

# Nuovi farmaci biologici per riparare cuori infranti

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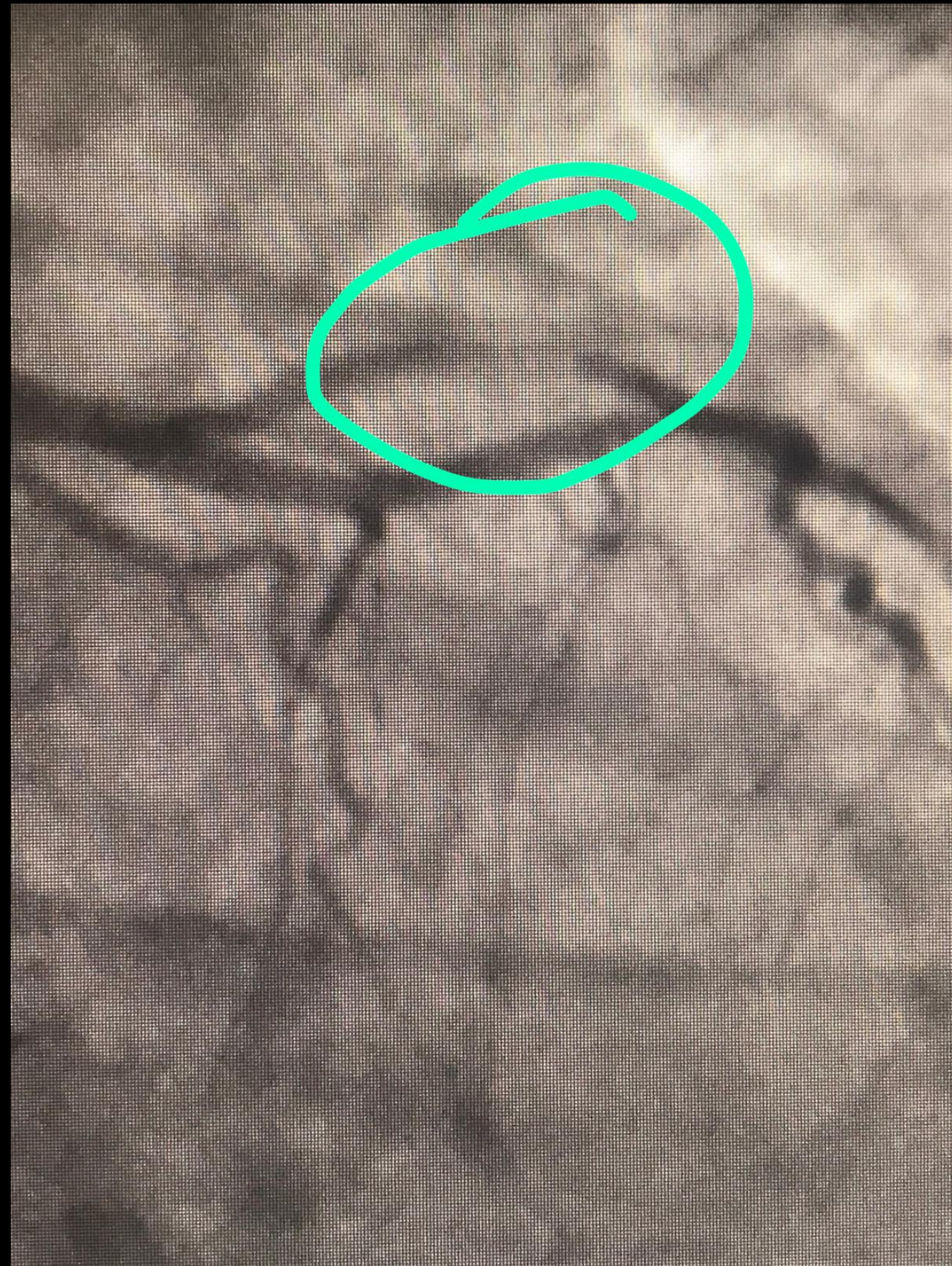
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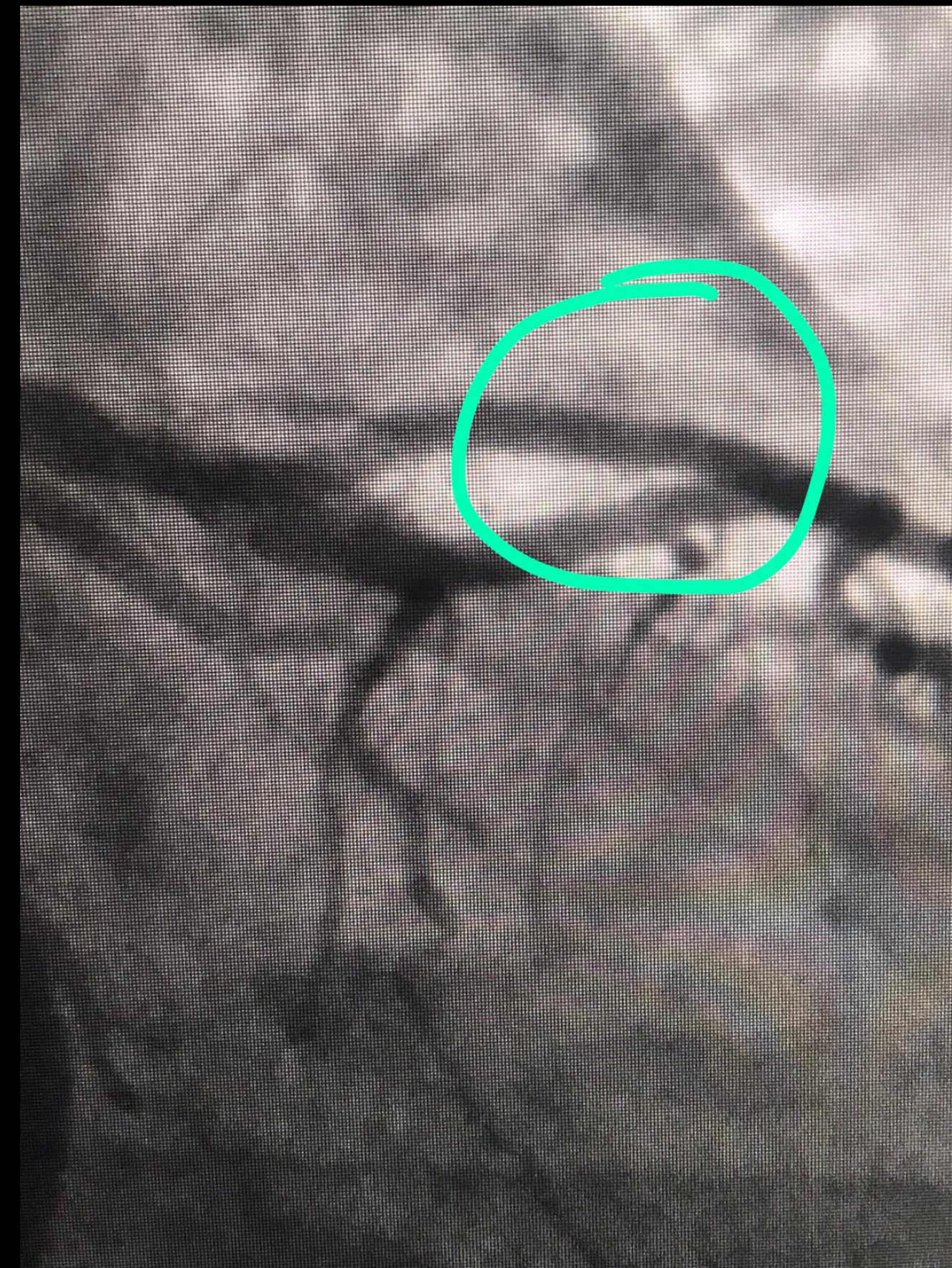
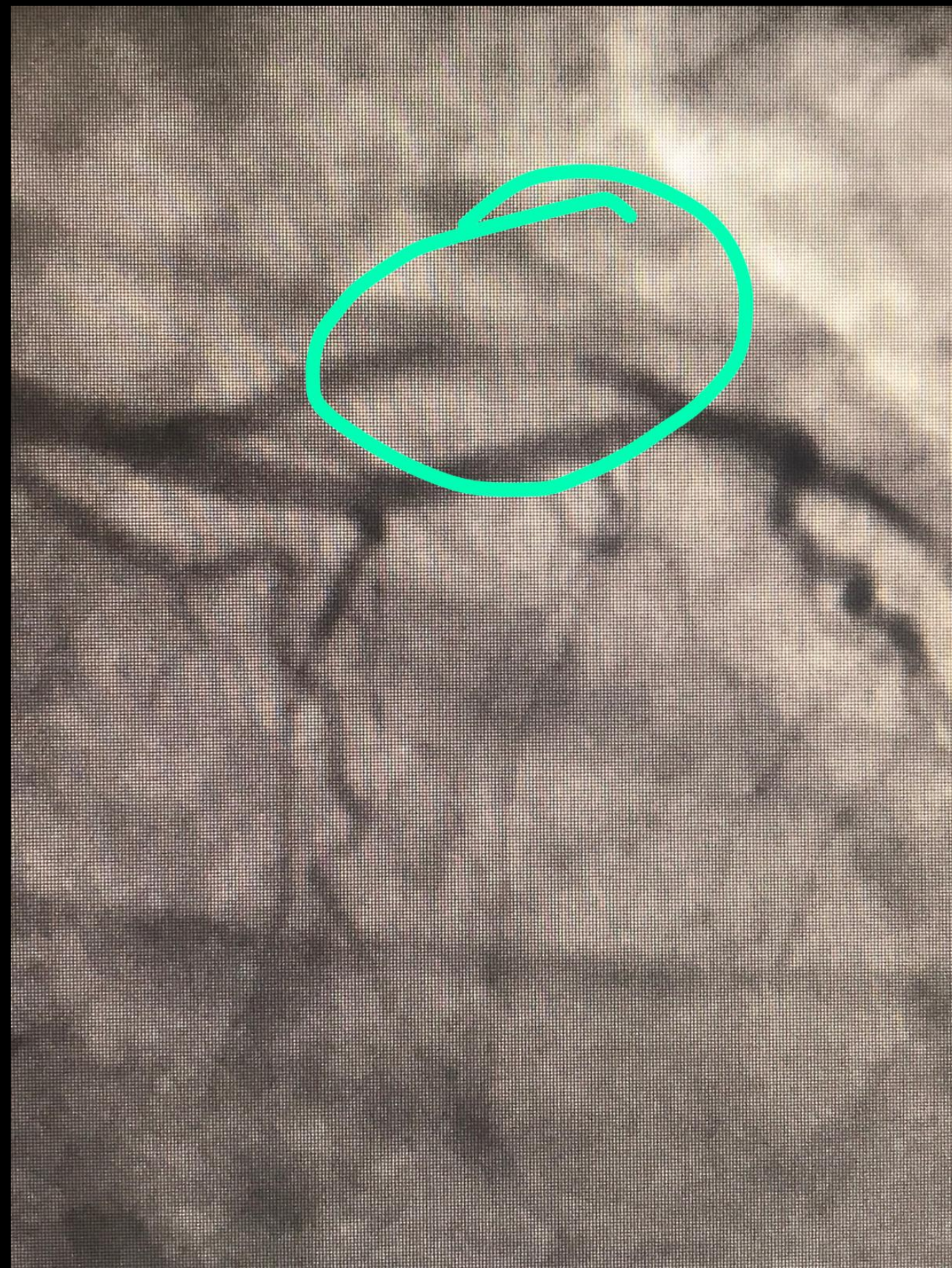
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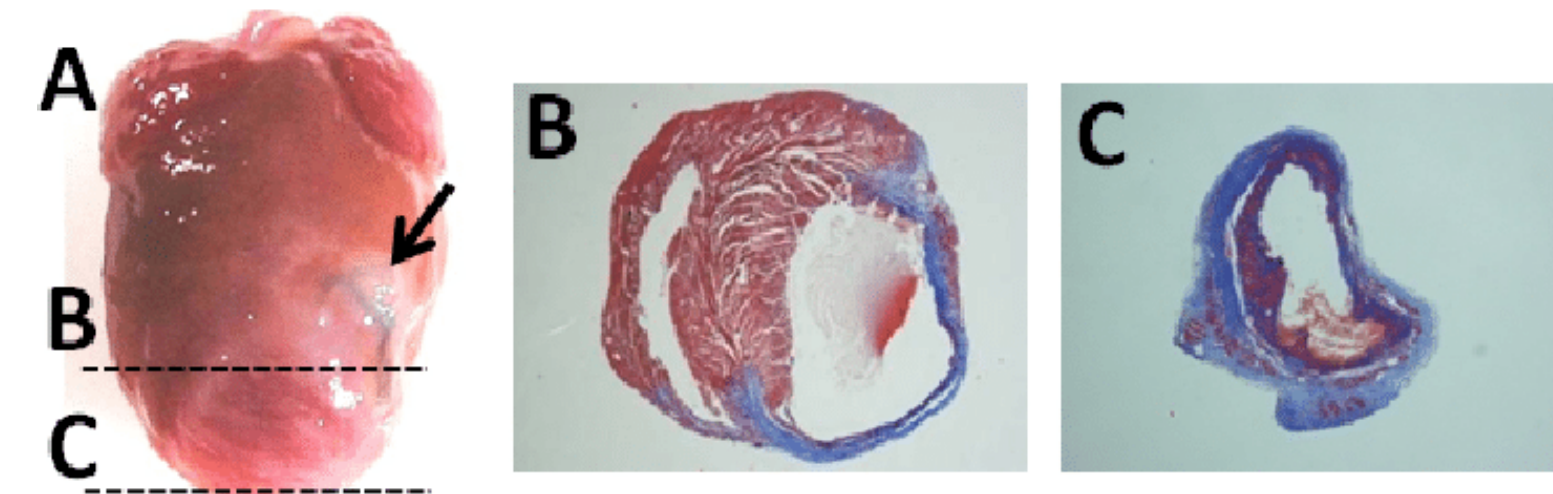
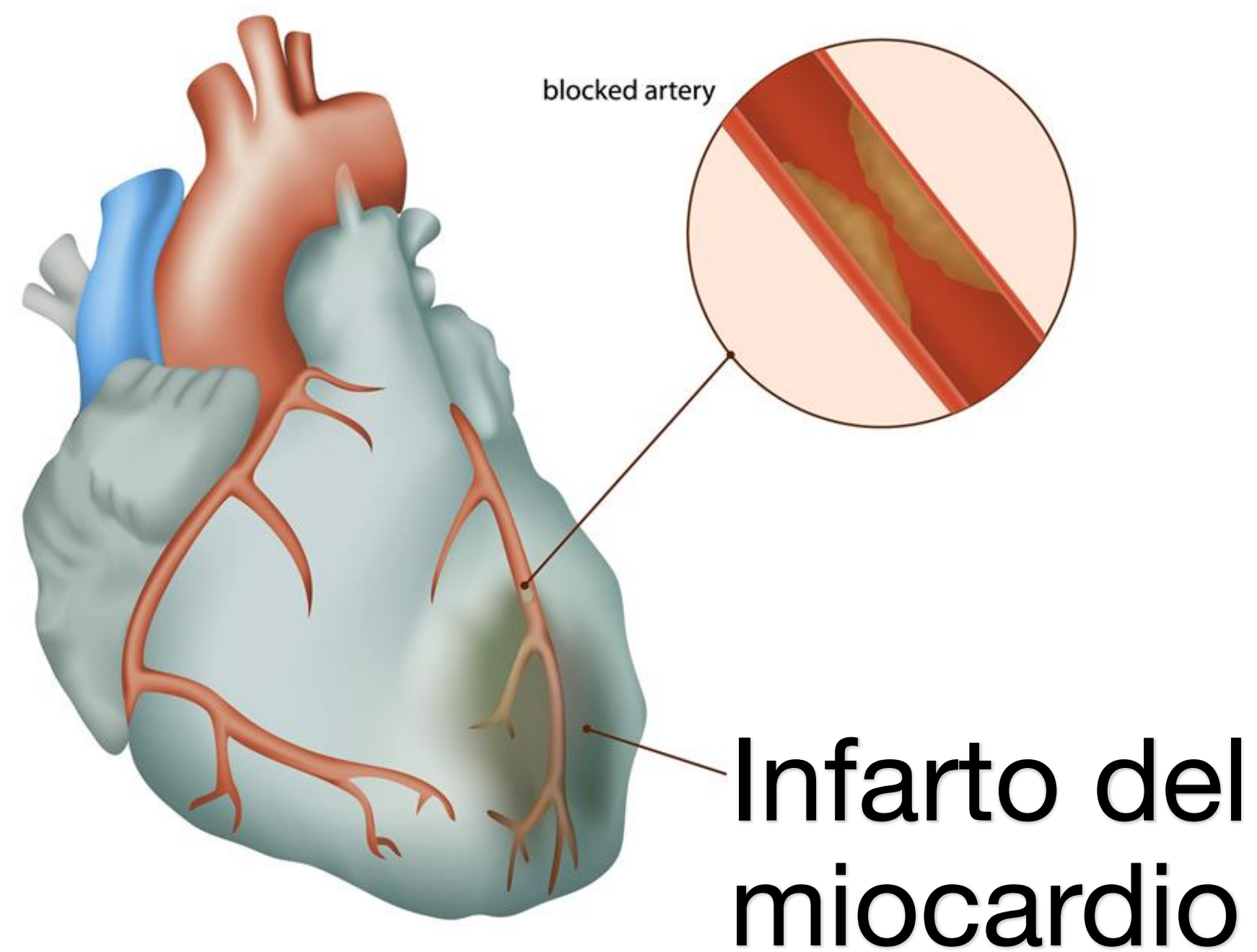


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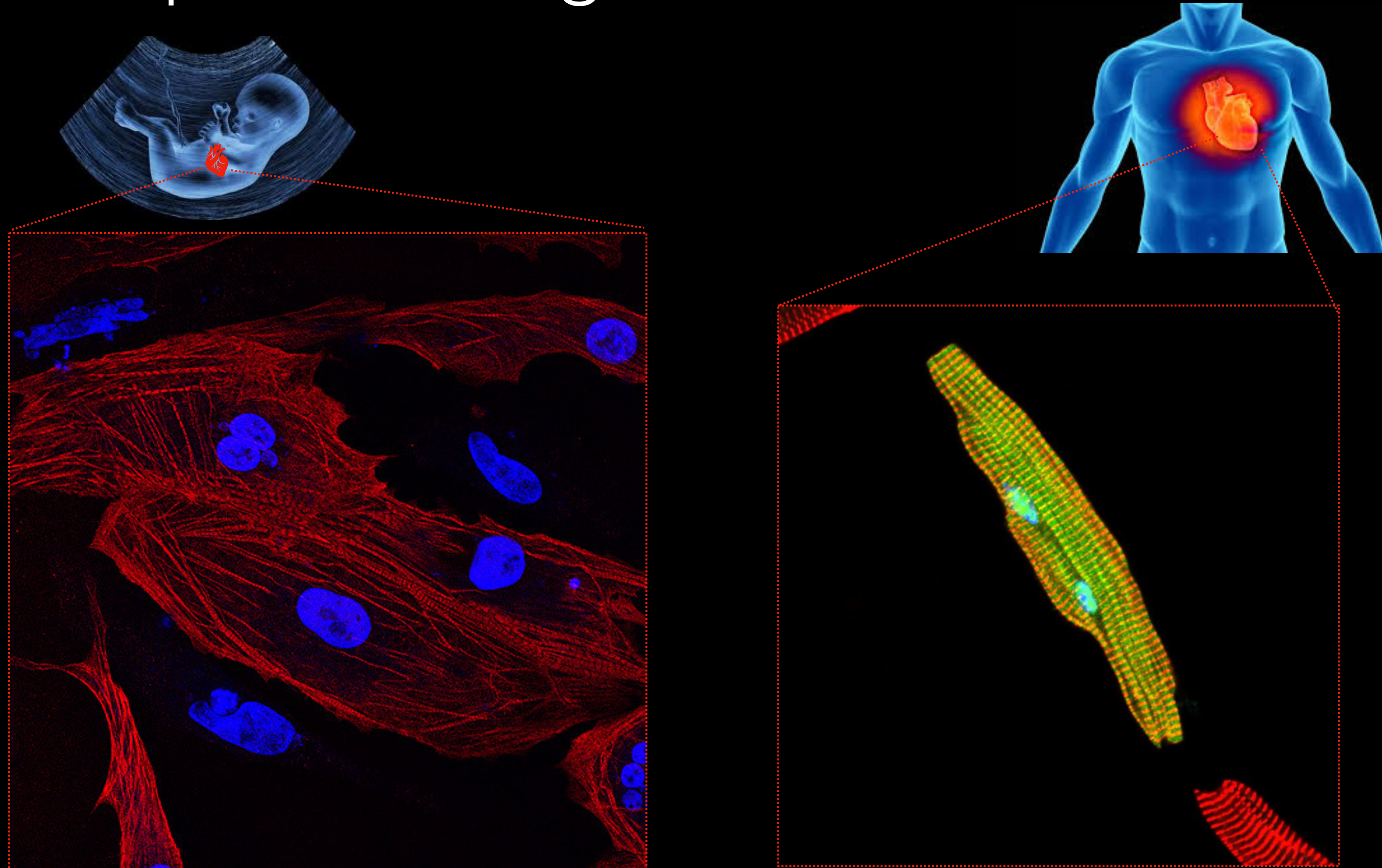


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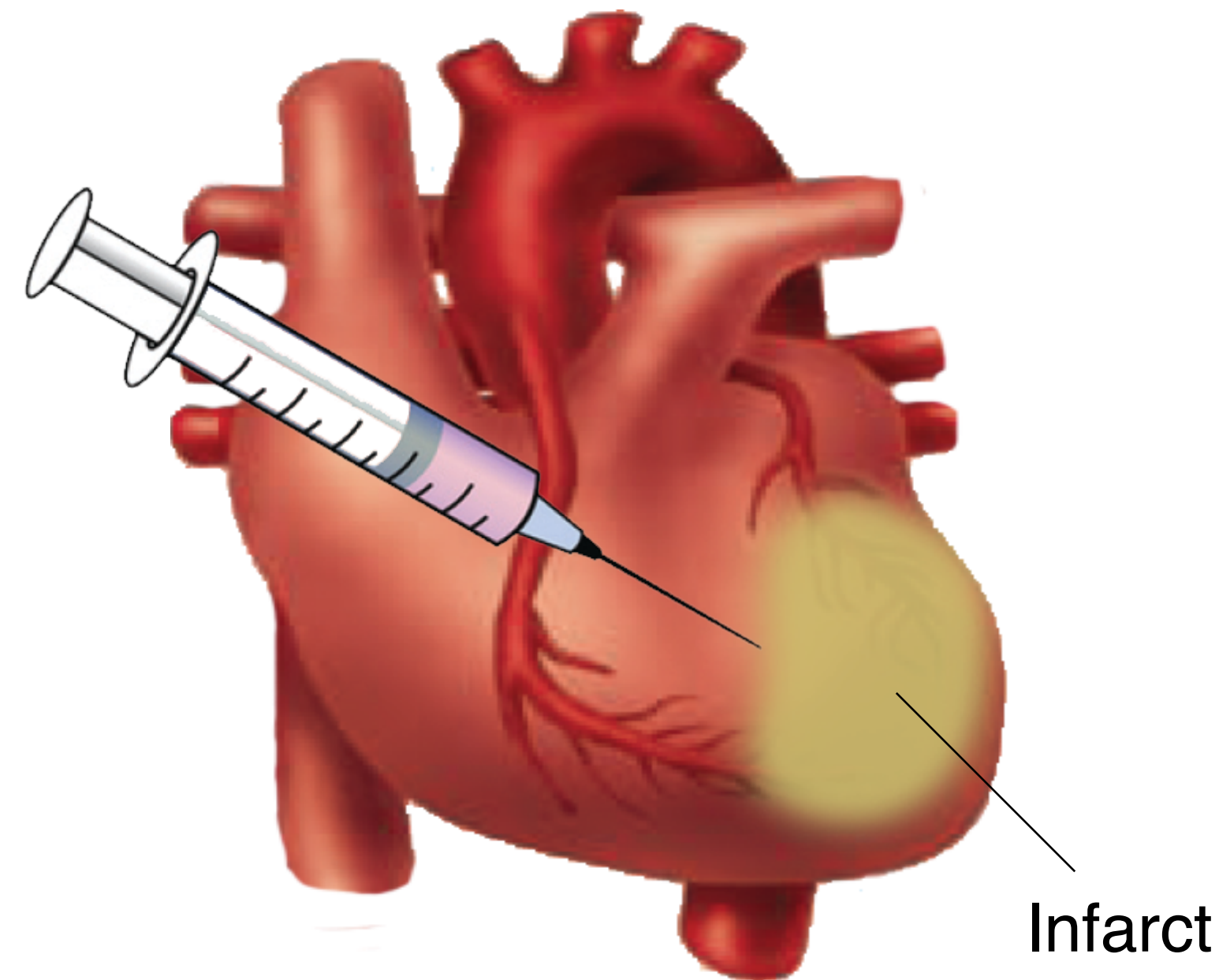


