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Chapter 7- Biological Membranes

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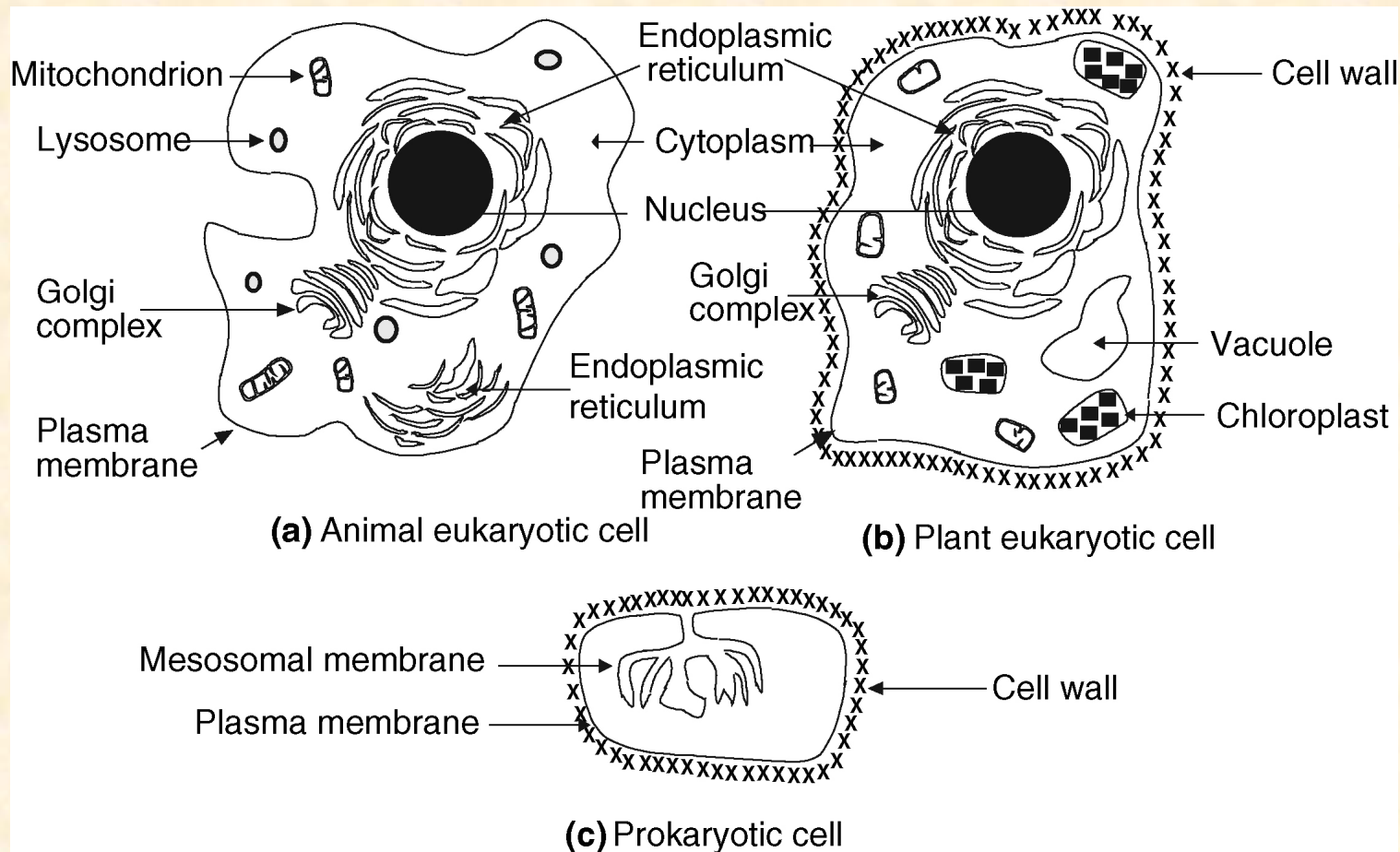
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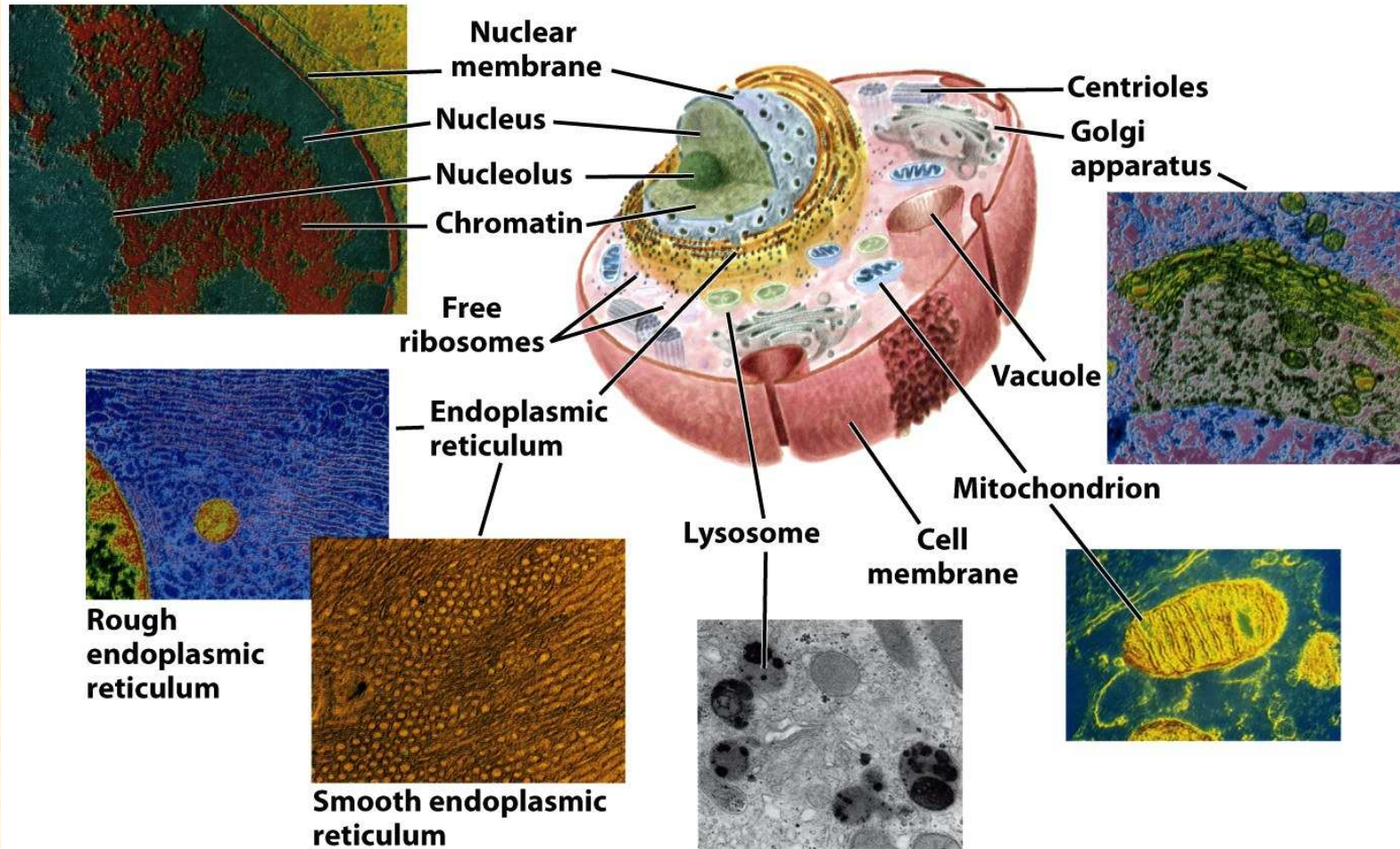
Introduction

- The cell membrane separates the cell the intracellular fluid from the surrounding medium (extracellular fluid).



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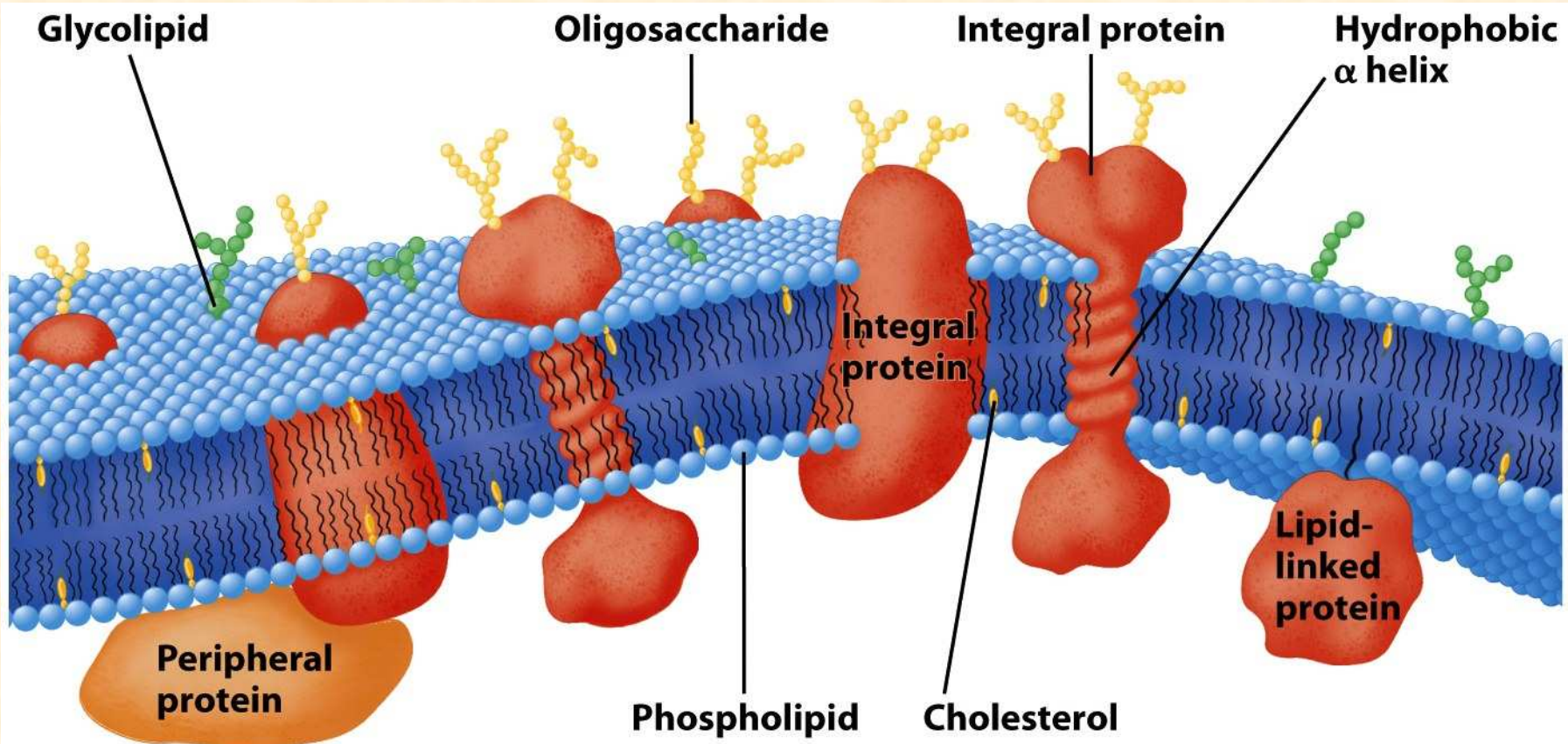
- Eukaryotic cell



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The Plasma Membrane

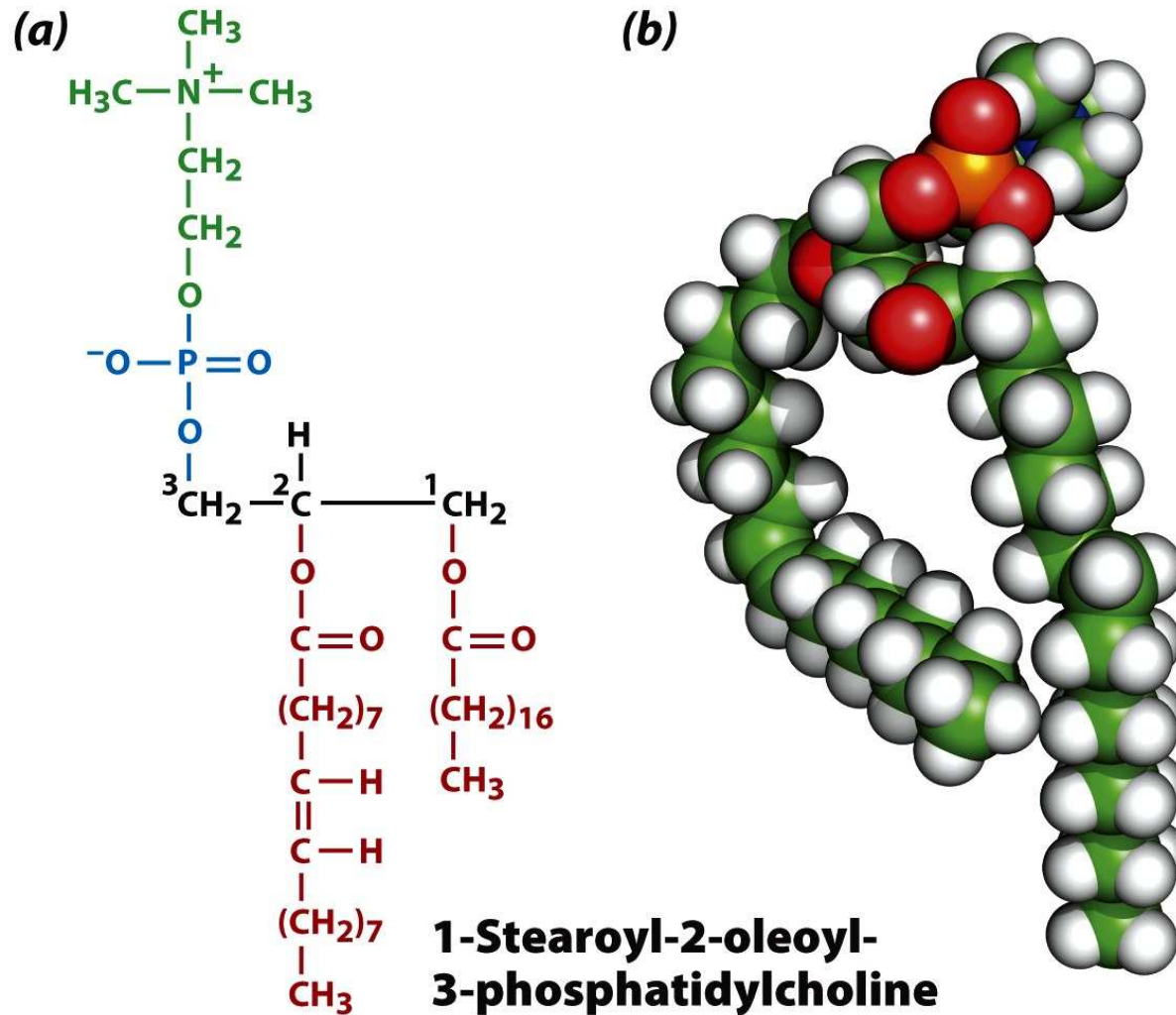
- Fluid Mosaic model



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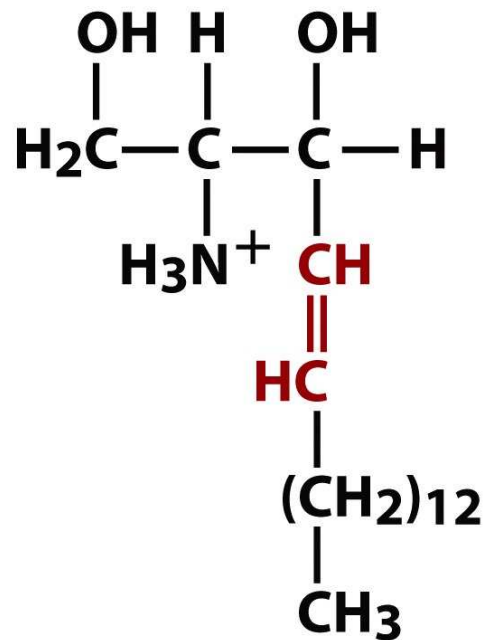
The Plasma Membrane

- Lipid components - glycerophospholipids

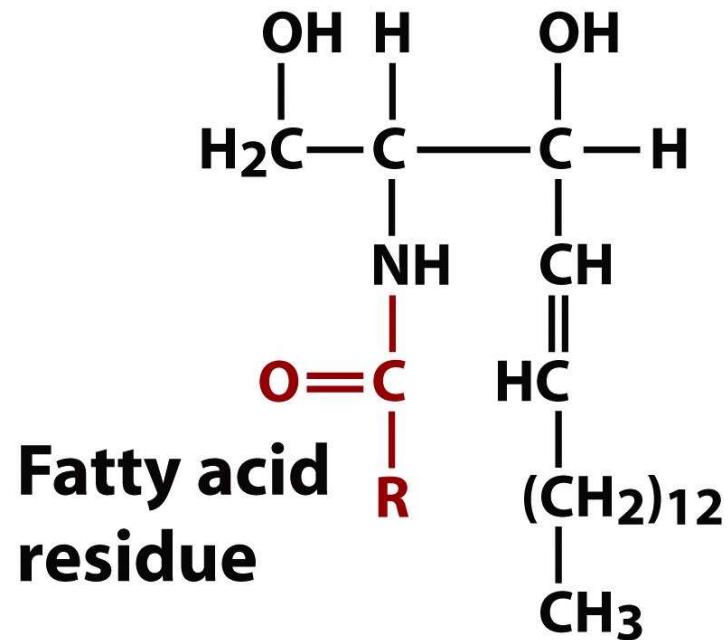


The Plasma Membrane

- Lipid components - sphingolipids



Sphingosine

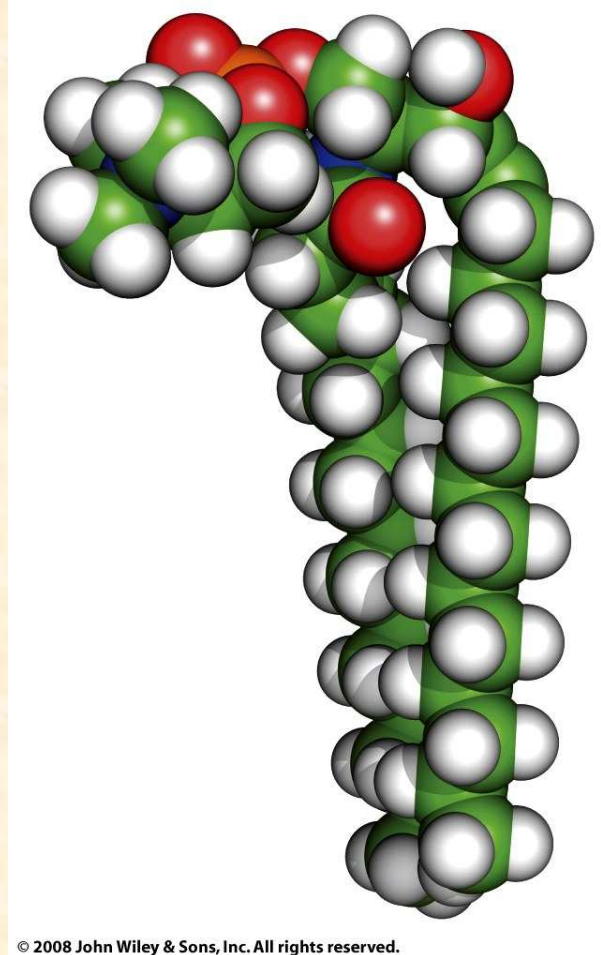
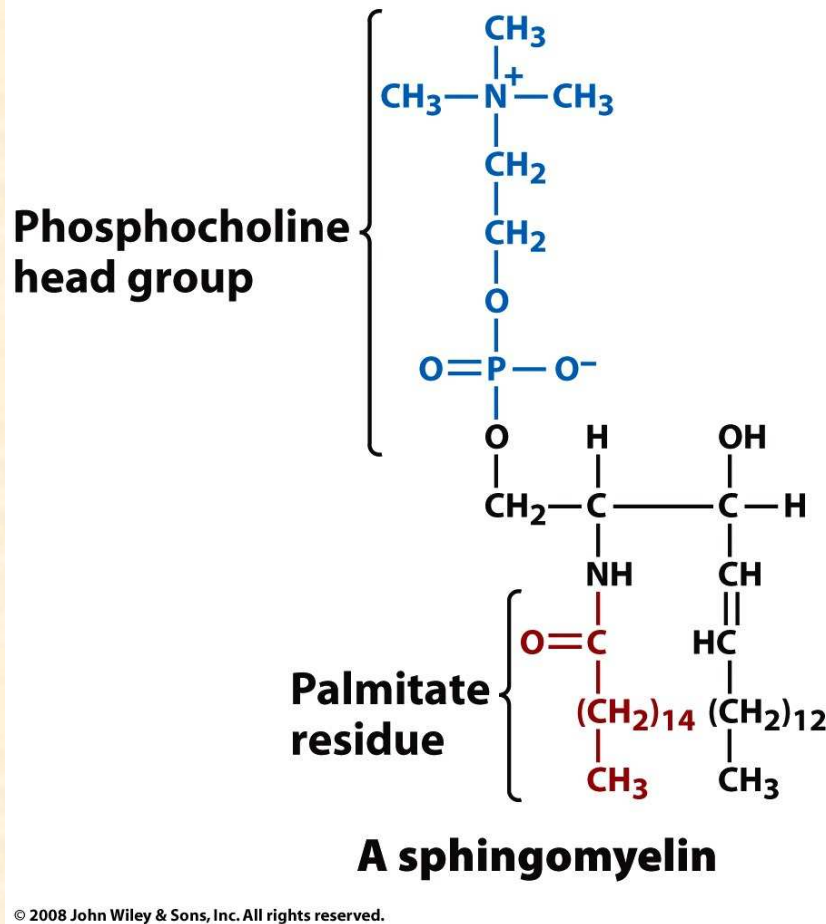


