Targeting Cardiac Sodium Channel Trafficking as Therapy for Rare Inherited Cardiac Arrhythmias

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Disclosures



- Gilead Sciences
 - Royalty fees for transgenic mice overexpressing wild type and mutant cardiac sodium channels



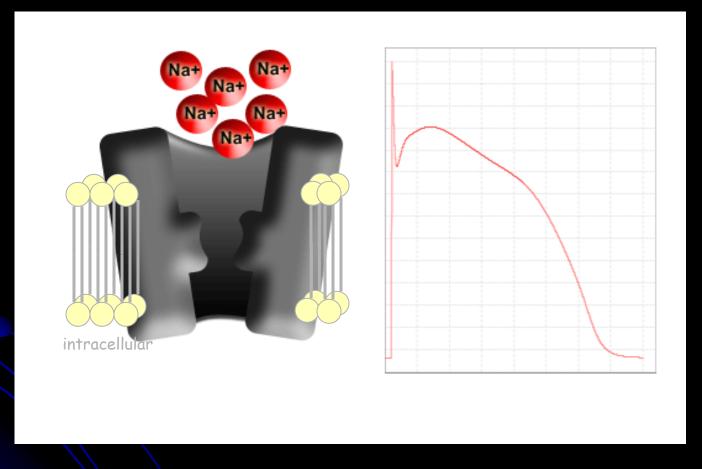
Royalty fees for patents on arrhythmias genes KCNQ1 and SCN5A





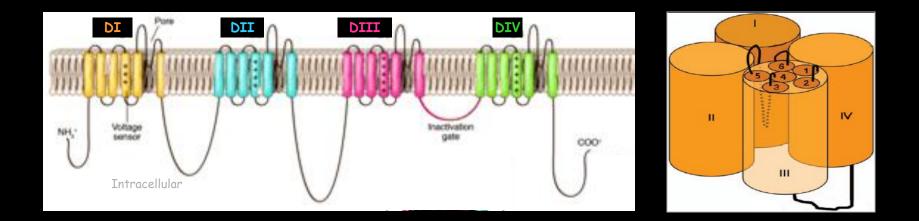


Cardiac Sodium Channel



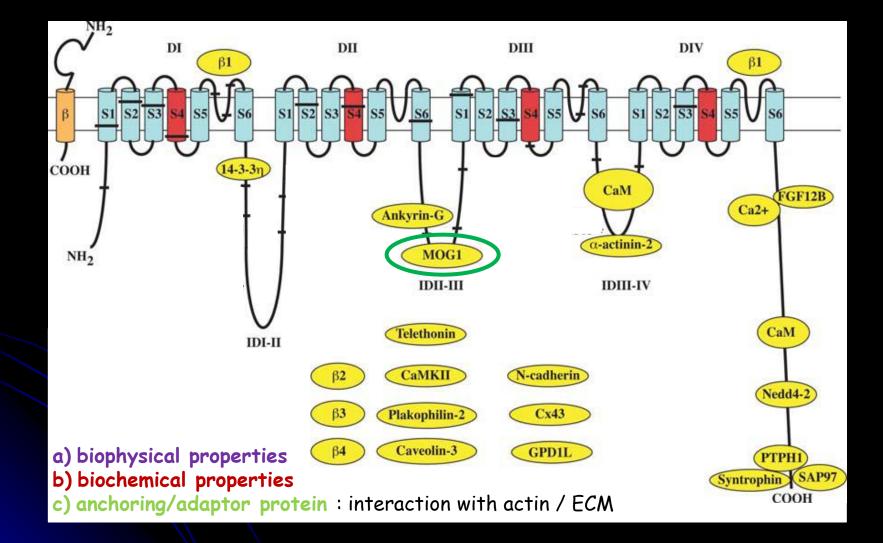
Cardiac sodium channel Cardiac Action Potential

$Na_v 1.5: \alpha$ subunit of Cardiac Sodium Channel

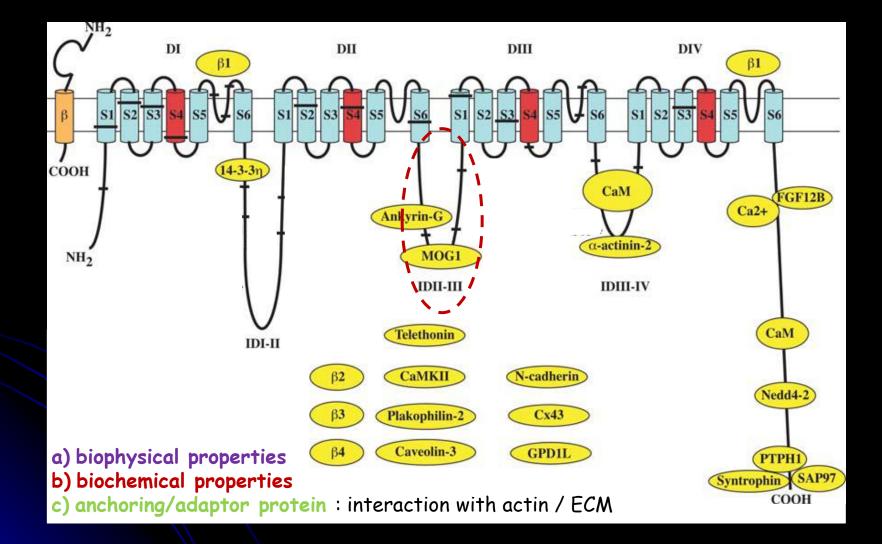


- Encoded by *SCN5A* gene at 3p21
- 4 homologous domains each with 6 transmembrane segments
- 3 intracellular loops
- Fourfold symmetric arrangement

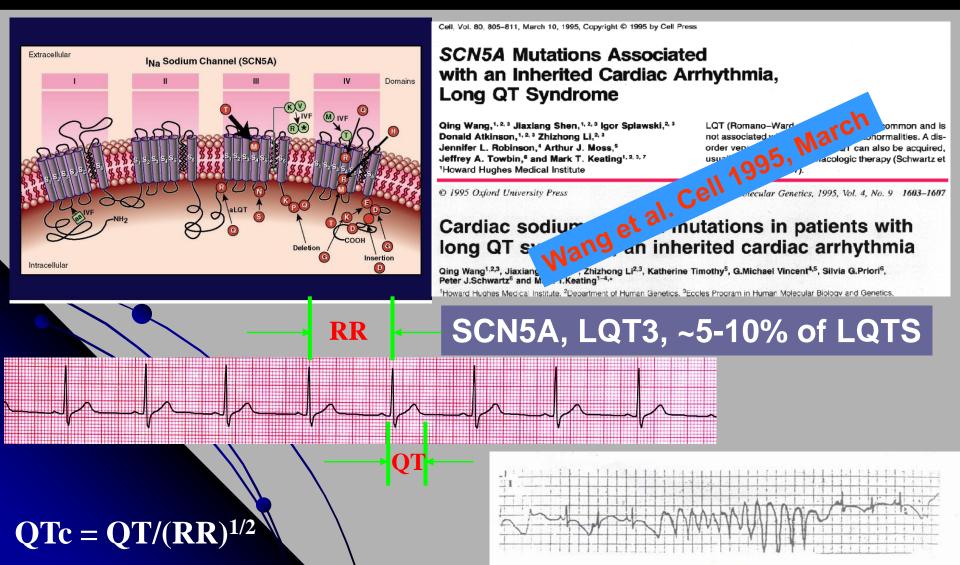
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1995: One of the First Two Genes Causing Long QT Syndrome Cardiac Sodium Channel Gene SCN5A



