

# **Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells and Direct Cardiac Reprogramming**

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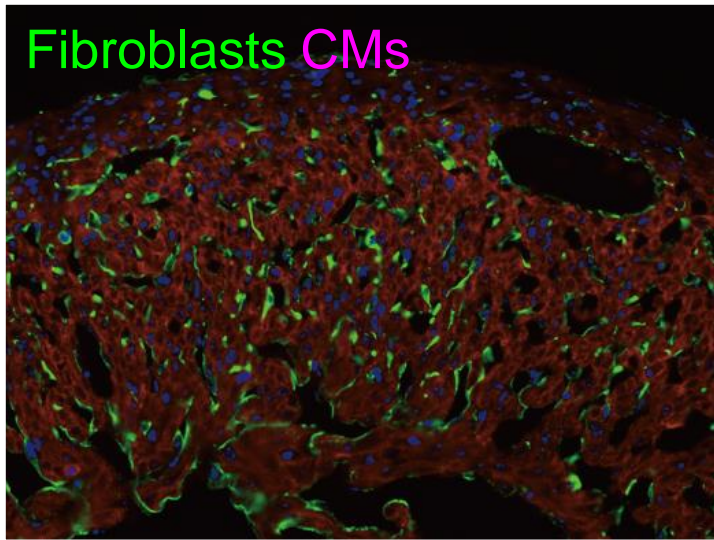


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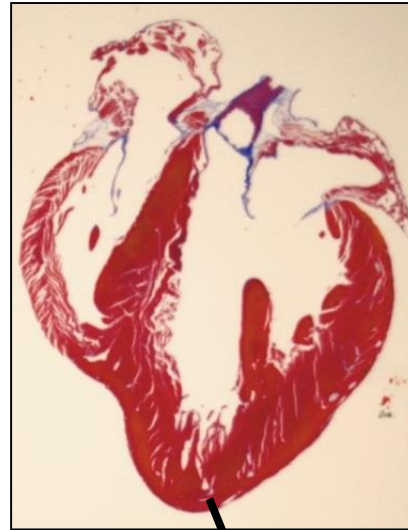
Normal heart

Fibroblasts CMs



(Ieda et al., Dev Cell, 2009)

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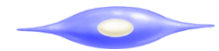
Cardiomyocytes



Myocardial infarction (MI)

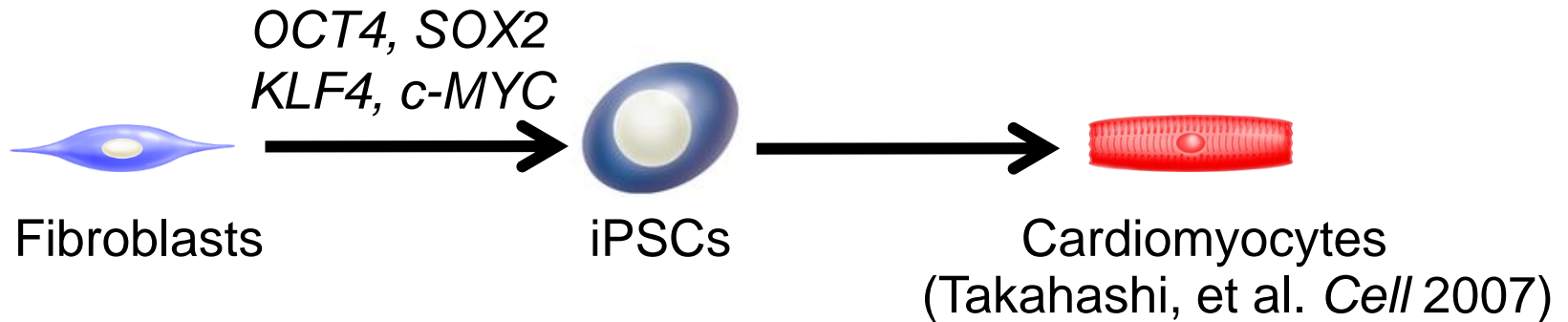


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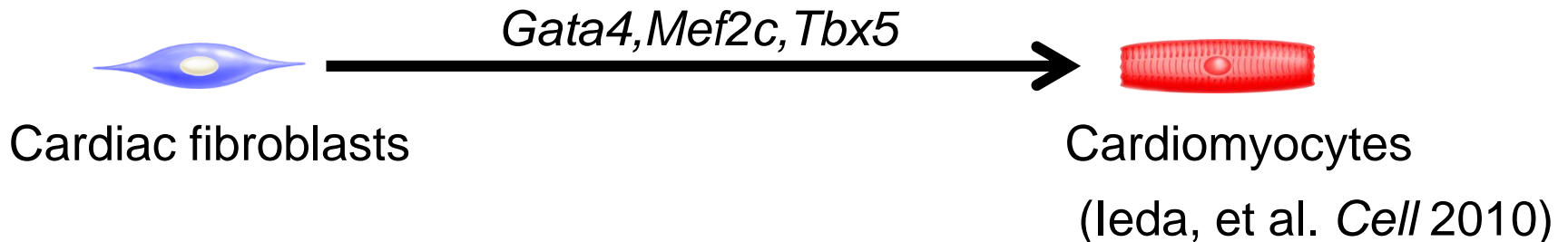


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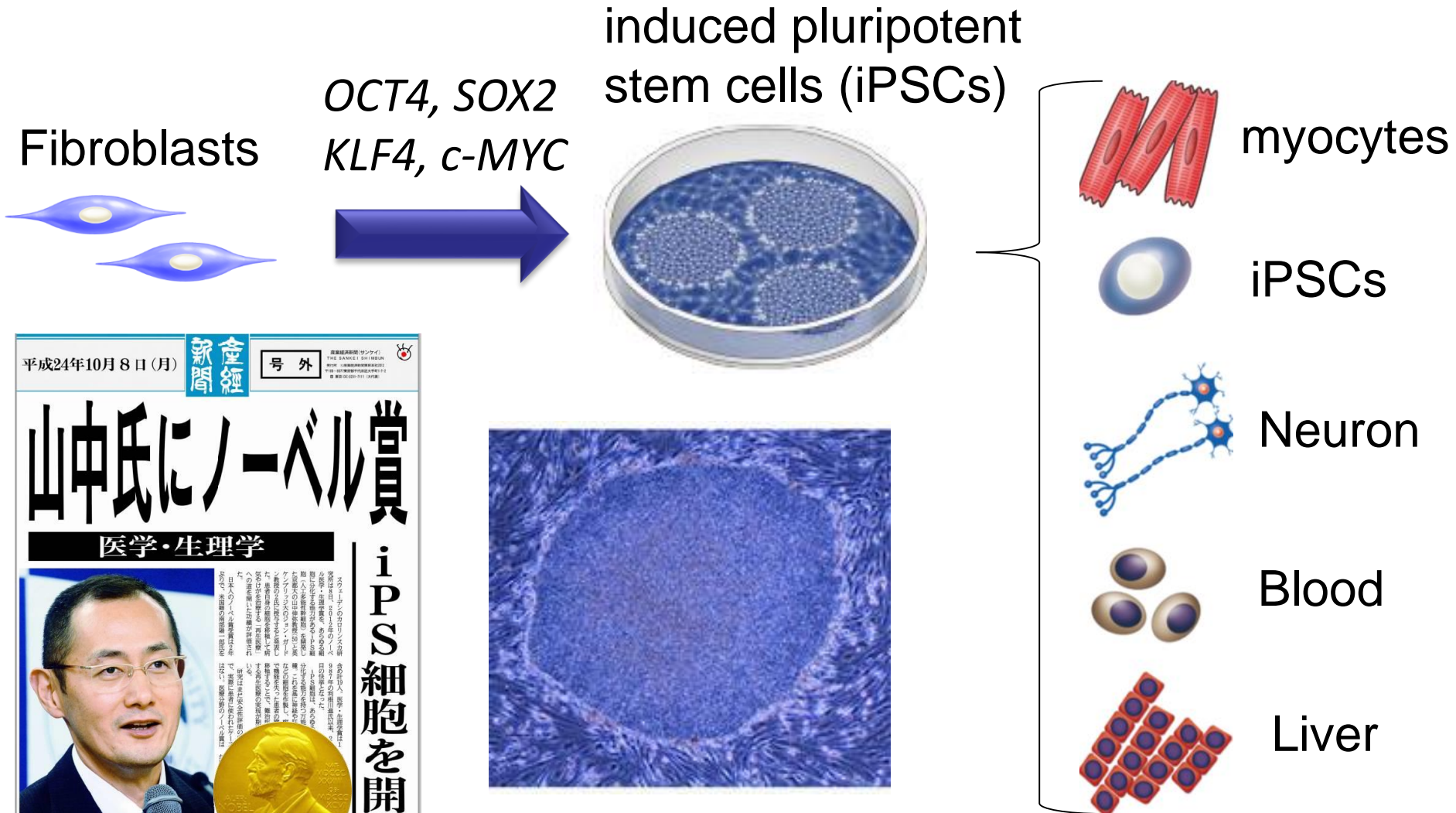
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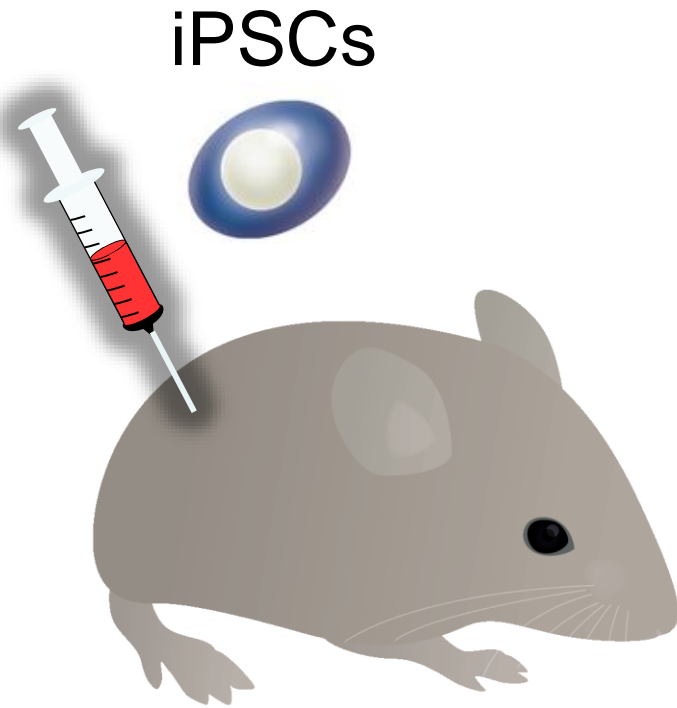


