

# Drug-induced Delayed cardiac toxicities in HUMAN Stem Cell-DERIVED CARDIOMYOCYTES

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*Art credit: U2OS osteosarcoma cells genetically engineered to fluorescently label tubulin (green) and actin (magenta).*



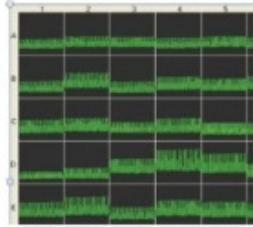
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1. Introduction & background of delayed cardiac toxicities in stem cell Research
2. Technologies for assessing delayed cardiac toxicities in h stem cell-CMs
3. Example compounds/mechanisms?
4. Conclusion

# Introduction

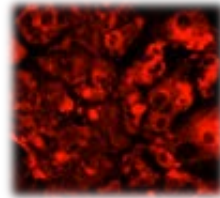
# Preclinical flow for de-risking compounds

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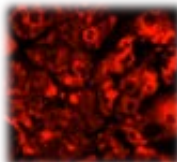
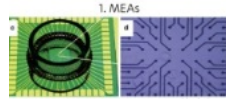


Calcium transient assay (CTCM)

**Acute**



Human stem cell-  
Cardiomyocytes



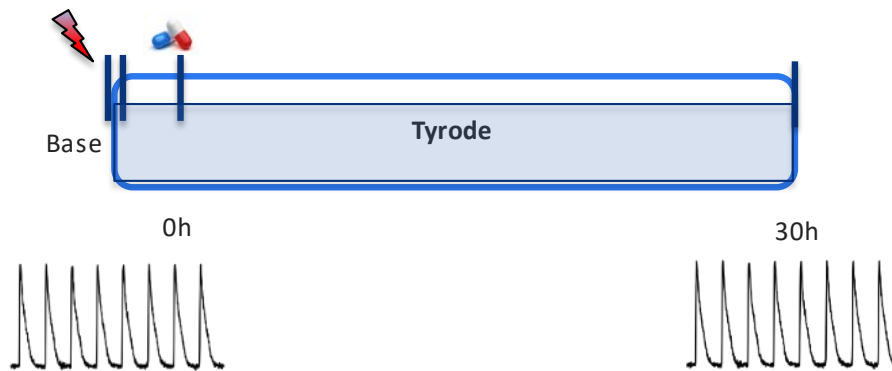
**Chronic**

MEA, Impedance, Sony,  
CTCM etc,

**Delayed drug-induced cardiac toxicities**

# CTCM-human assay (Ca<sup>2+</sup> transient assay)

- The standard CTCM protocol (acute 30 min):



2015

High Throughput Measurement of Ca<sup>++</sup> Dynamics in Human Stem Cell-Derived Cardiomyocytes by Kinetic Image Cytometry: A Cardiac Risk Assessment Characterization Using a Large Panel of Cardioactive and Inactive Compounds

Hua Rong Lu,<sup>1</sup> Ross Whittaker,<sup>1</sup> Jeffrey H. Price,<sup>1</sup> Raquel Vega,<sup>7</sup> Emily R. Pfeiffer,<sup>1</sup> Fabio Cerignoli,<sup>1</sup> Rob Towart,<sup>4</sup> and David J. Gallacher\*

2018

*J Pharmacol Toxicol Methods*, 2018 May - Jun;91:80-86. doi: 10.1016/j.vascn.2018.02.004. Epub 2018 Feb 6.

**Impact of calcium-sensitive dyes on the beating properties and pharmacological responses of human iPSC-derived cardiomyocytes using the calcium transient assay.**

Kopljar J<sup>1</sup>, Hermans AN<sup>2</sup>, Teisman A<sup>2</sup>, Gallacher DJ<sup>2</sup>, Lu HR<sup>3</sup>.

2018

Stem Cell Reports  
Article

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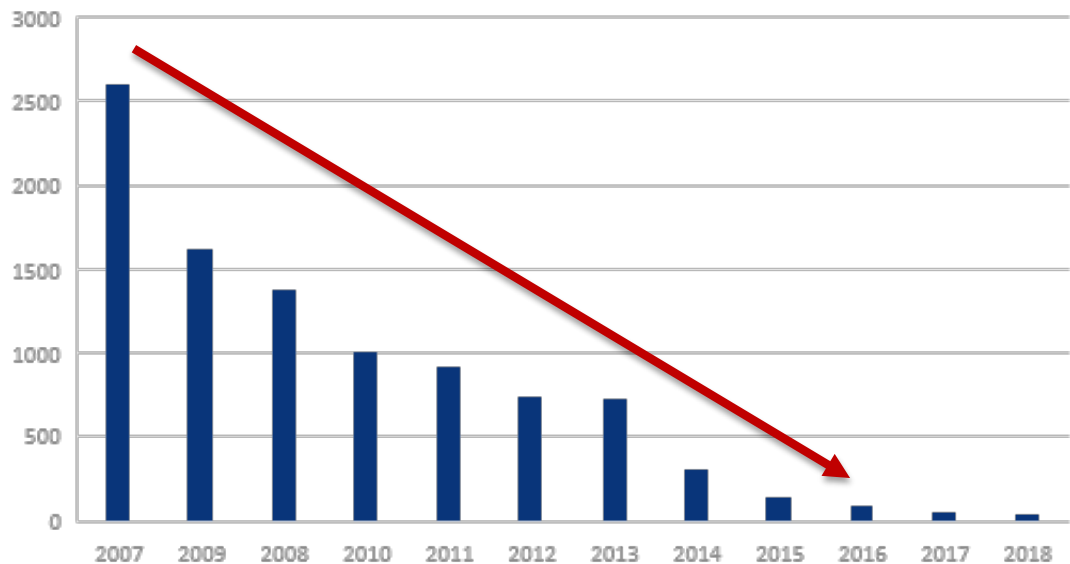
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Development of a Human iPSC Cardiomyocyte-Based Scoring System for Cardiac Hazard Identification in Early Drug Safety De-risking

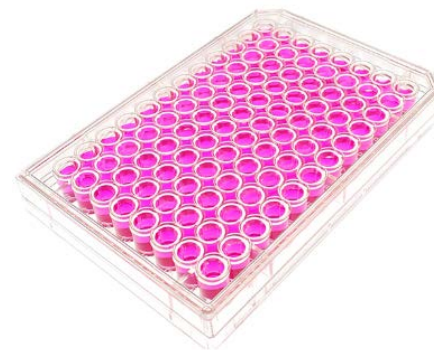
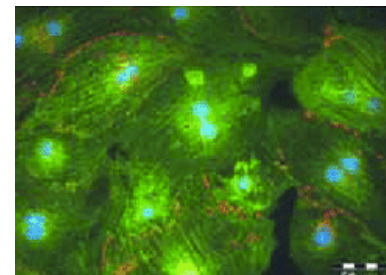
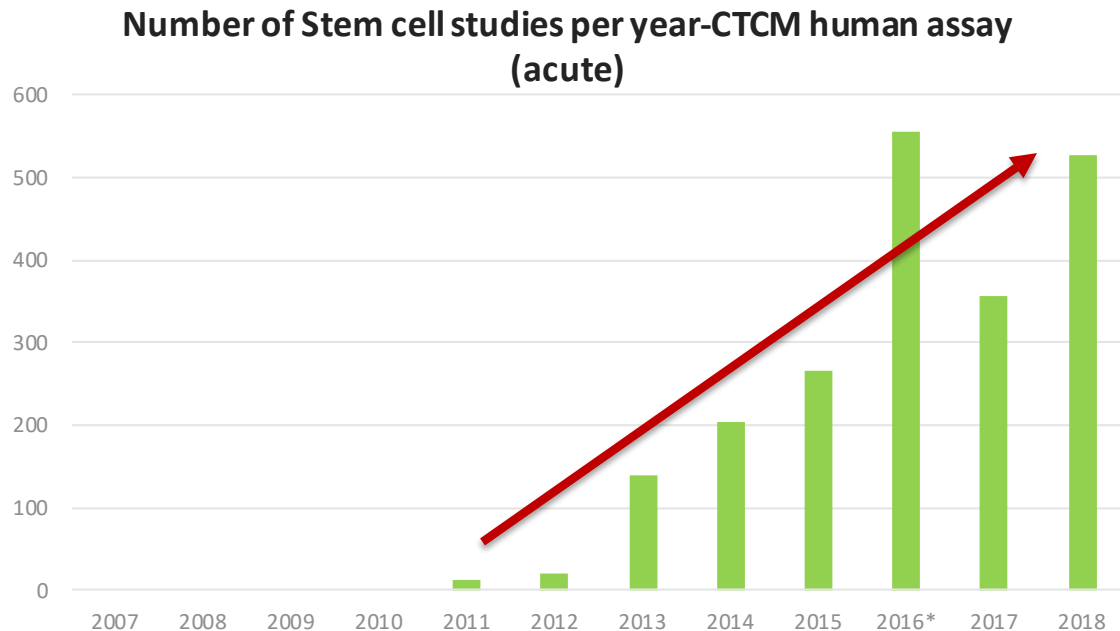
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# Steady Decrease in Animal Use 2007 to 2018

