



Calcium-binding protein antagonists as therapeutic and diagnostic tool in tumors

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My story



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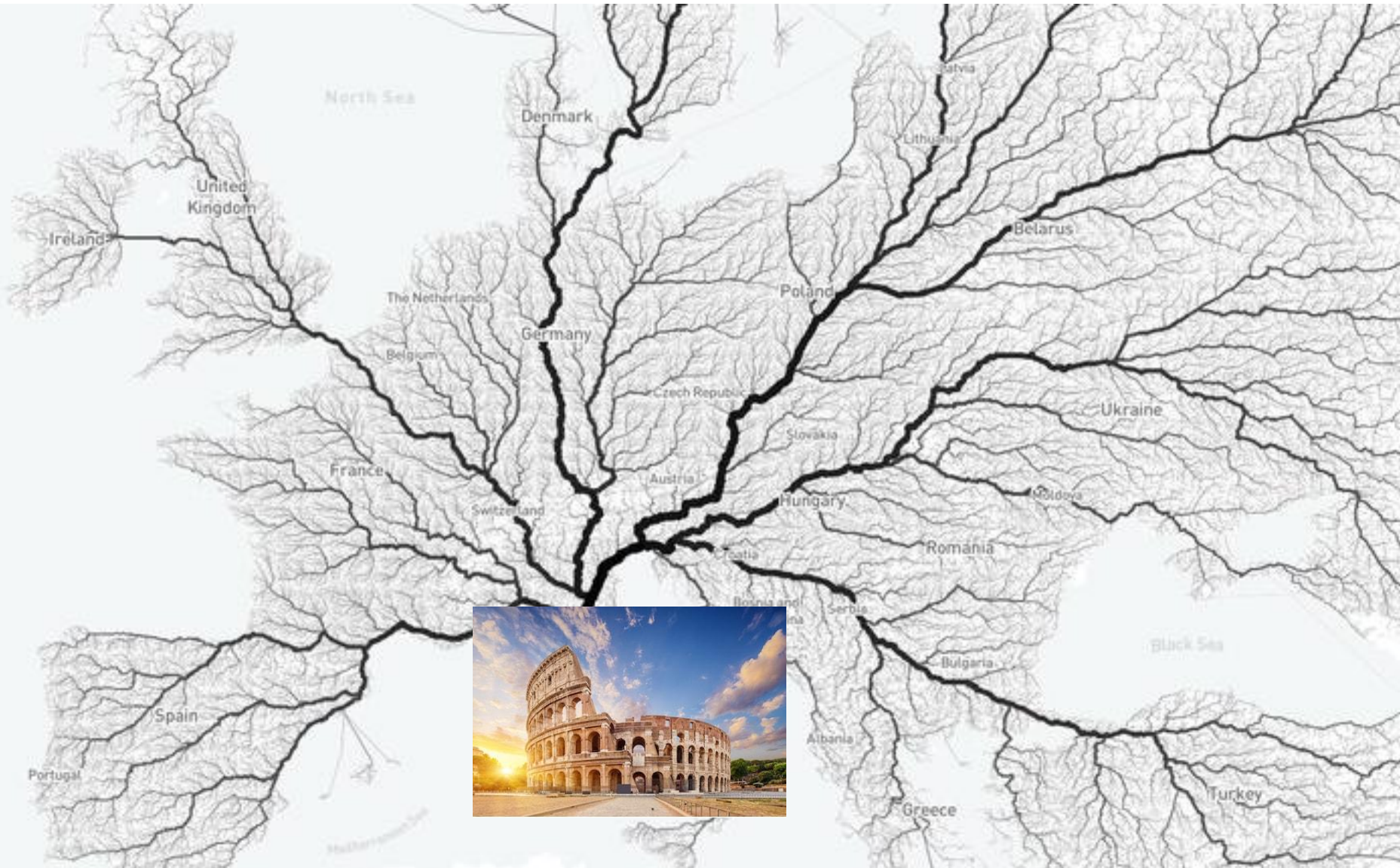
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“All roads lead to Rome”



“All pathways lead to Calcium”

