

A microscopic image of intestinal tissue. The image shows green muscle fibers on the left and purple villi on the right. The background is a light blue color.

Esophagogastrointestinal Motility Disorders

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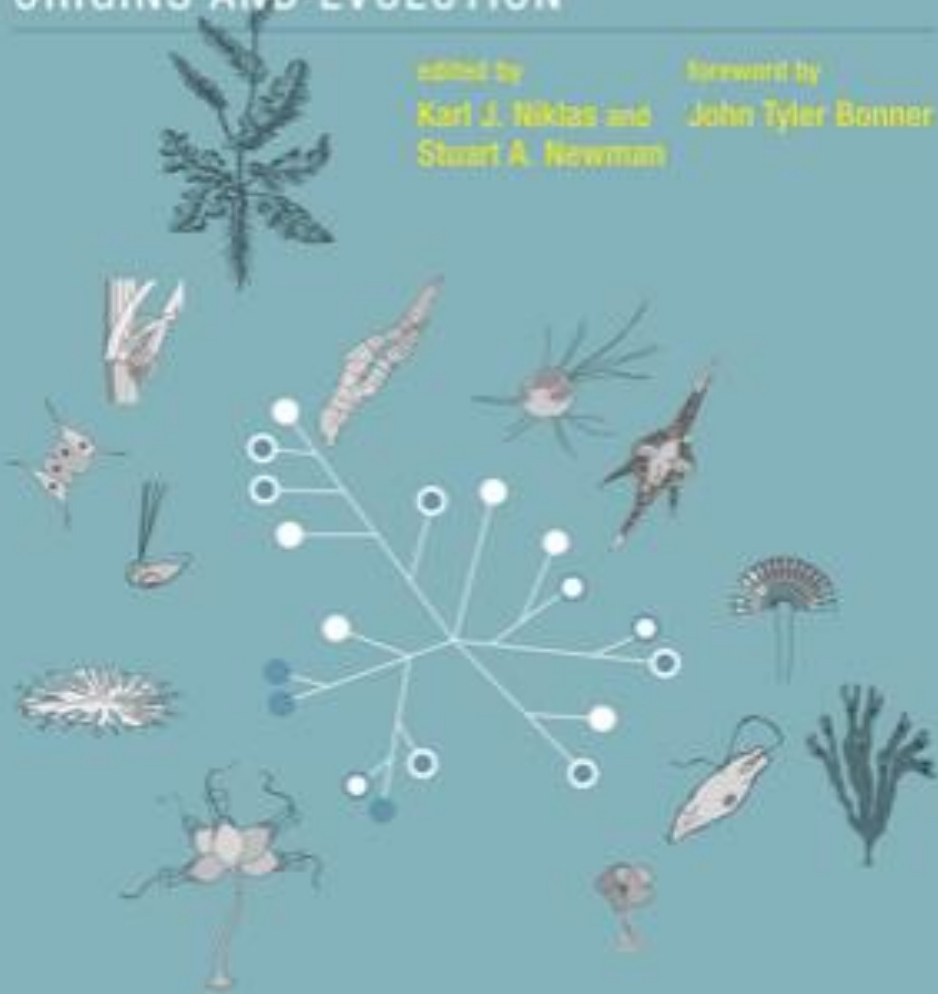
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Need for external acquisition of nutrition

The gastrointestinal (GI) tract

- Anaerobic fermenter
- Long winding asymmetric tract with STOPCOCKS
- mostly silent except at the front and backend (belch/wind)...sometimes borborygmus
- Don't forget to ask your patients whether they have "Passed Gas"..ask directly...*sine qua non* of patency of intestinal lumen in ICU/surgical ward

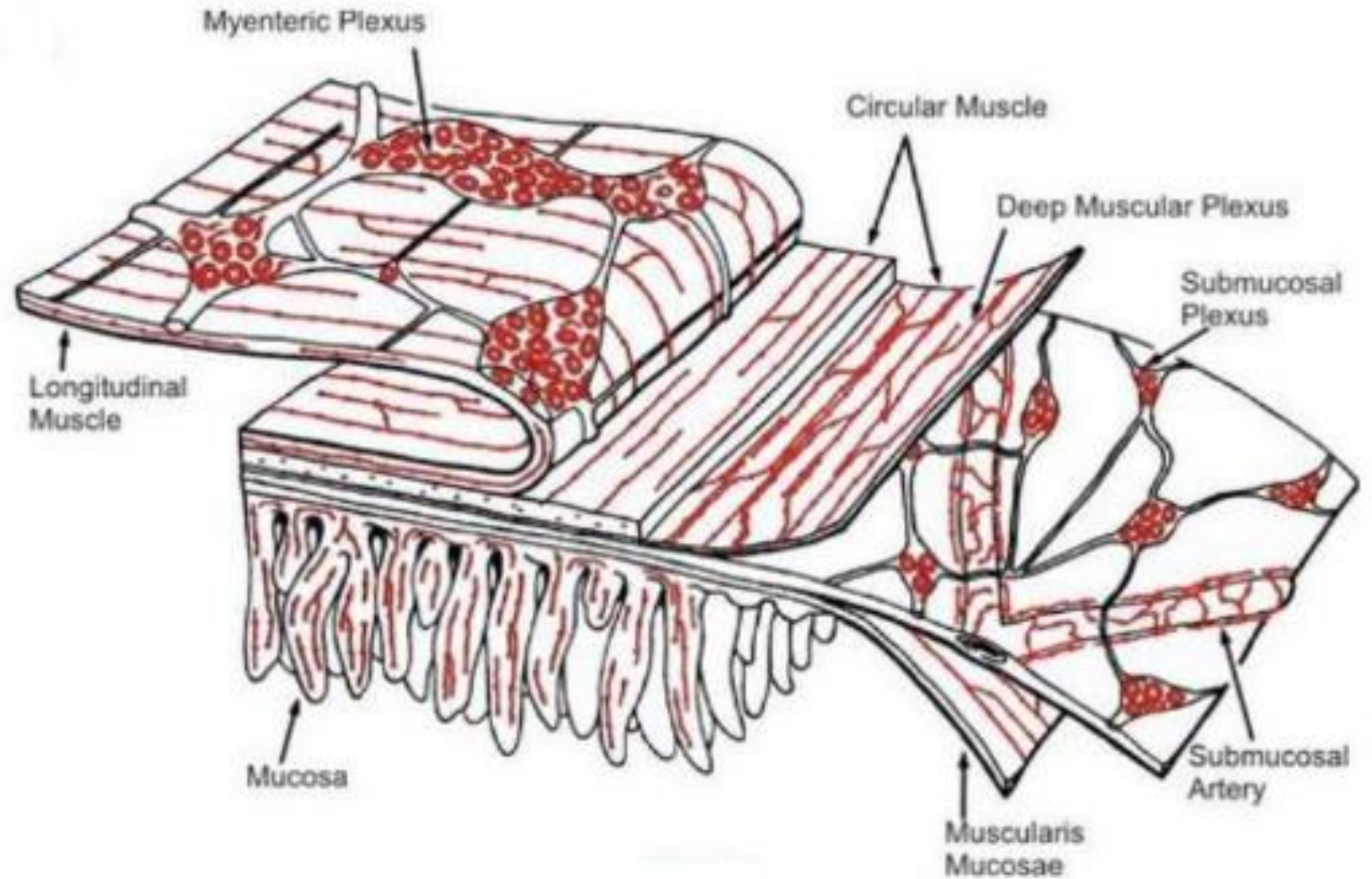


Layered organization

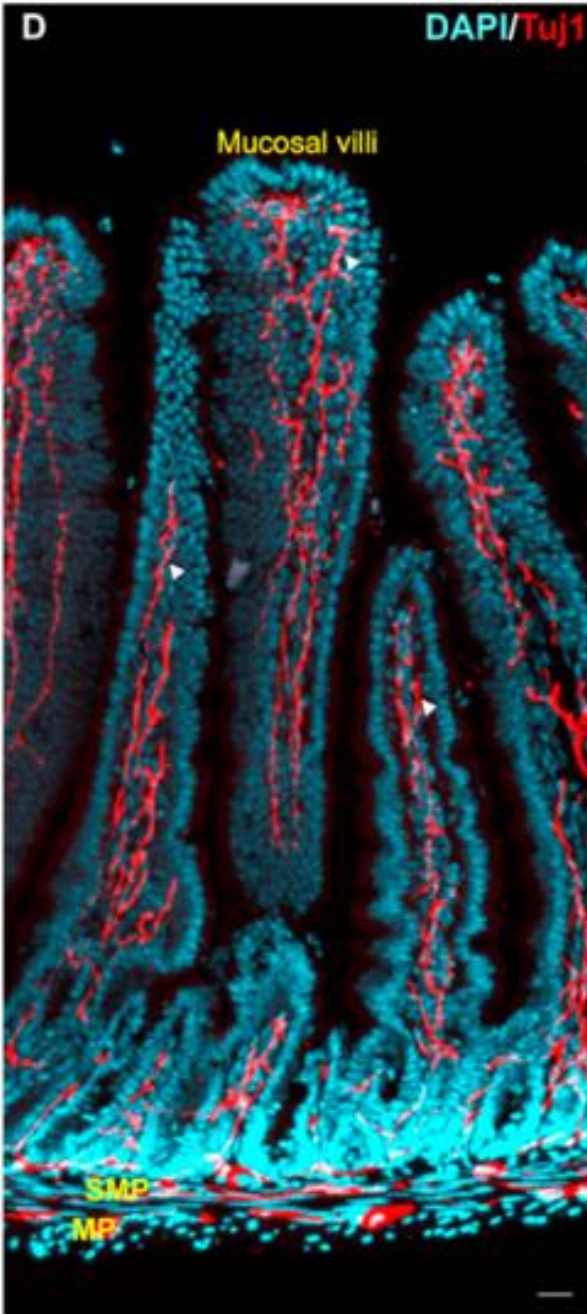


Enteric Nervous System

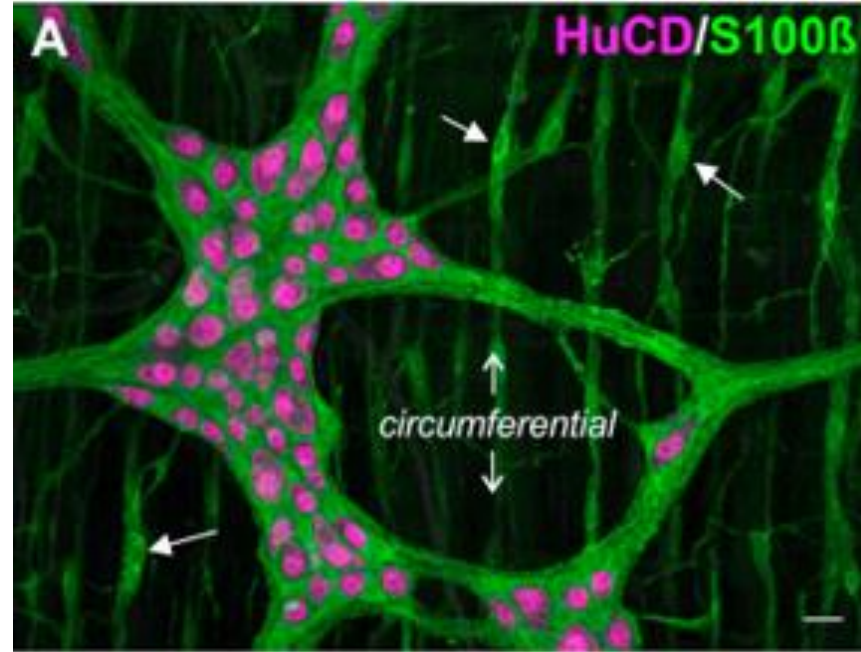
- Sensor
- Progressive motility
- Secretomotor
- Vasomotor
- Toxin detection
- Pain



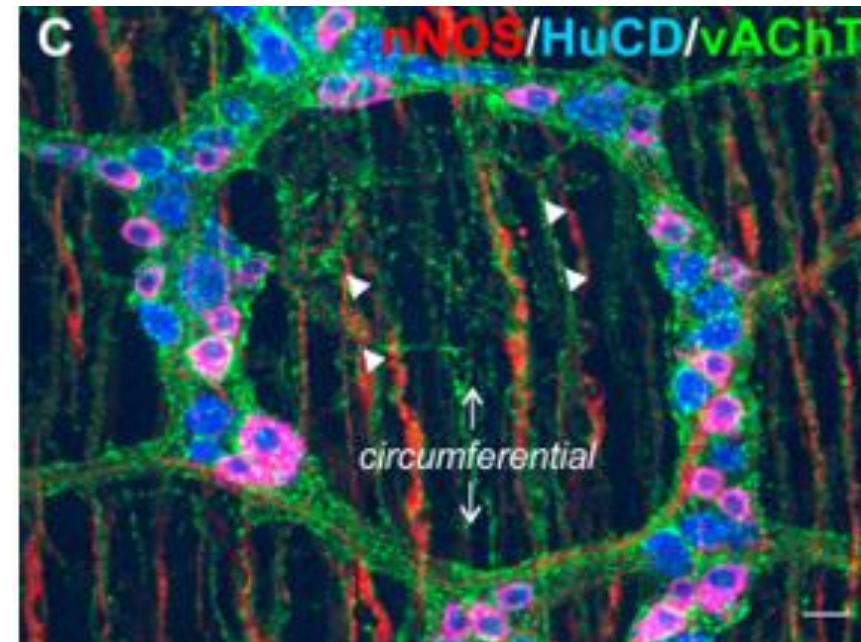
slice



laminar preparation



neurons
glia

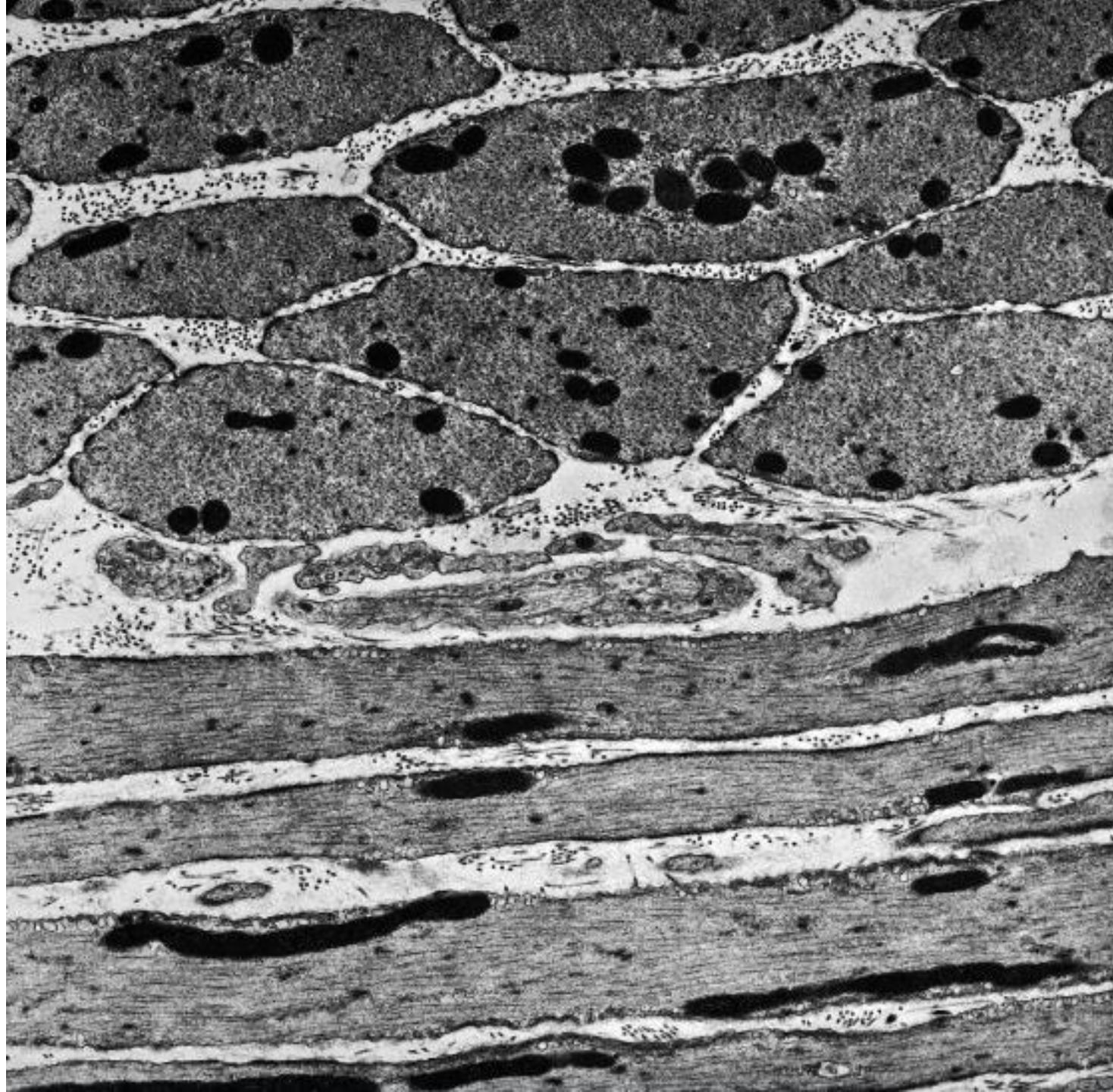


Principal Neurotransmitters

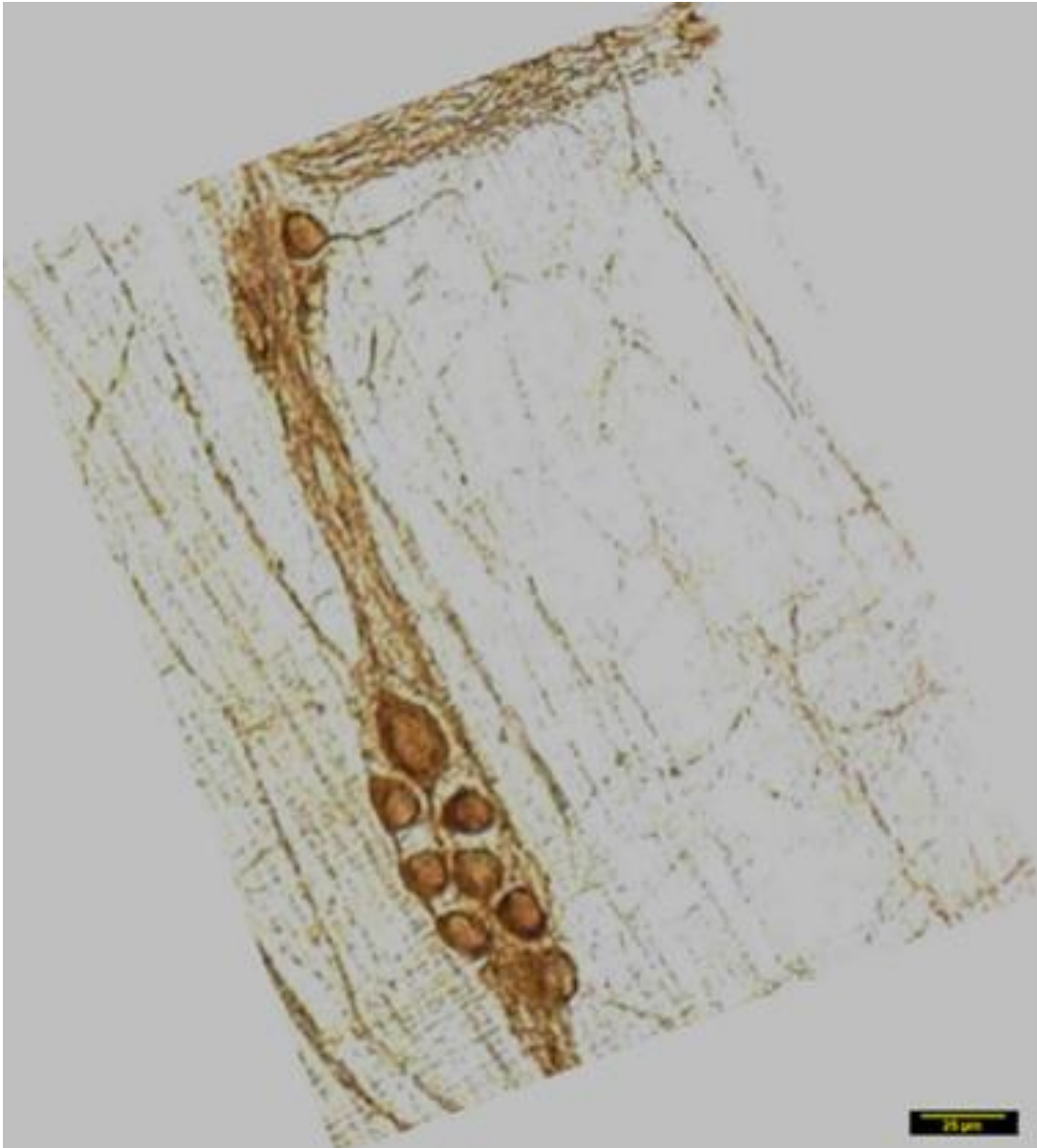
Nitric oxide (NO)
Acetylcholine (ACh)

Sandwiched!

**Myenteric Ganglia
(Auerbach's Plexi)**



The JUNCTION



Dogiel neurons:
IPANs (intrinsic primary afferent
neurons) & interneurons

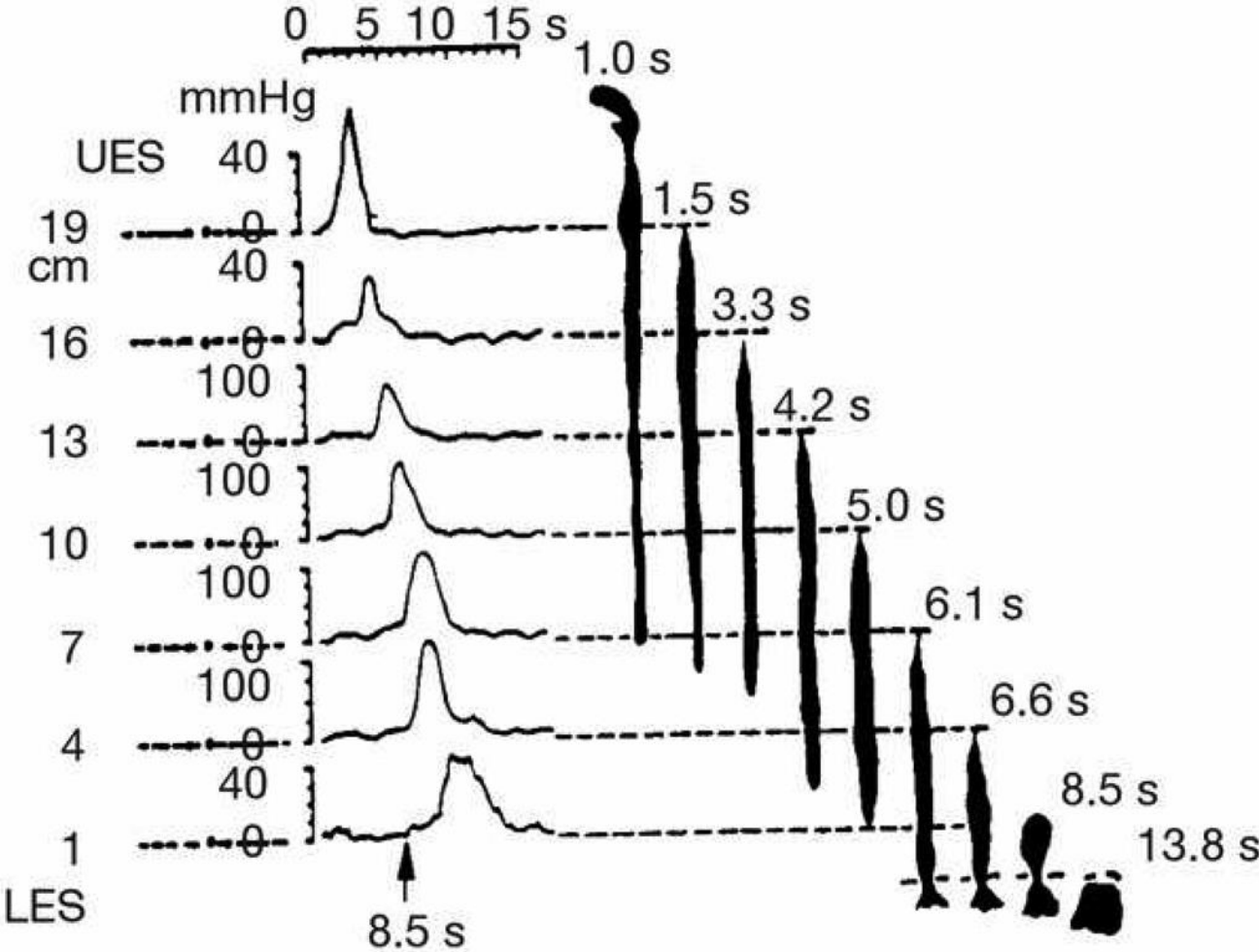
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Can one drink during *sirshasan*?

