

# The ryanodine receptor is a novel target for Bcl-2

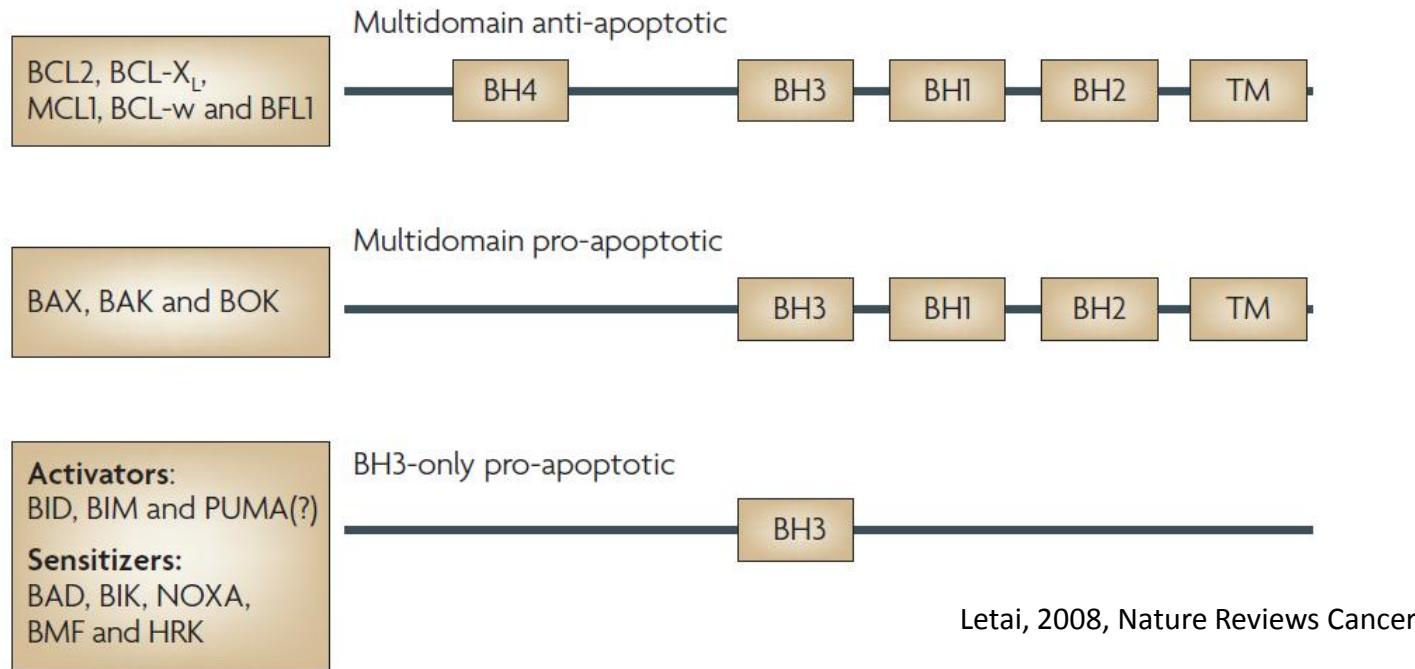
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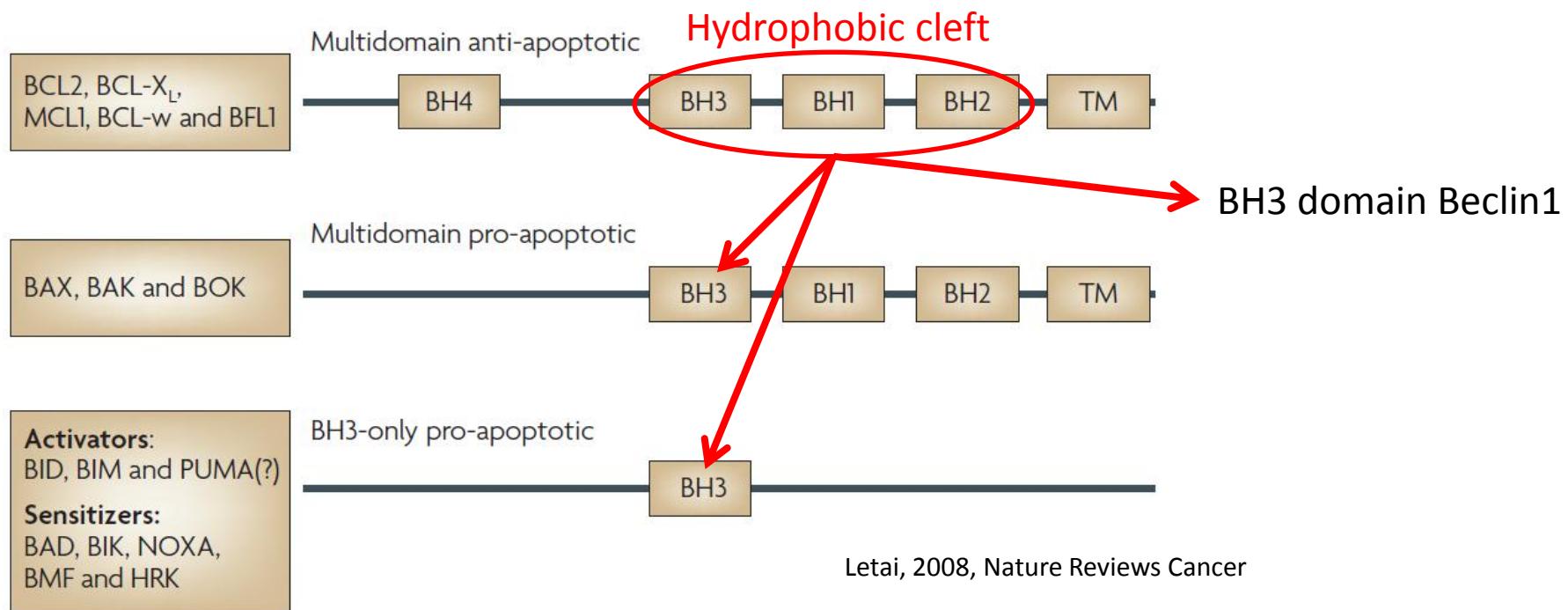
# $\text{IP}_3\text{Rs} \leftrightarrow \text{RyRs}$

