

2. Results

a) Effect of chronic developmental hypoxia on cardiomyocyte morphometrics

Cardiomyocytes from the H10 vs. N21 cohort were significantly smaller with a reduced length, depth, and volume, despite having larger widths (Tables 1 and S2).

(b) Effect of developmental O₂ and experimental treatment

The mixed-effects, repeated-measures GLMs revealed a significant effect of developmental O₂ on $\Delta[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_i$ and cell-shortening efficiency; an effect of treatment on cell shortening, $\Delta[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_i$, pH_i, ROS production, normalized $\Delta[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_i$, systolic $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_i$, time to rise, and time to half-decay; an interaction between normoxia and developmental O₂ on the $\Delta[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_i$ and cell-shortening efficiency; and an interaction between anoxia and developmental O₂ on cell shortening, pH_i, ROS production, and cell-shortening efficiency (Table S3). Test statistics for significant within-group and between-group pairwise contrasts are provided in Supplementary Tables S4 and S5.

(c) Myofilament Ca²⁺-sensitivity

The observation that H10 cardiomyocyte shortening was either equal to, or larger, than the N21 cells despite smaller Ca²⁺ transients, suggested the H10 cohort had greater myofilament Ca²⁺-sensitivity. Indeed, cardiomyocyte shortening was greater in H10 cells at any given $\Delta[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_i$, when compared to N21 cells (Fig. 4A, B). Regression lines fitted to the data revealed significant, positive correlations between $\Delta[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_i$ and contractility during normoxia and reoxygenation in N21 cardiomyocytes (but not anoxia) and during normoxia, anoxia, and reoxygenation in H10 cardiomyocytes (Fig. 4A, B). A GLM analysis revealed significant effects of developmental O₂, period (normoxia-anoxia), and developmental O₂-period interactions (N21 normoxia-N21 anoxia, N21 anoxia-H10 normoxia, N21 anoxia-H10 anoxia, and N21 anoxia-H10 reoxygenation). When comparing the estimated marginal means of the GLM, cardiomyocyte shortening was equal between the H10 cohort (normoxia, anoxia, and reoxygenation) and N21 normoxia and reoxygenation, but not N21 anoxia (Fig. 4A, B). These analyses show that H10 cardiomyocytes in anoxia shorten equally to all normoxia- or reoxygenation-exposed cells. Lastly, a GLM revealed a significant effect of $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_e$ and a significant developmental O₂- $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_e$ interaction, while the post-hoc tests showed that H10 cells were more sensitive to Ca²⁺ (Fig. 4C). Regression lines were fitted to the data and revealed significant, positive correlations between $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_e$ and length of N21 and H10 cardiomyocytes (Fig. 4C). Collectively, our data suggest that the myofilaments of H10 cardiomyocytes have a higher sensitivity to Ca²⁺ than N21 cells (Fig. 4A, B, and C). Test statistics for these analyses are provided in Supplementary Tables S6 and S7s.

Table S2. Between-group test statistics, comparing the effect of developmental normoxia (N21) and chronic hypoxia (H10) on ventricular cardiomyocyte morphometrics.

Variable	Comparison	Test statistic	df	P-value
Length	N21-H10	t = 2.3	66	0.024
Depth	N21-H10	U = 65		0.033
Width	N21-H10	U = 58		0.015
Volume	N21-H10	U = 266		0.031

Test values were calculated from a Student's t-test (length) or Mann-Whitney rank-sum tests (depth, width, and volume).

Table S3. GLM test statistics, comparing the effects of developmental O₂ and experimental treatment on cardiomyocyte physiology.

