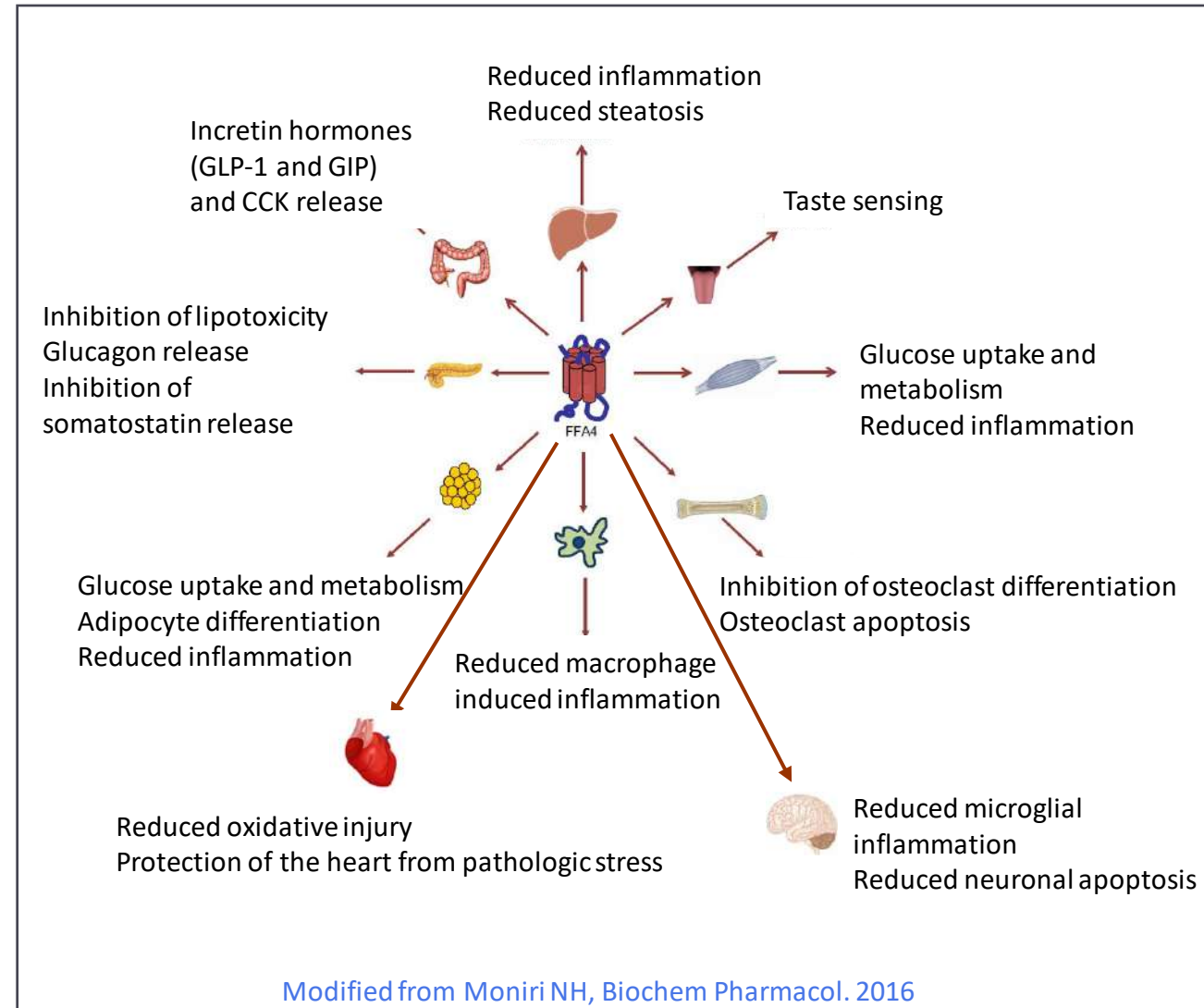


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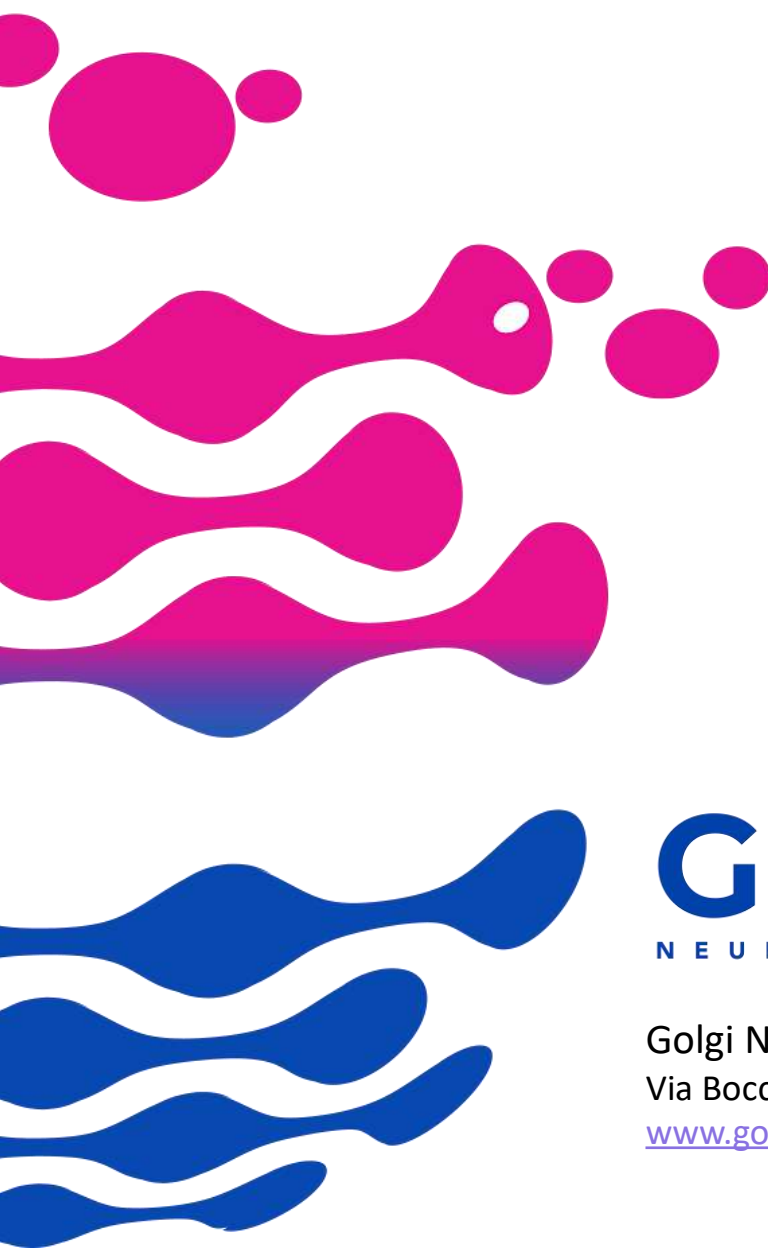
- 🌐 GPR120 is a $G\alpha_q$ -coupled **GPCR** activated by long-chain free fatty acids (FFAs) such as omega-3 ($\omega 3$) FAs; expressed in enteroendocrine cells, adipocytes, bone cells, pancreatic cells, epithelial lung cells, macrophages/microglia, etc.
- 🌐 A **loss of function polymorphism** has been associated to obesity, fatty liver disease and worse cardiac outcomes
- 🌐 GPR120 maintains metabolic homeostasis by promoting **GLP-1 release**, regulating insulin secretion and sensitivity in mice, adipogenesis and adipocyte metabolism, liver steatosis, peripheral and central inflammation. GPR120 appears to be the mean **mediator of the beneficial effects of $\omega 3$ -fatty acids**
- 🌐 **Indications:**
 - **Peripheral:** Type 2 diabetes, obesity, cardiovascular diseases, atherosclerosis, pulmonary diseases, liver injury, fibrosis
 - **CNS:** obesity - food intake, acute and chronic inflammation, epilepsy, metabolic syndrome-associated cognitive decline



GPR120 Agonists Program – Executive Summary

Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Agonists identified by HTS and developed➤ 2 classes in Lead Optimization: high activity/selectivity vs GPR40, good IP and possibility of expansion:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class B, more advanced - good ADME, acceptable PK, oral bioavailability, CNS penetration; Lead compounds show activity in preliminary <i>in vitro</i> POC (reduction of LPS-induced IL1β release) and <i>in vivo</i> POC (acute model, reduction of food intake); patent draft application prepared• Class A, less advanced - high potency, ADME to be optimized; patent protected (WO2019175152, granted in US)
Strengths	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Our compounds do not have a carboxylic group/bioisostere, in contrast to most of the agonists from competition➤ This makes them, in principle, suitable for CNS application. BBB penetration shown for one class
Assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Proprietary, orally available and BBB permeable small-molecule lead-candidate activating GPR120➤ Assays for the screening funnel available➤ Computer-Aided Drug Discovery feasible (Cryo-EM solved and mode of activation determined)
Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Other companies involved in GPR120 research include BMS, JNJ, MSD, AZ, GSK, LG Chem, etc.

➤ **Program developable for both peripheral and CNS applications, available for partnership**



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