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# THE CONCISE GUIDE TO PHARMACOLOGY 2015/16: Catalytic receptors

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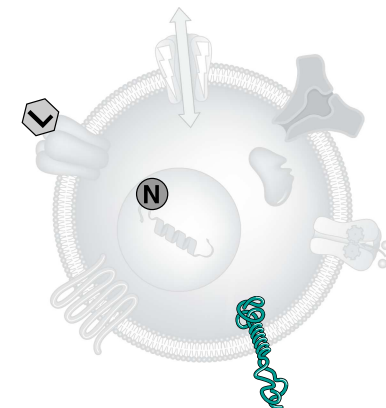
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## Abstract

The Concise Guide to PHARMACOLOGY 2015/16 provides concise overviews of the key properties of over 1750 human drug targets with their pharmacology, plus links to an open access knowledgebase of drug targets and their ligands ([www.guidetopharmacology.org](http://www.guidetopharmacology.org)), which provides more detailed views of target and ligand properties. The full contents can be found at <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/bph.13353/full>. G protein-coupled receptors are one of the eight major pharmacological targets into which the Guide is divided, with the others being: G protein-coupled receptors, ligand-gated ion channels, voltage-gated ion channels, other ion channels, nuclear hormone receptors, enzymes and transporters. These are presented with nomenclature guidance and summary information on the best available pharmacological tools, alongside key references and suggestions for further reading. The Concise Guide is published in landscape format in order to facilitate comparison of related targets. It is a condensed version of material contemporary to late 2015, which is presented in greater detail and constantly updated on the website [www.guidetopharmacology.org](http://www.guidetopharmacology.org), superseding data presented in the previous Guides to Receptors & Channels and the Concise Guide to PHARMACOLOGY 2013/14. It is produced in conjunction with NC-IUPHAR and provides the official IUPHAR classification and nomenclature for human drug targets, where appropriate. It consolidates information previously curated and displayed separately in IUPHAR-DB and GRAC and provides a permanent, citable, point-in-time record that will survive database updates.

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**Overview:** Catalytic receptors are cell-surface proteins, usually dimeric in nature, which encompass ligand binding and functional domains in one polypeptide chain. The ligand binding domain is placed on the extracellular surface of the plasma membrane and separated from the functional domain by a single transmembrane-spanning domain of 20–25 hydrophobic amino acids. The functional domain on the intracellular face of the plasma membrane has catalytic activity, or interacts with particular enzymes, giving the superfamily of receptors its name. En-

dogenous agonists of the catalytic receptor superfamily are peptides or proteins, the binding of which may induce dimerization of the receptor, which is the functional version of the receptor. Amongst the catalytic receptors, particular subfamilies may be readily identified dependent on the function of the enzymatic portion of the receptor. The smallest group is the particulate guanylyl cyclases of the natriuretic peptide receptor family. The most widely recognized group is probably the receptor tyrosine kinase (RTK) family, epitomized by the neurotrophin receptor

family, where a crucial initial step is the activation of a signalling cascade by autophosphorylation of the receptor on intracellular tyrosine residue(s) catalyzed by enzyme activity intrinsic to the receptor. A third group is the extrinsic protein tyrosine kinase receptors, where the catalytic activity resides in a separate protein from the binding site. Examples of this group include the GDNF and ErbB receptor families, where one, catalytically silent, member of the heterodimer is activated upon binding the ligand, causing the second member of the heterodimer, lacking ligand

binding capacity, to initiate signaling through tyrosine phosphorylation. A fourth group, the receptor threonine/serine kinase (RTSK) family, exemplified by TGF- $\beta$  and BMP receptors, has intrinsic serine/threonine protein kinase activity in the het-

erodimeric functional unit. A fifth group is the receptor tyrosine phosphatases (RTP), which appear to lack cognate ligands, but may be triggered by events such as cell:cell contact and have identified roles in the skeletal, hematopoietic and

immune systems.

A sixth group of catalytic receptors in the Guide is the integrins, which have roles in cell:cell communication, often associated with signaling in the blood.

### Family structure

5981 Cytokine receptor family	6000 Type I receptor serine/threonine kinases	6010 Type X RTKs: HGF (hepatocyte growth factor) receptor family
5981 IL-2 receptor family	6001 Type II receptor serine/threonine kinases	
5983 IL-3 receptor family	6001 Type III receptor serine/threonine kinases	6011 Type XI RTKs: TAM (TYRO3-, AXL- and MER-TK) receptor family
5983 IL-6 receptor family	6002 RSTK functional heteromers	
5985 IL-12 receptor family	6003 Receptor tyrosine kinases	6012 Type XII RTKs: TIE family of angiopoietin receptors
5985 Prolactin receptor family	6004 Type I RTKs: ErbB (epidermal growth factor) receptor family	6012 Type XIII RTKs: Ephrin receptor family
5986 Interferon receptor family		6013 Type XIV RTKs: RET
5987 IL-10 receptor family	6005 Type II RTKs: Insulin receptor family	6014 Type XV RTKs: RYK
5988 Immunoglobulin-like family of IL-1 receptors	6005 Type III RTKs: PDGFR, CSFR, Kit, FLT3 receptor family	6014 Type XVI RTKs: DDR (collagen receptor) family
5989 IL-17 receptor family	6007 Type IV RTKs: VEGF (vascular endothelial growth factor) receptor family	6015 Type XVII RTKs: ROS receptors
5990 GDNF receptor family		6015 Type XVIII RTKs: LMR family
5991 Integrins	6008 Type V RTKs: FGF (fibroblast growth factor) receptor family	6016 Type XIX RTKs: Leukocyte tyrosine kinase (LTK) receptor family
5994 Natriuretic peptide receptor family		6016 Type XX RTKs: STYK1
5996 Pattern recognition receptors	6008 Type VI RTKs: PTK7/CCK4	- TKL: Tyrosine kinase-like
5996 Toll-like receptor family	6009 Type VII RTKs: Neurotrophin receptor/Trk family	6017 Receptor tyrosine phosphatases (RTP)
5997 NOD-like receptor family	6010 Type VIII RTKs: ROR family	6018 Tumour necrosis factor (TNF) receptor family
- Receptor kinases	6010 Type IX RTKs: MuSK	
- Other protein kinases		
- TK: Tyrosine kinase		
5999 Receptor serine/threonine kinase (RSTK) family		

## Cytokine receptor family

Catalytic receptors → Cytokine receptor family

**Overview:** Cytokines are not a clearly defined group of agents, other than having an impact on immune signalling pathways, although many cytokines have effects on other systems, such as in development. A feature of some cytokines, which allows them to be distinguished from hormones, is that they may be produced by “non-secretory” cells, for example, endothelial cells. Within the cytokine receptor family, some subfamilies may be identified, which are described elsewhere in the Guide to PHARMACOLOGY, receptors for the **TNF family**, the **TGF- $\beta$  family** and the **chemokines**. Within this group of records are described Type I cytokine receptors, typified by interleukin receptors, and Type II cytokine receptors, exemplified by interferon receptors. These receptors possess a conserved extracellular region, known as the cytokine receptor homology domain (CHD), along with a range of other structural modules, including extracellular immunoglobulin (Ig)-like and fibronectin type III (FBNIII)-like domains, a trans-

membrane domain, and intracellular homology domains. An unusual feature of this group of agents is the existence of soluble and decoy receptors. These bind cytokines without allowing signalling to occur. A further attribute is the production of endogenous antagonist molecules, which bind to the receptors selectively and prevent signalling. A commonality of these families of receptors is the ligand-induced homo- or hetero-oligomerisation, which results in the recruitment of intracellular protein partners to evoke cellular responses, particularly in inflammatory or haematopoietic signalling. Although not an exclusive signalling pathway, a common feature of the majority of cytokine receptors is activation of the JAK/STAT pathway. This cascade is based around the protein tyrosine kinase activity of the Janus kinases (JAK), which phosphorylate the receptor and thereby facilitate the recruitment of signal transducers and activators of transcription (STATs). The activated homo- or heterodimeric STATs func-

tion principally as transcription factors in the nucleus.

**Type I cytokine receptors** are characterized by two pairs of conserved cysteines linked via disulfide bonds and a C-terminal WSXWS motif within their CHD. Type I receptors are commonly classified into five groups, based on sequence and structural homology of the receptor and its cytokine ligand, which is potentially more reflective of evolutionary relationships than an earlier scheme based on the use of common signal transducing chains within a receptor complex. These are the IL-2, IL-3, IL-6, IL-12 and prolactin families.

**Type II cytokine receptors** also have two pairs of conserved cysteines but with a different arrangement to Type I and also lack the WSXWS motif. The type II cytokine receptors include the interferon, IL-10, IL-1 and IL-17 receptors.

## IL-2 receptor family

Catalytic receptors → Cytokine receptor family → IL-2 receptor family

**Overview:** The IL-2 receptor family consists of one or more ligand-selective subunits, and a common  $\gamma$  chain ( $\gamma$ c): *IL2RG*, [P31785](#)), though IL-4 and IL-7 receptors can form complexes with other receptor chains. Receptors of this family associate with Jak1 and Jak3, primarily activating Stat5, although certain family members can also activate Stat1, Stat3, or Stat6. Ro264550 has been described as a selective IL-2 receptor antagonist, which binds to IL-2 [[177](#)].

Nomenclature	<a href="#">Interleukin-2 receptor</a>	<a href="#">Interleukin-4 receptor type I</a>	<a href="#">Interleukin-4 receptor type II</a>	<a href="#">Interleukin-7 receptor</a>	<a href="#">Interleukin-9 receptor</a>
Subunits	<a href="#">Interleukin-2 receptor subunit <math>\beta</math></a> (Ligand-binding subunit), <a href="#">Interleukin-2 receptor subunit <math>\gamma</math></a> (Other subunit), <a href="#">Interleukin-2 receptor subunit <math>\alpha</math></a> (Ligand-binding subunit)	<a href="#">Interleukin-4 receptor subunit <math>\alpha</math></a> (Ligand-binding subunit), <a href="#">Interleukin-2 receptor subunit <math>\gamma</math></a> (Other subunit)	<a href="#">Interleukin-13 receptor subunit <math>\alpha</math>1</a> (Other subunit), <a href="#">Interleukin-4 receptor subunit <math>\alpha</math></a> (Ligand-binding subunit)	<a href="#">Interleukin-2 receptor subunit <math>\gamma</math></a> (Other subunit), <a href="#">Interleukin-7 receptor subunit <math>\alpha</math></a> (Ligand-binding subunit)	<a href="#">Interleukin-2 receptor subunit <math>\gamma</math></a> (Other subunit), <a href="#">Interleukin 9 receptor</a> (Ligand-binding subunit)
Endogenous agonists	<a href="#">IL-2</a> ( <a href="#">IL2</a> , <a href="#">P60568</a> )	<a href="#">IL-4</a> ( <a href="#">IL4</a> , <a href="#">P05112</a> )	<a href="#">IL-13</a> ( <a href="#">IL13</a> , <a href="#">P35225</a> ), <a href="#">IL-4</a> ( <a href="#">IL4</a> , <a href="#">P05112</a> )	<a href="#">IL-7</a> ( <a href="#">IL7</a> , <a href="#">P13232</a> )	<a href="#">IL-9</a> ( <a href="#">IL9</a> , <a href="#">P15248</a> )
Endogenous antagonists	<a href="#">IL-1 receptor antagonist</a> ( <a href="#">IL1RN</a> , <a href="#">P18510</a> )	–	–	–	–
Antagonists	<a href="#">Ro26-4550</a> [ <a href="#">177</a> ]	–	–	–	–
Selective antagonists	<a href="#">AF12198</a> [ <a href="#">3</a> ]	–	–	–	–

Nomenclature	Interleukin 13 receptor, $\alpha 2$	Interleukin-15 receptor	Interleukin-21 receptor	Thymic stromal lymphopoietin receptor
HGNC, UniProt	<a href="#">IL13RA2</a> , <a href="#">Q14627</a>	–	–	–
Subunits	–	Interleukin-2 receptor subunit $\beta$ (Ligand-binding subunit), Interleukin-15 receptor subunit $\alpha$ (Ligand-binding subunit), Interleukin-2 receptor subunit $\gamma$ (Other subunit)	Interleukin-2 receptor subunit $\gamma$ (Other subunit), Interleukin 21 receptor (Ligand-binding subunit)	Cytokine receptor-like factor 2 (Other subunit), Interleukin-7 receptor subunit $\alpha$ (Ligand-binding subunit)
Endogenous agonists	–	IL-15 ( <a href="#">IL15</a> , <a href="#">P40933</a> )	IL-21 ( <a href="#">IL21</a> , <a href="#">Q9HBE4</a> )	thymic stromal lymphopoietin ( <a href="#">TSLP</a> , <a href="#">Q969D9</a> )
Comments	Decoy receptor that binds IL-13 ( <a href="#">IL13</a> , <a href="#">P35225</a> ) as a monomer.	–	–	–

#### Subunits

Nomenclature	Interleukin-2 receptor subunit $\alpha$	Interleukin-2 receptor subunit $\beta$	Interleukin-2 receptor subunit $\gamma$	Interleukin-4 receptor subunit $\alpha$	Interleukin-7 receptor subunit $\alpha$
HGNC, UniProt	<a href="#">IL2RA</a> , <a href="#">P01589</a>	<a href="#">IL2RB</a> , <a href="#">P14784</a>	<a href="#">IL2RG</a> , <a href="#">P31785</a>	<a href="#">IL4R</a> , <a href="#">P24394</a>	<a href="#">IL7R</a> , <a href="#">P16871</a>
Antibodies	<a href="#">daclizumab</a> (Binding) ( $pK_d > 8$ ) [ <a href="#">154</a> ], <a href="#">basiliximab</a> (Binding)	–	–	<a href="#">dupilumab</a> (Binding) ( $pIC_{50}$ 11.1) [ <a href="#">121</a> ]	–

Nomenclature	Interleukin 9 receptor	Interleukin-13 receptor subunit $\alpha 1$	Interleukin-15 receptor subunit $\alpha$	Interleukin 21 receptor	Cytokine receptor-like factor 2
HGNC, UniProt	<a href="#">IL9R</a> , <a href="#">Q01113</a>	<a href="#">IL13RA1</a> , <a href="#">P78552</a>	<a href="#">IL15RA</a> , <a href="#">Q13261</a>	<a href="#">IL21R</a> , <a href="#">Q9HBE5</a>	<a href="#">CRLF2</a> , <a href="#">Q9HC73</a>

## IL-3 receptor family

Catalytic receptors → Cytokine receptor family → IL-3 receptor family

**Overview:** The IL-3 receptor family signal through a receptor complex comprising of a ligand-specific  $\alpha$  subunit and a common  $\beta$  chain (*CSF2RB*, P32927), which is associated with Jak2 and signals primarily through Stat5.

Nomenclature	Interleukin-3 receptor	Interleukin-5 receptor	Granulocyte macrophage colony-stimulating factor receptor
Subunits	Interleukin 3 receptor, $\alpha$ subunit (Ligand-binding subunit), Cytokine receptor common $\beta$ subunit (Other subunit)	Interleukin 5 receptor, $\alpha$ subunit (Ligand-binding subunit), Cytokine receptor common $\beta$ subunit (Other subunit)	GM-CSF receptor, $\alpha$ subunit (Ligand-binding subunit), Cytokine receptor common $\beta$ subunit (Other subunit)
Endogenous agonists	IL-3 ( <i>IL3</i> , P08700)	IL-5 ( <i>IL5</i> , P05113)	G-CSF ( <i>CSF3</i> , P09919), GM-CSF ( <i>CSF2</i> , P04141)
Selective antagonists	–	YM90709 [133]	–

### Subunits

Nomenclature	Interleukin 3 receptor, $\alpha$ subunit	Interleukin 5 receptor, $\alpha$ subunit	GM-CSF receptor, $\alpha$ subunit	Cytokine receptor common $\beta$ subunit
HGNC, UniProt	<i>IL3RA</i> , P26951	<i>IL5RA</i> , Q01344	<i>CSF2RA</i> , P15509	<i>CSF2RB</i> , P32927
Endogenous agonists	IL-3 ( <i>IL3</i> , P08700)	IL-5 ( <i>IL5</i> , P05113)	GM-CSF ( <i>CSF2</i> , P04141)	–
Antibodies	–	benralizumab (Binding) ( $pK_d$ 8.7) [93]	mavrilimumab (Binding) ( $pI_{C_{50}}$ 9.9) [29]	–

## IL-6 receptor family

Catalytic receptors → Cytokine receptor family → IL-6 receptor family

**Overview:** The IL-6 receptor family signal through a ternary receptor complex consisting of the cognate receptor and either the IL-6 signal transducer gp130 (*IL6ST*, P40189) or the oncostatin M-specific receptor,  $\beta$  subunit (*OSMR*, Q99650), which then activates the JAK/STAT, Ras/Raf/MAPK and PI 3-kinase/PKB signalling modules. Unusually amongst the cytokine receptors, the CNTF receptor is a glycerophosphatidylinositol-linked protein.

