



Role of Hypothalamic Tanycytes in Metabolic Homeostasis

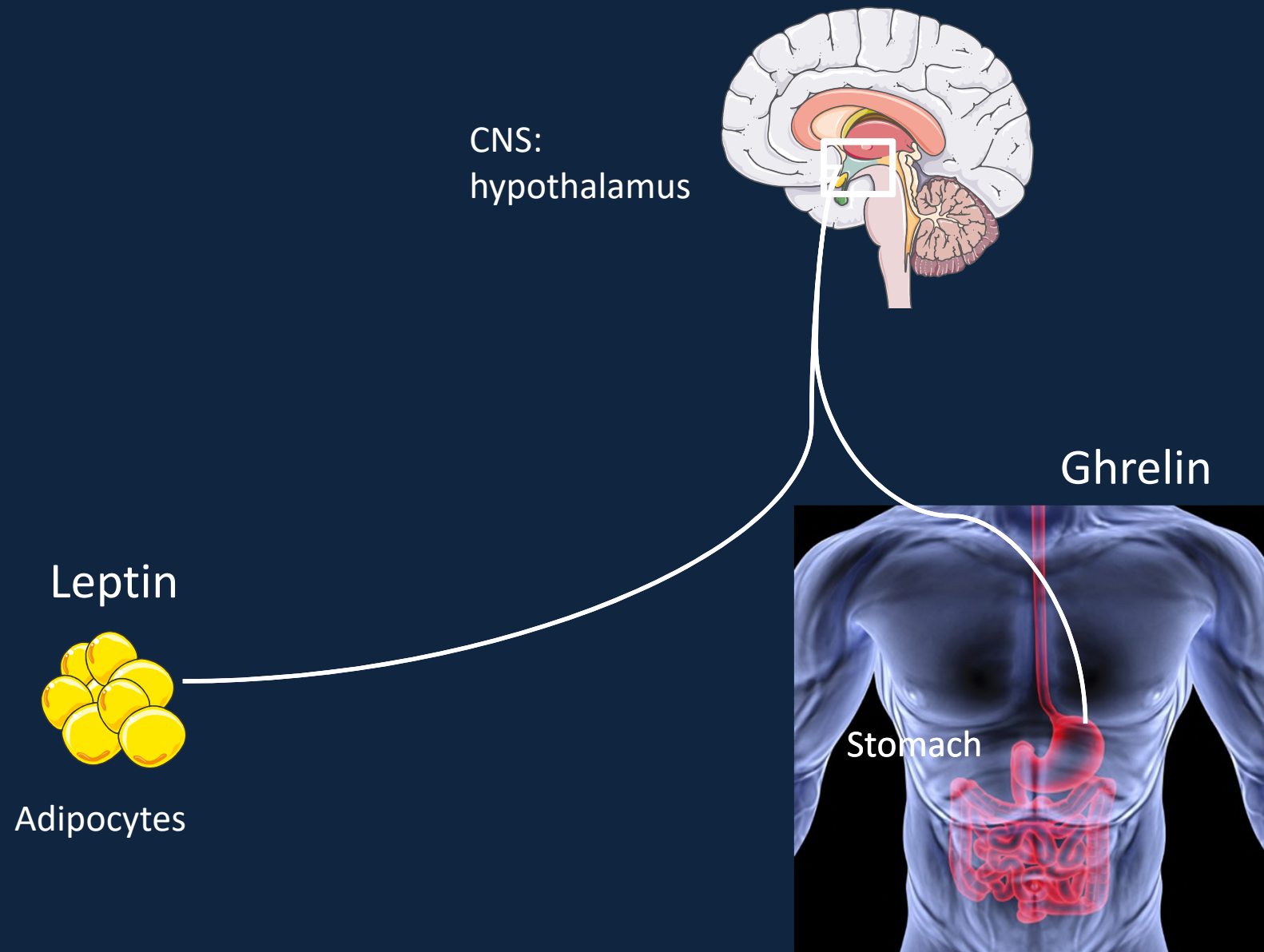
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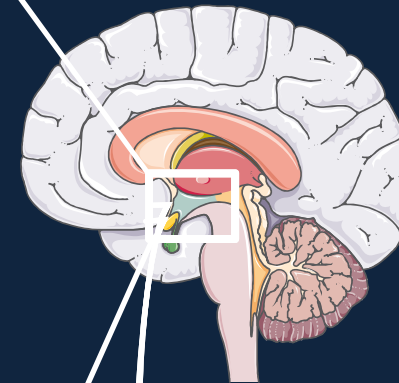
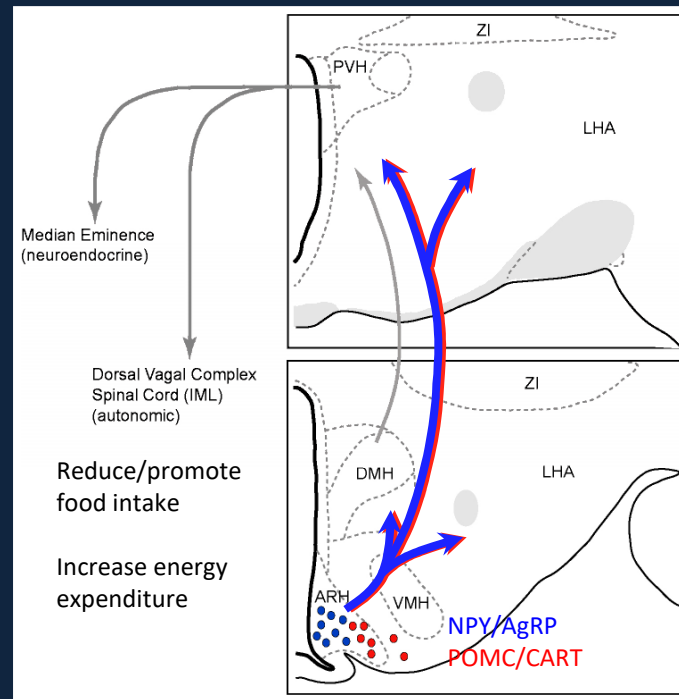
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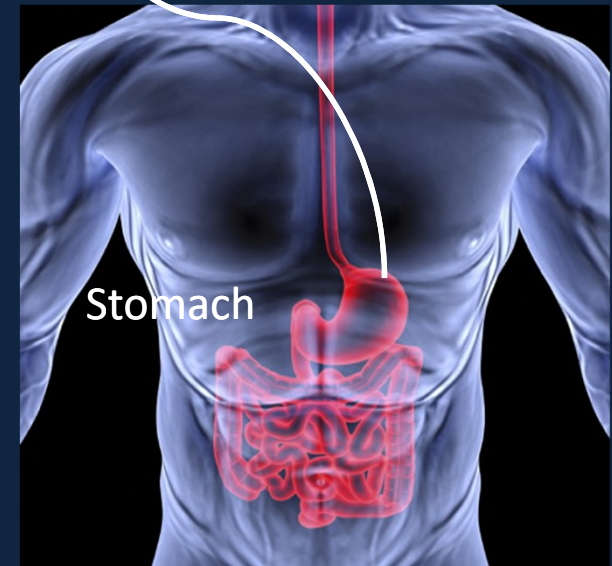
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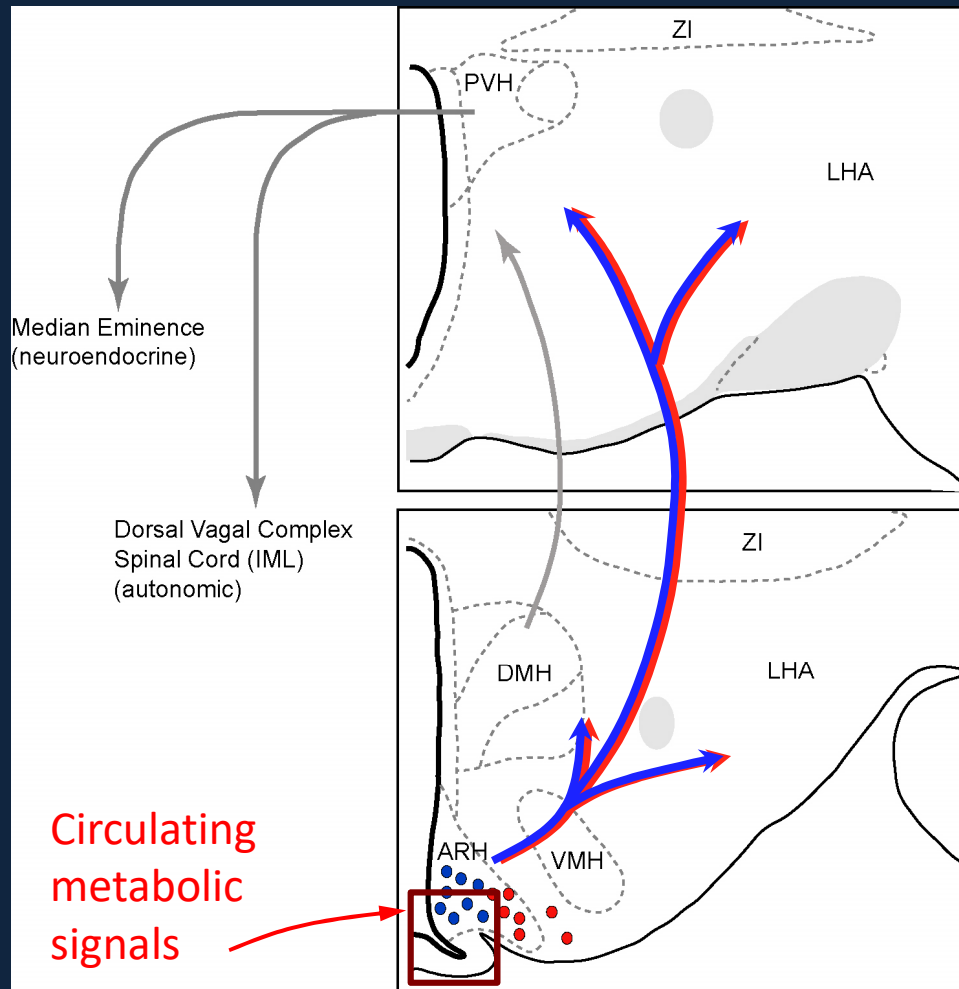


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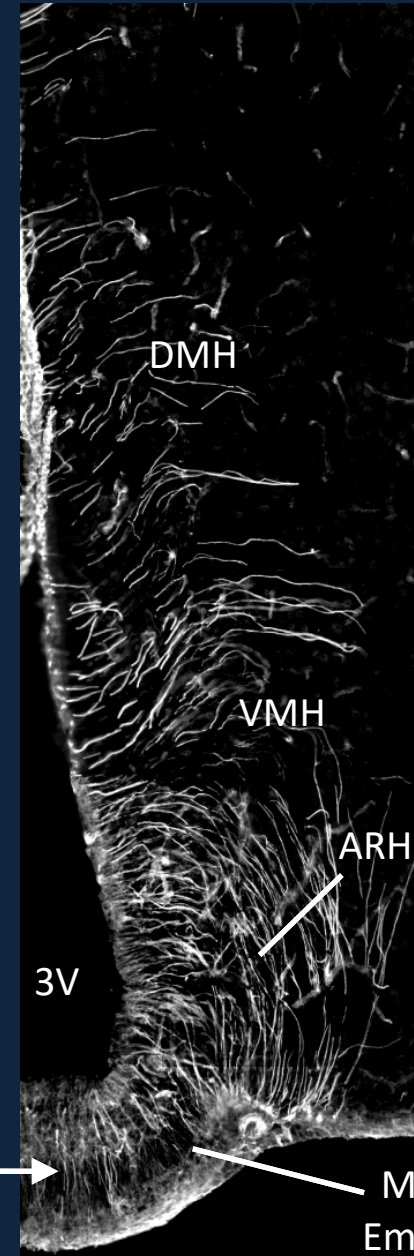


Adipocytes

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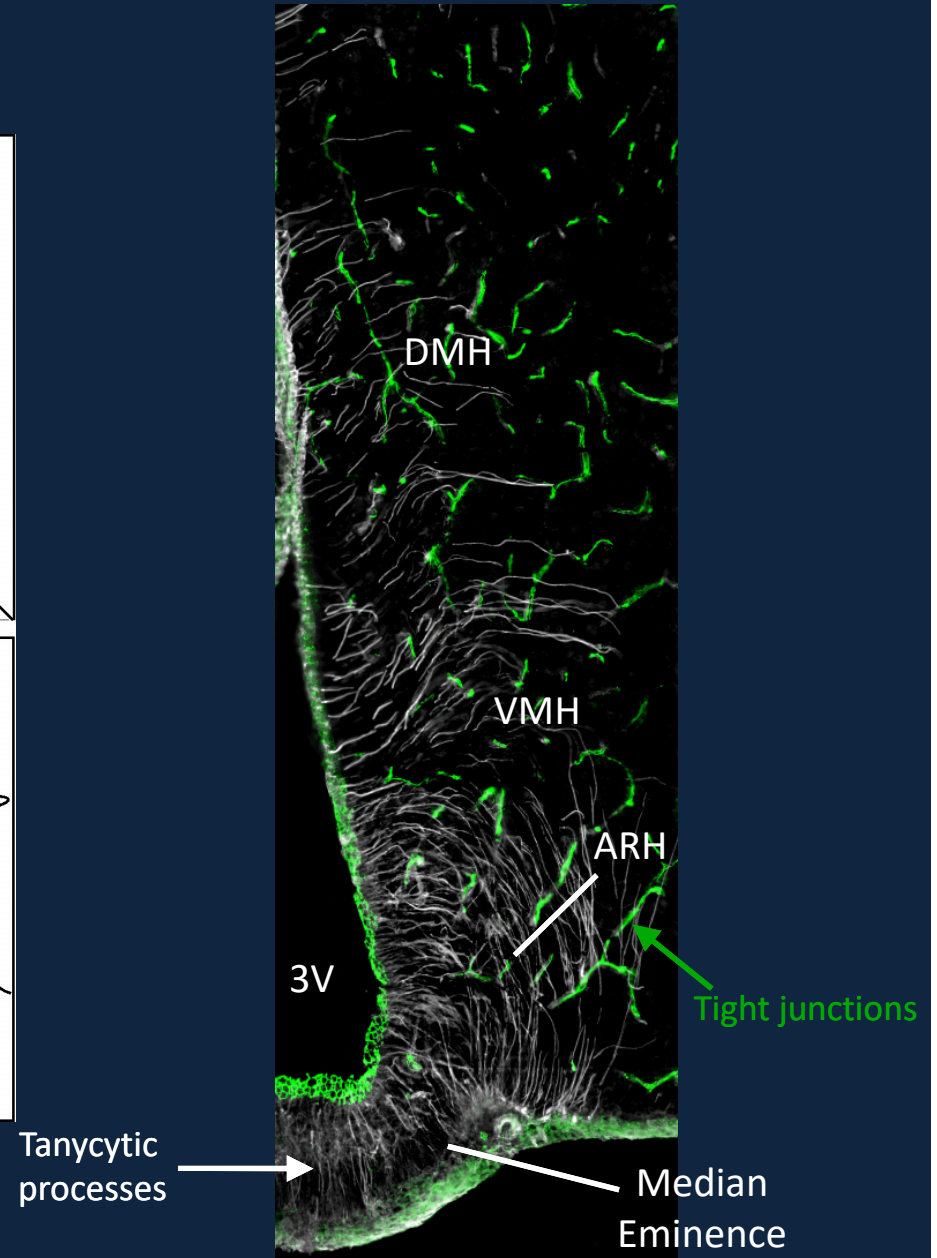
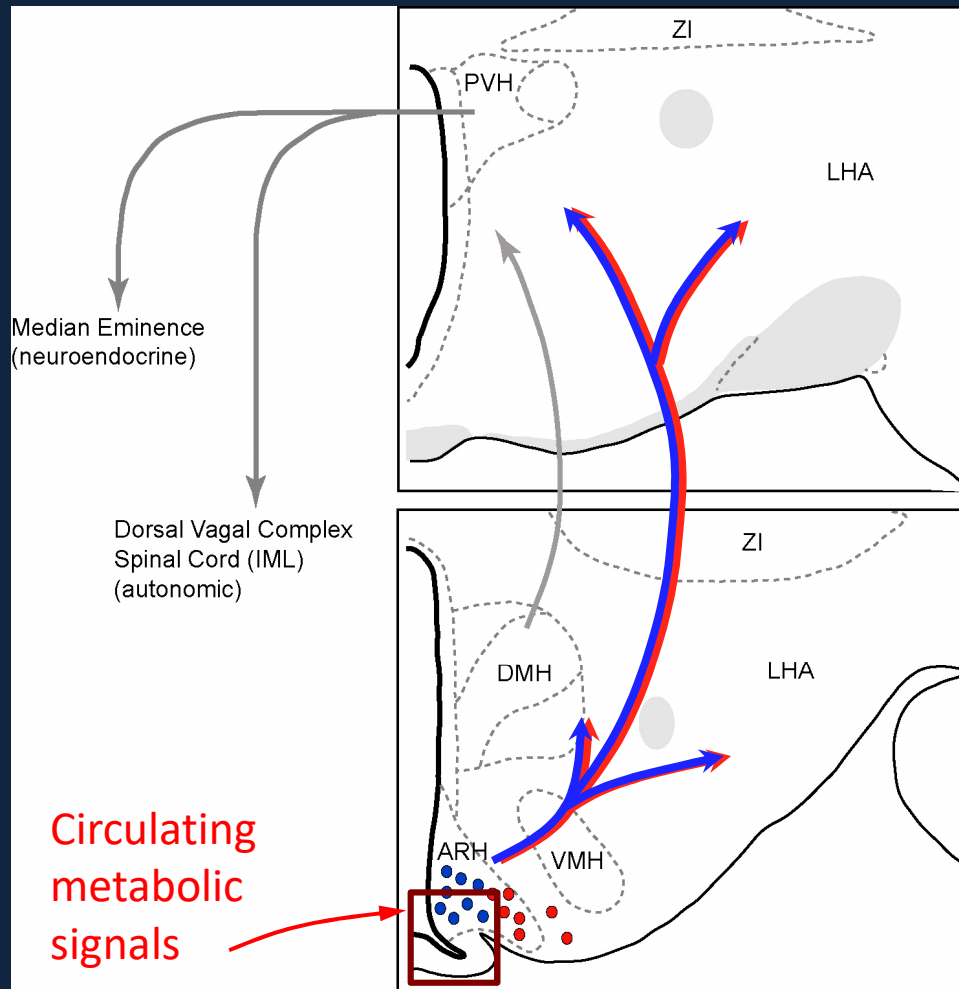


