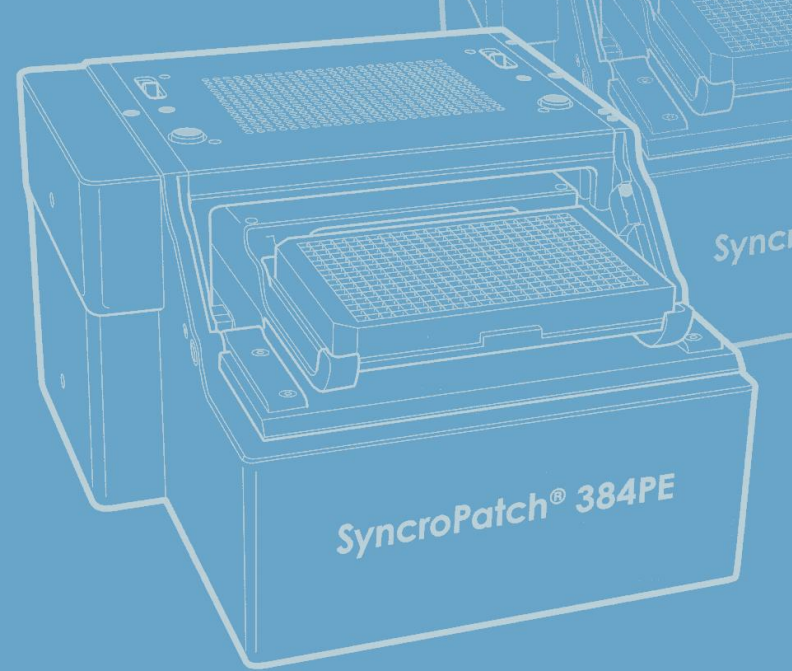


# Nanon Technologies



## Complementary HTS Technologies towards a more Rigorous Safety Screening Paradigm

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  - CardioExcyte
  - Syncropatch 384/768

# Company History & Development

Continuous organic & dynamic growth since 2002



Final scale-up  
to HTS

Dedicated staff



Entering HTS



Versatile automation



First APC instrument



Seed invest

Long experience in customer service

Company buyout

Management buyout



# Nanion:

## The SURF<sup>2</sup>R.

Catch the wave for transporters.

- In-depth analysis of transporter protein activity and function
- Compatible with diverse membrane sources
- Multiple targets investigated with one sensor

## The CardioExcyte 96.

Bump up your safety screening.

- Ultra-precise impedance measurements
- Real time access to beating parameters
- Quick experiments and long term observations

Measure More  
Membrane

## The Patchliner.

Because quality does matter.

- Unlimited experimental freedom
- Best of all worlds: throughput, performance and versatility
- Press one button and walk away:
  - 48 cells in one run

## The Port-a-Patch.

The world's smallest patch clamp rig.

- Fast access to high quality patch clamp data
- Quick evaluation of cells and compounds
- Novel experimental possibilities

## The Vesicle Prep Pro.

Liposomes made easy.

- Quick and easy formation of GUVs
- Temperature control
- Stable bilayers for ephys recordings

13 years of patch clamping -  
and more to come

## The SyncroPatch 96.

Get more throughput.

- Cost-efficient ion channel screening
- Ligand- and voltage-gated channels
- High throughput and high data quality

## The Orbit 16.

Instant bilayer – just add protein.

- 16 parallel bilayers
- Low noise, high bandwidth recordings
- Compatible with your existing amplifier

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### CiPA

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### Goal

- Move the analysis and evaluation of pro-arrhythmia risk earlier in the discovery/development process
- Increase efficiency of development pathway
- Enhance accuracy of current or future drugs labeling
- Increase the number of compounds in development
- Revise ICH S7B guideline, and remove TQT study described in ICH E14 guideline
  - Proposed timelines: abandon E14 by July 2015, and revise S7B by July 2016



# HTS on the CIPA stipulated ion channels

(*hERG, Nav1.5, Cav1.2 and KvLQT1, Kir2.1*)

## Voltage gated channels:

BK, **Cav1.2**, Cav2.2, Cav3.1, Cav3.2, Cav3.3, **hERG**,  
hEAG, K<sub>Ca</sub>1.1, Kv1.3, Kv1.5, **KCNQ1**, Nav1.1, Nav1.2,  
**hNav1.5**, Nav1.7, hNav1.8, *Shaker I*, *Shaker II*

## Ligand gated:

5-HT<sub>3</sub>, ASIC, CNG, GABA<sub>A</sub>, hGlyR  $\alpha$ 1, HCN, hNACHR  
 $\alpha$ 7, NACHR  $\alpha$ 3 $\beta$ 4, NMDA, P2X2/3, P2X7, TRPA1,  
TRPC1, TRPC3, TRPC5, TRPM2, TRPM3, TRPM7,  
TRPM8, TRPV1, TRPV3, TRPV4

## Others:

Kir1.1, Kir7.1, **Kir2.1**, rGIRK, kNBCs-1 (NBCe1-A),  
ROMK, TPCN2

## Bilayers:

Alamethicin, Bacterial Cytolysin, Connexins,  
Gramicidin, IP<sub>3</sub>, KcsA, Kv1.2, MscL, NaChBac,  
OmpC, OmpF

## Cell lines:

1321 N1, BHK, HEK293, CHO, COS, HeLa, IMR-32,  
Jurkat, L-tk, ND7-23, NG108-15, PC-12, RBL, S2, S9,  
SHS5Y5

## Primary cells:

BY2 Protoplasts, DRG neurons, erythrocytes,  
hippocampal granule cells, human corneal  
endothelial cells, human sanoviocytes, human T-  
lymphocytes, human neutrophils, human  
vasacular smooth muscle cells, lysosomes,  
lymphoblasts, mesophyll protoplasts,  
mitochondria, mitoplasts, rat astrocytes

## Stem cells:

hES (undifferentiated), hESC- derived  
cardiomyocytes (Axiogenesis, Cellectis, CDI,  
Geron/GE Health Care), mESC-derived  
cardiomyocytes (Axiogenesis), Primary neuronal  
stem cells



Measured on Nanion APC





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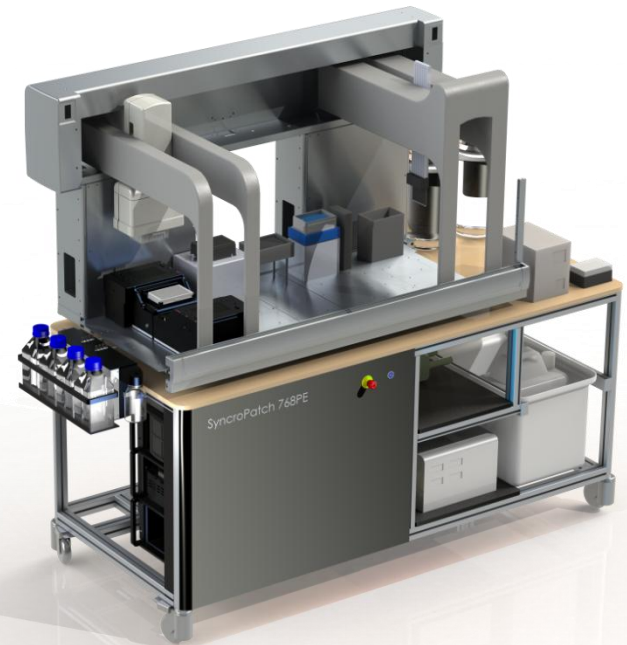
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# Is your safety program up-to-date?

## Nanon's approach to CiPA....

### CardioExcyte 96

Non-invasive impedance system  
for beating cardiac networks



### Patchliner

High quality whole cell patch clamp  
recordings

### SyncroPatch 384/768

High quality patch clamp & 100% HTS

# Patchliner

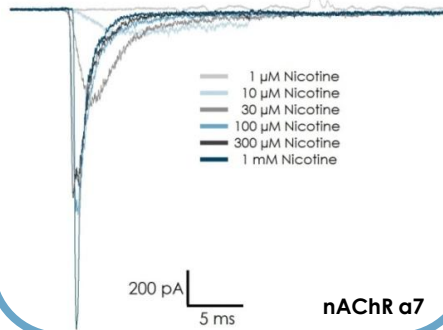
*Automated patch clamp for safety screening*



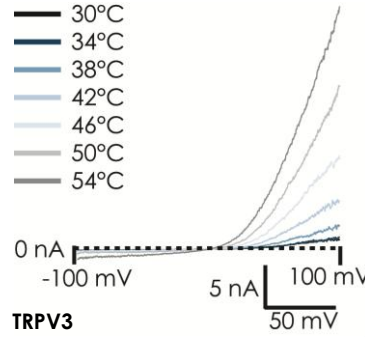
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# Patchliner®. Unlimited experimental freedom.

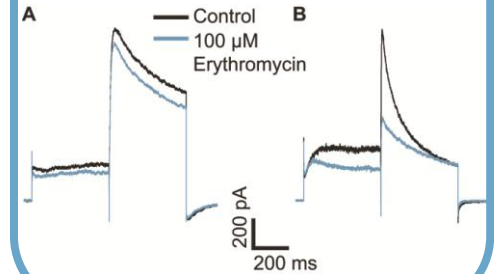
## Rapid solution exchange



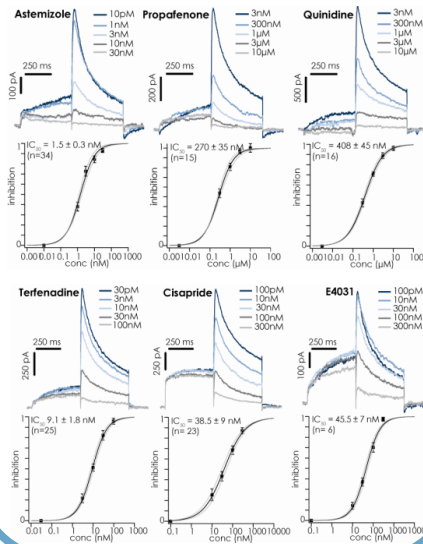
## Heatable pipette



## Physiological temperature

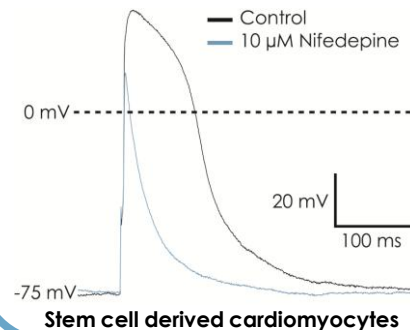


## Efficient CRC generation

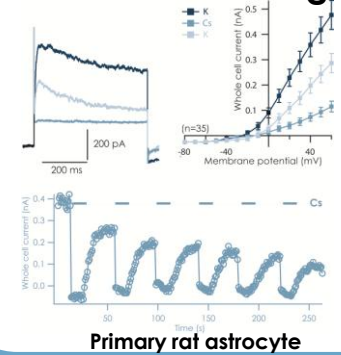


+ accurate pharmacology!

