

**Application of
induced pluripotent stem (iPS) cells
in intractable childhood disorders**

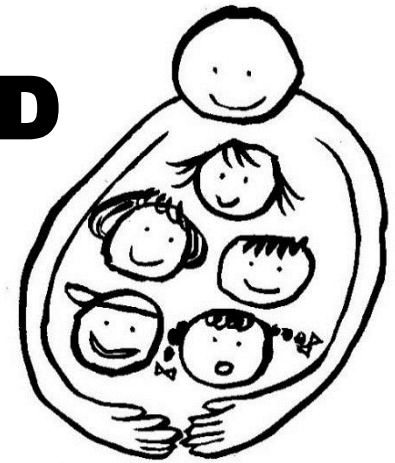
Lessons from Dravet synd. patient-derived iPSCs

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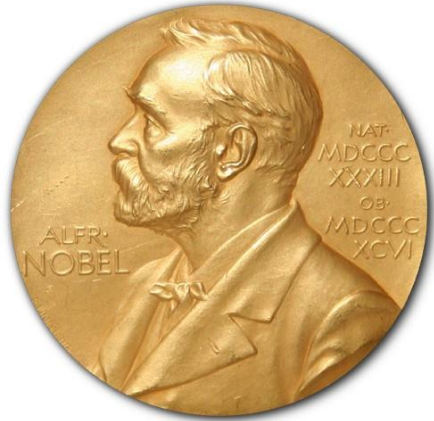
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Summary



iPS cells invented by Prof. Shinya Yamanaka



**The Nobel Prize
in
Medicine 2012**



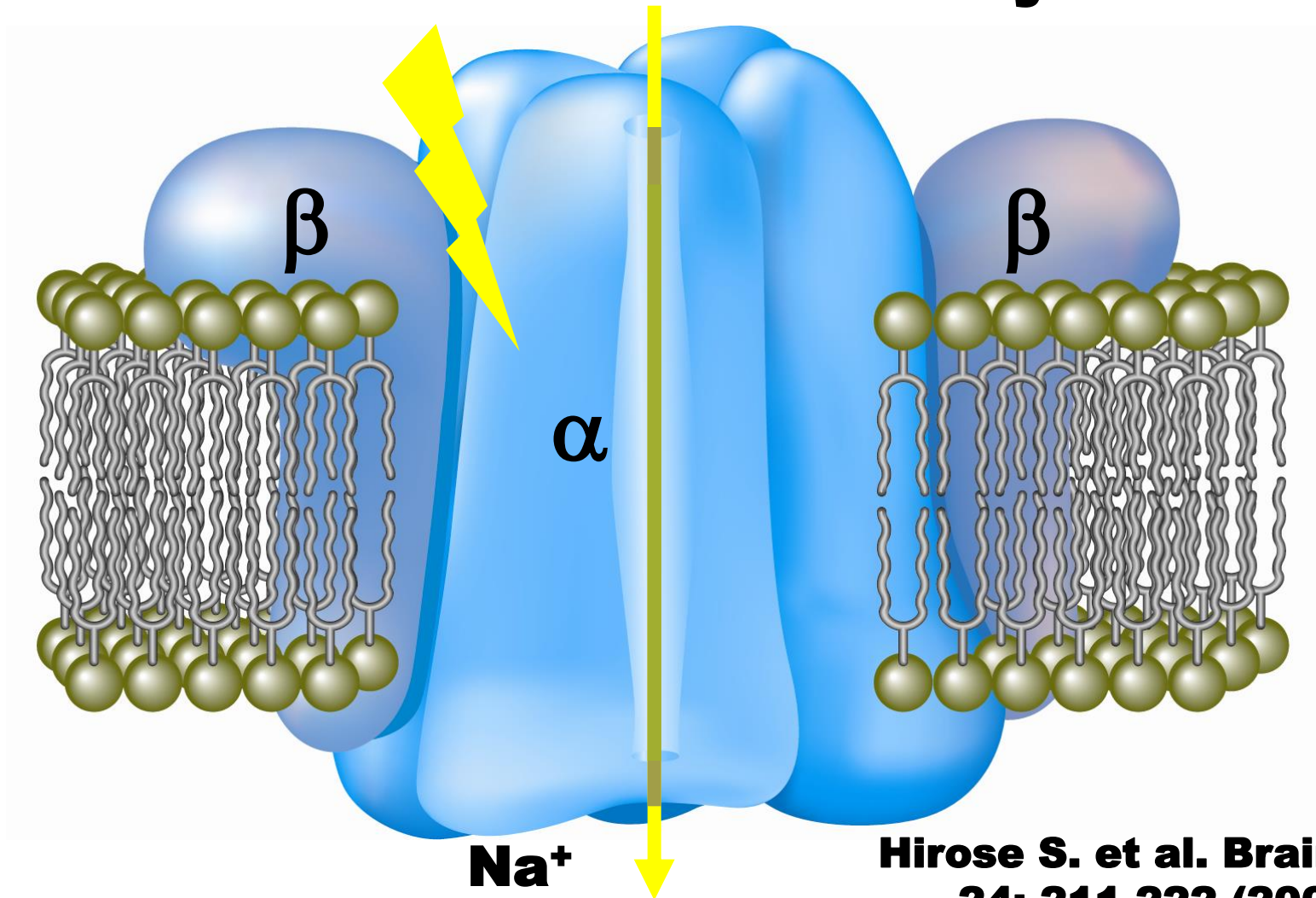
DRAVET syndrome

(Severe Myoclonic Epilepsy in Infancy)

- **Incidence : 1 in 40,000.**
- **Refractory epilepsy**
- **Profound psychomotor delay**
- **Fever sensitive**
- **Na⁺ channel abnormalities**

Na⁺ channel (Na_v1.1)

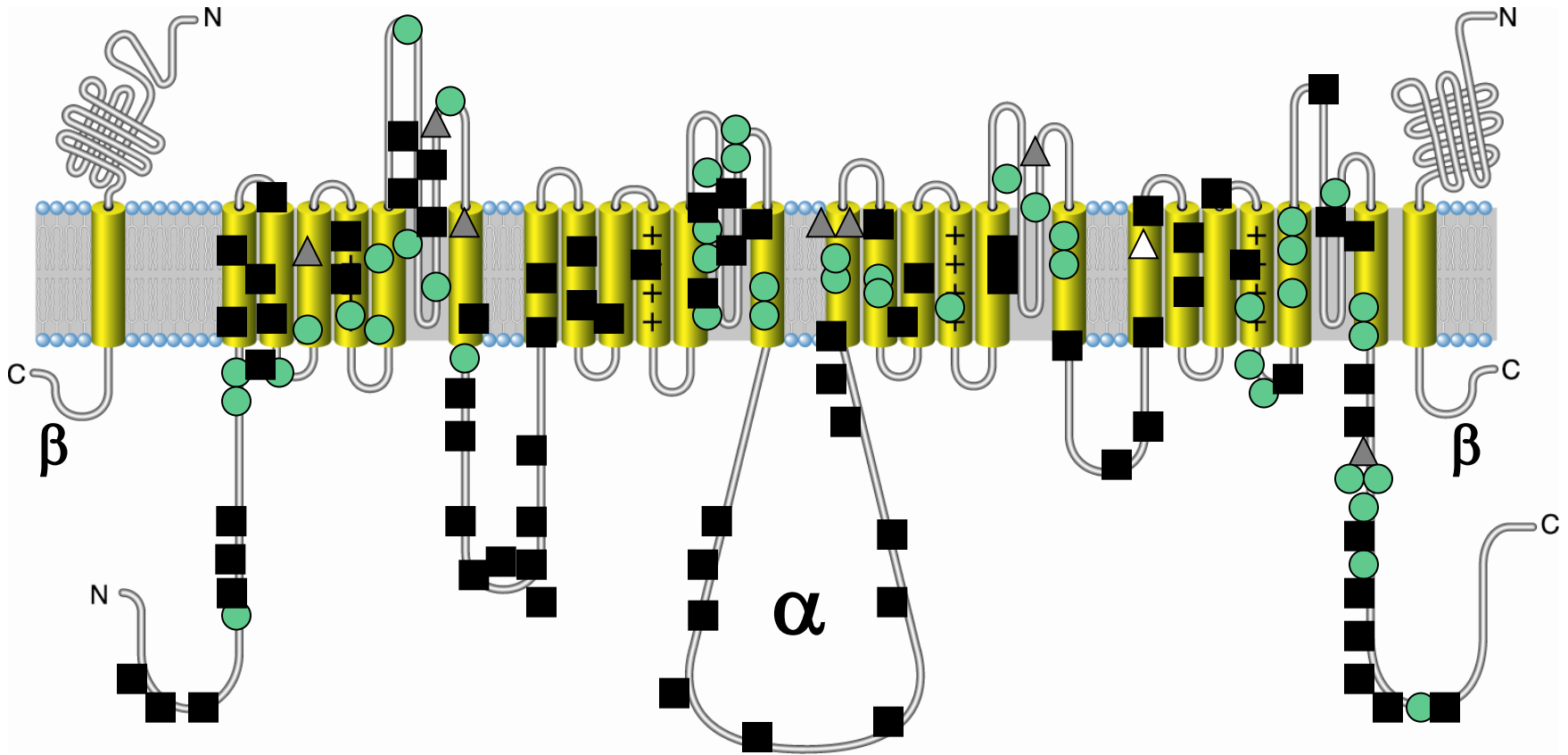
Mutations found in DRAVET syndrome



**Hirose S. et al. Brain Dev
24: 211-222 (2002)**

Mutations found in DRAVET

All are hetero and Most are *De Novo*



■ truncation ● missense ▲ splice site △ deletion

Lossin C Brain & Dev 31: 114-130 (2009)

Patient whose skin was used to establish iPS cells

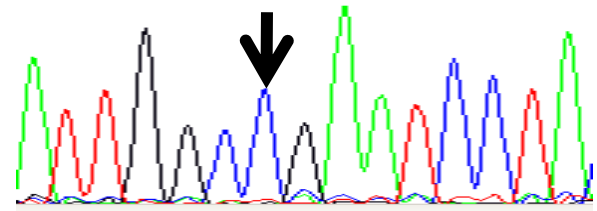
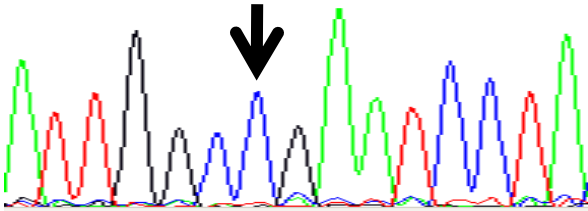
- **29-year-old woman**
- **No perinatal abnormality**
- **Normal development till 6mo.**
- **First GTC at 7mo.**
- **Frequent seizures thereafter**
- **Non-convulsive status epilepticus**