# Il cuore dei mammiferi perde la capacità di rigenerarsi alla nascita





# Il problema principale delle cardiopatie



2-4 miliardi di cardiomiociti muoiono in seguito  
ad un infarto del miocardio

Servono nuovi farmaci per ridurre la morte e/o  
promuoverne la rigenerazione



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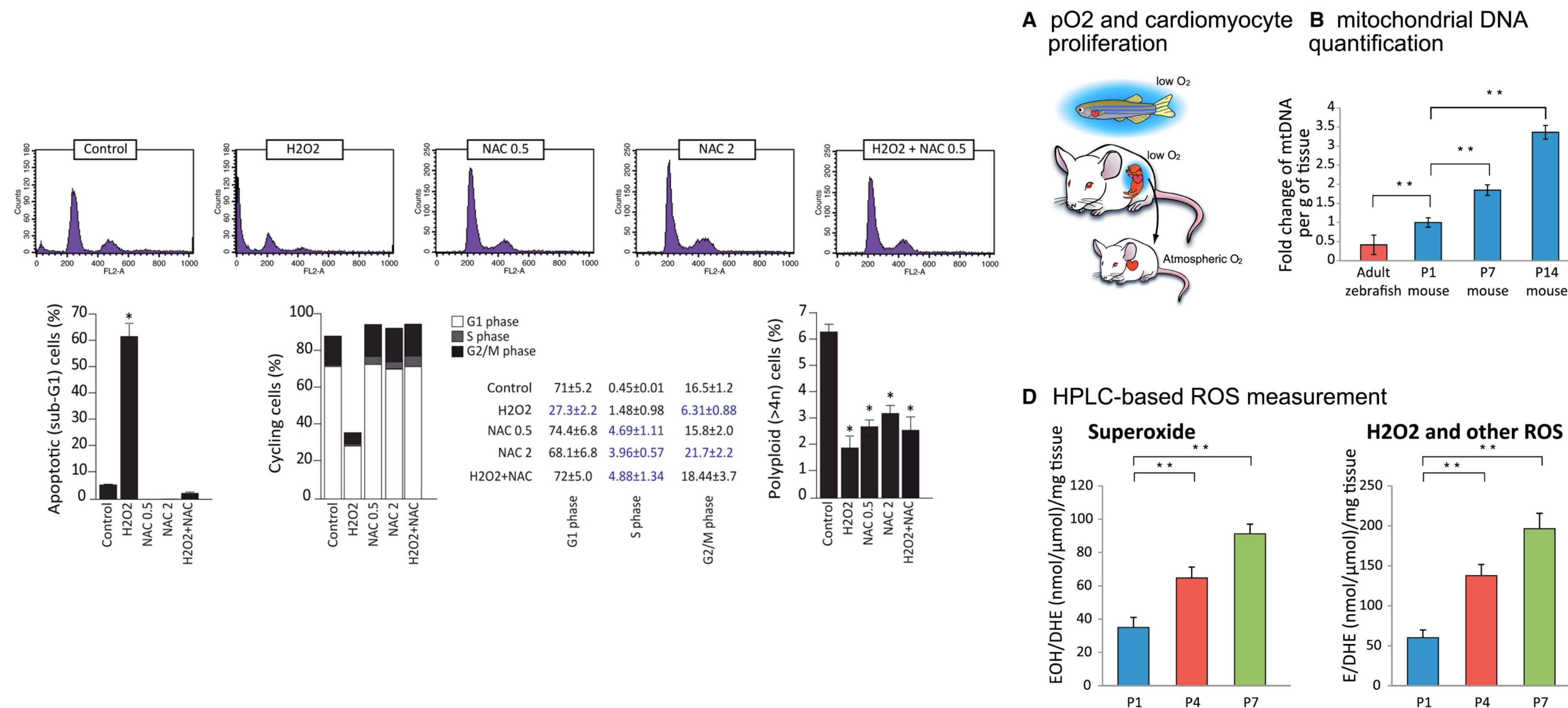
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- ▶ assenza di esposizione alla circolazione materna?



# The Oxygen-Rich Postnatal Environment Induces Cardiomyocyte Cell-Cycle Arrest through DNA Damage Response

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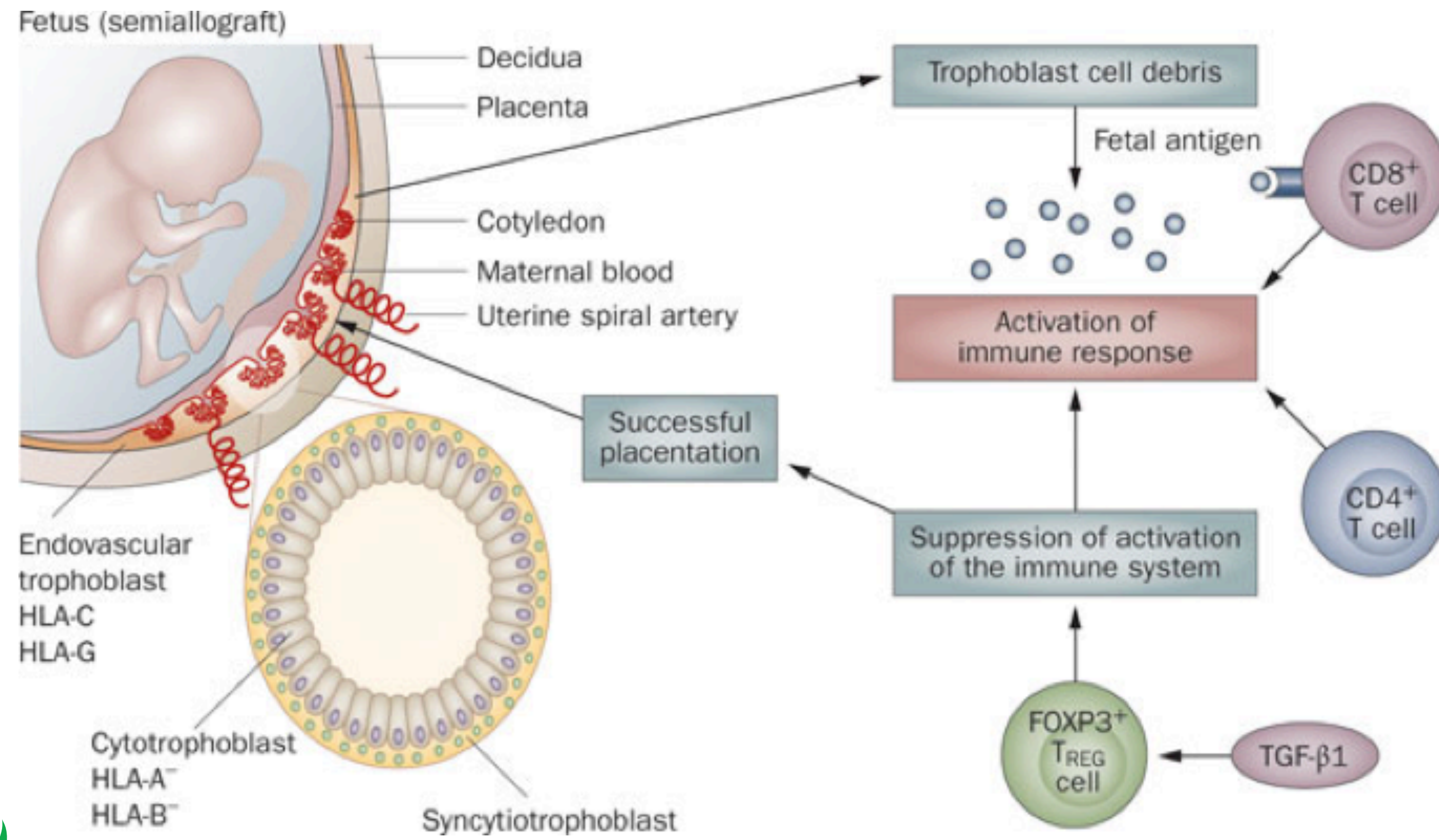
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Le cellule T regolatorie (T-reg) sono espanse nel sangue materno in gravidanza per consentire la tolleranza nei confronti degli antigeni fetali





# Funzioni extra-immunitarie delle Tregs

## A Special Population of Regulatory T Cells Potentiates Muscle Repair

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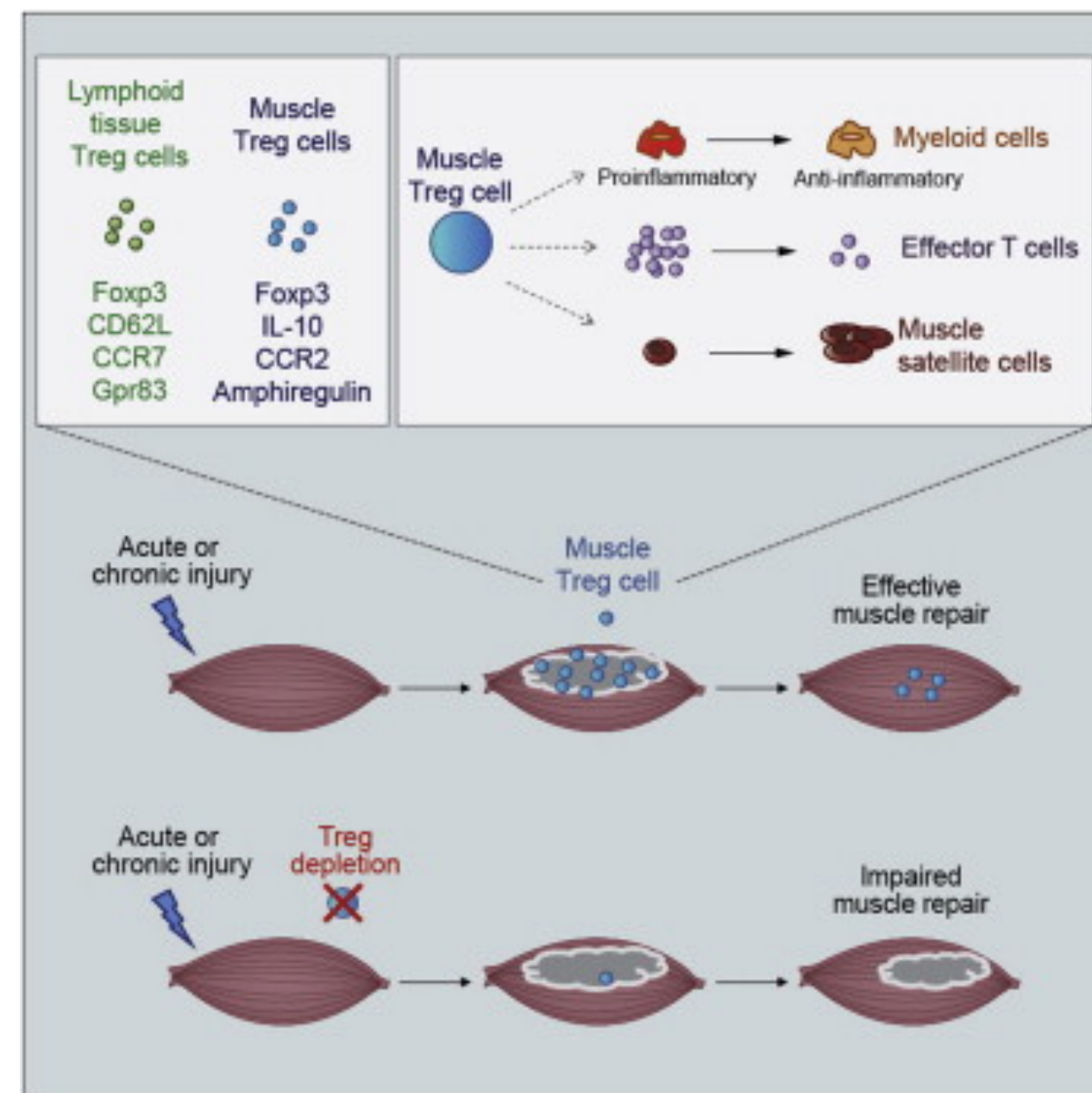
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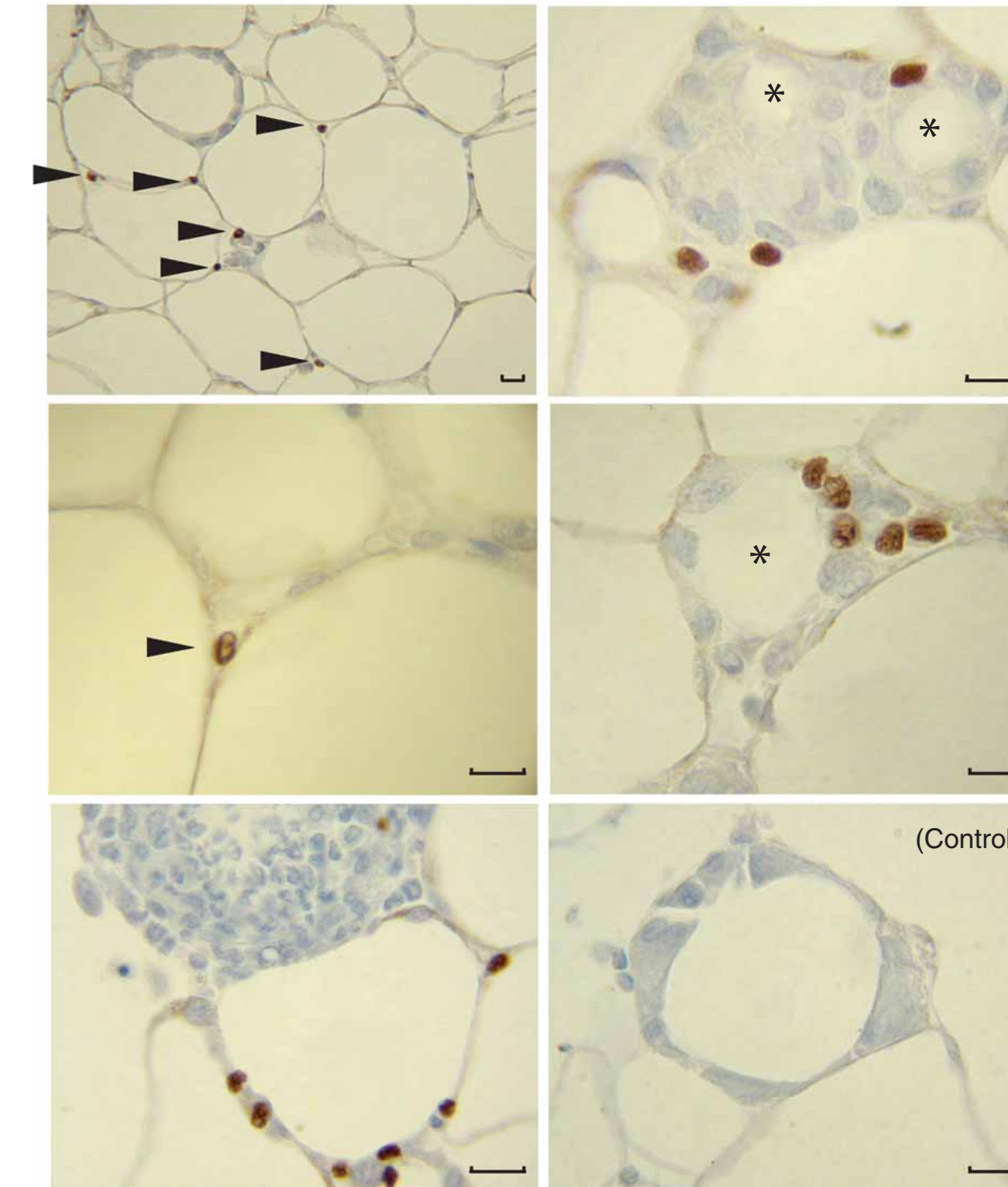
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Lean, but not obese, fat is enriched for a unique population of regulatory T cells that affect metabolic parameters

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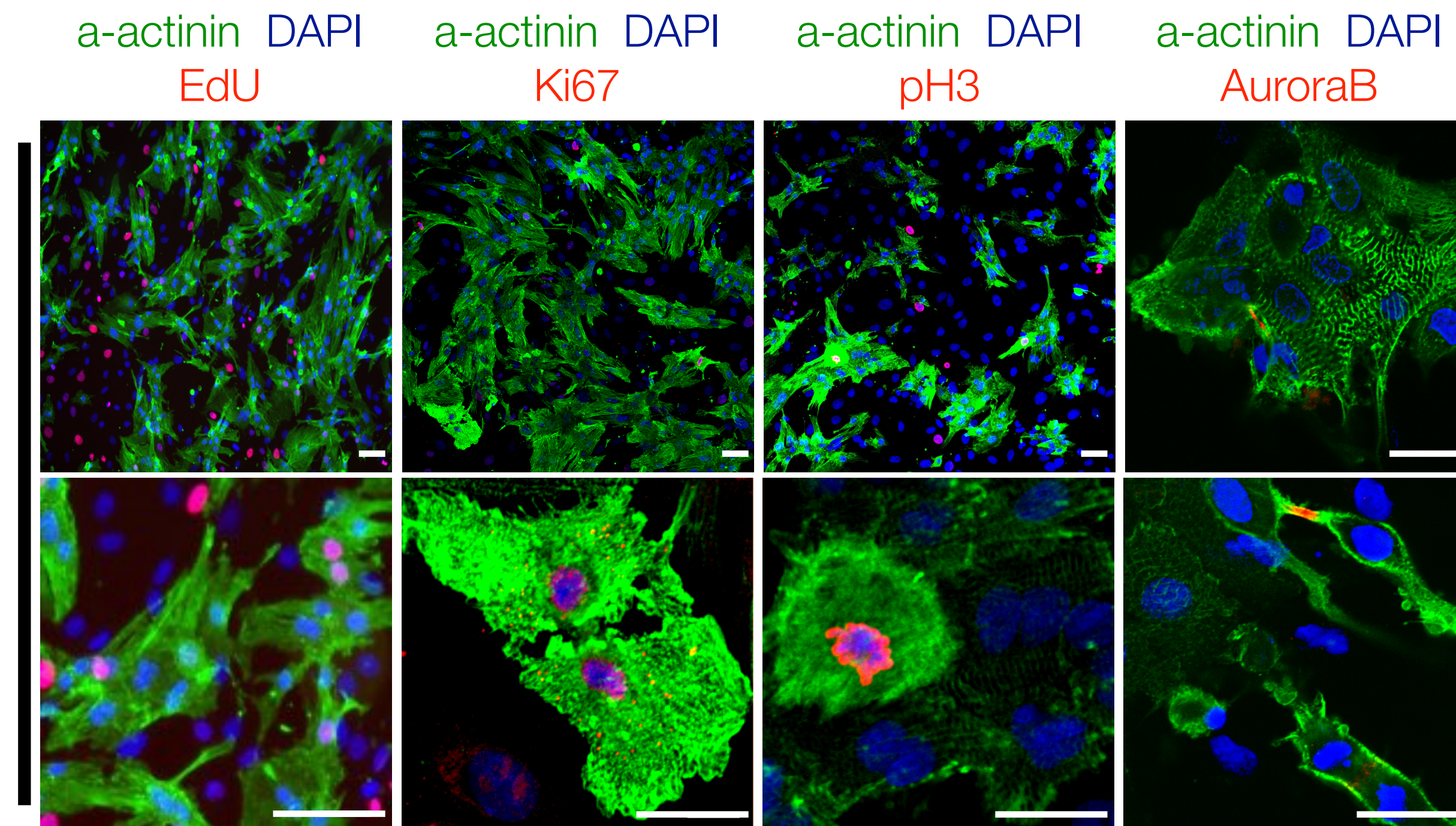
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Tregs quale sorgente di fattori solubili responsabili della proliferazione dei cardiomiociti?



