C-terminal phosphorylation of Na\textsubscript{v}1.5 impairs FGF13-dependent regulation of channel inactivation

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Voltage-gated Na\textsuperscript{+} (Na\textsubscript{v}) channels are key regulators of myocardial excitability, and Ca\textsuperscript{2+}/calmodulin-dependent protein kinase II (CaMKII)- dependent alterations in Na\textsubscript{v}1.5 channel inactivation are emerging as a critical determinant of arrhythmias in heart failure. However, the global native phosphorylation pattern of Na\textsubscript{v}1.5 subunits associated with these arrhythmogenic disorders and the associated channel regulatory defects remain unknown. Here, we undertook phosphoproteomic analyses to identify and quantify \textit{in situ} the phosphorylation sites in the Na\textsubscript{v}1.5 proteins purified from adult WT and failing CaMKII\textsubscript{δc}- overexpressing (CaMKII\textsubscript{δc-Tg}) mouse ventricles. Of 19 native Na\textsubscript{v}1.5 phosphorylation sites identified, two C-terminal phosphoserines at positions 1938 and 1989 showed increased phosphorylation in the CaMKII\textsubscript{δc-Tg} compared with the WT ventricles. We then tested the hypothesis that phosphorylation at these two sites impairs fibroblast growth factor 13 (FGF13)-dependent regulation of Na\textsubscript{v}1.5 channel inactivation. Whole-cell voltage-clamp analyses in HEK293 cells demonstrated that FGF13 increases Na\textsubscript{v}1.5 channel availability and decreases late Na\textsuperscript{+} current, two effects that were abrogated with Na\textsubscript{v}1.5 mutants mimicking phosphorylation at both sites. Additional co-immunoprecipitation experiments revealed that FGF13 potentiates the binding of calmodulin to Na\textsubscript{v}1.5 and that increased phosphorylation in the C terminus of Na\textsubscript{v}1.5 that impair FGF13-dependent regulation of channel inactivation and may contribute to CaMKII\textsubscript{δc-dependent arrhythmogenic disorders in failing hearts.

Voltage-gated Na\textsuperscript{+} (Na\textsubscript{v}) channels are critical determinants of myocardial excitability, and defects in Na\textsubscript{v} channel functioning or regulation in the context of inherited or acquired cardiac disease increase the risk of life-threatening arrhythmias (1). Under physiological conditions, the primary ventricular Na\textsubscript{v} channel subunits, the Na\textsubscript{v}1.5 channels, activate and inactivate rapidly to generate the transient peak Na\textsuperscript{+} current, \(I_{\text{Na}}\), responsible for the depolarization phase and the propagation of action potentials. However, a small proportion of Na\textsubscript{v} channels inactivates slowly to generate a late or persistent Na\textsuperscript{+} current, referred to as \(I_{\text{NaL}}\), contributing markedly to determining action potential waveform, duration, and refractoriness. Among the various determinants recognized to cause Na\textsubscript{v} channel dysfunctions and consequent increased risk of acquired arrhythmias is the activation of Ca\textsuperscript{2+}/calmodulin-dependent protein kinase II (CaMKII)\textsuperscript{3} (2–7). A prime example of this dysregulation is heart failure in which an increased \(I_{\text{NaL}}\) has been linked to the activation of CaMKII (2, 4–7) and associated alteration in Na\textsubscript{v}1.5 phosphorylation (7). This increased \(I_{\text{NaL}}\) in failing hearts is sometimes accompanied by a decreased Na\textsubscript{v} channel availability caused by a hyperpolarizing shift of the voltage dependence of steady-state \(I_{\text{Na}}\) inactivation (2, 7). Three phosphorylation sites in the first linker loop of Na\textsubscript{v}1.5, at positions 516 (8, 9), 571 (10 –12), and 594 (8), have been suggested to play causative roles in these deleterious CaMKII-dependent mechanisms. Nonetheless, the global native phosphorylation pattern of Na\textsubscript{v}1.5 channels associated with CaMKII activation

\footnotetext{3}{The abbreviations used are: CaMKII, Ca\textsuperscript{2+}/calmodulin-dependent protein kinase II; CaMKII\textsubscript{δc-Tg}, transgenic mouse overexpressing the cytosolic isoform of the δ subunit of Ca\textsuperscript{2+}/calmodulin-dependent protein kinase II; CTD, C-terminal domain of Na\textsubscript{v} channels; iFGF, intracellular fibroblast growth factor; IP, immunoprecipitation; MS1, mass spectrum of precursor ions; mNa\textsubscript{v}PAN, anti-Na\textsubscript{v}a subunit monoclonal antibody; Na\textsubscript{v}a subunit, voltage-gated Na\textsuperscript{+} (Na\textsubscript{v}) channel pore-forming (α) subunit; TTX, tetrodotoxin; FA, formic acid; ACN, acetonitrile; ANOVA, analysis of variance; pF, picofarad; HP, holding potential; CaM, calmodulin; m, mouse.}

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This study uses a mass spectrometry (MS)-based phosphoproteomic analysis to identify and quantify in situ the native phosphorylation sites in the NaV,1.5 proteins purified from failing CaMKIIδ,Tg-oversexpressing (CaMKIIδ,Tg) versus non-failing wild-type (WT) mouse ventricles. The rationale for using this transgenic and failing mouse model is to identify the NaV,1.5 phosphorylation sites that participate in the channel inactivation defects associated with the activation of CaMKIIδ in heart failure. Further biochemical and electrophysiological approaches in human embryonic kidney 293 (HEK293) cells were then used to investigate the impact of phosphorylation at two C-terminal serine residues on the interaction of FGF13 and CaM with NaV,1.5 and on the inactivation properties of NaV,1.5 channels.

**Results**

**Purification and characterization of NaV channel complexes from WT and CaMKIIδ,Tg mouse ventricles**

Total lysates from four adult WT and four CaMKIIδ,c-Tg (30) mouse (m) ventricles were prepared, pooled, and used in eight distinct IPs (four WT IPs and four CaMKIIδ,c-Tg IPs) using the mNaV,PAN-specific antibody. As illustrated in Fig. 1A and consistent with previous findings (7), Western blot analyses of total lysates showed greater NaV,1.5 protein expression in the CaMKIIδ,c-Tg compared with the WT ventricles. This difference in total protein expression resulted in significantly (p < 0.05) higher NaV,1.5 protein abundance (3.8-fold) in the mNaV,PAN-IPs from the CaMKIIδ,c-Tg than from the WT ventricles (Fig. 1, A and B). Accordingly, analyses of mNaV,PAN-IPs on SYPRO Ruby-stained gels revealed the presence of a band corresponding to the molecular weight of NaV, α subunits (31), the intensities of which are higher in the CaMKIIδ,c-Tg IPs than in the WT IPs (Fig. 1C).

The protein components of isolated NaV channel complexes from WT and CaMKIIδ,c-Tg ventricles were identified by MS using three distinct mass spectrometers: an LTQ-Orbitrap XL, an LTQ-Orbitrap Elite, and a TripleTOF 5600 Plus. The NaV,1.5 protein was the most abundant protein in the mNaV,PAN-IPs from both WT and CaMKIIδ,c-Tg ventricles with average numbers of total exclusive MS/MS spectra acquired increasing from 95 using the Orbitrap XL to 177 using the Orbitrap Elite and 524 using the TripleTOF (Fig. 2A). These greater sensitivities of the Orbitrap Elite and TripleTOF mass spectrometers improved

