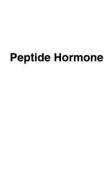
Chemical aspects of the cell

Chemicals that control cell signaling: hormones

| Hormone Class | Components | Example(s) | |
|---------------|---|--|------------------|
| Amine Hormone | Amino acids with modified groups (e.g. norepinephrine's carboxyl group is replaced with a benzene ring) | Norepinephrine OH NH ₂ HO OH | Types of hormone |
| Boutide House | Short chains of linked | Oxytocin Gly Leu Pro | |

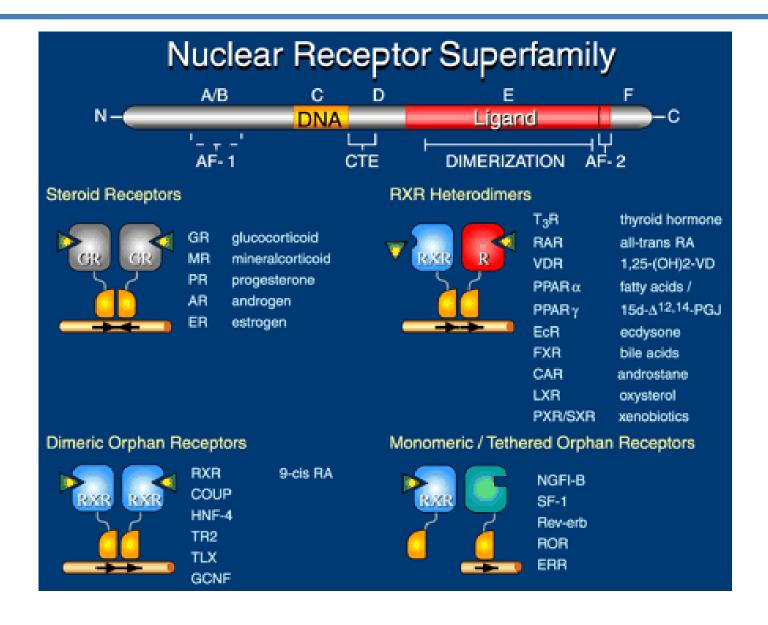
Human Growth Hormone



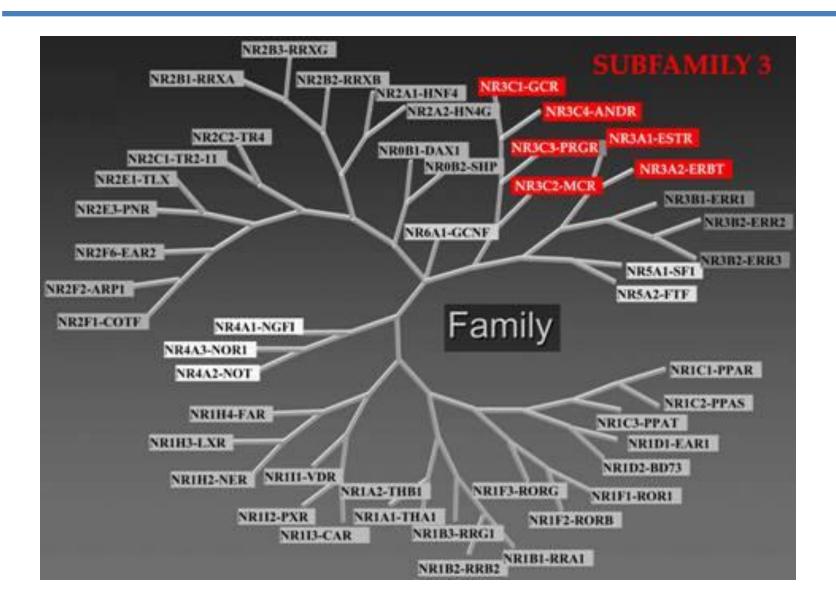
amino acids

Long chains of linked amino acids **Protein Hormone** Progesterone Testosterone CH₃ H₃C H₃C Derived from the **Steroid Hormones** lipid cholesterol H₃C H₃Ç

