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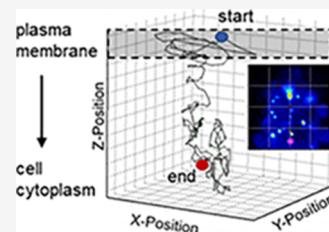


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ABSTRACT: Mutations in dynamin 2 (DNM2) have been associated with two distinct movement disorders: Charcot-Marie-Tooth neuropathies (CMT) and centronuclear myopathy (CNM). Most of these mutations are clustered in the pleckstrin homology domain (PHD), which engages in intramolecular interactions that limit dynamin self-assembly and GTPase activation. CNM mutations interfere with these intramolecular interactions and suppress the formation of the autoinhibited state. CMT mutations are located primarily on the opposite surface of the PHD, which is specialized for phosphoinositide binding. It has been speculated that the distinct locations and interactions of residues mutated in CMT and CNM explain why each set of mutations causes either one disease or the other, despite their close proximity within the PHD sequence. We previously reported that at least one CMT-causing mutant, lacking residues $_{555}DEE_{557}$ (ΔDEE), displays the same inability to undergo autoinhibition as observed in CNM-linked mutants. Here, we show that both the $DNM2^{\Delta DEE}$ and CNM-linked $DNM2^{A618T}$ mutants form larger and more stable structures on the plasma membrane than that of wild-type $DNM2$ ($DNM2^{WT}$). However, $DNM2^{A618T}$ forms cytoplasmic inclusions at concentrations lower than those of either $DNM2^{WT}$ or $DNM2^{\Delta DEE}$, suggesting that CNM-linked mutations confer more severe gain-of-function properties than the ΔDEE mutation.



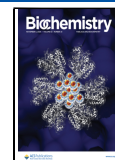
INTRODUCTION

Dynamins are ~100 kDa GTPases that catalyze membrane scission^{1,2} and regulate actin polymerization.^{3,4} Mammalian cells express three dynamin isoforms: dynamin 1 (DNM1), which is enriched in presynaptic nerve terminals and promotes synaptic vesicle recycling; dynamin 2 (DNM2), which is ubiquitously expressed and accounts for most examples of receptor-mediated endocytosis, and dynamin 3 (DNM3), which is enriched in postsynaptic nerve terminals and may participate in the organization of dendritic spines.^{5,6} The three isoforms have a similar domain organization, including an N-terminal GTPase “head” domain, a “middle” domain consisting of an antiparallel three-helix bundle, a phosphoinositide-binding pleckstrin homology domain (PHD), an α -helical GTPase effector domain (GED) that folds back onto the middle domain to form the “stalk”, and a C-terminal proline/arginine-rich domain that interacts with SH3-domain-containing proteins. Dynamin self-assembly, which involves stalk–stalk and head–head interactions, stimulates GTPase activity from basal levels of ~ 1 – 10 min^{-1} to over 200 min^{-1} . Structural studies have revealed that dynamins can adopt two conformations: an assembly competent extended (“open”) conformation, in which the PHD can bind to membranes, and an autoinhibited (“closed”) conformation, in which the PHD folds back onto the stalk and sterically blocks self-assembly.^{7–9}

Mutations in DNM2 have been identified in patients with two neuromuscular disorders, Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease (CMT)^{10,11} and centronuclear myopathy (CNM),^{12,13} which

affect nerves and muscles, respectively. There is almost no overlap between the sets of mutations that cause these two disorders, suggesting that they have distinct effects on the activity or regulation of DNM2. We previously reported that several CNM-linked DNM2 mutations, including R369W in the middle domain and A618T in the PHD, induce the formation of stable DNM2 polymers that are abnormally resistant to disassembly by salt and GTP.¹⁴ Kenniston and Lemmon reported similar findings and proposed that CNM mutations disrupt allosteric regulation of DNM2 GTPase activity by the PHD.¹⁵ They further demonstrated that the most prevalent CMT-causing mutation, K562E, did not enhance dynamin polymerization or GTPase activation but instead suppressed phosphatidylinositol (4,5)-bisphosphate (PIP_2) binding and PIP_2 -stimulated GTPase activity. Subsequent structural analysis of the closed DNM1 conformation provided an explanation for these observations, as residues mutated in CNM were found to be clustered at the PHD–stalk interface, whereas residues mutated in CMT were clustered on the opposite surface of the PHD, which drives PIP_2 binding.^{7,8} Thus, CNM mutations are apparently hypermorphic due to

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their disruption of autoinhibitory PHD-stalk interactions, whereas CMT mutations are apparently hypomorphic due to their disruption of activating PHD-PIP₂ interactions. Consistent with these molecular properties, DNM2-dependent CNM and CMT are currently viewed as gain-of-function and loss-of function disorders, respectively.^{16–20}