Factor	Variable	t-value	df	P-value
Developmental O ₂	$\Delta[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_i$	2.9	18	0.009
	Cell-shortening efficiency	-3	19	0.007
Treatment	Cell shortening	9.6	107	< 0.001
	$\Delta[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_i$	10.9	97	< 0.001
	pH _i	22.8	125	< 0.001
	ROS production	8.4	83	< 0.001
	Normalized $\Delta[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_i$	14.8	103	< 0.001
	Systolic $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_i$	4.2	105	< 0.001
	Time to rise	-6.1	31	< 0.001
	Time to half-decay	-2.7	29	0.011
Developmental O ₂ -normoxia interaction	$\Delta[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_i$	4.1	20	< 0.001
	Cell-shortening efficiency	-3	19	0.007
Developmental O ₂ -anoxia interaction	Cell shortening	-2.3	21	0.033
	pH _i	2.4	22	0.028
	ROS production	2.88	16	0.011
	Cell-shortening efficiency	-2.7	36	0.012

Test values were calculated from mixed-effects, repeated-measures GLMs.

Table S4. Within-group test statistics of the estimated means of the interactive effects between developmental oxygen and experimental time/period on cardiomyocyte physiology

Variable	Developmental cohort	Time comparison (min)	t-value	df	P-value	
Shortening	N21	5 - 15	4.4	106	< 0.001	
		5 - 20	3.7	106	0.003	
		5 - 25	4.6	107	< 0.001	
		5 - 30	5.0	107	< 0.001	
		10 - 15	4.1	106	0.001	
		10 - 20	3.4	106	0.007	
		10 - 25	4.4	107	< 0.001	
		10 - 30	4.8	107	< 0.001	
		35 - 15	4.5	108	< 0.001	
		35 - 20	3.8	108	0.002	
	35 - 25	4.8	107	< 0.001		
	35 - 30	5.2	107	< 0.001		
	40 - 15	4.5	108	< 0.001		
	40 - 20	3.8	108	0.002		
	40 - 25	4.7	108	< 0.001		
	40 - 30	5.1	107	< 0.001		
	H10	5 - 15	5.3	106	< 0.001	
		5 - 20	2.9	106	0.045	
		10 - 15	5.2	106	< 0.001	
		10 - 20	2.9	106	0.050	
25 - 15		3.2	106	0.042		
30 - 15		3.4	106	0.024		
35 - 15		3.6	107	0.006		
40 - 15		3.7	107	0.004		
$\Delta[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_i$		N21	5 - 15	6.5	96	< 0.001
			5 - 20	6.8	96	< 0.001
	5 - 25		6.8	96	< 0.001	
	5 - 30		6.1	96	< 0.001	
	10 - 15		8.4	96	< 0.001	
	10 - 20		8.8	96	< 0.001	
	10 - 25		8.8	96	< 0.001	
	10 - 30		8.0	96	< 0.001	
	35 - 15		7.6	96	< 0.001	
	35 - 20		8.0	97	< 0.001	
	35 - 25		8.0	97	< 0.001	
	35 - 30		7.4	96	< 0.001	
	40 - 15		7.9	96	< 0.001	
	40 - 20		8.2	97	< 0.001	

		40 - 25	8.2	97	< 0.001
		40 - 30	7.6	96	< 0.001
	H10	35 - 15	3.2	95	0.021
		35 - 20	3.5	95	0.011
		35 - 25	3.1	95	0.028
		35 - 30	3.2	95	0.024
pH _i	N21	5 - 15	6.5	124	< 0.001
		5 - 20	6.8	124	< 0.001
		5 - 25	6.8	124	< 0.001
		5 - 30	6.1	124	< 0.001
		10 - 15	8.4	124	< 0.001
		10 - 20	8.8	124	< 0.001
		10 - 25	8.8	124	< 0.001
		10 - 30	8.0	124	< 0.001
		35 - 15	7.6	125	< 0.001
		35 - 20	8.0	125	< 0.001
		35 - 25	8.0	125	< 0.001
		35 - 30	7.4	125	< 0.001
		40 - 15	7.9	125	< 0.001
		40 - 20	8.2	125	< 0.001
		40 - 25	8.2	125	< 0.001
		40 - 30	7.6	125	< 0.001
	H10	5 - 15	7.4	124	< 0.001
		5 - 20	7.6	124	< 0.001
		5 - 25	7.6	125	< 0.001
		5 - 30	7.3	125	< 0.001
		10 - 15	8.1	124	< 0.001
		10 - 20	8.3	124	< 0.001
		10 - 25	8.3	125	< 0.001
		10 - 30	8.0	125	< 0.001
		35 - 15	9.5	125	< 0.001
		35 - 20	9.7	125	< 0.001
		35 - 25	9.8	125	< 0.001
		35 - 30	9.5	125	< 0.001
		40 - 15	8.8	125	< 0.001
		40 - 20	9.0	125	< 0.001
		40 - 25	9.1	125	< 0.001
		40 - 30	8.8	125	< 0.001
ROS	N21	5 - 20	3.1	82	0.035
		5 - 25	3.4	82	0.015
		5 - 30	3.3	82	0.017