## Current clamp recordings

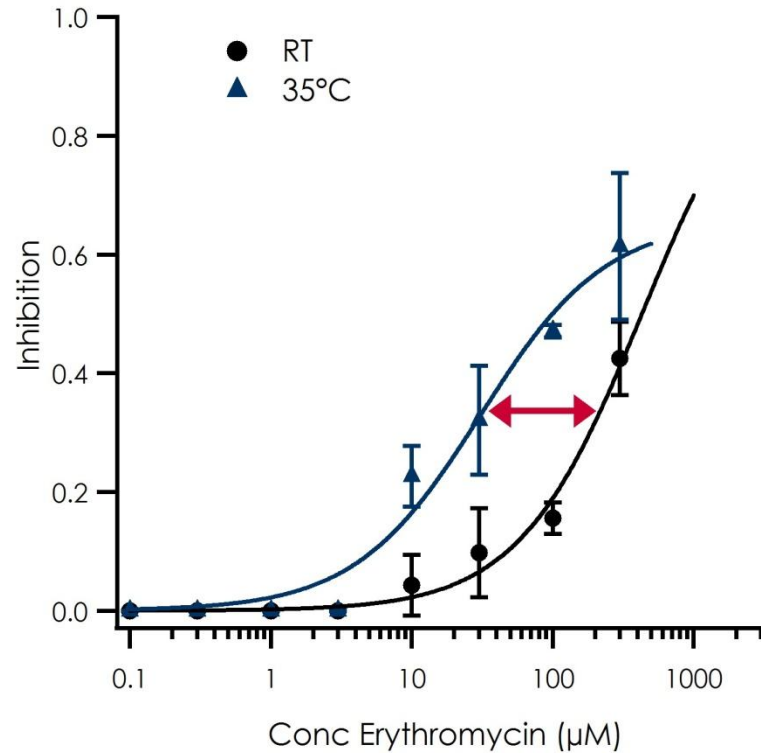
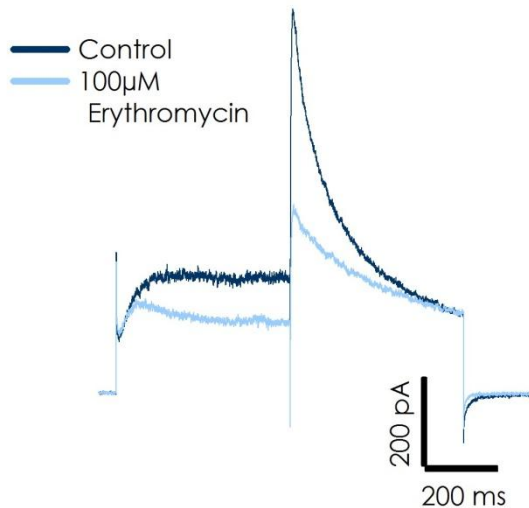
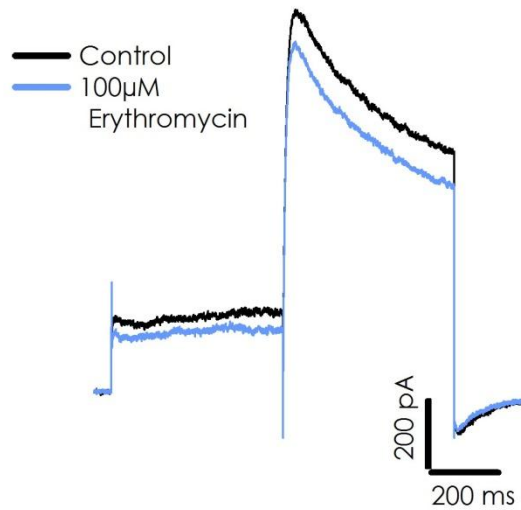


## Internal exchange



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# Pharmacology of hERG at physiological temperature

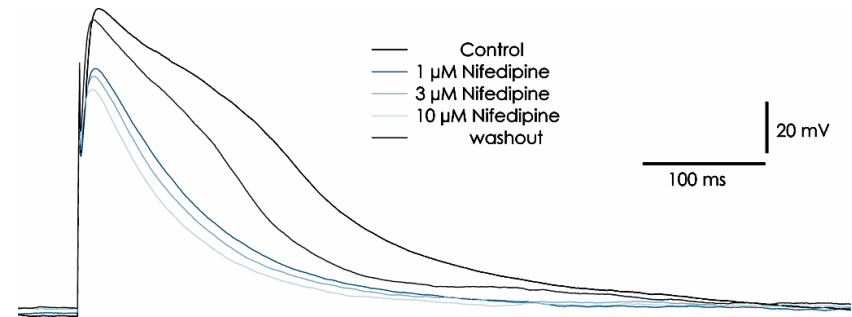


Pharmacology can be altered at physiological temperature

Erythromycin is 10X more potent at physiological temperature vs RT

# Patchliner offers all required features for screening of stem cell-derived cells

- **Current clamp** – automated current clamp recordings
- **GigaOhm seals even with primary /stem cells**
- **Temperature control** – stable physiological temperatures or temperature jumps (<70°C)
- **Minimized cell usage** – higher cost efficiency
- **Internal solution exchange** – allows modulation of the ion channels on the cytosolic membrane side
- **Fast solution exchange** - >20 ms solution switch time
- **Brief compound exposure** – allows short compound exposure times down to 500 ms



**Action potential are shortened by the presence of nifedepine, an L-type calcium channel blocker.**

# CardioExcyte 96

*label-free cardiac safety screening*



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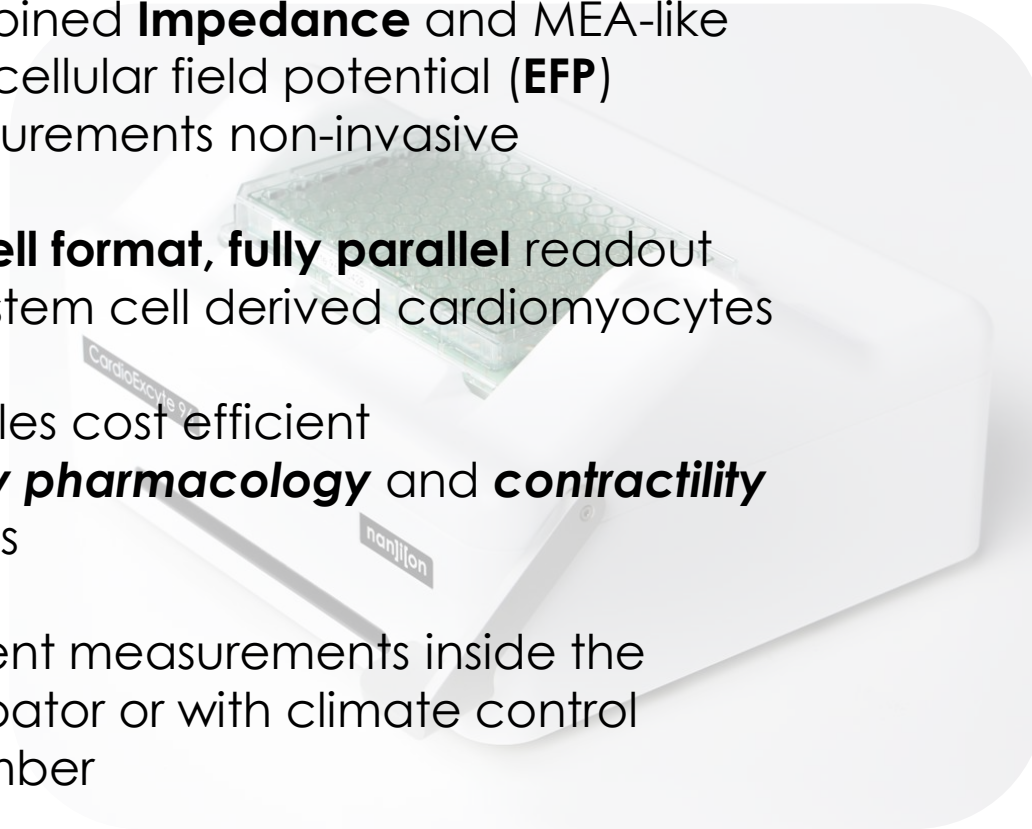
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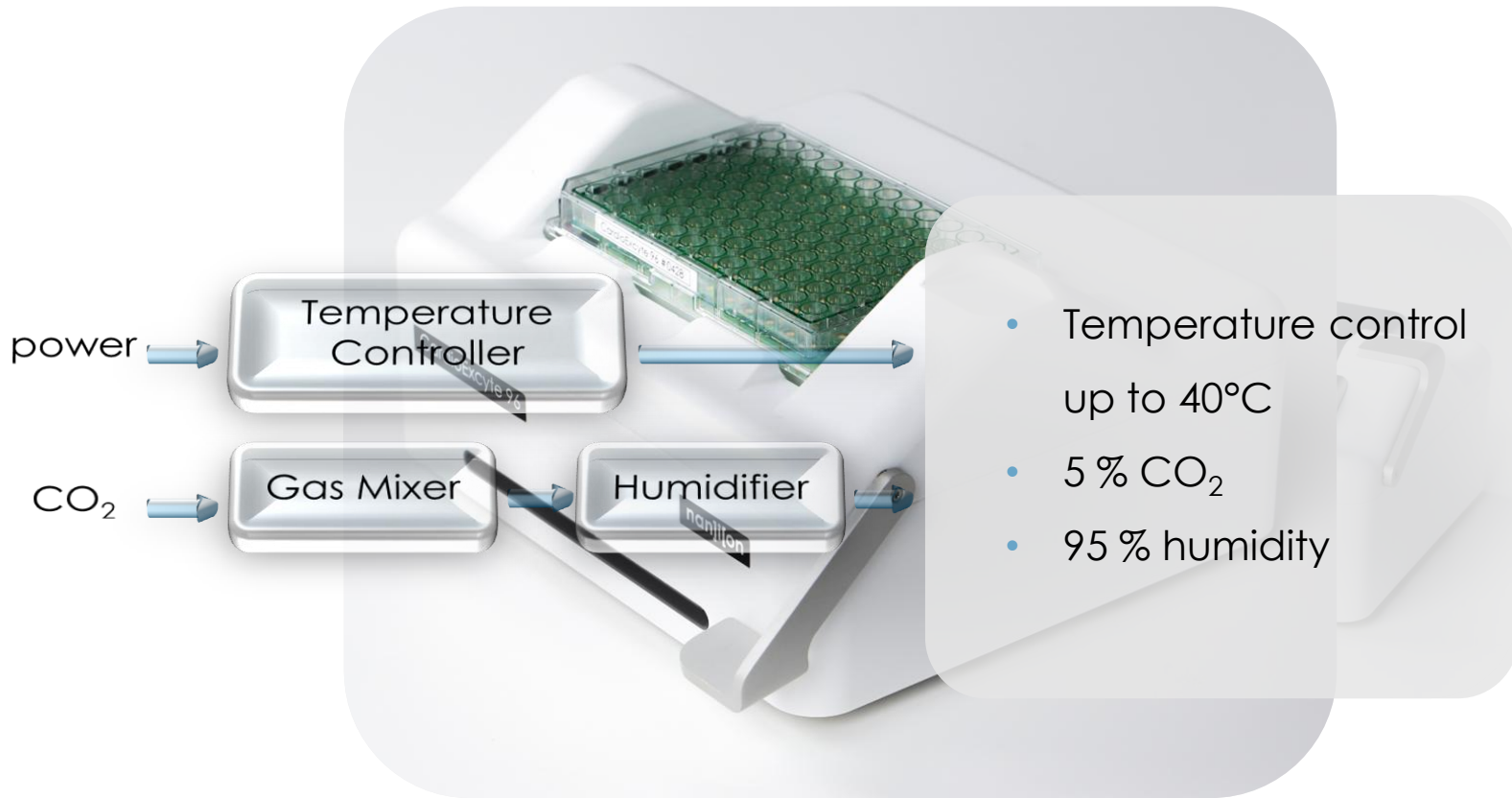


