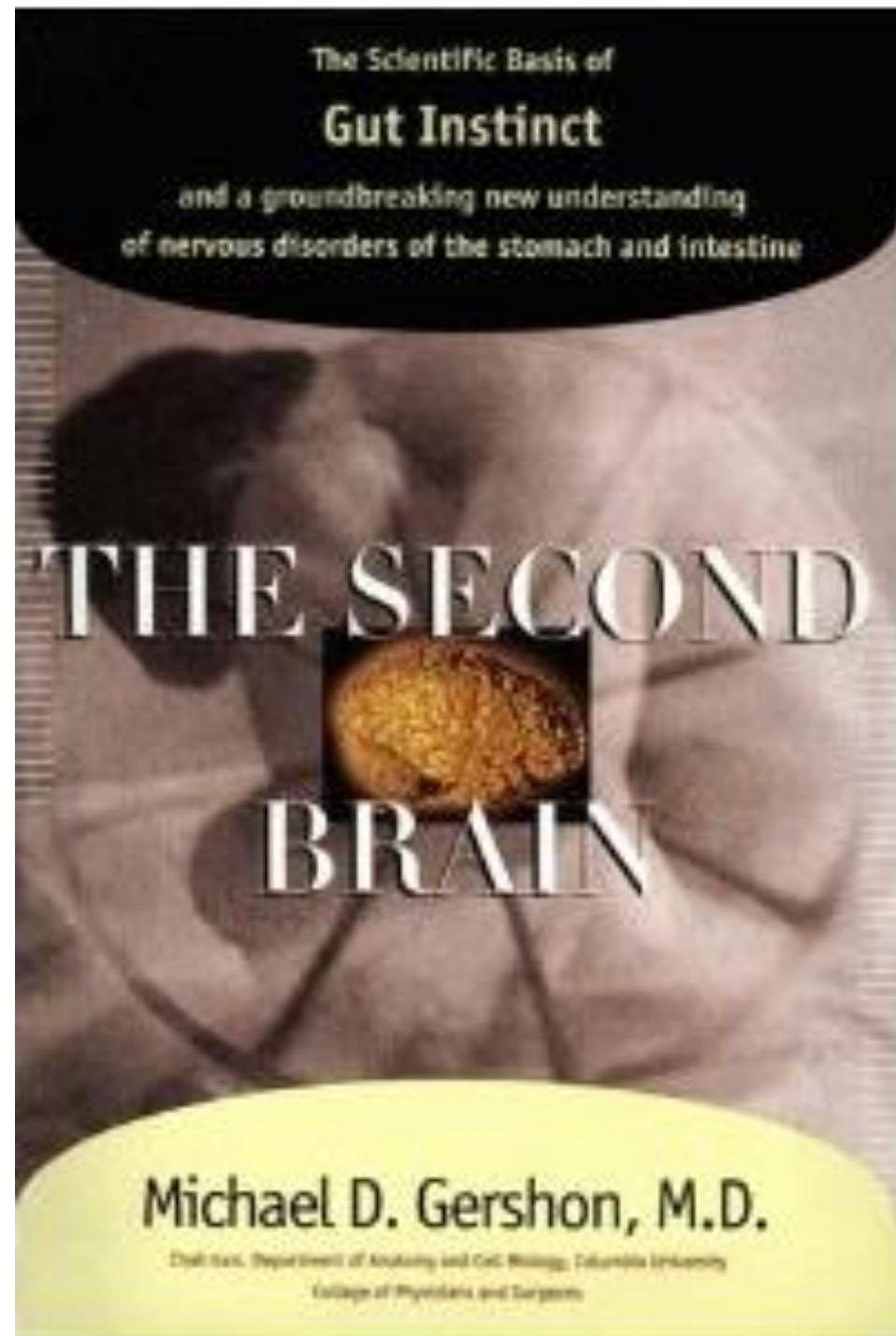


The Scientific Basis of

Gut Instinct

and a groundbreaking new understanding
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Swapping guts for brain

Expensive tissue hypothesis
Leslie Aiello



Australopithecus

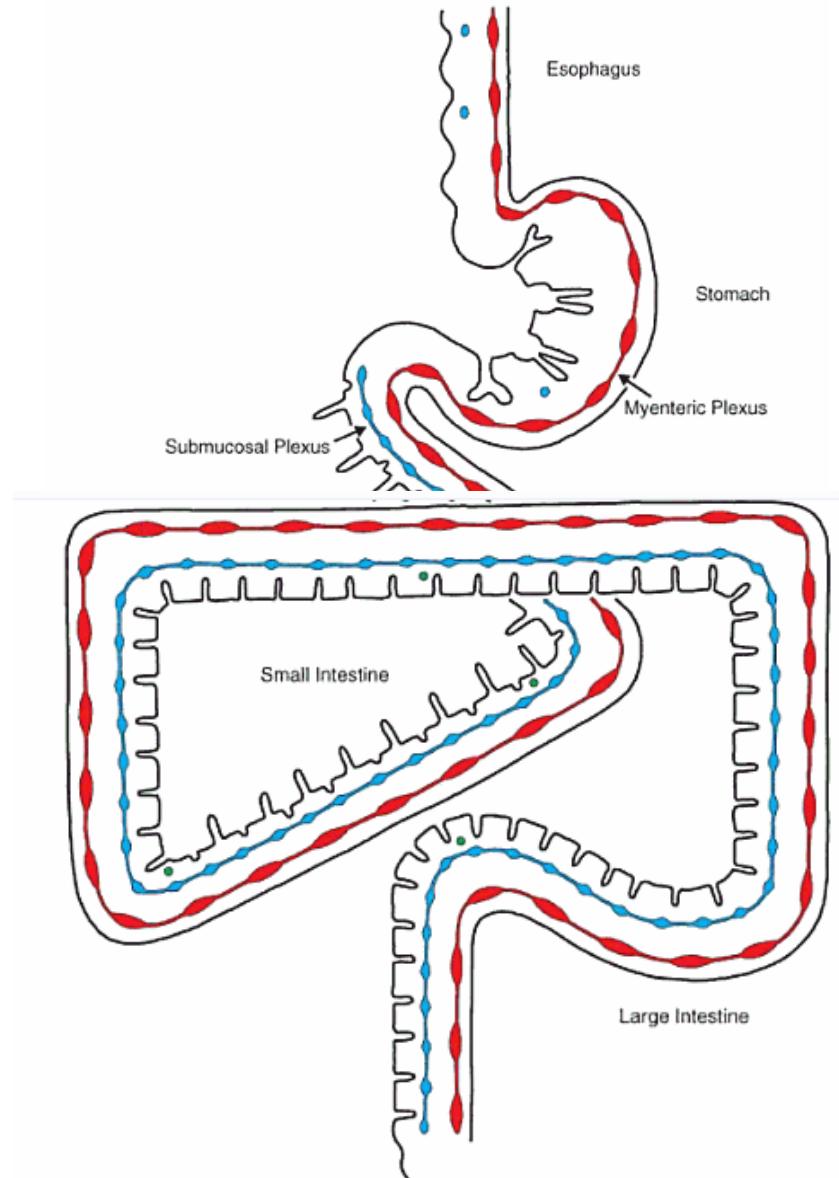


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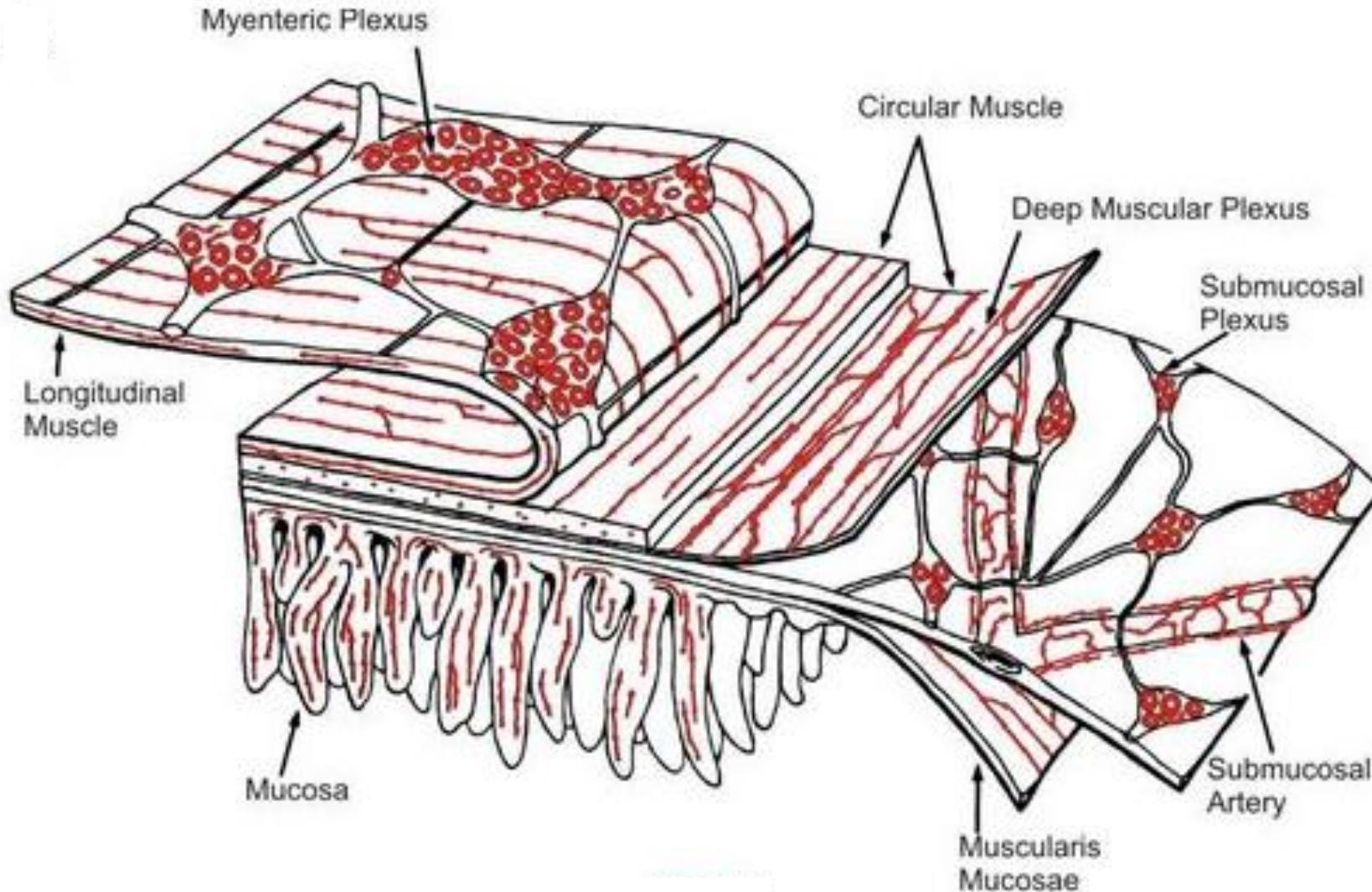
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Gut: dynamic muscular tube