# Paracrine effect of regulatory T cells promotes cardiomyocyte proliferation during pregnancy and after myocardial infarction

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# Lo scarico meccanico del cuore dopo impianto di LVAD stimola la proliferazione dei cardiomiociti umani

## Human Ventricular Unloading Induces Cardiomyocyte Proliferation

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### ABSTRACT

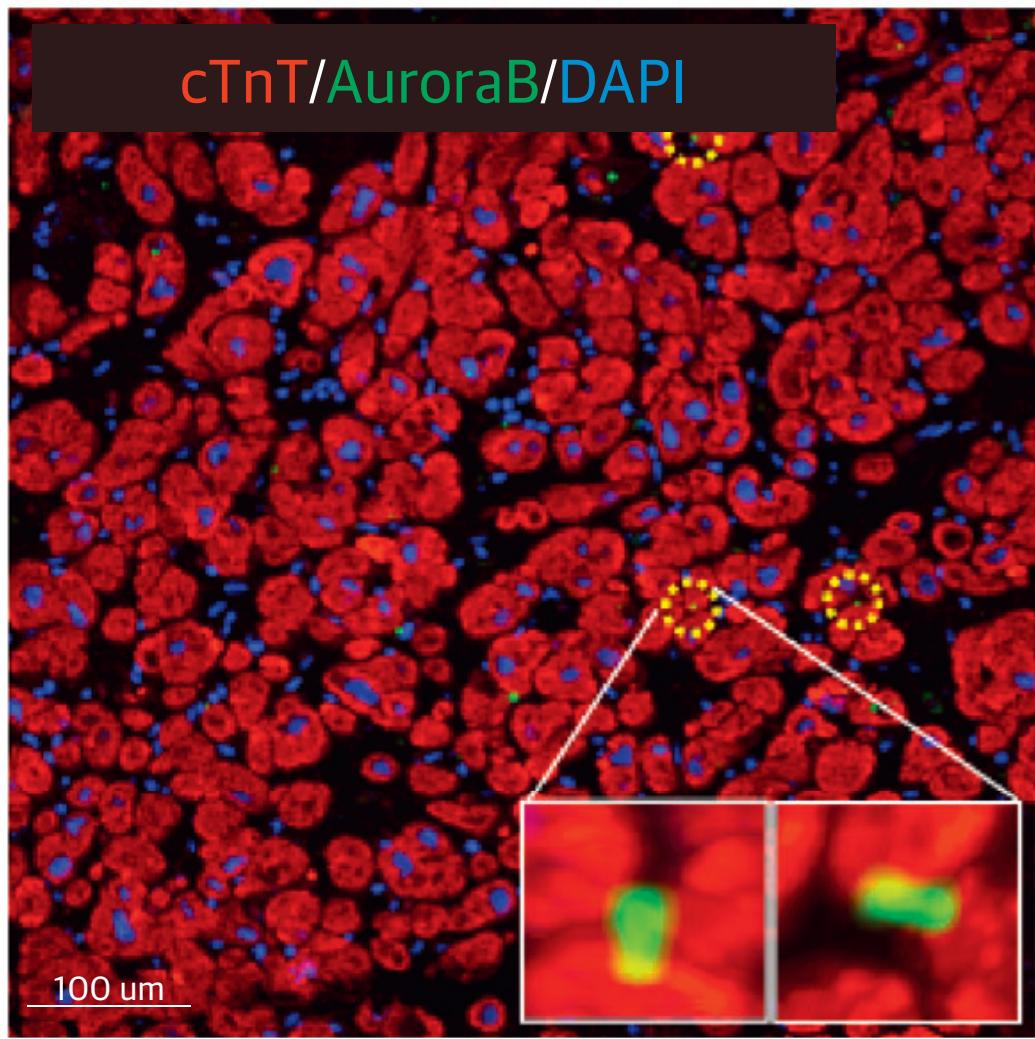
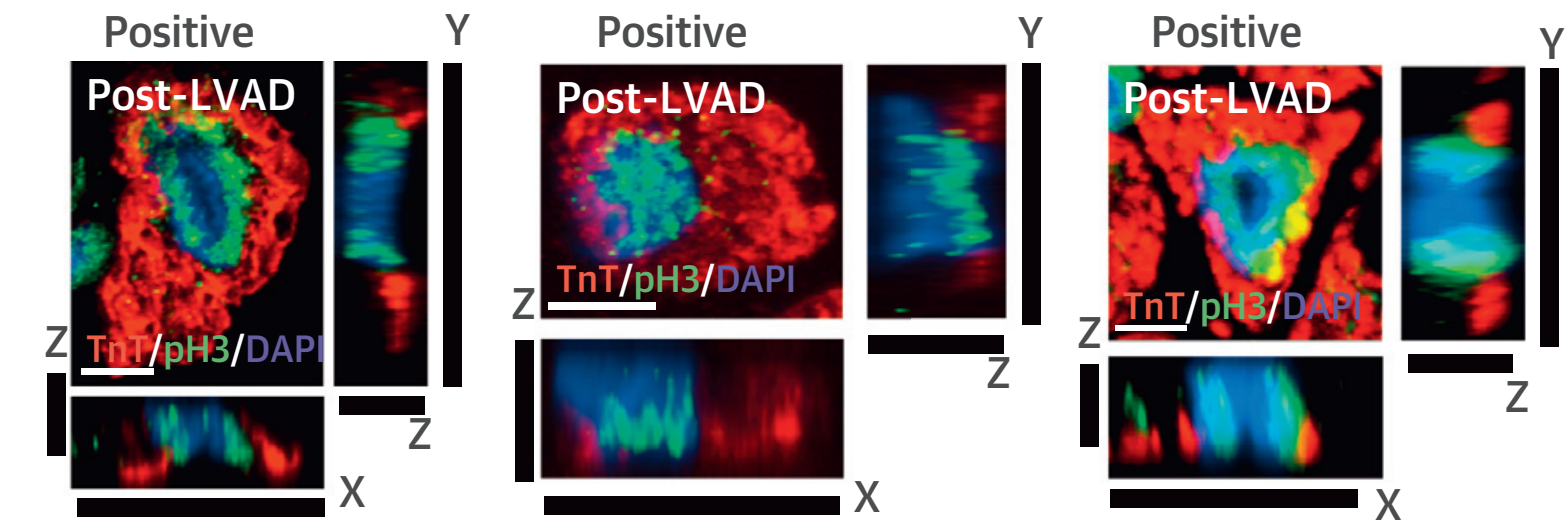
**BACKGROUND** The adult mammalian heart is incapable of meaningful regeneration after substantial cardiomyocyte loss, primarily due to the inability of adult cardiomyocytes to divide. Our group recently showed that mitochondria-mediated oxidative DNA damage is an important regulator of postnatal cardiomyocyte cell cycle arrest. However, it is not known whether mechanical load also plays a role in this process. We reasoned that the postnatal physiological increase in mechanical load contributes to the increase in mitochondrial content, with subsequent activation of DNA damage response (DDR) and permanent cell cycle arrest of cardiomyocytes.

**OBJECTIVES** The purpose of this study was to test the effect of mechanical unloading on mitochondrial mass, DDR, and cardiomyocyte proliferation.

**METHODS** We examined the effect of human ventricular unloading after implantation of left ventricular assist devices (LVADs) on mitochondrial content, DDR, and cardiomyocyte proliferation in 10 matched left ventricular samples collected at the time of LVAD implantation (pre-LVAD) and at the time of explantation (post-LVAD).

**RESULTS** We found that post-LVAD hearts showed up to a 60% decrease in mitochondrial content and up to a 45% decrease in cardiomyocyte size compared with pre-LVAD hearts. Moreover, we quantified cardiomyocyte nuclear foci of phosphorylated ataxia telangiectasia mutated protein, an upstream regulator of the DDR pathway, and we found a significant decrease in the number of nuclear phosphorylated ataxia telangiectasia mutated foci in the post-LVAD hearts. Finally, we examined cardiomyocyte mitosis and cytokinesis and found a statistically significant increase in both phosphorylated histone H3-positive, and Aurora B-positive cardiomyocytes in the post-LVAD hearts. Importantly, these results were driven by statistical significance in hearts exposed to longer durations of mechanical unloading.

**CONCLUSIONS** Prolonged mechanical unloading induces adult human cardiomyocyte proliferation, possibly through prevention of mitochondria-mediated activation of DDR. (J Am Coll Cardiol 2015;65:892-900) © 2015 by the American College of Cardiology Foundation.





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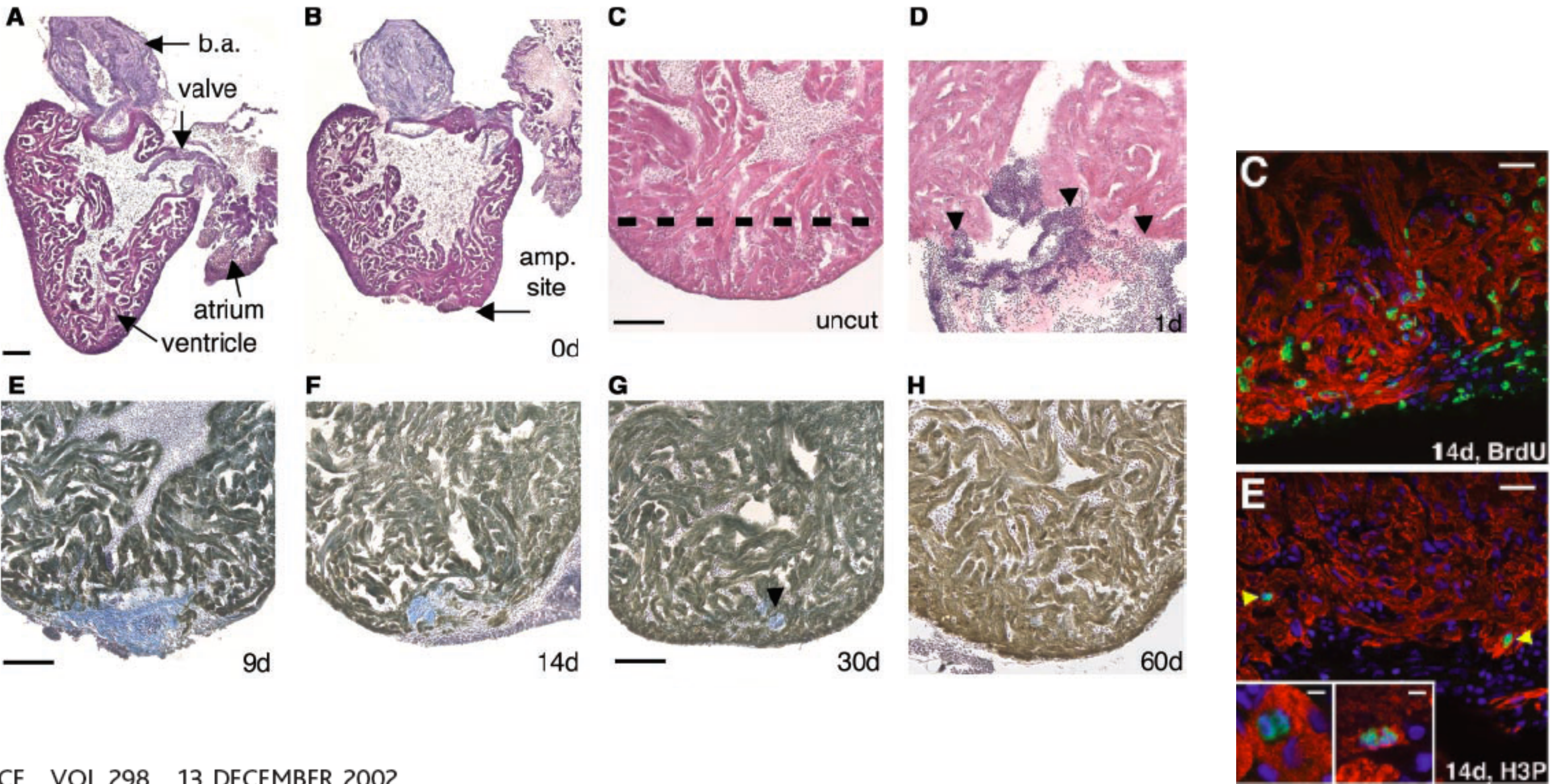
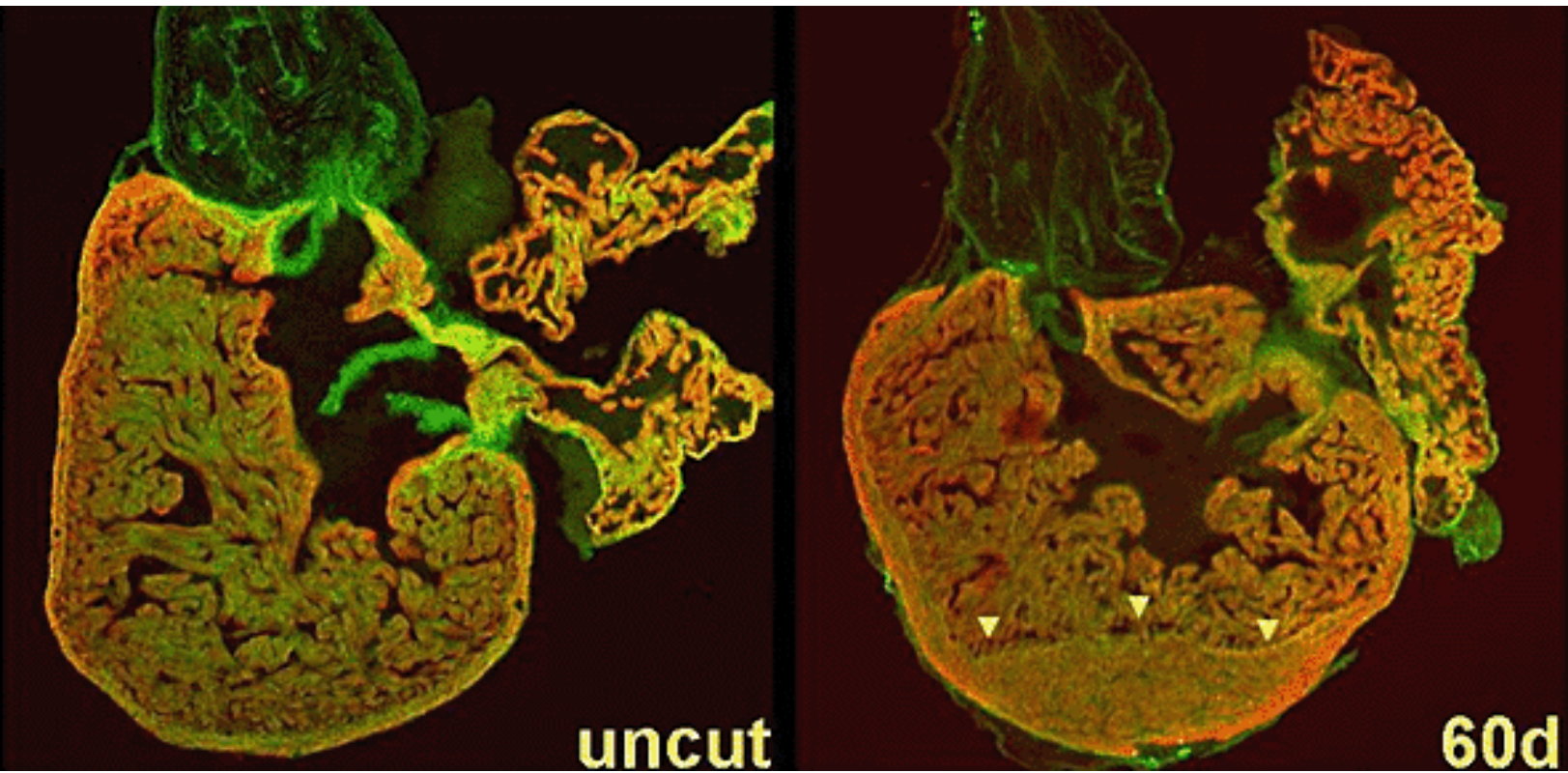
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# Heart Regeneration in Zebrafish

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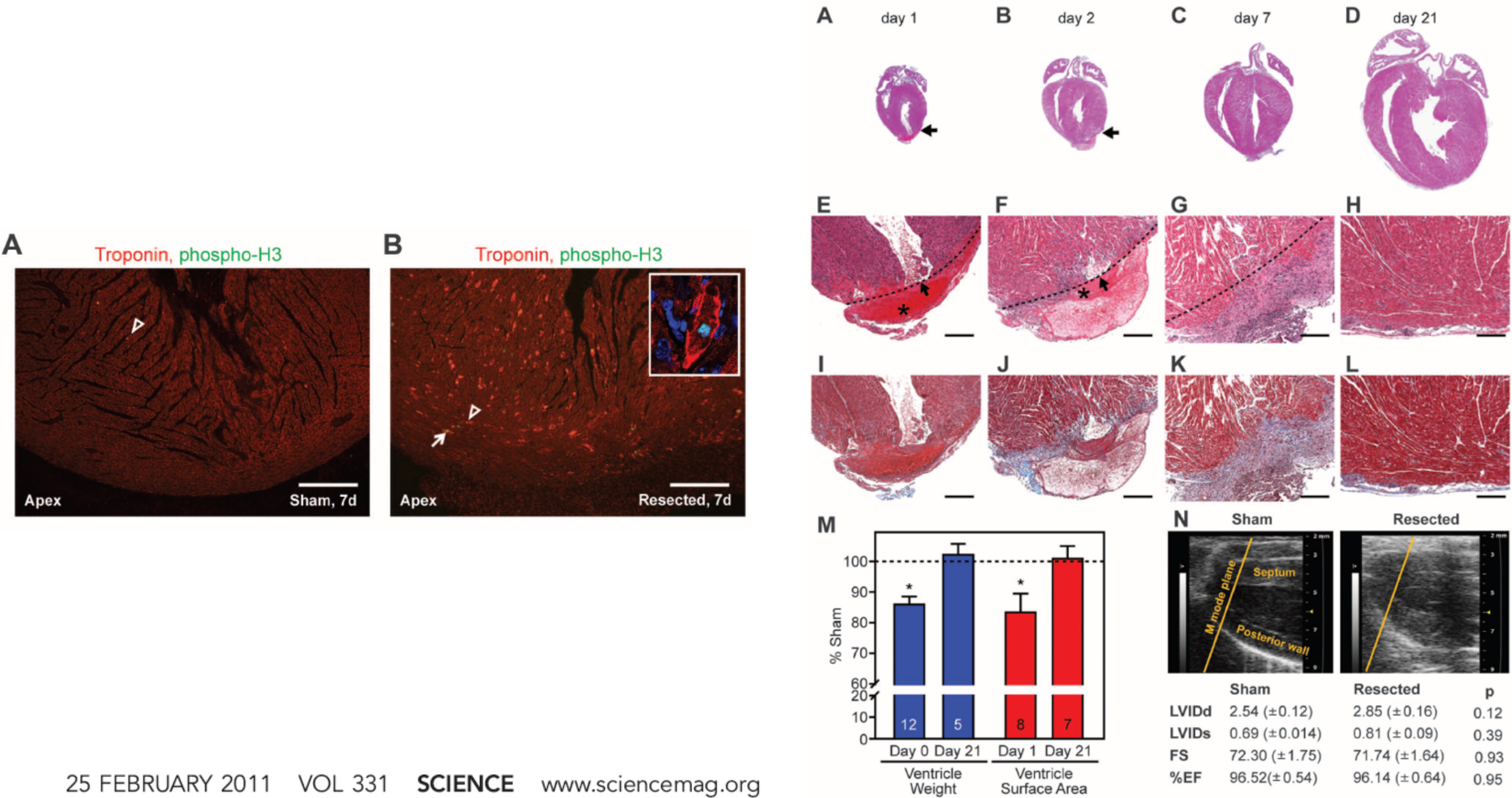
Cardiac injury in mammals and amphibians typically leads to scarring, with minimal regeneration of heart muscle. Here, we demonstrate histologically that zebrafish fully regenerate hearts within 2 months of 20% ventricular resection. Regeneration occurs through robust proliferation of cardiomyocytes localized at the leading epicardial edge of the new myocardium. The hearts of zebrafish with mutations in the Mps1 mitotic checkpoint kinase, a critical cell cycle regulator, failed to regenerate and formed scars. Thus, injury-induced cardiomyocyte proliferation in zebrafish can overcome scar formation, allowing cardiac muscle regeneration. These findings indicate that zebrafish will be useful for genetically dissecting the molecular mechanisms of cardiac regeneration.





# Transient Regenerative Potential of the Neonatal Mouse Heart

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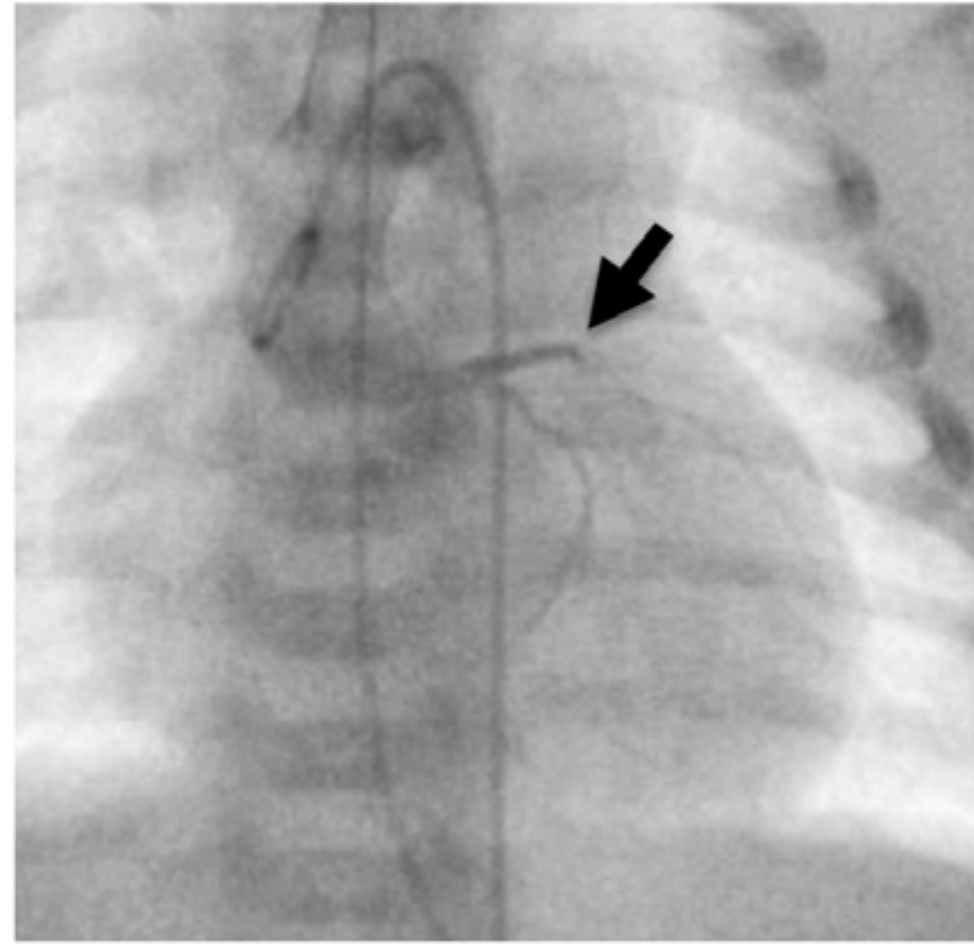




# Caso clinico

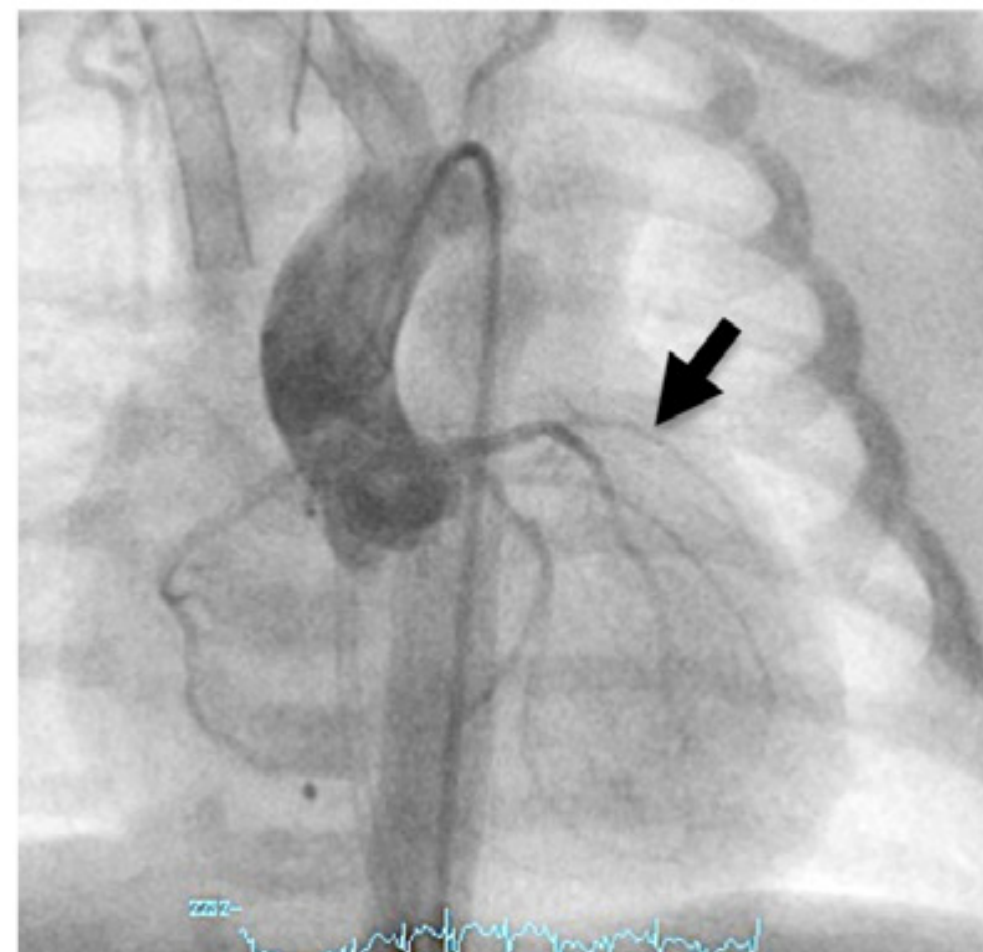
- Bambino nato a termine (39 settimane), parto eutocico, ossigenazione arteria ombelicale ok
- Alla nascita compare cianosi severa, ridotta saturazione di ossigeno
- ECG: segni di ischemia acuta
- Echocardiografia: severa disfunzione ventricolo sinistro
- Aumento dei livelli di BNP, Troponina T and CK nel sangue
- Angiografia coronarica