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**Figure 1. Immunoprecipitation of NaV channel complexes from adult WT and CaMKIIδ,c-Tg mouse ventricles.** A, representative NaV, α Western blots of total lysates and immunoprecipitated proteins from adult WT and CaMKIIδ,c-Tg mouse ventricles with the anti-NaV,PAN monoclonal antibody (mNaV,PAN-IPs) probed with the anti-NaV,1.5 rabbit polyclonal (RbdNaV,1.5) and the mNaV,PAN antibodies, respectively. B, mean ± S.E. relative NaV, α protein abundance in WT (n = 4) and CaMKIIδ,c-Tg (n = 4) IPs, *p < 0.05, Mann-Whitney test. C, SYPRO Ruby-stained gel of mNaV,PAN-IPs from WT and CaMKIIδ,c-Tg mouse ventricles. Relative abundance of proteins running at the molecular weight of NaV, α subunits is higher in CaMKIIδ,c-Tg IPs than in WT IPs.
Figure 2. MS protein identification in immunoprecipitated Na\textsubscript{v} channel complexes from WT and CaMKII\textsubscript{\(\alpha\)C-Tg} mouse ventricles. A, Na\textsubscript{v}1.5 subunits identified using the LTQ-Orbitrap XL, LTQ-Orbitrap Elite, and TripleTOF 5600 Plus mass spectrometers. The average numbers of exclusive unique peptides and total spectra for each Na\textsubscript{v}1.5 subunit and the percent amino acid sequence coverages obtained for Na\textsubscript{v}1.5, including or excluding transmembrane domains (TD), are presented. In addition to Na\textsubscript{v}1.5, which is the most abundant protein in the mouse Na\textsubscript{v}PAN-IPs, Na\textsubscript{v}1.4 is also detected, and the greater sensitivity of the Orbitrap Elite and TripleTOF mass spectrometers allowed the identification of Na\textsubscript{v}1.7, Na\textsubscript{v}1.8, and Na\textsubscript{v}1.3. B, amino acid sequence coverage obtained for the (mouse) Na\textsubscript{v}1.5 protein (NP_001240789). Detected peptides are highlighted in yellow; identified phosphorylation sites are highlighted in blue (sites already identified in our previous MS analyses) and red (newly identified sites in the present study); transmembrane segments (S1–S6) in each domain (I–IV) are in bold and underlined in black; loops I, II, and III correspond to interdomains I and II, II and III, and III and IV, respectively; and binding sites for iFGF and calmodulin (IQ-motif) are boxed in green and orange, respectively. C, relative abundances of Na\textsubscript{v}1.5 subunits and previously characterized Na\textsubscript{v}1.5 channel-associated/regulatory proteins in the CaMKII\textsubscript{\(\alpha\)C-Tg} IPs (n = 4) versus the WT IPs (n = 4) were calculated from the entire (Orbitrap XL) MS1 peptide data set using the DAnTE statistical software (**, \(p < 0.01\); *** , \(p < 0.001\)).
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![Diagram of Na\(_{v}\)1.5 channels with phosphorylation sites](image)

Figure 3. Localization of MS-identified in situ phosphorylation sites on the mouse ventricular Na\(_{V}\)1.5 α subunit protein. Among the 19 phosphorylation sites identified, 10 (in blue) had already been identified in our previous MS analyses and 9 (in red) are novel. Four and two phosphorylation site locations are possible at amino acids 36–42 and 524–525, respectively. The three newly identified C-terminal phosphoserines at positions 1888, 1937, and 1938 (pSer-1888, pSer1937, and pSer1938) are in close proximity to the binding sites for iFGF and calmodulin (IQ-motif).

Identification of native Na\(_{v}\)1.5 phosphorylation sites from WT and CaMKII\(_{\delta}\)-Tg mouse ventricles

To determine the global native phosphorylation pattern of Na\(_{v}\)1.5 channels associated with the overexpression of CaMKII\(_{\delta}\), a quantitative phosphoproteomic analysis of the Na\(_{v}\)1.5 proteins purified from the CaMKII\(_{\delta}\)-Tg and the WT mouse ventricles was performed. This phosphoproteomic analysis unambiguously allowed the identification of 19 native phosphorylation sites in the mouse ventricular Na\(_{v}\)1.5 protein (Figs. 2B and 3). Table 1 lists the phosphopeptides enabling the best phosphorylation site assignment(s), with the mass spectrometer used for the identification and the percentages of maximum intensities of site-discriminating ions, for each phosphorylation site. Representative MS/MS (and MS1) phosphopeptide spectra are presented in supplemental Fig. 1. Descriptions of all detected site-discriminating and supporting ions (calculated mass errors, confirmations of charge states) are given in supplemental Tables 4. Among the 19 Na\(_{v}\)1.5 phosphoserines (pSer) or phosphothreonines (pThr) identified, 10 (in blue) had already been identified in our previous phosphoproteomic analyses (31) and nine (in red) are novel (Figs. 2B and 3). These nine novel phosphorylation sites are located in the first (pThr-486, pSer-499, pSer-516, and pSer-539) and second (pSer-1012) intracellular linker loops as well as in the CTD (pSer-1888, pSer-1937, pSer-1938, and pSer-1989) of Na\(_{v}\)1.5. Interestingly, the three C-terminal pSer-1888, pSer-1937, and pSer-1938 are in close proximity to the binding sites for the iFGFs (14–16, 20–22) and CaM (IQ-motif) (13–19).

To determine whether one or several of these MS-identified Na\(_{v}\)1.5 phosphorylation sites are associated with the overexpression of CaMKII\(_{\delta}\), the relative abundance of each Na\(_{v}\)1.5 phosphopeptide in the CaMKII\(_{\delta}\)-Tg versus the WT mouse ventricles was determined by label-free quantification of MS1 data (36). As illustrated in Fig. 4A, and consistent with the quantification of the biochemical (Fig. 1) and the MS protein (Fig. 2C) data, the unphosphorylated Na\(_{v}\)1.5 peptides are 3.6-fold more represented in the CaMKII\(_{\delta}\)-Tg versus the WT IPs. Of the 86 unphosphorylated and 32 phosphorylated Na\(_{v}\)1.5 peptides

the Na\(_{v}\)1.5 amino acid sequence coverage from 27 to 28 and 32%, respectively, and from 36 to 38 and 43% with the transmembrane domains removed. Na\(_{v}\)1.4 was the second most abundant Na\(_{v}\)1.5 subunit with much fewer spectra acquired: 5, 7, and 30 using the Orbitrap XL, Orbitrap Elite, and TripleTOF, respectively. Most interestingly, the greater sensitivity of the TripleTOF mass spectrometer allowed the identification of three additional Na\(_{v}\)1.5 channel-associated/regulatory proteins (32), including the \(\delta\), \(\beta\), and \(\gamma\) subunits of CaMKII, CaM, FGF13, and ankyrin-G (Fig. 2C). The supplemental Tables 1–3 provide the complete lists of identified peptides and proteins using the Orbitrap XL, Elite, and the TripleTOF mass spectrometers, respectively.

The relative abundances of identified proteins in the m\(_{Na\(_{v}\)}\)PAN-IPs from the CaMKII\(_{\delta}\)-c-Tg versus the WT ventricles were calculated from the MS1 peptide data (Orbitrap XL) using the DAnTE statistical analysis tool (33–35). Consistent with the biochemistry data (Fig. 1), the Na\(_{v}\)1.5 protein is 2.9-fold (\(p < 0.001\)) more represented in the CaMKII\(_{\delta}\)-c-Tg IPs than in the WT IPs (Fig. 2C). Interestingly, this quantitative MS analysis also revealed that of the 10 Na\(_{v}\)1.5 channel-associated/regulatory proteins (32), including the \(\delta\), \(\beta\), and \(\gamma\) subunits of CaMKII, CaM, FGF13, and dystrophin in the CaMKII\(_{\delta}\)-c-Tg mouse ventricles, which, as a consequence, also revealed that of the 10 Na\(_{v}\)1.5-associated/regulatory proteins (32). Interestingly, this quantitative MS analysis also revealed that of the 10 Na\(_{v}\)1.5 channel-associated/regulatory proteins (32), including the \(\delta\), \(\beta\), and \(\gamma\) subunits of CaMKII, CaM, FGF13, and dystrophin in the CaMKII\(_{\delta}\)-c-Tg versus the WT IPs are substantially greater than the 2.9-fold abundance ratio obtained for Na\(_{v}\)1.5. On the contrary, the CaMKII\(_{\beta}\) and \(\gamma\) subunits as well as CaM and FGF13 are relatively less represented compared with Na\(_{v}\)1.5. The abundance ratios obtained for ankyrin-G, plakophilin-2, and \(\alpha\)-syntrophin are close to the Na\(_{v}\)1.5 abundance ratio. Taken together, these observations demonstrate that Na\(_{v}\)1.5 is more expressed in the CaMKII\(_{\delta}\)-c-Tg than in the WT mouse ventricles, which, as a consequence, led to greater Na\(_{v}\)1.5 IP yields from the CaMKII\(_{\delta}\)-c-Tg than from the WT ventricles. These analyses also suggest different relative compositions of associated/regulatory proteins in Na\(_{v}\)1.5 channel complexes in the CaMKII\(_{\delta}\)-c-Tg compared with the WT ventricles.
(118 peptides total), only the three phosphopeptides AT(pS)DNLPVR, RL(pS)(pS)GTEDGGDDR, and AL(pS)AVSVLT-SALEELEESHRK (marked with a † in Fig. 4A), exhibiting phosphorylation(s) on serines 1989 (pSer-1989), 483 and 484 (pSer-483 and pSer-484), and 664 (pSer-664), respectively, present fold change ratios (8.96-, 7.13-, and 0.58-fold) significantly different from the median ratio (Tukey whisker analysis, Fig. 4B). Nonetheless, the other phosphopeptides assigning pSer-483 and/or pSer-484 do not show any significant abundance changes compared with the median ratio (Fig. 4A and B); and the abundance change observed for the phosphopeptide identifying pSer-664 is not significantly different between the mNaV1.5 NaVPAN-IPs from the CaMKII/α1C-Tg and the WT ventricles (Fig. 4A). In addition, the phosphopeptide Q(-17.03)QAGSS-GLSDEDAPER, assigning pSer-1937 and/or pSer-1938 (Table 1), is present in the CaMKII/α1C-Tg IPs (n = 3/4) and absent in the WT IPs (n = 0/4) (Fig. 4C). Relative abundances of all the other NaV1.5 phosphopeptides are comparable with the median (or mean) relative abundance found for the unphosphorylated NaV1.5 peptides (Fig. 4A and B).

