

# PsychoEndocrinology: The Role of Thyrotropin Releasing Hormone (TRH) in Anxiety and Depression

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# Goals

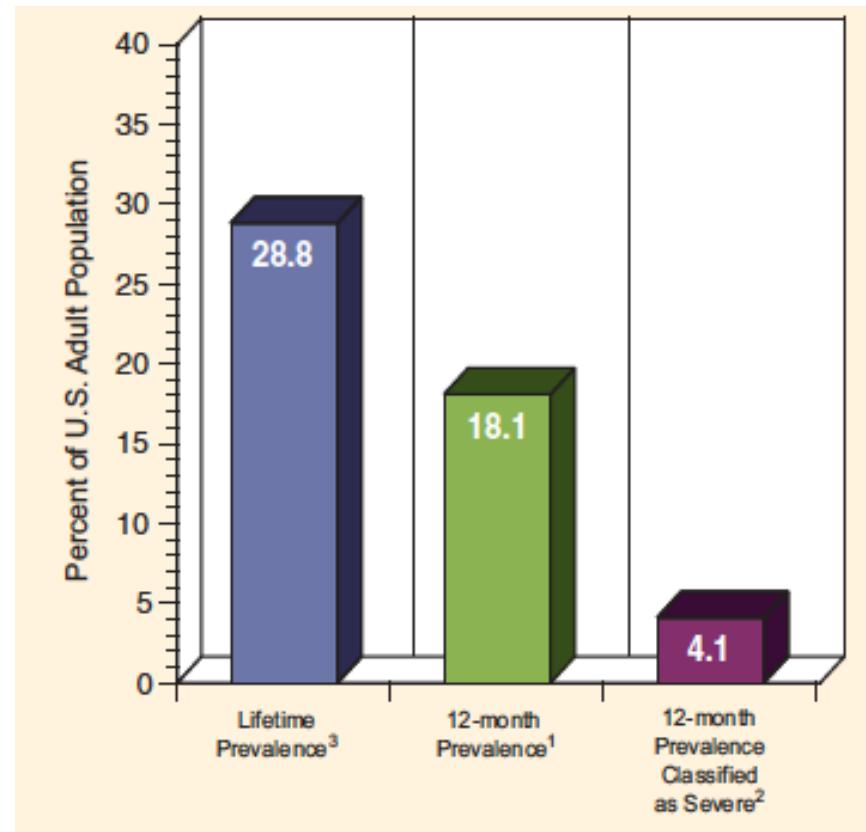
- Review the scope of anxiety
- Understand role of hormone TRH
  - Anxiety
  - Depression physiology
- Learn exam, historical findings related to TRH
- Understand clinical applications to treatment

# INTRODUCTION



# Prevalence of Anxiety

- Lifetime: 28.8%<sup>1</sup>
- 12-month: 18%<sup>1</sup>
- Reported onset: 4-11 years<sup>1,2</sup>
- Chronic course<sup>3</sup>



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# Efficacy of Treatment

- 30% fail to respond  
(Benzo's)<sup>7</sup>
- Weaning failure rate 85%<sup>8</sup>
- Treatment and post<sup>9</sup>
  - Cognitive decline, impaired productivity
  - Persists up to 3 yrs post discontinuation



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“It has become apparent that in the solution of these problems psychiatry will be brought to medicine and medicine will come to psychiatry.”

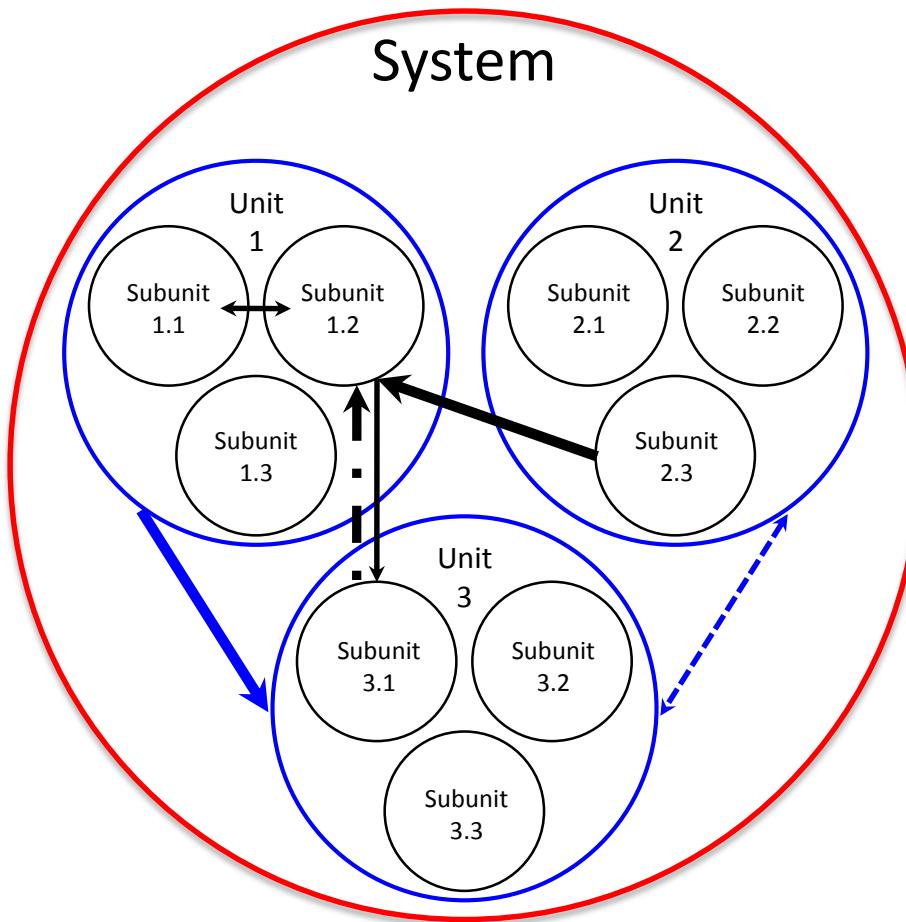
Manfred Sakel, MD, 1938, *The Future of Psychiatry*

## **SYSTEMS APPROACH TO ANXIETY**

# Systems Theory

- Whole > sum of parts
- Quantitative
  - Number of subsystems
  - Number of relationships
- Qualitative
  - Quality of relationships
  - Degree of integration
  - Relative efficiency in relationship to demand

# Interrelatedness and Integration



# Endobiogeny: Global systems theory

- Microscopic ( $10^{-6}$ - $10^{-3}$ m)
  - Subcellular
  - Cellular
  - Tissue segments
- Mesoscopic ( $10^{-3}$ - $10^{-1}$ m)
  - Gross tissue
  - Organs
  - Organism
- Macroscopic ( $>10^0$ m)
  - Social
  - Symbiotic
  - Cosmobiologic
- Central
- Peripheral
- Endocrine
- Autonomic
- Multifactorial

# Endobiogeny (cont.)

- Qualitative
  - Heuristic
  - Phenomenologic
- Quantitative
  - Biomarkers
  - Modeling

**Serotonin Index.** This index expresses the level of autocoid and metabolic activity of peripheral serotonin. By extension, it allows for an evaluation of the level of neuro-metabolic activity of central serotonin (through inverse association with peripheral serotonin).

$$= 10 \text{ (starter index)}/(\text{insulin index} \times \text{insulin resistance index})$$

**Evoked Histamine Index.** This index expresses the active circulating level of histamine.

$$=(\text{eosinophils} \times \text{platelets} \times \text{adaptation index})/\text{adrenal cortex index}$$

$$\text{adaptation index} = \text{eosinophils}/\text{monocytes}$$

$$=(\text{eosinophils} \times \text{platelets} \times \text{eosinophils})/(\text{adrenal cortex} \times \text{monocytes})$$

$$=(\text{eosinophils}^2 \times \text{platelets})/(\text{adrenal cortex} \times \text{monocytes})$$

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# Global Mental Health

TABLE 1 | Moving beyond scientism and skepticism in global mental health: integrative approaches to diagnosis, pathogenesis, and intervention.

	Scientism	Skepticism	Integrative
Diagnosis	Diagnostic systems rely on essentialist categories or natural kinds. Assessment systems will be ultimately be supported by data on endophenotypes	Mental illness is expressed and experienced differently in different sociocultural contexts. Symptoms vary from time to time and place to place	Mental illness is a complex reality. Nosologies are theory bound and value laden, but may improve as the relevant science and debate advance
Pathogenesis	May approach causality in terms of covering laws. May focus on a single set of associations, such as those which characterize the health care system	May emphasize the role of socio-cultural values and powers in explanations. May focus on differences in conceptualization of disorders across history and geography	Emphasizes that a broad range of factors are involved in the pathogenesis of mental disorders, with causal mechanisms operating at multiple interacting levels
Intervention	May take a single bullet approach, looking for focused interventions, whether biological or community focused that will target the essence of the disorder	May emphasize that interventions reflect local values and powers. Both biological and community-focused interventions reinforce existing societal structures	Incorporates a range of insights about the nature of mental disorders, and targets a broad range of factors involved in their pathogenesis, including biological and social ones

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# Systems Integration in Psychiatry

