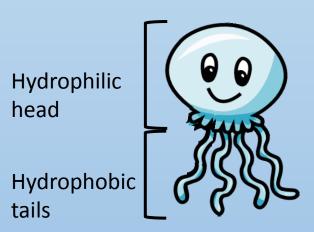
Effects of Cardiolipin on Vascular Smooth Muscle Cell Dedifferentiation and Migration

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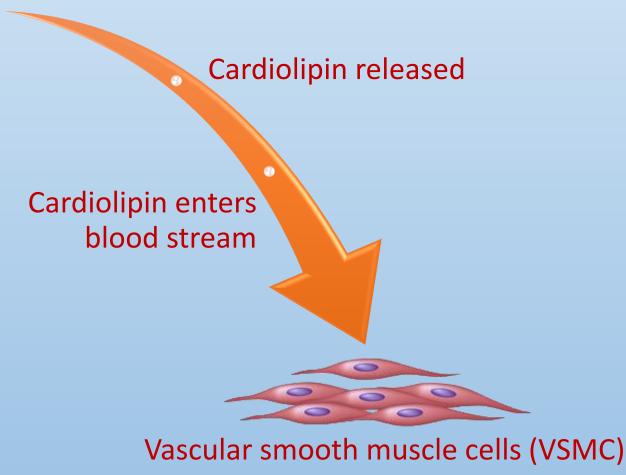
Cardiolipin

- Phospholipid molecule
- ♥ Found in inner mitochondrial membrane of all cells
- **Y** Functions:
 - **♦** Energy production
 - **♦** Cell apoptosis
 - ◆ Diagnose severity of myocardial infarction



Following Myocardial Infarction

When cells die (e.g. during myocardial infarction)



Goal

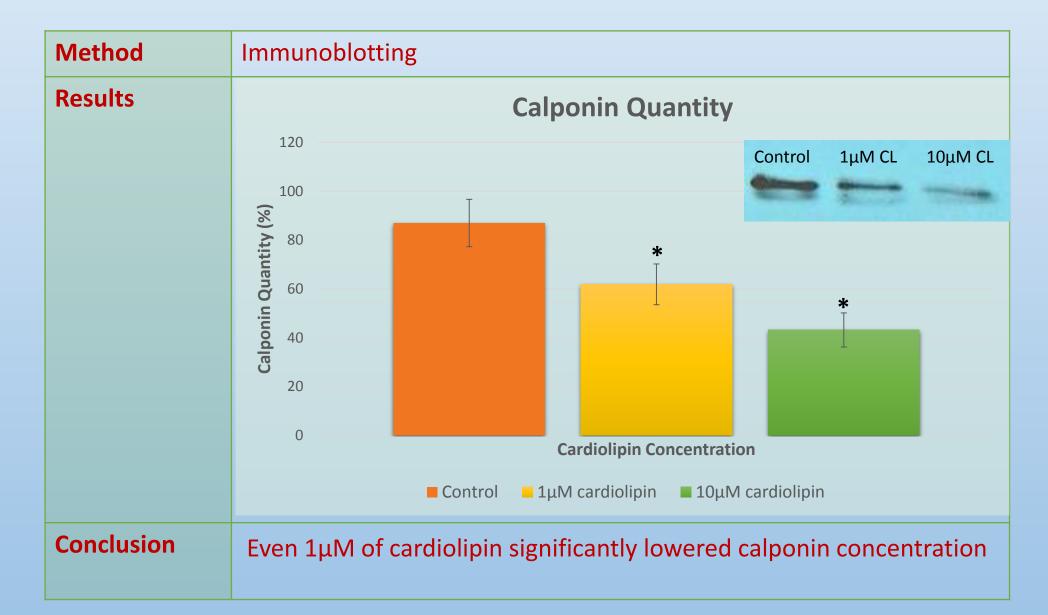
▼ To explore the effect of physiological concentrations of cardiolipin on VSMC dedifferentiation



Experiments

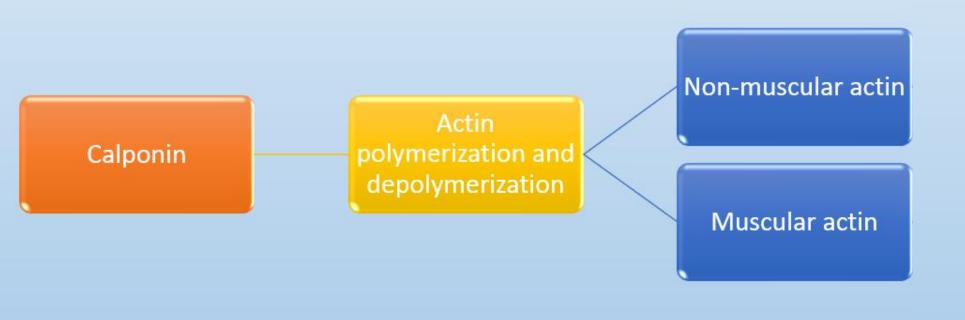
- Used adult male mice aorta
- Incubated with physiological cardiolipin concentrations
 - Previous studies eliminated cardiolipin
- Incubated for two days (unless otherwise indicated)

