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### Software and code

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Data collection

- Confocal images and line scans were collected using ZEN 2009 (version 6.0) or Axiovision software 4.8
- Patch Clamp data were collected using Patchmaster 2.0 (HEKA Elektronik)
- Ca<sup>2+</sup> transients were collected with the software IONWizardR version 6.4 (ION OPTIX Corp.).
- Echocardiography was performed using a VS-VEVO 660/230 (Visualsonics).

Data analysis

- Analysis of the Western Blot bands and the histological stainings was performed with Image J 1.51j8 (NIH, USA).
- Ca<sup>2+</sup> sparks were analysed with the SparkMaster plugin 2006 for ImageJ (PMID: 17376815).
- Ca<sup>2+</sup> transients were analyzed with the software IONWizardR version 6.4 (ION OPTIX Corp.).
- Membrane potential recordings were analyzed using LabChart 7.37 (ADInstruments)
- ECG recordings were analysed with Ponemah Physiology Platform 6.3
- Data analysis was performed and graphs were plotted with GraphPad Prism version 8.0 GraphPad Software
- Western Blots were analysed using Image Studio Lite Ver 5.2

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## Life sciences study design

All studies must disclose on these points even when the disclosure is negative.

Sample size	Sample sizes were determined based on our extensive past experience with these types of experiments (PMID: 29931291, PMID: 30378291, PMID: 21251589). All experiments were conducted with at least three independent experiments and multiple independent biological replicates. For electrophysiology experiments comparing multiple cells from different mice/patients were required and we generally aimed for Ns of >10 to control adequately for inter-cell variability, following our experience and prior reports in the literature. For biochemical analyses, we required at least 4-7 independent experiments with each group. Adequacy of sample size was confirmed on the basis that statistically non-significant differences were of an order that suggested lack of biological significance.
Data exclusions	There was no exclusion of experiments.
Replication	All experimental series were repeated in different experiments and separate days. Each N in the paper represents a measurement on a separate cell or preparation; repeated measurements were not obtained. Replication was ensured by performing a sufficient number of independent measurements, each on separate samples or subjects (cells), to ensure replication of the biological phenomenon being measured.
Randomization	Randomization was not possible in the studies in crossbred mice because the sample identity was determined by its source. For the studies involving pharmacological interventions, no formal randomization was performed but group allocation was arbitrary and not related to any properties of samples or subjects. The sequence of the pharmacological interventions used in an individual subject was changed from animal to animal, so that there was no time factor after cell isolation in the whole data set.
Blinding	Blinded analysis was performed for Ca <sup>2+</sup> -spark analysis and in-vivo echocardiography/ecg-analysis. Data collection of Ca <sup>2+</sup> -sparks was not blinded as the investigator had to prepare the drug used for the pharmacological intervention. For in-vivo echocardiography and ecg-analysis the examiner was also blinded for data collection. Survival data of individual mice was documented by the staff of the local animal facility which was blinded to the genotype of the animals. Ca <sup>2+</sup> -transient data collection and analysis was not blinded as analysis was performed automatically by the ION Wizard software. Patch-Clamp, western-blot and mRNA experiments were also automatically analysed by the software used for analysis.

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## Materials &amp; experimental systems

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## Methods

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> ChIP-seq
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Flow cytometry
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## Antibodies

## Antibodies used

- Rabbit polyclonal anti-CaMKII $\delta$ : 1: 100 dilution for IF, 3  $\mu$ g/500  $\mu$ g of protein for Co-IP; gift from D. M. Bers, University of California Davis, USA).
- Rabbit polyclonal anti-CaMKII $\delta$ : 1:5000 dilution for WB, Thermo Scientific, Catalog # PA5-22168,
- anti-control IgG: (3  $\mu$ g/500  $\mu$ g protein for Co-IP; Santa Cruz, Catalog # sc-2027,
- Mouse monoclonal anti-NaV1.8: 1:50 dilution for IF, Clone name S134-12, LSBio, Catalog # LS-C109037,
- Rabbit polyclonal anti-NaV1.8: 1:1000 dilution for WB, Alomone labs, Catalog # ASC-016,
- Mouse monoclonal anti-GAPDH: 1:20000 dilution for WB, Clone name 6C5, Biotrend, Catalog # BTMC-A437-9,
- Rabbit polyclonal anti-NaV1.5: 1:2000 dilution for WB, Alomone labs, Catalog # ASC-005,
- Mouse monoclonal anti-SSEA4: 1:200 dilution for IF, Clone name MC813, Abcam, Catalog # ab16287,
- Mouse anti- $\alpha$ -actinin: 1:750 dilution for IF, Sigma, Catalog # A7811,
- Rabbit anti-Titin-M8/M9: 1:750 dilution for IF, MyoMedix, Catalog # TTN-10,
- Alexa Fluor-488 goat anti-mouse: 1:200 dilution for IF, Invitrogen, Catalog # A-11029,
- Alexa Fluor-555 goat anti-rabbit: 1:200 dilution for IF, Invitrogen, Catalog # A-21428,
- Alexa Fluor-488 donkey anti-mouse IgG: 1:1000 dilution for IF, Invitrogen, Catalog # A-21202
- Alexa Fluor-555 donkey anti-rabbit IgG: 1:750 dilution for IF, Invitrogen, Catalog # A-31572
- HRP-conjugated goat anti-rabbit: 1:20000 dilution for WB, Jackson ImmunoResearch, Catalog # 111-035-144
- HRP-conjugated goat anti-mouse 1:20000 dilution for WB, Jackson ImmunoResearch Catalog # 115-035-062