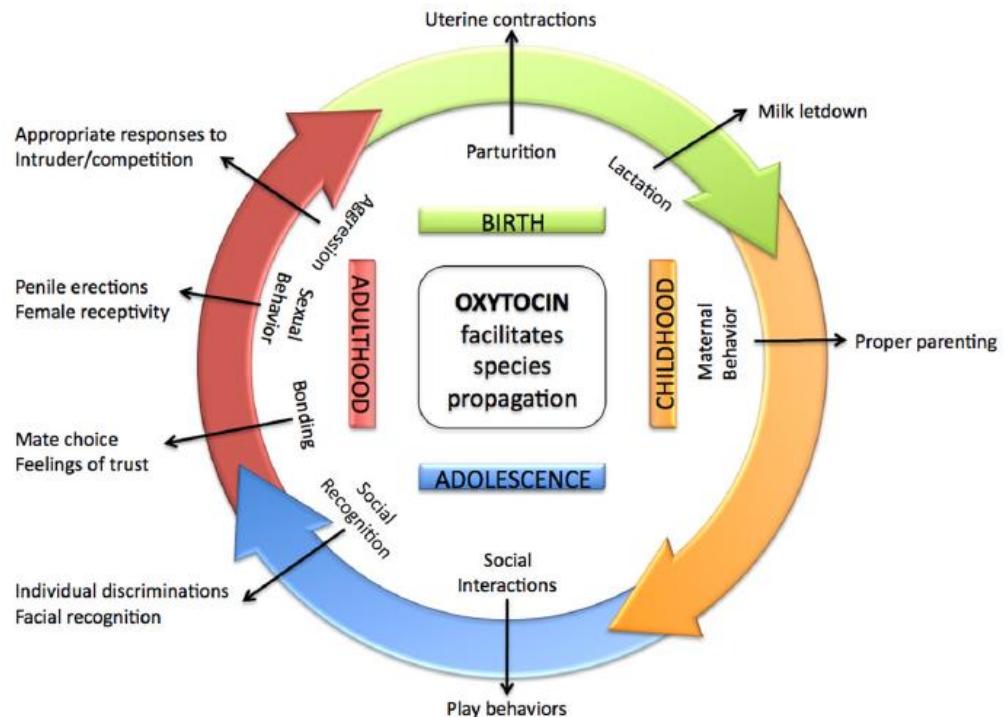
- 1850's: NeuroPsychoPharmacology
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- 1963: Benzodiazepines
- 1969: Endocrino-Psychiatry
- 2000's: Integrated Network Psychiatry<sup>24</sup>

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# Systems Integration (cont.)

- Brain sequestered, *not* isolated
- Neurohormones
  - Dopamine
  - TRH
  - Oxytocin
- Neurosteroids
  - Cortisol
  - Aldosterone
  - Testosterone

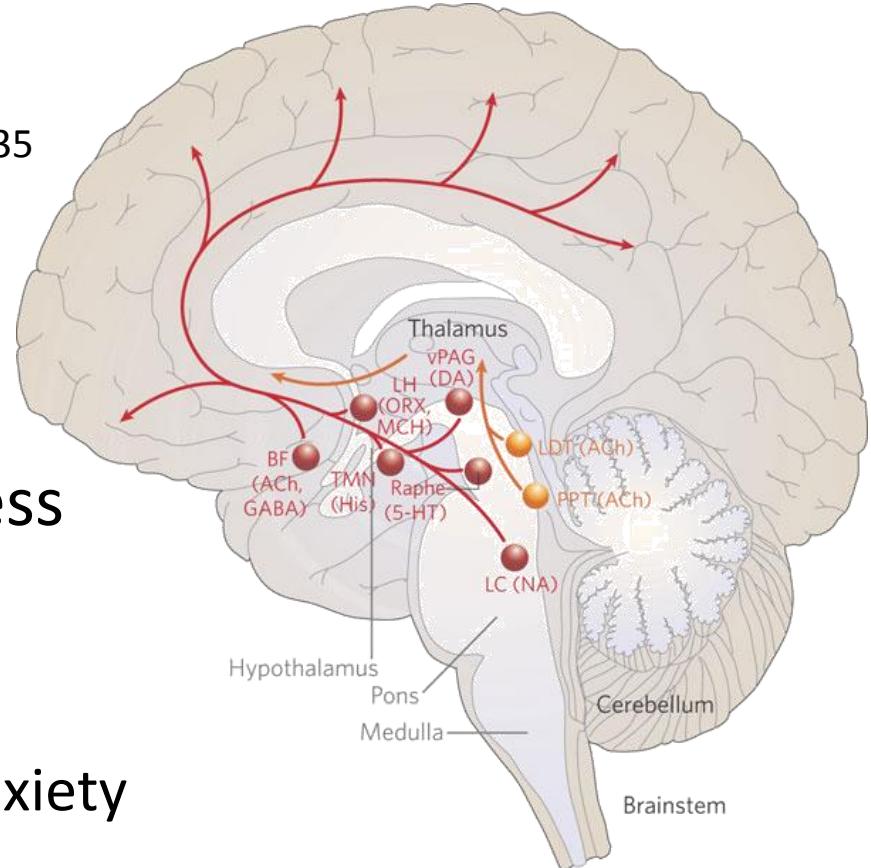


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# **TRH, HISTAMINES AND ANXIETY**

# Alpha Sympathetic: Noradrenalin

- Physiologic:  $\uparrow$  SNR\*<sup>34</sup>
  - $\uparrow$  environmental sensitivity<sup>35</sup>
  - $\downarrow$  feedback excitation
  - $\downarrow$  feedback inhibition<sup>34</sup>
  - $\uparrow$  afferent input
- Sustained sensory awareness
- Cognitive flexibility<sup>36</sup>
- Supraphysiologic
  - False-positive  $\uparrow$  SNR\*  $\rightarrow$  Anxiety



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# Anxious Behavior and NA

Table 1

Changes in brain noradrenaline release and behavior caused by various stresses and anxiogenic drugs and their modifications by drugs

Brain noradrenaline release												
Brain regions	Immobilization stress						Psychological stress		Conditioned fear		$\beta$ -Carbolines	Yohimbine
	Non-drug	DZP	NAL	MOR	$\beta$ -END	Met-E	Non-drug	DZP	Non-drug	DZP		
Hypothalamus	↑	↓	↑	↓	↓	↓	↑	↓	↑	↓	↑	
Amygdala	↑	↓	↑	↓	↓	↓	↑	↓	↑	↓	↑	
Locus coeruleus	↑	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↑	↓	↑	↓	↑	
Hippocampus	↑	↓	—	↓	↓	↓	—	—	—	~↑	↑	
Cerebral cortex	↑	↓	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	~↑	↑	
Negative emotional responses	↑	↓	↑	↓	↓	↓	↑	↓	↑	↓	↑	

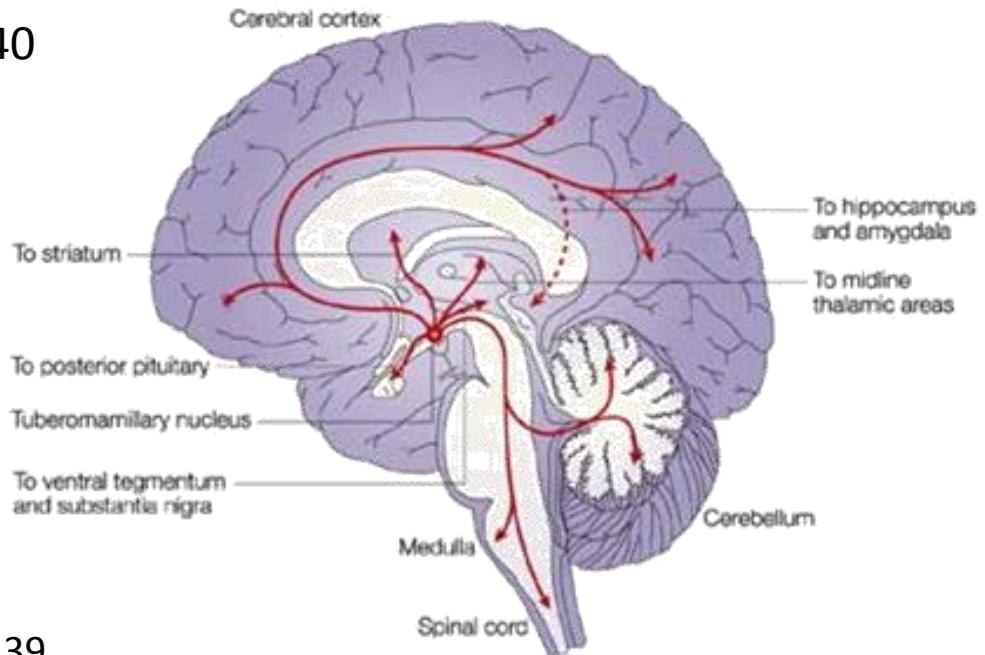
↑ Increase      ↑ Enhancement      ↓ Attenuation      — No change

DZP: Diazepam; NAL: Naloxone; MOR: Morphine;  $\beta$ -END:  $\beta$ -Endorphin; Met-E: [Met<sup>t</sup>]-Enkephalin  
 ALP: Alprazolam

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# Histamines and Arousal States

- Origin: Hypothalamus<sup>40</sup>
- Highly conserved<sup>40</sup>
- Wide distribution
- Role
  - Arousal, Alertness
  - Cognition, Memory
  - Mood, Pain perception<sup>39</sup>



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# Histamines: Cognitive-Behavioral

- Physiologic:  $\alpha$ -brainwave<sup>1,2</sup>
  - Calm alertness
  - Novelty-induced arousal
- Supraphysiologic:
  - $\downarrow$  pleasure and reward
  - $\uparrow$  anxiety and aversive behavior.<sup>1,3</sup>

