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Neurotransmitter Table

Neuro transmitter	Receptor Subtype	Location/Function/ Effects/symptoms of excess or deficit if applicable	Distribution (ie: CNS/PNS, GI, vascular)	Drug classes that target this neurotransmitter or receptor	Specific medications
Glutamate	AMPA	Location: CNS in neurons and glia. Ligand-gated ion channels. Function: Modulate cell excitability by allowing the flow of calcium & sodium ions into the cell. Effects/Symptoms of excess Excess results in schizophrenia. Epilepsy, and mania Deficit: Cognitive impairment.	CNS	NMDA glutamate Antagonist Barbituates Antiepileptics	Memantine Ketamine Dextromethorphan Dextromethadone Perampanel Phencyclidine
	NMDA	Location: Mainly postsynaptic at excitatory synapses throughout the brain, especially cortex	CNS	NMDA glutamate Antagonist Antipsychotics Loop Diuretics	Amantadine Memantine Ketamine Ketobemidone



		and hippocampus Ligand-gated ion channels Function: Involved in strong memory formation. strengthen synapses Symptoms of excess or deficit if applicable Excess is associated with memory and learning impairments, psychosis, and excitotoxic brain injury.		Opiates Antidepressants	Dextromethorphan Furosemide Haldol Tramadol methadone Dextropropoxyphene
GABA	GABA a	Ligand-gated channels Location: cerebral cortex, hippocampus, cerebellum, thalamus, and brainstem Function: Causes post synaptic inhibition by Cl ⁻ influx Symptoms of excess or deficit if applicable Deficit is linked to anxiety, insomnia, tremor, and seizures. Excess GABA a causes	CNS Limbic system Striatum Medulla Spinal Cord	Benzodiazepines, Z-drugs Barbiturates some anesthetics, Alcohol	Lorazepam, Clonazepam, Alprazolam



		somnolence, ataxia, respiratory depression			m Zolpi Zopic zalep Allop anol
					Lorazepam, Clonazepam, Alprazolam Zolpidem Zopiclone, Zaleplon Allopregnanolone Phenobarbital, Propofol
	GABA b	Location: Pre- and postsynaptic in CNS (hippocampus, thalamus, spinal cord cerebellum, and spinal cord	CNS PNS	GABA-B agonists.	Baclofen, Lesogaberan Arbaclofen



		Function: Mediates slow inhibitory signaling, inhibits Ca ²⁺ channels and transmitter release Symptoms of excess or deficit if applicable Deficit: Possible spasticity, seizures. Excess: Sedation, dizziness, muscle hypotonia.			
Serotonin 5HT	5HT 1a	Auto receptor on raphe neurons and postsynaptic receptors in cortex/limbic areas Location: Located on the cell body and dendrites in the mid-brain. Targets: anxiety, depression, negative symptoms in schizophrenia, decreases sexual dysfunction and lack of weight gain with antidepressants, boosts actions of SSRIs and SNRIs	CNS High in dorsal/median raphe, hippocampus, septum, amygdala, cortex.	SSRIs SNRIs SGAs FGAs MAOIs TCAs Mood stabilizers	Aripiprazole Buspirone Brexiprazole Cariprazine Clozapine Lithium Lurasidone Trazodone Valproate vortioxetine
	5HT 1B	Location: Auto receptor located on the presynaptic axon terminal.	CNS Vascular smooth muscle.	Antidepressants Second generation antipsychotics (SGAs)	Aripiprazole Asenapine Clozapine