

Critical role of Znhit1 for post-natal heart function and vacuolar cardiomyopathy

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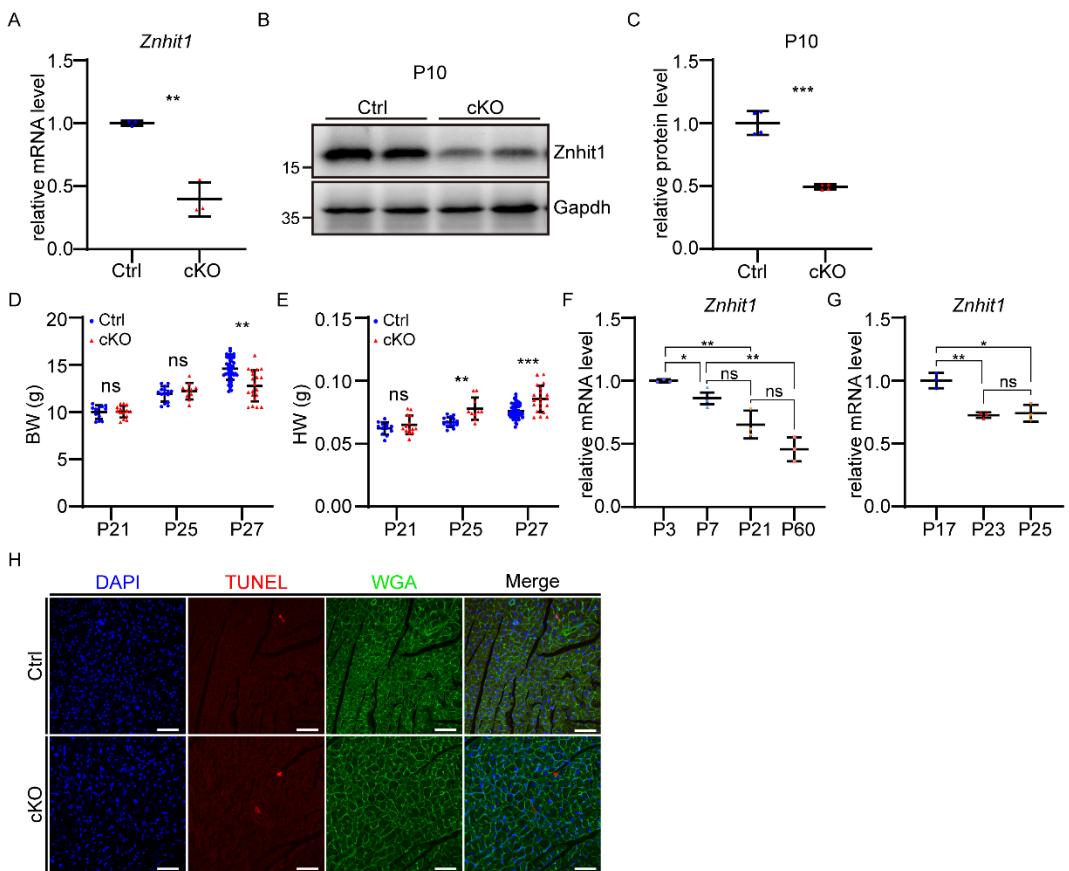


Figure S1. Conditional knockout of *Znhit1* in postnatal mouse heart.

(A) Expression level of *Znhit1* mRNA in control (Ctrl) and *Znhit1* conditional KO (cKO) hearts at P10. N=3 for each group. **(B and C)** Western blotting and quantitative analysis of *Znhit1* protein level in Ctrl and cKO hearts at P10. Gapdh was used as loading control. **(D and E)** Body weight and heart weight of mice at P21, P25 and P27. Ctrl, P21 (n=13); P25 (n=15); P27 (n=52). cKO, P21 (n=14); P25 (n=10); P27 (n=20). **(F and G)** mRNA expression patterns of *Znhit1* in postnatal mouse hearts. N=3 for each group. **(F)** P3 to P60 and **(G)** 17 to P25. **(H)** Representative TUNEL staining at P25 and P27. Scale bar, 50 μ m. Control (Ctrl) mice were *Znhit1*^{fff} or ^{f/+} littermates. Data are presented as mean \pm SD. ns (not significant), * p < 0.05, ** p < 0.01, and *** p < 0.001 by unpaired two-tailed Student's t-test.