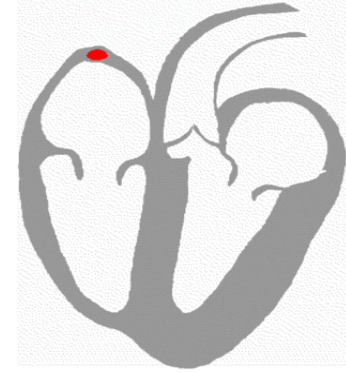
Total (guinea-pig and Rabbit *in vitro*)



# Increase in Use of Human-Based Cell Assays (hiPSC-Cardiomyocytes)



# Assays for drug-induced Delayed cardiac toxicities





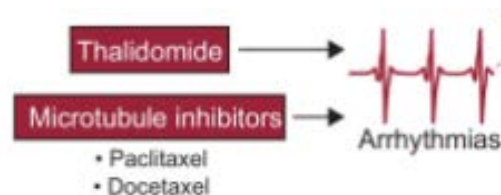
# Many Drugs known to induce delayed cardiotoxicity- *different classes of drugs*

## Cardiotoxicity of Anticancer Therapeutics

Jerry Dong<sup>1,2\*</sup> and Hong Chen<sup>1,2\*</sup>

2018

frontiers  
in Cardiovascular Medicine



## Cardiac Dysfunction Associated With a Nucleotide Polymerase Inhibitor for Treatment of Hepatitis C

Tariq Ahmad,<sup>1</sup> Philip Yin,<sup>2</sup> Jeffrey Saffitz,<sup>3</sup> Paul J. Pockros,<sup>4</sup> Jacob Lalezari,<sup>5</sup> Mitchell Shiffman,<sup>6</sup> Bradley Freilich,<sup>7</sup> Joann Zamparo,<sup>2</sup> Kyle Brown,<sup>2</sup> Dessislava Dimitrova,<sup>8</sup> Monica Kumar,<sup>8</sup> Doug Manion,<sup>8</sup> Margo Heath-Chiozzi,<sup>2</sup> Robert Wolf,<sup>9</sup> Eric Hughes,<sup>9</sup> Andrew J. Muir,<sup>1</sup> and Adrian F. Hernandez<sup>1</sup>

# HEPATOLOGY

2014



**Development of  
BMS-986094 in  
Stopped in Phase 3**

## Cardiac Toxicity Associated with HCV Direct Antiviral Agents

Claudio Ucciferri<sup>1,2</sup>, Alessandro Occhionero<sup>1</sup>, Jacopo Vecchiet<sup>1</sup> and Katia Falasca<sup>1</sup>.

Mediterranean Journal





of Hematology and Infectious Diseases

2018

## Cardiotoxicity of Histone Deacetylase Inhibitor Depsipeptide in Patients with Metastatic Neuroendocrine Tumors

Manisha H. Shah,<sup>1</sup> Philip Binkley,<sup>2</sup> Kenneth Chan,<sup>3</sup> Jim Xiao,<sup>3</sup> Daria Arbogast,<sup>1</sup> Minden Collamore,<sup>1</sup> Yasser Farra,<sup>2</sup> Donn Young,<sup>4</sup> and Michael Grever<sup>1</sup>

# Cancer drug-induced cardiac side effects:

-  doxorubicin and cardiac toxicity (4771)  
PubMed
-  cancer drugs and cardiac toxicity (1593)  
PubMed
-  cancer drugs and cardiac arrhythmias (314)  
PubMed
-  kinase inhibitors and atrial fibrillation (96)  
PubMed

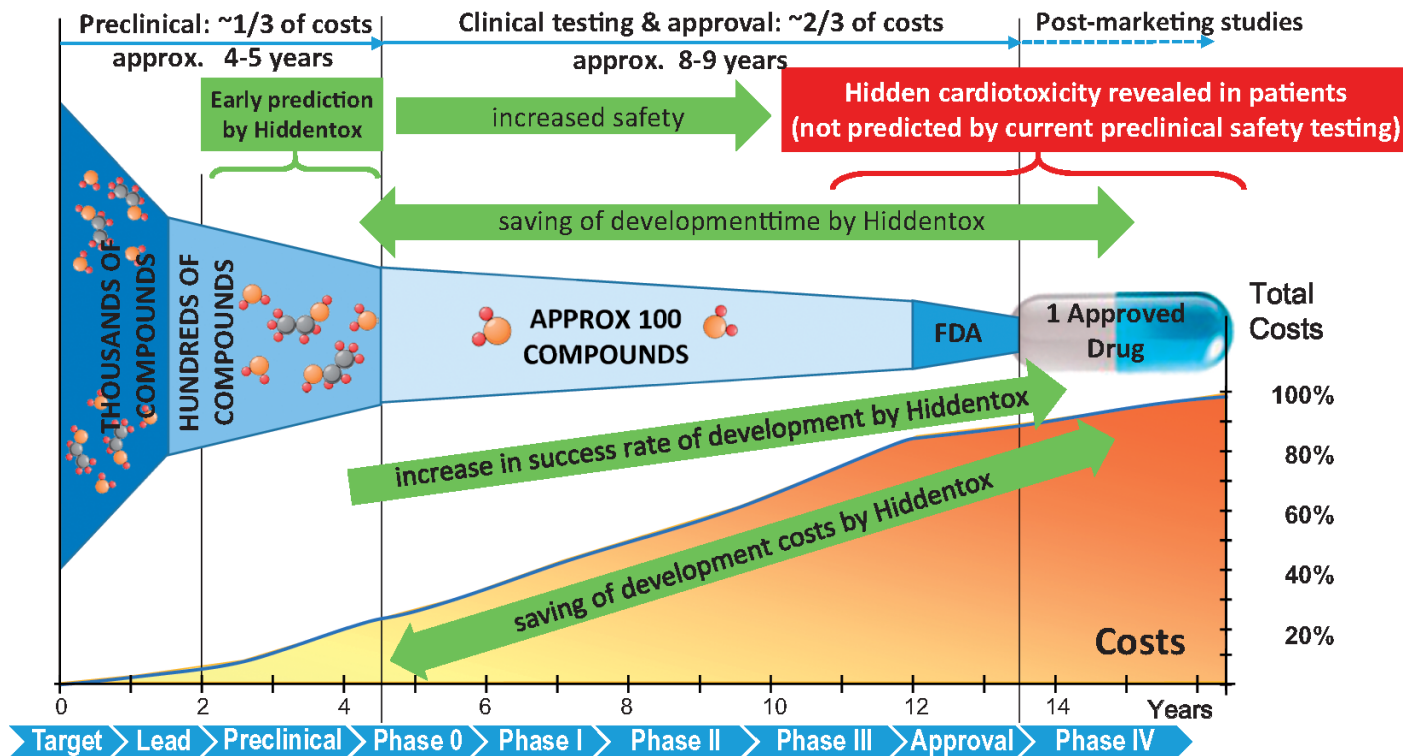
# Some Internal Projects/Research Presented with Delayed Cardiac Toxicities

