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# Reversal of Vasodilatory Shock: Current Perspectives on Conventional, Rescue, and Emerging Vasoactive Agents for the Treatment of Shock

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Hot Topic

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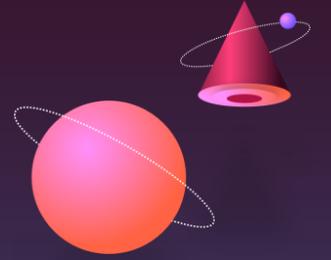
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# INTRODUCTION



In operation room , vasodilation is also frequently encountered after induction of general anesthesia and administration of neuraxial local anesthetics

Treating hypotension is critical in preventing adverse outcomes

Several pharmacological interventions are available to rapidly treat hypotension due to vasodilation , different mechanisms and distribution of target receptors

# TYPE OF SHOCK

**01.**

Distributive

**02.**

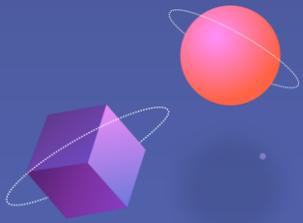
Cardiogenic

**03.**

Obstructive

**04.**

Hypovolemic

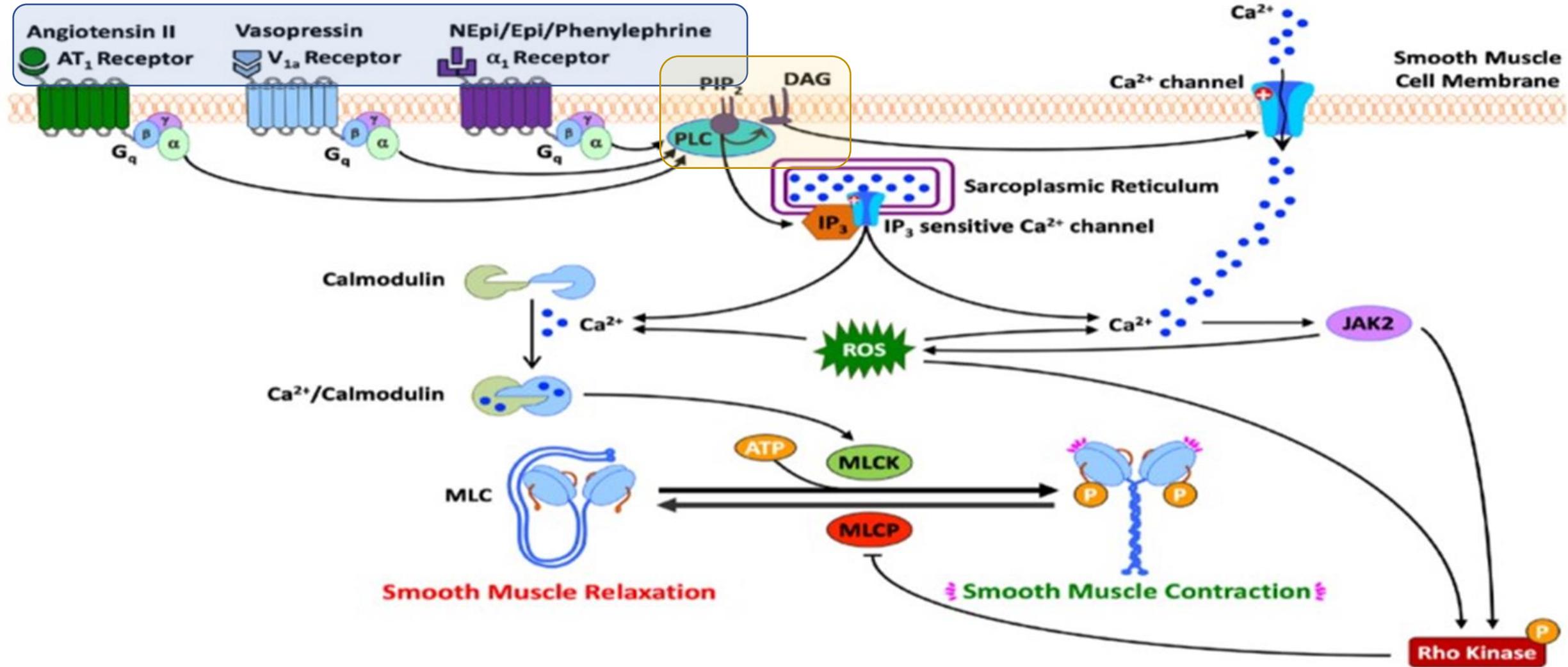


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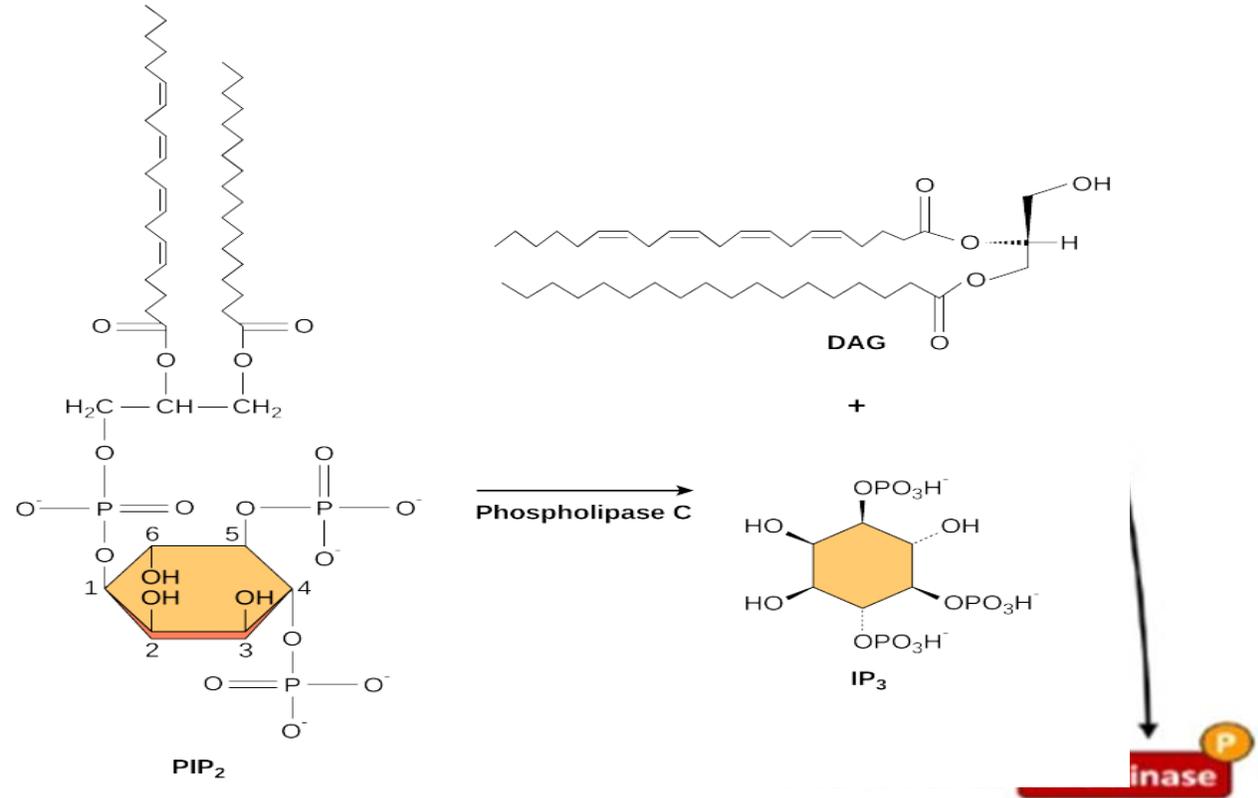
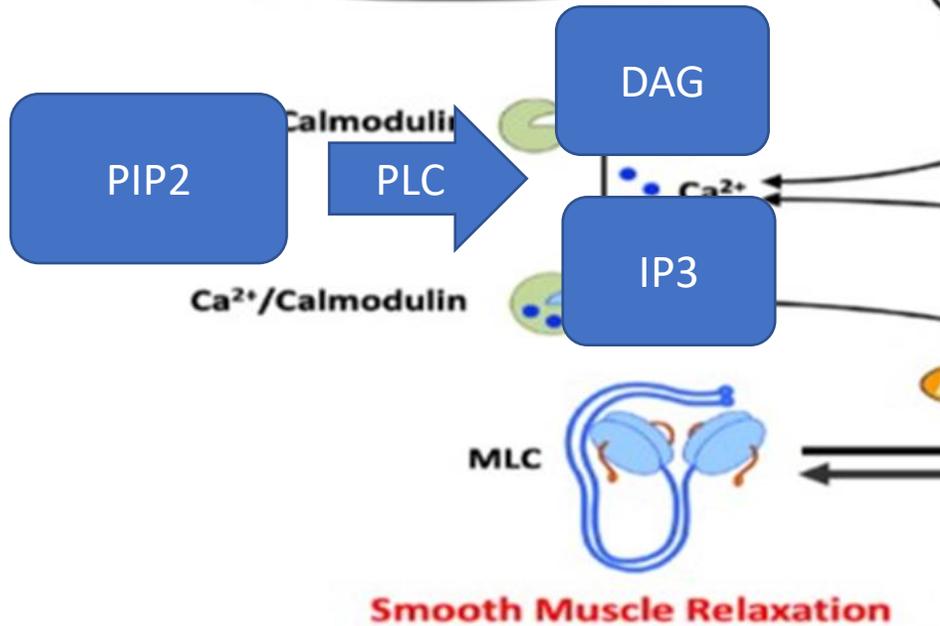
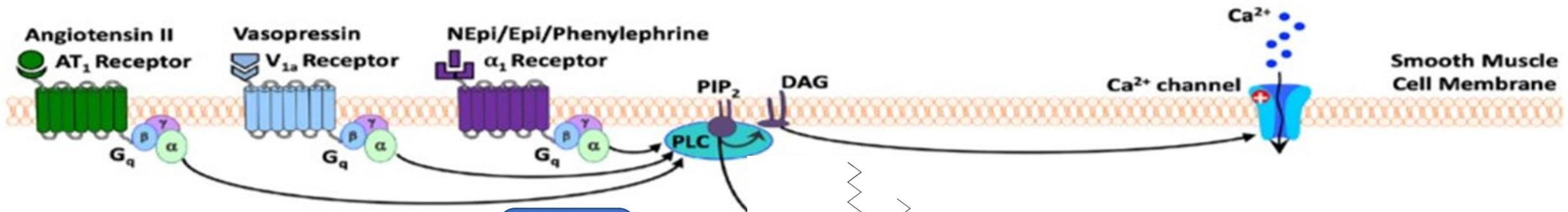


