

Spædbarnsmord eller hjerterytmeforstyrrelse?

*Krimiudgaven af moderne
forskningsbaseret personlig medicin*

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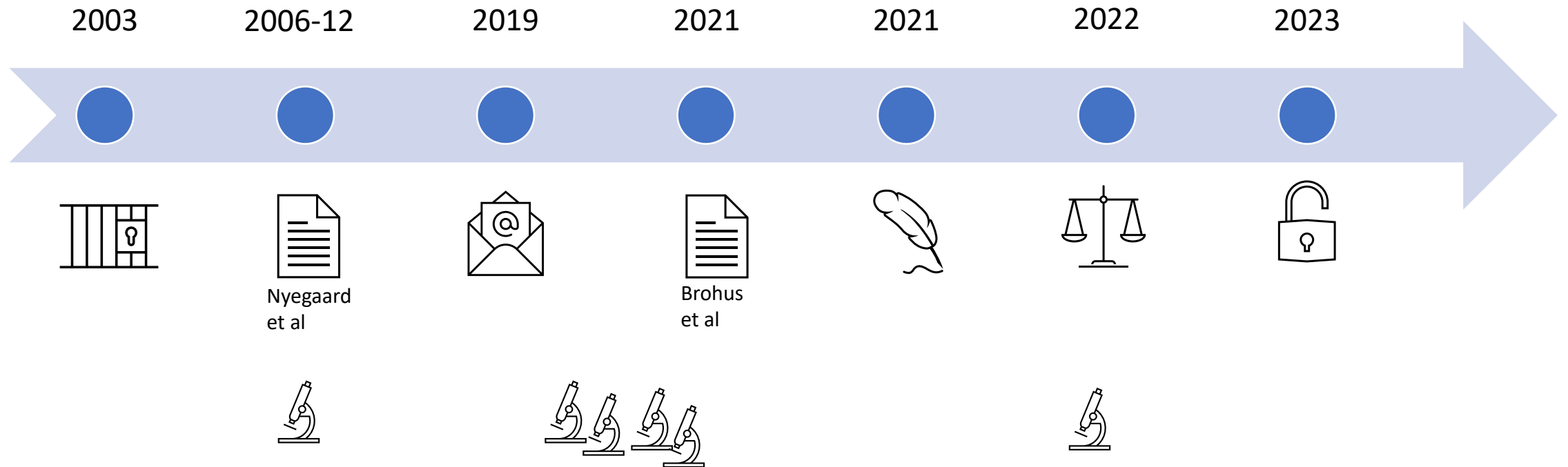


Malene Brohus



Mette Nyegaard

Aftenens menu





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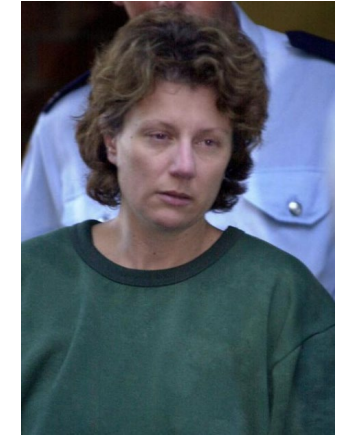
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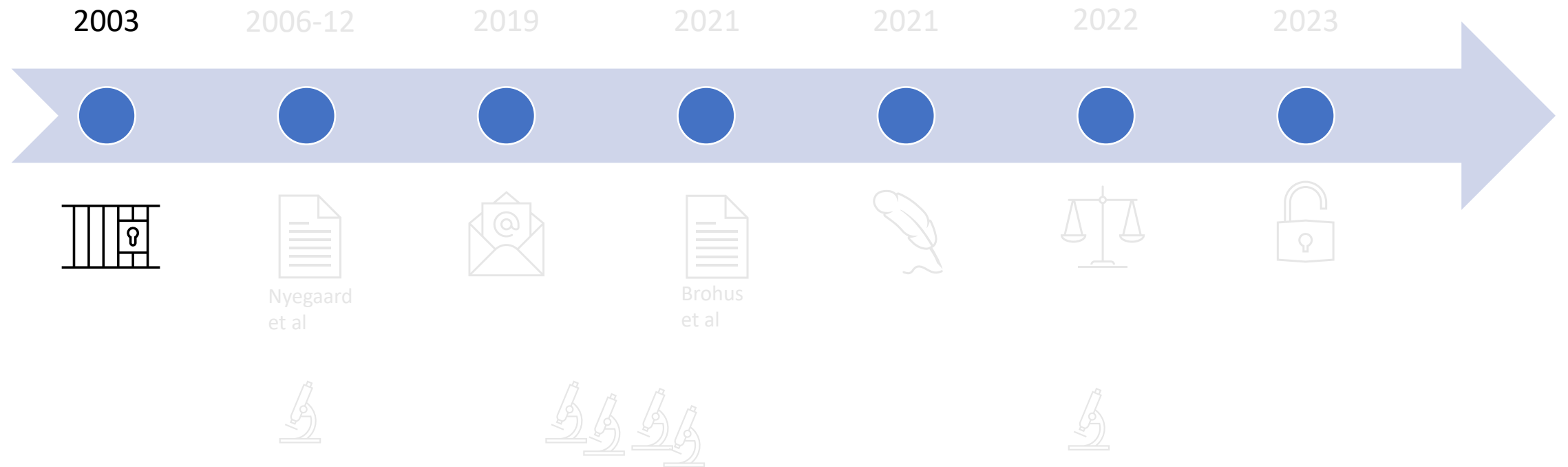
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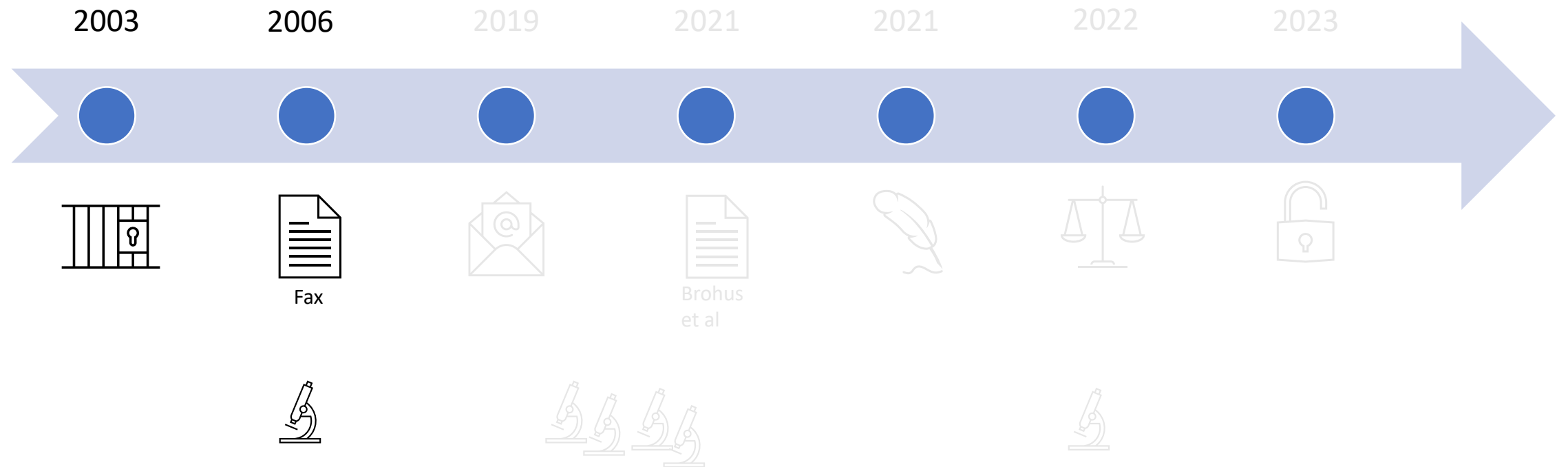
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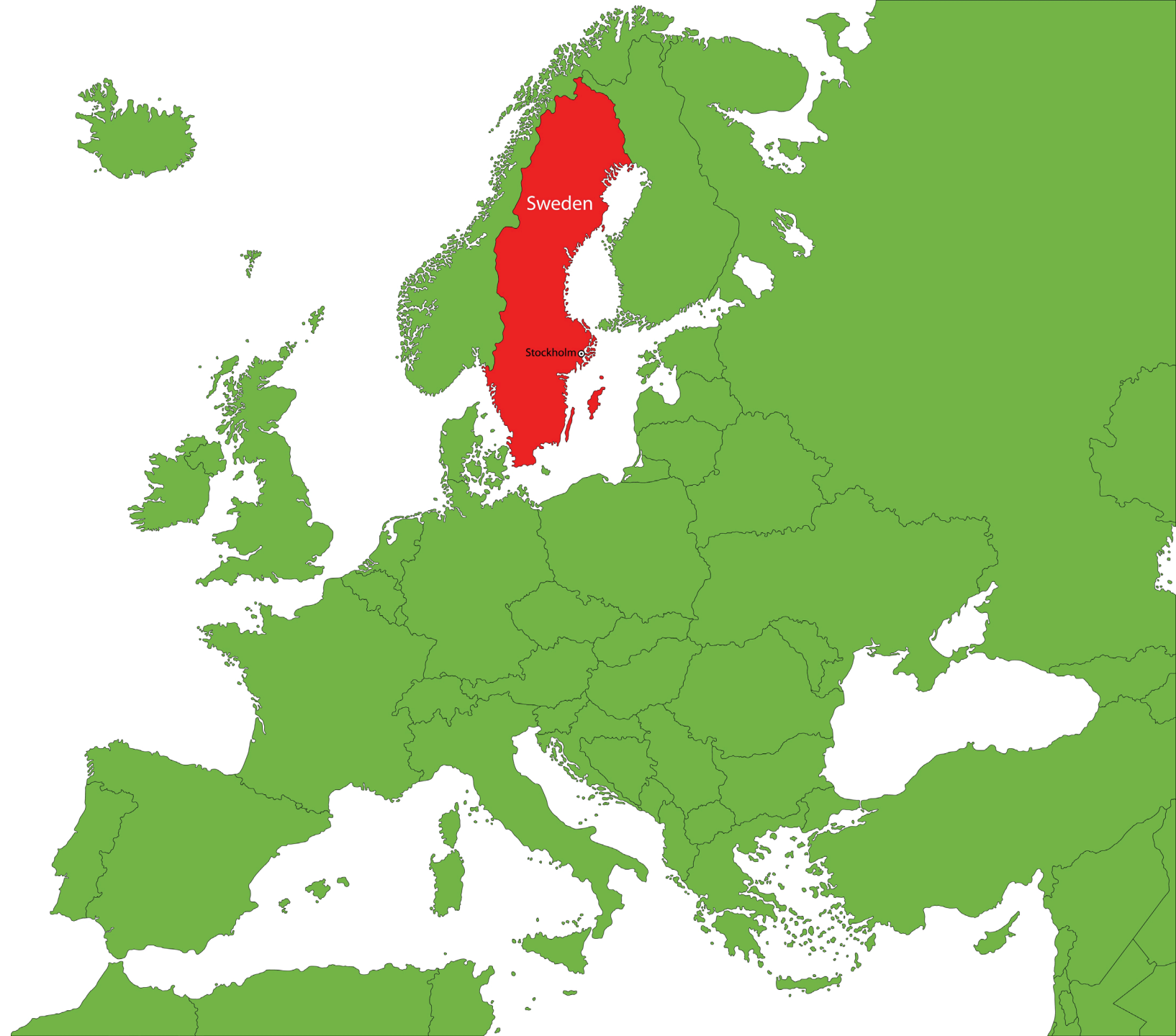
Kathleen idømt 40 års fængsel

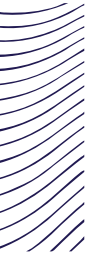


Hvorfor blev vi involveret?

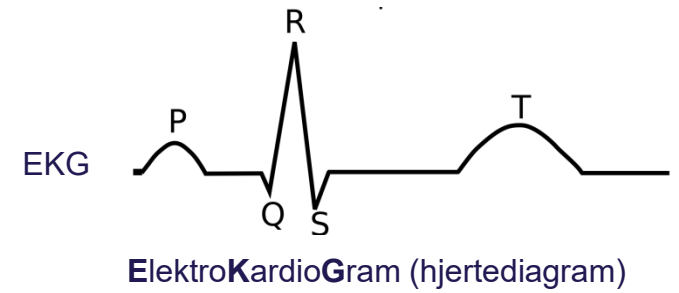


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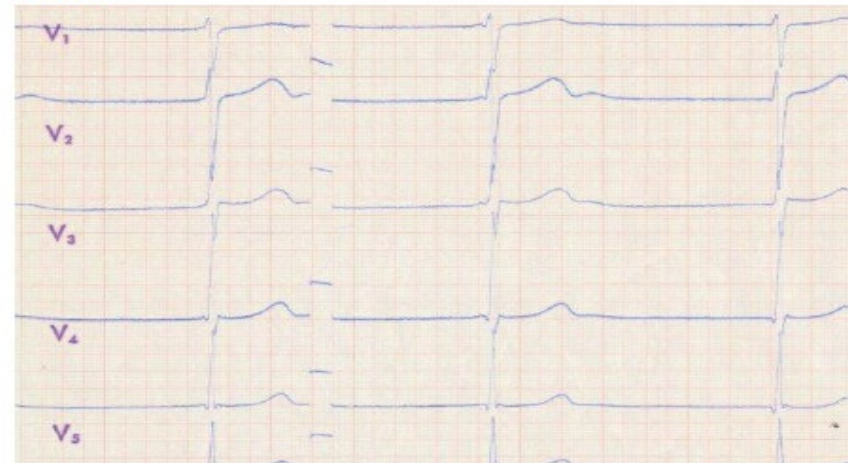




- Dreng med hyppige besvimelser under motion eller stress
- Hjertet ser normalt ud ved scanning
- EKG normalt i hvile (prominent U bølge)
- Hjerterytmeforstyrrelser under sport
- CPVT: Catecholaminergic polymorphic ventricular tachycardia
- Mange tilfælde i familien



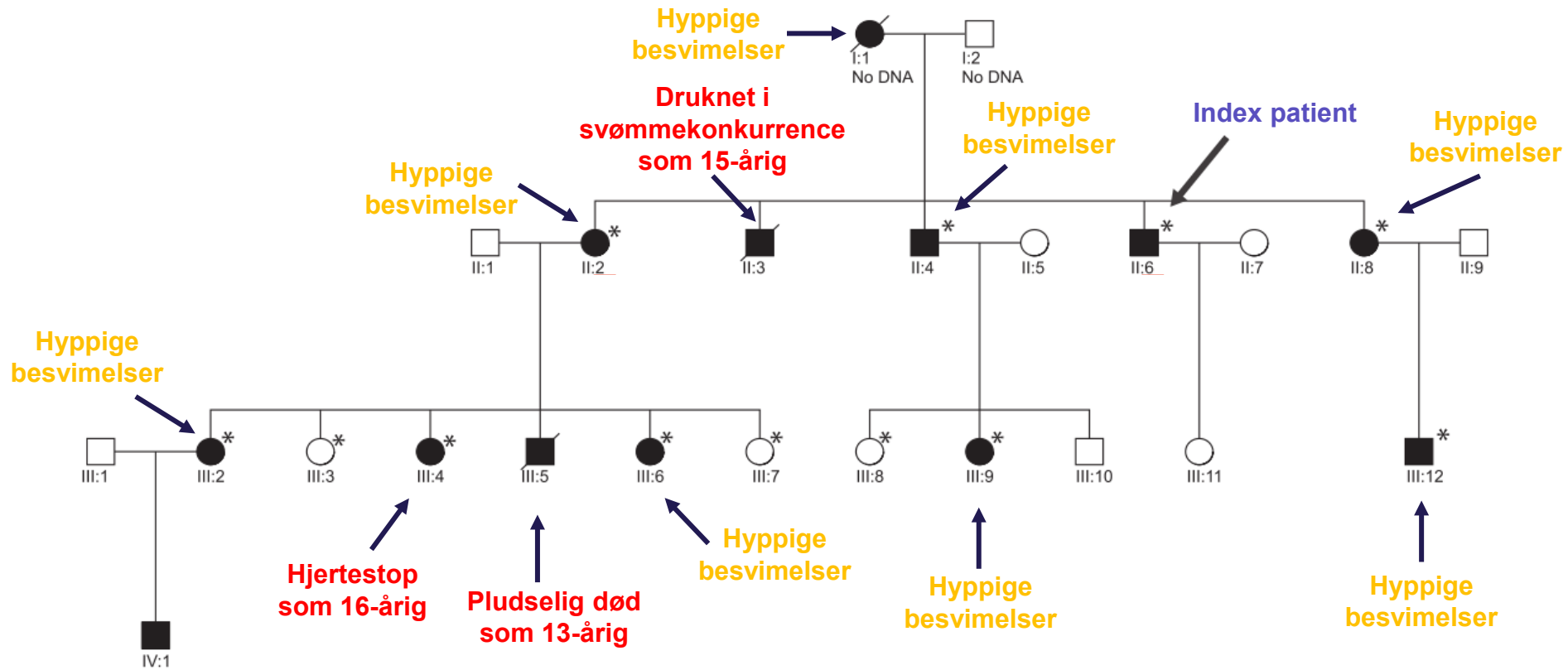
EKG i hviletilstand (inaktiv)



EKG under fodboldtræning (12 år gammel)

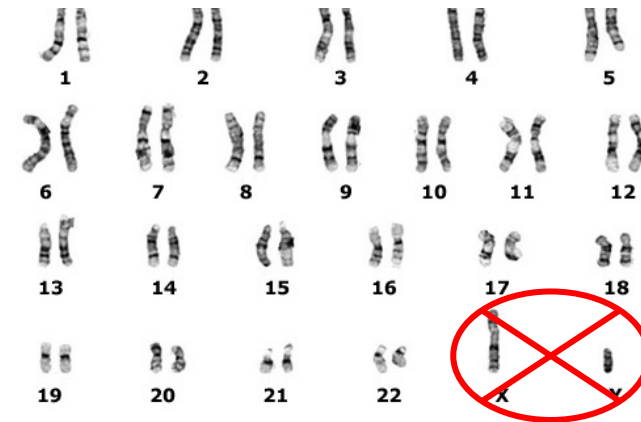
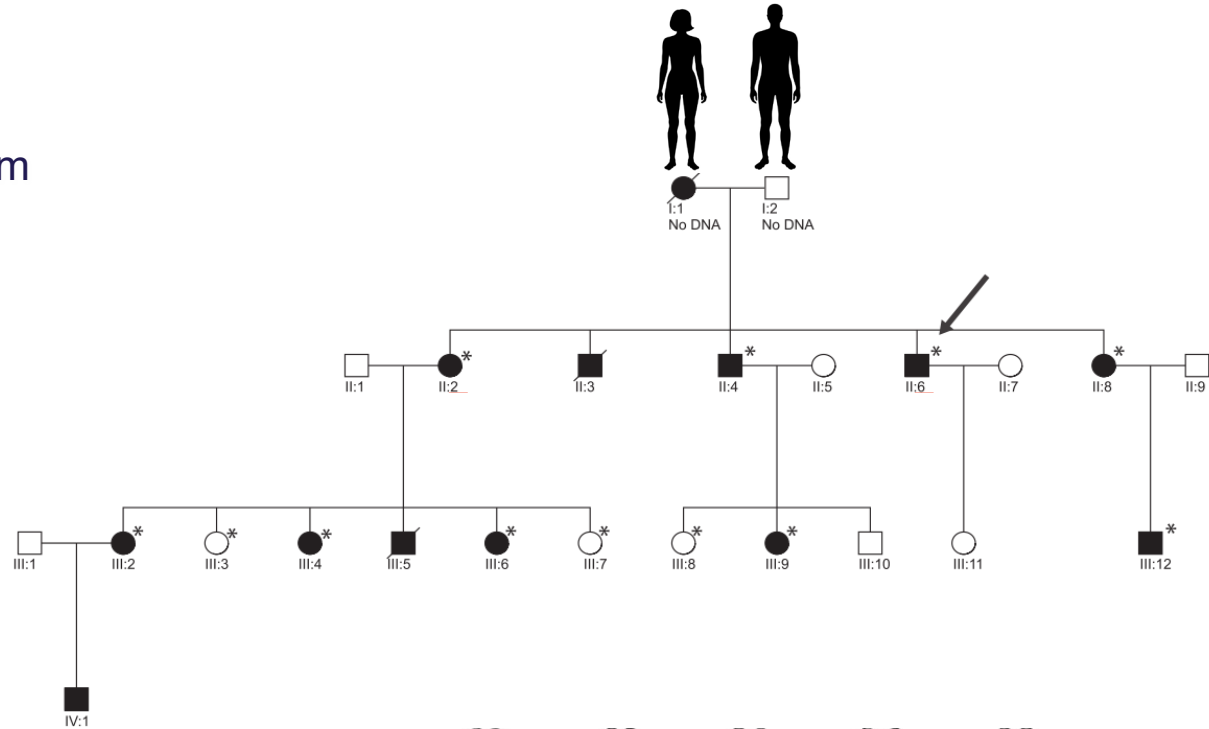


