

Advanced Technologies for Heart Tissue Engineering

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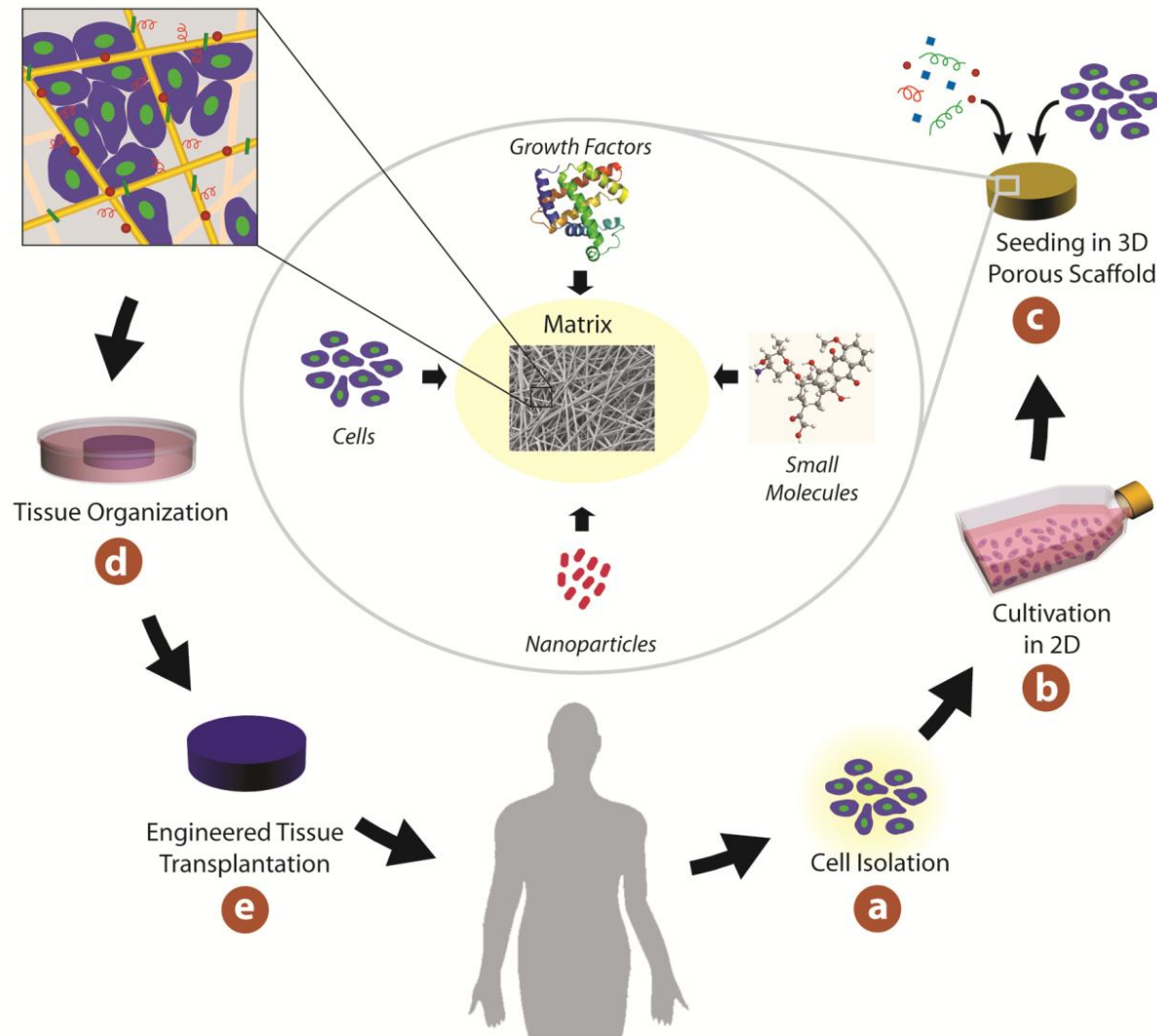
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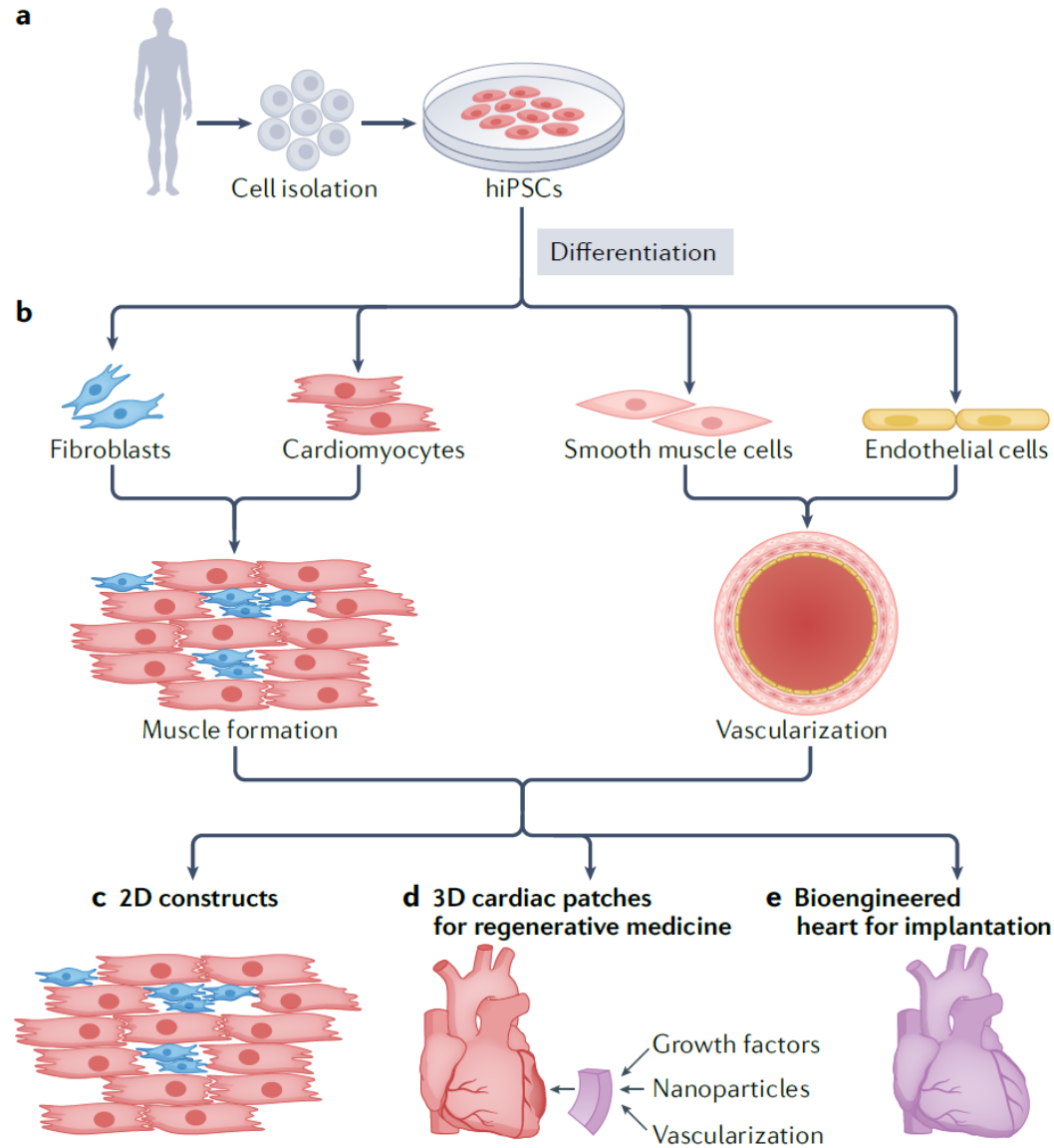
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Tissue engineering- the concept



Cardiac tissue engineering



Engineered heart tissues



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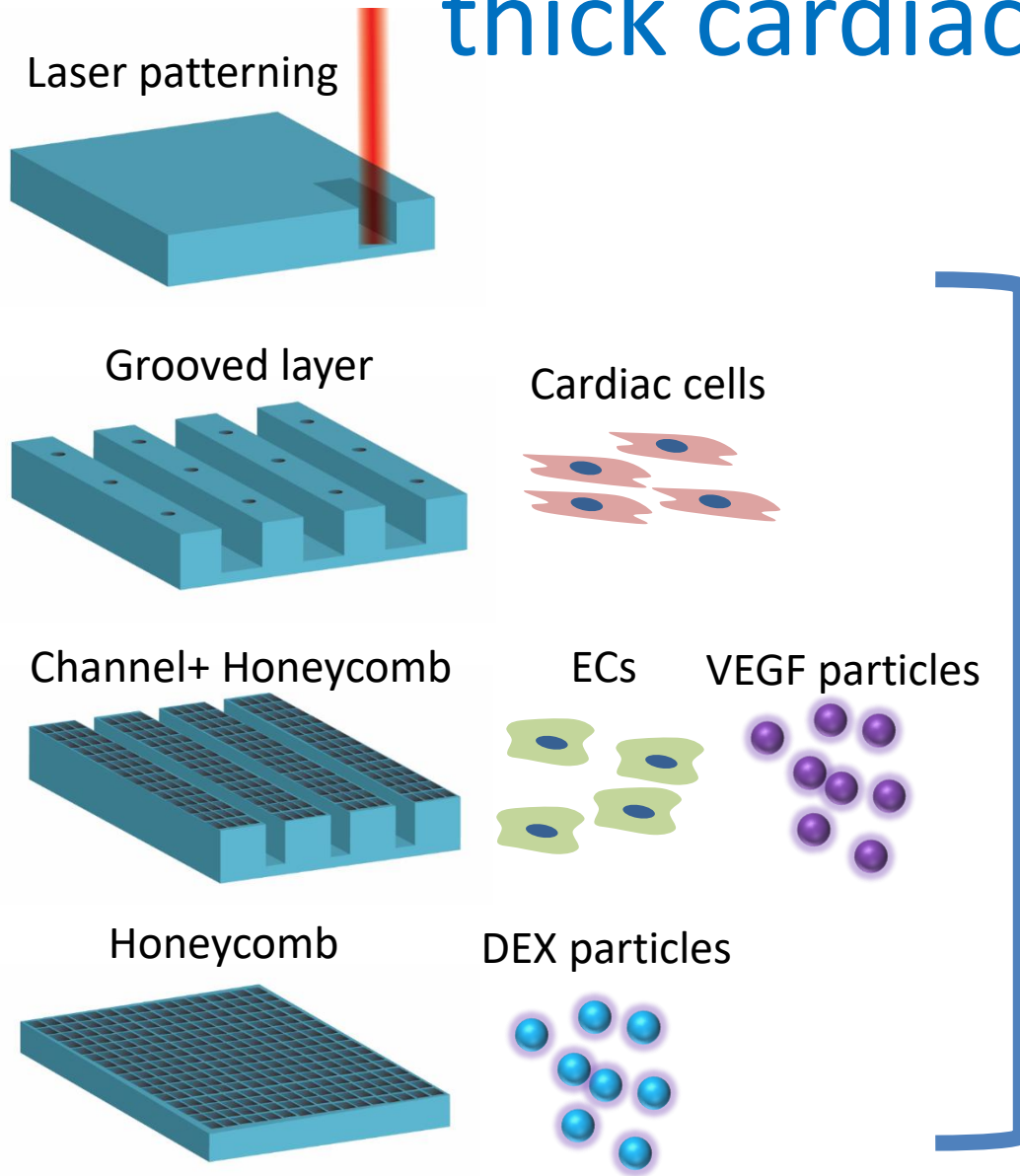
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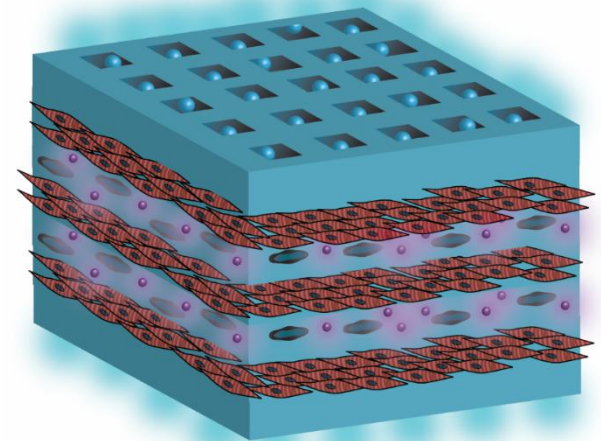
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Bottom-up approach to assemble thick cardiac patches

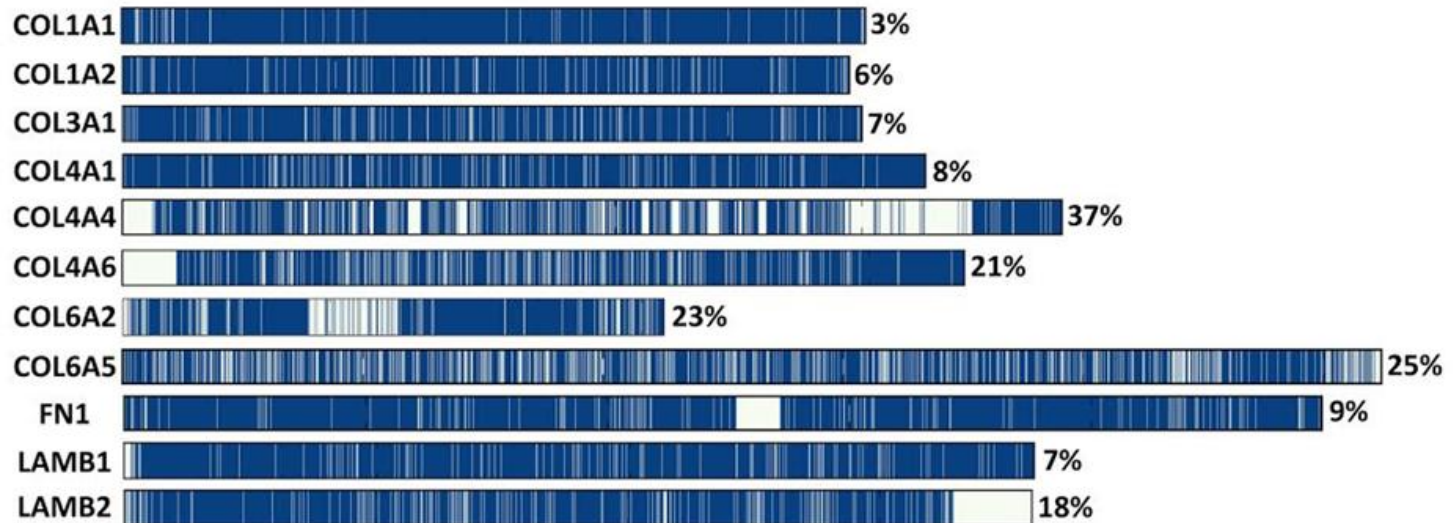
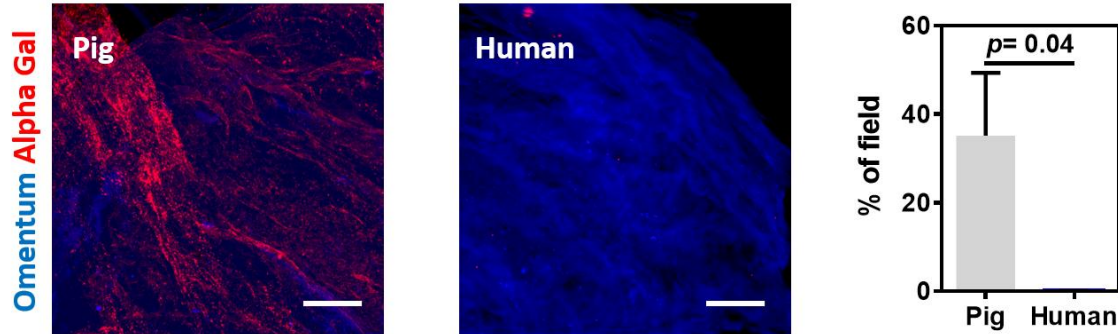


