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Recoverin

protein that is central to the response of the eye to light and dark has been identified and characterized (page 915). The protein, which has been named recoverin because of its role in recovery of the dark state, is present in both rods and cones of the eye. Dizhoor et al. report that recoverin molecules are sensitive to calcium ion concentrations: specifically, when freed from calcium, the recoverin molecules activate target enzymesguanylate cyclase molecules. Guanylate cyclase then promotes the resynthesis of cyclic GMP, the cyclic GMP opens cation channels that were closed by light, and the dark state of the rod or cone is restored. The activity of recoverin thus depends on its liberation from rather than binding to calcium; another calcium-dependent protein, visinin, may operate in a similar fashion. The recovery cascade is triggered when recoverin is exposed to very low (submicromolar) levels of calcium ions.

Sensor

ENSORS can be used for the continuous measurement of chemical concentrations in "remote" locations, such as the inside of the human body or deep within the ground. Many chemical and biological assays are difficult to adapt for sensor applications because one or more of the reagents must be regularly replenished. Barnard and Walt have overcome this difficulty with a fluorescence energy transfer assay. The reactants are released in steady fashion for long periods (many weeks) from an ethylene-vinyl acetate polymer reservoir (page 927). The prototype experiments were carried out with fluorescein-labeled antibodies and Texas Red-labeled antigens. When antigen and antibody combined, energy was transfered from fluorescein to Texas Red; the quenching of the fluorescence and the shift in excitation could be monitored with an optical fiber. Detection of unlabeled antigen in the reaction mixture is then straightforward: as unlabeled antigen competes with labeled antigen for antibody sites, it interferes with the standard transfer-of-energy signals. This type of sensor permits study of essentially irreversible reactions, because reagents are continuously replenished and bound molecules are continuously washed away.

Atmospheric pollution from nylon

r ITROUS oxide is a greenhouse gas that is increasing in the atmosphere by about 0.2% each year. It is also a gas that contributes to the catalytic destruction of ozone. The budget of nitrous oxide has been uncertain, in part because some 30% of the sources have yet to be identified. Thiemens and Trogler report that nitrous oxide is generated and emitted during the manufacture of nylon and that this source may account for up to 10% of the increased atmospheric nitrous oxide (page 932). They tracked isotopic composition, stoichiometry, and output of nitrous oxide in laboratory experiments that simulated the industrial process for making nylon. The technology already exists for eliminating emissions of nitrous oxide from nylon production, and its global use would seem indicated. Once nitrous oxide enters the atmosphere, its lifetime there is on the order of 150 years.

Innervation of bat wing muscles

HE wings of bats contain a specialized propatagial muscle complex. The morphologic similarities of this complex in fruit bats (Megachiroptera) and insect bats (Microchiroptera) have been considered support for the hypothesis that these two subdivisions of Chiroptera are descendants of a common ancestor. The hypothesis is strengthened by the work of Thewissen and Babcock, who evaluated which nerves link up with the muscles of the propatagial complexes in fruit and insect bats and in Dermoptera (flying lemurs), which also have propatagial complexes (page 934). In bats, both cranial nerve VII and cervical spinal nerves innervate the propatagial muscle complexes; such dual innervation, involving nerves from both the brain and the spinal column, is unknown for other mammalian muscles and is not likely to have evolved twice. In Dermoptera, the complex is also innervated by cranial nerve VII, thus providing support for the proposal that flying lemurs are structural intermediates between flying bats and quadrupedal mammals.

Tuning in to ion channels

HAT makes it possible for potassium ions to cross cell membranes? The protein that torms the voltage-gated potassium ion channel has been characterized in a number of studies; two papers this week point to a highly conserved region of the molecule as the specific site for ion passage. Yellen et al. used the blocker substance TEA to identify which amino acids at the external and internal entries to the pore were directly involved in ion transport (page 939). They found that only eight amino acids separate the two critical amino acids at the pore's opposite ends, and most of the transmembrane electric potential falls across this eight-amino acid stretch. Hartmann et al. transplanted the putative pore region from one channel to a related channel and found that the resulting chimeric channel protein had the conductance properties and the TEA blocking features of the trans-planted pore (page 942). Both groups propose that the most feasible structures for these aqueous ion pores are β strands.

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- ♦ The Shortfall of Research Support Leon Rosenberg, Dean, Yale University School of Medicine
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A Governor's View of Science and Technology (Luncheon address)

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- ♦ Overview of FY 1992 R&D Budget Proposals
- ◆ Congressional Perspective on R&D in the FY 1992 Budget
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