Tanycytic processes

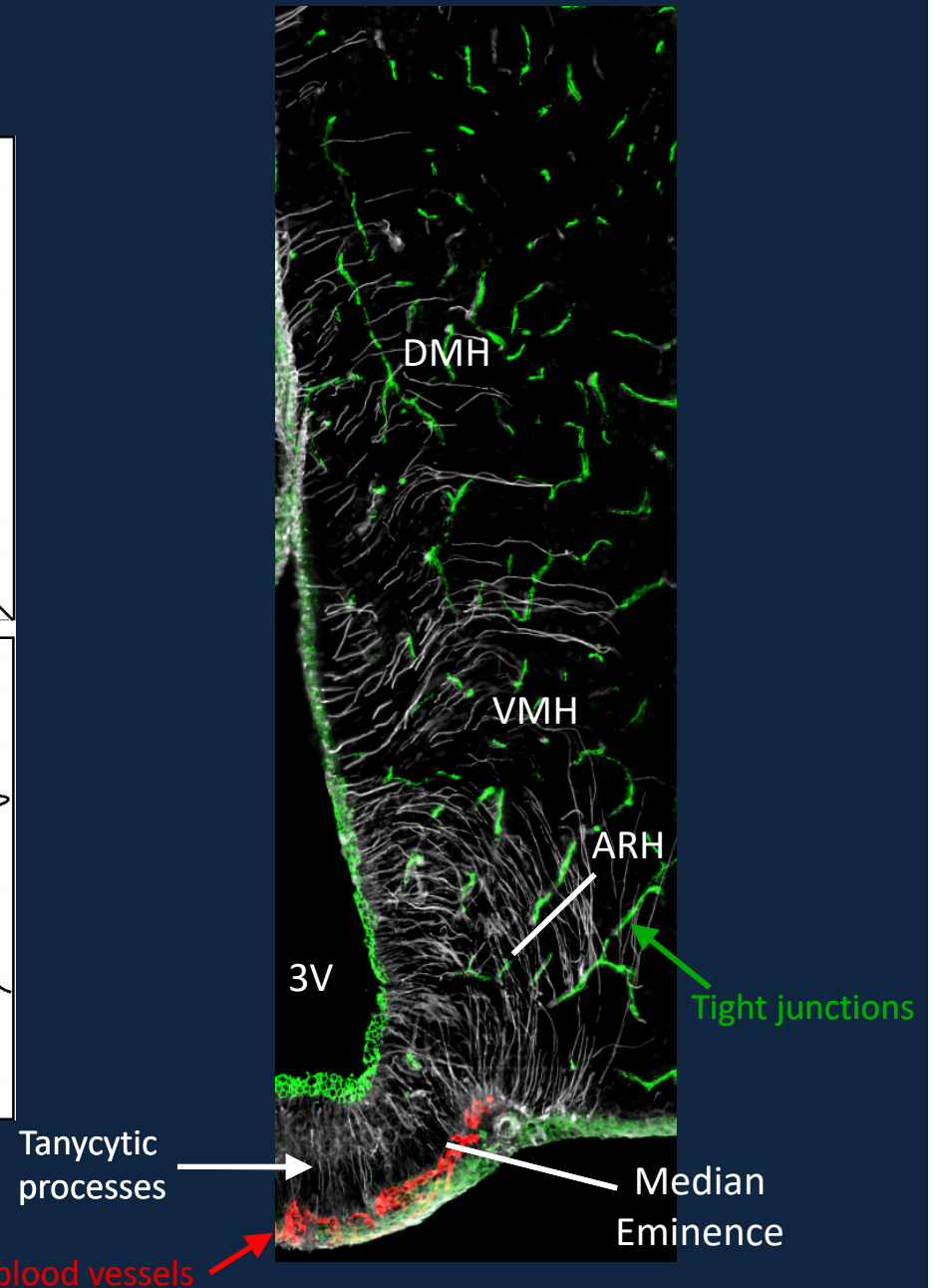
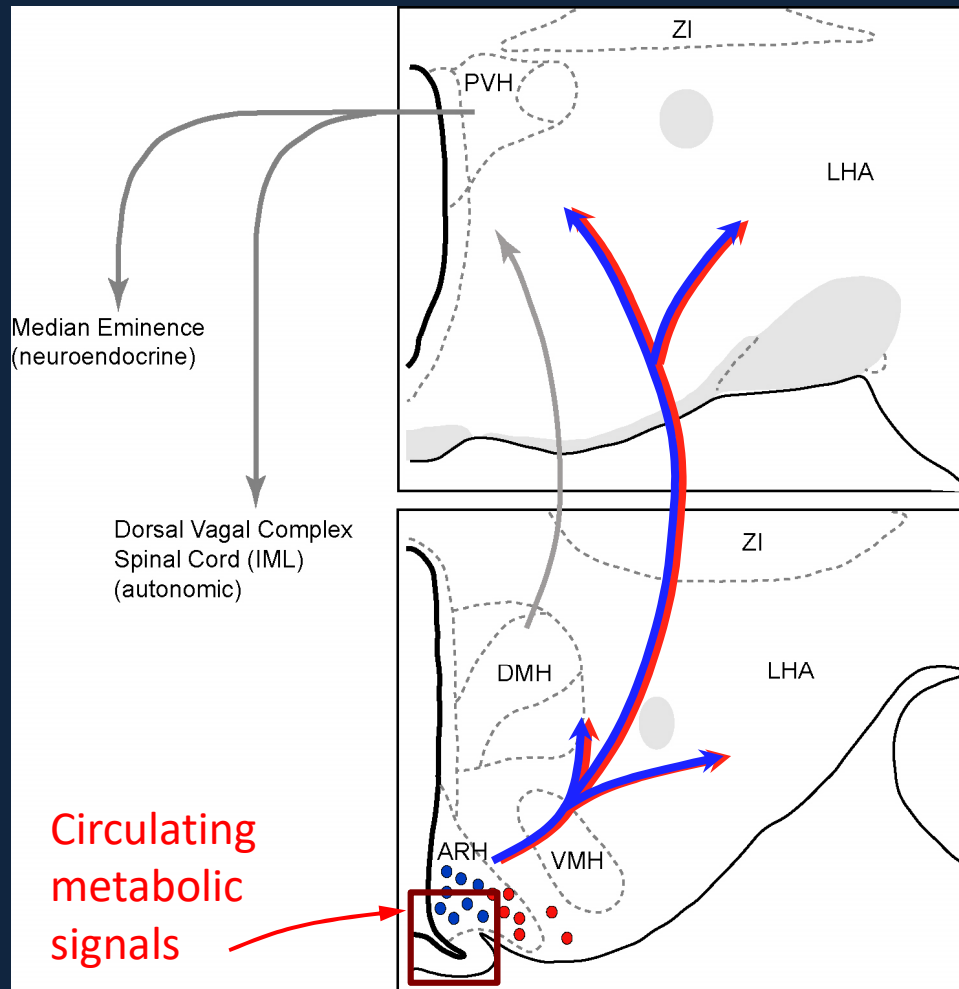


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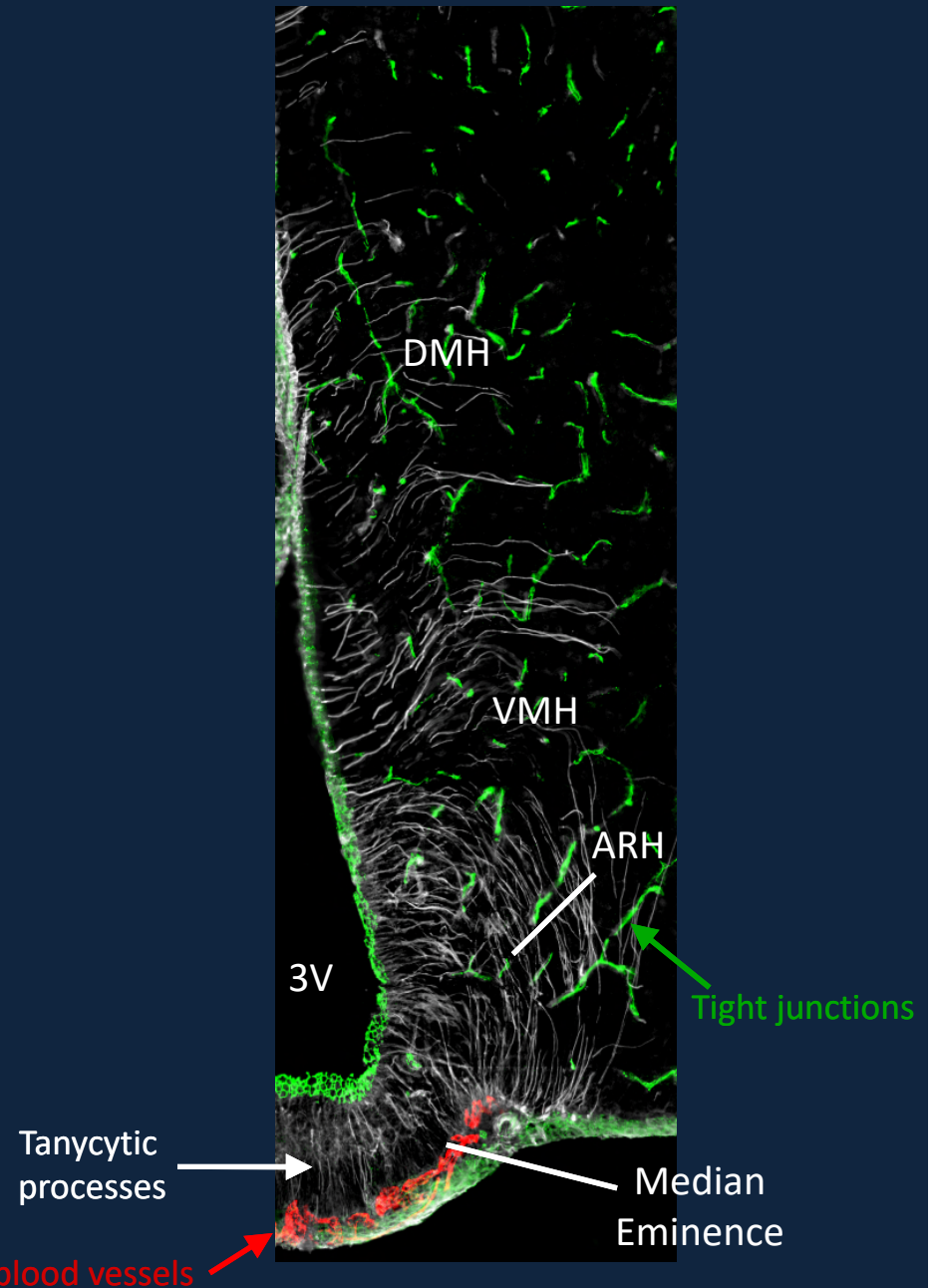
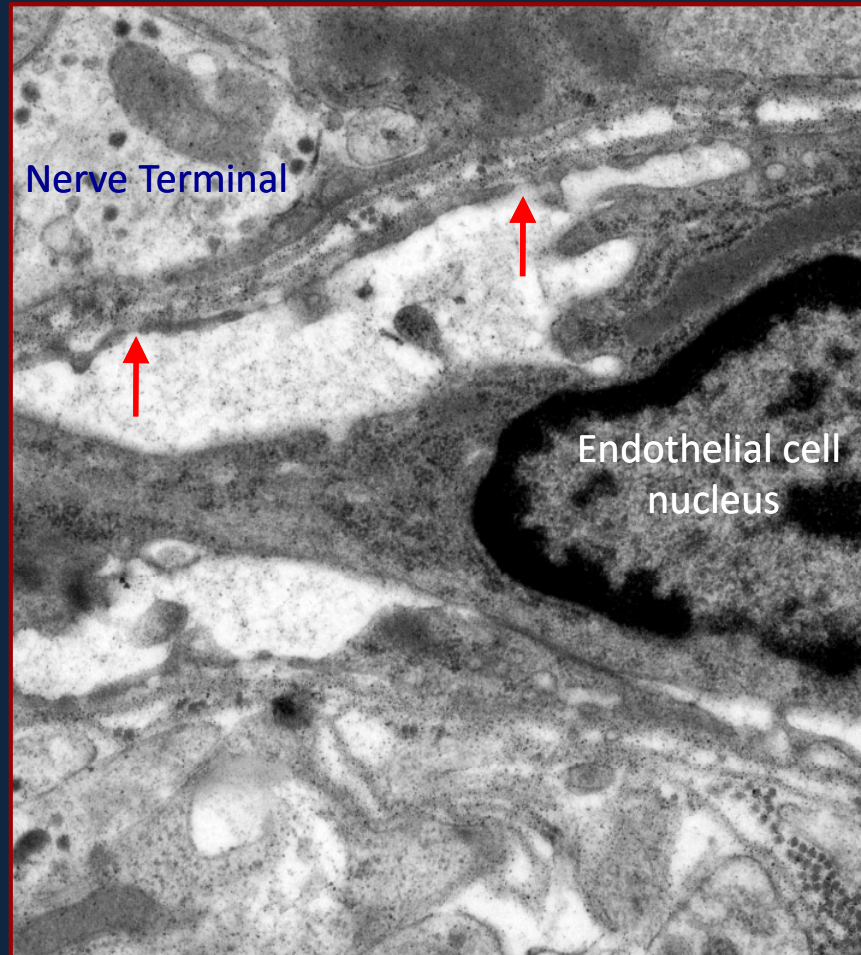
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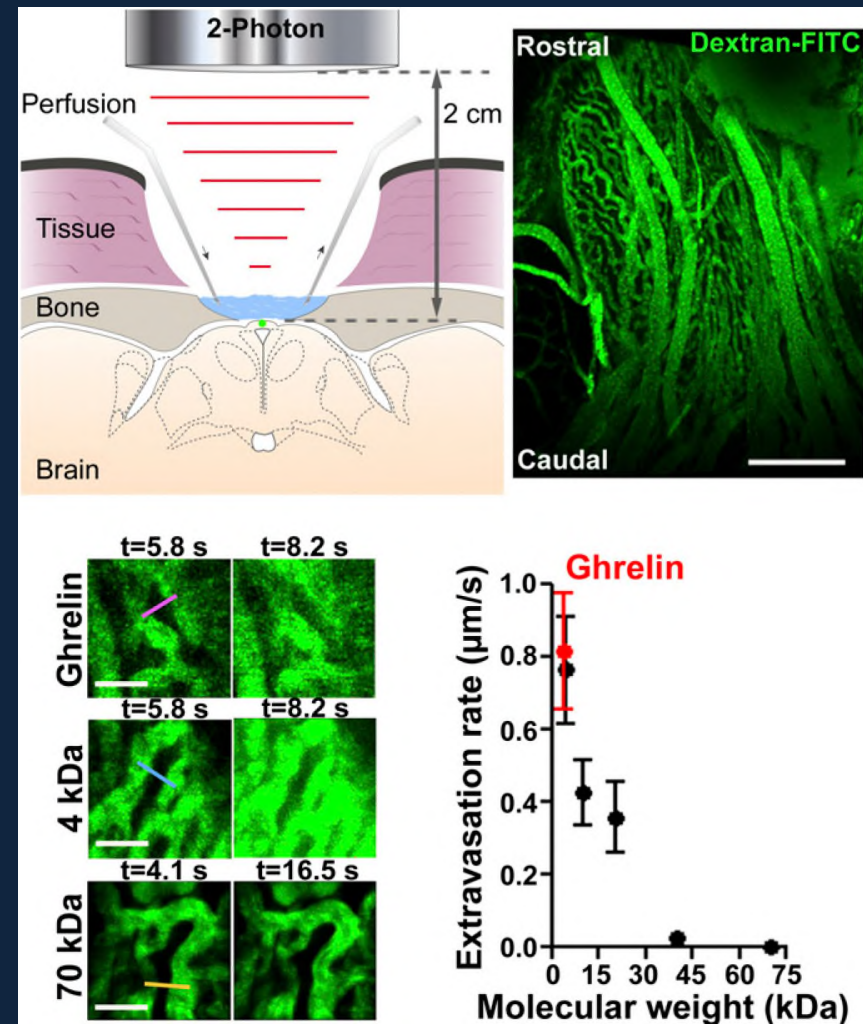
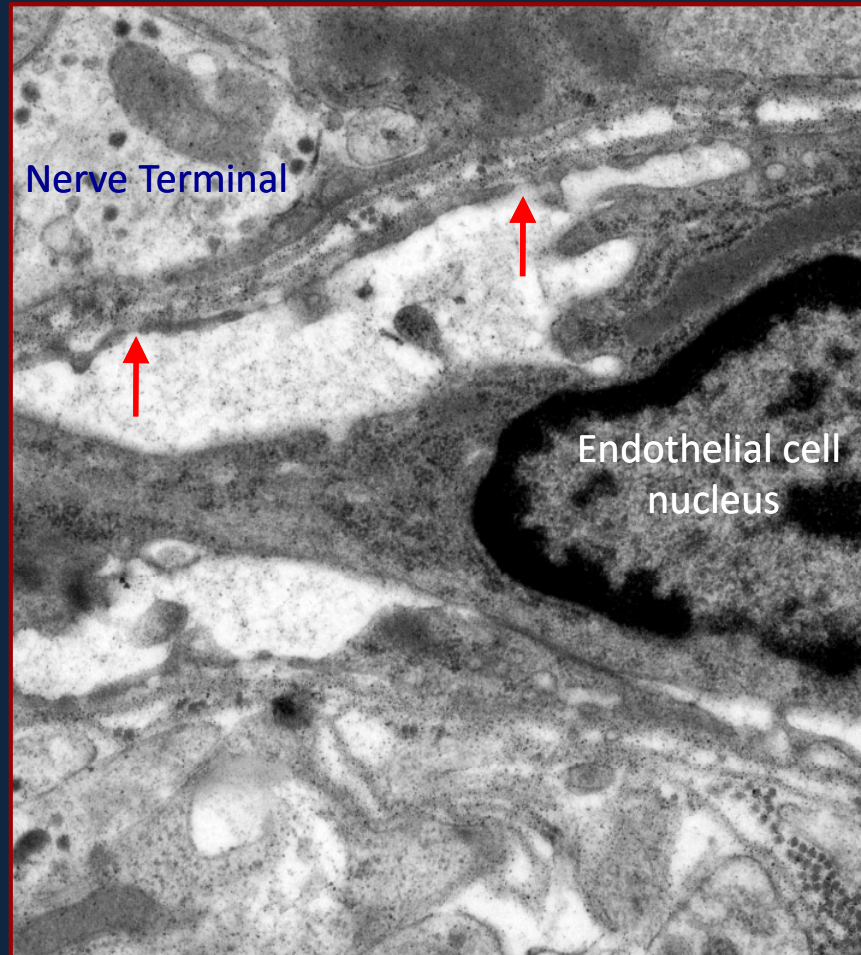
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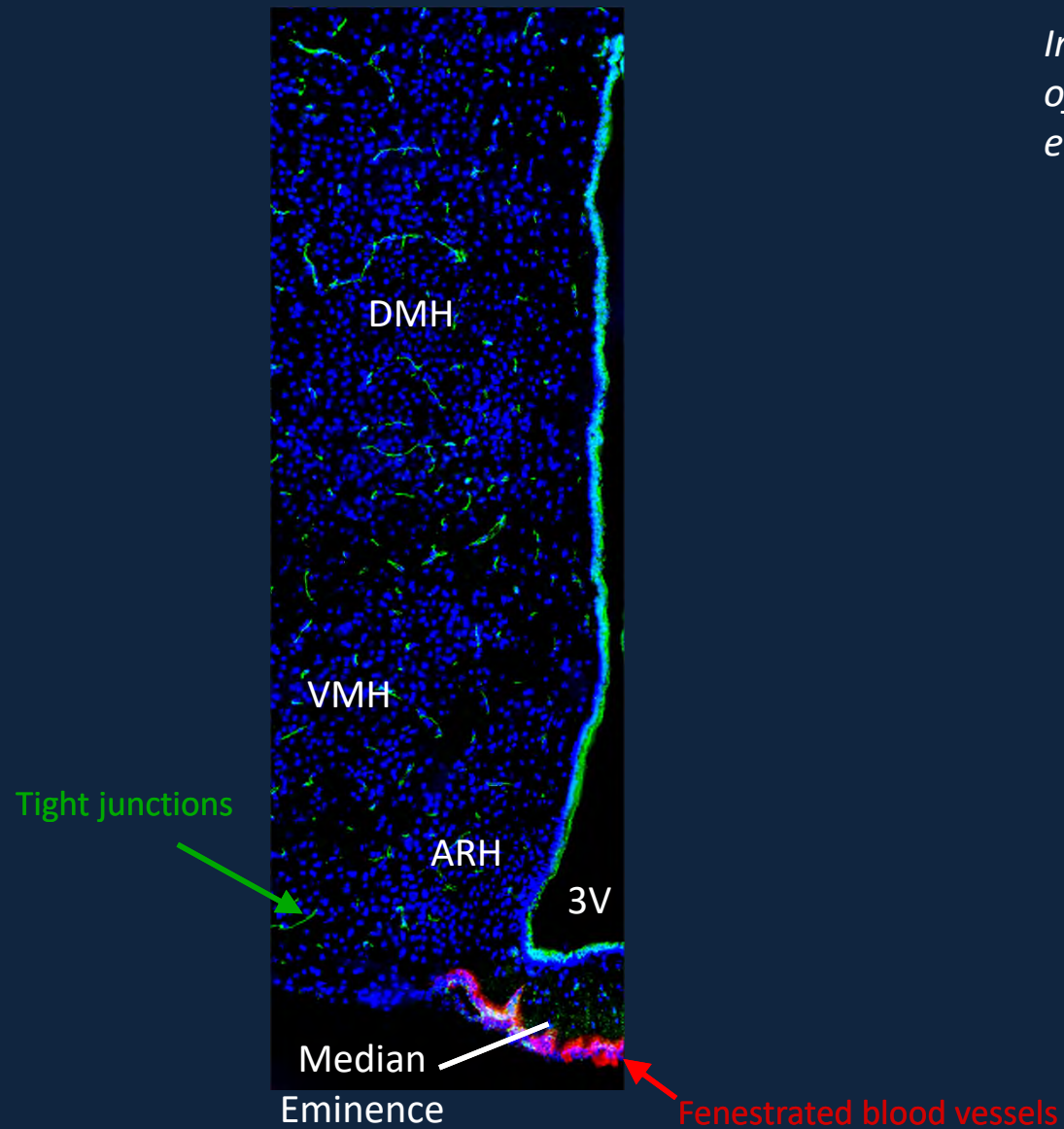


