Membrane damage and repair

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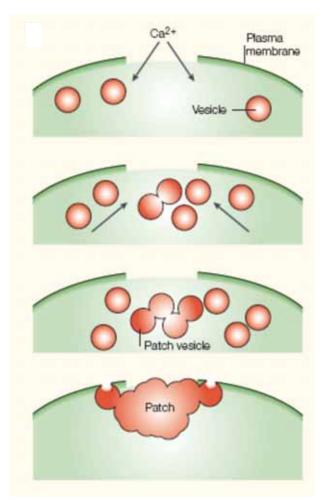
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Ca²⁺-triggered patch model for membrane repair



Membrane disruption

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Ca²⁺ entry through the injury site

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Ca²⁺-triggering vesicle exocytosis

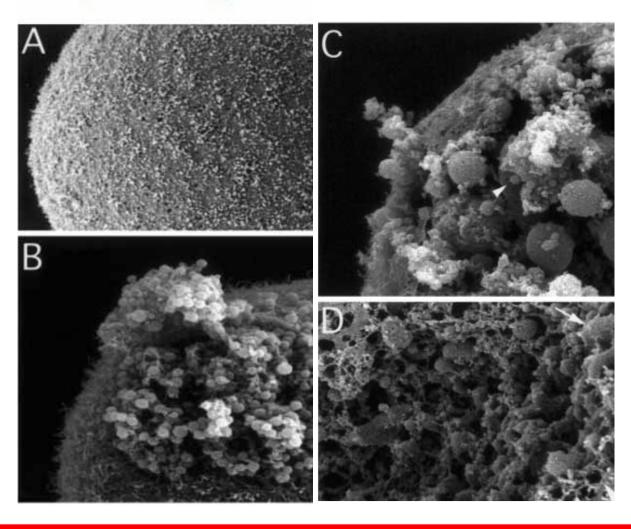
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Vesicle fusion

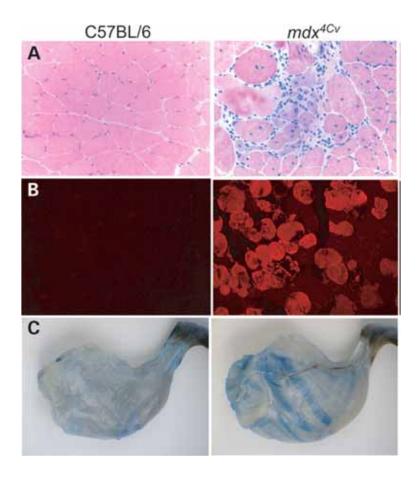
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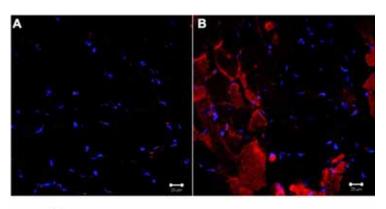
Patch formation; membrane resealing

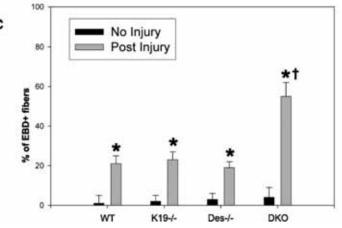
Intracellular vesicles participate in membrane patching following damage



Evidence of membrane resealing in living mammalian cells







Methods to measure membrane repair

- Dye exclusion/entry into the cell
 - UV laser damage
 - Physical disruption of the membrane
 - Histological analysis of tissues (Evans blue, IgG entry)
- Leak of a biomarker out of the cell
 - Creatine kinase
 - Troponins
 - Lactate dehydrogenase
- Changes in membrane biophysical conditions

