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homophilic and heterophilic interactions depending on the concentration of extracellular Cal- cium ions. In this thesis we standardise and try to utilise a physical chemistry based technique, to visualise the changes in the transmembrane domain of this mem- brane spanning protein upon ligand binding. In the scope of

this thesis, we also at- tempt at understanding how this signal is further transmitted to the cell cytoskele- ton.

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