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SUMMARY

The voltage-gated calcium channel, $Ca_v1.2$, and the plasma membrane calcium ATPase, PMCA4b, play important roles in excitable and non-excitable cells. The central function of $Ca_v1.2$ is to regulate the calcium entry into cells upon depolarization, while PMCA4b is responsible for calcium extrusion and has an influence on cellular calcium homeostasis. Both proteins control fundamental functions in the heart and brain, but the specific functions and the precise mechanisms are still investigated. In order to identify new interaction partners that may regulate the activities of the $Ca_v1.2$ and the PMCA4b, we used three independent assays and co-localization studies. The assays, which were used are PDZ domain arrays (testing 124 different PDZ domains), GST pull-downs, and conventional immunoprecipitation assays. In the PDZ arrays, strongest interactions with $Ca_v1.2$ and PMCA4b were found for the PDZ domains of MAST-205, MAGI-1, MAGI-2, MAGI-3, and ZO-1. Additionally, we established interactions between $Ca_v1.2$ and the PDZ domains of NHERF1/2, Mint-2, and CASK. PMCA4b was observed to interact with Mint-2, and its interactions with Chapsyn-110 and CASK were confirmed. Furthermore, we validated interaction of $Ca_v1.2$ and PMCA4b with NHERF1, CASK, MAST-205 and MAGI-3 via immunoprecipitation. We also demonstrated direct interaction of the C-terminus of $Ca_v1.2$ and the PDZ domain of nNOS. We assumed that nNOS overexpression would reduce Ca^{2+} influx through $Ca_v1.2$. To address this question, we measured Ca^{2+} currents in stably transfected HEK 293 cells expressing the $Ca_v1.2$ ($\alpha1b$ and $\beta2a$ subunit of the smooth muscle L-type calcium channel) and nNOS. It has been shown that NO modulates ion channel activity by nitrosylation of sulfhydryl groups on the channel protein. So we propose that the interaction between the C-terminus of $Ca_v1.2$ and the PDZ domain of nNOS inhibits the currents by an S-nitrosylation of the channel protein. All these interactions connect both proteins to signaling networks involved in signal transmission, cell adhesion, and apoptosis, which may help provide new hints about the physiological functions of $Ca_v1.2$ and PMCA4b in intra- and intercellular signaling.

ZUSAMMENFASSUNG

Der spannungsabhängige Calcium-Kanal, $Ca_v1.2$, und die Plasmamembran Calcium ATPase, PMCA4b, spielen eine wichtige Rolle in erregbaren und nicht-erregbaren Zellen. Der $Ca_v1.2$ Kanal reguliert den Calciumeintritt in die Zelle nach einer Depolarisation, während die PMCA4b für den Calciumausstrom und für die Calcium-Homöostase verantwortlich ist. Beide Proteine haben einen grossen Einfluss auf die Funktionen von Herz und Gehirn, aber die genauen Aufgaben und spezifischen Mechanismen, sind noch nicht geklärt. In dieser Arbeit benutzen wir drei unabhängige Assays und Kolokalisationen, um Interaktionspartner von $Ca_v1.2$ und PMCA4b zu identifizieren, welche möglicherweise die Aktivitäten von $Ca_v1.2$ und PMCA4b regulieren. Die Assays, die wir benutzten waren PDZ Domain Arrays (getestet wurden 124 unterschiedliche PDZ Domänen), GST Pull Downs und konventionelle Immunopräzipitationen. Die Ergebnisse des PDZ Arrays zeigten, dass die PDZ Liganden $Ca_v1.2$ und PMCA4b stark mit den PDZ Domänen von MAST-205, MAGI-1, MAGI-2, MAGI-3 und ZO-1 interagierten. Zusätzlich, konnten wir Interaktionen zwischen $Ca_v1.2$ und den PDZ Domänen von NHERF1/2, Mint-2 und CASK nachweisen. Es wurde beobachtet, dass PMCA4b mit dem PDZ Protein Mint-2 ein starkes Signal auf der Membran zeigte. Andere Interaktionen von PMCA4b und PDZ Proteinen, konnten durch unseren PDZ Domain Array bestätigt werden (z.B. Chapsyn-110 und CASK). Weiterhin untersuchten wir die Interaktionspartner (NHERF1, CASK, MAST-205 und MAGI-3) von $Ca_v1.2$ und PMCA4b durch Immunopräzipitationen genauer. Ein sehr interessantes PDZ Protein, welches wir durch alle drei unabhängigen Assays bestätigen konnten, war nNOS. Schuh et al. konnte schon 2001 zeigen, dass die PDZ Domäne von nNOS mit der PMCA4b interagiert. In der vorliegenden Arbeit konnten wir eine direkte Interaktion des C-terminus von $Ca_v1.2$ und dem PDZ Protein nNOS nachweisen. Wir formulierten eine Hypothese, die lautete, dass eine nNOS Überexpression den Calcium-Einstrom durch den $Ca_v1.2$ Kanal reduziert. Um diese Hypothese zu bestätigen wurden Calcium-Ströme in stabil transfizierten HEK 293 Zellen gemessen. Diese HEK 293 Zellen waren stabil transfiziert mit der $\alpha1b$ und $\beta2a$ Untereinheit des L-type Calcium Kanals und mit nNOS. Es konnte in anderen Studien gezeigt werden, dass NO die Ionenkanal-Aktivität durch Nitrosylierung von Sulfhydryl-Gruppen an den Kanal-Proteinen moduliert. Wir denken, dass die Interaktion zwischen dem C-terminus von $Ca_v1.2$ und dem PDZ Protein nNOS, die Calcium-Ströme durch eine S-Nitrosylierung von $Ca_v1.2$ inhibiert.

Durch all diese Interaktionen wird klar, dass $Ca_v1.2$ und PMCA4b eine wichtige Rolle spielen im signalen Netzwerk, in der zellulären Erregung, in Zelladhäsion und Apoptose. Und

das wiederum gibt Aufschluss über die physiologischen Funktionen von $Ca_v1.2$ und PMCA4b in intra- und interzellulären Signalen.

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INTRODUCTION

Cytosolic calcium is an ubiquitous intracellular signal and is essential in various signal transduction pathways, controlling a wide range of cellular activities (Berridge, 2002; Carafoli et al., 2001). Calcium ions (Ca^{2+}) play a major role in controlling the function of all body cells by acting as carriers of intracellular signals. Cells obtain external signals through neurotransmitters and hormones, which bind to receptors on their surface. These signals are transferred to the inside of the cell either through the opening of channels in the cell membrane, allowing external Ca^{2+} ions to enter the cell, or by releasing Ca^{2+} ions from internal stores (endoplasmic reticulum, ER) into the cytoplasm. Ca^{2+} as a second messenger mediates cellular functions like muscle excitation-contraction coupling, neurotransmitter and hormone release, metabolism, cell division and differentiation (Berridge, 2002; Carafoli et al., 2001). Entry of Ca^{2+} is driven by the presence of a large electrochemical gradient across the plasma membrane. Much is known about the voltage gated L-(long-lasting), P/Q-(purkinje), N-(neural), R-(residual) and T-(transient) type channels (VGCC), and the ligand-gated calcium channels inositol triphosphate- (IP_3R), N-methyl-D-aspartate- (NMDA) and ryanodine-receptors (RyR). Calcium ATPases like the plasma membrane Ca^{2+} ATPase (PMCA) and the sarcoplasmic reticulum (SR) Ca^{2+} ATPase (SERCA) also contribute to the transport of Ca^{2+} out of cells, and back into the SR, respectively. Our main focus is the voltage-gated L-type calcium channel $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ (LTCC) and the plasma membrane Ca^{2+} ATPase 4b (PMCA4b).

1.1.1. Release of Ca^{2+} from internal stores

Ca^{2+} is stored intracellularly in specialized compartments such as the endoplasmic reticulum (ER) or the sarcoplasmic reticulum (SR). In principle ER = SR, in every cell it is called ER only in muscle cells it is called SR. The binding of several hormones and growth factors to particular receptors on the plasma membrane leads to the activation of phospholipase C (PLC), which catalyzes the hydrolysis of phosphatidylinositol 4,5-biphosphate (PIP_2) to generate the intracellular messengers inositol 1,4,5-triphosphate (IP_3) and diacylglycerol (DAG) (Bootman et al., 2001a; Bootman et al., 2001b). IP_3 disseminates into the cell interior and binds to specific IP_3 receptors (IP_3Rs) in the ER/SR. After conformational change, the receptors open, allowing the Ca^{2+} that is stored at high concentrations in the ER/SR to enter the cytoplasm. Besides IP_3 , a variety of established intracellular messengers exist, which increase intracellular Ca^{2+} concentration: cyclic adenosine 5'-diphosphoribose (cADPR), which stimulates ryanodine receptors (RyRs), nitric oxide (NO), diacylglycerol (DAG), sphingolipids and Ca^{2+} itself (Bootman et al., 2001b). Analogous to the IP_3R are the ryanodine receptors (RyRs), a class of intracellular Ca^{2+} release channels found in excitable tissues like neurons and muscles. These receptors are named after the plant alkaloid ryanodine that binds to the channel with high affinity. RyRs mediate the calcium release from internal Ca^{2+} stores, which is an essential step in muscle contraction. In cardiac muscles, channel activation occurs via intracellular Ca^{2+} that are amplified by Ca^{2+} release from ryanodine-sensitive Ca^{2+} stores (Fabiato, 1983).

1.1.2. Ca^{2+} influx through voltage gated calcium channels (VGCCs)

Voltage-gated Ca^{2+} channels are protein complexes that control Ca^{2+} currents in cells. This group of channels are transmembrane channels and they are the fastest Ca^{2+} signal molecules. In one second, over one million Ca^{2+} ions pass through these channels and can increase the $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_{\text{inside}}$ by a factor upto 20.000 (Bootman and Berridge, 1995; Clapham, 2007). There are two groups of VGCCs: the **H**igh **V**oltage **A**ctivated channels (HVA) and the **L**ow **V**oltage **A**ctivated (LVA) (Yaari et al., 1987). Biophysical and pharmacological characteristics separate the channels in different subtypes (Table 1.1.). L-type calcium channels (LTCCs) have a **L**arge conductance, and a **L**ong lasting opening, with barium as carrier. The channel is only active when a **L**arge depolarisation at the cell membrane is modulated. The T-type calcium channel has a **T**iny conductance, a **T**ransient opening, and is active when the

membrane potential is negative (Cribbs et al., 1998; Klugbauer et al., 1999; Perez-Reyes et al., 1998). Additionally the channels are divided in N-type channels, which are mainly found in neurons, and the P/Q- and R-type channels. For their activation, they require a strong depolarisation at the membrane (Llinas et al., 1989; Randall and Tsien, 1995). Members of the VGCC Ca_v1 and Ca_v2 families consist of a pore-forming $\alpha1$ -subunit (190-250 kDa), which has four domains (I-IV), each containing six transmembrane segments (S1-S6). The $\alpha1$ -subunit is associated with an intracellular β -subunit and an $\alpha2$ -subunit, which is completely extracellular and is linked to the membrane by disulphide bonds to a transmembrane δ -subunit. In several channels, the complex is completed by a γ -subunit, which is only expressed in some tissues (Bers, 2002; Bodi et al., 2005; Catterall, 2000; Kamp and Hell, 2000; Leung et al., 1988; Striessnig et al., 1986; Witcher et al., 1993) (Figure 1.1.). Members of the Ca_v3 family might contain only a single $\alpha1$ -subunit, but the exact subunit composition of these channels is not clear.

Table 1.1.: Classification of VGCCs

Activation profile	Native current	$\alpha 1$ -subunit subtypes	localization	inhibitors	literature
HVA	P/Q-type	α_{1A} (Ca _v 2.1)	neurons, neuroendocrine cells	ω -Agatoxin IVA	Mori et al., 1991 Starr et al., 1991
HVA	N-type	α_{1B} (Ca _v 2.2)	neurons, neuroendocrine cells	ω -Conotoxin GVIA SNX-111	Dubel et al., 1992 Williams et al., 1992
HVA	L-type	α_{1C} (Ca _v 1.2)	heart, smooth muscles, brain, pancreas	DHP PAA BTZ	Biel et al., 1990 Mikami et al., 1989 Snutch et al., 1991
		α_{1D} (Ca _v 1.3)	brain, pancreas, kidney, ovar, cochlea	DHP PAA BTZ	Seino et al., 1992
		α_{1F} (Ca _v 1.4)	retina	DHP D-cis-Diltiazem	Strom et al., 1998
		α_{1S} (Ca _v 1.1)	skeletal muscle transverse tubules	DHP PAA BTZ	Tanabe et al., 1987
HVA	R-type	α_{1E} (Ca _v 2.3)	brain, cochlea, retina, heart	SNX-482	Niidome et al., 1992
LVA	T-type	α_{1G} (Ca _v 3.1)	brain, heart	Kurtoxin Mibefradil	Perez-Reyes, 1998
		α_{1H} (Ca _v 3.2)	brain, heart	Kurtoxin Mibefradil	Cribbs et al., 1998
		α_{1I} (Ca _v 3.3)	brain	Kurtoxin Mibefradil	Lee et al., 1999

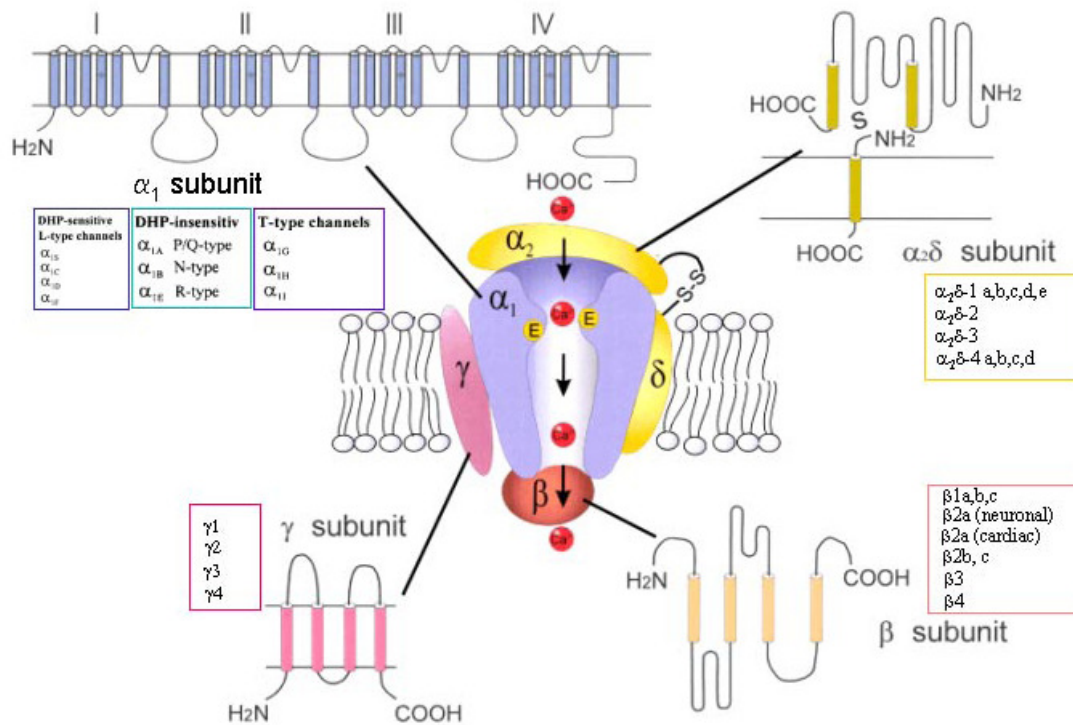
The table shows an overview about the classification of the voltage gated calcium channels, their localization, and their inhibitors. DHP = Dihydropyridines; PAA = Phenylalkylamines; BTZ = Benzothiazepines

1.1.3. $\alpha 1$ -, β -, $\alpha 2\delta$ -, and γ -subunit

Ten $\alpha 1$ isoforms are well-known and these can be classified into three families: Ca_v1, Ca_v2, and Ca_v3 (Ertel et al., 2000). The Ca_v1 group (Ca_v1.1-1.4) consists of subunits of channels that mediate L-type Ca²⁺ currents, which are α_{1S} , α_{1C} , α_{1D} , and α_{1F} . P/Q-, R- and N-type channels, comprising α_{1A} , α_{1B} , and α_{1E} , are listed under the Ca_v2 family (Ca_v2.1-2.3). T-type channels, α_{1G} , α_{1H} , and α_{1I} , are Ca_v3.1-3.3 (Table 1.1.). Figure 1.1 shows the structure of the $\alpha 1$ -subunit from the L-type Ca²⁺ channel. The segment 4 (S4) works as a voltage sensor and

the ion selectivity filter is built from the intracellular loop between S5 and S6. The interaction motif for the β -subunit is located between the I-II linker (Hofmann et al., 1999). In the intracellular C-terminal tail (CT), an isoleucin-glutamine (IQ) motif, which binds calmodulin (CaM) is located. CaM is a 17 kDa protein and acts as a calcium sensor. The CaM-binding on the IQ motif is important for the autoregulation of the L-type Ca^{2+} channel (Zuhlke et al., 2000). The EF-hand region of CT is also involved in Ca^{2+} -dependent inactivation (CDI) (Budde et al., 2002; Peterson et al., 1999; Striessnig, 1999). CDI is an important feedback mechanism that prevents excessive influx of Ca^{2+} , which would be potentially toxic for the cell. The mechanisms that underlie this feedback inhibitions have been uncovered only recently. It was found that permeating Ca^{2+} inhibits LTCCs by interacting with calmodulin that is tightly bound to specific regions in the C-terminus of the channel (for detail review of CDI see (Budde et al., 2002)). The C-terminal tail of $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ ($\alpha_1\text{C}$) contains an unique class I PDZ [postsynaptic density-95 (PSD-95)/Disc large/Zonula occludens-1 (ZO-1)] interaction sequence, that has been shown to associate with synapse specific scaffolding proteins, MAGUK proteins, and nucleotid exchange factors that contain PDZ domains (Kurschner et al., 1998). Associations with PDZ proteins play an important role in coupling L-type VGCCs. Summarized, the function of α_1 -subunits are voltage sensing, ion selection and passage through a conserved pore lined by S6, autoregulation, and drug binding (Bodi et al., 2005; Carafoli et al., 2001; Catterall, 2000; Striessnig, 1999). The $\alpha_2\delta$ -subunit is directly associated with the α_1 subunit by surface interaction. The $\alpha_2\delta$ -subunit is a glycosylated protein, which is highly conserved in most tissues, while the transmembrane δ -subunit anchors the extracellular α_2 protein by disulfide bridges to the plasma membrane (Hofmann et al., 1994). The δ subunit is sufficient to stabilize the gating properties to the channels, whereas α_2 is essential to stabilize DHP binding to the α_1 -subunit (Gurnett et al., 1996). The intracellular β -subunit (55-75 kDa) is the most important subunit for fine-tuning of L-type VGCC activity. It also stabilizes the pore region and facilitates conformational changes, which open the channel once the voltage sensor movement is completed. Furthermore, all different isoforms of the β -subunit (Figure 1.1.) enhance L-VGCC membrane density by modulating α_1 -subunit expression (Neely et al., 1993). The γ -subunit was originally found only in skeletal muscle calcium channels. However, a neuronal γ -subunit isoform has been identified recently (Striessnig, 1999). Although these auxiliary subunits change the properties of the channel complex, the pharmacological and electrophysiological diversity of calcium channels arises mostly from the existence of multiple α_1 -subunits.

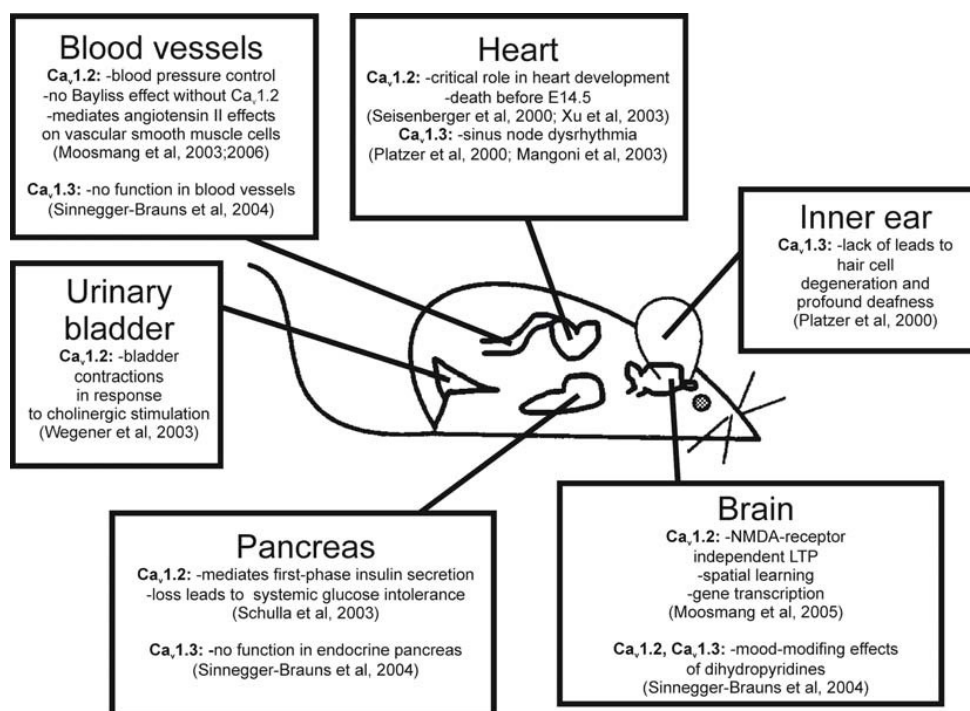
Figure 1.1.: Subunit composition of voltage-dependent calcium channels



Folding structures of the diverse subunits. There are several genes and splice variants for each calcium channel subunit (see boxes). Adapted from Klugbauer et al., 2002, Hofmann et al., 1999.

1.1.4. Ca_v1.2 calcium channel

The Ca_v1 calcium channel family includes four members, Ca_v1.1 (α 1S), Ca_v1.2 (α 1C), Ca_v1.3 (α 1D) and Ca_v1.4 (α 1F). 75 % of the sequences of these proteins are identical to one another. Ca_v1.1 is mainly expressed in skeletal muscle where it is a key element of the excitation-contraction coupling (Tanabe et al., 1988). Ca_v1.2 is the most widely distributed member of the Ca_v1 family. For example, the Ca_v1.2a isoform is expressed in cardiomyocytes (Mikami et al., 1989), while the Ca_v1.2b isoform is predominantly found in smooth muscle cells (Biel et al., 1990). Ca_v1.2 transcripts are also expressed in many types of neurons as well as in endocrine cells. Ca_v1.2 is involved in the control of essential physiological functions including smooth muscle tone (Moosmang et al., 2003), heart contractility (Reuter, 1979), secretion of hormones (Milani et al., 1990), and integration of synaptic inputs (Bean, 1989). Furthermore, mutations in the CACNA1C gene (human), which codes for the Ca_v1.2 subunit, are causative for the Timothy syndrome. This disease is characterized by a multiorgan disorder with serious cardiac defects, sudden death, and other comorbidities (Splawski et al., 2005; Splawski et al., 2004). The Ca_v1.3 channel was first cloned from neuronal and endocrine tissue and is possibly involved in the control of hormone secretion (Seino et al., 1992; Williams et al., 1992). The recent studies indicate that the channel is also expressed in myocardial tissue (Platzer et al., 2000). The Ca_v1.4 gene is the only calcium channel gene localized on the X-chromosome (Xp11.23) (Striessnig et al., 2010), and is specifically expressed in retinal photoreceptors and bipolar cells (Striessnig et al., 2010).

Figure 1.2.: Expression and function of Ca_v1.2 in mice

This figure shows the expression and the function of the calcium channel Ca_v1.2 in mouse. The scheme is adapted from (Moosmang et al., 2005).

1.1.5. Mouse knockout models of L-type calcium channel (LTCC)

Cloning of L-type calcium channels and their auxiliary subunits in different studies have demonstrated a large understanding about the function and regulation of these channels. The strategy to study calcium channels by knocking out genes is an important model to clarify and confirm heterologous expression studies and central *in vivo* functions of the calcium channels. Efforts to identify the native role of the diverse L-type calcium channel subunits, have produced a variety of knockout mice (Table 1.2.). VGCCs control two key processes required for normal heart function. First, Ca²⁺ influx through calcium channels is a prerequisite for excitation-contraction coupling in cardiomyocytes, and hence for heart contraction. Secondly, Ca²⁺ influx contributes to the generation of pacemaker potentials in cardiac conduction tissue, repeat of hence, is involved in the regulation of heart rhythmicity see review (Hofmann et al., 1999; Stieber et al., 2003). A typical heart cell contains both L- and T-type currents, but the L-type channels at the transverse tubules are more interesting. During the heart systole (plateau of cardiac action potential), the membrane is depolarized over 100 ms. As a result,

Ca^{2+} streams along the concentration gradient over the $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ in the cell. This Ca^{2+} influx triggers an intracellular Ca^{2+} release from SR over the ryanodine receptor. The increase of $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_{\text{inside}}$; (from 100 nM to 1 mM) cause cell contraction. During the diastolic relaxation, the Ca^{2+} goes the way from cytosol over $\text{Na}^+/\text{Ca}^{2+}$ exchanger (NCX) to the outside of the cell and through the Ca^{2+} ATPase of SR (SERCA) back to the SR (Bers, 2002). Mice lacking the $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ L-type calcium channel die *in utero* before day 15 postcoitum (p.c.), indicating that this channel is necessary for normal embryonic development (Seisenberger et al., 2000) and is indispensable during heart development (Seisenberger et al., 2000; Xu et al., 2003b).

Mice deficient for $\text{Ca}_v1.3$ are viable and have a natural life span (Platzer et al., 2000). While the deletion of $\text{Ca}_v1.3$ has no obvious consequence on embryonic development, $\text{Ca}_v1.3$ knockout mice reveal sinoatrial node dysfunction resulting in bradycardia and arrhythmia. Therefore, $\text{Ca}_v1.3$ is likely to be involved in the generation of pacemaker potentials in the sinus node region. Further analysis of the phenotype of $\text{Ca}_v1.3$ null mice revealed that these mice are deaf (Martinez-Dunst et al., 1997).

$\beta 1$ knockout mice are unable to move and die at birth from asphyxiation (Gregg et al., 1996). The $\beta 1$ knockout mice show a reduction in muscle mass with disorganization of thick and thin filaments of skeletal muscle. The early death of the homozygous animals has not permitted a close examination of the role of the $\beta 1$ subunit in brain and heart.

The inactivation of the cardiac $\beta 2$ subunit of VGCCs results in low cardiac calcium current densities and in embryonic death at embryonic day 9.5.

In $\beta 3$ knockout mice electrophysiological analyses indicated a 30% reduction in Ca^{2+} channel current density, a slower inactivation rate, and a decreased dihydropyridine-sensitive current (Namkung et al., 1998). Despite the reduction in L-type calcium channel density, $\beta 3$ null mice showed normal blood pressure.

The $\gamma 1$ knockout mice are viable and show no distinguished phenotype from wild type. The features of $\gamma 1$ knockout mice are the increased L-type current amplitude, the deceleration of the inactivation and shifts in the steady state inactivation to more positive potentials (Freise et al., 2000).

Table 1.2.: Deletion of L-type calcium channel subunits in mice

deleted subunit gene	tissue	phenotype	reference
Ca _v 1.2	heart, smooth muscle, brain	embryonic lethal < 14,5	Seisenberger et al., 2000
Ca _v 1.3	endocrine, smooth muscle, heart, brain	deaf, arrhythmia, bradycardia	Platzer et al., 2000
β1	skeletal muscle, heart, brain	decreased L-type calcium current, death at birth	Gregg et al., 1996
β2	heart, smooth muscle, brain	embryonic lethal < 9,5, decreased cell surface expression of calcium channel	Weisgerber et al., 2003
β3	heart, brain, aorta	decreased L- and N-type current	Scott et al., 1996 Namkung et al., 1998
γ1	skeletal muscle	increased L-type calcium current amplitude	Freise et al., 2000

1.2. Plasma membrane calcium ATPase (PMCA)

1.2.1. Localization and Function of PMCA

The PMCA was described first in erythrocytes (Schatzmann, 1966). It is responsible for the calcium transport against a concentration gradient in the extracellular room or into the SR, and is expressed ubiquitously in all eukaryotic cells. PMCA is an important enzyme for Ca²⁺ homeostasis (Cartwright et al., 2007, 2009; Strehler et al., 2007a; Strehler et al., 2007b). The P-type ATPase PMCA is a transmembrane protein and has a molecular weight between 130-150 kDa, depending on the isoform and splice variant, respectively. Four major isoforms PMCA1-4 (Table 1.3.) and over twenty splice variants have been described, so far (Cartwright et al., 2009). They are expressed developmental-, tissue- and cell-specifically but the PMCA1 and 4 are housekeeping forms and expressed ubiquitously (Strehler, 1991; Strehler et al., 1991). All four isoforms occur in excitable cells like neuron cells, skeletal cells, and cardiomyocytes (Carafoli and Stauffer, 1994; Hammes et al., 1994). PMCA has a greater role in spatial Ca²⁺ signaling within the cell than previously thought (Cartwright et al., 2007, 2009; Strehler et al., 2007a). This type of ATPase is also localized in caveolae (Fujimoto, 1993), which are rich in lipids, receptors, signal transducers and effectors, and involved in signal transduction organisation (Kurzchalia and Parton, 1999; Maxfield, 2002). Caveolae are plasmamembrane invaginations and have a size from 50 to 100 nm. Important

structural proteins are the 20-22 kDa caveolins 1-3 (Rothberg et al., 1992). Some interaction partners of caveolins were described (Segal et al., 1999; Venema et al., 1997). The localization of numerous signaling proteins in caveolae suggested that these invaginations are crucial for signal transduction. Such proteins for example are receptors for Atrial Natriuretic Peptide (ANP), Muscarin m2, Bradycinin B2, Platelet Derived Growth Factor (PDGF), Insulin, Endothelin, protein kinases (Ras, Src, Raf), endothelial NO-Synthase (eNOS), and neuronal NO-Synthase (nNOS) (Anderson, 1998).

Table 1.3.: PMCA isoforms and gene nomenclature of the Human Genome Organisation (HUGO) and the exactly gene locus.

