

Cardiac muscle sample preparation for X-ray diffraction

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Small Angle X-ray Diffraction Study:

Equatorial reflections: 1,0–myosin filaments; 1,1 –actin & myosin filaments. The $I_{1,1}/I_{1,0}$ ratio represents the distribution of cross-bridge mass.



What can you do with skinned cardiac muscle?

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d10 Lattice Spacing (nm)

- PKA treatment

+ PKA treatment



Control

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RCM

Parameter	E143K	WT
No. fibers (no. of shots)	11 (38)	16 (47)
I _{1.1} /I _{1.0}	0.33±0.03	0.34±0.03
No. fibers (no. of shots)	9 (36)	7 (45)
d _{1.0} (nm)	39.51±0.35*	41.26±0.35

D94A (Relax) D94A (Activatio 300-200-200 400 600 400 600 WT (Activatio 600 200 400 600 800 Nº fibers D94A-L1 Nº fibers P-value Intensities ratio (I1.1/I1.0) (Relaxation) 0.22±0.06 15 (7F, 8M) 0.26±0.08 15 (8F, 7M) 0.206 pCa 5.2 (Activation) 0.43±0.02 14 (7F, 7M) 0.35±0.03* 12 (4F, 8M) 0.043 Lattice spacing (d1.0 in nm) (Relaxation) 41.54±0.3 16 (8F, 8M) 41.38±0.24 15 (8F, 7M) 0.722 pCa 5.2 (Activation) 41.45±0.31 15 (7F, 8M) 41.64±0.29 14 (7F, 7M) 0.701

Lattice structure alterations in DCM HCM and RCM mouse models associated with mutations in myosin regulatory light chain



Hypercontractility in D166V-HCM, and hypocontractility in D94A-DCM hearts







Force-pCa in skinned papillary muscle strips



Decreased maximal tension and increased Ca²⁺ sensitivity in D166V-HCM No change of maximal tension but decreased Ca²⁺ sensitivity in D94A-DCM

Small angle X-ray data acquired at serial pCa solutions



Rat cardiac muscle fiber diffraction: Meridian



dATP pCa9 170mM SL:2.3µm



Sample Types-skinned cardiac muscle bundle

- Mouse:
- Left ventricular papillary muscle
- Cross section diameter : ~200-300 µm
- 3-4 samples from one heart
- Rat:
- Right ventricular trabeculae and papillary muscle
- Cross section diameter: ~200-400µm
- 3-4 samples from one heart

Heart dissection-solutions

- Mice
- 1. Wash heart with 0.9% NaCl

2. Dissect the bundle in Solution A (pCa8 solution+ 30mM BDM+15 units per mL of creatine phosphokinase (CPK) + Protease inhibitors (sigma p8340))+ 15% glycerol

3. Muscle bundle samples will transfer to solution A without 15% glycerol for 15 min on ice to remove glycerol.

• Rat

Krebs–Henseleit (KH) : 118.5 mM NaCl, 5 mM KCl, 2 mM NaH₂PO₄, 1.2 mM MgSO₄, 10 mM glucose, 25 mM NaHCO₃, and 0.1 mM CaCl₂, as well as 20 mM (BDM)

BDM, Protease inhibitors and CPK freshly add everyday

Skinned protocol

- Skinned overnight with 1% Triton-X 100 in 4°C and stored in 50% of glycerol
- Freshly skinned in room temperature for 1.5 to 2 hours

Skinned overnight

Freshly skinned in room temperature



pCa9 Rat trabecula

Sample preparation

- Isolated muscle fibers out from the heart
- Using insect pin to fix muscle length
- Stored in 1.5ml of tubes with skinning solution
- Put on the shaker and skinning for 1.5 to 2 hours
- Change freshly skinned solution ones during the process
- Washing 3X 5min with solution without tritonX-100 on ice
- Stored skinned muscle fibers in 4 °C and use same day for x-ray experiment
 Skinned solution:

Miami for mice

Solution A + 1% of tritonX-100. pH adjust by K-propionate to 7 (IS:150mM)

PS. Washing with pCa8 +CPK + protease inhibitor solution without BDM.

Washington for Rat

Relaxing solution: 0.1 M KCl, 5mM K₂EGTA, 9mM MgCl₂, 4mM Na₂ATP

with 1% of TrintonX-100 and Protease inhibitor (sigma P8340) , pH adjusted by KOH to 7

Note: many people prefer K-propionate to KCl, but sample looks similar in my hand

How to check the quality of preparation-Laser



D94A DCM mouse cardiac muscle SL=2.1µm

Freshly skinned in room temperature without BDM treatment and 2% of TritonX-100 for 2 hours

Rat EDL skeletal muscle

Summary

- Freshly prepare fiber sample
- Freshly add BDM, protease inhibitor into the skinning solution
- Check the quality skinning sample by laser before coming to Argonne
- Well trained and energetic student, postdoc..... better data more data . Optimal your protocol will bring more success.

Question? Discussion

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