Discovery of the First Gene for Brugada Syndrome Qiuyun Chen et al. 1998, Nature 392:293-6

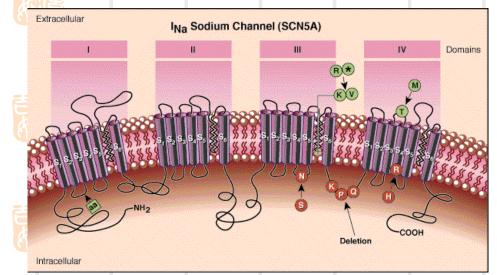
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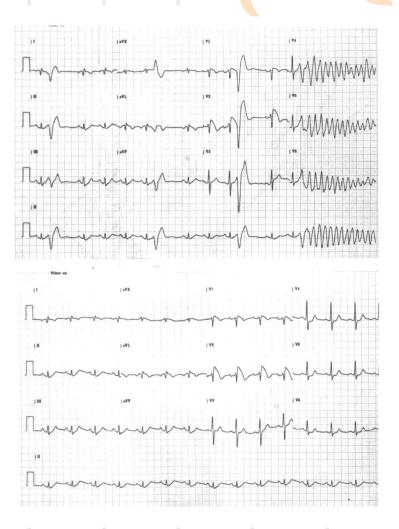
Genetic basis and molecular mechanism for idiopathic ventricular fibrillation

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letters to nature

DNA sequence analyses to identify mutations in known ion channel genes, including the cardiac sodium channel gene *SCN5A*. Two aberrant SSCP conformers were identified in all affected members in family K005, one in exon 21 of *SCN5A* (data not shown) and the other in exon 28 (Fig. 1a, b)¹⁸. Neither of the SSCP anomalies was seen in unaffected individuals (Fig. 1b) or in DNA samples from more than 150 control individuals (data not shown). DNA sequence analysis revealed two C-to-T base substitutions, one in exon 21 and the other in exon 28 (Fig. 1c): these mutations lead to substitution of an arginine by a tryptophan at codon 1,232 (represented as R1232W; data not shown), which lies in the extracellular loop between transmembrane segments S1 and S2 of domain III, and to substitution of a highly conserved threonine by a methionine at codon 1,620 (T1620M; Fig. 1c) in the extracellular loop between S3 and S4 of domain IV. Studies with sodium-channel-specific toxins





Cardiac Sodium Channelopathies

Gain of Function (Increased I_{Na}, increased late I_{Na})

Long QT syndrome

SCN5A: cardiac sodium channel Na_v1.5

CAV3: caveolin 3

SCN4B: β 4 subunit of Na_v1.5

SNTA1: α1-syntrophin

Loss of Functions (Decreased I_{Na})

Brugada Syndrome (BrS)



SCN5A: cardiac sodium channel Na_v1.5 MOG1: Nav1.5 regulatory protein GPD1L: glycerol-3-phosphate dehydrogenase like peptide SCN1B: β 1 subunit of Na_v1.5 SCN3B: β 1 subunit of Na_v1.5 SCN10A: sodium channel Na_v1.8

Cardiac Sodium Channelopathies

Loss of Functions (Decreased I_{N_2})

- Sick Sinus Syndrome (SSS)
 - > SCN5A
- **Idiopathic Ventricular Fibrillation (IVF)**
 - > SCN5A
 - > SCN3B
- **Cardiac Conduction Defects (CCC)** > SCN5A
- **Dilated Cardiomyopathy (DCM)**
 - SCN5A
- **Atrial** Fibrillation
 - SCN5A
 - SCN1B

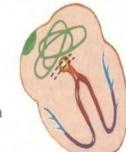
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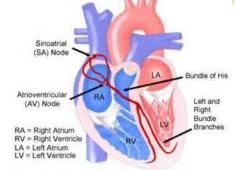
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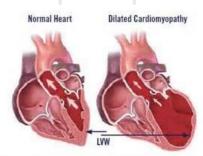
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Baseline coarsely or finely irregular: P waves absent. Ventricular response (QRS) irregular, slow or rapid





Note the thin left ventricular wall (LVW), dilated LV chamber and depiction of decreased forward blood flow with DCM

Cardiac Sodium Channelopathies

- Genetic discoveries have revolutionized the diagnosis of cardiac sodium channelopathies
- Commercial genetic testing and counseling are available
- Gene-specific therapy was developed for LQT3 (sodium channel blockers)

Key remaining Issue?

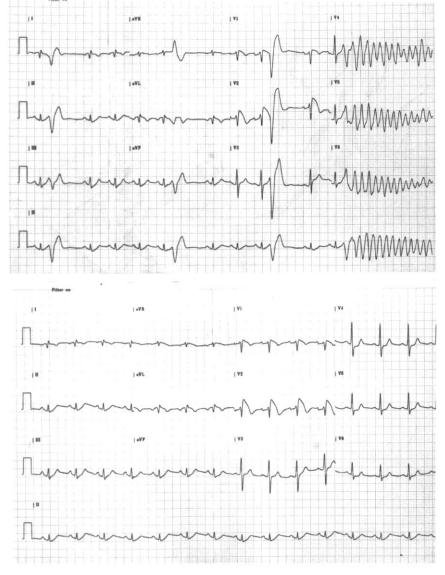
No effective drug therapy is available for other sodium channelopathies



Brugada Syndrome

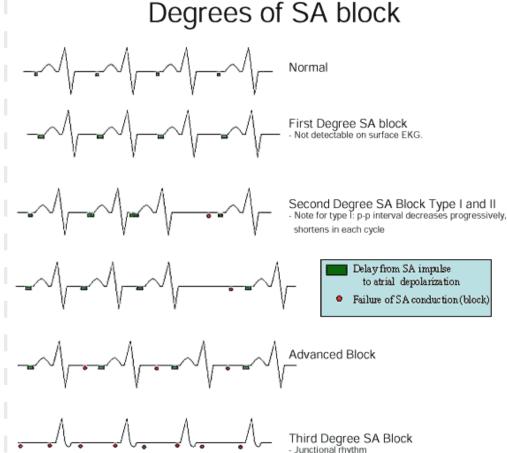
- Defective Na_v1.5 (Gene SCN5A);
- Most common, account for 15-30% BrS patients;
- Over 300 mutations have been identified;
 Loss-of-function mutations (reduced I_{Na})
- Implantation of a defibrillator (ICD)

No medication available



Sick Sinus Syndrome

- Defective Na_v1.5 (Gene SCN5A);
- Loss-of-function mutations (reduced I_{Na})
- Implantation of a pace-maker
 No effective drug therapy