**Project X (JNJ-X):** delayed QT ↑↑↑ /SCD in GLP study dogs

**Anti-infectious drugs:** delayed QT, Hypertrophy, cardiac arrhythmias

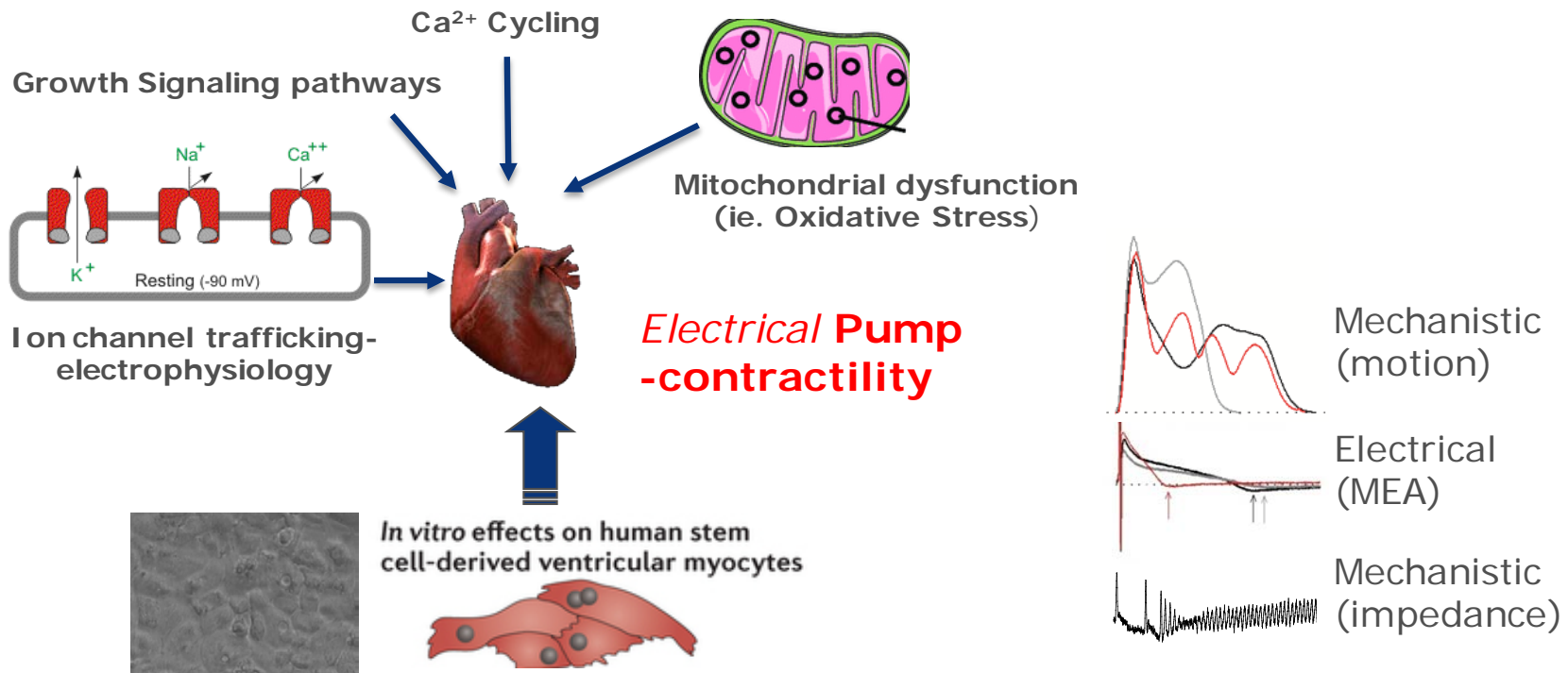
**Oncological drugs:** could cause delayed atrial fibrillation, ventricular arrhythmias and heart failure (HF)

# Delayed Cardiac Toxicities are not Detected by the current standard Safety Pharmacology Assays: expensive



Ferdinandy et al., 2018. Eu Heart J

# Chronic Cardiac Liabilities Result From Multiple Mechanisms



# Research on Delayed Cardiac Liabilities in human stem cell-CM

## Janssen Global Safety Pharmacology

### Project I: Differentiating cardiotoxicity within HDAC inhibitors



Impedance-assay (xCelligence)



CELL-BASED DRUG DEVELOPMENT, SCREENING, AND TOXICOLOGY

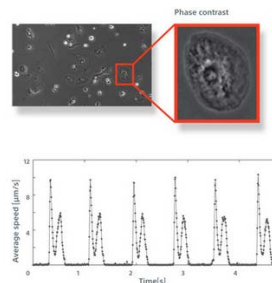
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### Project II: Detection of various mechanisms of cardiac liabilities



Video Microscopy (Sony)



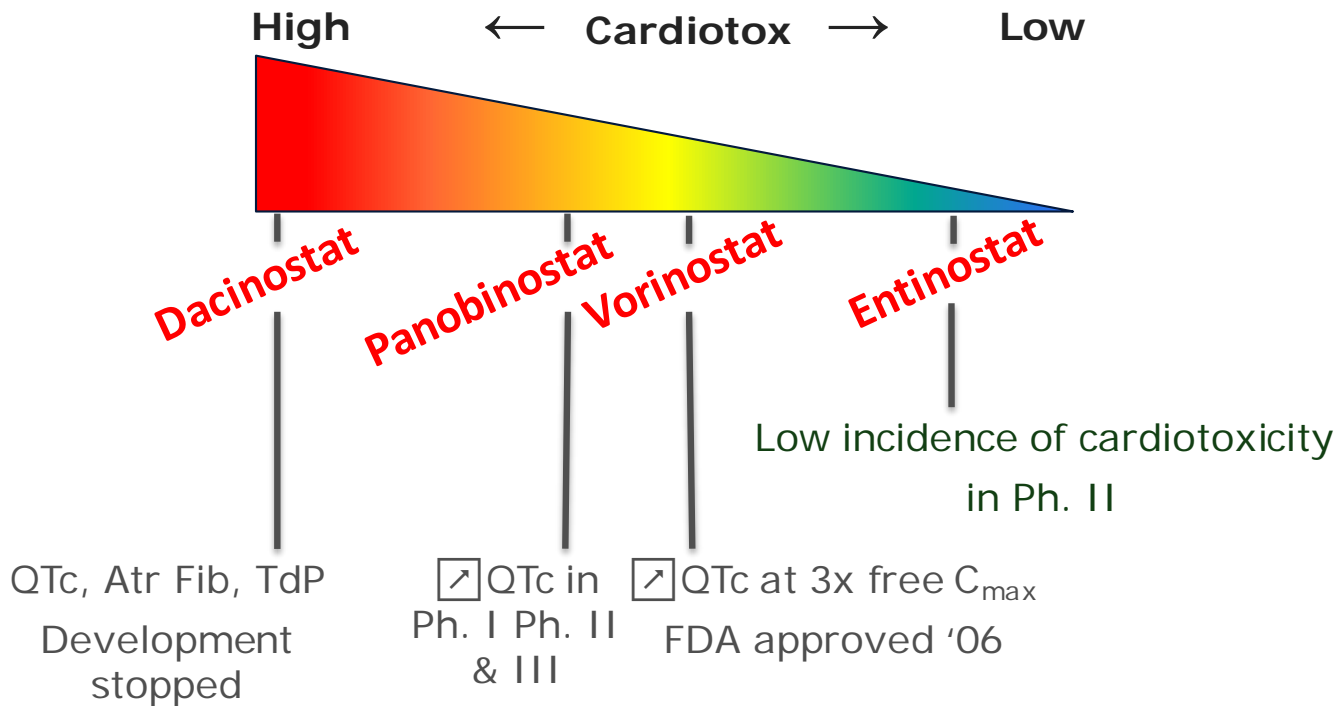
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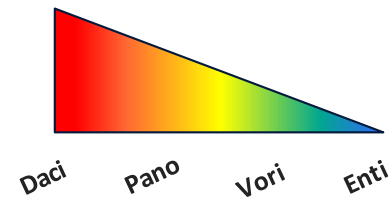
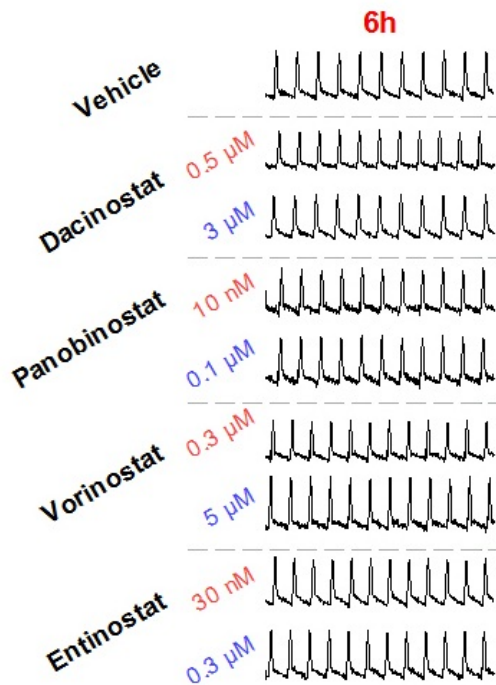
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# Project I: Differentiating Cardiotoxicity Within HDAC Inhibitors