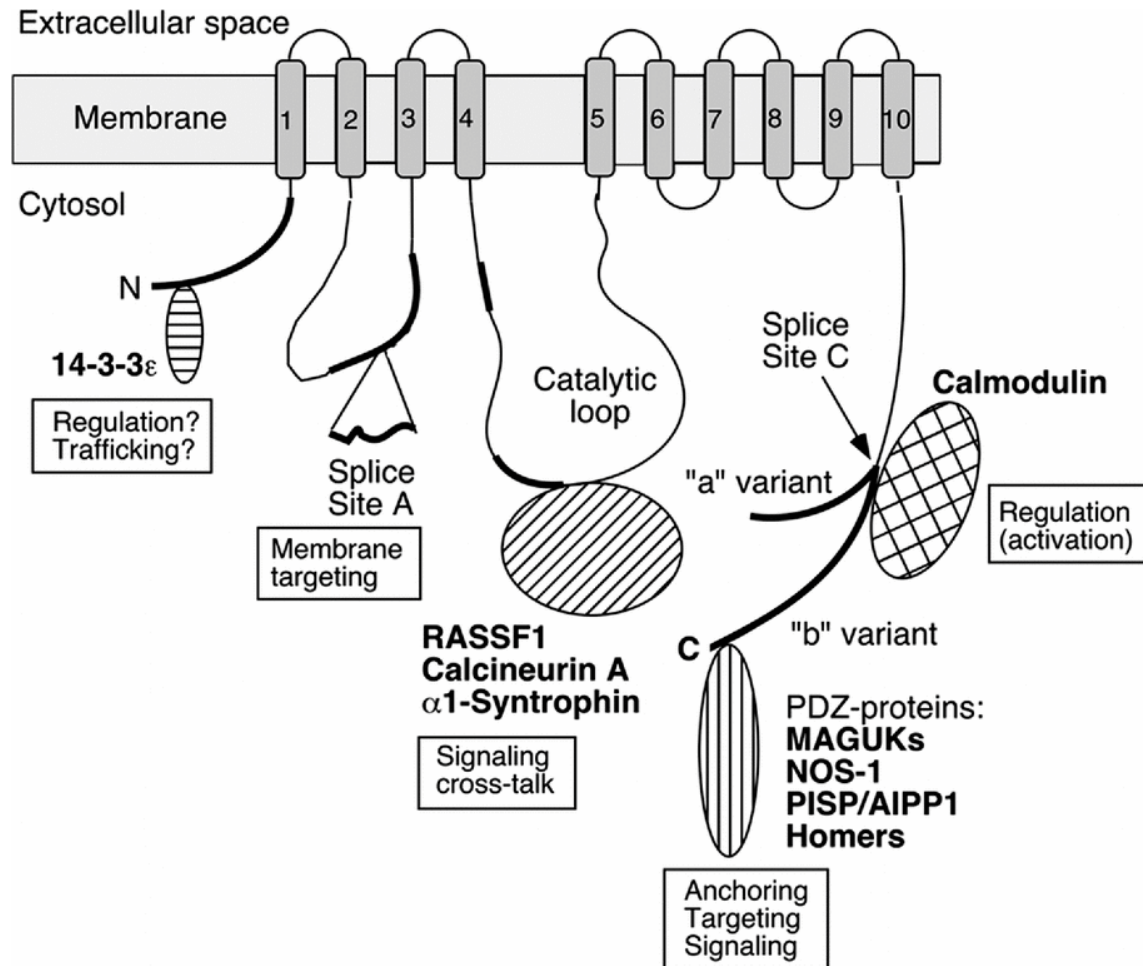
isoform	HUGO nomenclature	gen localization
PMCA1	ATP2B1	12q21 - 12q23
PMCA2	ATP2B2	3p26 - 3p25
PMCA3	ATP2B3	Xq28 - Xq28
PMCA4	ATP2B4	1q25 - 1q32

1.2.2. Structure of the PMCA

PMCAs have ten transmembrane domains (TM1-10), four cytosolic linkers (TM2-TM3, TM4-TM5, TM6-TM7 and TM8-TM9), and cytosolic N- and C-terminal tails (Brini, 2009; Cartwright et al., 2009; Di Leva et al., 2008). A 14-3-3 protein binding site has been described to be located in the N-terminal tail, and association with this protein effects the inhibition of pump activity (Rimessi et al., 2005). The C-terminal tail includes sites that control pump activity, protein kinase C (PKC) and protein kinase A (PKA) phosphorylation sites (Monteith and Roufogalis, 1995; Penniston and Enyedi, 1998; Strehler and Zacharias, 2001), and an autoinhibitory calmodulin binding domain (CaM-BD) (Carafoli et al., 1992; James et al., 1988; Vorherr et al., 1992; Vorherr et al., 1990), where the inhibition is lifted upon binding of Ca²⁺-bound calmodulin (Ca²⁺/CaM). At the C-terminal tail an alternative splice site (Strehler and Zacharias, 2001), a positive modulatory homodimerization site (Brini, 2009), and a PDZ binding domain is located (DeMarco and Strehler, 2001; Kim et al., 1998; Schuh et al., 2003). The TM2-TM3 loop harbours a phospholipid sensitive region (Brodin et al., 1992; Zvaritch et al., 1990), and a splice A site (Chicka and Strehler, 2003; Hill et al., 2006; Strehler and Zacharias, 2001). TM4-TM5 is the longest cytoplasmic linker and it is where the ATP-binding site and the catalytic domain are situated. This loop also interacts with the CaM-BD and is therefore implicated in autoinhibition (Falchetto et al., 1991), similar

to TM2-TM3 (Fig.1.3.). Active PMCA has two conformational states (Krebs et al., 1987): the PMCA Ca^{2+} binding change, leading to the E2 state, where the bound Ca^{2+} is released extracellularly due to the decline in Ca^{2+} affinity of the binding site. The enzyme then returns to the E1 conformation when the phosphate is cleaved from it.

Figure 1.3.: Scheme of the PMCA and their regions of structural diversity among isoforms and sites of protein-protein interactions



The N- and C-terminal endings are marked, and the location of the catalytic loop is indicated. Regions of significant sequence divergence among isoforms are illustrated as bulky black lines. 'Splice Site A' and 'Splice Site C' characterize the regions by alternative splicing. Site A, the insertion of a peptide segment encoded by alternatively spliced exon is indicated; at site C, the two key splice variants 'a' and 'b' are shown with split tails. A choice of PMCA-interacting proteins are demonstrate close to the domain of the PMCA where they bind, and their identified or expected roles in providing functional diversity are indicated. The PMCA is represented in its activated state with CaM bound to the C-tail. AIPP, ATPase-interacting PDZ protein; MAGUK, membrane-associated guanylate kinase; NOS-1, nitric oxide synthase-1; PISP, PMCA-interacting single-PDZ protein; RASSF1, Ras association domain family-1. Adapted from (Strehler et al., 2007b).

1.2.3. PMCA4b

Mammalian PMCAs are products of four genes (ATP2B1 - ATP2B4) (Table 1.3.), which share 80-90% sequence homology at the amino acid level in human, rat and mouse (Strehler and Zacharias, 2001). Differential splicing of PMCA RNA transcripts results in different subtypes of these isoforms. More than 20 splice variants have been identified (Strehler and Zacharias, 2001). The C-termini of the b-splice variants of all PMCA isoforms is supposed to bind preferentially type 1 PDZ domains as the consensus sequence is E-T/S-X-L/V (where X stands for any amino acid). The human ETSV* motif (* = stop, possess different C-terminal ends) of the PMCA4b interacts with members of the membrane-associated guanylate kinase (MAGUK) family (DeMarco and Strehler, 2001; Strehler and Zacharias, 2001), such as postsynaptic density protein-95/synapse-associated protein 90 (PSD-95/SAP90), synapse-associated protein 97 (SAP97/hDlg), synapse-associated protein 102 (SAP-102), postsynaptic density protein-93/Channel associated protein of synapse-110 (PSD-93/Chapsyn-110) (DeMarco and Strehler, 2001) and calcium/calmodulin-dependent serine protein kinase (CASK) (Schuh et al., 2003). In addition PMCA4b interacts also with PMCA-interacting single PDZ protein (PISP) (Goellner et al., 2003), Na⁺/H⁺ exchanger regulatory factor 2 (NHERF2) (DeMarco et al., 2002) and neuronal nitric oxide synthase (nNOS), which regulates its activity (Schuh et al., 2001). PMCA4b can also interact other proteins via other domains, for example via second intracellular loop with the tumor suppressor Ras-associated factor 1, calcineurin and α 1 syntrophin (Armesilla et al., 2004; Buch et al., 2005; Williams et al., 2006b).

1.2.4. Mouse knockout models of PMCA

Knockout mice have been designed and the phenotypes analyzed for each isoforms of the PMCA pumps, except the PMCA3. That isoform is typically expressed in tissues of developing embryos, its function maybe essential for normal growth of gestation. PMCA1 was interrupted by targeting the catalytic phosphorylation site, but homozygous knockout mice resulted in embryonic lethality. Null mutant embryos were recognized up to day 3 of gestation but not for the stage of organogenesis. The lack of ability to breed fully developed life animals emphasizes the necessary role of this housekeeping isoform from the earliest ages of development. On the other hand, heterozygous mutants did not present a pathological phenotype, even if the smooth muscle of blood vessels appeared apoptotic. While this smooth muscle does not express the other omnipresent isoform PMCA4, the absence of PMCA1 gene on one allele was obviously inefficiently compensated (Krebs, 1996). Mice subjected to the

targeted ablation of the PMCA4 survived and seemed healthy at first sight. Histological investigations of organs presented no major tissue alterations or in vivo cell death. Despite its ubiquitous expression, PMCA4 appears to be less critical than PMCA1 in the maintenance of Ca^{2+} homeostasis. A major phenotype alteration was, on the other hand, detected, and this was male infertility. Sperm were unable to get efficient hyperactivated motility and was unable to contact and fertilize the egg (Okunade et al., 2004). This was evidently due to the fact that isoform 4 represents 90% of all PMCA pumps expressed in testis cells (Schuh et al., 2004). The investigation of the phenotypes of PMCA2 knockout mouse has exposed interesting characteristics. While the animals appeared quite normal at birth, they started to present balance impairment around day 10 (Furuta et al., 1998). Recording of the auditory brain response have shown that they were deaf, and the study of the vestibular inner ear explained the absence of otoconia (Kozel et al., 1998). It was also observed that sensory hair cells started to degenerate after day 10. The most severely affected animals also presented partial loss of nerve cells (Furuta et al., 1998; Garcia and Strehler, 1999; Strehler and Zacharias, 2001).

1.3. PDZ Domains

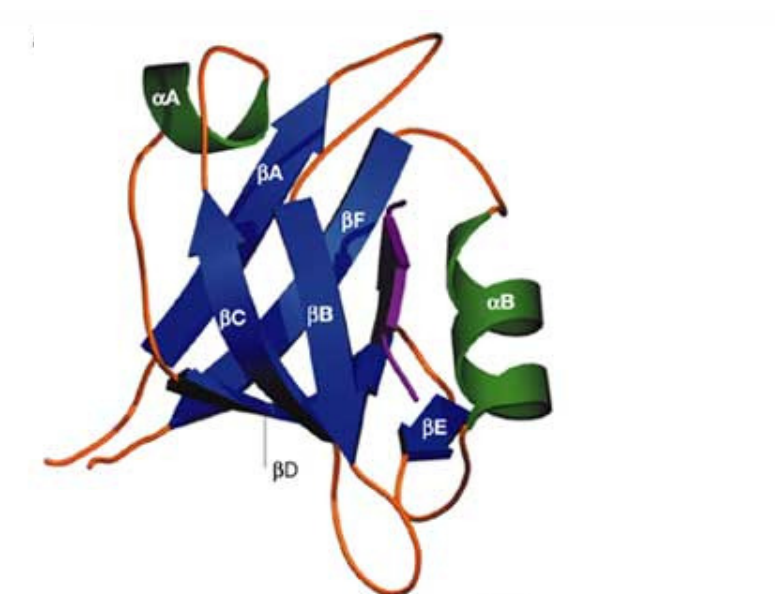
Different biological activities are regulated through interactions of modular protein domains, like WW domain (protein domain with two highly conserved tryptophans that binds proline-rich peptide motifs), Src homology 3 (SH3) and PDZ domains, and their corresponding binding partners (Pawson, 2007). The name PDZ comes from the first three proteins in which these domains were identified: PSD-95 (a 95 kDa protein, post-synaptic density protein), Dlg (the *Drosophila melanogaster* Discs Large protein) and ZO-1 (the zonula occludens 1 protein involved in maintenance of epithelial polarity) (Cho et al., 1992; Kim et al., 1995; Woods and Bryant, 1993). These protein-protein interactions can offer important views into biological processes such as cell proliferation and cell polarity (Pawson, 2007; Pawson and Nash, 2003). In various species there are PDZ domains, for example in *Caenorhabditis elegans*, *D. melanogaster*, and *Homo sapiens* (Doyle et al., 1996; Kennedy, 1995; Morais Cabral et al., 1996). In the mouse genome, for example, 928 PDZ domains have been recognized in 328 proteins, which are present in single or multiple copies or in combination with other interaction modules (Spaller, 2006). PDZ domains are absent in yeast, but numerous PDZ-like domains are present in bacteria and plants (Pallen and Ponting, 1997). From the abundance and variety of PDZ domains in cells, it is obvious that many cellular and biological functions, especially those involving signal transduction complexes are mediated by PDZ-mediated

interactions (Bezprozvanny and Maximov, 2001; Brone and Eggermont, 2005; Fan and Zhang, 2002; Garner et al., 2000; Harris and Lim, 2001; Hung and Sheng, 2002; Kim and Kim, 2005; Petit et al., 2009; Sheng and Sala, 2001; Zhang and Wang, 2003).

1.3.1. Structural characteristics of PDZ domains

PDZ domains are relatively small (≥ 90 amino acids), fold into a compact structure and have N- and C-termini that are in close proximity in the folded structure.

PDZ domains are modular items consisting of 5 or 6 β -stranded (βA - βF) and 2 or 3 α -helical structures (αA - αC) Figure 1.4. (Fanning and Anderson, 1996; Kim and Sheng, 2004; Long et al., 2003). PDZ domains characteristically recognize the C-termini of target proteins (Saras and Heldin, 1996) but a few also bind the internal sequence motif of target proteins through a single binding site on the domains (Cowburn, 1997; Giallourakis et al., 2006; Wang et al., 2008). The nomenclature for residues within the PDZ-binding motif is as follows: the C-terminal residue is referred to as the P_0 residue; subsequent residues towards the N-terminus are termed P_{-1} , P_{-2} , P_{-3} , etc. Studies show that PDZ domains can be divided into three main classes: class I PDZ domains recognize the motif S/T-X- Φ -COOH (Φ is a hydrophobic amino acid and X is any amino acid), class II PDZ domains identify the motif Φ -X- Φ -COOH; and class III PDZ domains recognize the motif X-X-C-COOH. There are few other PDZ domains that do not fall into any of these classes (Table 1.4.) (Schultz et al., 1998; Songyang et al., 1997).

Figure 1.4.: Three-dimensional structure of PDZ domains

Structure of the third PDZ domain of PSD-95 (α -helices in green, β -strands in blue) coordinated with its target C-terminal peptide (purple) (Kim and Sheng, 2004).

Table 1.4.: Examples of PDZ ligands (Harris and Lim, 2001)

PDZ domain	Consensus binding sequence*				Ligand protein	Reference
	P ₋₃	P ₋₂	P ₋₁	P ₀		
Class I		S/T	X [‡]	Φ [§]	-COOH	
Syntrophin	E	S	L	V	-COOH	voltage-gated Na ⁺ channel Schultz et al., 1998a
PSD-95 D1;2	E	T	D	V	-COOH	Shaker-type K ⁺ channel Kim et al., 1995
NHERF		T	X	L	-COOH	β 2-adrenergic receptor Hall et al. 1998
Class II		Φ	X	Φ	-COOH	
hCASK	E	Y	Y	V	-COOH	Neurexin Songyang et al., 1997
Class III		X	X	C	-COOH	
Mint-1	D	H	W	C	-COOH	N-type Ca ²⁺ channel Maximov et al., 1999
Other						
nNOS	G	D	X	V	-COOH	PMCA4b Schuh et al., 2001
MAGI		S/T	W	V	-COOH	PTEN Wu et al., 2000

* P₀ is the C-terminal residue, P₋₁ is one residue N-terminal to it etc.

‡X denotes any amino acid

§ Φ denotes a hydrophobic amino acid, usually V, I or L

1.3.2. Higher-order organization of PDZ domain containing proteins

Multi-PDZ domain containing proteins

A remarkable aspect of PDZ domains is the frequency with which multiple domains occur within the same polypeptide. In humans 18% of the PDZ domain containing proteins have three or more PDZ domains within the same polypeptide. These are, for example, MUPP, in which the protein consists of 13 PDZ motifs (Ullmer et al., 1998). Other multi-PDZ domain containing proteins include INAD and NHERF (Fig. 1.5.). INAD have 5 PDZ motifs, NHERF 2 PDZ domains.

MAGUK proteins

Another large family of PDZ domain containing proteins is the MAGUK (**m**embrane-associated **g**uanylate **k**inase) family. This subgroup contains between one and three PDZ domains, an SH3 domain and a guanylate kinase homology (GuK) domain (Gomperts, 1996) (Fig. 1.5.). There is no confirmation that this domain has enzymatic activity. Several of these proteins, including Dlg, ZO-proteins, and the MAGI (membrane-associated guanylate kinases with inverted orientation) proteins, are associated with the tight junctions (TJ) of various cell types and are seemingly implicated in assembly of these main structures.

PDZ domain containing proteins with other sequence motifs

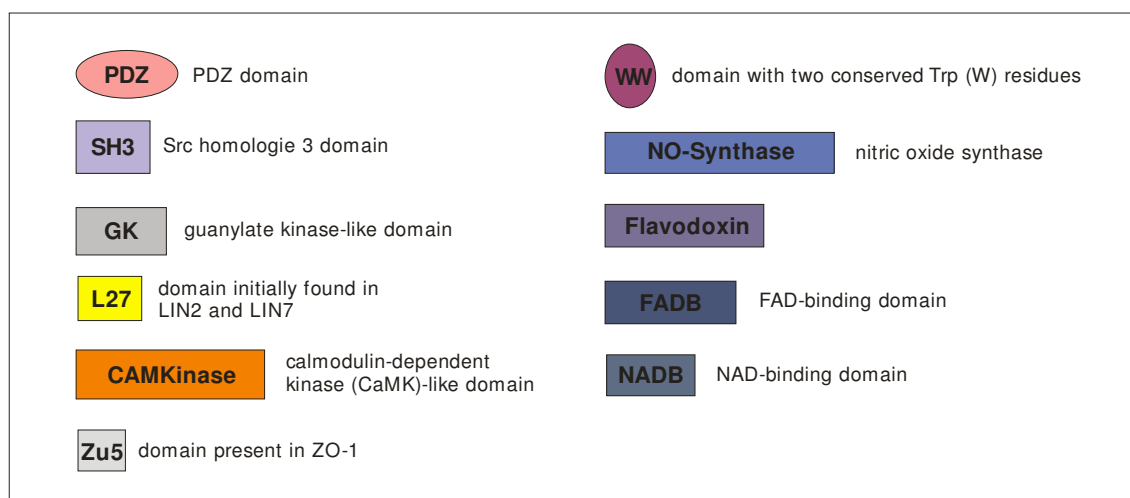
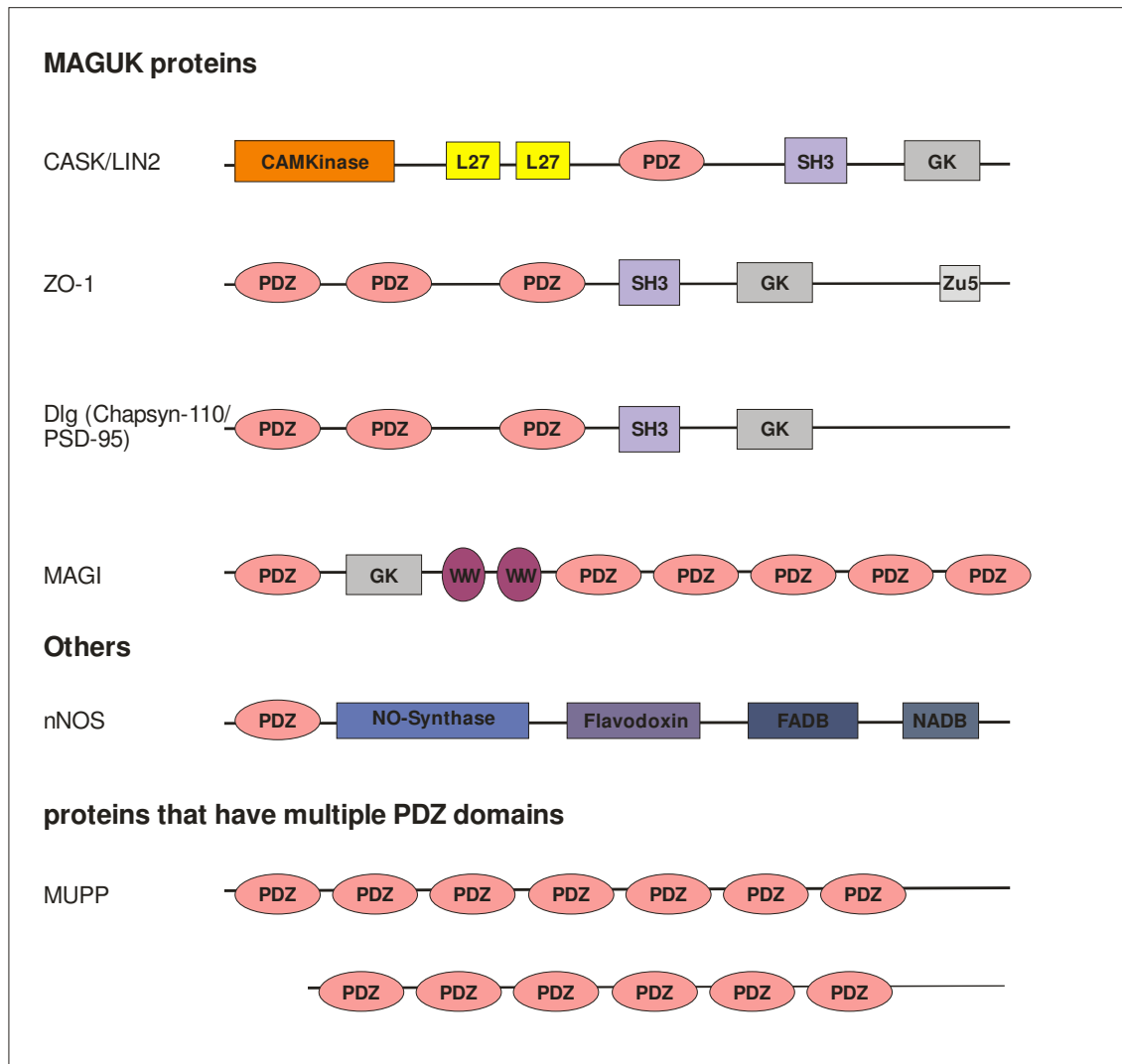
A third large group of PDZ proteins contain a variety of other sequence motifs (but not guanylate kinase-like domain) with one or more PDZ domains. In that family proteins containing leucine-rich repeats (LAP proteins), LIM or crib motifs (Lasky, 2005).

1.3.3. The PDZ domain mechanism of recognition

At the ending of the peptide-binding groove is the carboxylate-binding loop. This loop contains the sequence motif GLGF (Gly-Leu-Gly-Phe) and is located between β B and α B. The first Gly residue in this motif is not strictly conserved in canonical PDZ domains, and can be changed by a Ser, Thr, or Phe residue (Laskowski et al., 2005). The second and the fourth residues are hydrophobic (e.g. Val, Ile, Leu, or Phe). The side chains of the P₀ and P₋₂ ligand residues point directly into the base of the peptide-binding pocket. It can be suggested that ligand positions 0 and -2 are crucial for recognition and binding to target proteins. The importance of these two positions also lead to the general classification of PDZ domains into three classes (see Table 1.4.) (Bezprozvanny and Maximov, 2001; Doyle et al., 1996; Harrison, 1996; Song et al., 2006). Numerous examples demonstrate that some PDZ domains can also recognize internal peptide motifs, lipids and other PDZ domains. The best characterized example of an internal-motif-mediated PDZ interaction is the PDZ domain of nNOS and the PDZ domain of either syntrophin or PSD-95. The domains interact in a remarkable linear head-to-tail arrangement (Brenman et al., 1996; Gee et al., 1998; Hillier et al., 1999). The 30-residue extension to the nNOS PDZ domain adopts an extended β -hairpin fold (called β -finger) (Christopherson et al., 1999). This nNOS β -hairpin pockets in the binding site of syntrophin protein, which mimicks a peptide ligand through its P₀ and P₋₂ pocket interaction.

PDZ domain containing proteins play key roles in organizing polar sites of cell-cell communication. They assemble receptors and their downstream effectors. PDZ domain containing proteins crosslink many different polypeptides by binding to C-terminal sequences. Internal motif recognition is not an exception to the rules of PDZ recognition but another way to satisfy the same energetic requirements. A complete understanding of the regulatory mechanisms of PDZ-mediated interactions will enhance our knowledge of many cellular and biological processes.

Figure 1.5.: Schematic diagram of PDZ domaining proteins

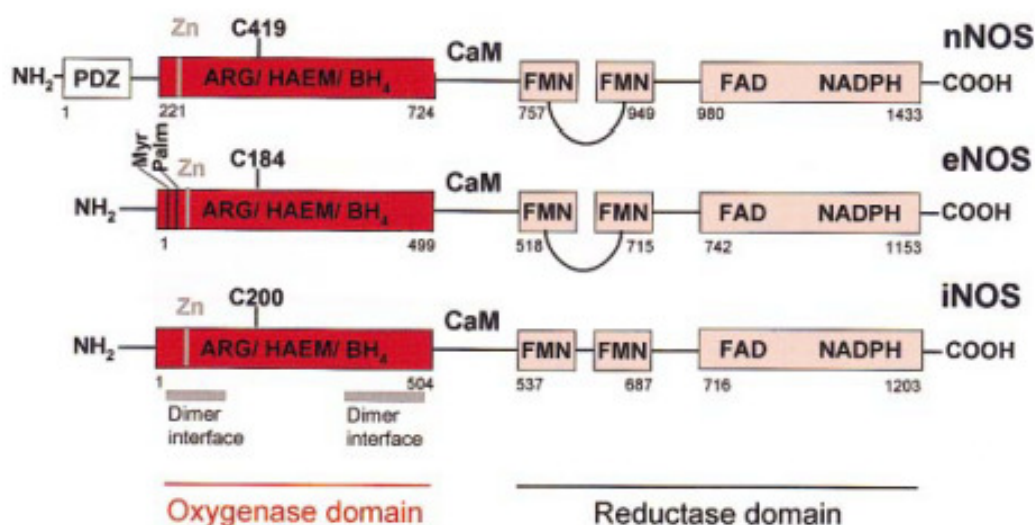


This figure shows an overview about the different groups of PDZ domain containing proteins and their various domains.

1.4. Nitric Oxide Synthase

NO is a signaling molecule generated by three different kinds of NO synthases (NOSs), which catalyze the transformation of the amino acid L-arginine to L-citrulline. NO is participating in physiological and pathophysiological processes. The three different isoforms are neuronal NOS (also known as NOS-1), which was first identified in neuronal tissue, inducible NOS (also known as NOS-2) being the isoform, which is inducible in numerous cells and tissues, and endothelial NOS (NOS-3), which is the isoform first found in vascular endothelial cells. Sometimes these isoforms also distinguished on the basis of their constitutive (eNOS and nNOS) versus inducible (iNOS) expression, and their calcium-dependence (eNOS and nNOS) or-independence (iNOS), see Fig.1.6.

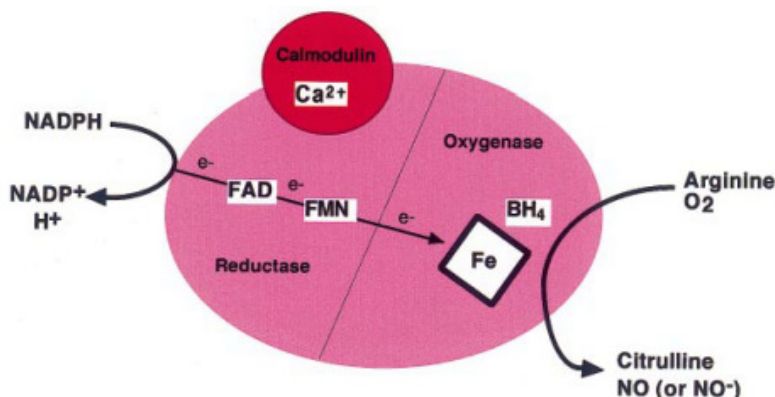
Figure1.6.: Domain structure of human nNOS, eNOS and iNOS, adapted from (Alderton et al., 2001)



In the boxes you see the oxygenase, reductase and PDZ domains. The start/end and amino acids of the different isoforms are shown. Myr = myristoylation; Palm = palmitoylation; Zn = zinc-ligating cysteines.

The NOS genes contain a similar genomic composition. NOSs demonstrate a bidomain structure in which an N-terminal oxygenase domain containing binding sites for haem, BH₄ and L-arginine is linked by a CaM-recognition site to a C-terminal reductase domain that includes binding sites for FAD, FMN and NADPH (Fig. 1.7.) (McMillan and Masters, 1995; Richards and Marletta, 1994).

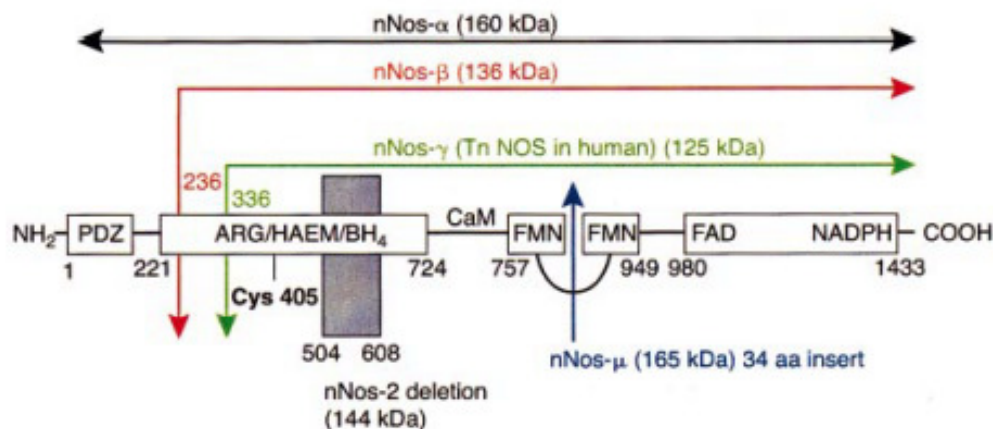
Figure 1.7.: reactions and cofactors of NOS (Alderton et al., 2001)



Electrons (e^-) are donated by NADPH to the reductase domain of the enzyme and carry on via FAD and FMN redox carriers to the oxygenase domain. They interact with the haem and BH_4 at the active site to catalyze the reaction of oxygen with L-arginine, generating citrulline and NO as products. Electrons flow through the reductase domain requires the presence of bound Ca^{2+}/CaM .

The N-terminal 220 amino-acids of nNOS are especially, because that isoform contains a PDZ domain that targets nNOS to synaptic sites in brain and skeletal muscle. The PDZ domain of nNOS interacts with the second of several similar PDZ motifs in neuron-specific PSD-95 and PSD-93. nNOS interacts with $\alpha 1$ -syntrophin in skeletal muscles, which forms a complex with the sarcolemmal dystrophin complex. The nNOS-PDZ consensus sequence is G (D, E)-X-V (Schepens et al., 1997). Different splice variants of nNOS were described. nNOS α contains the PDZ domain and is localized in various tissues. The protein has a size of 160kDa. Both nNOS β and nNOS γ lack the PDZ domain of nNOS, which is encoded by exon 2 (Brenman et al., 1996). If translated in vivo, nNOS β would be a 136kDa protein and nNOS γ a 125kDa protein. nNOS μ is selectively expressed in heart and is the predominant isoform in skeletal muscle (Silvagno et al., 1996). nNOS μ has additional 34 amino acids inserted between the CaM-and flavin-binding domains. nNOS-2 has been identified in mouse brain and in human neuroblastoma cells (Fujisawa et al., 1994). nNOS-2 is possibly catalytically inactive and for that reason the function plays a dominant negative role (Brenman et al., 1997). See Figure 1.8.

Figure 1.8.: Splice variants of rat nNOS (Alderton et al., 2001)



The PDZ, oxygenase and reductase domains are marked by solid boxes. The splice variants are shown by arrowed lines: black, nNOS α (amino acids 1-1433); red, nNOS β (amino acids 236-1433); green, nNOS γ (amino acids 336-1433); blue, nNOS μ (1-1433 with a 34 amino acid insert in the FMN-binding domain). The deleted amino acid residues 504-608 in nNOS-2.

Regulation of NOS activity

CaM is necessary for the enzymatic activity of all three isoforms. The calcium-dependence of NO synthesis differentiates the NOS isoforms, so nNOS and eNOS having a much higher calcium requirement than iNOS. CaM binding increases the rate of electron transfer from NADPH to the reductase domain flavin (Gachhui et al., 1998; Gachhui et al., 1996) and artificial electron acceptors, like Ferricyanide and Cytochrom c. CaM also activates the electron transfer from the reductase domain to the haem centre (Abu-Soud et al., 1994a; Abu-Soud et al., 1994b) (Fig.1.7.). The phosphorylation of nNOS and eNOS have an effect on NOS activity. The phosphorylation of eNOS triggers an increase in electron flux through the reductase domain and an increase in NO production (McCabe et al., 2000). In contrast, the phosphorylation of nNOS processes a decrease in NOS activity (Hayashi et al., 1999).

1.5. Aim of the thesis

The Ca^{2+} channel $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ and the plasma membrane calcium ATPase PMCA4b are transmembrane proteins and operate with their C-terminal end as PDZ ligands. Both proteins play a key role in Ca^{2+} signalling and in Ca^{2+} fluctuation, for example gene expression, regulation of blood pressure, and they are involved in cardiac excitation-contraction coupling. Previous studies have shown that PMCA interacts with a few cytoskeletal proteins, as mentioned before. Also it is known that PMCA interacts with nNOS (Schuh et al., 2001). However, the molecular mechanisms responsible for spatial and temporal specificity of NO-mediated regulation of intracellular Ca^{2+} are still unclear as well as the physiological role of $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ and PMCA4b.

