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# Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells: *Predicting a Powerful Future*

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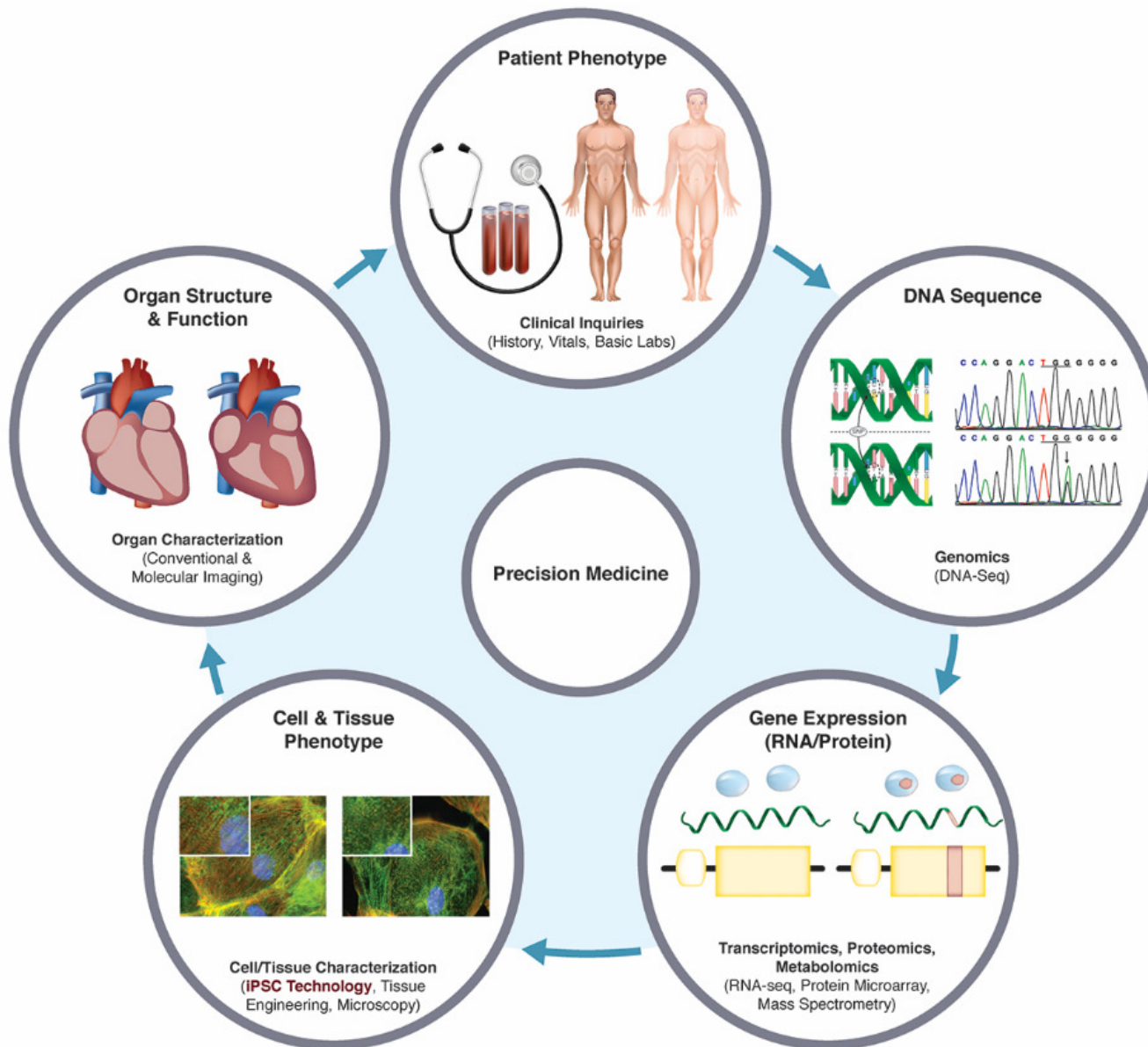
# About the Precision Medicine Initiative

Far too many diseases do not have a proven means of prevention or effective treatments. We must gain better insights into the biology of these diseases to make a difference for the millions of Americans who suffer from them. Precision medicine is an emerging approach for disease treatment and prevention that takes into account individual variability in genes, environment, and lifestyle for each person. While significant advances in precision medicine have been made for select cancers, the practice is not currently in use for most diseases. Many efforts are underway to help make precision medicine the norm rather than the exception. To accelerate the

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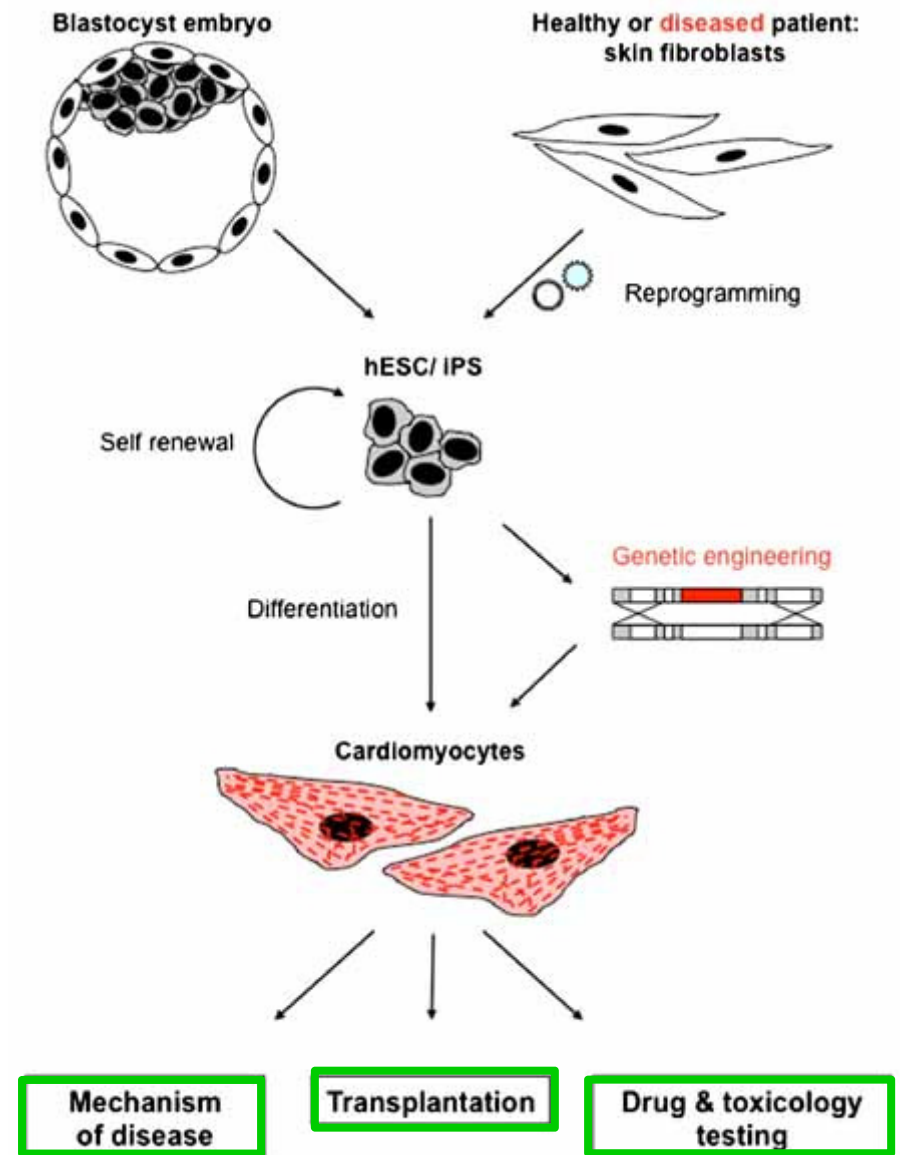
# Integral Components of Precision *Cardiovascular* Medicine



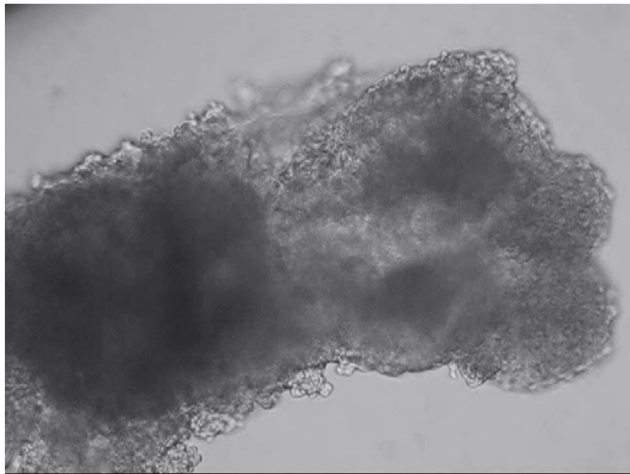
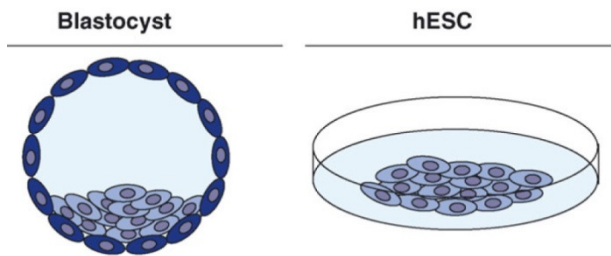
# iPS Cells: *Game Changer*

**\*\*Shinya Yamanaka** in Japan created the first induced pluripotent stem cells (iPS cells) from human in **2007**. He received the Nobel Prize in Medicine & Physiology in **2012** for his discovery.

**\*\*iPS cells** can be generated from the patient's blood/skin/fat and then reprogrammed. Once reprogrammed, they are essentially the same as human embryonic stem cells (ie, “**self-renew**” and “**pluripotent**”).