Dominant mendelsk nedarvet sygdom

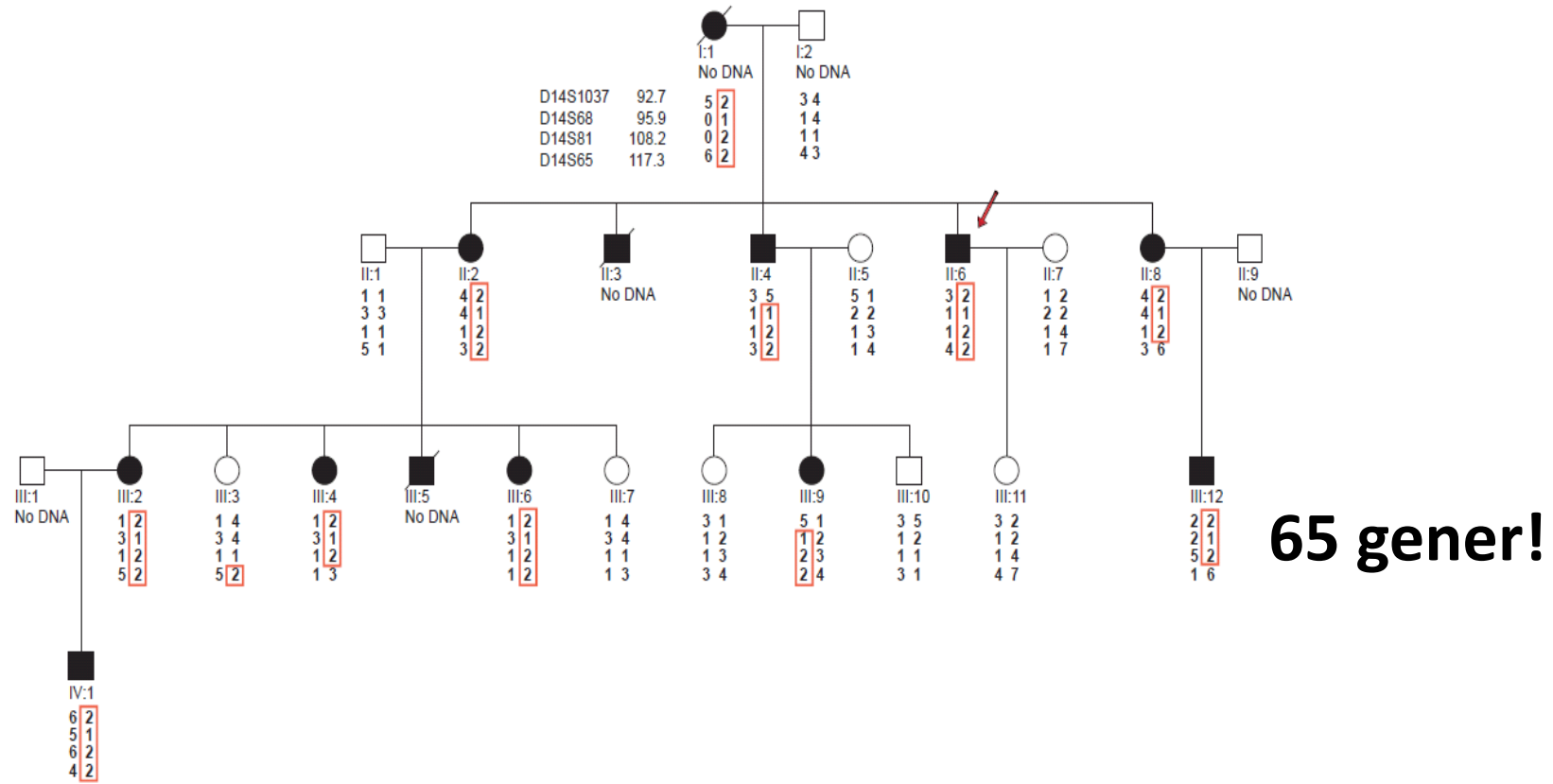


Koblingsanalyse: identificér sygdomsgen

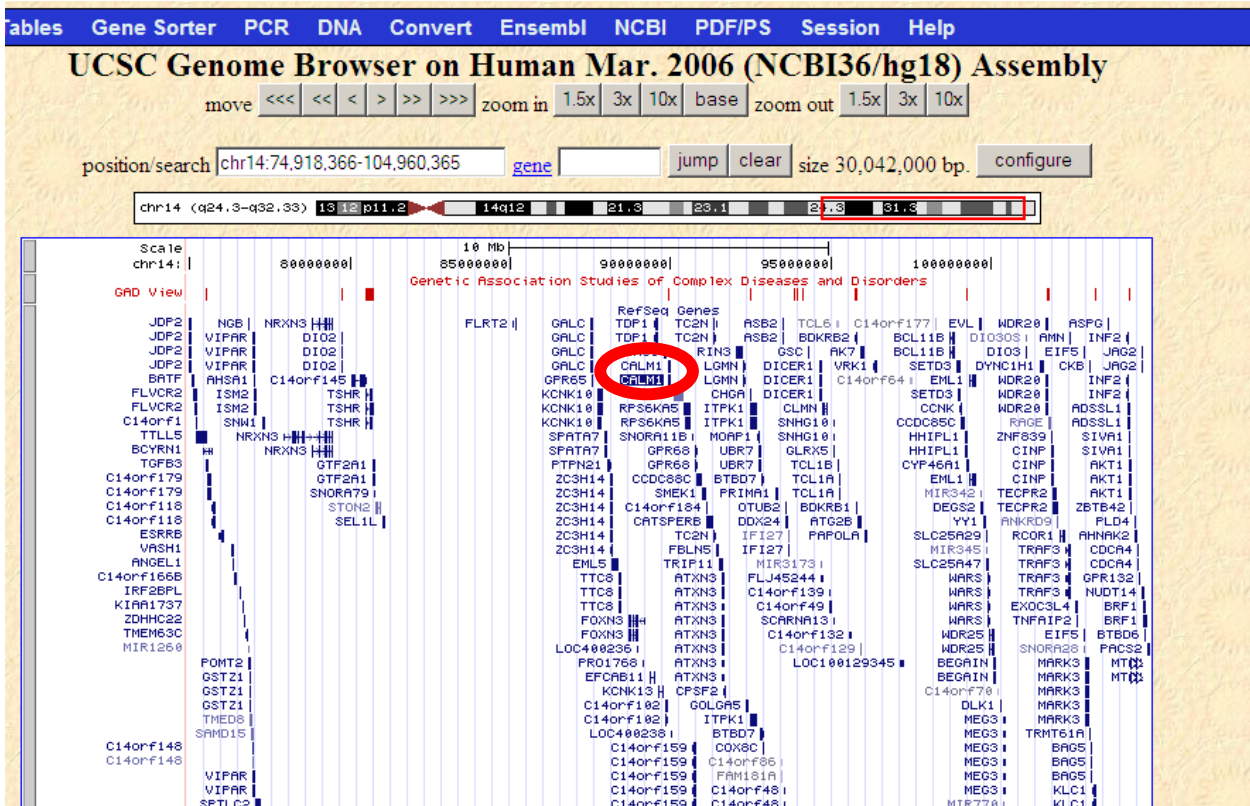
- ▶ Stor familie, hvor der optræder en arvelig sygdom
- ▶ DNA fra mange familiemedlemmer (*)
- ▶ Markørdata (SNPs)
- ▶ Screen nedarvning af hvert kromosom
- ▶ Identificér område på kromosom, hvor nedarvning stemmer med sygdomsbillede



Kromosom 14 nedarves med sygdommen



Jagten på det rigtige gen (blandt 65 kandidater)

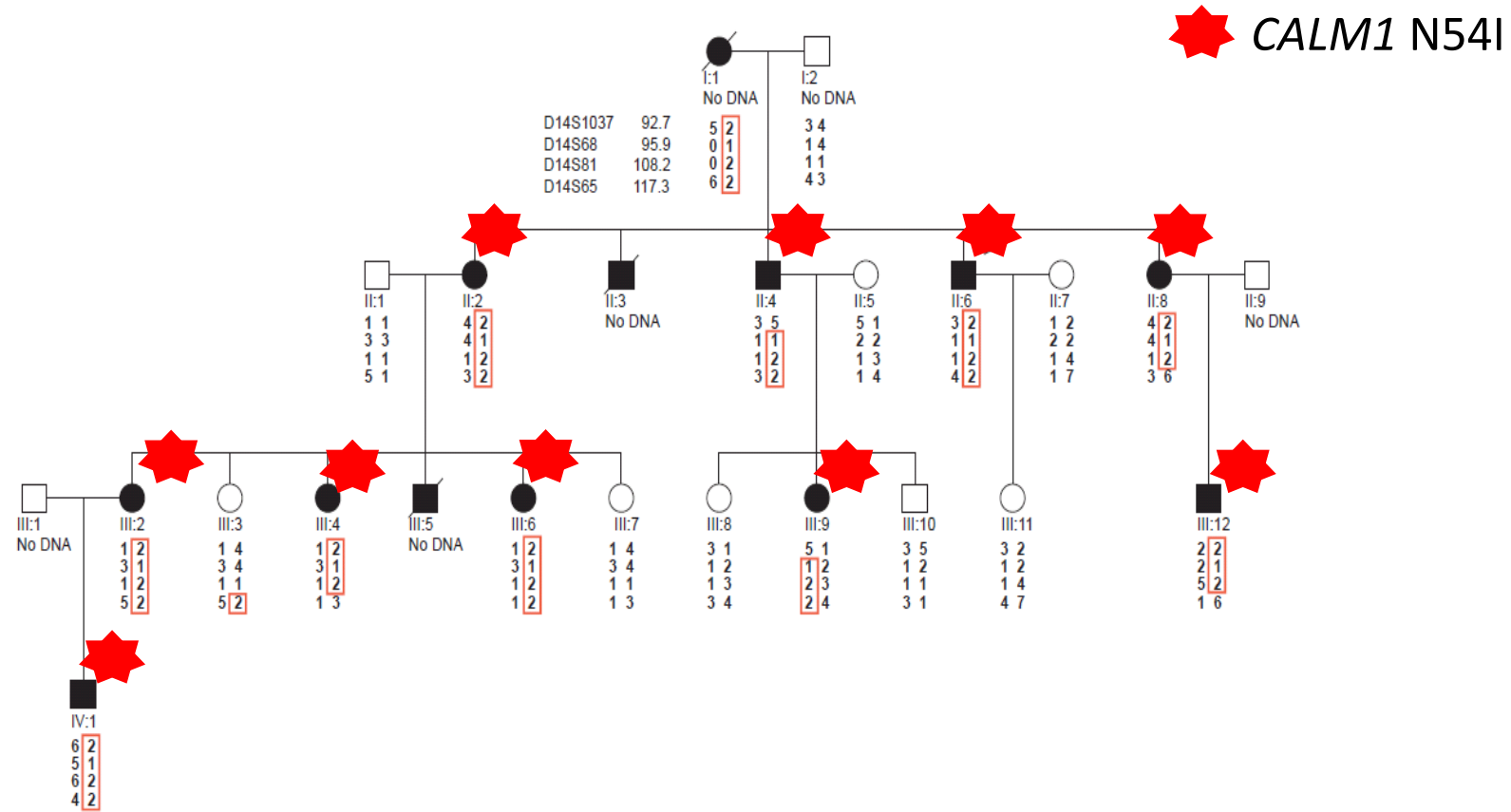


Sekventér de 6 exons i *CALM1* genet

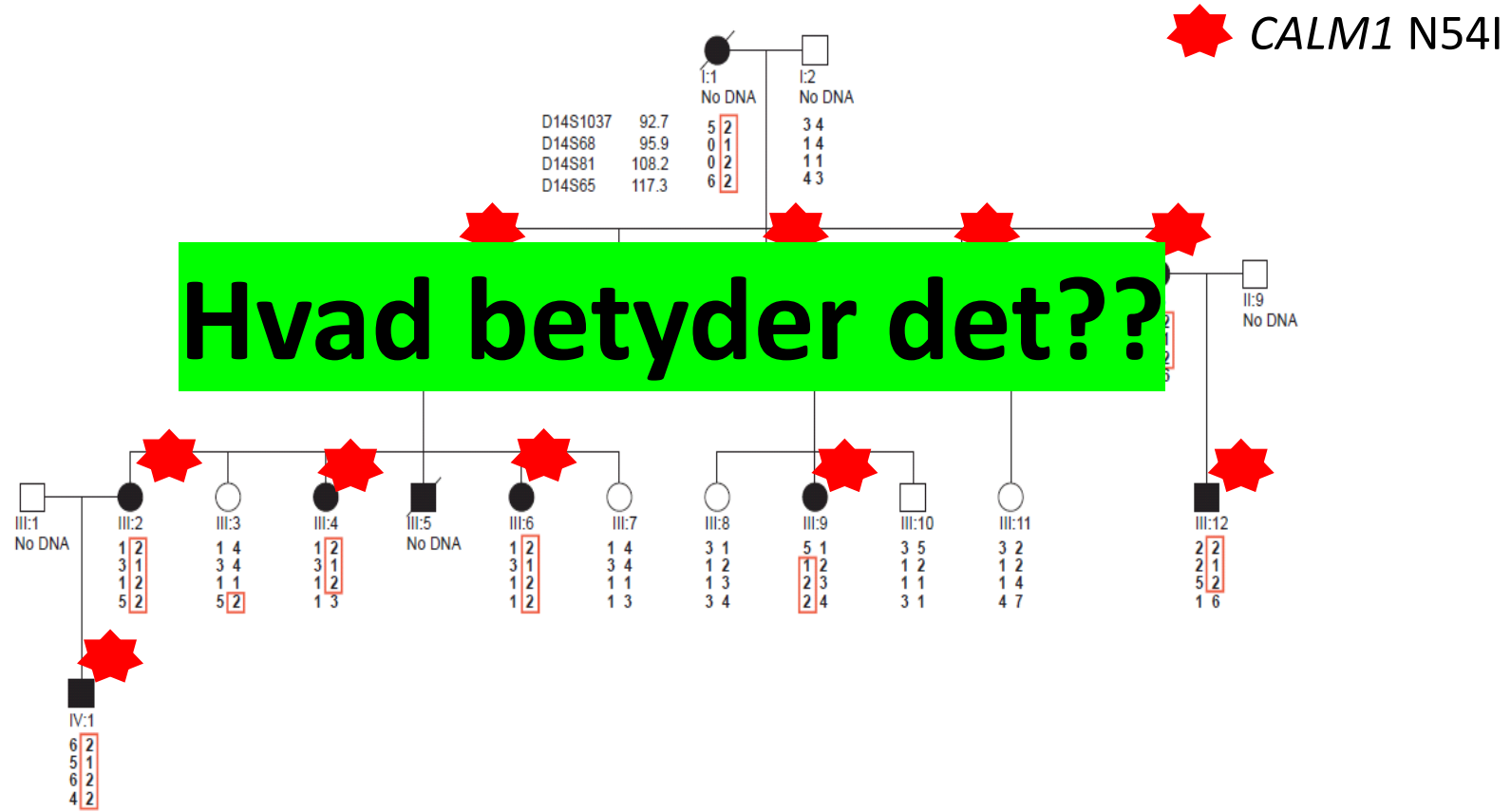
A small gene, going almost unnoticed, because there is no interesting variation in it



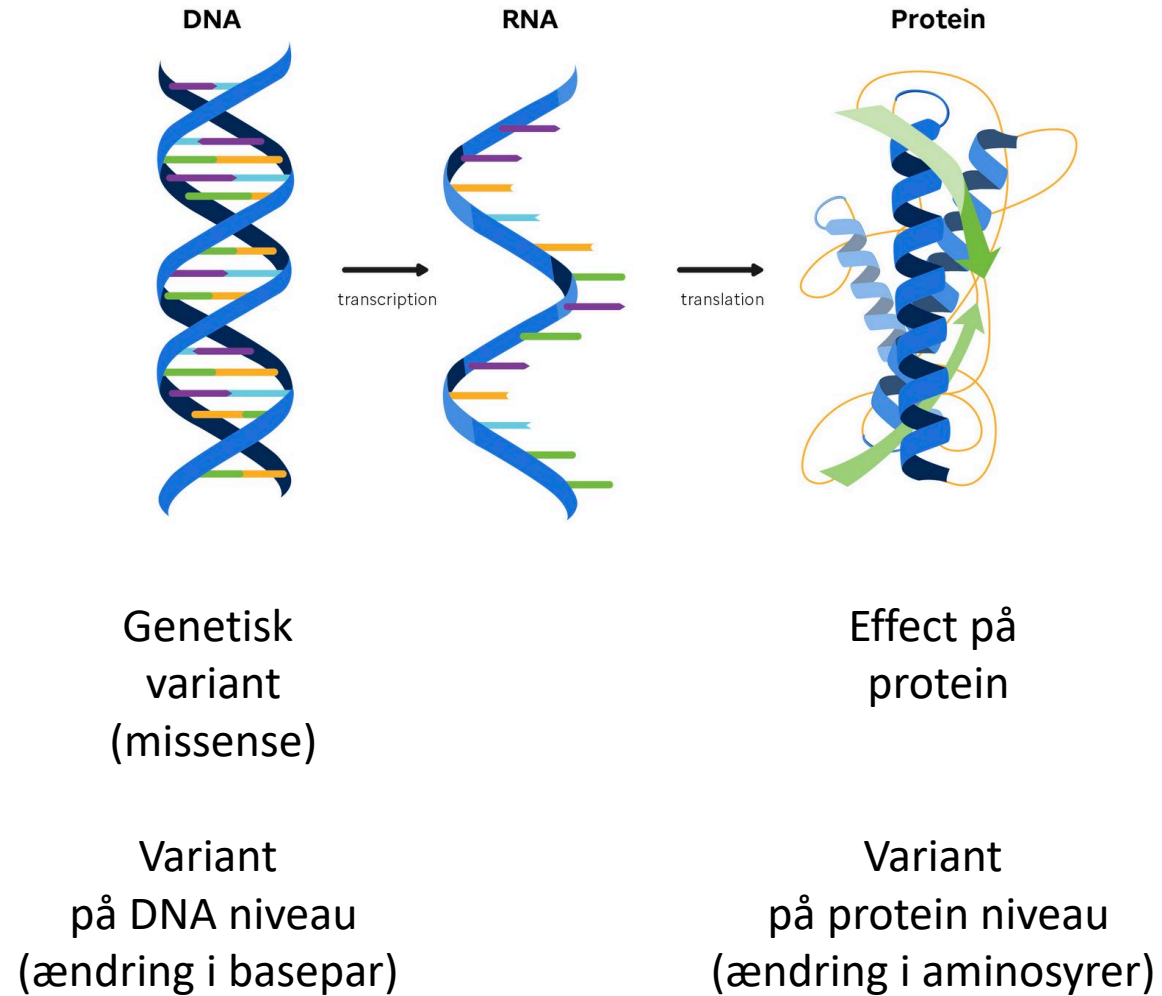
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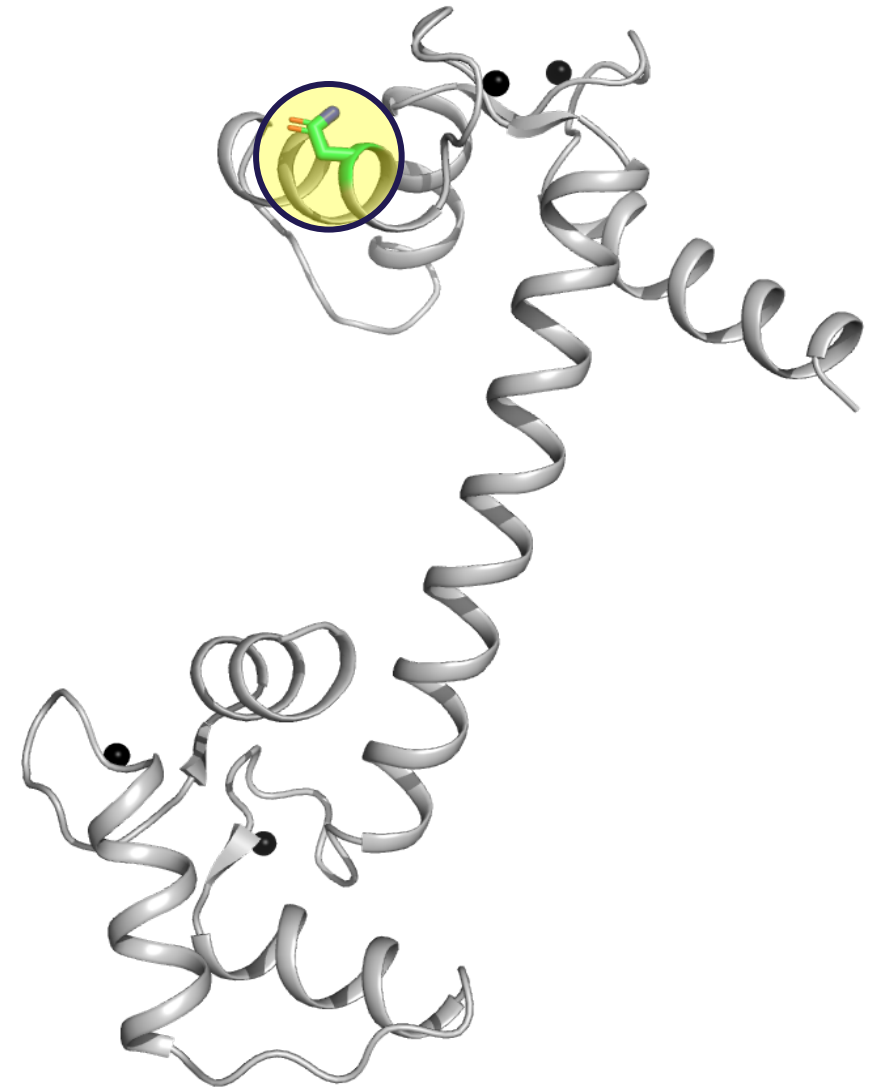
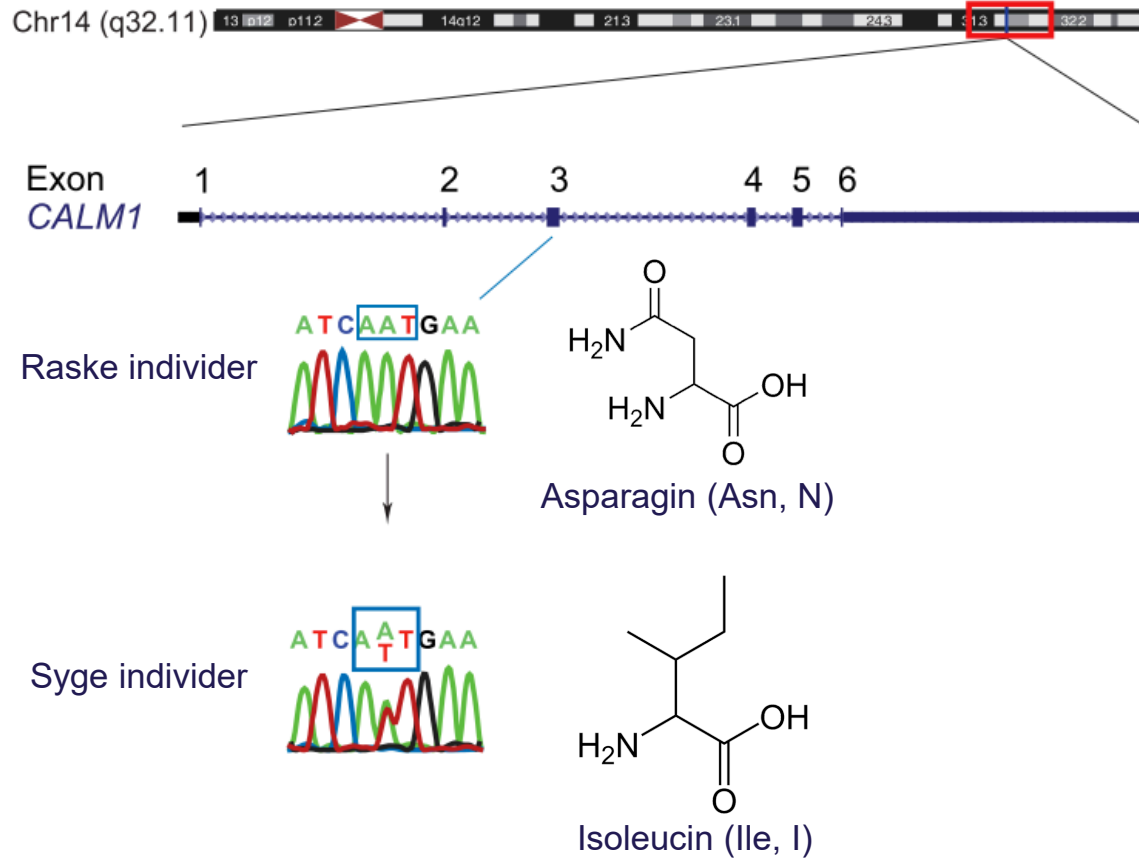
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Det centrale dogme i molekylærbiologi



