

# **Regulation of biphasic and pulsatile insulin secretion**

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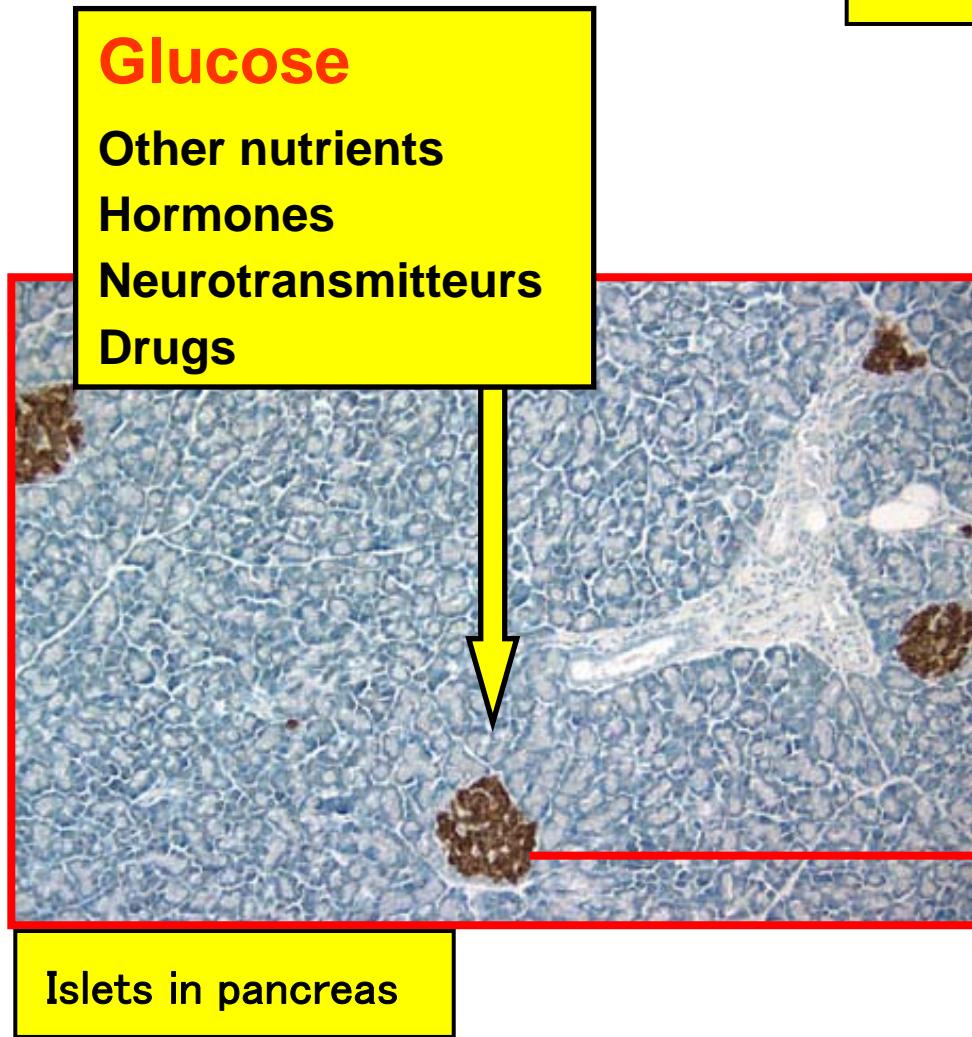
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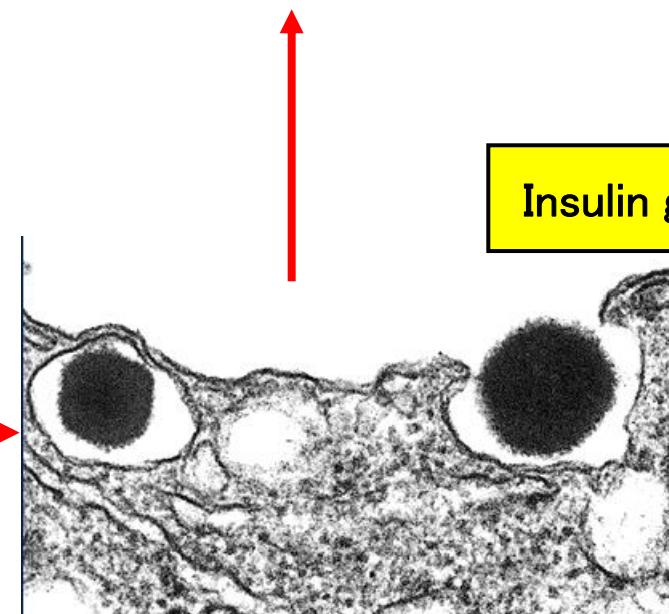
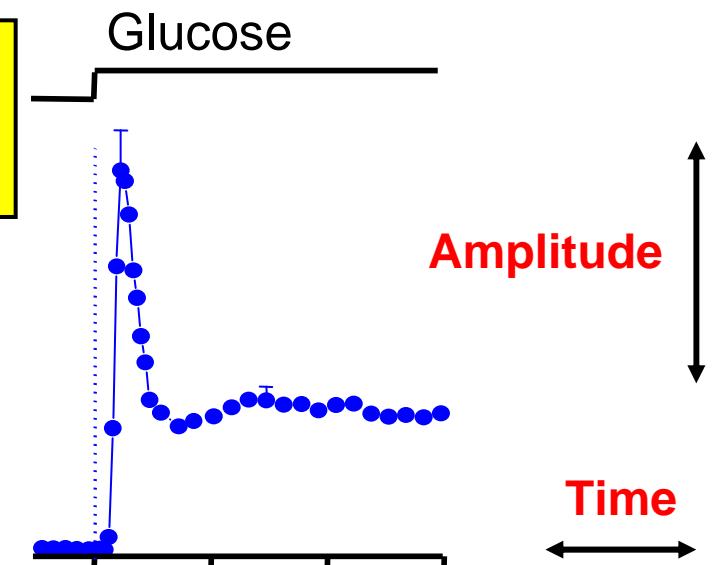
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# Glucose-induced insulin secretion : control mechanisms

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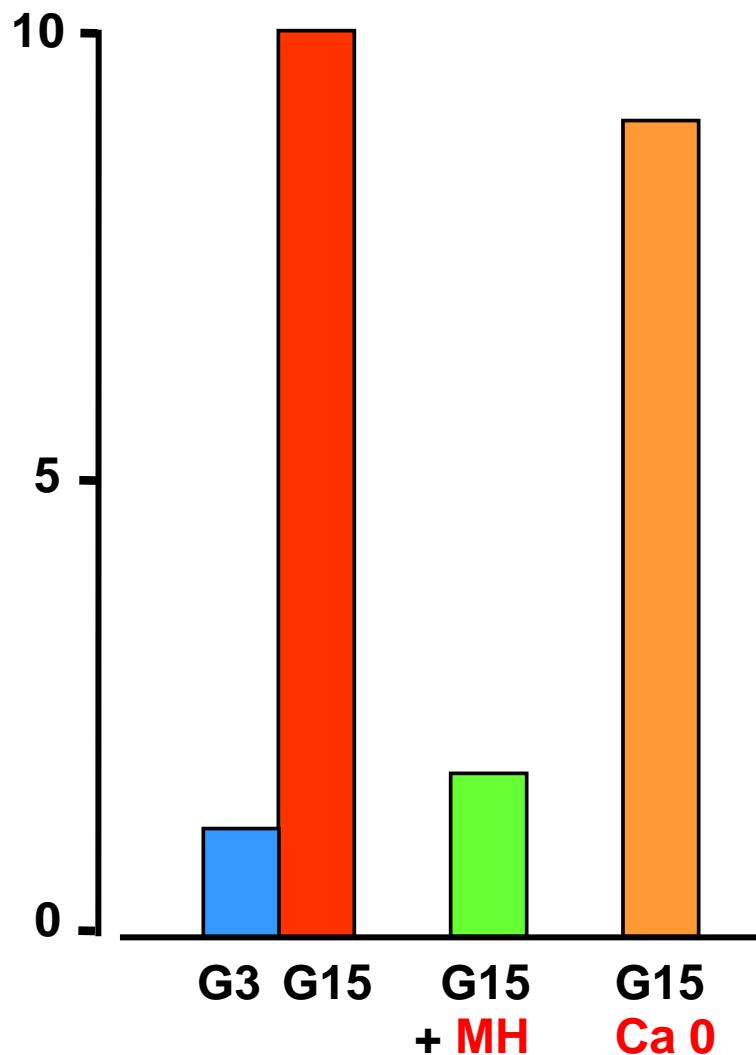
Insulin secretion by mouse islets



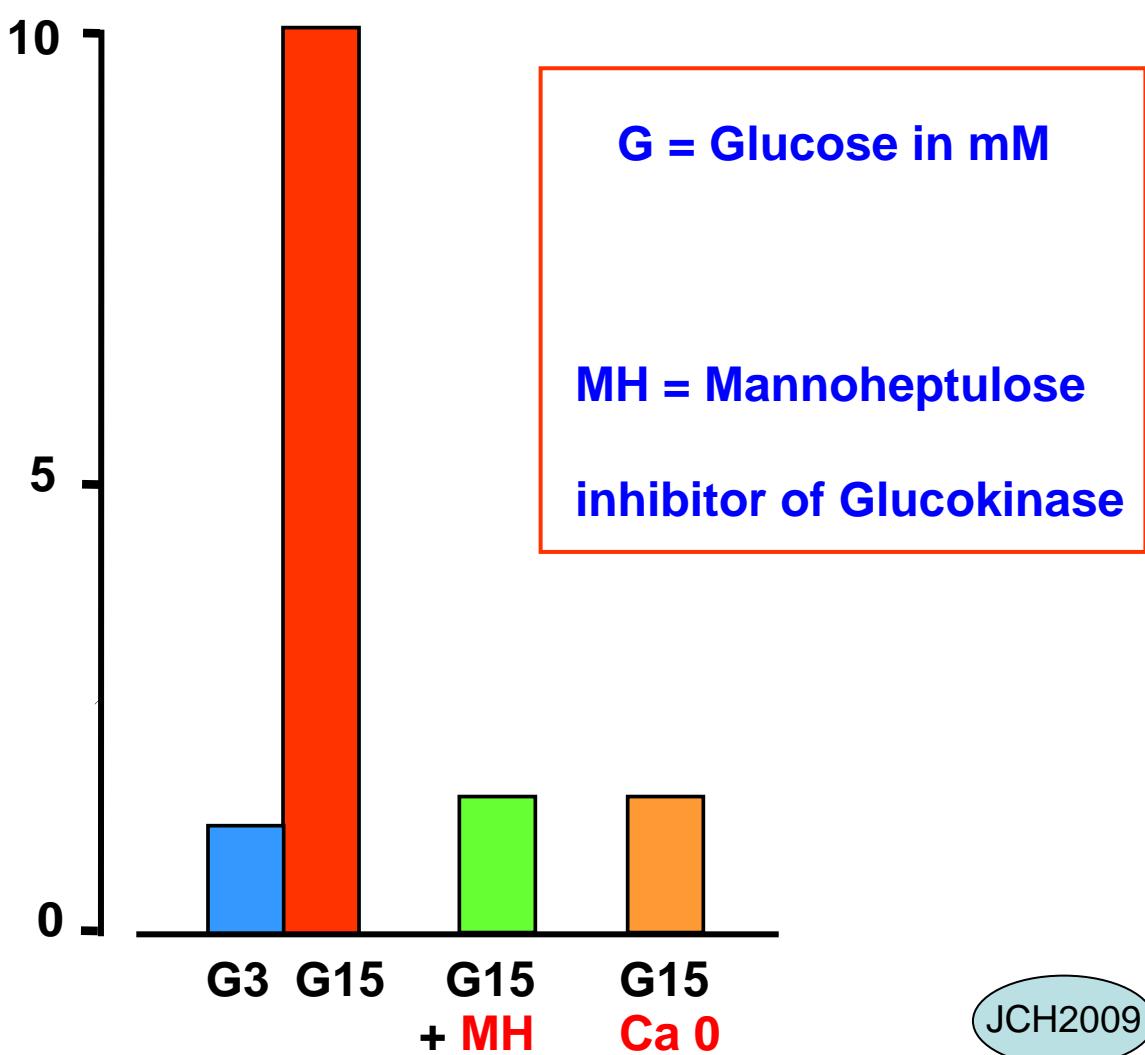
# **The bases of a consensus model of glucose-induced insulin secretion**

# Glucose-induced insulin secretion depends on metabolism and Ca

$\beta$ -cell Glucose metabolism

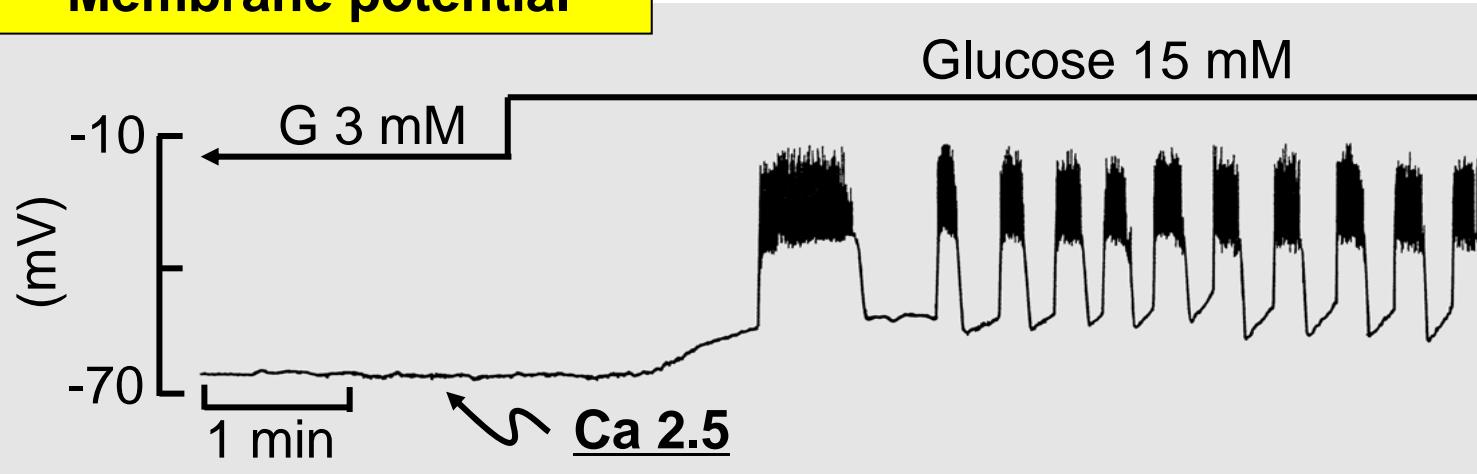


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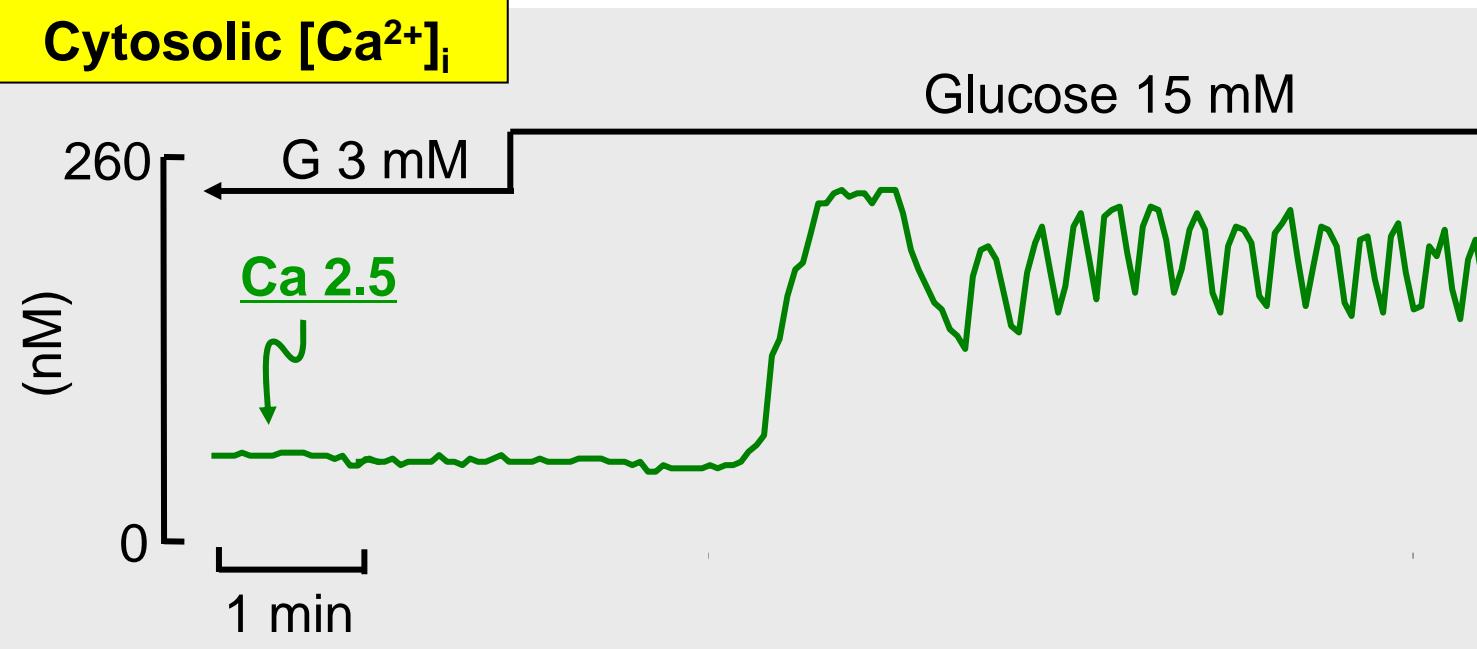


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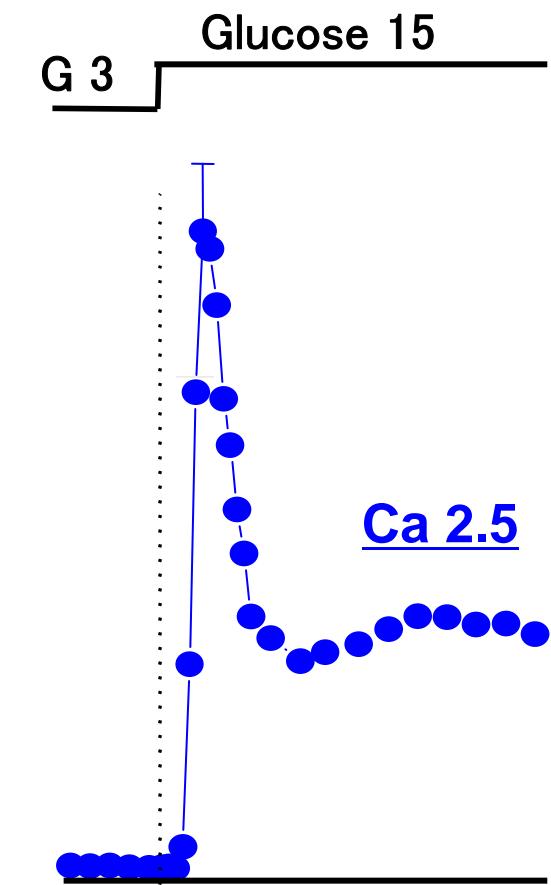
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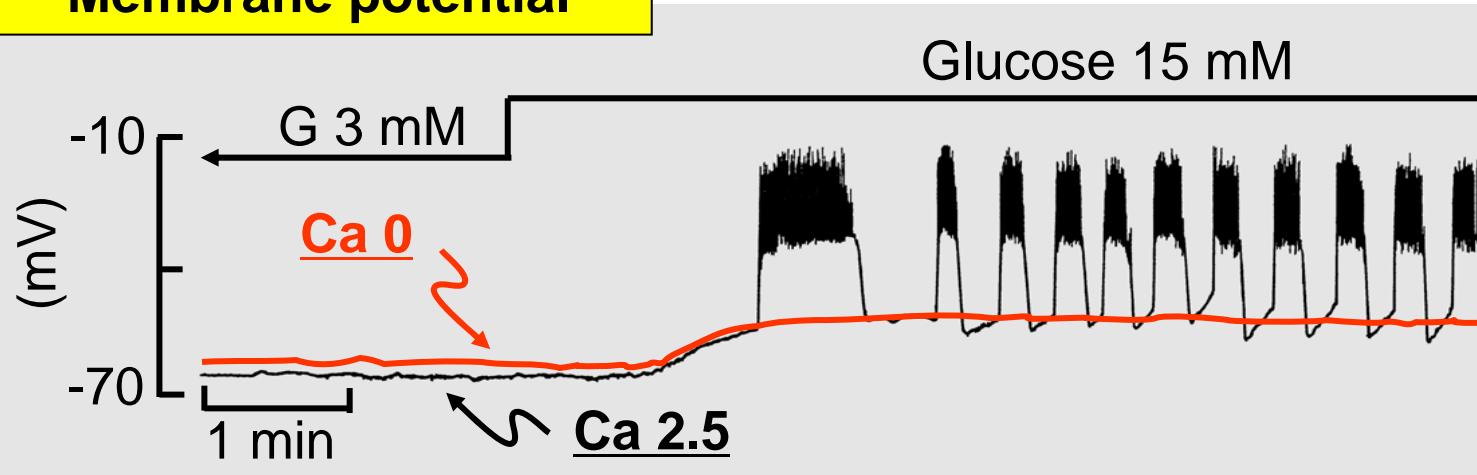


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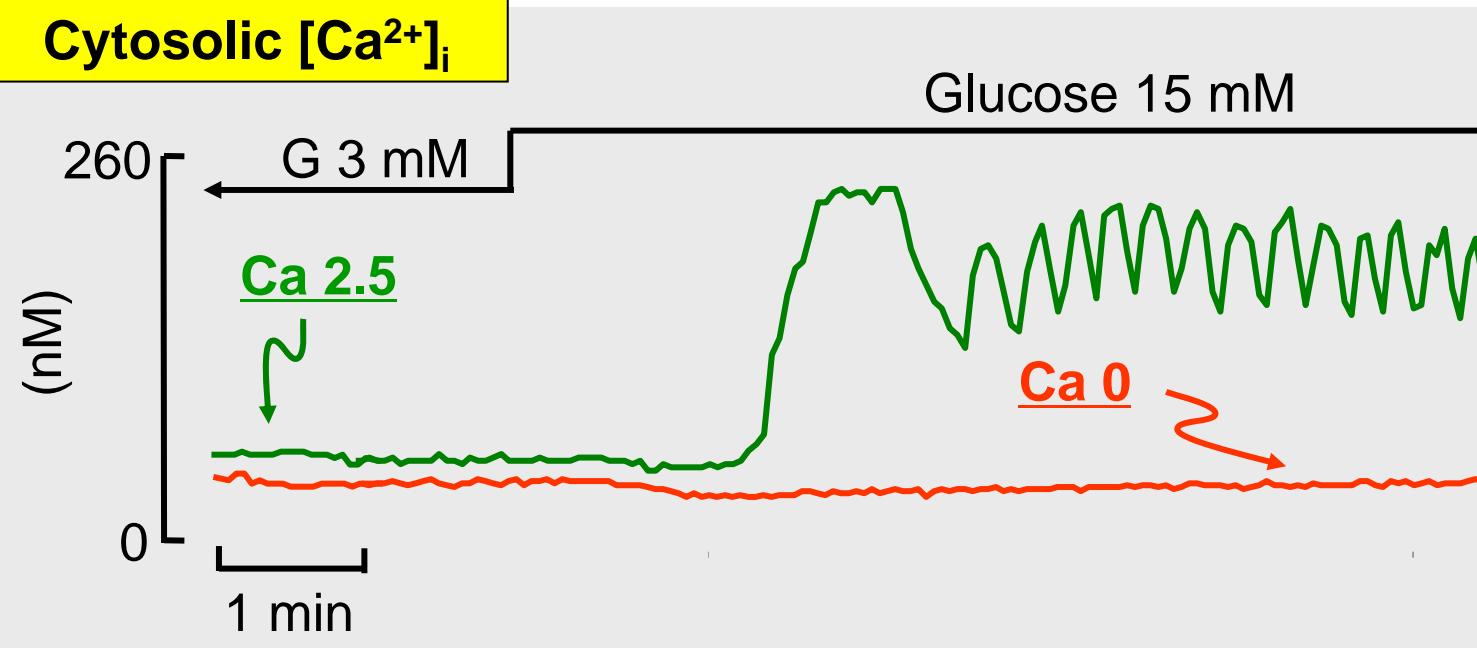


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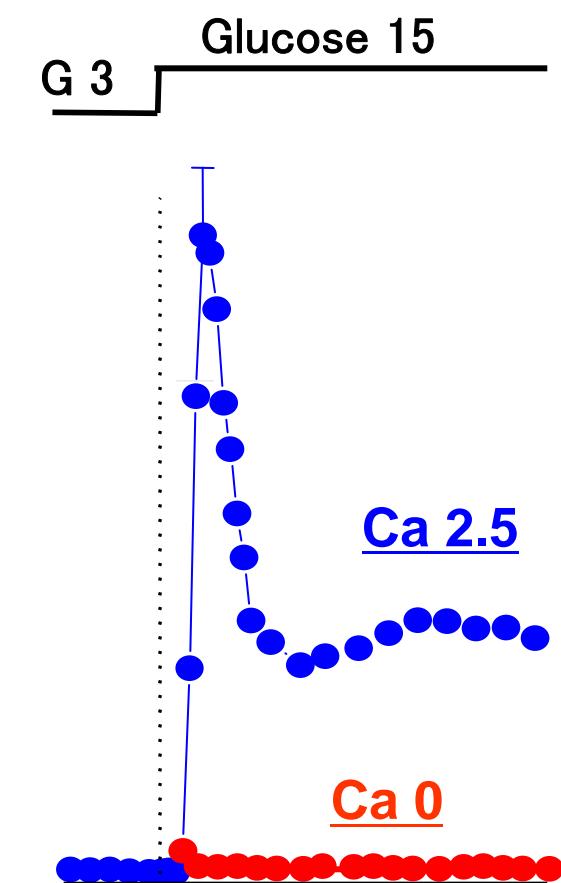
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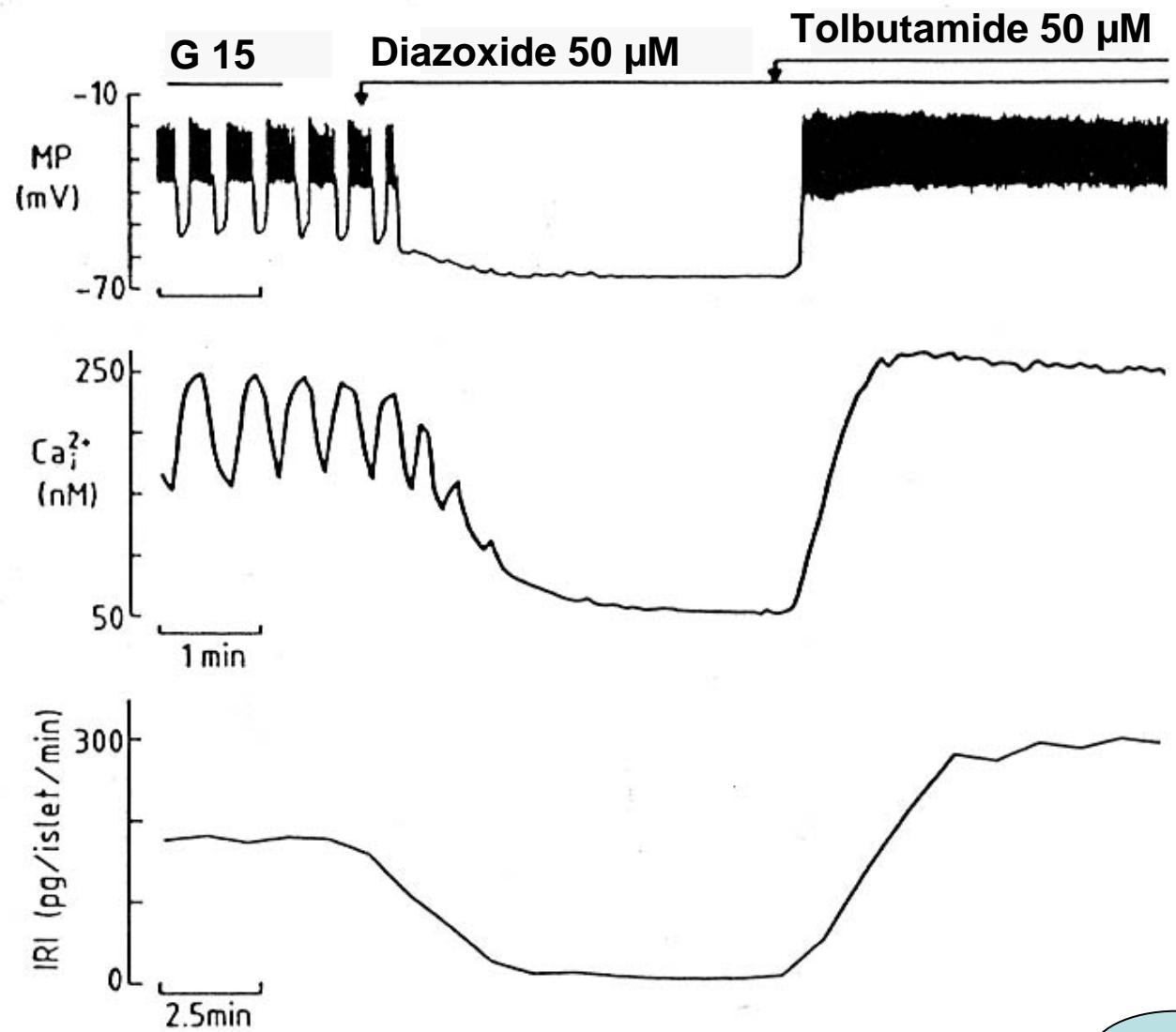
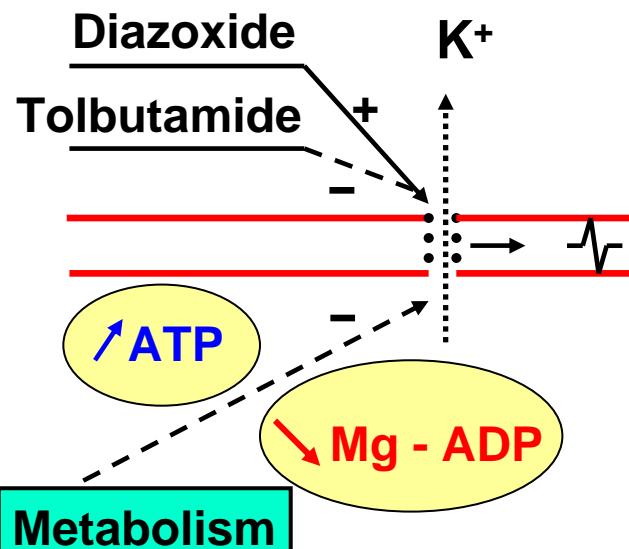
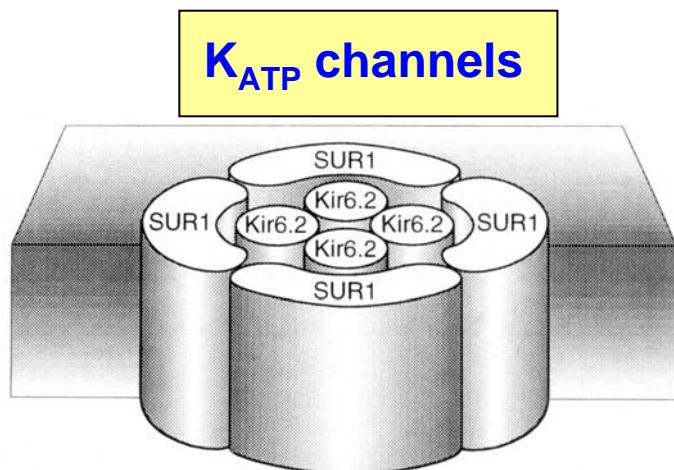
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# Role of $K_{ATP}$ channels in glucose-induced insulin secretion