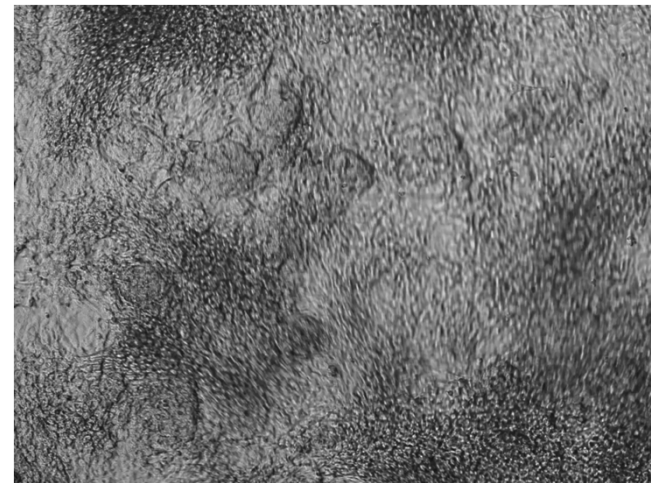
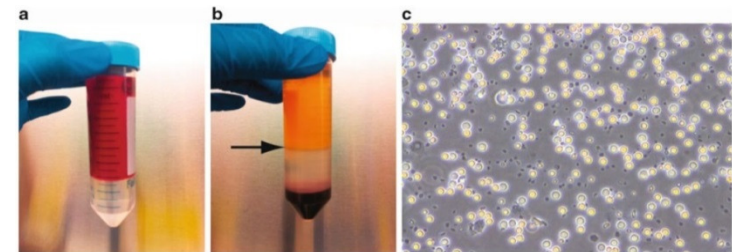
# 10 Years of Progress: Making Heart Cells *De Novo*



**2005 (5% efficiency)**

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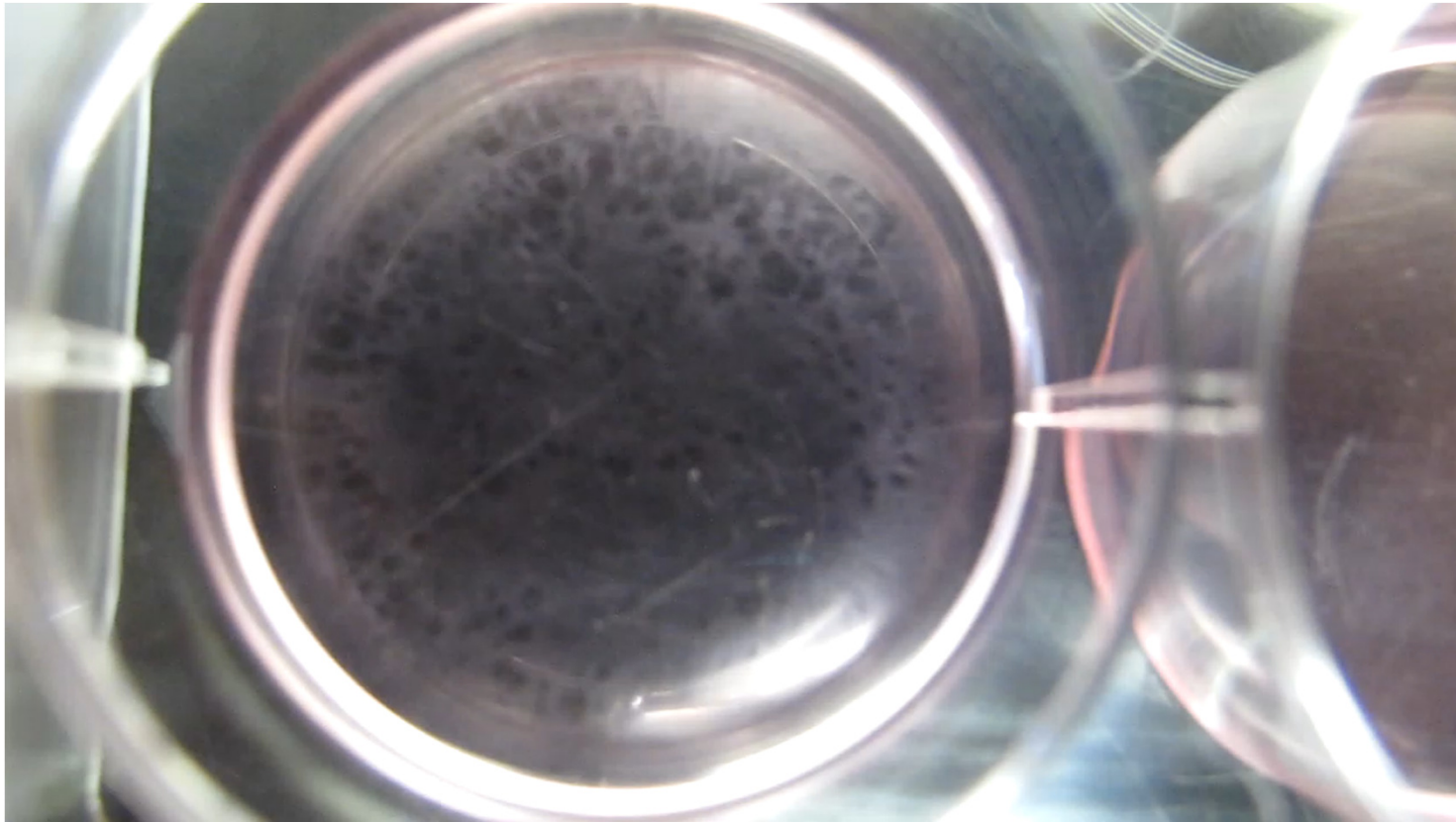
PBMC → iPSC



