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Structure and physiological functions of the presynaptic active zone

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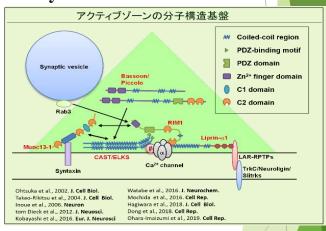
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The presynaptic active zone is the crucial site for Ca²⁺-dependent exocytosis. Several active zone prteins, including CAST, ELKS, RIM1, Munc13-1, Piccolo, and Bassoon, have been identified and characterized. Among active zone proteins, the highly homologous proteins CAST and ELKS play a key role in neurotransmitter release, representing the core of the active zone protein complex in mammalian synapses. However, it still remains obscure how CAST/ELKS control synaptic functions such as synaptic plasticity in the brain.

In this seminar, mainly focusing on the CAST KO mice, I will summarize recent findings on CAST functions in presynaptic development, synaptic plasticity, and higher brain functions such as maternal behavior. I also talk about a newly established proteomics strategy to uncover the protein components in the active zone.



With this strategy, I would like to clarify the molecular determinants for the diversity of active zones in the various synapses in the brain.

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