

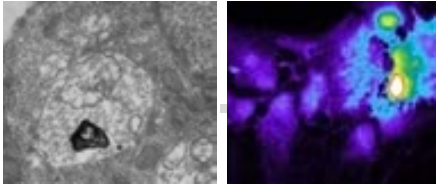
Implicació dels lisosomes en la mort cel·lular per inhibició de la síntesi de fosfatidilcolina i en la senyalització de calci per NAADP

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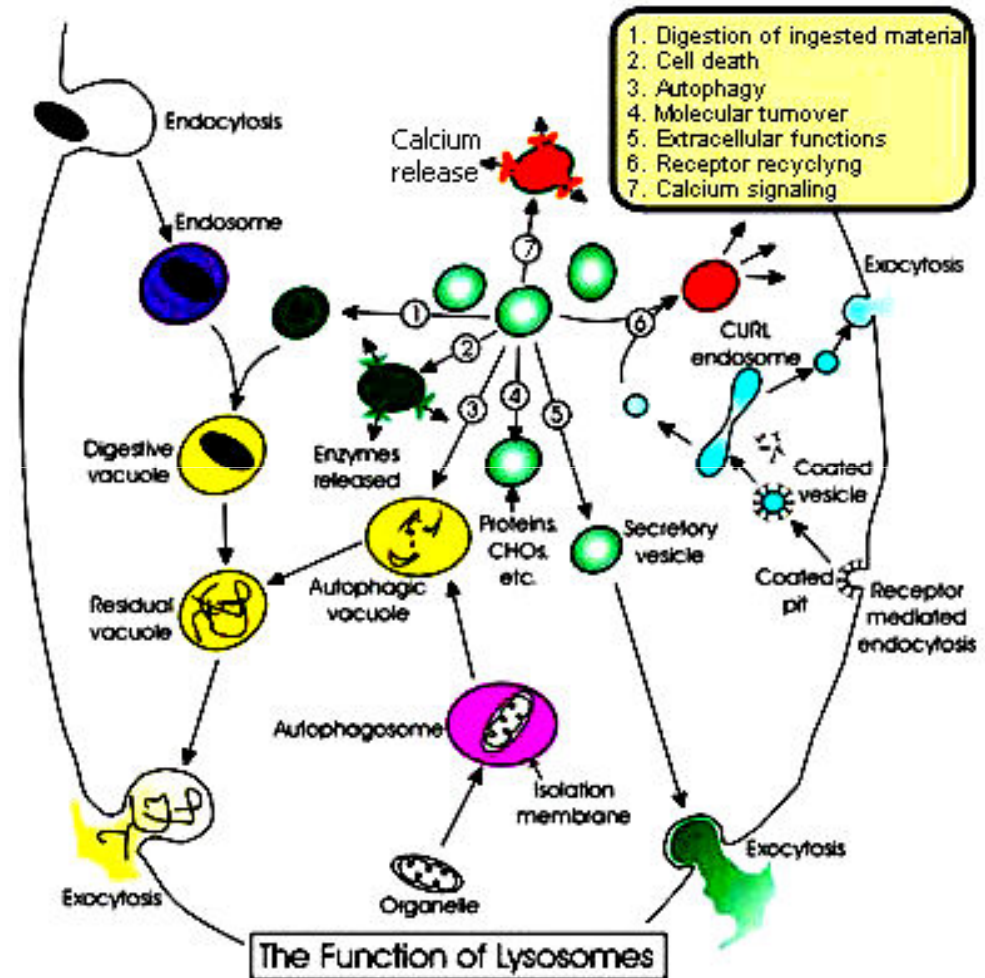
Functions of Lysosomes

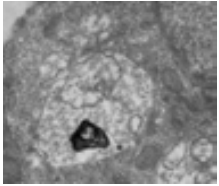
- Degradation of cell components

Cell death
Autophagy **1st**

- Exocytosis / Secretory pathway

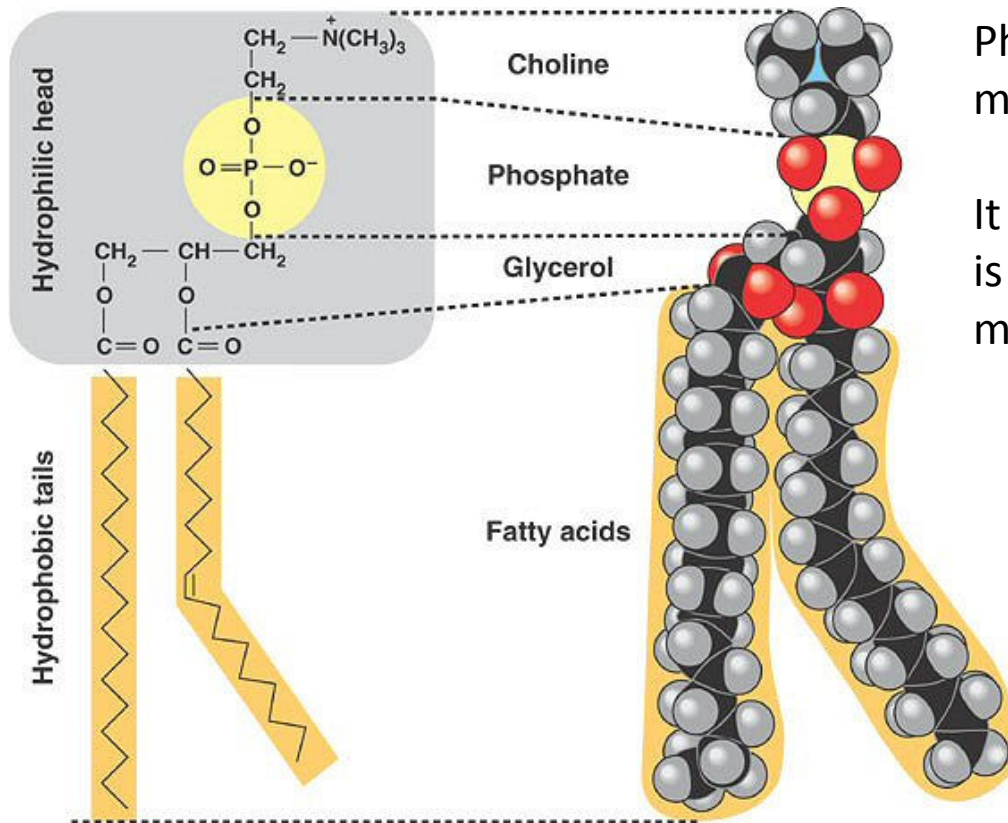
Calcium signalling **2nd**





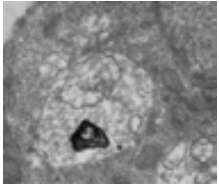
Phosphatidylcholine

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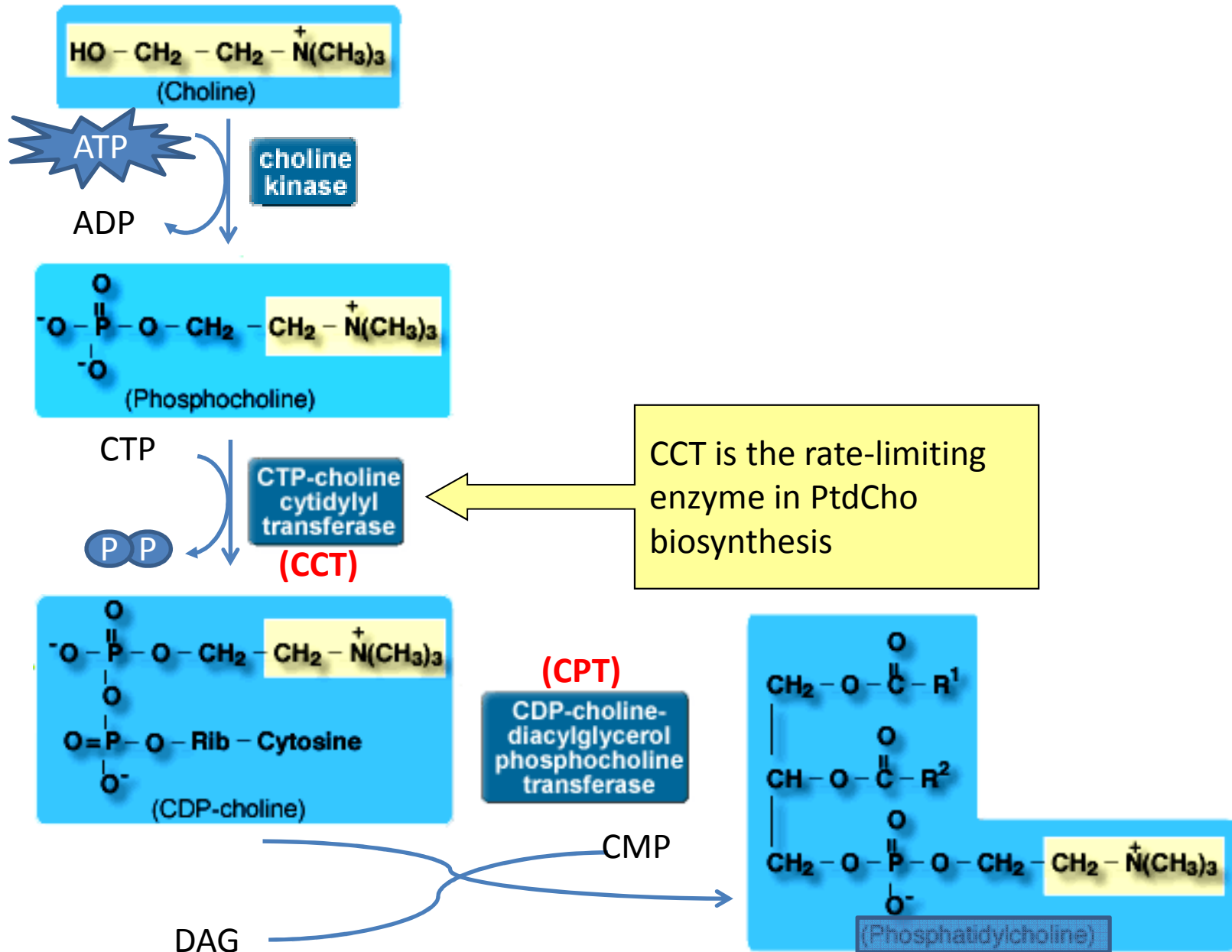


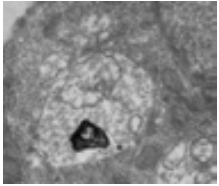
Phosphatidylcholine (PtdCho) is the major membrane phospholipid.

It has a prominent structural role, but is also a source of lipid second messengers.



The Kennedy pathway for PtdCho synthesis





Disrupting PtdCho synthesis induces cell death

What type of cell death does occur?

Choline deficiency

Yen et al. (1999)
Shin et al., (1997)

***Streptococcus pneumoniae* infection**

Zweigner et al., (2004)

Drugs (CCT inhibitors)



Hexadecylphosphocholine

Baburina and Jackowski (1998)
Van der Sanden et al., (2004)

ET-18-OCH₃

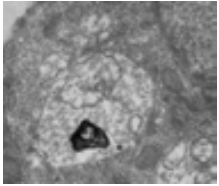
Boggs et al., (1995)

C₂-Ceramide

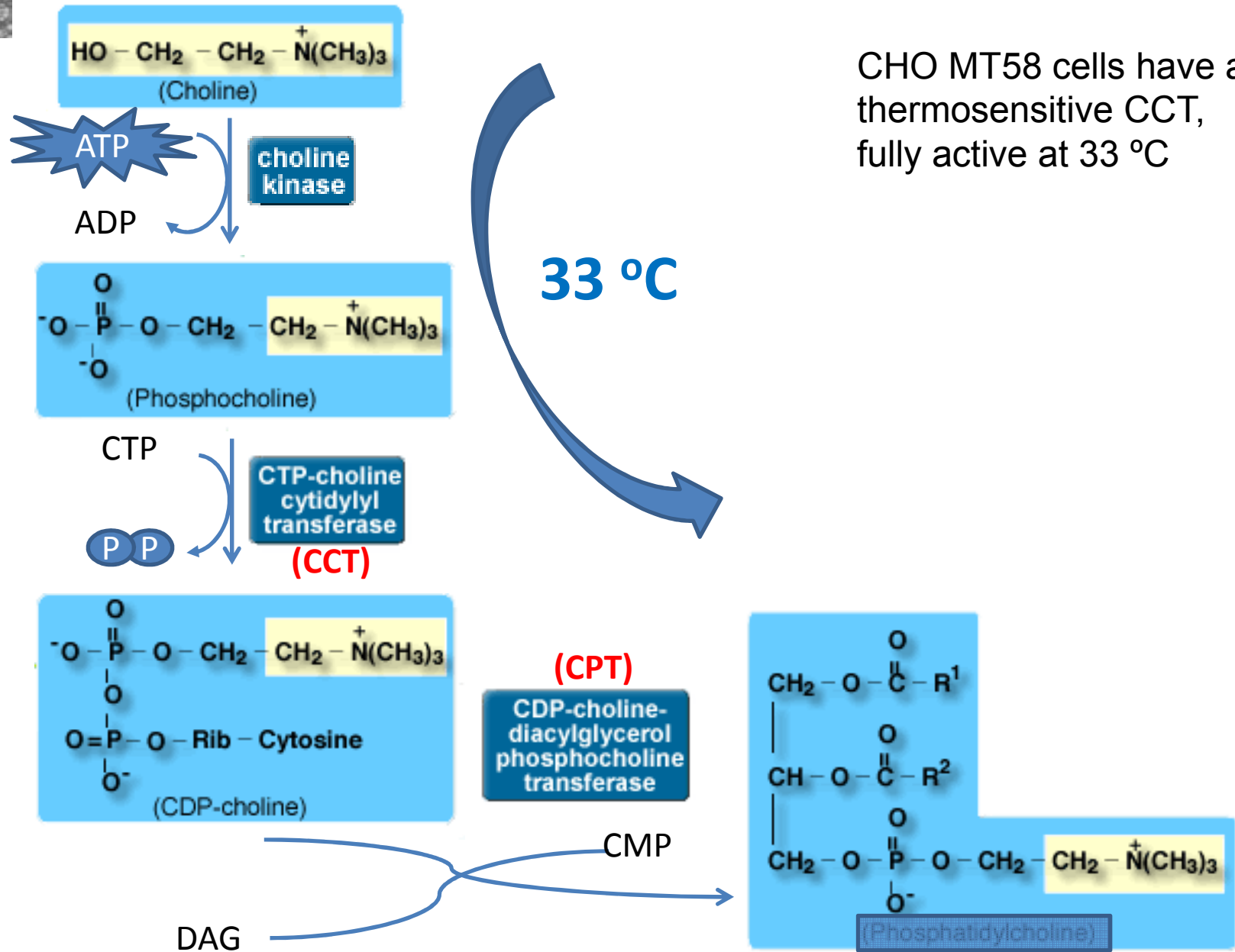
Ramos et al., (2000; 2002; 2003)

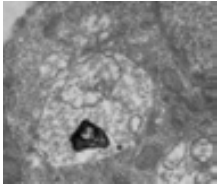
CHO-MT58 cell line

Cui et al., (1996)

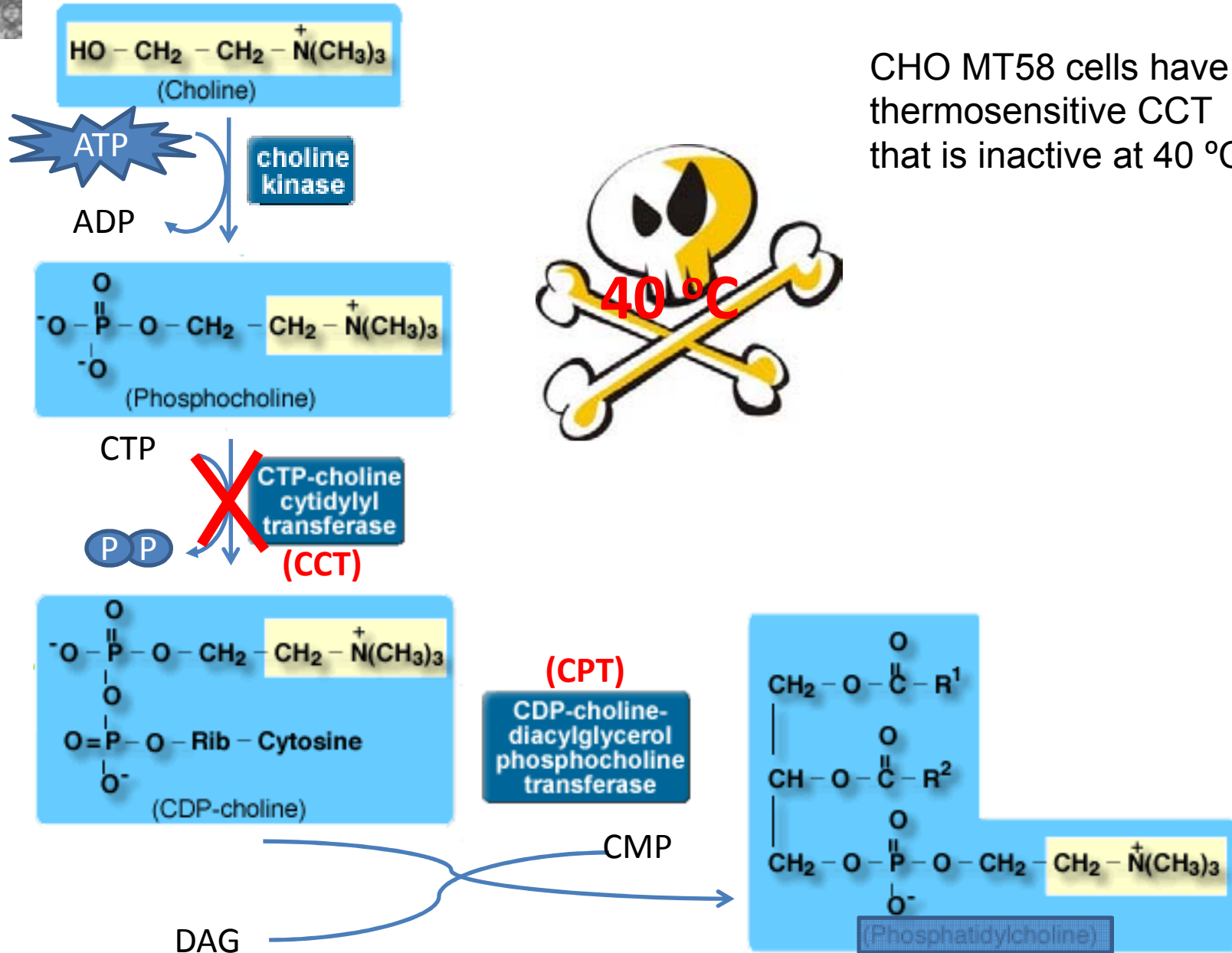


The CHO MT58 cell model

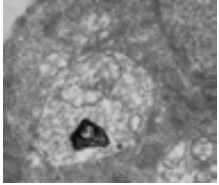




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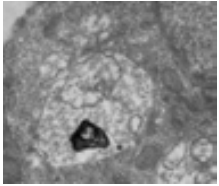


CHO MT58 cells have a thermosensitive CCT that is inactive at 40 °C



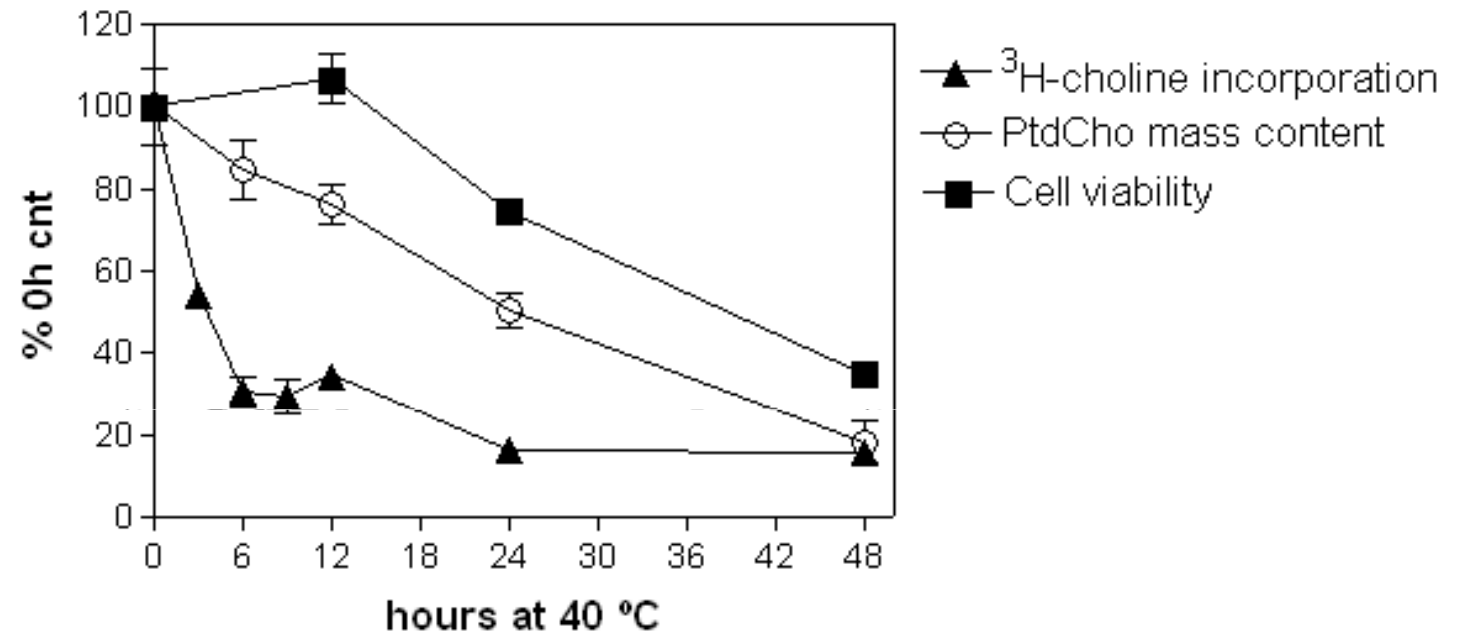
To characterize the cell death induced by inhibition of PtdCho synthesis in CHO-MT58 cells and to compare it to the canonical apoptosis induced by Actinomycin D.

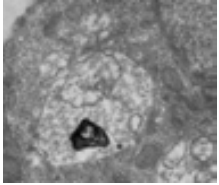
To elucidate whether lysosomes and autophagy play a role in cell death caused by inhibition of PtdCho synthesis.



Cell death after thermal inhibition of CCT

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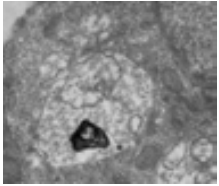




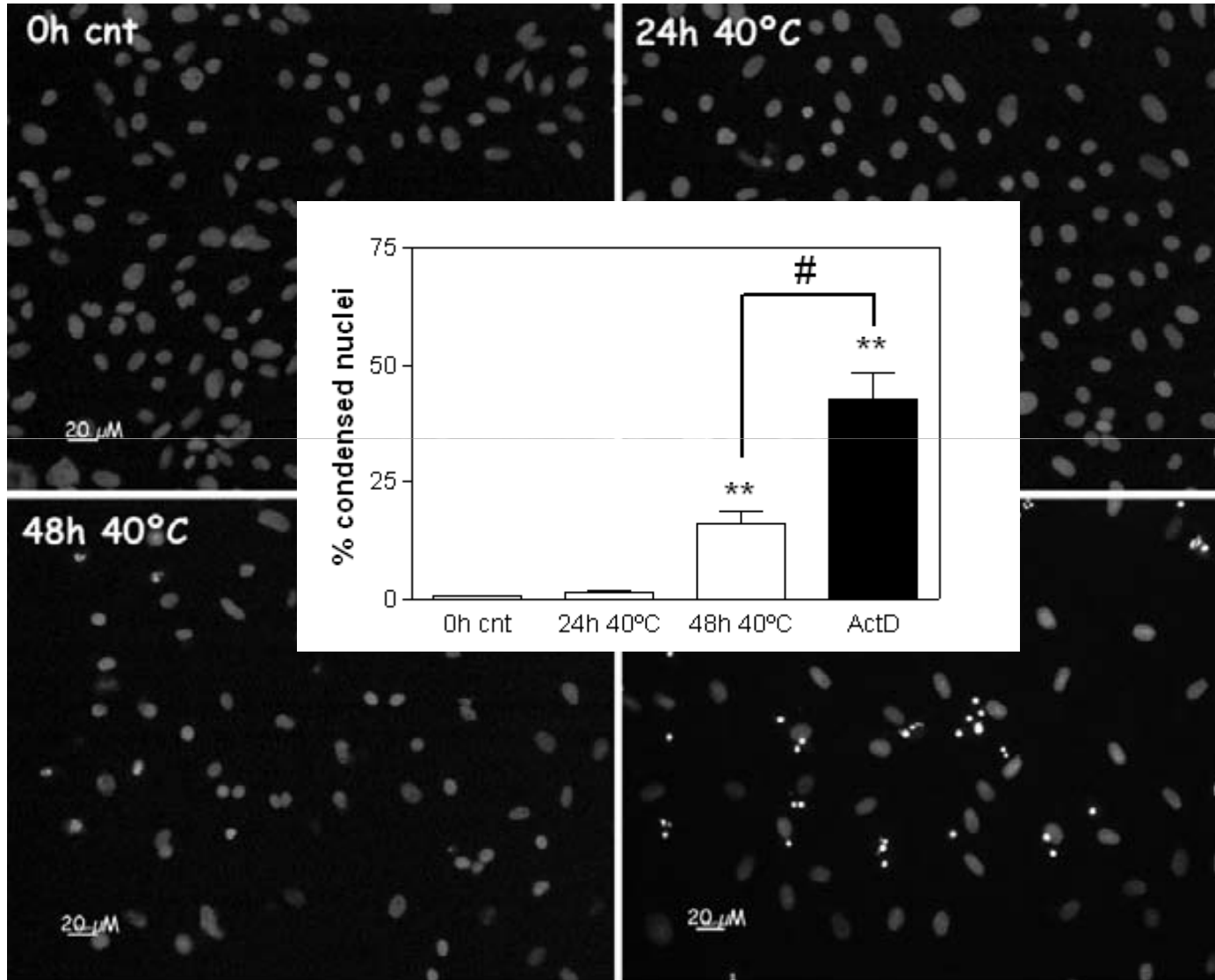
What is our apoptotic control?