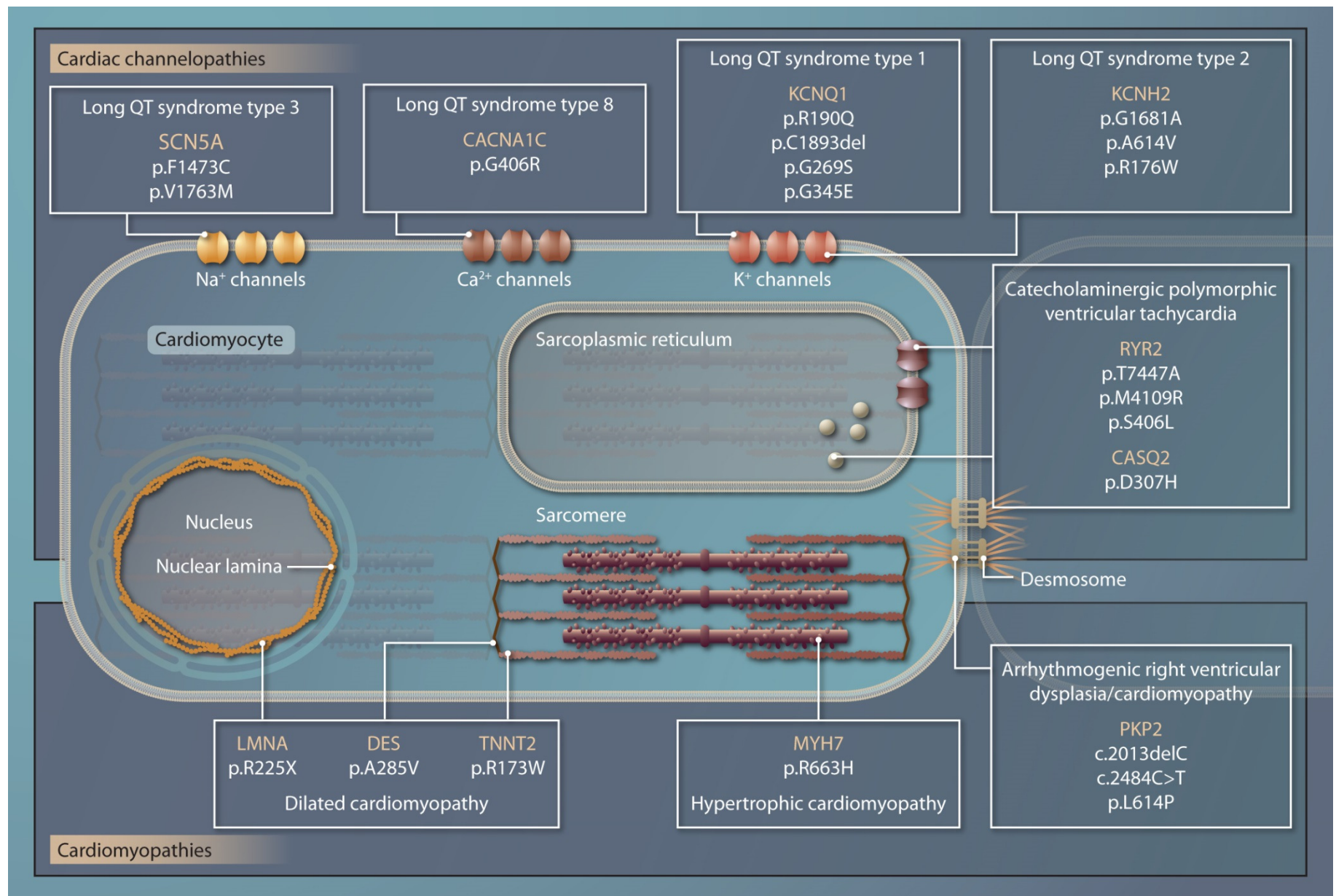
**2015 (95% efficiency)**



# From 10 cc of Your Blood → Convert to Your iPS Cells → Make Millions of Your Beating Heart Cells



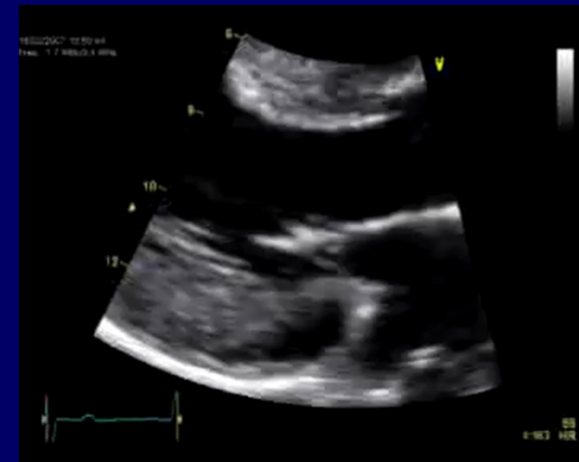
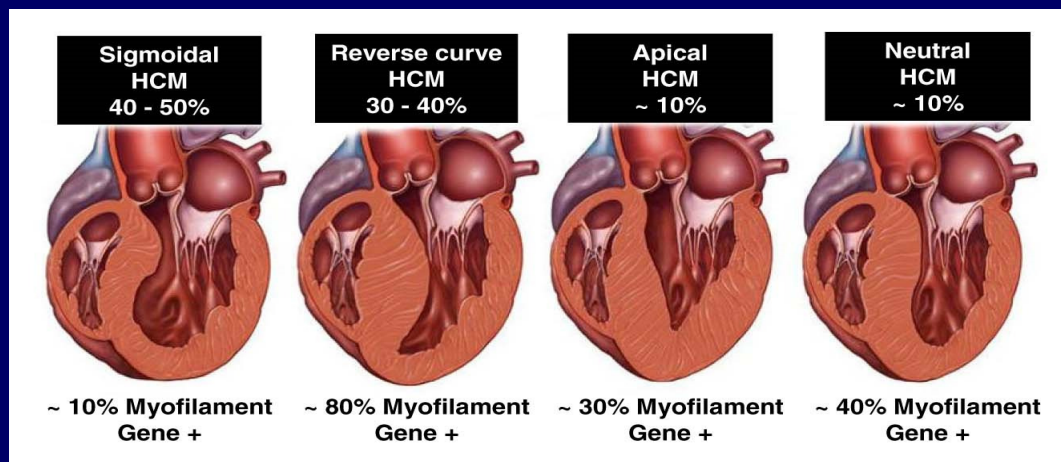
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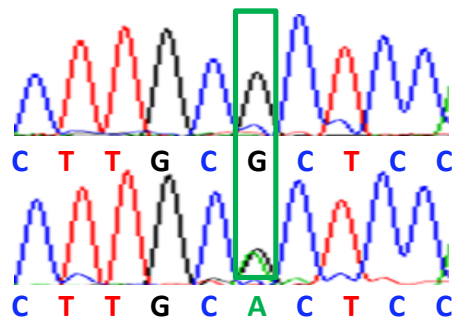
# Familial Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy

- Most prevalent inherited cardiovascular disease. Affects 1 in 500 people
- One of the most common causes of sudden cardiac death in young adults.
- First gene identified as mutation in MYH7 in 1989. Since then, >1000 mutations identified.



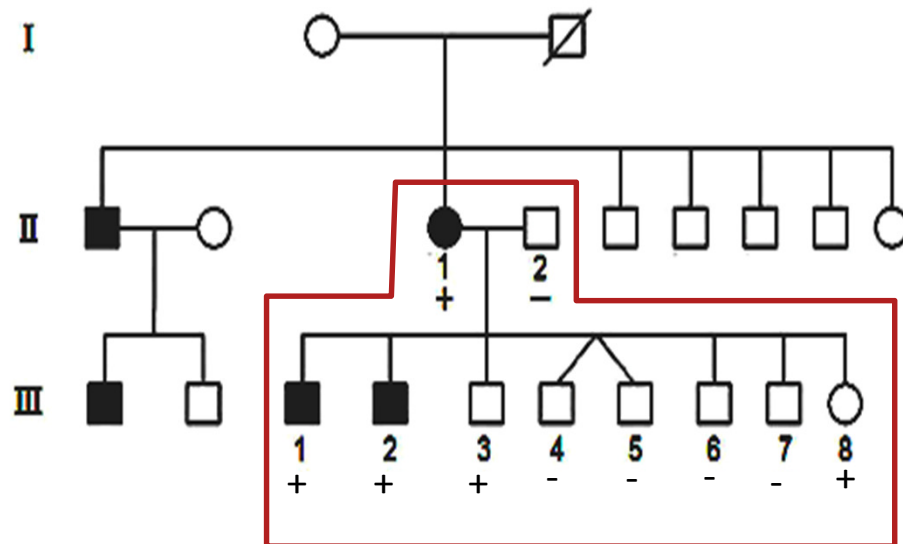
# Generation of Disease-Specific iPSCs from Large Family Cohort with HCM Mutation

## MYH7 Arg663His MUTATION



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CGC>CAC

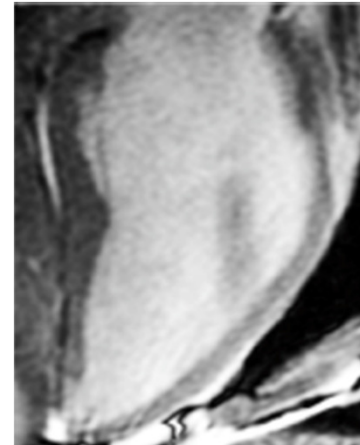
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Arg>His



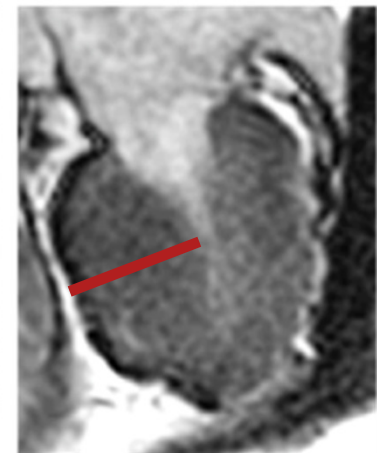
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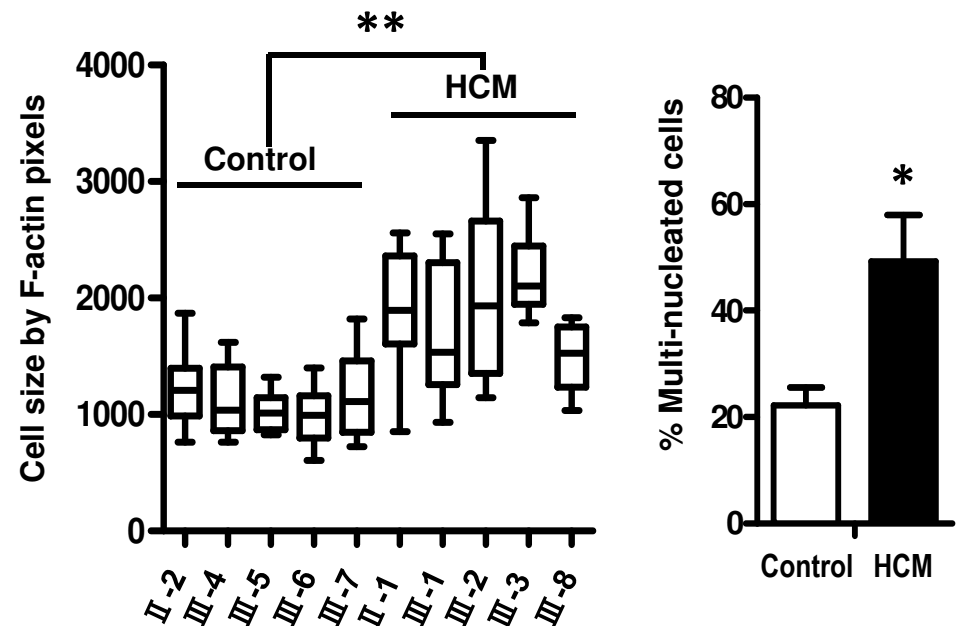
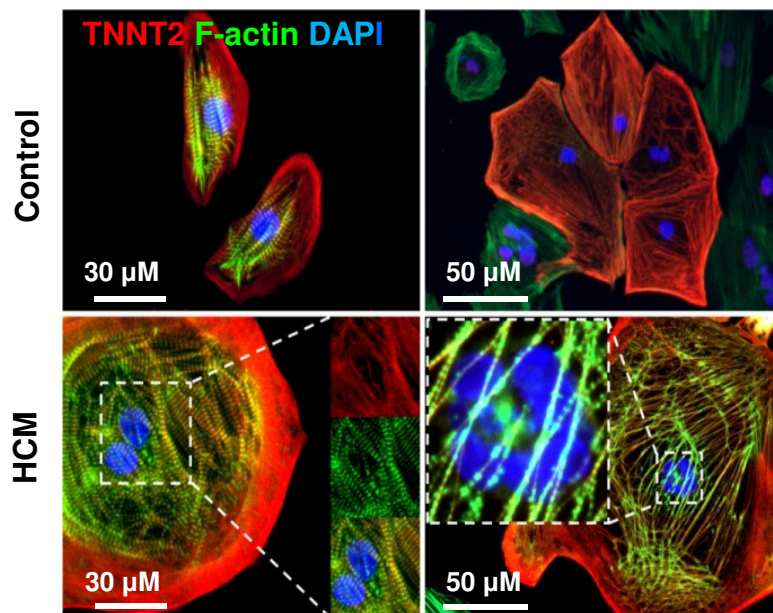
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HCM

