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24 **Abstract**

25 G protein-coupled receptors (GPCRs) transduce extracellular signals across biological
26 membranes by activating heterotrimeric $G\alpha\beta\gamma$ proteins. There are 16 different human
27 $G\alpha$ proteins grouped into four families (G_s , $G_{i/o}$, $G_{q/11}$ and $G_{12/13}$), each one activating
28 different signaling cascades. Around 50% of non-olfactory GPCRs activate more than
29 one type of $G\alpha$ proteins with different efficacy and kinetics, triggering a fingerprint-like
30 signaling profile. In this chapter we review the GPCR-G protein promiscuity landscape
31 and discuss recent structures of GPCRs coupled to different $G\alpha$ proteins. Overall, the
32 size and shape of the intracellular cavity (determined by the extent of outward
33 movement of TM6) is maintained when the receptor is coupled to different $G\alpha$ proteins,
34 and is determined by the type of primary $G\alpha$ coupling. The “sub-optimal” secondary
35 $G\alpha$ coupling is further supported by interactions with the intracellular loops, with ICL2
36 and ICL3 having a relevant role in promiscuous couplings.

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48 **Introduction**

49 G protein-coupled receptors (GPCRs) form the largest family of membrane receptors
50 (>800 members in humans) and recognize a staggering amount of extracellular signals
51 (~1,000) that range from subatomic particles (photons) to macromolecules¹. Their high
52 versatility in signal detection as well as their ubiquitous distribution involves GPCRs in
53 a wide variety of (patho-)physiological processes as well as being highly prolific
54 therapeutic targets^{2,3}. Upon detection of stimuli GPCRs transduce the information
55 across biological membranes into the intracellular milieu where they recruit and activate
56 heterotrimeric $G\alpha\beta\gamma$ proteins and arrestins⁴. Heterotrimeric $G\alpha\beta\gamma$ proteins are the
57 primary route for signal transduction which, upon coupling and activation by GPCRs,
58 dissociate into the $G\alpha$ and $G\beta\gamma$ subunits triggering an array of signaling cascades
59 through various effectors (e.g. adenylate cyclase, phospholipase C...) and secondary
60 messengers (cAMP, Ca^{2+} , DAG...) that lead to a cell-specific response^{5,6}. The nature of
61 the activated signaling cascade depends mainly on the type of $G\alpha$ protein. In humans,
62 there are 16 genes that code for distinct $G\alpha$ proteins organized into four families: G_s
63 (G_{olf} and G_s), $G_{i/o}$ (G_{i1} , G_{i2} , G_{i3} , G_o , G_z , G_{t1} , G_{t2} and G_{gust}), $G_{q/11}$ (G_q , G_{11} , G_{14} , G_{15}) and
64 $G_{12/13}$ (G_{12} and G_{13}). The main signaling routes initiated from the different $G\alpha$ proteins
65 are well established: $G\alpha_s$ activates adenylate cyclase and promote the formation of
66 cAMP, $G\alpha_{i/o}$ inhibits the formation of cAMP, $G\alpha_{q/11}$ activates phospholipase C and
67 consequently calcium signaling, and $G\alpha_{12/13}$ activates Rho A GTPases. Although
68 differential expression and sub-cellular compartmentalization can influence the ability
69 of certain GPCRs to activate specific Gproteins⁷⁻¹⁰, it is known that many GPCRs and G
70 proteins can be highly expressed in a single cell-type^{11,12}. Hence, a major contributor to
71 GPCR-G protein selectivity is likely to be the set of specific interactions between
72 GPCRs and G proteins. GPCRs can be specific, coupling to and activating a single type

73 of $G\alpha\beta\gamma$ heterotrimer, or have different degrees of promiscuity, where additional
74 primary and/or secondary couplings to other $G\alpha$ proteins occur. Promiscuous couplings
75 increase the complexity of GPCR signaling, activating different $G\alpha$ proteins with
76 different strengths (efficacies) and kinetics yielding a fingerprint-like profile^{13,14}. Such a
77 complex signaling is bound to be tunable by receptor environment or distinct
78 endogenous/exogenous agonists through biased agonism/functional selectivity¹⁵. In this
79 chapter we review the advances in characterizing promiscuity within the GPCR family
80 and analyze recent structures of GPCRs coupled to different $G\alpha$ proteins.