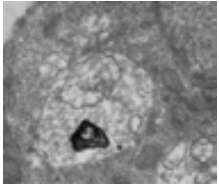
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Actinomycin D is a transcriptional inhibitor that induces
a **canonical apoptotic death**



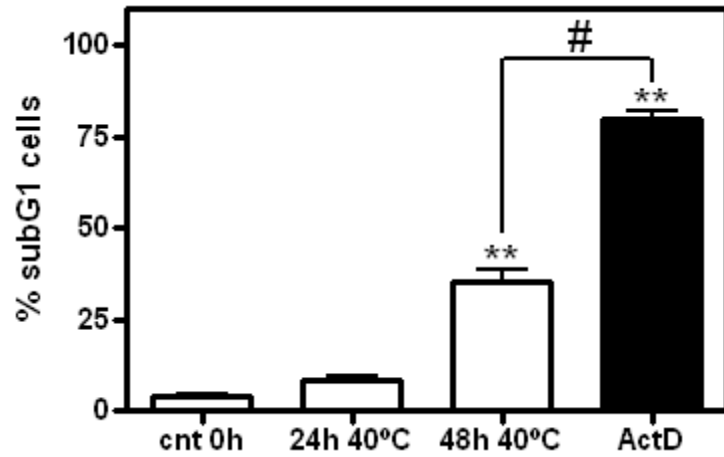
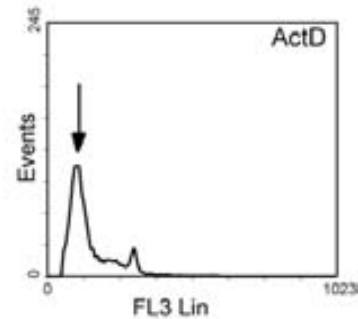
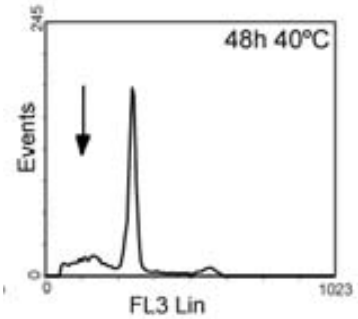
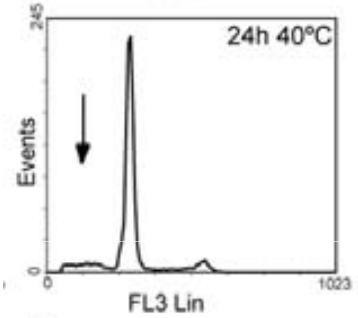
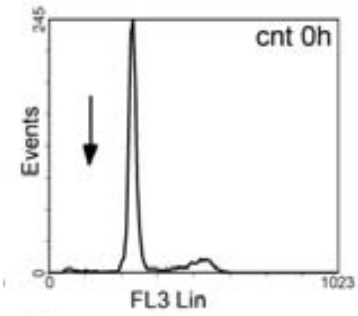
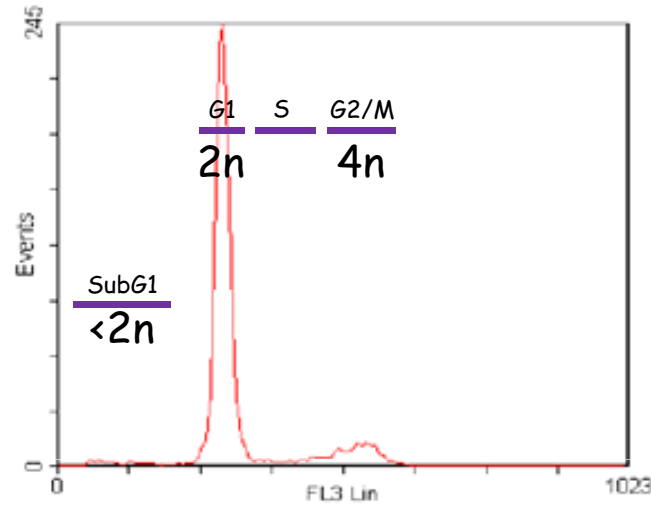
Little nuclear condensation

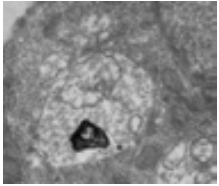




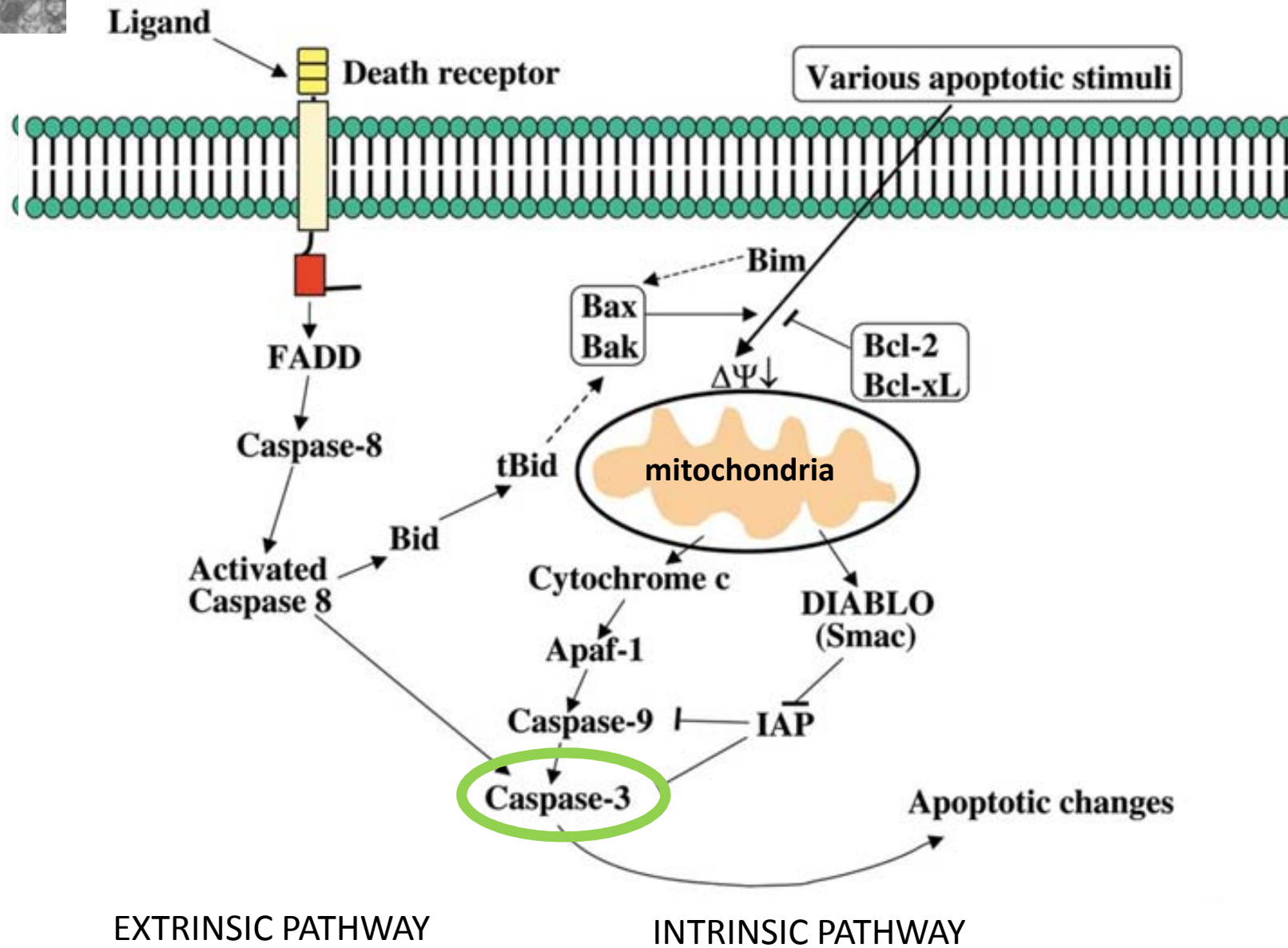
Little DNA fragmentation

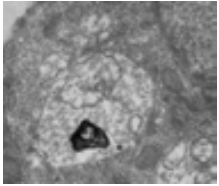
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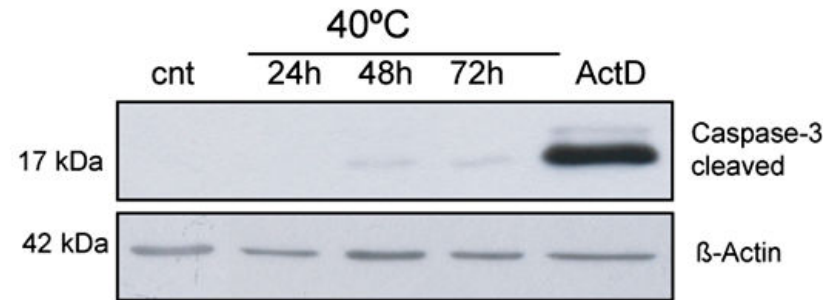
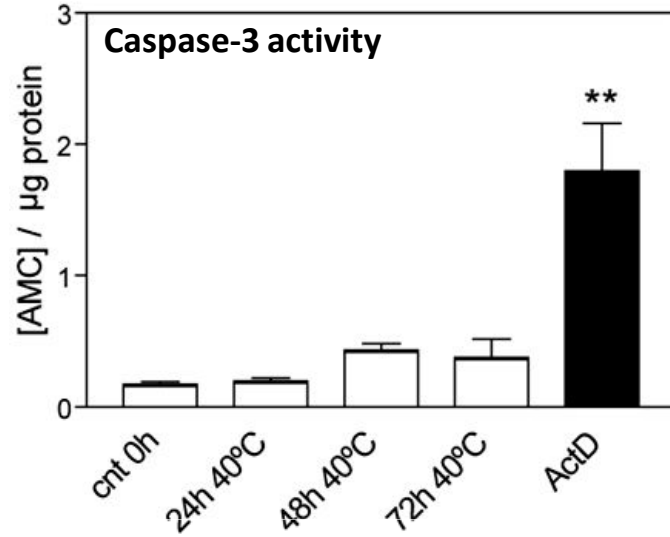


The role of caspase-3 in apoptosis

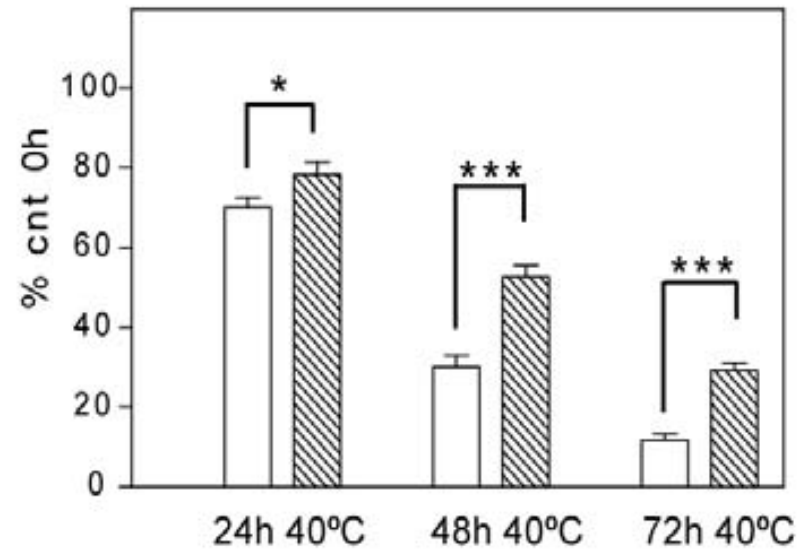
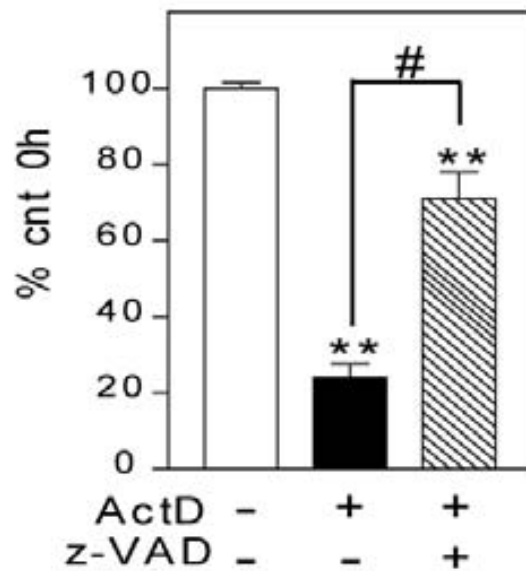


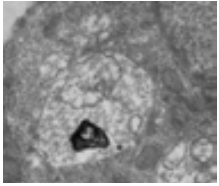


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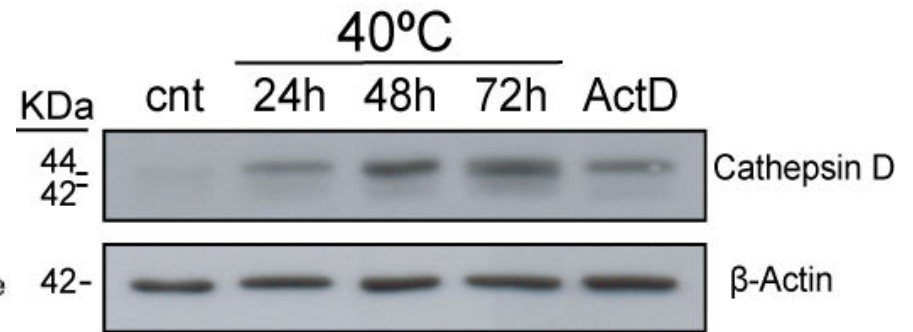
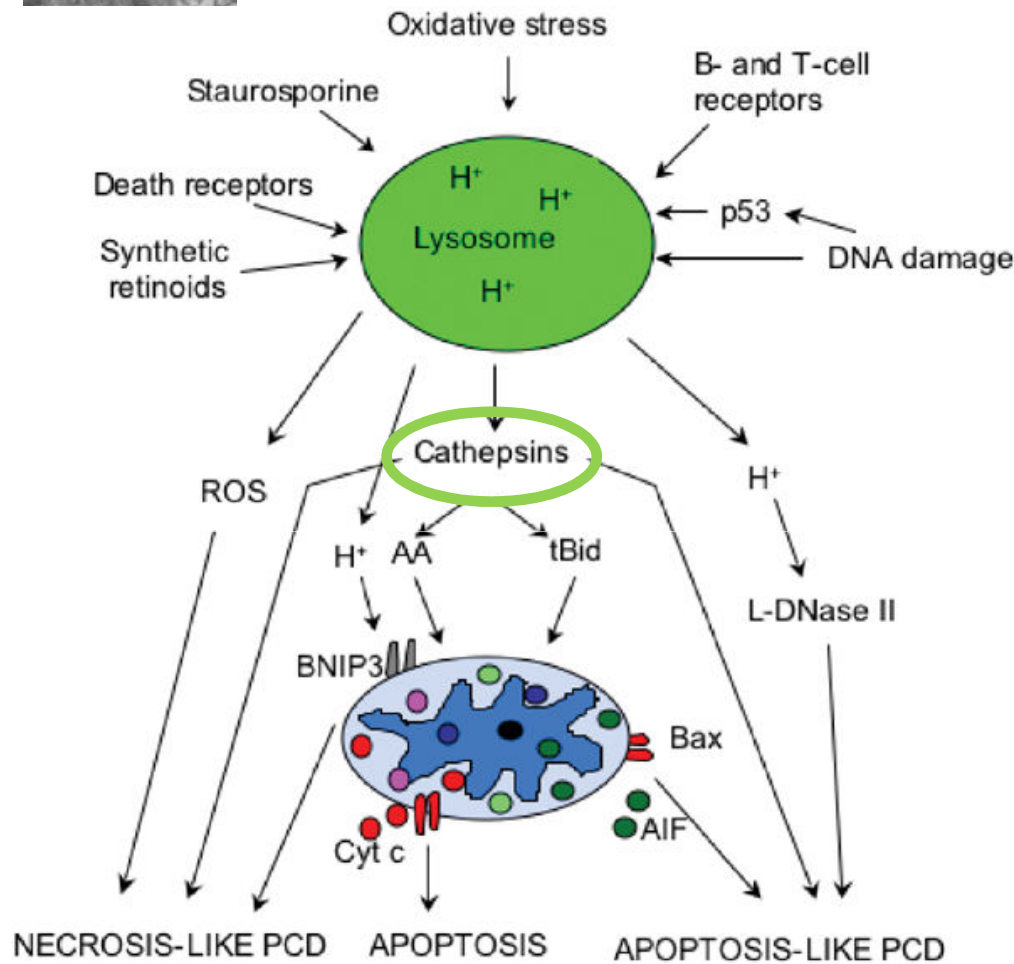