|                    | $\text{IP}_3\text{R}$   | $\text{RyR}$   |
|--------------------|---|--|
| Molecular weight   | $\pm 300\text{kDa}$   | $\pm 500\text{kDa}$  |
| Number of isoforms | 3   | 3  |
| Expression         | All cells   | High expression in specific cell types: skeletal muscle, heart, brain... |
| Functions          | Cell survival, differentiation, proliferation, autophagy, cell death... | Muscle contraction<br>Neuronal signaling: LTP, LTD...                    |

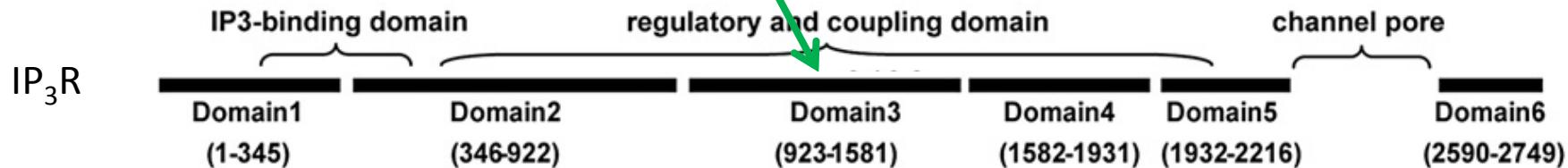
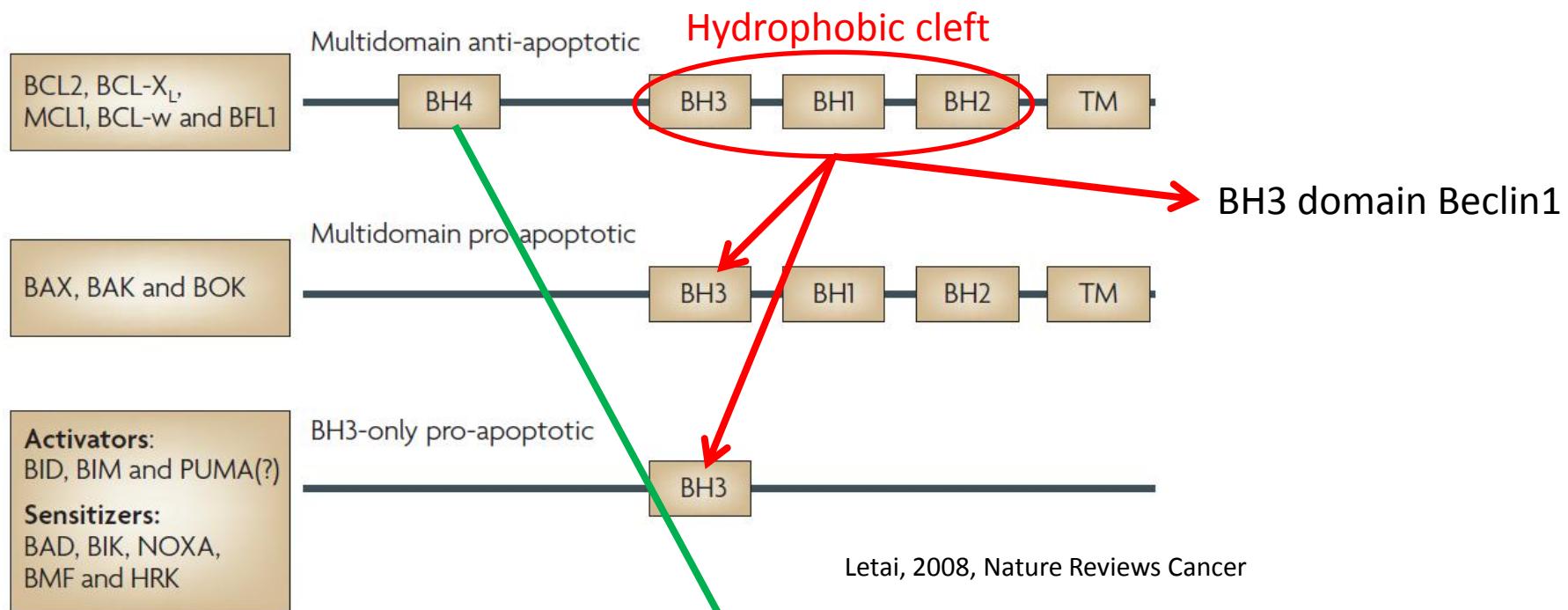
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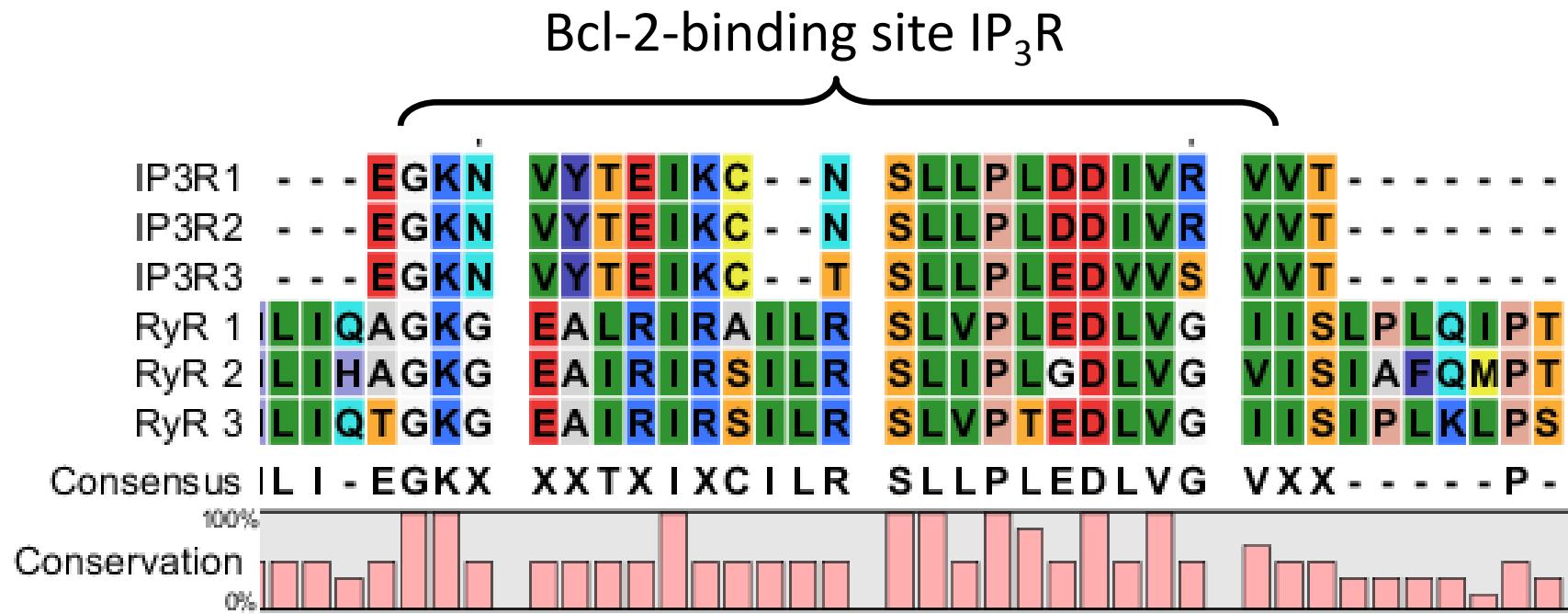
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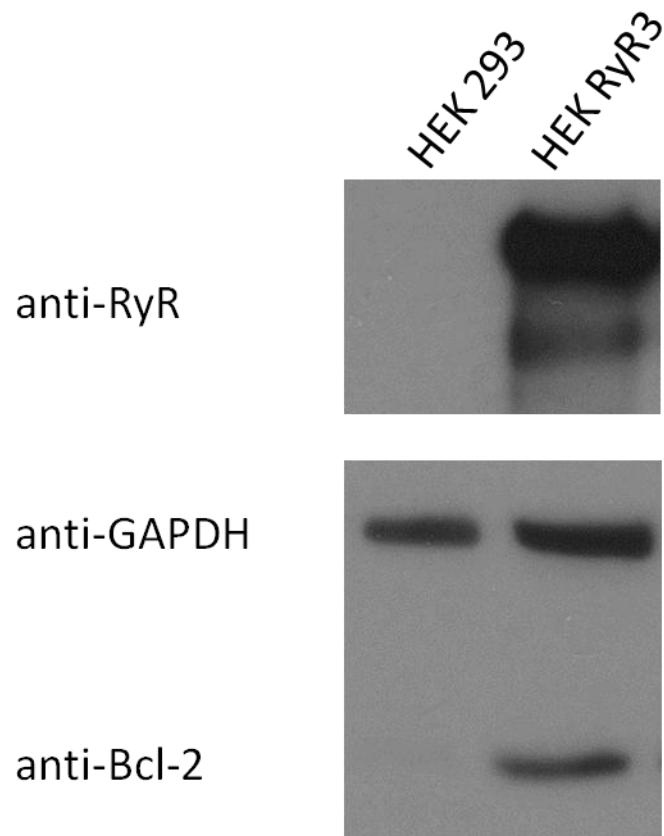
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# Why study the Bcl-2/RyR interaction?