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82 **On the search for the GPCR – G protein *couplome***

83 A map of the GPCR *couplome* that includes detailed information of which $G\alpha$ proteins
84 are activated by which GPCRs (with associated efficacy/kinetic information when
85 activated by different agonists) would be of great value, and efforts are directed towards
86 that goal. Information about individual GPCR-G protein couplings is recorded, in a
87 qualitative manner (as primary/secondary couplings), in the IUPHAR/BPS Guide to
88 Pharmacology¹⁶. This information originates from the literature and is expert-curated.
89 Additionally, the development of robust cellular Bioluminescence Resonance Energy
90 Transfer (BRET) assays that monitor $G\alpha\beta\gamma$ activation has allowed more systematic
91 comparisons of GPCR-G protein couplings^{17–20}. Two recent large-scale studies and their
92 quantitative merging and normalization have enhanced our knowledge on the GPCR
93 *couplome*^{21–23}. First, Inoue *et al.* used a TGF- α shedding assay in HEK293 cells to study
94 the coupling of the 16 human $G\alpha$ proteins to 148 non-olfactory receptors. In this case
95 the wild-type G_q was used together with chimeric $G\alpha$ proteins where the six C-terminal
96 residues were replaced by their corresponding counterparts in other $G\alpha$ proteins.
97 Additionally, Avet *et al.* used a G protein Effector Membrane Translocator assay

98 (GEMTA) where BRET sensors were used to monitor $G\alpha\beta\gamma$ activation by measuring
99 the translocation of downstream effectors to the plasma membrane. Such an
100 approximation enabled the use of wild-type G proteins and receptors and it was used to
101 determine the GPCR-G protein couplings of 100 GPCRs to the most ubiquitous $G\alpha$
102 proteins (G_s , G_{i1} , G_{i2} , G_z , G_{OA} , G_{OB} , G_q , G_{11} , G_{14} , G_{15} , G_{12} and G_{13} and excluding the
103 specific G_{olf} , G_{i3} , G_{t1} , G_{t2} and G_{gust}). A final study merged and normalized the GPCR-G
104 protein couplings from both datasets and joined it to the information in the
105 IUPHAR/BPS Guide to Pharmacology²². The final consensus map of GPCR-G protein
106 couplings (deposited in the GPCRdb^{24,25}) includes coupling information of 265 non-
107 odorant receptors (67% coverage of non-olfactory GPCRs). Several insights about
108 GPCR-G protein promiscuity can be learnt from this data. First, $G\alpha$ protein promiscuity
109 is a common feature in GPCRs, with ~50% of the receptors (130/256) coupling to two
110 or more types of $G\alpha$ proteins (G_s , $G_{i/O}$, $G_{q/11}$ and $G_{12/13}$). Such magnitude of promiscuity
111 is in agreement with previous estimations using the IUPHAR/BPS Guide to
112 Pharmacology¹². Within the promiscuous receptors, ~64% (83 receptors) have double
113 couplings, ~26% (34 receptors) have triple couplings and 10% (13 receptors) could
114 activate all families of $G\alpha$ proteins (G_s , $G_{i/O}$, $G_{q/11}$ and $G_{12/13}$). All of the later highly
115 promiscuous receptors are Class A GPCRs. Second, there is generally little coupling
116 selectivity between $G\alpha$ protein sub-types, i.e. GPCRs that couple to the $G_{i/O}$ family can
117 normally couple to all sub-types of $G_{i/O}$ proteins. This is somewhat expected due to the
118 high sequence similarity between $G\alpha$ protein sub-types but some GPCRs showed
119 selectivity for a particular sub-type²². Since different $G\alpha$ proteins sub-types have
120 differences in effector engagement selectivity and kinetic profiles¹³, receptor sub-type
121 selectivity can yield relevant differences in functional outcomes^{26,27}. Third, promiscuous
122 receptors showed a negative correlation for co-coupling of G_s and $G_{i/O}$ (this is expected