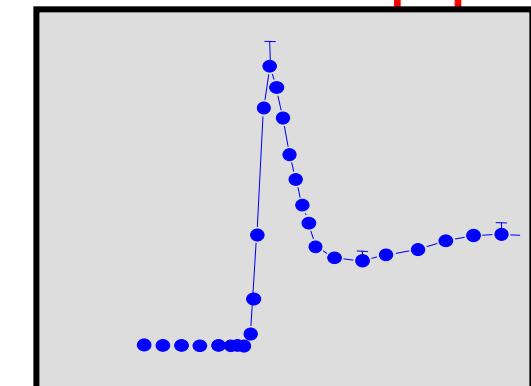
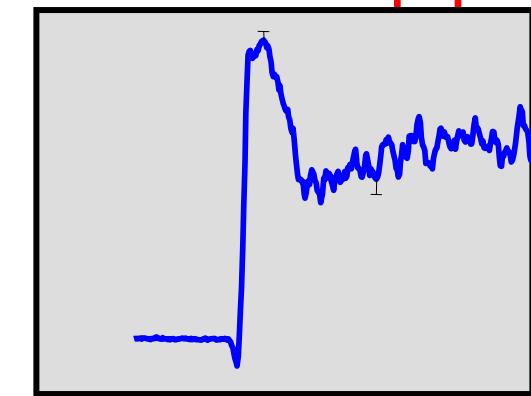
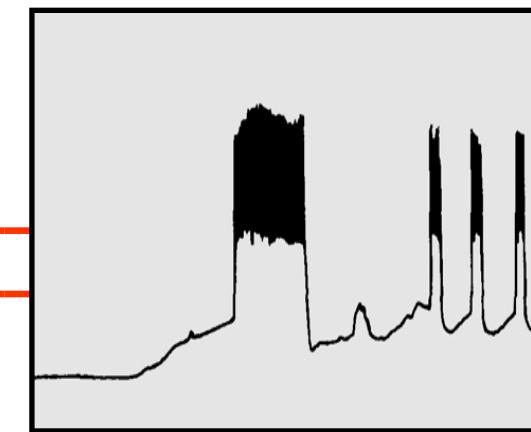
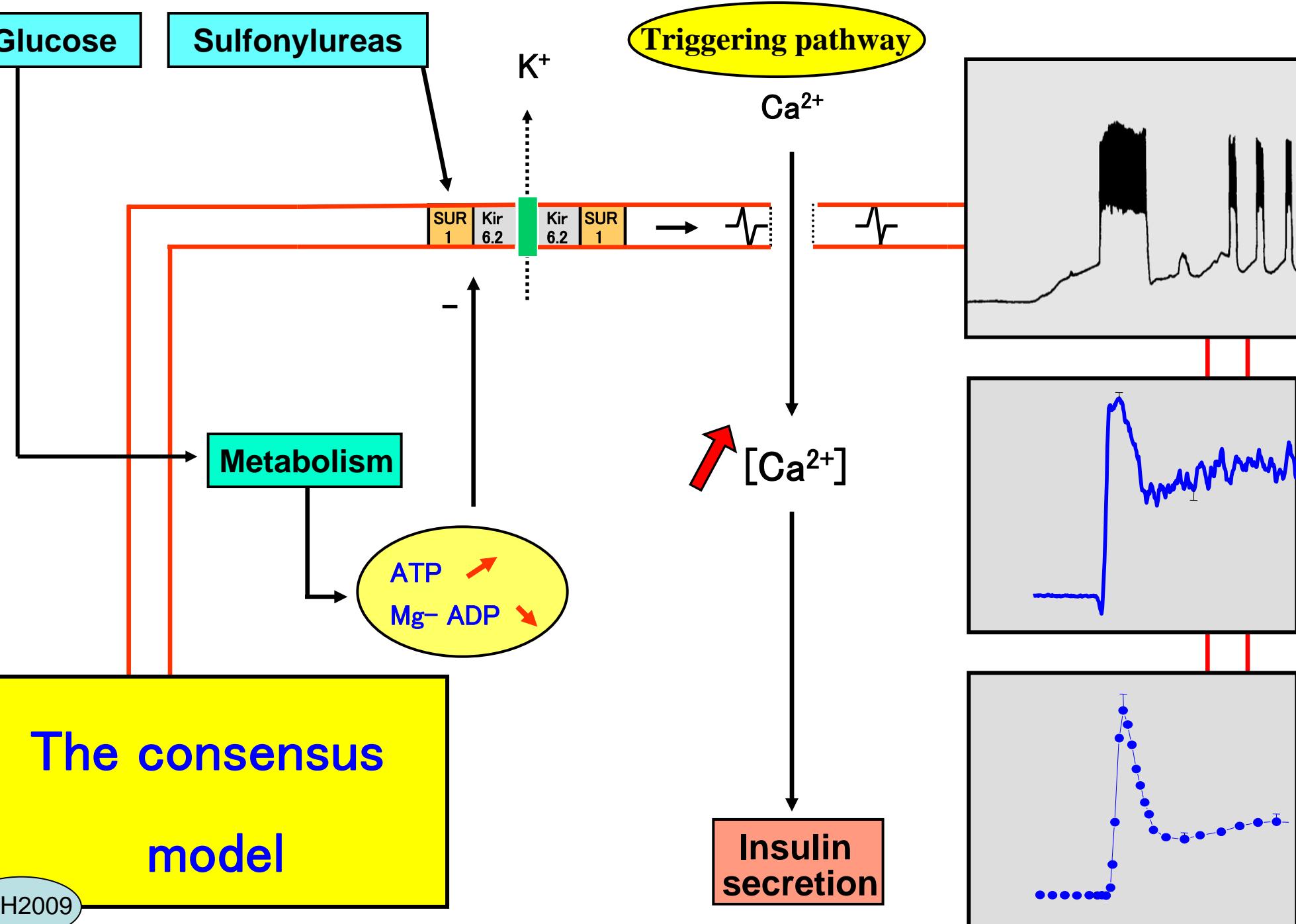
Glucose

Sulfonylureas

Triggering pathway

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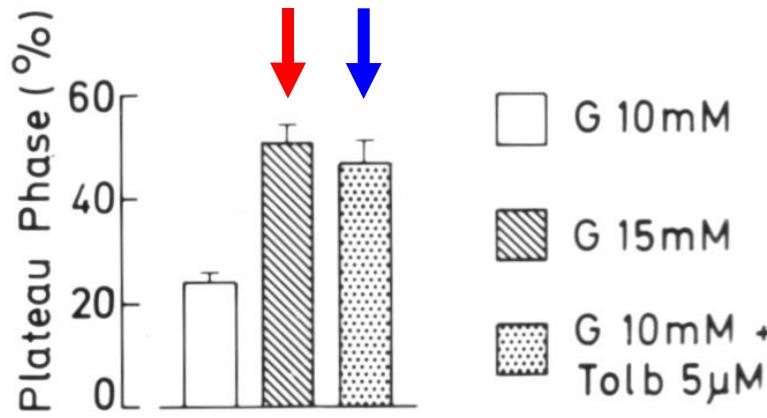
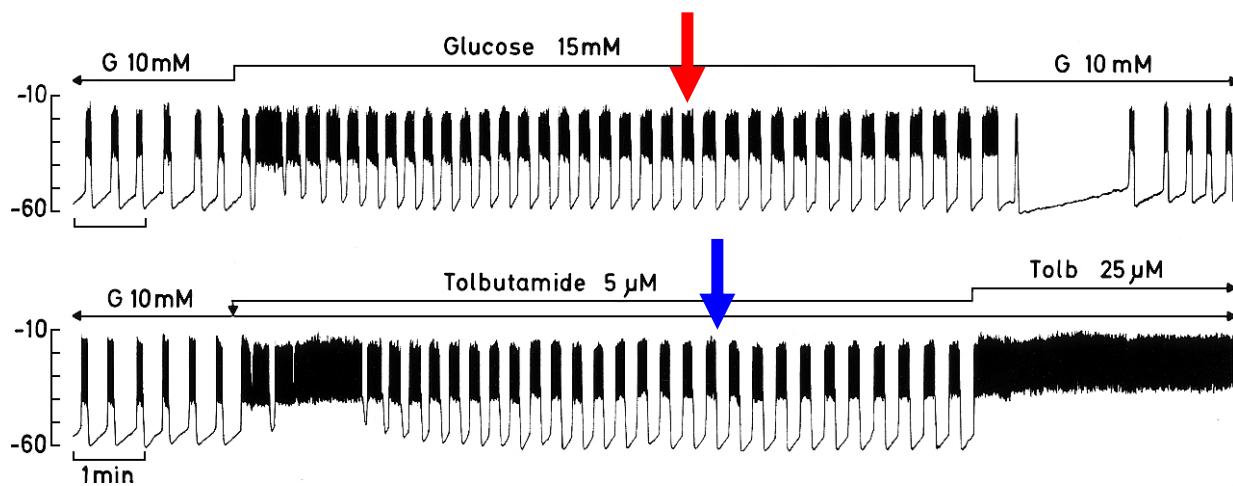
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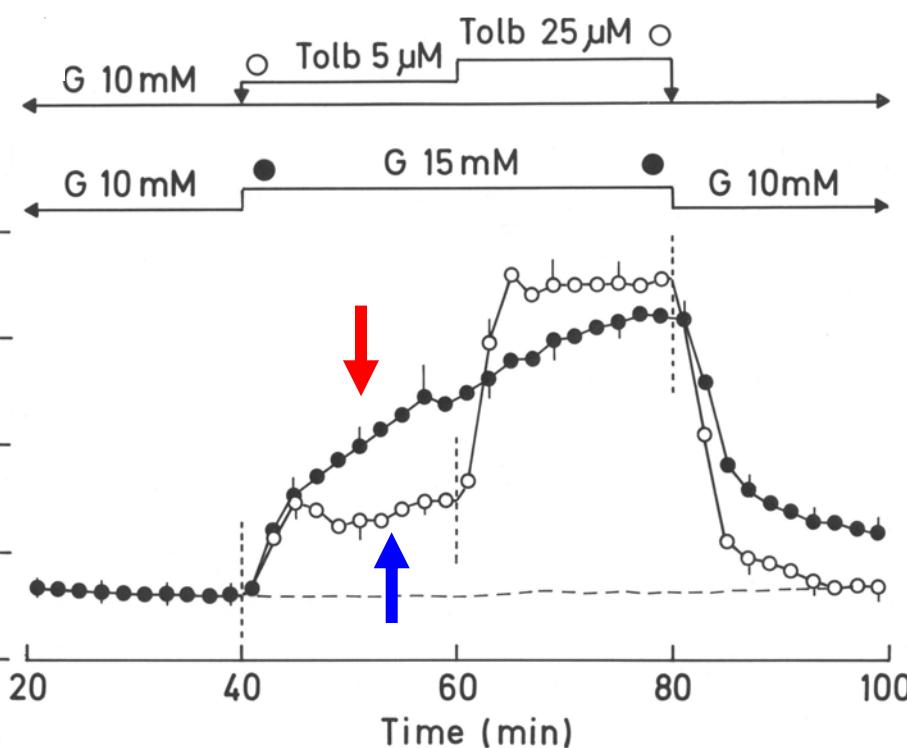
# **Identification of shortcomings in the consensus model of glucose-induced insulin secretion**

# Discrepancy between triggering signal and insulin secretion

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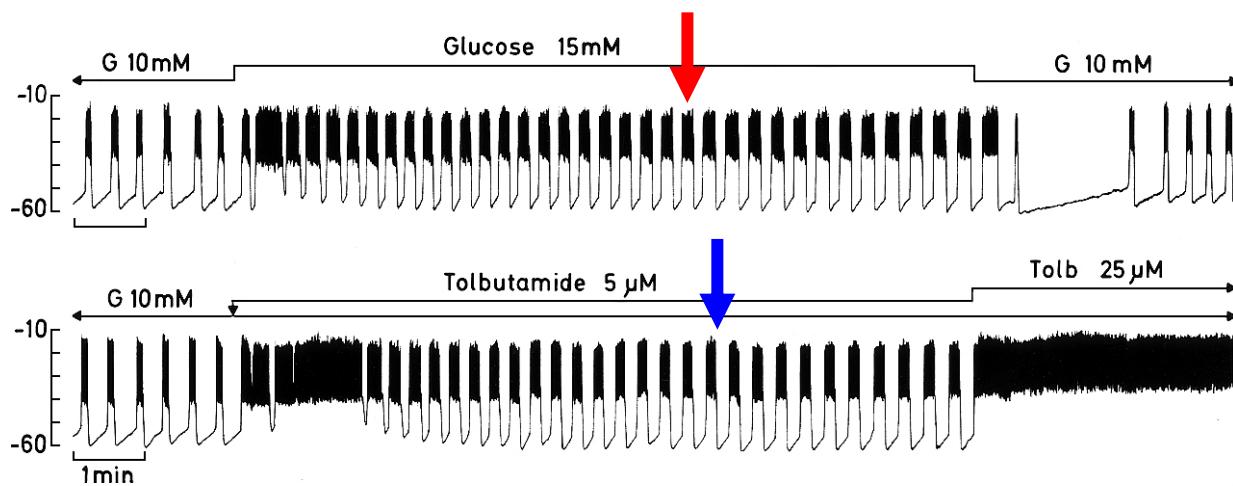


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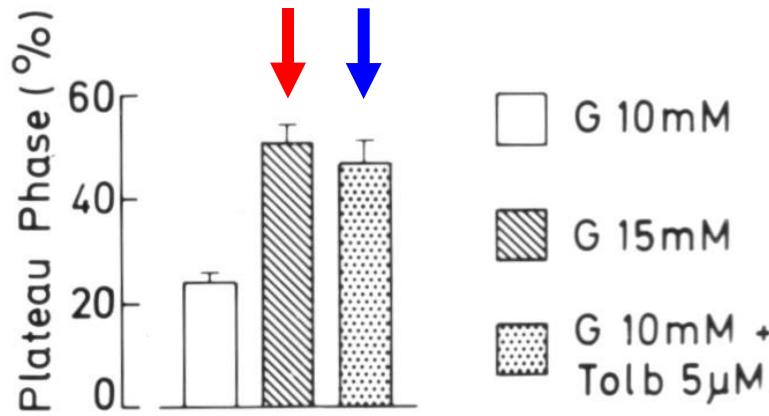
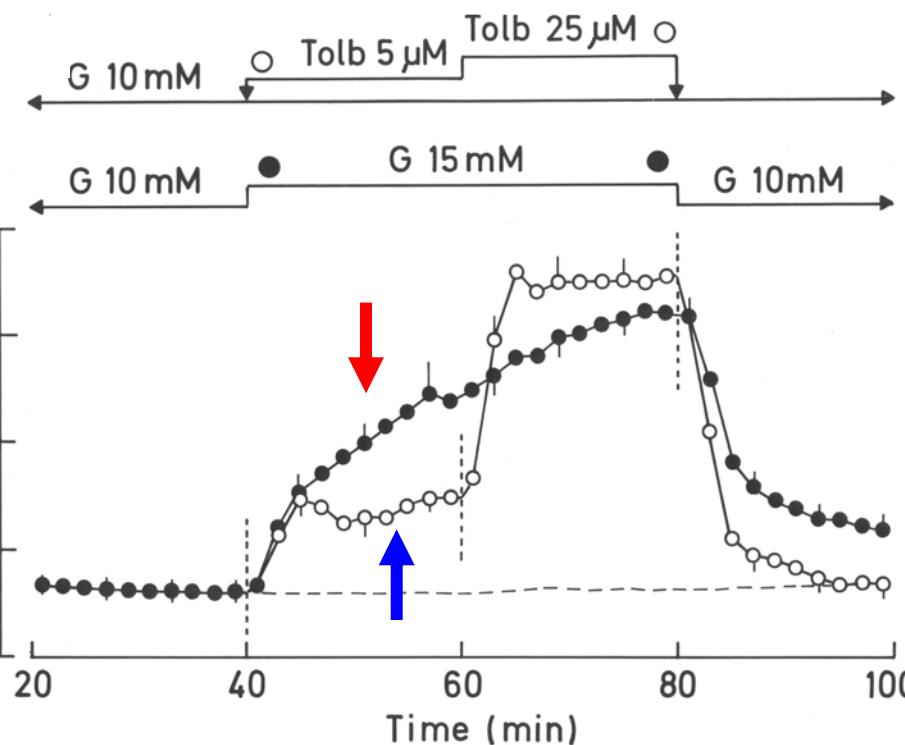
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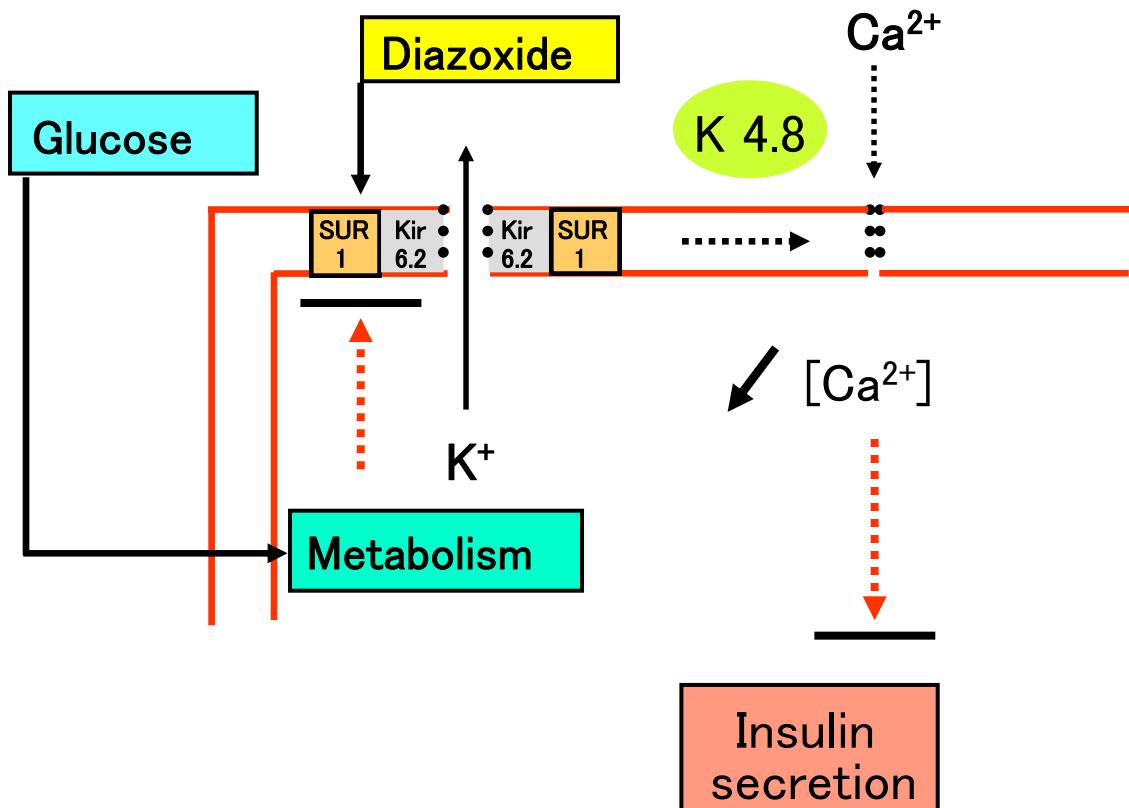
"The results suggest that non-electrogenic effects of glucose amplify the release of insulin."

## Insulin secretion



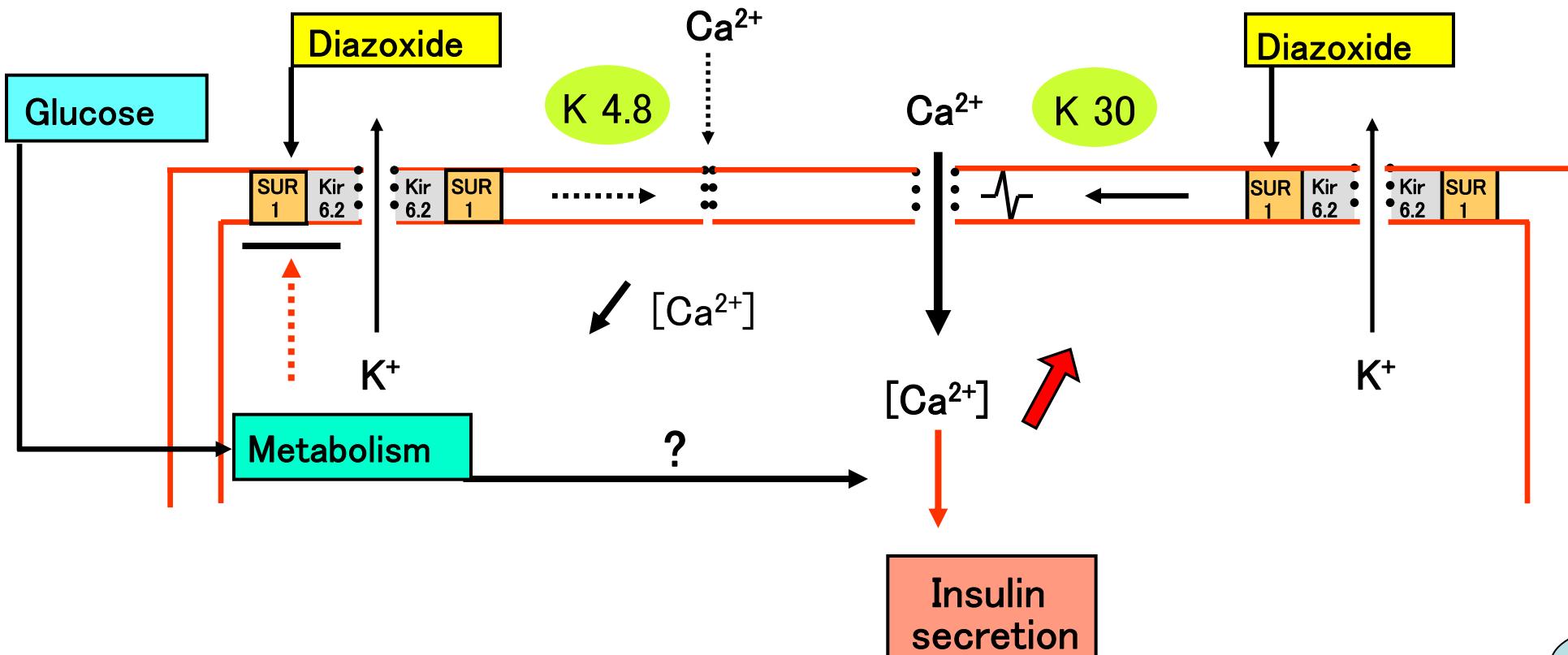
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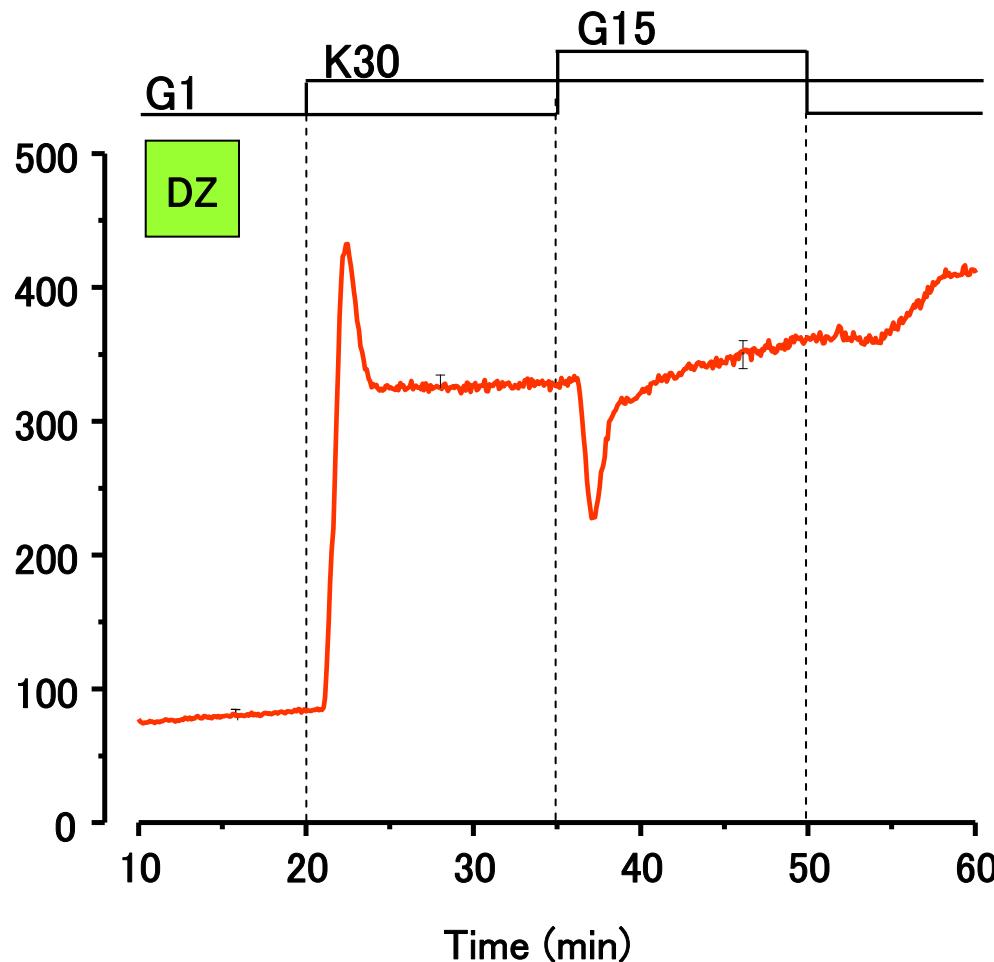
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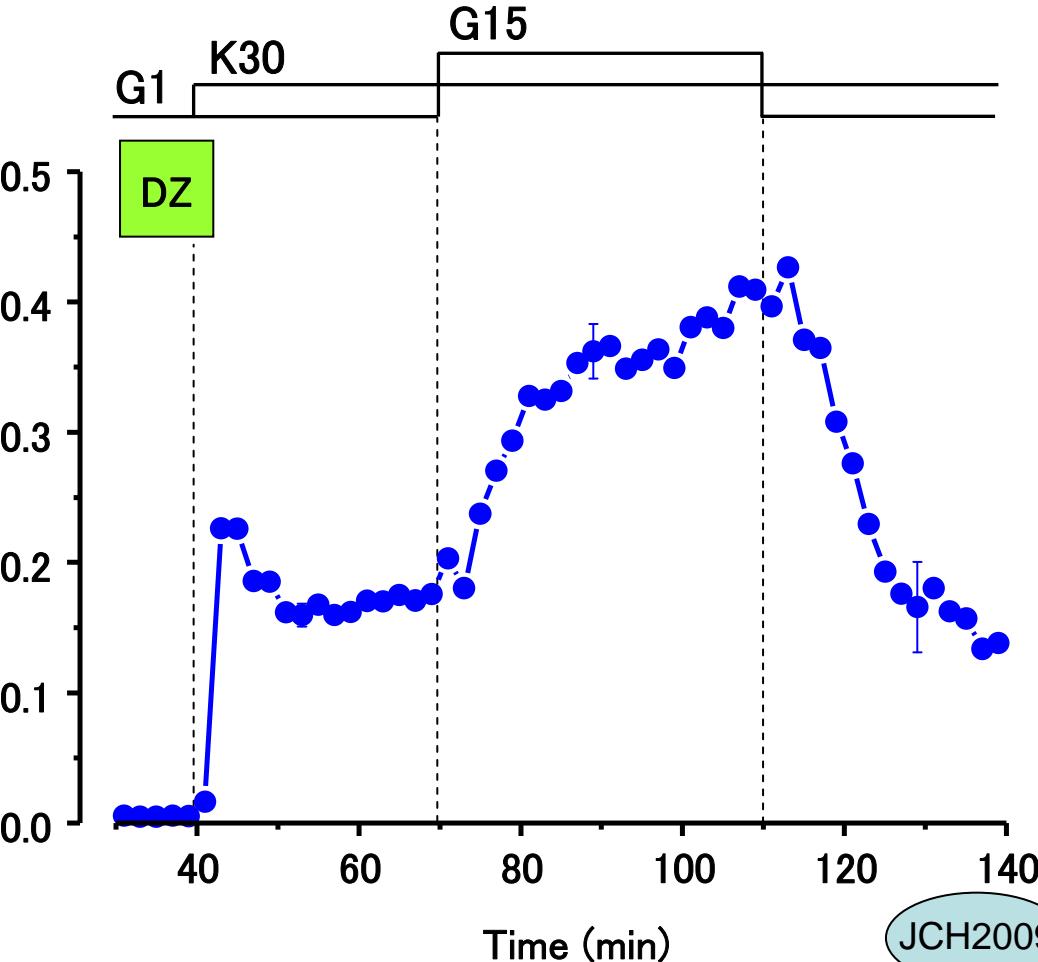
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Insulin secretion (% per min)