Den første CALM1 mutation nogensinde (ændring i opskriften for calmodulin proteinet)



Jagten på *CALM1* mutation nr 2



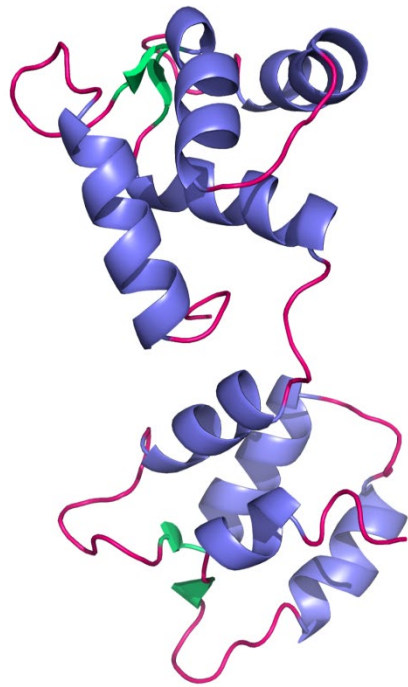
Kassen med uforklarede hjerte arytmier
Prof Michael Christiansen, SSI

★ *CALM1* N98S
de novo
CPVT-lignende

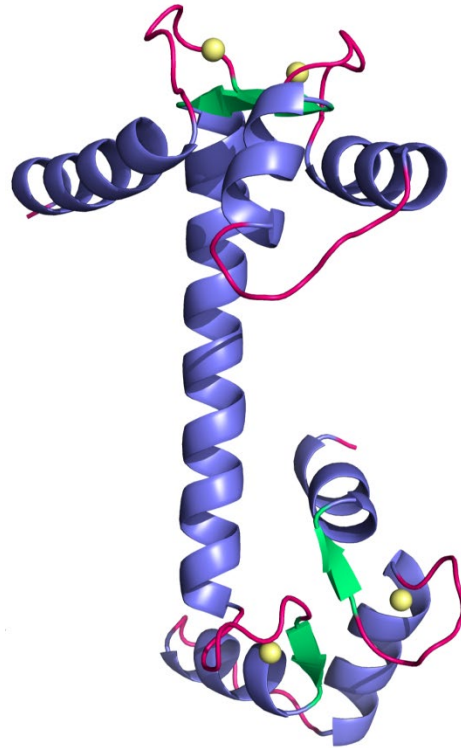
Calmodulin: et alsidigt calcium-bindende protein

Ca²⁺-frit

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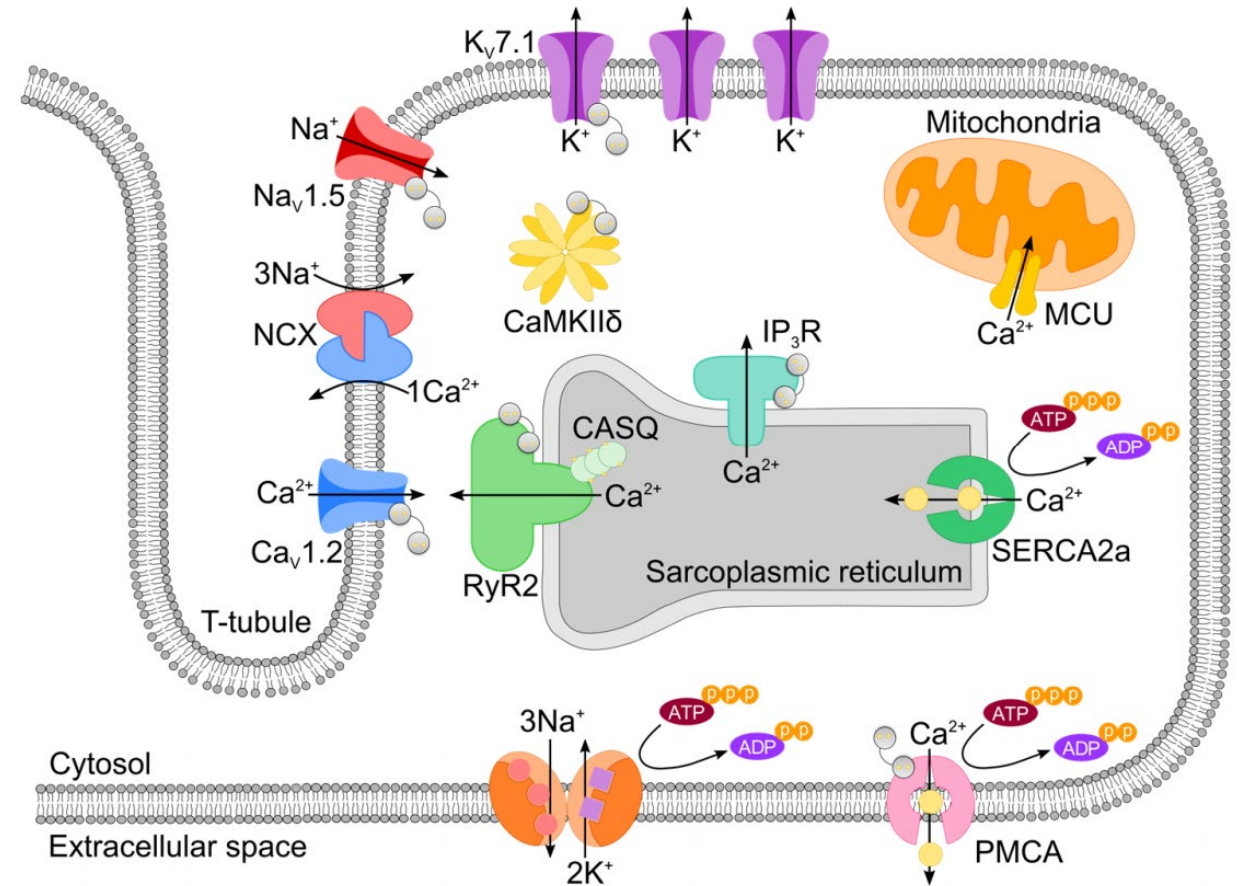


Apo-CaM



Ca²⁺-CaM

Vekselvirkninger i en celle

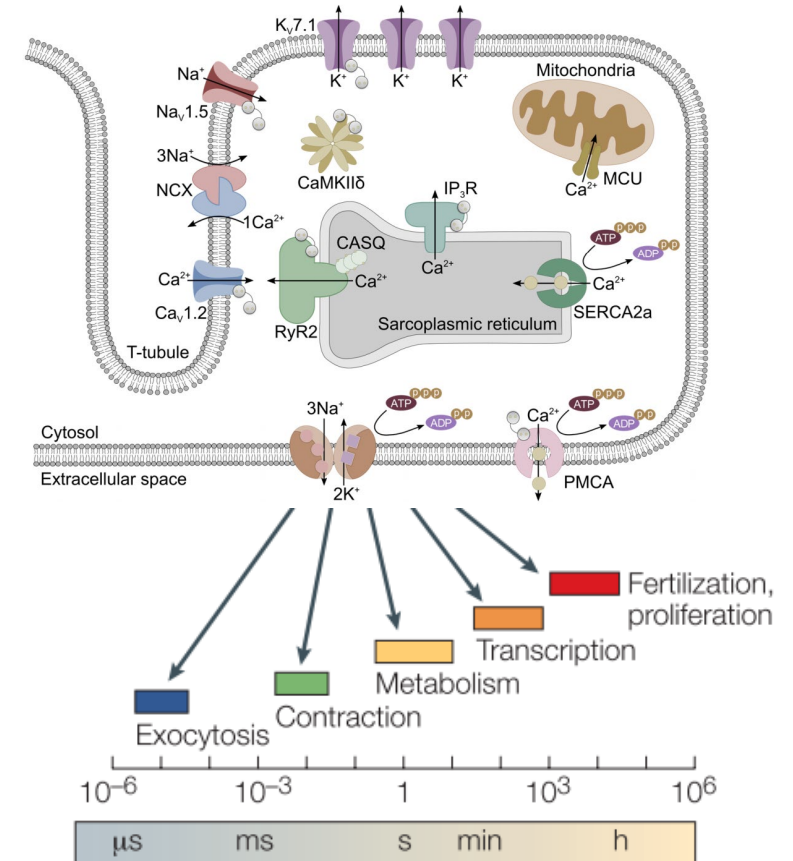
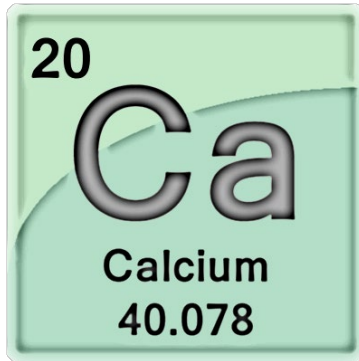


Calcium: et cellulært signal

Ca^{2+} -signal

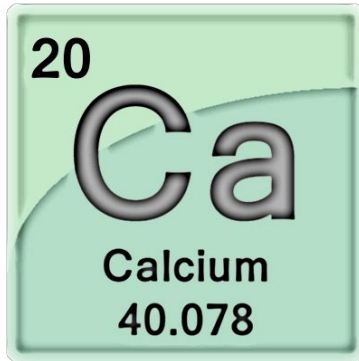
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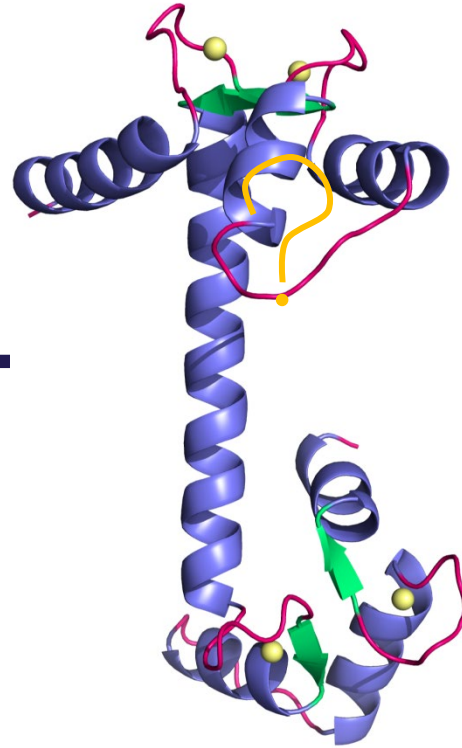


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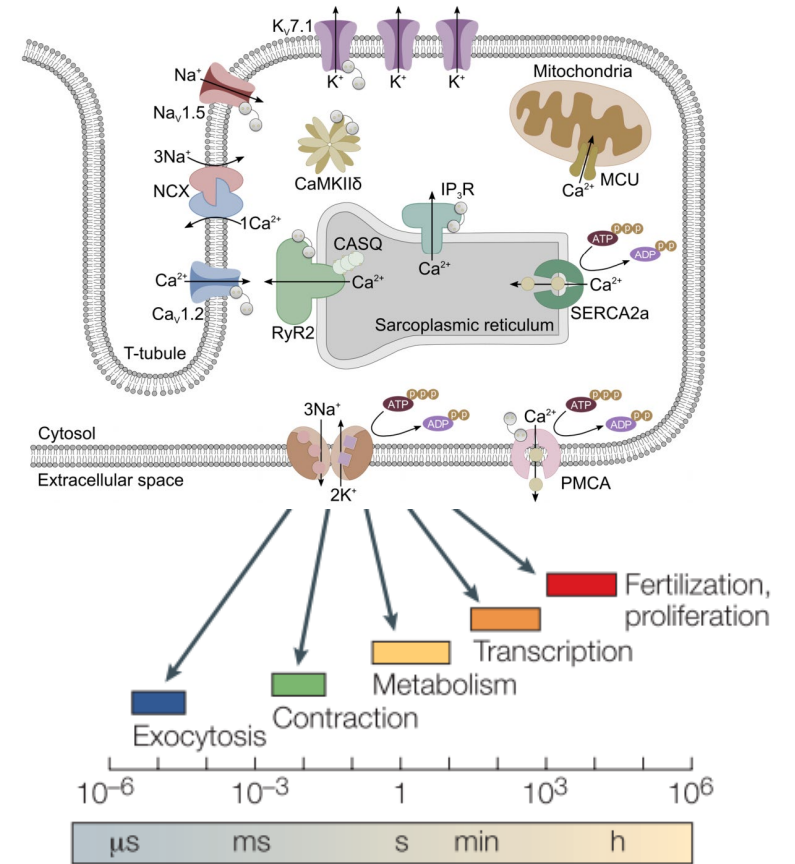
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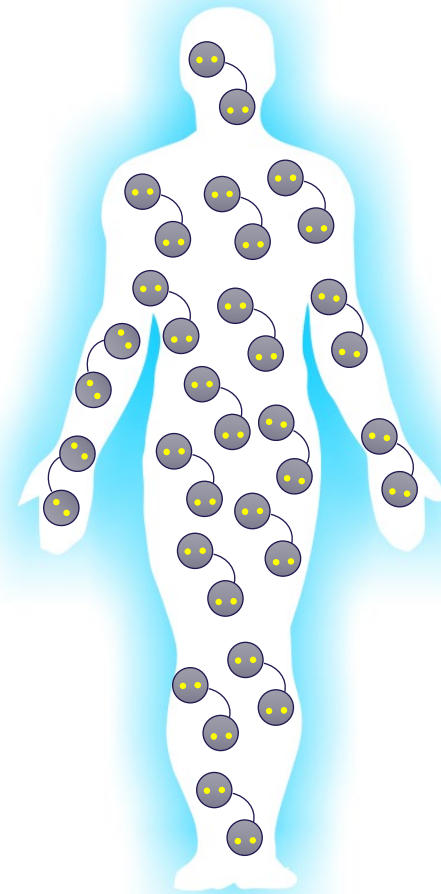
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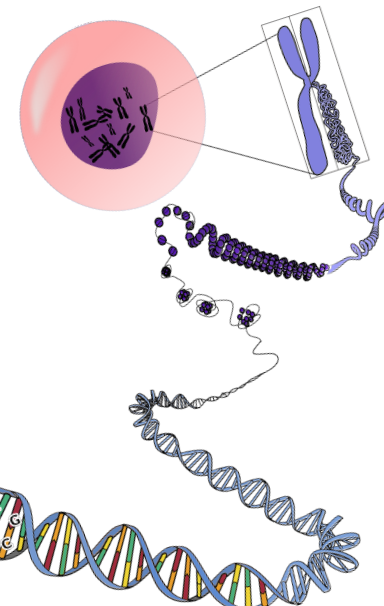
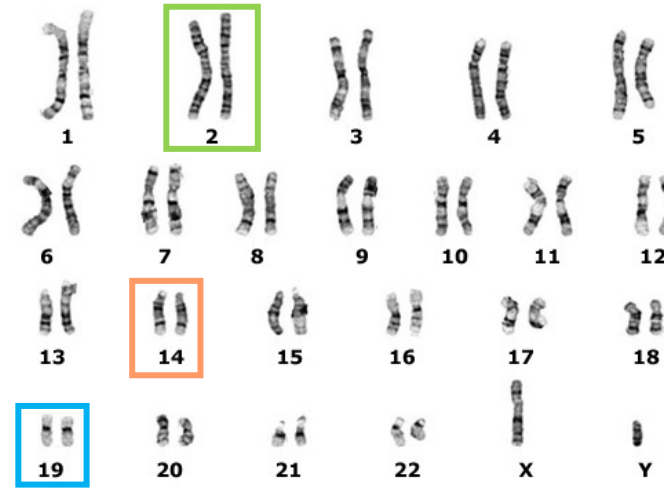
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<i>CALM2</i> (kromosom 2)	ATGGCTGACC	A ^A CTGACTGA	AGAGCAGATT	GCAGAATTCA	A ^A GAAGCTTT	TTC ^A CTATTT	GACAAAGATG	G ^T GATGGAAC	TAT ^A ACAACA	90
<i>CALM3</i> (kromosom 19)	ATGGCTGACC	AGCTGACTGA	G ^G GAGCAGATT	GCAGA ^G TTCA	AGGAGGCCTT	CTCCCT ^C TTT	GACAA ^G GATG	G ^A GATGGCAC	TATCACC ^A CC	90
	100	120	140	160	180					
<i>CALM1</i> (kromosom 14)	AAGGAA ^C T ^T G	GA ^A CTGT ^C AT	GAG ^G TC ^A CTG	GG ^T CAGAACC	C ^A ACAGAAGC	TGA ^A TTGCAG	GATATGATCA	ATGAAGTGGG	TGCTGATGGT	180
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<i>CALM3</i> (kromosom 19)	AAGGAG ^T TTGG	GG ^A C ^A GT ^G AT	GAGATC ^C CTG	GG ^A CAGAACC	CCAC ^T GAAGC	AGAG ^C TGCAG	GATATGATCA	ATGA ^G GTGGG	TGC ^A ATGGG	180
	200	220	240	260						
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<i>CALM3</i> (kromosom 19)	AA ^C GG ^G ACCA	TTGACTTCCC	G ^G AG ^T TT ^C CTG	ACC ^A TGATGG	CCAGAAAGAT	GAAGGACACA	GACAGTGA ^G G	AGGAG ^A TCCG	AGAGGC ^T TTCC	270
	280	300	320	340	360					
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<i>CALM2</i> (kromosom 2)	CGTGT ^G TTTG	AT ^A AAGGATGG	CAATGGCTAT	AT ^T AGTGC ^T G	CAGAACT ^T CG	CCATGT ^G ATG	ACAAACCT ^T G	GAGAGAAG ^T T	AACAGATGAA	360
<i>CALM3</i> (kromosom 19)	CGTGTCTTTG	ACAAGGATGG	GAATGGCTA ^C	ATCAG ^C GC ^G G	CAGA ^G CT ^G CG	TCACGT ^A ATG	AC ^G AACCT ^G G	GGGAGAAGCT	GAC ^C GATGAG	360
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<i>CALM1</i> (kromosom 14)	GAAGT ^A AGATG	AAATGATCAG	A ^G AAGCAGAT	ATTGATGGAG	AC ^G GC ^A ACT	CAACTATGAA	GA ^A TT ^C GTAC	AGATGATGAC	TGCAAAA ^A TGA	450
<i>CALM2</i> (kromosom 2)	GAAGT ^T GATG	AAATGATCAG	GGAAGCAGAT	ATTGATGG ^T G	ATGG ^T C ^A CT	AAACTATGAA	GAGTTTGTAC	A ^A ATGATGAC	AGCAAA ^G TGA	450
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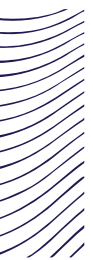
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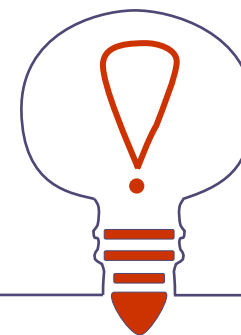
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Almen overbevisning: calmodulin tolererer ingen variation!





1. NG preliminary

2. NEJM

3. Lancet

4. Nature Genetics

5. JCI

6. Circulation

7. AJHG

Publish

*“If it is as conserved as the authors claim,
CALM variants must be incompatible with life”*

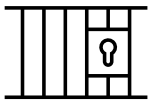
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Mutationer i Calmodulin gener giver pludselig hjertedød

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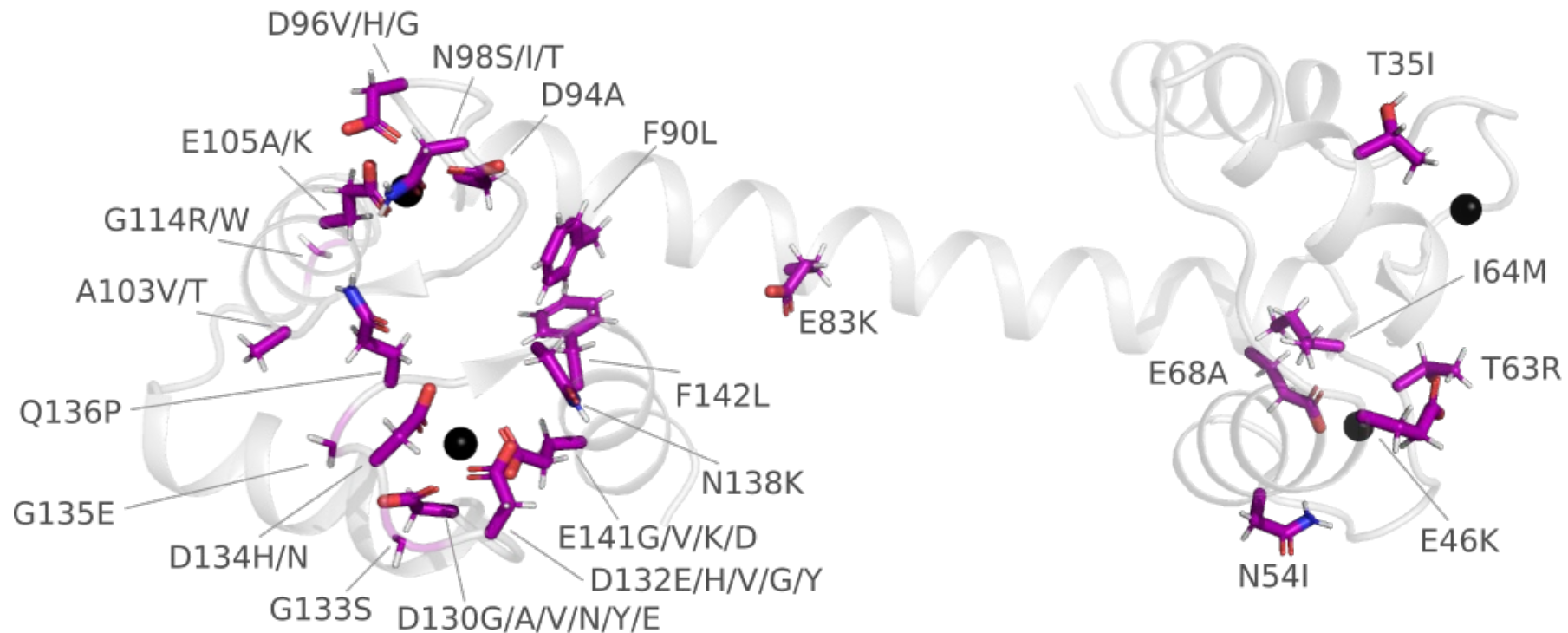
Report

Mutations in Calmodulin Cause Ventricular Tachycardia and Sudden Cardiac Death

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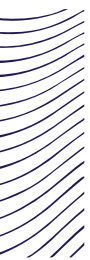
Calmodulin mutationer anno 2023

- 43 forskellige mutationer (sjældne).

