

# Promising Future for *Ex vivo* Tissue Fabrication



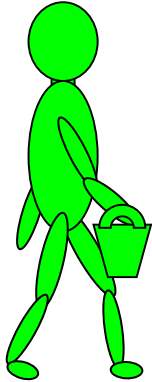
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The research for fabricating tissue/organs through cultivation of stem cells gathered from the patients themselves has been accelerated in recent years.

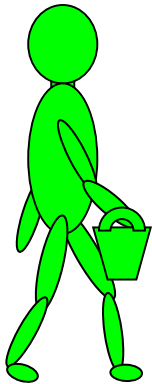
Through the usage of iPS cells and alike we develop various cellular tissues from the patients and multiply them on vascular beds to fabricate target tissues.

In the future by maximizing microsurgical technique, newly fabricated tissues derived from the patients themselves will surely be transplantable.

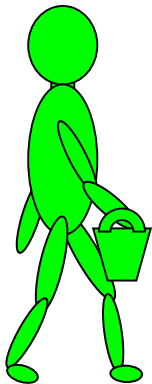
# “ Translational Researches ”



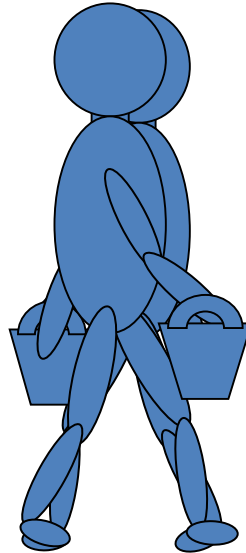
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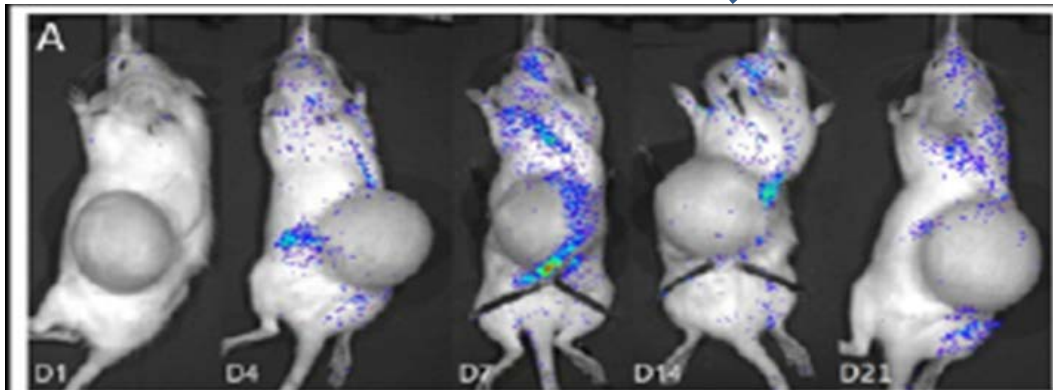
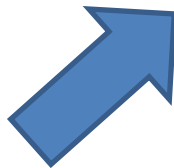


**Expert Clinician**

*(Kobayashi E & Montero EF. Act Cri Bras 20;194,2005)*

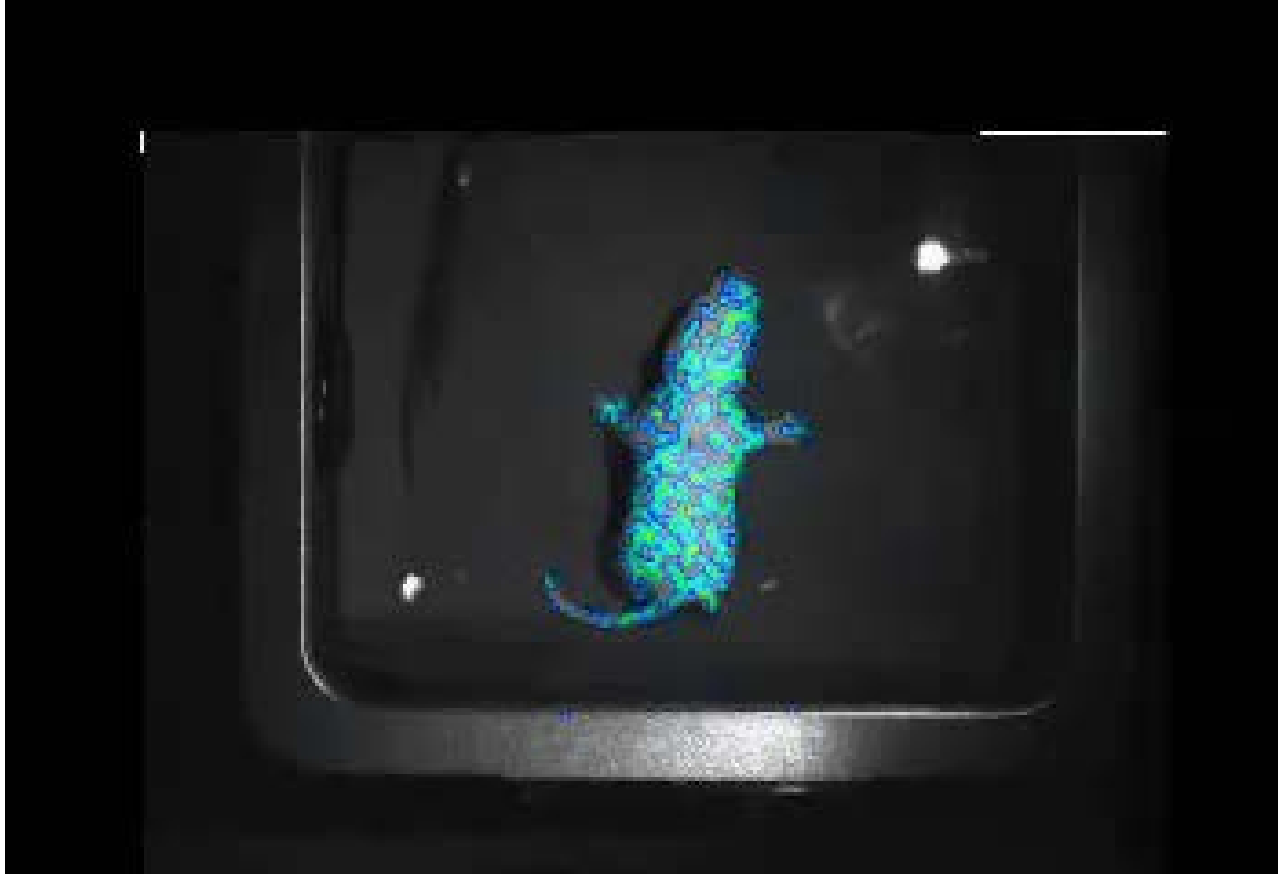
# Translational Research: From rat to clinic

**In vivo  
Tissue Fabrication**



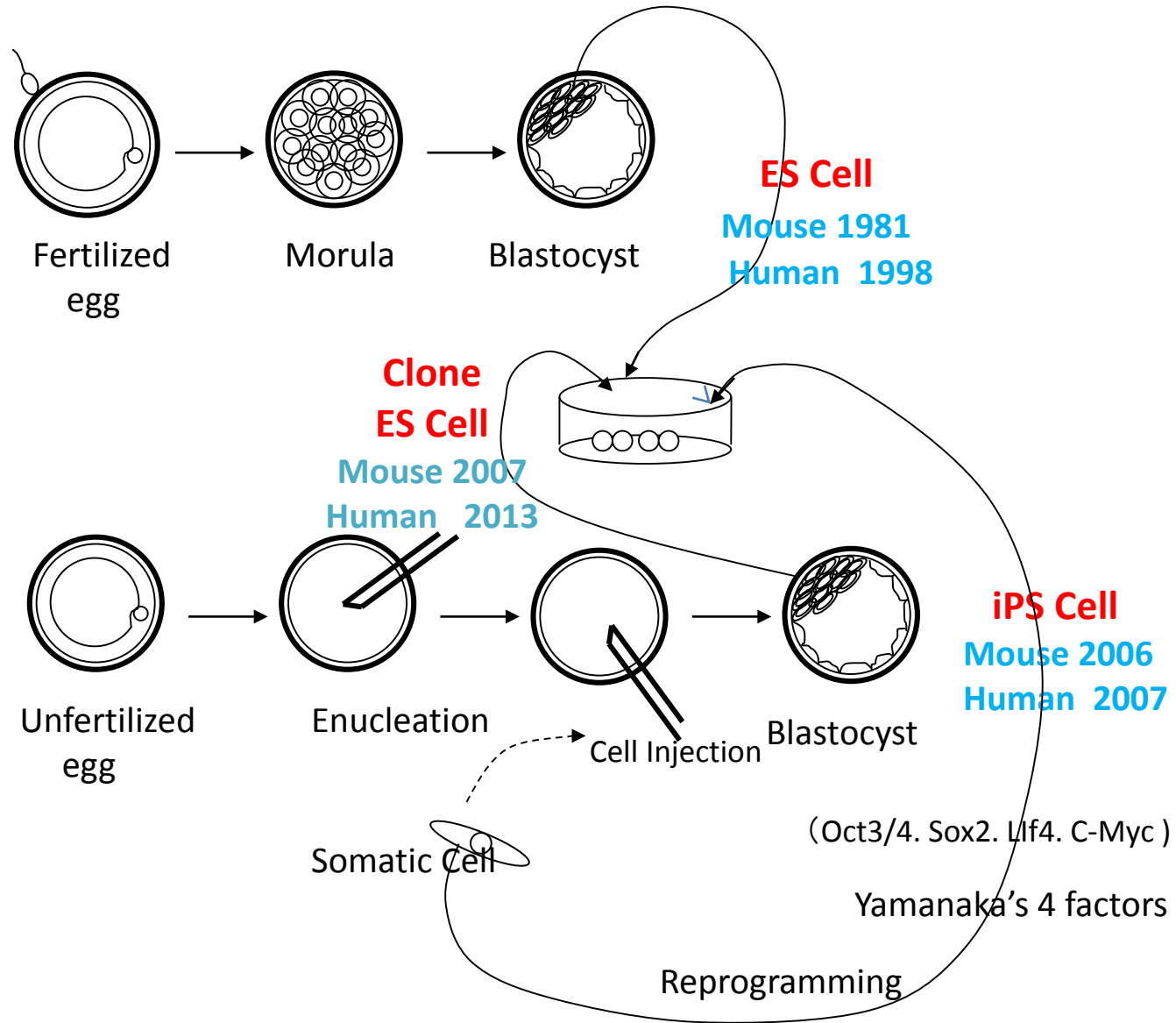
*(Data from Dr. Shuangbai Zhou)*

# Cross-border academia collaboration between Prof. Li (China) and Prof. Kobayashi (Japan)



*˘ The firefly Rat` developed world-first by Prof. Kobayashi in the early years of 2000s*