# Combination of Stem Cell-specific Factors Convert Fibroblasts to iPSCs



(Takahashi, et al. *Cell* 2007)

# iPSCs Make Tumors

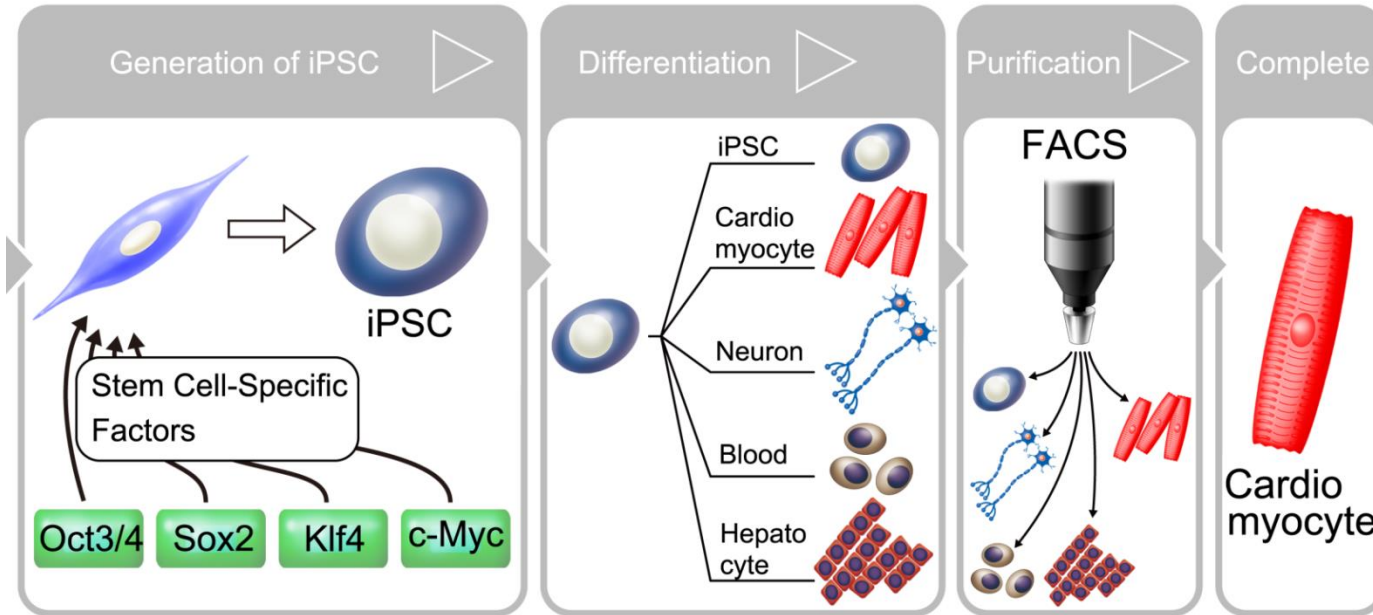


ES cells

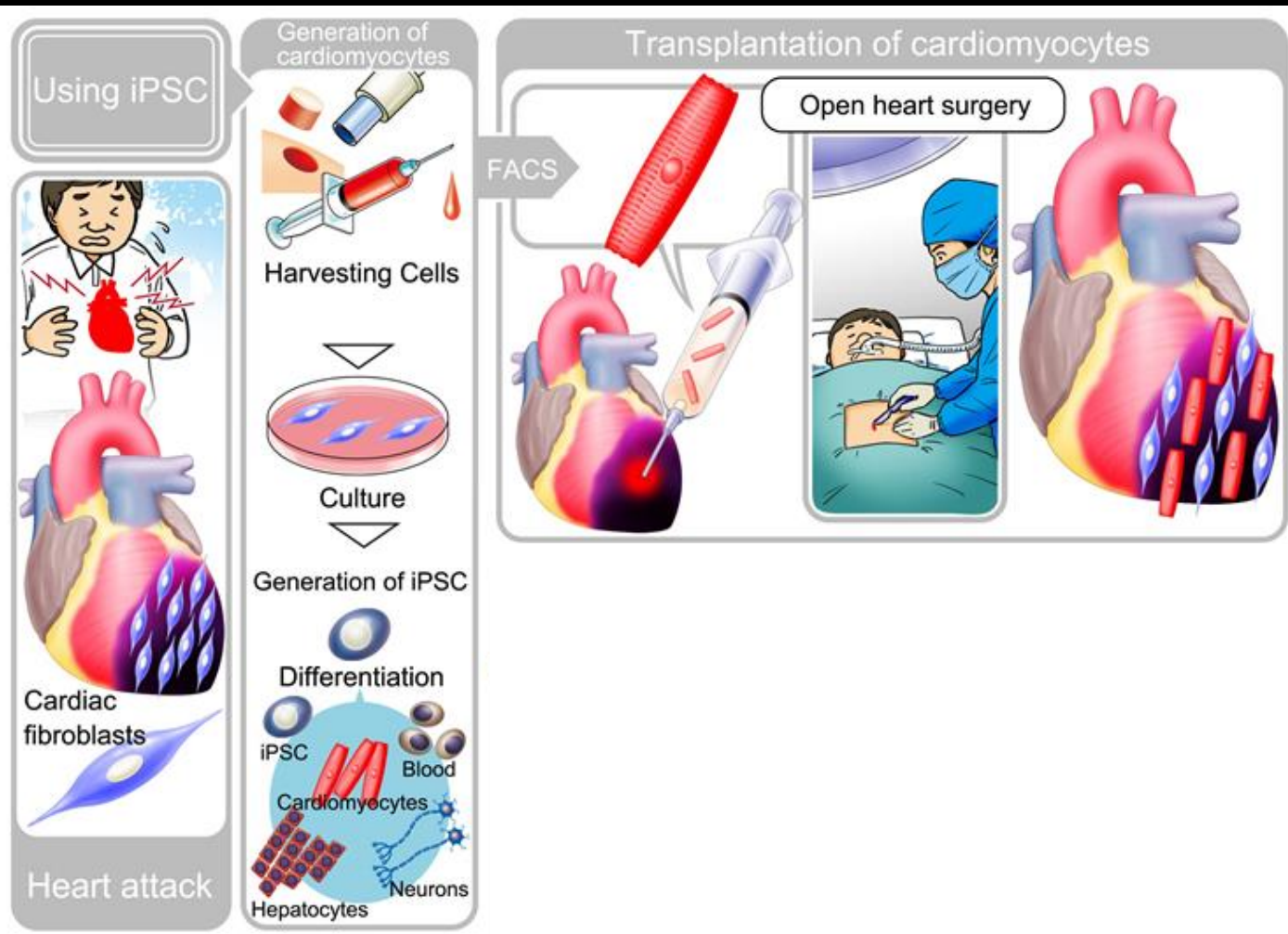
iPS cells



# Generation of CMs through iPSCs



# Regeneration using iPSC-CMs



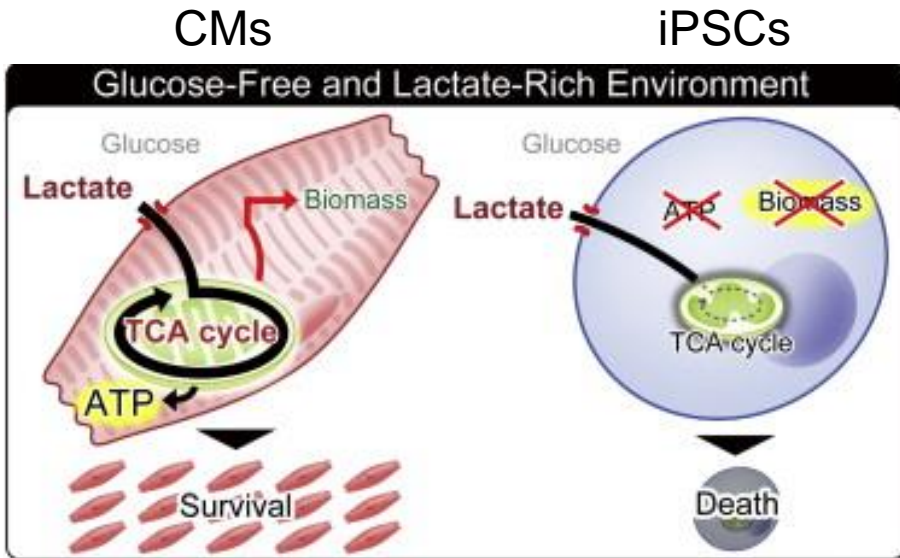
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# Purification of CMs with Culture Conditions

