

細胞膜のメカノセンシング生理学

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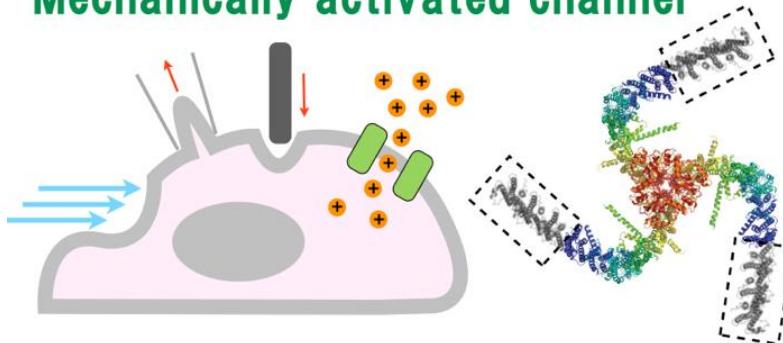
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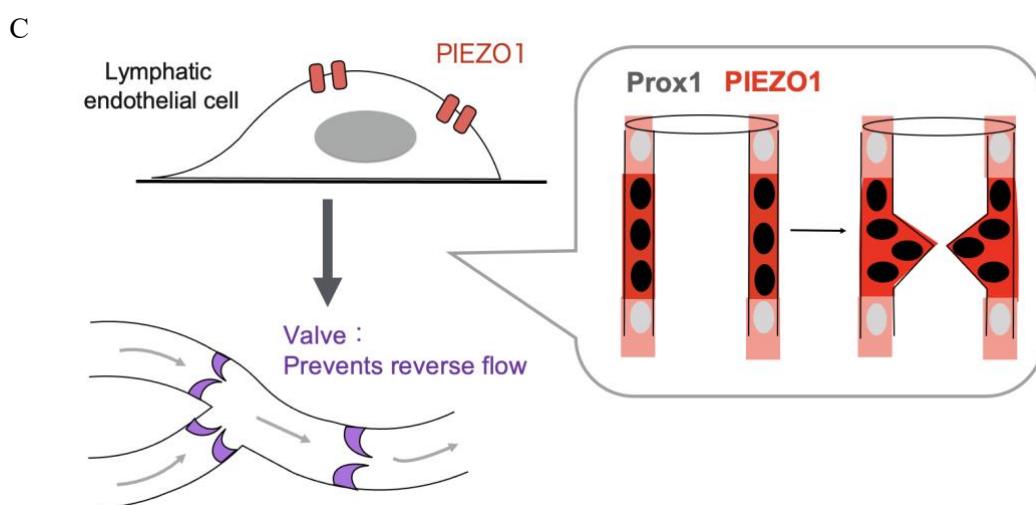
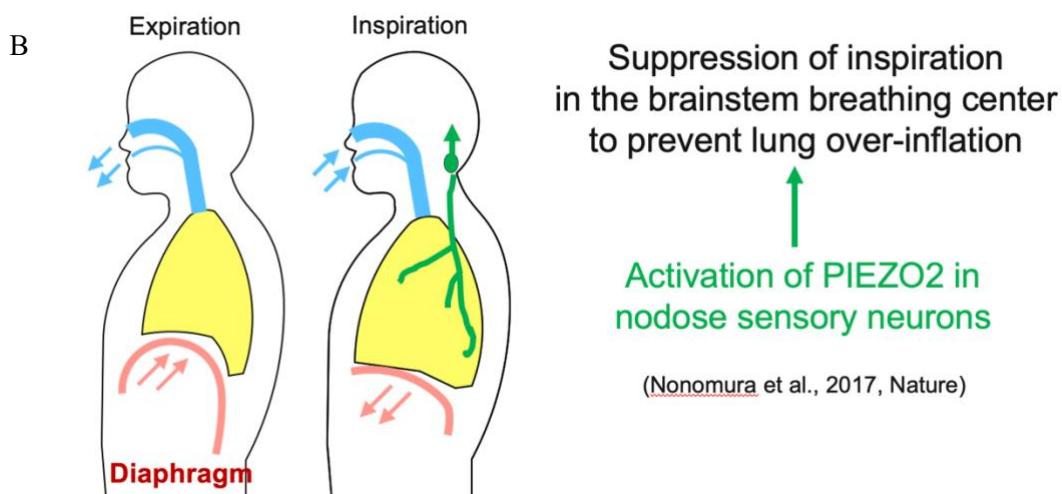
PIEZOs are mechanically activated cation channels. They function as a channel when they form homo-trimer, in which the pore structure locates in the central surrounded by three huge curved blades interacting with cell membrane (Fig A). PIEZO2 has been shown as the main mechanotransducer for cutaneous touch sensation in many animals including human. In order to further elucidate physiological roles of PIEZOs, we have been analyzing mouse models lacking PIEZO1/2. We revealed that PIEZO2 in sensory neurons innervating the airway controls breathing pattern in multiple ways (Fig B) and that PIEZO1 in veins/lymphatic vessels is required for the formation of valves (Fig C).

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A PIEZO Mechanically activated channel





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