

Pregunta básica

Qué célula madre utilizar?

Células madre

Células con capacidad de:

- autoperpetuarse (prolongada o ilimitada)
- diferenciarse a distintos tipos celulares

Tipos:

Embrionarias
Adultas

hematopoyéticas
epiteliales
músculo cardíaco
hígado
páncreas
sistema nervioso

Reprogramadas

Células madre embrionales

Ventaja

Alta plasticidad: fuente potencial de cualquier célula

Desventajas

Feeder layer

Comportamiento en cultivo muy variable.

Tumorigénicas

Respuesta inmunológica al trasplante

Debate ético: fuente celular

Células madre adultas

Ventajas

Larga experiencia en células madre hematopoyéticas
Sin evidencias de tumorigenicidad
Sin debate ético

Rechazo poco probable (autotrasplante)

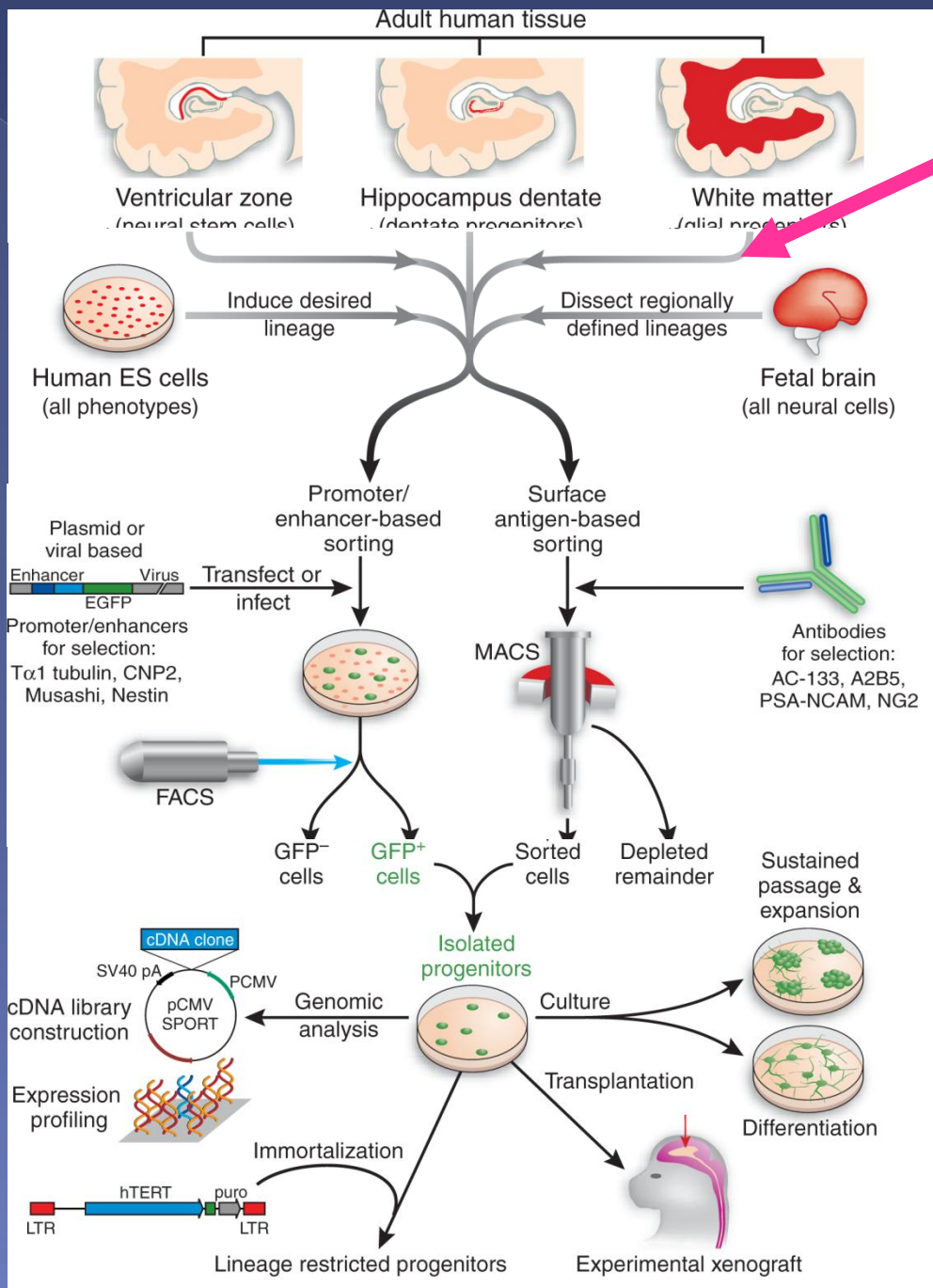
Desventajas

Menor plasticidad- *específicas de linaje*

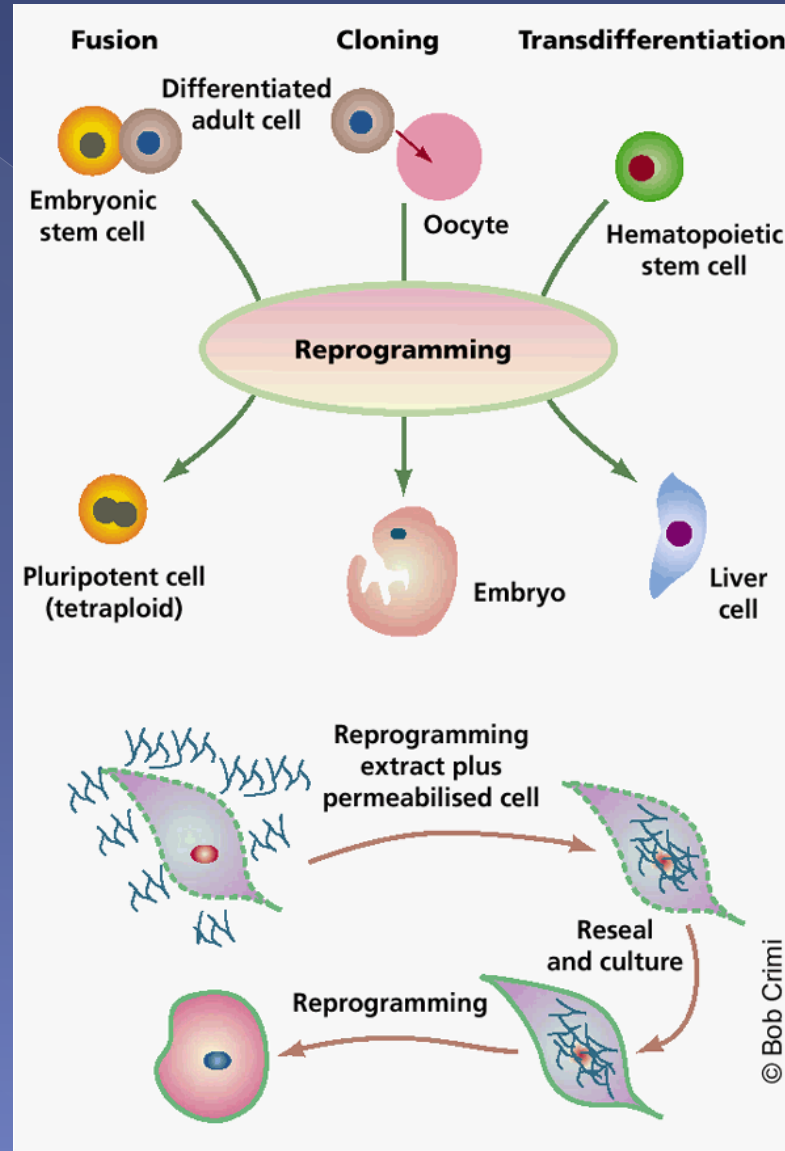
Baja homogeneidad de la muestra
Difícil acceso (neurales)
Baja eficiencia de diferenciación (neurales)

Células madre reprogramadas

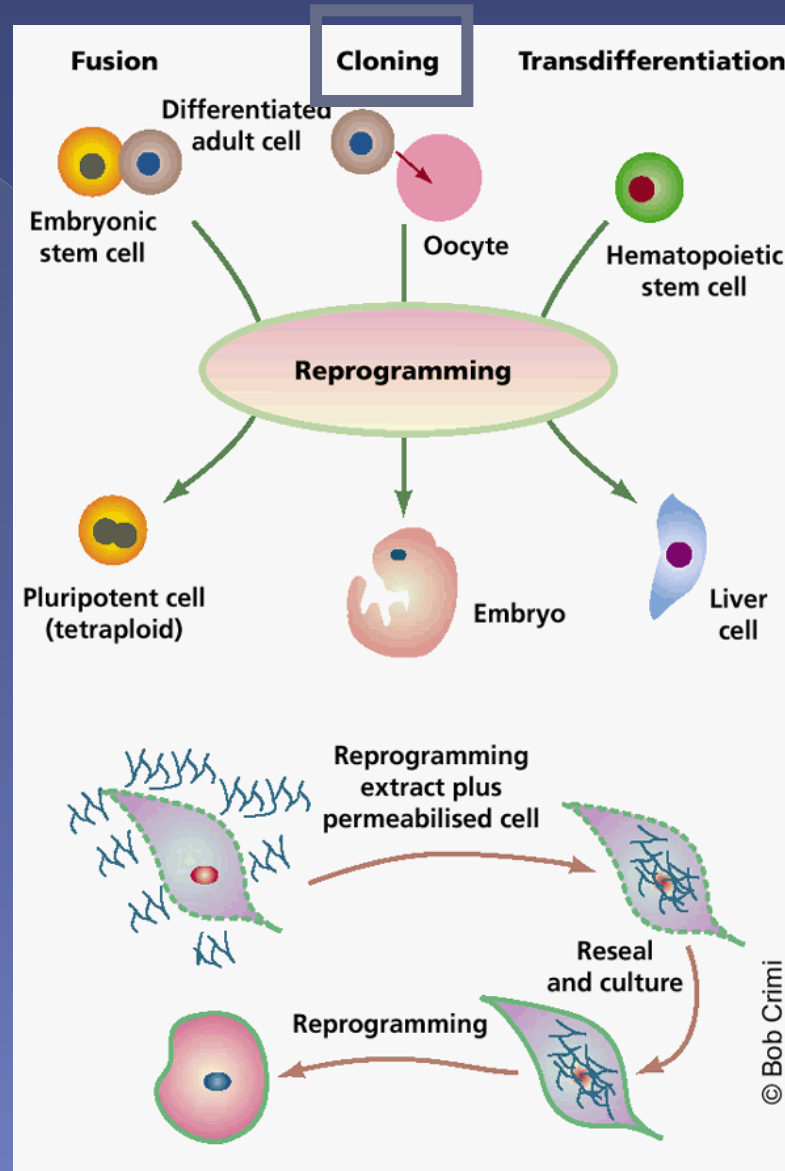
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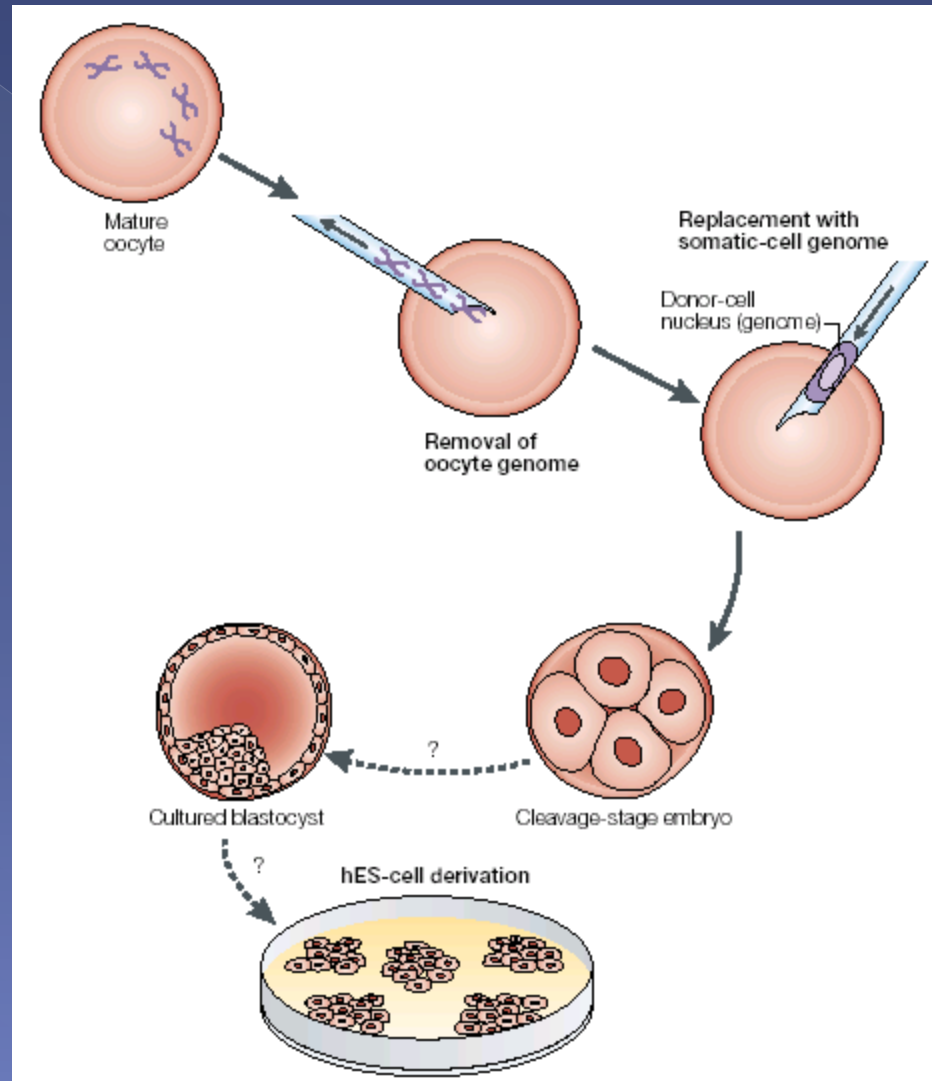
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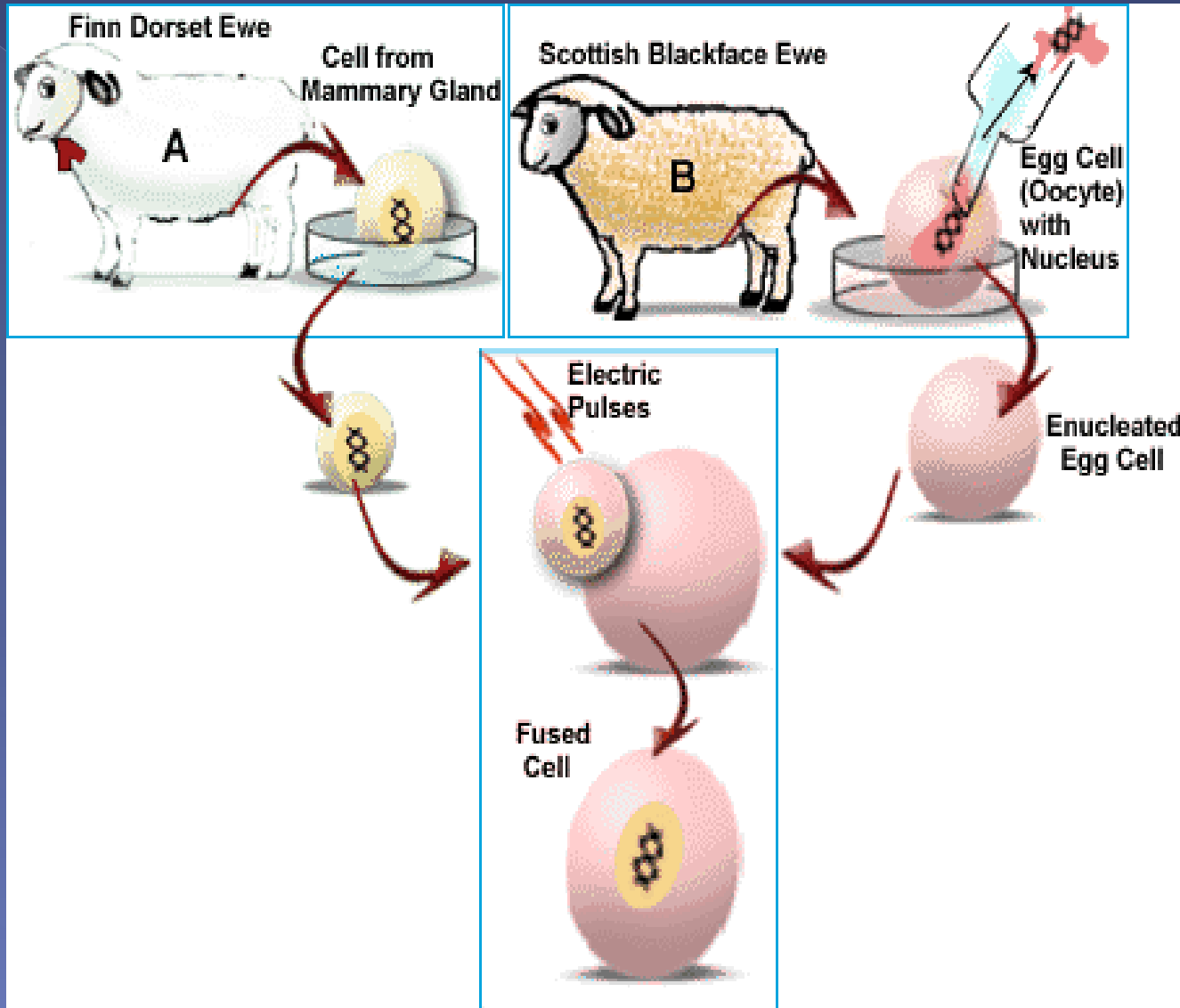
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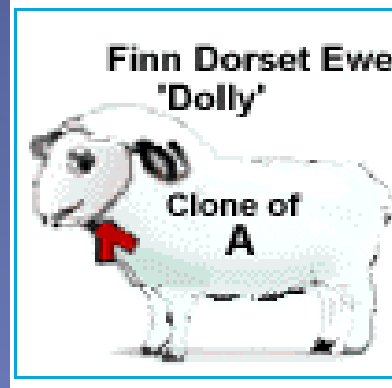
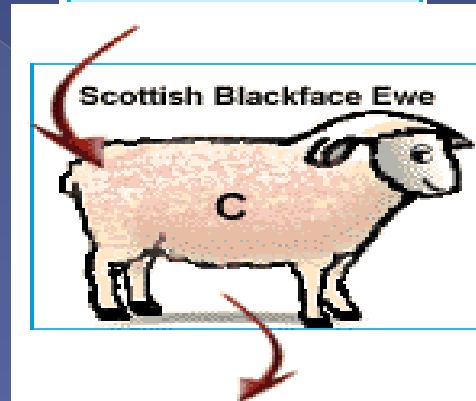
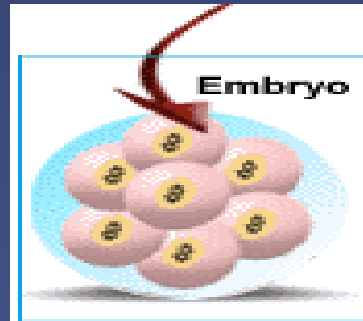
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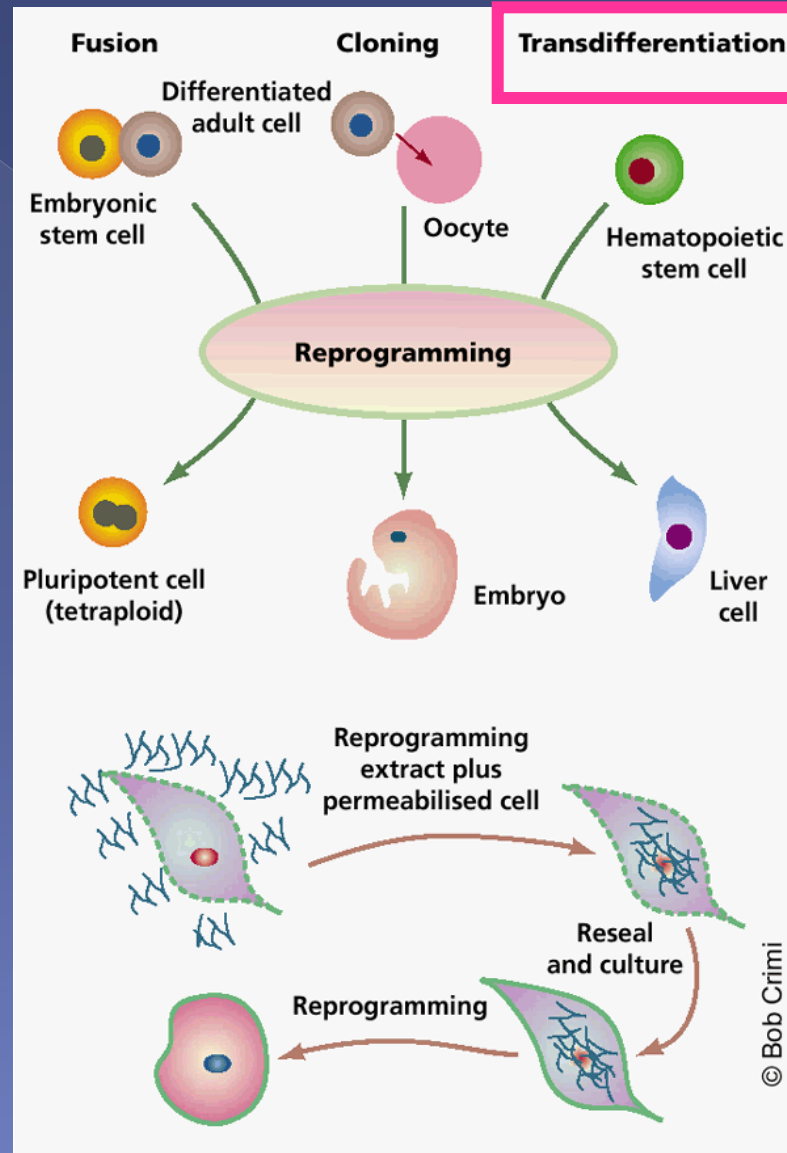
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Reprogramación