Nomenclature	<b>Interleukin-6 receptor</b>	<b>Interleukin-11 receptor</b>	<b>Interleukin-31 receptor</b>	<b>Ciliary neurotrophic factor receptor</b>
Subunits	<b>Interleukin-6 receptor, <math>\alpha</math> subunit</b> (Ligand-binding subunit), <b>Interleukin-6 receptor, <math>\beta</math> subunit</b> (Other subunit)	<b>Interleukin-11 receptor, <math>\alpha</math> subunit</b> (Ligand-binding subunit), <b>Interleukin-6 receptor, <math>\beta</math> subunit</b> (Other subunit)	<b>Interleukin-31 receptor, <math>\alpha</math> subunit</b> (Ligand-binding subunit), <b>Oncostatin M-specific receptor, <math>\beta</math> subunit</b> (Other subunit)	<b>Leukemia inhibitory factor receptor</b> (Other subunit), <b>Interleukin-6 receptor, <math>\beta</math> subunit</b> , <b>Ciliary neurotrophic factor receptor <math>\alpha</math> subunit</b> (Ligand-binding subunit)
Endogenous agonists	<b>IL-6</b> ( <i>IL6</i> , P05231)	<b>IL-11</b> ( <i>IL11</i> , P20809)	<b>IL-31</b> ( <i>IL31</i> , Q6EBC2)	<b>CRCF1/CLCF1 heterodimer</b> ( <i>CLCF1 CRLF1</i> , O75462 Q9UBD9), <b>ciliary neurotrophic factor</b> ( <i>CNTF</i> , P26441)
Agonists	–	<b>oprelvekin</b>	–	–
Antibodies	<b>tocilizumab</b> (Binding) ( $pK_d$ 8.6)	–	–	–

Nomenclature	<b>Leptin receptor</b>	<b>Leukemia inhibitory factor receptor</b>	<b>Oncostatin-M receptor</b>	<b>Interleukin-27 receptor</b>
HGNC, UniProt	<b>LEPR</b> , P48357	–	–	–
Subunits	–	<b>Leukemia inhibitory factor receptor</b> (Ligand-binding subunit), <b>Interleukin-6 receptor, <math>\beta</math> subunit</b> (Other subunit)	<b>Interleukin-6 receptor, <math>\beta</math> subunit</b> (Other subunit), <b>Oncostatin M-specific receptor, <math>\beta</math> subunit</b> (Ligand-binding subunit)	<b>Interleukin-6 receptor, <math>\beta</math> subunit</b> (Other subunit), <b>Interleukin 27 receptor, alpha</b> (Ligand-binding subunit)
Endogenous agonists	<b>leptin</b> ( <i>LEP</i> , P41159)	<b>LIF</b> ( <i>LIF</i> , P15018), <b>cardiotrophin-1</b> ( <i>CTF1</i> , Q16619), <b>oncostatin M</b> ( <i>OSM</i> , P13725)	<b>oncostatin M</b> ( <i>OSM</i> , P13725)	<b>IL-27</b> ( <i>EBI3 IL27</i> , Q14213 Q8NEV9)

#### Subunits

Nomenclature	<b>Interleukin-6 receptor, <math>\alpha</math> subunit</b>	<b>Interleukin-6 receptor, <math>\beta</math> subunit</b>	<b>Interleukin-11 receptor, <math>\alpha</math> subunit</b>	<b>Interleukin 27 receptor, alpha</b>
HGNC, UniProt	<b>IL6R</b> , P08887	<b>IL6ST</b> , P40189	<b>IL11RA</b> , Q14626	<b>IL27RA</b> , Q6UWB1
Antibodies	<b>sarilumab</b> (Binding) ( $pK_d$ 10.6–11.1) [171]	–	–	–

Nomenclature	<b>Interleukin-31 receptor, <math>\alpha</math> subunit</b>	<b>Ciliary neurotrophic factor receptor <math>\alpha</math> subunit</b>	<b>Leukemia inhibitory factor receptor</b>	<b>Oncostatin M-specific receptor, <math>\beta</math> subunit</b>
HGNC, UniProt	<b>IL31RA</b> , Q8NI17	<b>CNTFR</b> , P26992	<b>LIFR</b> , P42702	<b>OSMR</b> , Q99650

## IL-12 receptor family

Catalytic receptors → Cytokine receptor family → IL-12 receptor family

**Overview:** IL-12 receptors are a subfamily of the IL-6 receptor family. IL12RB1 is shared between receptors for IL-12 and IL-23; the functional agonist at IL-12 receptors is a heterodimer of IL-12A/IL-12B, while that for IL-23 receptors is a heterodimer of IL-12B/IL-23A.

Nomenclature	Interleukin-12 receptor	Interleukin-23 receptor	Interleukin-12 receptor, $\beta$ 1 subunit	Interleukin-12 receptor, $\beta$ 2 subunit	Interleukin 23 receptor
HGNC, UniProt	–	–	<i>IL12RB1</i> , P42701	<i>IL12RB2</i> , Q99665	<i>IL23R</i> , Q5VWK5
Subunits	Interleukin-12 receptor, $\beta$ 2 subunit (Other subunit), Interleukin-12 receptor, $\beta$ 1 subunit (Ligand-binding subunit)	Interleukin 23 receptor (Ligand-binding subunit), Interleukin-12 receptor, $\beta$ 1 subunit (Ligand-binding subunit)	–	–	–
Endogenous agonists	IL-12 ( <i>IL12A</i> <i>IL12B</i> , P29459 P29460)	IL-23 ( <i>IL12B</i> <i>IL23A</i> , P29460)	–	–	–

## Prolactin receptor family

Catalytic receptors → Cytokine receptor family → Prolactin receptor family

**Overview:** Prolactin family receptors form homodimers in the presence of their respective ligands, associate exclusively with Jak2 and signal via Stat5.

Nomenclature	Erythropoietin receptor	Granulocyte colony-stimulating factor receptor	Growth hormone receptor	Prolactin receptor	Thrombopoietin receptor
HGNC, UniProt	<i>EPOR</i> , P19235	<i>CSF3R</i> , Q99062	<i>GHR</i> , P10912	<i>PRLR</i> , P16471	<i>MPL</i> , P40238
Endogenous agonists	erythropoietin ( <i>EPO</i> , P01588) (Selective) (pIC <sub>50</sub> 11.1) [48]	G-CSF ( <i>CSF3</i> , P09919)	growth hormone 1 ( <i>GH1</i> , P01241), growth hormone 2 ( <i>GH2</i> , P01242)	choriomammatropin ( <i>CSH1</i> <i>CSH2</i> , P01243), chorionic somatomammatropin hormone-like 1 ( <i>CSHL1</i> , Q14406), prolactin ( <i>PRL</i> , P01236)	thrombopoietin ( <i>THPO</i> , P40225)
Agonists	peginesatide (pIC <sub>50</sub> 10.4) [48]	pegfilgrastim	–	–	romiplostim
Selective agonists	–	–	–	–	eltrombopag (pEC <sub>50</sub> 7.4) [119]
Antagonists	–	–	pegvisomant [180]	–	–



# Interferon receptor family

Catalytic receptors → Cytokine receptor family → Interferon receptor family

**Overview:** The interferon receptor family includes receptors for type I ( $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\kappa$  and  $\omega$ ) and type II ( $\gamma$ ) interferons. There are at least 13 different genes encoding IFN- $\alpha$  subunits in a cluster on human chromosome 9p22:  $\alpha$ 1 (*IFNA1*, P01562),  $\alpha$ 2 (*IFNA2*, P01563),  $\alpha$ 4 (*IFNA4*, P05014),  $\alpha$ 5 (*IFNA5*, P01569),  $\alpha$ 6 (*IFNA6*, P05013),  $\alpha$ 7 (*IFNA7*, P01567),  $\alpha$ 8 (*IFNA8*, P32881),  $\alpha$ 10 (*IFNA10*, P01566),  $\alpha$ 13 (*IFNA13*, P01562),  $\alpha$ 14 (*IFNA14*, P01570),  $\alpha$ 16 (*IFNA16*, P05015),  $\alpha$ 17 (*IFNA17*, P01571) and  $\alpha$ 21 (*IFNA21*, P01568).

Nomenclature	Interferon- $\alpha/\beta$ receptor	Interferon- $\gamma$ receptor
Subunits	Interferon $\alpha/\beta$ receptor 2 (Other subunit), interferon $\alpha/\beta$ receptor 1 (Ligand-binding subunit)	Interferon $\gamma$ receptor 2 (Other subunit), Interferon $\gamma$ receptor 1 (Ligand-binding subunit)
Endogenous agonists	IFN- $\alpha$ 1/13 ( <i>IFNA1</i> , <i>IFNA13</i> , P01562), IFN- $\alpha$ 10 ( <i>IFNA10</i> , P01566), IFN- $\alpha$ 14 ( <i>IFNA14</i> , P01570), IFN- $\alpha$ 16 ( <i>IFNA16</i> , P05015), IFN- $\alpha$ 17 ( <i>IFNA17</i> , P01571), IFN- $\alpha$ 2 ( <i>IFNA2</i> , P01563), IFN- $\alpha$ 21 ( <i>IFNA21</i> , P01568), IFN- $\alpha$ 4 ( <i>IFNA4</i> , P05014), IFN- $\alpha$ 5 ( <i>IFNA5</i> , P01569), IFN- $\alpha$ 6 ( <i>IFNA6</i> , P05013), IFN- $\alpha$ 7 ( <i>IFNA7</i> , P01567), IFN- $\alpha$ 8 ( <i>IFNA8</i> , P32881), IFN- $\beta$ ( <i>IFNB1</i> , P01574), IFN- $\kappa$ ( <i>IFNK</i> , Q9P0W0), IFN- $\omega$ ( <i>IFNW1</i> , P05000)	IFN- $\gamma$ ( <i>IFNG</i> , P01579)
Selective agonists	peginterferon alfa-2b [191]	–

## Subunits

Nomenclature	interferon $\alpha/\beta$ receptor 1	Interferon $\alpha/\beta$ receptor 2	Interferon $\gamma$ receptor 1	Interferon $\gamma$ receptor 2
HGNC, UniProt	<i>IFNAR1</i> , P17181	<i>IFNAR2</i> , P48551	<i>IFNGR1</i> , P15260	<i>IFNGR2</i> , P38484
Selective agonists	peginterferon alfa-2b [191]	–	–	–
Antibodies	anifrolumab (Binding) ( $pK_d > 10$ ) [21]	–	–	–

## IL-10 receptor family

Catalytic receptors → Cytokine receptor family → IL-10 receptor family

**Overview:** The IL-10 family of receptors are heterodimeric combinations of family members: IL10RA/IL10RB responds to IL-10; IL20RA/IL20RB responds to IL-19, IL-20 and IL-24; IL22RA1/IL20RB responds to IL-20 and IL-24; IL22RA1/IL10RB responds to IL-22; IL28RA/IL10RB responds to IL-28A, IL28B and IL-29.

Nomenclature	Interleukin-10 receptor	Interleukin-20 receptor	Interleukin-22α1/20β heteromer	Interleukin-22α1/10β heteromer	Interleukin-22 receptor α2	Interferon-λ receptor 1
HGNC, UniProt	–	–	–	–	<i>IL22RA2, Q969J5</i>	–
Subunits	Interleukin 10 receptor, α subunit (Ligand-binding subunit), Interleukin 10 receptor, β subunit (Other subunit)	Interleukin 20 receptor, β subunit (Other subunit), Interleukin 20 receptor, α subunit (Ligand-binding subunit)	Interleukin 22 receptor, α1 subunit (Ligand-binding subunit), Interleukin 20 receptor, β subunit (Ligand-binding subunit)	Interleukin 22 receptor, α1 subunit (Ligand-binding subunit), Interleukin 10 receptor, β subunit (Ligand-binding subunit)	–	Interferon-λ receptor subunit 1 (Ligand-binding subunit), Interleukin 10 receptor, β subunit (Other subunit)
Endogenous agonists	IL-10 ( <i>IL10, P22301</i> )	IL-19 ( <i>IL19, Q9UHD0</i> ), IL-20 ( <i>IL20, Q9NYY1</i> ), IL-24 ( <i>IL24, Q13007</i> )	IL-20 ( <i>IL20, Q9NYY1</i> ), IL-24 ( <i>IL24, Q13007</i> )	IL-22 ( <i>IL22, Q9GZX6</i> )	–	IFN-λ1 ( <i>IFNL1, Q8IU54</i> ), IFN-λ2 ( <i>IFNL2, Q8IZJ0</i> ), IFN-λ3 ( <i>IFNL3, Q8IZI9</i> )
Comments	–	–	–	–	Soluble decoy receptor that binds IL-22 ( <i>IL22, Q9GZX6</i> ) as a monomer.	–

### Subunits

Nomenclature	Interleukin 10 receptor, α subunit	Interleukin 10 receptor, β subunit	Interleukin 20 receptor, α subunit	Interleukin 20 receptor, β subunit	Interleukin 22 receptor, α1 subunit	Interferon-λ receptor subunit 1
HGNC, UniProt	<i>IL10RA, Q13651</i>	<i>IL10RB, Q08334</i>	<i>IL20RA, Q9UHF4</i>	<i>IL20RB, Q6UXL0</i>	<i>IL22RA1, Q8N6P7</i>	<i>IFNL1, Q8IU57</i>

## Immunoglobulin-like family of IL-1 receptors

Catalytic receptors → Cytokine receptor family → Immunoglobulin-like family of IL-1 receptors

**Overview:** The immunoglobulin-like family of IL-1 receptors are heterodimeric receptors made up of a cognate receptor subunit and an IL-1 receptor accessory protein, *IL1RAP* (Q9NPH3, also known as C3orf13, IL-1RAcP, IL1R3). They are characterised by extracellular immunoglobulin-like domains and an intracellular Toll/Interleukin-1R (TIR) domain.

Nomenclature	Interleukin-1 receptor, type I	Interleukin-33 receptor	Interleukin-36 receptor	Interleukin-1 receptor, type II	Interleukin-18 receptor
Subunits	IL-1 receptor accessory protein (Other subunit), Interleukin 1 receptor, type I (Ligand-binding subunit)	IL-1 receptor accessory protein (Other subunit), Interleukin-1 receptor-like 1 (Ligand-binding subunit)	IL-1 receptor accessory protein (Other subunit), Interleukin-1 receptor-like 2 (Ligand-binding subunit)	IL-1 receptor accessory protein (Other subunit), Interleukin 1 receptor, type II (Ligand-binding subunit)	IL-18 receptor accessory protein (Other subunit), Interleukin-18 1 (Ligand-binding subunit)
Inhibitors	anakinra (pK <sub>d</sub> 7.8) [44]	–	–	–	–
Endogenous agonists	IL-1α ( <i>IL1A</i> , P01583), IL-1β ( <i>IL1B</i> , P01584)	IL-33 ( <i>IL33</i> , O95760)	IL-36α ( <i>IL36A</i> , Q9UHA7), IL-36β ( <i>IL36B</i> , Q9NZH7), IL-36γ ( <i>IL36G</i> , Q9NZH8)	–	IL-18 ( <i>IL18</i> , Q14116), IL-37 ( <i>IL37</i> , Q9NZH6)
Endogenous antagonists	IL-1 receptor antagonist ( <i>IL1RN</i> , P18510)	–	IL-36 receptor antagonist ( <i>IL36RN</i> , Q9UBH0)	–	–
Selective antagonists	AF12198 [3]	–	–	–	–
Comments	–	–	IL-36 receptor antagonist ( <i>IL36RN</i> , Q9UBH0) is a highly specific antagonist of the response to IL-36γ ( <i>IL36G</i> , Q9NZH8).	Decoy receptor that binds IL-1α ( <i>IL1A</i> , P01583), IL-1β ( <i>IL1B</i> , P01584) and IL-1 receptor antagonist ( <i>IL1RN</i> , P18510).	–

### Subunits

Nomenclature	Interleukin 1 receptor, type I	Interleukin 1 receptor, type II	Interleukin-1 receptor-like 1	Interleukin-1 receptor-like 2	Interleukin-18 1
HGNC, UniProt	<i>IL1R1</i> , P14778	<i>IL1R2</i> , P27930	<i>IL1RL1</i> , Q01638	<i>IL1RL2</i> , Q9HB29	<i>IL18R1</i> , Q13478

## IL-17 receptor family

Catalytic receptors → Cytokine receptor family → IL-17 receptor family

**Overview:** The IL17 cytokine family consists of six ligands (IL-17A-F), which signal through five receptors (IL-17RA-E).