**Fatty acid
residue**

A ceramide

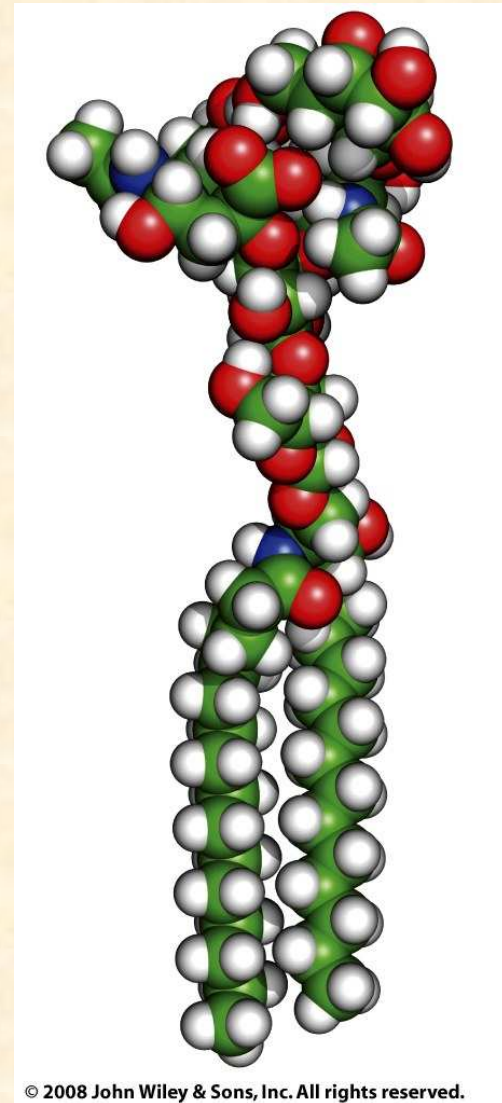
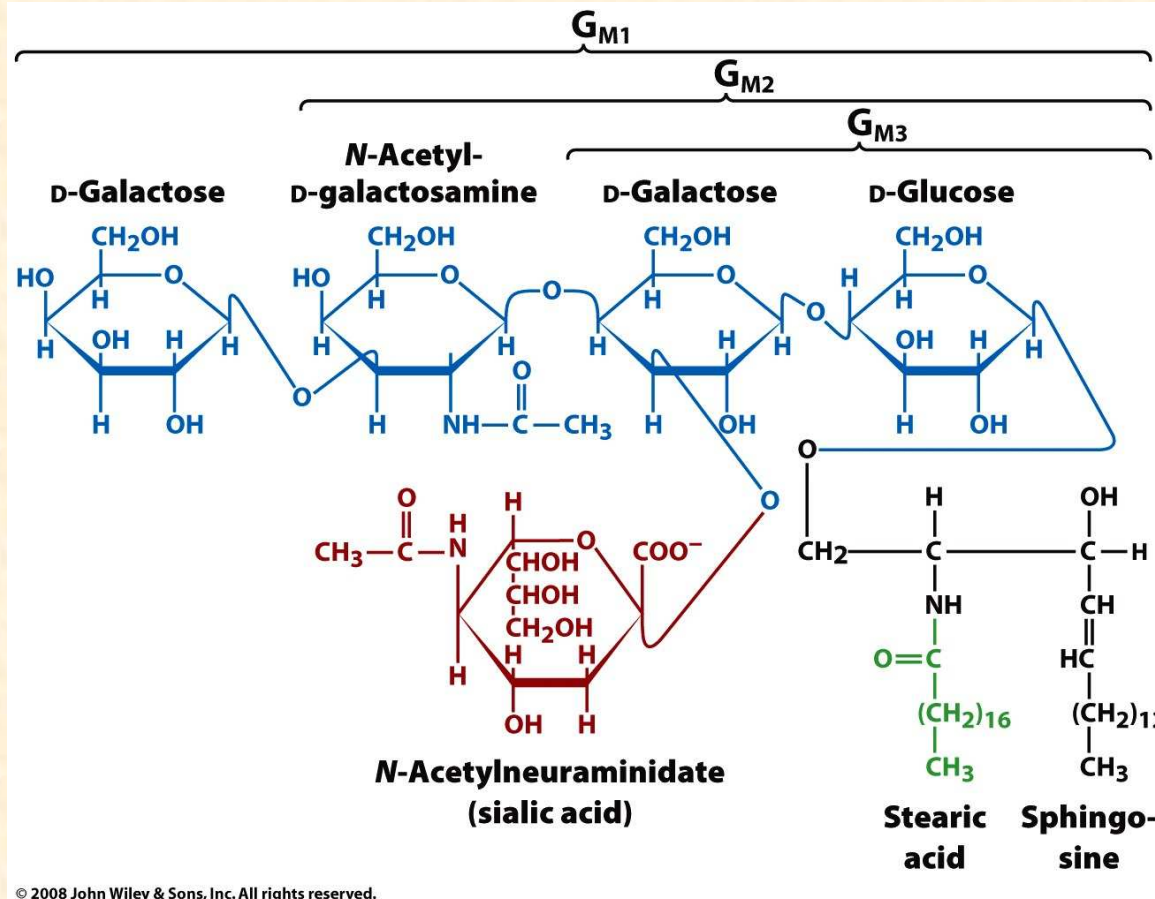
The Plasma Membrane

- Lipid components - sphingolipids



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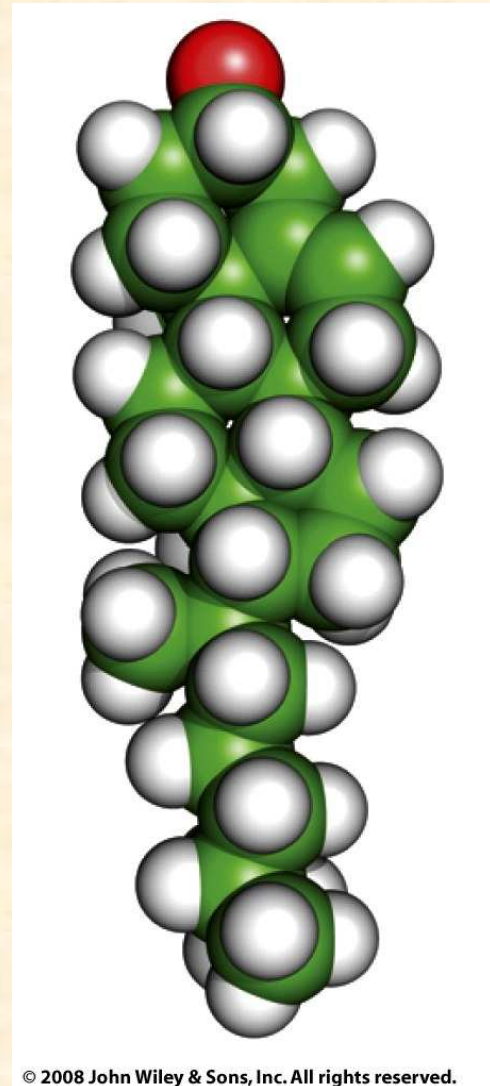
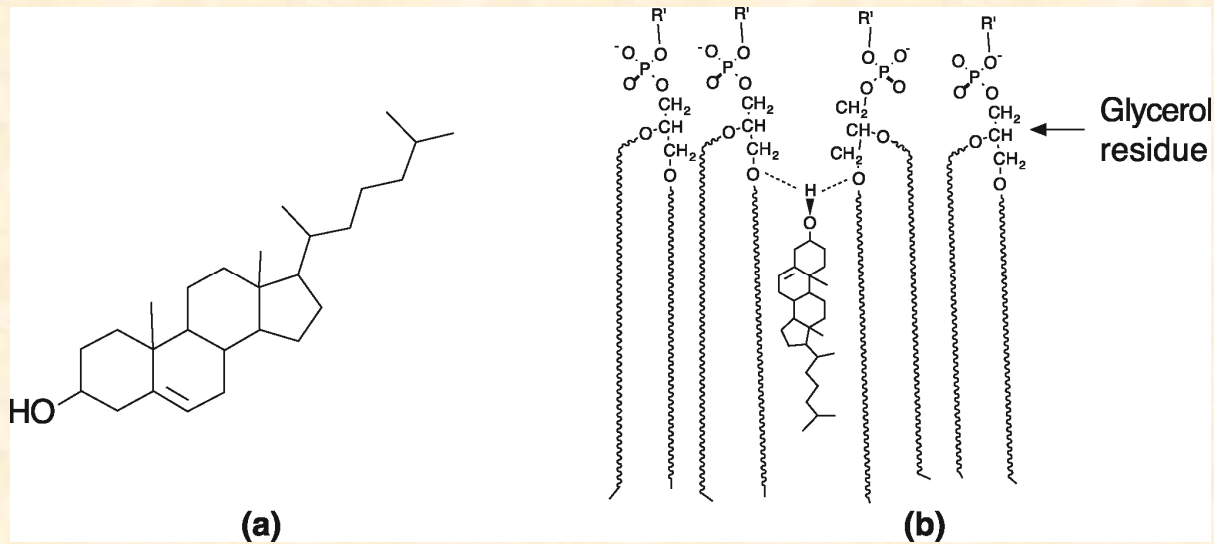
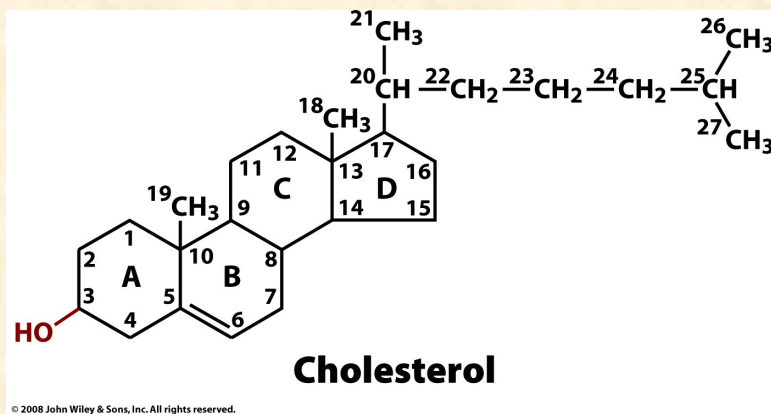
- Lipid components - glycosphingolipids



Tay-Sachs-, Gaucher-, Krabbe's-, Fabry's and Niemann-Pick diseases

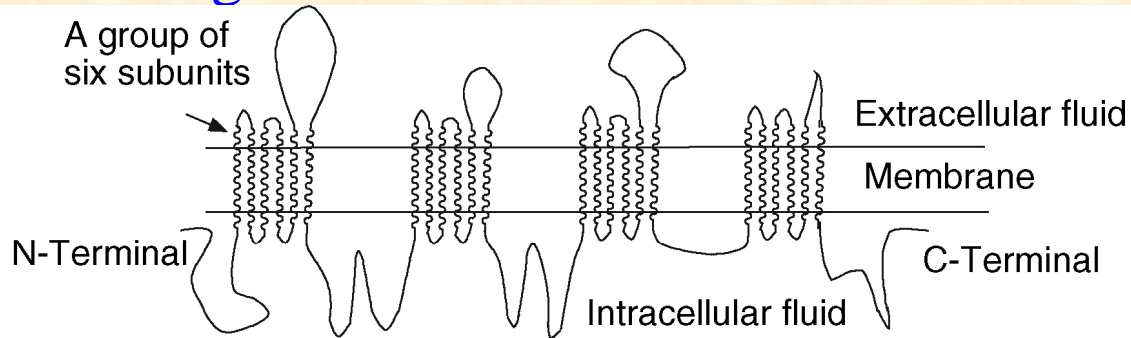
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- Lipid components - cholesterol

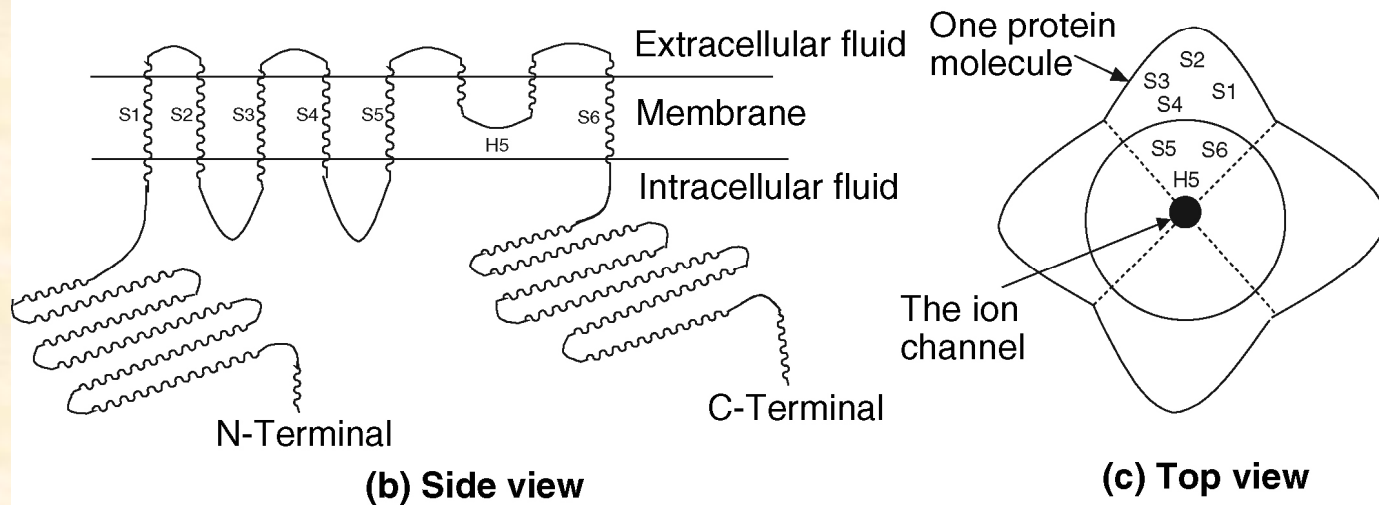


The Plasma Membrane

- Protein components - Integral proteins
e.g ion- or water-channels

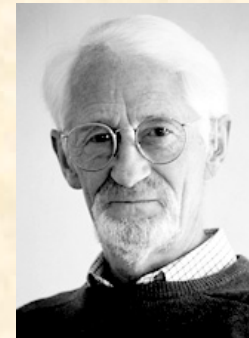


(a) Na⁺ ion channel protein



(b) Side view

(c) Top view



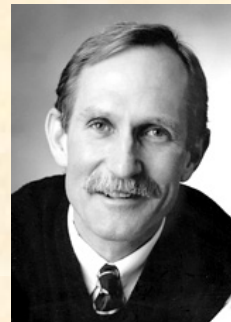
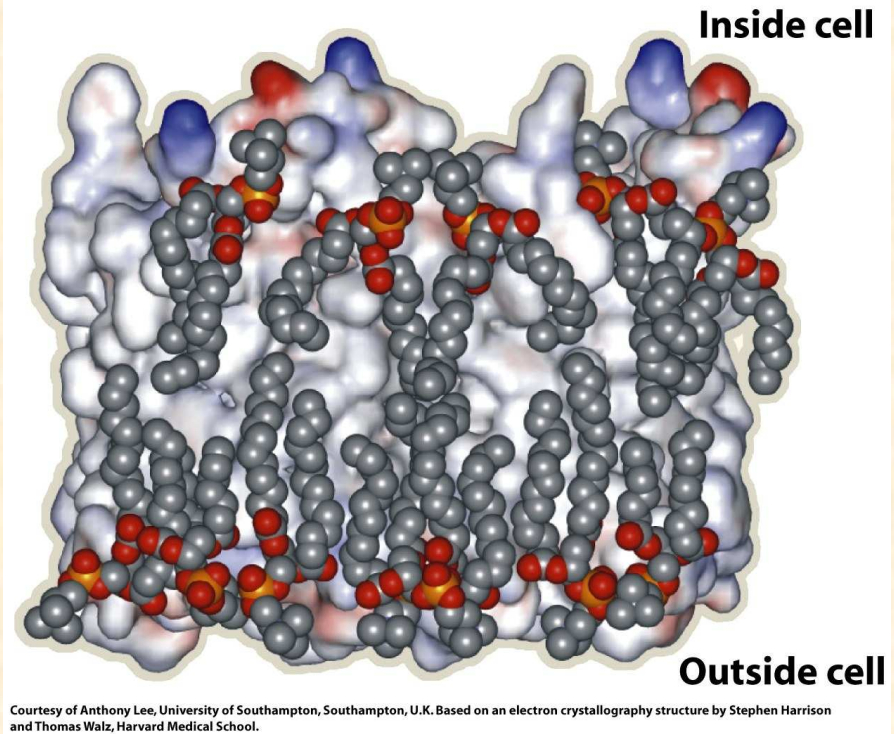
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Roderick
MacKinnon
2003

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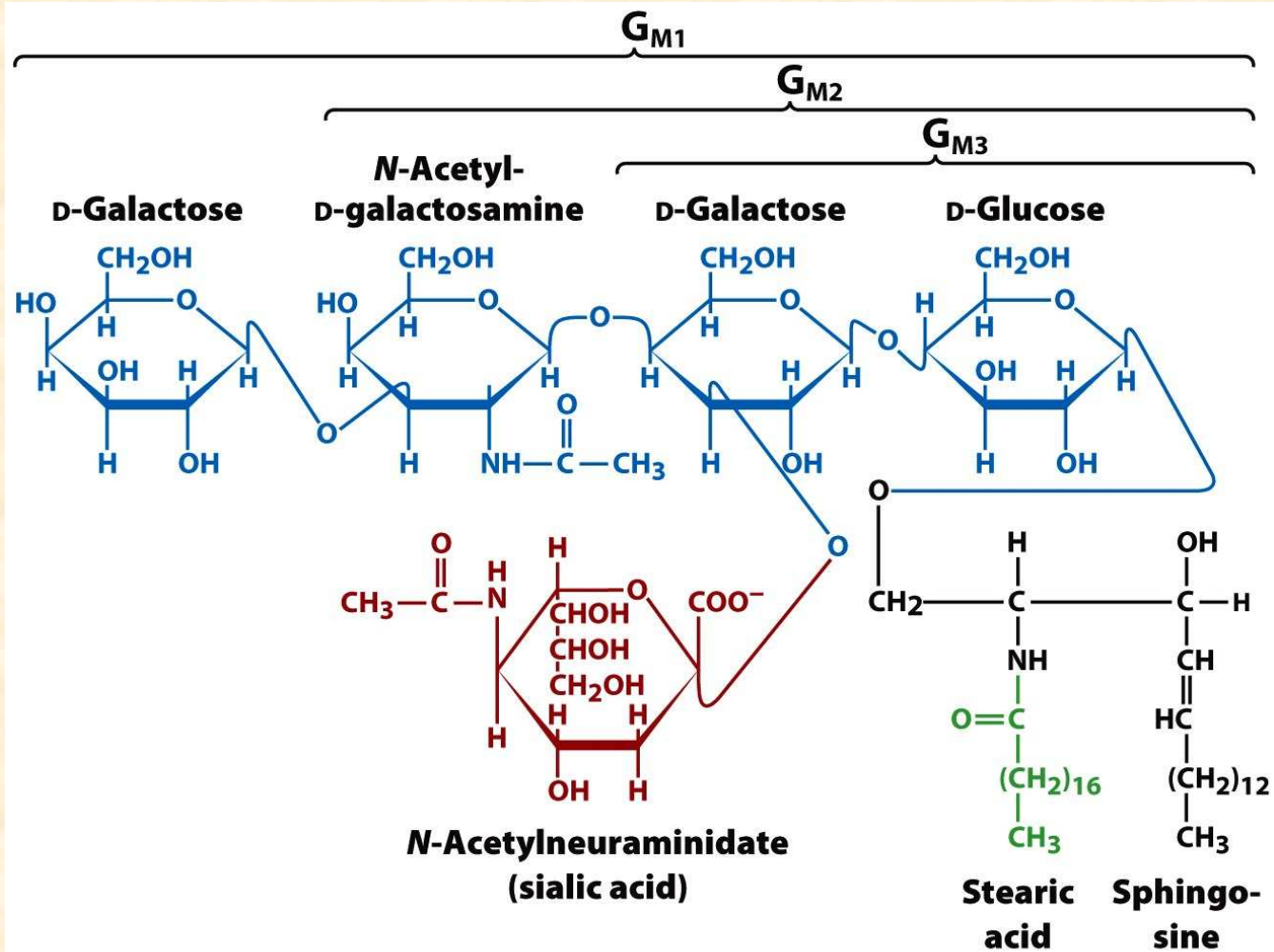
- Protein components - Integral proteins
e.g porins, aquaporins