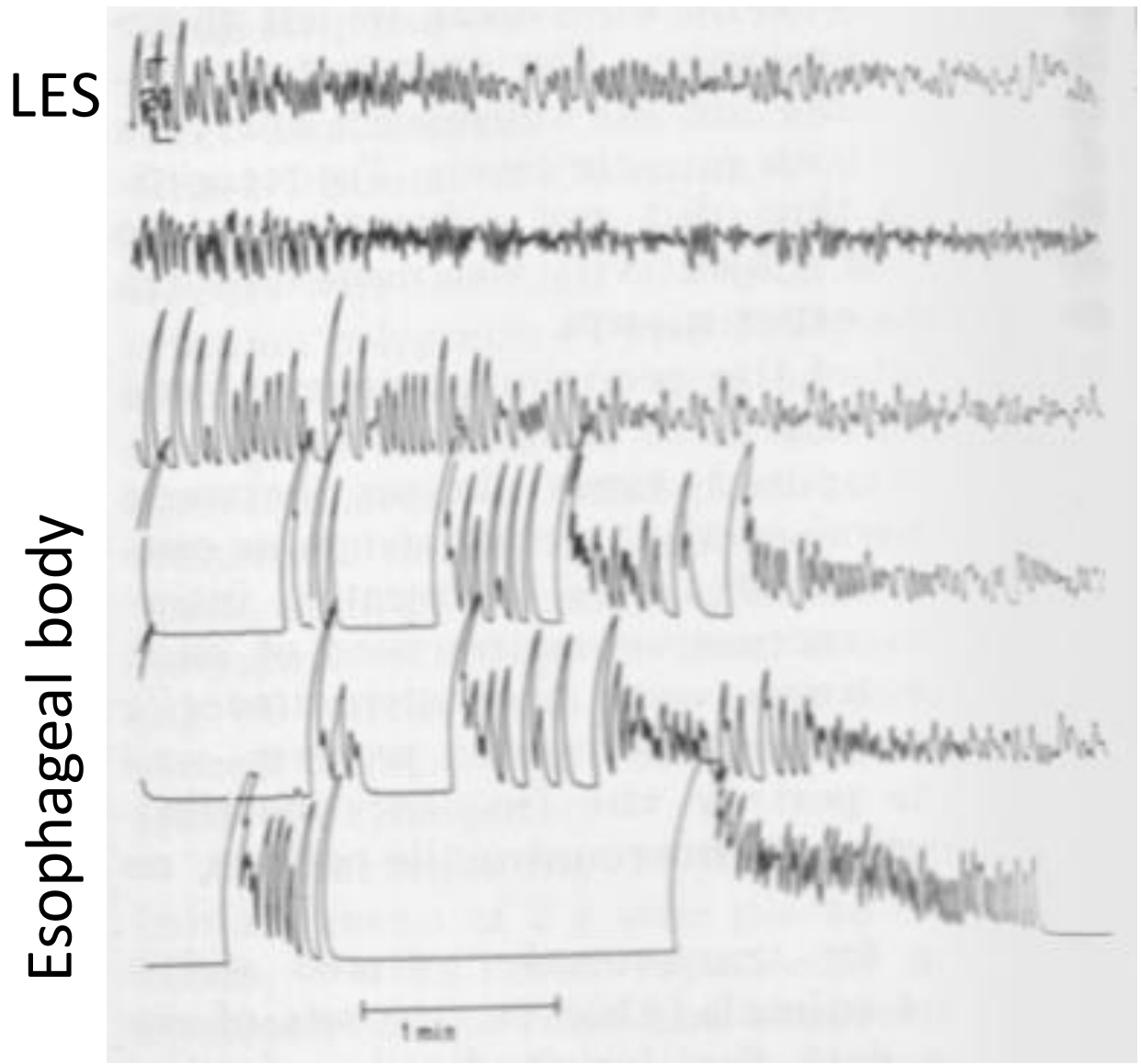


Franz Ingelfinger

Simultaneous Fluoroscopy & Esophageal Manometry



Dodds WJ, Christensen J, Dent J, Arndorfer RC, Wood JD. Pharmacologic investigation of primary peristalsis in smooth muscle portion of opossum esophagus. *Am J Physiol* 1979;237(6):E561–E566

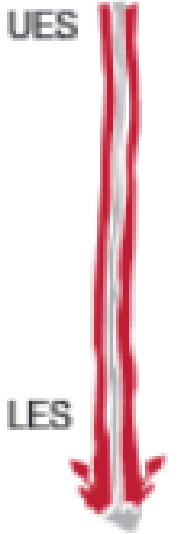


Tonic

Gradients of Contractions in the Opossum Esophagus

Norman Weisbrodt & James Christensen, *Gastroenterology*, 1972

Phasic



Relaxation as well!

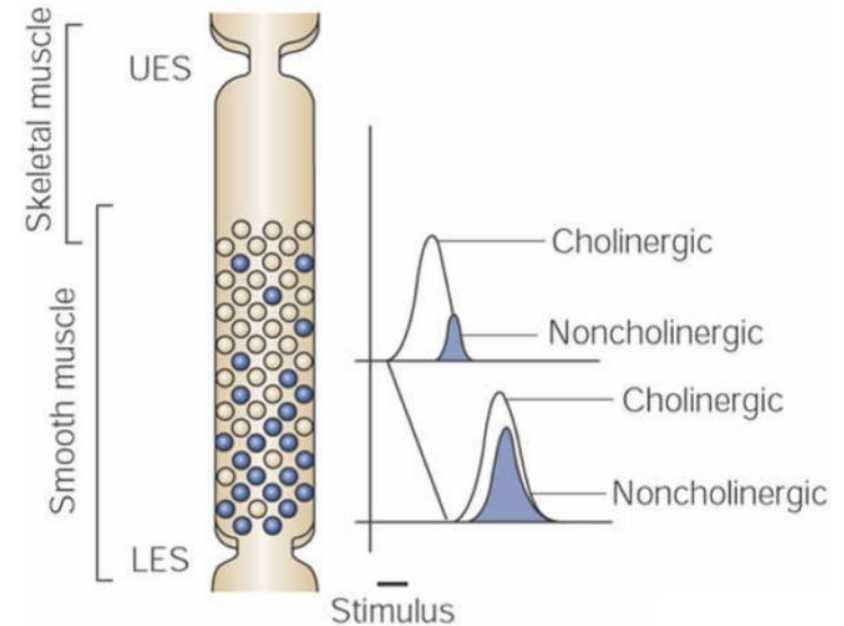
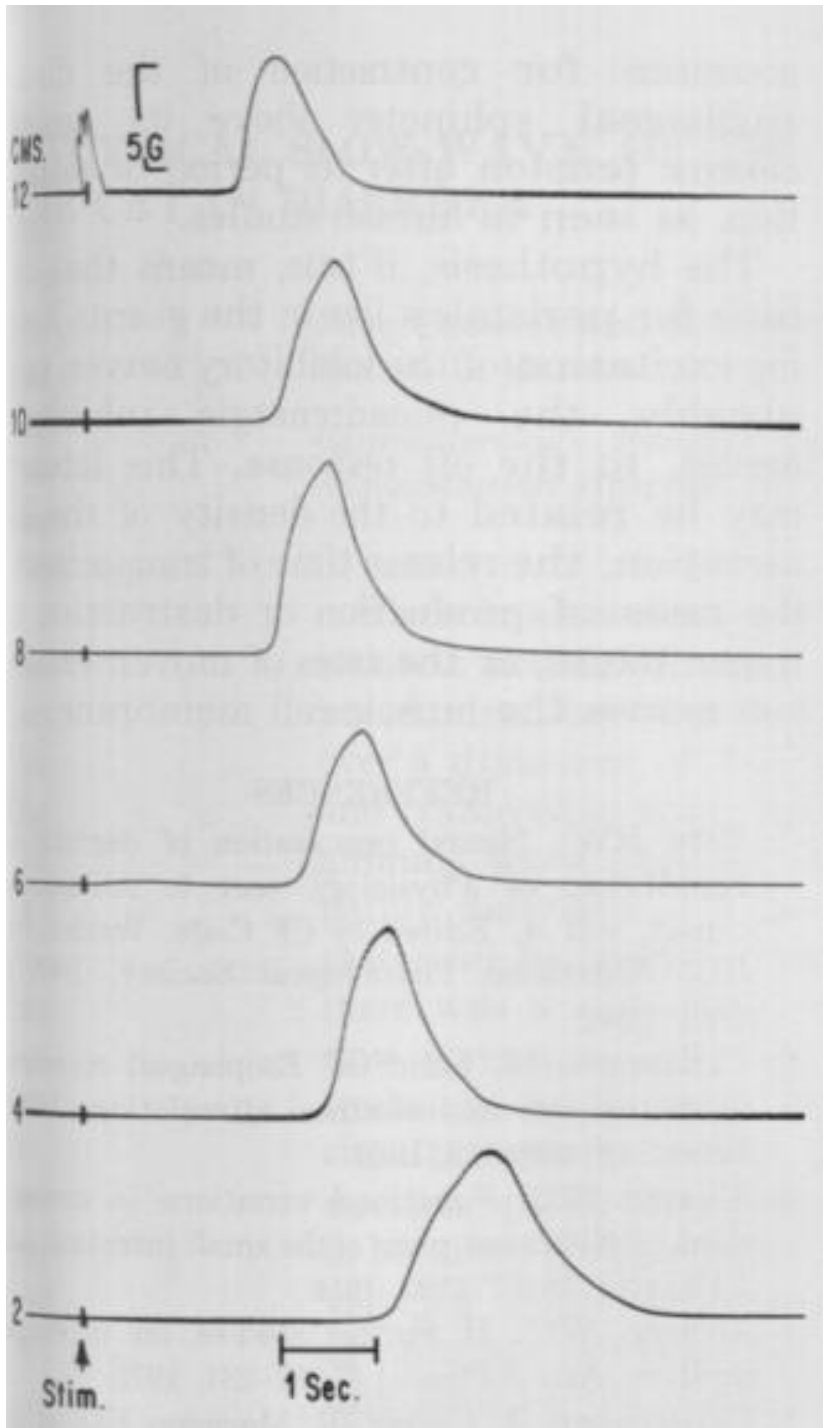
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First rigorous evidence of

INHIBITORY NEURO-SMOOTH MUSCLE NEUROTRANSMISSION

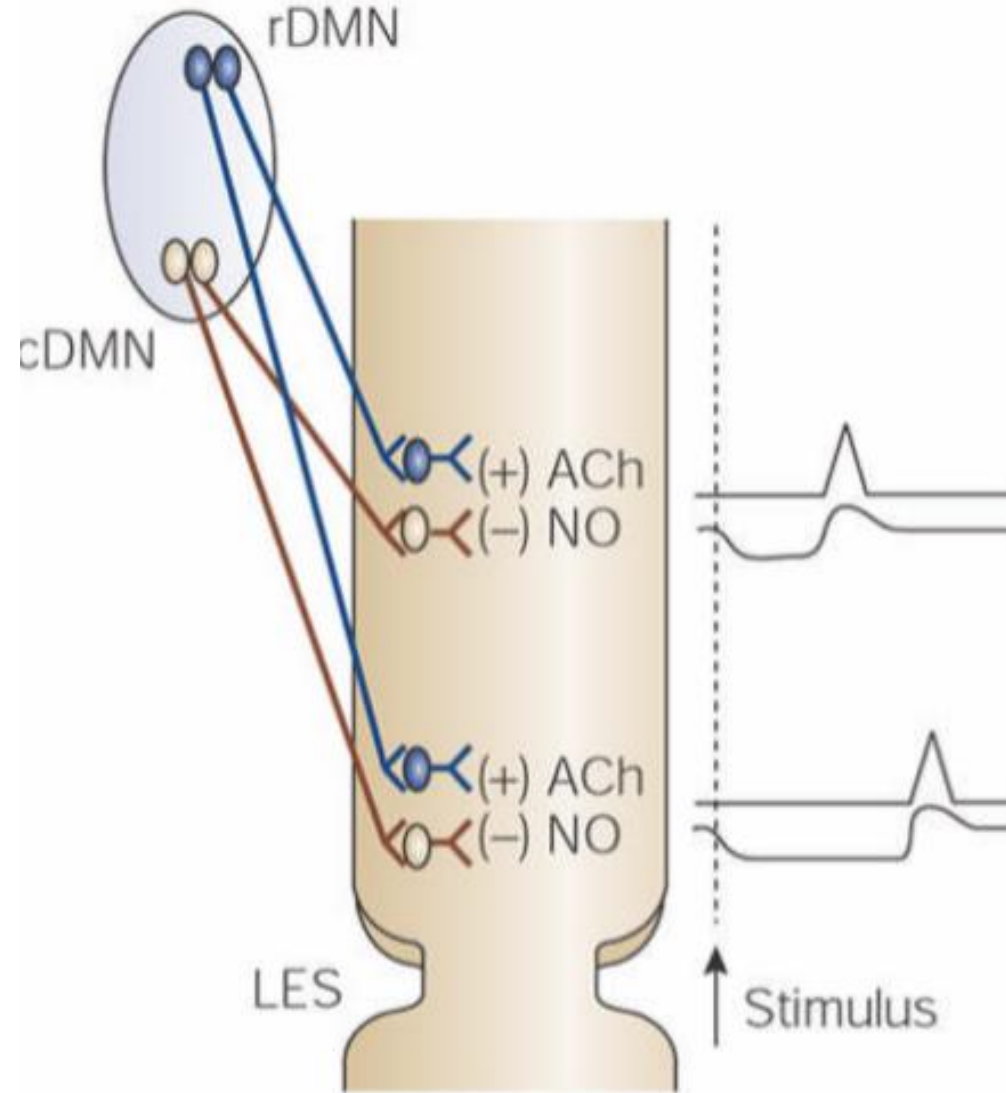
Esophageal body

LES



Goyal and Chaudhury 2008, *Journal of Clinical Gastroenterology*

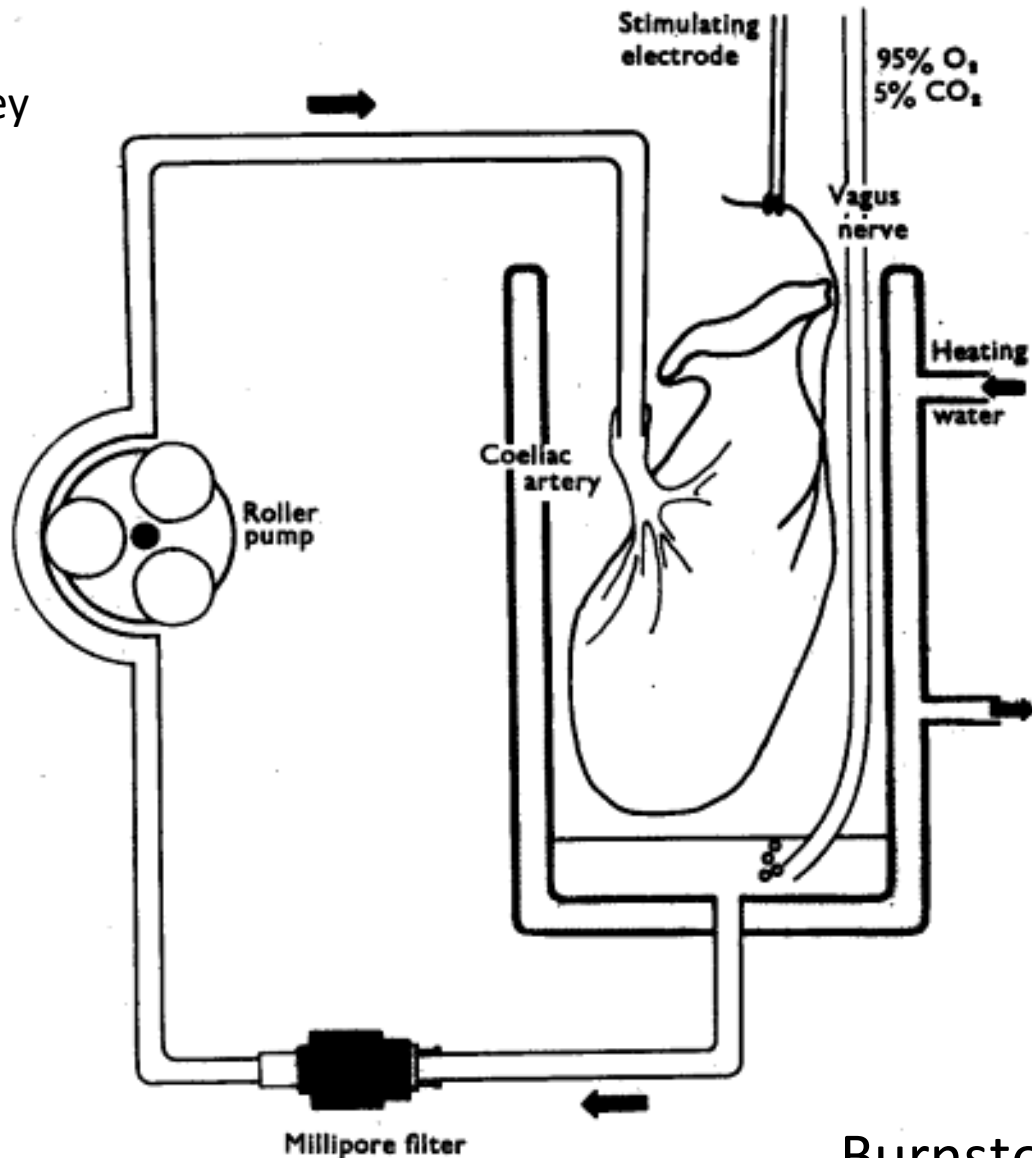
Ascending Excitation, Descending Inhibition



Accommodation of bolus

ATP as a NANC neurotransmitter

Turkey
Fish



Superfusion assay, Sir John Vane

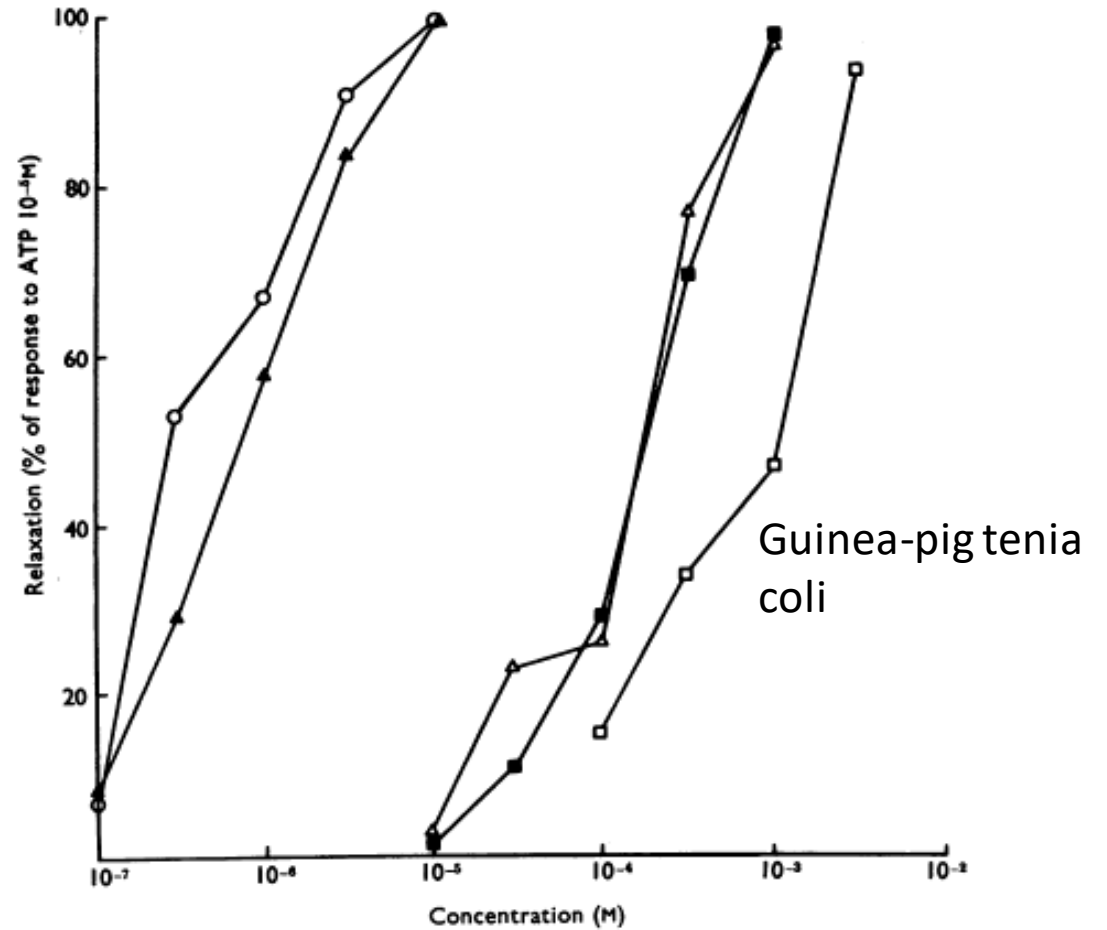


FIG. 5. Relative potencies of purine compounds in causing relaxation of the isolated guinea-pig taenia coli. Ordinate: amplitude of relaxation as a percentage of the response to ATP (10⁻⁵M). Abscissa: molar concentration (log scale). Dose-response curves are shown for ATP (▲), ADP (○), AMP (△), adenosine (■) and GMP (□). The tissues were exposed to the agonists for 30 s. Each point is the mean of values obtained on three preparations.

Burnstock et al Br J Pharmacol 1970

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[METHOD FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF THE ELECTRIC PROPERTIES OF NERVE AND MUSCLE FIBERS BY MEANS OF SURFACE EXTRACELLULAR ELECTRODES].

[Article in Russian]

ARTEMENKO DP, SHUBA MF.

KCI Amplify mV signals

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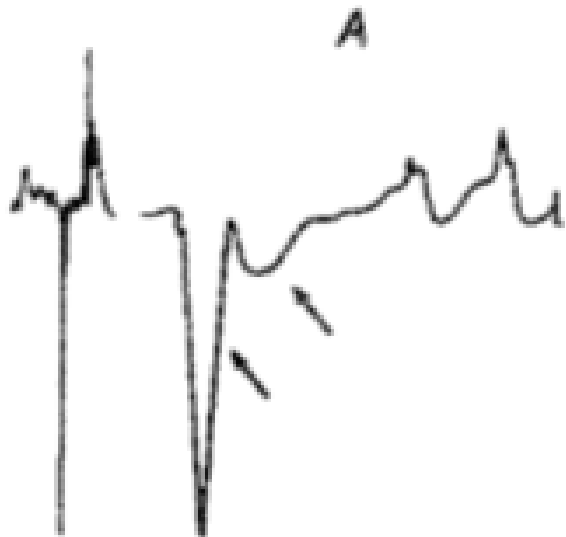
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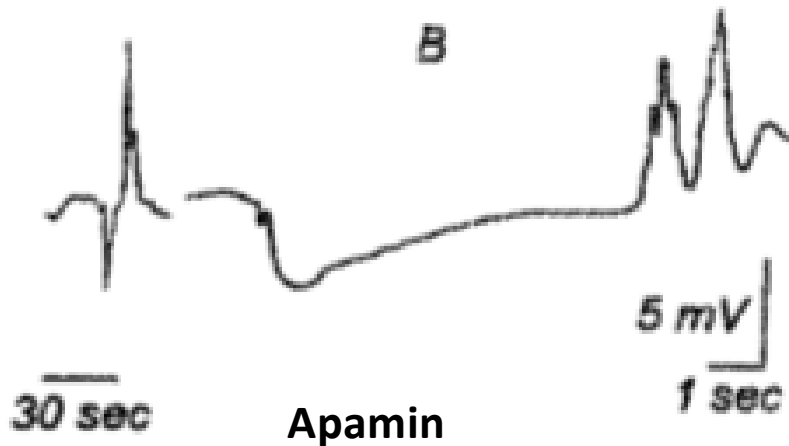
Inhibitory Junction Potential (IJP)

Compound IJP



Atropine
Guanethidine

Fast IJP

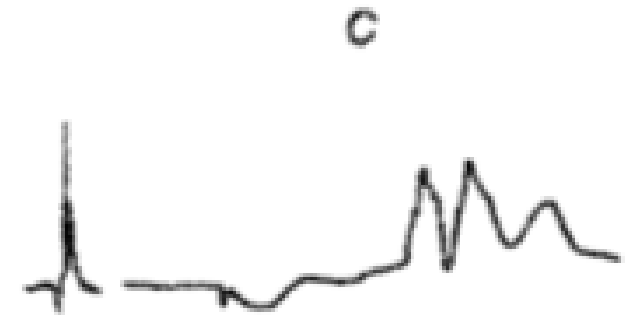


Apamin



Shuba MF; Zagordynuk & Maggi; Goyal & He; Burnstock; Chaudhury; Furness; Jimenez M.

