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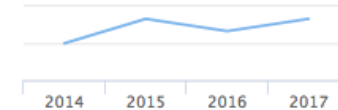
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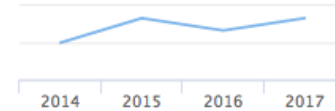
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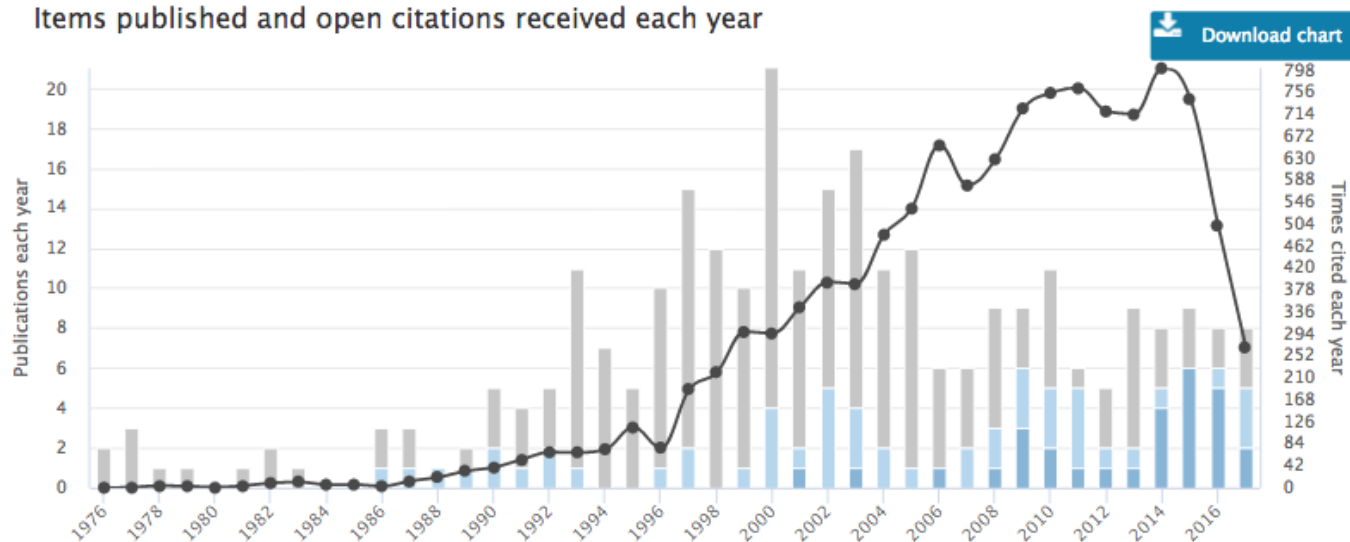
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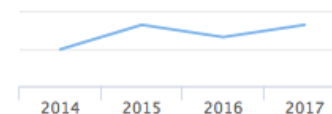
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To probe the role of **Pcdh15-CD2** in mature hair bundles, a post-natal hair cell-specific conditional knockout **mouse** model, **Pcdh15^{ex38-fl}/ex38-fl** **Myo15-cre^{+/-}** **mice**, was generated. Conditional post-natal deletion of exon 38, specific to the **Pcdh15-CD2** isoform, circumvented the early morphogenetic defects caused by the absence of this isoform during hair-bundle development (Webb *et al*, 2011; see Methods and Supplementary Fig S4). The auditory function of these mutant mice was probed by *in vivo* audiometric tests, which explore the activities of IHCs and OHCs. At the onset of hearing, on **P15**, auditory function, measured as auditory brainstem responses (ABRs), was identical in **Pcdh15^{ex38-fl}/ex38-fl** **Myo15-cre^{+/-}** mice (referred to as conditional **Pcdh15^ΔCD2** mice) and their **Pcdh15^{ex38-fl}/ex38-fl** littermate controls. By P17, ABR thresholds in the mutants started to increase, and by P30, they were above 90 dB SPL across the frequency spectrum tested (5–40 kHz). By P45, the conditional **Pcdh15^ΔCD2** mice **lacked any identifiable ABR response to loud sound stimulation (115 dB SPL), indicating complete hearing loss** and fully defective IHCs. Distortion-product otoacoustic emissions (DPOAEs), which involve OHC MET channel function (Avan *et al*, 2013),