Based on these observations, this thesis has the following aims:

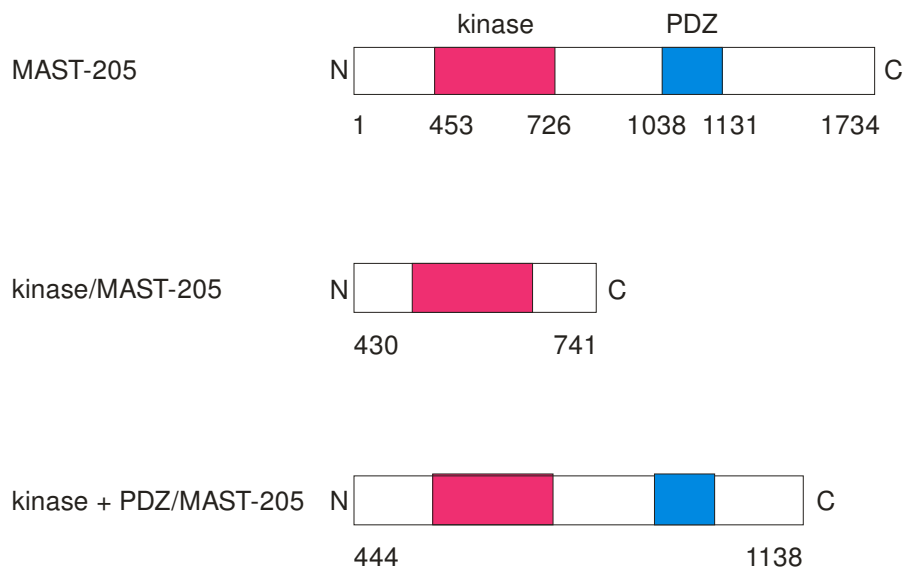
1. To screen for new interaction partners of $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ and PMCA4b via three independent assays (PDZ domain array, immunoprecipitation and pull down). Often new interaction partners could give information about signalling pathways or physiological relevance. Co-localizations of some protein interactions could support the results.
2. The nNOS α PDZ domain interacts with the C-terminus of PMCA4. About the interaction and physiological key role of nNOS and $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ via PDZ domain is little-known. To generate a heterologous system that express $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ and nNOS for electrophysiological measurements, we and co-workers from Regensburg designed patch clamp experiments to achieve information on the consequences of their interactions.
3. Nitric oxide, which is generated by nNOS, is a crucial signalling molecule in mammals. In addition, NO can interact directly with reactive thiols in many proteins, leading to post-translational modifications that induce functional changes. Such S-nitrosylations could influence $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ activity, regulated by nNOS. To verify that we established the biotin switch assay.

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MATERIALS AND METHODS

2.1. Plasmids

Plasmid constructs were generated by standard PCR-based cloning strategies and confirmed by DNA-sequencing. PCR products were gel purified, digested with appropriate restriction enzymes (Table 2.1.), again purified from an agarose gel according to manufacturer's instructions (NucleoSpin Extract II, Macherey-Nagel), and ligated into a vector that was opened with the same restriction enzymes. Codons for the final 10 amino acids of Ca_v1.2 α (accession no. AAI45106) and the final 15 amino acids of PMCA4b (accession no. NP_001675) were cloned into the pEXP vector (Figs. 2.4, 2.5) containing a 6 x Histidine tag (Panomics, Fremont, CA, USA) to produce 6xHis-tagged fusion proteins for PDZ Domain Arrays (Panomics) (pEXP-LTCC; pEXP-PMCA4b, see cloning constructions in appendix). The same codons of Ca_v1.2 α , the complete C-terminal cytoplasmic tail of Ca_v1.2 α (accession no. P15381), and approximately half of the complete C-terminal cytoplasmic tail were inserted into the pGEX-4T-3 vector (GE Healthcare Biosciences AB, Uppsala, Figs. 2.7, 2.9, 2.10) to produce Glutathion-S-Transferase (GST) fusion proteins for pull-downs (pGex-4T-3-LTCC; pGex-4T-3-Ct-Ca_v1.2 lang; pGex-4T-3-Ct-Ca_v1.2 kurz, see cloning constructions in appendix). The expression constructs pGex-4T-1-nNOS-PDZ, pcDNA3- Δ nNOS (Δ nNOS denotes the absence of the PDZ domain and was created by K. Schuh) and pcDNA3-nNOS were kind gifts from D. Bredt (University of California, San Francisco, CA), the plasmid pRK5-kinase-MAST-205, pRK5-kinase-PDZ-MAST-205 from Rafael Pulido (Centro de Investigacion Principe Felipe, Valencia, Spain, see Fig. 2.0.) and the plasmid pcDNA3-Ca_v1.2 α a gift from Sebastian Meier (University of Wuerzburg, Germany), which was a template for plasmid constructs. Furthermore, we utilized the plasmids pBK-CMV-NHERF1 and pCMV-hPMCA4b for transfections.

Figure 2.0.: MAST-205 constructs (by Rafael Pulido)

In that figure the different recombinant proteins of HA-MAST-205 are shown. They were used for Co-immunoprecipitations and pull downs. The pink bar represents the kinase domain of MAST-205 (residues 453-726) and the blue bar shows the PDZ domain (residues 1038-1131) of that protein.

Table 2.1.: Oligonucleotide primers for plasmid constructs used for PDZ Domain Arrays and GST Fusion Proteins

Primer	Restriction site	Primer Sequence ¹
for_Ca _v 1.2 LTCC expression vector pEXP	PstI	...5'- CTG CAG GAC AGC AGG TCC TAT GTC AGC AAC CTG TAG T -3'
rev_Ca _v 1.2 LTCC expression vector pEXP	XbaI	...5'- TCT AGA CTA CAG GTT GCT GAC ATA GGA CCT GCT GTC -3'
for_Ca _v 1.2 LTCC expression vector pGEX-4T-3	EcoRI	...5'- G AAT TCC GAC AGC AGG TCC TAT GTC AGC AAC CTG TAG -3'
rev_Ca _v 1.2 LTCC expression vector pGEX-4T-3	SalI	...5'- GTC GAC CTAC AGG TTG CTG ACA TAG GAC CTG CTG ACG G -3'
GST_C_Ca _v _lang_for expression vector pGEX-4T-3	EcoRI	...5'- C GGA ATT CCC GAC AAC TTT GAC TAC CTG ACA AG -3'

GST_C_Ca _v _rev expression vector pGEX-4T-3	XhoI	...5' - CCG CTC GAG CTA CAG GCT GCT GAC GCC GGC -3'
GST_C_Ca _v _kurz_for expression vector pGEX-4T-3	EcoRI	...5' - C GGA ATT CCC AGG CAG CAT GGA AGC TCA GC -3'

¹ The restriction sites are indicated in blue. Stop codons are shown in red.

TA-Cloning

For the constructs pEXP-LTCC; pGex-4T-3-LTCC; pGex-4T-3-Ct-Cav1.2_lang and pGex-4T-3-Ct-Cav1-2_kurz we used the Topo-TA-cloning kit (Invitrogen).

TA-cloning is a cloning technique without restriction enzymes. That method is based on the ability of adenine (A) and thymine (T). A and T are complementary basepairs which exist on different DNA fragments. In the presence of ligase they were ligated together. The insert is formed by PCR using Taq DNA polymerase. This polymerase lacks 3' to 5' proofreading activity and adds a single 3'- adenine overhang to each end of the PCR product. The target vector is linearized and cut with a blunt-end restriction enzyme. It is important to use dideoxythymidine triphosphate (ddTTP) to guarantee the addition of only one T residue (tailing the vector with 3'- overhang on each blunt end). If no possible restriction sites are existing or the traditional cloning is difficult, TA-cloning is often used as an alternative. A disadvantage is that directional TA-cloning is not feasible, so the gene has 50% chance of getting cloned in the reverse direction. In our case we sequenced the constructs after TA-cloning and afterwards we cut via restriction enzymes (Table 2.1.) and ligated them in the suitable vector (Table 2.1.).

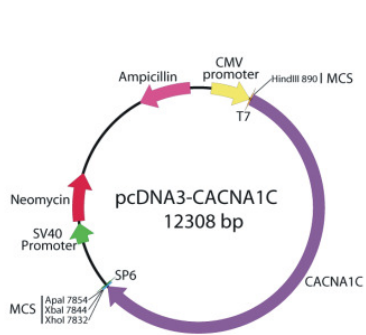


Figure 2.1: vector map pcDNA3-Ca,1.2, gift from S. Meier, University of Wuerzburg, Germany

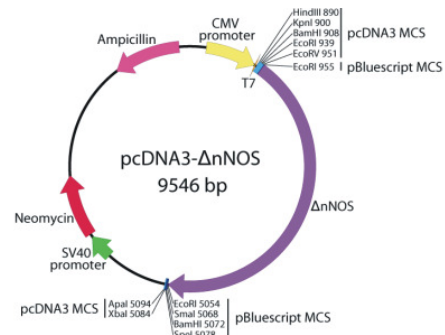


Figure 2.2: vector map pcDNA3-ΔnNOS, gift from D. Bredt, University of California, San Francisco

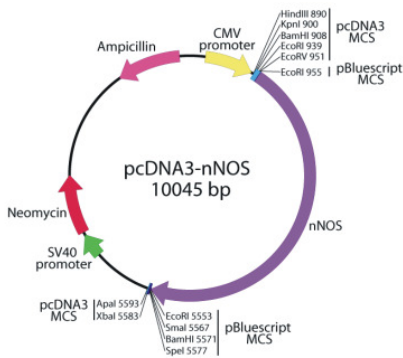


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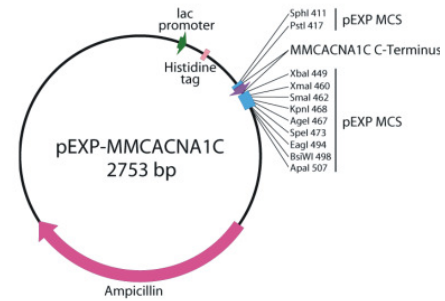


Figure 2.4: vector map pEXP-LTCC, D. Fetting, University of Wuerzburg, Germany

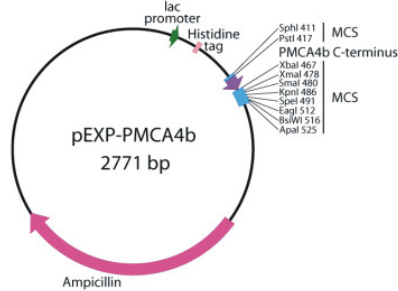


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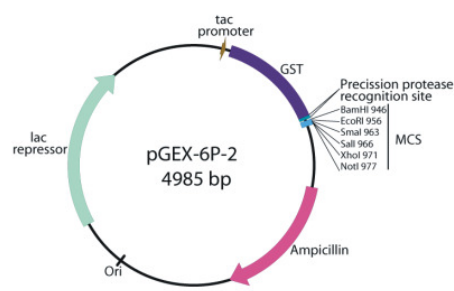


Figure 2.6: vector map pGex-6P-2 (pGex-4T-3 is the same like pGex-6P-2 just another frame), GE Healthcare. Munich

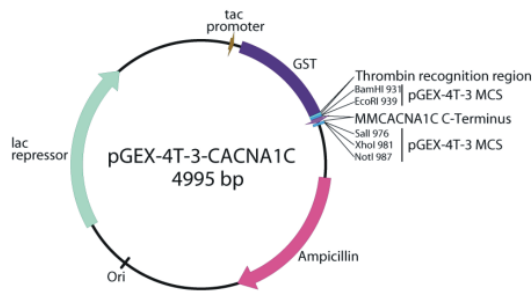


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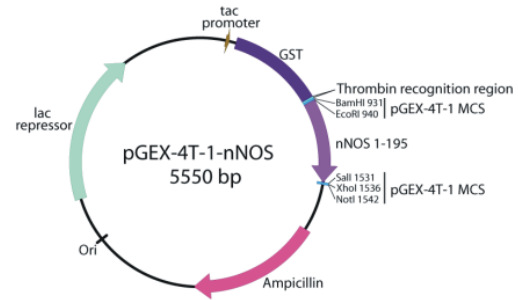


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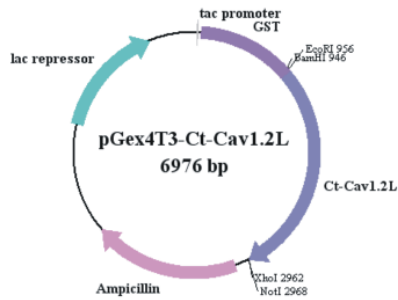


Figure 2.9: vector map pGex-4T-3-Ct-Ca, 1.2 Lang,
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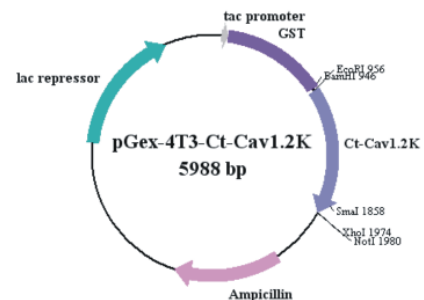


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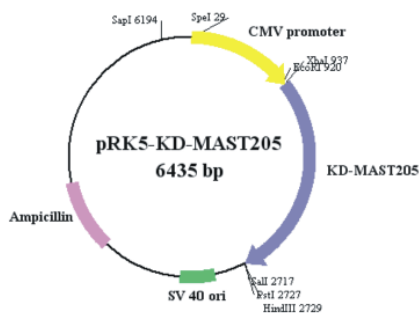


Figure 2.11: vector map pRK5-KD-MAST205,
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Principe Felipe, Valencia, Spain

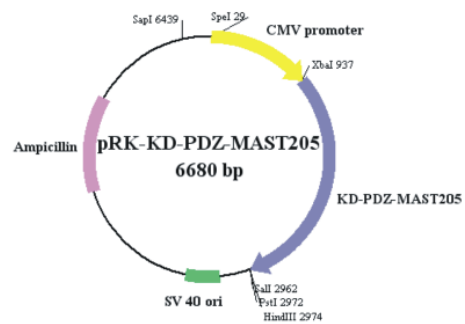
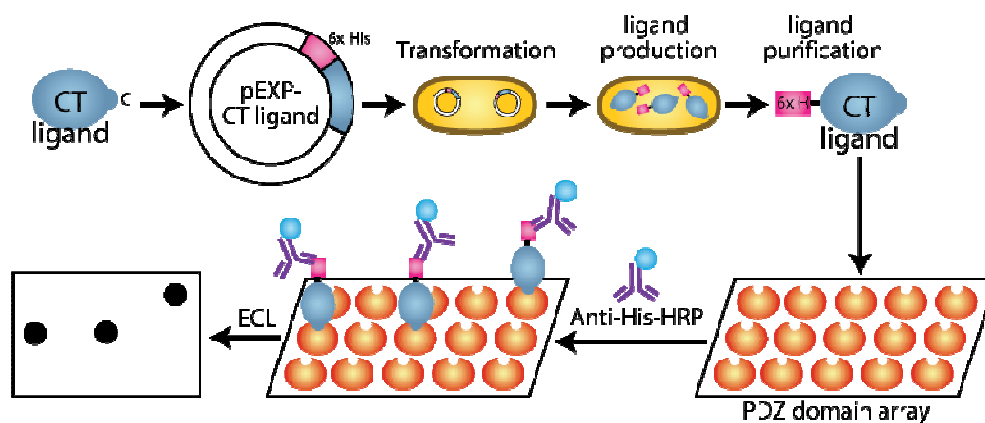


Figure 2.12: vector map pRK5-KD-PDZ-MAST205,
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2.2. TranSignal™ PDZ Domain Array

pEXP-Ca_v1.2 α , pEXP-PMCA4b were transformed into *E. coli* BL21 (DE3) bacteria. The bacteria were inoculated in 3 ml of LB/Amp (100 μ g/ml). Bacteria were shaken for one hour at 37 °C at 300 rpm. When OD600 of the bacterial culture 0.5-0.8 was attained, 1 mM isopropyl-1-thio- β -D-galactopyranoside (IPTG) was added to the bacteria (grow 3-4 h at 37 °C). Cells were collected by centrifugation (4000xg for 10 min at 4 °C). The pellet was resuspended in 2 ml Resuspension Buffer (Panomics) and lysed with a sonicator. Afterwards, cells were centrifugated (14.000 rpm for 5 min at 4 °C) and the supernatant was analyzed via bicinchoninic acid (BCA) protein assay. Each membrane (I-VI for pEXP-Ca_v1.2 and I-IV for pEXP-PMCA4b) was rinsed for 30 min with Wash Buffer (Panomics) and then blocked with Blocking Buffer (Panomics) for 1-2 h at room temperature before further washing. The membranes were incubated with diluted bacterial extract (5 μ g/ml in Blocking Buffer) for 1-2 h at room temperature and washed afterwards three times with Wash Buffer for 5 min each. The PDZ membrane was incubated with 1x Anti-Histidine horse radish peroxidise (HRP) Conjugate (Panomics) diluted in Wash Buffer for 1-2 h at room temperature. Antibody complexes were detected by enhanced chemiluminescence using ECL Western blotting substrate (ECL™ Plus kit, Amersham). X-rays were scanned and analysed with ImageJ. The higher the signal intensity, the stronger is the protein-protein interaction between the PDZ protein and the C-terminal ligand. The values were standardized against the GST negative control.

Figure 2.13.: PDZ Domain Array



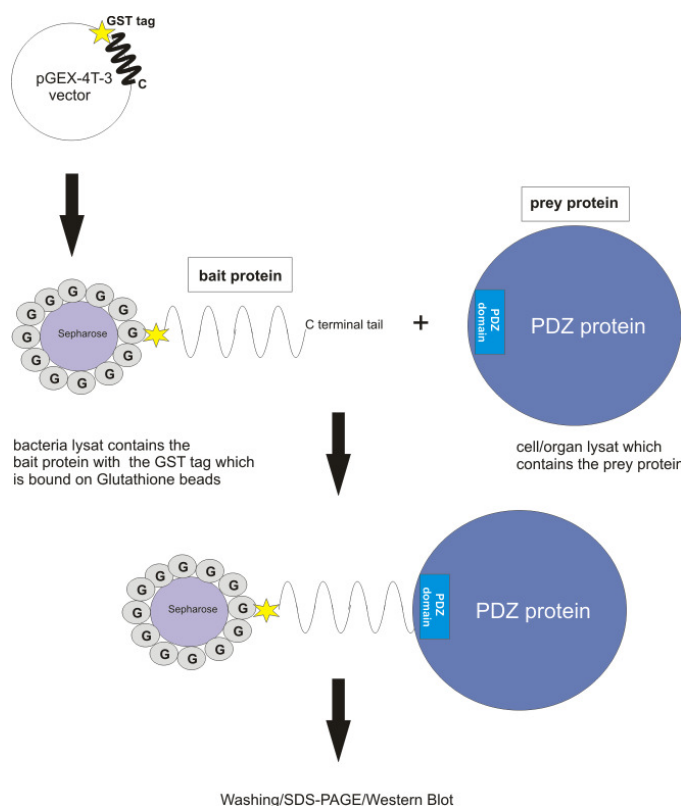
This figure shows the flow chart of the TranSignal PDZ Domain Array assay (drafted by P.Tng).

2.3. GST Fusion Proteins

GST and GST fusion proteins were expressed in *E. coli* BL21 (DE3) by induction with 1 mM IPTG for 6 h. Bacteria cells were pelleted, resuspended in PBS (137 mM NaCl, 2.7 mM KCl, 100 mM Na₂HPO₄, 2 mM KH₂PO₄, pH 7.4) containing protease inhibitor (complete EDTA-free Protease Inhibitor Cocktail Tablets, Roche) and lysed by addition of lysozym (1 mg/ml) and sonication. The lysate was cleared by centrifugation at 30.000xg for 20 min at 4 °C. The pellet was resuspended in PBS and the resulting lysate was bound to glutathione-Sepharose (GE Healthcare) and rotated overhead for 2 h at 4 °C (Fig. 2.14.). The quantity of washed and bound fusion proteins was estimated by Coomassie Blue staining of SDS-polyacrylamide gels.

2.4. GST pull-down

To prepare tissue lysates, organs were removed from mice and immediately homogenized by a glass homogenizer in cold RIPA buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 150 mM NaCl, 1 % Nonidet P-40, 0.5 % Na-Deoxycholate, protease inhibitor and optional 0.1 % SDS). The homogenate was centrifuged at 4000xg for 3 min. For cell lysates, the same RIPA buffer was used. The supernatant of all lysates (500 µg) and ~3 µg of bound GST or GST fusion proteins on agarose beads were rotated overnight at 4 °C (Fig. 2.14.). The beads were pelleted and washed three times in PBS with protease inhibitors. Bound proteins were eluated in 2xLaemmli buffer (4 % SDS, 20 % glycerol, 10 % 2-mercaptoethanol, 0,004 % bromphenol blue, 0,125 M Tris HCl, pH 6.8) (Laemmli, 1970) and separated on polyacrylamide-gels followed by transfer onto nitrocellulose following standard Western blotting procedures. Nitrocellulose membranes were blocked in TBST (TBS+0.1 % Tween) with 5 % milk before immunoblotting with appropriate primary and secondary antibodies. All secondary antibodies on immunoblots were detected using chemiluminescence (ECLTM Plus kit, Amersham).

Figure 2.14.: GST pull-down

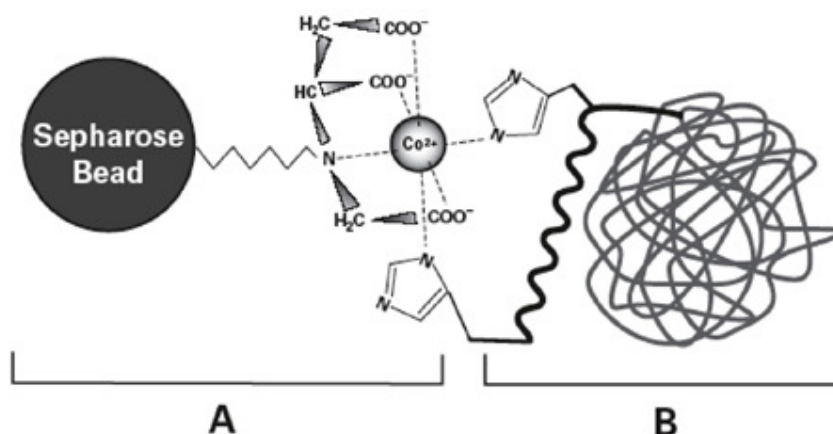
This figure demonstrates the technique of the GST pull-down. The yellow star shows the GST tag. The black wave line (with the C-terminal tail) demonstrates the ligand protein, which binds in the first step to the sepharose-glutathion beads (G). The blue circle illustrates the PDZ protein with the PDZ domain, which binds to the C-terminal tail of our ligand protein.

2.5. Talon His-Tag Purification Resins

Talon His-Tag Purification Resin is used for preparing pure his-tagged proteins from bacterial, mammalian, and yeast cells, under native or denaturing conditions. Talon is an immobilized metal affinity chromatography (IMAC) resin charged with cobalt, which binds to his-tagged proteins with higher specificity than nickel-charged resins (Fig. 2.15.). 6xHis-Tag fusion proteins (pEXP and pEXP-PMCA4b) were expressed in *E. coli* BL21 (DE3) by induction with 1 mM IPTG for 6 h. Bacteria cells were pelleted, resuspended in PBS (137 mM NaCl, 2.7 mM KCl, 100 mM Na₂HPO₄, 2 mM KH₂PO₄, pH 7.4) containing protease inhibitor (complete EDTA-free Protease Inhibitor Cocktail Tablets, Roche) and lysed by addition of lysozym (1 mg/ml) and sonication. The lysate was cleared by centrifugation at 30.000xg for 20 min at 4 °C. The pellet was resuspended in PBS and the resulting suspension

was bound to talon resin (Clontech Laboratories) and rotated overhead for 20 min at room temperature to allow the polyhistidine-tagged proteins to bind the resin. After centrifugation, the resin was washed by adding 1x Equilibration/Wash Buffer (50 mM Na_2HPO_4 , 150 mM NaCl, pH 7.0) and rotated overhead for 10 min at room temperature. The quantity of washed and bound fusion proteins was estimated by Coomassie Blue staining of SDS-polyacrylamide gels. For the His-tag pull-down of pEXP and pEXP-PMCA4b via Talon Metal resin, we followed the description in 2.4.

Figure 2.15.: Talon His-Tag Purification Resins



This figure shows the schematic diagram of the Talon metal beads. Part A: Talon Metal Affinity Resin; Sepharose bead bearing the tetradentate chelator of the Co^{2+} metal ion. Part B: The polyhistidine-tagged recombinant protein binds to the resin (adapted from Clontech).

2.6. Co-immunoprecipitations

HEK 293 cells (DMEM supplemented with 10 % FCS), ECV cells (DMEM supplemented with 10 % FCS, 4.5 g/l glucose) and HEK 293 cells stably expressing α_{1b} ($Ca_v1.2b$) and the $Ca_v\beta 2a$ subunit of the smooth muscle L-type calcium channel (DMEM supplemented with 10% FCS, 200 μ g/ml G418 plus 100 μ g/ml hygromycin B) were grown to ~80 % confluence on 10-cm plates (BD Falcon). Cells were transfected with 20 μ g of total DNA using LipofectamineTM 2000 (Invitrogen) according to the manufacturer's instruction. After ~48 h, cells were rinsed with cold PBS and lysed in RIPA buffer without 0.1 % SDS. After 10 min incubation on ice, cells were scraped from the plates and were centrifuged at 13.000xg for 10 min at 4 °C. 300 μ g of the lysate was used for each immunoprecipitation. 1-5 μ g of antibodies: anti- $Ca_v1.2$ (Alomone Labs); anti-MAGI-3 (Abcam); anti-HA (Covance); anti-PMCA4-JA9 (Sigma) were added, respectively. After 2 h of agitation at 4 °C, 50 μ l of protein A/G agarose was added to each mixture and rotated overnight at 4 °C. Protein A/G agarose was pelleted at 4.000xg for 30 s and washed twice with RIPA buffer containing protease inhibitors. Bound proteins were eluted in 2xLaemmli buffer. The bound proteins were separated on polyacrylamide gels followed by transfer onto nitrocellulose for Western blotting as described above.

2.7. Antibodies for immunoblotting

The following antibodies were used for immunoblotting: anti-ZO-1 (BD Transduction LaboratoriesTM) used at 1:1000 dilution, anti-nNOS (Zymed Laboratories) used at 1:2000 dilution, anti- $Ca_v1.2$ (Alomone Labs) diluted 1:200, anti-CASK (BD Transduction) diluted 1:1000, anti-NHERF1 (Cell Signaling) diluted 1:1000, anti-MAGI-3 (Abcam) diluted 1:1000, anti-HA (Covance) diluted 1:1000. Secondary goat anti-mouse antibodies were purchased from Jackson Immuno Research and used at 1:5000 dilution, goat anti-rabbit (Jackson Immuno Research) used at 1:10000 dilution. From eBioscience we used rabbit IgG TrueBlot (1:1000) and mouse IgG TrueBlot (1:1000).

2.8. Immunohistochemistry

Rat heart was frozen in liquid nitrogen. Tissue was fixed with Tissue Tek (Sakura) on section blocks, and cryosections (20 μm) were cut with microtome blades. Cryosections were placed on glass slides, fixed in 4 % paraformaldehyde/PBS for 5 min, permeabilized with 0.2 % TritonX-100/PBS for 10 min, and blocked with 5 % goat serum in PBS for 1 h to reduce non-specific binding. Sections were incubated with primary antibodies overnight at 4 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, washed thrice in PBS followed by incubation with the appropriate secondary antibodies. Stained sections were washed three times in PBS and mounted in Mowiol. The following antibodies were used: polyclonal rabbit anti-Ca_v1.2-ATTO 488 (Alomone Labs), polyclonal rabbit anti-NHERF1 (Cell Signaling), polyclonal rabbit anti-MAGI-3 (Abcam), monoclonal mouse anti-PMCA 5F10 (Sigma) and Alexa Fluor 488 goat anti-mouse, Alexa Fluor 594 goat anti-rabbit (Invitrogen). To test for unspecific binding, the secondary Alexa Fluor labeled antibodies were used alone. The confocal micrographs were taken with an Eclipse E600 Nikon microscope using a C1 confocal scanning head and a 60-fold oil immersion objective.

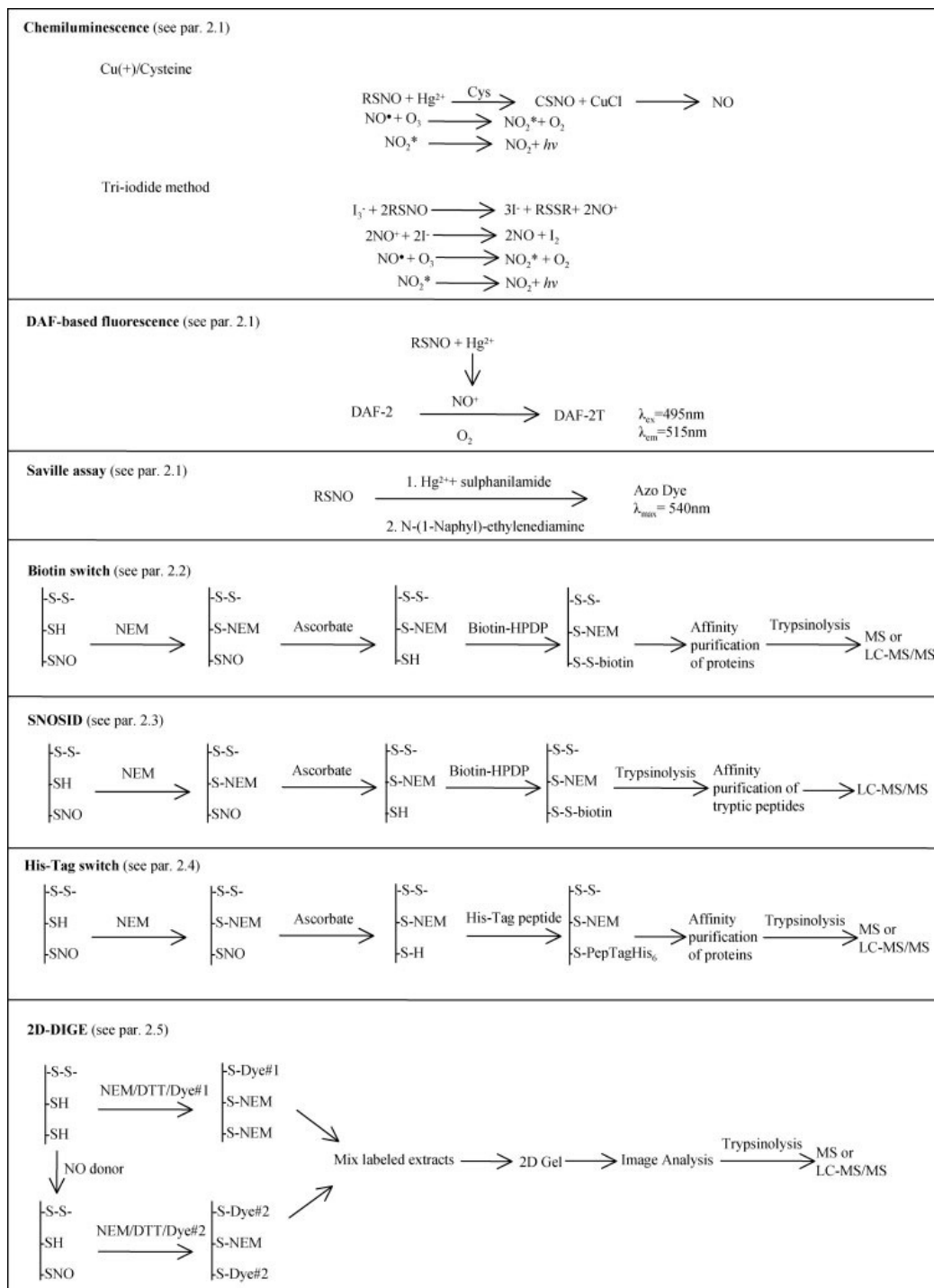
2.9. Tricine-SDS-PAGE (Schagger and von Jagow, 1987)

Proteins in the mass range between 1-100 kDa were separated with this procedure. The assembly procedure is rather similar to a standard SDS-PAGE. The follow reagents were used: anode buffer (0.2 M Tris, pH 8.0), cathode buffer (0.1 M Tris, 0.1 M Tricine (Sigma Aldrich), 0.1 % SDS, pH 8.25), gel buffer (3.0 M Tris, 0.3 % SDS, pH 8.45), separating gel monomer 16,5:1 (49.5 % T 6 % C) and stacking gel monomer 33:1 (49.5 % T 3 % C). T denotes the total percentage concentration of acrylamide and bisacrylamide (Roth) and C is the percentage concentration of the crosslinker relative to the total concentration T (Hjerten, 1962). At first, we prepared the separating gel solution (16.5 % T 6 % C), mixing 10 ml separating gel monomer, 10 ml gel buffer and 3.2 ml glycerol (Merck). We then added 100 μl of 10 % APS (Sigma Aldrich) and 10 μl TEMED (Sigma Aldrich). For the stacking gel (4 % T 3 % C) we used 1 ml stacking gel monomer, 3.1 ml gel buffer, 8.4 ml dH₂O, and added 100 μl APS and 10 μl TEMED. The upper (cathode) and lower (anode) buffer chambers were filled with the appropriate buffer. Electrophoresis was performed at 4 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ at 30 V and 200 mA. After 1 h, when the sample had completely entered the stacking gel, the running conditions were set at 90 V and 300 mA for ~5 h. Afterwards, gels were stained with Coomassie Brilliant Blue G250 (Merck).