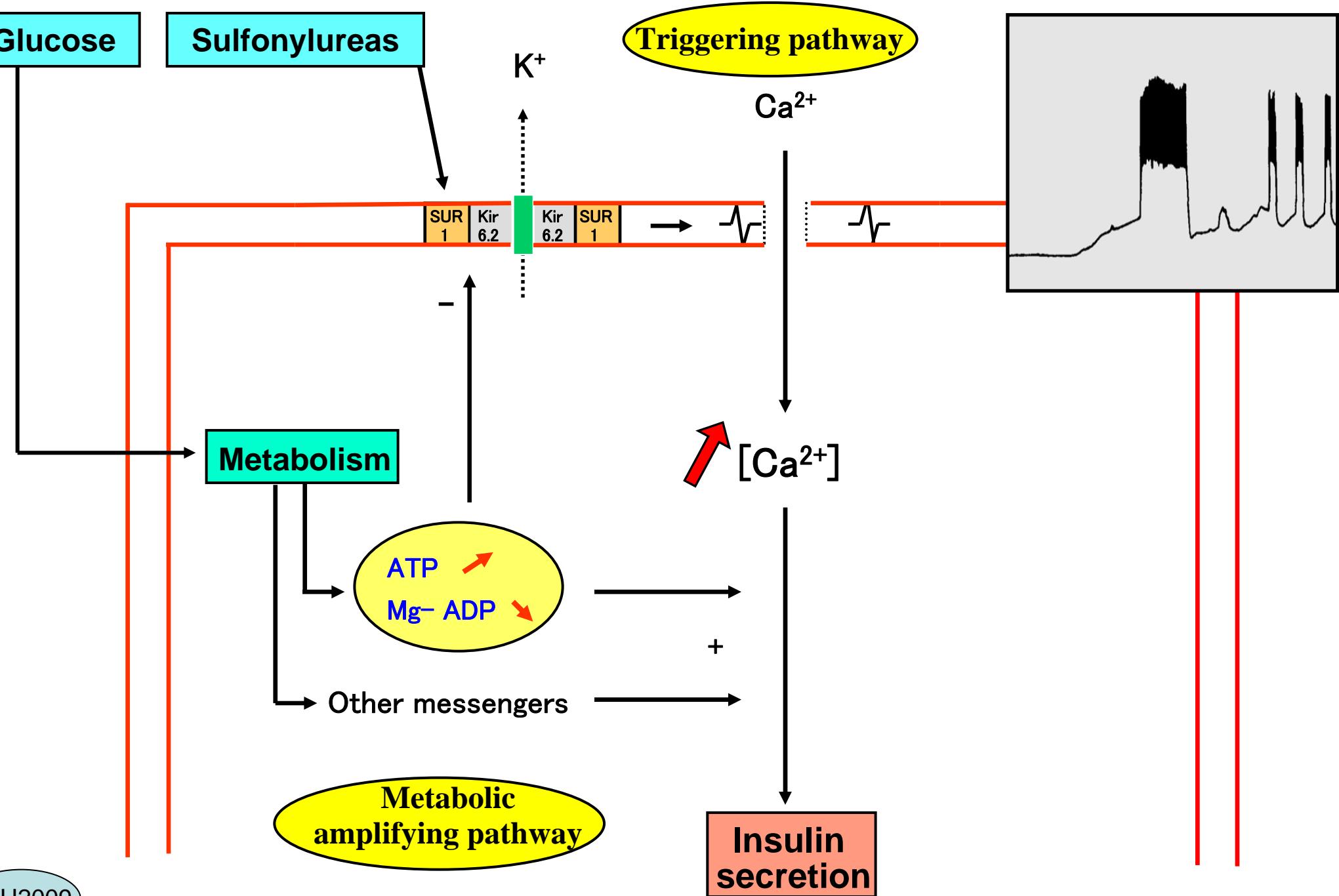
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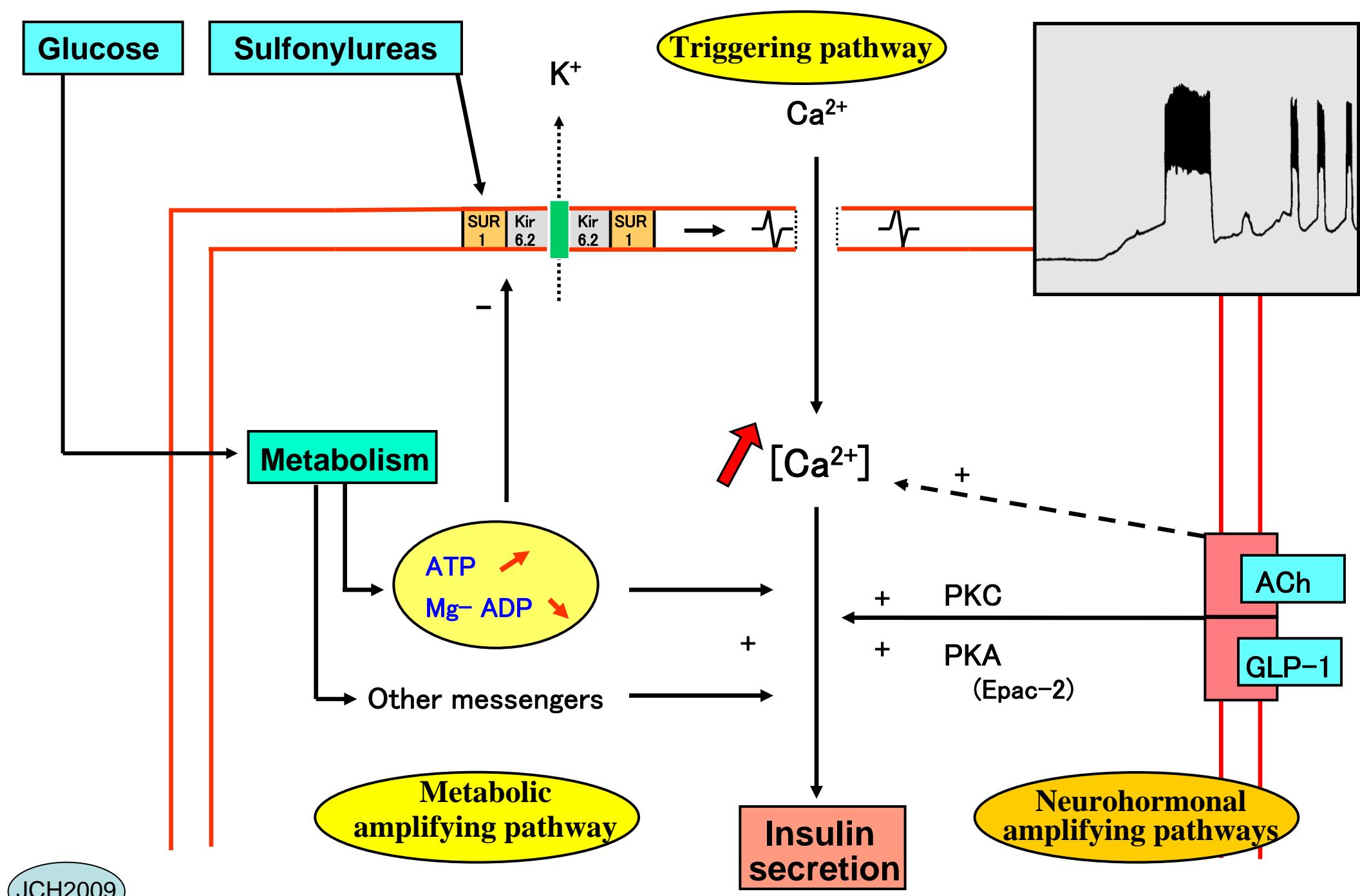
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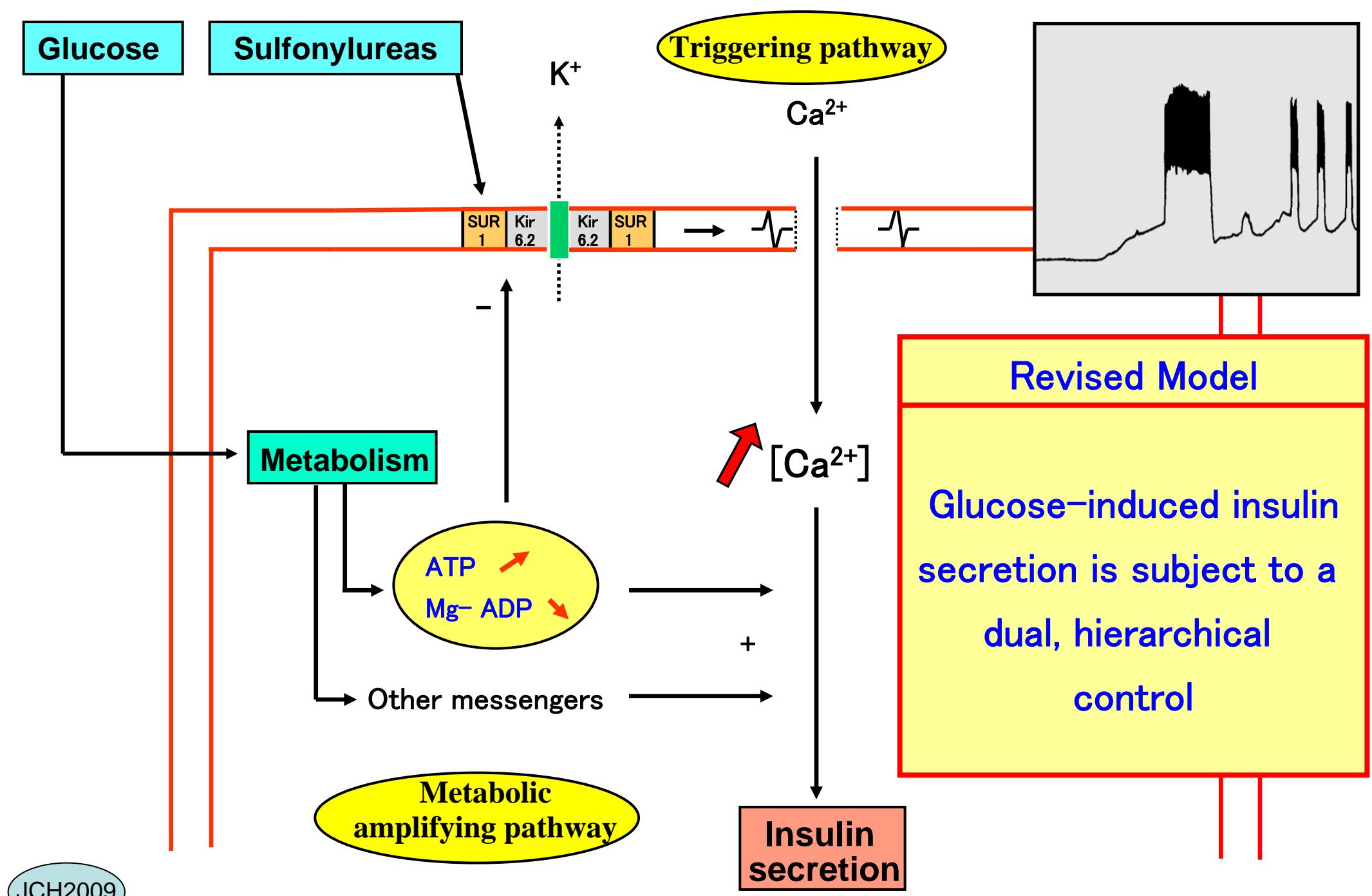
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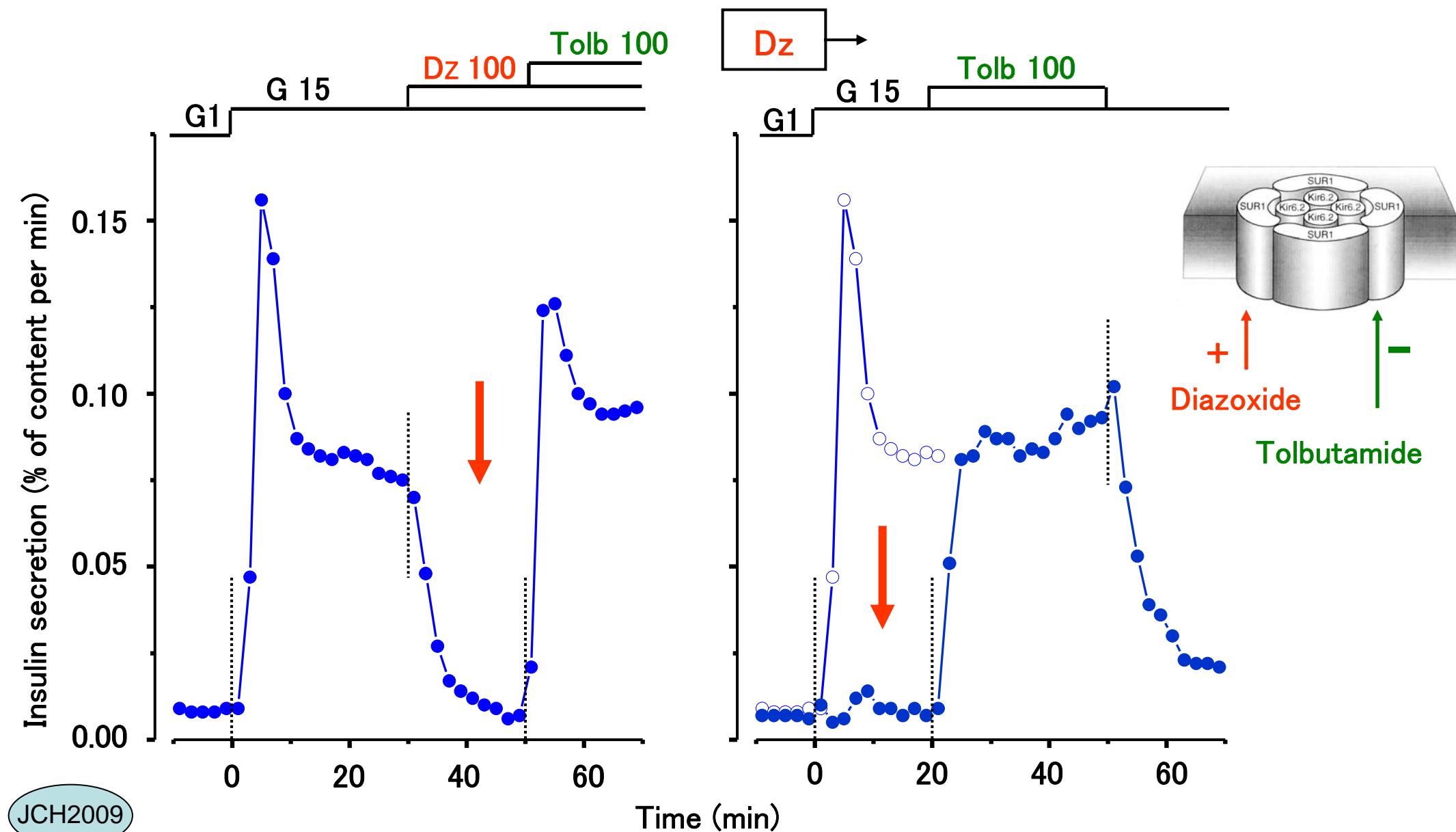
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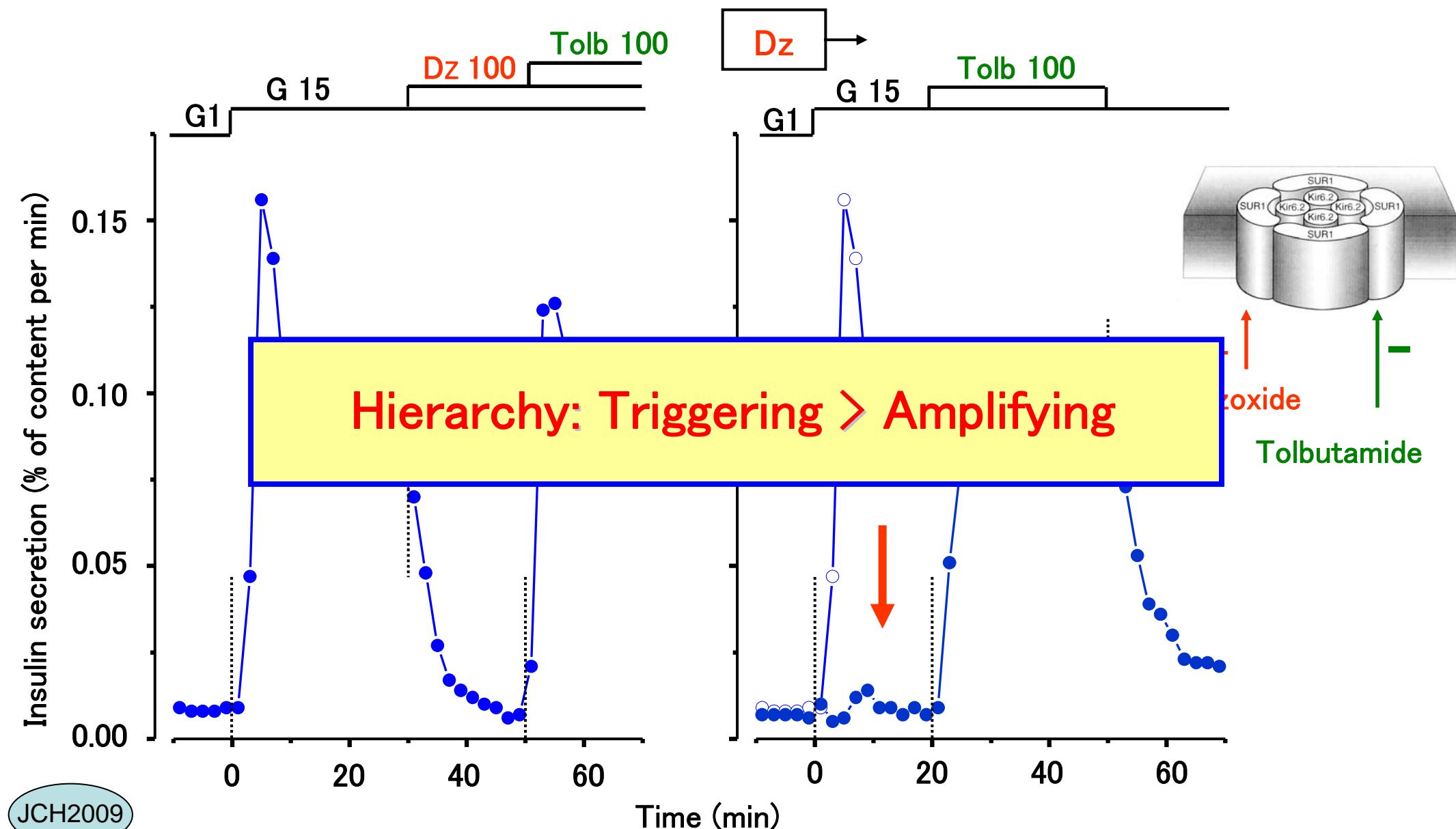




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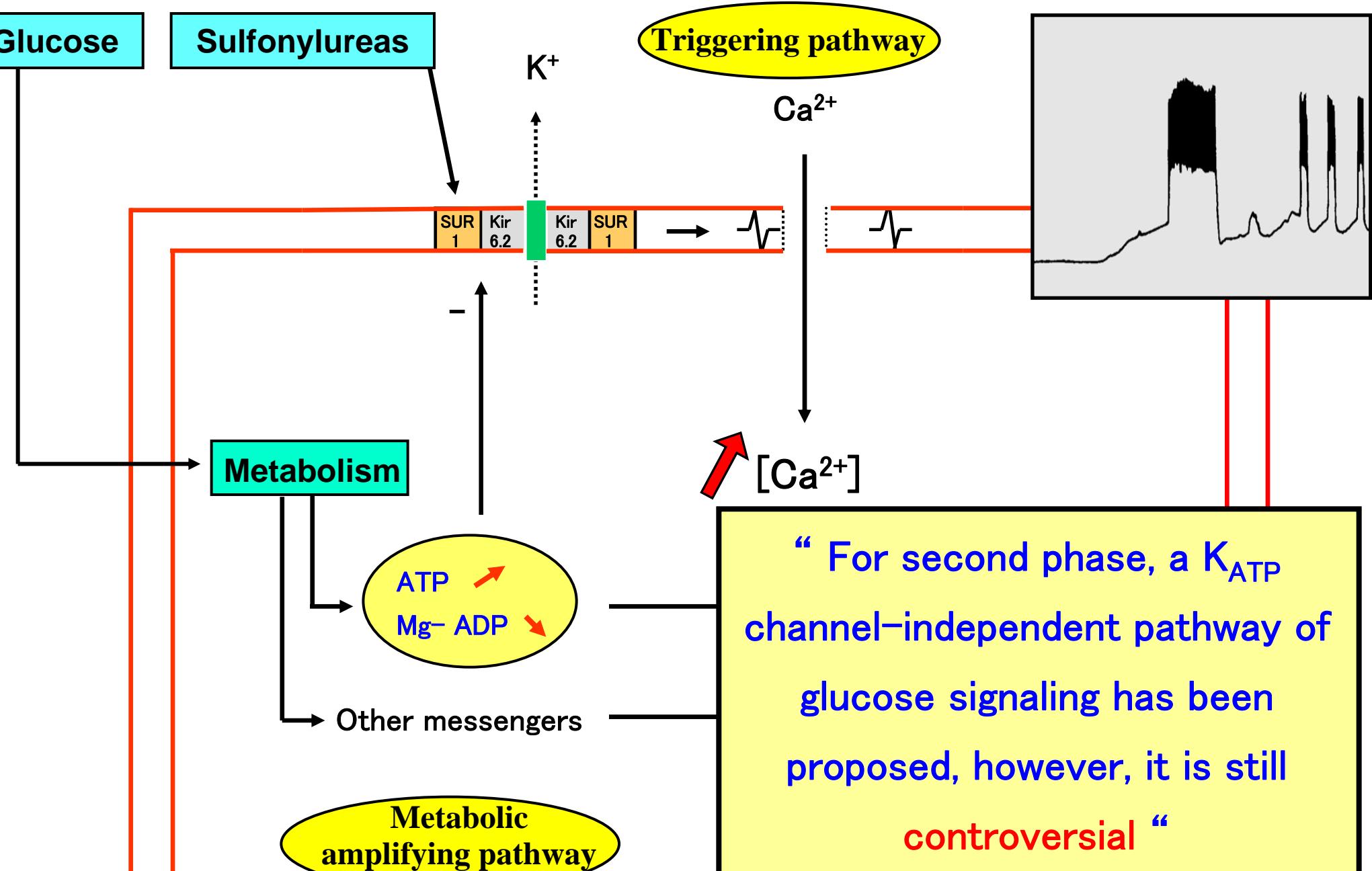
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" For second phase, a K<sub>ATP</sub> channel-independent pathway of glucose signaling has been proposed, however, it is still controversial "

Am J Physiol, December 2008

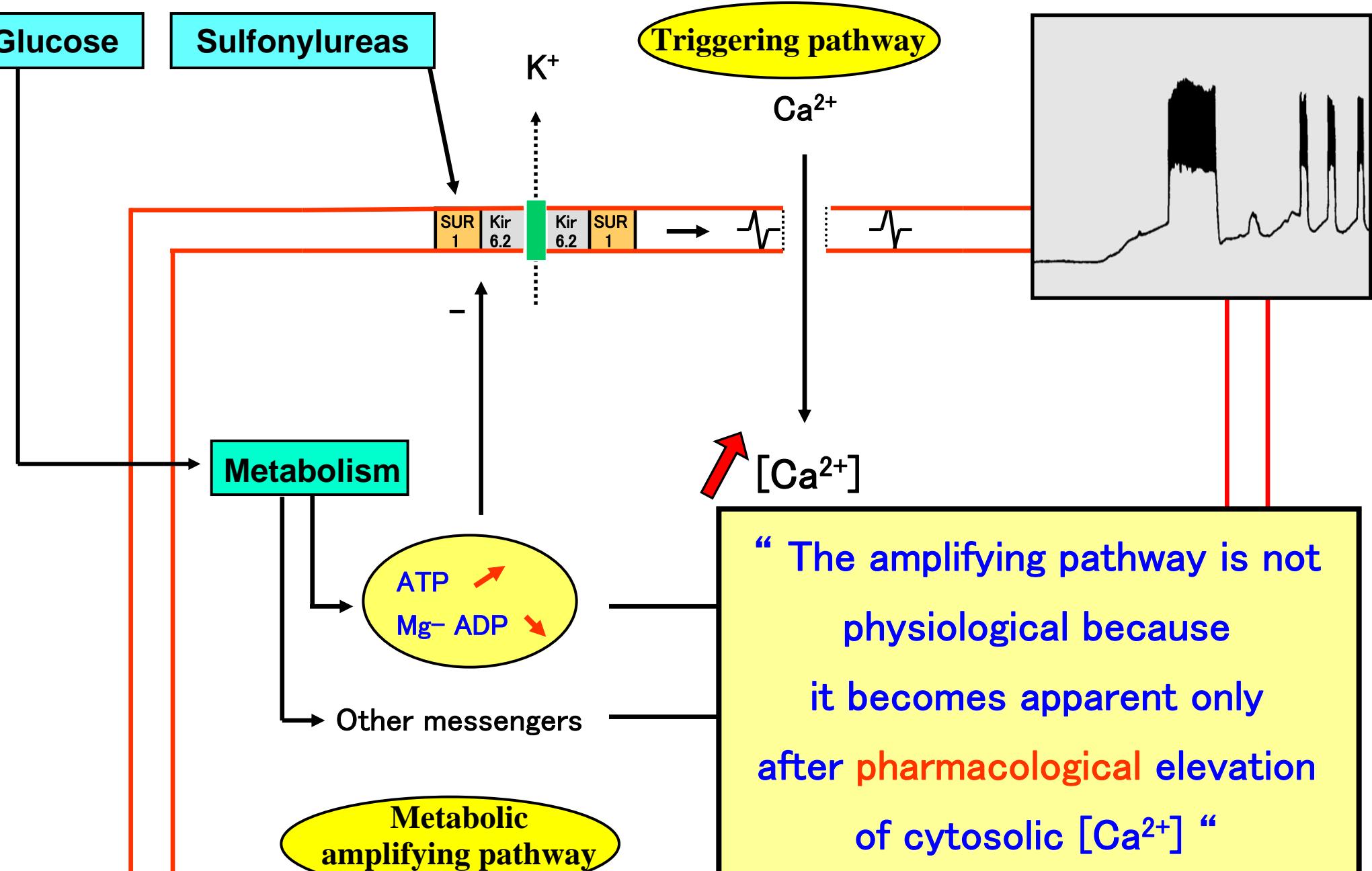
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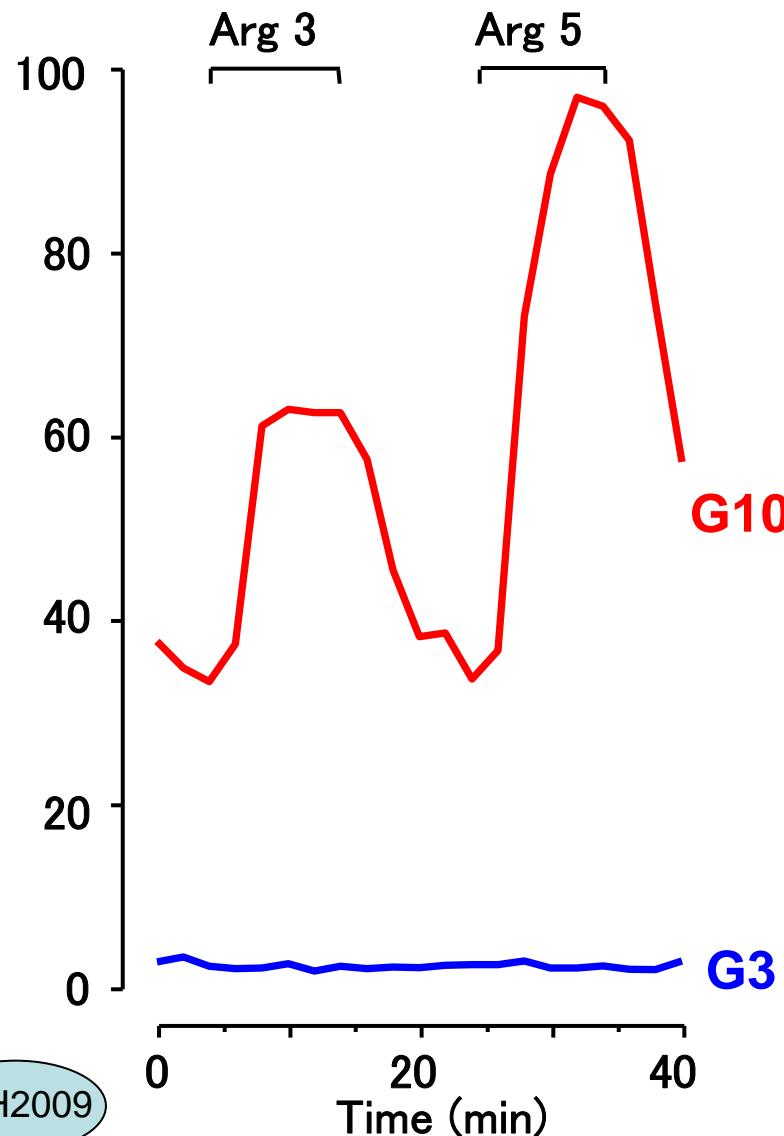
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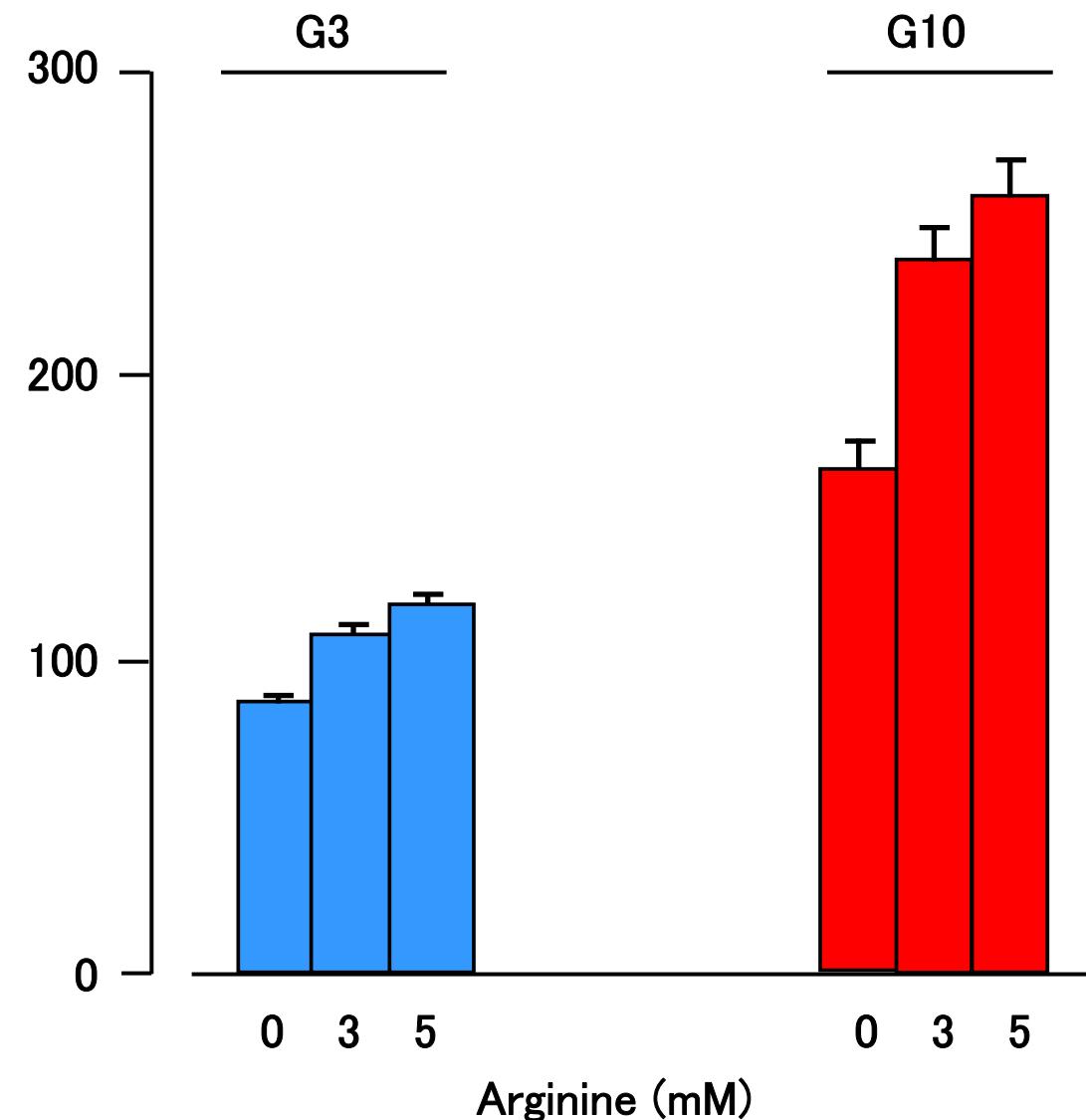
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# The amplifying pathway during arginine-induced insulin secretion

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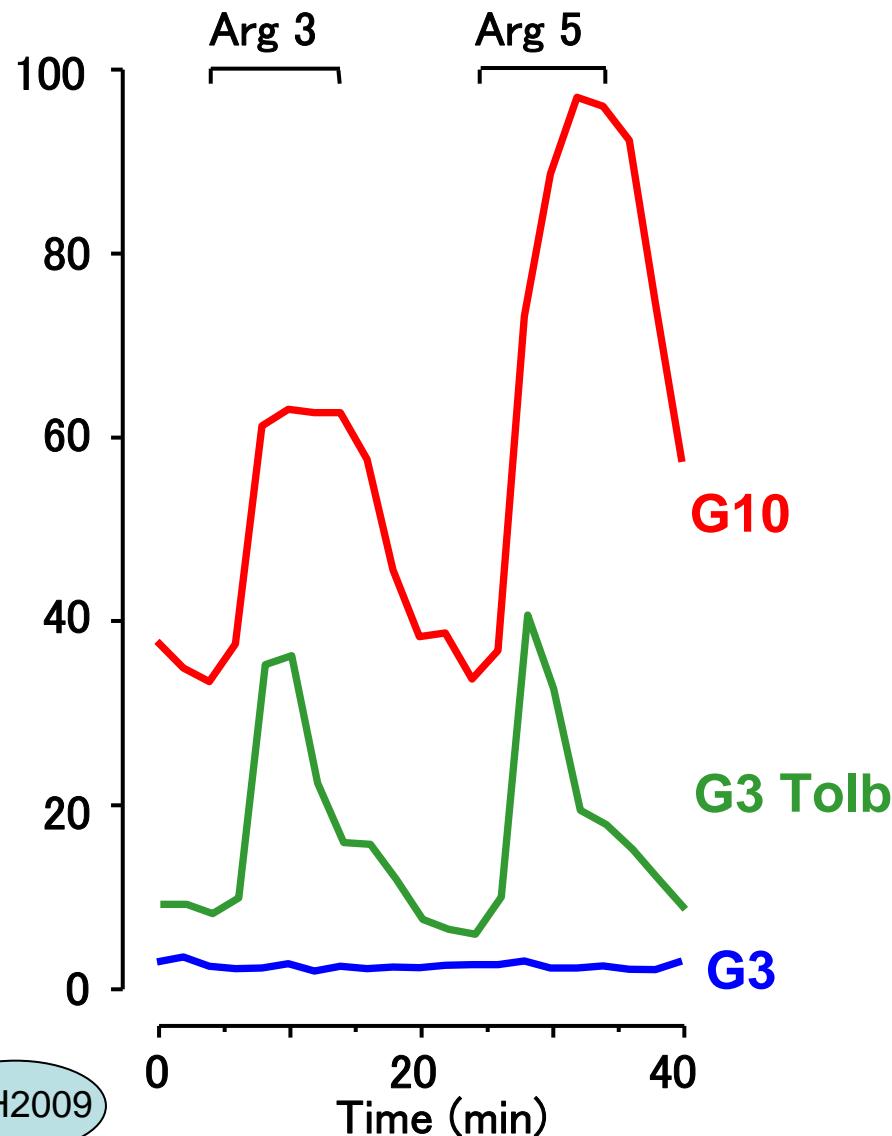