Cell viability

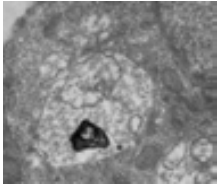




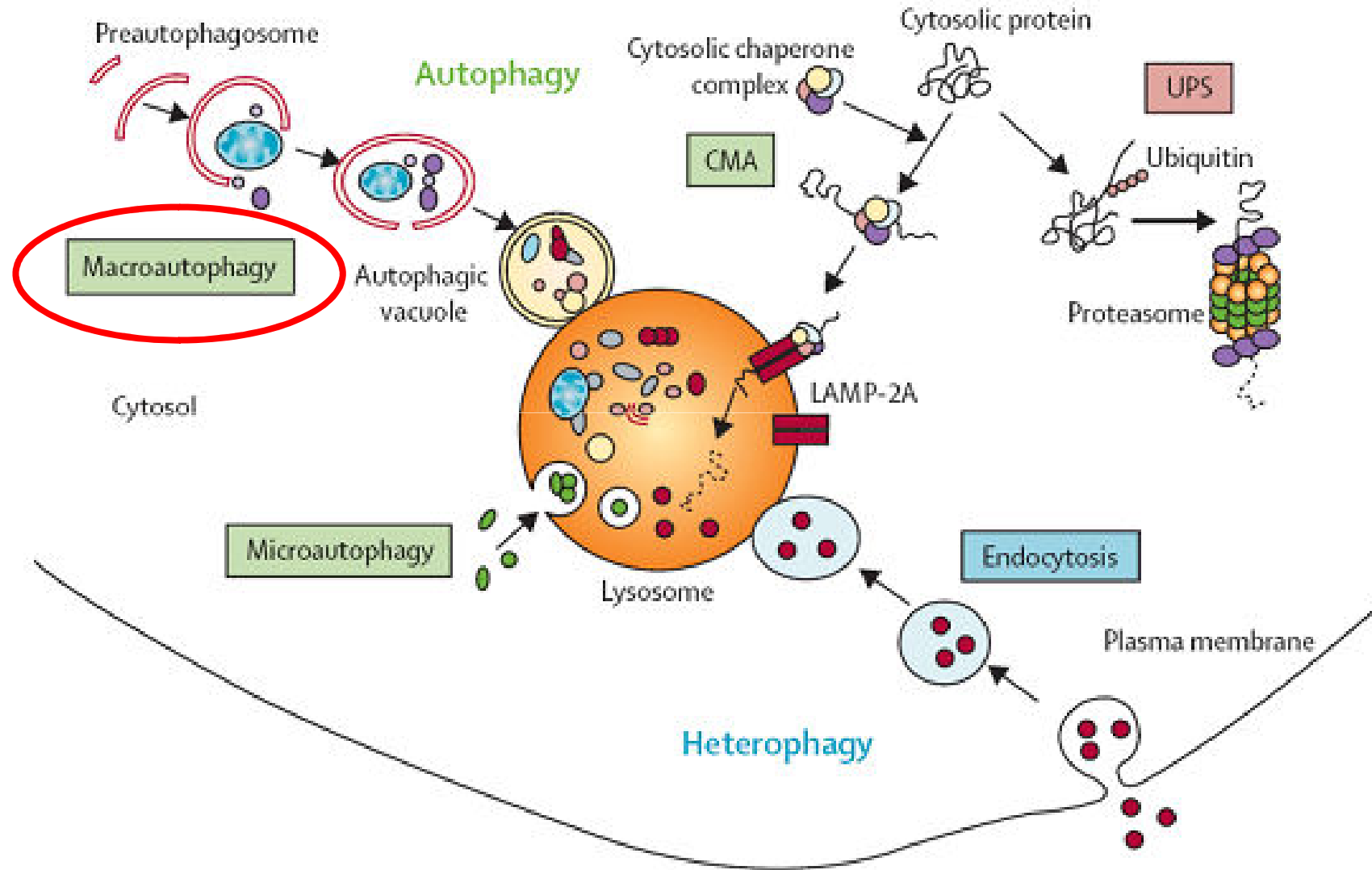
The role of cathepsins in cell death

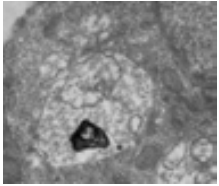


Increased Cathepsin D is a marker of autophagy



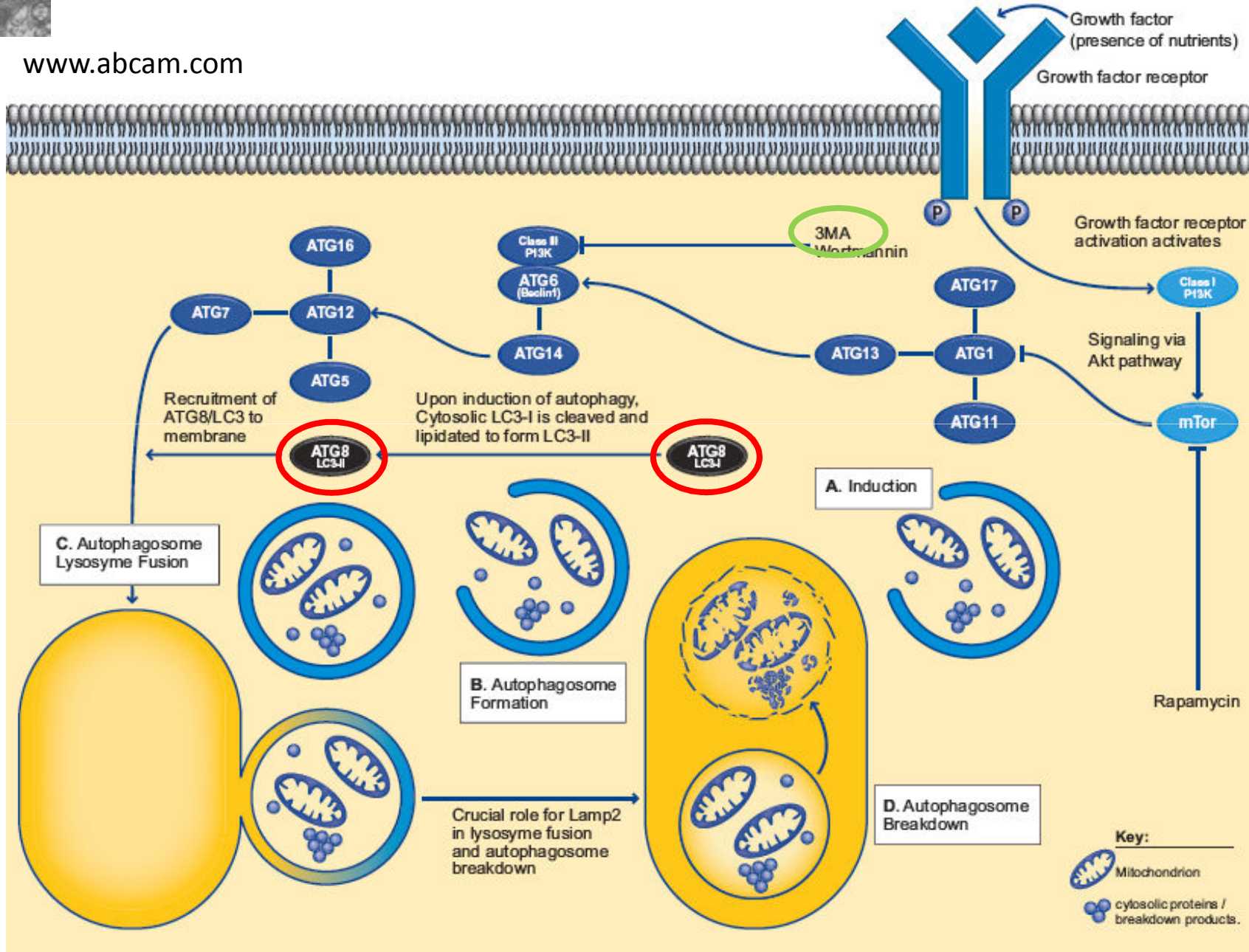
Lysosomes are auto- and heterodigesters



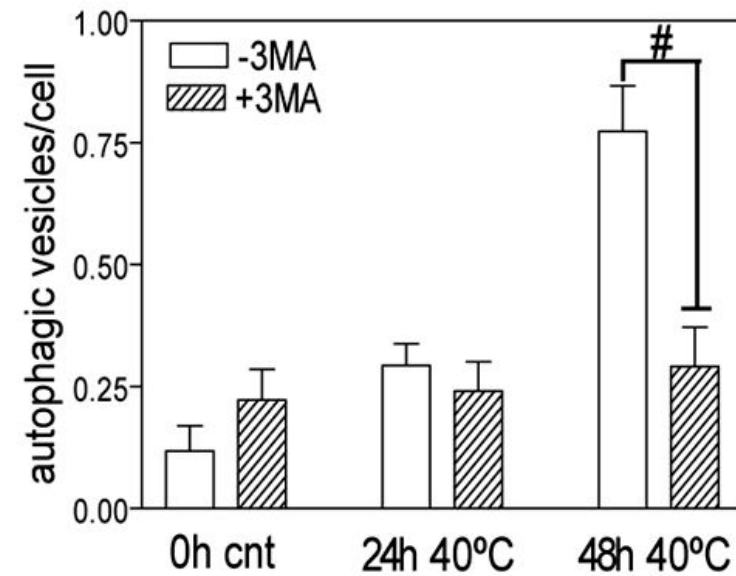
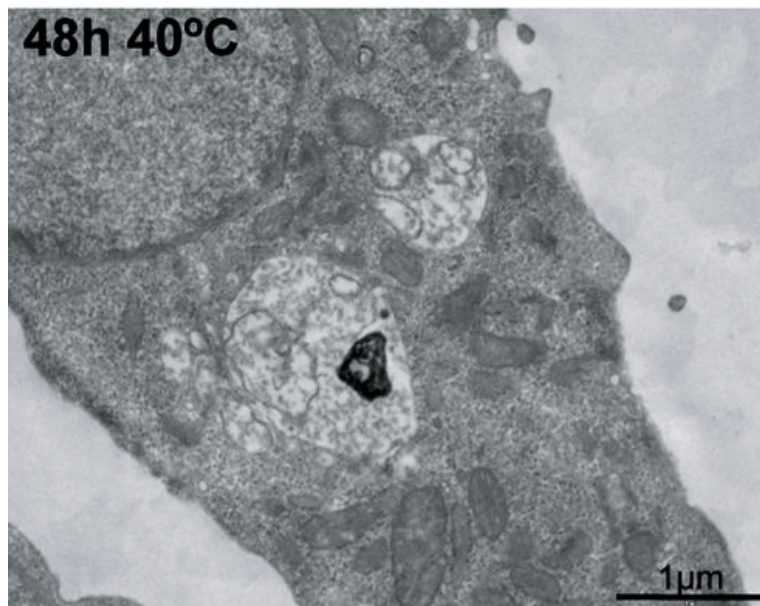
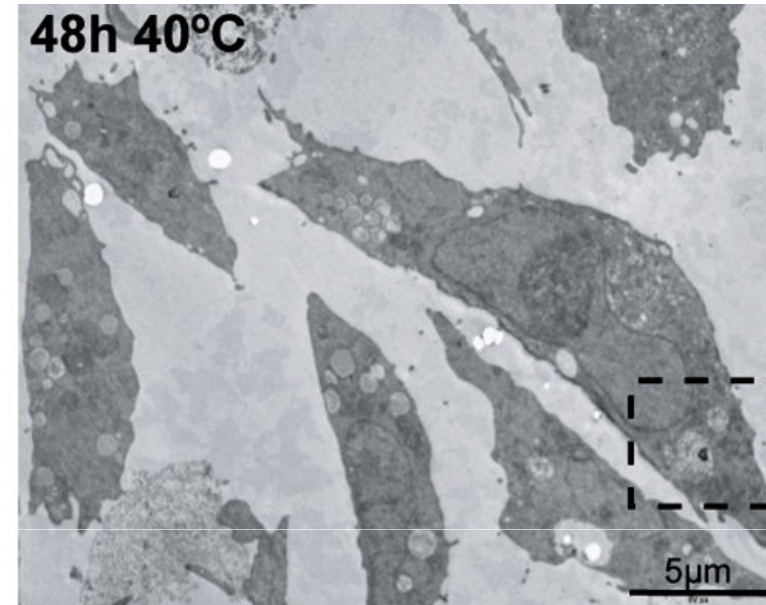
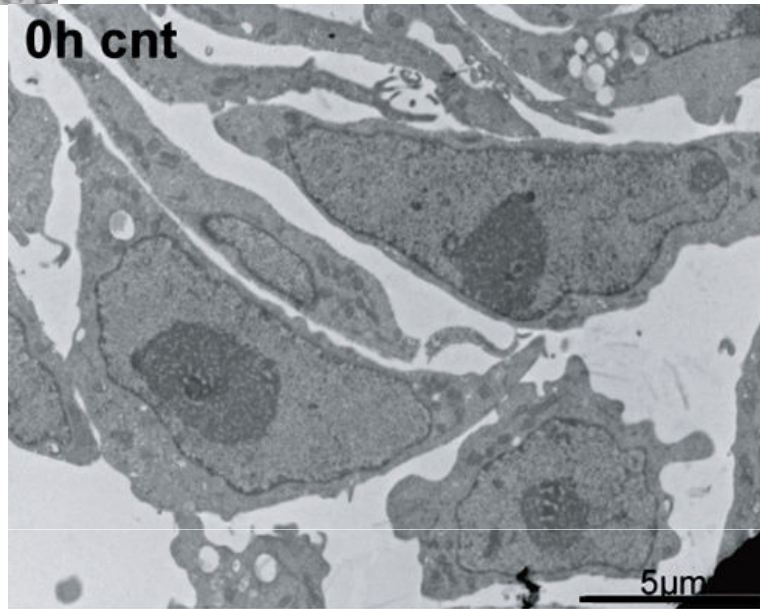
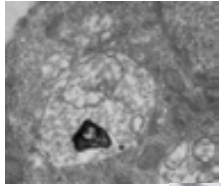


The mechanism of (macro)autophagy

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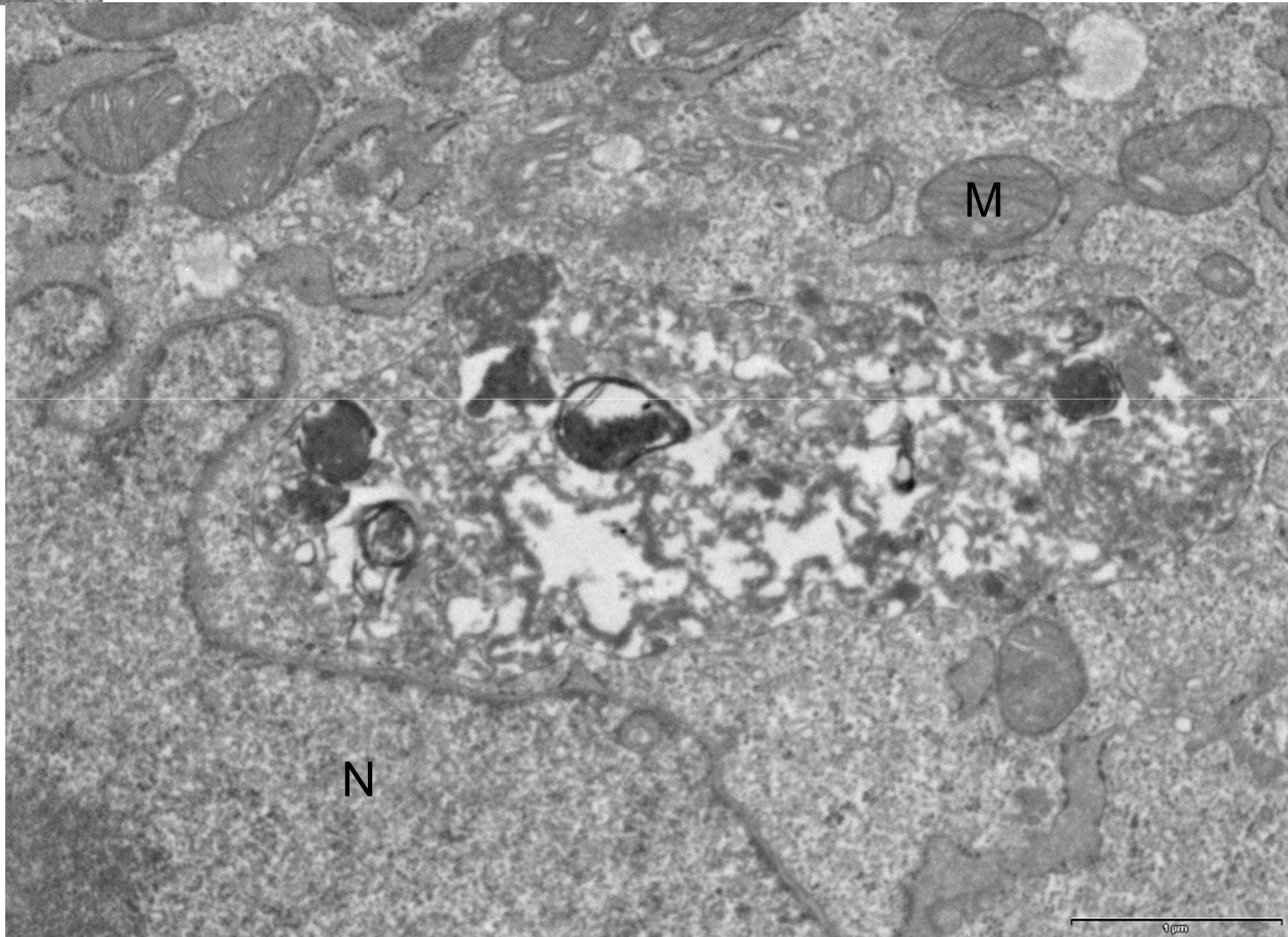
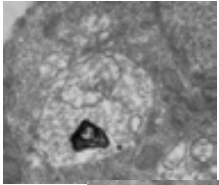


Autophagic vacuoles appear after CCT inhibition

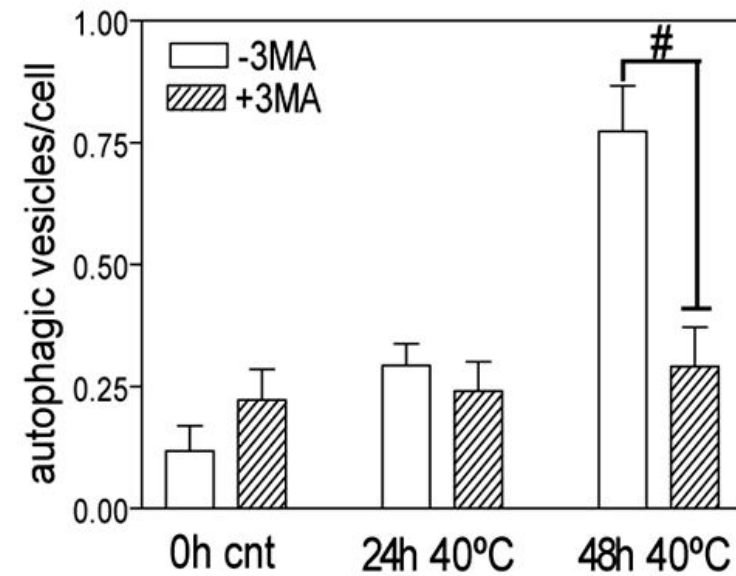
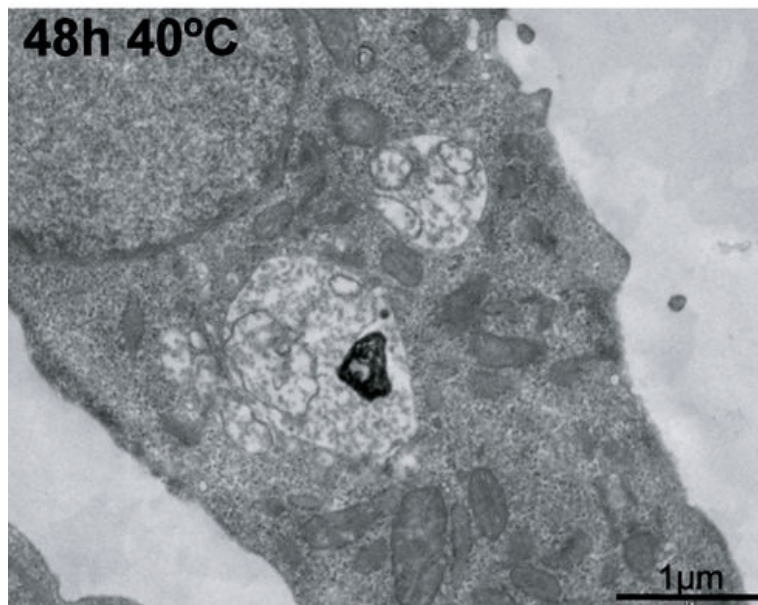
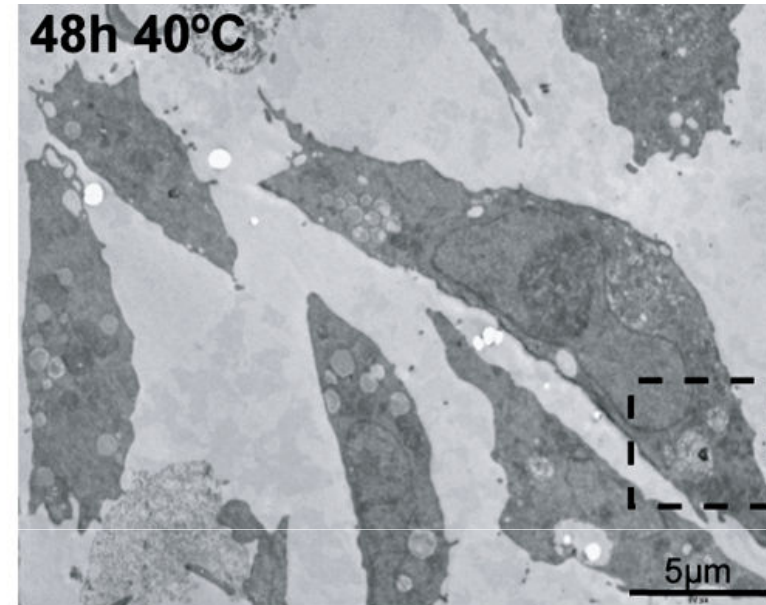
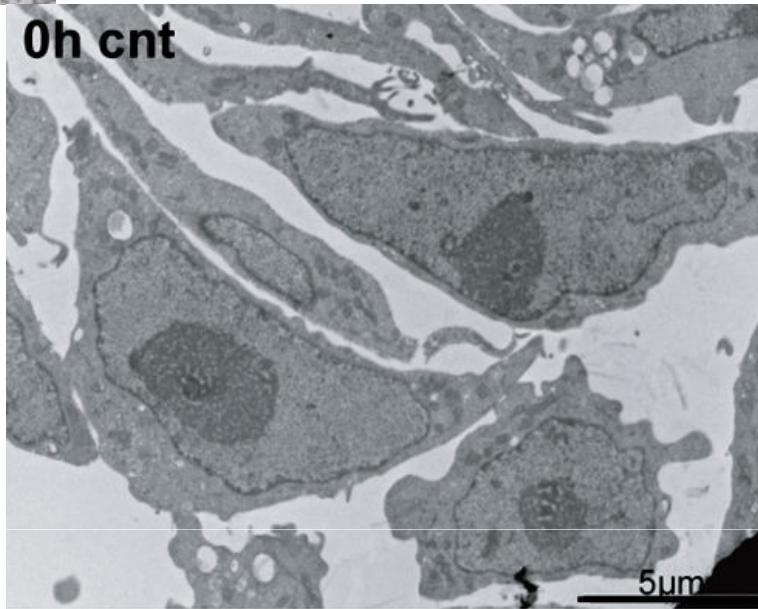
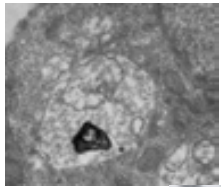


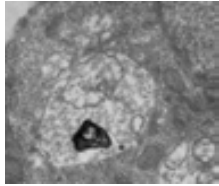
Some of them are huge

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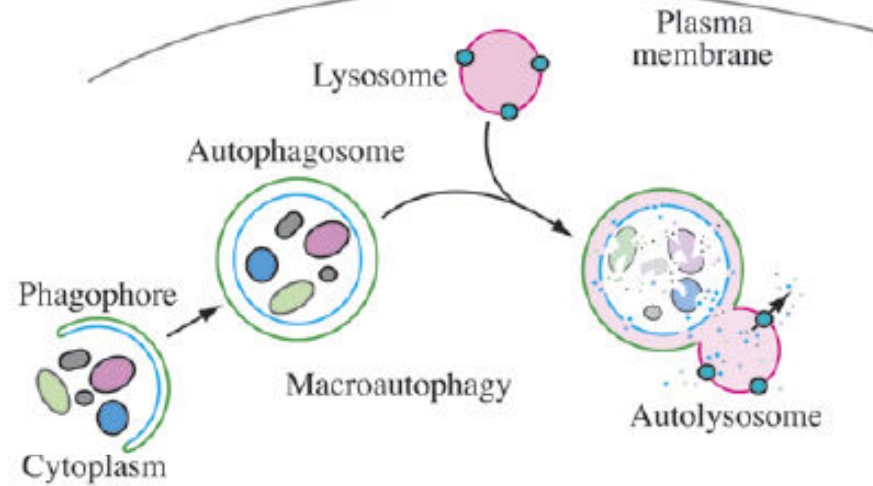




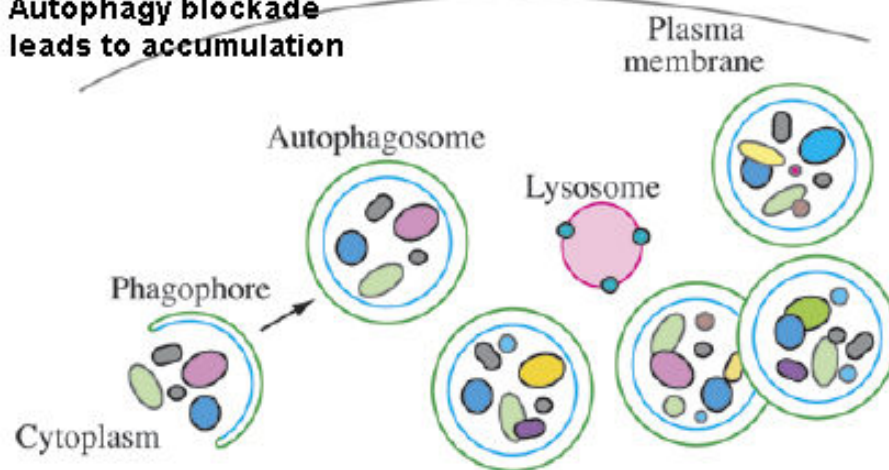
Flux of Autophagy: productive or blockade

Intro

Normal flux of Autophagy



Autophagy blockade leads to accumulation

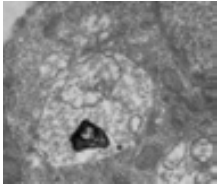


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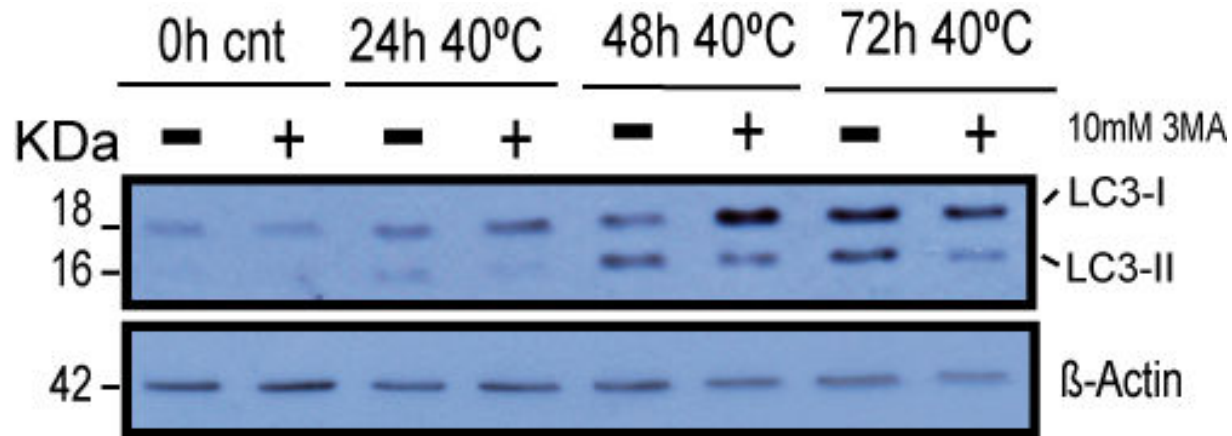
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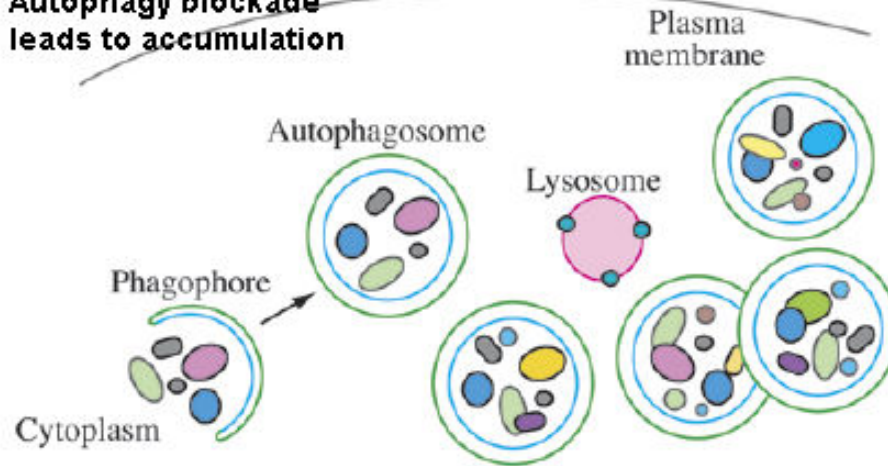


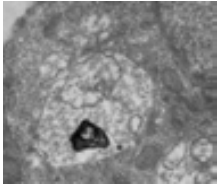
CCT inhibition blocks the progress of autophagy

