

## Mapping domains and mutations on the skeletal muscle ryanodine receptor channel

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### ABSTRACT

The skeletal muscle ryanodine receptor isoform 1 (RyR1) is a calcium release channel involved in excitation-contraction coupling, the process whereby an action potential is translated to a cytoplasmic Ca<sup>2+</sup> signal that activates muscle contraction. Dominant and recessive mutations in *RYR1* cause a range of muscle disorders, including malignant hyperthermia and several forms of congenital myopathies. Many aspects of disease pathogenesis in ryanodinopathies remain uncertain, particularly for those myopathies due to recessive mutations. A thorough understanding of the ryanodine receptor macromolecular complex and its interactions with proteins and small molecular modulators is an essential starting point from which to investigate disease mechanisms.

### Ryanodine Receptor Function in Normal and Diseased Muscle

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2 Rapid changes in the intracellular calcium concentration ( $[Ca^{2+}]_i$ ) are important signalling  
3 events in most eukaryotic cells, necessitating tight regulation of cytoplasmic  $Ca^{2+}$  levels. Global  
4 increases in  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  are triggered by the release of  $Ca^{2+}$  from the endoplasmic reticulum  
5 (ER)/sarcoplasmic reticulum (SR) intracellular stores and/or by calcium influx from the  
6 extracellular environment via opening of specific plasma membrane channels. The primary  
7 organelle involved in storing rapidly releasable  $Ca^{2+}$  is the SR in striated muscles and the ER in  
8 most other mammalian cell types. Two families of channels are responsible for mediating rapid  
9 calcium release from these intracellular stores: ryanodine receptors (RyRs) which are  
10 predominantly expressed in excitable cells and inositol 1,4,5-triphosphate receptors (IP<sub>3</sub>Rs) which  
11 are expressed in most cells.

12 The skeletal muscle SR calcium release channel protein was first identified at the  
13 biochemical level in the 1980s and was named for its ability to bind the plant alkaloid *ryanodine*.  
14 Three RyR isoforms, encoded by separate genes sharing a high level of homology, have been  
15 identified in mammalian tissues. Ryanodine receptor type 1 (RyR1) is the primary isoform  
16 expressed in skeletal muscle. RyR1 is also expressed in some areas of the central nervous system  
17 and in some haemopoietic cells. RyR2 is the predominant isoform in cardiac muscle and is  
18 expressed in various regions of the brain whereas RyR3 has widespread expression, particularly  
19 during development. In skeletal muscle, RyR1 is a key protein involved in excitation-contraction  
20 (EC) coupling. In a simplified overview of this process, an electrical signal generated by an action  
21 potential travelling along the transverse (t)-tubules is detected by the dihydropyridine receptor  
22 (DHPR), a voltage-sensitive  $Ca^{2+}$  channel. In response to membrane depolarization, DHPR channels  
23 undergo a conformational change and induce the opening of RyR1 channels that are closely  
24 apposed and located on the SR terminal cisternae. This leads to the release of  $Ca^{2+}$  from SR stores  
25 into the cytoplasm. The cytoplasmic  $Ca^{2+}$  binds to troponin and initiates muscle contraction in  
26 sarcomeres. Muscle contraction is terminated upon closure of RyR1 and reuptake of  $Ca^{2+}$  from the  
27 cytoplasm into the SR by sarcoplasmic/endoplasmic  $Ca^{2+}$  ATPase (SERCA) pumps.

28 Ablation of RyR1 in mice (dyspedic mice) results in a lethal phenotype most likely due to  
29 respiratory failure. Mutant neonates also display skeletal abnormalities, including spined  
30 curvature, arched vertebral column, thin limbs and a thick neck, and resembled dysgenic mice that  
31 lack DHPR [1]. Primary dyspedic muscle cell cultures exhibit severely impaired  $Ca^{2+}$  release after  
32 depolarization, demonstrating the pivotal role RyR1 plays in skeletal muscle EC coupling. Over the

1 past decades it has emerged that, mutations in *RYR1* are a major cause of muscle disease. Both  
2 dominant and recessive mutations have been identified throughout the *RYR1* coding sequence  
3 and are responsible for a wide range of muscle disorders including malignant hyperthermia (MH),  
4 central core disease (CCD), multi-minicore disease, centronuclear myopathy, core-rod myopathy  
5 and congenital fiber type disproportion (Box 1) [2-4]. Dantrolene, used in the emergency  
6 treatment of malignant hyperthermia, is currently the only clinically relevant drug for RyR1  
7 disorders and drugs that address the chronic, often life-threatening muscle weakness associated  
8 with many RyR1 disorders are much needed.

9 The aim of this review is to summarize the current understanding of RyR1 structure and  
10 function and, in particular, the domains that mediate RyR1-protein and RyR1-ion interactions,  
11 which finely regulate channel function. The interactions of RyR1 with a host of modulators, such as  
12 the dihydropyridine receptor (DHPR), FKBP12, homer, calmodulin, S100A1, and calcium have been  
13 well studied and are summarized in Tables 1 and 2 and Figure 1. By comparing this information  
14 with recently reported recessive mutations, it can be seen that many of these mutations fall within  
15 RyR1 protein binding domains, leading to the hypothesis that abnormal RyR1-protein interactions  
16 may be an underlying cause of ryanodine receptor malfunction and disease (Table 3).

### 17 18 **Structure of the ryanodine receptor**

19  
20 The ryanodine receptor is the largest known ion channel and forms a homotetrameric  
21 structure of approximately 2.3 MDa. Each 565-kDa monomeric subunit consists of 5038 amino  
22 acids. Approximately four-fifths of the channel is made up of the large N-terminal cytoplasmic  
23 domain, which contains binding sites for a number of modulators. The C-terminal region contains  
24 the transmembrane domains and ion-conducting pore. RyR1 is characterized by a very large-  
25 conductance with moderate selectivity for divalent cations over monovalent cations [5]. The  
26 selectivity filter contains a widely conserved sequence (Gly-X-Arg-X-Gly<sub>3</sub>-X-Gly-Asp) found in  
27 several different cation channels, including potassium channels and IP<sub>3</sub>Rs. Aspartate 4900 and  
28 glycine within the RyR1 motif 4895Gly<sub>3</sub>Ile-Gly-Asp are particularly important for ion selectivity  
29 (unless otherwise indicated all amino acid numbers refer to the human sequence)[6, 7]. Figure 2  
30 illustrates the overall structural information of the RyR1, including the distinct cytoplasmic and  
31 transmembrane assemblies. For detailed reviews, see [8, 9].

## 1 ***Interdomain Interactions***

2 Cryo-electron microscopy (cryo-EM) studies indicate that the RyR undergoes widespread  
3 long-range conformational changes during the transition from closed to open states and that  
4 binding of various modulators increases the probability of the 'on' or 'off' state [10-12]. A domain-  
5 switch hypothesis has been proposed to explain the transition between 'on' and 'off' states [13],  
6 whereby several subdomains throughout the MH/CCD hotspots N-terminal domain 1 (amino acids  
7 35-614) and the central domain 2 (amino acids 2163-2458) interact to stabilize the basal closed  
8 conformational state (Figure 3). Upon activation, the interdomain interactions are disrupted,  
9 leading to a conformational change in which the channel 'opens'. Perturbation of the interdomain  
10 interactions with a monoclonal antibody against the N-terminal domain 1 results in RyR1 channel  
11 activation [14]. Interestingly, many pathogenic dominant RyR1 mutations associated with MH fall  
12 within MH/CCD hotspots of domains 1 and 2. It is thought that some of the mutations associated  
13 with MH weaken interdomain interactions and decrease the energy barrier required for channel  
14 opening, resulting in hypersensitive channels [15].