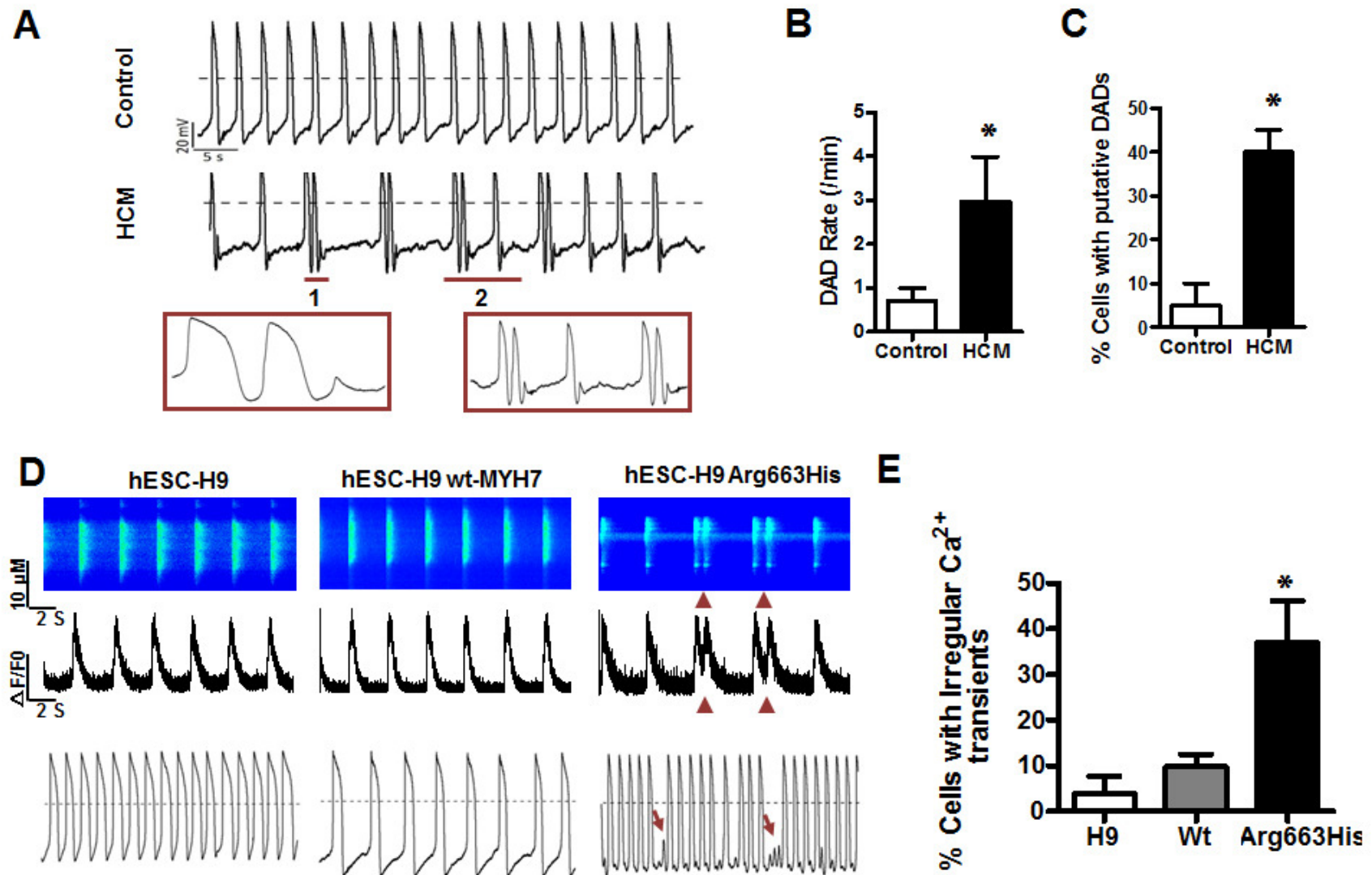


# Patient Specific iPSC-CMs Recapitulate Hypertrophic Phenotype in HCM vs. Controls



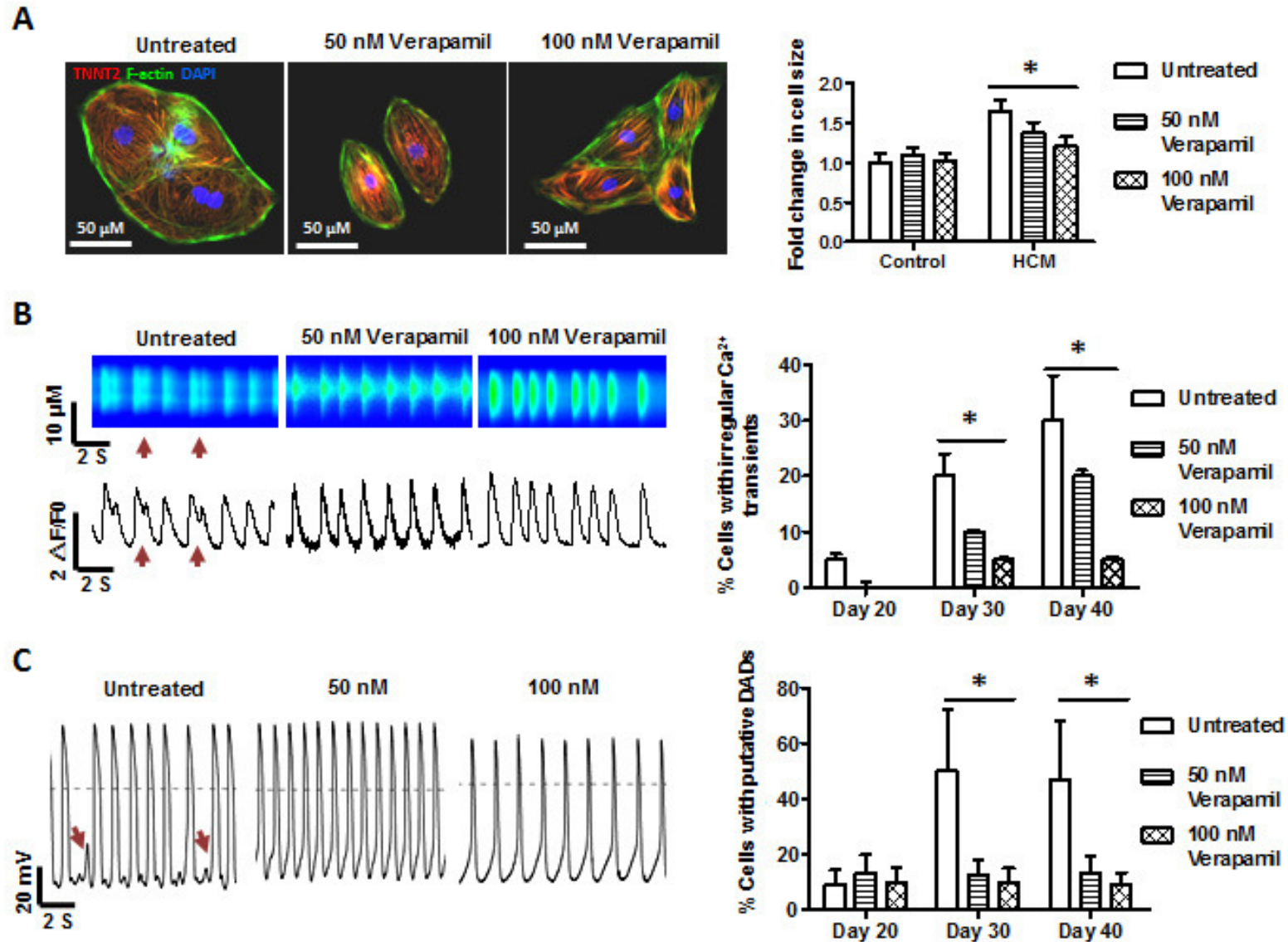
- HCM iPSC-CMs have *larger* cell size and *more* multi-nucleation.
- Diseased HCM iPSC-CMs showed *aggravated* hypertrophic phenotype in response to isoproterenol stimulation.
- HCM iPSC-CMs have activation of the calcineurin pathway. Calcineurin inhibitor Cs-A and FK506 can partially *reverse* the hypertrophic phenotype with or without isoproterenol stimulation.

# Overexpression of Mutated MYH7 Causes More Arrhythmias and Irregular Calcium Transients





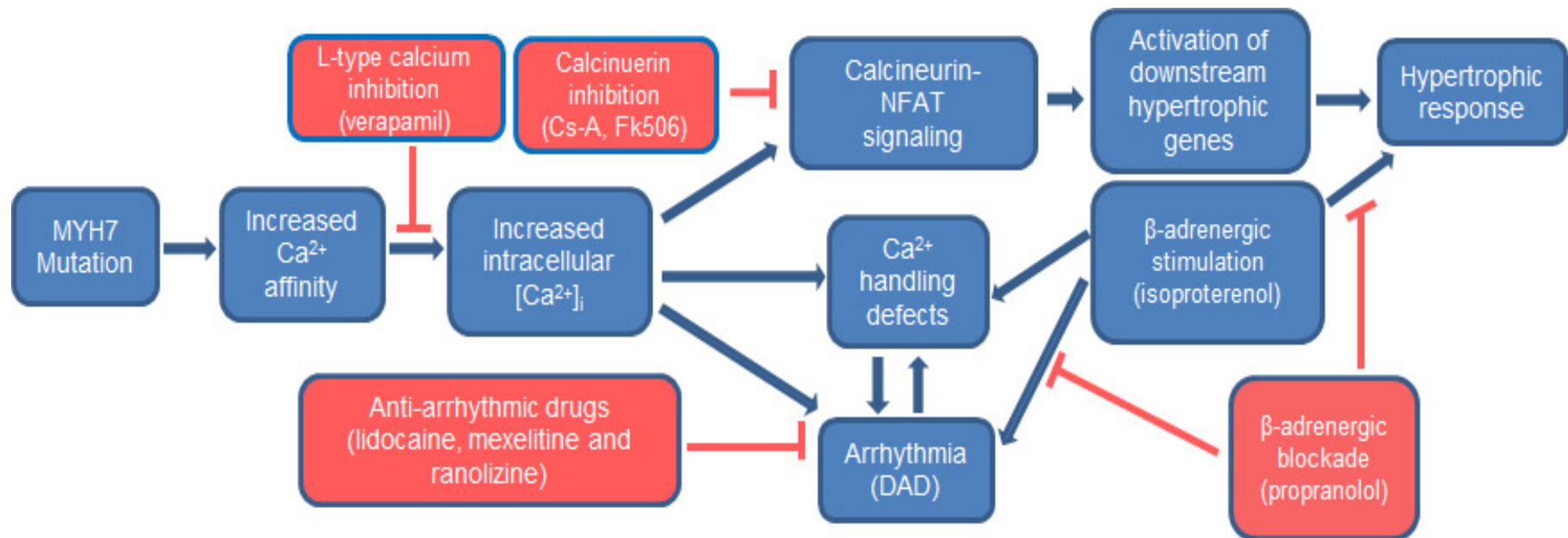
# Treatment with CCB Verapamil Blocks Cellular Hypertrophy and Arrhythmias in HCM iPSC-CMs



# Abnormal Calcium Handling Properties Underlie Familial Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Pathology in Patient-Specific Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells

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*Cell Stem Cell* 2013



**Summary:** We generated iPSC-CMs from a 10-member family cohort, half carry HCM missense mutation (Arg663His) in MYH7 gene. Patient-specific iPSC-CMs recapitulated numerous characteristics of HCM. Pharmacological treatment with calcium-channel blocker (**verapamil**),  $\beta$ -blocker (**propranolol**), and anti-arrhythmic drugs (**ranolizine**, **mexelitin**) prevented development of cellular hypertrophy and/or electrophysiological irregularities.