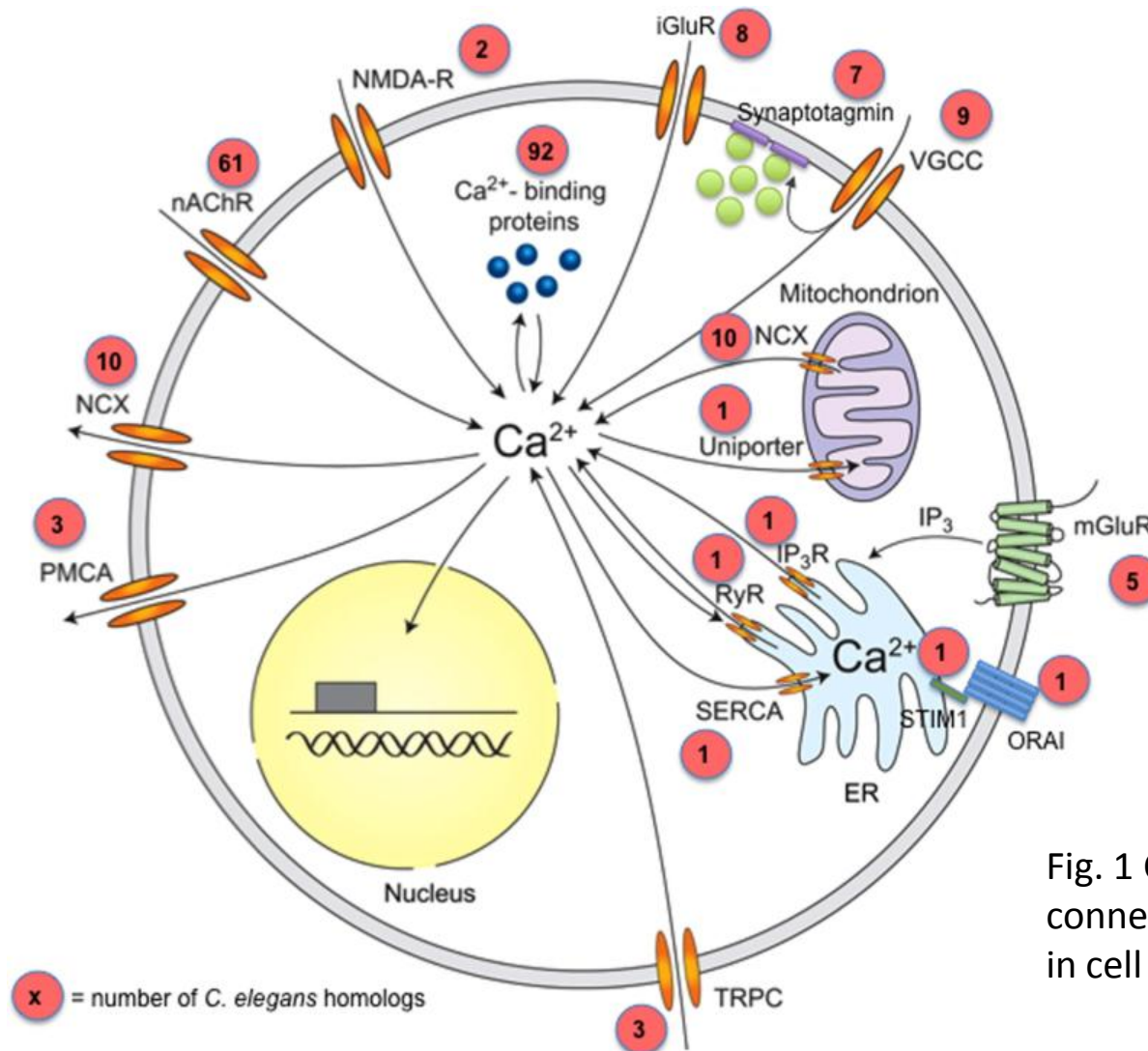


Fig. 1 Calcium connected processes in cell

Calcium -binding proteins

- Most common calcium-binding structural motifs is EF-hand, theyll deffined helix-loop-helix structural domain.
- parvalbumin,
S100,
calmodulin,
calcineurin