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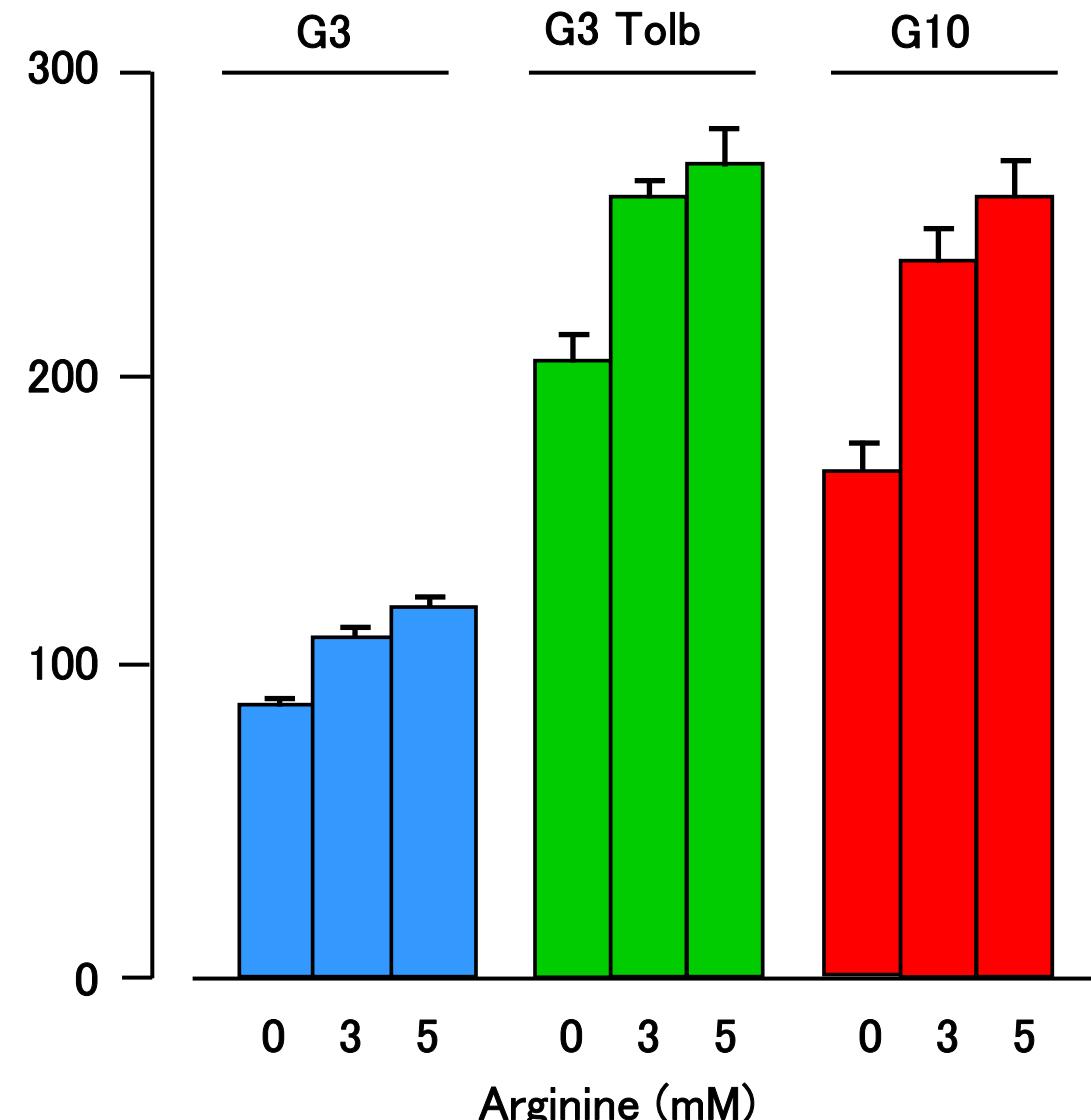


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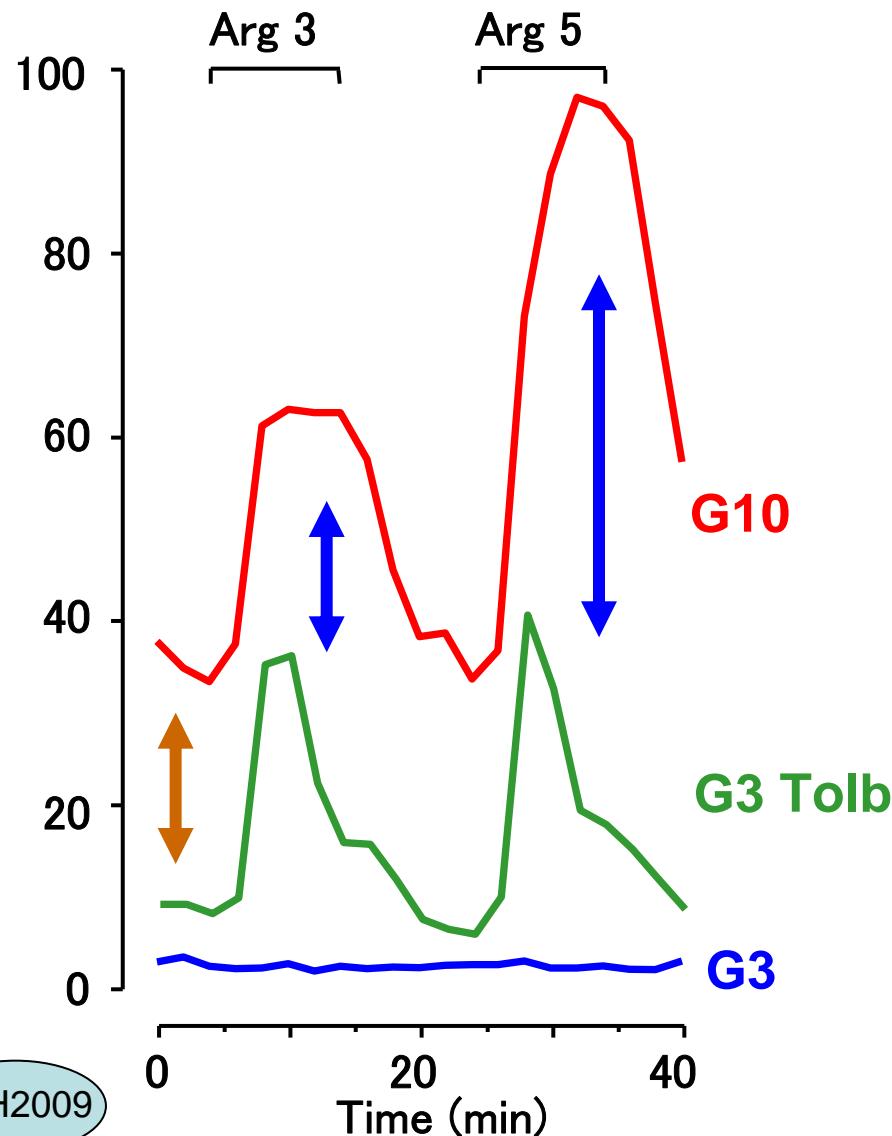


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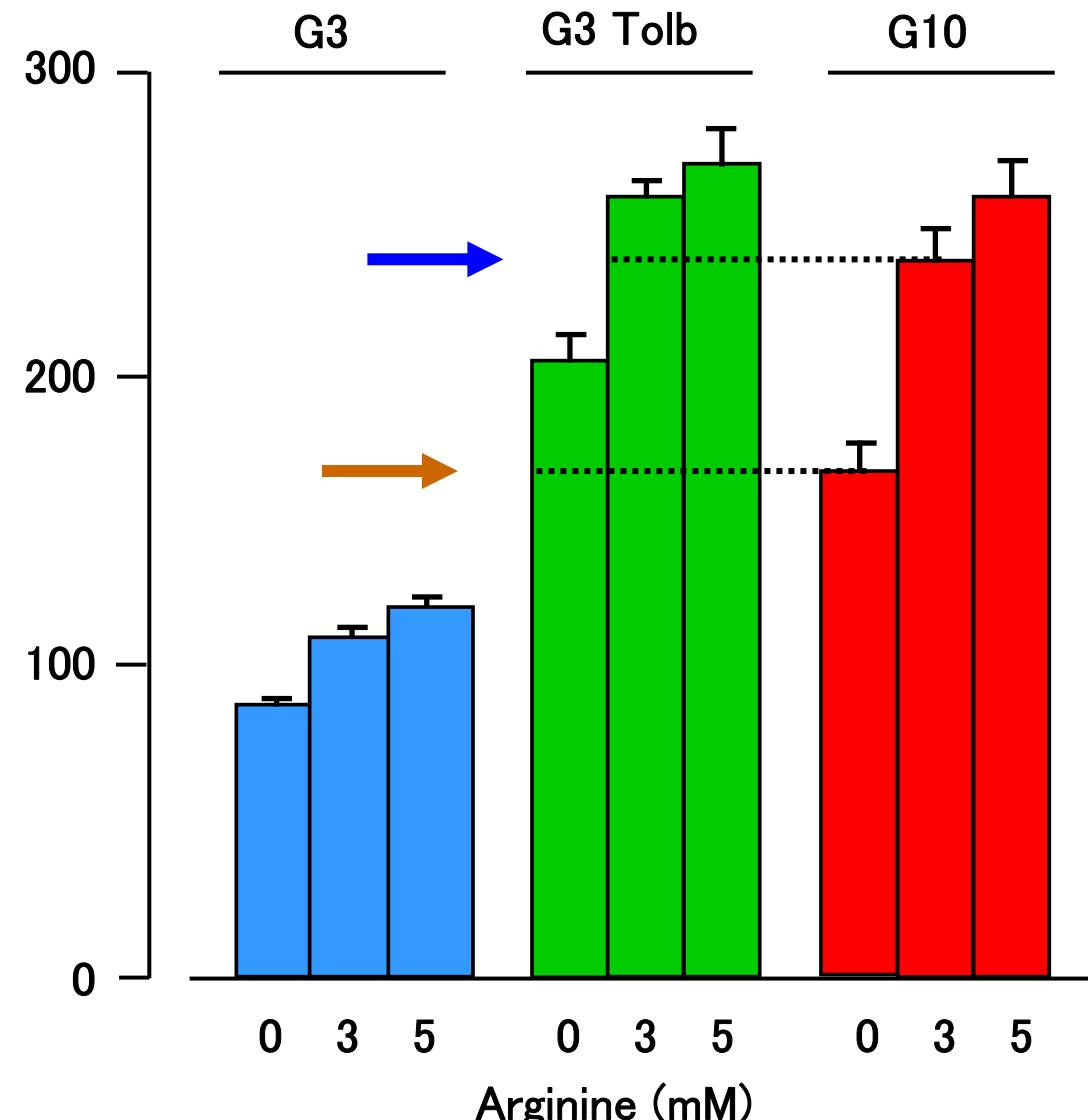


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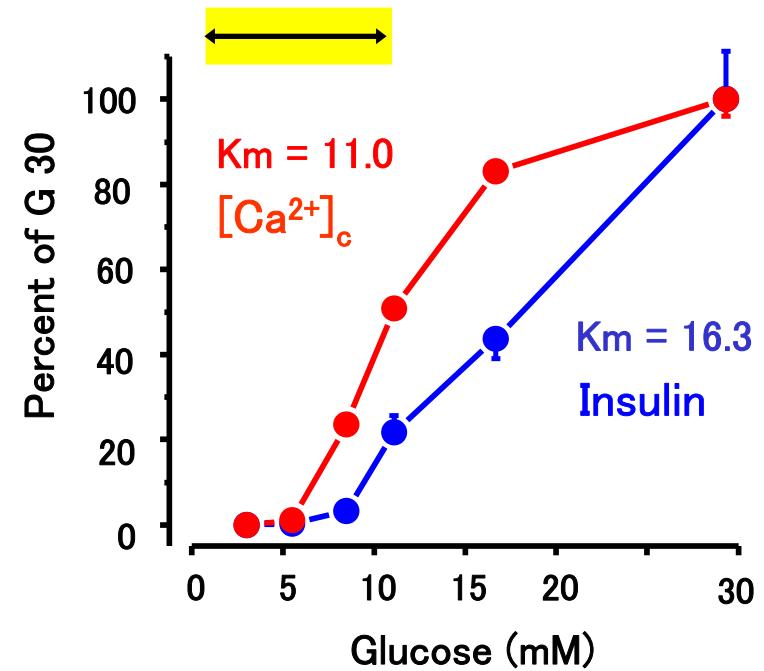
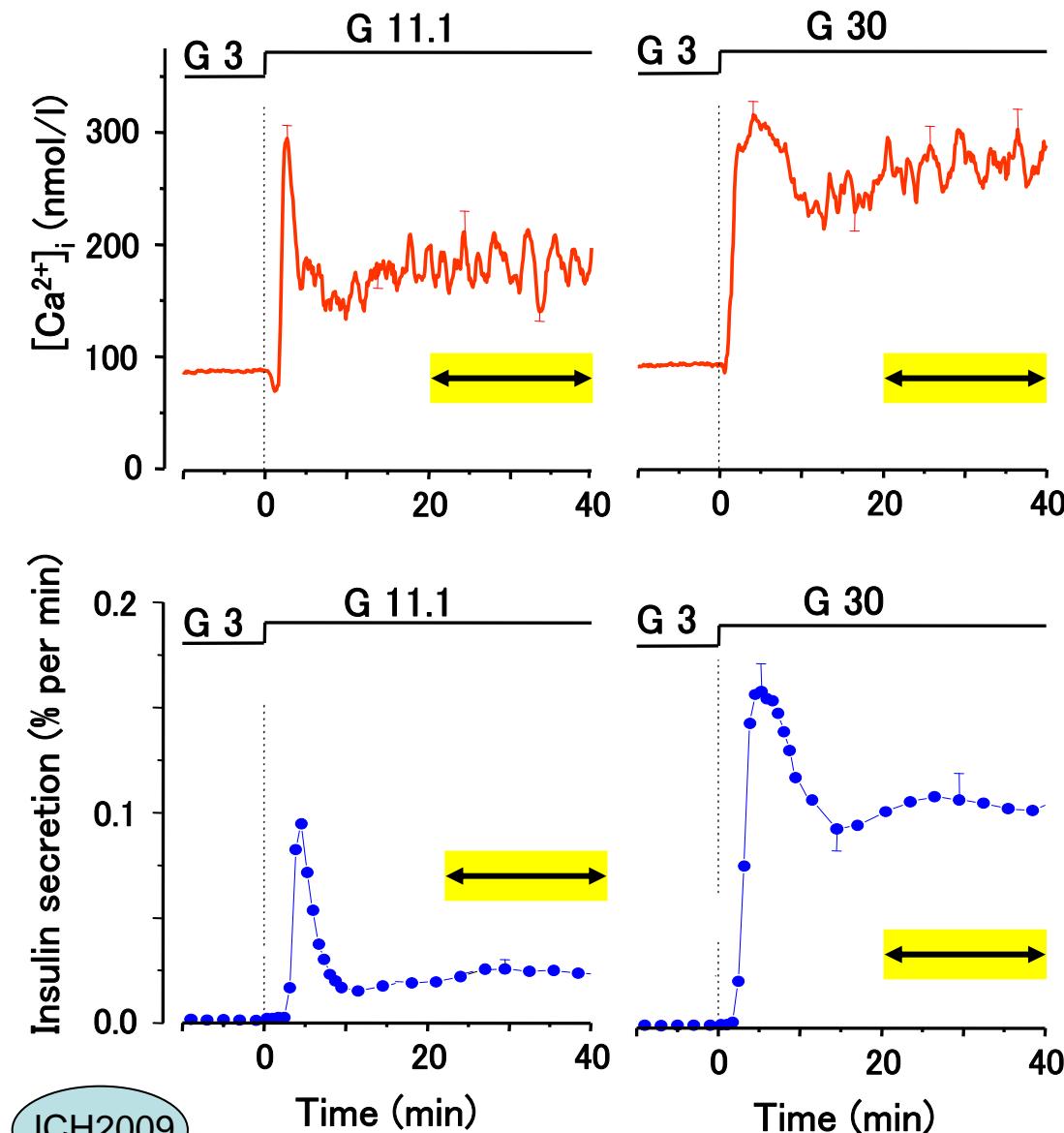
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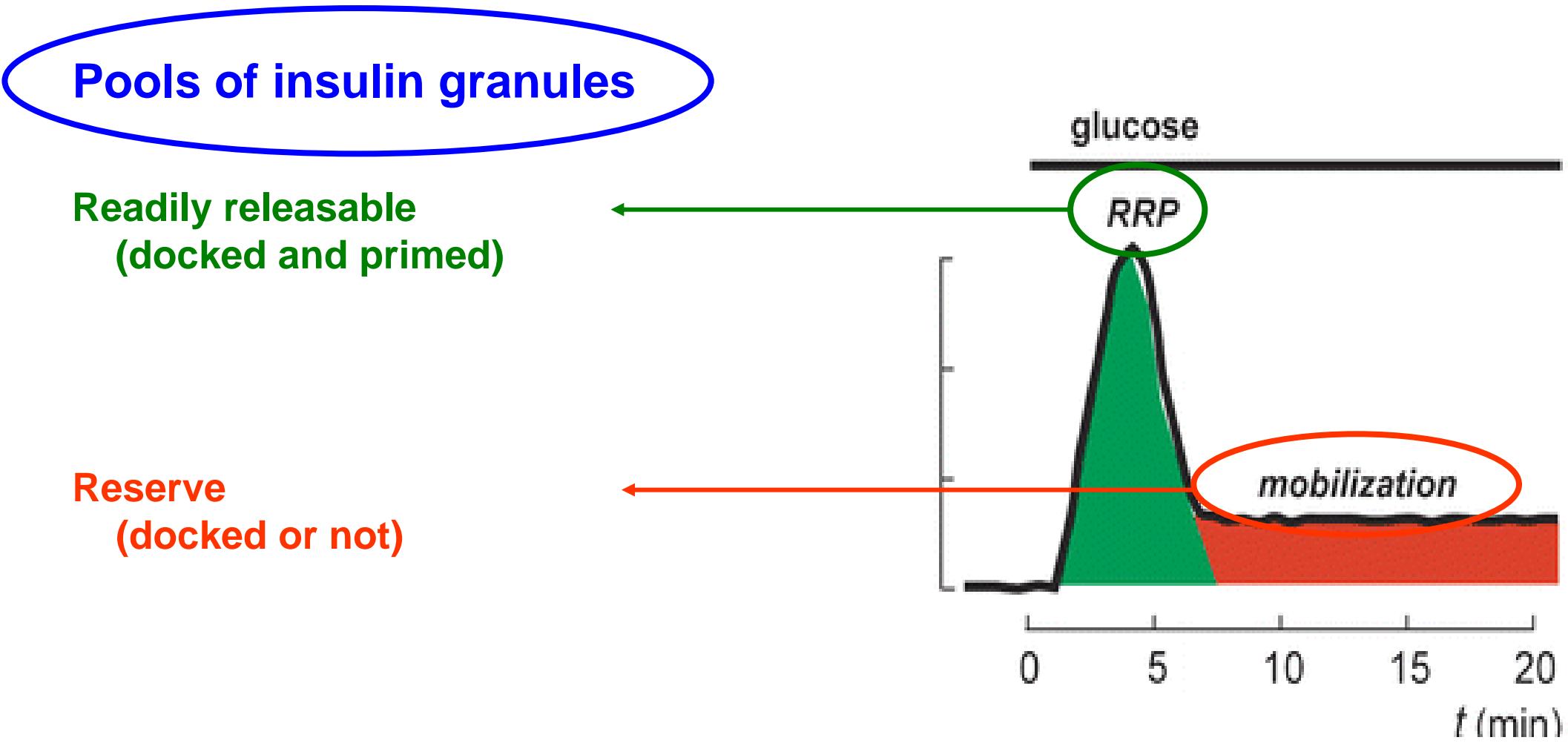
# Triggering and amplifying pathways in second phase GSIS



# Dual control of glucose-induced insulin secretion by triggering and amplifying signals:

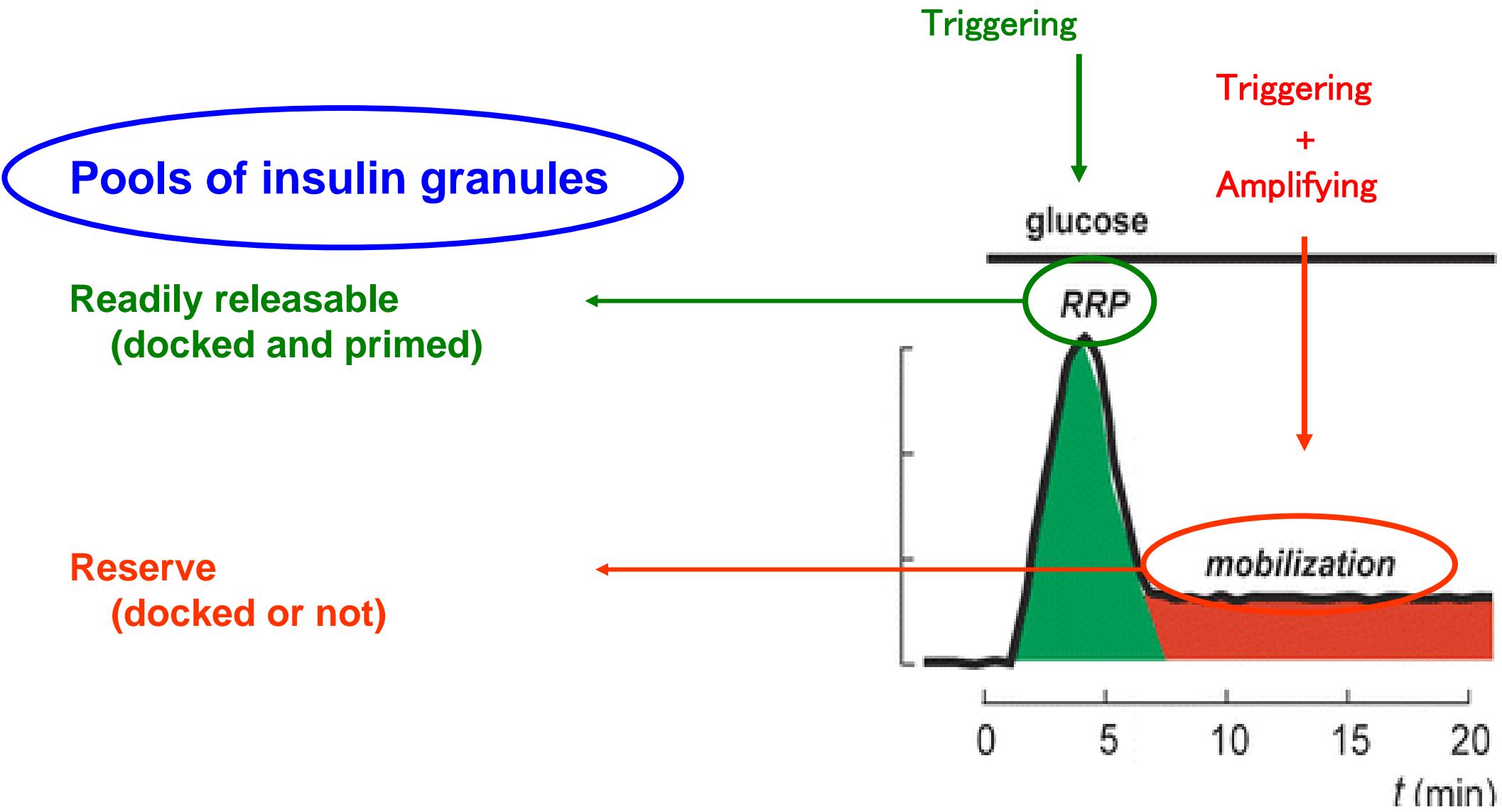
- clear for amplitude modulation
- also for time control (biphasic and pulsatile secretion)?

## Two pathways and two phases of GSIS: what is the link?

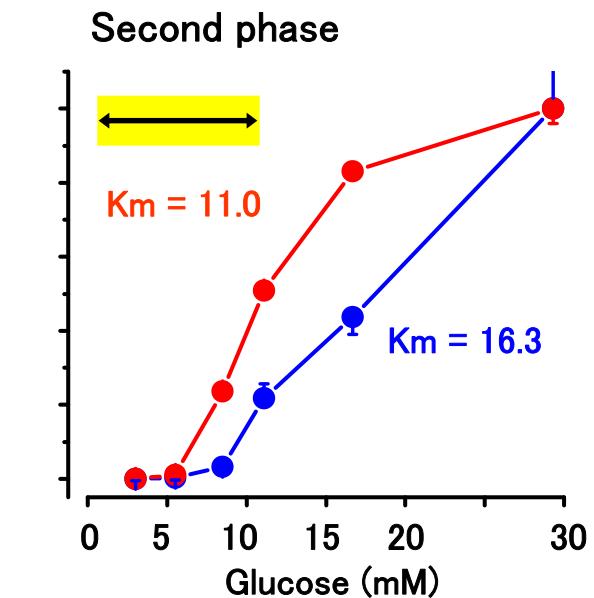
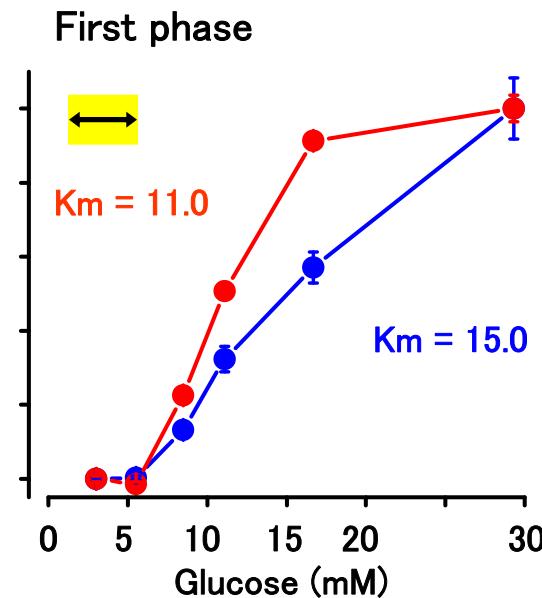
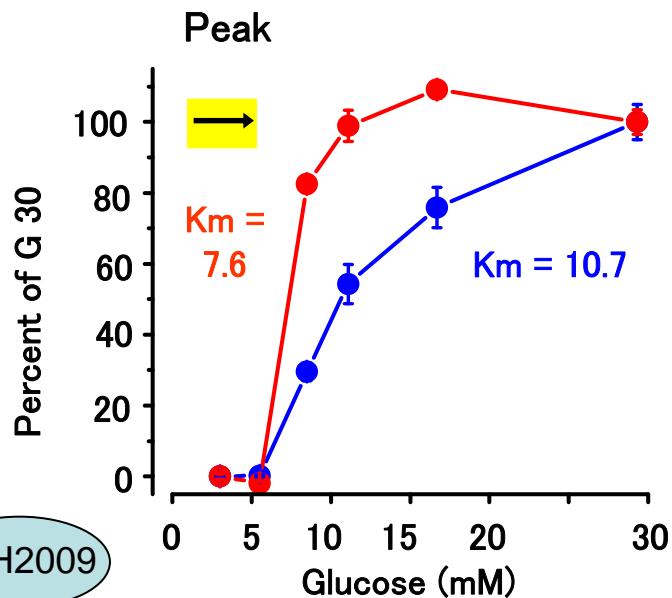
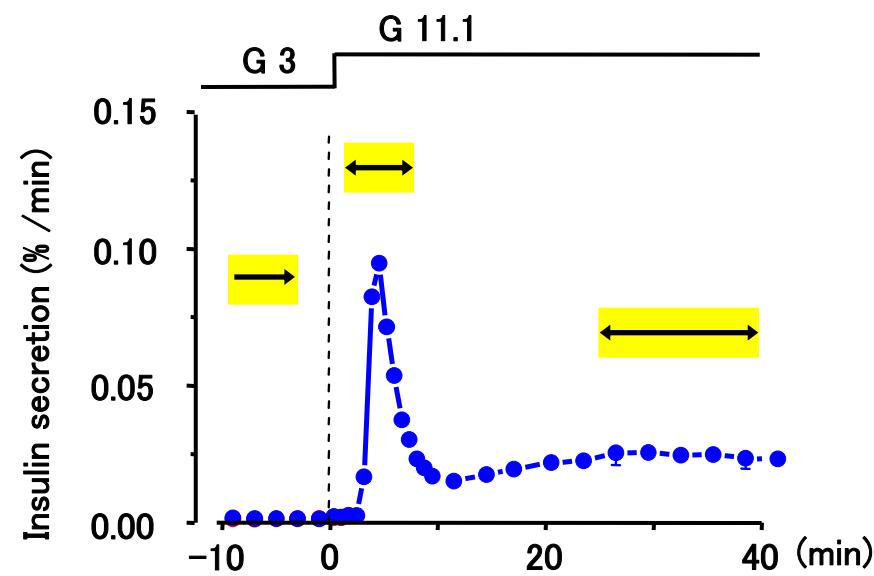
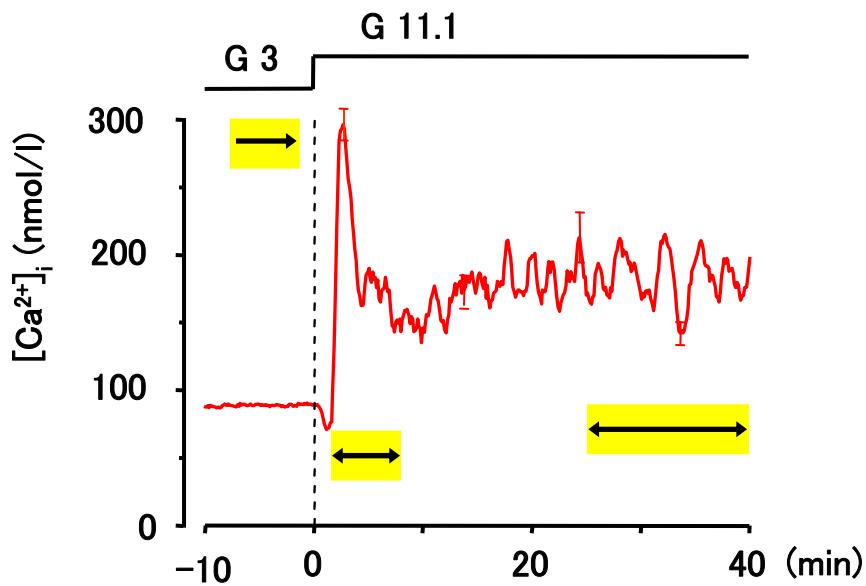