Membrane repair is a conserved physiologic process in multiple tissues

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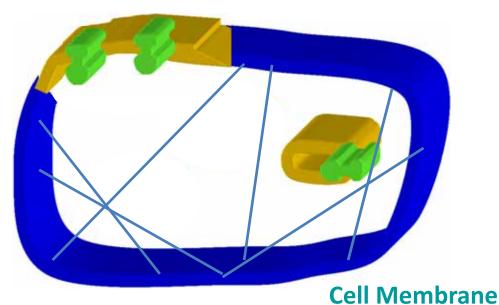
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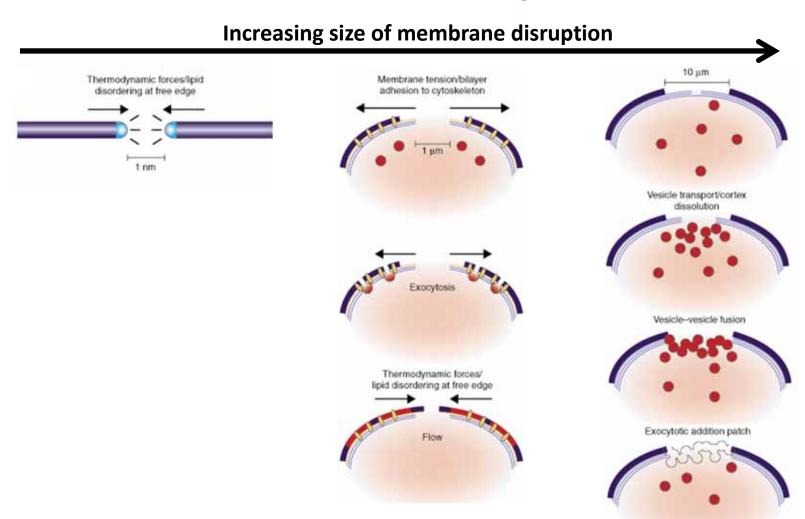
Necessity of membrane repair in eukaryotic cells

Membrane Patch = Cell Survival

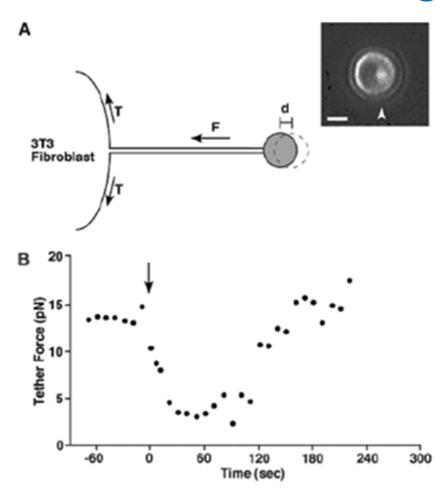
? drives membrane repair



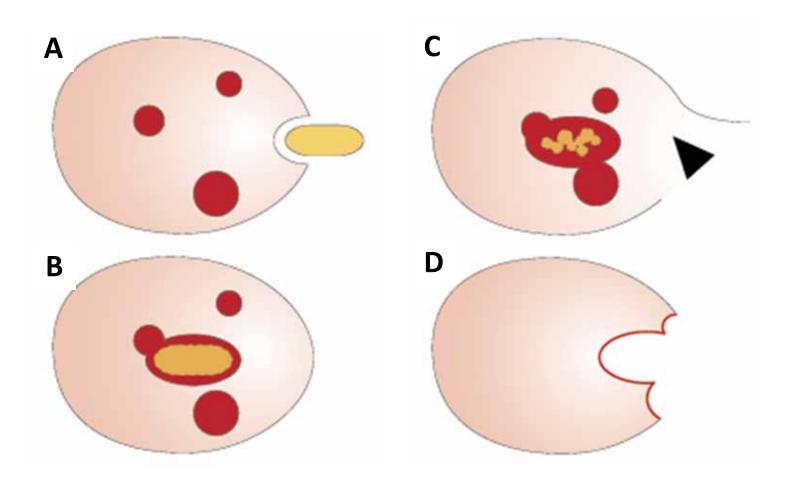
Resealing mechanism is dependent on size of membrane disruption