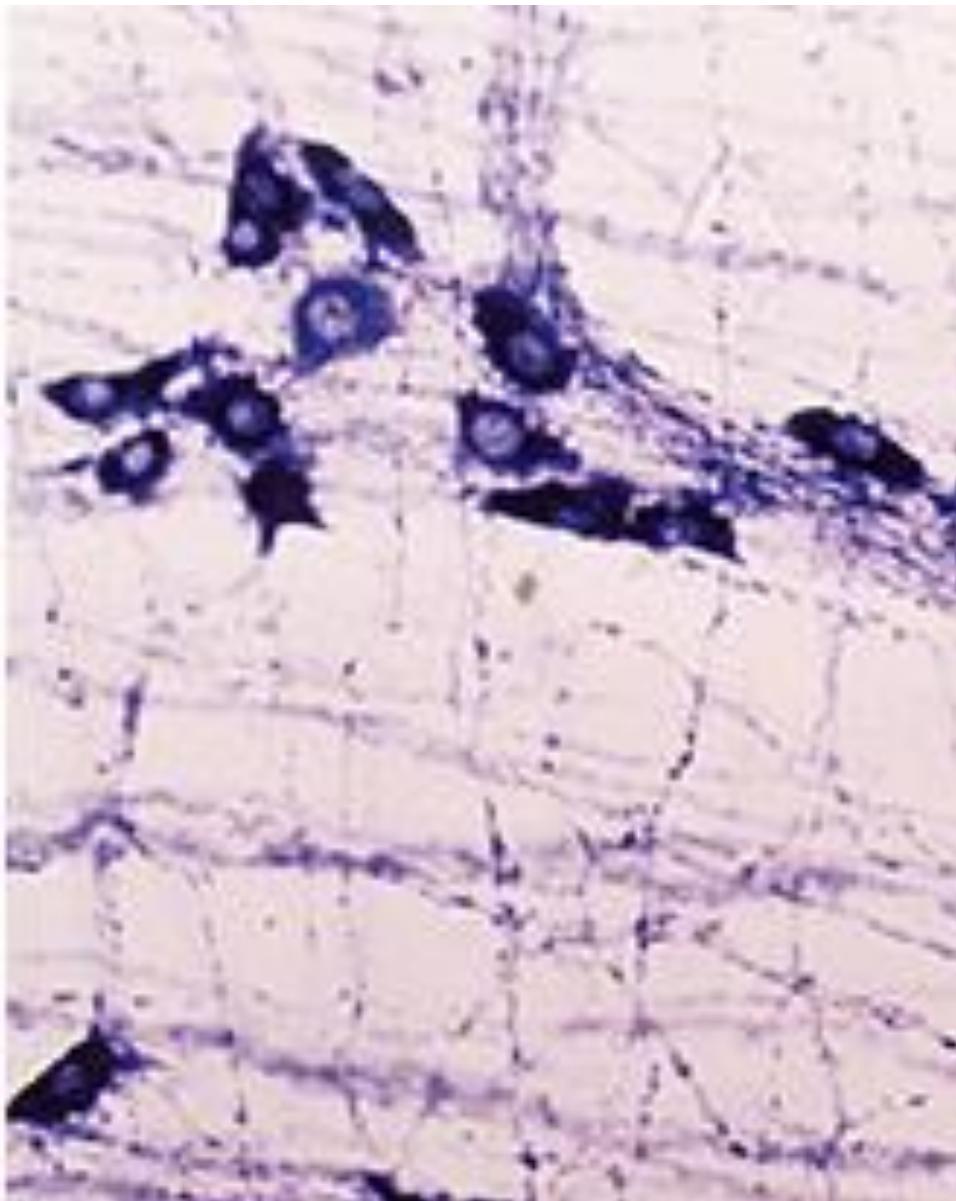


Enteric Nervous System
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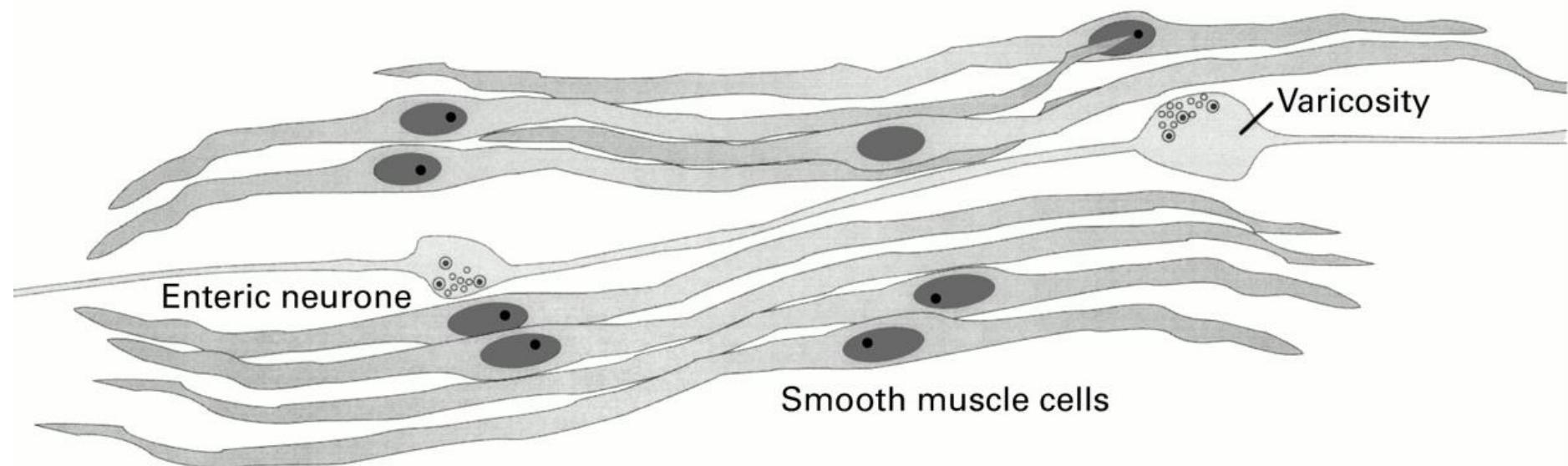
Rather monotonous architecture: enteric nervous system



Nerve terminal in laminar preparation



Neuro-Smooth muscle neuromuscular junction



Who is a Longshoreman?



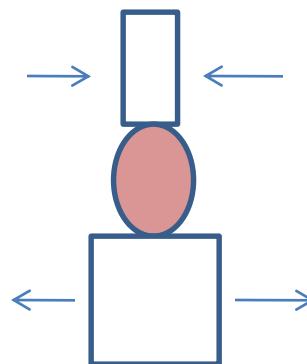
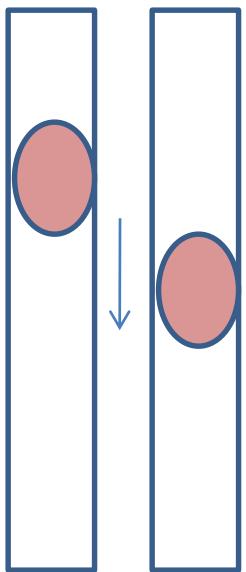
A longshoreman in enteric nerve terminal

Arun Chaudhury

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Law of intestine: peristalsis

Can we swallow during *shirhasan*?

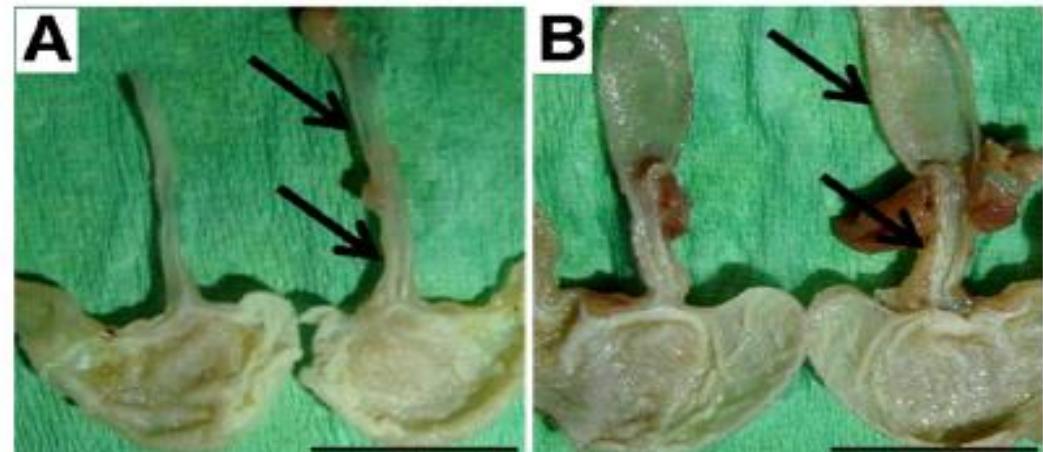


Major NM neurotransmitters in gut

- Excitatory: ACh, Substance P
- Inhibitory: ATP, VIP, NO

Inhibitory neurotransmission critical in gut NMJ

Achalasia: Failure of LES to relax

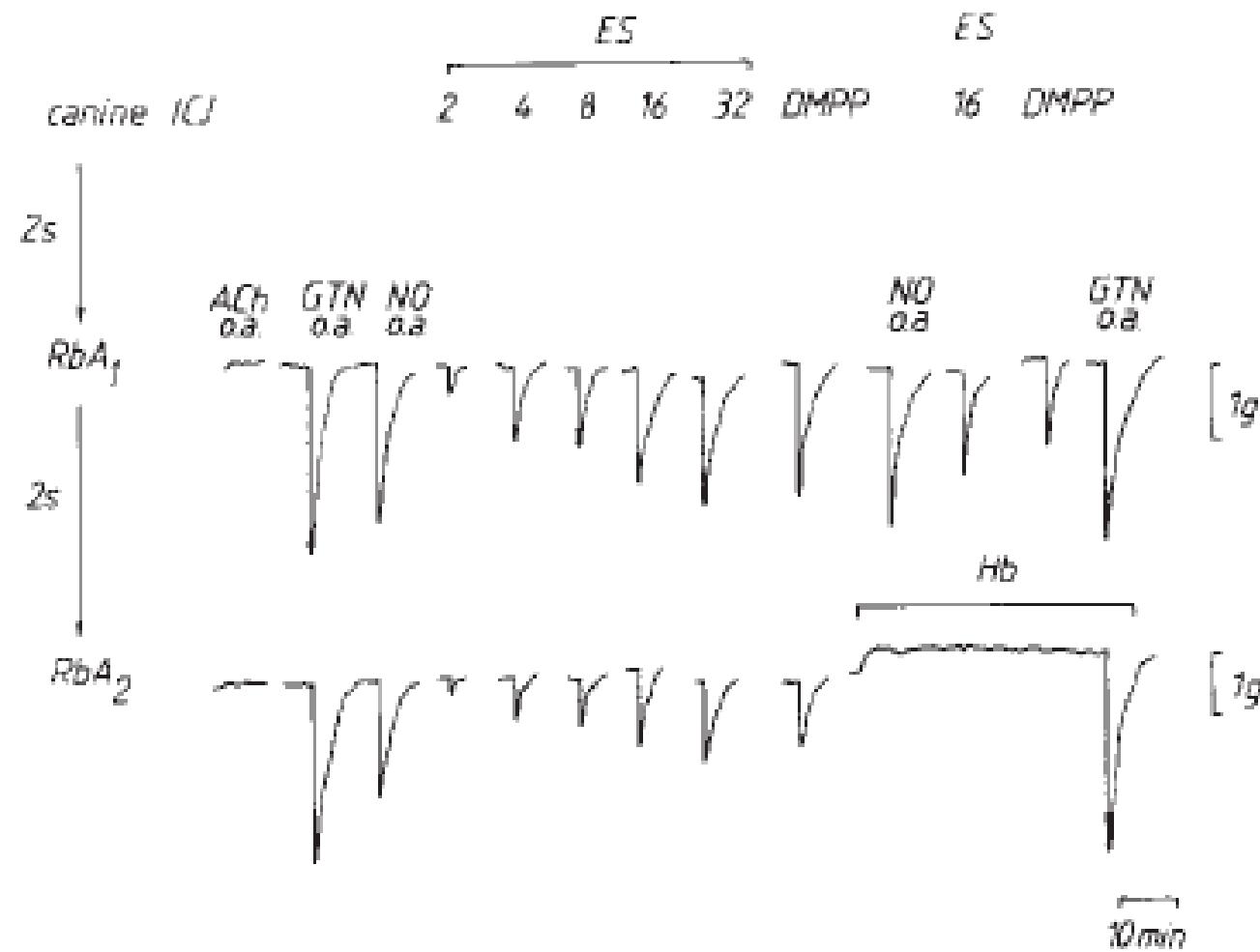


Zizer 2010

van der Weyden 2009

NO is a NT released from nerves in gut

Contracted by 100nM noradrenaline



Bult et al 1990 Nature

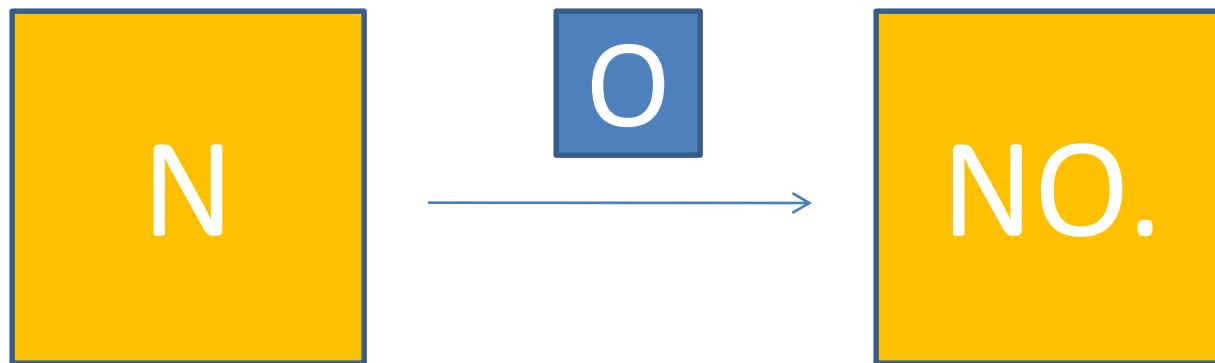
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Neurotransmitter identity doubt