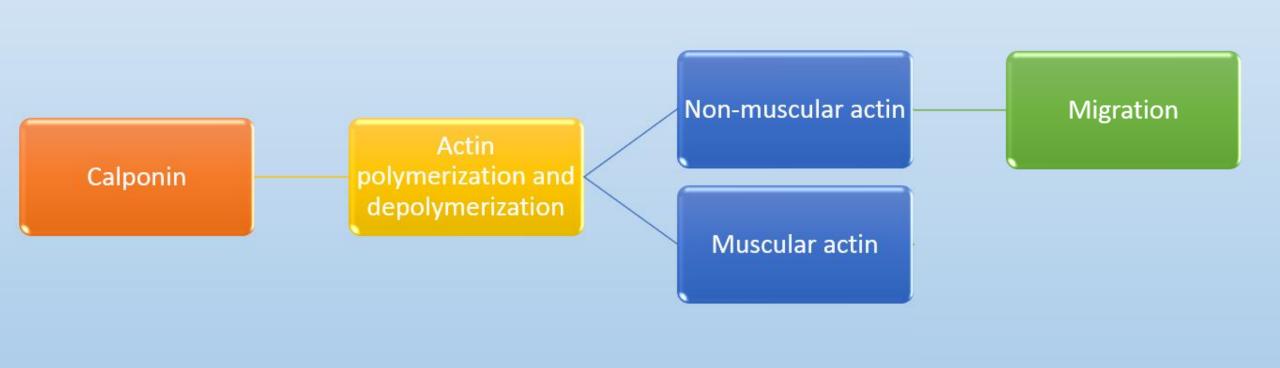
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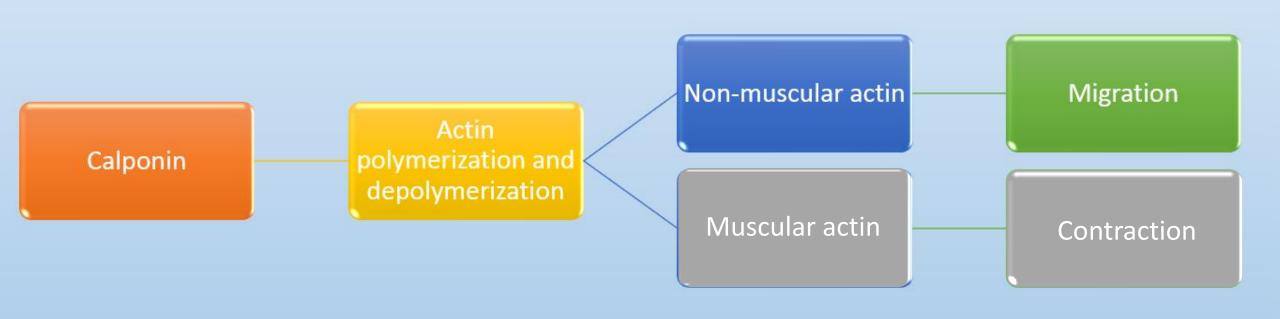




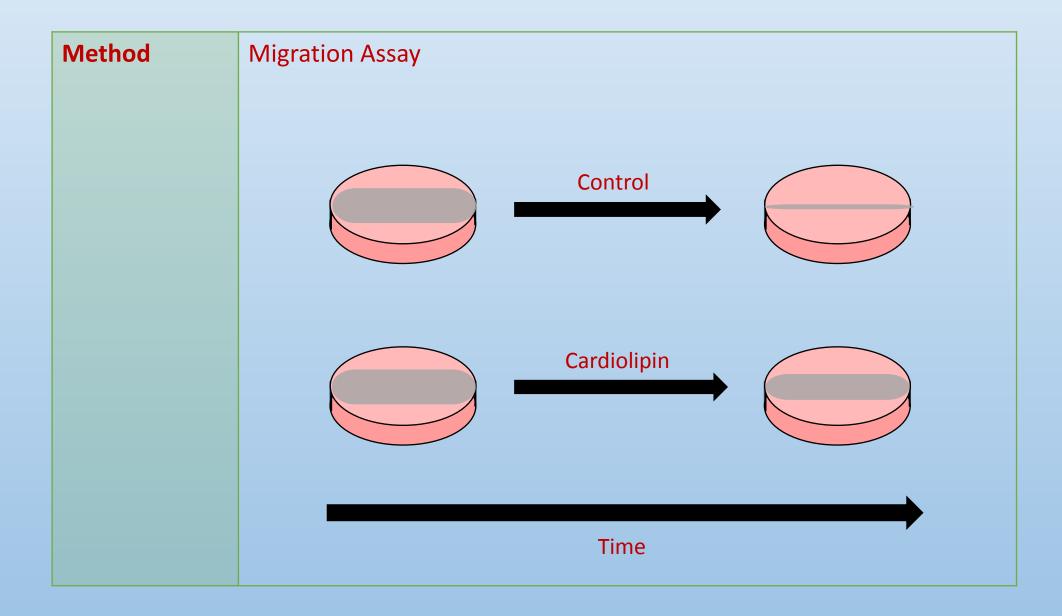
Calponin Actin polymerization and depolymerization



