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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Vairamani et al. investigated the hypothesis that cardiomyocyte-specific loss of the electrogenic NBCe1 Na⁺-HCO₃⁻ cotransporter is cardioprotective during in vivo ischemia-reperfusion (I/R) injury, and concluded that cardiac-specific loss of NBCe1



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does not impair cardiovascular performance, causes only minimal changes in gene expression patterns, and protects against I/R injury in vivo. This study is interesting, and I only have several comments. Figure 2B and Figure 4 B. Because this model is cardiomyocyte-specific conditional NBCe1 KO mice, showing the relative expression of Slc4a4 and TUNEL Positive Cells in heterozygote (flx/+)mice will be appreciated Figure 3. How about the cardiovascular performance in WT and KO mice after I/R injury?

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The article is very interesting and apparently well-performed. I would suggest authors to study also cardiac necrosis in parallel to apoptosis. TTC staining of infarcted hearts and serum troponin have to assessed.



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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an excellent manuscript on a relevant topic as the consequences of NBCe1 bNa⁺-HCO₃⁻ Cotransporter ablation. In particular the authors generated a NBCe1 KO mice that were compared with wild type strain evaluating the effects of cardiac



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ischemia-reperfusion injury. The manuscript is well written, materials and methods are clear, statistical analysis is correct as well as results and discussion

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting manuscript about the association between genetic ablation of NBCe1 and cardio-protective effects for ischemia-reperfusion injury using an NBCe1 knockout mouse model. Loss of NBCe1 didn't impair cardiovascular performance



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under basal conditions or in response to β -adrenergic stimulation. As for gene expression patterns, it caused only limited changes. In addition, loss of NBCe1 reduced apoptosis following ischemia-reperfusion injury. The authors have demonstrated that partial inhibition of NBCe1 might be acceptable as a cardio-protective treatment strategy for ischemia-reperfusion injury. This manuscript is nicely structured and well written. I have one minor comment about this manuscript. Please consider the following comments. (Comments) Page 14, lines 11 and 14 Correct "Figure 2" to "Figure 3".

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