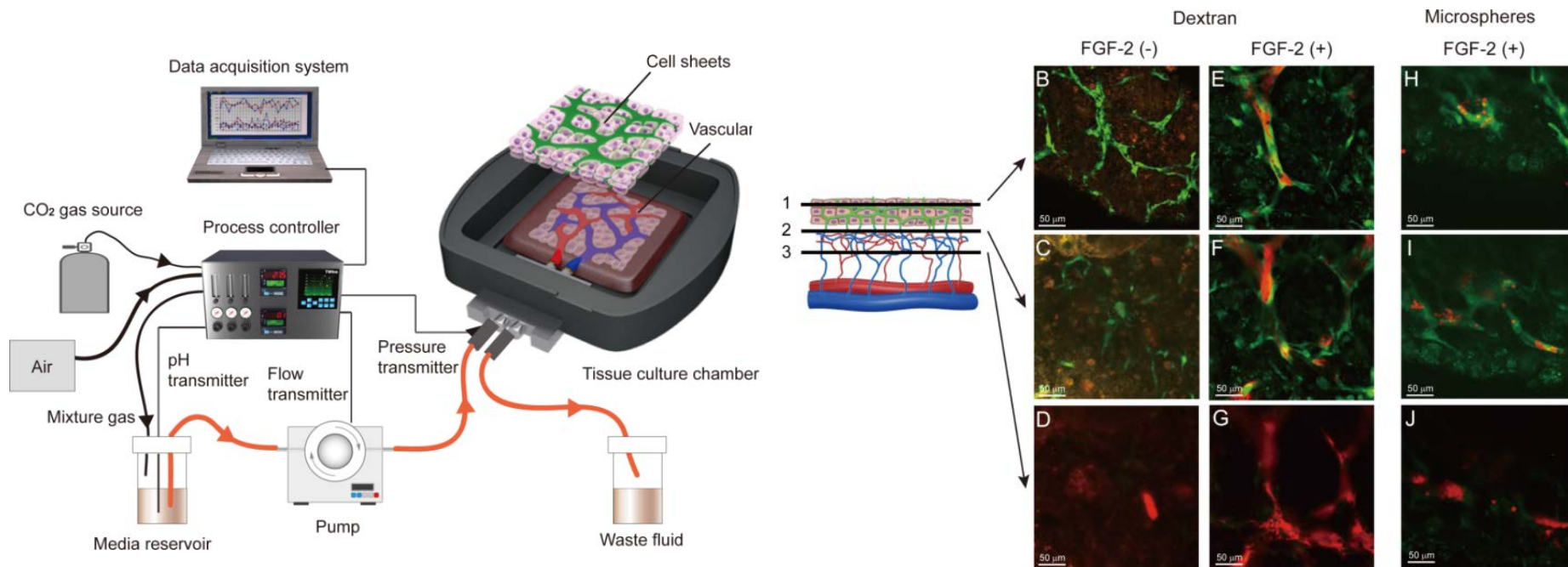
# Possible Source for Human Organs



**ES cell = embryonic stem cell; iPS cell = induced pluripotent stem cell**

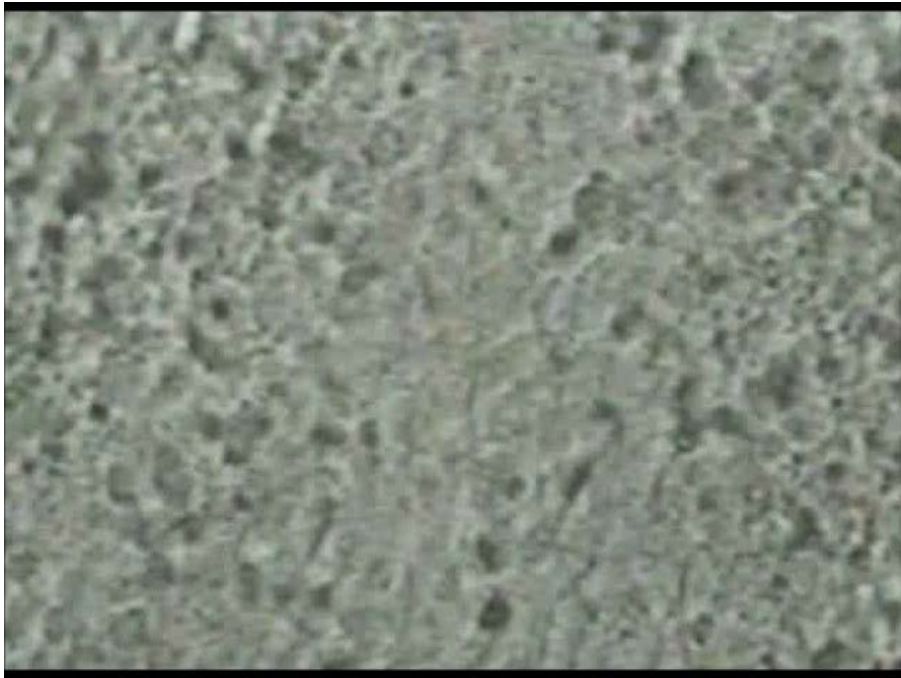
# *In vitro* fabrication of functional three-dimensional tissues with perfusable blood vessels

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# ˘ Tissue-engineered˘ cardiomyocytes sheet



**Temperature Responsive Culture Dishes**  
*developed by Prof. Okano*



# Fabrication of implantable liver tissue using bio- 3D printer and development of a novel transplantation technique for liver tissue

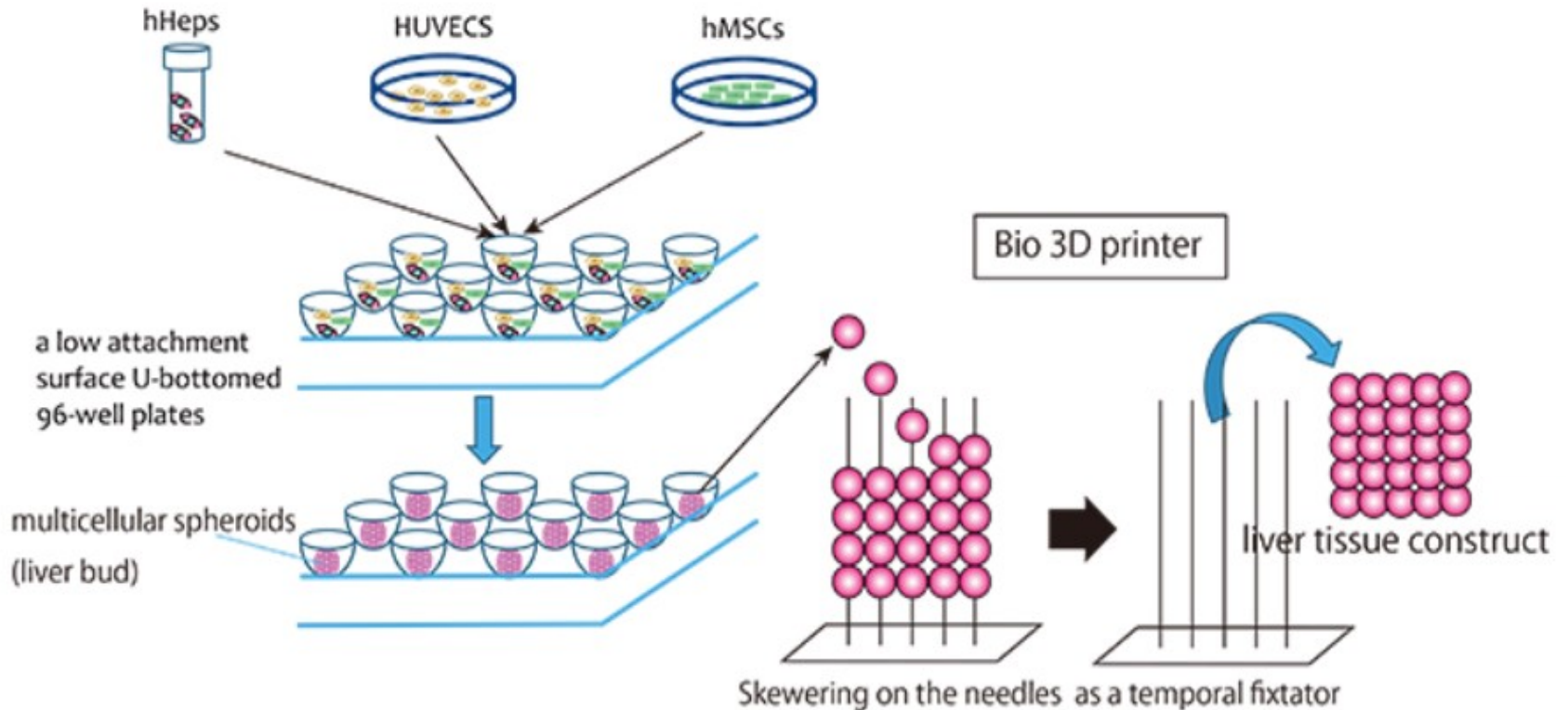
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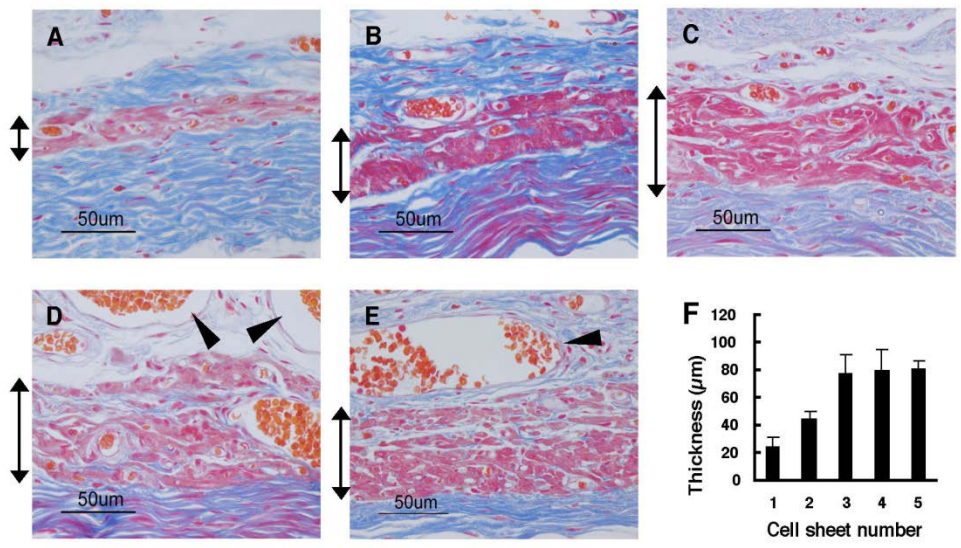
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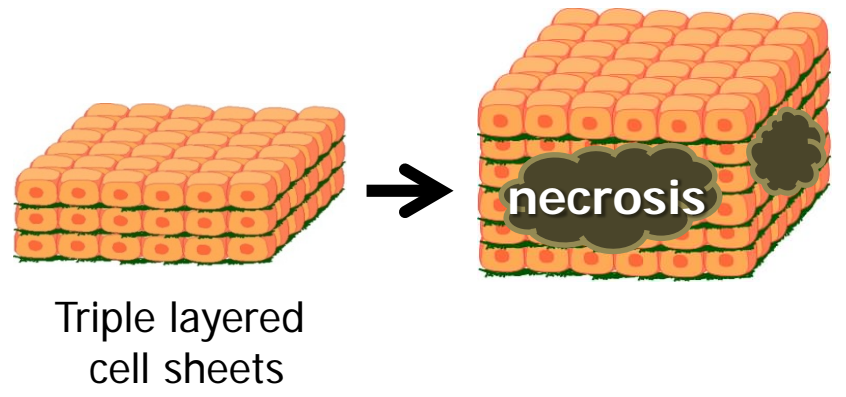
(Submitted)

# Tissue Fabrication is restricted due to the limits of passive diffusion

*in vivo*



*in vitro*



Tissue thickness reached a plateau at 80µm



New technologies for improving the reconstruction of 3D cell-dense tissue with a well organized vasculature are required.