Nomenclature	Interleukin-17 receptor	Interleukin-25 receptor	Interleukin-17C receptor
Subunits	Interleukin 17 receptor A (Ligand-binding subunit), interleukin 17 receptor C (Other subunit)	Interleukin 17 receptor B (Ligand-binding subunit), Interleukin 17 receptor A (Other subunit)	Interleukin 17 receptor A (Other subunit), Interleukin 17 receptor E (Ligand-binding subunit)
Endogenous agonists	IL-17A ( <i>IL17A</i> , Q16552), IL-17A/IL-17F ( <i>IL17A</i> <i>IL17F</i> , Q16552 Q96PD4), IL-17F ( <i>IL17F</i> , Q96PD4)	IL-17B ( <i>IL17B</i> , Q9UHF5), IL-25 ( <i>IL25</i> , Q9H293)	IL-17C ( <i>IL17C</i> , Q9P0M4)

### Subunits

Nomenclature	Interleukin 17 receptor A	Interleukin 17 receptor B	interleukin 17 receptor C	Interleukin-17 receptor D	Interleukin 17 receptor E
HGNC, UniProt	<i>IL17RA</i> , Q96F46	<i>IL17RB</i> , Q9NRM6	<i>IL17RC</i> , Q8NAC3	<i>IL17RD</i> , Q8NFM7	<i>IL17RE</i> , Q8NFR9
Antibodies	brodalumab (Binding) (p <i>K<sub>d</sub></i> 9.2) [179]	–	–	–	–
Comments	–	–	–	The endogenous agonist for this receptor is unknown.	–

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## GDNF receptor family

Catalytic receptors → GDNF receptor family

**Overview:** GDNF family receptors (provisional nomenclature) are extrinsic tyrosine kinase receptors. Ligand binding to the extracellular domain of the glycosylphosphatidylinositol-linked cell-surface receptors (tabulated below) activates a transmembrane tyrosine kinase enzyme, RET (see [Receptor Tyrosine Kinases](#)). The endogenous ligands are typically dimeric, linked through disulphide bridges: glial cell-derived neurotrophic factor GDNF (*GDNF*, P39905) (211 aa); neurturin (*NRTN*, Q99748) (197 aa); artemin (*ARTN*, Q5T4W7) (237 aa) and persephin (*PSPN*, O60542) (PSPN, 156 aa).

Nomenclature	GDNF family receptor $\alpha$ 1	GDNF family receptor $\alpha$ 2	GDNF family receptor $\alpha$ 3	GDNF family receptor $\alpha$ 4
Common abbreviation	GFR $\alpha$ 1	GFR $\alpha$ 2	GFR $\alpha$ 3	GFR $\alpha$ 4
HGNC, UniProt	<i>GFRA1</i> , P56159	<i>GFRA2</i> , O00451	<i>GFRA3</i> , O60609	<i>GFRA4</i> , Q9GZZ7
Potency order	GDNF ( <i>GDNF</i> , P39905) > neurturin ( <i>NRTN</i> , Q99748) > artemin ( <i>ARTN</i> , Q5T4W7)	neurturin ( <i>NRTN</i> , Q99748) > GDNF ( <i>GDNF</i> , P39905)	artemin ( <i>ARTN</i> , Q5T4W7)	persephin ( <i>PSPN</i> , O60542)
Labelled ligands	[ <sup>125</sup> I]GDNF (rat) (p <i>K</i> <sub>d</sub> 10.2–11.5) [92, 182]	–	–	–

**Comments:** Inhibitors of other receptor tyrosine kinases, such as [semaxanib](#), which inhibits VEGF receptor function, may also inhibit Ret function [131]. Mutations of RET and GDNF genes may be involved in Hirschsprung's disease, which is characterized by the absence of intramural ganglion cells in the hindgut, often resulting in intestinal obstruction.

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# Integrins

Catalytic receptors → Integrins

**Overview:** Integrins are unusual signalling proteins that function to signal both from the extracellular environment into the cell, but also from the cytoplasm to the external of the cell. The intracellular signalling cascades associated with integrin activation focus on protein kinase activities, such as focal adhesion kinase and Src. Based on this association between extracellular signals and intracellular protein kinase activity, we have chosen to include integrins in the 'Catalytic receptors' section of the database until more stringent criteria from NC-IUPHAR allows precise definition of their classification.

Integrins are heterodimeric entities, composed of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  subunits, each 1TM proteins, which bind components of the extracellular matrix or counter-receptors expressed on other cells. One class of integrin contains an inserted domain (I) in its  $\alpha$  subunit, and if present (in  $\alpha 1$ ,  $\alpha 2$ ,  $\alpha 10$ ,  $\alpha 11$ ,  $\alpha D$ ,  $\alpha E$ ,  $\alpha L$ ,  $\alpha M$  and  $\alpha X$ ), this I domain contains the ligand binding site. All  $\beta$  subunits possess a similar I-like domain, which has the capacity to bind ligand, often recognising the RGD motif. The presence of an  $\alpha$  subunit I domain precludes ligand binding through the  $\beta$  subunit. Integrins provide a link between ligand and the actin cytoskeleton

(through typically short intracellular domains). Integrins bind several divalent cations, including a  $Mg^{2+}$  ion in the I or I-like domain that is essential for ligand binding. Other cation binding sites may regulate integrin activity or stabilise the 3D structure. Integrins regulate the activity of particular protein kinases, including focal adhesion kinase and integrin-linked kinase. Cellular activation regulates integrin ligand affinity via inside-out signalling and ligand binding to integrins can regulate cellular activity via outside-in signalling.

Nomenclature	integrin $\alpha 1\beta 1$ integrin, beta 1 subunit (fibronectin receptor, beta polypeptide, antigen CD29 includes MDF2, MSK12), integrin, alpha 1 subunit	integrin $\alpha 2\beta 1$ integrin, beta 1 subunit (fibronectin receptor, beta polypeptide, antigen CD29 includes MDF2, MSK12), integrin, alpha 2 subunit (CD49B, alpha 2 subunit of VLA-2 receptor)	integrin $\alpha IIb\beta 3$  integrin, beta 3 subunit (platelet glycoprotein IIIa, antigen CD61), integrin, alpha IIb subunit (platelet glycoprotein IIb of IIb/IIIa complex, antigen CD41)	integrin $\alpha 4\beta 1$ integrin, beta 1 subunit (fibronectin receptor, beta polypeptide, antigen CD29 includes MDF2, MSK12), integrin, alpha 4 subunit (antigen CD49D, alpha 4 subunit of VLA-4 receptor)
Subunits				
Ligands	collagen, laminin	collagen, laminin, thrombospondin	fibrinogen ( <i>FGA FGB FGG</i> , P02671 P02675 P02679), fibronectin ( <i>FN1</i> , P02751), von Willebrand factor ( <i>VWF</i> , P04275), vitronectin ( <i>VTN</i> , P04004), thrombospondin	fibronectin ( <i>FN1</i> , P02751), vascular cell adhesion protein 1 ( <i>VCAM1</i> , P19320), osteopontin ( <i>SPP1</i> , P10451), thrombospondin
Inhibitors	obtustatin (pIC <sub>50</sub> 9.1) [118]	TCI15 (pIC <sub>50</sub> 7.9) [128]	G4120 [124], GR 144053, eptifibatide, tirofiban	BIO1211 (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.3–9) [108], TCS2314
Antibodies	–	–	abciximab (Binding) [31]	natalizumab (Inhibition) [1]
Comments	–	–	–	LDV-FITC is used as a probe at this receptor.

Nomenclature	<b>integrin <math>\alpha 4\beta 7</math></b>	<b>integrin <math>\alpha 5\beta 1</math></b>	<b>integrin <math>\alpha 6\beta 1</math></b>	<b>integrin <math>\alpha 10\beta 1</math></b>
Subunits	integrin, alpha 4 subunit (antigen CD49D, alpha 4 subunit of VLA-4 receptor), integrin, beta 7 subunit	integrin, beta 1 subunit (fibronectin receptor, beta polypeptide, antigen CD29 includes MDF2, MSK12), integrin, alpha 5 subunit (fibronectin receptor, alpha polypeptide)	integrin, beta 1 subunit (fibronectin receptor, beta polypeptide, antigen CD29 includes MDF2, MSK12), integrin, alpha 6 subunit	integrin, beta 1 subunit (fibronectin receptor, beta polypeptide, antigen CD29 includes MDF2, MSK12), integrin, alpha 10 subunit
Ligands	–	fibronectin ( <i>FN1</i> , P02751)	laminin	collagen
Antibodies	vedolizumab (Antagonist) (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.3) [151]	–	–	–

Nomenclature	<b>integrin <math>\alpha 11\beta 1</math></b>	<b>integrin <math>\alpha E\beta 7</math></b>	<b>integrin <math>\alpha L\beta 2</math></b>	<b>integrin <math>\alpha V\beta 3</math></b>
Subunits	integrin, beta 1 subunit (fibronectin receptor, beta polypeptide, antigen CD29 includes MDF2, MSK12), integrin, alpha 11 subunit	integrin, alpha E subunit (antigen CD103, human mucosal lymphocyte antigen 1; alpha polypeptide), integrin, beta 7 subunit	integrin, beta 2 subunit (complement component 3 receptor 3 and 4 subunit), integrin, alpha L subunit (antigen CD11A (p180), lymphocyte function-associated antigen 1; alpha polypeptide)	integrin, beta 3 subunit (platelet glycoprotein IIIa, antigen CD61), integrin, alpha V subunit
Ligands	collagen	E-cadherin	ICAM-1 ( <i>ICAM1</i> , P05362), ICAM-2 ( <i>ICAM2</i> , P13598)	vitronectin ( <i>VTN</i> , P04004), fibronectin ( <i>FN1</i> , P02751), fibrinogen ( <i>FGA FGB FGG</i> , P02671 P02675 P02679), osteopontin ( <i>SPP1</i> , P10451), von Willebrand factor ( <i>VWF</i> , P04275), thrombospondin, tenascin
Inhibitors	–	–	A286982 (pIC <sub>50</sub> 7.4–7.5) [110]	echistatin (pIC <sub>50</sub> 11.7) [101], P11 (pIC <sub>50</sub> 11.6) [101], cilengitide (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.5) [61]
Antibodies	–	–	–	etaracizumab (Binding) (pK <sub>d</sub> 6.3) [201]

**Comments: Integrin ligands**

**Collagen** is the most abundant protein in metazoa, rich in glycine and proline residues, made up of cross-linked triple helical structures, generated primarily by fibroblasts. Extensive post-translational processing is conducted by prolyl and lysyl hydrox-

ylases, as well as transglutaminases. Over 40 genes for collagen- $\alpha$  subunits have been identified in the human genome. The collagen-binding integrins  $\alpha 1\beta 1$ ,  $\alpha 2\beta 1$ ,  $\alpha 10\beta 1$  and  $\alpha 11\beta 1$  recognise a range of triple-helical peptide motifs including GFOGER (O = hydroxyproline), a synthetic peptide derived from the primary

sequence of collagen I (*COL1A1* (*COL1A1*, P02452)) and collagen II (*COL2A1* (*COL2A1*, P02458)).

**Laminin** is an extracellular glycoprotein composed of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  chains, for which five, four and three genes, respectively, are identified in the human genome. It binds to  $\alpha 1\beta 1$ ,  $\alpha 2\beta 1$ ,  $\alpha 3\beta 1$ ,

$\alpha 7\beta 1$  and  $\alpha 6\beta 4$  integrins<sup>10</sup>.

**fibrinogen (FGA FGB FGG, P02671 P02675 P02679)** is a glycosylated hexamer composed of two  $\alpha$  (FGA, P02671), two  $\beta$  (FGB, P02675) and two  $\gamma$  (FGG, P02679,) subunits, linked by disulphide bridges. It is found in plasma and alpha granules of platelets. It forms cross-links between activated platelets mediating aggregation by binding  $\alpha$ IIb $\beta$ 3; proteolysis by thrombin cleaves short peptides termed fibrinopeptides to generate fibrin, which polymerises as part of the blood coagulation cascade.

**fibronectin (FNI, P02751)** is a disulphide-linked homodimer found as two major forms; a soluble dimeric form found in the plasma and a tissue version that is polymeric, which is secreted into the extracellular matrix by fibroblasts. Splice variation of the gene product (FNI, P02751) generates multiple isoforms.

**vitronectin (VTN, P04004)** is a serum glycoprotein and extracellular matrix protein which is found either as a monomer or, following proteolysis, a disulphide-linked dimer.

**osteopontin (SPP1, P10451)** forms an integral part of the

mineralized matrix in bone, where it undergoes extensive post-translation processing, including proteolysis and phosphorylation.

**von Willebrand factor (VWF, P04275)** is a glycoprotein synthesised in vascular endothelial cells as a disulphide-linked homodimer, but multimerises further in plasma and is deposited on vessel wall collagen as a high molecular weight multimer. It is responsible for capturing platelets under arterial shear flow (via GPIb) and in thrombus propagation (via integrin  $\alpha$ IIb $\beta$ 3).

### Subunits

Nomenclature	integrin, alpha 1 subunit	integrin, alpha 2 subunit (CD49B, alpha 2 subunit of VLA-2 receptor)	integrin, alpha IIb subunit (platelet glycoprotein IIb of IIb/IIIa complex, antigen CD41)	integrin, alpha 3 subunit (antigen CD49C, alpha 3 subunit of VLA-3 receptor)	integrin, alpha 4 subunit (antigen CD49D, alpha 4 subunit of VLA-4 receptor)	integrin, alpha 5 subunit (fibronectin receptor, alpha polypeptide)
HGNC, UniProt	<i>ITGA1</i> , P56199	<i>ITGA2</i> , P08514	<i>ITGA2B</i> , P17301	<i>ITGA3</i> , P26006	<i>ITGA4</i> , P13612	<i>ITGA5</i> , P08648
Antibodies	–	–	–	–	natalizumab (Inhibition) [1]	–

Nomenclature	integrin, alpha 6 subunit	integrin, alpha 7 subunit	integrin, alpha 8 subunit	integrin, alpha 9 subunit	integrin, alpha 10 subunit	integrin, alpha 11 subunit	integrin, alpha D subunit
HGNC, UniProt	<i>ITGA6</i> , P23229	<i>ITGA7</i> , Q13683	<i>ITGA8</i> , P53708	<i>ITGA9</i> , Q13797	<i>ITGA10</i> , O75578	<i>ITGA11</i> , Q9UKX5	<i>ITGAD</i> , Q13349

Nomenclature	integrin, alpha E subunit (antigen CD103, human mucosal lymphocyte antigen 1; alpha polypeptide)	integrin, alpha L subunit (antigen CD11A (p180), lymphocyte function-associated antigen 1; alpha polypeptide)	integrin, alpha M subunit (complement component 3 receptor 3 subunit)	integrin, alpha V subunit	integrin, alpha X subunit (complement component 3 receptor 4 subunit)	integrin, beta 1 subunit (fibronectin receptor, beta polypeptide, antigen CD29 includes MDF2, MSK12)
HGNC, UniProt	<i>ITGAE</i> , P38570	<i>ITGAL</i> , P20701	<i>ITGAM</i> , P11215	<i>ITGAV</i> , P06756	<i>ITGAX</i> , P20702	<i>ITGB1</i> , P05556
Antibodies	–	efalizumab (Binding) (p <i>K<sub>d</sub></i> 11.4) [81]	–	–	–	–



Nomenclature	integrin, beta 2 subunit (complement component 3 receptor 3 and 4 subunit)	integrin, beta 3 subunit (platelet glycoprotein IIIa, antigen CD61)	integrin, beta 4 subunit	integrin, beta 5 subunit	integrin, beta 6 subunit	integrin, beta 7 subunit	integrin, beta 8 subunit
HGNC, UniProt	<i>ITGB2</i> , P05107	<i>ITGB3</i> , P05106	<i>ITGB4</i> , P16144	<i>ITGB5</i> , P18084	<i>ITGB6</i> , P18564	<i>ITGB7</i> , P26010	<i>ITGB8</i> , P26012

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## Natriuretic peptide receptor family

Catalytic receptors → Natriuretic peptide receptor family

**Overview:** Natriuretic peptide receptors (provisional nomenclature) are a family of homodimeric, catalytic receptors with a single TM domain and guanylyl cyclase (EC 4.6.1.2) activity on the intracellular domain of the protein sequence. Isoforms are activated by the peptide hormones **atrial natriuretic peptide** (*NPPA*, P01160), **brain natriuretic peptide** (*NPPB*, P16860) and

**C-type natriuretic peptide** (*NPPC*, P23582). Another family member is GC-C, the receptor for **guanylin** (*GUCA2A*, Q02747) and **uroguanylin** (*GUCA2B*, Q16661). Family members have conserved ligand-binding, catalytic (guanylyl cyclase) and regulatory domains with the exception of NPR-C which has an extracellular binding domain homologous to that of other NPRs, but with

a truncated intracellular domain which appears to couple, via the  $G_{i/o}$  family of G-proteins, to activation of phospholipase C, inwardly-rectifying potassium channels and inhibition of adenylyl cyclase activity [136].