### Table 1

| Phosphorylation site | MS machine | Phosphopeptide sequence | m/z (charge) | b ion | Phospho b ion | y ion | Phospho y ion |
|----------------------|------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------|---------------|------|--------------|
| pS36, pT36, pS39 and/or pS42 | Elite | 35-GSATQSRSLEGPEEWAPPQDLSQASK | 773.285 (+4) | - | b12 (-, 21.7) | y16 (+2, 72.4) | y16 (+3, 24.3) |
| pS457 + pS460 | TTOF | 452-GDVTV(pS)RRL(pS)LEMSLAPVTNRHER | 661.305 (+4) | b6 (-, 1.1) | b6 (-, 2.7) | b7 (+1, 3.0) | b8 (-, 9.4) | b11 (-, 3.2) | y12 (+1, 4.2) | y13 (+2, 1.1) | y18 (-, 0.4) | y20 (+3, 0.4) |
| pS460 | Elite | 452-GDVTVSR(pS)LEMSLAPVTNRHER | 664.379 (+3) | b6 (+1, 2.3) | b11 (+1, 11.9) | y12 (+1, 3.0) | - |
| pS483 + pS484 | TTOF | 481-RL(pS)pS)GETDGDDDRLPK | 621.590 (+3) | b2 (-, 37.6) | b3 (-, 2.1) | b3 (+1, 2.0) | y12 (+3, 3.0) | y13 (-, 1.9) |
| pS483 or pS484 + pT486 | TTOF | 480-KRLSSGETDGDDDRLPK | 648.294 (+3) | b3 (-, 16.7) | b6 (-, 19.5) | b6 (+1, 7.6) | y10 (+1, 10.2) | y11 (-, 6.0) |
| pS483 + pS484 + pT486 | TTOF | 481-RL(pS)pS)G(pT)EDDGDDDRLPK | 648.251 (+3) | b2 (-, 98.9) | - | y9 (+, 83.8) | - |
| pS484 | TTOF | 482-LS(pS)GETDGDDDRLPK | 542.906 (+3) | b2 (+, 20.2) | b3 (-, 9.2) | y12 (+1, 40.9) | y13 (+2, 22.3) |
| pS497 | TTOF | 482-LSGSTEDDGDDRLPK(pS)DSEDGPR | 618.286 (+4) | b12 (-, 2.4) | - | y7 (+, 18.6) | y8 (+, 6.1) | y12 (+2, 5.1) |
| pS499 | XL | 497-SD(pS)EDGPR | 471.685 (+2) | b2 (-, 2.1) | b5 (-, 7.8) | y4 (-, 19.6) | y6 (+, 16.6) |
| pS510 | Elite | 505-ALNLQ(pS)LHGLSR | 745.380 (+2) | b4 (+1, 10.5) | b9 (+2, 13.8) | y7 (+1, 29.4) | y8 (+, 5.4) |
| pS510 | Elite | 505-ALNLQ(pS)LHGLSR | 497.250 (+3) | b5 (-, 5.5) | y6 (+2, 11.3) | y7 (+1, 12.4) | y10 (+, 6.8) | y11 (+2, 5.0) |
| pS516 | TTOF | 505-ALNLQSLTHG(pS)R | 497.280 (+3) | b8 (+, 36.7) | - | y3 (+, 6.3) | y4 (+, 2.8) |
| pS524 and/or pS525 | Elite | 542-SSRSQSTTFR | 619.290 (+2) | - | - | y7 (-, 28.3) | - |
| pS530 | TTOF | 538-DQ(pS)EADFADDENSTGEESHR | 645.312 (+3) | b2 (+1, 29.9) | b3 (-, 6.8) | b7 (+1, 10.4) | y17 (-, 20.8) | y18 (+2, 9.0) | - |
| pS571 | TTOF | 569-RP(pS)QQQPFGTSAPGHVLNGK | 569.029 (+4) | b2 (+1, 63.5) | b4 (+1, 2.0) | y15 (+, 100) | y19 (-, 8.2) | y20 (+, 1.8) |
| pS664 | XL | 662-AL(pS)AVSGLTSALEELESHRK | 783.731 (+3) | - | b3 (-, 0.8) | b5 (-, 2.0) | y17 (-, 27.0) | y19 (-, 34.4) |
| pS1012 | TTOF | 993-KPAAALTHSQLPSC(+57)AAPR(pS)PPPEVEK | 758.148 (+4) | b18 (+14.2) | - | y8 (+, 100) | y11 (+1, 4.6) |
| pS1888 | TTOF | 1994-AANP(pS)KISYEPIITTLR | 647.994 (+4) | - | - | y10 (+1, 12.6) | y11 (+2, 2.1) | - |
| pS1537 and/or pS1938 | TTOF | 1933-Q(-17)QAGSSGLSDEDAPER | 855.334 (+2) | b4 (+1, 23.8) | b7 (-, 8.1) | y10 (+1, 37.1) | - |
| pS1937 + pS1938 | TTOF | 1934-QAG(pS)GLSDEDAPER | 560.211 (+3) | - | - | y10 (+1, 7.6) | y11 (+, 3.0) |
| pS1989 | TTOF | 1987-AT(pS)DNLPVR | 526.742 (+2) | b2 (-, 2.9) | b5 (-, 4.8) | y6 (-, 15.4) | y7 (-, 19.7) |
positions 1938 and 1989, show increased phosphorylation in the CaMKII\(^{-}/H9254\) c-Tg compared with the WT ventricles. Phosphorylation at serines 1933 and 1984 impairs FGF13-dependent regulation of NaV1.5 channel inactivation.

To determine the impact of phosphorylation at these two C-terminal (mouse) serines 1938 and 1989 on the gating properties of NaV1.5 channels, the orthologous human serine to glutamate (NaV1.5-S1933E/S1984E, NaV1.5-EE) or serine to alanine (NaV1.5-S1933A/S1984A, NaV1.5-AA) double NaV1.5 phosphomutants were generated and analyzed by whole-cell voltage-clamp analyses in transiently transfected HEK293 cells. Because pSer-1938 and pSer-1989 are located in close proximity to the binding site for the iFGFs (14–16, 20–22), we tested the hypothesis that phosphorylation at these two sites disrupts the interaction of the iFGFs with NaV1.5 and the associated iFGFs-dependent regulation of NaV1.5 channel function. To this purpose, initial experiments were aimed at exploring the effects of FGF13 on the current density and biophysical properties of heterologously expressed NaV1.5 channels. The isoform 2 of FGF13 (FGF13–2) was chosen as the iFGF in these experiments as it is the isoform detected in the m/H9251 NaVPAN-IPs. As illustrated in Fig. 5, these whole-cell voltage-clamp analyses demonstrated that FGF13 significantly decreases the peak Na\(^{+}\) current (\(p<0.05\), Fig. 5, A and B) and shifts the voltage dependence of steady-state current inactivation toward depolarized potentials (\(p<0.01\), Fig. 5D, see detailed densities, properties, and statistics in Table 2). In contrast, no significant differences in the voltage dependence of activation (Fig. 5C) or the kinetics of activation, inactivation, and recovery from inactivation were observed upon FGF13 co-expression (Table 2). To determine the effect of NaV1.5 phosphorylation at positions 1938 and 1989, show increased phosphorylation in the CaMKII\(^{-}/H9254\) c-Tg compared with the WT ventricles.

