

# Endocannabinoid system

**PSYCHOTROPIC → THC**

**(Gaoni & Mechoulam, 1964)**

**hypno/sedative**

**increasing appetite**

**antiemetic**

**bronchodilatory**

**neuroprotective**

**antiinflammatory**

**snížení nitroočního tlaku**

**analgesic**

**imunomodulant**

**antispastic**


**EFFECTS**

**420 cannabinoids**

**CANNABIS SATIVA**

**marijuana**

# Endocannabinoid system (ECS)

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- **CB<sub>1,2</sub> receptors** (W. Devane et al., 1988)
  - **endocannabinoids** (W. Dewane, L. Hanus , 1992, 1995, 2000)

# Endocannabinoids synthesized on demand from cell membrane

from arachidonic acid

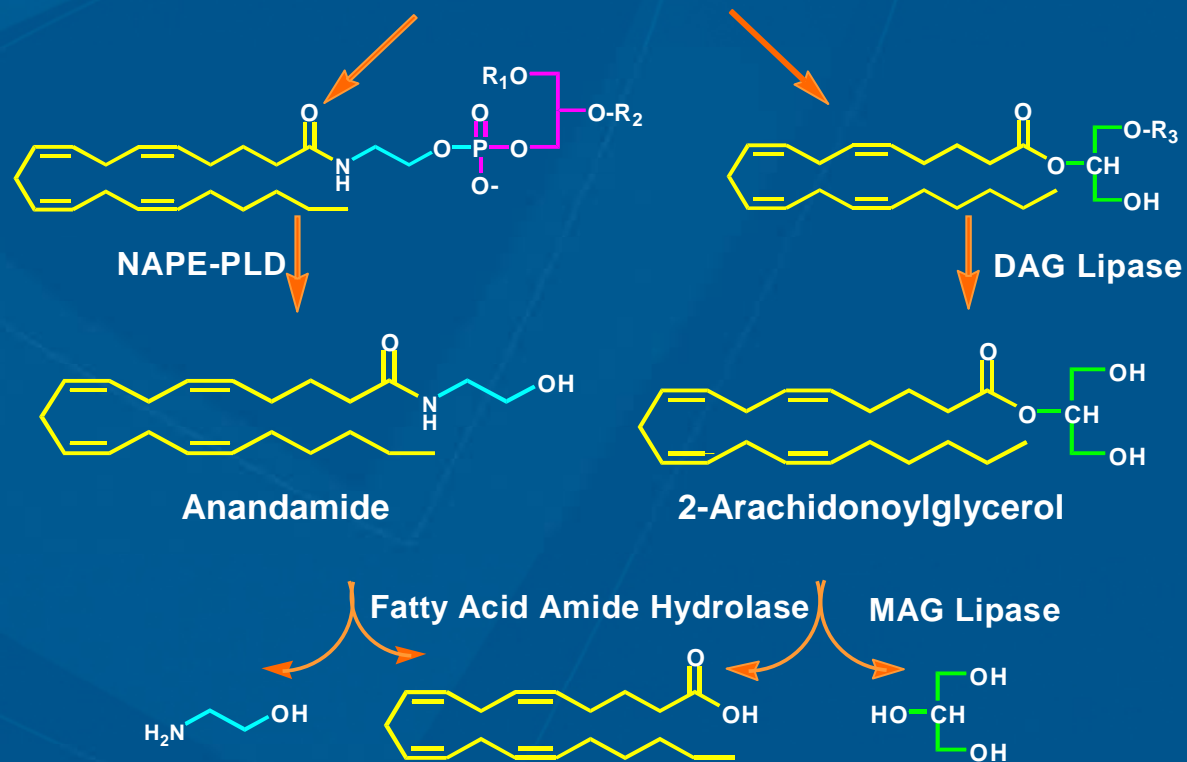
precursors from phospholipid



endocannabinoids



- no storage
- active locally
- fast biodegradation (metabolization + uptake)