Transdiferenciación

Capacidad de una célula de un linaje de diferenciarse a células de otro linaje

Transdiferenciación

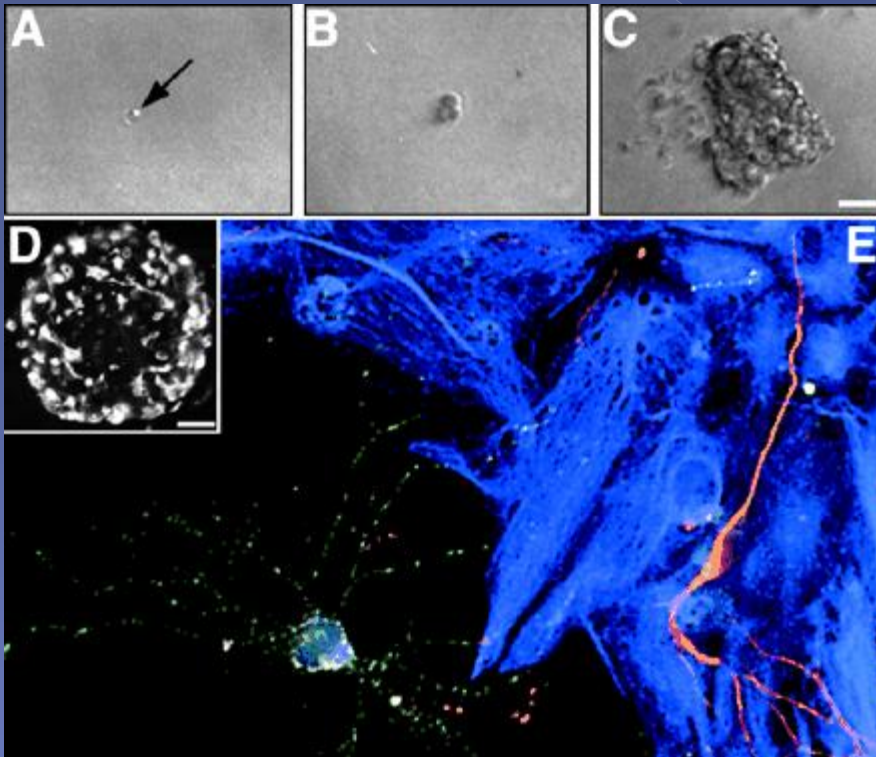
Table 1
Transdifferentiation of adult stem cells

Tissue of origin	Newly formed tissue	References
<i>Bone marrow</i>		
Unfractionated	Brain	[72,73]
	Kidney	[79,80]
	Skeletal muscle	[113]
Mesenchymal/ stromal	Brain	[71]
	Bone	[63,64]
	Fat	[66]
	Heart	[67-69]
HSC	Liver, lung, skin, gastro-intestinal tract	[77]
MAPC	Brain, retina, lung, heart, skeletal muscle, liver, intestine, kidney, spleen, bone marrow, blood and skin	[84]
<i>Brain</i>	Heart, skeletal muscle, kidney, stomach, intestine, liver	[87]
	Blood	[85,86]
	Blood	[94,95]
<i>Skeletal muscle</i>	Heart	[99]
<i>Liver</i>	Bile duct	[97]
<i>Fat</i>	Pancreas	[98]
<i>Skin</i>	Bone, skeletal muscle	[101,102]
<i>Pancreas</i>	Fat, brain, muscle	[103]
	Liver	[100]

HSC, hematopoietic stem cells; MAPC, multipotent adult progenitor cell.

Transdiferenciación

When the brain turns into blood
Vescovi, Science, 1999



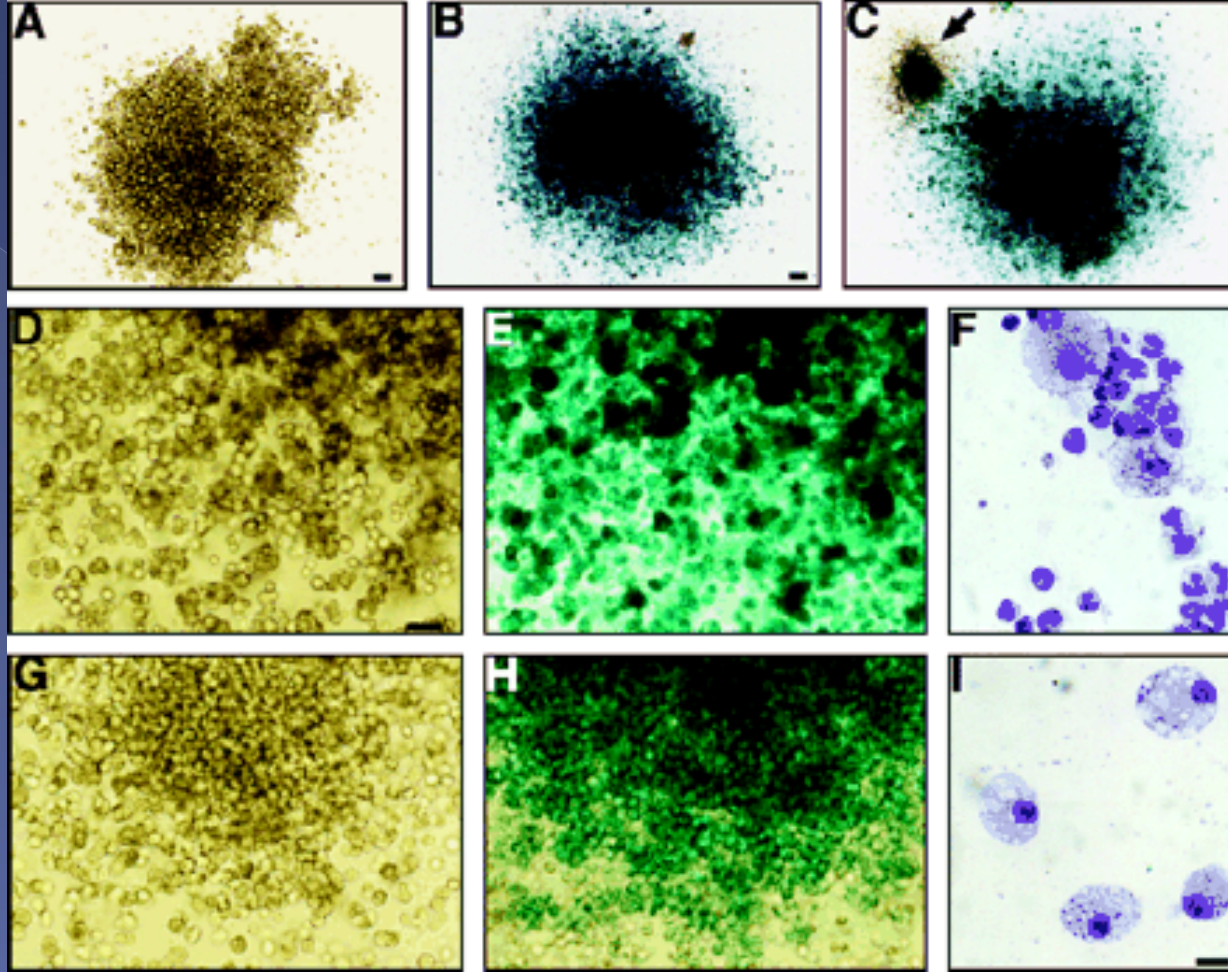
A: single ROSA26 NSC

B: 1 day

C: 8 days

D: neuroesfera (nestin+?)

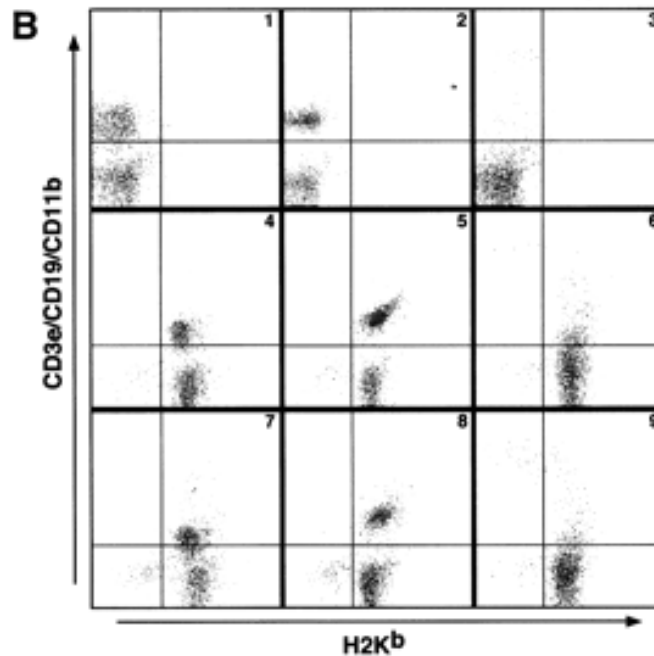
E: neurons (red), astroglia (blue),
oligos (green)



- A. BM from Balb/c
- B. BM from Balb/c transplanted
- C. Idem B
- D + F. macrophage+ granulocytes
- E. D + betagal
- G + I. macrophages
- H. G + beta gal

5 to 12 months after transplantation to sub-irradiated animals.

A		Balb/c	ROSA 26	EBSS	Bone Marrow	Adult NSCs	Embryonic NSCs
% H-2K ^b	Peripheral Blood	2.35±0.40	94.2±1.13	1.68±0.43	56.7±12.6	43.1±6.87	43.9±6.98
	Spleen	0.92±0.15	97.3±1.03	1.68±0.44	95.3±2.45	65.4±23.5	60.7±11.0
	Bone Marrow	2.26±0.55	42.3±4.09	1.59±0.51	38.8±2.48	35.8±10.0	40.4±6.61
CD3e/H-2K ^b		0.52±0.08	33.0±5.16	0.77±0.05	31.9±2.62	28.1±14.2	9.86±4.69
CD11b/H-2K ^b		0.47±0.09	30.0±2.24	0.43±0.02	14.5±3.85	14.9±10.9	19.5±6.88
CD19/H-2K ^b		0.57±0.08	51.0±1.90	0.59±0.07	56.2±2.50	26.8±11.7	31.8±1.38



CD3: T cells
 CD11: myeloid cells
 CD19: B cells

H-2kb = ROSA

Engraftment: 22 weeks post-transplant

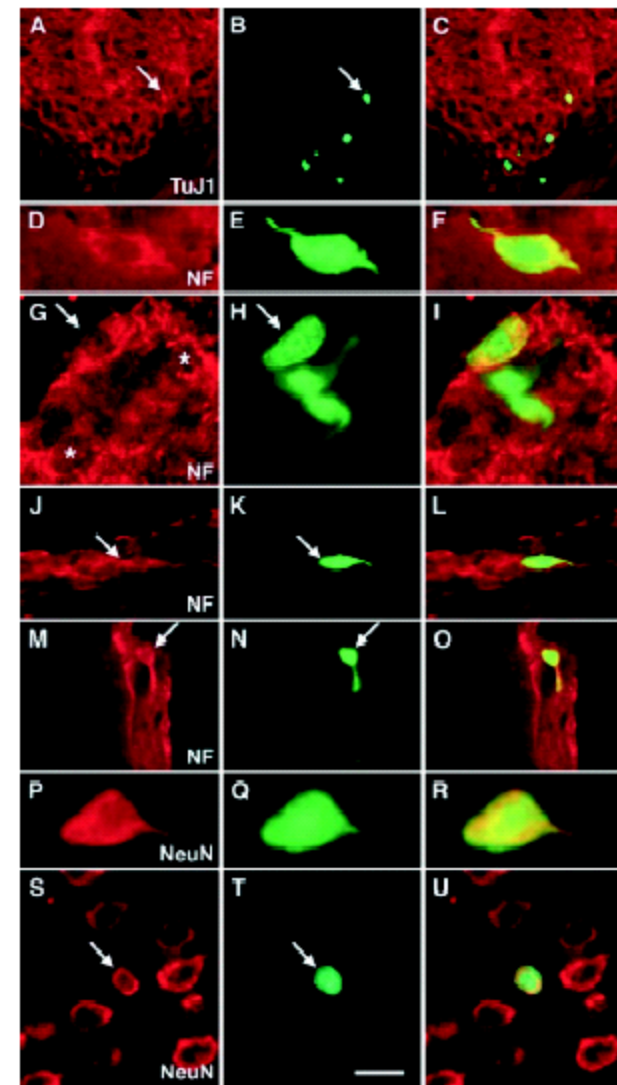
From Marrow to Brain: Expression of Neuronal Phenotypes in Adult Mice

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Table 2. Number and location of individual bone marrow-derived CNS cells. Sections from five mice were stained with a single antibody to a cellular marker and were analyzed by laser scanning confocal microscopy. "Cells per section" indicates the average number of neurons, astrocytes, or microglial cells analyzed (\pm SD) in each coronal olfactory bulb section using antibodies specific to proteins for each cell type analyzed. The average number of neurons per OB section was determined using NeuN staining and was used to estimate neurons evaluated for NF-H staining. SAL, superficial axon layer; EPL, external plexiform layer; and IPL, internal plexiform layer.

	Neurons		Astrocytes	Microglia
	NeuN ⁺	NF-H ⁺	GFAP ⁺	F4/80
Mice analyzed	5	4	4	3
Sections analyzed	8	4	4	3
Cells per section	10,400 (\pm 600)		2000 (\pm 200)	550 (\pm 50)
<i>GFP⁺ cells per OB layer from all sections analyzed</i>				
Total	165	128	0	510
Layer				
SAL	105	66	0	312
Glomerular layer	30	41	0	114
EPL	14	10	0	56
Mitral cell layer	4	0	0	7
IPL	0	0	0	8
Granule layer	12	11	0	13

Fig. 2. Laser scanning confocal microscopic analysis of GFP⁺ cells derived from bone marrow in adult brain sections. Marrow-derived cells (green in all images) from adult mice expressed neuronal-specific proteins. Morphological nomenclature is as described in Table 1. (A to C) A marrow-derived cell (arrow) expressing class III β -tubulin (Tuj1; red) in a group of five marrow-derived cells. (D to F) Cell with spindle morphology and a small extension expressing 200-kD neurofilament (NF-H; red). (G to I) Cell with oval morphology (arrow) expressing NF-H (red) next to two marrow-derived cells lacking expression of NF-H. Nuclear outlines (*) of non-marrow-derived neurons expressing NF-H (red) are visible. (J to L) A cell with triangular morphology (arrow) with a small extension expressing NF-H (red) in an olfactory bulb layer containing NF-H expressed by both marrow-derived cells and native neurons. (M to O) Cell with triangular morphology (arrow) with a small extension expressing NF-H (red) in the superficial axonal layer. (P to R) Prototypical triangular cell with a small extension expressing NeuN (red) which is known to be nuclear and perinuclear in the cell body (33). (S to U) Bone marrow-derived cell (arrow) expressing NeuN (red) in layer 2/3 of the parietal cortex. Left panels [(A), (D), (G), (J), (M), (P), and (S)], expression of neuron-specific proteins (Tuj1, NF, or NeuN); middle panels [(B), (E), (H), (K), (N), (Q), and (T)], GFP⁺ marrow-derived cells in CNS; right panels [(C), (F), (I), (L), (R), (O), and (U)], colocalization of markers in left and middle panels. Scale bar in (T) corresponds to 31 μ m for (A) through (C), 7.5 μ m for (D) through (F), 10 μ m for (G) through (I), 20 μ m for (J) through (L), 18 μ m for (M) through (O), 6 μ m for (P) through (R), and 14 μ m for (S) through (U). Tuj1, class III β -tubulin; NF, 200-kD neurofilament, NF-H.



