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## OUR GOALS AND ACTIVITIES

- to be open to both internal and external researchers and to academic and industrial partners
- to provide expertise and technical assistance in hiPSC quality control
- to help for strategy and design of genome editing of hiPSC
- to offer comprehensive guidance on the differentiation of hiPSC into diverse structures, such as neurons, cardiomyocytes, spheroids, organoids, and co-culture systems.
- to store, maintain and validate hiPSC lines
- to provide and bank the control cell line AG08C5, hPSCreg #PGNMI001-A

## OUR TRAININGS

- ✓ Training of internal hiPSC users
- ✓ CNRS Formation Entreprises
  - hiPSC culture, genome editing, quality control and differentiation  
<https://cnrsformation.cnrs.fr/pdf/25221.pdf>
  - 3D cell culture from hiPSC: spheroids and organoids of neuronal, muscular and cardiac systems  
<https://cnrsformation.cnrs.fr/pdf/25378.pdf>

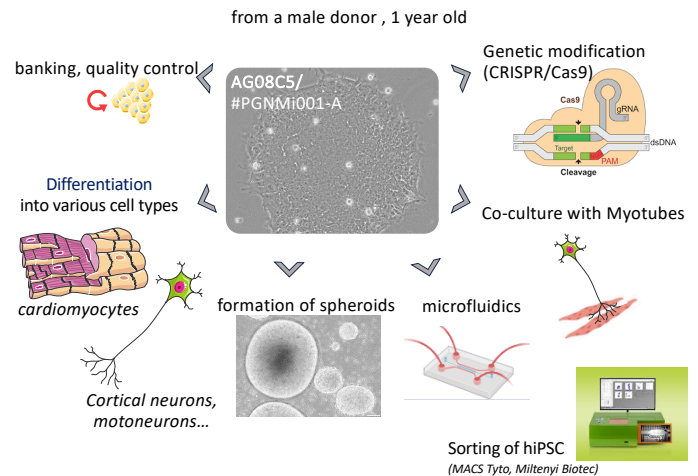
## OUR DISEASE FOCUS

Neuro-muscular diseases  
Spinal muscular dystrophy  
Neurodegenerative diseases  
Cardiac disorders

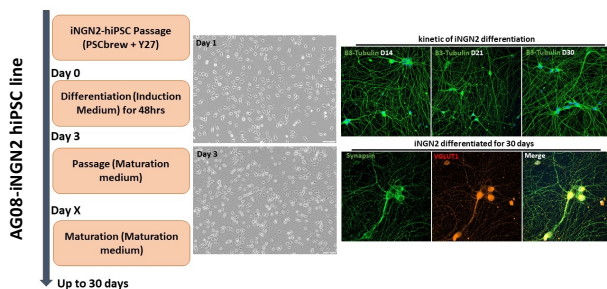
## OUR HIPSC-DERIVED CELLS

Cortical neurons  
Motoneurons  
Sensitive neurons (DRG)  
Cardiomyocytes  
Chondrocytes

## OUR CONTROL CELL LINE, AG08C5/ hPSCreg #PGNMI001-A



## EXAMPLES



### DIRECT CONVERSION of AG08-INGN2 hiPSC line into cortical neurons

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AG08-INGN2: genetic-inducible line where inducible neurogenin2 (NGN2) gene coding for key transcription factors in neurogenesis were introduced. hiPSC are induced to differentiate at day 0 to day 3 by adding a medium containing doxycycline and allowing the transcription of NGN2. Cells rapidly transform into cortical neurons and on day 3 formed axons. On days 14, 21, and 30, cells were stained with an antibody targeting the neuron-specific structural protein beta-3-tubulin (in green) and showed growing neural arborization. On day 30, cells were stained with an antibody targeting synapsin to visualize synapse and VGLUT1 to validate the glutamatergic nature of INGN2

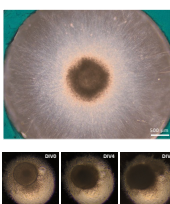
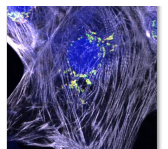
### CARDIOMYOCYTE derived from iPSC:

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Cardiovascular diseases cover a wide spectrum of pathologies including dilated and hypertrophic cardiomyopathies and cardiac arrhythmias. In the perspective of identifying new pathological mutations leading to CVDs, we focus on variants of unknown significance (VUS). We are using patients derived hiPSC cells and/or CRISPR-Cas9 edited hiPSC. We differentiate them into ventricular cardiomyocytes (vCM) and track for functional implication of putative pathological mutations.

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Secretory protein transport is necessary to fulfil essential cellular functions. Cells from different tissues display distinct secretion needs. At the centre of the secretory pathway, the Golgi complex has to handle the correct processing and sorting of the cargo. The molecular players involved in specific Golgi-dependent secretory routes are not well characterized. We use hiPSC-derived cardiomyocyte to explore Golgi organization, proteome and secretory functions.



### DORSAL ROOT GANGLIA Organoid (DRG):

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Friedreich Ataxia (FA) and CANVAS syndrome are both recessive ataxias due to biallelic intronic expansion in FXN and RFC1 gene respectively that cause dorsal root ganglia (DRG) degeneration. hiPSCs were differentiated into 3D DRG organoids to investigate pathophysiological mechanisms. A two steps small-molecules based procedure allowed to generate in 40 days DRG organoids that recapitulate the 3D spatial organization and contain the principal sensory neural subtypes and glial cells found in *in vivo* DRG. Brightfield picture of DRG organoids.

### MICROFLUIDICS Pattern for Sensory Neurons :

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The loss of Survival Motor Neuron (SMN) gene causes Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA). We use human SMA patient derived iPSC to generate motoneurons as a cellular model to investigate the role of SMN in the SMA pathology.

Herpes Simplex Virus 1 is a neurotropic virus responsible for neurons decay. We differentiate hiPSC into sensory neurons and adapt them in microfluidic devices as a model to investigate HSV-1 viral infection



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