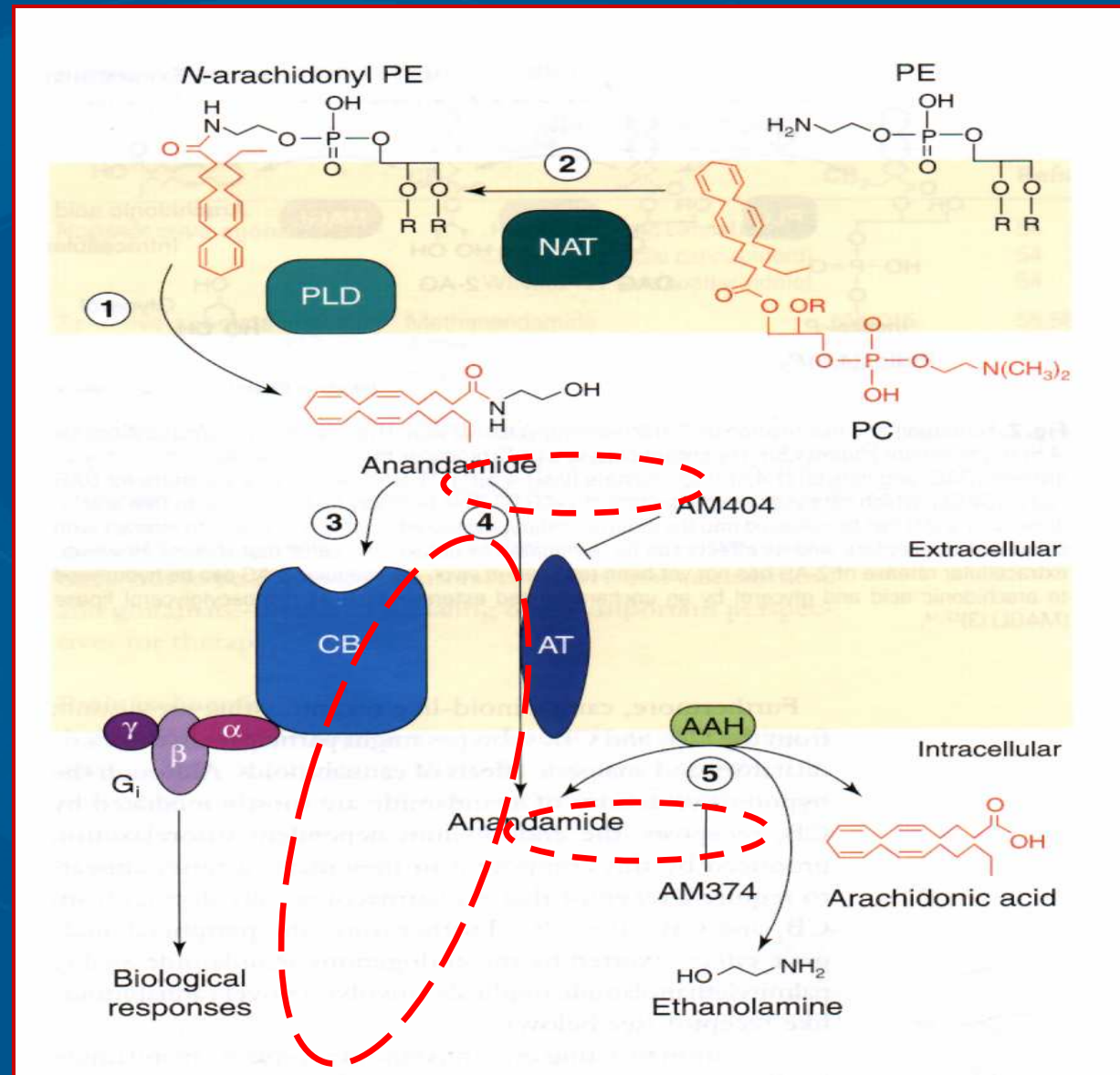


# Endocannabinoid system (ECS)

= modulatory system of the CNS

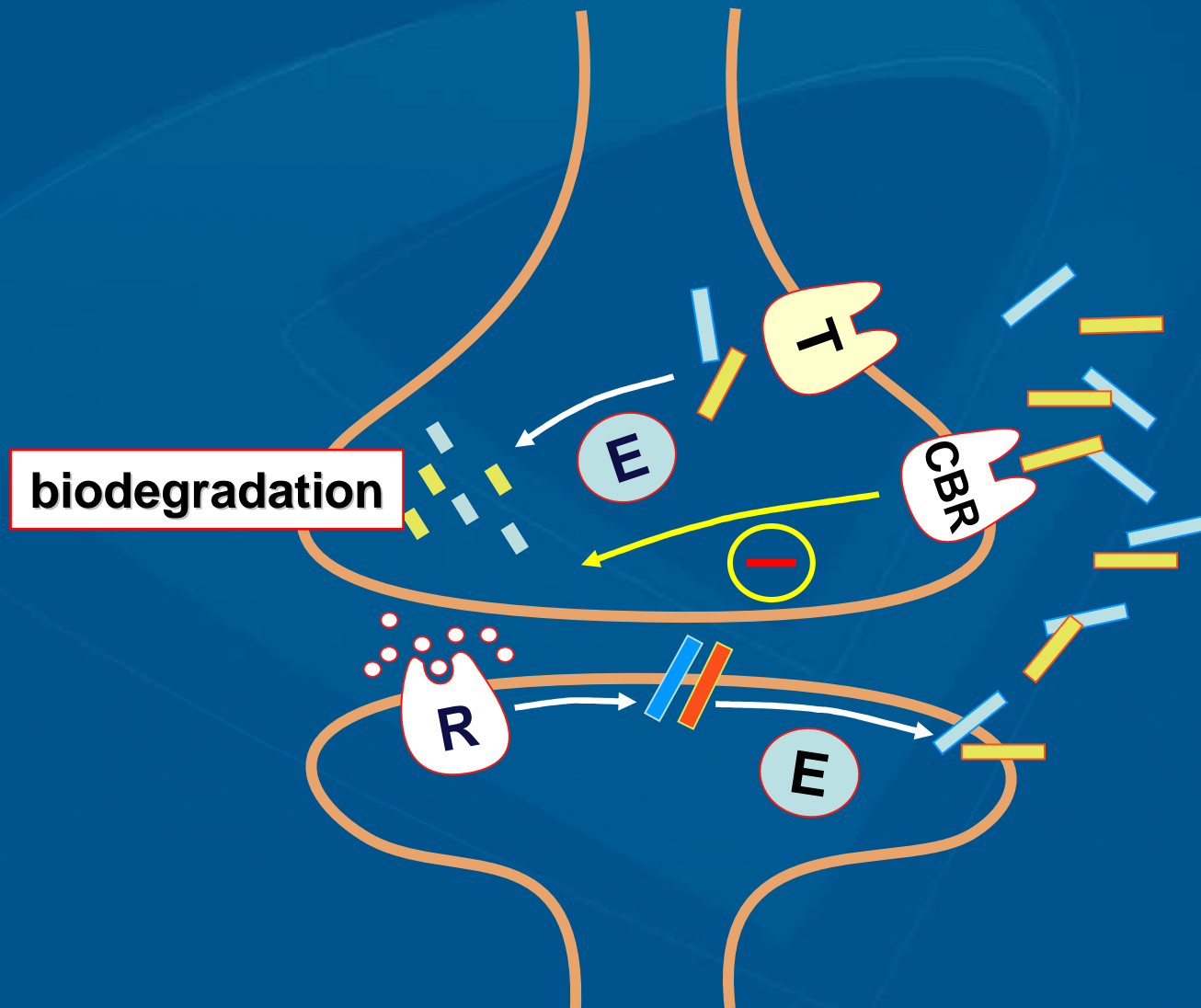