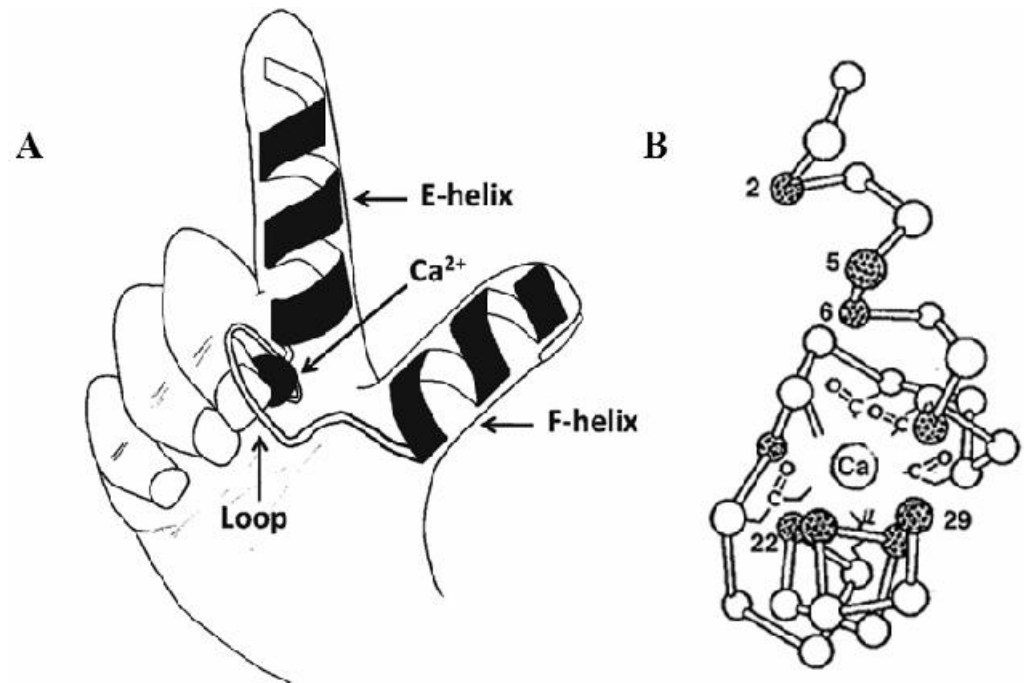
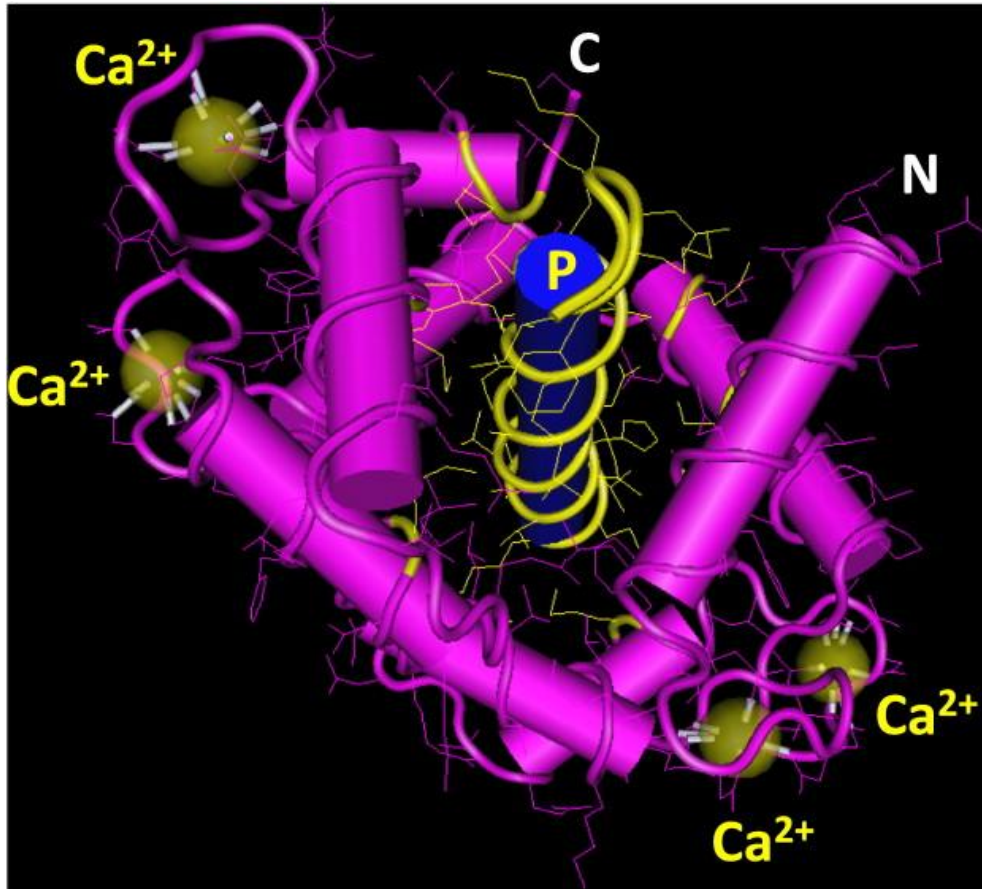


Fig.2 A - Model of EF-hands; B – Ca binding protein.

What is a Calmodulin?



- Calmodulin (CaM), a calcium (Ca²⁺)-trigger protein with four EF hands, is highly conserved molecule.

