

Mutations with pathogenic potential in proteins located in or at the composite junctions of the intercalated disk connecting mammalian cardiomyocytes: a reference thesaurus for arrhythmogenic cardiomyopathies and for Naxos and Carvajal diseases

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Abstract In the past decade, an avalanche of findings and reports has correlated arrhythmogenic ventricular cardiomyopathies (ARVC) and Naxos and Carvajal diseases with certain mutations in protein constituents of the special junctions connecting the polar regions (intercalated disks) of mature mammalian cardiomyocytes. These molecules, apparently together with some specific cytoskeletal proteins, are components of (or interact with) composite junctions. Composite junctions contain the amalgamated fusion products of the molecules that, in

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other cell types and tissues, occur in distinct separate junctions, i.e. desmosomes and adherens junctions. As the pertinent literature is still in an expanding phase and is obviously becoming important for various groups of researchers in basic cell and molecular biology, developmental biology, histology, physiology, cardiology, pathology and genetics, the relevant references so far recognized have been collected and are presented here in the following order: desmocollin-2 (Dsc2, DSC2), desmoglein-2 (Dsg2, DSG2), desmoplakin (DP, DSP), plakoglobin (PG, JUP), plakophilin-2 (Pkp2, PKP2) and some non-desmosomal proteins such as transmembrane protein 43 (TMEM43), ryanodine receptor 2 (RYR2), desmin, lamins A and C, striatin, titin and transforming growth factor- β 3 (TGF β 3), followed by a collection of animal models and of reviews, commentaries, collections and comparative studies.

Keywords Arrhythmogenic ventricular cardiomyopathy · Carvajal disease · Composite junction · Desmosomes · Intercalated disk · Naxos disease

Table 1 Desmosomal proteins

Protein	References presented in alphabetical and year order	
Desmocollin-2	Heuser et al. 2006	Christensen et al. 2010a
	Syrris et al. 2006b	Cox et al. 2010
	Beffagna et al. 2007	de Bortoli et al. 2010
	Bhuiyan et al. 2009	Xu et al. 2010
	Simpson et al. 2009	Gehmlich et al. 2011a

Protein	References presented in alphabetical and year order	Protein	References presented in alphabetical and year order
Desmoglein-2	Awad et al. 2006a Pilichou et al. 2006 Syrris et al. 2007 Posch et al. 2008 Yu et al. 2008 Bhuiyan et al. 2009 den Haan et al. 2009	Christensen et al. 2010a Cox et al. 2010 Gehmlich et al. 2010 Xu et al. 2010 Fressart et al. 2010 Gehmlich et al. 2011b Kapplinger et al. 2011 Lahtinen et al. 2011 Nakajima et al. 2011 Sato et al. 2011 den Haan et al. 2009	Tandri et al. 2008 Bhuiyan et al. 2009 den Haan et al. 2009 Fidler et al. 2009 Hall et al. 2009 Qiu et al. 2009 Watkins et al. 2009 Wu et al. 2009 Christensen et al. 2010a Christensen et al. 2010b Cox et al. 2010 Xu et al. 2010 Aneq et al. 2011 Adachi and Isobe 2011 Gandjbakhch et al. 2011 Gehmlich et al. 2011a Kapplinger et al. 2011 Larsen et al. 2011
Desmoplakin	Norgett et al. 2000 Rampazzo et al. 2002 Alcalai et al. 2003 Baucé et al. 2005 Norman et al. 2005 Sen-Chowdhry et al. 2005 Norgett et al. 2006 Uzumcu et al. 2006 Yang et al. 2006 Sen-Chowdhry et al. 2007b	den Haan et al. 2009 Bolling et al. 2010 Christensen et al. 2010a Cox et al. 2010 Mahoney et al. 2010 Sen-Chowdhry et al. 2010b Xu et al. 2010 Fressart et al. 2010 Gehmlich et al. 2011a Lahtinen et al. 2011 Gomes et al. 2012	
Plakoglobin	McKoy et al. 2000 Protonotarios et al. 2001 Protonotarios et al. 2002 Kaplan et al. 2004 Antoniades et al. 2006 Garcia-Gras et al. 2006 Asimaki et al. 2007 Huang et al. 2008	Asimaki et al. 2009 den Haan et al. 2009 Christensen et al. 2010a Xu et al. 2010 Asimaki et al. 2011 Gehmlich et al. 2011a D. Li et al. 2011 Munkholm et al. 2012	Transmembrane protein 43 (TMEM43) Ryanodine receptor 2 (RYR2) Desmin Lamin A/C Striatin Titin TGFβ3
Plakophilin-2	Gerull et al. 2004 Antoniades et al. 2006 Awad et al. 2006b Calkins 2006 Dalal et al. 2006 Kannankeril et al. 2006 Nagaoka et al. 2006	Syrris et al. 2006a van Tintelen et al. 2006 Otterspoor et al. 2007 Joshi-Mukherjee et al. 2008 Lahtinen et al. 2008 Ram and Van Wagoner 2008	Merner et al. 2008 Christensen et al. 2010b Christensen et al. 2011 Klauke et al. 2011 Larsen et al. 2011 Pamuru et al. 2011 Rampazzo et al. 1995 Tiso et al. 2001 Milting et al. 2006 Koop et al. 2008 Klauke et al. 2010 Otten et al. 2010 van Spaendonck-Zwarts et al. 2010 McLendon and Robbins 2011 Quarta et al. 2011 Meurs et al. 2010 Taylor et al. 2011 Beffagna et al. 2005