123 since G_S and $G_{i/O}$ have opposite functional effects) but showed a positive correlation for
124 $G_{i/O}$ and $G_{q/11}$ co-coupling, i.e. promiscuous receptors that co-couple to $G_{i/O}$ and $G_{q/11}$
125 are much more frequent than receptors that co-couple to other $G\alpha$ protein pairs. Finally,
126 receptors that couple primarily to $G_{i/O}$ are more selective than receptors coupling to G_S
127 and $G_{q/11}$ (in line with previous reports from the literature¹⁸), while receptors that couple
128 to $G_{12/13}$ tend to couple to other $G\alpha$ proteins frequently (i.e. selective $G_{12/13}$ coupling is
129 uncommon). Overall, GPCR – G protein promiscuity is ubiquitous and thus, is an
130 important element within GPCR signaling.

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132 **Structural studies of GPCRs coupled to G proteins**

133 The selectivity mechanisms by which GPCRs couple to specific $G\alpha$ proteins is a subject
134 of intense research with high-resolution structural determination being a highly valuable
135 tool. Although an initial X-ray crystal structure of a GPCR- G_S complex was determined
136 in 2011²⁸, the high requirements of X-ray crystallography has made crystallization of
137 GPCR-G protein complexes an arduous task and alternative approximations have been
138 used^{29,30}. The cryo-electron microscopy (cryo-EM) “resolution revolution”³¹ made
139 structure determination of GPCR-G protein complexes more accessible³². Initial cryo-
140 EM structures of Class B and A GPCRs coupled to a G_S heterotrimer³³ were rapidly
141 followed by structures of GPCRs coupled to $G_{i/O}$ ^{34–37} and $G_{q/11}$ heterotrimers³⁸. Since
142 then, cryo-EM structures of GPCRs coupled to different G proteins, arrestins and
143 kinases have been growing exponentially³⁹ and, as of April 2022, over 200 structures of
144 GPCR-G protein complexes have been deposited in the Protein Data Bank⁴⁰. In general,
145 agonists binding at the extracellular orthosteric site triggers a conformational change in
146 the conserved CWxP, PIF, NPxxY and E/DRY motifs in the receptor that converge at
147 the intracellular cavity where there are rearrangements of TM3, TM6 and TM7 that

148 allow to accommodate the C-terminal $\alpha 5$ of the $G\alpha$ protein^{41,42}. The selectivity barcode
149 between GPCRs and G proteins is still not understood, although it is believed that a
150 three-dimensional epitope presented by the $G\alpha$ protein is read by the receptor
151 determining successful coupling and activation⁴³. The $\alpha 5$ of the $G\alpha$ protein seems to be
152 the major determinant of specificity since replacement of its outmost C-terminal
153 residues are enough to modify its specificity⁴⁴. However, elements outside the $\alpha 5$ have
154 been shown to have differential contributions in a GPCR-G protein specific manner^{18,45}.
155 From the initial cryo-EM structures, distinct modes of engagement that are $G\alpha$ protein
156 dependent arose^{46,47}. First, a trend in the magnitude of TM6 outward swing
157 differentiates between G_S and $G_{i/O}$ - $G_{q/11}$ coupling receptors which is wide for G_S
158 coupling receptors (accommodating the bulkier $G_S\alpha 5$) and narrower for $G_{i/O}$ and $G_{q/11}$
159 coupling receptors (Figure 1A). Such movement contributes majorly to the size and
160 shape of the intracellular cavity for the $\alpha 5$ of the $G\alpha$ protein. As usual with GPCRs, this
161 is only a trend and exceptions to the rule have been reported^{48,49}. Second, the angle of
162 insertion of the G protein $\alpha 5$ with respect to the receptor TM3 is larger for $G_{i/O}$ coupled
163 receptors than for G_S coupling receptors (i.e. $G_{i/O}$ inserts to the receptor more
164 perpendicularly to the membrane than G_S) (Figure 1B), while an anti-clockwise rotation
165 of the G proteins (as viewed from the extracellular side) tends to be more pronounced
166 for $G_{q/11}$ coupling³⁸ than for $G_{i/O}$ and G_S coupling (Figure 1C). Lastly, the insertion and
167 rotation angle is somewhat correlated with the amount of interactions between the
168 intracellular loop 2 (ICL2) and the $\beta 1$ - αN of the $G\alpha$ protein, with G_q and G_S displaying
169 extensive interactions and $G_{i/O}$ having weaker or absent interactions^{34,46,50}.

