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Abstract 5309: beta-Arrestin 1 (bArr1) and Ankyrin 2 (ANK2) Regulate Cav1.2 Trafficking through Complex G Protein Mediated Signaling

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Abstract

Mechanisms governing the trafficking of cardiac voltage dependent calcium channels (Ca_v1.2) remain largely unknown. We have previously shown that neuronal calcium channels are internalized into clathrin coated vesicles upon G protein coupled receptor (GPCR) activation. Here, we hypothesize that GPCR mediated signaling regulate Ca_v1.2 trafficking and surface expression through interaction with cytoskeletal and signaling molecules.

Methods: Sequential immunoprecipitation in adult rat cardiomyocytes was used to investigate the interaction between $Ca_v 1.2$, cytoskeletal and signaling molecules. Live cell imaging and immunofluorescence microscopy were used to measure changes in the cellular localization of $Ca_v 1.2$ and these proteins upon activation of GPCR signaling.

Results: Cav1.2 interacts with ANK2, β Arr1 and spectrin. Sustained β adrenergic receptor (β AR) activation increases Cav1.2/spectrin and decreases Cav1.2/ANK2 and Cav1.2/ β Arr1 interactions. Sustained β AR activation induces rapid (<5 min) Cav1.2 internalization and dissociation from ANK2 as Cav1.2/ANK2 co-localization is markedly reduced (-58% p<0.01) in isoproterenol treated myocytes. A cell permeant peptide (1.4 µg/ml) that disrupts Cav1.2/ANK2 interaction decreases (-40±12%, p<0.01) Cav1.2 cell surface expression. Pretreatment with pertussis toxin prevents Cav1.2 internalization suggesting that G_{i/o} mediates this response. Similarly, Src kinase inhibition reduces (by 90%) Cav1.2 internalization. Differential labeling of pre-existing Cav1.2 at the cell membrane and newly inserted Cav1.2 using fluorophore conjugated dihydropyridines reveal that activation of G_{i/o} proteins underlies Cav1.2 internalization and insertion. In contrast, activation of the muscarinic M2 receptor (10µM carbachol) causes only insertion of new channels (n=14) and fails to alter the association of Cav1.2 with ANK2 and spectrin. Finally PI3 kinase inhibition (10nM wortmannin) prevents Cav1.2 membrane insertion.

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Conclusions: Our findings reveal novel signaling mechanisms that regulate $Ca_v 1.2$ trafficking, internalization and membrane insertion in a receptor subtype dependent manner. These mechanisms may be central to pathologies associated with a hyperadrenergic state.

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