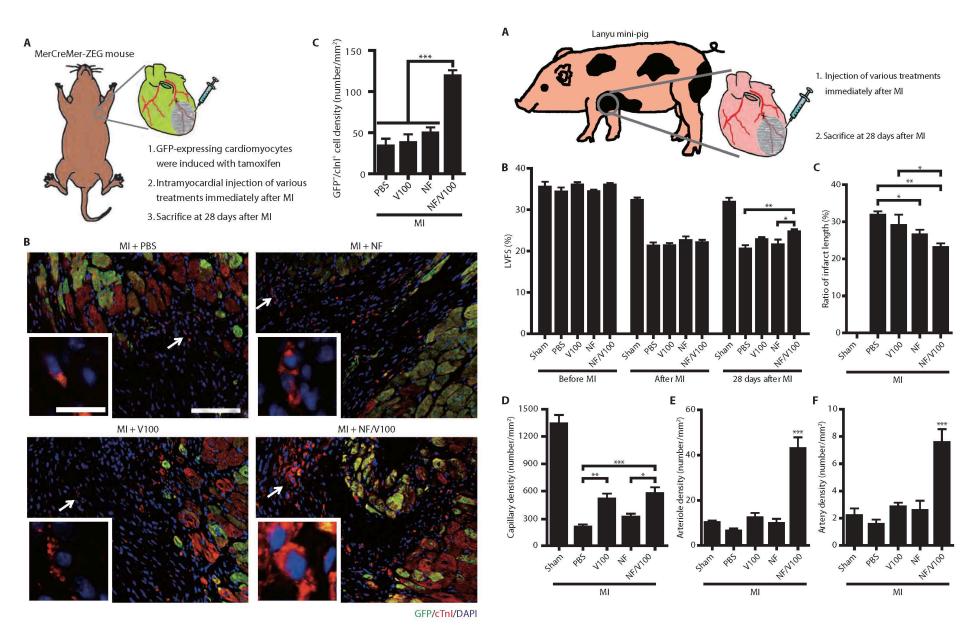


# President's Report

Alan O. Trounson
ICOC Meeting – September 2012
San Francisco, CA

Arteriogenesis and Cardiac Repair. Yi-Dong Lin et al. Institute of Biomedical Sciences, Academia Sinica, Taipei. Sci Transl Med 8 August 2012, 4(146) 4, 146ra109 (2012)

- Studied the use of self- assembling nanofibres (NFs)together with VEGF for angiogenesis and cardiac repair in two animal models of myocardial infarction (MI)
- When injected into heart immediately after MI and 28 days in rats showed that NFs + VEGF significantly improved improved cardiac function and prevented tissue remodeling, collagen deposition and scar formation reducing infarct size.
- Studies in pigs given NFs + VEGF immediately after MI confirmed the rat data.
- NFs + VEGF promoted arteriogenesis recruiting myofibrils and cardiomyocytes to damaged muscle.
- Encouraging approach using a nanobiotechnology and growth factor



# Small Molecule-Mediated TGF-b Type II Receptor Degradation Promotes Cardiomyogenesis in Embryonic Stem Cells. Willems et al. Mark Mercola's lab, Sanford Burnham Instit. *Cell Stem Cell* Aug 3, 2012; 11:242

- A mouse ES cell assay for expression of the Myh6-GFP cardiac marker was used for high throughput screening of small molecule library to identify a molecule that is an inducer of type II TGF-b receptor (TGFBR2) degradation-1 (ITD-1).
- Effectively cleans the receptor from the cell surface selectively inhibiting Ca signaling.
- ITD-1 selectively enhanced the differentiation of uncommitted mesoderm progenitors to cardiomyocytes
- ITD-1 optimally differentiated human ES cells doubling yields to ~60% cardiomyocytes.
- Could be used to maximize yield of cardiomyocytes from hESCs