Stable reprogrammed heterokaryons form spontaneously in Purkinje neurons after bone marrow transplant

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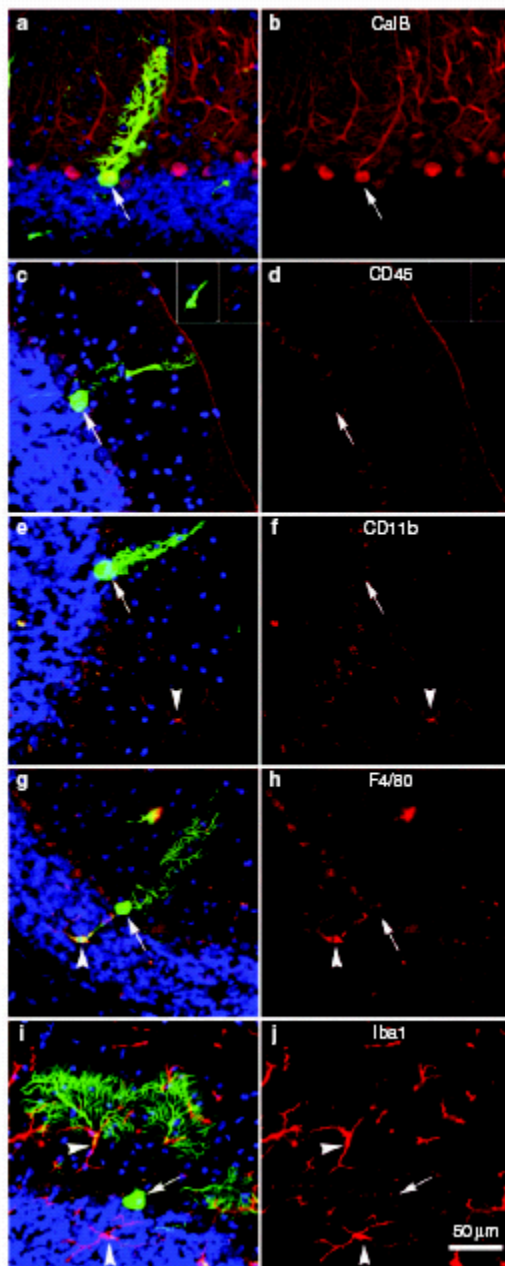


Figure 2 Marker expression in GFP-positive Purkinje neurons. Immunohistochemistry with specific antibodies demonstrates the presence of Purkinje-specific markers, but not marrow markers. (a, b) Calbindin, a Purkinje-specific marker, is expressed in the majority of Purkinje cells. (c-f) GFP-positive Purkinje neurons are negative for CD45, a marker for hematopoietic cells. (g-h) GFP-positive Purkinje neurons are negative for F4/80, a marker for macrophages. (i, j) GFP-positive Purkinje neurons are negative for Iba1, a marker for microglia. Scale bar represents 50 μm .

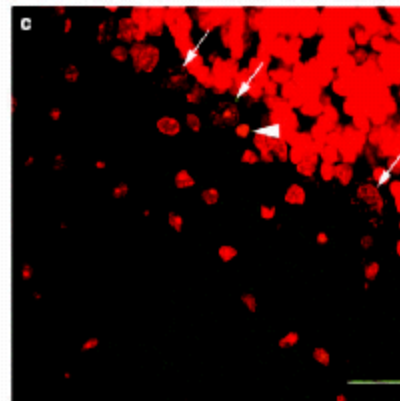
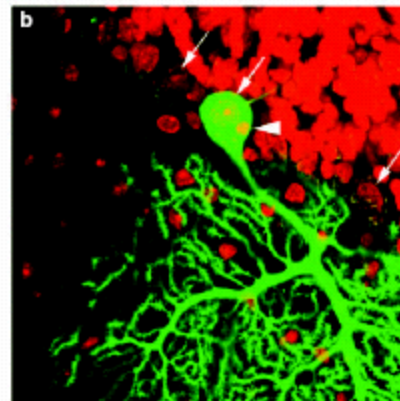
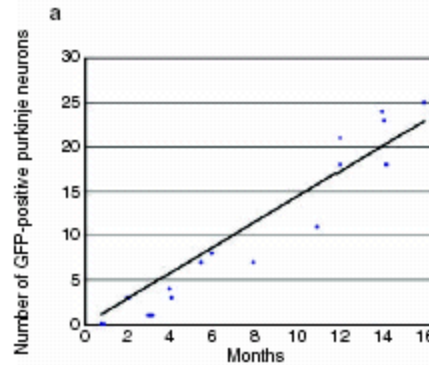


Figure 3 Time course of GFP-positive Purkinje neuron appearance. (a) Mice were bone-marrow-transplanted at two months of age and cerebella were collected and analysed at various times. The number of GFP-positive Purkinje cells increased in a linear manner over time, with a linear regression of 0.92. One animal analysed at 18 months had a higher than expected number of cells ($n = 60$) that may reflect some aspect of the ageing process. This one data point was not included in the graph. (b, c) All of the GFP-positive Purkinje cells observed contained two nuclei. This Purkinje cell has a distinctive dendritic tree with many synaptic spines and an axon exiting the soma at the left. One of the two nuclei in the cell is compact (arrowhead) and is the putative BMD nucleus. The other nucleus has dispersed chromatin similar to other Purkinje neurons (arrows). In 752 control Purkinje neurons from transplanted and normal mice, no binucleated cells were observed. Scale bar represents 20 μm .

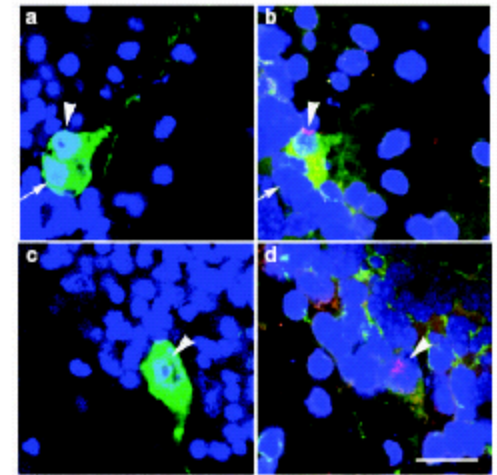


Figure 4 Fusion of a male BMDC to a female Purkinje neuron. (a) A Texas-Red-labelled Y chromosome probe was used to detect donor-derived male nuclei by FISH. A single 1- μm confocal optical section through a 12- μm section of a GFP-positive Purkinje cell containing two nuclei. (b) After protease digestion and hybridization, it is evident that the top nucleus (arrowhead) has a Y chromosome and is donor-derived. Note that some displacement of the nuclei occurs through digestion and *in situ* processing. (c) Another double-nuclei GFP-positive cell. The host nucleus in d is beneath the male donor-derived nucleus shown in c (arrowhead). The host nucleus visible in d does not possess a Y chromosome. Scale bar represents 20 μm .

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Fusion causes confusion

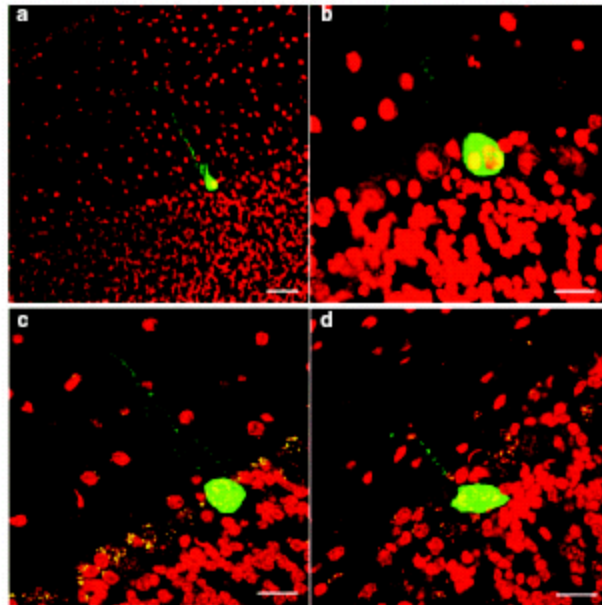


Figure 7 Evidence for reprogramming of BMDCs after fusion to Purkinje neurons. (a) Low-power image of L7-GFP bone-marrow-derived Purkinje neuron with the soma in the PCL and a dendrite extending into the ML. (b-d) High-power images of three L7-GFP bone-marrow-derived Purkinje neurons. All eight of the L7-GFP neurons had double nuclei. In all images, Green represents GFP and Red represents To-Pro3. Scale bar represents 50 μm in a and 20 μm in b-d.

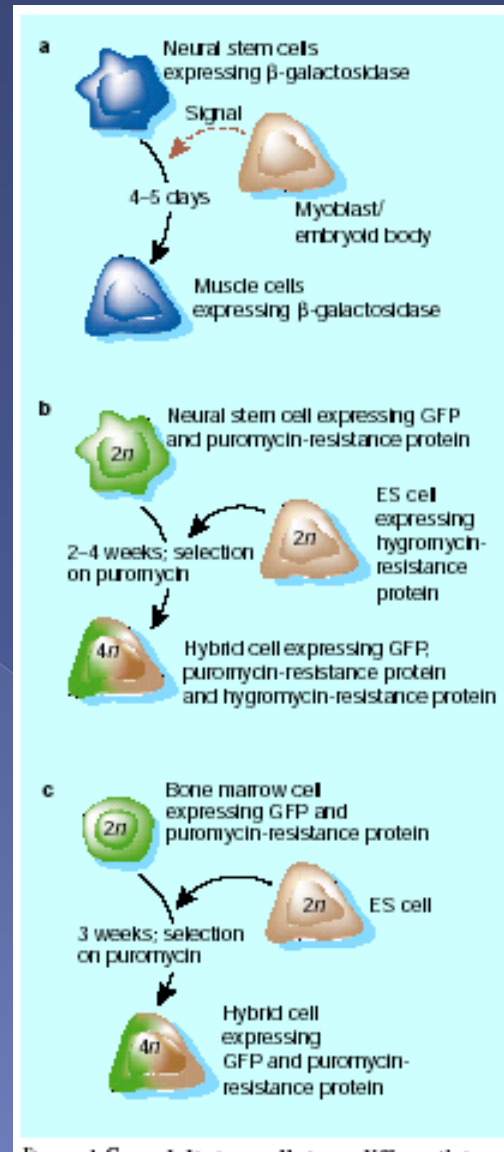


Figure 1. Cross adult stem cells from different sources

Bone marrow cells regenerate infarcted myocardium

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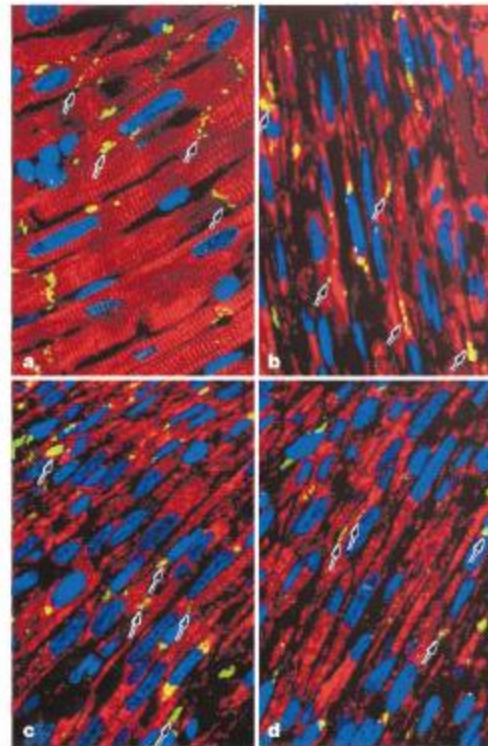


Figure 4 Myocardial repair and connexin 43. **a**, Border zone; **b–d**, regenerating myocardium. Shown are connexin 43 (yellow–green; arrows indicate contacts between myocytes) and α -sarcomeric actin (red), and PI-stained nuclei (blue). Original magnification, $\times 500$ (**a**), $\times 800$ (**b–d**).

68 11% newly formed myocardium

Haematopoietic stem cells do not transdifferentiate into cardiac myocytes in myocardial infarcts

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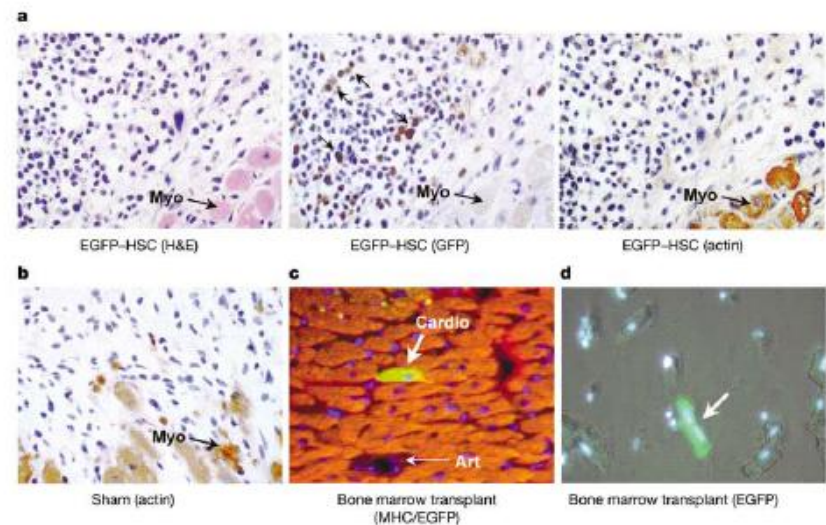


Figure 2 Absence of cardiac differentiation of HSCs after direct injection into infarcts, contrasted with rare transdifferentiation after bone marrow transplantation. β -Act-EGFP mice were cell donors. **a**, Left panel: haematoxylin- and eosin-stained section showing junction of host myocardium (Myo) with granulation tissue of 1-week-old, HSC-injected (EGFP-HSC) infarct. Granulation tissue contains numerous granulocytes and mononuclear inflammatory cells. Middle panel: serial section from the same heart immunostained for EGFP (brown), showing numerous EGFP⁺ cells dispersed throughout granulation tissue (arrows). Host myocardium (Myo) is unstained. Right panel: serial section from the same heart immunostained for sarcomeric actin (brown). Host myocardium (Myo) is strongly stained, but no sarcomeric actin is present in the region

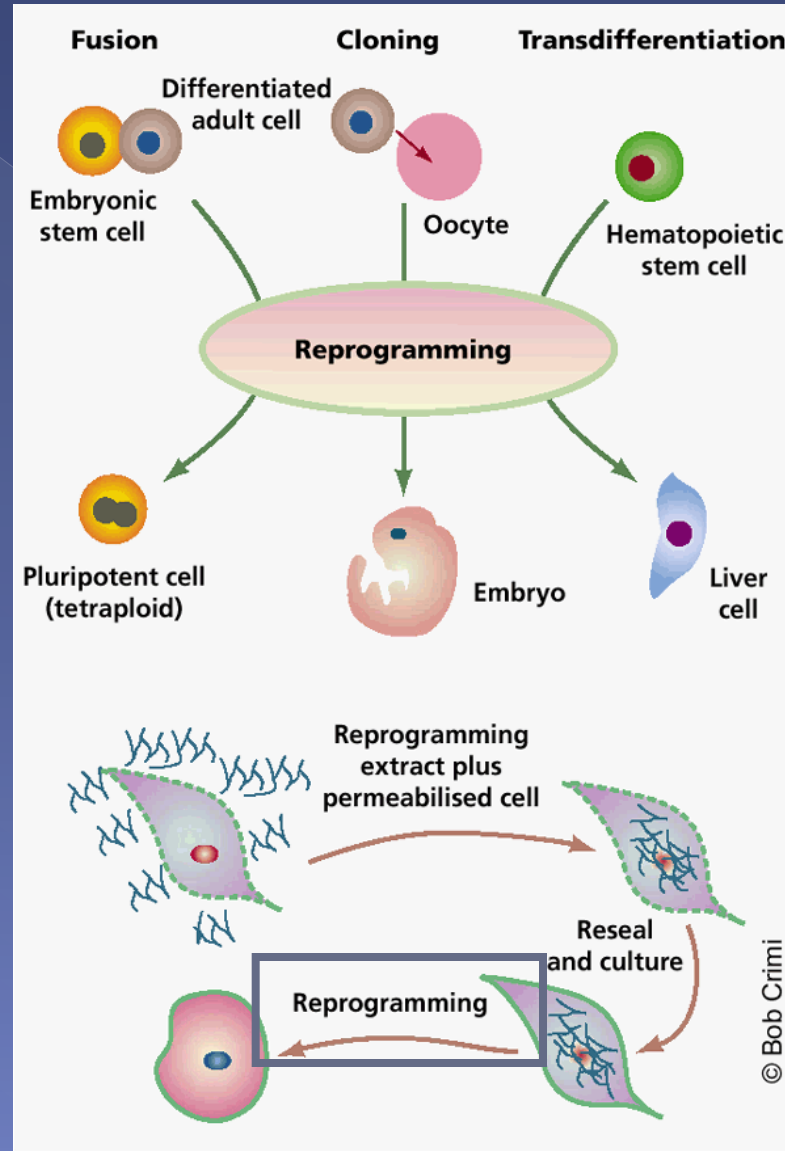
containing EGFP-expressing cells. **b**, Sham-injected heart 1 week after infarction stained for sarcomeric actin (brown). Myocardium (Myo) at infarct border stains strongly, but infarct granulation tissue is negative. **c**, Histological detection of a rare EGFP⁺ cardiomyocyte (Cardio; yellow) in the post-infarct region after bone marrow transplantation, shown by immunostaining for α -myosin heavy chain (red) and EGFP (green). Approximately 2–4 such cells were identified per heart. A small arteriole (Art) is unstained. **d**, Rare transdifferentiation event after bone marrow transplantation detected in enzymatically dispersed cardiomyocytes. A single rod-shaped cardiomyocyte contains EGFP (arrow), while multiple other cardiomyocytes are negative.