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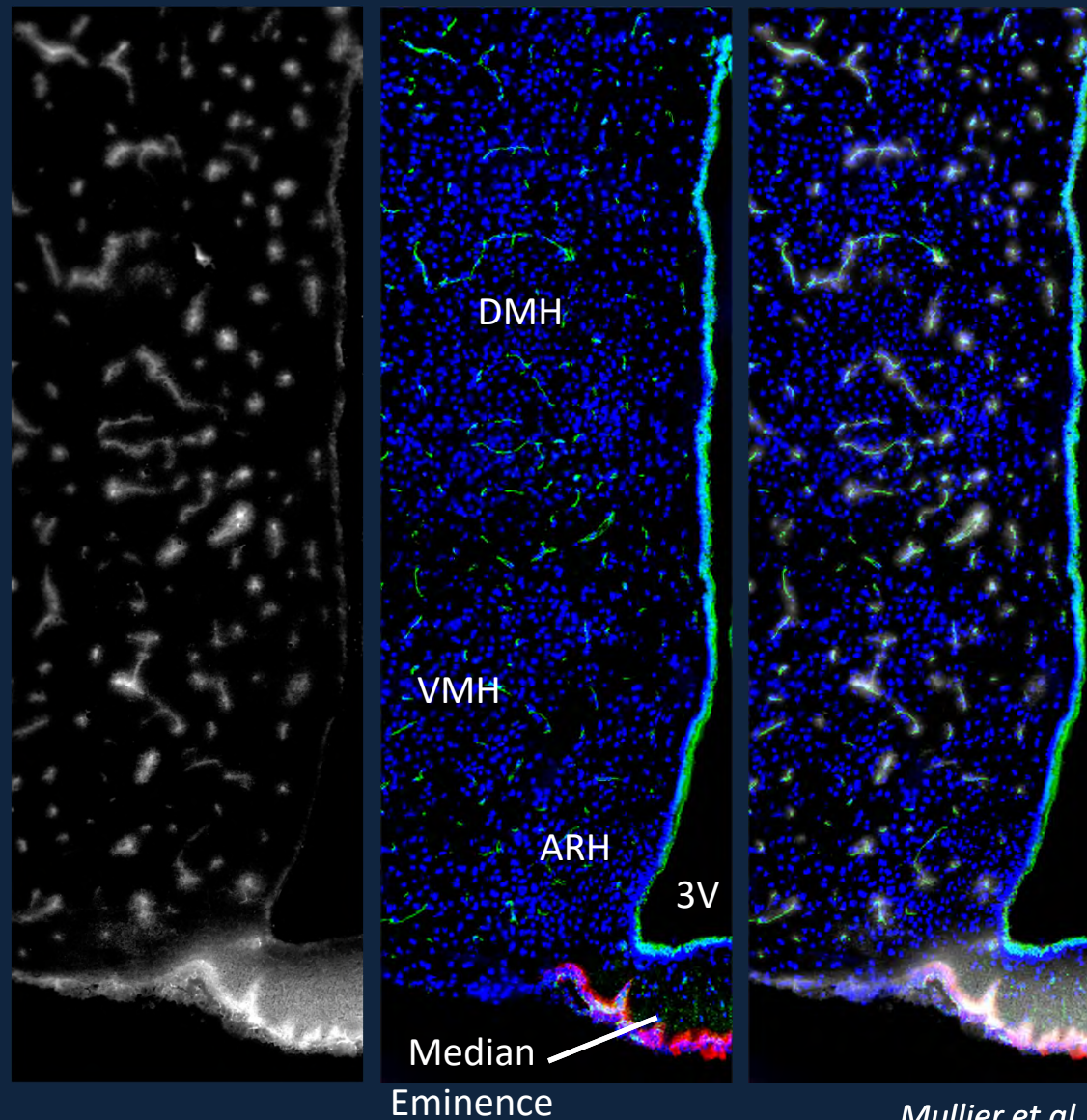


Schaeffer et al, PNAS 110: 1512-1517, 2013

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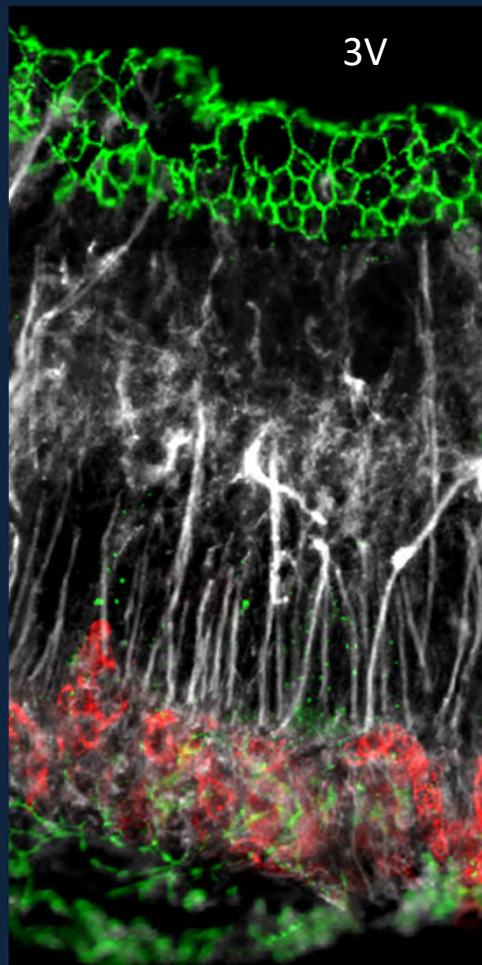
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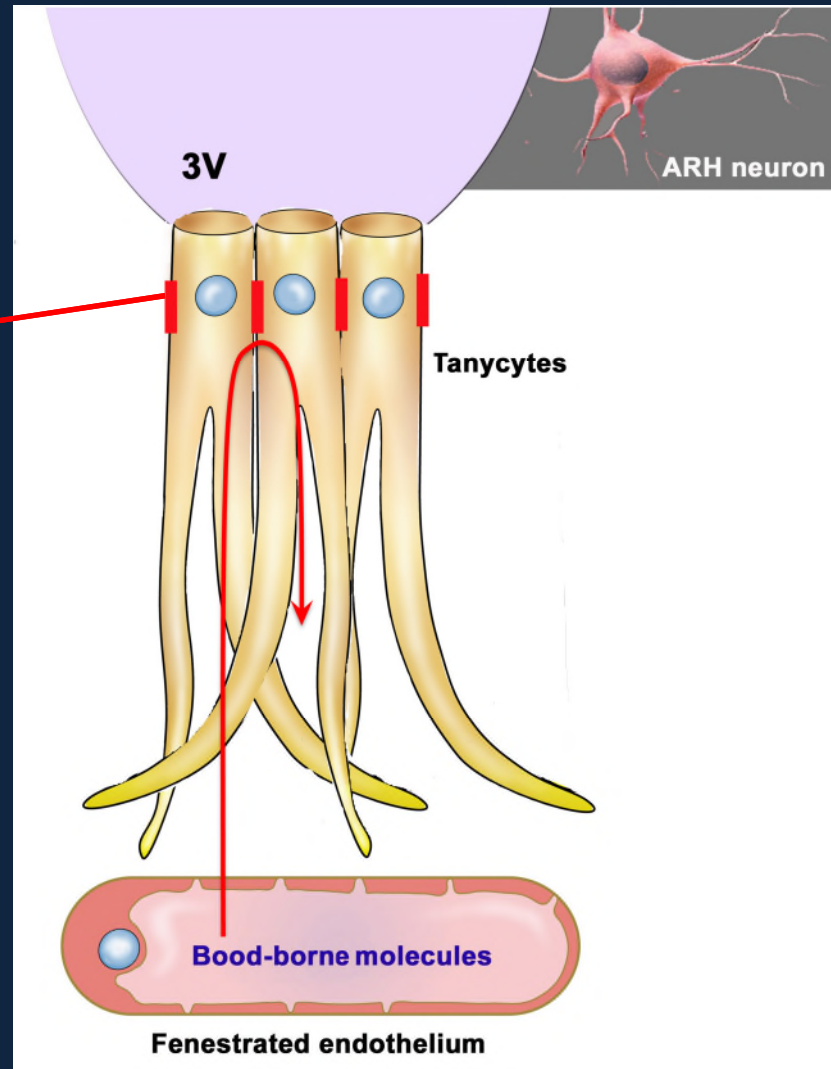
*Intravenous infusion
of an inert dye
e.g., Evans blue (1 kDa)*

Mullier et al, J Comp Neurol 518:943, 2010

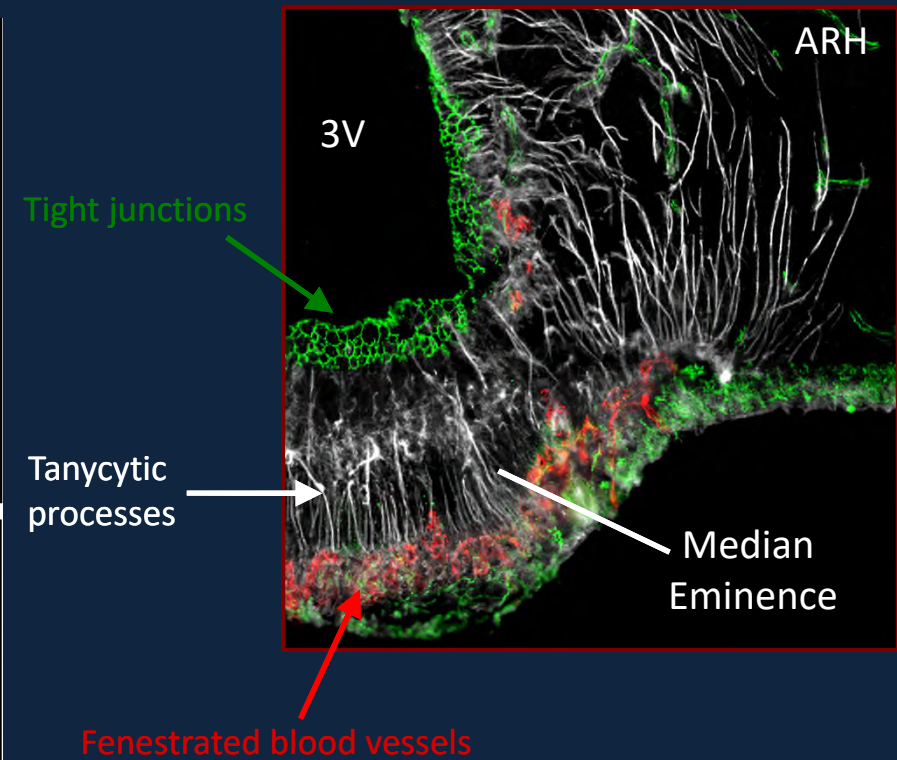
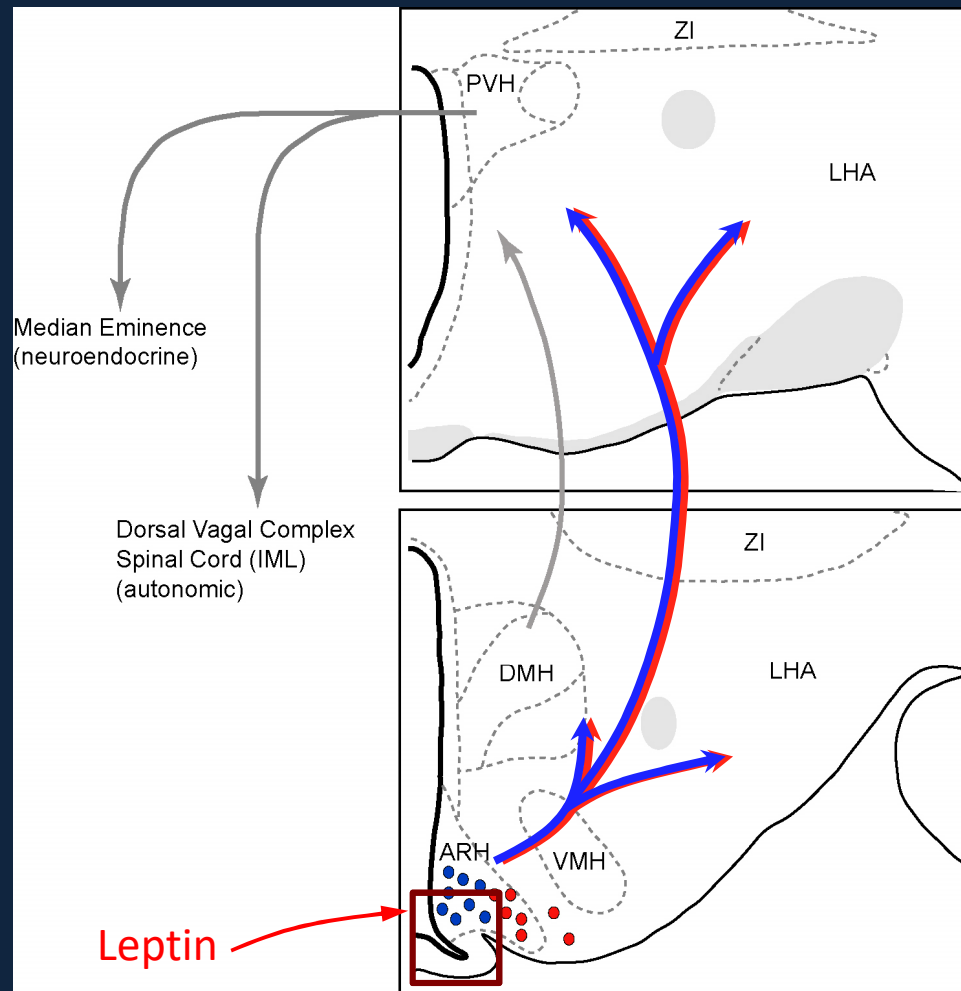
Do tanycytes gate the access of circulating metabolic signals into the brain?



