



550

600

Red (571nm)

Red (558nm

A Chicken

B Human

C Gecko

650

700

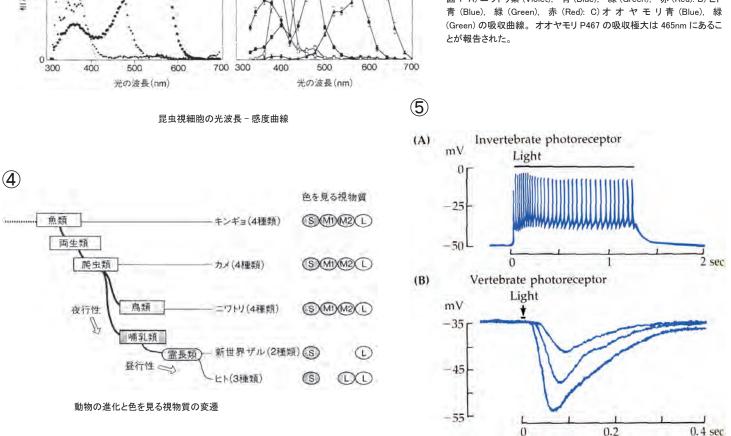


FIGURE 19.5 Responses of Photoreceptors. (A) Photoreceptors of an invertebrate (a horseshoe crab) respond to light with a depolarization that gives rise to impulses. This is the usual type of response elicited from sensory receptors activated by various stimuli, such as touch, pressure, or stretch (Chapter 17). (B) Photoreceptors of a vertebrate (a turtle) respond with a hyperpolarization that is graded according to the intensity of the flash. (A after Fuortes and Poggio, 1963; B after Baylor, Fuortes, and O'Bryan, 1971.)