

Successful replacement of animal models:

Stem cell based models systems

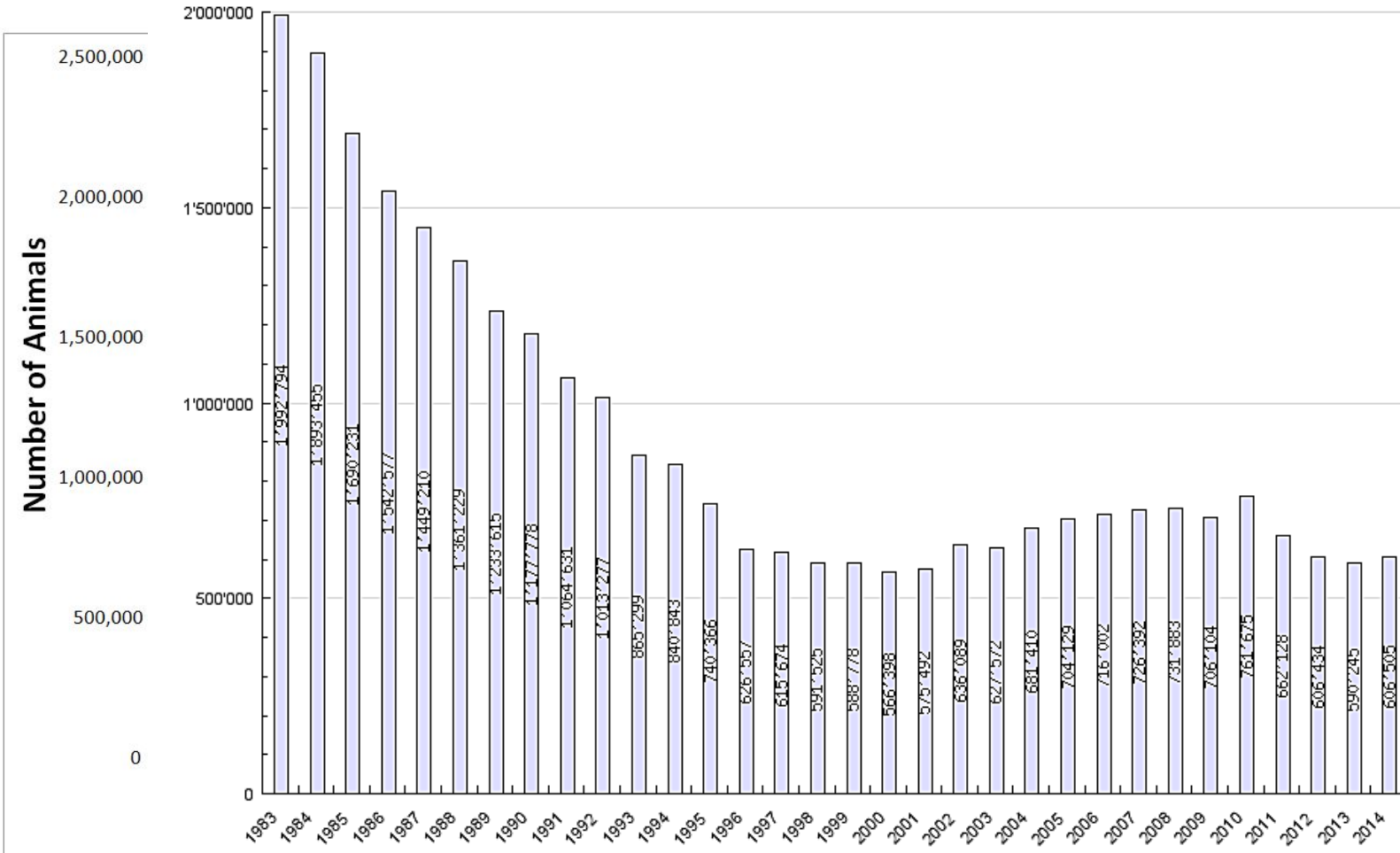
Study, Screen, Substitute

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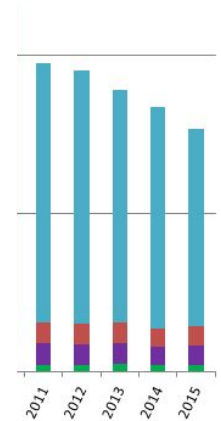
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Covered Animal use in US 1973-2015



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Tierversuche 2014 in der Schweiz

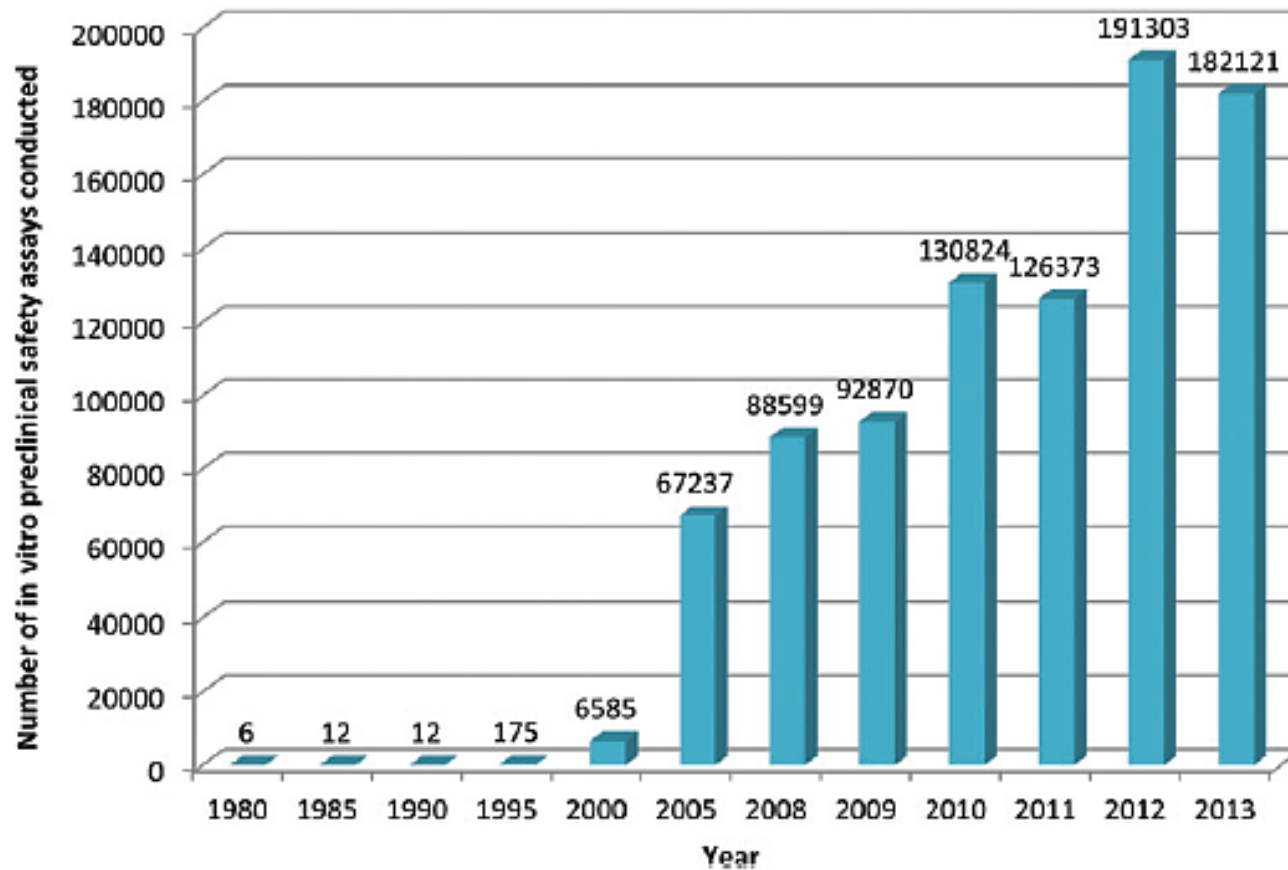
(Swiss National Statistics on animal research)

<http://tv-statistik.ch/de/statistik/index.php>

and from US AWA(1966) Reports, 1973-2015

3Rs :Reduction, Replacement and Refinement

Alternative assays simply can't model complex biological systems yet

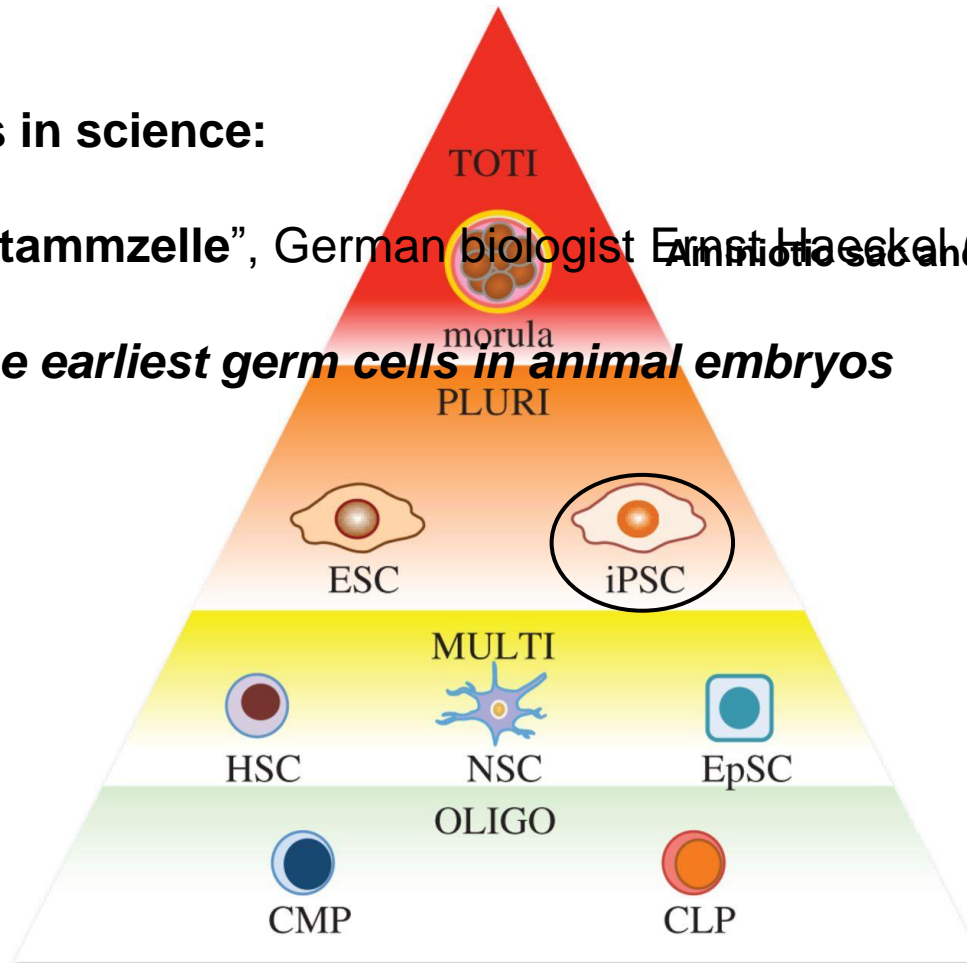


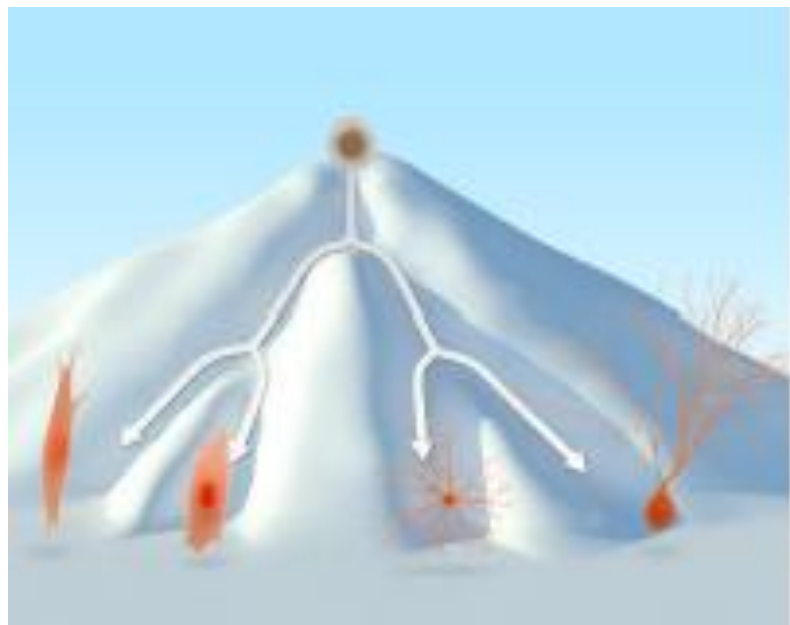
Types of Stem cells

Stem cells in science:

Origin : “**Stammzelle**”, German biologist Ernst Haeckel (Haeckel, 1868)

identify the earliest germ cells in animal embryos



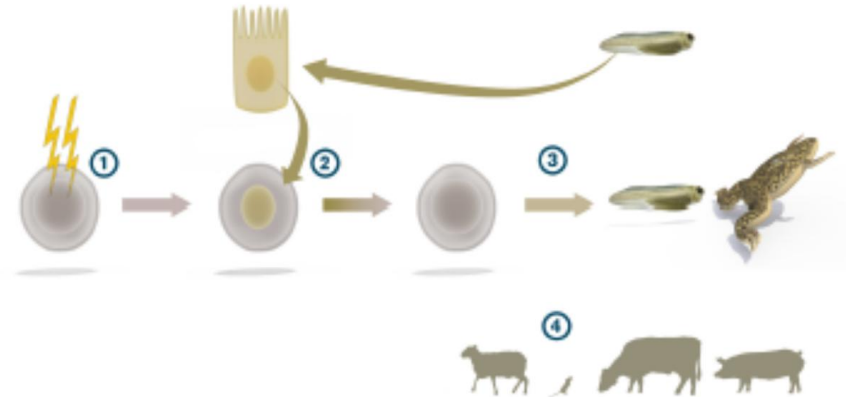


1981: First *in vitro* mouse stem cell line

Isolation of a pluripotent cell line from early mouse embryos cultured in medium conditioned by teratocarcinoma stem cells.

Martin, 1981 (PNAS)

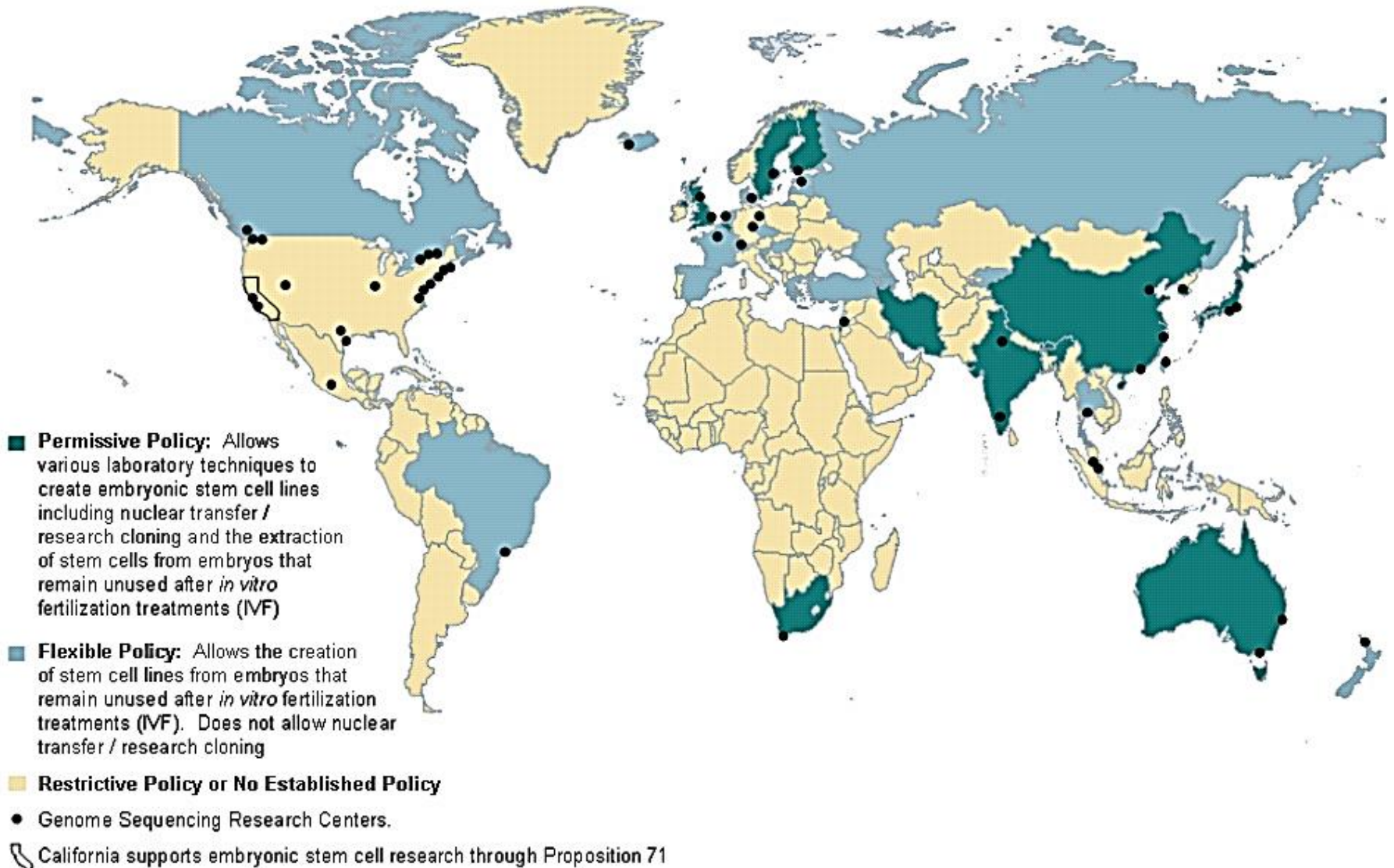
John B. Gurdon (1962)