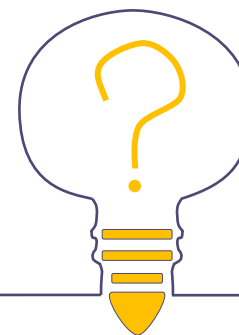


- Kun få videnskabelige eksperter i verden.



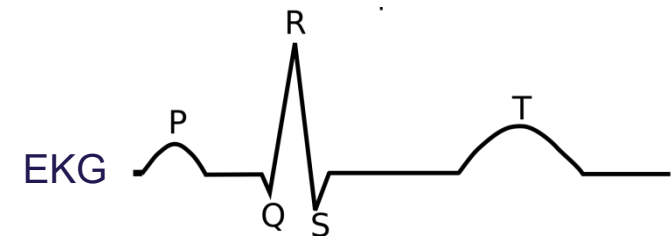
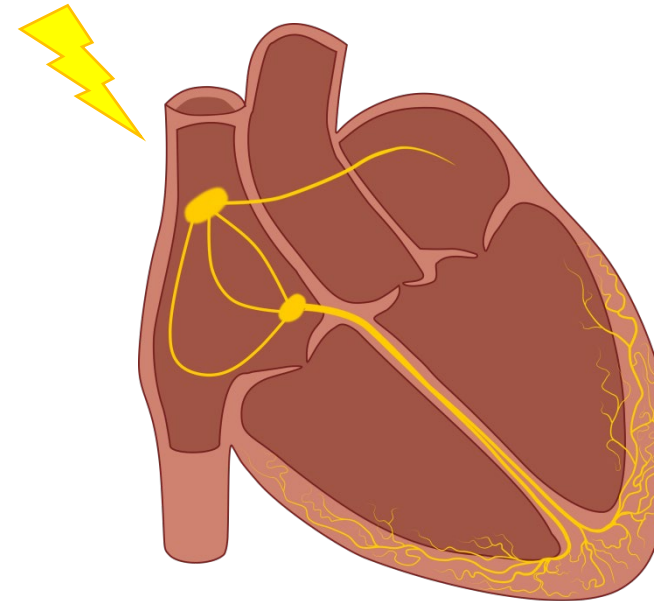


Hvordan forårsager calmodulin mutationer livsfarlige hjerterytmeforstyrrelser?



Hjertets funktion på organ-niveau

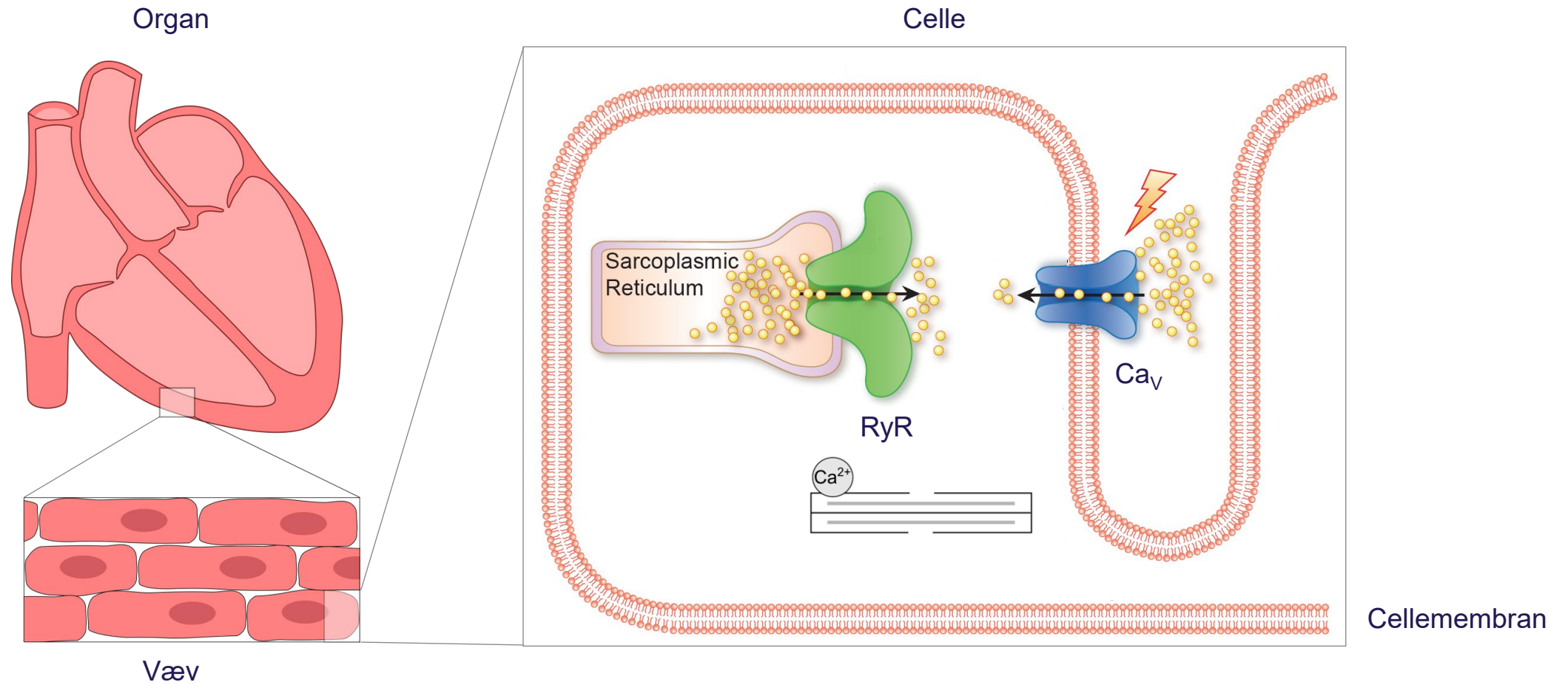
- ▶ Hjertet slår i respons på elektrisk stimuli
- ▶ De elektriske signaler forgrener sig til hjertets kamre som trækker sig sammen
- ▶ Sammentrækningen pumper blod ud i kroppen
- ▶ Elektroder udenpå kroppen kan måle de elektriske signaler (EKG)



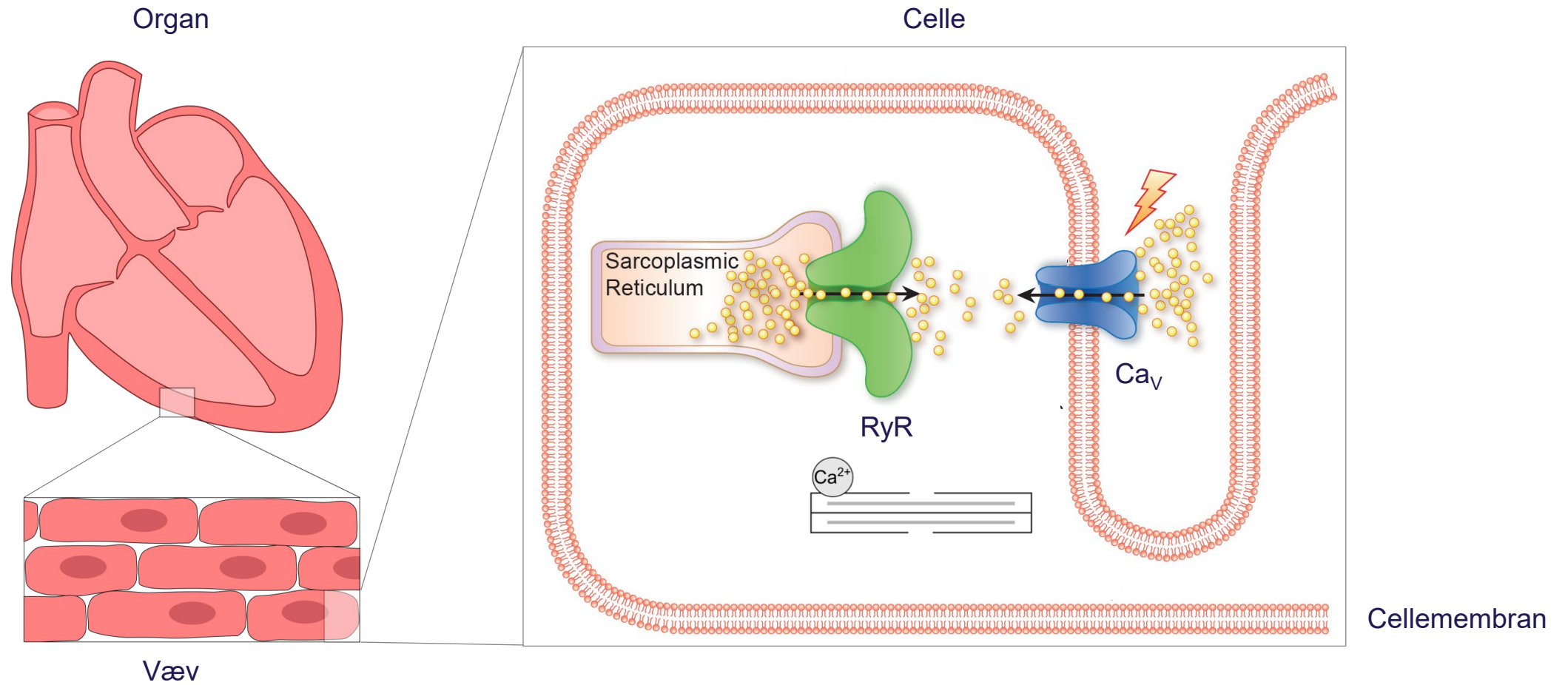
ElektroKardioGram (hjertediagram)



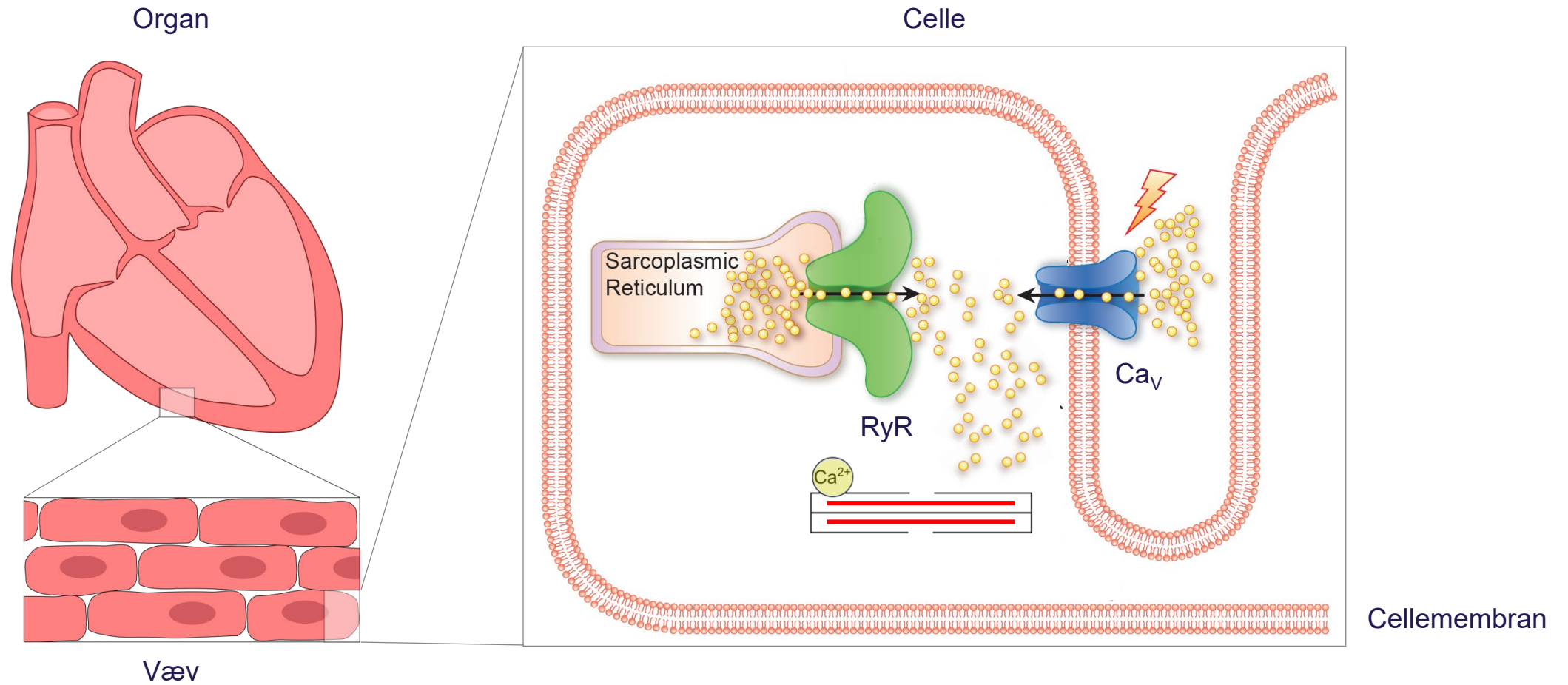
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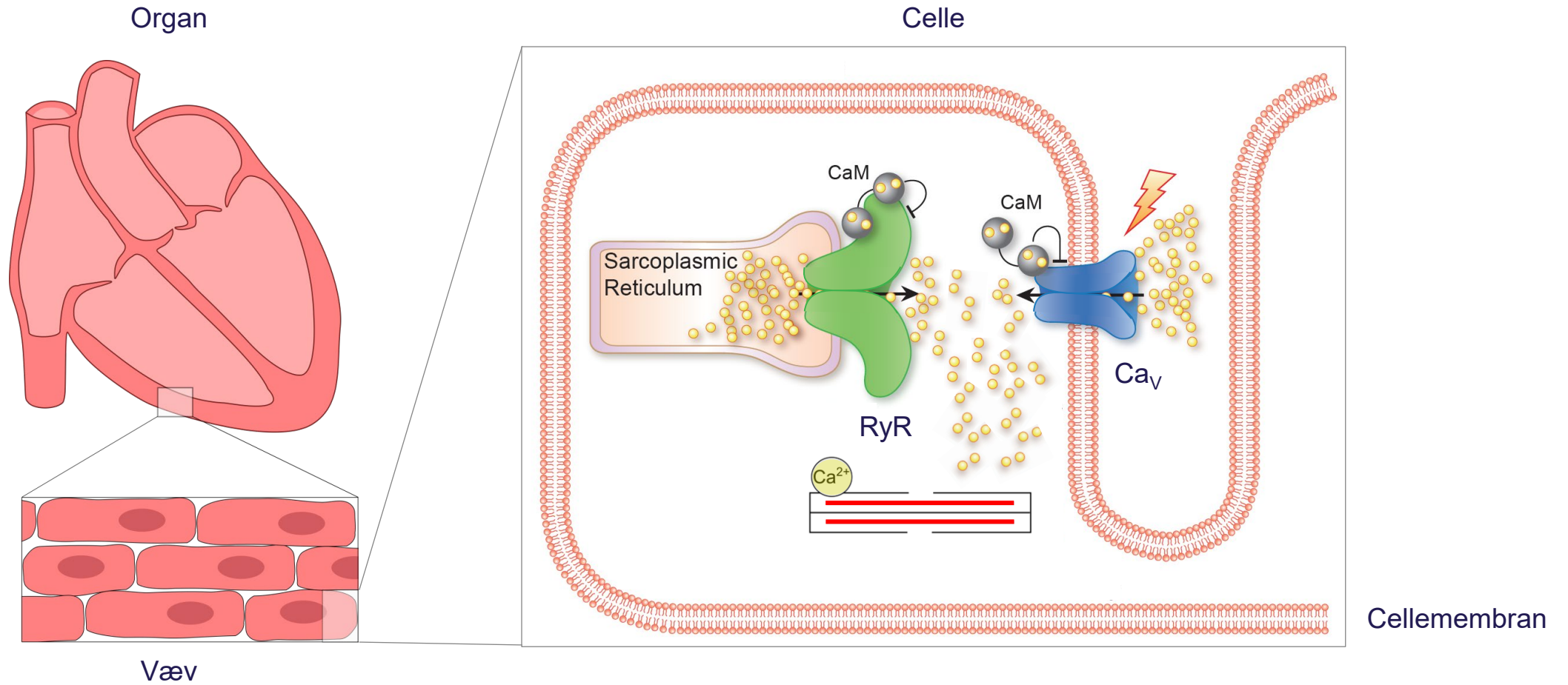
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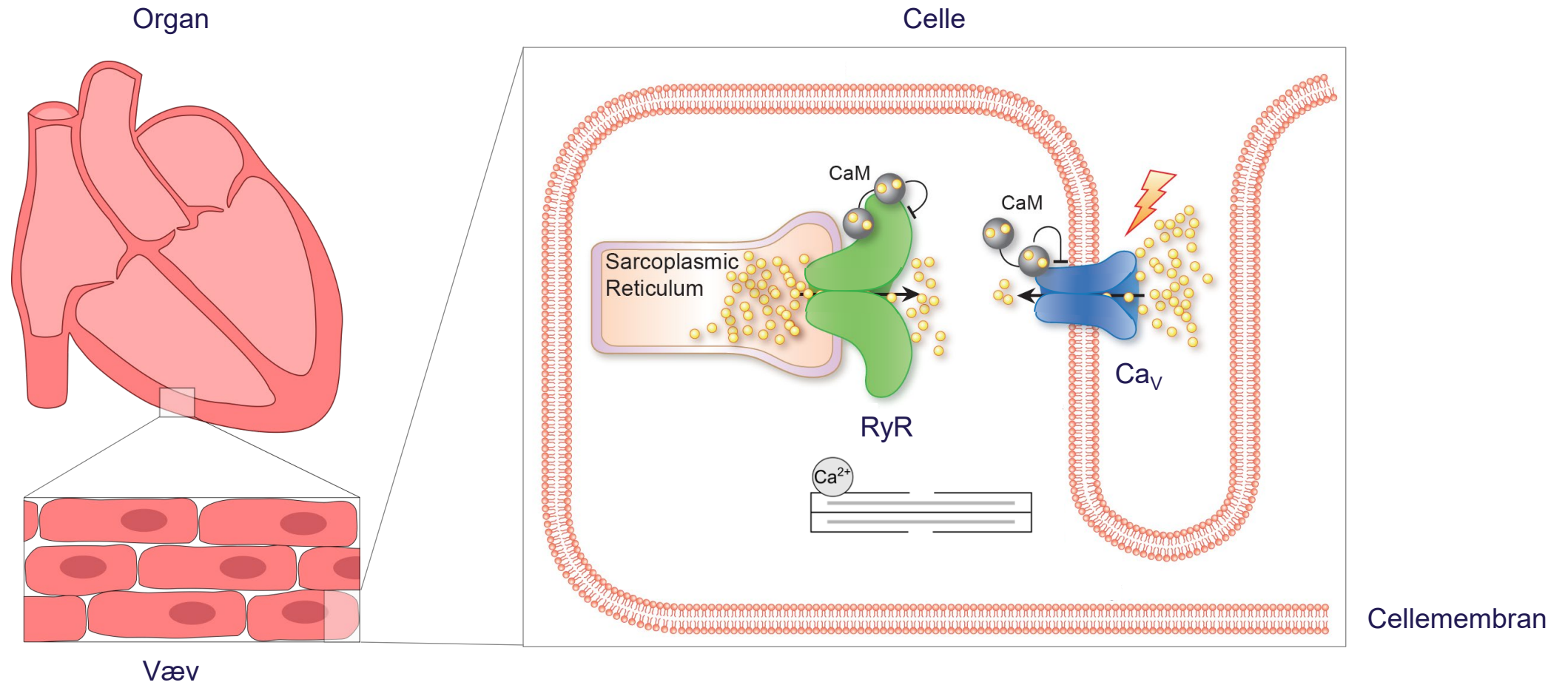
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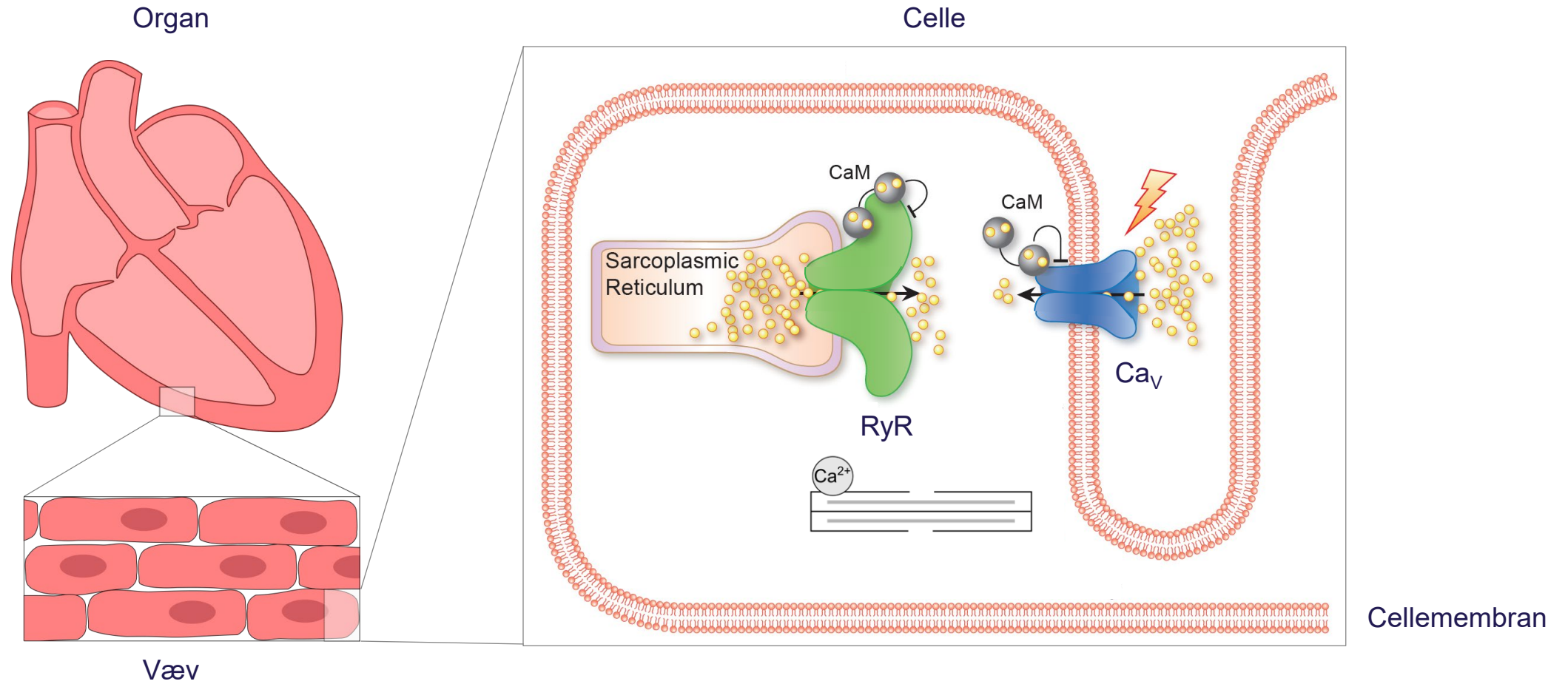
Calmodulins rolle i et hjerteslag