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171 **Structures of GPCRs bound to multiple G proteins**

172 There are currently seven receptors whose cryo-EM structures have been determined in
173 the presence of more than one type of $G\alpha$ proteins. Here we compare, for each receptor,
174 the structures bound to the same agonist but coupled to different $G\alpha$ proteins. These
175 include: one receptor coupled to G_S and $G_{i/O}$ (GCGR⁵¹), one receptor coupled to G_S and
176 $G_{q/11}$ (NK₁R⁵²), one receptor coupled to G_q , G_{i1} and G_S (CCK_AR^{53,54}) and four receptors
177 coupled to $G_{i/O}$ and $G_{q/11}$ (GSHR^{50,53,55}, CCK_BR⁵⁶, GPR139⁵⁷ and MRGPRX2⁵⁸) (Table
178 1). Overall, there are six Class A receptors and one Class B receptor, with a large
179 number of examples of receptors coupled to $G_{i/O} - G_{q/11}$ (consistent with the increased
180 frequency of this co-couplers²²).

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182 *G_S-G_{i/O} coupling: the GCGR.* The GCGR structure has been determined when coupled
183 to G_S (primary coupling) and G_{i1} (secondary coupling). The active GCGR shows a
184 large 19 Å swing of TM6 characteristic of Class B receptors when coupled to G_S ⁵⁹, and
185 is also maintained when coupled to G_{i1} (not characteristic in primary $G_{i/O}$ coupling
186 receptors)(Figure 2A). Hence, the G_{i1} and G_S $\alpha 5$ share a similar cavity, although the G_{i1}
187 $\alpha 5$ engages in less contacts with a smaller amount of buried surface area. The major
188 differences in the receptor between the G_S and G_{i1} coupled structures are found within
189 the ICLs. ICL2 in the G_{i1} complex swings away from the $\beta 1$ - αN losing the extensive
190 interactions made during G_S coupling (Figure 2D). ICL1 and ICL3 also contribute with
191 interactions to G_{i1} which upon mutation were found to be functionally important for G_{i1}
192 and, to lesser extent, for G_S coupling⁵¹.

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194 *G_{q/11}-G_S (and G_{i/O}) coupling: the NK₁R and CCK_AR.* These receptors have marked
195 differences in the degree of preference for the $G_{q/11}$ and G_S proteins, NK₁R has slight
196 preference (or no preference depending on source) for G_q while CCK_AR has up to 1000