We recently reported that at least one CMT mutant (DNM2^{ΔDEE}), which lacks residues₅₅₅DEE₅₅₇ in the PIP₂-binding surface of the PHD, shares several *in vitro* properties with CNM-linked mutants.²¹ Like the CNM mutants, DNM2^{ΔDEE} forms stable polymers that express high PIP₂-independent GTPase activity *in vitro*, and its PHD binds to PIP₂ as strongly as the PHD of wild type DNM2 (DNM2^{WT}). However, we also observed that in contrast to the CNM mutants, which form oligomers containing up to 20–25 DNM2 monomers in the cytoplasm of living cells, DNM2^{ΔDEE} does not self-assemble beyond the predominant dimer-tetramer equilibrium characteristic of DNM2^{WT}. Although DNM2^{ΔDEE} shares some hypermorphic characteristics with the CNM-linked DNM2 mutants, it should be noted that the mutation itself originates from a deletion at the 3' end of DNM2 that generates both a frameshift and the in-frame deletion that leads to DNM2^{ΔDEE} production.¹⁰ As a result, the mutation results in a profound decrease in DNM2 expression,¹⁰ which would be consistent with the loss-of-function nature of DNM2-related CMT.²⁰ In the present study, we extended our analysis of the behavior of DNM2^{ΔDEE} in live cells, focusing on its behavior at the cell periphery and on its propensity to incorporate into large cytoplasmic inclusions. Our data suggest that in cells DNM2^{ΔDEE} displays properties intermediate between those of DNM2^{WT} and CNM-linked DNM2 mutants.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Cell Culture. HEK293 and NIH-3T3 cells were cultured in DMEM (supplemented with 10% FBS and 1% Pen-Strep), plated on fibronectin-coated glass-bottom dishes (No. 1.5), and transfected with Lipofectamine 2000 or 3000 (Thermo-Fisher, Waltham, MA). Cells were imaged at 18–28 h after transfection.

Constructs. Each fluorescent DNM2 construct utilized was cloned into the pEGFP-N1 vector (Clontech) as described elsewhere²¹ to generate C-terminal EGFP fusion constructs.

Confocal Imaging. NIH-3T3 cells were transfected with plasmids encoding either DNM2^{WT}, DNM2^{ΔDEE}, or DNM2^{A618T} and imaged at 37 °C and 5% CO₂ with an LSM880 laser scanning microscope (Zeiss, Jena, Germany). EGFP fluorescence was excited at 488 nm and collected in a band of 510–560 nm with a 40×, NA 1.2 water immersion lens and focused on a pinhole set to one Airy unit before detection with a photomultiplier detector. Images of 1,024 × 1,024 pixels were acquired with a pixel size of 83 nm. All imaging parameters were kept constant during the experiment such that photon counts in each pixel were proportional to the fluorescent protein levels.

Fluorescence Recovery after Photobleaching (FRAP). HEK293T cells were transfected with plasmids encoding DNM2^{WT} and DNM2^{ΔDEE} and imaged at 37 °C and 5% CO₂ with a LSM880 laser scanning microscope (Zeiss) set up for FRAP. EGFP fluorescence was excited at 488 nm and detected in a band of 510–560 nm with a 40×, NA 1.2 water immersion lens. In each data set, one prebleaching and 34 postbleaching frames of 256 × 256 pixels were acquired at 1.25 s intervals

with a pixel size of 138 nm. EGFP was bleached in 1–3 circular regions per cell of 1–2 μm diameter for 0.3–1 s each by using 100% laser power. Data were analyzed in Origin (OriginLab, MA). A single exponential association model was used to calculate the recovery times for each experiment.

Total Internal Reflection Microscopy (TIRFM). HEK293T cells were transfected with plasmids encoding either DNM2^{WT}-EGFP, DNM2^{ΔDEE}-EGFP, DNM2^{R369W}-EGFP, or DNM2^{A618T}-EGFP and imaged at room temperature with an Olympus IX81 instrument (Olympus) equipped with a TIRF illumination module. EGFP fluorescence was excited with 488 nm light at the critical angle, collected in a band of 510–540 nm with a 60×, NA 1.45 oil immersion lens and, after an additional 2× magnification (total magnification 120×), imaged with a Prime95B (Photometrics) sCMOS camera. Per image, 10 frames were acquired with 100 ms exposure time and averaged before analysis.

3D Orbital Tracking. The hardware and software for the three-dimensional single particle tracking (3D-SPT) routine were implemented on a FV1000 (Olympus, Center Valley, PA) confocal microscope as previously described.^{22,23} The galvano scanner and z-nanodrive of the microscope were driven by an IOtech DAC card (MCC, Norton, MA) to control the laser beam position. HEK293 cells, which were plated onto fibronectin-coated No 1.5 cover-glass imaging dishes, were transfected with DNM2 constructs using Lipofectamine 2000. Cells were imaged with a 40× 0.8 NA water immersion objective with a working distance of 3 mm. The argon-ion laser of the Olympus FV1000 was set to an excitation wavelength of 488 nm (0.1% power) to excite EGFP and the emission was collected in a band between 505 and 605 nm. The fluorescence intensity at 128 points along a circular orbit was collected with a pixel dwell time of 128 μs (16.4 ms/orbit). All tracking data were analyzed using SimFCS software (available at: <https://www.lfd.uci.edu/globals/>).

