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Figure Legend:

- Nigericin activates the NLRP3 inflammasome by stimulating an intracellular  $K^+$  efflux through pannexin-1 dependent pathway that induces the assembly of the NLRP3 inflammasome (NLRP3-ASC-Caspase 1) and its subsequent activation of the secretion of IL-1 $\beta$  in PMA-differentiated THP-1 macrophages.
- Forskolin increases the level of intracellular cAMP which then binds to NLRP3. Binding of cAMP to NLRP3 promotes the ubiquitination of NLRP3, thus leading into degradation of both cAMP and NLRP3 protein in proteosomes. The degradation of NLRP3 then interrupts the assembly of inflammasome (NLRP3-ASC-Caspase 1) and thus the activation of pro-caspase 1 autocatalysis into caspase 1 which subsequently interrupting the maturation and secretion of IL-1 $\beta$ .

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