# iPSCs to Study Genetic, Acquired and Multifactorial Causes of Heart Disease

## Primary

Genetic

Arrhythmogenic right  
ventricular cardiomyopathy

 Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy

Mixed (genetic and nongenetic)

Dilated cardiomyopathy

Restrictive cardiomyopathy

Acquired

Myocarditis (inflammatory  
cardiomyopathy)

Peripartum (or postpartum)  
cardiomyopathy

Stress cardiomyopathy

## Secondary

Autoimmune (systemic lupus)

Electrolyte imbalance

Endocrine (diabetes, hypothyroidism)

Endomyocardial (fibrosis)

Infiltrative (amyloidosis, Gaucher disease)

Inflammatory (sarcoidosis)

Neurologic (neurofibromatosis)

Nutritional (beriberi)

Radiation

Storage (hemochromatosis)

Toxic (medications)

Velocardiofacial syndrome



## Patient-Specific Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells as a Model for Familial Dilated Cardiomyopathy

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## Chemically defined generation of human cardiomyocytes

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## Characterization of the molecular mechanisms underlying increased ischemic damage in the *aldehyde dehydrogenase 2* genetic polymorphism using a human induced pluripotent stem cell model system

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## Epigenetic Regulation of Phosphodiesterases 2A and 3A Underlies Compromised $\beta$ -Adrenergic Signaling in an iPSC Model of Dilated Cardiomyopathy

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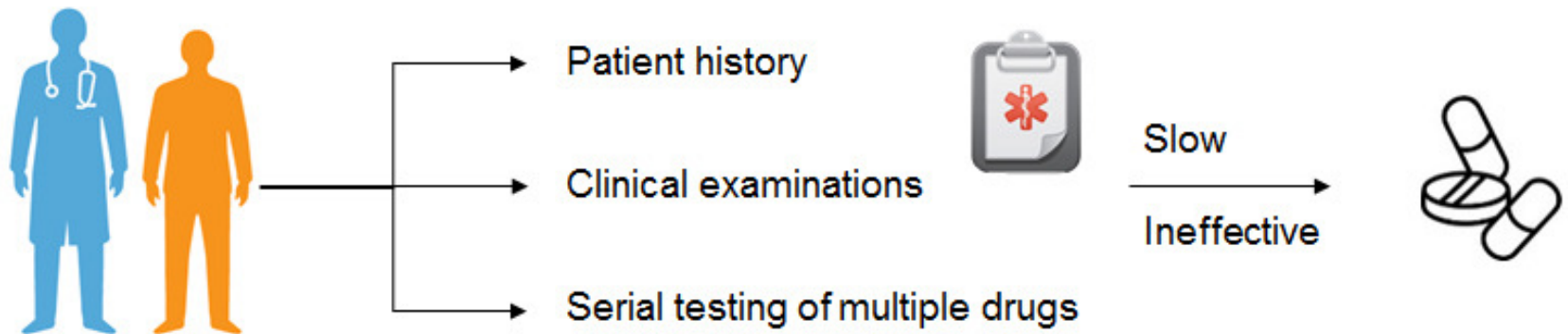
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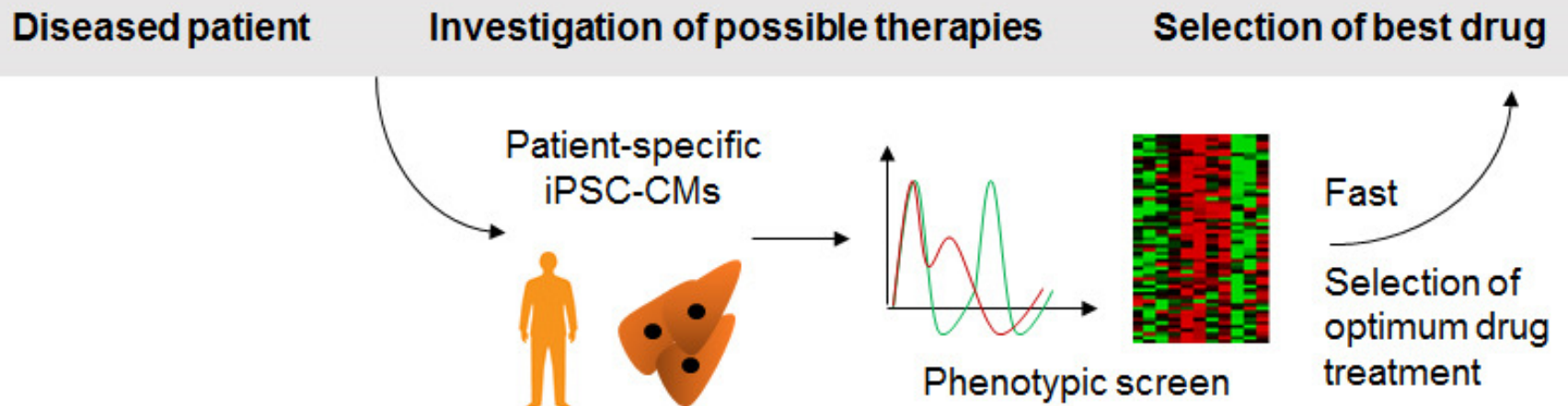
# Envisioning iPSC-Based Precision Medicine

