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Analysis of contractile functions of human iPS-derived cardiomyocytes using motion field imaging

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Human iPS cell-derived cardiomyocyte (hiPSC-CM) is conceptually promising as an unlimited source of human cardiomyocytes for cardiac pharmacological assessment including pre-clinical safety testing. However, intra- and interline variation in functional properties of hiPSC-CM remain to be solved completely. In order to improve the accuracy of pharmacological assessment, we conducted a multidisciplinary approach for developing new methods to evaluate effects of drugs on contractile functions. We aimed to increase throughput of pharmacological assessment for contractile functions of hiPSC-CMs using a motion field imaging which is a noninvasive assay system using high speed video image of hiPSC-CMs. The technique enabled us to obtain precise and stable quantitative values for contractile functions of hiPSC-CMs from single cells, and revealed a relationship between contractile function and molecular expression in hiPSC-CMs. The relationship was consistent with what we investigated in murine cardiac cells. We would like to discuss how the multidisciplinary approach can improve predictability of pharmacological assessment for physiological functions of hiPSC-CMs. (JSPS KAKENHI JP17K19499, JP19H03380, AMED 19mk0104117)