Fig. 3 Interaction of calmodulin with a CaMK-I peptide. Model of Ca²⁺/CaM (pink) collapsed around a peptide (blue/yellow barrel labeled P) corresponding to the CaM-binding site of CaMK-I. CaM methionine residues are labeled in yellow. The N- and C- termini of CaM and Ca²⁺ ions are indicated.

Holo and Apo Calmoduline

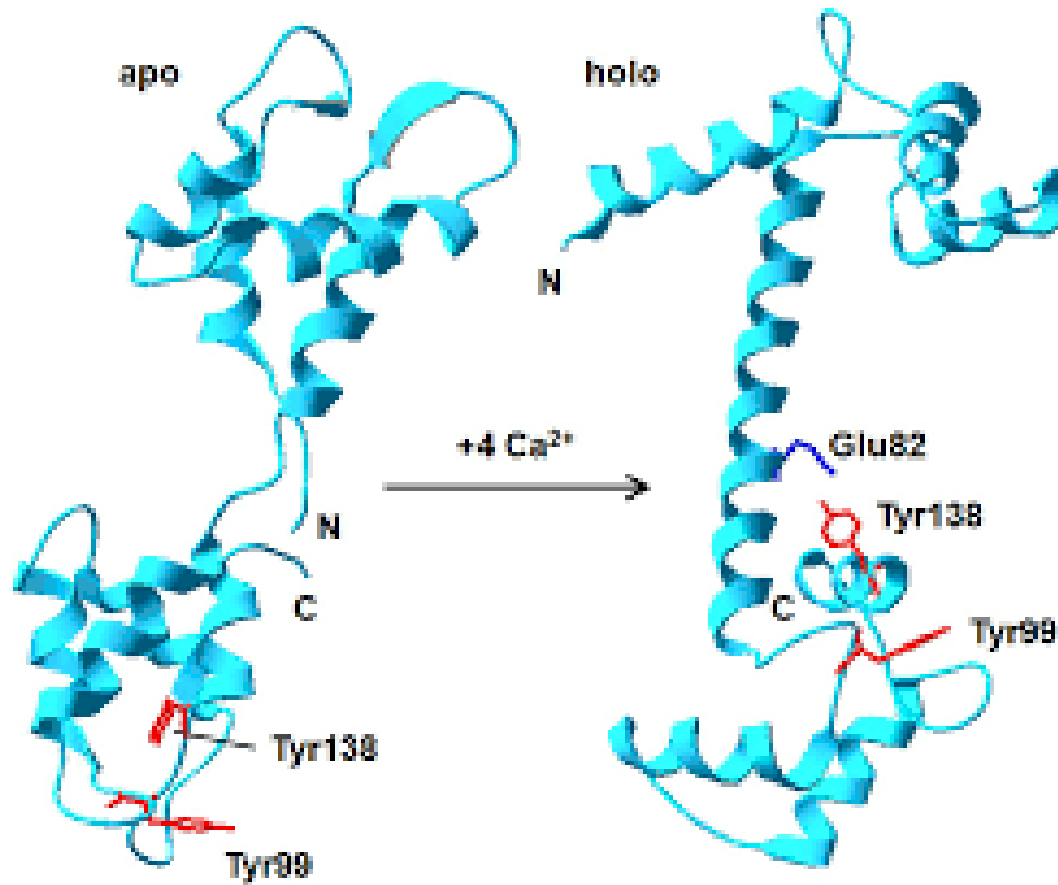


Fig.4 Reaction of binding Ca^{2+} ions.