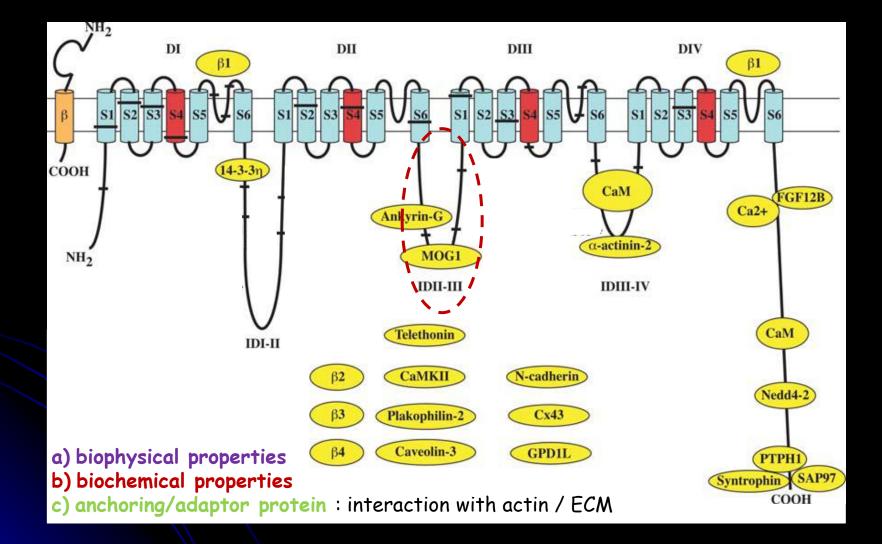
What to do next?

--Explore molecular mechanisms

--Try translational research



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Ran : Ras family GTPase

- nucleo-cytoplasmic transport
- spatiotemporal organization of spindle

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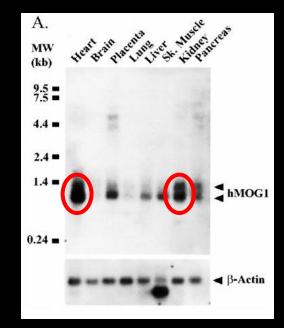
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Involved in nuclear-protein imports

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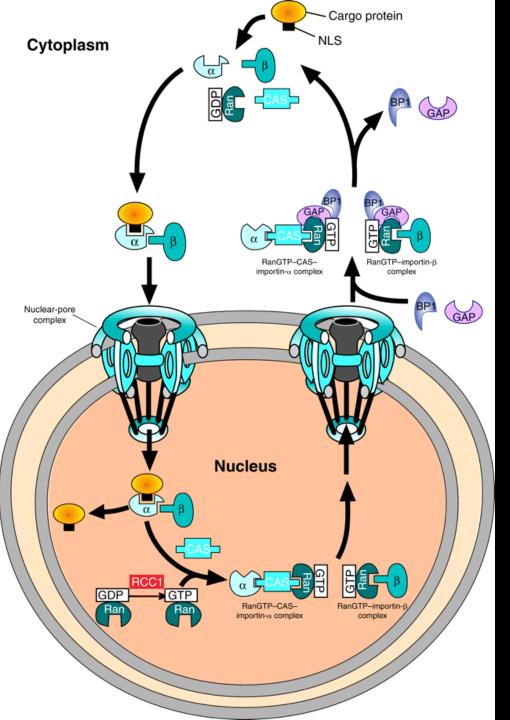
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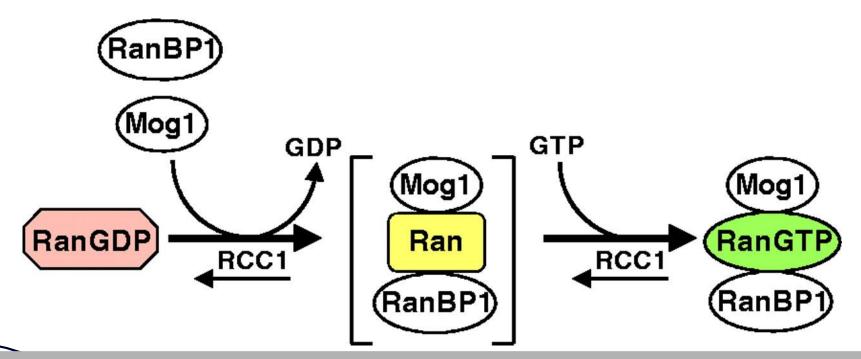
Binds to Ran-GTP : regulates nuclear Ran-GTP

Evolutionarily conserved Ran binding protein that could play a role in regulating nuclear protein trafficking by shuttling between cytoplasm and nucleus

MOG1 Regulates the Ran Cycle of Nucleocytoplasmic Transport



A model for the action of Mog1-related proteins and RanBP1 on guanine nucleotide exchange on Ran



When RanBP1 is present, Mog1 destabilises GDP binding to Ran to form a transient, nucleotide-free complex. RanBP1 promotes GTP loading by stabilising the GTP-conformation. RCC1 catalyses guanine nucleotide exchange by increasing the rate at which equilibrium is acheived. Thus, Mog1 and RanBP1 together alter the equilibrium of the reaction to favour the formation of Ran-GTP.



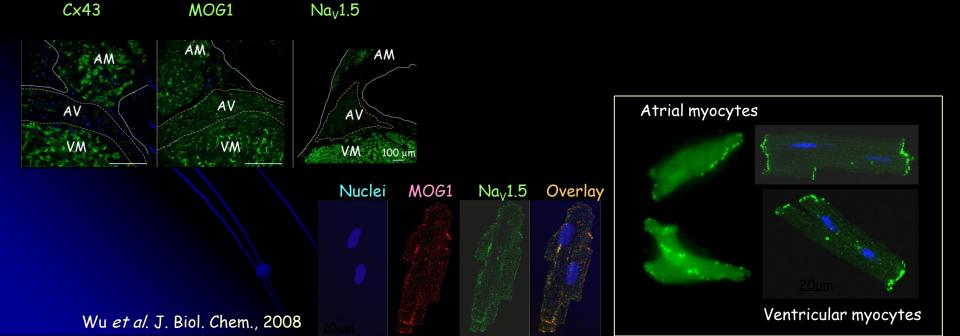
Nicolás F J et al. J Cell Sci 2001;114:3013-3023

Part 1

MOG1 plays a novel physiological role in mammalian cells

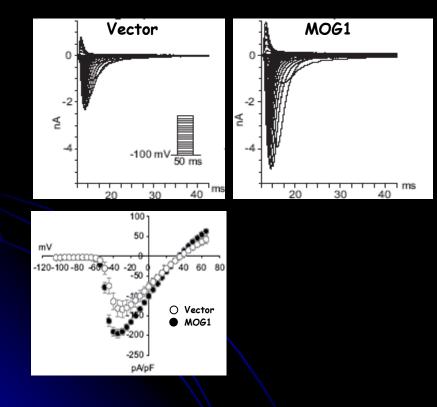
MOG1 interacts with Nav1.5

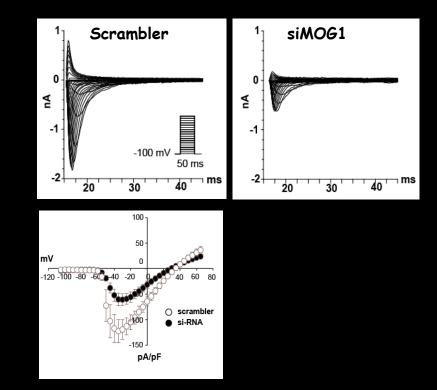
- Novel accessory protein for Na_v1.5 (yeast 2-hybrid screening)
- Interacts with Na_v1.5 in vitrol in vivo (GST pull down/ Co-IP)
- Mouse heart : atrial/ventricular tissues
- Mouse cardiomyocytes : intercalated discs
- Double staining : co-localized with Nav1.5