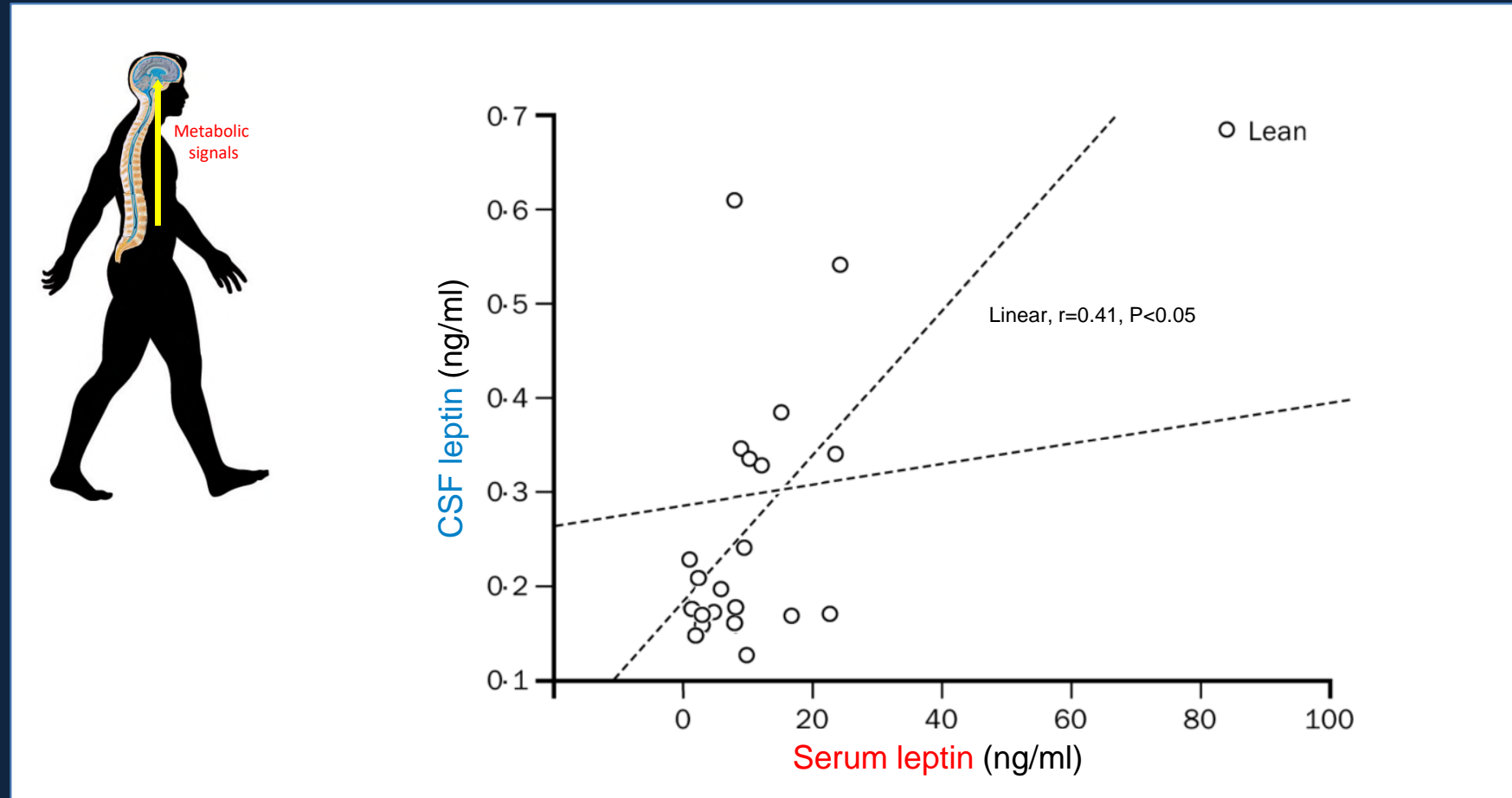
Tight
junctions



How does Leptin Enter the Metabolic Brain?

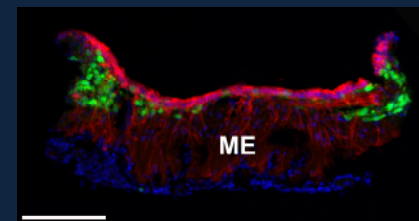
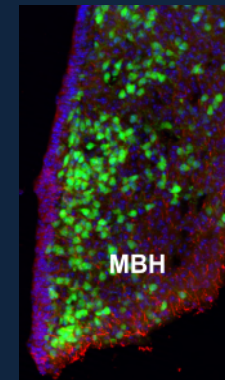
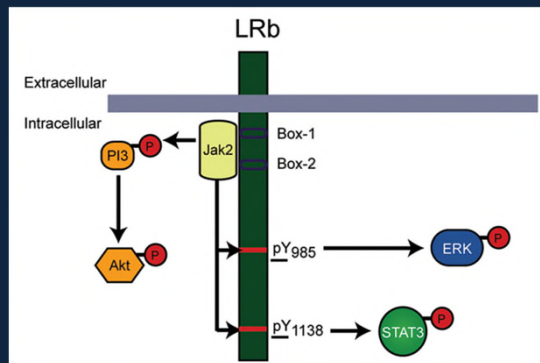
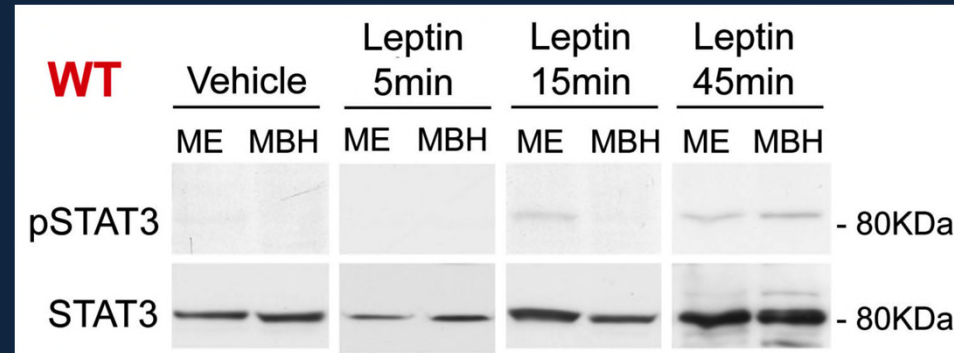


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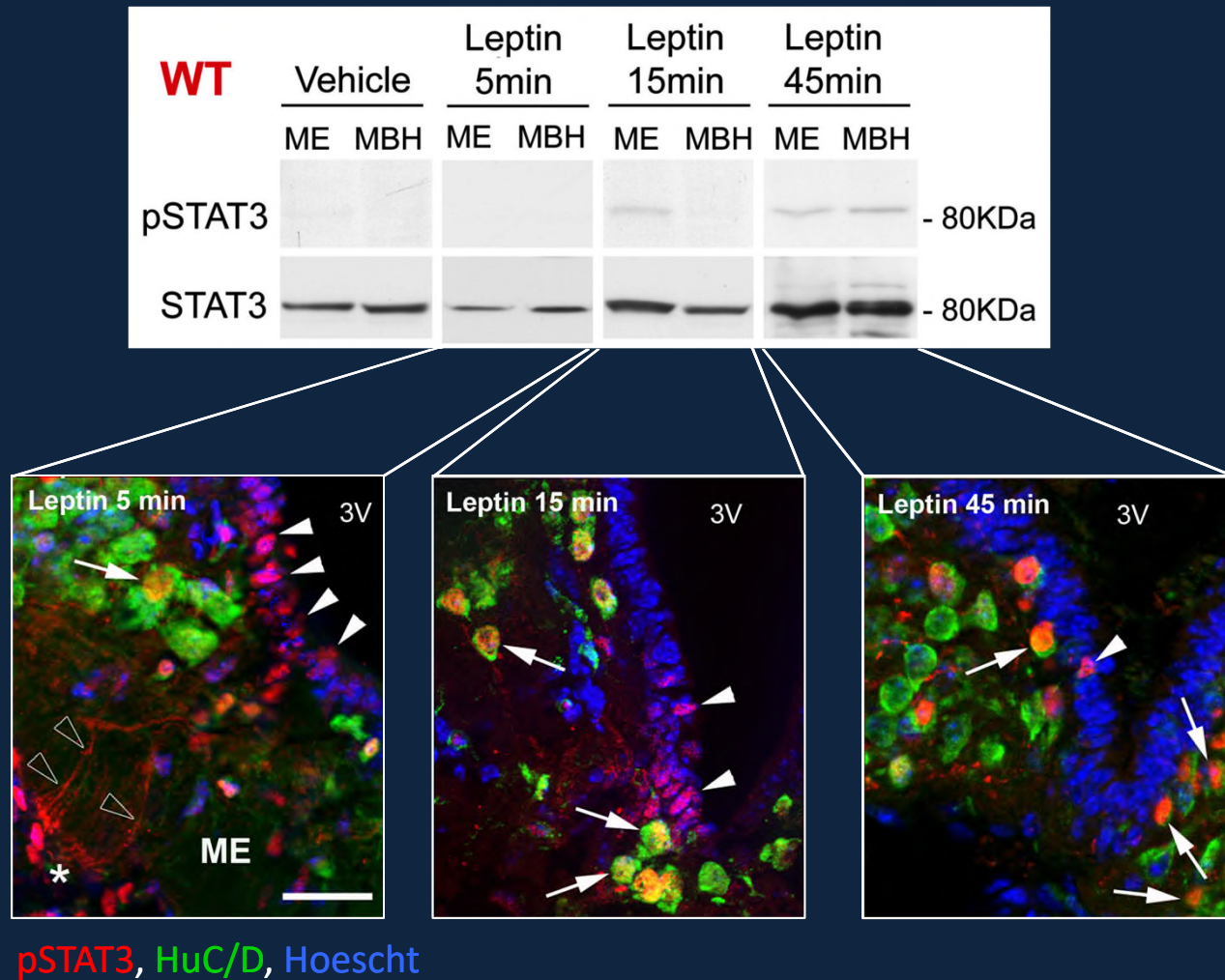


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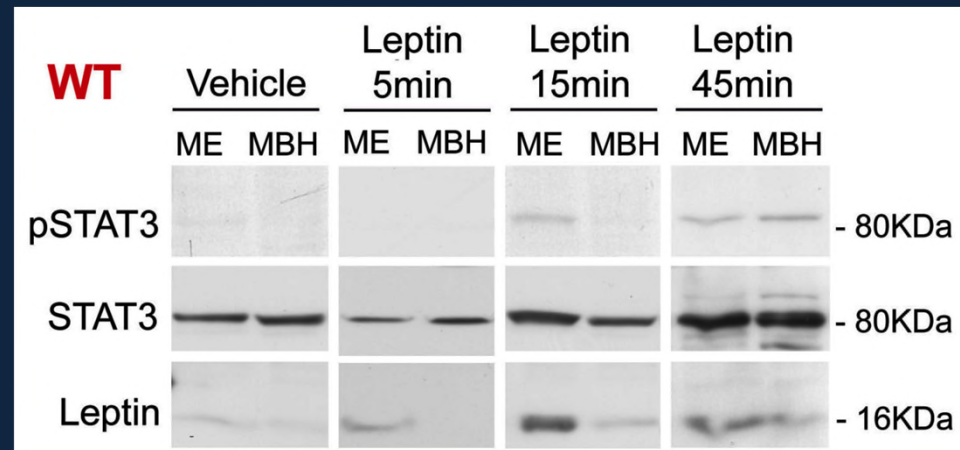
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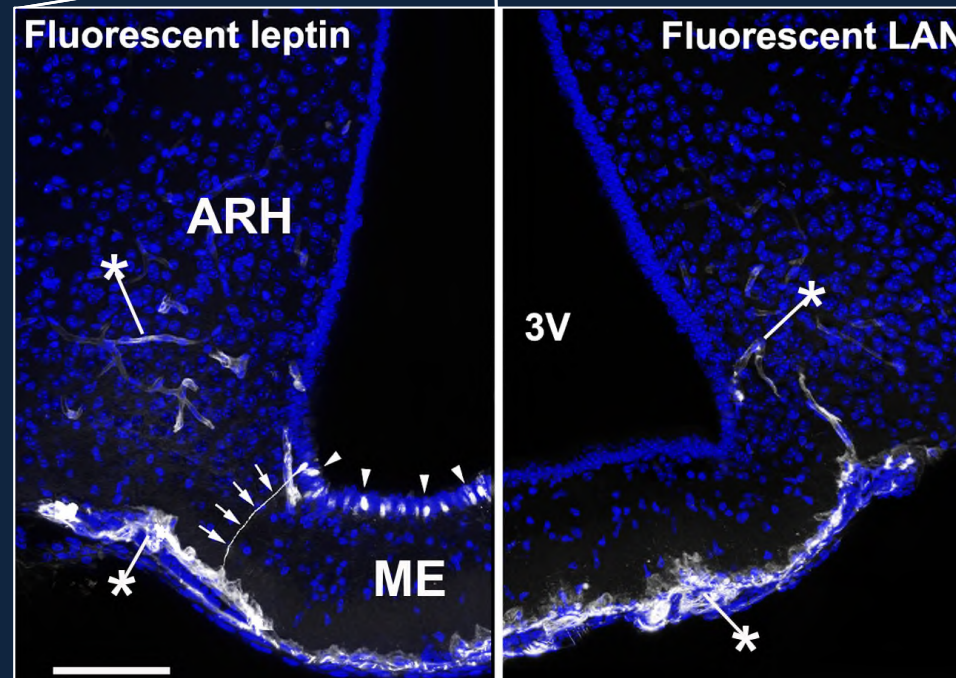
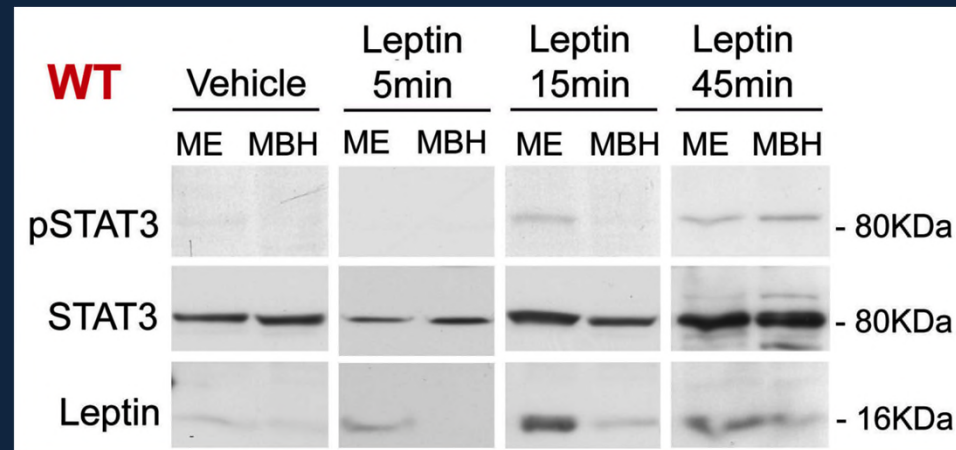
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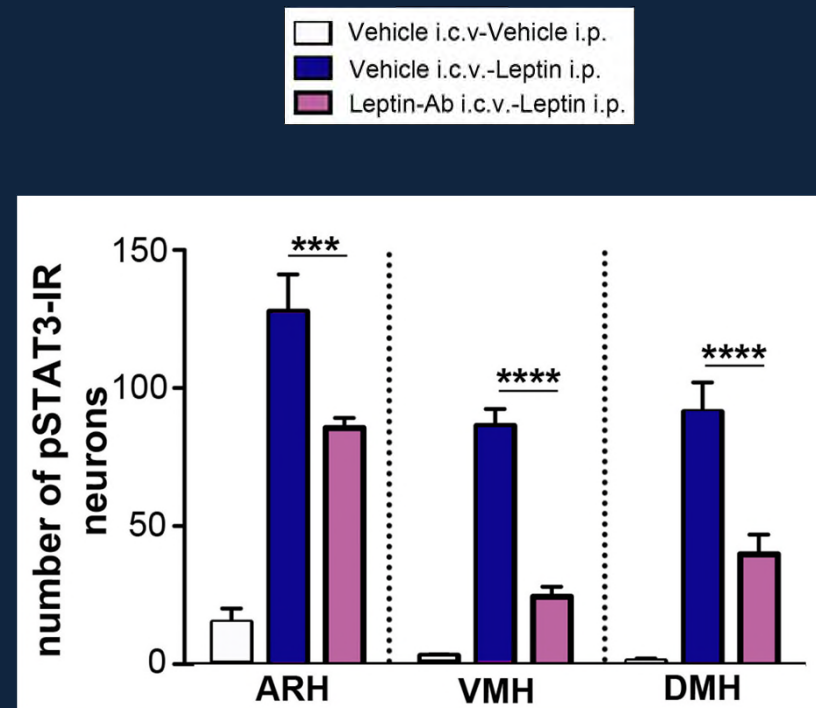
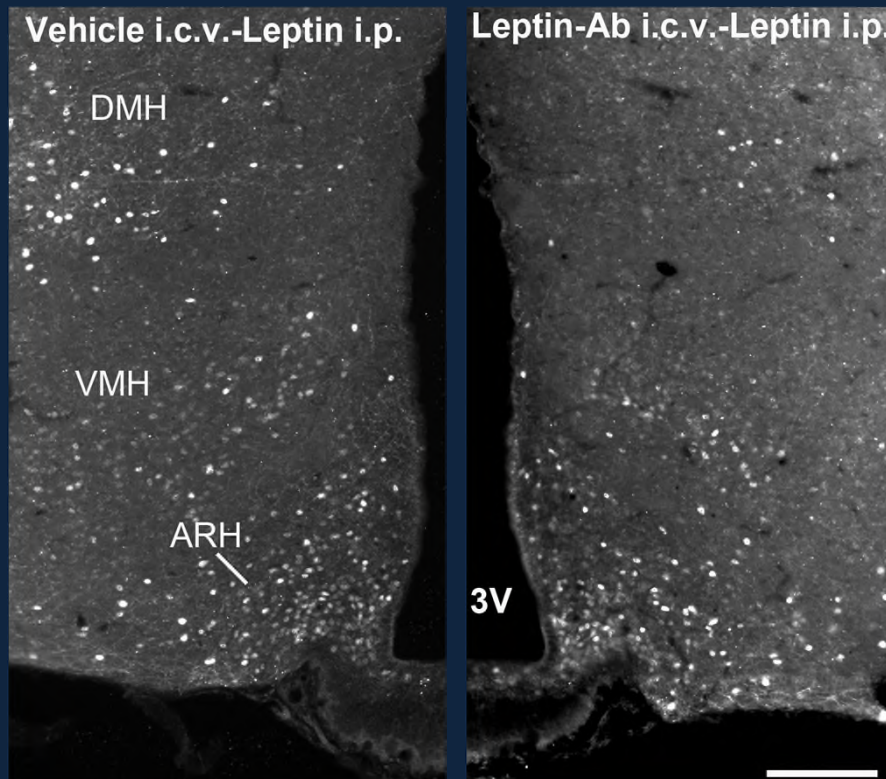


