

Supplementary information

Cyclin A2 Induces Cytokinesis in Human Adult Cardiomyocyte and Drives Reprogramming in Mice

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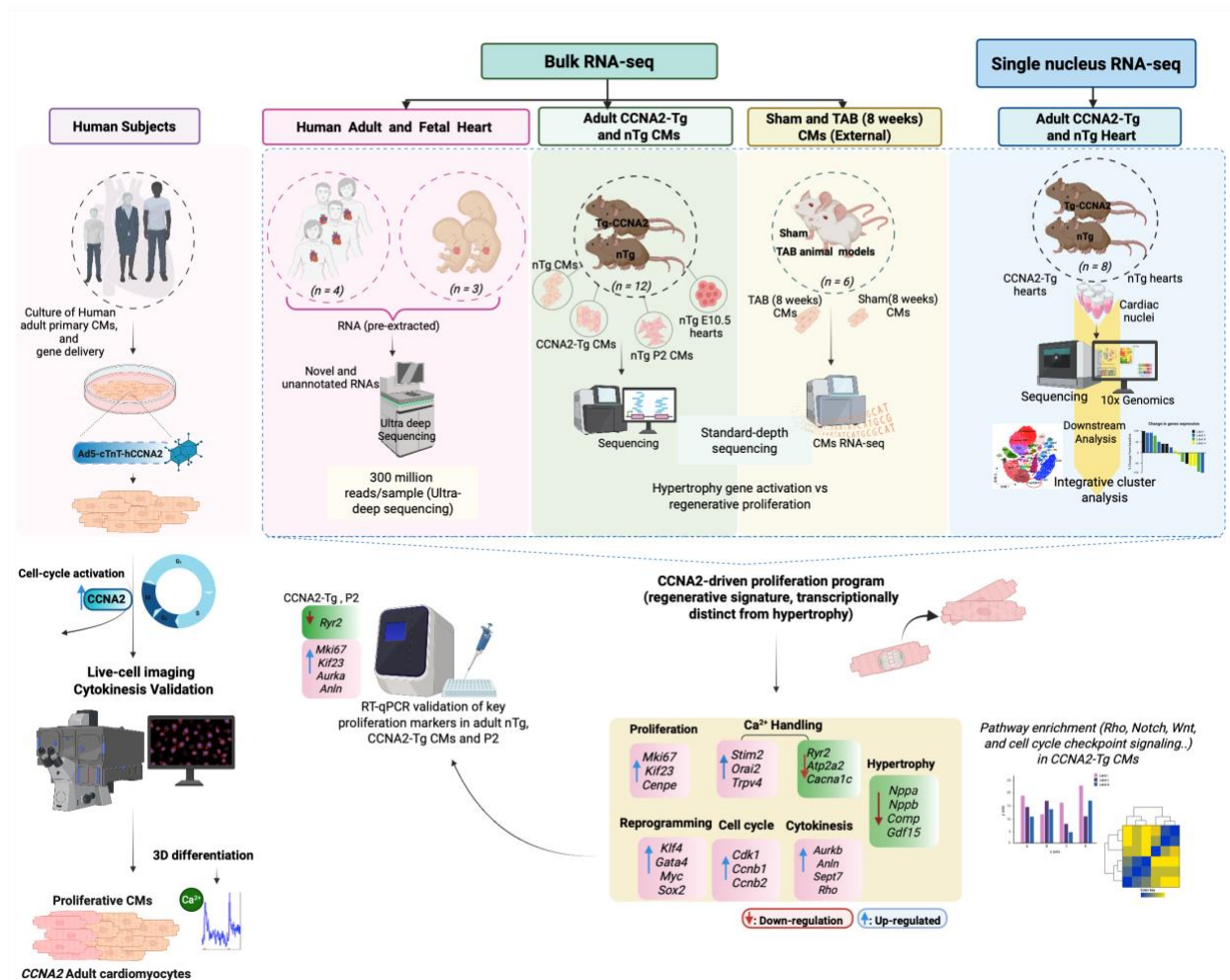


Figure S1. Schematic overview of experimental strategy and key findings of CCNA2-driven cardiomyocyte proliferation, reprogramming, and cytokinesis validation across models. The illustration was created using BioRender (<https://biorender.com>).