Dolly(1996) had developed prematurely arthritis & lung disease

Cloned mammals, including Dolly, have shorter telomeres than other animals of the same age

World Stem Cell Policy



■ **Permissive Policy:** Allows various laboratory techniques to create embryonic stem cell lines including nuclear transfer / research cloning and the extraction of stem cells from embryos that remain unused after *in vitro* fertilization treatments (IVF)

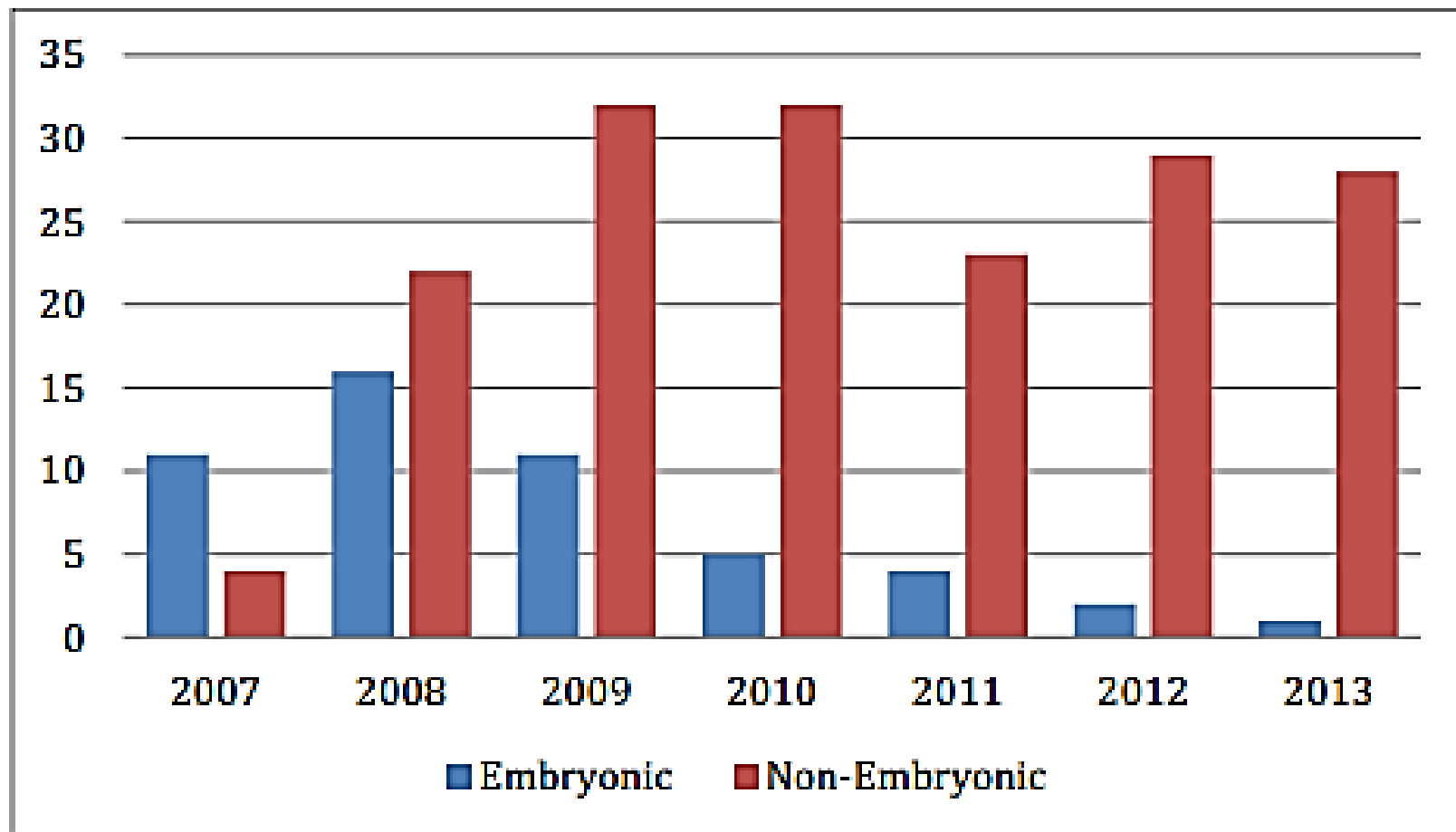
■ **Flexible Policy:** Allows the creation of stem cell lines from embryos that remain unused after *in vitro* fertilization treatments (IVF). Does not allow nuclear transfer / research cloning

■ **Restrictive Policy or No Established Policy**

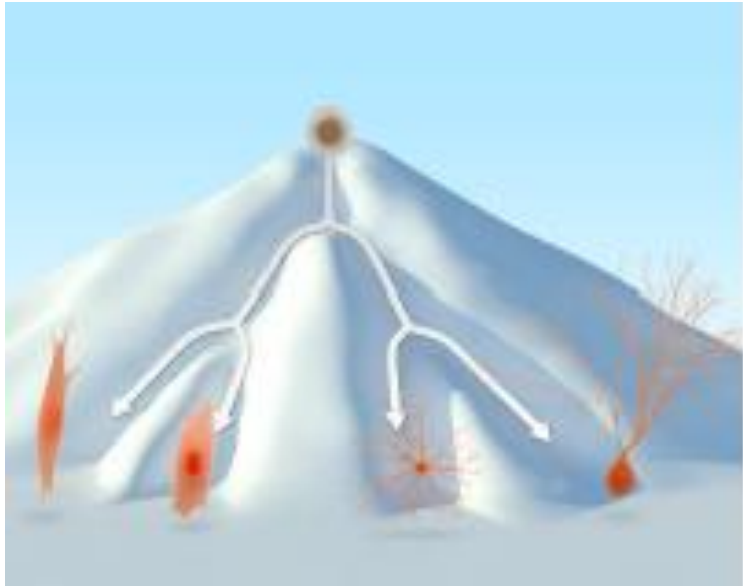
● Genome Sequencing Research Centers.

☞ California supports embryonic stem cell research through Proposition 71

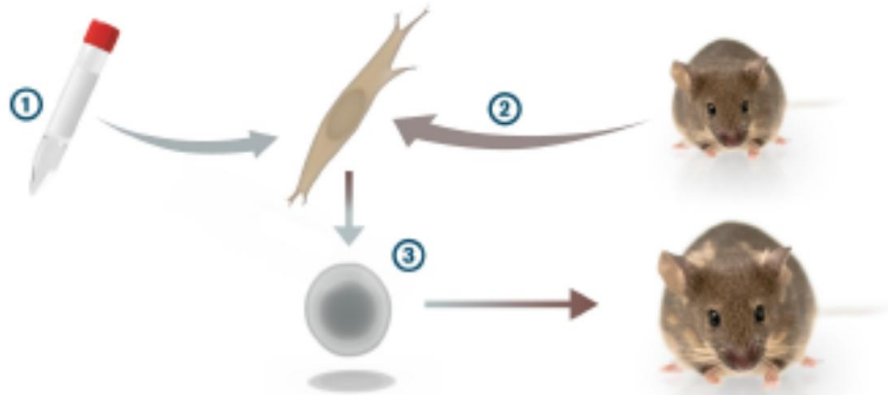
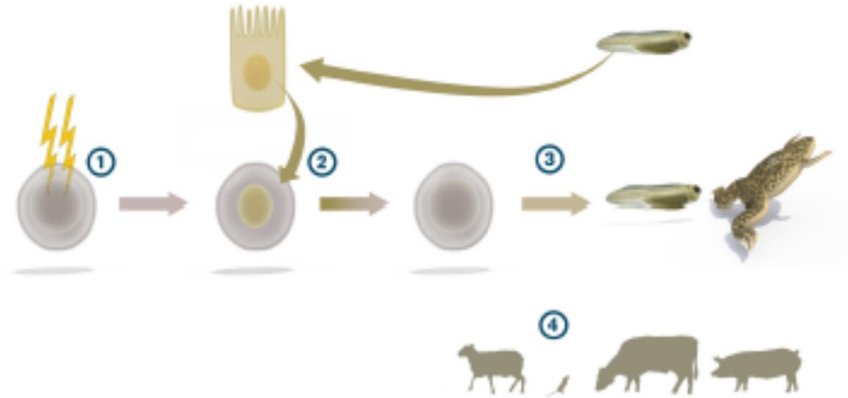
Number of Grants Given: 2007-2013



The Maryland Stem Cell Research Commission



John B. Gurdon (1962)



Shinya Yamanaka (2006)

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

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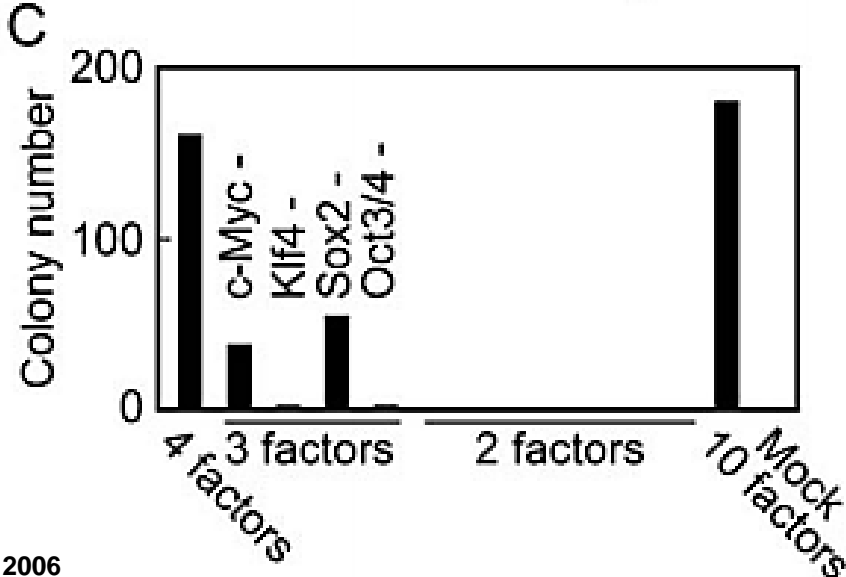
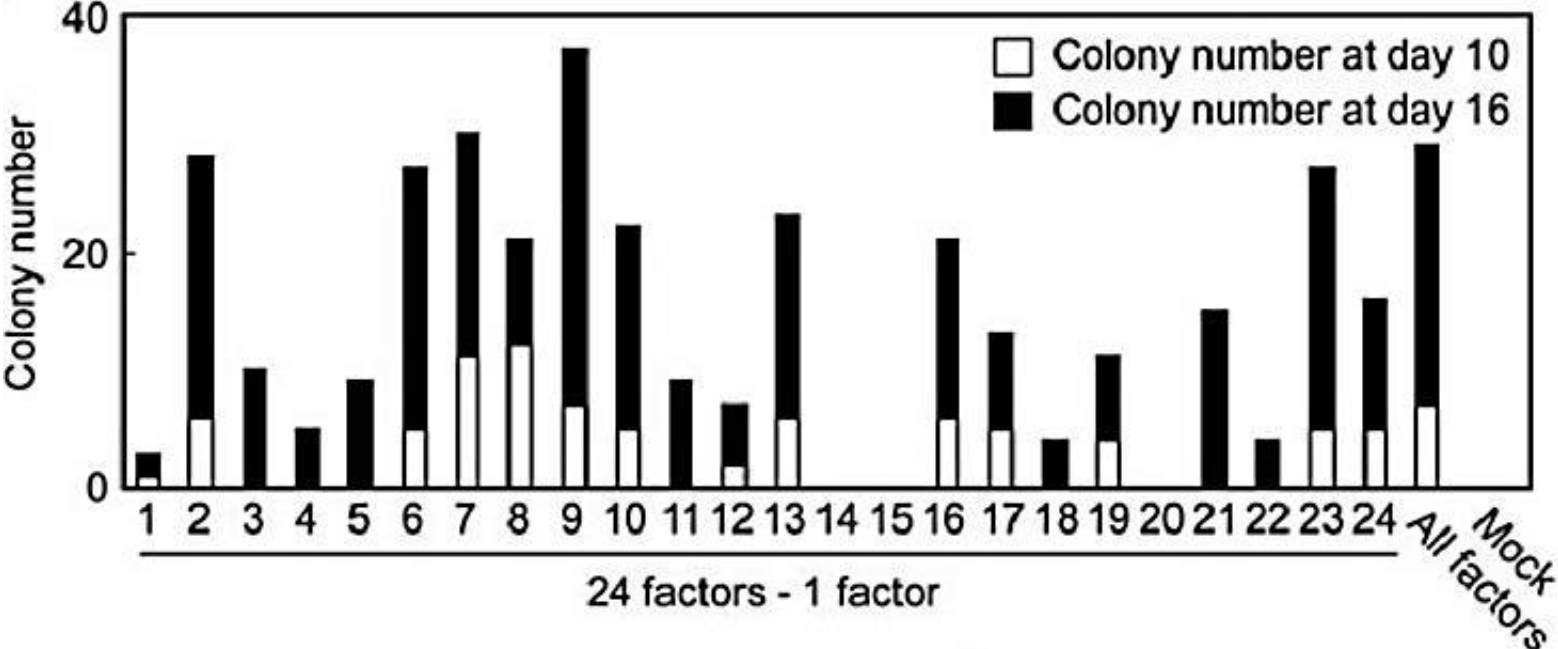
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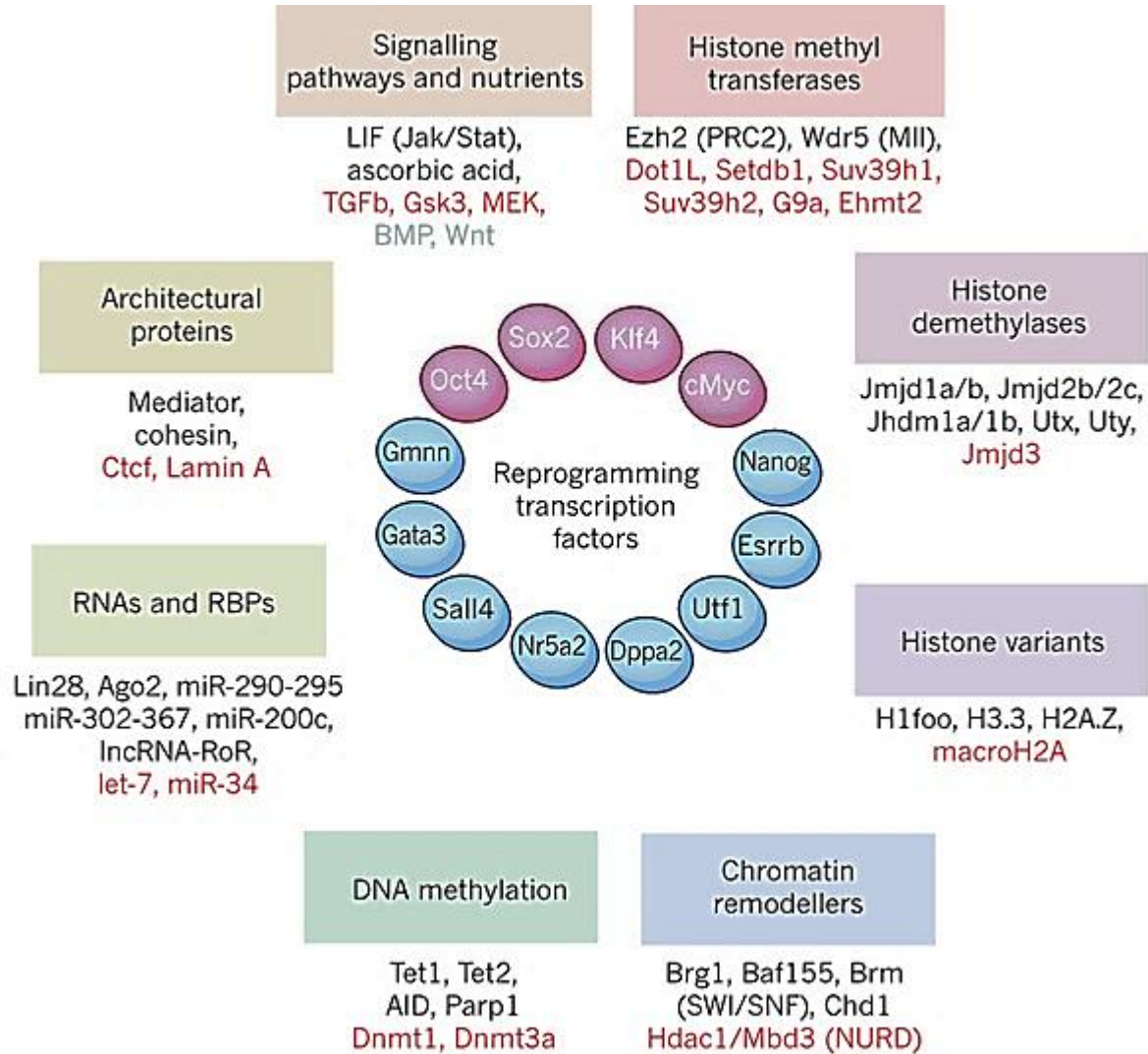
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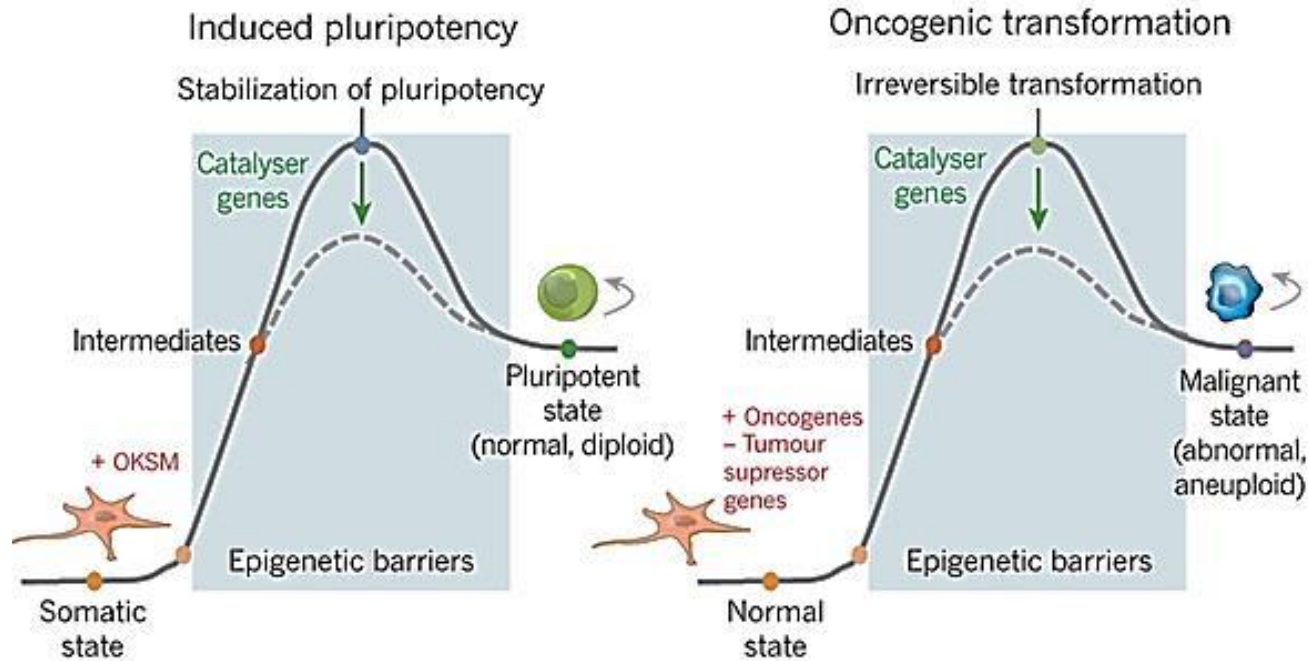
Retroviral transduction of fibroblasts to generate iPSC colonies