Typical DRAVET syndrome

SCN1A mutation of the Patient

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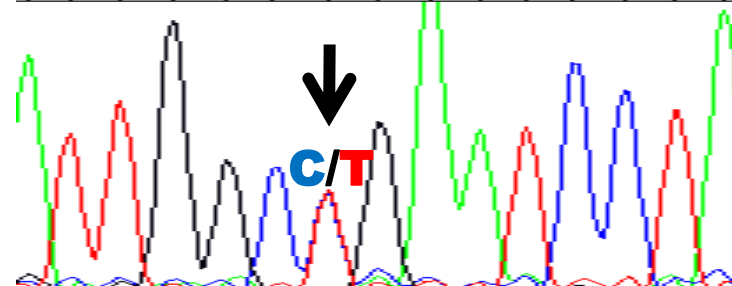
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c.4933 C>T

p.R1645X

Ile Gly **Stop**
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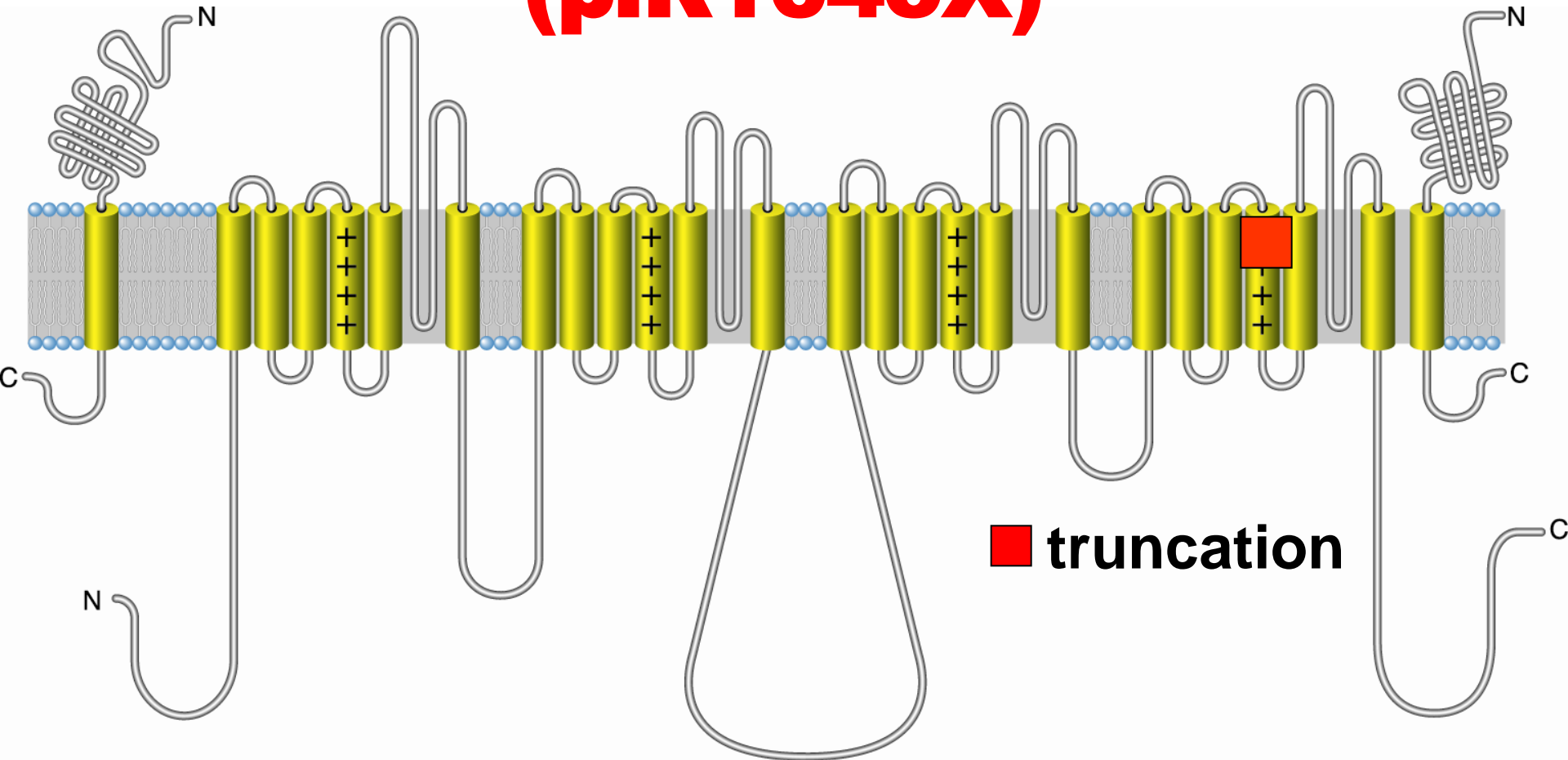
**Fukuma et al.
 Epilepsia
 25: 535-542 (2005)**



SCN1A mutation of the Patient

Non-sense mutation

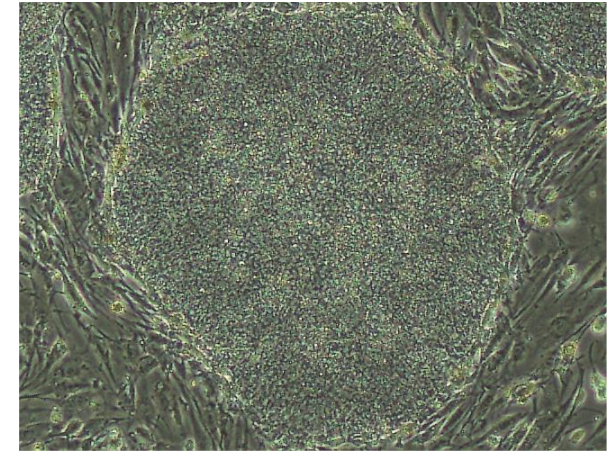
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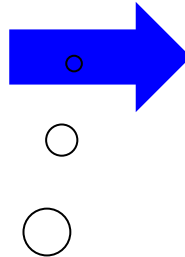
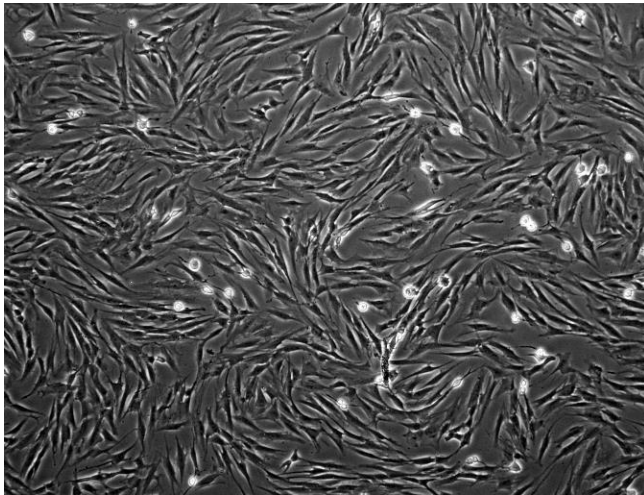
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Patient iPS cells established