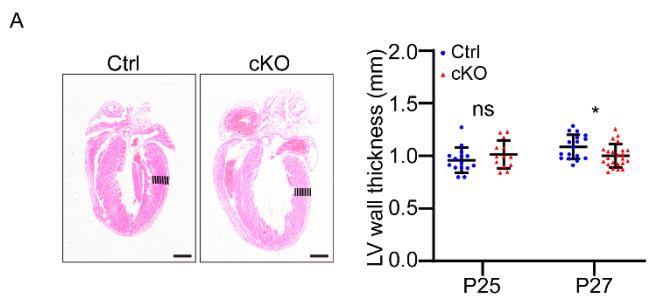


Figure S2. Histological analysis of the left ventricular wall thickness.

(A) The left panel shows histological study of the heart and the right panel shows quantitative analysis of the thickness of the left ventricular wall. Ctrl, P25 (n=15); P27 (n=13). cKO, P25 (n=17); P27 (n=23). Control (Ctrl) mice were *Znhit1* *ff* or *f/+* littermates. Data are presented as mean±SD. ns (not significant) and **p* < 0.01 by unpaired two-tailed Student's t-test.

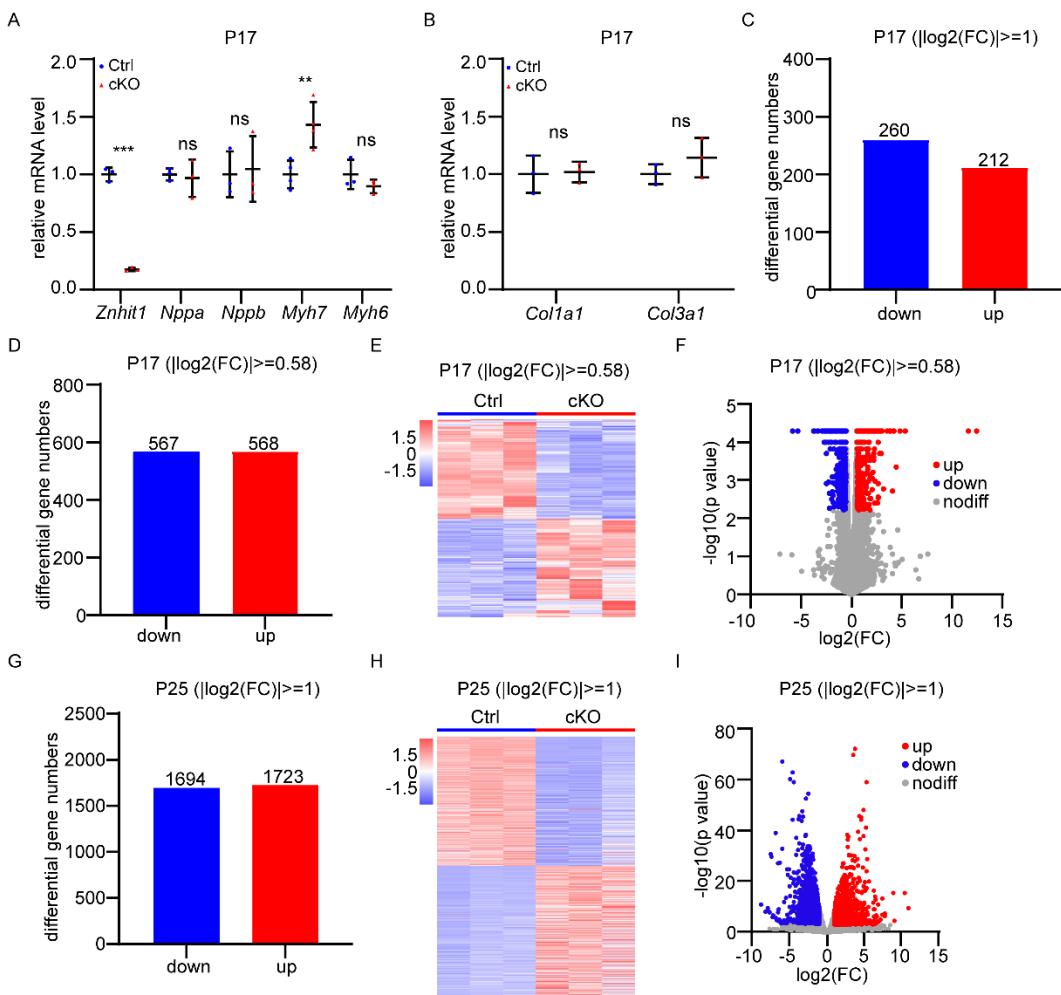


Figure S3. Gene expression and transcriptomic analysis.

(A) qRT-PCR analysis of cardiac hypertrophic marker genes at P17. N=3 for each group. **(B)** mRNA expression levels of fibrosis-related genes at P17. N=3 for each group. **(C)** Numbers of differential genes ($|\log_2(\text{fold change})| \geq 1$ and P value ≤ 0.05) at P17. **(D)** Numbers of differential genes ($|\log_2(\text{fold change})| \geq 0.58$ and P value ≤ 0.05) at P17. **(E and F)** Heatmap and volcano plot. **(G)** Numbers of differential genes ($|\log_2(\text{fold change})| \geq 1$ and P value ≤ 0.05) at P25. **(H and I)** Heatmap and volcano plot. Control (Ctrl) mice were *Znhit1*^{ff} or ^{f/+} littermates. Data are presented as mean \pm SD. ns (not significant), ** $p < 0.01$, and *** $p < 0.001$ by unpaired two-tailed Student's t-test.