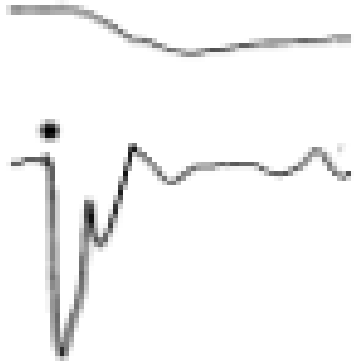
Slow IJP



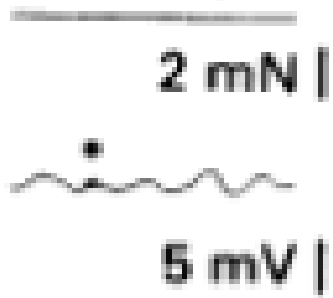
Apamin +
L-NAME

Characteristics of IJP

■ Control



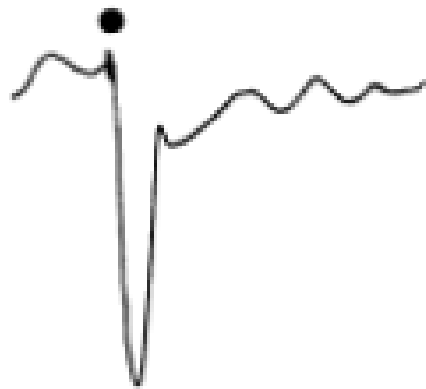
+TTX



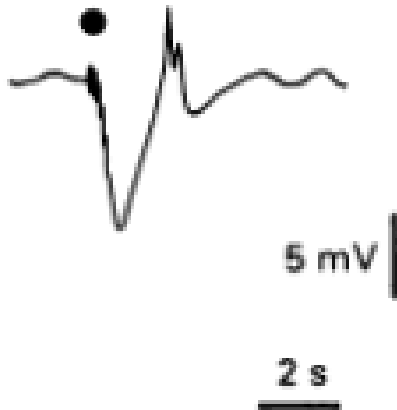
Neural prejunctional release



■ Control



ω -CgTx (0.3 μ M)



Calcium dependent





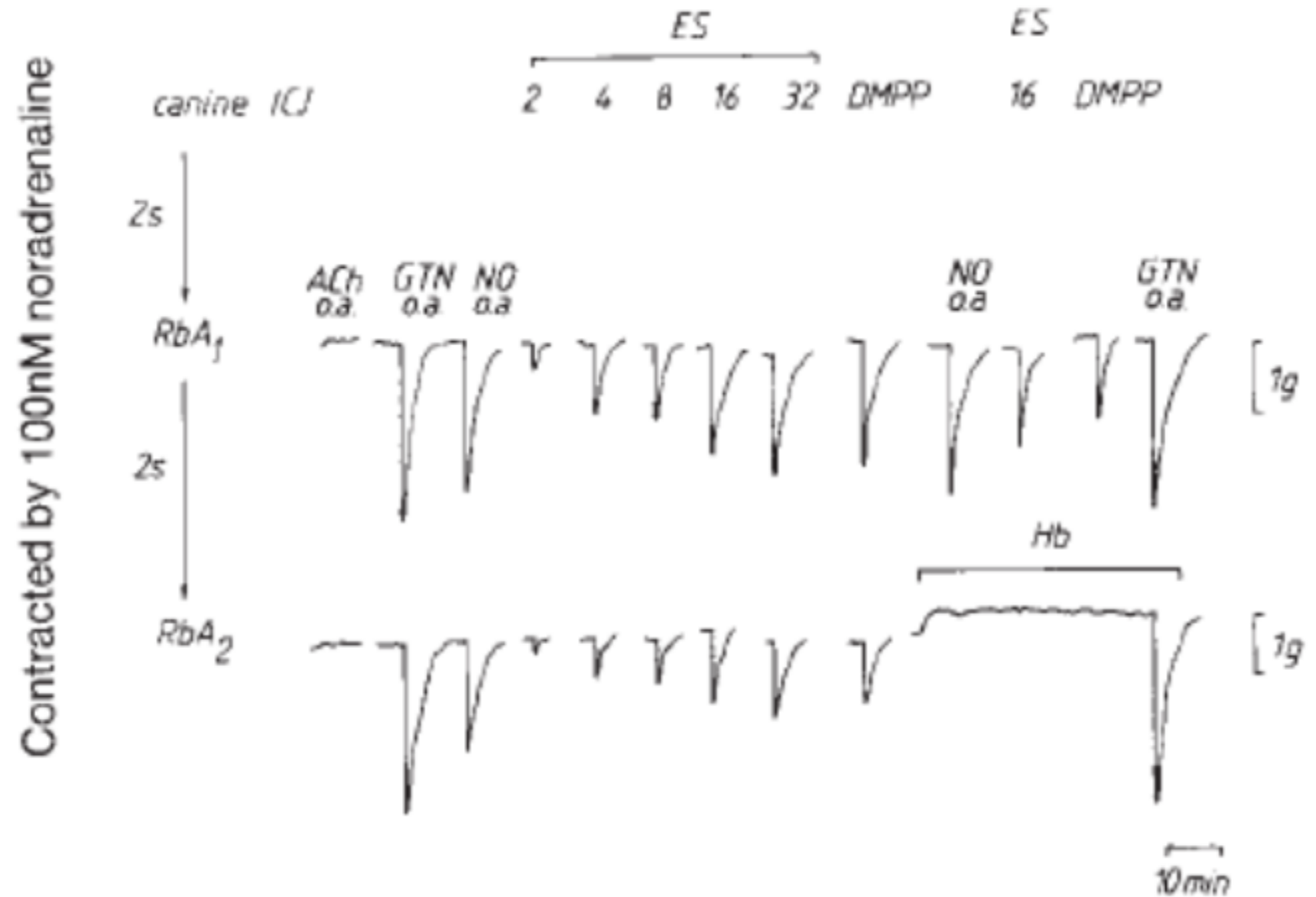
Sir Henry Dale

One neurone,
one neurotransmitter

? Multiplicity of neurotransmitters during enteric neuro-smooth muscle neurotransmission

Burnstock; Chaudhury

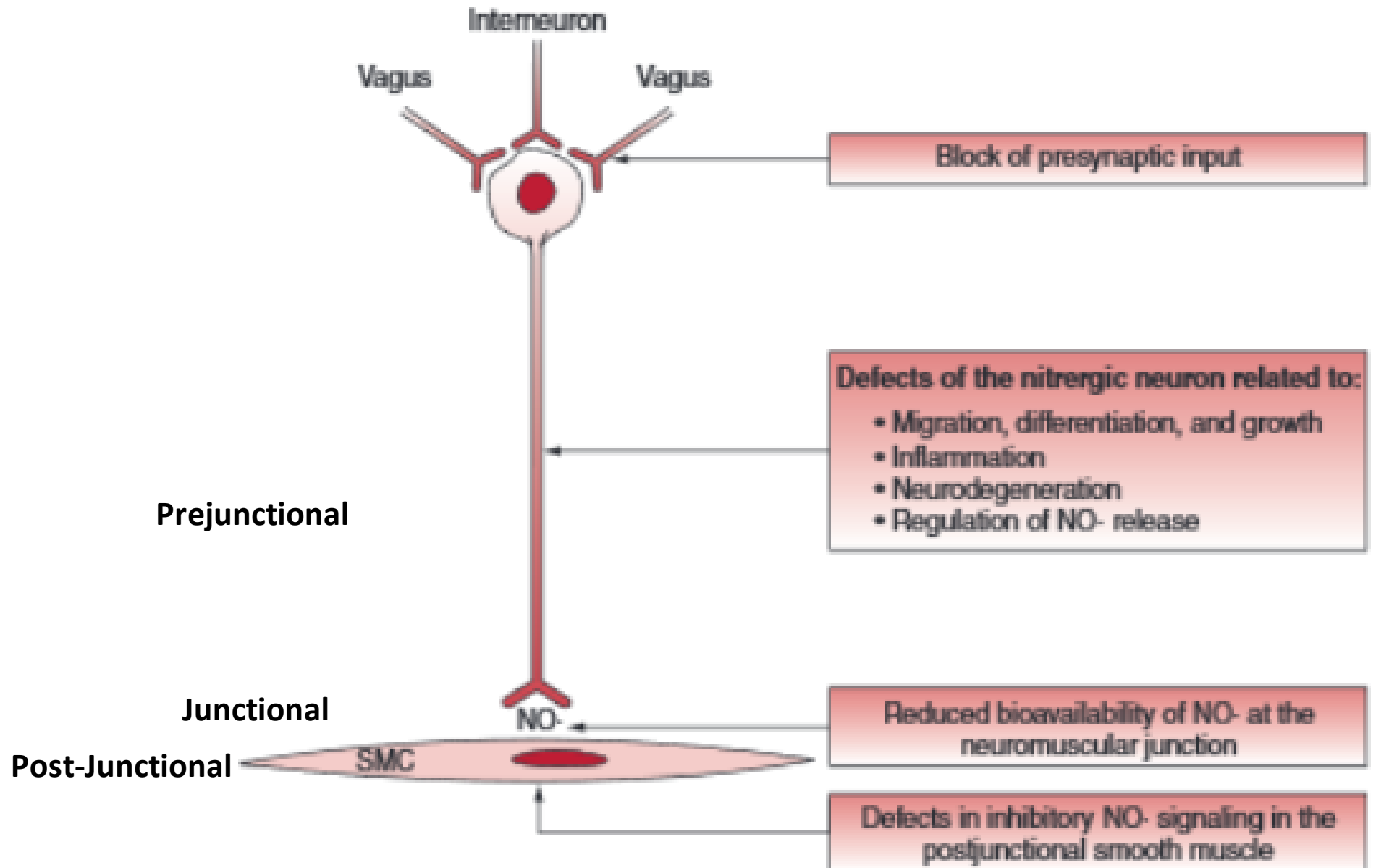
Gut nerve stimulation releases nitric oxide (NO)



Bult et al 1990

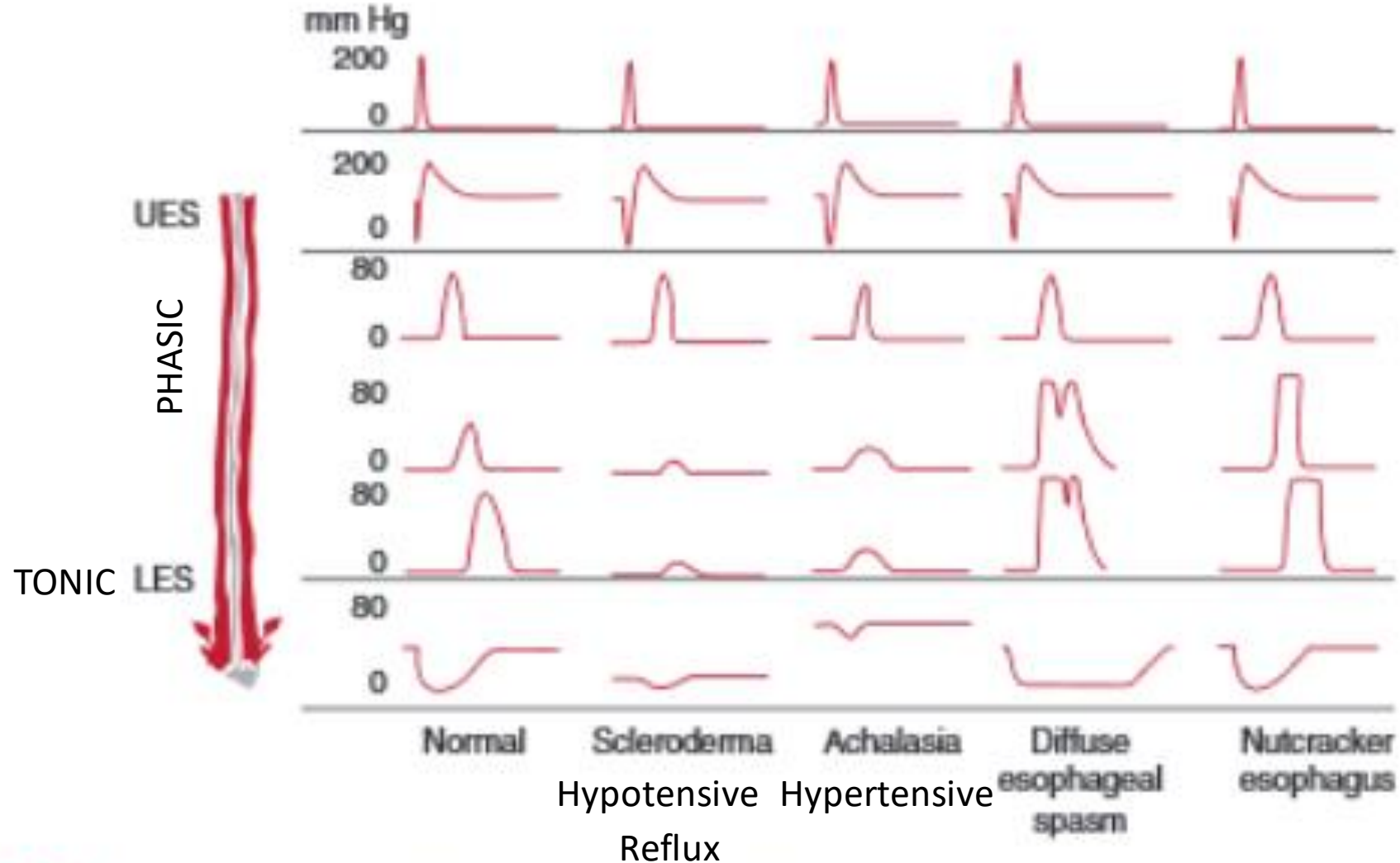
Defects in Nitrogenic Function may explain gut motility disorders

Chaudhury & Mashimo, Ch 13, 3rd Edition, **Current Diagnosis and Treatment in Gastroenterology**



Manometry aids definitive diagnosis

Chaudhury & Mashimo, Ch 13, 3rd Edition, **Current Diagnosis and Treatment in Gastroenterology**



▲ Figure 13-5. Motility patterns in esophageal smooth muscle disorders. LES, lower esophageal sphincter; UES, upper esophageal sphincter. (Adapted, with permission, from Goyal RK: Diseases of the Esophagus. In: Fauci AS, Braunwald E, Kasper DL, et al (editors): *Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine*, 17th ed. McGraw-Hill, 2008.)

Achalasia



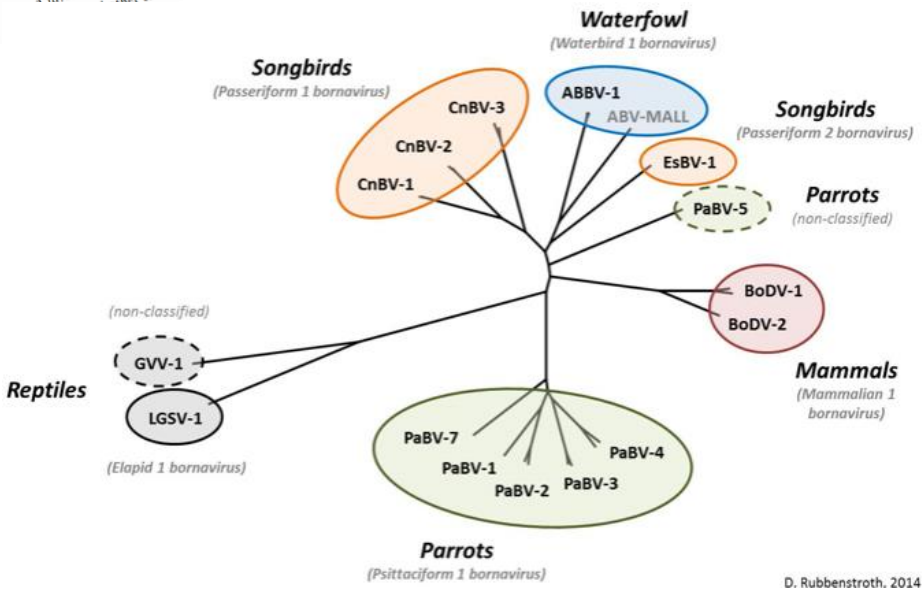
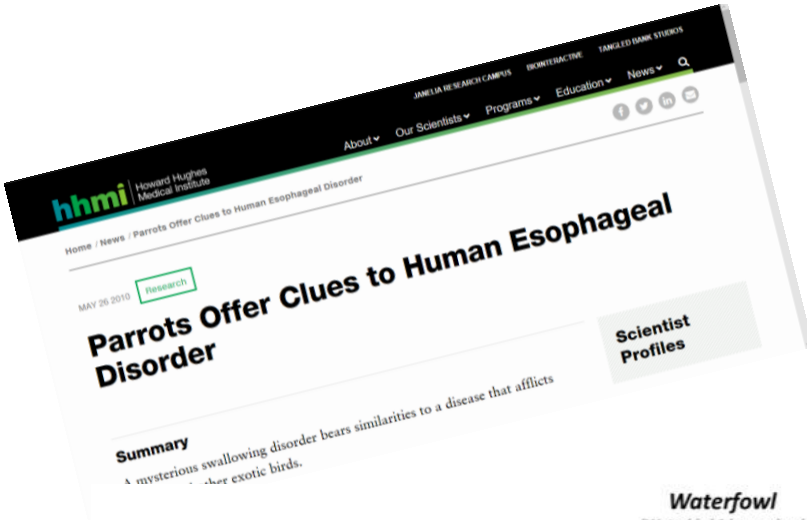
Diffuse Esophageal Spasm



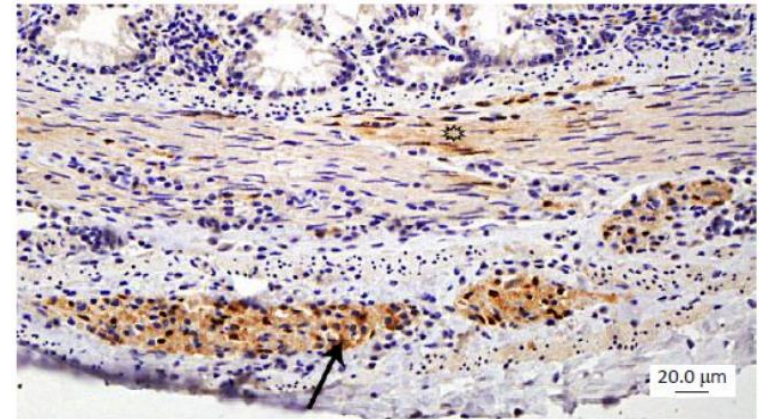
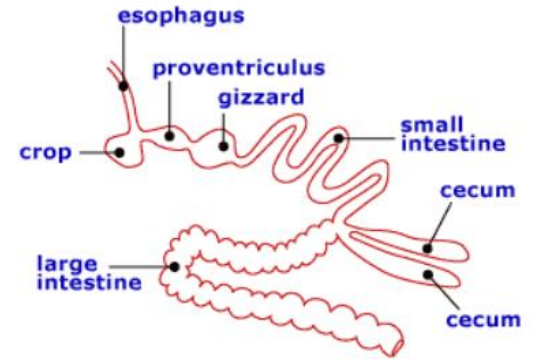
Chaudhury &
Mashimo, Ch 13,
3rd Edition,
**Current Diagnosis
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NCCP, Non-
cardiac chest
pain

Proventricular dilation disease



D. Rubbenstroth, 2014



Last et al 2012, JSAVA

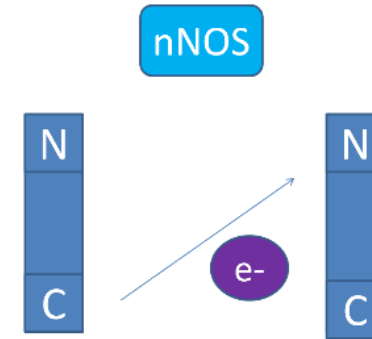
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Bioelectronics of Nitric Oxide (NO) synthesis

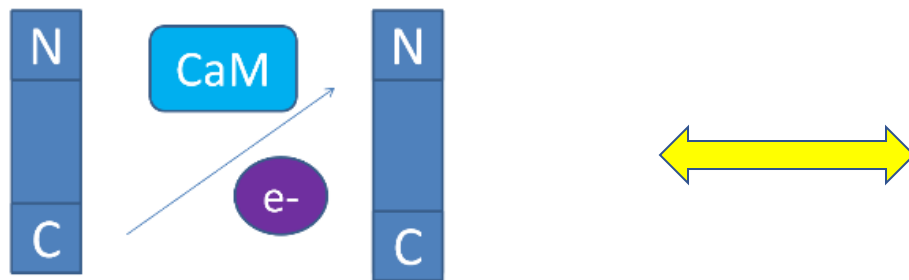
Synthesis of NO



Catalytic synthesis of NO

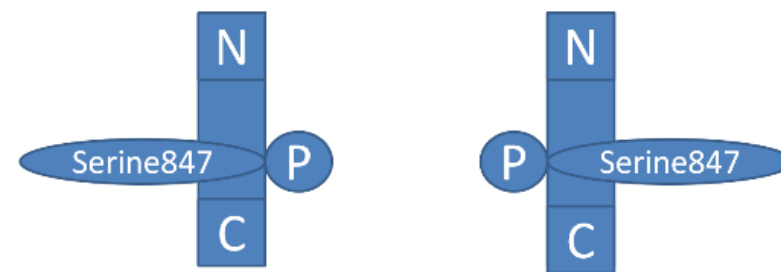


Facilitation of electron transfer



Active nNOS

Inhibition of electron transfer



Inactive nNOS

Non-vesicular transmitter follows Sherringtonian laws of neurotransmission

Chaudhury et al 2008, 2009

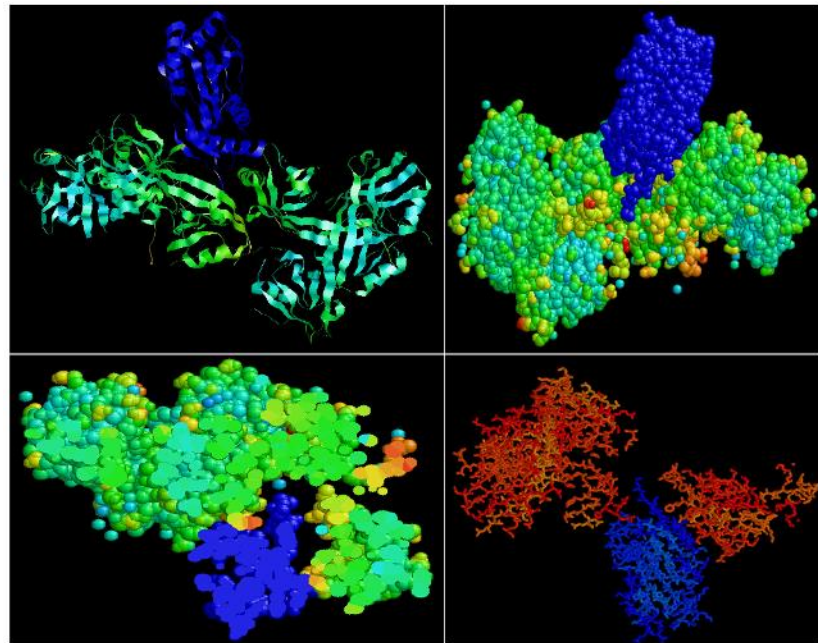
Molecular adaptors of nNOS

- LC8/DLC8/PIN
- PSD95
- BH4

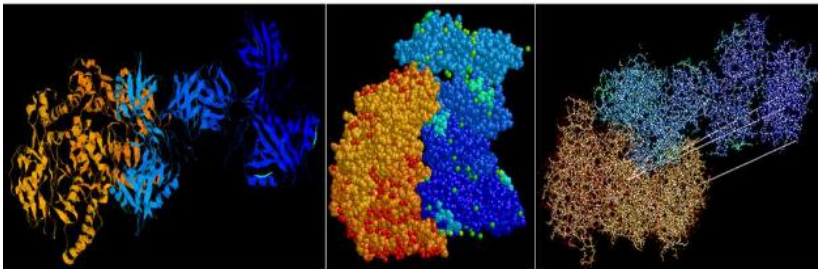
Chaudhury
Gangula

Molecular handoffs in nitrenergic neurotransmission

- Phelan-McDermid syndrome & cyclical vomiting

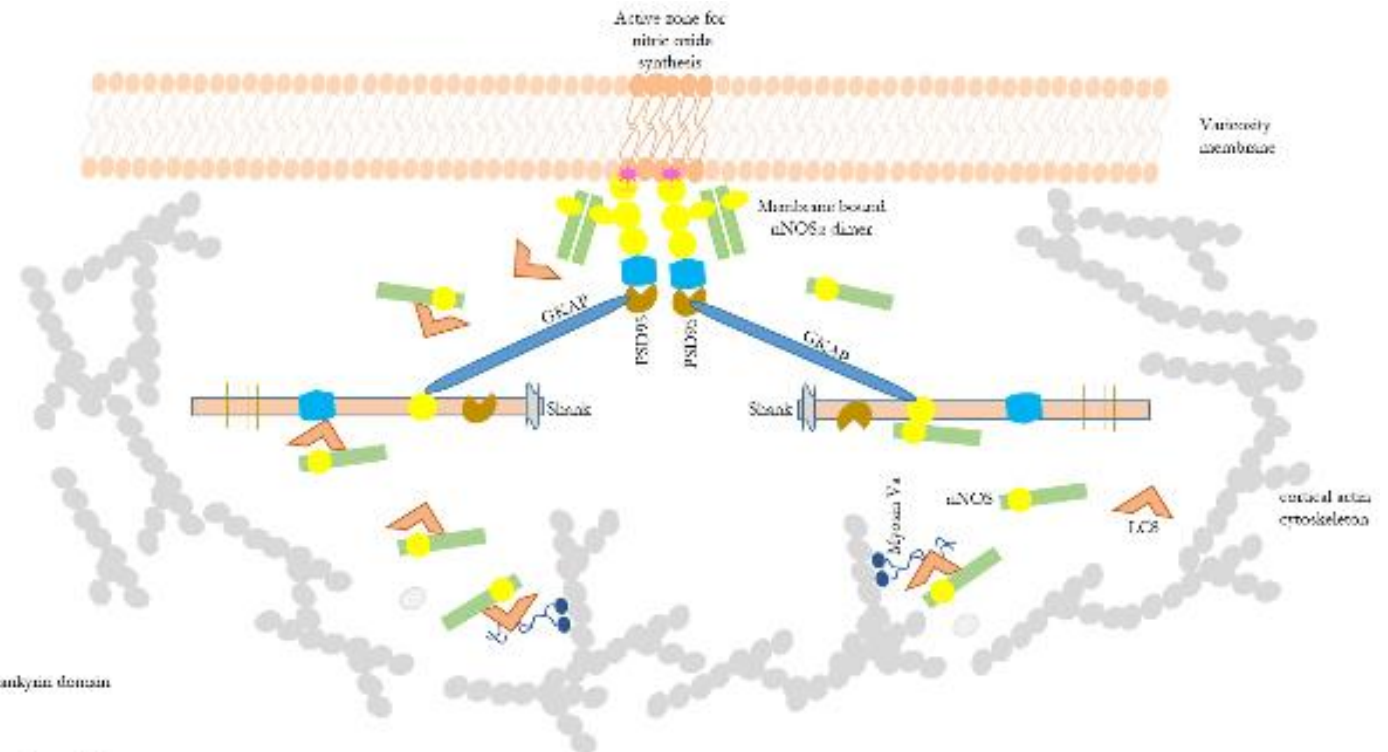


LC8 + Shank3



LC8 + nNOS

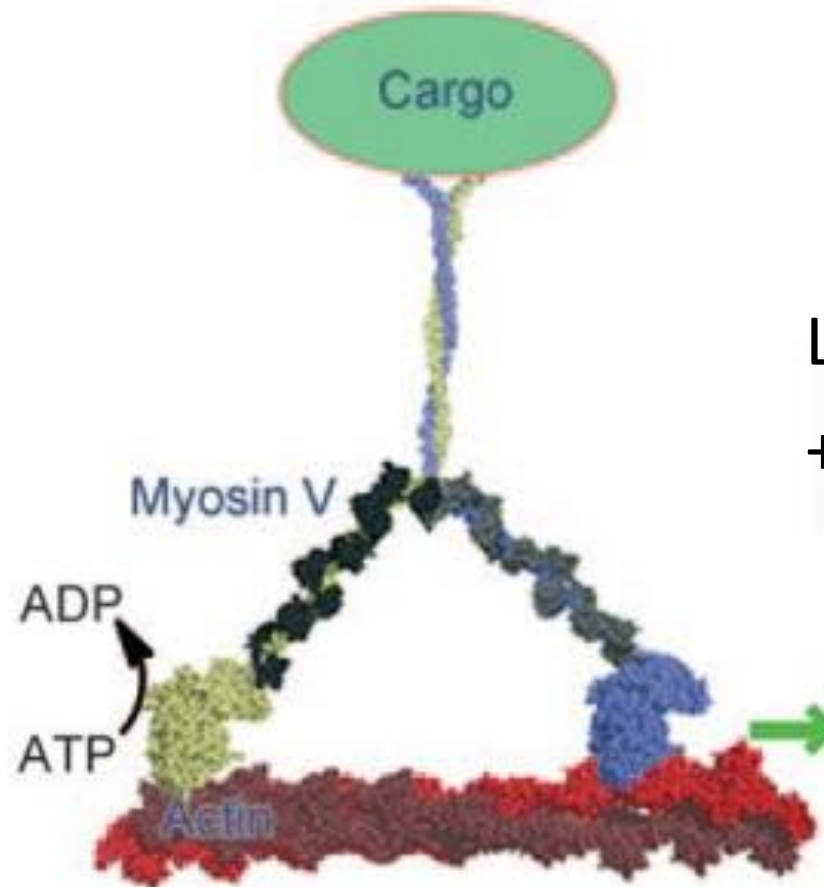
- PDZ
- G actin
- F actin
- multiple ankyrin domain
- SH3
- guanylate kinase (GK)
- palmitic acid
- SAM



nNOS in cortical cytoskeleton

Myosin Va is a possible candidate for cargo transport in varicosity

LC8/DLC8/PIN



LC8 = BOTH anterograde + retrograde movement

'Dilute'