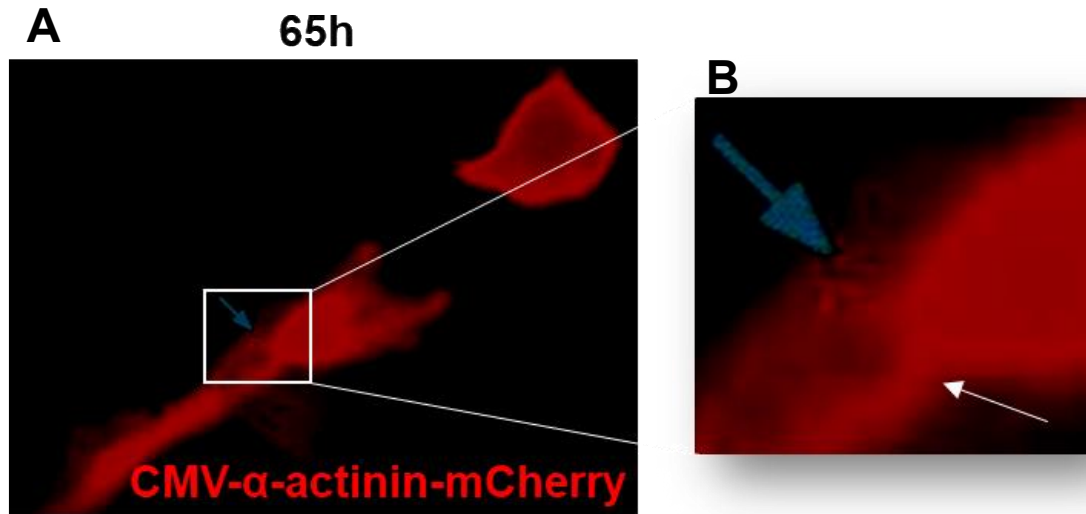


Figure S2. CCNA2 drives cytokinesis in adult human cardiomyocytes.

A) Representative still image derived from movie S1 of adult human cardiomyocytes from a 55-year-old subject and transduced with cTnT-hCCNA2, showing contractile ring formation between two dividing cardiomyocytes at 65 h post-transduction. The observation of a contractile ring highlights active cytokinesis in adult human cardiomyocytes. Please note this is not 'fixed cell immunofluorescence'. **B)** Magnified view with arrows highlights the contractile ring.

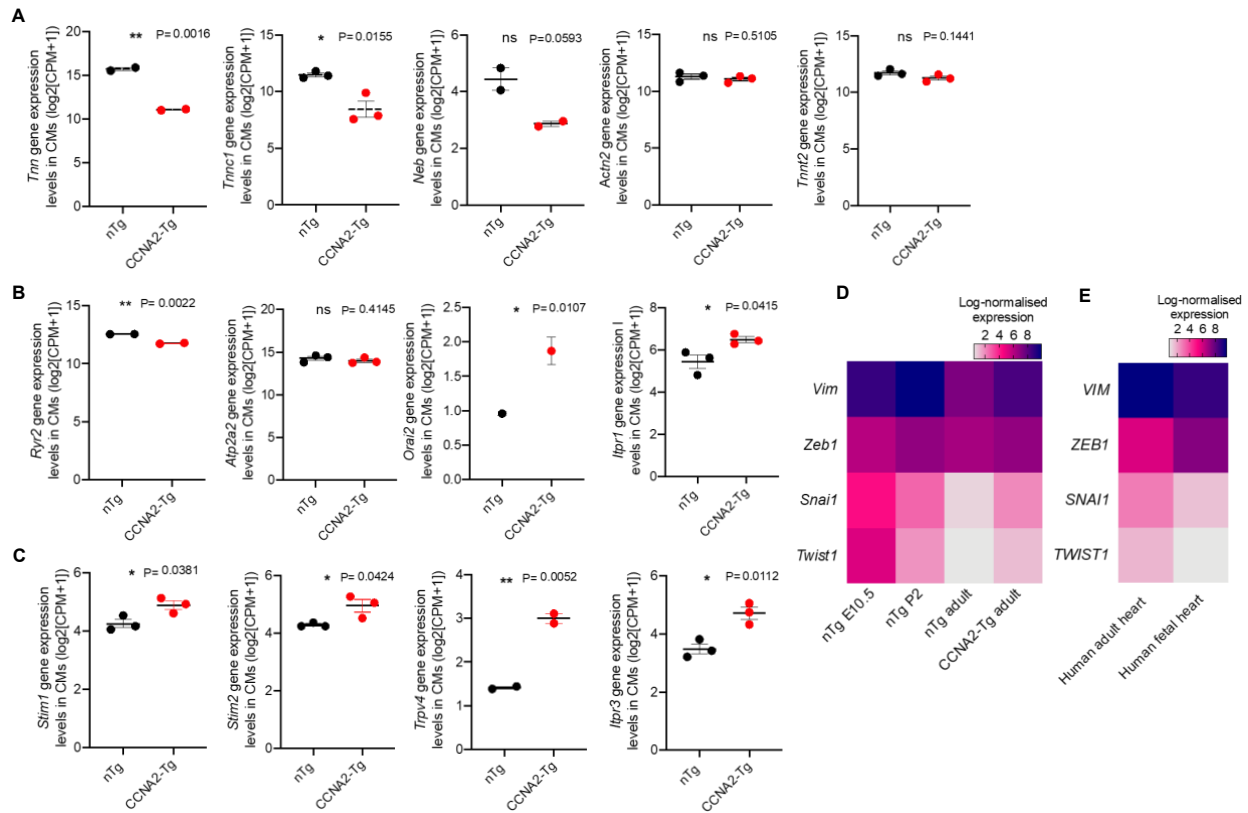


Figure S3. Gene expression changes in CCNA2-Tg cardiomyocytes. A) Representative scatter plots of sarcomere assembly genes (*Neb*, *Tnn*, *Tnnc1*, *Actn2*, and *Tnnt2*), and **B)** Ca^{2+} handling genes (*Ryr2*, *Atp2a2*, *Slc8a1*, and others) in nTg and CCNA2-Tg cardiomyocytes as delineated from bulk RNA seq. Each point represents an individual value; the mean value is represented by the horizontal line; error bars represent s.e.m, with statistical significance indicated (P -values). “ns” denotes non-significant comparisons. **C)** Heatmap showing log-normalized expression of mesenchymal transition markers (*Vim*, *Zeb1*, *Snai1*, and *Twist1*) across embryonic (E10.5), postnatal (P2), adult nTg, and CCNA2-Tg cardiomyocytes. **D)** Heatmap of corresponding gene expression in human adult and fetal hearts. Expression values are log-transformed and normalized across samples.