CMs can use lactate for ATP synthesis

CMs survived under glucose-/lactate+



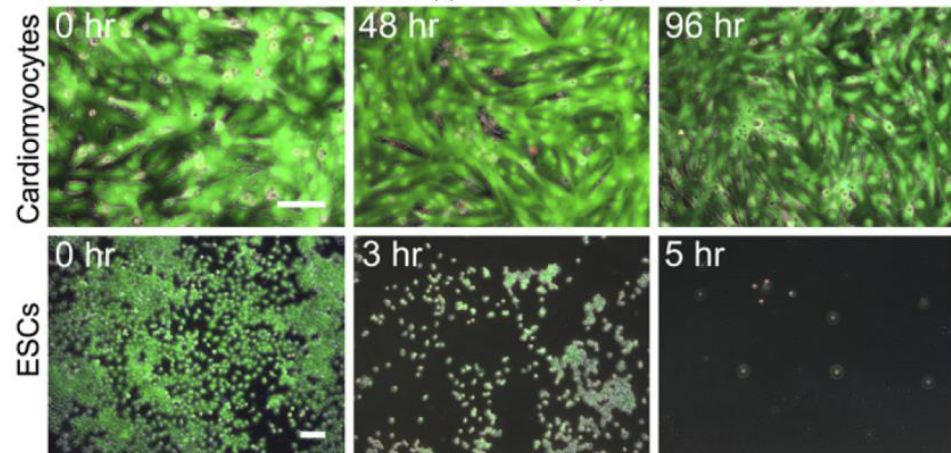
Mitochondria  
rich

Mitochondria  
poor

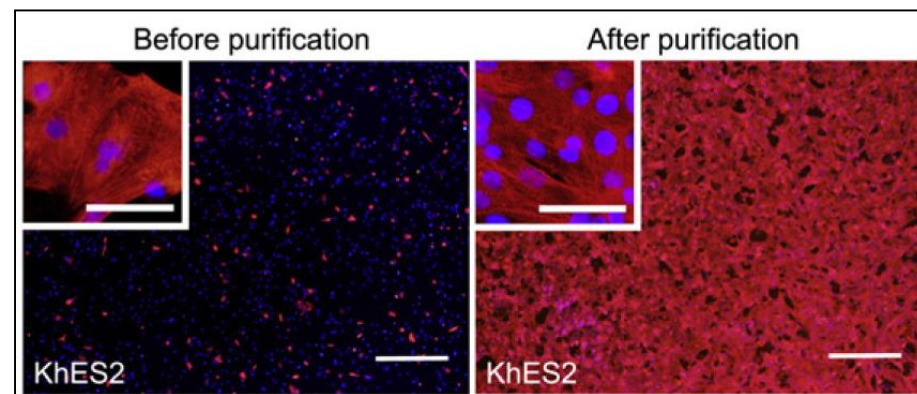
Use lactate  
for ATP synthesis

Use only glucose  
for ATP synthesis

Glucose-/lactate+ culture media  
may purify CMs and kill iPSCs



Purification of CMs > 90%



(Tohyama et al., Cell stem Cell, 2013)



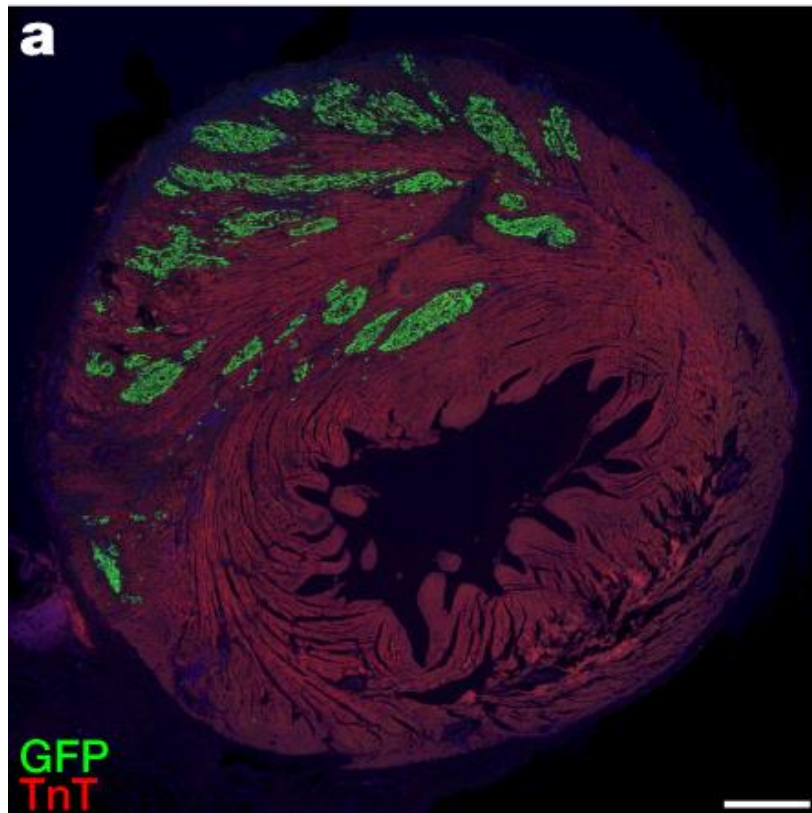
# Monkey iPSC-CMs Regenerate MI Hearts

Autologous iPSCs  
**Expensive!**

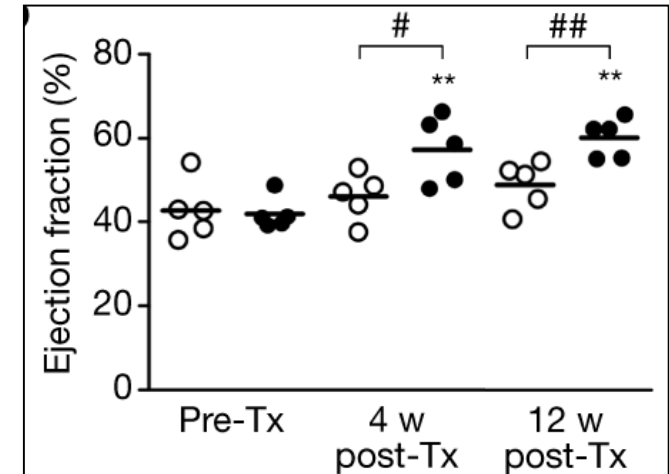


Allogenic iPSCs  
(iPSC bank)

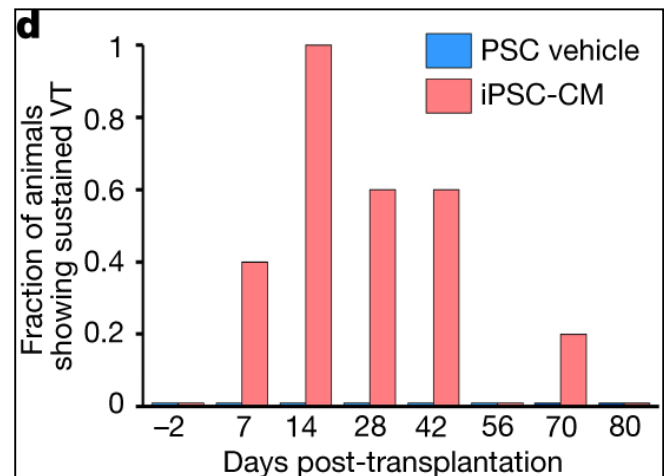
Allogenic monkey iPSC-CMs survived  
In MI hearts with immunosuppressants



iPSC-CMs Improved EF



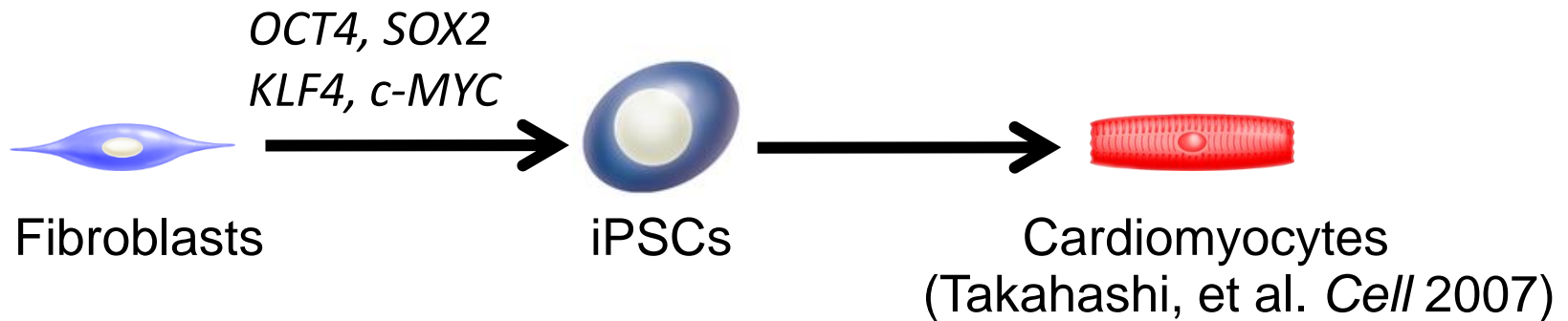
iPSC-CMs induced VT



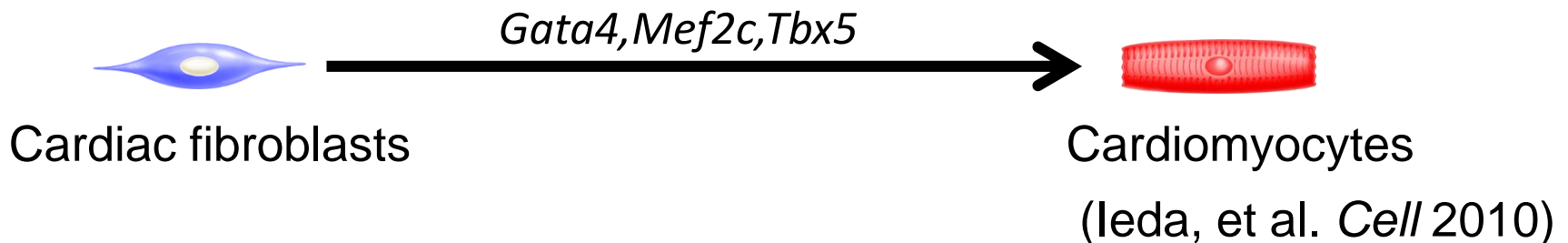
(Shiba et al., Nature, 2016)