Nomenclature	guanylate cyclase 2C	NPR-A	NPR-B	NPR-C
HGNC, UniProt	<i>GUCY2C</i> , P25092	<i>NPR1</i> , P16066	<i>NPR2</i> , P20594	<i>NPR3</i> , P17342
Potency order	uroguanylin ( <i>GUCA2B</i> , Q16661) > guanylin ( <i>GUCA2A</i> , Q02747)	atrial natriuretic peptide ( <i>NPPA</i> , P01160) ≥ brain natriuretic peptide ( <i>NPPB</i> , P16860) >> C-type natriuretic peptide ( <i>NPPC</i> , P23582) [173]	C-type natriuretic peptide ( <i>NPPC</i> , P23582) >> atrial natriuretic peptide ( <i>NPPA</i> , P01160) >> brain natriuretic peptide ( <i>NPPB</i> , P16860) [173]	atrial natriuretic peptide ( <i>NPPA</i> , P01160) > C-type natriuretic peptide ( <i>NPPC</i> , P23582) ≥ brain natriuretic peptide ( <i>NPPB</i> , P16860) [173]
Endogenous agonists	–	atrial natriuretic peptide ( <i>NPPA</i> , P01160) (Selective) [144], brain natriuretic peptide ( <i>NPPB</i> , P16860) (Selective) [144]	C-type natriuretic peptide ( <i>NPPC</i> , P23582) (Selective) [173]	ostecrin ( <i>OSTN</i> , P61366) (Selective) [129]
Selective agonists	linacotide (p <i>K</i> <sub>i</sub> 8.9) [20, 67], <i>E. coli</i> heat-stable enterotoxin (ST <sub>A</sub> ) (p <i>K</i> <sub>i</sub> 8.8) [20]	sANP [144]	–	cANF <sup>4-23</sup> [114]
Selective antagonists	–	A-71915 (p <i>K</i> <sub>i</sub> 9.2–9.5) [41], [Asu7,23] <sup>β</sup> -ANP-(7-28) (p <i>K</i> <sub>i</sub> 7.5) [83], anantin [202]	[Ser <sup>11</sup> ](N-CNP,C-ANP)pBNP <sup>2-15</sup> [42]	AP811 (p <i>K</i> <sub>i</sub> 9.3) [185], M372049 [75]
Labelled ligands	[ <sup>125</sup> I]St <sub>A</sub> (Agonist) (p <i>K</i> <sub>d</sub> 7.8) [66]	[ <sup>125</sup> I]ANP (human) (Agonist)	[ <sup>125</sup> I]CNP (human)	[ <sup>125</sup> I]ANP (human)

**Comments:** The polysaccharide obtained from fermentation of *Aureobasidium* species, HS142-1, acts as an antagonist at both NPR-A and NPR-B receptors [132].

*GUCY2D* (RetGC1, GC-E, Q02846) and *GUCY2F* (RetGC2, GC-F, P51841) are predominantly retinal guanylyl cyclase activities, which are inhibited by calcium ions acting through the guany-

lyl cyclase activating peptides GCAP1 (*GUCA1A*, 43080), GCAP2 (*GUCA1B*, Q9UMX6) and GCAP3 (*GUCA1C*, O95843) [78].

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# Pattern recognition receptors

Catalytic receptors → Pattern recognition receptors

**Overview:** Pattern Recognition Receptors (PRRs, [174]) (nomenclature as agreed by **NC-IUPHAR sub-committee on Pattern Recognition Receptors**, [18]) participate in the innate immune response to microbial agents, the stimulation of which leads to activation of intracellular enzymes and regulation of gene transcription. PRRs include both cell-surface and intracellular proteins, including toll-like receptors

(TLRs), nucleotide-binding oligomerization domain-like receptors (NLRs, also known as NOD-like receptors) and the mannose receptor family (ENSM00250000004089). PRRs may be divided into signalling-associated members, identified here, and endocytic members (such as the mannose receptor family), the function of which appears to be to recognise particular microbial motifs for subsequent cell attachment, internalisation and

destruction.

PRRs express multiple leucine-rich regions to bind a range of microbially-derived ligands, termed PAMPs or pathogen-associated molecular patterns, which includes peptides, carbohydrates, peptidoglycans, lipoproteins, lipopolysaccharides, and nucleic acids.

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# Toll-like receptor family

Catalytic receptors → Pattern recognition receptors → Toll-like receptor family

**Overview:** Members of the toll-like family of receptors (nomenclature recommended by the NC-IUPHAR subcommittee on pattern recognition receptors, [18]) share significant homology with the interleukin-1 receptor family and appear to require dimerization either as homo- or heterodimers for functional activity.

Heterodimerization appears to influence the potency of ligand binding substantially (*e.g.* TLR1/2 and TLR2/6, [175, 176]). TLR1, TLR2, TLR4, TLR5, TLR6 and TLR11 are cell-surface proteins, while other members are associated with intracellular organelles, signalling through the MyD88-dependent pathways (with the ex-

ception of TLR3). As well as responding to exogenous infectious agents, it has been suggested that selected members of the family may be activated by endogenous ligands, such as *hsp60* (*HSPD1*, P10809) [141].

Nomenclature	TLR1	TLR2	TLR3	TLR4	TLR5
HGNC, UniProt	<a href="#">TLR1</a> , <a href="#">Q15399</a>	<a href="#">TLR2</a> , <a href="#">O60603</a>	<a href="#">TLR3</a> , <a href="#">O15455</a>	<a href="#">TLR4</a> , <a href="#">O00206</a>	<a href="#">TLR5</a> , <a href="#">O60602</a>
Agonists	–	peptidoglycan [165, 205]	polyIC [6]	LPS [150], paclitaxel [85]	flagellin [69]
Comments	Functions as a heterodimer with TLR2 in detection of triacylated lipoproteins. Activated by the synthetic analogue <a href="#">Pam3CSK4</a> .	Functions as a heterodimer with either TLR1 or TLR6 in the detection of triacylated and diacylated lipopeptides respectively. TLR1/2 and 2/6 heterodimers can be activated by the synthetic lipopeptides <a href="#">Pam3CSK4</a> and <a href="#">Pam2CSK4</a> respectively. There is some debate in the field as to whether or not peptidoglycan is a direct agonist of TLR2, or whether the early studies reporting this contained contaminating lipoproteins.	Involved in endosomal detection of dsRNA; pro-inflammatory.	<a href="#">eritoran</a> (E5564) is a lipid A analogue, which has been described as a TLR4 antagonist [80]. TLR4 signals in conjunction with the co-factor MD2.	Involved in the detection of bacterial flagellin; pro-inflammatory.

Nomenclature	TLR6	TLR7	TLR8	TLR9	TLR10	TLR11
HGNC, UniProt	<a href="#">TLR6</a> , <a href="#">Q9Y2C9</a>	<a href="#">TLR7</a> , <a href="#">Q9NYK1</a>	<a href="#">TLR8</a> , <a href="#">Q9NR97</a>	<a href="#">TLR9</a> , <a href="#">Q9NR96</a>	<a href="#">TLR10</a> , <a href="#">Q9BXR5</a>	–
Agonists	–	<a href="#">imiquimod</a> [72], <a href="#">loxoribine</a> [70], <a href="#">resiquimod</a> [72]	<a href="#">imiquimod</a> , <a href="#">resiquimod</a> [72]	–	–	–
Antagonists	–	<a href="#">hydroxychloroquine</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 5.6) [98]	–	<a href="#">hydroxychloroquine</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 7.1) [98]	–	–
Comments	Functions as a heterodimer with TLR2. Involved in the pro-inflammatory response to diacylated bacterial lipopeptides.	Activated by imidazoquinoline derivatives and RNA oligoribonucleotides. Involved in endosomal detection of ssRNA; pro-inflammatory.	Activated by imidazoquinoline derivatives and RNA oligoribonucleotides. Endosomal detection of ssRNA; pro-inflammatory.	Toll-like receptor 9 interacts with unmethylated CpG dinucleotides from bacterial DNA [73]. Activated by CpG rich DNA sequences; pro-inflammatory.	Murine TLR10 has a retroviral insertion that makes in non-functional.	Found in mouse

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## NOD-like receptor family

Catalytic receptors → Pattern recognition receptors → NOD-like receptor family

**Overview:** The nucleotide-binding oligomerization domain, leucine-rich repeat (NLR) family of receptors (nomenclature recommended by the NC-IUPHAR subcommittee on pattern recognition receptors [18]) share a common domain organisation. This consists of an N-terminal effector domain, a central nucleotide-binding and oligomerization domain (NOD; also referred to as a NACHT domain), and C-terminal leucine-rich repeats (LRR) which have regulatory and ligand recognition functions. The type of effector domain has resulted in the division of NLR fam-

ily members into two major sub-families, NLRC and NLRP, along with three smaller sub-families NLRA, NLRB and NLRX [178]. NLRC members express an N-terminal caspase recruitment domain (CARD) and NLRP members an N-terminal Pyrin domain (PYD).

Upon activation the NLRC family members NOD1 (NLRC1) and NOD2 (NLRC2) recruit a serine/threonine kinase [RIPK2](#) (receptor interacting serine/threonine kinase 2, [O43353](#), also known as CARD3, CARDIAK, RICK, RIP2) leading to signalling through

NFκB and MAP kinase. Activation of NLRC4 (previously known as IPAF) and members of the NLRP3 family, including NLRP1 and NLRP3, leads to formation of a large multiprotein complex known as the inflammasome. In addition to NLR proteins other key members of the inflammasome include the adaptor protein ASC (apoptosis-associated speck-like protein containing a CARD, also known as [PYCARD](#), [CARD5](#), [TMS1](#), [Q9ULZ3](#)) and inflammatory caspases. The inflammasome activates the pro-inflammatory cytokines [IL-1β](#) ([IL1B](#), [P01584](#)) and [IL-18](#) ([IL18](#), [Q14116](#)) [18, 37].

Nomenclature	nucleotide-binding oligomerization domain containing 1	nucleotide-binding oligomerization domain containing 2	NLRC3	NLRC4	NLRC5
Common abbreviation	NOD1	NOD2	–	–	–
HGNC, UniProt	<a href="#">NOD1</a> , <a href="#">Q9Y239</a>	<a href="#">NOD2</a> , <a href="#">Q9HC29</a>	<a href="#">NLRC3</a> , <a href="#">Q7RTR2</a>	<a href="#">NLRC4</a> , <a href="#">Q9NPP4</a>	<a href="#">NLRC5</a> , <a href="#">Q86WI3</a>
Agonists	meso-DAP	muramyl dipeptide	–	–	–
Comments	–	NOD2 has also been reported to be activated by ssRNA [160] although this has not been widely reproduced.	–	NLRC4 forms an inflammasome in conjunction with the NAIP proteins and responds to bacterial flagellin and type III secretion system rod proteins.	–

Nomenclature	NLRX1	CIITA	NLRP1	NLRP2
HGNC, UniProt	<a href="#">NLRX1</a> , <a href="#">Q86UT6</a>	<a href="#">CIITA</a> , <a href="#">P33076</a>	<a href="#">NLRP1</a> , <a href="#">Q9C000</a>	<a href="#">NLRP2</a> , <a href="#">Q9NX02</a>
Agonists	–	–	muramyl dipeptide	–
Comments	–	–	NLRP1 has 3 murine orthologues which lack the N-terminal Pyrin domain. Murine NLRP1b ( <a href="#">ENSMUSG00000070390</a> ) is the best characterised, responding to Anthrax Lethal Toxin.	Along with NLRP7, NLRP2 is the product of a primate-specific gene duplication.

Nomenclature	NLRP3	NLRP4	NLRP5	NLRP6
HGNC, UniProt	<a href="#">NLRP3</a> , <a href="#">Q96P20</a>	<a href="#">NLRP4</a> , <a href="#">Q96MN2</a>	<a href="#">NLRP5</a> , <a href="#">P59047</a>	<a href="#">NLRP6</a> , <a href="#">P59044</a>
Inhibitors	<a href="#">MCC950</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> > 8) [30]	–	–	–
Comments	Multiple virus particles have been shown to act as agonists, including Sendai and influenza. NLRP3 has been shown to be activated following disruption of cellular haemostasis by a wide-variety of exogenous and endogenous molecules. The identity of the precise agonist that interacts with NLRP3 remains enigmatic.	Expanded in the mouse resulting in 7 orthologues.	–	–

Nomenclature	<a href="#">NLRP7</a>	<a href="#">NLRP8</a>	<a href="#">NLRP9</a>	<a href="#">NLRP10</a>
HGNC, UniProt	<a href="#">NLRP7, Q8WX94</a>	<a href="#">NLRP8, Q86W28</a>	<a href="#">NLRP9, Q7RTR0</a>	<a href="#">NLRP10, Q86W26</a>
Comments	Absent in mouse. Along with NLRP2 the product of a primate-specific gene duplication.	Absent in mouse	This receptor has three murine orthologues.	–

Nomenclature	<a href="#">NLRP11</a>	<a href="#">NLRP12</a>	<a href="#">NLRP13</a>	<a href="#">NLRP14</a>
HGNC, UniProt	<a href="#">NLRP11, P59045</a>	<a href="#">NLRP12, P59046</a>	<a href="#">NLRP13, Q86W25</a>	<a href="#">NLRP14, Q86W24</a>
Comments	Absent in mouse	–	Absent in mouse	–

**Comments:** NLRP3 has also been reported to respond to host-derived products, known as danger-associated molecular patterns, or DAMPs, including [uric acid](#) [122], [ATP](#), [L-glucose](#), [hyaluronan](#) and [amyloid  \$\beta\$](#)  ([APP, P05067](#)) [163].

Loss-of-function mutations of NLRP3 are associated with cold autoinflammatory and Muckle-Wells syndromes. This family also includes [NLR family, apoptosis inhibitory protein](#) ([NAIP, Q13075](#)) which can be found in the 'Inhibitors of apop-

toxis (IAP) protein family' in the [Other protein targets](#) section of the Guide.

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## Receptor serine/threonine kinase (RSTK) family

Catalytic receptors → Receptor kinases → TKL: Tyrosine kinase-like → Receptor serine/threonine kinase (RSTK) family

**Overview:** Receptor serine/threonine kinases (RSTK), [EC 2.7.11.30](#), respond to particular cytokines, the transforming growth factor  $\beta$  (TGF $\beta$ ) and bone morphogenetic protein (BMP) families, and may be divided into two subfamilies on the basis of structural similarities. Agonist binding initiates formation of a cell-surface complex of type I and type II RSTK, possibly heterotrimeric, where where both subunits express serine/threonine kinase activity. The type I receptor serine/threonine kinases are also known as activin receptors or activin receptor-like kinases, ALKs, for which a systematic nomenclature has been proposed (ALK1-7). The type II protein phosphorylates the kinase domain of the type I partner (sometimes referred to as the signal propagating subunit), causing displacement of the protein partners,

such as the FKBP12 FK506-binding protein [FKBP1A \(P62942\)](#) and allowing the binding and phosphorylation of particular members of the Smad family. These migrate to the nucleus and act as complexes to regulate gene transcription. Type III receptors, sometimes called co-receptors or accessory proteins, regulate the signalling of the receptor complex, in either enhancing (for example, presenting the ligand to the receptor) or inhibitory manners. TGF $\beta$  family ligand signalling may be inhibited by endogenous proteins, such as [follistatin \(FST, P19883\)](#), which binds and neutralizes activins to prevent activation of the target receptors.

Endogenous agonists, approximately 30 in man, are often described as paracrine messengers acting close to the source of

production. They are characterized by six conserved cysteine residues and are divided into two subfamilies on the basis of sequence comparison and signalling pathways activated, the TGF $\beta$ /activin/nodal subfamily and the BMP/GDF (growth/differentiation factor)/MIS (Müllerian inhibiting substance) subfamily. Ligands active at RSTKs appear to be generated as large precursors which undergo complex maturation processes [105]. Some are known to form disulphide-linked homo- and/or heterodimeric complexes. Thus, inhibins are  $\alpha$  subunits linked to a variety of  $\beta$  chains, while activins are combinations of  $\beta$  subunits.

**Comments:** A number of endogenous inhibitory ligands have been identified for RSTKs, including **BMP-3** (*BMP3*, [P12645](#)), **inhibin  $\alpha$**  (*INHA*, [P05111](#)), **inhibin  $\beta$ C** (*INHBC*, [P55103](#)) and **inhibin  $\beta$ E** (*INHBE*, [P58166](#)).

An appraisal of small molecule inhibitors of TGF $\beta$  and BMP signalling concluded that TGF $\beta$  pathway inhibitors were more selective than BMP signalling inhibitors [186]. The authors confirmed the selectivity of **TGF-beta RI inhibitor III** to inhibit TGF $\beta$  signalling through ALK4, ALK5, ALK7 [36]. **Dorsomorphin** inhibits BMP signalling through ALK2 and ALK3, it also inhibits AMP kinase [209].