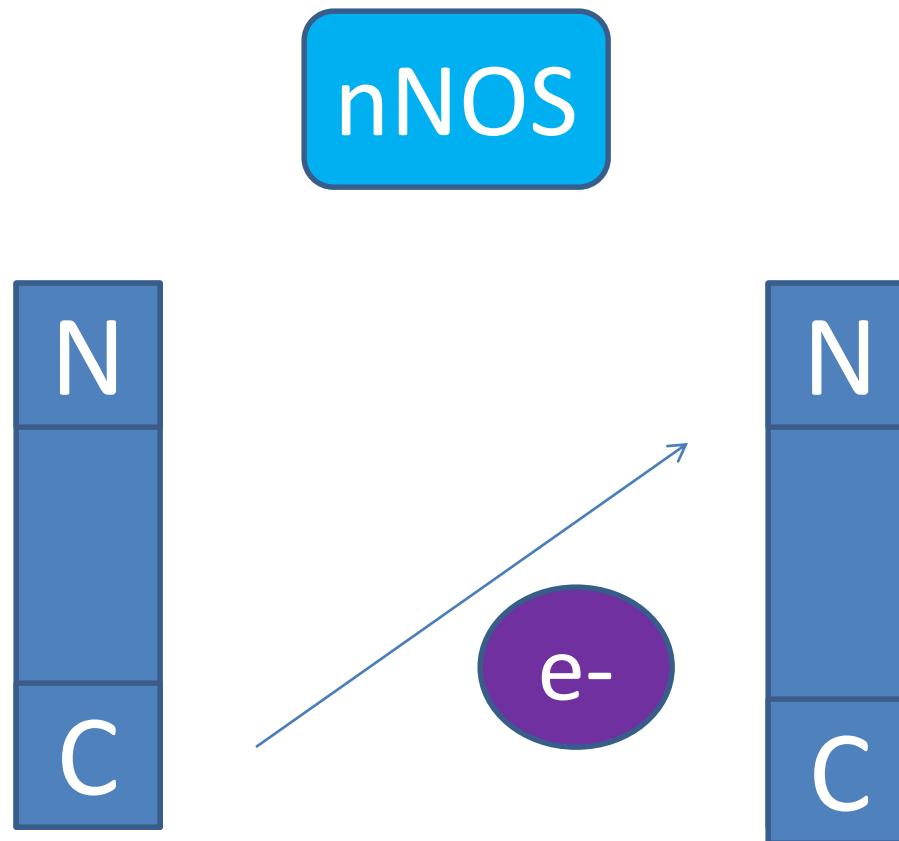
SIR—In a recent Letter¹, Bult et al. showed that stimulation by an electric field of the isolated and perfused canine ileocolonic junction pretreated with adrenergic and cholinergic blocking agents results in the release of nitric oxide. The authors concluded that nitric oxide is released from the nonadrenergic-noncholinergic neurons innervating this tissue and, therefore, that nitric oxide is the inhibitory transmitter for these neurons. An alternative explanation entirely consistent with these data is that stimulation of these neurons causes release of an unknown neurotransmitter

Ignarro et al 1990

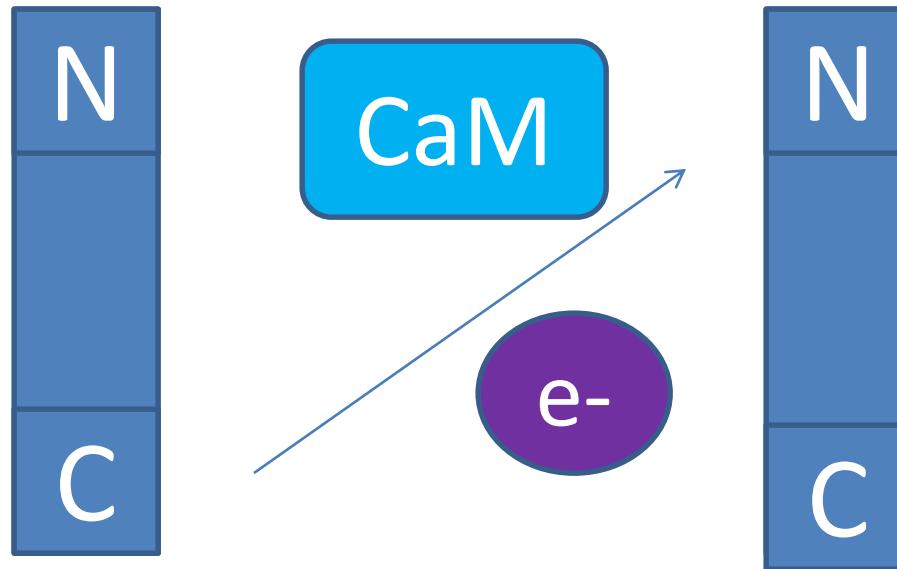
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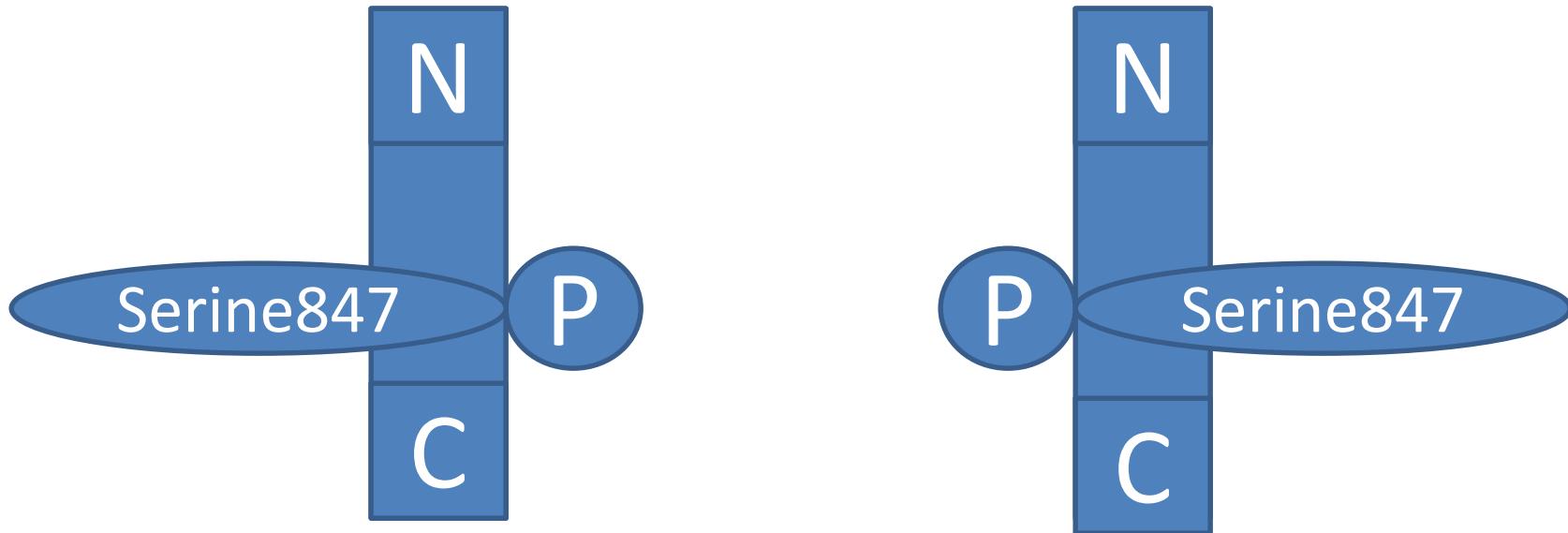
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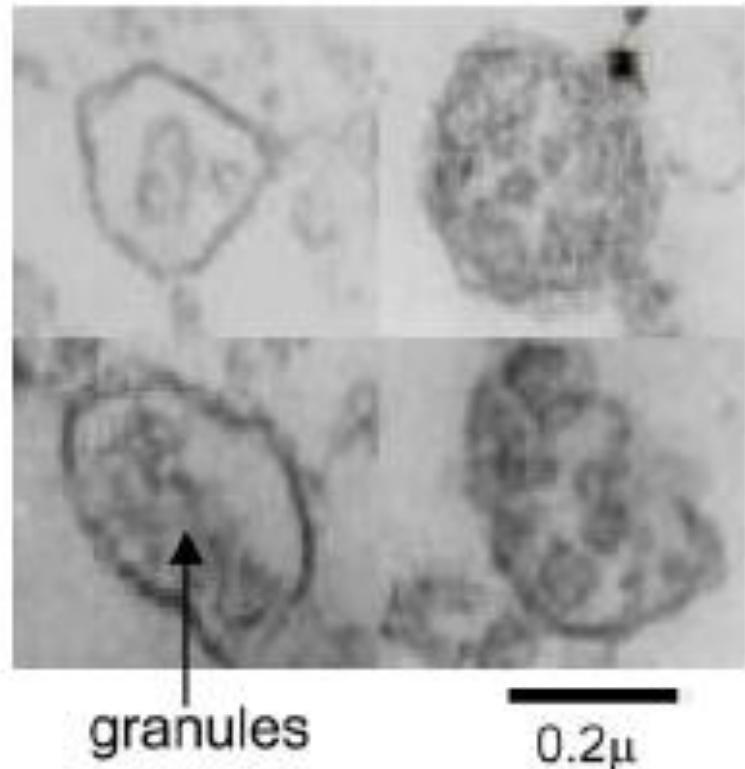
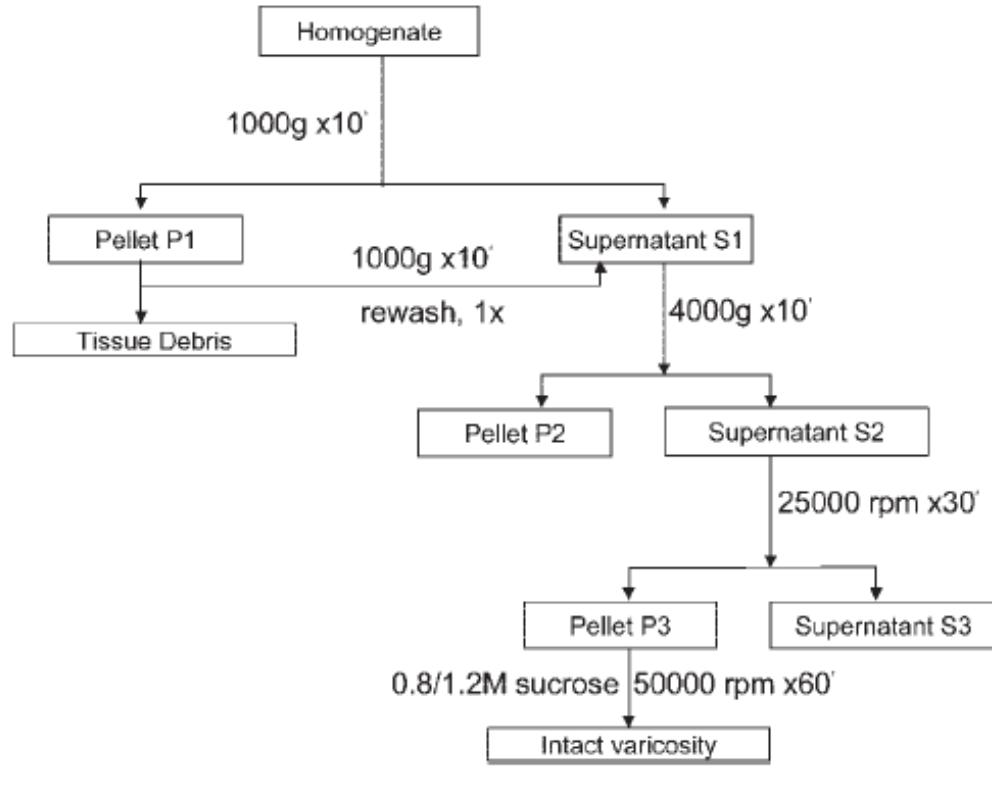
Facilitation of electron transfer