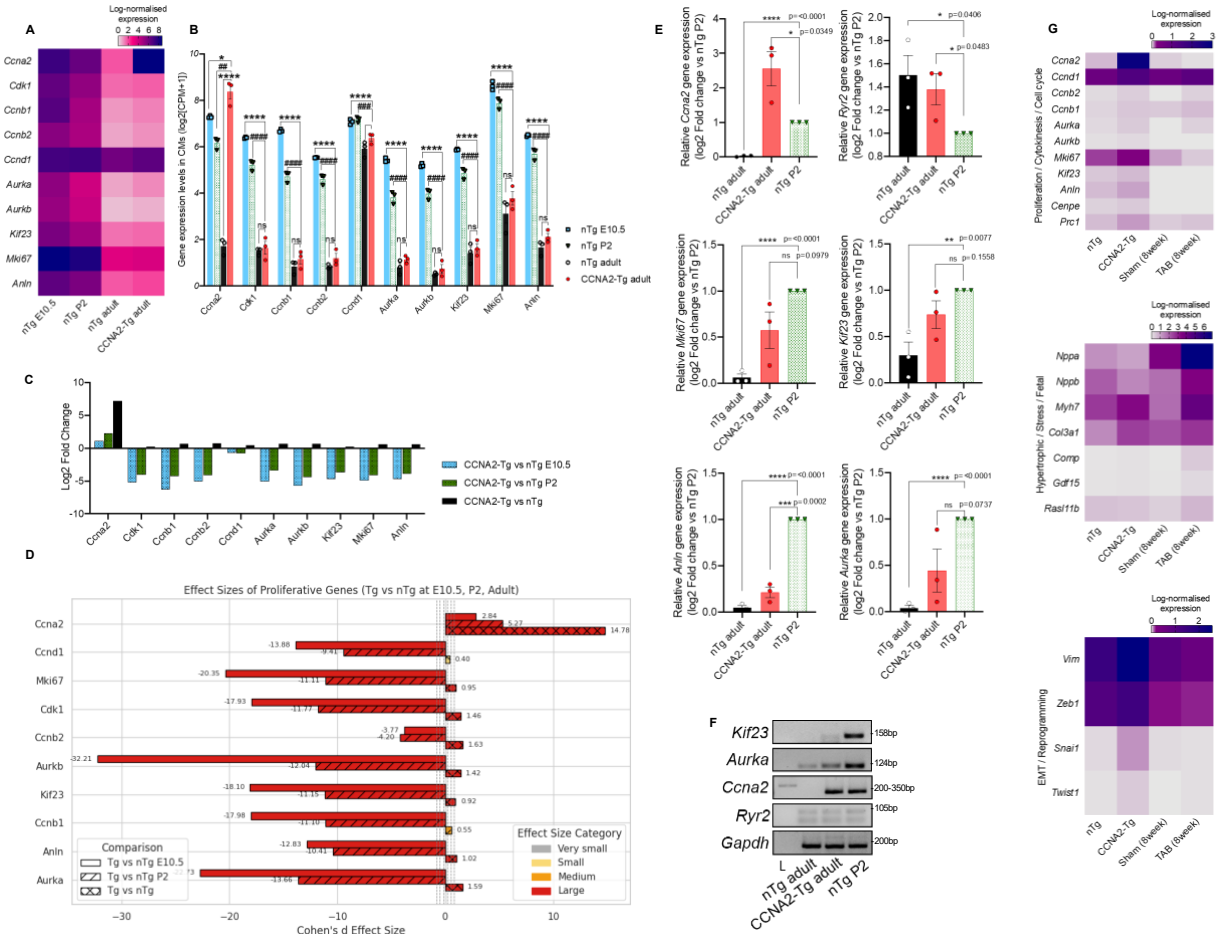


Figure S4. CCNA2 overexpression promotes proliferation-associated gene expression in cardiomyocytes. **A)** Heatmap showing expression of cell cycle/proliferation-associated genes (*Ccna2*, *Ccnb1*, *Ccnb2*, *Aurka*, *Aurkb*, *Cdk1*, etc.) across developmental stages (E10.5, P2, adult nTg, and adult CCNA2-Tg cardiomyocytes) from mouse bulk RNA-seq. **B)** Scatter plot representation of the same proliferation-associated genes shown in (A), expressed as $\log_2(\text{CPM}+1)$. Each dot represents an individual biological replicate from bulk RNA-seq, and bars indicate mean $\pm$ s.e.m. **C)** $\log_2$ fold change in proliferation-associated gene expression in CCNA2-Tg versus nTg cardiomyocytes and across developmental stages. **D)** Effect size (Cohen's d) for proliferation-associated genes across developmental transitions (Adult CCNA2-Tg vs E10.5; Adult CCNA2-Tg vs P2; Adult CCNA2-Tg vs adult nTg). **E)** RT-qPCR validation of proliferation-associated genes in P2, adult nTg, and CCNA2-Tg cardiomyocytes. Expression values were normalized to *Gapdh* and are presented as fold change relative to nTg P2 (mean $\pm$ s.e.m.; $n=3$ independent experiments; ROUT outlier detection $Q=1\%$). **F)** Representative conventional PCR electrophoresis analysis of proliferation markers (e.g., *Kif23*, *Aurka*, *Ccna2*, *Ryr2*) in nTg versus CCNA2-Tg cardiomyocytes, with *Gapdh* as loading control. **G)** Heatmaps showing expression canonical hypertrophic markers alongside genes associated with EMT and cell cycle /cytokinesis across different conditions: adult nTg, CCNA2-Tg, Sham-operated, and (8 weeks) transverse aortic banding (TAB) cardiomyocytes. Expression values are shown as log-normalized counts.

