MATERIALS AND METHODS

Intracellular Mg²⁺ measurement

Free intracellular Mg^{2+} concentration ($[Mg^{2+}]_i$) was labeled by Mag-Fluo-4 AM (ThermoFisher Scientific). The hiPSC-derived CMs in Tyrode solution were loaded with 10 µM Mag-Fluo-4 AM for 40 minutes at 37°C followed by 2 washes and 30min de-esterification[1]. Mag-Fluo-4 was excited at 488nm and emitted fluorescence was collected at wavelengths of 510-560 nm. Two dimensional images (2048 × 2048 pixels) were acquired by a real-time florescence microscope (Olympus IX81, Japan) at 30 s intervals. Analysis of the signals was performed with the software MetaMorph (version 7.8.11.0, Nashville, TN). The change of $[Mg^{2+}]_i$ were presented as background-subtracted normalized fluorescence (F/F₀).

RESULTS

The effect of FCCP on [Mg²⁺]_i in hiPSC-derived ventricular-like CMs

Almost all the intracellular Mg^{2+} is bound to ATP, and only a small fraction is free. Since free $[Mg^{2+}]_i$ is kept constant within a very narrow range, any change in cellular ATP levels leads to a concomitant change in free $[Mg^{2+}]_i$. Thus, changes in $[Mg^{2+}]_i$ can be interpreted as reciprocal changes of $[ATP]_i[2]$. FCCP caused a rapid depletion of the cellular bulk ATP pool which can be reflected by an increased $[Mg^{2+}]_i$. Nevertheless, this phenomenon was not observed if oligomycin (1 µmol/L) was applied (Fig S1). This indirectly indicated that the $[ATP]_i$ level was not altered significantly during the combination of FCCP and oligomycin treatment.

REFERENCES

 Kawahara K, Sato R, Iwabuchi S, Matsuyama D. Rhythmic fluctuations in the concentration of intracellular Mg²⁺ in association with spontaneous rhythmic contraction in cultured cardiac myocytes. Chronobiol Int. 2008;25: 868-81.

2. Zima AV, Pabbidi MR, Lipsius SL, Blatter LA. Effects of mitochondrial uncoupling on Ca²⁺ signaling during excitation-contraction coupling in atrial myocytes. Am J Physiol Heart Circ Physiol. 2013;304: H983-93.

FIGURE LEGEND

Fig S1. The average effect of FCCP (\pm oligomycin) on $[Mg^{2+}]_i$ in hiPSC-derived ventricular-like CMs (n=10 for each group).

Fig. S1 Intracellular free ATP level is not altered significantly during the combination of FCCP and oligomycin treatment.