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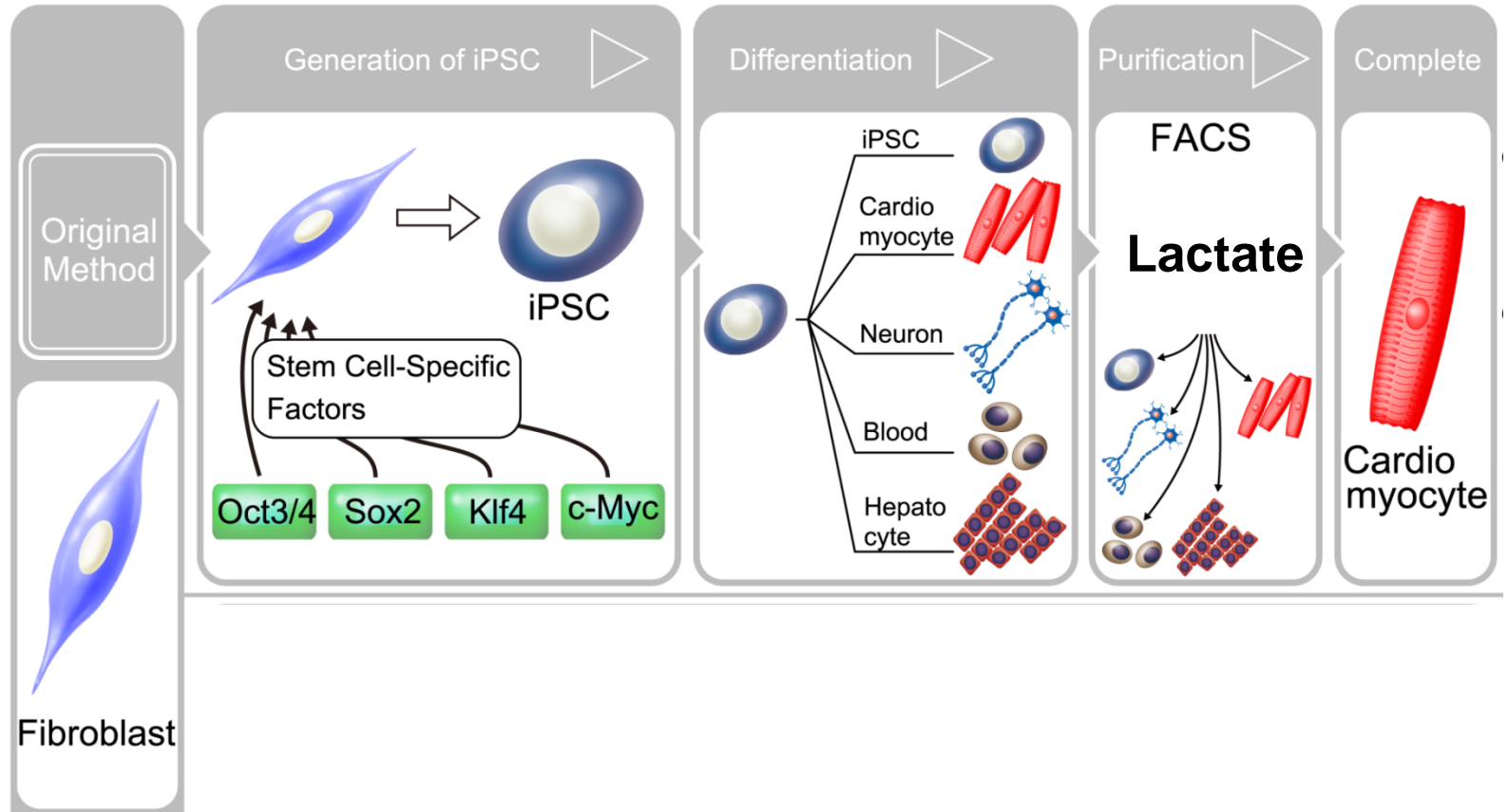
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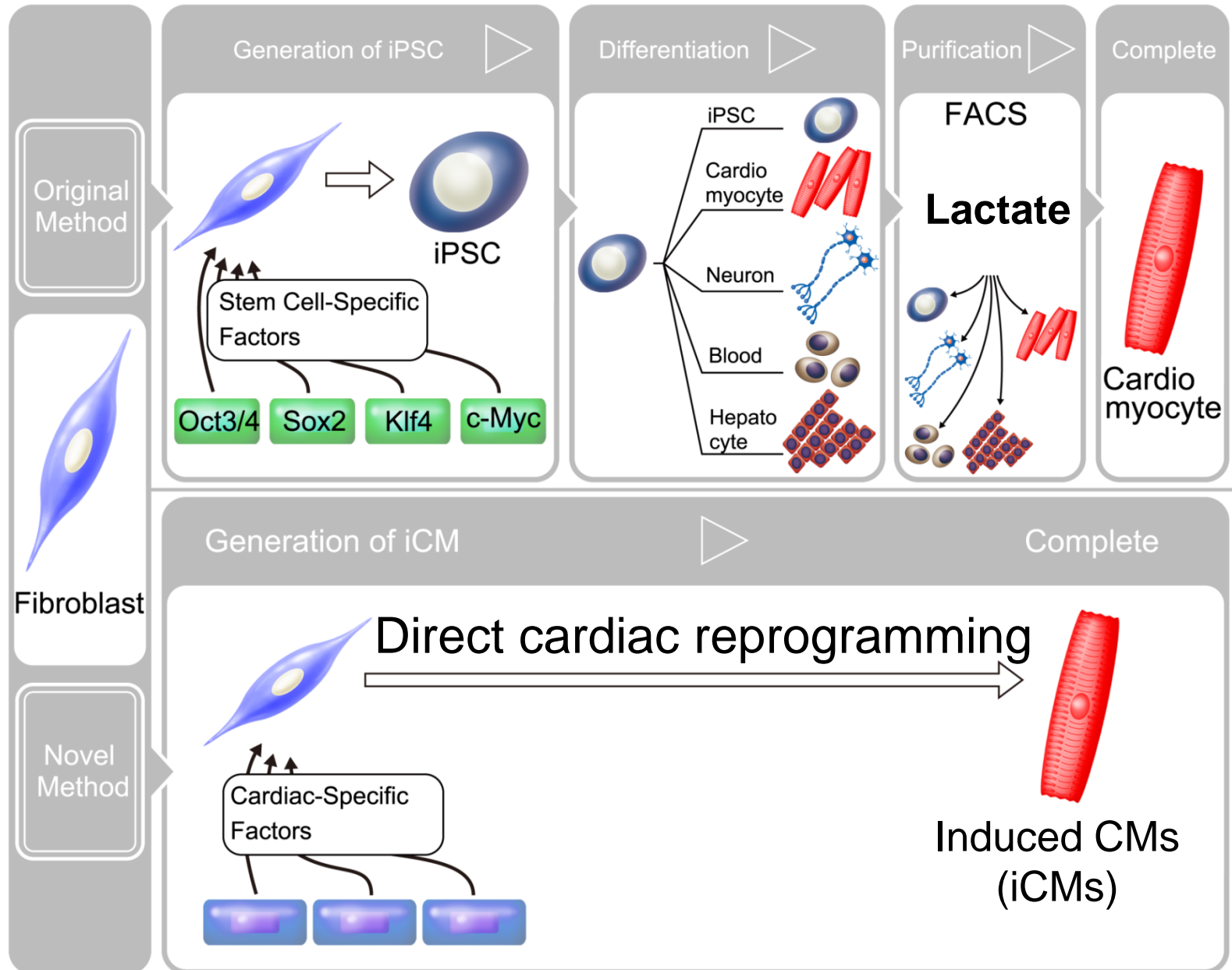
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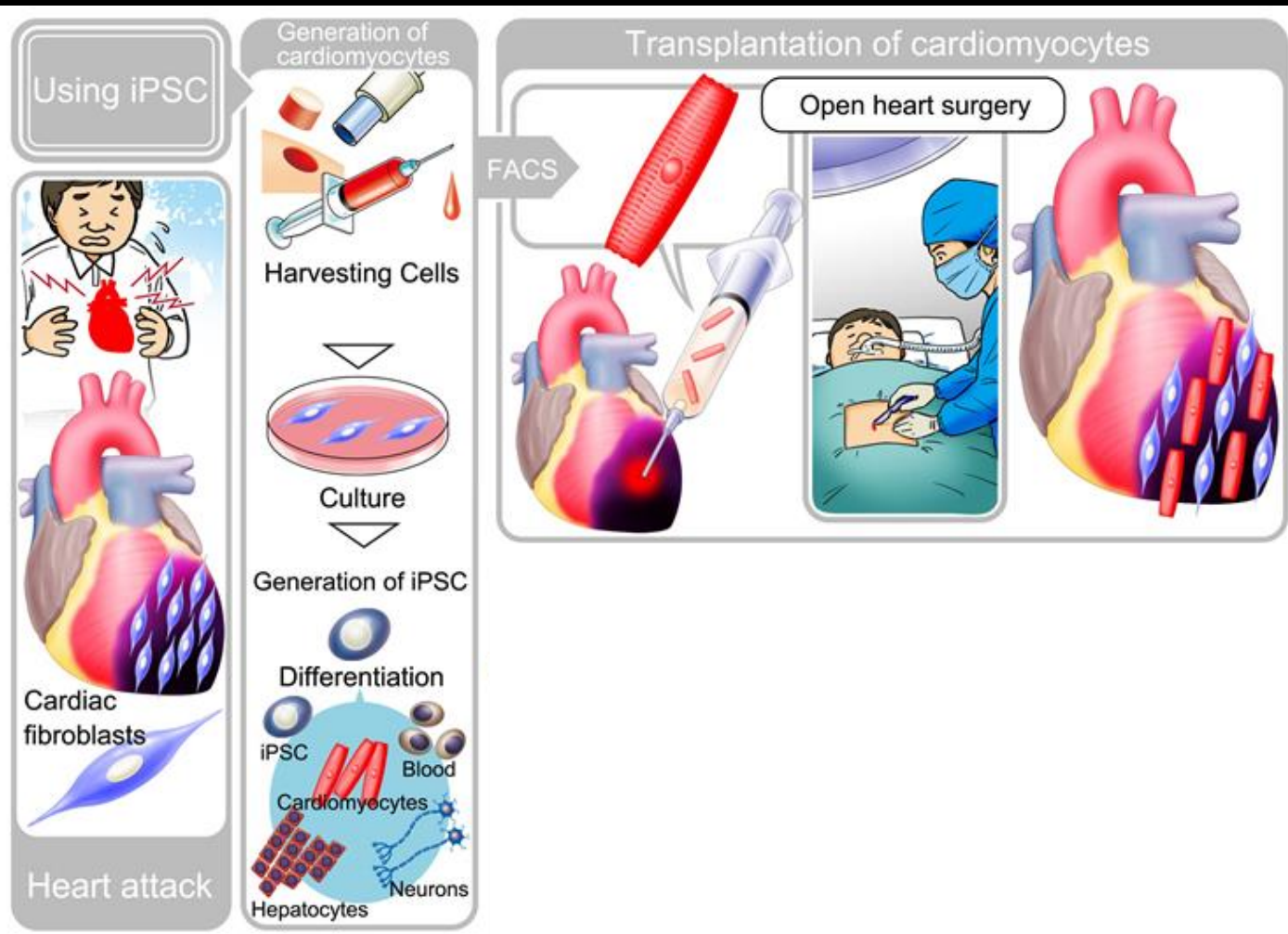