# CardioExcyte96

- Combined **Impedance** and MEA-like extracellular field potential (**EFP**) measurements non-invasive
- **96-well format, fully parallel** readout from stem cell derived cardiomyocytes
- enables cost efficient **safety pharmacology** and **contractility** assays
- Efficient measurements inside the incubator or with climate control chamber



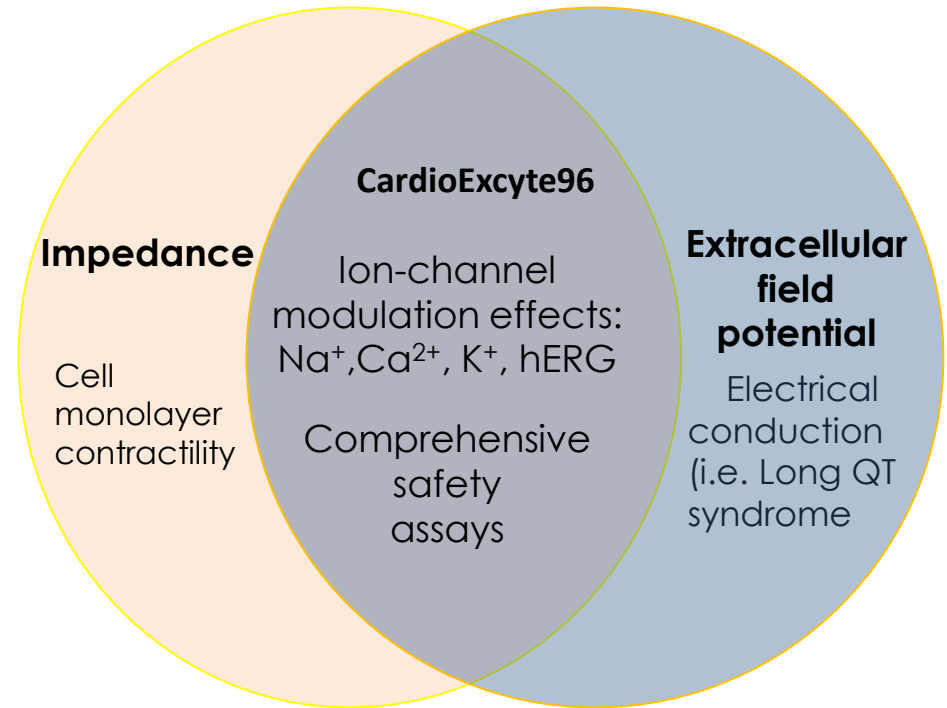
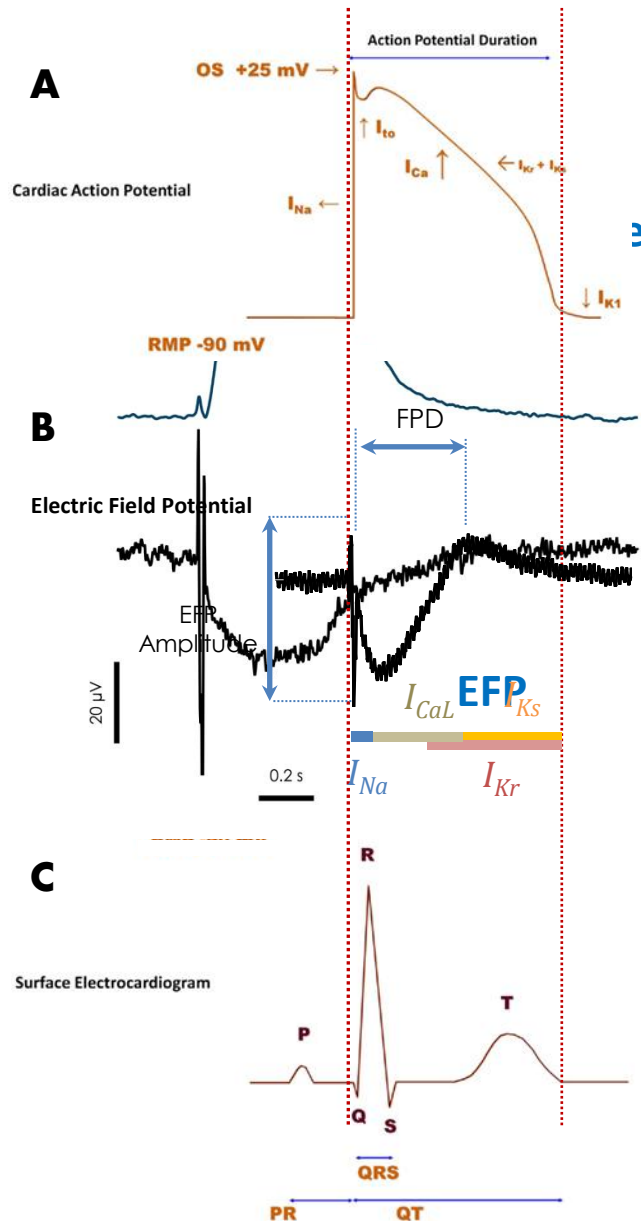
# Replacing the Incubator – CardioExcyte Incubation chamber