Gene involved in reprogramming and stemness



Stem cell Vs Cancer cell

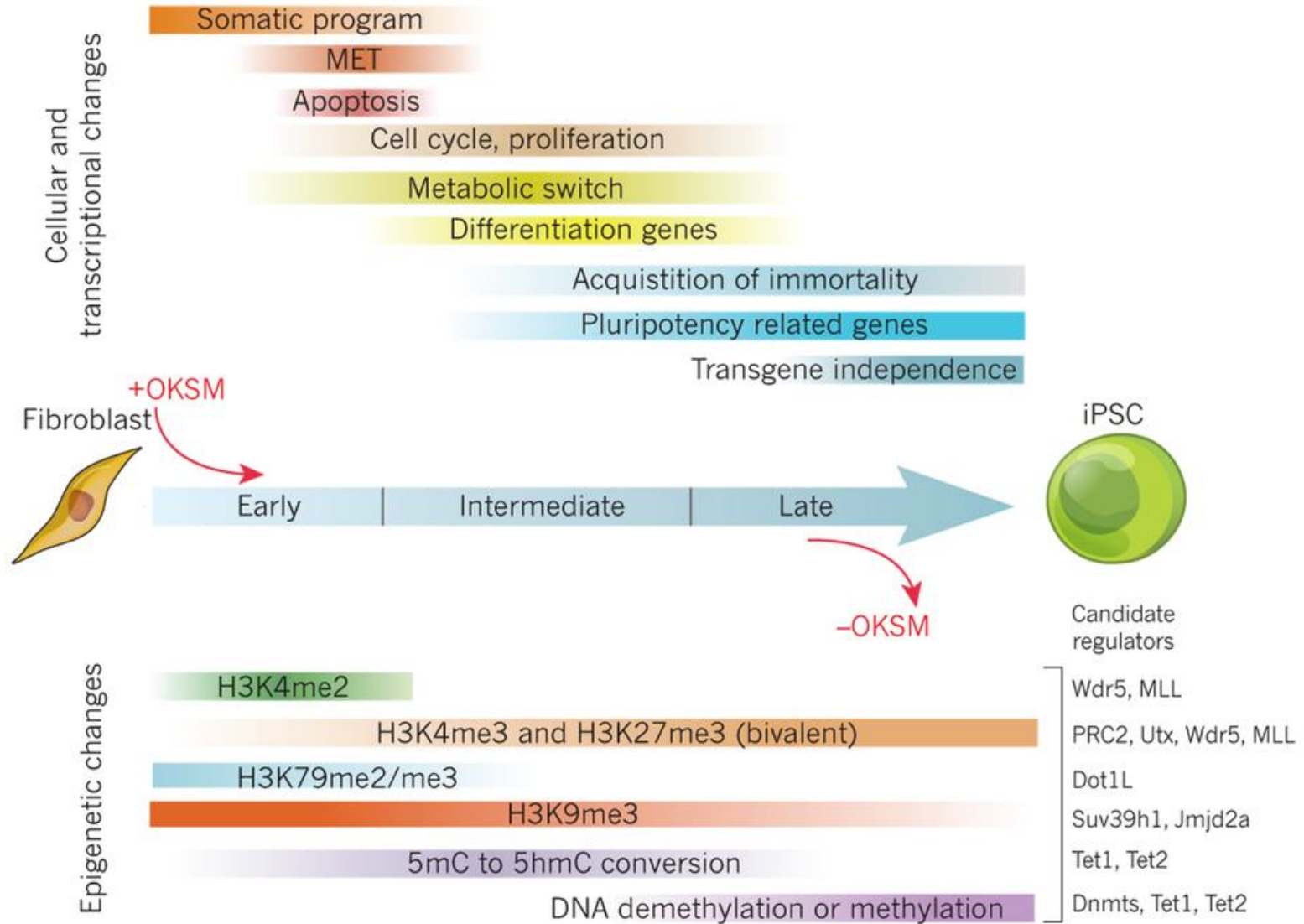


Some epigenetic regulators and histone modifications have been shown to have opposite roles during reprogramming and malignancy.

Loss of Tet2 causes myeloid transformation in mice (Moran-Crusio, K. et al. 2011), consistent with a tumour suppressor function, whereas depletion of Tet2 protein abrogates reprogramming (Doege, C. A. et al., 2012).

H3K79 methyltransferase Dot1L promotes leukaemia formation induced by MLL–AF9 translocations, although it prevents iPSC formation

Chromatin dynamics during cellular reprogramming

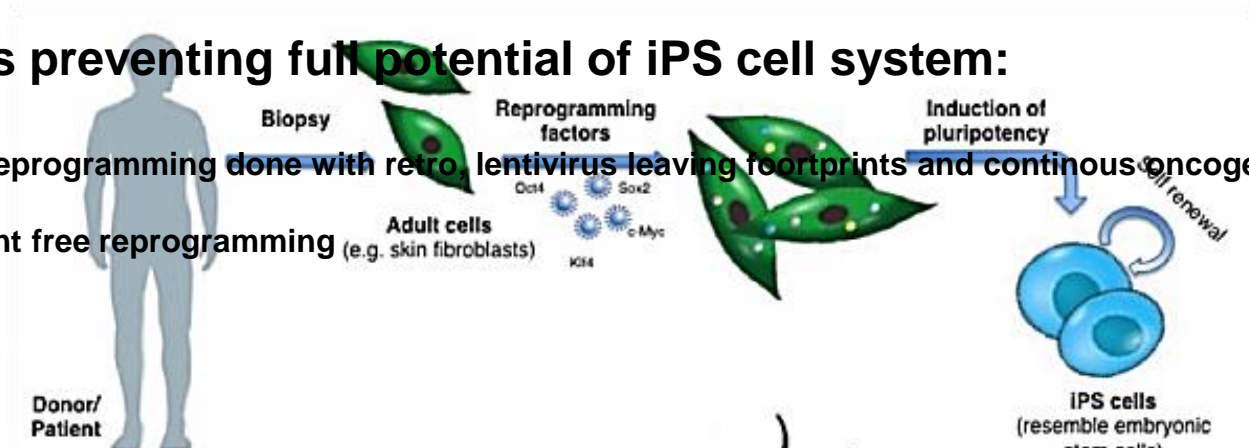


Potential of iPS cells technology.

Pit falls preventing full potential of iPS cell system:

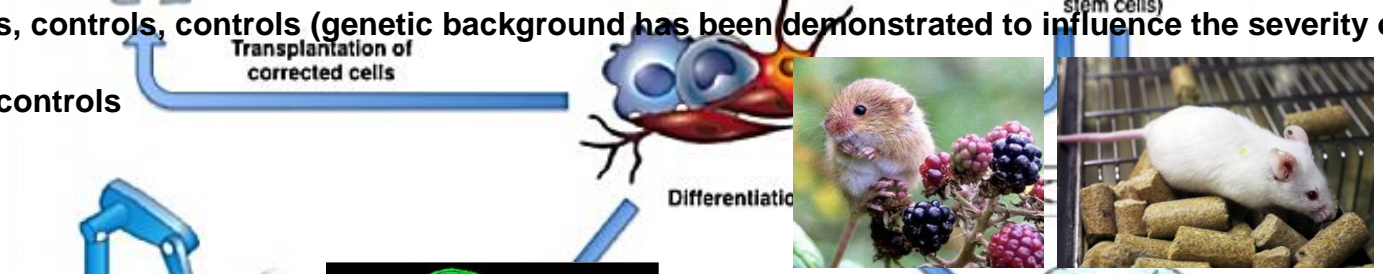
1. Early reprogramming done with retro, lentivirus leaving footprints and continuous oncogene expression

- Footprint free reprogramming



2. Controls, controls, controls (genetic background has been demonstrated to influence the severity of disease)

-Isogenic controls



3. Microenvironment

-Organoids



Eli et al., Cerebral organoid derived from ALS patient stem cells. Image from USC Stem Cell.

4. Well refined cell lineage derivation procedures and acceleration of physiological ageing

- Small molecules and stress

Study:

Disease modelling

Global Transcriptional and Translational Repression in Human-Embryonic-Stem-Cell-Derived Rett Syndrome Neurons

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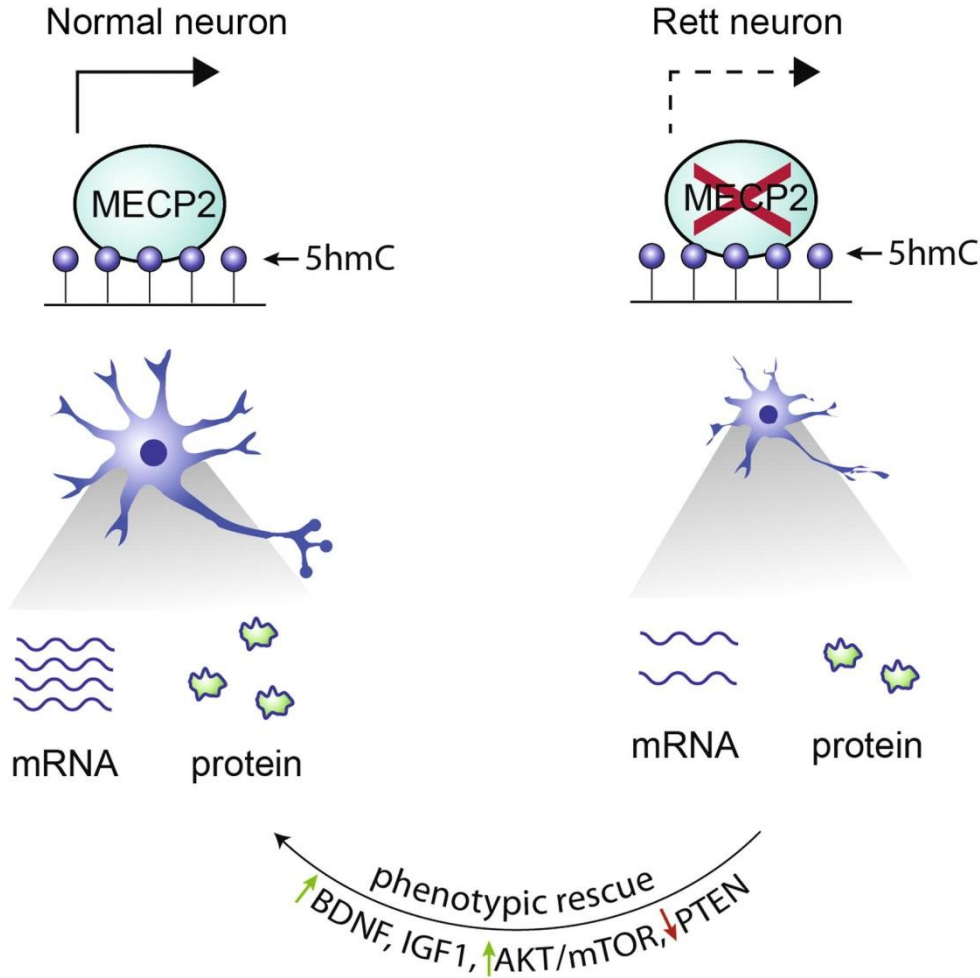
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Rett syndrome (RTT)- monogenic X-linked neurodevelopmental disease

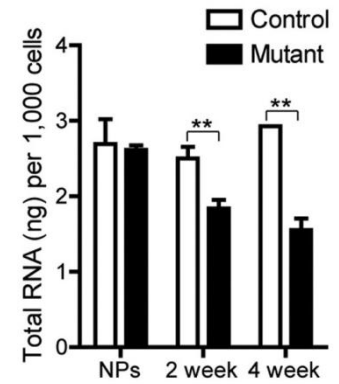
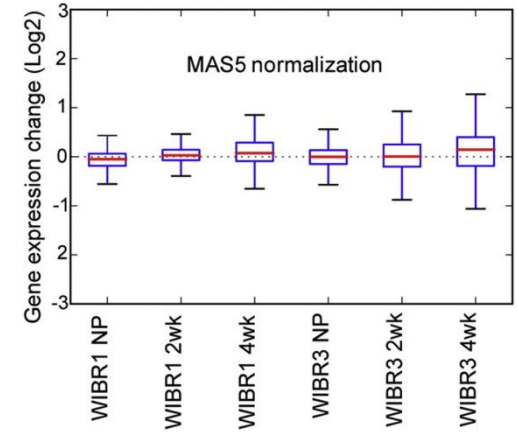
is a rare genetic postnatal neurological disorder of the grey matter of the brain that almost exclusively affects females