Table 1 Summary of intracardiac HSC transplantation data

Donor cell genotype	Haematopoietic stem cell used	Heart injury	Number of cells transplanted	Graft age at death (days)	Cardiomyogenic events per graft
MHC-nLAC	Lin ⁻ c-kit ⁺	MI	100,000	14–28	0/42
	Lin ⁻ c-kit ⁺	Cautery	100,000	7–28	0/28
	Lin ⁻ c-kit ⁺ Sca-1 ⁺	Cautery	31,000–75,000	7–38	0/11
	Lin ⁻ c-kit ⁺ Sca-1 ⁺	None	40,000–65,000	1–119	0/9
	Lin ⁻ c-kit ⁺ Sca-1 ⁺	Cautery	17,000–25,000	7–38	0/11
	Lin ⁻ c-kit ⁺ Sca-1 ⁺	None	7,000–37,000	1–119	0/9
MHC-EGFP	Lin ⁻ c-kit ⁺	MI	100,000	14	0/10
β -Act-EGFP	Lin ⁻ c-kit ⁺	MI	50,000	7–14	0/27

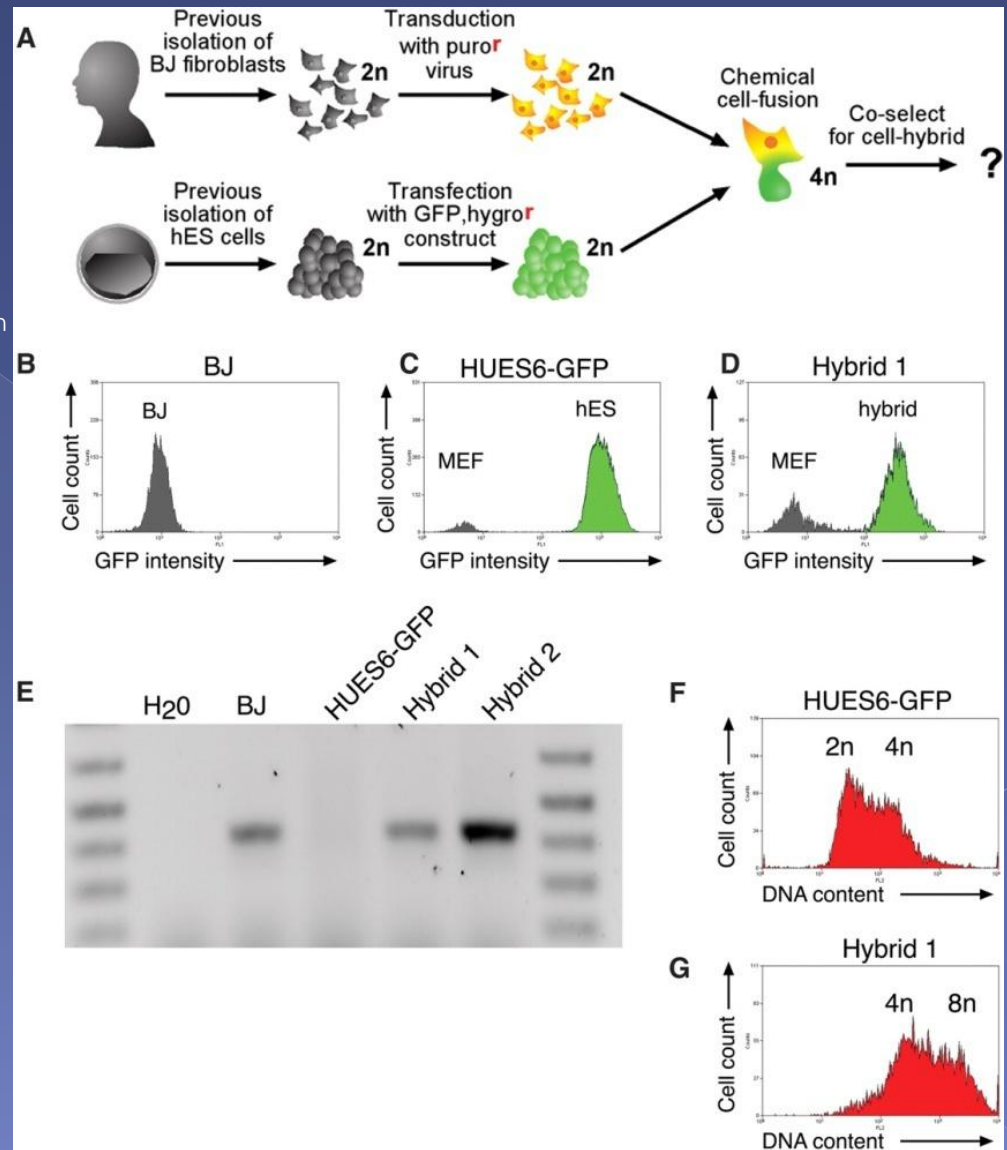
MI, myocardial infarct.

Reprogramación



Cellular Reprogramming

- Cell-cell fusion experiments suggest that the ES cell dominate the hybrid cell phenotype. (Clarke and Frisen, *Science* 2000; Terada and Scott *Nature* 2002; Ying and Smith *Nature* 2002; Cowan and Eggan *Science* 2005).
- The hybrid ES cells possess all properties of pluripotent stem cells – including teratoma formation, self-renewal, yet contains a cell nucleus from an exogenous cells.



Induction of Pluripotent Stem Cells from Mouse Embryonic and Adult Fibroblast Cultures by Defined Factors

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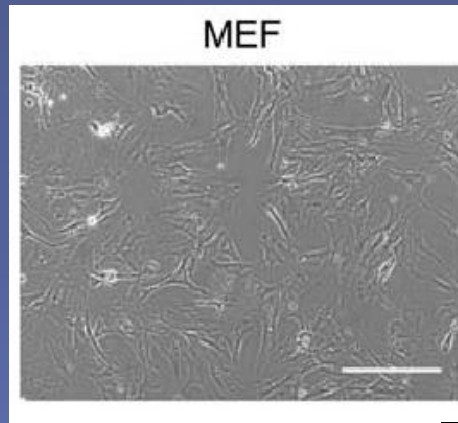
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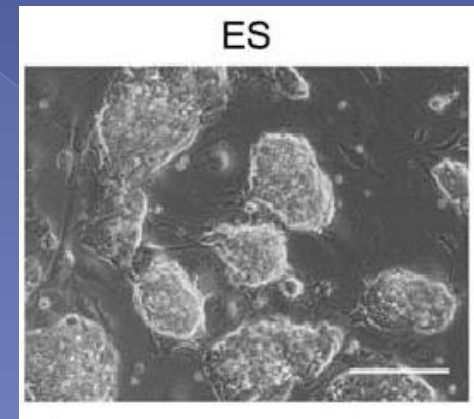
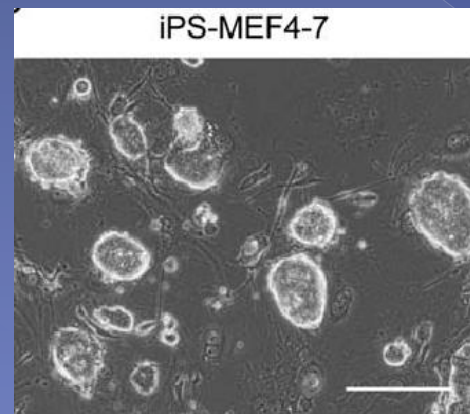
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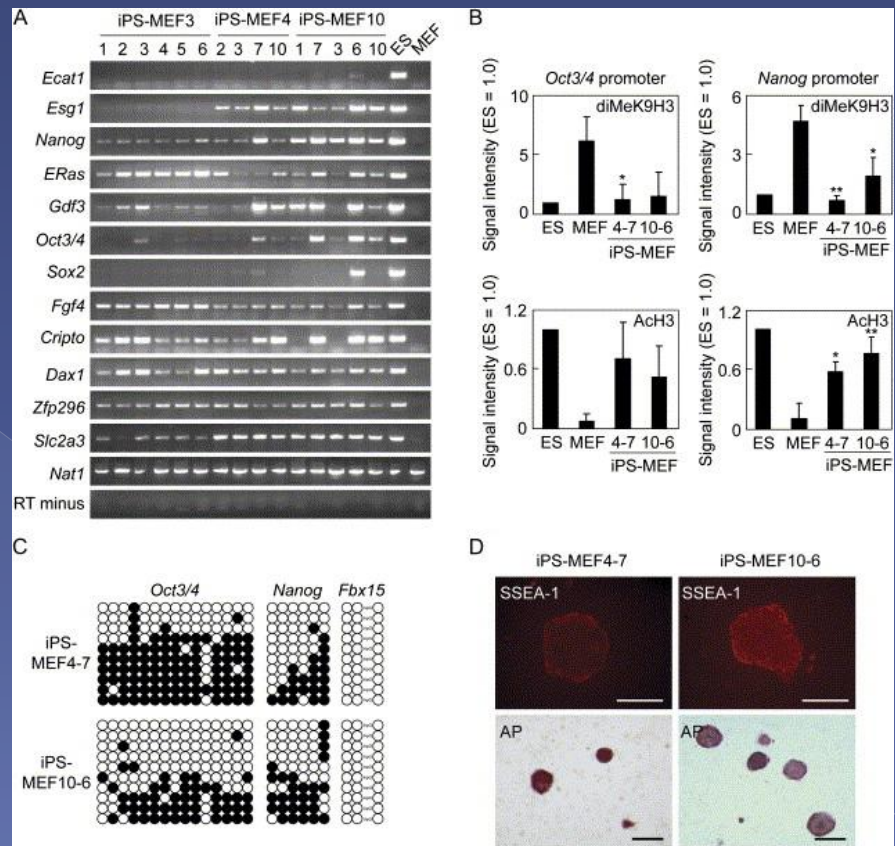
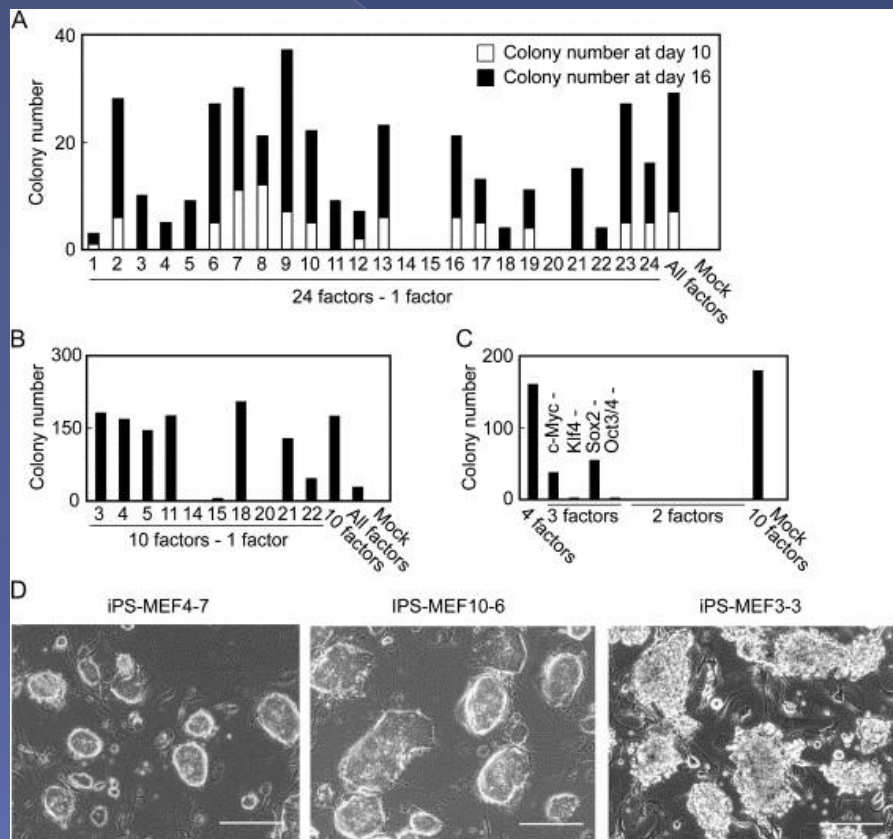
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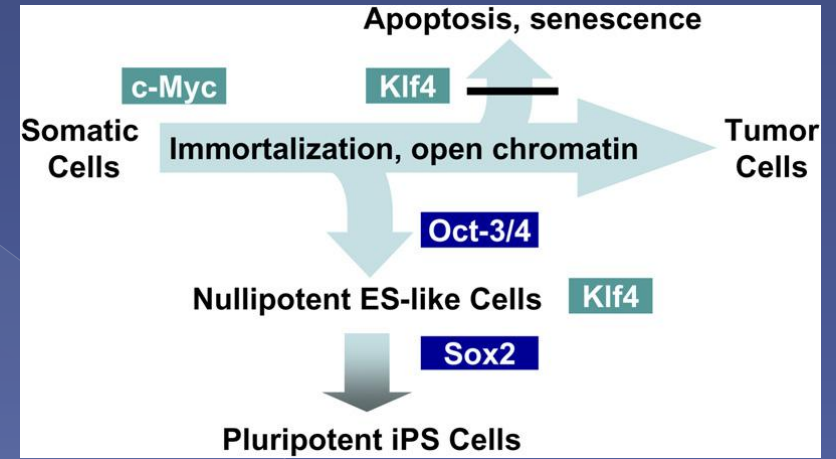
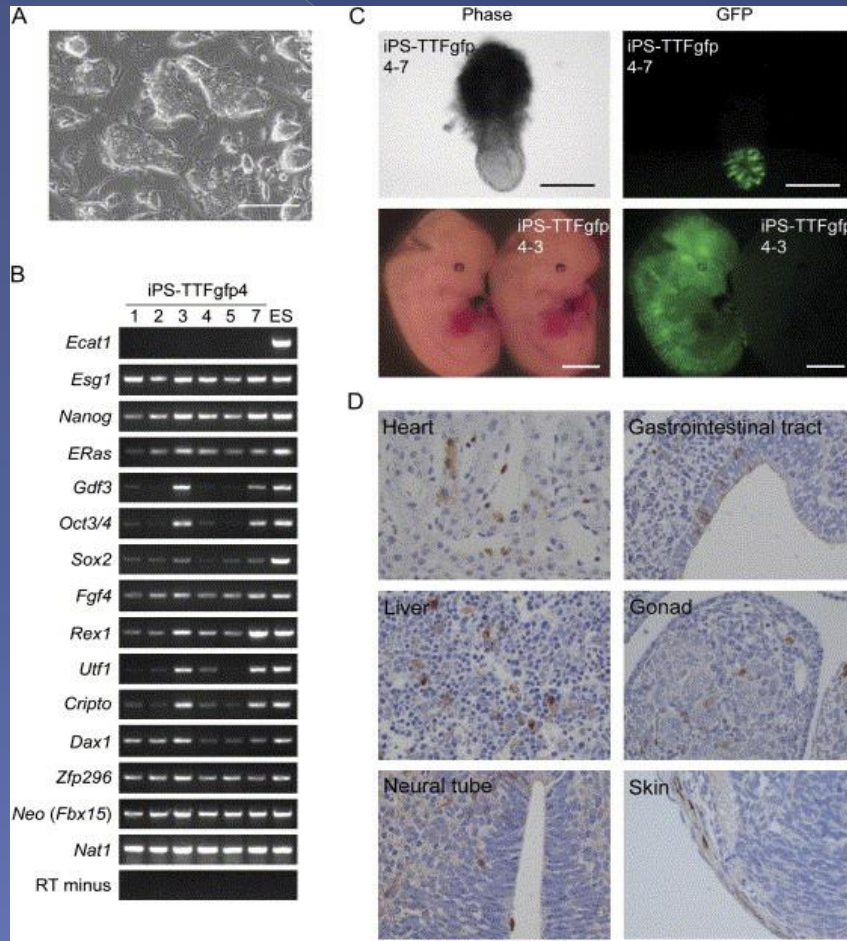
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Oct3/4
Sox2
c-Myc
Klf4







Induction of Pluripotent Stem Cells from Mouse Embryonic and Adult Fibroblast Cultures by Defined Factors

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Induction of Pluripotent Stem Cells from Adult Human Fibroblasts by Defined Factors

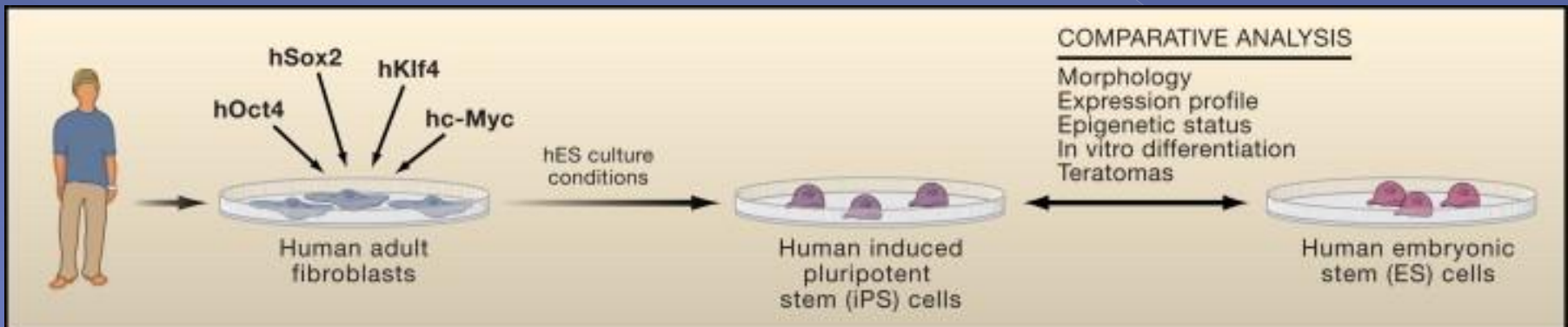
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Induced Pluripotent Stem Cell Lines Derived from Human Somatic Cells

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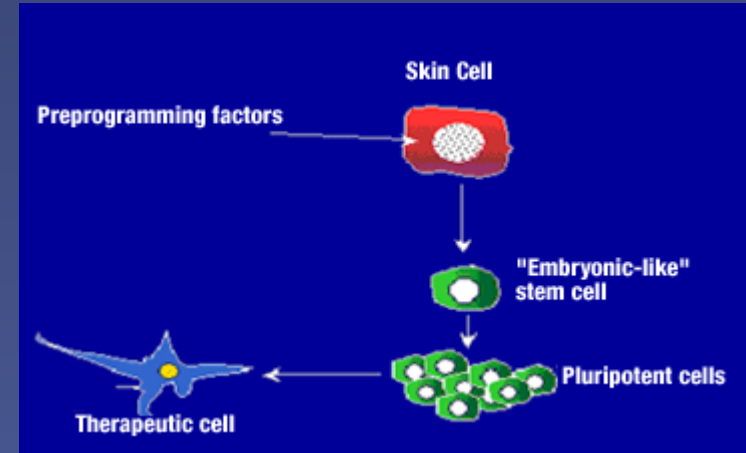


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Reprogramación células adultas

Nanog

Lin28



VENTAJAS

Pluripotentes

Fácil acceso

Sin dilemas éticos

Rechazo poco probable

Modelos in vitro de enfermedades

DESVENTAJAS

Tumorigenicidad

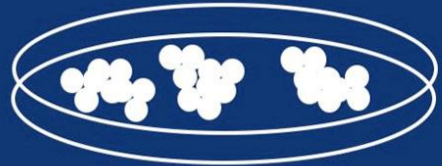
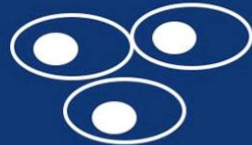
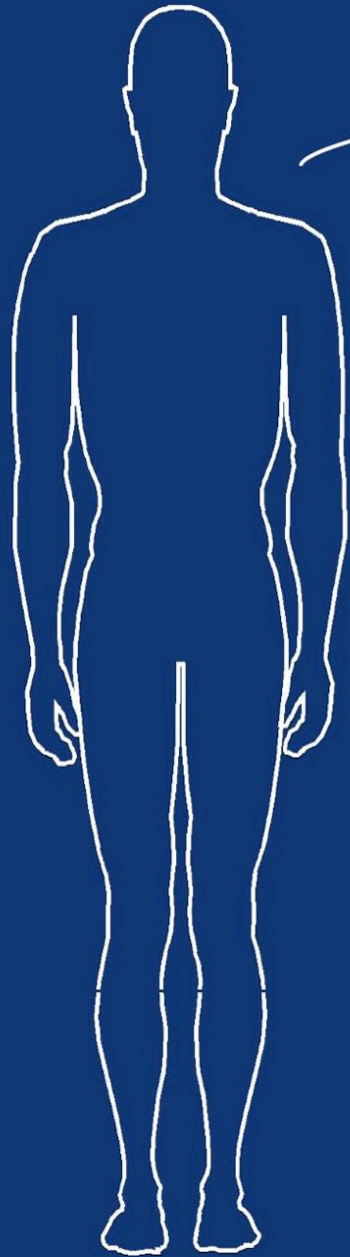
Baja eficiencia

Carga genética del paciente

patient

biopsy

induced pluripotent stem cells (iPS)



reprogramming

differentiation

disease-affected cell type



cellular therapy



iPS cells generation in patient fibroblasts

- Parkinson's disease (Wernig and Jaenisch, 2008, Maehr and Melton PNAS 2009).
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iPS cells generation from other cell types

- Blood cells (Loh and Daley 2009). B-cells (Hanna and Jaenisch Cell 2008)
- Blood stem cells (Emiinli and Hochedlinger Nat Genet 2009)
- Pancreatic β -cells (Stadtfield and Hochedlinger Cell Stem Cell 2008)
- Hepatic and gastric endoderm (Aoi and Yamanaka Science 2008)
- Neural stem cells (Kim and Scholar, Nature 2008)

Other tissues: blood.