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obstructive	↑	↓	-/↑

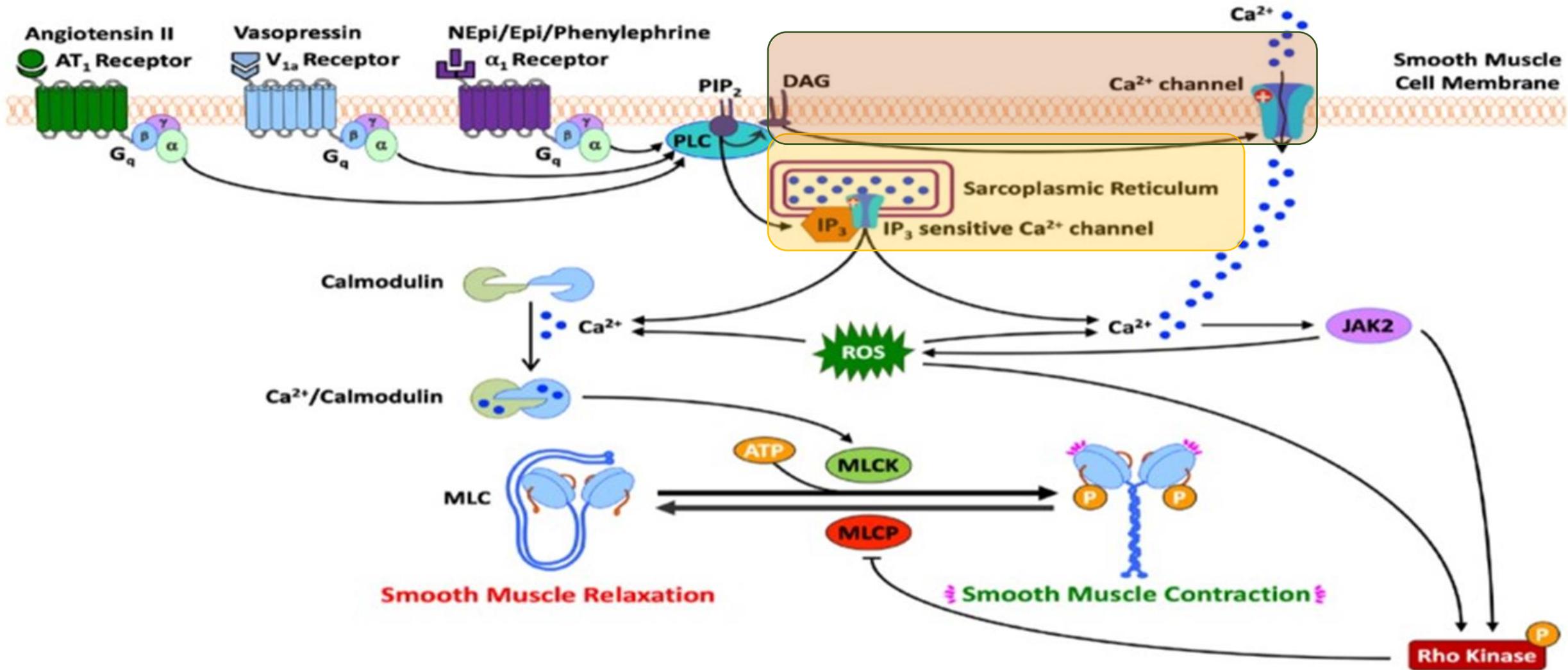
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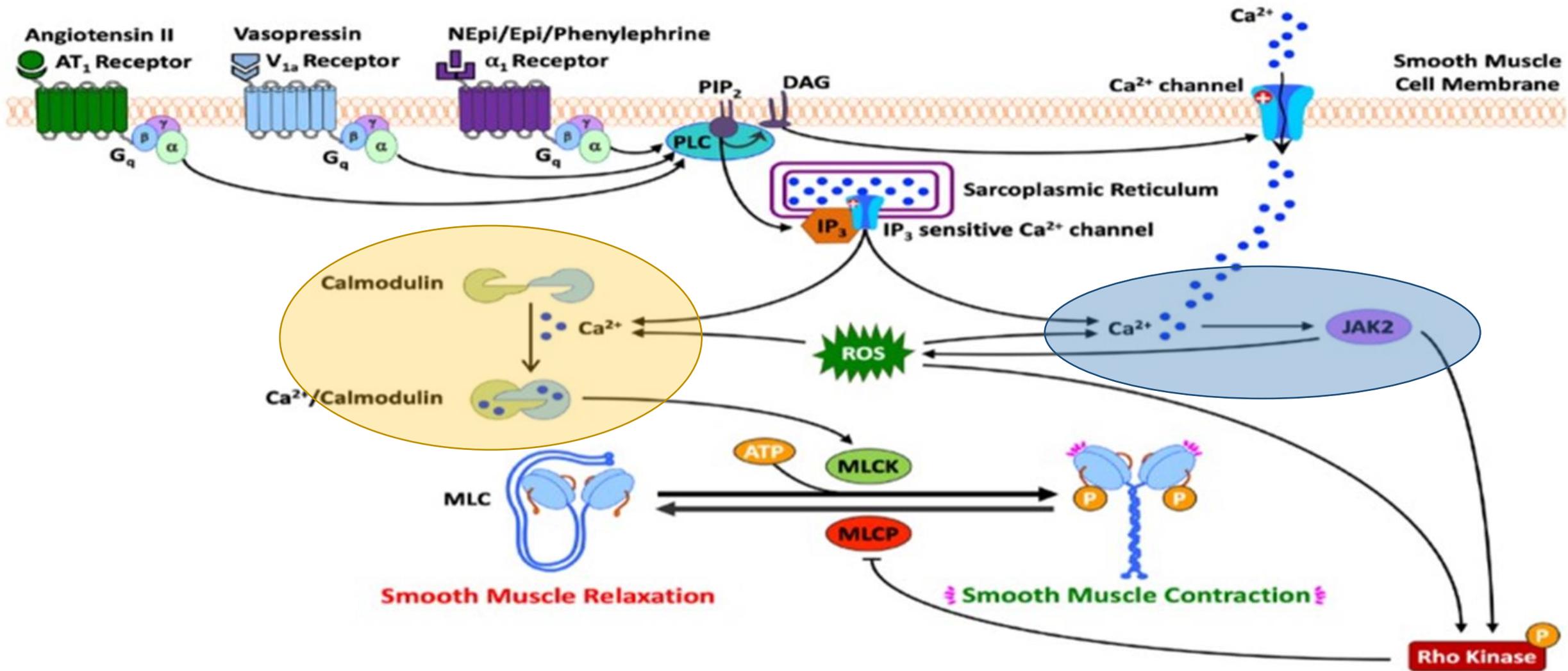
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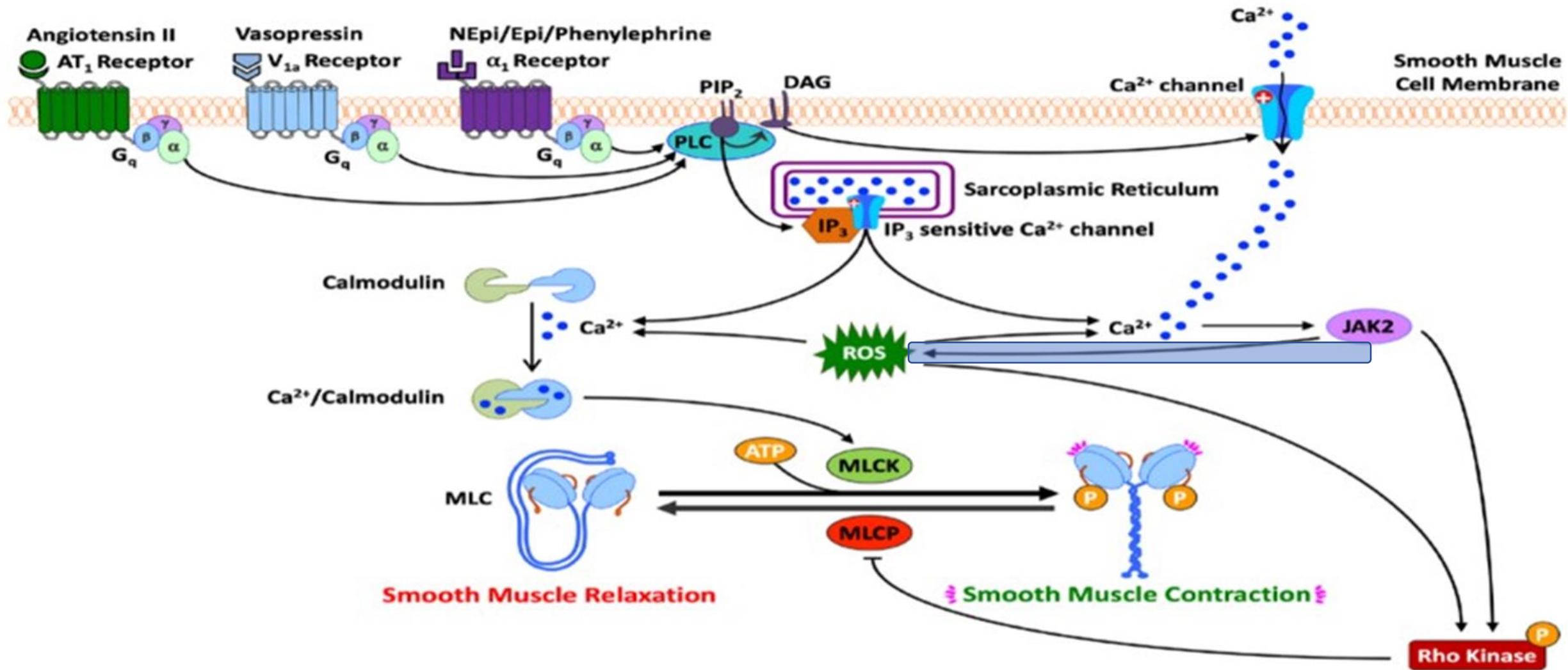
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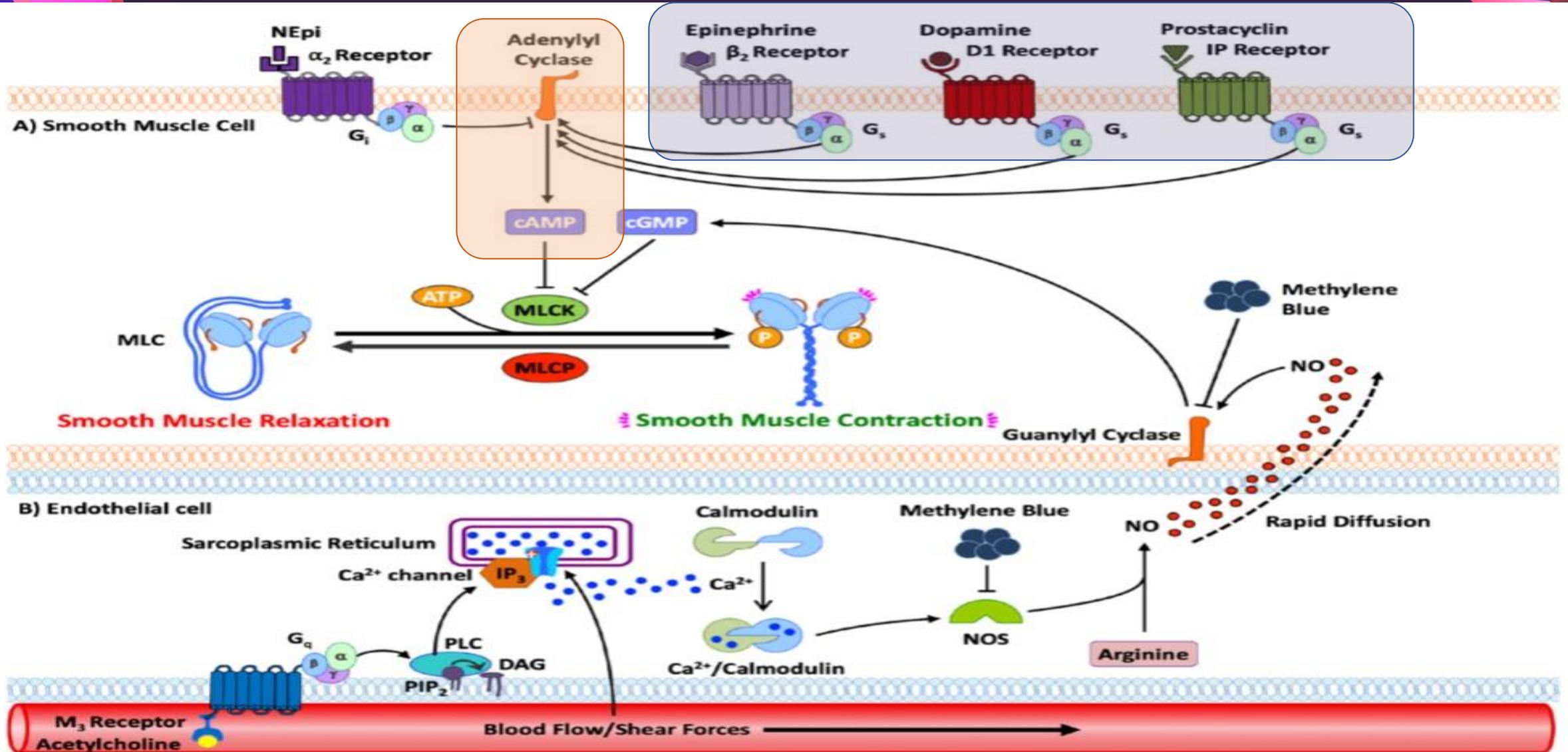