Spot Quantification. The size and the intensity were quantified using the Python script. Image was median-filtered in windows of 3 pixels to create a denoised image (MED) and 15 pixels to create a low-pass filtered image (MED25). A background value (BKG) is determined where there is no fluorescent. A binary mask is created using THRESH = MED – 1.5 × MED25-BKG, following by a nonzero threshold. Each punctum is then identified as having more than 8 nonzero neighbor elements. Within each puncta, its area and intensity are measured.

RESULTS

The CMT-Associated DNM2^{ΔDEE} Mutant Forms Large, Stable Structures on the Plasma Membrane. In a prior investigation, we used fluorescence fluctuation spectroscopy in the total internal reflection fluorescence mode (TIRF-FFS) to determine how the CNM-associated mutation R369W affects the size and dynamics of DNM2 on the plasma membrane (PM).²⁴ TIRF microscopy (TIRFM) utilizes the evanescent field generated from a beam, which has undergone total internal reflection at the sample/glass interface to generate fluorescence from a very thin (<100 nm) layer and, hence, is ideally suited for investigation of dynamic processes occurring within or near the PM. We reported that PM puncta containing DNM2^{R369W}-EGFP were, on average, larger than those containing DNM2^{WT}-EGFP. To determine if DNM2^{ΔDEE} also incorporates into large peripheral puncta, we examined HEK293 cells expressing DNM2^{WT}-EGFP,

DNM2^{ΔDEE}-EGFP, and DNM2^{R369W} using TIRFM. Visual inspection of the images (Figure 1) suggests that both

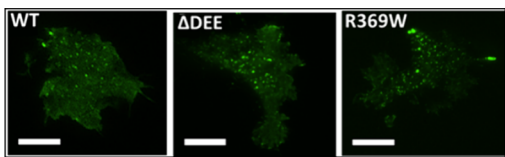


Figure 1. Analysis of peripheral DNM2-EGFP-containing puncta in HEK293 cells using TIRF microscopy. Cells were transfected with DNM2^{WT}-EGFP, DNM2^{ΔDEE}-EGFP, or DNM2^{R369W}-EGFP. Scale bar, 20 μm.

DNM2^{ΔDEE} and DNM2^{R369W} incorporate into slightly larger peripheral puncta than does DNM2^{WT}. We next sought to quantify the differences in size of peripheral puncta containing EGFP-tagged DNM2^{WT}, DNM2^{ΔDEE}, and CNM mutant DNM2^{A618T}. We chose to examine the A618T mutant in more detail both to extend our investigation beyond DNM2^{R369W} and because the A618T mutation causes a particularly severe form of CNM.²⁵ In Figure 2, the areas of

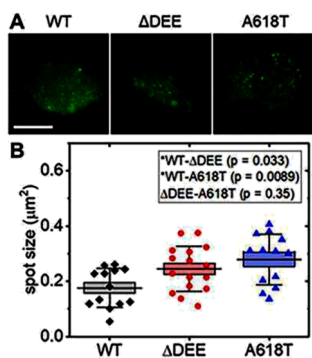


Figure 2. TIRFM analysis of DNM2-containing peripheral puncta in HEK293T cells expressing EGFP-tagged DNM2 constructs. (A) Representative TIRF images of cells transfected with DNM2^{WT}-EGFP (left), DNM2^{ΔDEE}-EGFP (middle), and DNM2^{A618T}-EGFP (right). Scale bar: 20 μm. (B) Average area occupied by the inclusions. Black squares: DNM2^{WT}; red circles: DNM2^{ΔDEE}; blue triangles: DNM2^{A618T}. Statistical analysis confirms that peripheral inclusion sizes for DNM2^{ΔDEE} and DNM2^{A618T} are significantly larger than those for DNM2^{WT}. *P* values (insets) were calculated with the Mann–Whitney nonparametric test; box: standard error; whiskers: standard deviation; center line: mean.

peripheral puncta containing EGFP-tagged DNM2^{WT}, DNM2^{ΔDEE}, and CNM mutant DNM2^{A618T} are quantified. Both DNM2^{ΔDEE} and DNM2^{A618T} form larger PM puncta than DNM2^{WT}. Puncta formed by DNM2^{A618T} are slightly larger, on average, than those formed by DNM2^{ΔDEE}.