Cell

Direct Reprogramming of Terminally Differentiated Mature B Lymphocytes to Pluripotency

Jacob Hanna,¹ Styliani Markoulaki,¹ Patrick Schorderet,¹ Bryce W. Carey,^{1,2} Caroline Beard,¹ Marius Wernig,¹ Menno P. Creyghton,¹ Eveline J. Steine,¹ John P. Cassidy,^{1,2} Ruth Foreman,^{1,2} Christopher J. Lengner,¹ Jessica A. Dausman,¹ and Rudolf Jaenisch^{1,2,*}

Human mobilized cells- CD34⁺

2009 – Human Blood CD34

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Generation of induced pluripotent stem cells from human blood

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Efficient human iPS cell derivation by a non-integrating plasmid from blood cells with unique epigenetic and gene expression signatures

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Peripheral Blood T Cells - Ficoll

2010 – T Cells



Cell Stem Cell
Brief Report

Reprogramming of Human Peripheral Blood Cells to Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells

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2010 – T Cells and CD 34⁺

Cell Stem Cell

Brief Report



Reprogramming of T Cells from Human Peripheral Blood

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Cell Stem Cell

Brief Report



Generation of Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells from Human Terminally Differentiated Circulating T Cells

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Developments toward the "safer" iPS generation

Reduced number of transcription factor use:

- No myc: Nakagawa and Yamanaka, Nat Biotechnol 2008, Wernig and Jaenisch, Cell Stem Cell 2009
- No Sox2: by adding GSK-3 inhibitor, Zhou and Ding, Stem cell 2009, in neural stem cell, Kim and Scholer Nature 2008
- No Klf4/myc, by addition of Valproic acid : Huangfu and Melton, Nat Biotech 2008
- No Myc and Sox2, by addition of BIX01294 and PD0325901 (Zhou and Ding, Cell Stem Cell 2008).
- Klf4 only by adding Kenpaullone (Lyssiotis and Jaenisch, PNAS 2009)

Specific pathways:

- TGFb inhibitor replace Sox2 and cMyc and induce Nanog (Maherali and Hochedlinger, Curr Biol 2009, Ichida and Eggan 2009)
- p53 inhibition augments iPS efficiency (Hong and Yamanaka, Nature 2009, Utikal and Hochedlinger Nature 2009, Marion and Blastco Nature 2009, Li and Serrano Nature 2009, Kawamura and Belmonte 2009)
- Hypoxia – Yoshida and Yamanaka Cell Stem Cell 2009
- WNT signaling stimulates reprogramming efficiency (Marsonm, Jaenisch Cell Stem Cell 2008)

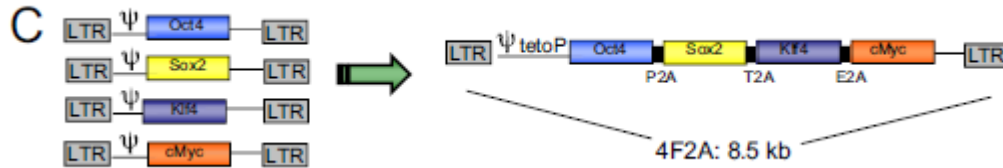
Better vectors:

- Drug Inducible vectors: Wernig and Jaenisch, Nat Biotechnol 2008, Hockemeyer and Jaenisch, Cell Stem Cell 2008
- Non-integrating vectors : adenovirus in hepatocyte (Stadtfeld and Hochedlinger Science 2008)
- Self-inactivating vectors: Piggy Bac (Yusa and Bradley, Nat Methods 2009)
- multi-cistronic vectors: single lentiviral cassette (Carey and Jaenisch, PNAS 2009, Sommer and Mostoslavsky, Stem Cell 2009)
- Vector free (episome Yu and Thomson, Science 2009; direct transfection Okita and Yamanaka Science 2008)
- Direct protein induction: poly arginine modification of recombinant protein (Zhou and Ding, Cell Stem Cell 2009),

Reprogramming of murine and human somatic cells using a single polycistronic vector

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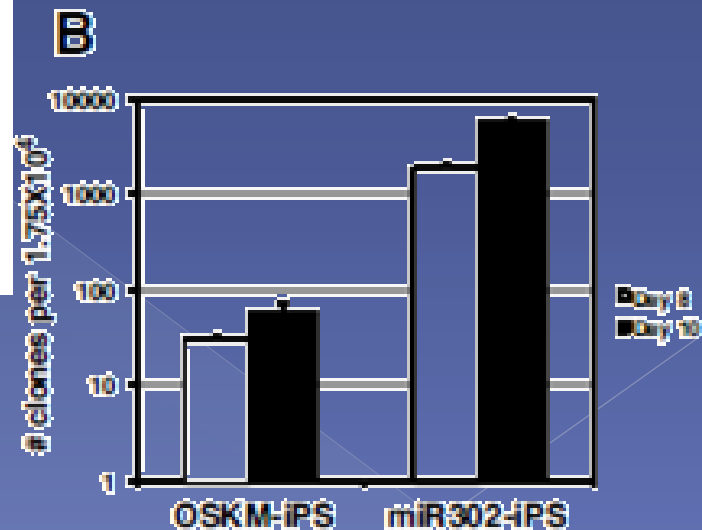
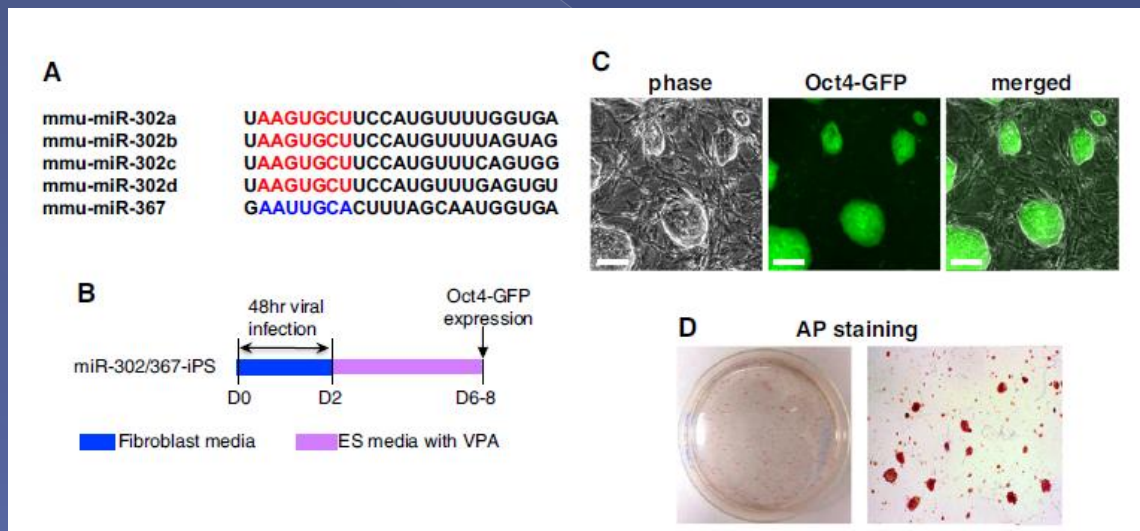
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Highly Efficient miRNA-Mediated Reprogramming of Mouse and Human Somatic Cells to Pluripotency

Frederick Anokye-Danso,¹ Chinmay M. Trivedi,² Denise Juhr,⁵ Mudit Gupta,² Zheng Cui,¹ Ying Tian,¹ Yuzhen Zhang,¹ Wenli Yang,^{1,4} Peter J. Gruber,^{3,4,5} Jonathan A. Epstein,^{1,2,3,4} and Edward E. Morrisey^{1,2,3,4,*}

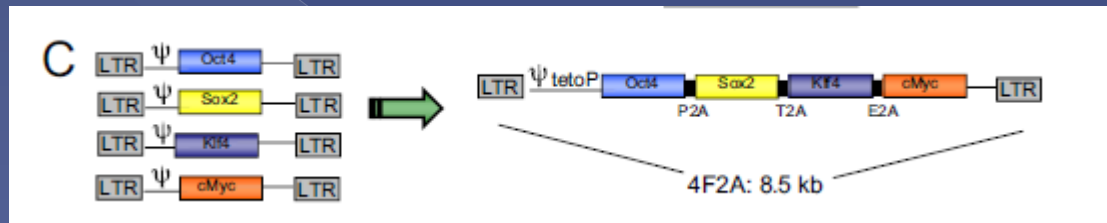
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Easier hiPSCs

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Safer hiPSCs – no c-Myc

Generation of induced pluripotent stem cells without Myc from mouse and human fibroblasts

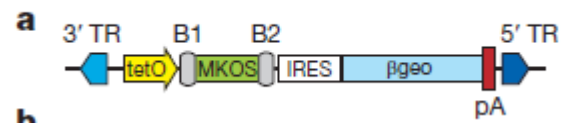
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Safer hiPSCs – no integration

piggyBac transposition reprograms fibroblasts to induced pluripotent stem cells

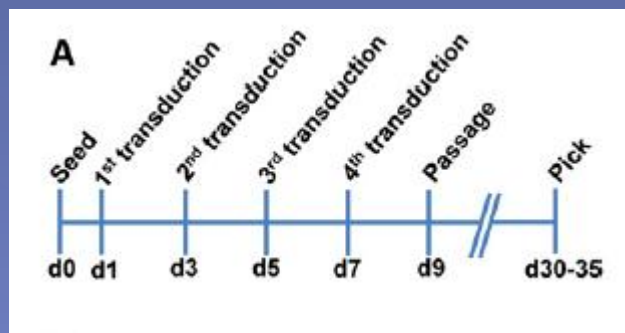
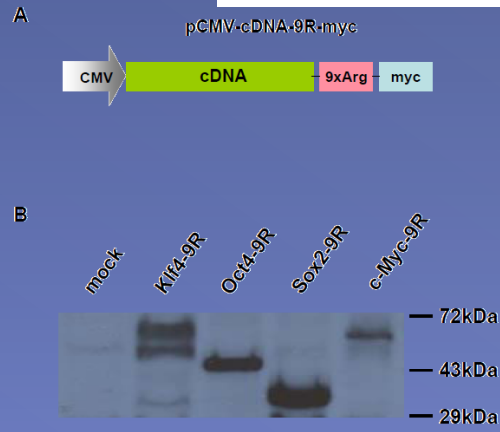
2009

Knut Woltjen¹, Iacovos P. Michael^{1,2}, Paria Mohseni^{1,2}, Ridham Desai^{1,2}, Maria Mileikovsky¹, Riikka Hämäläinen¹, Rebecca Cowling¹, Wei Wang³, Pentao Liu³, Marina Gertsenstein¹, Keisuke Kaji⁴, Hoon-Ki Sung¹ & Andras Nagy^{1,2}



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Generation of Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells Using Recombinant Proteins

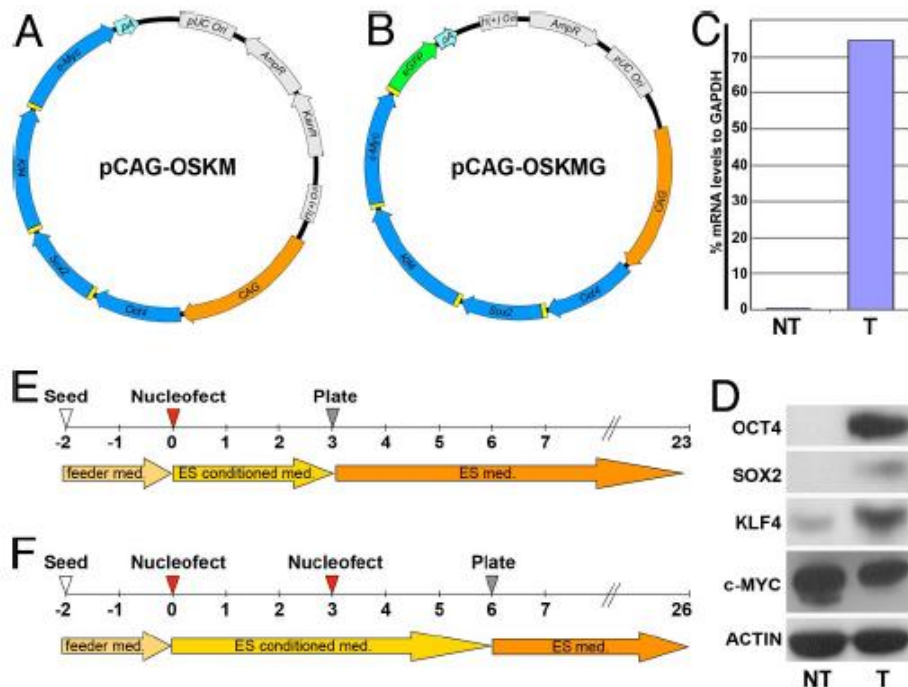


Safer hiPSCs – no integration

Generation of mouse-induced pluripotent stem cells by transient expression of a single nonviral polycistronic vector