Assembly just prior to transplantation

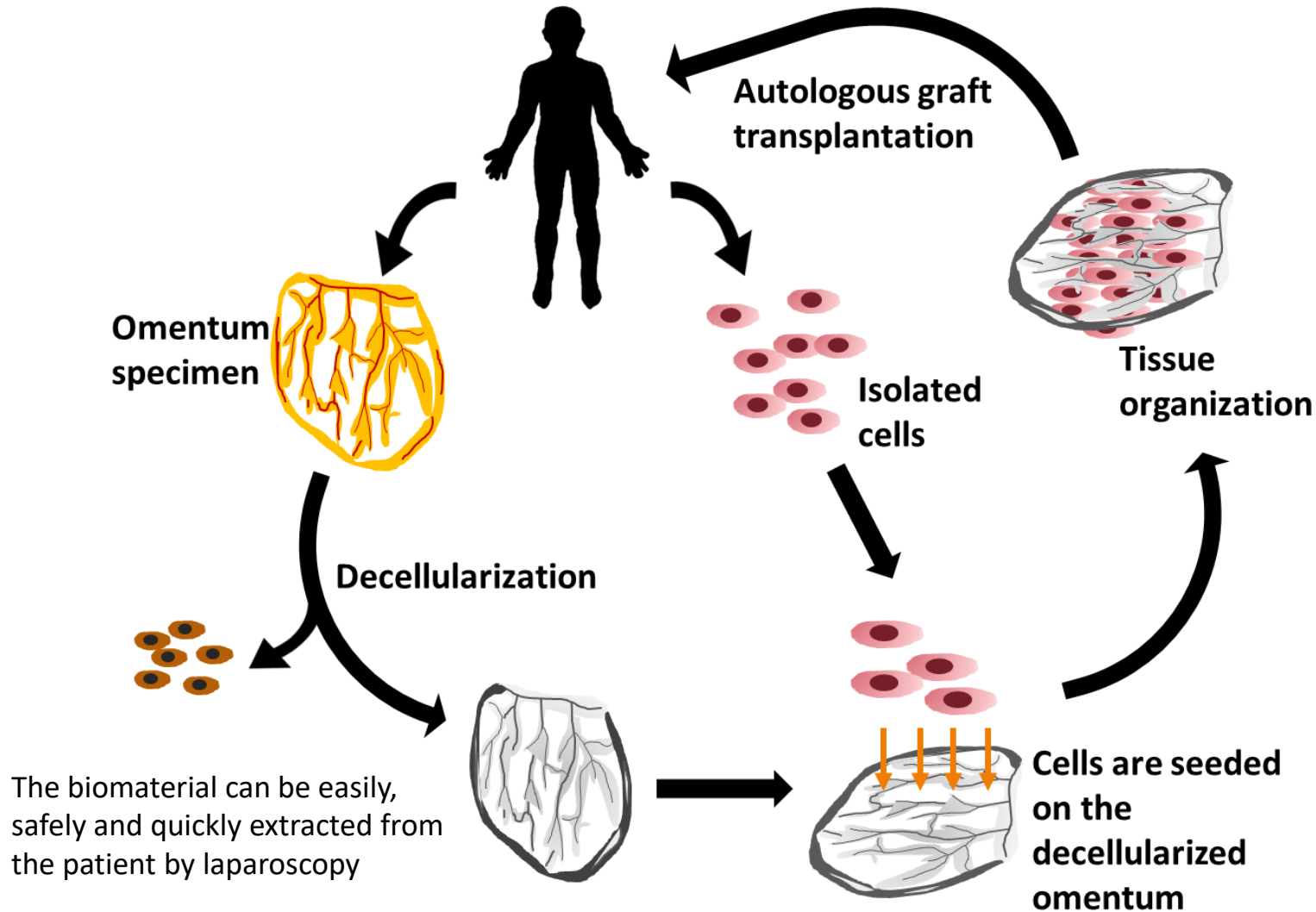


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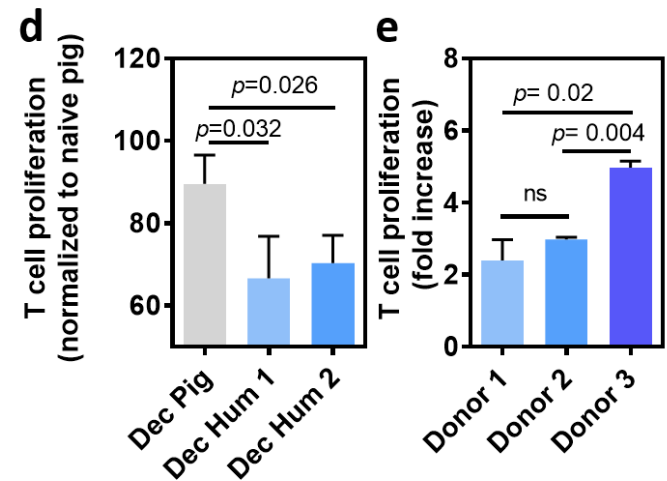
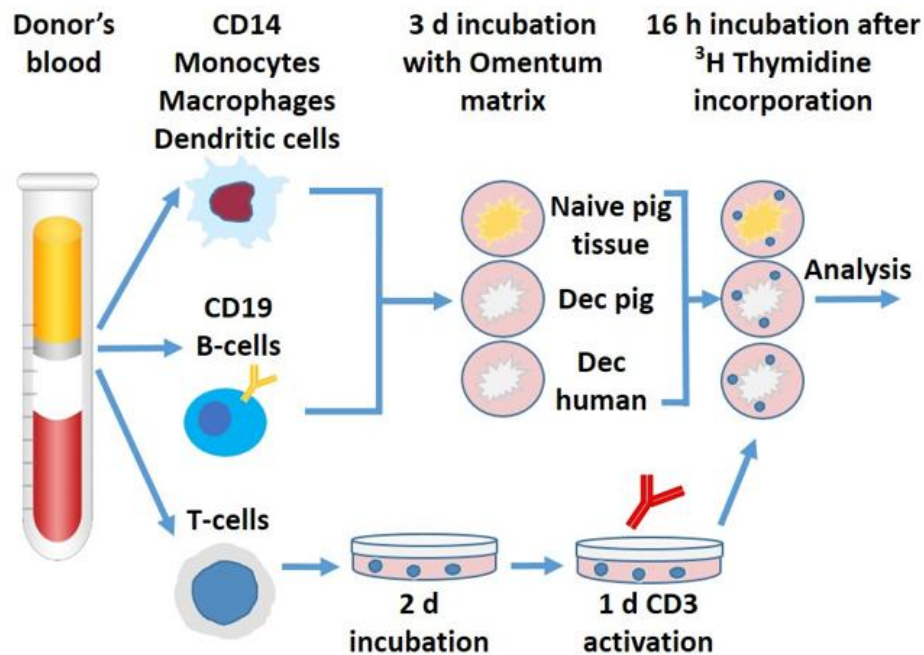
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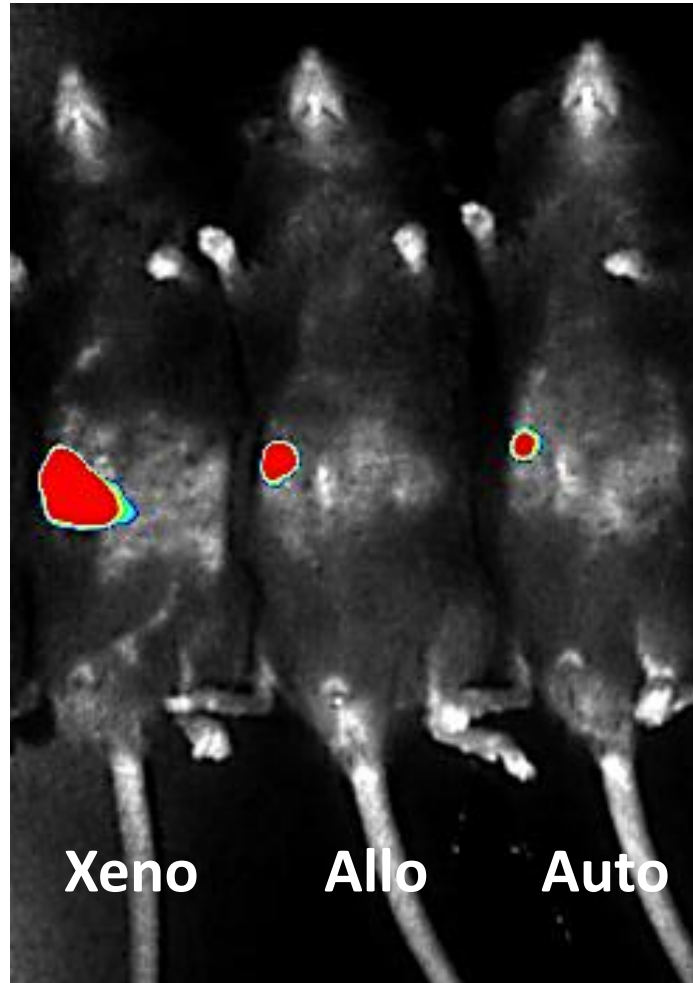
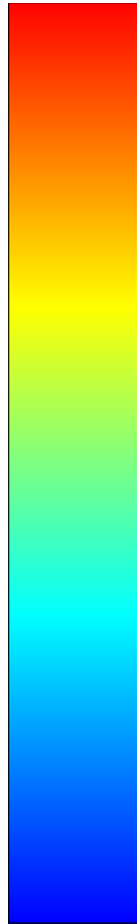
Autologous matrix- The concept



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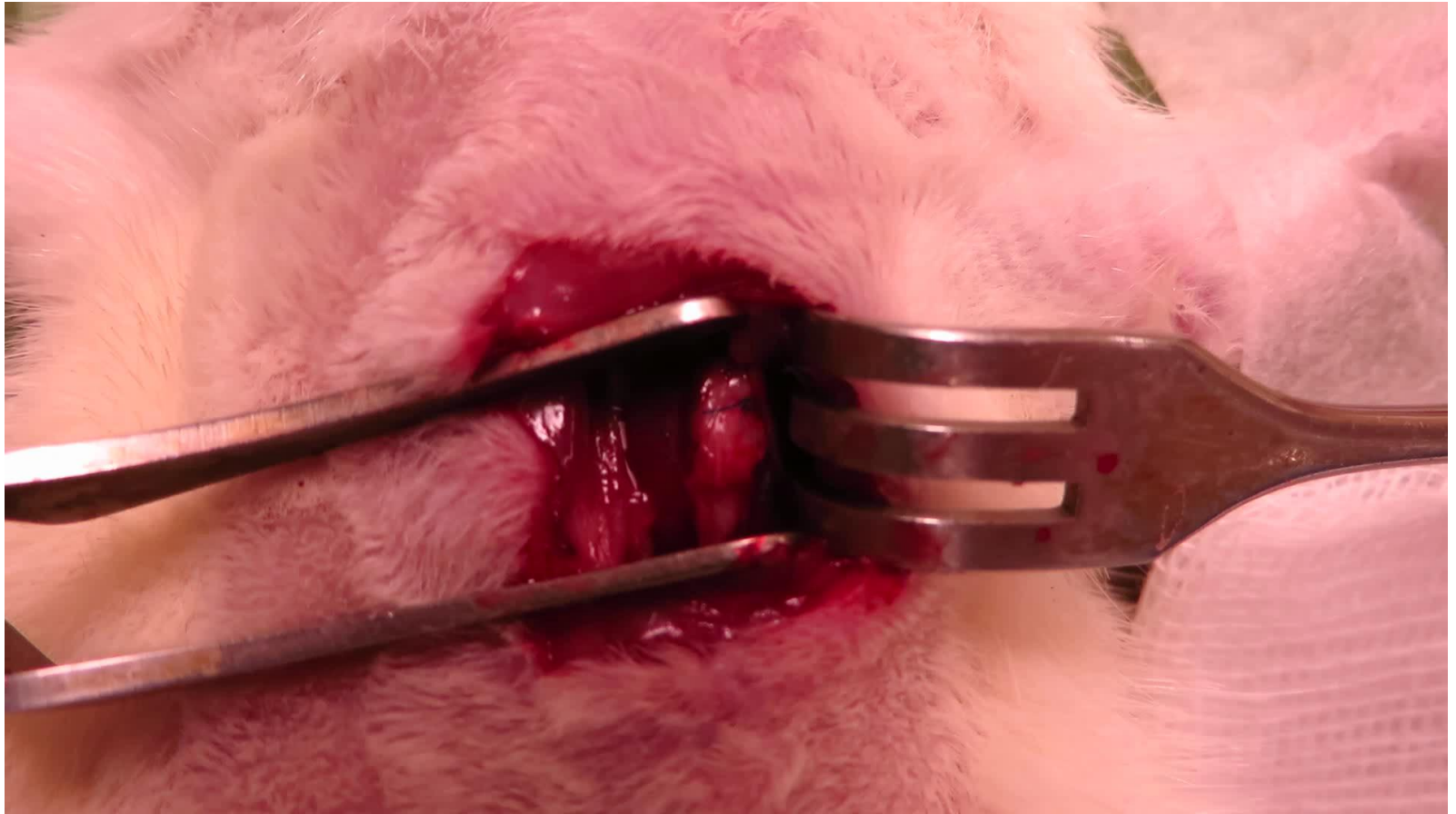


In vivo immune response



ROS production

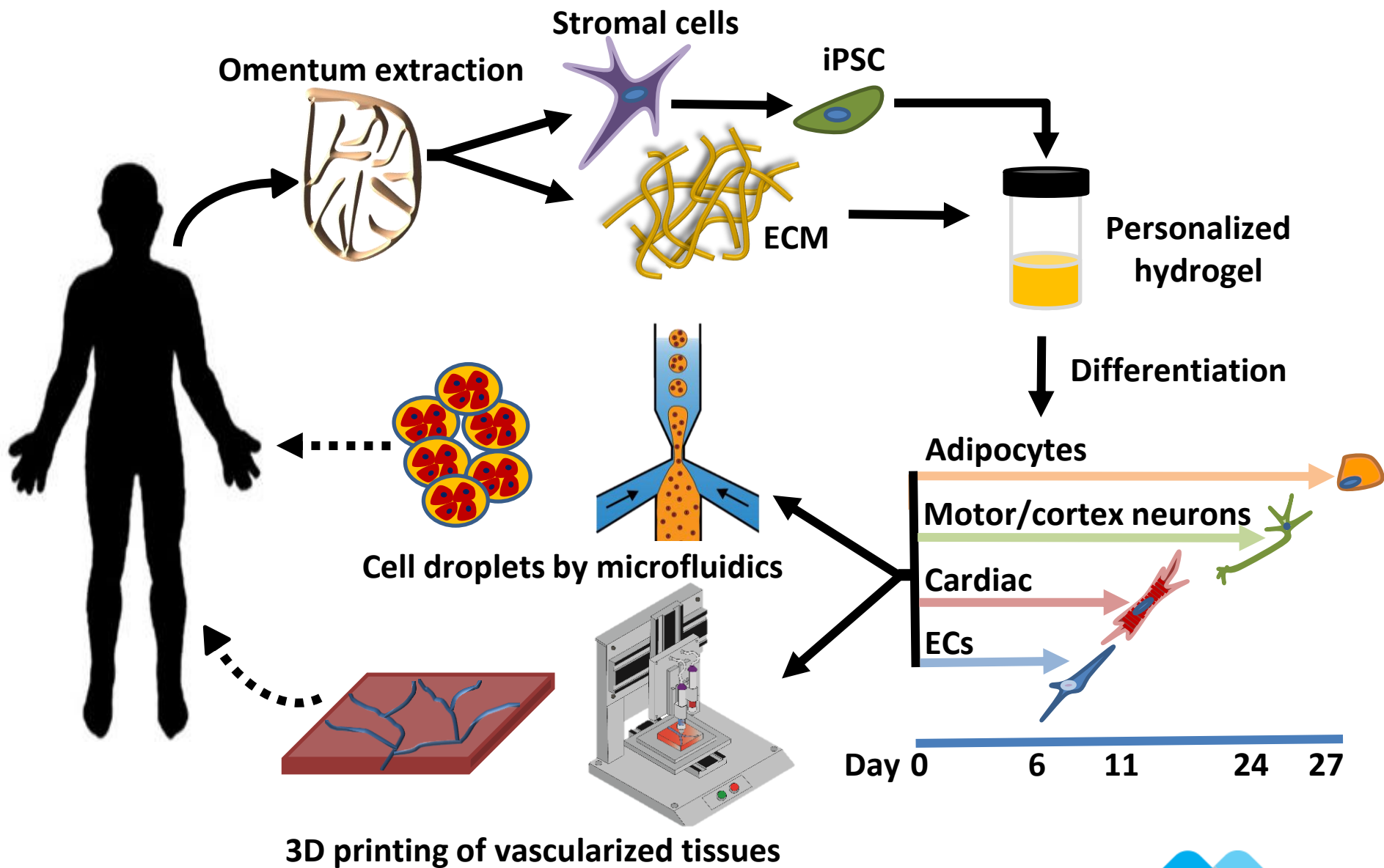
Patch needs an open chest surgery



Thermoresponsive hydrogel



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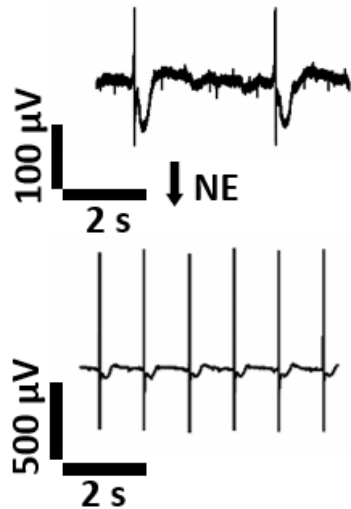
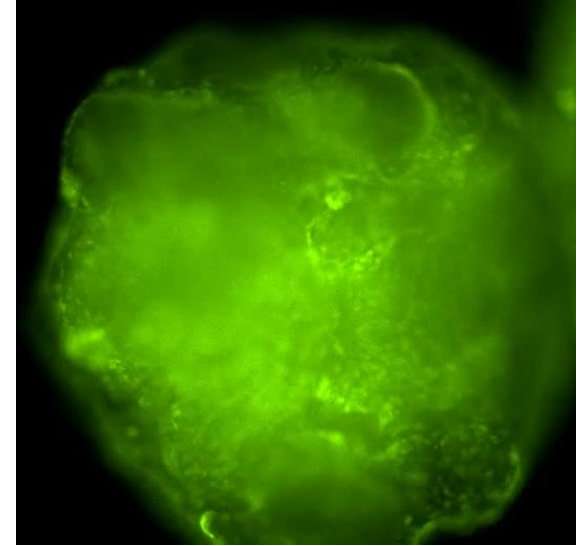
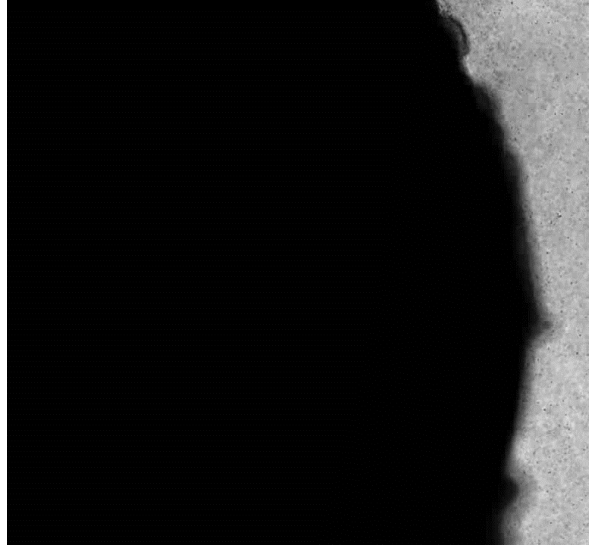
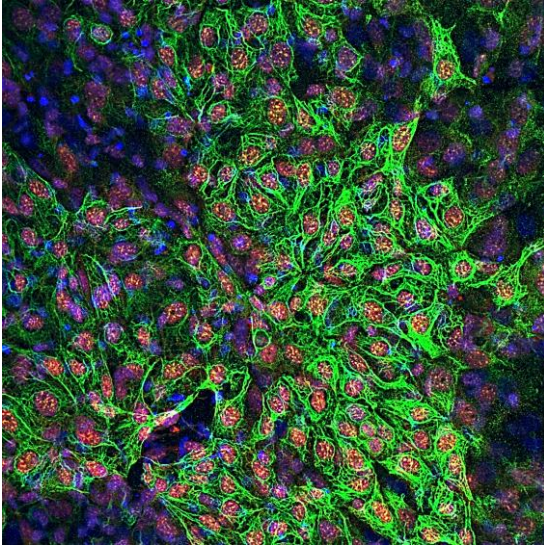
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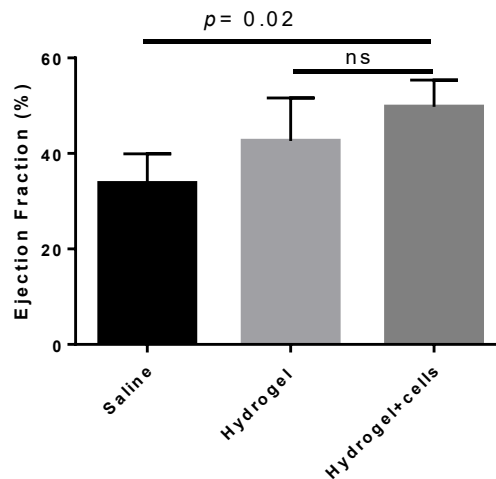
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Regenerating the future of medicine