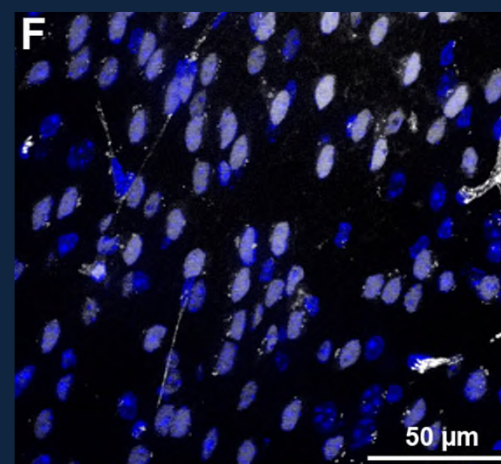
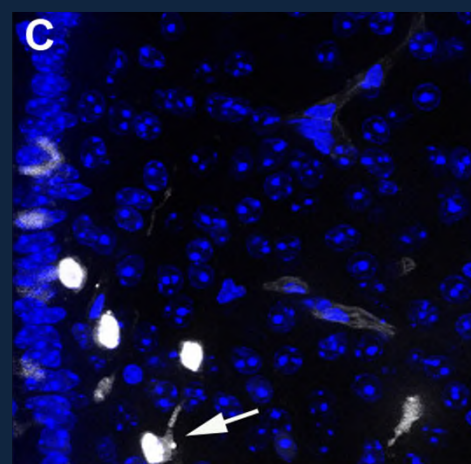
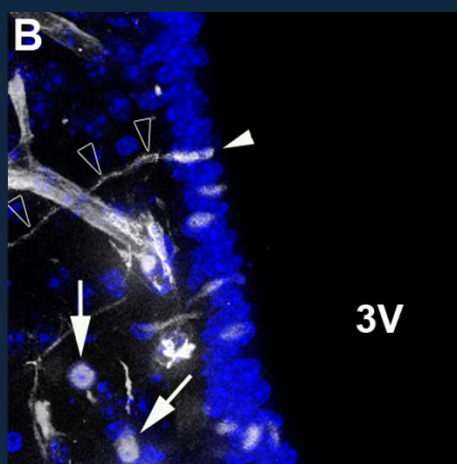
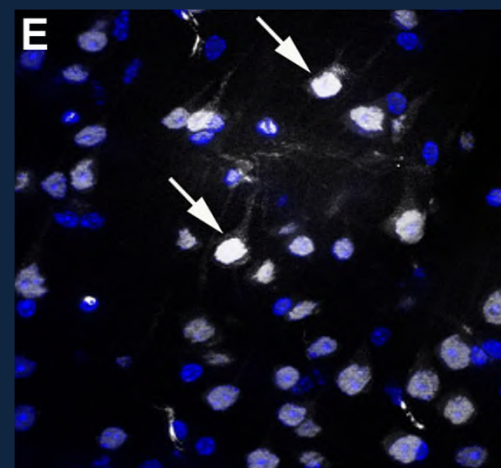
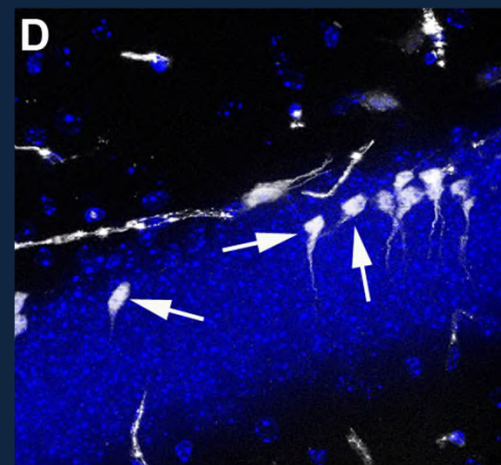
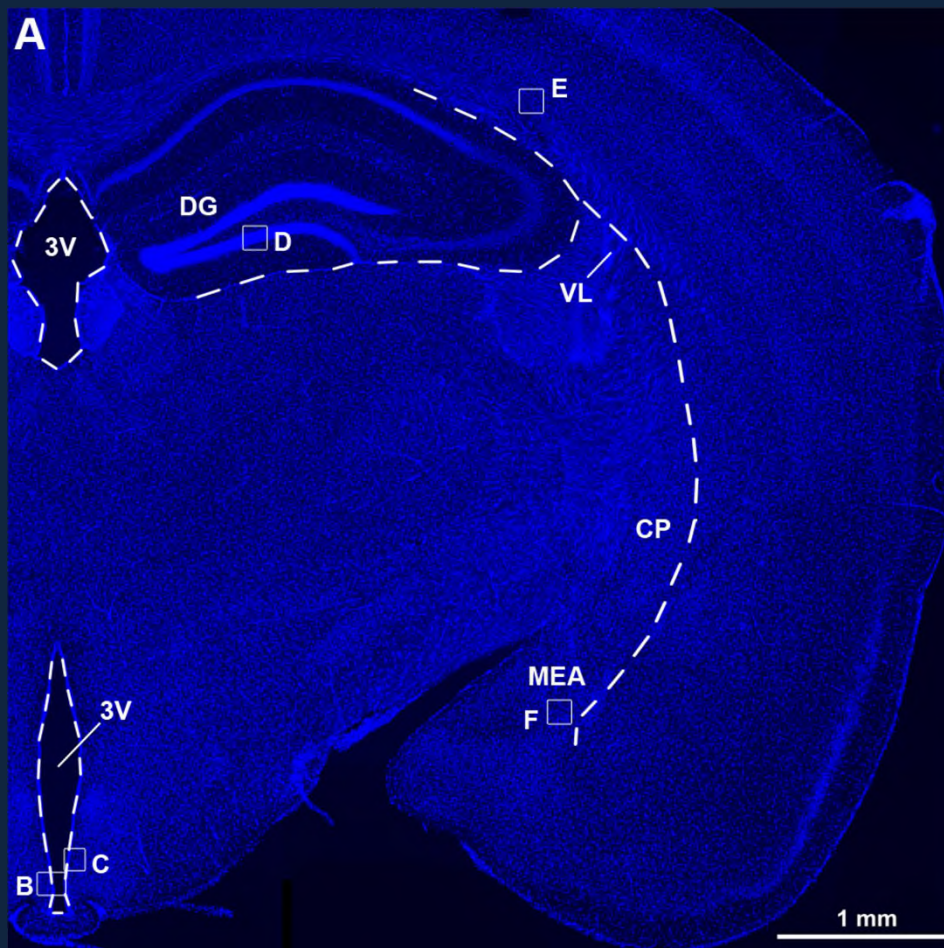
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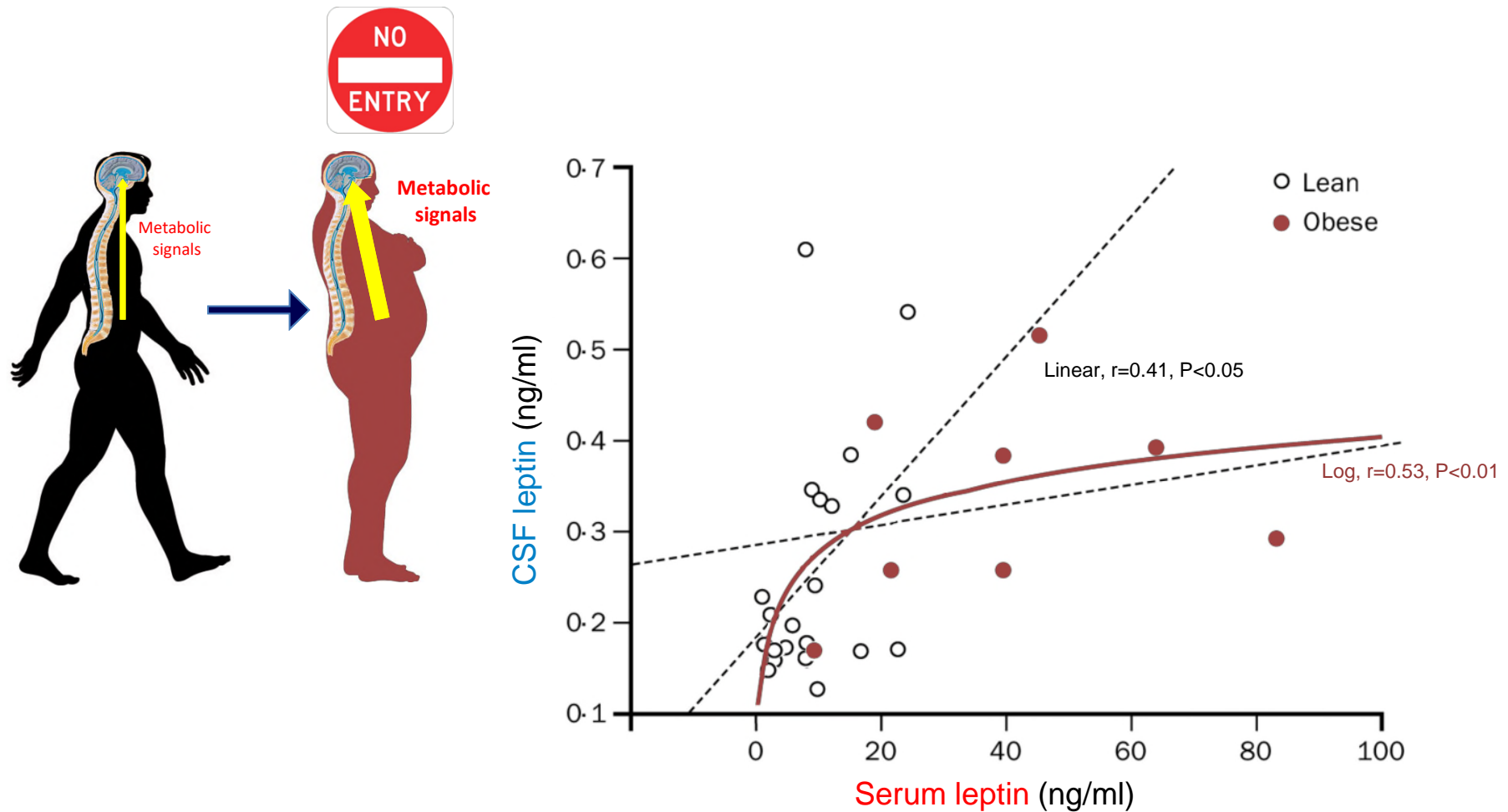
LAN: leptin with an inactivating point mutation

The access of blood-borne leptin to the CSF is required for STAT3 activation in neurons of the mediobasal hypothalamus



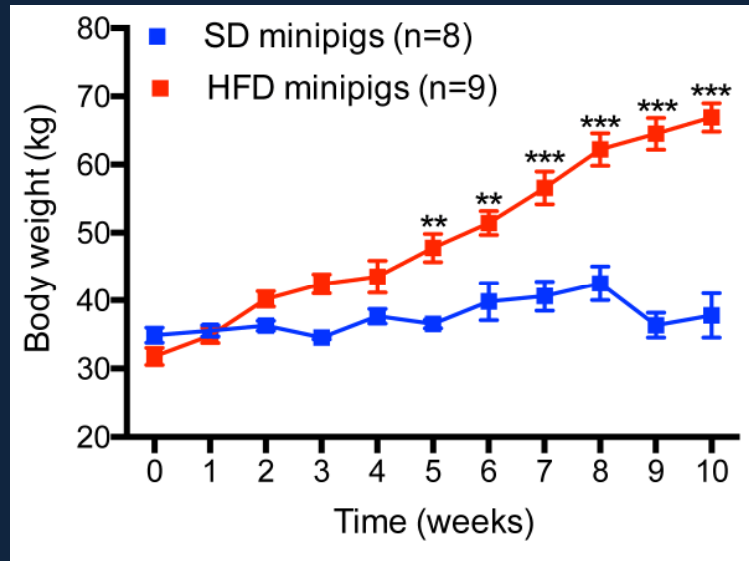


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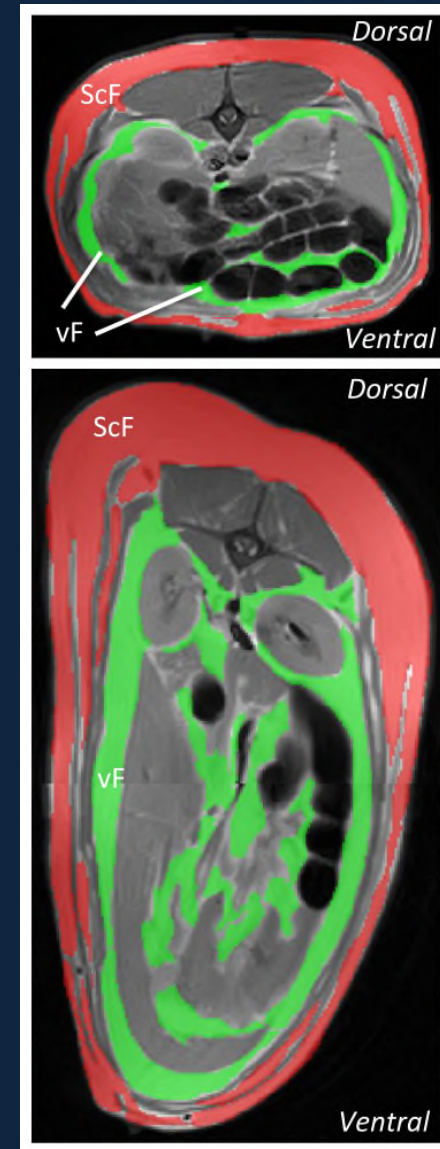
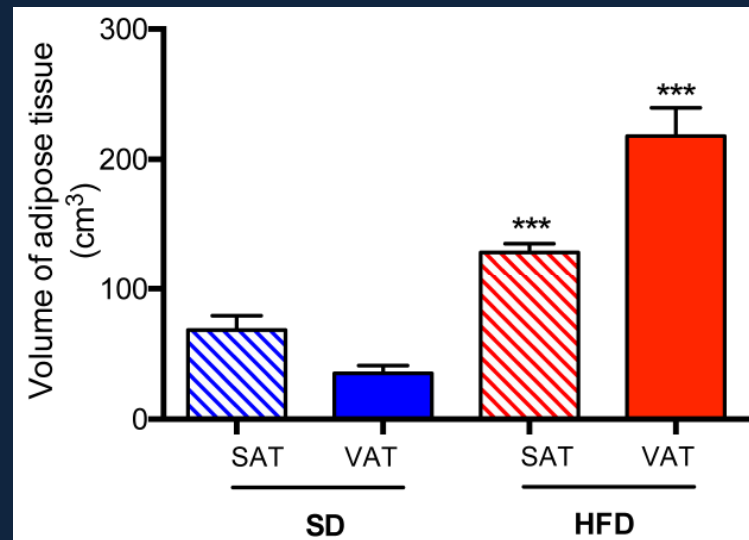
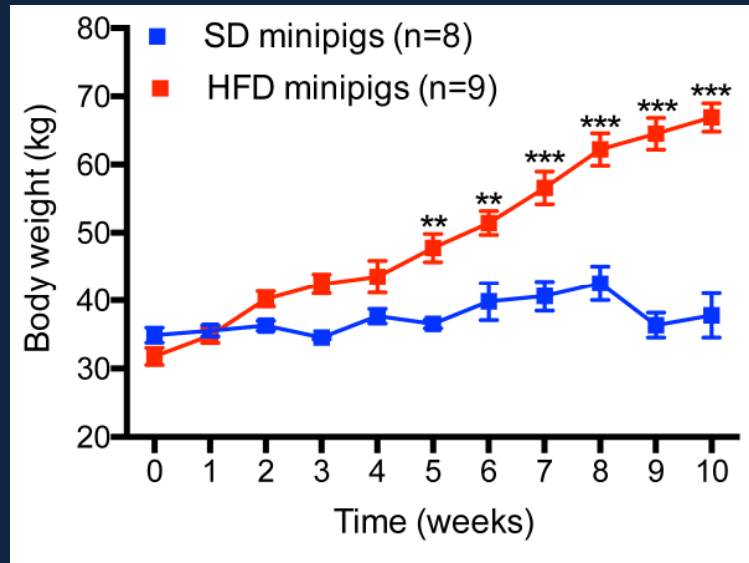


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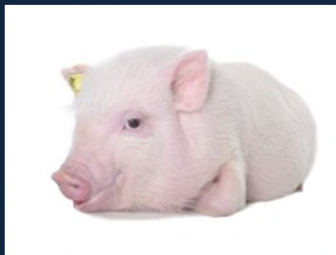
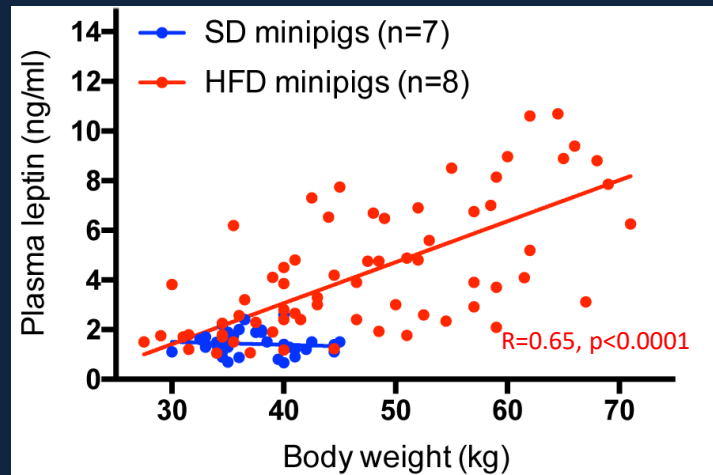