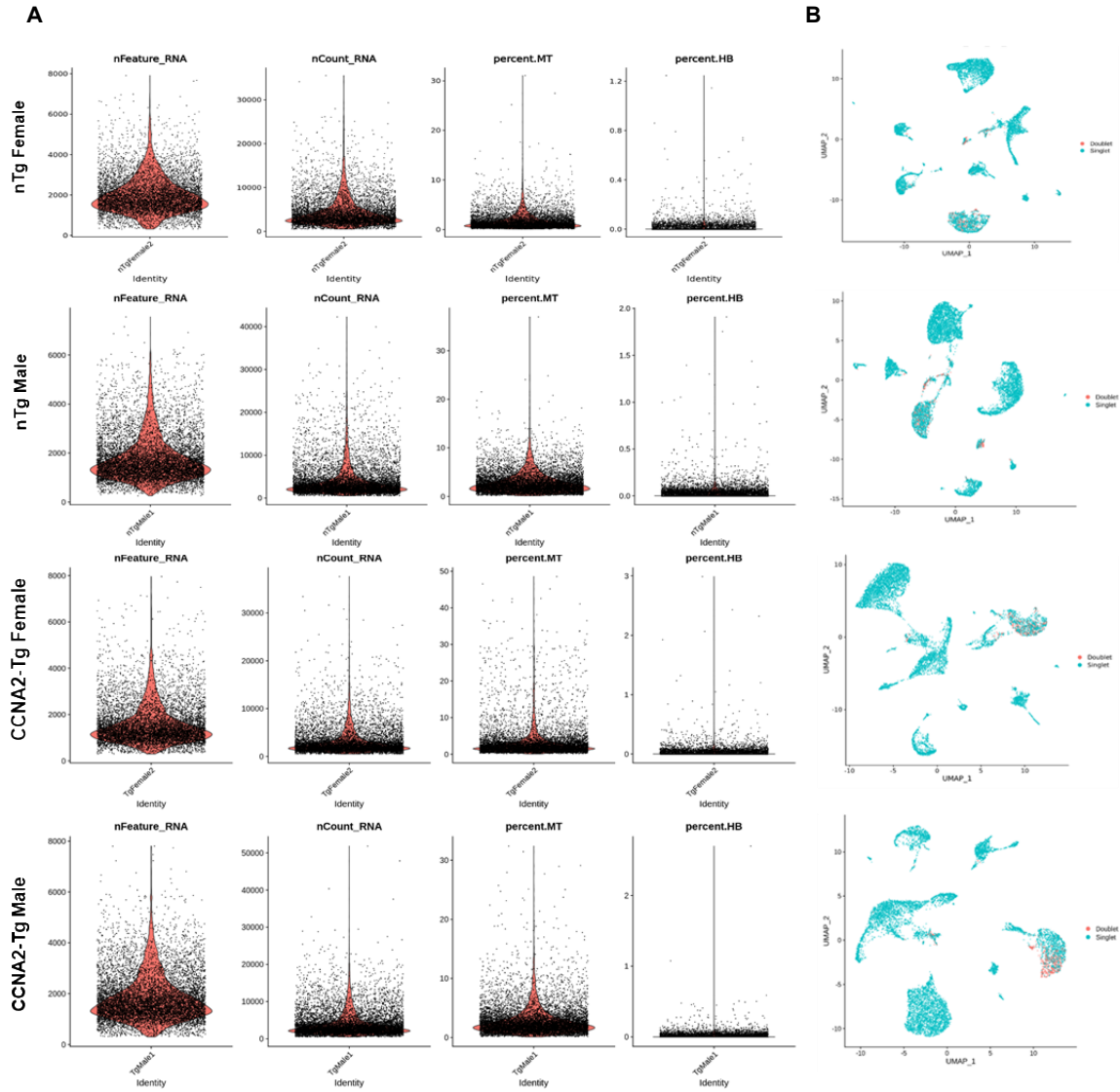


Figure S5. Quality control (QC) filtering and visualization in SnRNA-seq. A) "nFeature_RNA" indicates the count of gene features; "nCount_RNA" represents the count of UMIs; "percent.MT" signifies the proportion of counts originating from mitochondrial genes, and "percent.HB" signifies the proportion of counts stemming from Hemoglobin-related genes in all conditions nTg and CCNA2-Tg males and females. Each data point corresponds to a cell. **B)** The UMAP plots are generated from the top principal components within the clustered dataset. Each data point represents an individual cell and is color-coded based on whether it is categorized as a singlet or doublet.

