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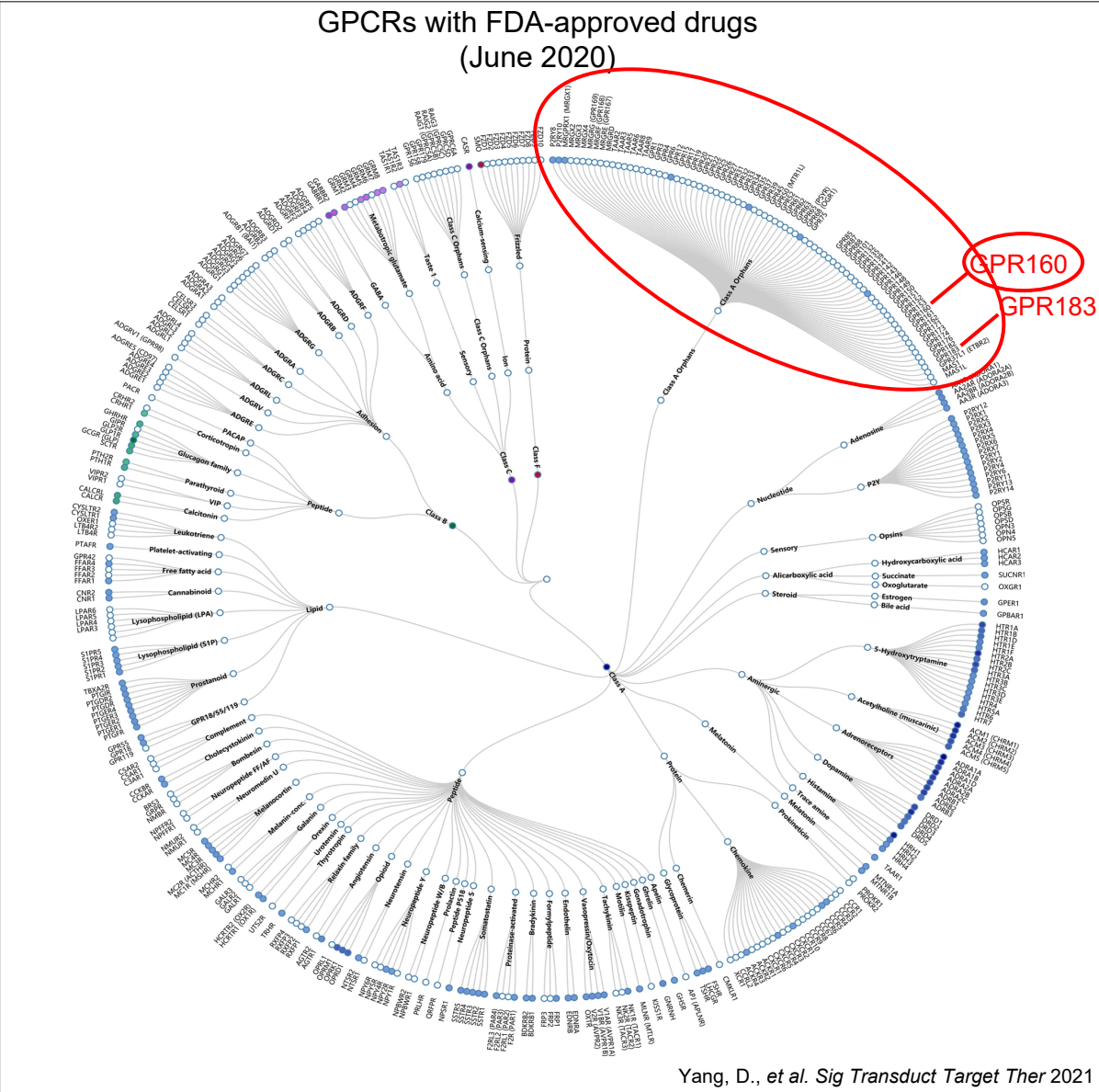
Therapeutic discovery for pain

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G protein-coupled receptors (GPCRs), the largest class of membrane proteins, represent the most druggable targets to make it to market

- There are 826 human GPCRs.
- ~350 non-olfactory GPCRs are considered druggable
- ~175 GPCRs are validated drug targets (Yang et al., 2020)
- The rapid increase in structural studies have yielded
 - 1,296 GPCR structures
 - 842 GPCR structure models
 - 743 refined models
- ~35% of all FDA-approved drugs target GPCRs (527 drugs) (Yang et al., 2020).
- Yet, there are ~120 orphan GPCRs whose endogenous ligands are still not known.
- Only a few FDA-approved drugs target orphan GPCRs.