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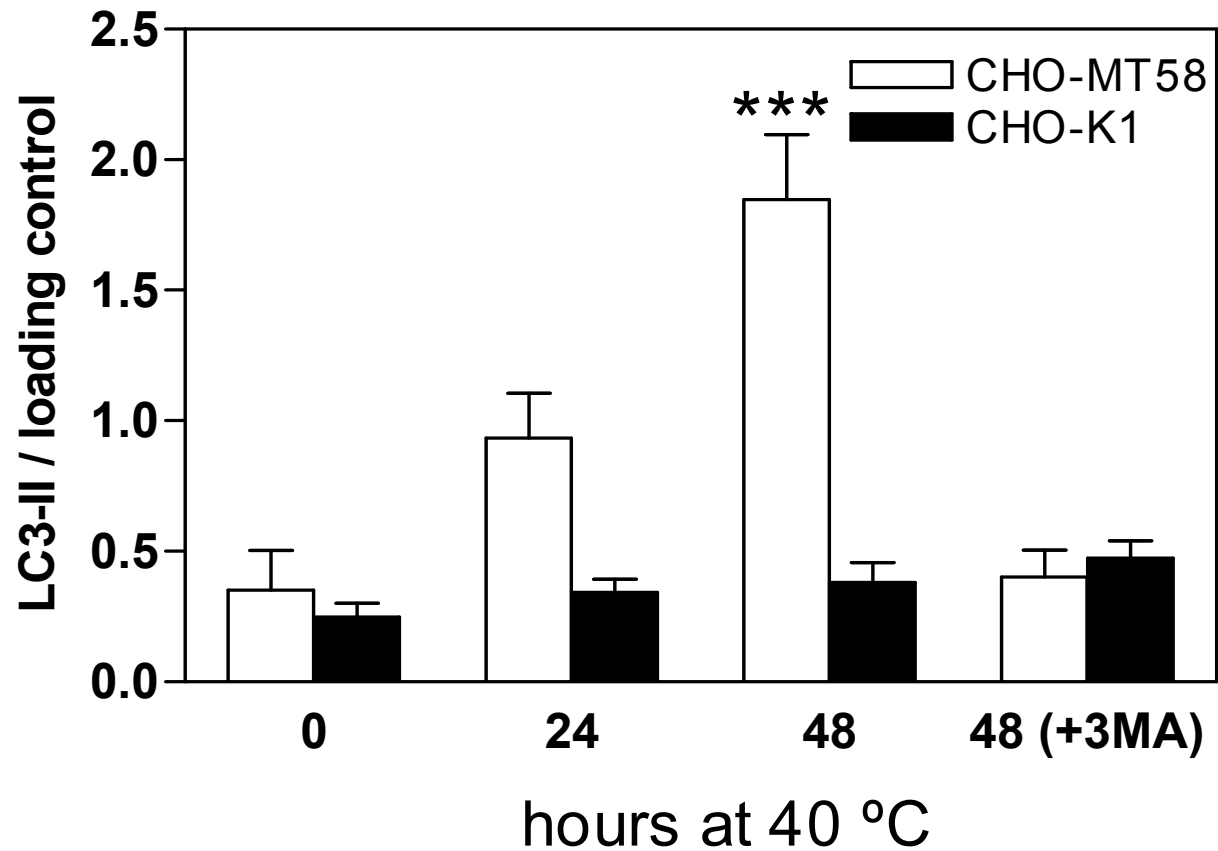


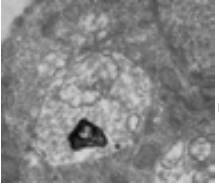


Temperature alone does not recapitulate the MT58 phenotype

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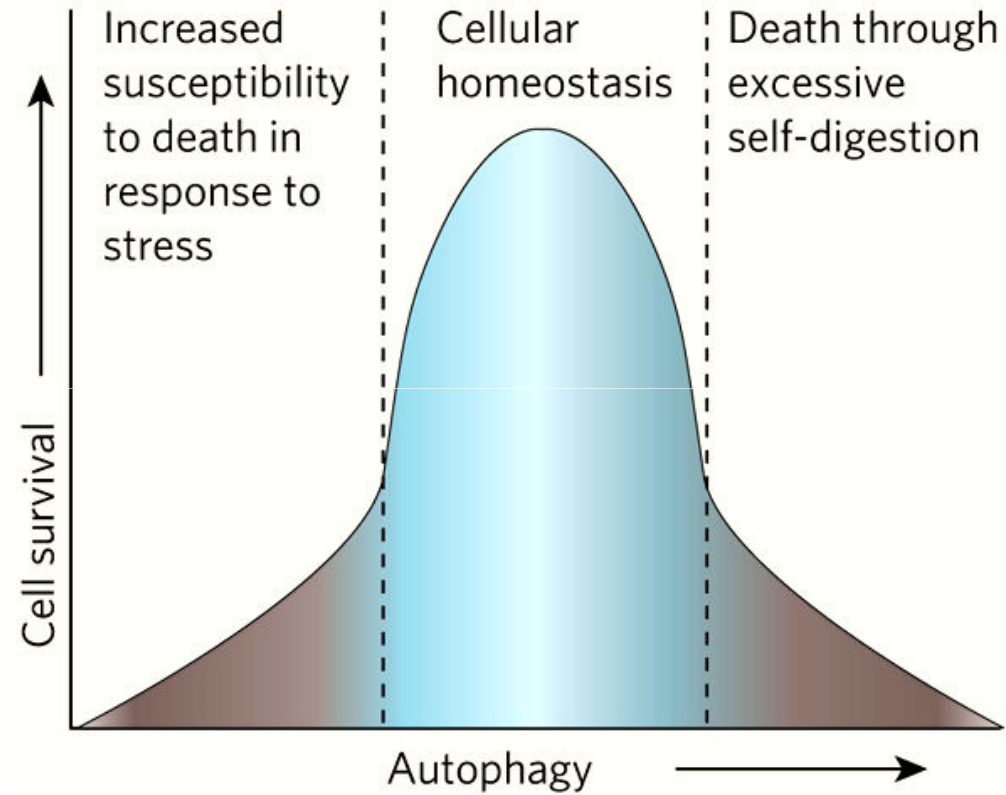
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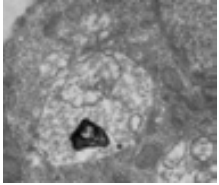


Why do cells die?

Discussion-I



Autophagy is a constitutive survival mechanism



Does it all have any interest for clinical science?

Discussion-I

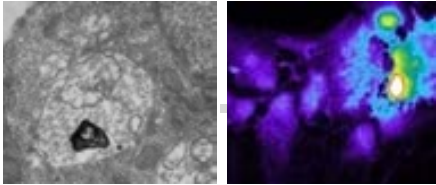
Autophagy defends cells against invading Group A

Streptococcus (2004) *Science* 306, 1037-1040.

Bacterial inhibition of phosphatidylcholine synthesis triggers

apoptosis in the brain (2004) *J. Exp. Med.* 200, 99-106.

Our results show that inhibition of PtdCho synthesis may well underlie bacterial escaping from the autophagic machinery



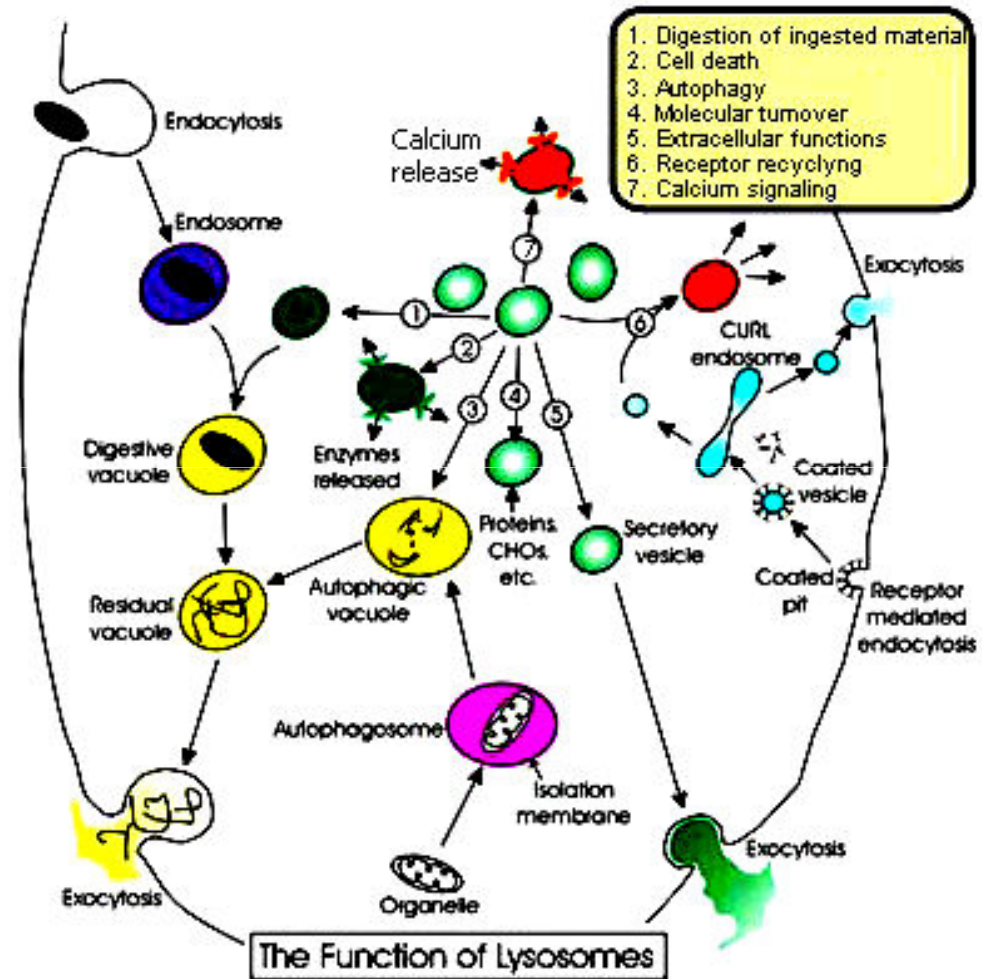
Functions of Lysosomes

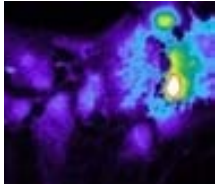
- Degradation of cell components

Cell death
Autophagy **1st**

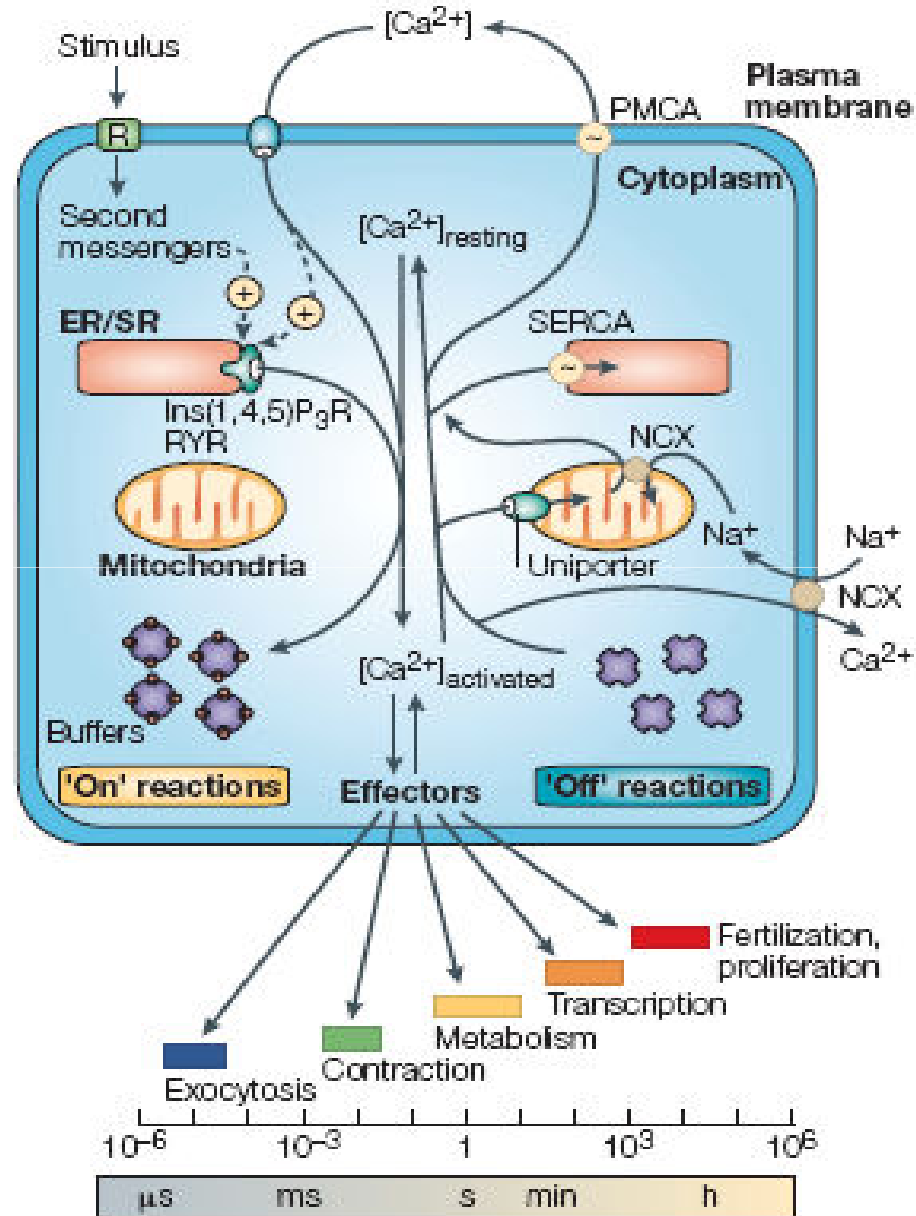
- Exocytosis / Secretory pathway

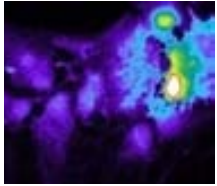
Calcium signalling **2nd**



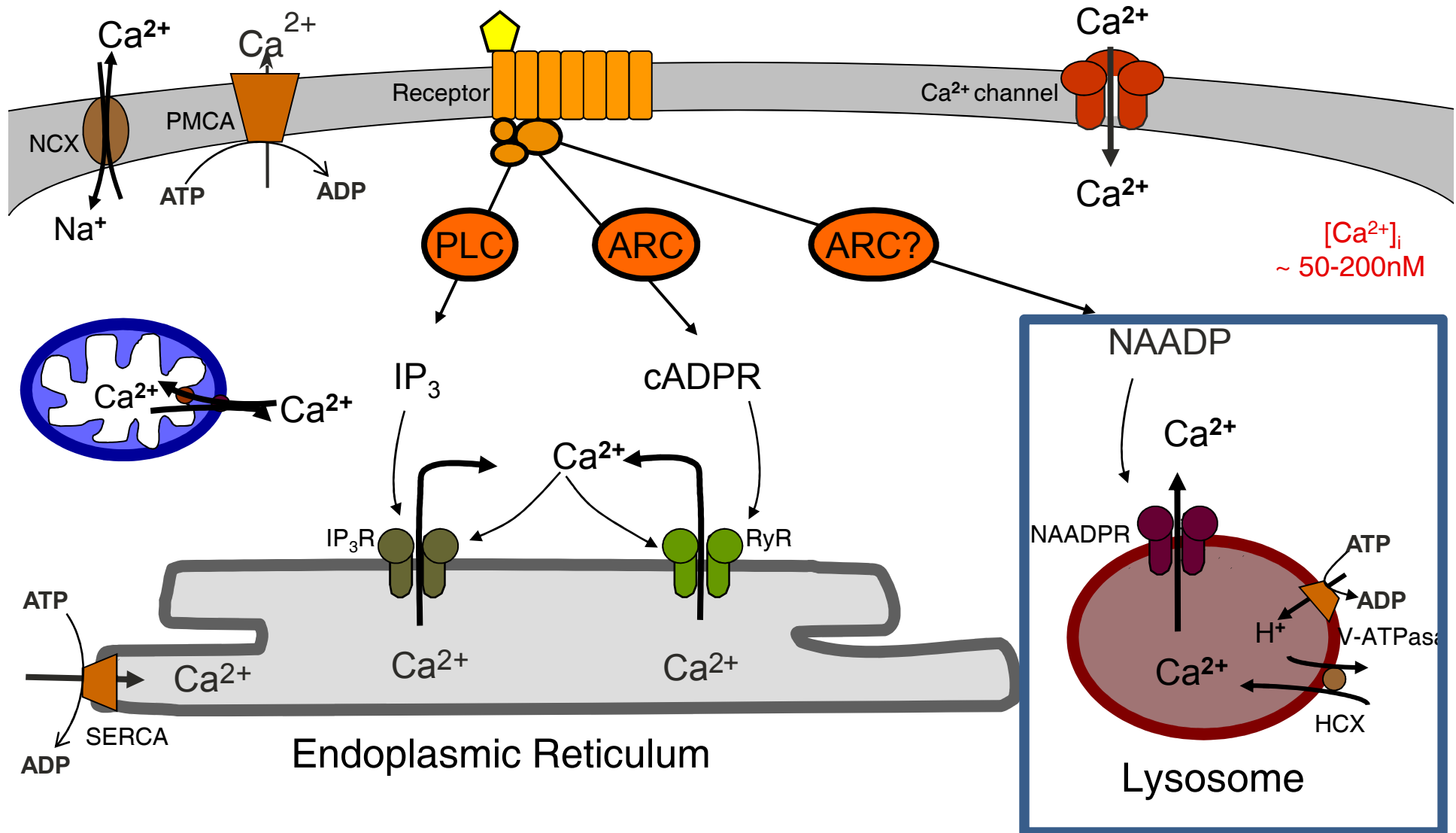


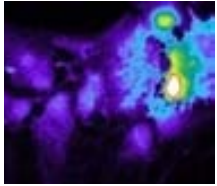
Ca²⁺ is a universal messenger



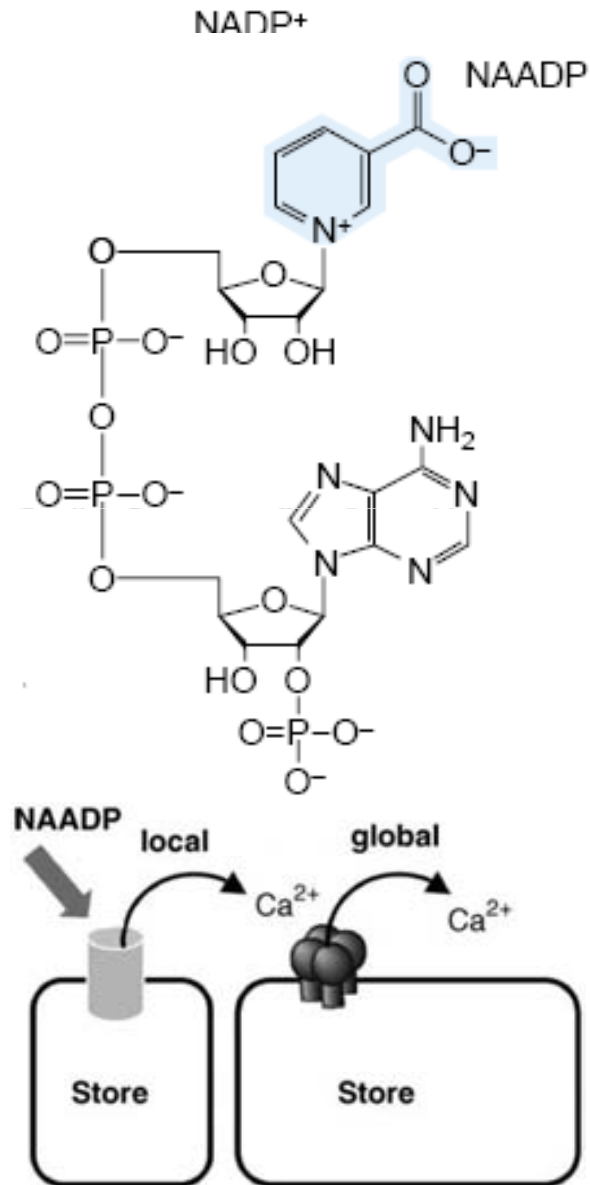


Basic mechanisms of Ca²⁺ regulation

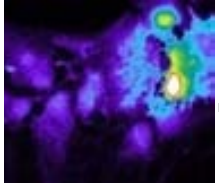




What is NAADP?



- NAADP is a new potent Ca²⁺ second messenger derived from NADP.
- NAADP receptor is localised in lysosomes.
- The NAADP receptor is not known yet. Recently, up to four putative receptors have been proposed: TRP-ML1; TPC1; TPC2 and RyR.
- NAADP-R is inactive at high agonist concentrations, generating a bell-shaped concentration-response curve.
- NAADP signalling is thought to be a trigger Ca²⁺ signal that is subsequently amplified by CICR and Ca²⁺ influx.

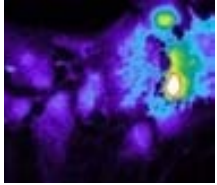


Some physiological functions of NAADP

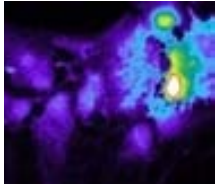
Intro - II

- Insulin secretion
- Egg fertilization
- Neuron differentiation
- Neurite outgrowth

Has NAADP a role in astrocytes?



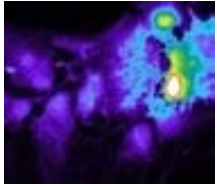
- Traditional functions of Astrocytes:
 - Structural and Metabolic support of neurons
 - Neurotransmitter reuptake
 - Regulation of ion concentration in the extracellular space
 - New evidences:
 - Astrocytes contain many neurotransmitter receptors
 - Astrocytes respond to agonist by increasing Ca^{2+} concentrations, which can expand in neighbouring astrocytes to produce Ca^{2+} waves
- ... Astrocyte excitability is based on changes in Ca^{2+} concentrations**
- New functions (tripartite synapse):
 - Release of neurotransmitters (gliotransmission)
 - Modulation of synaptic transmission



To determine whether NAADP mobilises Ca^{2+} from lysosome-related vesicles in cortical astrocytes.

To find out whether NAADP and lysosome-related vesicles mediate neurotransmitter-induced Ca^{2+} responses in cortical astrocytes.

To elucidate the participation of NAADP and lysosome-related vesicles in mechanically induced Ca^{2+} waves between cortical astrocytes.