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## 16 ***Alternative Splicing***

17 Analysis of rabbit RyR1 cDNA reveals two alternatively spliced regions that likely modulate  
18 RyR1 channel properties by altering interdomain interactions or interactions with other proteins.  
19 Exclusion of exon 70 results in the ASI(-) RyR1 isoform, lacking five residues (3481-3485), and the  
20 exclusion of exon 83 results in the ASII(-) isoform, which also lacks five residues (3865-3870) [16].  
21 There is conflicting data on whether variant expression is tissue-specific and developmentally  
22 regulated. Zorzato and colleagues reported that both AS variants are found in fast- and slow-  
23 twitch rabbit skeletal muscles irrespective of their developmental stage [17], whereas others have  
24 shown that the ASI(-)/ASII(-) forms predominate during early development and the ASI(+)/ASII(+)  
25 forms predominate in adulthood [16, 18]. Abnormal overexpression of the ASI(-) isoform of RyR1  
26 occurs in myotonic dystrophy type 1 and may contribute to muscle dysfunction [18].

27 Data describing the functional consequences of expressing alternatively spliced variants is  
28 inconclusive. Peptide studies suggest that the ASI region together with an adjacent basic amino  
29 acid sequence (the combined region Thr3471-Gly3500) are involved in interdomain interactions  
30 that stabilize the closed channel conformation, and that the ASI(-) variant stabilizes the closed  
31 channel more effectively [19]. Less is known about the function of the ASII region. Both  
32 alternatively spliced sequences sit within a broader region encompassing: (i) a calmodulin binding

1 region and (ii) the Arg-Gly-Asp (RGD) adhesive sequence, a well-established protein-binding motif;  
2 [16].

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#### 4 **Interactions with Cytoplasmic Protein Modulators**

5 RyR1 interacts with a large number of proteins and ionic modulators. Some protein  
6 partners have been investigated in detail and their corresponding binding sites on RyR1  
7 determined with confidence whereas details for others are sparse and uncertain.

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#### 9 *Dihydropyridine Receptor (L-type $Ca^{2+}$ channel)*

10 In skeletal muscle, there is a regular geometric arrangement of RyR1 and DHPR channels in  
11 which alternate RyR1 channels associate with four DHPR channels [5]. This close association  
12 permits direct signalling between the DHPR $\alpha_{1.1}$  and RyR1 both in the forward direction  
13 (orthograde signalling in which DHPR activation causes the RyR1 to open) and retrograde signalling  
14 (whereby RyR1 interactions enhance current through the DHPR channel) [20, 21]. DHPRs are  
15 composed of 5 subunits. The  $\alpha_{1.1}$  subunit contains the voltage sensor, forms the pore region of the  
16 channel, and is believed to be one of the main sites of interaction with RyR1, though recent  
17 research supports the importance of other sites [21, 22]. Specifically, there is good evidence that  
18 the  $\alpha_{1.1}$  II-III loop (between the second and third transmembrane domains of the  $\alpha_{1.1}$  subunit) and  
19 the  $\beta_{1a}$  subunit bind to different regions of RyR1.

20 Although experiments using RyR1/RyR2 chimeras and RyR1 peptide fragments have  
21 sometimes yielded contrasting results [21, 23-27], current evidence implicates the SPRY2 domain,  
22 located in the N-terminal cytoplasmic region of RyR1. SPRY domains are protein-protein  
23 interaction motifs defined by a characteristic pattern of  $\beta$ -sheets. The RyR1 isoform has three  
24 highly conserved SPRY domains (Table 2). Interestingly, cryo-EM mapping of the SPRY2 domain  
25 reveals that its location on the RyR1 overlaps with the previously proposed positioning of DHPR  
26 [28]. *In vitro* studies indicate that the SPRY2 region binds the DHPR  $\alpha_{1.1}$  II-III loop [27, 29] and may  
27 also participate in an interdomain interaction within RyR1 [19], binding to the broader ASI region  
28 via the positive amino acid cluster Lys3495-Arg3502, which is homologous to a similar sequence  
29 on the II-III loop of the DHPR  $\alpha_{1.1}$  subunit. The physiologic importance of this SPRY2/ASI interaction  
30 is currently uncertain, as are the roles of the SPRY1 and SPRY3 domains.

31 Aside from the  $\alpha_{1.1}$  subunit, there is good evidence that RyR1 also directly interacts with  
32 the  $\beta_{1a}$  subunit (Table 2) [22, 30] and that the strength of this interaction is governed by the

1 positively charged motif Lys(3495)-Lys-Lys-Arg-Arg-Gly-Asp-Arg(3502) [30]. The  $\beta_{1a}$  subunit may  
2 play a dual role in augmenting EC coupling, both by activating RyR1 during EC coupling, and by  
3 targeting the DHPR to precisely aligned tetrad arrays on the t-tubules that oppose the RyR1  
4 complex (reviewed in [31]).

5 Early studies implicated other RyR1 regions in DHPR interactions but the domains are large  
6 and their importance is uncertain. The second of three divergent regions (D1-D3), so named  
7 because the sequences represent areas of variance between RyR isoforms, has been proposed as a  
8 DHPR binding site because the presence of residues 1272-1455 (region D2) rescues skeletal-type  
9 EC coupling [21, 32, 33], whereas deletion of this region abolished this coupling [34]; however,  
10 other studies dispute this finding [35]. In addition, D2 has been shown to be critical in the  
11 formation of DHPR tetrads [21]. Experiments using chimeric RyR containing segments of different  
12 isoforms (ie: RyR1/RyR2 or RyR1/RyR3 chimera) suggest that RyR1 residues 1837–2168 (rabbit  
13 cDNA), contribute to both EC coupling and calcium release and residues 2659-3720 may be  
14 important in retrograde signalling [25, 35].

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#### 16 *Calmodulin (CaM)*

17 Calmodulin is a ubiquitously expressed, highly-conserved, 17-kDa protein that binds the  
18 cytoplasmic surface of the ryanodine receptor and modulates its activity in a complex manner.  
19 Four calmodulin molecules bind per RyR subunit. Calmodulin differentially regulates RyR1 activity  
20 depending on whether or not it has  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  bound. In its  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -free state (apoCaM), it is a weak partial  
21 agonist whereas the  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -bound form (CaCaM) is a stronger antagonist of RyR calcium release  
22 [36]. Thus, calmodulin likely acts as a cytoplasmic calcium sensor for RyR. It may also affect  
23 channel activity by influencing binding to DHPR (which binds RyR1 in close spatial proximity) or by  
24 affecting RyR1 interdomain interactions [37, 38].

25 Calmodulin binding sites on RyR1 have been extensively researched and although a  
26 number of different sequences have been proposed based on the experimental protocols used,  
27 there is some consensus regarding the importance of particular sequences (Figures 1 and 2, Table  
28 2). Although apoCaM and CaCaM bind to distinct domains of RyR1, some studies show that  
29 residues 3614-3643 and 2937-3225, among others, bind both forms of calmodulin [39-42]. There is  
30 evidence that CaCaM binds residues 3553-3662 and 4303-4431 [40, 41]. More recent data also  
31 suggests that the N-terminus of calmodulin interacts with sequence 1975-1999 [43]. Interestingly,  
32 residues 1975-1999 and 3614-3643 are likely to be in close proximity in the three-dimensional

1 RyR1 structure which would make it feasible for one CaM molecule to bind both sites  
2 simultaneously [43].

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#### 4 *S100A1*

5 Like calmodulin, the S100 proteins are cytoplasmic calcium-binding proteins containing two  
6 EF-hand motifs. S100A1 is one of at least 21 different S100 isoforms expressed in humans, and is  
7 most highly expressed in cardiac and skeletal muscle where it regulates SR calcium release and  
8 mitochondrial function. There is reasonable consensus regarding the S100A1 binding domains on  
9 RyR1 (Figure 1 and Table 2). Competition assays using CaCaM and binding experiments with RyR1  
10 peptides defined residues 3616-3627 as the Ca<sup>2+</sup>-S100A1 binding site and show that Ca<sup>2+</sup>-S100A1  
11 likely competes with CaCaM for this binding domain [44]. This finding is not surprising, as S100A1  
12 proteins and calmodulin bind similar structural motifs in other proteins. The physiological  
13 consequence of the competitive binding of S100A1 and calmodulin to RyR is not well understood.