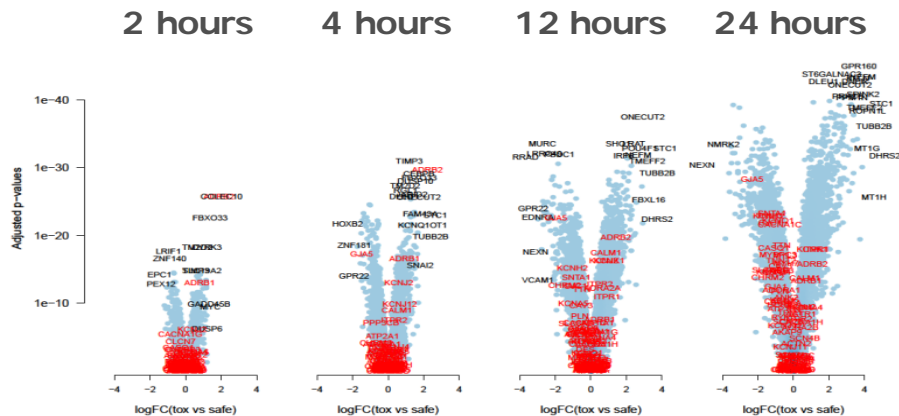
# Project I: Differentiating cardiotoxicity Among HDAC inhibitors



Good translation to dose-related (free  $C_{max}$ ) cardiac adverse effects in the clinic



# Project I: Transcriptional Characterization of Genes Related to Cardiac Toxicity Compared to Unrelated Genes in human stem cell-CMs



↘ *GJA5*  
 ↘ *GJA1*  
 ↗ *KCNJ2*

Atrial fibrillation

↗ *ADRB1*  
 ↗ *ADRB2*

β-adrenergic  
cardiomyopathy

↘ *CALM1*  
 ↘ *STC1*  
 ↗ *RRAD*

Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel  
modulation

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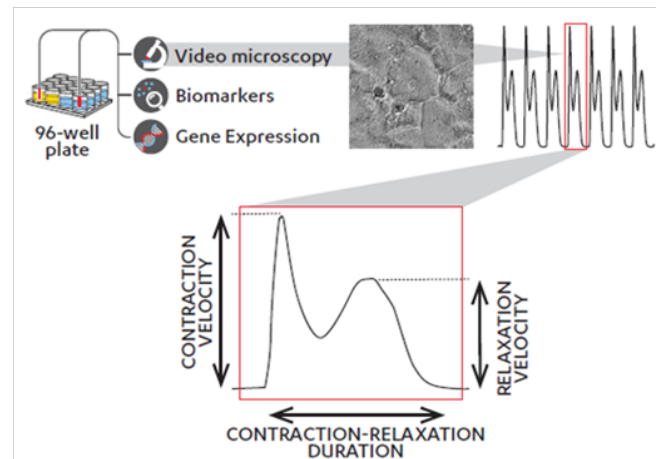
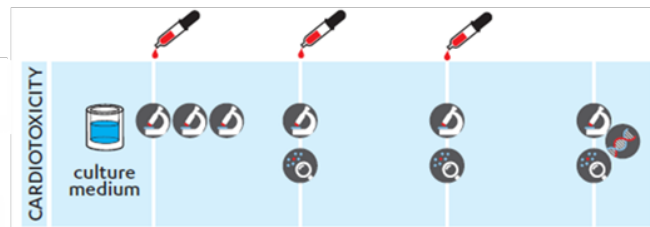
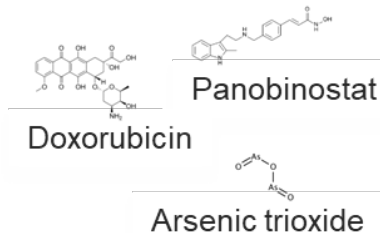
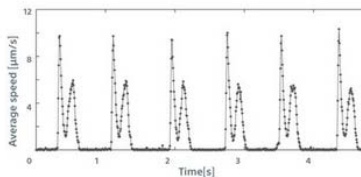
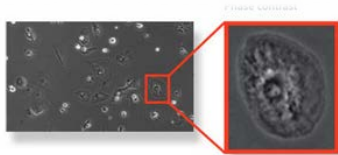
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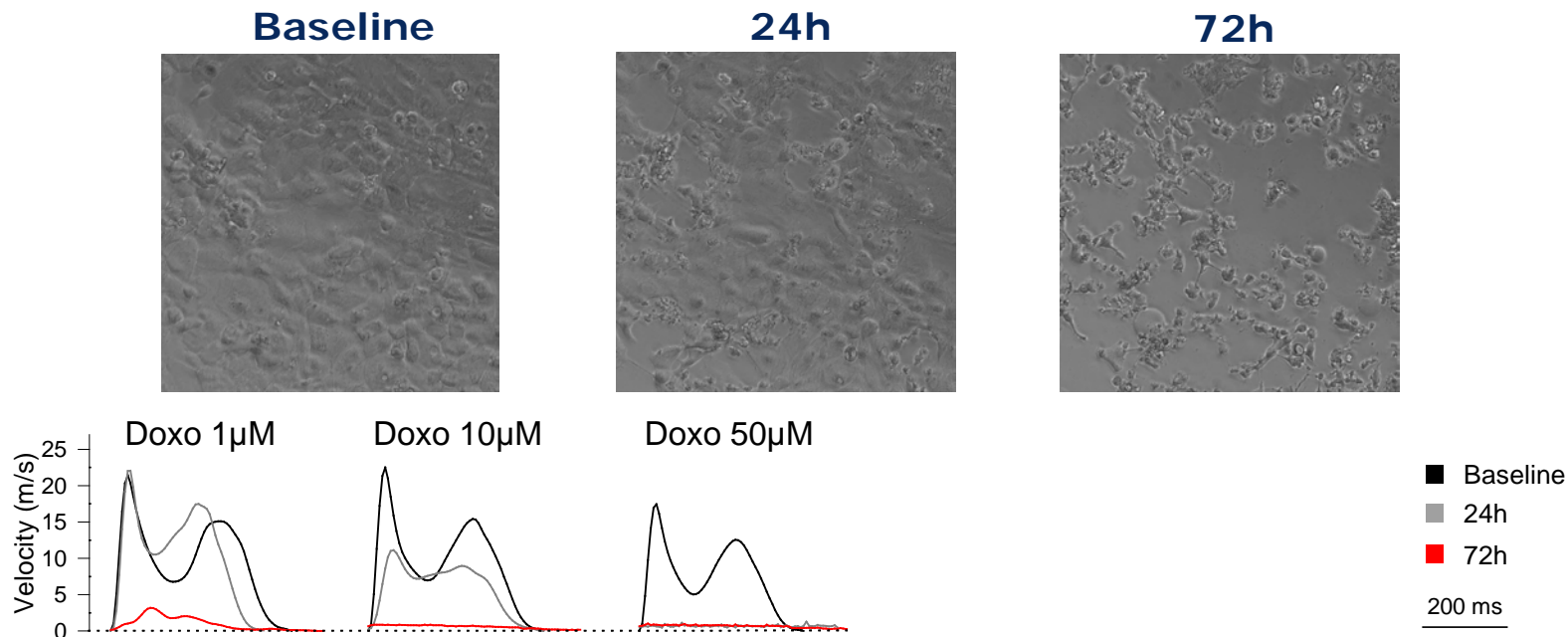
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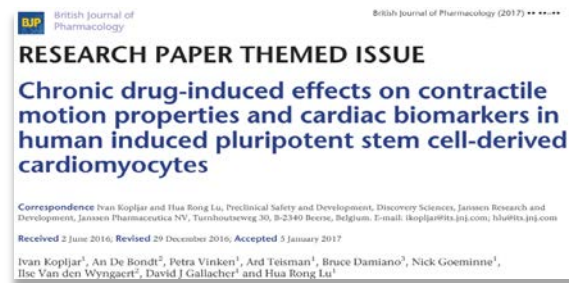