Overview of CaM functions in Cell

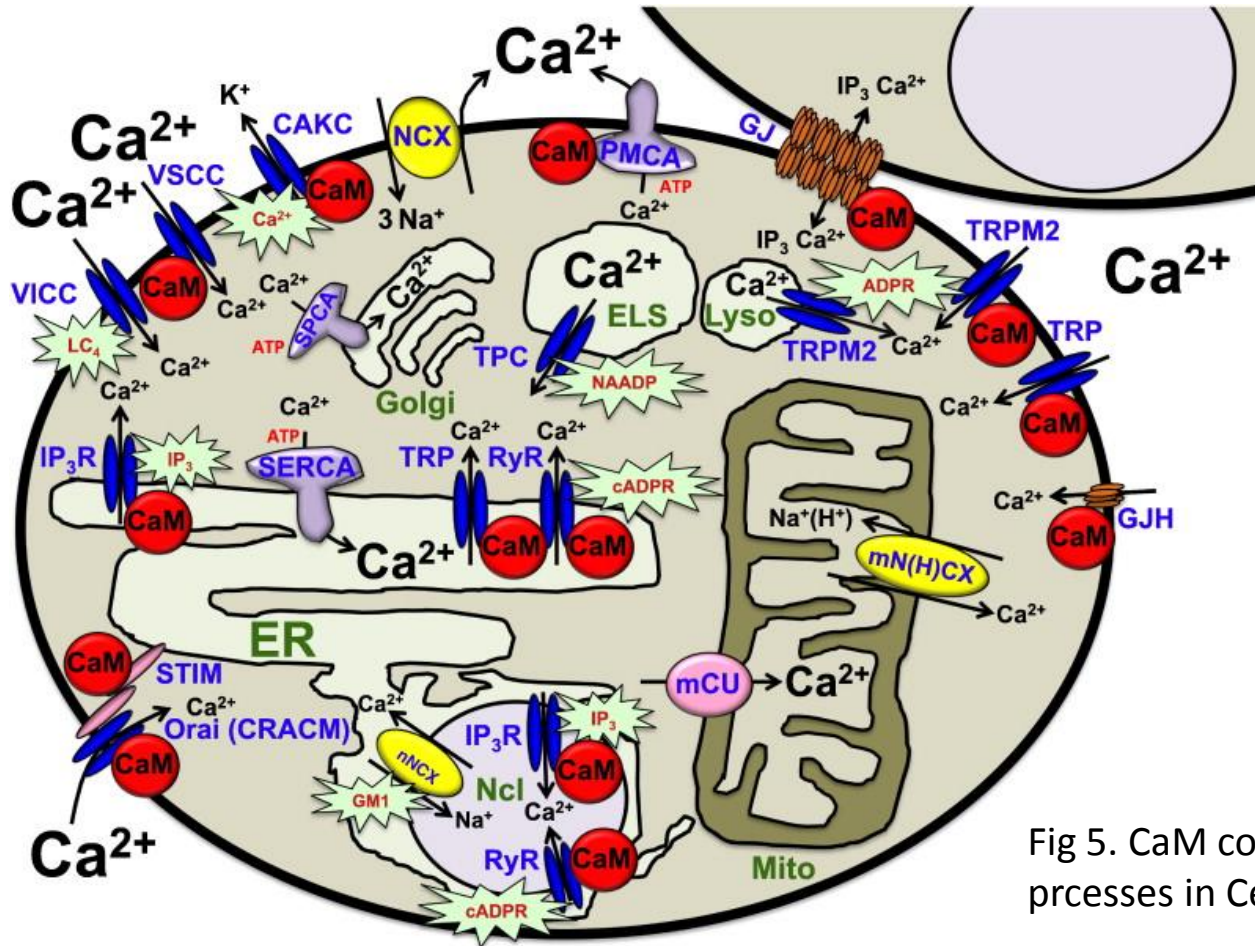
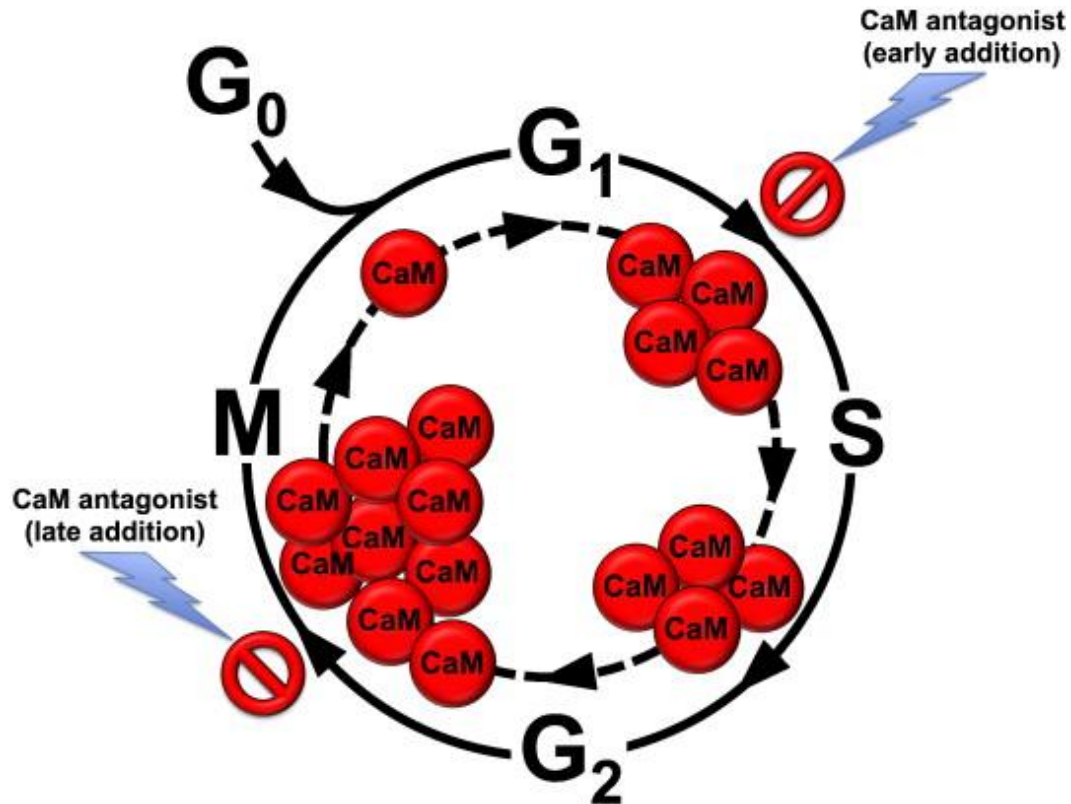