14 Physiologically relevant concentrations of S100A1 can activate RyR1 *in vitro*. When applied  
15 to purified RyR1 channels reconstituted in lipid bilayers, S100A1 enhances the normalized open  
16 probability of RyR1 at nM calcium concentrations [45]. S100A1 *-/-* knockout mice and mice  
17 containing a mutation in the S100A1 binding domain on RyR1 exhibit reduced SR calcium release,  
18 reduced global cytoplasmic calcium transients, and reduced force generation [46-48]. Further  
19 experiments suggested that the S100A1 protein is important in activating RyR1 in response to a  
20 single action potential [47, 48]. With repetitive action potentials, S100/CaM binding may have an  
21 inhibitory effect because mouse muscles carrying a mutation that eliminates S100/CaM binding  
22 showed increased SR calcium release when stimulated at 100 Hz [48].

23 In addition to residues 3616-3627, initial studies that measured the ability of digoxigenin-  
24 labelled S100A1 to bind RyR1 found evidence for three other binding regions (amino acids 1861-  
25 2155, 3773-3873, and 4426-4622) [45].

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#### 27 *FKBP12 (also known as FK506BP, calstabin)*

28 The FK506-binding proteins (FKBPs) are immunophilins, a family of highly conserved  
29 proteins that bind immunosuppressive drugs, such as FK506 (tacrolimus). FKBPs are expressed in  
30 most tissues and are involved in a variety of cellular processes including protein folding, receptor  
31 signalling, and transcription. Two isoforms, FKBP12 and FKBP12.6 (also known as calstabin 1 and 2,  
32 respectively) can interact with all three RyR isoforms, but likely have distinct roles owing to

1 different binding affinities and patterns of tissue expression. Specifically, FKBP12 is the  
2 predominant isoform expressed in skeletal muscle [49], whereas FKBP12.6 co-purifies with RyR2 in  
3 the heart.

4 In normal skeletal muscle, FKBP12 binds to the cytoplasmic side of RyR with high affinity  
5 and stabilizes the closed conformation. Experiments using immunosuppressive drugs that disrupt  
6 FKBP12 binding to RyR and FKBP-deficient mice have shown that loss of FKBP binding increases  
7 the open probability of the ryanodine receptor and induces the appearance of sub-conductance  
8 states of the channel [50, 51]. In addition to inhibiting RyR, FKBP12 likely influences EC coupling by  
9 modifying orthograde signalling and possibly retrograde signalling between RyR1 and DHPR [52-  
10 54]. FKBP12 has also been implicated in coordinating gating between adjacent RyR molecules,  
11 which results in neighbouring channels opening simultaneously in response to a voltage change  
12 [55].

13 Four FKBP12 molecules can bind to one ryanodine receptor tetramer and three-  
14 dimensional cryo-EM difference mapping and FRET studies have revealed that the FKBP12 binding  
15 site is close to the clamp domain [56, 57]. A study that mapped four particular mutations (human  
16 residues Glu160, Arg163, Arg401, and Ile403) known to cause malignant hyperthermia and central  
17 core disease onto the cryo-EM RyR1 structure suggest that the mutations may reside within the  
18 FKBP12 binding region [58], but this has not been experimentally confirmed. Several lines of  
19 evidence implicate residues 2458-2468 as an important FKBP12 binding site on RyR1 with amino  
20 acid 2461 being particularly important [53].

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## 22 **Interactions with SR Luminal Proteins**

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24 The ryanodine receptor is also modulated by proteins that reside in the SR lumen, primarily  
25 triadin, junctin and calsequestrin (CSQ), which likely function in a coordinated manner.

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### 27 *Triadin and Junctin*

28 Triadin and junctin are two SR luminal proteins that interact with RyR to regulate its  
29 function. Both are integral SR membrane proteins with similar features, such as a short  
30 cytoplasmic N-terminal tail, a single transmembrane domain, and a longer C-terminal tail that  
31 extends into the SR lumen. The C-terminal tails of both proteins contain multiple clusters of  
32 alternating lysine and glutamic acid residues (KEKE motifs) that likely bind CSQ and possibly RyR as



1 well [59, 60]. Recent research emphasizes the importance of RyR2-triadin interactions for channel  
2 function in the heart. In skeletal muscle, triadin knockdown affects voltage-dependent calcium  
3 release and reduces muscle function [61, 62], whereas disruption of triadin binding reduces both  
4 voltage- and ligand-gated SR calcium release, suggesting that triadin may play a role in skeletal  
5 muscle EC coupling [63]. The primary triadin binding site on RyR1 has determined by *in vitro*  
6 binding and site-directed mutagenesis is the second intraluminal loop of RyR1 (residues 4861-  
7 4918). In particular, three acidic residues (Asp4879, Asp4908, and Glu4909) are particularly  
8 important [60]. The second intraluminal loop may also contain the pore and selectivity filter of the  
9 calcium channel. A number of dominant *RYR1* mutations found in patients with central core  
10 disease fall within the triadin binding domain, but their effects on protein-protein interaction have  
11 not been investigated.

12 It has been suggested that junctin may be the main protein mediator between CSQ and  
13 RyR [64]. Knockdown of junctin in myotubes reduces both depolarization-induced SR Ca<sup>2+</sup> release  
14 and reduced SR Ca<sup>2+</sup> stores [61], possibly by disrupting the signalling complex between CSQ and  
15 RyR. The role of junctin in maintaining SR Ca<sup>2+</sup> stores as well as its binding site on RyR1 remain  
16 uncertain.

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### 18 *Calsequestrin (CSQ)*

19 CSQ is the primary calcium-binding protein in the SR lumen and its high-capacity/low-  
20 affinity binding properties for calcium ions make it a highly effective calcium storage protein, with  
21 around 40-50 calcium ions bound per CSQ molecule in skeletal muscle [65]. Though *in vitro* studies  
22 demonstrate the ability of CSQ to bind directly to RyR1, it is uncertain whether this occurs *in vivo*  
23 or if CSQ interacts with RyR through triadin/junctin interactions [66]. Purified RyR channels freed  
24 from triadin and junctin were not inhibited in response to exogenous CSQ, suggesting that CSQ  
25 does not bind directly to RyR1 [67].

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### 27 *Other Potential Protein Modulators*

28 A number of other potential protein modulators of the RyR1 channel have been discovered  
29 but the specific RyR1 binding sites are currently undefined for these proteins.

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### 31 *Calcium Homeostasis Endoplasmic Reticulum Protein (CHERP)*

1           CHERP is a recently identified integral SR/ER membrane protein shown to interact with  
2 RyR1 through pull-down and co-localization studies [68]. CHERP participates in cytosolic Ca<sup>2+</sup>  
3 cycling within cells and affects diverse cellular processes, such as DNA synthesis, growth and  
4 proliferation [69]. siRNA-mediated suppression of CHERP expression in HEK-293 cells transfected  
5 with the full-length RyR1 resulted in decreased calcium flux through the ryanodine receptor [68]  
6 but further work is required to confirm that CHERP is a direct binding partner of RyR1 *in vivo* and  
7 to clarify its physiological role.

#### 8 9 *Homer/Ves1*

10           Homer proteins are high-affinity ligands that modify RyR channel function. Within neurons  
11 and other tissues, homer proteins are important anchoring or adaptor proteins that facilitate the  
12 formation of multimeric protein complexes [70]. Homer may play a similar role in the SR by  
13 stabilizing interactions between RyR1 and possibly DHPR. Different homer isoforms (e.g. 1b, 1c,  
14 and 2b) activate RyR1 in single-channel experiments, induce calcium release from SR vesicles, and  
15 increase the frequency of calcium sparks from permeabilized skeletal muscle fibers (reviewed in  
16 [71]).

