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Homozygous γ -4 knockout mice exhibit dysfunctional synaptic targeting of AMPARs. These mice may be useful in studying AMPAR membrane trafficking and synaptic transmission/targeting in the brain; specifically in the olfactory bulb, striatum and glia of developing brain.

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GENETIC OVERVIEW

Genetic Background

Generation

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Allele Type

Targeted (Null/Knockout)

Gene Symbol

Cacng4

Gene Name

calcium channel, voltage-dependent, gamma subunit 4

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Details

Detailed Description

Synaptic α -amino-3-hydroxy-5-methyl-4-isoxazole propionic acid receptors (AMPA α s) are the dominant glutamate receptor in the brain. AMPA α s are regulated by a family of auxiliary subunits known as transmembrane AMPA α regulatory proteins (TARPs) and the additional AMPA α auxiliary subunits/binding proteins (cornichon).

TARP subtypes are the prototypical stargazin (γ -2), and the homologous γ -3, γ -4 (*Cacng4*), and γ -8 (*Cacng8*). The TARP subtypes are differentially expressed throughout the CNS; this imparts functional diversity to AMPA α s in distinct neuronal populations. Specifically, γ -4 is expressed transiently throughout the developing brain, with especially high levels in the striatum. It is the primary TARP expressed in the olfactory bulb, striatum and glia, and may be the sole TARP expressed in neonates. γ -4 regulates AMPA α abundance and kinetics.

The TARP γ -4 knockout allele (γ -4^{-/-}) has a neomycin resistance gene replacing the exon encoding the first extracellular domain and the second and third transmembrane domains. Homozygous mice (γ -4^{-/-} or *Cacng4*^{-/-}) exhibit dysfunctional synaptic targeting of AMPA α s (abnormal excitatory postsynaptic currents). However, homozygotes show no obvious difference in GluR1 and GluR2/3 expression when compared to wildtype controls. Homozygous mice are viable and fertile. Heterozygous mice are viable and fertile with no reported abnormalities. Western blot analysis of brain protein extracts confirms the absence of protein expression from the knockout allele.

Development

Control Suggestions

Selected References

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Genotyping Protocols

Separated PCR: [Cacng4-alternate3](#)

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Breeding Considerations

When maintaining a live colony, heterozygous mice may be bred together, to wildtype mice from the colony or to C57BL/6J inbred mice (Stock No. [000664](#)). Alternatively, homozygous mice may be bred together.

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Mating System

Homozygote x Homozygote

Citation

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