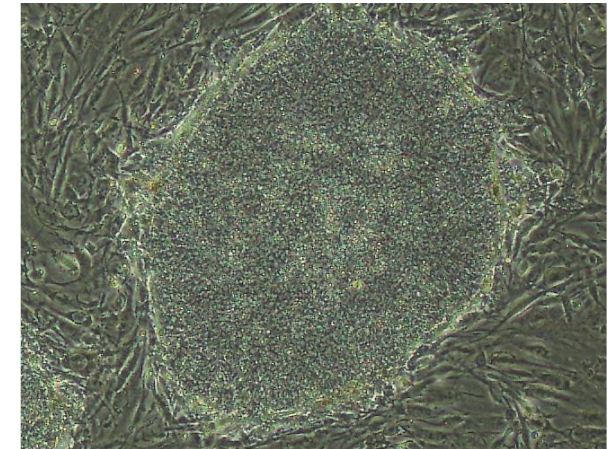
iPS cells Line A



Patient fibroblast



iPS cells Line B



**Yamanaka's
4 factors**

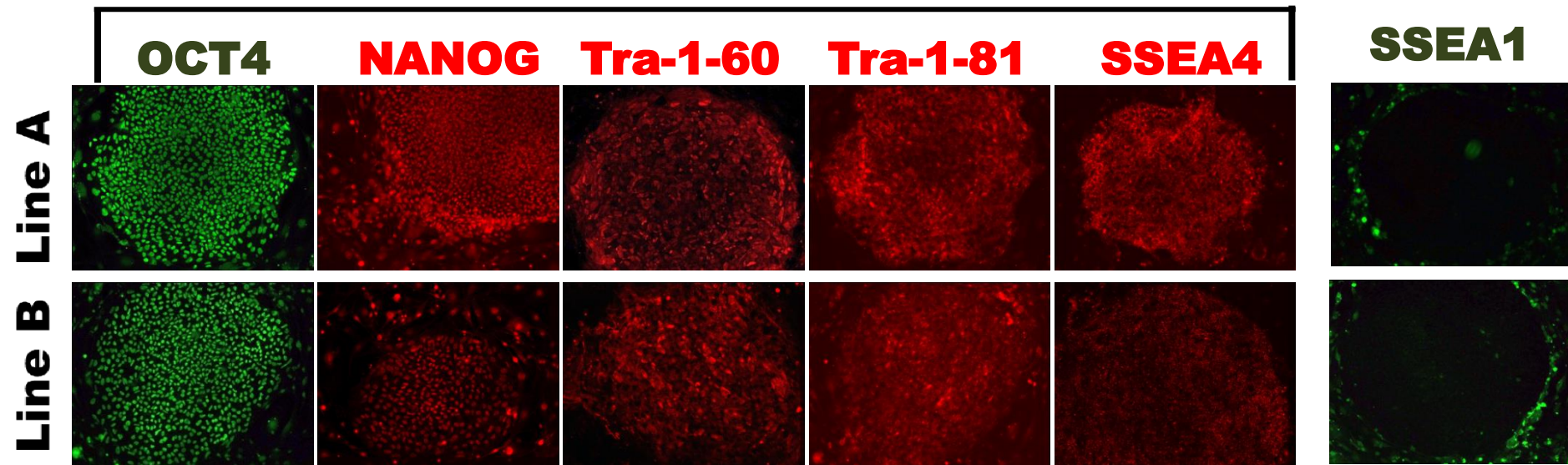
Oct3/4 · Sox2 · Klf4 · c-Myc

iPS cells remain un-differentiated

Immunostaining for iPS cells

Markers for un-differentiation

Marker for differentiation



iPS cells show Teratoma formation

Ectoderm

Mesoderm

Endoderm

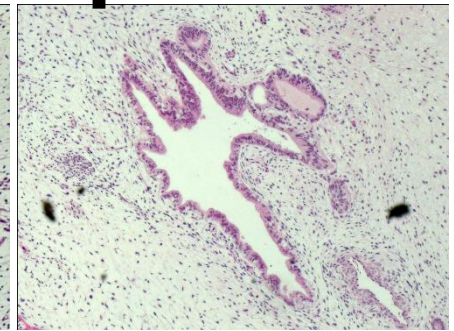
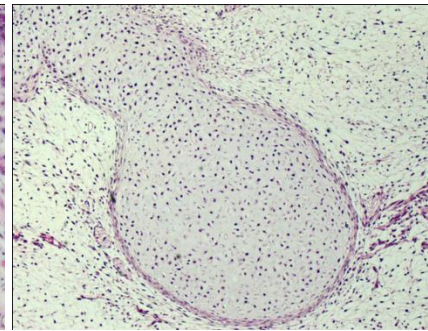
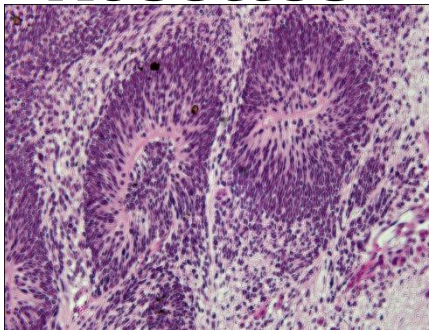
Neuronal Rosettes

Pigmented Epithelium

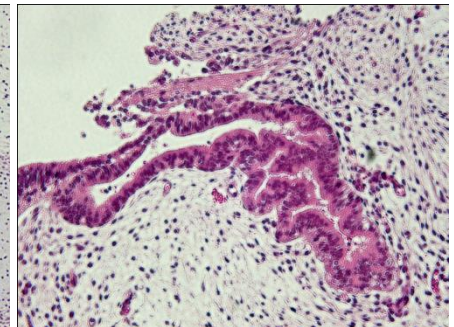
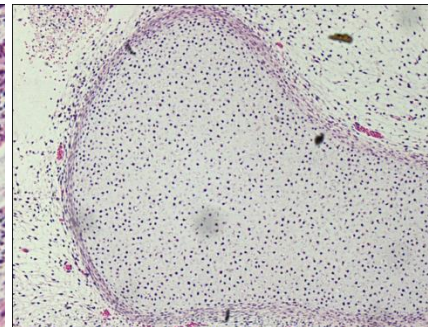
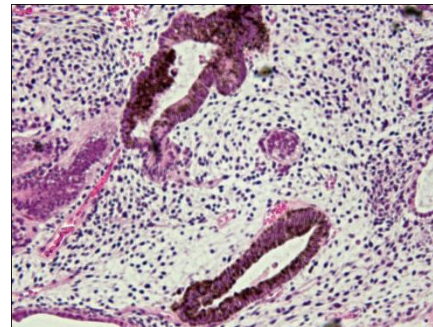
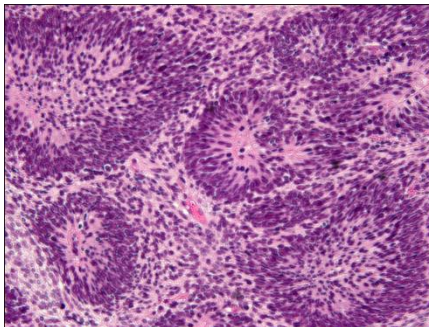
Cartilage

Respiratory Epithelium

Line A



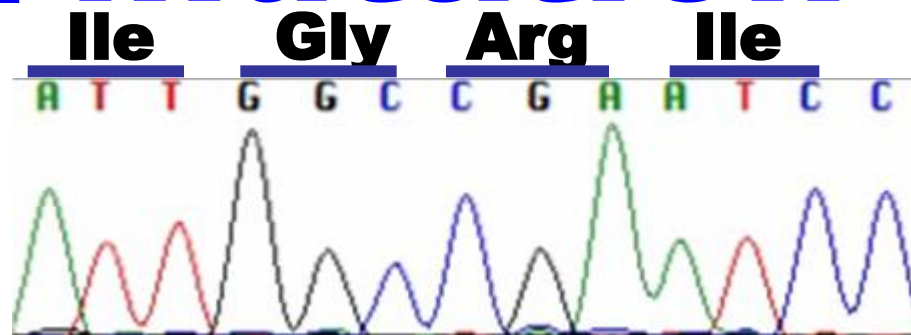
Line B



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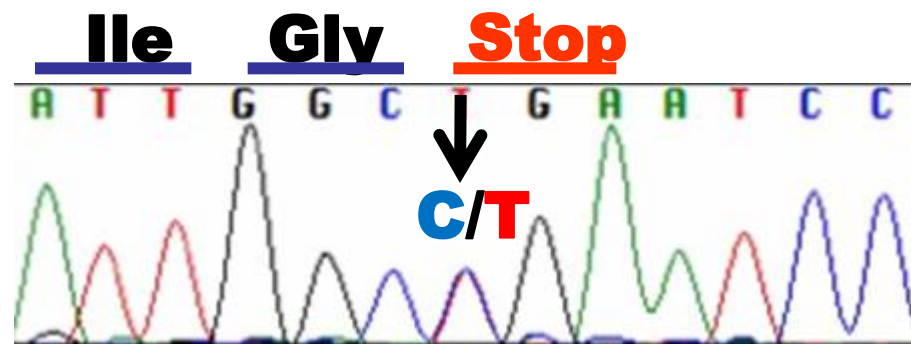
iPS cells retain *SCN1A* mutation

Control iPS

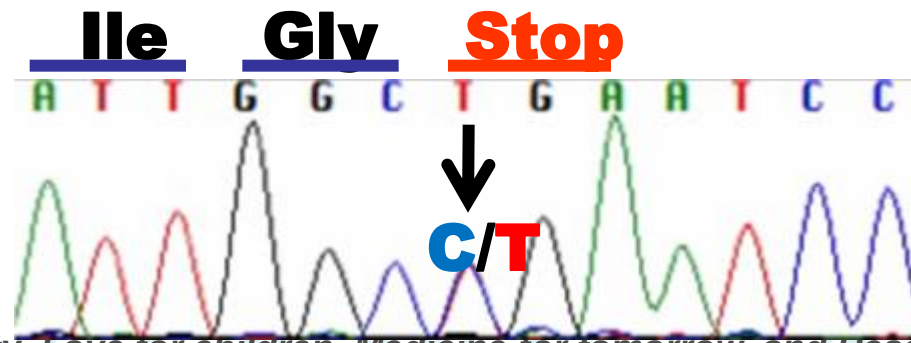


p.R1645X
(Hetero)

Patient iPS cells
Line A

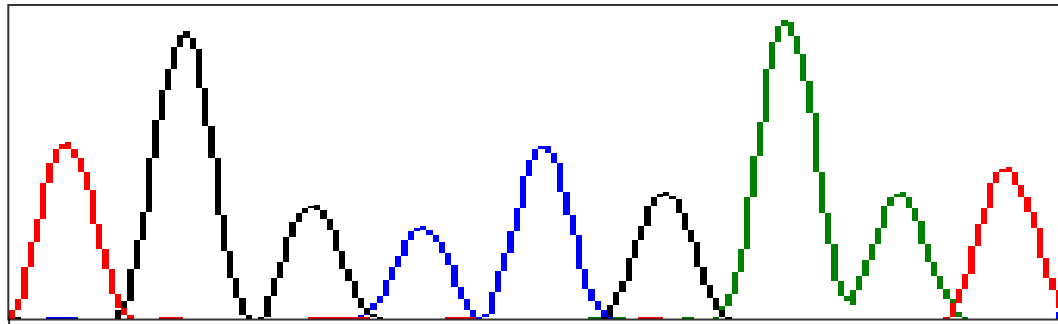


Patient iPS cells
Line B

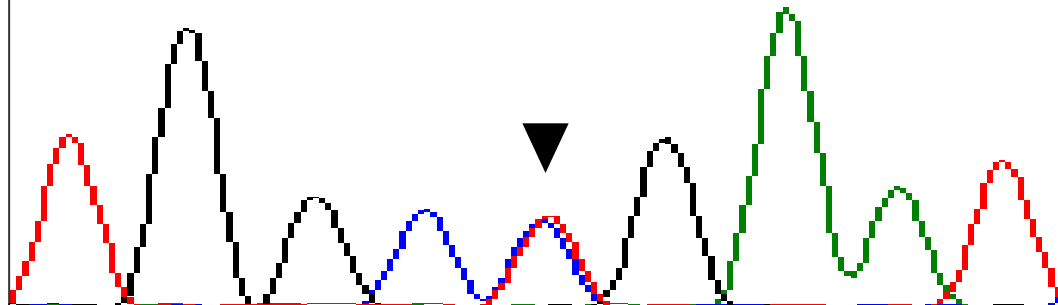


SCN1A mRNA of Neurons

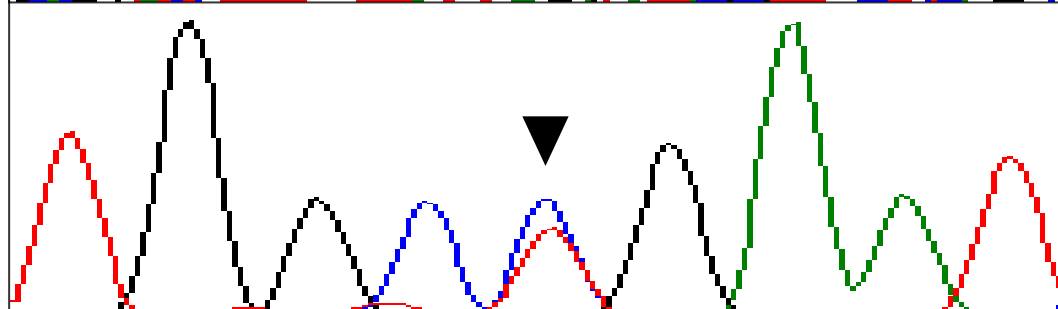
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Line A