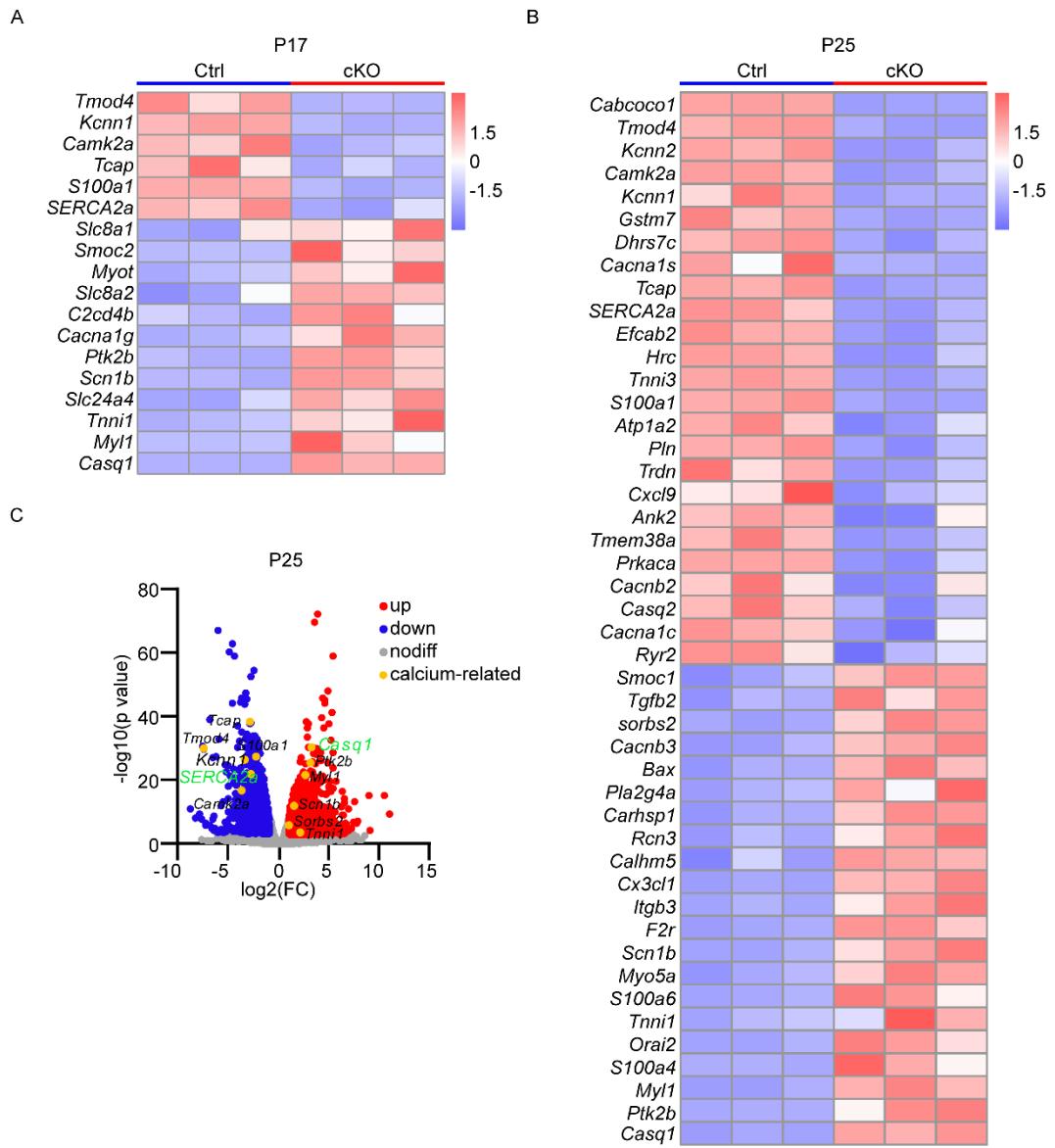


Figure S4. Enrichment analysis of Ca²⁺ handling genes.

(A and B) Heatmap analysis of differential genes at P17 and P25. (C) Volcano plot analysis of 12 common changed Ca²⁺ handling genes at P25. Control (Ctrl) mice were *Znhit1*^{ff} or ^{f/+} littermates.