Membrane tension is a key determinate of cell membrane resealing



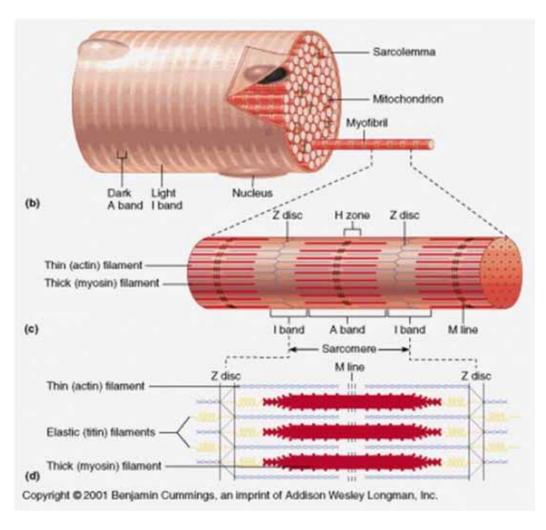
Evolution of fusion-based resealing following development of endocytotic apparatus



Skeletal muscle displays a substantial amount of membrane resealing

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Contractile nature of skeletal muscles lead to extensive mechanical stress



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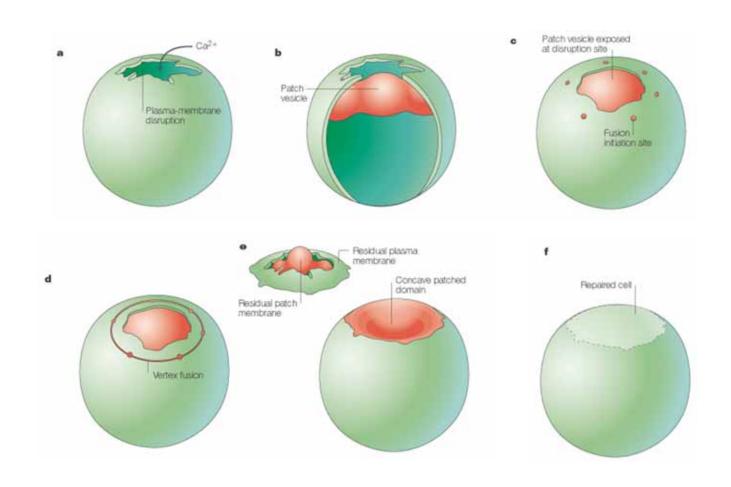
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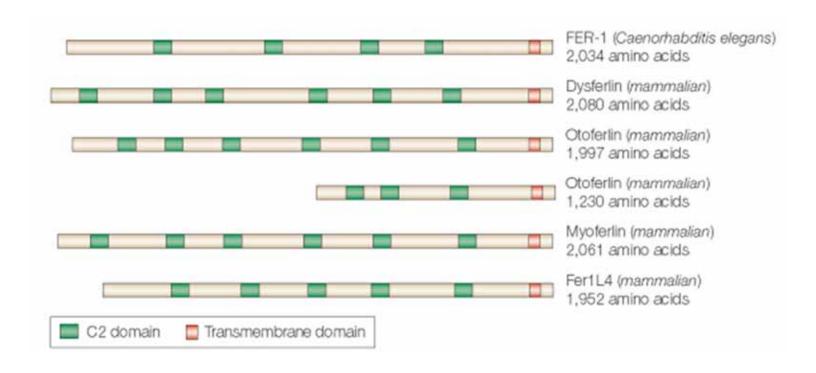
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Cellular mechanism are better understood than the molecular mechanisms