## Predicted Paradigm Shift in Drug Treatment

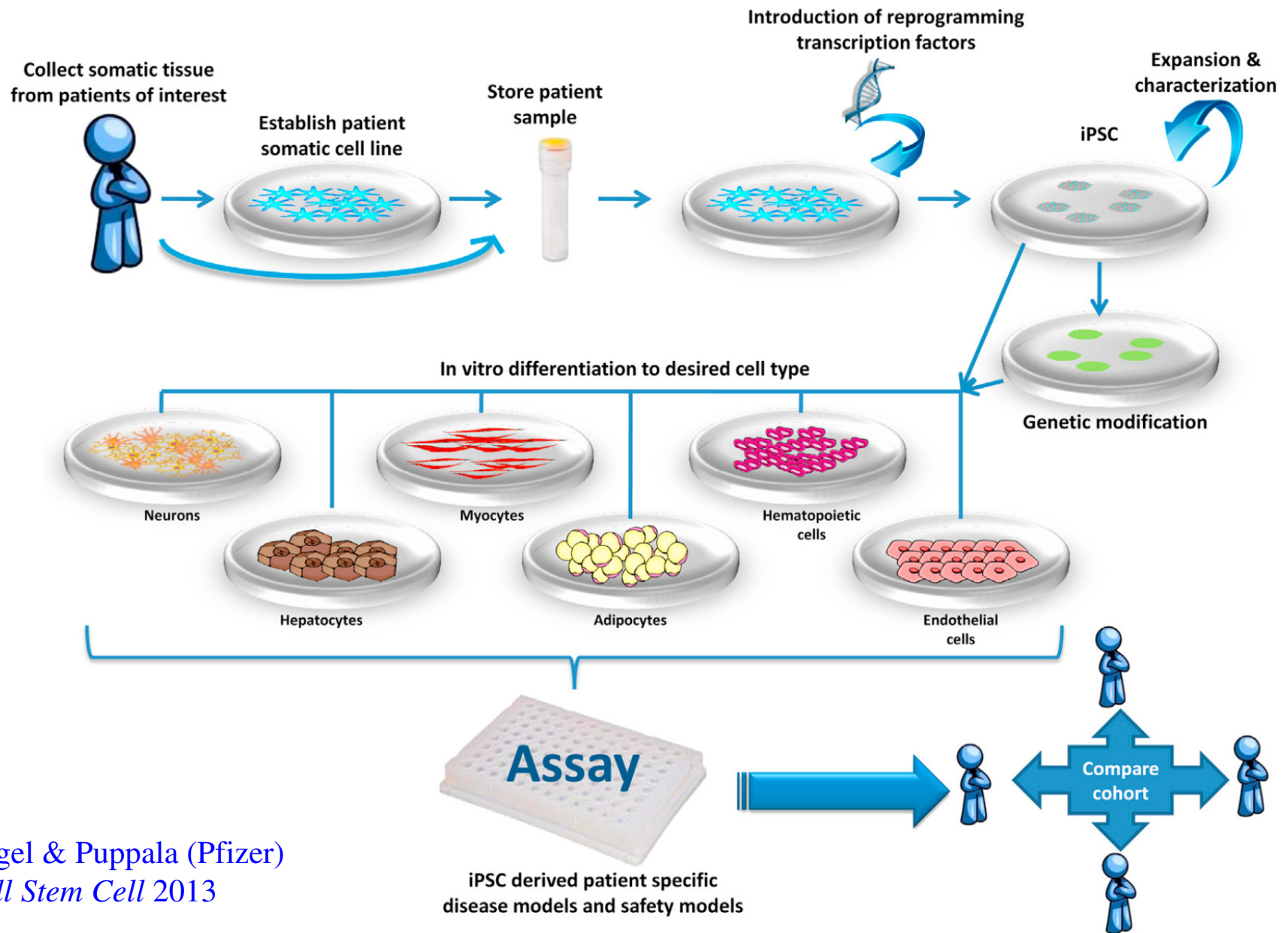
Traditional model



New model



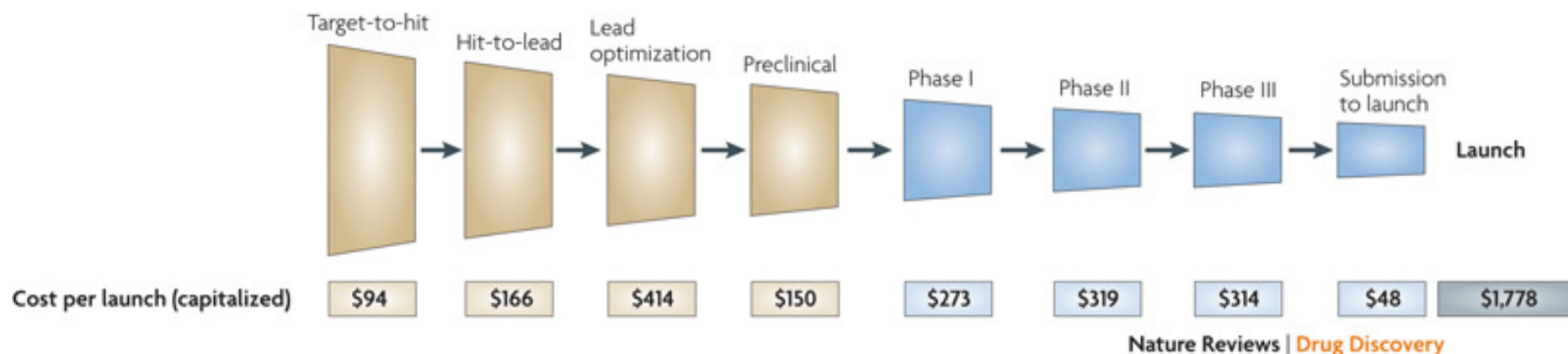
# #2 iPSCs to Transform Drug Discovery



Engel & Puppala (Pfizer)  
*Cell Stem Cell* 2013

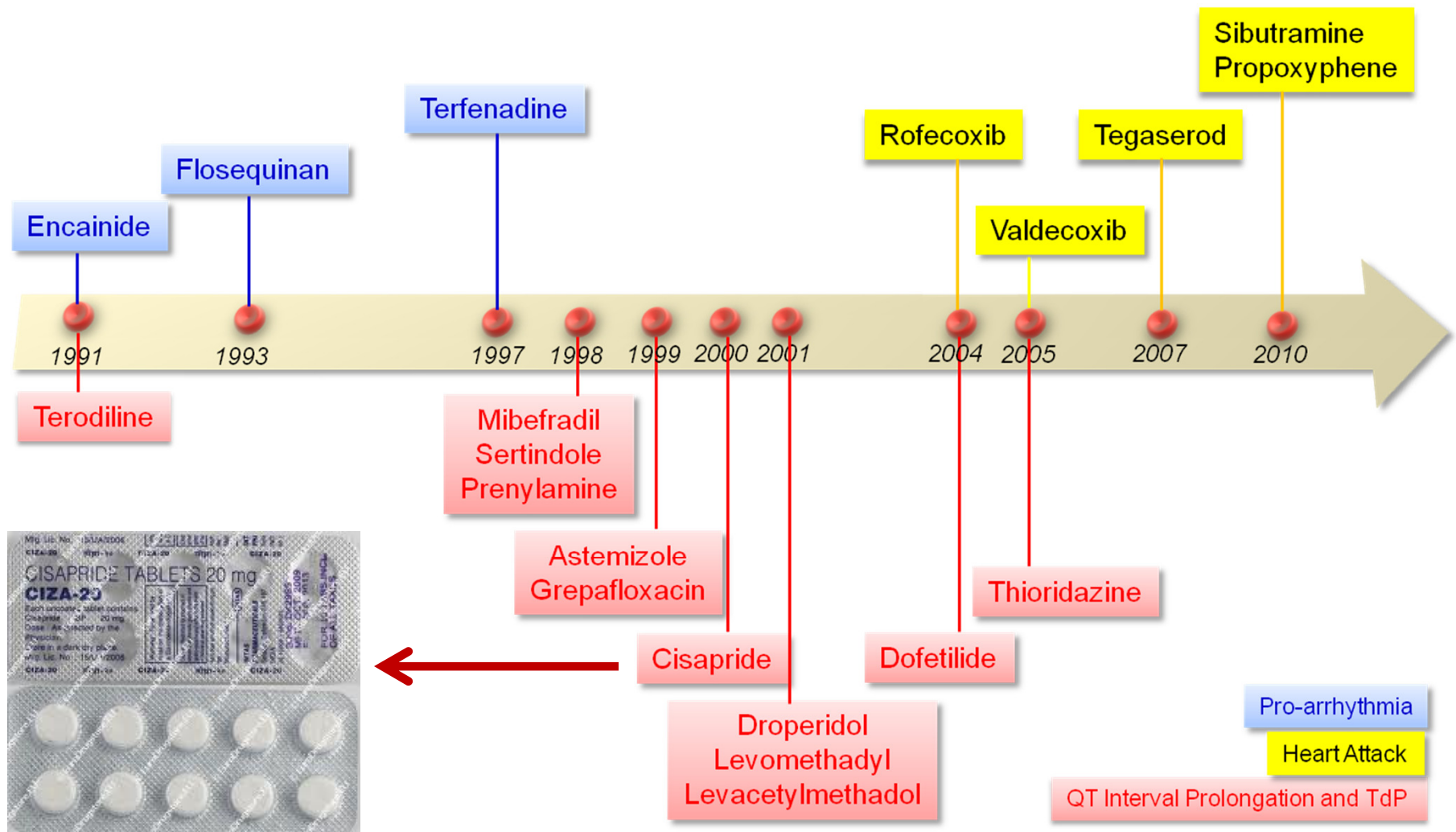
# Pharmaceutical Innovation is Endangered

- Looming patent cliff for big pharma
- 5,000-10,000 compounds screened per new single drug
- New drugs require **\$1.8 Billion** and **12 Years** on average
- Major reason for inefficiency is due to inaccuracy of preclinical drug discovery assays (ie, drug works in mice, but not in humans)
- Cardiotoxicity is the #1 cause of drug withdrawal post-marketing (~35%)



Paul SM. *Nat Rev Drug Discovery* 2010

# Drugs Withdrawn Due to Cardiac Toxicity



**Cisapride (Propulsid)**



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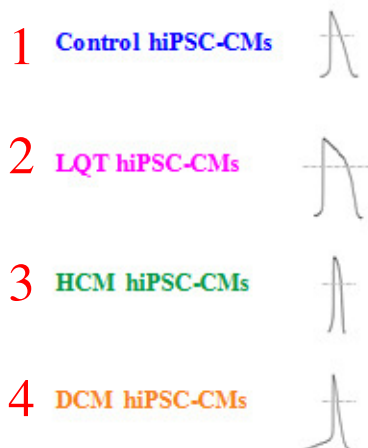