# Upregulation of Bcl-2 in HEK RyR3 cells

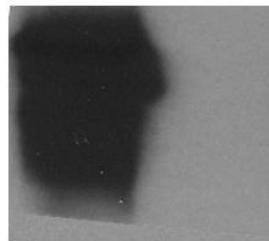


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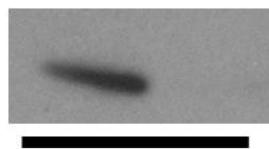
HEK RyR3 cells

|              |   |   |
|--------------|---|---|
| RyR antibody | + | - |
| IgG          | - | + |

anti-RyR



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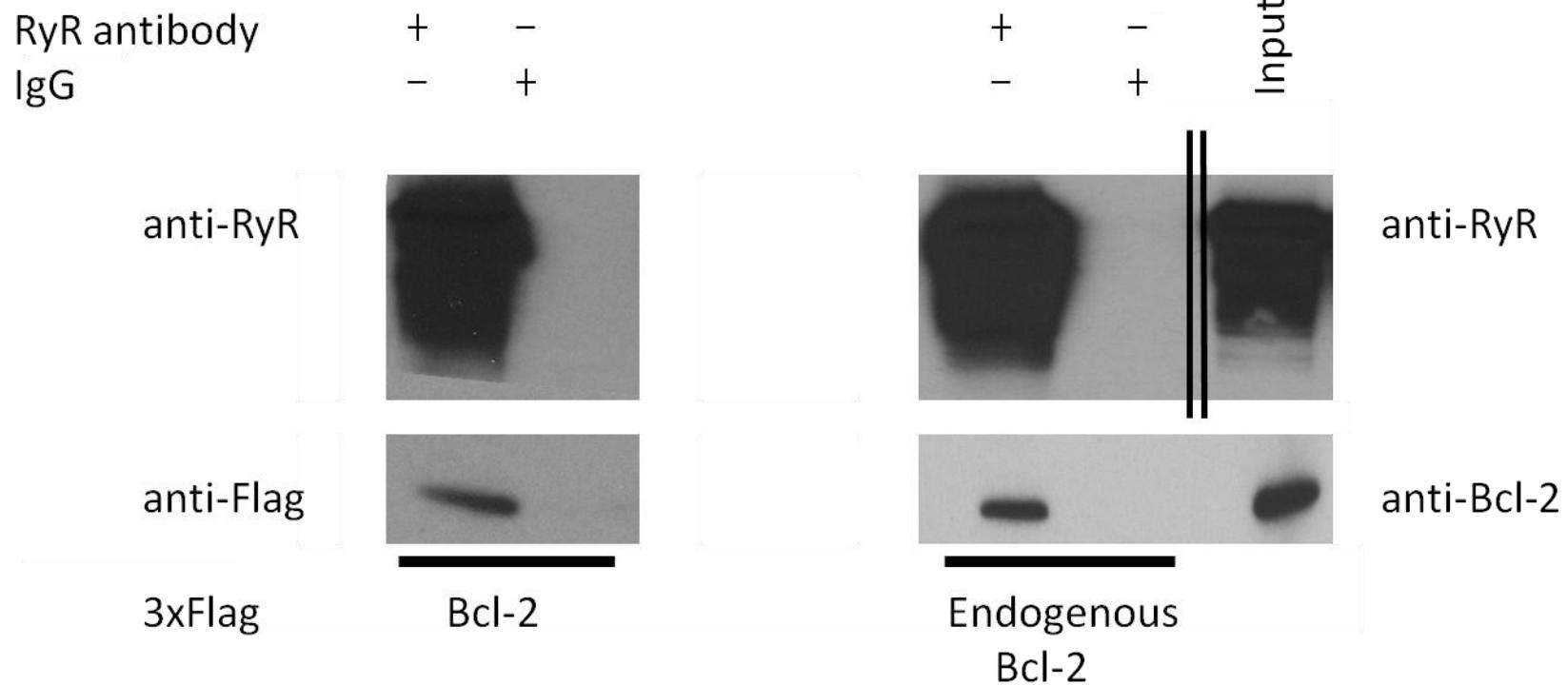


