response

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- Classified into 2 types-

MUSCARINIC [M]



NICTONIC [N]



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MUSCARINIC [M] RECEPTORS

- Muscarinic receptors are G-coupled protein receptors involved in the parasympathetic nervous system.

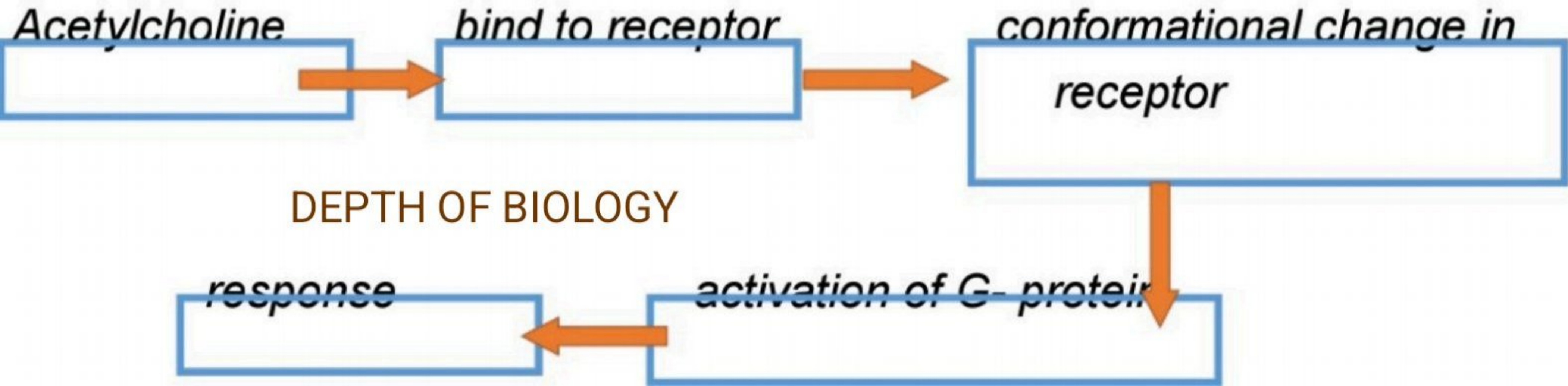
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- Muscarine is a water soluble toxin derived from mushroom *amantia muscaria* ; it causes activation of PNS

plant

- Mechanism-

HR↓ (Body Normal).



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① $M_1 \rightarrow$ \oplus nt in CNS & Gastric Gland.

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Release \rightarrow Histamine

Acid Secretion. (Affect memory, learning, function)

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② $M_2 \rightarrow$ \oplus nt in Heart.

\downarrow Conduction of Heart.

$HAR \downarrow$

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Eg- Ach, methacholine, bethanechol etc are some drugs which bind with M receptor

③ $M_3 \rightarrow$ \oplus nt in Smooth muscle of Blood vessel & in lungs.

function \rightarrow Cause contraction of smooth muscle.
(Bronchoconstriction).
 \rightarrow Nitrooxide release (Vasodilation).

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$M_4 \Rightarrow$ \oplus nt in CNS & Heart.

\rightarrow Inhibit ACh release

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M_5 \rightarrow \oplus nt in CNS

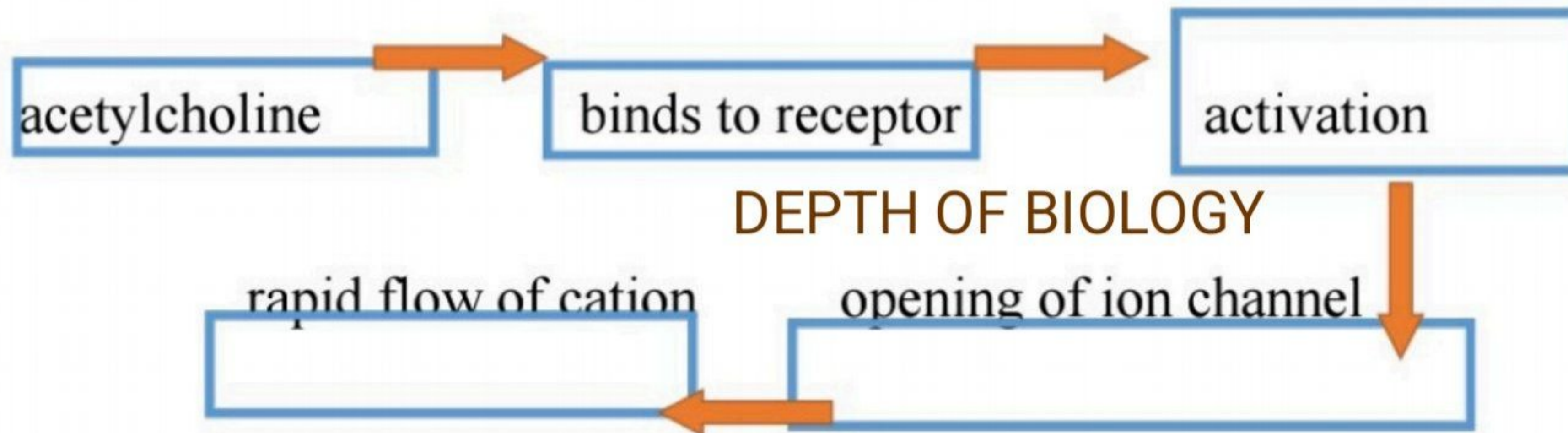
\rightarrow Dopamine release

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NICTONIC [N] RECEPTORS

- Ionotropic receptor *→ Ion Channel open*. DEPTH OF BIOLOGY
- NICTONIC- stimulates the pleasure center of brain [a highly addictive drug]
- MECHANISM-

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① Nm → ⊕nt in skeletal muscle.
↳ Skeletal muscle contraction.

⇒ ↑ cation permeability (Na^+ & K^+).

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[Nm = muscle type
Nicotinic receptor]

Eg → PHTerlytomehyl.

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② Nn ⇒ (Neuronal type Nicotinic R) ⇒ ⊕ntin
↳ function → Depolarisation
↳ Secrete Catecholamines.

⊕ntin → Adrenal medulla.
⊕ntin → Spinal cord.
⊕ntin → Brain

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