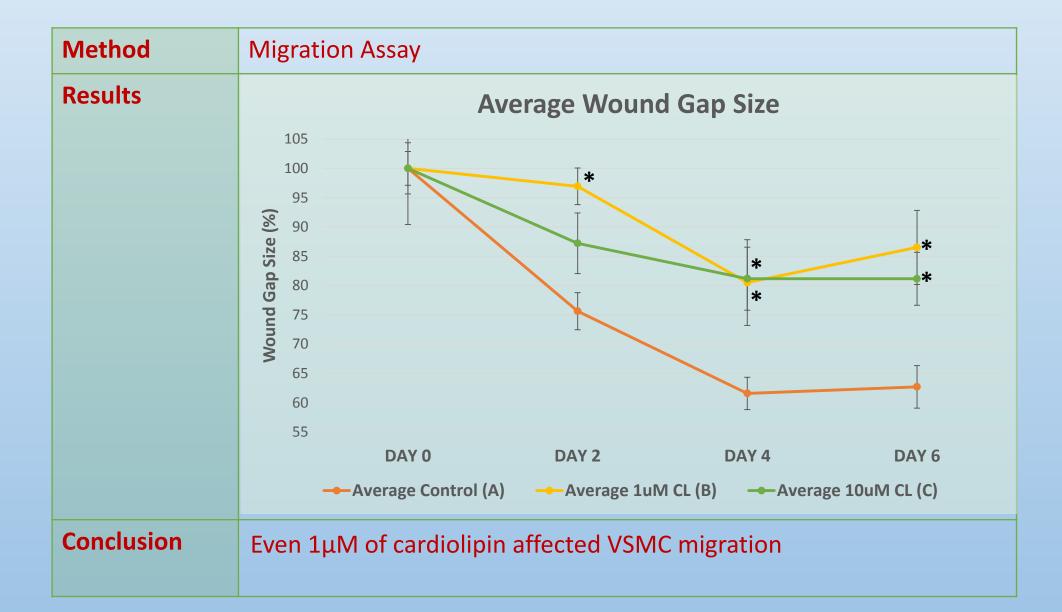


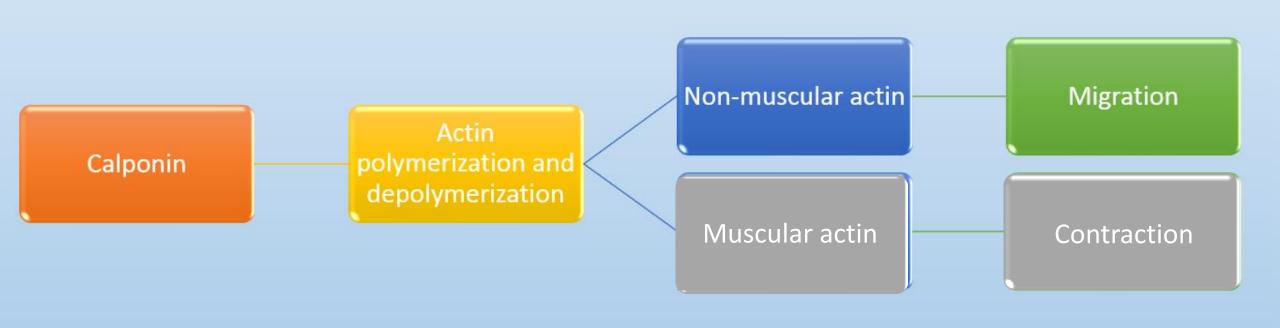


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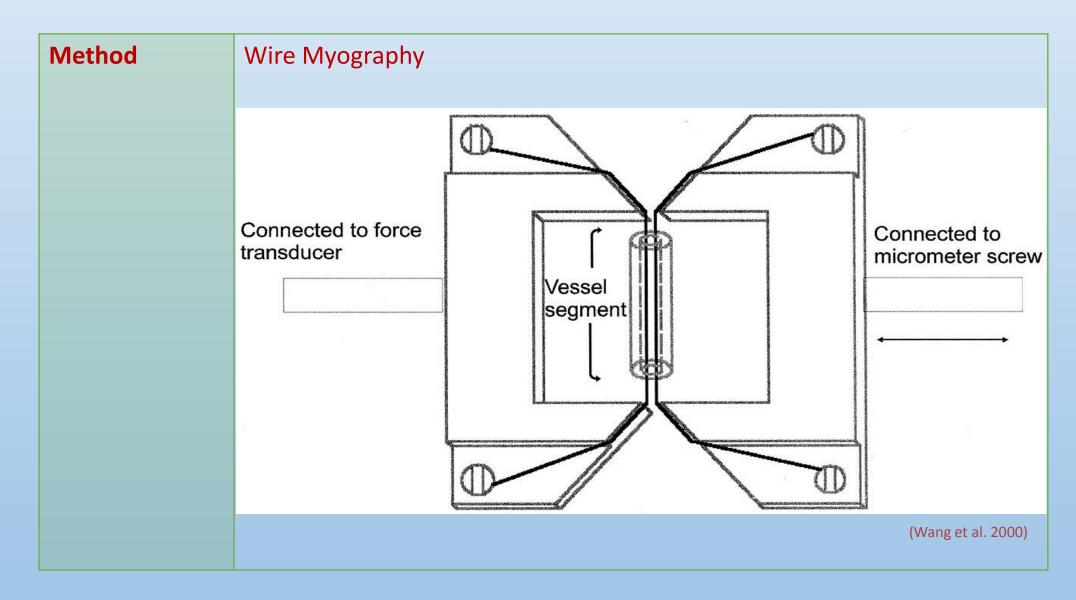


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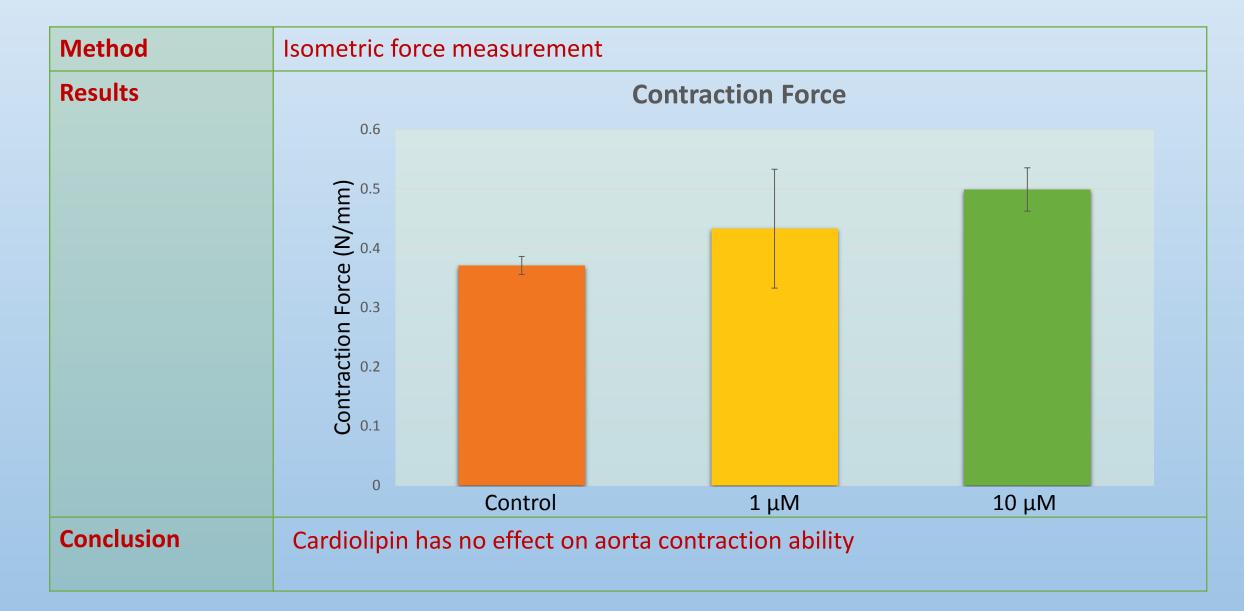




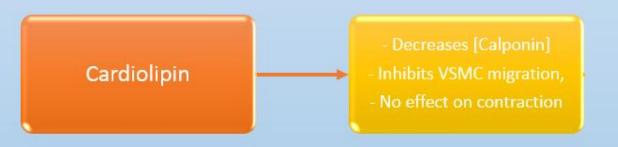
(3) Effect of cardiolipin on aorta contractile function



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Overall Impact



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Thank you!



