

In vivo cardiac imaging of calcium transients and action potentials in zebrafish larvae

Commonly used acronym: ZebrafishHeart

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SCOPE OF THE METHOD

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| The Method relates to | Human health |
| The Method is situated in | Basic Research |
| Type of method | In vivo |
| Used species | Danio rerio |
| Targeted organ system or type of research | Heart |

DESCRIPTION

Method keywords

Genetically encoded voltage indicator

genetically encoded calcium indicator
light sheet imaging
in vivo imaging

Scientific area keywords

cardiovascular disorders
cardiac arrhythmia
Heart
Cardiogenetics

Method description

We developed a transgenic zebrafish line that expresses a genetically encoded calcium and voltage indicator in the heart, allowing us to assess cardiac action potentials and calcium transients *in vivo* at real time by analysing changes in fluorescent signal.

Lab equipment

High speed light sheet microscope,
zebrafish facility.

Method status

Internally validated

PROS, CONS & FUTURE POTENTIAL

Advantages

The method allows for *in vivo* assessment of cardiac action potentials and calcium transients in a whole organism.

Challenges

Not all human genes have a zebrafish orthologue and the zebrafish heart only has two chambers (compared to four of the human heart). As such, one needs to acknowledge the differences between human and zebrafish.

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