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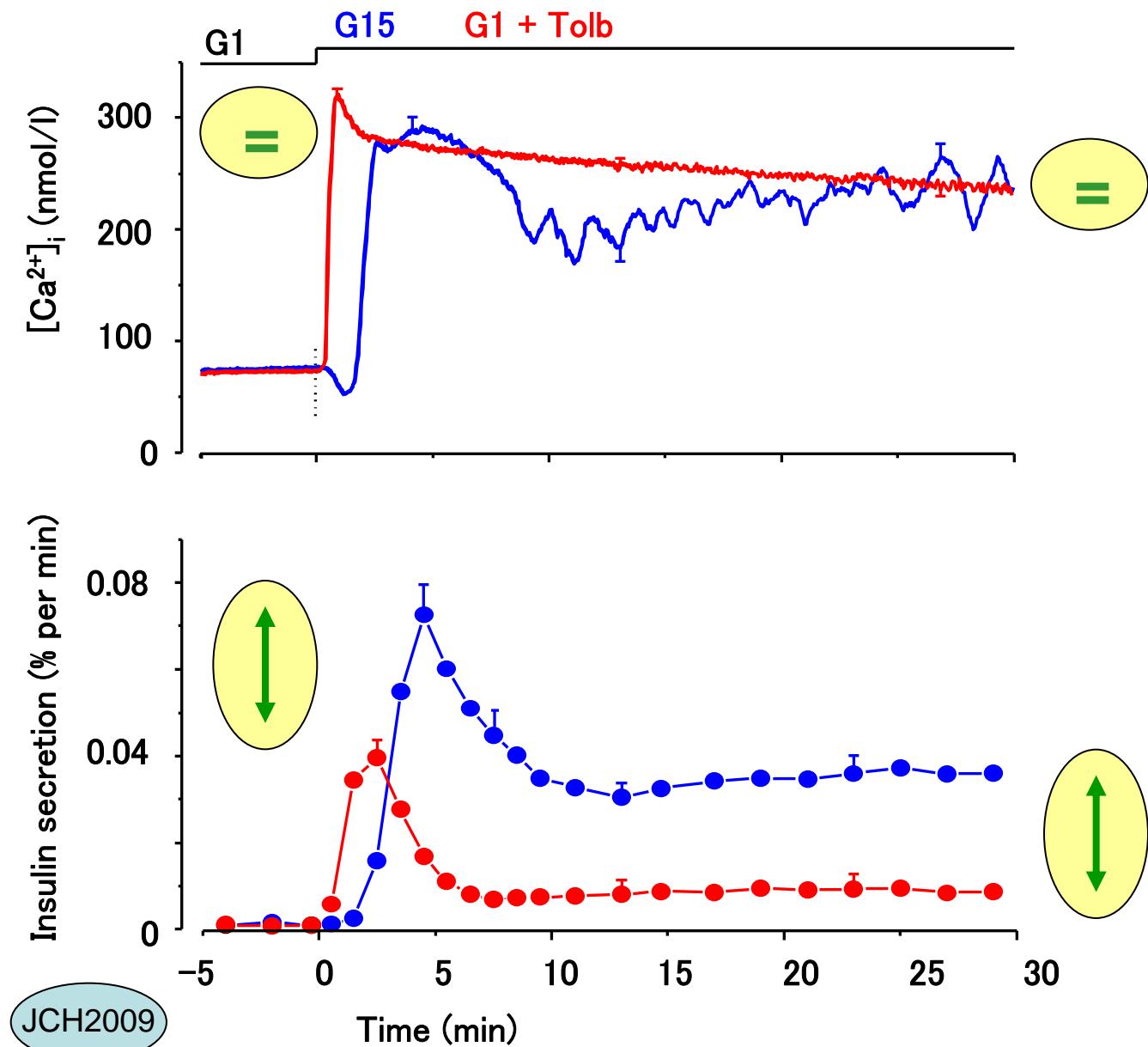
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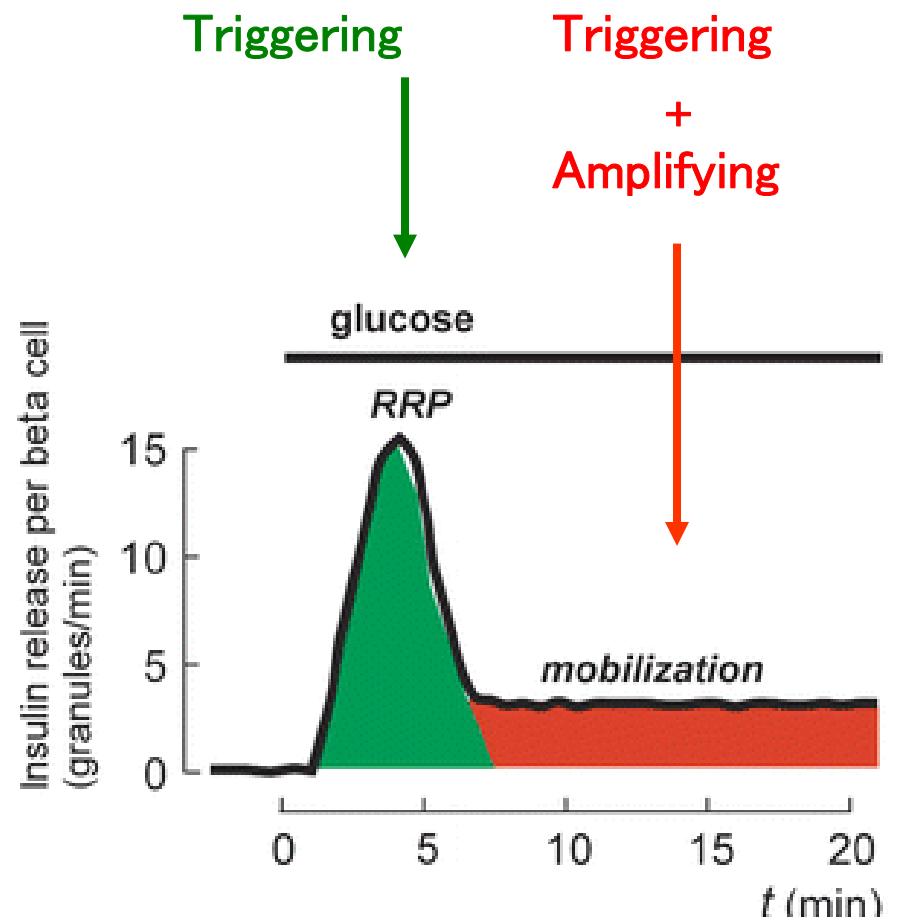
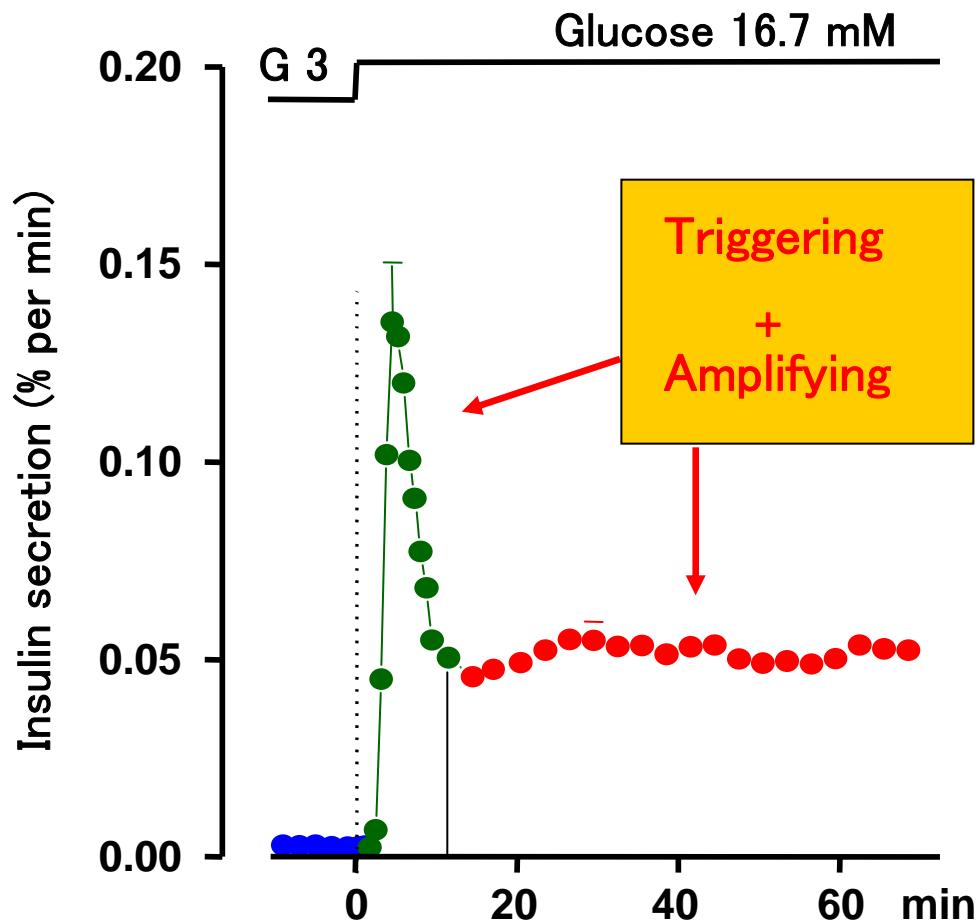


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# Biphasic insulin secretion: what about the two-pool model ?

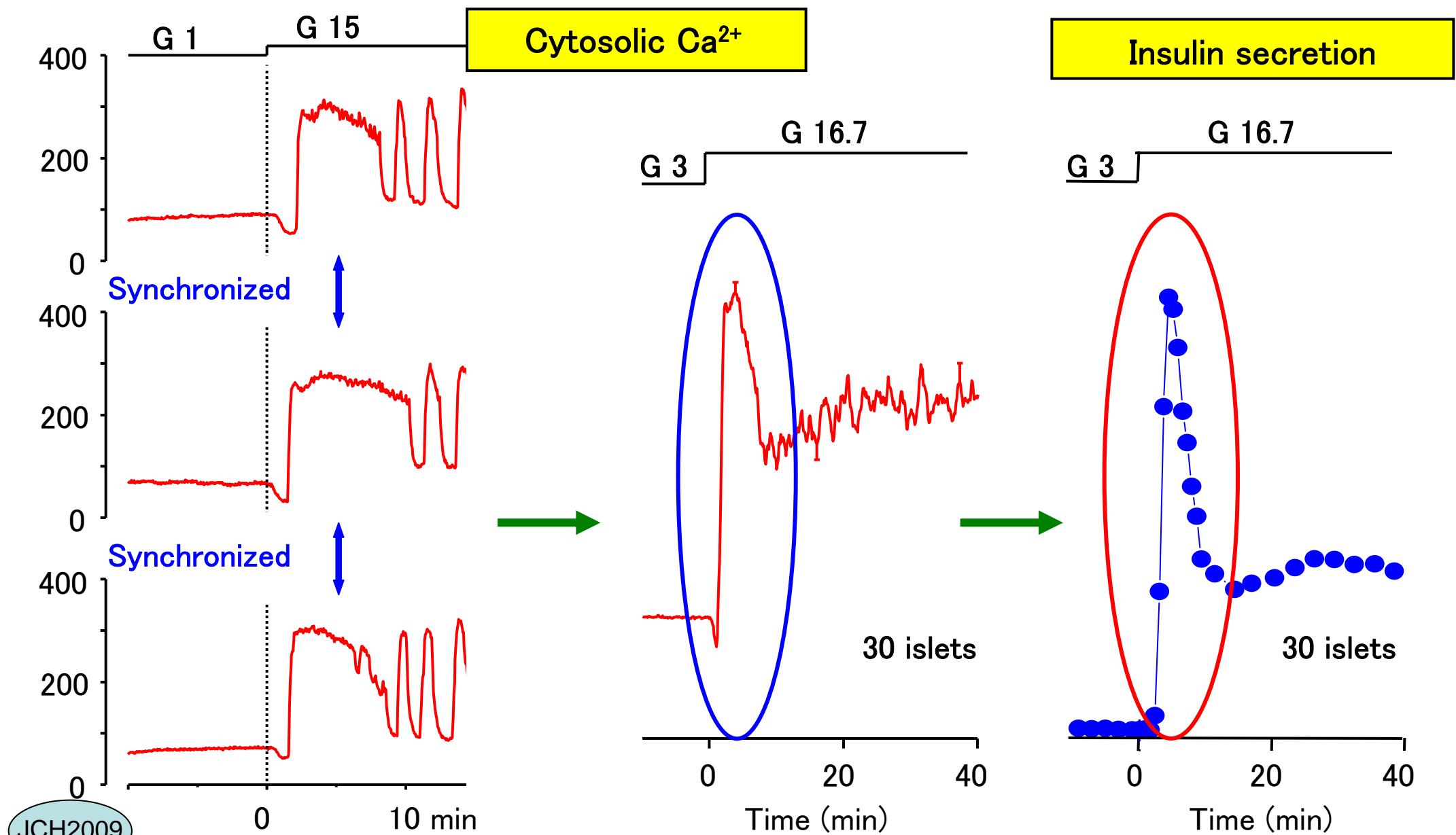
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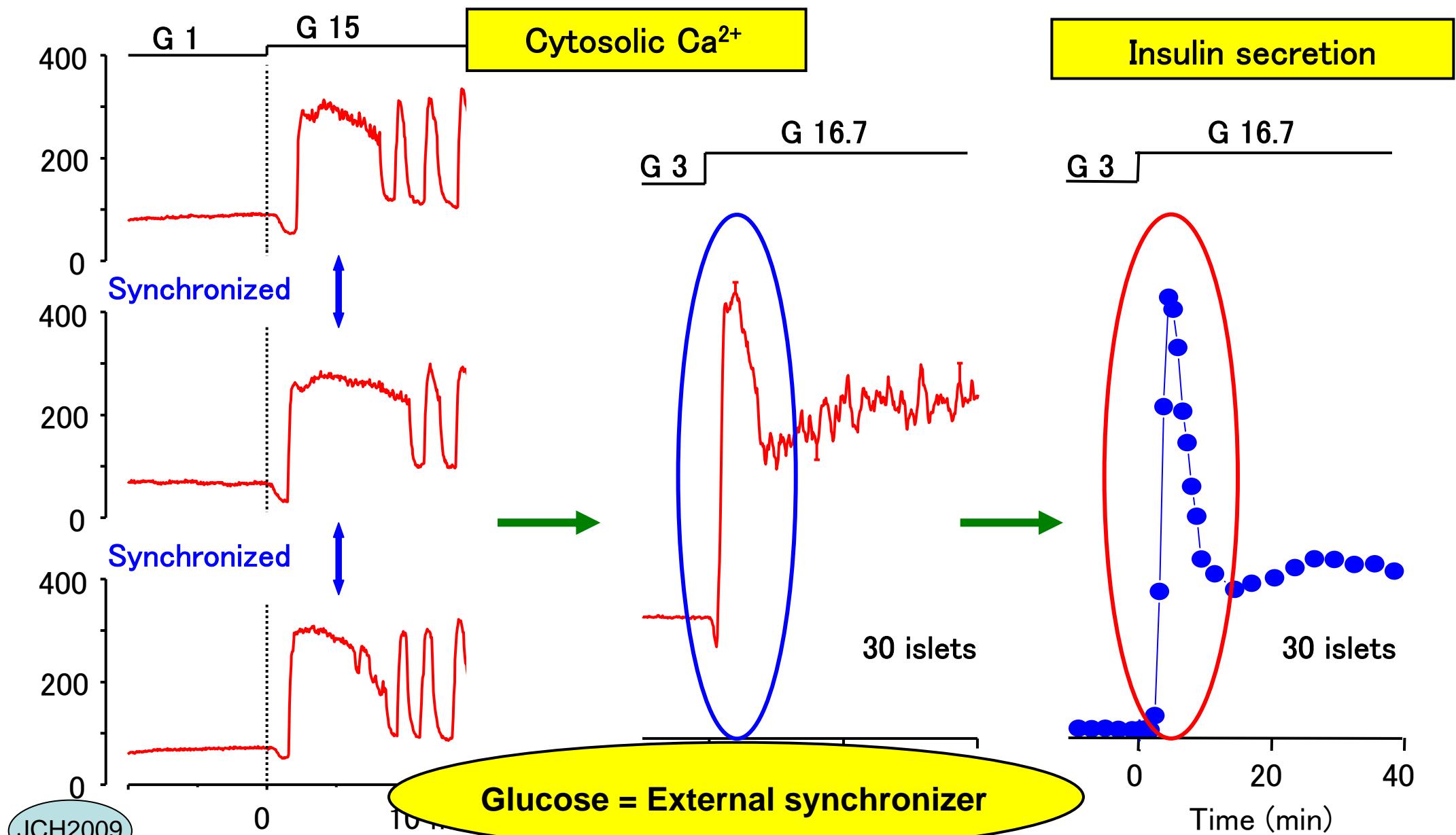
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The time course of the triggering  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  signal  
is more important than pools of granules  
to shape the kinetics of insulin secretion

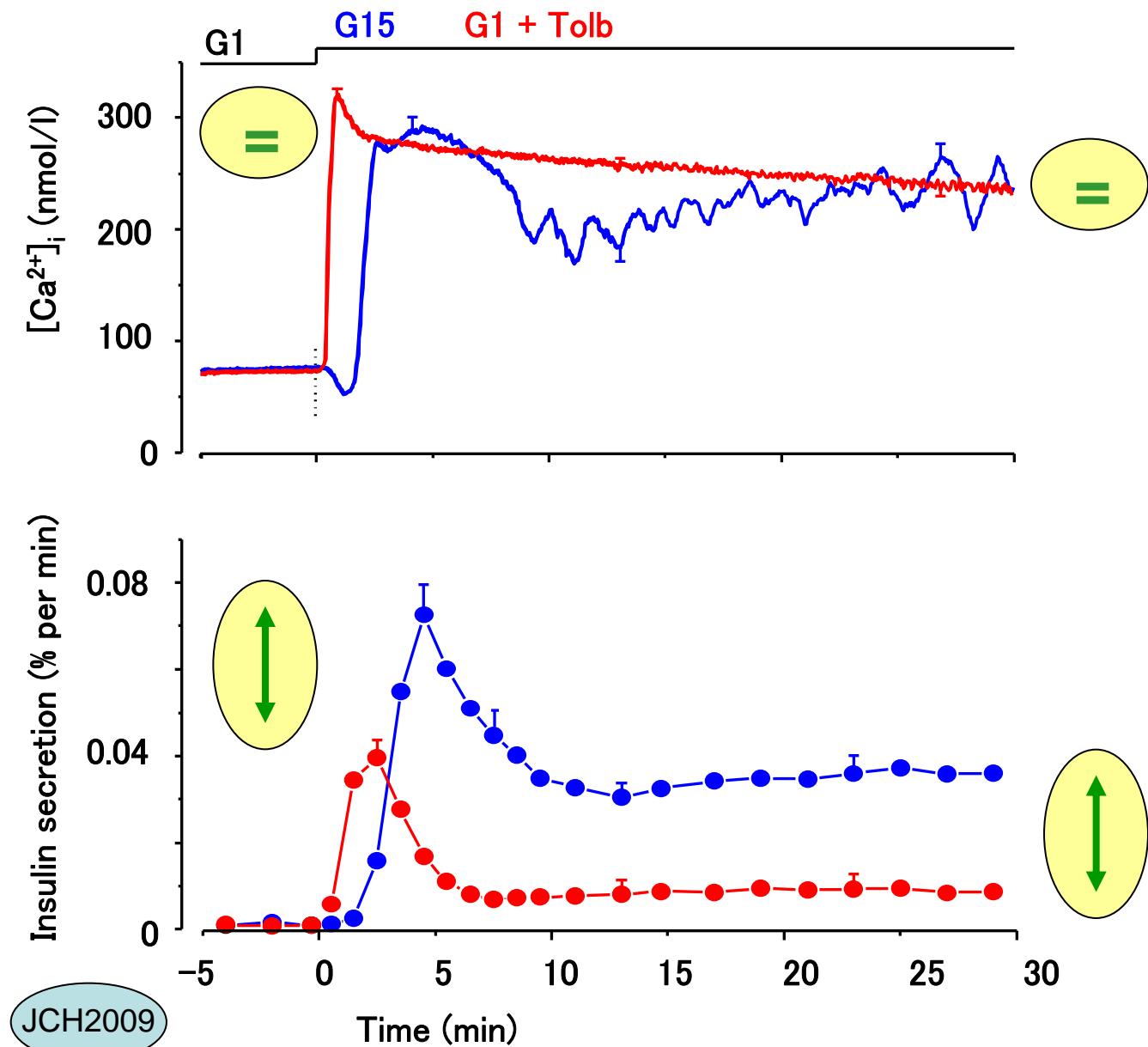
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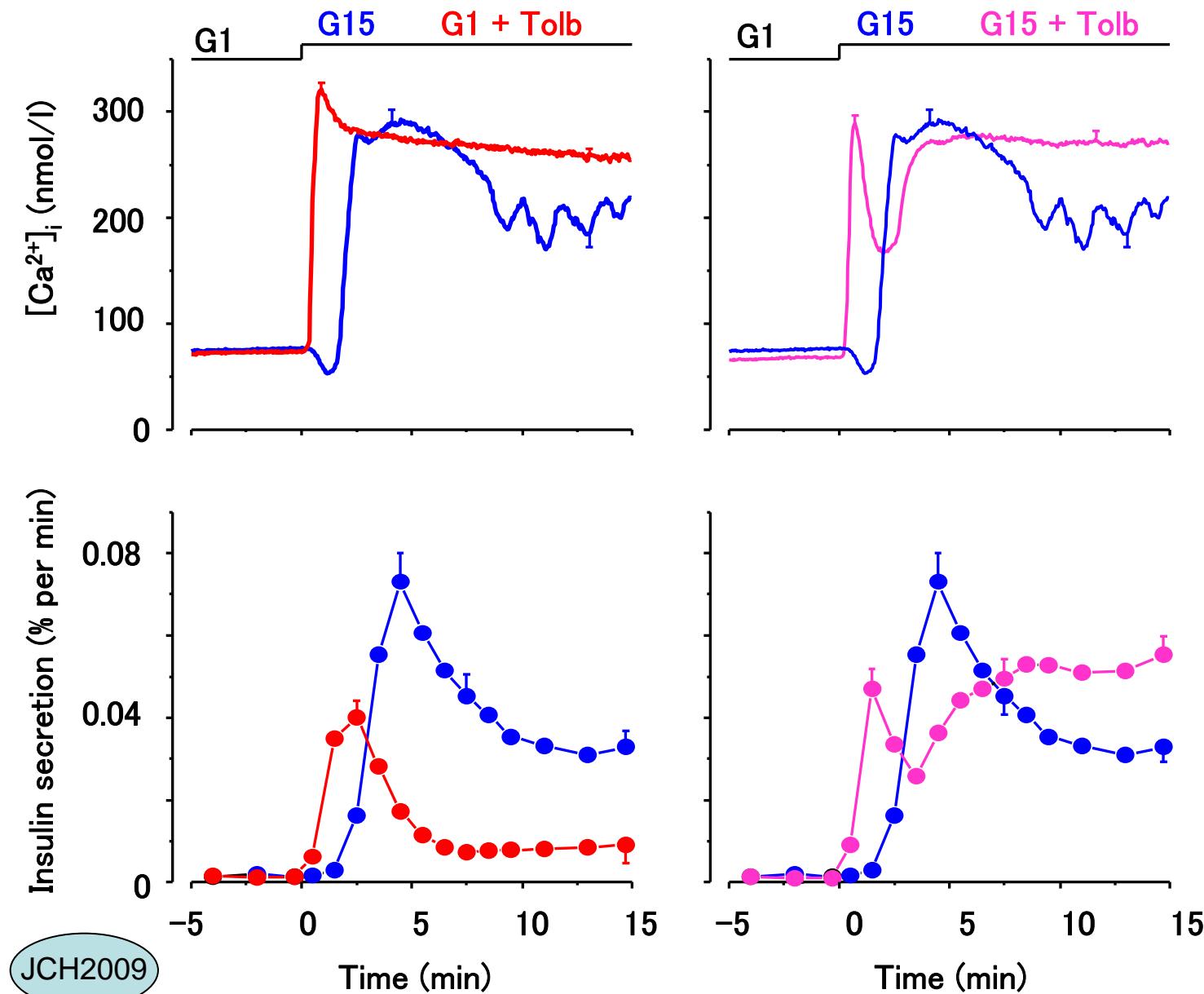
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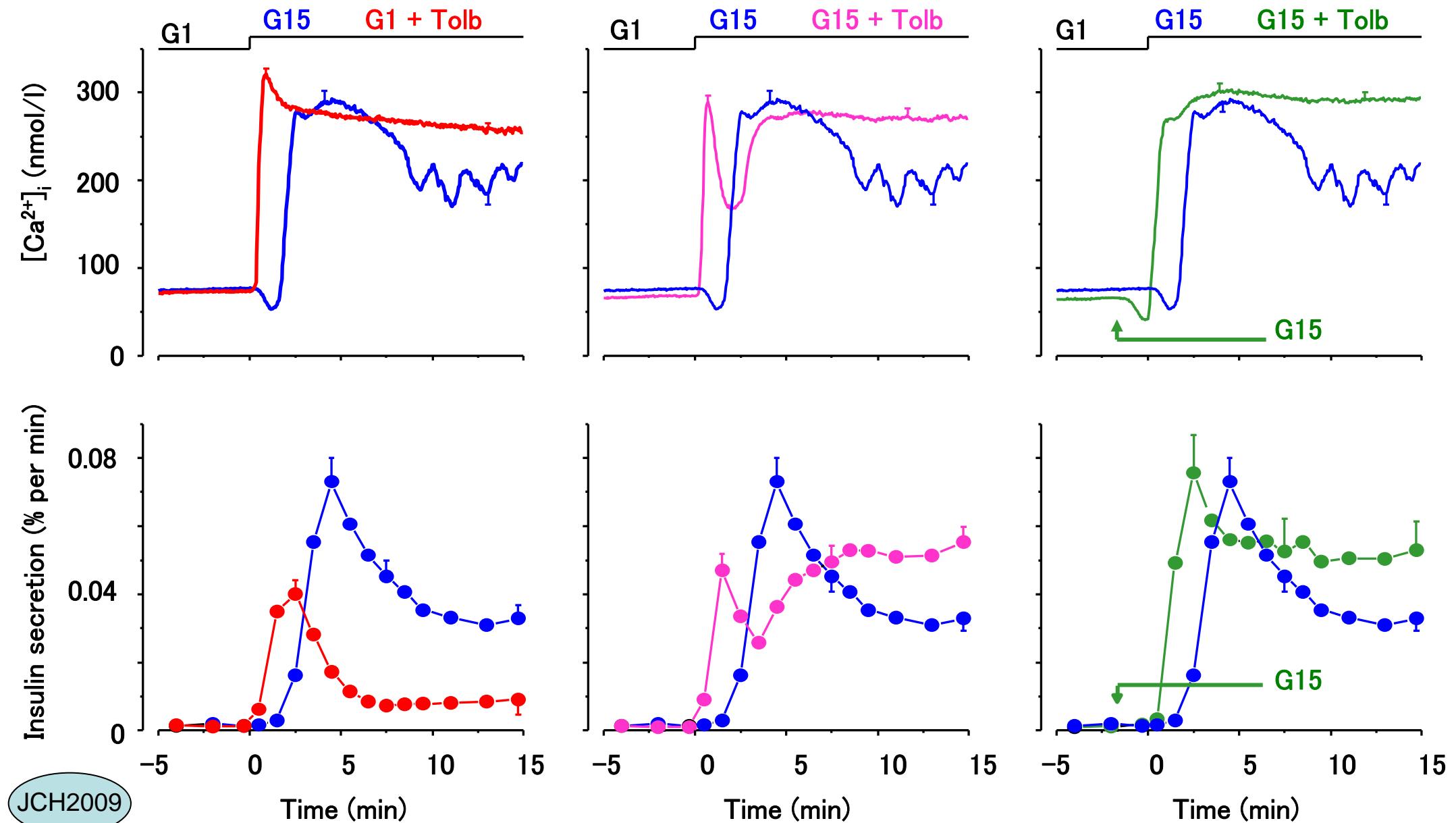
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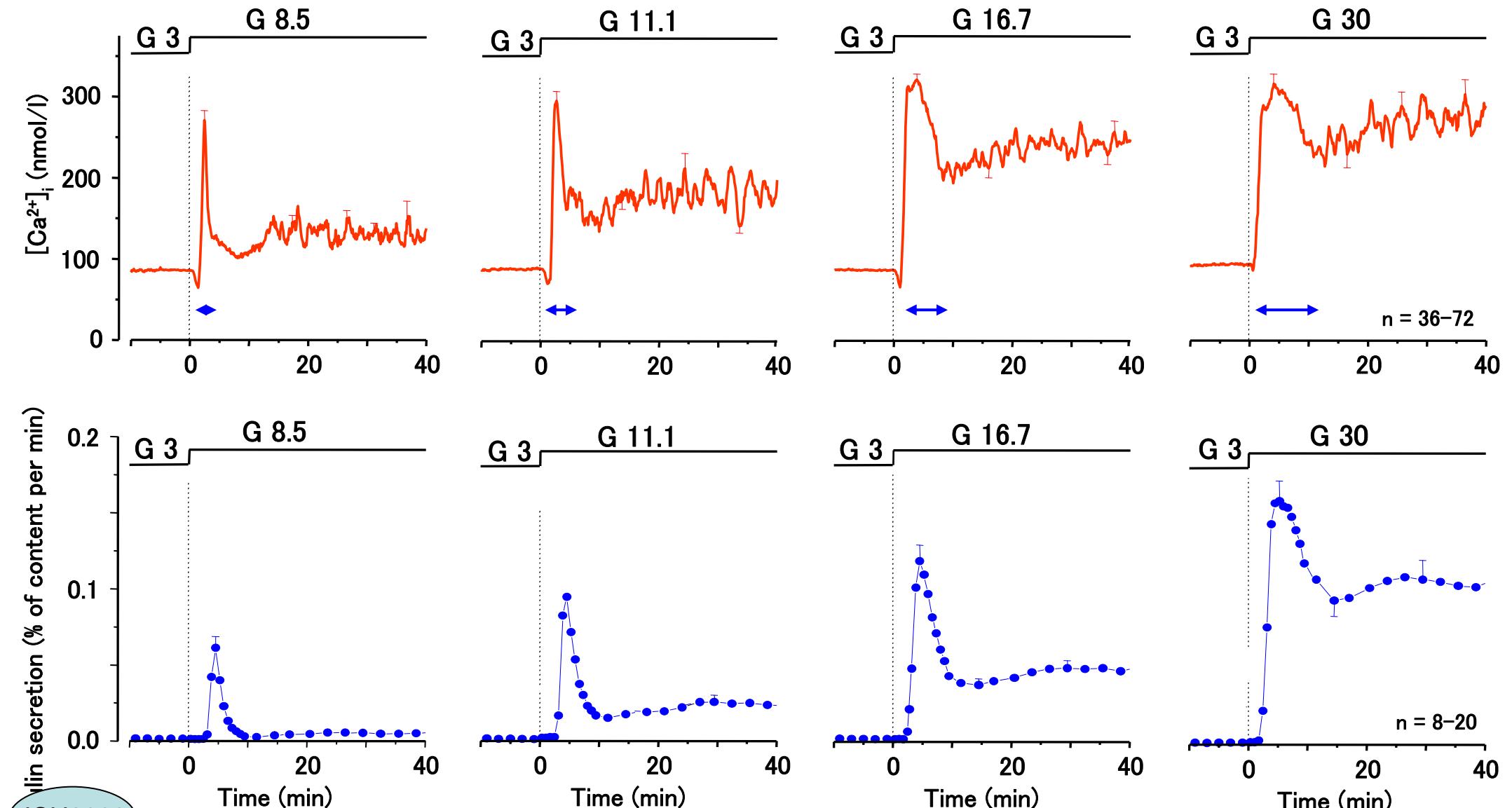
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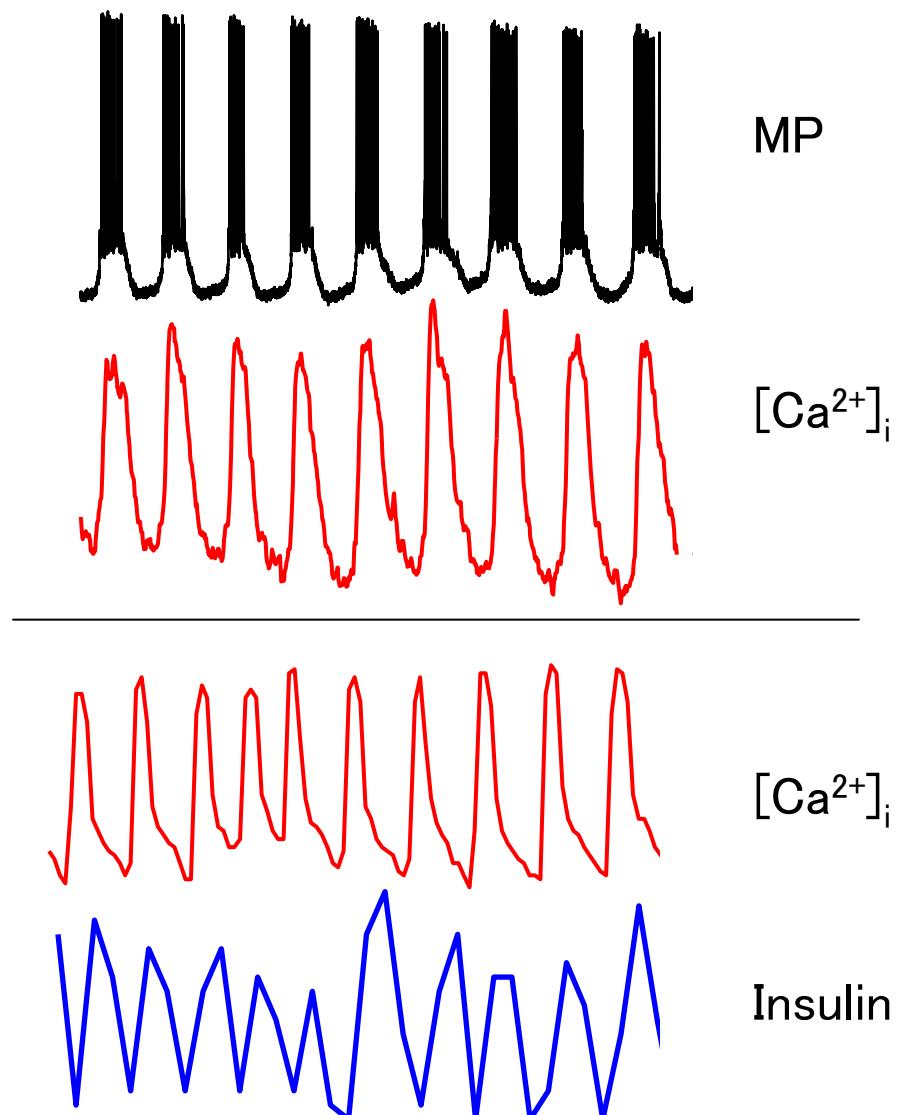
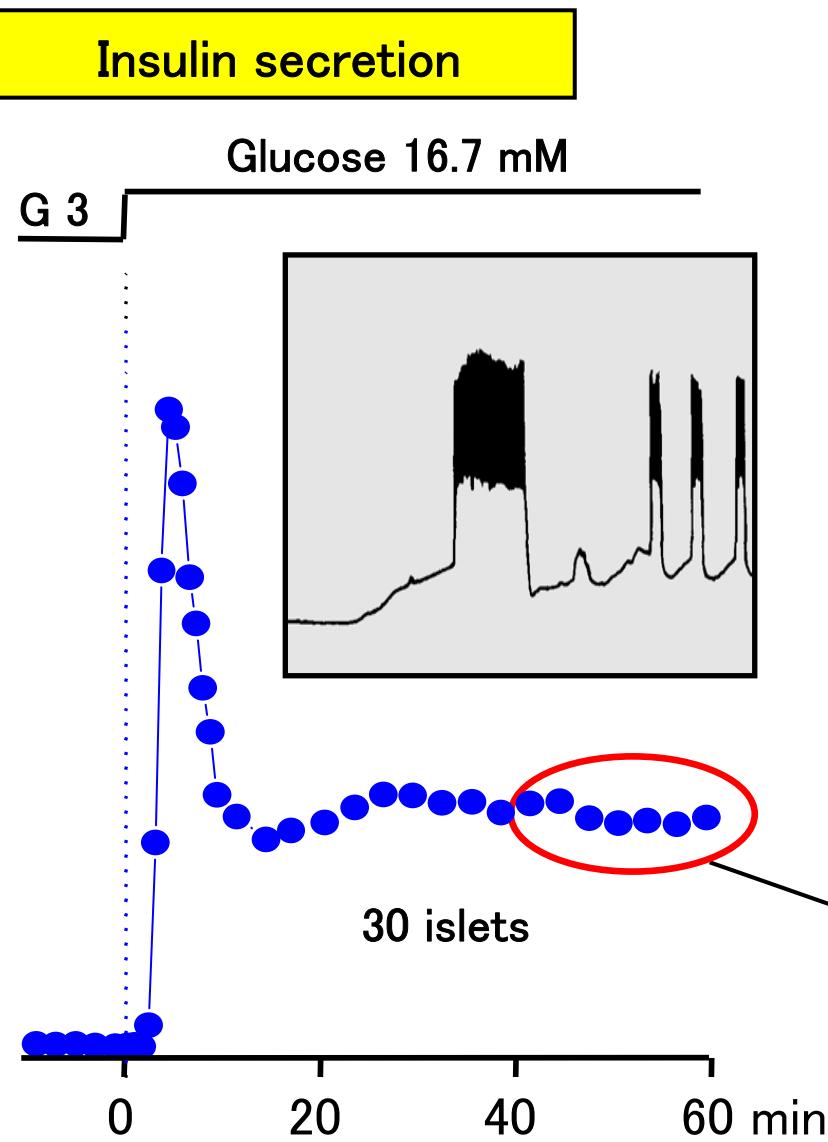
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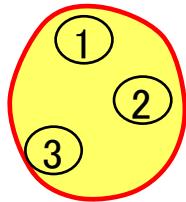
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Cytosolic  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  (nM)