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NaV1.5-WT phosphomutants compared with the NaV1.5-WT co-expressed with FGF13 (Fig. 5, A–C, and Table 2). In addition, no changes in the voltage dependences of inactivation were observed between NaV1.5-WT (V1/2 = −84.5 ± 0.6 mV, n = 24), NaV1.5-EE (V1/2 = −83.9 ± 0.5 mV, n = 18), and NaV1.5-AA (V1/2 = −84.1 ± 0.7 mV, n = 13) in the absence of FGF13 (Fig. 5E), suggesting that FGF13 plays a pivotal role in mediating this phosphorylation-dependent effect. Finally, mimicking or abolishing phosphorylation at only one of the two phosphorylation sites (in cells co-expressing NaV1.5-S1933E, NaV1.5-S1933A, NaV1.5-S1984E, or NaV1.5-S1984A with FGF13) did not show any significant changes on peak Na⁺ current (Ipeak) or channel biophysical properties compared with cells co-expressing NaV1.5-WT and FGF13 (Table 2).

Additional voltage-clamp experiments were designed to examine the effects of FGF13 and of NaV1.5 phosphomutants. Consistent with the electrophysiological findings, no significant effects on Ipeak density or channel biophysical properties compared with cells co-expressing NaV1.5-WT and FGF13 (Table 2).

Voltage-gated Na⁺ current densities and properties in transiently transfected HEK293 cells

The peak Na⁺ current density (Ipeak) time to peak, and time course of inactivation properties presented were determined from analyses of records obtained on depolarizations to −20 mV (HP = −120 mV). All values are means ± S.E. The number of cells analyzed is provided in parentheses. *p < 0.05; **p < 0.01; ***p < 0.001 versus NaV1.5-WT; #p < 0.01 versus NaV1.5-WT + FGF13; one-way ANOVA followed by the Dunnett’s post-hoc test.

| NaV1.5-WT | NaV1.5-WT + FGF13 | NaV1.5-EE + FGF13 | NaV1.5-AA + FGF13 | NaV1.5-S1933E + FGF13 | NaV1.5-S1933A + FGF13 | NaV1.5-S1984E + FGF13 | NaV1.5-S1984A + FGF13 |
|-----------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Ipeak (pA/pF) | -137.9 ± 14.9 (19) | -91.5 ± 8.9 (31)* | -87.8 ± 7.1 (19)* | -99.0 ± 15.9 (12) | -107.8 ± 10.1 (26)* | -97.6 ± 17.1 (6)* | -97.6 ± 8.8 (16) |
| Time to peak (ms) | 0.76 ± 0.02 (19) | 0.82 ± 0.02 (31) | 0.70 ± 0.02 (19) | 0.78 ± 0.03 (14) | 0.77 ± 0.01 (28) | 0.72 ± 0.02 (6) | 0.76 ± 0.02 (16) |
| Time course of inactivation | 0.61 ± 0.03 (19) | 0.84 ± 0.02 (31) | 0.88 ± 0.02 (19) | 0.85 ± 0.03 (14) | 0.86 ± 0.02 (28) | 0.73 ± 0.01 (6) | 0.86 ± 0.02 (16) |
| Apeak/Apeak | 5.3 ± 0.3 (19) | 5.1 ± 0.3 (31) | 6.1 ± 0.3 (19) | 4.1 ± 0.3 (14) | 5.1 ± 0.3 (28) | 4.0 ± 0.4 (6) | 5.9 ± 0.6 (16) |
| Voltage-dependence of activation | -41.1 ± 0.4 (19) | -41.0 ± 0.4 (31) | -41.7 ± 0.4 (19) | -40.6 ± 0.7 (14) | -39.9 ± 0.3 (28) | -41.9 ± 0.5 (6) | -40.7 ± 0.6 (15) |
| Voltage-dependence of inactivation | -83.8 ± 0.5 (19) | -81.8 ± 0.4 (34)** | -83.3 ± 0.4 (27)** | -81.0 ± 0.4 (13)** | -81.0 ± 0.3 (24)** | -83.3 ± 0.6 (10) | -82.9 ± 0.4 (15) |
| Recovery from inactivation | 6.9 ± 0.5 (13) | 6.0 ± 0.3 (26) | 6.8 ± 0.3 (18) | 5.4 ± 0.3 (12) | 5.3 ± 0.2 (21) | 6.1 ± 0.4 (8) | 6.3 ± 0.3 (10) |

**Phosphorylation at serines 1933 and 1984 decreases the interaction of FGF13 and CaM with NaV1.5**

To explore the hypothesis that phosphorylation at serines 1933 and 1984 in NaV1.5 impairs the regulation of channel inactivation mediated by FGF13 by altering the binding of FGF13 and/or CaM to the channel, co-immunoprecipitation experiments were completed using the same experimental paradigm as above. As illustrated in Fig. 7A, FGF13 and (endogenous) CaM co-immunoprecipitate with NaV1.5, whether in the WT, NaV1.5-AA, or NaV1.5-EE forms, in HEK293 cells. Interestingly, however, the relative abundances of FGF13 (Fig. 7B) and CaM (Fig. 7C) are significantly (p < 0.01 and p < 0.001, respectively) lower in the NaV1.5 immunoprecipitates from cells expressing the NaV1.5-EE phosphomutant compared with cells expressing the WT channels. No changes were observed with the NaV1.5-AA phosphomutant. Parallel negative controls of co-immunoprecipitations obtained from cells transiently transfected with FGF13 or NaV1.5-WT alone confirmed the specificity of detected signals. To determine whether phosphorylation at only one site was sufficient to decrease the interaction of FGF13 or CaM with the channel, co-immunoprecipitations were performed with the single alanine or glutamate phosphomutants. Consistent with the electrophysiological findings, no significant changes in binding affinity were observed with any of the single phosphomutant channels (Fig. 7B and C).

Additional co-immunoprecipitation experiments were then designed to determine whether FGF13 and CaM influence each other for the binding to the channel. Interestingly, these experiments revealed that co-expression of FGF13 significantly (p <
0.01) increases the binding of CaM to Na_v1.5 (Fig. 7, D and E). Conversely, overexpression of CaM did not influence the binding of FGF13 to the channel (Fig. 7, D and E). Additionally, no changes in the binding of CaM to Na_v1.5-EE or Na_v1.5-AA, compared with Na_v1.5-WT, were observed in the absence of FGF13 (Fig. 7F). Together, these biochemical analyses suggest that FGF13 potentiates the binding of CaM to Na_v1.5 and that phosphorylation at both serines 1933 and 1984 decreases the interaction of FGF13 and, consequently, of CaM with the channel.
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Table 3
Late Na\textsuperscript{+} current densities in transiently transfected HEK293 cells

|                | Na\textsubscript{v}1.5-WT | Na\textsubscript{v}1.5-WT + FGF13 | Na\textsubscript{v}1.5-EE + FGF13 | Na\textsubscript{v}1.5-S1933E + FGF13 | Na\textsubscript{v}1.5-S1984E + FGF13 |
|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| \( I_{\text{Na}+} \) (pA/pF) | -0.42 ± 0.06 (26) | -0.17 ± 0.03 (29)*** | -0.28 ± 0.03 (23)\# | -0.26 ± 0.04 (20) | -0.25 ± 0.03 (21) |
|                | Na\textsubscript{v}1.5-WT | Na\textsubscript{v}1.5-WT + FGF13 | Na\textsubscript{v}1.5-EE + FGF13 | Na\textsubscript{v}1.5-S1933E + FGF13 | Na\textsubscript{v}1.5-S1984E + FGF13 |
| \( I_{\text{Na}+} \) (pA/pF) | -0.50 ± 0.06 (18) | -0.24 ± 0.03 (38)*** | -0.27 ± 0.03 (22)* | -0.32 ± 0.06 (13) | -0.39 ± 0.06 (13) |

Discussion

The results presented here provide two novel phosphorylation maps of native mouse Na\textsubscript{v}1.5 channel subunits purified from control WT and failing CaMKII\textsubscript{c},-overexpressing ventricles, and they delineate two novel C-terminal phosphoserines, at positions 1938 and 1989, that are up-regulated in the failing CaMKII\textsubscript{c},-overexpressing ventricles. Mechanistic analyses in HEK293 cells revealed that mimicking phosphorylation at both sites (in the human sequence) impairs the regulation of Na\textsubscript{v}1.5 channels, resulting in decreased channel availability and increased late Na\textsuperscript{+} current. Co-immunoprecipitation experiments demonstrated that FGF13 potentiates the binding of CaM to Na\textsubscript{v}1.5 and that FGF13 and, consequently, CaM bindings are decreased when phosphorylation at both sites is mimicked. Overall, these results provide evidence for a novel phosphorylation-dependent mechanism that acts at the level of the Na\textsubscript{v}1.5 channel macromolecular complex through regulation of specific protein/protein interactions.