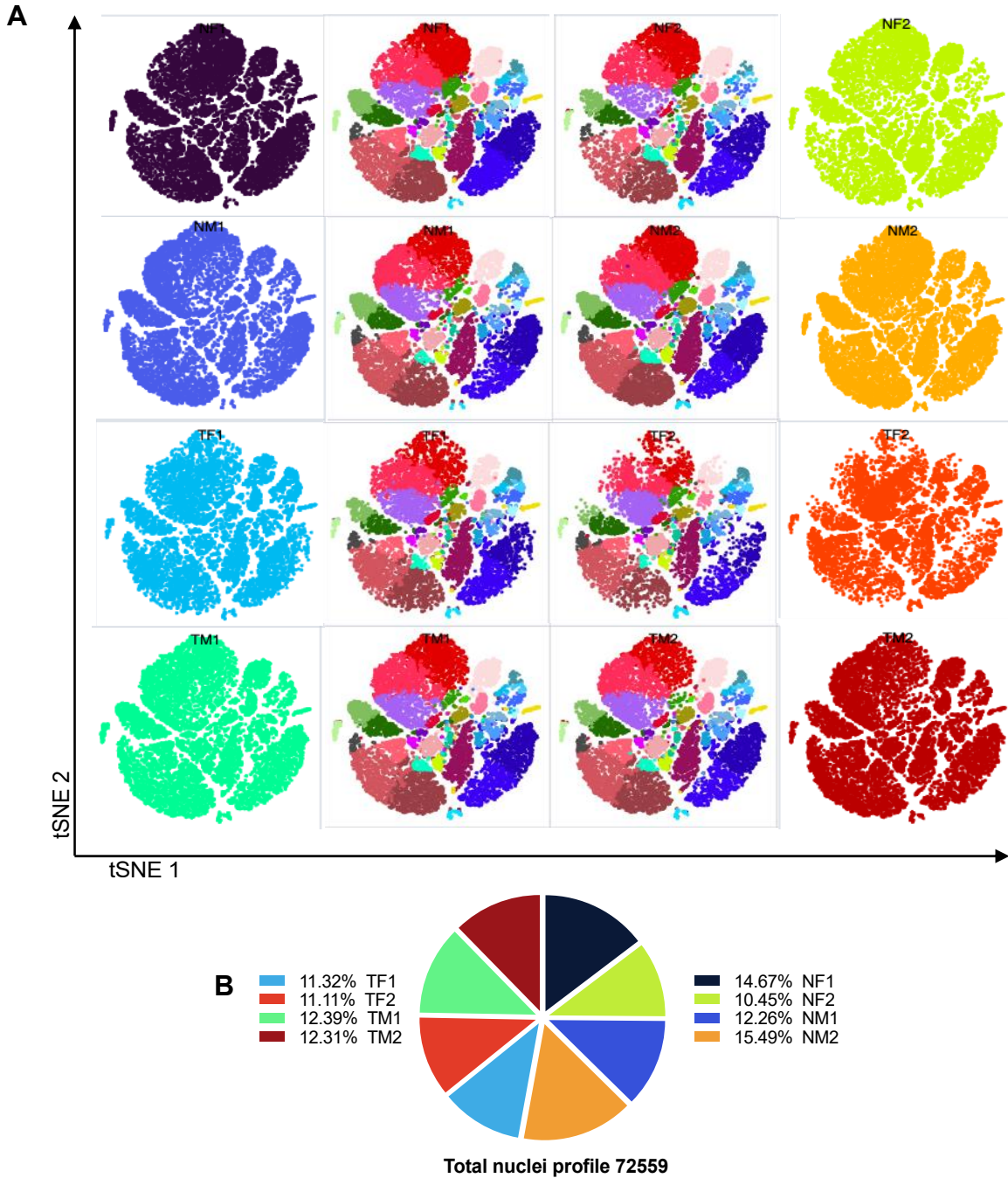


Figure S6. Single-nucleus transcriptomic landscape of nTg and CCNA2-Tg mouse hearts. **A)** t-SNE plot clustering the nuclei of nTg and CCNA2-Tg conditions ($n=8$ total). **B)** Pie chart representing the percentage of nuclei profile in all conditions of nTg and CCNA2-Tg mice. ($n=72,559$ total nuclei)