Cardiac implants

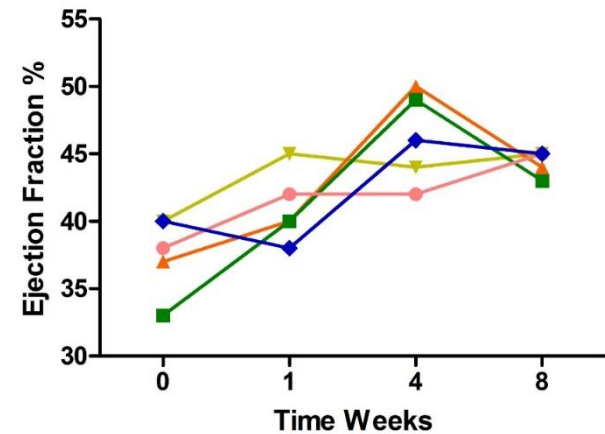
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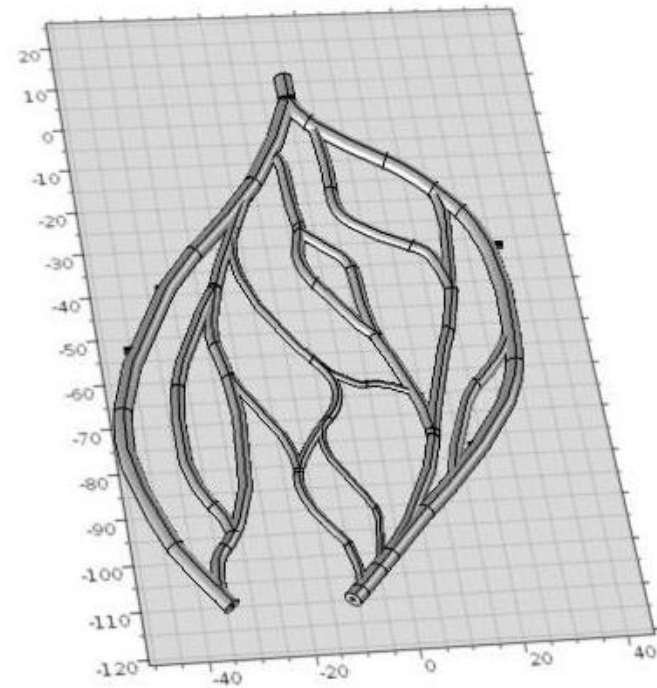
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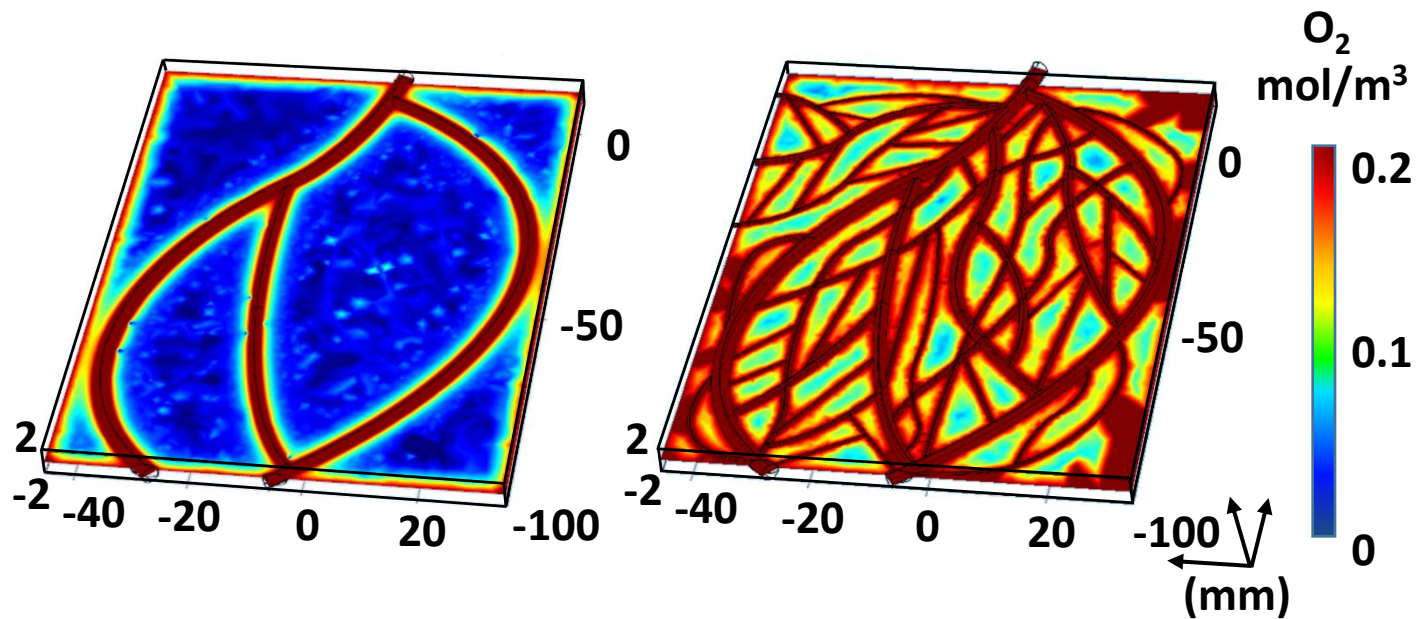
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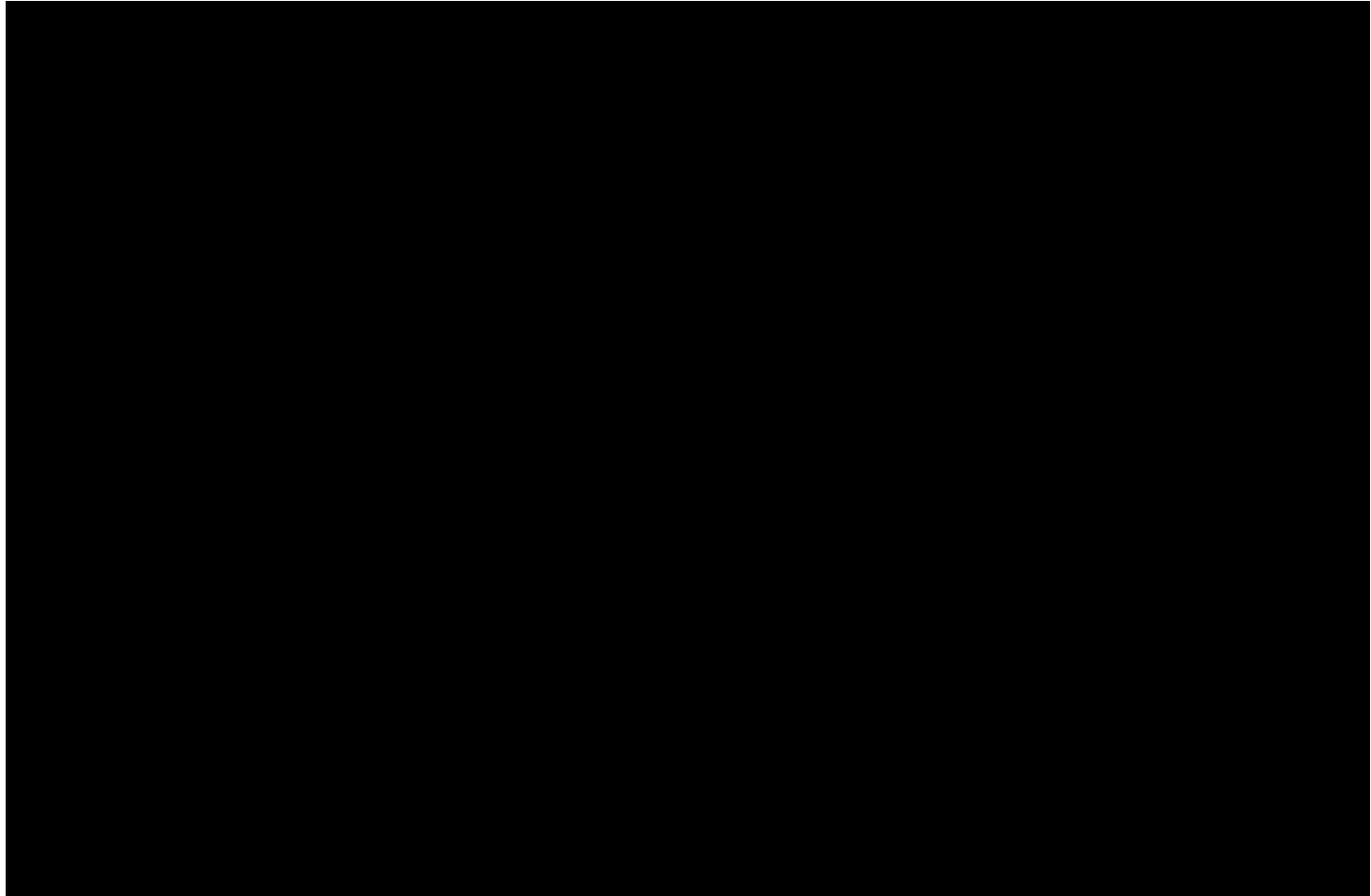
3D printing of patient-specific tissues



Oxygen transfer



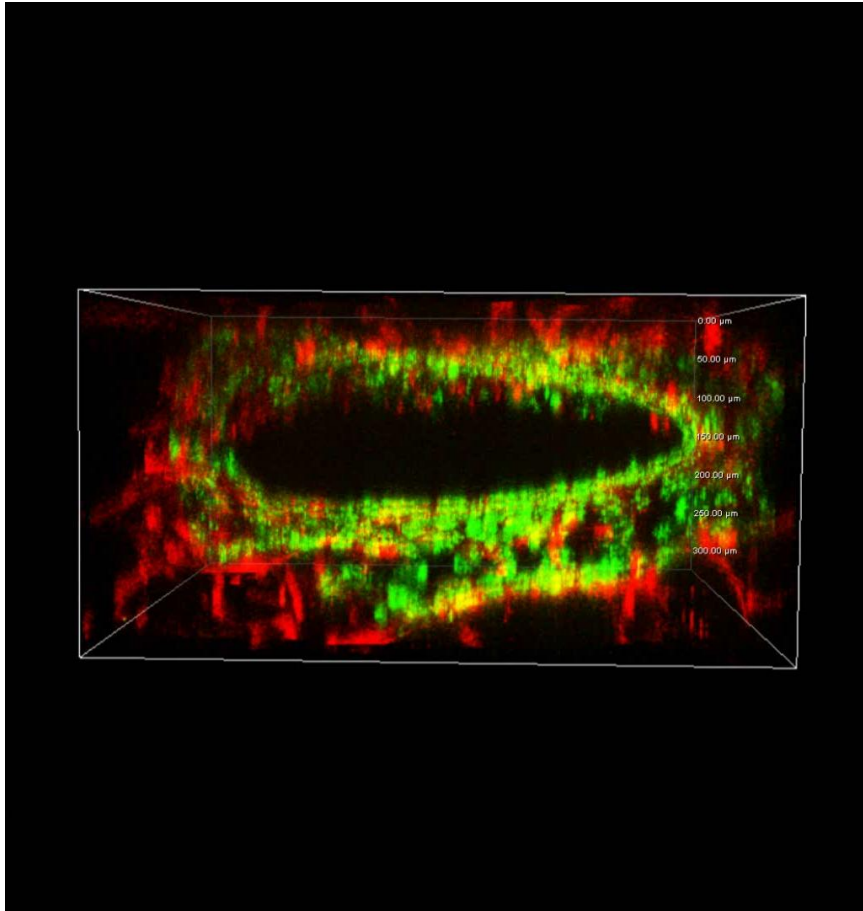
Printing patient-specific vascularized cardiac patches



Patient-specific printed patch



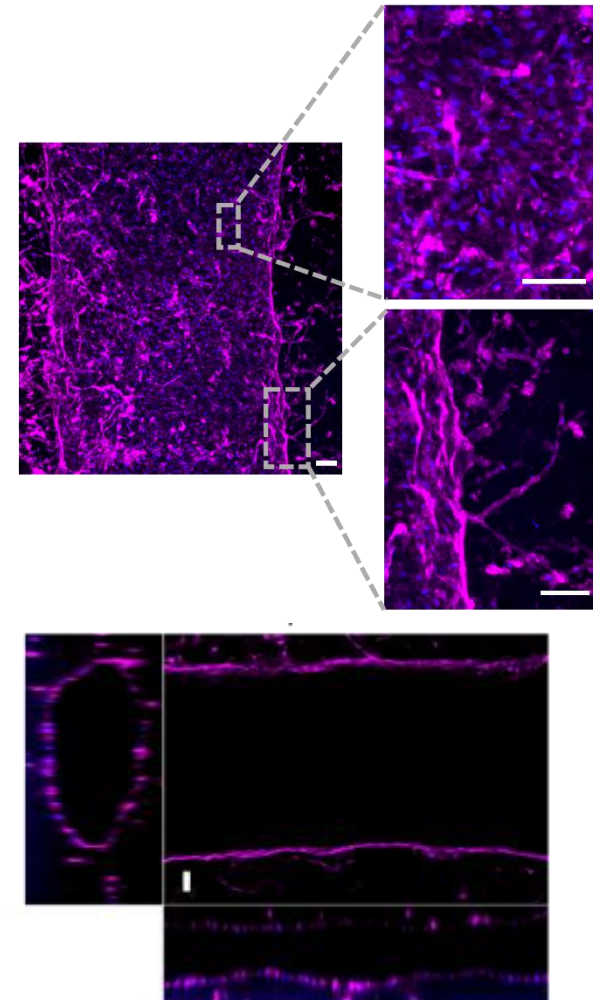
Blood vessels within the tissue



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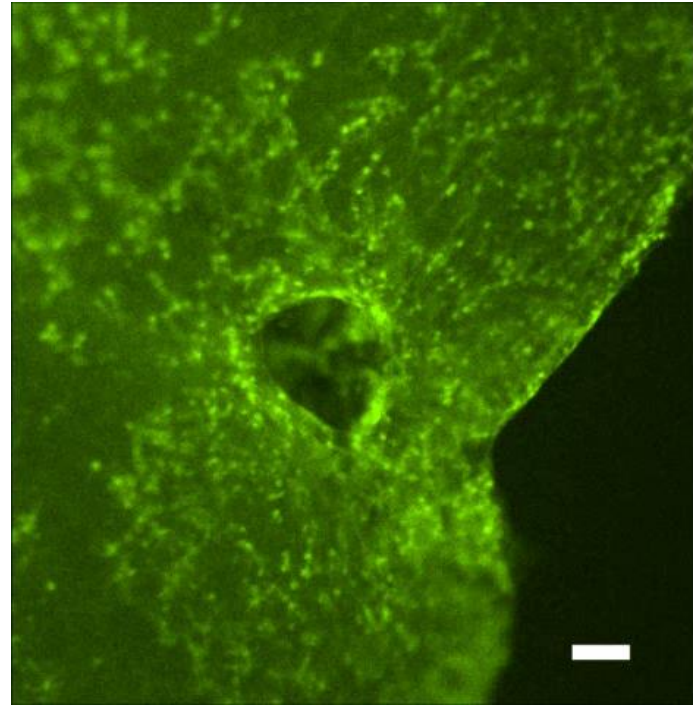
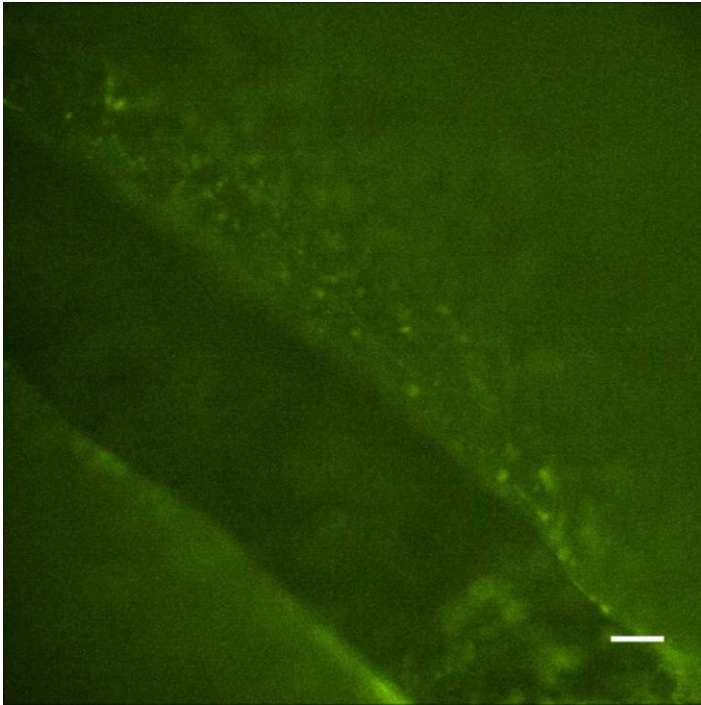
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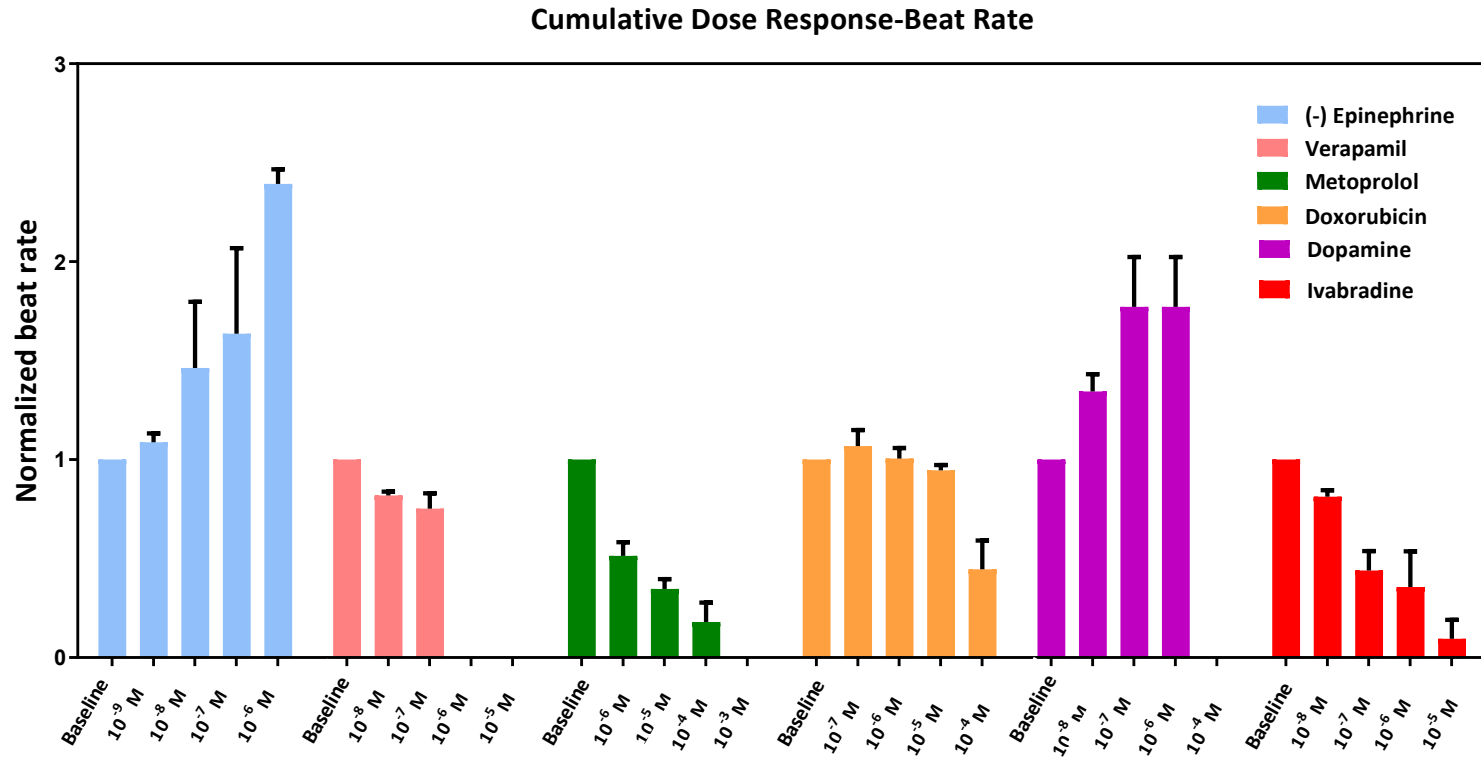
Cardiac patches function