■ endocannabinoids

= retrograde synaptic messengers

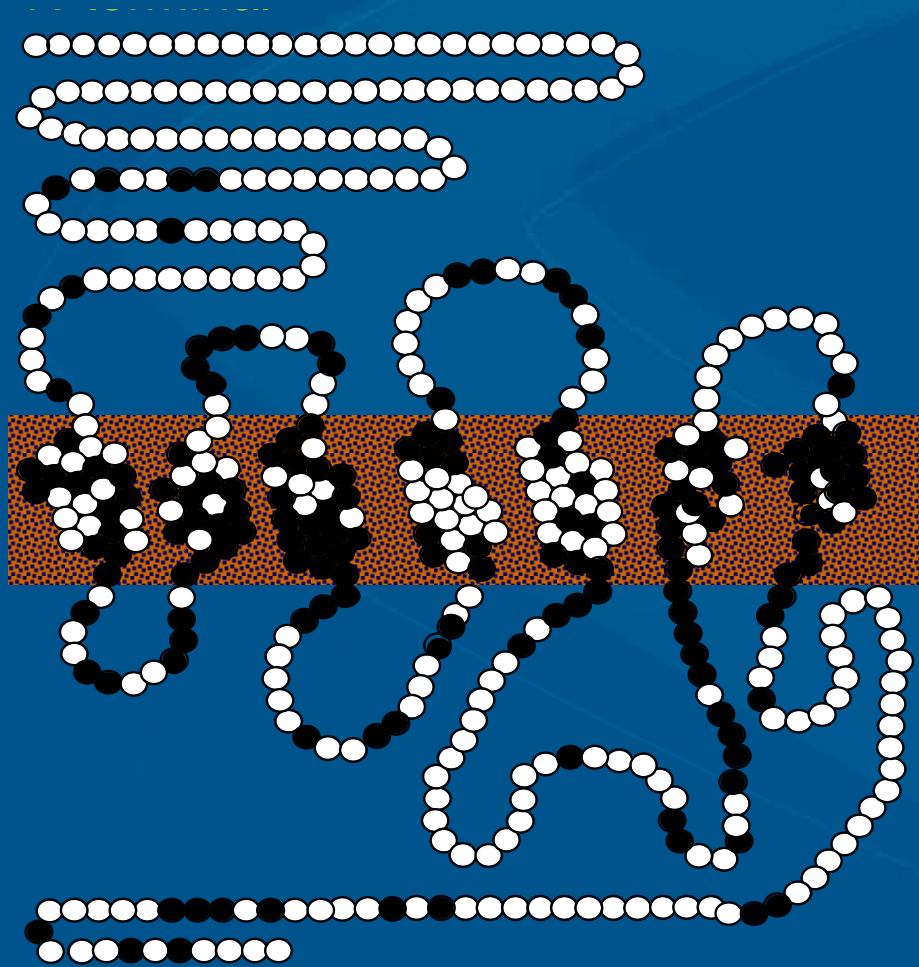


Piomelli et al., 