Peter Agre
2003

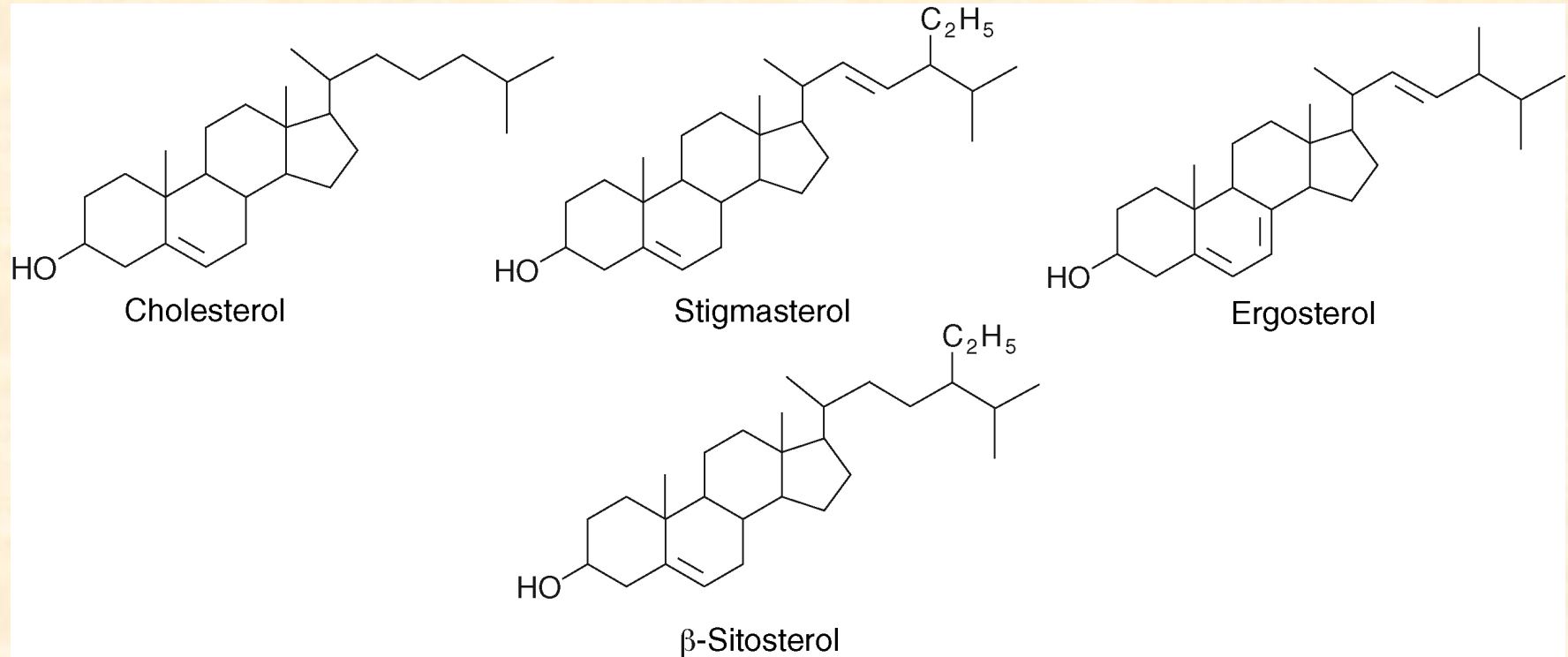
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- The carbohydrate component



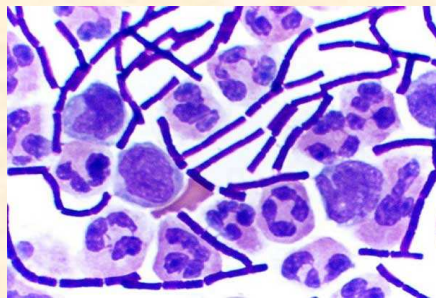
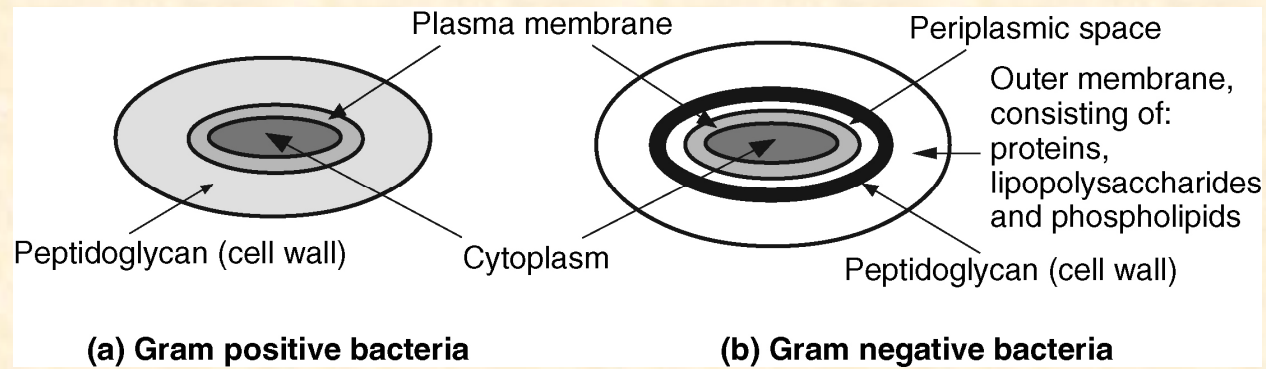
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- Similarities and differences between plasma membranes in different cells

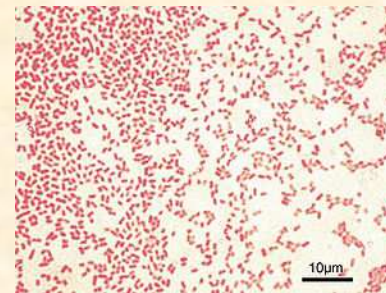


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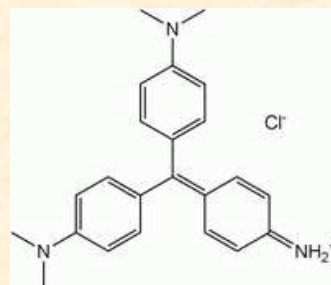
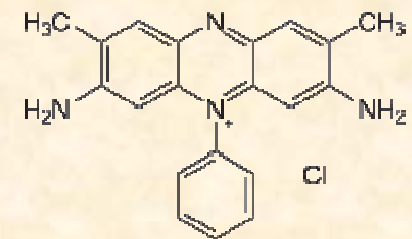
- Bacterial cell walls - peptidoglycans



Crystal violet



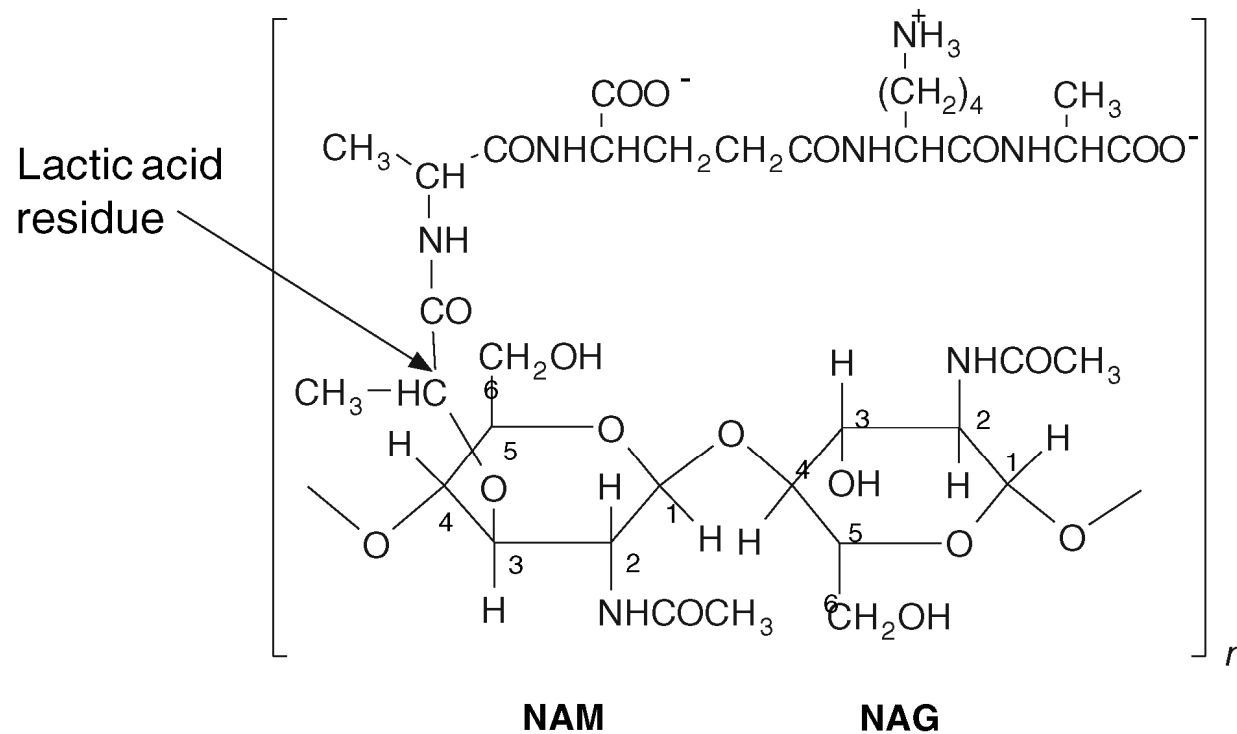
Safranin



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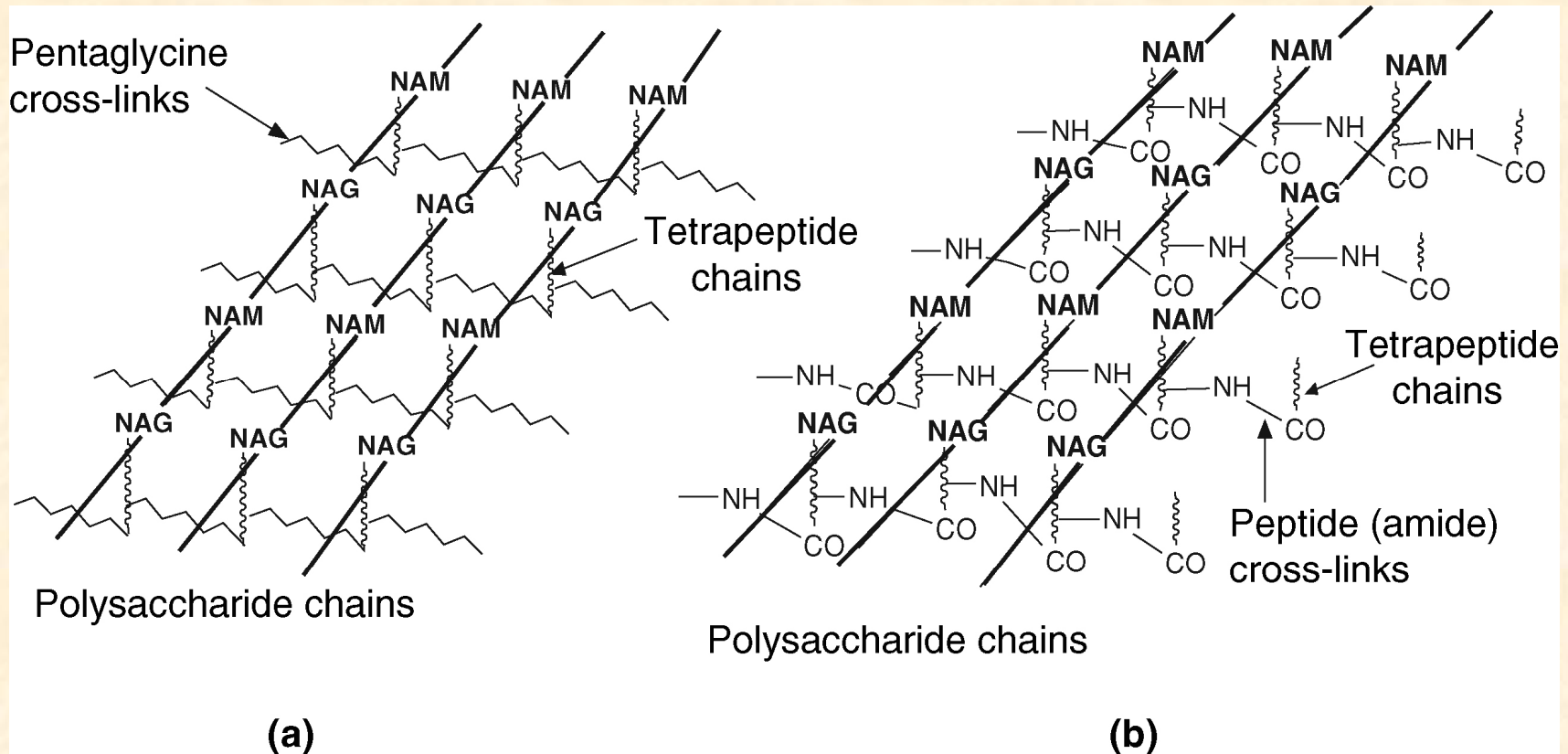
- Bacterial cell walls - peptidoglycans

Tetrapeptide chain L-alanine — D-glutamic acid — L-lysine — D-alanine



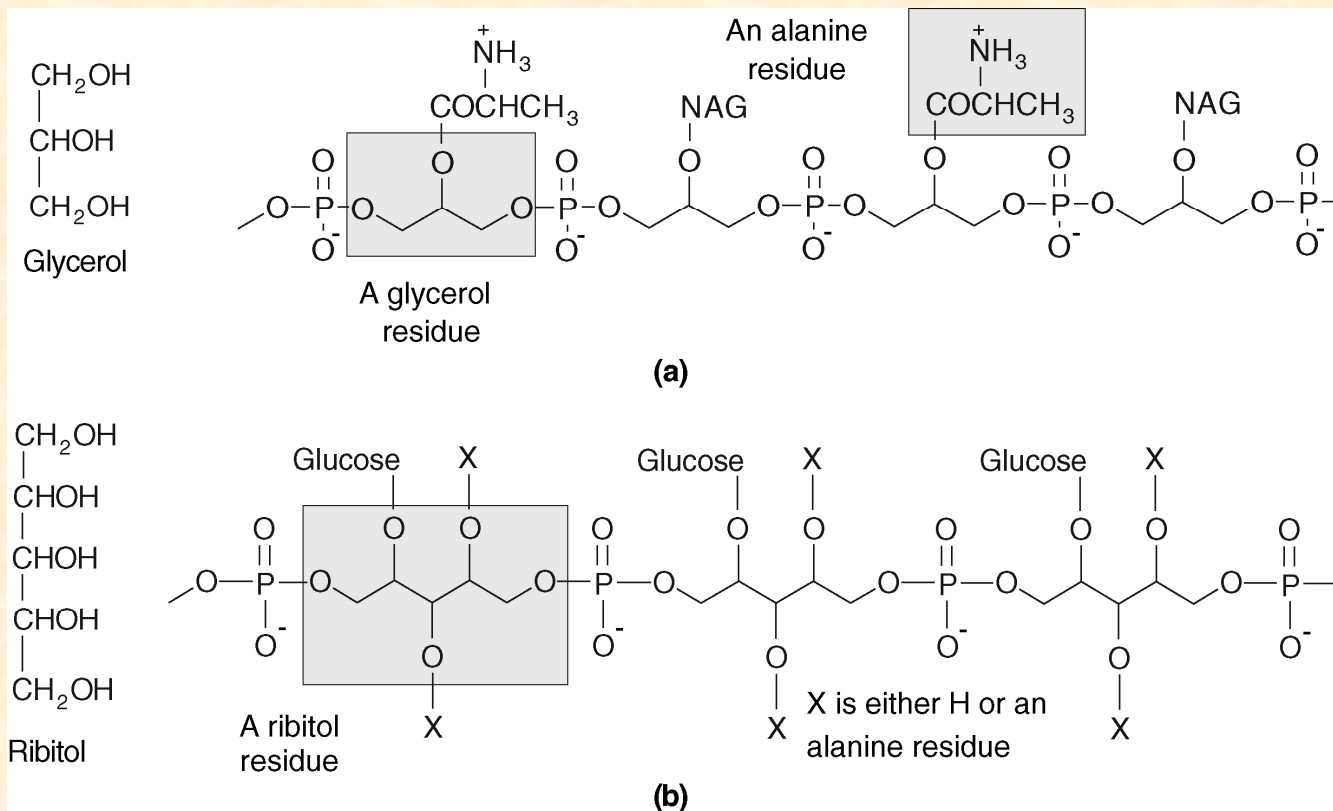
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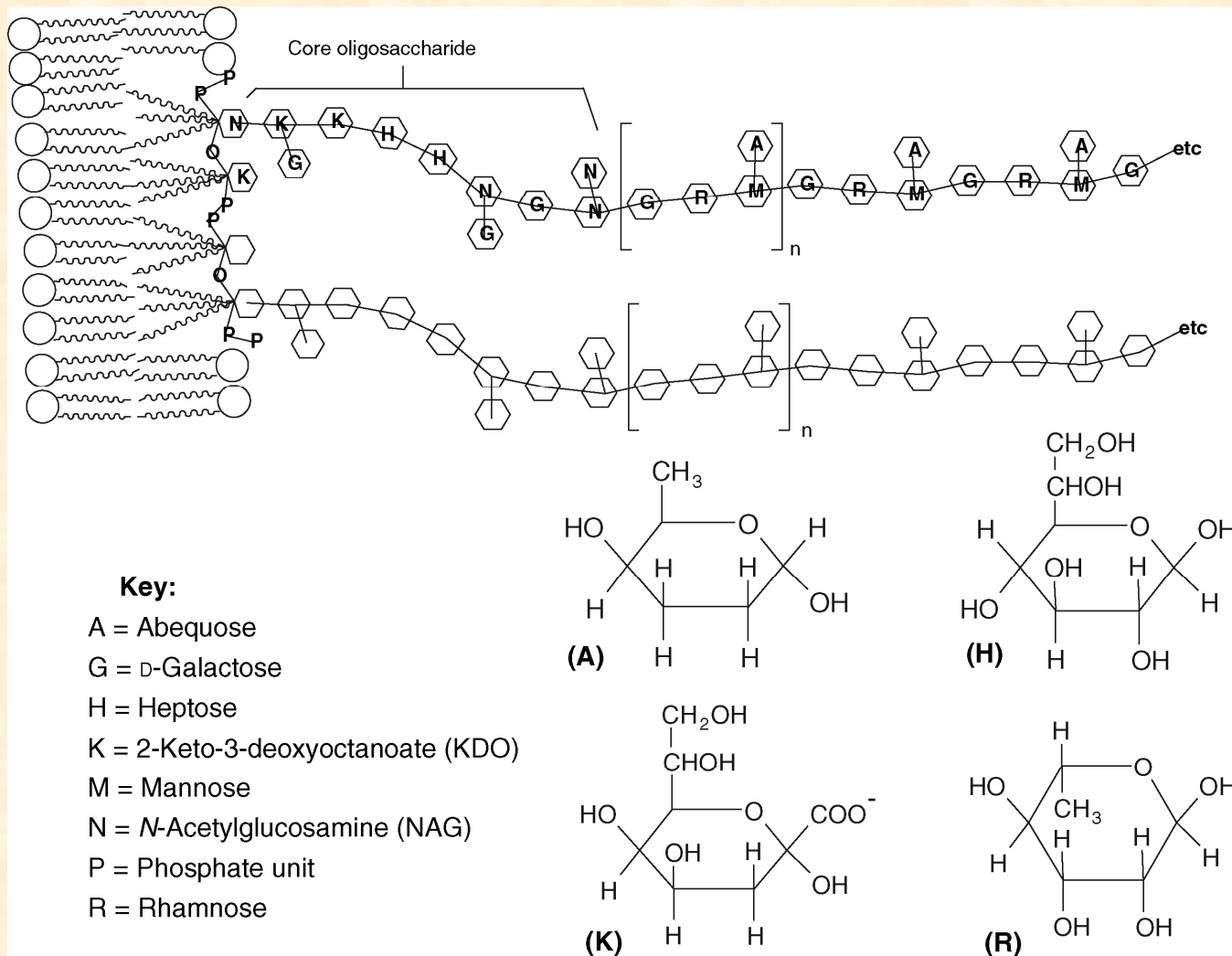
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- Bacterial cell exterior surfaces – teichoic acids