**Video motion analysis can detect different mechanisms of cardiac liabilities in human stem cell-CMs**

# Project II: FABP3 is a Good Predictor of Diverse Cardiac Liabilities on this assay



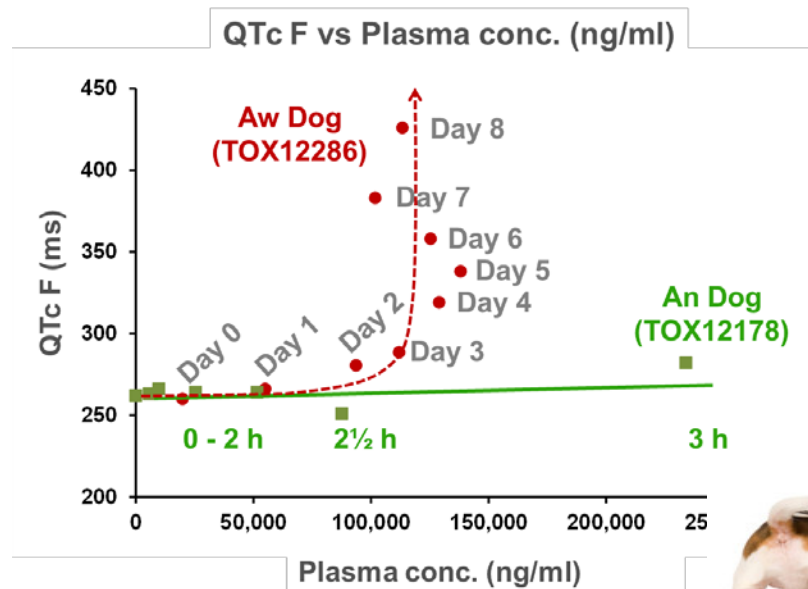
**FABP3 is a better predictor of cardiotoxicity in human stem cell-CMs**



# Example: Infectious Disease Therapeutic Area

JNJ-X

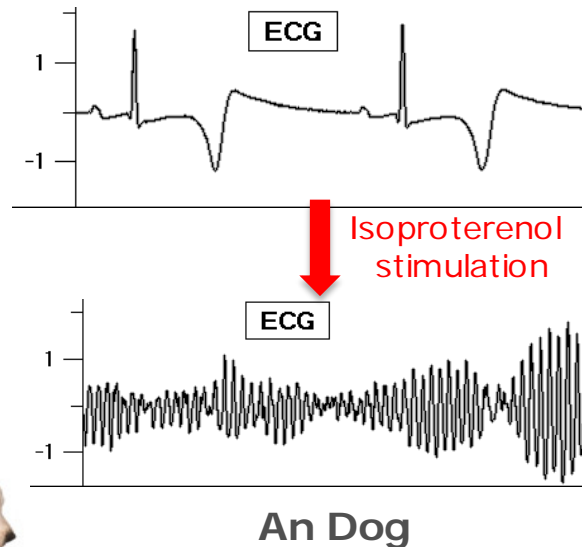
## Delayed QTc prolongation in dogs



Free  $C_{max}$ : 0.2-0.3  $\mu$ M



## SCD & Induced TdPs in dogs leading to death



# Profile Summary

JNJ-X

- ✓ Massive QT and QTc interval prolongation
- ✓ Large negative T-wave (ECG *LQT1*- like)
- ✓ Two dogs died suddenly, SCD
- ✓ No concentration/effect relationship, but delayed
- ✓ Induction of Torsades de Pointes after ISO