Huda Zoghbi (1999) Rett syndrome is caused by mutations in the gene MECP2

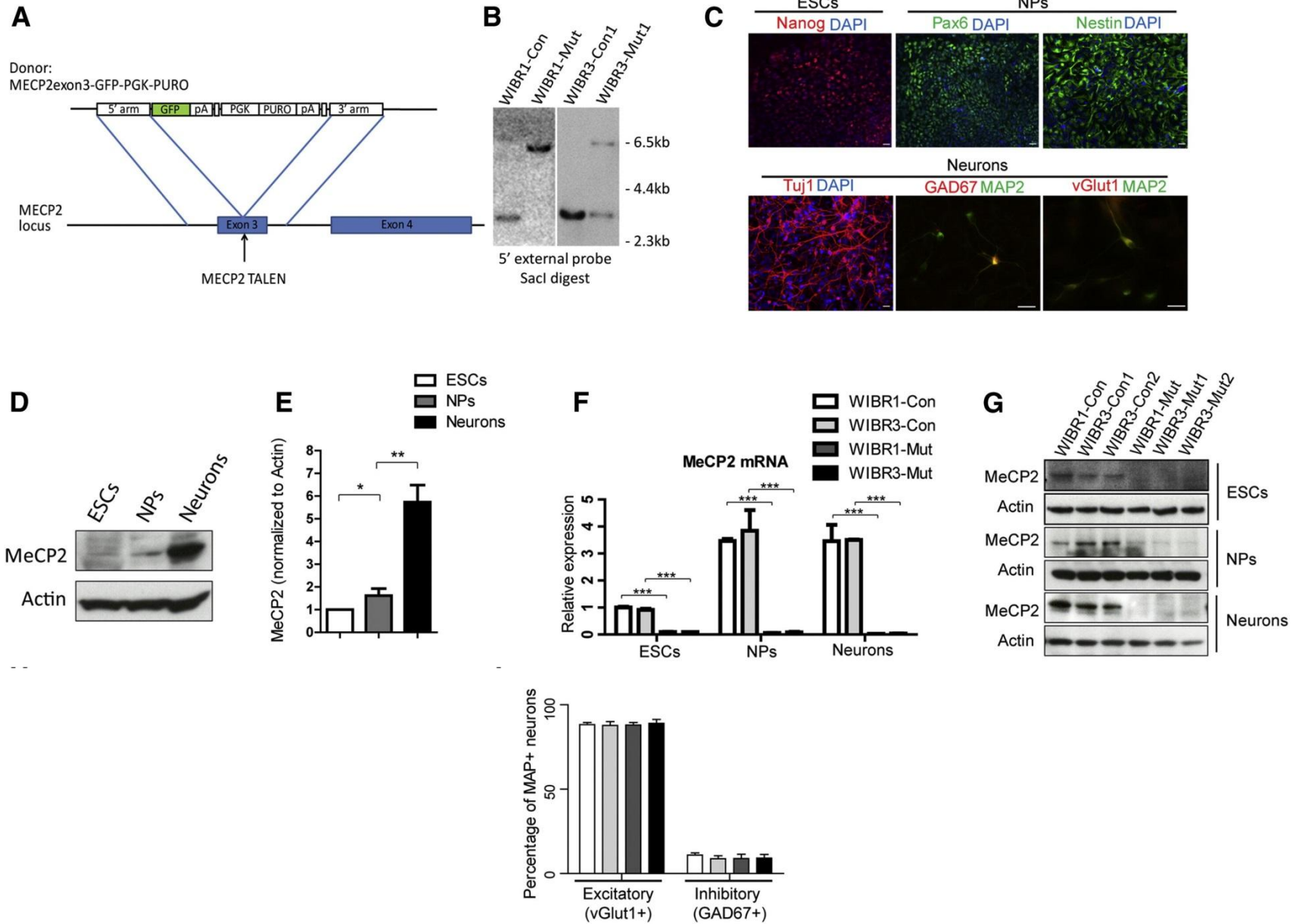
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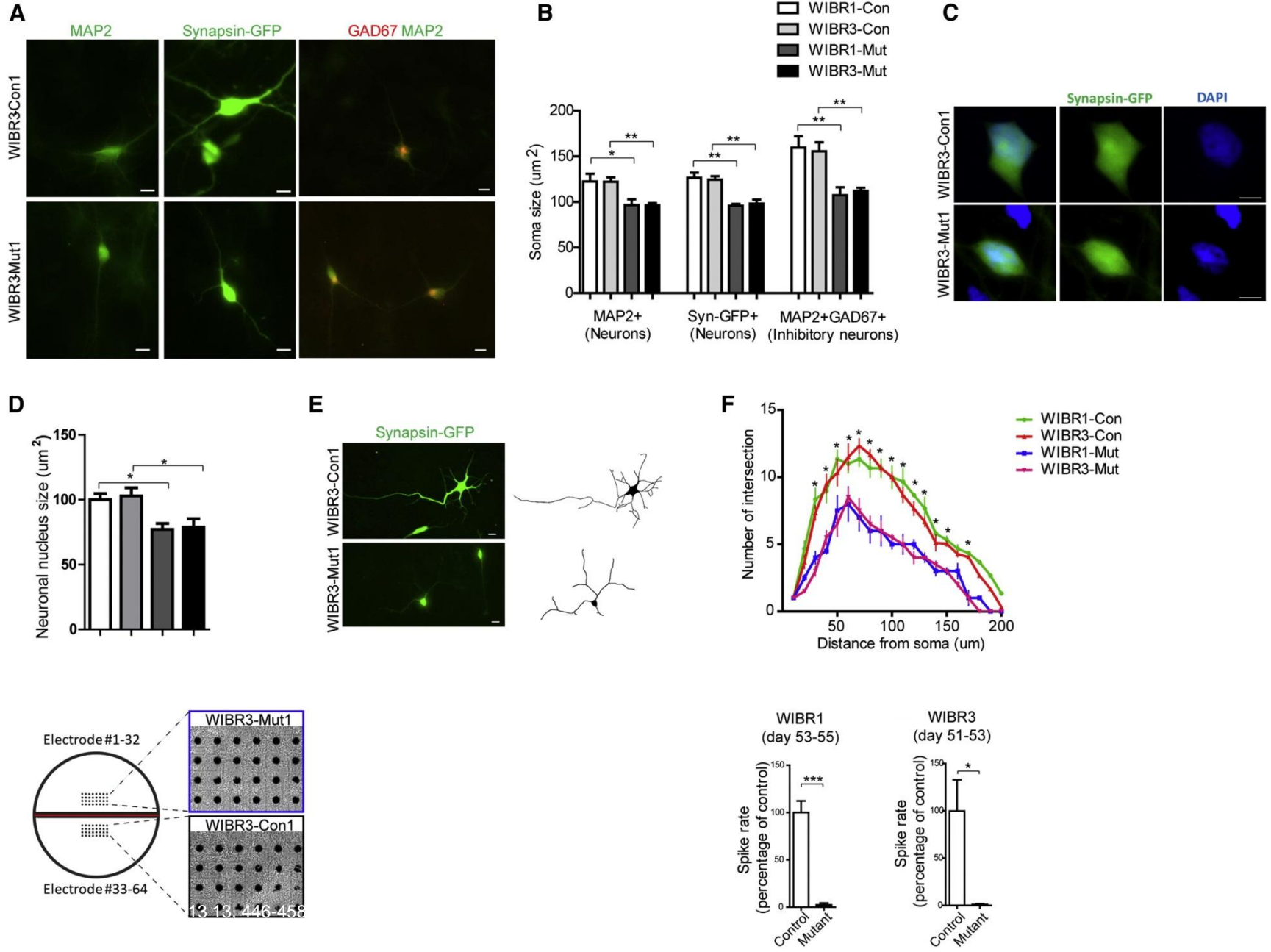
Conventional normalizing individual gene expression to total RNA (MAS5 for Affymetrix)



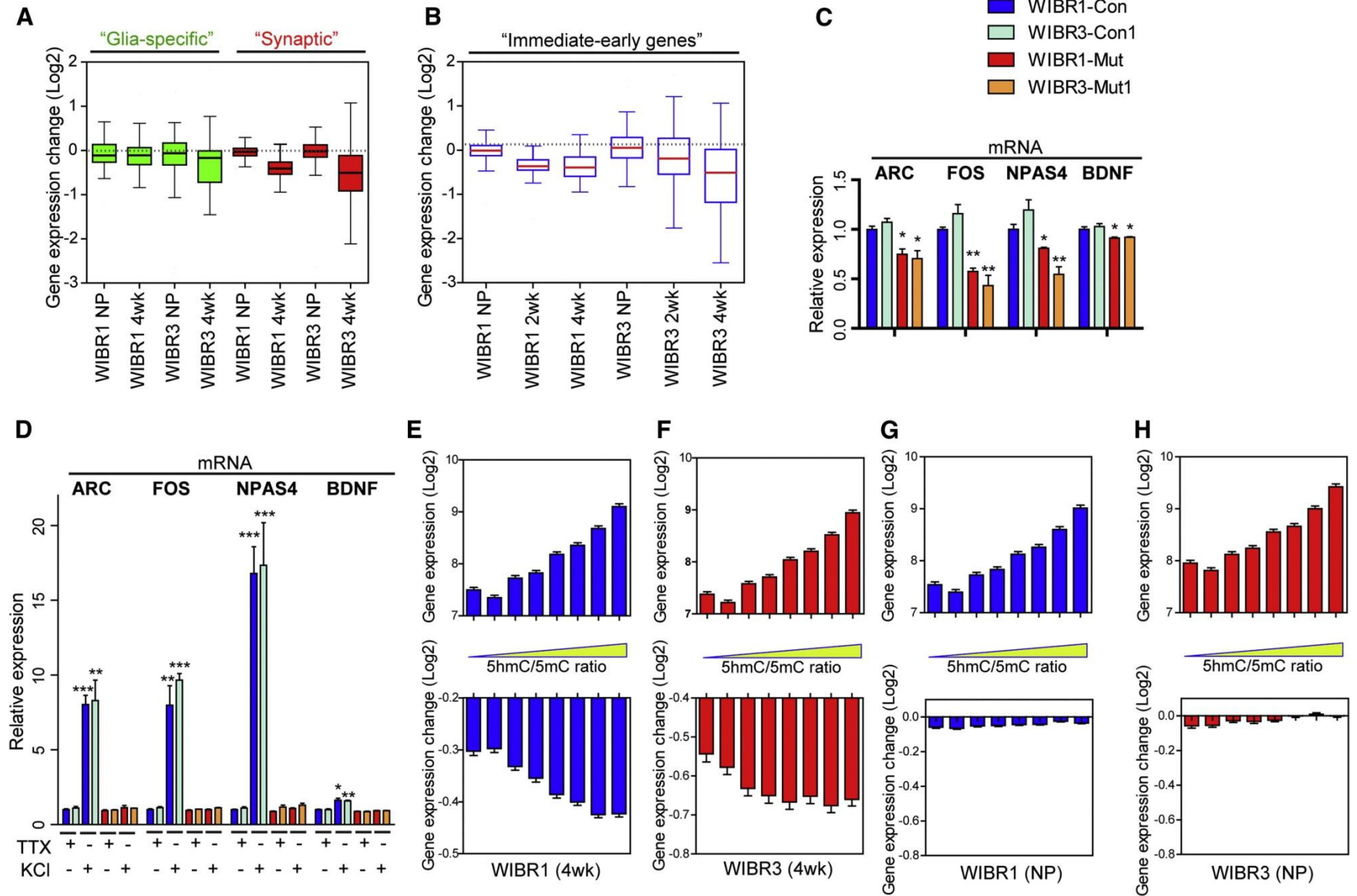
Generation of Isogenic Pairs of Control and MECP2 Mutant Human ESCs, NPs, and Neurons



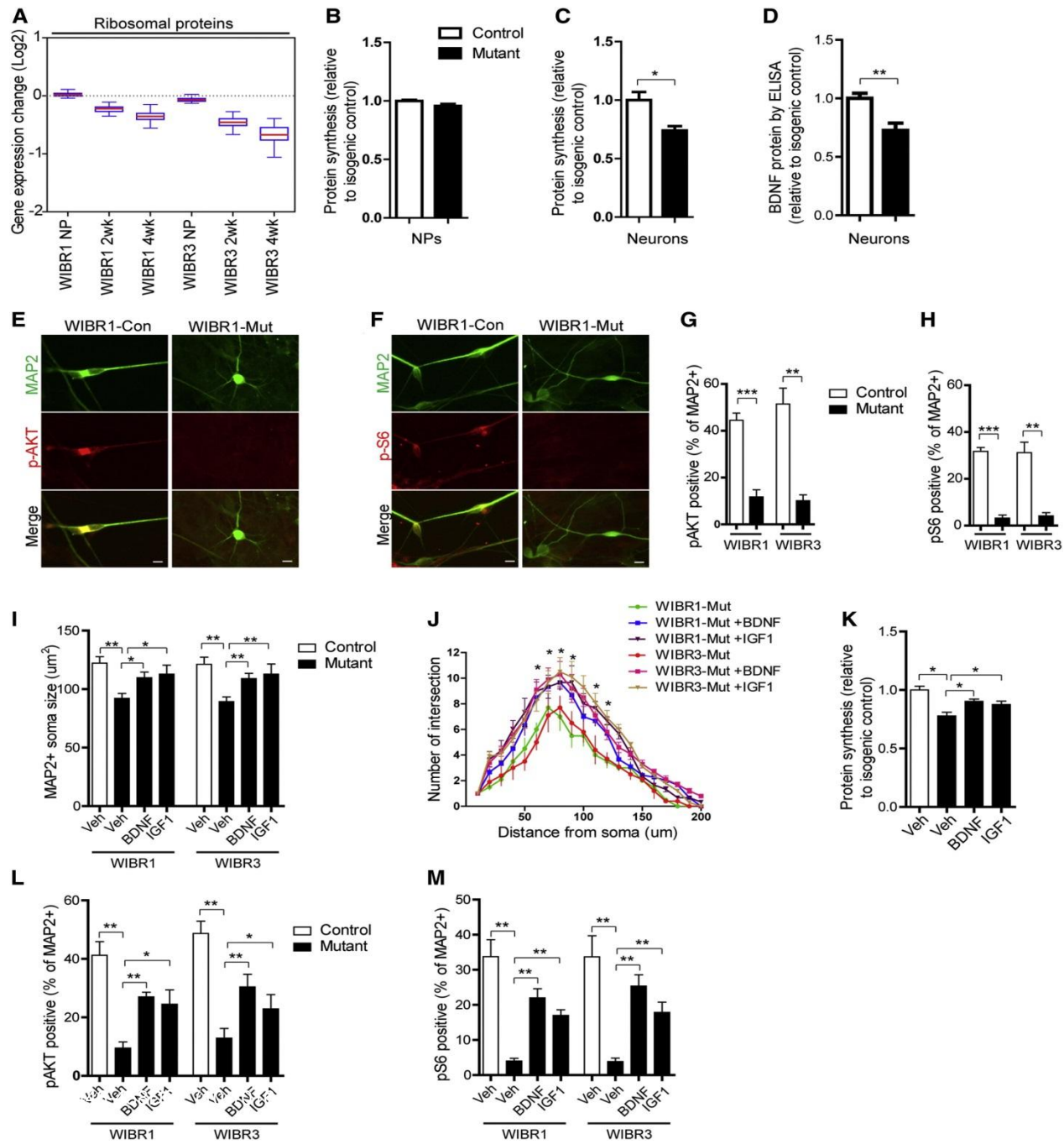
MECP2 Mutant Human Neurons Show Morphological and Electrophysiological Defects



