

Transient exposure to calcium ionophore enables *in vitro* fertilization in sterile mouse models

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Supplemental Films.

Video 1: Non- treated *CatSper* KO sperm.

Video 2: A₂₃₁₈₇ treated *CatSper* KO sperm.

Video 3: Non- treated *Slo3* KO sperm.

Video 4: A₂₃₁₈₇ treated *Slo3* KO sperm.

Video 5: Non- treated *Adcy10* KO sperm.

Video 6: A₂₃₁₈₇ treated *Adcy10* KO sperm.

Supplementary Tables.

In all supplementary tables, data were obtained as described in Methods using the CEROS computer-assisted semen analysis (CASA) system (Hamilton Thorne Research, Beverly, MA) as previously described¹. The default settings include the following: frames acquired: 90; frame rate: 60 Hz; minimum cell size: 4 pixels; static head size: 0.13-2.43; static head intensity: 0.10-1.52; static head elongation: 5-100. Sperm with hyper activated motility, defined as motility with high amplitude thrashing patterns and short distance of travel, were sorted and analyzed using the CASAnova software². At least 20 microscopy fields corresponding to a minimum of 200 sperm were analyzed in each experiment. Values are means \pm S.E.M obtained with sperm from n number of individual mice as indicated in the respective table below. Parameter percentages are obtained considering only motile sperm. VAP, average path velocity in $\mu\text{m}/\text{sec}$; VSL, straight line velocity in $\mu\text{m}/\text{sec}$; VCL, curvilinear velocity in $\mu\text{m}/\text{sec}$; ALH, amplitude of lateral head displacement in μm ; BCF, beat cross frequency in Hz.

Supplementary Table I. CASANova analyses of sperm motility from CD1 and C57BL/6J mice strains incubated or not for 10 minutes with 20 μM A_{23187} as described in Methods.

1-) CD-1 (ICR) sperm without A_{23187} treatment (n = 4)

Total Motility	69% \pm 0.115					
	VAP	VSL	VCL	ALH	BCF	%
Weak	37.30 \pm 2.8	12.45 \pm 0.1	80.78 \pm 6.7	7.470 \pm 0.5	39.38 \pm 1.4	24
Slow	95.40 \pm 3.3	40.17 \pm 4.4	173.8 \pm 8.5	12.89 \pm 0.4	29.77 \pm 1.1	15
Intermediate	190.1 \pm 8.7	123.2 \pm 2.9	376.3 \pm 10.8	20.19 \pm 3.1	17.88 \pm 3.9	3
Progressive	152.4 \pm 7.5	115.1 \pm 8.9	256.2 \pm 3.2	15.50 \pm 0.4	24.72 \pm 0.9	38
Hyperactive	154.8 \pm 4.8	50.37 \pm 4.6	291.1 \pm 3.2	19.18 \pm 0.4	31.16 \pm 0.5	20

2-) CD-1 (ICR) sperm with A_{23187} treatment (n = 4)

Total Motility	72% \pm 1.2					
	VAP	VSL	VCL	ALH	BCF	%
Weak	42.47 \pm 4.1	15.48 \pm 2.1	99.63 \pm 10	9.66 \pm 1.4	40.00 \pm 1.5	22
Slow	93.92 \pm 2.1	40.99 \pm 5.7	179.8 \pm 9.7	12.9 \pm 0.6	28.46 \pm 0.4	15
Intermediate	142.8 \pm 9.4	93.55 \pm 9.8	312.5 \pm 15	20.25 \pm 2.1	21.92 \pm 5.6	4
Progressive	145.6 \pm 10	117.6 \pm 11	236.0 \pm 14	12.31 \pm 1.3	21.90 \pm 2.1	35
Hyperactive	170.3 \pm 10	63.94 \pm 8.1	352.4 \pm 29	21.25 \pm 1.5	29.76 \pm 1.9	24

3-) C57BL/6J sperm without A_{23187} treatment (n = 4)

Total Motility	53% \pm 2.3					
Group	VAP	VSL	VCL	ALH	BCF	%
Weak	37.63 \pm 0.2	13.14 \pm 0.3	90.43 \pm 0.8	8.085 \pm 0.01	43.74 \pm 0.8	41
Slow	87.97 \pm 3.2	44.48 \pm 0.4	170.5 \pm 3.5	13.28 \pm 0.2	27.28 \pm 1.0	13
Intermediate	168.3 \pm 7.2	122.5 \pm 2.5	344.8 \pm 4.7	16.37 \pm 1.6	19.47 \pm 6.1	2
Progressive	126.5 \pm 8.3	349.7 \pm 0.3	140.5 \pm 38.8	12.78 \pm 1.9	28.70 \pm 5.8	37
Hyperactive	149.3 \pm 3.4	53.76 \pm 2.5	302.3 \pm 9.2	20.73 \pm 0.66	32.13 \pm 0.2	8