Occlusione completa della arteria  
coronaria discendente anteriore

- Trombolisi a 28 ore dall'inizio dei sintomi



Completa riapertura dell'arteria dopo 3 giorni

Segni persistenti di danno miocardico evidenti in  
echocardiografia, ECG e analisi ematiche

Diagnosi: occlusione completa della DS per oltre 20 ore, IMA massivo

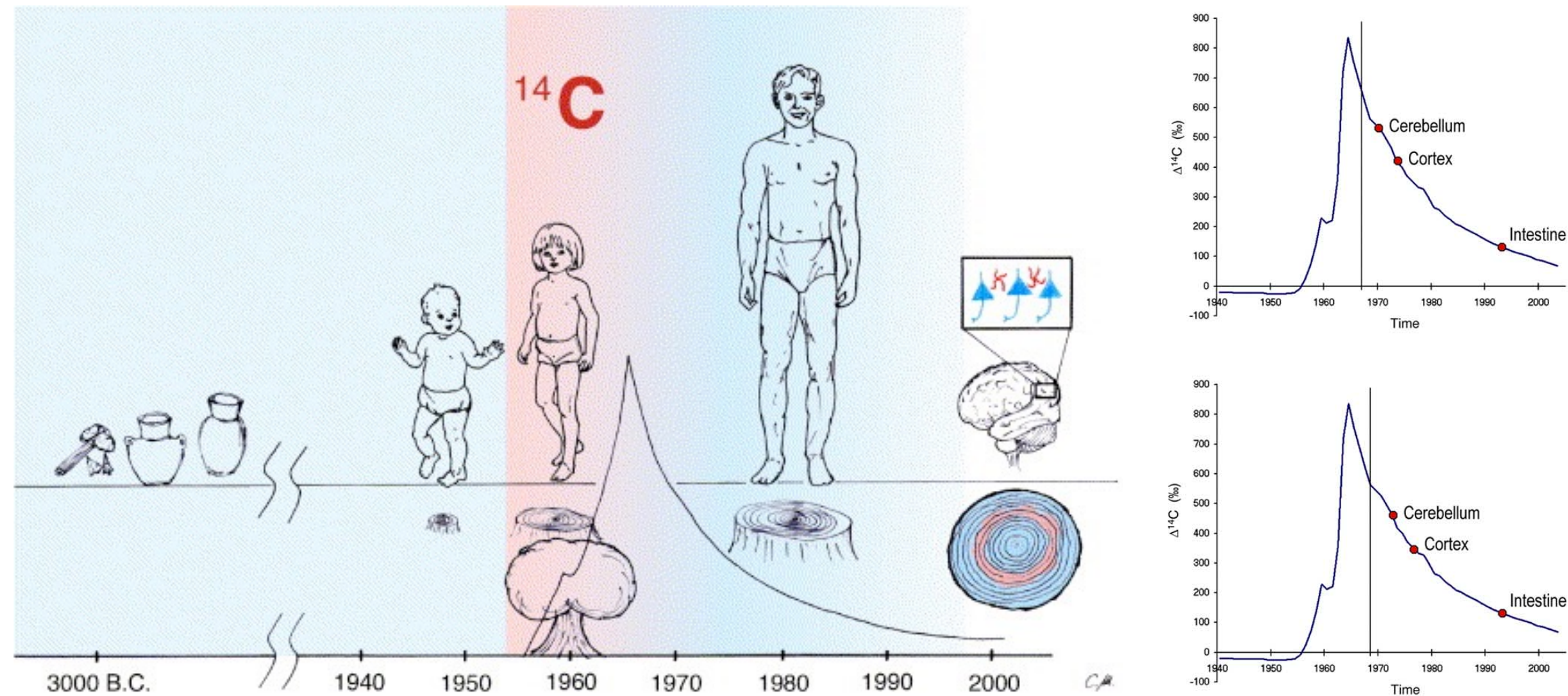


# Evoluzione del piccolo paziente?

1. Recupero completo della funzione cardiaca a 45 giorni
2. Segni di disfunzione cardiaca persistente a visite periodiche di controllo
3. Scompenso cardiaco a 1 anno
4. Morte a 2 mesi



# Esperimenti basati sul C14 indicano che il cuore umano rinnova il 50% dei suoi cardiomiociti in una vita media

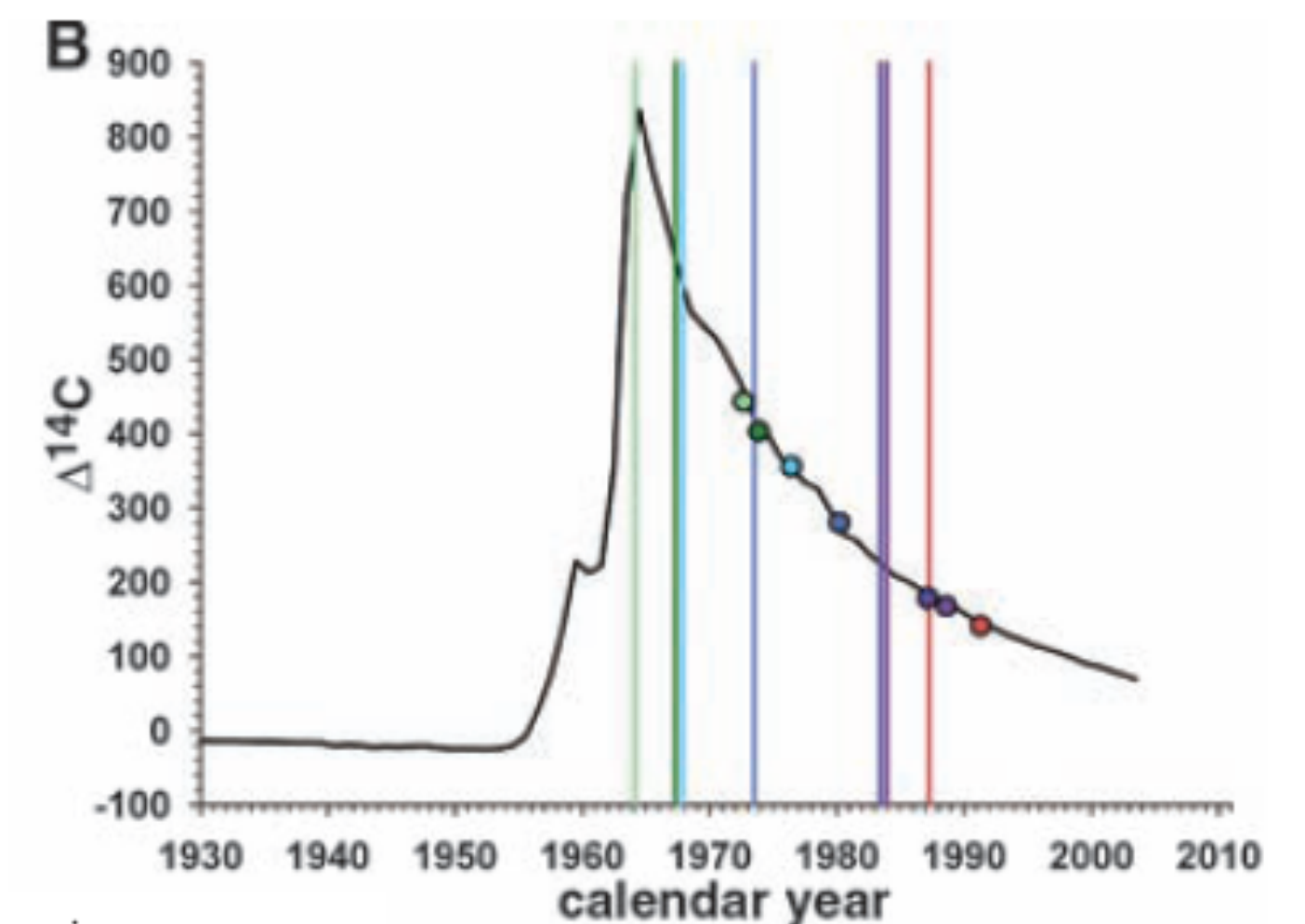


## Evidence for Cardiomyocyte Renewal in Humans

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A 25-year-old heart replaces about 1% of all cardiomyocytes over a year; a 75-year-old about half that.

Fewer than 50% of cardiomyocytes are exchanged during a normal life span.





Heart failure is a chronic disease needing lifelong management. However, with treatment, signs and symptoms of heart failure can improve and the heart sometimes becomes stronger. Doctors sometimes can correct heart failure by treating the underlying cause. For example, repairing a heart valve or controlling a fast heart rhythm may reverse heart failure. But for most people, the treatment of heart failure involves a balance of the right medications, and in some cases, devices that help the heart beat and contract properly.

Medications

Doctors usually treat heart failure with a combination of medications. Depending on your symptoms, you might take one or more of these drugs. They include:

- **Angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors.** These drugs help people with heart failure live longer and feel better. ACE inhibitors are a type of vasodilator, a drug that widens blood vessels to lower blood pressure, improve blood flow and decrease the workload on the heart. Examples include enalapril (Vasotec), lisinopril (Prinivil, Zestril) and captopril (Capoten).
- **Angiotensin II receptor blockers (ARBs).** These drugs, which include losartan (Cozaar) and valsartan (Diovan), have many of the same benefits as ACE inhibitors. They may be an alternative for people who can't tolerate ACE inhibitors.
- **Digoxin (Lanoxin).** This drug, also referred to as digitalis, increases the strength of your heart muscle contractions. It also tends to slow the heartbeat. Digoxin reduces heart failure symptoms and improves your ability to live with the condition.
- **Beta blockers.** This class of drugs slows your heart rate and reduces blood pressure. Examples include carvedilol (Coreg), metoprolol (Lopressor) and bisoprolol (Zebeta). These medicines also reduce the risk of some abnormal heart rhythms. Beta blockers may reduce signs and symptoms of heart failure and improve heart function.
- **Diuretics.** Often called water pills, diuretics make you urinate more frequently and keep fluid from collecting in your body. Commonly prescribed diuretics for heart failure include bumetanide (Bumex) and furosemide (Lasix). The drugs also decrease fluid in your lungs, so you can breathe more easily. Because diuretics make your body lose potassium and magnesium, your doctor may also prescribe supplements of these minerals. If you're taking a diuretic, your doctor will likely monitor levels of potassium and magnesium in your blood through regular blood tests.
- **Aldosterone antagonists.** These drugs include spironolactone (Aldactone) and eplerenone (Inspra). They're primarily potassium-sparing diuretics, but they have additional properties that help the heart work better, may reverse scarring of the heart and may help people with severe heart failure live longer. Unlike some other diuretics, spironolactone can raise the level of potassium in your blood to dangerous levels, so talk to your doctor if increased potassium is a concern.

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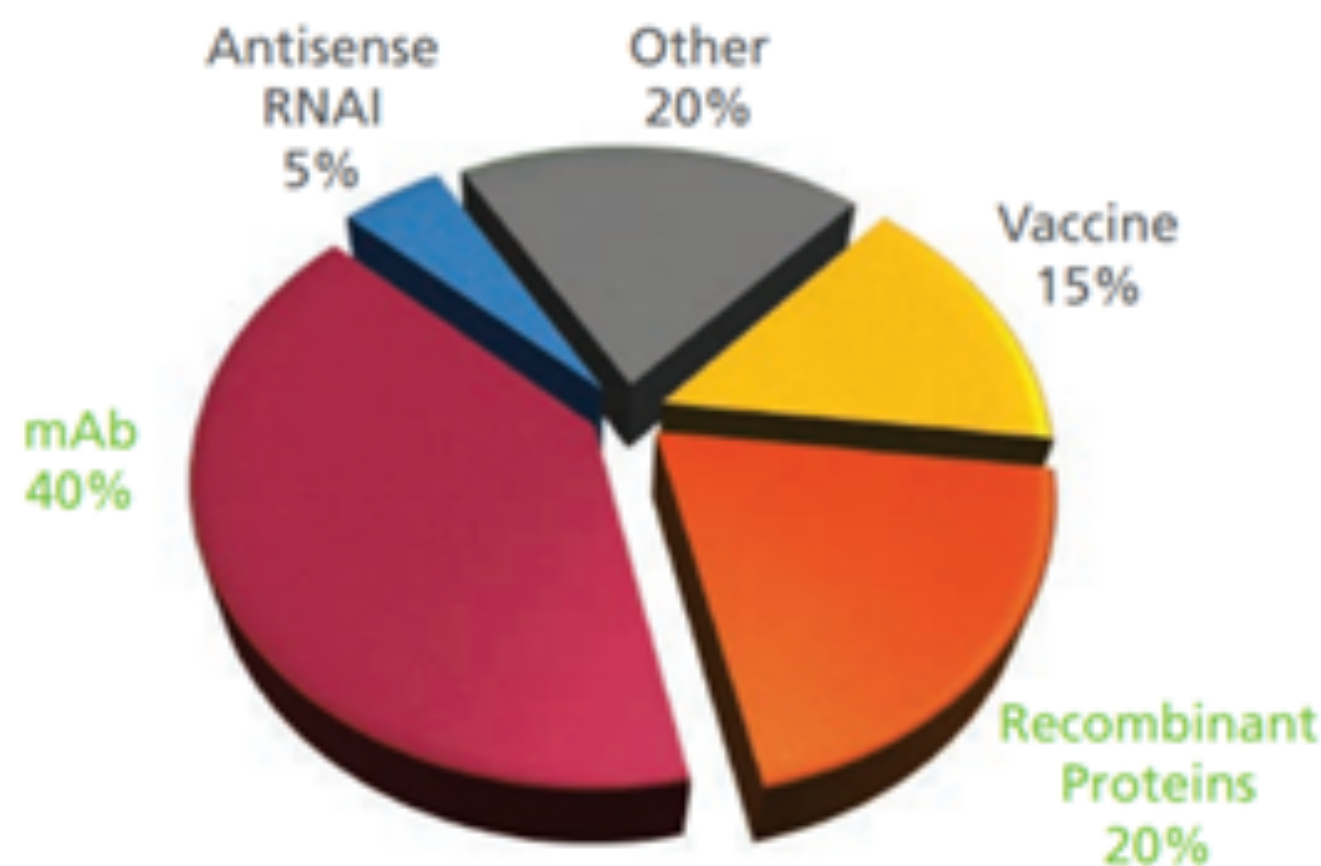
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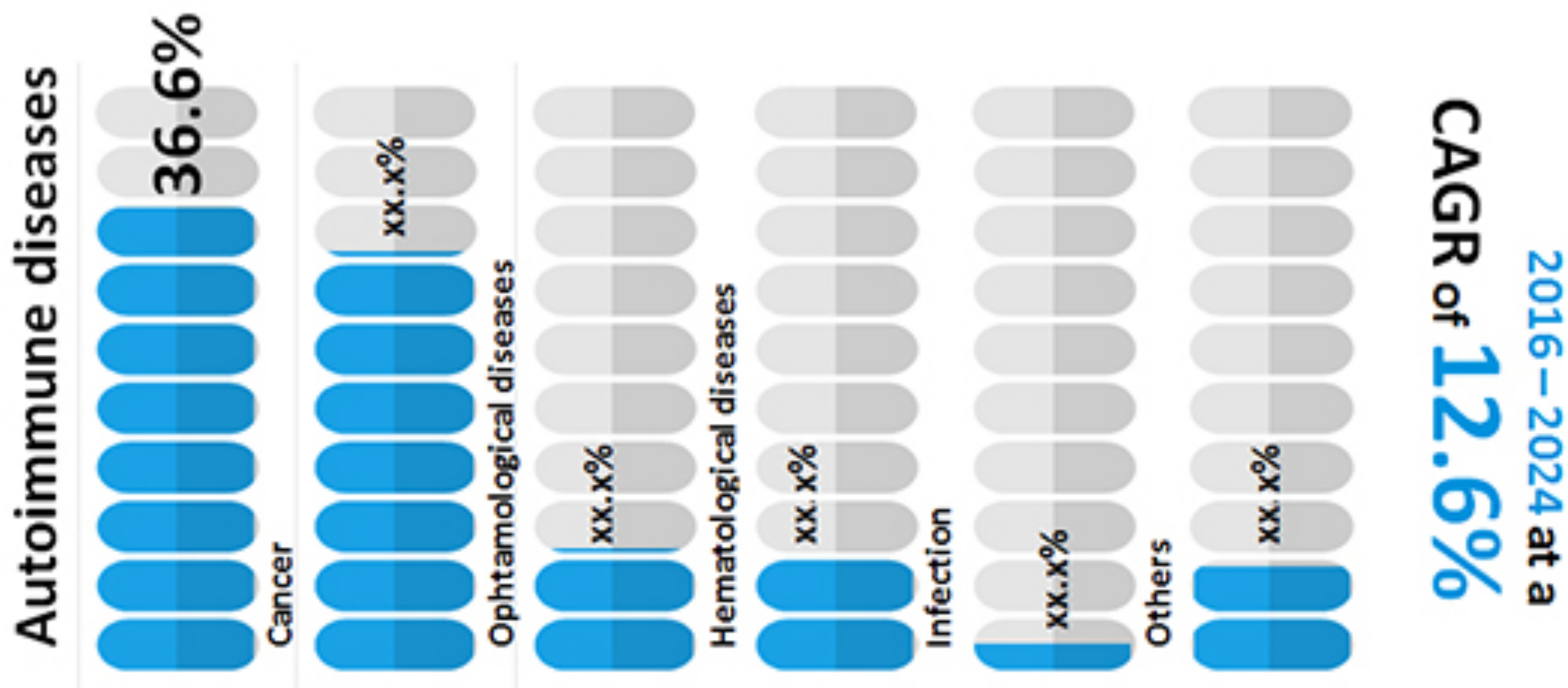
LCZ696? SGLT2 inhibitors?



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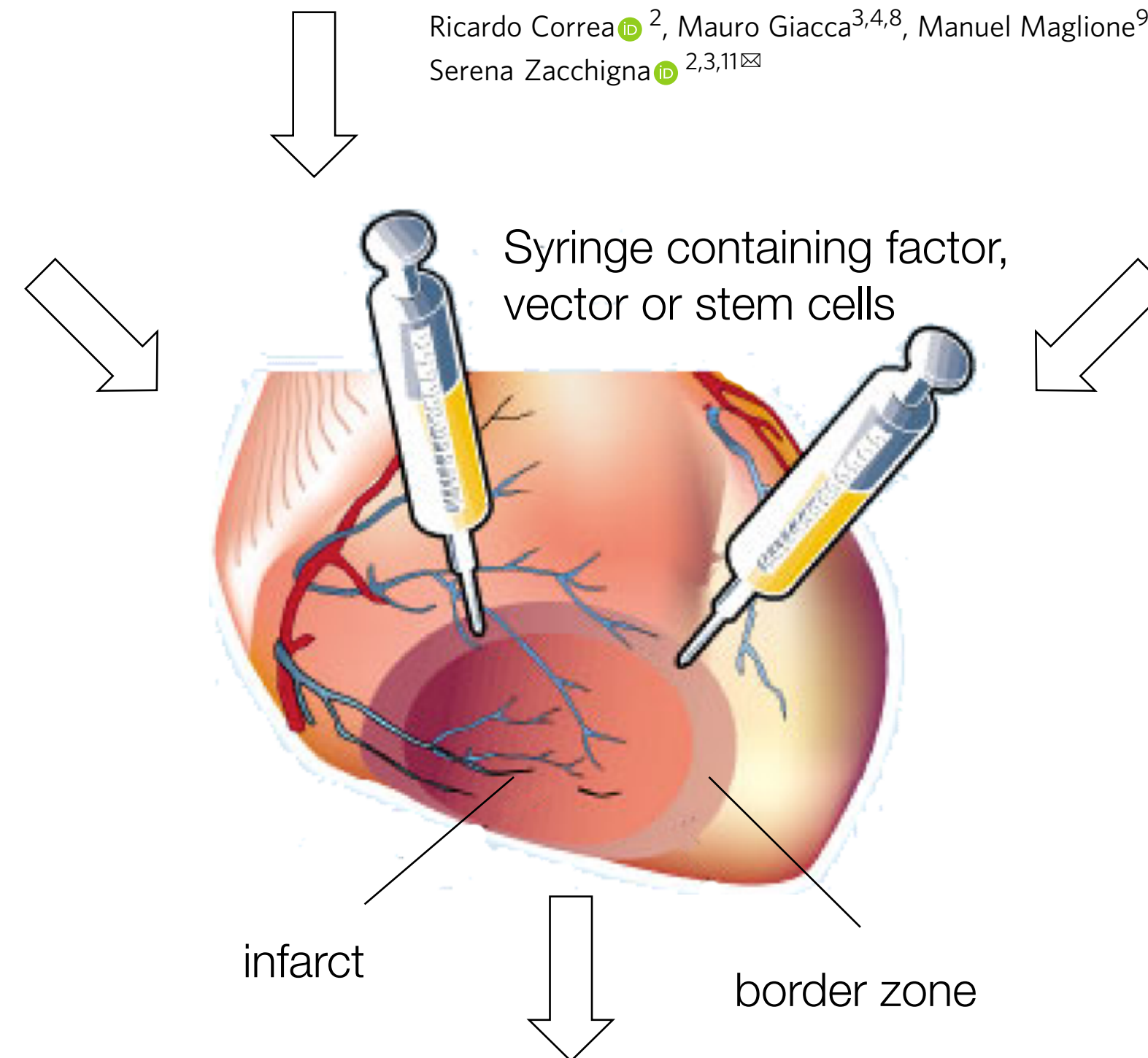
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Bone morphogenetic protein 1.3 inhibition decreases scar formation and supports cardiomyocyte survival after myocardial infarction

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Terapia Genica  
Vettori virali, microRNA