**Delayed HERG/  $I_{Ks}$  channel effect?**

# JNJ-X Electrophysiological Profile

**In vitro: Acute Ion channel effects : IC50 HERG=2  $\mu$ M, Iks= 1  $\mu$ M**

**In vivo: no acute ECG effects**

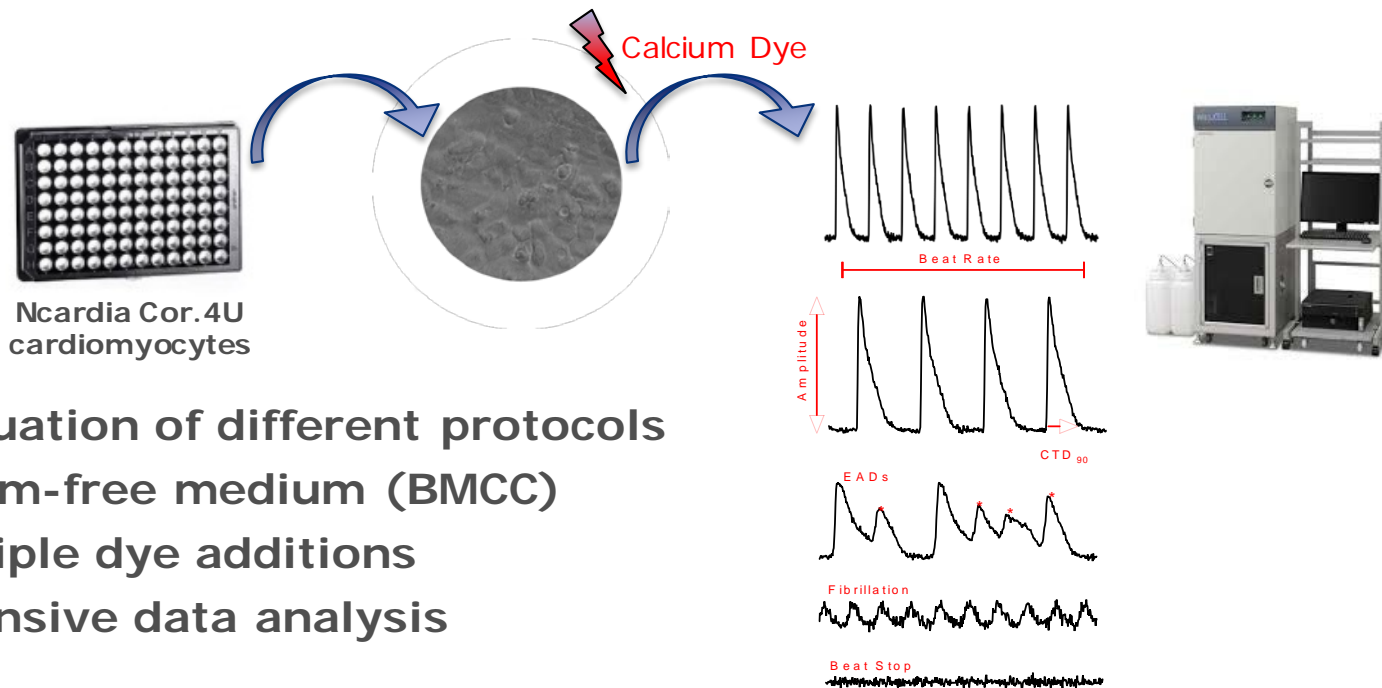


Free  $C_{max}$  in dogs: 0.2-0.3  $\mu$ M where observed marked prolongation in 3 days



**QTc prolongation in dogs cannot be explained by (acute) effects on cardiac ionic currents**

# Could repeated calcium dye exposure be used to assess delayed cardiac effects in CTCM?

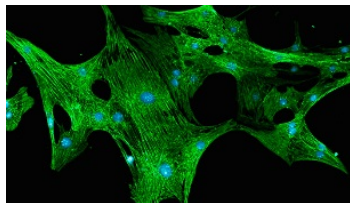


- Evaluation of different protocols
- Serum-free medium (BMCC)
- Multiple dye additions
- Extensive data analysis

CTD<sub>90</sub>: Calcium Transient Duration

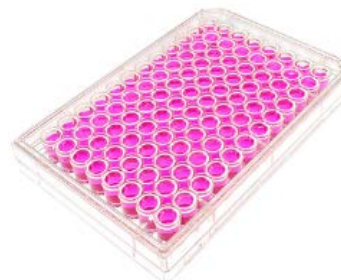
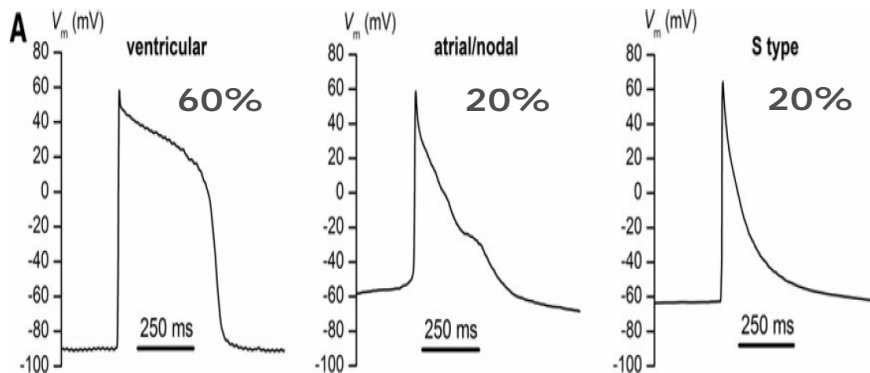
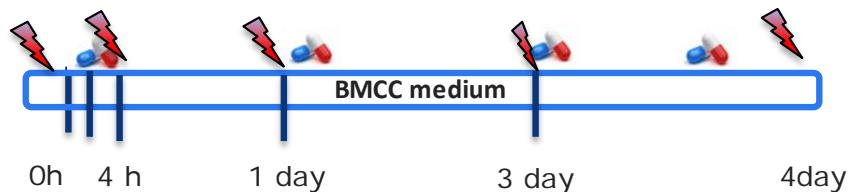


# Delayed CTCM Assay in human stem cell-CMs (4-day Exposure)

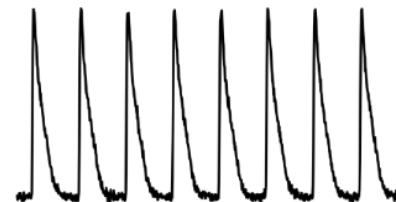


human Cor.4U<sup>®</sup> Cardiomyocytes

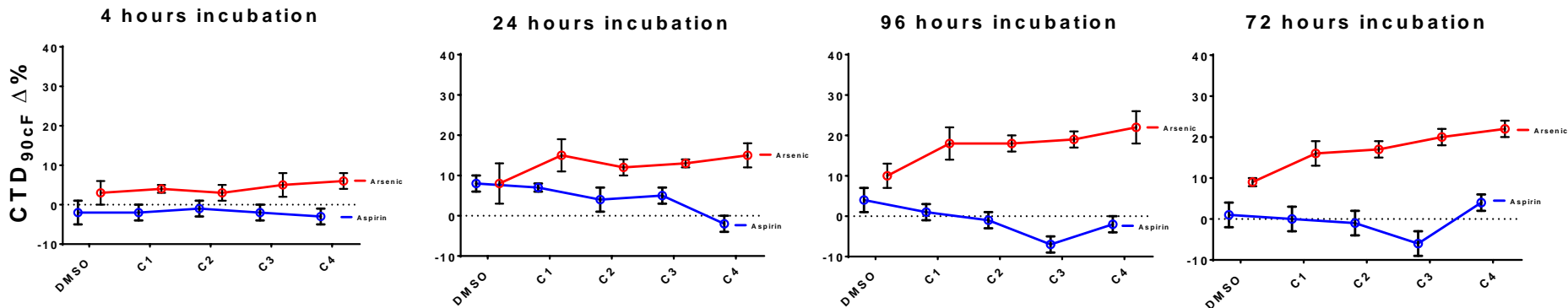
Multi-dyes additions:



Measurement



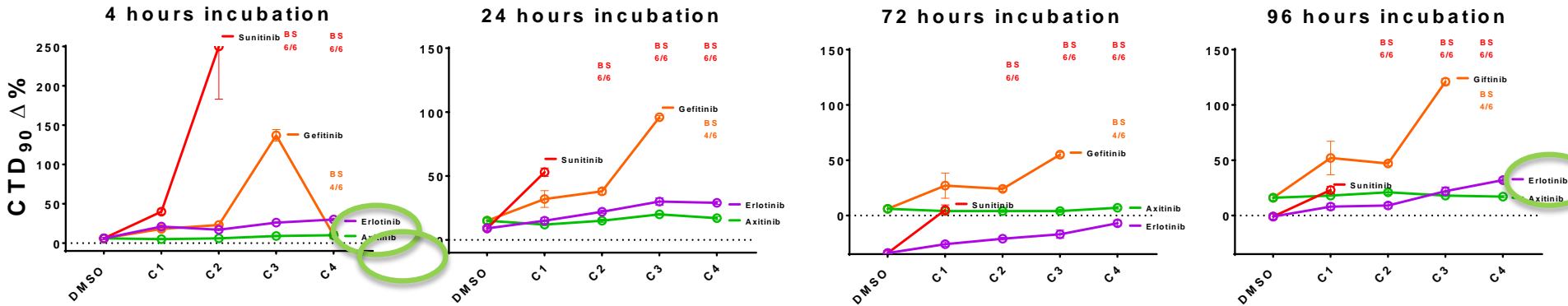
# Effects of 4-day exposure to arsenic on human stem cell-CMs



⊕ Aspirin: C1: 10  $\mu$ M; C2: 30  $\mu$ M; C3: 100  $\mu$ M; C4: 300  $\mu$ M / Free Cmax: 20  $\mu$ M