2.10. Biotin Switch Assay

Within the last few years, the research on cysteine residues represents a very dynamic and regulated event that can control a multitude of protein functions. Between the diverse oxidative modifications occurring on cysteine residues, S-nitros(yl)ation is rising as an essential nitric oxide (NO) dependent posttranslational modification that regulates a large variety of cellular functions and signalling events. We prefer to stay with the classical chemical nomenclature whereby “nitrosation” is defined as addition of an NO^+ equivalent and “nitrosylation” as addition of an NO radical to another reactant to form a nitroso or nitrosyl group. Under conditions where the mechanism is either unknown or includes both pathways, the chimera “nitros(yl)ation is used here to indicate the involvement of nitrosation and/or nitrosylation. Measuring free NO levels after cleavage of S-NO bonds or replacing the original nitrosothiols with another detectable tag (see Fig. 2.16.) for a schematic view of methods for analysis S-nitrosylation. We decided us for the Biotin Switch Assay.

Figure 2.16. Schematic illustration of the reactions occurring in the different investigational techniques employed to detect S-nitrosylation, adapted from (Torta et al., 2008).



Background of the Biotin Switch Assay

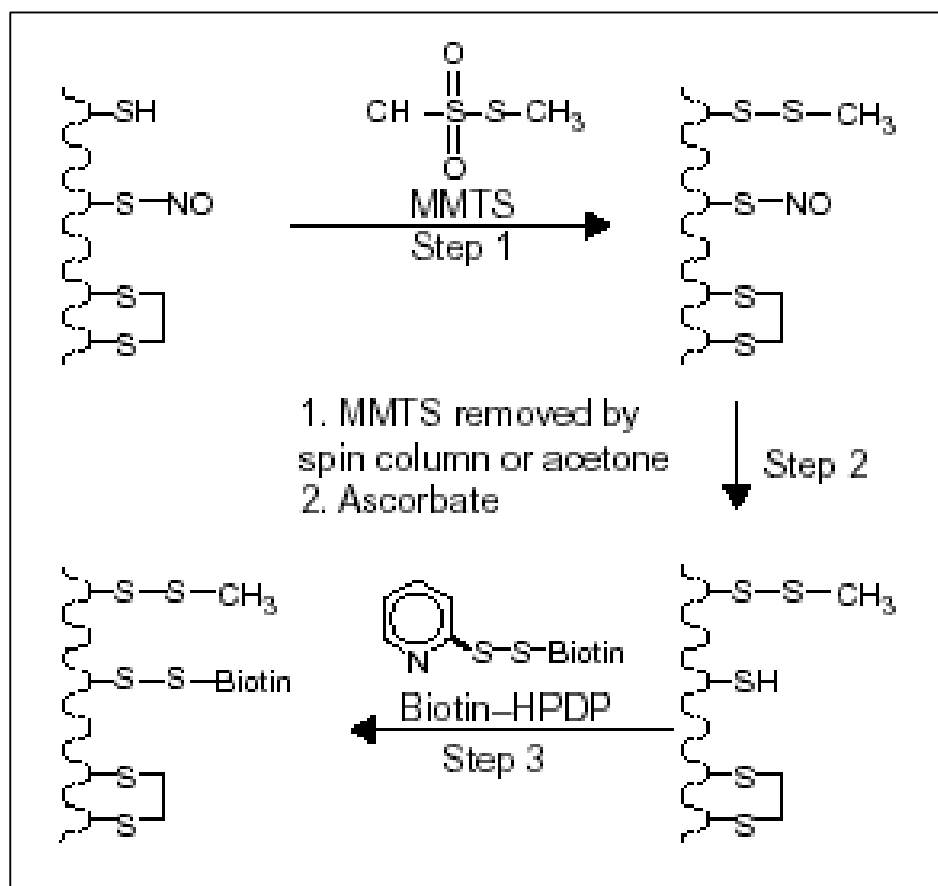
In the first experimental step proteins are treated with a thiol blocking agent, such as monomethyl thiosulphonate (MMTS) or others, to chemically block all free thiols, leaving S-nitrosylated thiols and disulphide bonds untouched. As the S-NO bond is light sensitive, all the experimental procedures should be conducted in the dark. Following the blocking step, the S-NO bond is specifically reduced to a free thiol, usually with millimolar concentrations of ascorbat (for 1 h) in the presence of the metal ion chelators ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) and neocuproine. Free thiols react with a thiol-specific biotinylating agent, such as biotin-HPDP (N-(6-(biotinamido)hexyl)-3-(2-pyridyldithio)propionamide)), which results in a disulphide-linked label that can be used for Western blotting. This label can be easily removed by using mercaptoethanol or dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (DTT).

Procedure

S-Nitrosylated proteins were detected by a modification of the biotin switch method (Jaffrey and Snyder, 2001). Cells were lysed in HEN buffer (250 mM Hepes NaOH, pH 7.1, 1 mM EDTA, 0.1 mM neocuproine from Sigma) and centrifugated at 1000xg for 10 min at 4 °C. Cell lysates (240 µg) were added to four volumes of blocking buffer (nine volumes of HEN buffer plus 1 volume 25 % SDS, adjusted to 20 mM methyl methanethiosulfonate (MMTS from Fluka) with a 2 M stock prepared in dimethylformamide DMF from Sigma) at 50 °C for 20 min with frequent vortexing. The MMTS was then removed by adding four volumes acetone and the proteins precipitated at -20 °C for 20 min. The proteins were recovered by centrifugation 5.000xg for 5 min, followed by rinsing of the pellet with 4 x 1 ml 70 % acetone/H₂O. After removal of acetone, the proteins were resuspended in 240 µl of HENS buffer (HEN buffer containing 1 % SDS). To the suspension we added biotin-HPDP (Thermo Fisher Scientific) prepared fresh as a 4 mM solution in dimethylsulfoxid (DMSO from Sigma) from a 50 mM stock suspension in DMF. Sodium ascorbate was added to a final concentration of 1 mM. Labeling reaction was performed in the dark unless otherwise indicated. After incubation for 1 h at 25 °C, biotinylated proteins were precipitated by streptavidin-agarose beads (Fluka). To detect an individual SNO protein from lysates, the labeling reaction was acetone-precipitated as previously described. The washed pellet was resuspended in 250 µl of HEN/10 buffer (HEN diluted 10-fold into H₂O containing 1 % SDS) followed by addition of 750 µl of neutralization buffer (25 mM Hepes, 100 mM NaCl, 1 mM

EDTA, 1 % Triton X-100, pH 7.5) This material was incubated overnight at 4 °C with 50 μ l of a streptavidin-agarose slurry. The beads were washed with 4 x 1 ml of wash buffer (neutralization buffer plus 500 mM NaCl), followed by 2 x 1 ml of neutralization buffer. The beads were eluted with 50 μ l of HEN/10 + 1% β -mercaptoethanol at room temperature for 20 min. The eluted mixture was then analyzed by SDS-PAGE, followed by immunoblotting with anti-Ca_v1.2.

Figure 2.17.: Biotin Switch Assay



The schematic diagram shows the important chemical steps of the Biotin Switch Assay (Proteomics).

2.11. Current Recordings (that part was done by Olaf Strauss and his group)

Transfection

For patch clamp experiments HEK 293 cells were transiently transfected with either GFP alone or nNOS and GFP or Δ NOS and GFP. All transfections were carried out using Lipofectamine transfection reagent (Invitrogen) following the manufacturer's instructions. Cells were analyzed at 36 h after transfection.

Patch-Clamp recordings

Membrane currents were measured in the whole-cell configuration of the patch-clamp technique. During the recordings, transfected cells were superfused by a bath solution containing (mM): NaCl 82, TEA-Cl 20, BaCl₂ 30, CsCl 5.4, MgCl₂ 1, EGTA 0.1, Glucose 10, HEPES 5, pH 7.4 adjusted with NaOH; 302.9 mOsm. The perfusion chamber was mounted onto a stage of an inverted fluorescence microscope. Transfected cells were selected by their GFP fluorescence. For whole-cell recordings, patch-pipettes of 3-5 M Ω were made from borosilicate tubes using a DMZ-Universal Puller (Zeitz). Pipettes were filled with a pipette-solution containing (mM): CsCl 102, TEA-Cl 10, EGTA 10, MgCl₂ 1, Na₂ATP 3, HEPES 5, pH 7.4 adjusted with CsOH; 248 mOsm. Membrane currents were recorded using an EPC-10 computer-controlled patch-clamp amplifier in conjunction with the software TIDA for data acquisition and analysis. The access resistance was compensated for to values lower than 10 M Ω . For analysis of voltage-dependent activation steady-state currents were plotted against the membrane potentials of the electrical stimulation. Plots of each individual cell were fitted using the Boltzmann equation.

Statistical analysis

Statistical significance was tested using one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA). All data were given as mean \pm SEM. n = number of independent experiments, * = statistical significance with p < 0.05. Mean values of data obtained from Boltzmann fits calculated for each individual cell.

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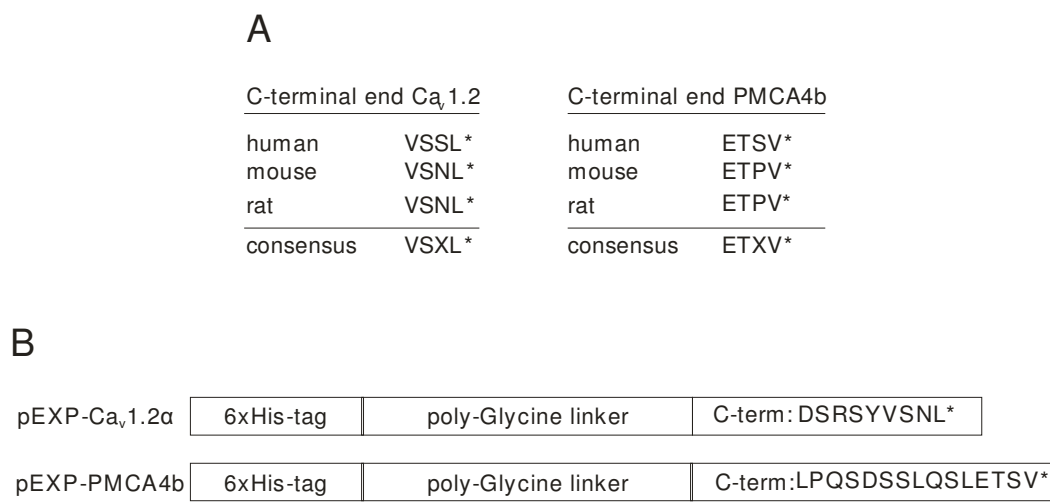
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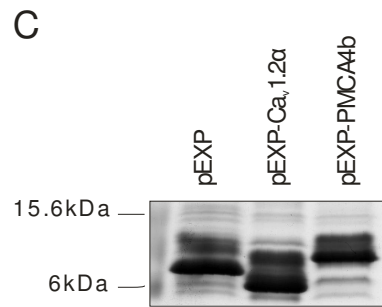
3.1. PDZ domain arrays

3.1.1. Expression of the PDZ array ligands

To discover novel PDZ domain containing protein interaction partners of $\text{Ca}_v1.2\alpha$ and PMCA4b, the nucleotide sequences coding for the C-termini of these proteins were cloned into pEXP bacterial expression vectors (Fig. 3.1.B). Verification of expression and size of His-tagged recombinant proteins in bacteria via tricine gel analysis confirmed high expression levels and expected sizes of proteins, i.e. for the pEXP read-through, pEXP- $\text{Ca}_v1.2\alpha$ and pEXP-PMCA4b, 9 kDa as calculated, 8.47 kDa, and 8.97 kDa, respectively (Fig. 3.1.B). Probing the PDZ domain arrays with these bacterial lysates and successive detection of interactions with anti-6xHis antibodies revealed a series of positive spots on all PDZ arrays tested.

Figure 3.1.: Expression of the PDZ array ligands $\text{Ca}_v1.2\alpha$ and PMCA4b

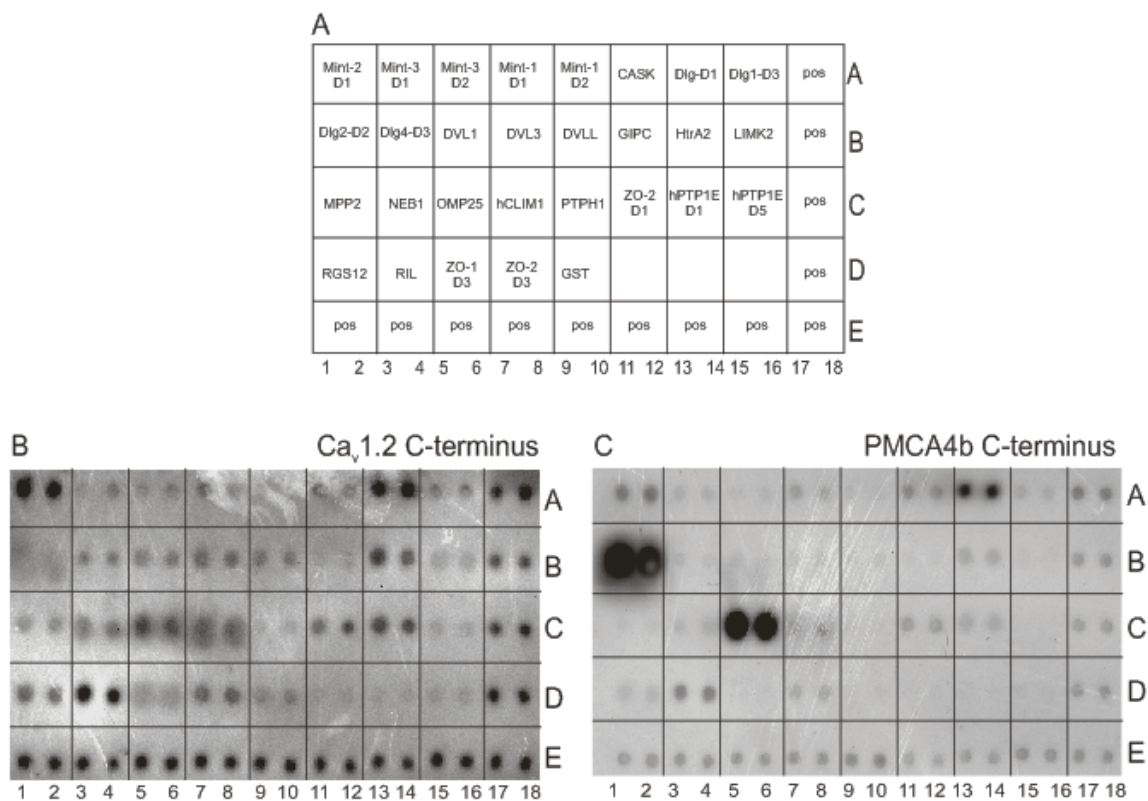




A: C-terminal binding motif of Ca_v1.2 and PMCA4b. The X represents any amino acid and the * = stop, possess different C-terminal ends and resulting in interactions with different PDZ domain containing proteins **B:** the last 10 amino acid residues of Ca_v1.2α and the final 15 amino acid residues of PMCA4b were expressed with a 6x Histidine tag linked by a poly-Glycine linker through insertion into the expression vector pEXP. Ca_v1.2α (VSNL*) and PMCA4b (ETSV*) **C:** Tricine-SDS-PAGE to validate the expression of recombinant protein ligands in BL21 bacteria. The shifts between the lanes pEXP (~9 kDa), pEXP-Ca_v1.2α (8.47 kDa), pEXP-PMCA4b (8.97 kDa), where the read through product, pEXP, is larger than the PDZ ligands, confirmed their successful expression. Each lane contained 4 μl of bacterial lysate.

3.1.2. PDZ domain array I

Figure 3.2.: PDZ domain array I



A: schematic chart of the TranSignal PDZ domain array I. 100 ng of the PDZ domain containing proteins are spotted in duplicate on the array. pos – positive control (Histidine-tagged ligand), negative control – Glutathione-S-Transferase (GST). **B:** PDZ domain array I was treated with bacterial extract containing the Histidine-tagged recombinant protein, pEXP-Ca_v1.2 α . **C:** PDZ domain array I was treated with bacterial lysate containing the Histidine-tagged recombinant protein, pEXP-PMCA4b. Both bacterial extracts had a concentration of 5 mg/ml. PDZ domain and ligand interactions were visualized with anti-Histidine antibodies.

Incubation of the PDZ Domain Array I, on which mainly PDZ domains of synaptic proteins were spotted (overview in Fig. 3.2.A), with the C-terminal PDZ ligands of Ca_v1.2 α and PMCA4b revealed a panel of additional positive PDZ spots, representing possible interaction partners of the Ca_v1.2 α and the PMCA4b (Figs. 3.2.B and C). The ImageJ analysis of these signal intensities is listed in Table 3.1 and Fig. 3.3. In this case, the Ca_v1.2 α and PMCA4b C-termini interacted strongly with the PDZ domains of Mint-2-D1, OMP25 and Dlg-D1 (also called SAP97-D1). In addition to these bindings, a promiscuous binding of the Ca_v1.2 α C-terminus to HtrA2, hCLIM1, hPTP1E-D1, RIL, and ZO-2-D3 was identified. Moreover, binding of the PMCA4b C-terminus to PDZ domains of CASK and an interaction with the

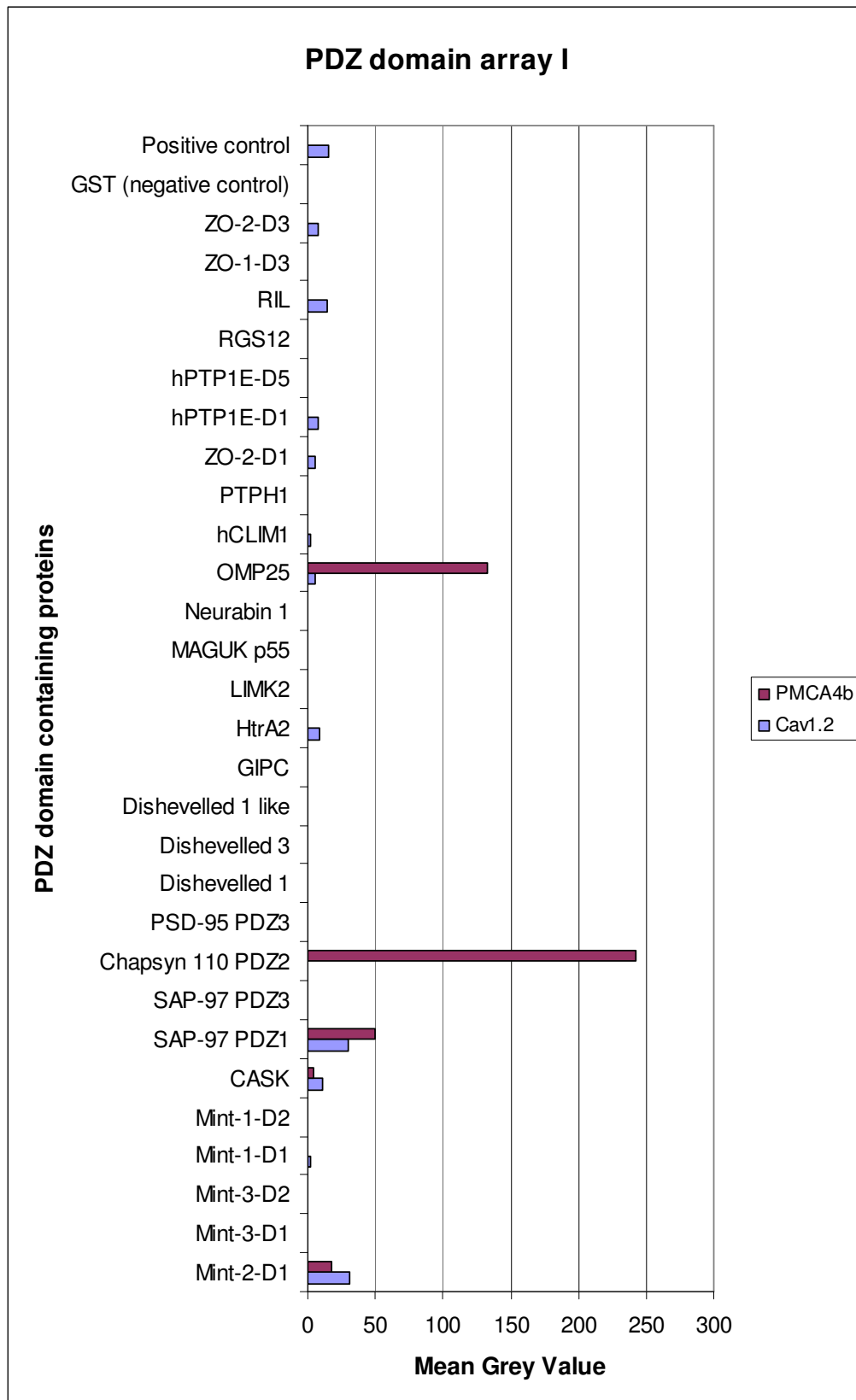
Chapsyn-110 (Dlg PDZ domain 2) was very prominent and the signal strength was much stronger than the positive controls of the array.

Table 3.1.: PDZ domain array I

PDZ domain	full name of protein	accession	mean grey values	
			Ca _v 1.2	PMCA4b
Mint-2-D1	X11L protein PDZ Domain 1	Q99767	31.5	17.7
Mint-3-D1	X11L2 protein, PDZ Domain 1	O96018	0	0.5
Mint-3-D2	X11L2 protein, PDZ Domain 2	O96018	0	0
Mint-1-D1	X11 protein, PDZ Domain 1	Q02410	2.2	0.3
Mint-1-D2	X11 protein, PDZ Domain 2	Q02410	0.1	0.9
CASK	Calcium/Calmodulin-dependent serine protein kinase	O14936	11.0	4.4
Dlg-D1	Synapse-associated protein 97 PDZ-Domain 1	Q12959	30.4	49.8
Dlg1-D3	Synapse-associated protein 97 PDZ-Domain 3	Q12959	0	0.3
Dlg2-D2	Channel associated protein of synapse-110, PDZ Domain 2, PSD-93	Q15700	0.1	242.8
Dlg4-D3	Human postsynaptic density-95, PDZ Domain 3	P78352	0.2	0.2
DVL1	Dishevelled 1	O14640	0.2	0.9
DVL3	Dishevelled 3	Q92997	0.3	0
DVLL	Dishevelled-1-like	P54792	0.3	0
GIPC	GAIP C-terminus interacting protein GIPC	O14908	0.2	0
HtrA2	High temperature requirement protein A2	O43464	0	0
LIMK2	LIM motif-containing protein kinase-2	P53671	8.9	0
MPP2	MAGUK p55 subfamily member 2	Q14168	0	0
OMP25	Mitochondrial outer membrane protein 25	P57105	0.3	0.1
NEB1	Neurabin-I, neural tissue-specific F-actin-binding protein I	Q9ULJ8	0.2	0.1
hCLIM1	Human 36kDa carboxyl terminal LIM domain protein	O00151	5.4	132.5
PTPH1	Protein-tyrosine phosphatase H1	P26045	2.3	0
ZO-2-D1	Zonula occludens protein 2, PDZ Domain 1	Q9UDY2	0	0
hPTP1E-D1	Protein-tyrosine phosphatase 1E, PDZ Domain 1	Q12923	5.2	0
hPTP1E-D5	Protein-tyrosine phosphatase 1E, PDZ Domain 5	Q12923	7.9	0
RGS12	Regulator of G-protein signaling 12	O14924	0	0.1
RIL	Reversion-induced LIM protein	P50479	14.8	0.9
ZO-1-D3	Zonula occludens protein 1, PDZ Domain 3	Q07157	0.3	0
ZO-2-D3	Zonula occludens protein 2, PDZ Domain 3	Q9UDY2	8.2	0.1
pos	PDZ Domain positive control for Kv1.4 ligand		102.2	153.3
GST	Glutathione-S-Transferase (negative control)		0.0	0.0

PDZ domain containing proteins from membrane I. This table lists signal intensities of the visualised spots. We incubated the membrane I with bacterial lysate containing pEXP-Ca_v1.2 and pEXP-PMCA4b.

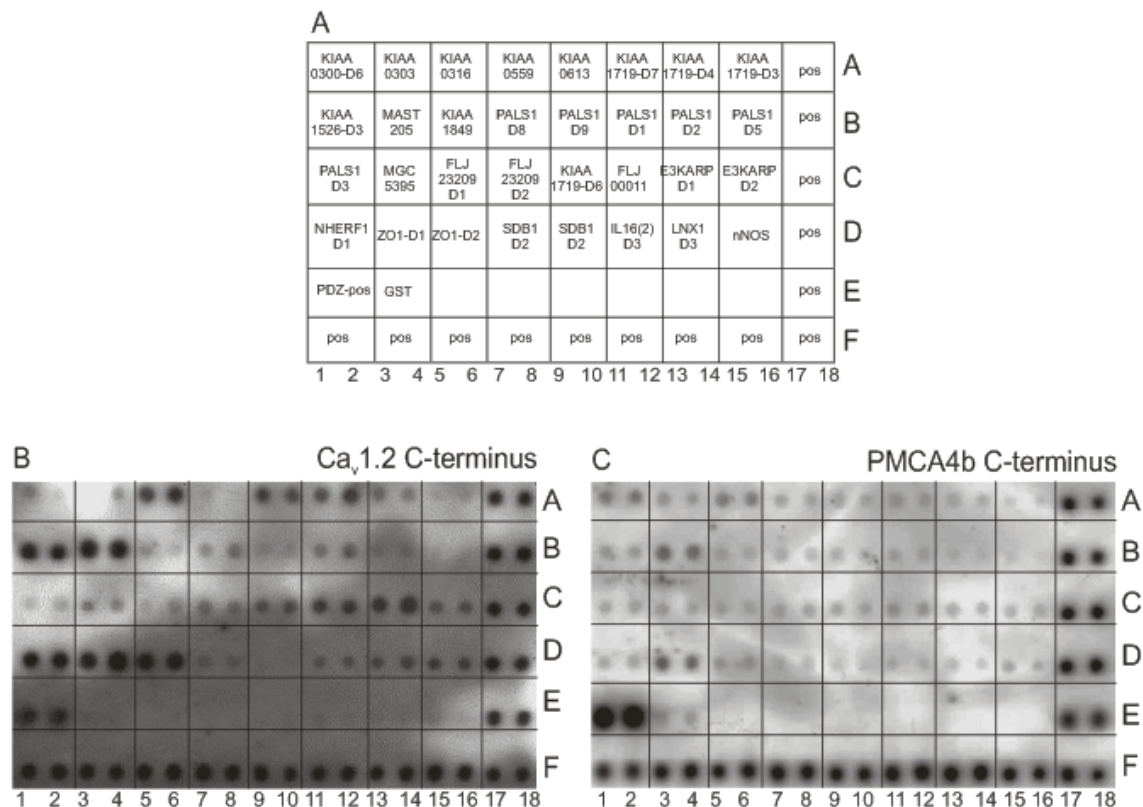
Figure 3.3.: Bar chart of spot intensities of PDZ domain array I



Blue = incubated with $Ca_v1.2\alpha$ C-terminus. Red = incubated with PMCA4b C-terminus.

3.1.3. PDZ domain array II

Figure 3.4.: PDZ domain array II



A: The arrangement of the TranSignal PDZ domain array II. The controls were the same as described in Fig. 3.2. **B:** PDZ domain array II was incubated with the bacterial extract containing pEXP- $Ca_v1.2\alpha$. **C:** PDZ domain array II was incubated with bacterial lysate containing pEXP-PMCA4b.

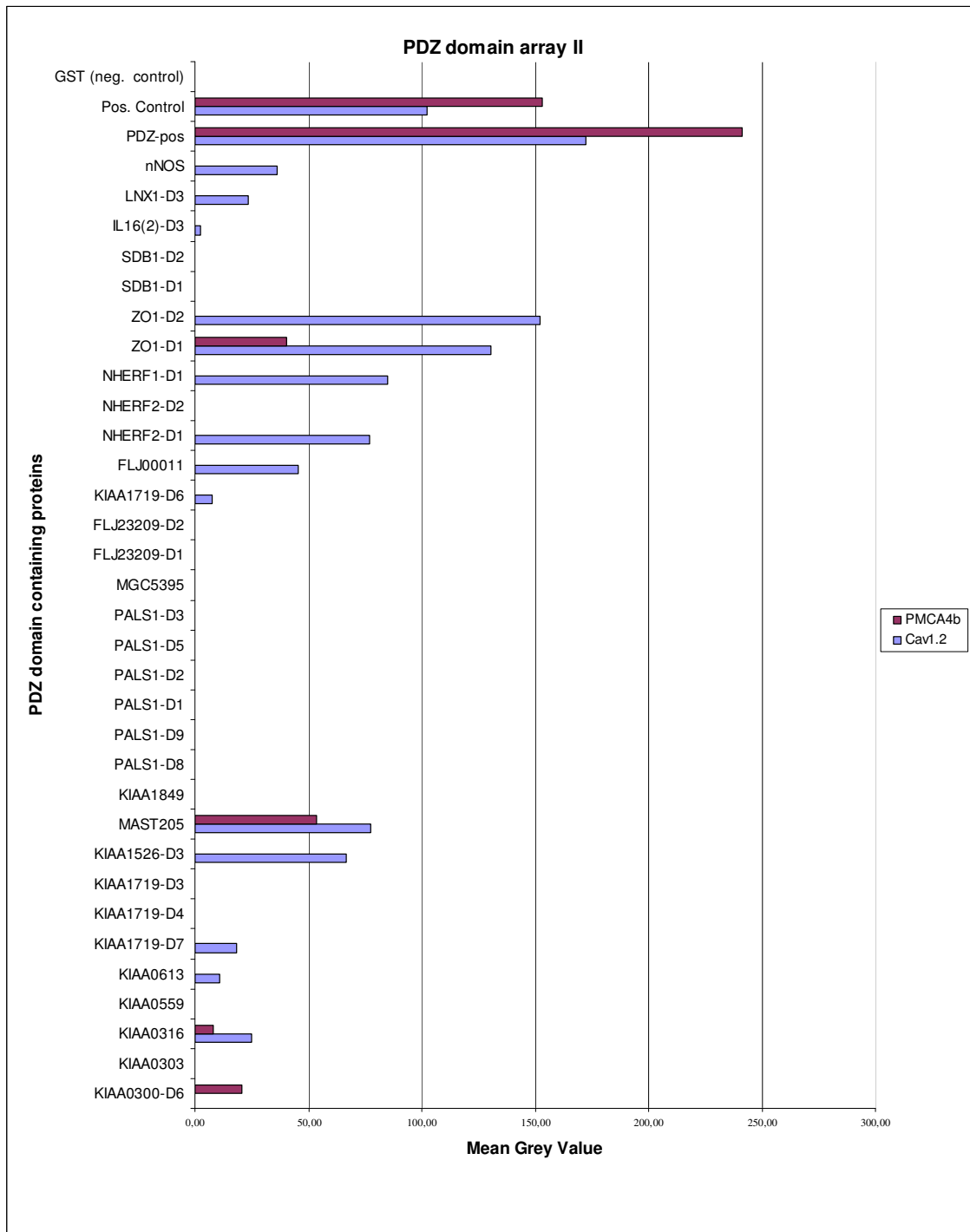
The PDZ Domain Array II is organized as shown in Fig. 3.4.A, which includes some tight junction proteins, sodium/hydrogen exchanger proteins and further PDZ domains. Strong interactions for both PDZ ligands were observed for ZO-1-D1, MAST-205 and, of course, for the PDZ positive controls (SAP-102). $Ca_v1.2\alpha$ C-terminus had a high affinity for 4 additional PDZ domains as well: ZO-1-D2, NHERF1-D1, NHERF2-D1/D2, several KIAA proteins and nNOS (Figs. 3.4.B and C and analyses of signal intensities summarized in Table 3.2. and Fig. 3.5.).