Terapia cellulare



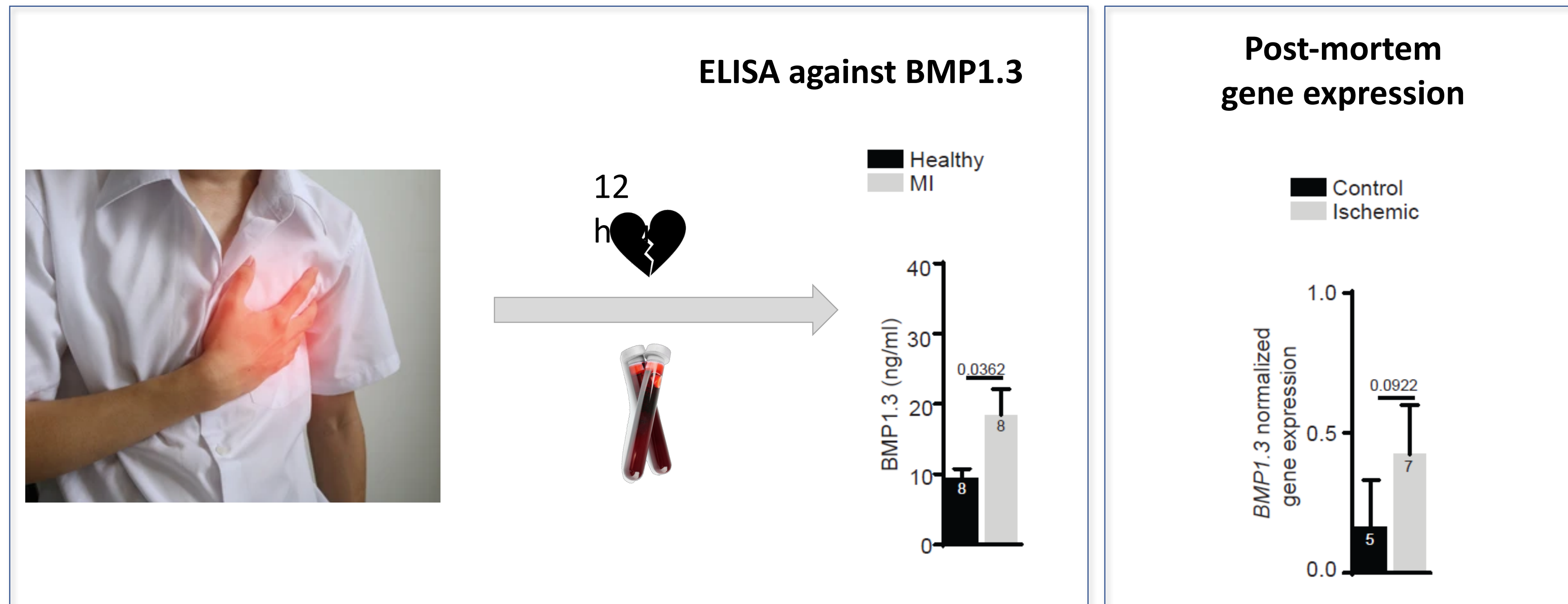
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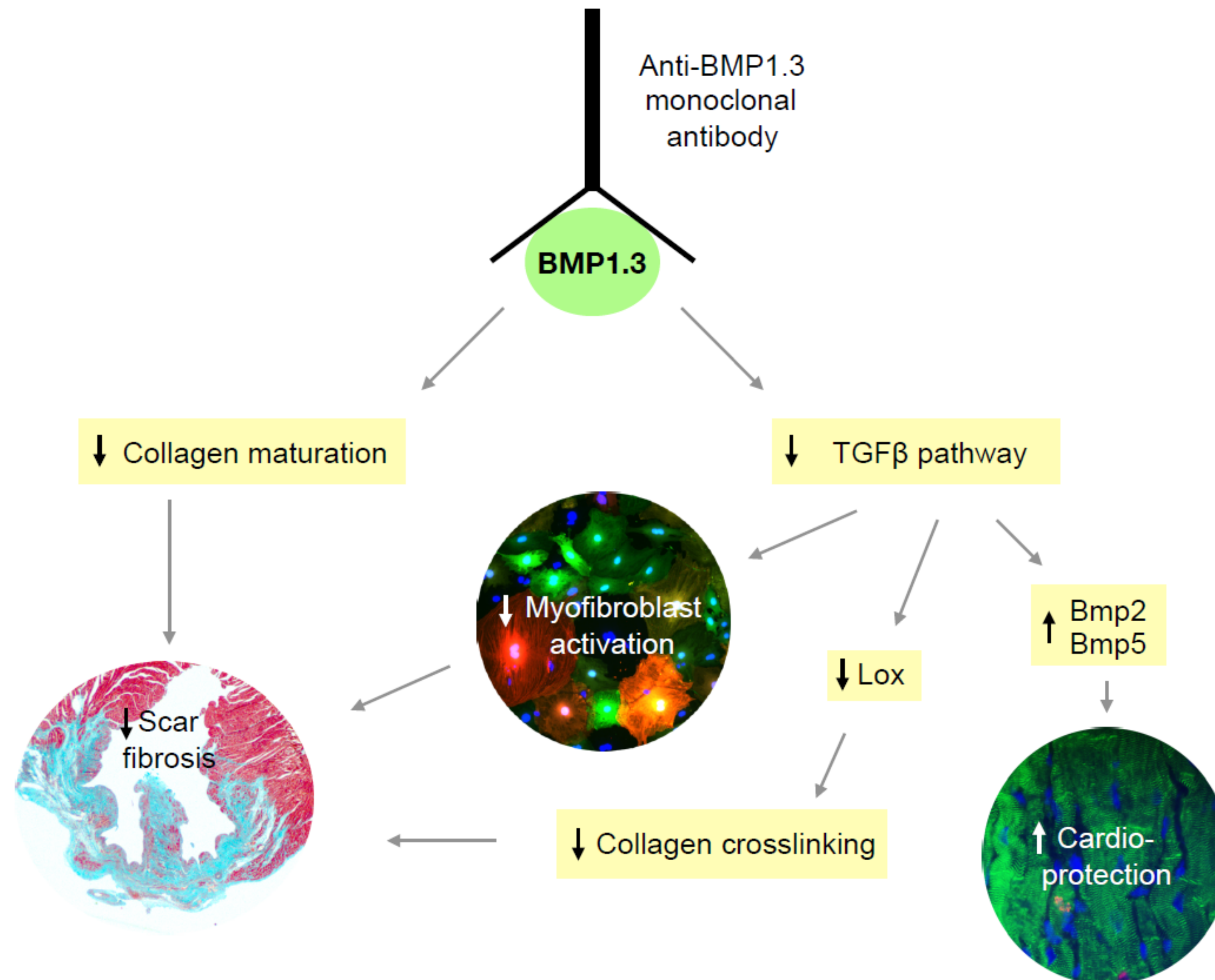


# I livelli di BMP1.3 sono aumentati nel sangue dei pazienti con infarto acuto del miocardio





# Doppio meccanismo di azione di un nuovo anticorpo monoclonale anti-BMP1.3



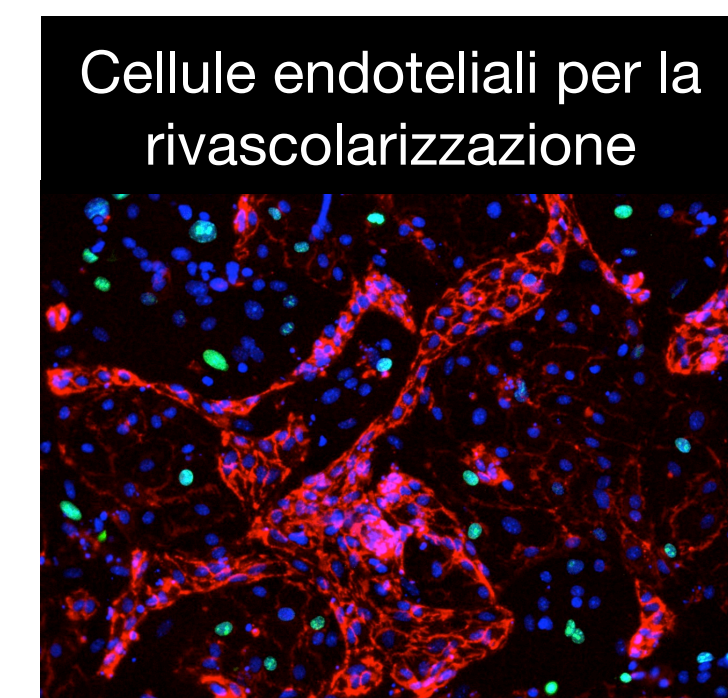
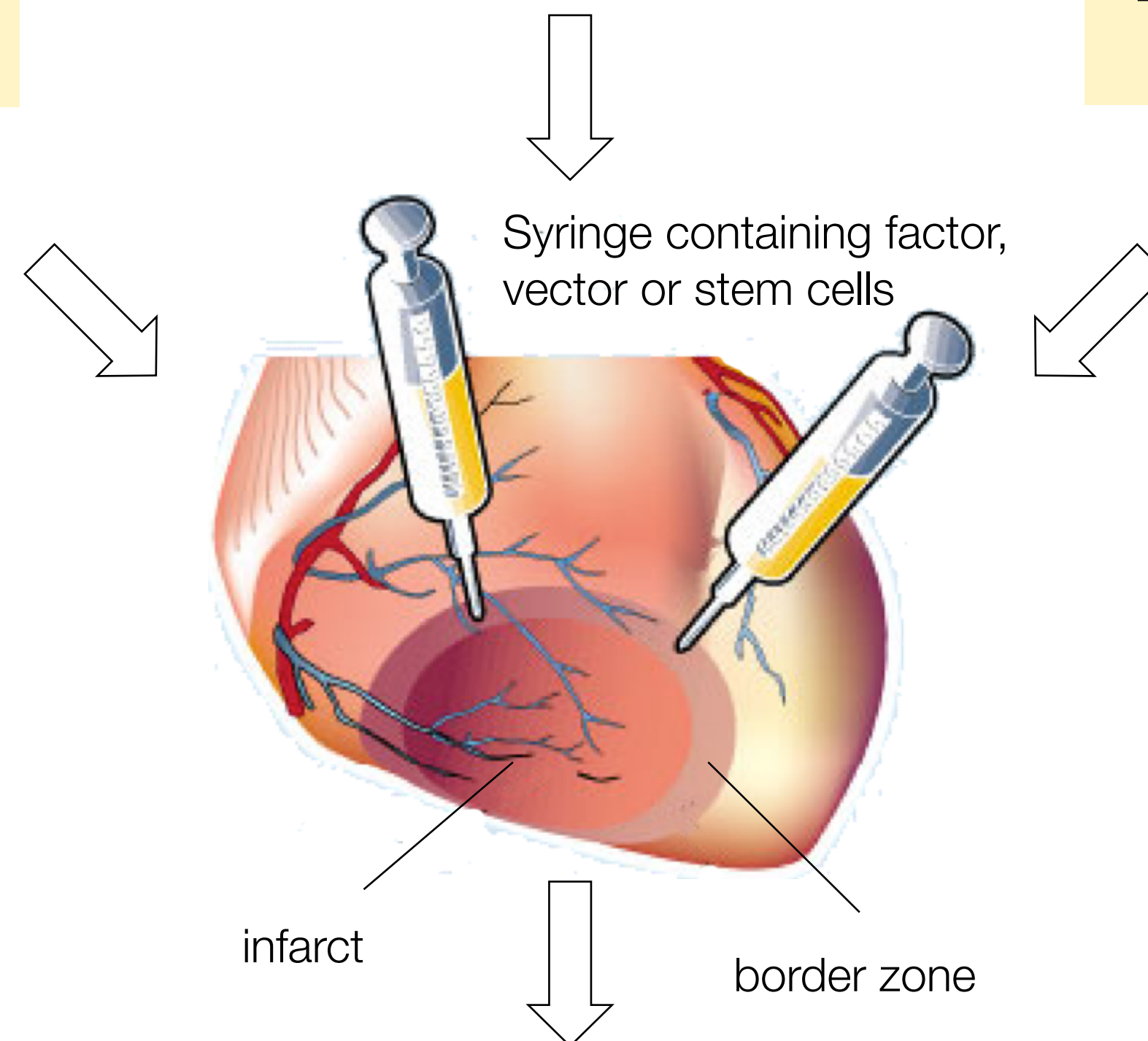
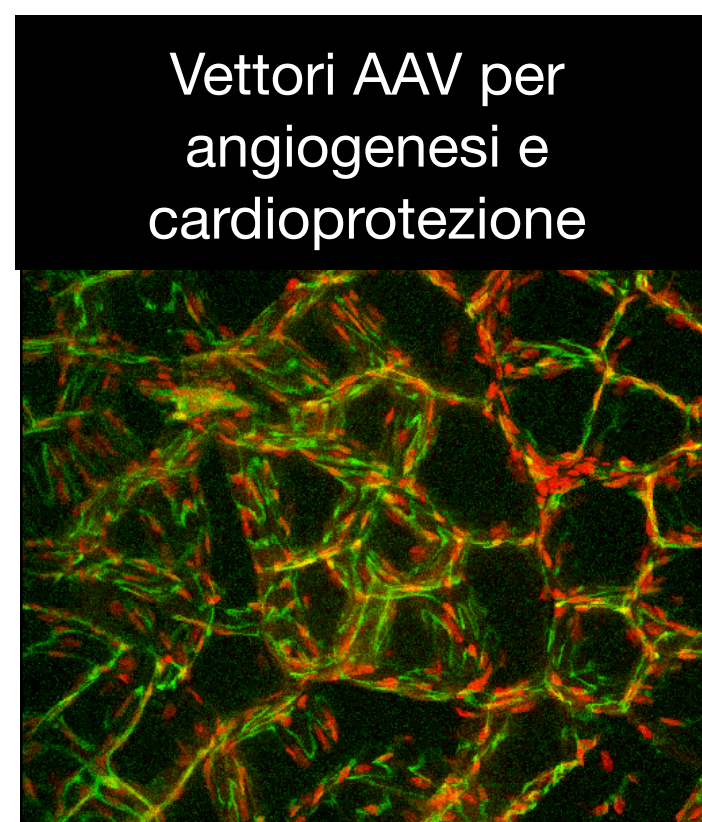
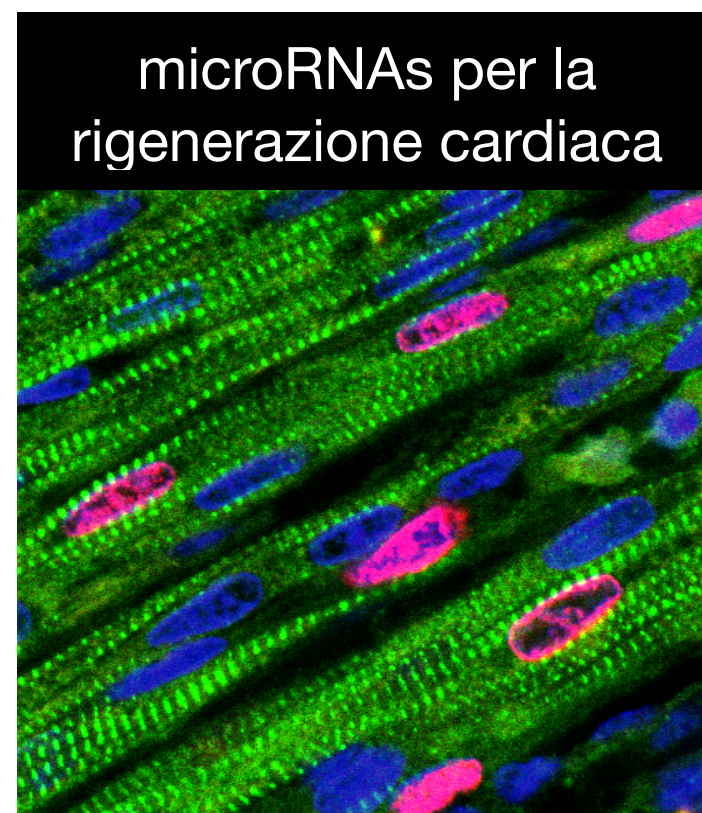


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Proteine ricombinanti

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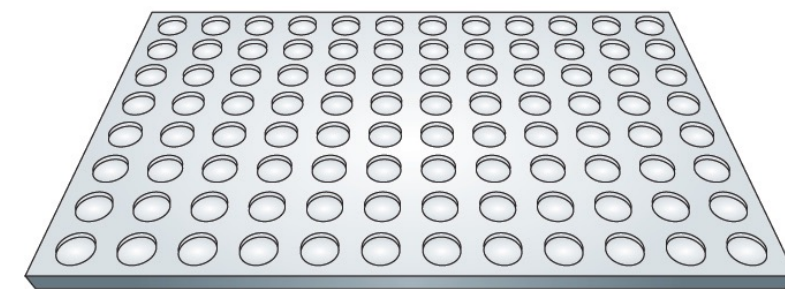
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# Screening di microRNA per la proliferazione dei cardiomiociti

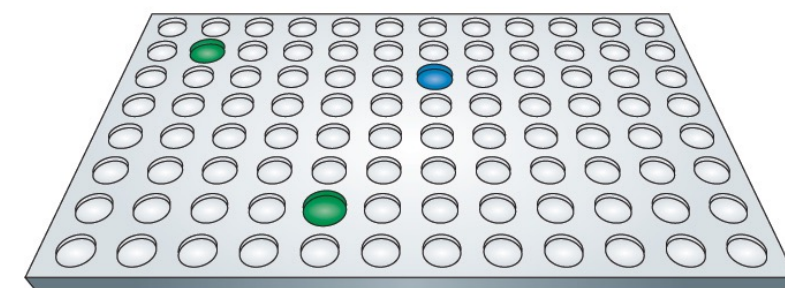


microRNA mimics  
arrayed on 96-well plates  
(988 mature sequences)

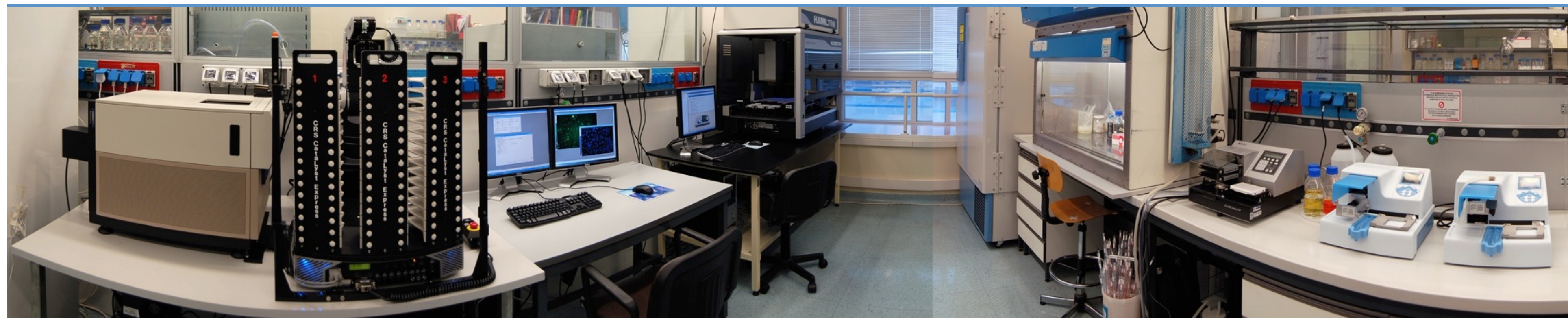
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add cardiomyocytes isolated from newborn rats

52h  
add EdU

72h



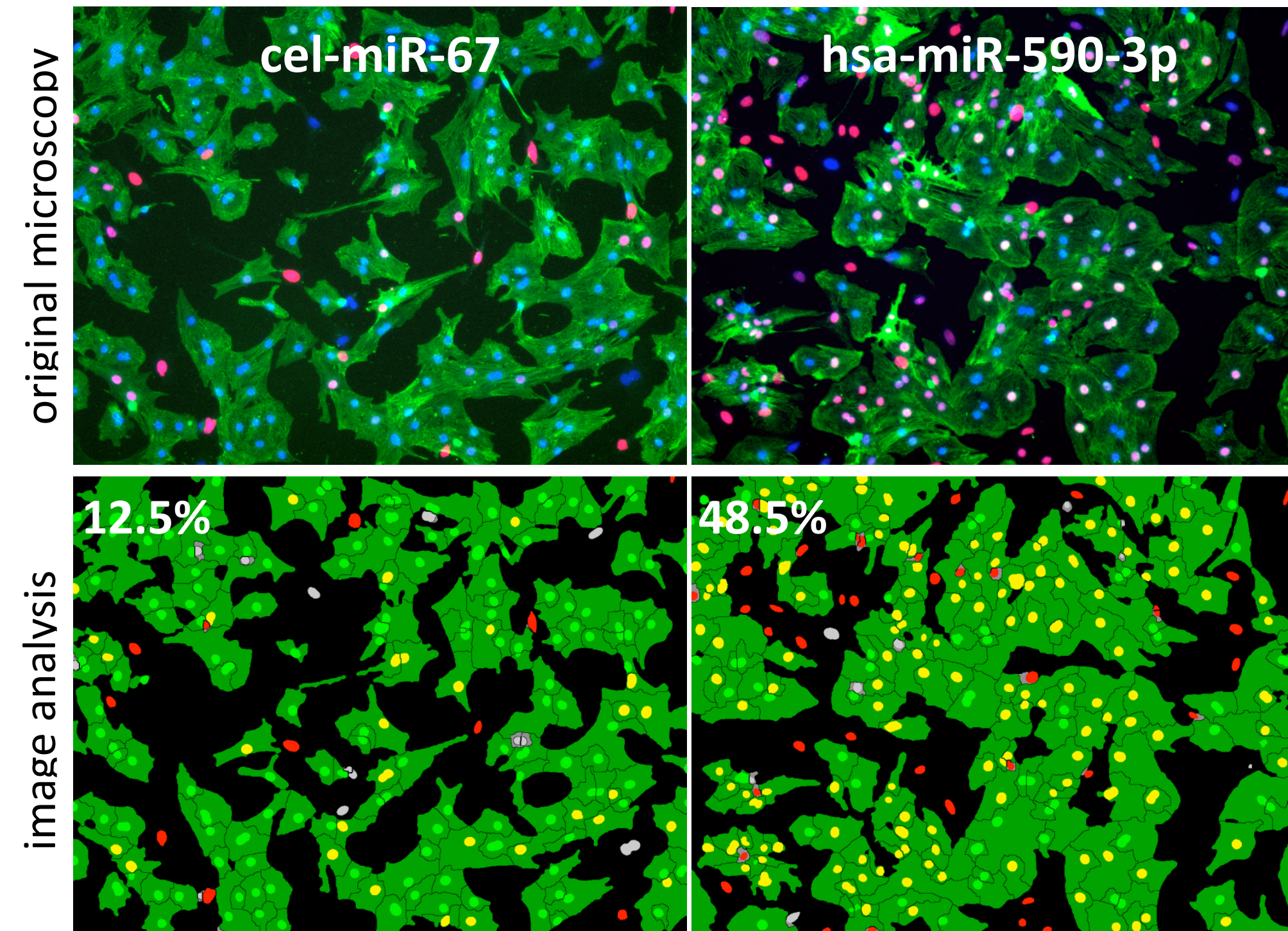
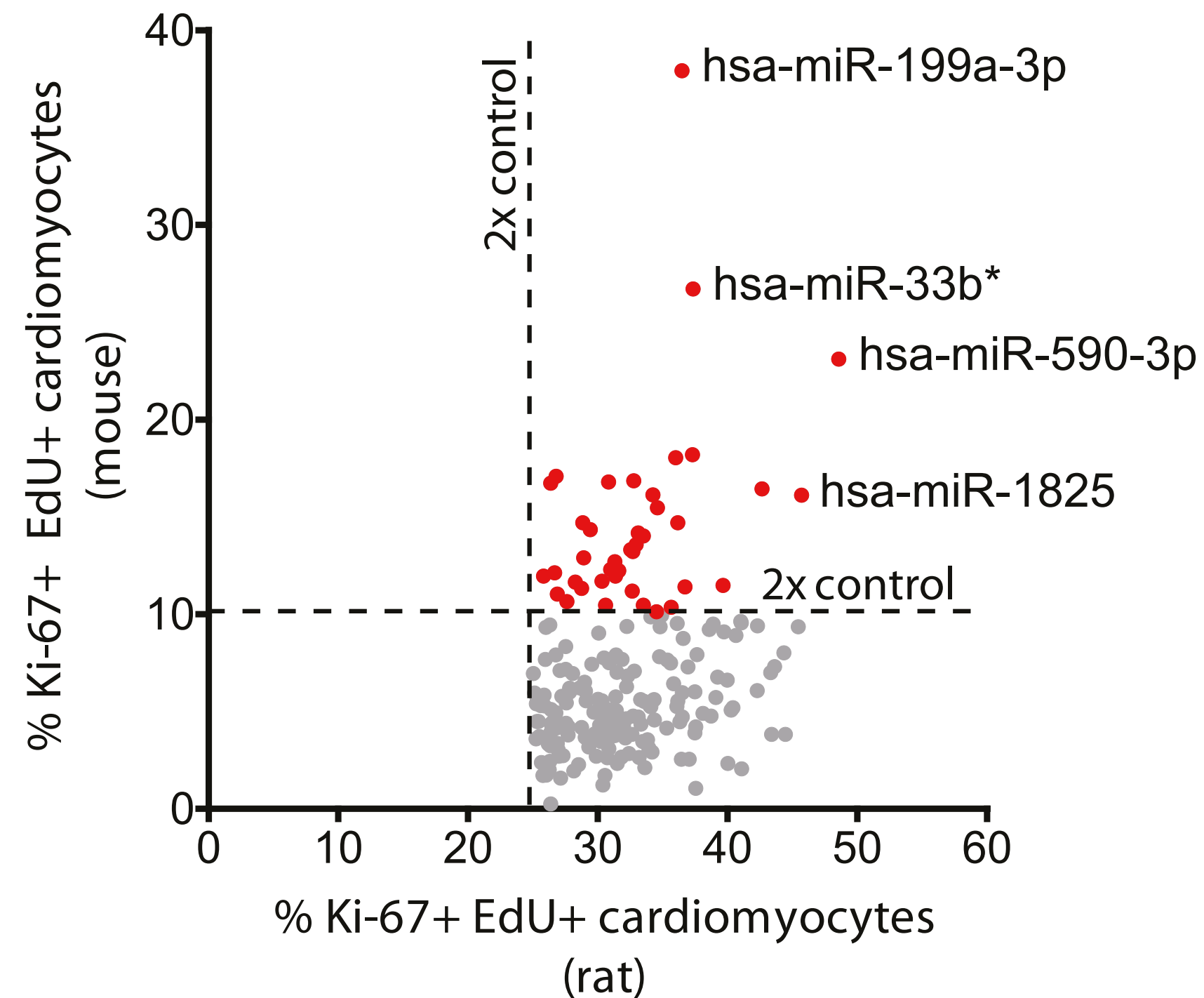
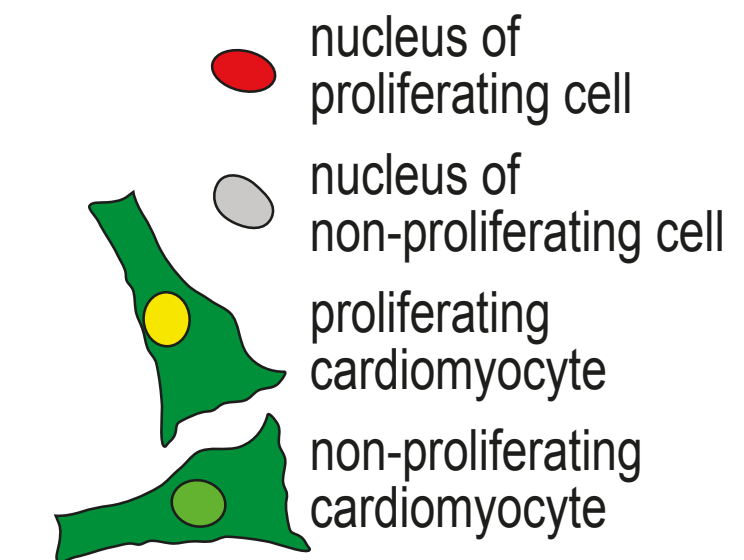
cell fixation and fluorescence staining  
(Hoechst, alpha-actinin, Ki-67 and EdU)