DBA/2J



C57BL/6J

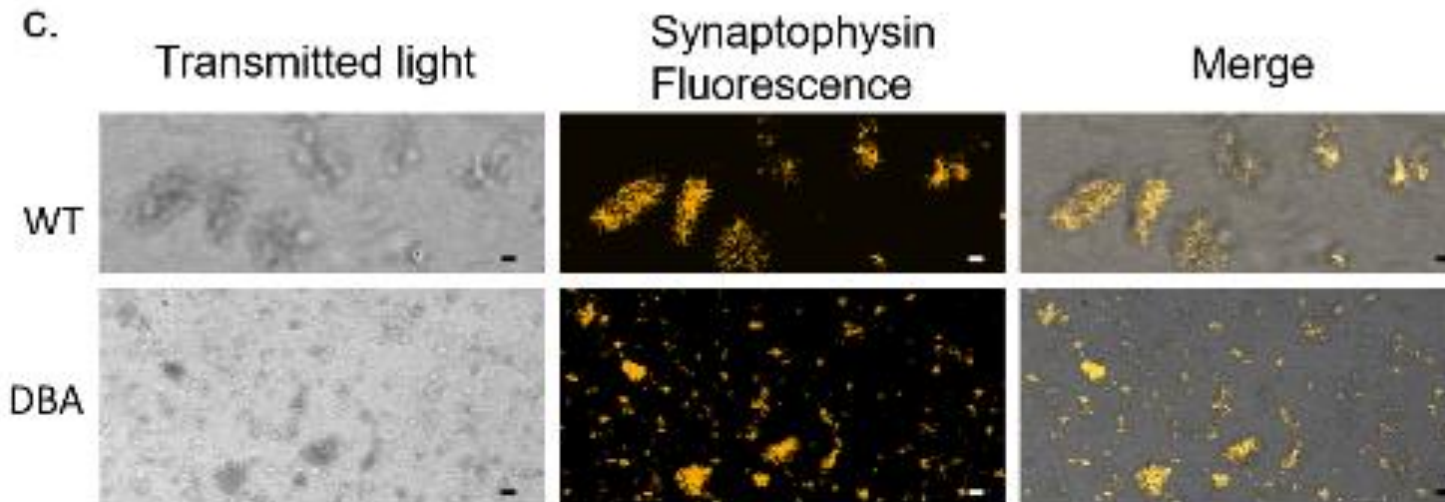
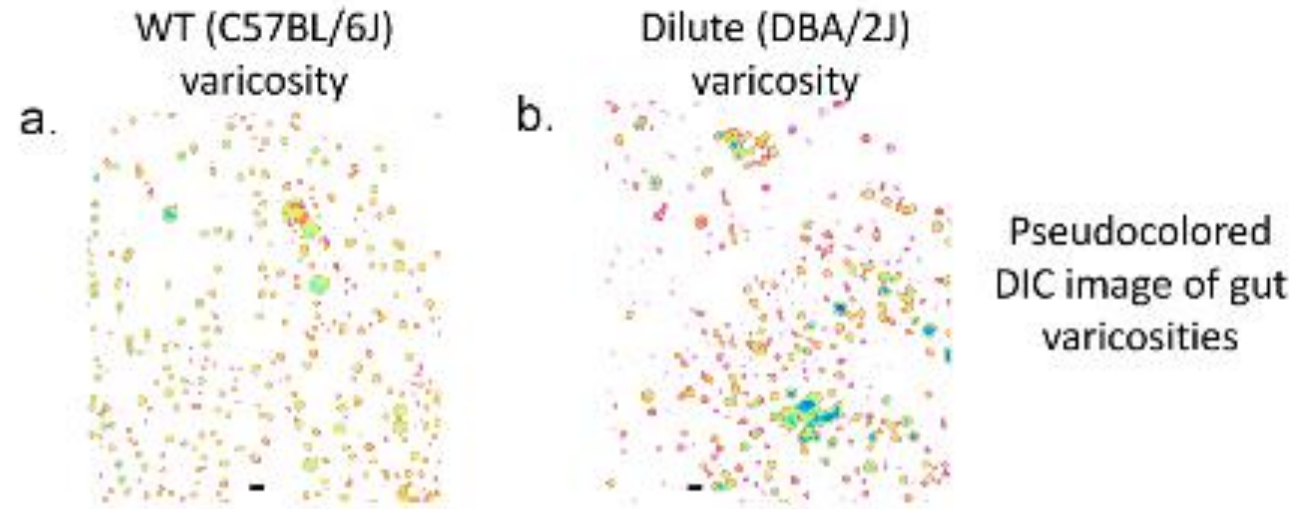


Lavender foal syndrome

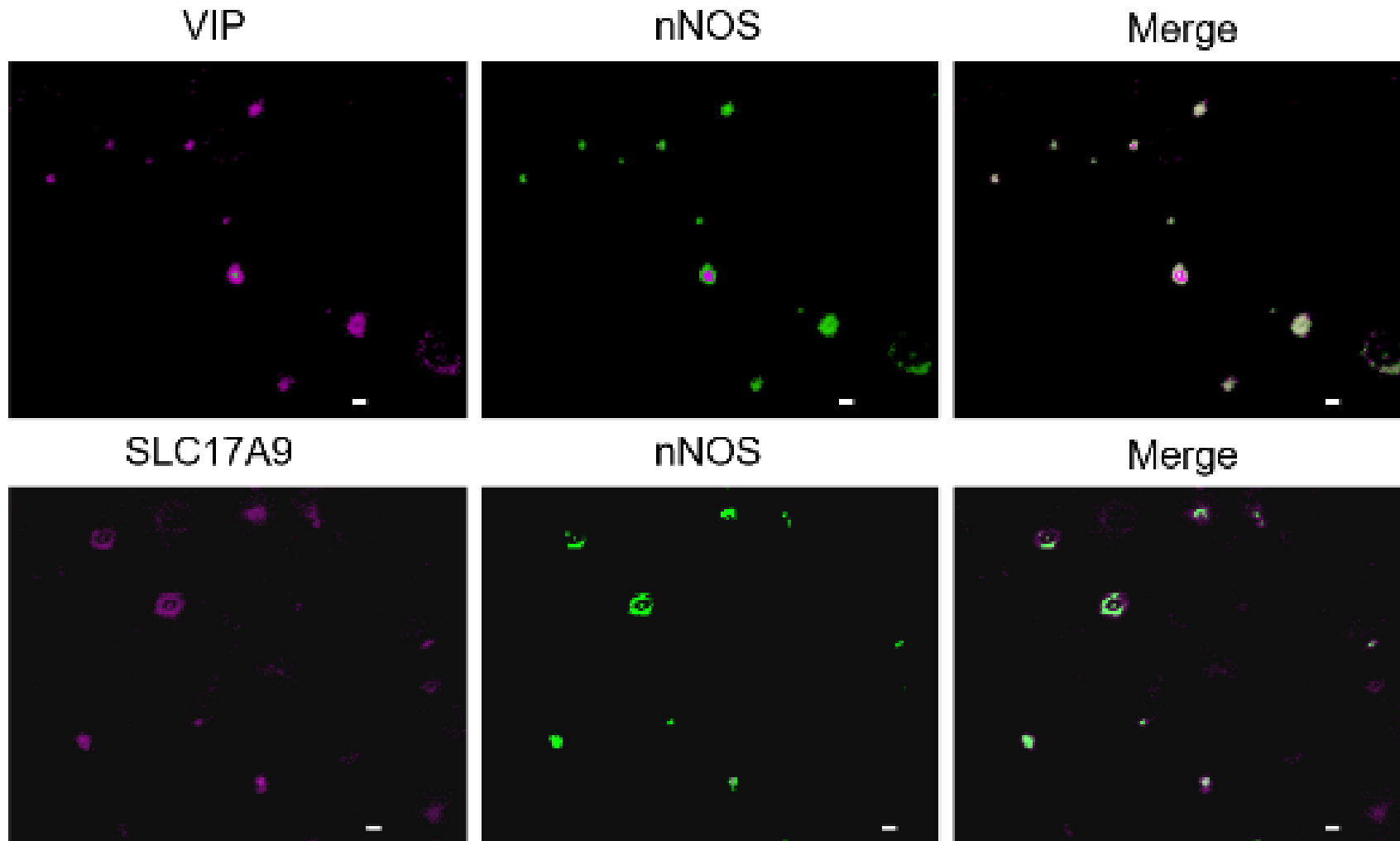


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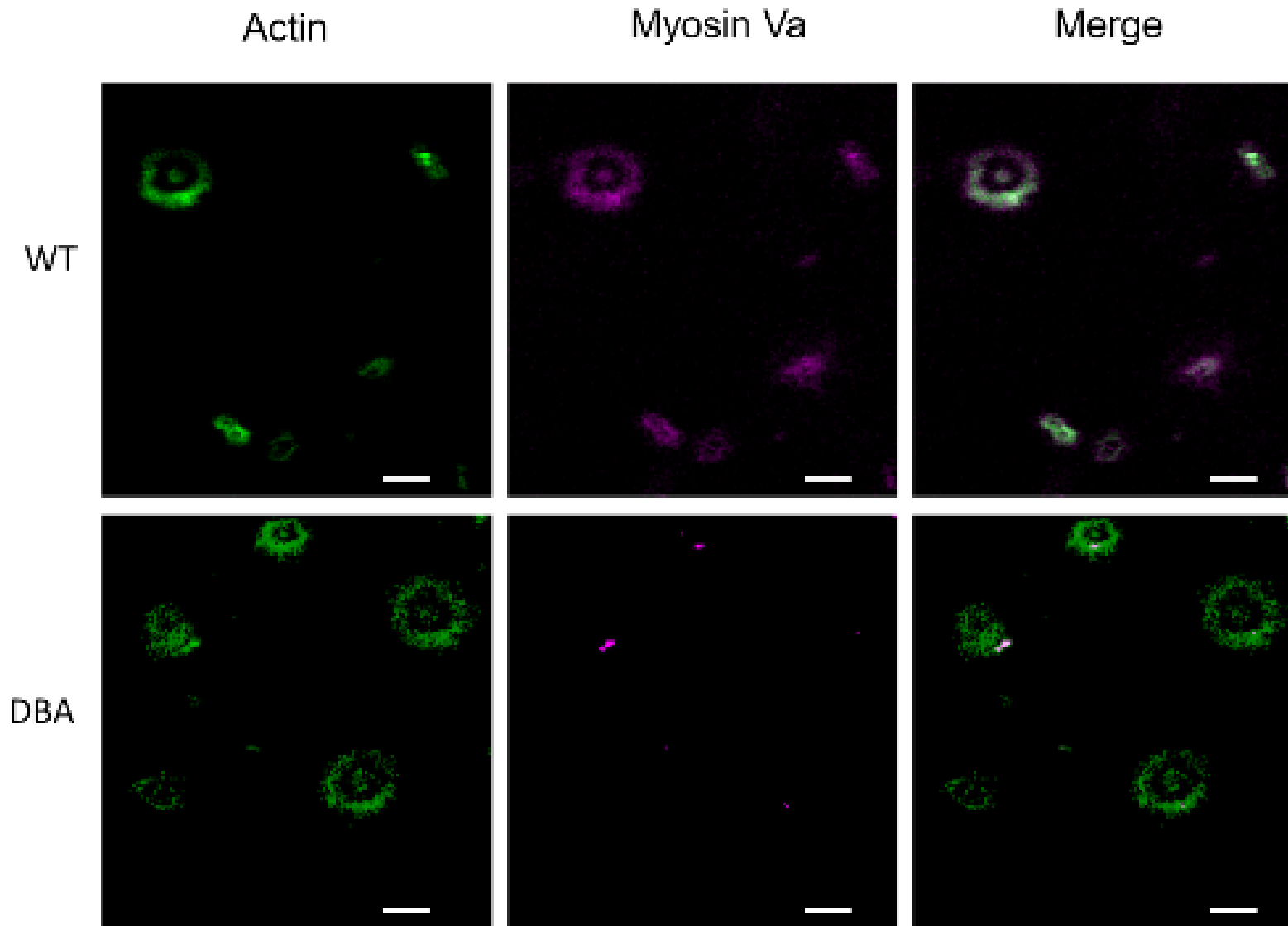
Myosin Va present in enteric varicosities



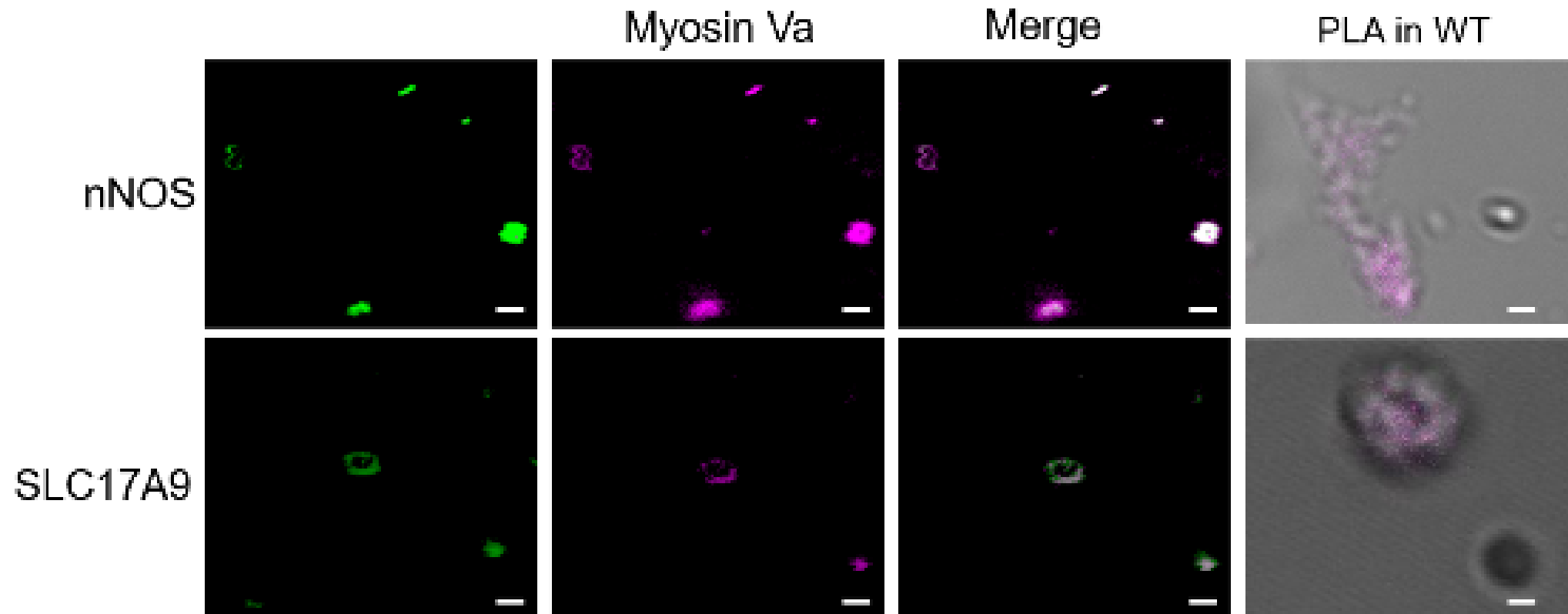
Inhibitory neurotransmitter systems present in enteric varicosities



Myosin Va reduced in DBA/2J varicosities

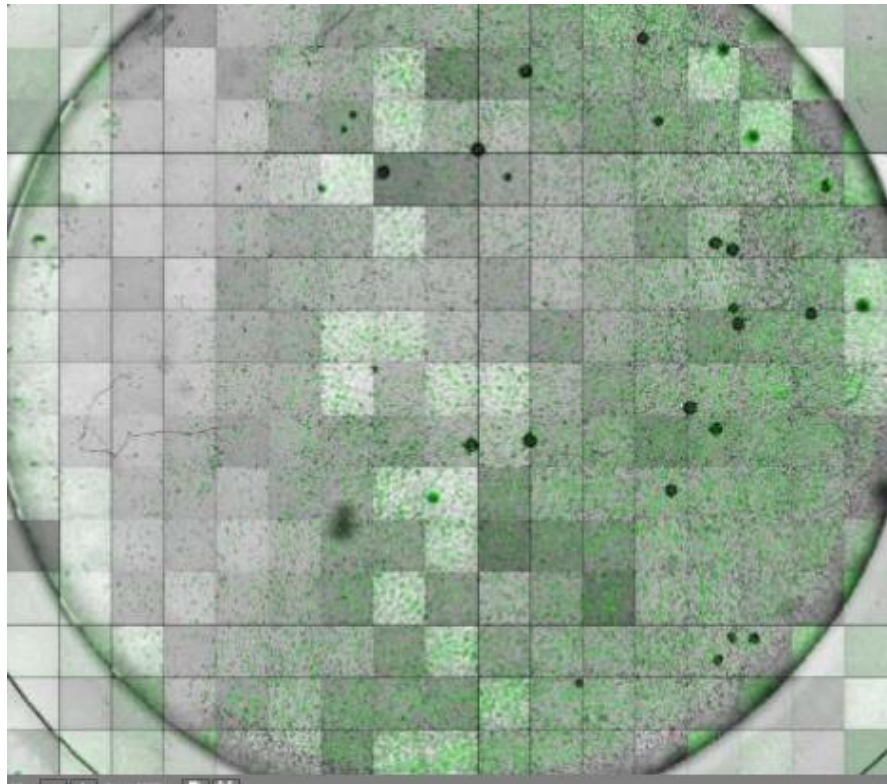


Myosin Va present in inhibitory varicosities



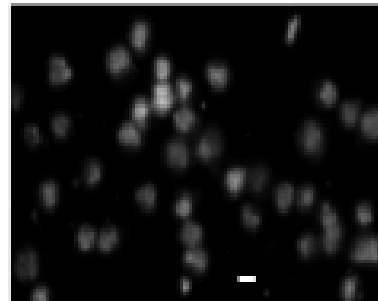
in vitro NO production reduced in DBA varicosities

DAF, diaminofluorescein

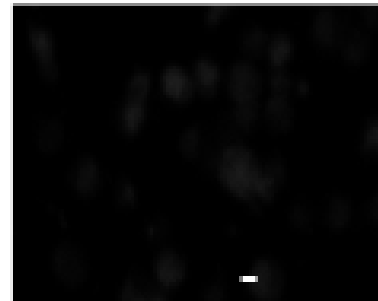


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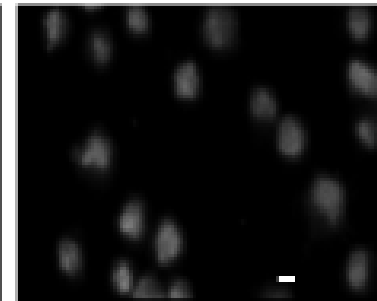
DAF-NO in WT



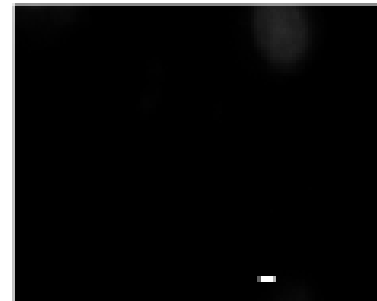
DAF-NO in DBA



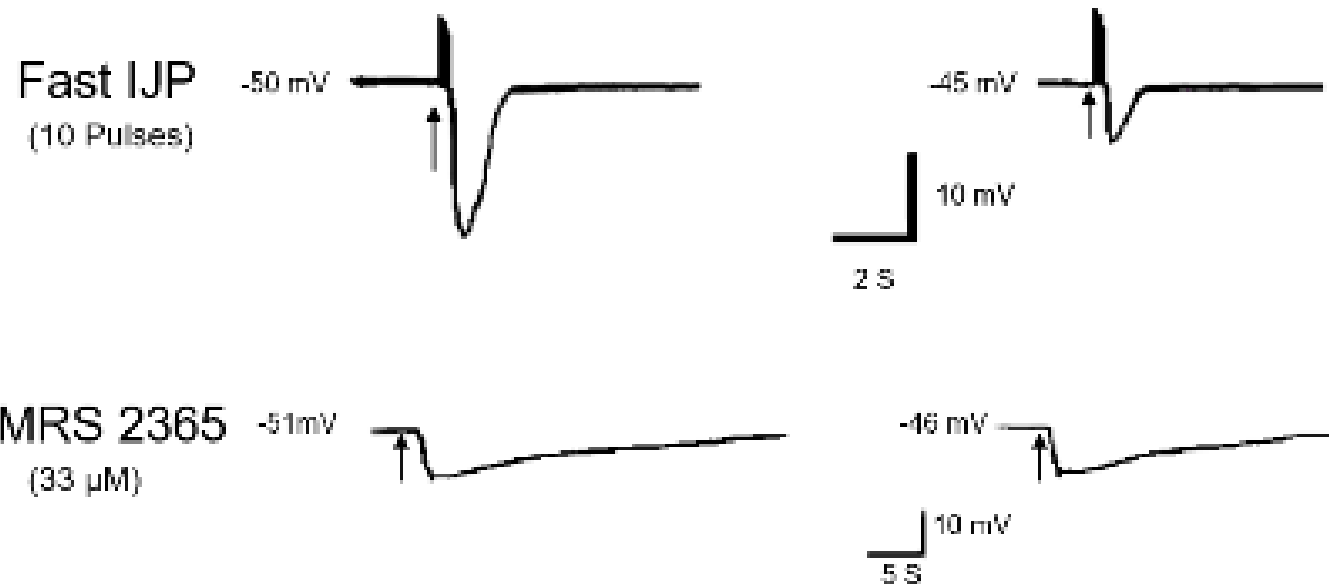
DAF-NO (DNO)



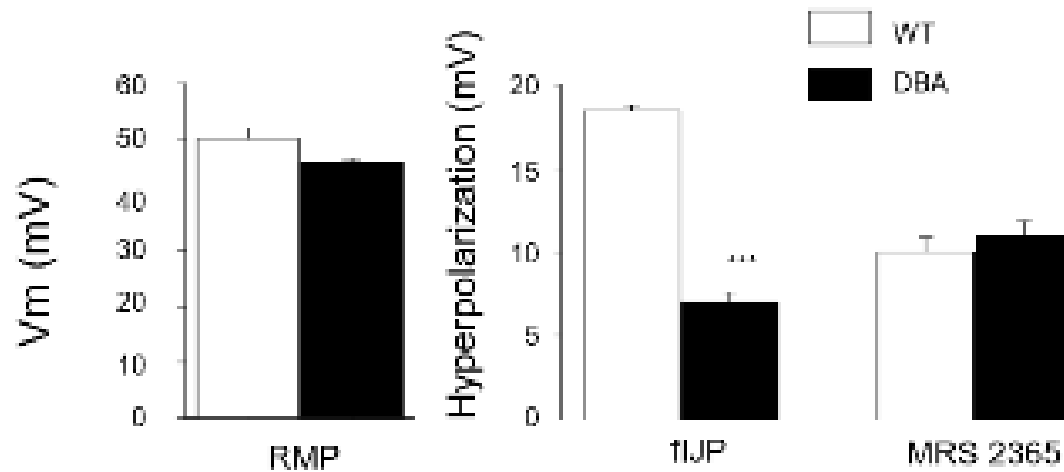
DAF-NO (L-NAME)