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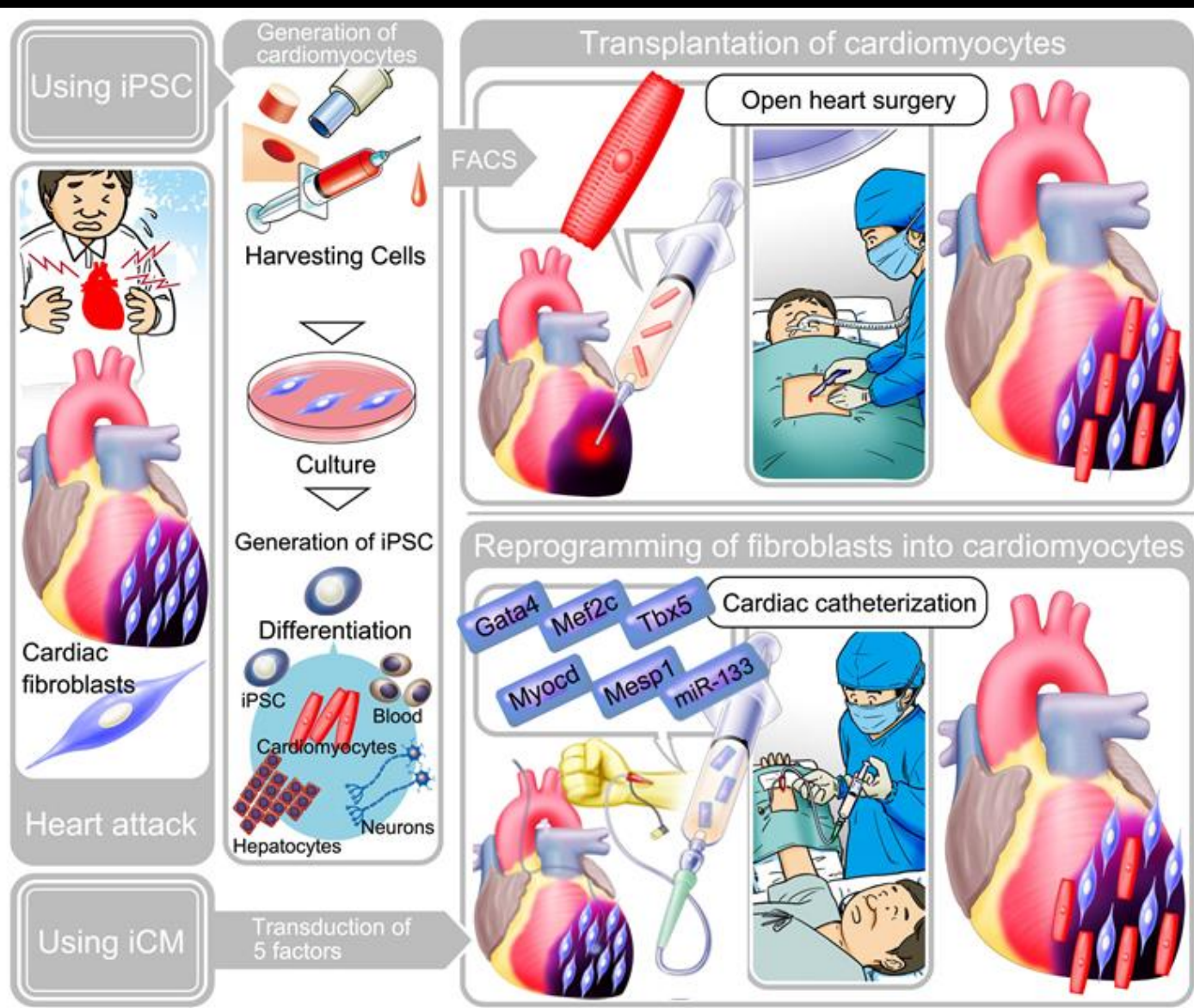
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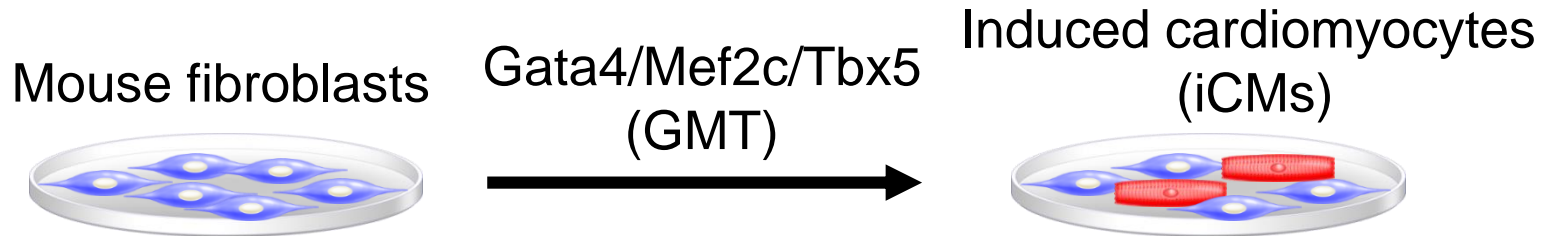
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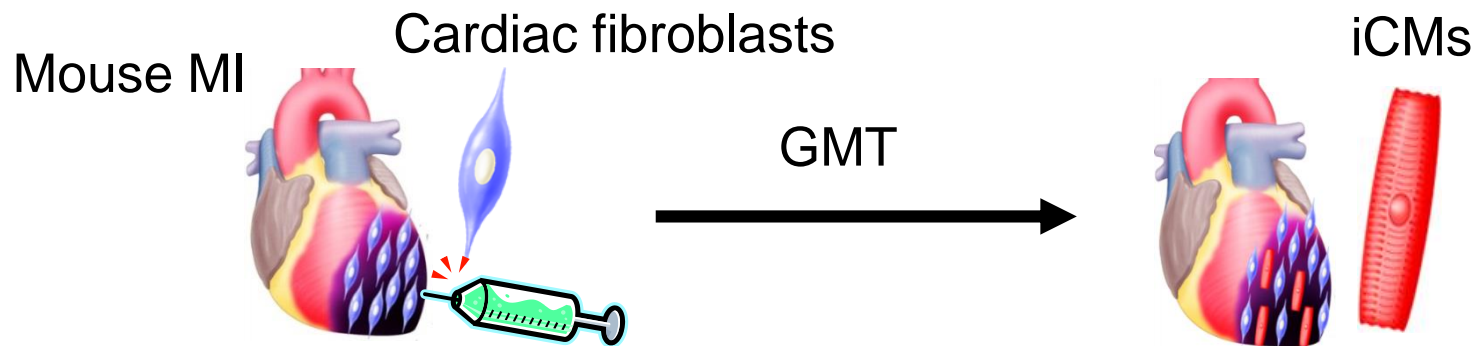