4-) C57BL/6J sperm with A_{23187} treatment (n = 4)

Total Motility	67% \pm 1.8					
Group	VAP	VSL	VCL	ALH	BCF	%
Weak	34.61 \pm 0.7	13.32 \pm 0.1	79.52 \pm 6.1	6.57 \pm 1.1	41.33 \pm 1.1	28
Slow	93.34 \pm 1.1	43.29 \pm 0.3	183.3 \pm 1.2	13.72 \pm 0.1	30.66 \pm 0.9	9
Intermediate	180.5 \pm 0.8	114.1 \pm 1.8	350.5 \pm 5.4	21.16 \pm 1.2	24.75 \pm 2.2	3
Progressive	150.9 \pm 5.1	123.6 \pm 4.1	248.6 \pm 2.2	15.42 \pm 0.2	23.30 \pm 0.1	42
Hyperactive	149.1 \pm 2.4	56.04 \pm 1.2	305.6 \pm 7.3	21.24 \pm 0.3	33.16 \pm 0.1	18

Supplementary Table II. CASANova analyses of sperm motility from CatSper KO mice strains incubated or not for 10 minutes with 20 μ M A23187 as described in Methods.

1-) C57BL/6J CatSper KO sperm without A₂₃₁₈₇ treatment (n = 7)

Total Motility	47% \pm 3.9					
Group	VAP	VSL	VCL	ALH	BCF	%
Weak	50.72 \pm 2.2	13.90 \pm 0.6	117.2 \pm 0.8	9.44 \pm 9.4	40.30 \pm 40	56.7
Slow	76.83 \pm 2	40.09 \pm 4.6	150.5 \pm 16	10.90 \pm 10	27.62 \pm 27	34
Intermediate	163.0 \pm 28	106.9 \pm 13	334.7 \pm 23	19.91 \pm 19	21.23 \pm 21	1
Progressive	180.4 \pm 16	152.7 \pm 14	257.4 \pm 25	15.70 \pm 15	18.76 \pm 18	8
Hyperactive	209.2 \pm 17	54.79 \pm 7.8	386.4 \pm 3.6	22.29 \pm 22	29.27 \pm 29	0.3

1-) C57BL/6J CatSper KO sperm with A₂₃₁₈₇ treatment (n = 7)

Total Motility	64% \pm 4.5					
	VAP	VSL	VCL	ALH	BCF	%
Weak	39.26 \pm 5.4	12.88 \pm 1.3	92.53 \pm 10	8.27 \pm 0.9	41.88 \pm 1.8	38
Slow	85.92 \pm 3.1	41.25 \pm 4.1	167.0 \pm 13	12.06 \pm 0.6	32.08 \pm 2.2	26
Intermediate	228.0 \pm 28	157.6 \pm 28	371.9 \pm 0.1	21.50 \pm 5.2	21.93 \pm 4.2	3
Progressive	157.9 \pm 5	128.2 \pm 2.5	244.1 \pm 7.7	13.79 \pm 0.7	24.61 \pm 0.0	21
Hyperactive	123.0 \pm 22	48.55 \pm 0.6	308.7 \pm 5.2	16.77 \pm 2.1	37.06 \pm 2.1	12

Supplementary Table III. CASANova analyses of sperm motility from wild type C57BL/6J, SLO3 KO and Adcy10 (aka sAC) KO mice incubated or not for 10 minutes with 20 μ M A23187 as described in Methods. Note that data using sperm from C57BL/6J mice were done independently from the ones shown in Table I.

1-) C57BL/6J sperm without A₂₃₁₈₇ treatment (n = 7)

Total Motility	45% \pm 2.2					
Group	VAP	VSL	VCL	ALH	BCF	%
Weak	38.78 \pm 0.3	14.05 \pm 0.9	89.67 \pm 1.1	10.0 \pm 0.1	43.74 \pm 0.8	48
Slow	80.89 \pm 2.2	45.67 \pm 0.2	175.5 \pm 2.5	14.45 \pm 0.6	27.28 \pm 1.0	14
Intermediate	176.8 \pm 4.2	125.5 \pm 3.4	345.8 \pm 3.7	17.37 \pm 1.7	19.47 \pm 6.1	2
Progressive	116.4 \pm 10	149.7 \pm 0.5	135.5 \pm 18.8	13.78 \pm 2	28.70 \pm 5.8	30
Hyperactive	150.3 \pm 3.9	51.45 \pm 3.5	310.3 \pm 7.2	22.73 \pm 0.89	32.13 \pm 0.2	7

2-) C57BL/6J sperm with A₂₃₁₈₇ treatment (n = 7)