17           Homer proteins contain EVH1 domains that facilitate binding to proline-rich consensus  
18 sequences on target proteins, defined by Pro-Pro-X-X- $\phi$  (where X=any amino acid and  $\phi$ =aromatic  
19 residue), flanked by charged residues [71]. There are many homer consensus sequences in RyR1  
20 (Figure 1 and Table 2).

#### 21 22 *Selenoprotein*

23           Selenoproteins contain a selenocysteine residue (a modified cysteine residue where  
24 selenium replaces the sulphur moiety), and are implicated in diverse processes that capitalize on  
25 the high redox potential of the selenium ion. One study demonstrated that selenium compounds  
26 induce calcium release from SR vesicles, affect ryanodine binding at varying concentrations, and  
27 stimulate or inhibit RyR by binding free thiols within the protein [72]. Selenoprotein N (SelN) is a  
28 SR transmembrane protein found to be associated with RyR1 *in vivo* and required for normal  
29 muscle development and differentiation in zebrafish muscle [73]. When SelN is absent, RyR loses  
30 its normal sensitivity to redox modulation [73]. Mutations in *SEPN1*, which encodes SelN, cause a  
31 skeletal myopathy with many histological and phenotypic similarities to *RYR1*-related multi-  
32 minicore disease and it is hypothesized that the disease mechanism may involve abnormal redox

1 status and function of RyR1 [74]. It has not yet been clarified whether SelN and RyR1 interact  
2 directly and, if they do, the binding sites that are involved.

### 4 **Interactions with Ions and Small Molecular Modulators**

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6 Aside from protein ligands, the ryanodine receptor is also regulated by several ions and  
7 small molecules, including calcium, magnesium, and ATP. Calcium and magnesium, in particular,  
8 likely interact at numerous sites to influence channel function.

#### 10 *Calcium (Ca<sup>2+</sup>)*

11 Ca<sup>2+</sup> modulates RyR1 function both directly and indirectly through interactions with both  
12 the cytoplasmic and SR luminal surfaces of RyR1. The indirect effect is mediated primarily by  
13 calmodulin and CaMKII, but also via S100A1, triadin, junctin, and calsequestrin (discussed above).  
14 The direct effects of calcium on channel function are discussed in this section.

15 The Ca<sup>2+</sup> concentration in the SR lumen may directly modulate calcium release from RyR1.  
16 In lipid bilayer single channel experiments as the SR lumen Ca<sup>2+</sup> levels are increased there is an  
17 enhanced sensitivity of RyR1 to cytosolic agonists, such as caffeine and ATP [75-77]. However, it  
18 remains uncertain whether there are specific Ca<sup>2+</sup>-binding sites on the SR luminal face of RyR1 or  
19 whether Ca<sup>2+</sup> can modulate activity by passing through the channel pore and binding to sites on  
20 the cytoplasmic surface. Recent evidence suggests the presence of luminal sites in RyR2 [78, 79].

21 RyR1 activity exhibits a bell-shaped dependence on cytoplasmic Ca<sup>2+</sup> arising from the  
22 binding of Ca<sup>2+</sup> to two distinct classes of binding sites: low [Ca<sup>2+</sup>] bind to high-affinity activation  
23 sites and high [Ca<sup>2+</sup>] bind to low-affinity inactivation sites. Evidence suggests that the C-terminal  
24 third of RyR1 contains several important high-affinity Ca<sup>2+</sup>-binding sites [80]. Polyclonal antibodies  
25 raised against residues 4380-4625 inhibit Ca<sup>2+</sup>-induced calcium release from isolated SR [81].  
26 Overlay studies and site-directed polyclonal antibodies indicate Ca<sup>2+</sup>-binding residues at 4245-  
27 4378 and 4479-4515 [82]. A negatively charged Pro-Glu repeat sequence (PEPEPEPEPEPE) at  
28 residues 4490-4502 is likely the critical Ca<sup>2+</sup>-binding domain in this region because antibodies  
29 raised against this sequence inhibit Ca<sup>2+</sup>-dependent RyR1 activation [83]. Site-directed  
30 mutagenesis provides evidence for physiologically-important calcium-binding at human RyR1  
31 residue Glu4031 (equivalent to rabbit RyR3 residue Asp3885) [84]. The RyR1 likely has other high-  
32 affinity Ca<sup>2+</sup>-binding sites that have yet to be identified.

1 Less is known about the low-affinity  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -inactivation sites and the available data is  
2 contradictory. A truncated RyR channel lacking residues 1-3660 failed to close at high  $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$ , which  
3 may indicate that  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  inactivation sites are located in the N-terminal foot of the protein [85];  
4 however, the absence of such a large portion of the protein likely affects the overall structure of  
5 the RyR1. Other studies suggest the importance of the C-terminus for inactivating  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -binding  
6 sites. Indeed, RyR1/RyR2 chimeras containing an RyR2 C-terminal domain show reduced inhibition  
7 of the channel at elevated  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  levels, suggesting that the C-terminal region (residues 3726-5038)  
8 contains important  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -inactivation sites [86]. Specifically, mutation of a putative EF hand-  
9 homology region (4080-4091) greatly enhances channel activity, supporting the idea that this  
10 region is an important calcium-inactivation site [87]. Other possible  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -inactivation sites have  
11 been identified throughout the RyR1 protein sequence such as between residues 4063-4209 [88].  
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### 13 *Magnesium*

14 The effect of magnesium on channel function is intimately linked to  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  levels. Based on  
15 single channel experiments and studies of calcium release from SR vesicles, there is good evidence  
16 that  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  competes with  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  for the high-affinity  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -activation binding sites and prevents  
17 channel activation. A second likely mechanism involves the low-affinity  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -inactivation binding  
18 sites, which are less-selective to divalent ions and permit  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  to inhibit channel function [89]. It  
19 was recently shown that the relative concentrations of SR luminal  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  play an important  
20 role in determining the unitary calcium current amplitude through the RyR pore. As the SR  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$   
21 load increases the open probability decreases, leading to lower intracellular calcium levels [90].  
22 The current model predicts that the  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  binding sites on RyR1 overlap with those for  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ .  
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### 24 *ATP*

25 Overall, ATP is an activator of RyR1 but the strength of its effects depends on the  
26 concentration of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  and other exogenous modulators that may modify the number of  
27 accessible ATP binding sites [91, 92]. In  $[^3\text{H}]$ ryanodine binding and single channel measurements,  
28 ATP only minimally activates the channel at low  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  concentrations and  $\mu\text{M}$   $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  is required for  
29 maximal activation of RyR by ATP [91]. Other adenine nucleotides, such as AMP and adenosine,  
30 are even weaker RyR1 agonists.

1 Based on a proposed nucleotide binding motif, there are several possible ATP binding sites  
2 on RyR1. Photoaffinity labelling has confirmed possible ATP-binding regions [93]; however, further  
3 resolution of these segments is required.

#### 4 5 *NADH and NADH Oxidase*

6 Cyclic adenosine diphosphate (cADP) ribose and nicotinamide-adenine dinucleotides  
7 ( $\text{NAD}^+/\text{NADH}$ ) modulate RyR function in an isoform specific way. cADP ribose increases  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$   
8 transients through RyR1, either by acting directly on the receptor or by affecting ancillary protein  
9 binding partners [94]. NAD species ( $\text{NAD}^+/\text{NADH}$ ,  $\text{NADP}^+/\text{NADPH}$ ) are redox-based signalling  
10 molecules affecting a wide range of biological pathways. Direct redox modulation of reactive thiol  
11 groups on the RyR has been described (see “Redox Modulation” section), but the mechanism by  
12 which NAD species affect RyR channel function may be isoform-specific. Some studies  
13 demonstrate that both  $\text{NAD}^+$  and  $\text{NADH}$  activate RyR1 [95, 96], while others found that  $\text{NADH}$  has  
14 minimal effects [97]. NAD species may influence RyR1 activity through several mechanisms.  
15  $\text{NAD}^+/\text{NADH}$  may interact directly with RyR1 at ATP-binding sites due to structural similarities  
16 between these two molecules [95]. An  $\text{NADH}$ -dependent oxidase (NOX) present in the SR  
17 membrane interacts with RyR1 and reduces reduced oxygen to superoxide, which in turn activates  
18 RyR1 [96]. In addition, a potential oxidoreductase-like domain is present in the N-terminus of RyR1  
19 (residues 40-419) that may bind  $\text{NAD}^+$  and act as a redox sensor discussed in [58].