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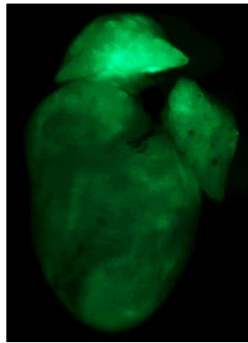
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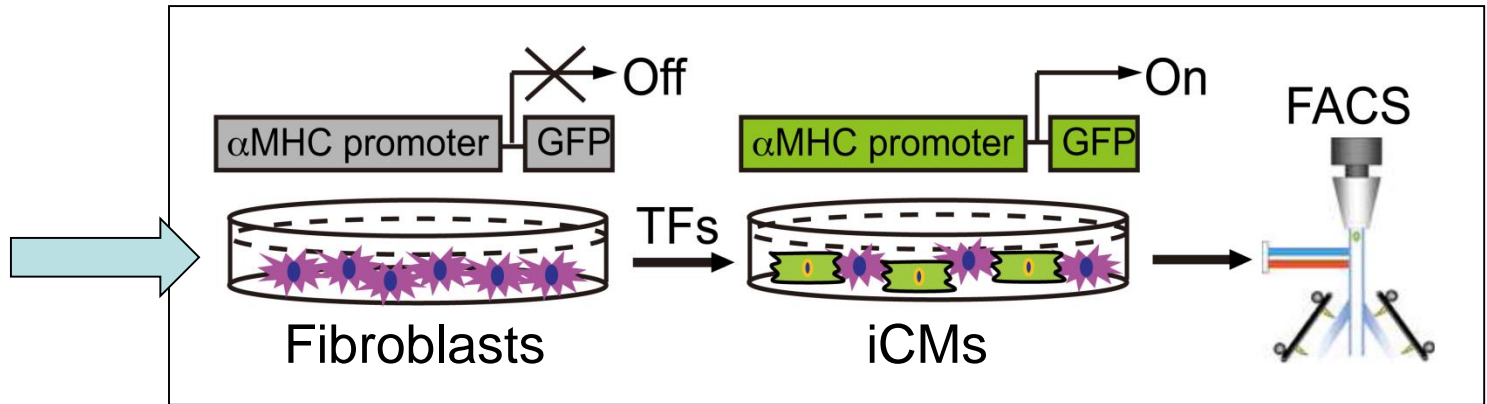
(Inagawa et al Circ Res, 2012)

# Gata4/Mef2c/Tbx5 Are Cardiac Reprogramming Factors in Mouse

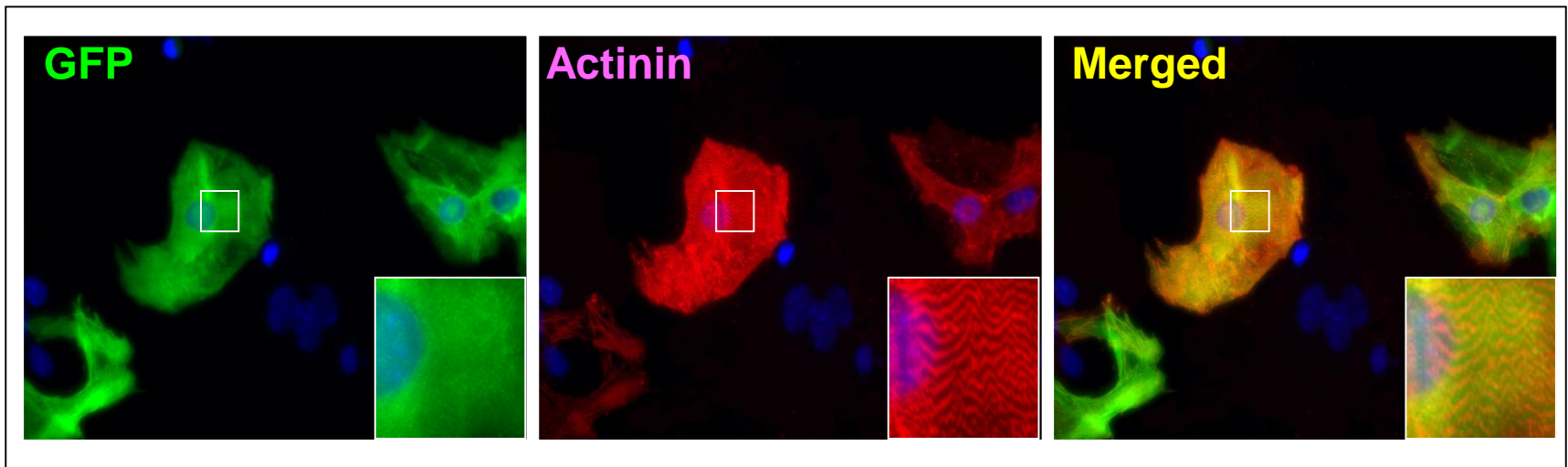
$\alpha$ MHC-GFP TG mouse



Screening for cardiac reprogramming factors

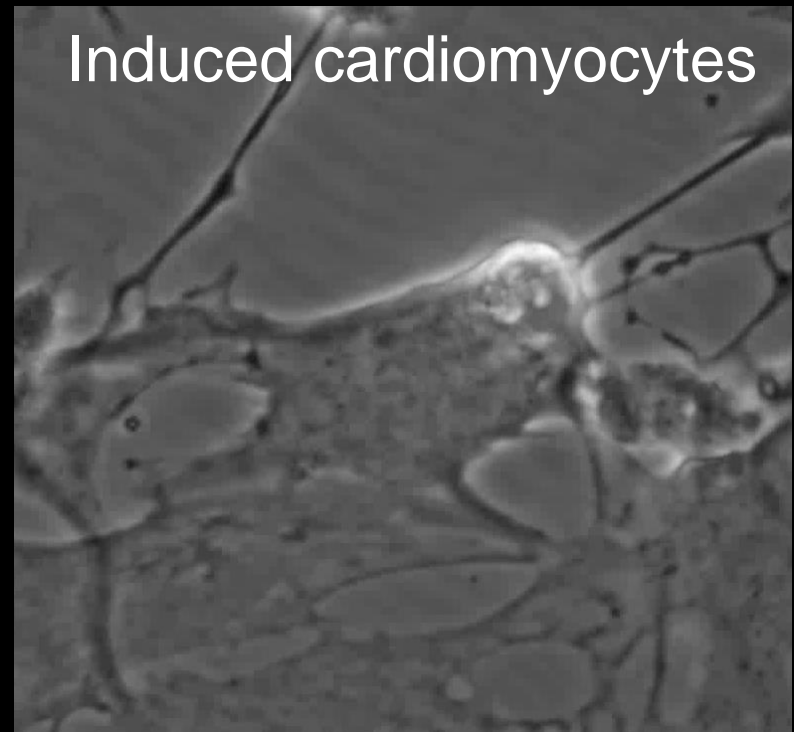
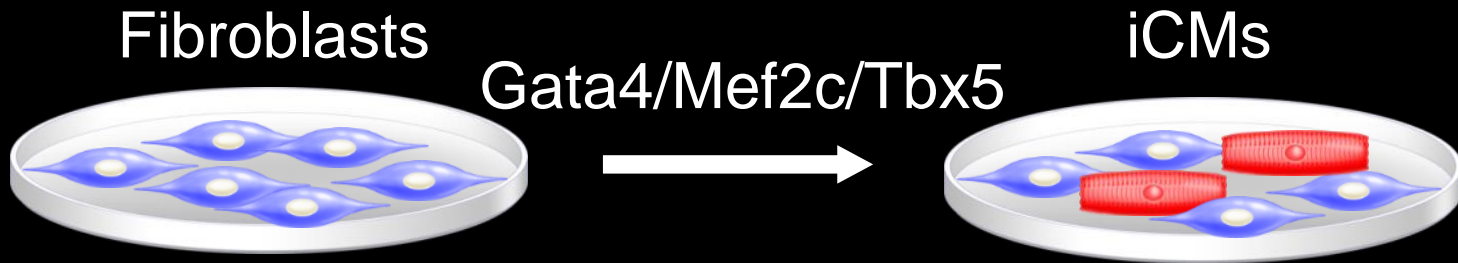


GMT converted fibroblasts into iCMs





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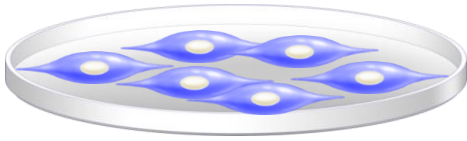
# Addition of Cytokines Improved Cardiac Reprogramming Efficiency



(Yamakawa et al., Stem Cell Reports, 2015)

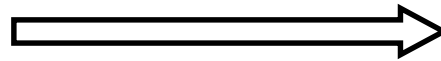
# How about in human?

Human fibroblasts

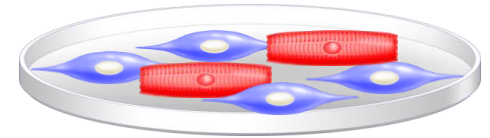


Gata4/Mef2c/Tbx5/

+ ?