## Polysurgery of cell sheet grafts overcomes diffusion limits to produce thick, vascularized myocardial tissues

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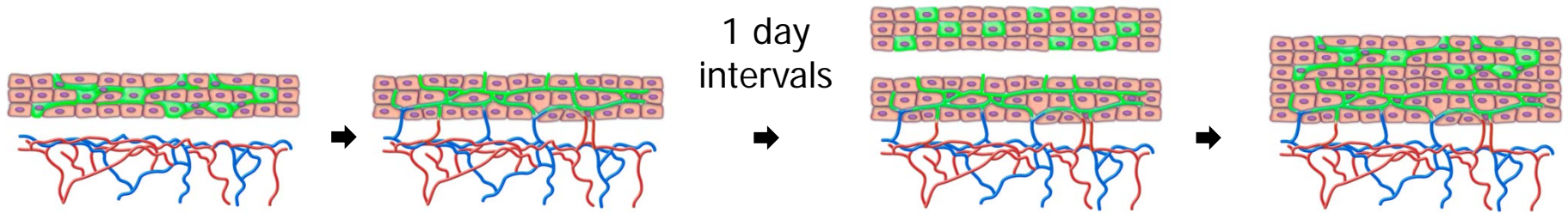
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Tatsuya Shimizu and Hidekazu Sekine contributed equally to this work.

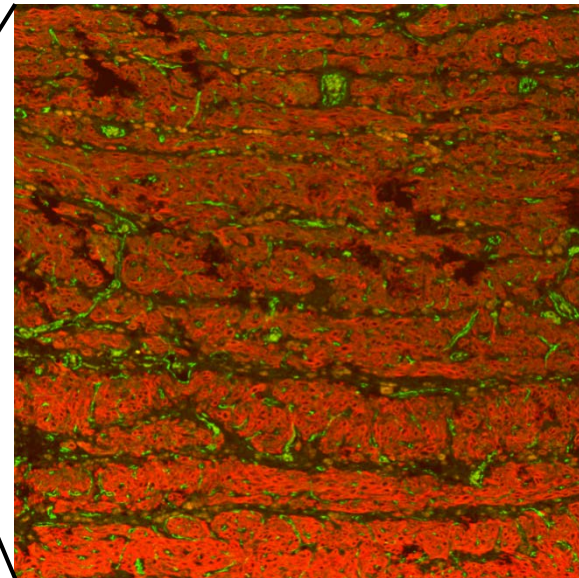
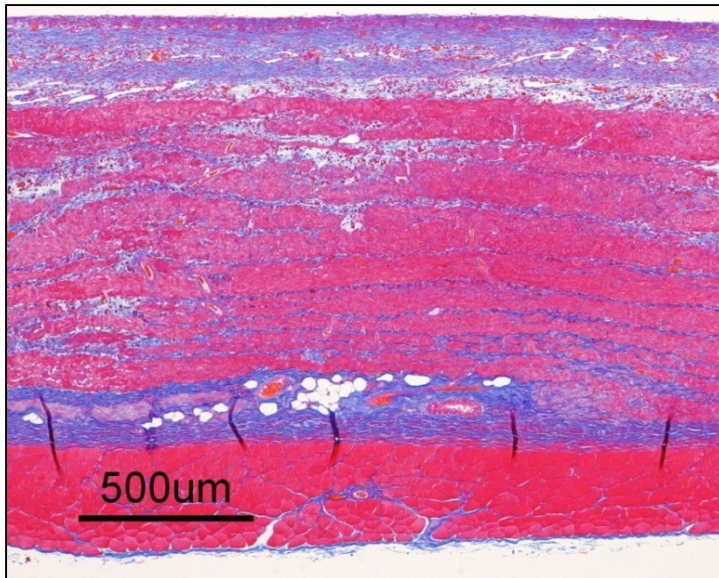




# Overcome diffusion limits by multi-step transplantation



Allowed for sufficient blood-vessel formation



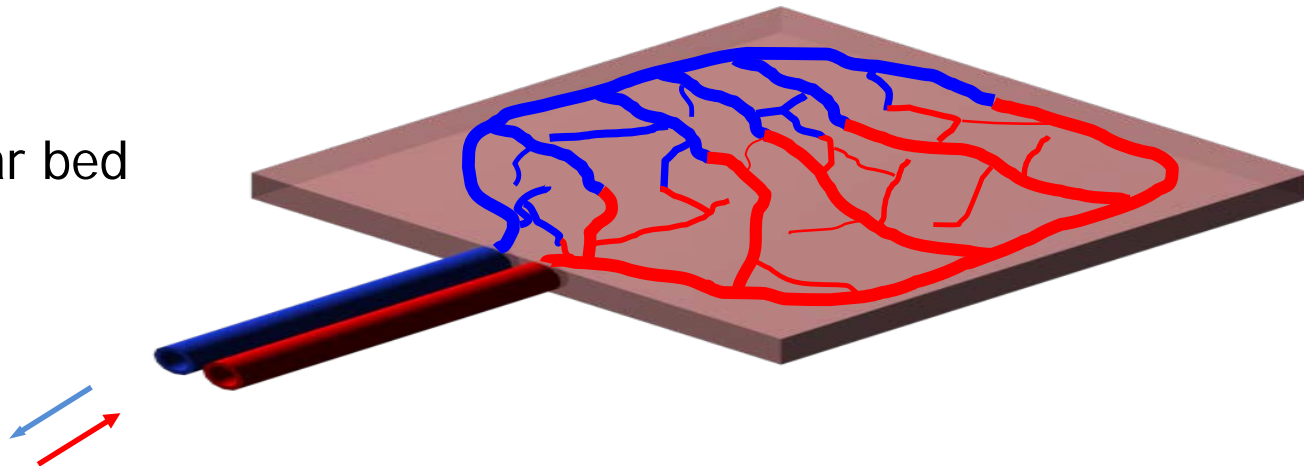
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# Objective

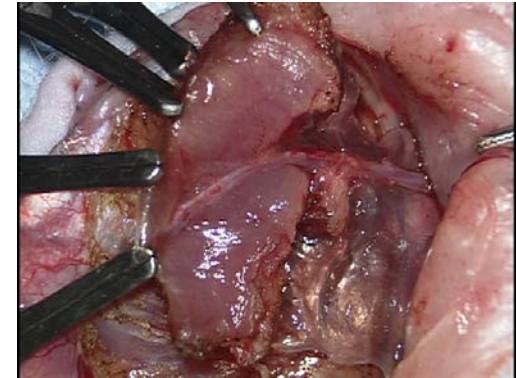
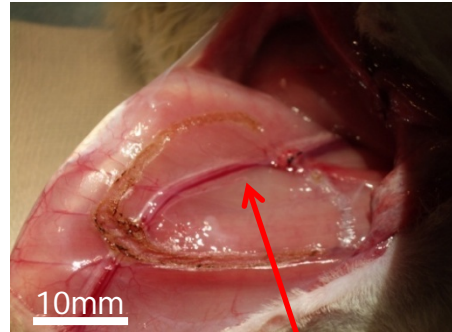
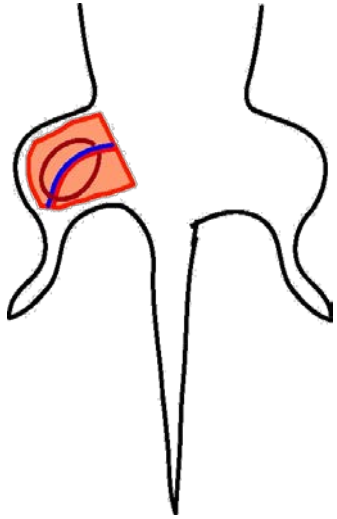
Followed by in vivo study, we hypothesized that it may be possible to overcome these diffusion limits in vitro by employing vascular bed and bioreactor system that allowed for sufficient vascular network in the engineered cardiac tissues.

