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Introduction

[GABA_A- \$\rho\$](#) as designated by International Union of Pharmacology (IUPHAR) (Alexander et al., 2015) and also known as GABA- ρ or GABA_C receptors, are homopentameric ligand-gated ion channels (LGIC) composed of ρ subunits. They are members of the pentameric or Cys-loop LGIC superfamily comprising excitatory cation selective receptors such as [nicotinic acetylcholine receptors](#), [5-HT₃ receptors](#) and [zinc-activated channels](#), and inhibitory anion-selective receptors such as [GABA_A receptors](#), strychnine-sensitive [glycine receptors](#) and invertebrate [glutamate-gated chloride channels](#) (Thompson et al., 2010; Baenziger and Corringer, 2011). Receptors of this superfamily require five subunits to assemble a single ion channel. The ion channel may be homomeric formed by five identical subunits as is the case of GABA- ρ receptors, or heteromeric, consisting of a combination of at least two different subunits, such as GABA_A receptors (Olsen and Sieghart, 2009).

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