→ Minimal space requirements

→ Easy experimental setup for assessment of temperature-dependent effects

# Impedance and Extracellular Field Potential (EFP) measurements recorded in a combined mode



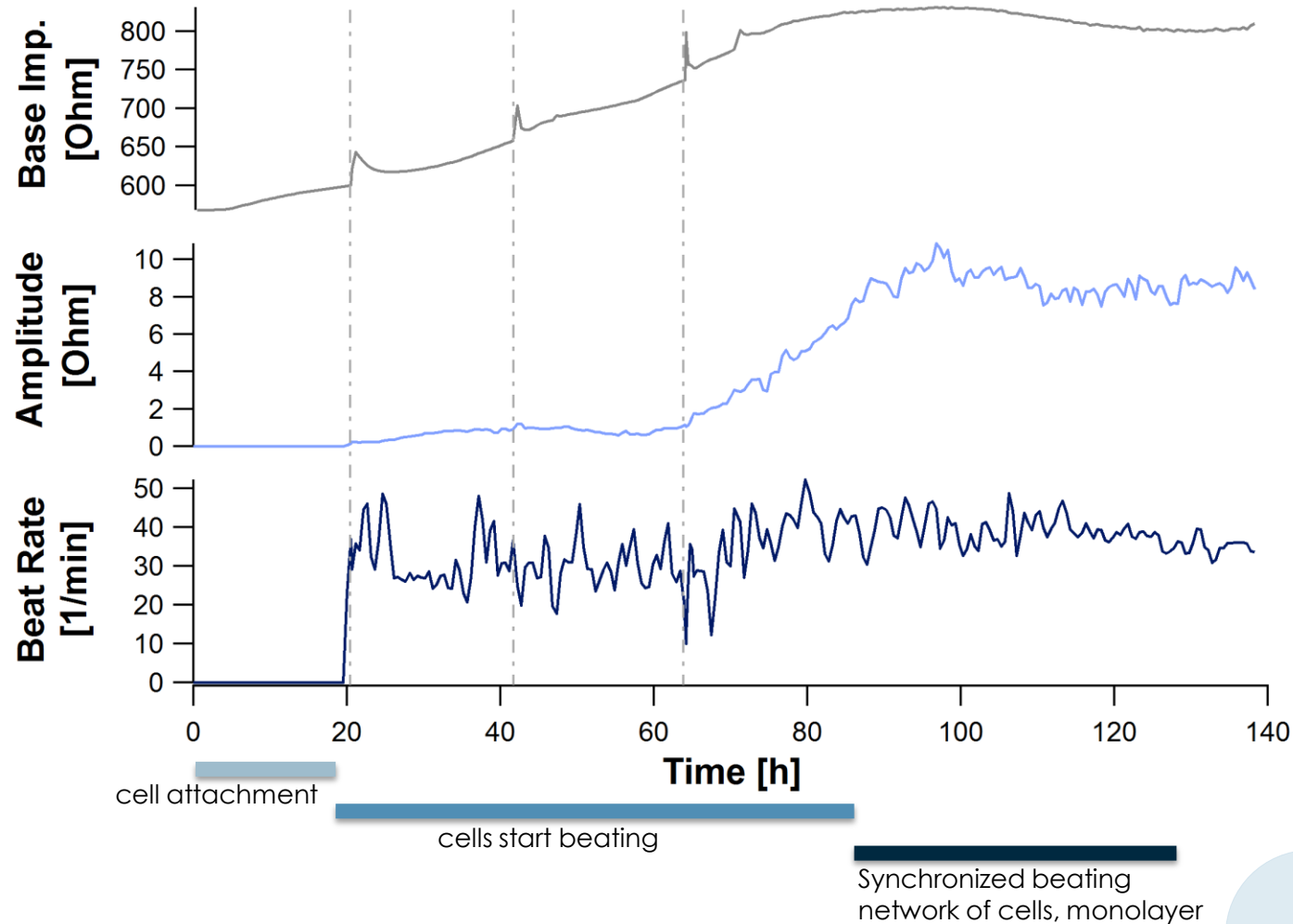
**A. Human ventricular action potential**<sup>1</sup>

**B Extracellular electric field potential (EFP)** and cardiac ion channel currents that contribute to iPSC-CM potentials.

**C Surface electrocardiogram (ECG).**<sup>1</sup>

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# Extended Applications: cell adhesion and initiation of rhythmic activity

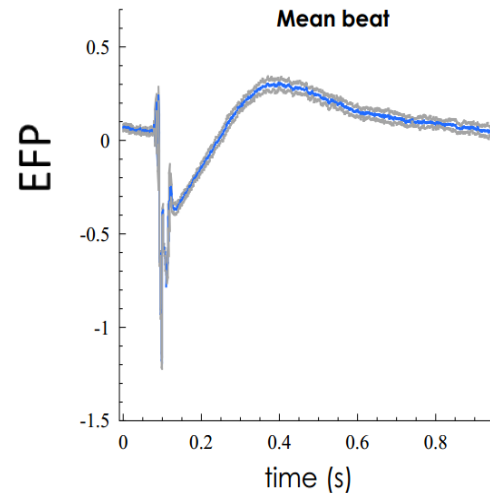
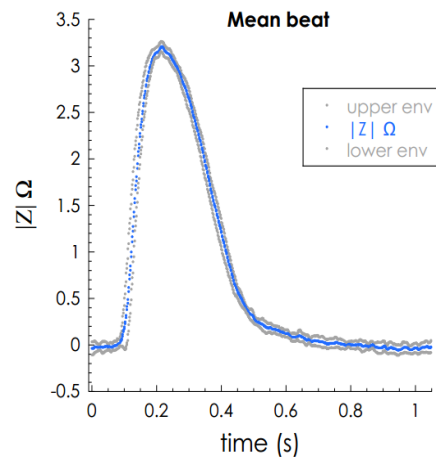
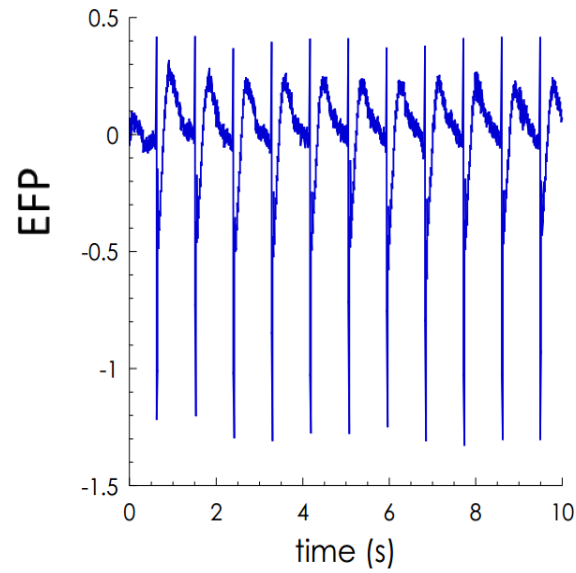
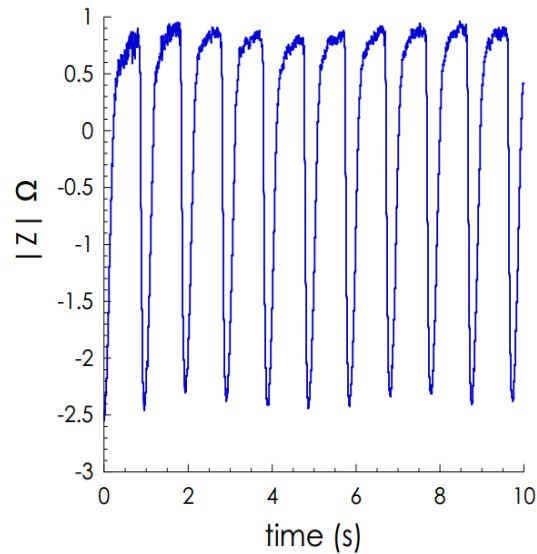


Base Impedance, Amplitude and Beat Rate during the attachment/growth of cardiac cells (iCell® Cardiomyocytes) (T = 0: cell seeding, dotted lines: Medium exchange).

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## Combined impedance and EFP recordings



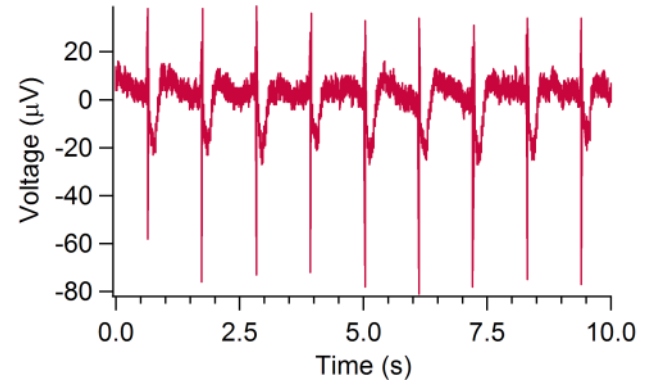
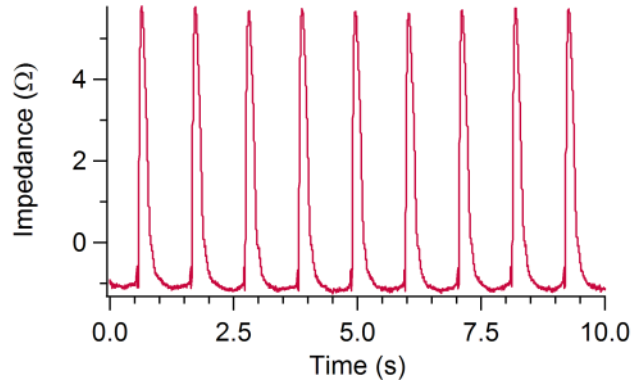
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# Cardiac Pharmacology: Dofetilide – single point addition

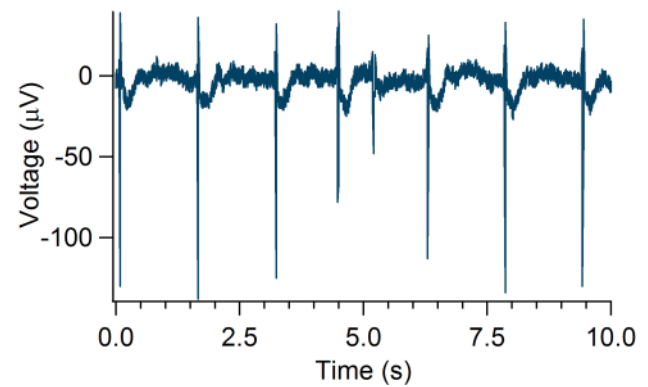
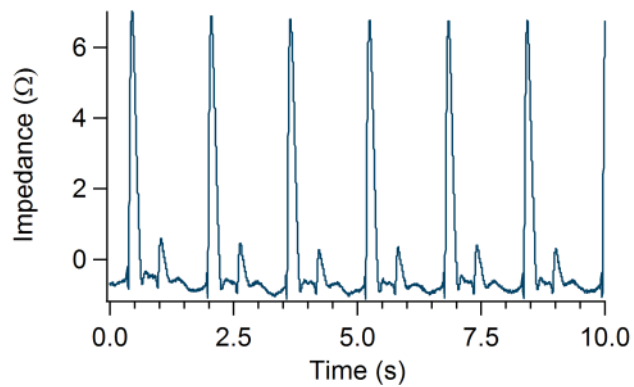
Impedance