CaMKII\textsubscript{c}-dependent phosphorylation map of native mouse Na\textsubscript{v}1.5 channels

The present phosphoproteomic analysis confidently identified a total of 19 native phosphorylation sites in the Na\textsubscript{v}1.5 channel proteins purified from mouse ventricles, of which nine are novel. Consistent with our previous MS analysis (31), and with another phosphoproteomic analysis of human Na\textsubscript{v}1.5 channels purified from HEK293 cells (9), the great majority (13 of 19) of identified phosphorylation sites are located in the first intracellular linker loop of the channel, suggesting critical roles for this region in mediating phosphorylation-dependent regulation of cardiac Na\textsubscript{v}1.5 channels. However, none of these 13 phosphorylation sites identified in the first linker loop, including phosphoserine 571 which was reported to be CaMKII\textsubscript{c}-dependent (11, 12), appeared to be regulated in the CaMKII\textsubscript{c}-Tg ventricles compared with the WT ventricles. Note that no relative quantification could be obtained for the low abundance phosphopeptides assigning phosphoserines 516 and 1888, and that the region surrounding threonine 594 was not covered (Fig. 2B), precluding possible detection and quantification of phosphothreonine 594. The only two/three phosphorylation sites showing significant and consistent abundance changes in the CaMKII\textsubscript{c}-Tg compared with the WT ventricles are located in the CTD of Na\textsubscript{v}1.5, at position(s) 1937 and/or 1938 and at position 1989. Although localization(s) of phosphorylation could not be discriminated between serines 1937 and 1938 in the singly phosphorylated peptide allowing quantification (presence in the CaMKII\textsubscript{c}-Tg IPs, and absence in the WT IPs), we focused our attention on serine 1938 (human serine 1933) because serine 1937 is not well-conserved across species and is notably absent in human. In addition, the human Na\textsubscript{v}1.5 phosphoserine 1933 has previously been shown to be CaMKII\textsubscript{c}-dependent in \textit{in vitro} phosphoproteomic analyses (9), underscoring the potential involvement of CaMKII\textsubscript{c} in phosphorylating this site. Finally, it is also important to note here that the relative quantification of the doubly phosphorylated peptide supporting phosphorylation at both serines 1937 and 1938 (Table 1) could not be obtained because of low abundance, yet this peptide was only detected in the CaMKII\textsubscript{c}-Tg IPs. The number of phosphorylation sites identified here in association with the overexpression of CaMKII\textsubscript{c} in mouse ventricles (two phosphoserines) could seem little compared with the results of the previous phosphoproteomic study of human Na\textsubscript{v}1.5 channels in which 23 phosphorylation sites, of the 34 identified, were found to be phosphorylated \textit{in vitro} by CaMKII\textsubscript{c}. These seemingly distinct findings might reflect the fact that different experimental approaches were employed. Indeed, although phosphorylation sites were identified from native, \textit{in situ} phosphorylated Na\textsubscript{v}1.5 channels in this study, previous MS analysis was performed from heterologously-expressed Na\textsubscript{v}1.5 channels that were immunoaffinity-purified and subsequently subjected to \textit{in vitro} phosphorylation by recombinant CaMKII\textsubscript{c}. It is also stressed here that although the present MS analysis was performed from ventricles in which CaMKII\textsubscript{c} is overexpressed, we cannot exclude the involvement of other kinases/phosphatases whose activity may also be changed. Consistent with the direct implication of CaMKII\textsubscript{c}, however, the \textit{in vitro} phosphoproteomic analyses of human Na\textsubscript{v}1.5 demonstrated that human phosphoserine 1933 is CaMKII\textsubscript{c}-dependent (9). Likewise, it is interesting to note that mouse phosphoserine 1989 (and human phosphoserine 1984) is located in a well-conserved consensus CaMKII phosphorylation site (37). Together, these MS analyses from mouse ventricles therefore suggest that the two Na\textsubscript{v}1.5 phosphoserines at positions 1938 and 1989 are associated with the overexpression of CaMKII\textsubscript{c}. 

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Because our MS findings converged on the possible involvement of Na\textsubscript{v}1.5 C-terminal phosphorylation sites in mediating CaMKII\textsubscript{CaM}-dependent channel regulation and that the CTD of Na\textsubscript{v} channels is well-recognized for its role in regulating channel inactivation through the binding of iFGFs (15, 20–26) and CaM (13–19), we first characterized the roles of FGF13 in regulating Na\textsubscript{v}1.5 channels in HEK293 cells. Our findings are in accordance with previous data demonstrating a key role for FGF13 in increasing steady-state Na\textsubscript{v}1.5 channel availability, although the amplitude of the presently observed effect (~2 mV) is smaller than previously reported effects of FGF13 or CaM.
other iFGFs (~5–10 mV) (15, 20–26). Interestingly, our data also provide a novel role for FGF13 in decreasing the late Na\(^+\) current in HEK293 cells. The role of FGF13, and in particular of FGF13-2, in regulating the late Na\(^+\) current had only been investigated once in tsA201 cells, and it was shown to have no effect (26). These different findings perhaps are due to differences in the heterologous expression systems used or are due to the fact that no Na\(_\alpha\)β subunits were included in the previous study compared with this study in which Na\(_\alpha\)1.5 channels were co-expressed with FGF13–2 and Na\(_\alpha\)β1. Consistent with this negative effect of FGF13 on the late Na\(^+\) current, the conditional knock-out of FGF13 in murine hearts revealed longer action potential durations (25), which could well be caused by an increased late Na\(^+\) current. The answer to this question must await further analysis of the late Na\(^+\) current from this or other FGF13 animal models. The observed decrease in peak Na\(^+\) current density upon FGF13 co-expression was somewhat surprising in light of previous findings in native cardiomyocytes demonstrating a decreased Na\(_\alpha\)1.5 channel cell-surface expression upon FGF13 knockdown (21) or a reduced peak Na\(^+\) current density in ventricular myocytes isolated from FGF13 conditional knock-out mice (25). This lack of consistency is nonetheless reminiscent of previous investigations of iFGF-dependent regulation of Na\(_\alpha\) channels from Pitt and co-workers, who reported the same disparate effects on peak Na\(^+\) current density in native (increase) (21, 25) and heterologous (decrease) (26) cells, and it may reflect differences in channel cellular and molecular environment. In addition, note that no differences in peak Na\(^+\) current densities were observed in ventricular myocytes isolated from FGF13 knock-out and WT mice (24).

In summary, these results suggest that FGF13 primarily regulates the inactivation properties of Na\(_\alpha\)1.5 channels from both the closed state (increased availability) and the open state (decreased late Na\(^+\) current).

**Impairment of FGF13-dependent Na\(_\alpha\)1.5 channel inactivation by phosphorylation**

Determination of the impact of phosphorylation at serines 1933 and 1984 in the regulation of Na\(_\alpha\)1.5 channels first revealed that the binding of FGF13 and CaM to Na\(_\alpha\)1.5 is reduced with the double-glutamate phosphomutant compared with the WT channels, suggesting that phosphorylation at these serines disables the interaction of FGF13 and CaM with the channel. Most importantly, this reduced interaction, as assessed by co-immunoprecipitation, correlates with an impairment of functional modulation. Indeed, all the effects of FGF13 on Na\(_\alpha\)1.5-generated currents, but those on the peak density were nearly completely abolished with the double-glutamate phosphomutant, therefore resulting in decreased channel availability and increased late Na\(^+\) current. Together, these analyses show that mimicking phosphorylation at serines 1933 and 1984, which according to these and previous findings (9) are not phosphorylated at baseline in HEK293 cells, impairs FGF13-dependent regulation of Na\(_\alpha\)1.5 channel inactivation. Of note, these functional effects associated with the decreased FGF13 and CaM bindings are similar to those previously observed with several Na\(_\alpha\)1.5 mutants in which the binding of CaM to the Na\(_\alpha\)1.5 CTD is disrupted (17, 19, 29). Mimicking phosphorylation at only one site, however, did not lead to any consistent alterations in the interaction of FGF13 or CaM with the channel nor in the functional regulation by FGF13, suggesting that phosphorylation at both sites is necessary to disable FGF13/CaM bindings and associated dysregulation of channel inactivation. Consistent with these findings in HEK293 cells, our MS analyses also revealed different relative compositions of associated/regulatory proteins in Na\(_\alpha\)1.5 channel complexes in the CaMKII\(\delta\)–Tg ventricles compared with the WT ventricles. Of particular interest, indeed, the FGF13 and CaM relative abundances in the CaMKII\(\delta\)–Tg I\(\alpha\)Ps compared with the WT I\(\alpha\)P, are lower (2-fold abundance ratios) than the 3-fold abundance ratios obtained for Na\(_\alpha\)1.5 or ankyrin-G. Together, therefore, these analyses suggest that phosphorylation at serines 1933 and 1984 impairs the binding of FGF13 and CaM to Na\(_\alpha\)1.5 and abrogates FGF13-dependent regulation of channel inactivation.