Table 3.2.: PDZ domain array II

PDZ domain	full name of protein	accession	mean grey values	
			Ca _v 1.2	PMCA4b
KIAA0300-D6	KIAA0300 protein, Domain 6	O15018	0	20.8
KIAA0303	KIAA0303 protein	O15021	0	0
KIAA0316	KIAA0316 protein	Q14CM0	24.8	8.2
KIAA0559	KIAA0559 protein	Q9Y6V0	0	0
KIAA0613	KIAA0613 protein, Domain 7	O75112	10.8	0
KIAA1719-D7	KIAA1719 protein, Domain 7	Q9C0E4	18.2	0
KIAA1719-D4	KIAA1719 protein, Domain 4	Q9C0E4	0	0
KIAA1719-D3	KIAA1719 protein, Domain 3	Q9C0E4	0	0
KIAA1526-D3	KIAA1526 protein, Domain 3	Q9P202	66.5	0
MAST205	microtubule associated testis specific serine/threonine protein kinase	Q6P0Q8	77.7	53.5
KIAA1849	hypothetical protein KIAA1849	Q96JH8	0	0
PALS1-D8	Pals1-associated tight junction protein, Domain 8	Q8NI35	0	0
PALS1-D9	Pals1-associated tight junction protein, Domain 9	Q8NI35	0	0
PALS1-D1	Pals1-associated tight junction protein, Domain 1	Q8NI35	0	0
PALS1-D2	Pals1-associated tight junction protein, Domain 2	Q8NI35	0	0
PALS1-D5	Pals1-associated tight junction protein, Domain 5	Q8NI35	0	0
PALS1-D3	Pals1-associated tight junction protein, Domain 3	Q8NI35	0	0
MGC5395	similar to hypothetical protein MGC5395	AAH12477	0	0
FLJ23209-D1	hypothetical protein FLJ23209, Domain 1	NP_079171	0	0
FLJ23209-D2	hypothetical protein FLJ23209, Domain 2	NP_079171	0	0
KIAA1719-D6	KIAA1719 protein, Domain 6	Q9C0E4	7.6	0
FLJ00011	FLJ00011 protein (Fragment)	Q9H7Q6	45.5	0
NHERF2-D1	solute carrier family 9 (sodium/hydrogen exchanger), 3 regulatory factor 2, Domain 1	Q15599	77.0	0
NHERF2-D2	solute carrier family 9 (sodium/hydrogen exchanger), 3 regulatory factor 2, Domain 2	Q15599	0	0
NHERF1-D1	solute carrier family 9 (sodium/hydrogen exchanger) 3 regulatory factor 1, Domain 1	O14745	84.8	0
Z01-D1	tight junction protein 1 (zona occludens), Domain 1	Q07157	130.7	40.6
Z01-D2	tight junction protein 1 (zona occludens), Domain 2	Q07157	152.0	0
SDB1-D1	syndecan binding protein (syntenin), melanoma differentiation associated protein-9, Pro-TGF-alpha cytoplasmic domain interacting protein 18 (TACIP18), Domain 1	NP_005616S	0	0
SDB1-D2	syndecan binding protein (syntenin), melanoma differentiation associated protein-9, Pro-TGF-alpha cytoplasmic domain interacting protein 18 (TACIP18), Domain 2	NP_005616S	0	0
IL16(2)-D3	interleukin 16 isoform 2; lymphocyte chemoattractant factor, Domain 3	Q14005	2.5	0
LNK1-D3	numb-binding protein 1; ligand of numb-protein, Domain 3	Q8TBB1	23.5	0
nNOS	nitric oxide synthase 1 (neuronal), Domain 5	P29475	36.2	0
PDZ-pos	PDZ Domain positive control for Kv1.4 ligand synapse associated protein 102		172.4	241.4
pos	PDZ Domain positive control for Kv1.4 ligand		102.2	153.3
GST	Glutathione-S-Transferase (negative control)		0.0	0.0

PDZ domain containing proteins from membrane II. This table gives signal intensities of protein spots. We incubated the membrane II with bacterial lysates containing pEXP-Ca_v1.2 and pEXP-PMCA4b.

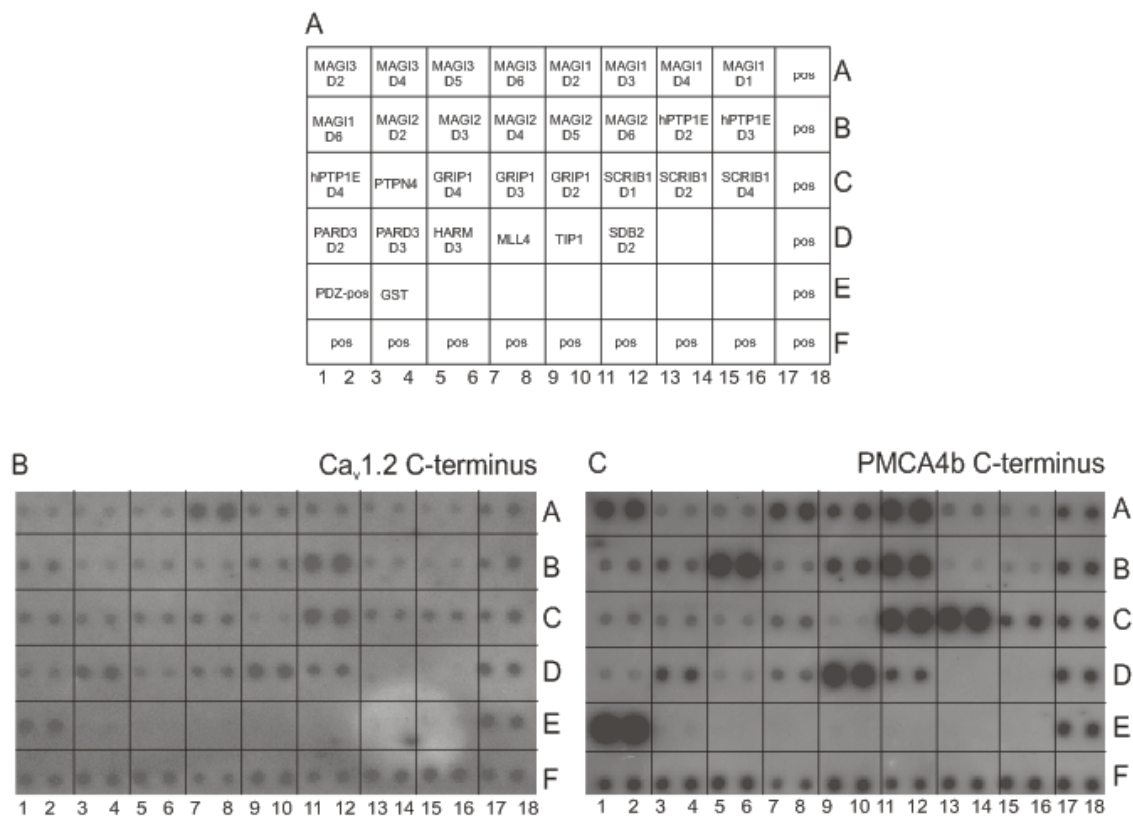
Figure 3.5.: Bar chart of spot intensities of PDZ domain array II



Blue = incubated with $Ca_v1.2\alpha$ C-terminus. Red = incubated with PMCA4b C-terminus.

3.1.4. PDZ domain array III

Figure 3.6.: PDZ domain array III



A: Schematic representation of the TranSignal PDZ domain array III. 100 ng of the PDZ domain containing proteins are spotted in duplicate on the array. pos - positive control (Histidine-tagged ligand), negative control - Glutathione-S-Transferase (GST). **B:** PDZ domain array III was incubated with the bacterial lysate containing the Histidine-tagged recombinant protein, pEXP-Ca_v1.2α. **C:** PDZ domain array III was incubated with the bacterial lysate containing the Histidine-tagged recombinant protein, pEXP-PMCA4b. Both bacterial extracts had a concentration of 5 μg/ml. PDZ domain and ligand interactions were visualized with anti-Histidine antibodies.

Figure 3.6.A gives an overview of the arrangement of the PDZ Domain Array III and the corresponding results for Ca_v1.2 and PMCA4b are shown in Figs. 3.6.B and C, respectively. The PDZ Domain Array III was mainly spotted with PDZ domains of scaffolding proteins, especially MAGUKs. ImageJ quantification (Table 3.3. and Fig. 3.7.) revealed that both PDZ ligands interacted strongly with different domains of MAGI-1 (also called BAI-1, brain-specific angiogenesis inhibitor-associated protein 1), MAGI-2 (also called AIP-1, atrophin 1 interacting protein), and MAGI-3, domains of SCRIB1, and TIP1.

Table 3.3.: PDZ domain array III

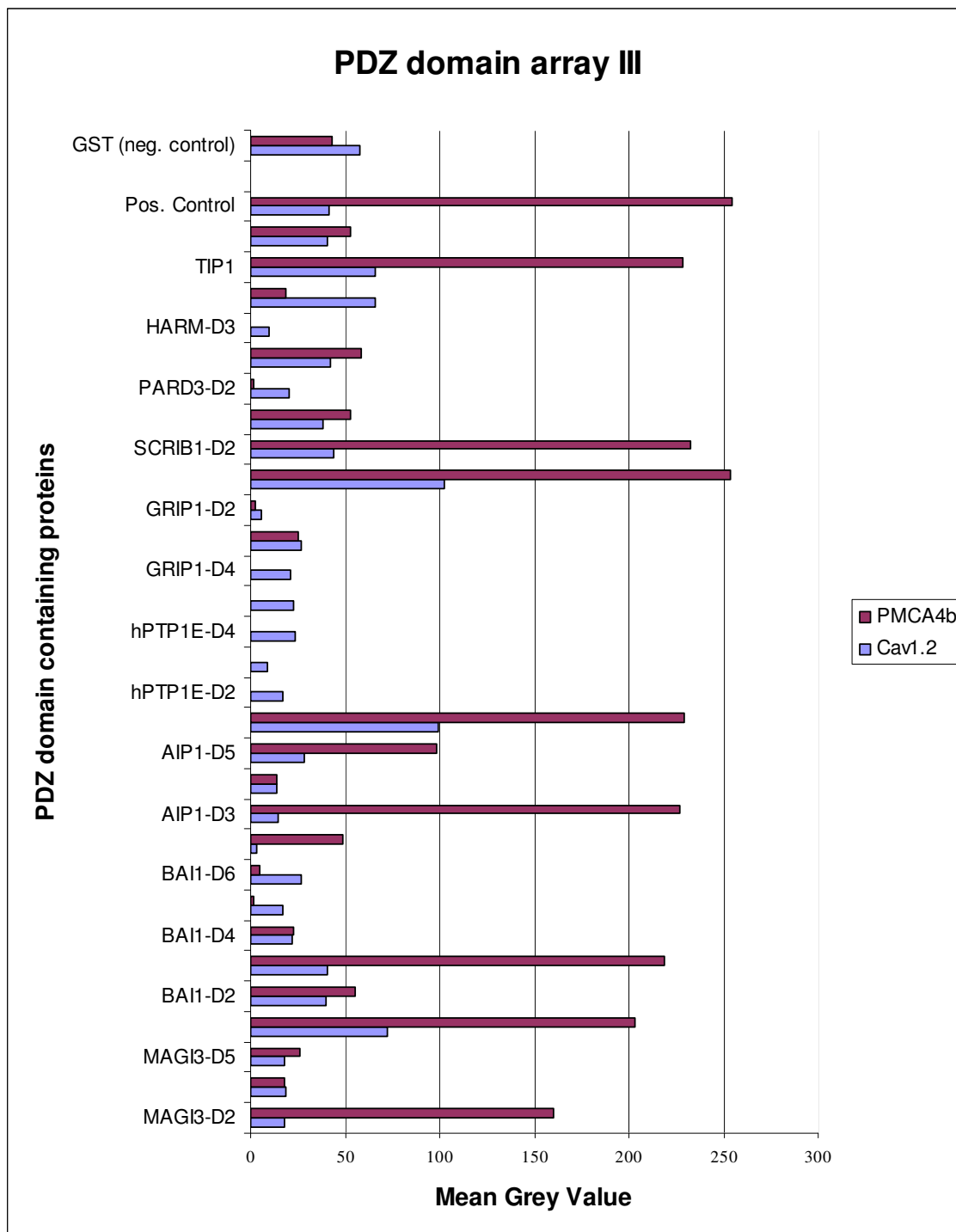
PDZ domain	full name of protein	accession	mean grey values	
			Ca _v 1.2	PMCA4b
MAGI3-D2	membrane-associated guanylate kinase-related 3, Domain 2	Q5TCQ9	17.9	160.3
MAGI3-D4	membrane-associated guanylate kinase-related 3, Domain 4	Q5TCQ9	18.3	17.9
MAGI3-D5	membrane-associated guanylate kinase-related 3, Domain 5	Q5TCQ9	18.1	25.7
MAGI3-D6	membrane-associated guanylate kinase-related 3, Domain 6	Q5TCQ9	72.7	203.3
MAGI1-D2	membrane-associated guanylate kinase inverted 1; brain-specific angiogenesis inhibitor-associated protein 1; WW domain-containing protein 3; atrophin-1 interacting protein 3, Domain 2	Q96QZ7	39.5	55.5
MAGI1-D3	membrane-associated guanylate kinase inverted 1; brain-specific angiogenesis inhibitor-associated protein 1; WW domain-containing protein 3; atrophin-1 interacting protein 3, Domain 3	Q96QZ7	41.0	218.7
MAGI1-D4	membrane-associated guanylate kinase inverted 1; brain-specific angiogenesis inhibitor-associated protein 1; WW domain-containing protein 3; atrophin-1 interacting protein 3, Domain 4	Q96QZ7	22.3	22.5
MAGI1-D1	membrane-associated guanylate kinase inverted 1; brain-specific angiogenesis inhibitor-associated protein 1; WW domain-containing protein 3; atrophin-1 interacting protein 3, Domain 1	Q96QZ7	17.0	1.8
MAGI1-D6	membrane-associated guanylate kinase inverted 1; brain-specific angiogenesis inhibitor-associated protein 1; WW domain-containing protein 3; atrophin-1 interacting protein 3, Domain 6	Q96QZ7	26.7	4.7
MAGI2-D2	membrane-associated guanylate kinase inverted 1; atrophin-1 interacting protein 1, Domain 2	Q86UL8	2.9	48.5
MAGI2-D3	membrane-associated guanylate kinase inverted 1; atrophin-1 interacting protein 1, Domain 3	Q86UL8	14.9	226.5
MAGI2-D4	membrane-associated guanylate kinase inverted 1; atrophin-1 interacting protein 1, Domain 4	Q86UL8	13.5	13.7
MAGI2-D5	membrane-associated guanylate kinase inverted 1; atrophin-1 interacting protein 1, Domain 5	Q86UL8	28.3	98.6
MAGI2-D6	membrane-associated guanylate kinase inverted 1; atrophin-1 interacting protein 1, Domain 6	Q86UL8	98.9	229.2
hPTP1E-D2	protein tyrosine phosphatase, non-receptor type 13 isoform 4; protein-tyrosine phosphatase PTPL1; protein tyrosine phosphatase 1E; Fas-associated phosphatase-1; protein-tyrosine phosphatase 1, Fas-associated APO-1/CD95 (Fas)-associated phosphatase, Domain 2	Q12923	17.4	0.1
hPTP1E-D3	protein tyrosine phosphatase, non-receptor type 13 isoform 4; protein-tyrosine phosphatase PTPL1; protein tyrosine phosphatase 1E; Fas-associated phosphatase-1; protein-tyrosine phosphatase 1, Fas-associated APO-1/CD95 (Fas)-associated phosphatase, Domain 3	Q12923	8.8	0.1
hPTP1E-D4	protein tyrosine phosphatase, non-receptor type 13 isoform 4; protein-tyrosine phosphatase PTPL1; protein tyrosine phosphatase 1E; Fas-associated phosphatase-1; protein-tyrosine phosphatase 1, Fas-associated APO-1/CD95 (Fas)-associated phosphatase, Domain 4	Q12923	23.7	0.5
PTPN4	protein tyrosine phosphatase, non-receptor type 4; megakaryocyte phosphatase; PTPase-MEG1	P29074	22.8	0.1

Table 3.3.: continued from previous page

PDZ domain	full name of protein	accession	mean grey values	
			Ca _v 1.2	PMCA4b
GRIP1-D4	glutamate receptor-interacting protein1; GRIP1 protein, Domain 4	Q9Y3R0	20.9	0.3
GRIP1-D3	glutamate receptor-interacting protein1; GRIP1 protein, Domain 3	Q9Y3R0	27.1	25.4
GRIP1-D2	glutamate receptor-interacting protein1; GRIP1 protein, Domain 2	Q9Y3R0	5.9	2.1
SCRIB1-D1	Scribble, Domain 1	Q14160	102.6	253.3
SCRIB1-D2	Scribble, Domain 2	Q14160	43.6	232.8
SCRIB1-D4	Scribble, Domain 4	Q14160	38.3	52.9
PARD3-D2	partitioning-defective protein 3 homolog; atypical PKC isotype-specific interacting protein, Domain 2	Q8TEW0	20.1	1.4
PARD3-D3	partitioning-defective protein 3 homolog; atypical PKC isotype-specific interacting protein, Domain 3	Q8TEW0	41.9	58.3
HARM-D3	harmonin; PDZ-73 protein; antigen NY-CO-38, Domain 3	Q9Y6N9	9.9	0.0
MLL4	myeloid/lymphoid or mixed-lineage leukemia, translocated to, 4	Q9UMN6	64.9	18.8
TIP1	Tax interaction protein 1	O14907	65.6	228.2
SDB2D2	syntenin-2beta; syntenin-2; similar to syndecan binding protein, Domain 2	Q9H190	40.6	52.6
PDZ-pos	PDZ Domain positive control for Kv1.4 ligand synapse associated protein 102		41.4	254.5
pos	PDZ Domain positive control for Kv1.4 ligand		57.8	42.9
GST	Glutathione-S-Transferase (negative control)		0.1	0.0

PDZ domain containing proteins from membrane III. This table shows signal intensities of visualised spots. We incubated the membrane III with bacterial lysate containing pEXP-Ca_v1.2 and pEXP-PMCA4b.

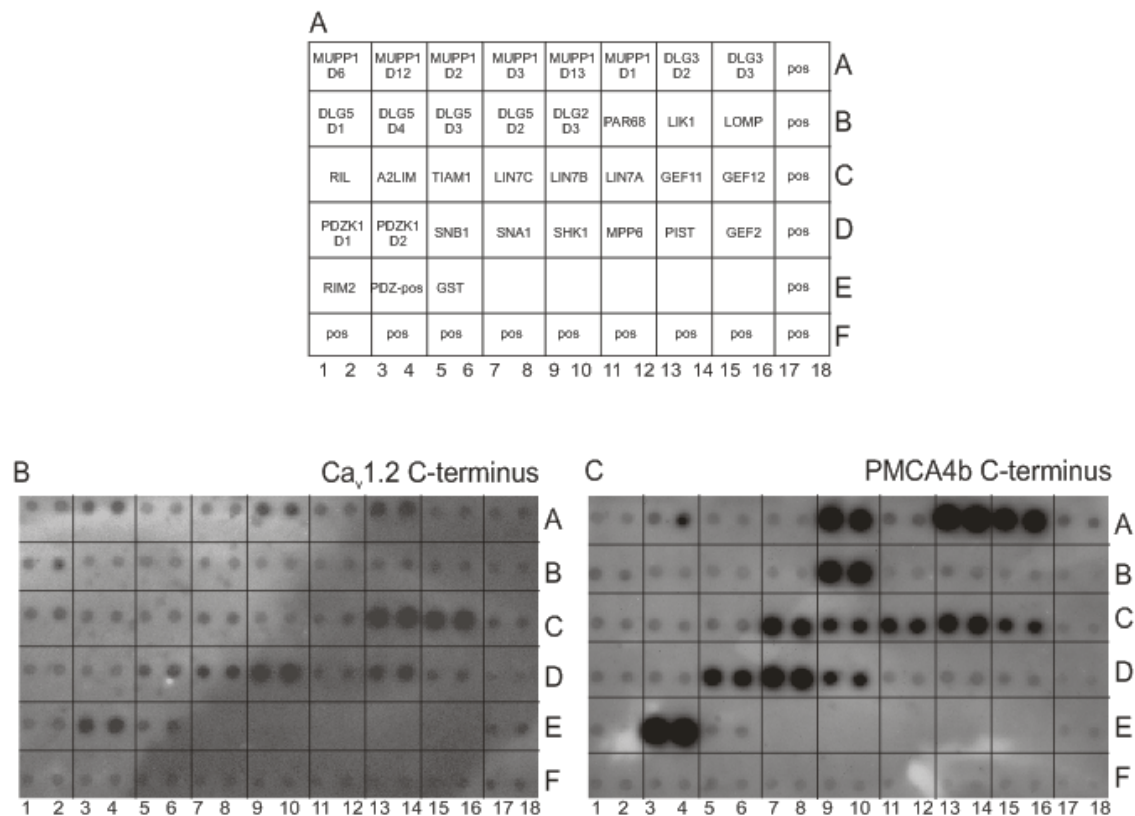
Figure 3.7.: Bar chart of spot intensities of PDZ domain array III



Blue = incubated with $Ca_v1.2\alpha$ C-terminus. Red = incubated with PMCA4b C-terminus.

3.1.5. PDZ domain array IV

Figure 3.8.: PDZ domain array IV



A: arrangement of the TranSignal PDZ domain array IV. It received the same treatment as described in figure 3.2. **B:** PDZ domain array IV was incubated with bacterial lysates containing pEXP-Ca_v1.2 α . **C:** PDZ domain IV was incubated with bacterial extract containing pEXP-PMCA4b.

Probing the PDZ Domain Array IV, which consists, for the most part, of a variety of scaffolding proteins, MAGUKs, Lin-7 proteins, nucleotide exchange factors, and synthrophins (Fig. 3.8.A), revealed strong interaction of the PMCA4b C-terminus with PDZ domains of MUPP1, Dlg2 (Chapsyn-110), Dlg3 (SAP-102), LIN7A, LIN7B, LIN7C, SNA1, and SNB1. Both PDZ ligands interact with the PDZ domains of GEF11, GEF12 and SHK1, and the Ca_v1.2 α C-terminus binds specifically to that of PIST (Figs. 3.8.B and C and initial quantification of dot intensities summarized in Table 3.4. and Fig. 3.9.).

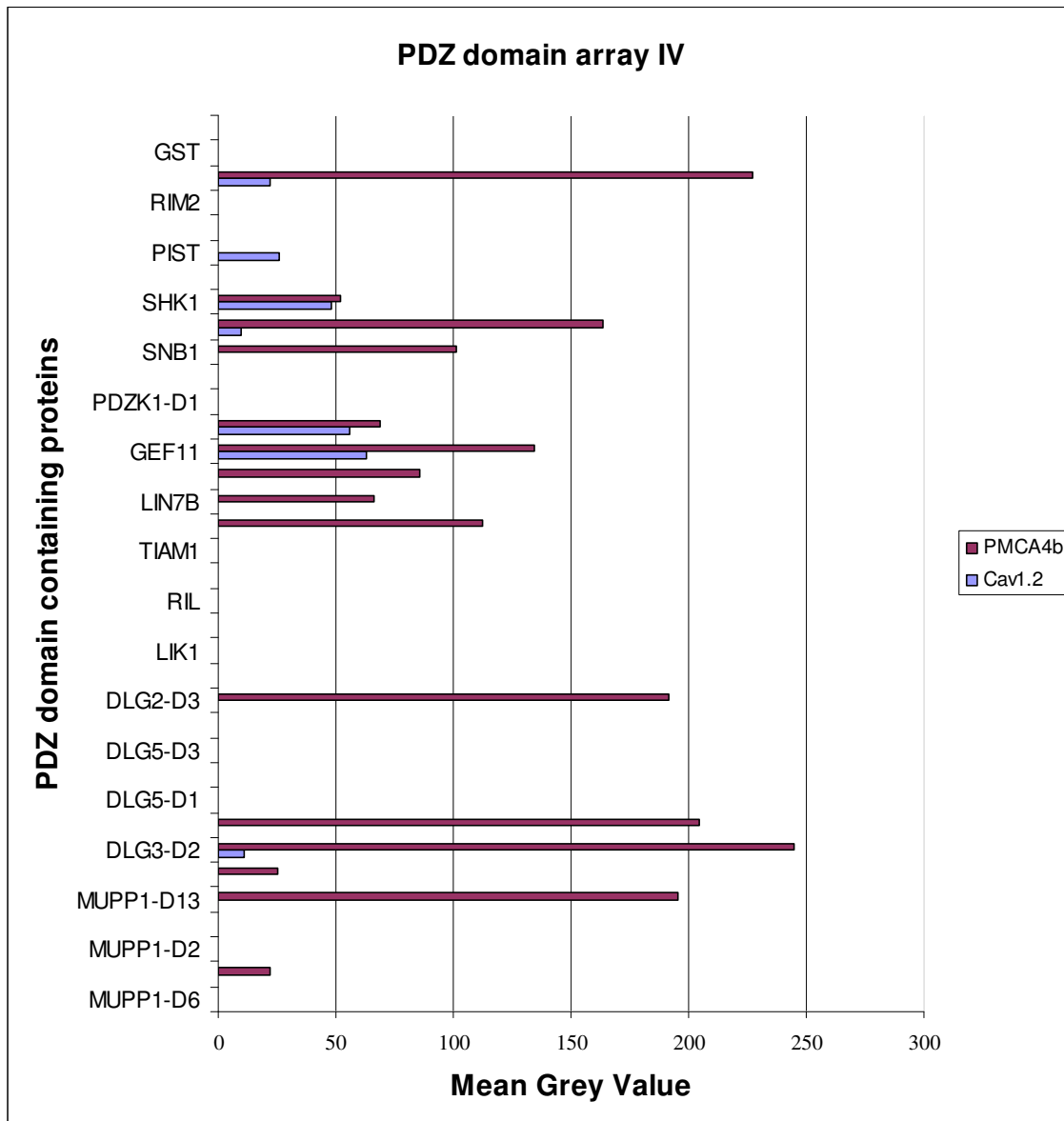
For additional analyses, several of the already established- and some of the observed- interaction partners were selected (listed in Table 3.5.) and the interactions were verified in co-immunoprecipitation and co-localization experiments.

Table 3.4.: PDZ domain array IV

PDZ domain	full name of protein	accession	mean grey values	
			Ca _v 1.2	PMCA4b
MUPP1-D6	multiple PDZ domain protein, Domain 6	O75970	0	0
MUPP1-D12	multiple PDZ domain protein, Domain 12	O75970	0	22.3
MUPP1-D2	multiple PDZ domain protein, Domain 2	O75970	0	0
MUPP1-D3	multiple PDZ domain protein, Domain 3	O75970	0	0
MUPP1-D13	multiple PDZ domain protein, Domain 13	O75970	0	195.2
MUPP1-D1	multiple PDZ domain protein, Domain 1	O75970	0	25.3
Dlg3-D2	synapse-associated protein 102; neuroendocrine dlg, discs large homolog 3, Domain 2	Q92796	10.9	244.5
Dlg3-D3	synapse-associated protein 102; neuroendocrine dlg, discs large homolog 3, Domain 3	Q92796	0	204.5
Dlg5-D1	discs, large homolog 5, Domain 1	Q8TDM6	0	0
Dlg5-D4	discs, large homolog 5, Domain 4	Q8TDM6	0	0
Dlg5-D3	discs, large homolog 5, Domain 3	Q8TDM6	0	0
Dlg5-D2	discs, large homolog 5, Domain 2	Q8TDM6	0	0
Dlg2-D3	Channel associated protein of synapse-110 (Chapsyn-110), Domain 3	Q15700	0	191.7
PAR6B	Partitioning defective-6 homolog beta, Domain 1	Q9BYG5	0	0
LIK1	LIM domain kinase 1 isoform; LIM motif containing protein kinase	P53667	0	0
LOMP	LIM domain only 7 isoform a; KIAA0858 protein	Q8WW11	0	0
RIL	LIM protein RIL (Reversion-induced LIM protein)	P50479	0	0
A2LIM	alpha-actinin-2-associated LIM protein; enigma homolog	Q53GG5	0	0
TIAM1	T-cell lymphoma invasion and metastasis 1	Q13009	0	0
LIN7C	Lin-7 homolog C	Q9NUP9	0	112.6
LIN7B	Lin-7 homolog B	Q9HAP6	0	66.9
LIN7A	Lin-7 homolog A	O14910	0	85.9
GEF11	Rho guanine exchange factor (GEF) 11; glutamate transporter EAAT4-associated protein 48; KIAA0380 protein	O15085	62.9	134.6
GEF12	Rho guanine exchange factor (GEF) 12; leukemia-associated GEF; similar to mouse Lsc oncogene	Q9NZN5	55.9	68.9
PDZK1-D1	PDZ domain containing 1, Domain 1	Q5T2W1	0	0
PDZK1-D2	PDZ domain containing 1, Domain 2	Q5T2W1	0	0
SNB1	Beta-1-syntrophin; tax interaction protein 43; dystrophin-associated protein A1,59kD, basic component 1	Q13884	0	101.1
SNA1	acidic alpha 1 syntrophin; dystrophin-associated protein A1, 59kD, acidic component; pro-TGF-alpha cytoplasmic domain-interacting protein 1	Q13424	10.0	163.6
SHK1	somatostatin receptor-interacting protein; Sh3 and multiple ankyrin repeat domains 1	Q9Y566	47.8	52.1
MPP6	membrane protein, palmitoylated 6; protein associated with Lin7 2; VELI-associated MAGUK 1; MAGUK protein p55T	Q9NZW5	0.5	0
PIST	Golgi associated and coiled-coil motif containing protein; CFTR-associated PDZ/coiled-coil domain binding partner for the rho-family GTPase Tc10; fused in glioblastoma; Golgi associated PDZ an coiled-coil motif containing protein	Q9HD26	26.0	0
GEF2	Rap guanine nucleotide exchange factor; PDZ domain-containing guanine nucleotide exchange factor 1	Q8TEU7	0.3	0
RIM2	regulating synaptic membrane exocytosis 2; RAB3 interacting protein 3; KIAA0751 protein	Q9UQ26	0	0
PDZ-pos	PDZ Domain positive control for Kv1.4 ligand synapse associated protein 102		172.4	241.4
pos	PDZ Domain positive control for Kv1.4 ligand		102.2	153.3
GST	Glutathione-S-Transferase (negative control)		0.0	0.0

PDZ domain containing protein from membrane IV. This table shows signal intensities of protein spots. We incubated the membrane IV with bacteria lysate containing pEXP-Ca_v1.2 and pEXP-PMCA4b.

Figure 3.9.: Bar chart of spot intensities of PDZ domain array IV



Blue = incubated with $Ca_v1.2\alpha$ C-terminus. Red = incubated with PMCA4b C-terminus.

Table 3.5.: Summary of certain potential interaction partners of Ca_v1.2 α and PMCA4b.

PDZ domain	full name of protein	accession	mean grey values	
			Ca _v 1.2	PMCA4b
Dlg2-D2	Channel associated protein of synapse-110, PDZ Domain 2, PSD-93	Q15700	0.1	242.8
CASK	Calcium/Calmodulin-dependent serine protein kinase	O14936	11.0	4.4
hCLIM1	Human 36kDa carboxyl terminal LIM domain protein	O00151	5.4	132.5
MAST205	microtubule associated testis specific serine/threonine protein kinase	Q6P0Q8	77.7	53.5
NHERF1-D1	solute carrier family 9 (sodium/hydrogen exchanger) 3 regulatory factor 1, Domain 1	O14745	84.8	0
Z01-D1	tight junction protein 1 (zona occludens), Domain 1	Q07157	130.7	40.6
nNOS	nitric oxide synthase 1 (neuronal), Domain 5	P29475	36.2	0
MAGI3-D6	membrane-associated guanylate kinase-related 3, Domain 6	Q5TCQ9	72.7	203.3
MAGI1-D3	membrane-associated guanylate kinase inverted 1; brain-specific angiogenesis inhibitor-associated protein 1; WW domain-containing protein 3; atrophin-1 interacting protein 3, Domain 3	Q96QZ7	41.0	218.7
MAGI2-D6	membrane-associated guanylate kinase inverted 1; atrophin-1 interacting protein 1, Domain 6	Q86UL8	98.9	229.2
SCRIB1-D1	Scribble, Domain 1	Q14160	102.6	253.3
GEF11	Rho guanine exchange factor (GEF) 11; glutamate transporter EAAT4-associated protein 48; KIAA0380 protein	O15085	62.9	134.6
GEF12	Rho guanine exchange factor (GEF) 12; leukemia-associated GEF; similar to mouse Lsc oncogene	Q9NZN5	55.9	68.9

Signal intensities of positive protein spots on the PDZ domain membranes incubated with lysates of bacteria expressing pEXP-Ca_v1.2 and pEXP-PMCA4b. Comment: Please note that not all high score partners were listed here. For more details, please refer to the tables before.