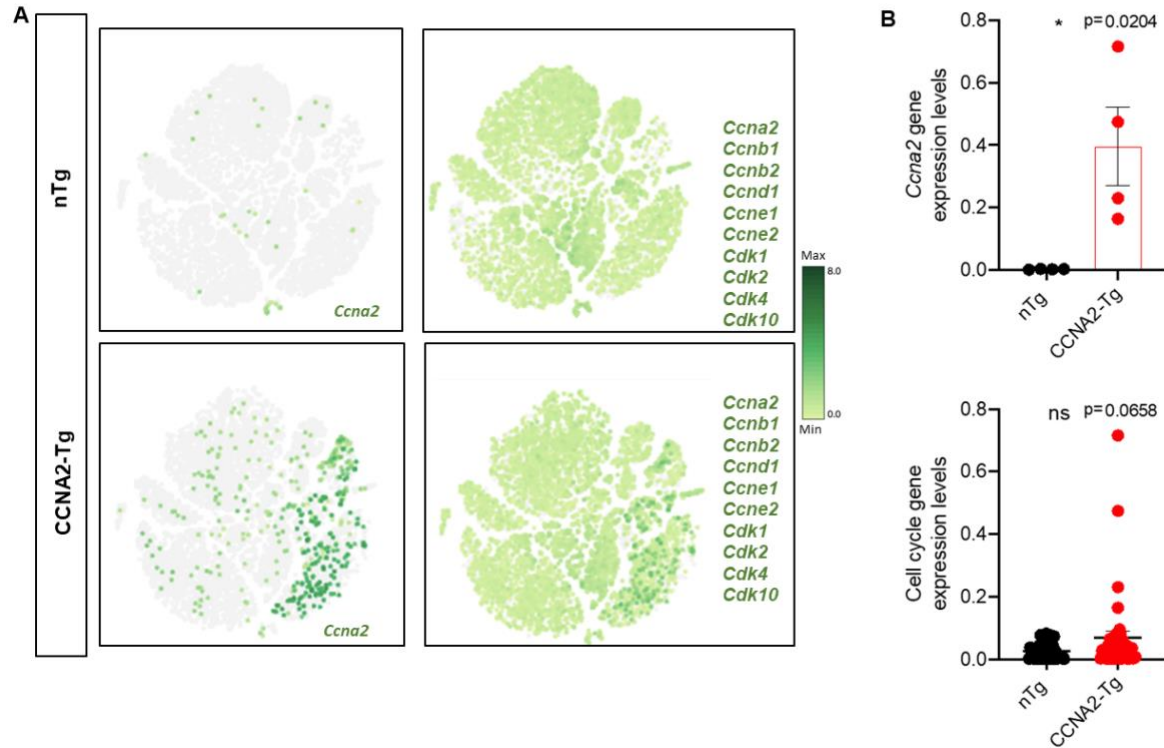


Figure S7. CCNA2 and cell cycle gene expression across cardiac subclusters in nTg and CCNA2-Tg mice. A) t-SNE plots and **B)** representative scatter plots of CCNA2 and cell cycle genes expression across the combined transcriptomic profiles of all subclusters of nTg and CCNA2-Tg mice. Bars represent mean $\pm$ s.e.m. Each point represents an individual value; the mean value is represented by the horizontal line. Error bars represent s.e.m.