#### 20 21 **Posttranslational Modification of the Ryanodine Receptor**

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23 The ryanodine receptor undergoes posttranslational modification through a range of  
24 physiologic processes such as phosphorylation, oxidation, and nitrosylation, all of which may be  
25 elicited by stress-dependent signalling pathways [98]. The effects of these modifications on the  
26 ryanodine receptor are complex and controversial, but recent studies are beginning to clarify this  
27 field.

#### 28 29 *Kinases and Phosphatases*

30 The ryanodine receptor can be phosphorylated and dephosphorylated by a range of  
31 kinases and phosphatases such as protein kinase A (PKA),  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ /calmodulin-dependent protein  
32 kinase II (CaMKII), cGMP-dependent kinase, and protein phosphatase (PP) [99-102]. The largest

1 body of data relates to RyR2 in cardiac muscle. Most studies indicate that phosphorylation by PKA,  
2 which is activated by  $\beta$ -adrenergic signals, activates RyR2 and  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  release, thereby inducing a  
3 positive inotropic effect on the heart [103]. Initial studies in skeletal muscle found variable effects  
4 of phosphorylation on channel activity, but there is an emerging consensus that phosphorylation  
5 by PKA or CAMKII activates RyR1 [100, 104, 105].

6 There is good evidence that interactions between RyR and various kinases and  
7 phosphatases require binding of specific targeting proteins to highly conserved leucine/isoleucine  
8 zipper (LIZ) motifs located on RyR channels [106]. These LIZ motifs interact with targeting proteins,  
9 such as muscle A-kinase anchoring protein (mAKAP) and spinophilin, which localize specific kinases  
10 and phosphatases, such as PKA and protein phosphatase I (PPI) respectively, to the RyR. Although  
11 these results were first demonstrated for the RyR2 macromolecular complex, the RyR2 LIZ motifs  
12 that bind PKA and PPI are highly conserved in RyR1. RyR1 residues 553-602 co-precipitated with  
13 PPI and residues 3039-3075 co-precipitated with PKA [106]. A consensus sequence (Arg-His-Arg-  
14 (Val)-Ser-Leu) within the calmodulin binding domain also binds PKA (residues 3051-3056) and  
15 Ser3055 is the likely phosphorylation target [107]. Ser3055 phosphorylation is inhibited when  
16 calmodulin binds RyR1 and the binding of calmodulin is inhibited by Ser3055 phosphorylation.

17 Phosphorylation of Ser2843 occurs *in vivo* and there are several further potential  
18 phosphorylation consensus sites in RyR1 that require confirmation (Figure 1). Phosphorylation at  
19 Ser2843 may increase the sensitivity of RyR1 to cytoplasmic  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  and promote release of FKBP  
20 from RyR1 thereby destabilizing the closed conformation [103] but other studies challenge this  
21 finding [108].

### 22 *Redox Modulation*

24 It is well-established that RyR channel function is altered by reversible redox processes,  
25 such as cysteine (disulphide) oxidation, S-nitrosylation, and S-glutathionylation. Abnormal  
26 oxidation of RyR1 has been implicated in several disease states, such as muscular dystrophy and  
27 heart failure [98, 109] but a detailed understanding is lacking.

28 Reactive oxygen species and reactive nitrogen species are continuously generated within  
29 active skeletal muscle and can modulate muscle function. RyR1 is a major cellular redox sensor in  
30 skeletal muscle, having ~100 cysteine thiol groups on its surface. Three general classes of thiols are  
31 proposed: (i) most are likely inert and resist oxidation during normal activity; (ii) 6-8 thiol groups  
32 are hyper-reactive and sensitive to the local oxidative environment, modulating RyR1 channel

1 function in conditions of moderate oxidative stress such as during vigorous exercise; and (iii) thiols  
2 that can be oxidized by extreme oxidative stress, impairing RyR channel function [110]. Some  
3 redox-active cysteines in RyR1 are located in calmodulin- and FKBP12-binding regions [111], and  
4 changes in binding affinity for these effectors is one way that the oxidative environment  
5 modulates RyR1 function [109].

6 As a general rule, oxidizing reagents activate and reducing reagents inhibit RyR channel  
7 activity [112]. *In vitro* RyR1 activity is increased by many oxidizing species, including superoxide  
8 anion, hydrogen peroxide, hydroxyl radicals and nitric oxide although channel function is inhibited  
9 in extreme oxidative environments. The relationships between redox state, other factors such as  
10 membrane potential or the concentrations of RyR1 protein modulators, and channel function are  
11 extremely complex and beyond the scope of this article.

12 There is little consensus on the location of the specific cysteine residues that are redox-  
13 active. Cysteine residues at positions 35, 314, 810, 905, 1039, 1302, 1590, 2326, 2363, 2436, 2565,  
14 2606, 2611, 3193 and 3635 have been implicated in at least one study [113, 114]. Cys3635 has  
15 been confirmed as redox-sensitive in two studies and has been implicated in voltage-gated EC  
16 coupling and regulation of calmodulin binding [43, 115].

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## 18 **Using information about RyR1 functional domains to understand disease pathogenesis**

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20 As an example of how information on RyR1 functional domains can be used to investigate  
21 the possible disease mechanisms, we have analyzed a range of myopathy cases caused by  
22 recessive *RYR1* mutations (Table 3). Some patients are compound heterozygous for two different  
23 missense mutations, but interestingly, over half of patients are compound heterozygous for a  
24 missense mutation and a 'null' mutation (including protein-truncation mutations or  
25 frameshift/splice-site mutations that disrupt the reading frame). Such 'null' mutations likely  
26 abolish protein expression from that allele and the phenotype is probably determined primarily by  
27 the sequence variant on the other *RYR1* allele (carrying the missense mutation). Analysis of these  
28 missense mutations can give insights into disease pathogenesis. For example, the Arg2435Leu  
29 mutation changes a conserved arginine residue that likely alters the redox-sensing properties of  
30 Cys2436. Three mutations, His2035Leu, Arg3772Gln and Arg3772Trp sit within or immediately  
31 adjacent to S100A1 binding domains and the changes in surface charge may alter S100A1-RyR1

1 interactions. In this way, *in-silico* analysis of different mutations can generate hypotheses that can  
2 inform research into disease pathogenesis.

### 4 **VIII. Concluding Remarks**

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6 After reviewing the existing knowledge about the structure of RyR1 and the relationship to  
7 its function, it is clear there is much left to discover. For most parts of the protein, it remains  
8 uncertain how the amino acid sequences fold to form the tertiary protein structure and the role of  
9 specific residues in specific channel functions is based on partial information. Achieving a crystal  
10 structure for the full tetrameric complex will be a major milestone for the field and for  
11 understanding the molecular basis of various channel properties. It is also clear that our current  
12 knowledge of how channel function is modulated by various interacting proteins and small  
13 molecules is rudimentary. Many other interacting proteins likely remain undiscovered and the  
14 RyR1 binding sites for many recognized interacting proteins are uncertain. Advancing this field is  
15 not only important for understanding normal skeletal muscle function, but will influence the  
16 treatment of many muscle disorders. Drugs can now be designed to modulate specific molecular  
17 interactions and the potential to normalize RyR1 function using small molecules in primary RYR1-  
18 myopathies and other skeletal muscle disorders is great. At present this a distant goal but we hope  
19 that consolidating our knowledge of the functional domains of RyR1 is a useful early step on this  
20 journey. We also hope that it helps the investigation of the ways that different *RYR1* mutations  
21 cause muscle dysfunction and directs us to the most fruitful areas for therapy development.