2000; Wilson R, 2002; Di Marzo V, 2005

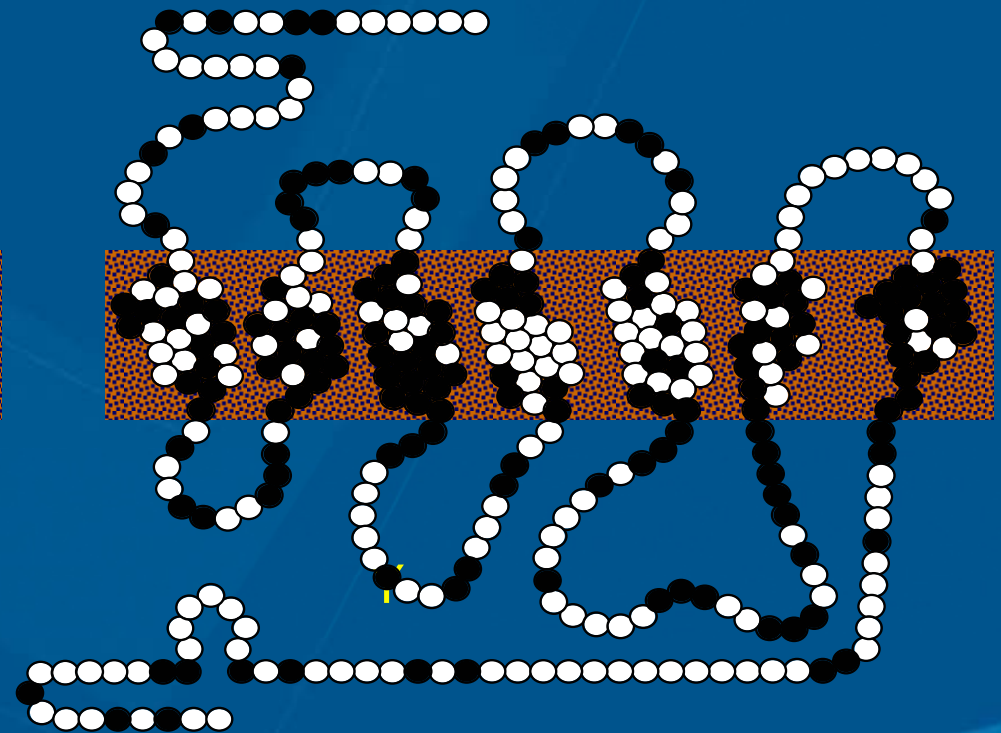
# Function of the endocannabinoid system on synapse