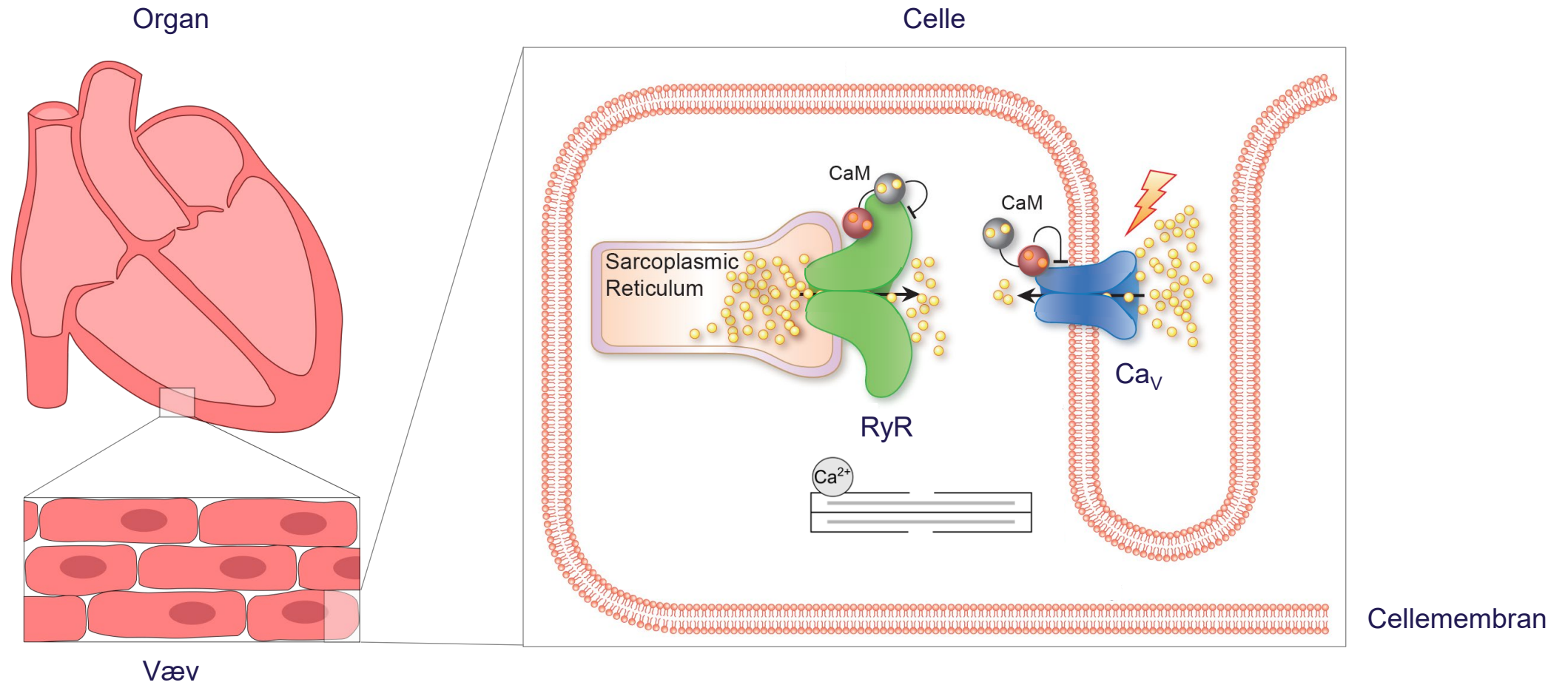
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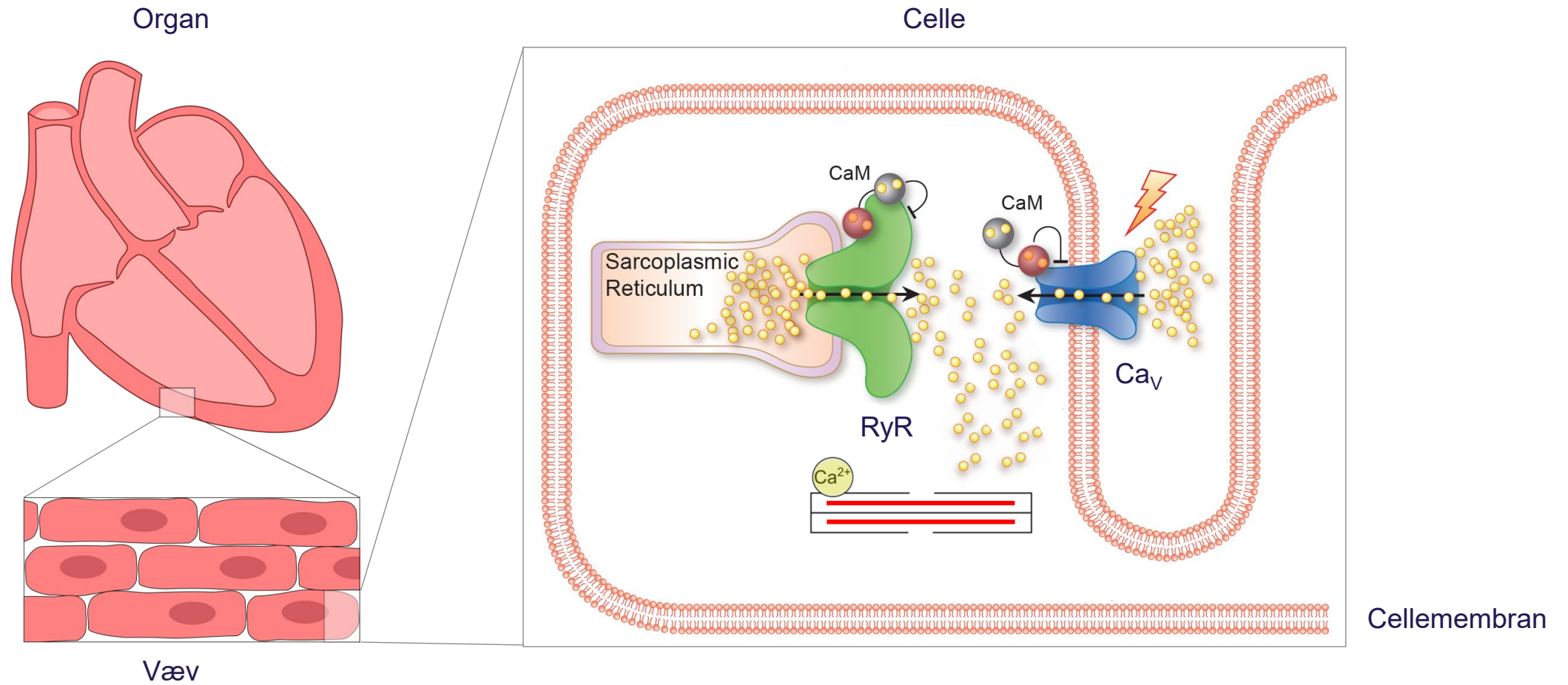
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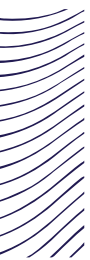


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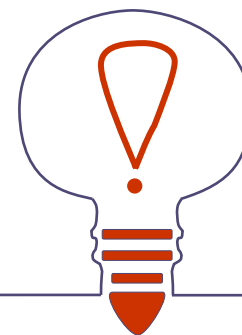


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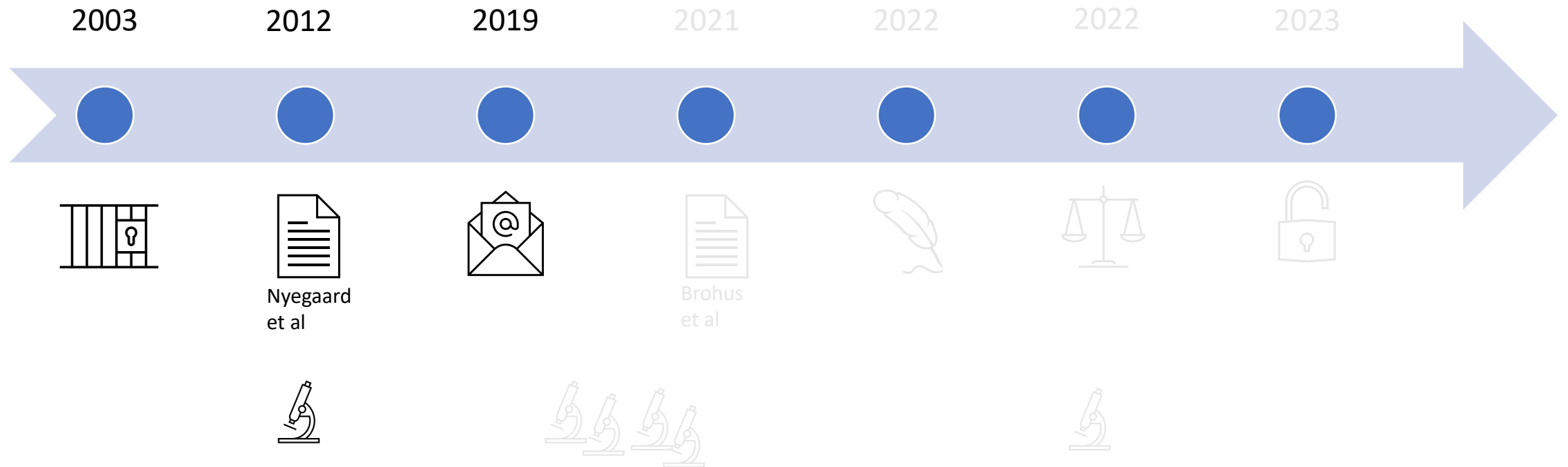


**Mutationer i calmodulin giver hjertearrytmi ved at
forstyrre calcium-signaler i hjertets celler.**

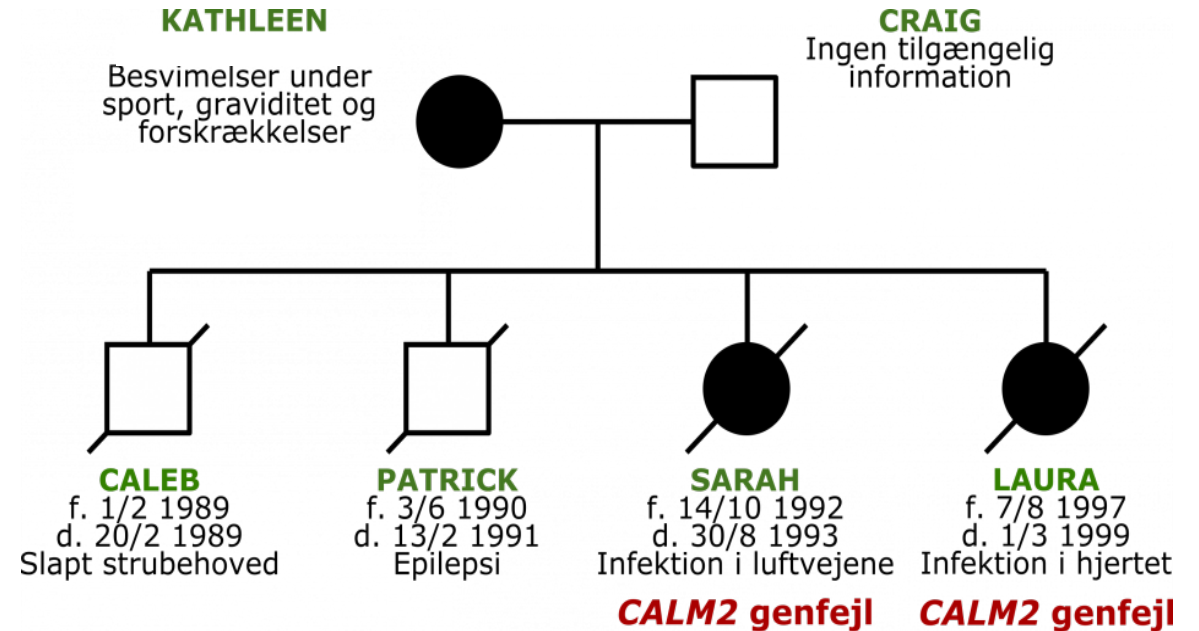


Hvordan blev vi involveret i 'Folbigg' sagen?

1st Inquiry into the Folbigg Conviction



- 2015 Prof Steven Cordner:
"Ingen retsmedicinske beviser for at børnene er kvalt"
- 2018 Genetisk analyse af familien bestilles
- 2019 Inquiry (høring) into Folbigg conviction
Nye retsmedicinske beviser
Nye genetiske beviser



2019 - Høring efter den genetiske analyse

Prof Carola Vinuesa
Scientist



- Kathleen og de to døtre har farlig mutation in *CALM2* genet – *G114R*
- Mutationer i calmodulin-generne bliver brugt til at diagnosticere Hjerterytmeforstyrrelse og pludselig hjertedød
- Der er en anden familie med en *G114W* mutation (i stedet for *G114R*), hvor 2 børn døde af hjertestop
- Der er familier hvor nogle med en calmodulin mutation er mere alvorligt ramt end andre

Prof Jonathan Skinner
Cardiologist



- En calmodulin mutation af denne type og på dette sted er aldrig set før – så vi kan ikke konkludere at den er farlig
- Men hvorfor er Kathleen så ikke død af t hjertestop?
- Der er ingen rapporter der beskriver helt unge børn med calmodulin mutationer som dør mens de sover

Juli 2019

Kathleen Folbigg inquiry into her four convictions reinforces her guilt, judge finds

By Nick Sas

Posted Mon 22 Jul 2019 at 12:04pm, updated Tue 23 Jul 2019 at 2:40am



Novel likely pathogenic CALM2 mutant in legal case

CG Carola Garcia de Vinuesa <carola.vinuesa@anu.edu.au>
Til Michael Toft Overgaard 28-06-2019

Opfølgning. Fuldført den 11. juli 2019.
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Dear Michael,

I have recently been involved in an inquiry into the Folbigg case. Kathleen Folbigg was accused of murdering her 4 children and has been in jail for 15 years. There are several documentaries online about her case.

I was asked to provide a genetic report on the family (WGS/WES of 4 deceased infants and mother). We found a variant in CALM2 (G114R) in 2 of the children inherited from the mother, which Prof Peter Schwartz believes it is likely pathogenic (I can provide you with his report if needed). It resides in the same calmodulin residue as the one found in another family (CALM3 G114W) in which the proband and brother died of IVF-SCD at ages 4 and 5 (See attached Crotty et al). The variant was inherited from an asymptomatic mother that was a mosaic.

I have been advised by Alfred George that you are the best person to approach regarding functional assay of the CALM2 variant. This evidence would be invaluable in court if the appeal is successful and would be included in a scientific publication of this extraordinary case.

I really hope you can help us get to the bottom of this case.

Kind regards,
Carola

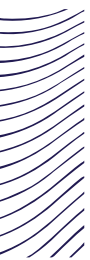
P.S. Here is a link to our initial report, available online:
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For info on CALM2 mutation, see pages 20-22



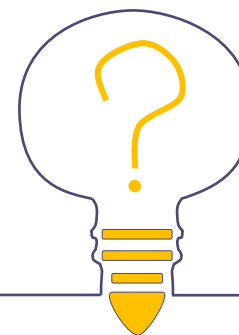
”Jeg håber virkelig du kan hjælpe os med at komme til bunds i denne sag”

”Selvfølgelig kan jeg hjælpe!!”





**Ændrer Folbigg mutationen calmodulins
funktion i hjertet og kan den have
forårsaget børnenes død?**



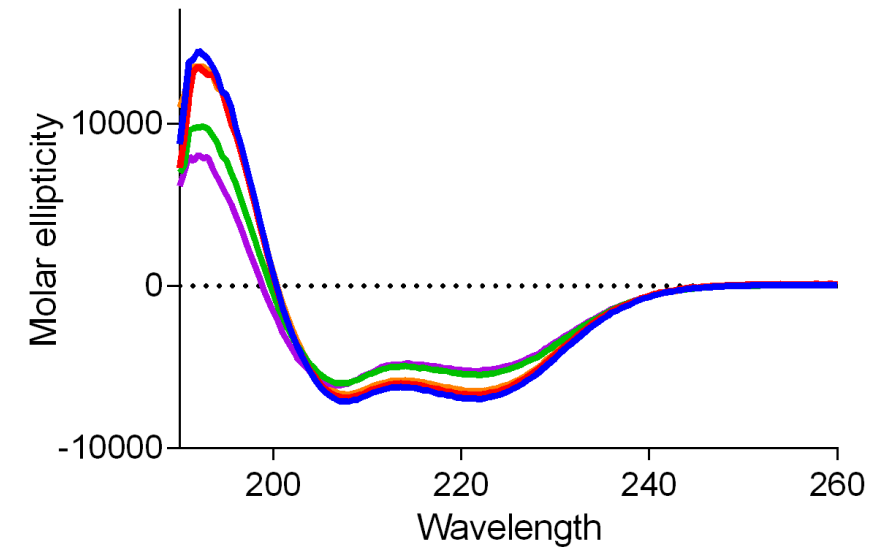
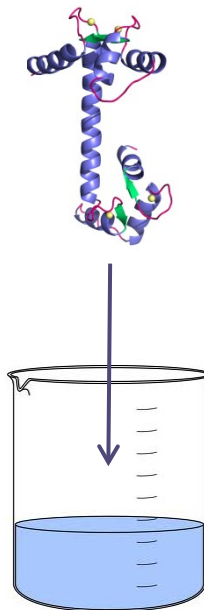
Biofysiske metoder kan studere proteiner i et isoleret miljø (udenfor cellerne)

➤ Producer og oprens protein

➤ Opbevar i buffer/opløsning

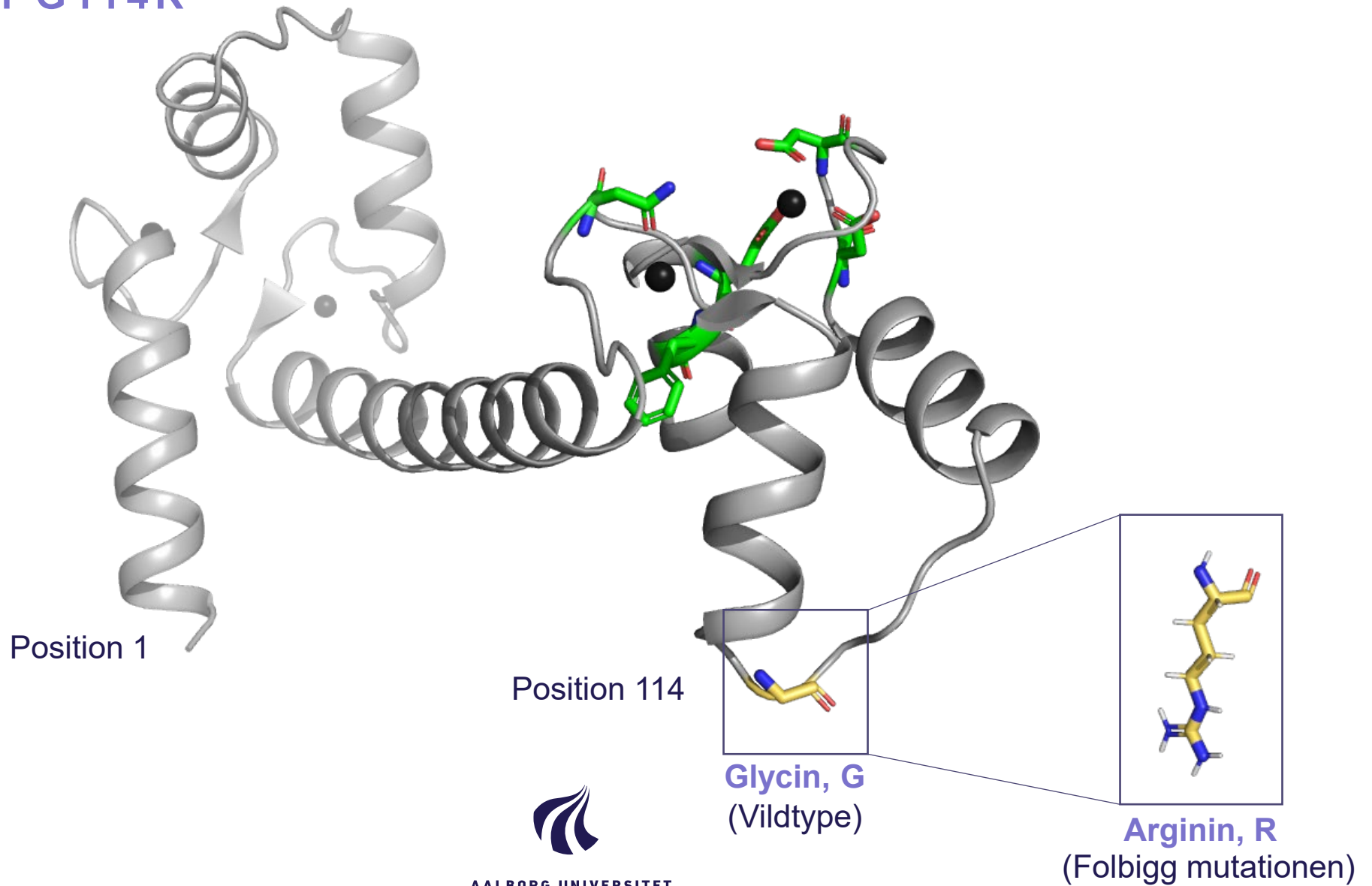
➤ Mål på:

- Størrelse
- Struktur
- Vekselvirkninger
- Aktivitet



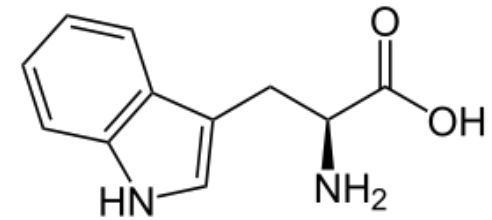
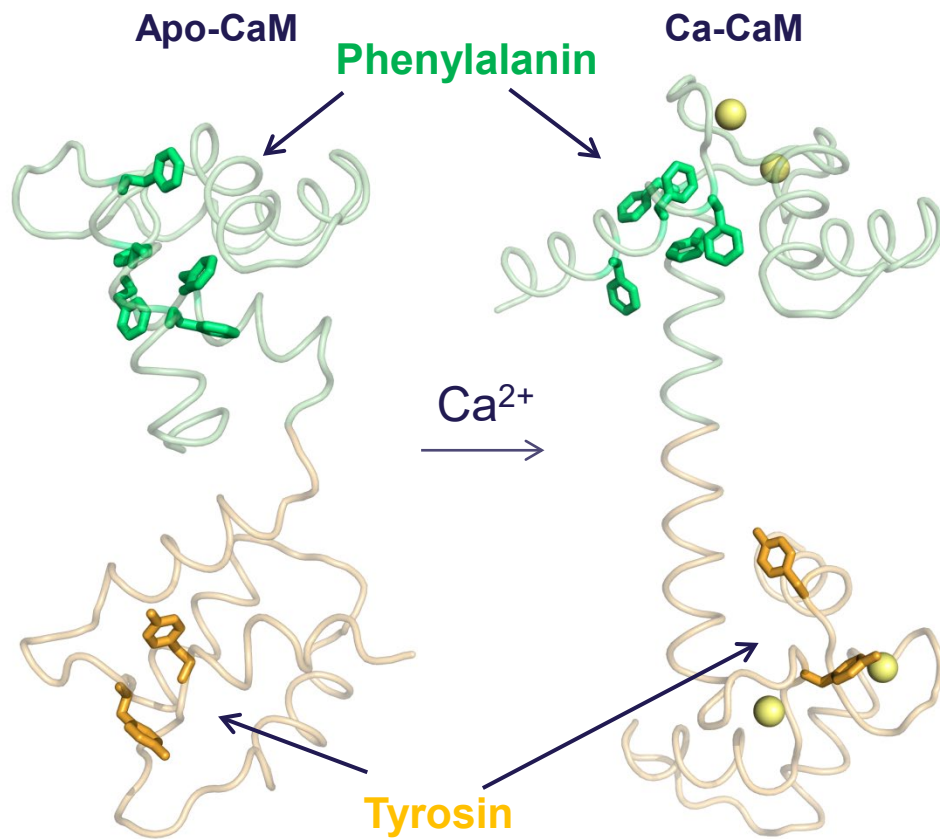
Hvor og hvad er mutationen?