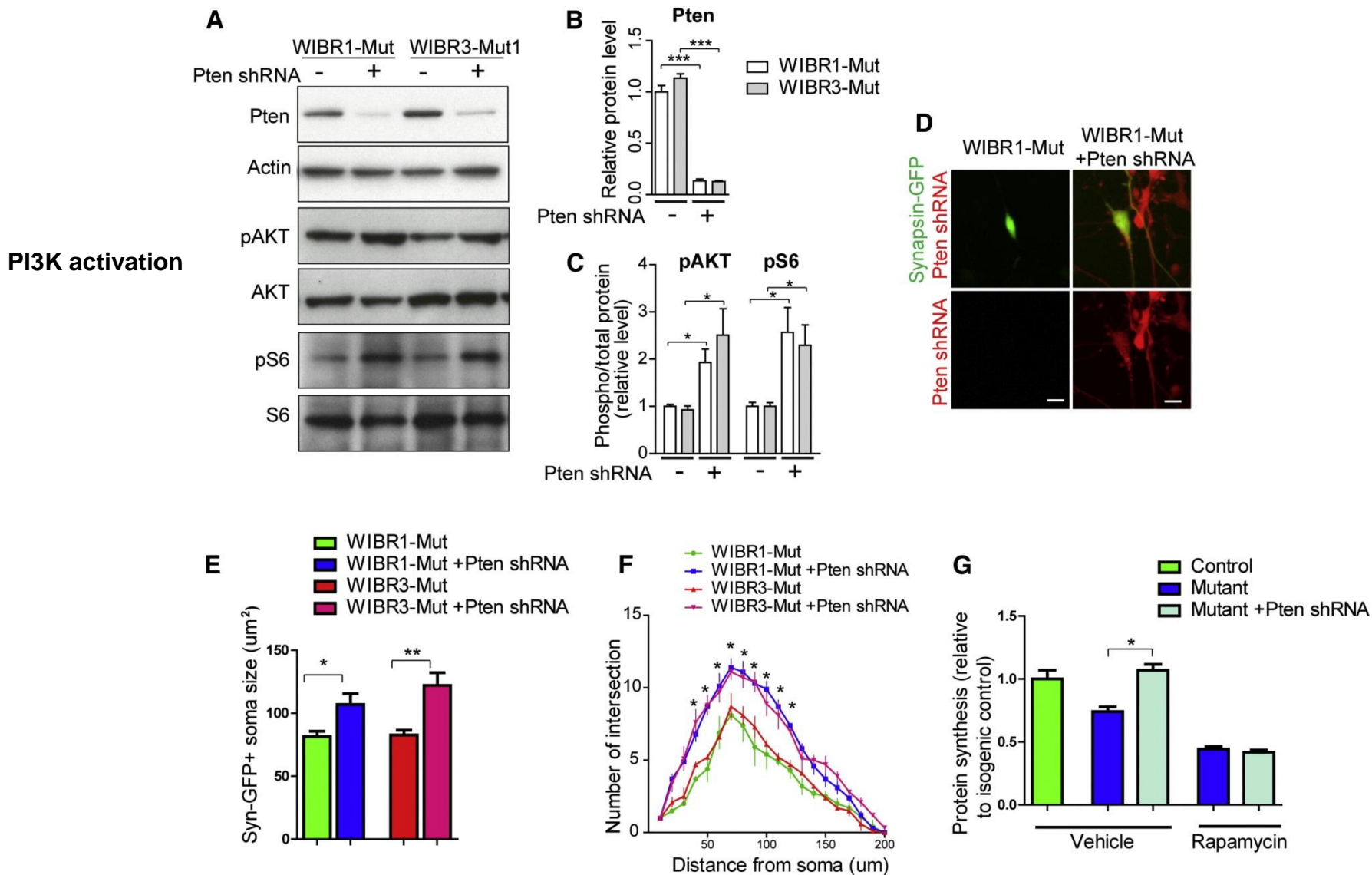
Preferential Reduction of Active Transcription in MECP2 Mutant Neurons



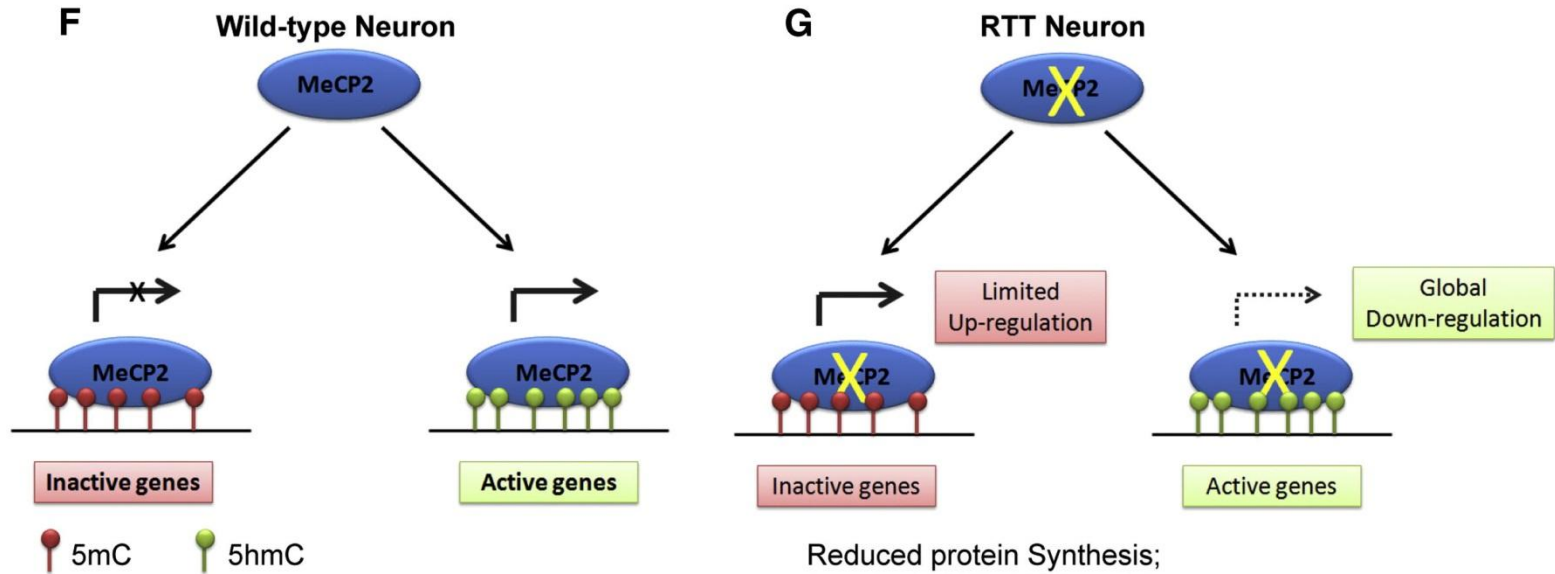
Reduced Protein Synthesis and AKT/mTOR Activity in MECP2 Mutant Neurons Were Rescued by BDNF and IGF1 Treatment



PTEN Knockdown Rescues Protein Synthesis and Morphological Defects in MECP2 Mutant Neurons





A model of MECP2-regulated gene expression in human neurons



Reduced protein Synthesis;
Impaired AKT/mTOR activity;
Smaller soma and nucleus, reduced neurite complexity;
Lower spontaneous electrophysiological activity;
Impaired mitochondrial function.

Resource

Brain-Region-Specific Organoids Using Mini-bioreactors for Modeling ZIKV Exposure

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Zika Virus Disease:

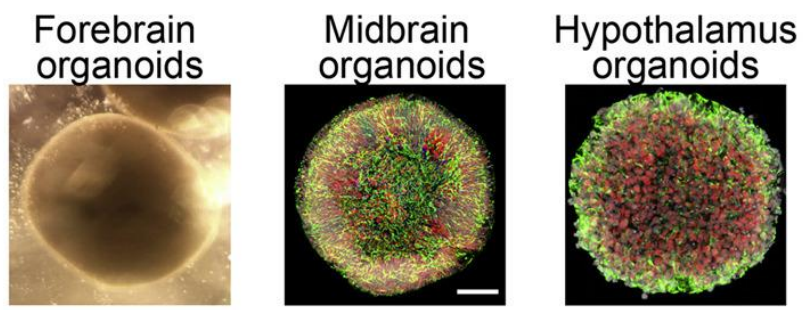
Flavivirus

Aedes species mosquito

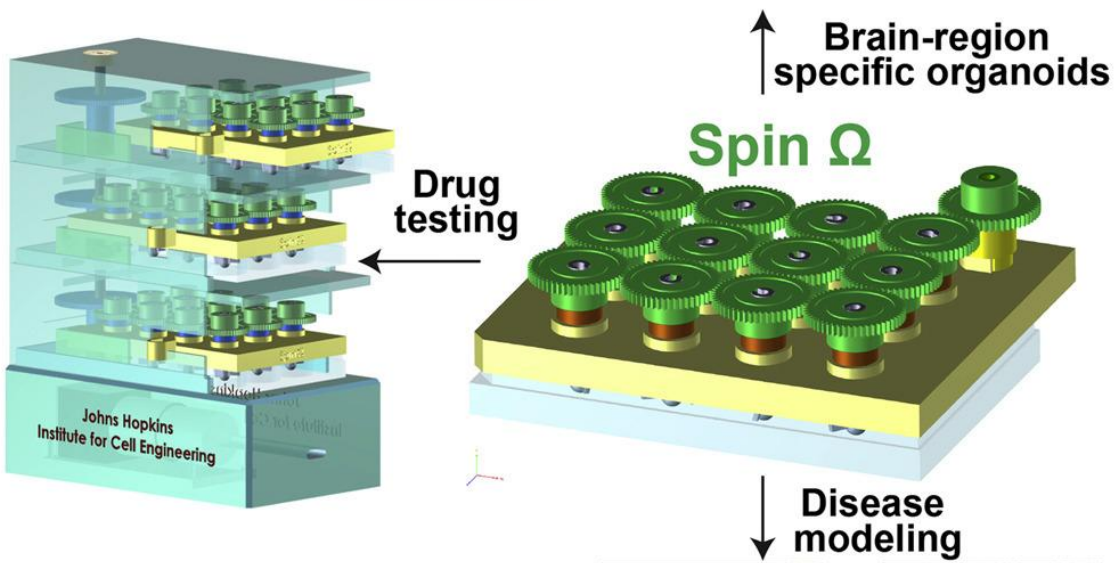


February 1, 2016, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared Zika virus a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

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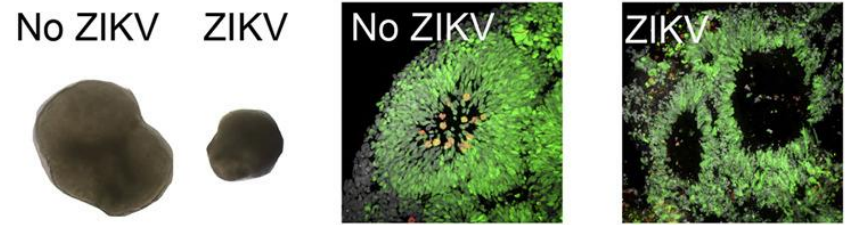


Modelling human organogenesis



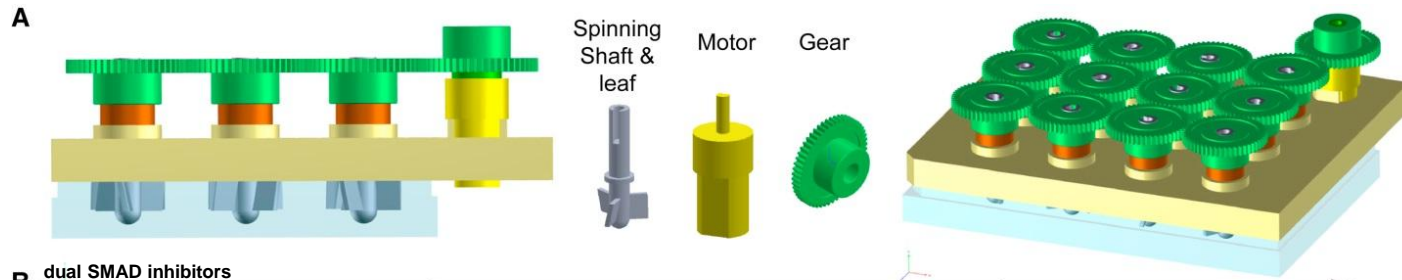
Finding:

Suppressed proliferation,
increased cell death,
Macroscopic features resembling microcephaly

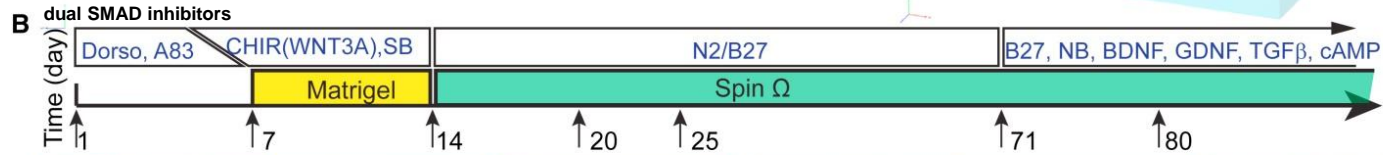


12-well version SpinΩ bioreactor

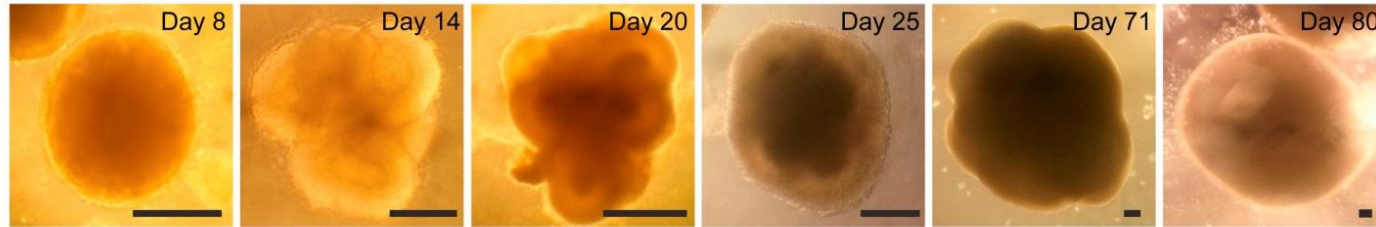
(an early NASA-designed rotating wall vessel bioreactor to simulate microgravity)



Above the cover, spinning shafts are attached to a set of 13 interconnecting gears, driven by a single electric motor



2 ml of media per well



Neuroepithelium

NPCs:
NESTIN+SOX2+

Adherent junction markers:
(β-CATENIN and PKCλ)

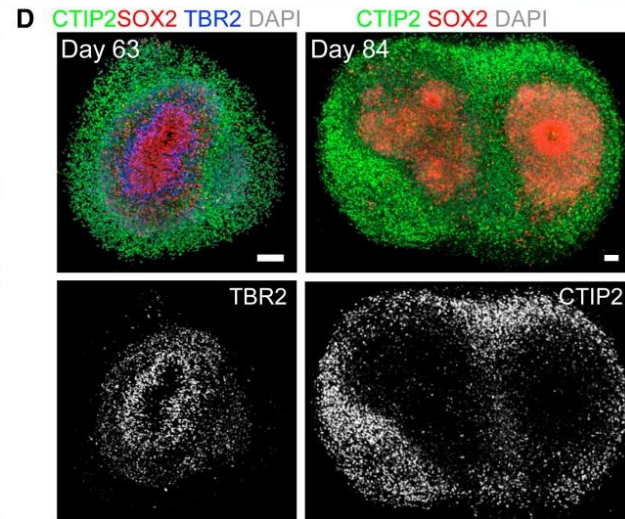
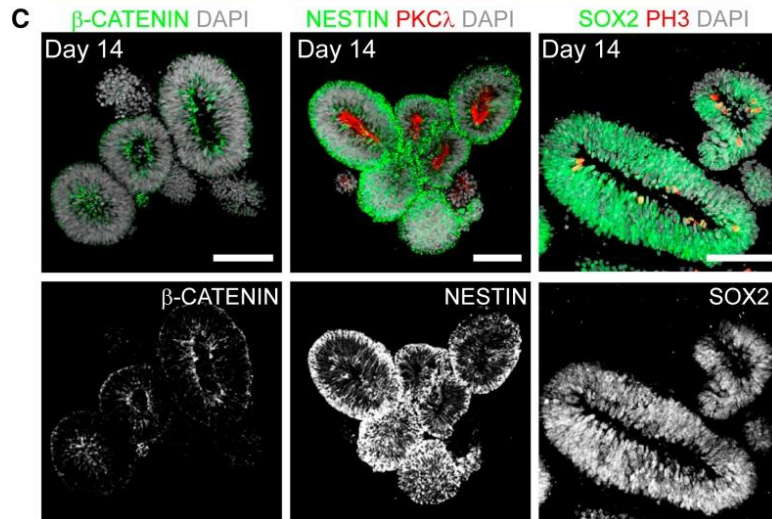
Proliferation marker:
phospho-histone H3
(PH3)