# CB<sub>1</sub> Receptor

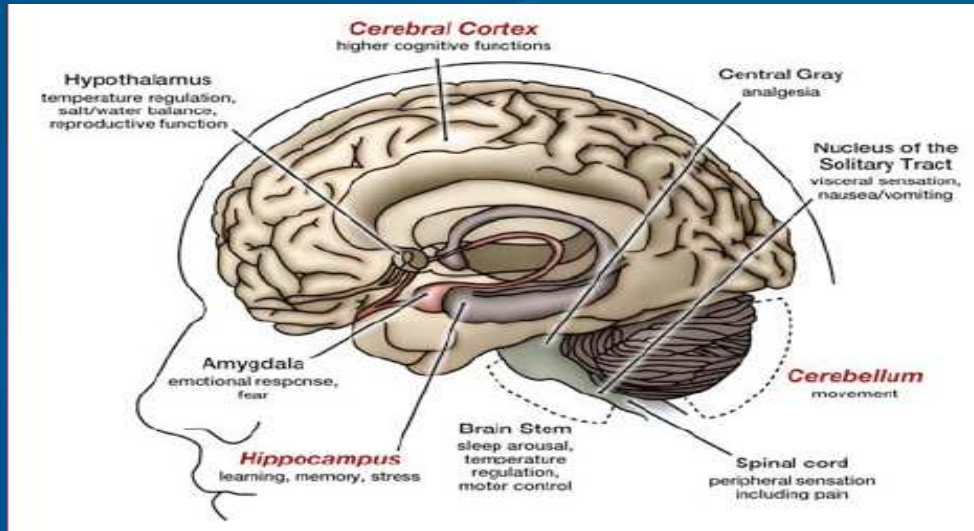


# CB<sub>2</sub> Receptor



# Expresion of cannabinoid receptors

**CB<sub>1</sub>**



- cortex, hippocampus
- basal ganglia
- hypothalamus
- cerebellum
- spinal cord
- enteric nervous system

**CB<sub>2</sub>**

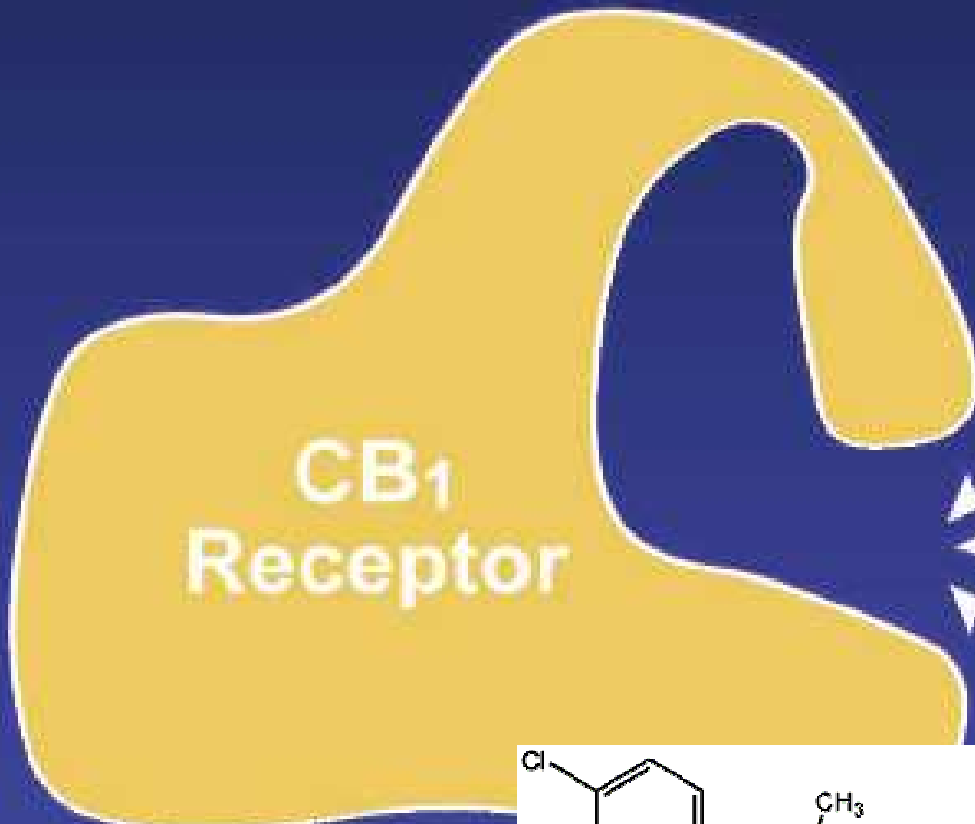
- immun cells:  
T cells, B cells, line, tonsiles  
and  
activovates glial cells, ↑ in neuropathies