MOG1 modulates Sodium Current (I_{Na}) in HEK293/ Na_v1.5 stable cells

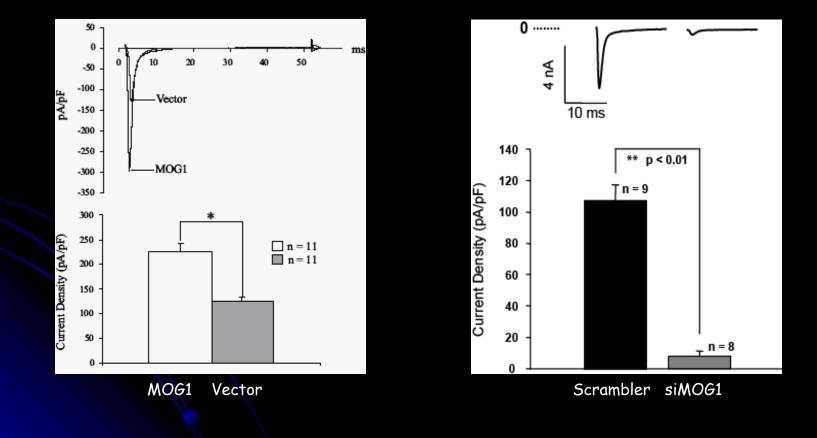
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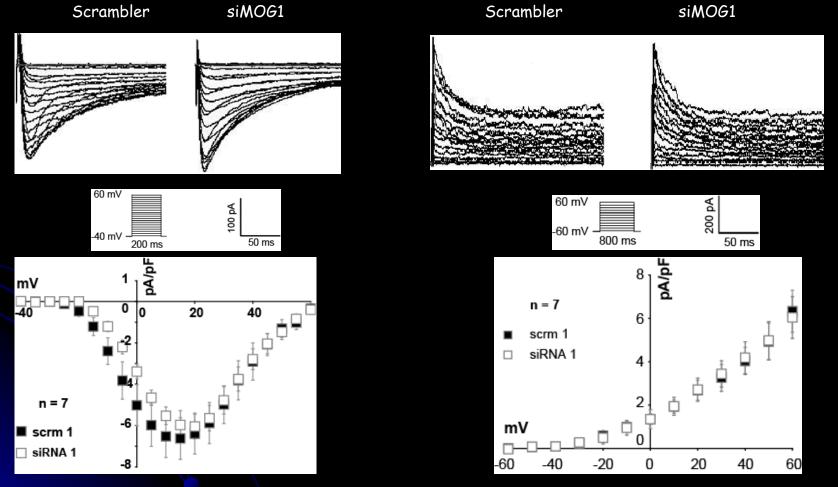


MOG1 modulates Sodium Current (I_{Na}) in mouse neonatal cardiomyocytes

Sodium Currents in Whole Cell Patches



MOG1 does not modulate inward L-type Calcium Current (I_{Cal}) or transient outward Potassium Current (I_{To}) in mouse neonatal cardiomyocytes

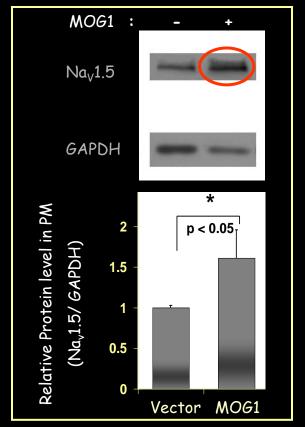


Effect of MOG1 is specific for I_{Na}

MOG1 increases Sodium channels on PM

How does MOG1 induce increased sodium current?

- Increasing mRNA/ protein expression
- Altering channel open probability/ unitary conductance
- Increasing number of available channels on PM



Increase in PM sodium channels

Relative Protein Expression on PM

Wu et al. J. Biol. Chem., 2008

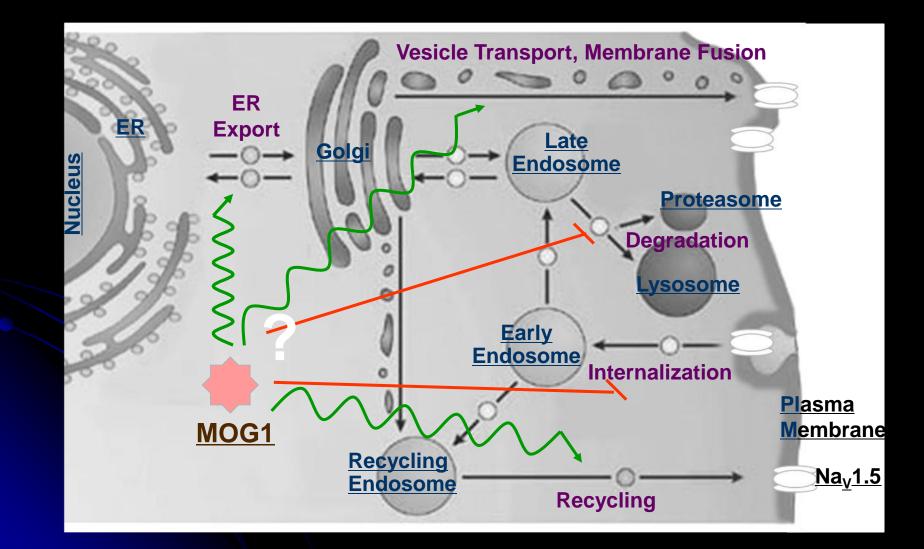
Summary : Part1

- MOG1 : novel accessory protein for Na_v1.5
- Expressed in atrial / ventricular tissues : co-localized with Nav1.5
- Increase/ decrease in MOG1 expression : increase/ decrease in Sodium Current
- No effect on Late Sodium Current/ L-type Calcium Current/ transient outward Potassium Current
- Modulates sodium current by controlling the PM Nav1.5 expression

Part 2

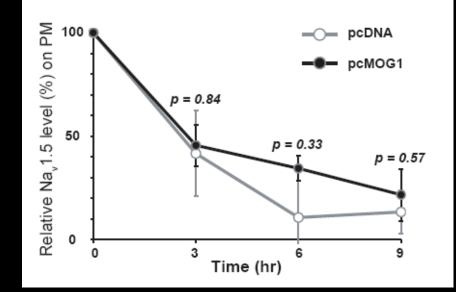
How can MOG1 enhance PM Nav1.5 expression?