Multi-layer stratified structures

Intermediate progenitor cells:
TBR2+

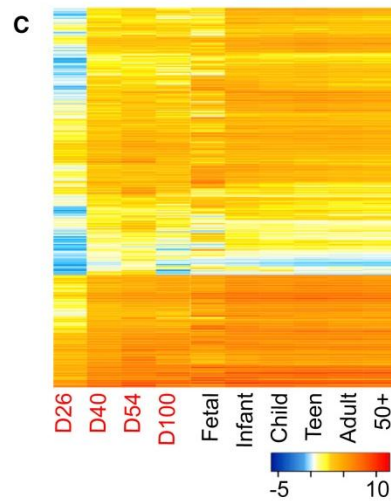
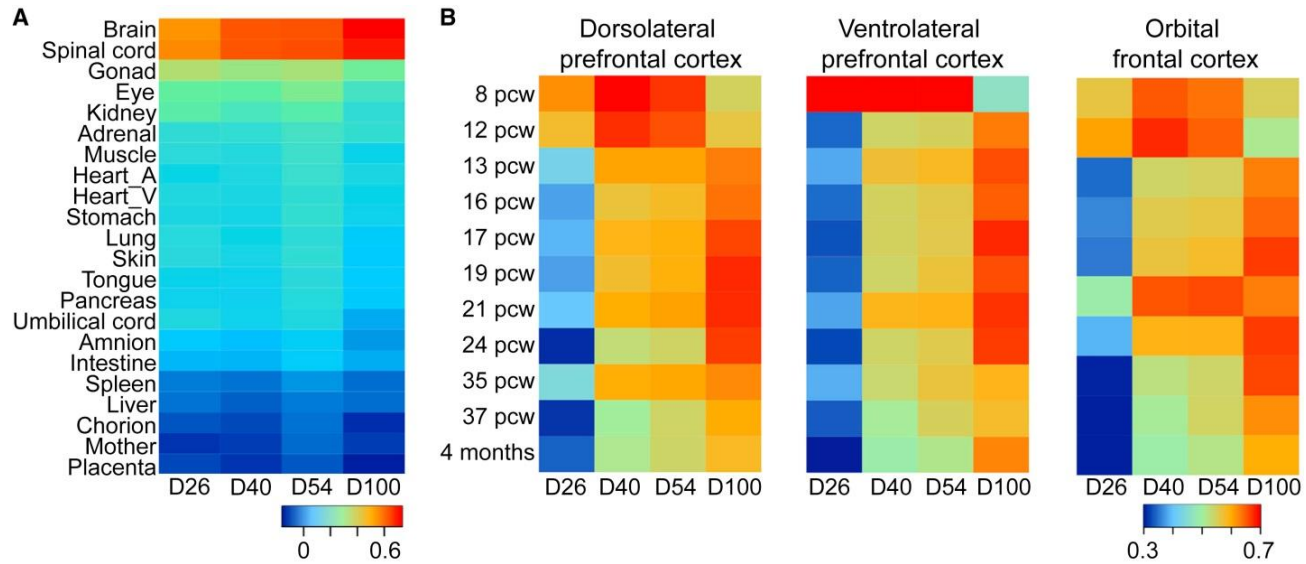
Neuron:
CTIP2

Forebrain organoid

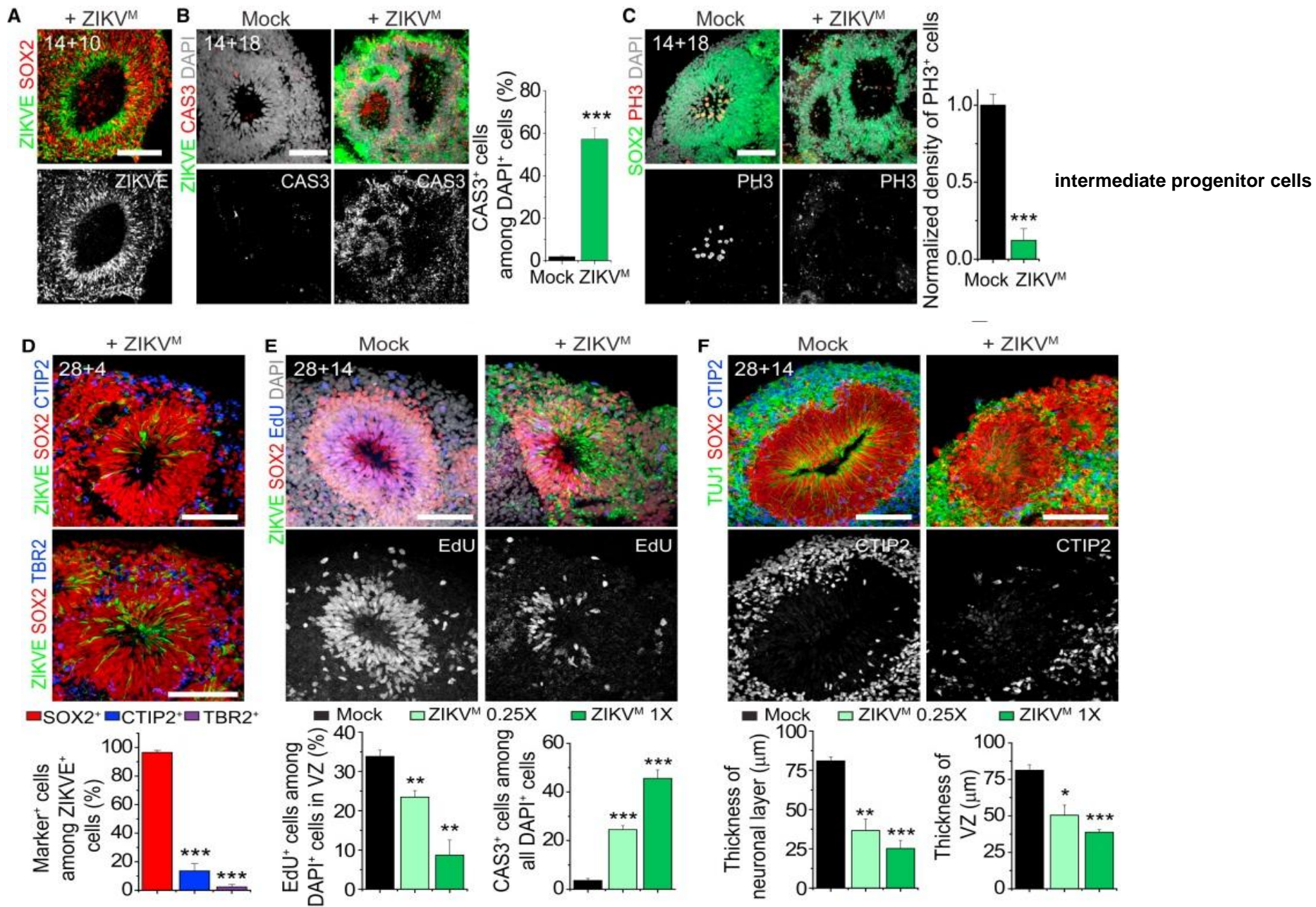


Correlation of Global Transcriptomes between Forebrain Organoids and Fetal Human Brain Development

Heatmap of Pearson's correlation analysis of RNA-seq datasets

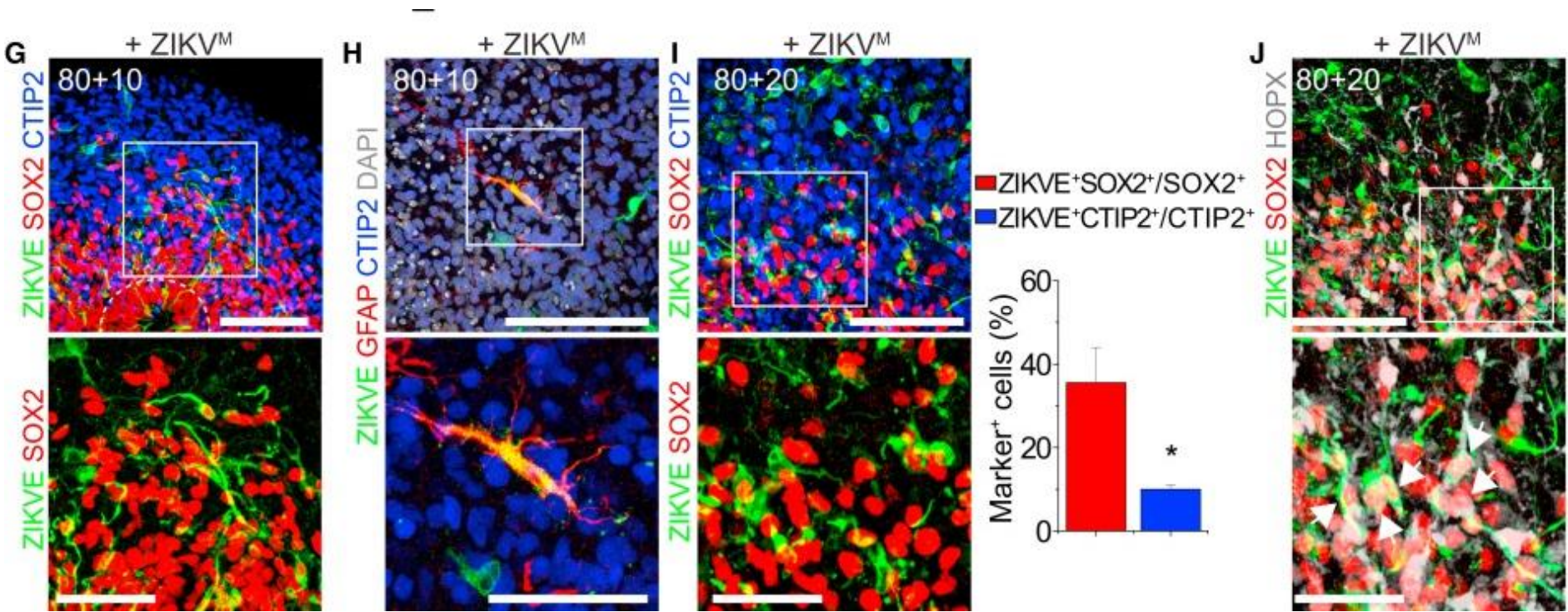


Modeling Impact of ZIKV Exposure Using Forebrain Organoids



The infection appeared less robust in D80 compared to that of earlier stages of organoids

outer radial glia cells:
HOPX, GFAP



Key findings:

A miniaturized spinning bioreactor for cost-effective culturing of organoids

ZIKV, upon access to the fetal brain, targets NPCs, decreases neuronal cell-layer volume and causes microcephalic-like deficits in cortical development.

Both African and Asian ZIKV infect neural progenitors in organoids

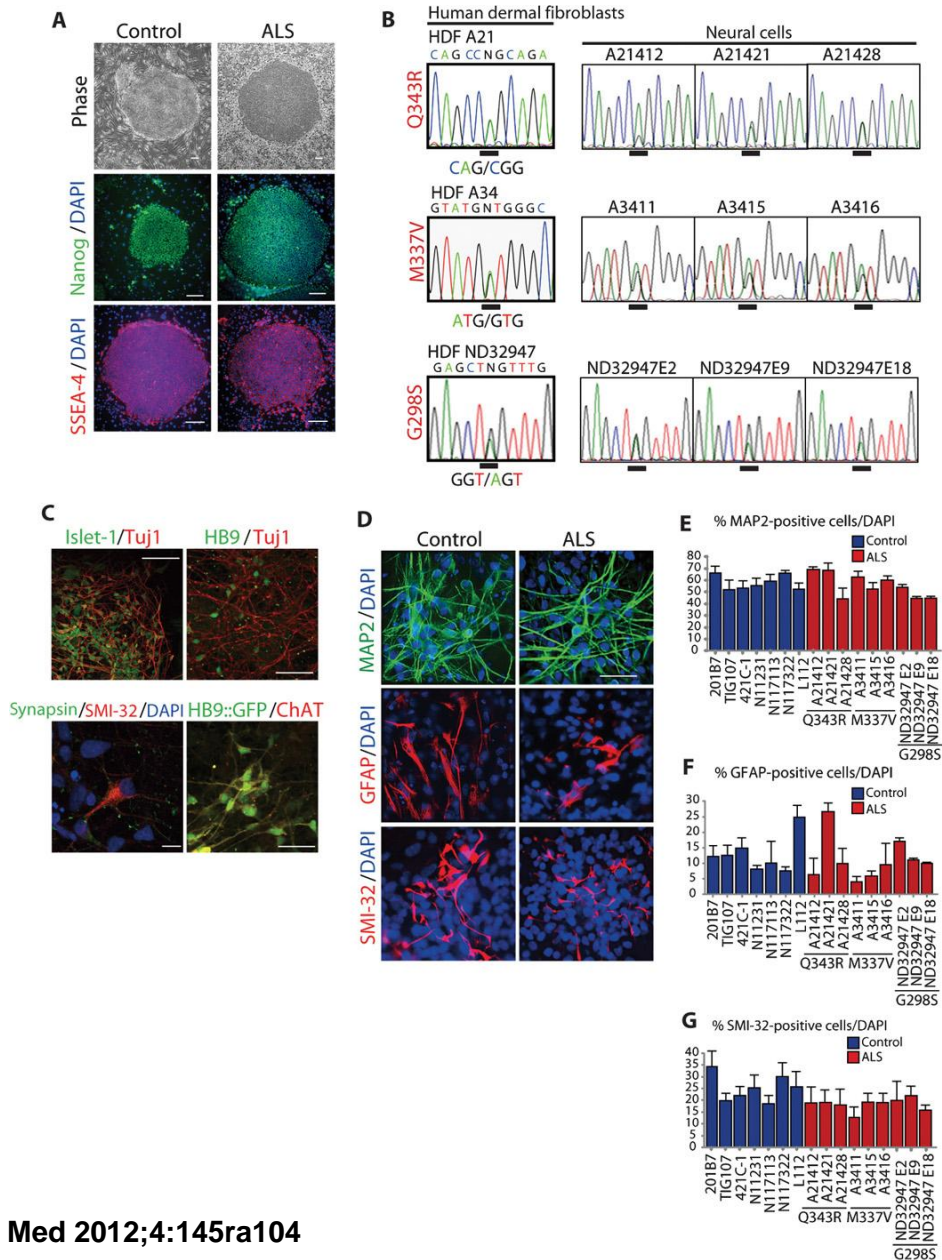
Screen:

Drug target screening

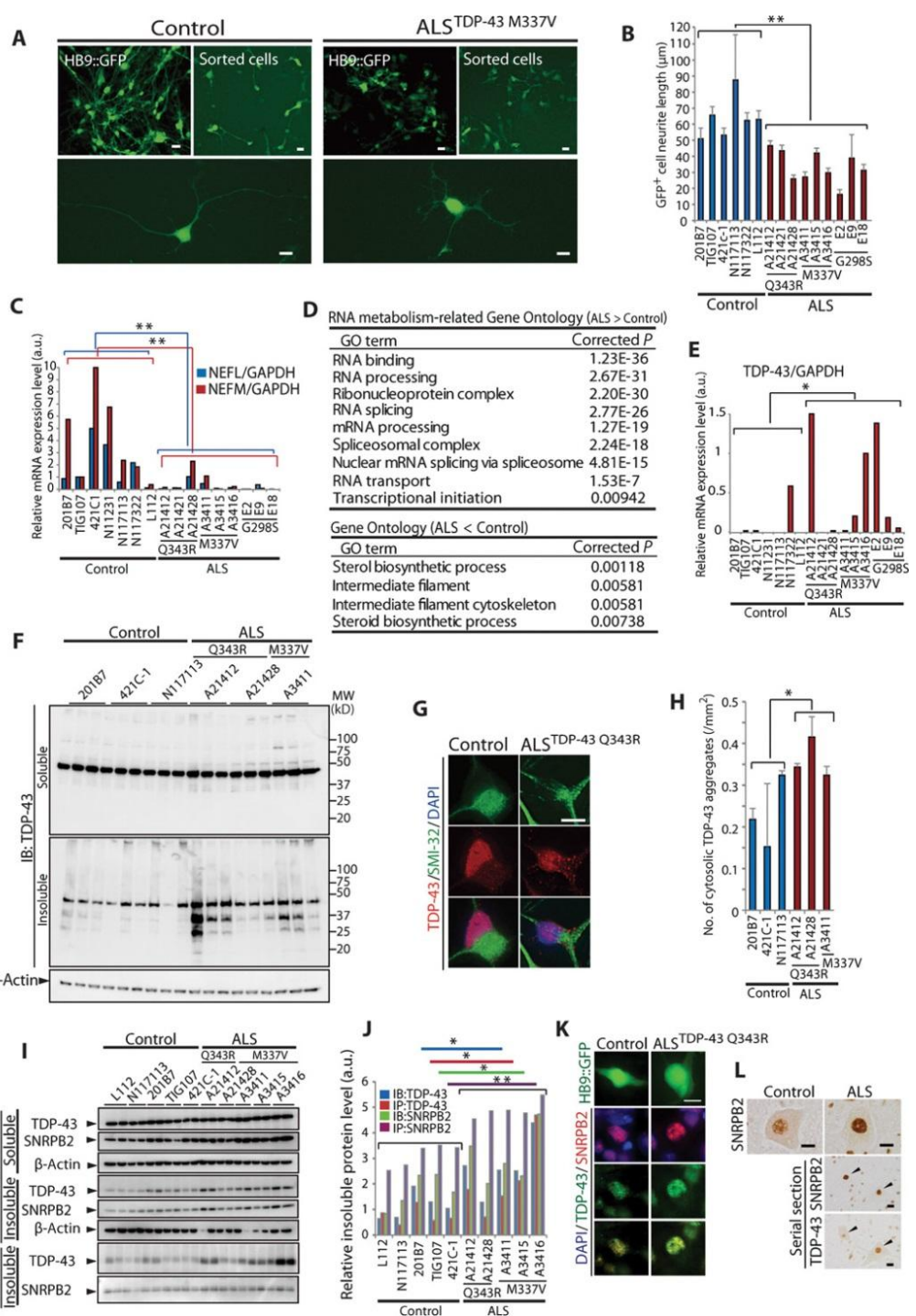
Drug Screening for ALS Using Patient-Specific Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells

