Review

GABA\textsubscript{B} receptors in drug addiction

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Abstract:
Preclinical studies and clinical trials carried out within the past few years have provided a premise that \(\gamma\)-aminobutyric acid (GABA) transmission and GABA\textsubscript{B} receptors play a modulatory role in the mechanism of action of different drugs of abuse. The present review summarizes the contribution of GABA\textsubscript{B} receptors to the rewarding, locomotor and discriminative stimulus properties of drugs of abuse and their withdrawal symptoms in laboratory animals. It also reviews the current knowledge about the GABA\textsubscript{B} receptor ligands in clinical trials, with a focus on their effects on presentation of the drug-associated cues and withdrawal-induced drug craving.

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