

A multi-cellular 3D bioprinting approach for vascularized heart tissue engineering based on HUVECs and iPSC-derived cardiomyocytes.

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Supplementary Information

Supplementary figures:

2D cell culture

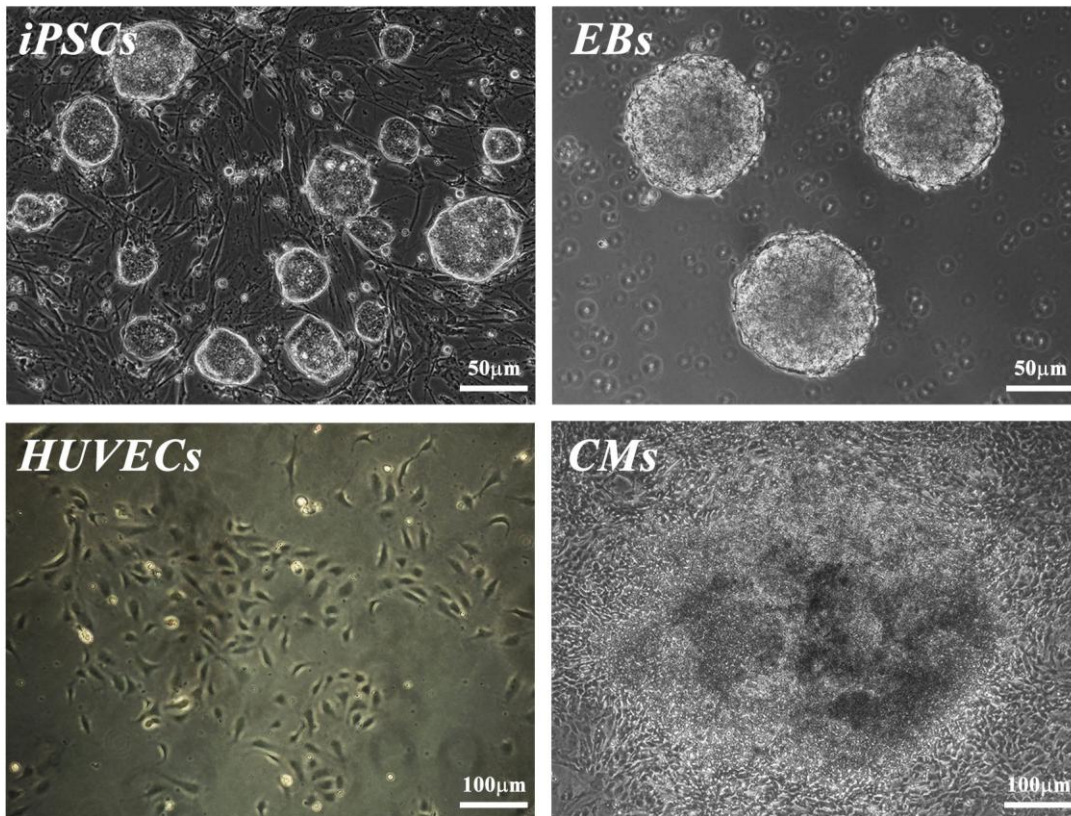
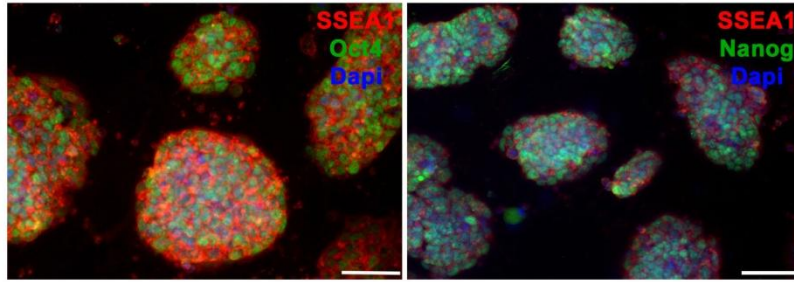


Figure S1. 2D Cells culture. Representative images of iPSCs, EBs, HUVECs and CMs grown in 2D culture in standard condition. Scale bars represent 50 μm and 100 μm .