**Imitating in vivo condition**

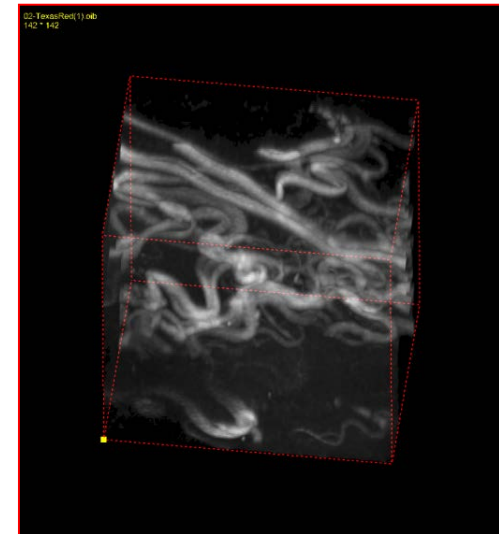
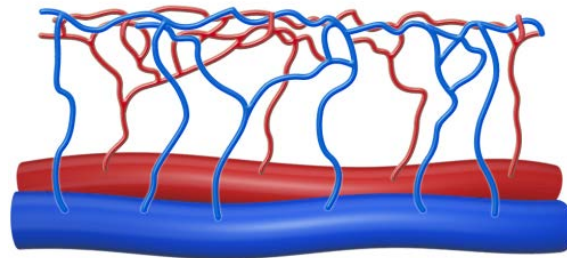
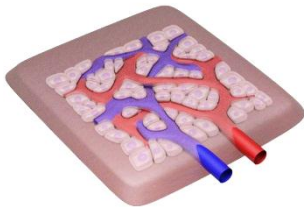
Vascular bed



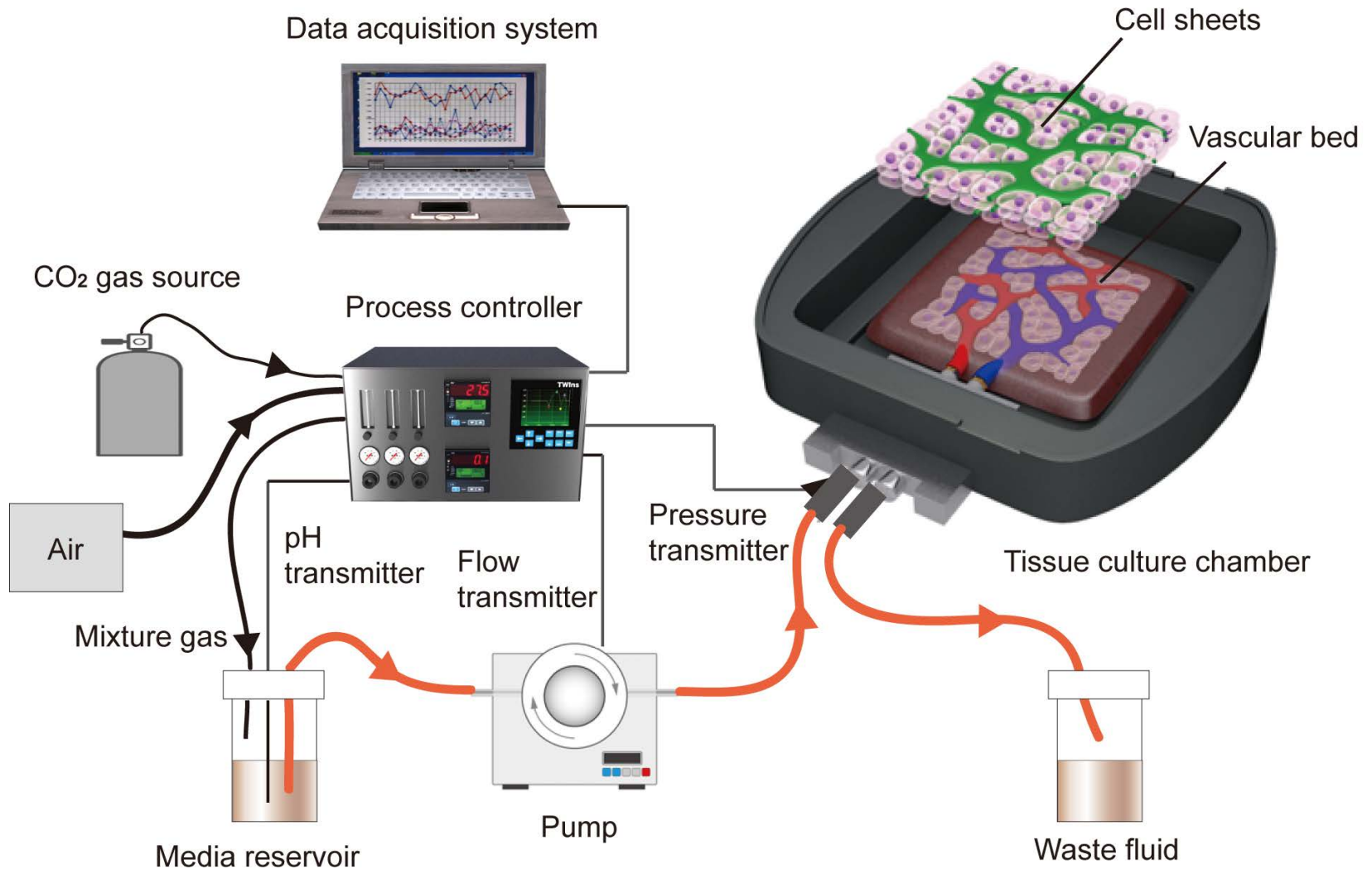
# Ex vivo vascular bed



## Muscle with femoral artery and vein

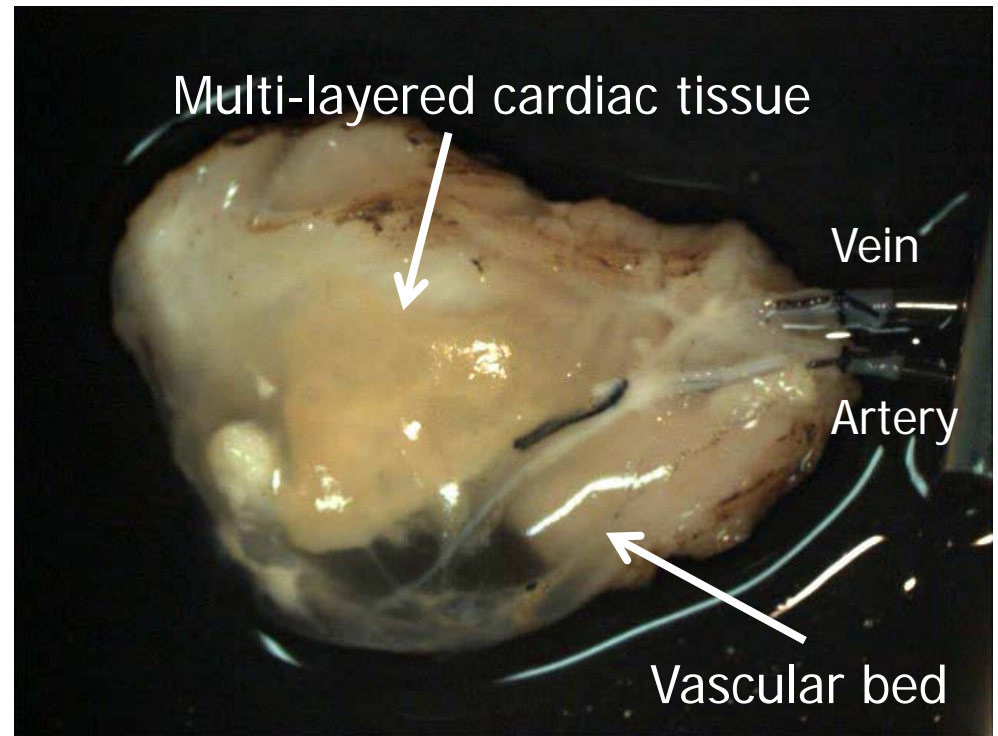
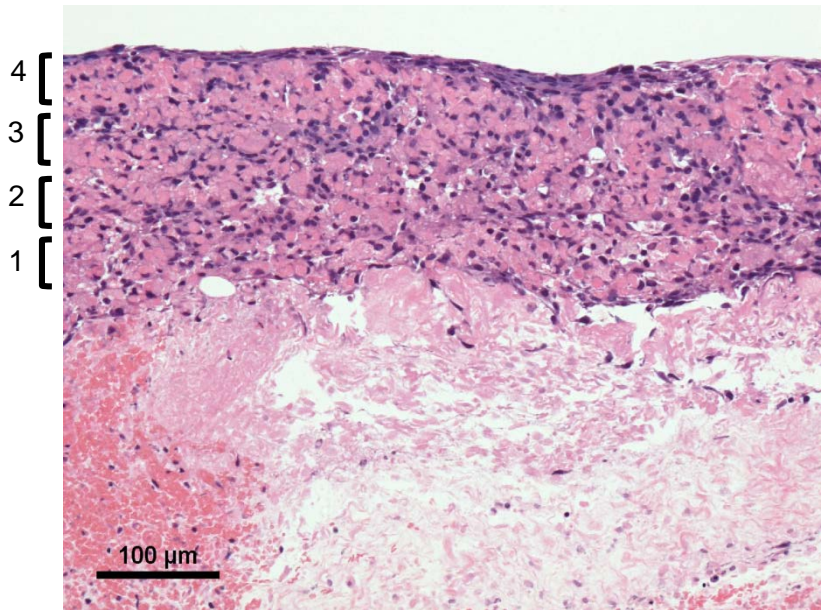


# Schematic illustration of the concept used for in vitro engineering of 3-D tissue with perfusable blood vessels





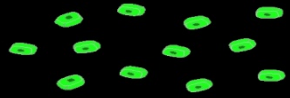
# Multi-step overlaying of triple-layer cardiac cell sheets for scale up



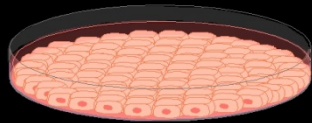
12 days after perfusion culture

# Methods

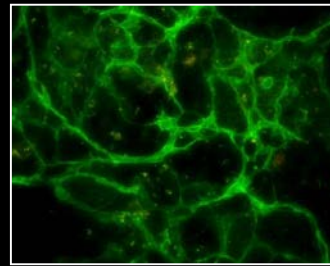
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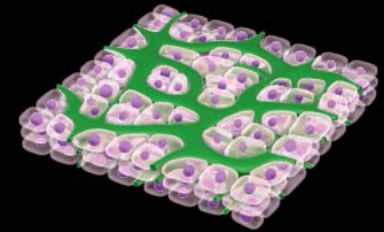
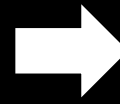
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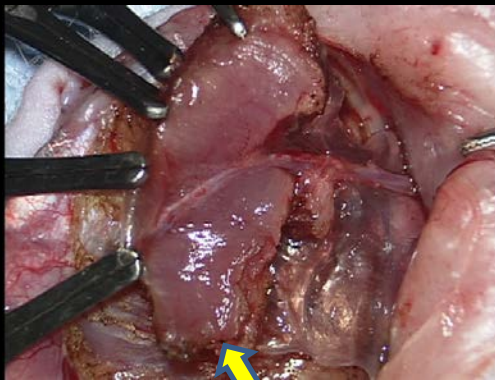
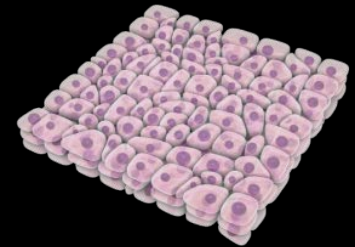
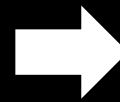
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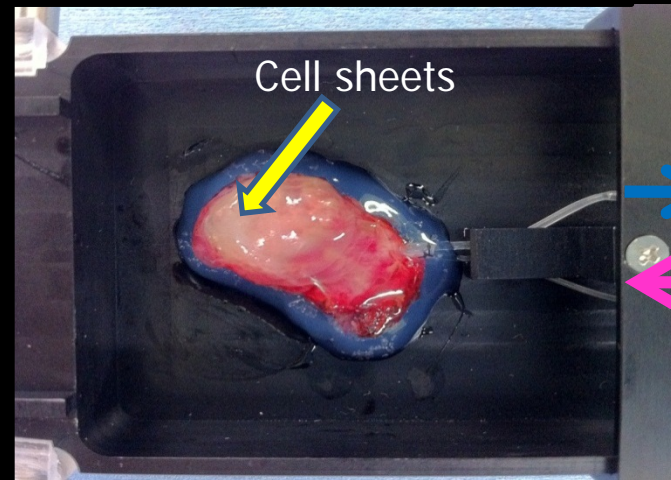
4 days culture