We next used three-dimensional single-particle tracking (3D-SPT)^{22,23} to determine how the ΔDEE mutation affects the dynamics of DNM2-containing PM puncta. Figure 3A shows a representative 3D-SPT time trace for DNM2^{WT}-EGFP, wherein the tracked membrane punctum (*t* = 0 s, highlighted in blue) was internalized in the axial direction shortly after tracking was initiated. Fluorescence was no longer detectable once the punctum had traveled ~60 nm deep into the cytoplasm (highlighted in red). Loss of fluorescence is likely due to the disassembly of DNM2^{WT}-EGFP polymers following internalization as low-order DNM2 oligomers would not be detectable in our tracking setup. All of the DNM2^{WT}-EGFP-containing puncta reported in this work were found to track several nanometers in the axial direction (61 ± 31 nm), and their signals could no longer be tracked after about one min (80 ± 50 s). We note that the large variance in both distance and acquisition time likely results from initiating data collection at arbitrary time points within the life cycle of the membrane puncta. In Figure 3B, we show the behavior of one DNM2^{WT}-EGFP-containing punctum and one DNM2^{ΔDEE}-EGFP-containing punctum, which are typical of all puncta examined. In contrast to the DNM2^{WT}-EGFP punctum, the punctum containing DNM2^{ΔDEE}-EGFP hovered within about 10 nm of the PM, showing no sign of internalization. Tracking was eventually stopped after 15 min. Figure 3C relates the distance traveled by each punctum as a function of the time at which fluorescence became undetectable (for DNM2^{WT}-EGFP) or at which tracking was terminated (for DNM2^{ΔDEE}-EGFP and DNM2^{R369W}-EGFP). Puncta containing DNM2^{ΔDEE}-EGFP or DNM2^{R369W}-EGFP showed minimal changes within the axial direction (15 ± 10 nm), even with observation times extending to almost 20 min. Taken together, the results shown in Figures 1 and 2 demonstrate that DNM2^{ΔDEE} forms large, stable structures on the periphery of live cells, thus revealing another similarity with the CNM-linked DNM2 mutants.

Effect of Pathogenic Mutations on the Formation of Cytoplasmic DNM2-Containing Puncta. We previously reported that the CNM-associated R369W mutation increases the propensity of DNM2 to incorporate into large puncta in

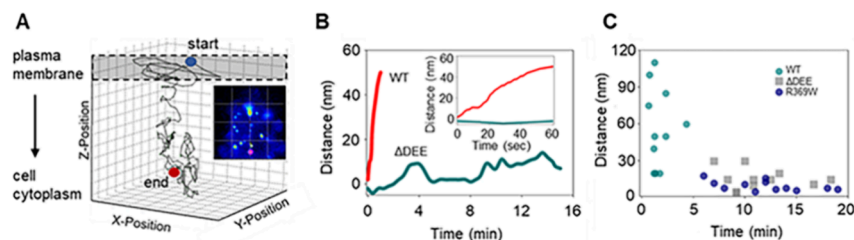


Figure 3. 3D-SPT of DNM2 membrane puncta in HEK293T cells. (A) Representative 3D-SPT time trace for DNM2^{WT} with the start and end points of the time trace marked in blue and red, respectively. The shaded area represents the membrane region. The tracked DNM2^{WT} membrane punctum was internalized shortly after tracking was initiated and no longer detectable once it had traveled ~60 nm deep into the cytoplasm. (B) Representative time traces of one DNM2^{WT}-containing (red track) and one DNM2^{ΔDEE}-containing punctum (cyan track). For the punctum containing DNM2^{ΔDEE}, which hovered within ~10 nm of the plasma membrane showing no sign of internalization, tracking was stopped after 15 min. (C) Distances traveled by 11 (DNM2^{WT}) 10 (DNM2^{ΔDEE}), and 12 (DNM2^{R369W}) tracked puncta as a function of time. Tracking was stopped if fluorescence became undetectable (for DNM2^{WT}) or after 5–20 min (for DNM2^{ΔDEE} and DNM2^{R369W}). Puncta containing DNM2^{ΔDEE} or DNM2^{R369W} showed minimal changes in the axial direction (15 ± 10 nm), even for observation times over 10 min.

the cytoplasm of CV1 cells.²⁴ Similar observations were reported for four CNM-associated mutants (R465W, R522H, S619L, P627H) expressed in COS1 cells,²⁶ for the CNM-associated S619L mutant expressed in H1299 cells,⁹ and for the Hereditary Spastic Paraplegia-associated R719W mutant expressed in HeLa cells.²⁷ In contrast, the CMT-associated G358R and K562E mutations did not enhance the incorporation of DNEM2 into large puncta.²⁶ Although the clinical significance of these puncta remains to be defined, similar structures have been identified in biopsies from CNM patients and in animal models of CNM (see Discussion).

Considering our findings that the Δ DEE mutation confers gain-of-function properties to DNEM2, we tested whether DNEM2 ^{Δ DEE} has a greater tendency than DNEM2^{WT} to localize to large cytoplasmic puncta. Figure 4 qualitatively shows that

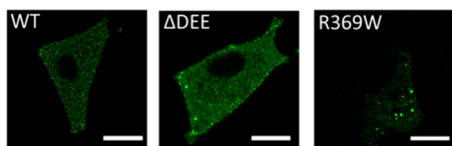


Figure 4. Formation of cytoplasmic puncta containing wild-type and mutant forms of DNEM2-EGFP. HEK293 cells were transfected with constructs encoding DNEM2^{WT}-EGFP (~440 nM), DNEM2 ^{Δ DEE}-EGFP (~400 nM), or DNEM2^{R369W}-EGFP (~382 nM). Concentrations of expressed proteins were estimated using autocorrelation analysis of the fluorescence correlation spectroscopy data. Scale bar: 20 μ m.

