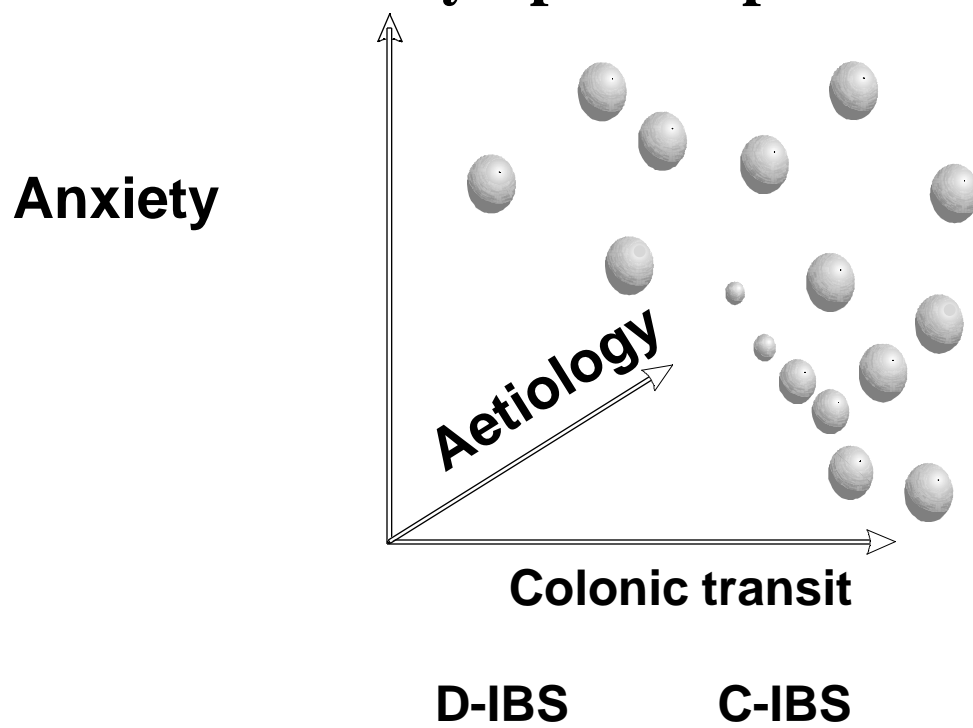


Rome II criteria

- **At least 12 weeks or more, which need not be consecutive, in the preceding 12 months of abdominal discomfort or pain that has 2 out of 3 features:**
- **1. Relieved with defecation; and/or**
- **2. Onset associated with a change in frequency of stool; and/or**
- **3. Onset associated with a change in form (appearance) of stool**