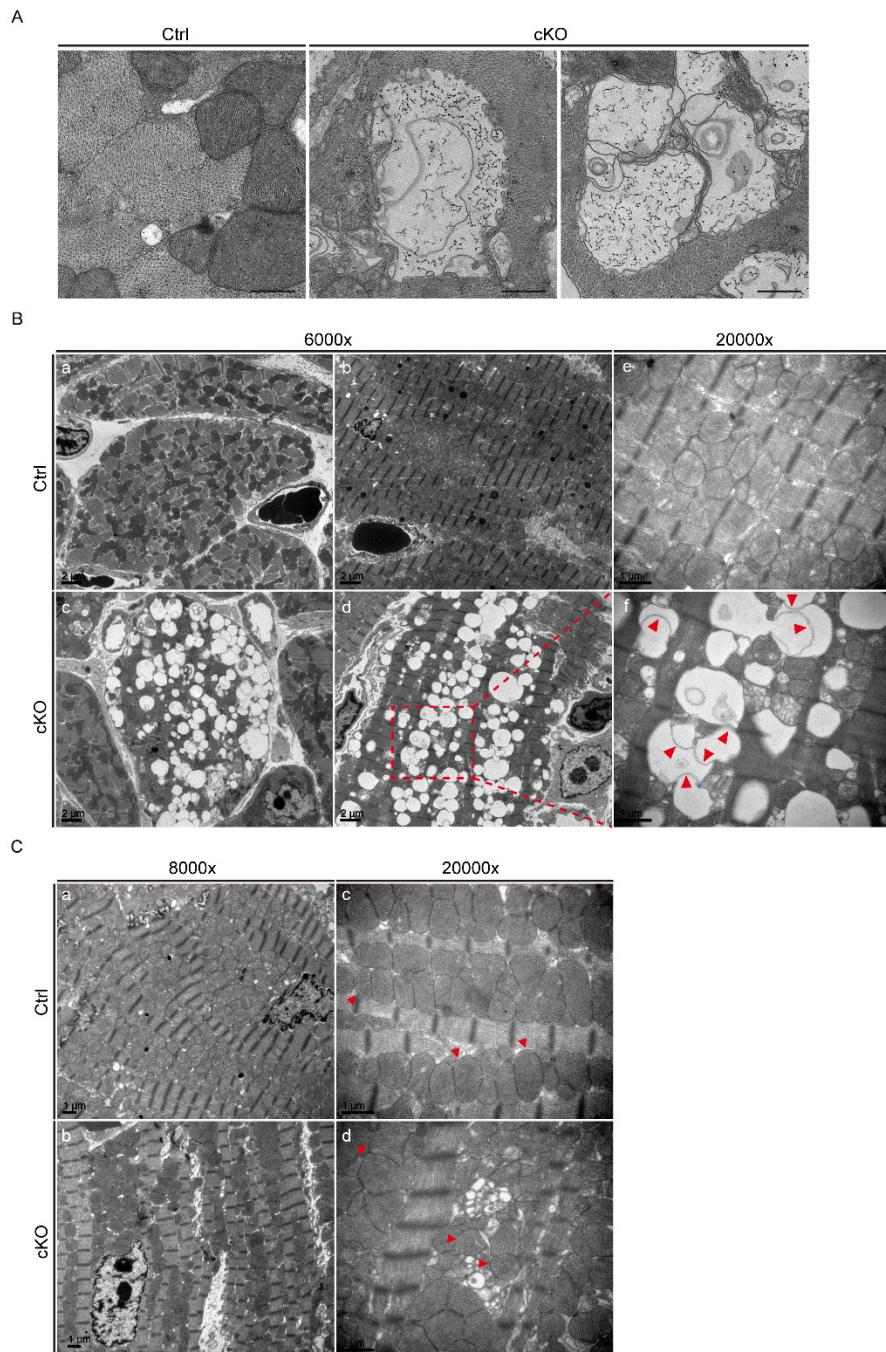


Figure S5. Transmission electron microscopy imaging of the vacuole-like cardiomyocytes.

(A) Transmission electron microscopy imaging for vacuoles containing inclusions. 6000 X magnification. Scale bars, 500 nm. **(B)** Transmission electron microscopy imaging under higher magnification. (a, b, c, d), 6000 X magnification. Scale bars, 2 μ m; (e, f), 20000 X magnification. Scale bars, 1 μ m. Red arrowheads indicated the membrane structure around vacuoles and swollen mitochondria. **(C)** Transmission electron microscopy imaging of the non-vacuole-like cardiomyocytes under higher magnification. (a, b), 8000 X magnification. Scale bars, 1 μ m. (c, d), 20000 X magnification. Scale bars, 1 μ m. Red arrowheads indicated the normal mitochondrial structure. Control (Ctrl) mice were *Znhit1*^{ff} or ^{f/+} littermates.