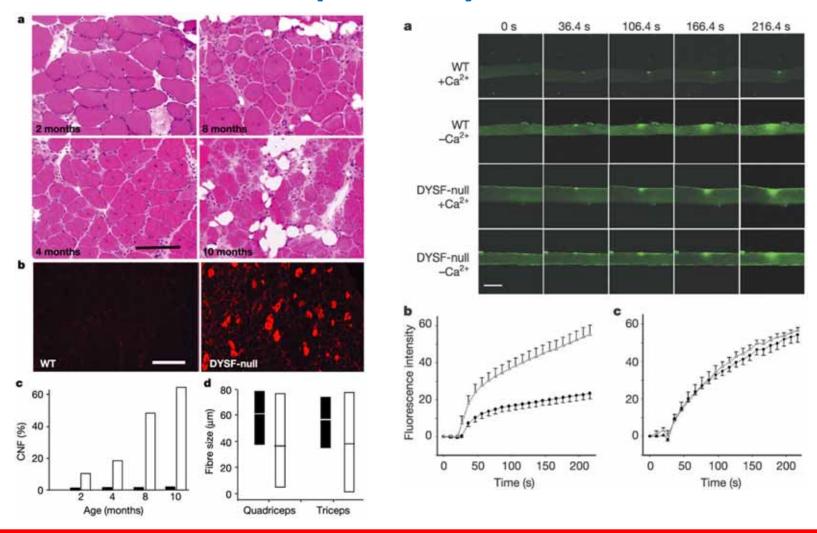


Dysferlin

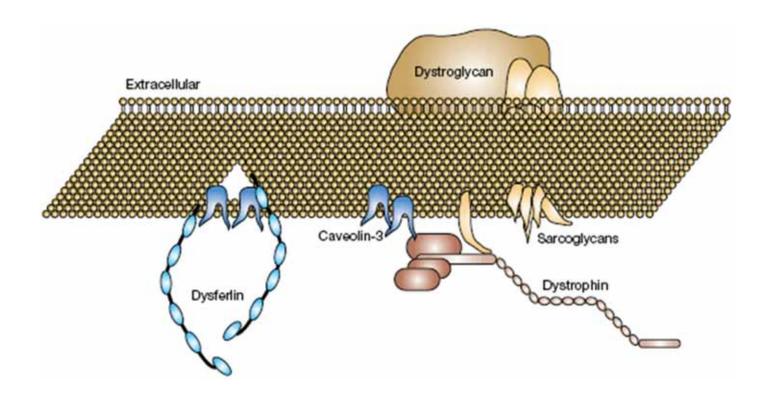


Originally determined to be a ferlin family protein that was known to be mutated in limb girdle muscular dystrophy (type 2B) and Myoshi myopathy patients, (Nat Genet. 1998 Sep;20(1):31-6).

Muscular dystrophy and compromised membrane repair in dysferlin null mice

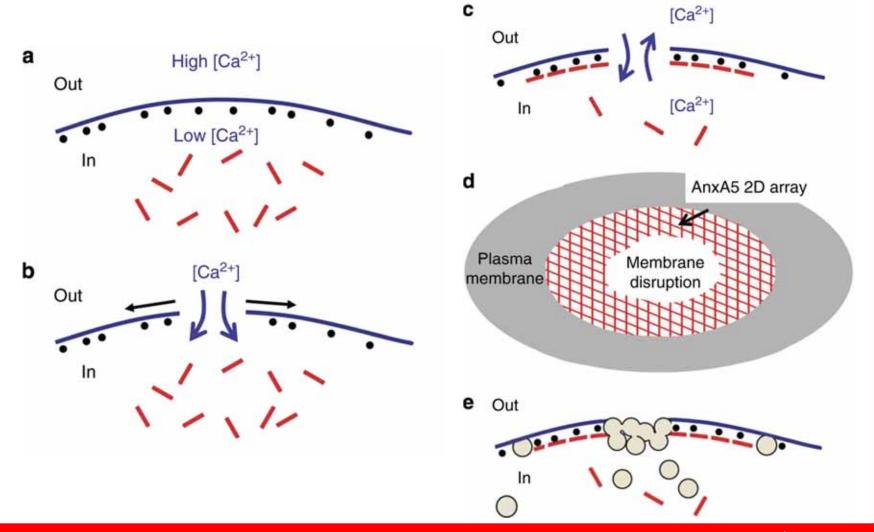


Dysferlin function in membrane repair is not clear

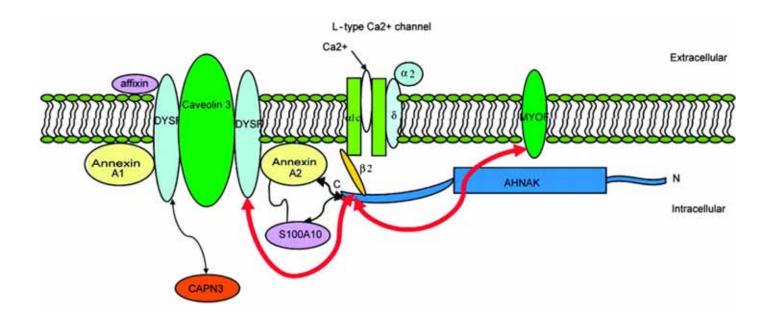


Molecular function of dysferlin in membrane repair is still not clear. Does it act as A fusogen for vesicles? Direct effects on remodeling of membrane? A platform to assemble other factors?