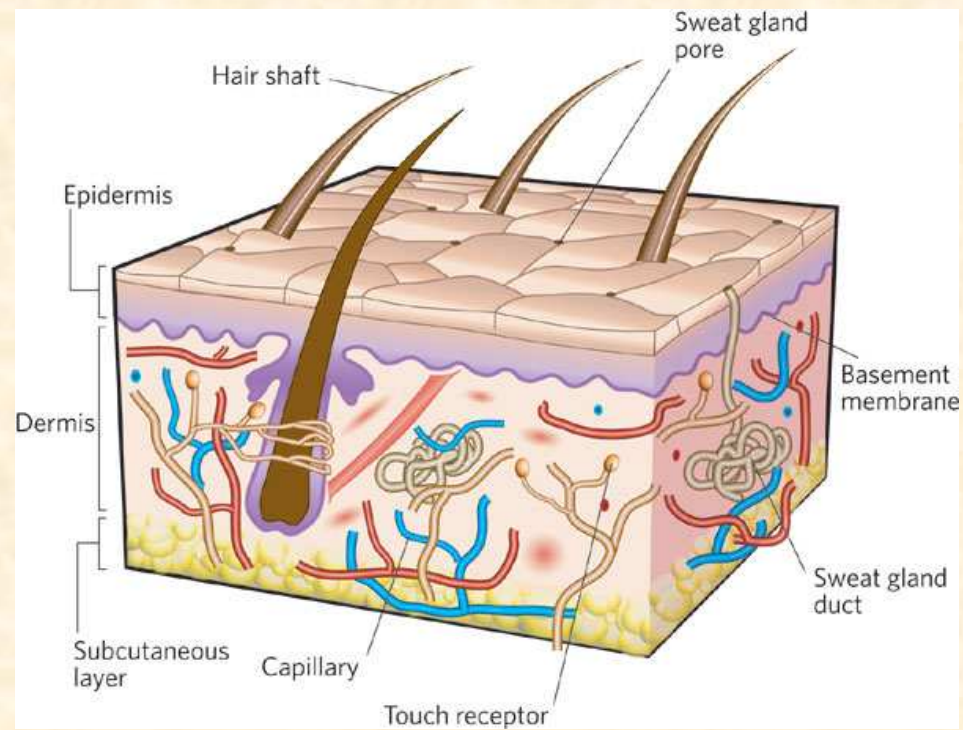
The Plasma Membrane

- Bacterial cell exterior surfaces



The Plasma Membrane

- Animal cell exterior surfaces
- Virus
- Tissue
- Human Skin



The Transfer of Species through Membranes



- Energetics of membrane transport

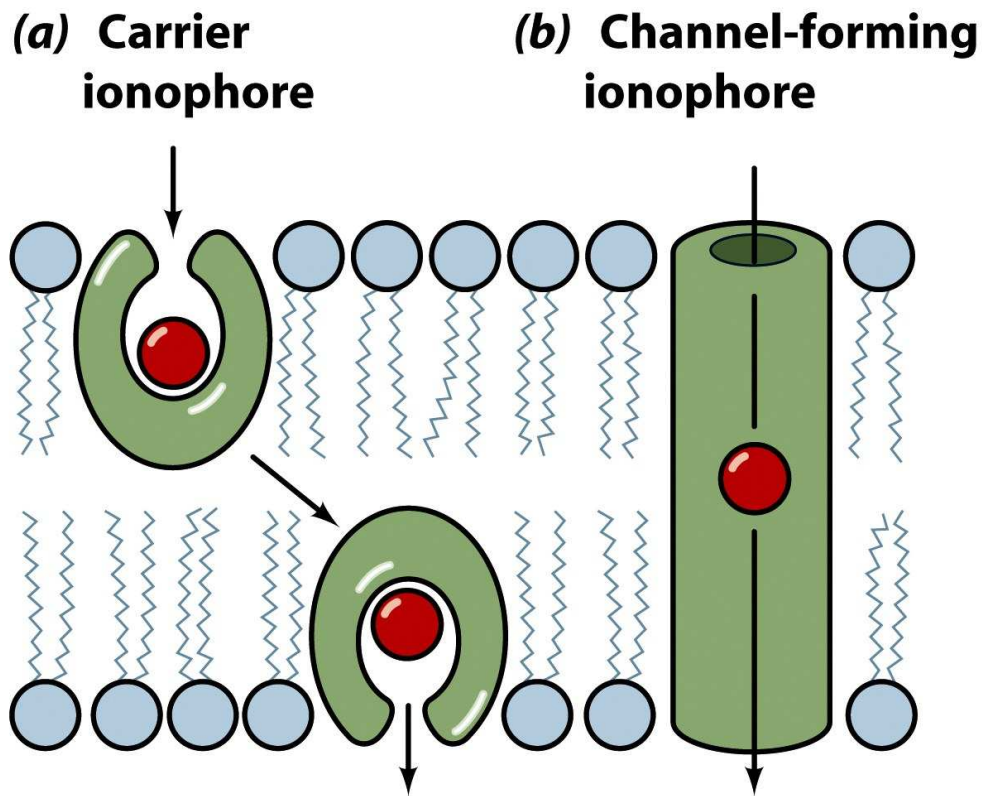
$$\Delta G = RT \ln(c_2/c_1) + ZF\Delta V$$

ΔG can predict whether a transport process must be active ($\Delta G > 0$) or passive ($\Delta G < 0$).

- Osmosis
- Filtration
- Passive diffusion

The Transfer of Species through Membranes

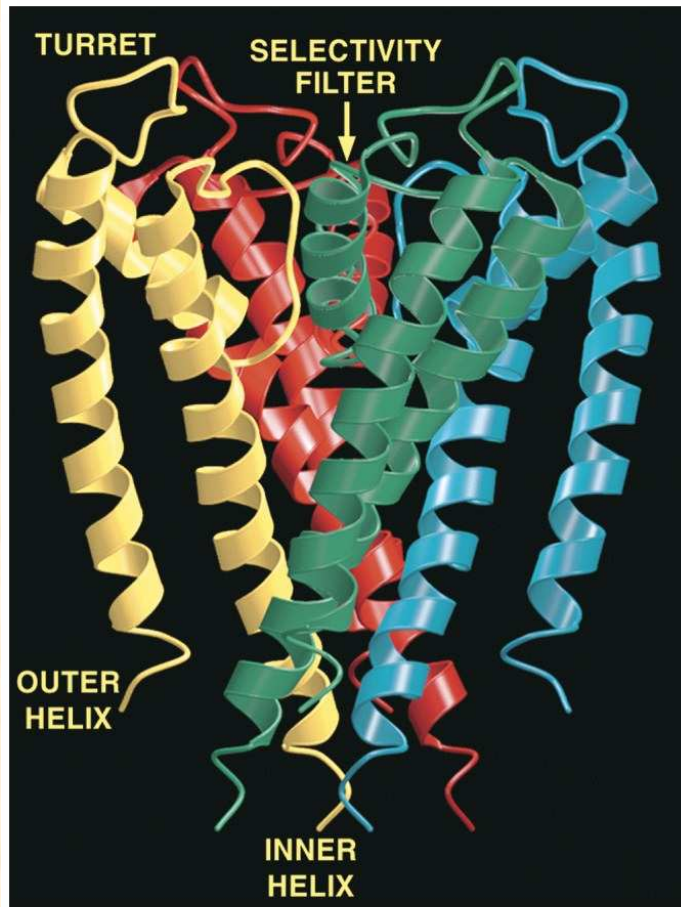
- Facilitated diffusion/transport



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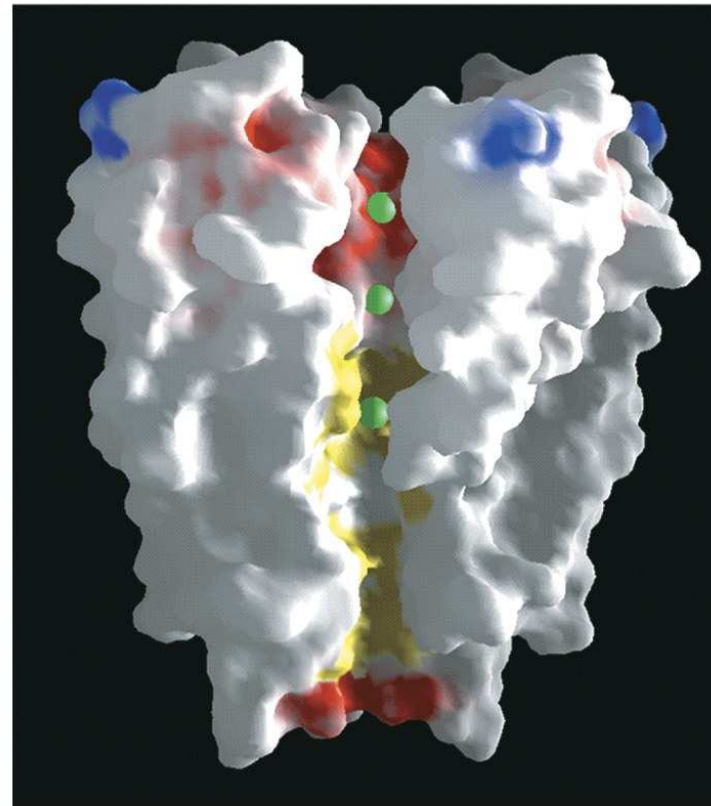
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- Facilitated diffusion/transport - Ion Channels



(a)

Courtesy of Roderick MacKinnon, Rockefeller University

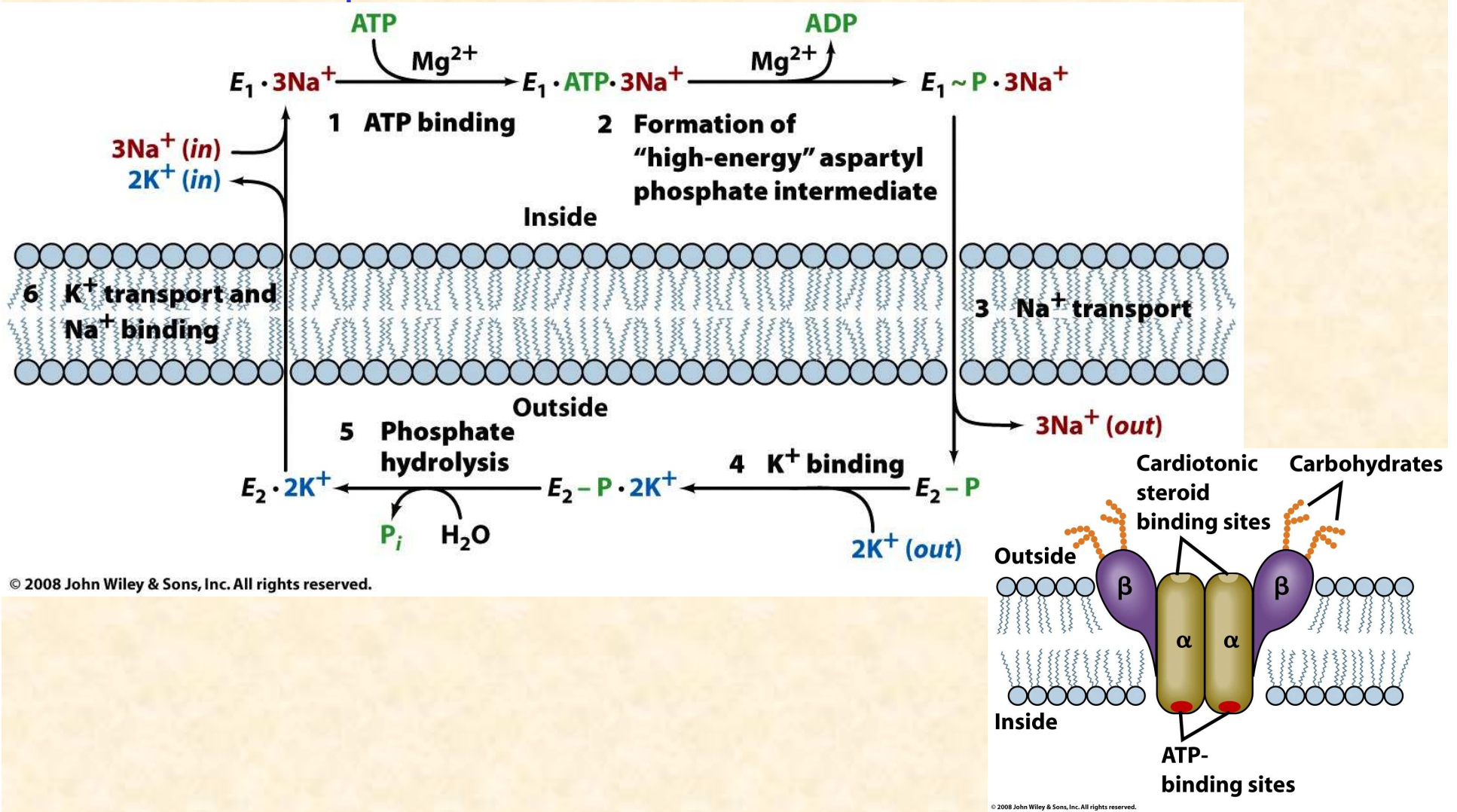


(b)

X-Ray structure of the KcsA K⁺ channel

The Transfer of Species through Membranes

- Active Transport - Na^+ - K^+ - ATPase

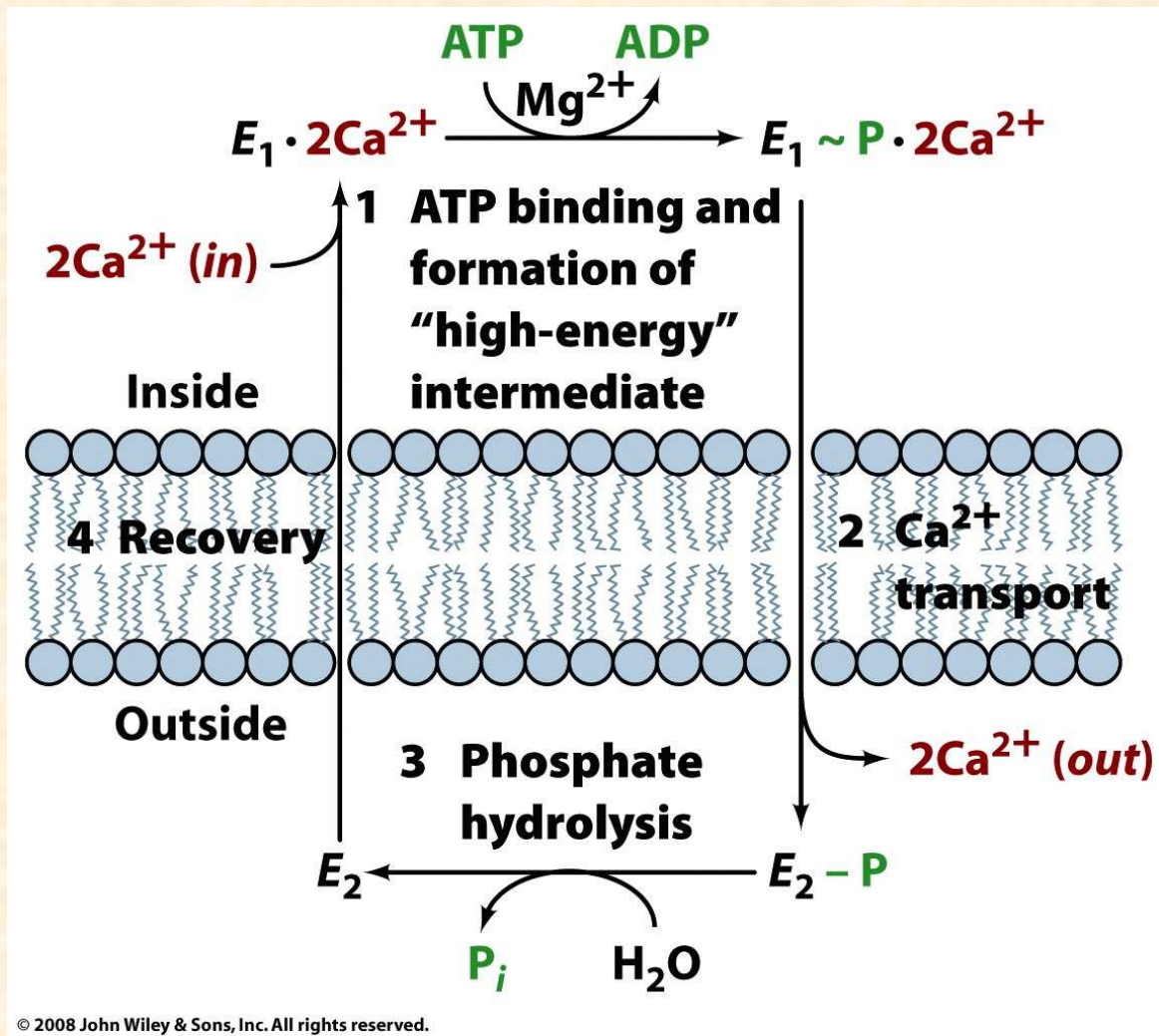


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The Transfer of Species through Membranes

- Active Transport - Ca^{2+} -ATPase



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The Transfer of Species through Membranes

