

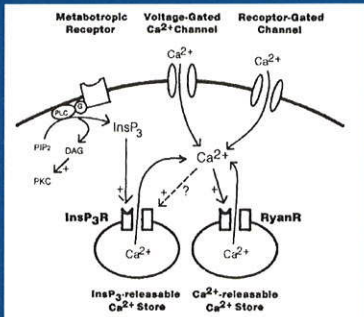
Presenilins, neuronal calcium signaling and Alzheimer's disease

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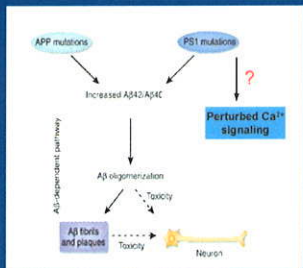
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Neuronal calcium (Ca^{2+}) signaling

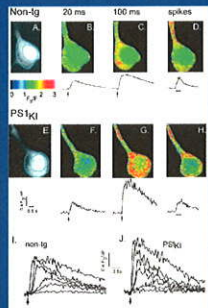


Amyloid cascade hypothesis of AD



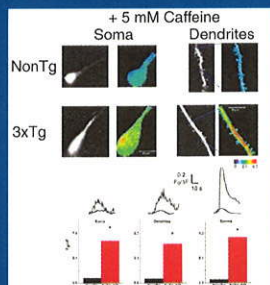
Adapted from Gandy et al (2006) *Nat Med*, v 12, pp. 1121-3.

InsP₃-induced Ca²⁺ signals in KI-PS1_{M146V} cortical neurons



Stutzmann et al. (2004) *J. Neurosci.*, v 24, pp 508-13

Caffeine-induced Ca²⁺ signals in 3xTg (KI-PS1_{M146V}) hippocampal neurons



Chakroborty et al. (2009) *J. Neurosci.*, v 29, pp 9458-70

Question

How do PS-FAD mutations cause excessive Ca²⁺ release from the neuronal ER?

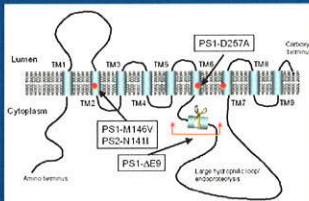
Hypothesis

Presenilins support passive ER Ca^{2+} leak

PS-FAD mutations disrupt ER Ca^{2+} leak function and result in overfilled Ca^{2+} stores.

Loss-of-function for presenilins ER Ca^{2+} leak becomes gain-of-function for InsP_3R - and RyanR-mediated Ca^{2+} release from the ER.

Structure of presenilins



◆ 9 transmembrane domains

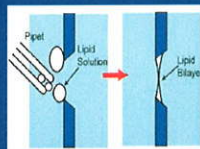
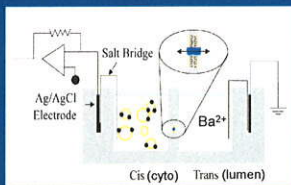
◆ Locate in endoplasmic Reticulum (ER)

PS1-M146V and PS2-N141I: FAD mutants with deranged Ca^{2+} signaling

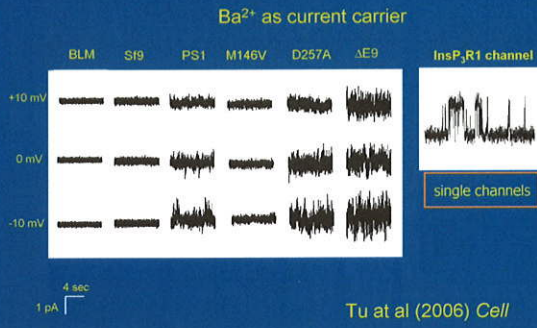
PS1- ΔE9 : FAD mutant lacking exon9 with unique AD pathology (CW/P/SP)