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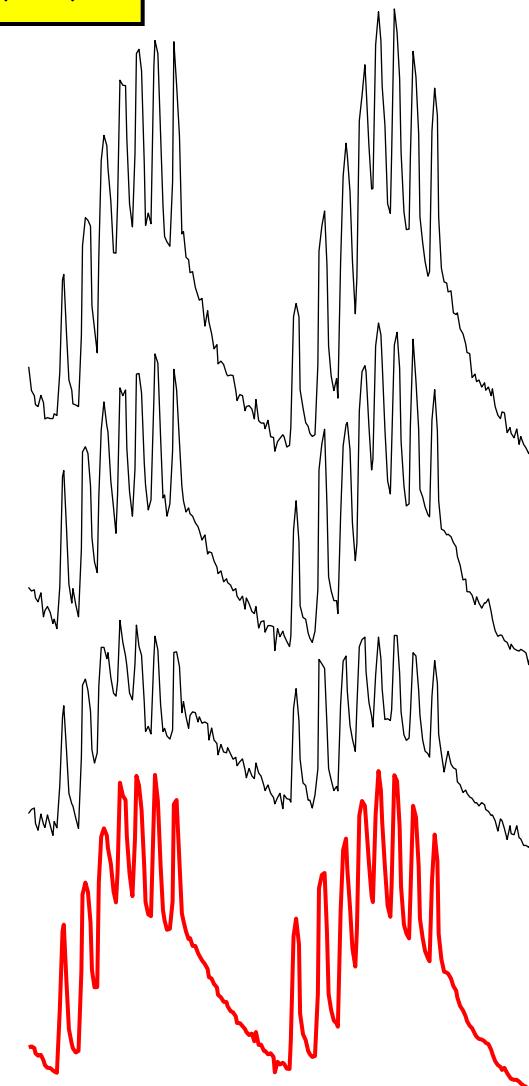


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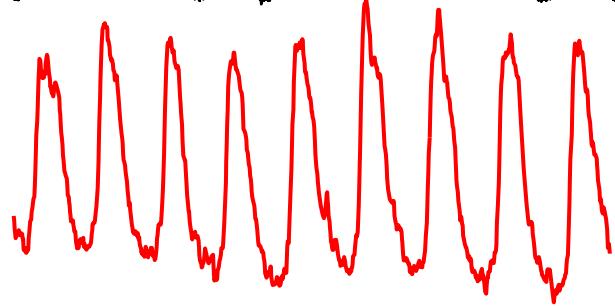
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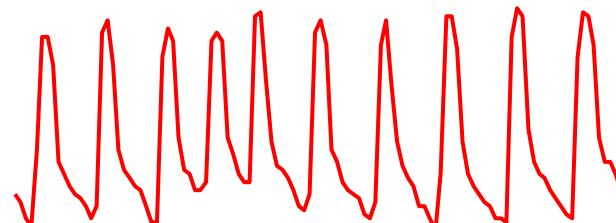
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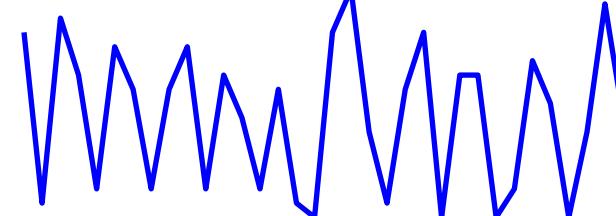
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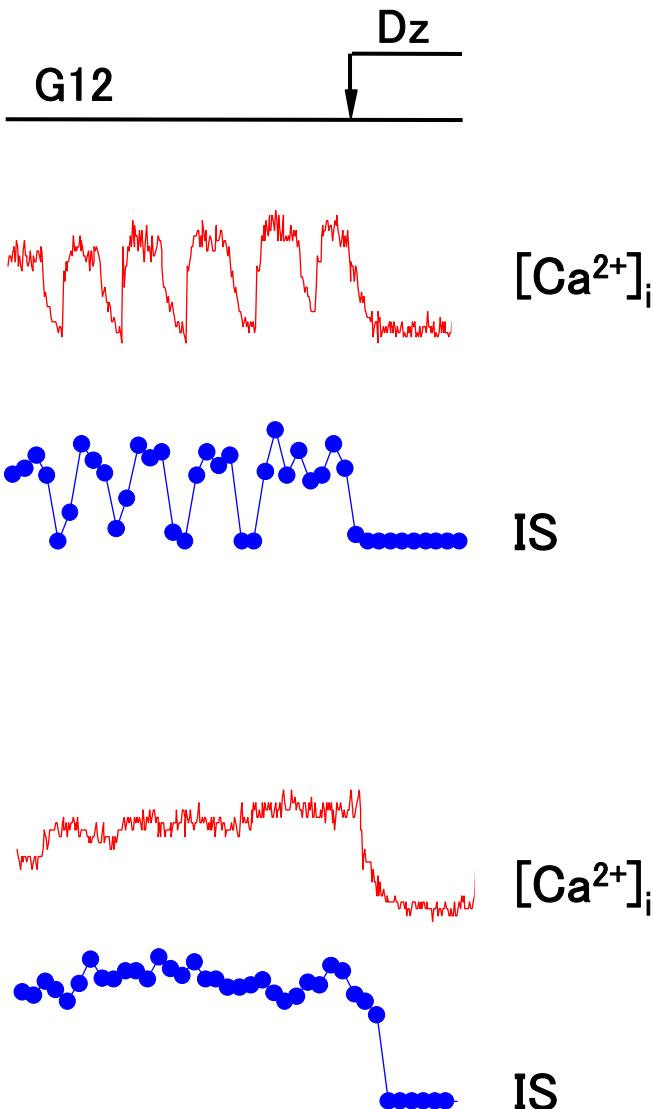
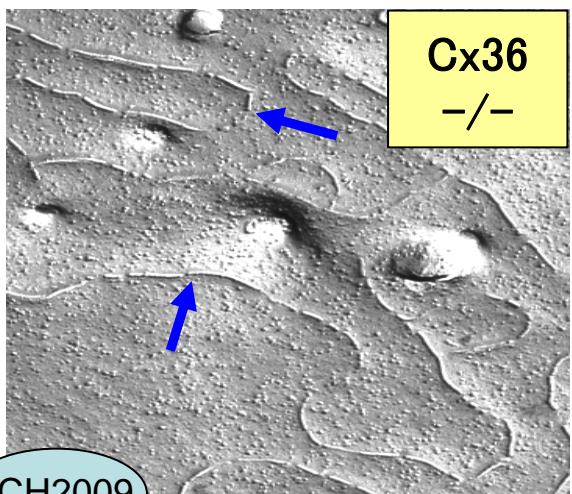
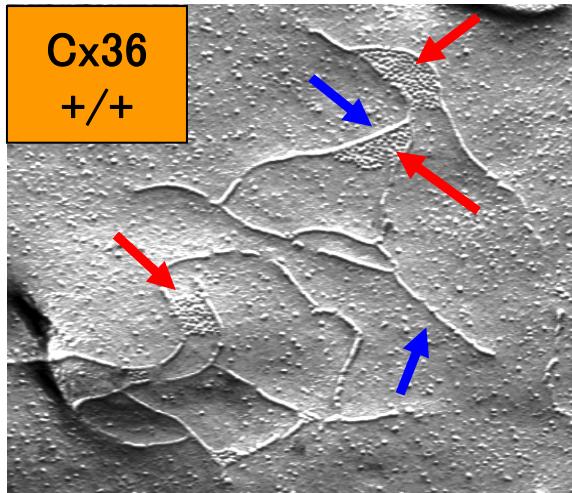
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Insulin

# Gap junctions and oscillations of insulin secretion

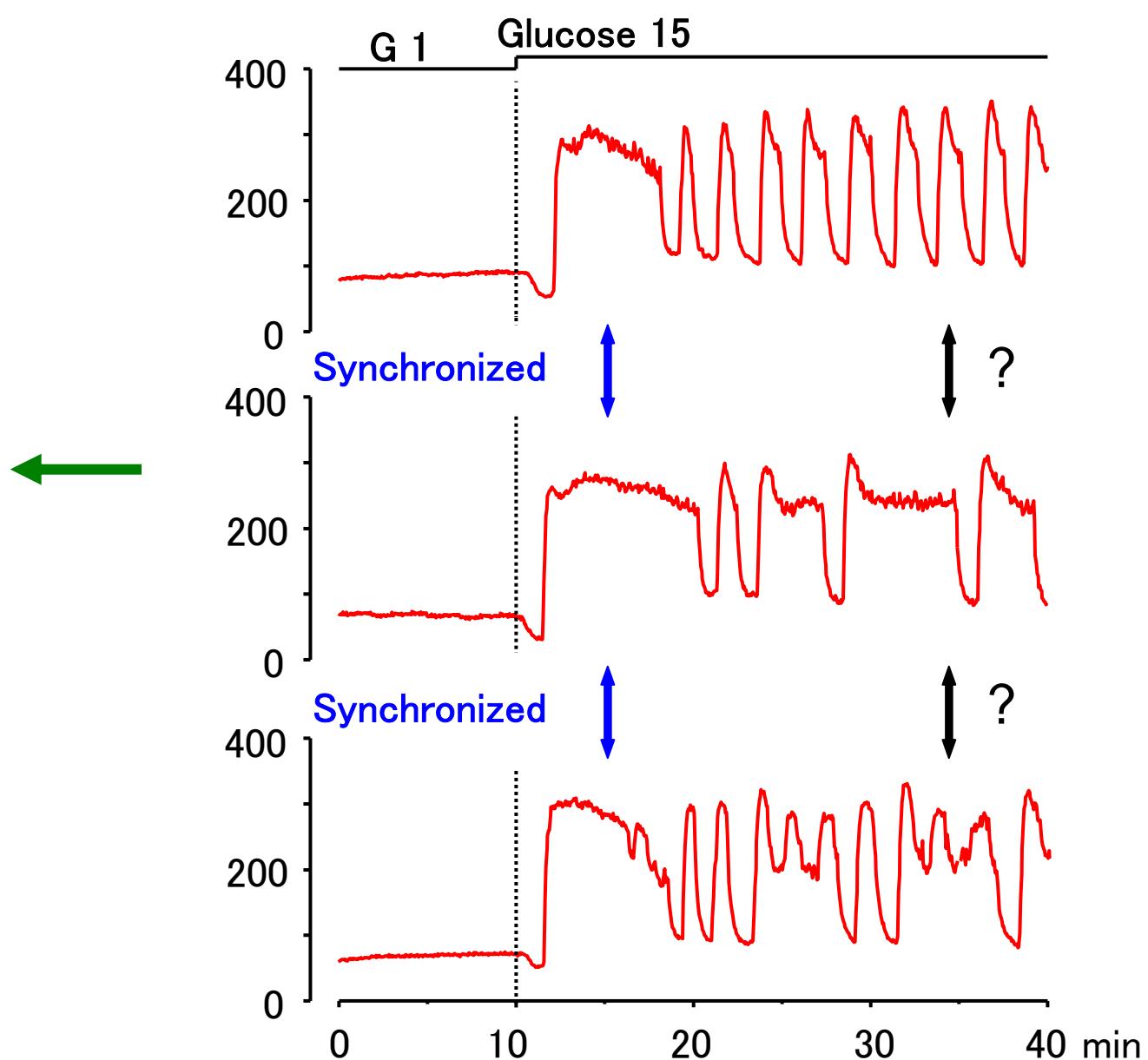
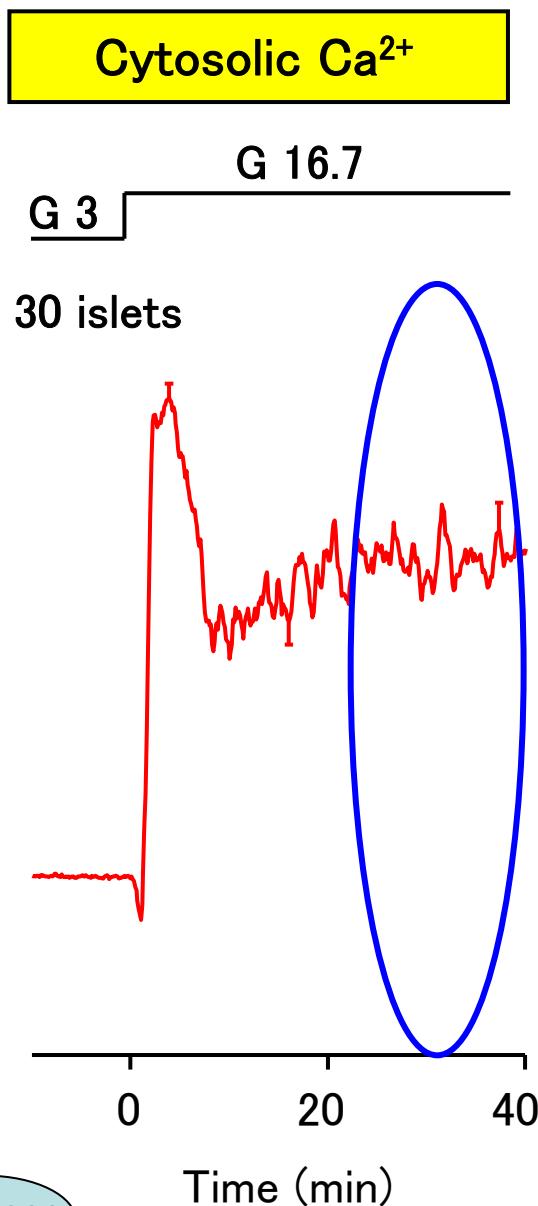
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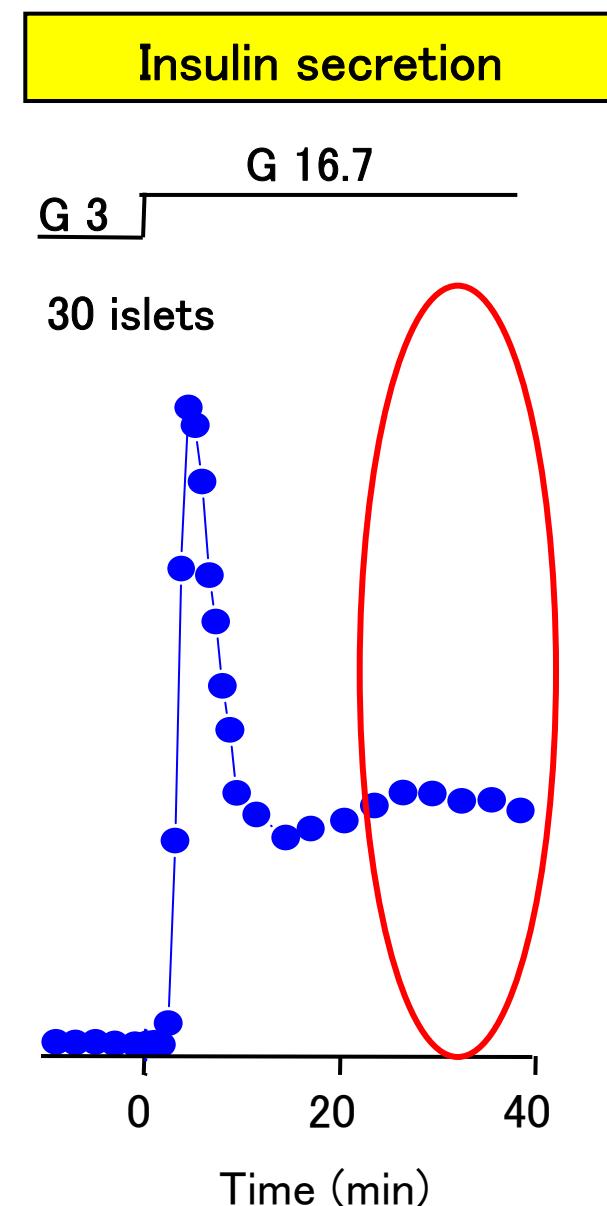
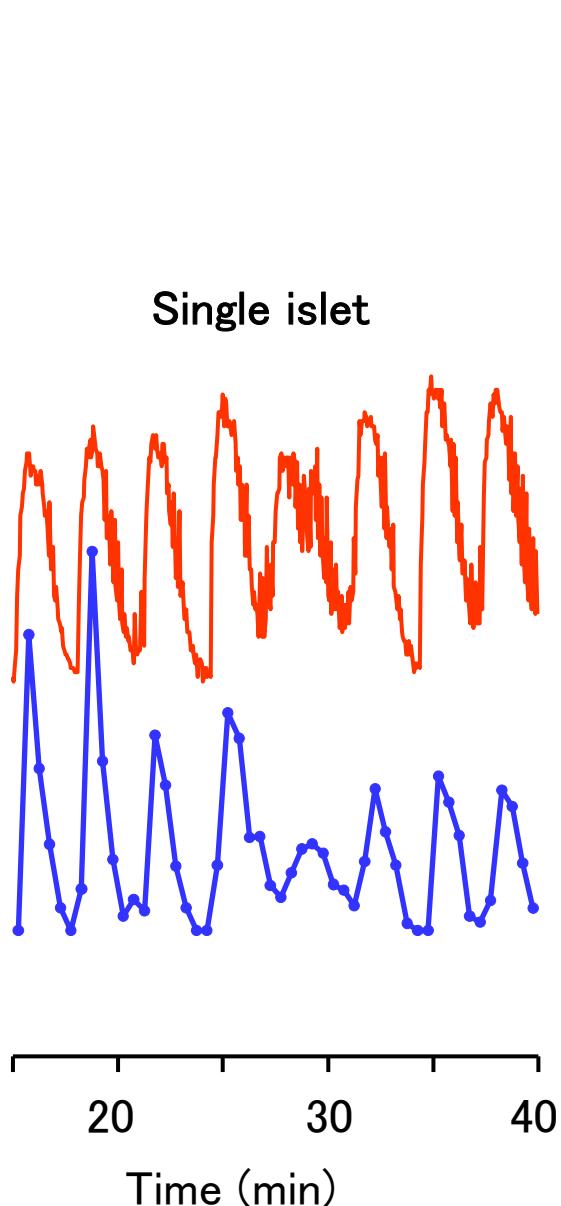
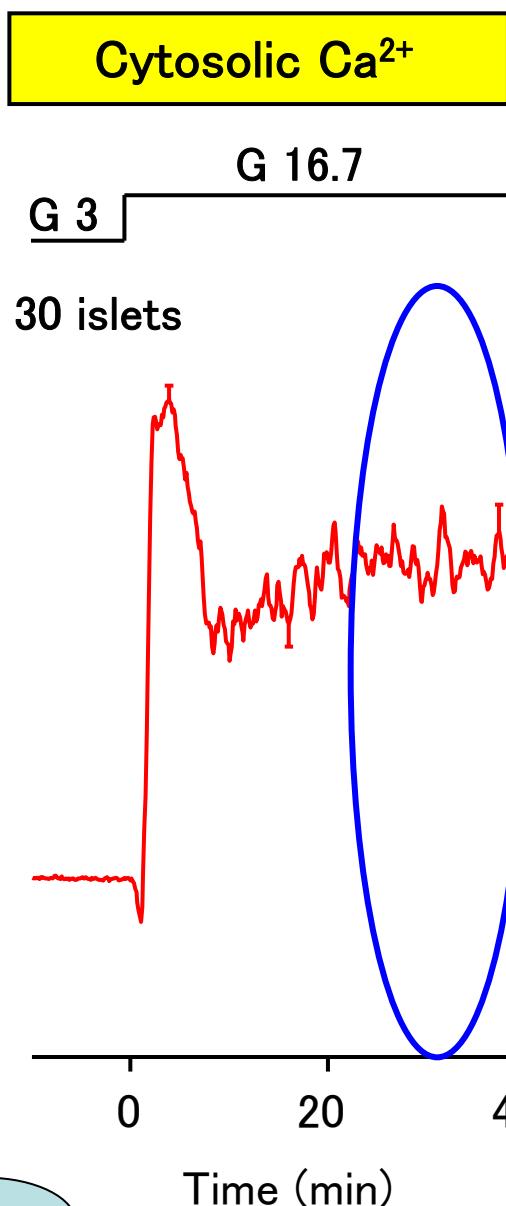
$\beta$ -cell synchronization is achieved by electrical coupling through gap-junctions made of Connexin-36

[Ca<sup>2+</sup>]<sub>c</sub> oscillations are necessary for pulsatility of insulin secretion (IS)