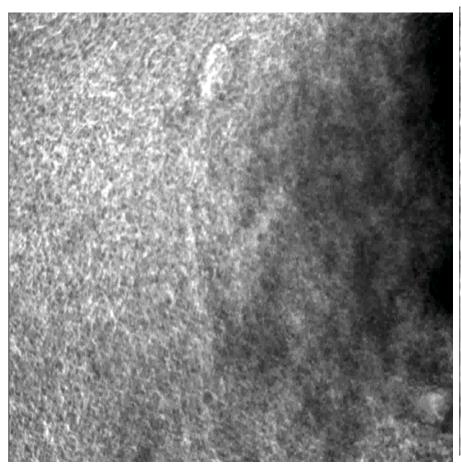
# Human ES-cell-derived cardiomyocytes electrically couple and suppress arrhythmias in injured hearts. Shiba etal. Instit Stem Cell Biol Regen Med, U Wash. *Nature* Aug 5, 2012

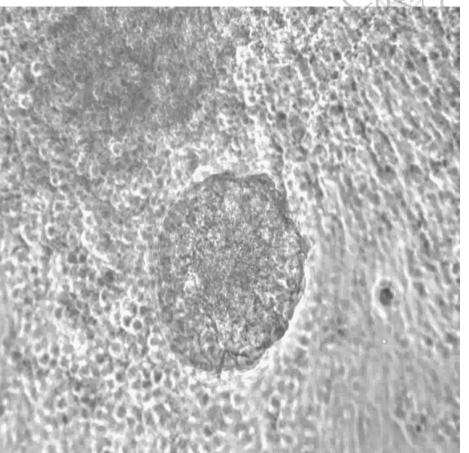
- Used a guinea-pig model (200-250bpm) for grafting hESC derived cardiomyocytes (spontaneously beat at 50-150bpm and can paced to 240 bpm) 10days after cardiac cryo injury-MI.
- Demonstrated hESC-CMs protection against arrhythmias and beat synchronously with GP host cardiomyoctes.
- Improved heart muscle function and significantly reduced spontaneous and induced tachycardia.
- Showed 1:1 host-graft calcium release coupling in uninjured hearts and heterogeniety in injured hearts.
- This supports the further exploration for use of hESC derived CMs in mechanical and electrical heart regeneration in the human.

# Comparison of Cardiomyogenic Potential among Human ESC and iPSC Lines. Sepac etal. John Lough lab Med Coll. Wisconsin *Cell Transplantation* Aug 2012

- Studied 2 ESC and 2 iPSC lines differentiation into rhythmically contracting cardiomyocytes within 3 weeks using Activin-A and Bmp4.
- All cell lines expressed the cardiomyocyte lineage markers MESP1, ISL1 and NKX2.5.
- ESCs had widespread sarcomere striations, were multilayered and showed rhythmical contraction for up to 1 year in culture.
- iPSCs had poor terminal differentiation with few sarcomere striations, were not multilayered and had sporadic contractility.
- See videos: http://www.mcw.edu/cellbiology/johnloughphd.htm.