- Active Transport - ABC Transporter Mechanism

multidrug
resistance

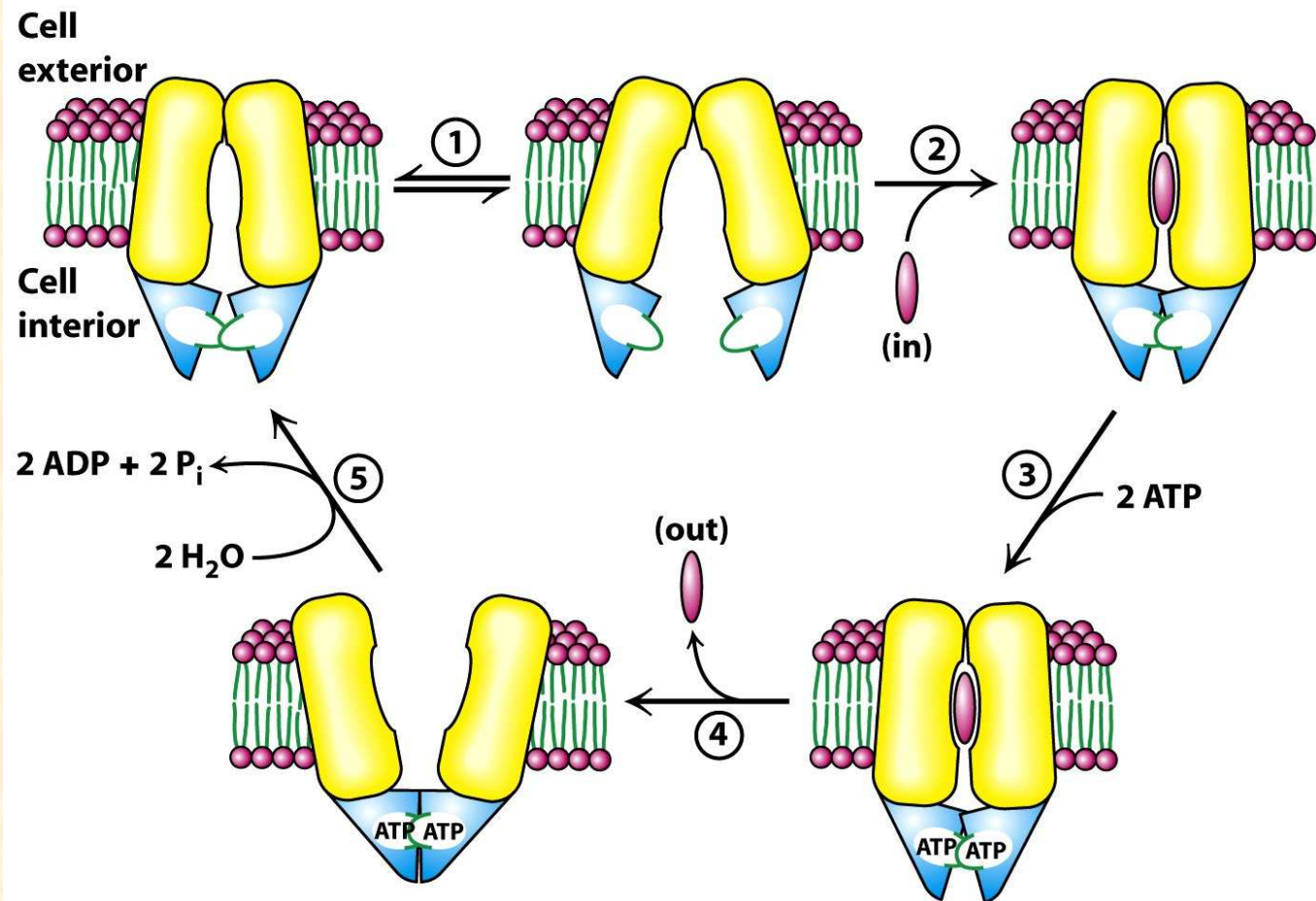
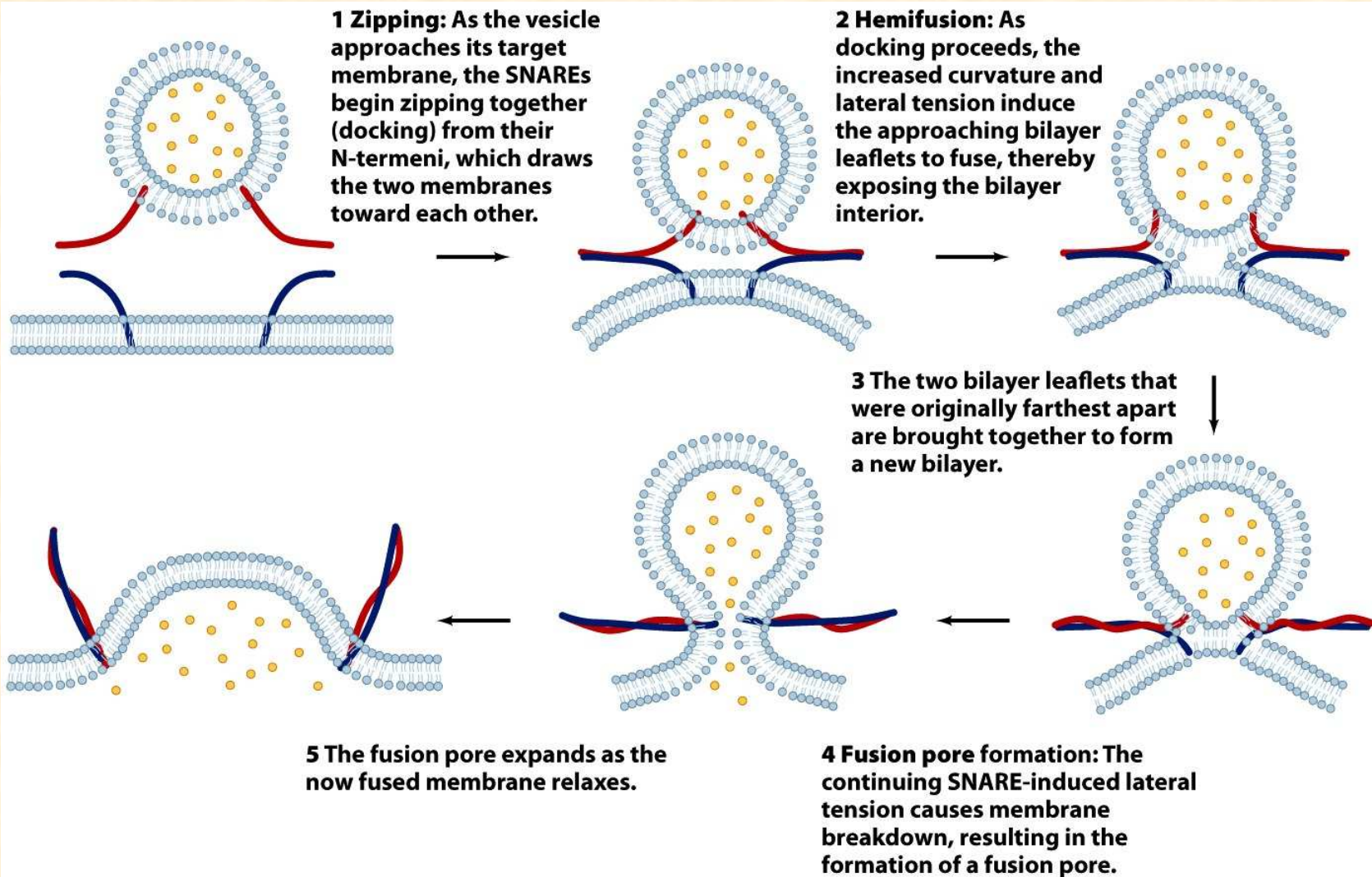


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The Transfer of Species through Membranes

• Active Transport - Endocytosis vs. Exocytosis



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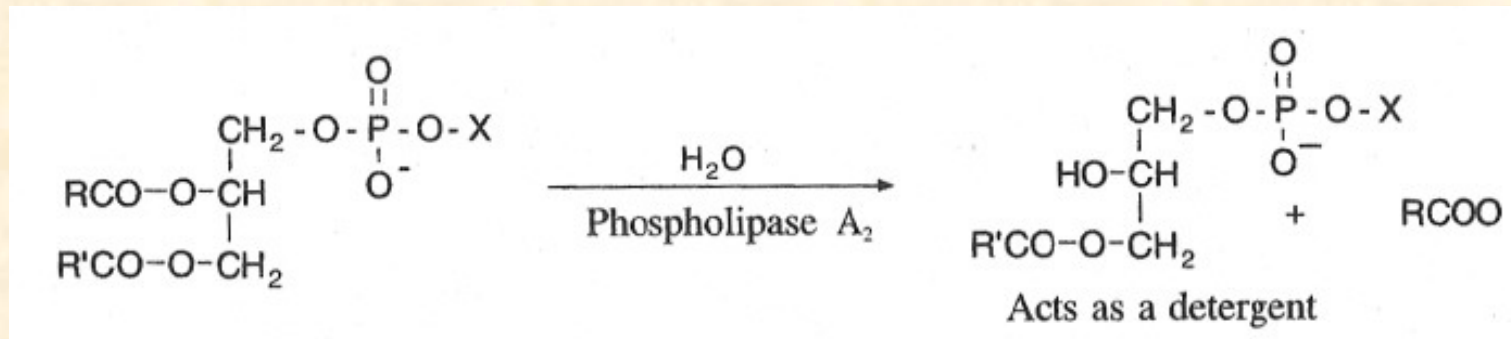
- Active Transport - Endocytosis vs. Exocytosis



Courtesy of John Heuser, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri

Drug Action on Cell Membranes and Walls

- Action on enzymes and receptors or blocking ion channels



Disrupting the membrane/wall

- inhibiting enzymes that produce compounds to maintain the membrane
- inhibiting processes involved in formulation of the membrane/cell wall
- forming channels and making the cell wall porous
- making the cell wall more porous by breaking down sections of it

Drug Action on Cell Membranes and Walls

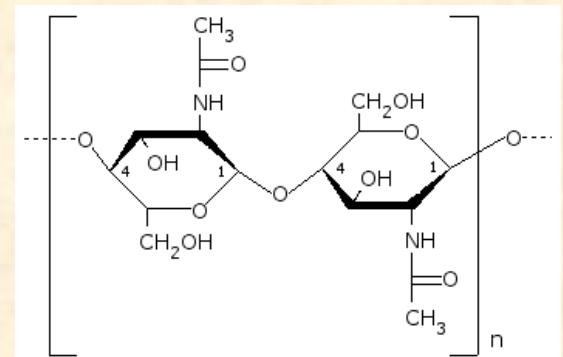


- Antifungal agents
 - fungal infections (*mycoses*)
 - superficial – external layer of skin/hair
(cutaneous/subcutaneous)
 - systemic – internal tissues/organs
(primary pathogens/opportunistic pathogens)

action – damage cell membrane – loss of essential cellular components

Counter action – antifungal agents
fungistatic
fungicidal action

Fungal microorganisms – eukaryotic cells with chitin cell wall
(targeting ergosterol biosynthesis)



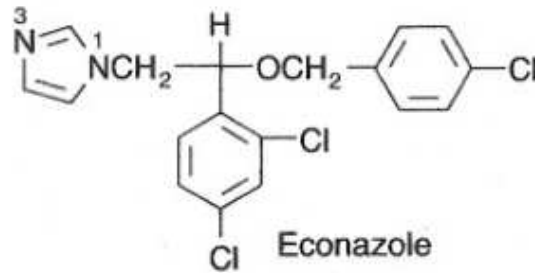
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- Antifungal agents – Azoles (!)

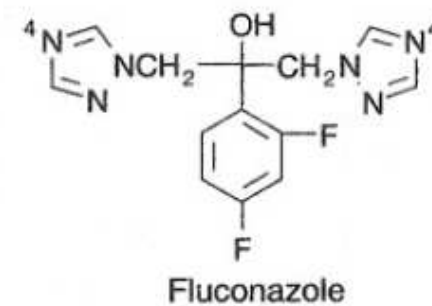
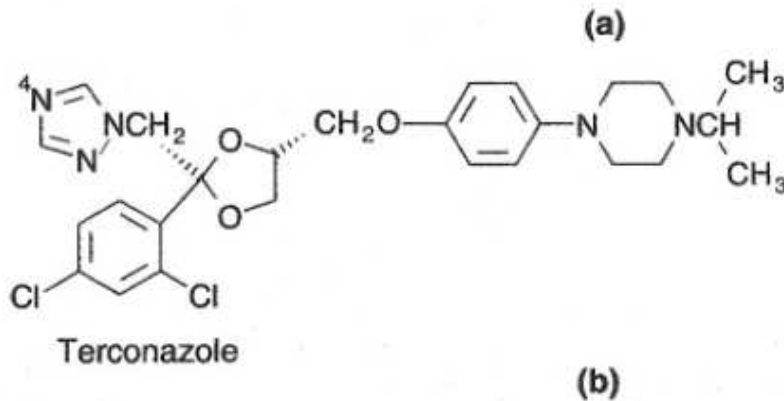
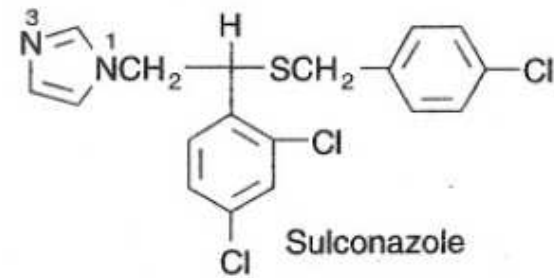
Lotrimin



Spectazole



Exelderm



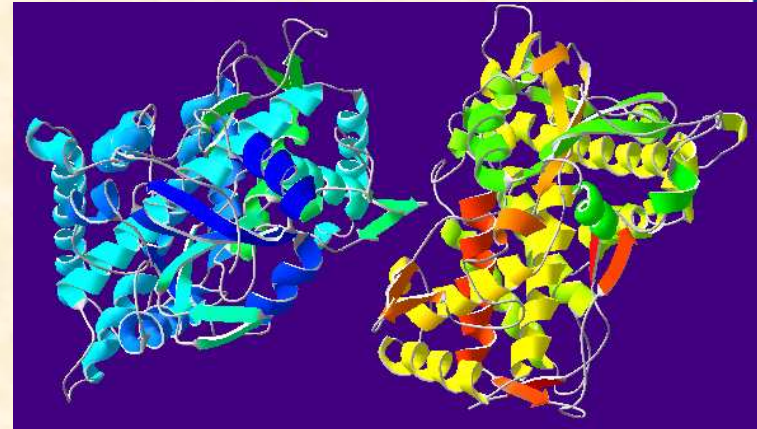
Terazole, Zazole

Diflucan

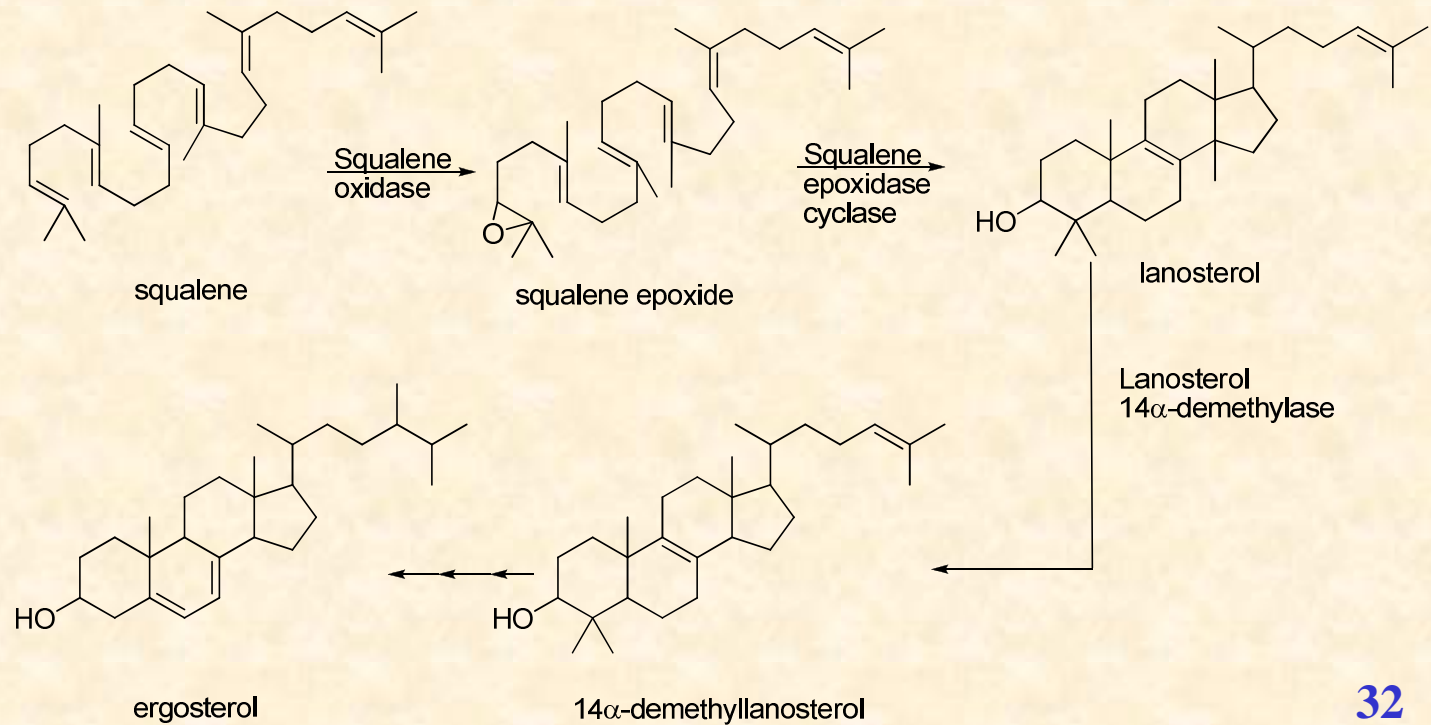
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- Antifungal agents – Azoles

Action: inhibition of cytochrome P-450 oxidases (P-450_{DM})



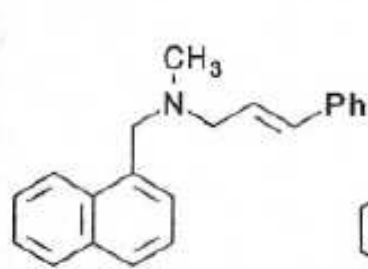
(detoxification)



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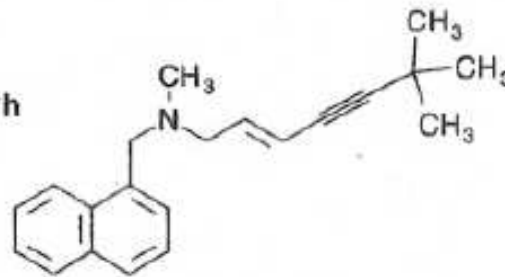
- Antifungal agents – Allylamines and related compounds

Action: inhibition of squalene oxidase – squalene accumulation in membrane – loss of membrane integrity



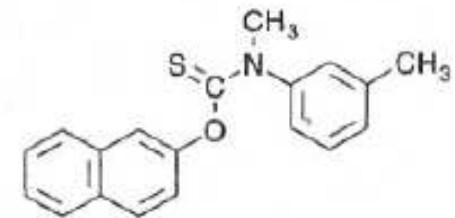
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Naftin



Terbinafine

Lamisil

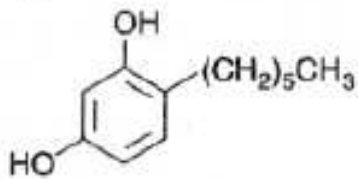


Tolnaftate

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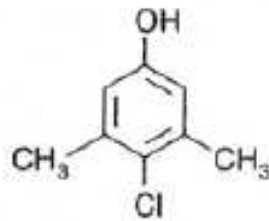
- Antifungal agents – Phenols and related compounds

Action: disrupt cell membrane



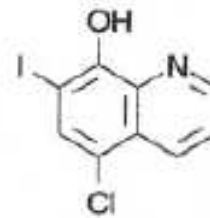
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Strepsils