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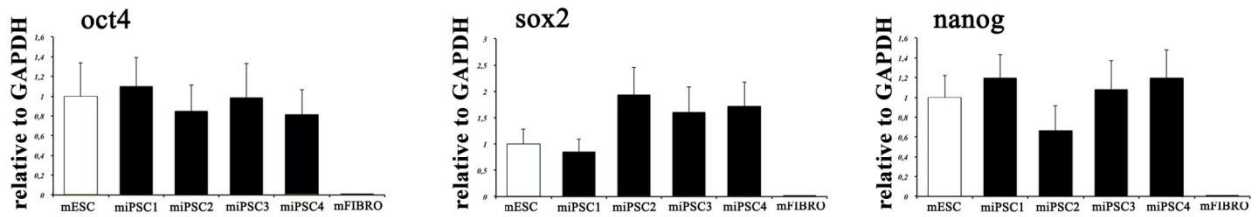


Figure S2. iPSCs pluripotency. (a) Immunofluorescence for stemness markers SSEA1 (red) and Oct4 (green) (left panel), Nanog (red) (right panel). Scale bar represent 200μm. (b) qRT-PCR analysis for stemness genes, such as Oct4, Sox2 and Nanog, in obtained murine iPSC compared to murine ESC and murine fibroblasts. Error bars represent mean±SEM. N = 4. Student's t test did not evidence significant differences in gene expression among the different tested conditions.