3.2. Co-immunoprecipitation of Ca_v1.2 α

3.2.1. Co-immunoprecipitations of Ca_v1.2 α with putative interaction partners

The interaction of Ca_v1.2 α with diverse members of MAGUKs (CASK, MAGI-3 and ZO-1), and the proteins NHERF1 and MAST-205, was established by co-immunoprecipitations. CASK, a 112 kDa protein, is expressed at neuronal synapses, where it interacts with neurexin, and in renal epithelial cells (Hata et al., 1996). Consequently, we examined the putative interaction between Ca_v1.2 α and CASK in mouse brain lysates, which naturally express both proteins, and lysates of HEK 293 cells, which were transfected with Ca_v1.2 α . Interaction of CASK with Ca_v1.2 α was observed in both lysate types, and in ordinary, untransfected HEK 293 cells (Fig. 3.10.A).

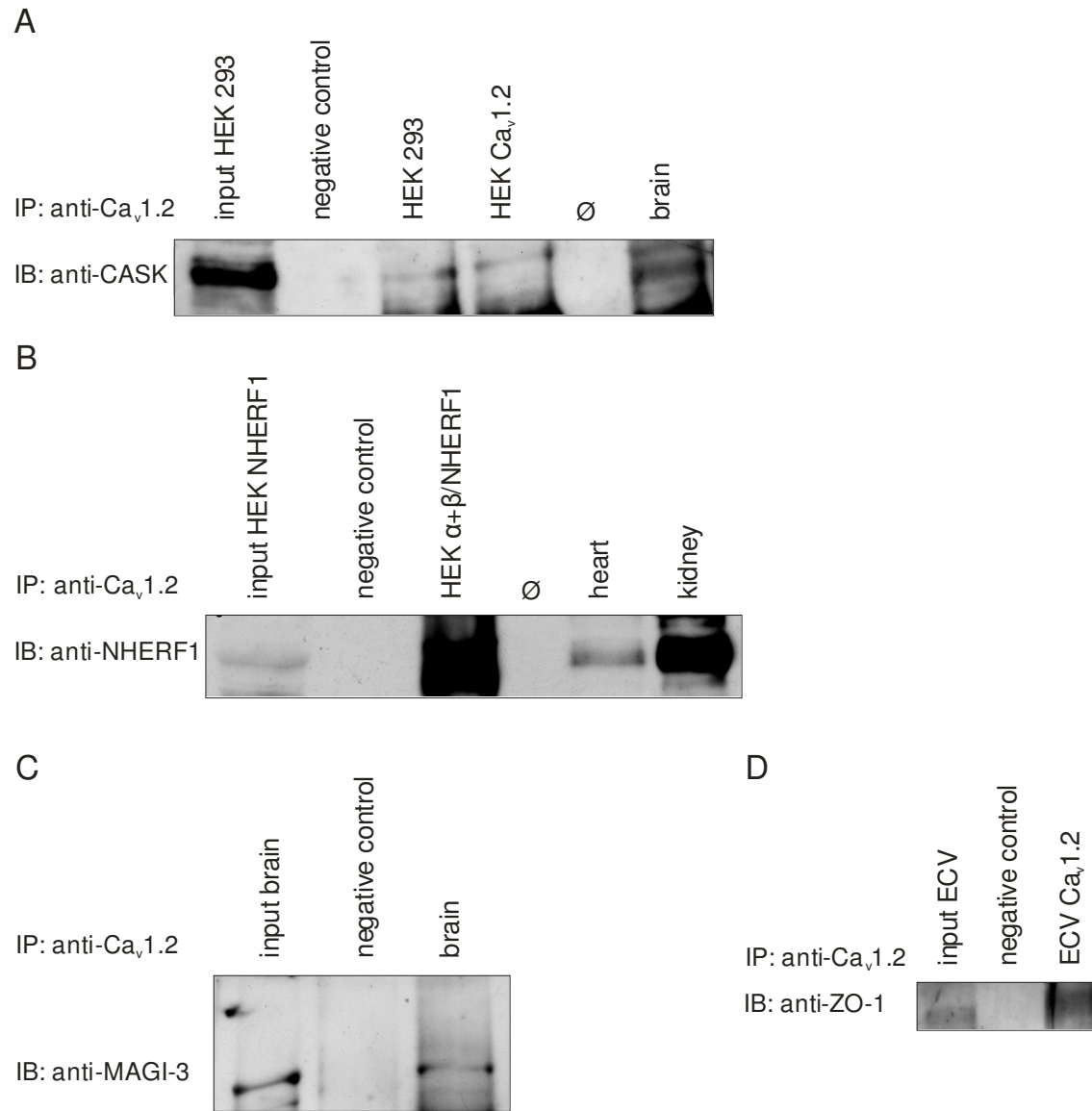
NHERF1, also well-known as ezrin binding protein 50, is a 55 kDa phosphoprotein, which contains two PDZ domains (Weinman et al., 1998). Co-immunoprecipitations were performed to test for interaction of full length proteins in heart and kidney lysates. HEK 293 cells with stable overexpression of the α and β subunits of Ca_v1.2 were subsequently transfected with NHERF1 and probed as well. It was possible to co-precipitate NHERF1 with the Ca_v1.2-specific antibody in the organ lysates and the transfected cells (Fig. 3.10.B).

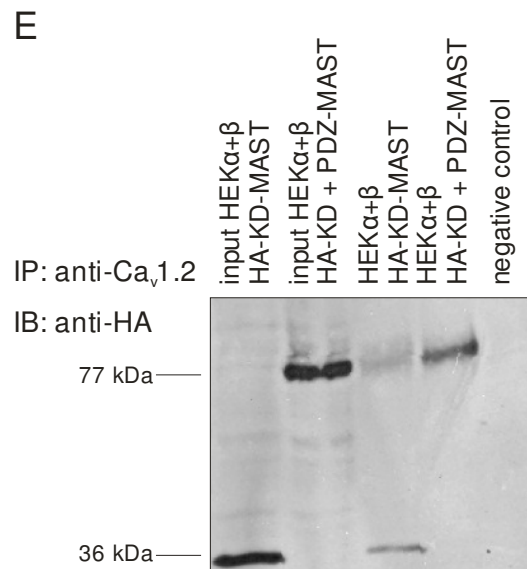
MAGI-3 (160 kDa) is predominantly expressed in a variety of tissues including the brain (Nakanishi et al., 1997; Wood et al., 1998; Wu et al., 2000b). Co-immunoprecipitations discovered potential interaction between Ca_v1.2 α and MAGI-3 in mouse brain lysates (Fig. 3.10.C).

The tight junction protein ZO-1 is found in epithelial cells (Anderson et al., 1988b; Stevenson et al., 1986), therefore, we searched for an interaction between Ca_v1.2 α and ZO-1 in ECV endothelial cells transfected with Ca_v1.2. As depicted in Fig. 3.10.D, the prominent band suggested a possible interaction of Ca_v1.2 α and ZO-1 in ECV cells.

The serine/threonine kinase (Ser/Thr kinase) MAST-205 is expressed in testis, brain and kidney tissues (Walden and Cowan, 1993; Wang et al., 2006). To test for protein interactions between Ca_v1.2 α and MAST-205, we used the HA-tag constructs pRK5-kinase-MAST205 (36 kDa) and pRK5-kinase-PDZ-MAST205 (77 kDa), performed co-immunoprecipitations as above and used a Ca_v1.2-specific antibody. We found that the Ca_v1.2 antibody co-precipitated MAST-205 kinase domain (KD) + PDZ domain from transfected HEK 293 cells with stable overexpression of the α and β subunits of Ca_v1.2 (Fig. 3.10.E). In all immunoprecipitations, the positive controls were inputs of the respective protein and the negative controls were the relevant protein samples with protein A/G-agarose beads and an irrelevant antibody (α -AT₂ (H-143)).

Figure 3.10.: Co-immunoprecipitation of Ca_v1.2 α





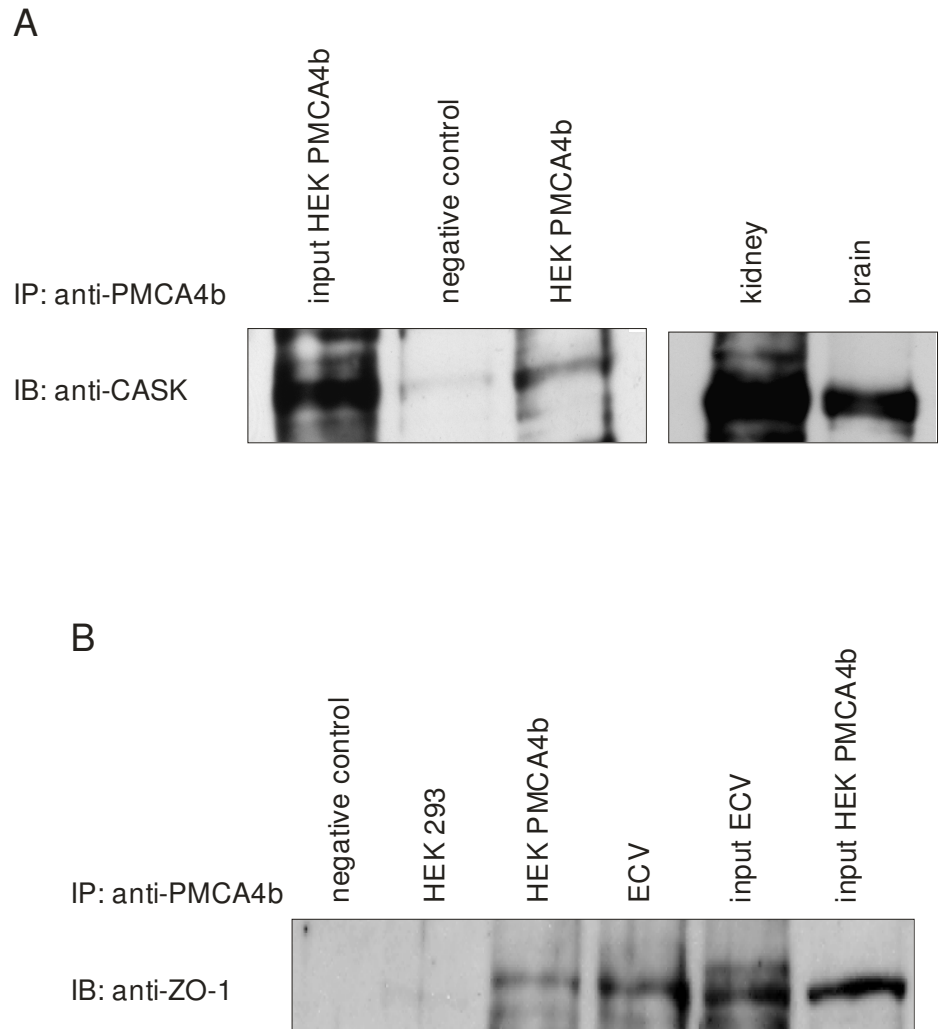
A: Co-immunoprecipitation representing an interaction of Ca_v1.2α with CASK. CASK was expressed in HEK 293 cells, which were additionally transfected with pcDNA3-Ca_v1.2α. We also probed mouse brain lysates. These lysates were precipitated with polyclonal α-Ca_v1.2 antibody and probed with monoclonal α-CASK antibody for immunoblotting (IB). The positive control (input) consisted of 20 μg of HEK 293 lysate. The negative control was HEK 293 cells immunoprecipitated (IP) with an irrelevant antibody (α-NFATc2). **B:** Interaction between Ca_v1.2 and NHERF1. The positive control was HEK 293 cells transfected with pcDNA3-NHERF1, and the negative control was incubated with an irrelevant antibody (α-AT2). We precipitated HEK 293 cells stably expressing NHERF1 with polyclonal α-Ca_v1.2 antibody, and also tissue lysates of heart and kidney. For IB we used α-NHERF1 antibody. **C:** IP revealed an interaction of Ca_v1.2α with MAGI-3. Positive and negative controls are as described above. Ca_v1.2α antibody was used for IP and MAGI-3 antibody for IB. **D:** Interaction between Ca_v1.2α and ZO-1. ZO-1 protein is expressed in ECV cells, hence the positive control was non-transfected ECV cells, the negative control contained ECV cells immunoprecipitated with an irrelevant antibody (α-NFATc2), and for the IP we used Ca_v1.2 antibody for precipitation and α-ZO-1 for the IB. **E:** HEK 293 cells with stable overexpression of the α and β subunits of Ca_v1.2 transfected with HA-KD (36 kDa) or HA-KD+PDZ domain of MAST205 (77 kDa) were incubated with α-Ca_v1.2 and protein complexes were subsequently precipitated with protein A/G beads. Western blots were probed with HA antibodies. Irrelevant antibodies were used in negative controls and non-precipitated HEK lysates as positive controls.

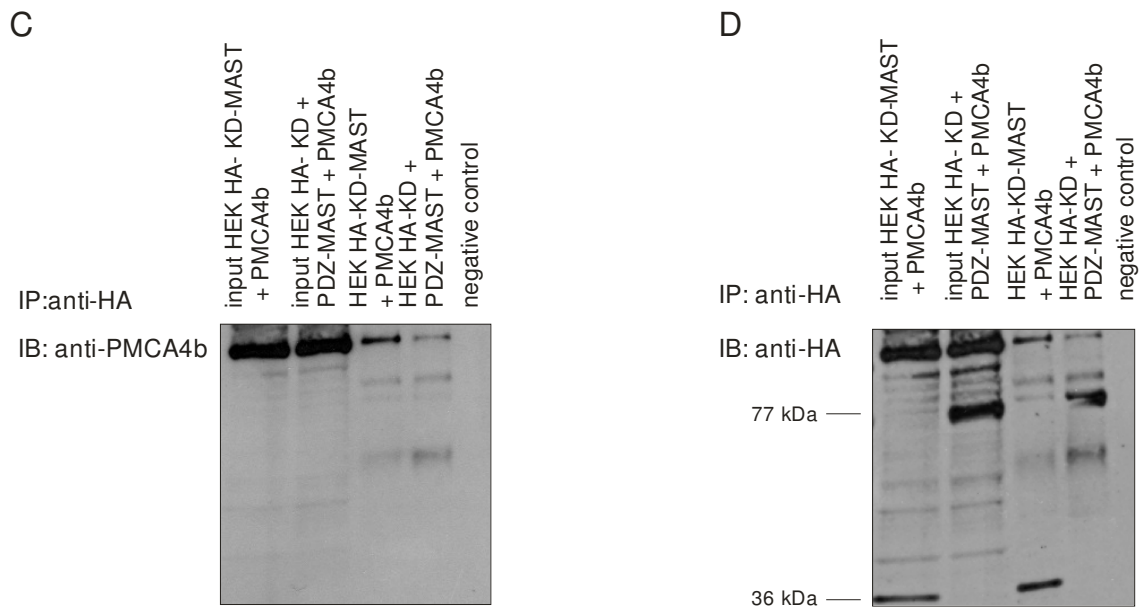
3.3. Co-immunoprecipitation of PMCA4b

3.3.1. Co-immunoprecipitations of PMCA4b with putative interaction partners

To confirm our data from the PDZ arrays, we tested PMCA4b and CASK by co-immunoprecipitations from kidney and brain lysates, and transfected HEK 293 cells (Fig. 3.11.A). The results confirmed an interaction of PMCA4b and CASK, as previously verified (Schuh et al., 2003). Binding of the proteins PMCA4b and ZO-1 was demonstrated in extracts from various sources. The PMCA-specific antibody co-precipitated the 220 kDa protein ZO-1 in all cell lysates tested (Fig. 3.11.B). We also checked the interaction between PMCA4b and MAST-205 by co-immunoprecipitation. The HEK 293 cells were two-double transfected, thereby expressing the proteins PMCA4b and HA-KD from MAST-205 or PMCA4b and HA-KD + PDZ domain from MAST-205. The HA-specific antibody co-precipitated the 136 kDa protein PMCA4b (Fig. 3.11.C). Figure 3.11.D shows a transfection control of the HA-tag constructs pRK5-kinase-MAST205 (36 kDa) and pRK5-kinase-PDZ-MAST205 (77 kDa). In immunoblots A and B, the positive controls were inputs of PMCA4b-transfected HEK 293 cells, the positive controls in the blots C and D were inputs of double transfected HEK 293 cells with PMCA4b and HA-KD MAST-205 or HA-KD + PDZ domain of MAST-205. The negative controls in all blots were the positive controls incubated with A/G-agarose beads and an irrelevant antibody (α -NF-ATc2).

Figure 3.11.: Co-immunoprecipitation of PMCA4b





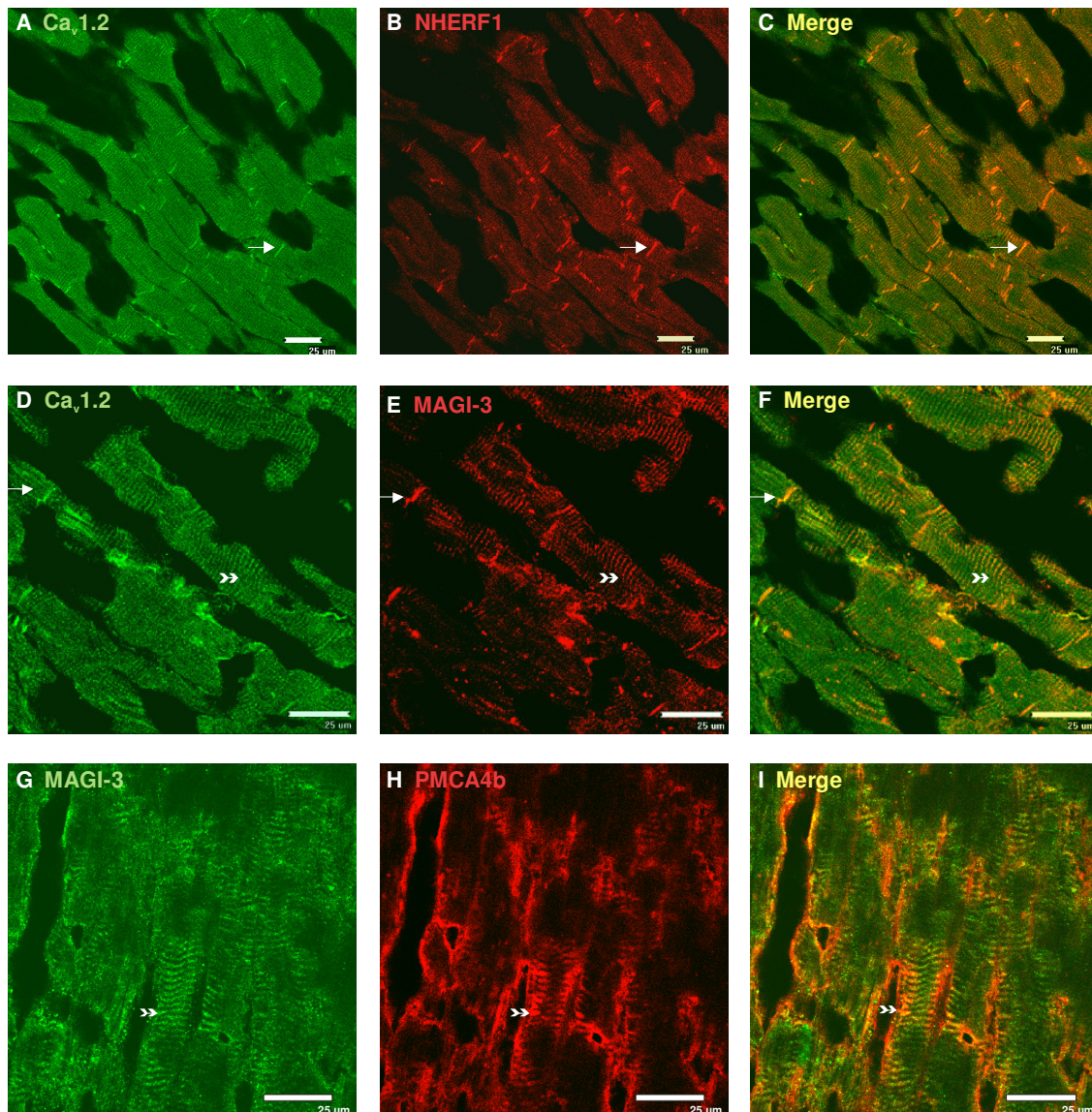
A: Lysates of transfected HEK 293-PMCA4b cells, kidney and brain were incubated with monoclonal antibody specific for PMCA4b (for details please refer to Materials and Methods section). Protein complexes were then precipitated with protein A/G beads. Western blots of precipitated proteins were probed with a CASK-specific antibody. Irrelevant antibodies were used in negative control (α -NFATc2), and transfected HEK 293-PMCA4b cells were used as positive control. **B:** Co-immunoprecipitation demonstrated an interaction of PMCA4b and ZO-1. For the IP, lysates of transfected HEK 293-PMCA4b cells, HEK 293 cells and ECV cells were precipitated with monoclonal antibody specific for PMCA4b and subsequently IB was performed with antibodies against ZO-1. The negative control was ECV cell lysate incubated with an irrelevant antibody (α -NFATc2) and the positive control an input of the same cell lysate. **C:** lysates of the double transfected HEK 293 cells (PMCA4b + HA-KD MAST, PMCA4b + HA-KD + PDZ-MAST, respectively) were incubated with monoclonal antibody specific for HA. The IB of precipitated proteins were probed with a PMCA4b-specific antibody. **D:** It is exactly the same blot like in C, only the detecting antibody for the IB was an HA-specific antibody. That picture demonstrated the positive transfection of the HEK 293 cells with the HA constructs. The negative control of C and D were HEK 293 cell lysates incubated with an irrelevant antibody (α -NFATc2) and the positive control an input of the same cell lysate.

3.4. Co-localization

3.4.1. Co-localization of Ca_v1.2 and NHERF1, Ca_v1.2 and MAGI-3 as well as PMCA4b and MAGI-3 in rat cardiac myocytes

Confocal laser scanning microscopy studies of rat heart sections attested congruent distribution of Ca_v1.2, NHERF1 and MAGI-3 in cardiac tissue. All of them were localized at intercalated discs (Figs. 3.12.A-F), and Ca_v1.2 and MAGI-3 were additionally expressed at the transverse tubules (Figs. 3.12.D-F). As shown in Figs. 3.12.G-I, PMCA4b and MAGI-3 were partially co-localized at the plasma membrane and the transverse tubules of rat cardiac myocytes.

Figure 3.12.: Co-localization of Ca_v1.2 and NHERF1, Ca_v1.2 and MAGI-3 as well as PMCA4b and MAGI-3 in rat cardiac myocytes



Double immunofluorescent staining of Ca_v1.2 and NHERF1 (A-C), MAGI-3 and Ca_v1.2 (D-F), and of PMCA4b and MAGI-3 (G-I) in rat cardiomyocytes. For heart sections the following antibodies were used: polyclonal rabbit anti-Ca_v1.2-ATTO 488 (A, D), polyclonal rabbit anti-NHERF1 (B), polyclonal rabbit anti-MAGI-3 (E, G), monoclonal mouse anti-PMCA 5F10 (H) followed by Alexa Fluor 488 goat anti-mouse, or Alexa Fluor 594 goat anti-rabbit, where appropriate. C, F and I, are merged images. Ca_v1.2 and NHERF1 are coexpressed at the intercalated discs of cardiomyocytes (see arrow →), Ca_v1.2 and MAGI-3 at the intercalated discs and transverse tubules (T-tubuli) (see arrowhead >>). PMCA4b and MAGI-3 are located at the T-tubules as well (see arrowhead >>).

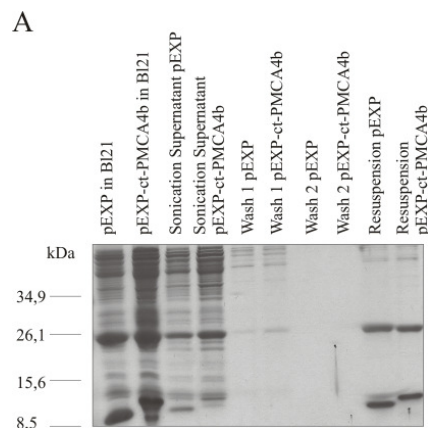
3.5. Talon His-Tag Purification Resins

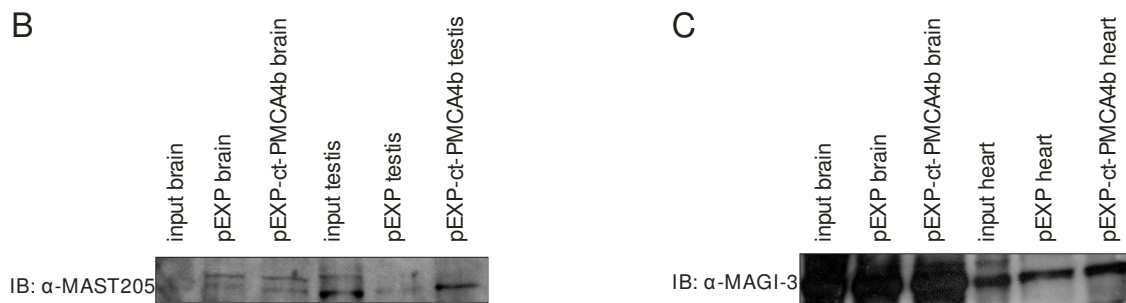
3.5.1. pull-down via Talon Metal Affinity Resins

To verify our data from the PDZ arrays II and III (Figs. 3.4. and 3.6.) and co-immunoprecipitations (Fig. 3.11.C), we checked interactions between the C-terminus of PMCA4b and MAGI-3 and/or MAST-205 by a special His-tag pull-down via Talon Metal Affinity Resins. Our cloned pEXP bacterial expression vector pEXP-PMCA4b and pEXP (see Fig. 3.1.A and B) were bound with a 6x His-Tag to the talon metal resin. Verification of expression and size of His-tagged recombinant proteins in bacteria BL21 and on the beads via tricine gel analysis confirmed expression levels. The size of pEXP expression vector is 9 kDa and pEXP-PMCA4b 8.97 kDa (Fig. 3.13.A). Therefore, the pEXP and pEXP-PMCA4b lysates showed a clear shift (Fig. 3.13.A) and were ready for the pull-down.

We performed pull-down assays from mouse brain, testis and heart extracts. As shown in Figs. 3.13.B and 3.13.C, the resulting pull-downs demonstrated unspecific binding between the C-terminus of PMCA4b, and MAST-205 and MAGI-3 protein.

Figure 3.13.: His-Tag pull-down





A: Tricine-SDS-PAGE (Coomassie dyed) to verify the expression of recombinant protein ligands in BL21 bacteria and to proof the binding of His-Tag proteins to the talon resin. The shifts between the resuspended pEXP (~9 kDa) and resuspended pEXP-PMCA4b (~8.97 kDa) confirmed their successful expression and binding to the beads. **B:** Lysates from mouse organs (brain, testis) were incubated with polyhistidine-tagged talon metal beads containing equal amounts of pEXP and pEXP-PMCA4b. For detection, we used α -MAST-205 antibody (205 kDa). Signals were observed between PMCA4b fusion proteins pEXP, and pEXP-PMCA4b. **C:** Lysates of mouse brain and heart were used for the pull-down. The negative control was pEXP without C-terminus of PMCA4b. For detection, we used α -MAGI-3 antibody (160 kDa). An interaction was observed between MAGI-3 and the fusion protein pEXP-PMCA4b, where the final C-terminal 15 amino acids were fused to the His-Tag.

3.6. GST pull-downs

3.6.1. Interaction C-terminus of $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ kurz with PDZ domain containing protein MAST-205 via GST pull-down

It has been described before that the PDZ domain of MAST-205 interacts with the C-terminal tail of $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ (see Figs. 3.4.B and 3.10.E). To proof this interaction by another assay, we used affinity-purified GST fusion proteins containing the C-terminus of $\text{Ca}_v1.2\alpha$ (encoded by the plasmid pGEX-4T-3- $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ kurz). We performed pull-down assays from stably transfected HEK 293 cells, which were additionally transfected with pRK5-KD-MAST-205 or pRK5-KD + PDZ-MAST-205). As shown in Fig. 3.14.B the Coomassie gel shows GST alone (27 kDa) and the expression of the GST fusion protein $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ kurz (~70 kDa). The BSA standard helps to assess the protein amount of the GST fusion proteins. The GST pull-down in Fig. 3.14.C demonstrated an interaction between kinase domain (without PDZ domain) from MAST-205 and the C-terminus of $\text{Ca}_v1.2$. But the GST + HEK KD-MAST-205 signal was slightly weaker than that of GST- $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ + HEK KD-MAST-205. Surprisingly, there was no interaction between PDZ domain of MAST-205 and $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ detectable (see Fig. 3.14.C).

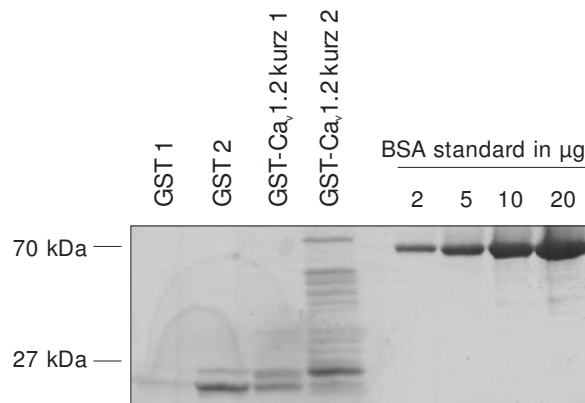
Figure 3.14.: GST pull-down MAST-205 and Ca_v1.2

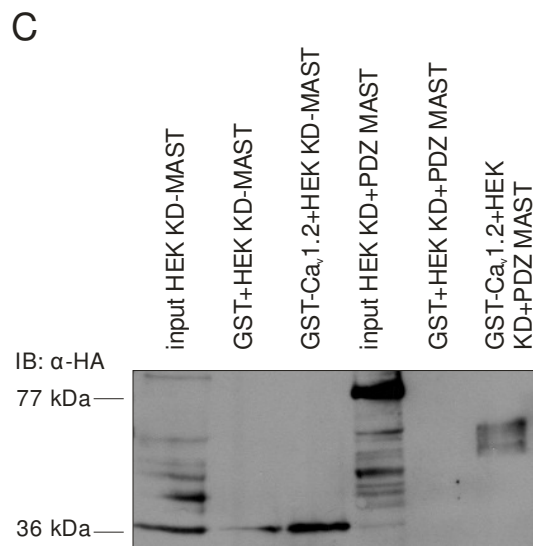
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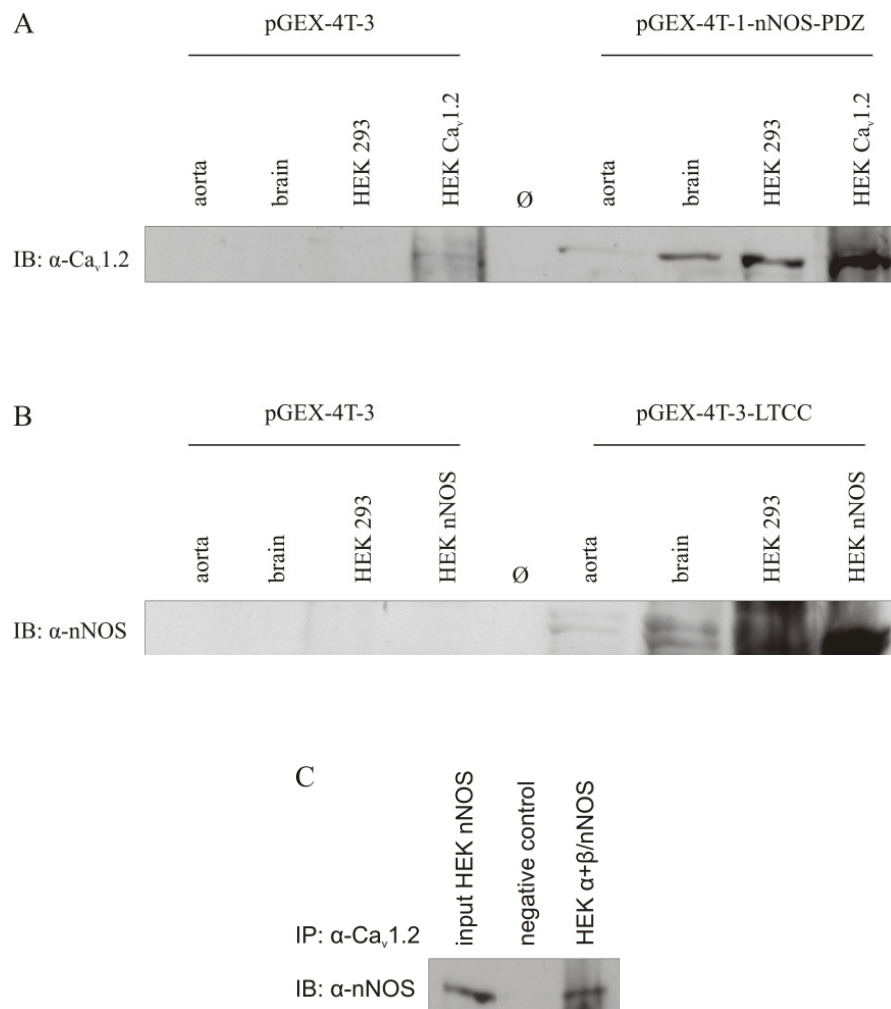




A: Amino acid-and protein sequence (in yellow) of the C-terminal tail from $\text{Ca}_v1.2\alpha$, which is encoded by the plasmid pGEX-4T-3 (pGEX-4T-3- $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ kurz). The green marked sequence presents the EcoRI cutting site, the blue bar shows the XhoI cutting sequence. The pink double CC are inserted amino acids to allow a clear open reading frame. The red tag presents the stop codon. **B:** The Coomassie Blue staining of SDS-polyacrylamide gel ascertained the expression of the GST fusion proteins pGEX-4T-3 (~27 kDa) (GST 1, GST 2) and pGEX-4T-3- $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ kurz (~70 kDa) in BL21 bacteria. GST 1 are 7 μl of the bead-slurry, GST 2 are 21 μl of the bead-slurry, GST- $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ kurz 1 are 50 μl of the slurry and GST- $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ kurz 2 are 150 μl of the slurry. The BSA standard helps to assess the protein amount of the GST fusion proteins. **C:** lysates from stably transfected HEK 293 cells (expressing the α and β subunits of $\text{Ca}_v1.2$) cotransfected with pRK5-KD-MAST-205 or pRK5-KD + PDZ-MAST-205 were incubated with glutathione-Sepharose beads containing equal amounts of GST and GST- $\text{Ca}_v1.2$. For detection we used α -HA (KD = 36 kDa; KD + PDZ = 77 kDa). An interaction was observed between KD of MAST-205 and GST- $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ and a little weaker between KD of MAST-205 and GST alone. No interaction was detected between the KD + PDZ domain of MAST-205 and GST- $\text{Ca}_v1.2$. The positive control were the stably cotransfected HEK 293 cells and the negative control was GST (pGEX-4T-3).

