

Let's talk about Hormones! These are ones we have already talked about throughout the semester:

| Gland: | Hormone: | Chemical Class: | Principle Function: |
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| Ovary | Estrogen | Steroid | Mating behavior; secondary sex characteristics; maintenance of female duct system |
| Ovary | Testosterone | Steroid | Precursor of estrogen |
| Ovary | Progesterone | Steroid | Maintains pregnancy; mammary growth; inhibits myometrial contractions |
| Testes | Testosterone (androgens) | Steroid | Male mating behavior; spermatogenesis; maintenance of male duct system |
| Placenta | Progesterone | Steroid | *see ovary section |
| Uterine Endometrium | PGF2A | FA/Lipid | Causes regression of CL; stimulates myometrial contractions; ovulation |
| Seminal Vesicles | PGF2A | FA/Lipid | Stimulates myometrial contractions – transports sperm up FRT |
| Pineal | Melatonin | Biogenic Amine | Controls seasonal reproduction in mares and ewes |
| Posterior Pituitary | Oxytocin ***storage NOT production | Peptide | Stimulates myometrial contractions for transport of sperm; parturition; milk let-down |
| Anterior Pituitary | Follicle Stimulating Hormone (FSH) | Glycoprotein | Stimulates follicle growth, estrogen production, spermatogenesis |
| Anterior Pituitary | Luteinizing Hormone | Glycoprotein | Stimulate ovulation; supports CL formation and progesterone secretion; stimulates testosterone synthesis by Leydig cells of the testis |
| Hypothalamus | Gonadotropin Releasing Hormone (GnRH) | Peptide | Stimulates release of LH and FSH from anterior pituitary |
| Hypothalamus | Oxytocin | Peptide | Produced by hypothalamus, released by posterior pituitary |

These are other important hormones that play a role in reproduction:

| Gland: | Hormone: | Chemical Class: | Principle Function: |
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| Ovary | Inhibin | Protein | Inhibits the release of FSH from anterior pituitary |
| Ovary | Relaxin (Sow CL) | Protein | Expands the pelvis; dilation of cervix for parturition |
| Testis | Inhibin | Protein | Inhibits the release of FSH from anterior pituitary |
| Adrenal Cortex | Glucocorticoids Corticosteroids (Cortisol) | Steroid | Induction of parturition by fetus; milk synthesis; stress responses |
| Placenta | Human Chorionic Gonadotrophin | Glycoprotein | LH-like involvement with establishment of pregnancy in women; supports & maintains CL |
| Placenta | Equine Chorionic Gonadotropin | Glycoprotein | FSH-like (some LH) activity; immunological protection of foal during pregnancy; formation of accessory CLs |
| Placenta | Relaxin (Cow & Ewe) | Protein | Relaxation/dilation of cervix for parturition |
| Placenta | Placental Lactogen | Glycoprotein | Maintains CL; stimulates mammary growth & milk secretion |
| Liver | Insulin-like Growth Factors (IGF-1 and IGF-2) | Protein | Stimulates steroidogenesis; mammary growth; fetal growth |
| Anterior pituitary | Prolactin (PRL) | Protein | Stimulates milk synthesis; regulate metabolism for milk synthesis; effect maternal behavior |
| Anterior pituitary | Growth Hormone (GH) | Protein | Stimulates milk synthesis through IGF-1 secretion |
| Anterior pituitary | Adrenalcorticotrophic Hormone (ACTH) | Protein | Release of corticosteroids and glucocorticoids from adrenal cortex initiate parturition |

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| Hypothalamus | Dopamine | Biogenic Amine | Inhibits release of prolactin |
| Hypothalamus | Corticotrophic Releasing Hormone (CRH) | Peptide | Stimulates ACTH |
| Hypothalamus | Growth Hormone Releasing Factor (GHR) | Peptide | Stimulates release of Growth Hormone |

Match the following to the correct terms:

Peptide **C** Protein **A** Glycoprotein **D** Steroids **B** Lipids **F** Biogenic Amine **E**

- Long chains of amino acids
- Cholesterol is the precursor
- Few to several amino acids
- Protein hormone with carbohydrate molecules
- Derived from Tyrosine or Tryptophan
- From Arachidonic Acid

How many Carbons are found within Cholesterol?

27 carbons

How many Carbons are found within Progesterone?

21 carbons

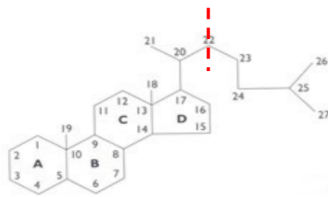
How many Carbons are found within Estrogen?

18 carbons

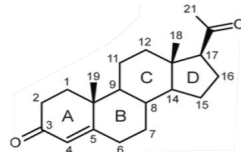
How many Carbons are found within Testosterone?

19 carbons

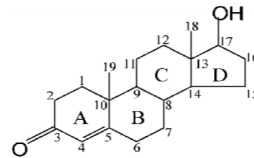
Since we know how many Carbons are in steroid hormones, label what structure is....



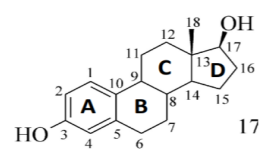
Cholesterol



Progesterone



Testosterone



Estrogen

Match the following terms to the correct definition:

Autocrine **C**

Endocrine **A**

Paracrine **B**

- a. Distant signaling with use of the circulatory system
- b. Signaling to nearby/adjacent cells
- c. Self-signaling

The endocrine system has 2 general control mechanisms. What are they?

Neural control (neuroendocrinology) : something from Central Nervous System controls hormones

- Hypothalamus = neural control for reproduction

Endocrine System : releases hormones to travel in circulation

- Hormone action occur away from site of synthesis

For the brain to become “feminized” what has to enter the brain?

- Nothing. Alpha-fetoprotein has a high affinity for estrogen. It does not bind to testosterone which allows testosterone to enter the brain and be synthesized into estrogen to inhibit the surge center from being created.

What hormones can travel freely in the blood?

Peptide, protein, and glycoproteins

What has to have a carrier protein?

Steroids and lipids