- adipocytes
- endothelial cells
- hepatocytes
- muscles
- GIT

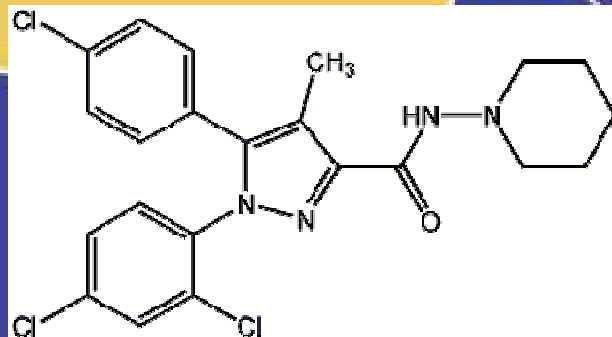
*Matsuda 1997; Cota et al 2003; Galiègue et al 1995;  
Pertwee et al 1997; Liu et al 2005; Osei-Hyiaman et al 2005*



# Endocannabinoids



**antagonist  
rimonabant**



# THC

causes dependence

(Costa a kol., 2000; Tanda a kol., 2000;  
Justinová a kol., 2003, 2005)

tolerance and  
withdrawal syndrom

## EFFECTS - psychic + somatic

- **euforia, sedation** ( Howlet, 1995; Ameri, 1999; Chaperon a Thiebot, 1999 )
- **analgesia** ( Johnson at al., 1981; Comton et al., 1992 )
- **antiemetetic** ( Sallan et al., 1975.; Levitt, 1986; Darmani, 2000 )
- **anticonvulsive** ( Consroe et al., 1975; Grinspoon a Bakalar, 1993 )
- **antispasmoid (“ movement disorders“)** ( Clifford, 1983; Meinck., 1993 )
- **antiasthmatic** ( Tashkin et al., 1975; Tashkin et al., 1993 )
- **antiglaucomatic** ( Adler a Geller, 1986; Porcella et al. 2000 )

