

identify the apex of the triangle of Koch by annotating the following structures on a CARTO-Sound 3-D electroanatomic map: the tricuspid annulus, the Os of the coronary sinus, and the tendon of Todaro. Using this CARTO-Sound slow pathway map as a reference, safe and effective ablation sites were consistently found. Ablation was performed with an irrigated ablation catheter at sites with a 0.25-1:1 A:V ratio on a 3.5 mm ablation tip within the region demarcated by CARTO-Sound. In all six patients, sustained slow junctional rhythm was observed during ablation, and patients demonstrated no slow pathway conduction and were non-inducible for AVNRT following ablation (20-30W; 30 seconds; 3-6 lesions).

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PLN VARIANTS IN PATIENTS WITH SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST/DEATH WITHOUT DILATED OR ARRHYTHMOGENIC CARDIOMYOPATHY: A CASE SERIES

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Background: Phospholamban, encoded by the *PLN* gene, is a regulator of intracellular Ca^{2+} . Pathogenic *PLN* variants cause cardiac remodeling and early death. It is plausible that *PLN* variants confer a pro-arrhythmic phenotype without overt structural remodeling. To date, most *PLN* variants associated with sudden cardiac arrest/death (SCA/D) are accompanied by structural cardiomyopathies. The prevalence of *PLN* variants in autopsy-negative SCA/D cases without overt cardiomyopathy is unclear.

Objective: We present a case series of patients with *PLN* gene variants identified due to SCA/D without overt dilated or arrhythmic cardiomyopathies. We describe *PLN* gene variants presenting with primarily arrhythmic phenotypes. The *PLN* gene should be strongly considered in genetic testing strategies for SCA/D.

Methods: Cases were ascertained through professional collaboration among cardiovascular genetic counselors. We prioritized cases with *PLN* variants presenting without recognized cardiomyopathy phenotypes and/or in autopsy-negative SCA/D.

Results: We describe five cases with pathogenic *PLN* variants. Two are previously reported (p.Arg14del, p.Leu39Ter), and one is novel (p.Gln22LeufsX19). There were 3 pediatric cases and 2 adult cases, and 2/3 pediatric cases presented with SCD and negative autopsies. The other pediatric case survived SCA, but follow-up cardiac investigations were normal. Four of five cases had uninformative cardiac phenotypes, though one case had some evidence of cardiac hypertrophy at autopsy. Interestingly, 4/5 cases had SCA/D occur during rest, and 1/5 cases occurred with some activity. Last, one adult with SCD had a history atrial fibrillation, though no other cases had known arrhythmias. Table 1 summarizes these findings for comparison and contrast.

Conclusion: With a role in Ca^{2+} regulation, it is plausible that *PLN* variants confer a pro-arrhythmic substrate and increased of SCA/D in the absence of cardiomyopathy. We raise awareness for the possible role of *PLN* variants in phenotype- and autopsy-negative SCA/D and encourage further investigation. This may

help guide genetic counseling for *PLN* variants found in patients at autopsy and/or in patients who have not yet developed cardiomyopathy.

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ENHANCING MUTANT I_{KS} CHANNEL ACTIVITY BY ALTERING ENDOGENOUS PIP_2 LEVELS AND ITS INTERACTION WITH PKA SIGNALLING PATHWAY

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Background: Phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate (PIP_2) is implicated in the regulation and modulation of the I_{KS} channel.

Objective: N/A

Methods: We initially transfected Human Embryonic Kidney (HEK) cells with a *KCNQ1* gene, along with *KCNE1* to form the wild type (WT) I_{KS} channel. The cells were also transfected with a constitutively active PI(4)P 5-kinase (PIP5K), which increases endogenous levels of PIP_2 . To ensure the enzyme remains localised at the plasma membrane we attached it to CFP-FKBP and we co-transfected the cells with cherry tagged Lyn11-FRB construct that tethers to the plasma membrane.

Results: We substituted serine with alanine at site 27 and 92 (S27A/S92A) to generate a mutant known to disrupt cAMP mediated upregulation, there was a statistical increase in current density when co-expressed with CF-PIP5K. We then substituted serine with aspartic acid (S27D/S92D) to create a Phosphomimetic mutation, this mutant reproduces the effects of sympathetic mediated augmentation of I_{KS} channel. Increased PIP_2 levels failed to increase current density in S27D/S92D mutant, implying the channel is at its maximum activity and hence we failed to observe any further modulation.

In the presence CF-PIP5K, whole cell voltage clamp recordings demonstrated a statistically significant increase in WT channel activity (at +80mV, $p < 0.001$), when compared to unaltered PIP_2 conditions. Heterozygous Serine566phe and Phe340del mutants had statistically significant reduction in current density compared to wild type in basal conditions. When these mutants were expressed with the active CF-PIP5K, Serine566phe and Phe340 had an increase current. We then proceeded to interrogate how PIP_2 interacts with sympathetic signaling system. Pseudojanin (PJ) causes depletion of PIP_2 hence perturbing channel activity. When PJ was expressed with *KCNQ1* and *KCNE1* we observed an 80% reduction in channel activity at +80mV. When we perfused these cells with isoprenaline the channel activity was restored to normal.

Conclusion: Here we illustrate how increasing PIP_2 levels can revive I_{KS} channel activity in mutant genotype therefore supporting evidence of its capabilities as a potential therapeutic tool. This modulation is independent of the PKA-cAMP system.

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BUCCAL MUCOSA CELLS AS A DIAGNOSTIC TOOL IN PATIENTS WITH ARRHYTHMOGENIC CARDIOMYOPATHY

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Background: Arrhythmic cardiomyopathy (ACM) is predominantly caused by mutations in genes encoding desmosomal proteins (such as *plakophilin-2*), however also mutations in non-desmosomal proteins like phospholamban (*PLN*) are found. Previous research showed that plakoglobin protein levels and localization in cardiac tissue of ACM patients is disturbed and this could be an additional tool to discriminate