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N=12 patients

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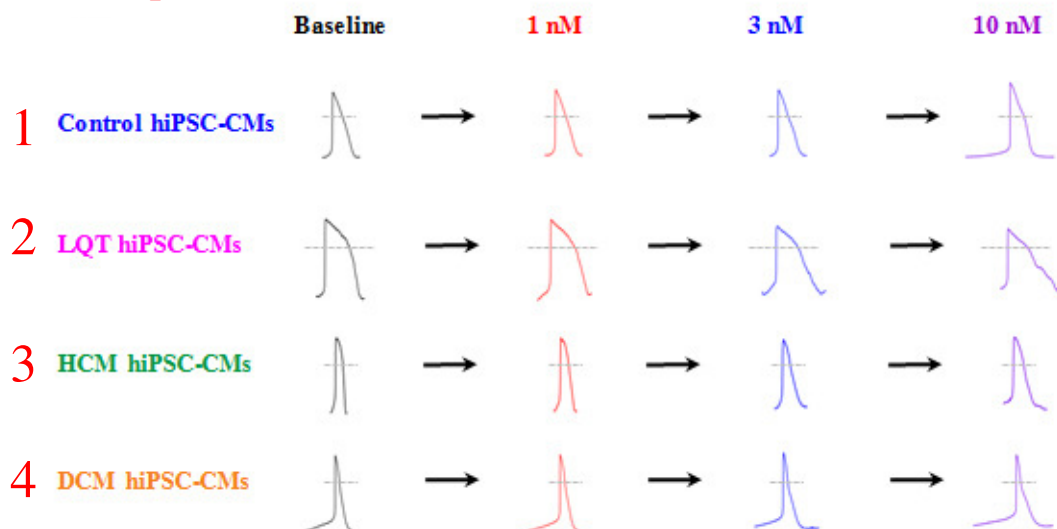
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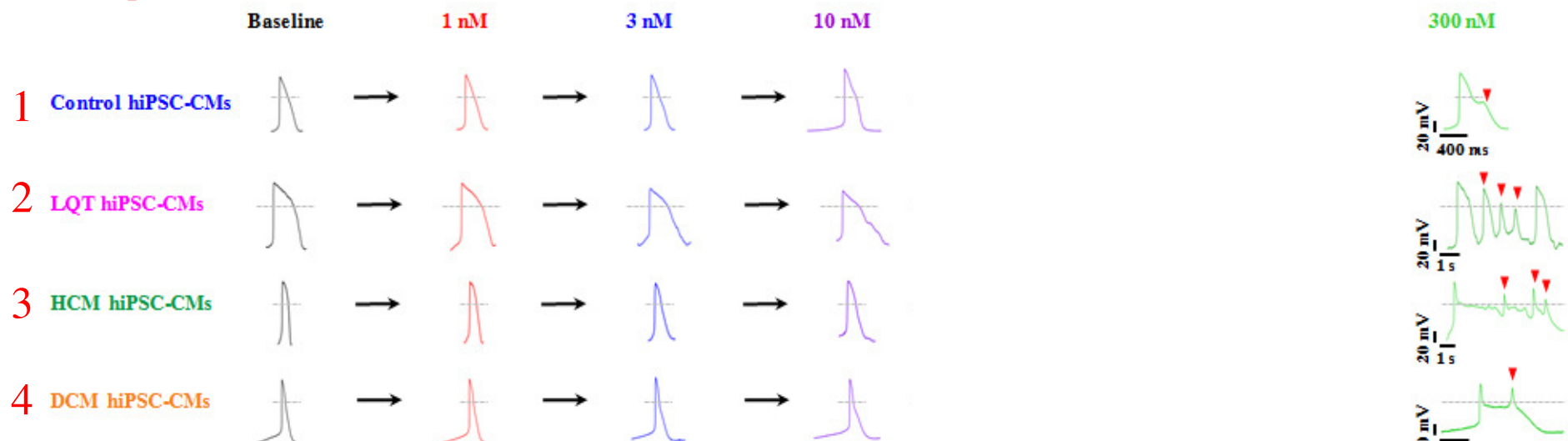
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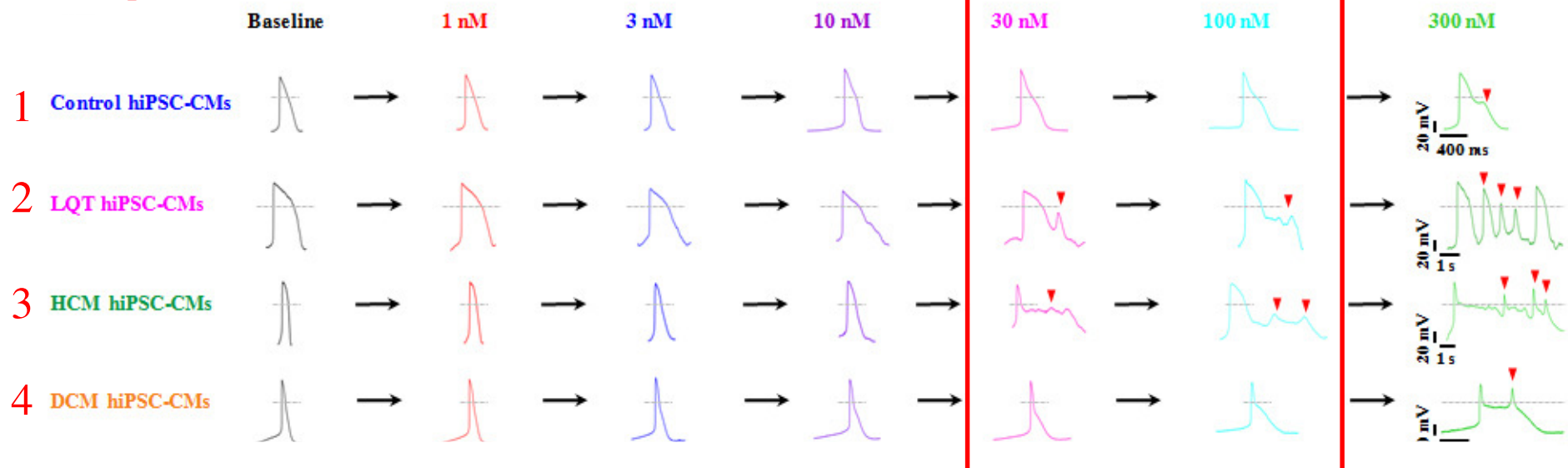
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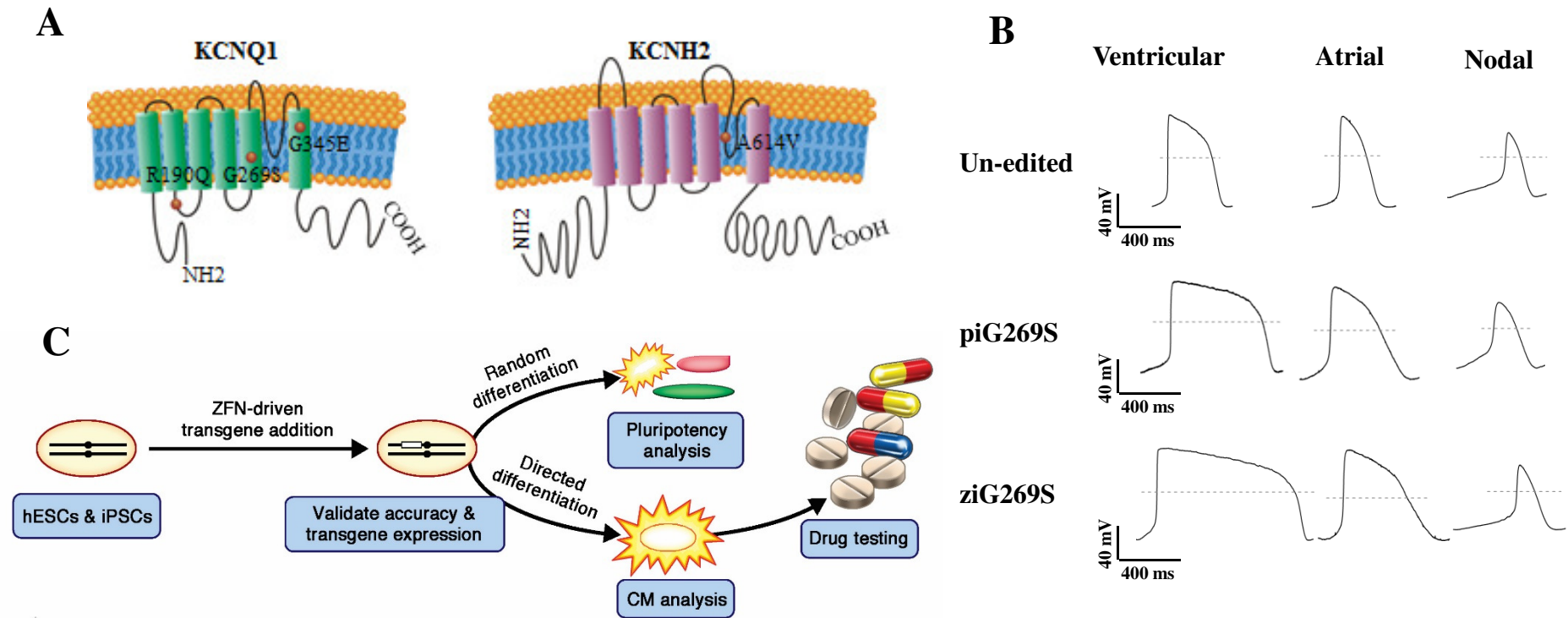
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# Genome Editing of Isogenic Human Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells Recapitulates Long QT Phenotype for Drug Testing

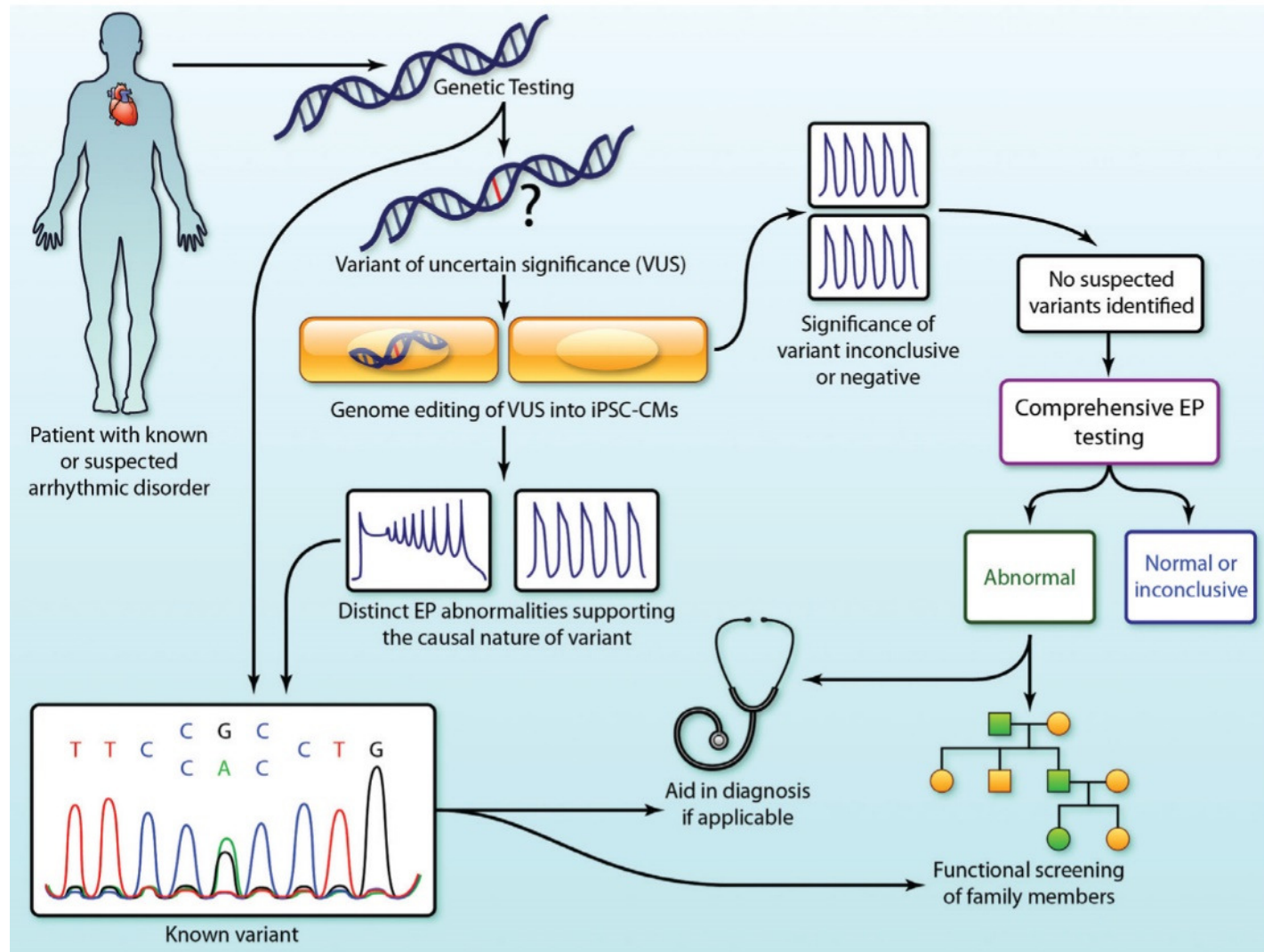
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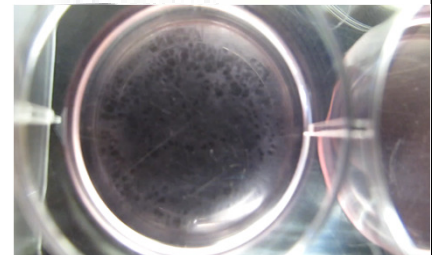
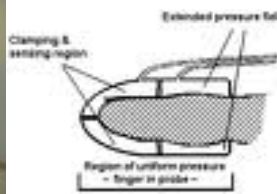
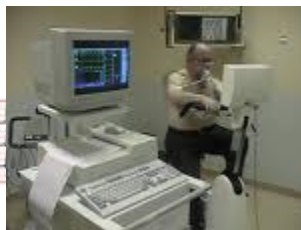
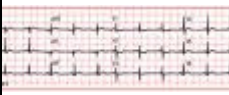
KCNQ1 and KCNH2 with dominant negative mutations cause LQT1 and LQT2, respectively. Normal iPSCs (“un-edited”) were genome edited to carry G269S mutation (“ziG269S”) which then showed similar phenotype of prolonged action potential duration (APD) as compared to actual LQT1 patient (“piG269S”).