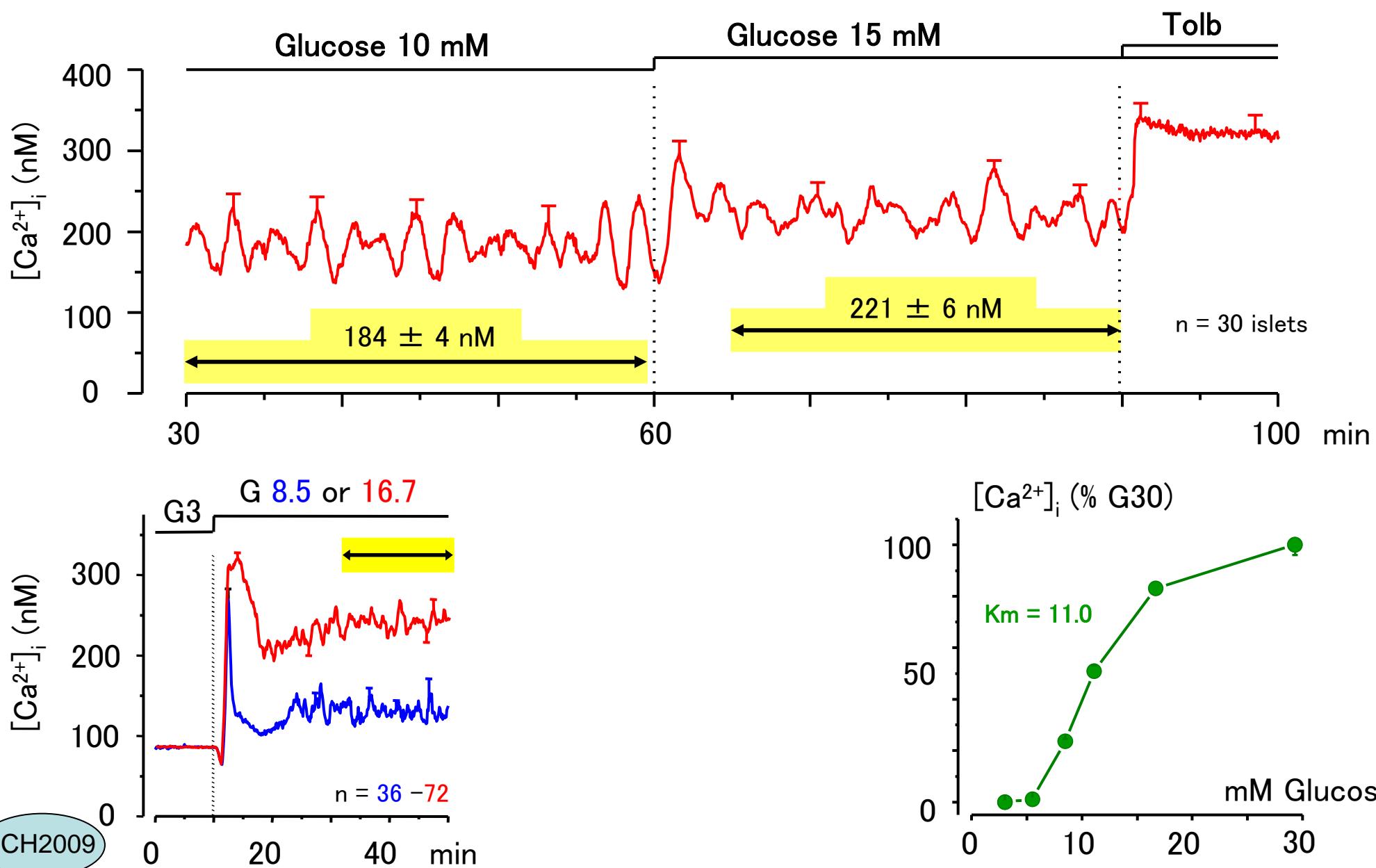
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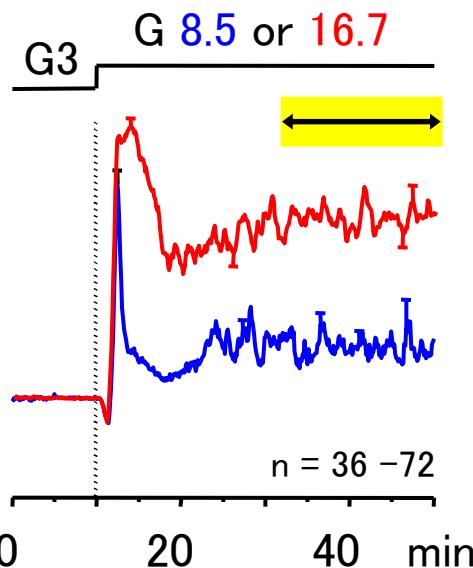
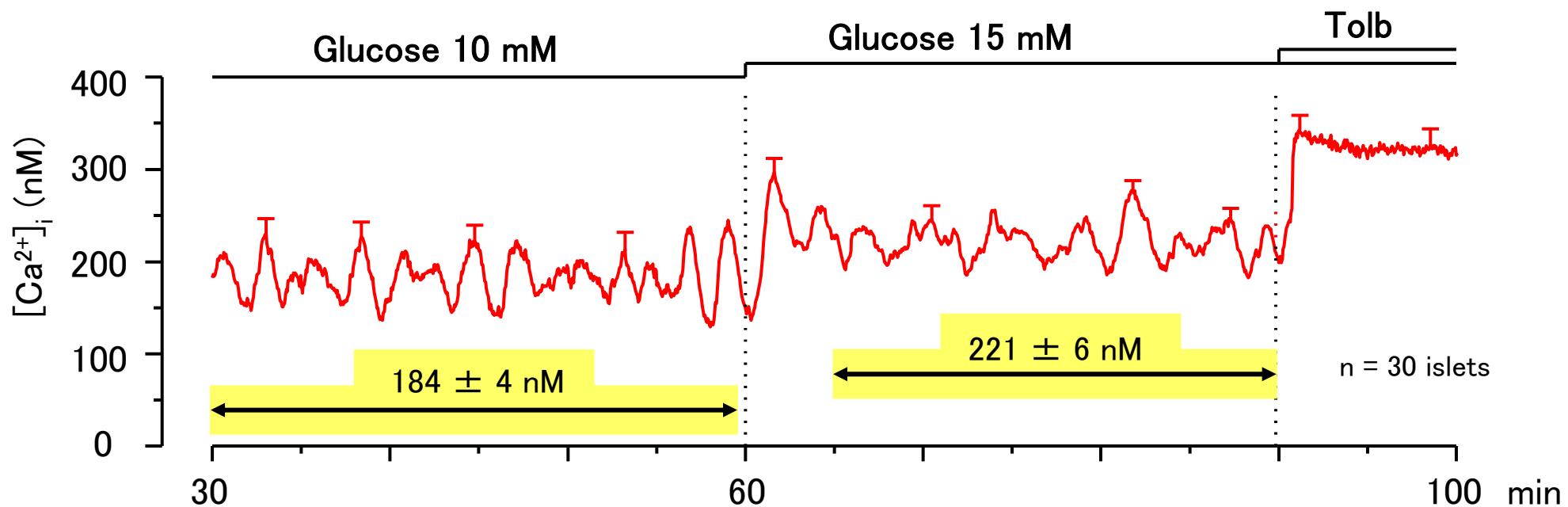
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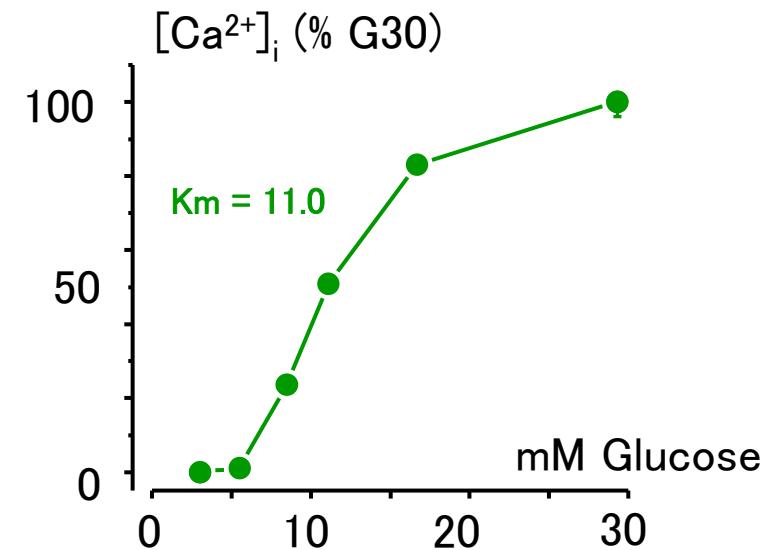
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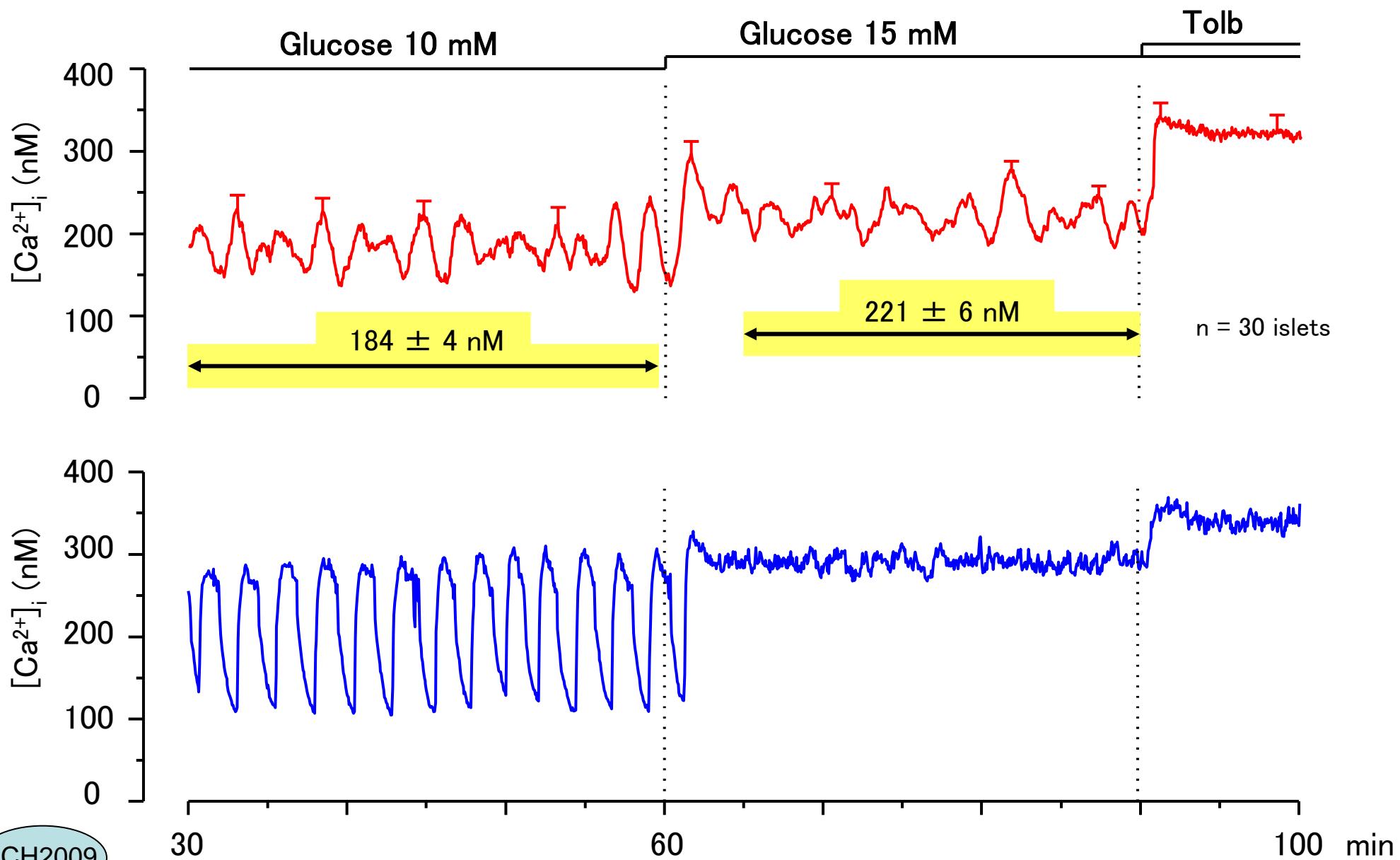
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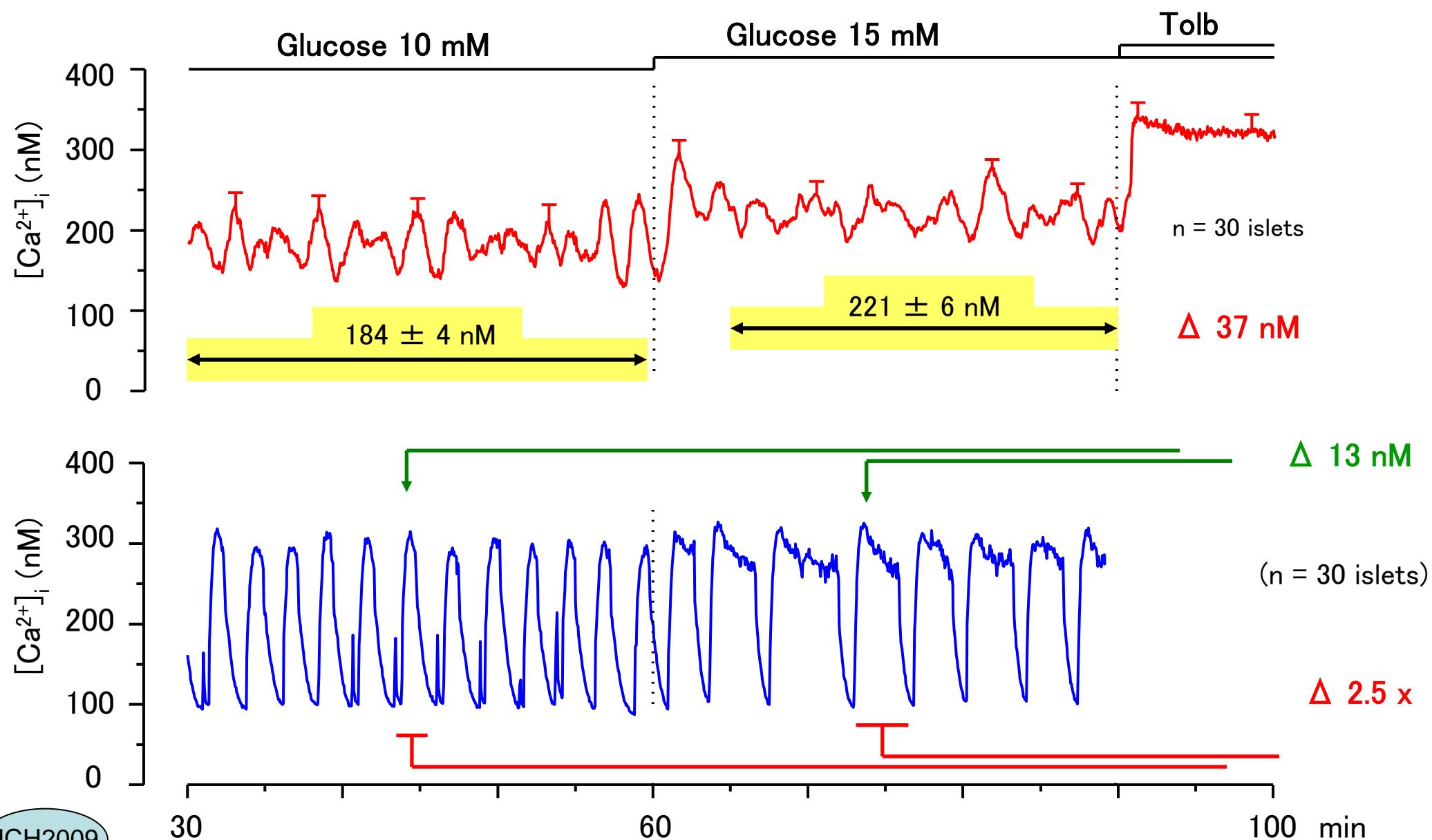
Amplitude modulation  
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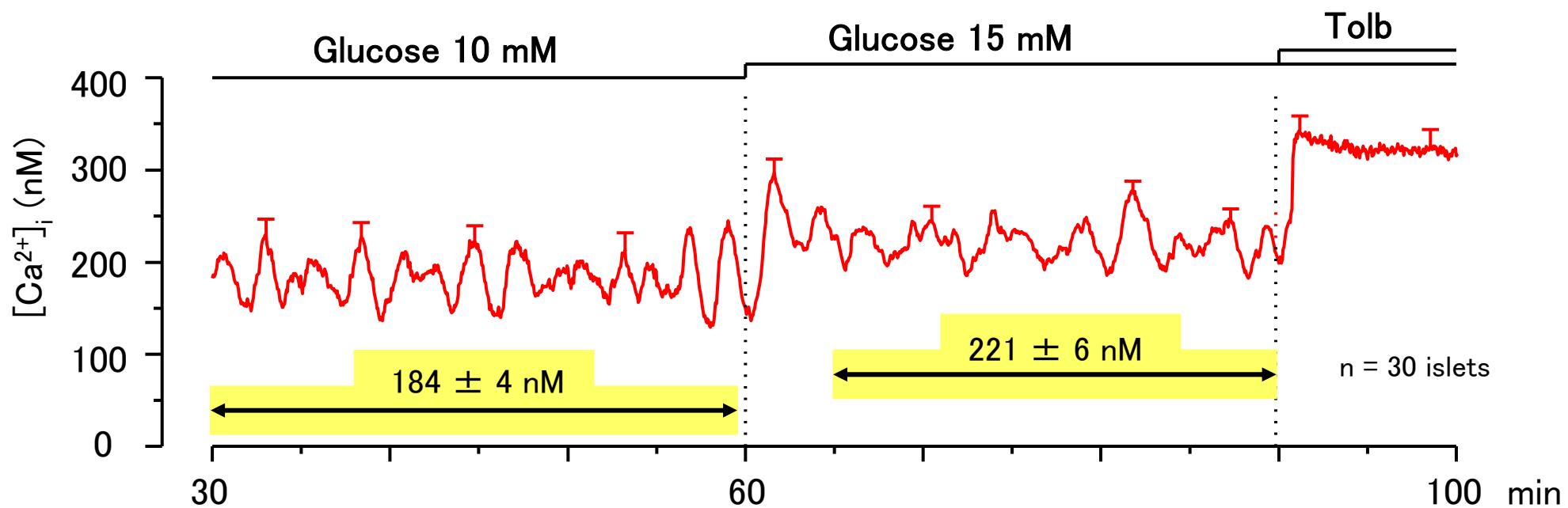
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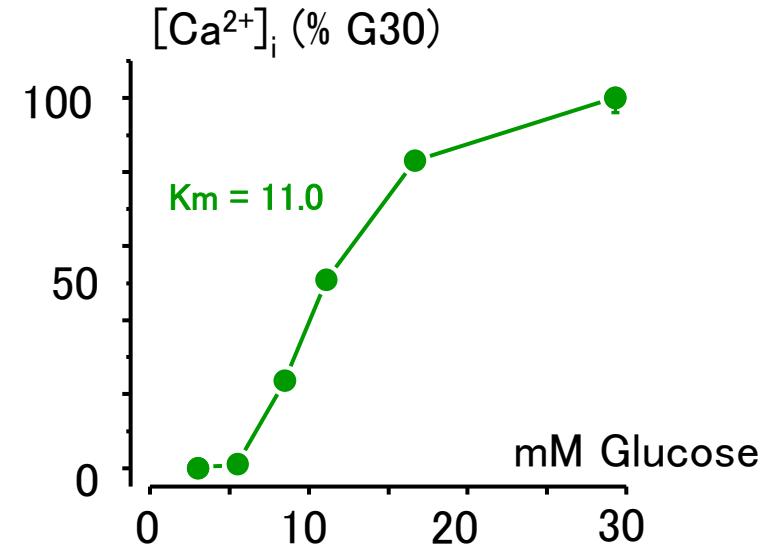


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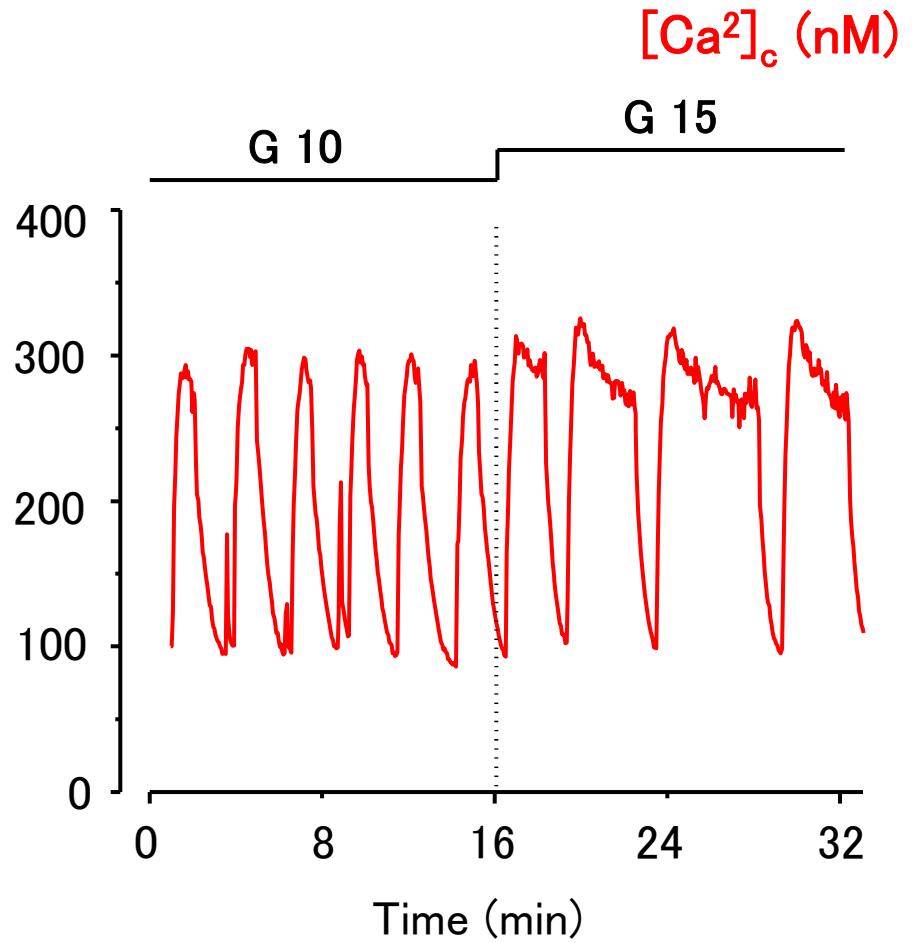
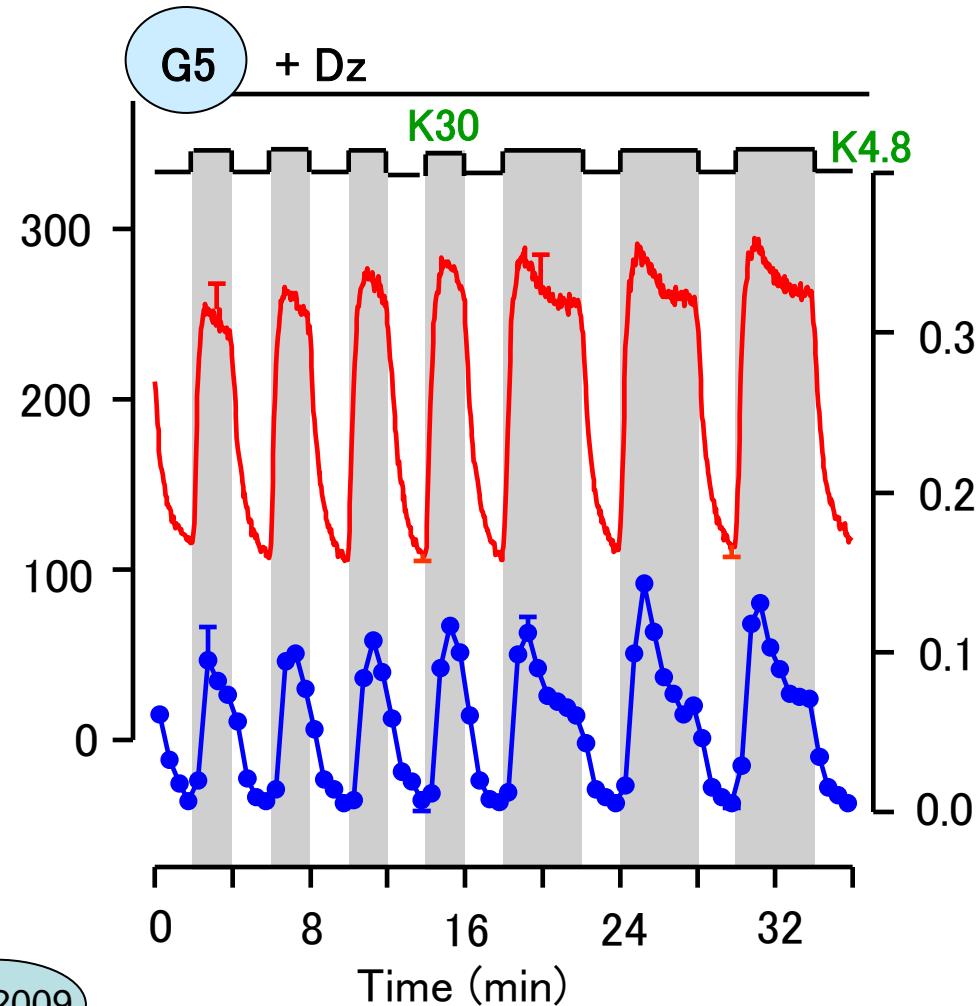
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**Subtle interaction of  
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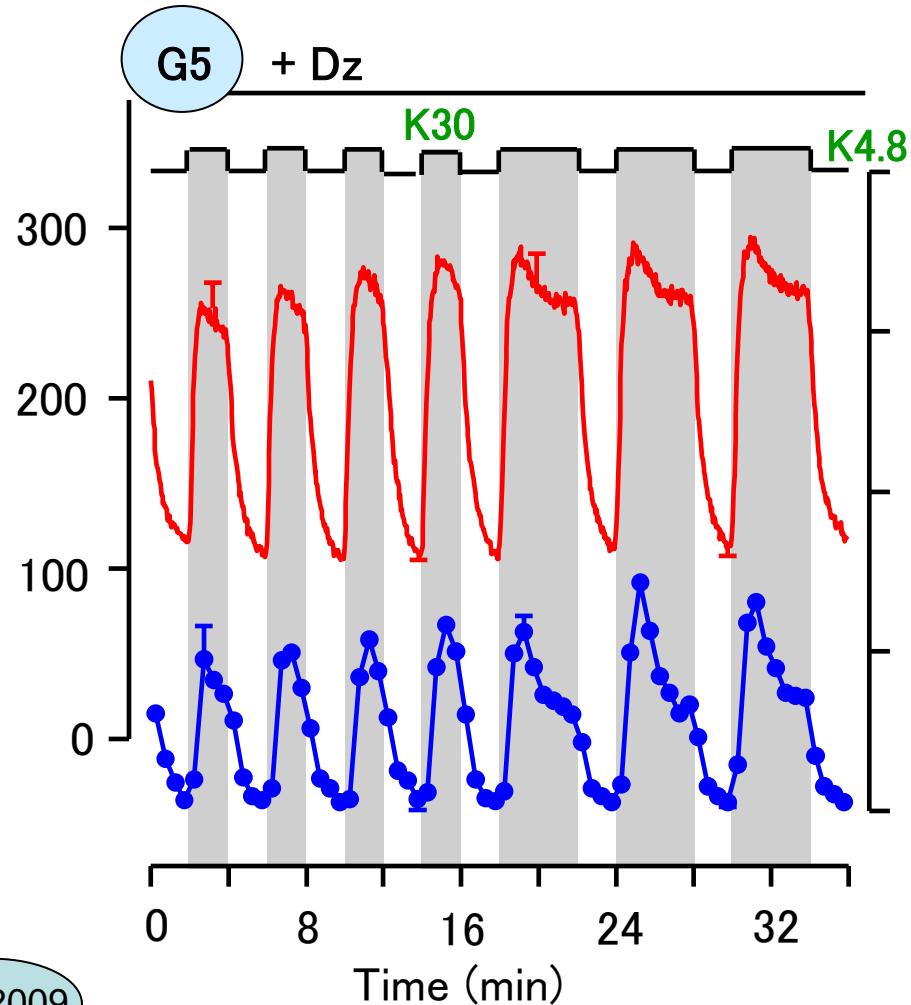
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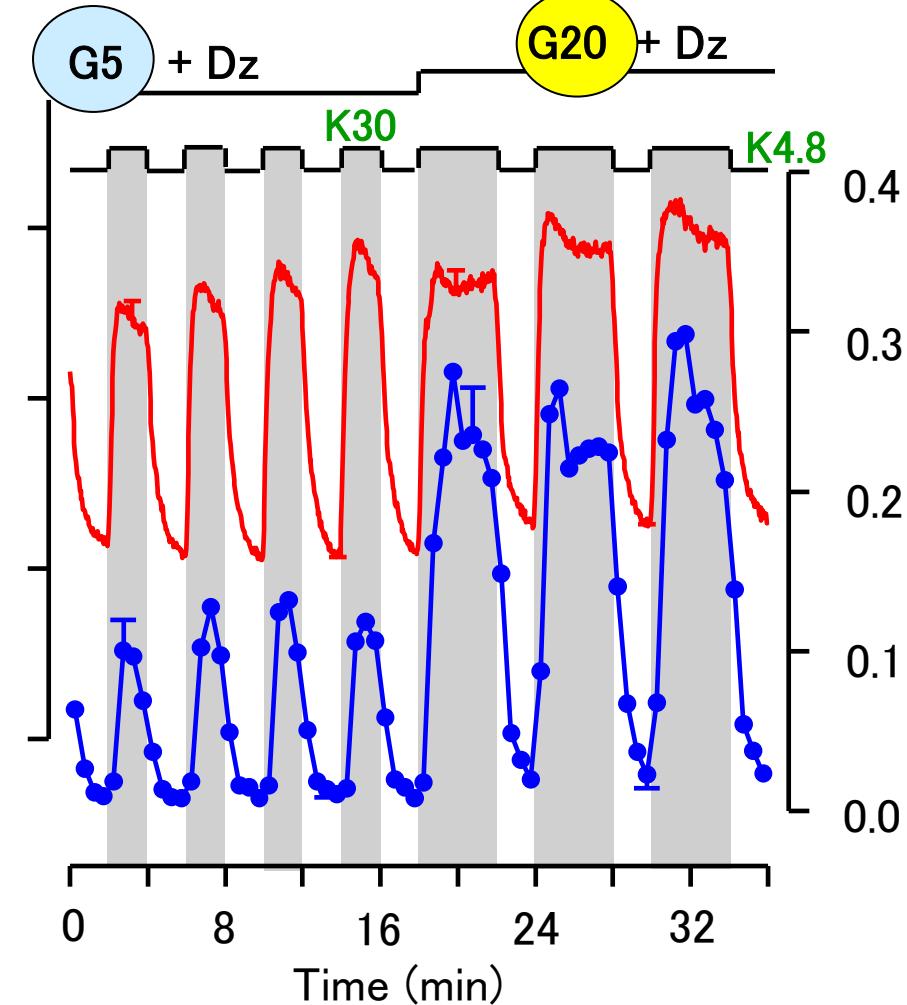


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Sulfonylureas

Triggering pathway

K<sup>+</sup>

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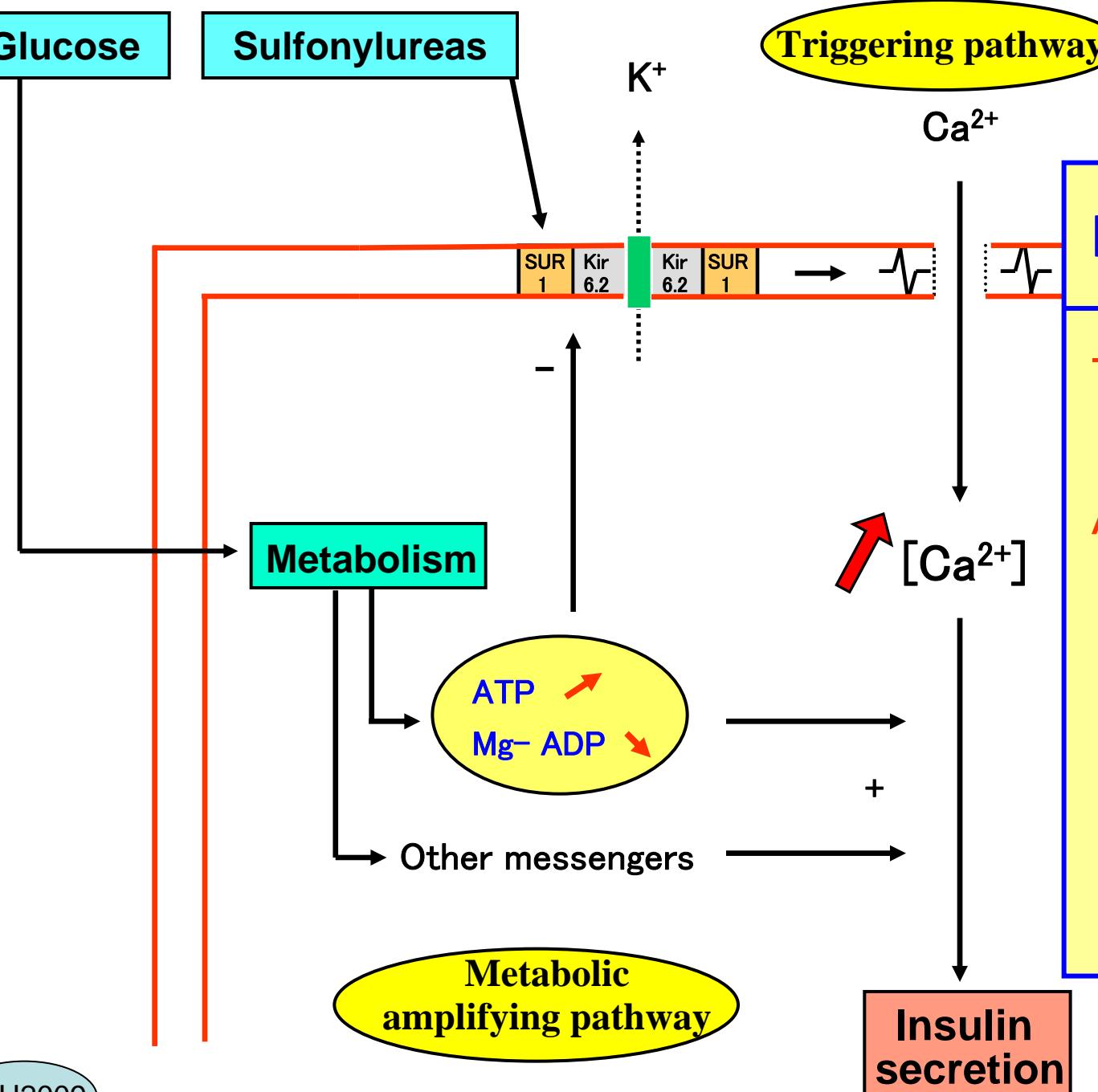
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> 50%

ATP  
Mg- ADP

Other messengers

Insulin secretion

Metabolic amplifying pathway

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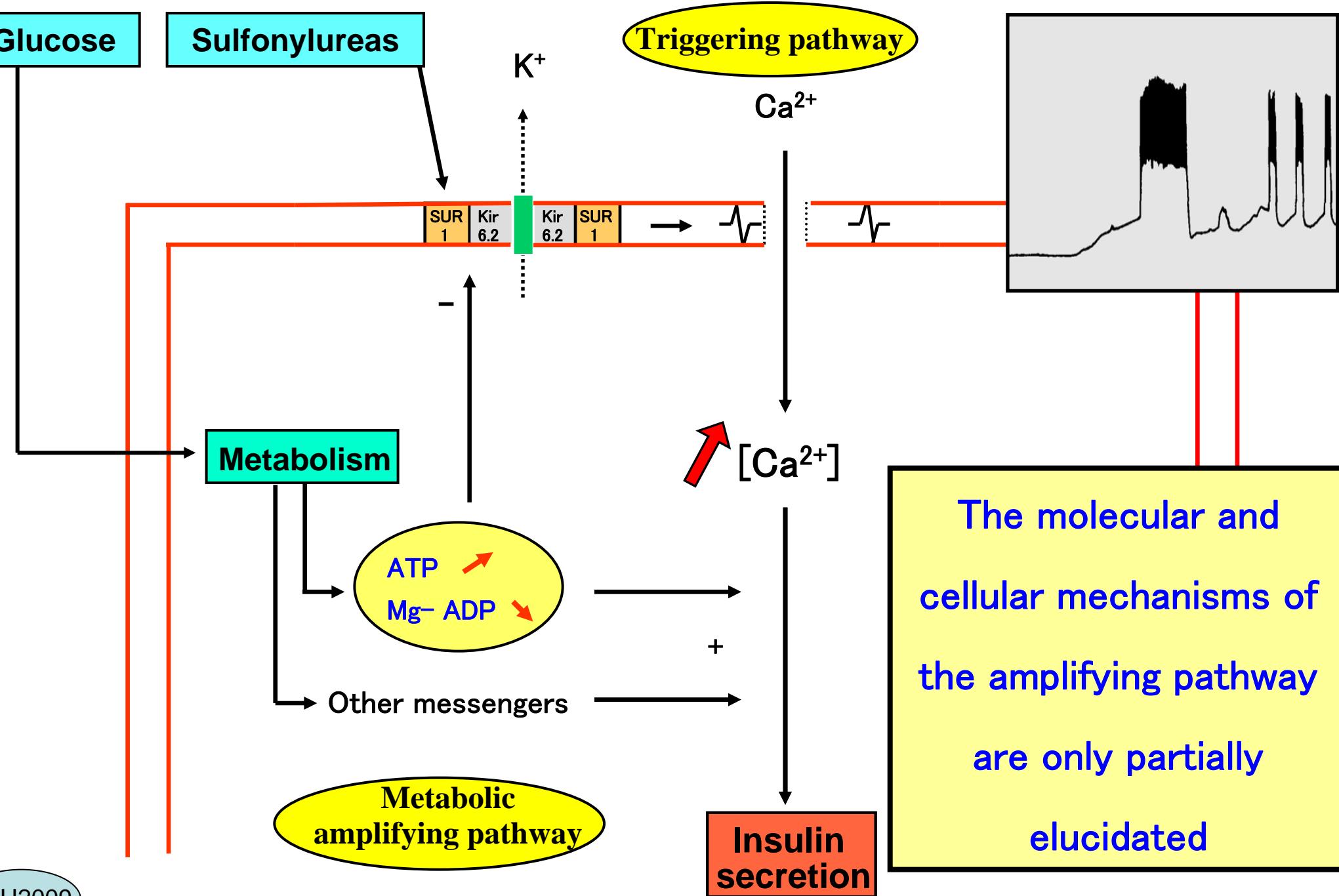
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Indisputable  
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Metabolism