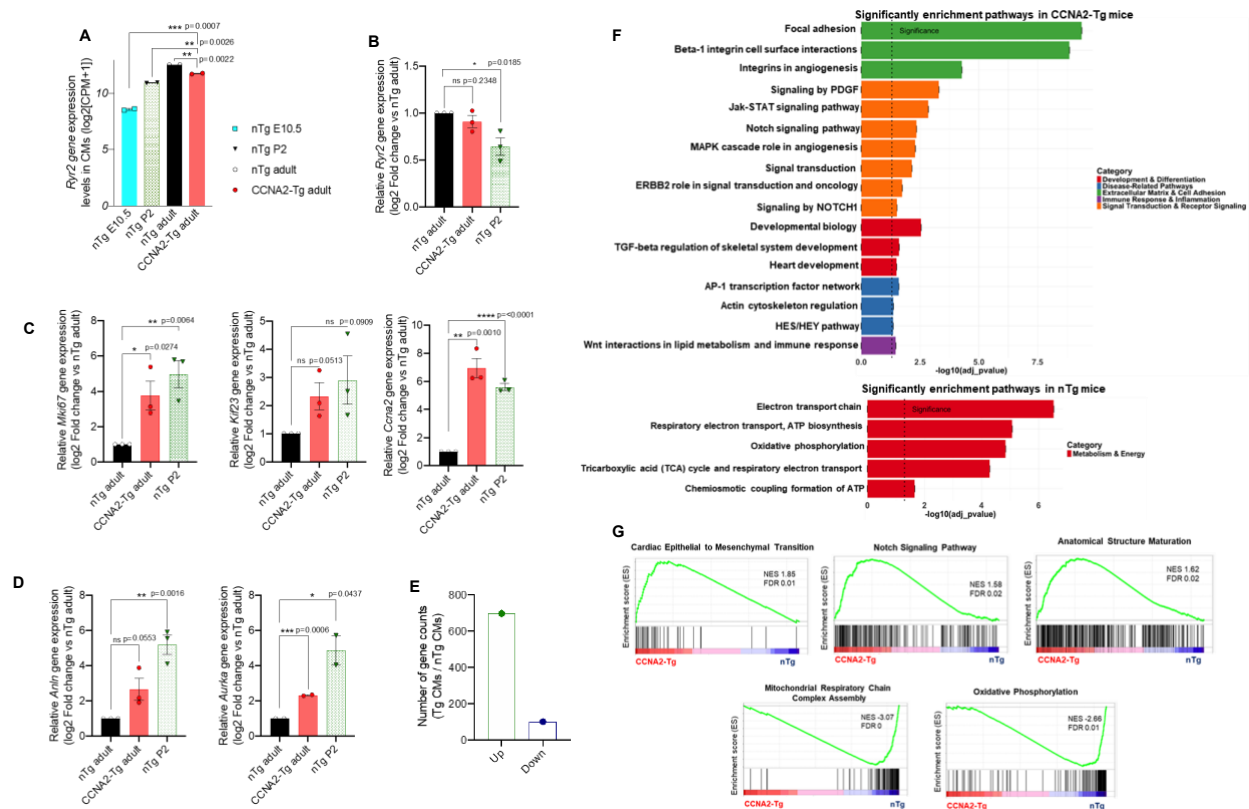


Figure S8. Transcriptomic profiling reveals partial dedifferentiation and developmental gene program activation in CCNA2-Tg cardiomyocytes. **A)** *Ryr2* gene expression levels across cardiomyocyte development stages, including embryonic (E10.5), postnatal (P2), adult nTg, and adult CCNA2-Tg mouse cardiomyocytes. **B)** RT-qPCR validation of *Ryr2* gene, **C)** proliferation, and **D)** cytokinesis-associated genes in P2, adult nTg and CCNA2-Tg cardiomyocytes. Expression values were normalized to *Gapdh* and are presented as fold change relative to adult nTg (mean $\pm$ s.e.m.); $n=3$ independent experiments, with matched data from one experiment were excluded following ROUT outlier detection (Q=1%) applied uniformly across groups. **E)** Number of differentially expressed genes (Up or Down) in adult CCNA2-Tg mouse cardiomyocytes as compared to adult nTg mouse cardiomyocytes. **F)** Significantly enriched pathways in adult CCNA2-Tg and nTg mouse cardiomyocytes (P-value adjusted <0.05), analyzed using BioPlanet. **G)** Gene set enrichment analysis (GSEA) in CCNA2-transgenic versus nTg cardiomyocytes showing a significant downregulation of oxidative phosphorylation and mitochondrial respiratory chain complex assembly pathways in CCNA2-transgenic cardiomyocytes, may suggest a metabolic shift consistent with dedifferentiation. Conversely, pathways such as cardiac epithelial-to-mesenchymal transition (EMT) and Notch signaling were upregulated, indicating activation of developmental and reprogramming pathways that facilitate a more regenerative state.