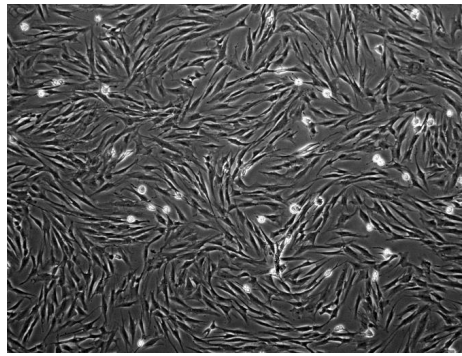
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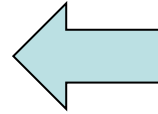
T G G C C G A A T

Higurashi N et al. *Mol Brain* 6:19 (2013)

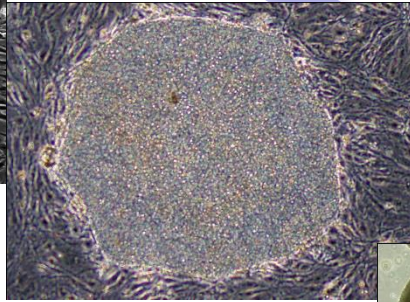
Neurons derived from iPS



Fibroblasts

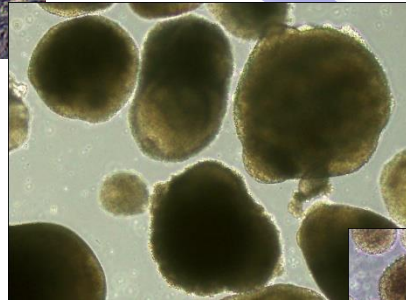


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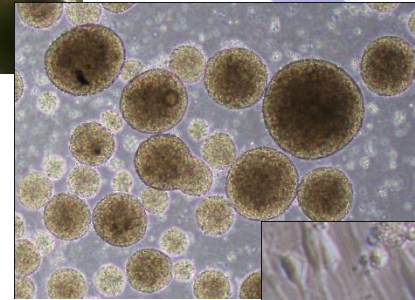


iPS cells

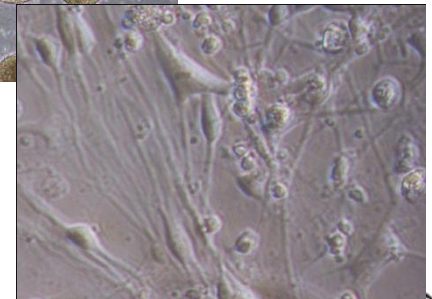
Embryoid body



Neurosphere



Neurons



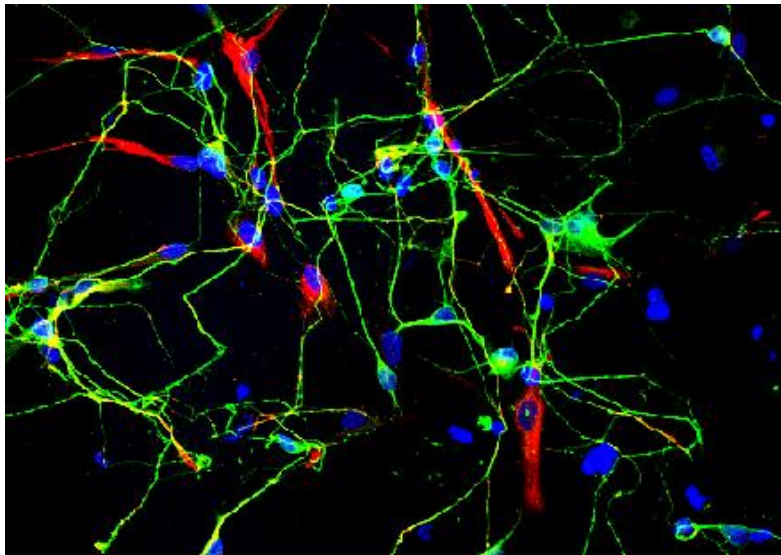
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iPS cells develop to neuronal cells



Day 10



β III-tubulin

neurons

GFAP

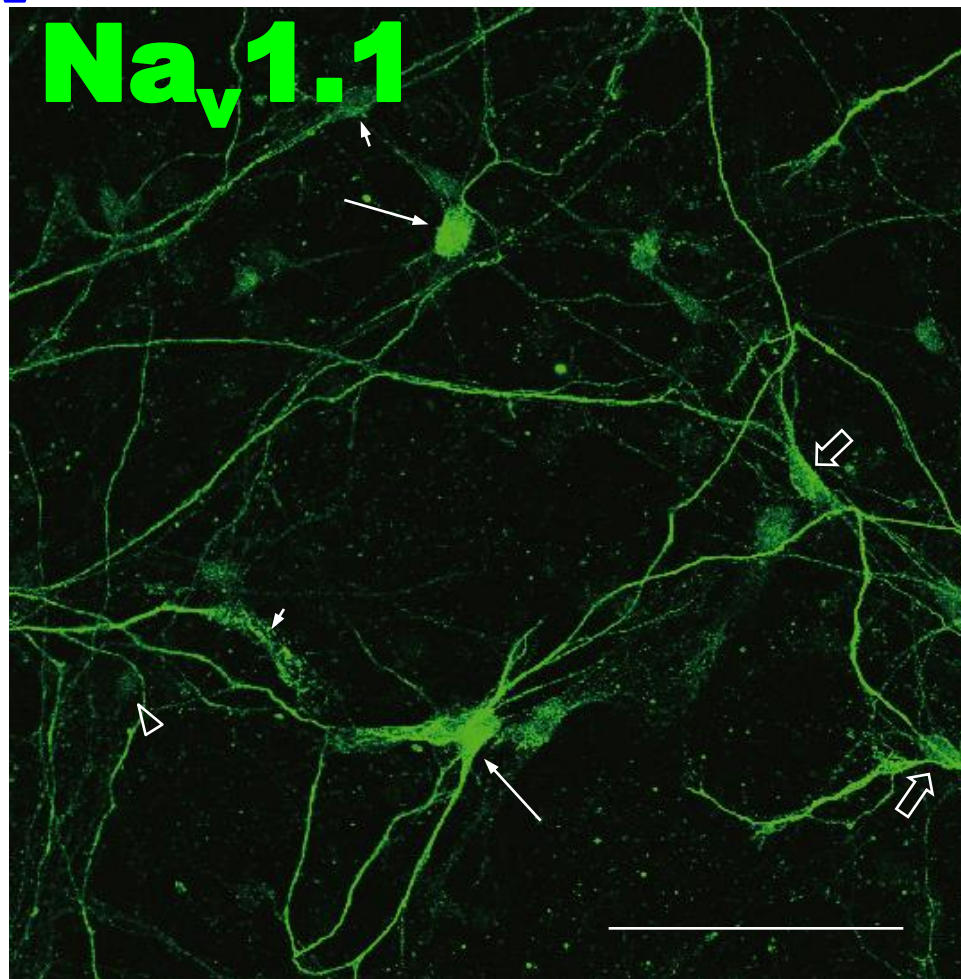
glia

Hoechst 33258

nucleus

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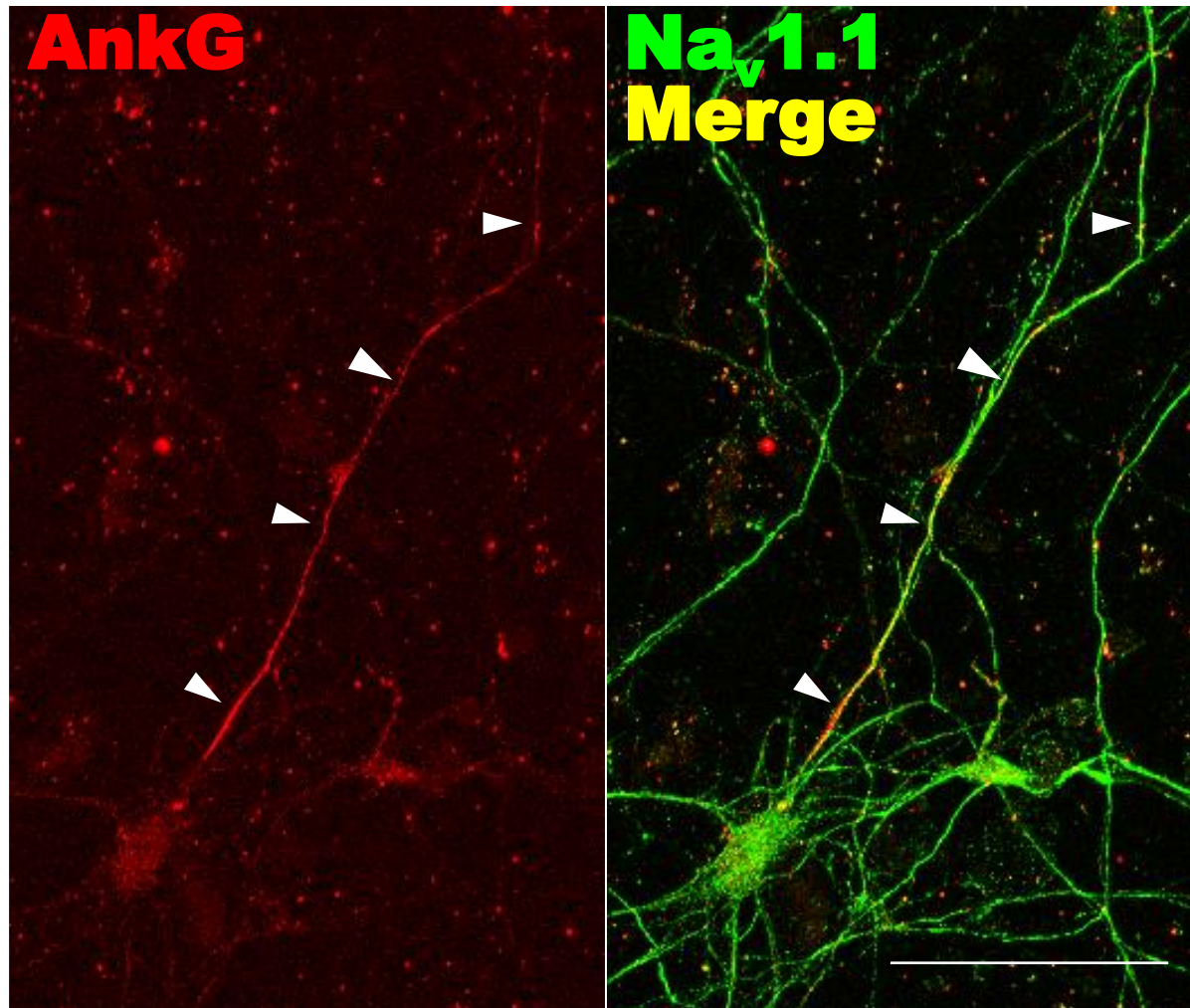
Na_v1.1 Expression