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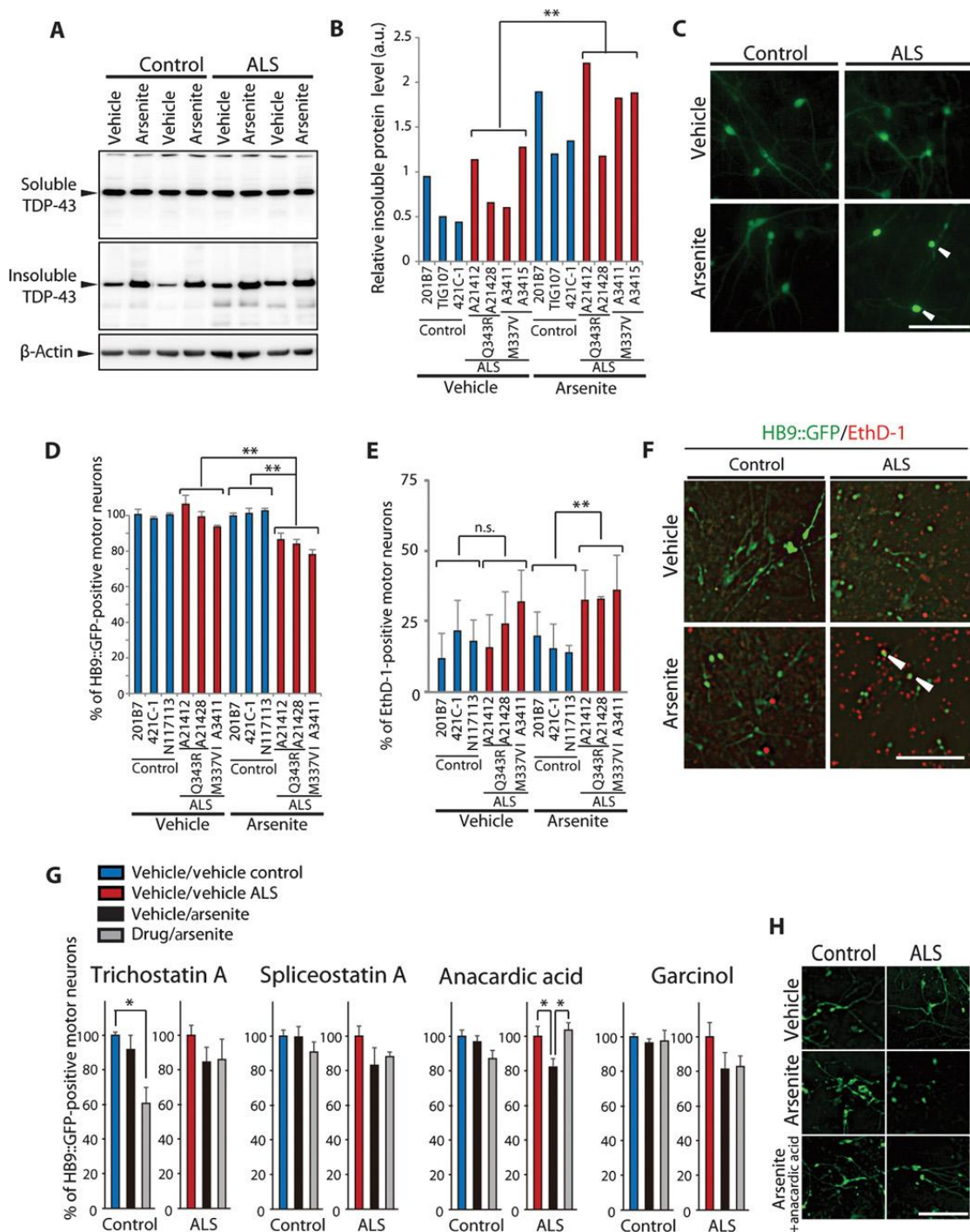
Generation of ALS patient-specific iPSCs and iPSC-derived motor neurons.



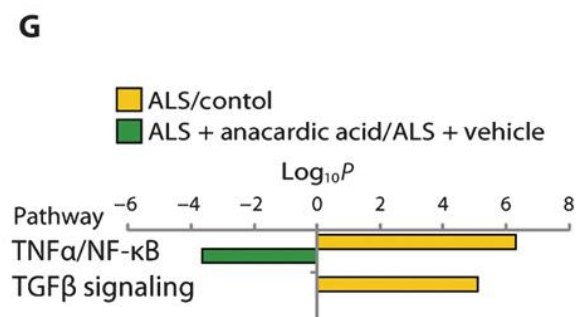
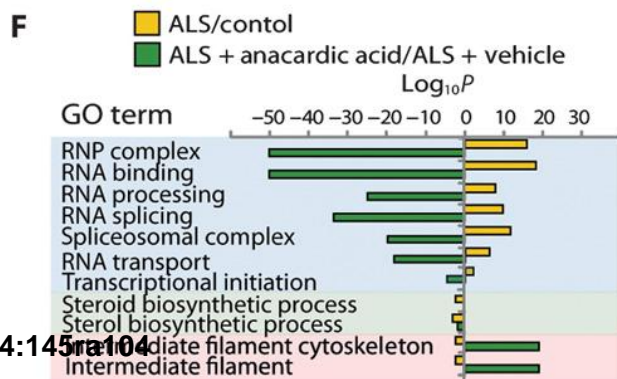
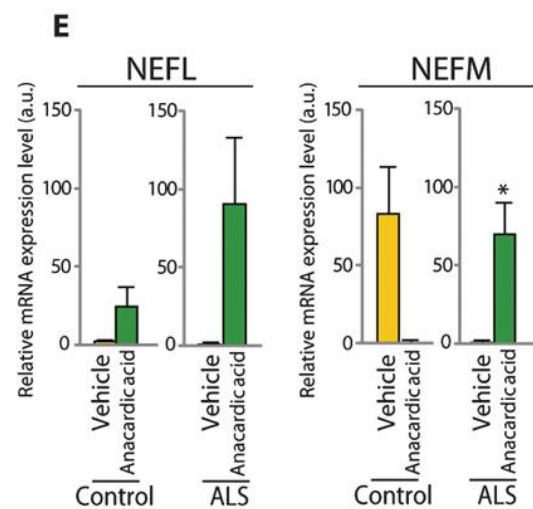
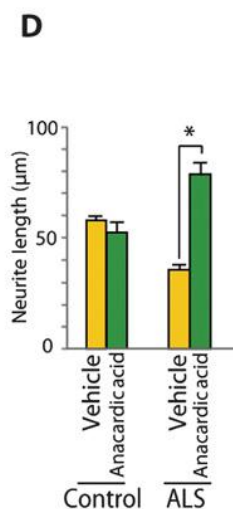
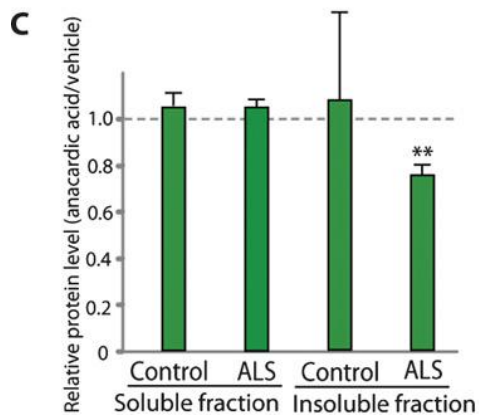
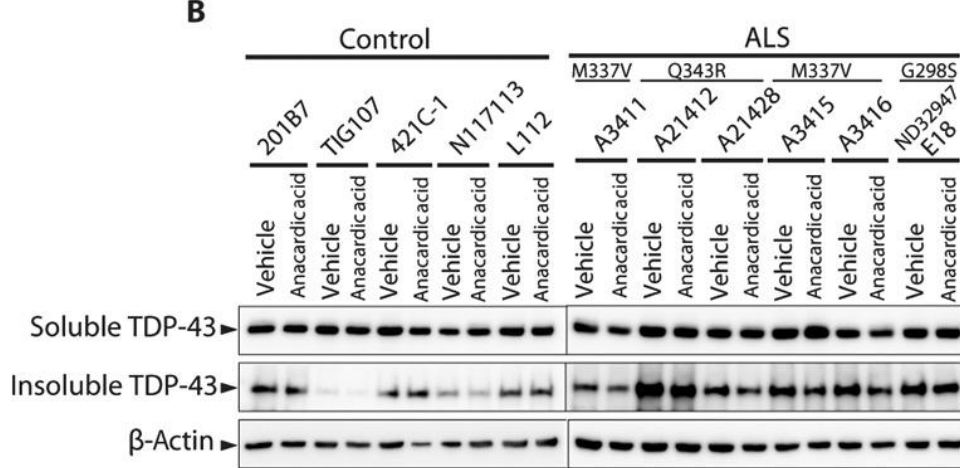
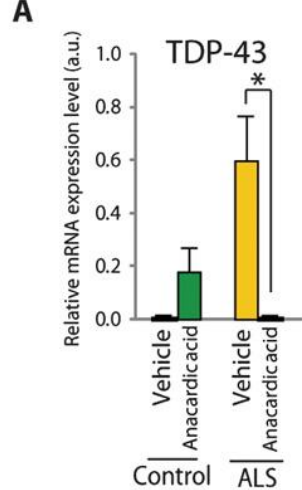
Phenotypes of ALS iPSC-derived motor neurons.



Arsenite-induced death of ALS and control iPSC-derived motor neurons.



Anacardic acid-induced phenotypic changes in ALS control motor neurons.



Substitute:

Transplantation and tissue replacement

Grafted tissues provide a necessary substrate for the formation of new learning (rather than simply being necessary for the execution of the response) (Brasted et al., 1999).

The patient requires to restore the lifetime of acquired motor skills and habits lost to the disease process (Döbrössy and Dunnett, 2001).

Successful Function of Autologous iPSC-Derived Dopamine Neurons following Transplantation in a Non-Human Primate Model of Parkinson's Disease

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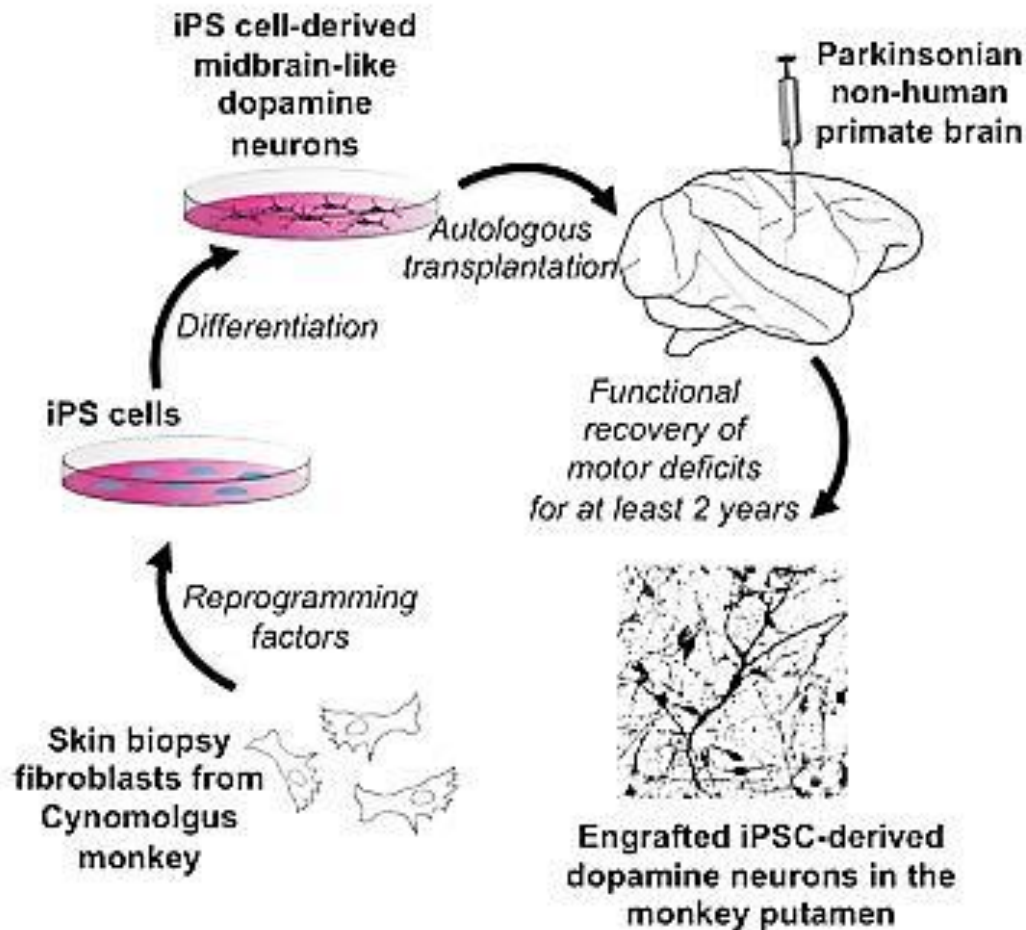
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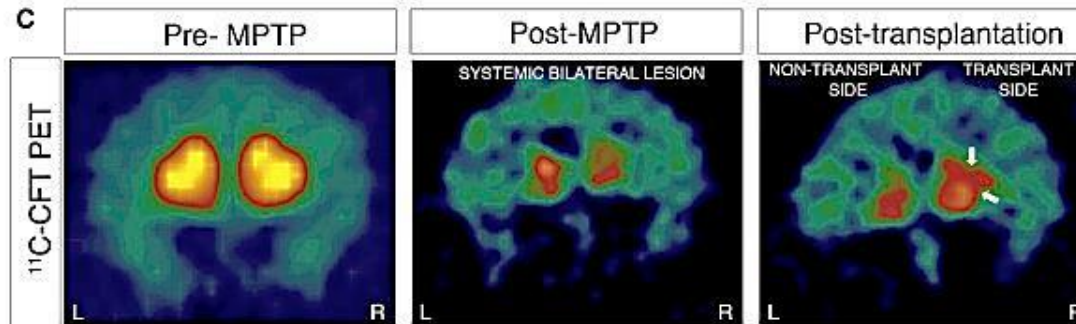
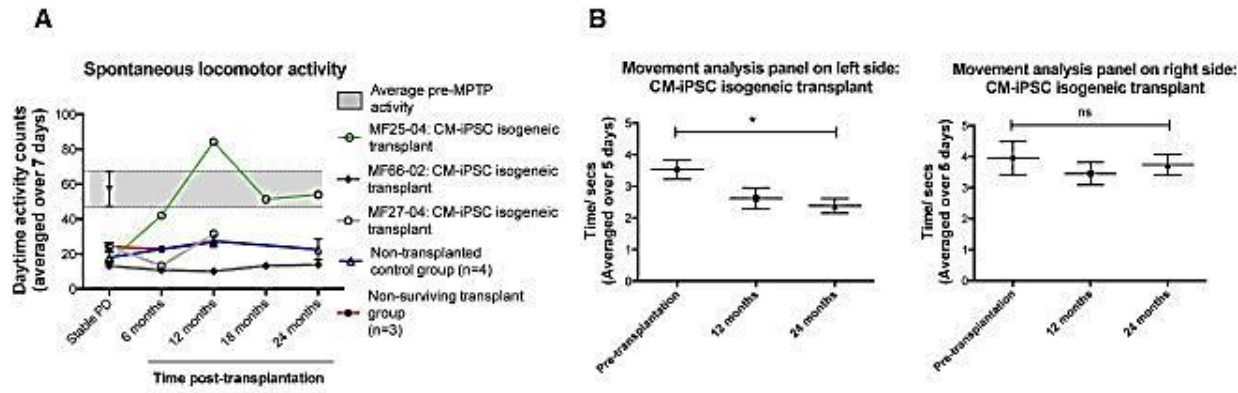
1-methyl-4-phenyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (MPTP),

Stable bilateral parkinsonian syndrome, including tremor, rigidity, bradykinesia, hypokinesia,

