Title: Flicker-assisted localization microscopy reveals altered mitochondrial architecture in hypertension

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Supplementary Information

Figure Legends

Supplementary Video 1 | 3D projection of mitochondria within a freshly-isolated resistance artery smooth muscle cell. The live cell was loaded with TMRE (62.5 nM) and epifluorescence images taken with increasing z-depth (250 x 100 nm steps). The images were then deconvolved using a 60-iteration blind 3D-deconvolution as described in Methods. The resulting image stack was rotated in the y-axis first at full 512x512 pixel/76.8x76.8 μm x-y magnification, followed by a 2x then a 5.2x zoom to show mitochondrial architecture.

Supplementary Video 2 | Mitochondrial flickering and localized fluorescence intensity changes

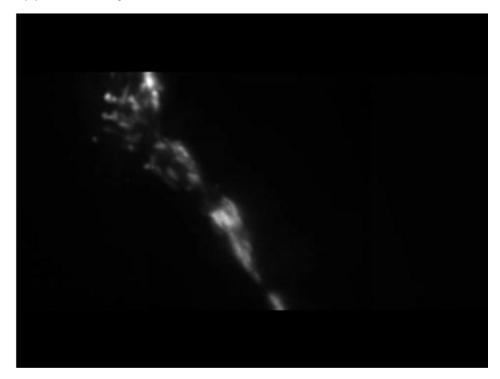
detected by FaLM processing. A freshly-isolated smooth muscle cell loaded with TMRE (62.5 nM) and imaged by convention XYT epifluorescence displays localized fluctuations in fluorescence as individual mitochondria transiently de- and re-polarize (upper panels, right-hand box is close up of the whole cell shown in the left-hand box). The image stack was then processed by FaLM and the resultant *dl/dt* stack overlaid to show depolarizations in red and repolarizations in blue (lower panels). Scale bars 10 µm.

Supplementary Figure 1 | Full description of FaLM image processing. A: FaLM processing of the TMRE image stacks was a multi-step process. The first pass (i) created an image stack (all_on) in which all pixels were projected at their maximum intensity within a broad bracketing range to accommodate movement artefacts. ii: Each plane of the original image stack (f(t)) was then subtracted from the timematched plane from all_on to create a stack of difference from maximum (Delta). The third pass (iii) looked for changes within Delta to create a stack showing depolarizations as bright spots and repolarizations as dark holes (dD/dt). These on and off events were then recombined to provide a

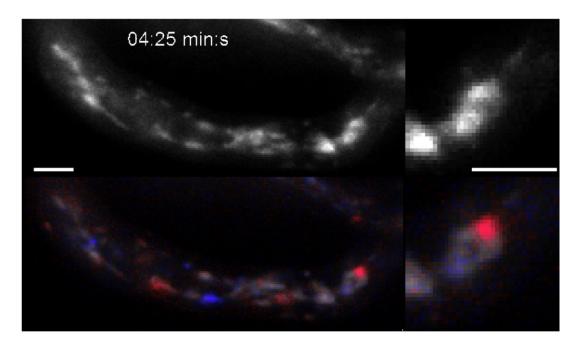
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guide for the user to locate mitochondria. The fourth pass (iv) analyzed the temporal and spatial covariance of the *dD/dt* events to define mitochondrial *objects*, which were then be recombined (v) to provide an image of all individual mitochondrial units (vi) or intensity-thresholded to define boundaries (vii) and allow spatial measurements. B: example images of a resistance artery smooth muscle cell taken through FaLM processing, whole cell in larger images (i and below) and close-up of networked-like region in smaller images (ii and below) with corresponding intensity plots from single point (iii and below).

Supplementary Video 1



Supplementary Video 2



Supplementary Figure 1