**Control
(day 36)**

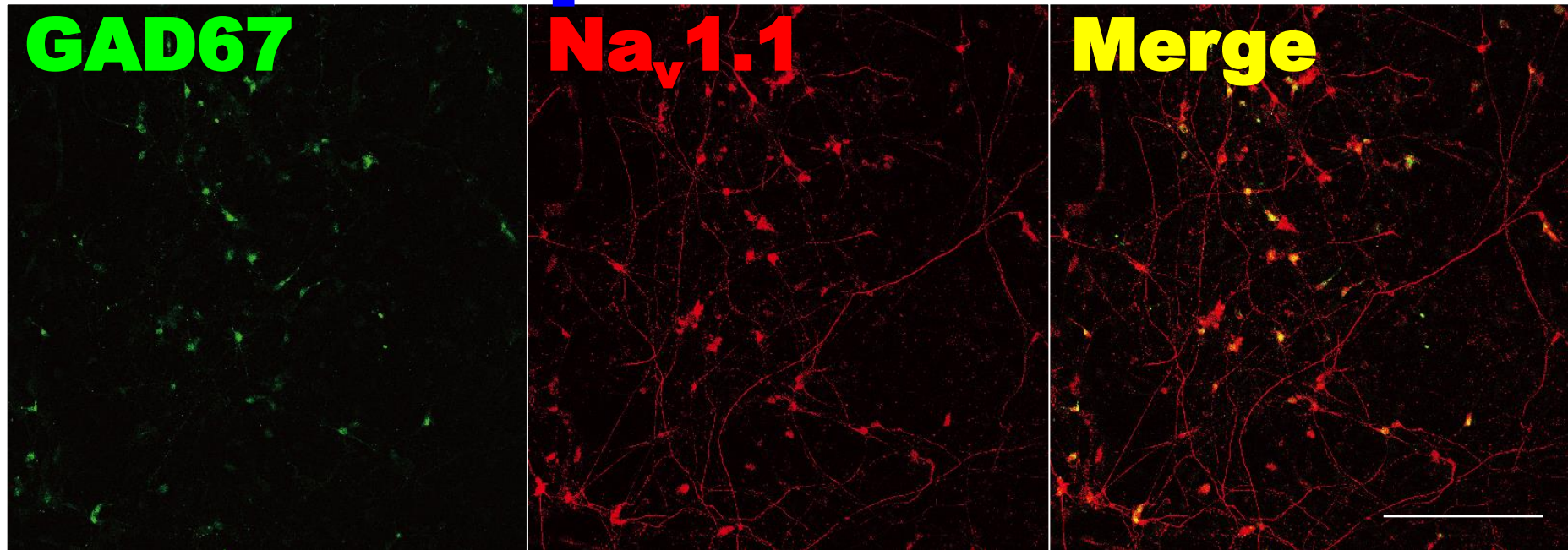
50~60% of Neurons express Na_v1.1

$Na_v1.1$ is expressed at Axon Initial Segment (AIS)



**Control
(day 30)**

GABAergic Neurons are predominant

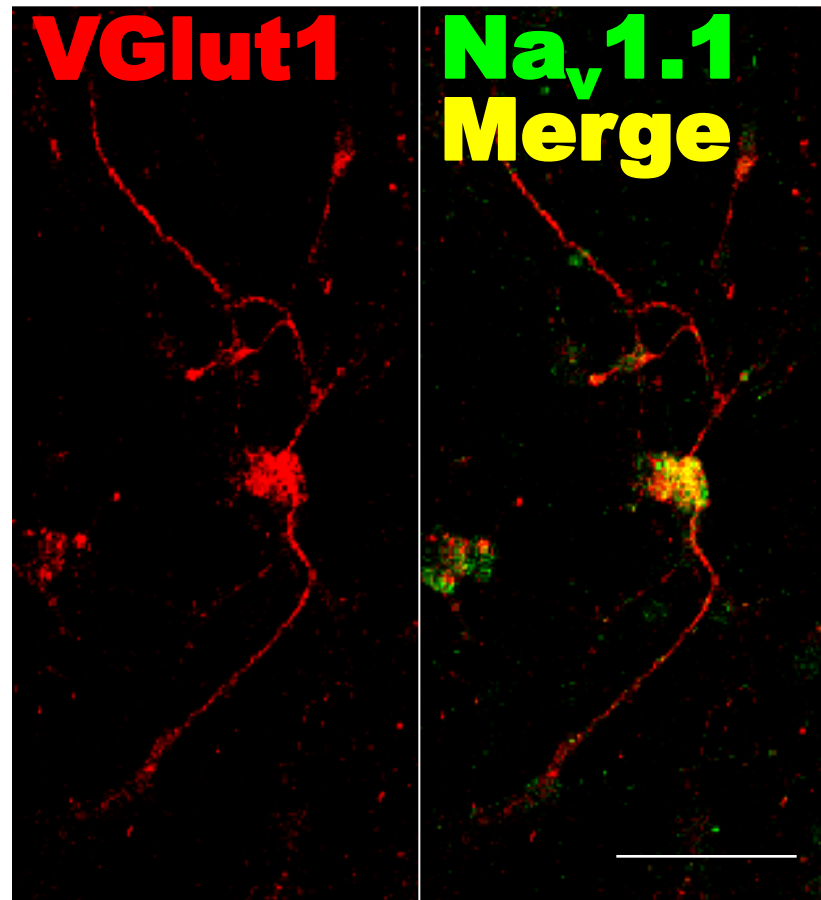


Control (day 29)

**50~60% of Nav_v1.1 positive neurons
are GABAergic**

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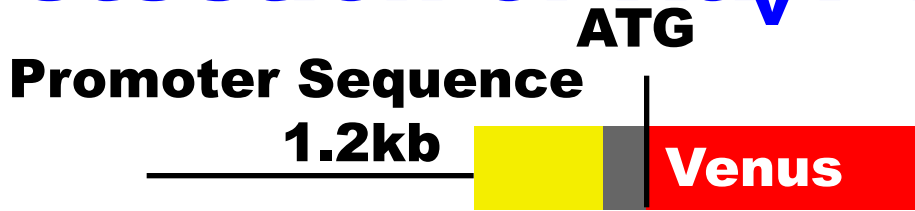
Few Glutamatergic Neurons



**control
(day 30)**

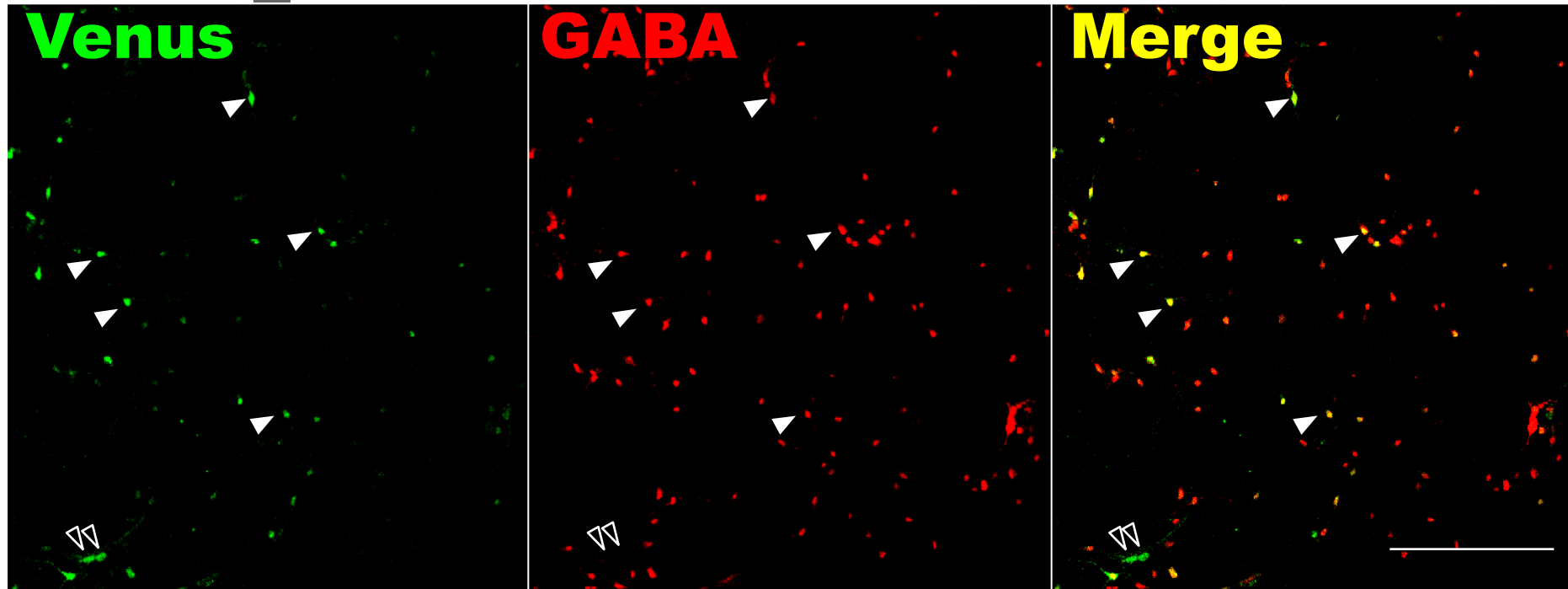
**< 1 % of Nav_v1.1 positive neurons
are
Glutamatergic**