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1 **TEXT BOXES**

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3 **Box 1.** RyR1-related muscle disorders.

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5 **Malignant hyperthermia (MH)** is a potentially fatal pharmacogenetic disorder in which a  
6 hypermetabolic state is evoked by volatile anaesthetics or depolarizing muscle agents. Symptoms  
7 include hypercapnia, metabolic acidosis, tachycardia, generalized muscle rigidity, rhabdomyolysis,  
8 and hyperthermia. Most MH-susceptible individuals have normal muscle function so long as  
9 triggering agents are avoided but some individuals with congenital myopathies because of *RYR1*  
10 mutations may be at risk of developing an MH reaction. Dantrolene, which acts on RyR1, is  
11 currently the only available treatment. Dominant *RYR1* mutations are the leading cause of MH.

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13 **Congenital myopathies** are uncommon muscle disorders that usually present at birth or during  
14 infancy with generalized muscle weakness and low muscle tone. There are many forms of  
15 congenital myopathy, each defined by a specific pattern of histologic abnormalities. The clinical  
16 severity varies. Most individuals with congenital myopathies follow a stable clinical course and  
17 current medical treatment is based on supportive care. Patients may develop respiratory  
18 involvement, joint contractures, distinctive weakness of eye movements (ophthalmoplegia),  
19 scoliosis, or difficulty swallowing (dysphagia). Mutations in *RYR1* are an important cause of the  
20 following congenital myopathies.

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- 22     ▪ The **core myopathies** are characterized by regions devoid of mitochondria in muscle fibers  
23     that appear as 'cores' on oxidative stains. In **central core disease (CCD)**, cores are large and  
24     extend longitudinally. In **multi-minicore disease (MmD)** the cores are short and vary in size  
25     and location.
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  - 27     ▪ **Centronuclear myopathy (CNM)** is characterized by the presence of numerous internally  
28     located nuclei within muscle fibers.
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  - 30     ▪ **Congenital fiber type disproportion (CFTD)** is characterized by a marked consistent  
31     difference in size between type 1 fibers (which are small) and type 2 fibers (which are  
32     large), when there are no other histological abnormalities.
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1 **FIGURE LEGENDS**

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3 **Figure 1.** Protein/ion binding domains distributed across the RyR1 protein sequence.

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5 **Figure 2.** Proposed architecture of RyR1 based on cryo-EM at 10 Å resolution. Adapted from [116].

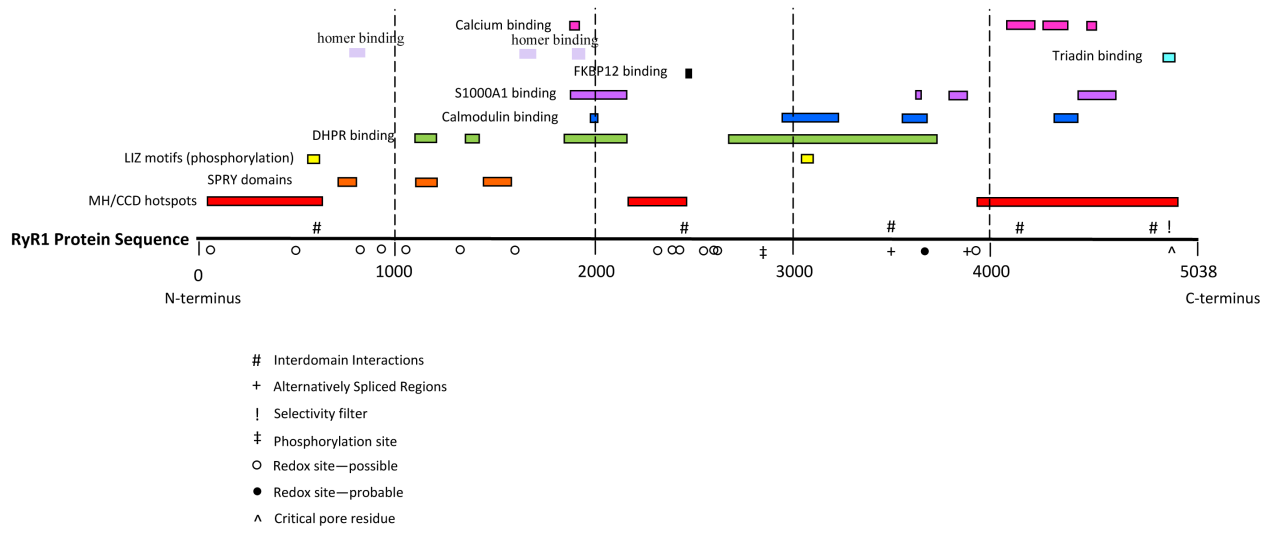
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7 **Figure 3.** Interdomain interaction within RyR1. The N-terminal and central domains interact with  
8 one another to stabilize the closed configuration of the channel. When this interaction is disrupted  
9 and “unzipped,” either by means of a competing synthetic domain peptide, pathogenic mutation,  
10 or physiologic activation, the channel becomes destabilized and allows the passage of calcium ions  
11 through the pore. aa = amino acids. Adapted from [117].

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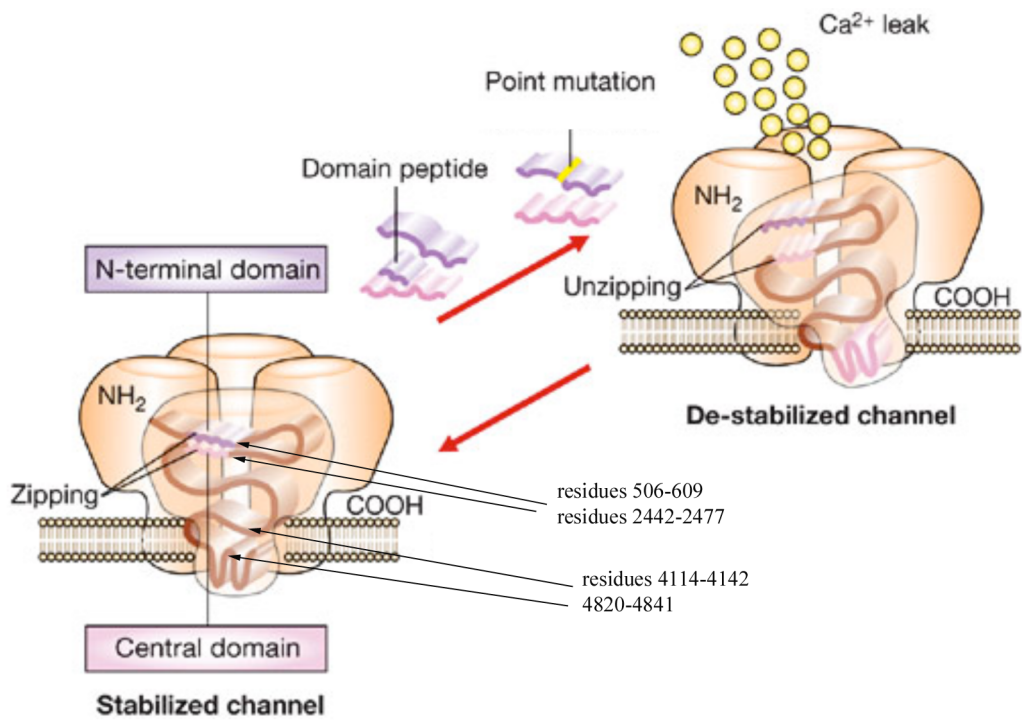
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1 **Table 1.** Human RyR1 domains and effects on channel function arranged by amino acid range.