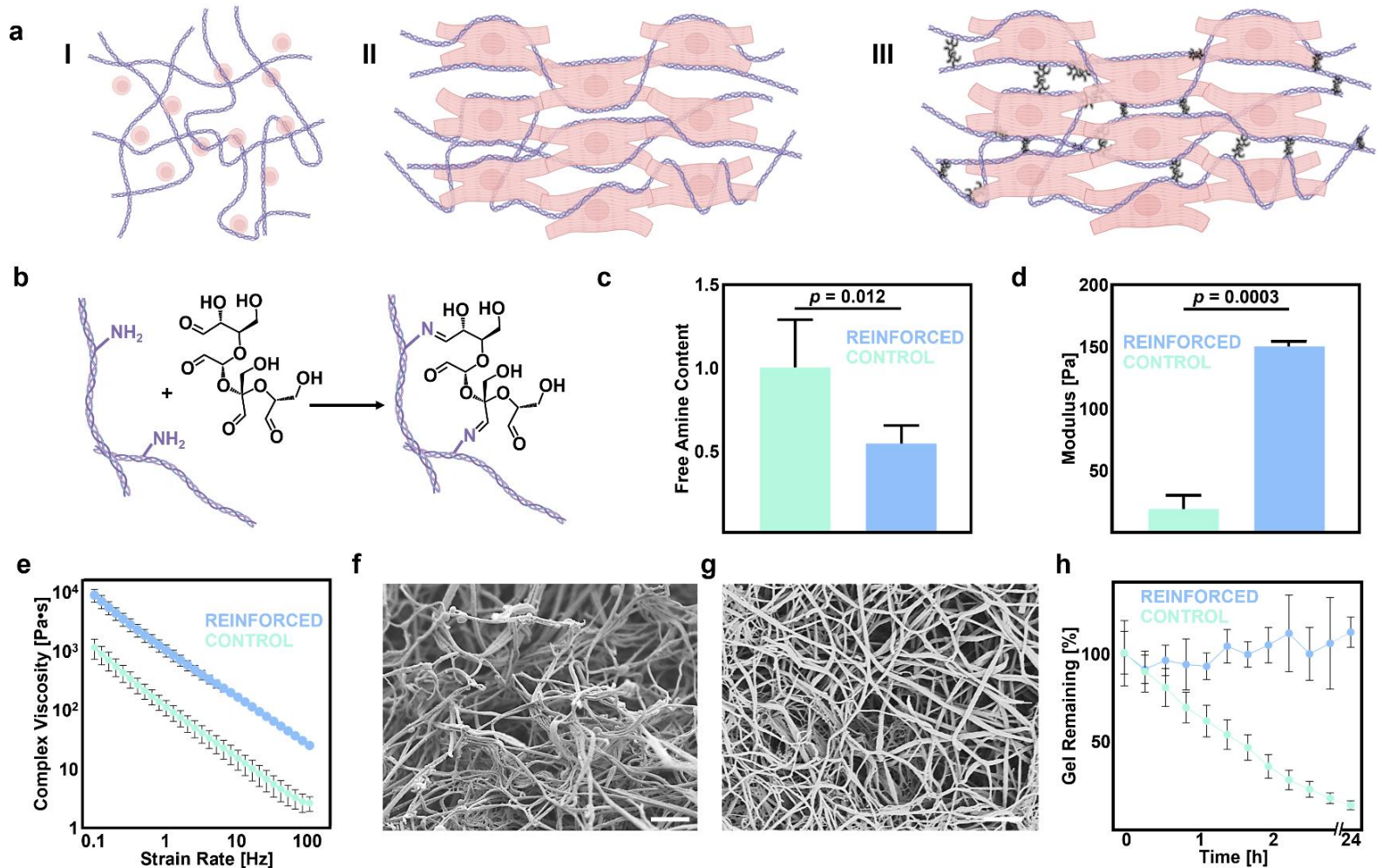
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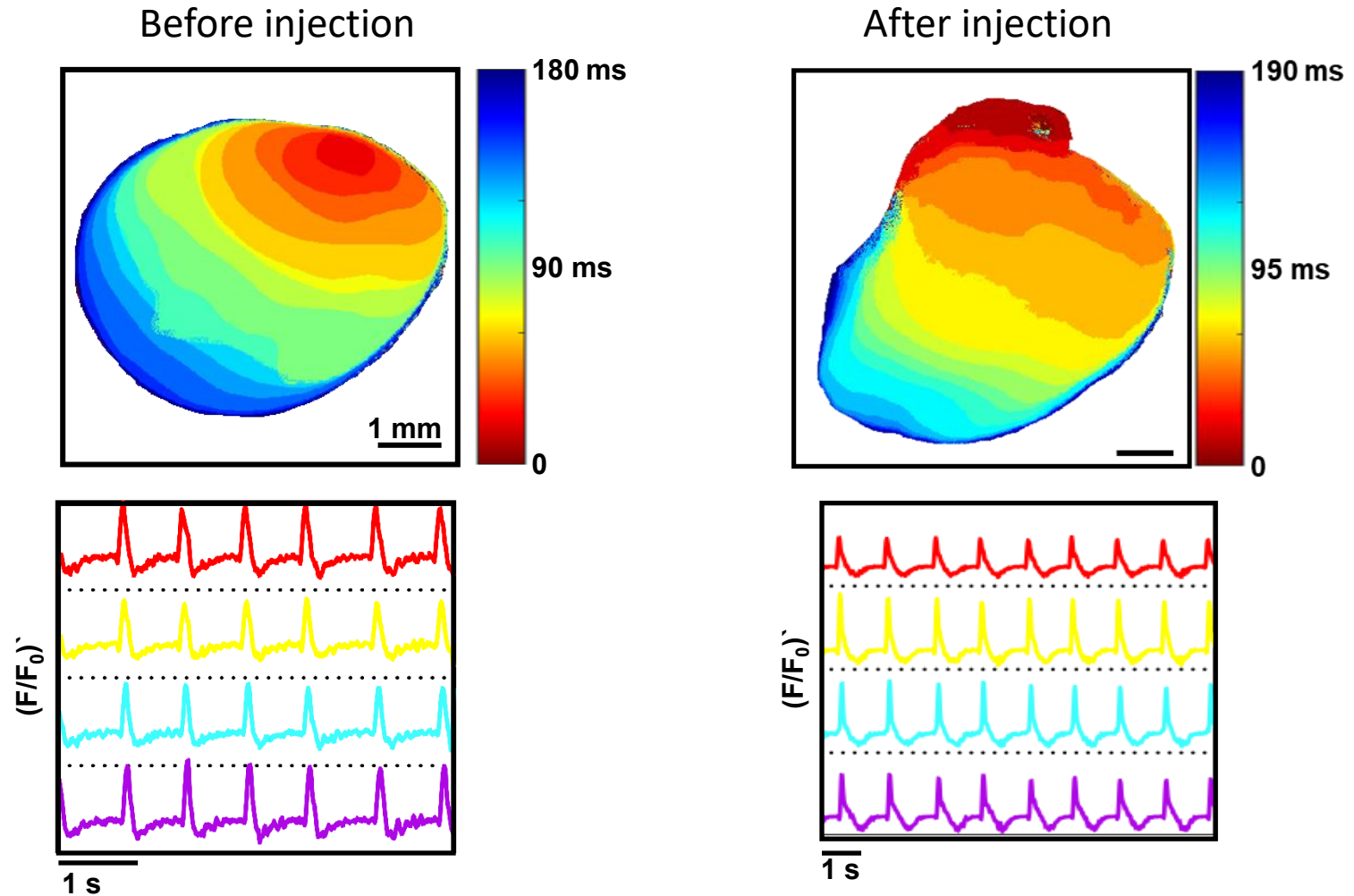
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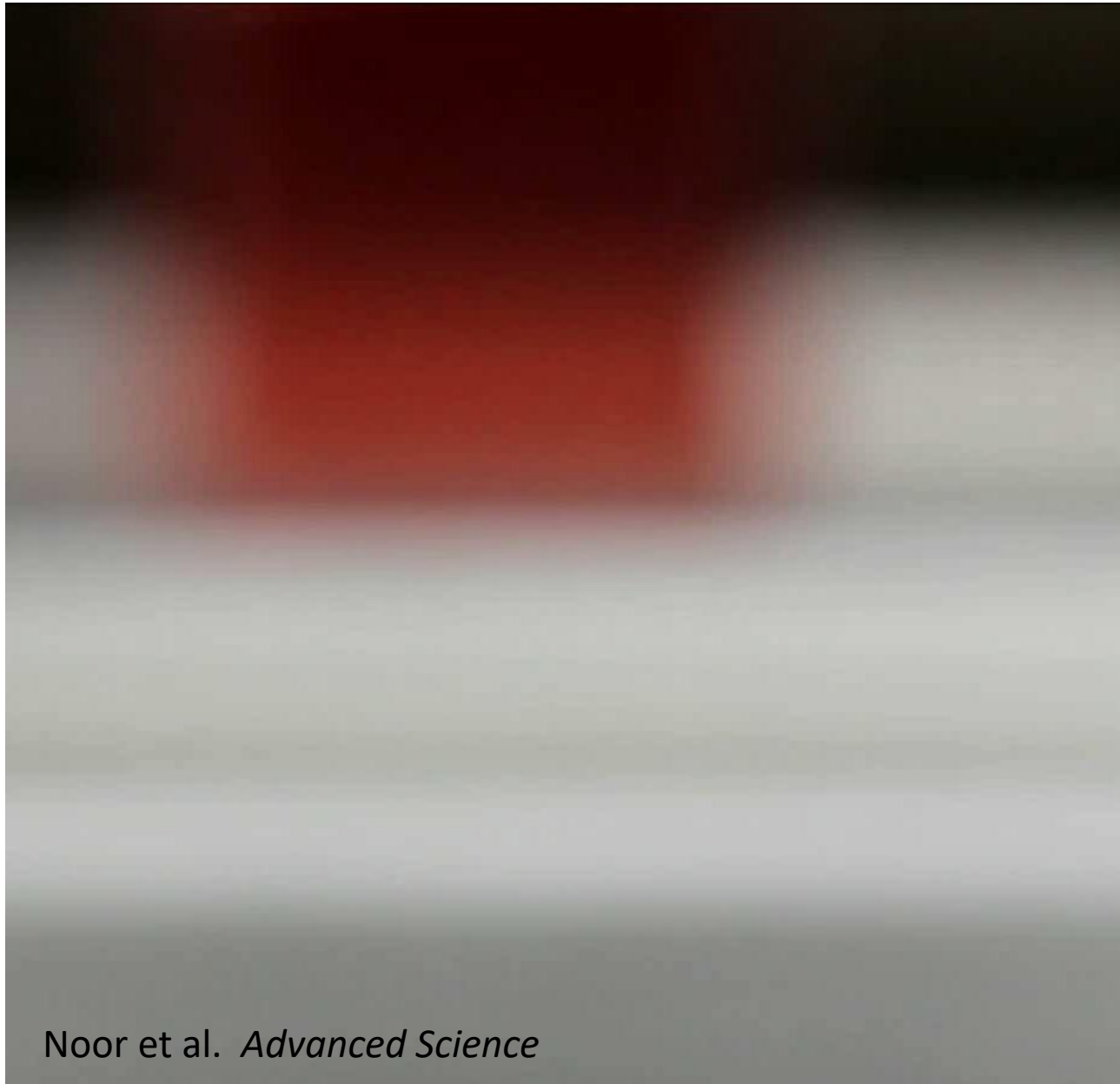
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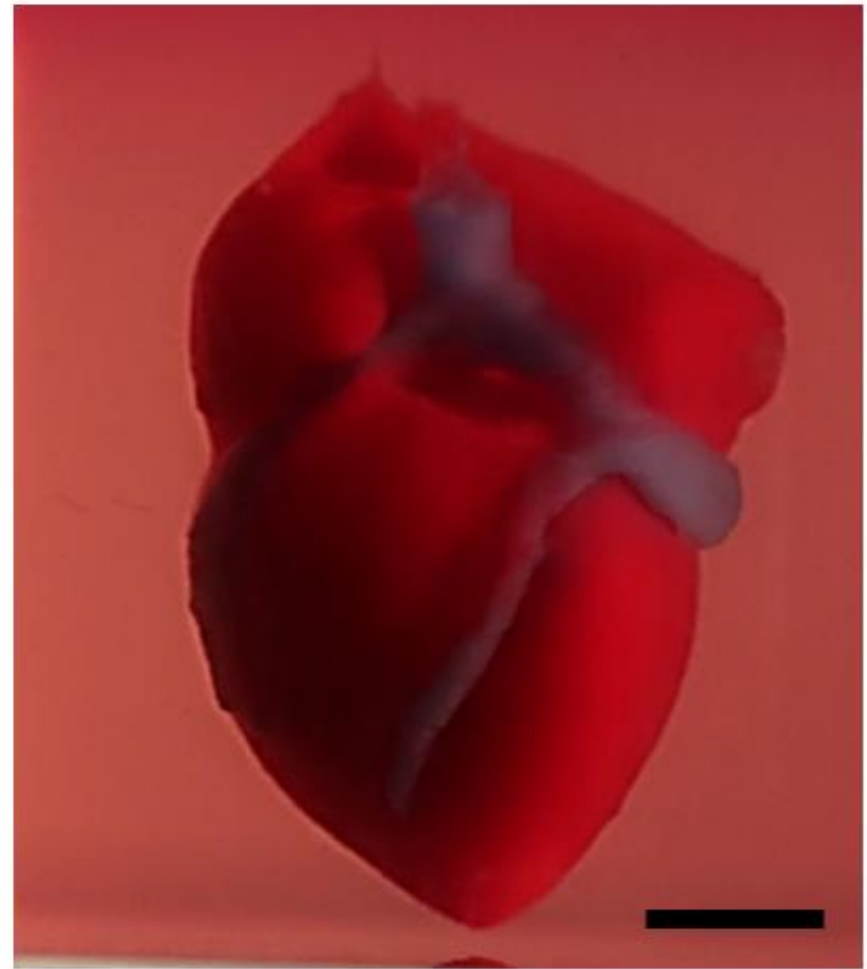
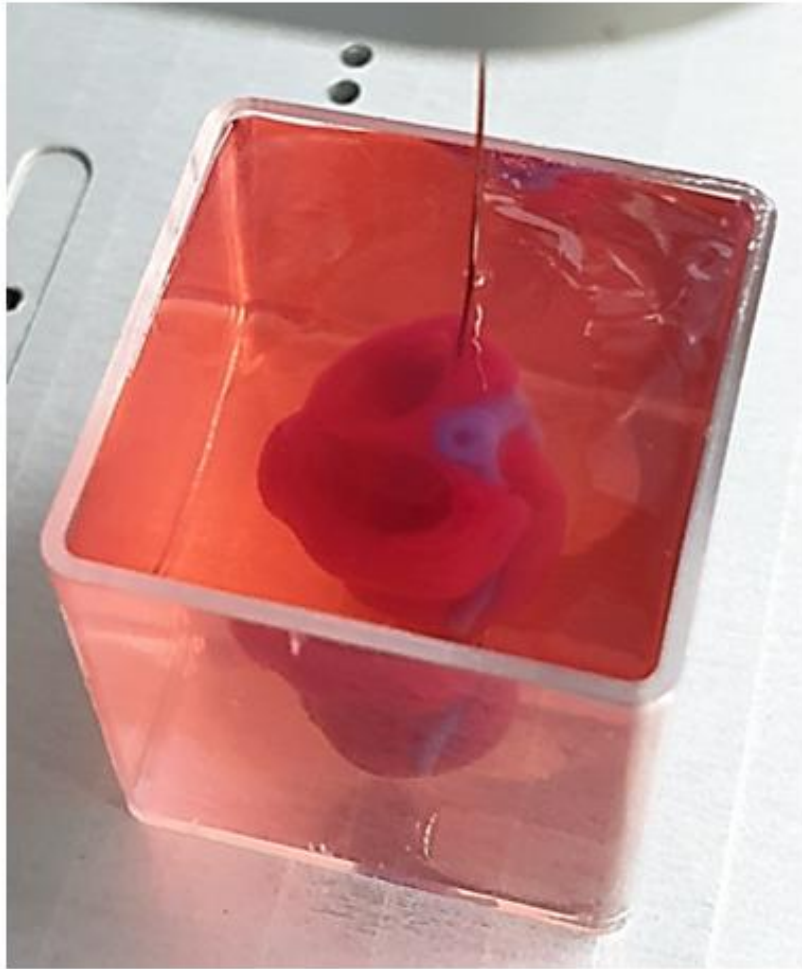
Printing injectable vascularized heart patches



Printing whole hearts



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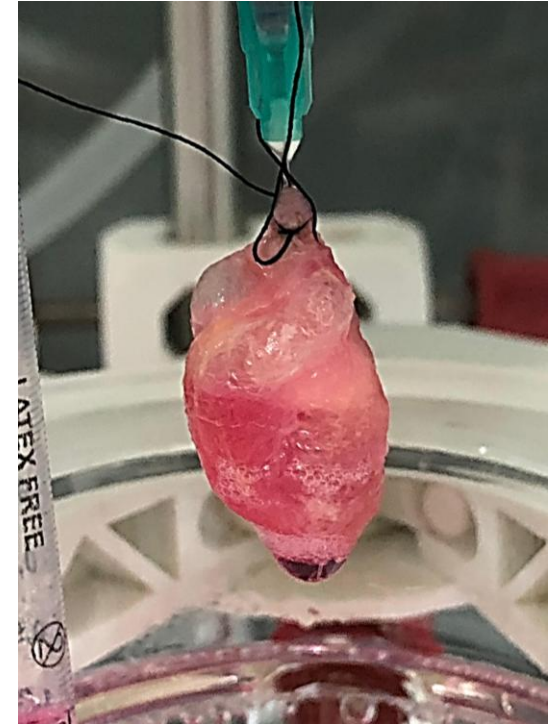


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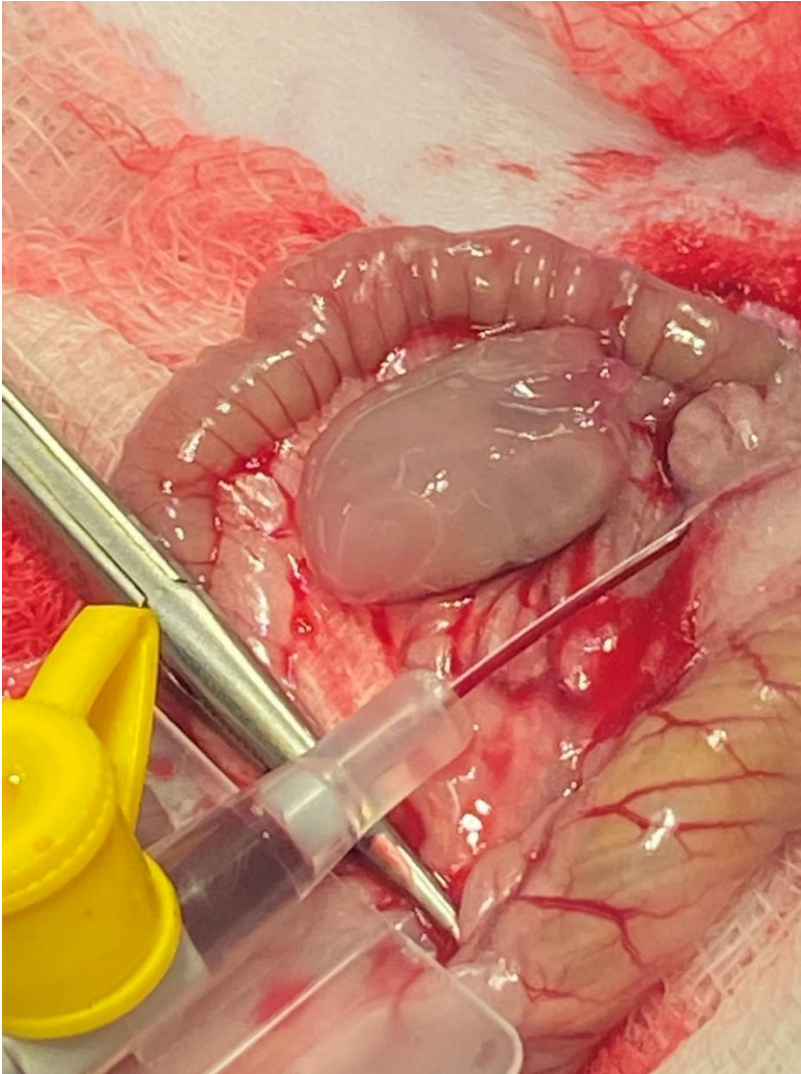
Maturation of hearts



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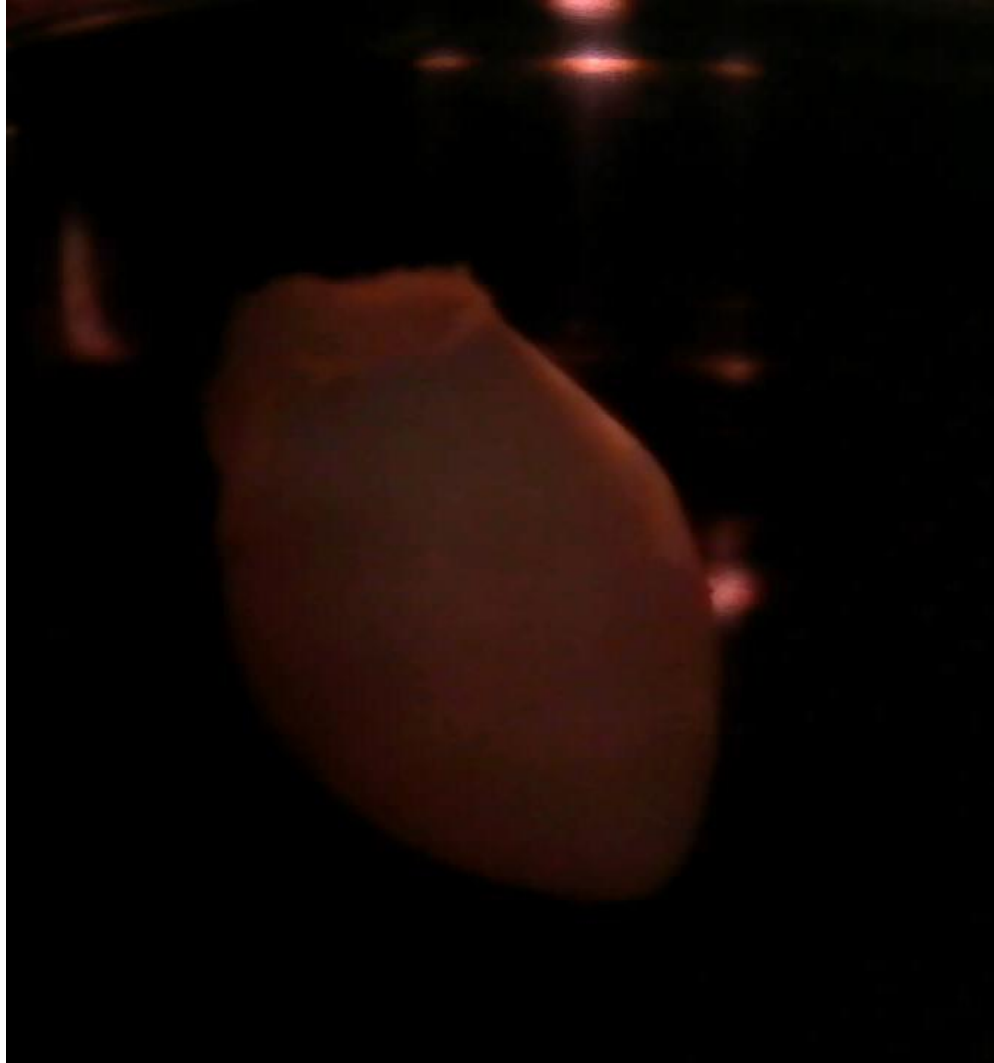