HEK293 cells expressing DNEM2^{R369W}-EGFP and DNEM2 ^{Δ DEE}-EGFP contain larger fluorescent puncta than do cells expressing DNEM2^{WT}-EGFP. Using fluorescence correlation spectroscopy, we determined that the concentrations of EGFP-tagged DNEM2 (WT and mutants) in these cells were ~400 nM. To estimate the concentration of endogenous DNEM2 in HEK293 cells, we immunoblotted cell extracts with anti-DNEM2 antibodies (Supplementary Figure S1). Using purified DNEM2-His₆ as a calibration standard, we found that HEK293 cells contain ~330 nM DNEM2/cell, which is similar to the 385 nM level previously determined for HeLa cells.²⁸ Thus, the micrographs in Figure 4 suggest that, at total cellular DNEM2 concentrations of ~700–800 nM, DNEM2 ^{Δ DEE} and DNEM2^{R369W} have a higher propensity to form larger cytoplasmic inclusions than does DNEM2^{WT}.

We carried out a quantitative comparison of cytoplasmic puncta formed in HEK293 cells by DNEM2^{WT}, DNEM2 ^{Δ DEE}, and DNEM2^{A618T}. In cells expressing low levels of tagged proteins, the intensity is defined as having an average of less than 500 counts/s/pixel over the whole cell (Supplementary Figure S2, top panel), DNEM2^{A618T} puncta are clearly more evident by confocal imaging than those formed by DNEM2^{WT} or DNEM2 ^{Δ DEE} (Figure 5, left column). However, several large puncta containing DNEM2 ^{Δ DEE} clearly appeared at high expression levels (cells with an average intensity greater than 500 counts/s/pixel; Supplementary Figure S2, bottom panel) (Figure 5, right column). Quantification of the number and area of puncta is presented in Figures 5 and 6, respectively. At both low and high expression levels, DNEM2^{A618T} forms more cytoplasmic puncta per cell than either DNEM2^{WT} or DNEM2 ^{Δ DEE} (Figure 6A,B). At high expression levels, DNEM2 ^{Δ DEE} forms approximately double the number of puncta as DNEM2^{WT} (Figure 6B). Although confocal imaging indicates that the mutant dynamins form several puncta that are much

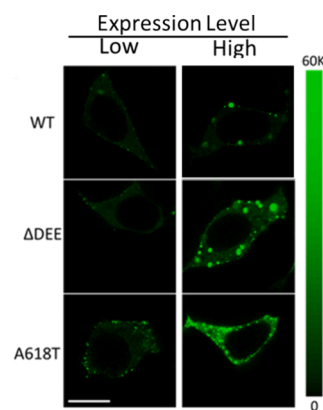


Figure 5. Representative confocal image of HEK293 cells expressing low (left column) or high (right column) levels of DNEM2-EGFP constructs. Cells were transfected with DNEM2^{WT}-EGFP (top row), DNEM2 ^{Δ DEE}-EGFP (middle row), or DNEM2^{A618T}-EGFP (bottom row). Scale bar: 10 μ m.

larger than those observed in cells expressing DNEM2^{WT} (Figure 5), the overall average size of puncta formed by mutant and WT dynamins is reasonably similar (Figure 7). However, DNEM2 ^{Δ DEE} has a tendency to form larger puncta than DNEM2^{WT} or DNEM2^{A618T} at high expression levels.

We next characterized the dynamics of DNEM2^{WT} and DNEM2 ^{Δ DEE} in cytoplasmic inclusions by using fluorescence recovery after photobleaching (FRAP). FRAP allowed us to investigate the exchange rate of proteins within those cytoplasmic inclusions with the surrounding environment. Figure 8 shows prebleaching (panels A and B) and postbleaching (panels C and D) fluorescence images of DNEM2^{WT} (panels A and C) and DNEM2 ^{Δ DEE} (panels B and D). The photobleached puncta are marked by red circles. The average normalized fluorescence recovery data of DNEM2^{WT} and DNEM2 ^{Δ DEE} (10 cells each) are displayed in Figure 6E. Statistical analysis of the recovery times obtained by fitting a single exponential association model did not reveal any significant difference between DNEM2^{WT} and DNEM2 ^{Δ DEE}, despite the difference in the average sizes of the inclusions formed by these proteins (Figure 5). These results demonstrate that DNEM2 molecules within the puncta exchange rapidly with their counterparts in the surrounding environment.