## Validation

- Rabbit polyclonal anti-CaMKII $\delta$ : gift from D. M. Bers, University of California Davis, USA).  
Custom made anti-CaMKII $\delta$  antibody was validated in Huke and Bers, J Mol Cell Cardiol. 2007 (PMID: 17239900)
- Rabbit polyclonal anti-CaMKII $\delta$ : Thermo Scientific, Catalog # PA5-22168  
Manufacture's website: <https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/CaMKII-delta-Antibody-Polyclonal/PA5-22168>.  
Citation: Cardiovasc Diabetol. 14;17(1):89 (2018) (PMID: 29903013).
- anti-control IgG: (3  $\mu$ g/500  $\mu$ g protein for Co-IP; Santa Cruz, Catalog # sc-2027  
Manufacture's website: <https://datasheets.scbt.com/sc-2027.pdf>  
Citation: EMBO J. 20: 1739-1753. (2001) (PMID: 11285237)
- Mouse monoclonal anti-NaV1.8: 1:50 dilution for IF, LSBio, Clone name S134-12 Catalog # LS-C109037,  
Manufacture's website: <https://www.lsbio.com/antibodies/scn10a-antibody-nav1.8-antibody-aa1724-1956-clone-s134-12-icc-ihc-wb-western-ls-c109037/111165>.  
Citation: Cardiovasc Res 1;114(13):1728-1737 (2018) (PMID: 29931291).
- Rabbit polyclonal anti-NaV1.8: 1:1000 dilution for WB, Alomone labs, Catalog # ASC-016,  
Manufacture's website: <https://www.alomone.com/p/anti-nav1-8-2/ASC-016>.  
Citation: J Neurosci 21;35(3):1125-35 (2015) (PMID: 25609627).
- Mouse monoclonal anti-GAPDH: 1:20000 dilution for WB, Biotrend, Clone name 6C5, Catalog # BTMC-A437-9,  
Manufacture's website: <https://www.biotrend.com/en/other-products-186/mouse-monoclonal-anti-rabbit-gapdh-1206505595.html>  
Citation: Cardiovasc Res 1;114(13):1728-1737 (2018) (PMID: 29931291).
- Rabbit polyclonal anti-NaV1.5: 1:2000 dilution for WB, Alomone labs, Catalog # ASC-005,  
Manufacture's website: [https://www.alomone.com/p/anti-nav1-5/ASC-005?gclid=EAlaIqobChMI3JfO5Mj18QIVCqh3Ch3wtwL6EAAAYASAAEgLqHfD\\_BwE](https://www.alomone.com/p/anti-nav1-5/ASC-005?gclid=EAlaIqobChMI3JfO5Mj18QIVCqh3Ch3wtwL6EAAAYASAAEgLqHfD_BwE)  
Citation: J Biol Chem 1;294(44):16123-16140 (2019) (PMID: 31511323)
- Mouse monoclonal anti-SSEA4: 1:200 dilution for IF, Abcam, Clone name MC813, Catalog # ab16287,  
Manufacture's website: <https://www.abcam.com/ssea4-antibody-mc813-70-ab16287.html>;  
Citation: EMBO Mol Med 12:e12146 (2020) (PMID: 32840960)
- Mouse anti- $\alpha$ -actinin: 1:750 dilution for IF, Sigma, Catalog # A7811,

Manufacture's website: <https://www.sigmaaldrich.com/DE/en/product/sigma/a7811?context=product>

Citation: Nat Commun 10, 4671 (2019) (PMID: 31604922)

- Rabbit anti-Titin-M8/M9: 1:750 dilution for IF, MyoMedix, Catalog # TTN-10,

Manufacture's website: <http://www.myomedix.com/seiten/products.htm>;

Citation: Stem Cell Reports 12(5):1145-1158 (2019) (PMID: 30956114)

- Alexa Fluor-488 goat anti-mouse: 1:200 dilution for IF, Invitrogen, Catalog # A-11029,

Manufacture's website: <https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/Goat-anti-Mouse-IgG-H-L-Highly-Cross-Adsorbed-Secondary-Antibody-Polyclonal/A-11029>

Citation: Nat Commun 5;10(1):3991 (2019) (PMID: 31488816).