Printed heart heterotopic transplantation

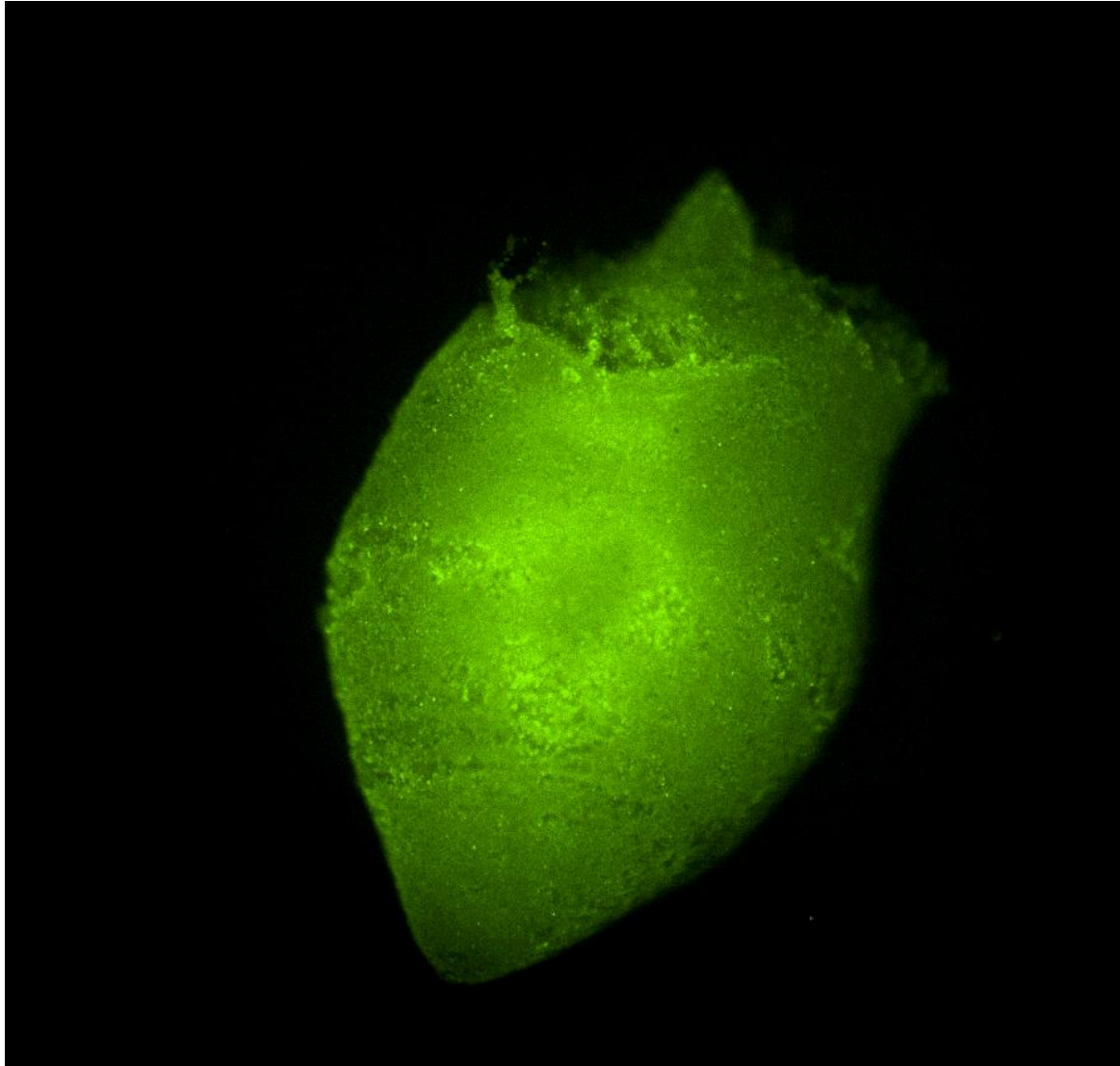


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Printed heart with a mixed population of CM



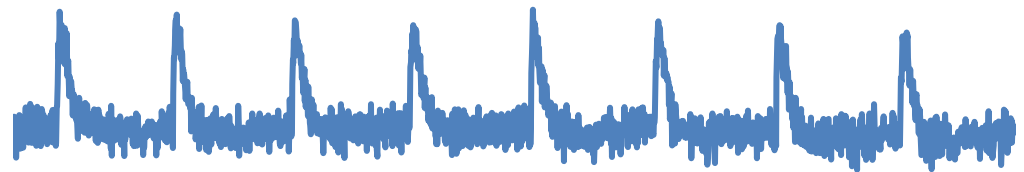
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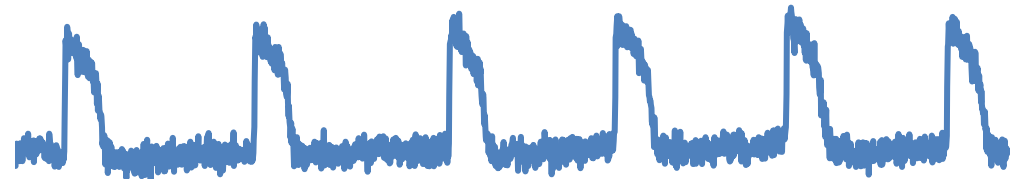
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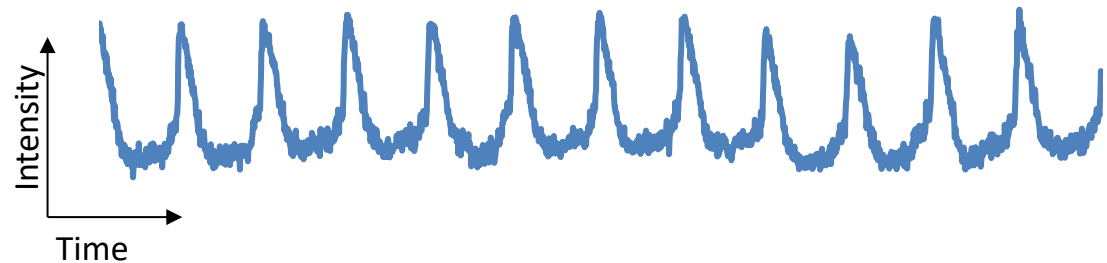
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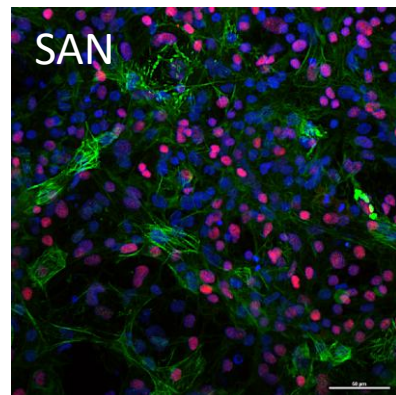
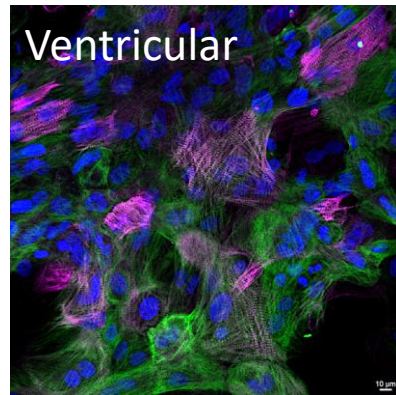
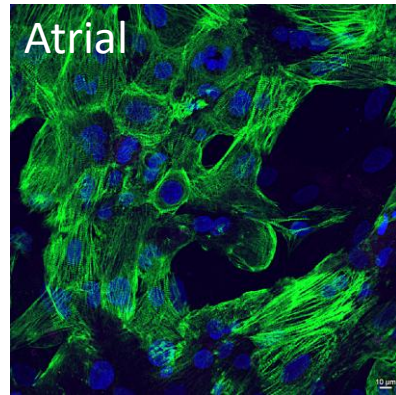


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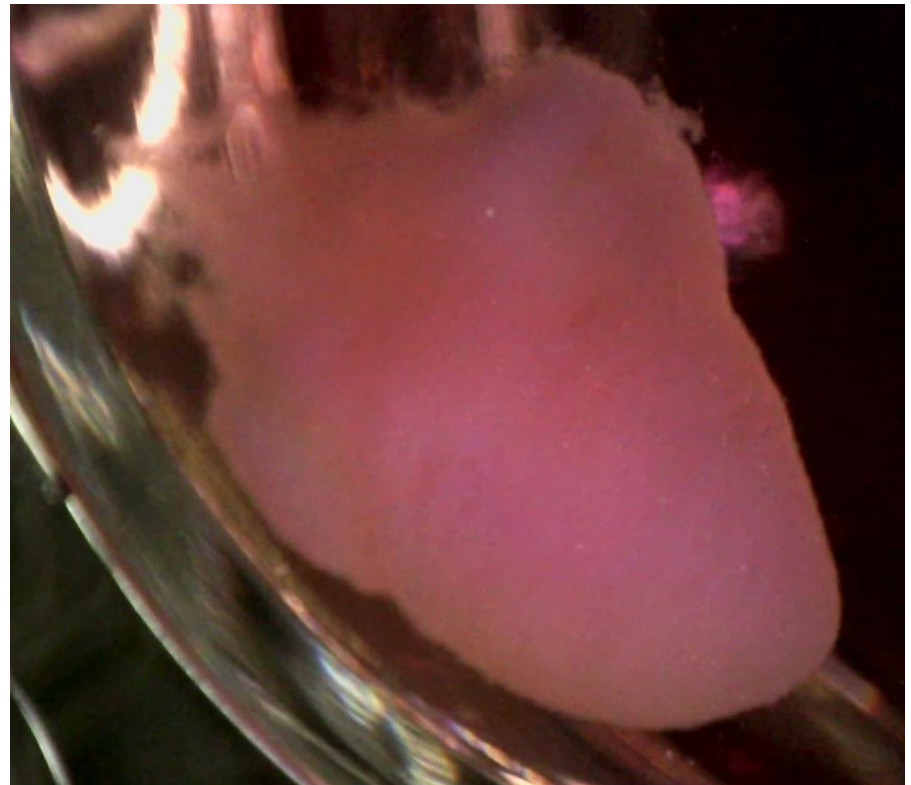
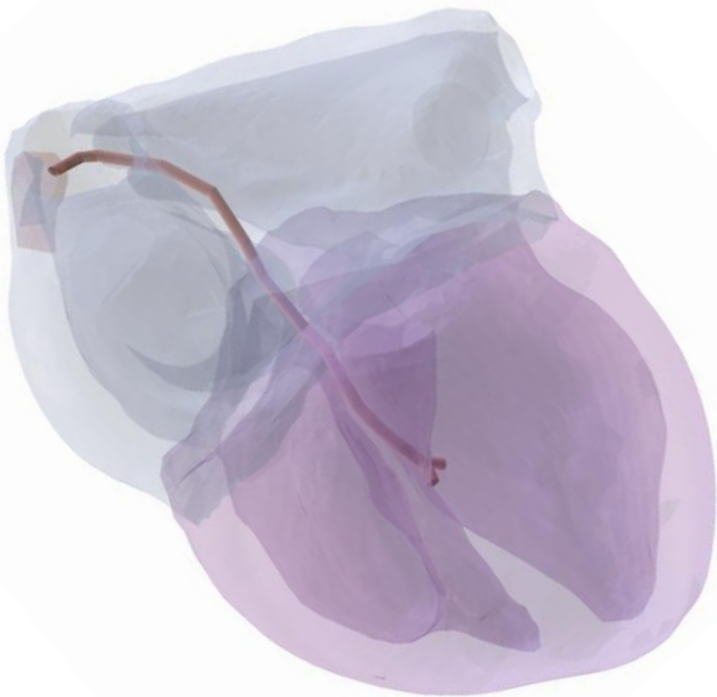


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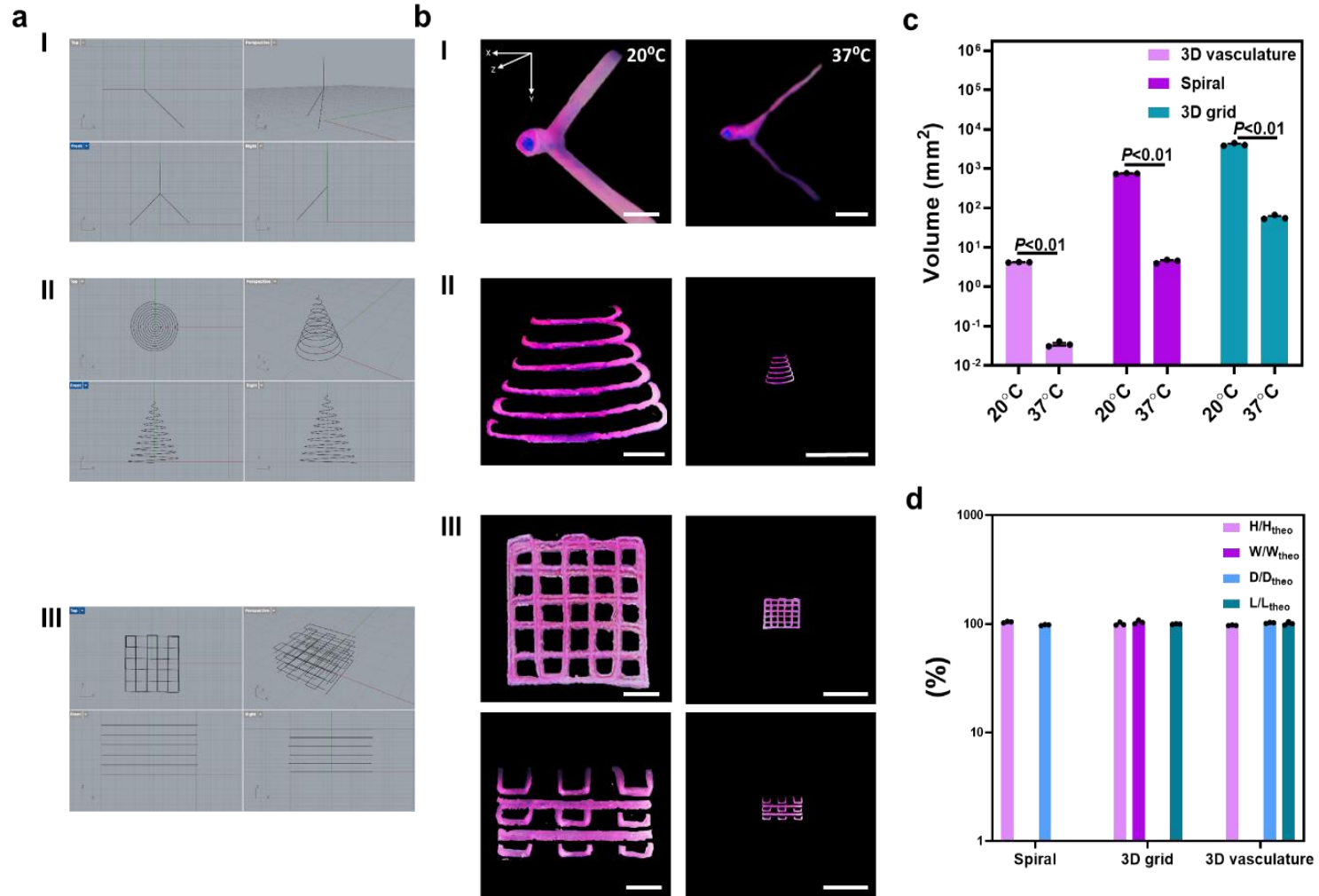
Printing pacemaker, ventricular and atrial cells



Echocardiography

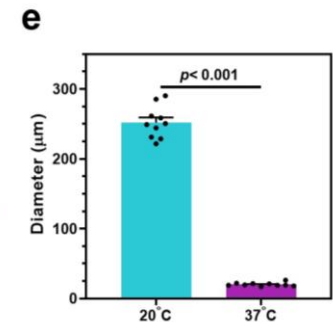
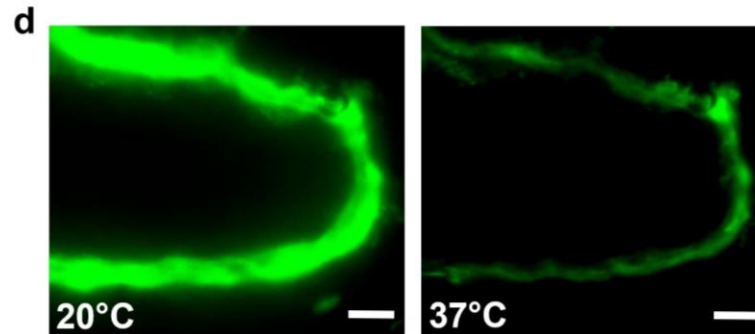
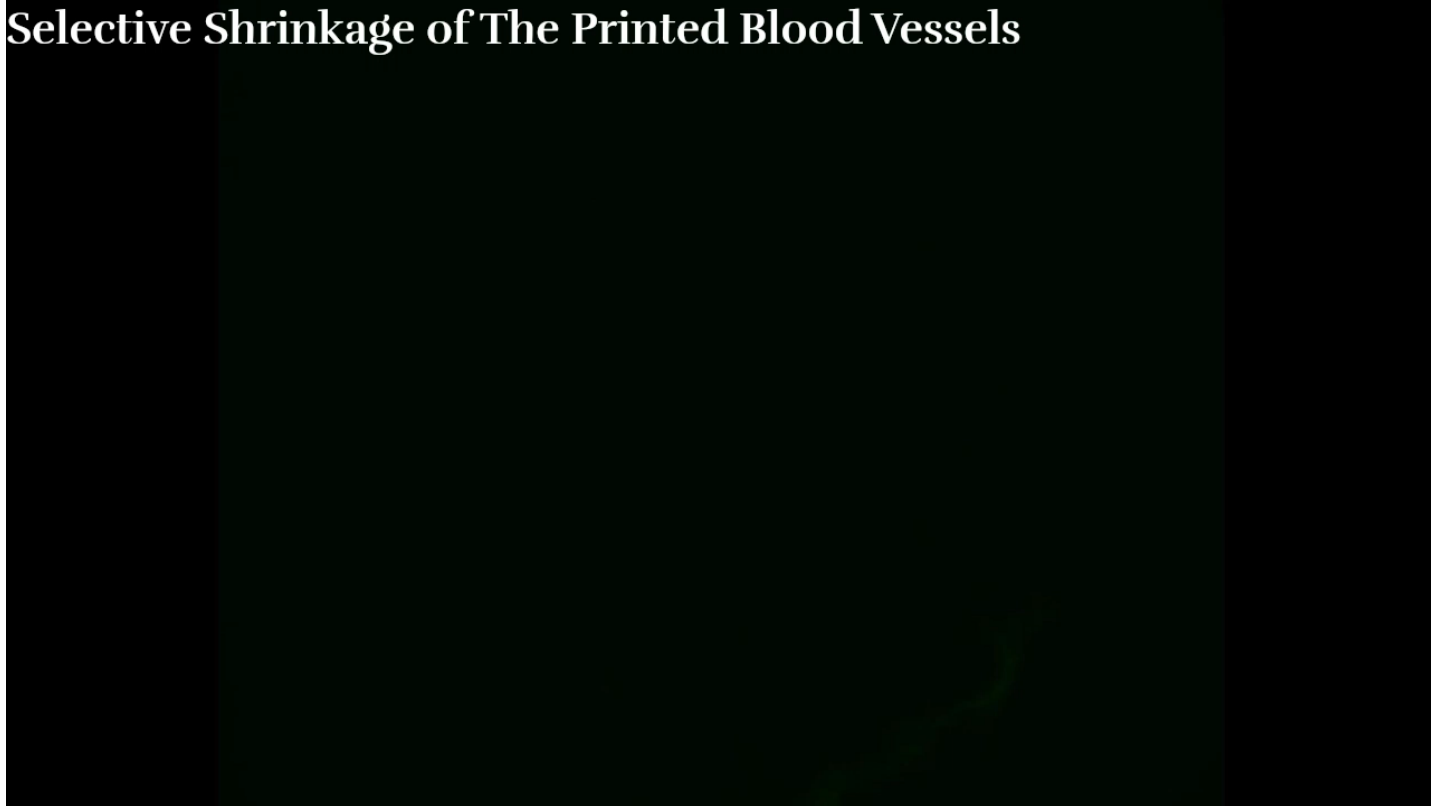