**Smads** were identified as mammalian orthologues of *Drosophila* genes termed “mothers against decapentaplegic” and may be divided into Receptor-regulated Smads (R-Smads, including Smad1, Smad2, Smad3, Smad5 and Smad8), Co-mediated Smad (Co-Smad, Smad4) and Inhibitory Smads (I-Smad, Smad6 and Smad7). R-Smads form heteromeric complexes with Co-Smad. I-Smads compete for binding of R-Smad with both receptors and Co-Smad.

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## Type I receptor serine/threonine kinases

Catalytic receptors → Receptor kinases → TKL: Tyrosine kinase-like → Receptor serine/threonine kinase (RSTK) family → Type I receptor serine/threonine kinases

**Overview:** The type I receptor serine/threonine kinases are also known as activin receptors or activin receptor-like kinases, ALKs, for which a systematic nomenclature has been proposed (ALK1-7).

Nomenclature	activin A receptor type II-like 1	activin A receptor, type I	bone morphogenetic protein receptor, type IA	activin A receptor, type IB
Common abbreviation	ALK1	ALK2	BMPR1A	ALK4
HGNC, UniProt	<a href="#">ACVRL1</a> , <a href="#">P37023</a>	<a href="#">ACVR1</a> , <a href="#">Q04771</a>	<a href="#">BMPR1A</a> , <a href="#">P36894</a>	<a href="#">ACVR1B</a> , <a href="#">P36896</a>
EC number	2.7.11.30	2.7.11.30	2.7.11.30	2.7.11.30
Inhibitors	<a href="#">compound 13d</a> [ <a href="#">PMID: 23639540</a> ] (pIC <sub>50</sub> >8.3) [ <a href="#">45</a> ], <a href="#">compound 13r</a> [ <a href="#">PMID: 23639540</a> ] (pIC <sub>50</sub> >8.3) [ <a href="#">45</a> ]	<a href="#">compound 13d</a> [ <a href="#">PMID: 23639540</a> ] (pIC <sub>50</sub> >8.3) [ <a href="#">45</a> ], <a href="#">ML347</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 7.5) [ <a href="#">45</a> ]	<a href="#">compound 13d</a> [ <a href="#">PMID: 23639540</a> ] (pIC <sub>50</sub> >8.3) [ <a href="#">45</a> ]	–
Selective inhibitors	–	–	–	<a href="#">EW-7197</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 7.9) [ <a href="#">82</a> ]

Nomenclature	transforming growth factor, beta receptor 1	bone morphogenetic protein receptor, type IB	activin A receptor, type IC
Common abbreviation	TGFBR1	BMPR1B	ALK7
HGNC, UniProt	<a href="#">TGFB1</a> , <a href="#">P36897</a>	<a href="#">BMPR1B</a> , <a href="#">O00238</a>	<a href="#">ACVR1C</a> , <a href="#">Q8NERS</a>
EC number	2.7.11.30	2.7.11.30	2.7.11.30
Inhibitors	<a href="#">LY2109761</a> ( $pK_i$ 7.4) [ <a href="#">125</a> ], <a href="#">compound 15b</a> [PMID: <a href="#">16539403</a> ] ( $pIC_{50}$ 7.1) [ <a href="#">104</a> ]	<a href="#">compound 13d</a> [PMID: <a href="#">23639540</a> ] ( $pIC_{50}$ >8.3) [ <a href="#">45</a> ]	–
Selective inhibitors	<a href="#">EW-7197</a> ( $pIC_{50}$ 8) [ <a href="#">82</a> ]	–	–

## Type II receptor serine/threonine kinases

Catalytic receptors → Receptor kinases → TKL: Tyrosine kinase-like → Receptor serine/threonine kinase (RSTK) family → Type II receptor serine/threonine kinases

Nomenclature	activin A receptor, type IIA	activin A receptor, type IIB	anti-Mullerian hormone receptor, type II	bone morphogenetic protein receptor, type II (serine/threonine kinase)	transforming growth factor, beta receptor II (70/80kDa)
Common abbreviation	ActR2	ActR2B	MISR2	BMPR2	TGFBR2
HGNC, UniProt	<a href="#">ACVR2A</a> , <a href="#">P27037</a>	<a href="#">ACVR2B</a> , <a href="#">Q13705</a>	<a href="#">AMHR2</a> , <a href="#">Q16671</a>	<a href="#">BMPR2</a> , <a href="#">Q13873</a>	<a href="#">TGFB2</a> , <a href="#">P37173</a>
EC number	2.7.11.30	2.7.11.30	2.7.11.30	2.7.11.30	2.7.11.30
Inhibitors	–	–	–	–	<a href="#">compound 13d</a> [PMID: <a href="#">23639540</a> ] ( $pIC_{50}$ 7.6) [ <a href="#">45</a> ]
Antibodies	–	<a href="#">bimagrumab</a> (Binding) ( $pK_d$ 11.8) [ <a href="#">12</a> ]	–	–	–

## Type III receptor serine/threonine kinases

Catalytic receptors → Receptor kinases → TKL: Tyrosine kinase-like → Receptor serine/threonine kinase (RSTK) family → Type III receptor serine/threonine kinases

Nomenclature	transforming growth factor, beta receptor III
Common abbreviation	TGFBR3
HGNC, UniProt	<a href="#">TGFB3</a> , <a href="#">Q03167</a>



## RSTK functional heteromers

Catalytic receptors → Receptor kinases → TKL: Tyrosine kinase-like → Receptor serine/threonine kinase (RSTK) family → RSTK functional heteromers

**Overview:** For the receptors listed on this page, the exact combination of subunits forming the functional heteromeric receptors is unknown.

Nomenclature	Transforming growth factor $\beta$ receptor	Bone morphogenetic protein receptors	Growth/differentiation factor receptors	Activin receptors	Anti-Müllerian hormone receptors
Subunits	transforming growth factor, beta receptor 1 (Type I), transforming growth factor, beta receptor III (Type III), transforming growth factor, beta receptor II (70/80kDa) (Type II)	bone morphogenetic protein receptor, type IB (Type I), activin A receptor, type IIB (Type II), activin A receptor, type IIA (Type II), activin A receptor type II-like 1 (Type I), activin A receptor, type I (Type I), bone morphogenetic protein receptor, type IA (Type I), bone morphogenetic protein receptor, type II (serine/threonine kinase) (Type II)	transforming growth factor, beta receptor 1 (Type I), bone morphogenetic protein receptor, type IB (Type I), activin A receptor, type IIB (Type II), activin A receptor, type IIA (Type II), activin A receptor, type IC (Type I), bone morphogenetic protein receptor, type IA (Type I), activin A receptor, type IB (Type I), bone morphogenetic protein receptor, type II (serine/threonine kinase) (Type II)	activin A receptor, type IIB (Type II), activin A receptor, type IIA (Type II), activin A receptor, type IC (Type I), activin A receptor, type IB (Type I)	anti-Müllerian hormone receptor, type II (Type II), bone morphogenetic protein receptor, type IB (Type I), activin A receptor, type I (Type I), bone morphogenetic protein receptor, type IA (Type I)
Coupling	Smad2, Smad3 [134, 167]	Smad1, Smad5, Smad8 [134, 167]	Smad1, Smad5, Smad8 [134, 167]	Smad2, Smad3 [167]	Smad1, Smad5, Smad8 [134, 167]
Endogenous agonists	TGF $\beta$ 1 ( <i>TGFB1</i> , P01137), TGF $\beta$ 2 ( <i>TGFB2</i> , P61812), TGF $\beta$ 3 ( <i>TGFB3</i> , P10600)	BMP-10 ( <i>BMP10</i> , O95393), BMP-2 ( <i>BMP2</i> , P12643), BMP-4 ( <i>BMP4</i> , P12644), BMP-5 ( <i>BMP5</i> , P22003), BMP-6 ( <i>BMP6</i> , P22004), BMP-7 ( <i>BMP7</i> , P18075), BMP-8A ( <i>BMP8A</i> , Q7Z5Y6), BMP-8B ( <i>BMP8B</i> , P34820), BMP-9 ( <i>GDF2</i> , Q9UK05)	growth/differentiation factor-1 ( <i>GDF1</i> , P27539), growth/differentiation factor-10 ( <i>GDF10</i> , P55107), growth/differentiation factor-3 ( <i>GDF3</i> , Q9NR23), growth/differentiation factor-7 ( <i>GDF7</i> , Q7Z4P5), growth/differentiation factor-9 ( <i>GDF9</i> , O60383)	activin A ( <i>INHBA</i> , P08476), activin AB ( <i>INHBA</i> <i>INHBB</i> , P08476 P09529), activin B ( <i>INHBB</i> , P09529), inhibin A ( <i>INHA</i> <i>INHBA</i> , P05111 P08476)	Müllerian inhibiting substance ( <i>AMH</i> , P03971)
Comments	–	–	–	Activin receptors are heteromeric complexes comprising activin receptor type I and type II subunits.	–

# Receptor tyrosine kinases

Catalytic receptors → Receptor kinases → TK: Tyrosine kinase → Receptor tyrosine kinases

**Overview:** Receptor tyrosine kinases (RTKs), a family of cell-surface receptors, which transduce signals to polypeptide and protein hormones, cytokines and growth factors are key regulators of critical cellular processes, such as proliferation and differentiation, cell survival and metabolism, cell migration and cell cycle control [14, 62, 184]. In the human genome, 58 RTKs have been identified, which fall into 20 families [102].

All RTKs display an extracellular ligand binding domain, a single transmembrane helix, a cytoplasmic region containing the protein tyrosine kinase activity (occasionally split into two domains by an insertion, termed the kinase insertion), with juxta-

membrane and C-terminal regulatory regions. Agonist binding to the extracellular domain evokes dimerization, and sometimes oligomerization, of RTKs (a small subset of RTKs forms multimers even in the absence of activating ligand). This leads to autophosphorylation in the tyrosine kinase domain in a trans orientation, serving as a site of assembly of protein complexes and stimulation of multiple signal transduction pathways, including phospholipase C- $\gamma$ , mitogen-activated protein kinases and phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase [184].

RTKs are of widespread interest not only through physiological functions, but also as drug targets in many types of cancer and

other disease states. Many diseases result from genetic changes or abnormalities that either alter the activity, abundance, cellular distribution and/or regulation of RTKs. Therefore, drugs that modify the dysregulated functions of these RTKs have been developed which fall into two categories. One group is often described as 'biologicals', which block the activation of RTKs directly or by chelating the cognate ligands, while the second are small molecules designed to inhibit the tyrosine kinase activity directly.

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# Type I RTKs: ErbB (epidermal growth factor) receptor family

Catalytic receptors → Receptor kinases → TK: Tyrosine kinase → Receptor tyrosine kinases → Type I RTKs: ErbB (epidermal growth factor) receptor family

**Overview:** ErbB family receptors are Class I receptor tyrosine kinases [62]. ERBB2 (also known as HER-2 or NEU) appears to act as an essential partner for the other members of the family without itself being activated by a cognate ligand [63]. Ligands of the ErbB

family of receptors are peptides, many of which are generated by proteolytic cleavage of cell-surface proteins. HER/ErbB is the viral counterpart to the receptor tyrosine kinase EGFR. All family members heterodimerize with each other to activate downstream

signalling pathways and are aberrantly expressed in many cancers, particularly forms of breast cancer.

Nomenclature	epidermal growth factor receptor	erb-b2 receptor tyrosine kinase 2	erb-b2 receptor tyrosine kinase 3	erb-b2 receptor tyrosine kinase 4
Common abbreviation	EGFR	HER2	HER3	HER4
HGNC, UniProt	<i>EGFR</i> , P00533	<i>ERBB2</i> , P04626	<i>ERBB3</i> , P21860	<i>ERBB4</i> , Q15303
EC number	2.7.10.1	2.7.10.1	2.7.10.1	2.7.10.1
Endogenous ligands	EGF ( <i>EGF</i> , P01133) (Binding), HB-EGF ( <i>HBEGF</i> , Q99075) (Binding), TGF $\alpha$ ( <i>TGFA</i> , P01135) (Binding), amphiregulin ( <i>AREG</i> , P15514) (Binding), betacellulin ( <i>BTC</i> , P35070) (Binding), epigen ( <i>EPGN</i> , Q6UW88) (Binding), epiregulin ( <i>EREG</i> , O14944) (Binding)	–	neuregulin-1 ( <i>NRG1</i> , Q02297), neuregulin-2 ( <i>NRG2</i> , O14511)	HB-EGF ( <i>HBEGF</i> , Q99075), betacellulin ( <i>BTC</i> , P35070), epiregulin ( <i>EREG</i> , O14944), neuregulin-1 ( <i>NRG1</i> , Q02297), neuregulin-2 ( <i>NRG2</i> , O14511), neuregulin-3 ( <i>NRG3</i> , P56975), neuregulin-4 ( <i>NRG4</i> , Q8WWG1)
Inhibitors	canertinib (p <i>K</i> <sub>d</sub> 9.7) [38], afatinib (p <i>K</i> <sub>d</sub> 9.6) [38], XL-647 (p <i>C</i> <sub>50</sub> 9.5) [57], afatinib (p <i>C</i> <sub>50</sub> 8–9.3) [33, 103], erlotinib (p <i>K</i> <sub>d</sub> 9.2) [38], erlotinib (p <i>C</i> <sub>50</sub> 9) [207], gefitinib (p <i>K</i> <sub>d</sub> 9) [38], canertinib (p <i>C</i> <sub>50</sub> 8.8) [170], BMS-690514 (p <i>C</i> <sub>50</sub> 8.3) [117], gefitinib (p <i>K</i> <sub>i</sub> 8.3) [197], AG1478 (p <i>C</i> <sub>50</sub> 8.2) [181], poziotinib (p <i>C</i> <sub>50</sub> 8.1) [140], lapatinib (p <i>C</i> <sub>50</sub> 8) [159], EGFR/ErbB-2 inhibitor (p <i>C</i> <sub>50</sub> 7.7) [28], AG 112 (p <i>C</i> <sub>50</sub> 6.9) [56], rociletinib (p <i>K</i> <sub>i</sub> 6.5) [187], AG 490 (p <i>C</i> <sub>50</sub> 6.4) [55]	poziotinib (p <i>C</i> <sub>50</sub> 8.3) [140], neratinib (p <i>K</i> <sub>d</sub> 8.2) [38], lapatinib (p <i>K</i> <sub>d</sub> 8.1) [38], lapatinib (p <i>C</i> <sub>50</sub> 8) [159], CP-724714 (p <i>C</i> <sub>50</sub> 7.9) [65], XL-647 (p <i>C</i> <sub>50</sub> 7.8) [57], BMS-690514 (p <i>C</i> <sub>50</sub> 7.7) [117], neratinib (p <i>C</i> <sub>50</sub> 7.2) [155], EGFR/ErbB-2 inhibitor (p <i>C</i> <sub>50</sub> 7.1) [28]	–	poziotinib (p <i>C</i> <sub>50</sub> 7.6) [140]
Antibodies	necitumumab (Binding) (p <i>K</i> <sub>d</sub> 9.5) [111], cetuximab (Binding) (p <i>K</i> <sub>d</sub> 9.4) [60], panitumumab (Inhibition)	pertuzumab (Inhibition) (p <i>C</i> <sub>50</sub> >8) [84], trastuzumab (Inhibition)	–	–

**Comments:** [<sup>125</sup>I]EGF (human) has been used to label the ErbB1 EGF receptor. The extracellular domain of ErbB2 can be targeted by the antibodies trastuzumab and pertuzumab to inhibit ErbB family action. The intracellular ATP-binding site of the tyrosine kinase domain can be inhibited by GW583340 (7.9–8.0, [54]), gefitinib, erlotinib and tyrphostins AG879 and AG1478.

## Type II RTKs: Insulin receptor family

Catalytic receptors → Receptor kinases → TK: Tyrosine kinase → Receptor tyrosine kinases → Type II RTKs: Insulin receptor family

**Overview:** The circulating peptide hormones **insulin** (*INS*, P01308) and the related insulin-like growth factors (IGF) activate Class II receptor tyrosine kinases [62], to evoke cellular responses, mediated through multiple intracellular adaptor proteins. Exceptionally amongst the catalytic receptors, the functional receptor in the insulin receptor family is derived from a single gene product, cleaved post-translationally into two peptides, which then

cross-link via disulphide bridges to form a heterotetramer. Intriguingly, the endogenous peptide ligands are formed in a parallel fashion with post-translational processing producing a heterodimer linked by disulphide bridges. Signalling through the receptors is mediated through a rapid autophosphorylation event at intracellular tyrosine residues, followed by recruitment of multiple adaptor proteins, notably *IRS1* (P35568), *IRS2* (Q9Y4H2),

*SHC1* (P29353), *GRB2* (P62993) and *SOS1* (Q07889). Serum levels of free IGFs are kept low by the action of IGF binding proteins (IGFBP1-5, P08833, P18065, P17936, P22692, P24593), which sequester the IGFs; overexpression of IGFBPs may induce apoptosis, while IGFBP levels are also altered in some cancers.