DISCUSSION

Compelling *in vitro* data suggest that most CMT- and CNM-associated mutations confer loss-of-function and gain-of-function properties, respectively, on DNEM2.²⁰ For example, the CMT-linked DNEM2^{G537C} and DNEM2^{K562E} mutants display reduced GTPase activation^{15,16} and reduced ability to promote membrane fission.¹⁶ In contrast, all CNM-associated DNEM2 mutations characterized to date, including R369W,¹⁴ R465W,¹⁶ A618T,^{15,16} S619L,^{15,16} and S619W¹⁵ have been found to express inordinately high levels of basal and stimulated GTPase activity. Likewise, mutations E368 K, R465W, E560 K, A618T, and S619L increase the membrane fission activity of DNEM2.¹⁶ These hypermorphic properties are likely caused by the disruption of inhibitory intramolecular stalk-PHD interactions resulting from the CNM-causing mutations.⁹ Thus, as we previously showed using FFS, cytosolic DNEM2^{WT} is predominantly tetrameric, whereas the CNM-associated DNEM2^{R269W} mutant exists largely as higher-

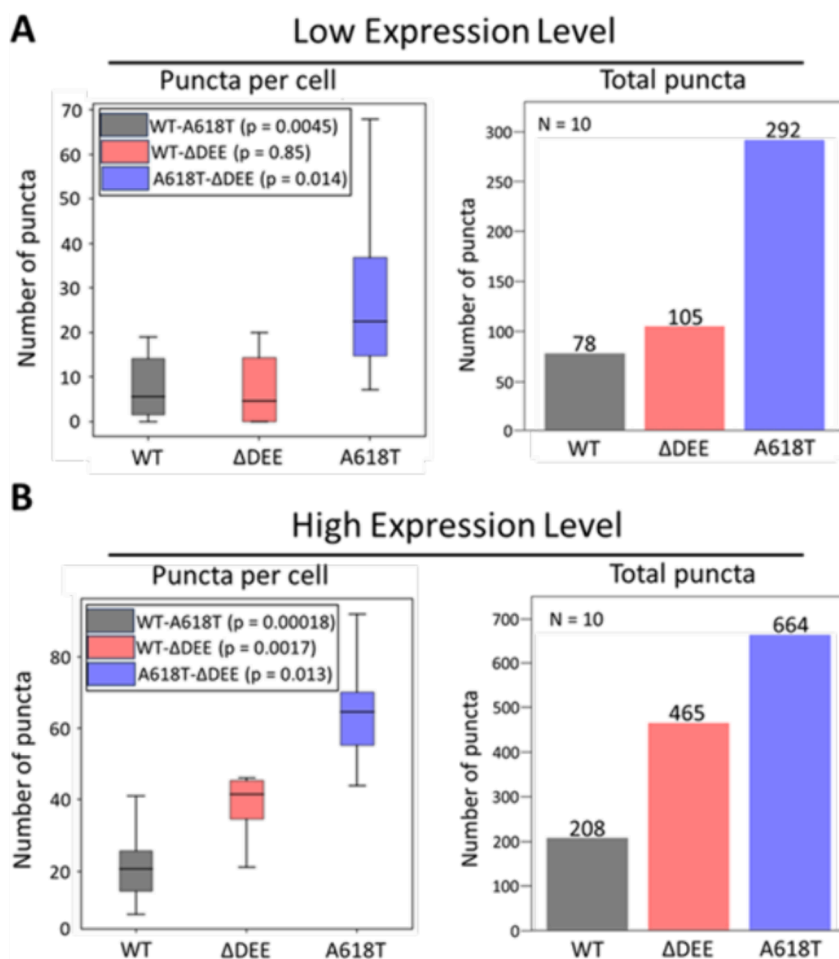


Figure 6. Comparison of the number of DNM2-containing cytoplasmic inclusions in HEK293 cells. (A) Quantification of puncta in cells expressing low levels (<500 cts/px) of DNM2-EGFP^{WT} (gray bars), DNM2-EGFP ^{Δ DEE} (red bars), and DNM2-EGFP^{A618T} (blue bars). (B) Similar quantification for cells expressing high levels of EGFP-tagged dynamins (>500 cts/px). *P* values (insets) were calculated with Mann–Whitney nonparametric test; box: interquartile, lower whisker: minimum value excluding outliers, upper whisker: maximum value excluding outliers, centerline: median value.

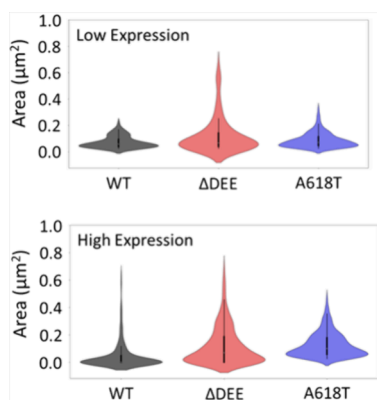


Figure 7. Size distributions of DNM2-containing cytoplasmic inclusions in HEK293 cells. At both high and low expression levels, there are multiple populations of puncta size. Small puncta are evident for all three DNM2 forms regardless of the expression level. However, more of the larger puncta form with DNM2 ^{Δ DEE} at low expression levels.