EFP

Baseline

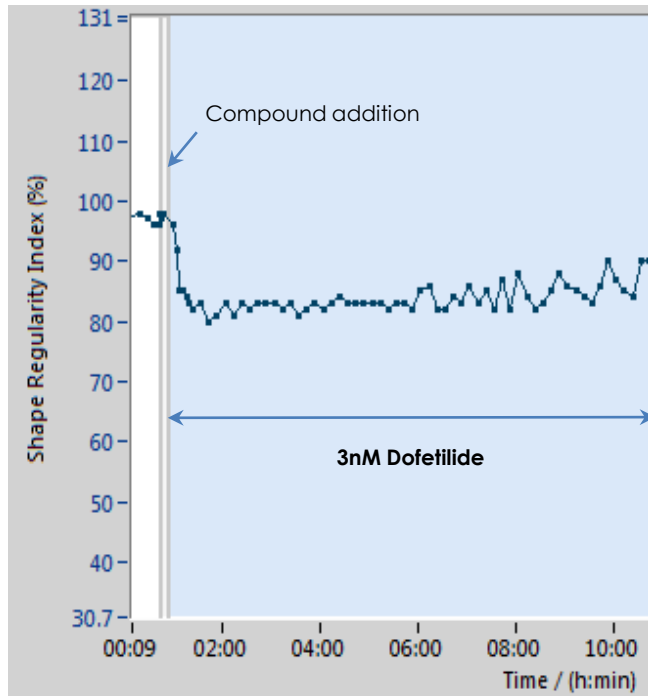


100 nM Dofetilide

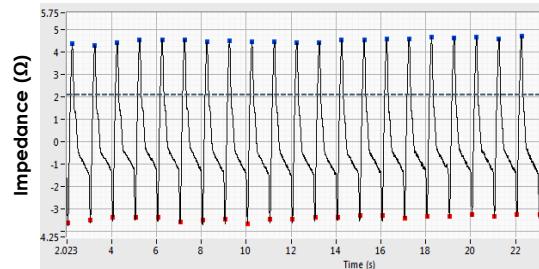


# Detection and quantification of secondary beats

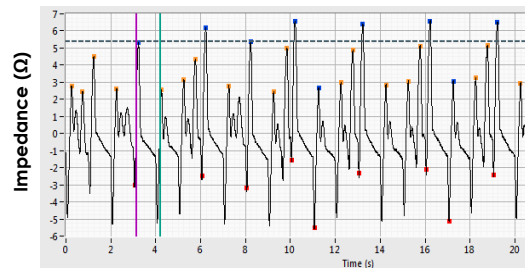
## Impedance recordings



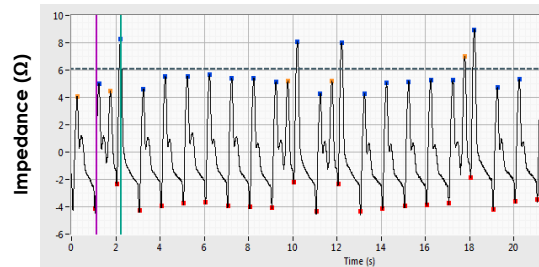
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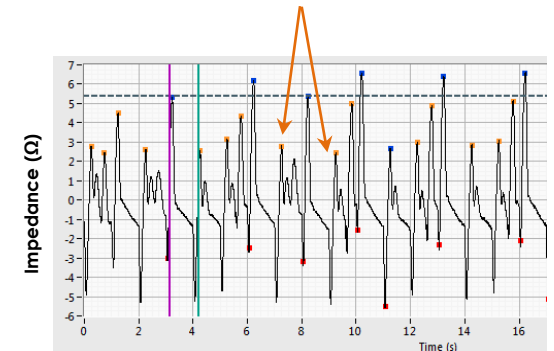
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~9h 45 min post-addition



Automatic detection of secondary beats

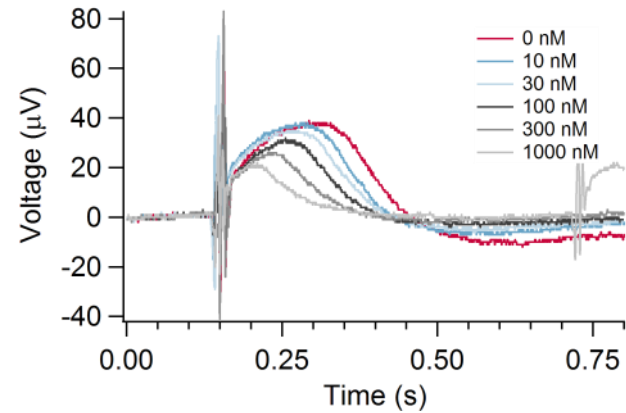
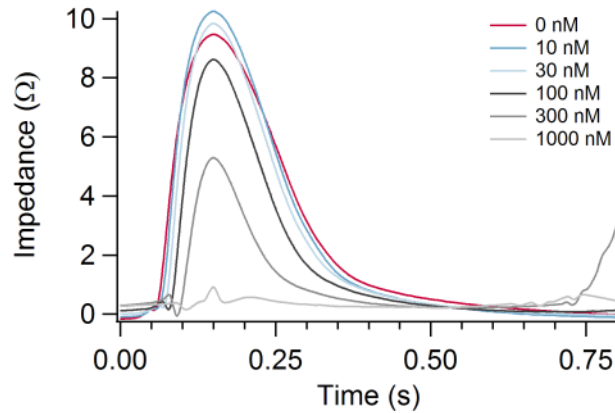


# Cardiac Pharmacology: Nifedipine

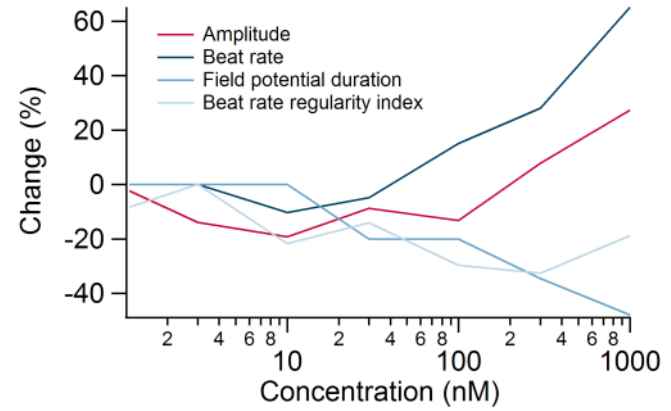
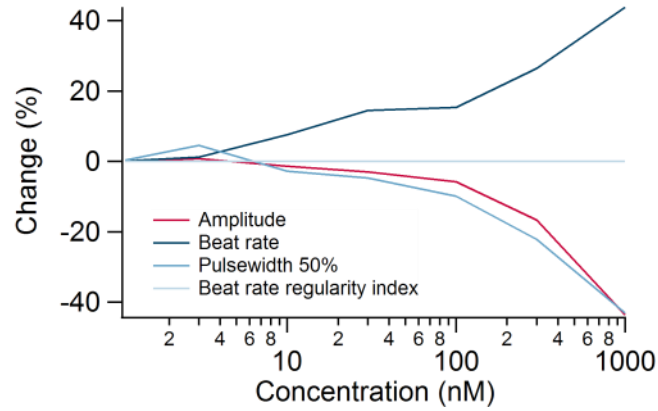
Impedance

EFP

Raw data



Dose-response





# Compound profiles

		Impedance				EFP				
		Amp	Rate	PW50	BRI	Amp	Rate	FPD	BRI	
Dofetilide	100 nM									hERG blocker
Cisapride	1 $\mu$ M									hERG blocker
E-4031	1 nM									hERG blocker
Sotalolol	1 $\mu$ M									hERG blocker
Astemizole	1 nM									hERG blocker
Quinidine	30 $\mu$ M									hERG,Ca,Na blocker
Terfenadine	1 $\mu$ M									hERG,Na blocker
Isoproterenol	30 $\mu$ M									$\beta$ -adrenergic agonist
Nifedipine	300 nM									Ca blocker
BAYK8644	1 nM									Ca activator