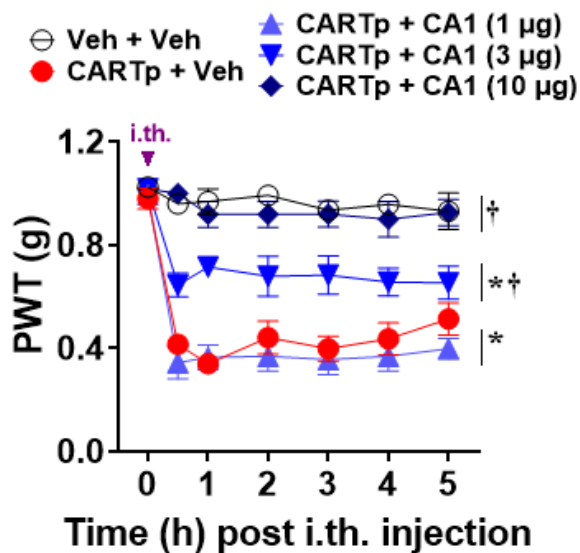
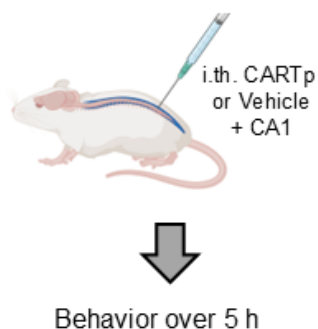


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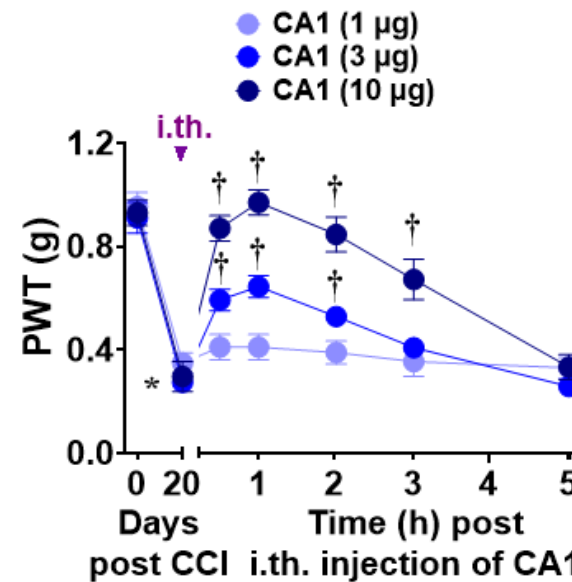
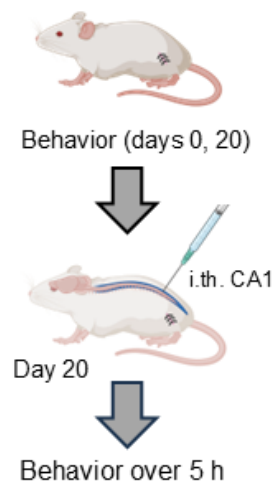
Targeting orphan GPCRs: breaking barriers to novel analgesic drug

CA1 blocks CARTp-induced mechano-allodynia and reverses CCI-induced mechano-allodynia in mice

- Discovered
- Using
- We identified
- GPCR1
- Decision
- 2024a
- Virtual
- antagonist
- GPCR1
- Lead (N=4-5 (M up and commercialization).



EC₅₀: 2.8 µg (95%CI:1.7-4.4)
6.1 nmol (95%CI:3.8-9.7)



EC₅₀: 2.4 µg (95%CI:1.5-4.0)
5.3 nmol (95%CI:3.2-8.7)

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