

## Nicotinic acetylcholine receptors (version 2019.4) in the IUPHAR/BPS Guide to Pharmacology Database

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### Abstract

Nicotinic acetylcholine receptors are members of the Cys-loop family of transmitter-gated ion channels that includes the GABA<sub>A</sub>, strychnine-sensitive glycine and 5-HT<sub>3</sub> receptors [210, 3, 155, 220, 252]. All nicotinic receptors are pentamers in which each of the five subunits contains four  $\alpha$ -helical transmembrane domains. Genes encoding a total of 17 subunits ( $\alpha$ 1-10,  $\beta$ 1-4,  $\gamma$ ,  $\delta$  and  $\epsilon$ ) have been identified [117]. All subunits with the exception of  $\alpha$ 8 (present in avian species) have been identified in mammals. All  $\alpha$  subunits possess two tandem cysteine residues near to the site involved in acetylcholine binding, and subunits not named  $\alpha$  lack these residues [155]. The orthosteric ligand binding site is formed by residues within at least three peptide domains on the  $\alpha$  subunit (principal component), and three on the adjacent subunit (complementary component). nAChRs contain several allosteric modulatory sites. One such site, for positive allosteric modulators (PAMs) and allosteric agonists, has been proposed to reside within an intrasubunit cavity between the four transmembrane domains [257, 85]; see also [103]. The high resolution crystal structure of the molluscan acetylcholine binding protein, a structural homologue of the extracellular binding domain of a nicotinic receptor pentamer, in complex with several nicotinic receptor ligands (e.g. [33]) and the crystal structure of the extracellular domain of the  $\alpha$ 1 subunit bound to  $\alpha$ -bungarotoxin at 1.94 Å resolution [53], has revealed the orthosteric binding site in detail (reviewed in [210, 117, 37, 193]). Nicotinic receptors at the somatic neuromuscular junction of adult animals have the stoichiometry ( $\alpha$ 1)<sub>2</sub> $\beta$ 1 $\delta\epsilon$ , whereas an extrajunctional ( $\alpha$ 1)<sub>2</sub> $\beta$ 1 $\gamma\delta$  receptor predominates in embryonic and denervated skeletal muscle and other pathological states. Other nicotinic receptors are assembled as combinations of  $\alpha$ (2-6) and  $\beta$ (2-4) subunits. For  $\alpha$ 2,  $\alpha$ 3,  $\alpha$ 4 and  $\beta$ 2 and  $\beta$ 4 subunits, pairwise combinations of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  (e.g.  $\alpha$ 3 $\beta$ 4 and  $\alpha$ 4 $\beta$ 2) are sufficient to form a functional receptor *in vitro*, but far more complex isoforms may exist *in vivo* (reviewed in [94, 91, 155]). There is strong evidence that the pairwise assembly of some  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  subunits can occur with variable stoichiometry [e.g. ( $\alpha$ 4)<sub>2</sub>( $\beta$ 2)<sub>2</sub> or ( $\alpha$ 4)<sub>3</sub>( $\beta$ 2)<sub>2</sub>] which influences the biophysical and pharmacological properties of the receptor [155].  $\alpha$ 5 and  $\beta$ 3 subunits lack function when expressed alone, or pairwise, but participate in the formation of functional hetero-oligomeric receptors when expressed as a third subunit with another  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  pair [e.g.  $\alpha$ 4 $\alpha$ 5 $\alpha$  $\beta$ 2,  $\alpha$ 4 $\alpha$  $\beta$ 2 $\beta$ 3,  $\alpha$ 5 $\alpha$ 6 $\beta$ 2, see [155] for further examples]. The  $\alpha$ 6 subunit can form a functional receptor when co-expressed with  $\beta$ 4 *in vitro*, but more efficient expression ensues from incorporation of a third partner, such as  $\beta$ 3 [256]. The  $\alpha$ 7,  $\alpha$ 8, and  $\alpha$ 9 subunits form functional homo-oligomers, but can also combine with a second subunit to constitute a hetero-oligomeric assembly (e.g.  $\alpha$ 7 $\beta$ 2 and  $\alpha$ 9 $\alpha$ 10). For functional expression of the  $\alpha$ 10 subunit, co-assembly with  $\alpha$ 9 is necessary. The latter, along with the  $\alpha$ 10 subunit, appears to be largely confined to cochlear and vestibular hair cells. Comprehensive listings of nicotinic receptor subunit combinations identified from recombinant expression

systems, or *in vivo*, are given in [155]. In addition, numerous proteins interact with nicotinic ACh receptors modifying their assembly, trafficking to and from the cell surface, and activation by ACh (reviewed by [154, 9, 115]).

The nicotinic receptor Subcommittee of **NC-IUPHAR** has recommended a nomenclature and classification scheme for nicotinic acetylcholine (nACh) receptors based on the subunit composition of known, naturally- and/or heterologously-expressed nACh receptor subtypes [139]. Headings for this table reflect abbreviations designating nACh receptor subtypes based on the predominant  $\alpha$  subunit contained in that receptor subtype. An asterisk following the indicated  $\alpha$  subunit denotes that other subunits are known to, or may, assemble with the indicated  $\alpha$  subunit to form the designated nACh receptor subtype(s). Where subunit stoichiometries within a specific nACh receptor subtype are known, numbers of a particular subunit larger than 1 are indicated by a subscript following the subunit (enclosed in parentheses – see also [44]).

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