Classification of NR



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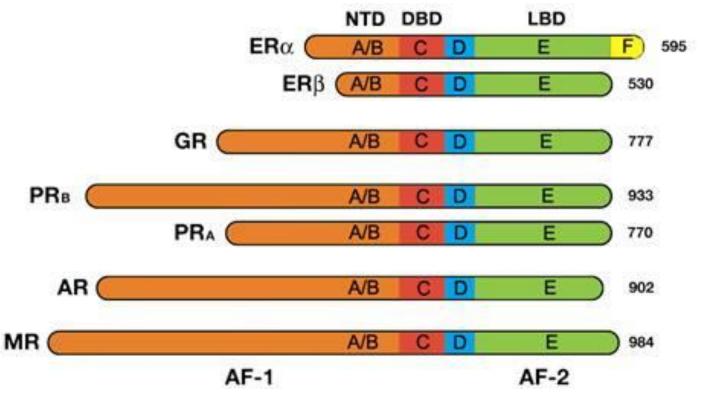
Structural aspects

Composition:



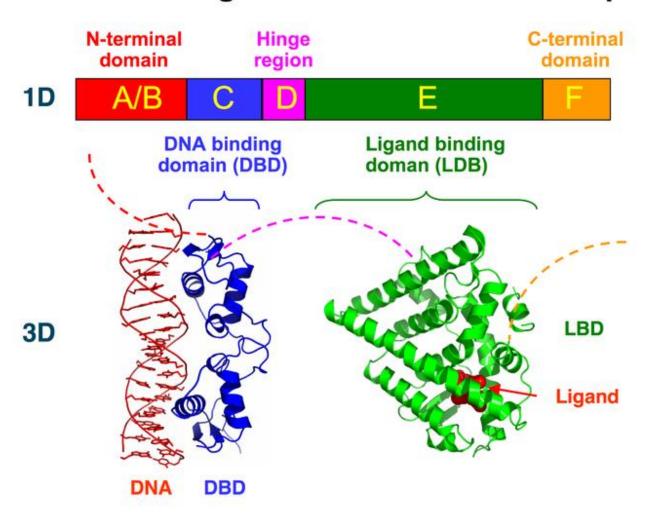
Domains:

N-terminus (left) to C-terminus (right). NTD = N-terminal domain, DBD = DNA binding domain. LBD = ligand binding domain. AF = activation function.



Structural aspects

Structural Organization of Nuclear Receptors



Some nuclear receptor binders

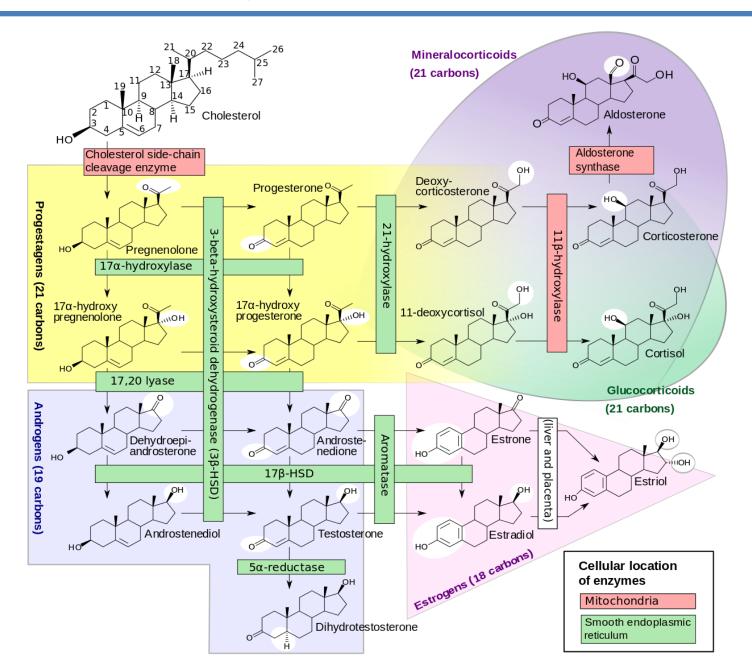
Steroid hormones: example (1)