Steps of Nav1.5 from synthesis to PM



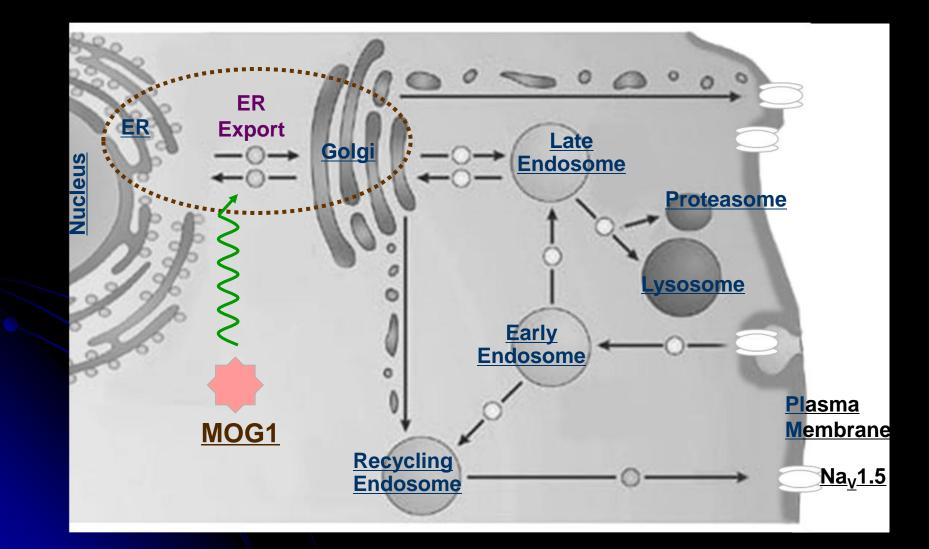
MOG1 does not increase membrane stability of Nav1.5

- tsA-201 cells : Na_v1.5 and MOG1/ vector
- PM stability assay : biotin/avidin
- 3 time points : 3, 6, 9h

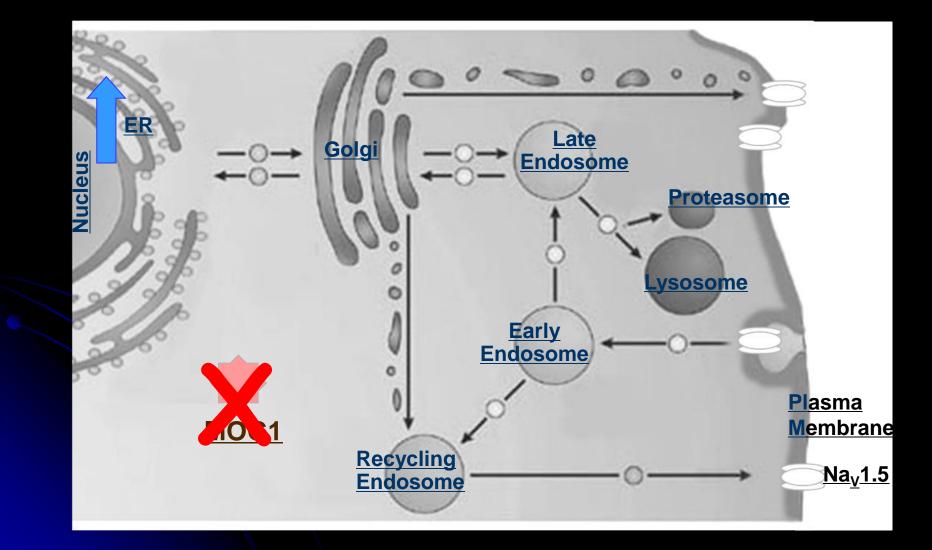


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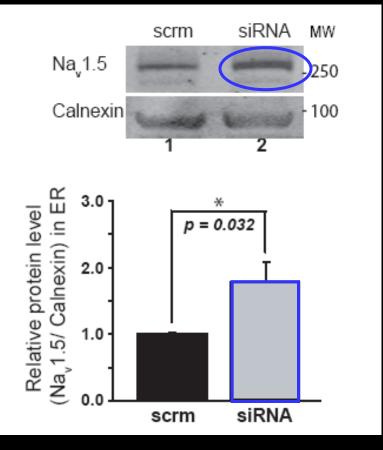
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MOG1 knock down increases Na_v1.5 accumulation into RER fraction in HEK/Na_v1.5 stable cells

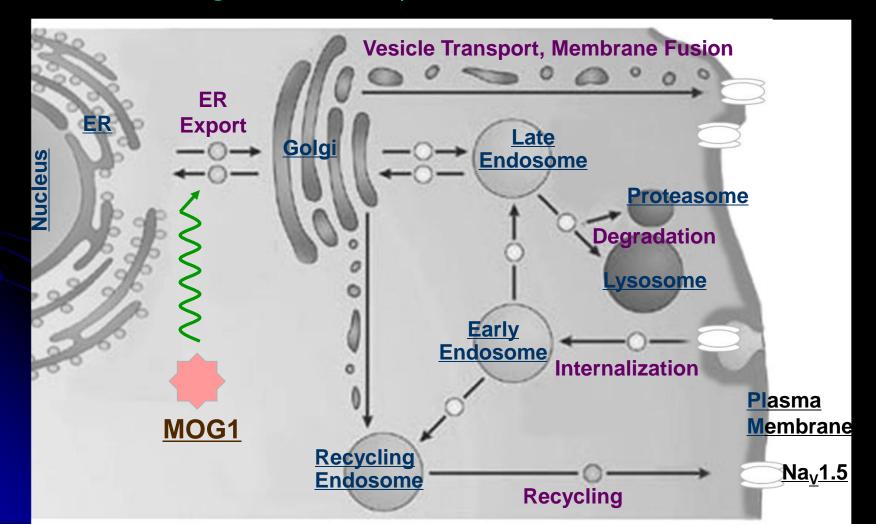
- HEK293/ Na_v1.5 stable cells : siMOG1 / scrambler
- Knockdown of MOG1 expression increased Na_v1.5 expression in RER fraction compared to control cells





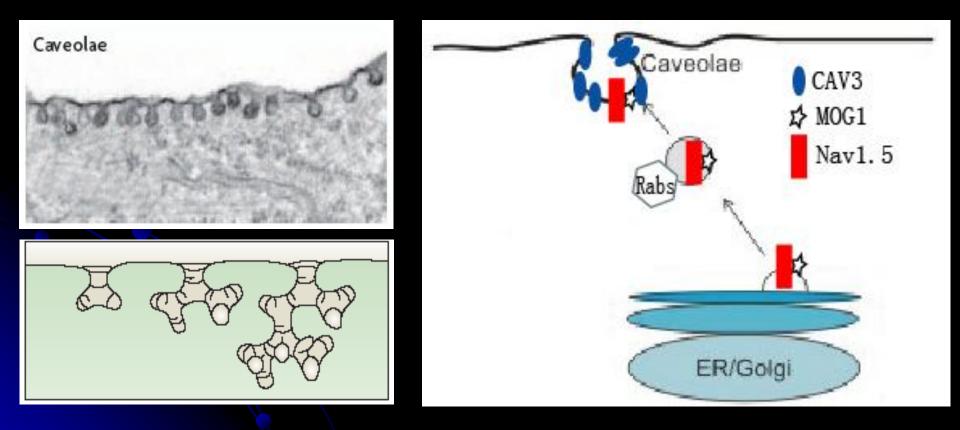
Summary : Part2

- MOG1 does NOT affect Na_v1.5 stability on PM
- MOG1 regulates ER export of Nav1.5