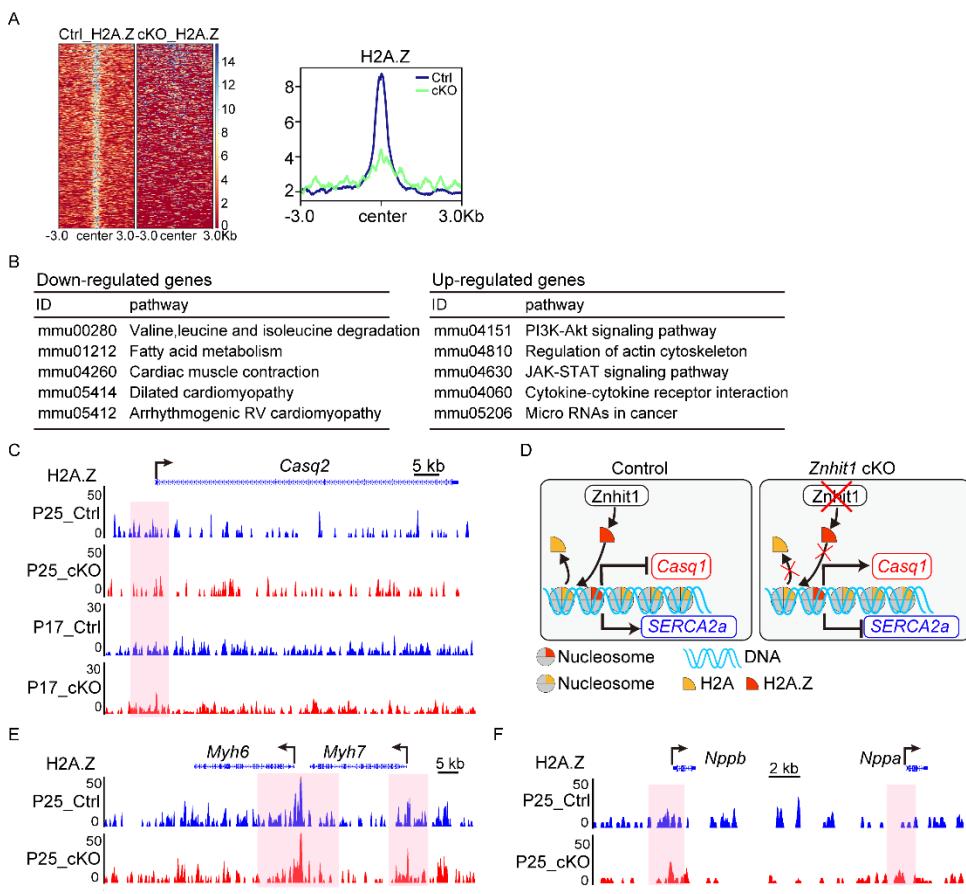


Figure S6. The loss of Znhit1 impaired the distribution of H2A.Z on genome.

(A) Heatmap and metaplot representing CUT&Tag intensities ± 3 kb around the center of H2A.Z target loci of the 539 genes. (B) KEGG pathway analysis of the upregulated and downregulated genes (539). (C) The distribution of H2A.Z at the promoter of *Casq2*. (D) The model of Znhit1 regulating the expression of *SERCA2a* and *Casq1*. (E and F) The distribution of H2A.Z at the promoters of *Myh6*, *Myh7*, *Nppb* and *Nppa*. Control (Ctrl) mice were *Znhit1*^{ff} or *ff*⁺ littermates.

