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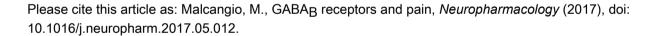
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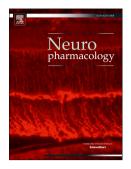
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Abstract

Over the past three decades the research on GABA_B receptor biology and pharmacology in

pain processing has been a fascinating experience. Norman Bowery's fundamental

discovery of the existence of the GABA_B receptor has led the way to the definition of

GABA_B molecular mechanisms; patterns of receptor expression in the peripheral and central

nervous system; GABA_B modulatory functions within the pain pathways. We are now

harnessing this acquired knowledge to develop innovative approaches to the therapeutic

management of chronic pain through allosteric modulation of the GABA_B. Norman's legacy

would be ultimately fulfilled by the development of novel analgesics that activate the GABAB

receptor.

Key words: GABA_B receptor, nociception, inflammatory pain, neuropathic pain

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