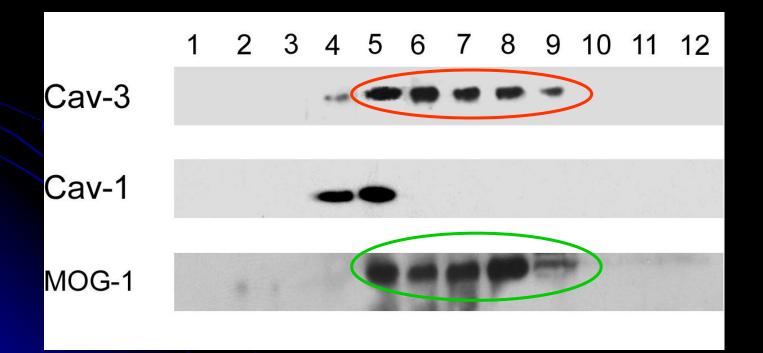
Part 3

MOG1 Is Required for Correct Targeting of Nav1.5 to Caveolae



MOG1 is also present in Caveolar fraction

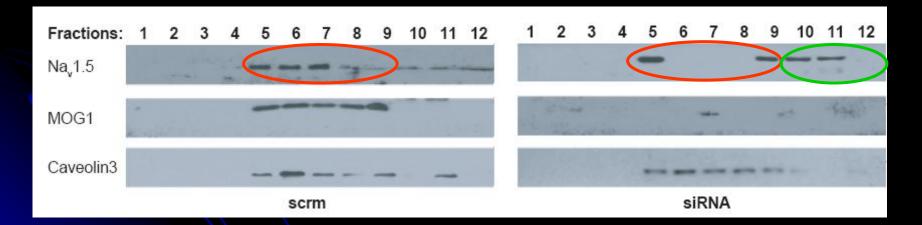
- Co-loclaization of MOG1 with caveolin-3 in rat ventricular cardiomyocytes
- Detergent-free sucrose gradient (5-45%) : 12 fractions (top bottom)
- MOG1 co-localized with cavolin-3-rich cavveolar fractions



MOG1 knock down alters Na_v1.5 distribution in Caveolin microdomains

MOG1 knockdown : redistribution of Na $_v$ 1.5 from caveolar fractions 6-8 to non-caveolar fractions

Caveolar Na, 1.5 content : 84.19 \pm 8.90 % to 52.03 \pm 9.63 % p<0.05 (n=3)

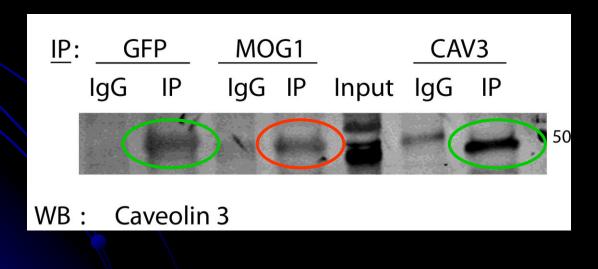


MOG1 knockdown disrupts caveolar localization of Nav1.5

Chakrabarti et al. Circ Arrhythm Electrophysiol, 2013

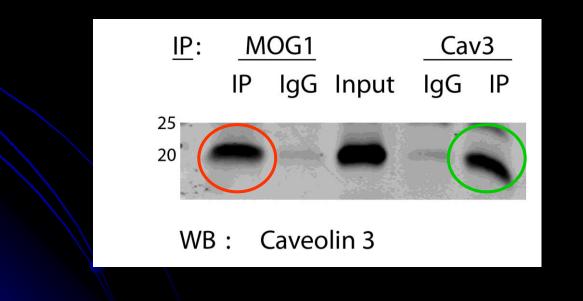
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- HEK293 cells / Na_v1.5/ Cav3-GFP/ MOG1
- Immuno-precipitation with anti-MOG1 (anti-GFP, anti-Cav3 : +ve control)
- Western blot with anti-Cav3
- MOG1 can immuno-precipitate cavolin-3 in heterologous cell system



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Summary : Part 3

• MOG1 co-localizes with Nav1.5 in caveolae

 Knockdown of MOG1 leads to re-distribution of Na_v1.5 from Cav3-rich fractions to other areas

 MOG1 forms a complex with Cav3 in the mouse heart and in HEK293 cells

Part 4 Translation Research

Can MOG1 enhance PM expressions / restore lost sodium currents of trafficking-deficient mutant Na_v1.5 channels ?

Rationale

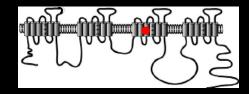
MOG1 increases PM Nav1.5 expression

Various cardiac arrhythmic syndromes associated with Na_v1.5 trafficking mutants with less/no channels on PM (R282H, P336L, D1275N, G1743R, R1432G, G1740R, M1766L ...)

For Brugada Syndrome patients implantation of an ICD (implantable cardioverter defibrillator), for Sick Sinus Syndrome patients implantation of pacemakers : painful shocks/ initiate rhythm disturbances

<u>p.D1275N</u>

- Associated with Sick Sinus Syndrome (SSS), Atrial Fibrilation (AF), Dialated Cardiomyopathy (DCM); atrial arrhythmias, intracardiac conduction defects, strokes
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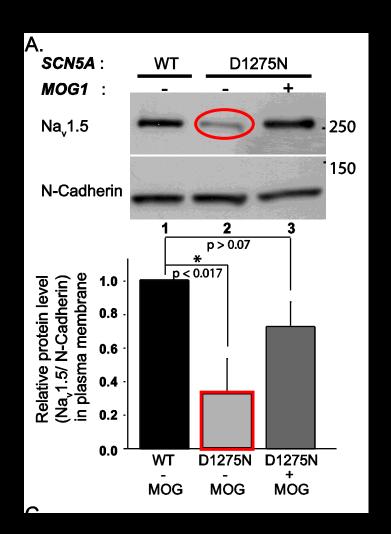


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- Reduced I_{Na}: blocking cell surface localization
- Altered channel kinetics