Nomenclature	Insulin receptor	Insulin-like growth factor I receptor	Insulin receptor-related receptor
Common abbreviation	InsR	IGF1R	IRR
HGNC, UniProt	<i>INSR</i> , P06213	<i>IGF1R</i> , P08069	<i>INSRR</i> , P14616
EC number	2.7.10.1	2.7.10.1	2.7.10.1
Inhibitors	–	<b>BMS-754807</b> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.7) [199], <b>GSK-1838705A</b> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.7) [161], <b>GSK-1838705A</b> (pK <sub>d</sub> 8.1) [38], <b>PQ401</b> (pIC <sub>50</sub> >6) [50], <b>AG 1024</b> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 4.7) [153]	–
Selective inhibitors	–	<b>NVP-AEW541</b> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 9.4) [53]	–
Endogenous agonists	<b>insulin</b> ( <i>INS</i> , P01308)	<b>insulin-like growth factor 1</b> ( <i>IGF1</i> , P05019), <b>insulin-like growth factor 2</b> ( <i>IGF2</i> , P01344)	–

**Comments:** There is evidence for low potency binding and activation of insulin receptors by IGF1. IGF2 also binds and activates the cation-independent mannose 6-phosphate receptor (also known as the insulin-like growth factor II receptor), which lacks classical signalling capacity and appears to subserve a traf-

ficking role [115]. INSRR, which has a much more discrete localization, being predominant in the kidney [95], currently lacks a cognate ligand or evidence for functional impact. Antibodies targeting IGF1, IGF2 and the extracellular portion of the IGF1 receptor are in clinical trials.

**PQ401** inhibits the insulin-like growth factor receptor [5], while **BMS-536924** inhibits both the insulin receptor and the insulin-like growth factor receptor [198].

## Type III RTKs: PDGFR, CSFR, Kit, FLT3 receptor family

Catalytic receptors → Receptor kinases → TK: Tyrosine kinase → Receptor tyrosine kinases → Type III RTKs: PDGFR, CSFR, Kit, FLT3 receptor family

**Overview:** Type III RTKs include PDGFR, CSF-1R (Ems), Kit and FLT3, which function as homo- or heterodimers. Endogenous ligands of PDGF receptors are homo- or heterodimeric: PDGFA, PDGFB, VEGFE and PDGFD (*PDGFD*, Q9GZP0) combine as homo- or heterodimers to activate homo- or heterodimeric PDGF receptors. SCF is a dimeric ligand for KIT. Ligands for CSF1R are either monomeric or dimeric glycoproteins, while the endogenous agonist for FLT3 is a homodimer.

Nomenclature	platelet-derived growth factor receptor, alpha polypeptide	platelet-derived growth factor receptor, beta polypeptide	v-kit Hardy-Zuckerman 4 feline sarcoma viral oncogene homolog	colony stimulating factor 1 receptor	fms-related tyrosine kinase 3
Common abbreviation	PDGFR $\alpha$	PDGFR $\beta$	Kit	CSFR	FLT3
HGNC, UniProt	<a href="#">PDGFRA</a> , <a href="#">P16234</a>	<a href="#">PDGFRB</a> , <a href="#">P09619</a>	<a href="#">KIT</a> , <a href="#">P10721</a>	<a href="#">CSF1R</a> , <a href="#">P07333</a>	<a href="#">FLT3</a> , <a href="#">P36888</a>
EC number	2.7.10.1	2.7.10.1	2.7.10.1	2.7.10.1	2.7.10.1
Endogenous ligands	PDGF	PDGF	–	–	–
Endogenous ligands	–	–	stem cell factor ( <a href="#">KITLG</a> , <a href="#">P21583</a> )	G-CSF ( <a href="#">CSF3</a> , <a href="#">P09919</a> ), GM-CSF ( <a href="#">CSF2</a> , <a href="#">P04141</a> ), M-CSF ( <a href="#">CSF1</a> , <a href="#">P09603</a> )	Fms-related tyrosine kinase 3 ligand ( <a href="#">FLT3LG</a> , <a href="#">P49771</a> )
Inhibitors	<a href="#">PP121</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.7) [ <a href="#">7</a> ], <a href="#">crenolanib</a> (pK <sub>d</sub> 8.7) [ <a href="#">71</a> ], <a href="#">ENMD-2076</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 7.2) [ <a href="#">149</a> ]	<a href="#">crenolanib</a> (pK <sub>d</sub> 8.5) [ <a href="#">71</a> ], <a href="#">SU-14813</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.4) [ <a href="#">147</a> ], <a href="#">famitinib</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.4) [ <a href="#">24</a> ], <a href="#">sunitinib</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.2) [ <a href="#">91</a> ], <a href="#">sunitinib</a> (pK <sub>i</sub> 8.1) [ <a href="#">126</a> ]	<a href="#">sunitinib</a> (pK <sub>d</sub> 9.4) [ <a href="#">38</a> ], <a href="#">famitinib</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.7) [ <a href="#">24</a> ], <a href="#">masitinib</a> (pK <sub>d</sub> 8.1) [ <a href="#">38</a> ], <a href="#">SU-14813</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 7.8) [ <a href="#">147</a> ], <a href="#">AKN-028</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 7.5) [ <a href="#">46</a> ], <a href="#">sorafenib</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 7.2) [ <a href="#">196</a> ]	<a href="#">JNJ-28312141</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 9.2) [ <a href="#">116</a> ], <a href="#">Ki-20227</a> (pK <sub>d</sub> 9.1) [ <a href="#">38</a> ], <a href="#">Ki-20227</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.7) [ <a href="#">143</a> ], <a href="#">GW-2580</a> (pK <sub>d</sub> 8.7) [ <a href="#">38</a> ], <a href="#">JNJ-28312141</a> (pK <sub>d</sub> 8.5) [ <a href="#">38</a> ]	<a href="#">AC710</a> (pK <sub>d</sub> 9.3) [ <a href="#">109</a> ], <a href="#">linifanib</a> (pK <sub>d</sub> 9.2) [ <a href="#">38</a> ], <a href="#">dovitinib</a> (pK <sub>d</sub> 9.2) [ <a href="#">38</a> ], <a href="#">crenolanib</a> (pK <sub>d</sub> 9.1) [ <a href="#">71</a> ], <a href="#">AST-487</a> (pK <sub>d</sub> 9.1) [ <a href="#">38</a> ], <a href="#">compound 8h</a> [PMID: 22765894] (pIC <sub>50</sub> 9.1) [ <a href="#">88</a> ], <a href="#">dovitinib</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.5–9) [ <a href="#">157</a> , <a href="#">183</a> ], <a href="#">ENMD-2076</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.5) [ <a href="#">149</a> ], <a href="#">tandutinib</a> (pK <sub>d</sub> 8.5) [ <a href="#">38</a> ], <a href="#">quizartinib</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.4) [ <a href="#">206</a> ], <a href="#">AKN-028</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.2) [ <a href="#">46</a> ], <a href="#">KW-2449</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.2) [ <a href="#">168</a> ], <a href="#">lestaurtinib</a> (pK <sub>d</sub> 8.1) [ <a href="#">38</a> ], <a href="#">midostaurin</a> (pK <sub>d</sub> 8) [ <a href="#">38</a> ], <a href="#">KW-2449</a> (pK <sub>d</sub> 7.8) [ <a href="#">38</a> ], <a href="#">sorafenib</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 7.2) [ <a href="#">196</a> ], <a href="#">AST-487</a> (pK <sub>i</sub> 6.9) [ <a href="#">193</a> ], <a href="#">tandutinib</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 6.7) [ <a href="#">86</a> ], <a href="#">AST-487</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 6.3) [ <a href="#">2</a> ], <a href="#">midostaurin</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 6.3) [ <a href="#">192</a> ]
Selective inhibitors	<a href="#">CP-673451</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8) [ <a href="#">158</a> ]	<a href="#">CP-673451</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 9) [ <a href="#">158</a> ]	–	<a href="#">GW-2580</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 7.2) [ <a href="#">32</a> ]	<a href="#">G749</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 9.4) [ <a href="#">99</a> ]
Comments	–	–	–	–	<a href="#">5'-fluoroindirubinoxime</a> has been described as a selective FLT3 inhibitor [ <a href="#">25</a> ].

**Comments:** Various small molecular inhibitors of type III RTKs have been described, including [imatinib](#) and [nilotinib](#) (targetting PDGFR, KIT and CSF1R); [midostaurin](#) and [AC220](#) ([quizartinib](#); FLT3), as well as pan-type III RTK inhibitors such as [sunitinib](#) and [sorafenib](#) [[148](#)]; [5'-fluoroindirubinoxime](#) has been described as a selective FLT3 inhibitor [[2](#)].

# Type IV RTKs: VEGF (vascular endothelial growth factor) receptor family

Catalytic receptors → Receptor kinases → TK: Tyrosine kinase → Receptor tyrosine kinases → Type IV RTKs: VEGF (vascular endothelial growth factor) receptor family

**Overview:** VEGF receptors are homo- and heterodimeric proteins, which are characterized by seven Ig-like loops in their extracellular domains and a split kinase domain in the cytoplasmic region. They are key regulators of angiogenesis and lymphangiogenesis; as such, they have been the focus of drug discovery for conditions such as metastatic cancer. Splice variants of

VEGFR1 and VEGFR2 generate truncated proteins limited to the extracellular domains, capable of homodimerisation and binding VEGF ligands as a soluble, non-signalling entity. Ligands at VEGF receptors are typically homodimeric. VEGFA (VEGFA, P15692) is able to activate VEGFR1 homodimers, VEGFR1/2 heterodimers and VEGFR2/3 heterodimers. VEGFB (VEGFB, P49765)

and placental growth factor (PGF, P49763) activate VEGFR1 homodimers, while VEGFC (VEGFC, P49767) and VEGFD (FIGF, O43915) activate VEGFR2/3 heterodimers and VEGFR3 homodimers, and, following proteolysis, VEGFR2 homodimers.

Nomenclature	fms-related tyrosine kinase 1	kinase insert domain receptor	fms-related tyrosine kinase 4
Common abbreviation	VEGFR-1	VEGFR-2	VEGFR-3
HGNC, UniProt	<a href="#">FLT1</a> , <a href="#">P17948</a>	<a href="#">KDR</a> , <a href="#">P35968</a>	<a href="#">FLT4</a> , <a href="#">P35916</a>
EC number	2.7.10.1	2.7.10.1	2.7.10.1
Endogenous ligands	VEGFA (VEGFA, P15692), VEGFB (VEGFB, P49765)	VEGFA (VEGFA, P15692), VEGFC (VEGFC, P49767), VEGFE (PDGFC, Q9NRA1)	VEGFC (VEGFC, P49767), VEGFD (FIGF, O43915), VEGFE (PDGFC, Q9NRA1)
Inhibitors	SU-14813 (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.7) [147], CEP-11981 (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.5) [77], semaxanib (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.1) [15]	axitinib (pIC <sub>50</sub> 9.6) [100], cabozantinib (pIC <sub>50</sub> 9.5) [203], foretinib (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.2–9.1) [137], cediranib (pK <sub>d</sub> 9) [38], XL-647 (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.8) [57], compound 13a [PMID: 23639540] (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.8) [45], SU-14813 (pK <sub>d</sub> 8.6) [38], motesanib (pK <sub>d</sub> 8.6) [38], famitinib (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.3) [24], axitinib (pK <sub>d</sub> 8.2) [38], PLX-4720 (pK <sub>i</sub> 8.1) [126], CP-547632 (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8) [11], PP121 (pIC <sub>50</sub> 7.9) [7], golvatinib (pIC <sub>50</sub> 7.8) [139], brivanib (pIC <sub>50</sub> 7.6) [13], ENMD-2076 (pIC <sub>50</sub> 7.4) [149], BMS-690514 (pIC <sub>50</sub> 7.3) [117], SU-14813 (pIC <sub>50</sub> 7.3) [147], sorafenib (pK <sub>d</sub> 7.2) [38], vatalanib (pK <sub>d</sub> 7.2) [38], sorafenib (pIC <sub>50</sub> 7.1) [196]	XL-647 (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.1) [57], sunitinib (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.1) [87], nintedanib (pIC <sub>50</sub> 7.9) [74]
(Sub)family-selective inhibitors	pazopanib (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8) [68]	pazopanib (pK <sub>d</sub> 7.8) [38], pazopanib (pIC <sub>50</sub> 7.5) [68]	pazopanib (pIC <sub>50</sub> 7.3) [68]
Antibodies	–	ramucirumab (Antagonist) (pIC <sub>50</sub> 9) [113]	–

**Comments:** The VEGFR, as well as VEGF ligands, have been targeted by antibodies and tyrosine kinase inhibitors. DMH4 [49], Ki8751 [94] and ZM323881, a novel inhibitor of vascular endothelial growth factor-receptor-2 tyrosine kinase activity [195] are described as VEGFR2-selective tyrosine kinase inhibitors. Bevacizumab is a monoclonal antibody directed against VEGF-A, used clinically for the treatment of certain metastatic cancers; an antibody fragment has been used for wet age-related macular degeneration.

## Type V RTKs: FGF (fibroblast growth factor) receptor family

Catalytic receptors → Receptor kinases → TK: Tyrosine kinase → Receptor tyrosine kinases → Type V RTKs: FGF (fibroblast growth factor) receptor family

**Overview:** Fibroblast growth factor (FGF) family receptors act as homo- and heterodimers, and are characterized by Ig-like loops in the extracellular domain, in which disulphide bridges may form across protein partners to allow the formation of covalent dimers which may be constitutively active. FGF receptors have been im-

plicated in achondroplasia, angiogenesis and numerous congenital disorders. At least 22 members of the FGF gene family have been identified in the human genome [11]. Within this group, subfamilies of FGF may be divided into canonical, intracellular and hormone-like FGFs. FGF1-FGF10 have been identified to act

through FGF receptors, while FGF11-14 appear to signal through intracellular targets. Other family members are less well characterized [194].

Nomenclature	fibroblast growth factor receptor 1	fibroblast growth factor receptor 2	fibroblast growth factor receptor 3	fibroblast growth factor receptor 4
Common abbreviation	FGFR1	FGFR2	FGFR3	FGFR4
HGNC, UniProt	<i>FGFR1</i> , P11362	<i>FGFR2</i> , P21802	<i>FGFR3</i> , P22607	<i>FGFR4</i> , P22455
EC number	2.7.10.1	2.7.10.1	2.7.10.1	2.7.10.1
Endogenous ligands	FGF-1 ( <i>FGF1</i> , P05230), FGF-2 ( <i>FGF2</i> , P09038), FGF-4 ( <i>FGF4</i> , P08620) > FGF-5 ( <i>FGF5</i> , P12034), FGF-6 ( <i>FGF6</i> , P10767) [145]	FGF-1 ( <i>FGF1</i> , P05230) > FGF-4 ( <i>FGF4</i> , P08620), FGF-7 ( <i>FGF7</i> , P21781), FGF-9 ( <i>FGF9</i> , P31371) > FGF-2 ( <i>FGF2</i> , P09038), FGF-6 ( <i>FGF6</i> , P10767) [145]	FGF-1 ( <i>FGF1</i> , P05230), FGF-2 ( <i>FGF2</i> , P09038), FGF-9 ( <i>FGF9</i> , P31371) > FGF-4 ( <i>FGF4</i> , P08620), FGF-8 ( <i>FGF8</i> , P55075) [145]	FGF-1 ( <i>FGF1</i> , P05230), FGF-2 ( <i>FGF2</i> , P09038), FGF-4 ( <i>FGF4</i> , P08620), FGF-9 ( <i>FGF9</i> , P31371) > FGF-6 ( <i>FGF6</i> , P10767), FGF-8 ( <i>FGF8</i> , P55075) [145]
(Sub)family-selective inhibitors	LY2874455 (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.6) [208]	LY2874455 (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.6) [208]	LY2874455 (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.2) [208]	LY2874455 (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.2) [208]
Agonists	–	palifermin	–	–

**Comments:** Splice variation of the receptors can influence agonist responses. *FGFRL1* (Q8N441) is a truncated kinase-null analogue.

Various antibodies and tyrosine kinase inhibitors have been developed against FGF receptors [107, 210]. PD161570 is an FGFR tyrosine kinase inhibitor [10], while PD173074 has been described to inhibit FGFR1 and FGFR3 [169].

## Type VI RTKs: PTK7/CCK4

Catalytic receptors → Receptor kinases → TK: Tyrosine kinase → Receptor tyrosine kinases → Type VI RTKs: PTK7/CCK4

**Overview:** The PTK7 receptor is associated with polarization of epithelial cells and the development of neural structures. Sequence analysis suggests that the gene product is catalytically inactive as a protein kinase, although there is evidence for a role in Wnt signalling [152].