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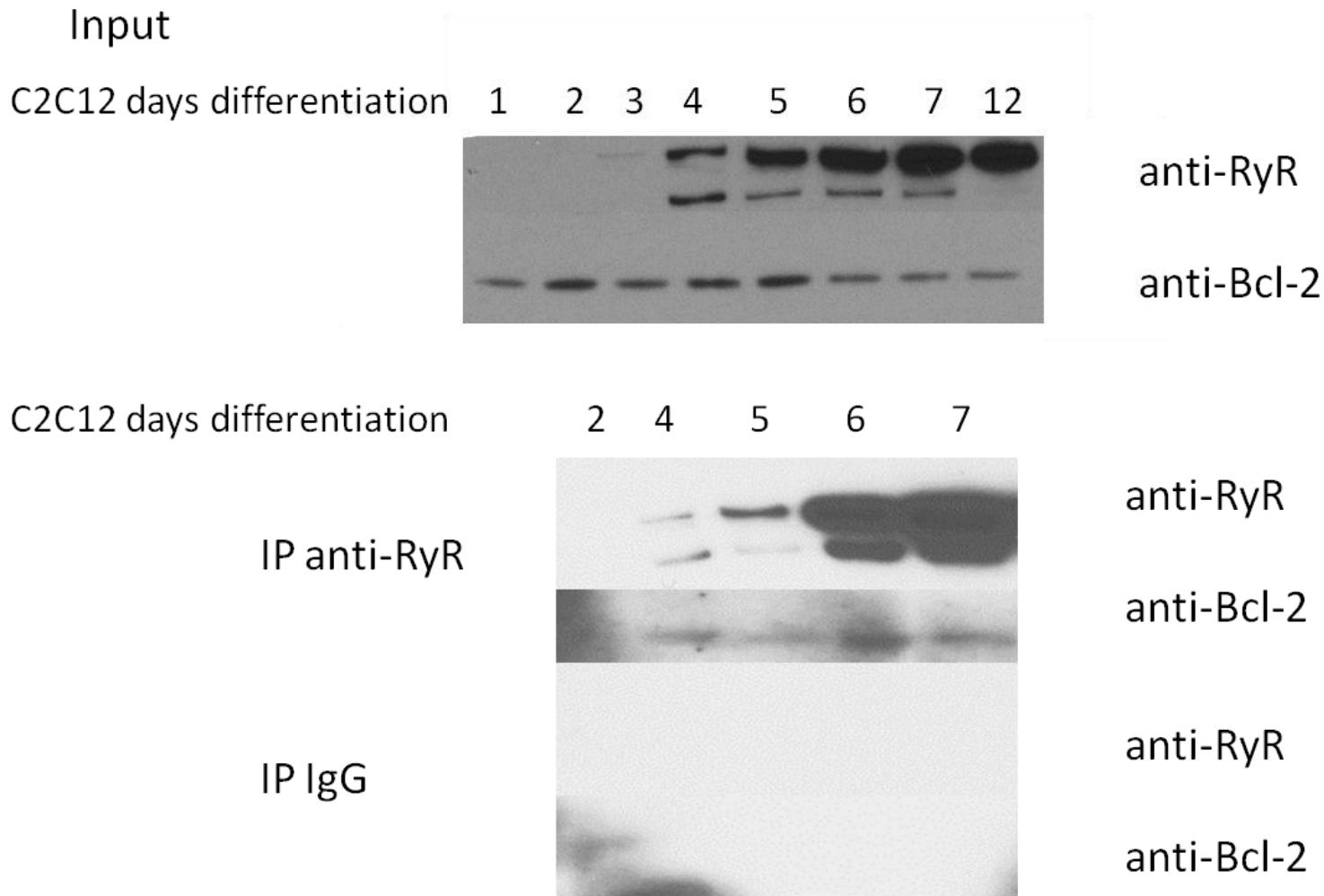
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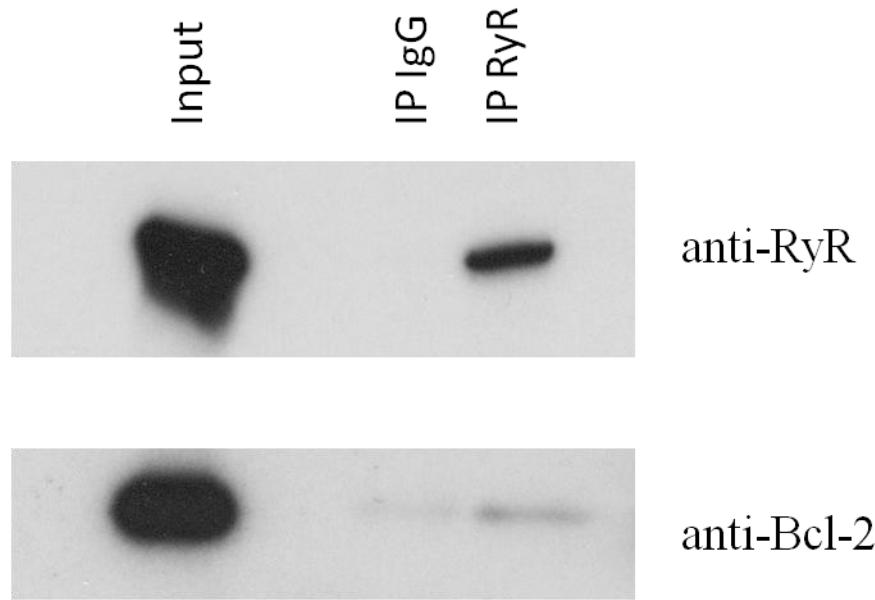
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