Inhibition of electron transfer

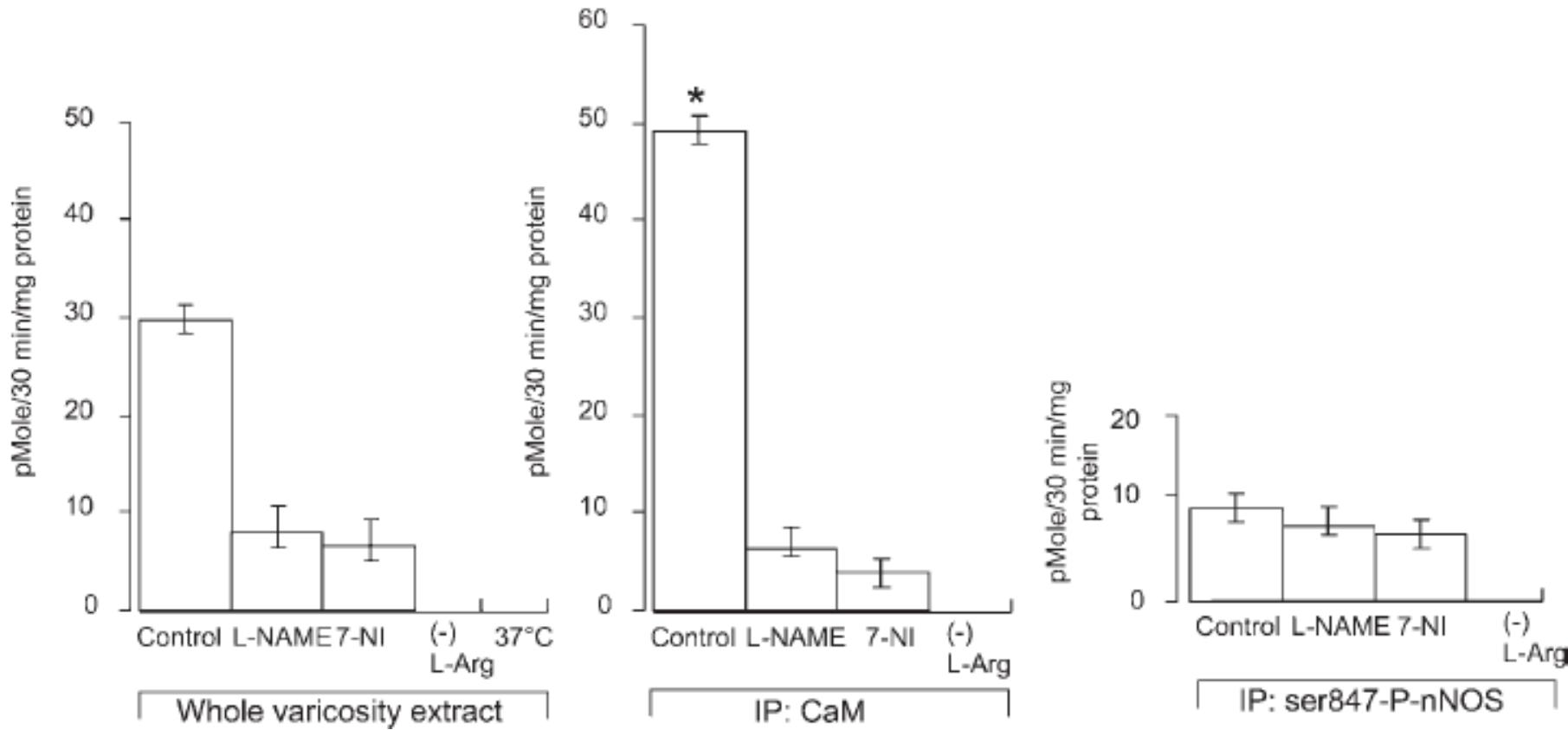


Obtaining enteric varicosities

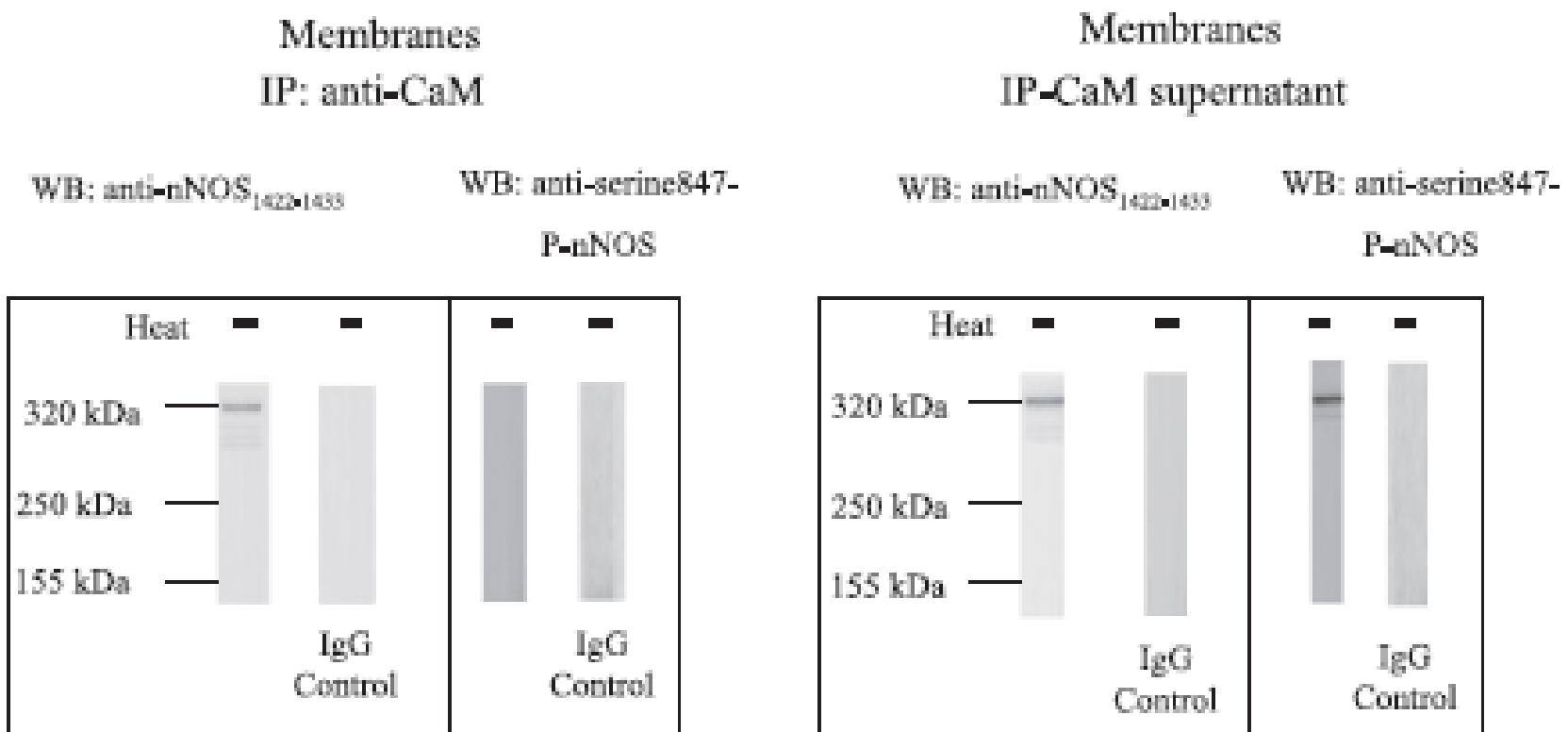


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Active and inactive nNOS present in varicosities

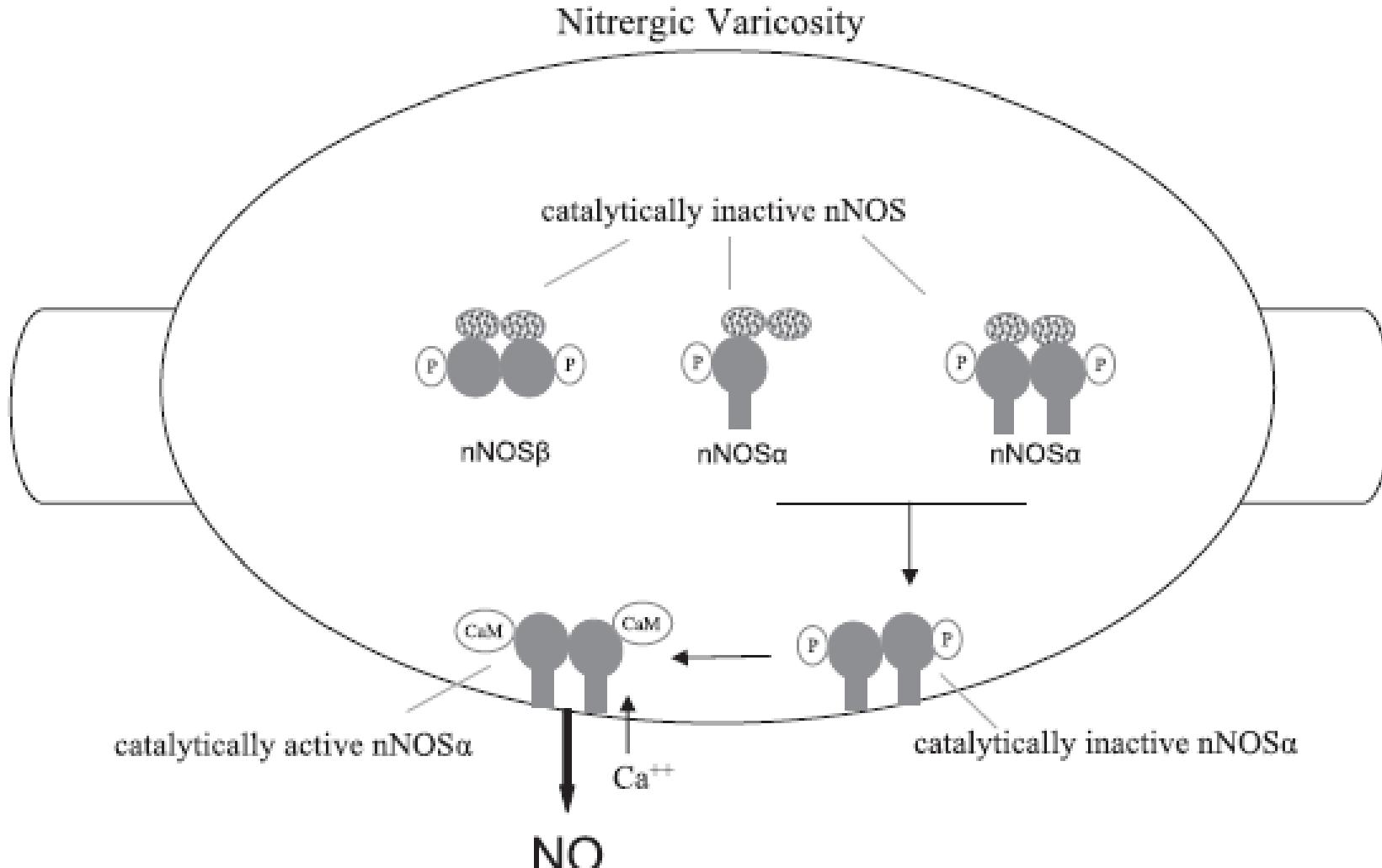


Both active and inactive nNOS α in varicosity membrane



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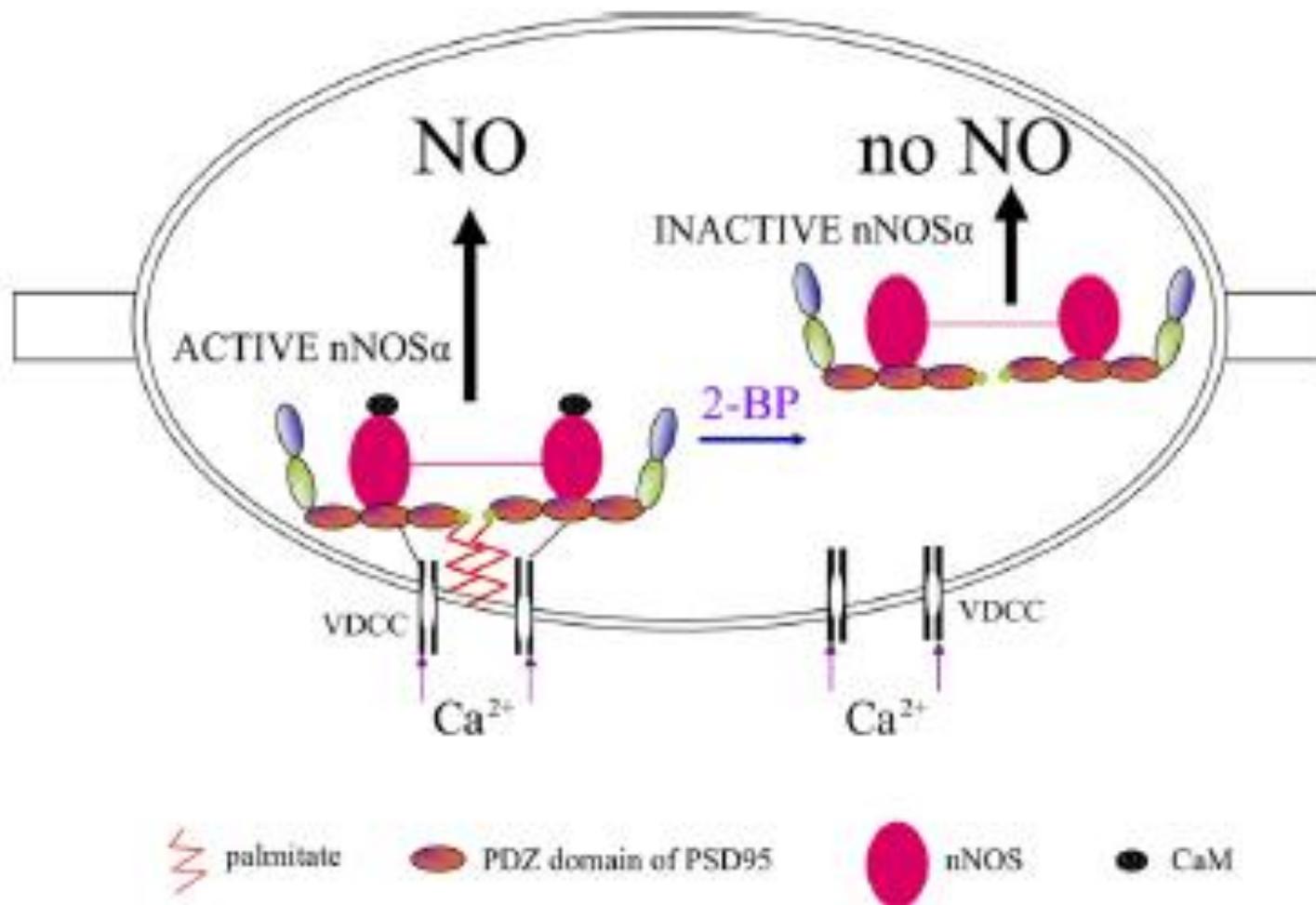
How active nNOS transported to varicosity membrane?