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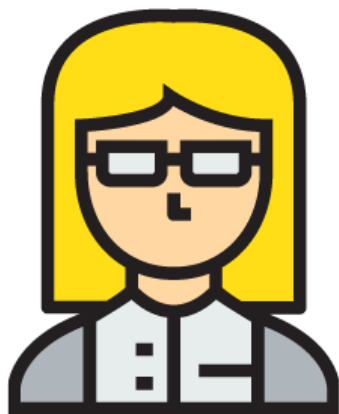
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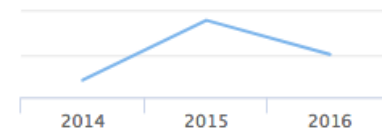
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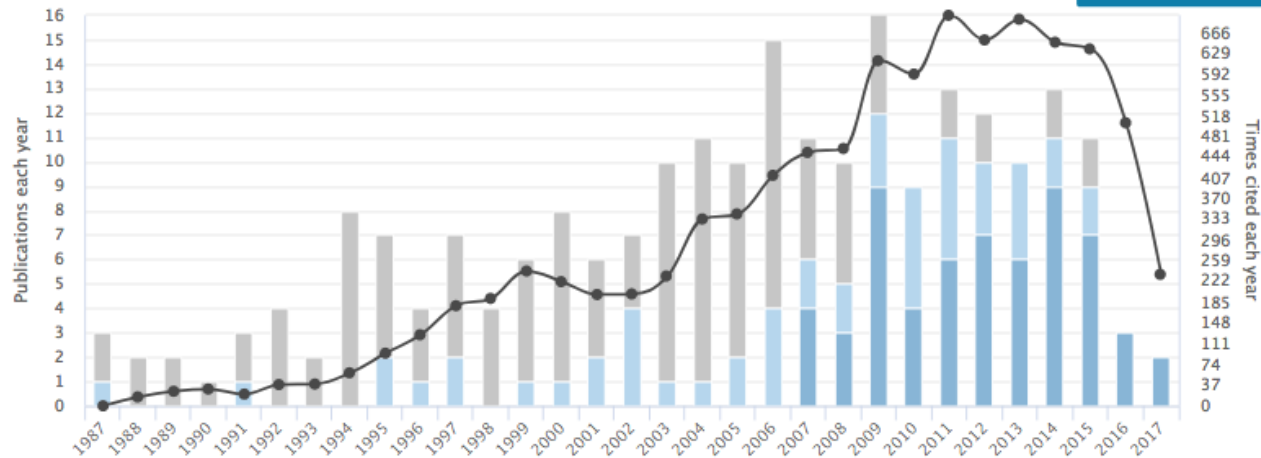
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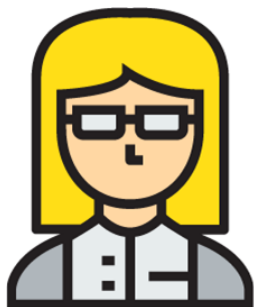
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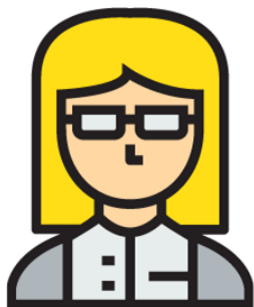
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Abstract

Despite the discovery of amyloidosis more than a century ago, the molecular and cellular mechanisms of these devastating human disorders remain obscure. In addition to their involvement in disease, amyloid fibrils perform physiological functions, whilst others have potentials as biomaterials. To realise their use in nanotechnology and to enable the development of amyloid therapies, there is an urgent need to understand the molecular pathways of amyloid assembly and to determine how amyloid fibrils interact with cells and cellular components. The challenges lie in the transient nature and low population of aggregating species and the paucity of amyloid fibril structures. This molecular complexity renders identification of the culprits of amyloid disease impossible to achieve using traditional methods. Here I propose a series of exciting experiments that aim to cast new light on the molecular and cellular mechanisms of amyloidosis by exploiting approaches capable of imaging individual protein molecules or single protein fibrils in vitro and in living cells. The proposal builds on new data from our laboratory that have shown that amyloid fibrils (disease-associated, functional and created from de novo designed sequences) kill cells by a mechanism that depends on fibril length and on cellular uptake. Specifically, I will (i) use single molecule fluorescence and non-covalent mass spectrometry and to determine why short fibril samples disrupt biological membranes more than their longer counterparts and electron tomography to determine, for the first time, the structural properties of cytotoxic fibril ends; (ii) develop single molecule force spectroscopy to probe the interactions between amyloid precursors, fibrils and cellular membranes; and (iii) develop cell biological assays to discover the biological mechanism(s) of amyloid-induced cell death and high resolution imaging and electron tomography to visualise amyloid fibrils in the act of killing living cells.



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