Fig 5. CaM connected processes in Cell

Proliferation



Calmodulin levels during cell cycle progression. The scheme depicts the increment of calmodulin (CaM) expression at the different phases of the cell cycle; and the two major points of cell cycle arrest by CaM antagonists added at the indicated phases.

Fig. 6

CaM – dependent Kinases

CaM- Selected comments kinase

CaMK-I Controls the cell cycle (G_0/G_1)

CaMK- Activates the MAPK pathway

II Controls the cell cycle (G_1/S and G_2/M)

CaMK- Phosphorylates eEF2 during active cell proliferation

III

CaMK- Controls cell proliferation phosphorylating transcription factors (Sp1,

IV CREB, ATF1)

CaMKK Controls cell proliferation by phosphorylating CaMK-I/IV

CASK Contains an N-terminal CaMK domain

Negatively regulates the cell cycle upregulating p21^{Cip1/Waf1}

DAPK Activates cell growth and protein synthesis by phosphorylation of ribosomal protein S6 via the EGFR/MAPK(ERK)/DAPK pathway

PNCK Closely related to CaMK-I. Downregulated upon entry in cell

CaM in Tumour Cells

- The level of CaM in many tumor cells appears to be higher as compared to cells from normal tissues.
- A positive correlation between the rate of cell growth and the degree of tumor malignancy with the level of cellular CaM has been postulated.
- the MTS1 gene, encoding the Ca²⁺-binding protein metastasin 1 (also denoted S100A4), that is highly expressed in tumor cells with high metastatic potential
- Ca²⁺/CaM plays a crucial role in angiogenesis. Ca²⁺/CaM activates HIF-1 and consequently induces the expression of pro-angiogenic factors such as VEGF.

- CaM Antagonists can inhibit the proliferation of metastatic and tumorous cells.

Effects of distinct CaM antagonists on tumor cells.

CaM antagonist	Tumor/cell/tissue	Origin	Effect
B859-35	Neuroendocrine lung tumors	Hamster	Inhibits tumor growth <i>in vivo</i>
	Lung carcinoid NCI-H727, adenocarcinoma NCI-H322 and NCI-H358 cells	Human	Inhibits cell proliferation (at 0.001 pM–100 nM)
Berberine ^a	Hepatocellular carcinoma Bel7402 cells	Human	Arrest the cell cycle at G ₁ W-7 and TFP potentiate its action. Inhibits CaMK-II and MEK1, and p27 degradation (CaM-unrelated effects observed)
Calmidazolium (R24571)	Breast adenocarcinoma MCF-7, T47D, ZR-75-1 cells	Human	Inhibits cell proliferation at the early to mid G ₁ phase of the cell cycle. Induces apoptosis-like cell death potentiated by antiestrogen drugs
	Serous cystadenocarcinoma ovary cells	Human	Inhibits cell proliferation and prevents EGF binding to its receptor
	Pituitary tumor GH ₃ cells (ER-positive)	Rat	Induces apoptosis-like cell death potentiated by antiestrogen drugs
	ASV-transformed cells	Rat	Inhibits cell cycle at late G ₁
Chlorpromazine	Ehrlich ascites tumor cells	Mouse	Inhibits protein synthesis
	Astrocytoma C6 cells	Rat	Inhibits cell proliferation
	Leukemia cells	Human and mouse	Inhibits cell growth and clonogenicity
Compounds 1, 2 and 3 ^b	Astrocytoma C6 cells	Rat	Inhibits cell proliferation
	Breast adenocarcinoma T-47D, MCF-7B,	Human	Inhibits cell proliferation