Nuclear receptors (ER, GPER)

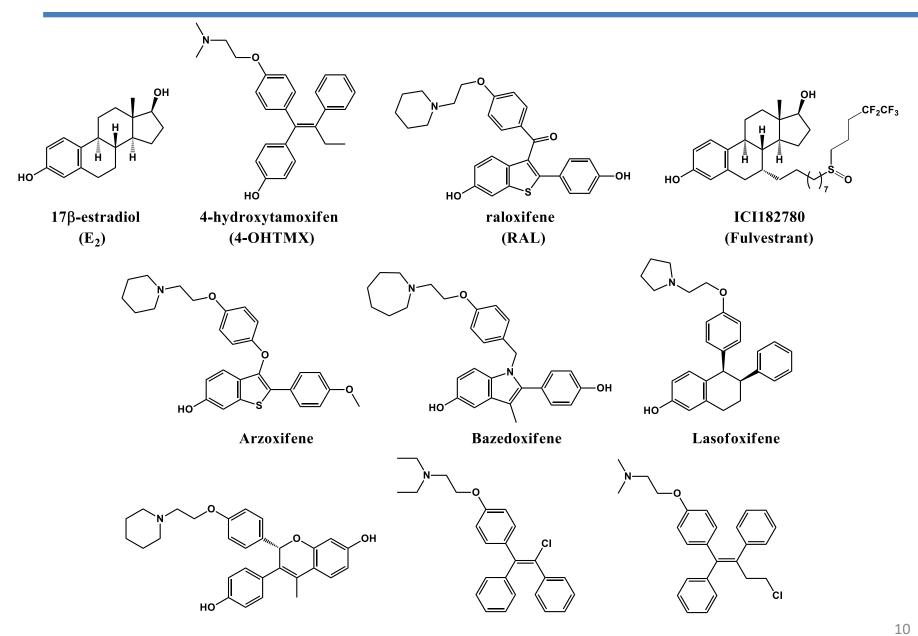
- Estrogen receptor (ER) 2 subtypes: ERα, ERβ
 - Importance for breast and endometrial cancer
 - Bone density, cardiovascular diseases, among others

- GPCR with estrogenic activity: GPER
 - New type of receptor that estradiol interacts with
 - Physiological aspects under study

Biosynthesis of hormones



Hormone and inhibitors

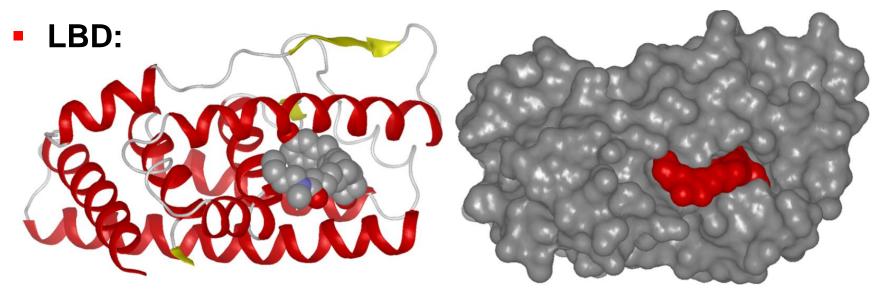


Acolbifene

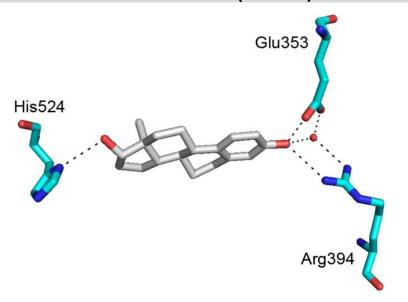
Clomifene

Toremifene

E₂ binding with the ERα



estradiol-ERα (1GWR)