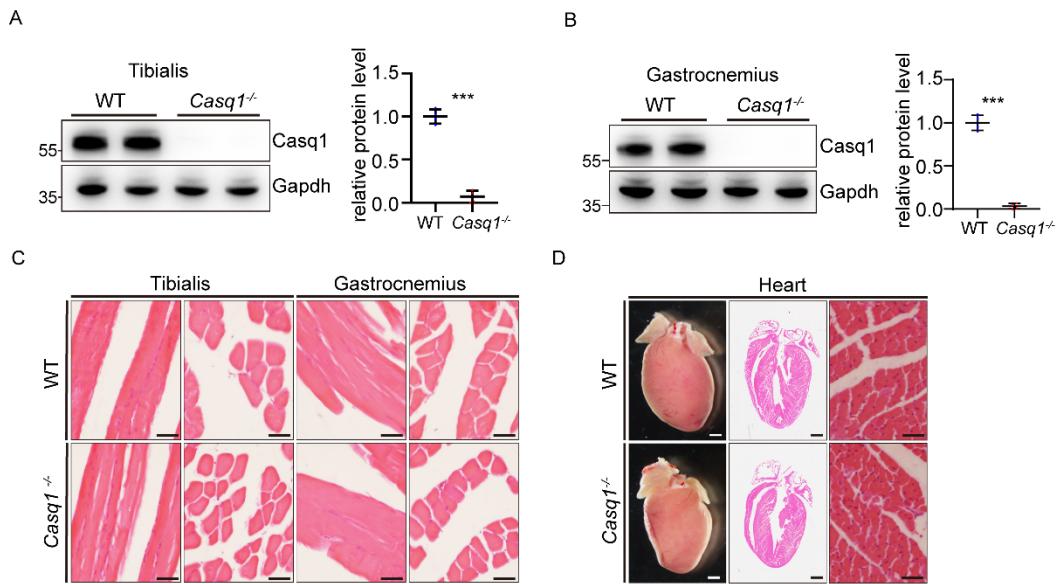


Figure S7. The loss of Casq1 did not cause obvious pathological disorders in whole body.

(A and B) Western blotting and quantitative analysis for Casq1 level in tibialis anterior muscle and gastrocnemius muscle of *Casq1^{-/-}* mice. WT, wild type. Gapdh was used as a loading control. **(C)** Representative images of HE staining for tibialis anterior muscle and gastrocnemius muscle. WT, wild type. 40 X magnification. Scale bar, 20 μ m. **(D)** Representative pathological analysis for hearts of *Casq1^{-/-}* mice. WT, wild type. Scale bar, 1 mm, 1 mm and 20 μ m, respectively. Control (Ctrl) mice were *Znhit1^{ff}* or *f/+* littermates. Data are presented as mean \pm SD. *** $p < 0.001$ by unpaired two-tailed Student's t-test.

Table S1. Non-standard Abbreviations and Acronyms

Znhit1	Zinc Finger HIT-Type Containing 1
SRCAP	Snf2 Related CREBBP Activator Protein
H2A.Z	H2A histone family member Z
SR	Sarcoplasmic reticulum
ECC	Excitation-contraction coupling
EF	Ejection fraction
FS	Fractional shortening
LVID; d	Left ventricular internal dimension at diastole
LV vol; d	Left ventricular volume at diastole
RyR2	Ryanodine receptor 2
Pln/Plb	phospholamban
Atp2a2/SERCA2a	Sarcoplasmic/endoplasmic reticulum calcium ATPase 2a
Casq	Calsequestrin
Nppa/ANF	Natriuretic peptide type A
Nppb/BNP	Natriuretic peptide type B