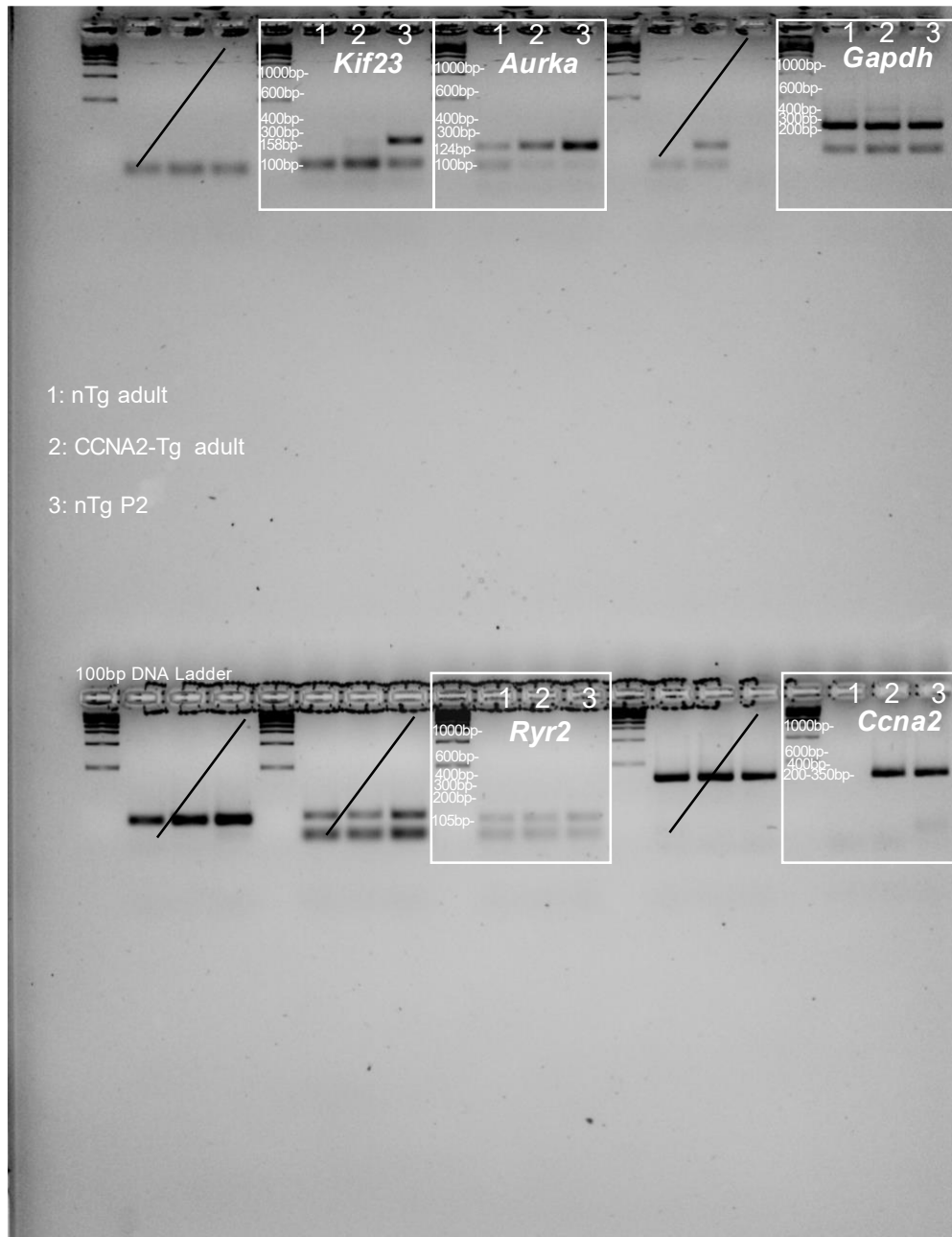


Figure S9. Uncropped agarose gel electrophoresis of PCR products used in Figure S4F. Full uncropped 2% agarose gel showing conventional PCR amplification of *Kif23*, *Aurka*, *Gapdh*, *Ryr2* and *Ccna2* in nTg adult (1), CCNA2-Tg adult (2) and P2 (3) samples used in Figure S4F. 100 bp DNA ladder (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Cat# 15628019) is included.

Supplementary tables

Table S1: Primers sequences used in this study.

Gene	Forward primer sequence (5' - 3')	Reverse primer (5' - 3')
<i>Ryr2</i>	TTC CCC AAG ATG GTG ACA AG	CTC CAG CAG GTA GCT CAG GT
<i>Mki67</i>	GAG GAG AAA CGC CAA CCA AGA G	TTT GTC CTC GGT GGC GTT ATC C
<i>Kif23</i>	AGG CAT GGT GAA CAG AAA CGT CG	CTC TGG CTT CTC AGG TTT GGG T
<i>Ccna2</i>	CAC AAT CAC TTC TGA ATG TAG A	TAG AAG GAC ACC TAG TCA GAC AA
<i>Anln</i>	AGC ATC AGA CCT GGA GGT TGA G	CCT TCC TCT AGG ACG TCA CTG A
<i>Aurka</i>	TCA TCC TGG CTC TGA AGG TGC T	CCA TAC AGC CTG AGG ATG G
<i>Gapdh</i>	CCA GCT ACT CGC GGC TTT A	GTT CAC ACC GAC CTT CAC CA

Table S2: *The ARRIVE Essential 10 (Compliance Questionnaire).

Item		Question(s)	Answers	
1	Study Design	Are all experimental and control groups clearly identified?	X	Yes, for at least one experiment No
		Is the experimental unit (e.g. an animal, litter or cage of animals) clearly identified?	X	Yes, for at least one experiment No
2	Sample Size	Is the exact number of experimental units in each group at the start of the study provided (e.g. in the format 'n=')?	X	Yes, for at least one experiment No
		Is the method by which the sample size was chosen explained?	X	Yes, for at least one experiment No
3	Inclusion & Exclusion Criteria	Are the criteria used for including and excluding animal, experimental units, or data points provided?	X	Yes, for at least one experiment No
		Are any exclusions of animals, experimental units, or data points reported, or is there a statement indicating that there were no exclusions?	X	Yes, for at least one analysis No
4	Randomization	Is the method by which experimental units were allocated to control and treatment groups described?	X	Yes, for at least one experiment No
5	Blinding	Is it clear whether researchers were aware of, or blinded to, the group allocation at any stage of the experiment or data analysis?	X	Yes, for at least one experiment No

6	Outcome Measures	For all experimental outcomes presented, are details provided of exactly what parameters were measured?	X	Yes, for at least one experiment No
7	Statistical Methods	Is there statistical approach used to analyze each outcome detailed?	X	Yes, for at least one analysis No
		Is there a description of any methods used to assess whether data met statistical assumptions?	X	Yes, for at least one analysis No Not applicable
8	Experimental Animals	Are all species of animals used specified?	X	Yes, for at least one analysis No
		Is the sex of the animals specified to species?	X	Yes, for at least one experiment No Not applicable
		Is at least one of the age, weight, or developmental stage of the animals specified?	X	Yes, for at least one experiment No
9	Experimental Procedures	Are both the timing and frequency with which procedures took place specified?	X	Yes, for at least one experiment No
		Are details of acclimatization periods to experimental locations provided?	X	Yes, for at least one experiment No
10	Results	Are descriptive statistics for each experimental group provided, with a measure of variability (e.g., mean and SD, or median and range)?	X	Yes, for at least one experiment No Not applicable to the type of data collected
		Is the effect size and confidence interval provided?	X	Yes, for at least one experiment No Not applicable to the type of analysis used

*Percie du Sert, N. et al. The ARRIVE guidelines 2.0: Updated guidelines for reporting animal research. PLoS Biol 18, e3000410 (2020).

Supplementary Movies

Movie S1: The real-time, live-imaging movie of human adult cardiomyocytes (55-year-old male) as described in **Figure 1**.

Movie S2: Real-time, live-imaging movie of human adult cardiomyocytes (41-year-old female) as described in **Figure 1**.

Supplementary Data: Supplementary Data contain the raw values and extended datasets supporting the Figures.