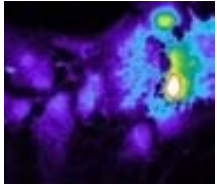


Measurement of Ca^{2+} concentration

Methods II

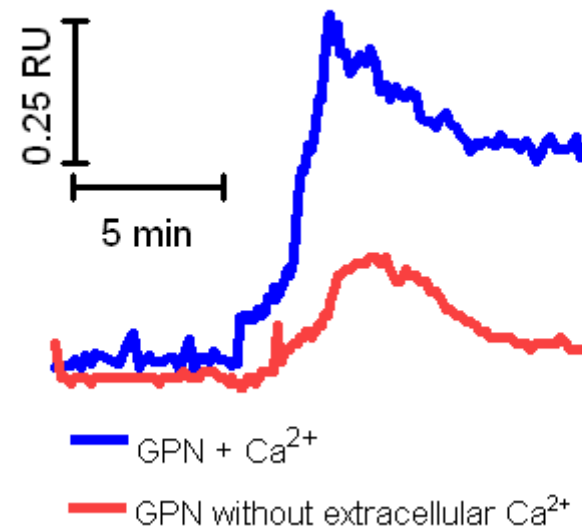
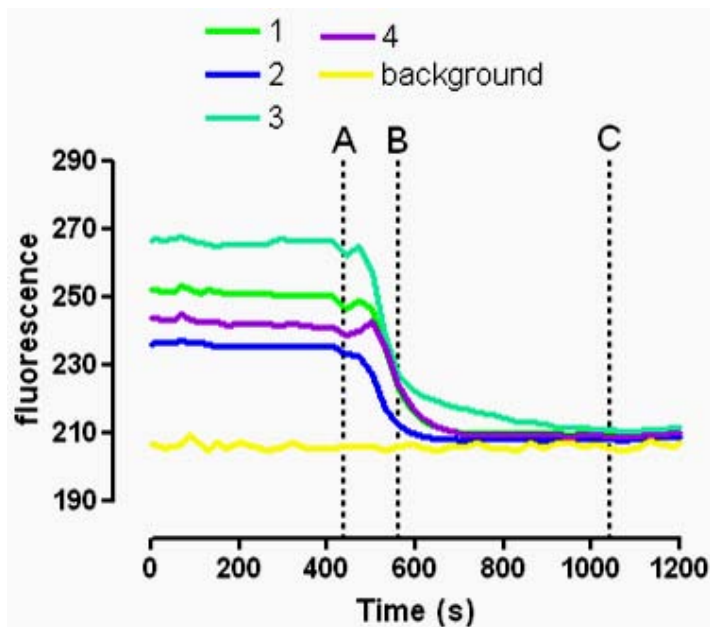
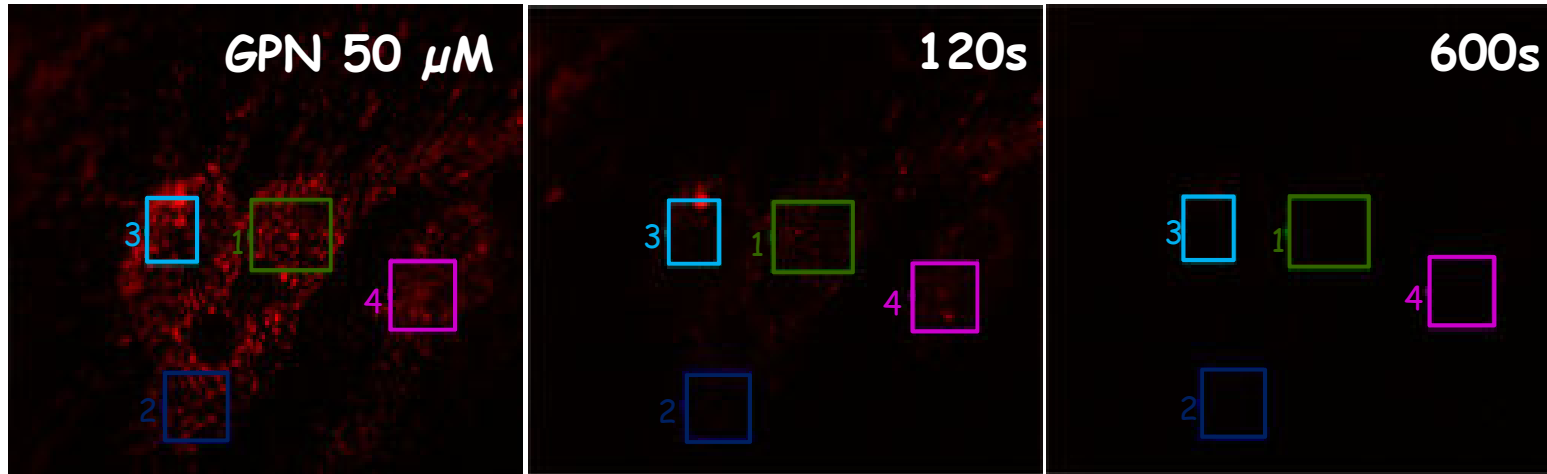
- Ca^{2+} dyes:
 - Fura-2-AM
 - Fluo-4-AM
- Ca^{2+} imaging system

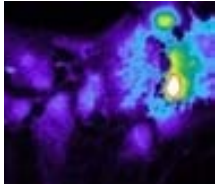




Astrocyte lysosomes contain Ca^{2+}

Lysotracker Red staining

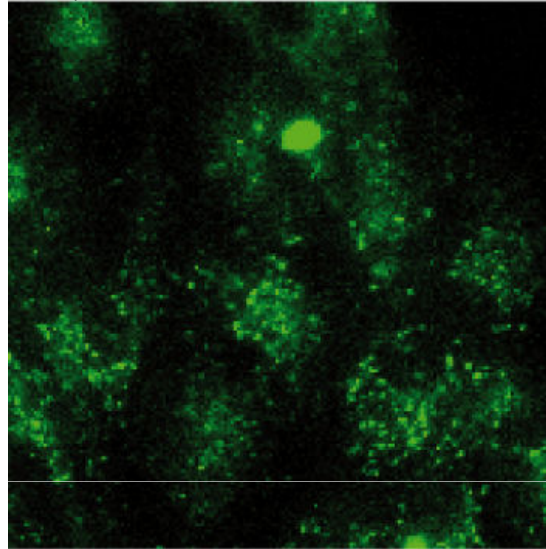




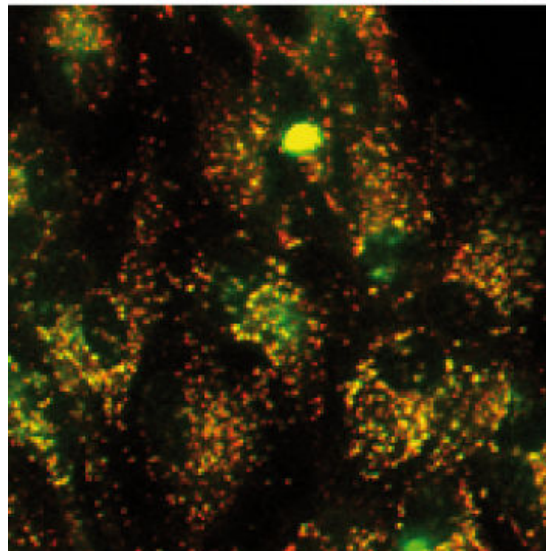
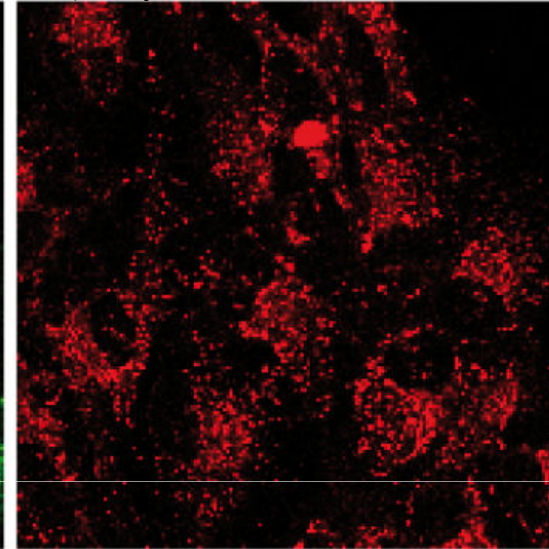
Astrocyte lysosomes express NAADP-R

Results - II

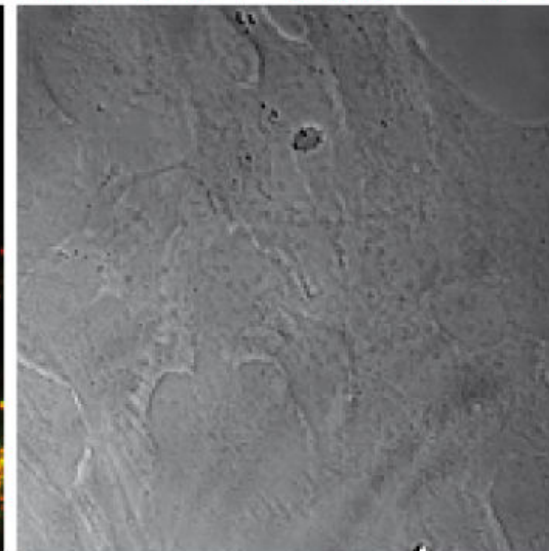
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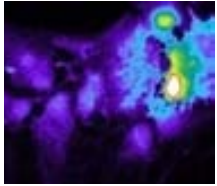
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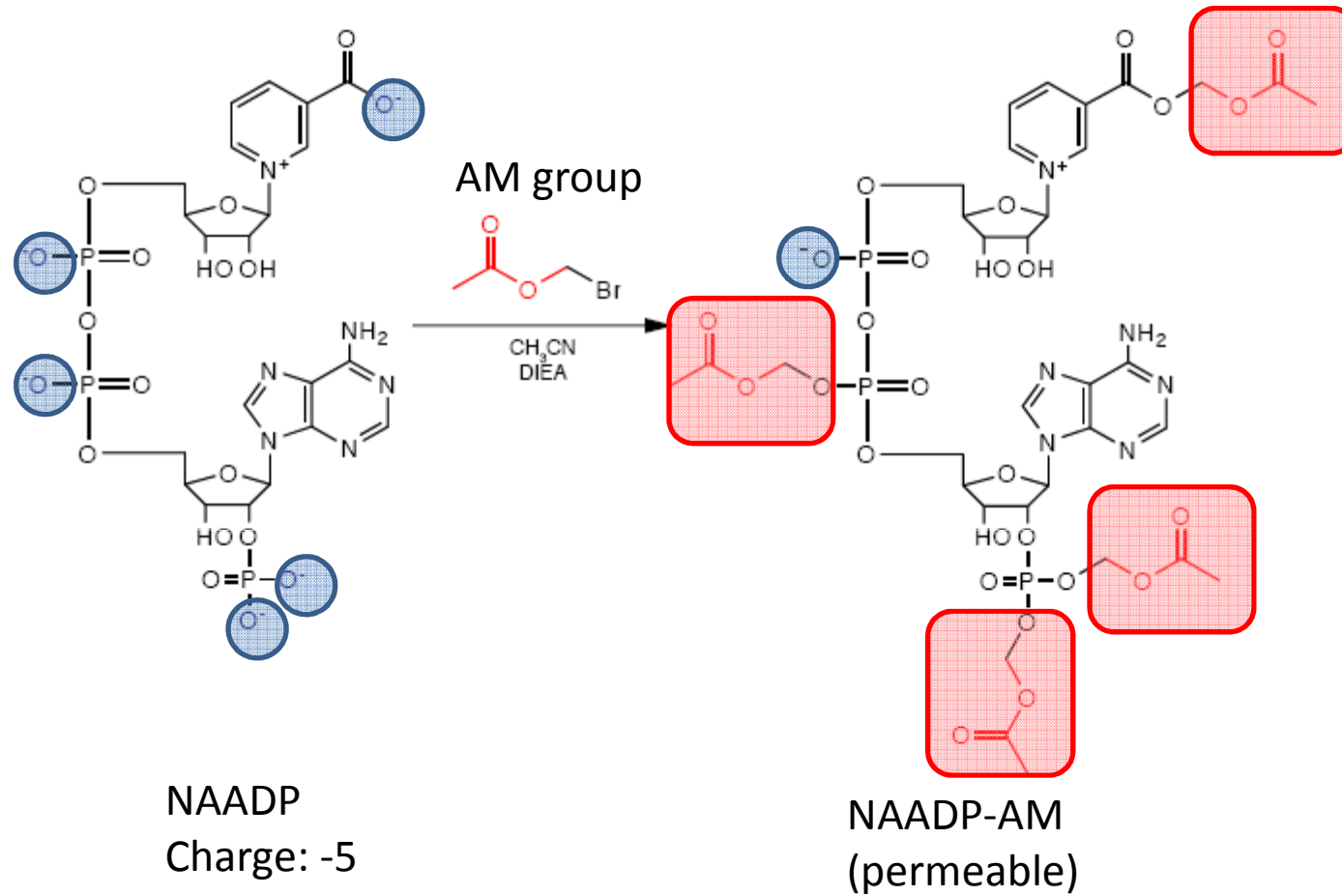


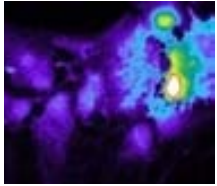
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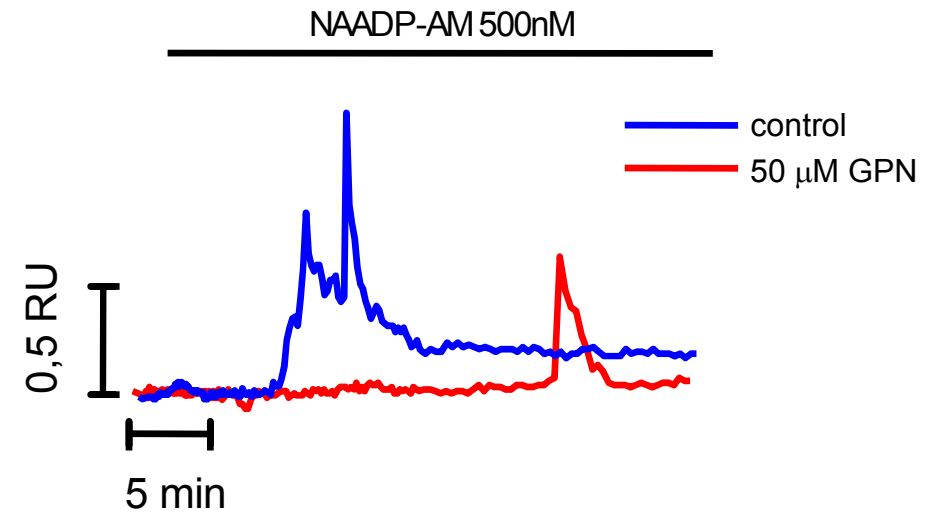
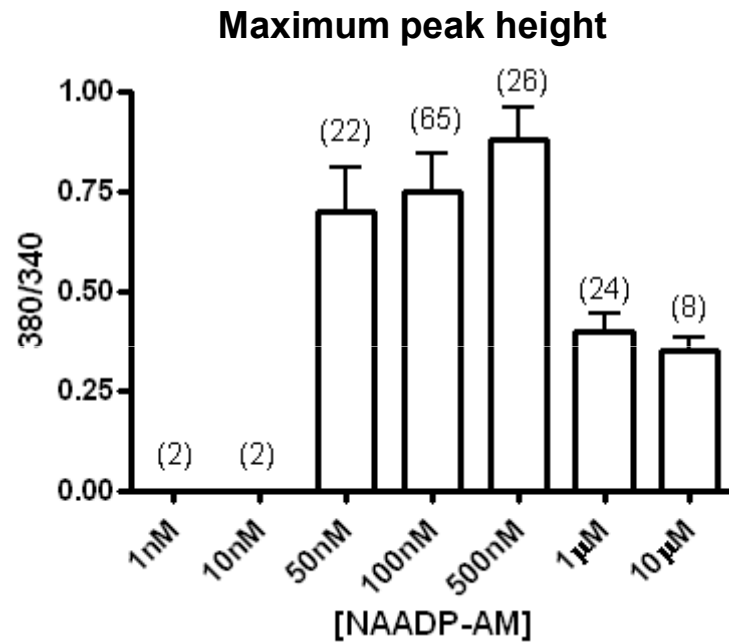
Making NAADP permeable

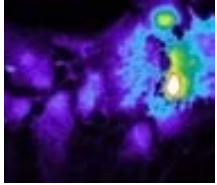
Intro - II





NAADP releases Ca^{2+} from astrocyte lysosomes

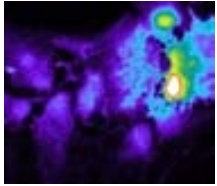




Neurotransmitters induce Ca^{2+} rise in Astrocytes

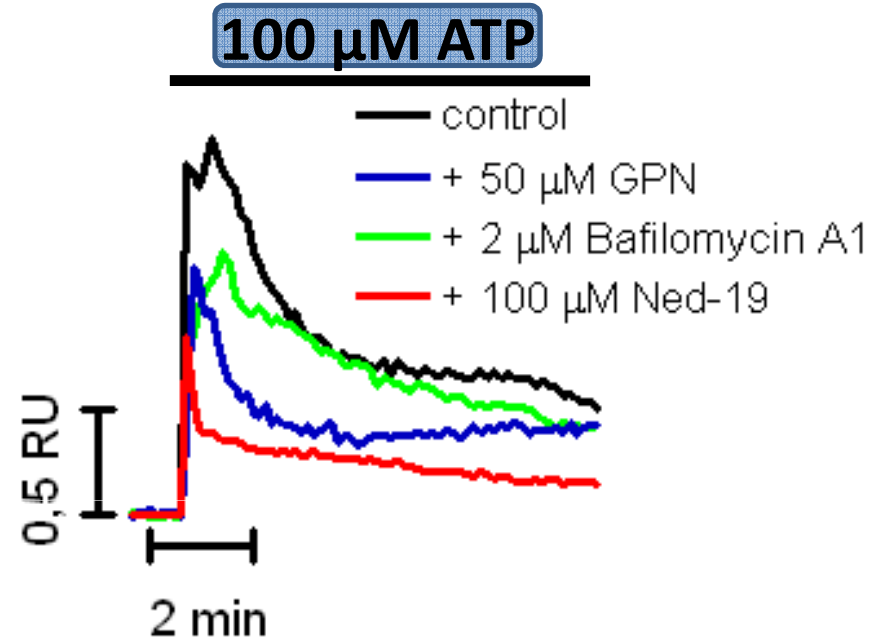
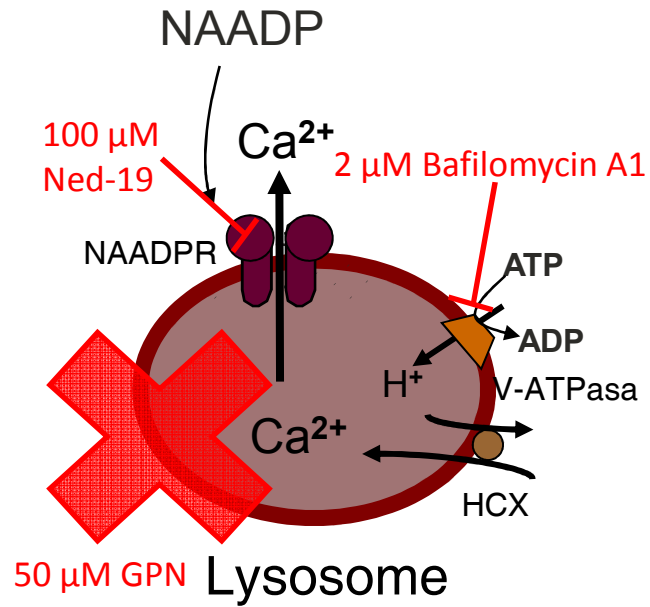
Intro -II

Can neurotransmitters release Ca^{2+} from lysosomes through activation of NAADP receptors?

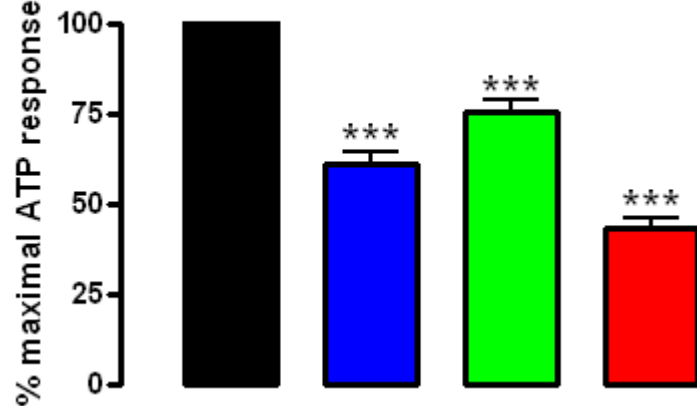


ATP-induced Ca^{2+} responses are mediated by NAADP and lysosomes

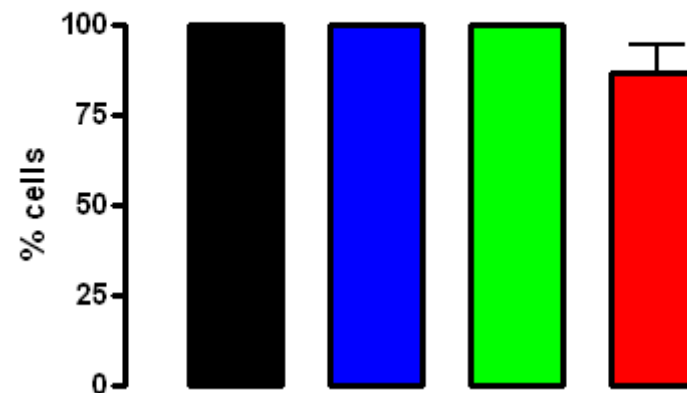
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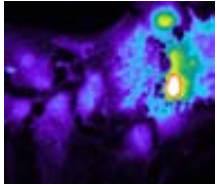


Magnitude of response



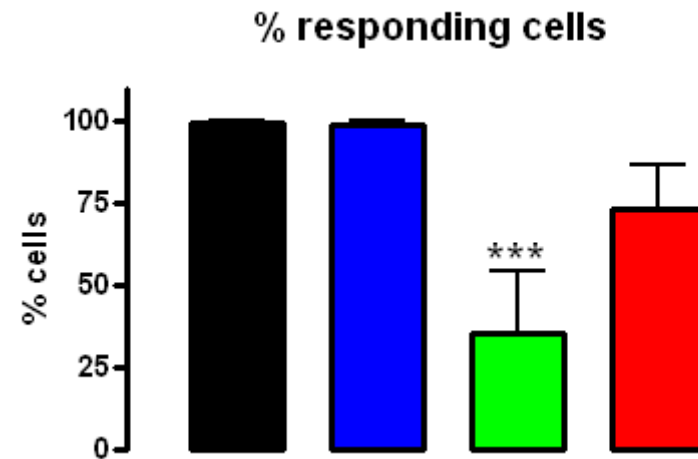
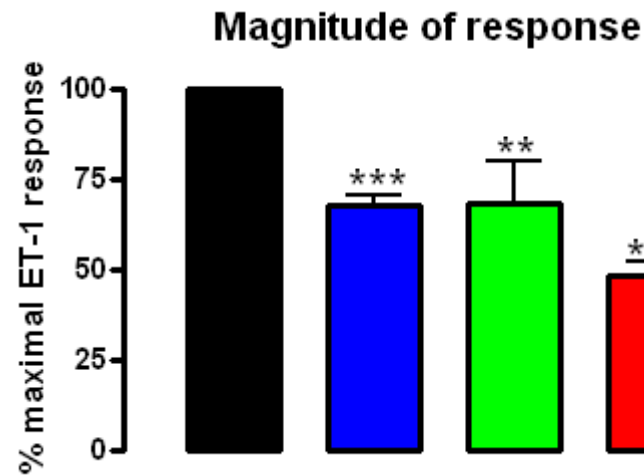
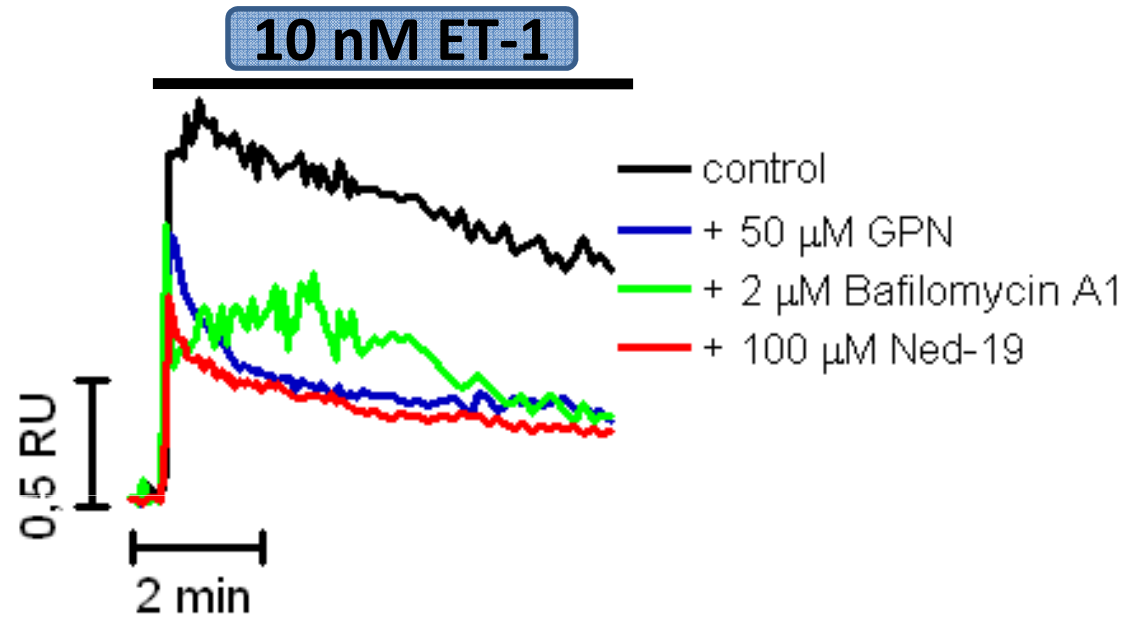
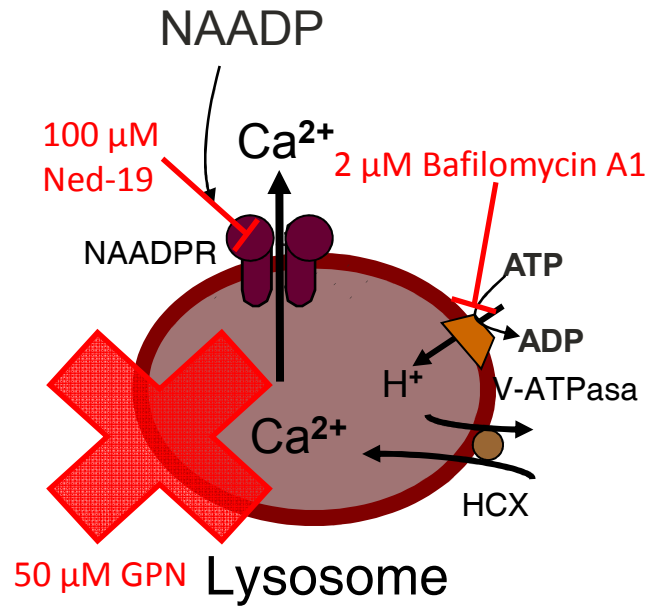
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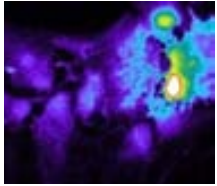