Fast IJP reduced in DBA/2J mice

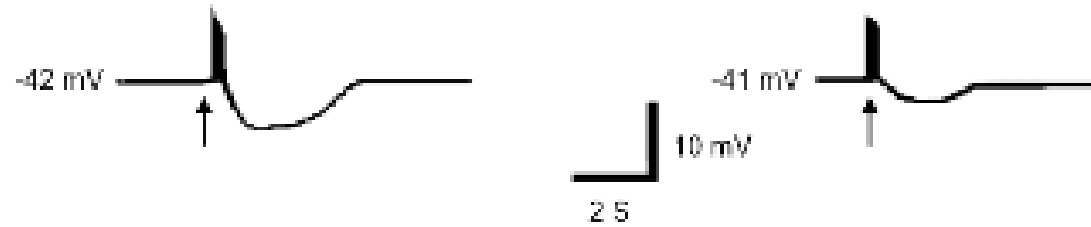


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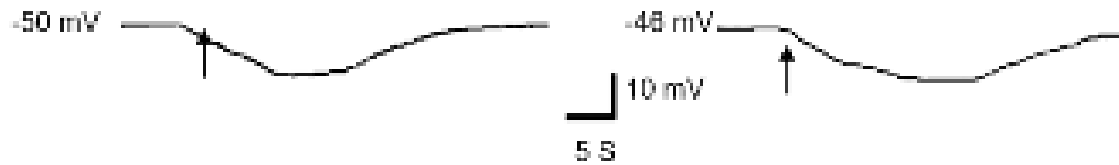


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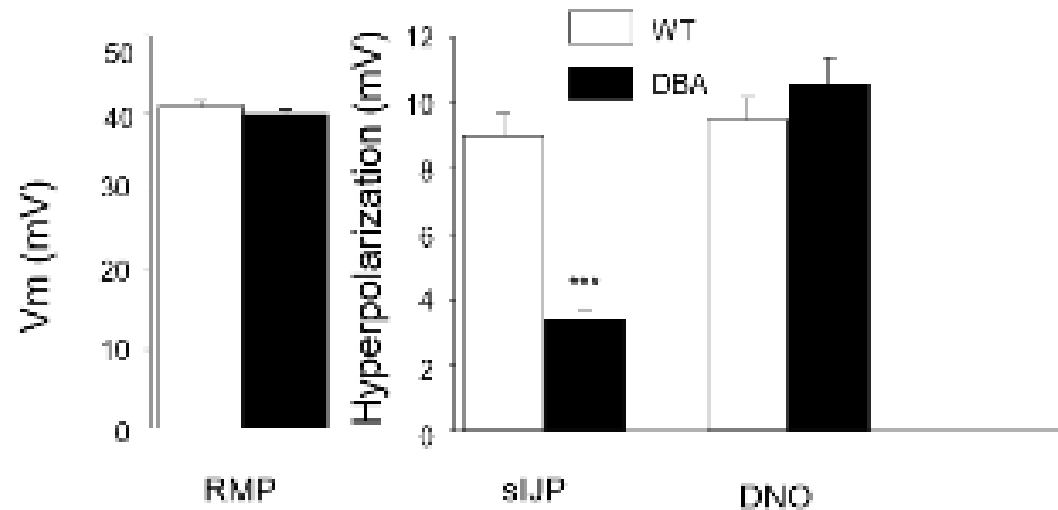
Slow IJP
(10 Pulses)



DNO
(660 μ M)



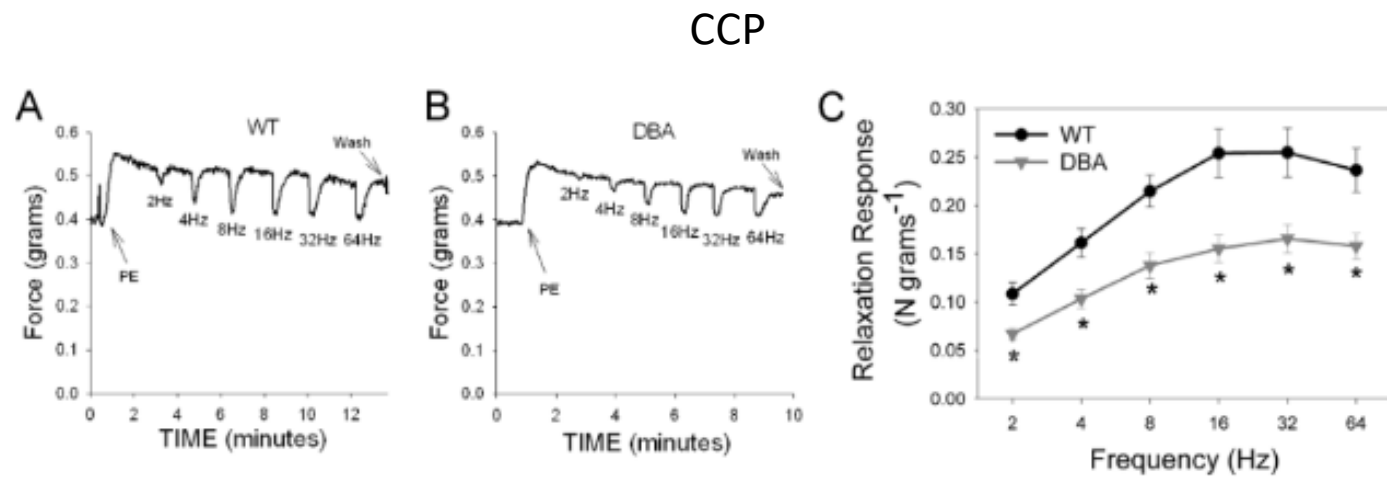
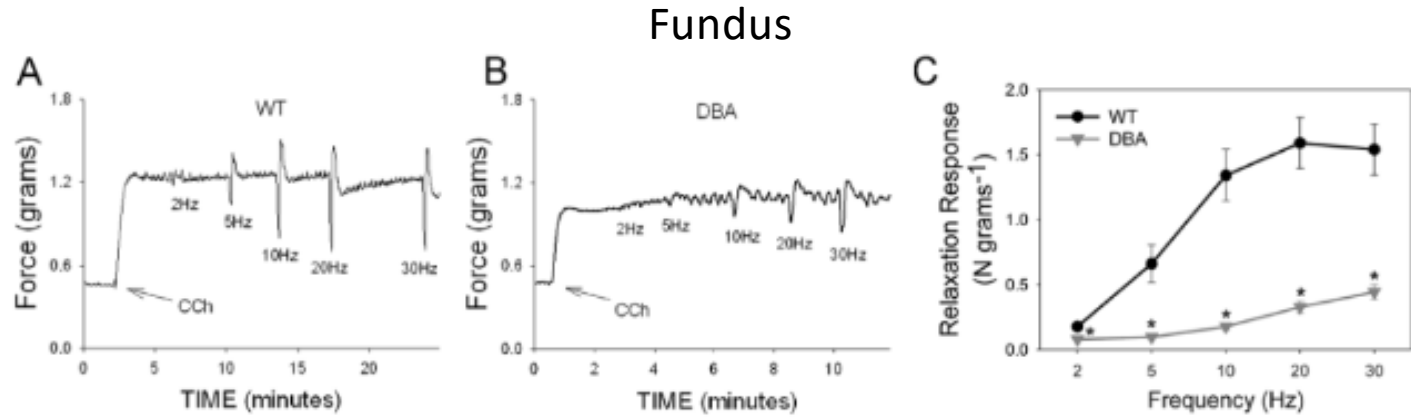
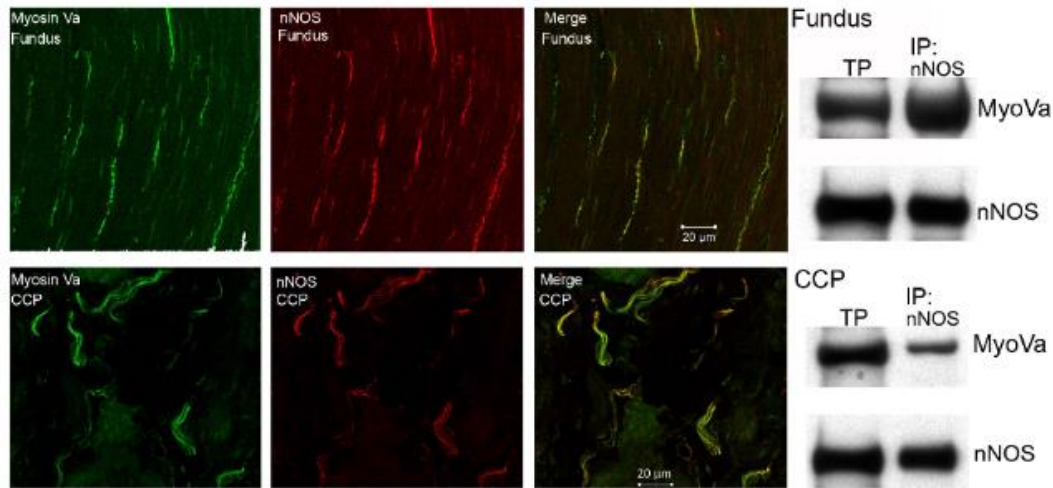
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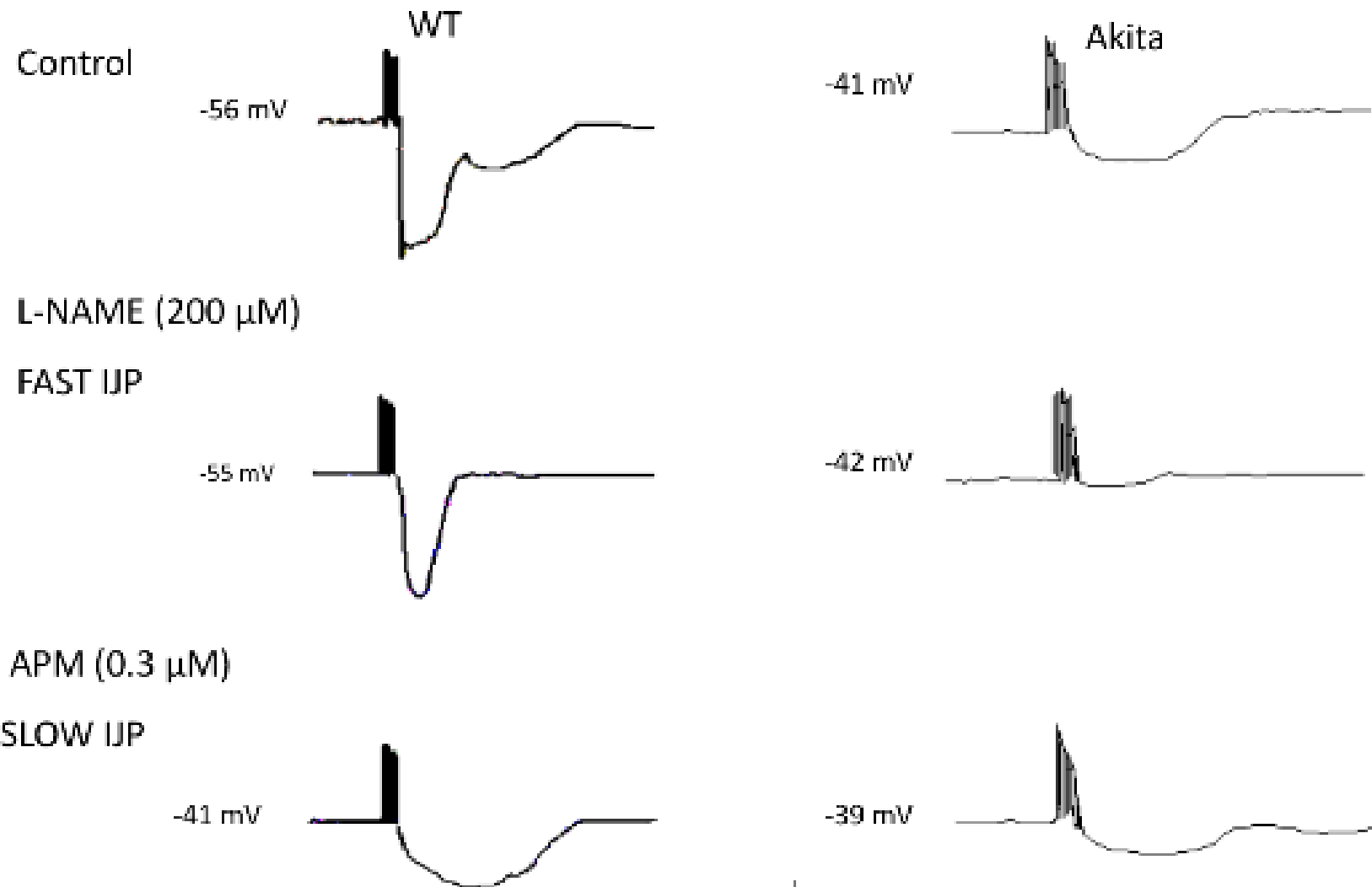
First demonstration of molecular basis of coordination for tandem release of neurotransmitters by molecular motors during a coordinated neurophysiological event

Chaudhury

Loss of relaxation in penile cavernosa & gastric fundus of DBA/2J mice



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



Chaudhury, He, unpublished

10 mV
2 s

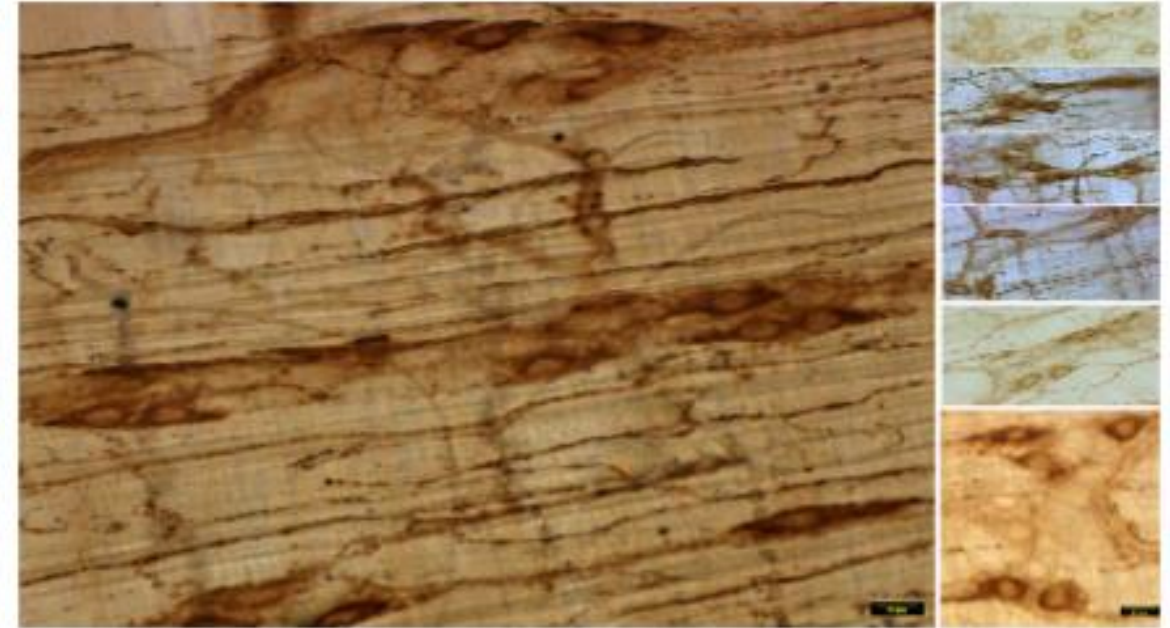
Nitrenergic neurons look similar in wild-type & diabetic rat jejunum

Control



nNOS

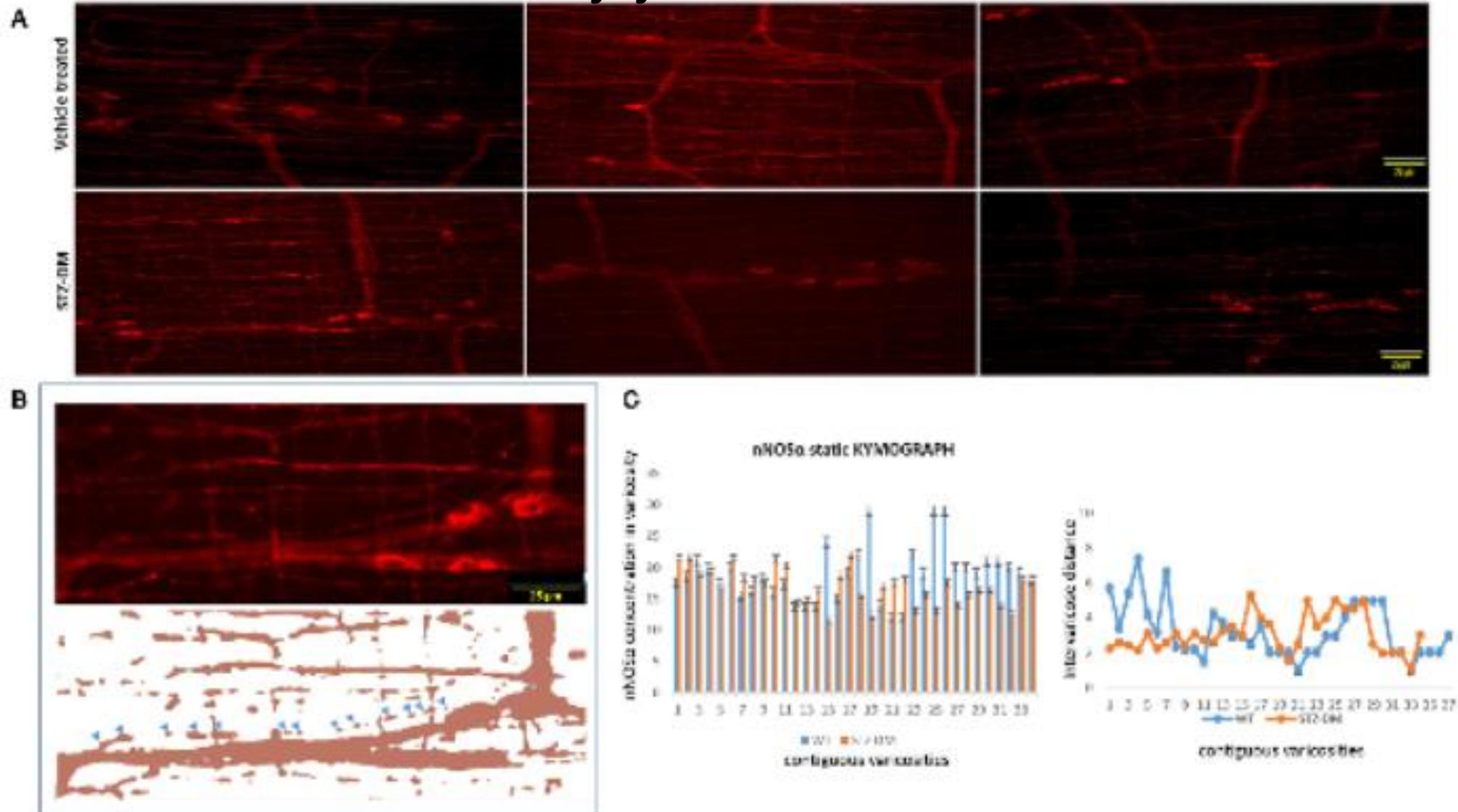
Streptozocin (STZ)



nNOS

Chaudhury et al 2014

nNOS uniformly distributed in wild-type & diabetic rat jejunal nerve terminals



Myosin Va reduced in diabetic rat jejunal nerve terminals

Control

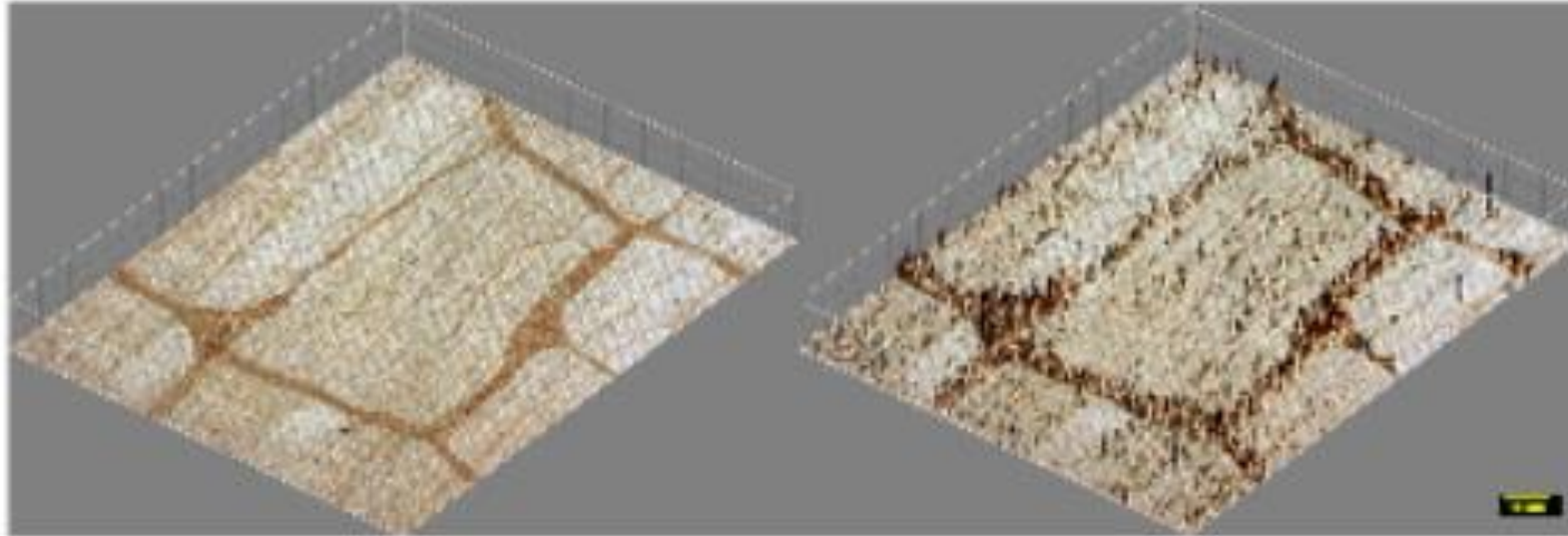
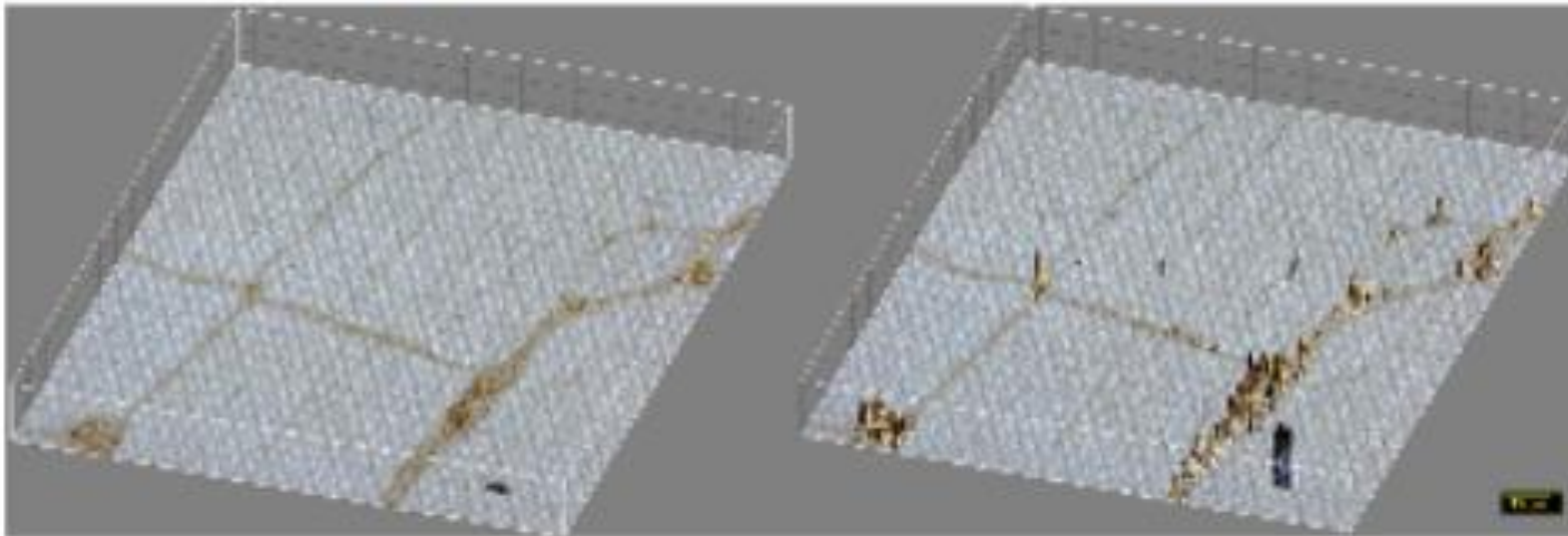


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Diabetes



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Project in Progression

Defective axonal transport of myosin Va or intra-varicosity transport of nNOS may underlie the pathophysiology of diabetic gastroparesis