Annexin-A5 assembled into two-dimensional arrays promotes cell membrane repair

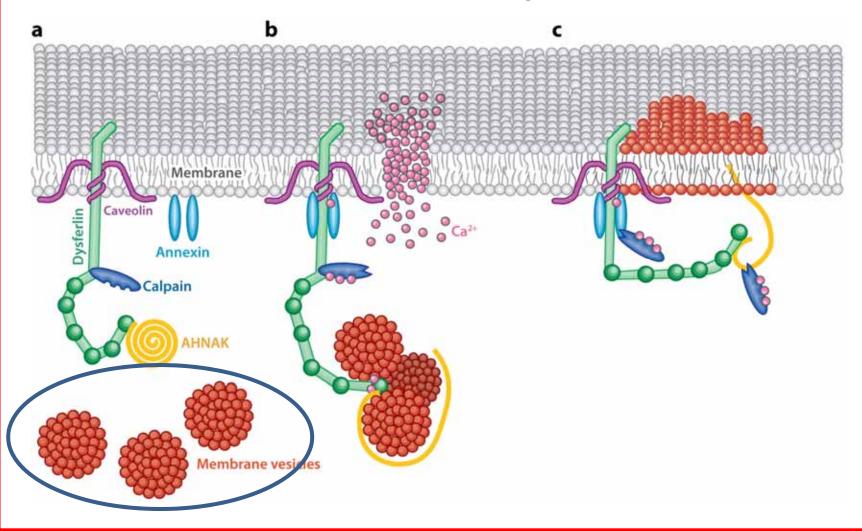


AHNAK and other proteins interact with dysferlin and modulate membrane repair capacity



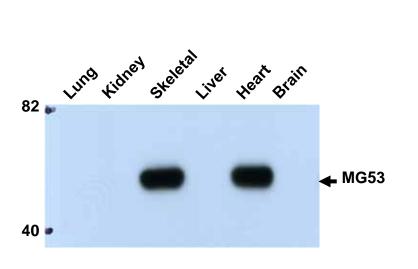
Multiple proteins have been shown to be important for the resealing of membranes, however the molecular function of these proteins is not clear.

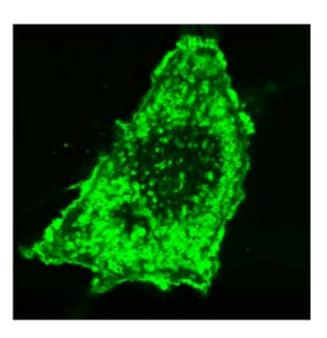
Other dysferlin interacting proteins linked to membrane repair



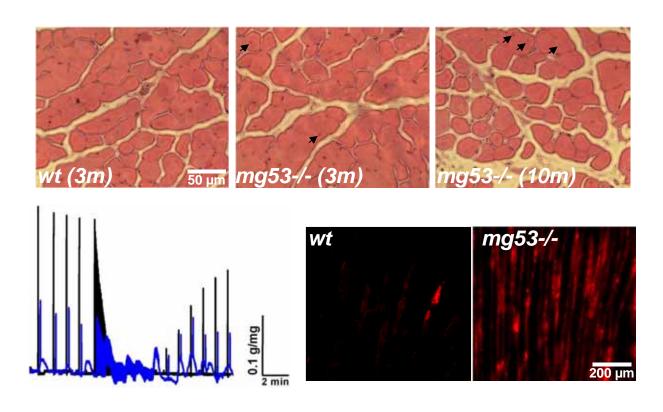
Mitsugumin 53 (MG53) is a tripartite motif family protein linked to membrane trafficking during membrane repair