Endothelin-1-induced Ca^{2+} responses are mediated by NAADP and lysosomes

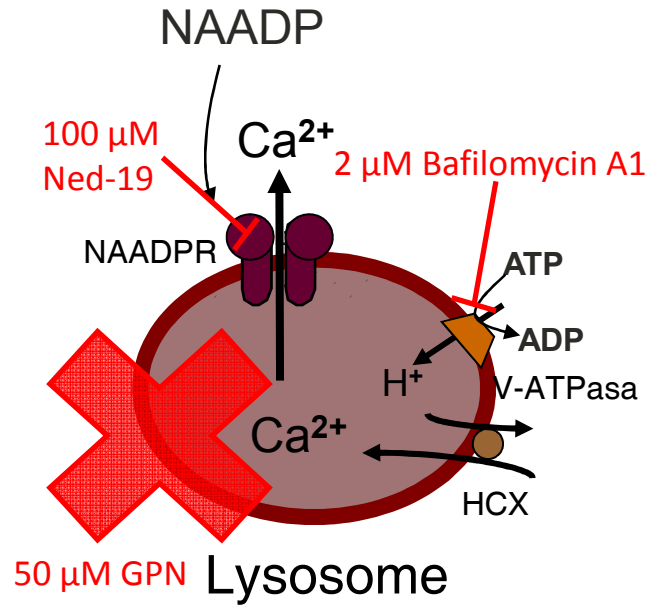
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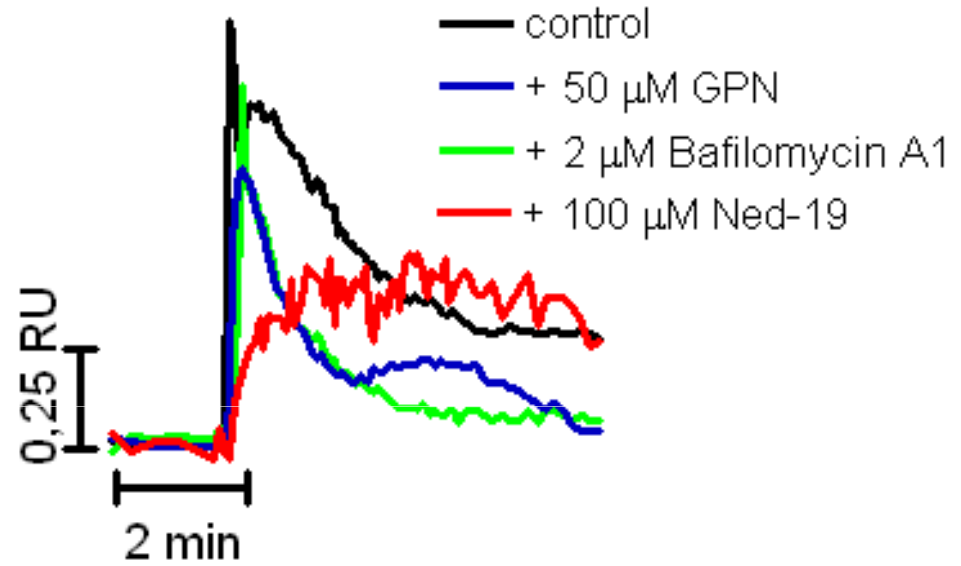


Acetylcholine-induced Ca^{2+} responses are mediated by NAADP and lysosomes

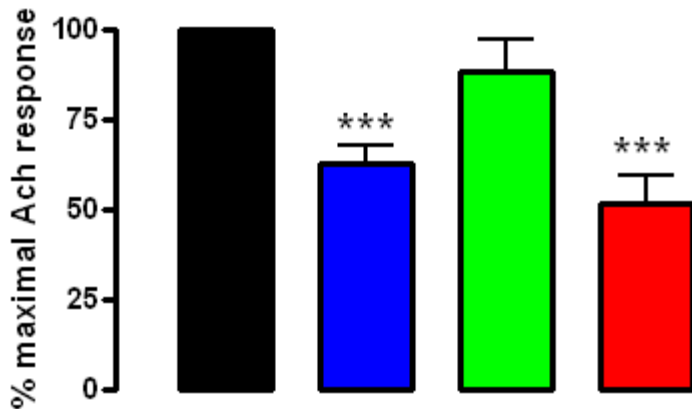
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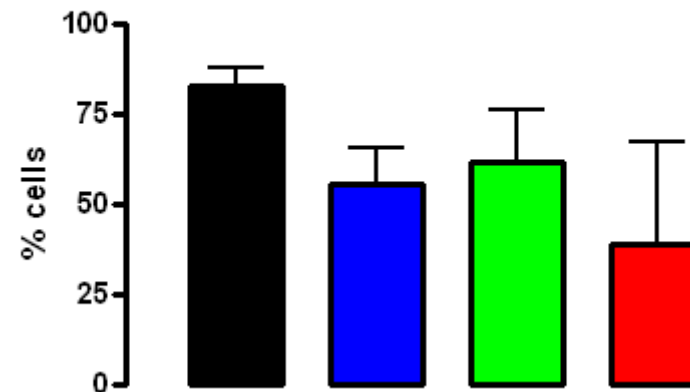
100 μM Acetylcholine

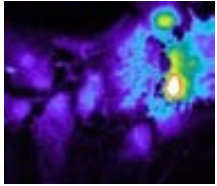


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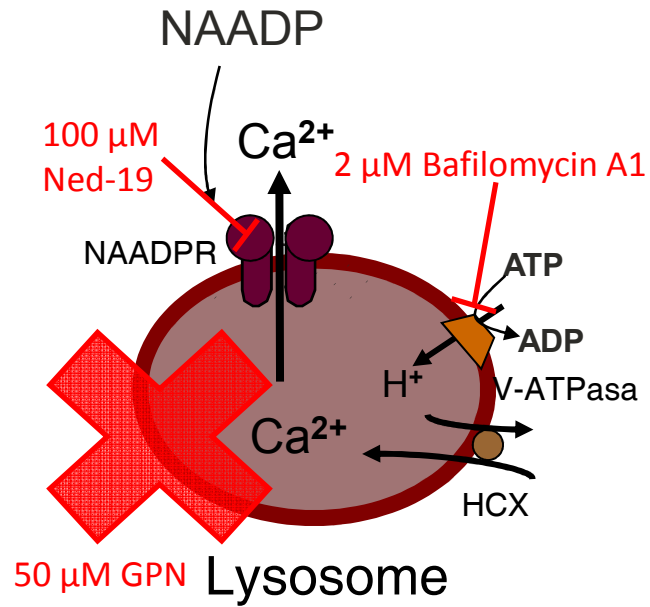
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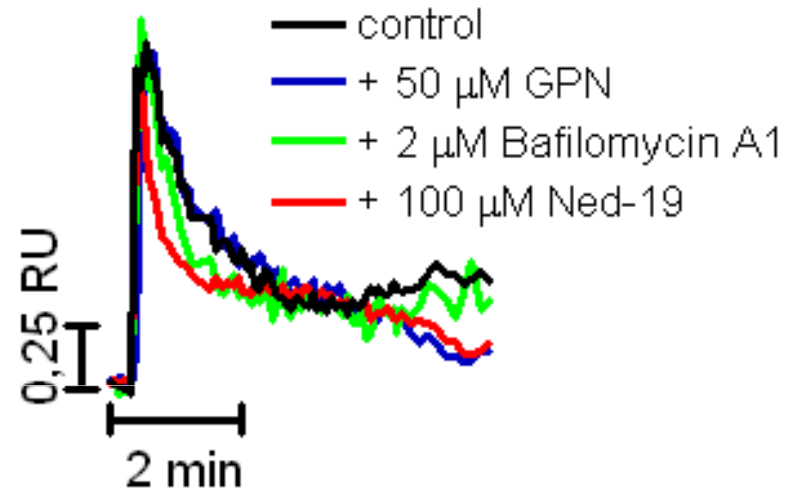


Bradykinin-induced Ca^{2+} responses ARE NOT mediated by NAADP and lysosomes

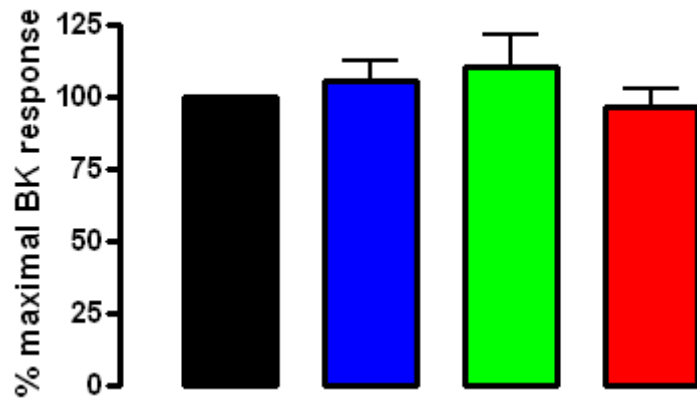
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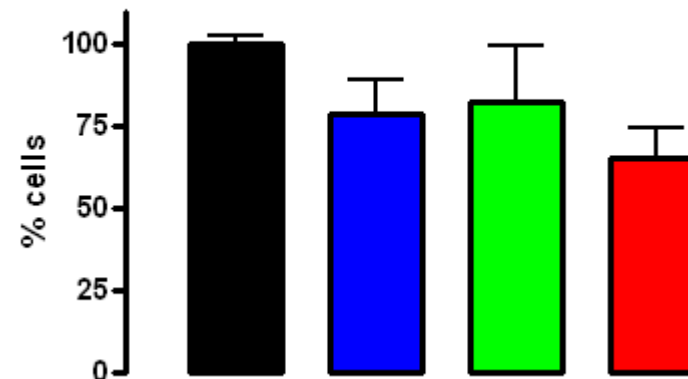
Bradykinin 1 μM

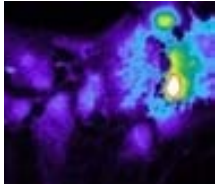


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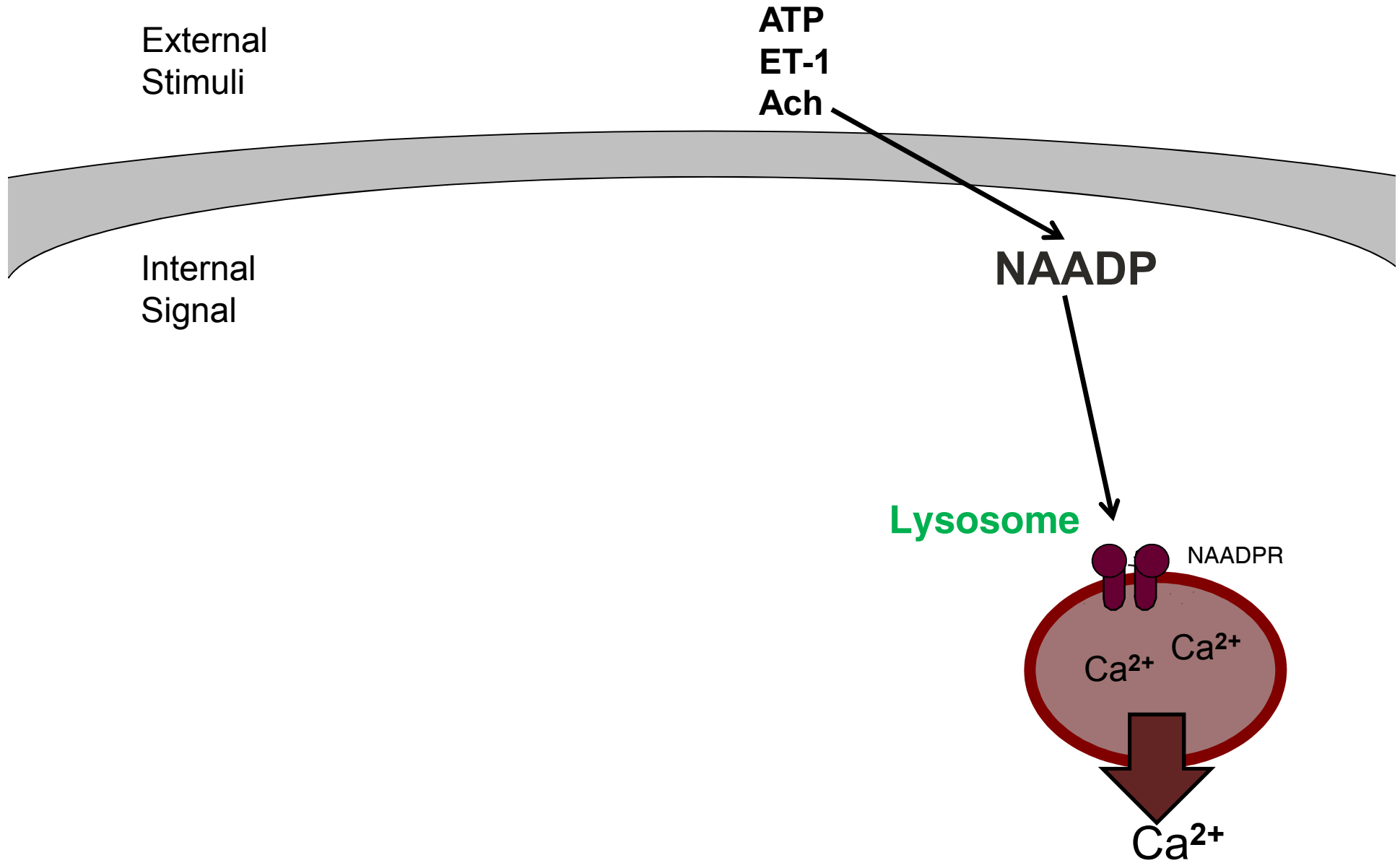
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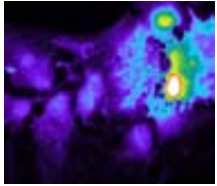




Some Neurotransmitters use NAADP signalling to induce Ca^{2+} responses in astrocytes

Discussion - II

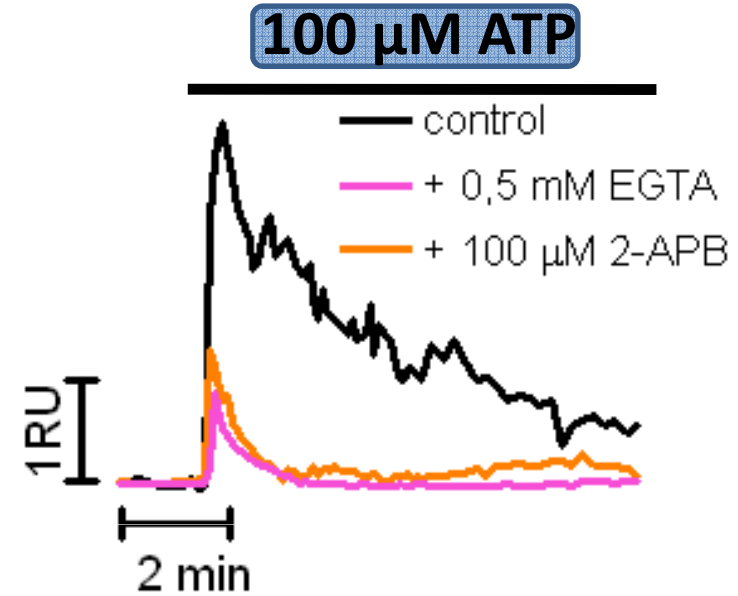
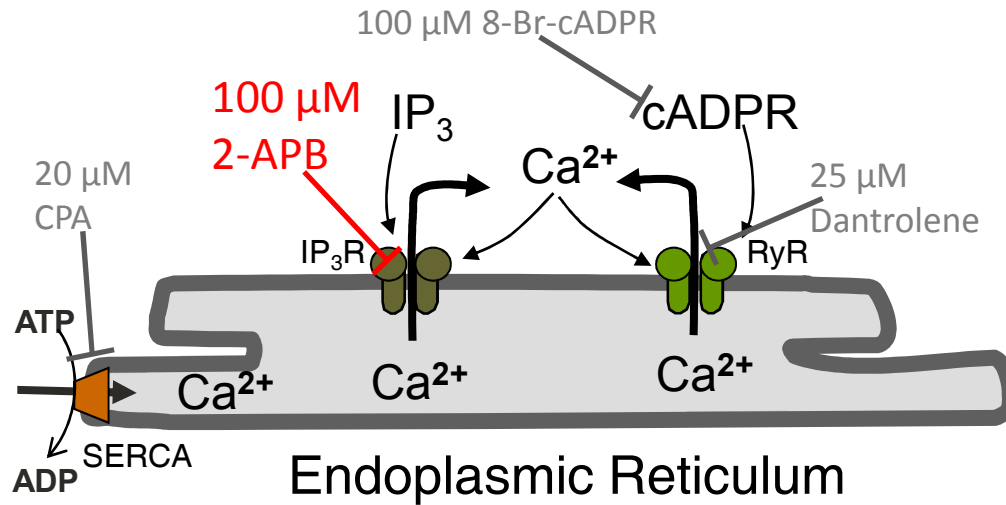




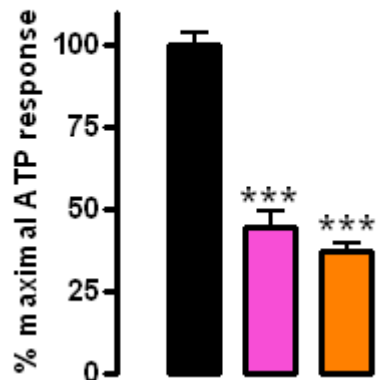
ATP-induced Ca^{2+} responses are also mediated by IP_3 signalling and extracellular Ca^{2+}

Results - II

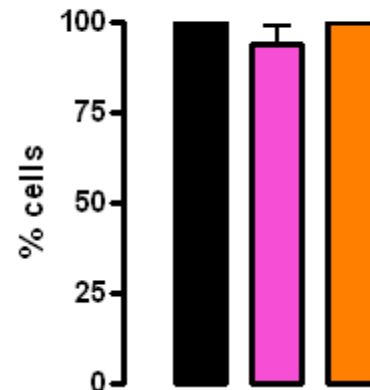
EGTA: extracellular Ca^{2+} chelator

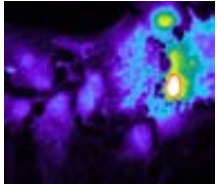


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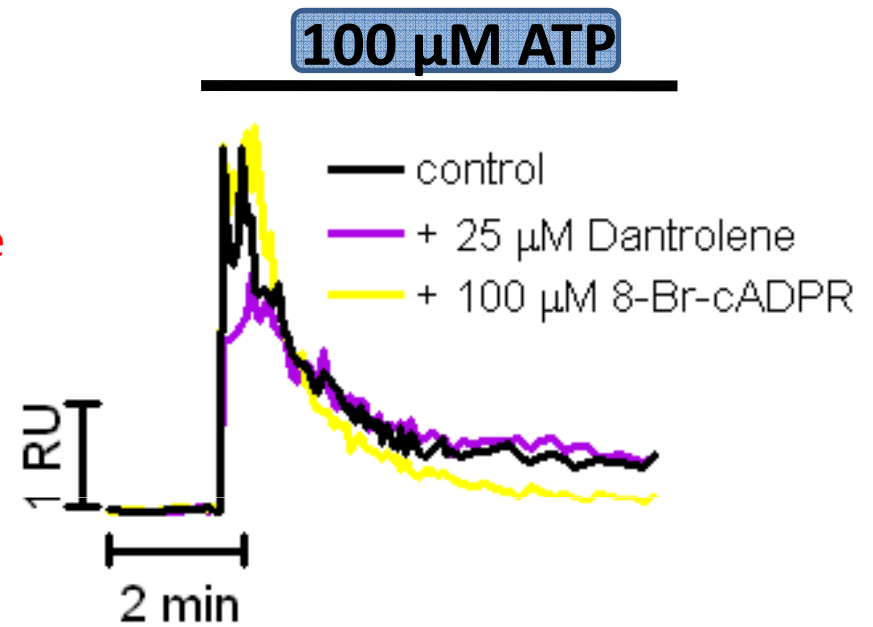
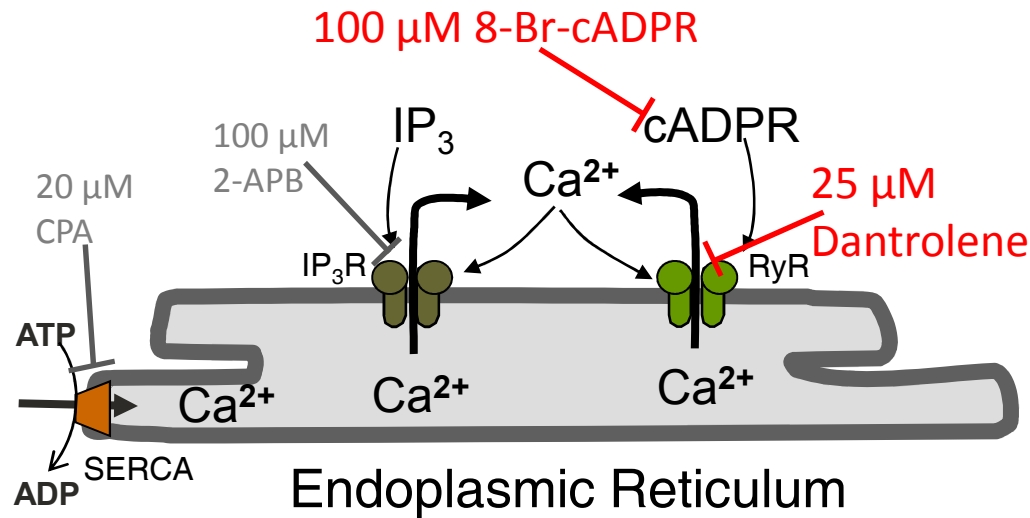
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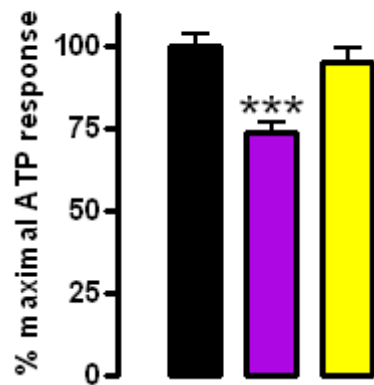


ATP-induced Ca^{2+} responses are slightly influenced by cADPR signalling and Ryanodine receptors

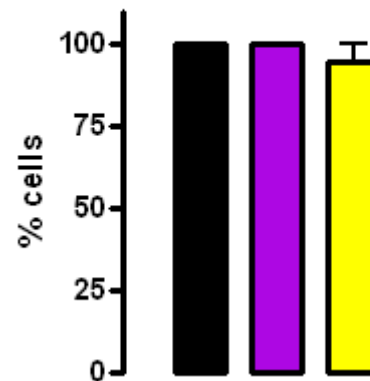
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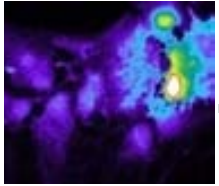


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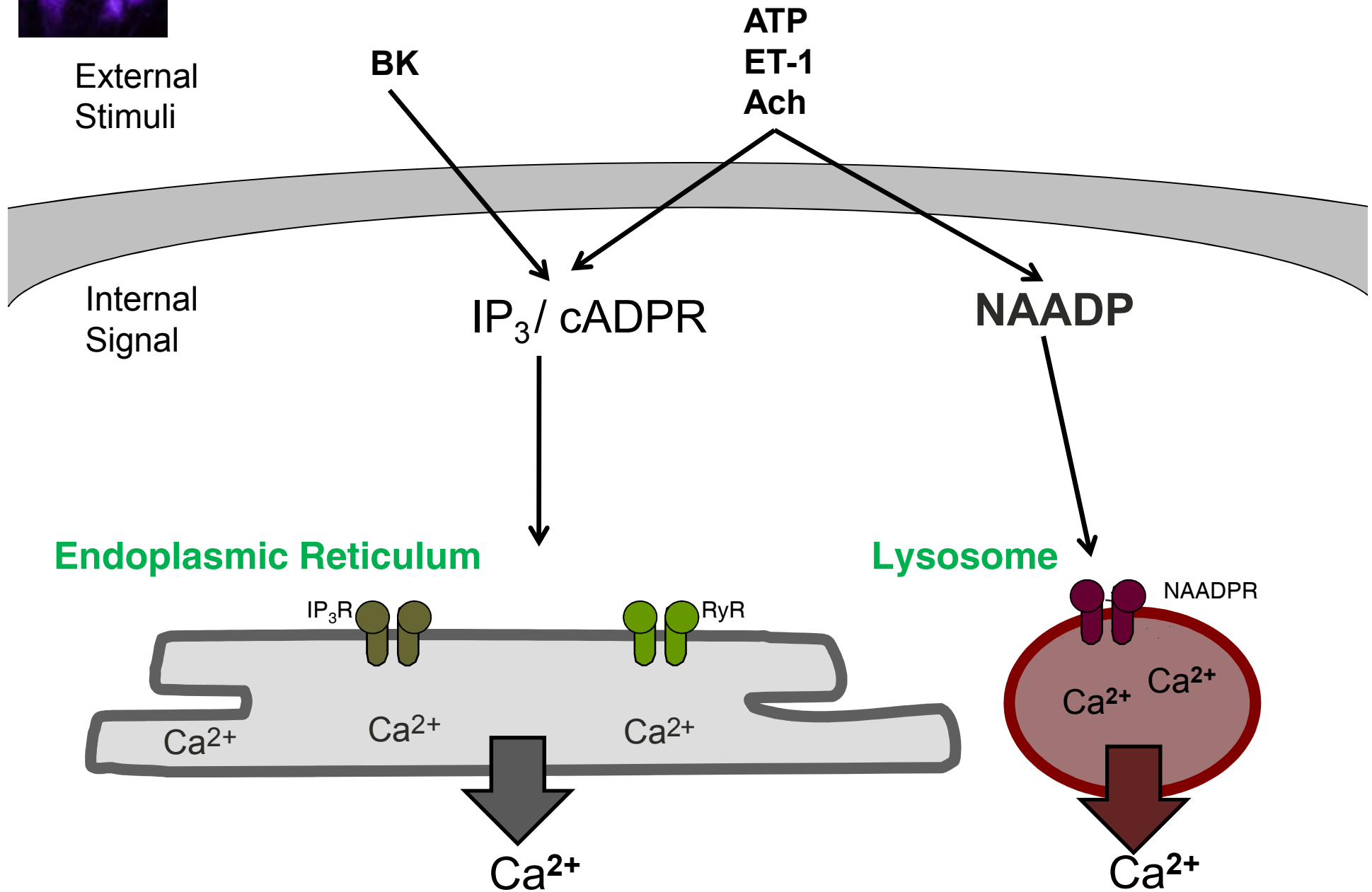
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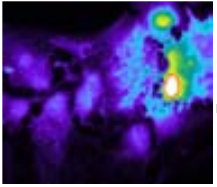