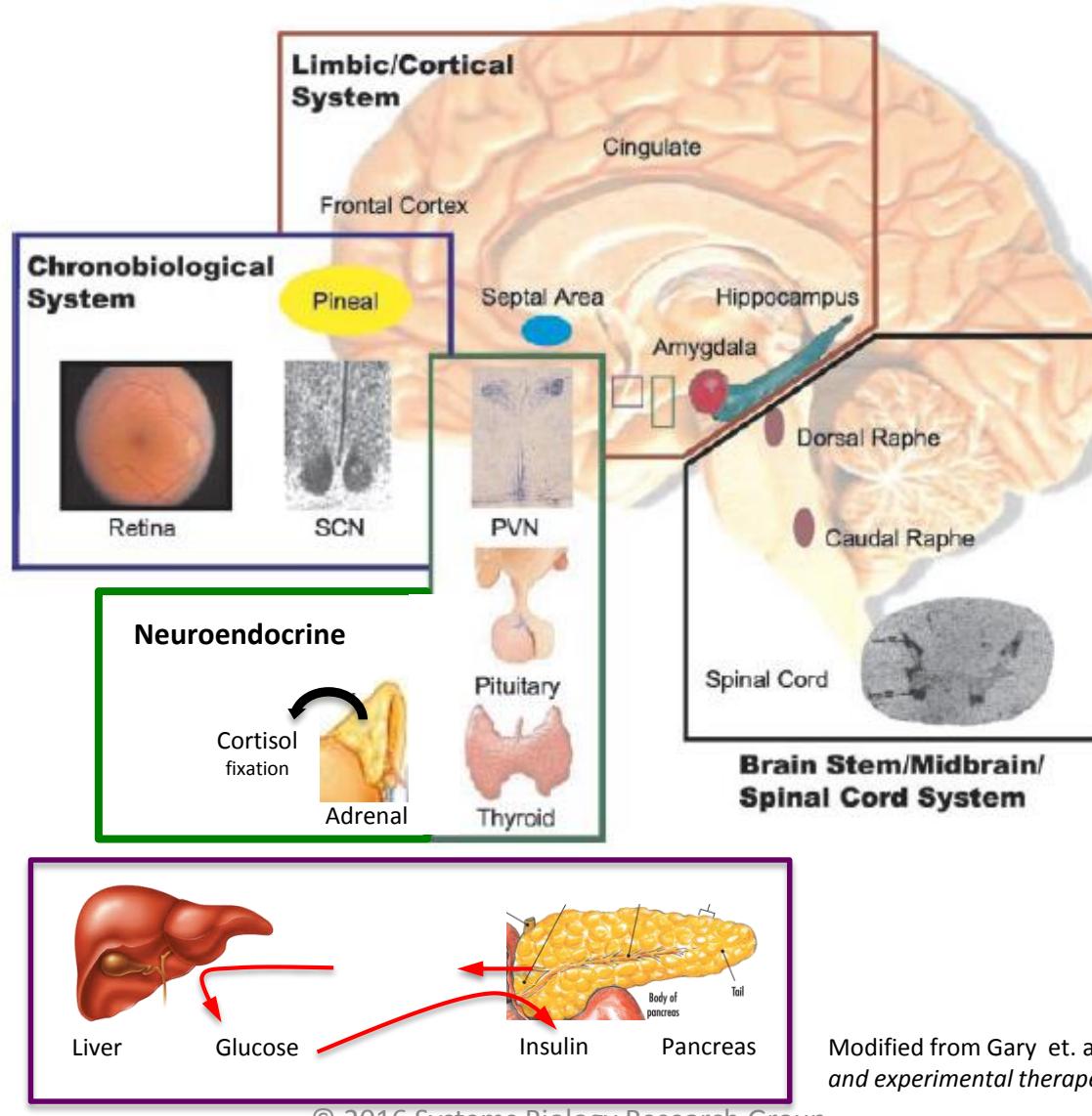
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# Special role of TRH

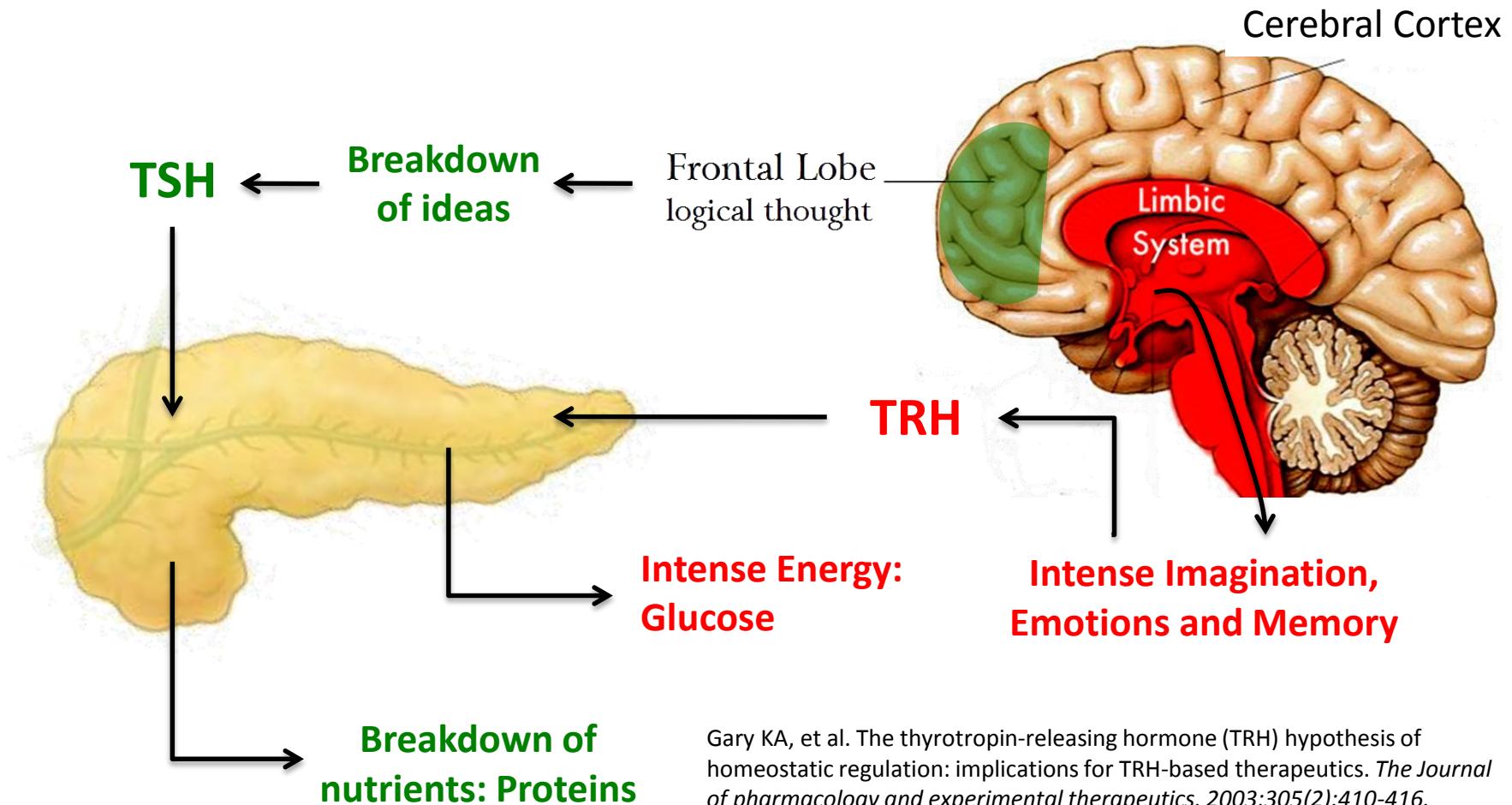
- Neuropeptide/Neurohormone (1969)<sup>27</sup>
- Ancient evolutionary lineage<sup>25,26</sup>
- Neuromodulator
- Receptors
  - Central: 65% extra-pituitary<sup>28</sup>
  - Peripheral<sup>28</sup>

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# Integrated Central-Peripheral TRH



# Exocrine Pancreas-CNS 2



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# TRH Function

- Neuromodulator
  - Mood
  - Pain
  - Quality and Rate of awareness, perception, planning, association, action
- *Accelerator of neuronal metabolic function*
- Anxiety: manage and regulate<sup>29,30</sup>

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# TRH somatic symptoms by receptor type and region of distribution

Receptor	CNS	Symptom
TRH R1	Pituitary → Peripheral hyperthyroidism	Tremors Tachycardia
	Cranial nerves	Twitching: eyelid, lip, etc.
	Vagus nerve, motor nucleus	Diarrhea Sweating
	Adrenal medulla	Tachycardia, Hyperdynamic heart Rush of blood to the head
	Pancreas, endocrine	Hyperglycemia (Glucagon) Hypoglycemia (Insulin)
TRH R2	Frontal cortex	Rapid thoughts Hyper-loquaciousness
	Hippocampus	Recall of past events
	Reticular activating system	Hyper-alertness Insomnia
	Retina	Altered Chronobiology: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seasonal psychiatric disorders,</li> <li>• Insomnia</li> </ul>
	Cerebellum	Clumsiness