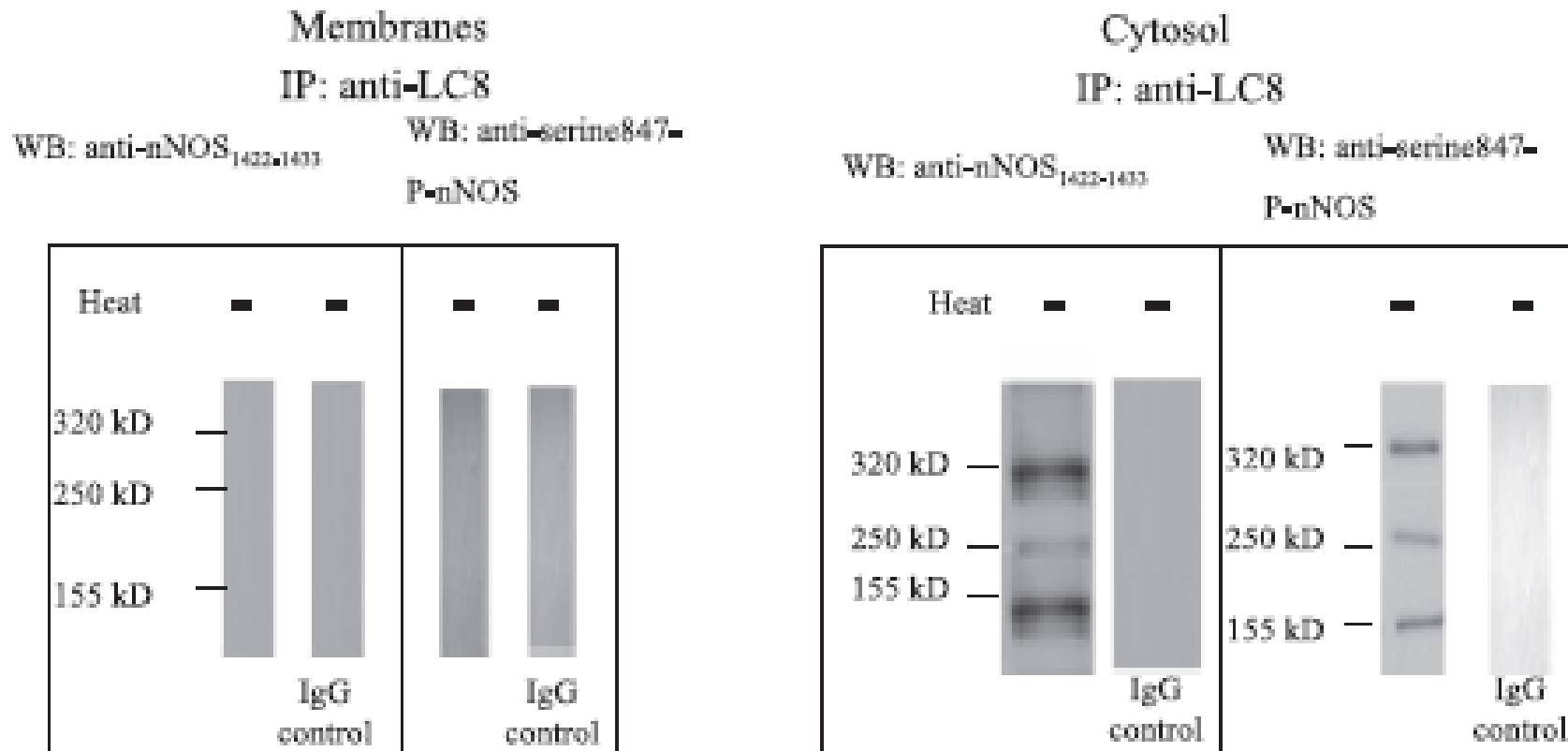
Possible modes of transport

- Passive diffusion
- Molecular adaptors

Molecular adaptor for membrane binding: PSD95

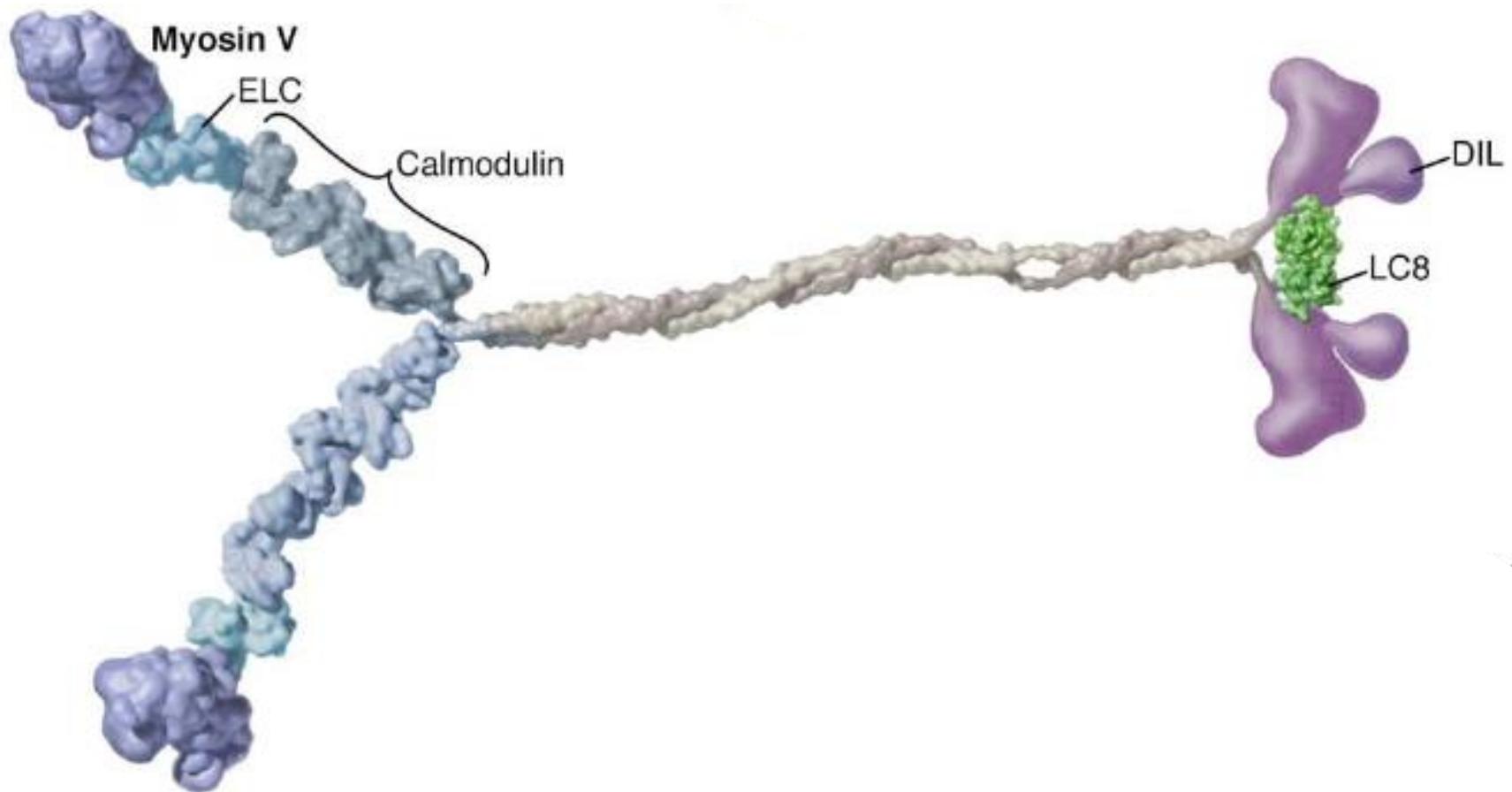


Cytosolic nNOS bound to PIN (DLC8 or LC8)



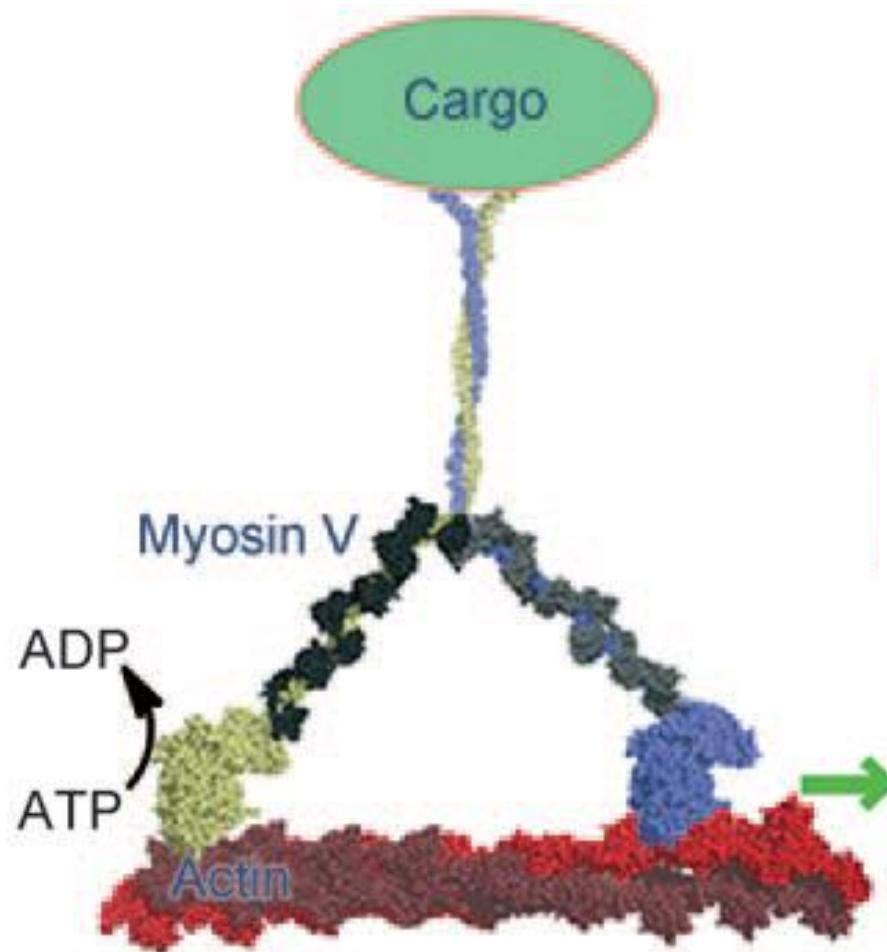
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LC8 is light chain of myosin Va



Vale RD, 2003

Myosin Va is a possible candidate for cargo transport in varicosity



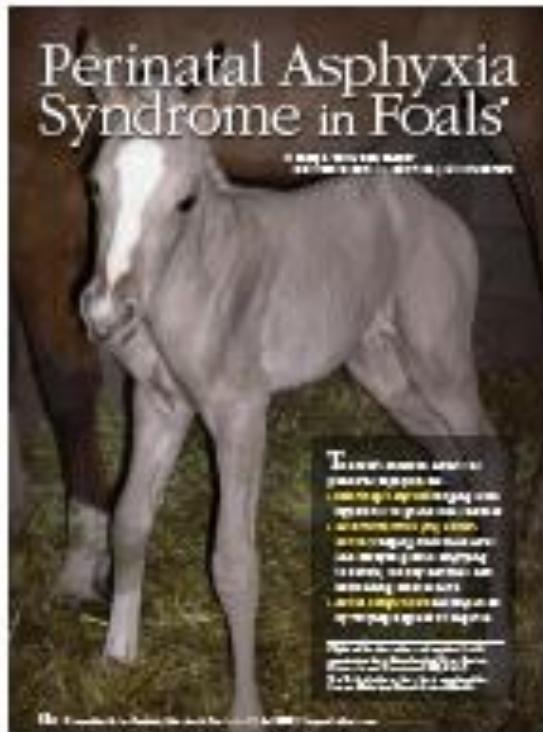
Examine hypothesis
if myosin Va facilitates
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‘Dilute’