Idiopathic ~~X~~ Gastroparesis

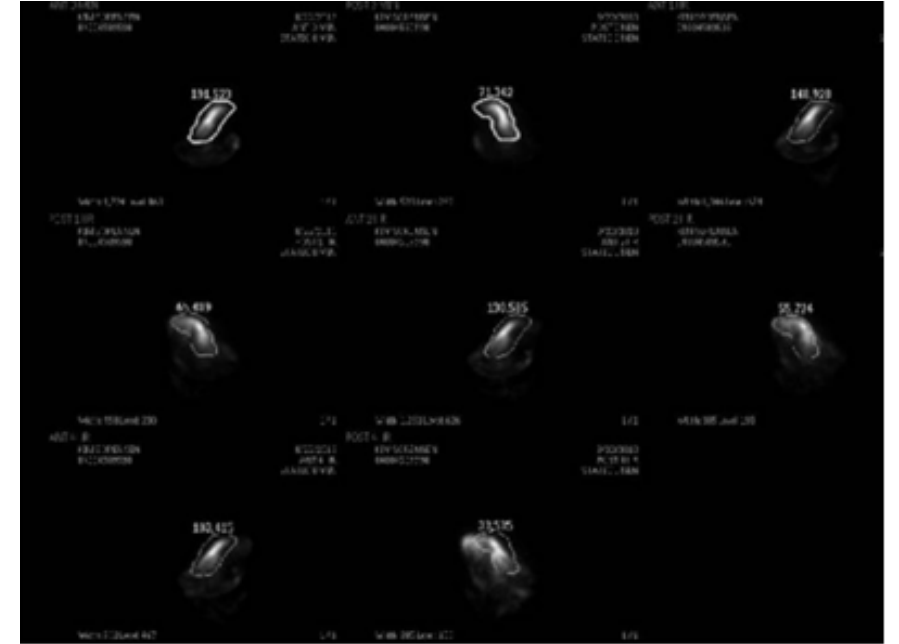


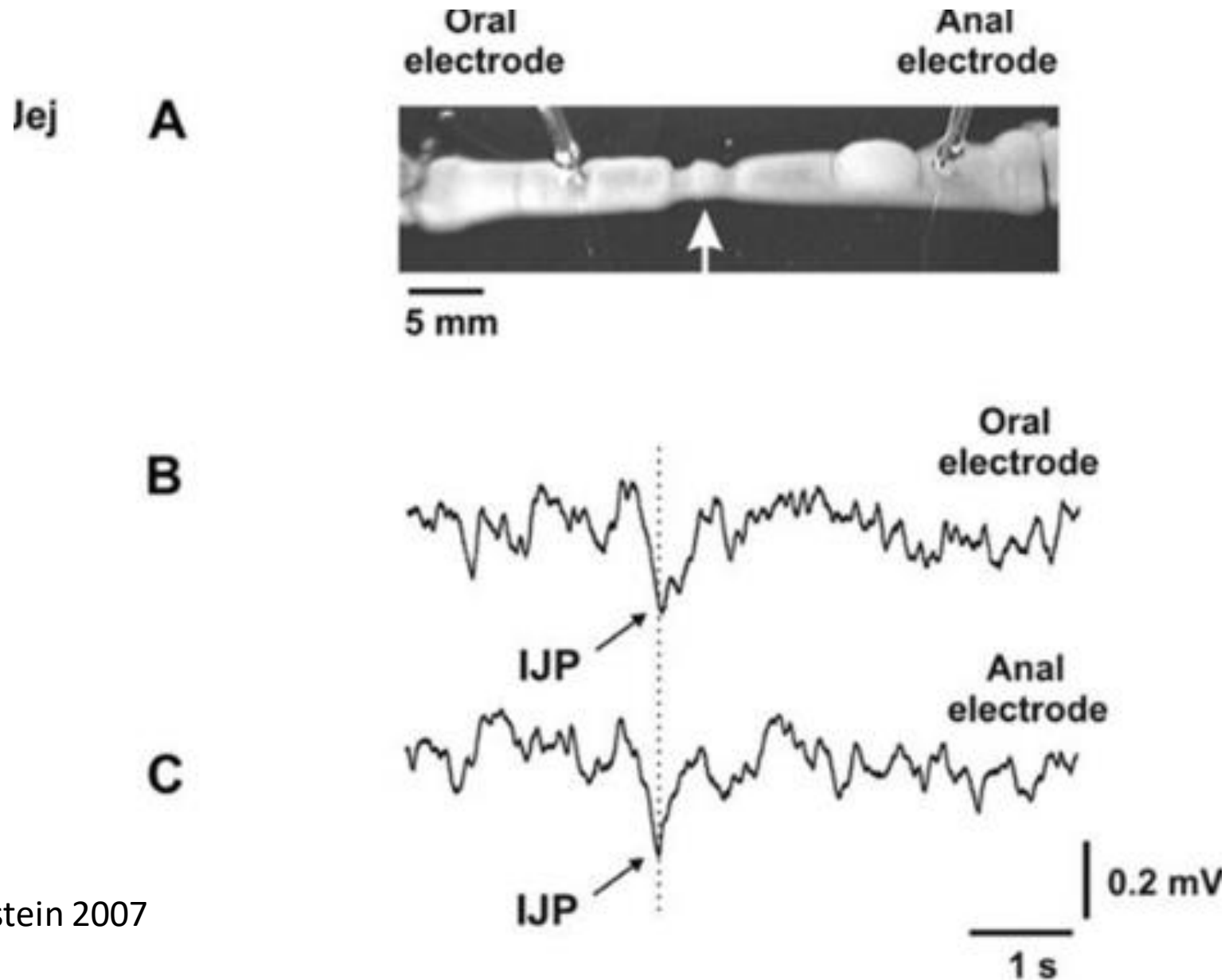
Figure 2. Gastric emptying scintigraphy. There is 75% radiotracer remaining in the stomach at 1 h, 58% at 2 h and 32% at 4 h.

Alvarez et al, 2015, 143-45, Acute Gastric Dysfunction after Catheter Ablation of Atrial Fibrillation, J Medical Cases

Food for thought

Are there similarity in mechanisms of diabetic gastroparesis and obesity?

IJPs recordable in small intestines



GI motility pathophysiology in Celiac Disease and Down syndrome: Lessons from Snell's Waltzer

A model of myosin 6 deficiency

Snell's waltzer may provide pathophysiologic insights into multiorgan complications of Down syndrome including celiac disease, cardiomyopathy and hearing defects

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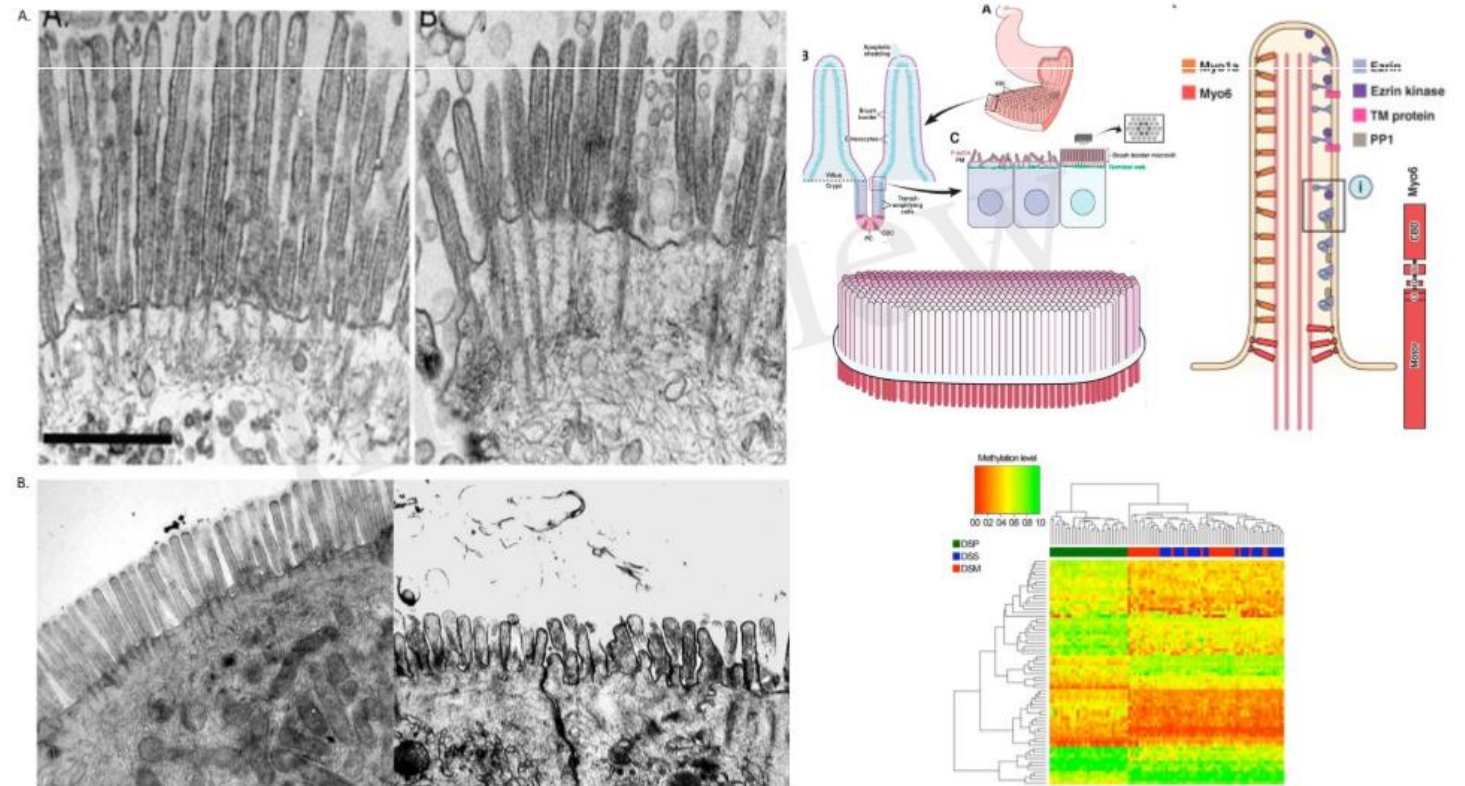
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Enhanced
methylation

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May involve multiple mechanisms



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Tetrahydrobiopterin metabolism in mental disorders

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Abstract

Changes in DHPR activity in those aged 12 and under with a variety of mental disorders were investigated using dried blood spots on Guthrie cards. DHPR activity was found to be lowered in autism and Rett's syndrome. DHPR activity was unaffected in non specific mental retardation suggesting that the deficit seen in autism and Rett's syndrome does not arise secondary to the mental dysfunction. In Down's syndrome blood biopterin levels correlated with blood spot DHPR activity. Human brain BH4 synthetic activity was investigated in aging and senile dementia of the Alzheimer type (SDAT). BH4 synthetic activity and DHPR activity decline with age in non-demented controls. In SDAT, decreases in BH4 synthetic activity were seen in temporal and visual cortices and locus coeruleus. The site of the defect is probably at 6-pyruvoyl-tetrahydropterin synthase. Aluminium inhibits human brain BH4 synthesis in vitro and produces an 'Alzheimeresque' pattern

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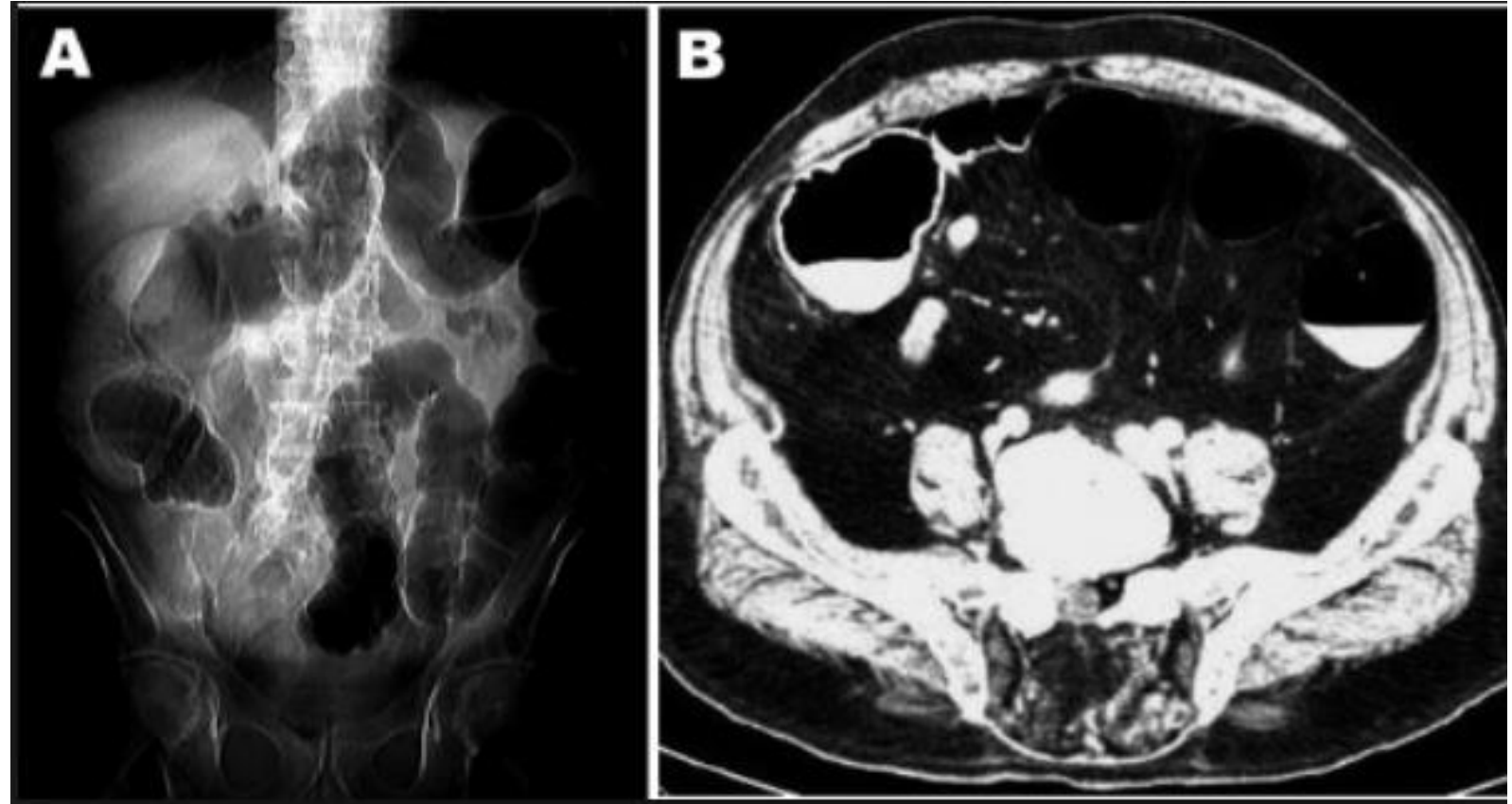


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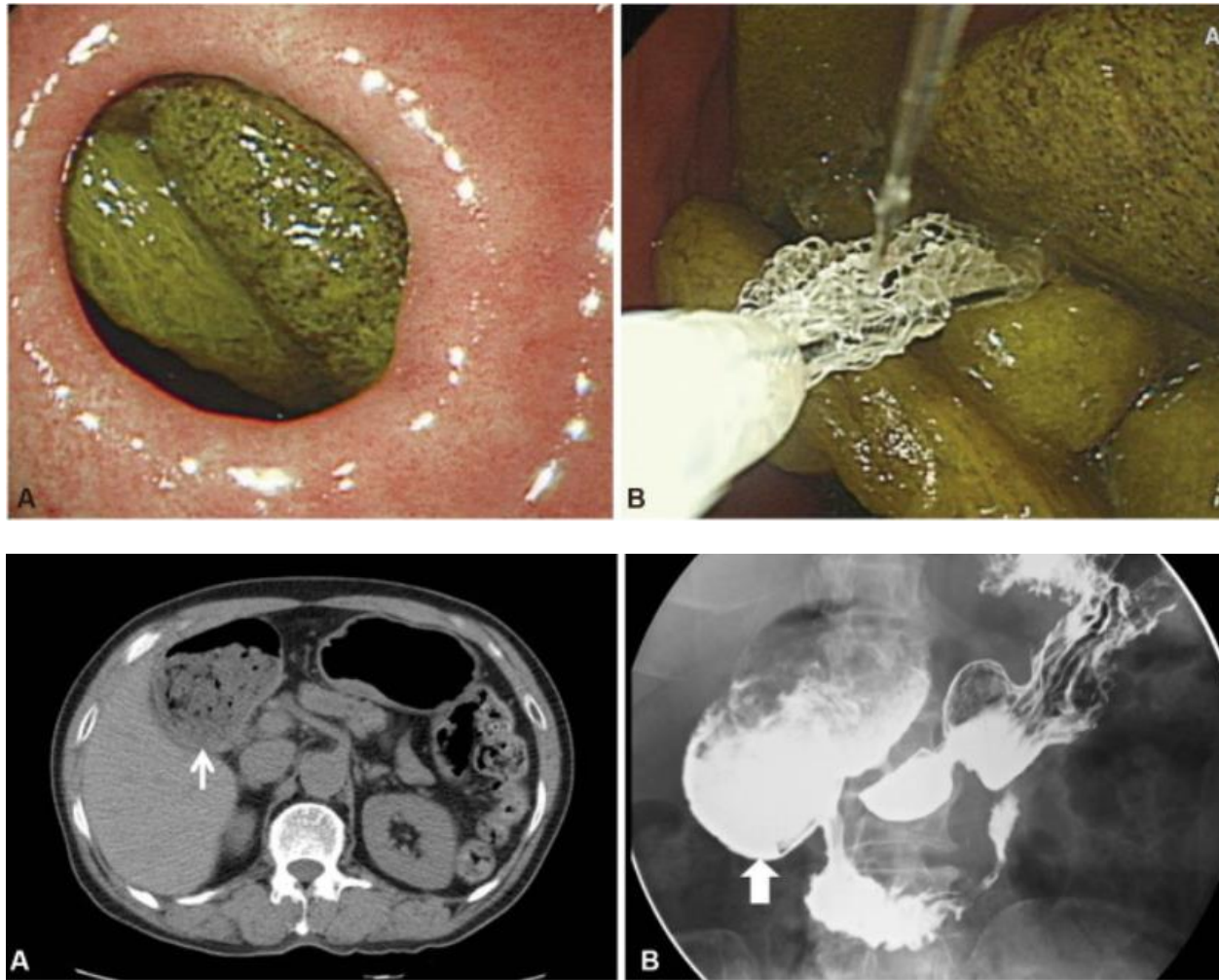
Ogilvie's syndrome



Carrascosa et al, 2014, 2718-21, J Clin Microbiol

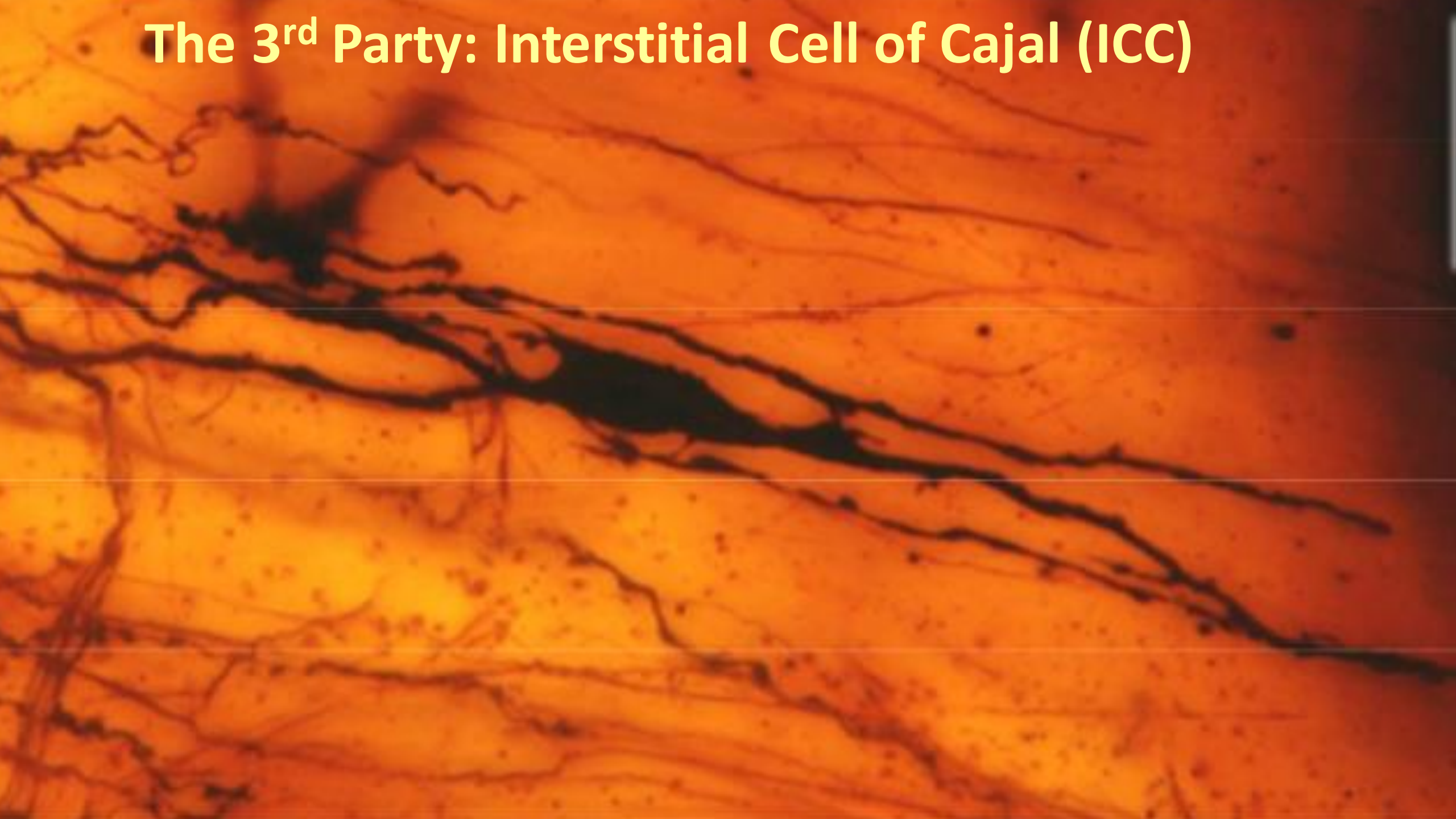
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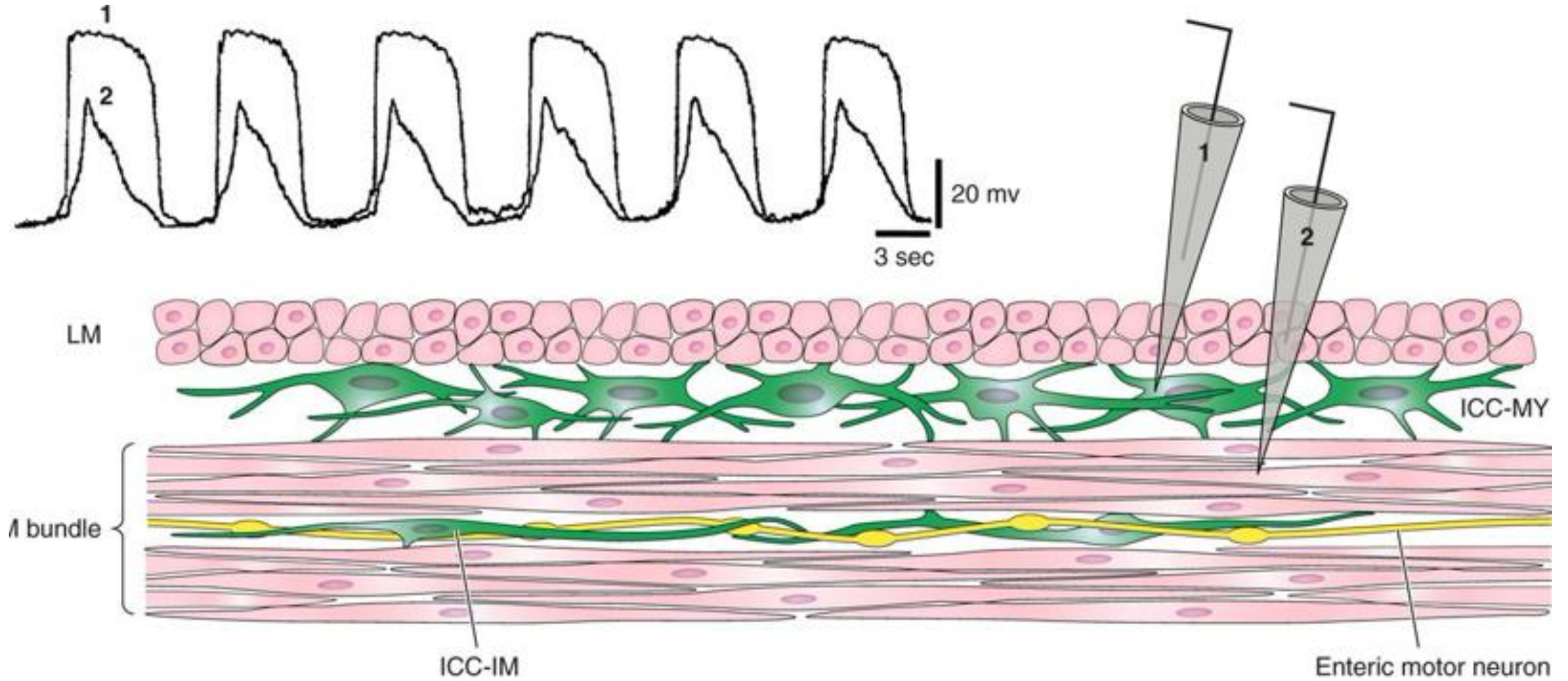