3.6.2. Confirmation of the interaction of Ca_v1.2 α with the PDZ domain containing protein nNOS via GST pull-downs and co-immunoprecipitation.

It has been previously reported that the PDZ domain of nNOS interacts with the C-terminal end of PMCA4b (Schuh et al., 2001). The Domain Array II (Fig. 3.4.B) indicated that the PDZ domain of nNOS may also interact with Ca_v1.2 α . To assess this interaction in more detail, we used affinity-purified GST fusion proteins containing the C-terminus of Ca_v1.2 α (encoded by the plasmid pGEX-4T-3-LTCC), and the PDZ domain of nNOS (plasmid pGEX-4T-1-nNOS-PDZ). We performed pull-down assays from mouse brain and aorta extracts, and HEK 293 cell lysates, either normal and untransfected, or transfected with pcDNA3-Ca_v1.2 α or pcDNA3-nNOS. As shown in Fig. 3.15.B, the resulting GST pull-down clearly demonstrates binding between the C-terminus of Ca_v1.2 α and the nNOS protein. This interaction was ascertained in reverse, confirming the interaction of nNOS and Ca_v1.2 α (Fig. 3.15.A). Additionally, using an independent assay, we could prove this protein-protein interaction by conventional co-immunoprecipitations. In this assay, we cotransfected HEK 293 cells with the α and β subunits of Ca_v1.2 and nNOS. Subsequent precipitation with Ca_v1.2 α -specific antibodies pulled nNOS down as well (Fig. 3.15.C).

Figure 3.15.: Ca_v1.2 α C-terminal end interaction with PDZ domain of nNOS.

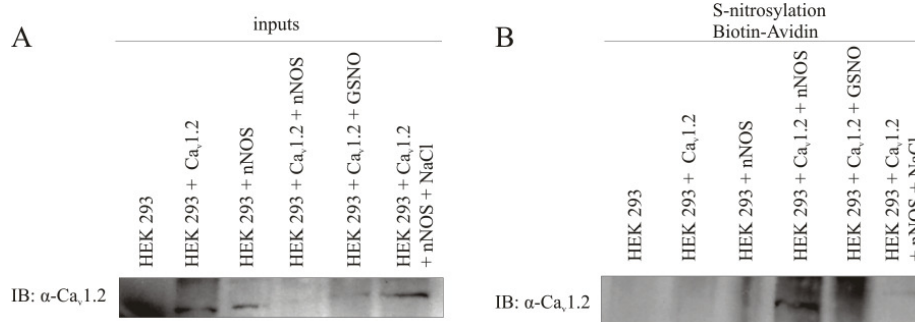
A: lysates from mouse organs (aorta, brain), and lysates from untransfected HEK 293 cells and HEK 293 cells transfected with pcDNA3-Ca_v1.2 α were incubated with glutathione-Sepharose beads containing equal amounts of GST (pGEX-4T-3) and the nNOS PDZ domain fused to GST (pGEX-4T-1-nNOS-PDZ). For detection we used α -Ca_v1.2 antibody from Alomone Labs (190-210 kDa). An interaction is observed between Ca_v1.2 α and the GST fusion protein pGEX-4T-1-nNOS-PDZ, but not with GST. **B:** the lysates were the same as described above. Here the HEK 293 cells were transfected with pcDNA3-nNOS. The negative control was GST (pGEX-4T-3). For detection, we used α -nNOS antibody from Zymed (160 kDa). An interaction between nNOS to the fusion protein pGEX-4T-1-LTCC, where the final C-terminal 10 amino acids were fused to GST, was shown. **C:** Co-immunoprecipitation demonstrated an interaction of Ca_v1.2 α with nNOS. HEK 293 cells were transfected with pcDNA3-nNOS. 20 μ g of the protein lysate was used directly as input for SDS-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis. The negative controls were HEK 293 cells transfected with nNOS expression constructs immunoprecipitated with an irrelevant α -rabbit antibody (α -AT2), and the last lane contained HEK 293 cell lysate (stably expressing the α and β subunits of Ca_v1.2) cotransfected with pcDNA3-nNOS, and immunoprecipitated with α -Ca_v1.2 antibody. For the immunoblot we used the antibody α -nNOS.

3.7. S-nitrosylation

It is well established that the redox state of cysteines represents a very dynamic and regulated balance, which can strongly influence not only the functional activity of a protein, but also its interactions with other protein partners as well as its subcellular distribution. Because of that we were looking via Biotin Switch Assay for S-nitrosylation in HEK cell lysates, which were transfected with nNOS and Ca_v1.2 α .

Ca_v1.2 α is S-nitrosylated in transfected HEK 293 cells treated with 20mM ascorbat. To investigate S-nitrosylation of Ca_v1.2 α , we used HEK 293 cells co-transfected with nNOS and Ca_v1.2 α because the function and importance of the NO-cGMP pathway is well defined: NO made by NO-synthases is a transmitter molecule and activates intracellular receptors, first of all the soluble guanylate cyclase (sGC) (Snyder, 1992). The signal transmission for relaxation of smooth muscle cells and hence the vasodilatation are effected by the second messenger cyclic 3', 5'-guanosin monophosphat (cGMP) (Garbers, 1979; Hardman and Sutherland, 1969). Thus sGC is stimulated by exogenic NO thereby the cGMP level increase and cause a relaxation of smooth muscles (Arnold et al., 1977).

The HEK 293 lysate (transfected with Ca_v1.2 α) was pretreated with 40 μ M GSNO (S-nitrosoglutathione = NO Donor) in the dark for 1h (the S-NO bonds are light sensitive) as a positive control. For the negative control we used HEK 293 co-transfected with Ca_v1.2 α and nNOS, and treated that with 200 mM NaCl instead ascorbat. S-nitrosylation was assessed by the biotin switch followed by avidin purification and detection by anti-Ca_v1.2 antibody. Before we treated all the various lysates with avidin beads, we used them as protein inputs and so we did WB with anti-Ca_v1.2 (Fig. 3.17.A). In Figure 3.17.A the HEK 293 lysates expressed the relevant protein Ca_v1.2. Figure 3.17.B showed the S-nitrosylation of Ca_v1.2 (see lane 4 in that figure). The lysates HEK 293; HEK 293 transfected with Ca_v1.2 alone and HEK 293 transfected only with nNOS showed no signal. So we conclude that an S-nitrosylation of the calcium channel Ca_v1.2 is possible.

Figure 3.17.: S-nitrosylation of the Ca_v1.2

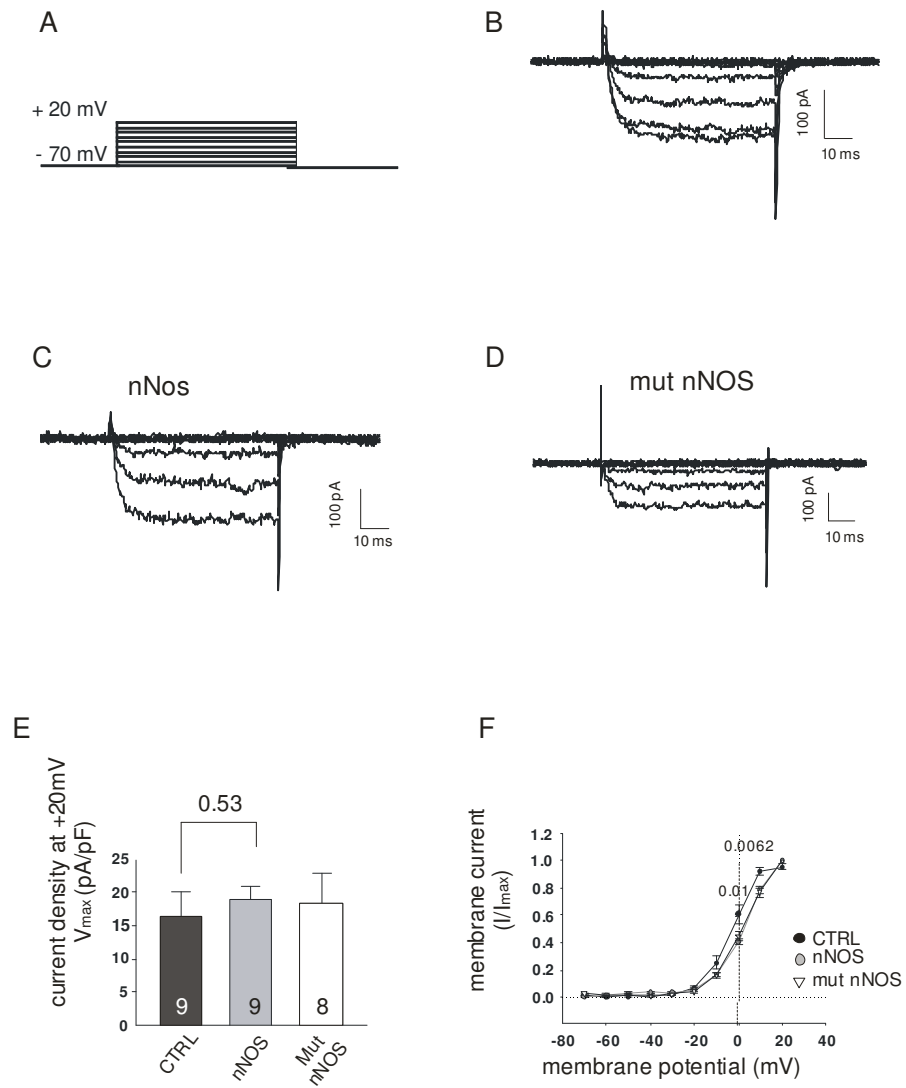
The calcium channel Ca_v1.2 is S-nitrosylated in the presence of nNOS. **A:** Western blot with anti-Ca_v1.2. The inputs indicated similar Ca_v1.2 levels in each sample. **B:** Western blot analysis with anti-Ca_v1.2 of a biotin switch assay followed by Avidin purification confirming that Ca_v1.2 is S-nitrosylated by nNOS. The positive control was performed with 40 μM GSNO and the negative control with 200 mM NaCl instead of ascorbat.

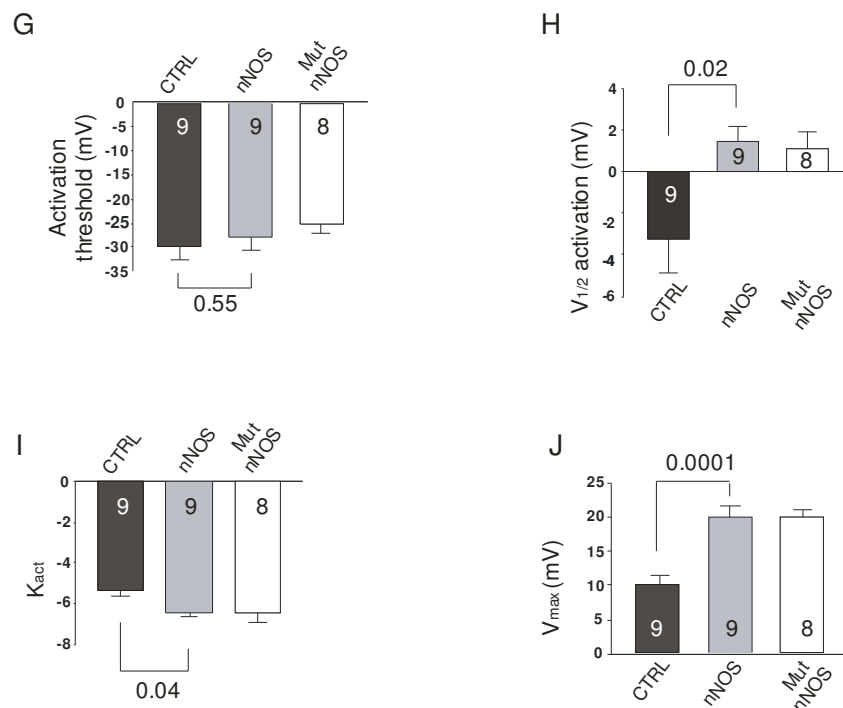
3.8. Current Recordings

Electrophysiological properties

To examine the electrophysiological properties of $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ subunits, Ba^{2+} currents were measured in the whole-cell configuration of the patch-clamp technique. To activate voltage-dependent Ca^{2+} channel membrane potential of cells was clamped to a holding potential of -70 mV. From this holding potential, the cells were depolarized stepwise by 9 voltage-steps of +10 mV increment and 50 ms duration (Fig. 3.16.A). HEK cells, which stably express the $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ subunit, showed voltage-dependent inwardly directed Ba^{2+} currents with a fast time-dependent activation with no inactivation (Fig. 3.16.B). The kinetic behavior of the $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ currents was not changed when the cells were additionally transfected with wild-type nNOS (Fig. 3.16.C). Also, in cells, which have been transfected with mutant nNOS, the kinetic behavior of Ba^{2+} currents was not different to currents in cells transfected with wild-type nNOS (Fig. 3.16.D). No differences in the overall activity of the currents were detected: $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ currents under control conditions, in the presence of nNOS or in the presence of the mutant nNOS showed no statistical different current densities (Fig. 3.16.E). However, the presence of nNOS led to a change in the voltage-dependence of $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ Ba^{2+} currents (Fig. 3.16.F). To analyze the voltage-dependence, normalized currents were plotted against their corresponding voltages of electrical stimulation and the curve was fitted by the Boltzmann function to calculate basic parameters of voltage-dependence such as potential of half maximal activation ($V_{1/2}$) and the steepness of the curve (k_{act}) (Fig. 3.16.G-J; Table 3.6.). nNOS presence led to shift of the voltage-dependent activation and potential of maximal current amplitude towards more positive voltages. Statistical analysis of parameters of voltage-dependence of wild-type $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ currents showed that activation threshold of the currents was not changed (Fig. 3.16.G) but the potential of half-maximal activation $V_{1/2}$ was shifted from -3 to + 1.5 mV (Fig. 3.16.H), which was due to a shift of the slope of the Boltzmann fitted curve (Fig. 3.16.I) and not due to a shift of the activation threshold. The same characteristics in nNOS-dependent modulation of the voltage-dependence was observed in currents of the $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ mutant. This shift in voltage-dependence resulted in a different potential of maximal current amplitude (Fig. 3.16.J).

Figure 3.16.: Current Recordings





Electrophysiological properties of Ba^{2+} currents from $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ subunits: **A**: Pattern of electrical stimulation. The membrane potential was clamped to a holding potential of -70 mV. From the holding potential the cells were depolarized by nine voltage-steps with $+10$ mV incrementing amplitude and 50 ms duration. **B**: Ba^{2+} currents induced by the electrical stimulation shown in A in a cell expressing wild-type $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ channels. **C**: $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ channel Ba^{2+} currents induced by the electrical stimulation shown in A in a cell expressing wild-type nNOS. **D**: $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ channel Ba^{2+} currents induced by the electrical stimulation shown in A in a cell expressing mutant nNOS. **E**: Maximal current density of control $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ currents, $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ subunits in the presence of wild-type nNOS and $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ subunits in the presence of mutant nNOS. **F**: Voltage-dependence of Ba^{2+} currents: currents were normalized to the maximal current amplitude and plotted against the potentials of the electrical stimulation; the curve was fitted using the Boltzmann equation. **G**: Activation threshold of Ba^{2+} currents from $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ subunits, $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ subunits in the presence of wild-type nNOS and $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ subunits in the presence of mutant nNOS; the number indicate the level of significance. **H**: Voltage of half maximal activation Ba^{2+} currents from $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ subunits, $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ subunits in the presence of wild-type nNOS and $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ subunits in the presence of mutant nNOS; the potentials of half maximal activation were significantly shifted towards positive potentials in the presence of nNOS or mutant nNOS. **I**: Slope of Boltzmann curve (k_{act}) of Ba^{2+} currents from $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ subunits, $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ subunits in the presence of wild-type nNOS and $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ subunits in the presence of mutant nNOS; the k_{act} values were significantly larger in the presence of nNOS or mutant nNOS. **J**: Comparison of the voltages of maximal current amplitudes (V_{max}); in the presence of nNOS or mutant nNOS V_{max} was shifted towards more positive voltages of currents from $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ subunits.

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DISCUSSION

The voltage-gated L-type calcium channel, $Ca_v1.2$, and the plasma membrane calcium ATPase, PMCA4b, play major roles in excitable and non-excitable cells. $Ca_v1.2$ regulates the calcium entry into cells upon depolarization, while PMCA4b controls cellular calcium homeostasis by calcium extrusion.

Both are important functional proteins in the heart and brain, but the specific tasks and the precise mechanisms of action are still investigated. The present studies were initiated to understand the regulatory consequence and the physiological background of the interactions from the C-terminal ligands $Ca_v1.2$ and PMCA4b with PDZ domain containing proteins. Three independent assays (PDZ Domain Array, GST pull-down, and immunoprecipitation) and co-localizations showed the interaction of a multiplicity of PDZ domain containing proteins and their ligands, $Ca_v1.2$ and PMCA4b. These interactions connect both proteins to signaling networks implicated in synaptic transmission, cell adhesion and apoptosis, which may help present new indications about the physiological functions of $Ca_v1.2$ and PMCA4b in intra- and intercellular signaling. PDZ domains are protein-interaction domains that are specialized for binding to short peptide motifs at the carboxy C-termini of other proteins. You can find them in many proteins (more than 400 in humans or mice) (Kim and Sheng, 2004). PDZ domains are often arranged in tandem arrays and/or associated with other interaction domains (for example SH3 domains, WW domains) to form multidomain scaffold proteins. Furthermore, PDZ motifs are protein binding adapters that play key roles in targeting proteins to the cytoskeleton or in regulating the intrinsic activities of enzymes (Brennan et al., 1996; Kim et al., 1995; Kornau et al., 1995; Niethammer et al., 1996; Sato et al., 1995; Shieh and Zhu, 1996). PDZ domain proteins regulate traffic and targeting of proteins, assembly of signaling complexes and networks designed for efficient and specific signal transduction (Nourry et al., 2003). For instance, the effectiveness of certain channels seems to increase by their association with PDZ containing proteins. The K^+ channel Kir 4.1 express much higher current density when cotransfected with the multivalent PDZ domain protein CIIP (Kurschner

et al., 1998). Presently, some of the described interaction partners of PMCA4b belong to the family of MAGUKs (DeMarco and Strehler, 2001; Kim et al., 1998; Schuh et al., 2003) but, in addition, nNOS and NHERF2 have previously been identified as interacting partners of PMCA C-termini (DeMarco et al., 2002; Schuh et al., 2001). The C-terminal end of the PMCA splice variant 4b (ETSV*, the asterisk indicates the COOH-terminal residue) differs from other b variants (DeMarco et al., 2002; Penniston and Enyedi, 1998; Strehler and Zacharias, 2001), suggesting that the C-termini determine the specificity of interactions with other proteins (DeMarco et al., 2002). We identified new PDZ protein interaction partners of PMCA4b, whereby ZO-1, MAGI-1-3, Mint-2, and MAST-205 are of primary importance. For Ca_v1.2, we detected the same combination of interacting proteins, with the addition of CASK, NHERF1, NHERF2 and nNOS.

4.1. PDZ Domain Arrays and IPs

Zonula occludens proteins are regulators of tight junction (TJ) assembly, and new investigations have shown that these proteins also promote adherens junction (AJ) assembly (Fanning and Anderson, 2009). AJs are crucial for certain signaling pathways like growth, cell morphology, and cell differentiation, and these junctions mediate cell-cell adhesion (Halbleib and Nelson, 2006). Important proteins of the AJs are Cadherines which are calcium-dependent transmembrane proteins. Cadherines are connected with different anchor proteins, like Vinculin and α -Actinin, and the actin cytoskeleton (Geiger and Ayalon, 1992; Geiger et al., 1990; Geiger et al., 1987; Yap et al., 1997). TJs control the fluctuation of ions, macromolecules, and immune cells through the paracellular space (Anderson et al., 2004; Lee et al., 2006). ZO-1 has an N-terminus with a structure similar to other MAGUKs, with three PDZ domains, an SH3 domain, and a region of homology to guanylate kinase (GUK) (Fanning, 2006; Schneeberger and Lynch, 2004). ZO-1 is enriched at the TJ of epithelial and endothelial cells but also in nonepithelial cells, such as astrocytes, Schwann cells, fibroblasts, glioma and myeloma cell lines (Anderson et al., 1988a; Itoh et al., 1991). The relative mass of that protein is species-dependent and between 210 and 225 kDa (Anderson et al., 1988a). The disruption of ZO-1 in mice resulted in embryonic lethality and was associated with disruption of the paracellular barrier and the structure of cell junctions (Damsky and Ilic, 2002; Daniel, 2007). The protein binding between the PDZ domain 1 of ZO-1 and the C-terminus of PMCA4b is insofar expectable because both proteins are located at the membrane (Fig. 3.4., 3.5., 3.11.B, Table 3.2.). A similar interaction was observed between the C-terminus of Ca_v1.2 and the PDZ domains 1 and 2 of ZO-1 (Fig. 3.4., 3.5., 3.10.D, Table 3.2.). Recently, it

was demonstrated that calcium calmodulin binds to the GUK domain of ZO-1 (CaM binds also on calcium channels and plasma calcium ATPase), suggesting the novel assumption that intracellular calcium levels control various ZO-1 functions (Fanning and Anderson, 2009; Paarmann et al., 2008). We suggest that this protein interaction is probably important for the regulation of calcium ions and cytoskeletal dynamics at cell junctions and the plasma membrane. In our experiments we detected that the three MAGI proteins (MAGI-1 domain 3; MAGI-2 and MAGI-3 domain 6) bind to the C-terminus of PMCA4b and Ca_v1.2. MAGI-1 and MAGI-3 are widely expressed in tissues like brain, heart, lung, and colon, but tend to be localized to tight junctions between adjacent epithelial cells (Franklin et al., 2005; Laura et al., 2002) (see Fig. 3.6., 3.7., 3.10.C, Table 3.3.). MAGI-2 is exclusively widespread in neuronal tissue (Iida et al., 2004). In the early stages of PDZ domain protein research, people thought scaffold proteins like MAGI-1, MAGI-2, and MAGI-3 were static scaffolds at the cell surface. Now we know that these proteins cooperate dynamically with PDZ targets at the cell surface for a dynamic and mobile cell structure (van Ham and Hendriks, 2003). The group of Hall (He et al., 2006; Xu et al., 2001) reported that the β 1 adrenergic receptor (β 1AR) binds MAGI-2 and MAGI-3. β ARs are a subfamily of G protein coupled receptors (GPCRs). That subfamily includes the subtypes β 1AR, β 2AR, and β 3AR and mediates physiological responses to epinephrine (also known as adrenaline) and norepinephrine (noradrenaline) (Hall, 2004). MAGI-2 enhances the receptor's association with β -Catenin and its internalization, while MAGI-3 inhibits G_i-mediated ERK activation by β 1AR. G_i alpha subunit (or G_i/G₀) is a heterotrimeric G protein subunit that inhibits the production of cAMP from ATP. An interesting point is the coexpression with β 1AR and MAGI-3 at the plasma membrane, whereas MAGI-3 expressed alone in the nucleus of certain cell types (He et al., 2006). The group of Hall and coworkers hypothesize that MAGI-3 play a physiological role in the nucleus, and the MAGI-3 localization via association with transmembrane proteins like β 1AR could represent a novel and specific mechanism by which such PDZ interacting transmembrane proteins can control nuclear function (Adamsky et al., 2003; He et al., 2006). MAGI-2 and MAGI-3 also bind to the tumor suppressor gene product of PTEN (phosphatase and tensin homolog). PTEN works as tumor suppressor gene through the action of its phosphatase protein product. That phosphatase is involved in the regulation of the cell cycle, preventing cells from growing and dividing too rapidly (Chu and Tarnawski, 2004). These MAGI proteins support PTEN suppression of Akt/PKB (a pleckstrin homology domain-containing serine/threonine kinase), which is involved in apoptosis suppression and growth induction (Wu et al., 2000a; Wu et al., 2000b). These findings and the interaction of PMCA4b

and Ca_v1.2 with MAGI suggested the involvement of both proteins in cell death and growth regulation. While PDZ proteins function as specific membrane subdomains, they also operate in cell compartments and support trafficking of PDZ target proteins to the cell surface. Such an example would be the interaction of MAGI-3 with transforming growth factor α (TGF α) (Franklin et al., 2005). TGF α is upregulated in several human cancers. This growth factor occurs in macrophages, brain cells, and keratinocytes, and is responsible for epithelial development. TGF α is closely related to epidermal growth factor (EGF), and bind to the EGF receptor with similar effects (Franklin et al., 2005). However, MAGI-3 is localized to diverse cellular compartments including the nucleus, cytoplasm, and junctional complexes at the cell surface (Adamsky et al., 2003), making it into a central modulator of its function as scaffold protein. It is interesting that both investigated ligands, PMCA4b and Ca_v1.2, interacted with all three MAGI proteins since the scaffolds are components of signaling complexes implicated in processes that require calcium. PMCA4b and Ca_v1.2 may play key roles in the arrangement of calcium dependent AJs, and may thus be responsible for cell growth, cell morphology and cell differentiation. The Mint protein family (munc18-interacting protein) has three members, Mint-1, Mint-2, and Mint-3 (Okamoto and Sudhof, 1997, 1998). All three proteins contain a phosphotyrosine binding (PTB) domain and two PDZ domains (Borg et al., 1996; Okamoto and Sudhof, 1997, 1998). Mint-1 and Mint-2 are expressed in neuronal tissues (Okamoto and Sudhof, 1997), and new investigations show that Mint-1 is also expressed in insulin-secreting β -cells (Zhang et al., 2004). Mint-3 is ubiquitously expressed (Okamoto and Sudhof, 1998). The C-terminal PDZ domains of Mint mediate an interaction with the neuronal surface protein neurexin and the N-type Ca²⁺ channel (Borg et al., 1999; Maximov et al., 1999). The Mint family plays a role in the arrangement of multiprotein complexes, and its ability to control the signaling and trafficking of membrane proteins (Rogelj et al., 2006). Mints bind to munc-18, a protein necessary for synaptic vesicle exocytosis, and to CASK, which is involved in targeting and localization of synaptic membrane proteins (Butz et al., 1998; Ferro-Novick and Jahn, 1994; Hill et al., 2003; Martin, 1997; Okamoto and Sudhof, 1997; Sudhof, 1995; Zucker, 1996). They also regulate β -amyloid precursor protein (β -APP) metabolism, trafficking and A β (39-43 amino acid β -amyloprotein) production. Mint-2 presence in neurons is associated with Alzheimer's disease amyloid plaques (see for reviews: (Hardy, 1997; Mattson, 1997; McLoughlin et al., 1999). The mechanism by which Mints inhibit β -APP processing is not well understood but the Mints and their binding partners have appeared as potential therapeutic targets for the treatment of Alzheimer disease. The presence of PDZ domains in Mints indicates a potential involvement of these proteins in connecting

synaptic vesicles to the sites of synaptic intercellular junctions (Gomperts, 1996). The multiprotein complex between our investigated ligands and Mint proteins could play a role in the exocytosis of synaptic vesicles, as the process requires a Ca^{2+} trigger and the resultant release of neurotransmitters is a Ca^{2+} -dependent reaction. Synaptic vesicle exocytosis initiates with the docking of the vesicles, subsequently they are primed for Ca^{2+} in a complex reaction that may involve partial fusion of the vesicles. In conclusion, Ca^{2+} rapidly triggers the release of neurotransmitters. Additionally, we and other groups have seen that the association of Mint proteins with the plasma membrane could be mediated by the binding of its PDZ domains (Gomperts, 1996; Okamoto and Sudhof, 1997; van der Geer and Pawson, 1995) (see Fig. 3.2., 3.3., Table 3.1.). MAST-205 (microtubule associated Serine/Threonine kinase) is highly expressed in testis (Walden and Cowan, 1993) and in kidney, adrenal glands, hindbrain, small intestine and colon tissues (Wang et al., 2006). This protein possesses a Ser/Thr kinase and one PDZ domain. Few protein interactions with MAST-205 have been identified. One such interaction is that of β 2-syntrophin at the neuromuscular junction via its PDZ domain to the PDZ domain of MAST-205 (Lumeng et al., 1999). That observation suggests that the syntrophins may operate as a link between the dystrophin/utrophin network and a family of microtubule-associated protein kinases in the membrane cytoskeleton. The PDZ domain of MAST-205 additionally binds to PTEN, a tumor suppressor phosphatase, which regulates the cell growth and apoptosis. The phosphorylation of PTEN by the kinase domain of MAST-205, suggests that PTEN could be a physiological substrate, PTEN also interacts with MAGI-1-3 (Valiente et al., 2005), with MAGI-2 and 3 promoting its suppression of Akt, another major player in apoptosis and growth (Wu et al., 2000a; Wu et al., 2000b). Recent studies showed that this Ser/Thr kinase plays a role in interleukin-12 synthesis and NF- κ B activation via interaction with TRAF6 (a member of the tumor necrosis factor receptor (TNFR)-associated factor (TRAF) family that mediates cytokine signaling pathways) (Takeda and Akira, 2004; Xiong et al., 2004; Zhou et al., 2004). So, these authors conclude that MAST-205 might be a regulator between the adaptive and innate immune response. The group of Yun demonstrated that MAST205 modulates the transport activity of Na^+/H^+ exchanger (NHE3) in the renal proximal tubule, and this regulation was dependent on the presence of the kinase motif in MAST-205 (Wang et al., 2006). Our studies suggest that the C-terminal tail of PMCA4b and $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ may act as component for specific and efficient PDZ domain recognition, which could be important in the control of PMCA4b and $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ protein phosphorylation, stability, and function (Fig. 3.4., Fig. 3.10., Fig. 3.11). We have identified the PDZ domain containing protein CASK as a functional interaction partner of $\text{Ca}_v1.2$.