Layered



Femoral muscle with an artery and a vein

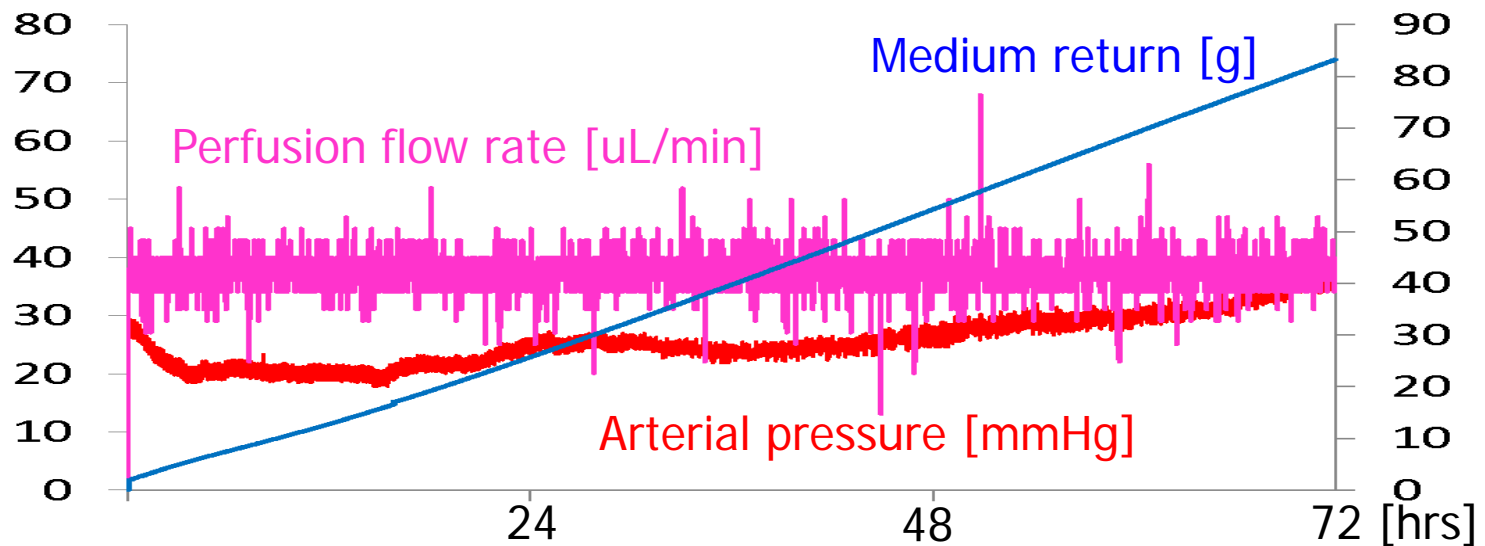
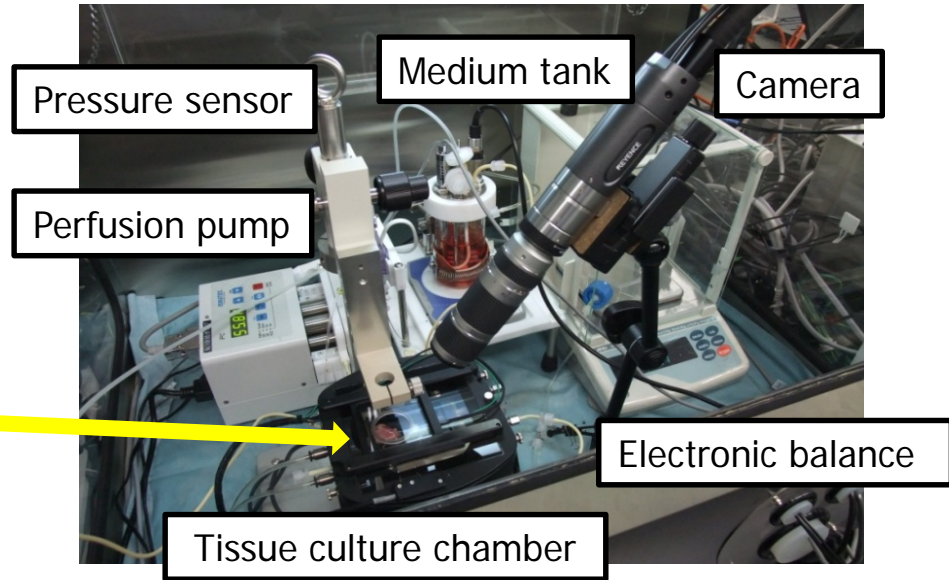
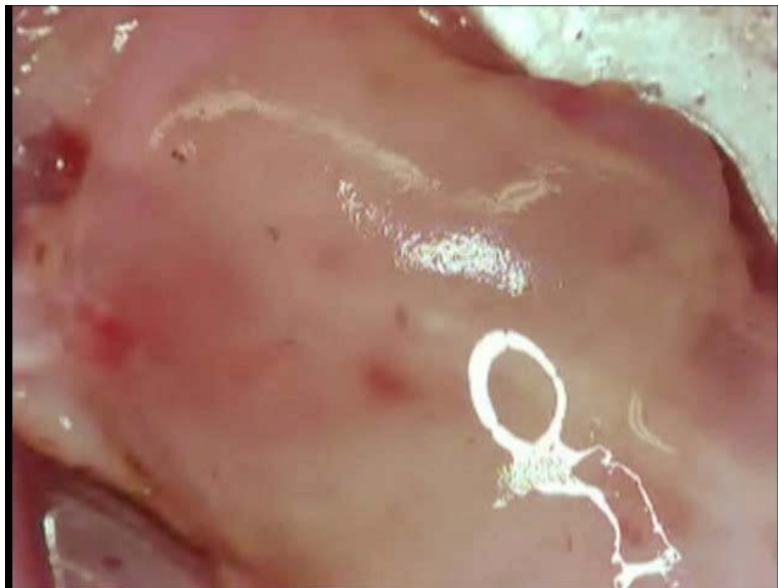


Cell sheets

Culture medium

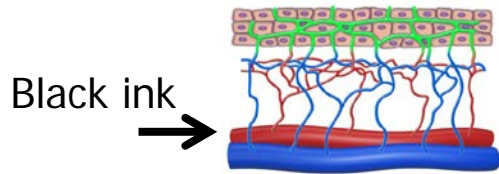
Tissue perfusion bioreactor

# Bioreactor set up and tissue perfusion culture





# Contribution of co-cultured endothelial cells within the engineered construct

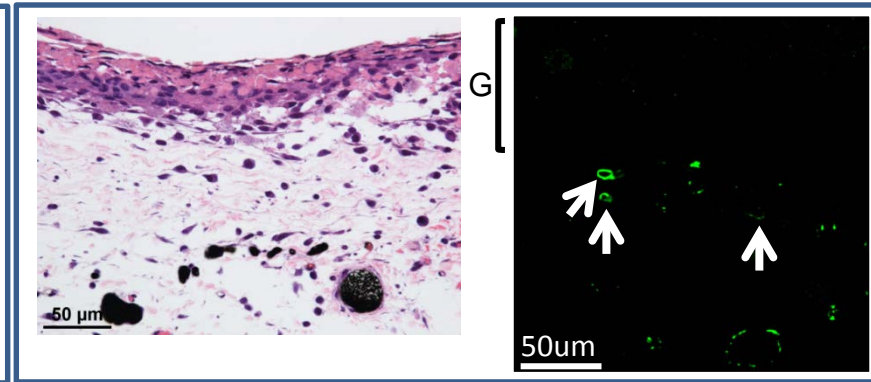
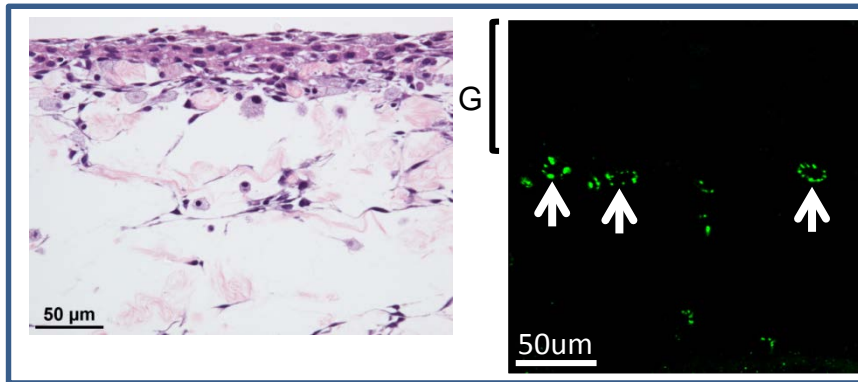


3 days after perfusion culture

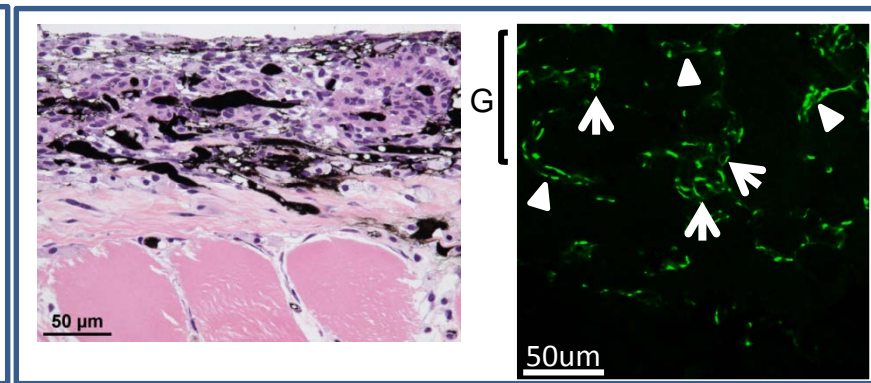
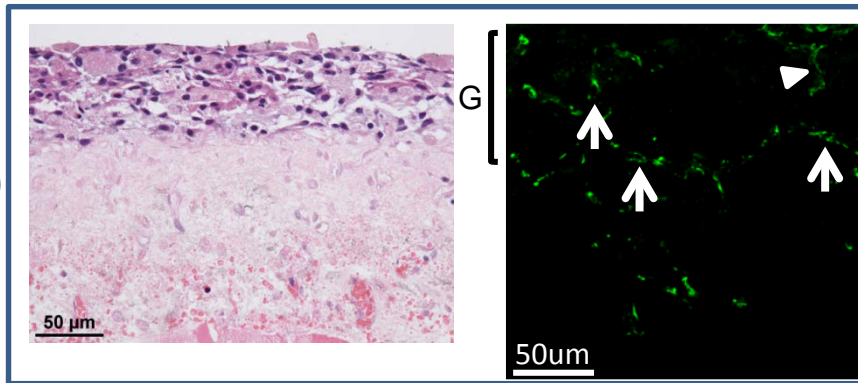
FGF-2 (-)

