

Analysis of mitochondrial metabolism using live cell imaging technique



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In the process of energy production, mitochondrial networks are a key element to allow metabolism of substrates into ATP. Many pathological conditions have been associated with mitochondrial dysfunction as mitochondria are associated with a wide range of cellular processes. Therefore any disruption in the energy production can have devastating effects that can ultimately lead to cell death due to chemical ischemia. To address the mitochondrial health and function there are several bioenergetic parameters reflecting either whole mitochondrial functionality or individual mitochondrial complexes. Particularly, metabolism of nutrients in the tricarboxylic acid cycle provides substrates used to generate electron carriers (nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide [NADH] and flavin adenine dinucleotide [FADH₂]) which ultimately donate electrons to the mitochondrial electron transport chain. The levels of NADH and FADH₂ can be estimated through imaging of NADH/NAD(P)H or FAD autofluorescence. Mitochondrial membrane potential, level of mitochondrial calcium, reactive oxygen species production also can be estimated using live cell imaging. And, importantly, the level of ATP in mitochondria or cytosol now can be measured in live cells and tissues that may give us information about basic physiological processes in the cell and mechanisms of pathology.

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