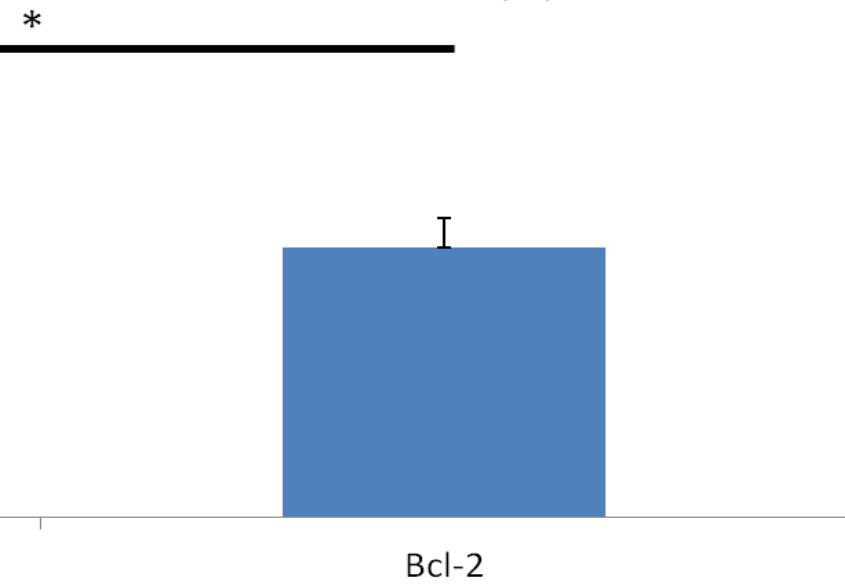
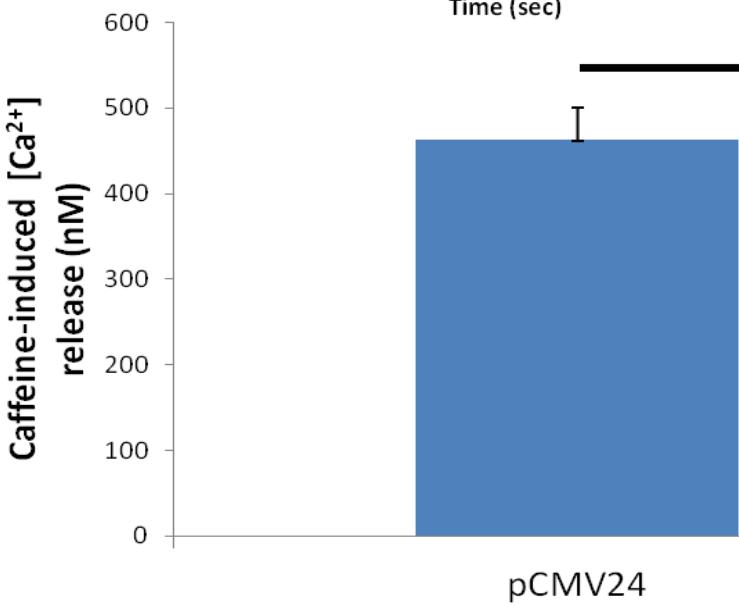
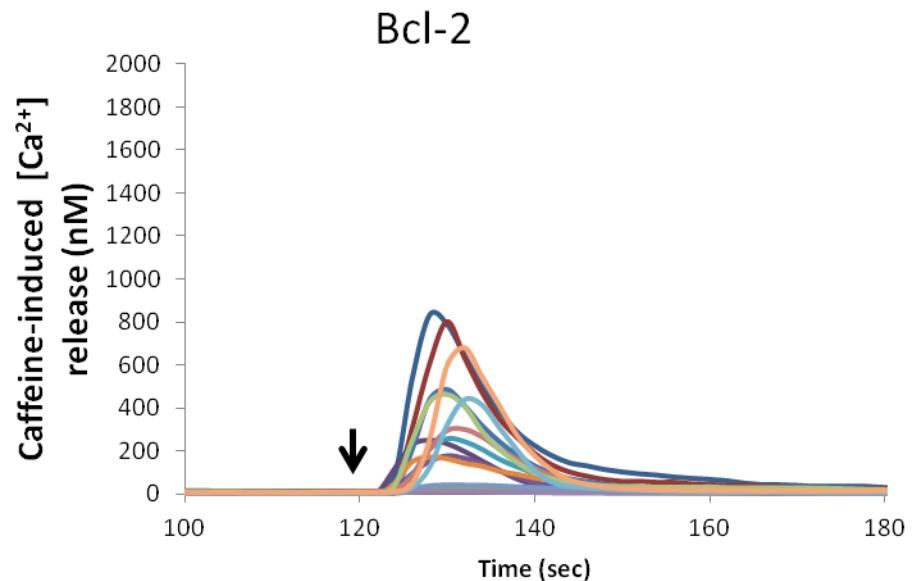
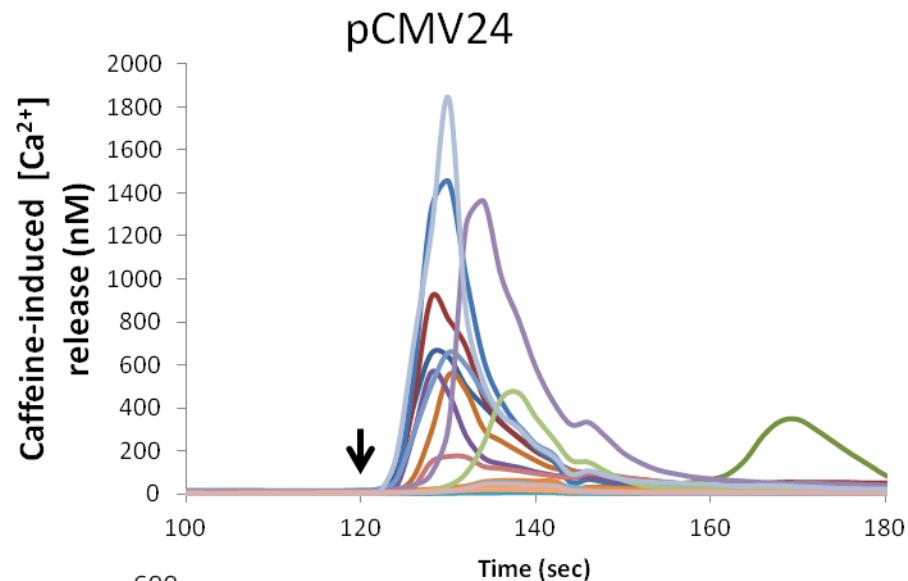
# Bcl-2 interacts with the RyR during differentiation of C2C12 cells