DBA/2J



C57BL/6J

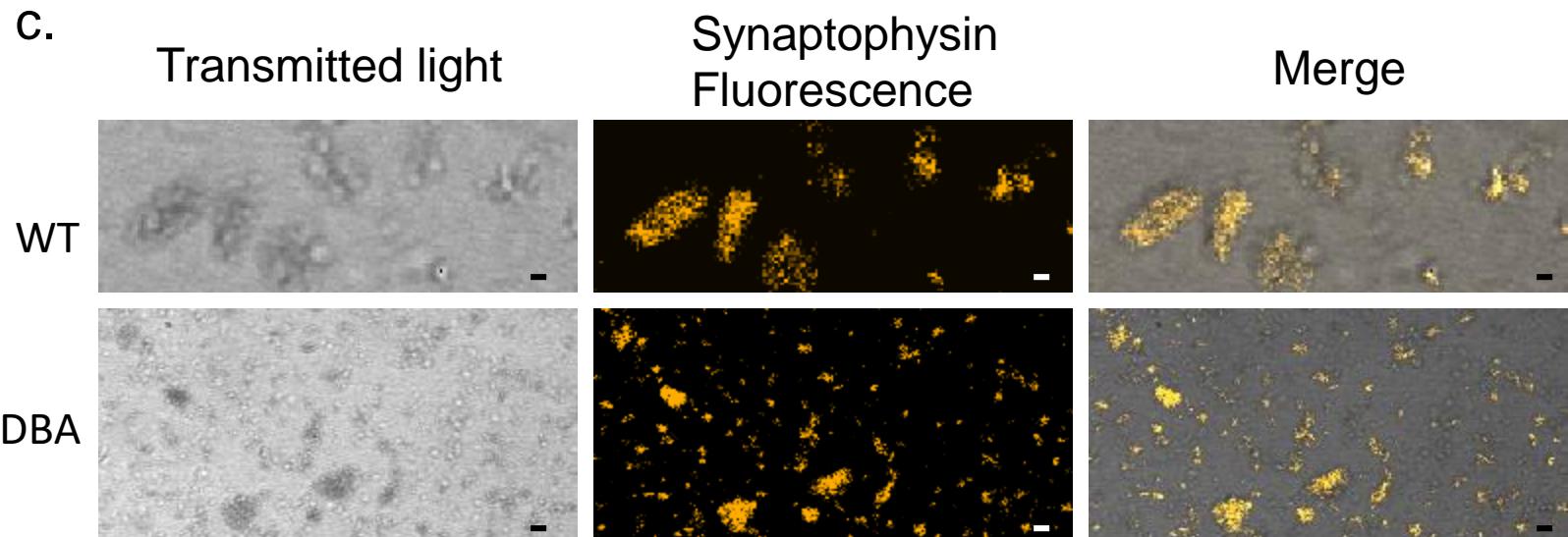
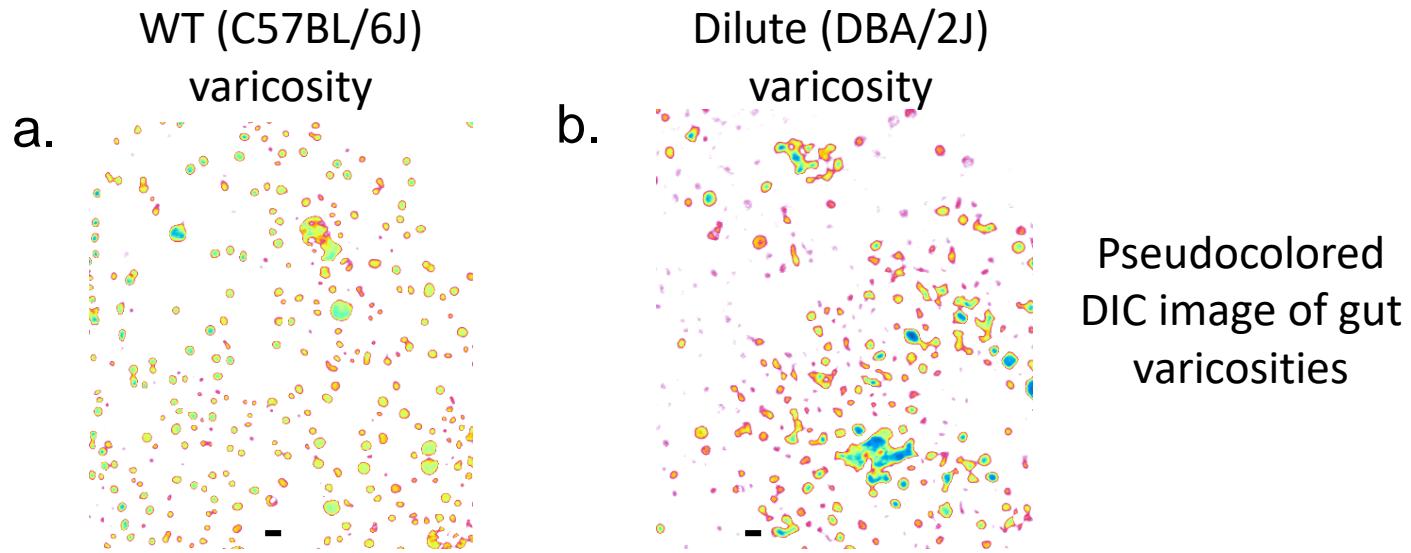


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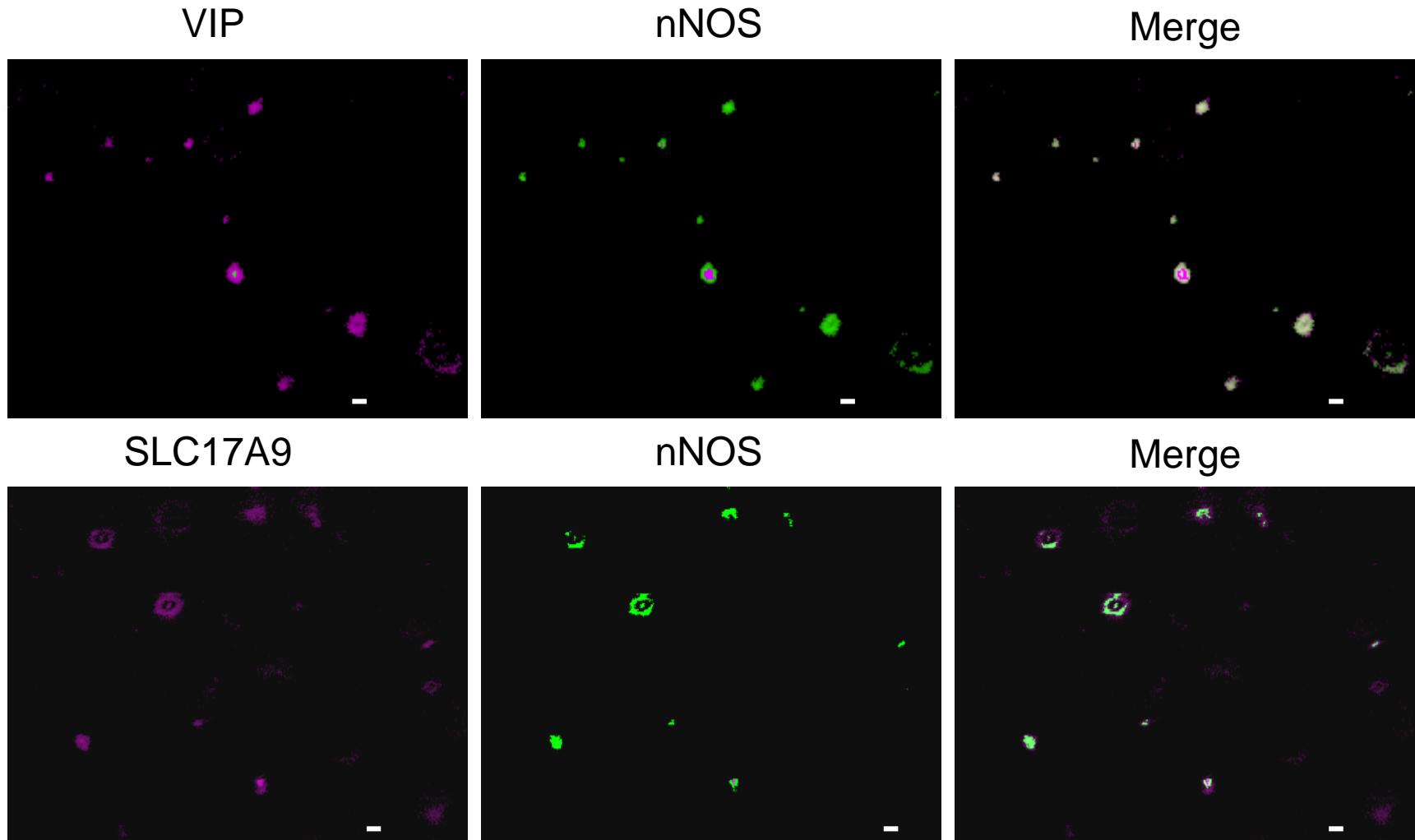