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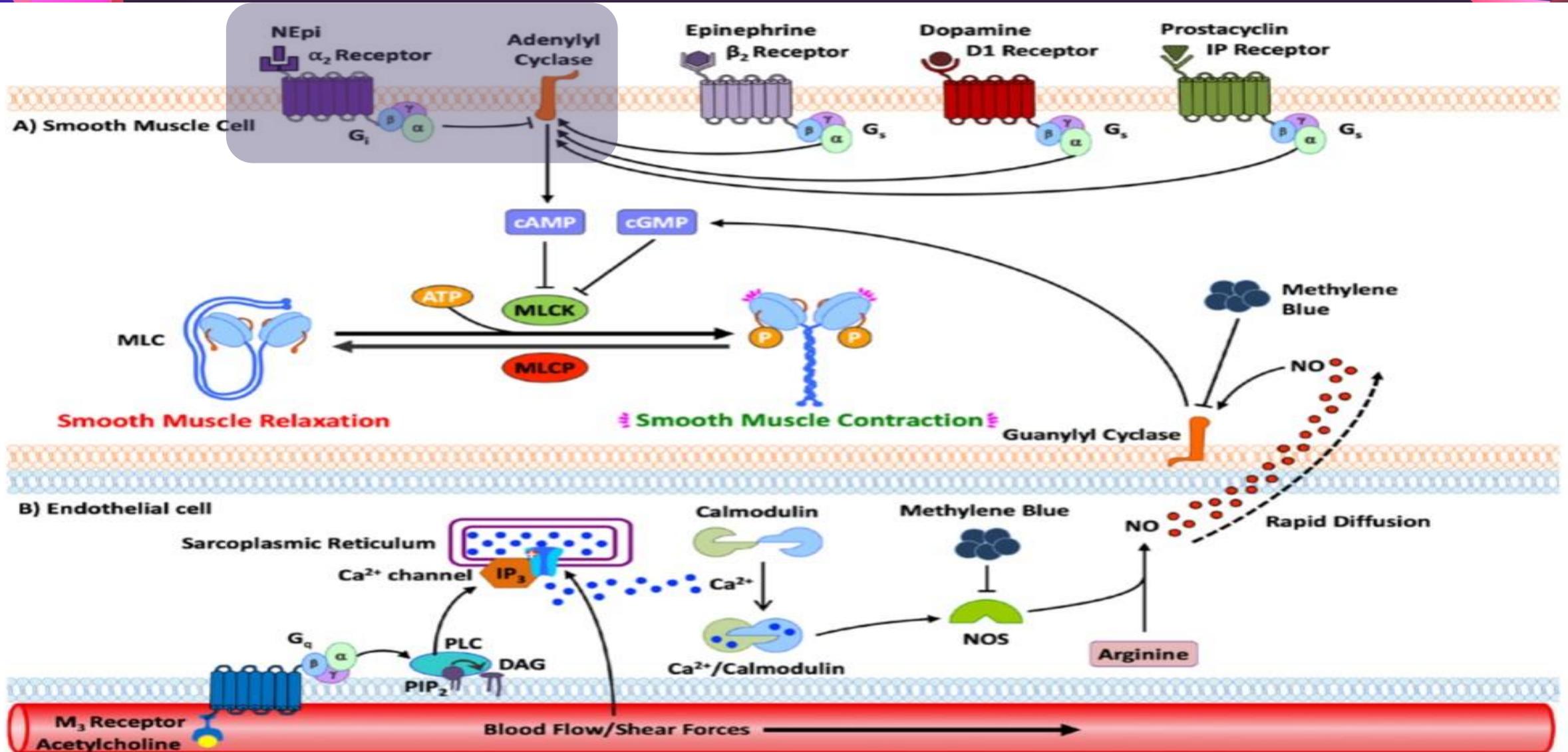
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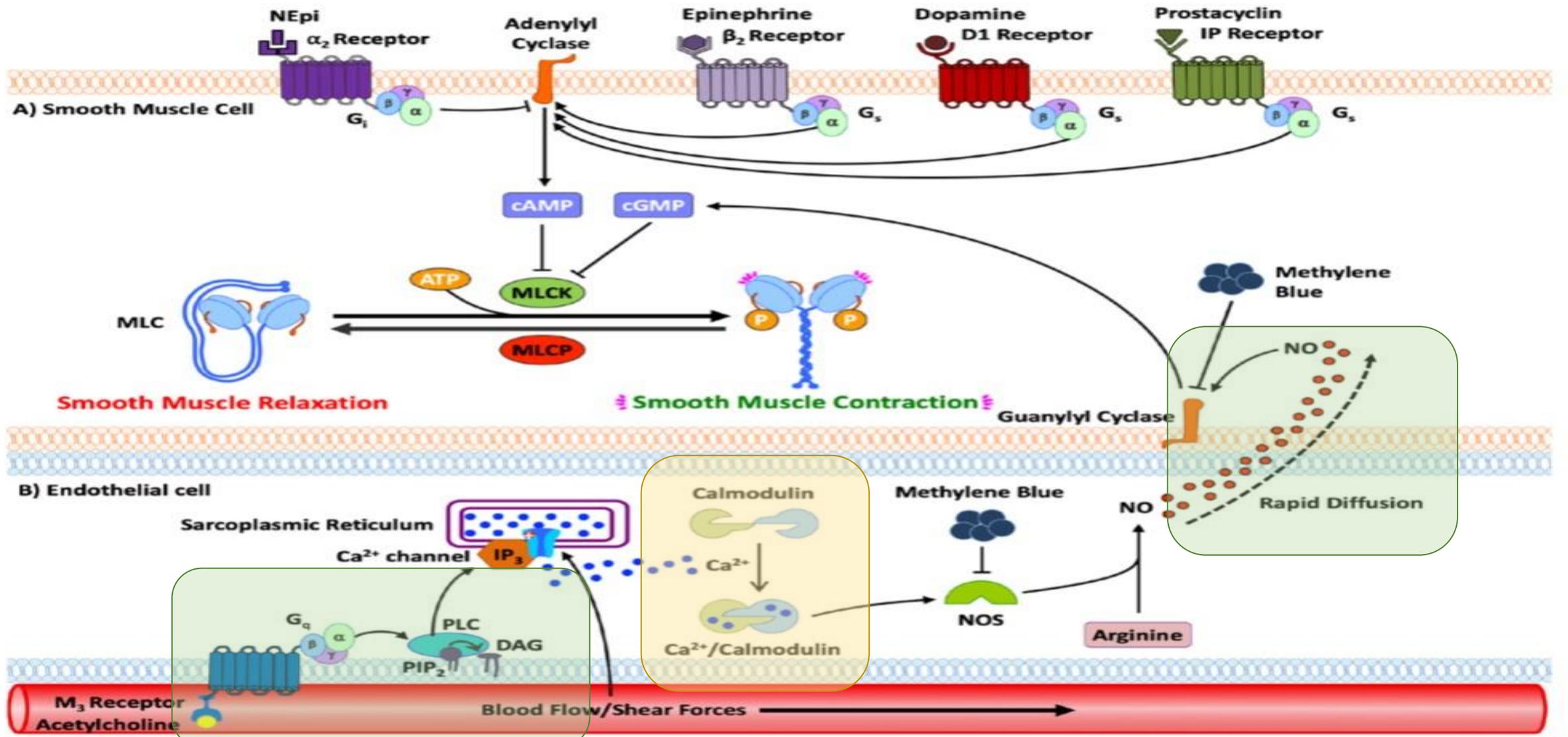
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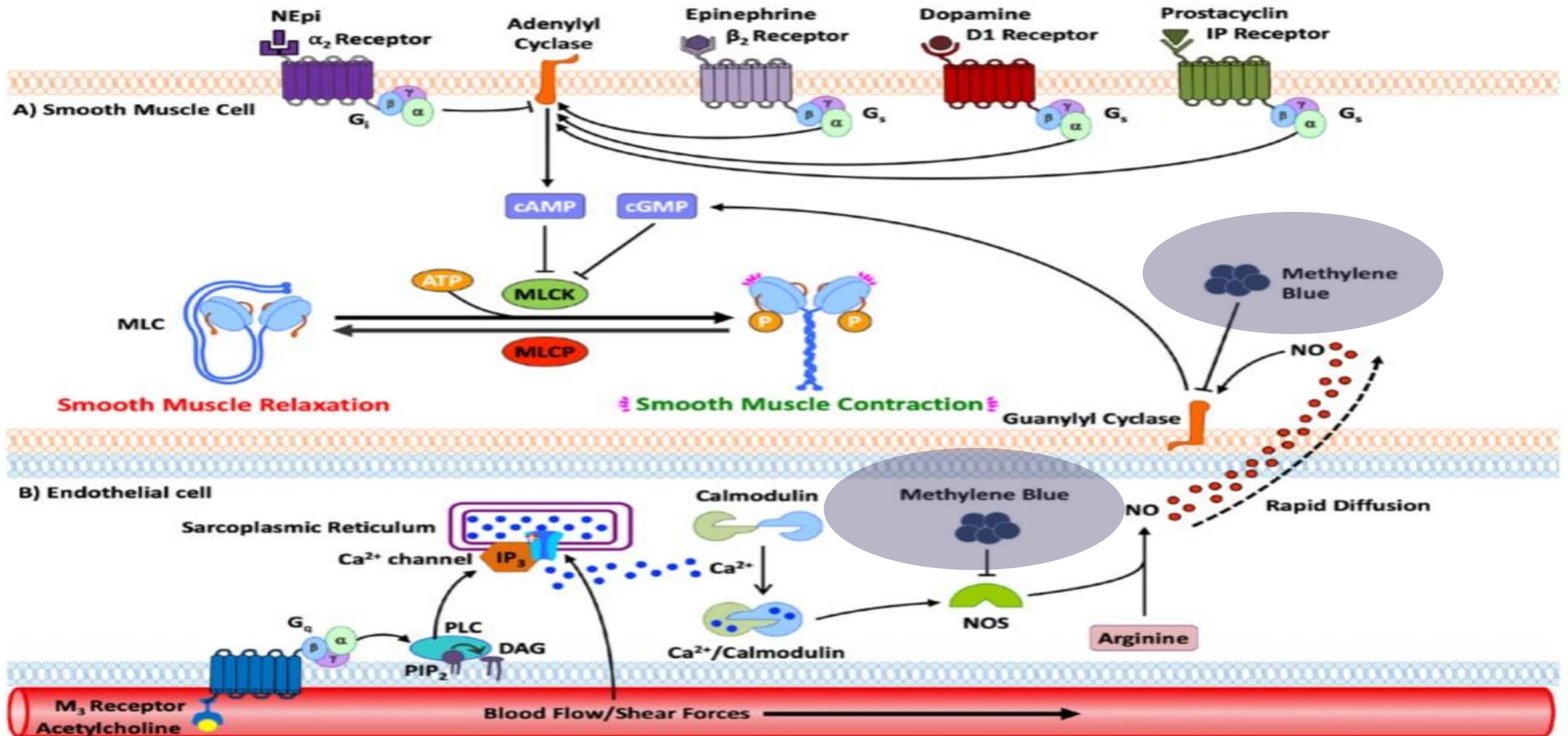
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**Vasoactive  
agent**