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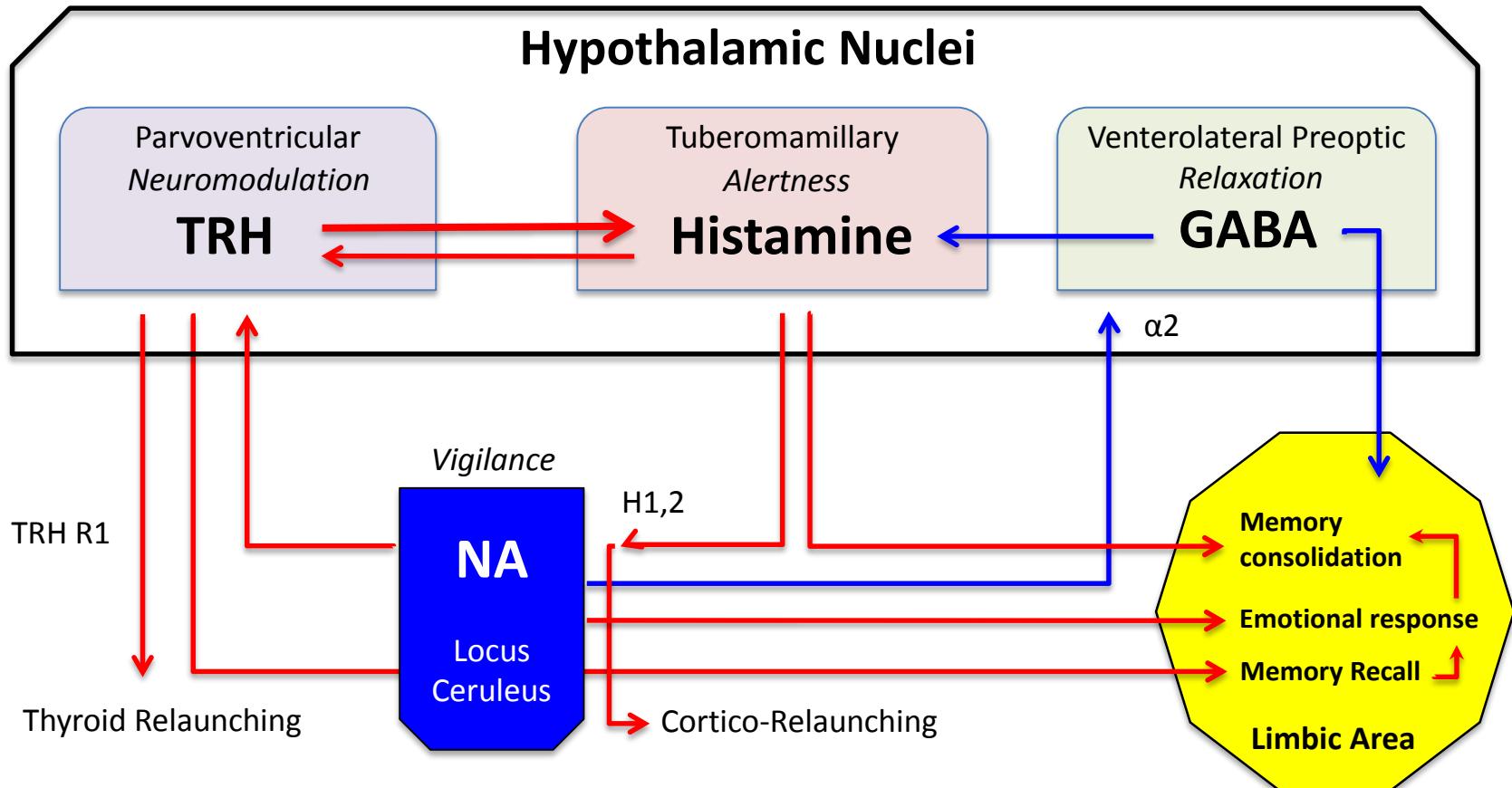
# Knock Out Rats

- KO\* TRH R1:
  - Hypothyroid
  - Hyperglycemic
  - Anxious<sup>33</sup>
- Female KO\* TRH R2
  - *Lower anxiety*<sup>31</sup>
- Conclusions
  - TRH Neurohormone (R1): not anxiogenic
  - TRH Neurotransmitter (R2): *potentially* anxiogenic

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\*KO: Knock out

# TRH, NA, Histamine



**KEY**

Stimulation →	Inhibition ←
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**Key:** GABA:  $\gamma$ -Aminobutyric acid, NA: Noradrenaline, TRH: Thyrotropin Releasing Hormone

# *Somatic Anxiety symptoms related to the interplay of NA, TRH and Histamine*

Category	Symptom	NA	Histamine	TRH	Other
Autonomic Arousal	Palpitations	♦	<i>Indirect via effect on NA</i>	♦	
	Sweating	♦		♦	Reactive $\pi\Sigma$
	Trembling	♦		♦	Insufficient $\beta\Sigma$
	Dry mouth	♦			
Chest/Abdomen	Dyspnea	♦			
	Chest pain	♦			Insufficient $\beta\Sigma$
	Nausea	♦	♦	♦	
Brain and Mind	Dizzy, Light-headed	♦			Low cortisol
	Derealization	♦	♦	♦	Insufficient Dopamine
	Fear of loosing control, of Dying	♦	♦	♦	Excess Dopamine
General	Hot flashes	♦	♦	♦	Reactive $\pi\Sigma$
	Numbness, Tingling	♦	♦		Diminished circulation
	Muscle tension	♦	♦		Insufficient $\beta\Sigma$
	Restlessness of muscles	♦	<i>Indirect via effect on NA</i>	♦	Insufficient $\beta\Sigma$
	Insomnia from excessive worry	♦	♦	♦	Dopamine, Glutamate, Insufficient GABA

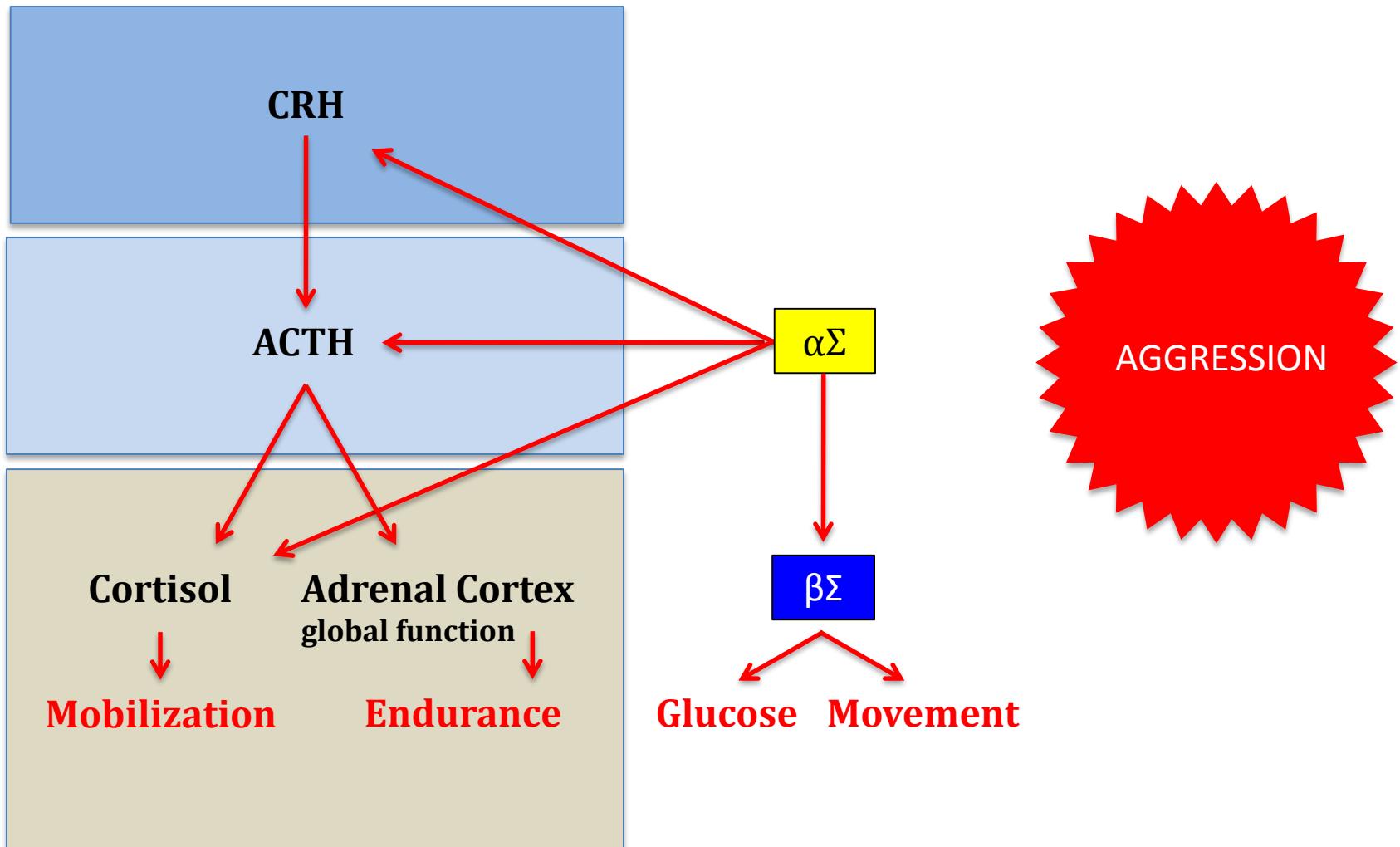
Key:  $\beta\Sigma$ : beta sympathetic,  $\pi\Sigma$ : parasympathetic, GABA:  $\gamma$ -amino-butyric acid, NA: Noradrenalin ( $\alpha\Sigma$ ), TRH: Thyrotropin releasing hormone