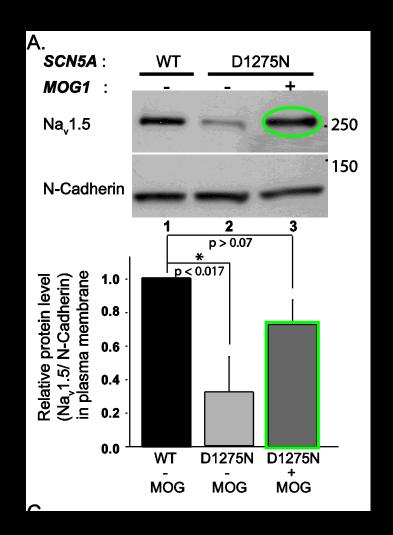
Observations

 PM expression of p.D1275N was markedly low compared to WT as reported

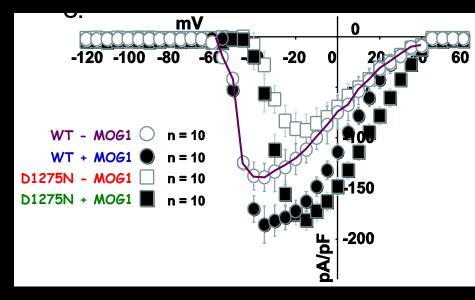


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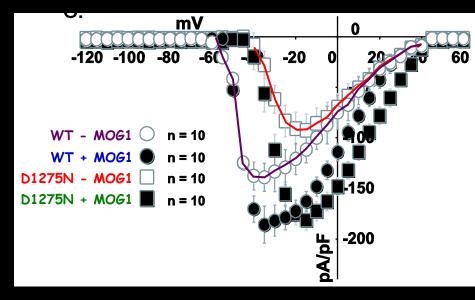
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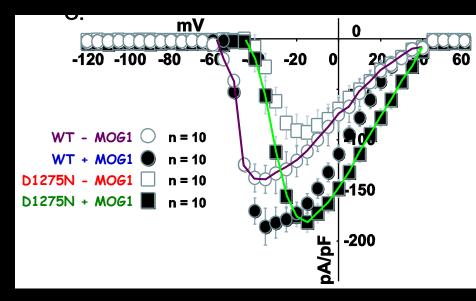
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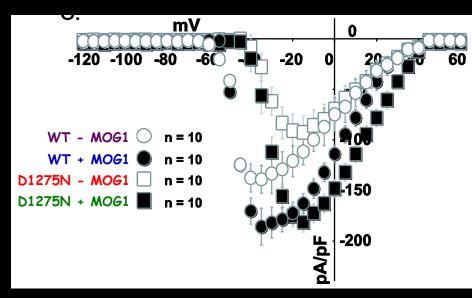
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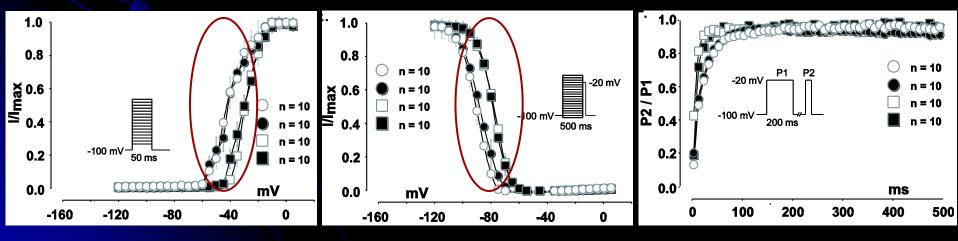
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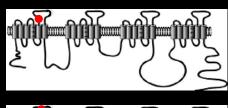


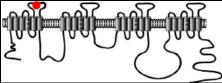
MOG1 did not alter channel kinetics



<u>p.R282H, p.336L</u>

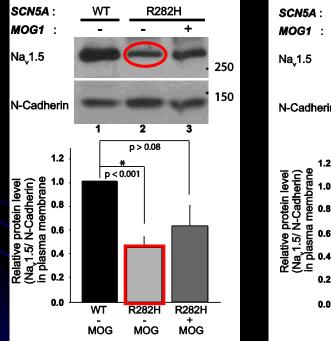
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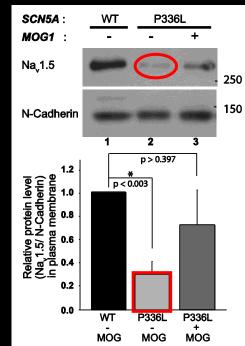




p.R282H, p.336L

- Associated with Brugada Syndrome
- Located at DI of Na_v1.5
- Severe reduction in I_{Na} : defective trafficking of p.R282H
- Similar reduction in I_{Na} for p.P336L : mechanism unknown
- No alteration in channel kinetics





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 PM expressions of mutant channels were considerably low compared to WT

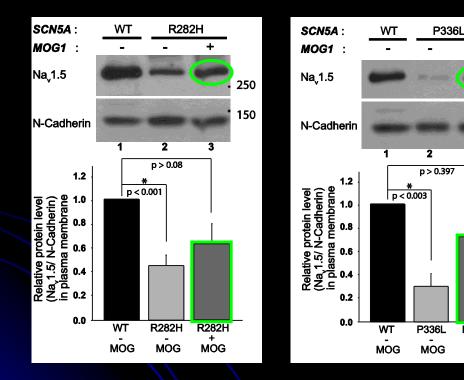
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P336L

MOG

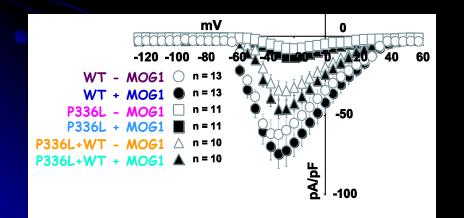


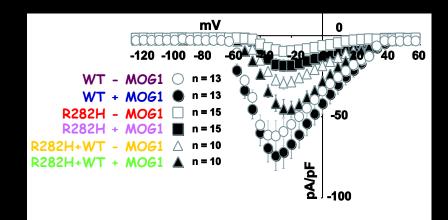
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- Over-expression of MOG1 significantly enhanced PM expression of mutant channels

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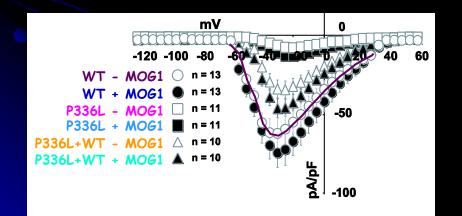
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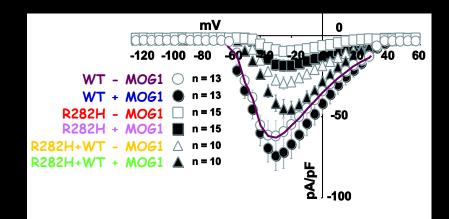




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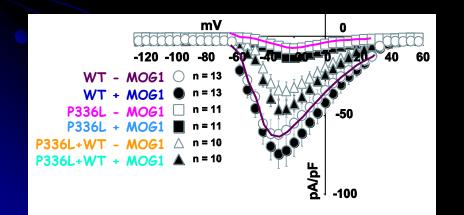
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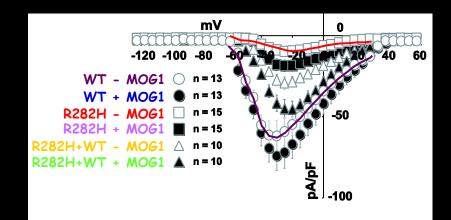




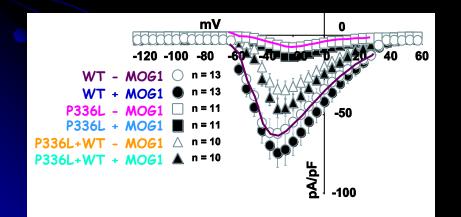
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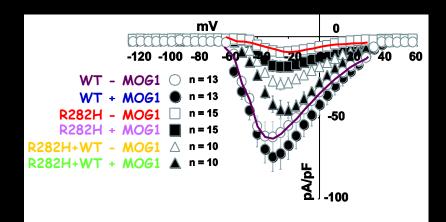
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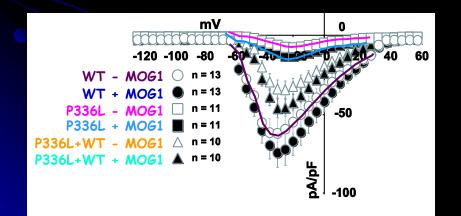


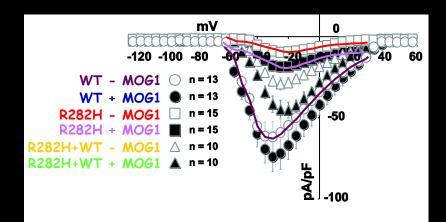
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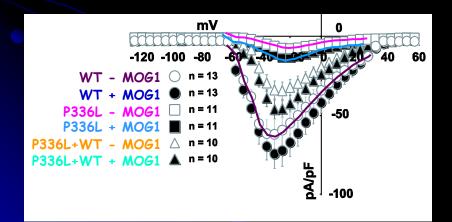