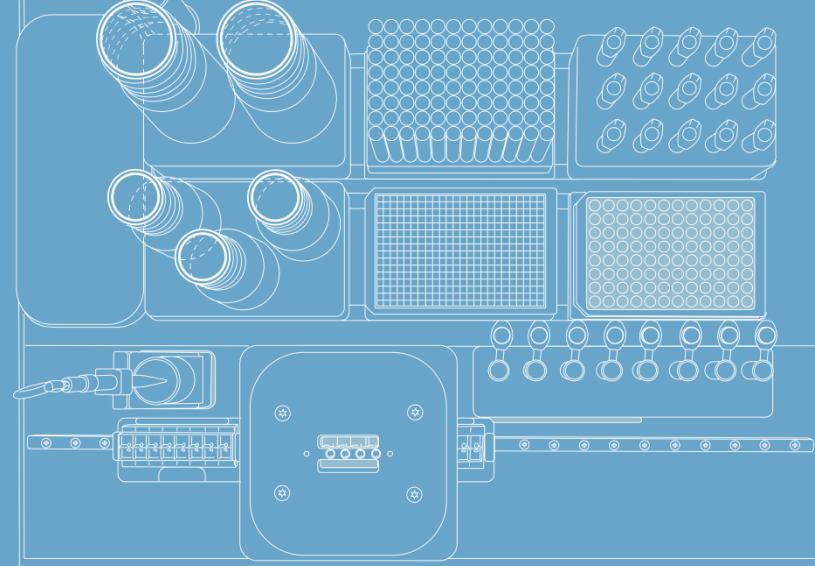


increase



decrease

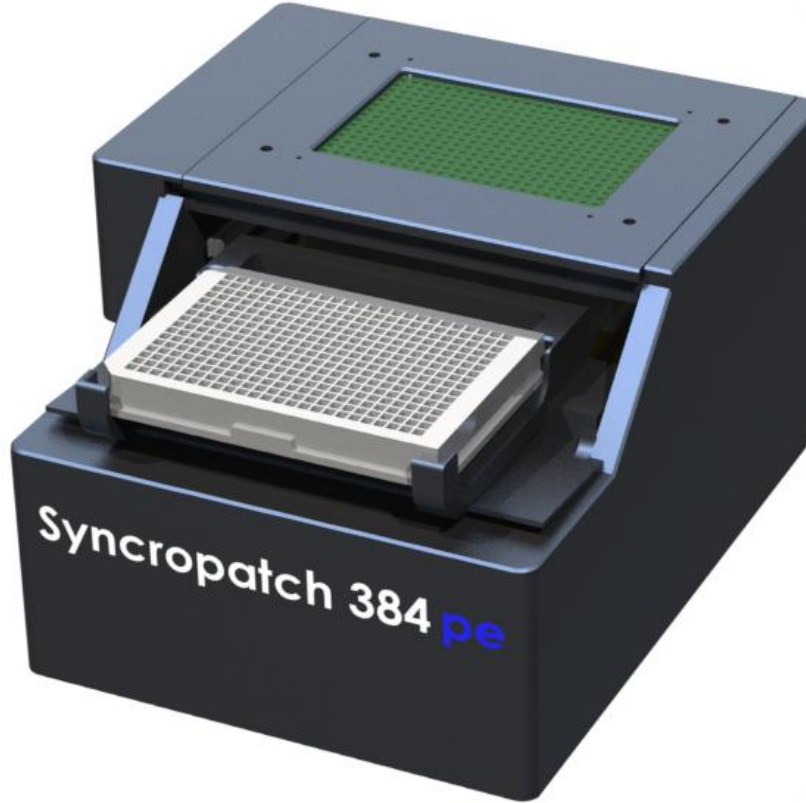
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## SyncroPatch 384 & 768 PE

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# The PatchEngine – 100 % integration in HTS environment:

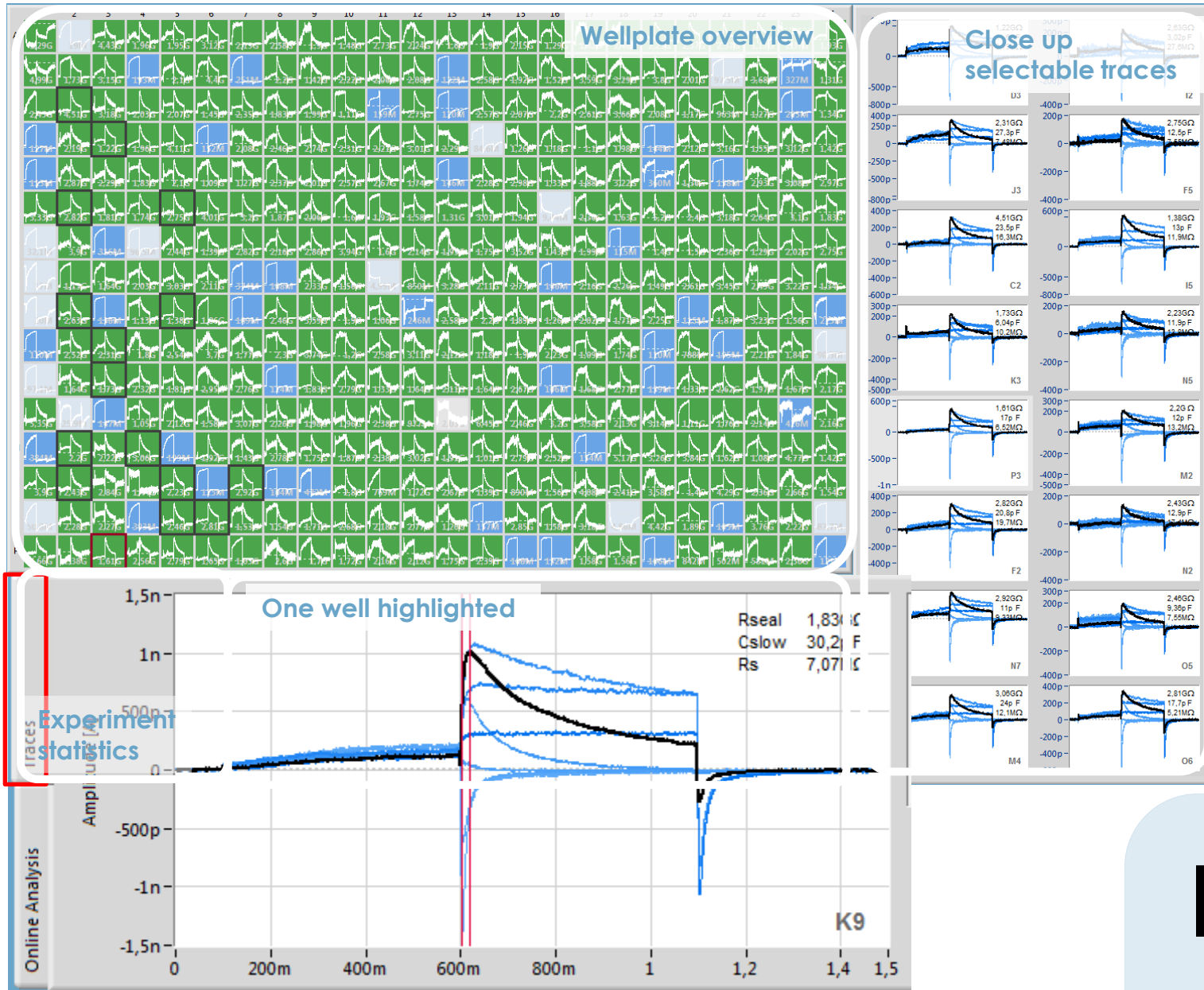


The PatchEngine –  
the core of the SyncroPatch 384PE

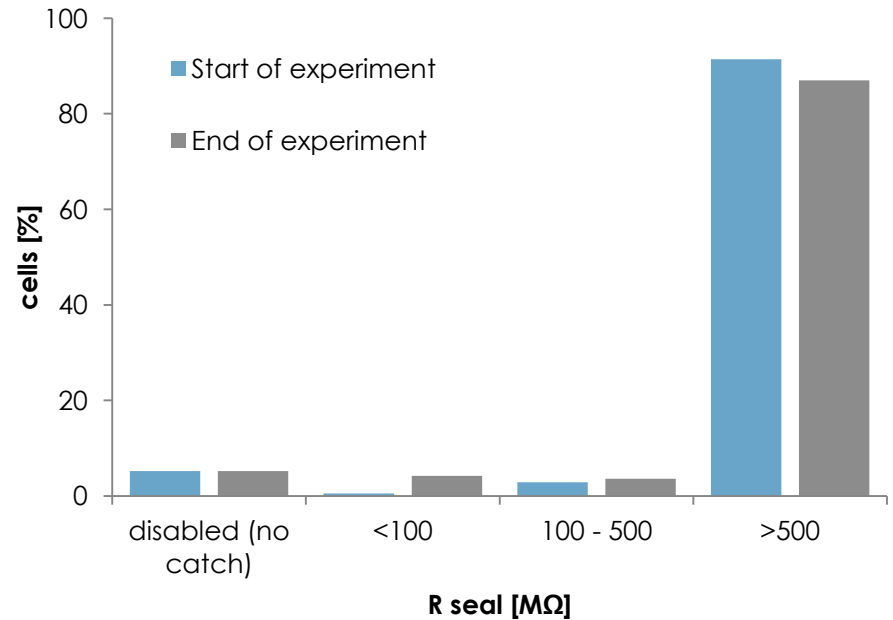
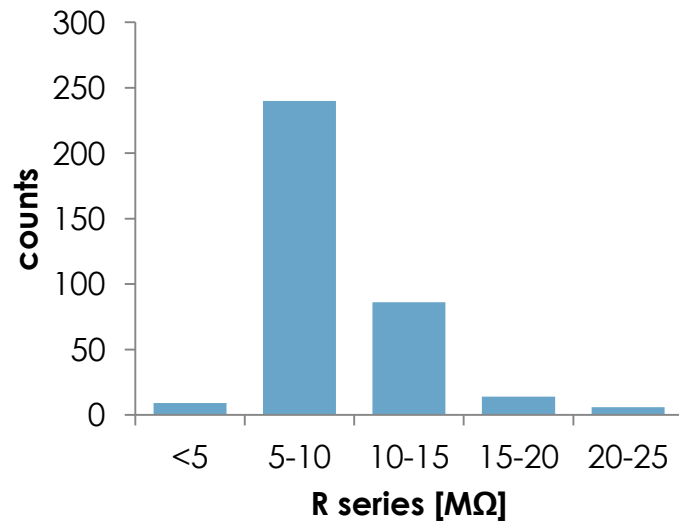
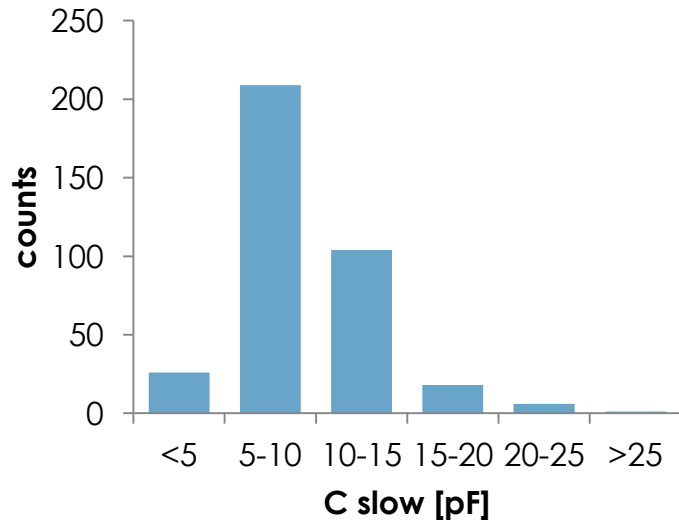
- ✓ Fits into commercially available liquid handler
- ✓ Up to two **PE**'s per robot
- ✓ Open design allows integrations into fully robotic environments
- ✓ Used successfully with  
Beckman Coulter's Biomek  
Cybio's Felix

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# Current-Voltage (I/V) Relationship of hERG (CHO)



# Success rates of hERG expressed in CHO cells



## Application Note

Channels: hERG, Na<sub>v</sub>1.5, Ca<sub>v</sub>1.2,  
K<sub>r</sub>2.1, K<sub>v</sub>4.3, K<sub>v</sub>7.1

Cells: HEK, CHO

Tools: SyncroPatch® 384/768PE

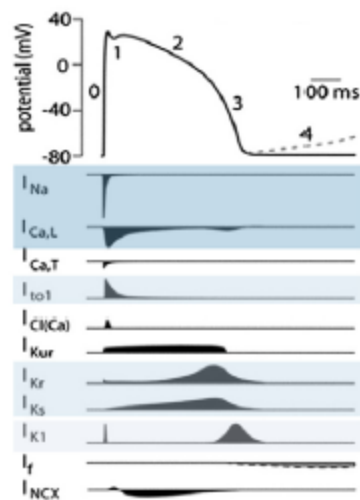
# Simultaneous Assessment of CiPA Stipulated Ion Channels on the SyncroPatch® 384PE

The electrophysiology team at Nanion Technologies GmbH, Munich.  
Cells kindly provided by ChanTest.