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# Norepinephrine



The 1st line agent for the treatment of vasodilatory shock

Endogenous sympathetic hormone

Vasoconstrictor effect are mediated by agonism of “ $\alpha$ 1 receptors”

# Norepinephrine



## High dose

Increase pulmonary vascular resistance

Increase myocardial workload

Severe hypertension

Systemic vasoconstriction

Impair perfusion of the mesentery

Organ dysfunction

Metabolic acidosis

# Norepinephrine



## Clinical use

Initial dose 0.08-0.12 mcg/kg/min

No study has detect dosing difference in the elderly population

Desensitization and tachyphylaxis from phosphorylation and internalization of  $\alpha 1$  receptors

# Vasopressin

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2nd line agent

Vasoconstrictor effect are mediated by agonism of “V1a receptors”

Endogenous peptide hormone synthesized

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V1 receptor : vascular and mesenteric vasoconstriction

V2 receptor : retention of free water and release of VWF , factor VIII , tissue plasminogen activator , vasodilation

V3 receptor : increase adrenocorticotropic hormone production

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Recommended rate 0.03 u/min

> 0.03 u/min associated with cardiac and mesenteric ischemia

No study has detect dosing difference in the elderly population

Start vasopressin early when NE > 0.15 ug /kg/min

# Vasopressin



# Synthetic analogues

Terlipressin : V1 , V2 receptor

Long half life 4-6 hr

Superior to vasopressin in septic shock

Limit to give bolus medication during vasodilatory shock

Selepressin : selective V1 receptor

# Epinephrine



3rd line agent

Endogenous sympathomimetic  
catecholamine

Vasoconstrictor effect are mediated by  
stimulation of “ $\alpha$ 1 receptors”



# Phenylephrine



Not recommended for the routine management of septic shock

Important role in the management of other forms of vasodilatory shock

Exogenous selective “ $\alpha_1$  agonist”

Increase venous return and cause reflex bradycardia secondary to systemic vasoconstriction

# Phenylephrine



Routine used in the perioperative setting for the short-term treatment of hypotension

Not recommend in septic shock : ↑lactate , ↓ renal clearance , ↓hepatosplanchnic blood flow