Detection of $\text{Na}_v1.1$ positive neurons



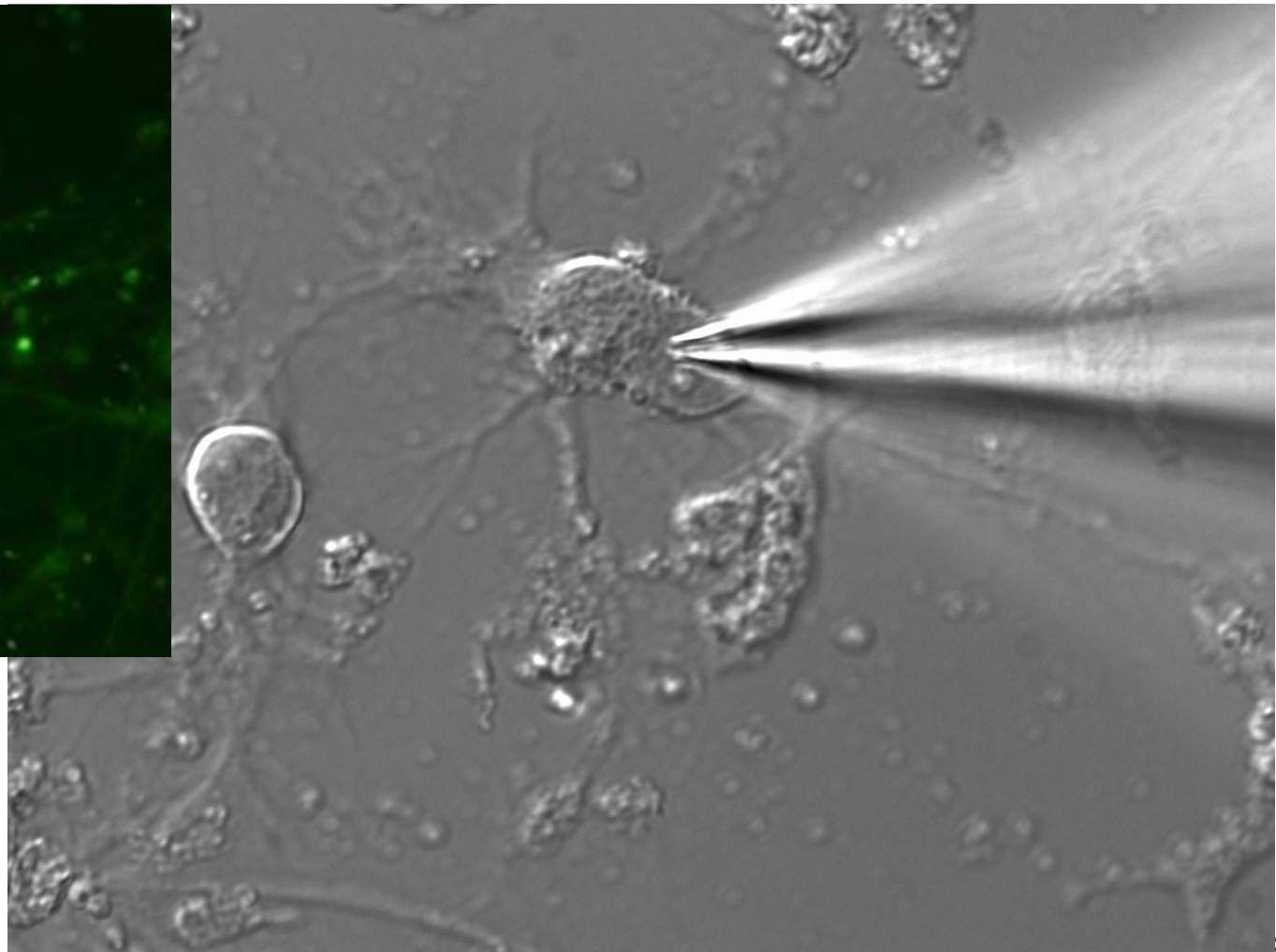
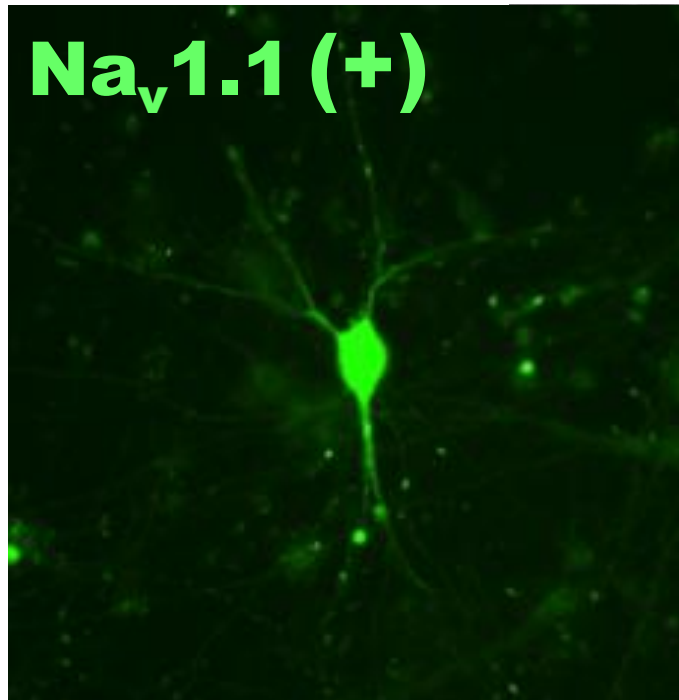
 : 5'-Untranslated Exon

 : 5'-Untranslated sequence of the first coding exon



(day 35)

Patch clamp (current clamp)