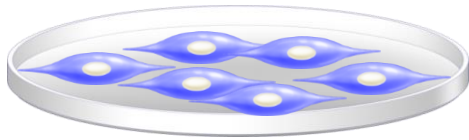


Human iCMs

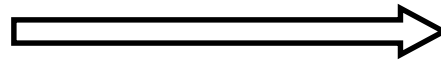


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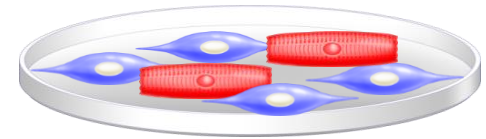
Human fibroblasts



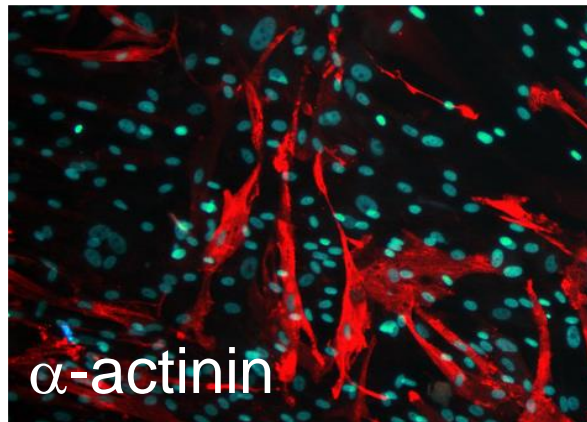
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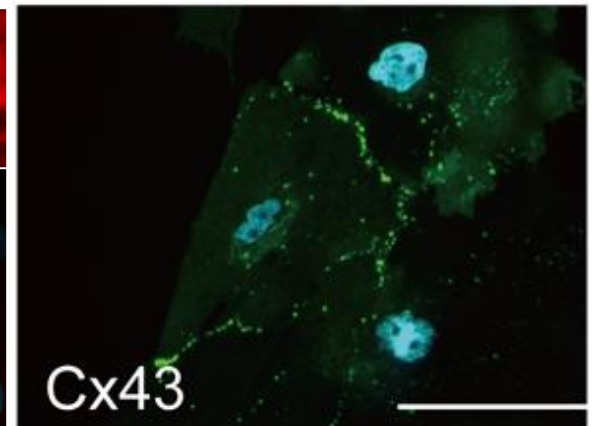
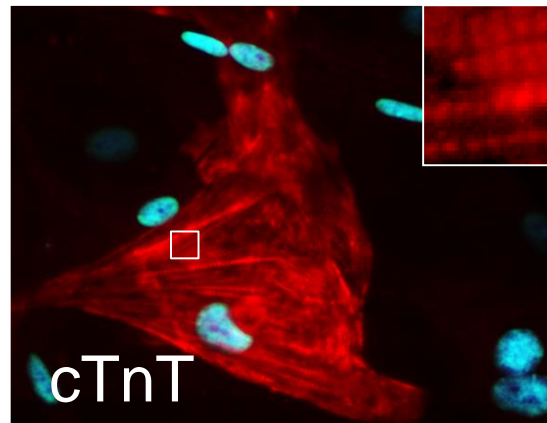
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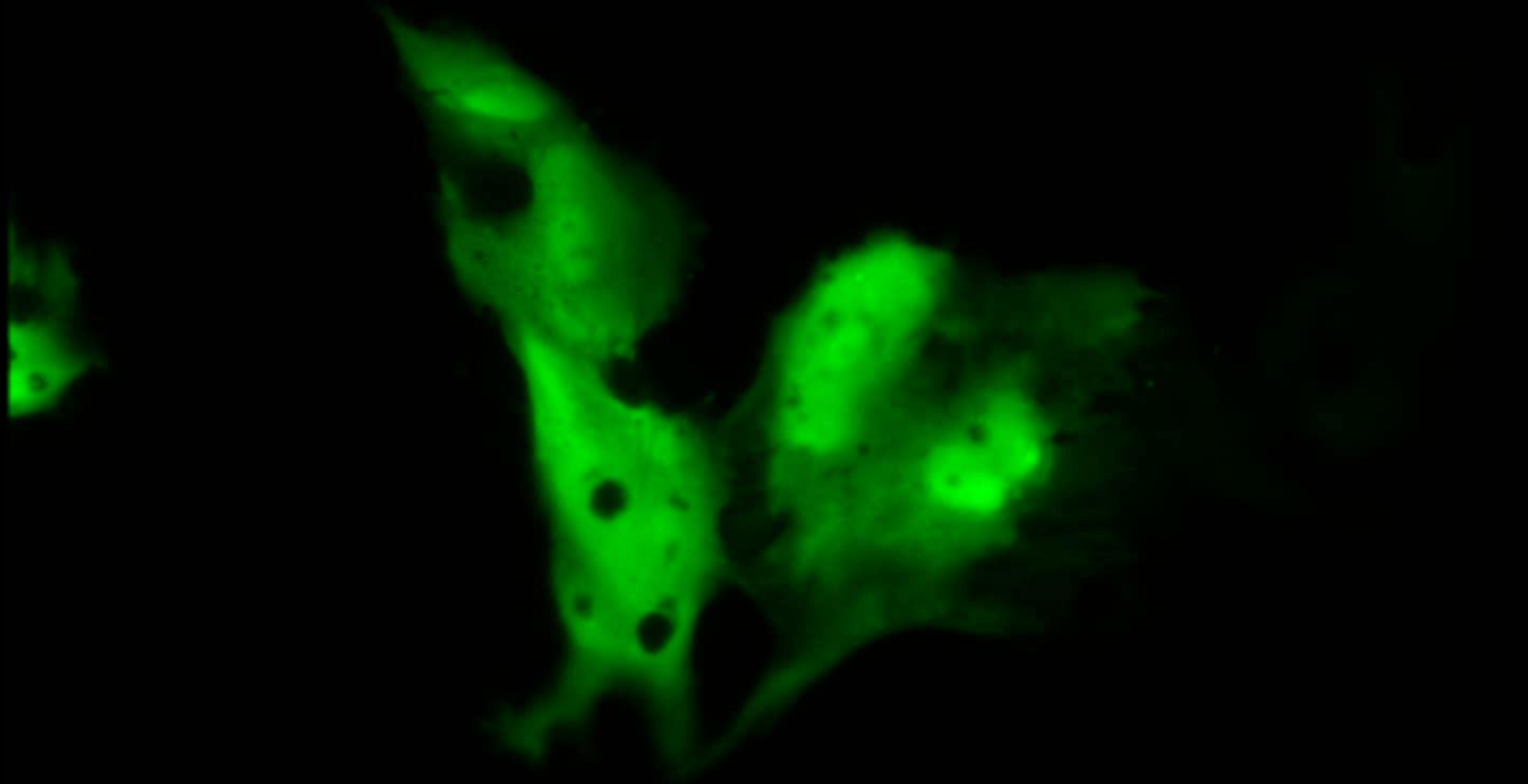
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# Human iCMs Beat Synchronously in co-culture with other CMs

GFP-tagged human iCMs



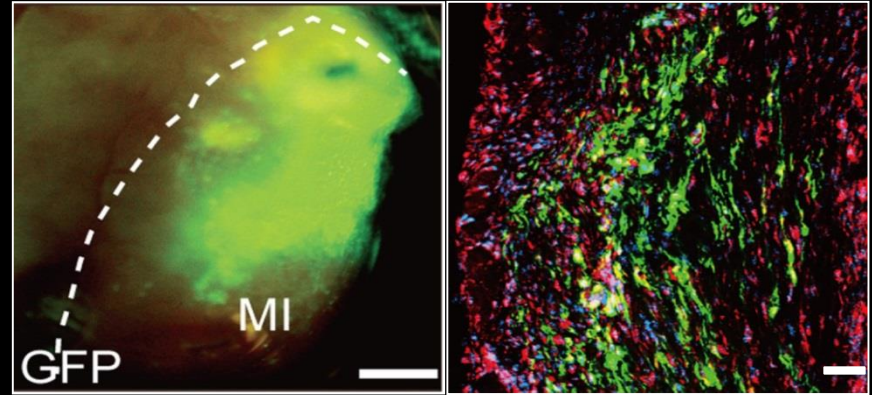
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# In Vivo Cardiac Reprogramming by GMT

## Mouse MI model



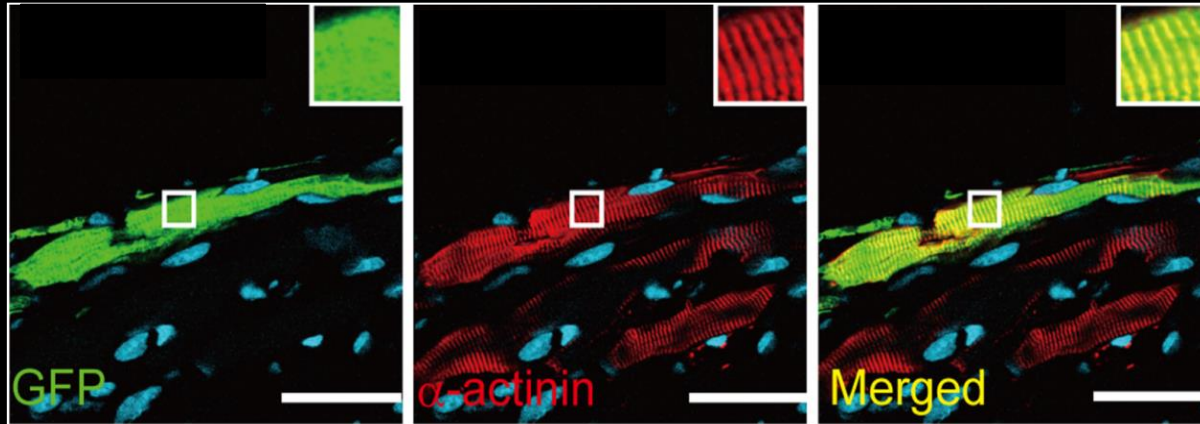
## Retrovirus GFP infected fibroblasts



GFP

Actinin

Merged

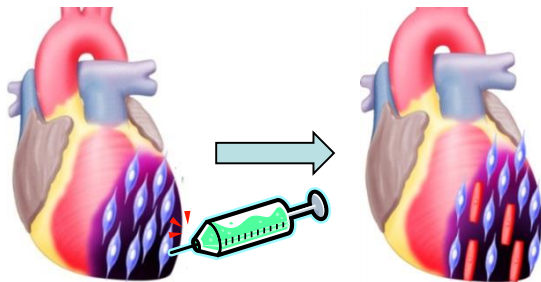


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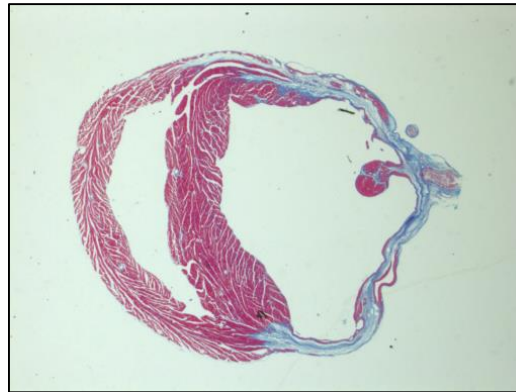
# In Vivo Reprogramming Improved Cardiac Function