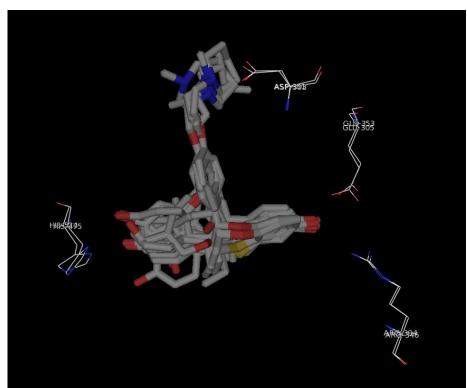


Superposition of ERα and ERβ

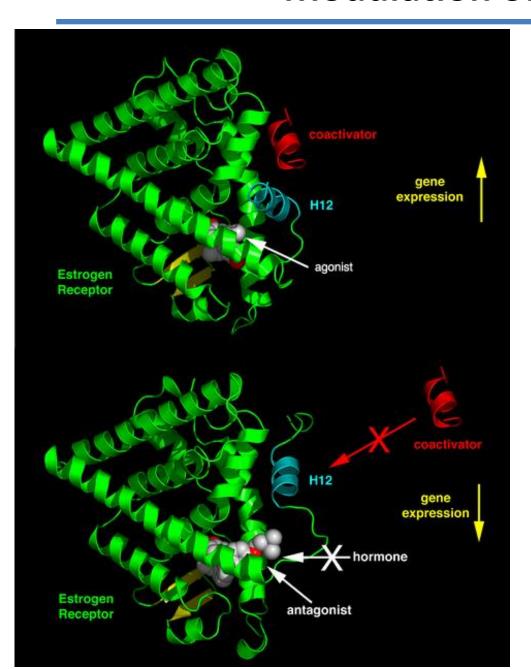
Superposition of 2 structures (ERα yellow)