**FGF13 potentiates the binding of CaM to Na\(_\alpha\)1.5, and phosphorylation-dependent disruption of FGF13 binding to Na\(_\alpha\)1.5 results in reduced CaM binding**

To further delineate the relationship between FGF13 and CaM for the binding to Na\(_\alpha\)1.5 and subsequent phosphorylation-dependent regulation, the same electrophysiological and biochemical analyses were performed in the absence of FGF13. Interestingly, neither the channel availability nor the late Na\(^+\) current or the CaM/Na\(_\alpha\)1.5 interaction were altered in the absence of FGF13, highlighting the primary role of FGF13 in this phosphorylation-dependent regulation. These findings also suggest that the decreased CaM binding to the double-glutamate phosphomutant channel is subsequent to the decreased FGF13 binding. In this respect, further co-immunoprecipitation experiments were performed to examine the relationship between FGF13 and CaM for the binding to Na\(_\alpha\)1.5. Remarkably, these analyses revealed that FGF13 substantially increases the binding of CaM to the channel, demonstrating for the first time that the binding of CaM to Na\(_\alpha\)1.5 is potentiated by the binding of FGF13. Inversely, no changes in FGF13 binding were observed upon CaM overexpression, suggesting that CaM does not influence the binding of FGF13. Whether phosphorylation or FGF13 influence directly the Ca\(^{2+}\)/CaM dependence of Na\(_\alpha\)1.5 channel inactivation remains to be investigated. Interestingly, these novel findings are evocative of recent observations from the Pitt group (29) demonstrating that the increased late Na\(^+\) current associated with several LQT3 syndrome mutations within the Na\(_\alpha\)1.5 CTD correlates with a decreased binding of apoCaM to the Na\(_\alpha\)1.5 CTD. In line with these findings, the recently reported LQT3-causing mutation at p.H1849R in the Na\(_\alpha\)1.5 CTD is also associated with an impairment of iFGF binding and iFGF-mediated regulation of Na\(_\alpha\)1.5 channels (28). Together with these two previous studies, our results herein support the overall hypothesis that the binding of FGF13 and/or CaM to the Na\(_\alpha\)1.5 CTD is pivotal in the regulation of channel inactivation, as unveiled by C-terminal phosphorylation and disease mutations within the Na\(_\alpha\)1.5 CTD, and that impairment of iFGF and/or CaM modulation may constitute a common mechanism to inherited (CTD-mutated LQT3 patients) and acquired (CaMKII\(\delta\)-associated) arrhythmias.
Potential broader implication of phosphorylation-dependent regulation of NaV1.5 channels in heart failure

Evidence suggests that some of the arrhythmogenic abnormalities associated with heart failure are triggered by the activation of CaMKII (2, 30) and a subsequent CaMKII-dependent increase in $I_{\text{Na}}$ (4−7). By identifying two novel NaV1.5 phosphorylation sites up-regulated in CaMKIIδc-Tg ventricles, which are failing (30), and by demonstrating roles for these sites in altering NaV1.5 channel inactivation, our results provide evidence for a model in which increased CaMKIIδc-dependent NaV1.5 phosphorylation at serines 1933 and 1984 may provide an arrhythmic substrate in heart failure. Nonetheless, it is unclear whether the functional consequences of impaired FGF13 and CaM binding to NaV1.5 by phosphorylation, as observed here in HEK293 cells, fully match up with the NaV channel defects associated with heart failure. Indeed, although the increased late Na+ current is a consistent finding in failing cardiomyocytes from both human and animal models (2, 4−7, 38), evidence for a decreased NaV channel availability has only been observed, to our knowledge, in the CaMKIIδc-Tg mouse (7) and in a failing dog model induced by left-bundle branch ablation and right atrial pacing (2). Besides, the activation of CaMKII has consistently been associated with an increased $I_{\text{Na}}$, and a decreased NaV1.5 channel availability (3, 7, 8, 11, 12). Overall, the molecular mechanisms elucidated here may be relevant in conditions of increased CaMKIIδc expression and/or activity and may partly contribute to the arrhythmias associated with heart failure.

Experimental procedures

Animals were handled in accordance with the guidelines from Directive 2010/63/EU of the European Parliament on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes. Experimental protocols were approved by the local animal care and use committee (Comité d’Éthique pour l’Expérimentation Animale des Pays de la Loire, authorization CEAA.2010.9). Generation and characterization of the CaMKIIδc-Tg mouse line have been described previously (30). Cardiac tissues for in vitro experiments were harvested after euthanasia of the mice by cervical dislocation.

Immunoprecipitations of NaV subunits

Flash-frozen ventricles from four 13-month-old CaMKIIδc-Tg and four age- and sex-matched WT mice were homogenized as described previously (31) in ice-cold lysis buffer containing 20 mM HEPES (pH 7.4), 150 mM NaCl, 0.5% amidosulfobetaine (Sigma), 1× complete protease inhibitor mixture tablet (Roche Applied Science), 1 mM phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride (PMSF, Interchim), 0.7 μg/ml pepstatin A (Thermo Fisher Scientific), and 1× Halt phosphatase inhibitor mixture (Thermo Fisher Scientific). After a 15-min rotation at 4 °C, 8 mg of the pooled WT or CaMKIIδc-Tg ventricular soluble protein fractions were pre-cleared with 200 μl of protein G-magnetic beads (Pierce) for 1 h and subsequently used for IPs with 48 μg of an anti-NaV1.5 antibody (mAbNaV1.5, Sigma, S8809), raised against the SP19 epitope (39) located in the third intracellular linker loop and common to all NaV α subunits. Prior to the IP, antibodies were cross-linked to 200 μl of protein G-magnetic beads using 20 μM dimethyl pimelimidate (Thermo Fisher Scientific) (40). Protein samples and antibody-coupled beads were mixed for 2 h at 4 °C. Magnetic beads were then collected and washed rapidly four times with ice-cold lysis buffer, and isolated protein complexes were eluted from the beads in 2% Rapigest (41) (Waters), 8 M urea (Sigma), 100 mM Tris (pH 8.5) at 37 °C for 30 min.

For co-immunoprecipitations of heterologously expressed proteins, HEK293 cells were washed twice with PBS and lysed in lysis buffer (as above) 48 h after transfection. Soluble protein fractions were collected and incubated with 12.5 μl of mAbNaV1.5-coupled magnetic beads (as above). After a 2-h incubation at 4 °C, beads were washed four times in lysis buffer, and protein complexes were eluted with 1× SDS sample buffer at 60 °C for 5 min.

Gel electrophoreses and Western blot analyses

Ten percent of the immunoprecipitated mouse ventricular NaV1.5 channel protein complexes were fractionated on one-dimensional polyacrylamide gels and analyzed using either SYPRO Ruby (Life Technologies, Inc.) staining or Western blotting using the mAbNaV1.5 antibody (1:2000, Sigma, S8809) as described previously (31). The total ventricular lysates were blotted with a rabbit polyclonal anti-NaV1.5 antibody (1:2000, RhoNaV1.5, Alomone, ASC-005). Western blot analyses of protein eluates from co-immunoprecipitations of heterologously expressed proteins were performed using the following primary antibodies: mouse monoclonal anti-NaV1.5, Alomone, ASC-005). Western blot analyses of protein eluates from co-immunoprecipitations of heterologously expressed proteins were performed using the following primary antibodies: mouse monoclonal anti-NaV1.5 (1:2000, mAbNaV1.5, Sigma, S8809); mouse monoclonal anti-FGF13 (1:300, clone N91/27, NeuroMab Facility, University of California Davis, NINDS/NIMH, National Institutes of Health); and rabbit monoclonal anti-CaM (1:300, Abcam, EP799Y). Bound antibodies were detected using horseradish peroxidase-conjugated goat anti-rabbit or anti-mouse secondary antibodies (Santa Cruz Biotechnology), and protein signals were visualized using the SuperSignal West Dura Extended Duration Substrate (Pierce). The intensities of co-immunoprecipitated FGF13 or CaM bands were normalized to the intensities of immunoprecipitated NaV1.5 bands from the same IP sample, and FGF13 or CaM abundances in immunoprecipitations from experimental conditions are expressed relative to abundances in immunoprecipitations from control conditions.