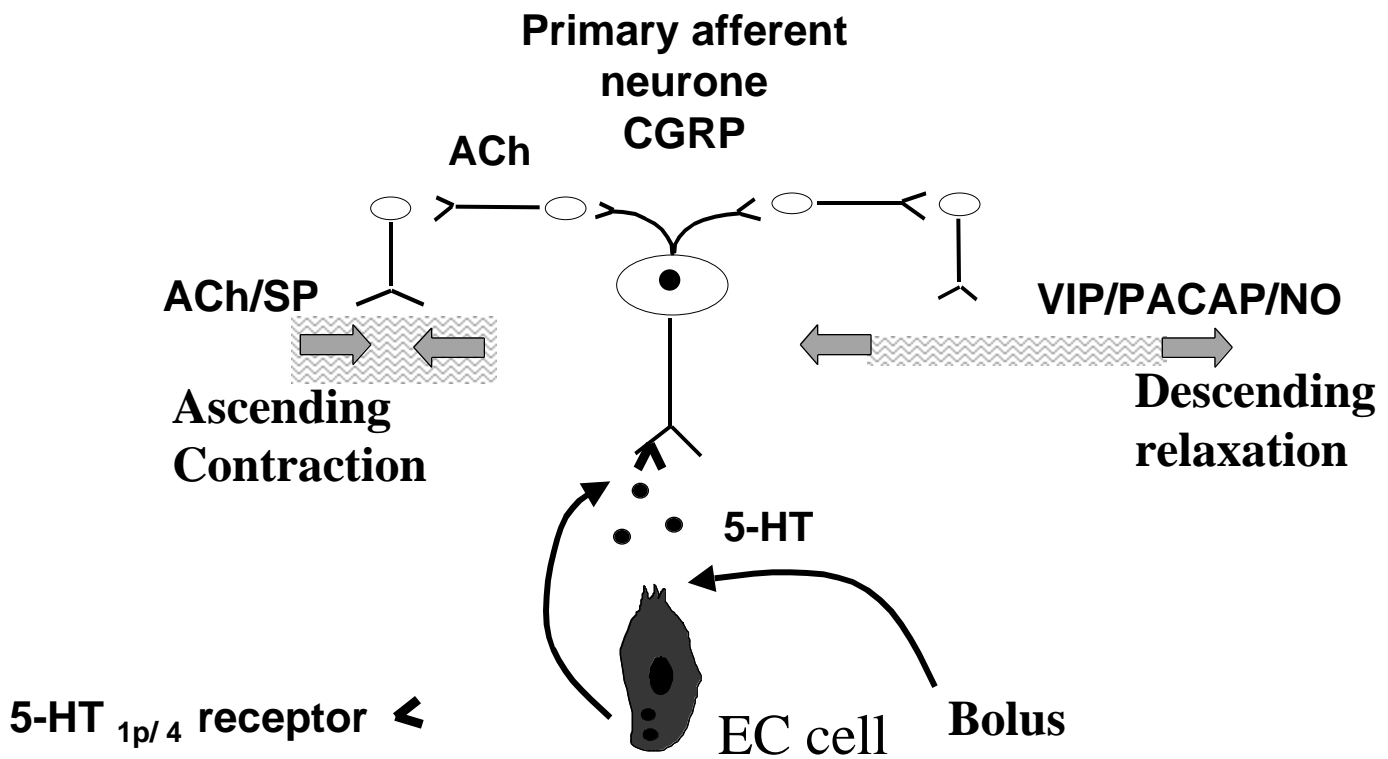
Fitting the patient into the multi-dimensional symptoms space



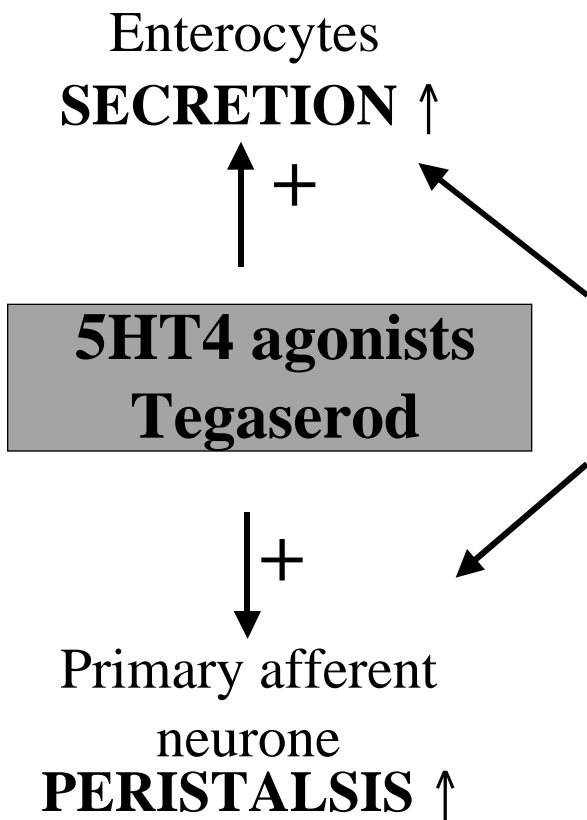
Interaction between psychological factors and aetiology for prognosis

Aetiology	Percentage symptom free at 3 years	
	Psychological features	
	+	-
Post-dysenteric IBS	53	77
Other IBS	26	46

5HT & peristalsis



5HT4 receptors



5HT3 receptors