order oligomers in cells.^{24,29} The positioning of CMT-linked mutations suggests that they should not interfere with autoinhibitory stalk-PHD interactions but instead should

weaken PIP₂–PHD interactions, thereby inhibiting rather than promoting DNM2 self-assembly. Therefore, we were surprised to find that the CMT-associated Δ DEE mutation did not interfere with PIP₂ binding and that DNM2 ^{Δ DEE} showed enhanced PIP₂-activated GTPase activity and formed polymers that were more resistant than wild-type to disassembly by GTP and high ionic strength.²¹ The distinct *in vitro* properties of DNM2 ^{Δ DEE} may partially explain the different phenotypes observed upon its expression vs expression of other CMT-linked DNM2 mutants in cells. For example, DNM2 constructs containing CMT-associated mutations G358R, G537C, K562E, or L570H disrupt clathrin-mediated endocytosis (CME),³⁰ whereas expression of DNM2 ^{Δ DEE} has no effect on CME.^{31–33} Instead, DNM2 ^{Δ DEE} (but not DNM2^{K558E}, the equivalent of DNM2^{K562E} in the DNM2 isoform used in that study) has been reported to increase tubulin acetylation and to impair dynamic instability of microtubules (MTs).³¹ In contrast, expression of DNM2^{K562E}, but not DNM2 ^{Δ DEE}, results in aberrant organization of the actin cytoskeleton.^{34,35}

The gain-of-function *in vitro* properties of CNM-associated DNM2 mutants are consistent with the effects of their expression in cells, animal models, and patient samples. Expression of DNM2^{R465W}, DNM2^{A618T}, and DNM2^{S619L} (but not of the CMT-linked DNM2^{G537K} mutant) induces

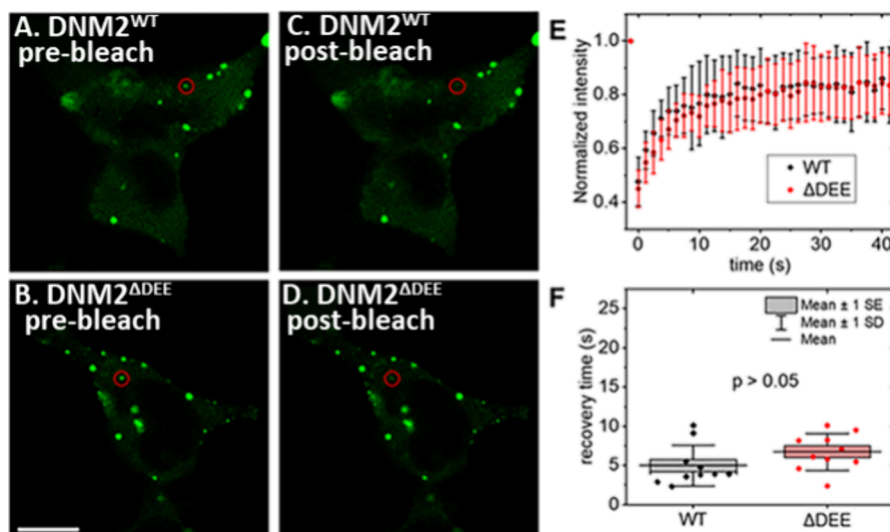


Figure 8. FRAP of cytoplasmic DNM2 inclusions in HEK293T cells. (A,B) Prebleaching and (C,D) postbleaching fluorescence images of DNM2^{WT}-EGFP (A,C) and DNM2^{ΔDEE}-EGFP (B,D). Bleached inclusions are marked by red circles. (E) Average normalized fluorescence recovery data of DNM2^{WT}-EGFP (black diamonds) and DNM2^{ΔDEE}-EGFP (red dots) of $N = 10$ cells each. (F) Statistical analysis of recovery times obtained by fitting a single exponential association model to each data set. The p value was calculated by the nonparametric Mann–Whitney test. Outliers were excluded according to the Grubbs test. Scale bar, 10 μm .

fragmentation of T-tubules in *Drosophila* muscle cells.¹⁶ Likewise, expression of the DNM2^{R465W} and DNM2^{S619L} induced the formation of DNM2 aggregates, mislocalization of excitation-contraction (EC) coupling components, destabilization of T-tubules, and impaired muscle function in zebrafish.³⁶ In contrast, DNM2^{WT} and CMT-associated DNM2^{G537C} did not form large aggregates and did not elicit detectable muscle defects. Interestingly, the S619L mutation, which is found in severe cases of CNM, caused a more profound disruption of normal muscle phenotypes than the more widely expressed but milder R465W mutation. The link between DNM2 hyperactivity and CNM is further highlighted by findings that CNM-like phenotypes are induced upon increased expression of DNM2^{WT} in mice,^{37,38} whereas they are reversed upon reduction of DNM2 expression.^{39,40} Although the *in vivo* effects of CMT-associated DNM2 mutations have not been as extensively characterized as those of CNM-associated mutations, a key study demonstrated that reduction of DNM2 expression caused impairment of myelination, a characteristic of DNM-dependent CMT.⁴¹ In this context, it is important to note that the gene mutation that generates DNM2^{ΔDEE} was found to result in dramatic reduction of DNM2 expression.¹⁰