# 40 miRNA umano stimolano la proliferazione dei cardiomiociti

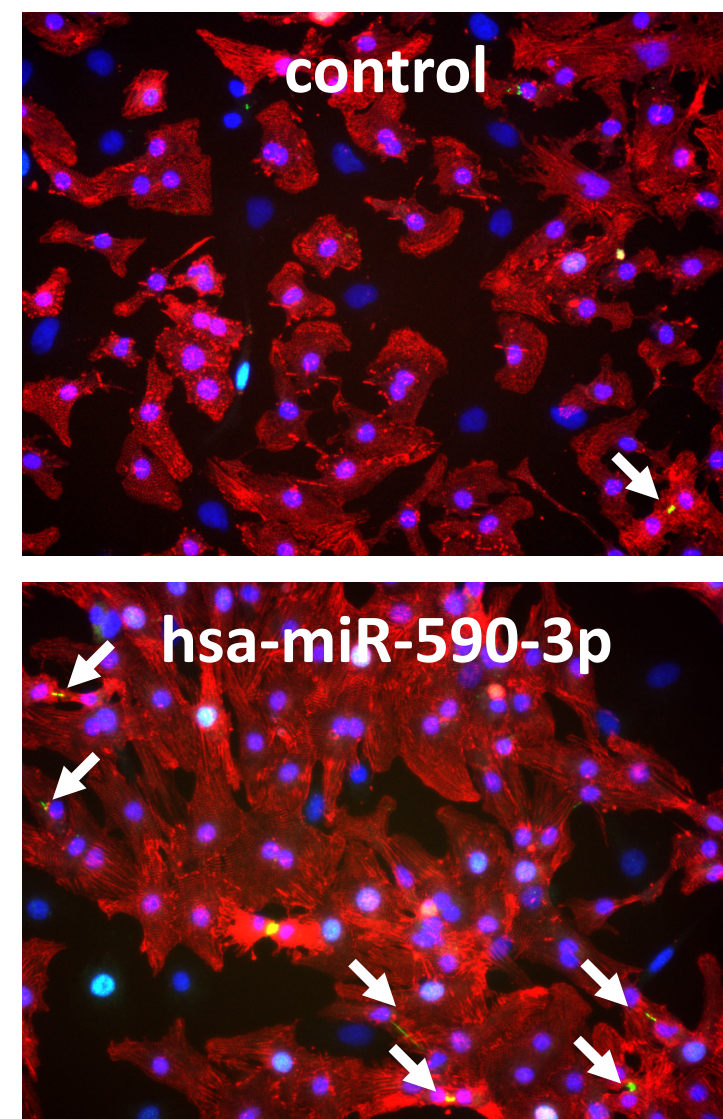
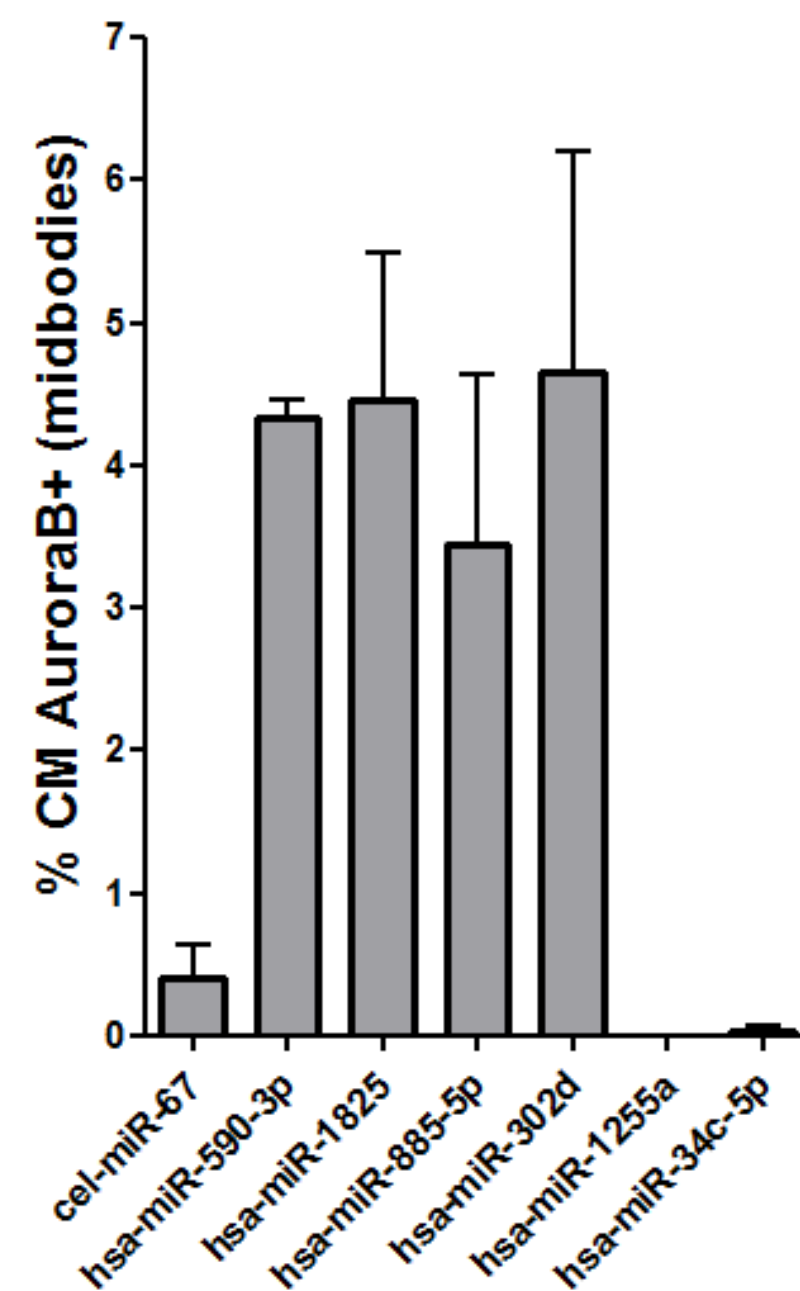
Hoechst  
a-actinin  
EdU



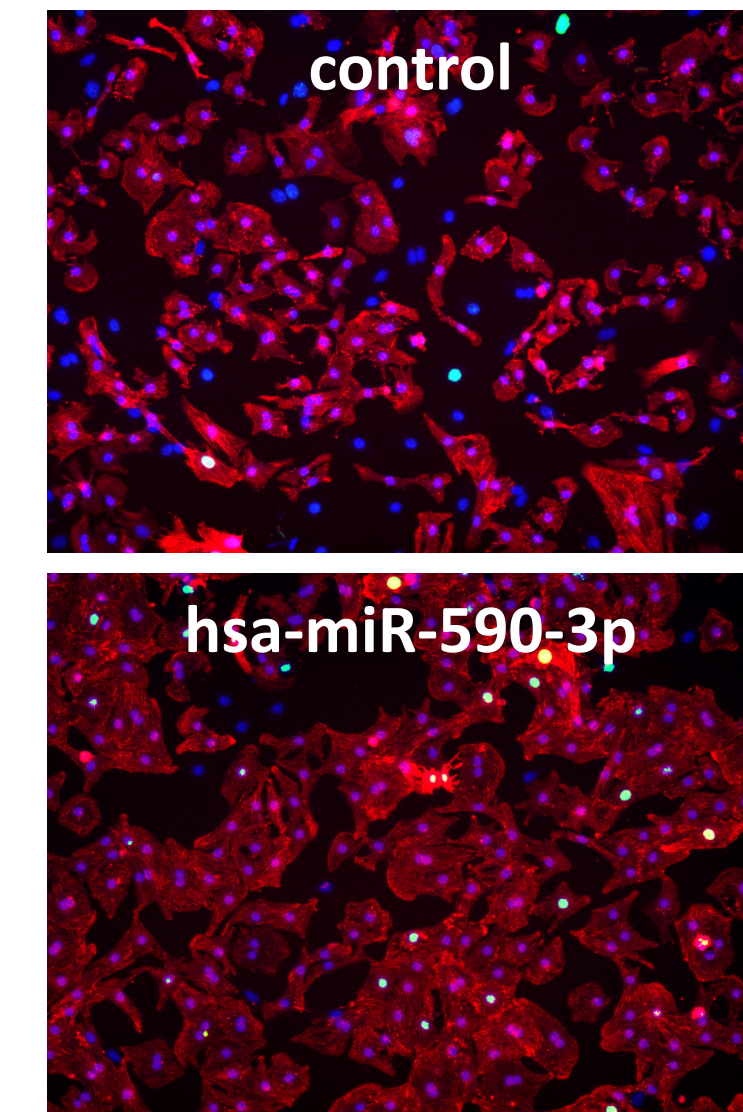
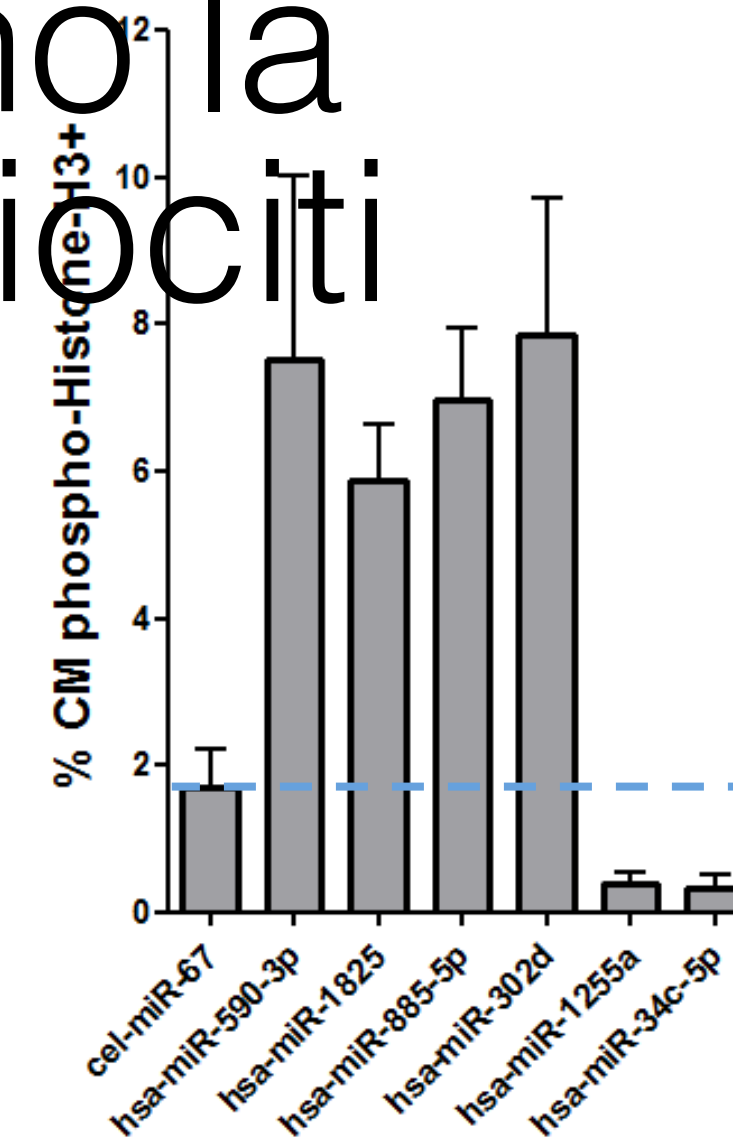


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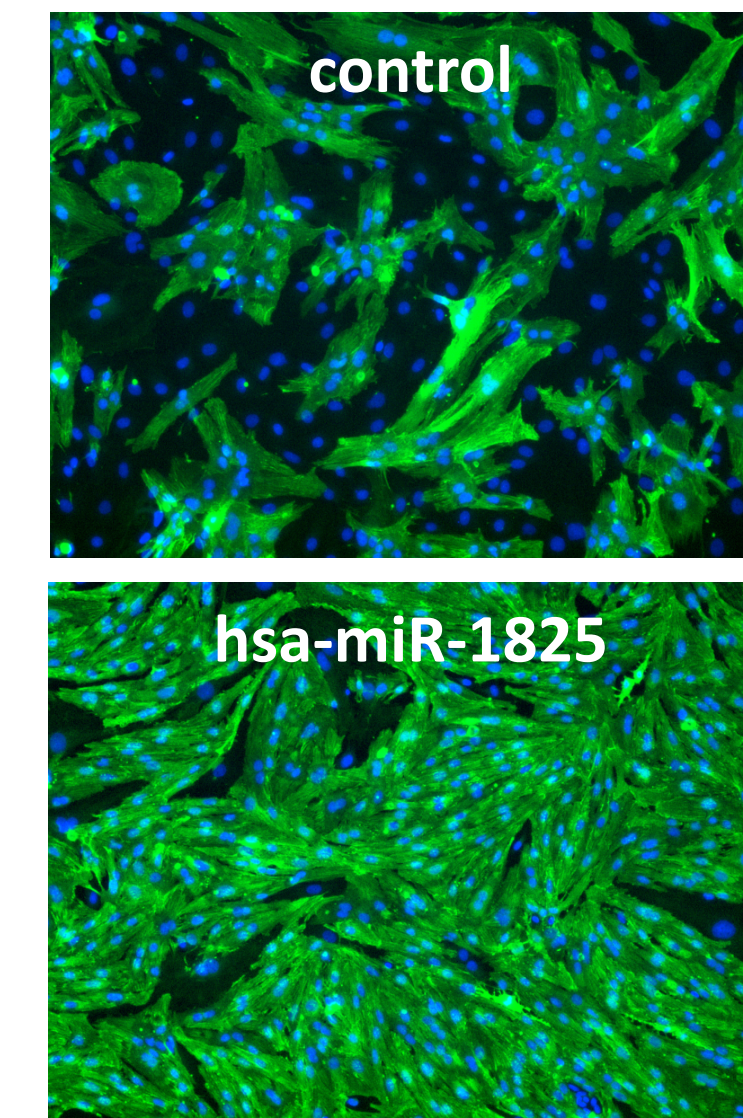
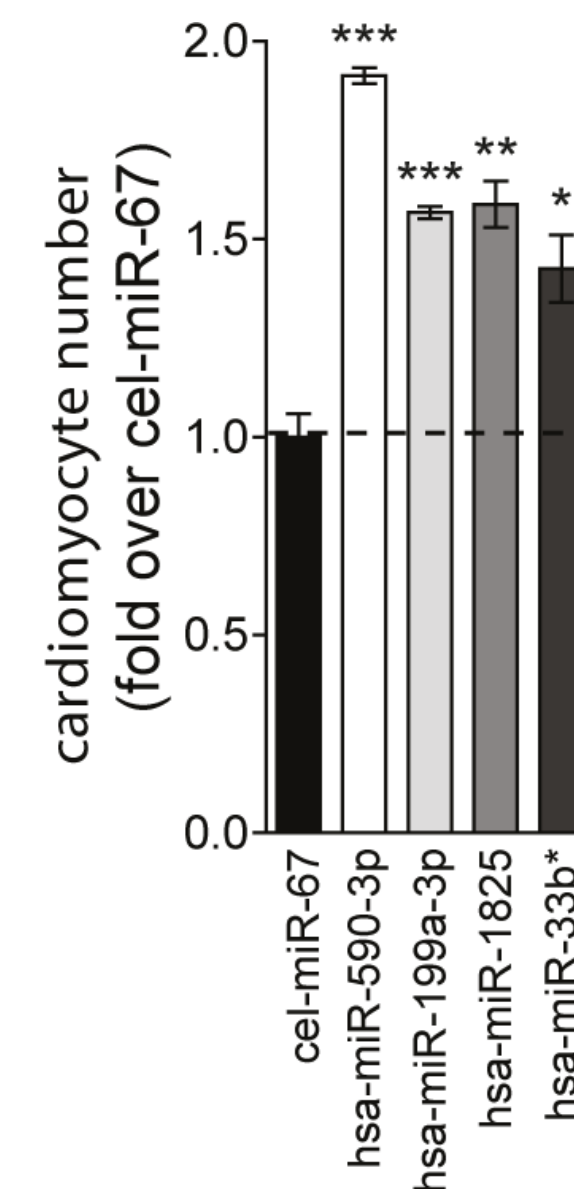
Aurora B midbody localization