Table 2 Non-desmosomal proteins

Protein	References presented in alphabetical and year order
Transmembrane protein 43 (TMEM43)	Merner et al. 2008 Christensen et al. 2010b Christensen et al. 2011 Klauke et al. 2011 Larsen et al. 2011 Pamuru et al. 2011
Ryanodine receptor 2 (RYR2)	Rampazzo et al. 1995 Tiso et al. 2001 Milting et al. 2006 Koop et al. 2008
Desmin	Klauke et al. 2010 Otten et al. 2010 van Spaendonck-Zwarts et al. 2010 McLendon and Robbins 2011
Lamin A/C	Quarta et al. 2011
Striatin	Meurs et al. 2010
Titin	Taylor et al. 2011
TGFβ3	Beffagna et al. 2005

Table 3 Animal models

References presented in alphabetical and year order	
Bierkamp et al. 1996	Martin et al. 2009
Ruiz et al. 1996	McCauley and Wehrens 2009
	Pilichou et al. 2009
Gallicano et al. 2001	Meurs et al. 2010
Grossmann et al. 2004	Fabritz et al. 2011
Kirchhof et al. 2006	Krusche et al. 2011
Meurs et al. 2006	J. Li et al. 2011
Pilichou et al. 2006	Lombardi et al. 2011
	Pilichou et al. 2011
Meurs et al. 2007	
Oxford et al. 2007	Gomes et al. 2012
	Swope et al. 2012
	Kant et al. 2012
Oyama et al. 2008	

Table 4 Reviews, commentaries, collections and comparative studies published since 2000 reporting that certain mutations in human genes encoding desmosomal proteins and glycoproteins contribute to arrhythmogenic ventricular cardiomyopathies (ARVC) or Naxos and Carvajal diseases

References presented in alphabetical and year order	
Corrado et al. 2000	Navarcikova et al. 2005
Marcus 2000	Schultheiss et al. 2005
	Sen-Chowdhry et al. 2005
Corrado et al. 2001	Thiene et al. 2005
Franz et al. 2001	Wichter et al. 2005
Gemayel et al. 2001	
McRae et al. 2001	Basso et al. 2006
	Calabrese et al. 2006
Kimura et al. 2002	MacRae et al. 2006
Lee et al. 2002	Rampazzo 2006
Wichter et al. 2002	Sen-Chowdhry and McKenna 2006
Ahmad 2003	Tsatsopoulou et al. 2006
Bluemke et al. 2003	
di Cesare 2003	Bazzi and Christiano 2007
Paul et al. 2003	Marcus et al. 2007
	Pereira et al. 2007
Casolo et al. 2004	Sen-Chowdhry et al. 2007a
Protonotarios and Tsatsopoulou 2004	Sen-Chowdhry et al. 2007b
Tomé Esteban et al. 2004	Thiene et al. 2007
	van Tintelen et al. 2007
Basso and Thiene 2005	Awad et al. 2008
Dokuparti et al. 2005	Inama et al. 2008
Haverkamp et al. 2005	Whyte et al. 2008

Table 4 (continued)

References presented in alphabetical and year order	
	Maass 2010
Asimaki et al. 2009	Marcus et al. 2010
Bolling and Jonkman 2009	Migliore et al. 2010
Corrado et al. 2009	Murphy et al. 2010
El Demellawy et al. 2009	Neuber et al. 2010
Gandjbakhch et al. 2009	Pieperhoff et al. 2010
Hamilton 2009	Remme and Bezzina 2010
Herren et al. 2009	Roberts et al. 2010
Mackey-Bojack et al. 2009	Sen-Chowdhry et al. 2010a
Marcus and Zareba 2009	Xu et al. 2010
McCauley and Wehrens 2009 ^a	
Saffitz 2009	Asimaki and Saffitz 2011
Saffitz et al. 2009	Asimaki et al. 2011
Sheikh et al. 2009	Avramides et al. 2011
van der Zwaag et al. 2009 ^b	Azaouagh et al. 2011
	Basso et al. 2011
Andrews et al. 2010	Corrado et al. 2011
Barahona-Dussault et al. 2010	Ghosh and Haddad 2011
Bauce et al. 2010	Lahtinen et al. 2011
Delmar and McKenna 2010	Lombardi and Marian 2011
Elger et al. 2010	Mezzano and Sheikh 2011
Ellinor et al. 2010	Palmisano et al. 2011
Fressart et al. 2010	Smith 2011
J. Li and Radice 2010	van der Zwaag et al. 2011b
Lombardi and Marian 2010	Pieperhoff 2012

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