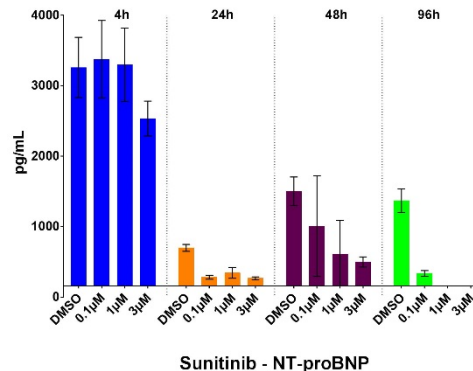
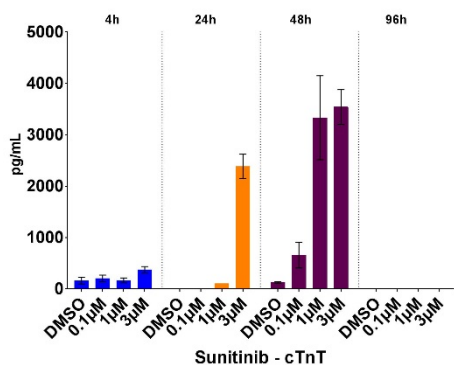
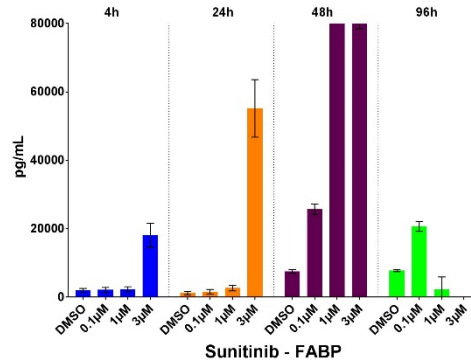
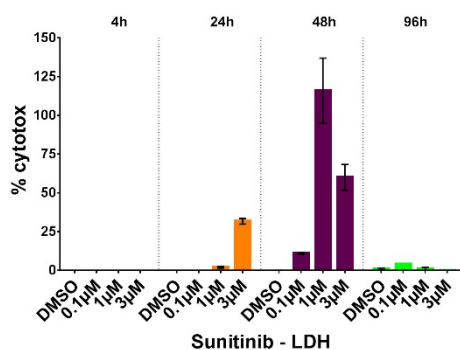
⊕ Arsenic: C1: 0.1  $\mu$ M; C2: 0.3  $\mu$ M; C3: 1  $\mu$ M; C4: 3  $\mu$ M / Free Cmax: 0.2 - 10  $\mu$ M

# Effects of 4-day exposure to Tyrosine kinase inhibitors (TKI) on stem cell-CMs

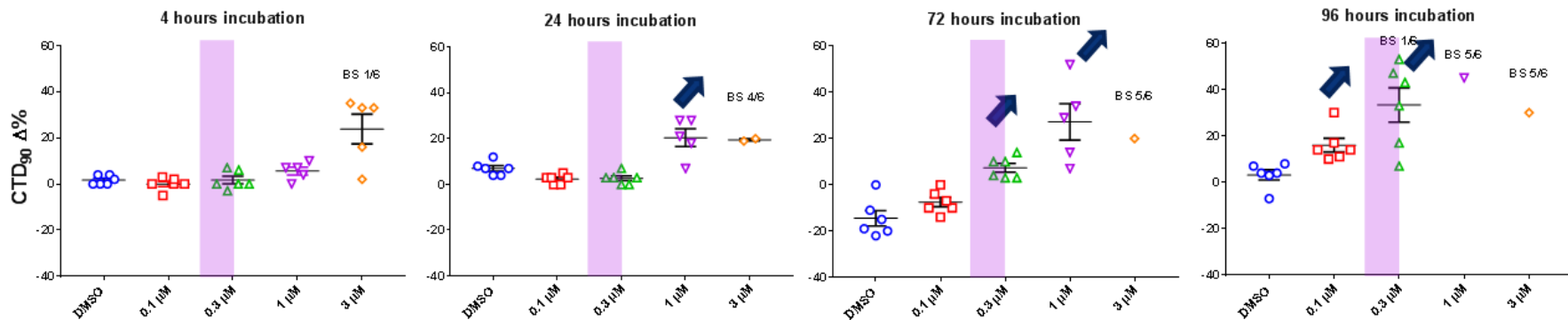


- Gefitinib:** C1: 0.1 μM; C2: 0.3 μM; C3: 1 μM; C4: 3 μM / Free Cmax: 0.045 μM
- Axitinib:** C1: 0.03 μM; C2: 0.1 μM; C3: 0.3 μM; C4: 1 μM / Free Cmax: 0.007 μM
- Sunitinib:** C1: 0.1 μM; C2: 1 μM; C3: 3 μM; C4: 10 μM / Free Cmax: 0.125 - 5 μM
- Erlotinib:** C1: 1 μM; C2: 3 μM; C3: 10 μM; C4: 30 μM / Free Cmax: 1.5 - 2 μM

# Effects of 4-day exposure to Tyrosine kinase inhibitors (TKI) on biomarkers in stem cell-CMs

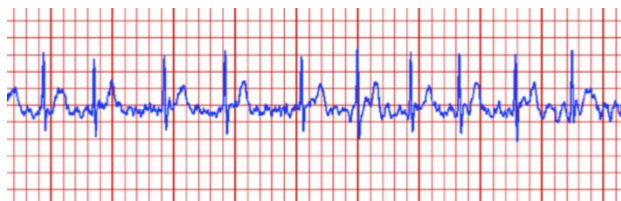


# Effects of 4-day exposure to JNJ-X on human stem cell-CMs



dog free C<sub>max</sub> 0.2-0.3 μM

# Some delayed Drug-induced cardiac effects occur a few months after treatment: could prolong study period on dish?

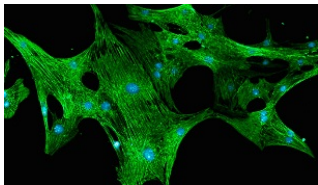


Atrial fibrillation

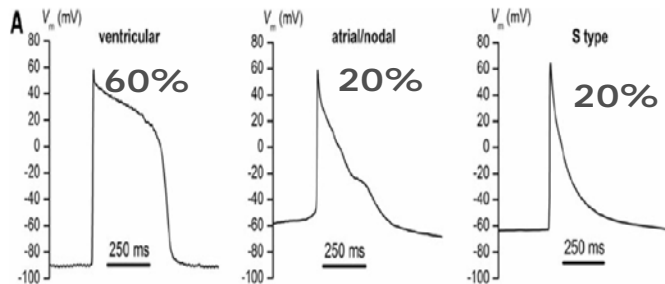


Ventricular tachycardia, HF

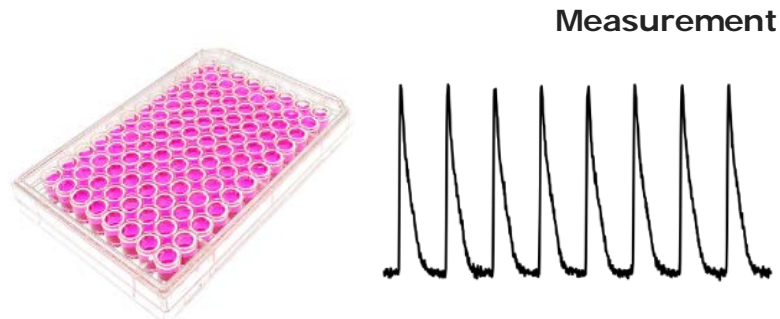
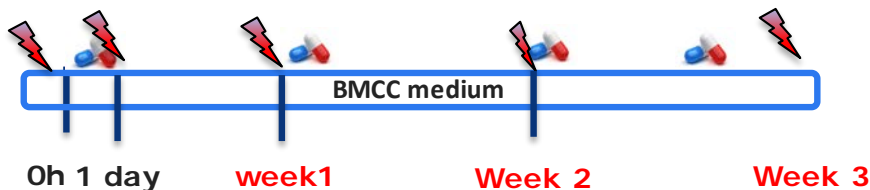
# We plan a long-term calcium transient assay in human stem cell-CMs (up to week 3) to identify potential MOA?