FGF-2 (+)

ECs (-)



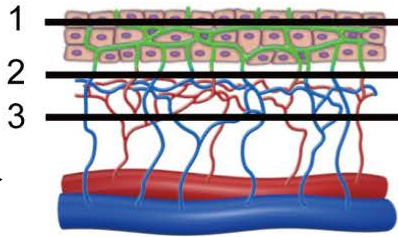
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Two-photon microscope images

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Perfused with  
Red fluorescent dextran  
or  
Red fluorescent 4  $\mu$ m spheres

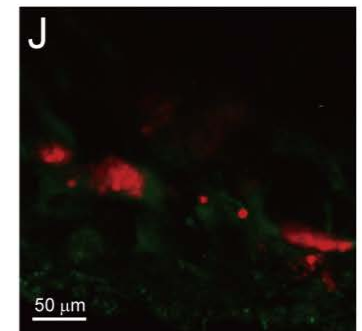
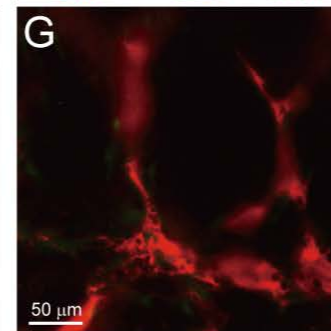
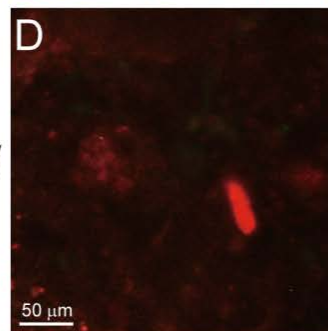
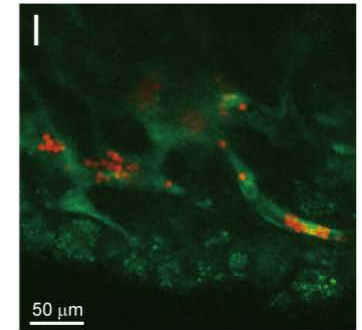
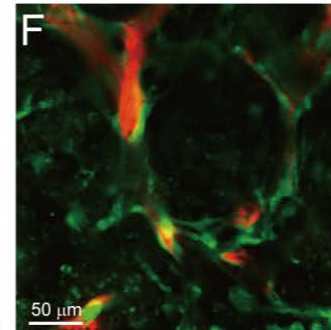
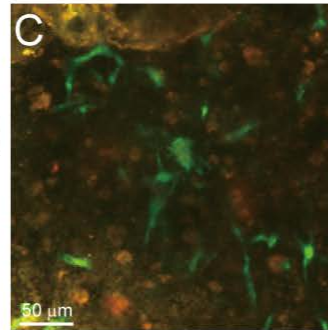
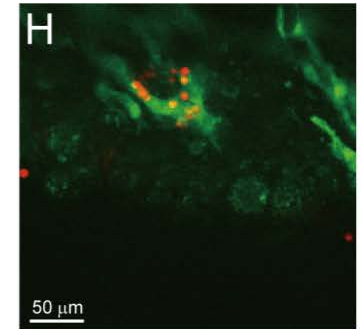
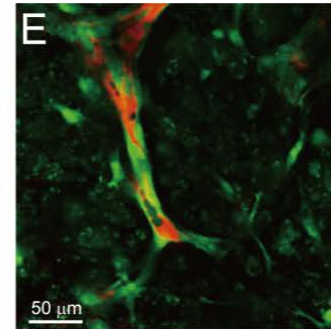
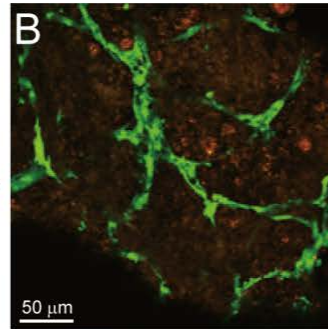
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Microspheres

FGF-2 (-)

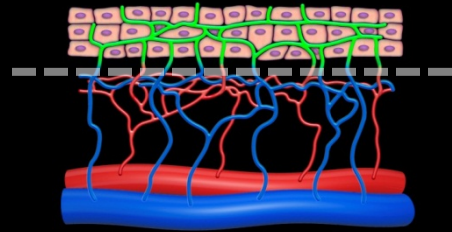
FGF-2 (+)

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# Contribution of co-cultured endothelial cells within the engineered construct

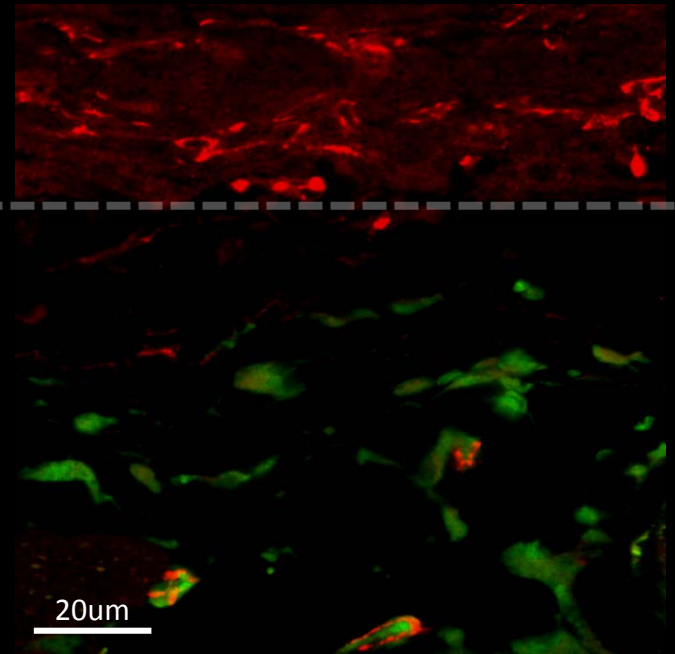
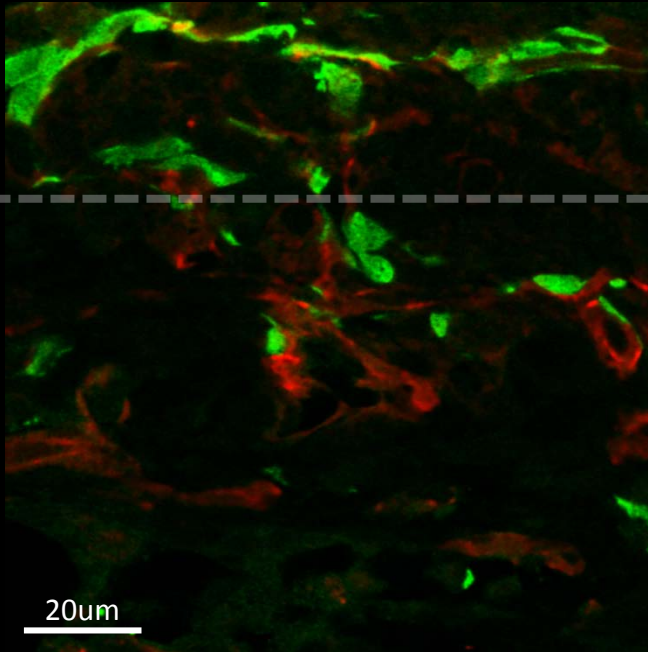
ECs (+) FGF-2 (+)



GFP positive grafted endothelial cells

GFP positive vascular bed

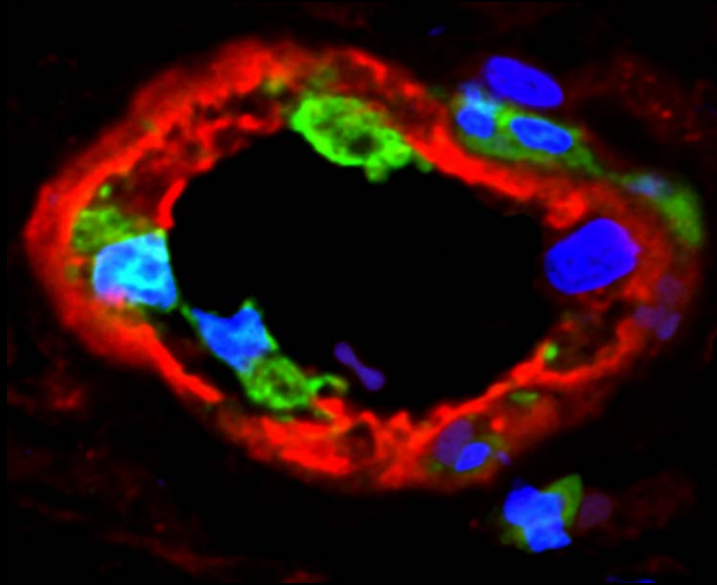
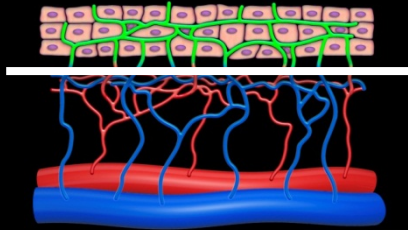
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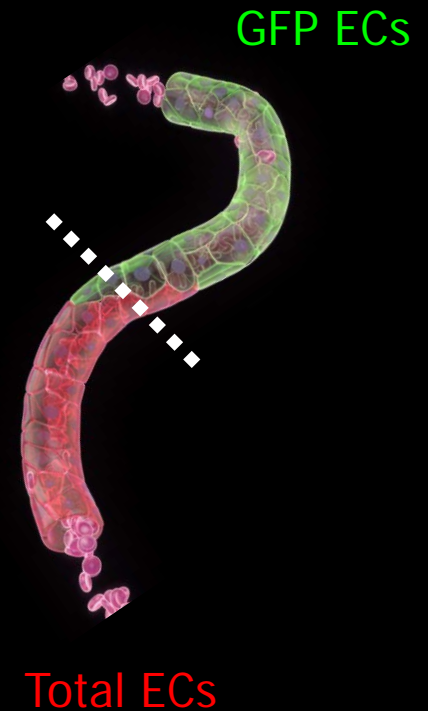
CD31 / GFP