Nomenclature	protein tyrosine kinase 7 (inactive)
Common abbreviation	CCK4
HGNC, UniProt	<i>PTK7</i> , Q13308
EC number	2.7.10.1

**Comments:** Thus far, no selective PTK7 inhibitors have been described.

## Type VII RTKs: Neurotrophin receptor/Trk family

Catalytic receptors → Receptor kinases → TK: Tyrosine kinase → Receptor tyrosine kinases → Type VII RTKs: Neurotrophin receptor/Trk family

**Overview:** The neurotrophin receptor family of RTKs include trkA, trkB and trkC (tropomyosin-related kinase) receptors, which respond to NGF, BDNF and neurotrophin-3, respectively. They are associated primarily with proliferative and

migration effects in neural systems. Various isoforms of neurotrophin receptors exist, including truncated forms of trkB and trkC, which lack catalytic domains. p75(TNFRSF16, also known as nerve growth factor receptor), which has homologies with

tumour necrosis factor receptors, lacks a tyrosine kinase domain, but can signal via ceramide release and nuclear factor  $\kappa$ B (NF- $\kappa$ B) activation. Both trkA and trkB contain two leucine-rich regions and can exist in monomeric or dimeric forms.

Nomenclature	neurotrophic tyrosine kinase, receptor, type 1	neurotrophic tyrosine kinase, receptor, type 2	neurotrophic tyrosine kinase, receptor, type 3
Common abbreviation	trkA	trkB	trkC
HGNC, UniProt	<a href="#">NTRK1, P04629</a>	<a href="#">NTRK2, Q16620</a>	<a href="#">NTRK3, Q16288</a>
EC number	2.7.10.1	2.7.10.1	2.7.10.1
Endogenous ligands	NGF ( <a href="#">NGF, P01138</a> ) > neurotrophin-3 ( <a href="#">NTF3, P20783</a> )	BDNF ( <a href="#">BDNF, P23560</a> ), neurotrophin-4 ( <a href="#">NTF4, P34130</a> ) > neurotrophin-3 ( <a href="#">NTF3, P20783</a> )	–
Endogenous ligands	–	–	neurotrophin-3 ( <a href="#">NTF3, P20783</a> )
Inhibitors	<a href="#">compound 2c</a> [PMID: 24900538] (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.9) [189], <a href="#">miliciclib</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 7.3) [17]	–	–
(Sub)family-selective inhibitors	<a href="#">AZD1332</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> >8.3) [9], <a href="#">GNF-5837</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8) [5]	<a href="#">AZD1332</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> >8.3) [9], <a href="#">GNF-5837</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.1) [5]	<a href="#">AZD1332</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> >8.3) [9], <a href="#">GNF-5837</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.1) [5]

**Comments:** [<sup>125</sup>I]NGF (human) and [<sup>125</sup>I]BDNF (human) have been used to label the trkA and trkB receptor, respectively. p75 influences the binding of NGF ([NGF, P01138](#)) and neurotrophin-3 ([NTF3, P20783](#)) to trkA. The ligand selectivity of p75 appears to be dependent on the cell type; for example, in

sympathetic neurones, it binds neurotrophin-3 ([NTF3, P20783](#)) with comparable affinity to trkC [40]. Small molecule agonists of trkB have been described, including LM22A4 [123], while ANA12 has been described as a non-competitive antagonist of BDNF binding to trkB [23]. GNF5837

is a family-selective tyrosine kinase inhibitor [4], while the tyrosine kinase activity of the trkA receptor can be inhibited by [GW441756](#) (pIC<sub>50</sub>= 8.7, [200]) and tyrophostin [AG879](#) [142].



## Type VIII RTKs: ROR family

Catalytic receptors → Receptor kinases → TK: Tyrosine kinase → Receptor tyrosine kinases → Type VIII RTKs: ROR family

**Overview:** Members of the ROR family appear to be activated by ligands complexing with other cell-surface proteins. Thus, ROR1 and ROR2 appear to be activated by *Wnt-5a* (*WNT5A*, P41221) binding to a [Frizzled receptor](#) thereby forming a cell-surface multiprotein complex [64].

Nomenclature	<a href="#">receptor tyrosine kinase-like orphan receptor 1</a>	<a href="#">receptor tyrosine kinase-like orphan receptor 2</a>
Common abbreviation	ROR1	ROR2
HGNC, UniProt	<a href="#">ROR1</a> , <a href="#">Q01973</a>	<a href="#">ROR2</a> , <a href="#">Q01974</a>
EC number	2.7.10.1	2.7.10.1

## Type IX RTKs: MuSK

Catalytic receptors → Receptor kinases → TK: Tyrosine kinase → Receptor tyrosine kinases → Type IX RTKs: MuSK

**Overview:** The muscle-specific kinase MuSK is associated with the formation and organisation of the neuromuscular junction from the skeletal muscle side. *Agrin* (*AGRN*, O00468) forms a complex with [low-density lipoprotein receptor-related protein 4](#) (*LRP4*, O75096) to activate MuSK [89].

Nomenclature	<a href="#">muscle, skeletal, receptor tyrosine kinase</a>
Common abbreviation	MuSK
HGNC, UniProt	<a href="#">MUSK</a> , <a href="#">O15146</a>
EC number	2.7.10.1

**Comments:** Thus far, no selective MuSK inhibitors have been described.

## Type X RTKs: HGF (hepatocyte growth factor) receptor family

Catalytic receptors → Receptor kinases → TK: Tyrosine kinase → Receptor tyrosine kinases → Type X RTKs: HGF (hepatocyte growth factor) receptor family

**Overview:** HGF receptors regulate maturation of the liver in the embryo, as well as having roles in the adult, for example, in the innate immune system. HGF is synthesized as a single gene product, which is post-translationally processed to yield a heterodimer linked by a disulphide bridge. The maturation of HGF is enhanced by a serine protease, HGF activating complex, and inhibited by [HGF-inhibitor 1](#) (*SPINT1*, O43278), a serine protease inhibitor. MST1, the ligand of RON, is two disulphide-linked peptide chains generated by proteolysis of a single gene product.

Nomenclature	<a href="#">MET proto-oncogene, receptor tyrosine kinase</a>	<a href="#">macrophage stimulating 1 receptor</a>
Common abbreviation	MET	Ron
HGNC, UniProt	<a href="#">MET, P08581</a>	<a href="#">MST1R, Q04912</a>
EC number	2.7.10.1	2.7.10.1
Endogenous ligands	<a href="#">hepatocyte growth factor (HGF, P14210)</a>	<a href="#">macrophage stimulating protein 1 (MST1, P09603)</a>
Inhibitors	<a href="#">capmatinib</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 9.9) [112], <a href="#">SGX-523</a> (pK <sub>d</sub> 9.7) [38], <a href="#">PHA-665752</a> (pK <sub>d</sub> 9.6) [38], <a href="#">foretinib</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 9.3–9.4) [106, 137], <a href="#">cabozantinib</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.9) [203], <a href="#">foretinib</a> (pK <sub>d</sub> 8.9) [38], <a href="#">MK-2461</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.6) [146], <a href="#">BMS-777607</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.4) [164], <a href="#">PHA-665752</a> (pK <sub>i</sub> 8.4) [26], <a href="#">SU11274</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8) [190], <a href="#">golvtinib</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 7.8) [139], <a href="#">tivatinib</a> (pK <sub>i</sub> 6.4) [135]	<a href="#">BMS-777607</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.7) [164]
Selective inhibitors	<a href="#">SGX-523</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.4) [19]	–

**Comments:** PF04217903 is a selective Met tyrosine kinase inhibitor [34].SU11274 is an inhibitor of the HGF receptor [162], with the possibility of further targets [8].

## Type XI RTKs: TAM (TYRO3-, AXL- and MER-TK) receptor family

Catalytic receptors → Receptor kinases → TK: Tyrosine kinase → Receptor tyrosine kinases → Type XI RTKs: TAM (TYRO3-, AXL- and MER-TK) receptor family

**Overview:** Members of this RTK family represented a novel structural motif, when sequenced. The ligands for this family, [growth arrest specific protein 6 \(GAS6, Q14393\)](#) and [protein S \(PROS1, P07225\)](#), are secreted plasma proteins which undergo vitamin K-dependent post-translational modifications generating carboxyglutamate-rich domains which are able to bind to negatively-charged surfaces of apoptotic cells.

Nomenclature	<a href="#">AXL receptor tyrosine kinase</a>	<a href="#">TYRO3 protein tyrosine kinase</a>	<a href="#">MER proto-oncogene, tyrosine kinase</a>
Common abbreviation	Axl	Tyro3	Mer
HGNC, UniProt	<a href="#">AXL, P30530</a>	<a href="#">TYRO3, Q06418</a>	<a href="#">MERTK, Q12866</a>
EC number	2.7.10.1	2.7.10.1	2.7.10.1
Endogenous ligands	<a href="#">growth arrest specific protein 6 (GAS6, Q14393)</a> [138], <a href="#">protein S (PROS1, P07225)</a> [172]	<a href="#">growth arrest specific protein 6 (GAS6, Q14393)</a> [138], <a href="#">protein S (PROS1, P07225)</a> [172]	<a href="#">growth arrest specific protein 6 (GAS6, Q14393)</a> [138]

**Comments:** AXL tyrosine kinase inhibitors have been described [130].

## Type XII RTKs: TIE family of angiopoietin receptors

Catalytic receptors → Receptor kinases → TK: Tyrosine kinase → Receptor tyrosine kinases → Type XII RTKs: TIE family of angiopoietin receptors

**Overview:** The TIE family were initially associated with formation of blood vessels. Endogenous ligands are **angiopoietin-1** (*ANGPT1*, Q15389), **angiopoietin-2** (*ANGPT2*, O15123), and **angiopoietin-4** (*ANGPT4*, Q9Y264). **Angiopoietin-2** (*ANGPT2*, O15123) appears to act as an endogenous antagonist of angiopoietin-1 function.

Nomenclature	tyrosine kinase with immunoglobulin-like and EGF-like domains 1	TEK tyrosine kinase, endothelial
Common abbreviation	TIE1	TIE2
HGNC, UniProt	<i>TIE1</i> , P35590	<i>TEK</i> , Q02763
EC number	2.7.10.1	2.7.10.1
Endogenous ligands	–	angiopoietin-1 ( <i>ANGPT1</i> , Q15389), angiopoietin-4 ( <i>ANGPT4</i> , Q9Y264)

## Type XIII RTKs: Ephrin receptor family

Catalytic receptors → Receptor kinases → TK: Tyrosine kinase → Receptor tyrosine kinases → Type XIII RTKs: Ephrin receptor family

**Overview:** Ephrin receptors are a family of 15 RTKs (the largest family of RTKs) with two identified subfamilies (EphA and EphB), which have a role in the regulation of neuronal development, cell migration, patterning and angiogenesis. Their ligands are membrane-associated proteins, thought to be glycosylphosphatidylinositol-linked for EphA (**ephrin-A1** (*EFNA1*, P20827), **ephrin-A2** (*EFNA2*, O43921), **ephrin-A3** (*EFNA3*, P52797), **ephrin-A4** (*EFNA4*, P52798) and **ephrin-A5** (*EFNA5*, P52803)) and ITM proteins for Ephrin B (ENSFM0025000002014: **ephrin-B1** (*EFNB1*, P98172), **ephrin-B2** (*EFNB2*, P52799) and **ephrin-B3** (*EFNB3*, Q15768)), although the relationship between ligands and receptors has been incompletely defined.

Nomenclature	<b>EPH receptor A1</b>	<b>EPH receptor A2</b>	<b>EPH receptor A3</b>	<b>EPH receptor A4</b>	<b>EPH receptor A5</b>	<b>EPH receptor A6</b>	<b>EPH receptor A7</b>
Common abbreviation	EphA1	EphA2	EphA3	EphA4	EphA5	EphA6	EphA7
HGNC, UniProt	<i>EPHA1</i> , P21709	<i>EPHA2</i> , P29317	<i>EPHA3</i> , P29320	<i>EPHA4</i> , P54764	<i>EPHA5</i> , P54756	<i>EPHA6</i> , Q9UF33	<i>EPHA7</i> , Q15375
EC number	2.7.10.1	2.7.10.1	2.7.10.1	2.7.10.1	2.7.10.1	2.7.10.1	2.7.10.1
Inhibitors	compound 20 [PMID: 23489211] (pIC <sub>50</sub> 5.6) [79]	–	–	–	–	–	–

Nomenclature	<a href="#">EPH receptor A8</a>	<a href="#">EPH receptor A10</a>	<a href="#">EPH receptor B1</a>	<a href="#">EPH receptor B2</a>	<a href="#">EPH receptor B3</a>	<a href="#">EPH receptor B4</a>	<a href="#">EPH receptor B6</a>
Common abbreviation	EphA8	EphA10	EphB1	EphB2	EphB3	EphB4	EphB6
HGNC, UniProt	<a href="#">EPHA8, P29322</a>	<a href="#">EPHA10, Q5JZY3</a>	<a href="#">EPHB1, P54762</a>	<a href="#">EPHB2, P29323</a>	<a href="#">EPHB3, P54753</a>	<a href="#">EPHB4, P54760</a>	<a href="#">EPHB6, O15197</a>
EC number	2.7.10.1	2.7.10.1	2.7.10.1	2.7.10.1	2.7.10.1	2.7.10.1	2.7.10.1
Inhibitors	–	–	<a href="#">compound 66</a> [PMID: 19788238] (pIC <sub>50</sub> 9) [97]	–	–	<a href="#">XL-647</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.9) [57]	–

## Type XIV RTKs: RET

Catalytic receptors → Receptor kinases → TK: Tyrosine kinase → Receptor tyrosine kinases → Type XIV RTKs: RET

**Overview:** Ret proto-oncogene (Rearranged during transfection) is a transmembrane tyrosine kinase enzyme which is employed as a signalling partner for members of the [GDNF family receptors](#). Ligand-activated GFR appears to recruit Ret as a dimer, leading to activation of further intracellular signalling pathways. Ret appears to be involved in neural crest development, while mutations may be involved in multiple endocrine neoplasia, Hirschsprung's disease, and medullary thyroid carcinoma.

Nomenclature	<a href="#">ret proto-oncogene</a>
Common abbreviation	Ret
HGNC, UniProt	<a href="#">RET, P07949</a>
EC number	2.7.10.1
Inhibitors	<a href="#">tamatinib</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.3) [27], <a href="#">vandetanib</a> (pK <sub>d</sub> 7.5) [38], <a href="#">vandetanib</a> (pIC <sub>50</sub> 7) [22]

**Comments:** A number of tyrosine kinase inhibitors targeting RET have been described [47].

## Type XV RTKs: RYK

Catalytic receptors → Receptor kinases → TK: Tyrosine kinase → Receptor tyrosine kinases → Type XV RTKs: RYK

**Overview:** The ‘related to tyrosine kinase receptor’ (Ryk) is structurally atypical of the family of RTKs, particularly in the activation and ATP-binding domains. RYK has been suggested to lack kinase activity and appears to be involved, with FZD8, in the Wnt signalling system [152].

Nomenclature	receptor-like tyrosine kinase
Common abbreviation	RYK
HGNC, UniProt	RYK, P34925
EC number	2.7.10.1

**Comments:** Thus far, no selective RYK inhibitors have been described.

## Type XVI RTKs: DDR (collagen receptor) family

Catalytic receptors → Receptor kinases → TK: Tyrosine kinase → Receptor tyrosine kinases → Type XVI RTKs: DDR (collagen receptor) family

**Overview:** Discoidin domain receptors 1 and 2 (DDR1 and DDR2) are structurally-related membrane protein tyrosine kinases activated by collagen. Collagen is probably the most abundant protein in man, with at least 29 families of genes encoding proteins, which undergo splice variation and post-translational processing, and may exist in monomeric or polymeric forms, producing a triple-stranded, twine-like structure. In man, principal family members include COL1A1 (COL1A1, P02452), COL2A1 (COL2A1, P02458), COL3A1 (COL3A1, P02461) and COL4A1 (COL4A1, P02462).

Nomenclature	discoidin domain receptor tyrosine kinase 1	discoidin domain receptor tyrosine kinase 2
Common abbreviation	DDR1	DDR2
HGNC, UniProt	DDR1, Q08345	DDR2, Q16832
EC number	2.7.10.1	2.7.10.1
Inhibitors	compound 7k [PMID: 23521020] (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.6) [51]	–

**Comments:** The tyrosine kinase inhibitors of DDR, imatinib and nilotinib, were identified from proteomic analysis [39]. Other collagen receptors include glycoprotein VI (Q9HCN6), leukocyte-associated immunoglobulin-like receptor 1 (Q6GTX8), leukocyte-associated immunoglobulin-like receptor 2 (Q6JSS4) and osteoclast-associated immunoglobulin-like receptor (Q8IYSS).