Park and Lee 2015, 436-439, Clinical Endoscopy

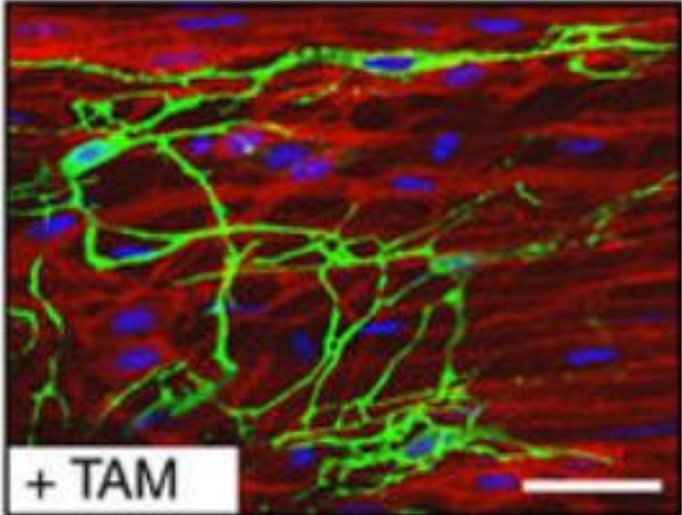
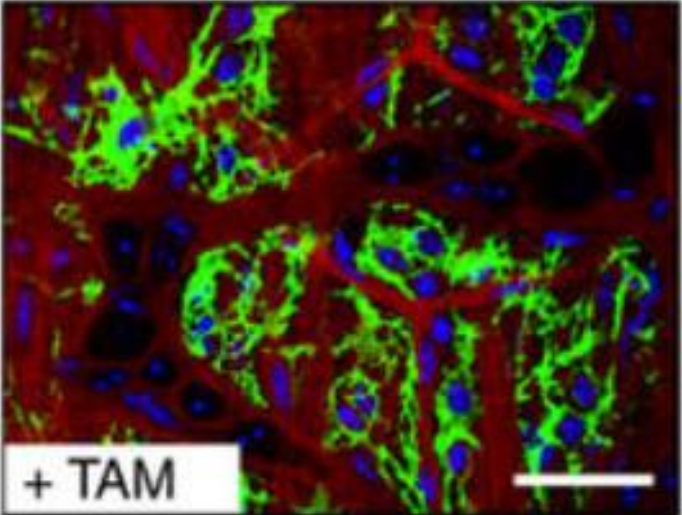
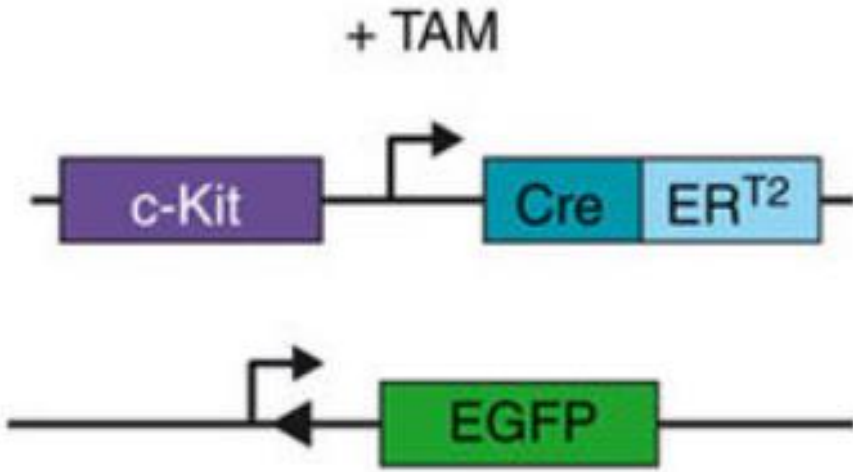
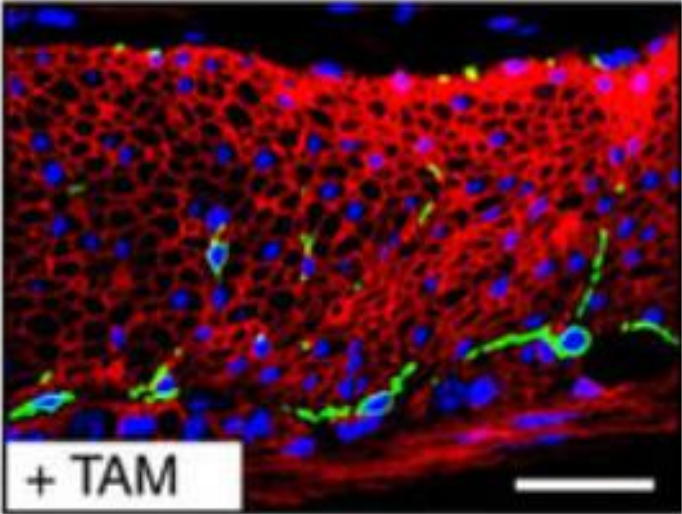
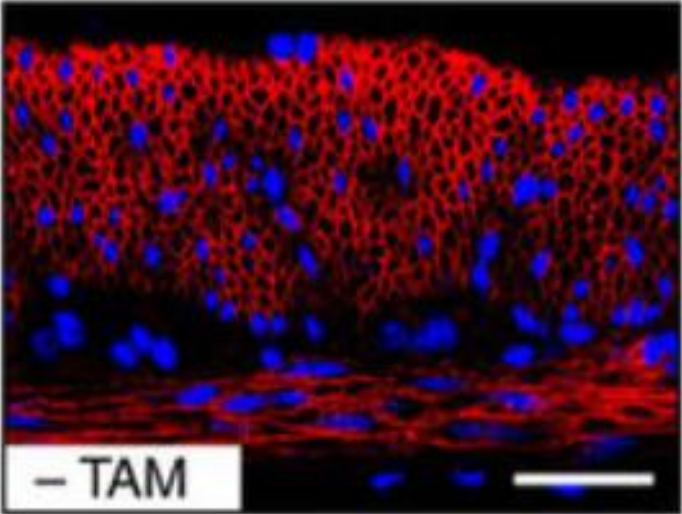
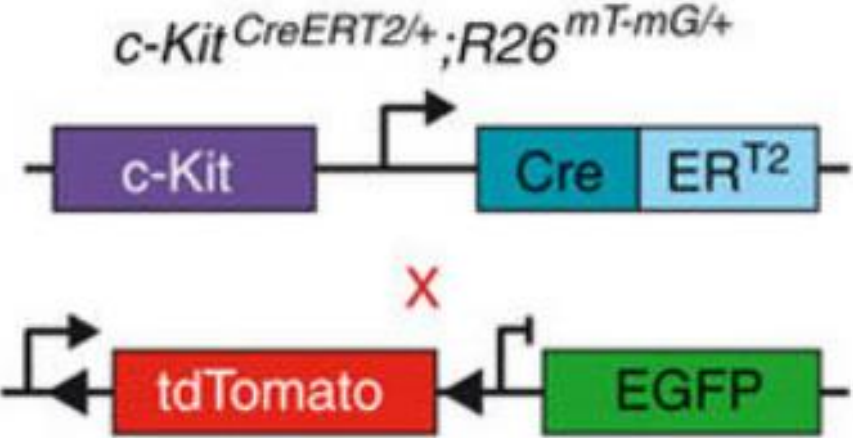
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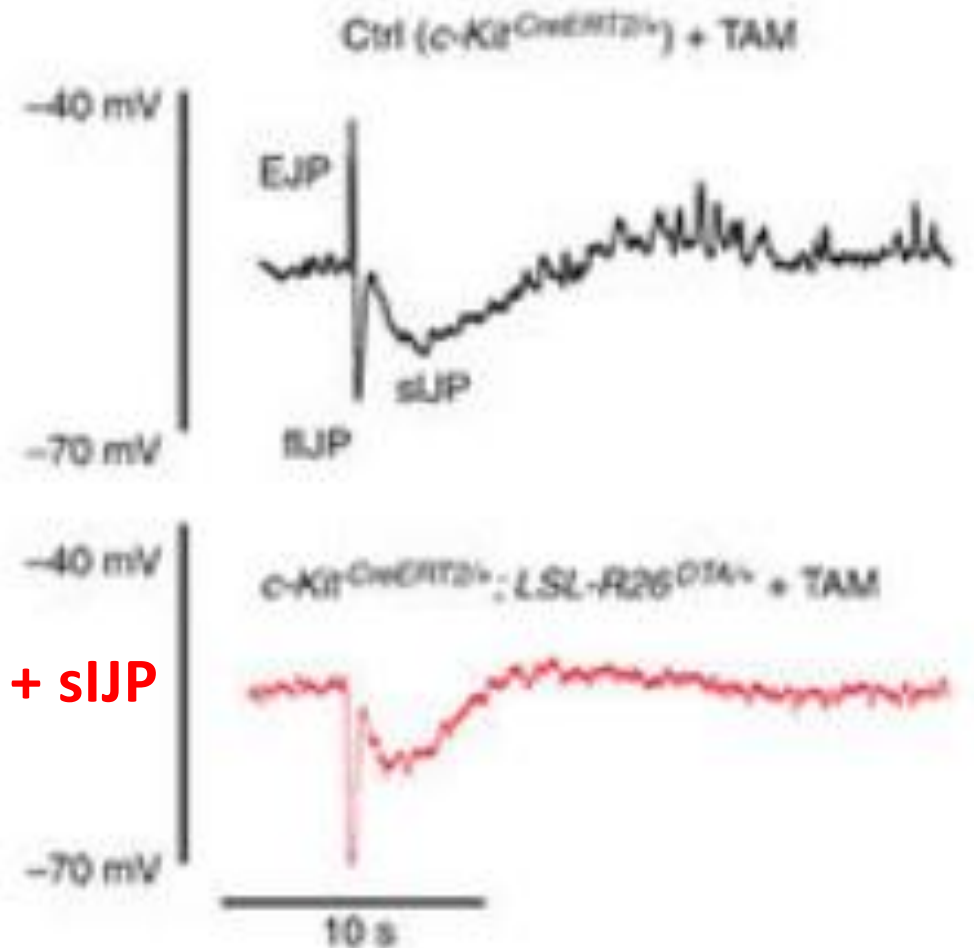
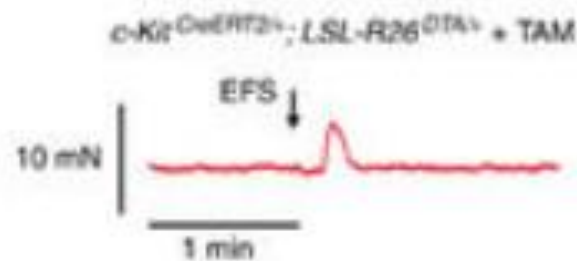
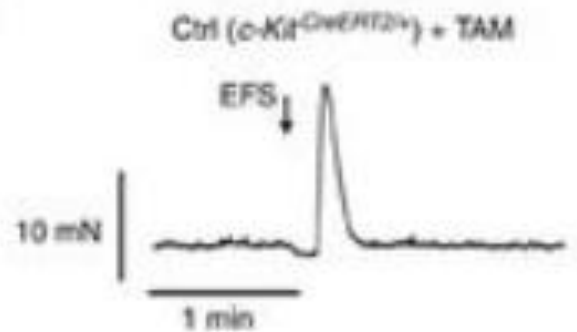
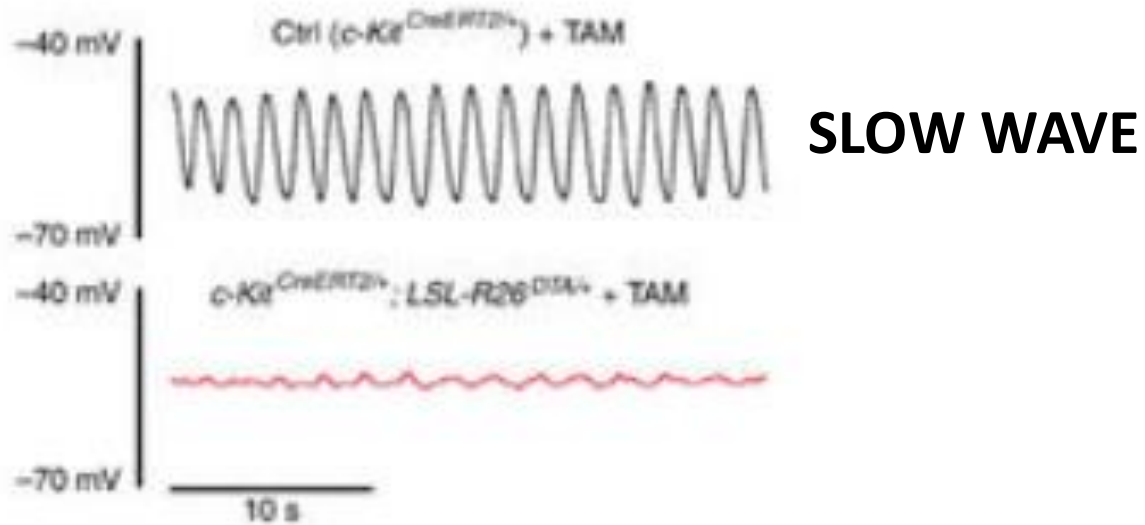
ICC: Intercalated or interspersed?



Genomic Knockout of ICC



Intact IJP in ICC genomic knockout mice



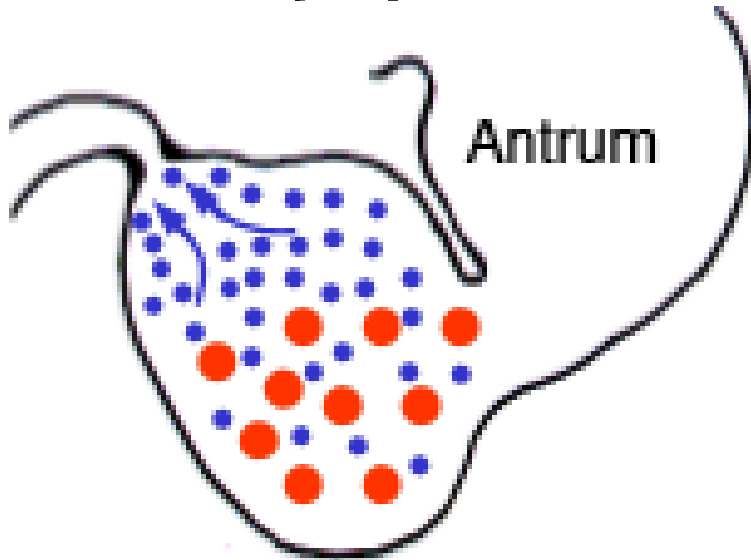
INTACT fIJP + sIJP

Klein et al 2013

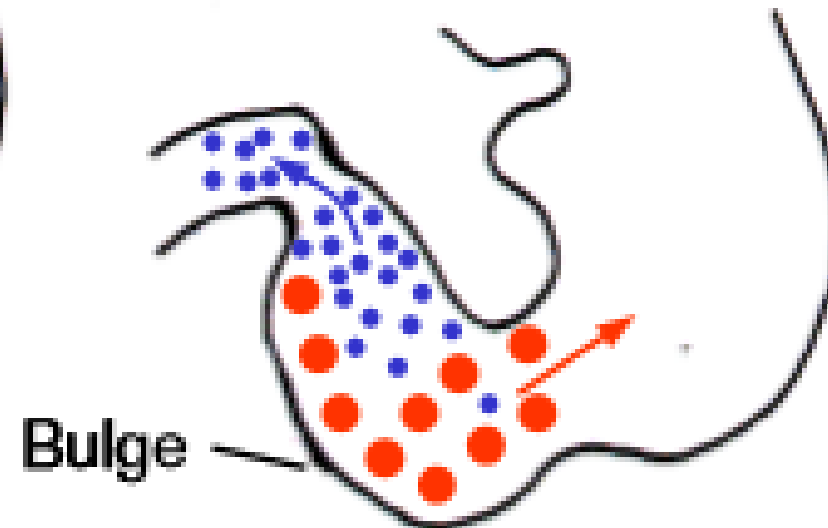
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Mechanisms of retro propulsion: Toggling of the prospective circuit

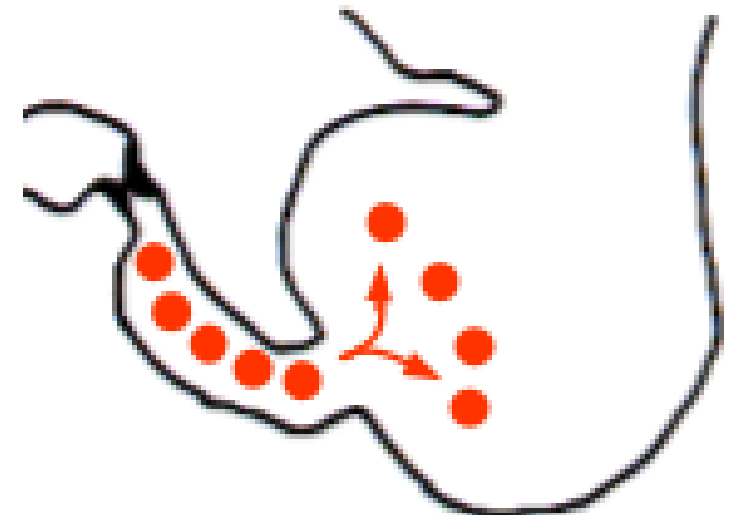
Phase of propulsion



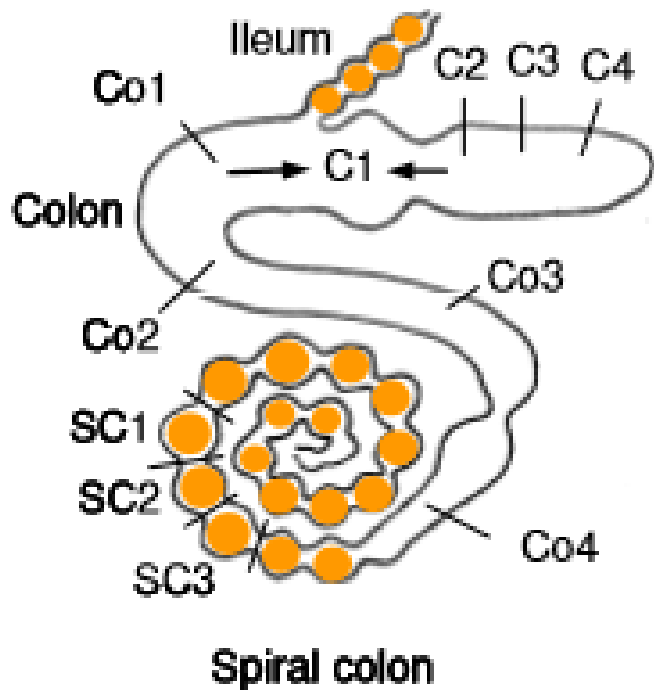
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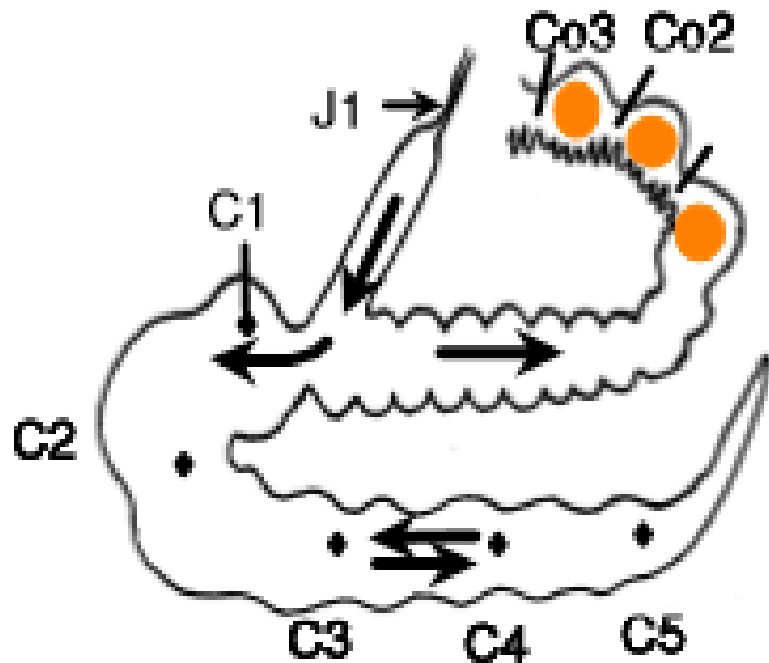
Phase of retro propulsion



Lessons in motility from fecal pellet shapes & intestinal segmentations



sheep



rabbit

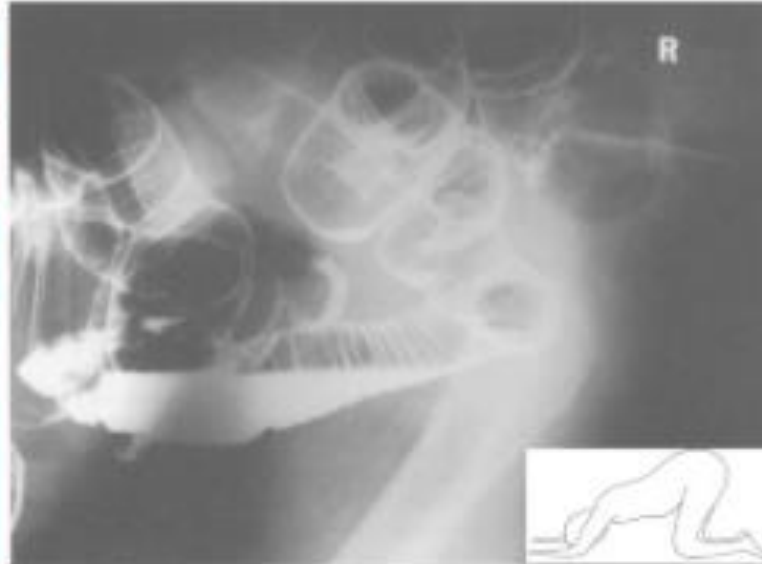
Bristol Stool Chart

Type 1		Separate hard lumps, like nuts (hard to pass)
Type 2		Sausage-shaped but lumpy
Type 3		Like a sausage but with cracks on its surface
Type 4		Like a sausage or snake, smooth and soft
Type 5		Soft blobs with clear-cut edges (passed easily)
Type 6		Fluffy pieces with ragged edges, a mushy stool
Type 7		Watery, no solid pieces. Entirely Liquid