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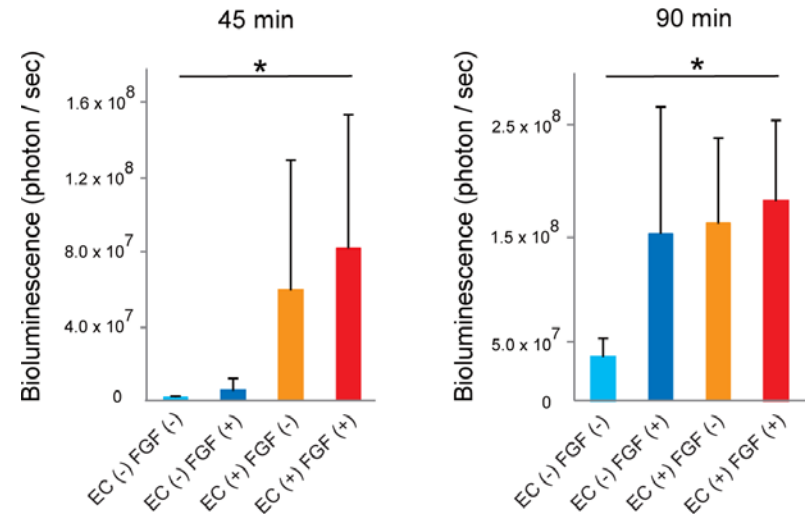
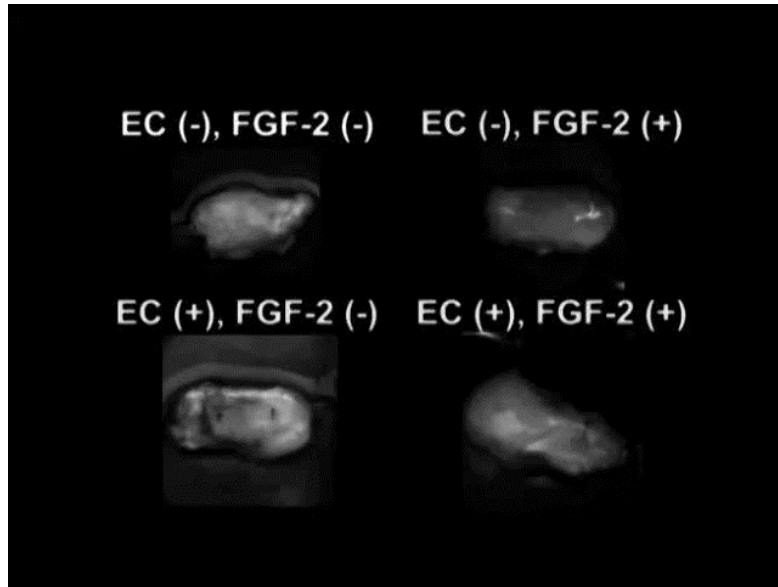
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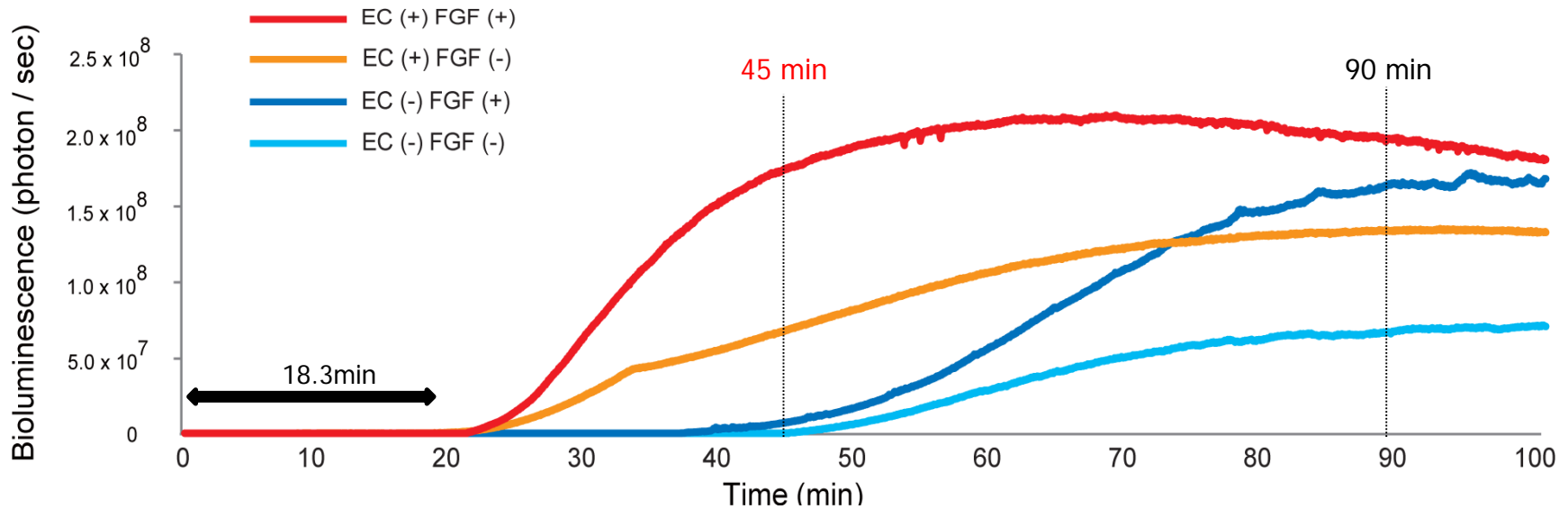
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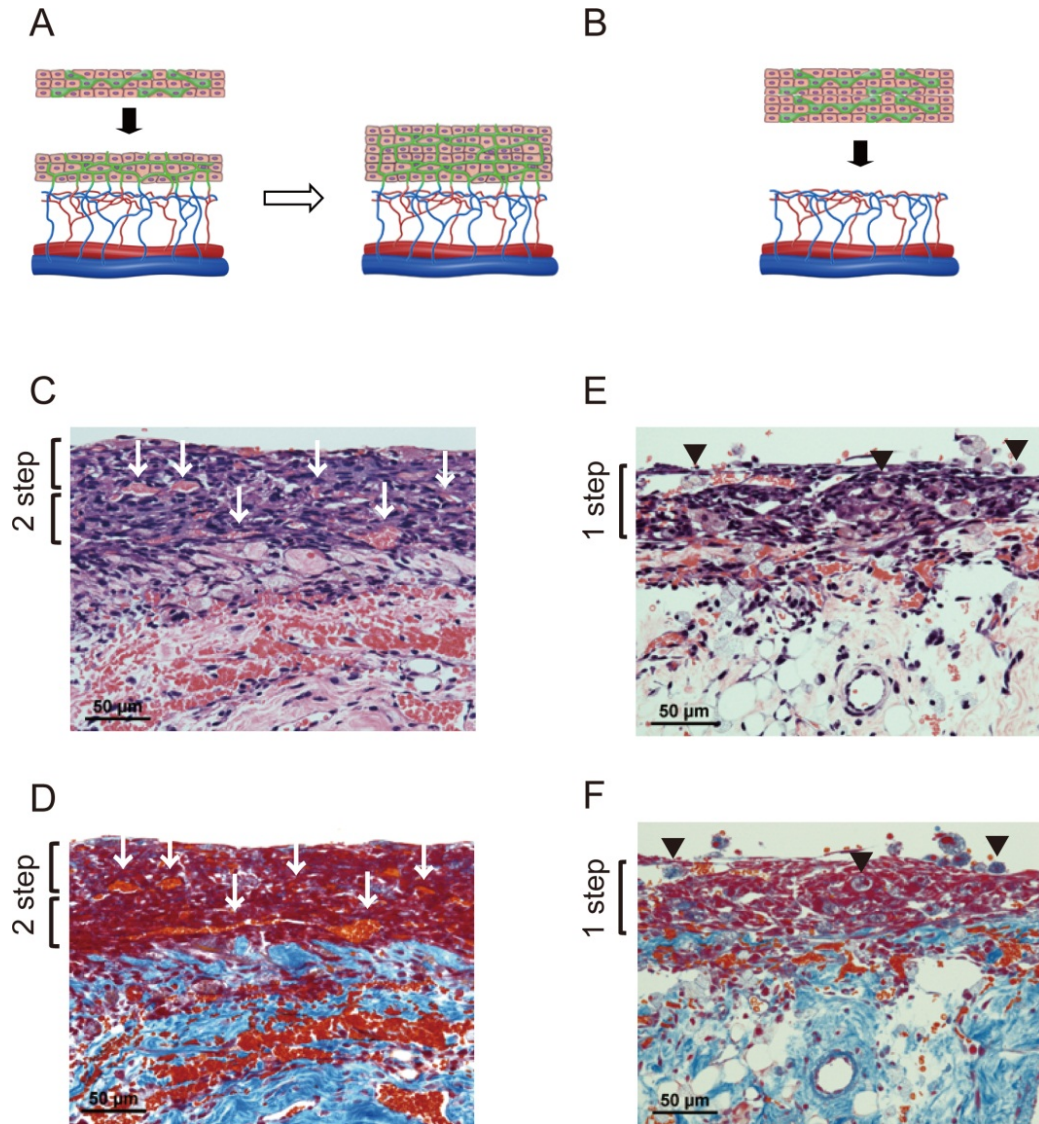
# *In vitro* perfusable blood vessel formation and viable cardiac tissue fabrication



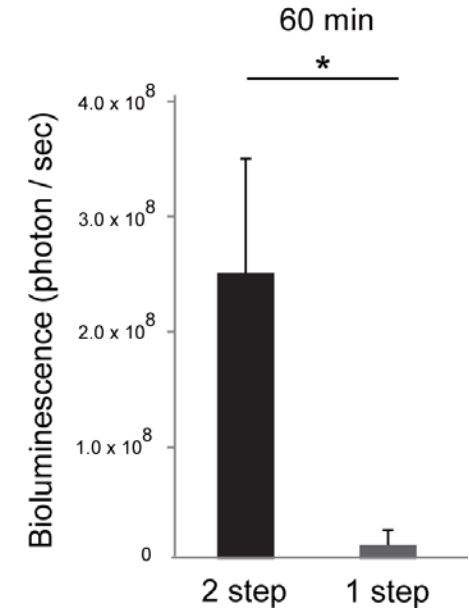
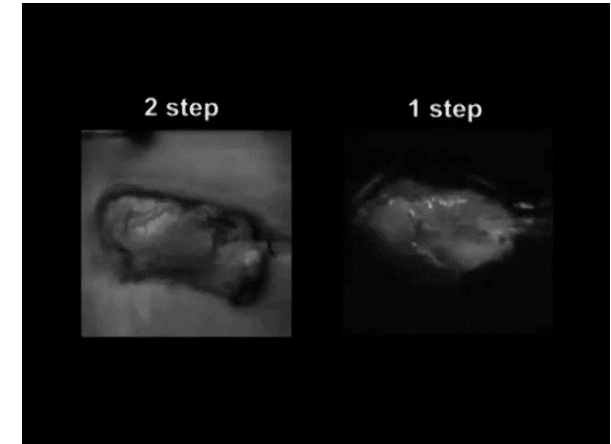
\*p<0.05 (One-way ANOVA with Fisher's LSD test)