# TRH and Depression

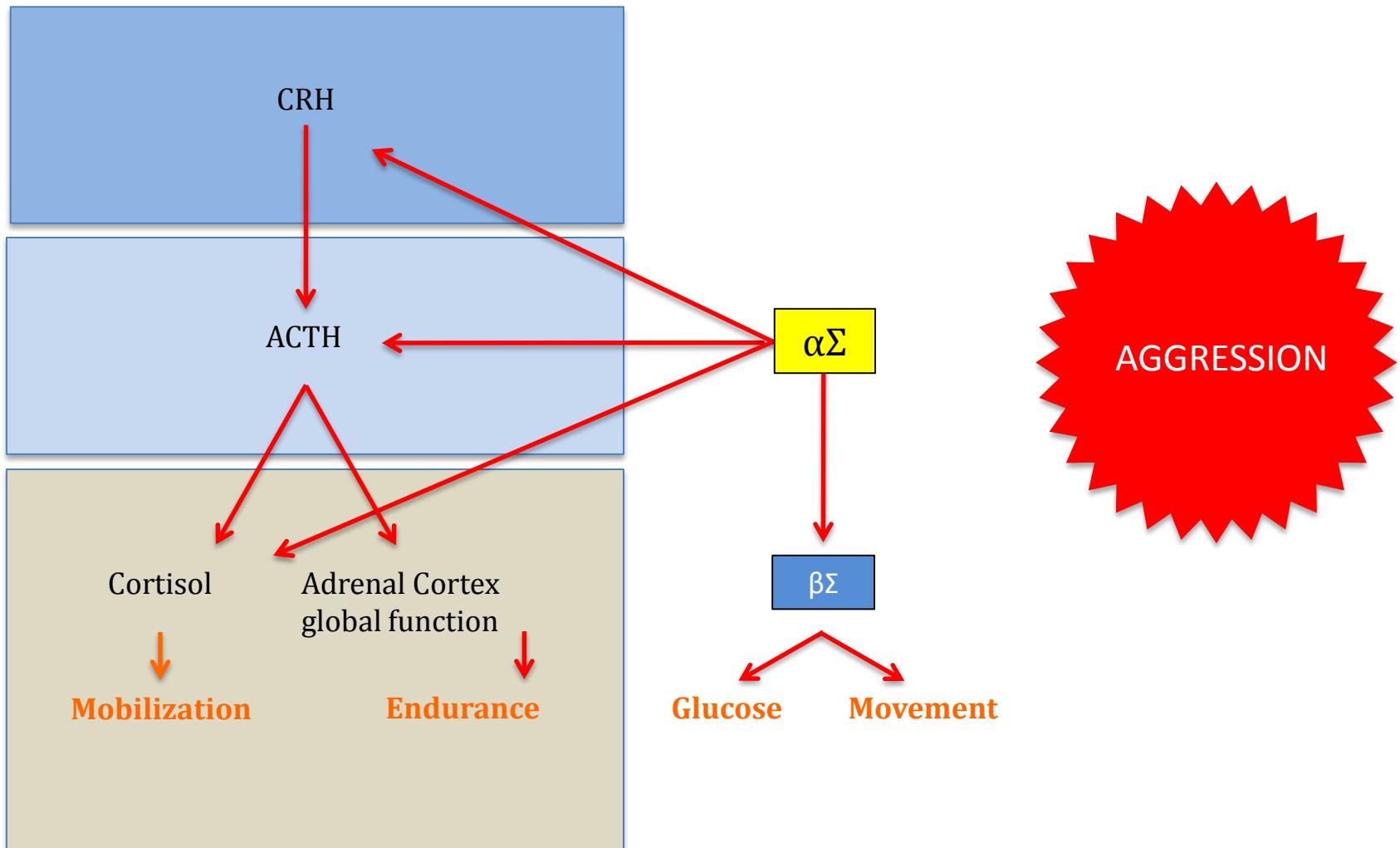
- Associated with depression<sup>1-3</sup>
  - TRH therapy supraphysiologic
  - *Inhibits* TRH
- Endobiogeny:
  - TRH-Serotonin<sup>4</sup>
  - TRH-Pancreas<sup>2</sup>

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# REVIEW: Adaptive response to aggression

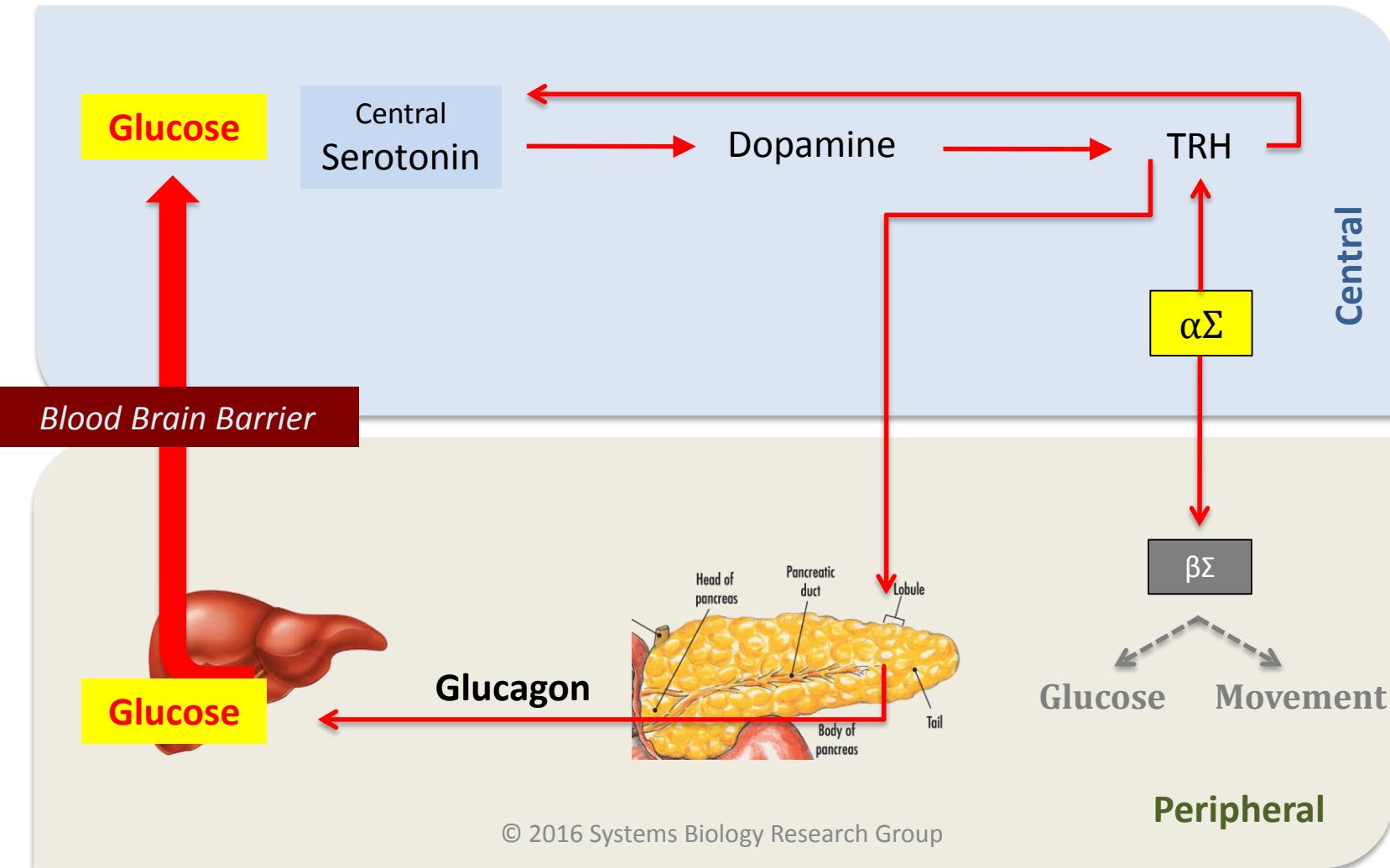


# Central depression: Type 1 DISADAPTATION



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# Central Depression: Reduction of Central Serotonin



# **CLINICAL PRACTICE**

# Top 6 symptoms: Thyrotropic and Pancreas

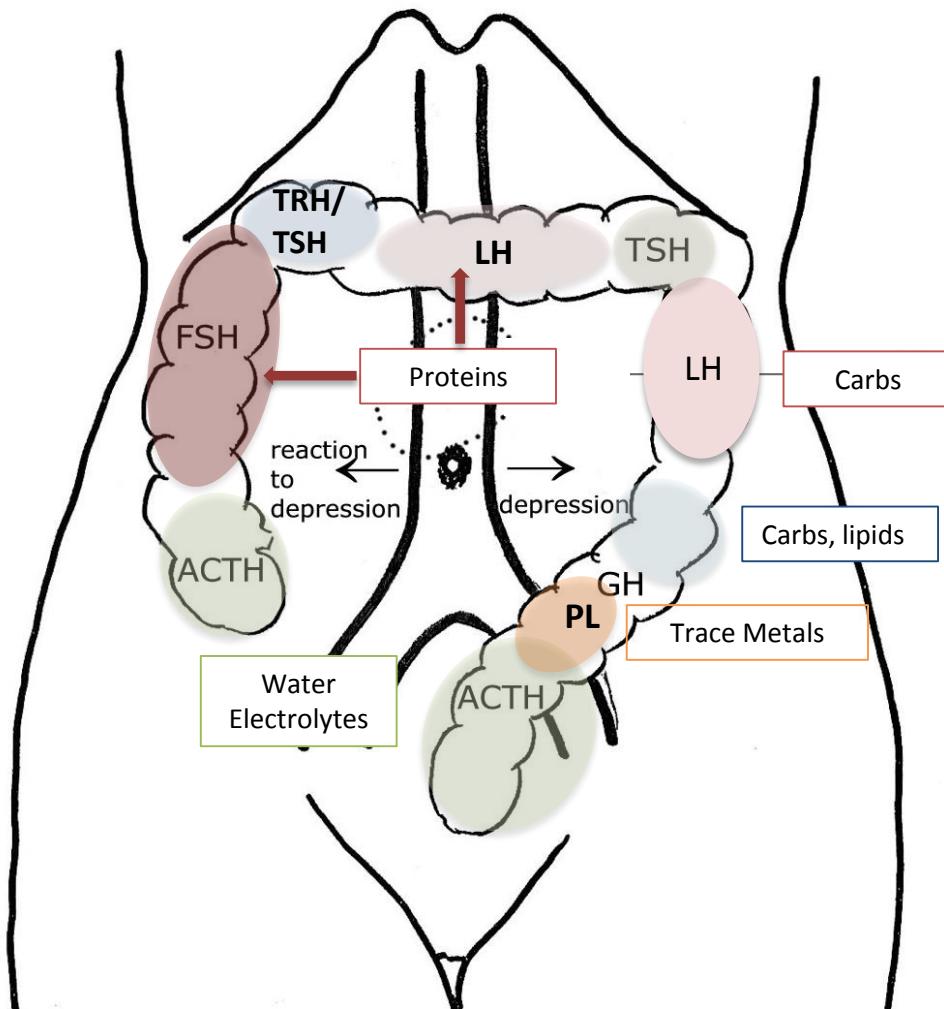
Symptom	TRH	TS H	T4	T3	Pancreas
Dreams: in color, vivid and/or with sound	↑				
Anxiety with tremors	↑			±	
Explosive anger	↑				◆
Mucous with dairy		↑			◆
Heat intolerance			↑		
Cold intolerance				↑	