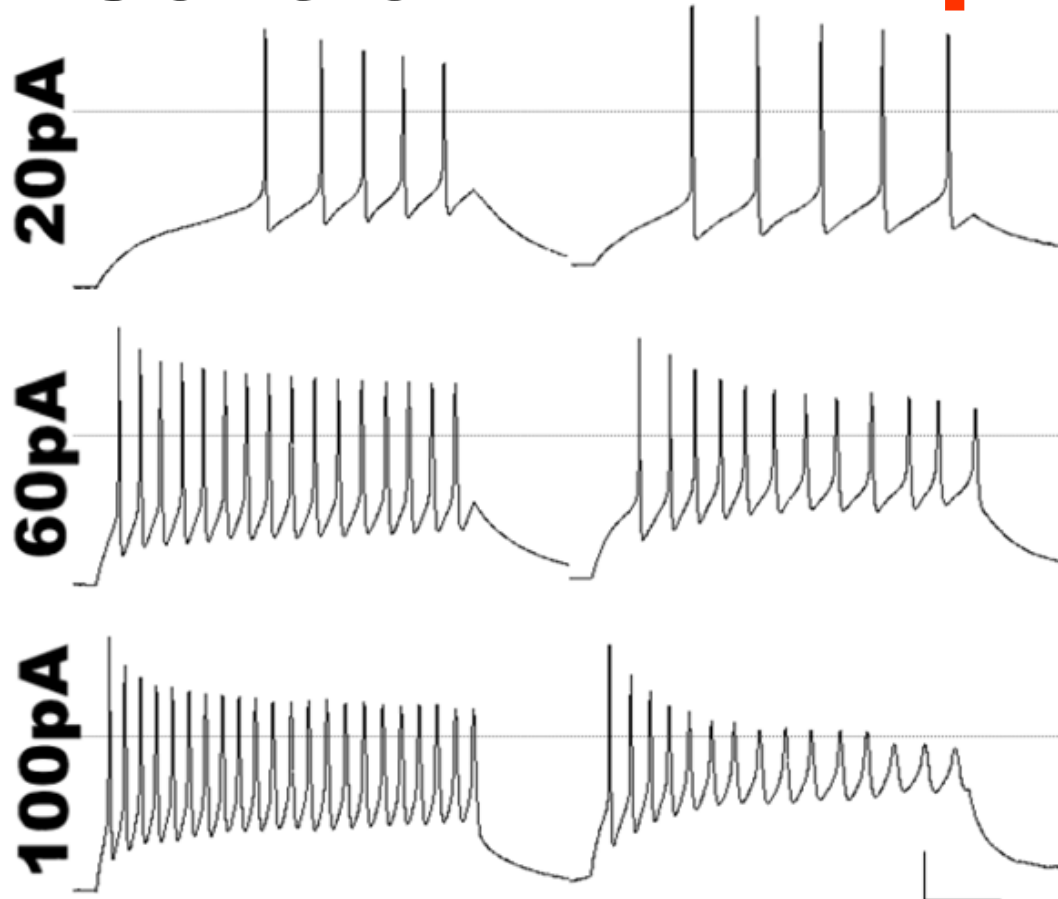


Abnormality in $Na_v1.1 (+)$ neurons

Control

DRAVET patient

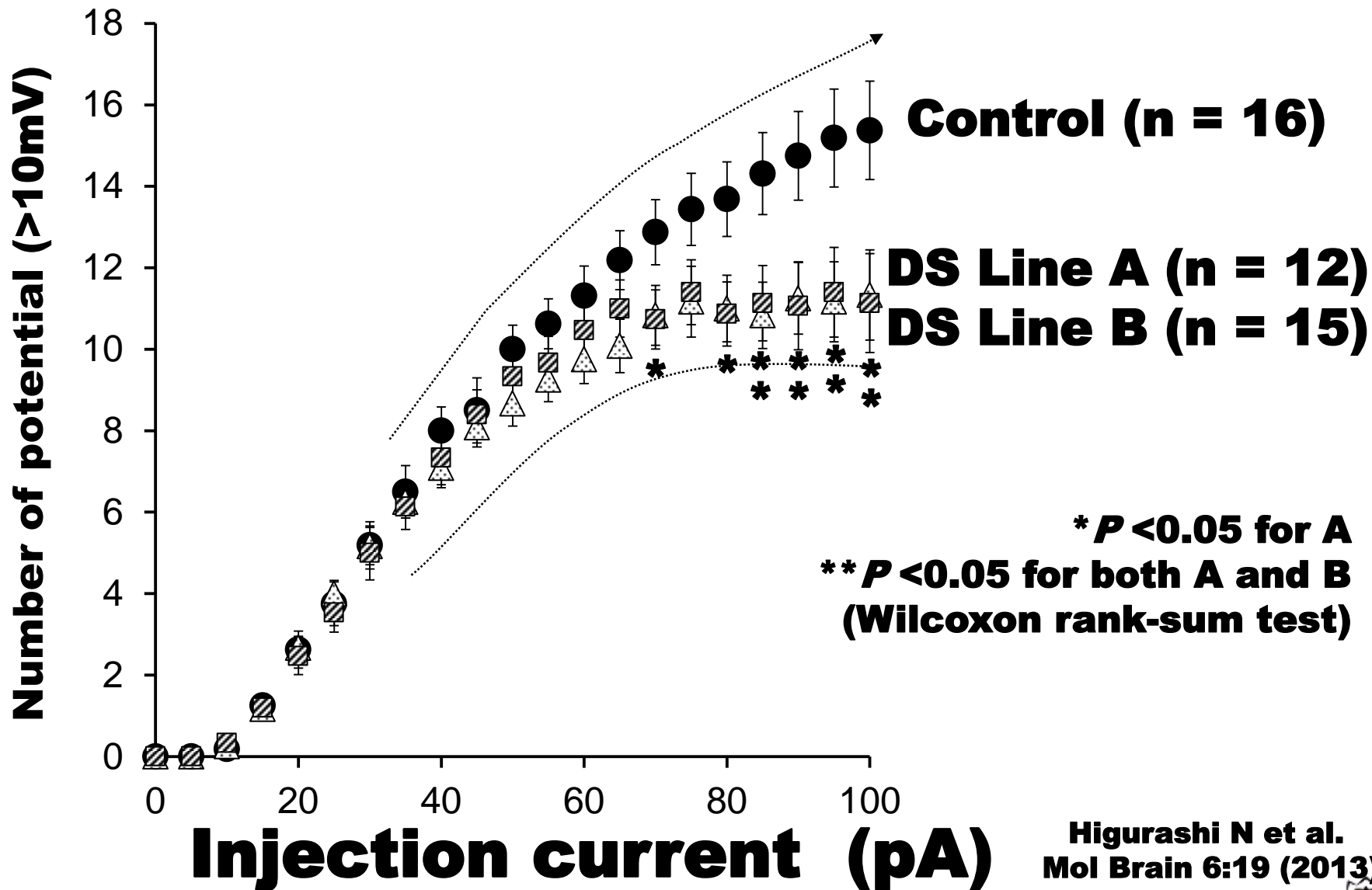
Injection current



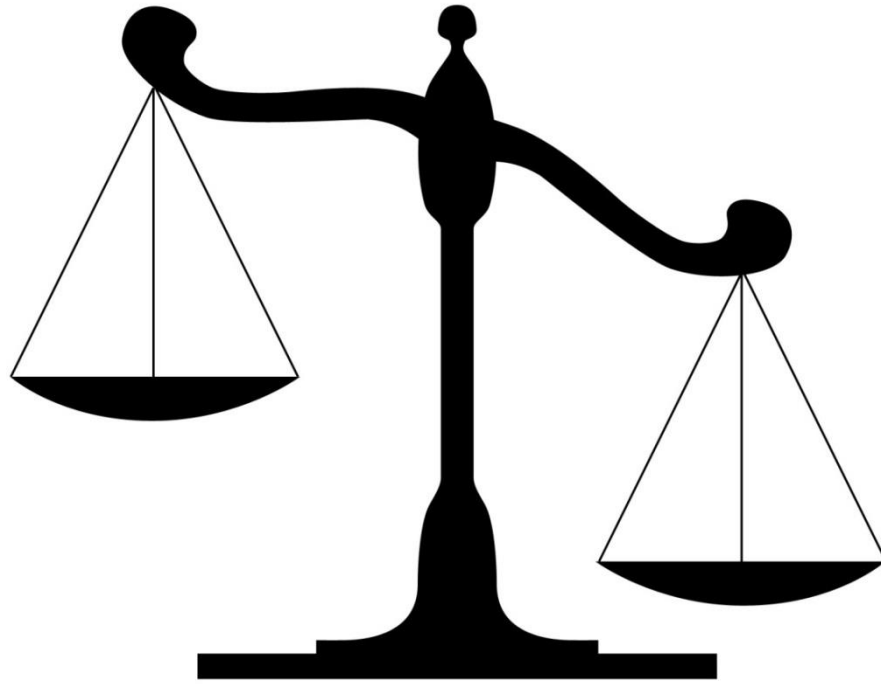
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**Depolarization spike attenuated
in inhibitory interneuron**

Input-output relationship



Dysfunction of **inhibitory** interneuron



Relative hyper-excitation (seizures)

Na⁺ inhibitors aggravate the unbalance

Other iPS cells studies on Dravet syndrome

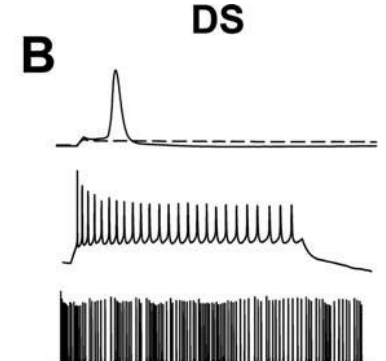
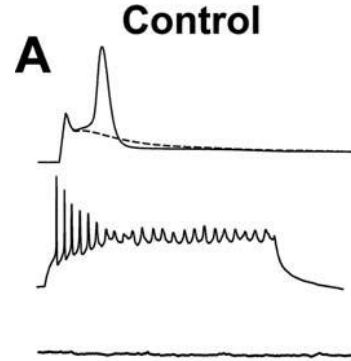
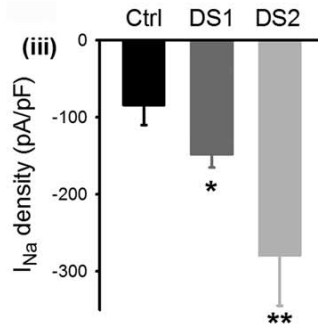
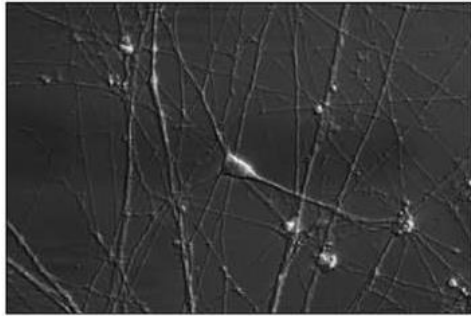


Other iPS study #1

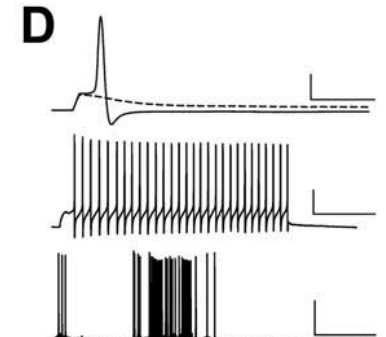
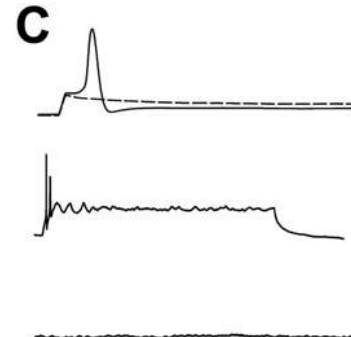
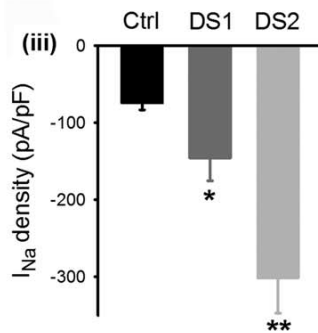
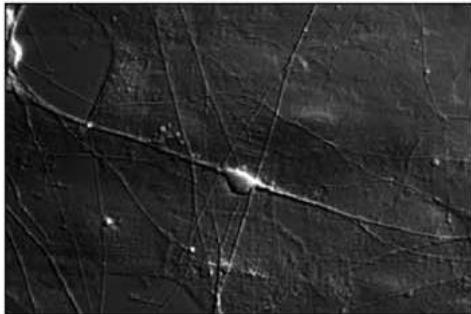
Liu et al., Ann Neurol 2013;74:128-139



Pyramidal



Bipolar

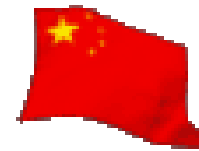


- iPS cells from two patients (IVS14+3A>T and p.Y325X)

- Pyramidal and bipolar cell like neurons are both hyper-active (excitatory)



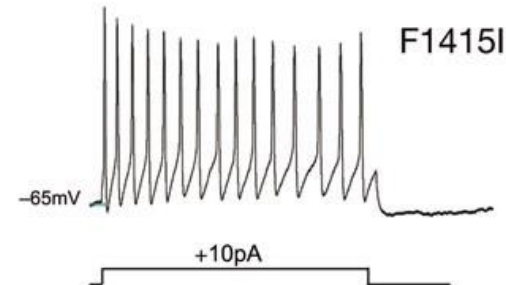
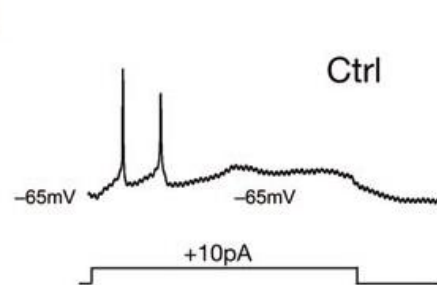
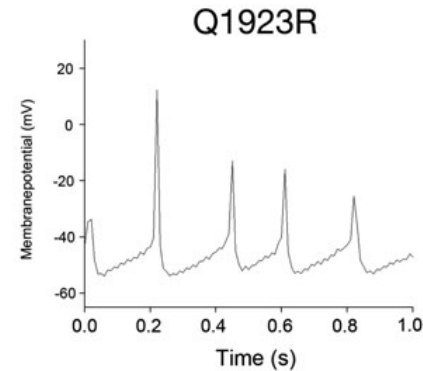
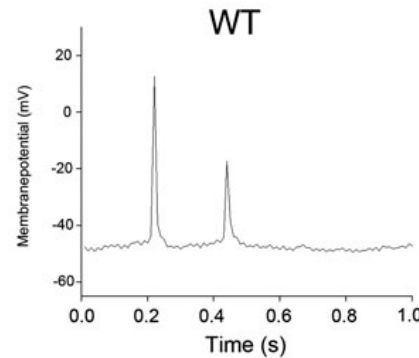
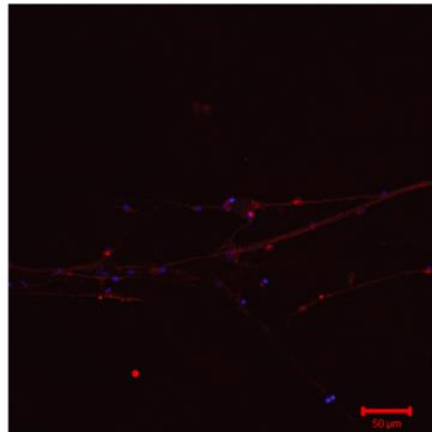
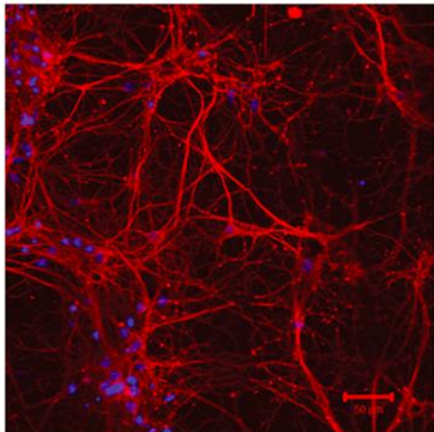
Other iPS study #2