197 times preference for G_q ⁵⁴. The structures of NK_1R coupled to G_S and G_q show a
198 conserved receptor conformation with a narrow opening of TM6 characteristic of G_q
199 coupling (Figure 2B). The angle of insertion and rotation of the $G\alpha$ protein relative to
200 the receptor is conserved for both $G\alpha$ proteins and is reminiscent of G_q coupling with
201 extensive interactions between ICL2 and $\beta 1$ - αN . Overall the NK_1R seems to achieve a
202 similar coupling for both $G\alpha$ proteins by engaging G_S in a G_q -like manner (Figure
203 2G). $G_q\alpha 5$ binds slightly deeper in the intracellular crevice making just one more
204 interaction than the $\alpha 5$ of $G\alpha_S$. The $CCK_A R$ can couple to all four families of $G\alpha$
205 proteins. $CCK_A R$ structures coupled to G_S , G_q and G_{i1} (structures with $G\alpha$ closest to
206 wild-type were chosen for analysis) show a receptor with small swing of TM6
207 characteristic of G_q and $G_{i/O}$ coupling (Figure 2B). In this case, G_q and G_S bind
208 differently (Figure 2G) with an angle of insertion and rotation that is characteristic of
209 each $G\alpha$ protein (as so does G_{i1}). ICL2 appears more flexible in the G_q and G_i couplings
210 with less interactions at the ICL2- $\beta 1$ - αN interface than the G_S coupling. In this case,
211 the G_q -like TM6 limits the space available for the bulky G_S and hence, the outmost
212 residues within the “wavy hook” are forced to unwind protruding out of the receptor
213 between TM6 and TM7 (Figure 2G). ICL3 interacts with G_q and G_i but not with G_S . In
214 this case ICL3 is sandwiched between TM5 and the $G\alpha$ protein and its modification
215 influences specifically the primary G_q coupling⁵³ (Figure 2F).

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217 *$G_{q/11} - G_{i/O}$ couplers: the $GSGHR$, $MRGPRX2$, $CCK_B R$ and $GPRI39$.* All of the $G_{q/11} -$
218 $G_{i/O}$ coupling receptors are primary couplers to $G_{q/11}$ except for the $MRGPRX2$ to $G_{i/O}$
219 is as efficient as to $G_{q/11}$ ⁵⁸. The angles of insertion and rotation for all $G_{q/11}$ and $G_{i/O}$
220 couplings are characteristic of each $G\alpha$ protein, and they all display a conserved
221 receptor structure when coupled to $G_{q/11}$ and $G_{i/O}$ (Figures 2C). In all receptors there is a

222 minor extension/ordering of TM6 when coupled to $G_{i/O}$ in order to keep its conserved
223 interaction with the final aromatic residue in $G_{i/O}$ (G.H5.26, common CGN numbering⁵).
224 ICL2 makes interactions with the $\beta 1$ - αN in all complexes except for the GSHR coupled
225 to G_{O1} (Figure 2E). Finally, in the MRGPRX2- G_{i1} complex, ICL3 makes extensive
226 interactions with G_i but it is disordered when coupled to G_q .

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228 **Insights from structures of GPCRs bound to multiple G proteins**

229 In accordance with previous studies⁴⁶, there is not a simple correlation between
230 selective or promiscuous couplings and sequence conservation. However, some overall
231 trends arise from these structures of GPCRs coupled to different $G\alpha$ proteins.

232 First, promiscuous GPCRs use a similar intracellular cavity for primary and secondary
233 couplings, as determined by the movement (or lack thereof) of the receptor TM6. The
234 outward swing of TM6 is a hallmark of GPCR activation and determines the size and
235 shape of the intracellular cavity. The magnitude of the swing is correlated with the type
236 of $G\alpha$ coupling (larger for G_S and narrower for $G_{i/O}$ and $G_{q/11}$ ^{38,46,47}). In the available
237 structures of GPCRs coupled to different $G\alpha$ proteins, TM6 does not change upon
238 coupling to different G proteins, and therefore, primary and secondary $G\alpha$ proteins are
239 required to use a similar intracellular cavity.