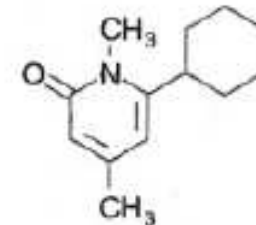


Chloroxylenol

Gojo
antimicrobial
soap



Clioquinol



Ciclopirox

Loprox

Drug Action on Cell Membranes and Walls

- Antibacterial antifungal agents

Action: disrupt cell membrane

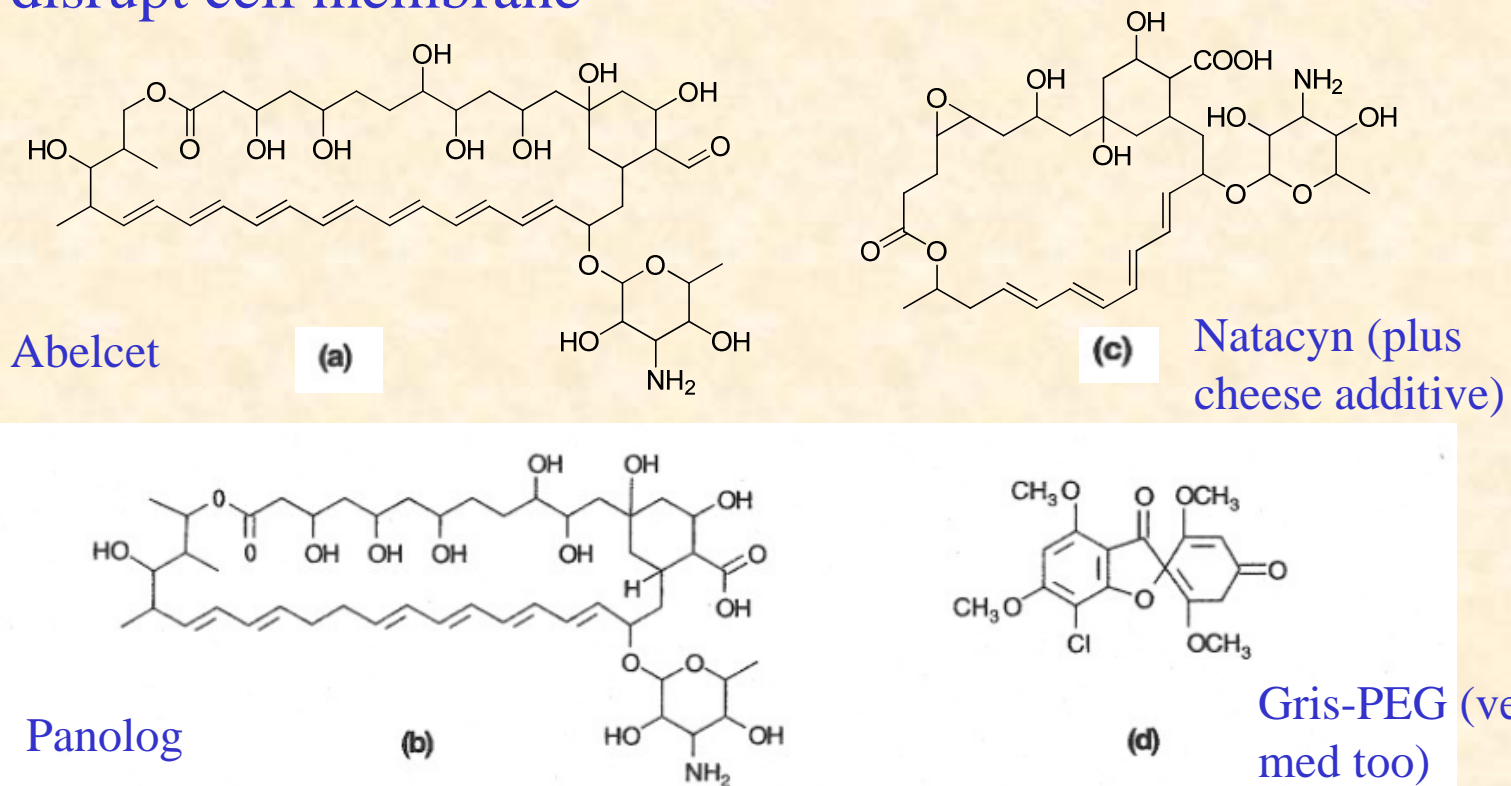


Figure 7.20 (a) Amphotericin B, first isolated from *Streptomyces nodosus* by Gold *et al.* (b) Nystatin, first isolated from *Streptomyces noursei* by Hazen and Brown. (c) Natamycin, first isolated from *Streptomyces natalensis* by Struyk *et al.* (d) Griseofulvin, first isolated from *Penicillium griseofulvium* by Oxford *et al.*

Drug Action on Cell Membranes and Walls

- Antibacterial agents – Antibiotics

Action:

- Ionophoric antibiotic action

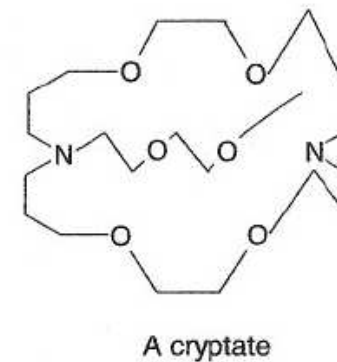
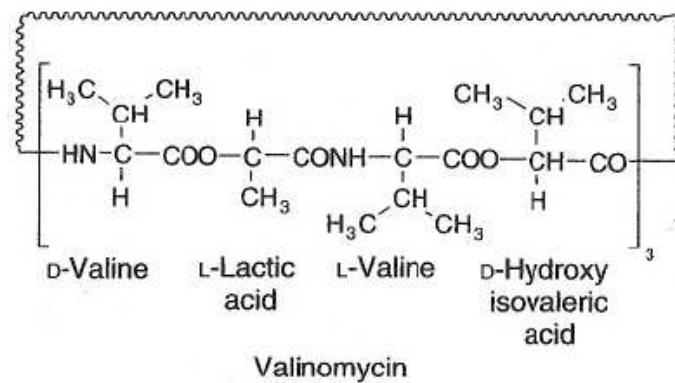
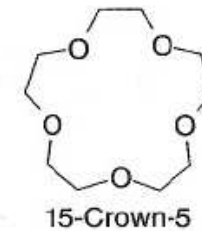
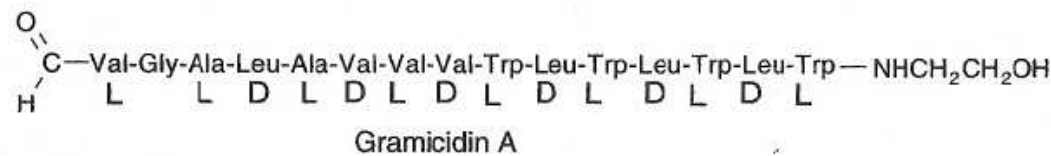


Figure 7.21 Examples of naturally occurring and synthetic ionophores

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- Antibacterial agents – Antibiotics

Ionophoric antibiotic action usually for Gram-positive

- Channel formation – ion transport
- Carriers

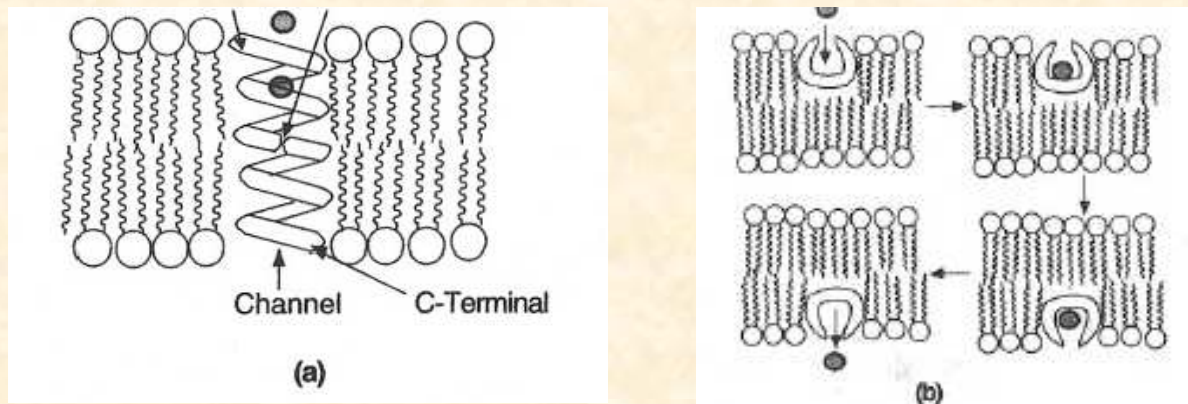


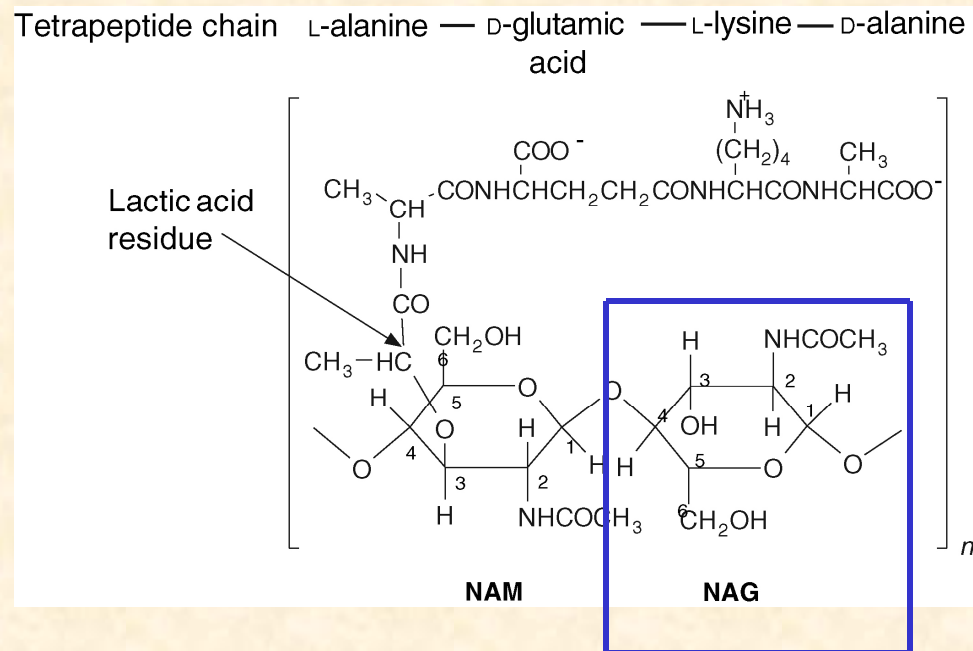
Figure 7.22 The general mode of action of ionophores in ion transport. (a) A channel formed by two gramicidin A molecules, N-terminal to N-terminal. (b) The sequence of events in the operation of a carrier ionophore such as valinomycin

Drug Action on Cell Membranes and Walls

- Antibacterial agents – Antibiotics

Cell wall synthesis inhibition multiple types (3)

1. Drugs that inhibit the formation of starting materials



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- Antibacterial agents – Antibiotics

Cell wall synthesis inhibition

1. Drugs that inhibit the formation of starting materials

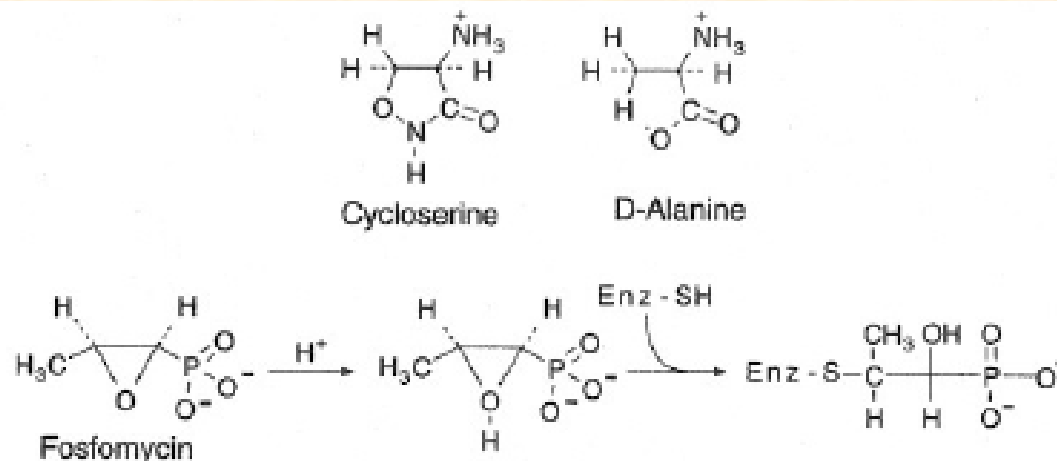


Figure 7.23 Cycloserine and fosfomycin

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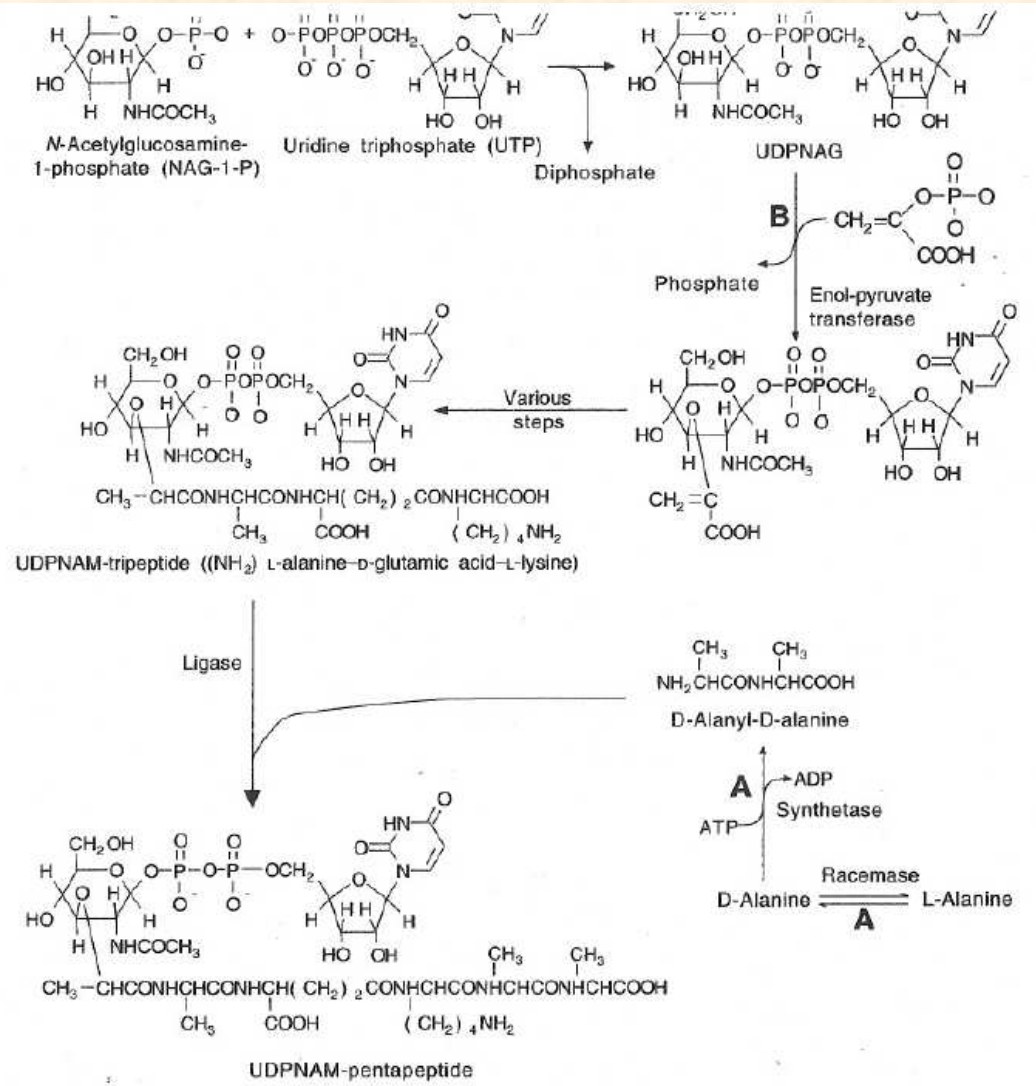
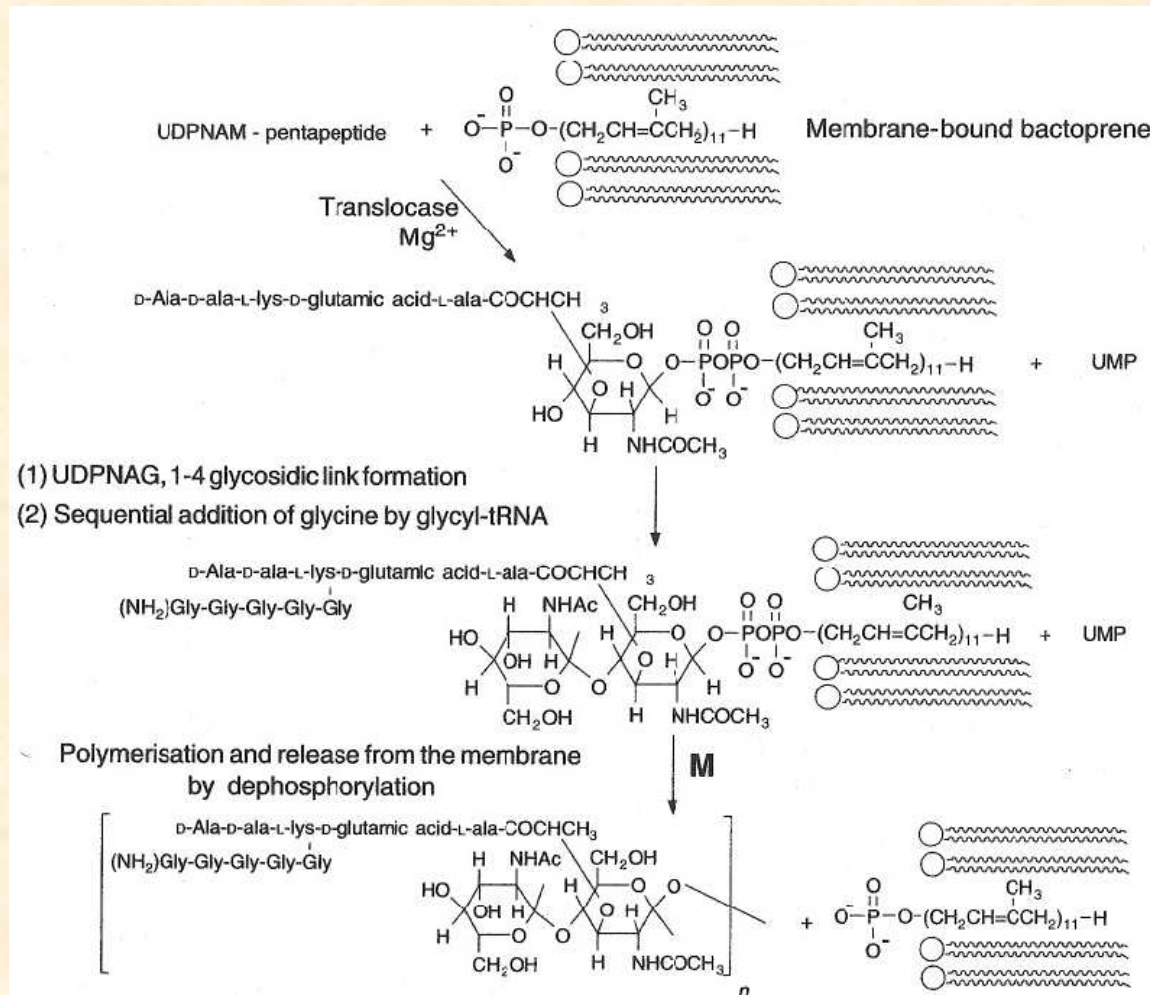


Figure 7.24 An outline of the biosynthesis of the precursors of the peptidoglycan chain of the cell wall of *Staphylococcus aureus*

Drug Action on Cell Membranes and Walls

- Antibacterial agents – Antibiotics
- Cell wall synthesis inhibition –

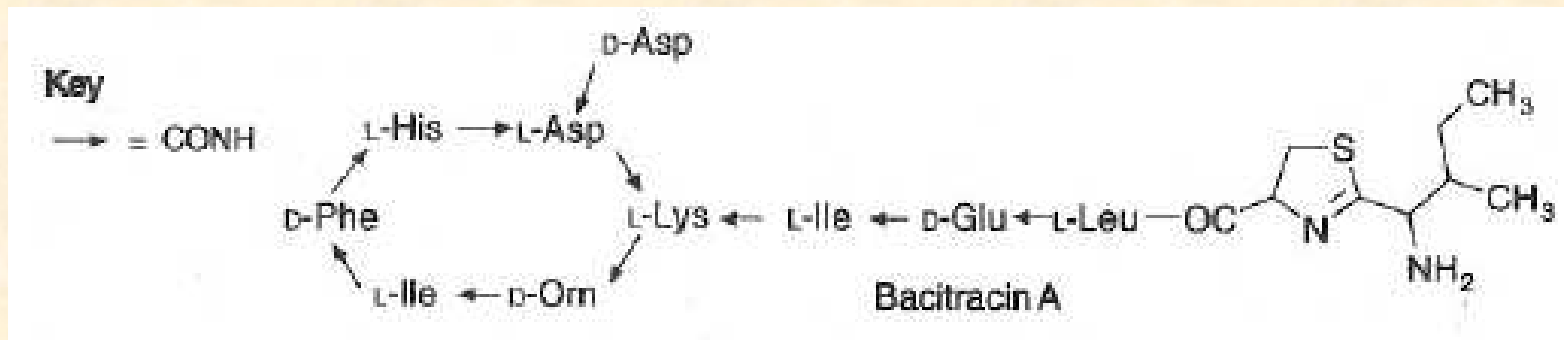
2. Drugs that inhibit the synthesis of the peptidoglycan chain



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- Cell wall synthesis inhibition –