Additionally, the interaction between CASK and PMCA4b was confirmed (Schuh et al., 2003). The MAGUK protein CASK consists of a Ca^{2+} -calmodulin kinase, a PDZ domain, a SH3 domain, and an inactive guanylate kinase domain. It is mainly expressed at the neuronal presynaptic membrane, interacting with neuroligin associated neurexin (Atasoy et al., 2007; Irie et al., 1997; Suckow et al., 2008), and additionally expressed in epithelial cells (Hata et al., 1996). CASK is the mammalian homolog of *Caenorhabditis elegans* LIN-2. In vertebrates, CASK is found at the lateral face of epithelial cells and binds syndecan-2 at the C terminal tail (EFYA) (Cohen et al., 1998). Syndecans are heparin sulphate proteoglycans, which are able to bind to the extracellular matrix and growth factors such as FGF (fibroblast growth factor). CASK is a regulator of epidermal progenitor cells and participates in the maintenance of epidermal homeostasis (Ojeh et al., 2008). Mutation or deletion of CASK results in unusual synaptic function and perinatal death in mice (Atasoy et al., 2007), verifying its importance for brain development and function. CASK controls synapse formation and synaptic strength, and mutation or deletion in the gene leads to mental retardation (Hsueh, 2009). Maximov and Bezprozvanny (Bezprozvanny and Maximov, 2001) showed that the C-terminus splice region of N-type calcium channels is capable of interacting with the adaptor proteins Mint-1 (by PDZ domain) and CASK (by SH3 domain). And so they might be play a role in the synaptic vesicle release machinery. Note that CASK is not a neuron-specific protein; it also presents key functions in non-neural tissue like kidney. All these studies indicate that $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ and PMCA4b in conjunction with CASK may play vital roles in the targeting of protein complexes in brain and epithelial cells, and in the modulation of synaptic transmission (see Figs. 3.2., 3.3., 3.10.A, 3.11.A, Table 3.1.). Another interesting interaction partner is the sodium-hydrogen exchanger regulatory factor, NHERF1 (also named ezrin binding protein 50, EBP50) and NHERF2 (called E3KARP), both containing two tandem PDZ domains (PDZ1 and PDZ2), besides to an ERM domain that links the proteins to the cytoskeleton. NHERF1 is 52% identical to NHERF2. The PDZ domains bind to a variety of membrane proteins together with ion transport proteins, tyrosine kinase receptors (e.g. platelet derived growth factor receptor, PDGFR), and the G-protein-coupled receptors (e.g. β_2 adrenergic receptor, $\beta_2\text{AR}$). For more details see reviews (Shenolikar et al., 2004; Weinman et al., 2006). NHERF1/2 are structurally related protein adapters that are highly expressed in epithelial tissues. In coexistence, they possess overlapping function as regulators of transmembrane receptors, transporters, and other proteins localized at or near the plasma membrane. The ERM (ezrin, radixin, moesin and merlin) family of membrane cytoskeletal adapters is a crucial cellular target of NHERF (Murthy et al., 1998; Reczek et al., 1997b). The

other isoforms of NHERF family (NHERF3 and NHERF4) contain four PDZ domains without any additional regulatory or interaction domain like the ERM binding region (Seidler et al., 2009). To regulate NHE3 signaling with cAMP, NHERF1 (or NHERF2), ezrin, and protein kinase A form a multiprotein signal complex connecting NHE3 to the actin cytoskeleton. This complex is proposed to facilitate the phosphorylation and downregulation of NHE3 (Reczek et al., 1997b; Weinman, 2001; Weinman et al., 2000). There it plays a crucial role in the proximal tubule, because H^+ is secreted into the lumen by NHE3, essentially maintaining the acid base balance of the kidney. One more central aspect is the relationship between NHERF and CFTR (cystic fibrosis transmembrane regulator). CFTR is the intestinal Cl^- transporter and is located in the apical membrane of different tissues. CFTR is a channel that allows the flow of chloride (and bicarbonate) from the epithelial cells into the lumen. CFTR is expressed in epithelia of airways, secretory glands, epididymis, bile ducts and intestine. The genetic disease cystic fibrosis (CF) is caused by mutations in the CFTR gene (Sheppard et al., 1999). CFTR chloride channels in lung epithelium guarantee the secretion of chloride ions and, as secondary effect, of water in the airway fluid. In CF airway epithelia, chloride secretion is reduced and sodium absorption is enhanced, resulting in the formation of dry and thick mucus (Knowles et al., 1983). The interaction between CFTR and NHERF may explain CFTRs ability to regulate other transport proteins, including the epithelial sodium channel, the renal outer medullary potassium channel, and NHE3 (Moyer et al., 1999; Raghuram et al., 2001). NHERF bear also a function in growth factor signaling. The activation of the PDGF (platelet derived growth factor) receptor tyrosine kinase is stabilized by the binding to the NHERF PDZ1-domain. The acquirement of NHERF to built homodimers could support PDGFR activation and initiate mitogenic signals through the PI 3-kinase (phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase) and MAP kinase (mitogen-activated protein kinase) pathways. MAP kinases are protein serine and threonine kinases that play central roles in cell development, differentiation, survival, and in calcium stability (Ishizuya et al., 1997; Schindeler and Little, 2006; Sneddon et al., 2000). One knockout mouse model for NHERF1 inactivation demonstrated that NHERF1 is essential for stabilizing active phosphorylated ERM proteins at the apical membrane of the polarized epithelia of the kidney and small intestine (Morales et al., 2004). NHERF1 knockout mice introduce structural deficiencies of the intestinal brush border membrane that is similar to the failures found in ezrin knockout mice (Morales et al., 2004). A further feature of NHERF1 is its function as tumour suppressor in human breast cancer (Dai et al., 2004; Reczek et al., 1997a; Weinman et al., 2000). Mangia et al. (Mangia et al., 2009) detected that NHERF1 is overexpressed in aggressive human

breast tumours and that it has the ability to enhance cell invasion and generate an invasive phenotype in breast cancer cells in vitro, either alone or in synergy with modifications of the tumour metabolic microenvironment. That study indicates that NHERF1 seems to operate as tumour suppressor when localized at the apical level of the membrane, and as an oncogenic protein when localized in the cytoplasm or nucleus. Loss of heterozygosity (LOH) at the NHERF1 locus is established in more than 50% of breast tumours. Additionally, NHERF1 is mutated in selective primary breast tumours and breast cancer cell lines. LOH at the NHERF1 locus is associated with aggressive characteristics of breast tumours, thereby defining NHERF1 as a haploinsufficiency tumour suppressor gene (Pan et al., 2006). DeMarco et al. 2000 suggested that the PDZ domains of NHERF1/2 recognize the D-(S/T)-X-L motif (X represents any amino acid) at the C terminus. Therefore, PMCA1b-3b (motif ETSL) interacts with NHERF1/2, with the exception of PMCA4b, which has the ETSV motif. We confirmed these results with the PDZ domain array (Fig. 3.4., 3.5., Table 3.2.). Additionally, we identified a new interaction between NHERF1/2 with Ca_v1.2 (motif VSNL) in Fig. 3.4., 3.5., 3.10.B. Our findings and previous studies from other groups, emphasize the importance of a C-terminal leucine residue for high affinity peptide interaction with NHERF (DeMarco et al., 2002; Hall et al., 1998; Moyer et al., 2000). The complex of Ca_v1.2 and NHERF1/2 may provide an indirect link between the Ca²⁺ channel and the actin cytoskeletal network, especially to stabilize the channel along the membrane and allowing its regulation by co-assembled cAMP-dependent protein kinases. The PDZ domain 1 of NHERF1 is associated with SOCs (store operated calcium channel), Trp4, Trp5, as well as the phospholipases Cβ1 and Cβ2 (Tang et al., 2000), suggesting that NHERF can link the functions of SOCs to PLCβ to organize calcium and phosphoinositide metabolism, and control cell metabolism and growth. Our new results suggest an involvement of NHERF1/2 in the regulation of Ca²⁺ transport as well.

Concluding remarks for the PDZ array

All novel identified interactions between our ligands (Ca_v1.2 and PMCA4b) and the PDZ domain containing proteins demonstrate the potential of this proteomics approach to identify physiologically important interactions between signaling molecules. Nevertheless, the PDZ array tool is not without limitations. The binding of C-terminal peptides to isolated PDZ domains does not explain secondary interactions that could contribute to binding affinity and specificity. Maybe, not all identified interactions will be physiologically relevant. The interacting partners have to be expressed in parallel in the same cell for obvious evidence.

But, that uncomplicated array has the potential to test objectively all possible interactions with both membrane bound and cytosolic signaling proteins. That array is potent enough to allow identification of interactions with specific PDZ domains in a protein that includes numerous such domains. So, it is possible to identify potential relations between multiple signaling molecules.

4.2. Co-localizations in rat cardiomyocytes

The co-localization of $Ca_v1.2$ and NHERF1 at the intercalated disc in rat cardiomyocytes, and of $Ca_v1.2$ and MAGI-3 at the intercalated discs (Fig. 3.12.) and the transversale tubules is worthy of note. Intercalated discs are complex structures, which connect single cardiac myocytes to an electrochemical syncytium. They are primarily responsible for pulse transmission for the duration of muscle contraction and for stabilization. These discs support quick swell of action potentials and the coordinated contraction of the myocardium. Intercalated discs exhibit three special types of cell-cell junctions: the actin filament anchoring adherens junctions (fascia adherens), the intermediate filament anchoring desmosomes (macula adherens) and gap junctions. The transversale tubules (T-tubules) are invaginations of the sarcolemma. These invaginations facilitate rapid transfer of a depolarization from the plasmamembrane to the core of the cell. The same applies for PMCA4b and MAGI-3 at the transverse tubules (Fig. 3.12.). T-tubules are important for the coupling of excitation and contraction. The L-type calcium channels occurred at these invaginations in a large number. So they trigger in response to electrical stimulation: their opening allows calcium flow driven by electrochemical gradient and into the cell. An interesting study is from P. Day and B. Kobilka (Day and Kobilka, 2006). They have shown an expression of MAGI-3 in cardiac myocytes and have detected a co-expression in HEK 293 cells between MAGI-3 and $\beta 1$ -adrenoceptor. MAGI-3 is localized in the nucleus in the absence of $\beta 1$ -adrenoceptors, but targeted to the plasmamembrane when both were expressed in HEK 293 cells. The interaction between MAGI-3 and $\beta 1$ - and $\beta 2$ -adrenoceptors are important physiological tasks in neonatal cardiac myocytes (Xiang et al., 2002; Xiang and Kobilka, 2003). The $\beta 1$ -adrenoceptor does not undertake internalization and links only to the α - subunit of the G-protein (activates cAMP dependent pathway) in these myocytes (Devic et al., 2001). MAGI-3 also binds to frizzled transmembrane receptors 4 and 7, both of these are expressed in the heart and may play a role in cardiac remodeling in response to injury (Yao et al., 2004). PMCA4b and $Ca_v1.2$ are both expressed at the caveolae and at the plasmamembrane, as mentioned above. Little is known about the function of MAGI-3 and

NHERF1 in the heart. However, we would conclude that our findings of co-localizations play a role in signal transmission of cell contraction and stabilization at the membrane.

We also did immunohistochemistry (data not shown) in $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ transfected ECV cells and checked the co-localization with ZO-1 and also in double-transfected HEK 293 cells (transfected with $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ and nNOS). Both co-localizations have not confirmed clear results. ZO-1 was well seen at the membrane but $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ was diffuse and more expressed in the cytoplasm. An explanation could be that $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ expression vector contains only the α -subunit of the channel. It is known from various studies that the β -subunit is essential to express that protein on the membrane (Catterall, 2000). The same outcome was obtained for the localization of $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ and nNOS in HEK 293 cells. Daniel et al. (Daniel et al., 2001) observed in canine lower esophageal sphincter (LES) that colocalization of nNOS and L-type Ca^{2+} channel takes place in the caveolae. However, until now, no well-defined localization of nNOS in cells was detected.

4.3. Interaction of $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ with PDZ domain containing protein nNOS

NO is an important effector in the cardiovascular system and it exerts many myocardial functions, like modulation of contractile function, energetics, substrate metabolism, cell growth and survival (Massion et al., 2003; Sears et al., 2004). NO causes vascular relaxation through functional interaction with soluble guanylyl cyclase (sGC) in the blood vessel wall, but also disperses into the lumen of the vessel where it interacts with a number of other cell types. In smooth muscles, the sGC is the primary target for NO, also in platelets and inflammatory cells. In mammalian myocardium, eNOS and nNOS are expressed. eNOS is found in coronary and endocardial endothelial cells and cardiomyocytes (Feron et al., 1996). nNOS has been localized in cardiac autonomic nerves, ganglia and cardiomyocytes (Danson et al., 2005; Xu et al., 1999a). Both NOS enzymes are expressed in divergent subcellular compartments in cardiomyocytes (Feron et al., 1996; Williams et al., 2006a; Xu et al., 1999a) where they are expected to couple to different effector molecules and exert diverse effects following enzyme activation. nNOS regulates excitation-contraction coupling (Barouch et al., 2002; Sears et al., 2003), β -adrenergic inotropic response (Barouch et al., 2002), and the development of heart failure (Bendall et al., 2004; Damy et al., 2004). nNOS-derived NO may play a role in the physiological regulation of myocardial contraction and Ca^{2+} fluxes. nNOS was identified in the sarcoplasmic reticulum (SR) in the myocardium, where it was initially found to inhibit Ca^{2+} uptake through the SR Ca^{2+} pump (SERCA2a) in SR microvesicles (Schuh et al., 2001; Xu et al., 1999b; Xu et al., 2003a). nNOS also controls the opening of L-

type Ca^{2+} channel (Sears et al., 2003). A controversial discussion has arisen about the interaction of nNOS with the SR Ca^{2+} release channel (Ryanodine receptor, RyR2) in the heart. Burkard et al. (Burkard et al., 2007) have not seen an interaction between these two proteins. Other groups co-immunoprecipitated nNOS and RyR2 (Barouch et al., 2002; Bendall et al., 2004; Damy et al., 2003; Damy et al., 2004). Myocardial nNOS has also been localized to the sarcolemma (Williams et al., 2006a), particularly in the left ventricular (LV) myocardium of remodelled and failing hearts (Bendall et al., 2004; Damy et al., 2003; Damy et al., 2004). The subcellular localization of nNOS is dependent on interactions between its PDZ domain and scaffold adaptor proteins, for example Dystrophin, α -Syntrophin (Williams et al., 2006a) and Caveolin-3 (Venema et al., 1997). Overexpression of nNOS has been found to trigger a decrease in Ca^{2+} currents in sinoatrial node cells (Heaton et al., 2006). In the same way, myocardial-specific nNOS overexpression has been correlated with a reduction in Ca^{2+} current density, $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_i$ transient amplitude and cell shortening in isolated myocytes and in vivo (Burkard et al., 2007). nNOS deletion or inhibition causes an increase in Ca^{2+} currents through the L-type Ca^{2+} channels and a reduction in SERCA activity, leading to enhancement of contraction and impairment of relaxation (Seddon et al., 2007). We confirmed these studies by measurement of Ca^{2+} currents in HEK 293 cells stably expressing $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ and co-transfected with nNOS (Fig. 3.16.). And we observed that the nNOS PDZ domain is possibly important for protein interaction (Fig. 3.15.). It has been shown that NO modulates ion channel activity by nitrosylation of sulfhydryl groups on the channel protein (Bolotina et al., 1994; Campbell et al., 1996a; Hu et al., 1997b). Summers et al. detected that NO inhibits L-type voltage-gated Ca^{2+} channels (Summers et al., 1999). So we postulate that the interaction between the C-terminus of $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ and the PDZ domain of nNOS inhibits the currents by S-nitrosylation of the channel protein (Fig. 3.17.). All these data propose that under basal conditions nNOS-derived NO may exert an inhibitory effect on Ca^{2+} influx and myocardial contraction thereby promoting relaxation. NO binds and stimulates sGC, which leads to the production of cGMP, which then activates a cascade of signalling events through activation of Protein kinase G. NO is also thought to control heart function through a number of cGMP-independent pathways including nitrosylation of various proteins involved in excitation-contraction coupling and the generation of peroxynitrite.

4.4. His-Tag pull-down

The interactions between the C-terminus of PMCA4b and the proteins MAST-205 and MAGI-3 were verified by His-tag pull-down via Talon Metal Affinity Resins (see 2.5.). The pull-down assays were performed from brain, testis and heart extracts (Figs. 3.13.B and 3.13.C). From the unspecific binding between the control vector pEXP and our expression vector pEXP-PMCA4b. The binding pattern was seen in every lane, whether or not pEXP, pEXP-PMCA4b, respectively. Particularly, the Coomassie Blue staining of SDS-polyacrylamide gel showed an explicit shift from the bound fusion proteins. The explanation for vague binding results could be on one hand the lysates of the organs which are often highly concentrated and contain so many different proteins, peptides, fats and fatty acids. So, an unspecific binding is not unusual. On the other hand both proteins (MAST-205, MAGI-3) are not very common proteins. As a consequence of this, there exists only one company which sell these antibodies. So maybe the antibodies were not good working. A solution for the His-tag pull down might be a construct enabling of MAST-205 protein and MAGI-3 protein for cell transfection.

4.5. Interaction Ca_v1.2 kurz with MAST-205 via GST pull-down

The interacting of Ca_v1.2 with the PDZ domain of MAST-205 posed the question of whether MAST kinase may phosphorylate Ca_v1.2. To explore this possibility, we tested the ability of the kinase domain (KD/MAST-205) and the kinase plus the PDZ domain of MAST-205 (KD + PDZ/MAST-205) to interact physically with Ca_v1.2 (Fig. 3.14. B). Stable HEK cells were transfected with plasmids encoding HA KD/MAST-205 or HA KD + PDZ/MAST-205 protein, and pull-down assays were performed using GST-Ca_v1.2 kurz purified from bacteria (Fig. 3.14. A). We expected that Ca_v1.2 co-precipitate the kinase + PDZ/MAST-205 protein. Unfortunately, our results did not show clearly that interaction. Probably it is a technical problem: the GST protein expression could be stronger and more clearly. However, the GST pull-down present tendencies in binding of Ca_v1.2 to the PDZ domain of MAST-205 (Fig. 3.14. B, last lane). The signal in the last lane showed a disaggregation of the protein lysate. After optimizing the GST protein expression in bacteria and the pull-down protocol, a positive result might be expected. Ca_v1.2 as well interacted with kinase/MAST-205 (Fig. 3.14.B, lane 3), suggesting that Ca_v1.2 could be a substrate for MAST-205. The future step could be MAST-kinase assay. The procedure includes incubation of GST-Ca_v1.2 with purified HA kinase/MAST-205 in the presence of [γ -³²P]ATP, and the phosphorylated proteins might be detected by SDS-polyacrylamide gels. Together, our results demonstrate for

the first time a binding of the C-terminal end of Ca_v1.2 to the PDZ domain of MAST-205. A new approach testing if the calcium channel could be phosphorylated by the kinase domain of MAST-205 would be of interest.

4.6. S-nitrosylation of Ca_v1.2 via Biotin Switch Assay

We discussed in 4.3. the intracellular signaling pathways together with the effects of nNOS-derived NO. Nitric oxide does not act as a freely diffusible messenger. Either NO stimulates the activity of guanylate cyclase, that produces cGMP from GTP or NO nitrosylates tyrosine and thiol groups of cysteine in proteins. During nitrosylation, proteins could modify their properties, equivalent to the changes induced by phosphorylation and palmitoylation (Hess et al., 2005; Mannick and Schonhoff, 2002; Martinez-Ruiz and Lamas, 2004). Cellular proteins that may undergo S-nitrosylation are L-type Ca²⁺ channel (Campbell et al., 1996b; Hu et al., 1997a; Sun et al., 2006), potassium channel K_v1.5, SERCA and RyR2 (Eu et al., 1999; Lokuta et al., 2005; Nunez et al., 2006; Xu et al., 1998). It is also known that NO plays a significant role in modulating myocardial function in both health and disease (Hare and Stamler, 2005) and so, the nitrosative and oxidative stress play essential roles in the regulation of cardiac myocyte function and survival (Hare and Stamler, 2005). Under physiological oxidative stress, NO might provide protection to cells by S-nitrosylation of some critical protein thiols, preventing them from additional oxidative damage. This NO-induced post-translational modification of proteins serves as a key effector of NO bioactivity and is an imperative regulator of cellular signal transduction. In our study, we would conclude that S-nitrosylation of the Ca_v1.2 channel is possible (Fig. 3.17.). The result (Fig. 3.17.B) confirmed a clear banding pattern in the lane 4 with the Ca_v1.2 and nNOS lysate. Even if the controls were not clearly (Fig. 3.17.B lane 5/6). NO is a highly diffusible and short-living physiological messenger, obviously the influential factor that supports S-nitrosylation. The detection of protein S-nitrosylation is not simply performed with traditional methods such as IP or IB, where the S-NO bond is broken during the SDS-PAGE. The largest part of the works in this field have been prepared using indirect methods, measuring free NO levels after cleavage of S-NO bonds or changing the unique nitrosothiols with a different detectable tag (see scheme 2.16.). These methods are sensitive but lack specificity. The first and most commonly method for the specific tagging of S-nitrosylated proteins was developed by Jaffrey et al. (Jaffrey et al., 2001) and named Biotin Switch. Their suggestion was to convert nitrosylated cysteins into biotinylated cysteins that could then be identified afterwards via streptavidin or a specific antibody without difficulty (see 2.10.). However, there are some critical points to discuss,

which were potentially the reason for our imprecise controls in that assay. On the one hand, the Biotin Switch assay is very light sensitive, meaning the assay has to be entirely conducted in darkness. On the other hand, ascorbate, which is used in the labeling step, is a poor reducer of protein S-NO and long incubation times are necessary to realize a quantitative reaction (Zhang et al., 2005). Furthermore, it has been reported that use of ascorbate can initiate false positive signals (Landino et al., 2006). Despite these controversial discussions, the Biotin Switch is the most commonly used method of detection of S-nitrosylated proteins in biological samples, which have been effectively used to identify the S-nitrosylated sites.

We conclude that Ca_v1.2 interacts physically with nNOS-, MAST-205-, MAGI-3-, NHERF1-, and ZO-1-PDZ domains; and PMCA4b with MAST-205- and MAGI-3-PDZ domains, all demonstrated via different assays (PDZ array, GST pull-down, IP). The partial co-localization of Ca_v1.2 and MAGI-3, Ca_v1.2 and NHERF1, and PMCA4b and MAGI-3 in rat cardiomyocytes indicates that an interaction of these proteins is highly possible. From our results, we conclude that Ca_v1.2 and PMCA4b bind promiscuously to a variety of PDZ domains. The physiological consequences of some of these interactions remain to be investigated.

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OUTLOOK

Ca_v1.2 and PMCA4b are important in heart, brain, smooth and skeletal muscles. Despite numerous studies, their physiological functions have not yet been completely clarified. The novel discovered interaction partners of both protein ligands have possible influences on to their intercellular signaling, cell adhesion, and angiogenesis. Further investigations, like co-localizations and co-immunoprecipitations should be conducted for these interactions, for example an IP of Ca_v1.2 with ΔnNOS (mutant nNOS without PDZ domain). The physiological roles must be more recessed. We measured calcium currents in stably Ca_v1.2 transfected HEK 293 cells (co-transfected with nNOS, ΔnNOS respectively). In future, we should extend these experiments, e.g. with NO donors. In order to prove that the MAST kinase affects the Ca_v1.2 channel a physiological experiment could be a MAST-205 kinase assay. More experiments should also be done with the S-nitrosylation assays. Overexpression and knock-down research with the interacting partners could also be a part of future projects. These steps would expose further physiological functions of Ca_v1.2 and PMCA4b in the cardiovascular system and in the nervous system.

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PPENDIX

A.1. Sequence alignments of vector constructs

A.1.1. pEXP-LTCC

1	AGC GCC CAA TAC GCA AAC CGC CTC TCC CCG CGC GTT GGC CGA TTC	45
1	Ser Ala Gln Tyr Ala Asn Arg Leu Ser Pro Arg Val Gly Arg Phe	15
46	ATT AAT GCA GCT GGC ACG ACA GGT TTC CCG ACT GGA AAG CGG GCA	90
16	Ile Asn Ala Ala Gly Thr Thr Gly Phe Pro Thr Gly Lys Arg Ala	30
91	GTG AGC GCA ACG CAA TTA ATG TGA GTT AGC TCA CTC ATT AGG CAC	135
31	Val Ser Ala Thr Gln Leu Met End Val Ser Ser Leu Ile Arg His	45
136	CCC AGG CTT TAC ACT TTA TGC TTC CGG CTC GTA TGT TGT GTG GAA	180
46	Pro Arg Leu Tyr Thr Leu Cys Phe Arg Leu Val Cys Cys Val Glu	60
181	TTG TGA GCG GAT AAC AAT TTC ACA CAG GAA ACA GCT ATG ACC ATG	225
61	Leu End Ala Asp Asn Asn Phe Thr Gln Glu Thr Ala Met Thr Met	75

Start Histidin-tag (241-258)

226	ATT ACG CCA AGC TTG CAT CAC CAT CAC CAT CAC AAG AAG AAA CCA	270
76	Ile Thr Pro Ser Leu His His His His His His Lys Lys Lys Pro	90
271	CTG GAT GGA GAA TAT TTC ACC CTT CAG ATC CGT GGG CGT GAG CGC	315
91	Leu Asp Gly Glu Tyr Phe Thr Leu Gln Ile Arg Gly Arg Glu Arg	105
316	TTC GAG ATG TTC CGA GAG CTG AAT GAG GCC TTG GAA CTC AAG GAT	360
106	Phe Glu Met Phe Arg Glu Leu Asn Glu Ala Leu Glu Leu Lys Asp	120
361	GCC CAG GCT GGG AAG GAG CCA GGG GGT GGT GGT GGT GGT GGT GGT	405
121	Ala Gln Ala Gly Lys Glu Pro Gly Gly Gly Gly Gly Gly Gly Gly	135

Multiple Cloning Side, MCS (406-483)

GAC AGC AGG TCC TAT GTC AGC AAC CTG TAG (LTCC) 418-447, Sequence of C-terminal tail of Ca_v1.2

(restriction enzymes)	PstI	↓	XbaI , the red arrow indicate the position of the insert	
406	GCA TGC CTG CAG TCT AGA GGA TCC CCG GGT ACC GGT ACT			450
136	Ala Cys Leu Gln Val Asp Ser Arg Gly Ser Pro Gly Thr Gly Thr			150
451	AGT AGA AAA AAT GAG TAA CGG CCG TAC GGG CCC TTT CGT CTC GCG			495
151	Ser Arg Lys Asn Glu End Arg Pro Tyr Gly Pro Phe Arg Leu Ala			165
496	CGT TTC GGT GAT GAC GGT GAA AAC CTC TGA CAC ATG CAG CTC CCG			540

166	Arg	Phe	Gly	Asp	Asp	Gly	Glu	Asn	Leu	End	His	Met	Gln	Leu	Pro	180
541	GAG	ACG	GTC	ACA	GCT	TGT	CTG	TAA	GCG	GAT	GCC	GGG	AGC	AGA	CAA	585
181	Glu	Thr	Val	Thr	Ala	Cys	Leu	End	Ala	Asp	Ala	Gly	Ser	Arg	Gln	195
586	GCC	CGT	CAG	GGC	GCG	TCA	GCG	GGT	GTT	GGC	GGG	TGT	CGG	GGC	TGG	630
196	Ala	Arg	Gln	Gly	Ala	Ser	Ala	Gly	Val	Gly	Gly	Cys	Arg	Gly	Trp	210
631	CTT	AAC	TAT	GCG	GCA	TCA	GAG	CAG	ATT	GTA	CTG	AGA	GTG	CAC	CAT	675
211	Leu	Asn	Tyr	Ala	Ala	Ser	Glu	Gln	Ile	Val	Leu	Arg	Val	His	His	225
676	ATG	CGG	TGT	GAA	ATA	CCG	CAC	AGA	TGC	GTA	AGG	AGA	AAA	TAC	CGC	720
226	Met	Arg	Cys	Glu	Ile	Pro	His	Arg	Cys	Val	Arg	Arg	Lys	Tyr	Arg	240
721	ATC	AGG	CGG	CCT	TAA	GGG	CCT	CGT	GAT	ACG	CCT	ATT	TTT	ATA	GGT	765
241	Ile	Arg	Arg	Pro	End	Gly	Pro	Arg	Asp	Thr	Pro	Ile	Phe	Ile	Gly	255
766	TAA	TGT	CAT	GAT	AAT	AAT	GGT	TTC	TTA	GAC	GTC	AGG	TGG	CAC	TTT	810
256	End	Cys	His	Asp	Asn	Asn	Gly	Phe	Leu	Asp	Val	Arg	Trp	His	Phe	270
811	TCG	GGG	AAA	TGT	GCG	CGG	AAC	CCC	TAT	TTG	TTT	ATT	TTT	CTA	AAT	855
271	Ser	Gly	Lys	Cys	Ala	Arg	Asn	Pro	Tyr	Leu	Phe	Ile	Phe	Leu	Asn	285
856	ACA	TTC	AAA	TAT	GTA	TCC	GCT	CAT	GAG	ACA	ATA	ACC	CTG	ATA	AAT	900
286	Thr	Phe	Lys	Tyr	Val	Ser	Ala	His	Glu	Thr	Ile	Thr	Leu	Ile	Asn	300
901	GCT	TCA	ATA	ATA	TTG	AAA	AAG	GAA	GAG	TAT	GAG	TAT	TCA	ACA	TTT	945
301	Ala	Ser	Ile	Ile	Leu	Lys	Lys	Glu	Glu	Tyr	Glu	Tyr	Ser	Thr	Phe	315
946	CCG	TGT	CGC	CCT	TAT	TCC	CTT	TTT	TGC	GGC	ATT	TTG	CCT	TCC	TGT	990
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Proteinsequence Ca_v1.2 alpha subunit rabbit

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part of protein
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 (transmembranhelix)

Hmmtop (program for transmembrane topology prediction)

Length: 2171

N-terminus: OUT

Number of transmembrane helices: 17

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Total entropy of the model: 17.0257

Entropy of the best path: 17.0356

The best path:

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Rabbit mRNA for cardiac dihydropyridine-sensitive calcium channel

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Rabbit mRNA for cardiac dihydropyridine-sensitive calcium channel

Translate

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EcoRI
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XhoI STOP
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M = methionin
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ABBREVIATIONS

~	approximately
[Ca ²⁺]	Ca ²⁺ concentration
AID	alpha interaction domain
BID	beta interaction domain
Ca ²⁺	calcium
CDI	Ca ²⁺ dependent inactivation
cDNA	complementary DNA
CT	C-terminal tail
DHP	Dihydropyridine
DNA	Desoxyribonucleid acid
EC	excitation-contraction
ER	endoplasmic reticulum
E. coli	Escherichia coli
HEK	human embryonic kidney
IQ	isoleucine-glutamine
NO	nitric oxide
OD	optical density
PAGE	polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis
PCR	polymerase chain reaction
Pos	positive
RNA	Ribonucleid acid
SH3	Src homology 3
SR	sarcoplasmic reticulum
VGCC	voltage-gated calcium channel
WW	domain with conserved tryptophans

Abbreviations: Proteins

AJ	adherens junction protein
Ca _v 1.2	Ca _v 1.2 α 1c
CaM	calmodulin
CaM-BD	calmodulin binding domain
CASK	Ca ²⁺ /calmodulin-dependent membrane-associated kinase
CFTR	cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator
cGMP	cyclic-guanosin cyclise
GUK	guanylate kinase
DLG	Drosophila discs large
eNOS	endothelial nitric oxide synthase
GST	glutathione S-transferase

HRP	horse radish peroxidase
IgG	immunoglobulin G
iNOS	inducible nitric oxide synthase
IP ₃ R	inositol triphosphate receptor
LTCC	L-type calcium channel
MAGI	multi-PDZ-containing protein membrane associated guanylate kinase inverted
MAGUK	membrane-associated guanylate kinase
MUPP	multi-PDZ domain protein
NCX	sodium/calcium exchanger
NHERF	sodium-hydrogen antiporter 3 regulator 1
NMDA-R	N-methyl-D-aspartic acid receptor
nNOS	neuronal nitric oxide synthase
PKA	protein kinase A
PKC	protein kinase C
PLC	phospholipase C
PMCA	plasma membrane calcium ATPase
PSD	postsynaptic density protein
RyR	ryanodine receptor
SERCA	sarcoplasmic reticulum Ca ²⁺ ATPase
sGC	soluble guanylate cyclase
TJ	tight junction protein
ZO	zonula occludens

Abbreviations: Chemicals

APS	Ammonium persulphate
BCA	Bicinchoninic acid
BSA	Bovine serum albumin
DMEM	Dulbecco/modified Eagle's minimal essential medium
EDTA	ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid
FCS	Foetal calf serum
HEPES	4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazineethanesulfonic acid
IPTG	isopropyl-1-thio-β-D-galactopyranoside
LB	Luria Bertani
LB-Amp	LB-medium supplemented with Ampicillin
PBS	Phosphate buffered saline
SDS	sodium dodecyl sulphate
TBS	Tris buffered saline

Abbreviations: units of measurement

μ	micro
x g	G-force
A	Ampere
bp	base pairs
kDa	kilodalton
g	gram
h	hour
kg	kilogram
l	litre
m	mili
M	molar
mg/ml	miligram per mililitre
min	minutes
n	nano
nm	nanometers
rpm	revolutions per minute
s	second
V	Volt

Abbreviations: amino acid residues

*	free carboxyl group
Φ	hydrophobic residue
Ψ	aromatic residue
X	any residue
A	Alanine
C	Cysteine
D	Aspartic acid
E	Glutamic acid
F	Phenylalanine
G	Glycine
H	Histidine
I	Isoleucine
K	Lysine
L	Leucine
M	Methionine
N	Asparagine
P	Proline
Q	Glutamine
R	Arginine

S	Serine
T	Threonine
V	Valine
W	Tryptophan
Y	Tyrosine

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