Amino Acid Range	Domain	Function/Effect on RyR1	Supporting Evidence	Refs
35 – 614	MH/CCD hotspot region 1	--	Human genetic studies	[2]
553 – 602	Leucine/Isoleucine zipper (LIZ) motifs	Binds to and localizes kinases/phosphatases on RyR1, phosphorylation activates RyR1	Experimental studies	[106]
589 – 608	Interdomain interactions	Stabilizes closed conformation, inactivates RyR1	Experimental studies	[118]
659 – 797	SPRY1 domain	Protein-protein interaction motif, exact effect on RyR1 unknown	<i>In silico</i> analysis	--
801 FLPPP 805	Binding to homer	Likely mediates protein-protein interactions, may activate RyR1	<i>In silico</i> analysis	[71]
1084 – 1207	SPRY2 domain	Binding to DHPR $\alpha_{1s}$ II-III loop, activates RyR1	<i>In silico</i> analysis, experimental studies	[27, 29]
1272-1455	Divergent region 2 (D2)	Binding to DHPR and responsible for formation of DHPR tetrads	Experimental studies	[21, 32, 33]
1430 – 1570	SPRY3 domain	Protein-protein interaction motif, exact effect on RyR1 unknown	<i>In silico</i> analysis	--
1773 PPHHF 1777	Binding to homer	Likely mediates protein-protein interactions, may activate RyR1	<i>In silico</i> analysis	[71]
1837 – 2168	Binding to DHPR	Activates RyR1	Experimental studies	[25, 35]
1861 – 2155	Binding to S100A1	Activates RyR1	Experimental studies	[45]
1872 – 1922	Low affinity $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ inactivation site	Inactivates RyR1	Experimental studies	[119]
1975 – 1999	Binding to calmodulin	Effect depends on which form is bound (apoCaM is a partial agonist vs. CaCaM is	Experimental studies	[43]

		an antagonist of RyR1)		
1998 FRSP 2002	Binding to homer	Likely mediates protein-protein interactions, may activate RyR1	<i>In silico</i> analysis	[71]
2163 – 2458	MH/CCD hotspot region 2	--	Human genetic studies	--
2442 – 2477	Interdomain interactions	Stabilizes closed conformation, inactivates RyR1	Experimental studies	[118]
2458 – 2468	Binding to FKBP12	Stabilizes closed conformation, inactivates RyR1	Experimental studies	[52, 53, 58]
2659 – 3720	Binding to DHPR	Activates RyR1	Experimental studies	[25, 35]
2843S	Phosphorylation site	Likely activates RyR1	Experimental studies	[103]
2937 – 3225	Binding to apoCaM	Weak partial agonist, activates RyR1	Experimental studies	[39]
3039 – 3075	Leucine/Isoleucine zipper (LIZ) motifs	Binds to and localizes kinases/phosphatases on RyR1, phosphorylation activates RyR1	Experimental studies	[106]
3471 – 3500	ASI region + basic sequence	Possible interdomain interaction which stabilizes closed conformation	Experimental studies	[16, 120]
3481 – 3485	ASI region	See above	Experimental studies	[16, 30, 120]
3495 – 3502	Basic sequence upstream from ASI region	Possible binding to DHPR $\beta_{1a}$ subunit, may stabilize interaction between DHPR and RyR1	Experimental studies	[30]
3546 – 3655	Binding to apoCaM	Weak partial agonist, activates RyR1	Experimental studies	[39-41]
3553 – 3662	Binding to CaCaM	Antagonist, inactivates RyR1	Experimental studies	[39-41]
3614 – 3643	Binding to calmodulin (apoCaM and CaCaM)	Effect depends on which form is bound (apoCaM is a partial agonist vs. CaCaM is an antagonist of RyR1)	Experimental studies	[39, 40]
3616 – 3627	Binding to S100A1	Activates RyR1	Experimental studies	[44]
3635C	Redox modulation	Likely activates RyR1	Experimental	[113, 114]

	site		studies	
3773 – 3873	Binding to S100A1	Activates RyR1	Experimental studies	[45]
3865 – 3870	ASII region	Unknown	Experimental studies	[16]
3916 – 4943	MH/CCD hotspot region 3	--	Human genetic studies	--
4063 – 4209	Broad region containing Ca <sup>2+</sup> binding sites	Unknown(?)	Experimental studies	[88]
4080 – 4091	Low affinity Ca <sup>2+</sup> inactivation site	Inactivates RyR1	Experimental studies	[87]
4113 – 4141	Interdomain interactions	Stabilizes closed conformation, inactivates RyR1	Experimental studies	[121]
4245 – 4378	High affinity Ca <sup>2+</sup> activation site	Activates RyR1	Experimental studies	[82]
4303 - 4431	Binding to apoCaM	Weak partial agonist, activates RyR1	Experimental studies	[40, 41]
4426 – 4622	Binding to S100A1	Activates RyR1	Experimental studies	[45]
4490 – 4502	High affinity Ca <sup>2+</sup> activation site	Activates RyR1	Experimental studies	[83]
4821 – 4842	Interdomain interactions	Stabilizes closed conformation, inactivates RyR1	Experimental studies	[121]
4861 – 4918	Binding to triadin	Activates RyR1	Experimental studies	[60]
4895 GGGIGD 4900	Selectivity filter	Channel conductance and cation selectivity	Experimental and molecular dynamics simulations studies	[6, 7]

1 Abbreviations: MH, malignant hyperthermia; CCD, central core disease; DHPR, dihydropyridine  
2 receptor; apoCaM, calmodulin with unbound calcium; CaCaM, calmodulin with bound calcium; AS,  
3 alternatively spliced.

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1 **Table 2.** RyR1 domains and effects on channel function arranged by binding protein/ion.

Binding proteins/ intrinsic regions/ions	Amino acid range H (human)/R (rabbit) cDNA sequence	Domain	Functional effect on RyR1	Refs
Interdomain interaction	H 589-608 H 2442-2477 H 4113-4141; 4821- 4842	MH/CCD domain 1 MH/CCD domain 2 MH/CCD domain 3	Stabilize closed conformation	[121]
Alternative splice variants	H 3481-3485 ASI(-) H 3864-3869 ASII(-)	-  -	Possible interdomain interaction stabilizing closed conformation	[16, 120]
SPRY	H 659-797 SPRY1 H 1084-1207 SPRY2 H 1430-1570 SPRY3	- - -	Protein-protein interacting domain; SPRY2 identified as binding DHPR $\alpha_{1s}$ II-III loop	
DHPR $\alpha_{1s}$ II-III loop	H 1076-1112 R 1837-2168 R 2642-3770 R 3351-3507	SPRY2 domain  MH/CCD domain 2	Orthograde signaling Contribute to skeletal EC coupling (orthograde and retrograde)	[21, 23, 25, 26, 33]
DHPR $\beta$ 1	H 3495-3502 R 3201-3661	ASI (-)	Strengthens effect of interaction via +ve charges	[30]
Tetrad formation	H 1272-1455		Tetrad formation enhanced but sequence not sufficient	[21]
FKBP12	H 2458-2468	MH/CCD domain 2	Stabilizes closed state	[52, 53, 58]
Calmodulin	H 2937-3225 ApoCaM H 3553-3662 CaCaM H 3614-3663 Apo and CaCaM H 4303-4431 CaCaM	MH/CCD domain 3		[41]
S100A1	H 1861-2155 H 3616-3627 H 3773-3873 H 4426-4622	Overlaps with CaM binding	Activates RyR1 Activates RyR1 Activates RyR1 Activates RyR1	[45, 46]
Triadin	H 4861-4918	MH/CCD domain 3	Rapid Ca <sup>2+</sup> release	[60]
Kinases/ phosphatases	H 552-602 PPI H 3039-3075 PKA	Leu/Ile zipper (LIZ) motifs Leu/Ile zipper (LIZ) motifs	Phosphorylation activates RyR1	[106]
Homer	H 801-805 H 1773-1777 H 1998-2002		Enhances RyR1 function	[71]
Redox sensitive Cys	H Cys3635		Activates RyR1	[111, 113, 114]
Phosphorylati on site	H Ser2843	-	Channel opening	[103]

Ca <sup>2+</sup> binding domain	H 1872-1922		Low affinity, Ca <sup>2+</sup> inactivation	[82, 83, 87, 119]
	H 4080-4091	MH/CCD domain 3	Low affinity Ca <sup>2+</sup> inactivation	
	H 4245-4378	MH/CCD domain 3	Ca <sup>2+</sup> binding	
	H 4490-4502	MH/CCD domain 3	High affinity Ca <sup>2+</sup> activation	

1 Abbreviations: H, human; R, rabbit; MH, malignant hyperthermia; CCD, central core disease; AS,  
2 alternatively sliced; DHPR, dihydropyridine receptor.