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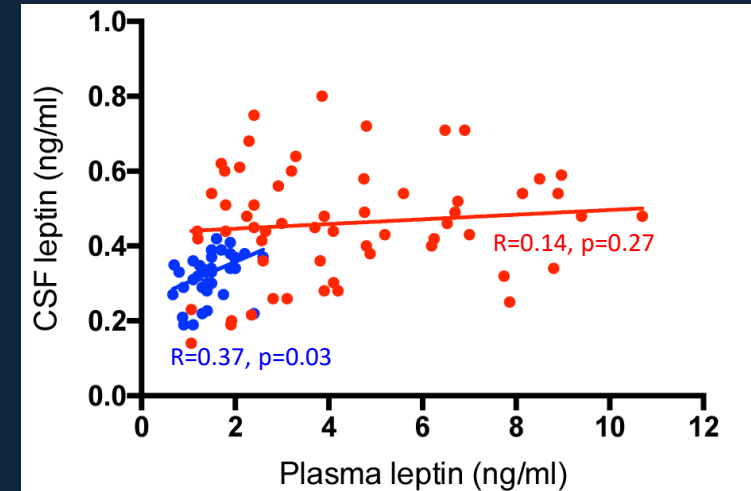
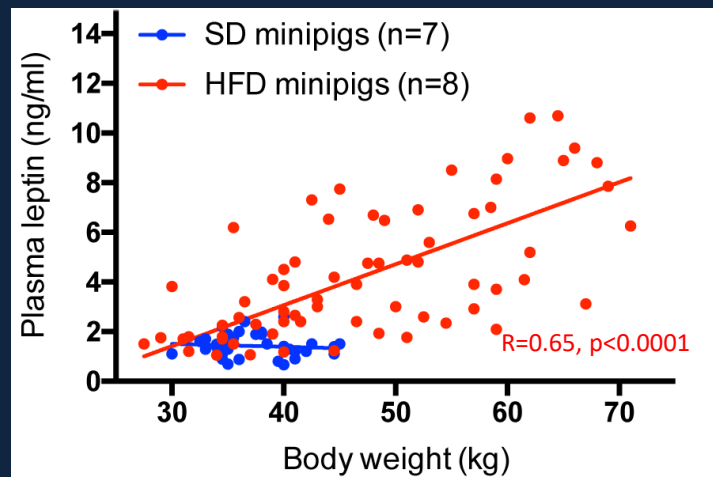


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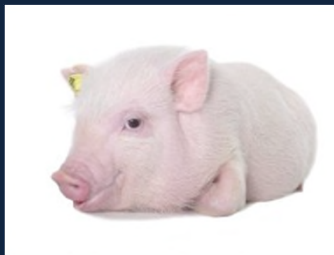
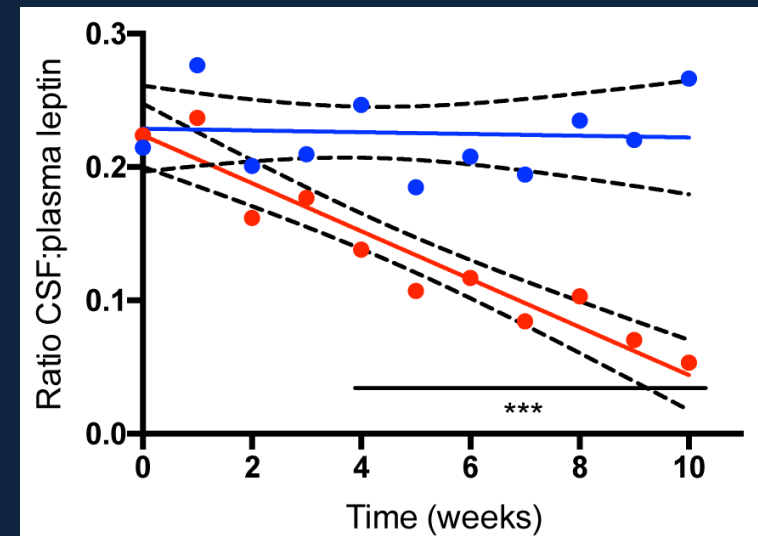
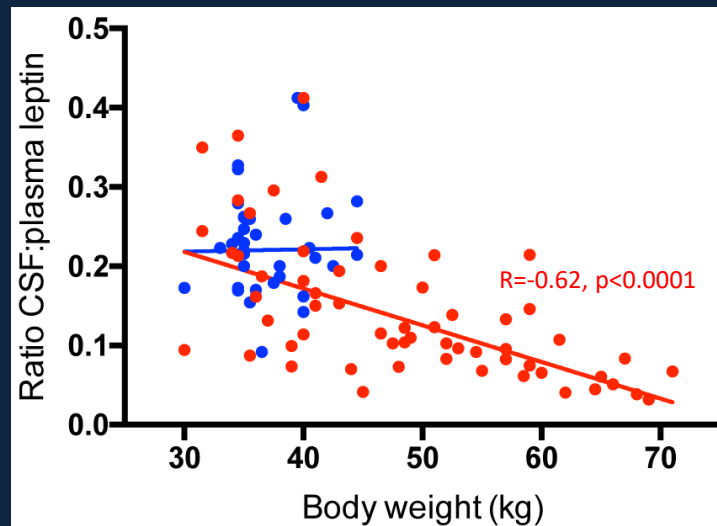
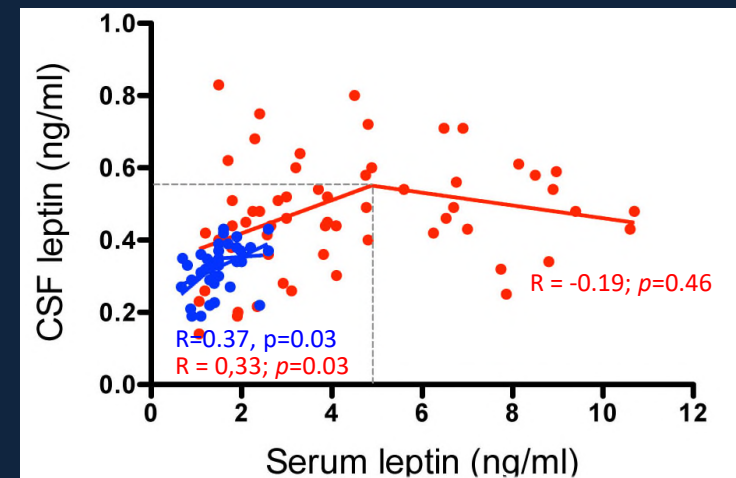
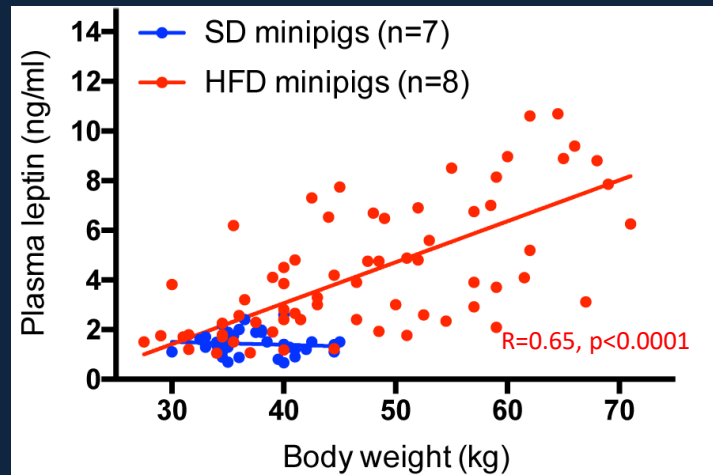
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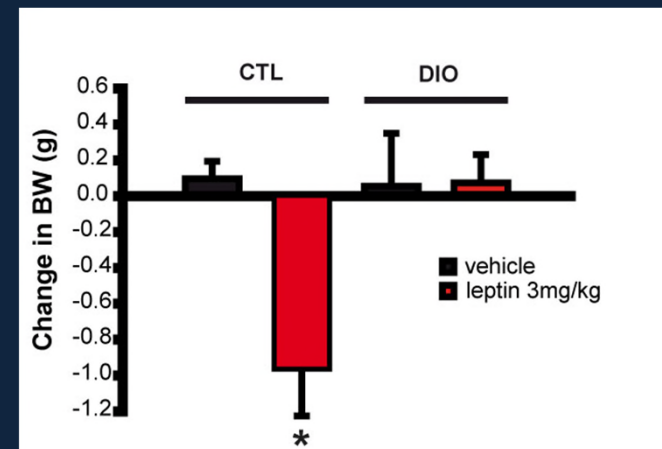
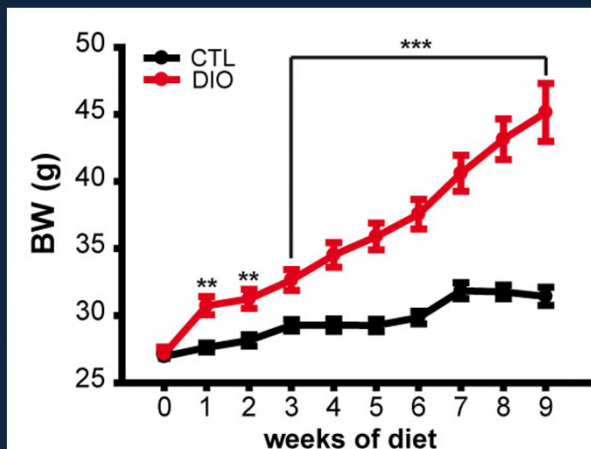
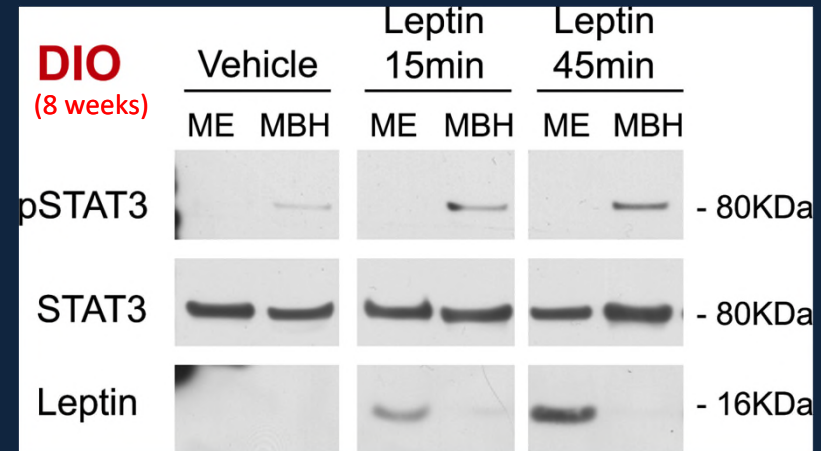
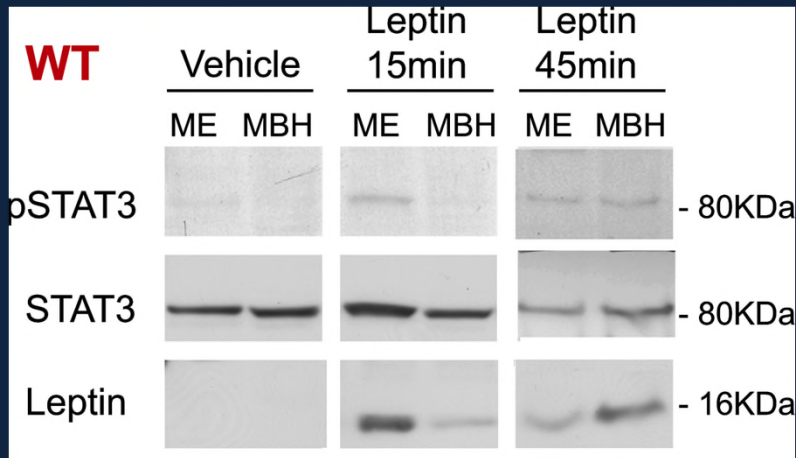


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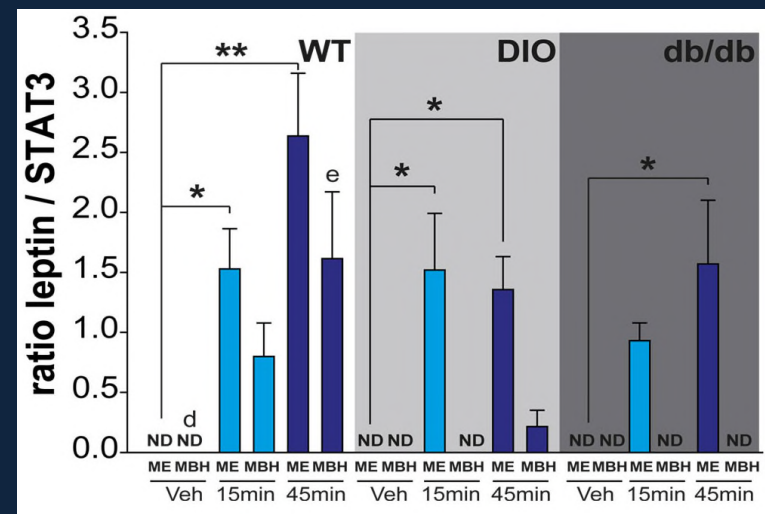
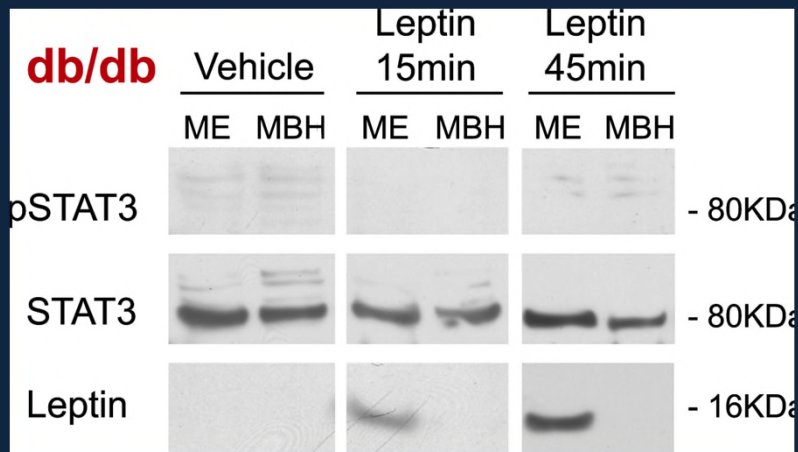
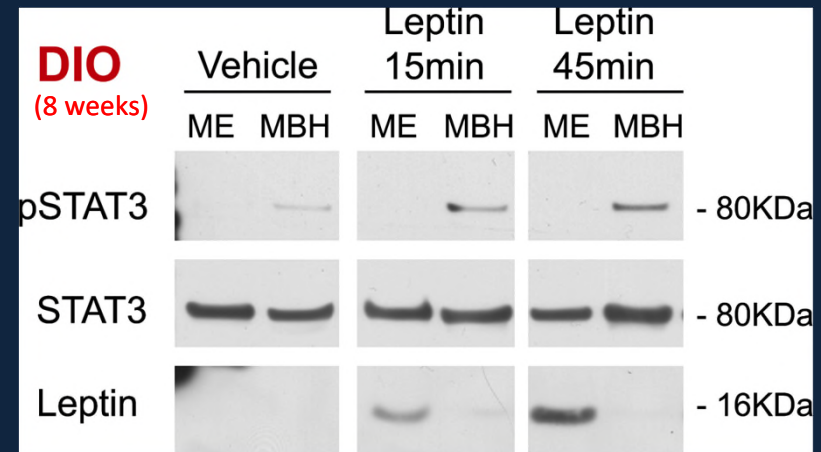
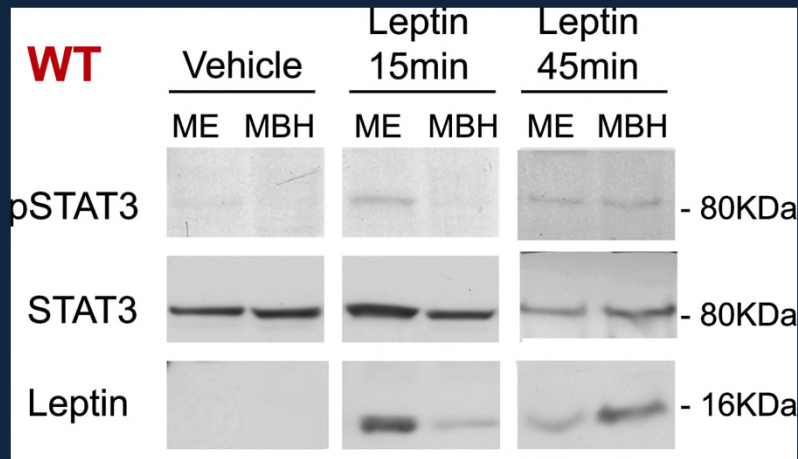