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2009



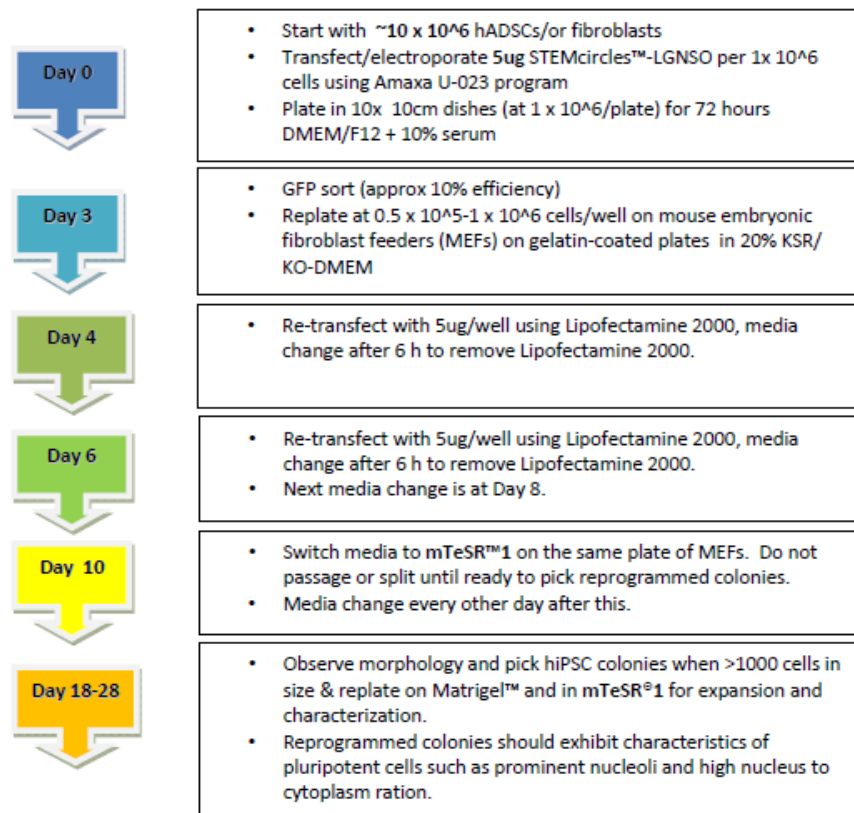
STEMcircles™ Protocol



as per Nature Methods paper using human adipose stem cells and human fibroblasts

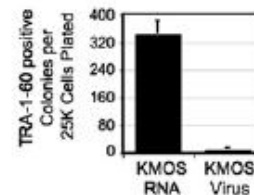
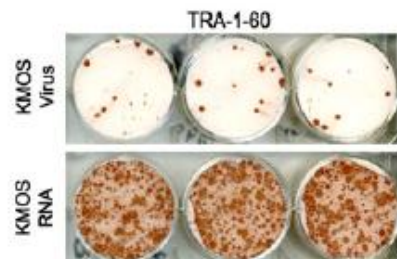
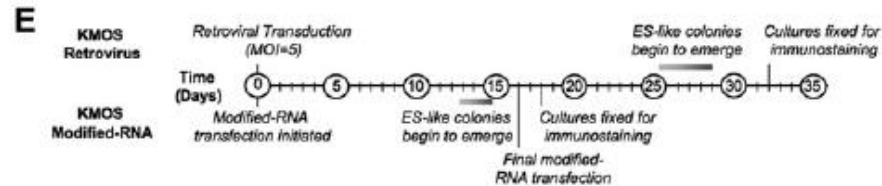
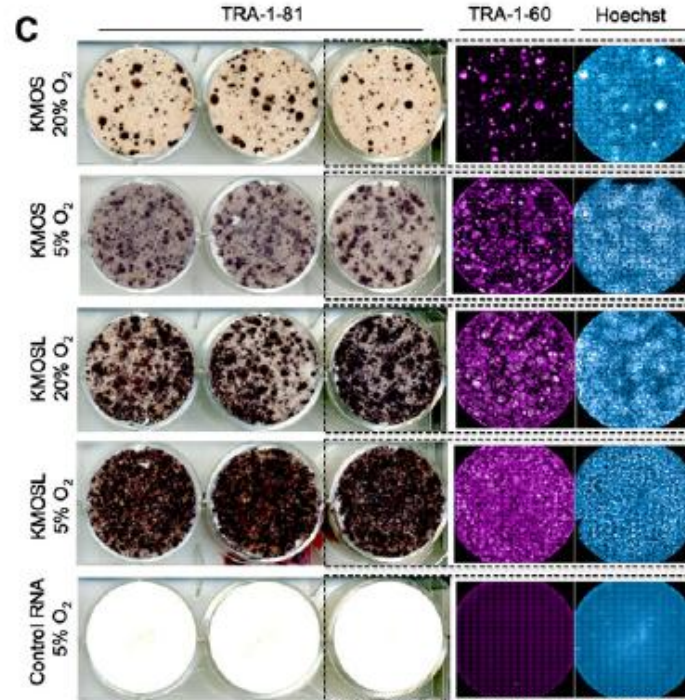
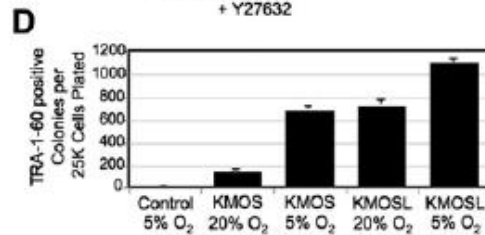
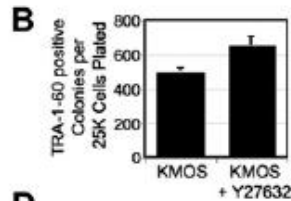
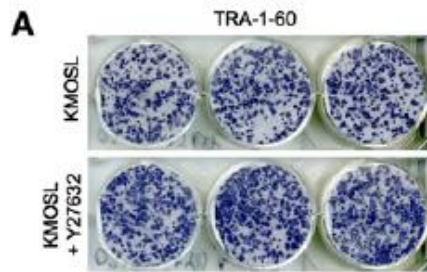
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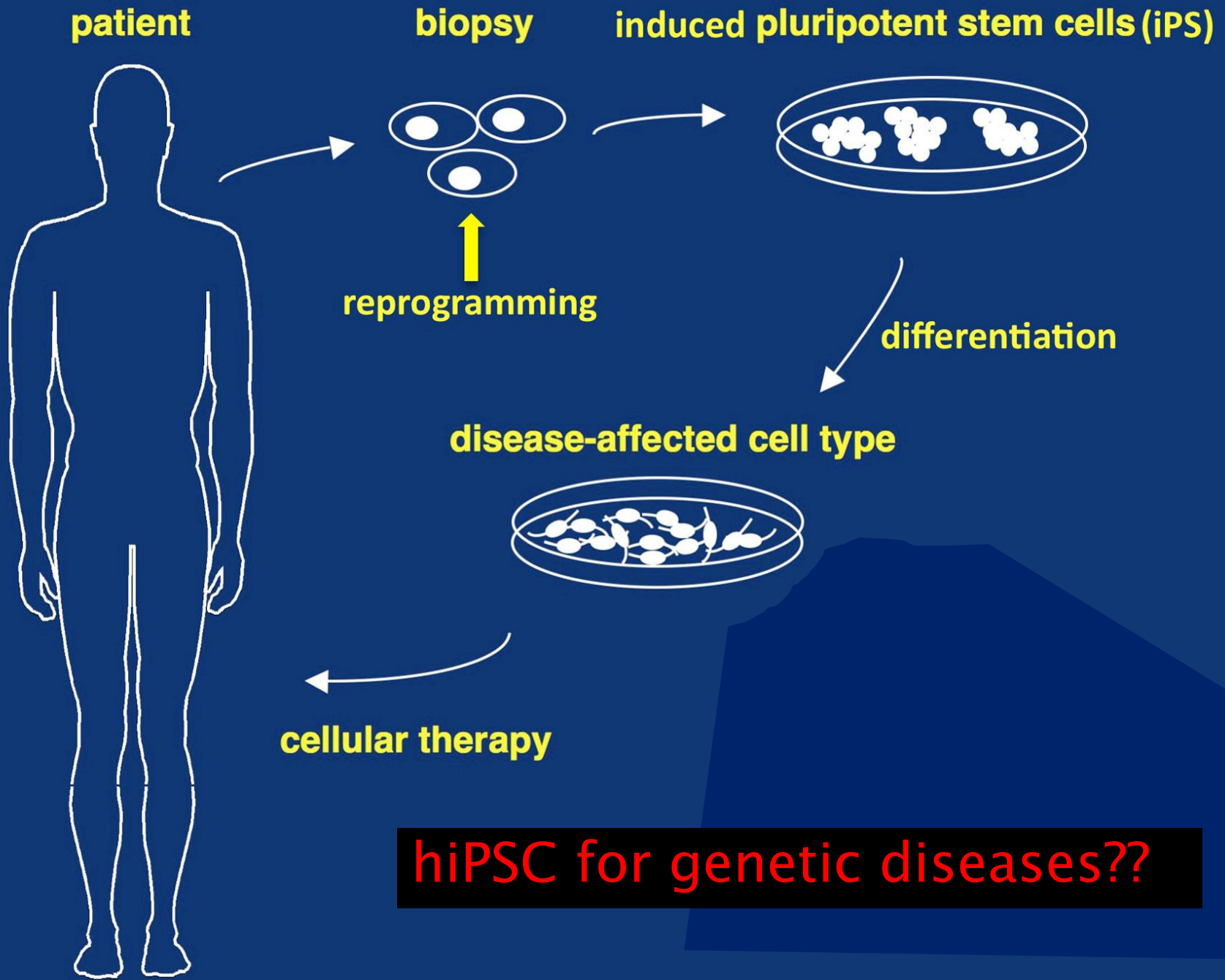
“A non-viral minicircle vector for deriving human IPS cells.”



Highly Efficient Reprogramming to Pluripotency and Directed Differentiation of Human Cells with Synthetic Modified mRNA

Safer hiPSCs – no integration





hiPSC for genetic diseases??

Treatment of Sickle Cell Anemia Mouse Model with iPS Cells Generated from Autologous Skin

2007

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Alexander Meissner,¹ John P. Cassidy,^{1,3} Caroline Beard,¹ Tobias Brambrink,¹
Li-Chen Wu,² Tim M. Townes,^{2*} Rudolf Jaenisch^{1,3*}

S/hβS iPS line #3
established
from S. ...

Disease-corrected haematopoietic progenitors from Fanconi anaemia induced pluripotent stem cells

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María José Barrero¹, Antonella Consiglio^{1,6}, Maria Castellà^{5,7}, Paula Río^{4,5}, Eduard Sleep^{1,3}, Federico González¹,
Gustavo Tiscornia¹, Elena Garreta^{1,3}, Trond Aasen^{1,3}, Anna Veiga¹, Inder M. Verma⁸, Jordi Surrallés^{5,7},
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Genetic correction and analysis of induced pluripotent stem cells from a patient with gyrate atrophy

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Brian E. McIntosh^{a,b,c}, Daniel R. Gulbranson^{a,b,c}, Nicole R. Diol^{a,b,c}, Seth M. Taapken^e, David T. Vereide^{a,b,c},
Karen Dyer Montgomery^e, Kun Zhang^d, David M. Gamm^f, and James A. Thomson^{a,b,c,g,1}

Terapias regenerativas con células madre

Preguntas básicas

Qué célula madre?

EMBRIONARIA

ADULTA

REPROGRAMADA

hiPSC as a DISEASE MODEL

Resource

Cell

Disease-Specific Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells

In-Hyun Park,^{1,7} Natasha Arora,^{1,7} Hongguang Huo,^{1,7} Nimet Maherali,^{2,3,7} Tim Ahfeldt,^{2,5,7} Akiko Shimamura,⁴ M. William Lensch,^{1,7,9} Chad Cowan,^{2,6,7} Konrad Hochedlinger,^{2,7} and George Q. Daley^{1,7,8,9,*}

Cell

Resource

Parkinson's Disease Patient-Derived Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells Free of Viral Reprogramming Factors

Frank Soldner,^{1,4} Dirk Hockemeyer,^{1,4} Caroline Beard,¹ Qing Gao,¹ George W. Bell,¹ Elizabeth G. Cook,¹ Gunnar Hargus,³ Alexandra Blak,³ Oliver Cooper,³ Maisam Mitalipova,¹ Ole Isacson,³ and Rudolf Jaenisch^{1,2,*}

2008

Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells Generated from Patients with ALS Can Be Differentiated into Motor Neurons

John T. Dimos,^{1*} Kit T. Rodolfa,^{1,2*} Kathy K. Niakan,¹ Laurin M. Weisenthal,¹ Hiroshi Mitsumoto,^{3,4} Wendy Chung,^{4,5} Gist F. Croft,^{4,6} Genevieve Saphier,¹ Rudy Leibel,⁵ Robin Goland,⁷ Hynek Wichterle,^{4,6} Christopher E. Henderson,^{4,6} Kevin Eggan^{1†}

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Induced pluripotent stem cells from a spinal muscular atrophy patient

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LETTERS

Modelling pathogenesis and treatment of familial dysautonomia using patient-specific iPSCs

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iPS cells generation in patient fibroblasts

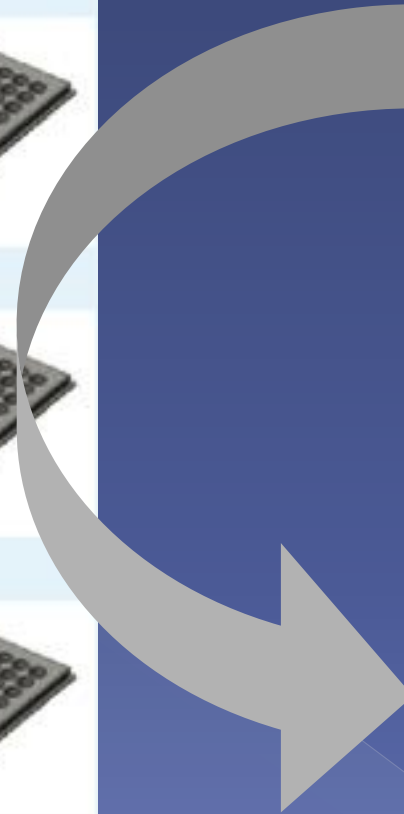
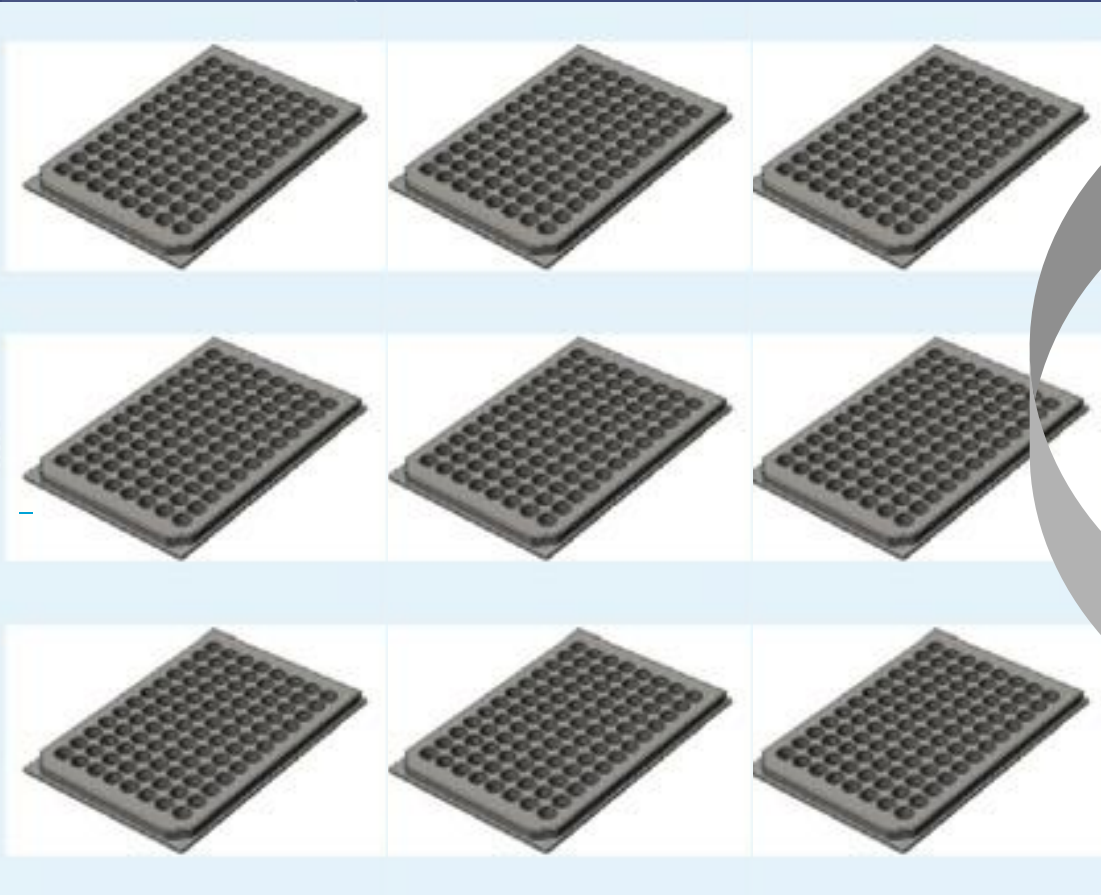
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Gold rush of hiPSCs

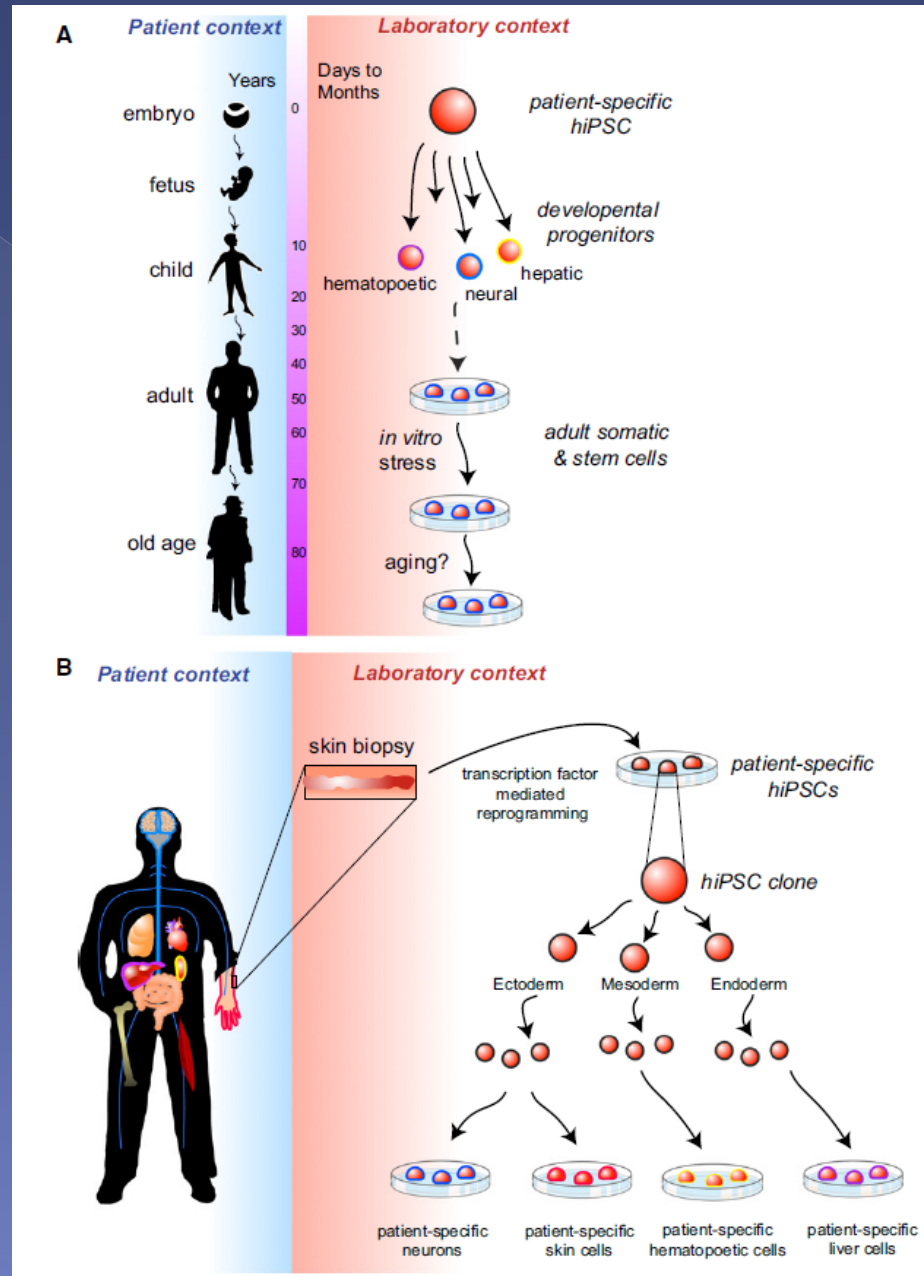
Table 1 Selected companies focused on the commercialization of iPS cells

Company	Date founded	Intellectual capital	Venture capital	Focus
Cellular Dynamics International	2004	Founders: James Thomson, Craig January, Timothy Kamp, Igor Slukvin Recent hire: Junying Yu	\$18 million Tactics II Stem Cell Ventures, Tactics II Ventures and Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation	Cardiotoxicity modeling and iPS cell-derived products; industrializing production of iPS cells and cell-based tools
Fate Therapeutics	2007	Founders: Philip Beachy, Sheng Ding, Rudolf Jaenisch, Randall Moon, David Scadden, Leonard Zon	\$22.5 million ARCH, Polaris and Venrock	Adult and iPS cell-based therapies; finding small molecules or biologics to guide cell fate to produce therapeutics
iPierian	2009	Scientific advisers include: George Daley, Kevin Eggan, Corey Goodman, Konrad Hochedlinger, Douglas Melton, Lee Rubin, Deepak Srivastava Recent hire: John Dimos	\$31.5 million Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers, Highland Capital Partners, MPM Capital and FinTech Global Capital	iPS cell-based drug discovery research
Stemgent	2008	Scientific advisers include: Sheng Ding, Rudolf Jaenisch, Gordon Keller, Robert Langer, Douglas Melton, Lee Rubin, Bob Weinberg, Leonard Zon	\$14 million HealthCare Ventures, Morgenthaler Ventures	Tools and reagents for iPS and other stem cell research

In Vitro Pharmacogenomics



Disease model - challenges





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Retinal Pigmented Epithelial Cell Program

Advanced Cell Technology is currently focused on using its proprietary technologies to generate stable cell lines including retinal pigment epithelium (RPE) cells for the treatment of diseases of the eye, including macular degeneration, which represents a \$28 billion dollar market. Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) affects more than 30 million people worldwide and is the leading cause of blindness in people over 60 years of age in the United States. AMD is a disorder

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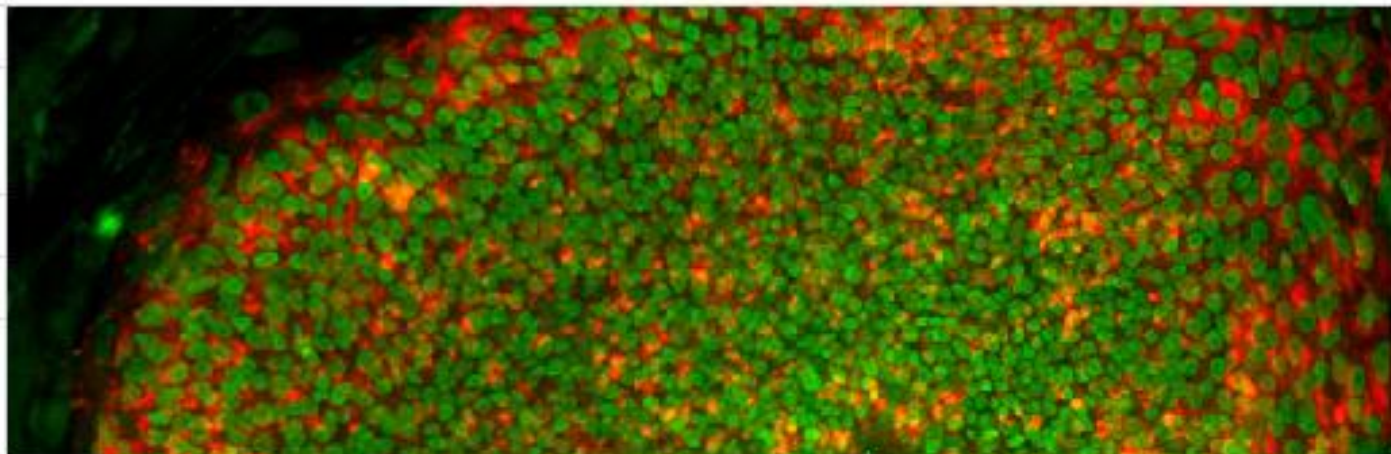
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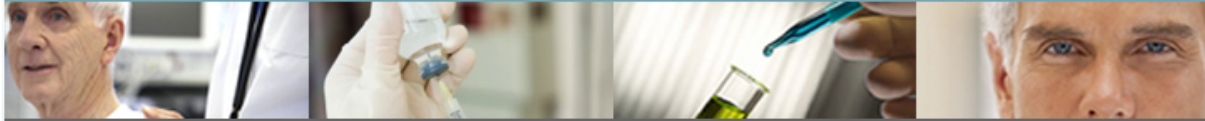
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Novocell uses directed differentiation to engineer human embryonic stem cells (hESCs) and generate therapeutic cell types. Novocell is a world leader and the first company to engineer hESCs into definitive endoderm, the gatekeeper cells that differentiate into the pancreas, liver and other cells, tissues and organs.