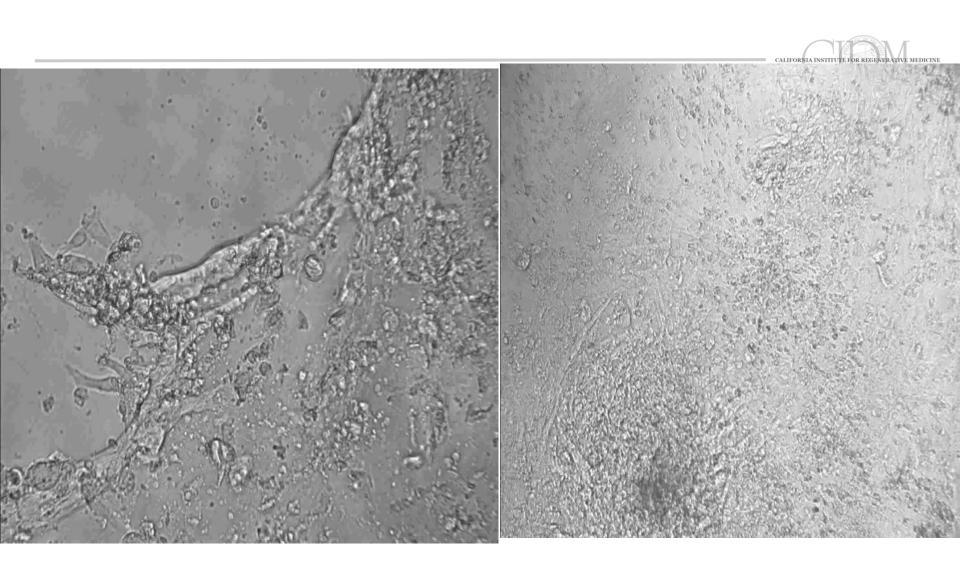
















### **RFA Program**



- Disease Team Therapy Development
  - ICOC Funding Decision (cont'd) this meeting
- Research Leadership
  - ICOC Funding Decision (cont'd) this meeting
- Basic Biology IV
  - ICOC Funding Decision this meeting
- Genomics Initiative
  - RFA Posted August
  - Webinar September 11

# RFA Program (cont'd)



- Early Translational IV
  - RFA Posting September
- Strategic Partnership I Awards
  - GWG Review of Applications September
- New Faculty Physician Scientist Translational Research Award
  - GWG Review of Applications October
- iPSC Initiative
  - GWG review of Applications December

#### **Meetings and Workshops**



- Held since July ICOC
  - Creativity Awards Annual Poster Day, August 13 Stanford Univ
- Upcoming
  - CIRM webinar on Immune Response in Stem Cell-based Therapy, leading experts from FDA, industry, academia September 27, 2012
  - CIRM's Collaborative funding partner workshop, Brazil October
     1-2, 2012 Sao Paolo
  - CIRM/FDA roundtable on Best Practices in Clinical Design for First In Human Stem Cell-based Therapy October 16, 2012 Rockville, MD
  - CIRM's Alpha Clinic, Nov 14-15, 2012 Palo Alto
  - CIRM Grantee Meeting, March 6-8, 2013
  - CIRM/NIH Parkinson's Disease Meeting, March 2122, 2013

#### **Creativity Awards- Summer 2012 Poster Day**

- All day event held at Stanford Stem Cell Building on August 13<sup>th</sup>
- 65 scientific posters presented by high school interns from 9 funded California Institutions
- 150 attendees including student interns, Program Directors, PIs, mentors and CIRM staff

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 KGO-TV science reporter interviewed CIRM SO Mani Vessal at CIRM and two selected students from CHORI and UCSF. The story will air in the next week



#### Stem Cell Alpha Clinics Workshop

November 14 and 15, Stanford

- Goal: to define what clinical capacity is needed to accelerate development of safe, effective, and accessible cell therapies
- Participants will include a range of stakeholders:
  - Investigators from academia and industry
  - Clinical trial specialists
  - Cell manufacturers
  - Patient advocates
  - Representatives from funding agencies, insurers, health care providers, pharmaceutical industry, and investors

#### **Business Development**



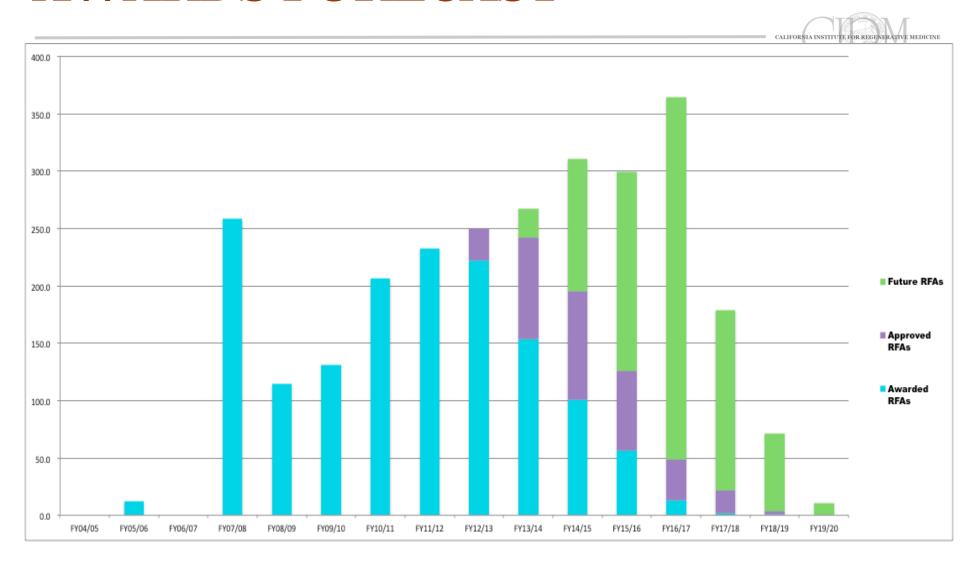
- Strategic Partnership Funding RFA 1
  - Will be reviewed September 12-14
  - Strong interest shown by industry
  - Long term forecast contemplates replenishment and a number of rounds
  - This RFA is a cornerstone of CIRM's industry engagement initiatives