Human Cor.4U® Cardiomyocytes

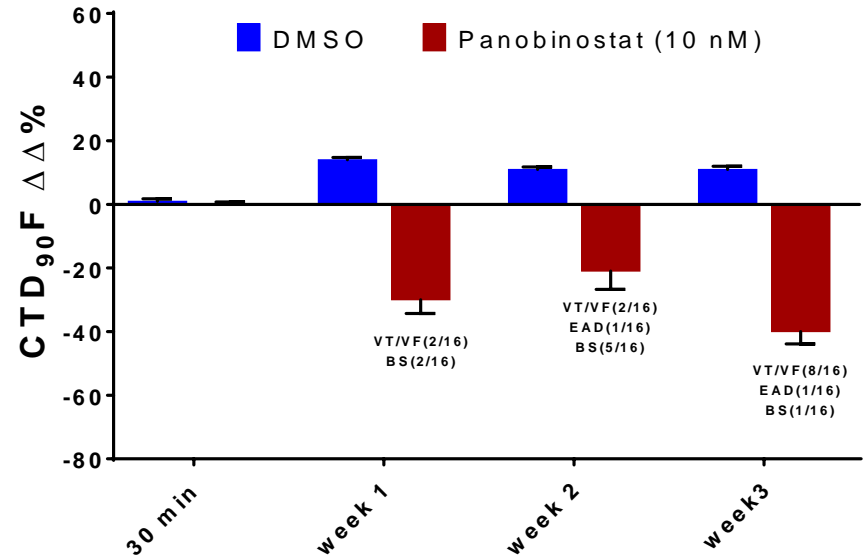
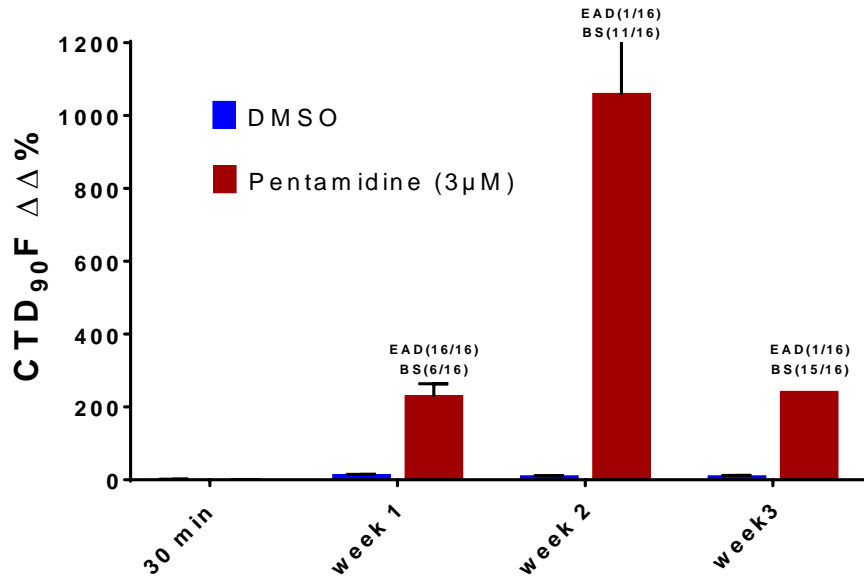


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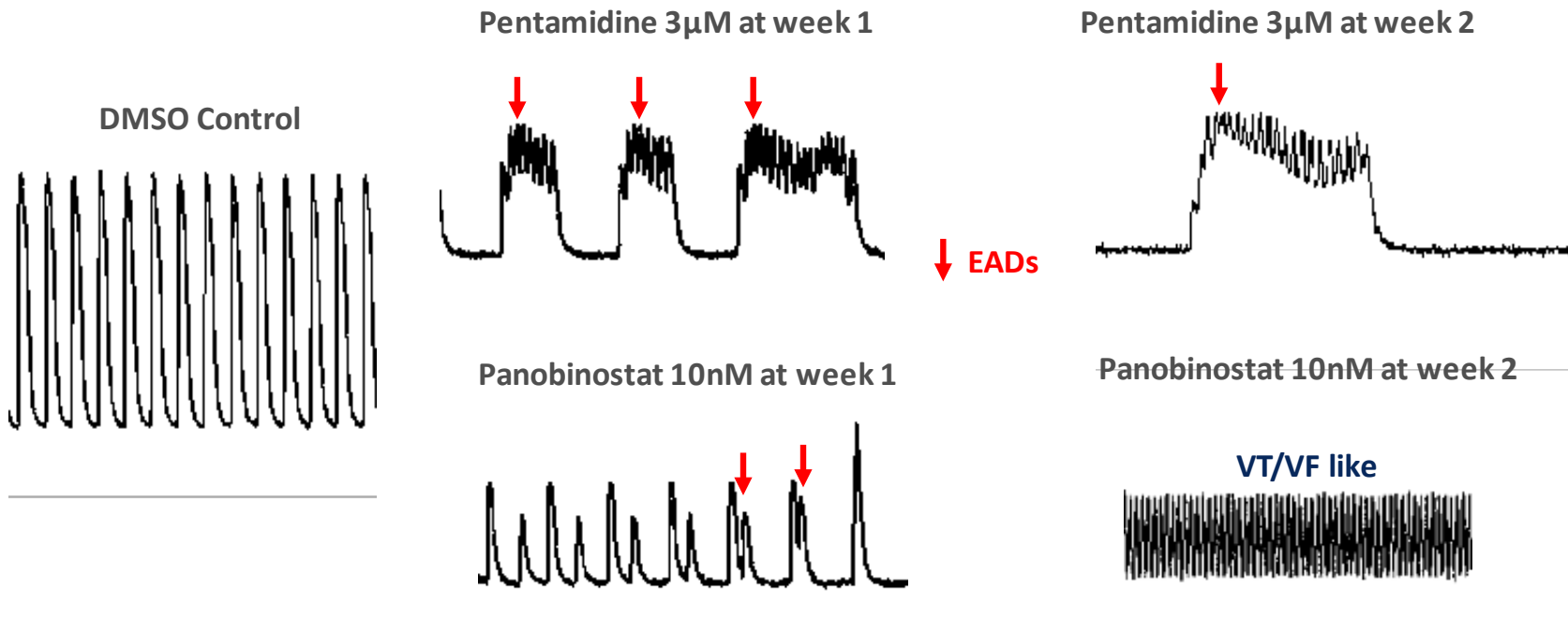
\*These data are pilot data and still to be confirmed

# Effects of pentamidine and panobinostat on stem cell-CMs up to week 3; pilot/pre- study

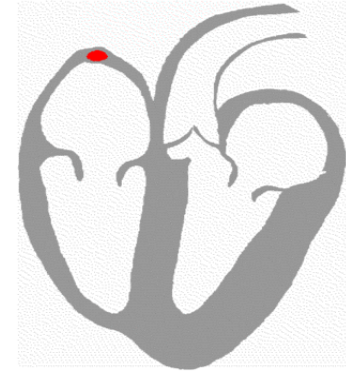




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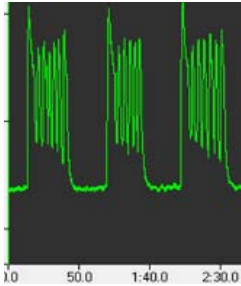


# Conclusions



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**I. Human stem cell-CMs could be applied for potential drug-induced delayed cardiac effects**



**II. Different detection technologies in stem cell-CMs can be used for identification and mechanistic understanding of drug-induced delayed cardiac toxicities.**

**III. MOAs of drug-induced cardiac toxicities are complex, still....**

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