The company is currently developing insulin-producing cells from hESCs and expects to be able to produce large quantities of safe and functional islet cells to treat insulin-dependent type 1 and type 2 diabetics.



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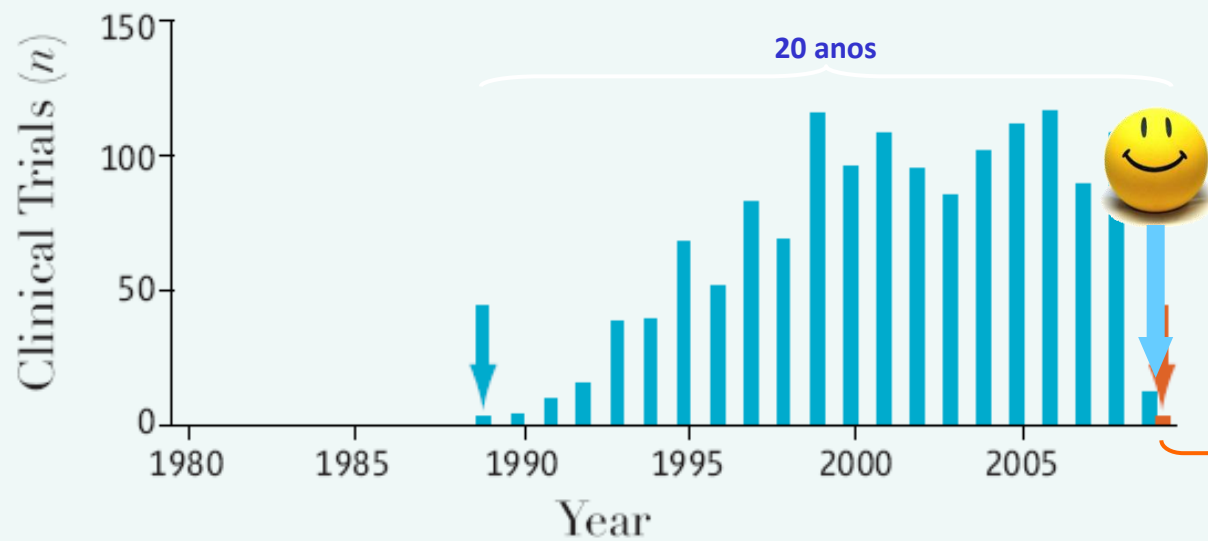
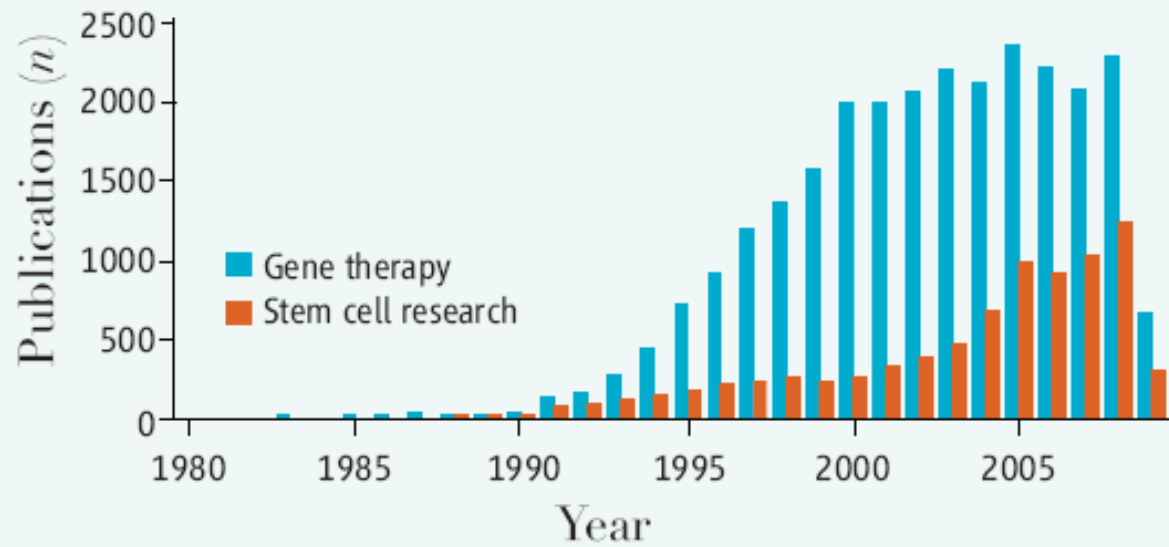
**January 23, 2009,
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Geron Discusses FDA
Clearance for World's
First Human Clinical Trial
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Uncommon Medicine / Unlimited Potential

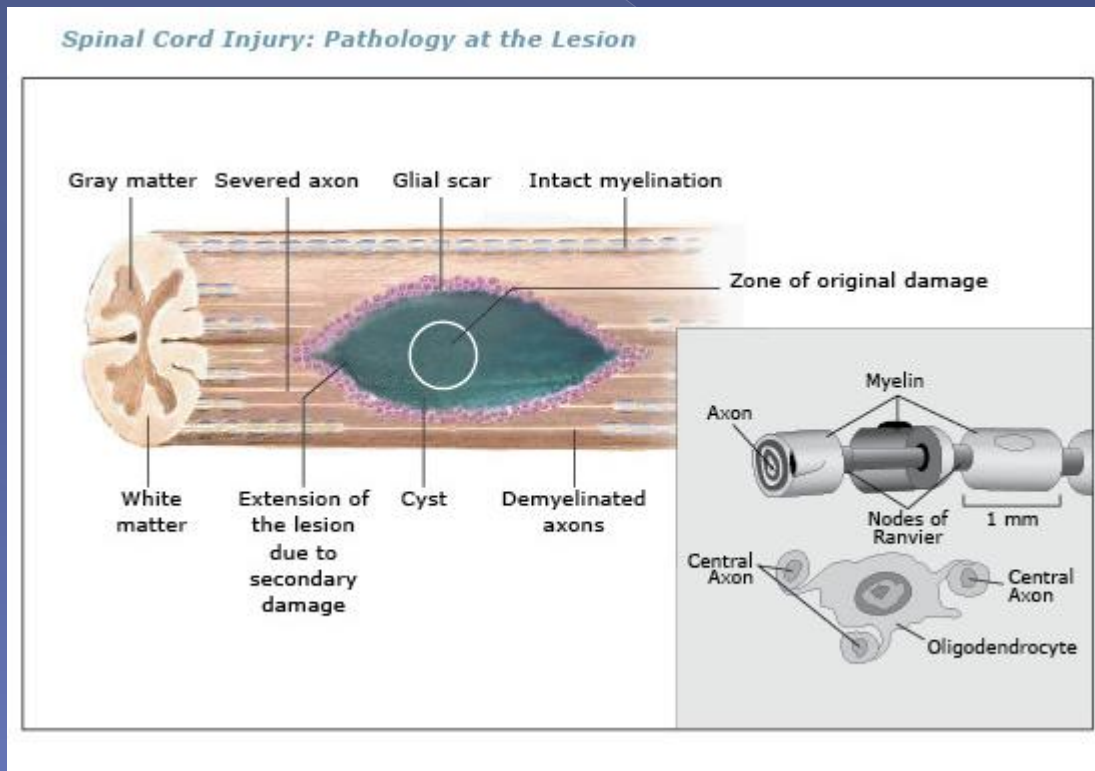
Geron is developing first-in-class biopharmaceuticals for the treatment of cancer and chronic degenerative diseases, including spinal cord injury, heart failure and diabetes. The company is advancing an anti-cancer drug and a cancer vaccine that target the enzyme telomerase through multiple clinical trials. Geron is also the world leader in the development of human embryonic stem (hESC) cell-based therapeutics. The company has received FDA clearance to begin the world's first human clinical trial of a hESC-based therapy: GRNOPC1 for acute spinal cord injury.



Clinical Trial

Human embryonic –derived oligodendrocytes for spinal cord injury

The disease SPINAL CORD INJURY



Associated with inflammation
Loss of neural connection
Loss of oligodendrocytes

Clinical Trial

Human embryonic –derived oligodendrocytes for spinal cord injury

The cells

Human embryonic stem cells (hESCs) derived from surplus *in vitro* fertilized embryos

Donated for research by the parental donors under informed consent.

The hESC line that is used to produce GRNOPC1 is the H1 line which was derived before August 9, 2001. GRNOPC1 is a population of living cells **containing** oligodendrocyte progenitor cells (OPC).

Studies using this line qualify for U.S. federal research funding, although no federal funding was received for the development of the product or to support the clinical trial.

The existing qualified H1 master cell bank of undifferentiated hESCs could potentially supply sufficient starting material for GRNOPC1 manufacturing to commercially supply the entire spinal cord injury market in the United States for more than 20 years.

Clinical Trial

Human embryonic –derived oligodendrocytes for spinal cord injury

Preclinical studies

Spinal cord- **partially** injured animals received either no treatment, control cells or media, or one injection of GRNOPC1 within seven days after injury

Improved:

1. Hind limb locomotor control
2. Paw placement
3. Stride length
4. Remyelination of axons
5. in the injury site
6. Axonal survival and sprouting

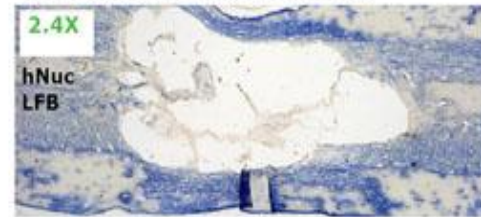
Benefits seen up to 9 months after treatment

Treatment *ineffective* if administered *more than three months* after the injury due to the scarring that occurs in the injured cord as part of the inflammatory response to spinal cord injury.

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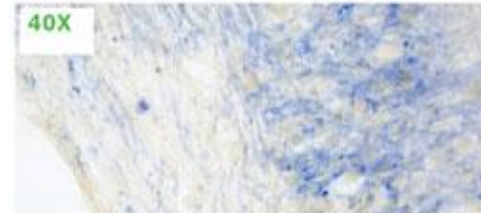
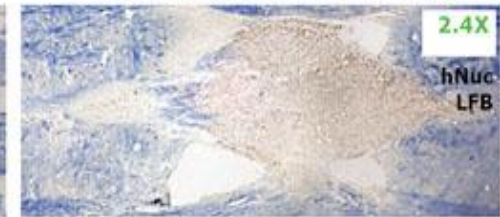
GRNOPC1 Induces Permanent Myelination in Spinal Cord Lesions of Rodents

9 Months After No Treatment

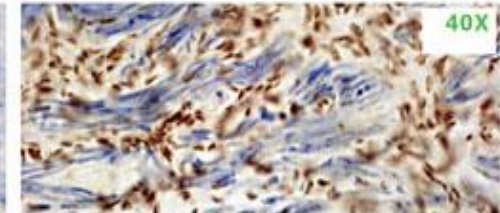


(Damaged Zone)

9 Months After GRNOPC1 Treatment



(Loss of Neurons and Myelin)



(Myelinated Rat Axons)

Clinical Trial

Human embryonic –derived oligodendrocytes for spinal cord injury

Preclinical TOXICITY studies

IND (Investigational New Drug) application:

24 separate studies in rats and mice

21,000 pages of data from the animal and *in vitro* testing of the cells

Absence of Teratoma Formation

Uninjured and spinal cord-injured animals were studied for **up to 12 months** after a

single injection of clinical grade GRNOPC1.

No teratomas were found in any animal injected in the spinal cord with clinical grade GRNOPC1.

Positive control animals in which teratomas were found included animals that received undifferentiated hESCs or GRNOPC1 preparations that were intentionally contaminated with at least 5% of live, undifferentiated hESCs.

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Acute or chronic systemic toxicity

No significant systemic toxicity was found:

Multiple hematology, clinical chemistry, urinalysis, and gross and microscopic pathology tests were performed on the spinal cord-injured rats that received GRNOPC1.

GRNOPC1 was not detected outside of the central nervous system in spinal cord-injected animals.

In some animals, human non-neural differentiated cell types were observed in the injury site, which did not lead to adverse consequences.

No evidence of allodynia (pain induced by normally non-noxious stimuli) was detected.

Control and GRNOPC1-treated animals were tested for abnormal behavioral responses to cold and mechanical stimuli placed at, above or below the area of injury.

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Immunological studies

In vitro studies were performed to test human allogeneic antibody, T cell and NK cell responses to GRNOPC1.

GRNOPC1 was incubated with serum and cell samples from normal healthy volunteers and analyzed for either GRNOPC1 lysis or T cell proliferation.

GRNOPC1 does not have major susceptibility to direct humoral or cell-mediated alloimmune attack.

These results serve as the rationale for short-term administration of **low-dose immunosuppression** in the clinical protocol.

Journal of Neuroimmunology, Vol. 192, 2007

No in vivo data?

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Preclinical studies- Summary

Conclusions from IND-Enabling Nonclinical Studies

24 Studies

1977 Rodents

**858 Injected with
GRNOPC1**

**5x10⁹ OPC1
Tested in Studies**



GRNOPC1

- *Survives in the Injured Spinal Cord*
- *Induces Myelination*
- *Produces Neurotrophic Factors*
- *Reduces Parenchymal Cavitation*
- *Improves Locomotor Activity*
- *Predominantly Neural Cell Types Observed*
- *Non-Neural Differentiated Cell Types Observed in Some Animals*
- *Does Not Produce Teratomas*
- *Does Not Induce Systemic Toxicity*
- *Does Not Induce Allodynia*
- *Does Not Increase Mortality*
- *Avoids Direct Allogeneic Immune Responses*

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The FDA-approved clinical study is a Phase I multi-center trial designed to assess the safety and tolerability of GRNOPC1 in patients with complete ASIA (American Spinal Injury Association) grade A thoracic spinal cord injuries.

ASIA grading scale - grade A: most severe with complete loss of locomotor and sensory activity below the site of the injury. Most such patients do not recover function or respond significantly to physical therapy.

The therapeutic protocol is also limited to subjects with subacute injuries - injuries that can be treated with GRNOPC1 within seven to 14 days after the injury (more than 3 months > too late).

The primary endpoint of the study is safety

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Standardized physical examinations and neurological testing will be administered before and after the injection of GRNOPC1 at specified time points for one year after the injection

The secondary endpoint of efficacy: return of sensory function or lower extremity motor function for one year after injection of GRNOPC1.

Subjects will be immune-suppressed from the time of injection with low-dose tacrolimus for 46 days, at which time the immune suppression will be tapered and withdrawn at 60 days.

Subjects will be monitored for a total of 15 years after they are administered GRNOPC1.

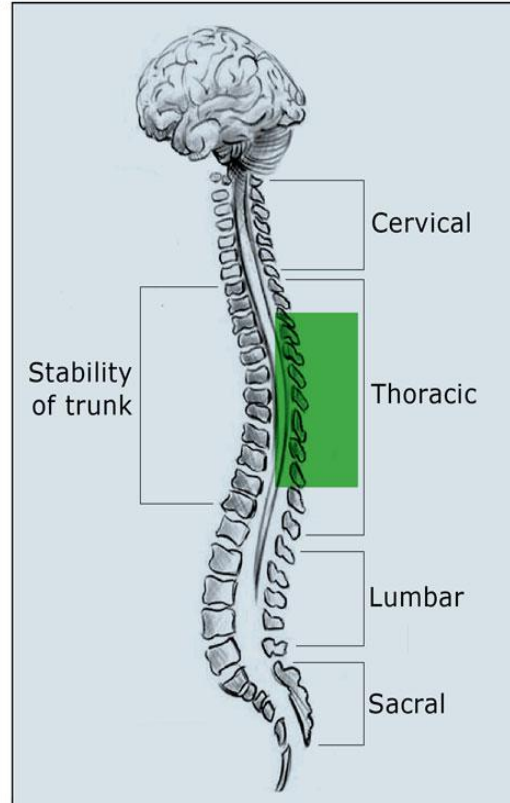
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Clinical- Summary

GRNOPC1 Phase 1 Multi-Center Spinal Cord Injury Trial

- **Open Label Trial**
- **Subacute, Functionally Complete Spinal Cord Injury with a Neurological Level of T3 to T10**
- **2x10⁶ Cells**
- **Transplant 7-14 Days Post Injury**
- **Temporary Immunosuppression with Low Dose Tacrolimus**
- **Primary Endpoint: Safety**
 - *Neurological*
 - *Overall*
- **Secondary Endpoint: Efficacy**
 - *ASIA Sensory Score*
 - *Lower Extremity Motor Score*



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Public reactions

Political

“I think this approval is directly tied to the change in administration,” said Robert N. Geron, the chairman of California’s \$3 billion stem cell research program. He said he thought the Bush administration had pressured the F.D.A. to delay the trial. The F.D.A. denies this statement.

Scientific

“It would be a disaster, a nightmare, if we ran into problems in this very first trial,” said Dr. John A. Kessler, the chairman of neurology and director of the stem cell institute at [Northwestern University](#). Dr. Kessler, whose own daughter was paralyzed from the waist down in a skiing accident, said he thought Geron’s therapy was not the ideal candidate for the first trial. He said results showing the therapy worked in **moderately injured animals** might not apply to more seriously injured people.

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“We really want the best trial to be done for this first trial, and this might not be it,” Dr. Kessler said.

The main safety concern is that if raw embryonic cells are put into the body, they can form [tumors](#). Even though most such tumors do not spread like other cancers, any unwanted growth in the spinal cord can further damage nerves.

“It’s not ready for prime time, at least not in my mind, until we can be assured that the transplanted stem cells have completely lost the capacity for tumorigenicity,” said Dr. Steven Goldman, chairman of neurology at the [University of Rochester](#). He was a member a committee convened by the F.D.A. last April to examine the safety aspects of trials using therapies from embryonic stem cells.

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Geron, which was formed in 1990 as an antiaging company, is still in the development stage and is not yet profitable, having lost about \$500 million since its inception. Besides working on stem cells, it is testing drugs for [cancer](#) that influence telomeres, the caps on the ends of chromosomes that help control the aging of cells. Geron's market value is about \$400 million.