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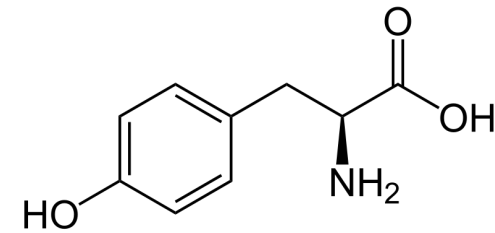


Måling af calmodulins evne til at binde calcium

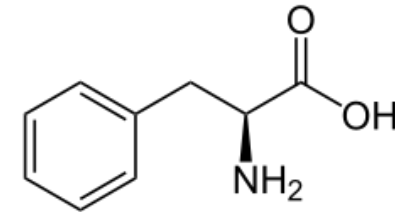
– fluorescens spektroskopi



Tryptofan



Tyrosin

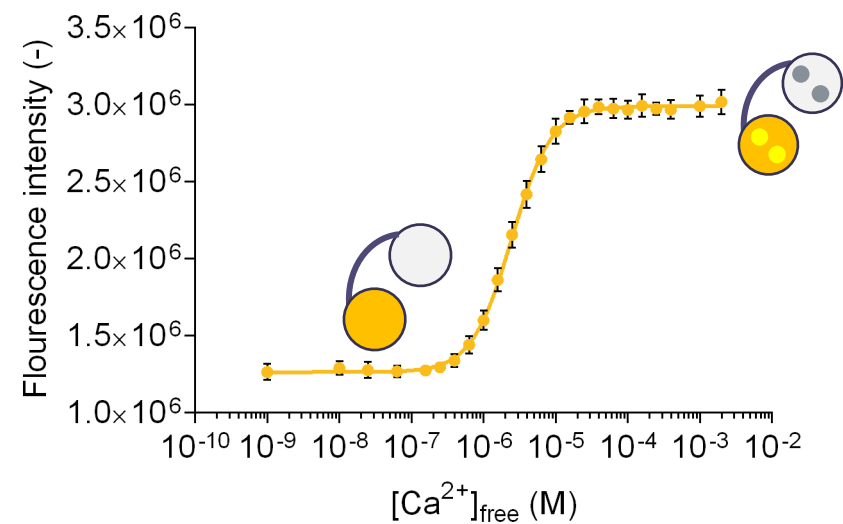
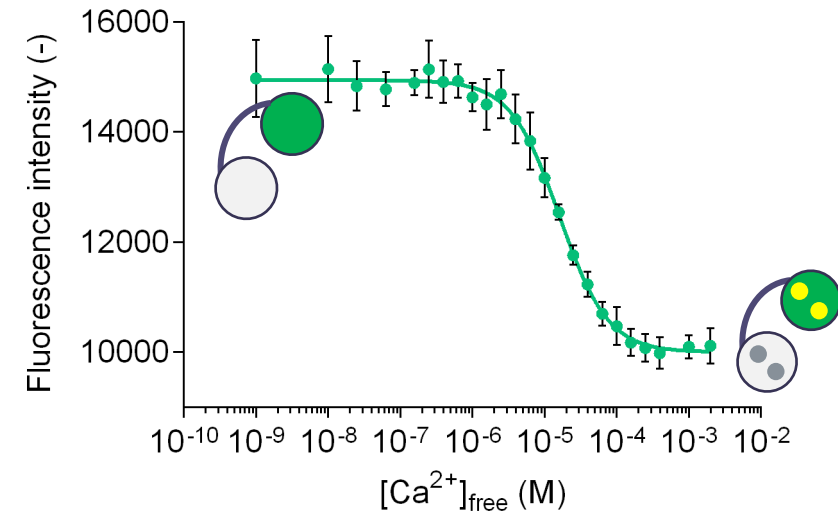
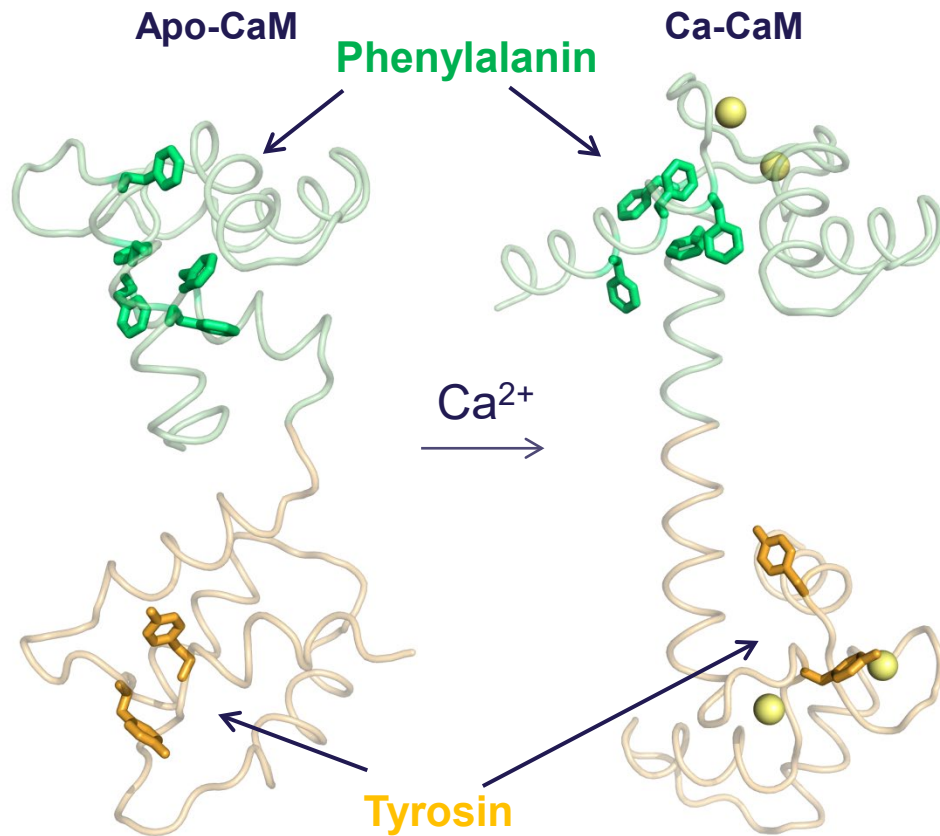


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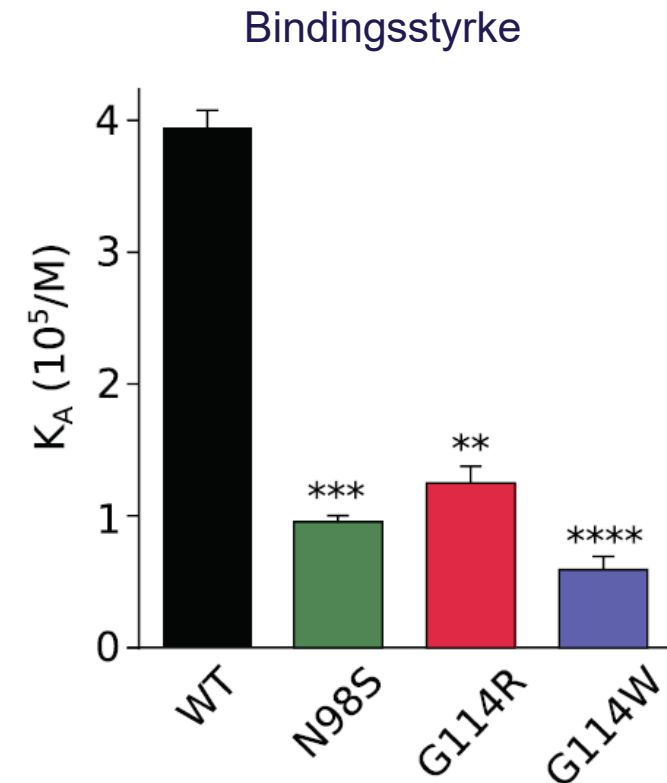
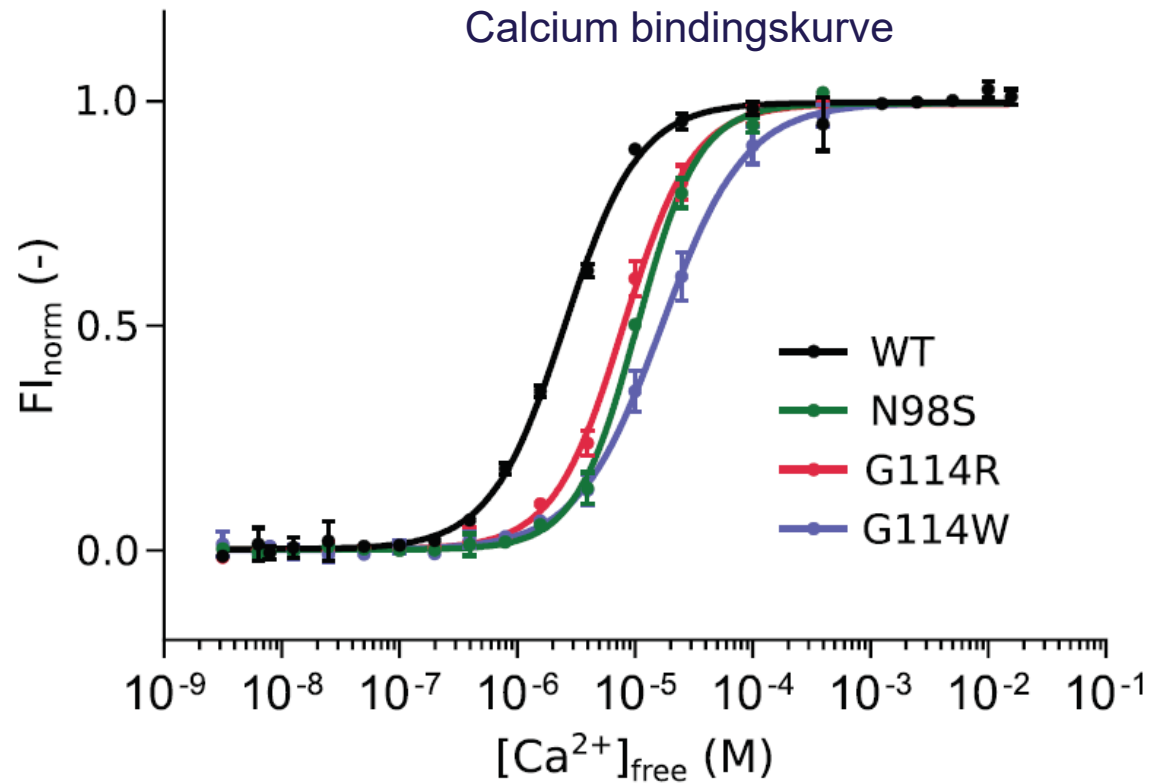


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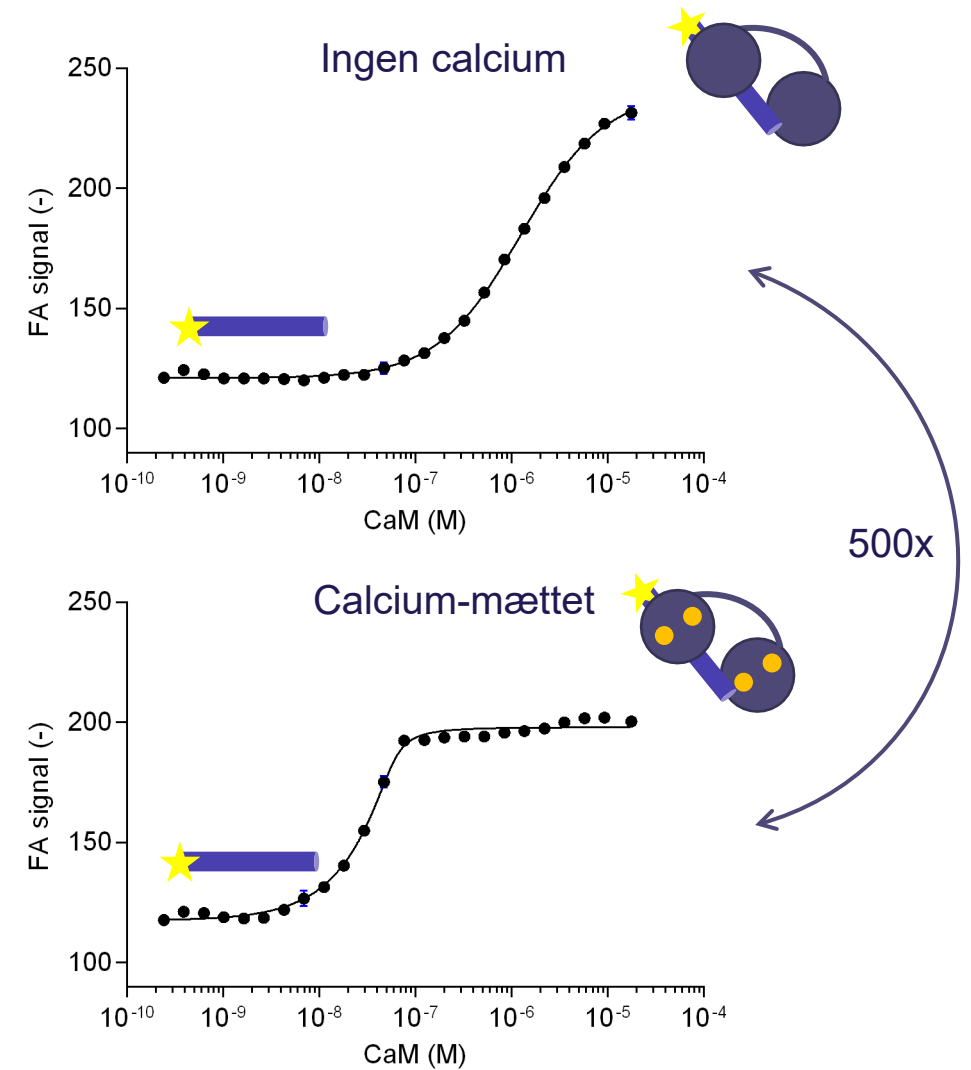
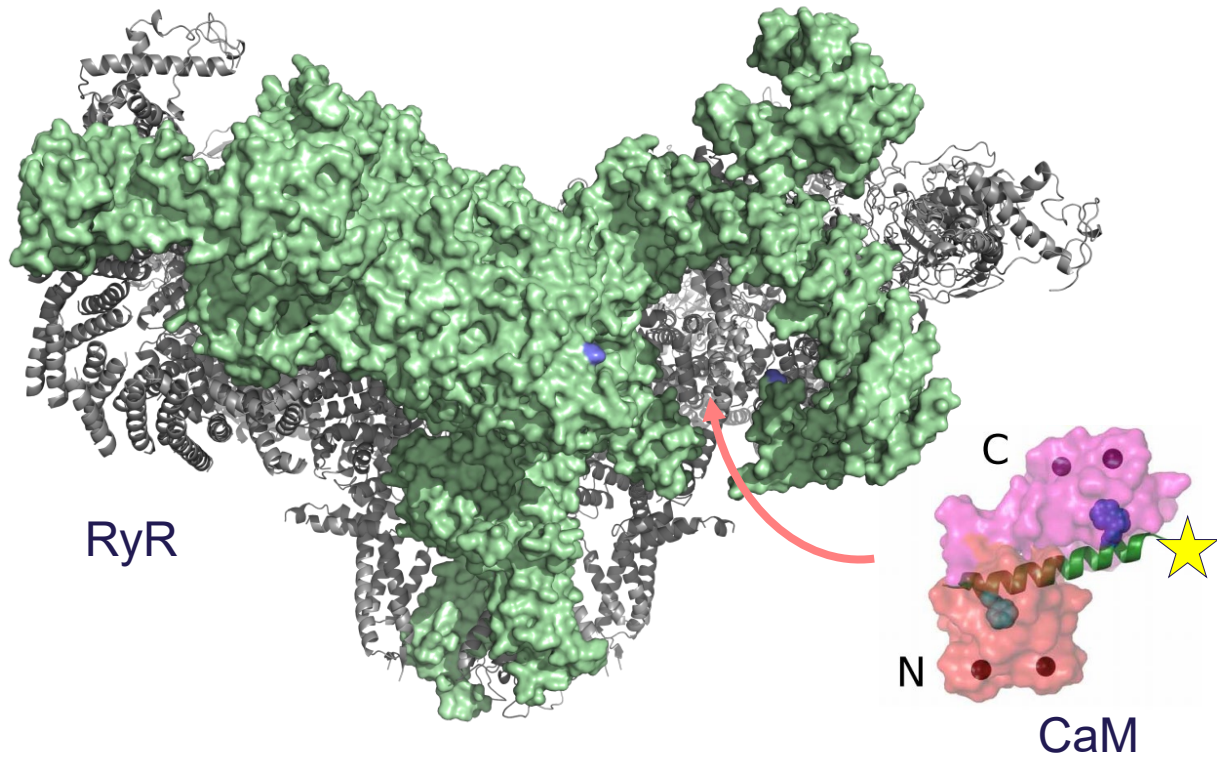
– fluorescens spektroskopi



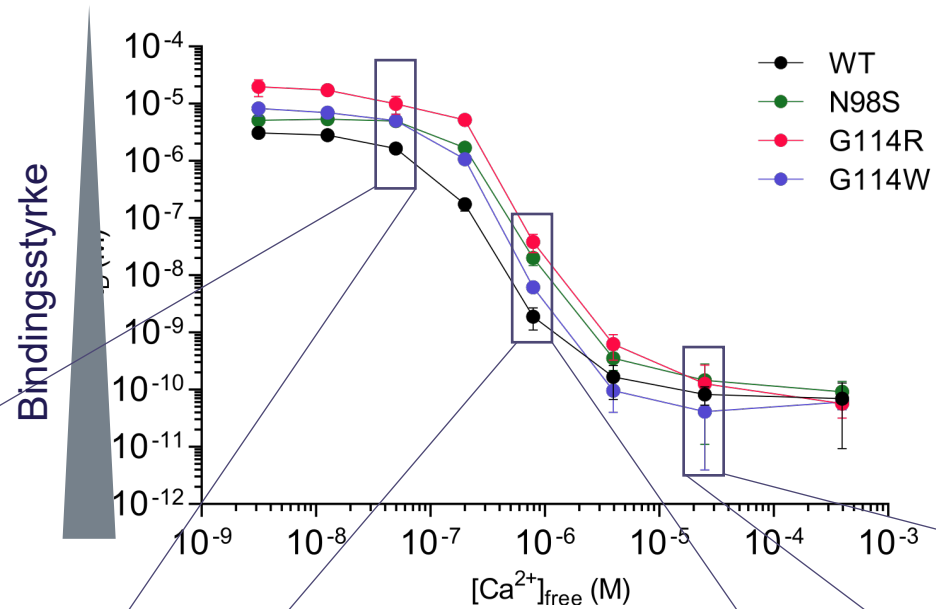
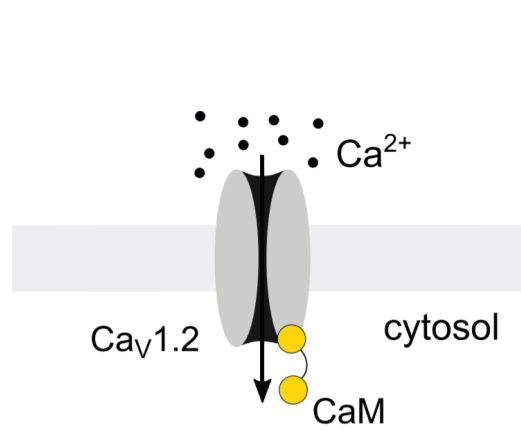
Folbigg mutationen forringer calmodulins evne til at binde calcium



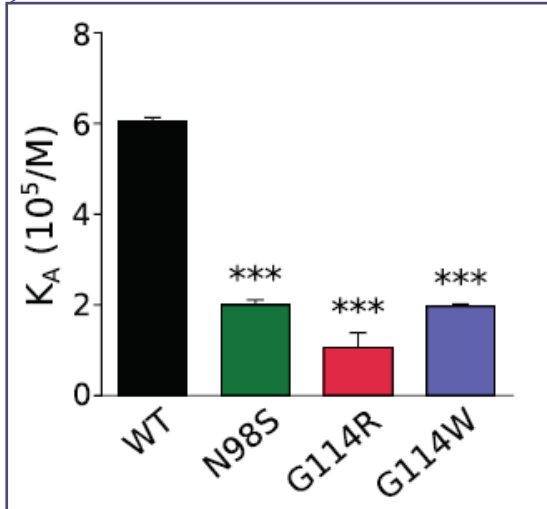
Måling af calmodulins evne til at vekselvirke med calcium-kanaler – fluorescens anisotropi