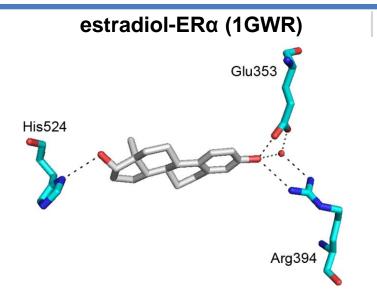


Ligand positioning after the superposition of many structures

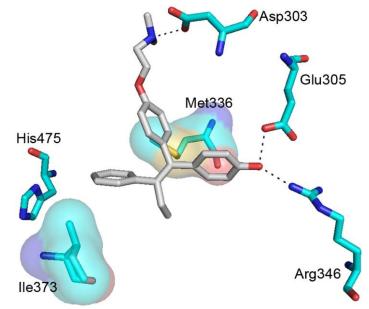


Modulation of the ER

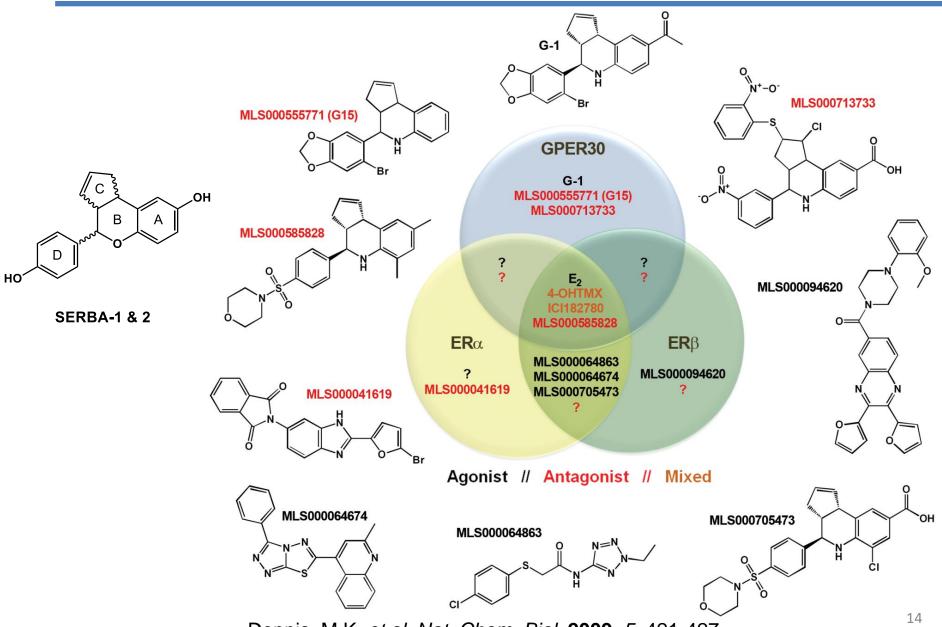




4-hydroxytamoxiphen-ERβ (2FSZ)

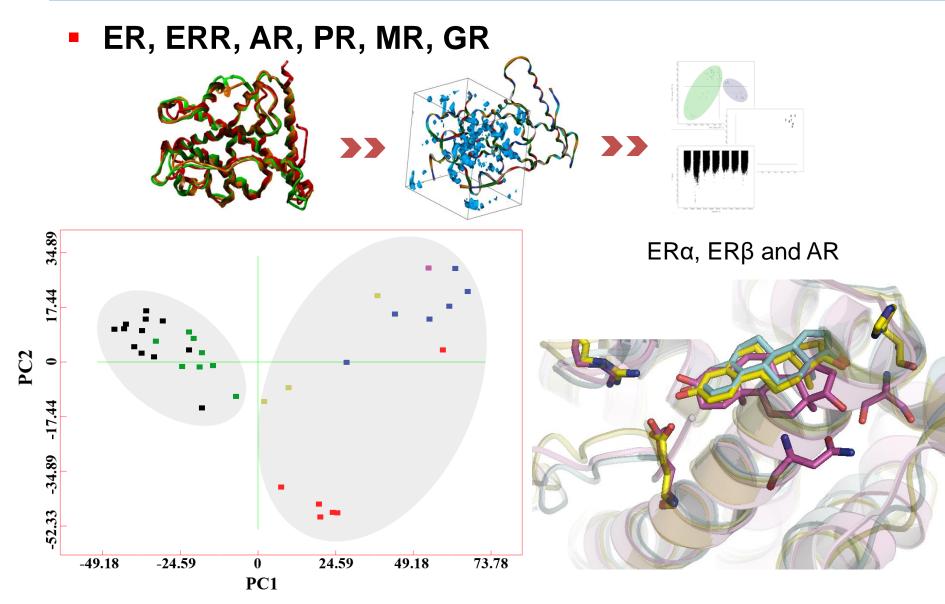


Selectivity for ER and GPER



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Selectivity against other NR3 class receptors