## Type XVII RTKs: ROS receptors

Catalytic receptors → Receptor kinases → TK: Tyrosine kinase → Receptor tyrosine kinases → Type XVII RTKs: ROS receptors

Nomenclature	<a href="#">c-ros oncogene 1, receptor tyrosine kinase</a>
Common abbreviation	ROS
HGNC, UniProt	<a href="#">ROS1, P08922</a>
EC number	2.7.10.1

**Comments:** [crizotinib](#) is a tyrosine kinase inhibitor, anti-cancer drug targeting ALK and ROS1.

## Type XVIII RTKs: LMR family

Catalytic receptors → Receptor kinases → TK: Tyrosine kinase → Receptor tyrosine kinases → Type XVIII RTKs: LMR family

**Overview:** The LMR kinases are unusual amongst the RTKs in possessing a short extracellular domain and extended intracellular domain (hence the 'Lemur' name reflecting the long tail). A precise function for these receptors has yet to be defined, although LMR1 was identified as a potential marker of apoptosis [52], giving rise to the name AATYK (Apoptosis-associated tyrosine kinase); while over-expression induces differentiation in neuroblastoma cells [156].

Nomenclature	<a href="#">apoptosis-associated tyrosine kinase</a>	<a href="#">lemur tyrosine kinase 2</a>	<a href="#">lemur tyrosine kinase 3</a>
Common abbreviation	Lmr1	Lmr2	Lmr3
HGNC, UniProt	<a href="#">AATK, Q6ZMQ8</a>	<a href="#">LMTK2, Q8IWU2</a>	<a href="#">LMTK3, Q96Q04</a>
EC number	2.7.11.1	2.7.11.1	2.7.11.1

**Comments:** As yet no selective inhibitors of the LMR family have been described.

## Type XIX RTKs: Leukocyte tyrosine kinase (LTK) receptor family

Catalytic receptors → Receptor kinases → TK: Tyrosine kinase → Receptor tyrosine kinases → Type XIX RTKs: Leukocyte tyrosine kinase (LTK) receptor family

**Overview:** The LTK family appear to lack endogenous ligands. LTK is subject to tissue-specific splice variation, which appears to generate products in distinct subcellular locations. ALK fusions created by gene translocations and rearrangements are associated with many types of cancer, including large cell lymphomas, inflammatory myofibroblastic tumours and non-small cell lung cancer [120].

Nomenclature	leukocyte receptor tyrosine kinase	anaplastic lymphoma receptor tyrosine kinase
Common abbreviation	LTK	ALK
HGNC, UniProt	<a href="#">LTK</a> , <a href="#">P29376</a>	<a href="#">ALK</a> , <a href="#">Q9UM73</a>
EC number	2.7.10.1	2.7.10.1
Inhibitors	–	GSK-1838705A (pIC <sub>50</sub> 9.3) [161], compound 8e [PMID: 24432909] (pIC <sub>50</sub> 9.1) [76], crizotinib (pIC <sub>50</sub> 9) [35], NVP-TAE684 (pK <sub>d</sub> 9) [38], compound 25b [PMID: 22564207] (pIC <sub>50</sub> 8.7) [59]
Selective inhibitors	–	ceritinib (pIC <sub>50</sub> 9.7) [120]
Comments	–	crizotinib appears to be a selective ALK inhibitor acting on the tyrosine kinase activity [58]

## Type XX RTKs: STYK1

Catalytic receptors → Receptor kinases → TK: Tyrosine kinase → Receptor tyrosine kinases → Type XX RTKs: STYK1

**Overview:** Similar to the LMR RTK family, STYK1 has a truncated extracellular domain, but also displays a relatively short intracellular tail beyond the split kinase domain. STYK1 (also known as Novel Oncogene with Kinase-domain, NOK) has been suggested to co-localize with activated EGF receptor [43].

Nomenclature	serine/threonine/tyrosine kinase 1
Common abbreviation	STYK1
HGNC, UniProt	<a href="#">STYK1</a> , <a href="#">Q6J9G0</a>
EC number	2.7.10.2

**Comments:** As yet, no selective inhibitors of STYK1 have been described.

## Receptor tyrosine phosphatases (RTP)

Catalytic receptors → Receptor tyrosine phosphatases (RTP)

**Overview:** Receptor tyrosine phosphatases (RTP) are cell-surface proteins with a single TM region and intracellular phosphotyrosine phosphatase activity. Many family members exhibit constitutive activity in heterologous expression, dephosphorylating intracellular targets such as Src tyrosine kinase (SRC) to activate signalling cascades. Family members bind components of the extracellular matrix or cell-surface proteins indicating a role in intercellular communication. Listed here are those family members with putative endogenous ligands.

Nomenclature	RTP Type C	RTP Type D	RTP Type F	RTP Type G
HGNC, UniProt	<i>PTPRC</i> , P08575	<i>PTPRD</i> , P23468	<i>PTPRF</i> , P10586	<i>PTPRG</i> , P23470
Putative endogenous ligands	galectin-1 ( <i>LGALS1</i> , P09382) [188]	netrin-G3 ligand ( <i>LRR4B</i> , Q9NT99) [96]	netrin-G3 ligand ( <i>LRR4B</i> , Q9NT99) [96]	contactin-3 ( <i>CNTN3</i> , Q9P232), contactin-4 ( <i>CNTN4</i> , Q8IWW2), contactin-5 ( <i>CNTN5</i> , O94779), contactin-6 ( <i>CNTN6</i> , Q9UQ52) [16]

Nomenclature	RTP Type K	RTP Type S	RTP Type Z1
HGNC, UniProt	<i>PTPRK</i> , Q15262	<i>PTPRS</i> , Q13332	<i>PTPRZ1</i> , P23471
Putative endogenous ligands	galectin-3 ( <i>LGALS3</i> , P17931), galectin-3 binding protein ( <i>LGALS3BP</i> , Q08380) [90]	chondroitin sulphate proteoglycan 3 ( <i>NCAN</i> , O14594), netrin-G3 ligand ( <i>LRR4B</i> , Q9NT99) [96, 166]	contactin-1 ( <i>CNTN1</i> , Q12860), pleiotrophin ( <i>PTN</i> , C9JR52) (acts as a negative regulator) [16, 127]

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## Tumour necrosis factor (TNF) receptor family

Catalytic receptors → Tumour necrosis factor (TNF) receptor family

**Overview:** The TNF receptor superfamily (TNFRSE, provisional nomenclature) displays limited homology beyond an extracellular domain rich in cysteine residues and is activated by at least 18 different human homologues of TNF referred to as the TNF superfamily (TNFSF). Some homologues lacking transmembrane and cytoplasmic domains function as decoy receptors binding ligand without inducing cell signalling. Many of these receptors and ligands function as multimeric entities. Sig-

nalling through these receptors is complex and involves interaction with cytoplasmic adaptor proteins (such as TRADD and TRAF1). Several of these receptors contain cytoplasmic motifs known as 'death domains', which upon activation serve to recruit death domain- and death effector domain-containing proteins crucial for the initiation of an apoptotic response. Additional signalling pathways include the regulation of the nuclear factor  $\kappa$ B or mitogen-activated protein kinase pathways. Pharmacolog-

ical manipulation of these receptors is mainly enacted through chelating the endogenous agonists with humanised monoclonal antibodies (*e.g.* [Infliximab](#) or [adalimumab](#)) or recombinant fusion proteins of IgG and soluble receptors (*e.g.* [etanercept](#)). Some mutated forms of TNF ligands are capable of selecting for different receptor subtypes.

Nomenclature	<a href="#">tumor necrosis factor receptor 1</a>	<a href="#">tumor necrosis factor receptor 2</a>	<a href="#">lymphotoxin <math>\beta</math> receptor</a>	<a href="#">OX40</a>	<a href="#">CD40</a>
Systematic nomenclature	TNFRSF1A	TNFRSF1B	TNFRSF3	TNFRSF4	TNFRSF5
Common abbreviation	TNFR1	TNFR2	–	–	–
HGNC, UniProt	<a href="#">TNFRSF1A, P19438</a>	<a href="#">TNFRSF1B, P20333</a>	<a href="#">LTBR, P36941</a>	<a href="#">TNFRSF4, P43489</a>	<a href="#">CD40, P25942</a>
Adaptor proteins	TRADD	TRAF1, TRAF2, TRAF5	TRAF3, TRAF4, TRAF5	TRAF1, TRAF2, TRAF3, TRAF5	TRAF1, TRAF2, TRAF3, TRAF5, TRAF6
Endogenous ligands	<a href="#">lymphotoxin-<math>\alpha</math> (LTA, P01374)</a> , <a href="#">tumour necrosis factor membrane form (TNF, P01375)</a> , <a href="#">tumour necrosis factor shed form (TNF, P01375)</a>	<a href="#">lymphotoxin-<math>\alpha</math> (LTA, P01374)</a> , <a href="#">tumour necrosis factor membrane form (TNF, P01375)</a>	<a href="#">LIGHT (TNFSF14, O43557)</a> , <a href="#">lymphotoxin <math>\beta_2\alpha_1</math> heterotrimer (LTA LTB, P01374 Q06643)</a>	<a href="#">OX-40 ligand (TNFSF4, P23510)</a>	<a href="#">CD40 ligand (CD40LG, P29965)</a>

Nomenclature	<a href="#">Fas</a>	<a href="#">decoy receptor 3</a>	<a href="#">CD27</a>	<a href="#">CD30</a>	<a href="#">4-1BB</a>
Systematic nomenclature	TNFRSF6	TNFRSF6B	TNFRSF7	TNFRSF8	TNFRSF9
HGNC, UniProt	<a href="#">FAS, P25445</a>	<a href="#">TNFRSF6B, O95407</a>	<a href="#">CD27, P26842</a>	<a href="#">TNFRSF8, P28908</a>	<a href="#">TNFRSF9, Q07011</a>
Adaptor proteins	FADD	–	TRAF2, SIVA	TRAF1, TRAF2, TRAF3, TRAF5	TRAF1, TRAF2, TRAF3
Endogenous ligands	<a href="#">Fas ligand (FASLG, P48023)</a>	–	<a href="#">CD70 (CD70, P32970)</a>	<a href="#">CD30 ligand (TNFSF8, P32971)</a>	<a href="#">4-1BB ligand (TNFSF9, P41273)</a>
Antibodies	–	–	–	<a href="#">brentuximab vedotin (Inhibition)</a>	–
Comments	–	Decoy receptor for <a href="#">LIGHT (TNFSF14, O43557)</a> , <a href="#">TL1A (TNFSF15, O95150)</a> and <a href="#">Fas ligand (FASLG, P48023)</a> .	–	–	–

Nomenclature	<a href="#">death receptor 4</a>	<a href="#">death receptor 5</a>	<a href="#">decoy receptor 1</a>	<a href="#">decoy receptor 2</a>	<a href="#">receptor activator of NF-kappa B</a>
Systematic nomenclature	TNFRSF10A	TNFRSF10B	TNFRSF10C	TNFRSF10D	TNFRSF11A
Common abbreviation	DR4	DR5	–	–	RANK
HGNC, UniProt	<a href="#">TNFRSF10A, O00220</a>	<a href="#">TNFRSF10B, O14763</a>	<a href="#">TNFRSF10C, O14798</a>	<a href="#">TNFRSF10D, Q9UBN6</a>	<a href="#">TNFRSF11A, Q9Y6Q6</a>
Adaptor proteins	FADD	FADD	–	–	TRAF1, TRAF2, TRAF3, TRAF5, TRAF6
Endogenous ligands	<a href="#">TRAIL (TNFSF10, P50591)</a>	<a href="#">TRAIL (TNFSF10, P50591)</a>	–	–	<a href="#">RANK ligand (TNFSF11, O14788)</a>
Comments	–	–	Decoy receptor for <a href="#">TRAIL (TNFSF10, P50591)</a> .	Decoy receptor for <a href="#">TRAIL (TNFSF10, P50591)</a> .	–

Nomenclature	<a href="#">osteoprotegerin</a>	<a href="#">death receptor 3</a>	<a href="#">TWEAK receptor</a>	<a href="#">TAC1</a>
Systematic nomenclature	TNFRSF11B	TNFRSF25	TNFRSF12A	TNFRSF13B
Common abbreviation	OPG	DR3	–	–
HGNC, UniProt	<a href="#">TNFRSF11B, O00300</a>	<a href="#">TNFRSF25, Q93038</a>	<a href="#">TNFRSF12A, Q9NP84</a>	<a href="#">TNFRSF13B, O14836</a>
Adaptor proteins	–	TRADD	TRAF1, TRAF2, TRAF3	TRAF2, TRAF5, TRAF6
Endogenous ligands	–	<a href="#">TL1A (TNFSF15, O95150)</a>	<a href="#">TWEAK (TNFSF12, O43508)</a>	<a href="#">APRIL (TNFSF13, O75888), BAFF (TNFSF13B, Q9Y275)</a>
Comments	Acts as a decoy receptor for <a href="#">RANK ligand (TNFSF11, O14788)</a> and possibly for <a href="#">TRAIL (TNFSF10, P50591)</a> .	–	–	–

Nomenclature	<a href="#">BAFF receptor</a>	<a href="#">herpes virus entry mediator</a>	<a href="#">nerve growth factor receptor</a>	<a href="#">B cell maturation antigen</a>
Systematic nomenclature	TNFRSF13C	TNFRSF14	TNFRSF16	TNFRSF17
Common abbreviation	BAFF-R	HVEM	–	BCMA
HGNC, UniProt	<a href="#">TNFRSF13C, Q96RJ3</a>	<a href="#">TNFRSF14, Q92956</a>	<a href="#">NGFR, P08138</a>	<a href="#">TNFRSF17, Q02223</a>
Adaptor proteins	TRAF3	TRAF2, TRAF3, TRAF5	TRAF2, TRAF4, TRAF6	TRAF1, TRAF2, TRAF3, TRAF5, TRAF6
Endogenous ligands	<a href="#">BAFF (TNFSF13B, Q9Y275)</a>	<a href="#">B and T lymphocyte attenuator (BTLA, Q7Z6A9), LIGHT (TNFSF14, O43557), lymphotoxin-<math>\alpha</math> (LTA, P01374)</a>	<a href="#">BDNF (BDNF, P23560), NGF (NGF, P01138), neurotrophin-3 (NTF3, P20783), neurotrophin-4 (NTF4, P34130)</a>	<a href="#">APRIL (TNFSF13, O75888), BAFF (TNFSF13B, Q9Y275)</a>

Nomenclature	<a href="#">glucocorticoid-induced TNF receptor</a>	<a href="#">toxicity and JNK inducer</a>	<a href="#">RELT</a>	<a href="#">death receptor 6</a>
Systematic nomenclature	TNFRSF18	TNFRSF19	TNFRSF19L	TNFRSF21
Common abbreviation	GITR	TAJ	–	DR6
HGNC, UniProt	<a href="#">TNFRSF18, Q9Y5U5</a>	<a href="#">TNFRSF19, Q9NS68</a>	<a href="#">RELT, Q969Z4</a>	<a href="#">TNFRSF21, O75509</a>
Adaptor proteins	TRAF1, TRAF2, TRAF3, SIVA	TRAF1, TRAF2, TRAF3, TRAF5	TRAF1	TRADD
Endogenous ligands	<a href="#">TL6 (TNFSF18, Q9UNG2)</a>	<a href="#">lymphotoxin-<math>\alpha</math> (LTA, P01374)</a>	–	–

Nomenclature	<a href="#">TNFRSF22</a>	<a href="#">TNFRSF23</a>	<a href="#">ectodysplasin A2 isoform receptor</a>	<a href="#">ectodysplasin 1, anhidrotic receptor</a>
Systematic nomenclature	–	–	TNFRS27	–
HGNC, UniProt	–	–	<a href="#">EDA2R</a> , <a href="#">Q9HAV5</a>	<a href="#">EDAR</a> , <a href="#">Q9UNE0</a>
Adaptor proteins	–	–	TRAF1, TRAF3, TRAF6	TRAF1, TRAF2, TRAF3
Endogenous ligands	–	–	<a href="#">ectodysplasin A2</a> ( <a href="#">EDA</a> , <a href="#">Q92838</a> ) [ <a href="#">204</a> ]	<a href="#">ectodysplasin A1</a> ( <a href="#">EDA</a> , <a href="#">Q92838</a> ) [ <a href="#">204</a> ]

**Comments:** TNFRSF1A is preferentially activated by the shed form of TNF ligand, whereas the membrane-bound form of TNF serves to activate TNFRSF1A and TNFRSF1B equally. The neurotrophins nerve growth factor ([NGF](#) ([NGF](#), [P01138](#))), brain-derived neurotrophic factor ([BDNF](#) ([BDNF](#), [P23560](#))),

[neurotrophin-3](#) ([NTF3](#), [P20783](#)) (NTF3) and [neurotrophin-4](#) ([NTF4](#), [P34130](#)) (NTF4) are structurally unrelated to the TNF ligand superfamily but exert some of their actions through the “low affinity nerve growth factor receptor” (NGFR (TNFRSF16)) as well as through the [TRK family](#) of receptor tyrosine kinases.

The endogenous ligands for EDAR and EDA2R are, respectively, the membrane ([Q92838\[1-391\]](#)) and secreted ([Q92838\[160-391\]](#)) isoforms of Ectodysplasin-A (EDA, [Q92838](#)).

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