Myh6	Myosin, heavy polypeptide 6, cardiac muscle, alpha
Myh7	Myosin, heavy polypeptide 7, cardiac muscle, alpha
Col1a1	Collagen type I alpha 1 chain
Col3a1	Collagen type III alpha 1 chain
Col5a1	Collagen type V alpha 1 chain
Col8a1	Collagen type VIII alpha 1 chain

Table S2. Primers for qRT-PCR

Gene	Forward	Reverse
Mouse <i>Gapdh</i>	5'-AGTCGGTGTGAACGGATTG-3'	5'-TGTAGACCATGTAGTTGAGGTCA-3'
Mouse <i>Znht1l</i>	5'-CAGACGGCGAGACAAGTTC-3'	5'-CAAACGTAGGTTAGCCTCTT-3'
Mouse <i>Colla1</i>	5'-GCTCCTCTTAGGGGCC ACT-3'	5'-CCACGTCTACCATTGGGG-3'
Mouse <i>Col3a1</i>	5'-CCTGGCTCAAATGGCTCAC-3'	5'-CAGGACTGCCGTTATTCCCG-3'
Mouse <i>Col5a1</i>	5'-CTTCGCGCCTACTCCTGTT-3'	5'-CCCTGAGGGCAAATTGTGA-3'
Mouse <i>Col8a1</i>	5'-ACTCTGTCAGACTCATTCAAGG-3'	5'-CAAAGGCATGTGAGGGACT-3'
Mouse <i>Nppa</i>	5'-GCTTCCAGGCCATATTGGAG-3'	5'-GGGGGCATGACCTCATCTT-3'
Mouse <i>Nppb</i>	5'-GAGGTCACTCCTATCCTCTGG-3'	5'-GCCATTCCCTCCGACTTTCTC-3'
Mouse <i>Myh7</i>	5'-ACTGTCAACACTAACAGAGGGTCA-3'	5'-TTGGATGATTGATCTTCCAGGG-3'
Mouse <i>Myh6</i>	5'-GCCAGTACCTCCGAAAGTC-3'	5'-GCCTTAACATACTCCTCCTGTC-3'
Mouse <i>SERCA2a</i>	5'-ACTTCTTGATCCTCTACGTG-3'	5'-AAATGGTTAGGAAGCGGTT-3'
Mouse <i>Casq1</i>	5'-CTGGCACTGCTGTTGTACTG-3'	5'-GGGGGCTCATGGTAGAGGAG-3'
Mouse <i>Casq2</i>	5'-CTCTATTACCACGAACCTGTGTC-3'	5'-GGCCACAAGCTCCAGTACAAT-3'
Mouse <i>RyR2</i>	5'-ATGGCTTAAGGCACAGCG-3'	5'-CAGAGCCCAGATCATCCAGC-3'
Mouse <i>Pln</i>	5'-CCTCCTGGCATAATGGAAA-3'	5'-CATGTTGCAGGTCTGGAGTG-3'