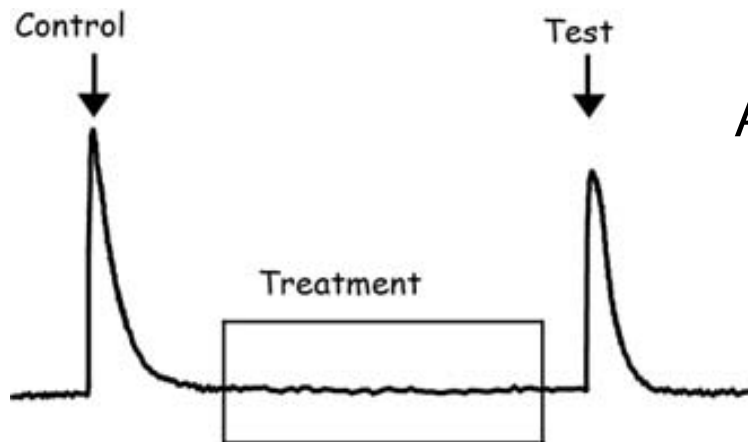
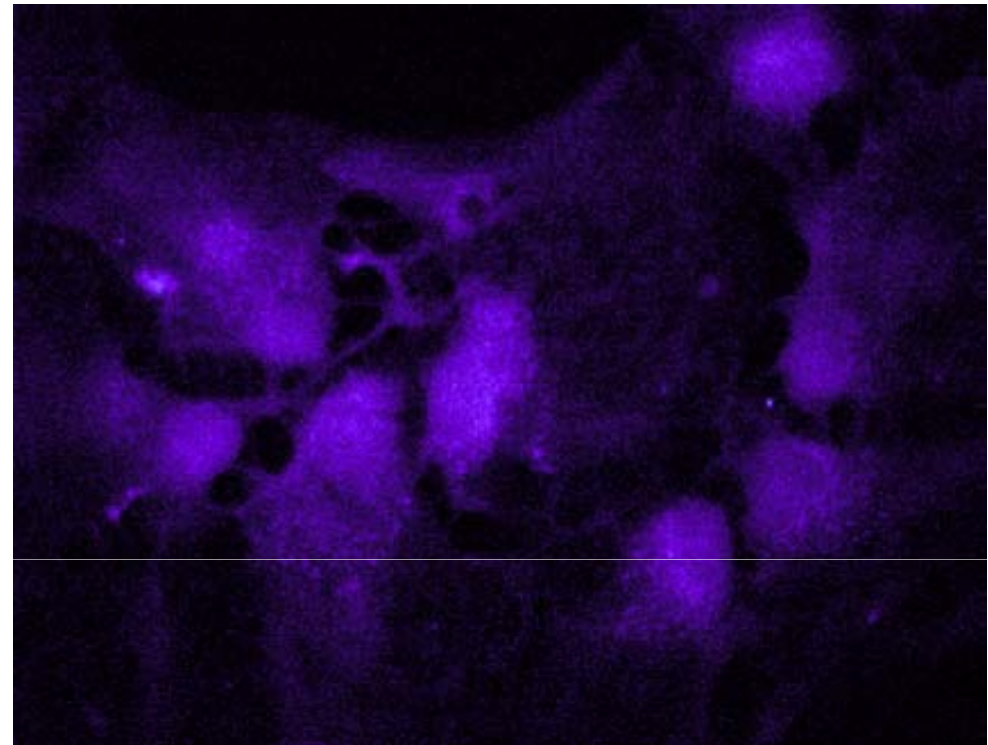
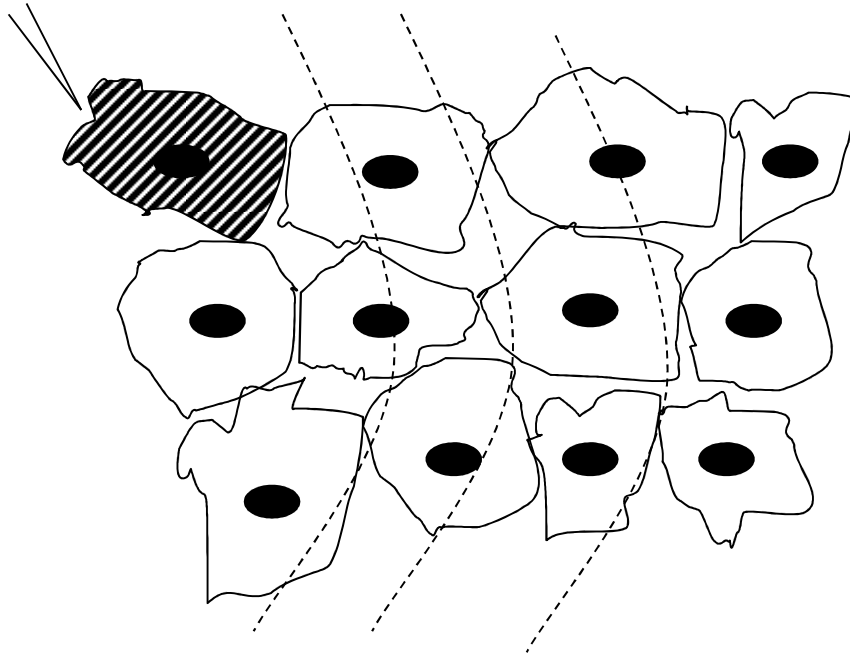
Not all neurotransmitters signal Ca^{2+} through NAADP

Discussion - II



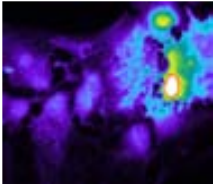


Mechanically-induced Ca²⁺ waves



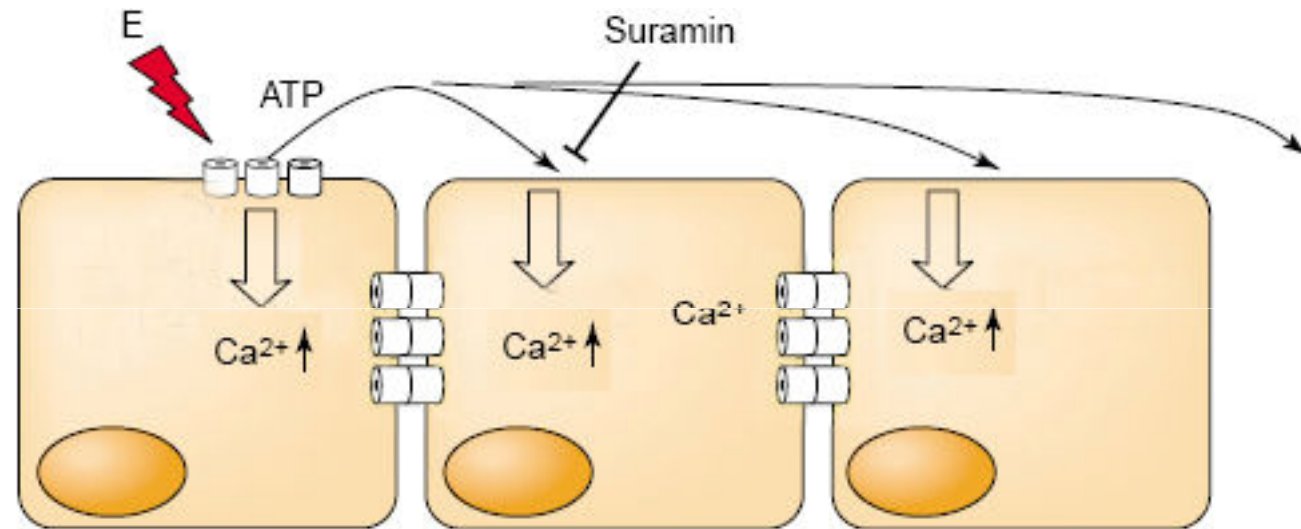
Analysed Parameters:

- magnitude of response of each cell
- number of responding cells
- velocity of propagation (Δ_{time} from stimulated cell)

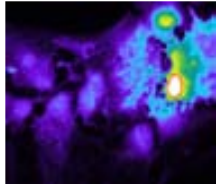


ATP release from astrocytes mediates the propagation of Ca^{2+} waves

Intro- III



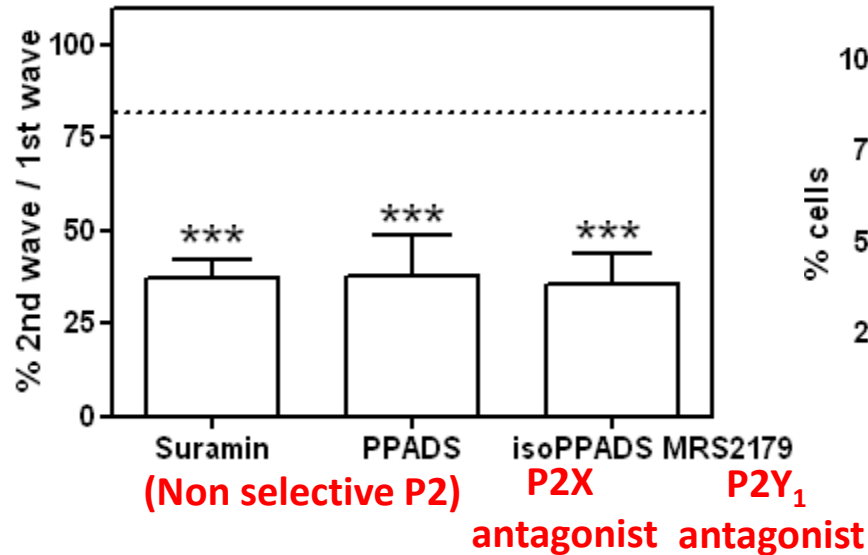
Bennett et al., (2003)



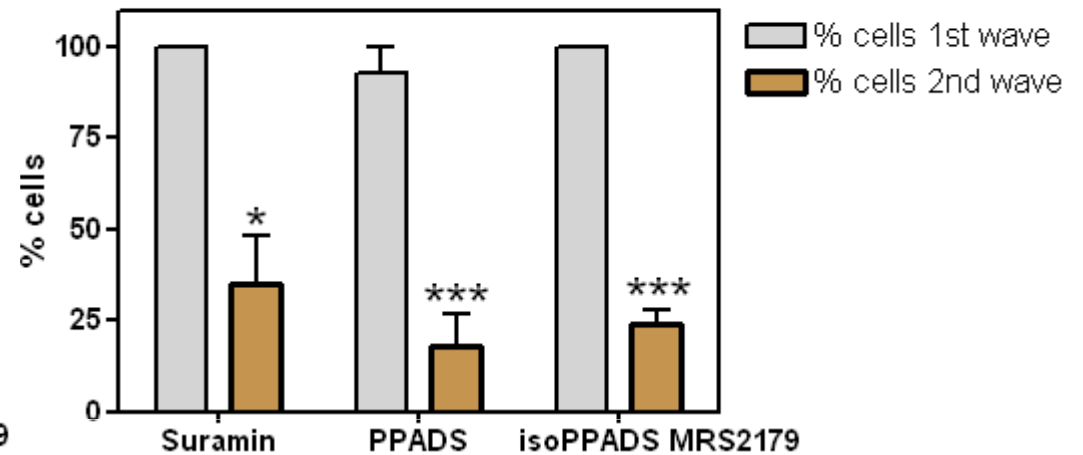
Purinergeric receptor activation is needed for Ca²⁺ wave propagation

Results - III

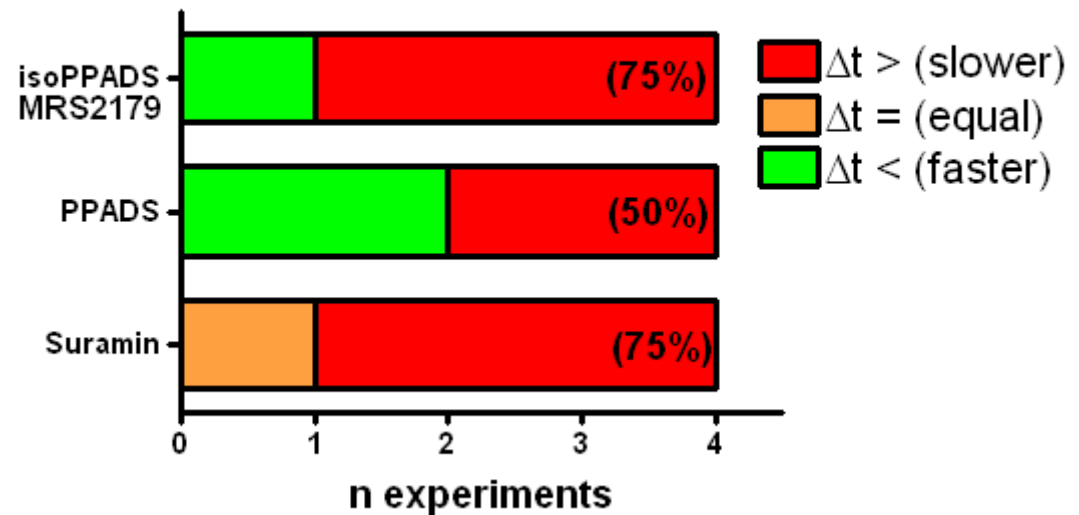
Magnitude of response

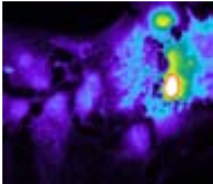


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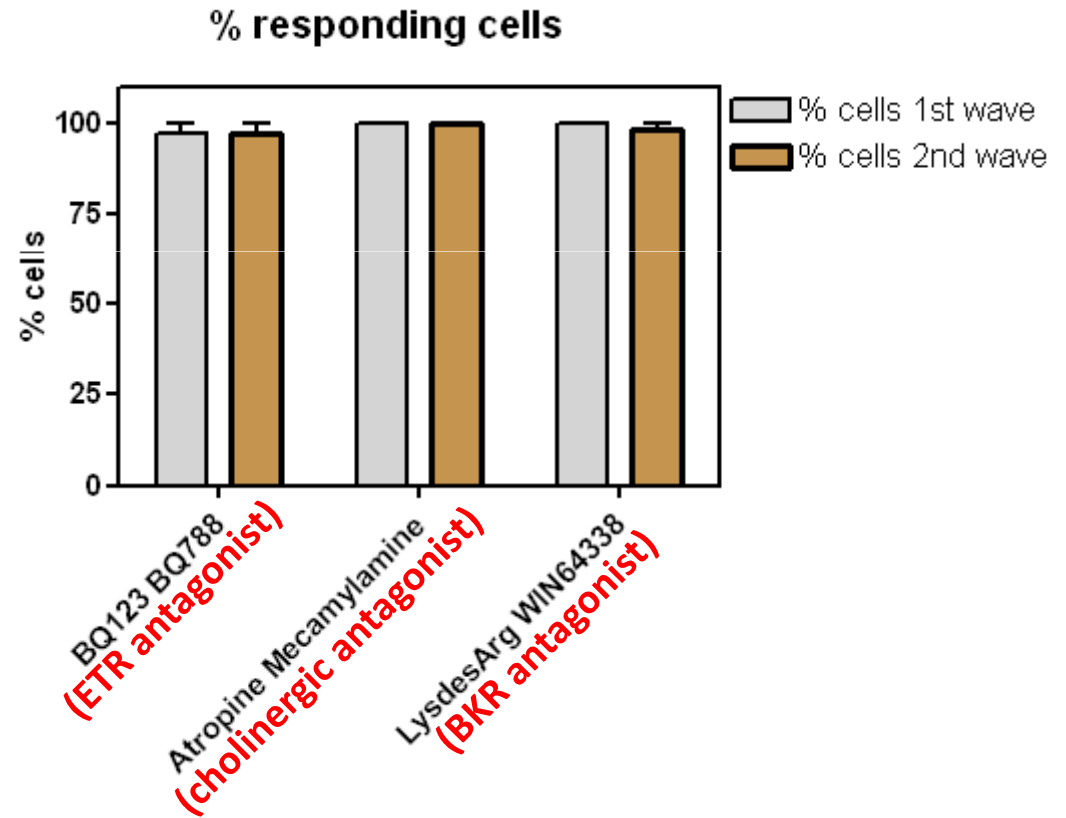
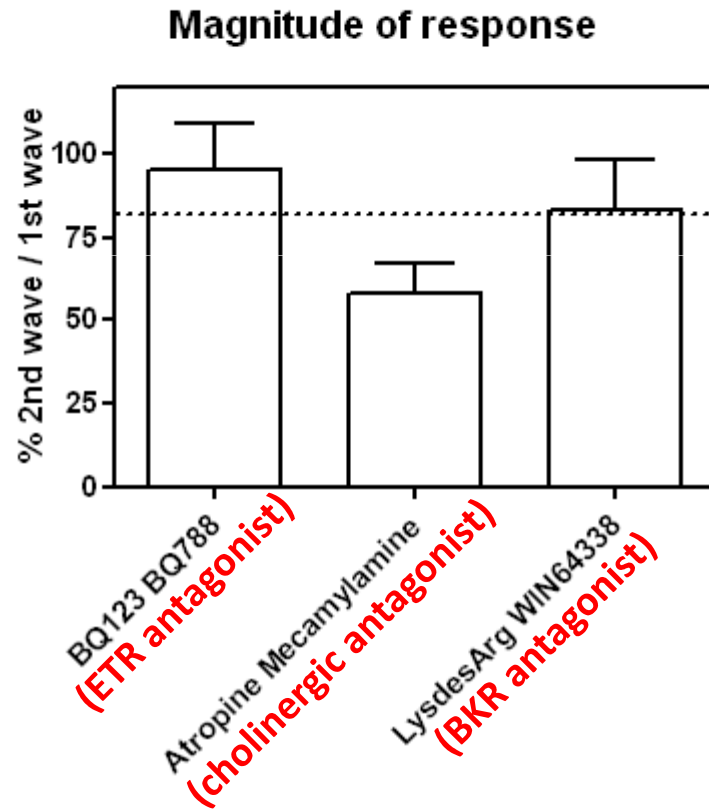
Velocity of Propagation

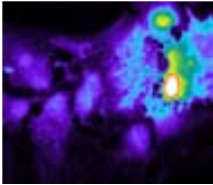




No need for ET-1, Ach or BK receptor activation in Ca²⁺ wave propagation

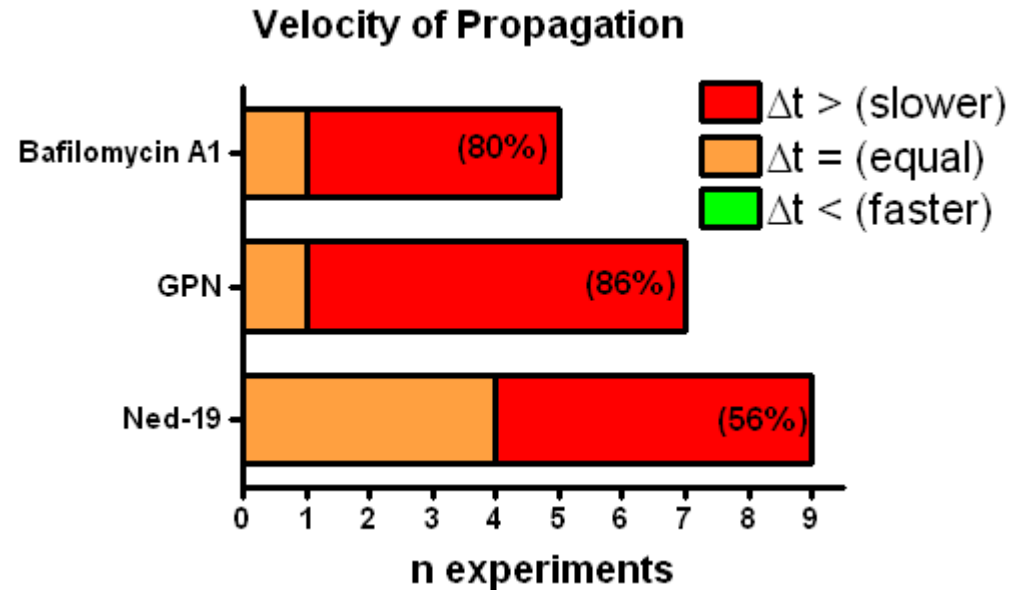
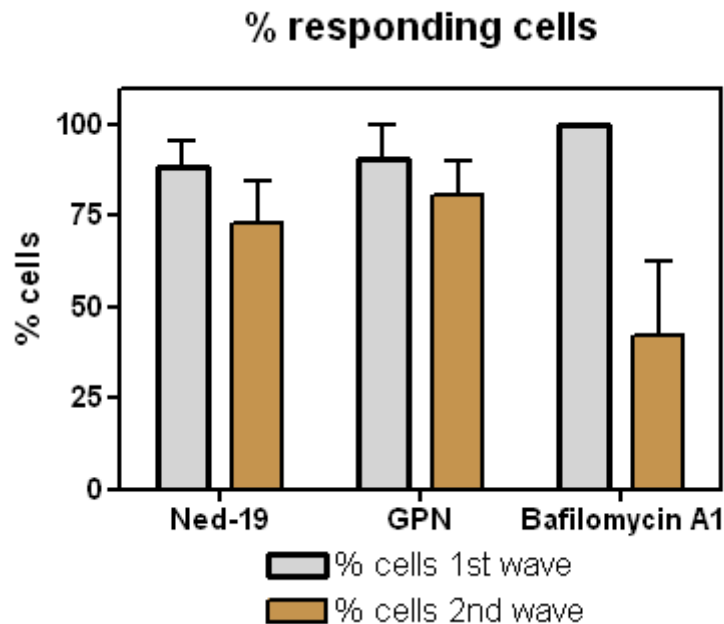
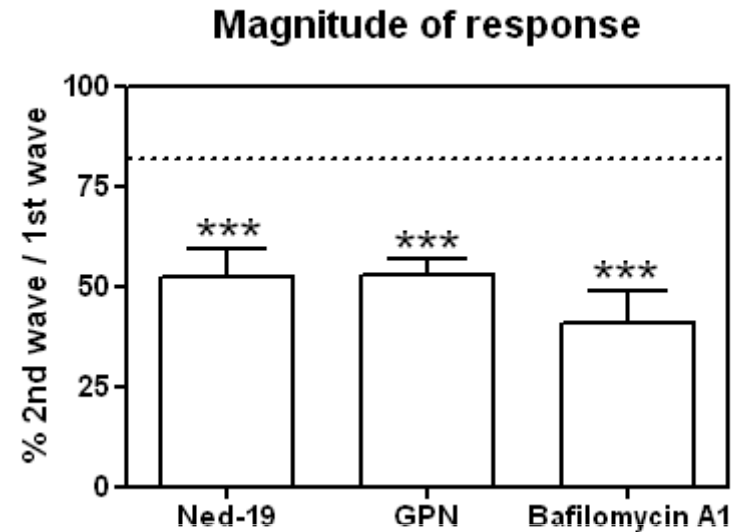
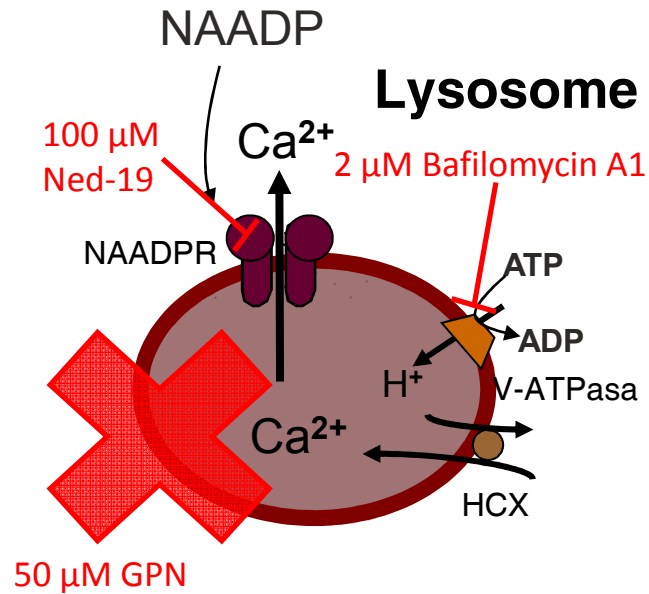
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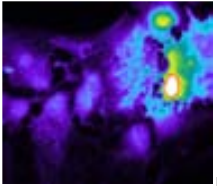