## Summary

The cardiac action potential is defined by multiple voltage-dependent ion channels (see Fig. 1). A drug candidate's capacity to interact with the ion channels involved in the depolarization or repolarization phases of the cardiac action potential is important for drug safety assessment. Until now, safety testing has focussed on interaction with the hERG channel and QT prolongation which can lead to potentially fatal torsades de pointes (TdP). Although this approach has been largely successful in preventing new drugs reaching the market with unexpected potential to cause TdP, it is also possible that potentially valuable therapeutics have failed due to this early screening. A new paradigm, the Comprehensive In-vitro Proarrhythmia Assay (CiPA), was introduced in 2013 to provide a more complete assessment of proarrhythmic risk<sup>1,2</sup>. An assessment of a multitude of cardiac ion channels, in addition to hERG, should provide a more accurate prediction of the proarrhythmic risk of a compound compared with testing on hERG alone.

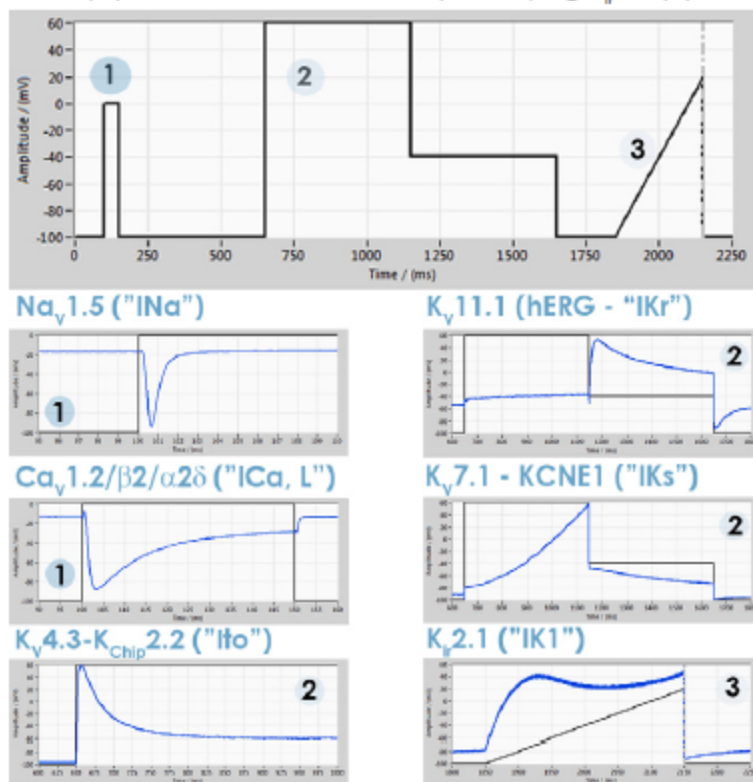


**Figure 1:** Cardiac action potential and underlying currents (reproduced from Ref. 2).

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## Results

A combined voltage step-ramp protocol (Fig. 2) was applied simultaneously to HEK or CHO cells expressing different cardiac ion channels. The first segment was used to elicit  $I_{NaV1.5}$  or  $I_{CaV1.2}$  (1) followed by a classical hERG-like segment to activate  $I_{Kv4.3}$ ,  $I_{Kv11.1}$  and  $I_{Kv7.1}$  (2) and finally a ramp protocol to elicit inwardly rectifying  $I_{K2.1}$  (3).



**Figure 2:** A voltage protocol was used to activate 6 distinct cardiac ion channels. The top panel shows the voltage protocol used on all wells to simultaneously activate the 6 distinct cardiac ion channel currents shown in the bottom panels.



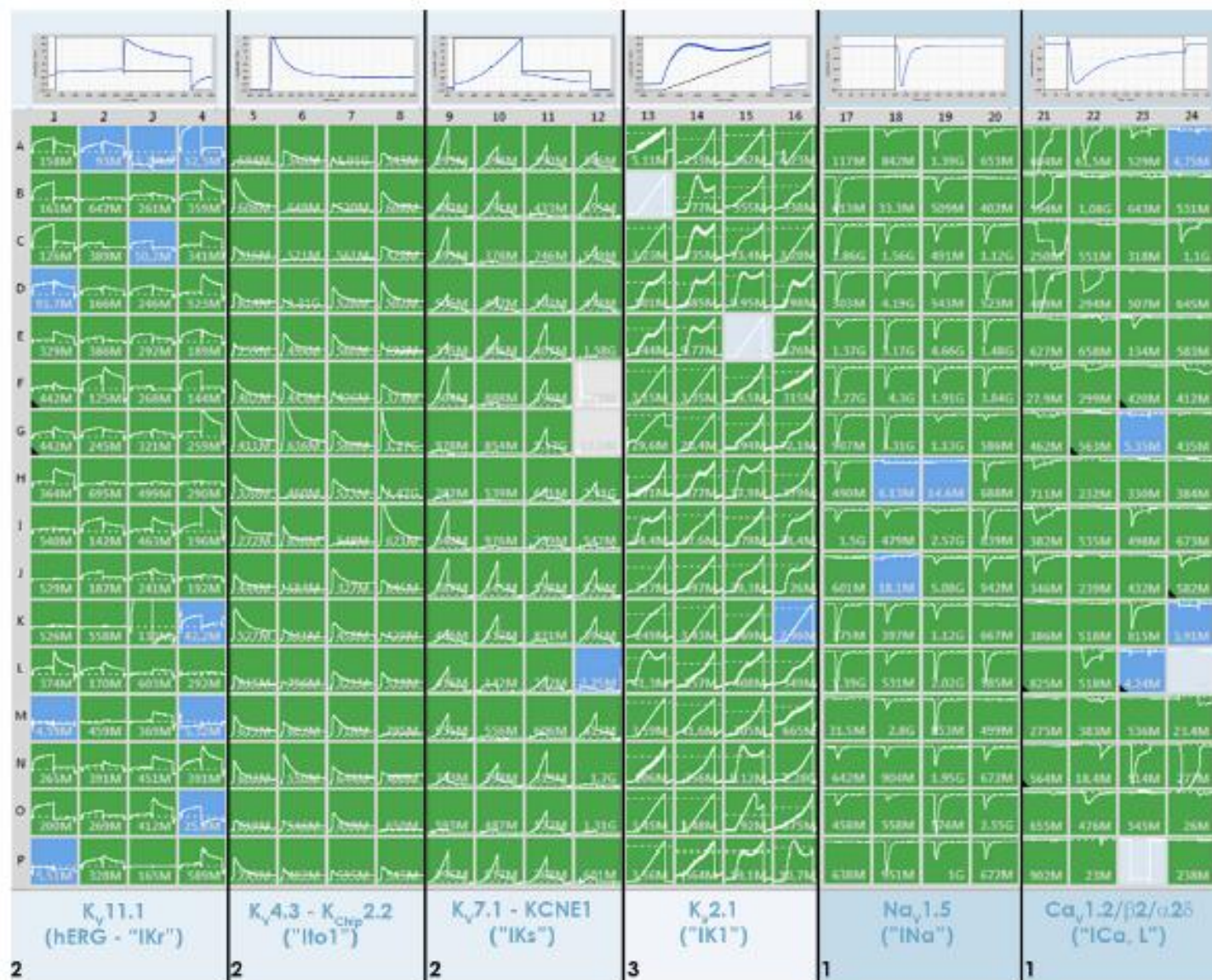
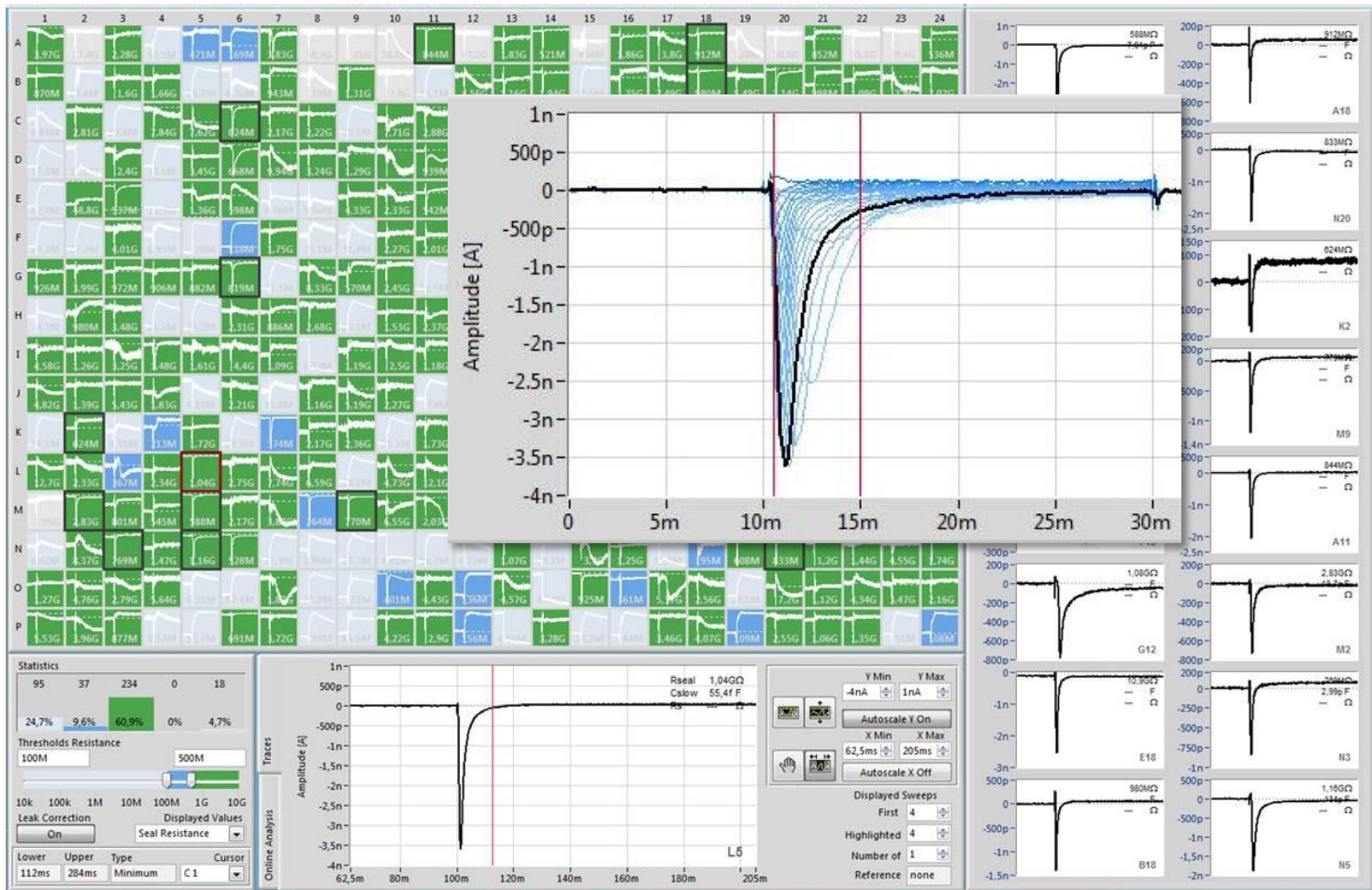