# Top 6 signs: Thyrotropic and Pancreas

Symptoms	TRH	TS H	T4	T3	Pancreas
Colon, hepatic flexure	↑				
Deep tendon reflex, brisk	↑			±	
Tenderness, pesorinum		↑	↑		
Tenderness to right of umbilicus					Exocrine
Tenderness to left of umbilicus					Endocrine

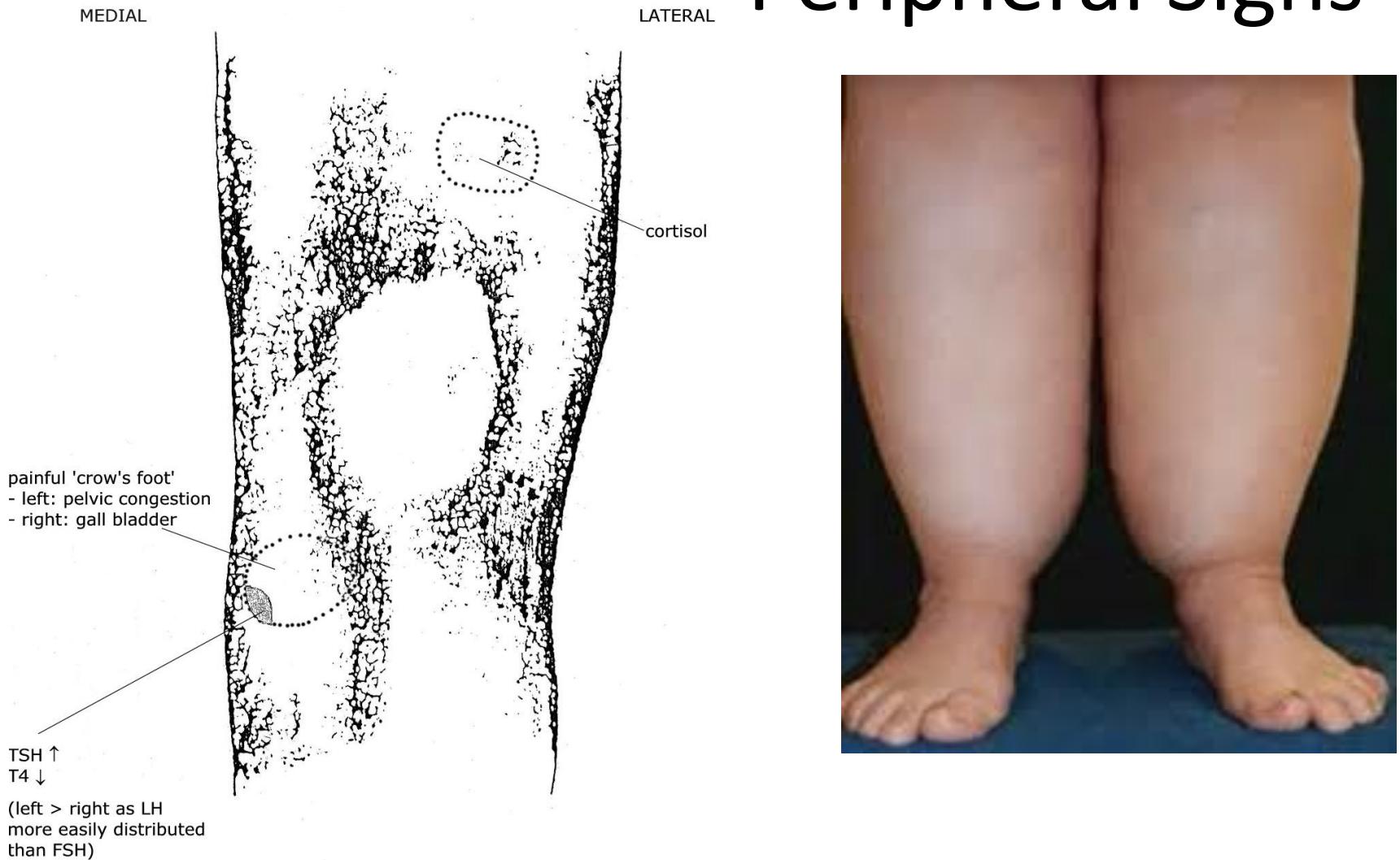
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## Cartography of Endo-Enteric relationships



*Expert opinion only*

# Peripheral Signs

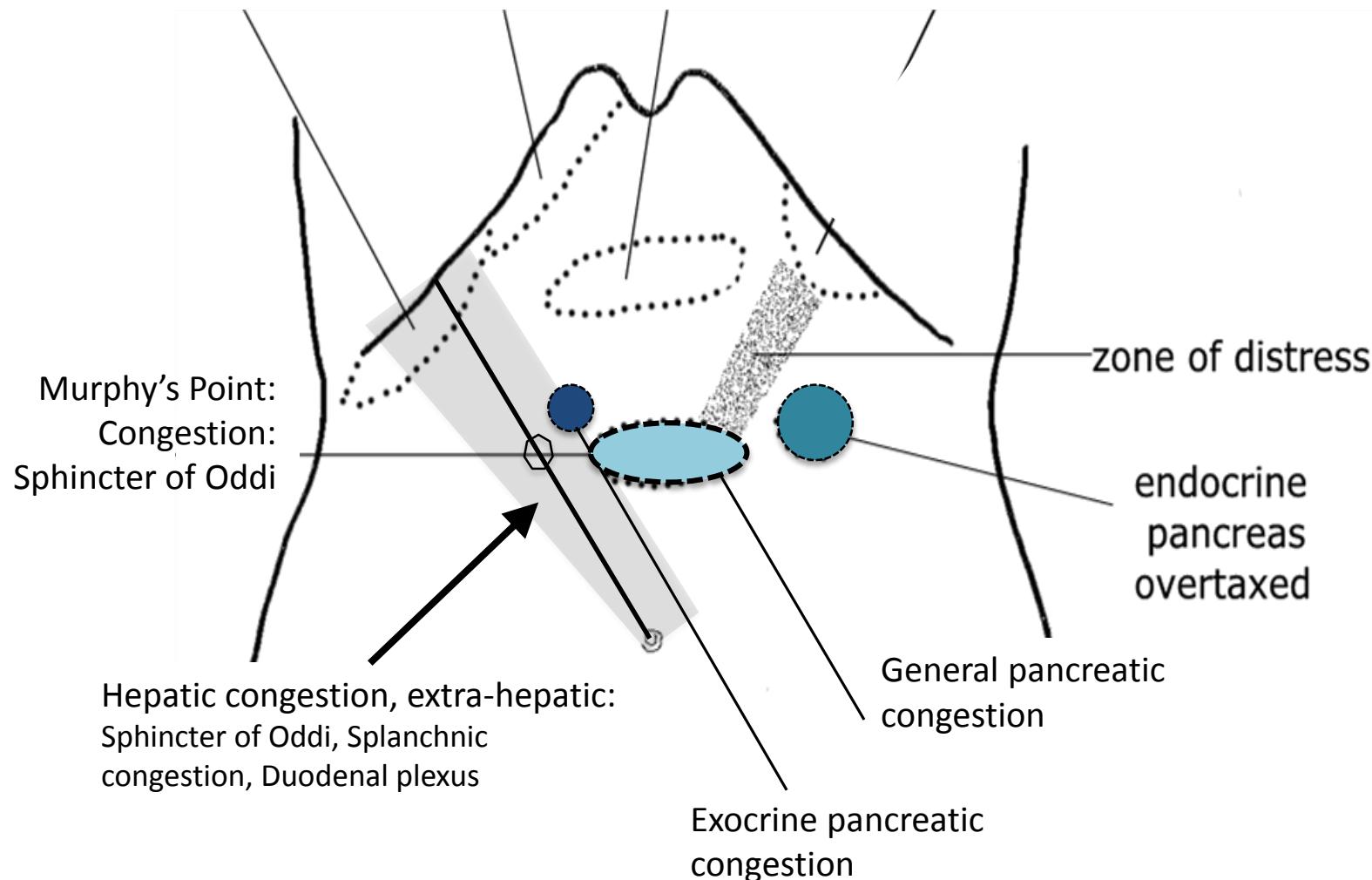


Liver congestion:  
Secretory

Liver congestion:  
Circulatory

Splanchnic congestion →  
hepato-pancreatic blockage

*Expert opinion only:  
based on superficial  
referral points of viscera*



# Therapeutics for TRH

- Motherwort (*Leonurus cardiaca*)
  - Reduces TRH,<sup>1</sup> Expressions of anxiety<sup>1,2</sup>
  - Tea, Tincture, Dry extract

