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Imaging Reversible Mitochondrial Membrane Potential Dynamics with a Masked Rhodamine Voltage Reporter

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Voltage Imaging









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Mitochondrial membrane potential



线粒体膜电位(ΔΨm)是由与Krebs循环的活性相关的氧化还原转换产生的,并且 是能量合成的中间形式,被ATP合成酶用来制造ATP。这些转变不仅产生电势,而且 还产生质子梯度,并且它们共同形成氢离子的跨膜电势。

Patch-clamp Electrophysiology



a lipophilic, cationic fluorophore (in proportion to the negative $\Delta \Psi_m$)



JC-1

JC-1 (FCCP)

Technical limitations:

Self-quench

Bath solution

Diffusion



Rhodamine Voltage Reporters (RhoVRs)



J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2016, 9085-9088





Targeting, Including Fluorogenic and Covalent Strategies

small-molecule photoactivatable optical sensors of transmembrane potential.



J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2015, 10894-10897



voltage imaging in genetically-defined neurons

J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2017, 17334–17340



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Imaging Mitochondrial Membrane Potential Dynamics with Permeable SPIRIT RhoVR Indicators

wavelength / nm

wavelength / nm



SPIRIT RhoVR 1

SPIRIT RhoVR 0

RhoVR 1

RhoVR 0

Both SPIRIT RhoVR 1 and RhoVR-tBu Localize to Mitochondria



Figure 1. SPIRIT RhoVR 1 localizes to mitochondria in mammalian cells. Confocal fluorescence microscopy images of HEK cells stained with either (a) RhoVR-tBu (250 nM), (d) SPIRIT RhoVR 1 (250 nM), or (b, e) rhodamine 123 (250 nM). Overlay images of rhodamine 123 and either (c) RhoVR-tBu or (f) SPIRIT RhoVR 1. (g–i) Expanded views of the boxed region in panel e. Scale bar is 20 µm (a–f) or 10 µm (g–i).

>>>> SPIRIT RhoVR 1 remains localized to mitochondria following depolarization



Figure 2. SPIRIT RhoVR1 is retained in mitochondria after dissipation of $\Delta\Psi$ m with antimycin A. Wide-field fluorescence microscopy of rhodamine or RhoVR derivative (250 nM) in the (a– c) absence or (d–f) presence of antimycin A (5 µg/mL). Wide-field fluorescence microscopy of SPIRIT RhoVR1 in the (c) absence or (d) presence of 5 µg/mL antimycin A for 90 min. Scale bar is 20 µm.

SPIRIT RhoVR 1 tracks depolarizations and hyperpolarizations in ΔΨm



Figure 3. SPIRIT RhoVR 1 reports on $\Delta\Psi$ m dynamics in HEK cells. Plot of fluorescence intensity vs time for HEK cells stained with (a) SPIRIT RhoVR 1 (150 nM) or (b) SPIRIT RhoVR 0 (150 nM). At 2 min into the experiment (beginning of gray box), cells were perfused with either vehicle (ethanol, blue) or FCCP (500 nM, red). At 10 min (end of gray box), cells were perfused with HBSS. Data are mean (black line) ± SEM (colored shading) for three separate experiments. Representative pseudocolor images of SPIRIT RhoVR 1-loaded HEK cells (c) before, (d) during, and (e) after treatment with FCCP (500 nM). Scale bar is 10 μ m for all images. Arrowheads in panel a indicate the time points of the representative images in panels c–e.

>>> SPIRIT RhoVR 1 responds reversibly to changes in ΔΨm



Figure 4. Simultaneous, multi-color imaging of mitochondrial membrane potential, cytosolic Ca²⁺, and plasma membrane potential in mammalian cells. Wide-field epifluorescence images of HEK cells stained with (a) OGB (500 nM), (b) SPIRIT RhoVR 1 (150 nM), and (c) BeRST 1 (50 nM). (d) An overlay of the images showing cytosolic localization of OGB (green), mitochondrial localization of SPIRIT RhoVR 1 (yellow), and plasma membrane localization of BeRST (magenta). Scale bar is 20 μ m. Plots of fluorescence vs time from HEK cells stained with (e) OGB, (f) SPIRIT RhoVR 1, or (g) BeRST. At 4 min into the experiment (beginning of gray box), cells were perfused with either vehicle (ethanol, light gray) or FCCP (500 nM, colored trace). At 4 min (end of gray box), cells were recovered by perfusion with HBSS. Data are mean (black line) \pm SEM (colored shading) for three separate experiments. (h) Zoomed-in plot of the response of OGB (green), SPIRIT RhoVR 1 (red), and BeRST 1 (magenta). The gray box indicates the start and end of FCCP perfusion.