Total Motility	52% \pm 1.7					
Group	VAP	VSL	VCL	ALH	BCF	%
Weak	35.61 \pm 0.5	14.42 \pm 0.1	84.40 \pm 7.3	7.58 \pm 1.6	42.43 \pm 2.1	28
Slow	90.34 \pm 1.5	44.29 \pm 0.3	187.5 \pm 1.5	13.88 \pm 0.1	31.26 \pm 0.7	9
Intermediate	185.5 \pm 0.4	119.1 \pm 1.2	356.2 \pm 4.4	21.16 \pm 1.2	23.35 \pm 1.5	3
Progressive	155.9 \pm 4.4	122.6 \pm 2.1	147.7 \pm 2.4	12.42 \pm 0.6	25.30 \pm 1.3	44
Hyperactive	148.1 \pm 3.5	57.04 \pm 2.3	300.2 \pm 8.3	21.89 \pm 0.2	33.89 \pm 0.3	16

3-) C57BL/6J SLO3 KO sperm without A₂₃₁₈₇ treatment (n = 3)

Total Motility	31% \pm 8.8					
Group	VAP	VSL	VCL	ALH	BCF	%
Weak	37.85 \pm 2.7	13.40 \pm 2.3	89.07 \pm 8.6	7.51 \pm 0.2	34.72 \pm 5.7	52
Slow	70.10 \pm 3.1	40.41 \pm 6.0	146.0 \pm 7.9	8.45 \pm 2	24.94 \pm 3.3	33
Intermediate	0.00 \pm 0	0.00 \pm 0	0.00 \pm 0	0.00 \pm 0	0.00 \pm 0	0
Progressive	176.5 \pm 20.8	150.0 \pm 29	272.6 \pm 5	14.9 \pm 0.8	13.45 \pm 13	15
Hyperactive	0.00 \pm 0	0.00 \pm 0	0.00 \pm 0	0.00 \pm 0	0.00 \pm 0	0

4-) C57BL/6J SLO3 KO sperm with A₂₃₁₈₇ treatment (n = 3)

Total Motility	47% \pm 7.2					
Group	VAP	VSL	VCL	ALH	BCF	%
Weak	37.63 \pm 1.8	13.21 \pm 0.5	80.94 \pm 10	5.80 \pm 1.4	41.43 \pm 5.6	49
Slow	84.20 \pm 3.4	42.27 \pm 0.1	159.5 \pm 7.7	11.18 \pm 0.0	24.08 \pm 0.3	30
Intermediate	163.7 \pm 29	96.61 \pm 26	321.9 \pm 63	16.51 \pm 3.4	12.70 \pm 12	1
Progressive	157.1 \pm 13	132.8 \pm 20	256.3 \pm 19	13.00 \pm 0.0	19.27 \pm 4.9	11
Hyperactive	143.9 \pm 4	59.90 \pm 5.5	312.5 \pm 36	18.14 \pm 2	29.86 \pm 2	10

5-) C57BL/6J SAC1 KO sperm without A₂₃₁₈₇ treatment (n = 4)

Total Motility	2% ± 0.23					
Group	VAP	VSL	VCL	ALH	BCF	%
Weak	28.10 ± 0.3	8.88 ± 0.8	74.98 ± 6.9	4.46 ± 0.6	30.71 ± 7.5	52
Slow	81.36 ± 9.9	52.38 ± 3.4	137.1 ± 31	5.61 ± 1.1	6.40 ± 6.4	48
Intermediate	0.00 ± 0	0.00 ± 0	0.00 ± 0	0.00 ± 0	0.00 ± 0	0
Progressive	0.00 ± 0	0.00 ± 0	0.00 ± 0	0.00 ± 0	0.00 ± 0	0
Hyperactive	0.00 ± 0	0.00 ± 0	0.00 ± 0	0.00 ± 0	0.00 ± 0	0

6-) C57BL/6J SAC1 KO sperm with A₂₃₁₈₇ treatment (n = 4)

Total Motility	31% ± 4.1					
Group	VAP	VSL	VCL	ALH	BCF	%
Weak	36.18 ± 1.8	12.23 ± 0.2	104.9 ± 2.9	9.16 ± 0.2	45.29 ± 2.3	39
Slow	76.82 ± 2.3	42.34 ± 9.1	169.3 ± 14	13.03 ± 0.3	31.78 ± 1.2	32
Intermediate	221.4 ± 33	157.6 ± 5.9	471.2 ± 8.8	23.12 ± 0.0	17.07 ± 1.6	2
Progressive	173.6 ± 17	148.0 ± 12	253.5 ± 21	14.48 ± 0.2	16.93 ± 5.2	20
Hyperactive	152.5 ± 6.9	56.33 ± 1.2	399.6 ± 12	23.31 ± 1.1	40.20 ± 1.2	7

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