240 Second, the magnitude of the TM6 outward swing in promiscuous GPCR-G protein
241 pairs is determined by the primary coupler. As an example, the GCGR, uses a wide
242 open TM6 characteristic of its primary G_S coupling, which the secondary G_{i1} is required
243 to use. Conversely, the $CCK_A R$ and $NK_1 R G_q$ which are primary G_q couplers adopt a
244 narrower TM6 typical of its G_q coupling, while their secondary G_S is required to adapt
245 to this narrow G_q -like pocket in both of them. It is tempting to speculate that
246 promiscuous GPCRs regulate coupling preference by optimizing the conformation of

247 TM6 to its primary coupler while the secondary coupler will be required to bind “sub-
248 optimally”. Of relevance is the unwinding of the “wavy hook” in secondary G_S coupling
249 when bound to the CCK_{AR} , a feature not present in the NK_1R when bound also to its
250 secondary G_S protein. It is tempting to speculate that such a difference might be the base
251 of their difference in secondary G_S coupling efficacy. In the case of $G_{i/O}$ - $G_{q/11}$ co-
252 couplers, all adopt a TM6 conformation that is narrower in comparison to receptors
253 coupling to G_S . The fact that the TM6 outward swing is similar for $G_{i/O}$ and $G_{q/11}$
254 couplings might explain the fact that receptors that co-couple to $G_{i/O}$ and $G_{q/11}$ are much
255 more abundant than receptors coupling to other pairs²². This would be in line with the
256 hypothesis that receptors coupling to G_S are more promiscuous than receptors that
257 couple primarily to $G_{i/O}$ ^{18,21}, however how $G_{q/11}$ primary couplers are more promiscuous
258 than $G_{i/O}$ is unknown.

259 Third, the angle of insertion and rotation of the $G\alpha$ protein in comparison to the
260 receptor is normally maintained as is characteristic for each type of $G\alpha$ protein, with the
261 only exception of the NK_1R - G_S and G_q complexes. This has an impact on the interaction
262 of $G\alpha$ proteins with the ICLs of the receptors. The fact that the engagement mode is
263 maintained using a different intracellular cavity might support the idea of this
264 interaction to be “sub-optimal”.

265 Finally, the ICLs are the structural elements in the receptors that most change when
266 coupling to different $G\alpha$ proteins. ICL3 contributes differential interactions between the
267 $G\alpha$ proteins in 5 out of 7 GPCR-G protein complexes (non in CCK_{BR} and NK_1R). In the
268 $MRGPRX2$ - G_{i1} and $GCGR$ - G_S there is an ordering of ICL3 to make additional
269 interactions with the $G\alpha$ protein. In the $GSHR$ - G_O (and not the G_q or G_{i1} complexes), an
270 extension of TM6 contributes additional interactions with the $G\alpha$ protein and, in the
271 $GPR139$ - G_{i1} the ICL3 rearranges to make a different set of interactions with the $G\alpha$

272 protein. Finally, in the CCK_AR there is an increasing ordering of ICL3 to make
273 additional interactions to each G α protein that correlates with their respective efficacies
274 ($G_q > G_i > G_s$)(consensus efficacy ranking in both Inoue and Avet datasets) (Figure 2F).
275 Hence, it could be that ICL3 takes a prominent role in regulating G protein coupling
276 efficacy in CCK_AR. There is no correlation between ordering or type of interactions of
277 ICL3 and primary/secondary couplings. Previous studies using chimeric receptors with
278 exchanged ICL3s having a functional impact on G protein promiscuity support the role
279 of ICL3 in promiscuous G α couplings⁴⁵. However, it seems that there are divergent
280 modes of using ICL3 to regulate G α protein promiscuity. ICL2 changes conformation
281 or interactions (correlated to the different angle of insertion/rotation of the G α protein)
282 in most GPCR-G protein complexes. The most prominent conformational changes in
283 ICL2 occur in the GCGR and the GSHR where it forms extensive interactions with the
284 $\beta 1$ - αN in the G_S and G_q complexes respectively and loses all interaction when coupled
285 with G_i and G_O respectively. The interactions between ICL2 and the $\beta 1$ - αN junction are
286 important for G protein selectivity and hence, promiscuity^{60,61}, however no patterns can
287 be extracted from the current dataset. Overall, they follow the engagement mode of each
288 type of G α protein where G_S and G_{q/11} make extensive interactions with $\beta 1$ - αN and G_{i/O}
289 shows weaker interactions. Finally, ICL1 is seen to interact in a functional manner with
290 G_{i1} and not G_S in the GCGR. However, no other receptor shows a differential
291 interaction of ICL1 within their different G α protein couplings. Based on these
292 structures, care must be taken when using chimeric G α proteins for structural studies so
293 as not to distort interactions outside the $\alpha 5$ of the G α protein taking place through the
294 ICLs.
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296 **Summary and future perspectives**

