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Expression in HEK293 cells and oocytes

HEK293 cells were plated on polylysine-coated coverglass or Lab-Tek II CC2 chamberslides (Nalgene-Nunc). Cells were transfected with Lipofectamine 2000 (Invitrogen) using 5–25 ng rat or human ANKTM1 plasmid per cm²; pcDNA3 vector was added to bring the total amount of plasmid DNA to 100 ng cm⁻². For muscarinic activation, 100 ng cm⁻² human mAChR plasmid was co-transfected with 10 ng cm⁻² ANKTM1 plasmid. Sixteen hours after transfection, cells were loaded with Fura-2AM (5 μ M) for 30 min and imaged in Ringer's solution. For oocyte expression, constructs were incubated in ND96 containing 5 μ M ruthenium red as described⁴. Currents were recorded in ND96 (96 mM NaCl, 2 mM KCl, 1.8 mM CaCl₂, 1 mM MgCl₂ and 5 mM HEPES pH 7.6) or calcium-free ND96 (containing 100 μ M BaCl₂) as indicated.

Preparation of natural extracts

For brown mustard, 3 g of ground brown mustard seeds were suspended in 10 ml ND96 and incubated for 2 h at room temperature. Extract was cleared by centrifugation at 3,000g for 20 min. The supernatant fluid was filtered through a 0.2 μ m filter and diluted 20-fold in ND96. For wasabi, 0.5 g of 100% pure wasabi paste (Pacific Farms, Oregon) was suspended in 1 ml ND96, clarified by centrifugation at 18,000g, filtered and diluted 50-fold in ND96.

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erratum

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In this Letter, the last two sentences of the second paragraph of the left column on page 470 should read: "Preliminary data using an immobilized 5' phosphorylated ssRNA with a 3'-biotin modification showed that this RNA failed to pull down purified Ago1 PAZ domain (data not shown). By NMR titration, this RNA had a reduced binding affinity (K_d greater than 20 μ M), suggesting that the 3' end may also play a role in PAZ domain interaction."

corrigendum

Eya protein phosphatase activity regulates Six1–Dach–Eya transcriptional effects in mammalian organogenesis

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