Selective shrinkage of structures in a tissue



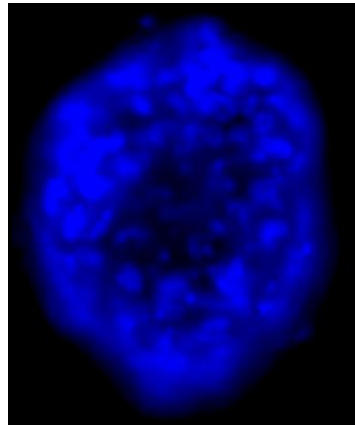
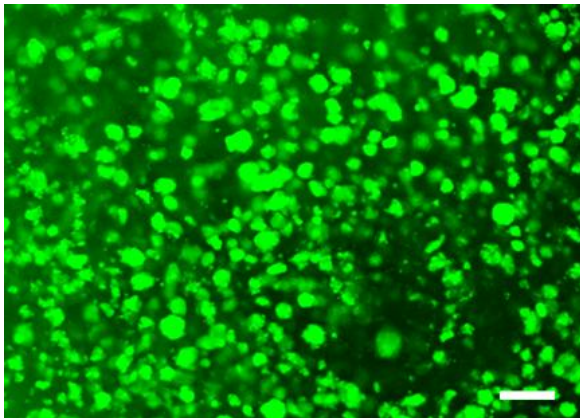
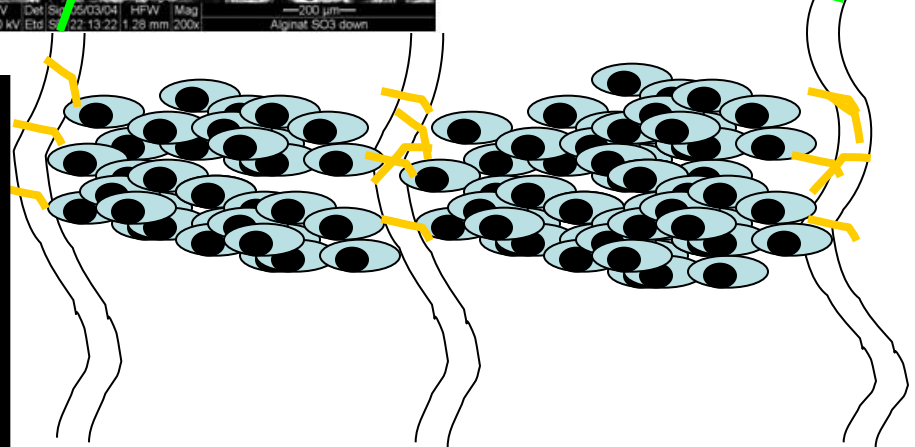
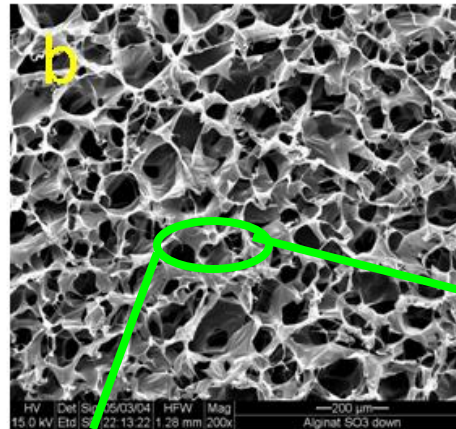
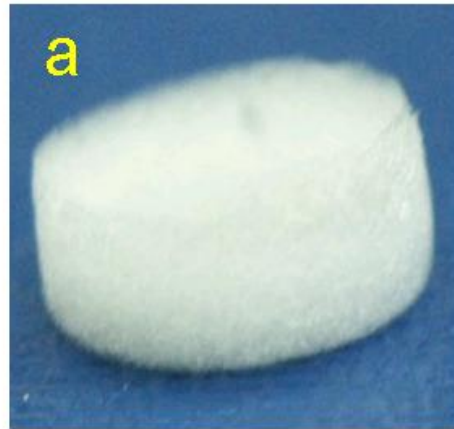
4D printing of small-scale capillaries

Selective Shrinkage of The Printed Blood Vessels

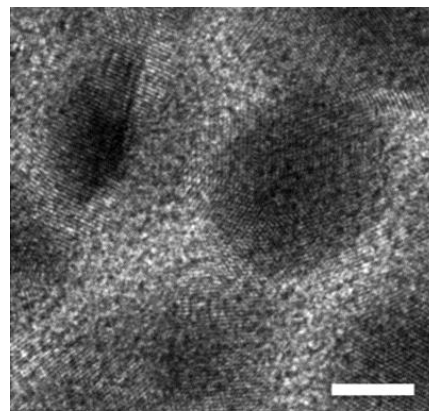
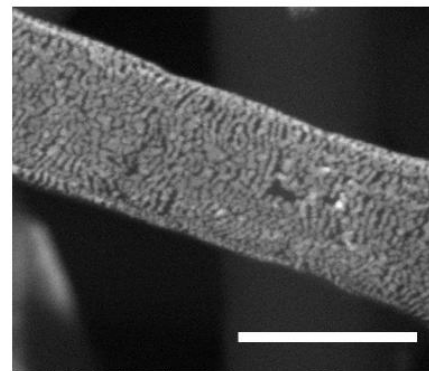
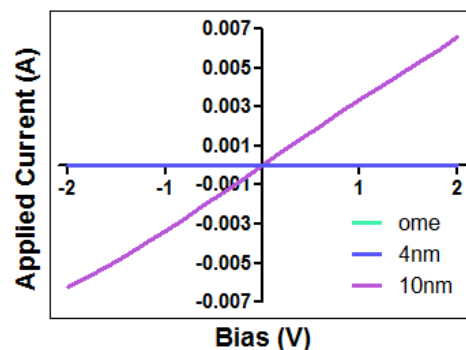
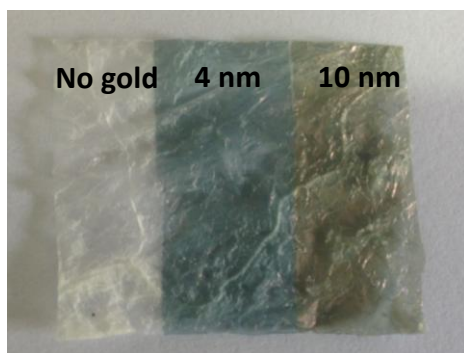
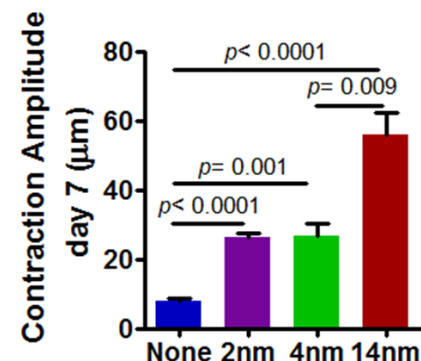
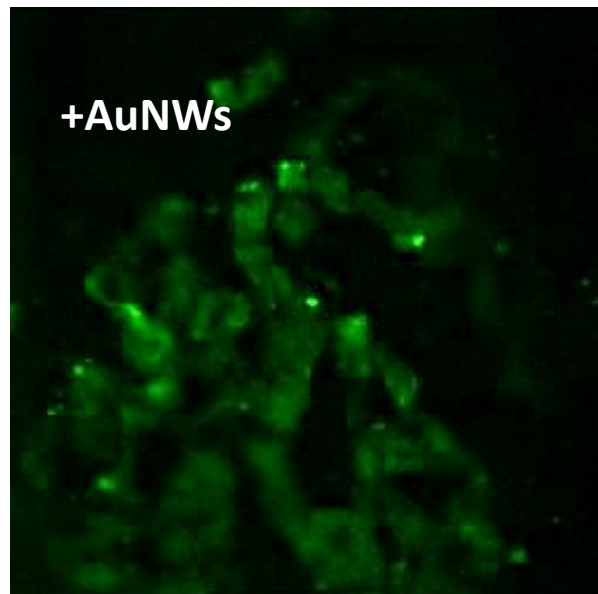
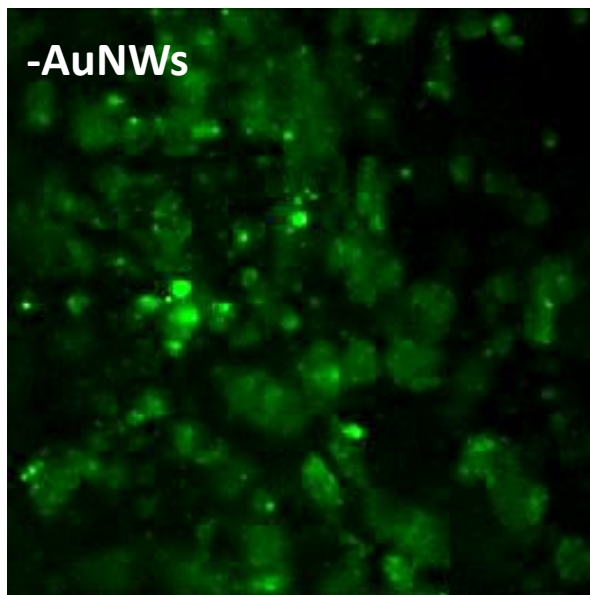


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Transfer of electrical signal



Electrical signal propagation



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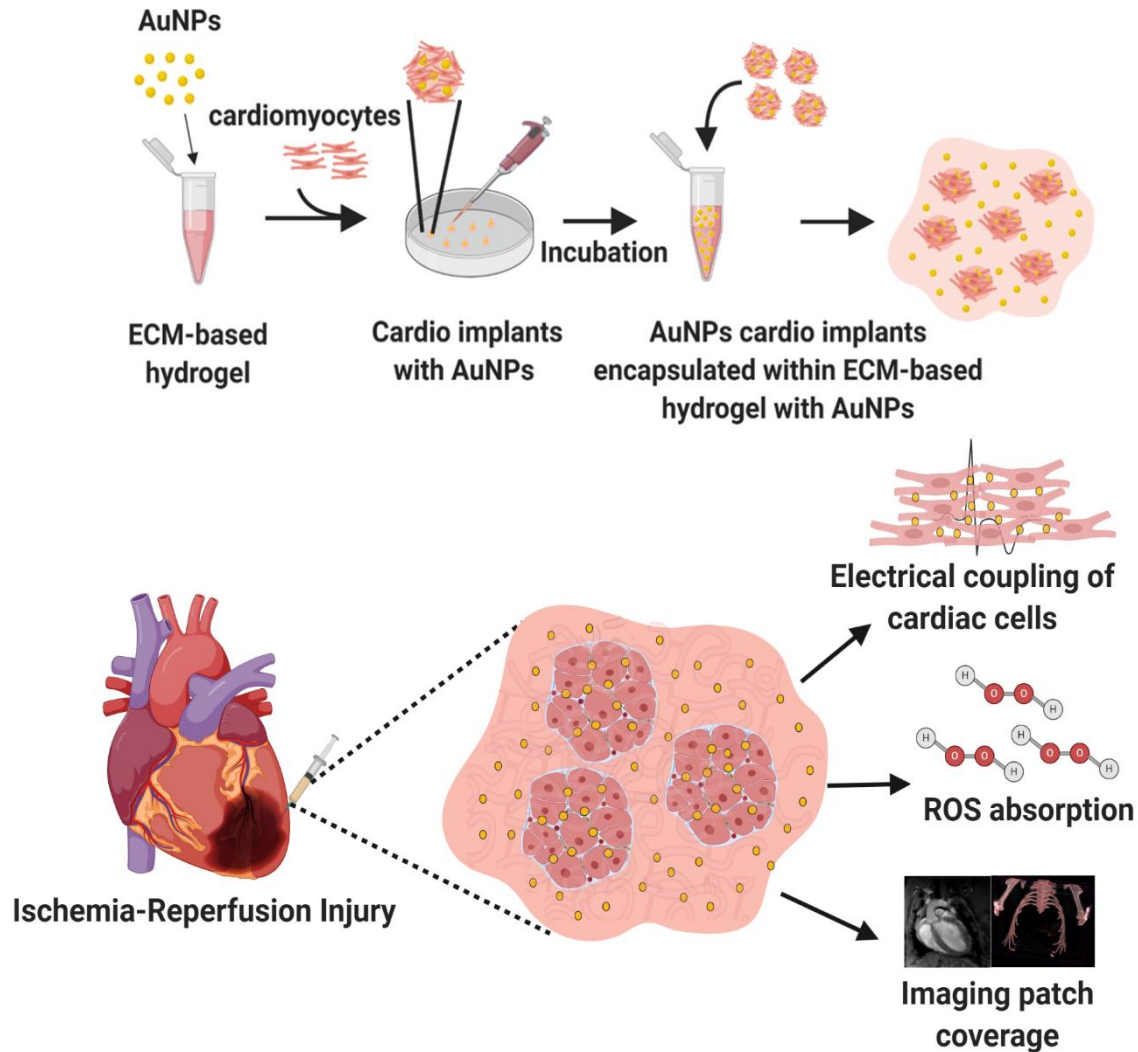
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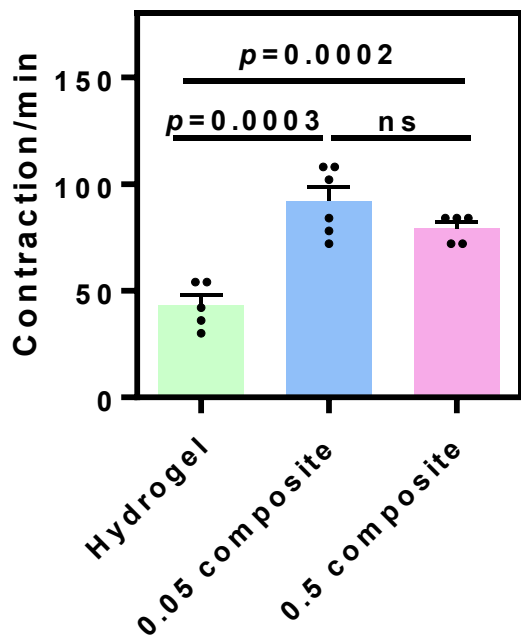
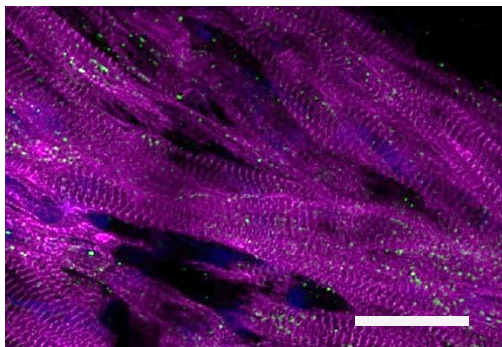
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Triple heart combination therapy

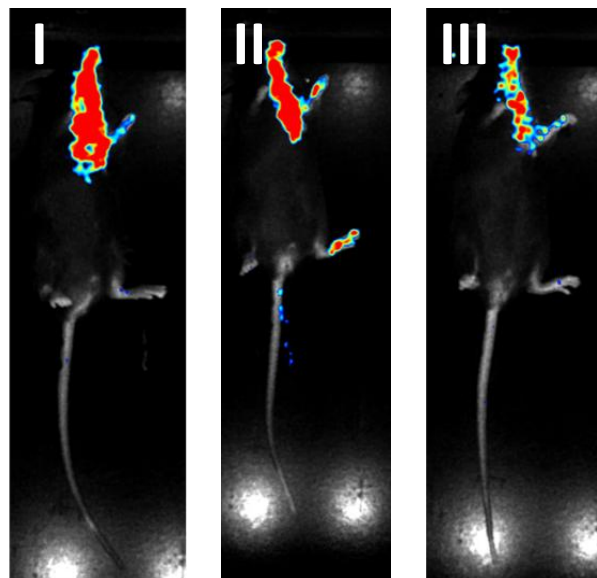


Better contraction

Actinin Hst Cx43



ROS reduction

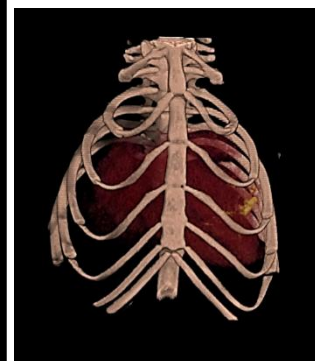


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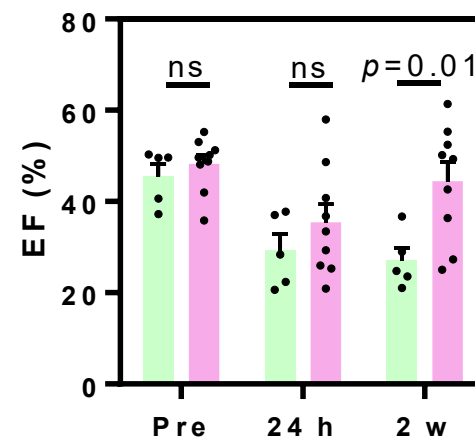
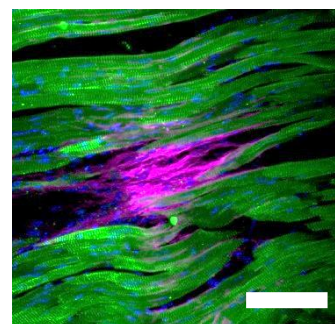
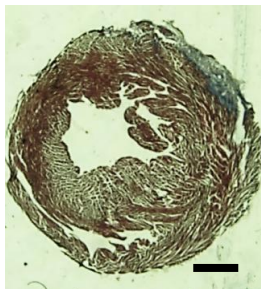
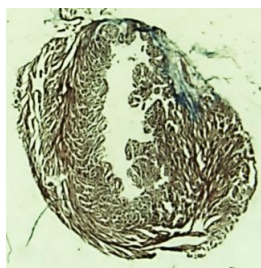
Composite

Imaging the treatment/scar

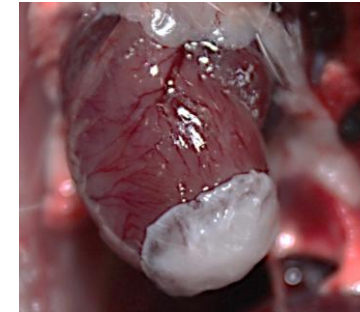
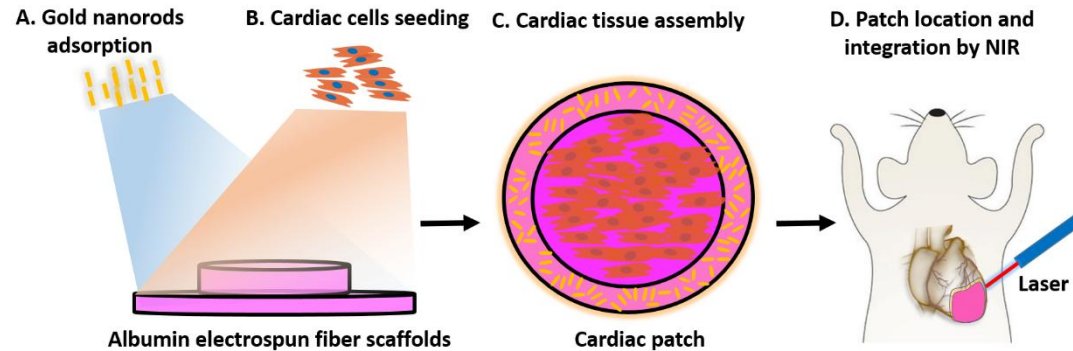


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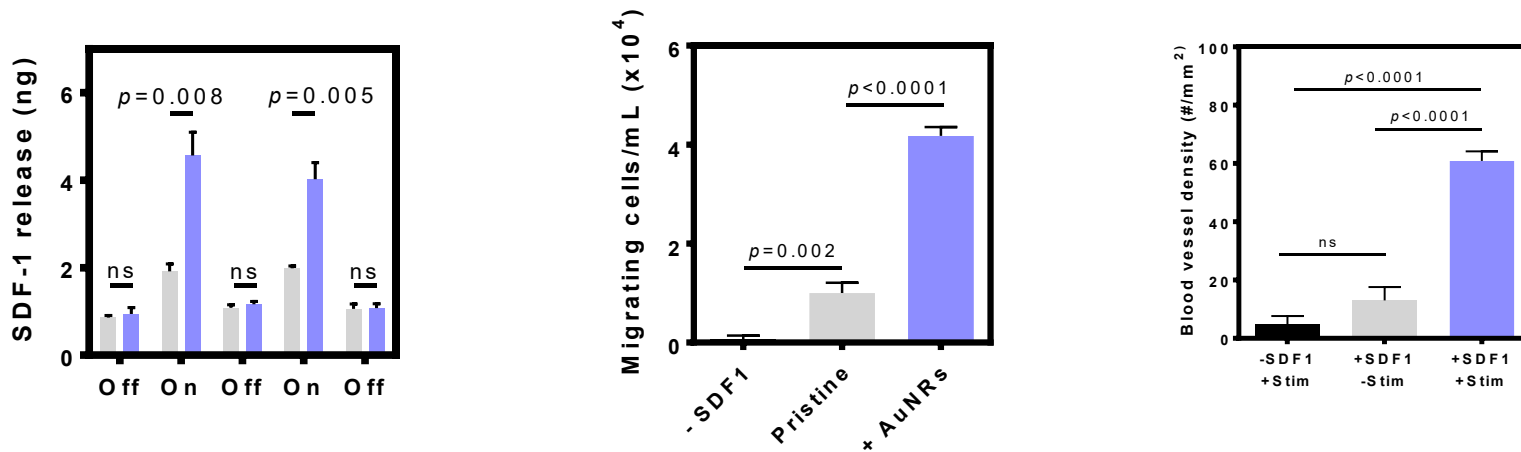
Improving heart function