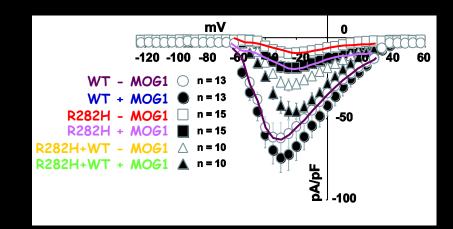
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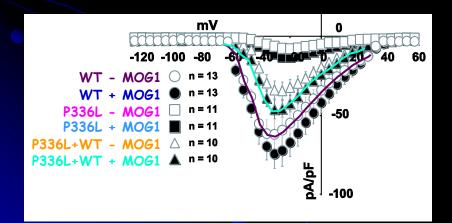


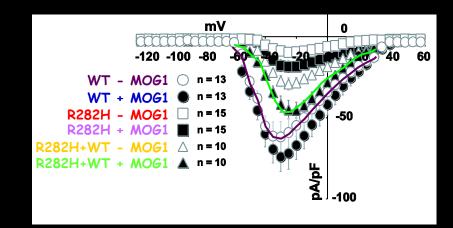
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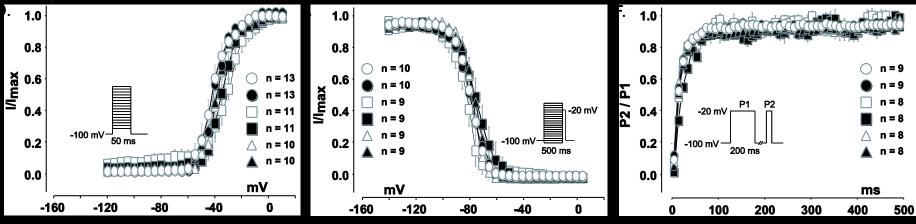
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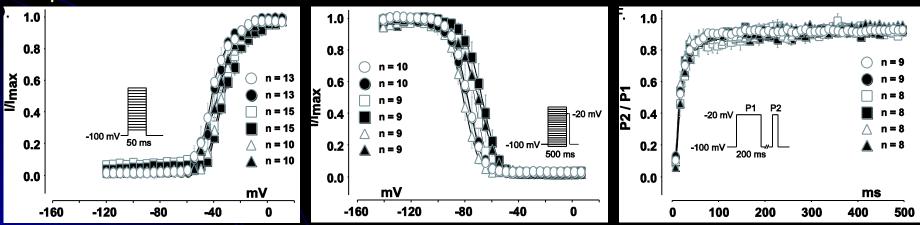


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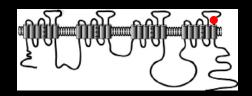


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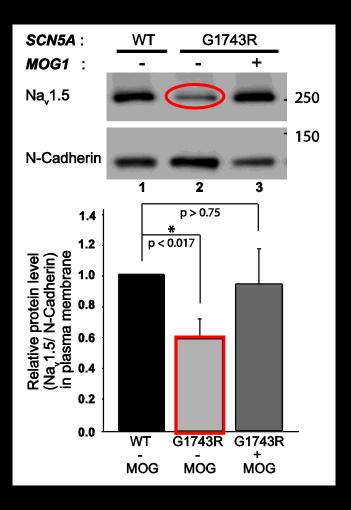


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- Associated with Brugada Syndrome
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- Channel blockers : potential side-effects : safety concern

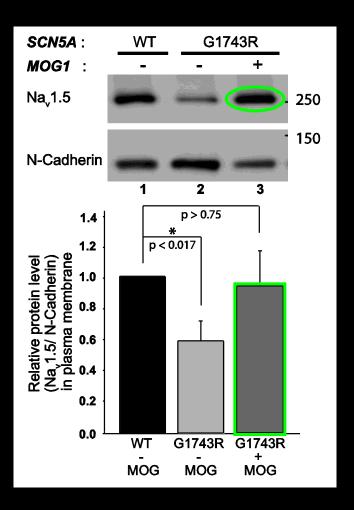
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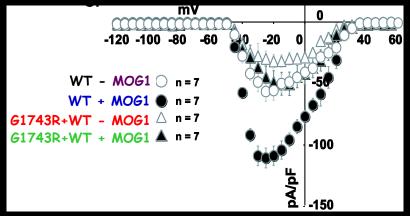


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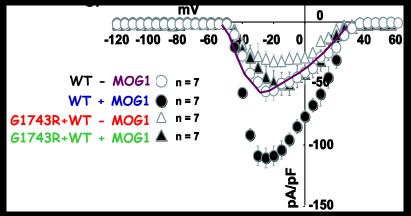
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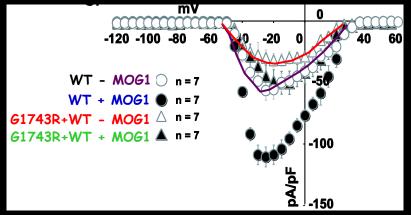
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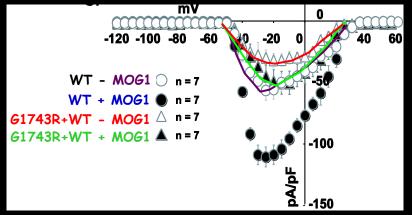
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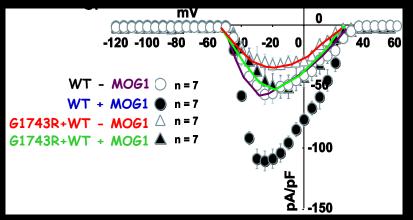
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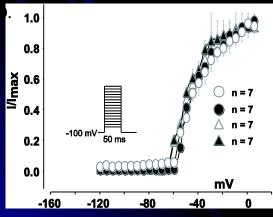
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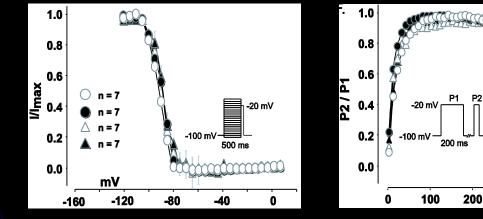
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Summary Table for MOG1 mediated restorations sodium currents of trafficking-deficient mutant Na_v1.5 channels

Mutation	Disease	Mutation position		Mutant I _{Na}	Altered Kinetics	I _{Na} Rescue	
						mut Na _v 1.5	mut + Wt Na _v 1.5
D1275N	SSS,AF, DCM,CCD	DIII		~ 60%	yes	100%	-
R282H	BrS	DI		~ 13%	no	~ 2 fold	~ 75%
P336L	BrS	DI		~ 17%	no	~ 2 fold	~ 73%
<i>G</i> 1743R	BrS	DIV		negligible	n/a	no	100%

Summary : Part 4

MOG1 can rescue impaired PM expression of $Na_v 1.5$ trafficking mutants identified in patients with BrS/ DCM/ SSS/ atrial arrhythmias

MOG1 can restore peak I_{Na} to 75-100% of WT channels under condition mimicking heterozygous Na channel state : potential therapeutic tool for loss-of-function mutations/ reduced Na_v1.5 expression

MOG1 does NOT alter kinetic properties of WT/ mutant channel : tool to distinguish if a loss-of-function mutation in $Na_v 1.5$ is due to impaired trafficking/ impairment of gating

MOG1 therapy : more advantageous for patients having Na_v1.5 mutations with complete loss of gating - rescued current would have WT properties

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