Tachyphylaxis

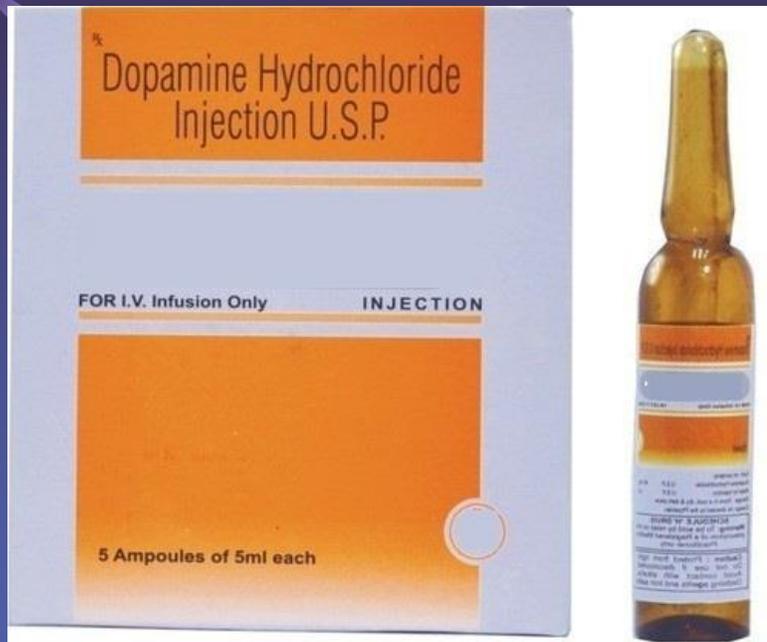
Dose :

Bolus : 10-200 ug

Infusion : 0.05-2 ug/kg/min

Age has effect on the dose response > titrating dose

# Dopamine



Endogenous catecholamine

Should only be used for **vasodilatory shock** in highly selected populations **with relative bradycardia**

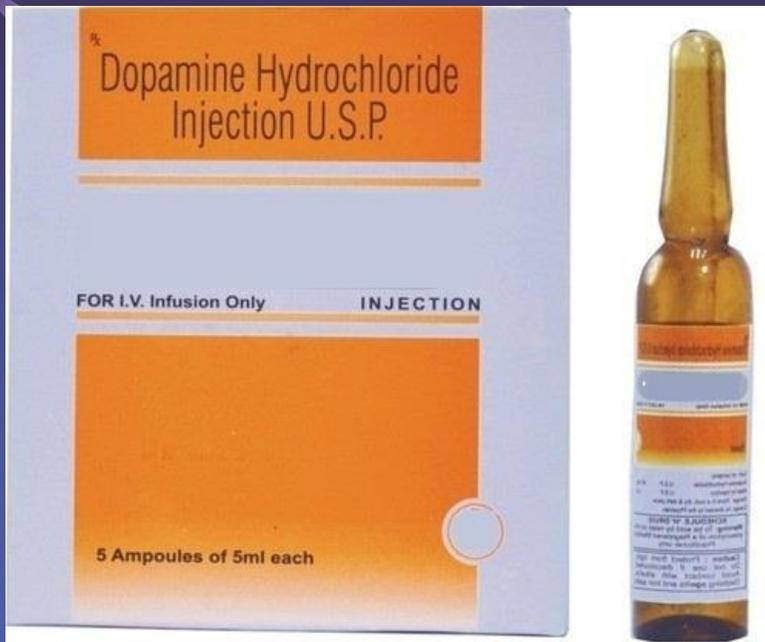
Agonism of “D1-type receptors”

Increase cardiac output  
(inotropic and chronotropic effect)

# Dopamine

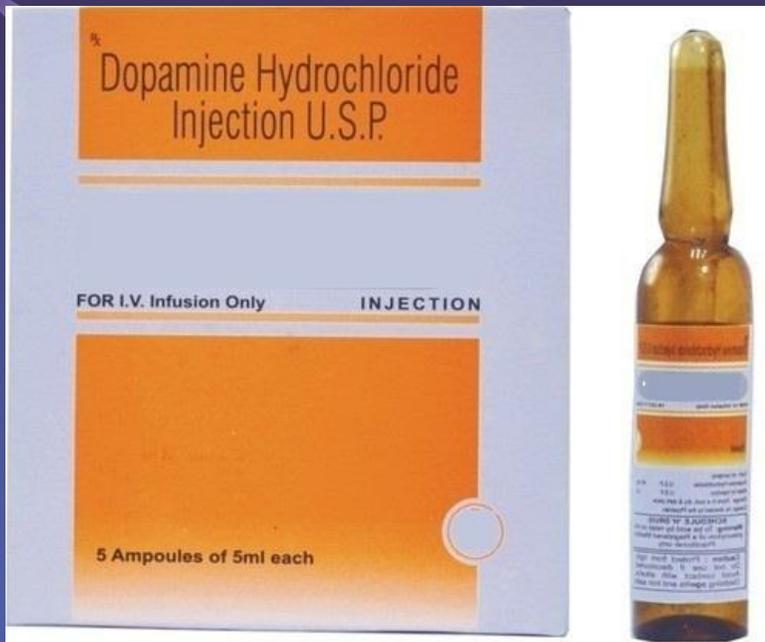
D1-type receptors (D1 and D5)  
Direct arterial vasodilation

D2-type receptors (D2 , D3 , D4)  
Increase smooth vascular tone



# Dopamine

Dose dependent



0.5-2 ug/kg/min

2-10 ug/kg/min

>10 ug/kg/min



Low dose

Intermediate dose

High dose

D1-type receptors

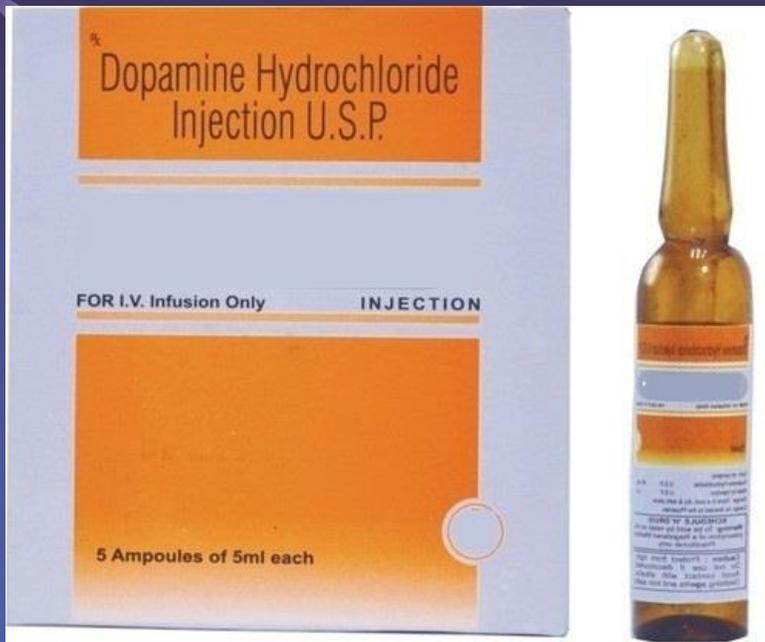
$\beta$ 1 receptors >>>  
chronotropy,  
inotropy, lusitropy

$\alpha$  receptors >>>  
vasoconstriction

# Dopamine

Not used for the routine management of vasodilatory shock

Useful in the subset of patients with impaired systolic heart function



# Dobutamine

Synthetic catecholamine

Used for cardiogenic shock

Not be used in vasodilatory shock

20 mL Single-dose Fliptop Vial

**DOBUTamine**  
Injection, USP

**250 mg/20 mL**  
(12.5 mg/mL)

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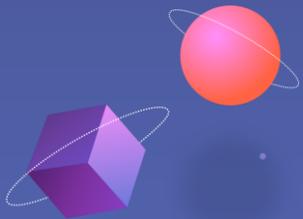
Predominate  $\alpha_1$  receptors agonist