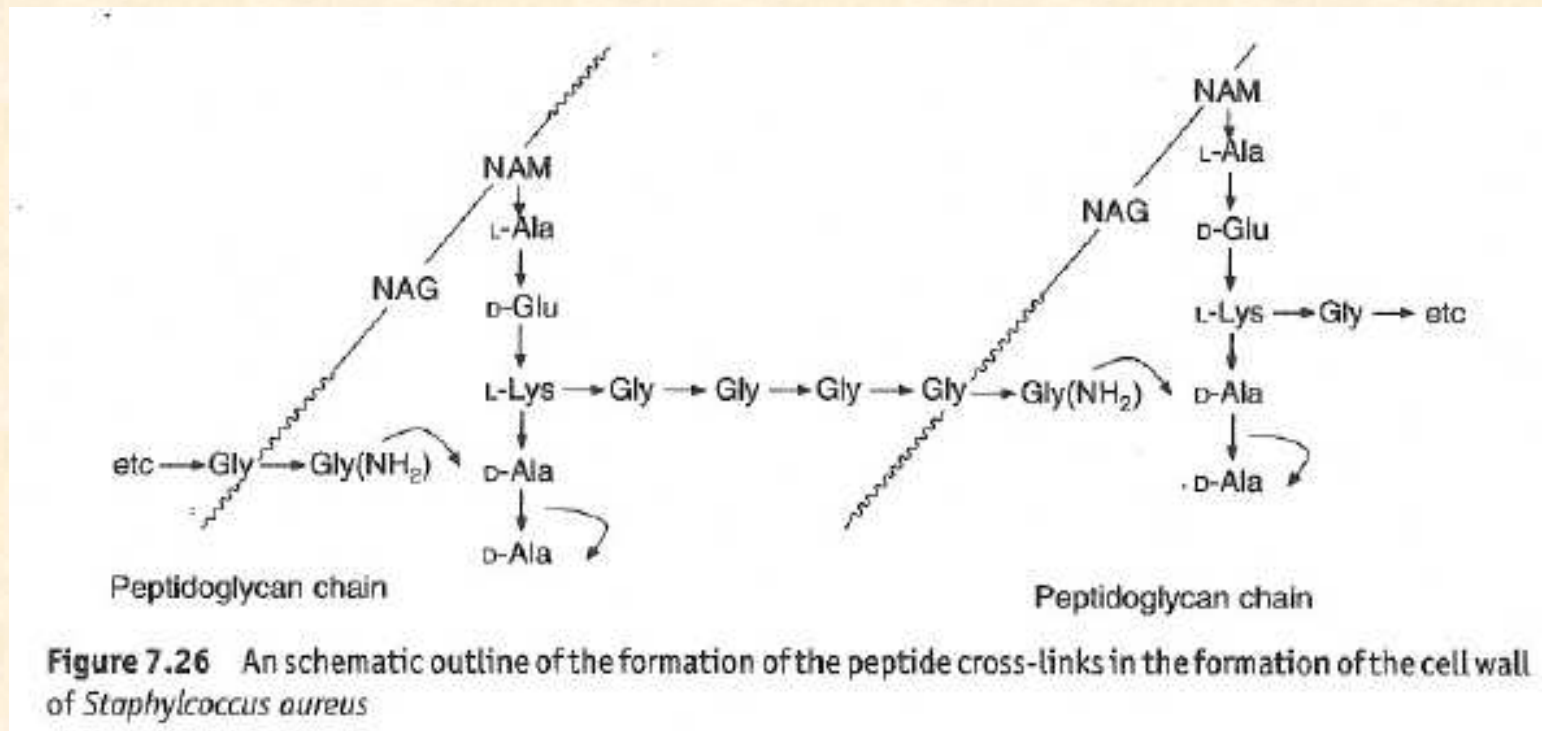
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Drug Action on Cell Membranes and Walls

- Antibacterial agents – Antibiotics
- Cell wall synthesis inhibition –

3. Drugs that inhibit the cross-linking of the peptidoglycan chain



Drug Action on Cell Membranes and Walls

- Antibacterial agents – Antibiotics – Cell wall synthesis inhibition
- 3. Drugs that inhibit the cross-linking of the peptidoglycan chain

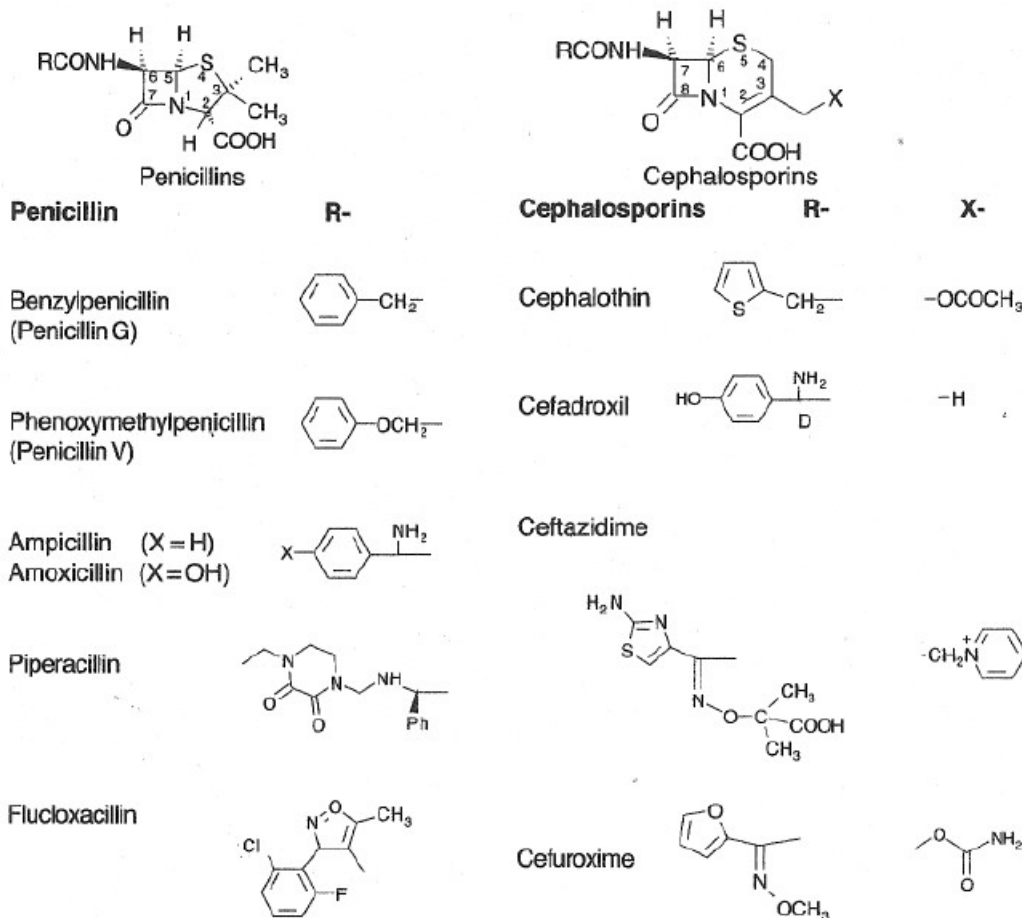
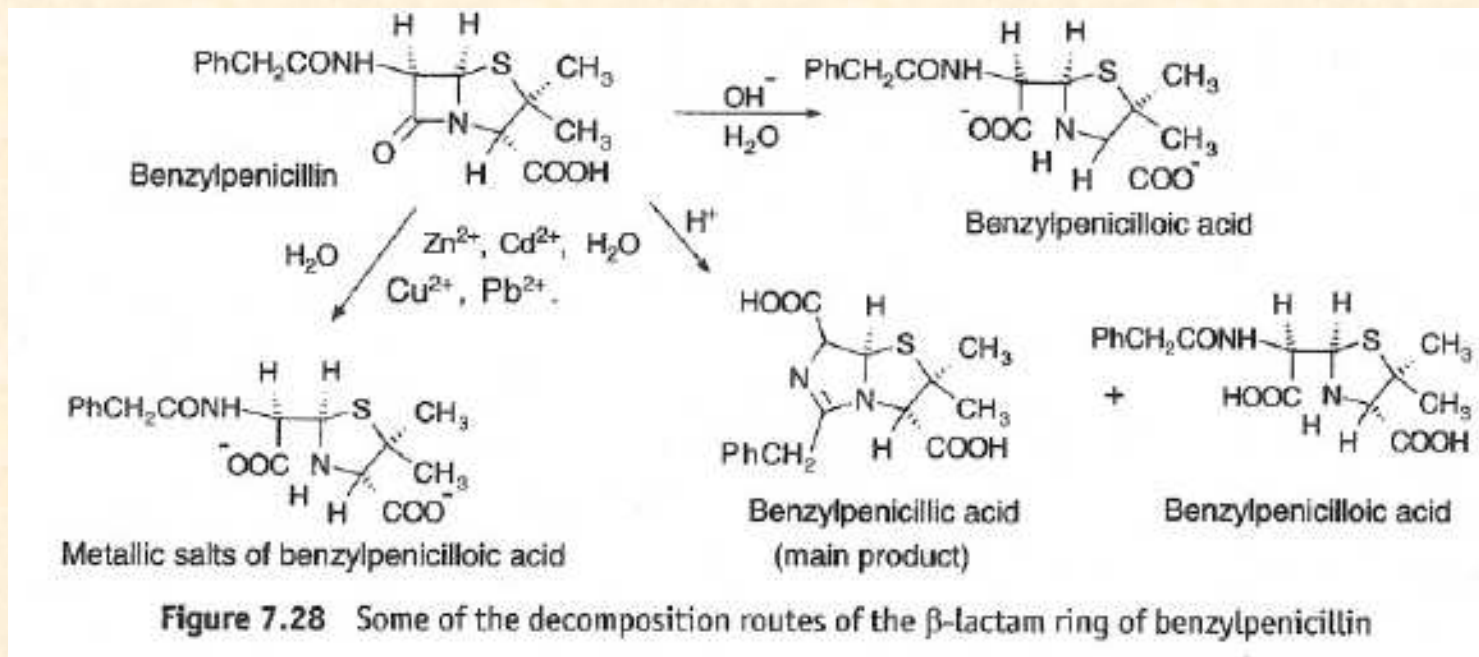


Figure 7.27 Examples of the range of penicillins and cephalosporins. The R residues of ampicillin, amoxicillin and ceftazidime have D configurations

Drug Action on Cell Membranes and Walls

- Antibacterial agents – Antibiotics – Cell wall synthesis inhibition
- 3. Drugs that inhibit the cross-linking of the peptidoglycan chain

β -lactame antibiotics – sensitive



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- Antibacterial agents – Antibiotics – Cell wall synthesis inhibition
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β -lactame antibiotics – mode of action

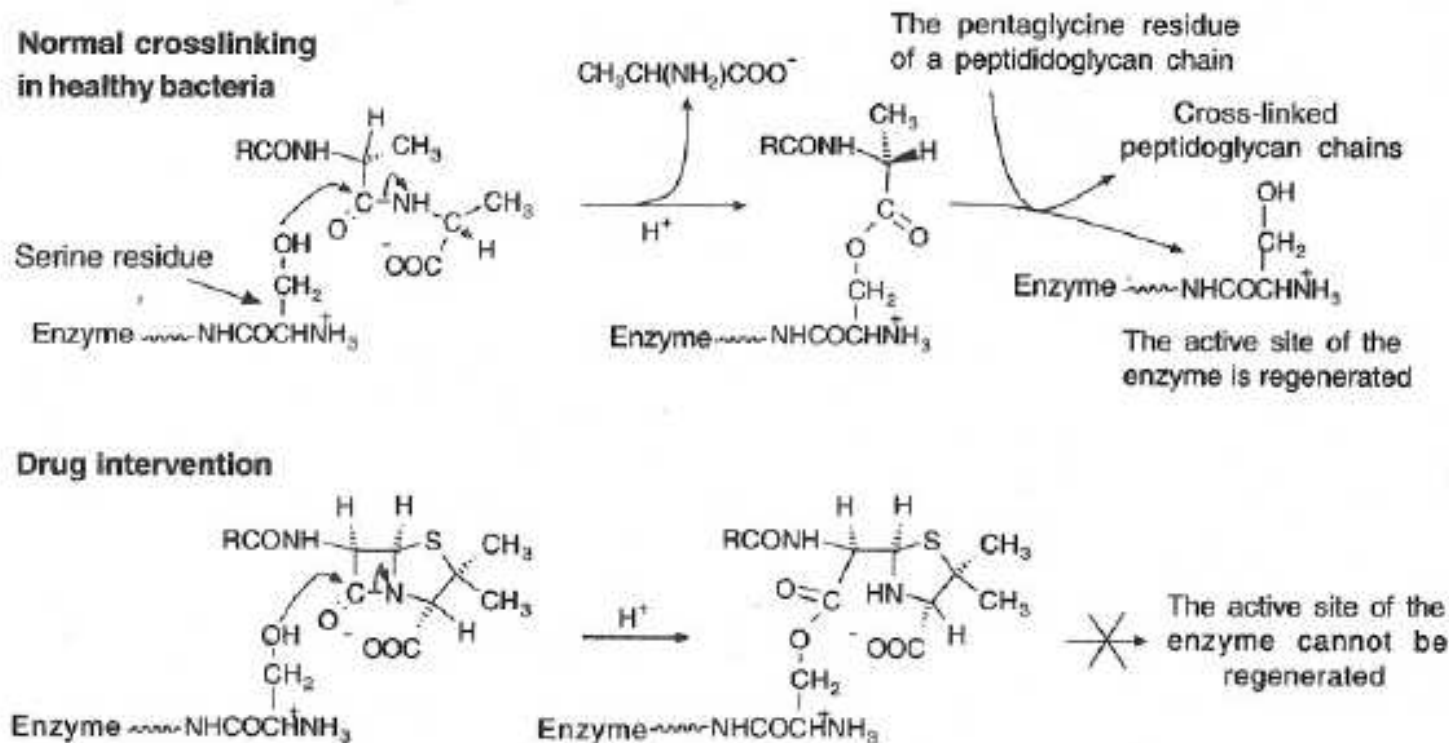


Figure 7.29 A schematic outline of the chemistry proposed for the action of penicillins

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- Antibacterial agents – Antibiotics – Cell wall synthesis inhibition
- 3. Drugs that inhibit the cross-linking of the peptidoglycan chain

β -lactame antibiotics – decomposition under acidic conditions

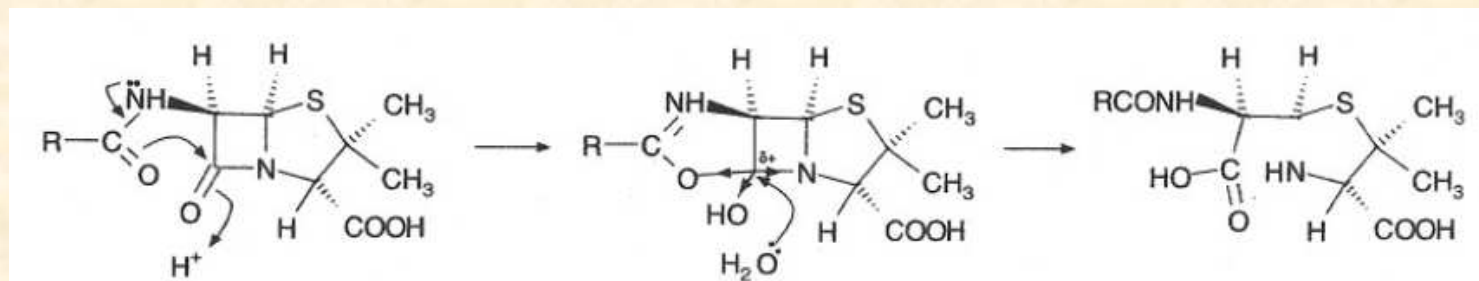
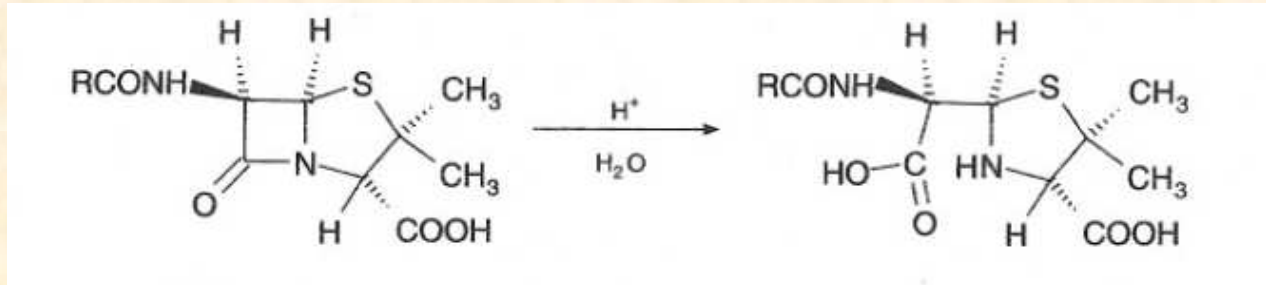


Figure 7.30 A possible mechanism for the enhancement of the reactivity of the carbonyl group of the lactam by a neighbouring group

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- Antibacterial agents – Antibiotics – Cell wall synthesis inhibition
- 3. Drugs that inhibit the cross-linking of the peptidoglycan chain

β -lactame antibiotics – increase stability

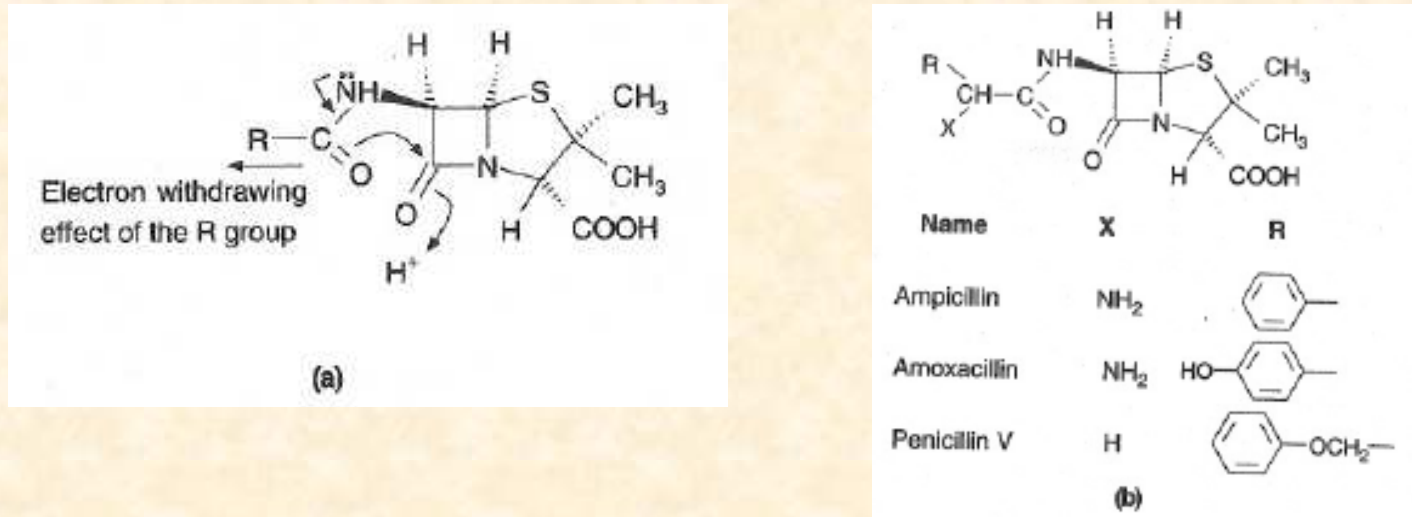


Figure 7.31 (a) It is believed that the electron withdrawing effect of the R group reduces the ability of the electrons of the carbonyl group of the amide link to influence those of the carbonyl group of the lactam. (b) Examples of penicillins in clinical use with an electron withdrawing R group