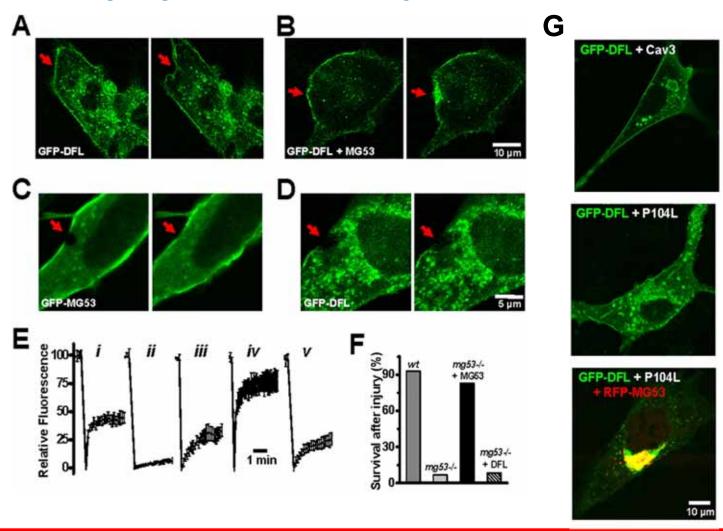




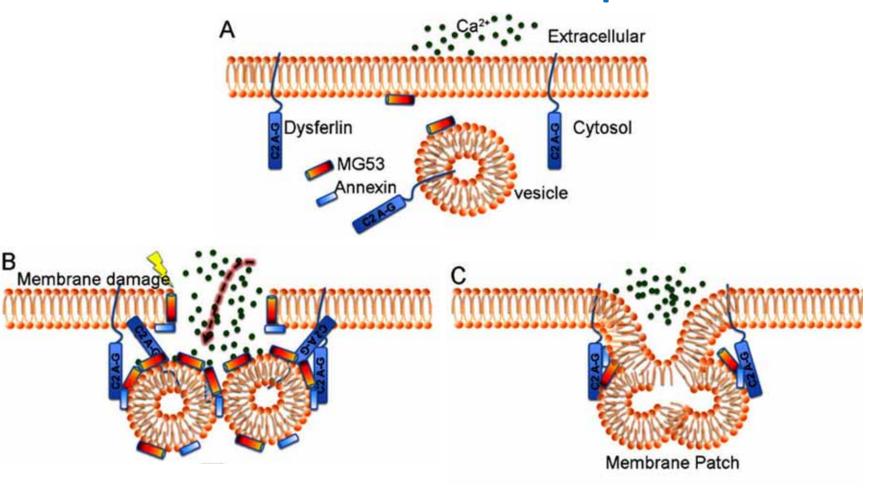
MG53 knockout mice display myopathy and breakdown of plasma membrane integrity



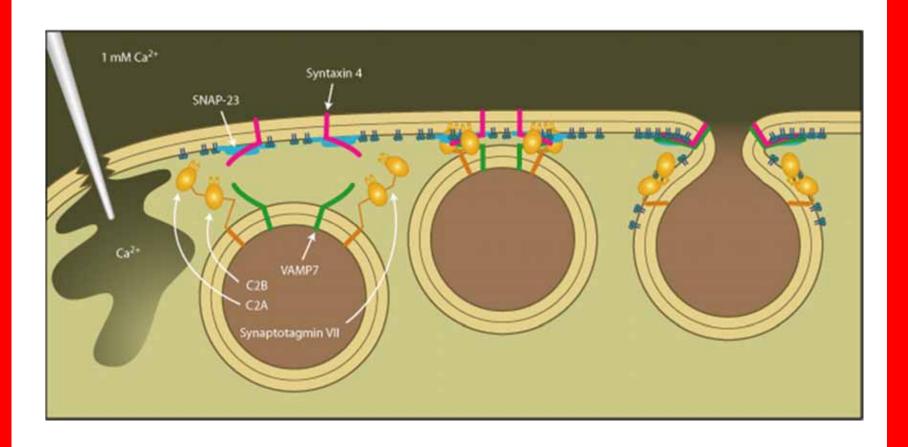
MG53 is required for translocation of dysferlin to injury sites on the plasma membrane