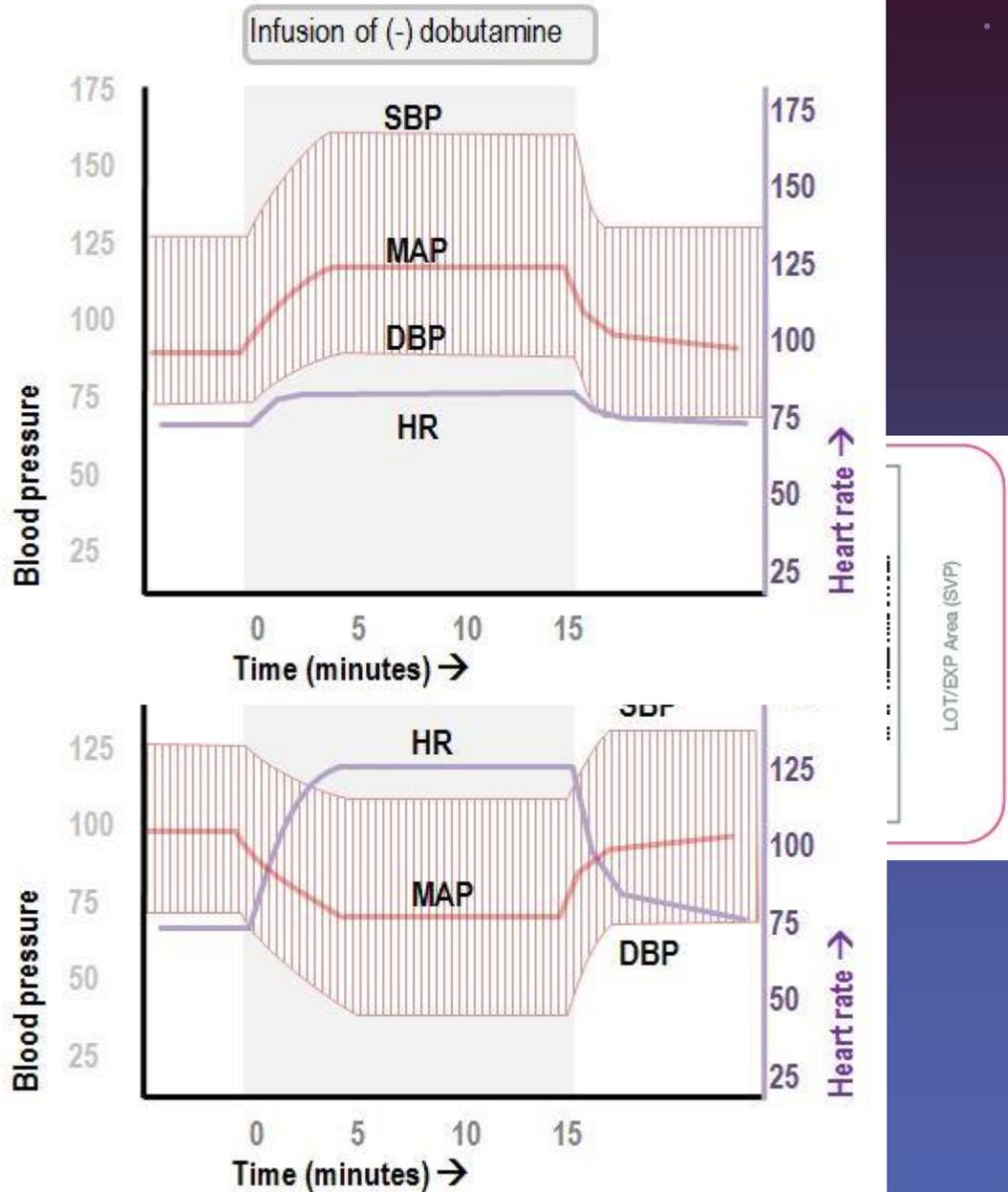
Weak  $\beta_{1,2}$  receptors agonist

## Positive enantiomers

Predominate  $\beta_{1,2}$  receptors agonist

$\alpha_1$  receptors antagonist





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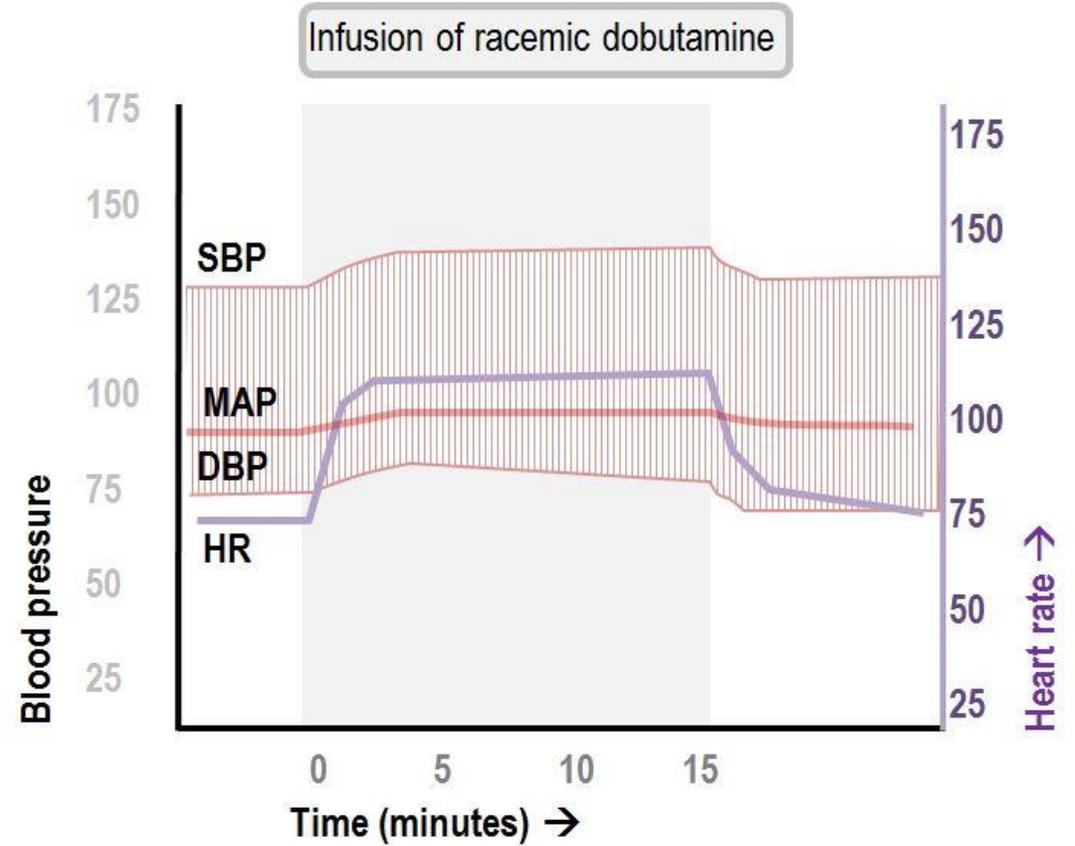
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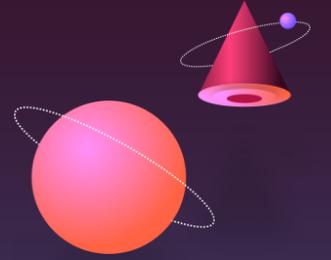




# Rescue agents

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Corticosteroids



Methylene blue



Thiamine

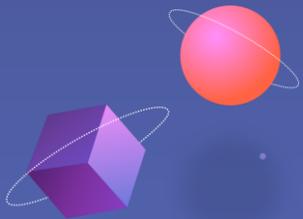
# Corticosteroids

1st line rescue agents

Cortisol 1st corticosteroid released by HPA axis

Sensitivity to Ang-2 , NE , Epi :  
mediation of vasoconstriction

Decrease production of NO :  
mediation of vasodilation

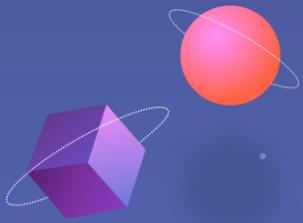


# Corticosteroids

Steroid in vasodilatory shock is safe

Increase rate hyperglycemia

Not result in increase rate of serious adverse events  
(GI bleeding , superinfection)