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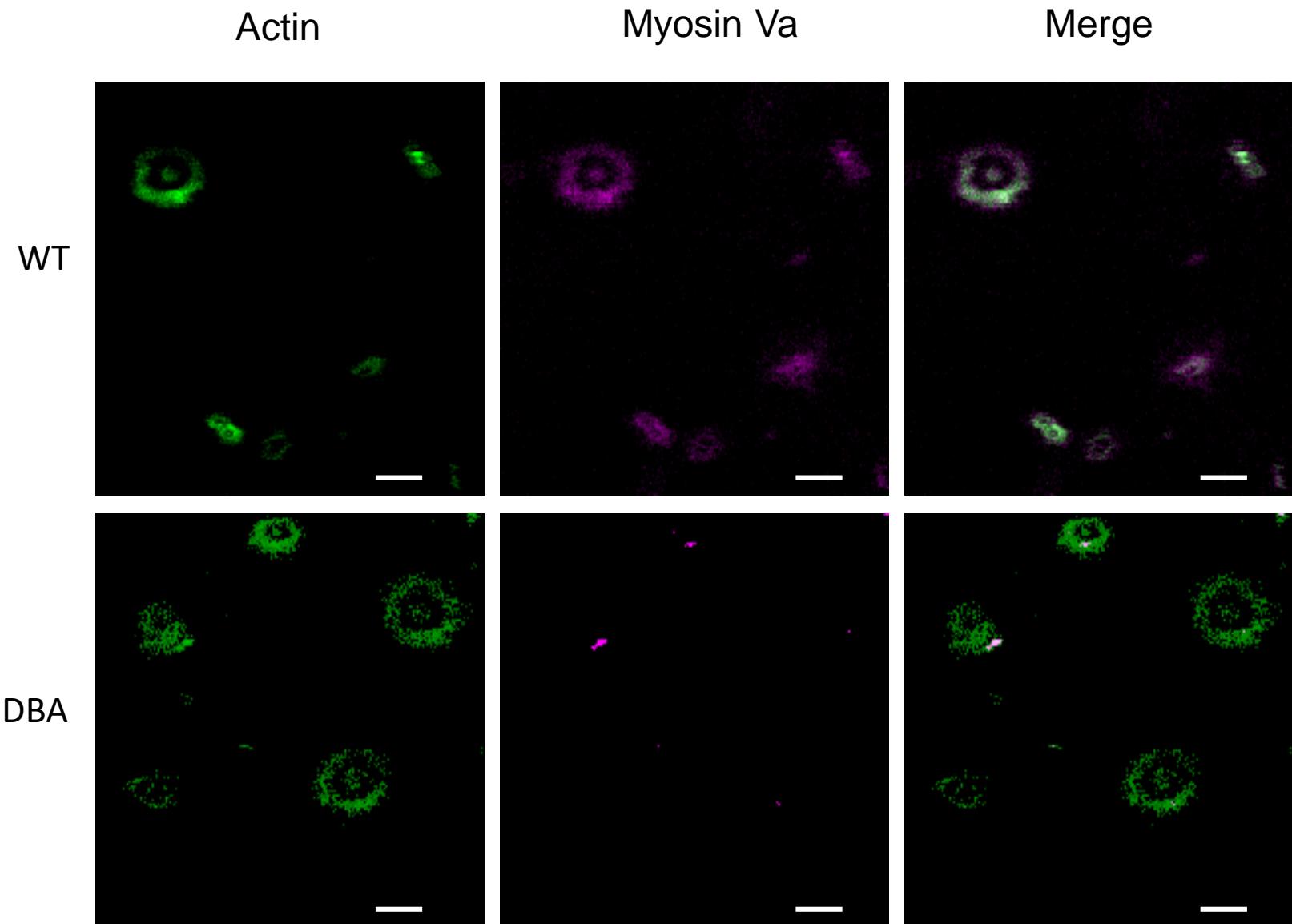
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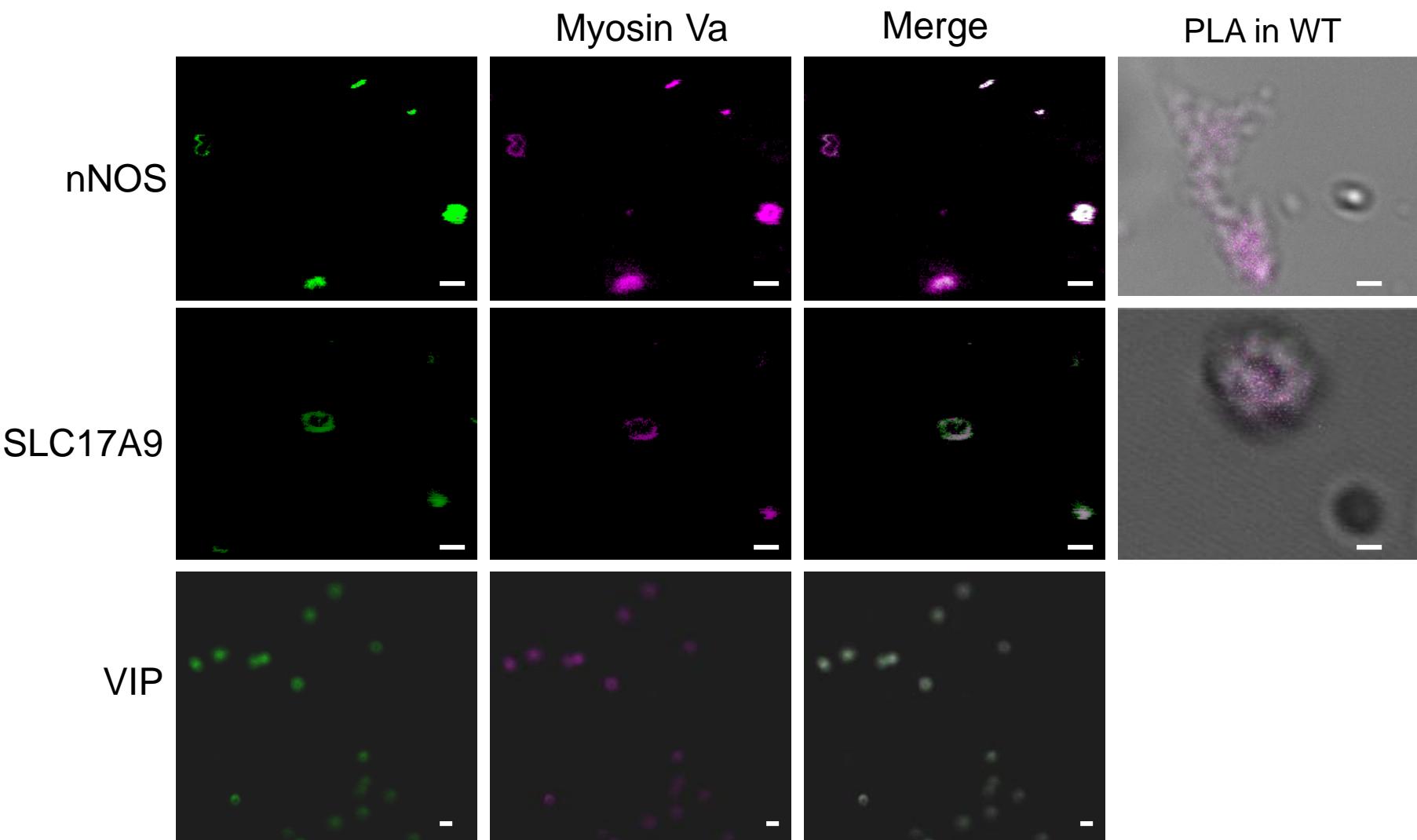
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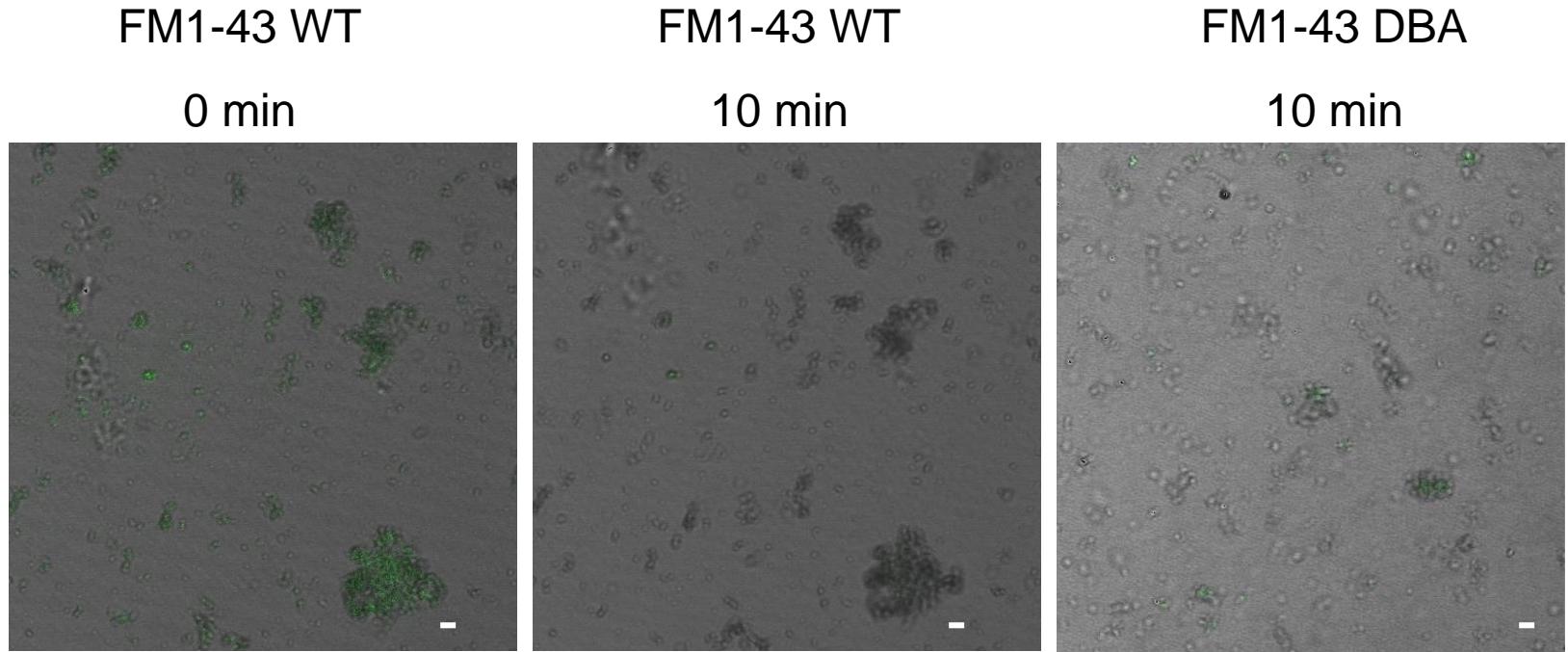
Myosin Va reduced in DBA/2J varicosities



Myosin Va present in inhibitory varicosities

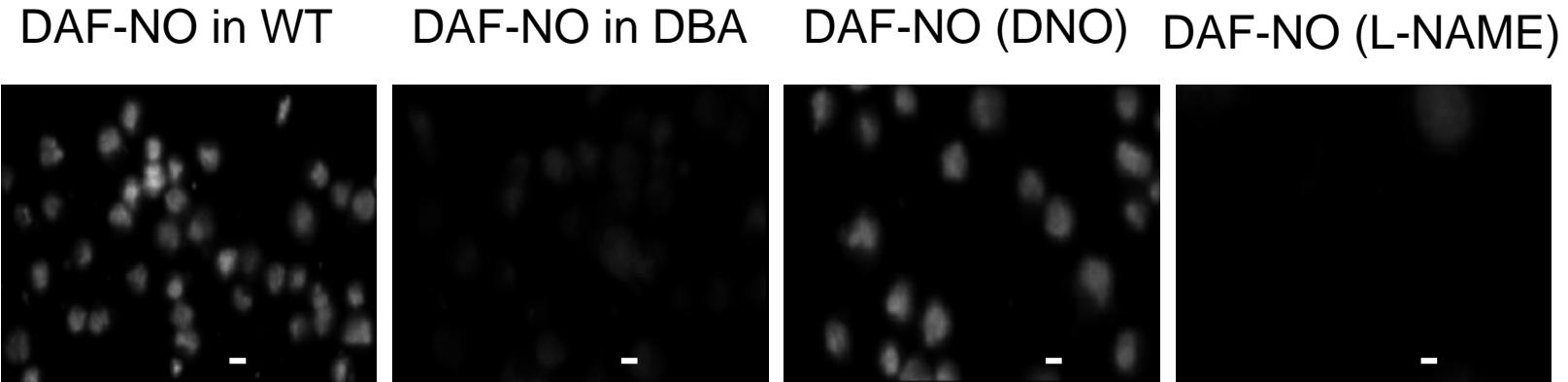


FM1-43 loading reduced in DBA/2J varicosities



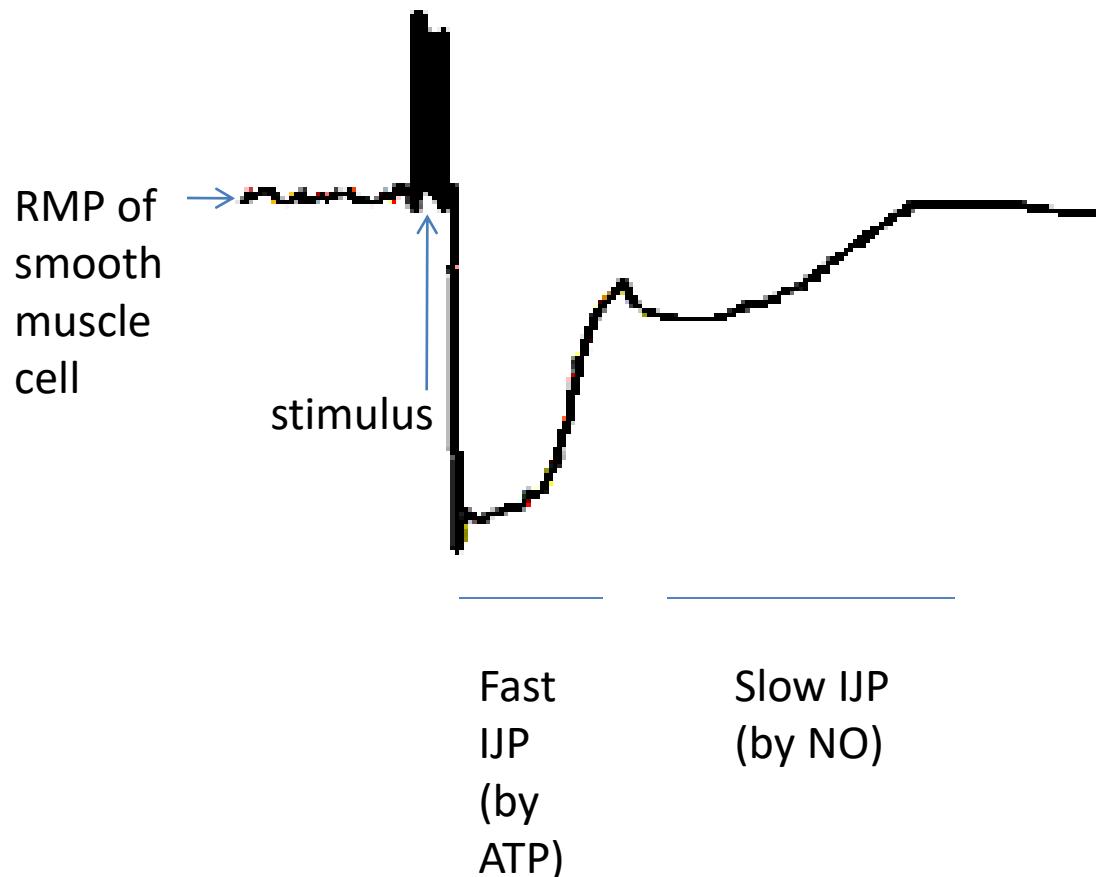
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in vitro NO production reduced in DBA varicosities