In-solution endoprotease digestions

Samples for mass spectrometry were prepared as described previously (31). Briefly, eluted proteins were precipitated using the 2D protein clean-up kit (GE Healthcare). The resulting pellets were dissolved in 8 M urea, 100 mM Tris (pH 8.5), reduced with 5 μM tris(2-carboxyethyl)phosphine (pH 8.0) for 30 min at room temperature, and alkylated with 10 mM iodoacetamide (Bio-Rad) for 30 min at room temperature. Samples were then digested with 1 μg of endoprotease Lys-C (Roche Applied Science) overnight at 37 °C and subsequently with 4 μg of trypsin (Sigma) overnight at 37 °C. Peptides were acidified with formic acid to a final concentration of 1%, extracted with Nuprep porous graphite carbon wedge tips (Glygen), and eluted with aqueous acetonitrile (ACN, 60%) containing formic acid (FA, 0.1%). The extracted peptides were dried, dissolved in aqueous
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ACN/FA (1%/1%), stored at −80 °C, and subsequently analyzed using one-dimensional liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometric experiments (LC-MS/MS).

Mass spectrometric analyses

Peptide mixtures were analyzed using nano-LC-MS on three high-resolution hybrid mass spectrometers, a linear quadrupole ion trap Orbitrap XL (LTQ-Orbitrap XL) (31), an LTQ-Orbitrap Elite (42) (both from Thermo Fisher Scientific), and a TripleTOF\textsuperscript{®} 5600 Plus (SCIEX) (43). The chromatograph was a 2D Plus (Eksigent) LC with a Nanoflex module and AS2 autosampler in dual chiplC columns (ChromXP C18 200 μm × 15 cm; particle size 3 μm, 120 Å) configuration. The mobile phases were 1% FA in water (A) and 1% FA in ACN (B). The liquid chromatographs were interfaced to the mass spectrometers through a nanospray source (PicoView PV550, New Objective). The samples were loaded in a volume of 5–10 μL at a flow rate of 1.5 μL/min followed by organic gradient elution of peptides (800 nL/min). The LC conditions for analyses on the LTQ-Orbitrap XL and LTQ-Orbitrap Elite were performed after equilibrating the columns in 98% solvent A and 2% solvent B followed by 2% B, 0–5 min; 2–25% B, 5–110 min; 25–80% B, 110–170 min; 80–2% B, 170–175 min; and isocratic elution at 2% B, 175–190 min. The survey scans (m/z 350–2000) (MS1) were acquired at high resolution (60,000 at m/z 400) in the Orbitrap XL, and the MS2 spectra were acquired in the linear ion trap at low resolution, both in profile mode. The maximum injection times for the MS1 scans in the Orbitrap and the LTQ were 500 and 200 ms, respectively. The automatic gain control targets for the Orbitrap and the LTQ were 5 × 10\textsuperscript{5} and 3 × 10\textsuperscript{5}, respectively, with maximum injection times of 100 ms for the MS2 scans. The MS1 scans were followed by three MS2 events in the linear ion trap with collision activation in the ion trap (parent threshold 1000, isolation width 2.0 Da, normalized collision energy 30%, activation Q 0.250, and activation time 30 ms). Dynamic exclusion was enabled (−0.20/+1.0 Da) for 90 s after MS2 acquisitions. A repeat count of 1, a repeat duration of 45 s, and a maximal exclusion list size of 500 were used. The following ion source parameters were used: capillary temperature 200 °C, source voltage 3.0 kV, source current 100 μA, capillary voltage 33 V, and tube lens 120 V. Data were acquired using XCalibur, version 2.2 SP1 (Thermo Fisher Scientific). For data acquisition on the LTQ-Orbitrap Elite, the following modifications were employed. The survey scans (m/z = 300–1650) were acquired at a resolution of 120,000 with a target value of 1e6 ions. The HCD MS2 acquisitions were performed for the top 15 most intense ions at a resolution of 15,000, a target value of 40,000 and a low mass setting of 120 m/z. For collision-induced dissociation, a collision energy of 40% was used with an activation time of 100 ms. Dynamic exclusion was enabled (30 s) without MS2 acquisition of +1, +2, +3, and +4 charge states. Scaffold (versions 3.1.4.1 (XL), 4.4.3 (Elite) and 3.6.4 (TripleTOF), Proteome software) was used to validate MS2-based peptide and protein identifications with the Peptide (44) and Protein (45) Prophet algorithms using thresholds of 50 and 95%, respectively. The supplemental Tables 1–3 provide the complete lists of identified peptides and proteins using the LTQ-Orbitrap XL, Elite, and the TripleTOF mass spectrometers, respectively.

Phosphopeptide spectra were manually interpreted by comparing the observed mass values from the spectrum in XCalibur (LTQ-Orbitrap XL and Elite data) or PeakView (TripleTOF data) with the theoretical parent and fragment Na\textsubscript{v}1.5 ion mass values from MS-Product. Annotations of MS2 spectra were first automated using java-based software, which matches observed m/z values with theoretical fragment masses from MS-Product, and definitive annotations were subsequently obtained by manual verification and interpretation. Mass accuracy tolerances of 20 ppm or 0.5 Da were used as guidelines for high- and low-resolution spectral annotations, respectively, and only those ions with mass errors within these ranges were included to determine residue coverage and location of phosphorylation site(s). Additionally, for spectral annotation of high-resolution MS2 data, charge states of observed parent and fragment ions were determined, and only precursor, b- and y-ions with confirmed charge states (i.e. with at least the presence of the 13C isotope peak) were used. The phosphorylation
site assignments were based on the presence or absence of the unphosphorylated and phosphorylated b- and y-ions flanking the site(s) of phosphorylation, ions that we call site-discriminating ions throughout this study. When site-discriminating ions were not all detected, assignments of phosphorylation sites were narrowed down to one, two (for pSer-524 and/or pSer-525), or four (for pSer-36, pThr-38, pSer-39, and/or pSer-42) possibility(ies) by elimination. In addition to mass accuracy and charge state, the relative percentage of maximum intensity of site-discriminating ions or of any supporting ions in each analyzed spectrum was also considered for spectral annotation. Representative MS1 and MS2 spectra used for each of the phosphorylation site assignments, mass errors of parent ions (in ppm), and Mascot Ion scores for each phosphopeptide are presented in supplemental Fig. 1. The definition of all observed site-discriminating ions, as well as the calculated mass errors and charge state confirmations for all supporting b- and y-ions (as well as for, when detected, the loss of phosphoric acid peaks) are summarized in Table 1 and supplemental Tables 4.

The label-free quantitative MS analysis of protein abundance in the IPs was performed from the entire (LTQ-Orbitrap XL) MS1 peptide data set using the DANTE (Data Analysis Tool Extension) software (33–35). To perform label-free quantitative analyses of mass spectra of precursor ion (MS1 peptides) data, the LTQ-Orbitrap XL MS1 and MS2 data from quadruplicate analyses of mNaV1.5-PAN-IPs from WT and CaMKIIδ-Tg mouse ventricles were imported into Rosetta ElucidatorTM (version 3.3, Rosetta Biosoftware) for retention time and m/z alignment of the peptide ion chromatograms using previously described parameters (36). Peak intensities of MS1 peptide features were quantified, and normalization of intensities across samples was performed using the average signal intensities obtained in each sample. Ion chromatograms and isotopic distributions of aligned NaV1.5 peptides were all visually inspected.

Plasmids

The simple and double NaV1.5 phosphomutant constructs were generated by mutating the serines 1933 and/or 1984 to alanine(s) or glutamate(s) by site-directed mutagenesis of the hH1C cDNAs were subcloned into the original pCl-NaV1.5 plasmid. The human NaVβ1 (NM_001037, a gift from A. L. George) and rat CaM (NM_017326, a gift from I. Deschenes) cDNAs were subcloned into pRC/CMV and pcDNA3, respectively. The human transcript variant 2 of FGF13 (FGF13–2, NM_001139500), subcloned into pCMV6-XL5, was purchased from Amsbio. All constructs were sequenced to ensure that no unintentional mutations were introduced.