Is tanycyte-mediated leptin transport
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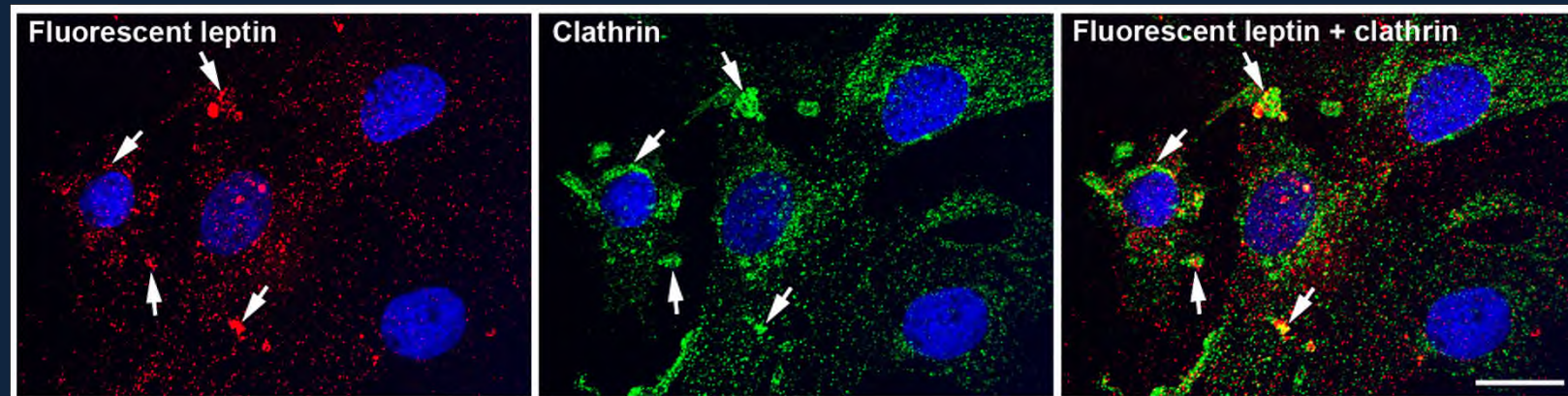
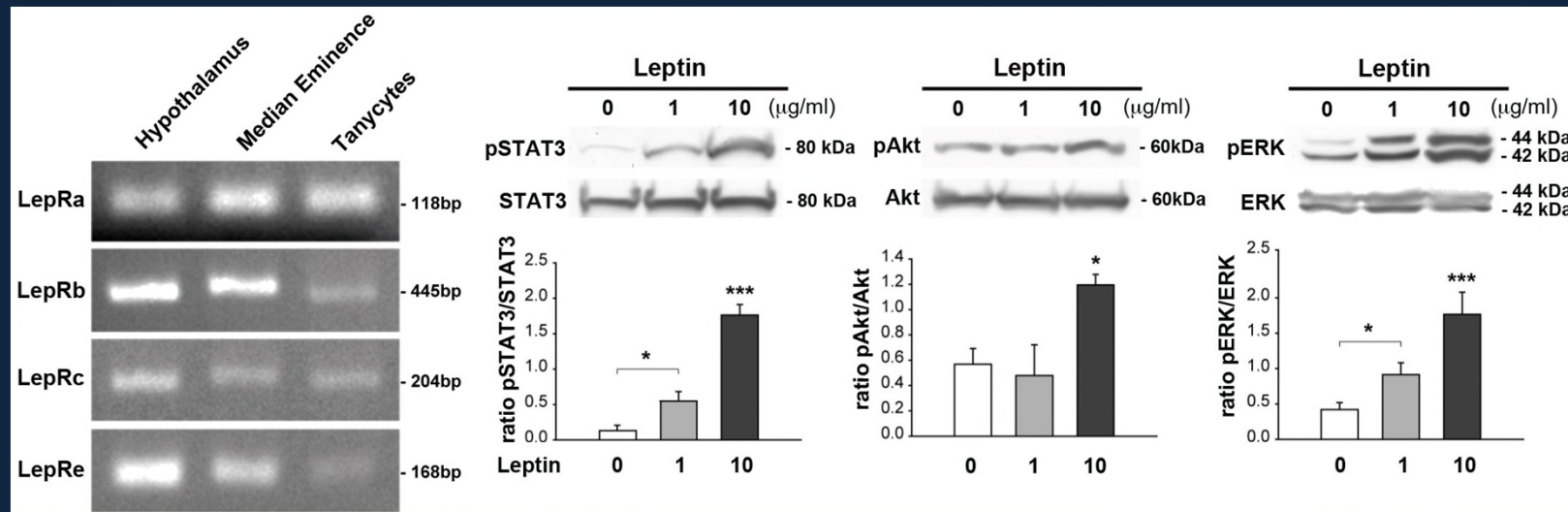
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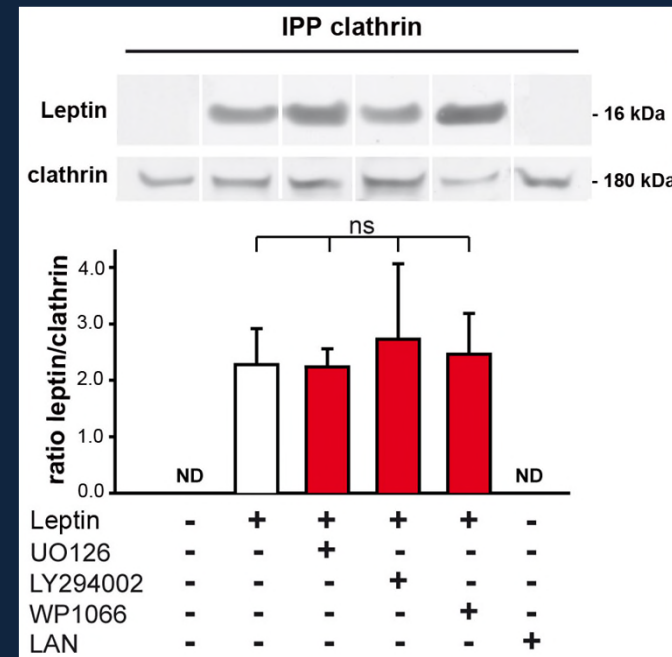
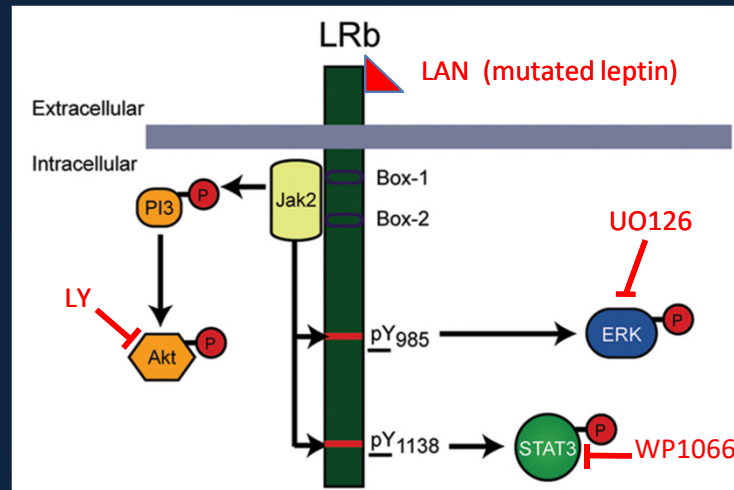
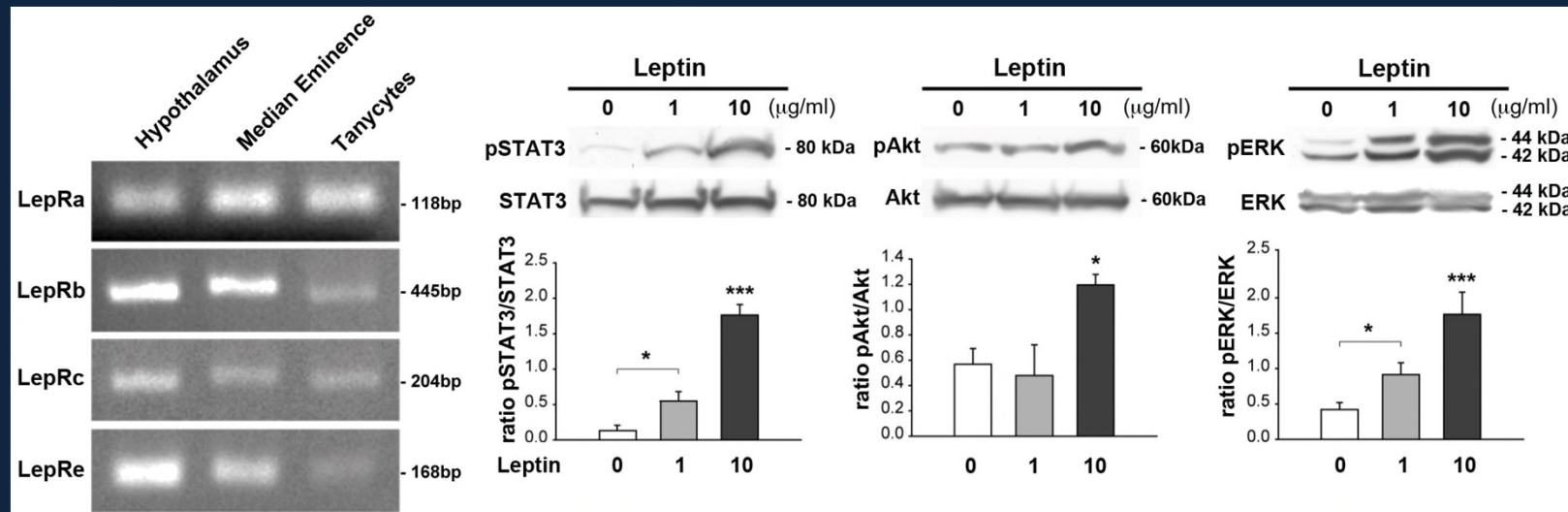
Intermediary Conclusion

The hypothalamic median eminence thus appears to be a route through which leptin enters the brain and tanycytes may act as a checkpoint along this route

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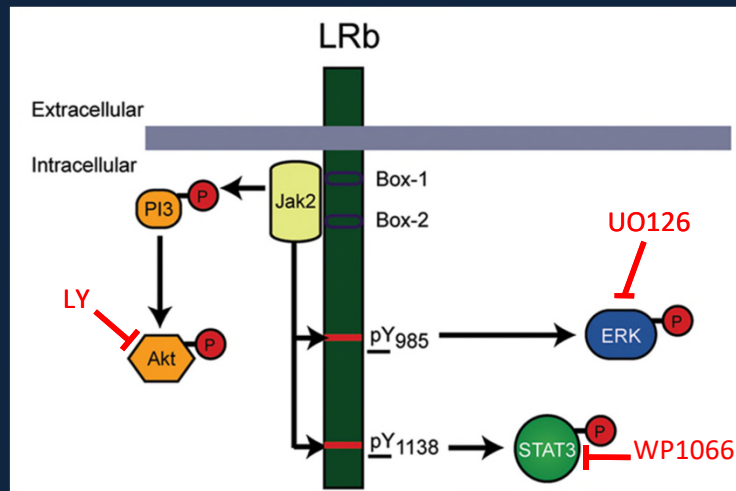


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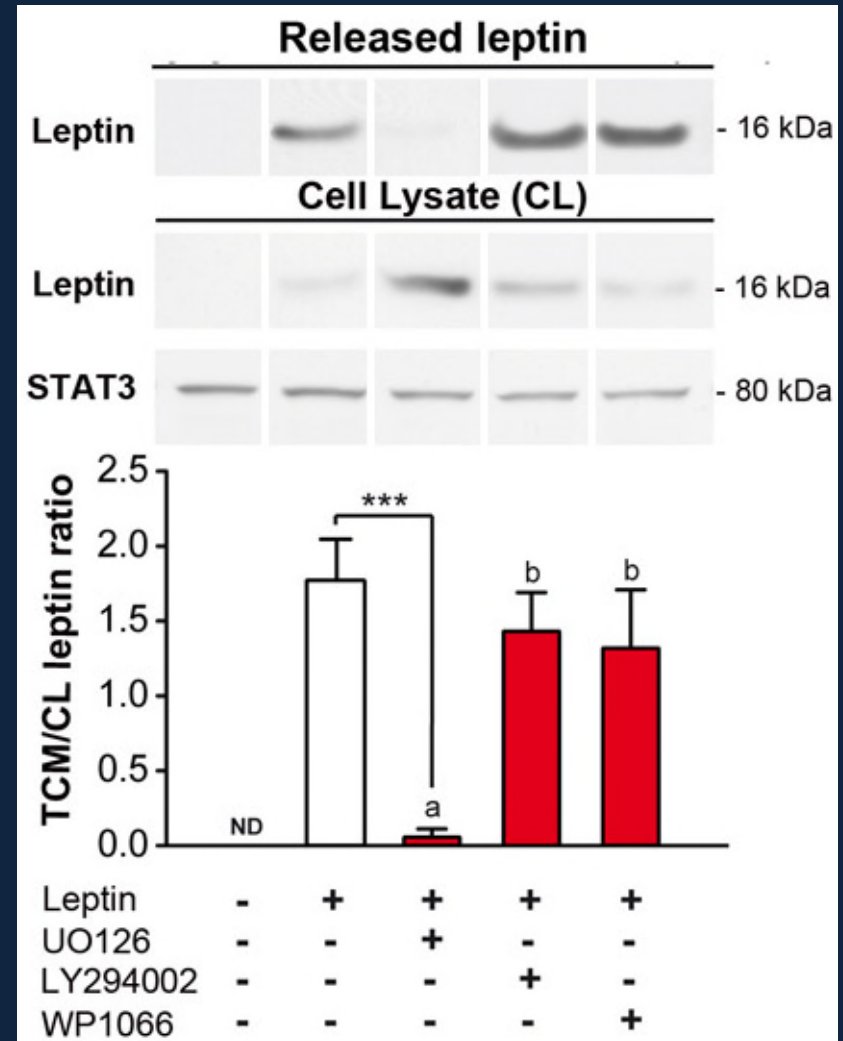


Balland et al., Cell Metab, 19, 293-301, 2014

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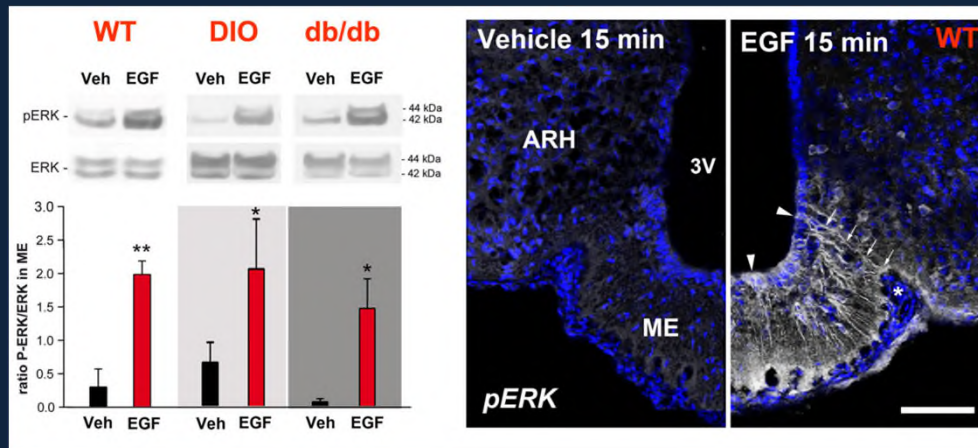


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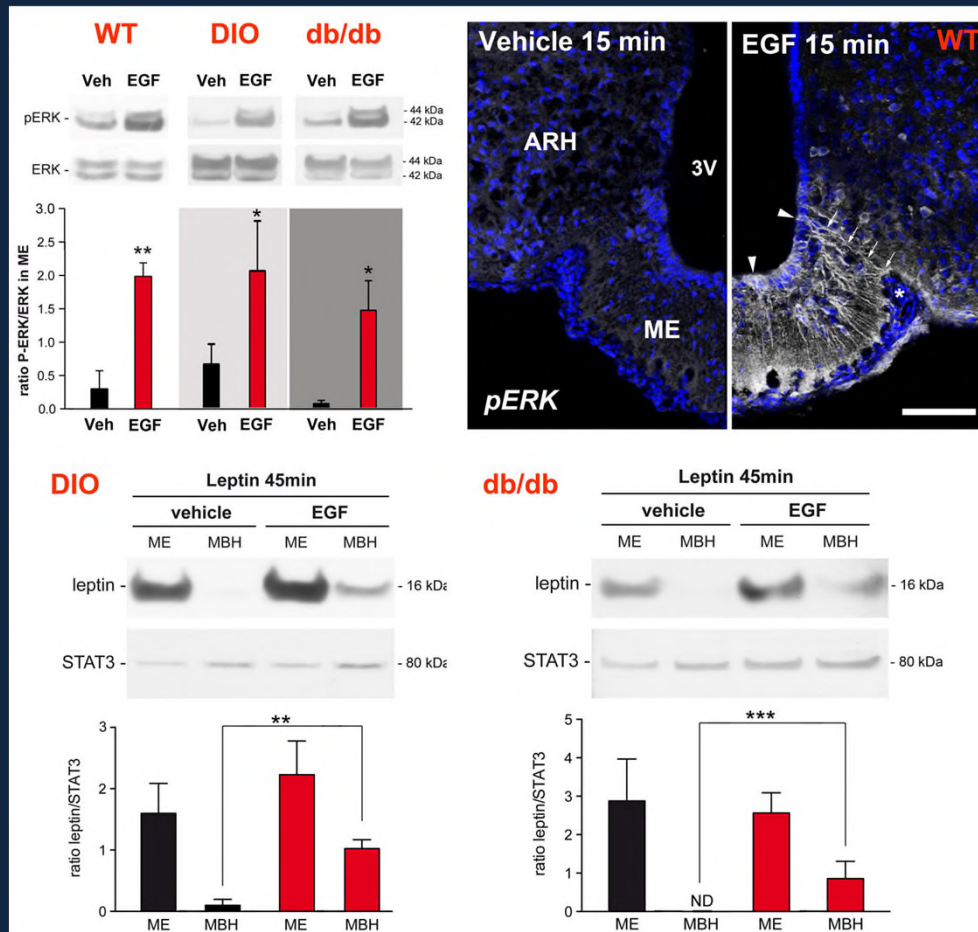