- Alexa Fluor-555 goat anti-rabbit: 1:200 dilution for IF, Invitrogen, Catalog # A-21428,

Manufacture's website: <https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/Goat-anti-Rabbit-IgG-H-L-Cross-Adsorbed-Secondary-Antibody-Polyclonal/A-21428>.

Citation: Cancer Res 1;78(17):5107-5123 (2018) (PMID: 29997232).

- Alexa Fluor-488 donkey anti-mouse IgG: 1:1000 dilution for IF, Invitrogen, Catalog # A-21202

Manufacture's website: <https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/Donkey-anti-Mouse-IgG-H-L-Highly-Cross-Adsorbed-Secondary-Antibody-Polyclonal/A-21202>;

Citation: Stem Cell Res. 38:101461 (2019) (PMID: 31132580)

- Alexa Fluor-555 donkey anti-rabbit IgG: 1:750 dilution for IF, Invitrogen, Catalog # A-31572

Manufacture's website: <https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/Donkey-anti-Rabbit-IgG-H-L-Highly-Cross-Adsorbed-Secondary-Antibody-Polyclonal/A-31572>;

Citation: Cell Stem Cell. 23(6):820-832.e9. (2018) (PMID: 30416070)

- HRP-conjugated goat anti-rabbit: 1:20000 dilution for WB, Jackson ImmunoResearch, Catalog # 111-035-144

Manufacture's website: <https://www.jacksonimmuno.com/catalog/products/111-035-144>.

Citation: Sci Rep 11:11185 (2021) (PMID: 34045646).

- HRP-conjugated goat anti-mouse 1:20000 dilution for WB, Jackson ImmunoResearch Catalog # 115-035-062

Manufacture's website: <https://www.jacksonimmuno.com/catalog/products/115-035-062>.

Citation: Nat Commun 8;12(1):848 (2021) (PMID: 33558493).

## Animals and other organisms

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### Laboratory animals

To generate SCN10A<sup>-/-</sup>/CaMKII $\delta$ c<sup>+/T</sup> mouse model we crossbred CaMKII $\delta$ c<sup>+/T</sup> mice from a Black-Swiss strain with NaV1.8 knockout mice (SCN10A<sup>-/-</sup>) from a C57BL/6 strain. 8 weeks old male CaMKII $\delta$ c<sup>+/T</sup> mice were mated with 8 weeks old female SCN10A<sup>-/-</sup> mice (C57BL/6).

For Fig. 2 and 3 12 week old male and female mice were used from the Black-Swiss strain.

For Fig. 4 and 5 and all supplementary figures 12 week old male and female mice from the crossbreeding were used. For in-vivo telemetry recordings male mice at an age of 8 weeks were used.

The breeding rooms were maintained at 20-22°C with 50-60% humidity. Mice were housed in a room with a 12-hour light/dark cycle with ad libitum access to water and food.

### Wild animals

The study did not involve wild animals

### Field-collected samples

The study did not involve field-collected samples

### Ethics oversight

The study was approved by the local ethics committee of the University Medicine of Goettingen and the public authority on animal welfare.

Note that full information on the approval of the study protocol must also be provided in the manuscript.

## Human research participants

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### Population characteristics

Patient characteristics of all end-stage heart failure patients donating left ventricular myocardium after undergoing heart transplantation are described in Supplementary table 1.

iPSCs were generated from a control donor, healthy, female, 52 years.

### Recruitment

We obtained left ventricular tissues from explanted hearts of patients with end-stage HF (NYHA HF classification IV) who

were undergoing heart transplantation. All patients undergoing heart transplantation were asked to participate in this study. Patients gave informed consent for tissue donation before surgery. Hearts from patients with rare diseases or congenital heart defects were excluded from the experiments.

#### Ethics oversight

All experiments of the study were approved by the local ethics committee of the University Medicine of Goettingen (Ethik-Kommission der Universitätsmedizin Göttingen, Prof. Jürgen Brockmöller).

Note that full information on the approval of the study protocol must also be provided in the manuscript.