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other β -lactam antibiotics

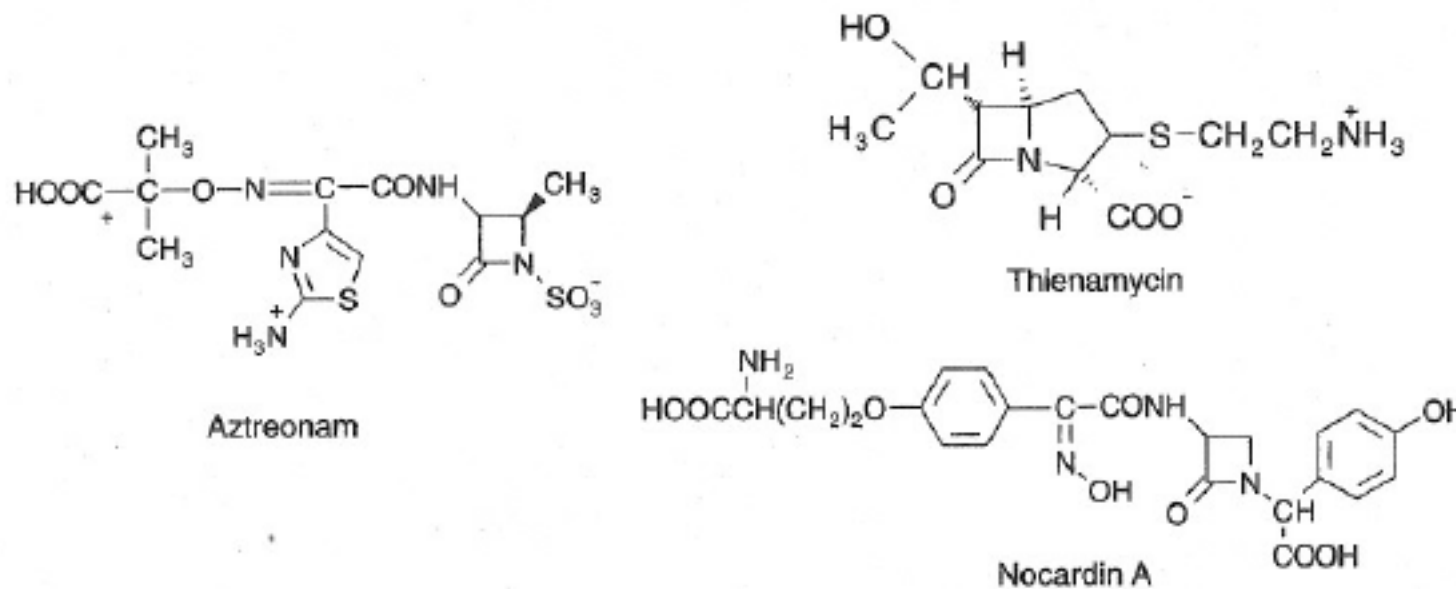


Figure 7.32 Examples of β -lactam antibiotics that do not contain a thio-ring system

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extra additives - β -lactamase inhibitors

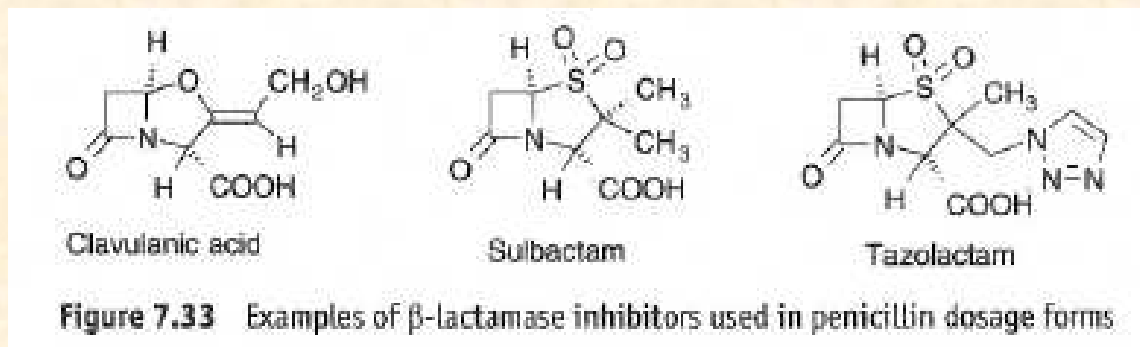


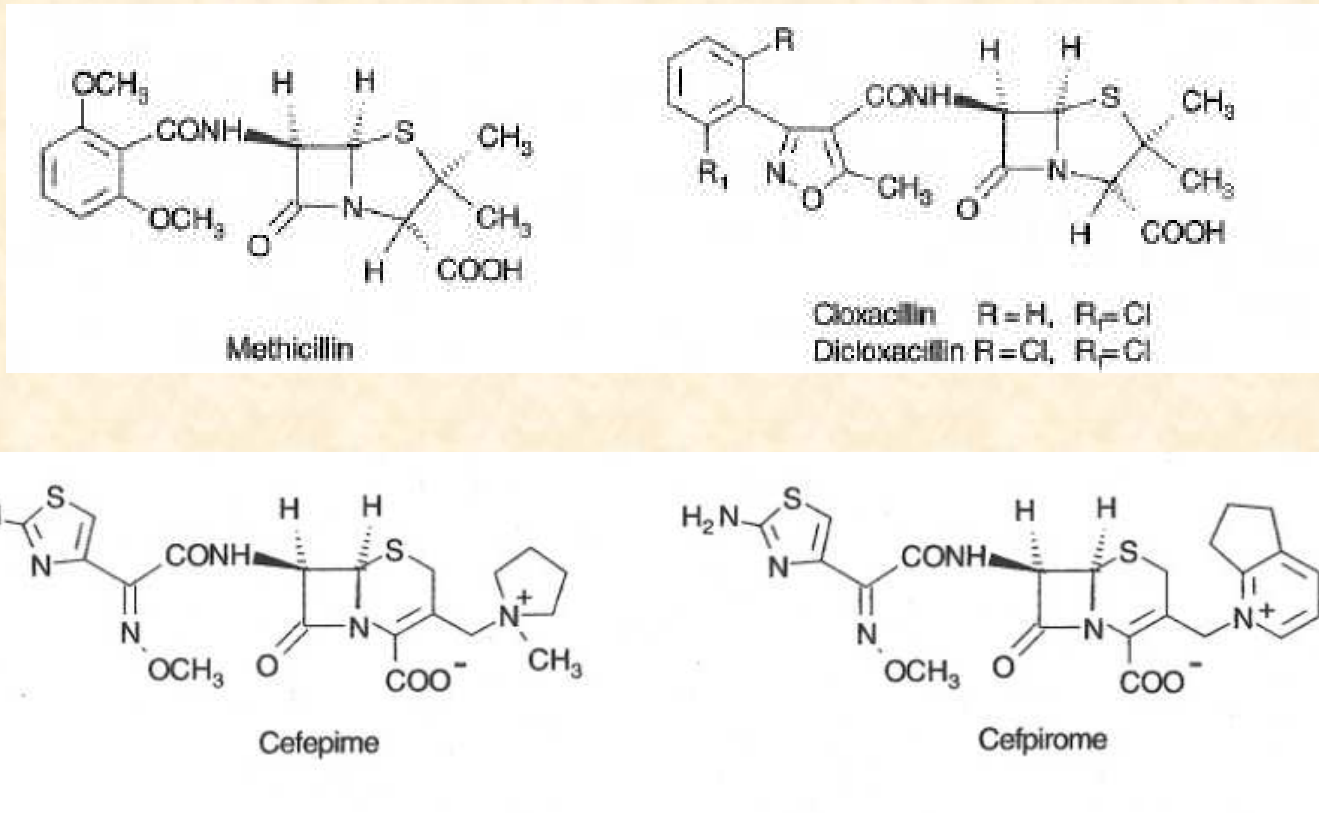
Table 7.2 Examples of dosage forms containing β -lactamase inhibitors

Preparation	Penicillin	β -Lactamase Inhibitor
Co-amoxiclav	Amoxicillin	Clavulanic acid
Tazocin	Piperacillin	Tazubactam
Unasyn	Ampicillin	Sulbactam
Timentin	Ticarcillin	Clavulanic acid
Augmentin	Amoxicillin	Clavulanic acid

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alternative approach - β -lactamase resistant drugs



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Polypeptide antibiotics

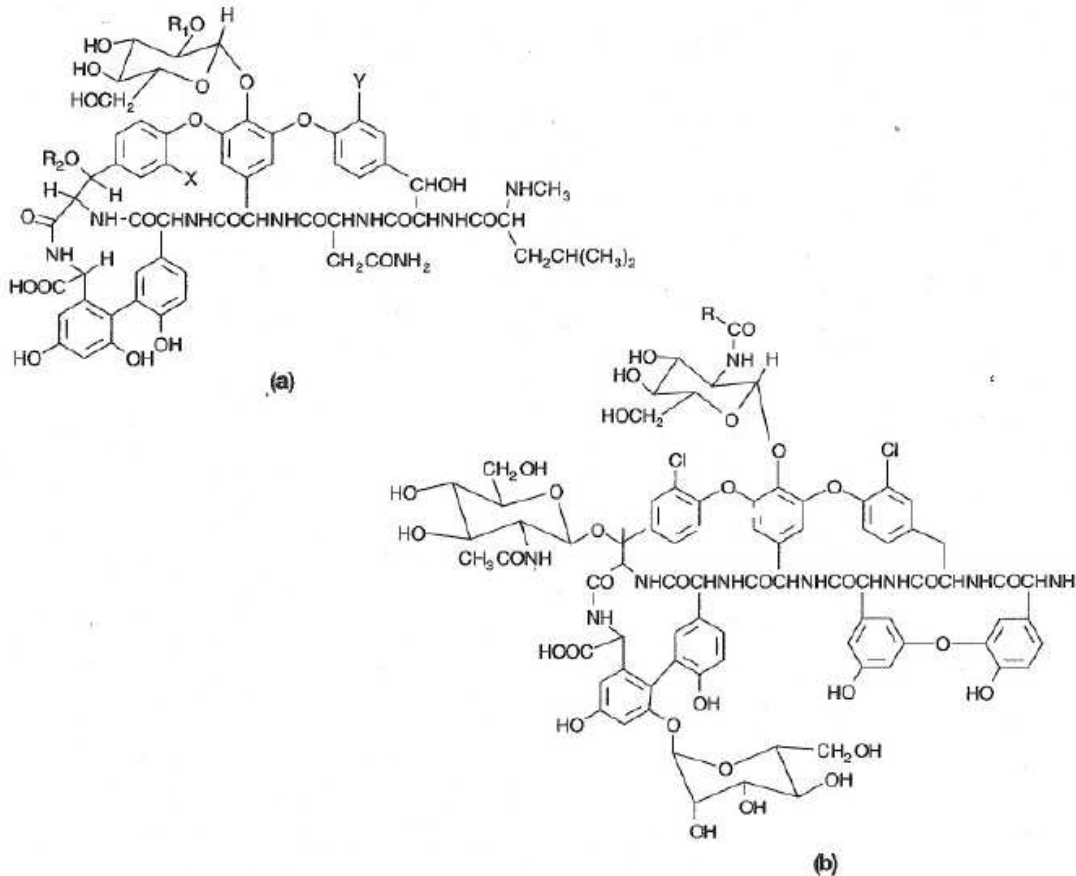
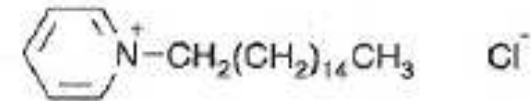
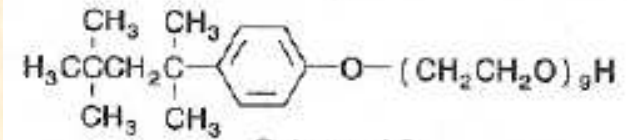


Figure 7.34 (a) Vancomycin and some related compounds. Vancomycin, X = Cl, Y = Cl, R₁ = α -vancosaminyl, R₂ = H; Decaplanin, X = H, Y = Cl, R₁ = α -rhamnosyl, R₂ = α -epivancosaminyl and Orienticin A, X = Cl, Y = H, R₁ and R₂ = α -epivancosaminyl. (b) Teicoplanin: A₂₋₁, R = CH₃(CH₂)₄CH=CHCH₂CH₂-; A₂₋₂, R = (CH₃)₂CH(CH₂)₅CH₂-; A₂₋₃, R = CH₃(CH₂)₇CH₂-; A₂₋₄, R = CH₃CH₂CH(CH₃)(CH₂)₅CH₂-; A₂₋₅, R = (CH₃)₂CH(CH₂)₆CH₂-

Surfactants



Cetylpyridinium chloride



Octoxynol-9

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- Local anaesthetics

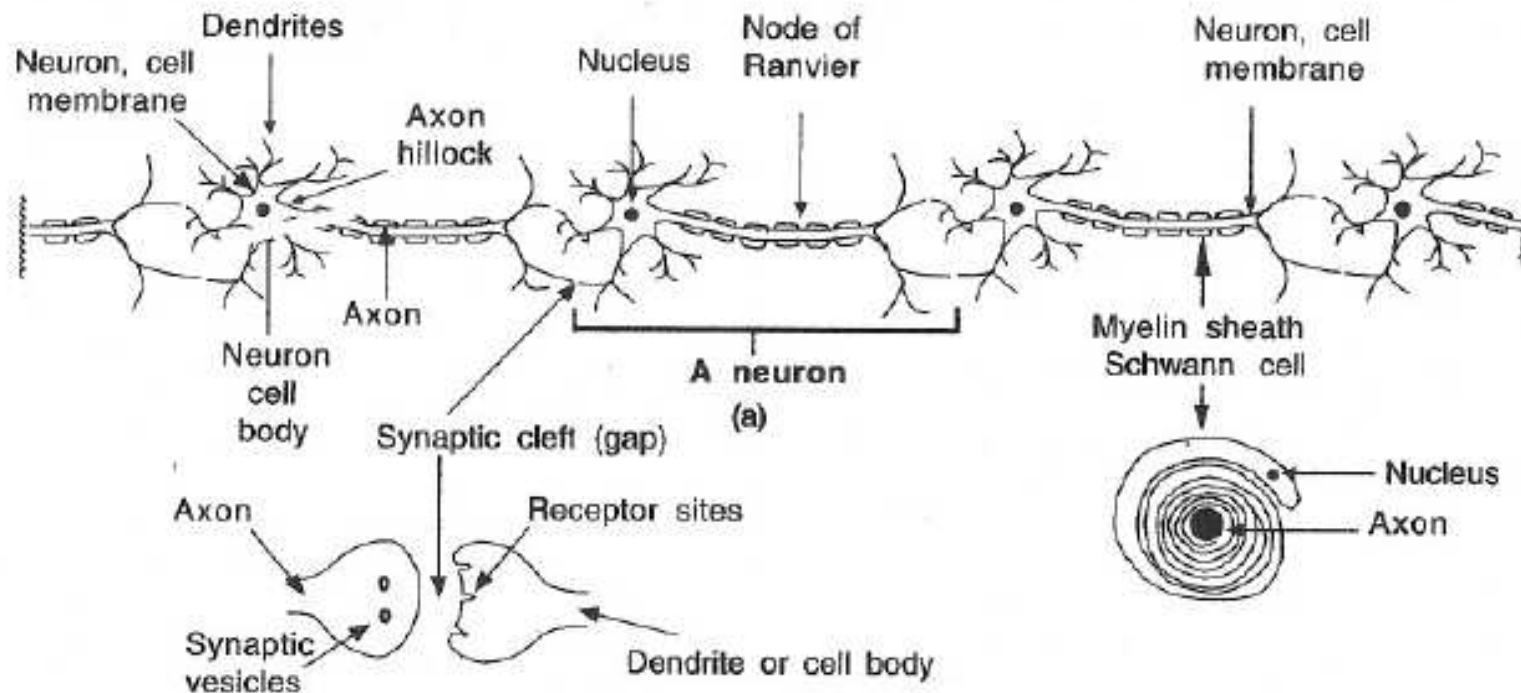


Figure 7.36 A schematic representation of a section of a nerve fibre. Nerve fibres consist of chains of cells known as neurons (a) where the axon of one neuron is separated from the end of either a dendrite or the cell body of a second neuron by the synaptic cleft or gap. The synaptic vesicles contain the chemical messengers (neurotransmitters) that transmit the nerve impulse by diffusing across the synaptic cleft to the receptors.

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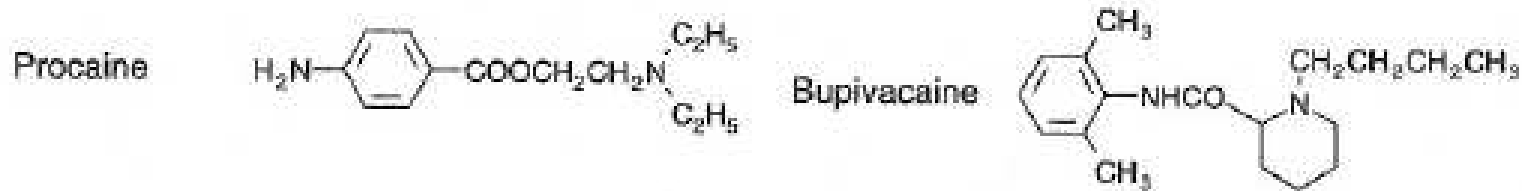


Figure 7.37 Examples of ester- and amide-based local anaesthetic agents in clinical use

mode of action: blocking the Na⁺ channels

- blocks external entry
- enters channel and acts as a stopper in the middle region
- binds to the (channel) proteins and distort them

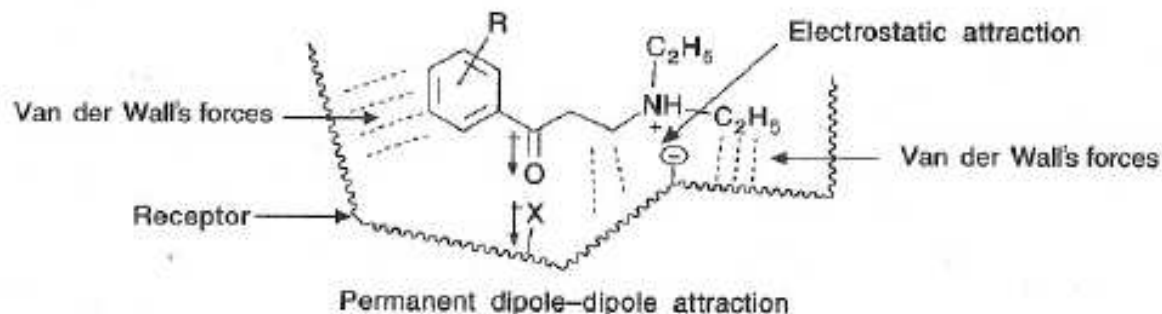


Figure 7.38 A schematic representation of the binding of ester-type local anaesthetic agents to a receptor site

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- Local anaesthetics

mode of action:

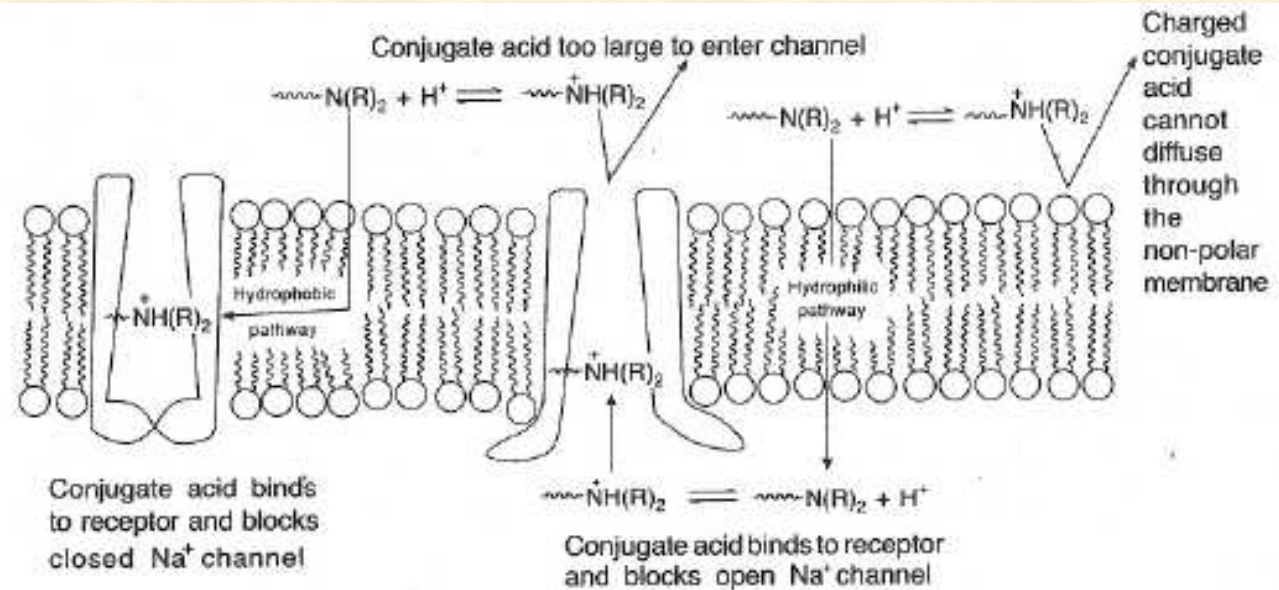


Figure 7.39 A representation of the hydrophobic and hydrophilic routes for blocking both open and closed ion Na^+ channels

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