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Fragment of a plasma membrane with the human  $\beta_2$ -adrenergic G protein-coupled receptor (blue) embedded in the lipid bilayer (white/red sticks). The receptor is bound to a diffusible ligand (green/red/blue balls), with cholesterol (orange/red balls) mediating interactions between the two receptor molecules. The membrane is decorated with carbohydrates (yellow sticks) on the extracellular side and a cytoskeleton (dark blue) attached at the cytoplasmic side. Several soluble proteins and cellular organelles are free floating in the cytoplasm. This image was kindly provided by Yekaterina Kadyshkevskaya and the Stevens lab at The Scripps Research Institute.

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