Our TIRF-FFS experiments revealed that DNM2^{ΔDEE}, like the CNM-associated DNM2 mutants, forms larger peripheral puncta than DNM2^{WT}. Using a different approach, live correlative scanning ion conductance microscopy (SICM) coupled with fluorescence confocal microscopy (FCM), Ali et al. addressed similar questions for CNM-associated mutants.⁴² They observed that expression of the CNM-associated R465W mutant in Cos-7 cells increases the lifespan of clathrin-coated pits (CCPs) from $\sim 85 \pm 25$ s in control cells to $\sim 1932 \pm 1220$ s. Moreover, CCPs formed in the presence of DNM2^{R465W} expanded to a diameter of $\sim 1 \mu\text{m}$ diameter. The authors noted that the stability, size, and DNM2 retention of these structures were suggestive of the properties of flat clathrin lattices or “plaques”, a possibility that we had also raised in our earlier report.²⁴ Notably, Ali et al. found that CCPs in fibroblasts from

CNM patients heterozygously expressing the R465W mutant at endogenous levels were also larger and more stable than those in control fibroblasts, suggesting that the enlarged PM structures containing mutant DNM2 were not simply the result of overexpression.

The nature of the DNM2-containing cytoplasmic inclusions and their potential contribution to disease remain to be established. We note that aggregate-like DNM2 puncta were previously observed in muscle biopsies from a patient expressing the DNM2^{D614N} CNM mutant⁴³ and that large intracellular structures containing the CNM-associated DNM2^{R465W} mutant, expressed at approximately endogenous levels, were observed in knock-in mice.⁴⁴ For DNM2^{R369W}, we also noted the formation of large cytoplasmic inclusions in CV1 cells²⁴ and, more recently, several other novel CNM-associated DNM2 mutants (G495R, V520G, G624 V, P294L, and R724H) have been linked to the formation of cytoplasmic inclusions in C2C12 cells.⁴⁵ The latter study is of particular interest as it demonstrates a strong correlation between the size and stability of aggregates formed by CNM-associated DNM2 variants and their pathogenicity. Likewise, DNM2^{R465W}, which causes a mild-to-moderate form of CNM, was shown to form small aggregates along the sarcolemma of transgenic zebrafish, whereas DNM2^{S619L}, found in more severe cases of CNM, formed numerous large aggregates located throughout the sarcoplasm.³⁶ Notably, the CMT-linked mutant DNM2^{G537C} did not form aggregates in the transgenic zebrafish.

It is not clear how deletion of residue ₅₅₅DEE₅₅₇ stabilizes DNM2 assemblies. Both the ΔDEE mutation and the well-characterized K562E CMT-linked mutation alter the local electrostatic potential of the PHD, albeit in different directions. By reduction of the net positive charge of loop 3/ β -strand 3 of the PHD, the K562E mutation inhibits binding to phosphoinositides and prevents PIP₂-mediated DNM2-self-assembly and GTPase activation. The ΔDEE mutation increases the net positive charge of loop 3 and has no effect on the PIP₂ binding. Increasing the positive charge of the PH

domain may account for the reported enhancement of the interaction of DNM2^{ΔDEE} with microtubules.³¹ It has long been accepted that the C-terminal proline/arginine-rich domain (PRD)⁴⁶ (specifically residues 746–786 in DNM2⁴⁷) is the major MT binding determinant in dynamins. However, in our early publication highlighting the importance of phosphoinositide interactions with the PH domain for dynamin-dependent endocytosis, we reported that a K535 M mutation in the PH domain of DNM1 also inhibits MT binding.⁴⁸ A recent study confirmed the MT-PH domain interaction and demonstrated its disruption by peptides derived from the PH domain.⁴⁹ Interestingly, CNM-associated mutations appear to decrease the affinity of DNM2 for MTs.²⁶

At present, it is unclear how (or whether) the unique biochemical and biophysical properties of DNM2^{ΔDEE} cause it to trigger pathogenic mechanisms that differ from those of other CMT-associated mutants, such as DNM2^{K562E}. It would be of interest to determine whether distinct intracellular membrane trafficking pathways are disrupted by DNM2^{ΔDEE}. For example, expression of a CNM-associated DNM2 mutant was found to interfere with autophagy by virtue of its sequestration in high-order complexes with intersectin 1 on the PM.⁵⁰ It is possible that expression of DNM2^{ΔDEE}, which, like the CNM-linked mutants, form large, stable puncta on the PM, may have a similar inhibitory effect on autophagy.

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Supplementary Figure S1: Estimation of the concentration of endogenous DNM2 in HEK293 cells; Supplementary Figure S2: Determination of high and low expression levels for each cell (PDF)

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