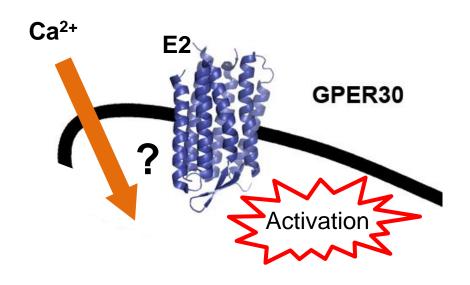


Colors: ERa, ERb, GR, MR, PR, AR

Differences between mechanisms

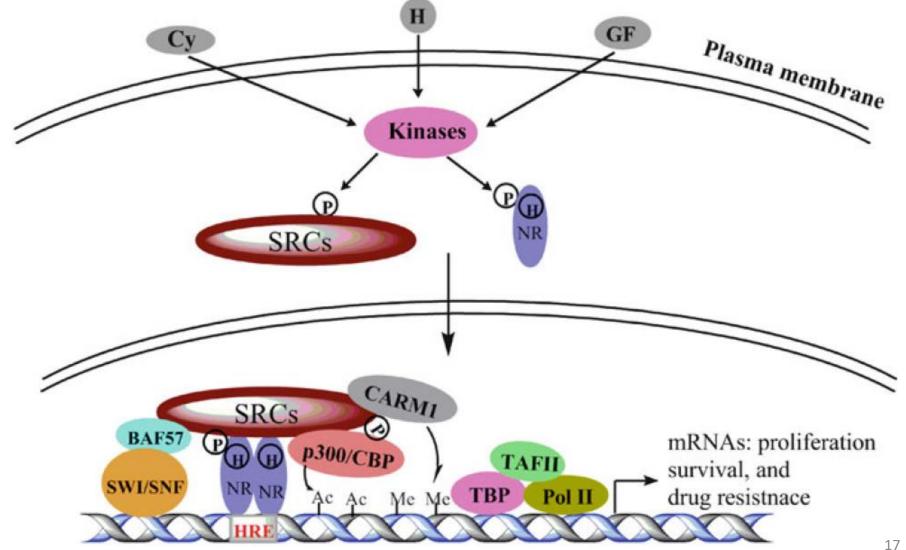
Genomic Mechanism (slow) Inactive ER-HSPER-HSP Co-activators Active ERE transcription

Non-genomic mechanism (fast)



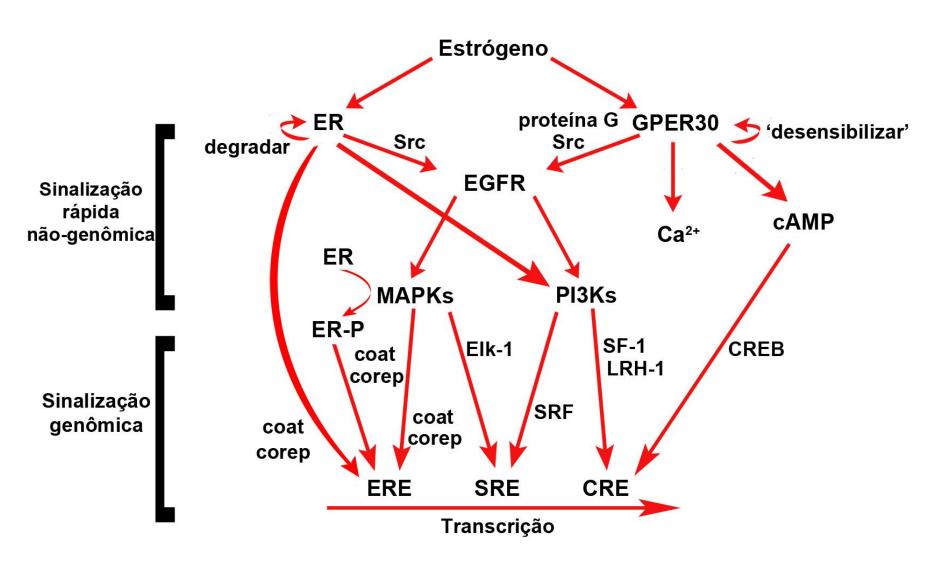
Genomic mechanism

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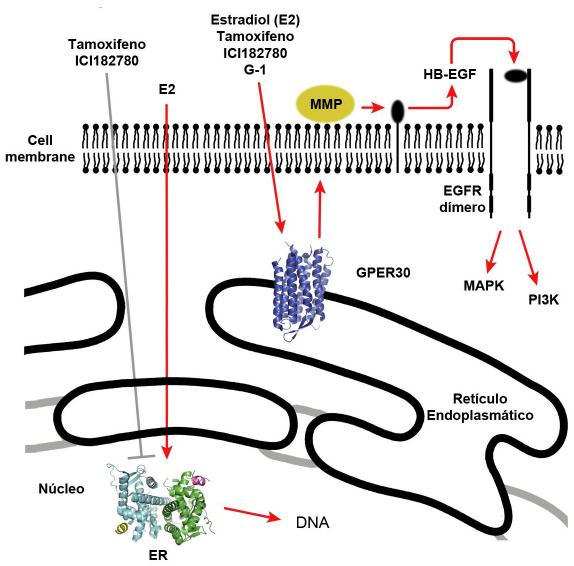
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