		10 - 25	3.1	82	0.035
		10 - 30	3.0	82	0.038
	H10	5 - 15	5.3	82	< 0.001
		5 - 20	5.8	83	< 0.001
		5 - 25	6.1	83	< 0.001
		5 - 30	6.4	83	< 0.001
		5 - 35	3.5	83	0.015
		5 - 40	3.7	83	0.009
		10 - 15	4.7	82	< 0.001
		10 - 20	5.2	83	< 0.001
		10 - 25	5.5	83	< 0.001
		10 - 30	5.8	83	< 0.001
		35 - 30	2.9	82	0.041
Normalized $\Delta[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_i$	N21	5 - 15	4.5	98	< 0.001
		5 - 20	5.4	98	< 0.001
		5 - 25	4.4	100	< 0.001
		5 - 30	5.0	100	< 0.001
		10 - 15	5.7	98	< 0.001
		10 - 20	6.6	98	< 0.001
		10 - 25	5.5	100	< 0.001
		10 - 30	6.1	100	< 0.001
		35 - 15	5.1	99	< 0.001
		35 - 20	5.9	101	< 0.001
		35 - 25	5.0	102	< 0.001
		35 - 30	5.6	100	< 0.001
		40 - 15	4.8	99	< 0.001
		40 - 20	5.6	101	< 0.001
		40 - 25	4.8	102	< 0.001
		40 - 30	5.3	100	< 0.001
	H10	5 - 15	4.1	100	0.001
		5 - 20	4.6	100	< 0.001
		5 - 25	4.1	100	0.001
		5 - 30	4.5	100	< 0.001
		10 - 15	5.3	100	< 0.001
		10 - 20	5.8	100	< 0.001
		10 - 25	5.3	100	< 0.001
		10 - 30	5.7	100	< 0.001
		35 - 15	6.6	97	< 0.001
		35 - 20	7.0	97	< 0.001
		35 - 25	6.6	97	< 0.001
		35 - 30	6.9	97	< 0.001

		40 - 15	5.0	98	< 0.001
		40 - 20	5.5	98	< 0.001
		40 - 25	5.0	98	< 0.001
		40 - 30	5.3	98	< 0.001
Diastolic $[Ca^{2+}]_i$	N21	5 - 35	-3.8	124	0.007
		5 - 40	-3.8	124	0.006
	H10	5 - 35	-3.6	124	0.013
		5 - 40	-4.4	124	0.001
		10 - 35	-3.3	124	0.036
		10 - 40	-4.0	124	0.002
Systolic $[Ca^{2+}]_i$	N21	5 - 35	-3.9	104	0.002
		5 - 40	-3.3	104	0.014
		35 - 15	4.0	104	0.002
		35 - 20	3.9	104	0.002
		35 - 25	3.2	104	0.019
		35 - 30	2.9	104	0.045
	H10	40 - 15	3.4	104	0.010
		40 - 20	3.3	104	0.014
		5 - 35	-3.6	103	0.012
		5 - 40	-3.8	103	0.008
		10 - 35	-3.2	103	0.038
		10 - 40	-3.4	103	0.027
		35 - 15	3.3	104	0.014
		35 - 20	2.9	104	0.048
		40 - 15	3.5	104	0.010
		40 - 20	3.0	104	0.035
Variable	Developmental cohort	Time comparison (period)	t-value	df	P-value
Time to rise	N21	N - A	-3.8	30	0.001
		R - A	-3.5	31	0.002
	H10	N - A	-4.6	32	< 0.001
		R - A	-3.2	30	0.003
Time to half-decay	N21	N - A	-2.3	29	0.044
	H10	N - A	-2.3	30	0.039

Test values were calculated from mixed-effects, repeated-measures GLMs, followed by sequential Sidak post-hoc tests. Abbreviations: N21 and H10 indicate embryonic development in 21% and 10% O₂, respectively; df, degrees of freedom; and N, A, and R indicate experimental periods normoxia, anoxia, and reoxygenation, respectively.