297 Overall, GPCR-G protein promiscuous couplings occur through the same intracellular
298 cavity whose features seem to be dictated by the primary G α coupling, while the ICLs
299 take a prominent role in making differential interactions during promiscuous couplings.
300 There seems to be divergent roles for GPCRs using ICLs in promiscuous couplings,
301 which seem to be specific for each GPCR-G protein pairs (at least with current data).
302 This information could guide drug development, e.g. regulation of promiscuous GPCR-
303 G protein activation through modulation of ICLs. Additional structural information as
304 well as more established GPCR-G protein couplings will aid in the determination of the
305 selectivity barcode and mechanisms of GPCR-G protein promiscuity. A better chance of
306 finding a more defined sequence barcode for GPCR-G protein selectivity might be to
307 search in more segregated groups such as selective GPCRs of a particular type or
308 promiscuous GPCRs with the same primary coupler. However, given the seeming
309 complexity of GPCR selectivity, where promiscuous GPCRs activate differentially, in
310 efficacy and kinetics, different families and sub-types of G α protein, a unique selectivity
311 barcode for each GPCR and G α protein set might be possible.

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479 **Table 1. Summary of GPCR structures coupled to different G α proteins.**

480 DN: Dominant Negative G α protein.

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482 **Figure 1. Engagement modes of different G α protein.** Structures of model GPCRs

483 coupled to G_S (β_2 adrenergic receptor, β_2 AR, PDB 3SN6), G_{i/o} (serotonin 5-HT_{1B}

484 receptor, 5-HT_{1B}R, PDB 6G79) and G_{q/11} (Histamine 1 receptor, H₁R, PDB 7DFL).

485 Structures are aligned on the receptor and depicted as green (β_2 AR), blue (H₁R) and red

486 (5-HT_{1B}R) cartoons. **(A)** TM6 outward swing in the G_S, G_O and G₁₁ coupled receptors.

487 **(B)** Insertion angle of G_S, G_{i/o} and G_{q/11} α_5 into the receptor. **(C)** Rotation angle of the

488 G_S, G_{i/o} and G_{q/11} with respect to the receptor when view from the extracellular side.

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490 **Figure 2: Structural comparison of receptors coupled to different G α proteins.**

491 Structures aligned on the receptor are shown as blue (G_{q/11}), red (G_i), orange (G_O) and

492 green (G_S) cartoons with receptors and G proteins shown in bright and pale colors

493 respectively. Structures of GPCRs bound to different G α proteins are arranged

494 depending on their co-coupling: G_S-G_{i/o} **(A)**; G_{q/11}-G_S (and G_{i/o}) **(B)** and G_{q/11}-G_{i/o} **(C)**.

495 Conformational changes of receptor ICL2 are shown for GCGR **(D)** and GSHR **(E)** and

496 in ICL3 in CCK_AR. ICL3 residues are depicted as sticks of their respective colours **(F)**.
497 **(G)**The differential engagement of the G_q and G_s α5 between the NK₁R (blue and red
498 respectively) and CCK_AR (yellow and green respectively) is shown in **(G)** with the Gα
499 and receptors shown as dark and pale colors respectively.