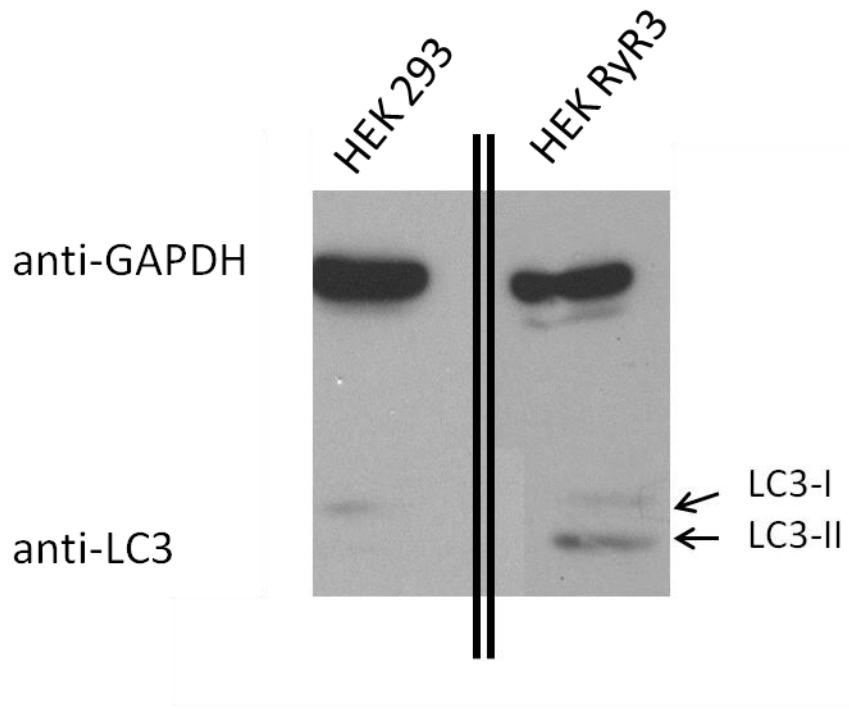
# Bcl-2 interacts with RyR in hippocampal rat-brain lysates



