

# **Atrial fibrosis cellular mechanism**

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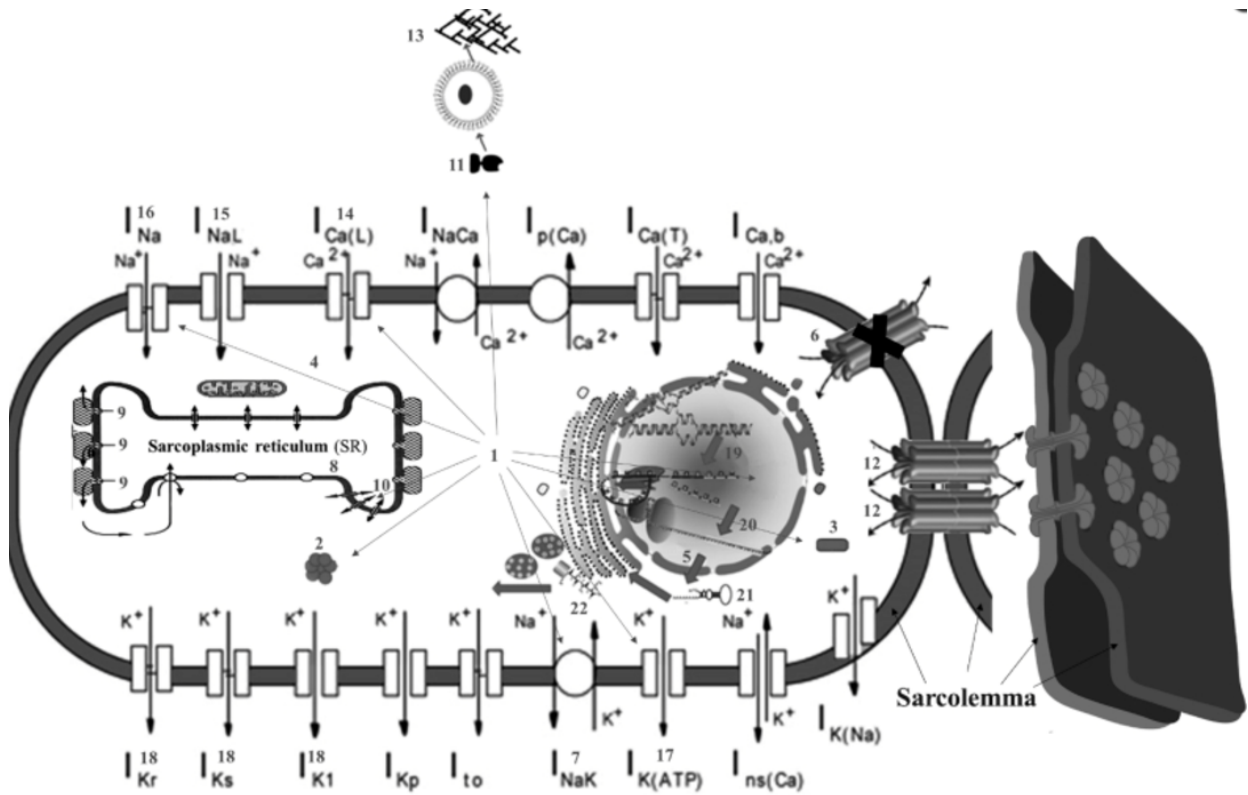
Parabéns ao querido Javier García Niebla e amigos por contribuir com a assim denominada cardiomiopatia atrial<sup>1</sup>. Nos recentemente publicamos um manuscrito que aborda as causas intrínsecas da fibrose nos átrios<sup>2</sup>. Mostramos o complicado jogo deste fenômeno pró-arritmogênico da fibrose que em última instancia tem por origem 22 pontos de modificação celular expressado na figura abaixo.

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<sup>1</sup> Lacalzada-Almeida J, García-Niebla J. How to detect atrial fibrosis. J Geriatr Cardiol. 2017 Mar;14(3):185-194. doi: 10.11909/j.issn.1671-5411.2017.03.008.

<sup>2</sup> Pérez-Riera AR, de Abreu LC, Barbosa-Barros R, Grindler J, Fernandes-Cardoso A, Baranchuk A.P-wave dispersion: an update. Indian Pacing Electrophysiol J. 2016 Jul - Aug;16(4):126-133



Main action in 22 points of cardiac cell

- 1) Excess of reactive oxygen species (ROS);
- 2) CaMKII activation or Ca<sup>2+</sup>/calmodulin-dependent protein kinases II;
- 3) c-Src activation (SRC proto-oncogene, non-receptor tyrosine kinase);
- 4) PKC (Protein kinase C) enzymes play important roles in several signal transduction cascades. Abnormal splicing, activation of CaMKII, c-Src, and PKC are among emerging new antiarrhythmic;
- 5) mRNA of Na<sup>+</sup> current;
- 6) Impair gap junction CX43 conduction resulting in reduced myocyte coupling;
- 7) NCX: Na<sup>+</sup>/Ca<sup>2+</sup> exchanger. The NCX removes a single Ca<sup>2+</sup> ion in exchange for the import of three Na<sup>+</sup> ions. It is considered one of the most important cellular mechanisms for removing Ca<sup>2+</sup>;
- 8) Phospholamban (PLB): It is a 52-amino acid integral membrane protein that regulates the Ca<sup>2+</sup> pump in cardiac muscle and skeletal muscle cells;
- 9) Ryanodine receptor (RyR) participates in different signaling pathways involving Ca<sup>2+</sup> release from intracellular organelles. It is the major cellular mediator of Ca<sup>2+</sup> induced Ca<sup>2+</sup> release (CICR) in animal cells. RyR2 is primarily expressed in myocardium;

- 10) Sarco-/endoplasmic reticulum  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -ATPase (SERCA) resides in the sarcoplasmic reticulum (SR) within myocytes. It is a  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ATPase that transfers  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  from the cytosol of the cell to the lumen of the SR at the expense of ATP hydrolysis during muscle relaxation;
- 11) Transforming Growth Factor- $\beta$  (TGF- $\beta$ ) leads to the activation of different downstream substrates and regulatory proteins, inducing transcription of different target genes that function in differentiation, chemotaxis, proliferation, and activation of many immune cells;
- 12) Zonula Occludens-1 (ZO-1) or tight junction protein. It is located on a cytoplasmic membrane surface of intercellular tight junctions. The encoded protein may be involved in signal transduction at cell-cell junctions;
- 13) Extracellular fibroblasts activation and collagen deposition;
- 14) Increase in L-type  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  current;
- 15) Increase in late  $\text{Na}^{+}$  current. Selective inhibition of cardiac late  $I_{\text{Na}}$  with eleclazine confers dual protection against vulnerability to ischemia-induced AF and reduces atrial and ventricular repolarization abnormalities before and during adrenergic stimulation without negative inotropic effects.
- 16)  $\text{Na}^{+}$  current reduction;
- 17) ATP-sensitive  $\text{K}^{+}$  channel (KATP channel) inhibition;
- 18)  $I_{\text{to}}$ ,  $I_{\text{Ks}}$  and  $I_{\text{Kr}}$  inhibition;
- 19) Transcription;
- 20) Splicing;
- 21) microRNA;
- 22) Translation.