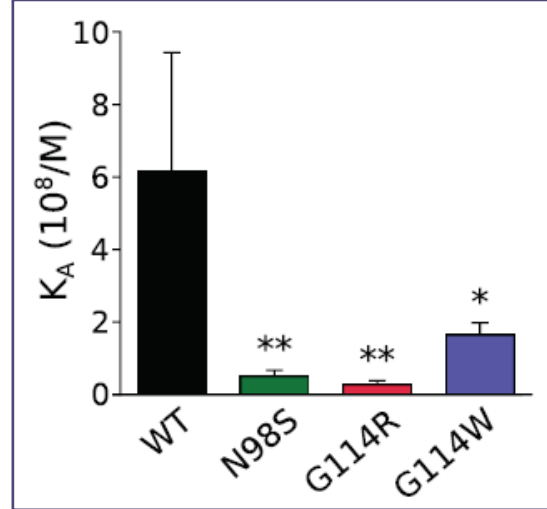
Folbigg mutationen forringer calmodulins evne til at binde til Ca_v1.2



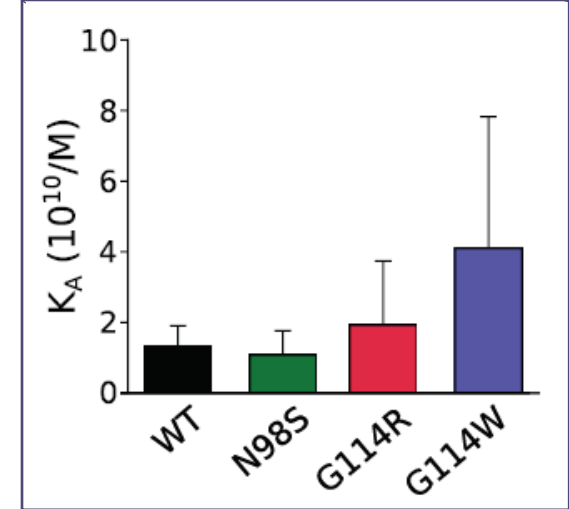
Lav calcium



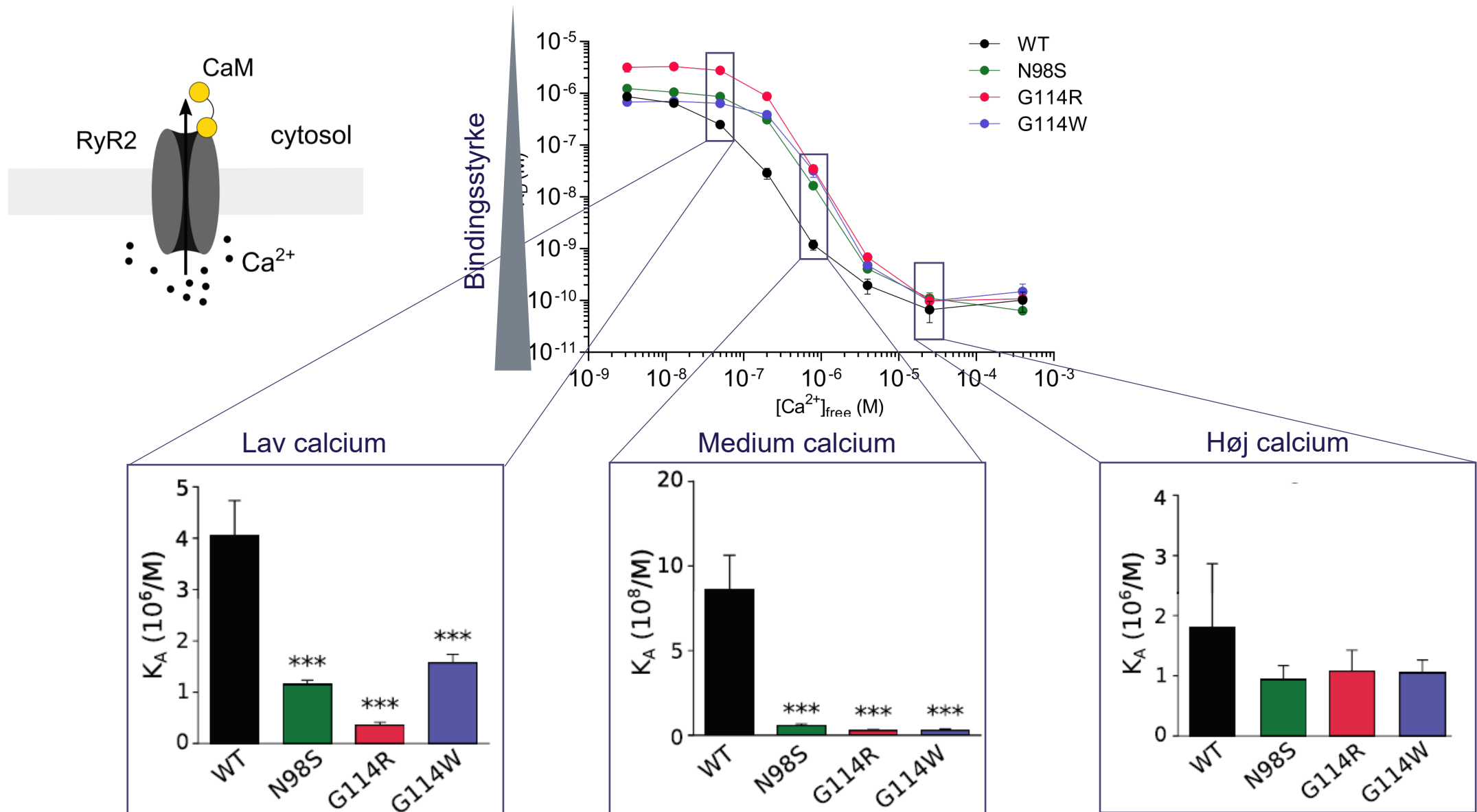
Medium calcium



Høj calcium

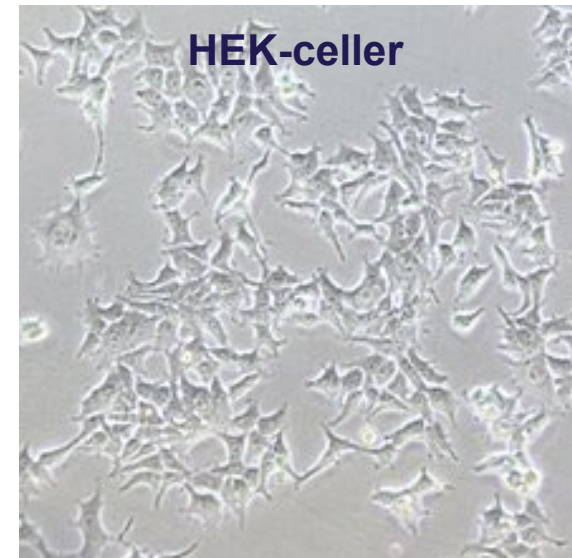
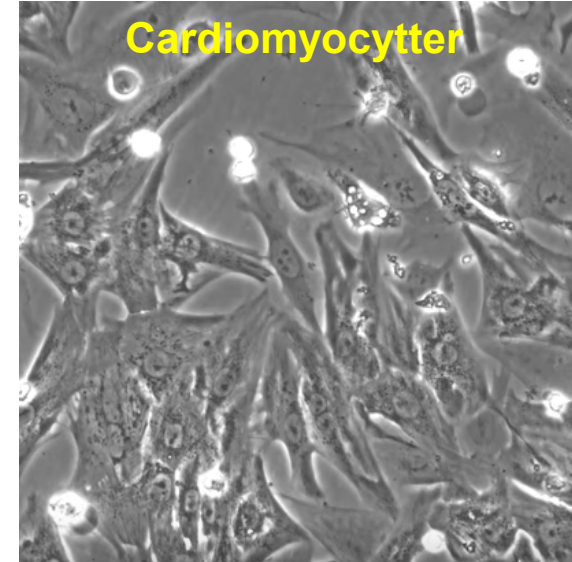


Folbigg mutationen forringer calmodulins evne til at binde til RyR2

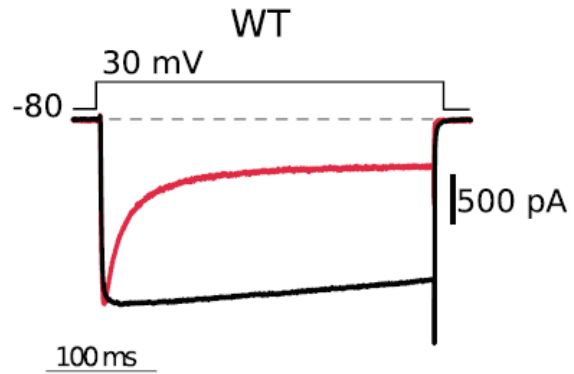
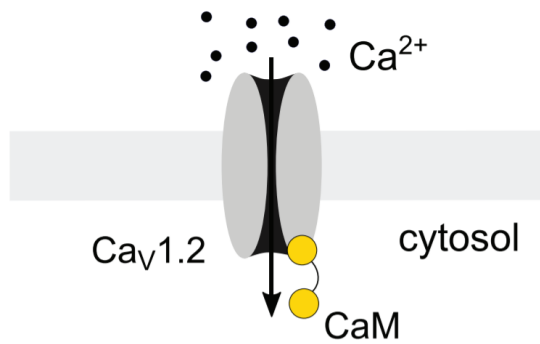


Cellekulturer kan bruges til at studere (komplekse) effekter

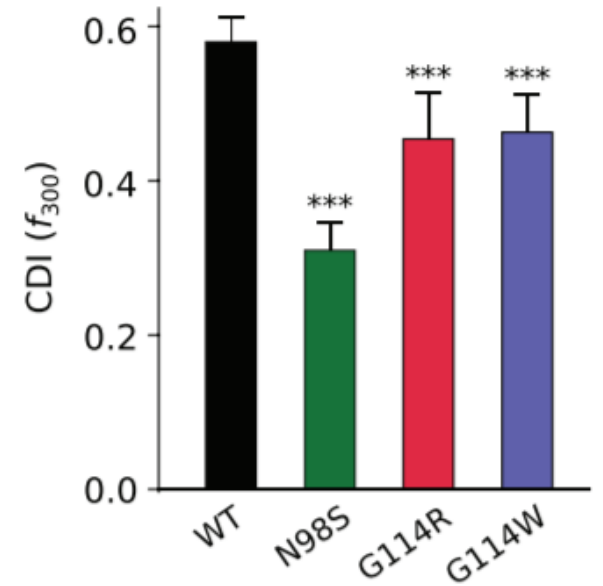
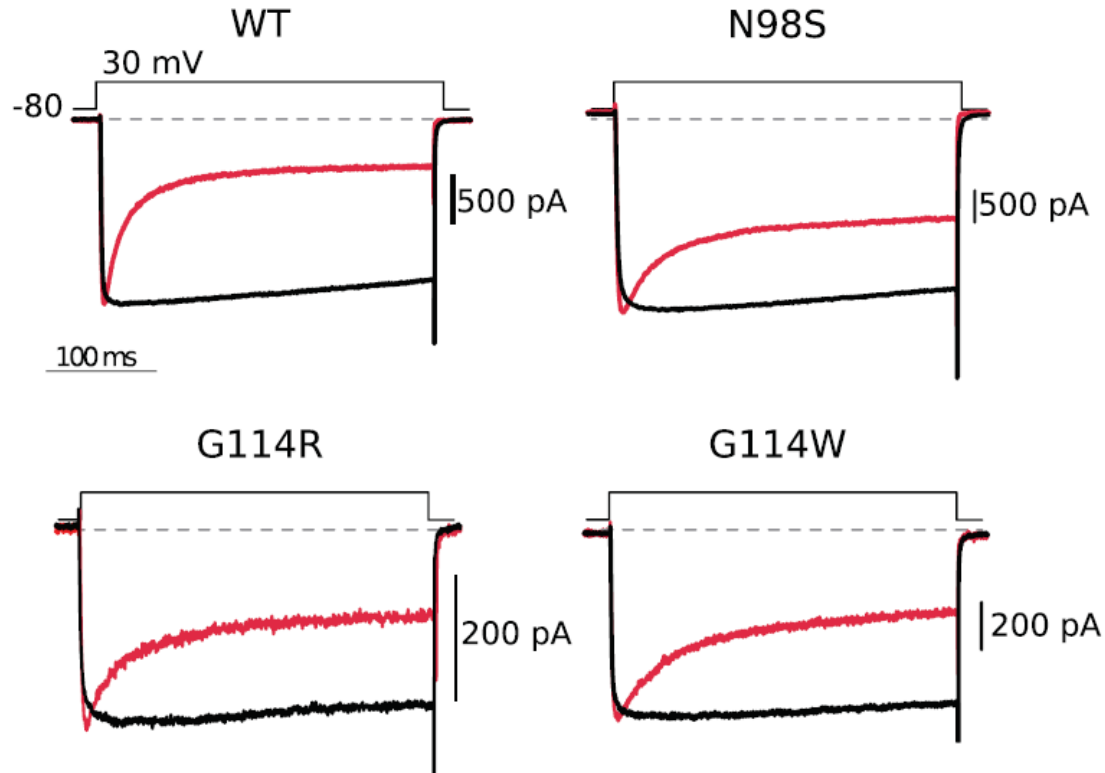
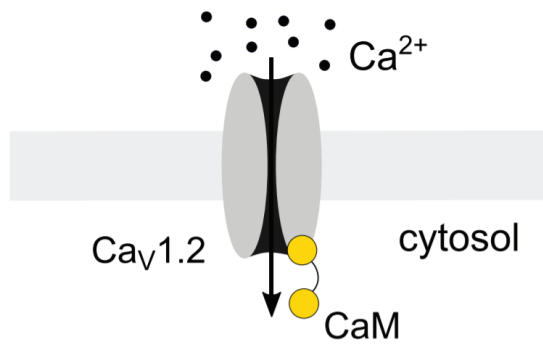
- ▶ Isolér specifik celletype *eller* anvend standardiseret cellelinje
- ▶ Stimulér/påvirk cellerne
- ▶ Mål på:
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 - ▶ Signalering (on/off)
 - ▶ Enzymaktivitet
 - ▶ Transportaktivitet (fx. Ca^{2+} -strømninger)



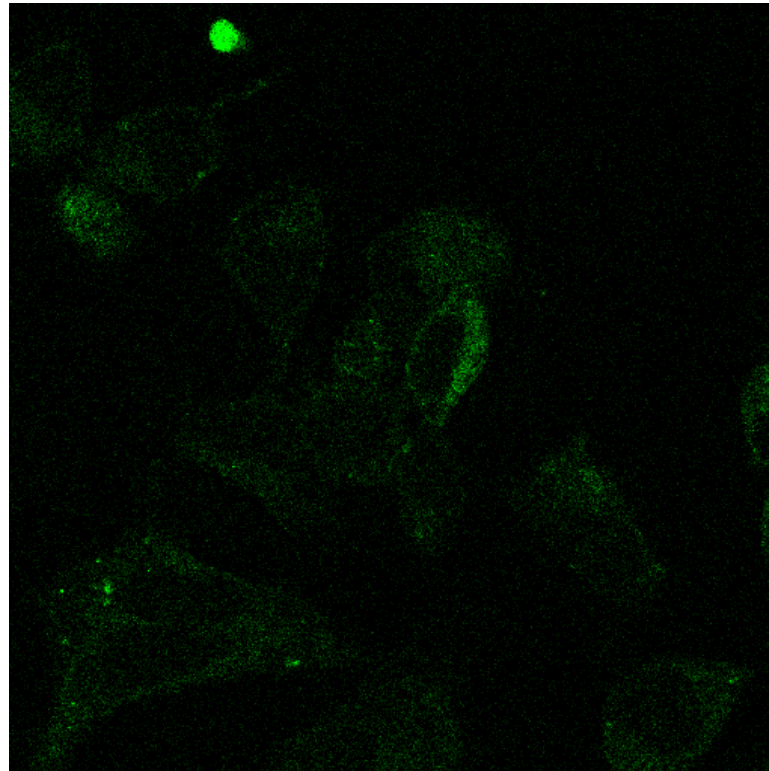
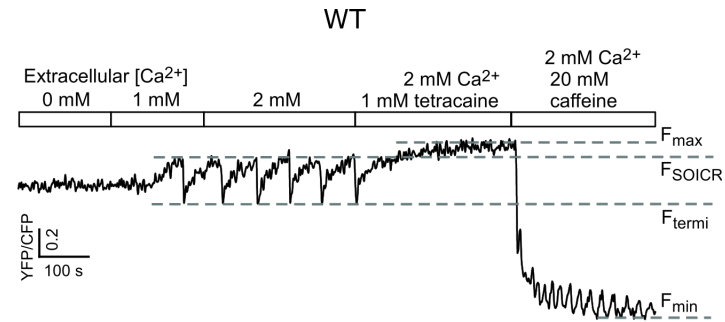
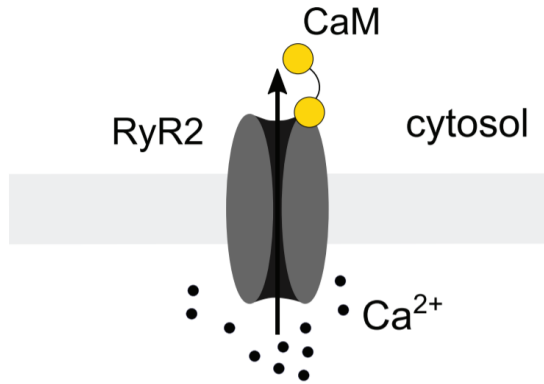
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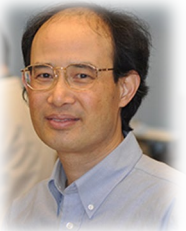
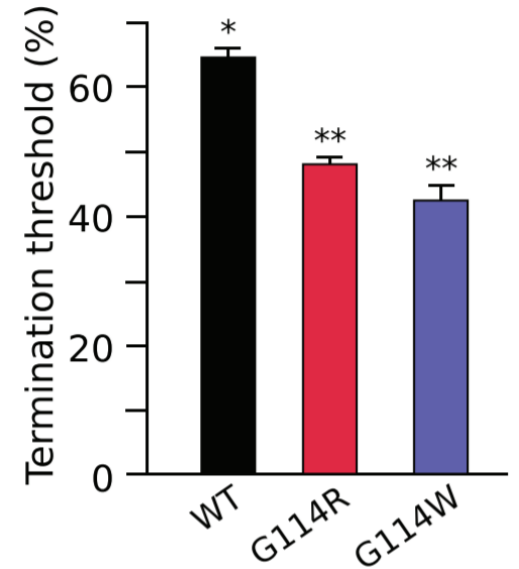
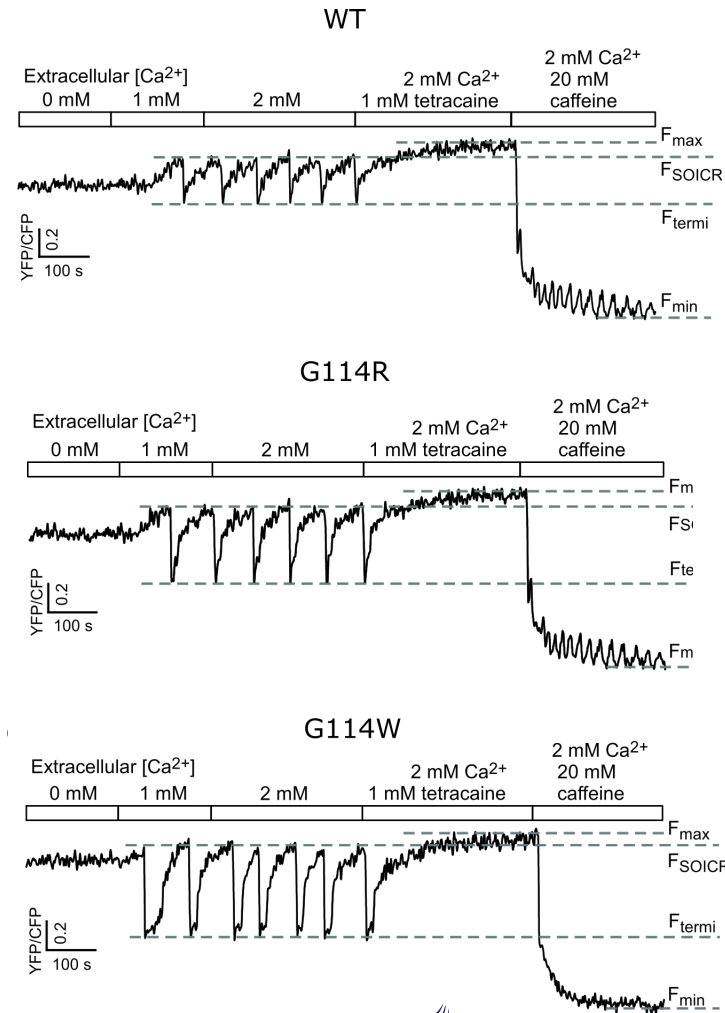
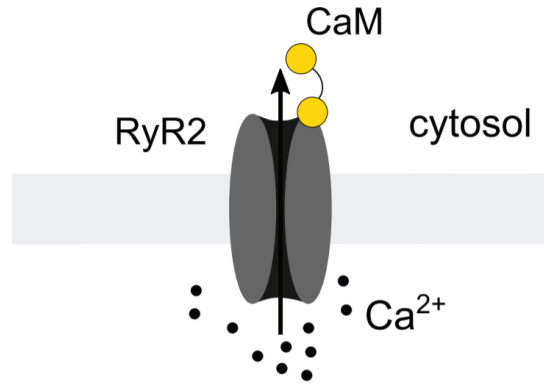


Folbigg mutationen forringer calmodulins evne til at lukke RyR2





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Infanticide vs. inherited cardiac arrhythmias