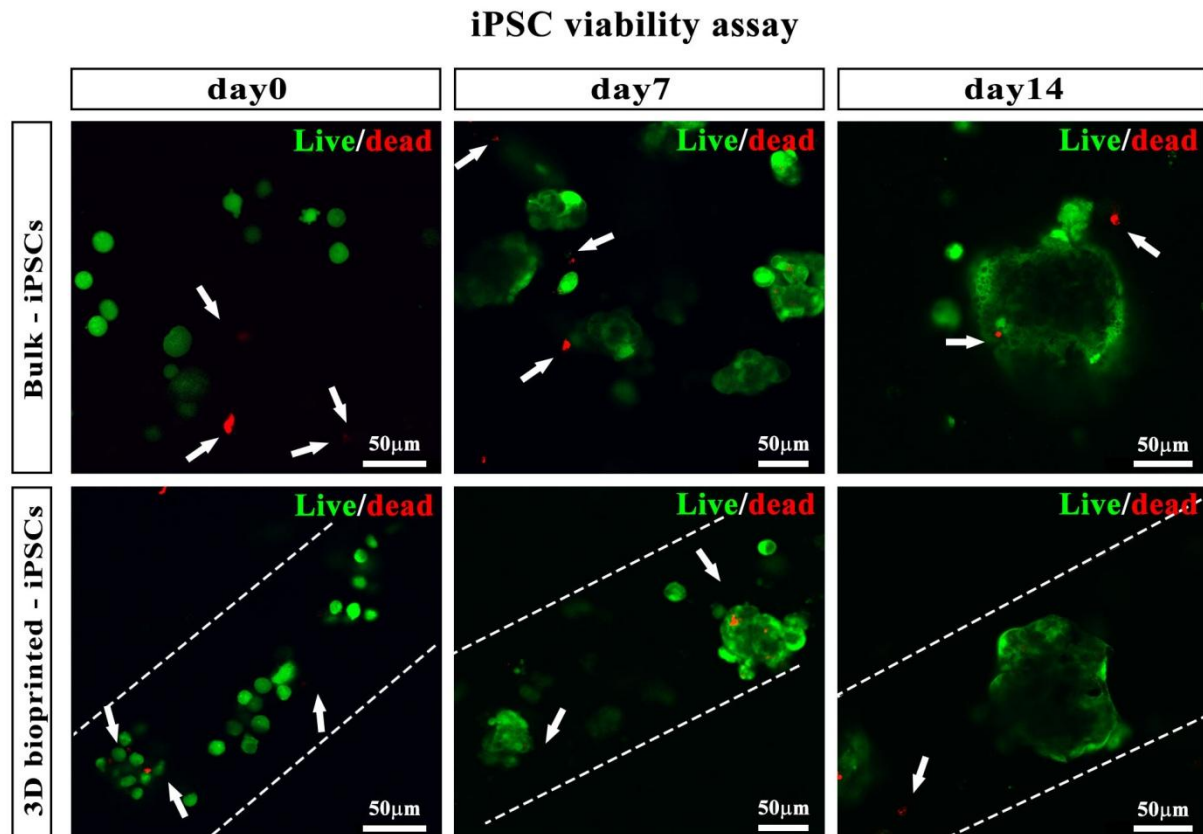


Figure S3. Viability assay of iPSCs. Representative images of iPSC live/dead assay grown in Bulk and 3D bioprinted construct at Day 0, Day 7 and Day 14. Live cells were detected by calcein AM (green), and dead cells by EthD-1 (Red). Scale bars represent 50 μm .

iPSC-derived cardiomyocytes differentiation protocol

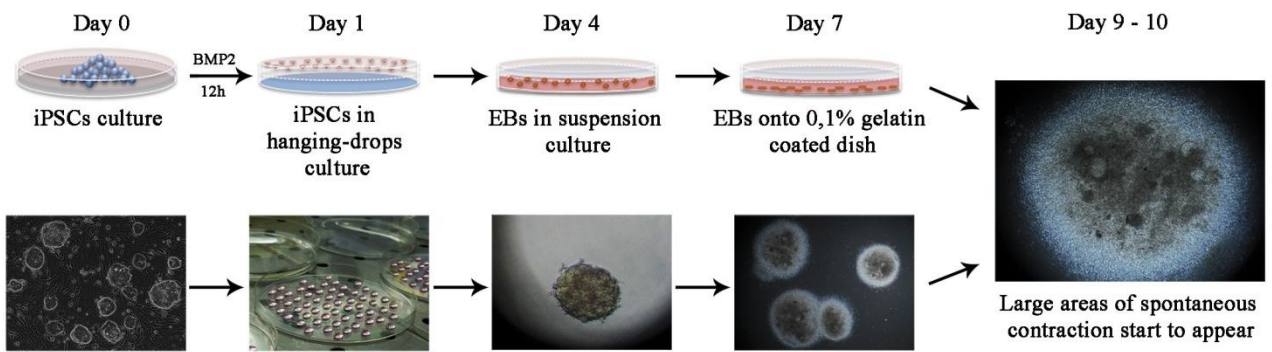


Figure S4. iPSC-derived cardiomyocytes differentiation protocol.

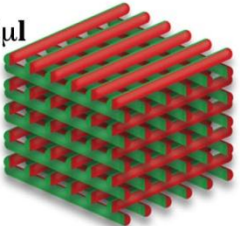
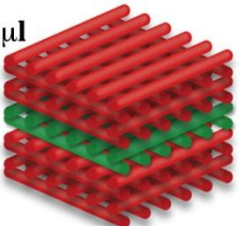
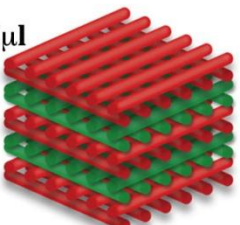
	Geometry	CMs [40x10 ⁶ cells/ml]	HUVECs [6x10 ⁶ cells/ml]
Janus	40μl 	20μl=800.000 Correction factor 1	20μl=120.000 Correction factor 2.5
4:2:4	40μl 	32μl=1.280.000 Correction factor 1.6	8μl= 48.000 Correction factor 1
2:2:2:2:2	40μl 	24μl=960.000 Correction factor 1.2	16μl= 96.000 Correction factor 2