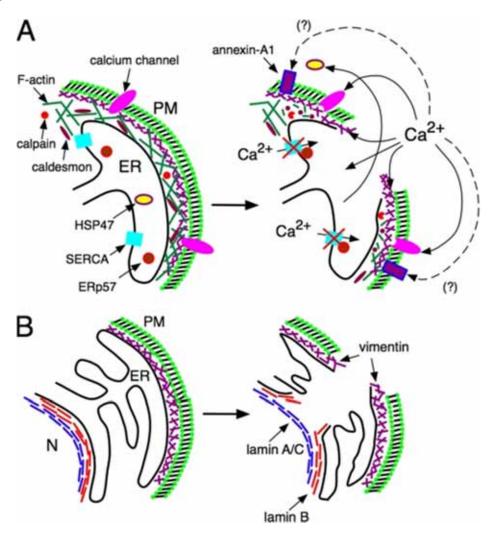
MG53 also associated with dysferlin to facilitate membrane repair



Proteins associated with vesicle fusion during endo/exocytosis are also involved in membrane repair



Reorganization of the cytoskeleton and organelles is required for effective membrane repair



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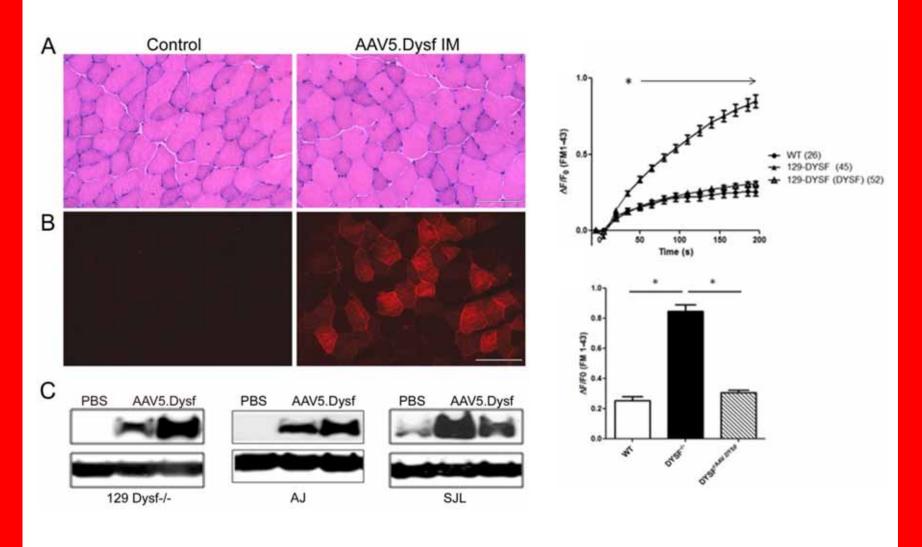
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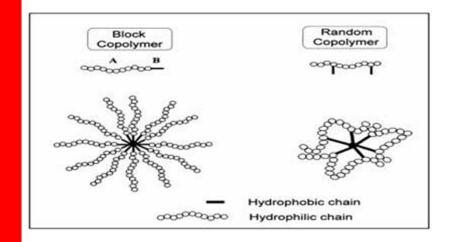
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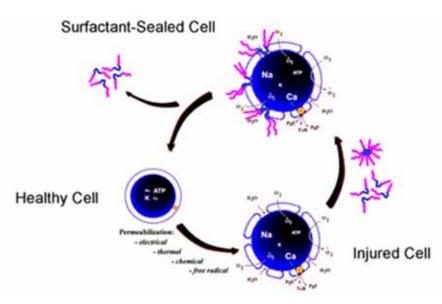
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Viral overexpression of target genes such as dysferlin