Gata4/Mef2c/Tbx5 reduced fibrosis

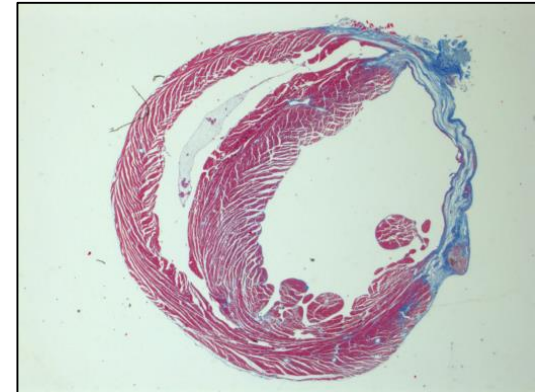
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Control



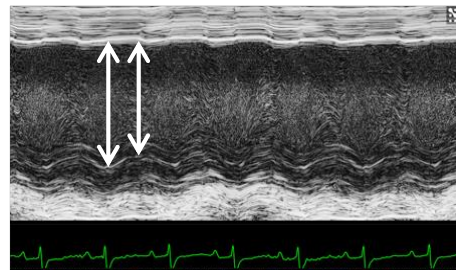
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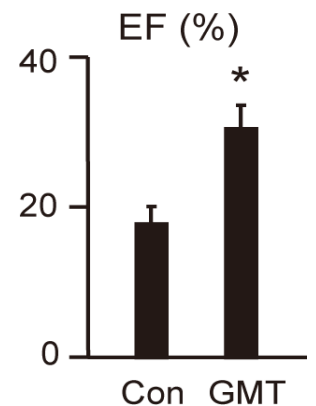
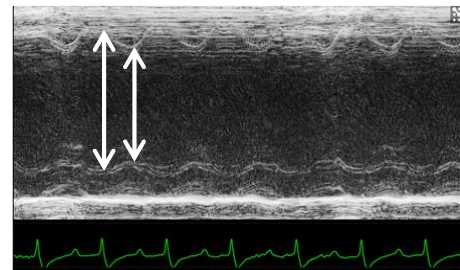
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Echocardiogram

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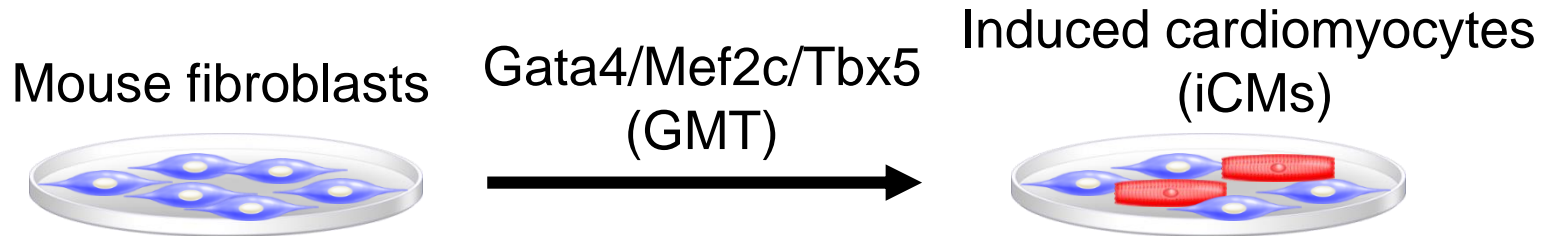


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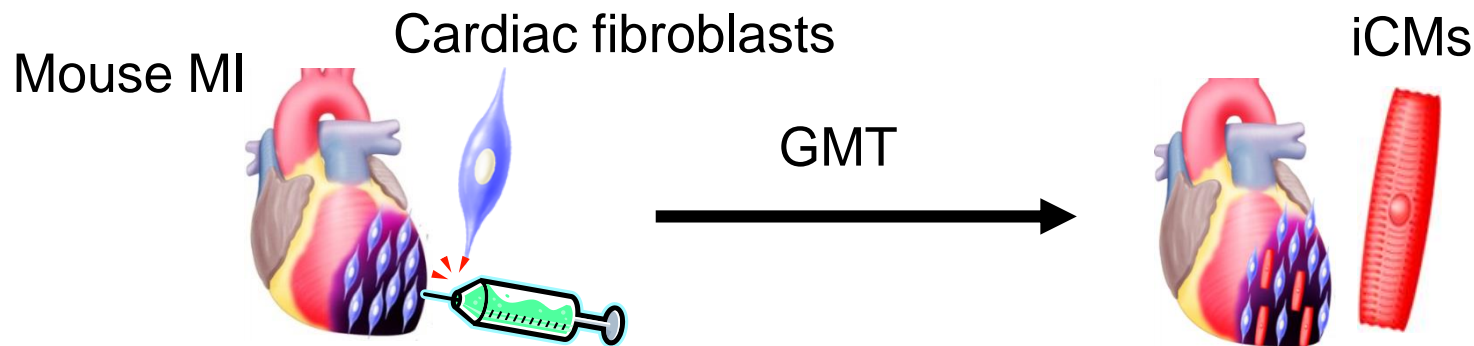


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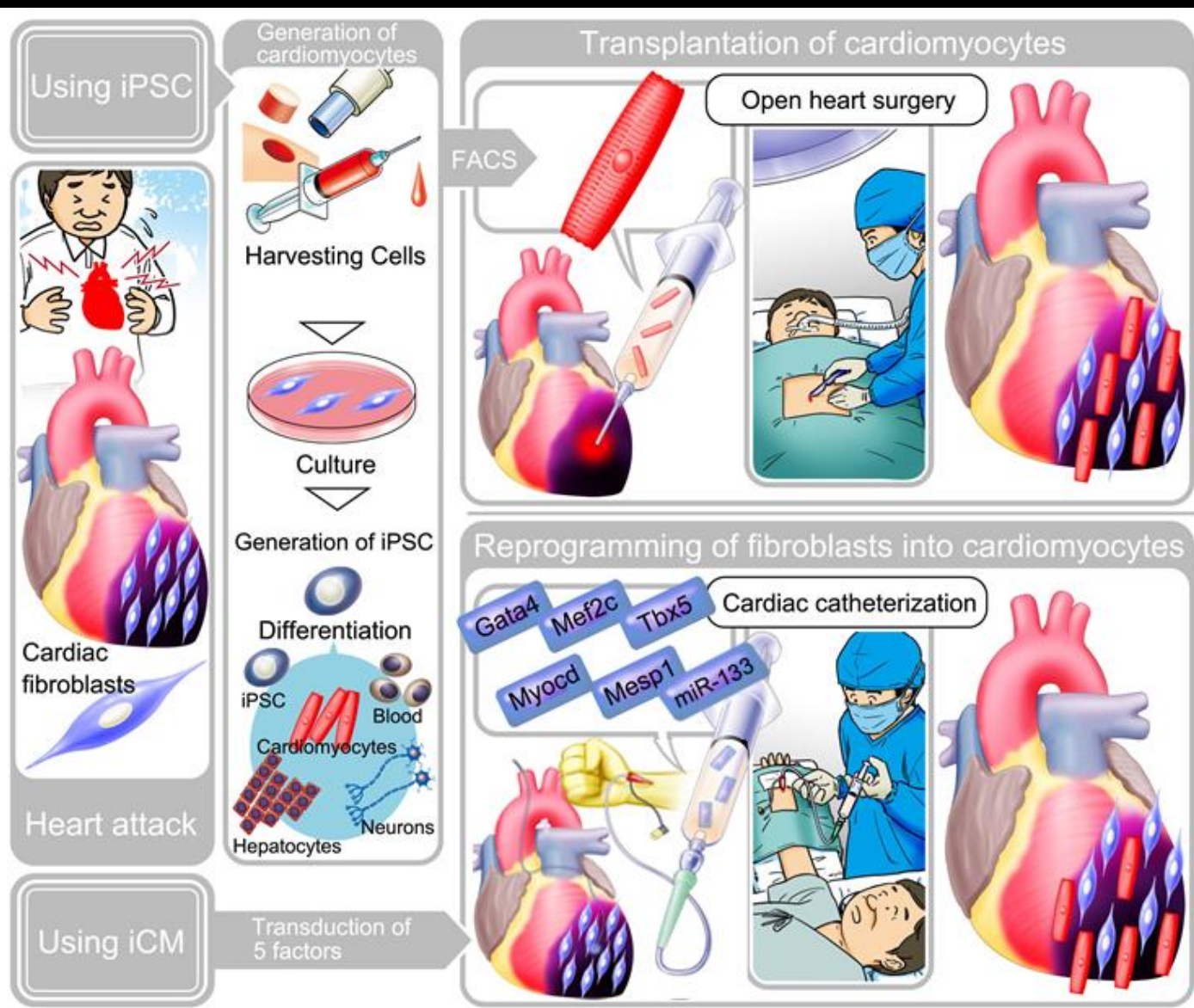
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