# Methylene blue



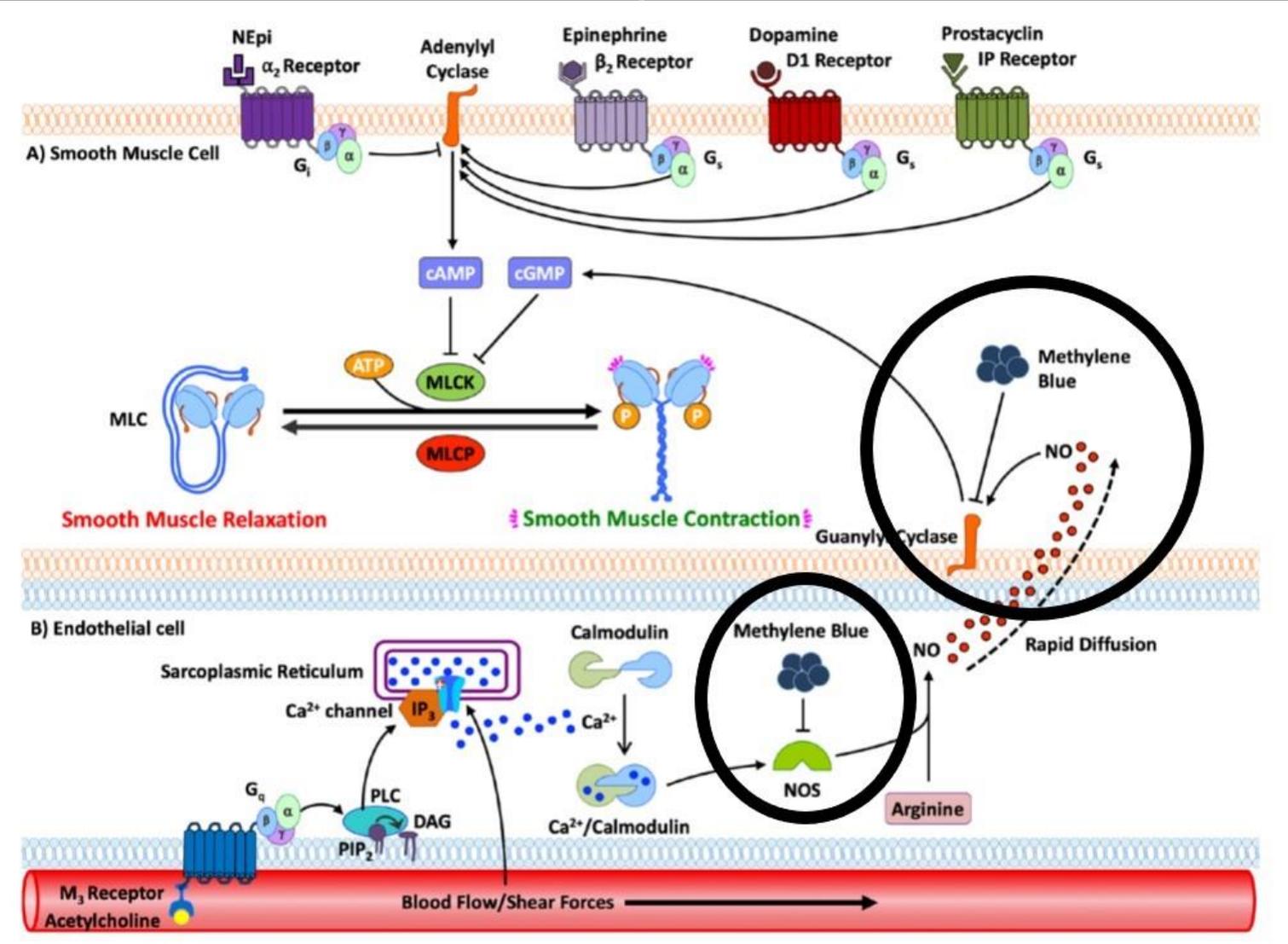
Inhibits NOS and guanylyl cyclase

Preventing vasodilation

Increase MAP , SVR without HR

Utilizes mechanism distinct from vasopressor

# Methylene blue



# Methylene blue

Administered intravenous dose  
1-2 mg/kg over 15 minutes

Followed infusion 0.5 mg/kg  
over 6 hours



# Thiamine



Vitamin B1 is an essential cofactor in the Krebs cycle

Deficiency interrupts the oxidative energy pathway

- increase anaerobic metabolism
- increase lactic acid production

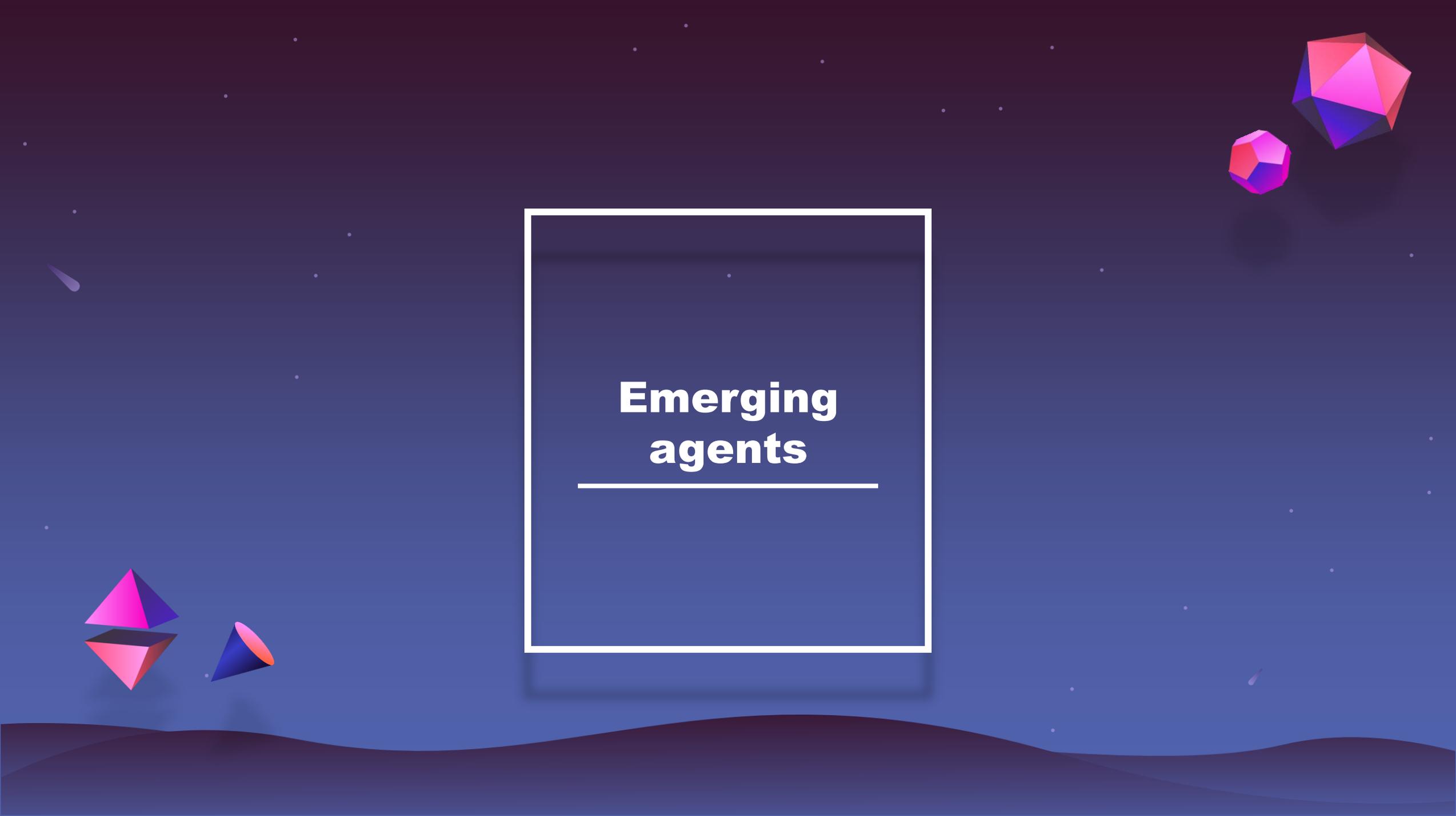
# Thiamine



Benefits in thiamine deficiency

High prevalence of thiamine deficiency in septic shock

Current findings suggest thiamine is unlikely to be universal



# Emerging agents

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# Ascorbic acid

Emerging therapeutic option for the treatment of septic shock

Cofactor in biochemical pathway for synthesis of catecholamine

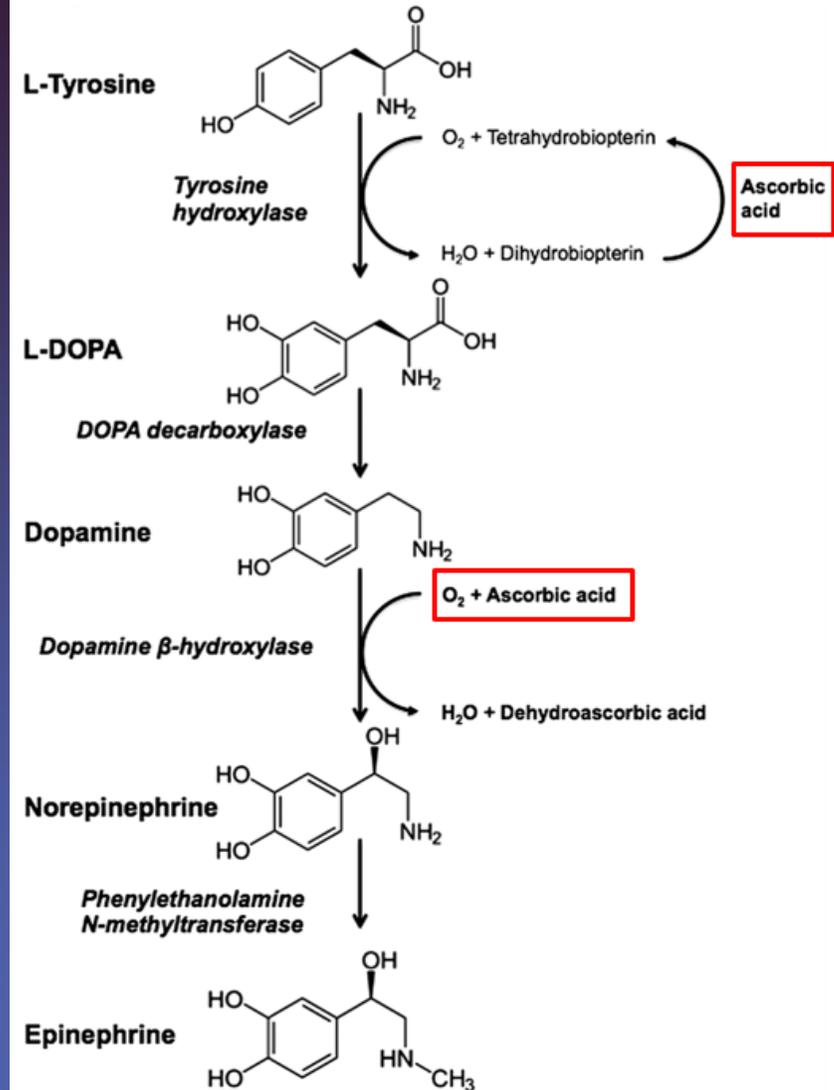
Supplement in vasodilatory shock



# Ascorbic acid



## Vitamin C is required to synthesize catecholamines

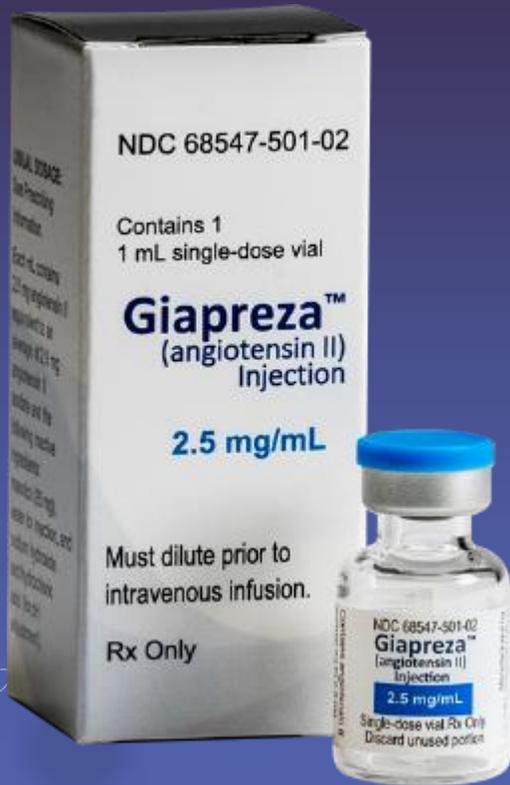


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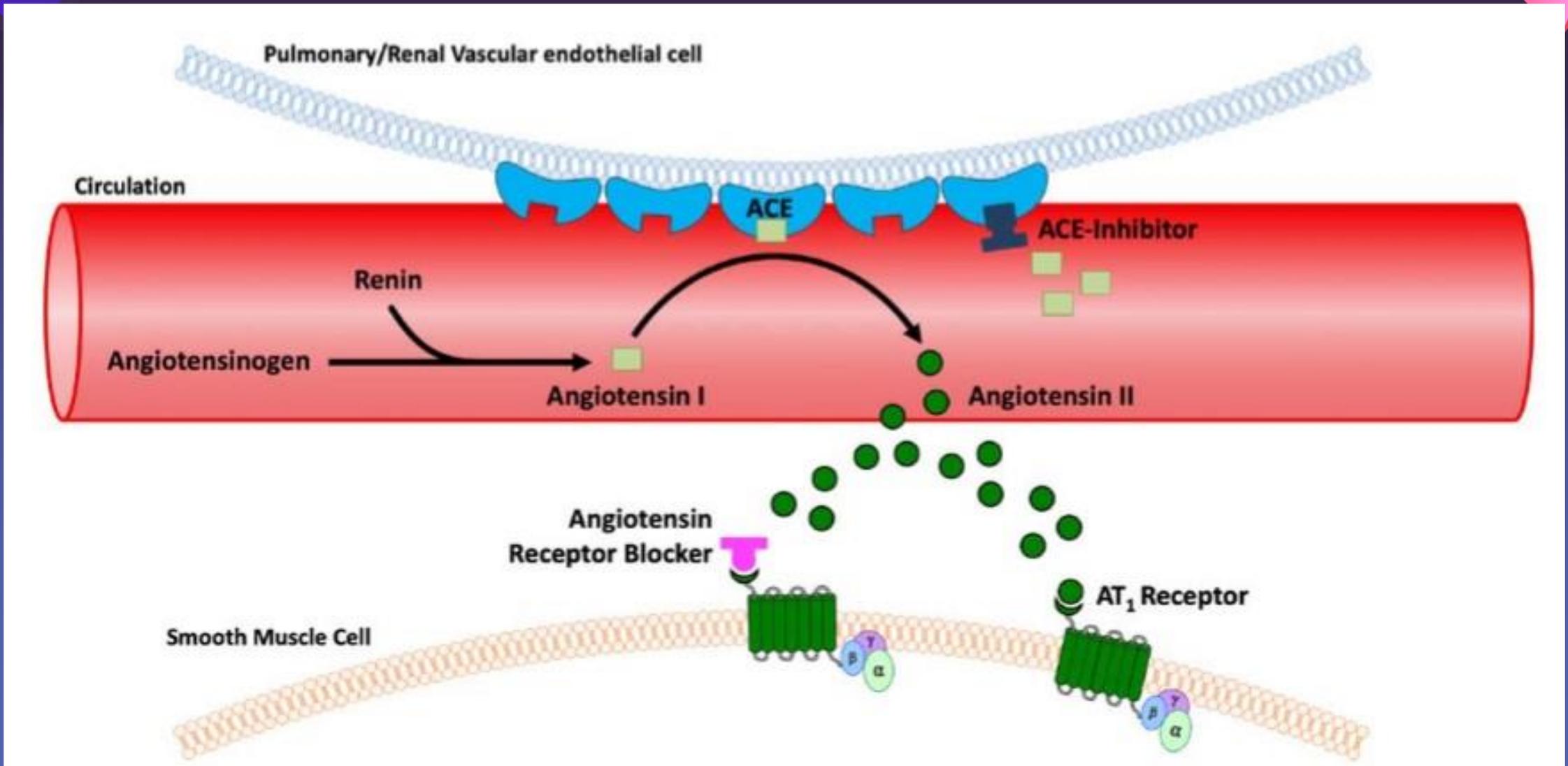
Natural hormone in RAA system

Activation of AT1 receptor

Smooth muscle contraction and stimulate release of ADH , aldosterone



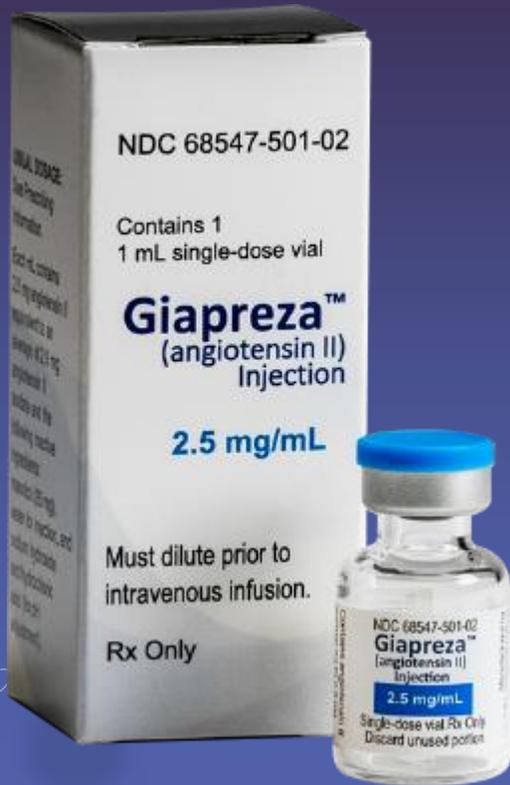
# Angiotensin II



**Table 2. Summary of Key Studies Investigating Angiotensin II**

Reference	Design	Population	Dose Range	Outcome	P Value
Del Greco et al <sup>116</sup>	Case Series (n = 21)	Distributive, cardiogenic shock	0.23–100 $\mu\text{g}$ $\text{min}^{-1}$	Return to normotension in 15/21 patients	N/A
Chawla et al <sup>112</sup>	RCT (n = 20)	Distributive shock	15–20 $\text{ng kg}^{-1}$ $\text{min}^{-1}$	No difference in mean hour 1 NE dose. ( $7.4 \pm 12.4 \mu\text{g min}^{-1}$ Ang-2 versus $27.6 \pm 29.3 \mu\text{g min}^{-1}$ control) No difference in mean hour 2 NE dose ( $7.3 \pm 11.9 \mu\text{g min}^{-1}$ Ang-2 versus $28.6 \pm 30.2 \mu\text{g min}^{-1}$ control)	.06 .06
Khanna et al <sup>117</sup>	RCT (n = 344)	Distributive shock	20–40 $\text{ng kg}^{-1}$ $\text{min}^{-1}$	Achieved target MAP by hour 1 (69.9% Ang-2 versus 23.4% SOC; OR = 7.95; 95% CI, 4.76–13.3) Decreased background NE-equivalent dose ( $-0.03$ Ang-2 versus $0.03$ SOC) No difference in 28-day all-cause mortality (46% versus 54%; HR = 0.78; 95% CI, 0.57–1.07)	<.001 <.001 .12