Table S5. Between-group test statistics of the estimated means of the interactive effects between developmental oxygen, treatment, and time on cardiomyocyte physiology

Variable	Treatment	Time (min)	Comparison	t-value	df	P-value
Shortening	Anoxia	25	N21 - H10	-2.6	55	0.013
		30	N21 - H10	-3.1	59	0.003
$\Delta[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_i$	Normoxia	5	N21 - H10	3.5	30	0.001
		10	N21 - H10	4.3	30	< 0.001
		35	N21 - H10	3.1	37	0.004
		40	N21 - H10	3.2	39	0.002
pH _i	Normoxia	10	N21 - H10	2.0	40	0.049
	Anoxia	30	N21 - H10	2.1	45	0.042
ROS	Anoxia	15	N21 - H10	2.1	36	0.043
		20	N21 - H10	2.2	38	0.031
		25	N21 - H10	2.3	38	0.028
		30	N21 - H10	2.5	38	0.016
Efficiency	Normoxia	5	N21 - H10	-2.4	124	0.019
	Anoxia	25	N21 - H10	-2.1	126	0.034
		30	N21 - H10	-3.8	126	< 0.001

Test values were calculated from mixed-effects, repeated-measures GLMs, followed by sequential Sidak post-hoc tests. Abbreviations: N21 and H10 indicate embryonic development in 21% and 10% O₂, respectively; df, degrees of freedom

Table S6. Regression and GLM test statistics of the effects of developmental O₂ and experimental treatment on cardiomyocyte shortening, as a function of the calcium transient ($\Delta[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_i$).

Developmental cohort	Regression	Treatment	Test statistic	P-value	R ²
N21	Shortening vs. $\Delta[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_i$	N	F(1, 13) = 6.19	0.027	0.323
		R	[F(1, 6) = 6.82	0.040	0.532
H10	Shortening vs. $\Delta[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_i$	N	F(1, 16) = 7.42	0.015	0.317
		A	F(1, 29) = 5.67	0.024	0.164
		R	F(1, 13) = 4.59	0.05	0.261

GLM Factor	Comparison	df	P-value
Developmental O ₂	N21-H10	1	< 0.001
Experimental period	N-A	1	0.022
Developmental O ₂ -period interactions	N21 N-N21 A	1	0.008
	N21 A-H10 N	1	< 0.001
	N21 A-H10 A	1	< 0.001
	N21 A-H10 R	1	0.001

Test values were calculated from regression analyses and mixed-effects GLMs. Abbreviations: N21 and H10 indicate embryonic development in 21% and 10% O₂, respectively; N, A, and R indicate experimental periods normoxia, anoxia, and reoxygenation, respectively.

Table S7. Regression and GLM test statistics of the effect of extracellular calcium ($[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_e$) on relaxed cardiomyocyte length.

GLM component	Test statistic	P-value
$[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_e$ factor	F(1, 34) = 80.93	< 0.001
Developmental O ₂ - $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_e$ interaction	F(1, 34) = 15.98	< 0.001
N21-H10 post-hoc comparison	t = 3.19	< 0.001

Regression	Developmental cohort	Test statistic	P-value	R ²
Length vs. $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_e$	N21	F(1, 22) = 30.75	< 0.001	0.583
	H10	F(1, 22) = 34.72	< 0.001	0.612

Test values were calculated from regression analyses and mixed-effects GLMs. Abbreviations: N21 and H10 indicate embryonic development in 21% and 10% O₂, respectively.