#### **Commercialization Update**



- Tracking of spin-outs arising in whole or in part from CIRM Funding
  - 8 companies identified
  - Information continues to be assembled
  - Companies
    - Regenerative Patch Technologies Disease Team 1 award
    - Oceanside Biotechnology LLC New Faculty 1
    - Didmi, Inc T&T 1
    - Tolerogen, Inc Seed Grant
    - CytoRay, Inc T&T 1
    - ChemRegen Seed Grant
    - jCyte, Inc \* ET2
    - Neurona, Inc\* Comprehensive Grant

#### **AWARDS FORECAST**





# **Finance Report**

September 6, 2012

### Financial Highlights for 11/12 FY

As of June 30, 2012



- Final Year-end OpEx 11/12 FY: \$15.4mm
  - Prior FY OpEx 10/11 FY: \$14.1mm

- Grant disbursements 11/12 FY: \$232.1mm
  - Prior period 10/11 FY: \$201.4mm

# 2011/12 Final Expenditures



| Dollars in millions  | FY11/12<br>Budget | FY11/12<br>Final | Variance | Variance |
|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------|----------|
| Employee Expenses    | \$10.3            | \$9.3            | \$1.1    | 11%      |
| Contracting          | \$3.3             | \$2.5            | 0.9      | 26%      |
| <b>Grant Reviews</b> | \$1.2             | \$0.6            | 0.6      | 49%      |
| Travel               | \$0.5             | \$0.4            | 0.1      | 26%      |
| IT                   | \$1.3             | \$1.5            | (0.2)    | -16%     |
| ICOC                 | \$0.3             | \$0.1            | 0.2      | 56%      |
| Scientific Meetings  | \$0.8             | \$0.6            | 0.2      | 27%      |
| Office & General Exp | \$0.7             | \$0.4            | 0.2      | 36%      |
| Total                | \$18.5            | \$15.4           | \$3.1    | 17%      |

Final expenses through 6/31/12, including accruals and expenses paid from donated funds. The final expenses include 10/11 encumbrances for 11/12 services to provide for assessment of ongoing expense rate.

# **Operating Expense Detail**



| Dollars in 000       | Jul 2011-<br>Jun 2012 | Jul 2010 -<br>Jun 2011 |
|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Employee Expenses    | 9,250                 | 8,043                  |
| Contracting          | 2,470                 | 2,760                  |
| Grant Reviews        | 603                   | 612                    |
| Travel               | 367                   | 405                    |
| IT                   | 1,546                 | 1,350                  |
| ICOC                 | 140                   | 199                    |
| Scientific Meetings  | 613                   | 284                    |
| Office & General Exp | 423                   | 406                    |
| Total                | 15,413                | 14,059                 |

Major drivers of OpEx variance vs. prior period:

- Employees: Increase from 46 to 54 FTEs and merit adjustments
- Scientific Meetings: WSC \$111K; Grantee Meeting \$253K

Note: 10/11 expenses have been adjusted by encumbrances for 11/12 services to provide for assessment of ongoing expense rate.

# 2012/13 Fiscal Year



- 2011/12 Annual Financial Audit
- Available bond cash as of July 31, 2012 \$104.6mm
  - $\circ$  Increase of \$53.7mm from 6/30/12
    - Bond Proceeds & Commercial Paper
- 2012/13 financial status to be presented at next ICOC meeting