Figure 3: Six different cardiac channels recorded simultaneously on the SyncroPatch\* 384PE. Shown is a screenshot of the data acquisition and analysis software used on the SyncroPatch\* 384PE showing an experiment recording six different cardiac channels at once. A representative image of the current recording for each ion channel is shown at the top.



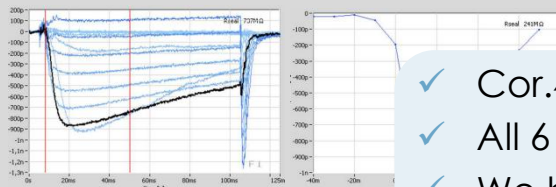
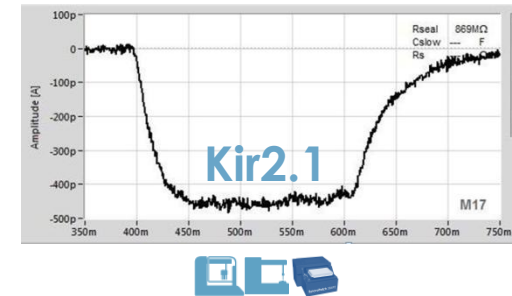
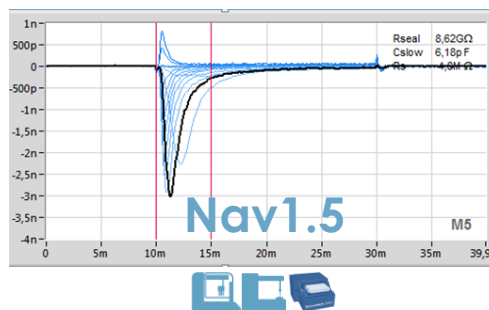
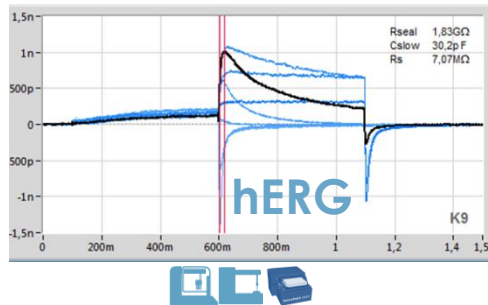
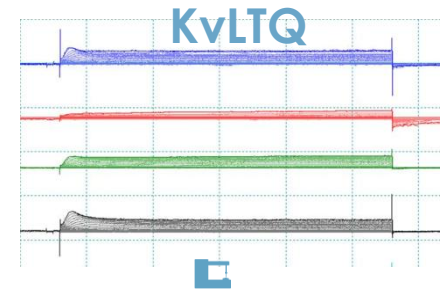
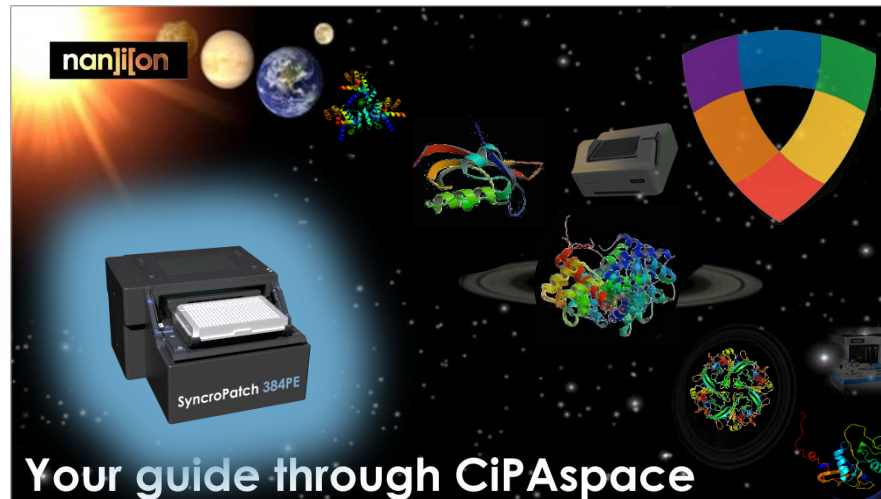
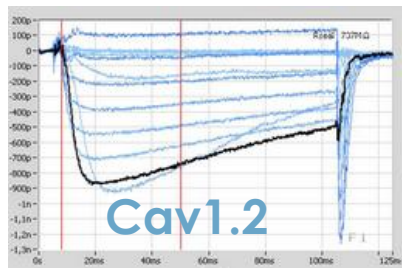
# Ongoing project: HTS screening of CDI/Cor.4U cells!



- ✓ Cor.4U iPSC Derived Human Cardiomyocytes
- ✓ Low Cell consumption: ~300 cells per well
- ✓ **One T-75 Flask with 1.5 Mio cells is sufficient for 10 x 384-patch clamp plates**

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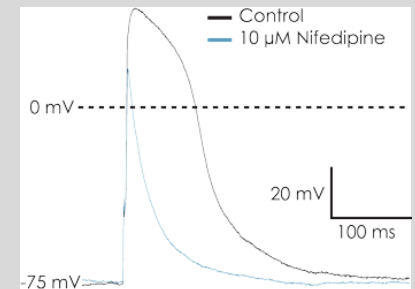
# Summary: HTS on the CIPA stipulated ion channels



- ✓ Cor.4U iPSC Derived Human Cardiomyocytes
- ✓ All 6 targets recorded with high success rate
- ✓ We have cooperations with Millipore, ChanTest and Anaxon – choose your cell line!



**IV on SyncroPatch**



Thank you!



- Company intro
- Overall platforms
- CIPA intro
- PL
- CE
- Syncro
- Relate to CIPA

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### Comprehensive In Vitro Proarrhythmia Assay (CIPA)

The objective of the CIPA initiative is to facilitate the adoption of a new paradigm for assessment of clinical potential of TdP that is not measured exclusively by potency of hERG block and not at all by QT prolongation. The new CIPA paradigm will be driven by a suite of mechanistically based in vitro assays coupled to in silico reconstructions of cellular cardiac electrophysiologic activity, with verification of completeness through comparison of predicted and observed responses in human-derived cardiac myocytes. It is envisioned that the CIPA initiative will ultimately require the modification or replacement of the existing [ICH S7a/b guidelines](#) and elimination of [E14 guidelines](#), although progress can be made in the short term under the existing regulatory construct. [Read more about the proposal.](#)

Anticipated Final O  
CIPA will eliminate  
negative dataset b  
profiling, in silico a



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## New data Cardiomyos CIPA panel user meeting



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### COMPOUNDS SELECTED FOR CIPA PROARRHYTHMIA TESTING

#### Compounds Identified as High Risk for Manifesting Human TdP

- Azimilide
- Bepridil
- Dofetilide
- Ibutilide
- Quinidine
- Vandetanib
- Methadone
- D,L Sotalol

#### Compounds Identified as Intermediate Risk for Manifesting Human TdP

- Astemizole
- Chlorpromazine
- Cisapride
- Clarithromycin
- Clozapine
- Domperidone
- Droperidol
- Terfenadine
- Fimozide
- Risperidone
- Ondansetron

#### Compounds Identified as No or Very Low Risk for Manifesting Human TdP

- Diltiazem
- Loratadine
- Metoprolol
- Mexiletine
- Nifedipine
- Nitrendipine
- Ranolazine
- Tamoxifen
- Verapamil
- Flecainide