phosphoH3 positivity



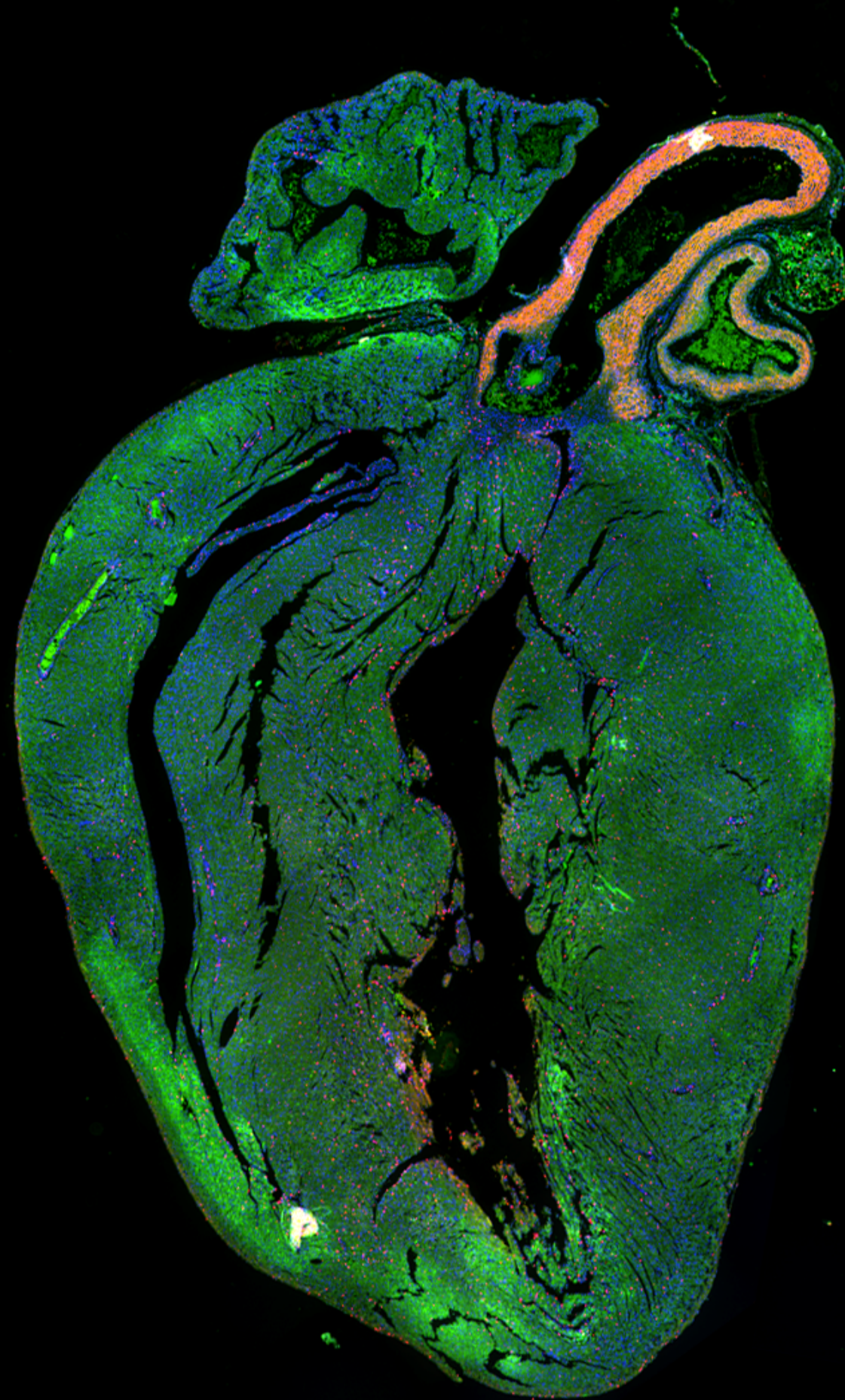
Increase in cell number



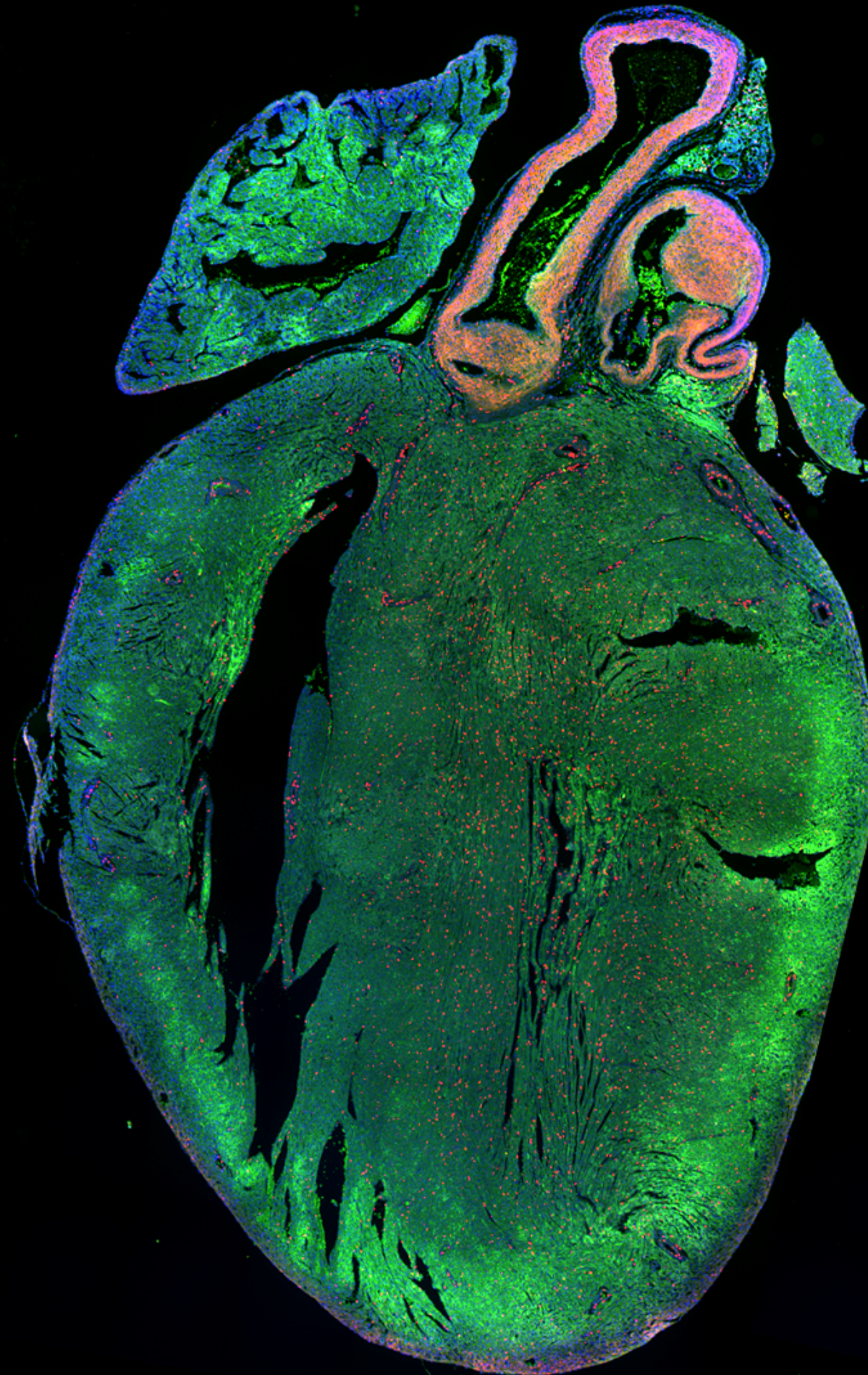


# I miRNA aumentano la proliferazione dei cardiomiociti in vivo

cel-miR-67



hsa-miR-590



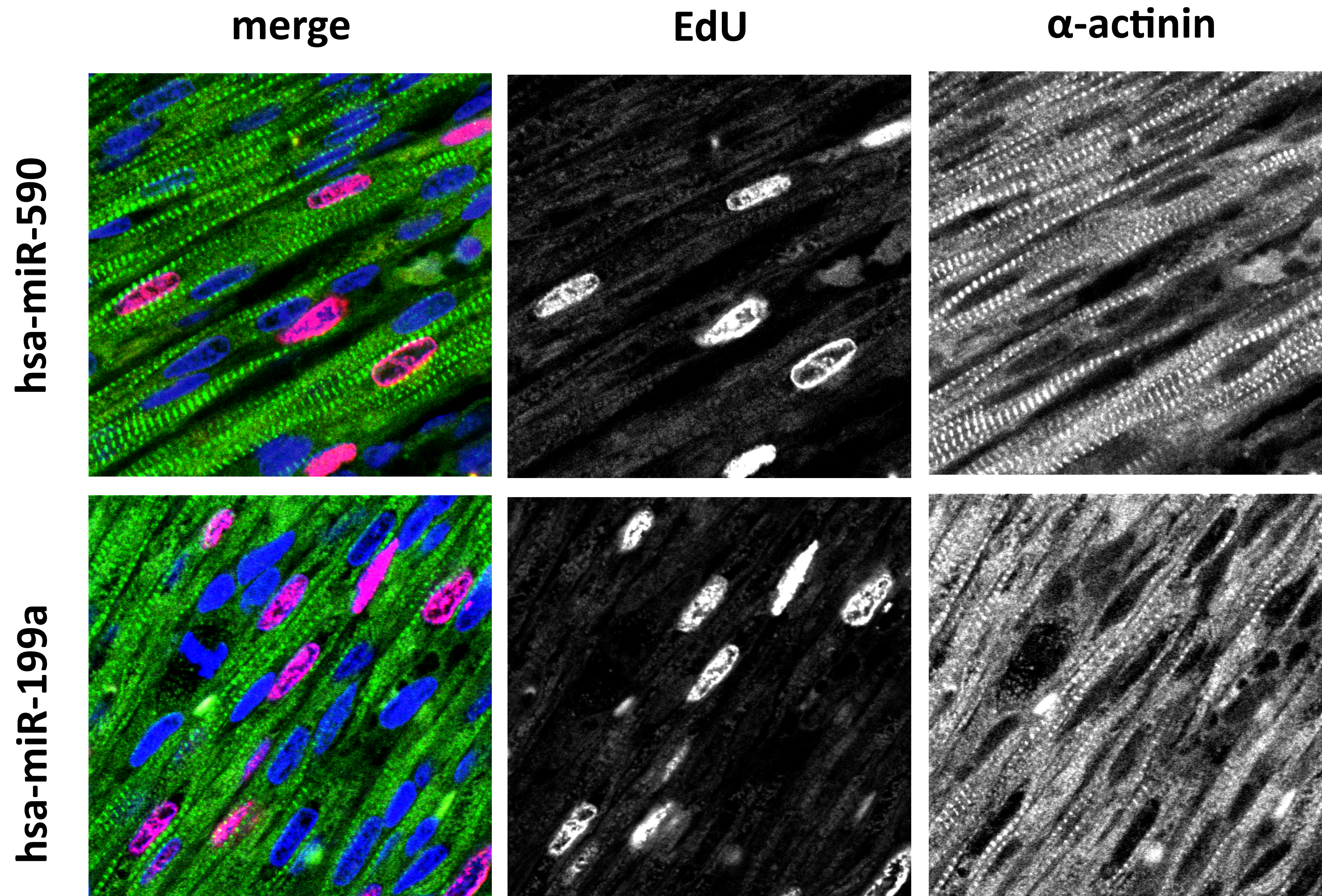
hsa-miR-199a



a-actinin Hoechst EdU

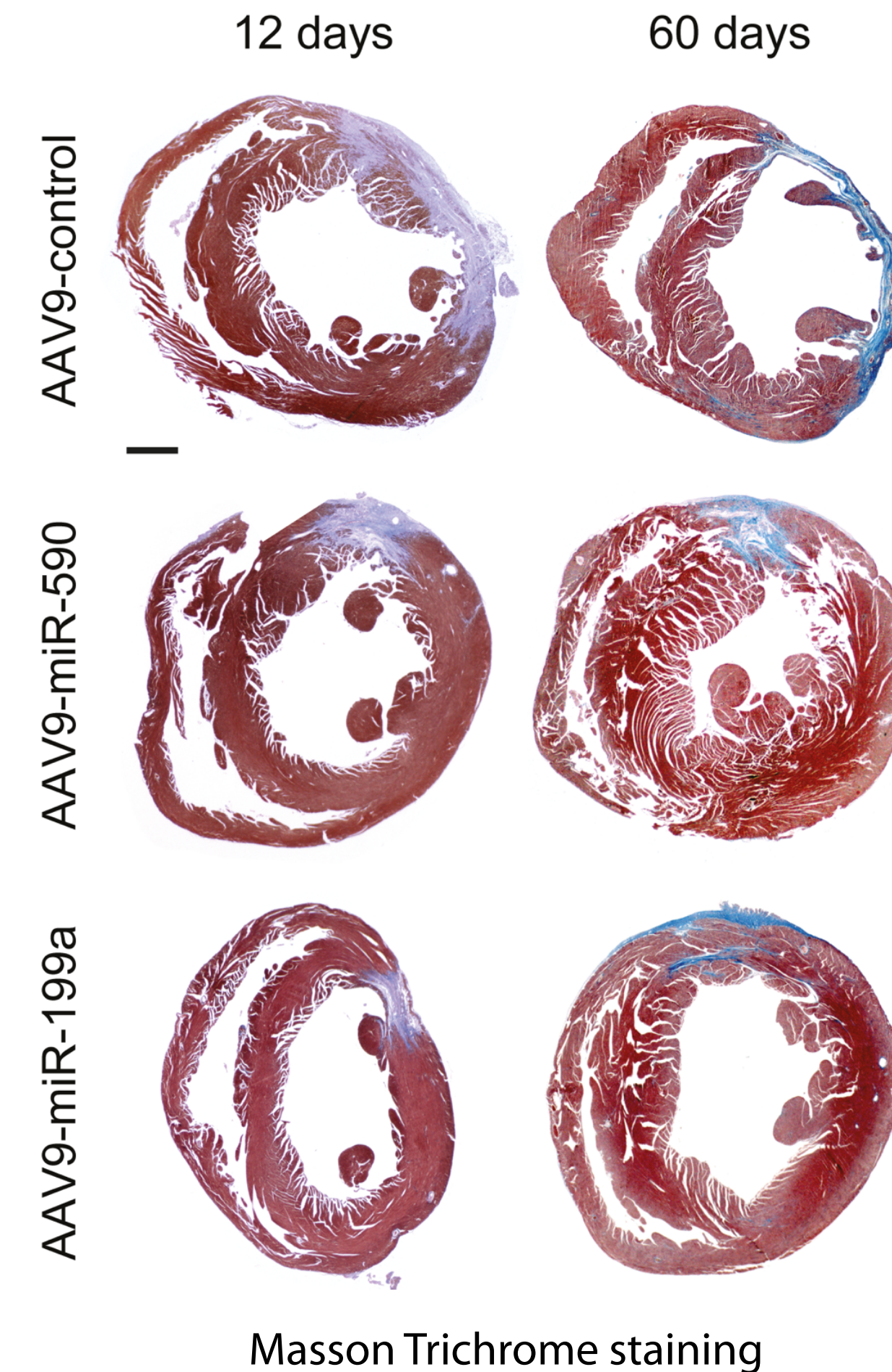
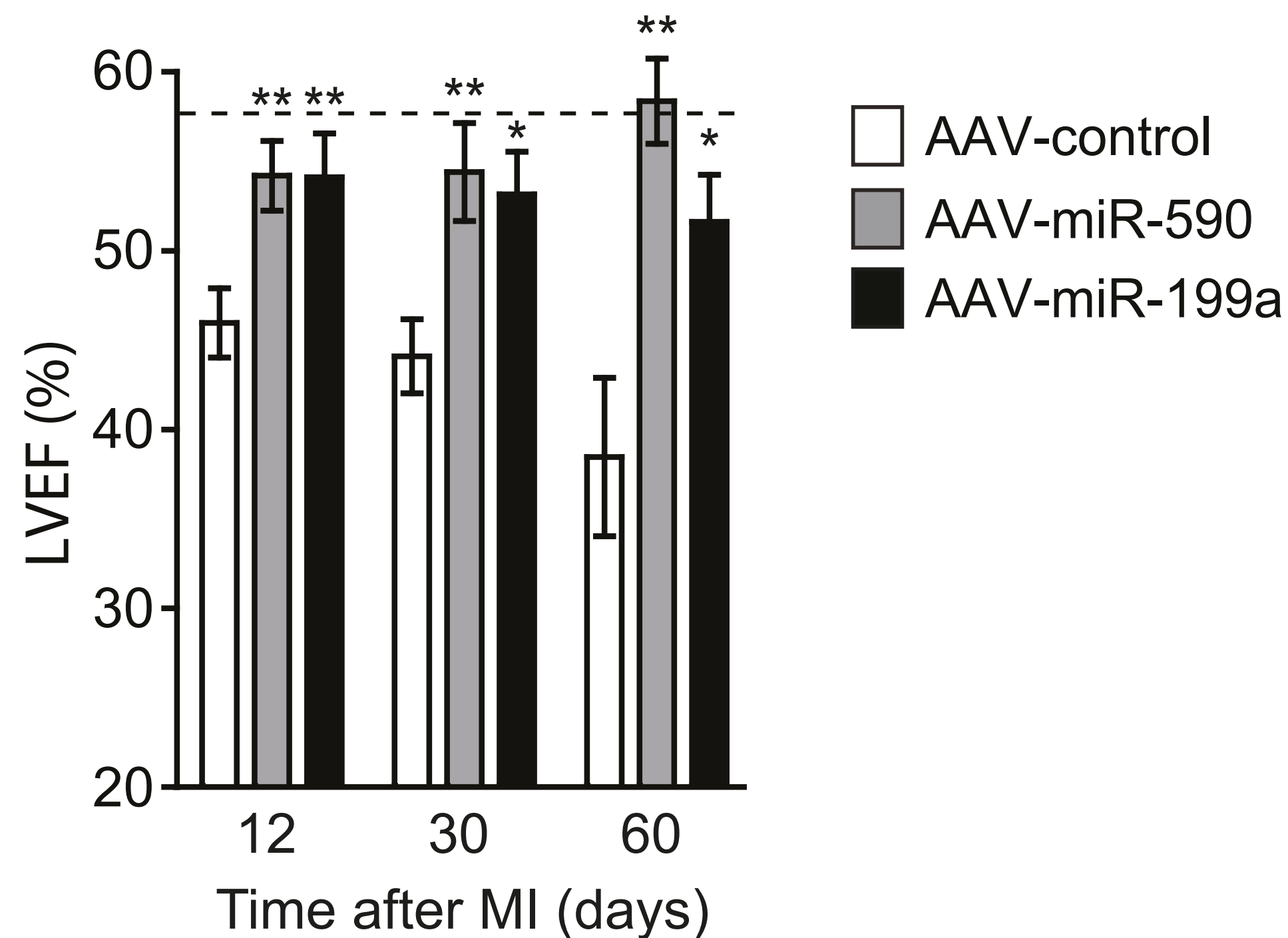
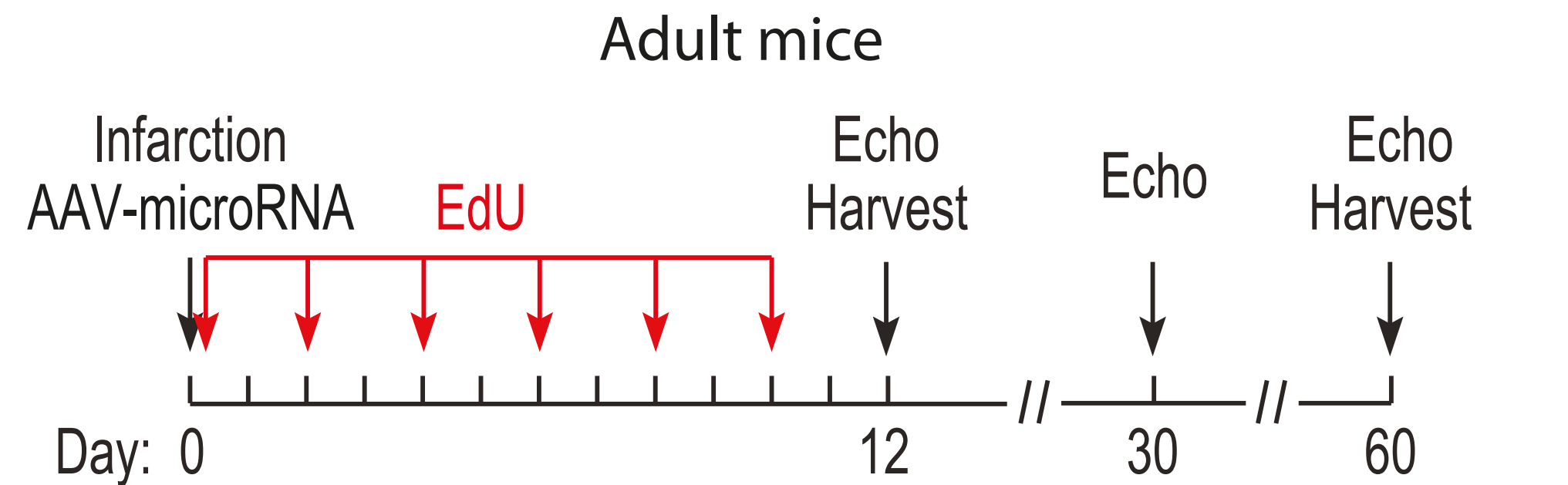


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# miR-590 e miR-199a preservano la funzione cardiaca e riducono la cicatrice dell'infarto

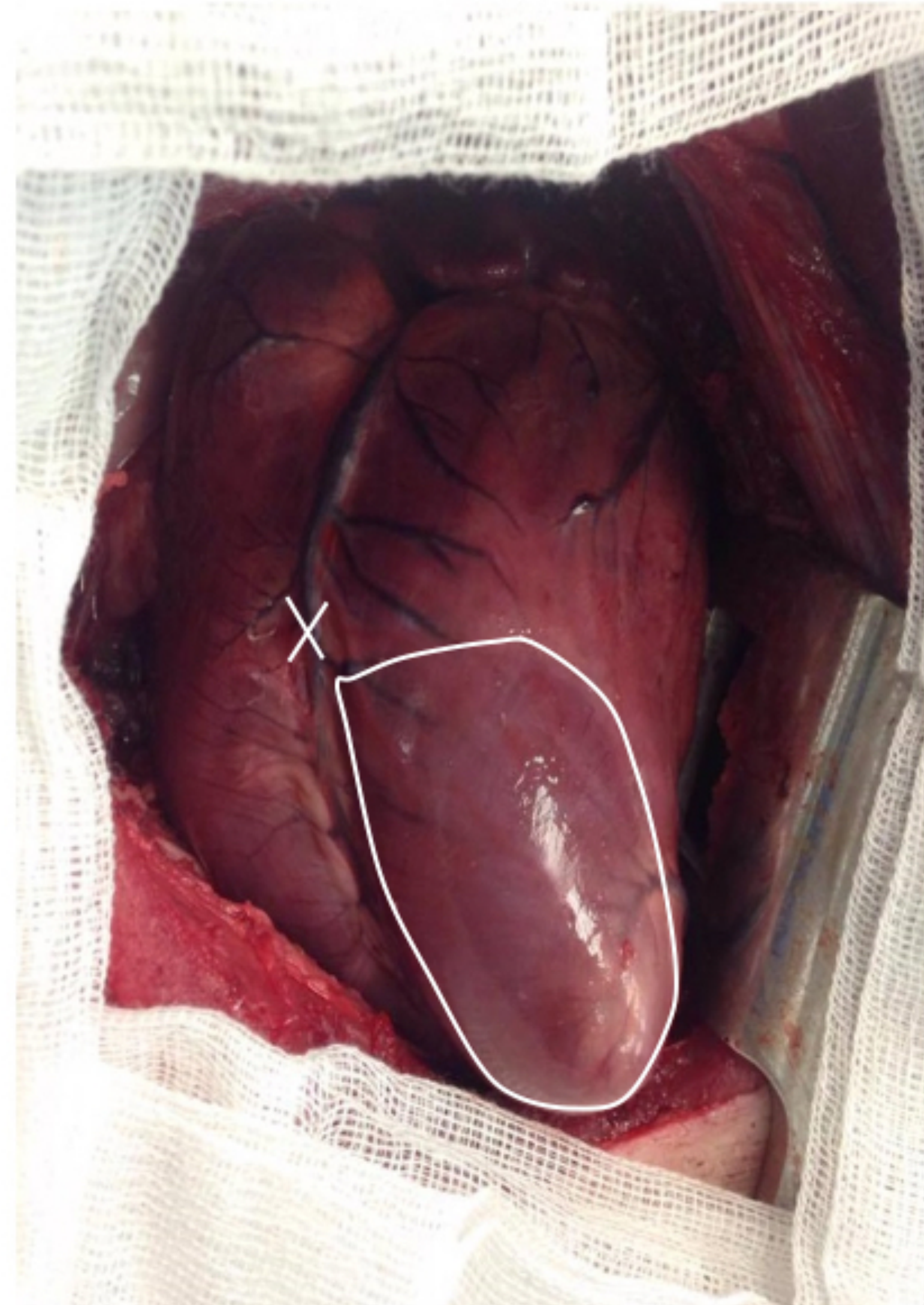






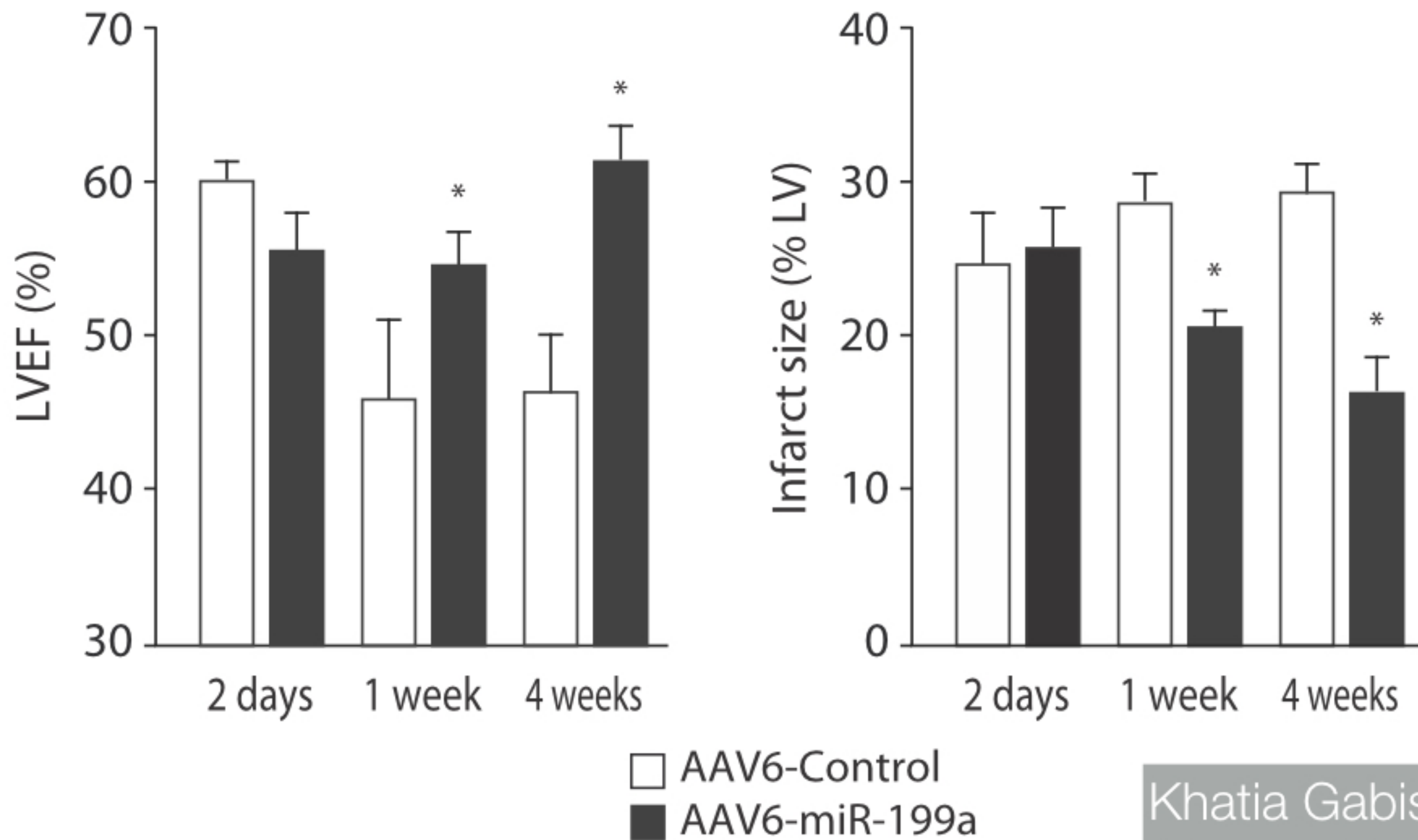
3-6 months old farm pig

LAD Occlusion  
after first Diagonal  
branch for **90**  
**minutes**, followed  
by Reperfusion