Human Megacolon



Chagas disease



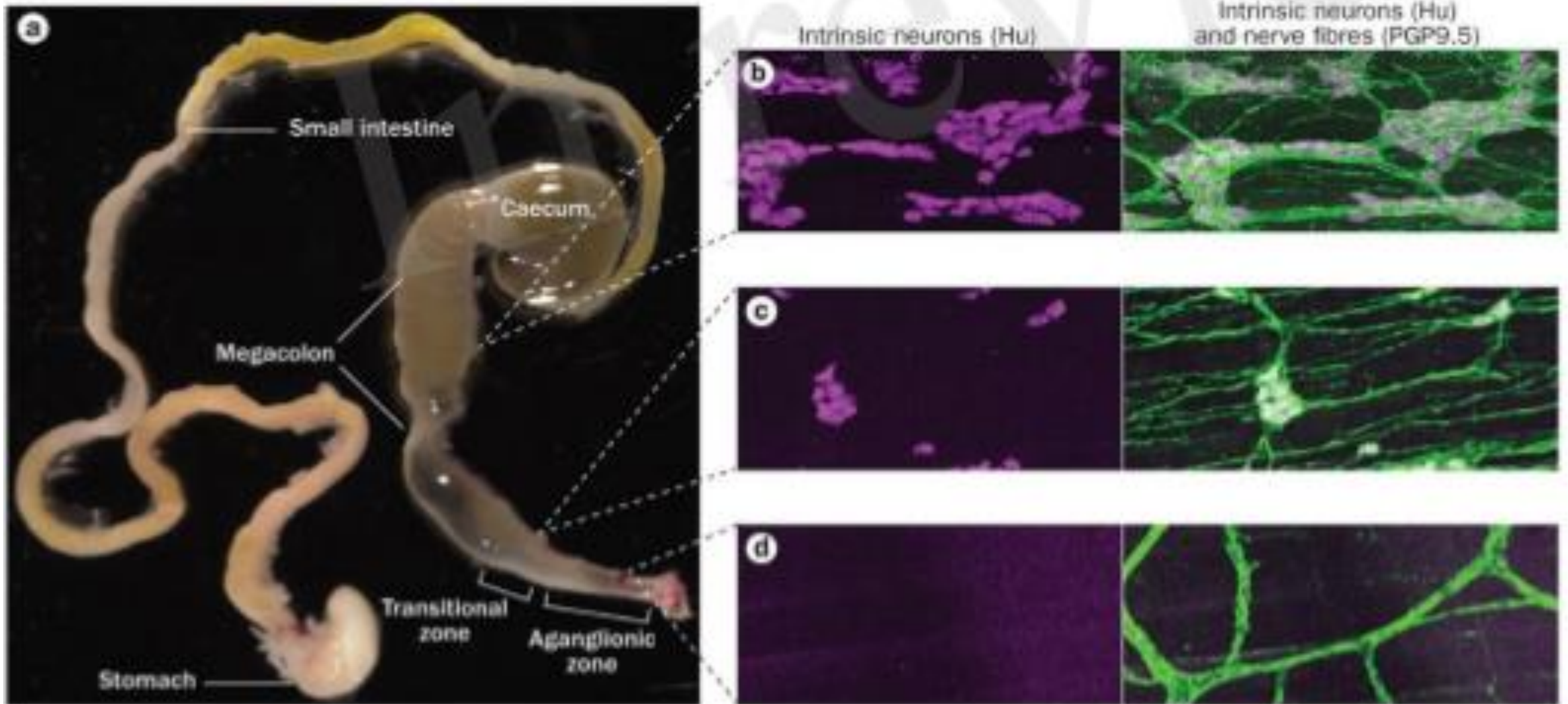
Knee-elbow position



Listless colon

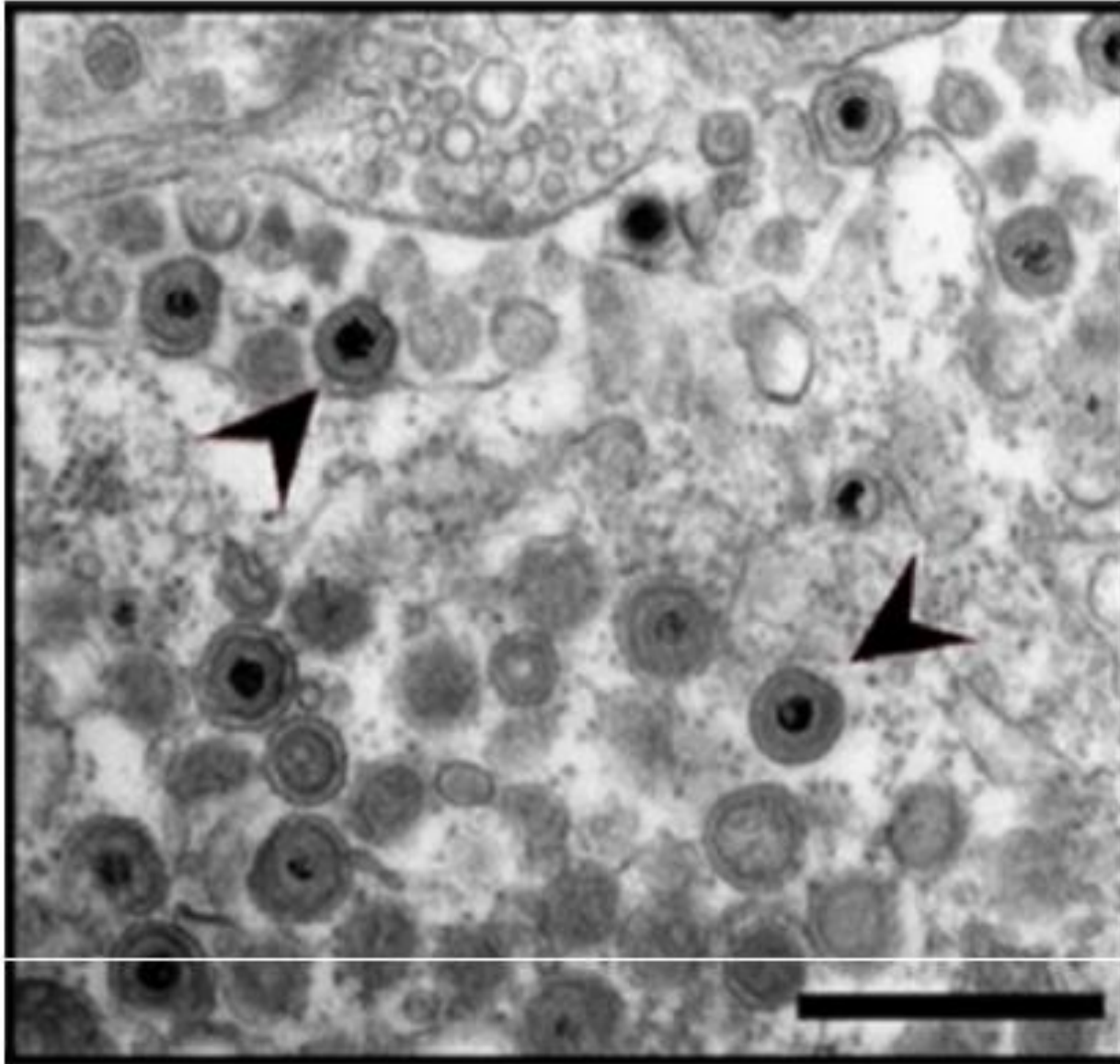
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Animal model of Hirschsprung's disease

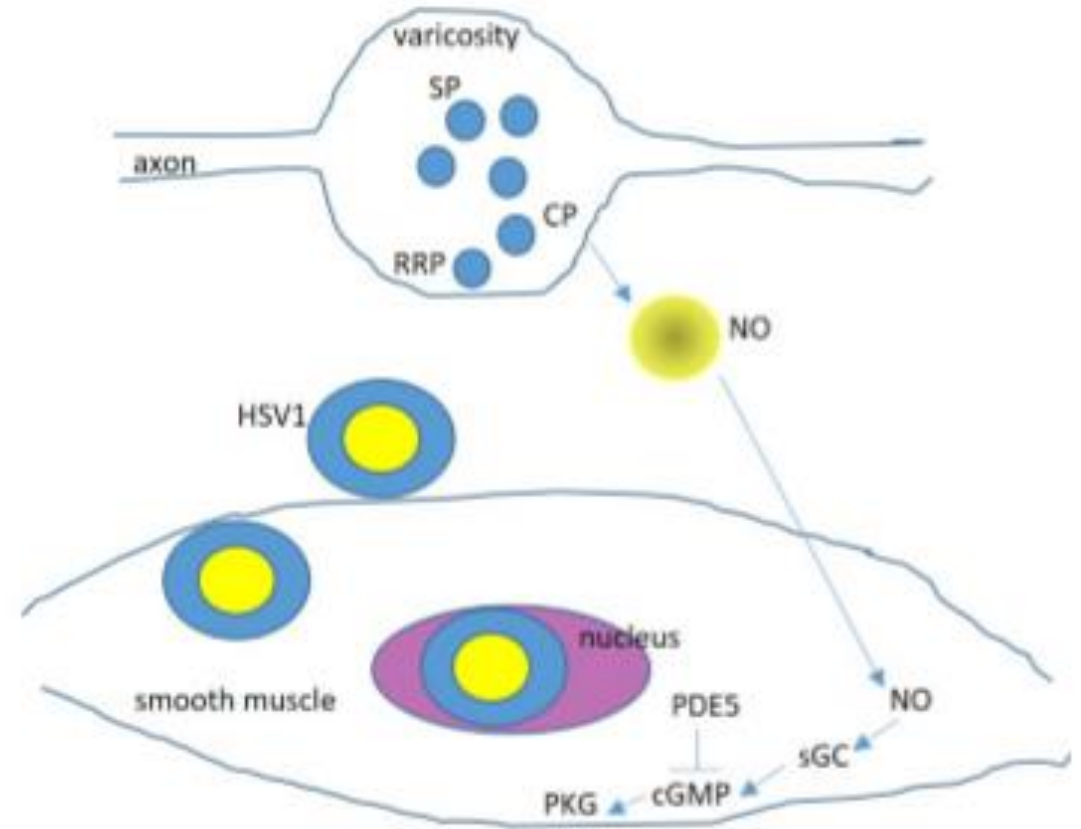


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HSV2 intestinal myopathy: A Model for constipation



Khoury-Hanold et al, Cell Host & Microbe, 2016



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What is the basis for multisystem involvement?

- 2 siblings from Ecuador, 11 and 14 yrs old
- Seizure disorders, pervasive neurodevelopmental disorder
- Achalasia
- Tuberculosis and recurrent fungal infections



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Microbiome (virus, bacteria, fungus, prion)

& ENS

Neuroimmune interactions...an unexplored area

In ancient China, the first meal of a child was
mother's fecal pellet

Necrotizing enterocolitis, etc....antibiotic overuse in NICU

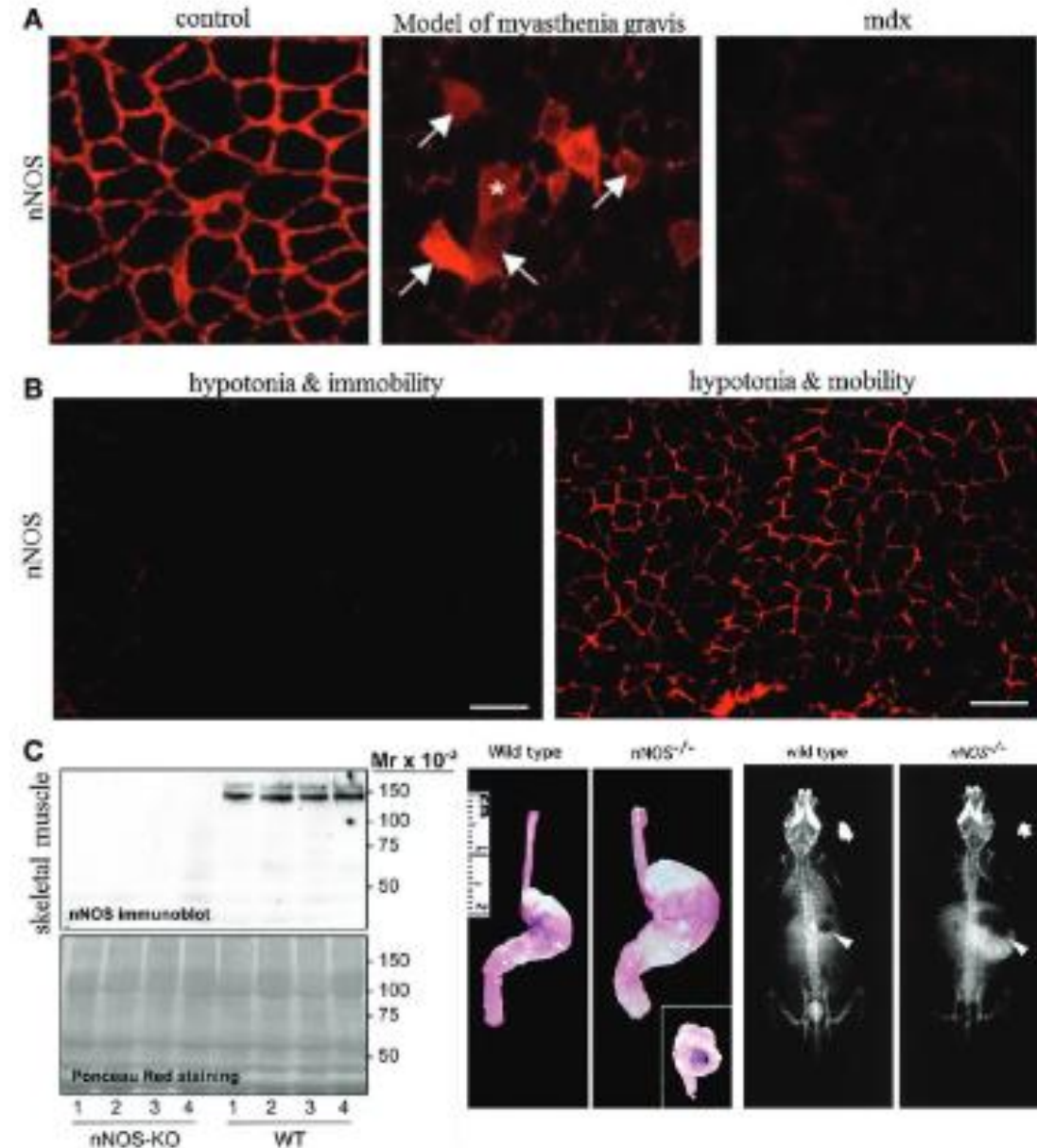
Intestinal gas, bloating, SIBO

Rational approaches to identification of pathophysiology

- Skeletal muscle biopsy...nNOS location
- nNOS in neutrophil...dimer assay
- Defects in secretory capacity...platelet assay
- Skin melanosome assay for myosin Va
- Whole thickness intestinal bx and over the scope clipping is still not a reality

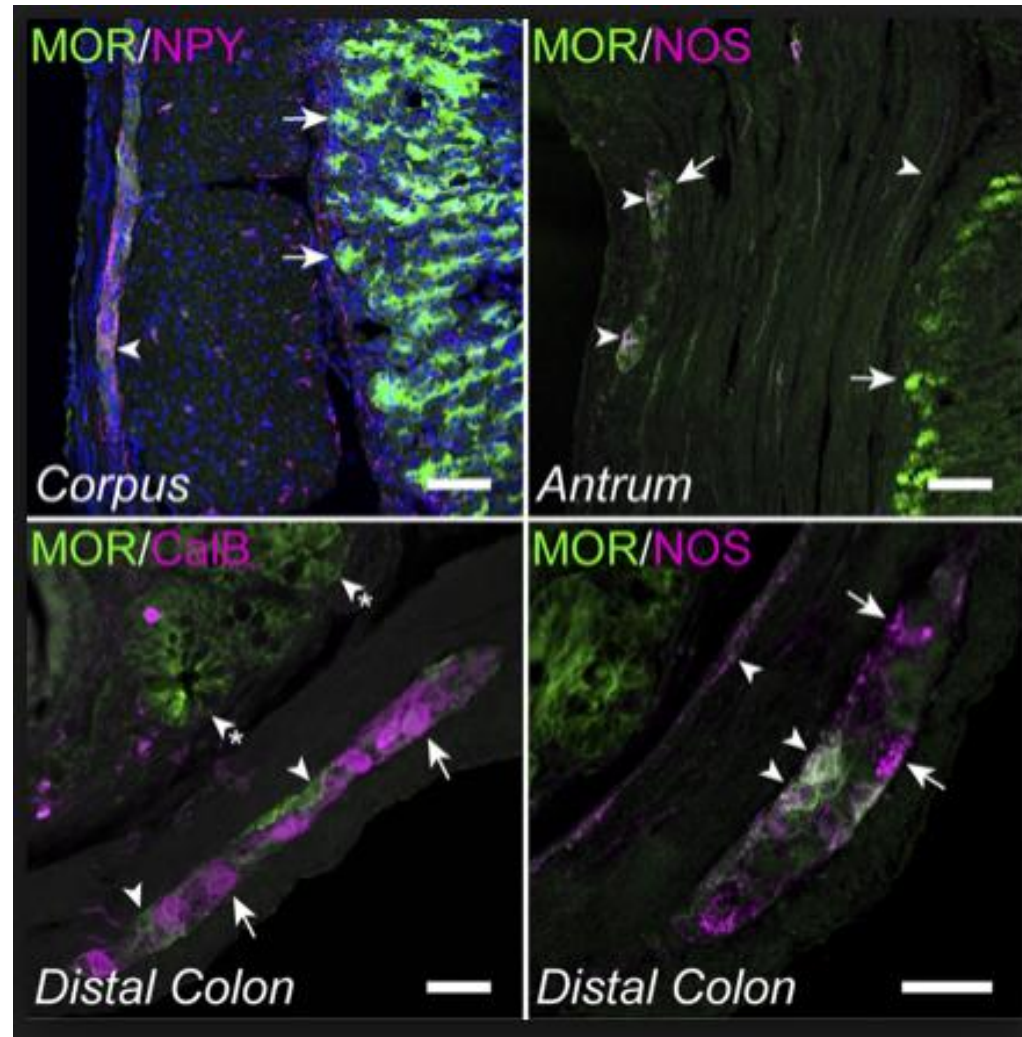
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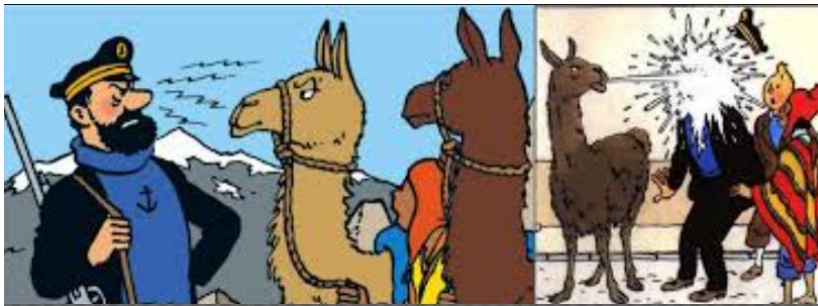
Enteric musculomotor transmission & The Opioid Epidemic

Lay et al, 2016, G252-G266, American Journal of Physiology
Gastrointestinal and Liver



MOR = μ -opioid receptor
NOS = neuronal nitric oxide synthase

Insights from Mother Nature



Alapaca

Do humming birds develop
gastroparesis?

Chaudhury, 2017

Gastric emptying mechanisms
of sloth

Low amplitude IJP in
stomach, Szurszewski,
abstract

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Phenotype reversal in Ulcerative Colitis

- Role of nicotinic receptors?

Satish Rao

SLC17A9 (Vesicular nucleotide transporter, VNUT) knockout mice have apparently normal appearing GI tract and normal fecal pellet output

**Delve to figure out the molecular basis of
FUNCTIONAL BOWEL DISORDERS**

Find **BIOMARKERS** of FUNCTIONAL BOWEL DISORDERS

Summary

- Pathophysiology of esophagogastrointestinal motility disorders often difficult to discern
- Obtain detailed **HISTORY**, ask patients to maintain diary, do NOT discount symptoms
- Detailed communication and empathy with patients, along with expert dietary consult (regarding FODMAP diet, fibers etc)
- Subtle molecular defects, mostly involving neurotransmission at multiple levels
- The defects may involve both upper and lower GI tract (for example, alternating constipation and diarrhea may co-exist with refractory GERD in an irritable bowel syndrome patient)
- All defects of GI motility affects the final common pathway of IJP
- Lot remains to be known
- Think physiology and pathology (e.g., why do we belch after a coke...?any relation to TLESR, reflux disease and biliary reflux)

Lessons for other organ systems from enteric neurotransmission

- Similarity in mechanisms of insulin release with fast and slow IJP
- Aortic stiffening, widening of pulse pressure and nNOS-mediated NO release in tunica intima
- Flow through low pressure system..pancreatic/cystic duct, portal vein, pulmonary vein, fallopian tube

Bioelectronic medicine for ameliorating gastrointestinal motility disorders

- Lessons from **sex medicine**
- **Bioelectronic medicine**...on demand de novo synthesis of NO...very very difficult challenge in pharmacology for functional bowel disorders



Yartsa gunbu

cordycepin



Patent worthy

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Look for pharmacology everywhere!



Chikoo & Myosin V; Chaudhury, 2017, patent worthy

Outstanding research questions

- Though tonic, LES and pylorus differ...LES relax with a sweep of primary peristaltic wave....NO synthesis in pylorus is stochastic...what is the luminal stimulus that drive gastric emptying?
- Segmentation...what determines the ends and the length of the segment
- What is the luminal sensor
- How millions of food molecules with different structures distinguished from few thousands toxins, also of different structures...is there a quantal difference in serotonin release
- Street food and ENS
- ENS of hyena
- Milk Oligosaccharide and neurotransmission
- DIETARY FIBERS and neurotransmission

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Changes in nitrenergic innervation of defunctionalized rat colon after diversion colostomy

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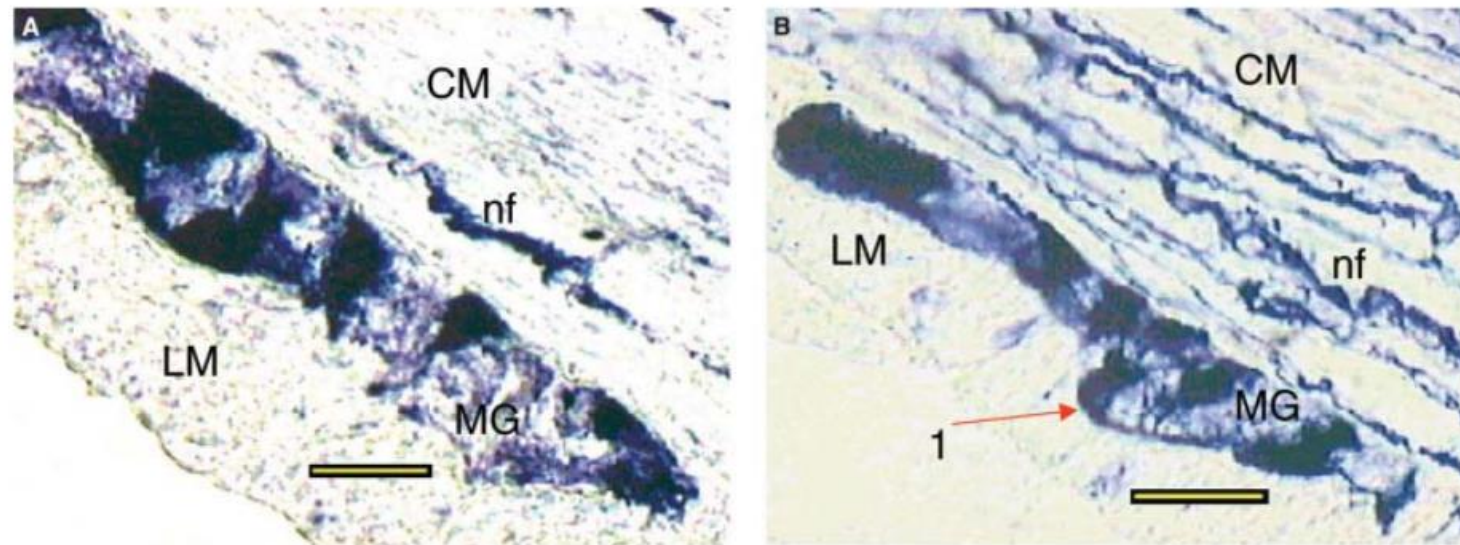


Figure 2 NADPH diaphorase stained light micrographs of myenteric ganglia. Marked reduction in size of neuronal soma and nuclei of nitrenergic neurones (1) of myenteric plexus in the defunctionalized colon of rats (B) after diversion colostomy; (A) sham operated, (B) diversion colostomy. Note that the topographic distribution of diaphorase positive nerve cells and fibres was similar in the experimental as well as in sham-operated rats. nf, NADPH diaphorase positive varicose nerve fibres in the circular muscle layer; LM, longitudinal muscle; CM, circular muscle; MG, myenteric ganglia (scale bar 50 μ m).



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Changes in cholinergic and nitrenergic systems of defunctionalized colons after colostomy in rabbits

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Background: This study was designed to assess smooth muscle function and motility in defunctionalized colonic segments and subsequent changes in pathways responsible for gastrointestinal motility.

Methods: Two-month-old New Zealand rabbits were randomly allocated into control and study groups. Sigmoid colostomies were performed in the study group. After a 2-month waiting period, colonic segments were harvested in both groups. For the *in vitro* experiment, the isolated circular muscle strips which were prepared from the harvested distal colon were used. First, contraction responses were detected using KCl and carbachol; relaxation responses were detected using neostigmine, sodium nitroprusside, sildenafil and

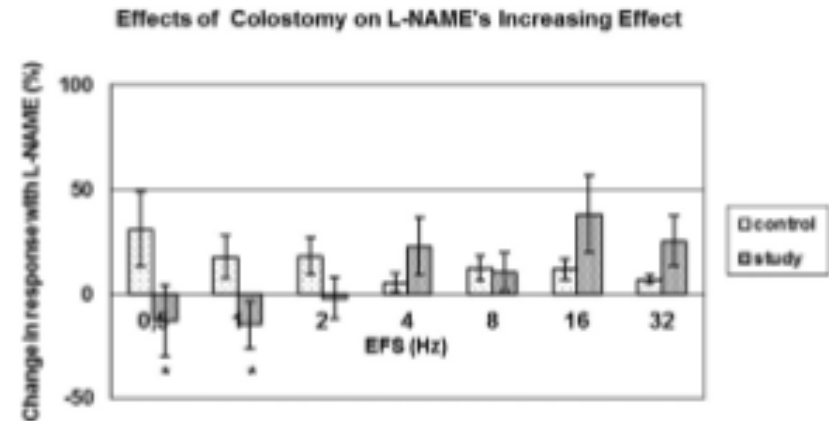
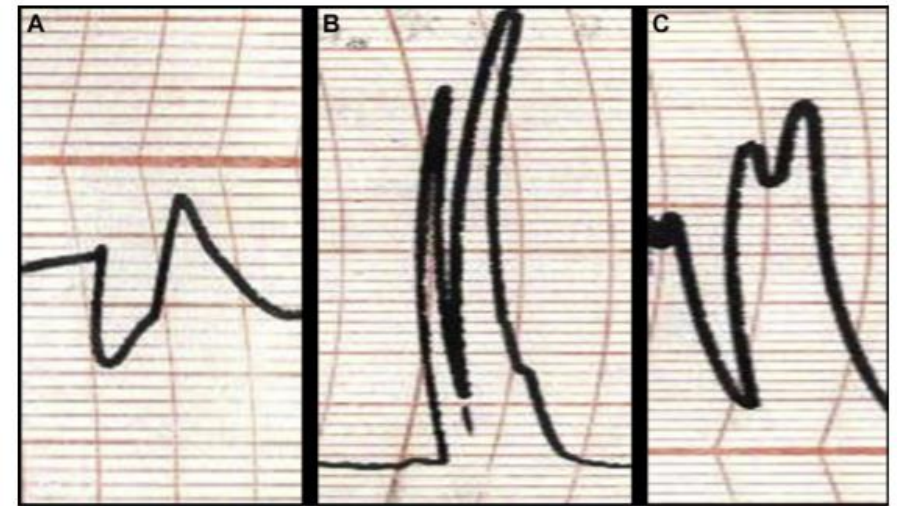


Fig. 3 – Effects of colostomy on the increasing effect of L-NAME (3×10^{-4} M) on EFS-induced responses in the control and study groups (number of animals = 6 and number of tissue samples = 10 in both groups). *P < 0.05.

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