Cryo-EM structures of PrP and tau filaments from GSS F198S

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Gerstmann-Sträussler-Scheinker (GSS) disease

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Über eine eigenartige hereditär-familiäre Erkrankung des Zentralnervensystems*.

Zugleich ein Beitrag zur Frage des vorzeitigen lokalen Alterns.

Von Josef Gerstmann, Ernst Sträussler und I. Scheinker. Mit 13 Textabbildungen. (Eingegangen am 11. November 1935.)



Dominantly-inherited Prion-Protein amyloidoses



Extracellular plaques and intracellular tangles feature in multiple diseases

Dominantly inherited PrP amyloidoses

Alzheimer Disease



PrP-CAA Q160X

Tau pathology is localized to similar regions in PrP amyloidoses and AD







GSS F198S

PrP-CAA Q160X

AD

All 6 isoforms of tau are present in GSS F198S, PrP-CAA Q160X and AD



AD tau aggregates into Paired Helical Filaments (PHFs) and Straight Filaments (SFs)



Fitzpatrick et al, Nature 2017, 547:185–190



PHFs and SFs in PrP-CAA, and GSS F198S PHFs are identical to AD filaments



PHFs in GSS F198S, PrP-CAA Q160X and AD are identical



Tau from prion protein amyloidoses adopts AD fold



Shi et al., 2021 Hallinan et al., 2021

Prion protein filaments extracted from GSS F198S



MS analyses show abundant PrP pepides





PrP interactome

Accession	-10lgP	Coverage (%)	#Peptides	ртм	Avg. Mass	Description
<u>P04156</u>	383.82	81	315	Y	27569	Major prion protein allele OS=Homo sapiens OX=9606 GN=PRNP PE=1 SV=1
<u>P14136</u>	336.07	90	178	Y	49880	Glial fibrillary acidic protein OS=Homo sapiens OX=9606 GN=GFAP PE=1 SV=1
<u>Q92743</u>	319.17	80	137	Y	51287	Serine protease HTRA1 OS=Homo sapiens OX=9606 GN=HTRA1 PE=1 SV=1
<u>P60709</u>	317.95	99	146	Y	41737	Actin, cytoplasmic 1 OS=Homo sapiens OX=9606 GN=ACTB PE=1 SV=1
<u>P63261</u>	317.77	99	146	Y	41793	Actin, cytoplasmic 2 OS=Homo sapiens OX=9606 GN=ACTG1 PE=1 SV=1
<u>Q15149</u>	303.84	26	231	Y	531796	Plectin OS=Homo sapiens OX=9606 GN=PLEC PE=1 SV=3
<u>P35555</u>	298.89	47	119	Y	312297	Fibrillin-1 OS=Homo sapiens OX=9606 GN=FBN1 PE=1 SV=4
<u>043390</u>	290.66	69	96	Y	70943	Heterogeneous nuclear ribonucleoprotein R OS=Homo sapiens OX=9606 GN=HNRNPR PE=1 SV=1
P0C0L4	289.38	50	91	Y	192784	Complement C4-A OS=Homo sapiens OX=9606 GN=C4A PE=1 SV=2
P04264	284.05	72	76	Y	66039	Keratin, type II cytoskeletal 1 CONTAMINANT OS=Homo sapiens GN=KRT1 PE=1 SV=6
P09543	282.85	91	124	Y	47579	2',3'-cyclic-nucleotide 3'-phosphodiesterase OS=Homo sapiens OX=9606 GN=CNP PE=1 SV=2
<u>P61764</u>	280.13	81	74	Y	67569	Syntaxin-binding protein 1 OS=Homo sapiens OX=9606 GN=STXBP1 PE=1 SV=1
P0C0L5	278.56	49	78	Y	192750	Complement C4-B OS=Homo sapiens OX=9606 GN=C4B PE=1 SV=2
<u>P09471</u>	269.37	79	57	Y	40051	Guanine nucleotide-binding protein G(o) subunit alpha OS=Homo sapiens OX=9606 GN=GNAO1 PE=1 SV=4
P01023	267.25	50	73	Y	163290	Alpha-2-macroglobulin OS=Homo sapiens OX=9606 GN=A2M PE=1 SV=3
<u>P35527</u>	265.67	71	47	Y	62064	Keratin, type I cytoskeletal 9 OS=Homo sapiens OX=9606 GN=KRT9 PE=1 SV=3
<u>P23142</u>	265.48	57	56	Y	77214	Fibulin-1 OS=Homo sapiens OX=9606 GN=FBLN1 PE=1 SV=4
<u>P62873</u>	265.07	94	65	Y	37377	Guanine nucleotide-binding protein G(I)/G(S)/G(T) subunit beta-1 OS=Homo sapiens OX=9606 GN=GNB1 PE=1 SV=3
P78539	263.38	81	70	Y	51572	Sushi repeat-containing protein SRPX OS=Homo sapiens OX=9606 GN=SRPX PE=1 SV=1
P02794	262.05	98	42	Y	21226	Ferritin heavy chain OS=Homo sapiens OX=9606 GN=FTH1 PE=1 SV=2

PrP interactome



Cryo-EM structures of **prion protein filaments** from GSS F198S



GSS F198S



Negative stain of PrP filaments









PrP filaments in GSS F198S exist as doublets, triplets and quadruplets







Type I

Type Ila





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Identification of PrP filament core and atomic model







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Type I: C2 symmetry

Type II: antiparallel

The PrP fold is identical in patients with VV and MV at polymorphic codon 129





Mechanisms of Neurodegeneration in Human Prion Diseases and Their Intersection with AD/ADRD



GSS F198S PrP-CAA Q160X AD

Summary & Conclusions

- Some dominantly inherited Prion diseases have ⁻
- Tau in these diseases = identical to AD tau (so fail
- Multiple diseases with extracellular amyloid (Aβ, (AD fold).
 - = common mechanism leading to misfoldi
- New structures identified for prion protein
- PrP from GSS F198S exists as dimers, trimers, tet polymorphs
- APrP from patients with VV or MV polymorphisn



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