[Ca<sup>2+</sup>]

ATP ↗  
Mg- ADP ↘

Other messengers

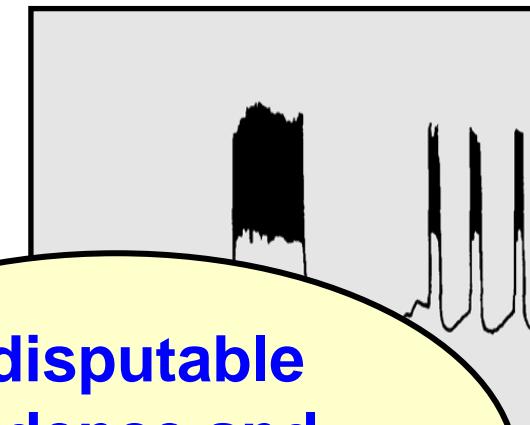
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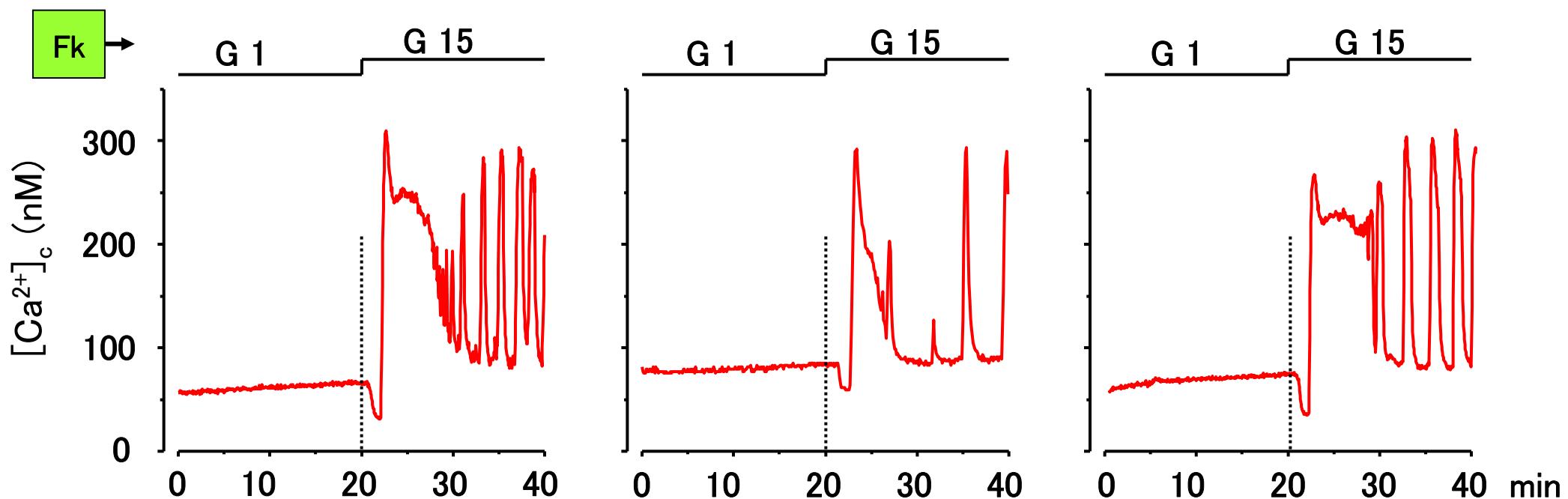
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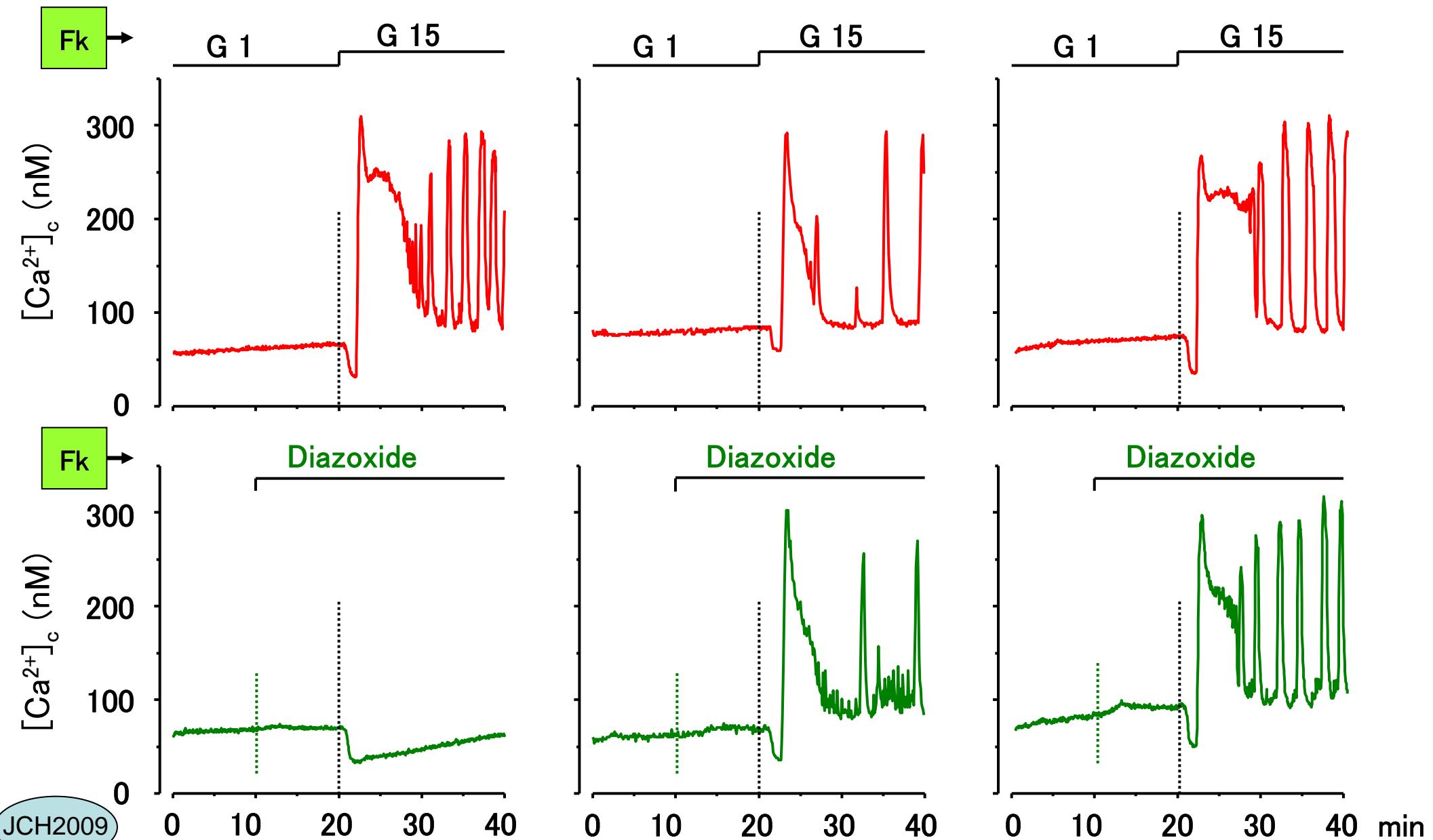
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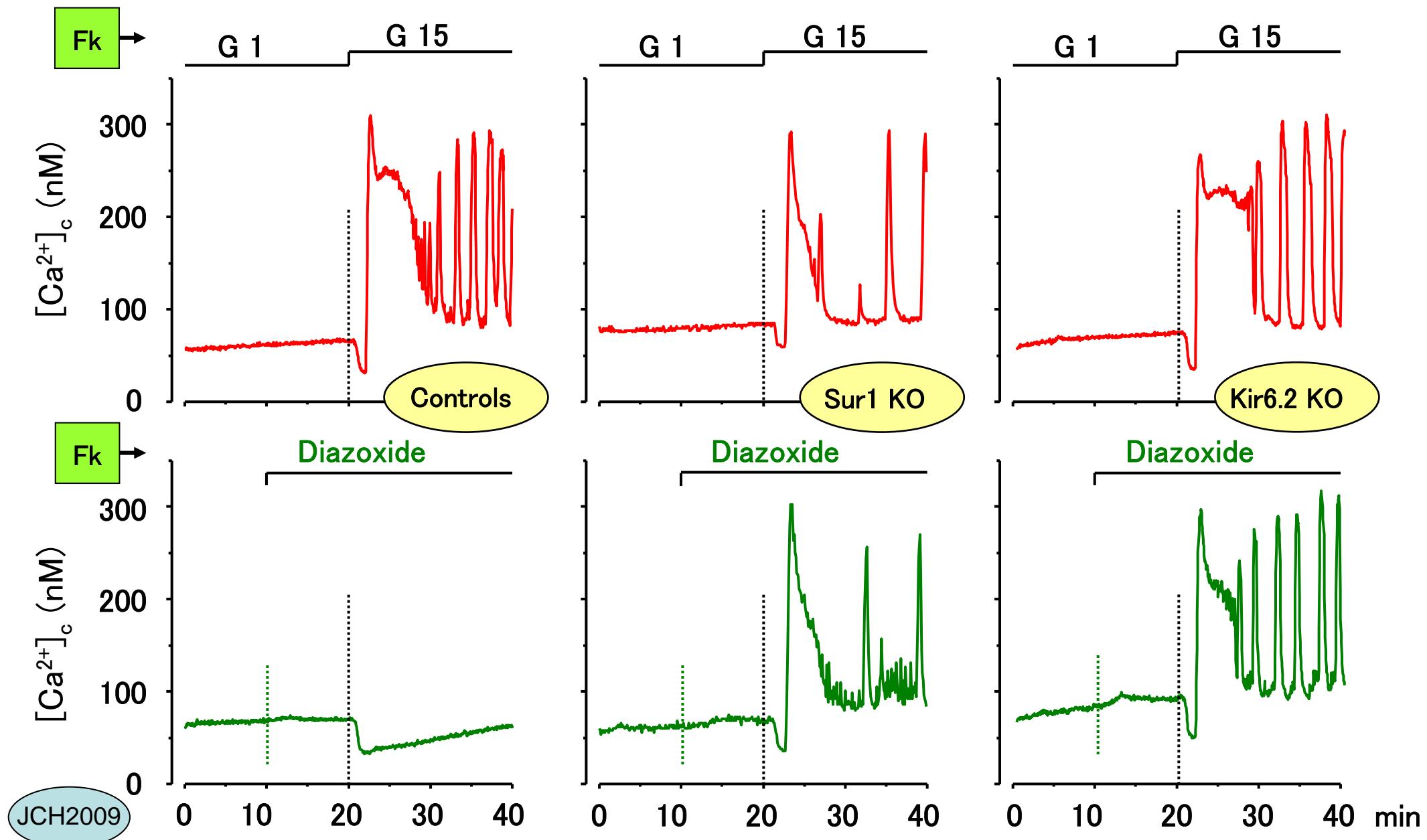
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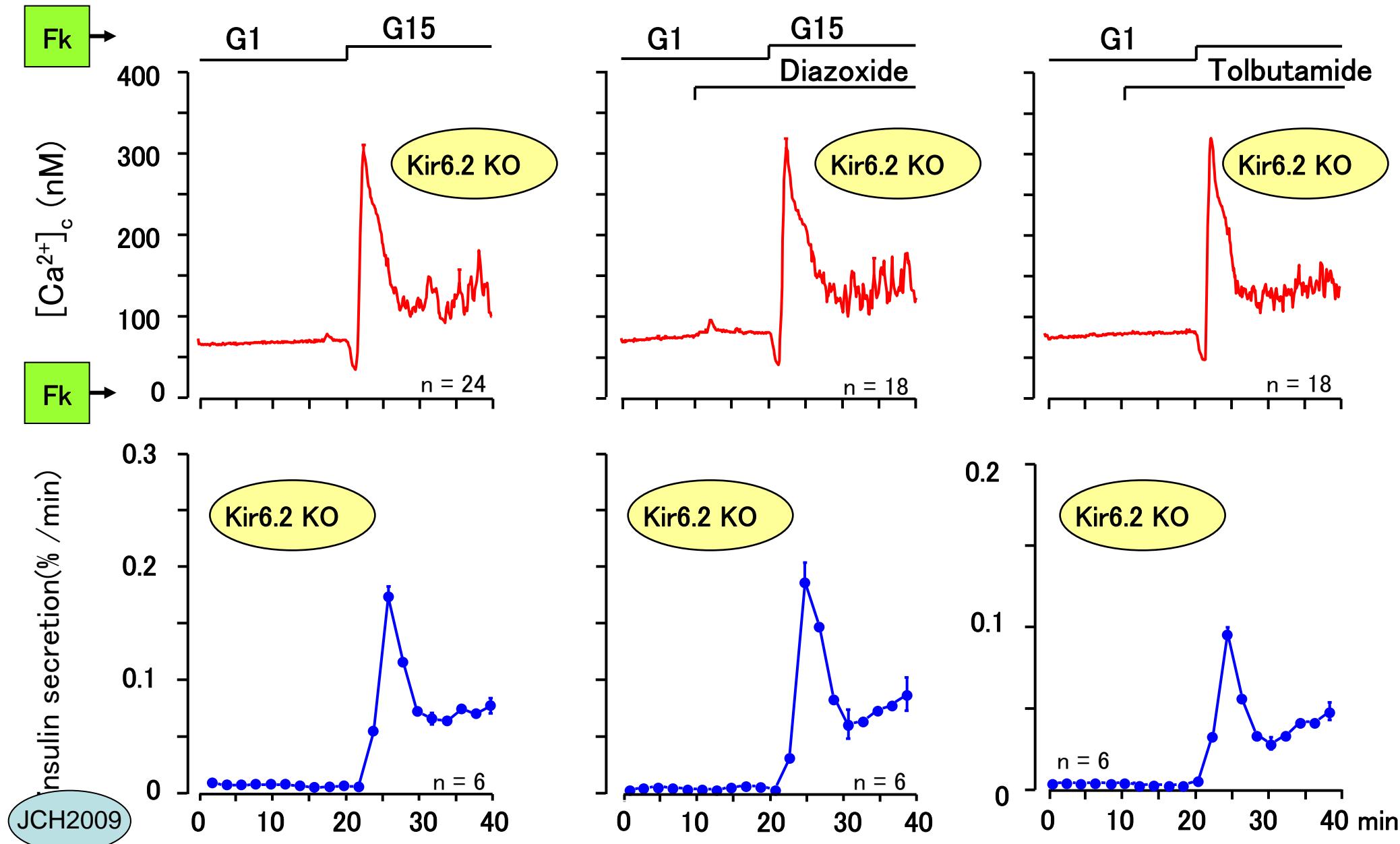
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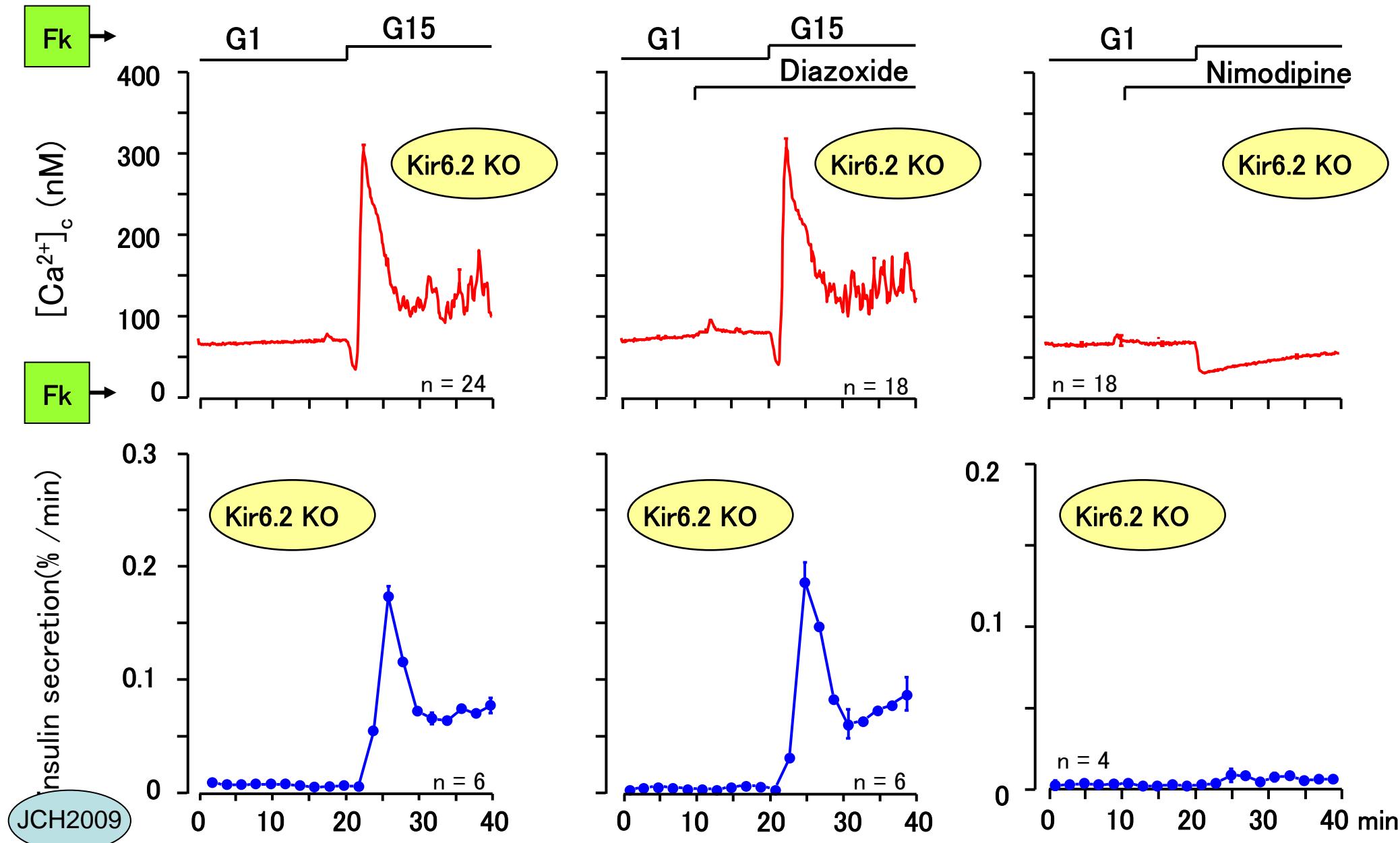
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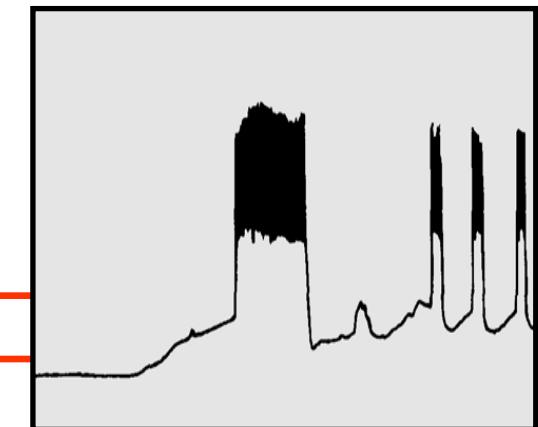
Metabolism

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Other messengers

Metabolic amplifying pathway

Insulin secretion

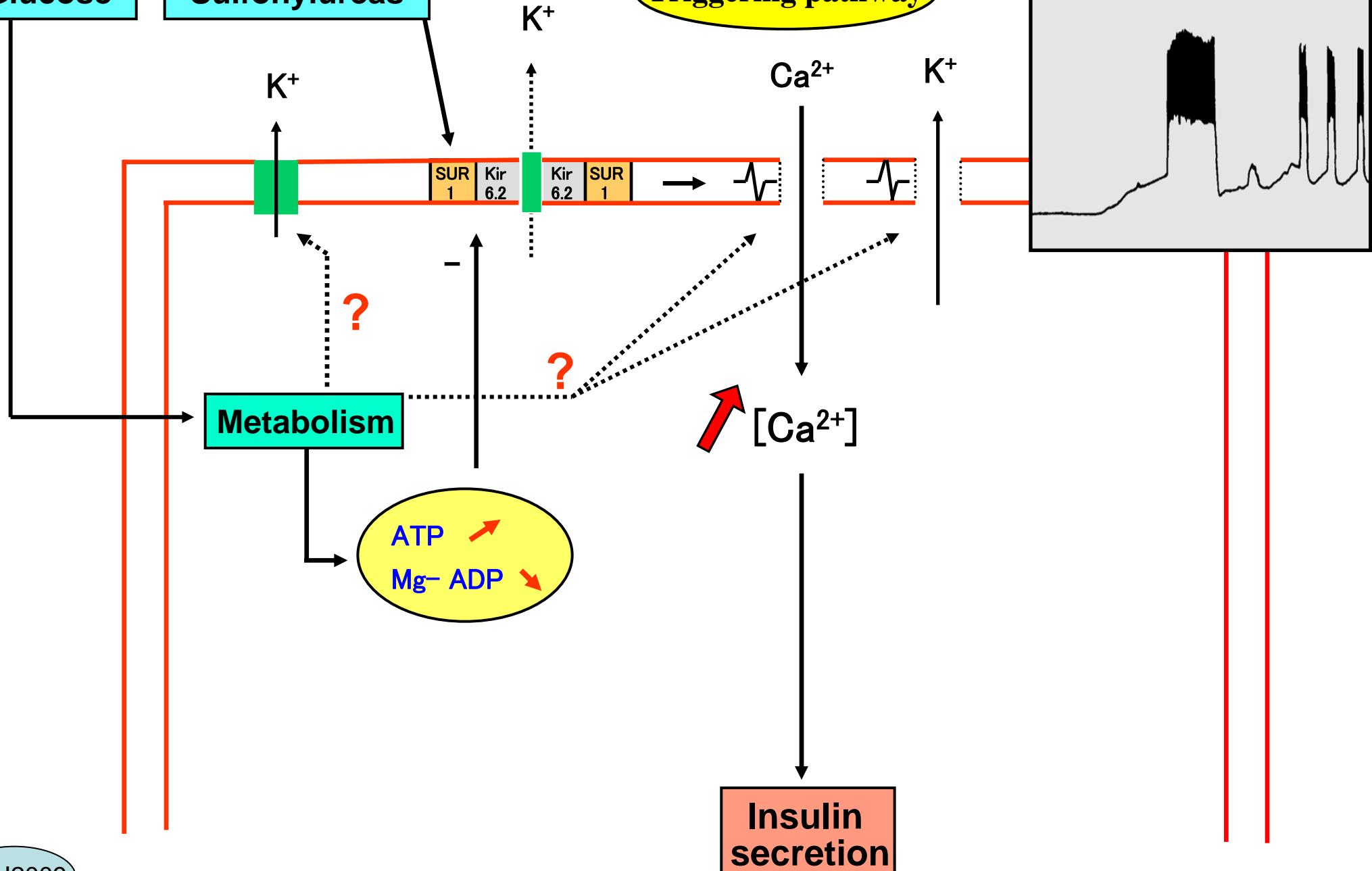


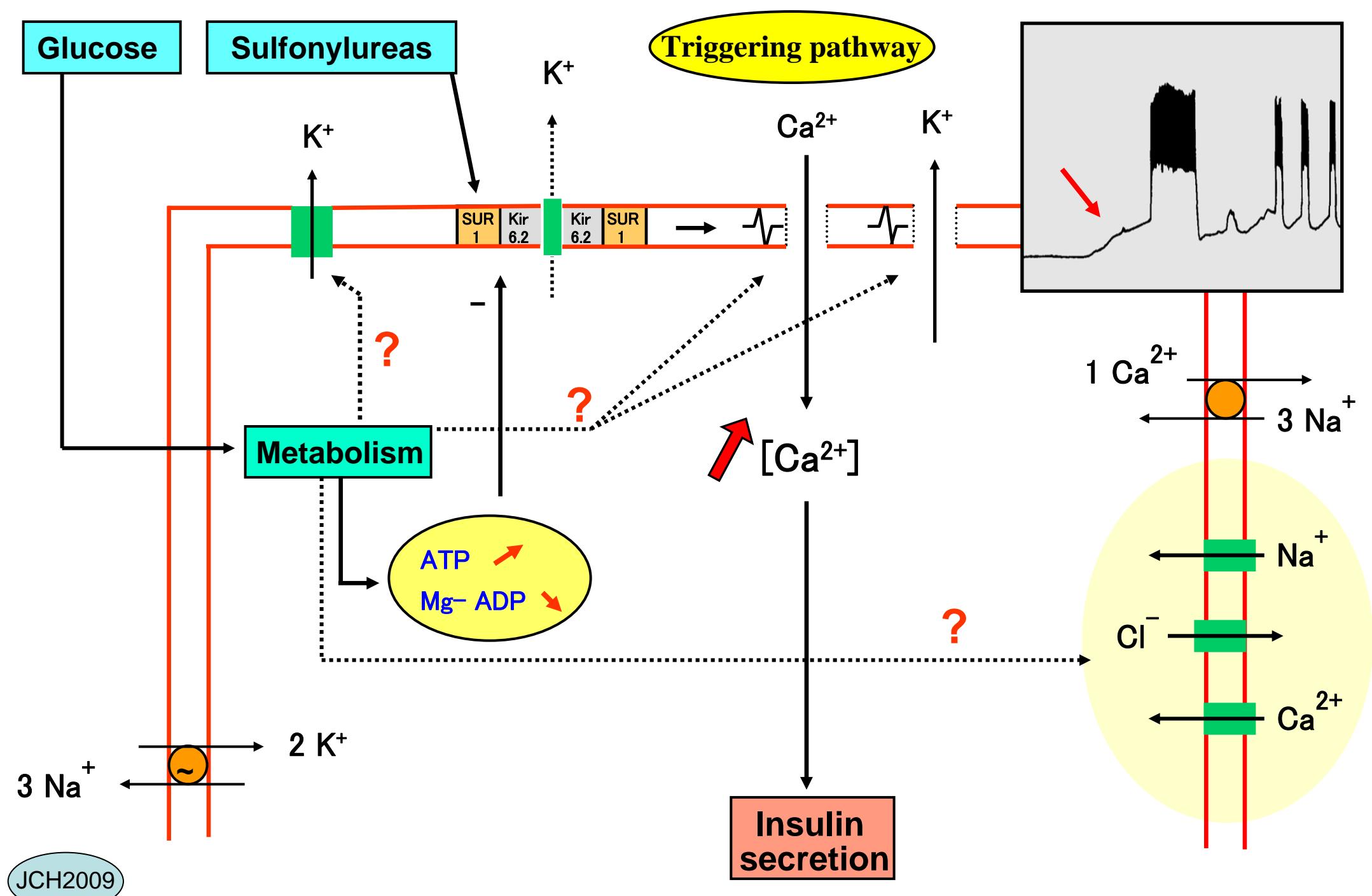
K<sub>ATP</sub> channels are not  
the only possible  
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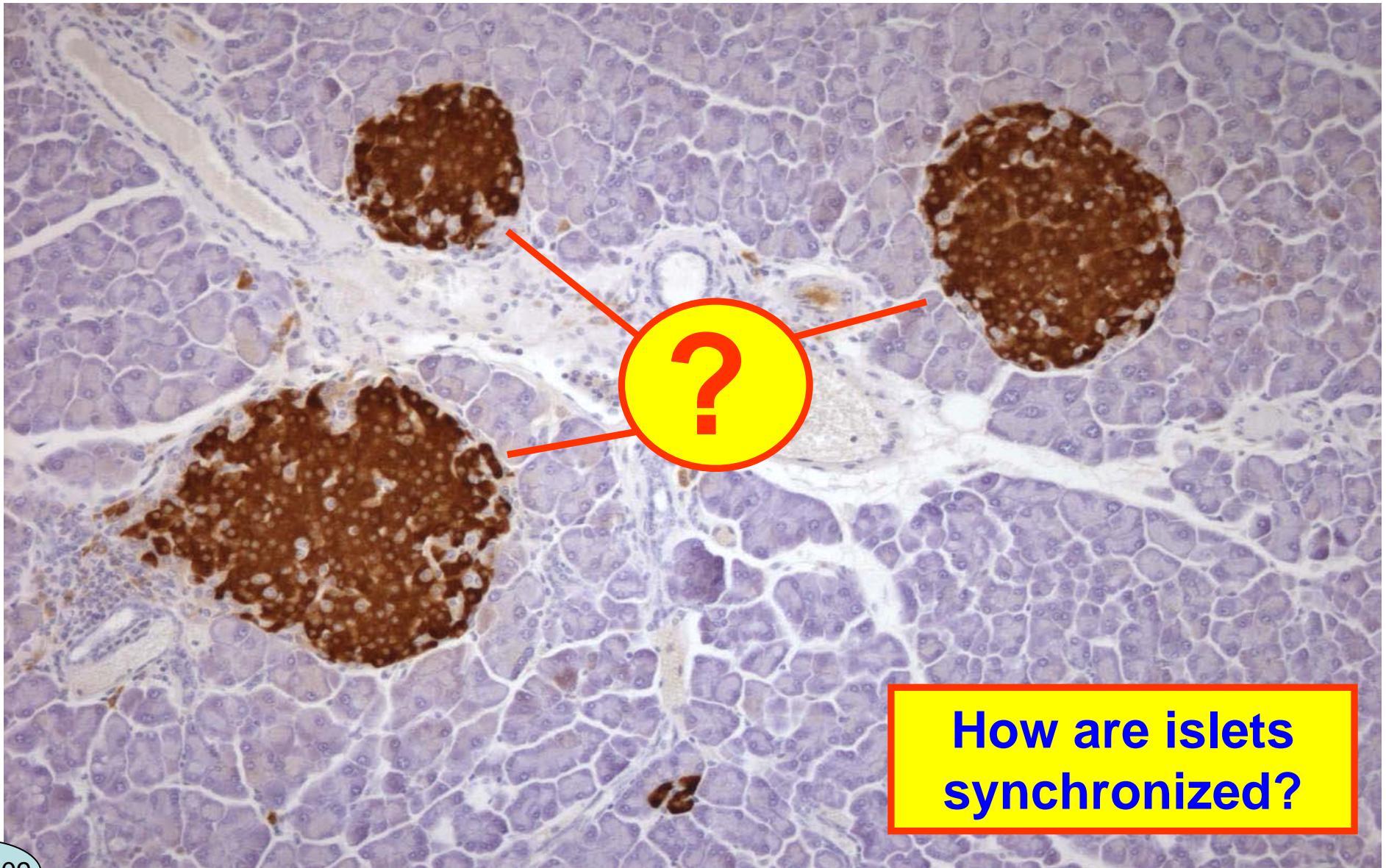
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# Pulsatility of Insulin Secretion



How are islets  
synchronized?