## **CB<sub>1</sub> receptors** important in :

- regulation of food intake
- lipid and glucose metabolism

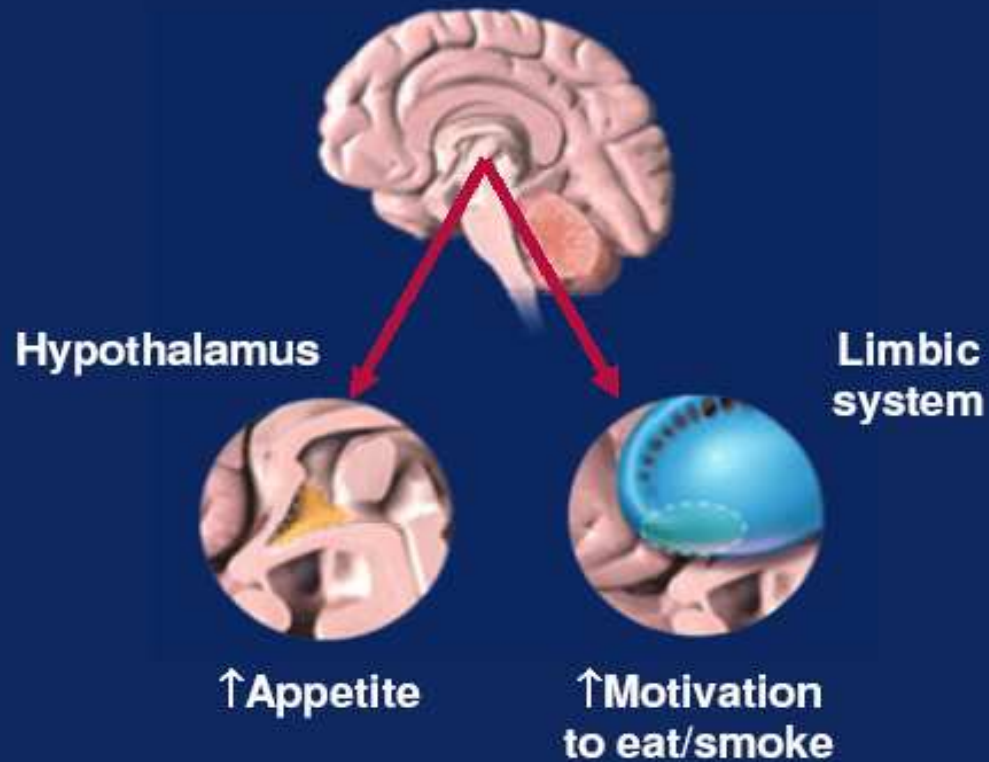


**in development of cardiometabolic risk factors**

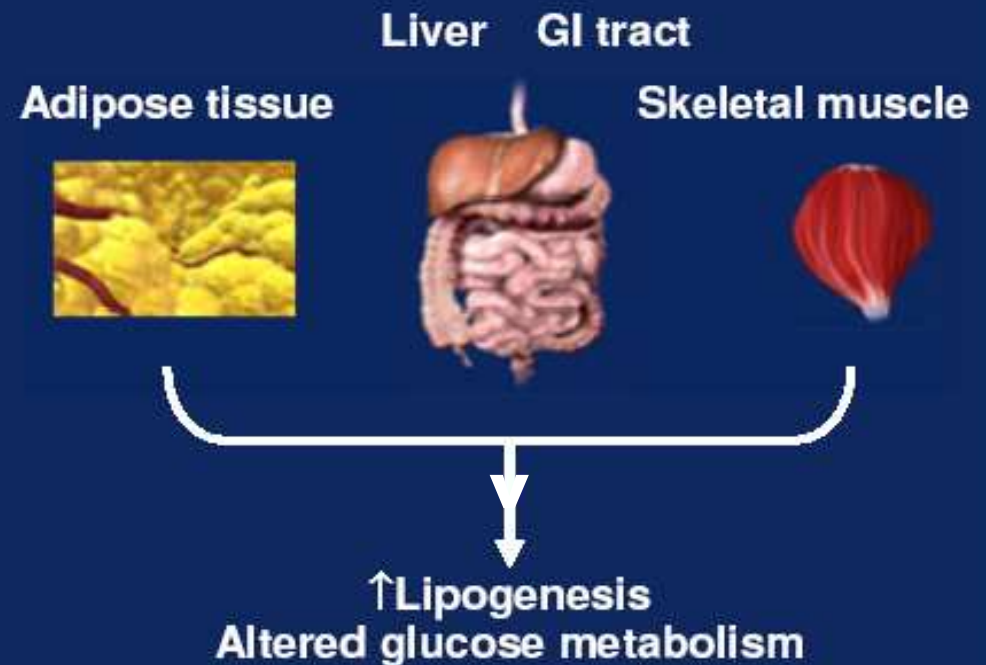
Kirkham et al., 2002; DiMarzo et al., 2001; Jarmshidiet et al., Brit J Pharm., 2001; Ravinet Trillou et al. 2003; Bensaid et al., 2003; Caballero, 2003; Van Gaal et al. 2005; Carr a Brunzell 2004; Pagotto a Pasquali, 2005; Eckel et al., 2005

# Implications of CB<sub>1</sub> receptor activation

## Central nervous system



## Peripheral tissue



# **PROSPECTIVE USE of CB<sub>1</sub> cannabinoid receptor blockers**

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**decrease of cardiometabolic risk factors**

**in smoking secession**

**? ? treatment of drug addiction? ?**