# Bcl-2 inhibits caffeine-induced $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ release

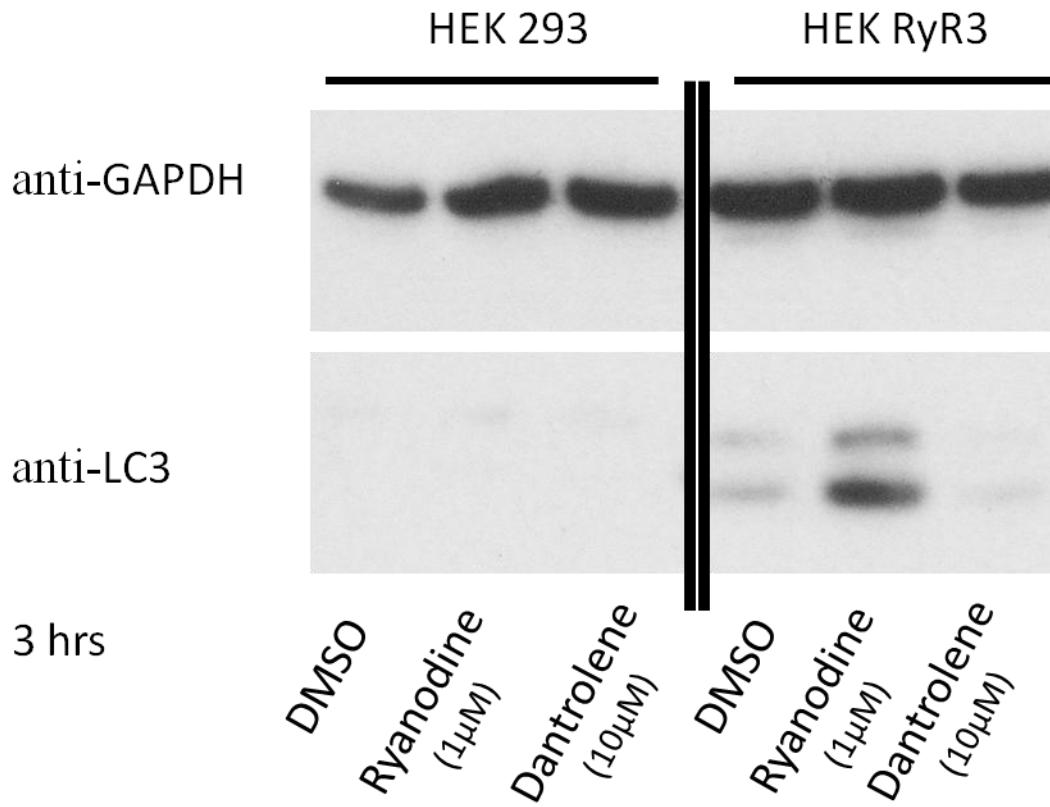


# Cell biological role in cell fate: Autophagy?



- HEK RyR3 cells show increased basal levels of LC3-II

# Modulating RyR3 activity influences autophagy in HEK RyR3 cells



- RyR3 activity influences LC3-II formation in HEK RyR3 cells

# Conclusions

- Bcl-2 interacts with the RyR
- Interaction of Bcl-2 with RyR3 inhibits caffeine-induced  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  release
- Role in autophagy?

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