Wunderink et al <sup>118</sup>	Post hoc analysis (n = 141)	Distributive shock	Not reported	Increased 28-day mortality with Ang-2 depletion (HR = 1.78; 95% CI, 1.25–2.53) Increased 28-day mortality with Ang-2 depletion and treatment with SOC vasopressors (HR = 1.77; 95% CI, 1.10–2.85) Attenuation in mortality with Ang-2 depletion and treatment with Ang-2 (HR = 0.64; 95% CI, 0.41–1.00)	.002 .019 .047
Szerlip et al <sup>119</sup>	Post hoc analysis (n = 225)	Distributive shock, subset with APACHE-II score >30	Not reported	Decreased 28-day mortality in subset with APACHE-II score >30 (51.8% Ang-2 versus 70.8% SOC; HR = 0.62; 95% CI, 0.39–0.98)	.037
Tumlin et al <sup>120</sup>	Post hoc analysis (n = 105)	Distributive shock, subset with AKI requiring RRT	15–20 $\text{ng kg}^{-1}$ $\text{min}^{-1}$	Improved 28-day survival in subset with AKI requiring RRT (53% Ang-2 versus 30% SOC; HR = 0.52; 95% CI, 0.30–0.87) Increased rate of liberation from RRT by day 7 (38% Ang-2 versus 15% SOC; adjusted HR = 2.90; 95% CI, 1.29–6.52)	.012 .007

# Angiotensin II



Ang-2 deficient > high mortality

ACE deficiency cause of Ang-2 depletion

Ang-2 supplementation in Ang-2 deficiency ↓ mortality

Patient with pulmonary pathology may also benefit from Ang-2 administration

# CONCLUSION

- ✓ Different mechanism of vasoconstrictors for treating vasodilatory shock
- ✓ Medications target :
  - RAA system (Ang-2)
  - sympathetic nervous system
  - Vasopressin system
- ✓ Thiamine , ascorbic acid important in biochemical pathways
- ✓ Emerged agents
  - Angiotensin II , ascorbic acid

**Table 1. Receptor Distribution and Pharmacologic Effects on Heart, Vasculature, and Kidneys**

Action	Receptor	Drug
<b>Heart</b>		
Chronotropy	$\beta_1$ - and D1-type receptors	Epinephrine, dopamine
Inotropy and lusitropy	$\beta_1$ - and D1-type receptors	Epinephrine, dopamine
Coronary blood flow	D1-type receptors and increased CBF related to increased inotropy	Dopamine
<b>Peripheral arteries</b>		
Vasodilation	$\beta_2$ , $AT_2$ , D1-type receptors	Epi (low dose), dopamine (low dose)
Vasoconstriction	$\alpha_1$ , $\alpha_2$ , $V_1$ , $AT_1$ , D2-type receptors	NE, phenylephrine, vasopressin, terlipressin, Ang-2, Epi (high dose), dopamine (high dose)
<b>Kidneys</b>		
Increased renal blood flow, naturesis, diuresis	D1-type receptors	Dopamine
Reduced aldosterone secretion	D2-type receptors in adrenal gland	Dopamine
Increased aldosterone secretion	$AT_1$ receptors	Ang-2
Free water retention	$V_2$ , $AT_1$ receptors	Vasopressin, terlipressin, Ang-2



**Thanks !**