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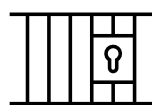
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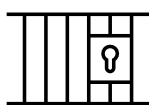
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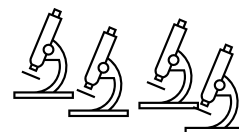
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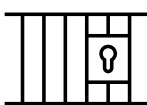
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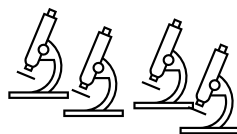
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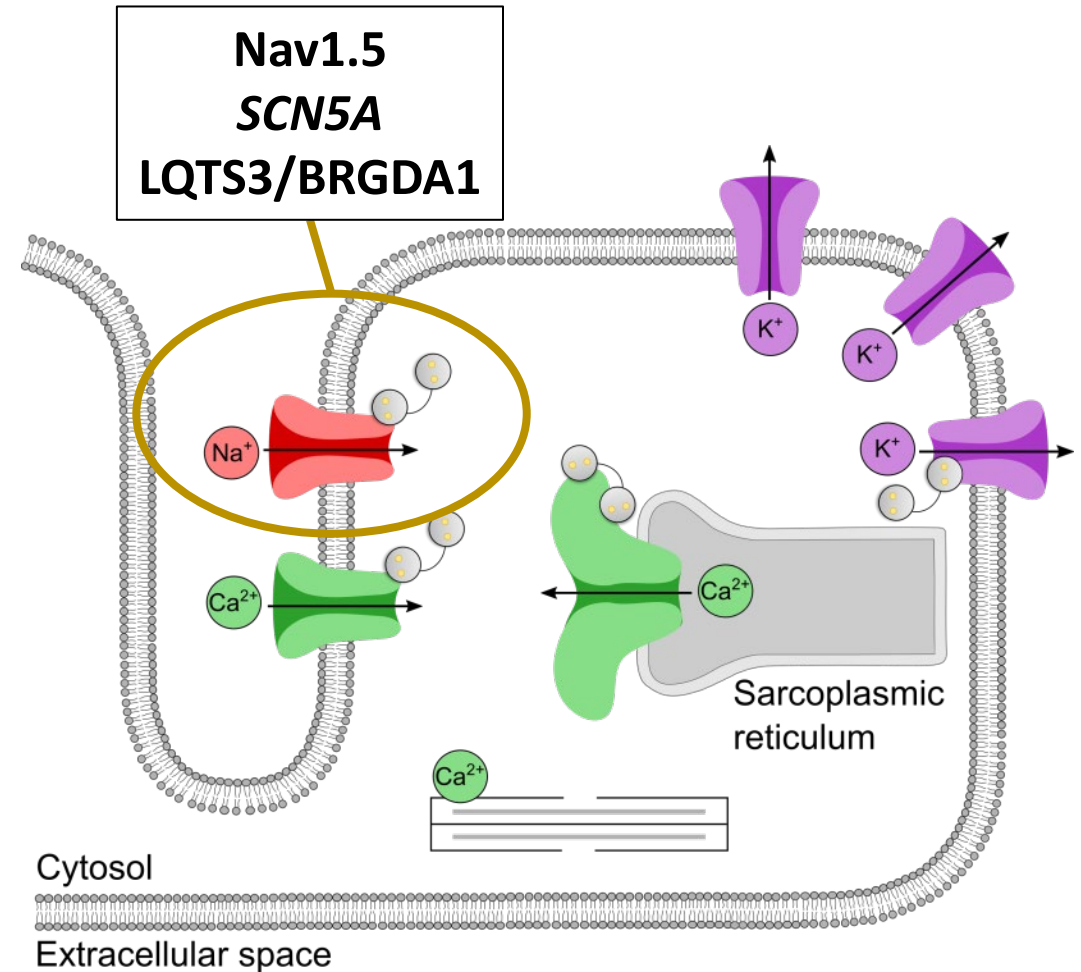
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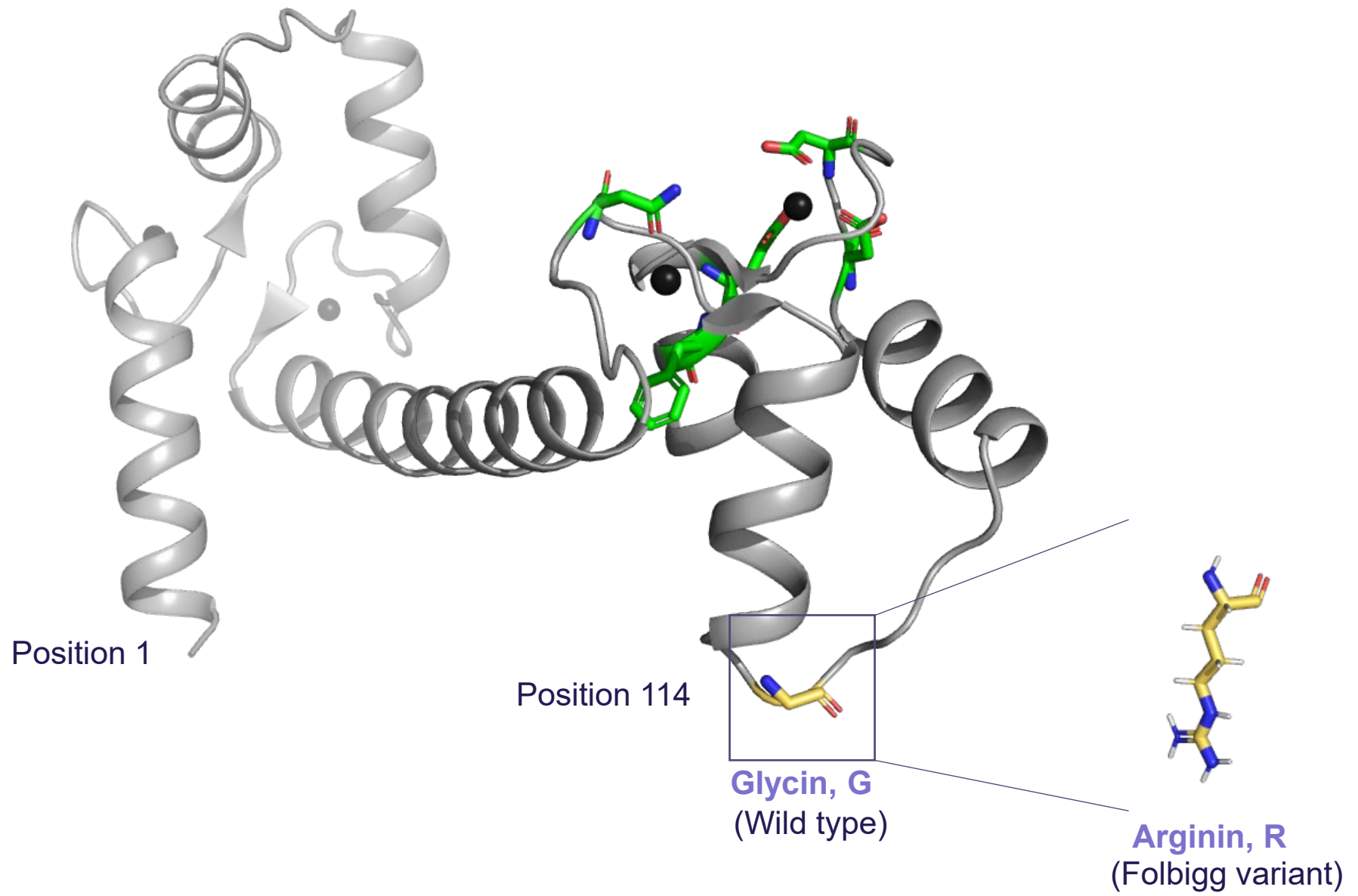
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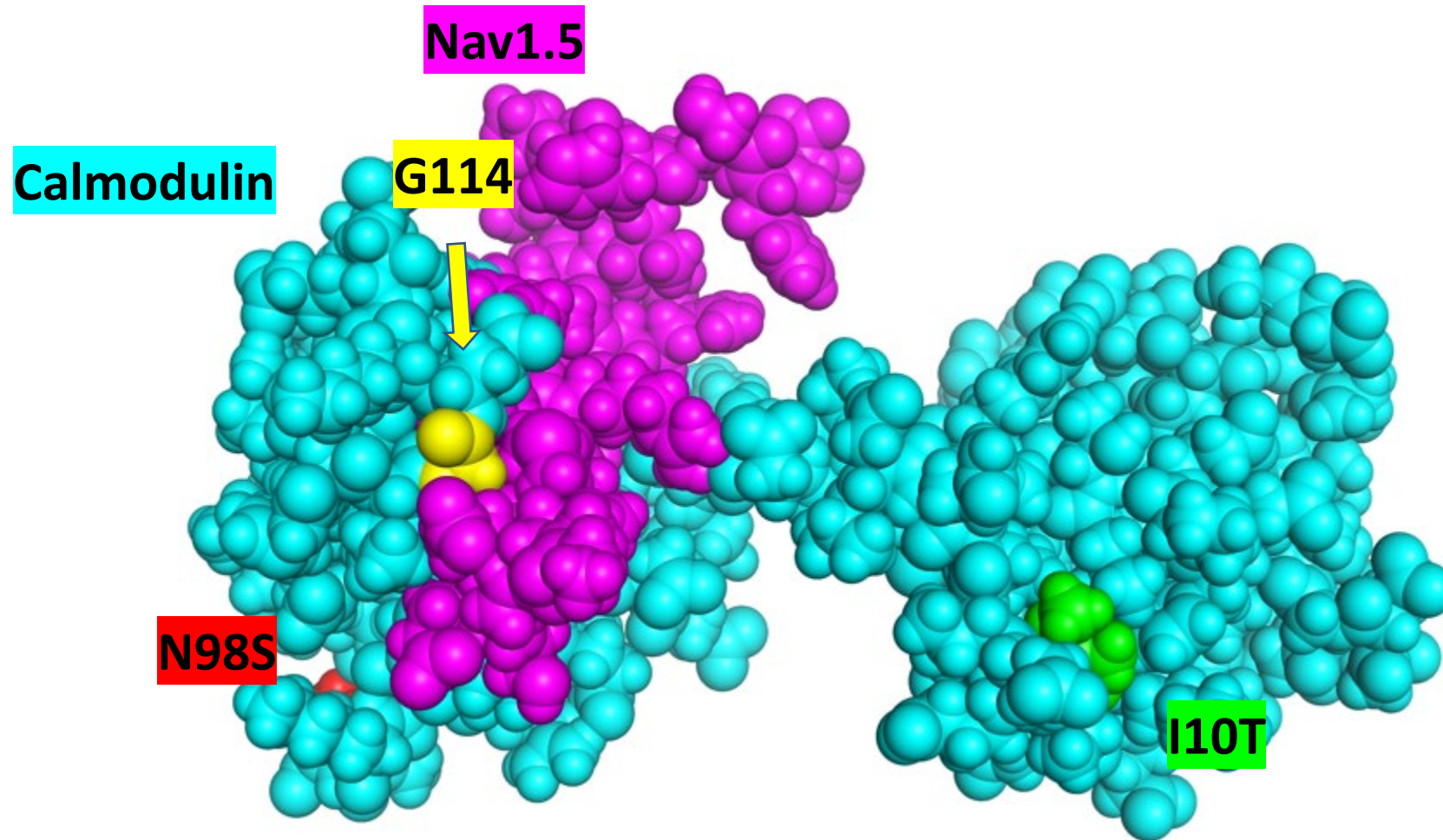
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Calmodulin regulerer Nav1.5 – Hjertets Natrium-channel





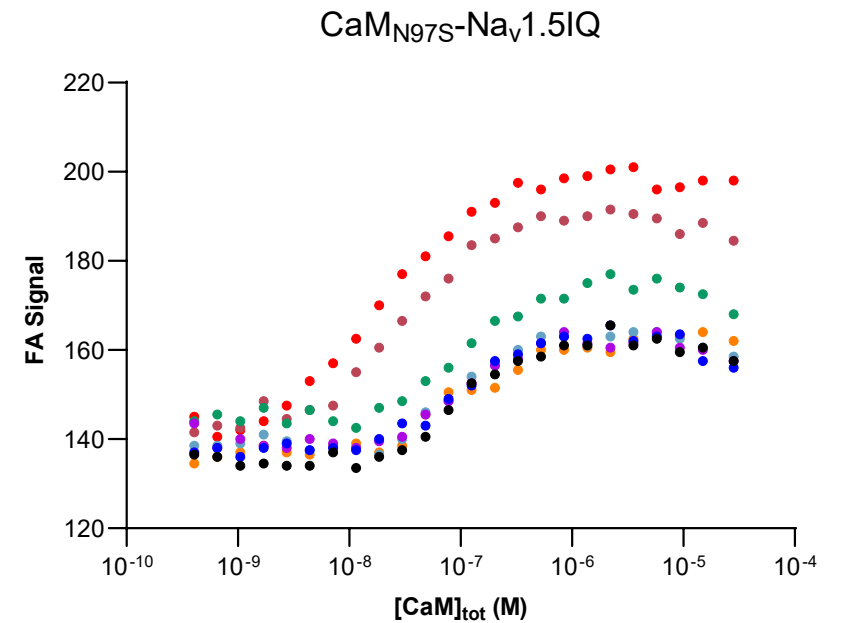
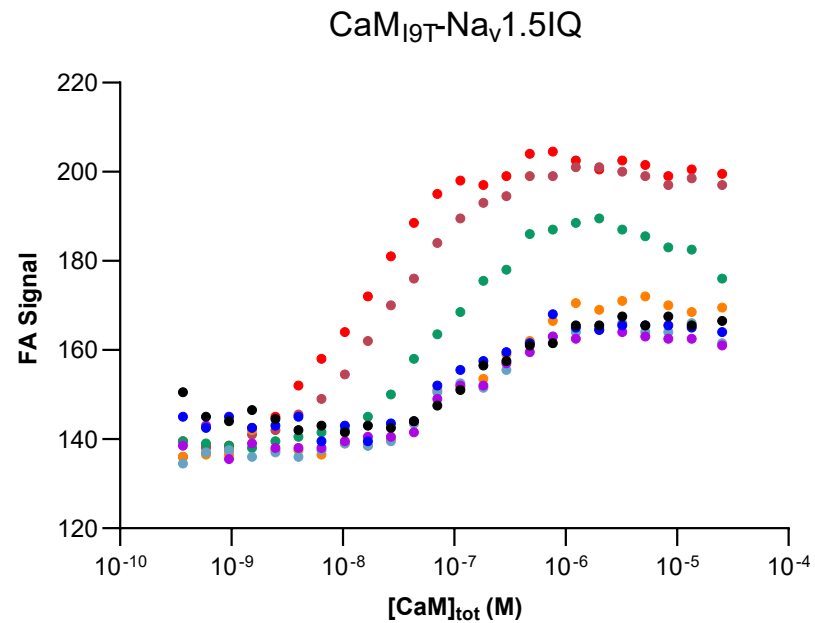
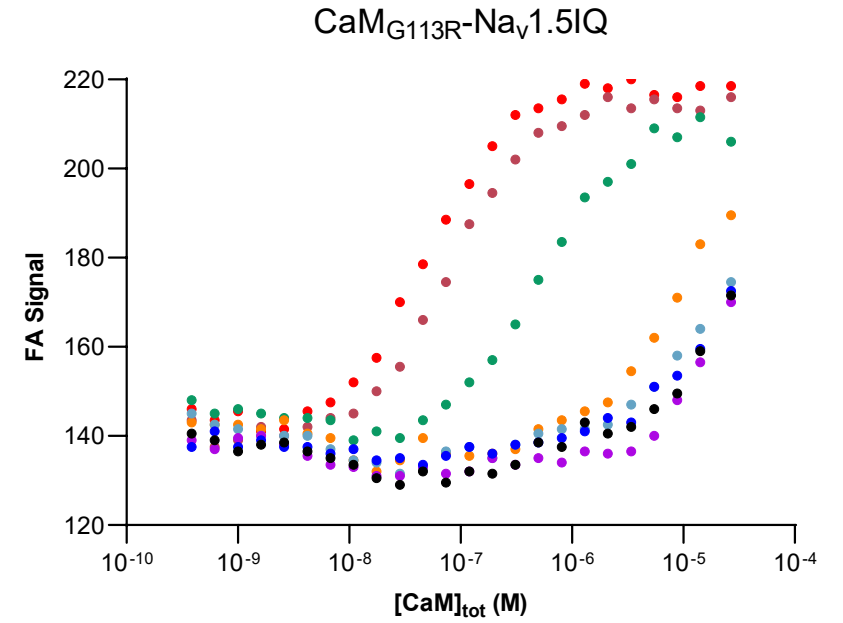
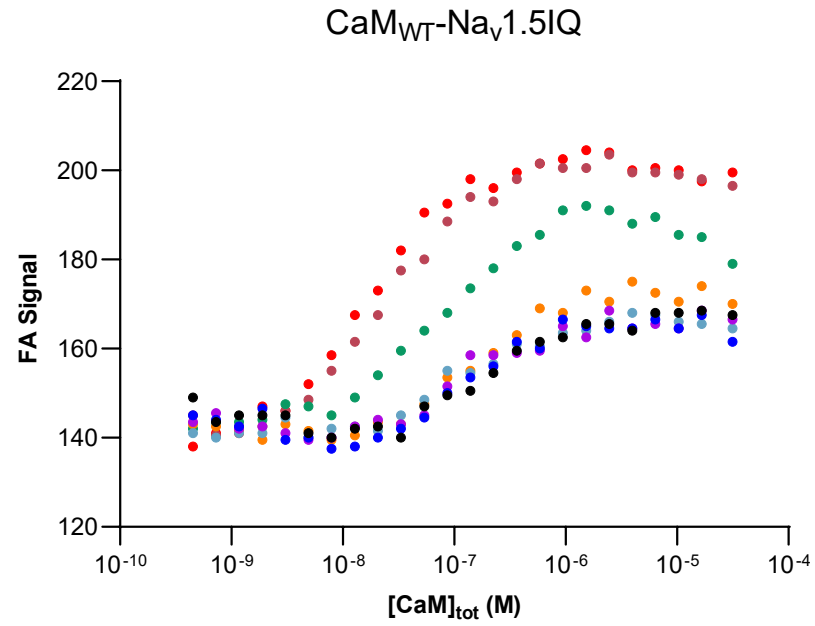
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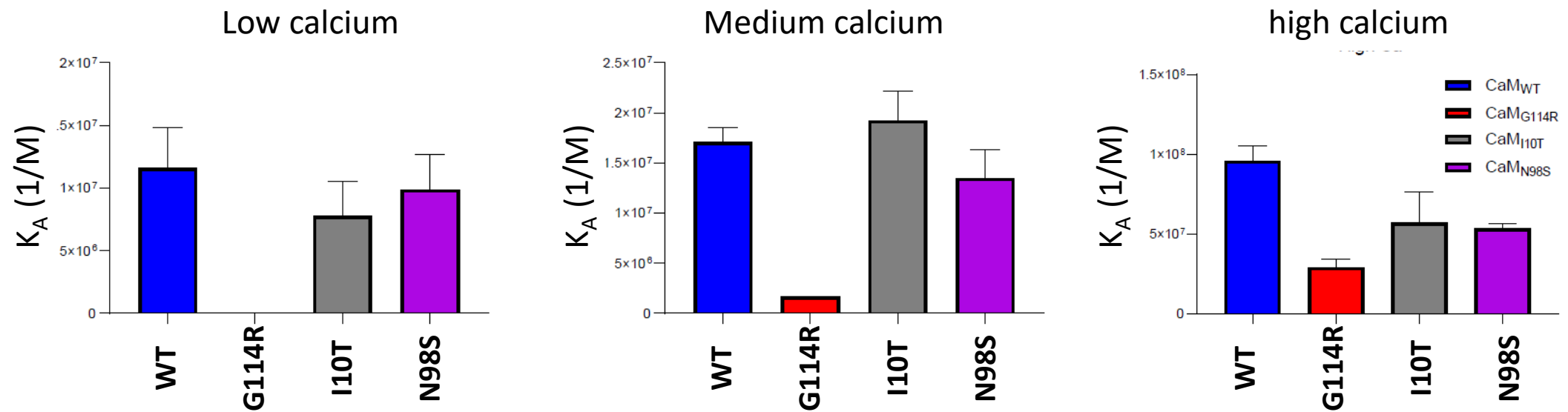


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Calmodulin binding to the SCN5A (Nav1.5) IQ-domain



The binding of G114R to the Nav1.5 IQ domain is severely reduced, in particular at low and medium calcium concentrations



Kathleen Folbigg inquiry examines new scientific evidence and 'likely genetic mutation'

By court reporter [Jamelle Wells](#)

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Professor Nyegaard (left), and Professor Overgaard say the mutation was "unlucky" for families. (AAP:)

Folbigg Inquiry: Mutations in calmodulin were considered "incompatible with life" until a breakthrough discovery



Professors Michael Toft Overgaard and Mette Nyegaard / Source: Aalborg University

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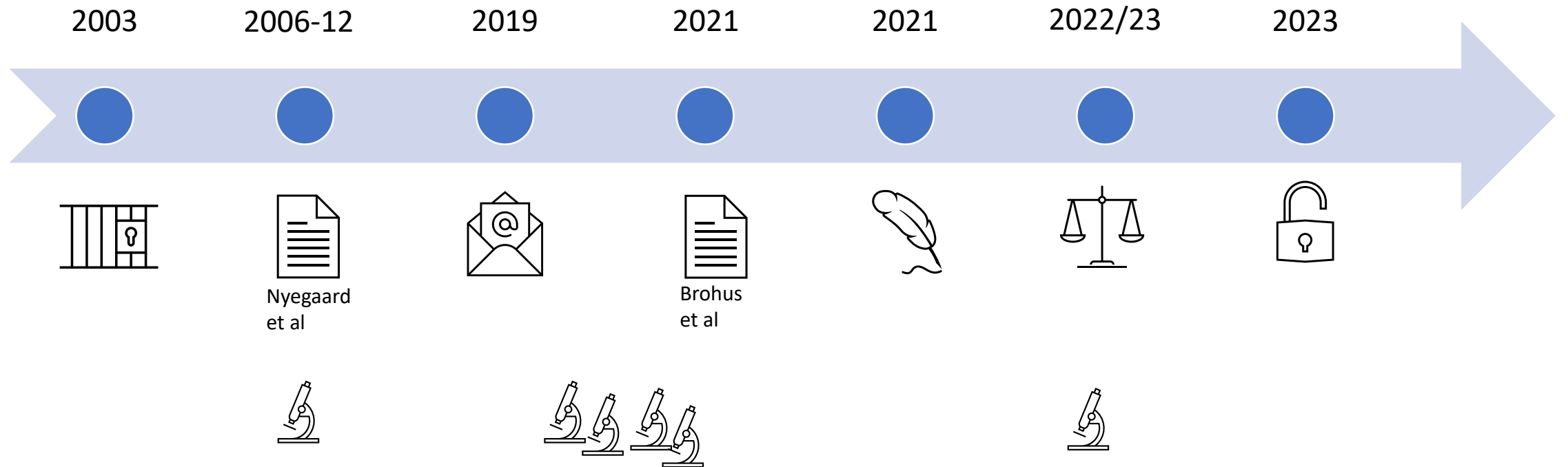


Matthew Ward
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The inquiry into the convictions of Kathleen Folbigg has heard that, until [discovered](#) in 2012, mutations to the genes that produce the important regulatory protein calmodulin were considered incompatible with life.

Husband-and-wife professors Michael Toft Overgaard and Mette Nyegaard, from Aalborg University in Denmark, were the sole experts to present evidence to the inquiry in Sydney today. Due to their presentation of what Tom Bathurst KC, conducting the inquiry, described as "new and quite exceptional" information, they are the final witnesses in this hearing

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