Jiao et al., Hum Mol Genet 201;22:4241-4252

VGLUT1/DAPI

GAD67/DAPI



● **iPS cells from two patients (p.Q1923R and p.F1415I)**

● **Almost all derived neurons are glutamatergic**

● **Glutamatergic neurons are hyper-active (excitatory)**

Findings with Model mouse for Dravet syndrome



Model mouse for Dravet syndrome



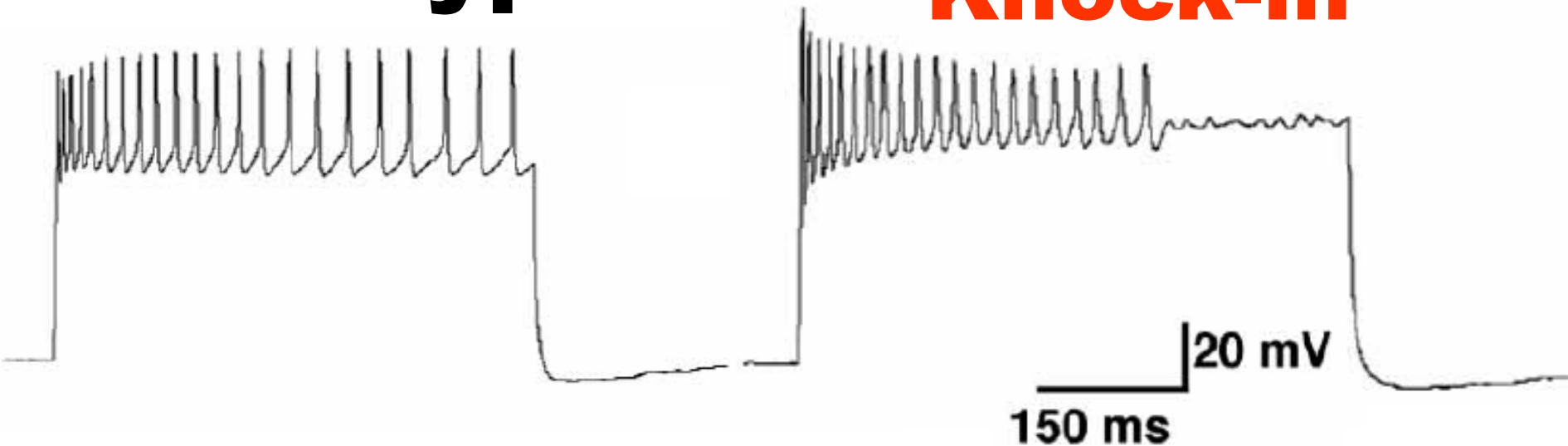
Our unpublished data



DRAVET Syndrome model mouse showed similar results to ours

Wild type

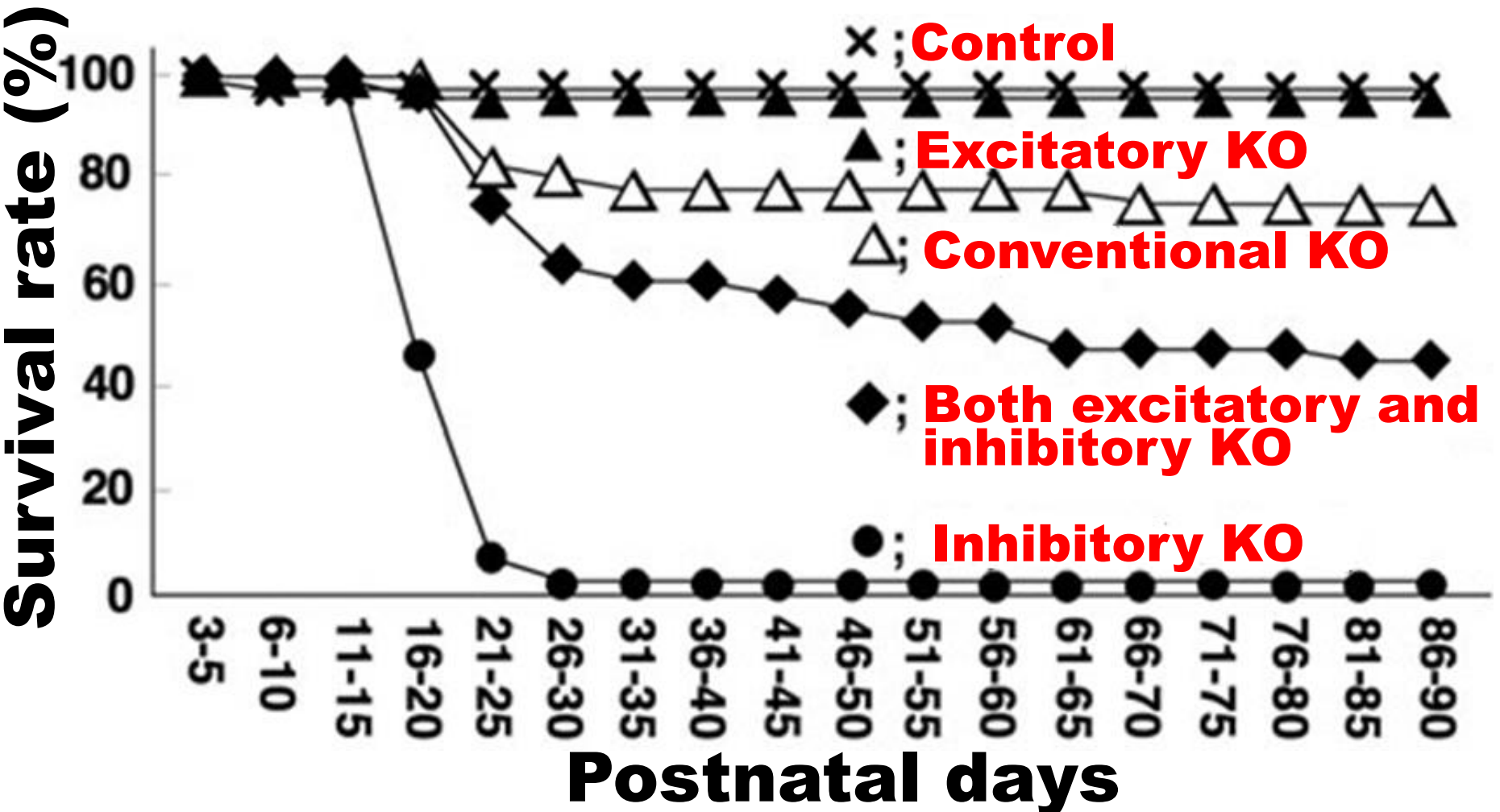
**Dravet model
Knock-in**



Depolarization spike attenuated in inhibitory interneuron

Ogiwara I. et al. J Neurosci;27:5903–5914 (2007)

Scn1a knock out mice



Ogiwara I. et al. Hum Mol Genet (2013)



The pathomechanisms of Dravet syndrome

Lessons from patient-derived iPSCs and animal models

● **Na_v1.1 channel expressed mainly in GABAergic inhibitory neurons**

● **Dravet syndrome mutations cause dysfunction of inhibitory interneurons**

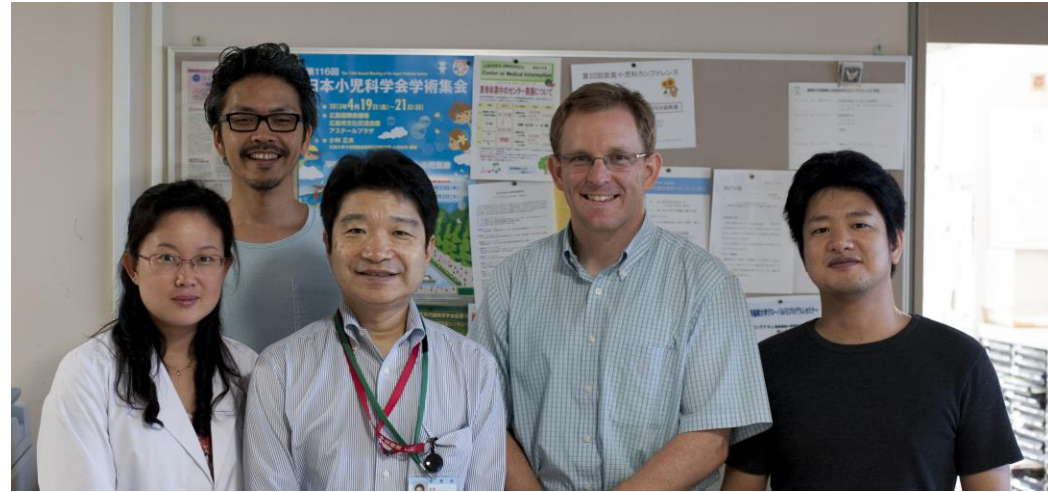
● **This finding accords with clinical findings with CBZ and LTG**

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