NAADP signalling and lysosomal Ca^{2+} participate in Ca^{2+} wave propagation

Results - III



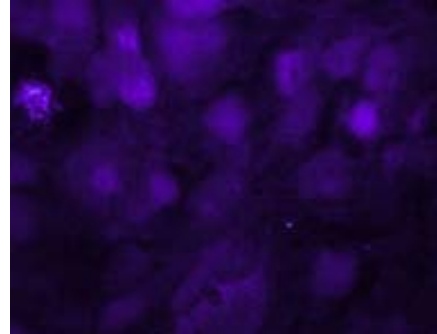
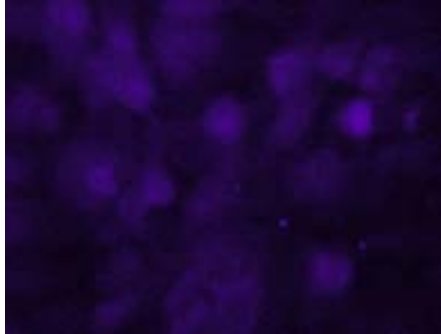


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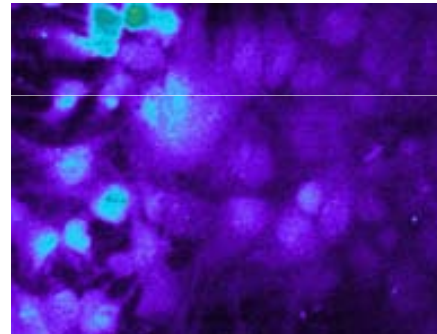
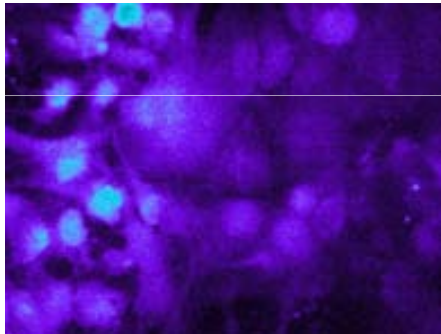
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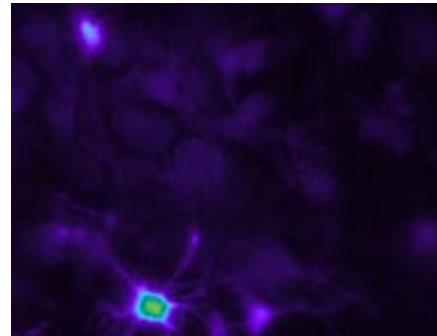
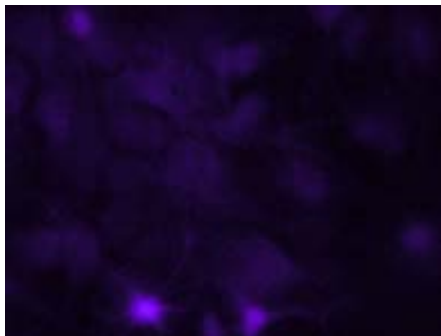
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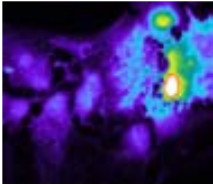
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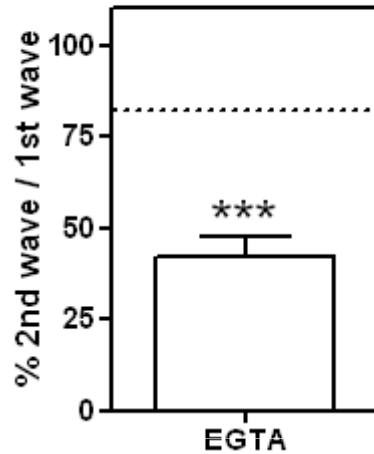
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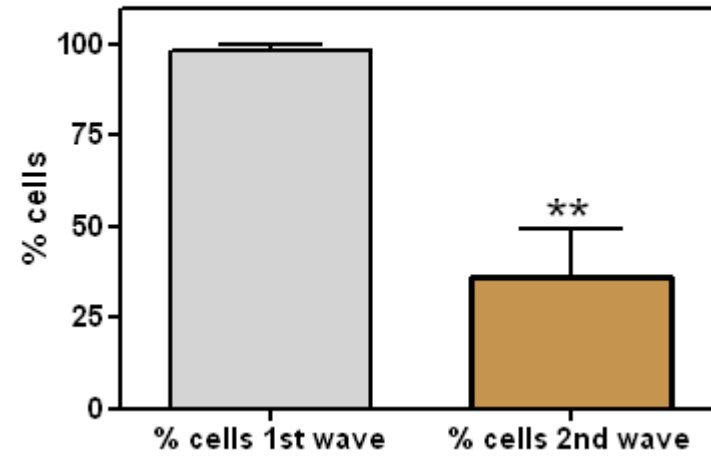
Extracellular Ca^{2+} is needed for Ca^{2+} wave propagation

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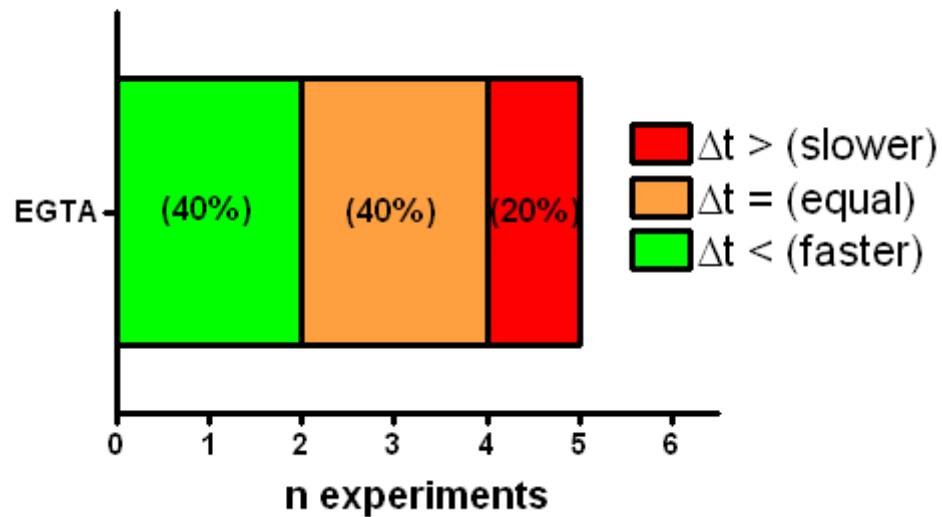
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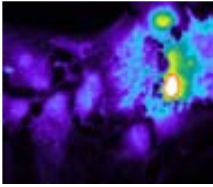


% responding cells



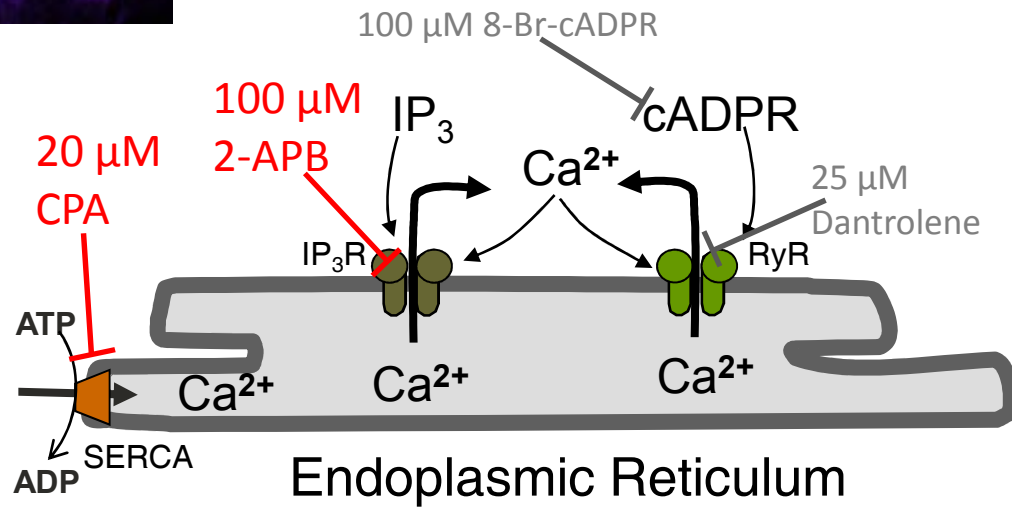
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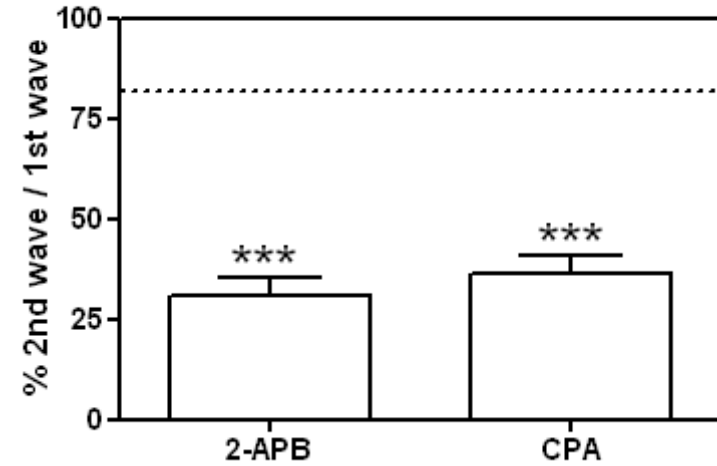


IP₃ signalling mediates Ca²⁺ wave propagation

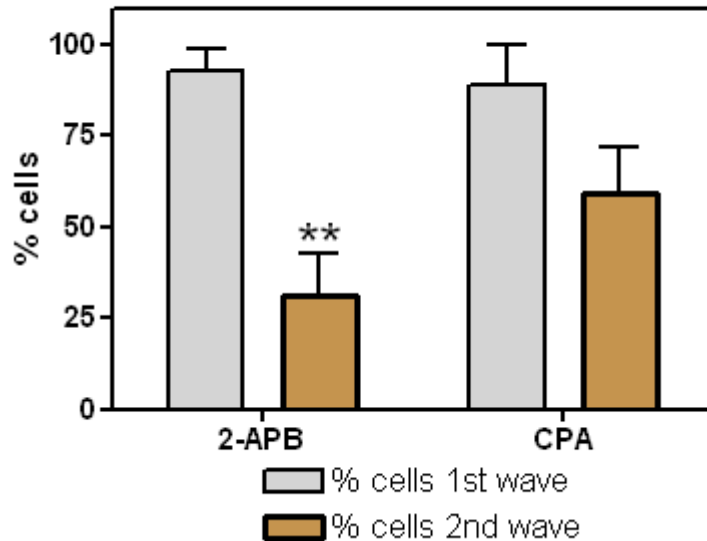
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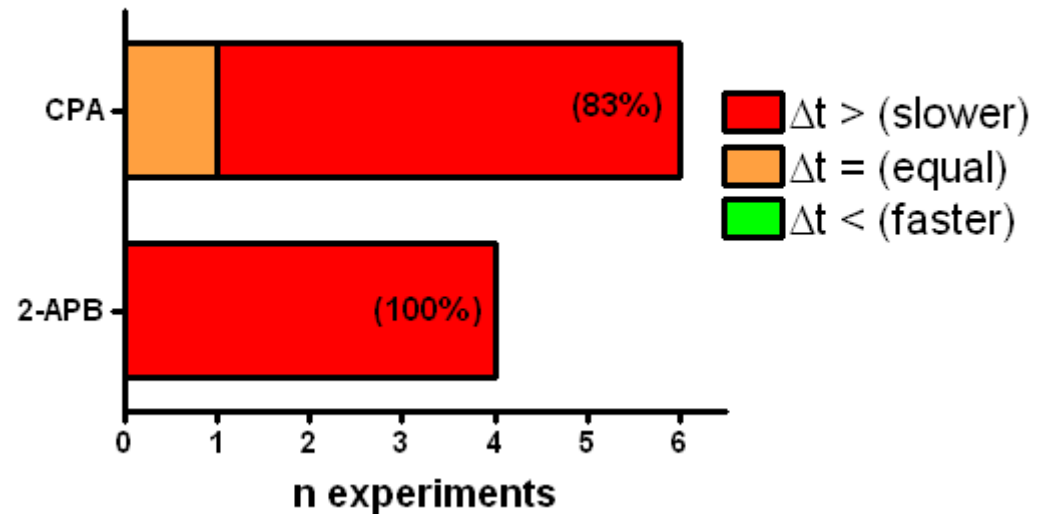
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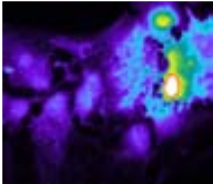


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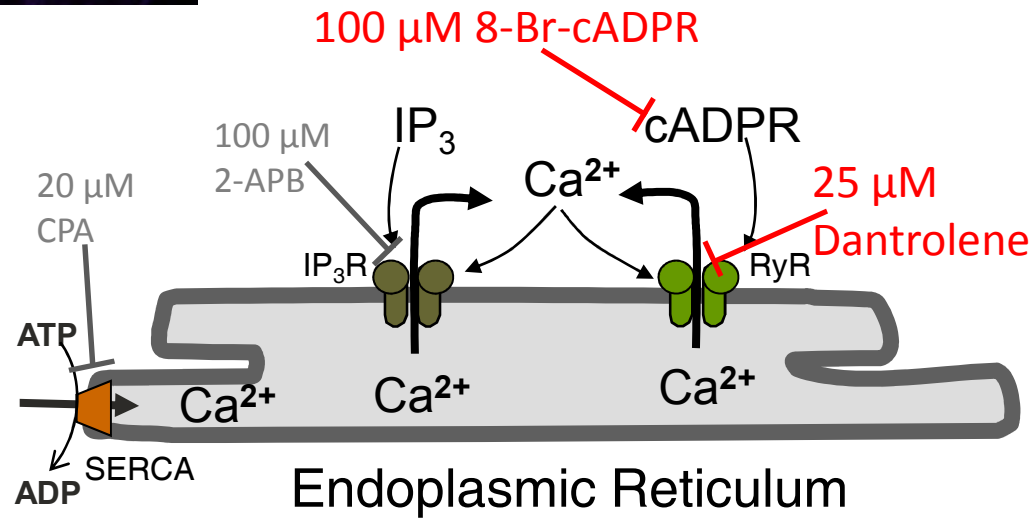
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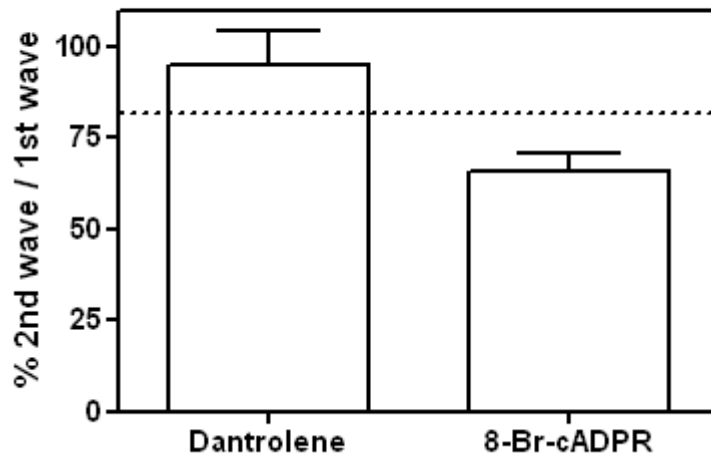


Ryr/cADPR signalling does not seem to take part in Ca^{2+} wave propagation

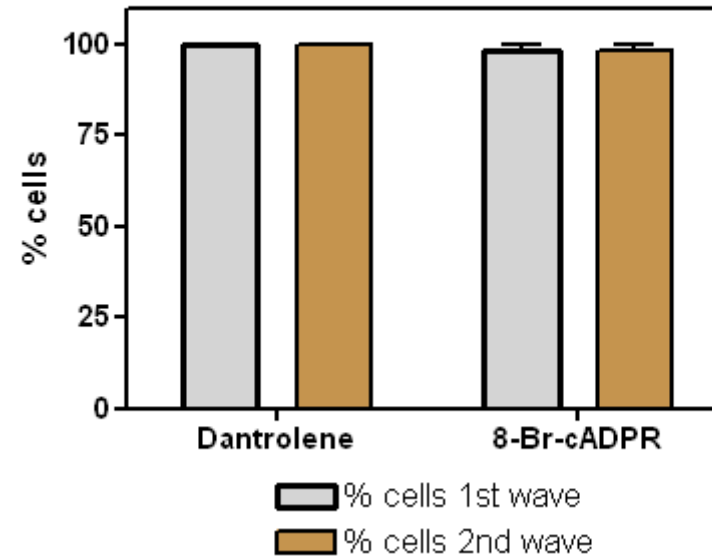
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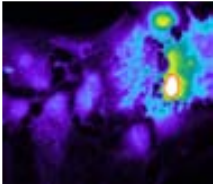


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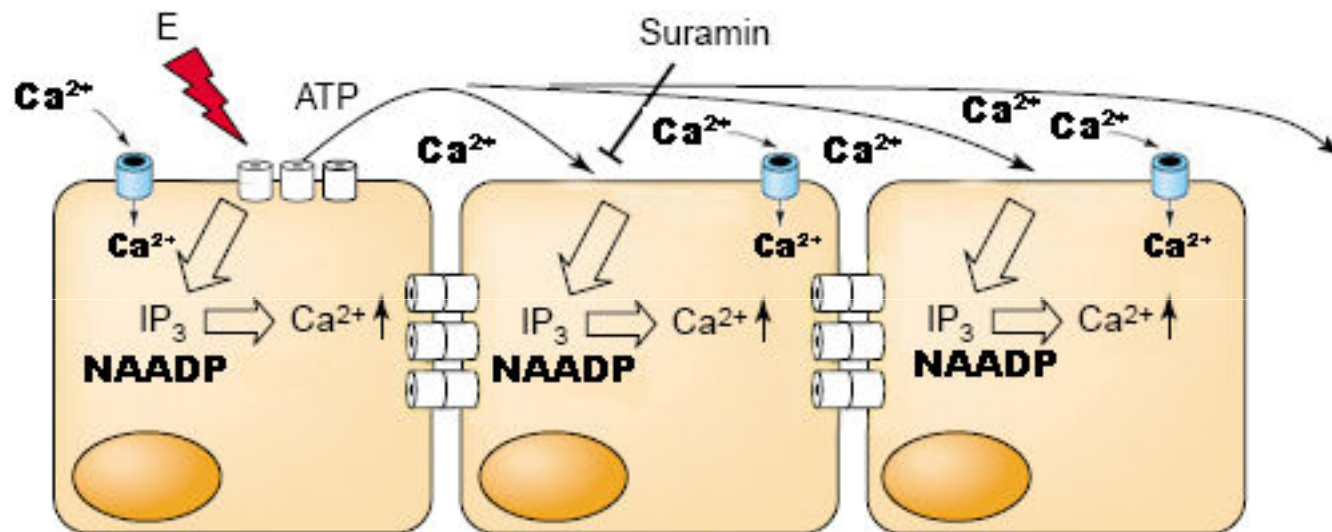
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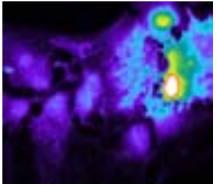




NAADP signalling participates in Ca^{2+} wave propagation through purinergic receptors

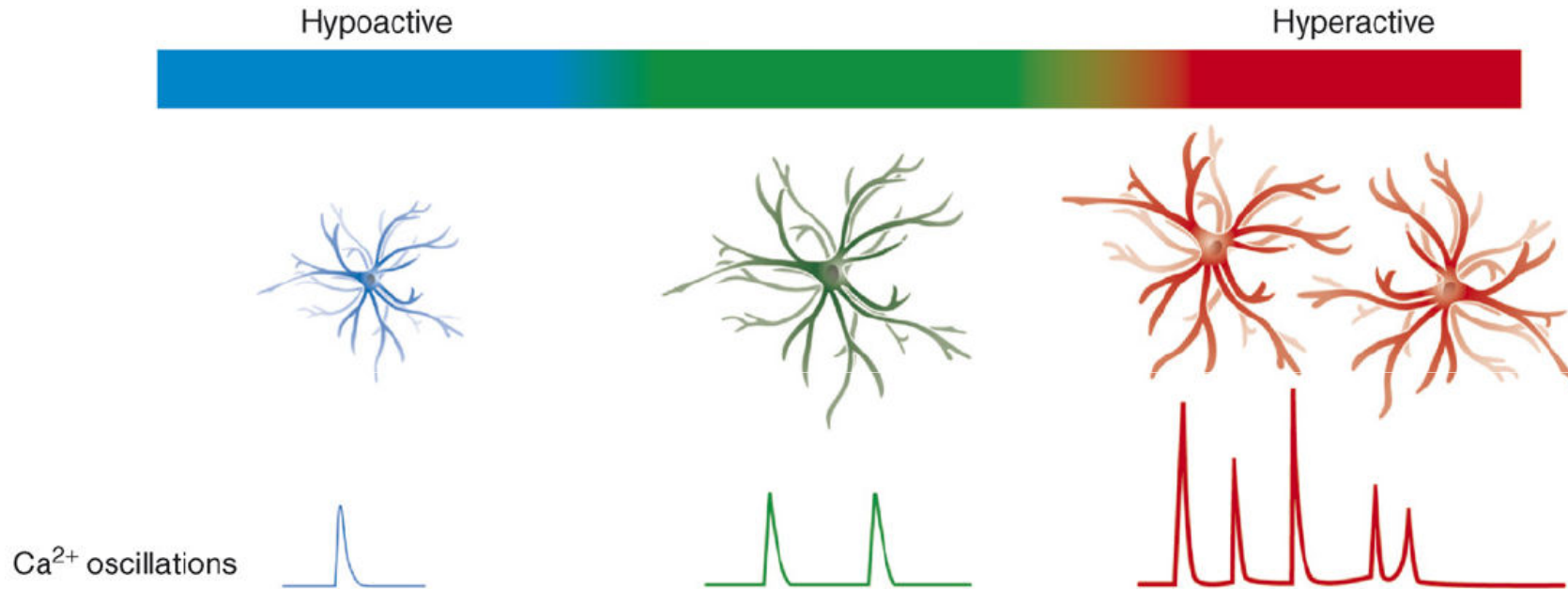
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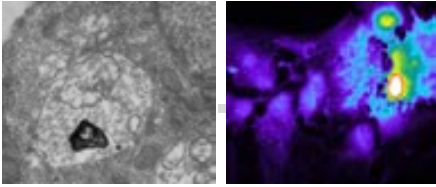
Does it all have any interest for clinical science?

Astrocytic Ca^{2+} activation spectrum: a biological model

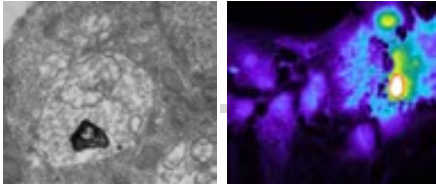


NAADP modulates astrocyte Ca^{2+} excitability

NAADP and lysosomal Ca^{2+} may be effective pharmacological targets



1. CHO MT58 cells at 40 °C undergo a rapid inhibition of PtdCho synthesis, followed by a decrease in the mass of PtdCho and a loss of viability.
2. Cell death caused by inhibition of PtdCho synthesis takes place with very little chromatin condensation and DNA degradation, together with no activation of caspase-3. Therefore, cells die by a non apoptotic mechanism.
3. Inhibition of PtdCho synthesis involves overexpression of cathepsin D and the appearance of big autophagic vesicles with high levels of LC3-II. High LC3-II over time shows that inhibition of PtdCho synthesis blocks the progress of autophagy.



4. Astrocyte lysosomes contain Ca^{2+} and express NAADP receptors that can be activated by a cell permeable analogue of NAADP, NAADP-AM.
5. The neurotransmitters ATP, Endothelin-1 and Acetylcholine induce Ca^{2+} responses that in part are due to NAADP-mediated Ca^{2+} release from lysosomes.
6. The propagation of Ca^{2+} waves in rat cortical astrocytes requires the activation of purinergic receptors, but it does not depend on endothelin, cholinergic or bradykinin receptors.
7. NAADP-mediated Ca^{2+} release from lysosomes has a key role in the astrocytic excitability by modulating the velocity of propagation of Ca^{2+} waves, as well as the strength of response.