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1 **Table 3. Recessive RYR1 mutations and neuromuscular diseases.** Genetic *RYR1* mutations and the  
 2 corresponding possible protein/ion binding domains affected are listed, along with a brief  
 3 description of clinical phenotypes.

RYR1 Mutation 1	RYR1 Mutation 2	RyR1 alleles expressed in muscle	Predicted maximum level of RyR1 expressed *	Observed level of RyR1 expressed	Histological diagnosis	RyR1 domain implicated in disease pathogenesis	Refs
c.212C>A p.S71Y	c.6847A>C p.N2283H	S71Y & N2283H	100%	Normal	Cores		[2]
c.325C>T p.R109W	Monoallelic	R109W	50%	Reduced	Cores		[2]
c.1205T>C p.M402L	c.5333C>A p.S1778X	M402L	50%	Reduced	CFTD		[3]
c.1205T>C p.M402T	Monoallelic	M402T	50%	Reduced	Some cores		[2]
c.4024A>G p.S1342G	c.8360C>G p.T2787S	S1342G & T2787S	100%	-	CNM	<b>Tetrad formation</b> (1341-1402) + <b>DHPR Cav<sub>1.1</sub></b> (2642-3770)	[4]
c.5110G>A p.G1704S	c.12801_12802ins p.A4268RfsX7	G1704S	50%	Slightly reduced	Cores		[122]
c.6104A>T p.H2035L	c.738T>G p.Y246X	H2035L	50%	-	CFTD	<b>S100A1</b> (1861-2155)	[3]
c.6612C>G p.H2204G	c.14228G>A p.G4743D	H2204G & G4743D	100%	-	MmD/MHS, fiber type 1 predominance	<b>High affinity Ca<sup>2+</sup> binding</b> (4490-4502)	[123]
c.7268T>A p.M2423K	Monoallelic	M2423K	50%	-	Cores		[2]
c.7268T>A p.M2423K	c.34delT; c.37C>G Stop +p.L13V	M2423K	50%	Slightly reduced	Cores		[122]
c.7304G>T p.R2435L	c.7304G>T p.R2435L	R2435L	50%	Normal	Cores		[2]
c.6721C>T p.R2241X+ c.2122G>A p.D708N	c.8816G>A p.R2939K	R2939K	50%	Reduced	MmD	<b>CaM</b> (2937-3225)	[124]
c.9247T>C p.M3081T	c.5726_27ΔAG p.E1909GfsX39	M3081T	50%	-	CNM	<b>DHPR Cav<sub>1.1</sub></b> (Rabbit 2642-3770)	[4]
c.9413C>T p.P3138L	c.11314C>T p.R3772W	P3138L & R3772W	100%	-		<b>CaM</b> (2937-3225) + <b>S100A1?</b> (3773-3873)	[125]
c.9605C>T p.P3202L	c.10561G>T p.G3521C	P3202L & G3521C	100%	-		<b>CaM</b> (2937-3225) + <b>DHPR retrograde</b> (2659-3720)	[125]

c.9605C>T p.P3202L	c.12536G>A p.R4179H	P3202L & R4179H	100%	-		<b>CaM</b> (2937-3225) + <b>DHPR retrograde</b> (2659-3720)	[125]
c.9978C>A p.N3326K	c.9000+1G>T exon 95 skipped	N3326K	50%	Reduced	CFTD	<b>DHPR Cav<sub>1.1</sub></b> (2642-3770)	[3]
c.10097G>A p.R3366H	c.11798G p.Y3933C	R3366H & Y3933C	100%	-	MmD/rhabdo, fiber type 1 predominance	<b>DHPR Cav<sub>1.1</sub></b> (2642-3770)	[123]
c.10204T>G p.C3402G	c.13480G>T p.Glu4494X	C3402G	50%	-	CFTD	<b>DHPRβ1</b> (3201- 3661)	[3]
c.10343C>T p.S3448F	c.14365-2AT+	S3448F	50%	-	MmD	<b>DHPR Cav<sub>1.1</sub></b> (Rabbit 3351- 3507)	[2]
c.10579G>A p.P3527S	c.10579G>A p.P3527S	P3527S	50%	-	CCD/MmD	<b>CaM?</b> (2937-3225)	[2]
c.10616G>A p.R3539H	c.14804-1G>T p.G4935.T4957>D fsX11	R3539H	50%	Reduced	Cores	<b>DHPR retrograde</b> (2659-3720)	[122]
c.11315G>A p.R3772E	c.5938ΔC p.Leu1980SerfsX1	R3772E	50%	Reduced	Cores	<b>S100A1?</b> (3773- 3873)	[122]
c.11315G>A p.R3772Q	c.11315G>A p.R3772Q	R3772Q	50%	-		<b>S100A1?</b> (3773- 3873)	[2]
c.11941C>T p.H3981Y	c.8342_8343ΔTA	H3981Y	50%	-	CNM	None known	[4]
c.12986C>A p.A4329D	Monoallelic	A4329D	50%	Reduced	Cores	<b>Ca<sup>2+</sup></b> (4245-4378)	[2]
c.13676G>A p.R4558Q	c.2455C>T p.R819X	R4558Q	50%	Reduced	Cores	<b>S100A1</b> (4426- 4622)	[122]
c.14126C>T p.T4709M	Monoallelic	T4709M	50%	Reduced	Cores		[2]
c.14126C>T p.T4709M	c.12541G>A p.D4181K	T4709M & D4181K	100%	-	Cores	<b>Ca<sup>2+</sup></b> (4245-4378)	[125]
c.14524C>A p.V4842M	c.10348C>T intronic splice variant	V4842M	50%	-	CNM	<b>Interdomain</b> (4821-4842)	[4]
c.10348-6C>G p.His3449ins 33aafsX54 c.14524G>A p.V4842M	c.7324-1G>T p.Leu2442_ Ala2454>ProfsX86	V4842M	50%	Reduced	Cores (severe)	<b>Interdomain zipper</b> (4821-4842)	[122]
c.14545G>A p.V4849I	c.1742.1743insTCA p.H581GlnX	V4849I	50%	Not known	Cores (severe)		[122]
c.14731G>A p.D4911K	c.7006C>T p.N2336C	D4911K & N2336C	100%	-		<b>Triadin</b> (4861- 4918)	[125]
c.10343C>T p.S3448F	c.14365-2A>T acceptor splice site	p.S3448F & p.S4789_ K4822del	50 – 100%	-	Cores	<b>DHPR Cav<sub>1.1</sub></b> (2642-3770)	[2]
c.8692+131G>A p.Gly2898Gly fsX36 +	c.8692+131G>A p.Gly2898GlyfsX36 +	20% wild type transcript		Reduced			[125]

p.Gly2898AspfsX54	p.Gly2898AspfsX54	expressed					
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1 Abbreviations: c., coding sequence; p., protein sequence; X, stop codon; CNM, centronuclear  
2 myopathy; CFTD, congenital fiber type disproportion; MmD, multi-minicore disease; MHS,  
3 malignant hyperthermia susceptibility; rhabdo, rhabdomyolysis; FSD, fiber-size disproportion;  
4 DHPR, dihydropyridine receptor; CaM, calmodulin. -, data not available.  
5 \* compared with normal RyR1 expression levels. Monoallelic refers to when only one RYR1 allele  
6 was seen on analysis of cDNA in patient muscle. A second 'null' mutation likely exists in these  
7 patients but has not been identified.