# AAV6-miR-199a reduces infarct size and improves cardiac function after MI in pigs



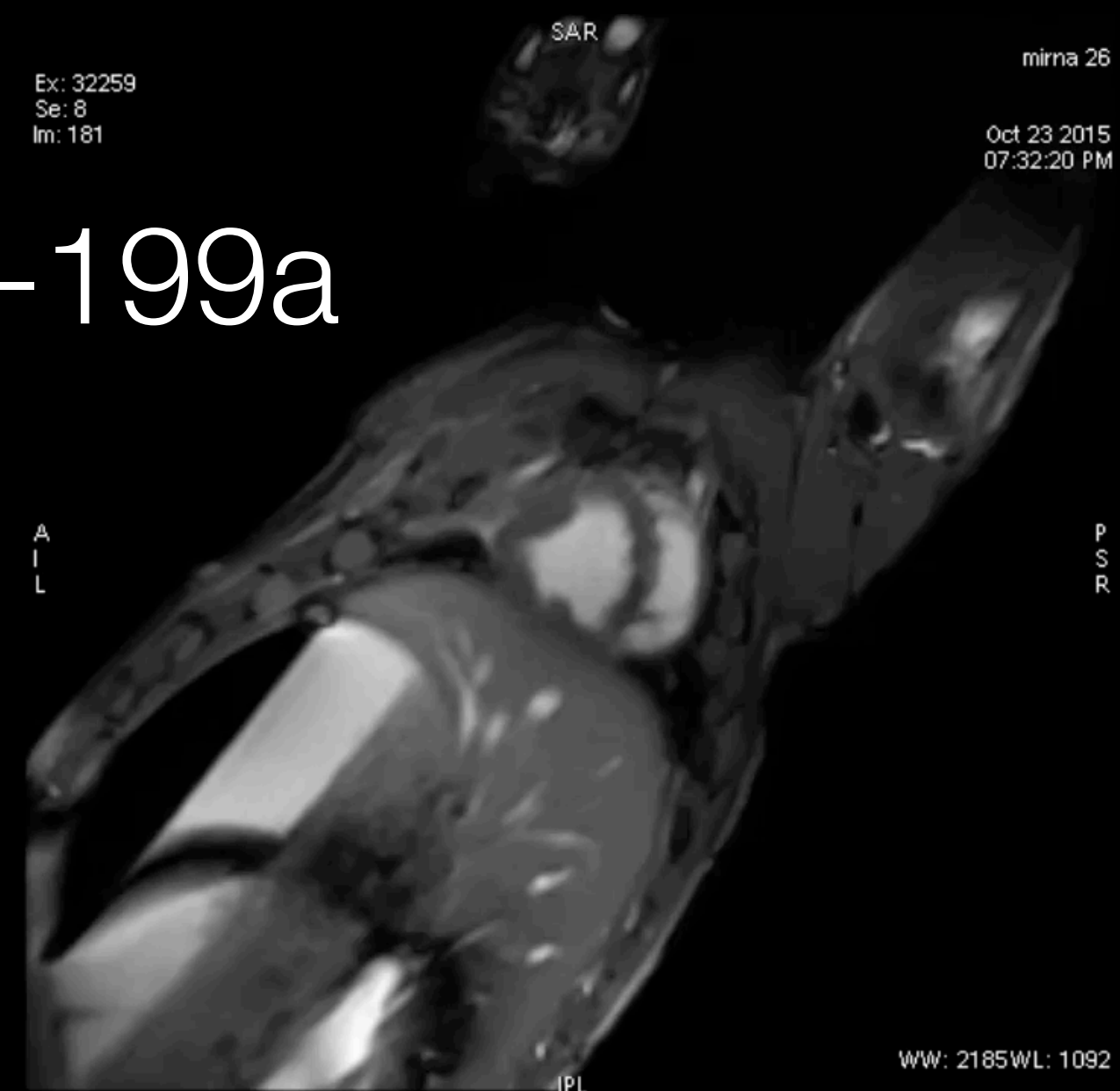
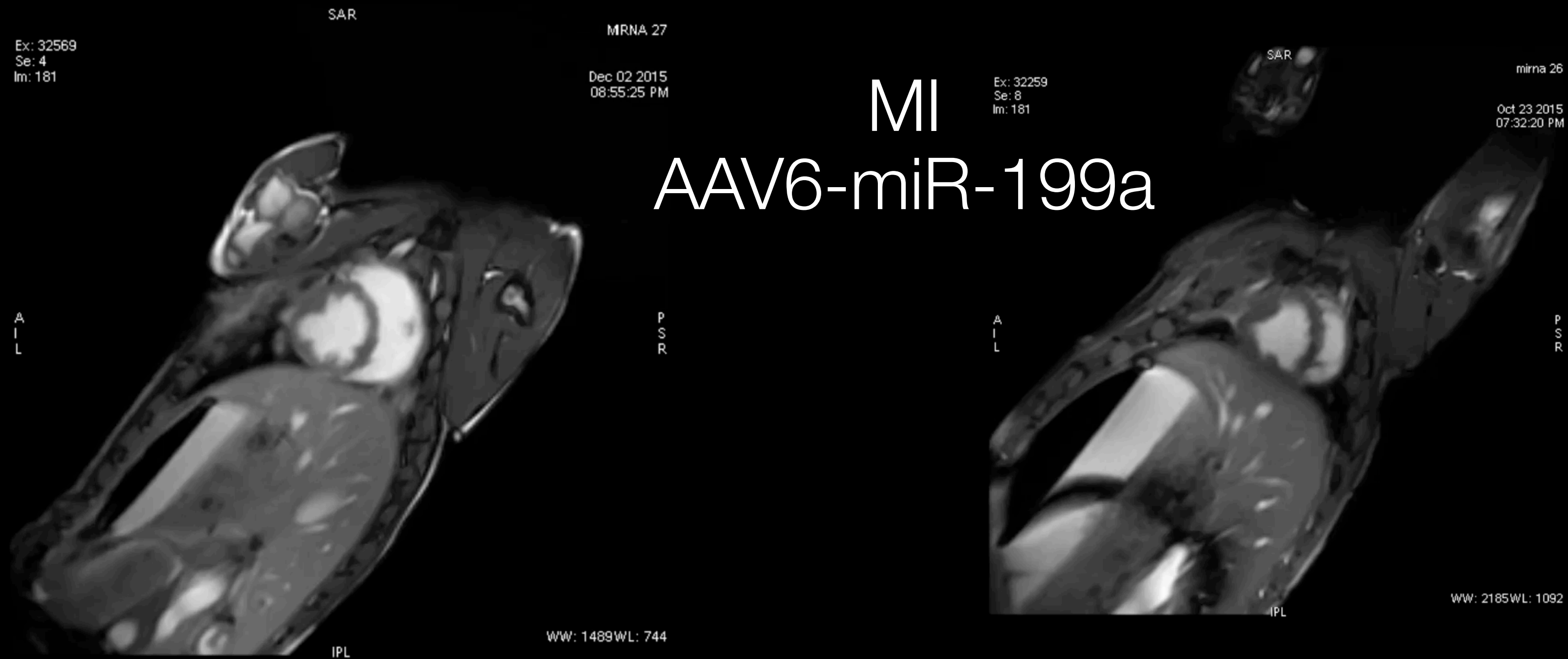
Khatia Gabisonda  
Giovanni Aquaro  
Fabio Recchia



4 weeks  
after MI

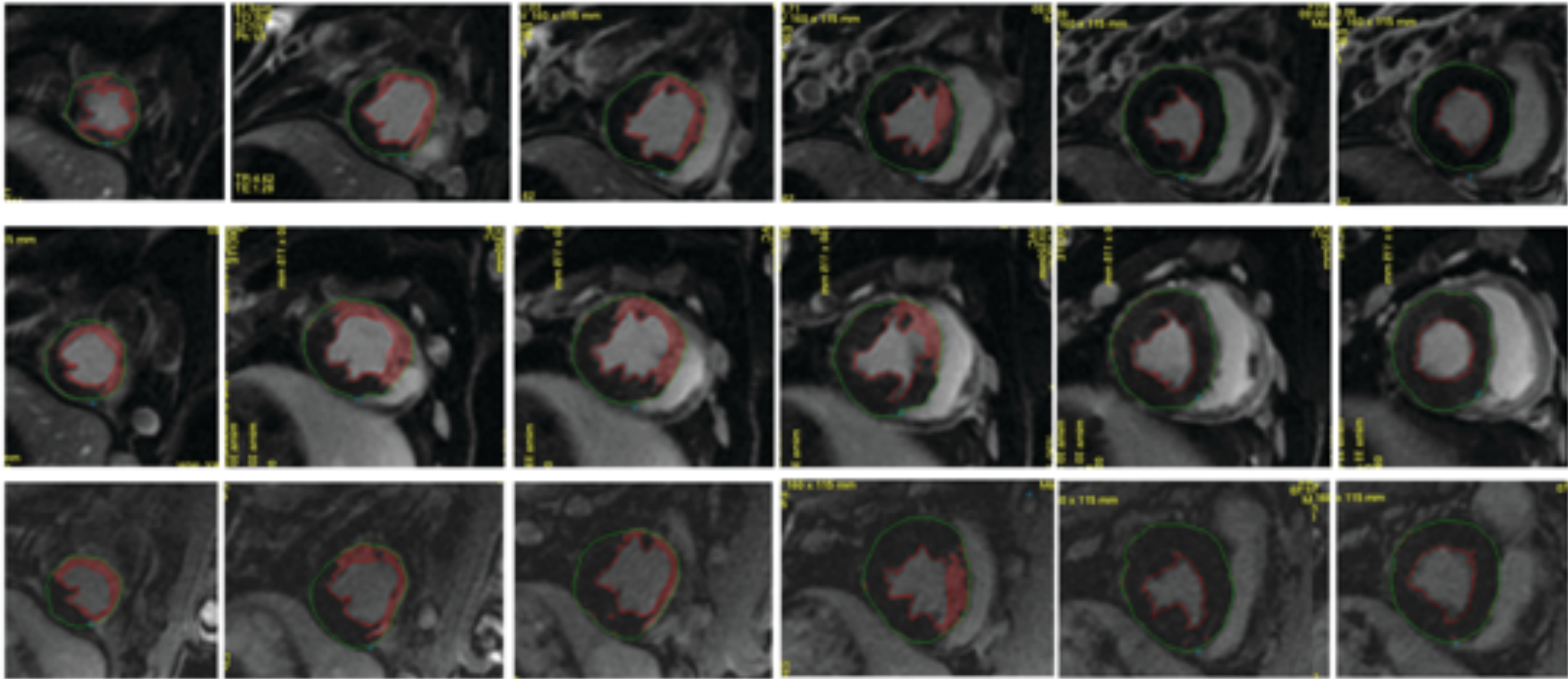


MI  
Control





AAV6-Control

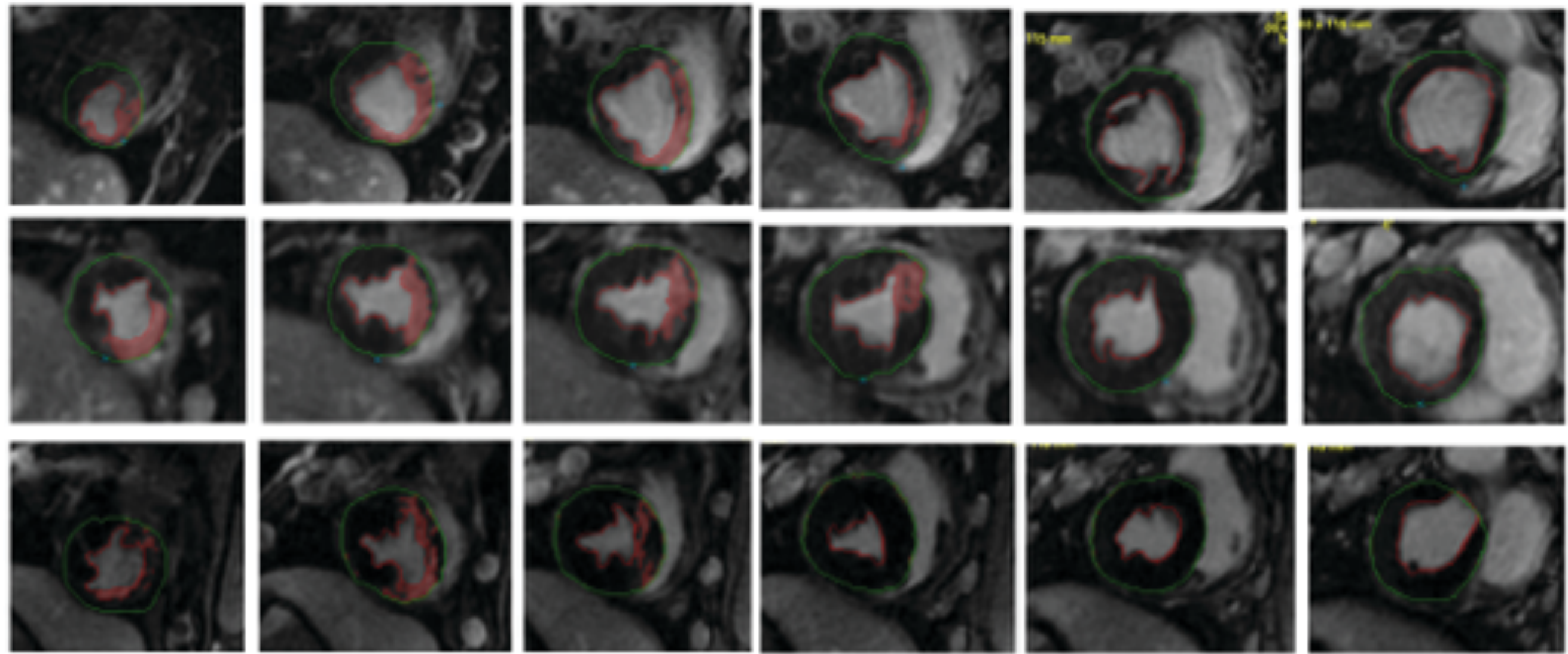


*week 1*

*week 4*

*week 8*

AAV6-miR-199a



*week 1*

*week 4*

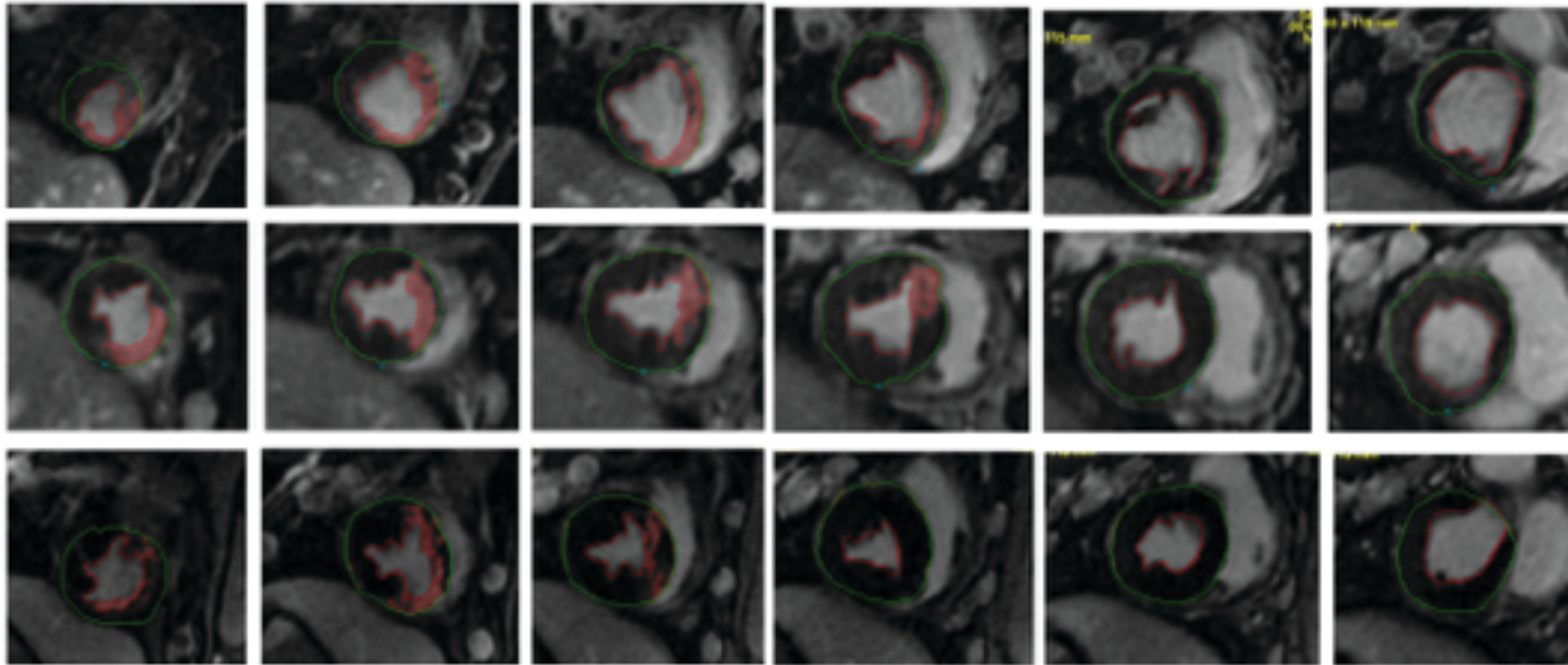
*week 8*

 *Infarct/fibrosis area*

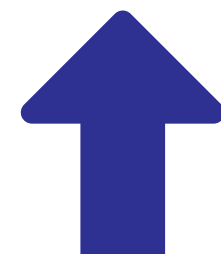




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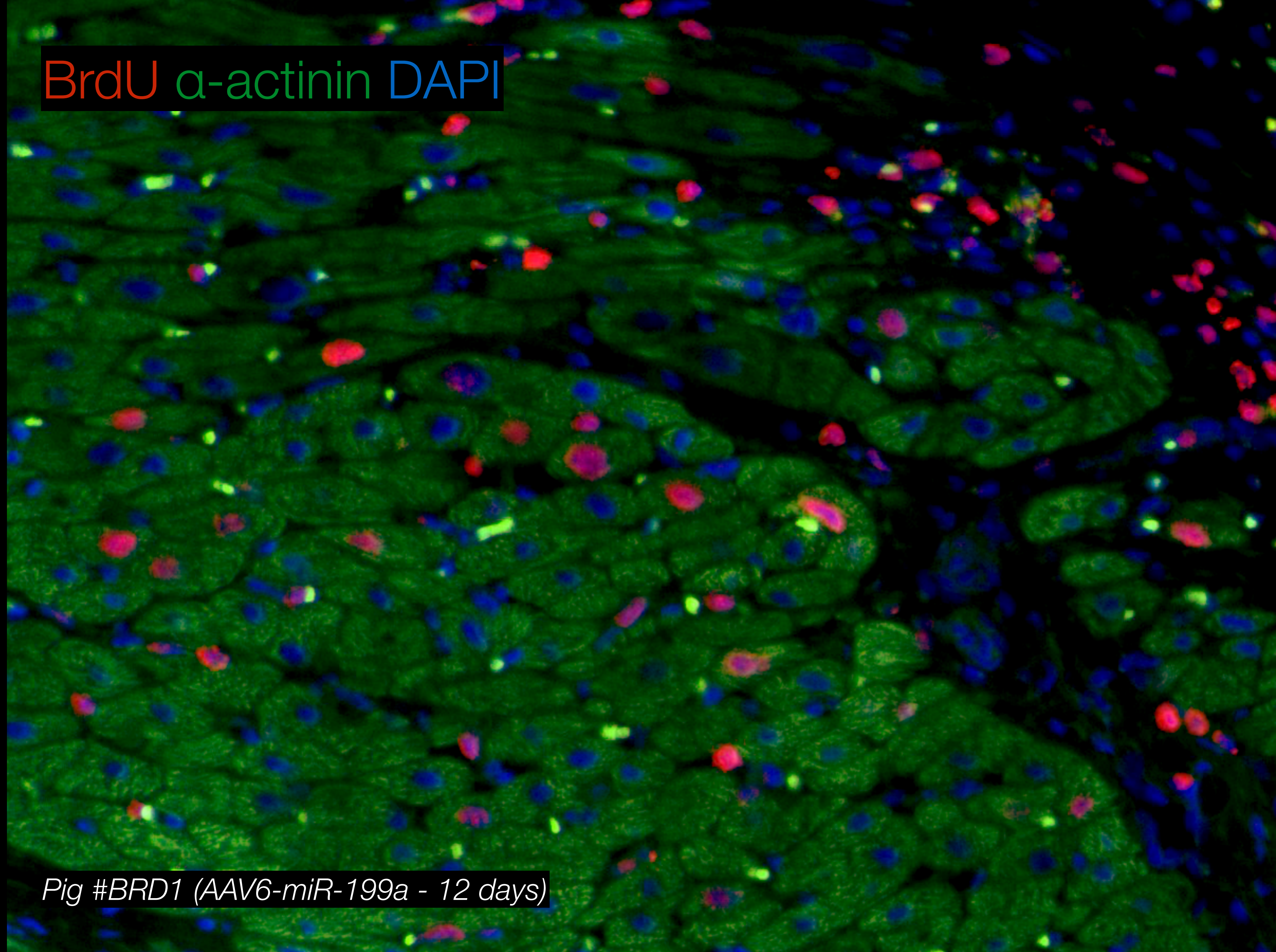


 *Infarct/fibrosis area*





BrdU  $\alpha$ -actinin DAPI



*Pig #BRD1 (AAV6-miR-199a - 12 days)*