# Double-step overlaying of triple-layer cell sheets for thick tissue formation *in vitro* conditions and their viability assay

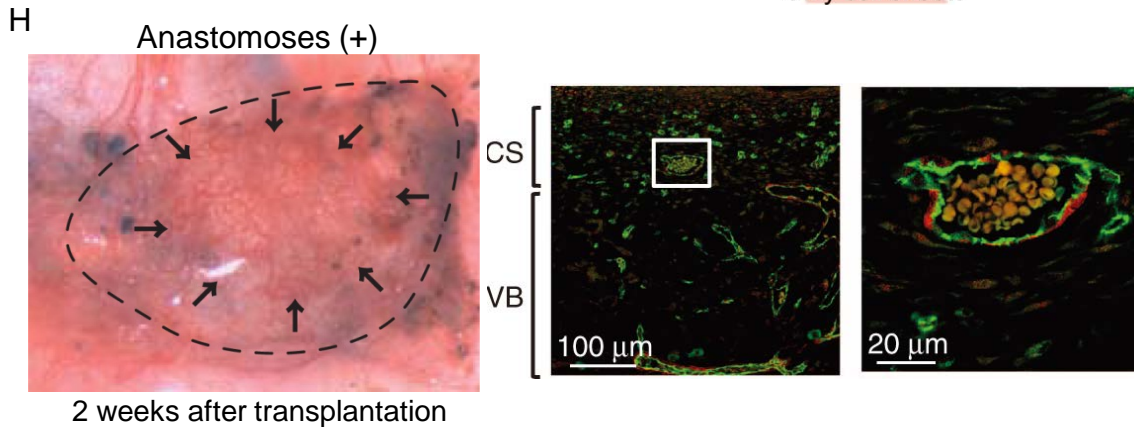
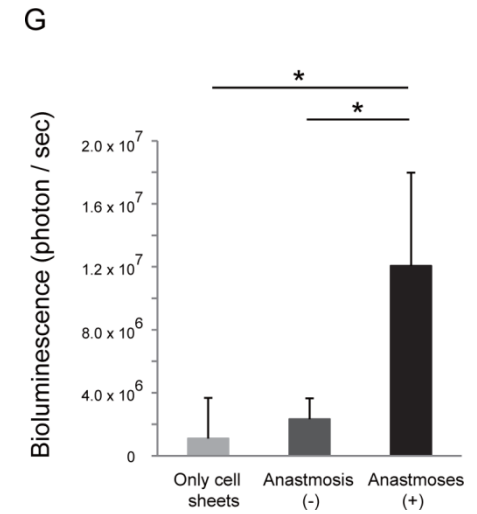
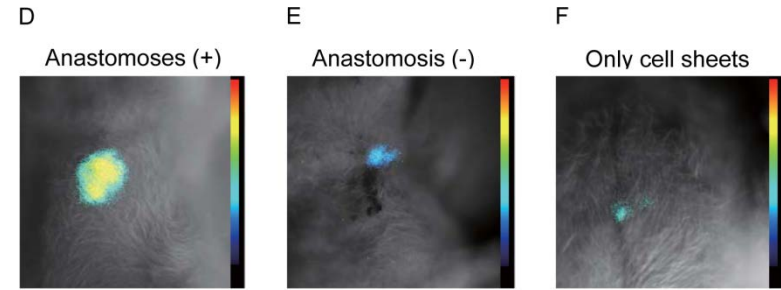
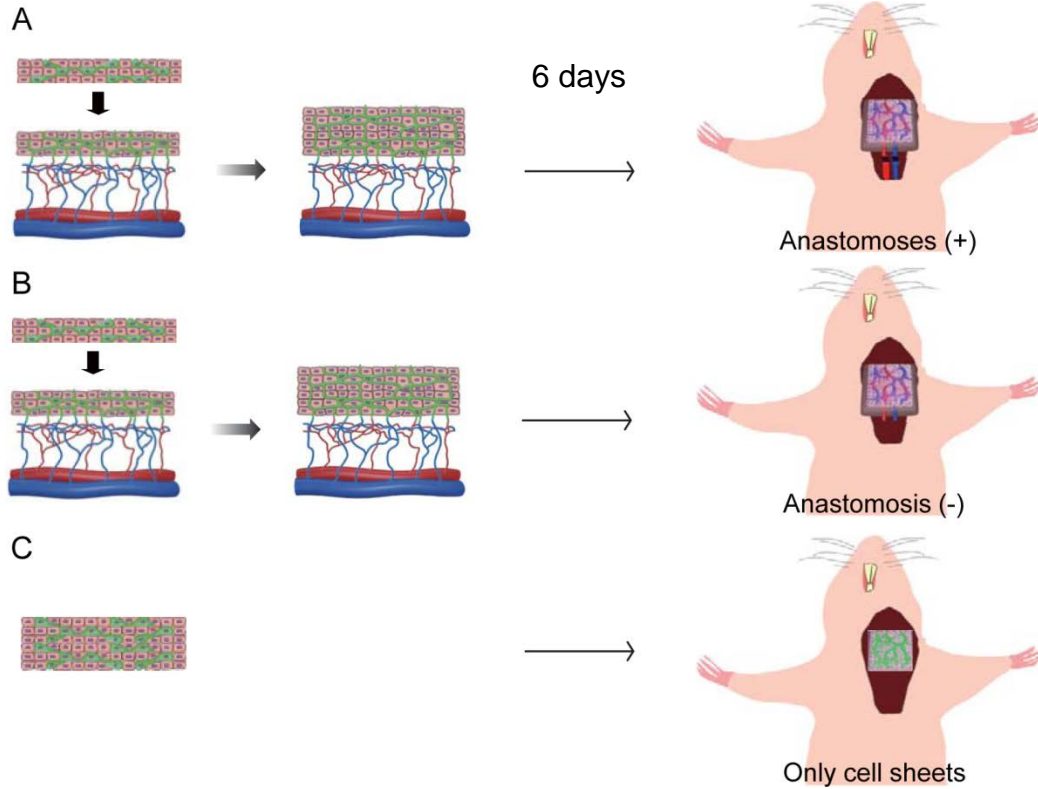


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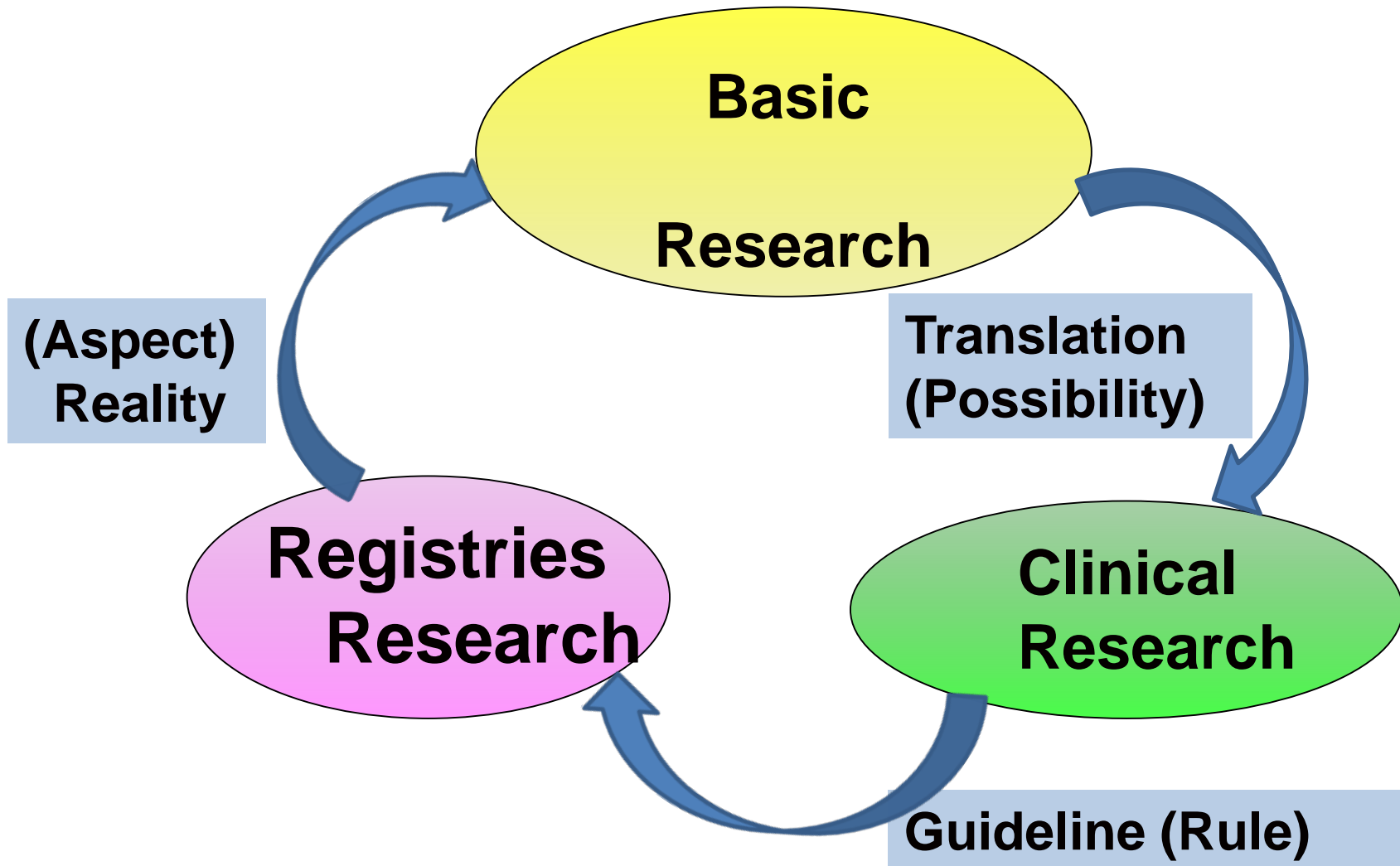


\*  $p < 0.05$  (Unpaired Student *t* test)

# Transplantation of *in vitro* vascularized cardiac tissues



# Why doctors are in need of pushing forward researchers ?





*Shall we do our best for the suffering patients*