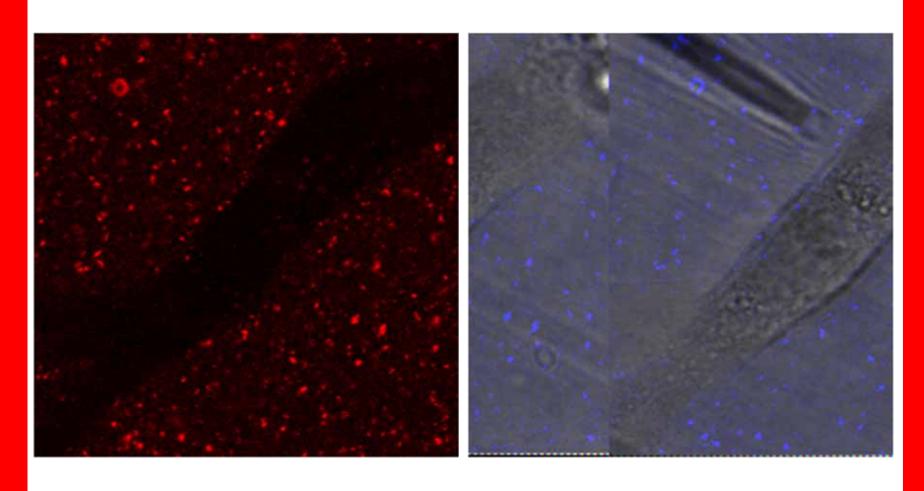
Poloxamer 188 treatments



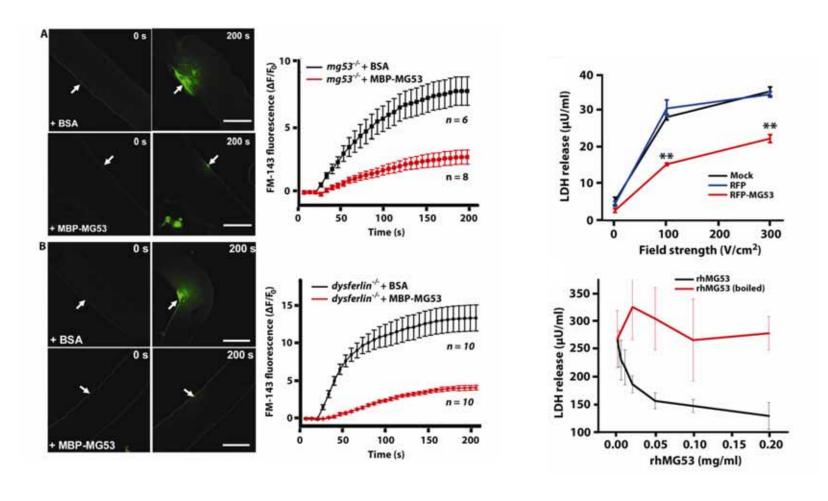


Poloxamer 188 is a long chain co-block polymer that can increase membrane resealing following a number of different types of membrane damage. Has been shown to decrease dystrophic pathology in cardiac muscle.

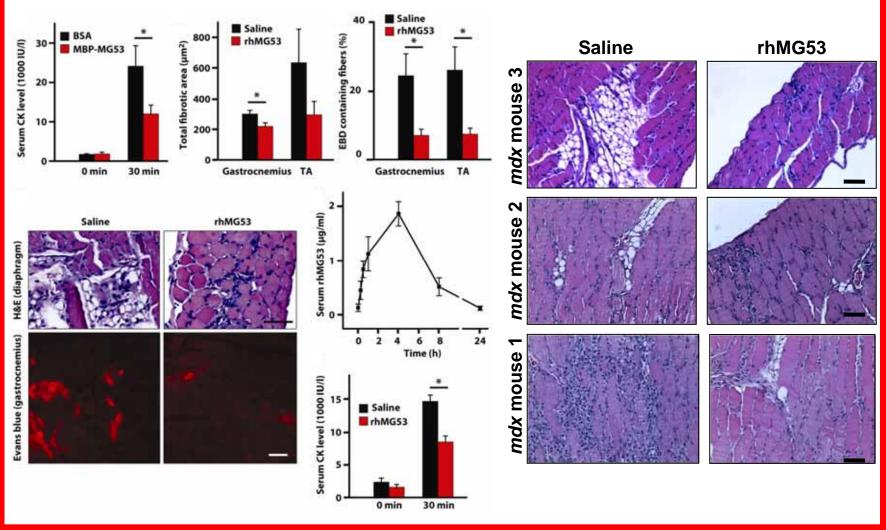
Recombinant MG53 (rhMG53) can locate to injury sites on the cell membrane



rhMG53 can increase the resealing of muscle and nonmuscle cell membranes following various injuries



Injection of rhMG53 can improve pathology in mdx model of muscular dystrophy



Potential mechanism for rhMG53 in membrane resealing