Can defective translocation from ME to MBH in obese mice
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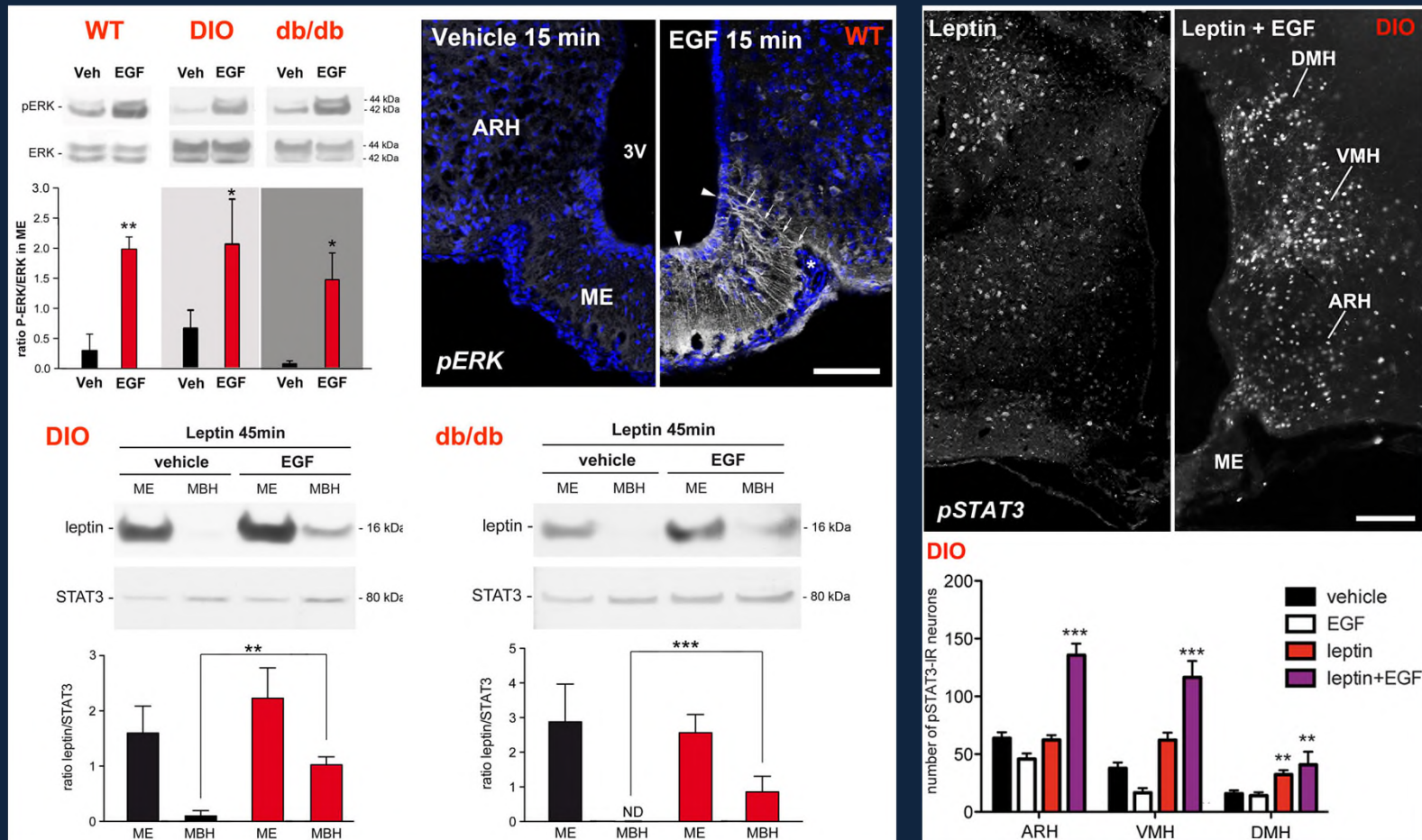
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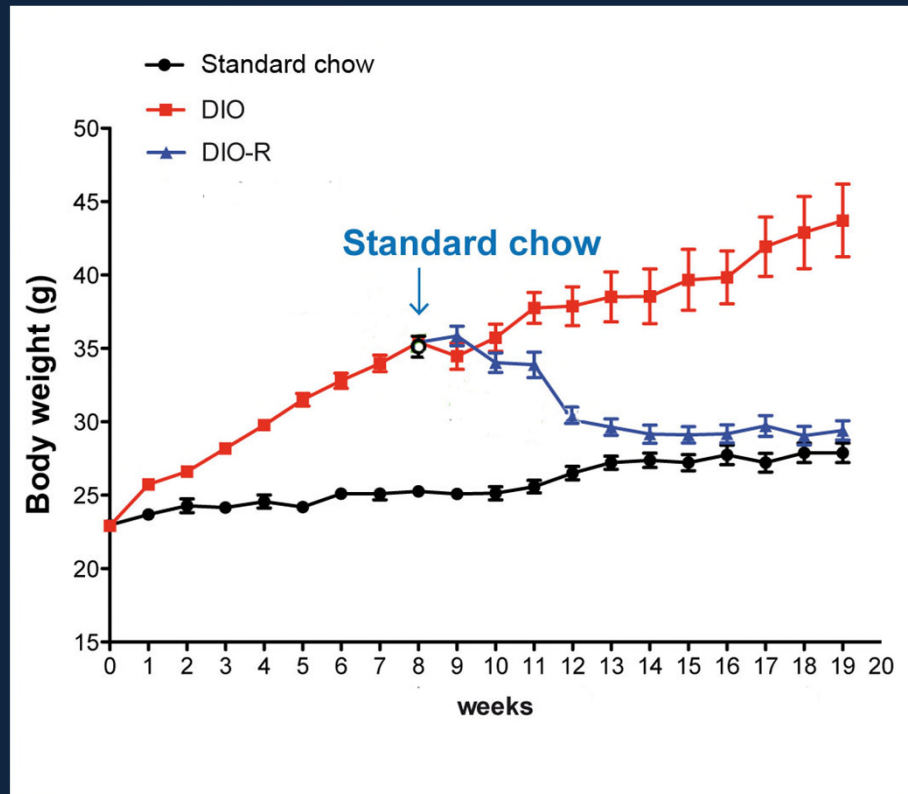
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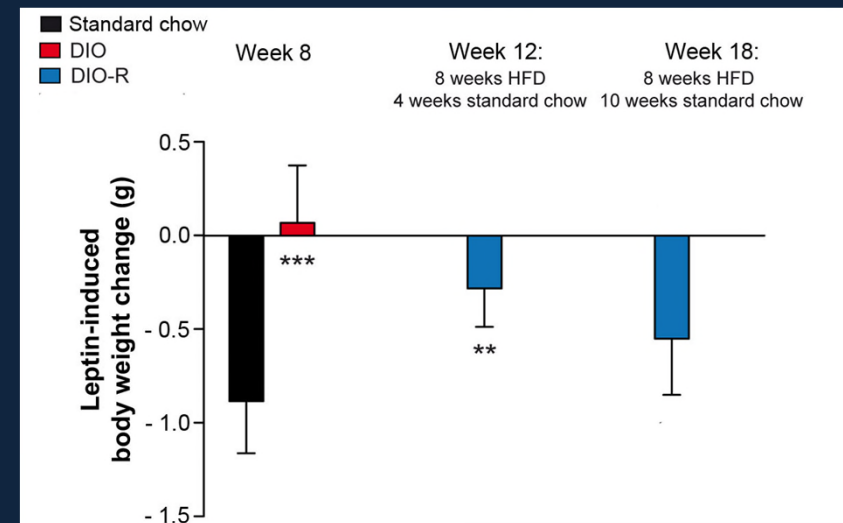
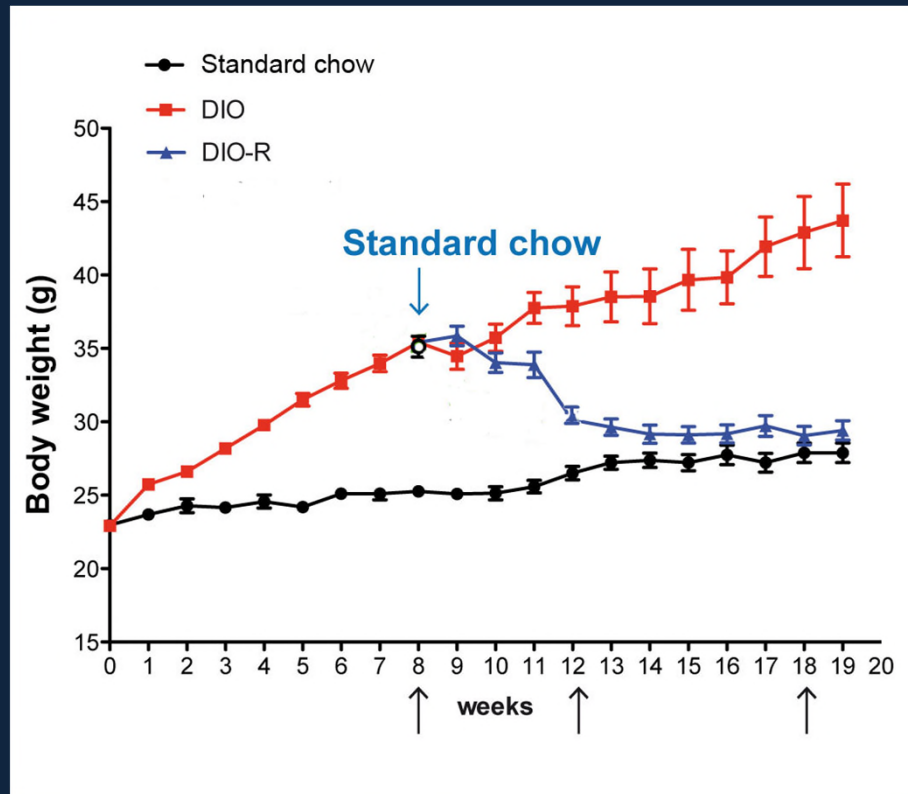
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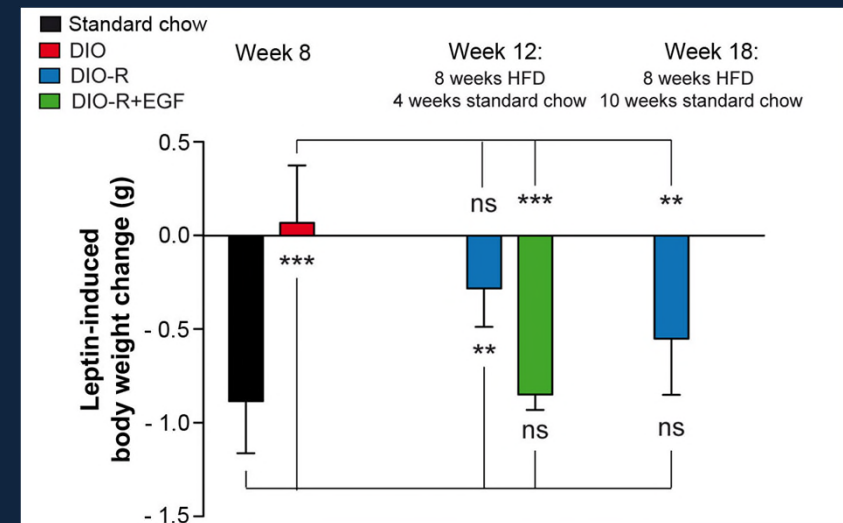
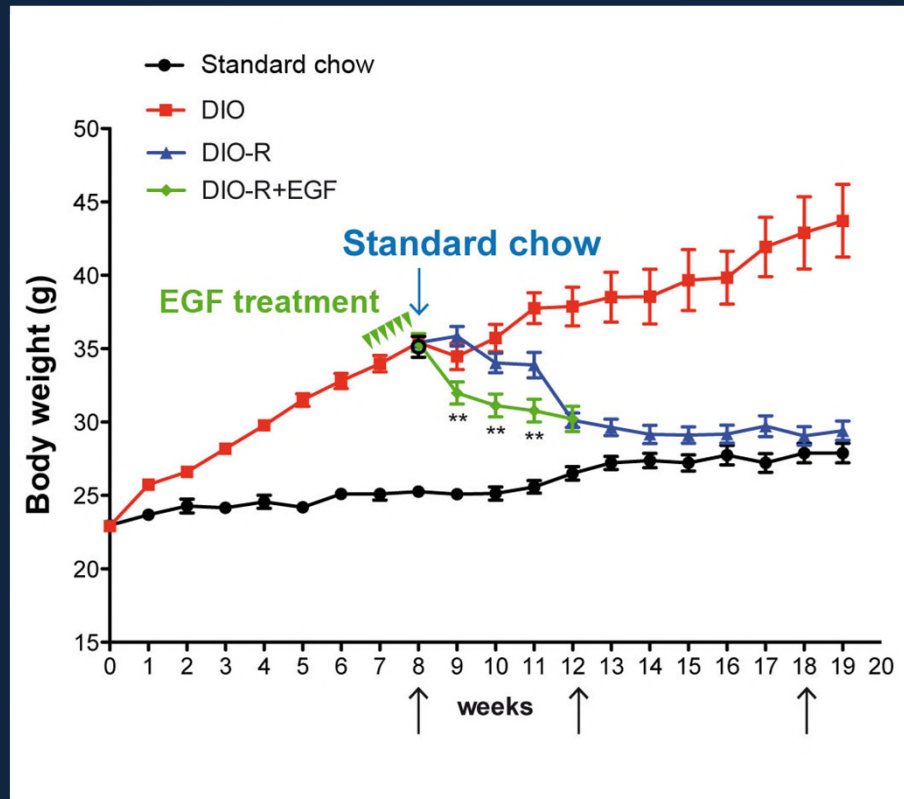
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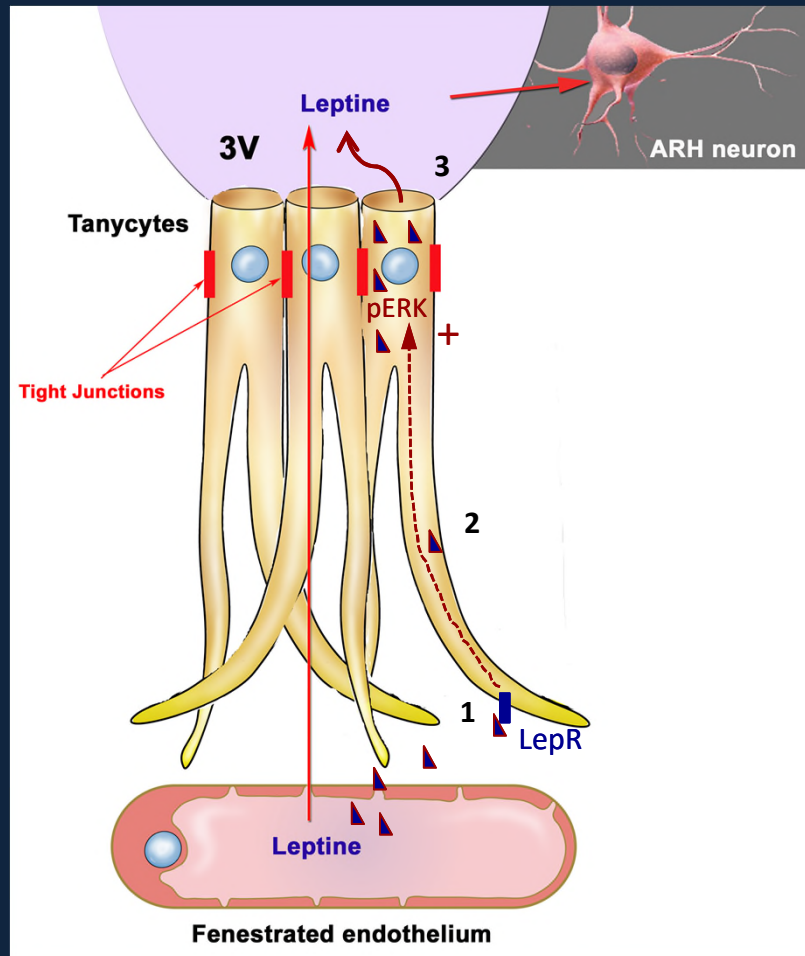
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EGF-mediated Activation of ERK Signalling in the Median and Accelerates the restoration of Leptin Sensitivity in Obese Mice

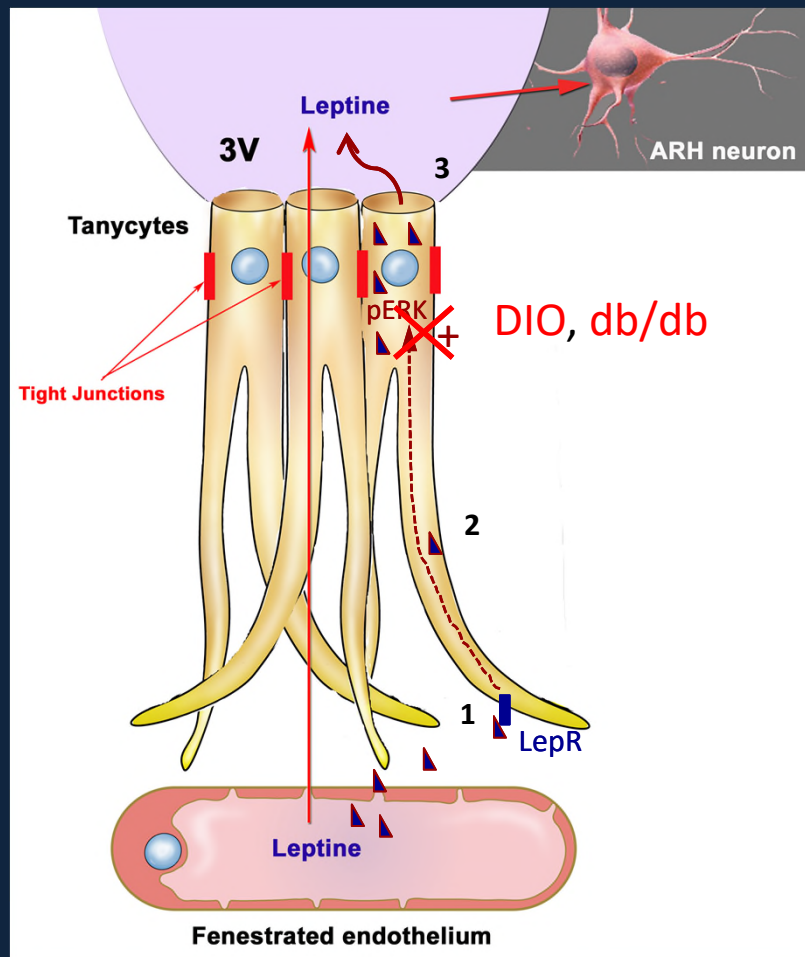


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