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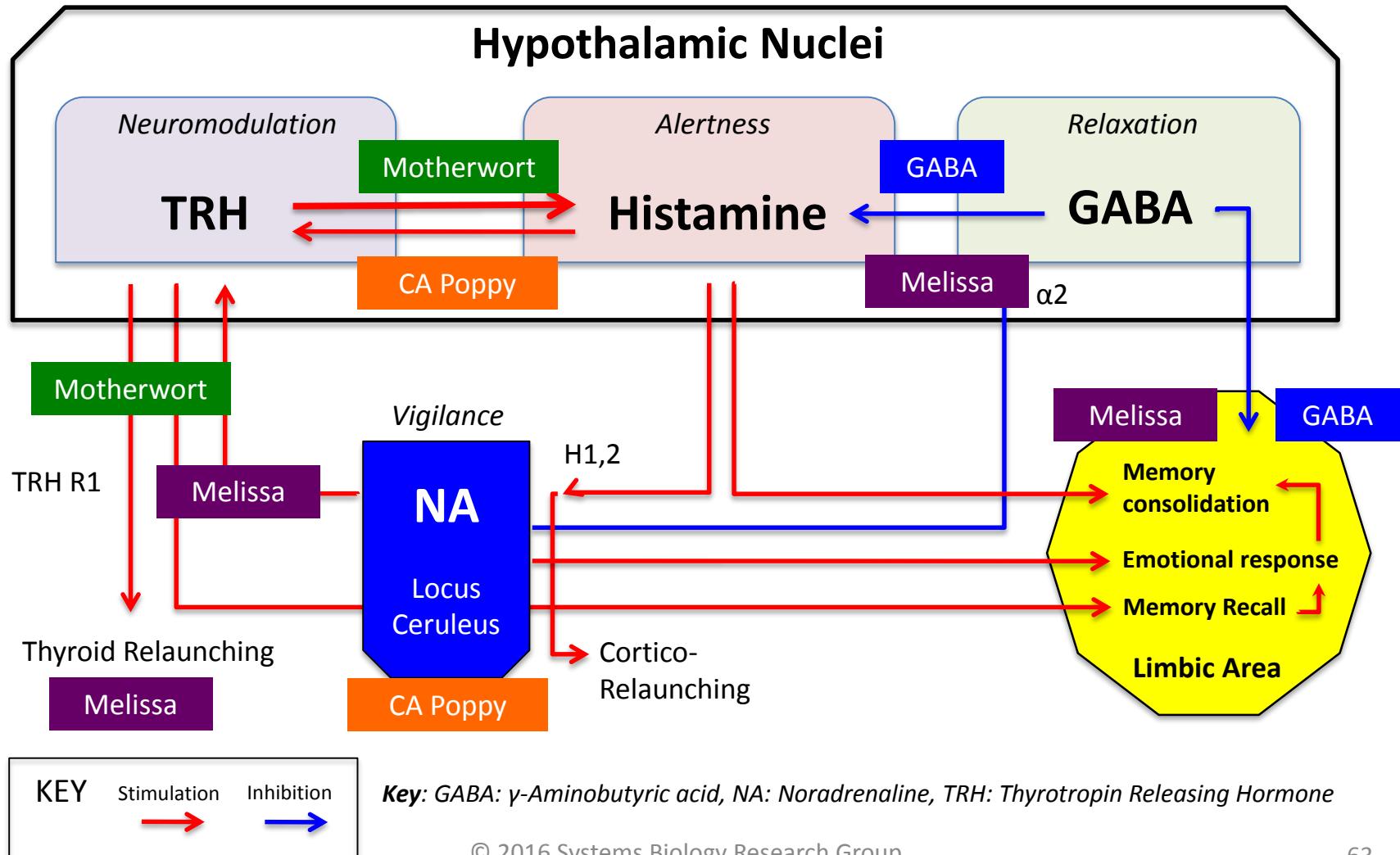
# Therapeutics for TRH

- *Expert opinion only*
  - Pichi (*Fabiana imbricata*):
    - Tea, Tincture
  - Lithy tree (*Viburnum lantanum*)
    - Gemmotherapy
  - Lac caninum
    - Homeopathic: 3x-9c

# Synergistic therapies

Medicinal plant	↓NA	GABA	Endorphins	Thyroid, peripheral	Pancreas
Passionflower	◆	◆			
Motherwort	◆				
California poppy	◆		◆		
Lemon balm	◆	◆		◆	
Agrimony					◆
GABA 50-100 mg BID-TID		◆			◆

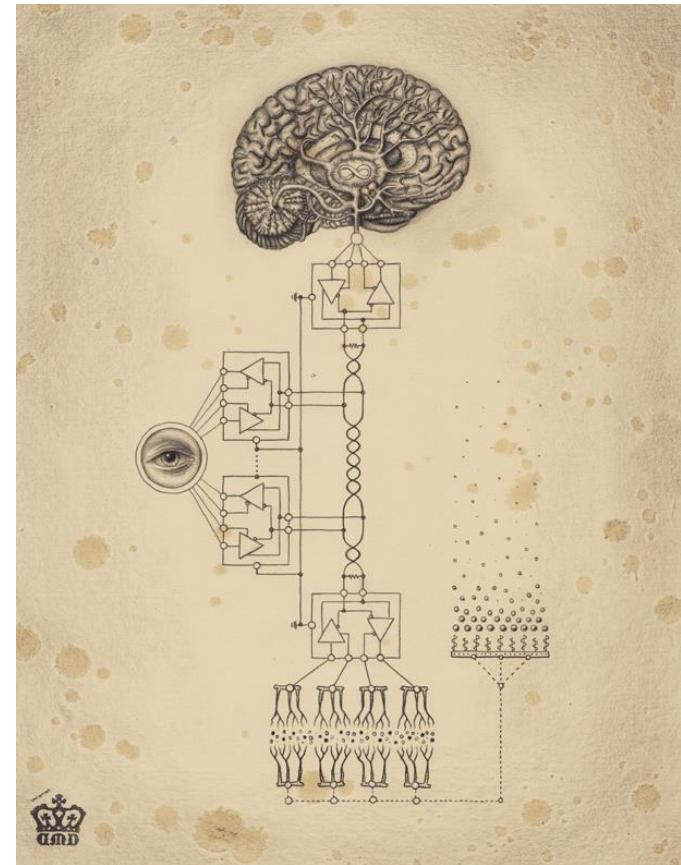
# Recall: TRH, NA, Histamine



# **ENDOBIOGENIC APPROACH TO TREATMENT**

# General considerations in treating anxiety and depression

- Understand patient
- Do not minimize symptoms
- Respect complexity
- Evaluate origins



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# Treatment priorities

- Symptomatic
  - GABA 50-100 mg BID-TID
  - Phytocalm 2 caps BID-TID
- Terrain: Anxiety
  - Alpha: Passionflower
    - Tisane: 1 tsp/1 c. water 5-8 minutes; 1 c. TID
    - Mother Tincture: 1-3 ml BID-TID in warm water
  - TRH:
    - Phytocalm 1 capsule TID
    - Lithy tree GM (Expert opinion)
      - D1: 1-3 ml BID-TID
      - Concentrate: 5-15 drops BID-TID
    - Lac caninum 9c 2 pellets BID (Expert opinion)

# Treatment: Depression

- Beta-Sympathetic:
  - SAMe<sup>1</sup> 100 mg BID
- Adaptability, Adrenal cortex
  - Rhodiola rosea<sup>2</sup> 200 mg (4:1) 1 BID

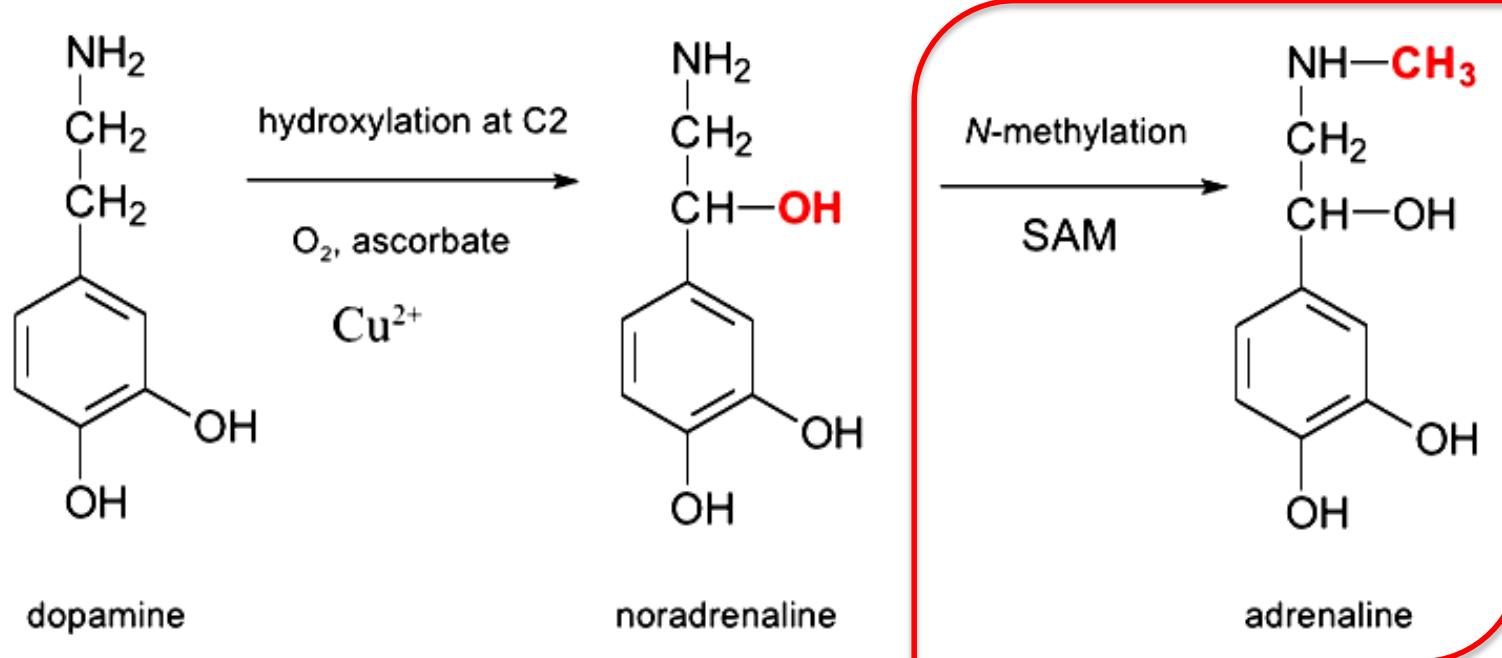
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# Adrenaline: increased production

## 1. SAMe (S-adenosyl methionine)

- Dose: 100-200 mg twice per day *before meal*



# Treatment priorities

- Dietary changes
  - Small frequent meals
  - Low glycemic foods
    - Whole grains
    - Leafy green vegetables
- Psychotherapy + Skills

**“The human being is entirely conditioned by his instrument of expression and can express no more than his nervous system, brain and glands permit.” Alice A. Bailey**