Ca/CaM Antagonist HBC inhibits Angiogenesis and downregulates Hypoxia-inducible factor

- A curcumin derivative, HBC 4-{3,5-bis-[2-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)ethyl]-4,5-dihydropyrazol-1-yl}benzoic acid

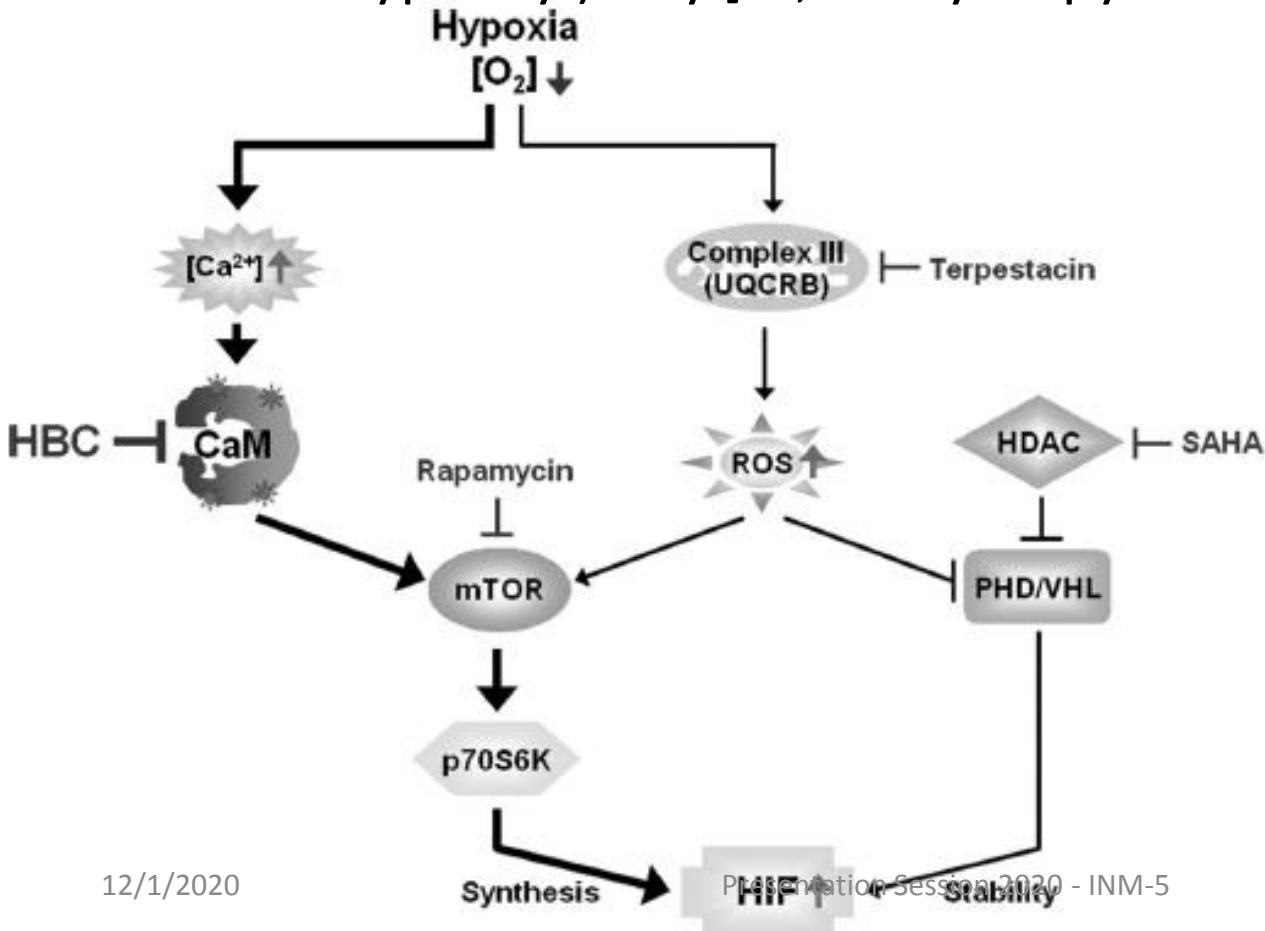


Fig. 7

mTOR- mamalian target of Rapamycin

ROS- Reactive oxygen species

HDAC- Histone deacetylase

SAHA – suberanilohydroxamic acid

UQCRB- Ubiquinol

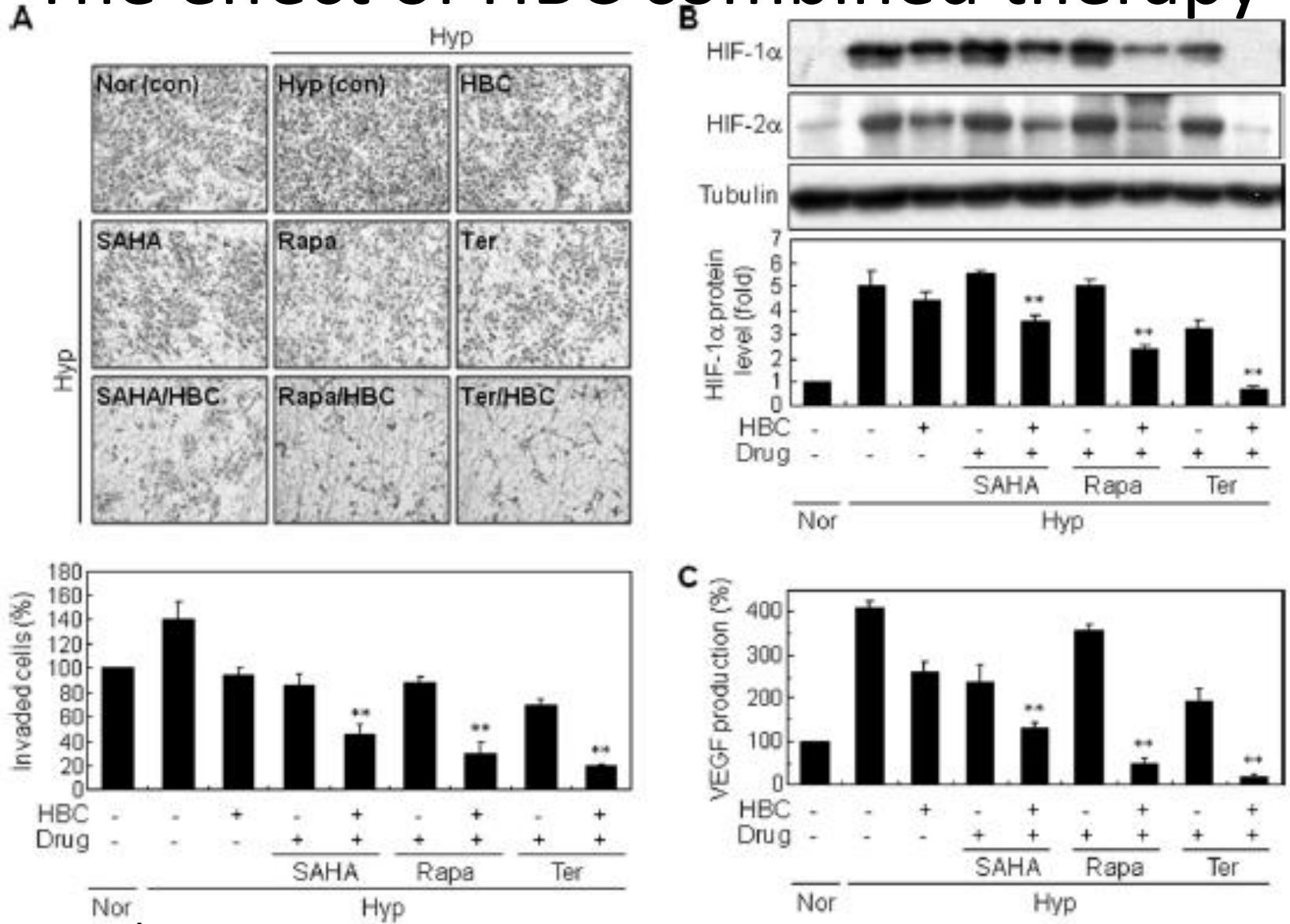
Cytochrome C Reductase Binding Protein

VHL- von Hippel- Lindau tum. Suppresor

PHD – Plant Homeodomain

p70S6K- ribosomal protein S6 kinase

The effect of HBC combined therapy



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- Today, calcium binding proteins and related them aspects are considered promising new chapter in future diagnostic and therapeutic methods.
- Research about this thesis are going on fast.
- Not only peptides are promising tool in PET diagnostic but its associated molecules too.
- Perhaps, this kind of molecules gives us chance to merge diagnostic and therapeutic process.

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