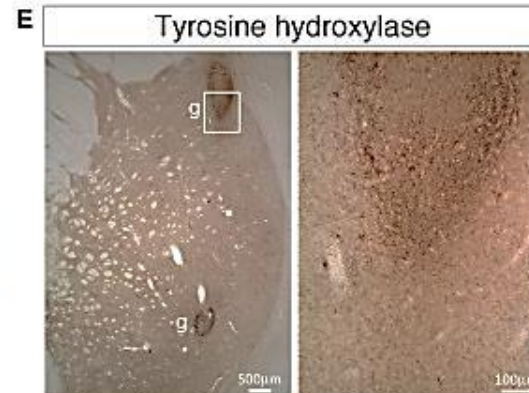
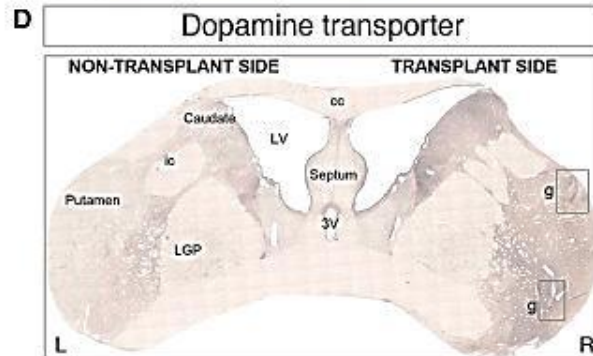
Hallett et al.,

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Contralateral functional Improvement of PD Motor Symptoms, Increased Dopamine Reuptake, and Reinnervation of the Transplanted Putamen after Autologous Transplantation of CM iPSC-Derived Dopamine Neurons

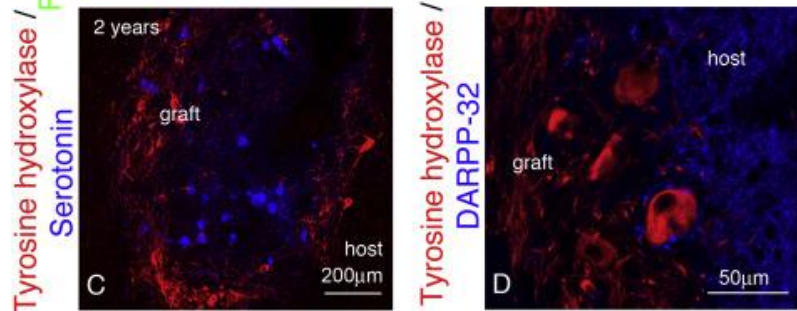
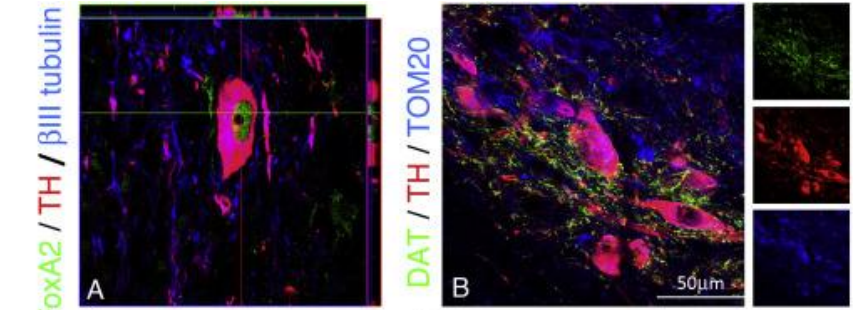


functional motor improvement and increased motor activity, without a need for immunosuppression

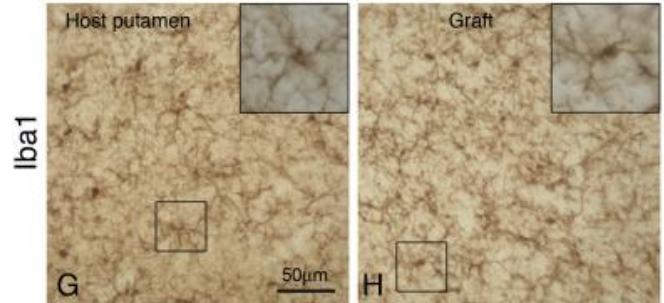
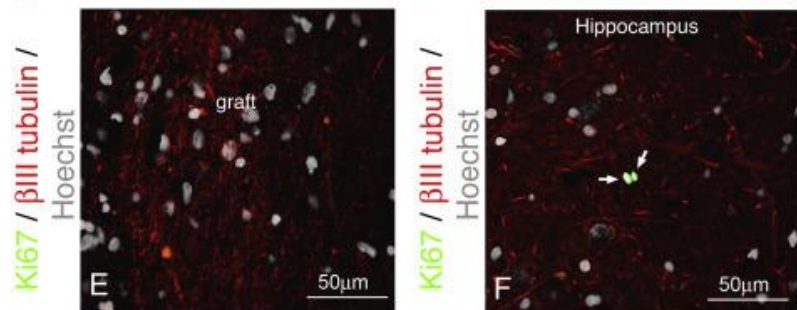


Phenotypes of Engrafted CM iPSC-Derived Neurons at 2 Years after Autologous Transplantation

midbrain-like dopamine neurons



striatal medium spiny GABAergic neurons



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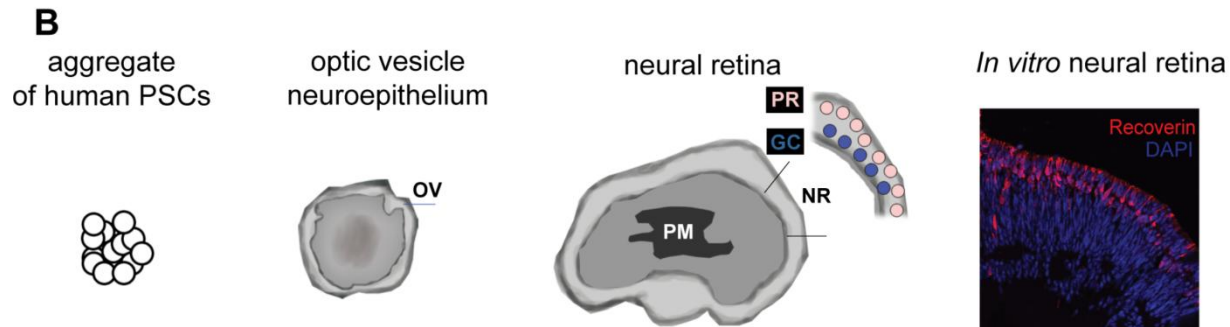
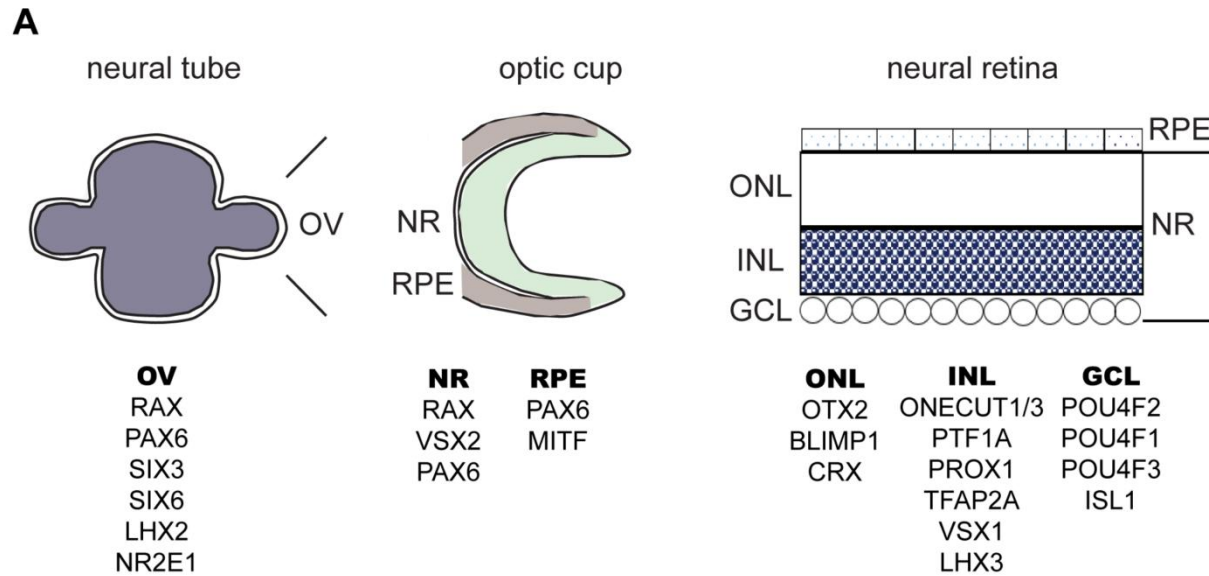
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Treatment Paradigms for Retinal and Macular Diseases Using 3-D Retina Cultures Derived From Human Reporter Pluripotent Stem Cell Lines

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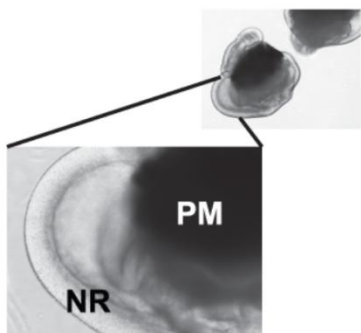
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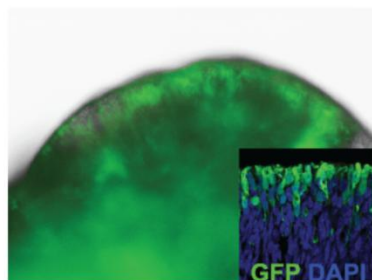
Development of neural retina and retinal pigment epithelium cells. (A) Neural retina (NR) and retinal pigment epithelium (RPE) cells develop from the optic vesicle (OV) that emerges from the neural tube. Invagination of the optic vesicle, placing the prospective NR alongside the prospective RPE, gives rise to the optic cup. Key transcription factors that regulate each developmental stage and determine the fate of cell types in the retinal layers are listed. (B) Three-dimensional retina *in vitro* can be generated by floating aggregates of PSCs, which form optic vesicles where NR and pigment mass (PM) develop. ONL, outer nuclear layer; INL, inner nuclear layer; GCL, ganglion cell layer; PR, photoreceptor; GC, ganglion cell.

Three-dimensional retina derived from the CRXp-GFP H9 hESC reporter line

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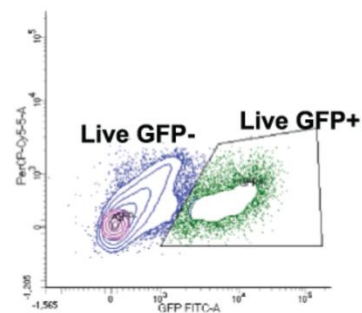


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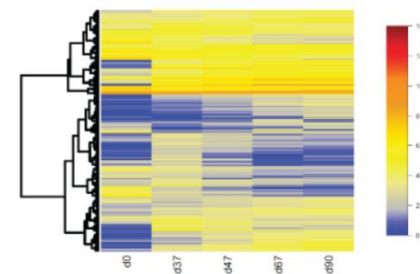
CRXp-GFP+
photoreceptors
in 3-D retina

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Cell dissociation
& FACS sorting
GFP+ cells

D



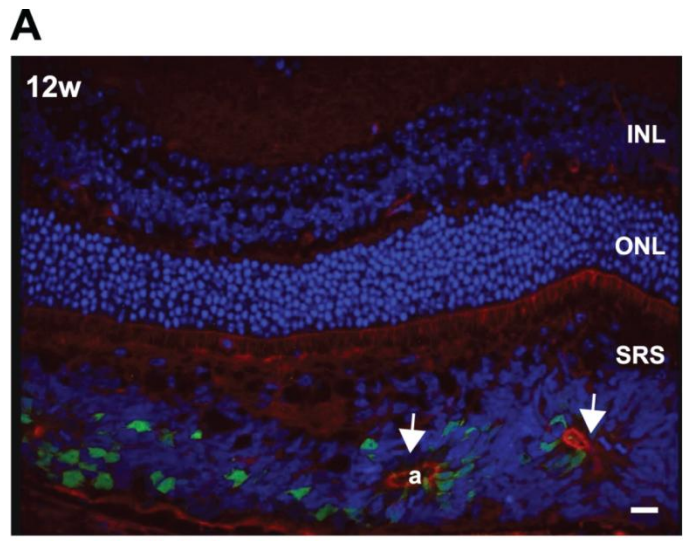
RNA libraries
sequencing
& data analysis

Experimental and analytical workflow

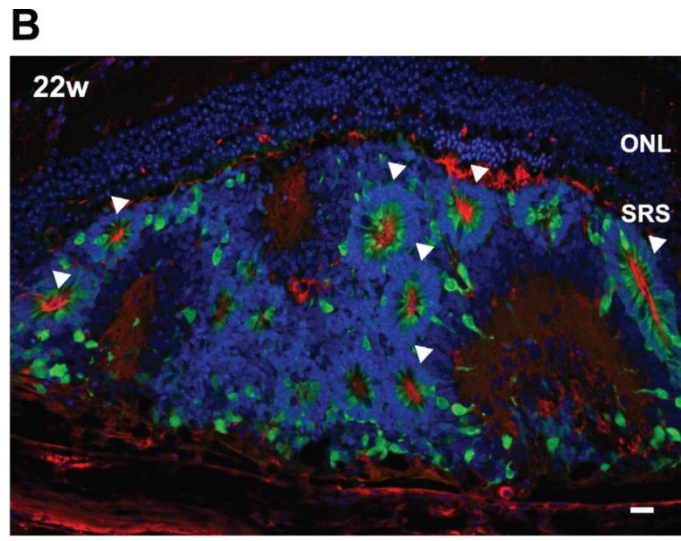
In vivo differentiation of CRXp-GFP H9 hESC-derived retinal cells from 3-D cultures

CRX+/GFP+ cells formed polarized “rosette” structures with the apical side facing inward based on phalloidin staining

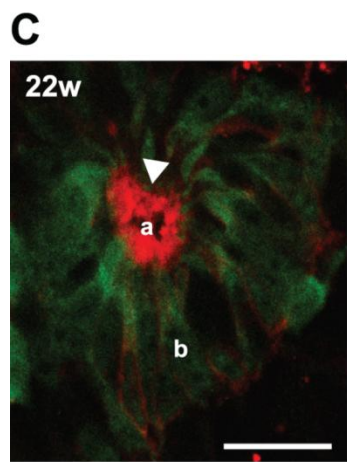
cells were injected in the subretinal space of recipient adult C57BL/6 mice



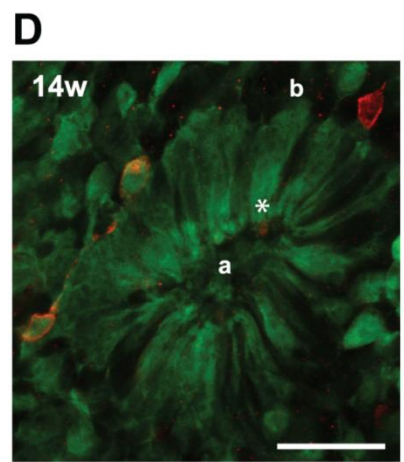
GFP, Phalloidin, DAPI



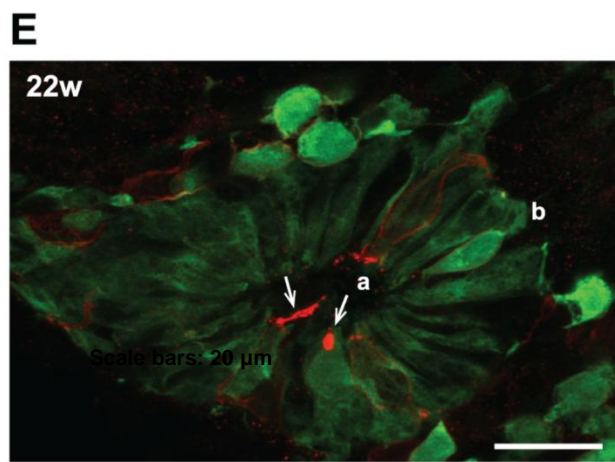
GFP, Rhodopsin, DAPI



GFP, Rhodopsin



GFP, S opsin



GFP, L/M opsin

A PROMISING FUTURE:

First human transplantation of tissue derived from induced pluripotent stem cells

Kobe City Medical Center General Hospital implanted a 1.3 by 3.0 millimetre sheet of RPE cells into an eye 70 year old Japanese woman who suffers from age-related macular degeneration



Masayo Takahashi (RIKEN Center for Developmental Biology (CDB)), had developed and tested the epithelium sheets



Two-hour procedure, four days after a health-ministry committee gave clearance for the human trial

Monitoring the cells whether they prevent further destruction of the retina while avoiding potential side effects, such as bringing about an immune reaction or inducing cancerous growth.

Thank you for your attention