# Genome Editing of iPSCs to Determine Variant of Uncertain Significance (VUS) as Pathogenic or Benign



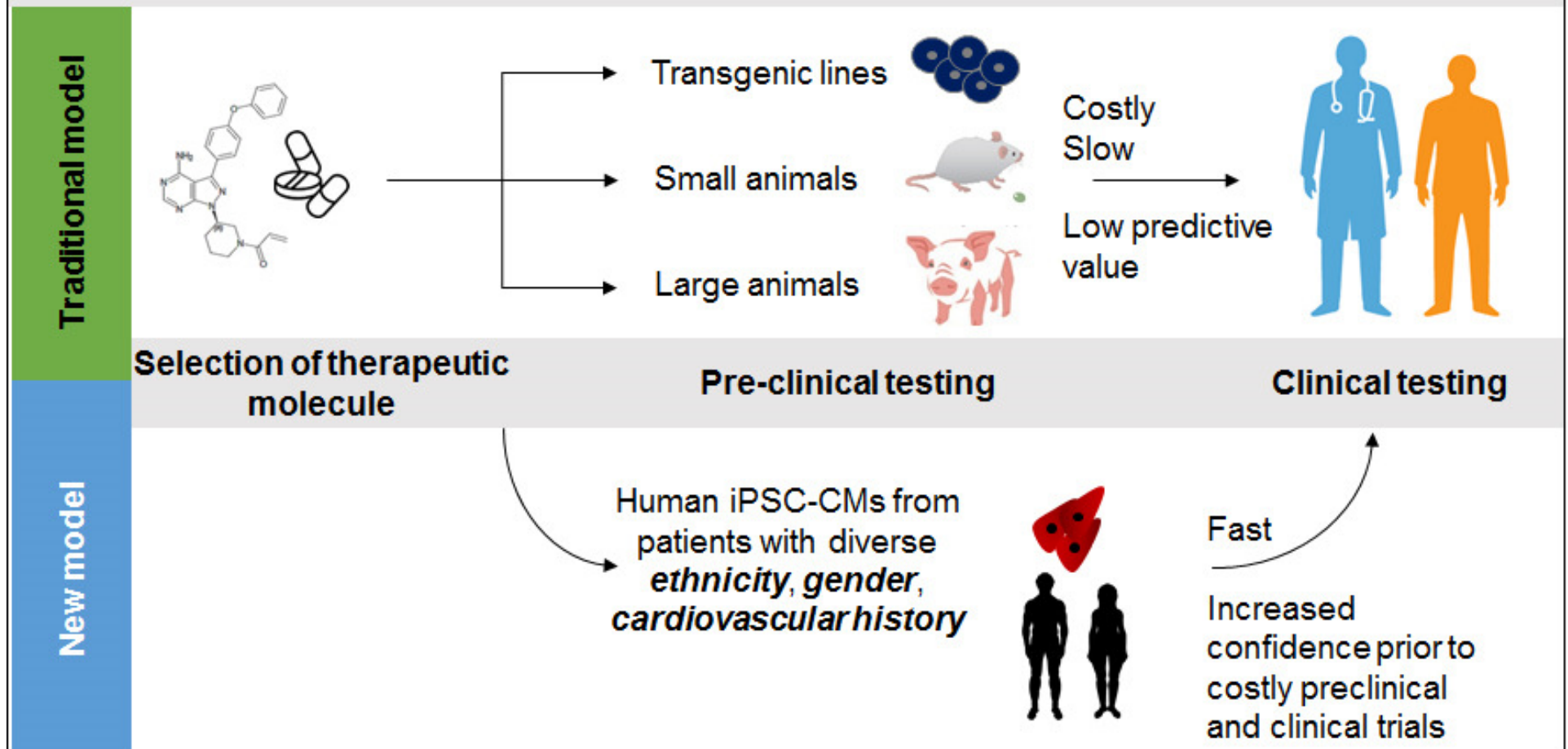
# Stanford CVI is Creating a Biobank of 1,000 Cardiovascular Disease Specific iPSC Lines

- 1) Create a biorepository of **1,000** cardiac specific iPSC lines from different ethnicity/sex/age, including isogenic lines using TALEN/CRISPR editing.
- 2) Perform DNA-seq of iPSCs and RNA-seq on iPSC-CMs
- 3) Use PharmGK (<http://www.pharmgkb.org>) to create a database on how human genetic variation impacts drug response phenotypes.
- 4) Link to medical information using clinical database (*STRIDE: Stanford Translational Research Integrated Database Environment*)
- 5) Working with NHLBI & CIRM on iPSC biobanking and FDA on drug safety testing. Established sharing resource plan with many investigators.

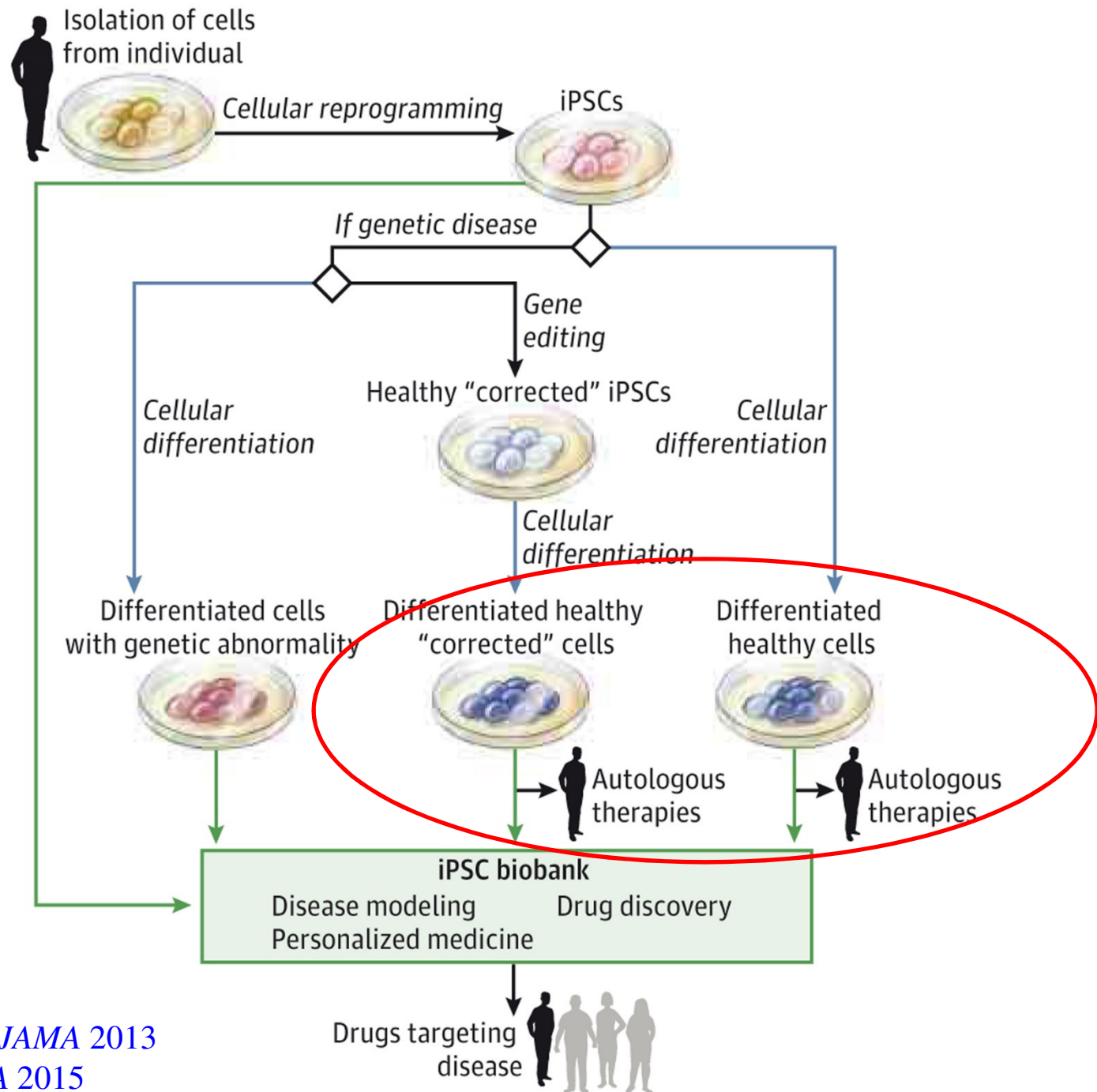


# Summary: iPSC Based Clinical Trial in a Dish

## Predicted Paradigm Shift in Clinical Trial Model







Mordwinkin & Wu. *JAMA* 2013

Wilson & Wu. *JAMA* 2015

# YOU'RE THE BIG PHARMA

**2015:** You're the CEO of company X. High costs of R&D is killing into your margins. CV clinical trials are costly and many show negative data. You're interested in adopting newer cellular assays that will allow you to study cardiac toxicity, contractility, channels, and metabolism.

# YOU'RE THE DOCTOR

2020: Husband and wife have 5 kids. 2 already had heart transplant at age 15 and 12, the other 3 (age 10, 7, 5) are fine. DNA-seq shows no obvious genetic defect. They ask you what will happen to their 3 other kids? You say: “we don’t know, but we’ll check serial echo & MRI over time”.

# YOU'RE THE PATIENT

**2030:** You're now 65 yo and recently diagnosed with CHF/MI and need to be on medical Rx. What medication should you be taking? Instead of you being the guinea pig, can physicians in the future test drugs first on your “mini-me surrogates” using your iPSC-derived heart, brain, liver cells, etc?



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