Table S3. FPKM value of Calcium regulated genes of P17 RNA-seq results.

Gene	Ctrl_FPKM	cKO_FPKM	Fold change	P value
<i>Tmod4</i>	5.81318	0.833696	0.119832	0.00005
<i>Camk2a</i>	10.32008	6.05417	0.58664	0.00005
<i>Kcnn1</i>	1.461967	0.256211	0.175251	0.00005
<i>Tcap</i>	651.618	386.61	0.593308	0.00005
<i>SERCA2a</i>	1338.877	809.6423	0.604718	0.00225
<i>S100a1</i>	334.6537	200.937	0.600433	0.00005
<i>Pln</i>	1798.09	1616.777	0.899163	0.164994
<i>Casq2</i>	267.5463	223.28	0.834547	0.161788
<i>RyR2</i>	49.9331	47.67157	0.954709	0.770969
<i>Slc8a1</i>	7.10236	11.7612	1.655957	0.00005
<i>Sorbs2</i>	75.9807	117.773	1.550038	0.0001
<i>Scn1b</i>	7.11558	30.15207	4.237471	0.00005
<i>Tnni1</i>	0.793249	4.95782	6.25002	0.00005
<i>Myl1</i>	15.1668	102.8336	6.780176	0.00005
<i>Ptk2b</i>	0.768711	2.942423	3.827737	0.00005
<i>Casq1</i>	7.29955	53.03007	7.264841	0.00005

Table S4. FPKM value of Calcium regulated genes of P25 RNA-seq results

Gene	Ctrl_FPKM	cKO_FPKM	Fold change	P value
<i>Tmod4</i>	11.32333	0.383333	0.033853	9.12E-46
<i>Camk2a</i>	12.58333	1.296667	0.103046	4.84E-16
<i>Kcnn1</i>	4.583333	0.49	0.106909	1.7E-30
<i>Tcap</i>	1283.263	218.7333	0.170451	1.41E-40
<i>SERCA2a</i>	1893.297	341.7767	0.180519	5.45E-22
<i>S100a1</i>	860.1067	224.1867	0.26065	1.07E-29
<i>Pln</i>	2585.26	834.3733	0.322743	5.15E-14
<i>Casq2</i>	425.4	207.9	0.488717	1.46E-10
<i>RyR2</i>	54.47667	33.69	0.61843	2.73E-05
<i>Slc8a1</i>	18.55333	42.51667	2.291592	0.082458
<i>Sorbs2</i>	57.07667	153.8133	2.694855	1.62E-06
<i>Scn1b</i>	14.37	51.96667	3.61633	2.21E-13
<i>Tnni1</i>	1.02	5.246667	5.143791	0.000423
<i>Myl1</i>	50.34	375.7967	7.46517	8.52E-22
<i>Ptk2b</i>	2.126667	22.33333	10.50157	8.31E-26
<i>Casq1</i>	19.12667	227.84	11.91216	2.06E-30