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Functional analysis using metabolic substrates-induced *in vitro* model of cardiac metabolic syndrome

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Cardiac metabolism is essential in myocardial contraction. Here, we analyzed the effect of metabolic substrates (fatty acids, pyruvate and lactate in normal Tyrode's solution, termed NF) on myocyte contractility in rat left ventricular myocytes. Our results showed that NF significantly increased myocyte contraction and intracellular Ca^{2+} transients. L-type Ca^{2+} current or Na^{+} - Ca^{2+} exchanger activity was not increased and myofilament Ca^{2+} sensitivity was reduced by NF, suggesting key role of myofilament on cardiac Ca^{2+} homeostasis and contraction with NF. Furthermore, NF diminished insulin-dependent tyrosine phosphorylations of insulin receptor or receptor substrate and eNOS-Ser¹¹⁷⁷. Beta-adrenergic stimulation with isoprenaline significantly increased spontaneous myocyte contraction during diastole in NF. Collectively, NF impairs insulin signaling and reduces bioavailability of eNOS-derived NO, which desensitizes myofilament Ca^{2+} sensitivity, increases Ca^{2+} level and contraction. In addition, it predisposes beta-adrenergic arrhythmogenesis in cardiac myocytes. The results reveal that it resembles an *in vitro* model of cardiac metabolic syndrome.

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