Annual Direct Expenditures in the U.S. for Selected Diseases	
Diseases	Expenditures
Diabetes	\$45,000,000,000 ¹
Alzheimer's	\$100,000,000,000 ²
Stroke	\$30,000,000,000 ³
Chronic Liver Disease	\$25,000,000,000 ⁴
Spinal Cord Injury	\$10,000,000,000 ⁵
Parkinson's Disease	\$6,500,000,000 ⁶

Terapias regenerativas con células madre

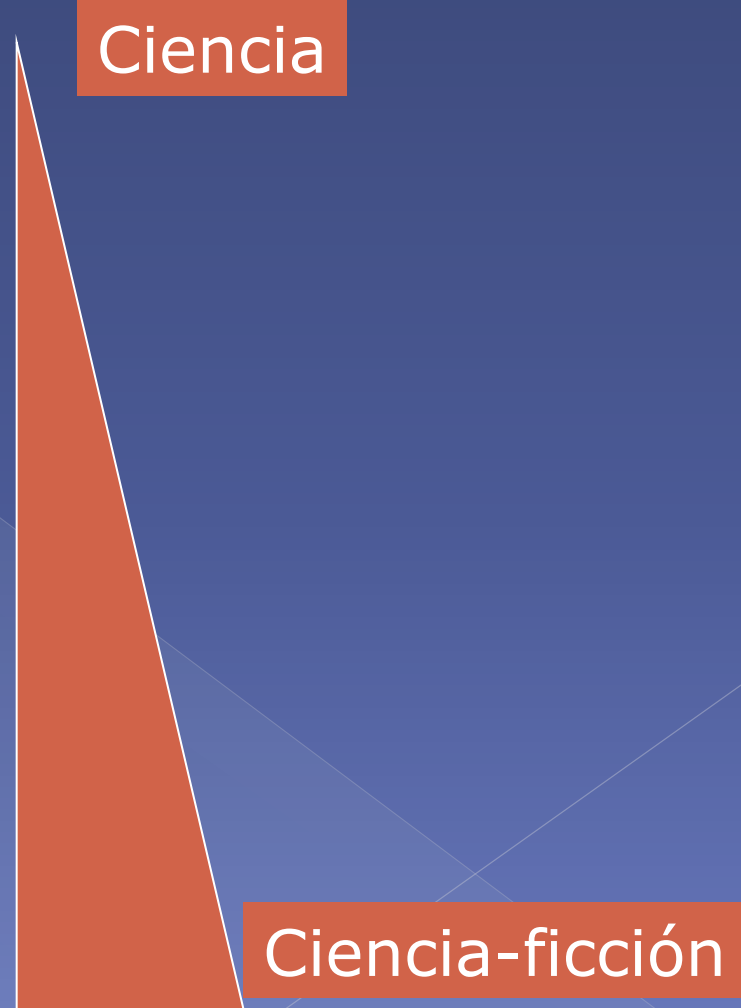
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Ciencia

Enfermedades cardíacas

Enfermedades neurodegenerativas

Ciencia-ficción



Turismo de célula madre

Stem-cell experts raise concerns about medical tourism

Stem-cell therapies are emerging as a growing area of medical tourism, even while research is still in its early stages. The trend is causing concern among experts. Eliza Barclay investigates.

Stem-cell experts are worried that some doctors in developing countries are treating patients with adult stem cells without waiting for clinical trials to validate the safety of using them for health problems.

In treatments using adult stem cells, the cells are injected into the blood, the lumbar region, or damaged tissue. The only treatments using adult stem cells that are proven by trials are for blood disorders, bone marrow transplantation, and rare immune deficiencies. Current clinical trials are mostly focused on heart disease.

The International Society for Stem Cell Research (ISSCR), in late 2008, released guidelines for patients who are seeking stem-cell treatments from unlicensed doctors overseas in increasing numbers. The guidelines insist that all treatments must be expertly evaluated with independent oversight. They also advocate for an informed consent process to provide patients with information about stem-cell-based treatments, and transparency in reporting of trial results.

therapy for multiple sclerosis, he says that many patients do not want to wait. "This area is going to progress a lot in the next 10-15 years, but a lot of patients need therapeutic help now and want to go through with the procedure", Brenes says. "Our doctors explain to the patients that they are undergoing a fairly safe procedure."

"There are many doctors tapping into the public's sense of stem cells' potential to cure..."

But many stem-cell experts are worried that doctors like Brenes are proceeding recklessly by doing unproven therapies that may have negative consequences for patients. "There are many doctors tapping into the public's sense of stem cells' potential to cure in countries with looser medical regulations", said Sean Morrison, director of the University of Michigan Center for Stem Cell Biology, and treasurer of ISSCR. "But the details of stem-cell treatment are much more complicated."

cell treatment in Russia may have contributed to the growth of brain tumours.

In the February issue of *PLoS Medicine*, Israeli researchers from Sheba Medical Center in Tel Aviv detailed the first case of a human brain tumour related to neural stem-cell therapy. The patient, a young Israeli boy with a rare degenerative brain disease, ataxia telangiectasia, received several injections of fetal neural stem cells at a clinic in Moscow beginning in 2001. According to Gideon Rechavi, one of the study's investigators, he and other doctors at Sheba who had attended to the boy in Tel Aviv advised the family not to travel to Moscow for the treatment.

In 2005, the boy's brain was scanned in Tel Aviv because of recurring headaches, revealing abnormal growths in his brain and spinal cord. Later studies showed that the tumour was of nonhost origin indicating it was probably derived from the transplanted neural stem cells, according to *PLoS Medicine*.

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MEDICINE

Monitoring and Regulating Offshore Stem Cell Clinics

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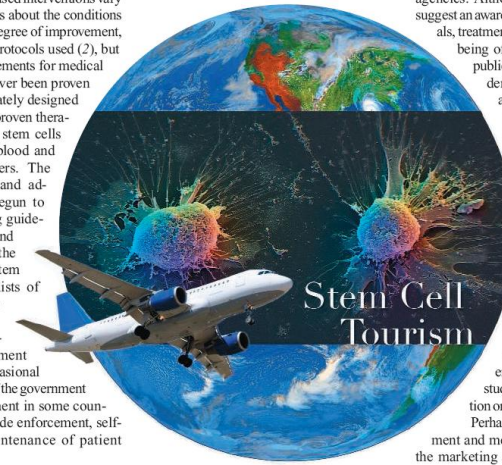
Traveling to another country in the hope of finding a stem cell-based treatment for a disease—"stem cell tourism"—has been the object of intense scrutiny in recent years, following reports of charlatany, baseless claims, and adverse medical events (1). Providers of stem cell-based interventions vary widely in their assertions about the conditions that can be treated, the degree of improvement, and the cell types and protocols used (2), but there are many advertisements for medical procedures that have never been proven efficacious in appropriately designed clinical trials. To date, proven therapeutic applications for stem cells have been mainly for blood and immunological disorders. The scientific community and advocacy groups have begun to respond by formulating guidelines for physicians and scientists engaged in the clinical translation of stem cell research (3) and lists of questions for prospective patients to ask when considering an experimental stem cell treatment (3, 4). Inaction and occasional complicity on the part of the government and medical establishment in some countries, however, have made enforcement, self-policing, and the maintenance of patient trust problematic.

that can legally be made by providers or to relocate them to operating outside of their borders. The possibility of operating extraterritorially has meant that unapproved treatments could be had by those willing to travel abroad, but in the great majority of instances, this has

Unverified medical treatments based on stem cells are proliferating and need oversight.

Netherlands (9), and Ireland (10); others have been forced out of business (11) or prevented from opening by negative publicity (12, 13).

Successful clinics that remain in business are sometimes supported by local medical associations, governments, and regulatory agencies. Although the company Web sites suggest an awareness of the need for clinical trials, treatments costing \$20,000 or more are being offered in the absence of prior publication of peer-reviewed studies demonstrating efficacy. For example, TheraVita has an impressive list of Thai physicians, including the current presidents of the Thai Heart Association and the Thai Atherosclerosis Society (14), and recognition from the Davos-based World Economic Forum as a 2006 Technology Pioneer (15). However, the peer-reviewed article listed by the company as "accreditation" for its therapeutic regime of adult stem cell therapy for heart disease was considered by the authors to be a safety study and did not use randomization or double-blind controls (16, 17). Perhaps as important as the government and medical establishment links are the marketing and patient recruitment strategies



TREATABLE CONDITIONS

Beike has already considerable experience with certain conditions. Below is a list of diseases and conditions we currently offer treatment for.

Neurological Disorders:

- Alexander Syndrome
- **Alzheimer's disease**
- Ataxia
 - Cerebellar ataxia
 - Hereditary ataxias
 - Spinocerebellar ataxia
 - Friedreich ataxia
 - Acquired ataxia (caused by Spinocerebellar atrophy or Degeneration, Olivoponto cerebellar atrophy, etc.)
- **Autism Spectrum Disorders**
 - Autism
 - Rett Syndrome
- Disseminated Encephalomyelitis (Sequelae)
- Agnesis of the Corpus Callosum/Aicardi Syndrome
- Brown-Sequard syndrome
- Central Cord Syndrome
- Central Pain Syndrome
- Central Pontine Myelinolysis
- Cerebellar Hypoplasia
- Cerebral Atrophy
- Chiari Malformation
- Cerebral Palsy
- Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease
- Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy
- **Down Syndrome**
- Encephalopathy
- Encephalitis (Sequelae)
- Early Infantile Epileptic Encephalopathy (Ohtahara Syndrome)
- Glycogen Storage Disease Type II (Pompe Disease)
- Guillain-Barr Syndrome
- Huntington's Disease
- Kennedy's Disease (X-Linked Spinal and Bulbar Muscular Atrophy)
- Landau-Kleffner Syndrome (Acquired Epileptiform Aphasia)
- Lissencephaly
- Leber's hereditary optic neuropathy
- Meningitis (Sequelae)
- Motor Neuron Disease
 - Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis
 - Primary Lateral Sclerosis
 - Spinal Muscular Atrophy
- **Microcephaly**
- Multisystem Atrophy
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Muscular Dystrophy
 - Becker's Muscular Dystrophy
 - Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy
 - Progressive Muscular Dystrophy
- Myoclonic Encephalopathy of Infants
- Myopathy
- Neuronal Ceroid lipofuscinosis
- Neurotoxicity
- Optic Nerve Disorders
 - Optic Nerve Hypoplasia
 - Optic Atrophy
 - Damage to the Optic Nerve
 - Ischemic Optic Neuropathy
- **Parkinson's Syndrome**
- **Peripheral nerve injury**
- Perisylvian Syndrome
- Persistent Vegetative State
- Polymicrogyria
- Post-polio Syndrome
- Schizencephaly
- Septo-Optic Dysplasia
- Spastic Tetraparesis
- Spina Bifida
- Spinal Cord Injury
- Stroke
- Traumatic Brain Injury (Sequelae)
- West Nile Meningitis or Encephalitis
- **West Syndrome (Infantile Spasms)**
- William's Syndrome

Heart Conditions:

- Cardiomyopathy
- Chronic Heart Failure
- Myocardial Infarction (Sequelae)

Other Disorders:

- **Alopecia**, Arthritis, Autoimmune Disease, Chronic Renal Failure, Diabetic Foot, Diabetes Mellitus, Femoral Head Necrosis, Leber's Congenital Amaurosis, Liver Cirrhosis, Glaucoma, Graft Versus Host disease, Lower Limb Ischemia, Osteopetrosis, Peripheral Vascular Disease, Retinitis Pigmentosa, Retinopathy of Prematurity, Sensorineural Hearing Loss

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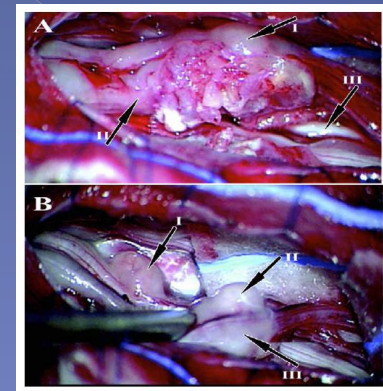
PLOS MEDICINE

Donor-Derived Brain Tumor Following Neural Stem Cell Transplantation in an Ataxia Telangiectasia Patient

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Angiomyeloproliferative Lesions Following Autologous Stem Cell Therapy

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Figure 1. Macroscopic appearance of resected kidney. A solid hemorrhagic mass is present in the renal sinus, external to which is atrophic renal parenchyma. In addition, three similar smaller lesions are present (arrows), separate from the main lesion.

No existe evidencia experimental en modelos animales que sustenten estudios clínicos de terapias regenerativas para enfermedades neurológicas utilizando células madre hematopoyéticas

The screenshot shows the Regina Mater website interface. At the top, there is a logo for Regina Mater and a navigation bar with tabs for Oncología, Autoinmunidad, Neurología, Regeneración, and English. The main content area is titled "Neurología" and lists several conditions: Esclerosis lateral amiotrófica, Miastenia gravis, Enfermedad de Parkinson, Esclerosis múltiple, Leucodistrofias, and Neuropatía periférica autoinmune. To the right, under "Tratamientos:", there is a list of six treatments: 1-Recambio plasmático total, 2-Vacuna T linfocitaria, 3-Stem cells, 4-Interferón beta, 5-Gamaglobulina IV, and 6-Linfoplasmaferesis. A "Reset" button is visible at the bottom of the list.

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[The Helsinki Declaration](#)

From Other Organizations:

[Stem Cells at the National Academies](#)

This U.S. based site contains basic information about stem cells, the National Academies' Guidelines for Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research, and other stem cell related resources

[The National Institutes of Health Stem Cell Information Page](#)

Provides information about stem cells, research updates and stem cell policy in the United States

[MedlinePlus](#)

A service of the U.S. National Institutes of Health, this site provides health and research information about specific diseases or conditions to the general public

[The California Institute for Regenerative, the State Stem Cell Agency \(CIRM\)](#)

At CIRM's Web site you can find basic facts and education materials about stem cells as well as information about stem cell research in the state of California.

Also see CIRM's [Disease Fact Sheets](#), which describe research in specific disease areas.

[Consortio de Investigación en Células Madre \(CICEMA\)](#)

CICEMA, based in Argentina, is a consortium created to develop highly qualified research on stem cells with an intra- and inter-institutional synergistic strategy

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[Ministerio de Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación Productiva](#)

Information from the Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation in Argentina

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Submit a Clinic for Review

Have you seen an advertisement for a stem cell clinic or other stem cell treatment provider and want to know more about it?

The ISSCR is developing lists of clinics and other service providers that claim to offer stem cell treatments. The lists will tell you whether the clinics do or do not provide the ISSCR with evidence that appropriate oversight and other patient protections are in place for the treatments they offer. The ISSCR will not review clinics that only offer stem cell treatments for certain diseases of the blood by bone marrow transplantation, skin grafting following burns, or limbal stem cell transplantation for corneal injury. The ISSCR will not review sites that do not advertise in English at this time.

The ISSCR will ask clinics and entities offering stem cell treatments to supply evidence for each disease or condition they treat that:

1. A medical ethics committee was involved to protect the rights of a patient
2. There is supervision by an official regulatory body such as the European Medicines Agency (EMA) or the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

The ISSCR asks for your patience as we build this resource.

There is necessarily a significant period of time, estimated at 4-5 months, from when you fill in the form for a specific clinic until when that clinic might appear on one of the lists. This allows a reasonable time for each clinic to reply to the ISSCR's inquiry. The ISSCR will not be able to answer questions about individual stem cell treatments or providers nor update you on the status of a particular inquiry.

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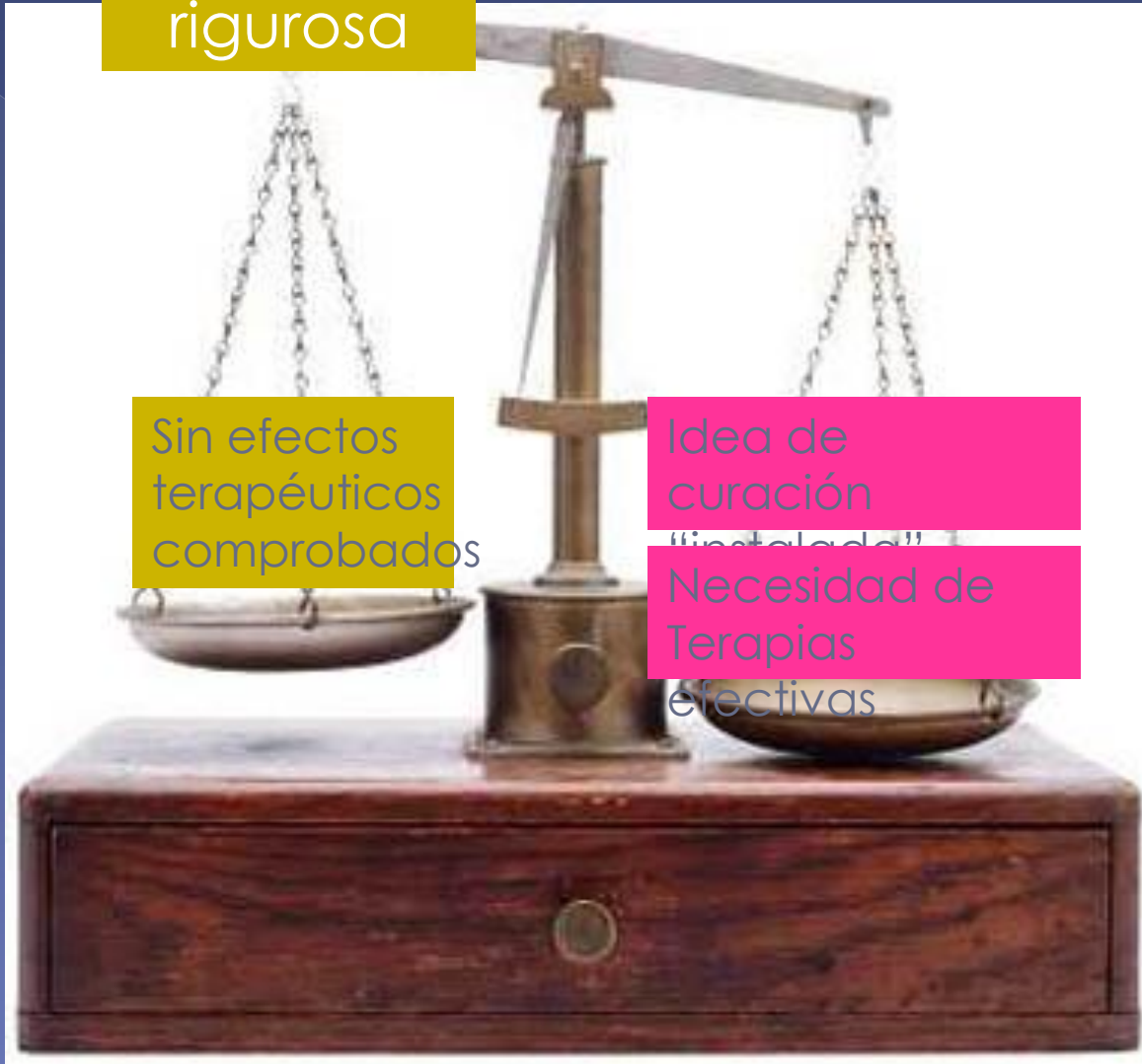
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