AuNRs for tissue integration and vascularization

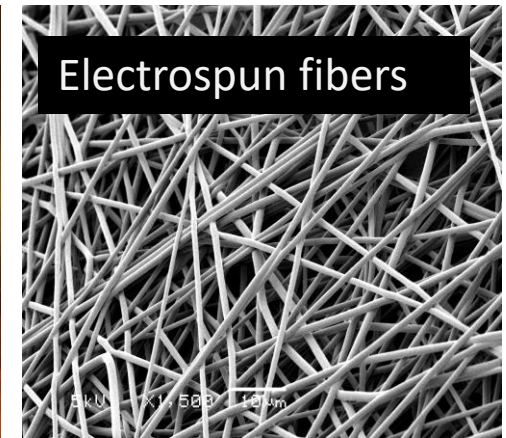
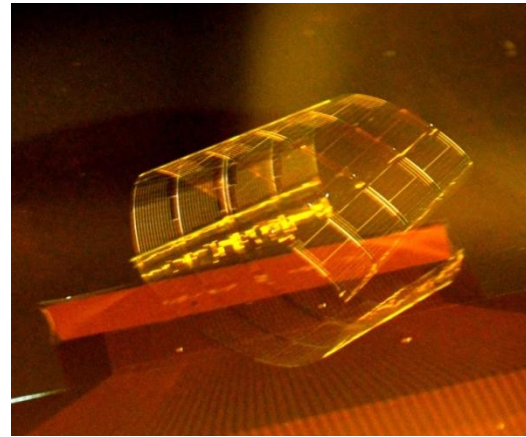
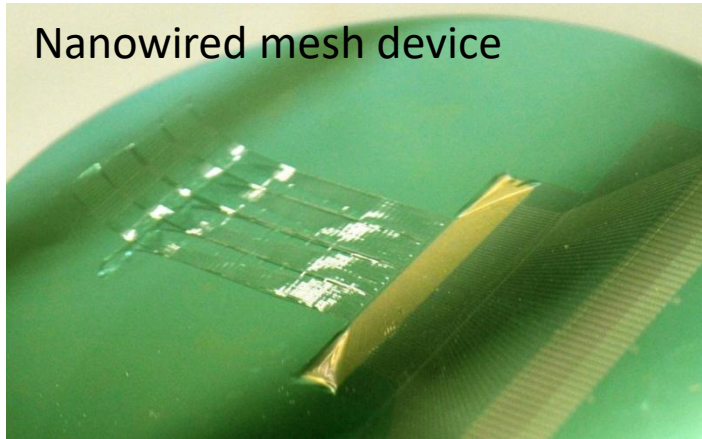


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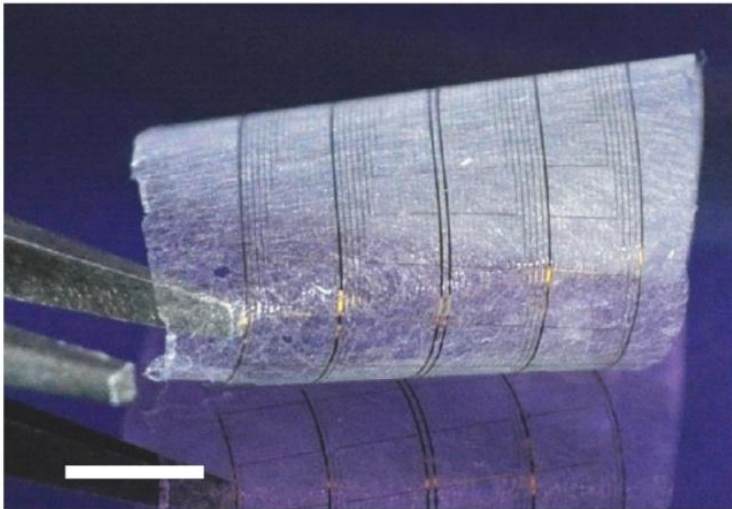


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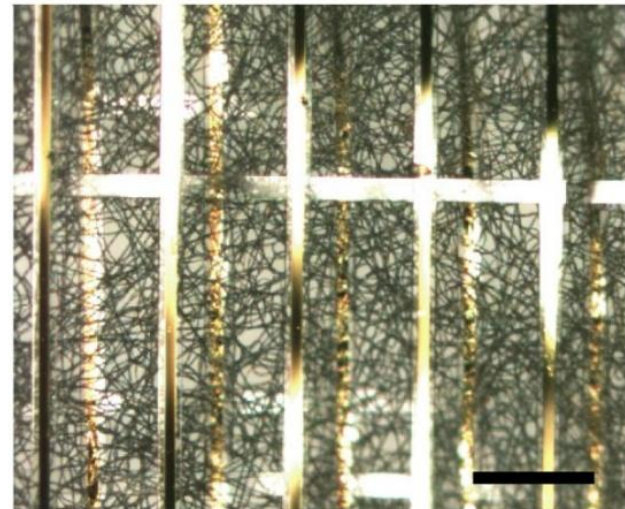
Cyborg tissues- integrating electronics with engineered tissues



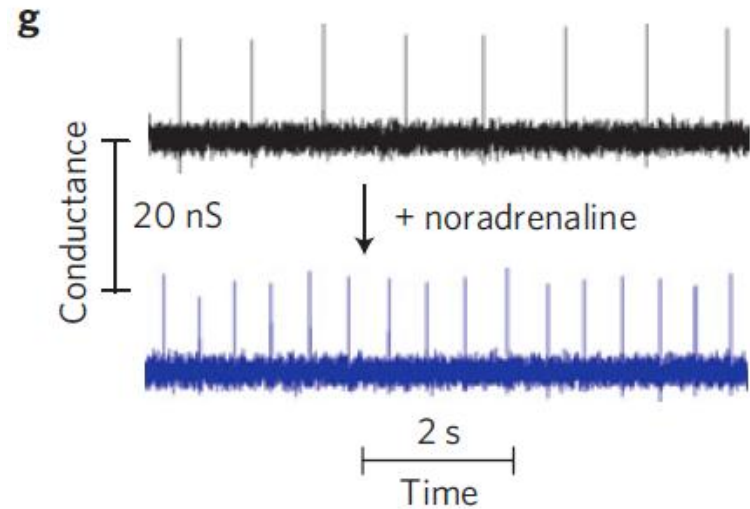
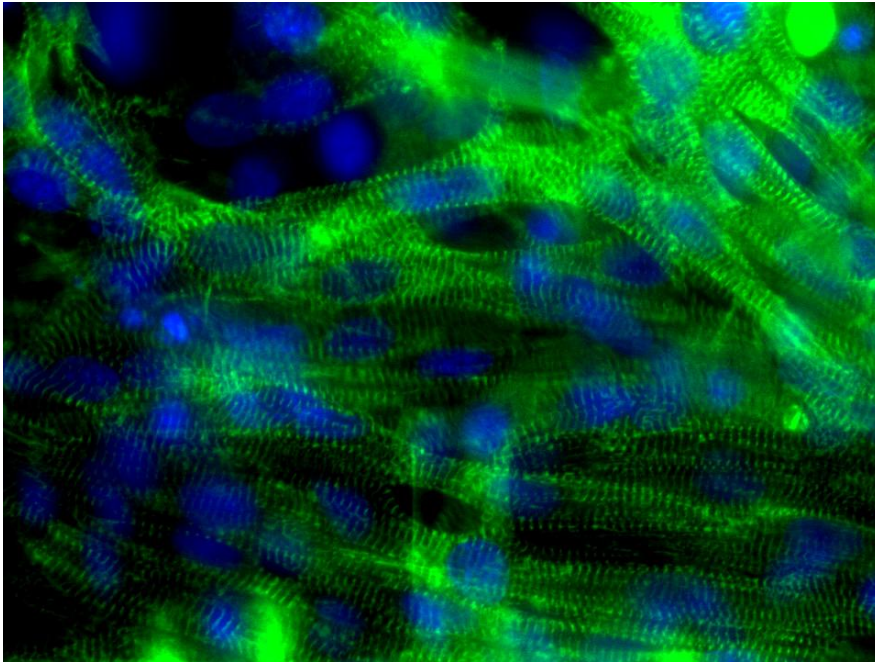
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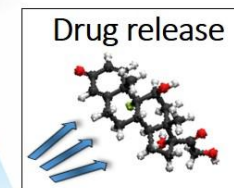
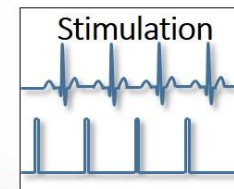
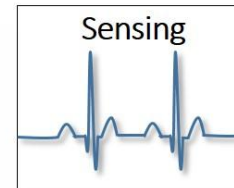
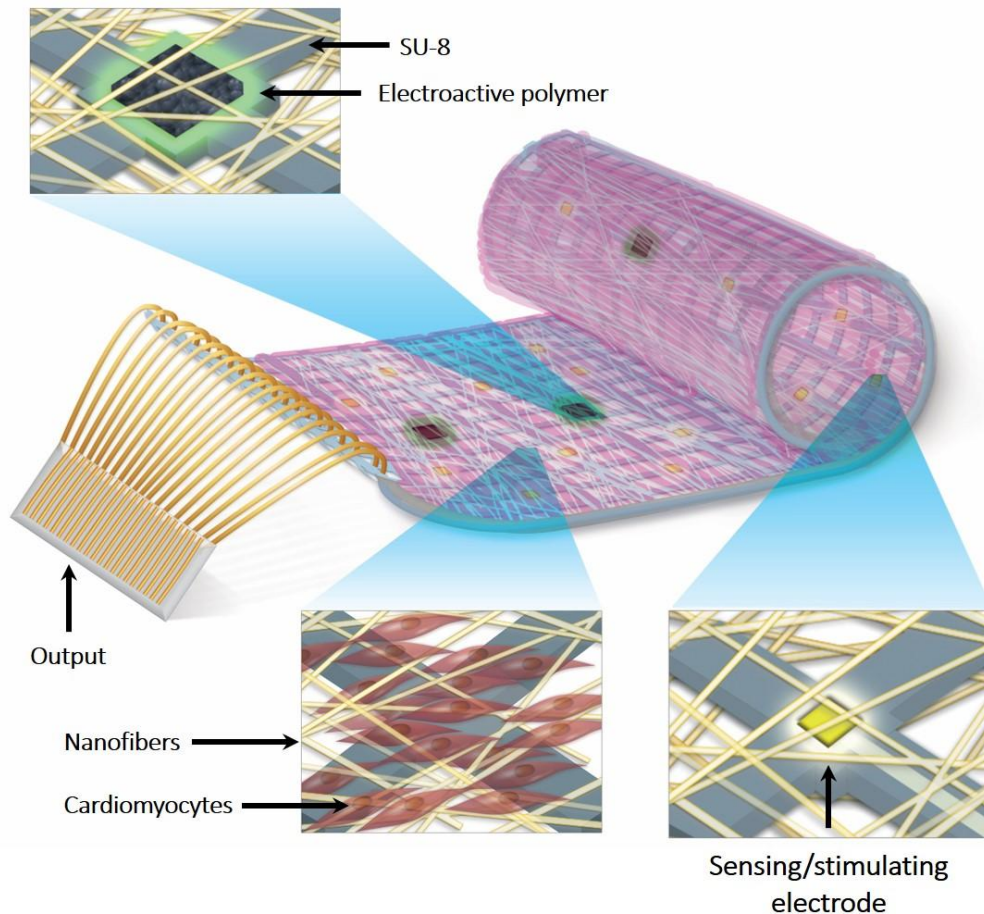
On-line monitoring engineered cardiac tissues



Nature Materials. 2012 Nov;11(11):986-94.

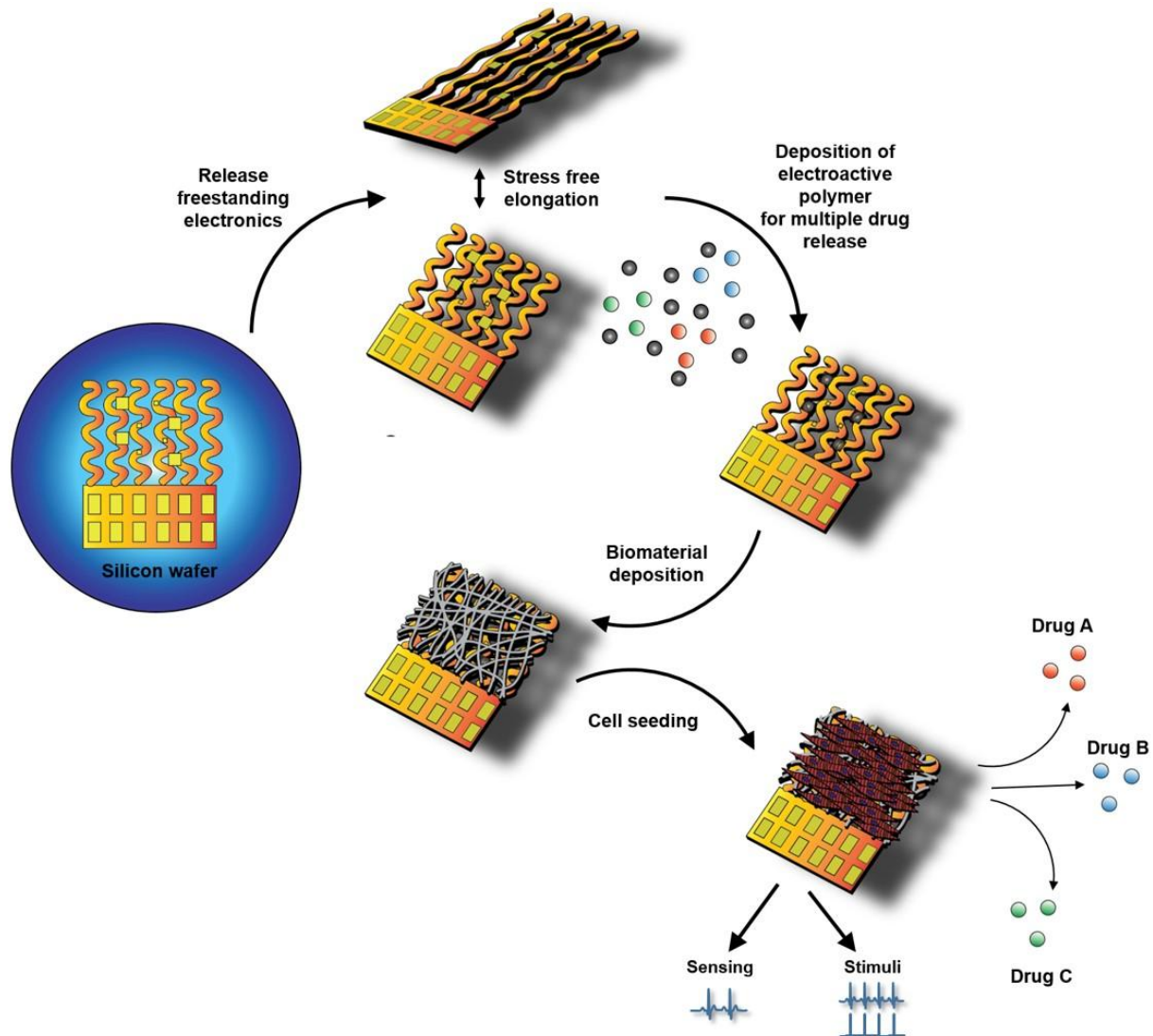
Second generation cyborg tissues

- Flexible
- Wireless
- Robust
- Transplantable
- Recording
- Stimulation
- Release drugs



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Flexible and stretchable electronics

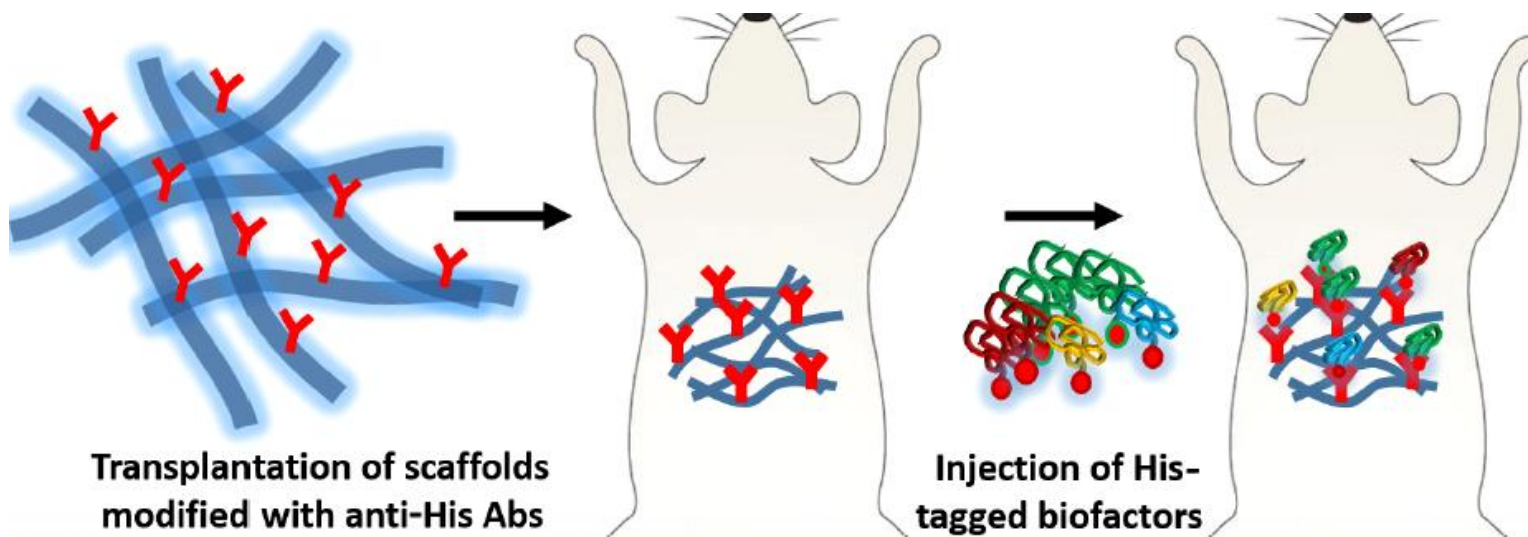


Reloading factors in vivo

Universal Biofactor-Releasing Scaffold Enabling in Vivo Reloading

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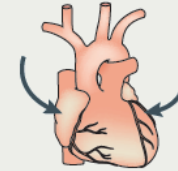
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Design consideration

a Organ dynamics

- Pressure and force generated
- Anisotropic and isotropic dynamics
- Length and volume changes



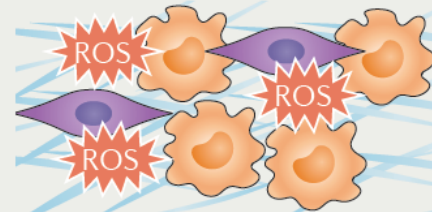
b Mechanical properties

- Elastic moduli of tissues ranging from 1 kPa to > 1 GPa
- Matching of device and tissue stiffness



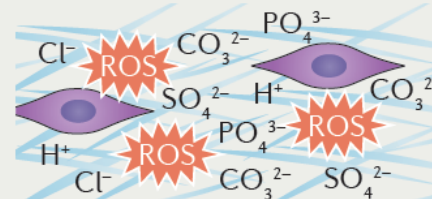
c Immune response

- Immune cell infiltration
- Foreign body response – fibrotic capsule formation
- Complement system
- Compromised local immune system



d Chemical environment

- Degradative enzymes
- Changes in local pH
- High concentration of ions
- ROS production