## **CASE STUDY IN PHYSIOPSYCHIATRY: BIOPHENOMENOLOGY ACCORDING TO ENDOBIOGENY**

# Global Systems Approach to Anxiety

## SCALE

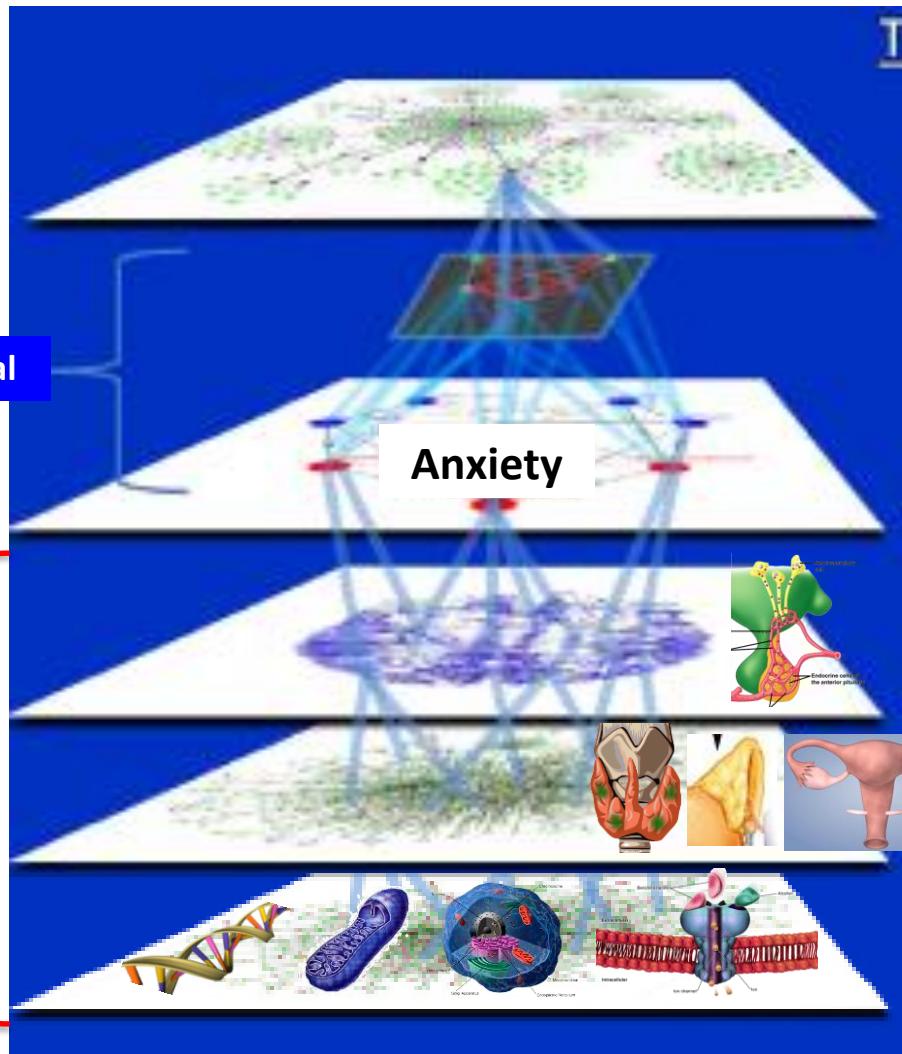
- > $10^0$ m: Macroscopic
  - Cosmobiologic
  - Symbiotic
  - Social

## Phenomenological

- $10^{-3}$ - $10^{-1}$ m: Mesoscopic
  - Organism
  - Organs
  - Tissues

## Biological

- $10^{-6}$ - $10^{-3}$ m: Microscopic
  - Cellular
  - Subcellular
  - DNA



## INDEX

- Permeability index corr.
- Entanglement score
- Worry score
- Cognitive diss. Index adj.
- Traumatic Memory index
- Thought index
- Locus ceruleus index adj.
- Serotonin index
- Prolactin index (Dopamine)
- Locus ceruleus index
- Histamine Index
- TRH/TSH,  $\beta$ MSH/ $\alpha$ MSH
- Thyroid metabolic index
- Adrenal Yield
- Genital ratio
- Insulin / Insulin Resistance
- Harmful free radical index
- Passive cellular permeability

Modified from Looijestijn et. al. *Neuroscience and biobehavioral reviews*. 2015;59:238-250.

# Case Study

- 32 yo female, transgender, h/o
  - Chronic Pain (10 yr)
  - Chronic fatigue Syndrome (10 yr)
  - Major depression (12 yr)
  - Generalized Anxiety Disorder (>15 yr)
- Pregabalin 100 mg qHS
- Bupropion 150 mg BID
- PRN: *prescribed by other physicians*
  - Diazepam 5 mg
  - Lorazepam 0.5 mg
  - Tramadol 50 mg
  - Cyclobenzaprine 5 mg
  - Medical marijuana

# Endobiogenic Biologic Assessment

Index	10/2014	Low	High
$\beta\text{MSH}/\alpha\text{MSH}$ index	10.6	6	8
Peripheral Serotonin index	22.3	1.5	7.5
Prolactin index	0.30	0.8	1.2
Thyroid metabolic index	10.6	3.5	5.5
Adrenal yield score	41	3.15	13.50
Insulin resistance index	0.21	0.75	1.25
Harmful free radicals	288	2	6
Passive membrane permeability	110	4	9

# Endobiogenic Phenomenological Assessment

Index	10/2014	Low	High
Locus ceruleus adjusted	2,970	7	450
Traumatic memory index	613	0.08	6
Permeability index adj.	506,996	1.76	1,091
Entanglement score	11,237	1,442	8,825
Cognitive dissonance adj.	1,486	10	300

# Case Study (cont.) Intervention:

- *Passiflora incarnata* (Passionflower) MT
  - Anxiolytic, acts on GABA<sub>A</sub> receptors, Enhances Benzo activity<sup>1</sup>
  - Equivalent to Oxazepam 30 mg<sup>2</sup>

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# Case Study (cont.) Intervention:

- Phytocalm (Time Labs, Pocatello, ID)
  - *Leonurus cardiaca* (Motherwort)
    - Reduces TRH,<sup>1</sup> Expressions of anxiety<sup>1,2</sup>
  - *Eschscholtzia californica* (California poppy)
    - Inhibit Dopamine, Adrenaline<sup>3</sup>
    - Augments enkephalins (opioid-like)<sup>4</sup>
  - *Melissa officinalis* (Lemon balm)
    - Reduces Noradrenaline
    - Anxiolytic, GABA-ergic, Cognitive Enhancer<sup>5,6</sup>

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# Outcomes

- 2/2015: 4 months
  - Discontinued all PRN medications
  - Reduced anxiety, spontaneous crying, depression, pain
  - Increase mobility

# Endobiogenic Biologic Assessment

Index	10/2014	2/2015	Low	High
βMSH/αMSH index	10.6	3.3	6	8
Peripheral Serotonin index	22.3	8	1.5	7.5
Prolactin index	0.30	2.47	0.8	1.2
Thyroid metabolic index	10.6	2.97	3.5	5.5
Adrenal yield score	41	12.5	3.15	13.50
Insulin resistance index	0.21	0.55	0.75	1.25
Harmful free radicals	288	4.14	2	6
Passive membrane permeability	110	14	4	9

# Endobiogenic Phenomenological Assessment

Index	10/2014	2/2015	Low	High
Locus ceruleus adjusted	2,970	796	7	450
Traumatic memory index	613	18	0.08	6
Permeability index adj.	506,996	12	1.76	1,091
Entanglement score	11,237	417	1,442	8,825
Cognitive dissonance adj.	1,486	678	10	300

# Follow Up

- 7 months post-treatment
  - 5/2015: D/C Bupropion (self-managed)
- 9 months post-treatment, 2 months off Bupropion
  - 7/2015: Worsening of symptoms

# Endobiogenic Biologic Assessment

Index	10/2014	2/2015	7/2015	Low	High
βMSH/αMSH index	10.6	3.3	3.0	6	8
Peripheral Serotonin index	22.3	8	41.2	1.5	7.5
Prolactin index	0.30	2.47	0.22	0.8	1.2
Thyroid metabolic index	10.6	2.97	2.92	3.5	5.5
Adrenal yield score	41	12.5	45	3.15	13.50
Insulin resistance index	0.21	0.55	0.03	0.75	1.25
Harmful free radicals	288	4.14	139	2	6
Passive membrane permeability	110	14	201	4	9

# Endobiogenic Phenomenological Assessment

Index	10/2014	2/2015	7/2015	Low	High
Locus ceruleus adjusted	2,970	796	22,313	7	450
Traumatic memory index	613	18	1,671	0.08	6
Permeability index adj.	506,996	12	26,768,145	1.76	1,091
Entanglement score	11,237	417	52	1,442	8,825
Cognitive dissonance adj.	1,486	678	6,350	10	300

# Sourcing Products

Therapeutic	Sources
Tisanes	Starwest Botanicals: <a href="http://www.starwest-botanicals.com">www.starwest-botanicals.com</a> Mountain Rose: <a href="http://www.mountainroseherbs.com">www.mountainroseherbs.com</a>
Tincture	Time Labs: <a href="http://www.timelabs.com">www.timelabs.com</a> Seroyal: <a href="http://www.seroyal.com">www.seroyal.com</a> Wise woman: <a href="http://www.wisewomanherbals.com">www.wisewomanherbals.com</a>
Phytocalm	Time labs: <a href="http://www.timelabs.com">www.timelabs.com</a>
Gemmotherapy	Time labs: <a href="http://www.timelabs.com">www.timelabs.com</a> Seroyal: <a href="http://www.seroyal.com">www.seroyal.com</a> Herbal Gems (concentrates): <a href="http://gemmos-usa.com/category/products/herbalgem/">http://gemmos-usa.com/category/products/herbalgem/</a>



# CONCLUSION

# Conclusions

- Anxiety multifactorial
  - Biological
  - Phenomenological
- Future of Integrative Psychiatry
- Global systems theory
- Research into Endobiogeny

# Discussion, Thoughts and Questions

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