

# MAL is implicated in ETX binding to cells

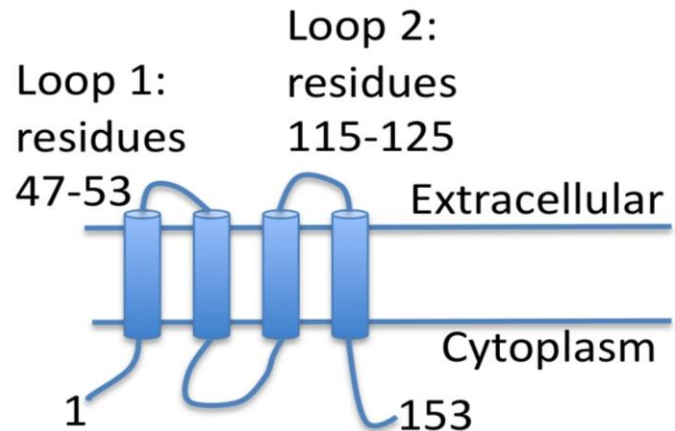
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## The Myelin and Lymphocyte Protein MAL Is Required for Binding and Activity of *Clostridium perfringens* $\epsilon$ -Toxin

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- Localised in compact myelin
- Found in Blood Brain Barrier
- And Oligodendrocytes
- Also found in T-cells, some epithelial cells (e.g. in kidney, stomach and thyroid gland)
- Highly hydrophobic tetra span membrane proteolipid with 2 extracellular loops