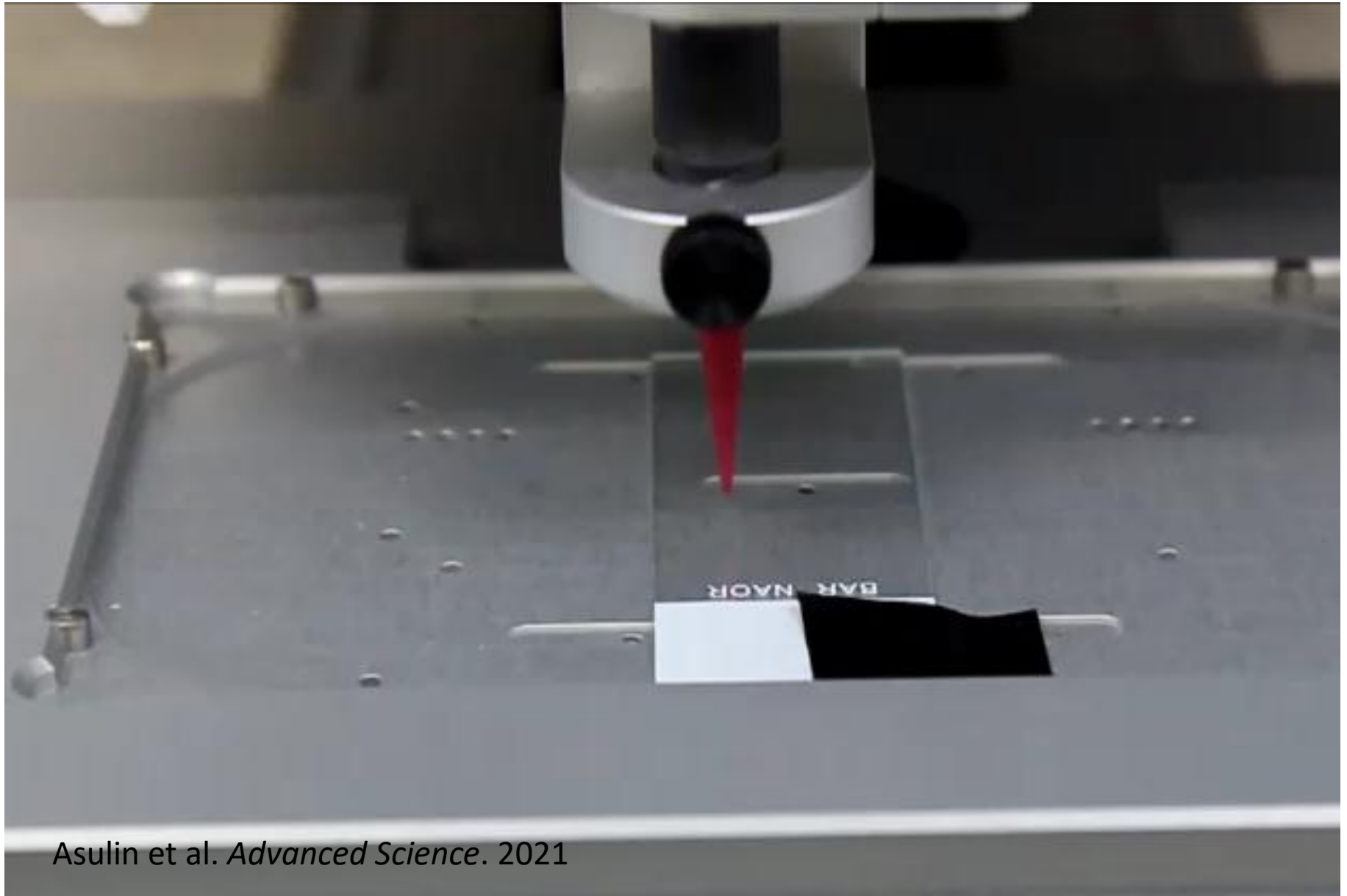


e Topography

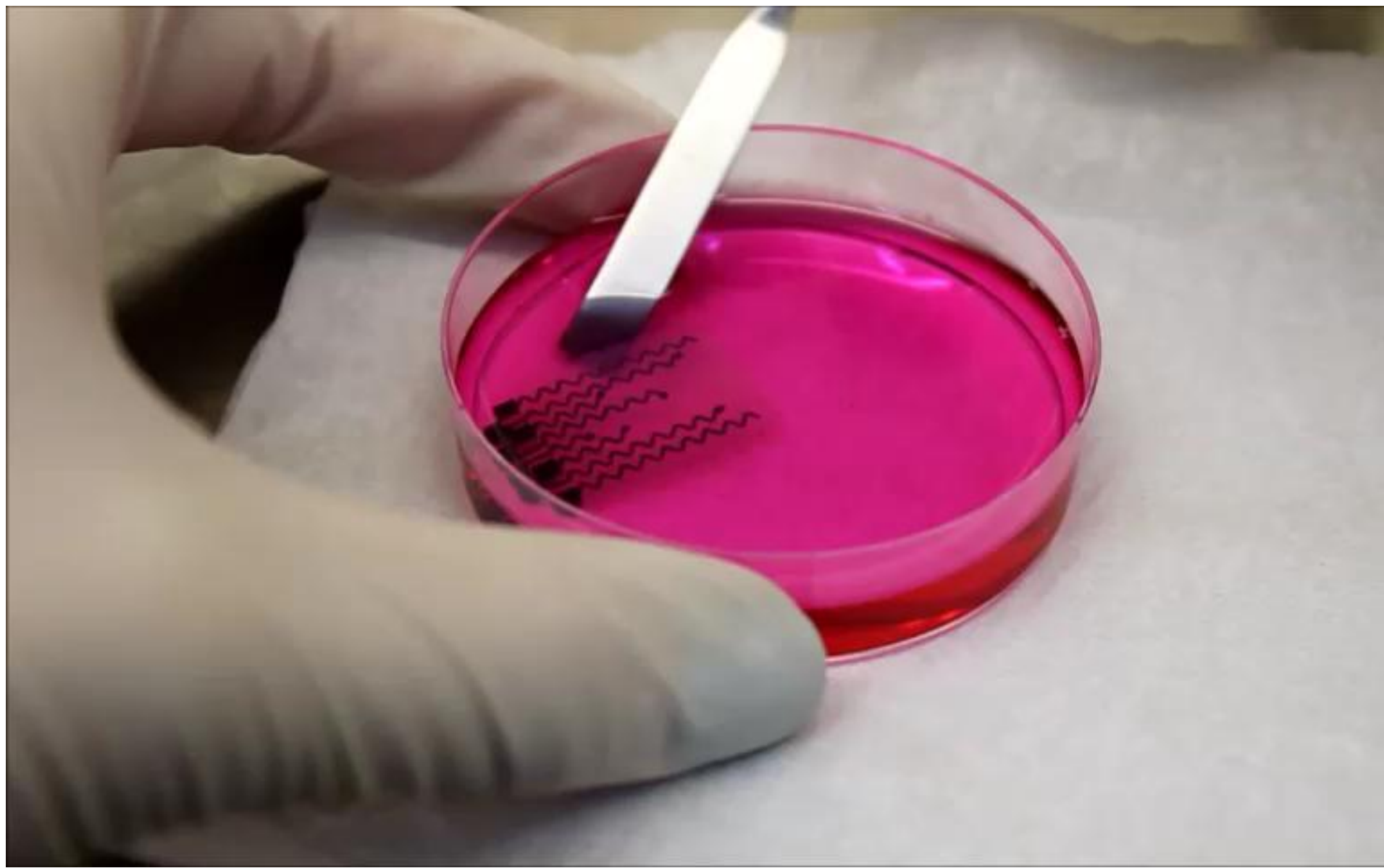
- Complex organ topographies
- Adaption of device to target surface



Printing electronic cardiac patches



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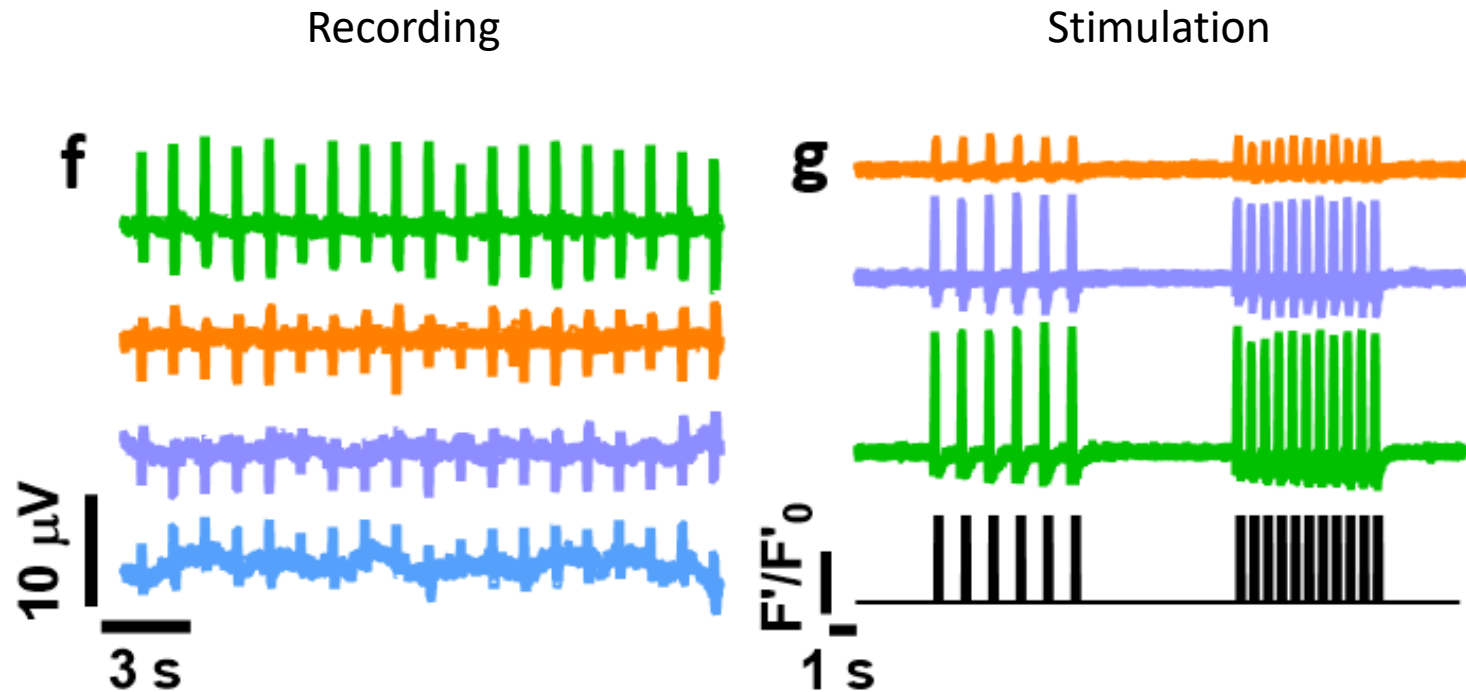


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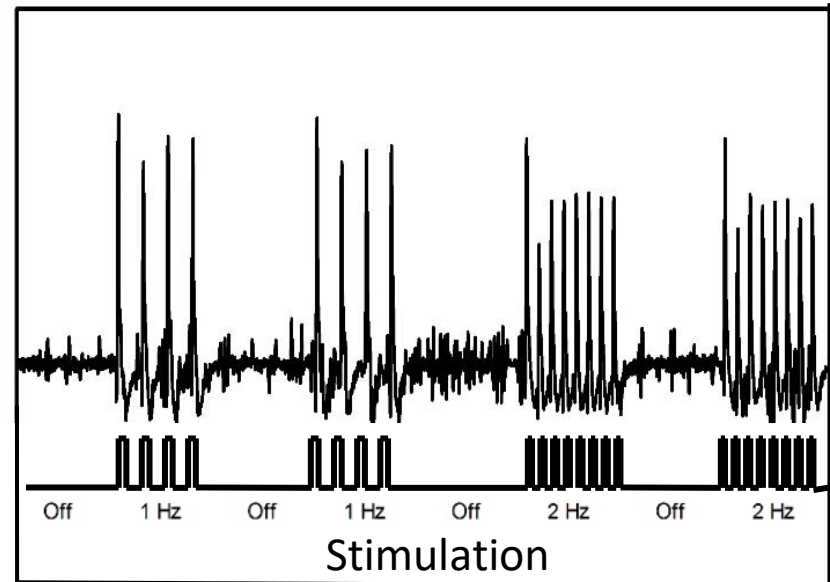
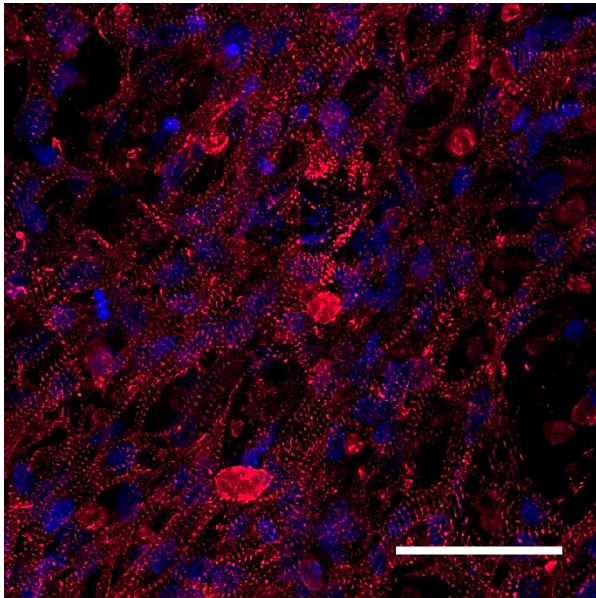
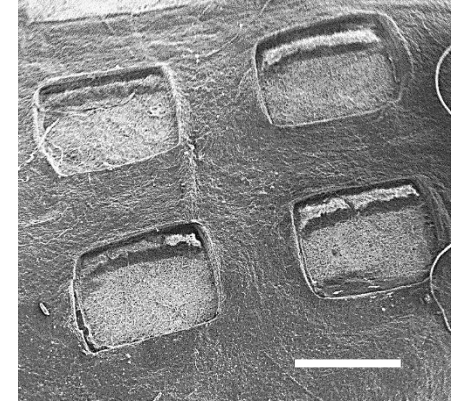
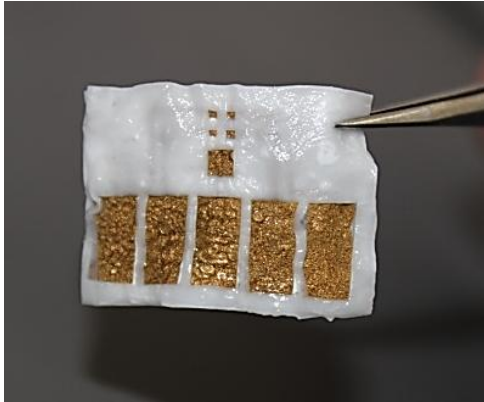


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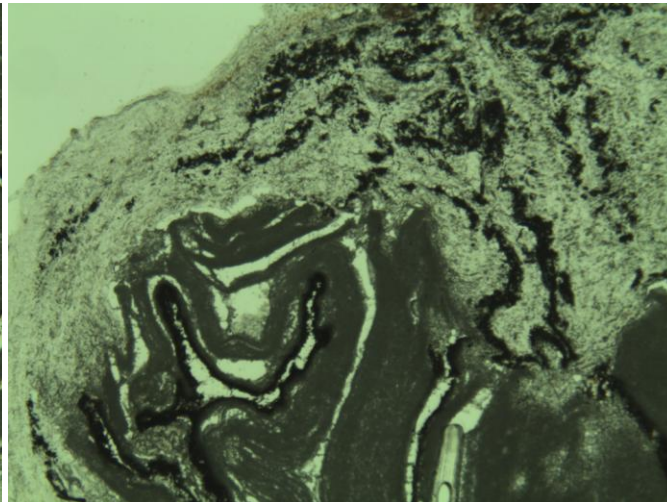
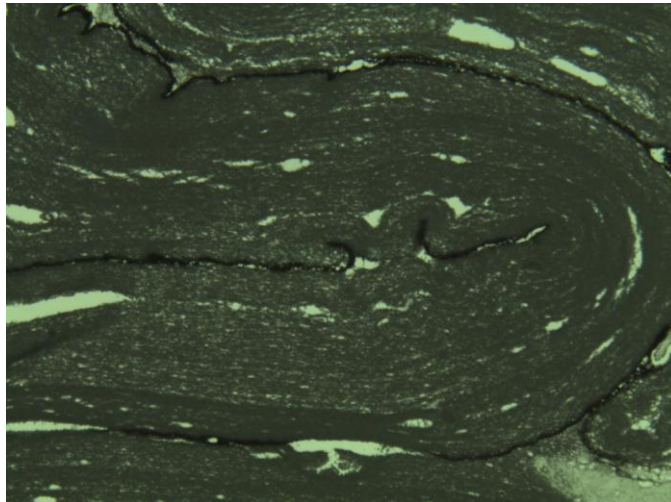
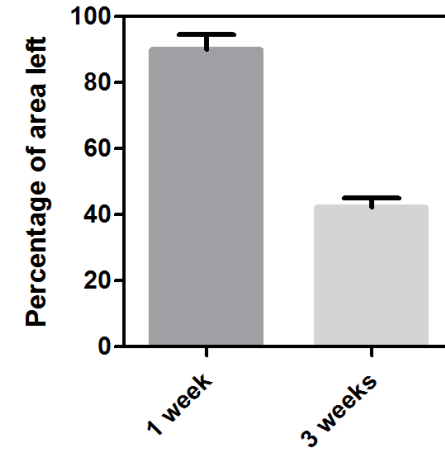
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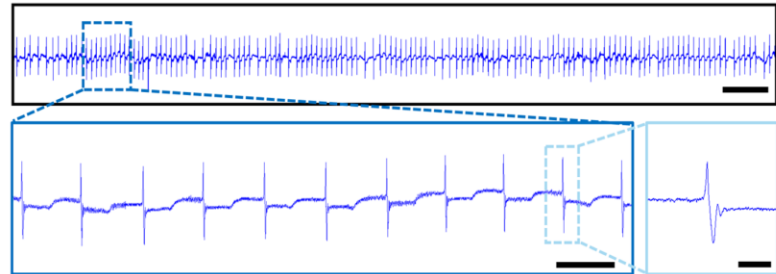
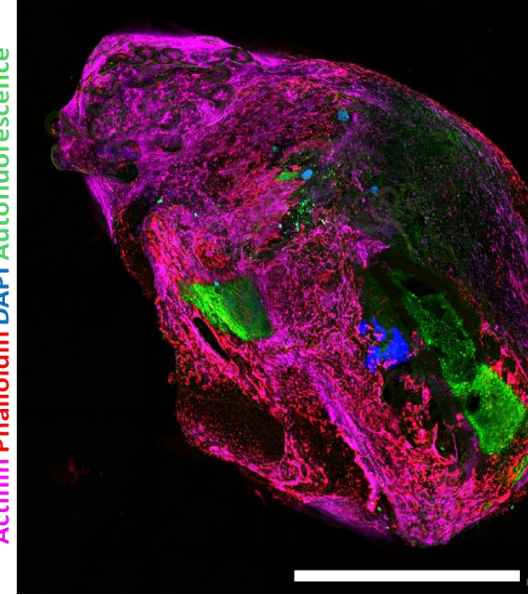
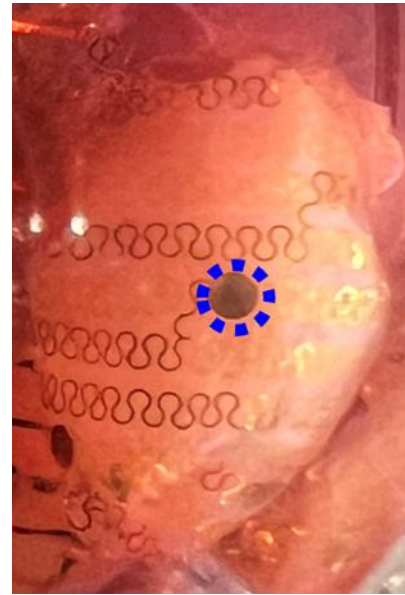
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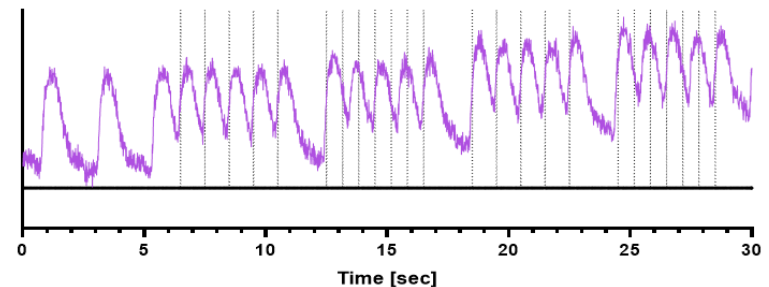
In vivo degradation



Engineering a whole bionic heart



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