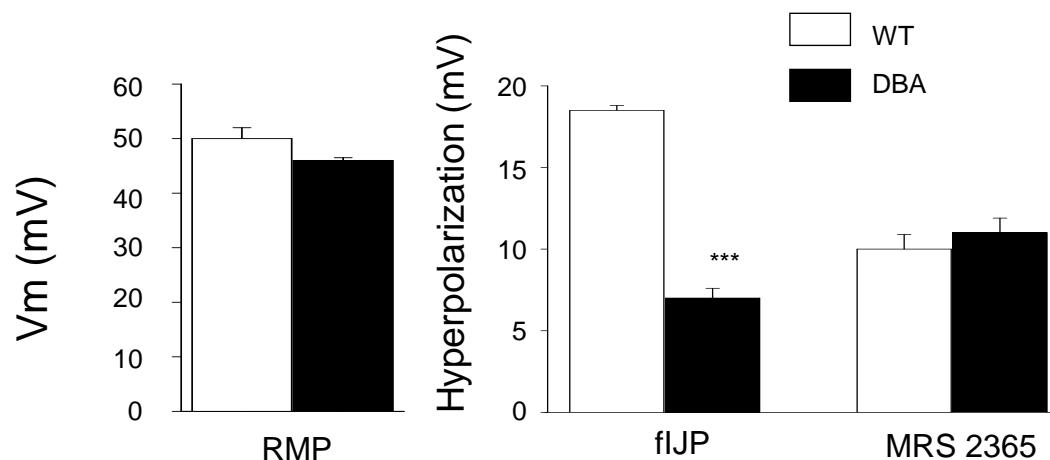
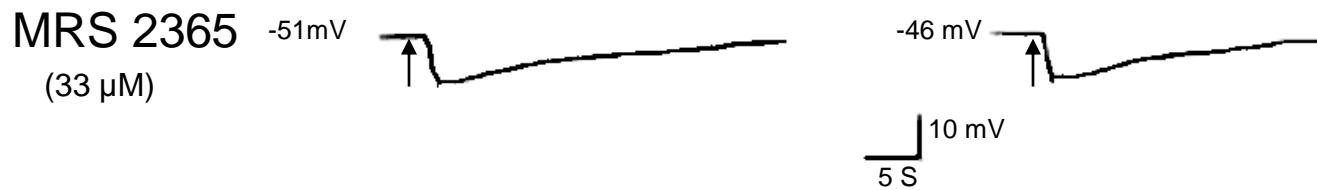
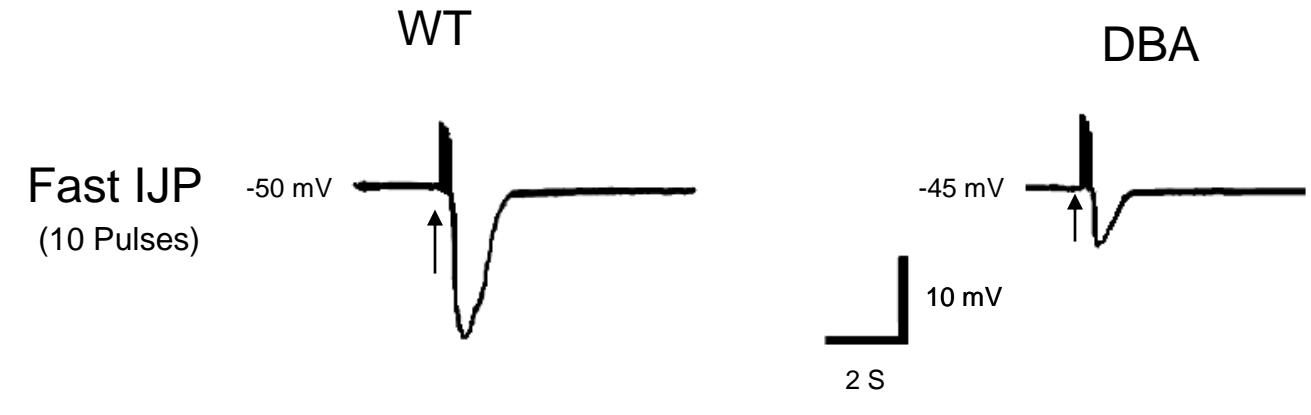
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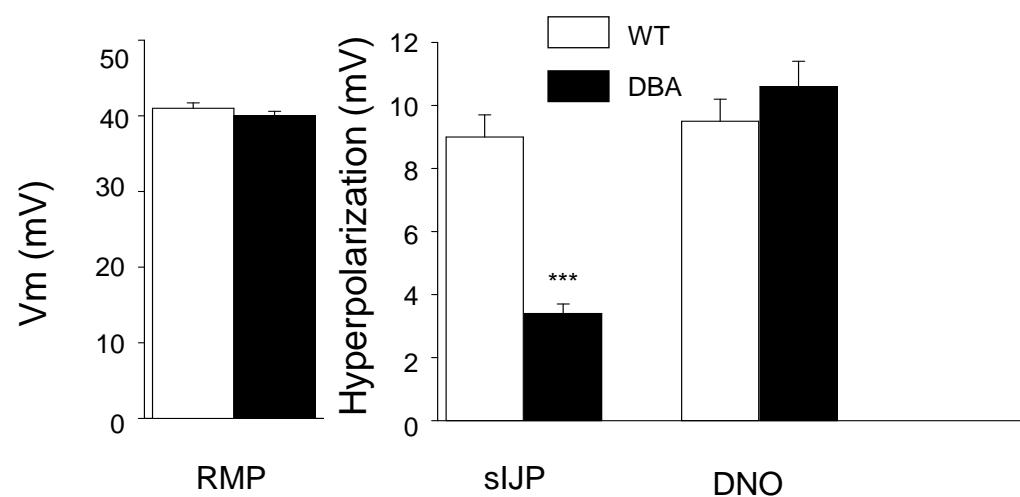
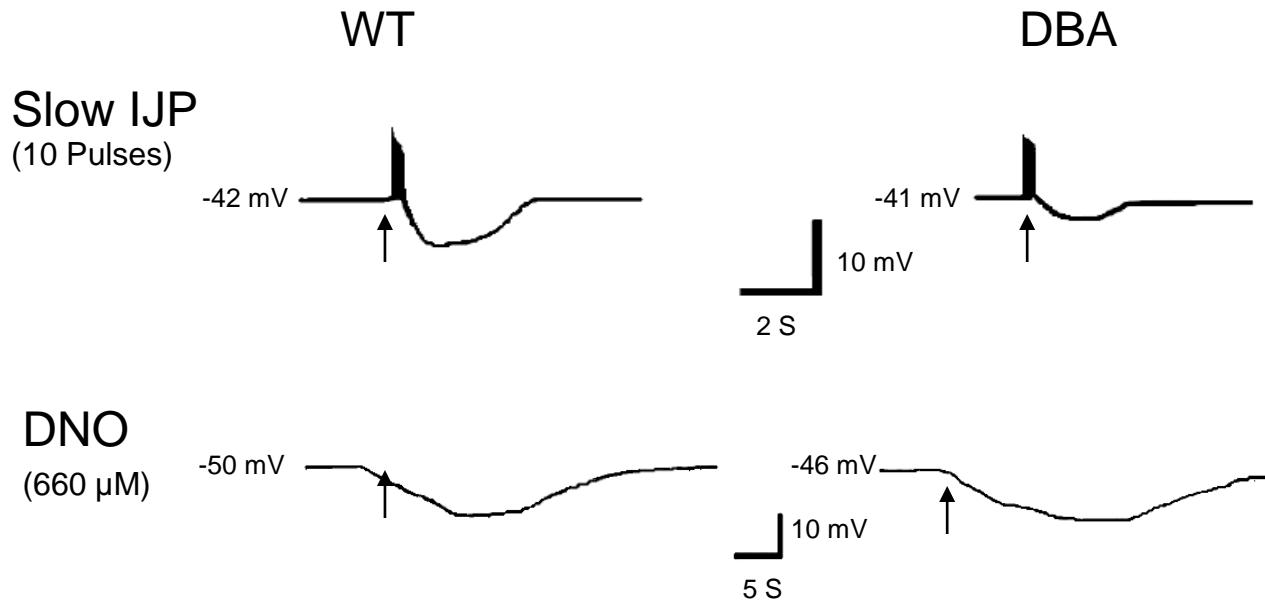


Responses can be pharmacologically separated by ATP blocker apamin or NO synthesis inhibitor L-NAME.

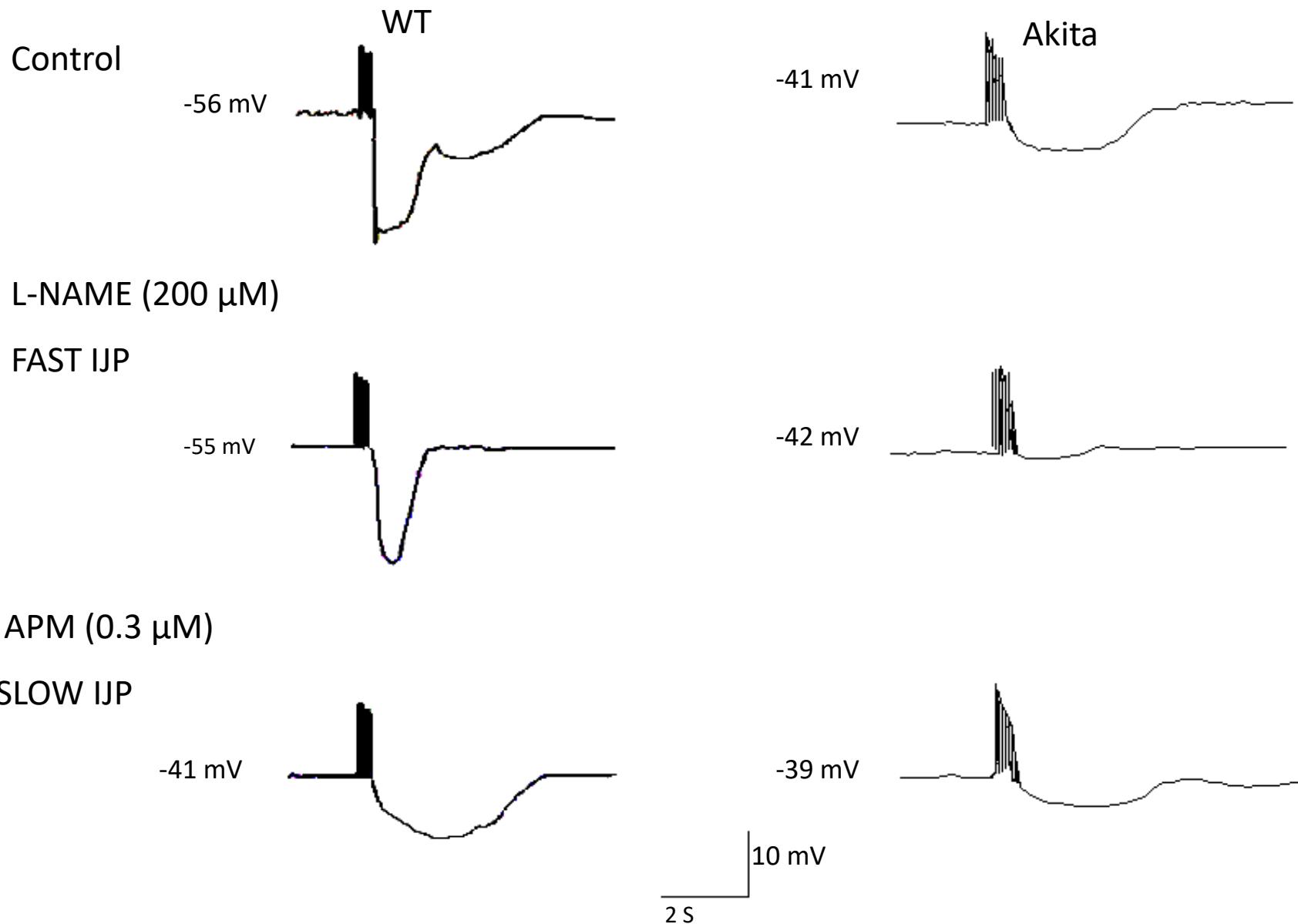
Fast IJP reduced in DBA



Slow IJP reduced in DBA



Fast and slow IJP reduced in *Ins2-Akita* diabetic mice



Translational directions: Pathophysiology of functional bowel diseases without apparent neuropathy

Insulin dependent regulation of myosin Va in enteric terminals

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