Culture and transient transfections

HEK293 cells were maintained in Dulbecco’s modified Eagle’s medium (DMEM, Life Technologies, Inc.) supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum, 100 units/ml penicillin, and 100 μg/ml streptomycin, in 37 °C, 5% CO2, 95% air incubator. Cells were transiently transfected at 70–80% confluence in 35-mm dishes with 0.9 μg of the WT or phosphomutant NaV1.5 plasmid, 0.45 μg of the NaVβ1 plasmid, with or without 0.45 μg of the FGF13 plasmid using 2 μl of Lipofectamine 2000 (Life Technologies, Inc.) following the manufacturer’s instructions. For patch-clamp recordings, transfections also contained 0.2 μg of the pEGFP plasmid (enhanced green fluorescent protein plasmid, Clontech), so that the enhanced GFP expression serves as a marker of transfection. The absolute amounts of the various constructs were calculated, and the empty pcDNA3.1 plasmid (Life Technologies, Inc.) was used as a filler plasmid to keep the total DNA constant at 2 μg in each transfection.

Electrophysiological recordings

Whole-cell NaV currents were recorded at room temperature from transiently transfected HEK293 cells using an Axopatch 200A amplifier (Axon Instruments) 48 h after transfection. Voltage-clamp protocols were applied using the pClamp 10.2 software package (Axon Instruments) interfaced to the electrophysiological equipment using a Digidata 1440A digitizer (Axon Instruments). Current signals were filtered at 10 kHz prior to digitization at 50 kHz and storage. Patch-clamp pipettes were pulled from borosilicate glass (outer diameter is 1.5 mm and inner diameter is 0.86 mm, Sutter Instrument) using a P-97 micropipette puller (Sutter Instrument), coated with wax, and fire-polished to a resistance between 1.5 and 2.5 megohms when filled with internal solution. The internal solution contained (in mM): NaCl 5, CsCl 105, HEPES 10, glucose 5, Mg-ATP 5 (1 mM free [Mg2+]2), calculated with MaxChelator) and Mg-ATP 5 (1 mM free [Mg2+]2), MaxChelator (pH 7.2 with CsOH, ~300 mosm). The external (low Na+) solution contained (in mM): NaCl 25, CsCl 94, tetraethylammonium chloride 25, HEPES 10, glucose 5, CaCl2 1, MgCl2 2 (pH 7.4 with CsOH, ~300 mosm). All the chemicals were purchased from Sigma. After establishing the whole-cell configuration, 3 min were allowed to ensure stabilization of the voltage dependence of inactivation properties, at which time 25-ms voltage steps to \pm 10 mV from a holding potential (HP) of –70 mV were applied to allow measurement of whole-cell membrane capacitance, input, and series resistances. Only cells with access resistance <7 megohms were used, and input resistances were typically >5 giga-ohms. After compensation of series resistance (80%), the membrane was held at a HP of –120 mV, and the voltage-clamp protocols were carried out as indicated below. Leak currents were always <200 pA at the HP (–120 mV) and corrected.
off line. Cells exhibiting peak current amplitudes <500 or >5000 pA were excluded from analyses.

Data were compiled and analyzed using ClampFit 10.2 (Axon Instruments), Microsoft Excel, and Prism (GraphPad Software). Whole-cell membrane capacitance (Cm) was determined by analyzing the decays of capacitive transients elicited by the 25-ms voltage steps to ±10 mV from the HP (–70 mV) prior to compensation. Cm was calculated by dividing the integrated capacitive transients by the voltage. Input resistance was calculated from the steady-state currents elicited by the same ±10-mV steps (from the HP). Series resistance was calculated by dividing the decay time constants of the capacitive transients (fitted with a single exponential) by the Cm. To determine the current-voltage relationships, currents were elicited by 50-ms depolarizing pulses from –80 to +40 mV in 5-mV increments from a HP of –120 mV (5-s interpulse duration). Peak current amplitudes at each voltage step were defined as the maximal current amplitudes. Current amplitudes were corrected by leak currents (calculated at each voltage step from the leak current measured at the HP) and normalized to the Cm. To analyze the voltage dependence of activation properties, current amplitudes at each voltage step were transformed to conductances (G), and conductance-voltage relationships were fitted with the Boltzmann equation

\[ G = \frac{G_{\text{max}}}{1 + \exp \left( \frac{V_m - V_0}{k} \right)} \]

in which \(V_m\) is the membrane potential for half-activation, and \(k\) is the slope factor. The time course of inactivation of macroscopic current was fitted with the double exponential function

\[ I(t) = A_{\text{slow}} \times \exp(-t/\tau_{\text{slow}}) + A_{\text{fast}} \times \exp(-t/\tau_{\text{fast}}) + A_p \]

where \(A_{\text{slow}}\) and \(A_{\text{fast}}\) are the amplitudes of the slow and fast inactivating current components, respectively, and \(\tau_{\text{slow}}\) and \(\tau_{\text{fast}}\) are the decay time constants of \(A_{\text{slow}}\) and \(A_{\text{fast}}\), respectively. A standard two-pulse protocol was used to generate the voltage dependence of steady-state inactivation curves; from a HP of –120 mV, cells were stepped to –1-s conditioning potentials varying from –120 to –50 mV (prepulse) in 5-mV increments, followed by 20-ms test pulses to –20 mV (5-s interpulse duration). Current amplitudes measured at each test pulse were normalized to the maximal current amplitude \(I_{\text{max}}\), and the steady-state inactivation curves were fitted with the Boltzmann equation

\[ I = I_{\text{max}}/(1 + \exp ((V_m - V_0)/k)) \]

in which \(V_0\) is the membrane potential for half-inactivation, and \(k\) is the slope factor. Recovery from inactivation was assessed using a three-pulse protocol (5-s interpulse duration) with a test pulse (at –20 mV) at variable times (from 1 to 200 ms at –120 mV) after a 1-s conditioning pulse to –20 mV (from a HP of –120 mV). The time course of recovery from inactivation was analyzed by fitting the current amplitudes measured at each test pulse normalized to the current amplitudes measured during each conditioning pulse with the single exponential function

\[ I(t) = A \times (1 - \exp(-t/\tau_{\text{rec}})) \]

In experiments aimed at recording the TTX-sensitive late Na⁺ current, cells were bathed in external (full Na⁺) solution containing (in mM) the following: NaCl 140, CsCl 5, HEPES 10, glucose 5, CaCl₂ 1, MgCl₂ 2 (pH 7.4 with CsOH, ~300 mosM). Repetitive 350-ms test pulses to –20 mV from a HP of –120 mV (5-s interpulse duration) were applied to cells superfused locally with external (full Na⁺) solutions supplemented with 20 mM mannitol, in the absence and in the presence of 30 μM TTX (Tocris Bioscience). Only cells exhibiting peak current amplitudes of >4000 pA were used (those with peak current of <4000 pA did not show measurable late Na⁺ current), and cells with difference in leak current amplitudes before and after TTX application of >2 pA at –20 mV (calculated from leak currents at –120 mV) were excluded from analyses. TTX-sensitive currents from individual cells were determined by off-line digital subtraction of average leak-subtracted currents obtained from five recordings in the absence and in the presence of TTX after achieving steady state. The amplitude of TTX-sensitive late Na⁺ current was defined as the steady-state current amplitude \(I_p\) obtained by fitting the inactivation decay of macroscopic TTX-sensitive current with the double exponential function

\[ I(t) = A_{\text{slow}} \times \exp(-t/\tau_{\text{slow}}) + A_{\text{fast}} \times \exp(-t/\tau_{\text{fast}}) + A_p \]

For each cell, the TTX-sensitive late Na⁺ current amplitude was normalized to the Cm, and expressed as TTX-sensitive late Na⁺ current density (in pA/pF).

**Statistical analyses**

Results are expressed as means ± S.E. Data were first tested for normality using the D’Agostino and Pearson normality test. Depending on the results of normality tests, statistical analyses were then performed using the Mann-Whitney nonparametric test, the one-way ANOVA followed by the Dunnett’s post hoc test, or the Kruskal-Wallis one-way ANOVA followed by the Dunn’s post hoc test as indicated in the figures and tables. All of these analyses, the Tukey whisker analysis and the plots, were performed using Prism (GraphPad software).

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