PS1-D257A: γ -secretase catalytic mutant

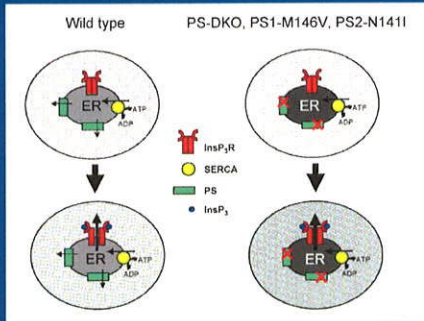
BLM reconstitution



Presenilins form cation channels in BLM



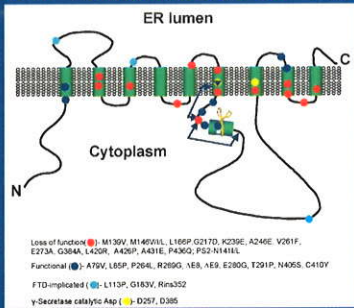
Presenilins and ER Ca²⁺ homeostasis



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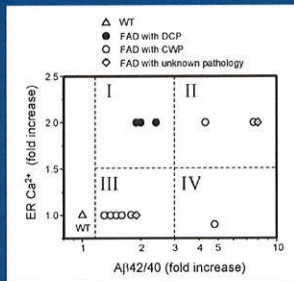
Correlation of PS1 ER Ca²⁺ leak function with PS1-FAD clinical phenotypes?

PS1-FAD/FTD mutants and Ca²⁺ leak function



Tu et al (2006) *Cell*; Nelson et al (2007) *J Clin Invest*;
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ER Ca²⁺ and PSEN1 FAD clinical phenotypes



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Two causes of FAD pathology

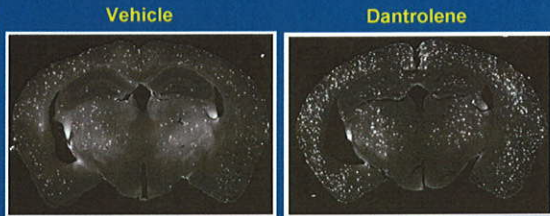
Massive increase in A β 42/A β ratio
(PS1 Δ E9, APP mutations)

Defect in ER calcium leak pathway and ER calcium overload (PS1-M146V mutation)

Sporadic AD?

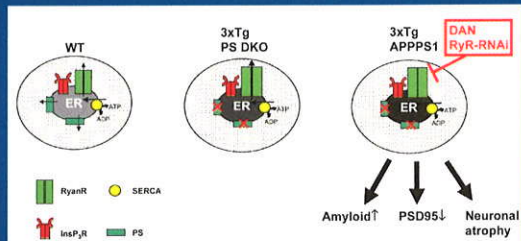
Dantrolene trial in APPPS1 mice: amyloid load

100 μ g of dantrolene in PBS fed twice a week orally between 2 and 12 months of age to 6 APPPS1 and 6 WT mice



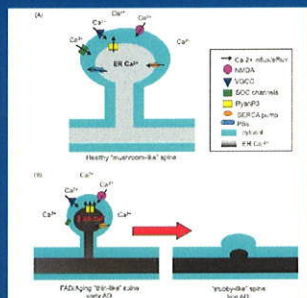
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Presenilins and RyanRs in neuronal ER Ca^{2+} homeostasis



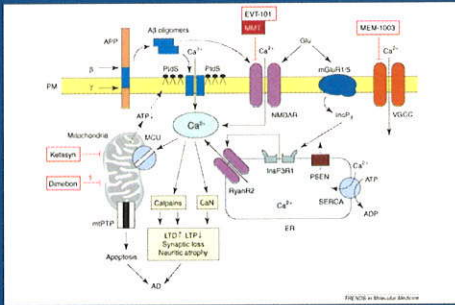
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Presenilins, ER Ca^{2+} and synaptic loss in AD



Popugayeva et al. *Messenger* (2012) v 1, pp 53-62

Calcium and amyloid pathways in AD



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