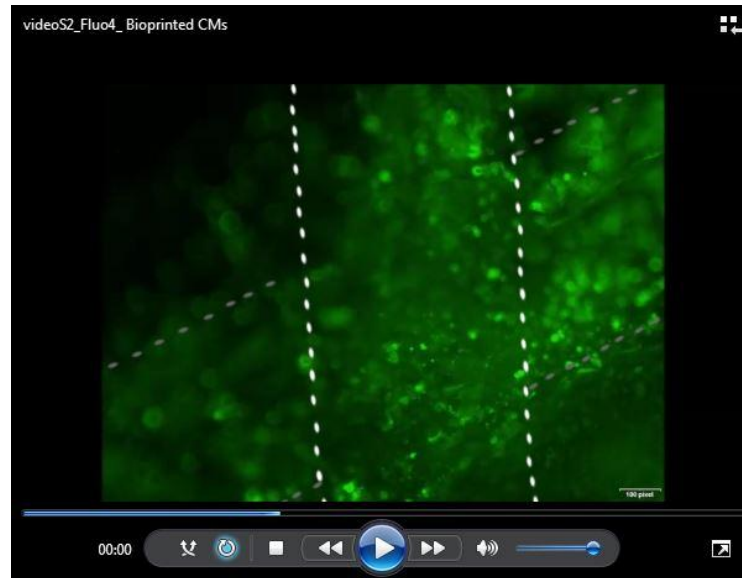
Figure S5. Descriptive image to assess the normalization index .

Table S1. Mouse and human primer sequences for quantitative RT-PCR analysis.

Gene	qRT-PCR primer set	
<i>m_oct4</i>	<i>forward</i> <i>reverse</i>	CCCTCTGTTCCCGTCACTG ACCTCCCTTGCCTTGGCT
<i>m_sox2</i>	<i>forward</i> <i>reverse</i>	TGCTGCCTCTTTAAGACTAGGAC CCTGGGGCTCAAACCTTCTCT
<i>m_nanog</i>	<i>forward</i> <i>reverse</i>	CAGGTGTTTGAGGGTAGCTC CGGTTTCATCATGGTACAGTC
<i>m_brachyury</i>	<i>forward</i> <i>reverse</i>	CAGCCACCTACTGGCTCTA GAGCCTGGGGTGATGGTA
<i>m_nkx2.5</i>	<i>forward</i> <i>reverse</i>	CAAGTGCTCTCCTGCTTTCC GGCTTTGTCCAGCTCCACT
<i>m_tbx5</i>	<i>forward</i> <i>reverse</i>	CGAAGTGGGCACAGAGATG CACCTTCACTTTGTAAGTAGGAAACA
<i>m_anf</i>	<i>forward</i> <i>reverse</i>	ACAGACCCTGGACAGACACC TGATCCACTGGACAAGGAAA
<i>m_β-mhc</i>	<i>forward</i> <i>reverse</i>	CGCATCAAGGAGCTCACC CTGCAGCCGCAGTAGGTT
<i>m_tnni</i>	<i>forward</i> <i>reverse</i>	GCAGGTGAAGAAGGAGGACA CGATATTCTTGCGCCAGTC
<i>m_α-mhc</i>	<i>forward</i> <i>reverse</i>	CCAACACCAACCTGTCCAAG CTCGTCGTGCATCTTCTTGG
<i>h_bcl2</i>	<i>forward</i> <i>reverse</i>	GCCCTGTGGATGACTGAGTA GAAATCAAACAGAGGCCGCA
<i>h_e-cadherin</i>	<i>forward</i> <i>reverse</i>	ACAACAAGCCCGAATTCACC GGTGTTACATCATCGTCCG
<i>h_hif-1 α</i>	<i>forward</i> <i>reverse</i>	ATTTTGGCAGCAACGACACA GGGTGAGGGGAGCATTACAT
<i>h_vegf</i>	<i>forward</i> <i>reverse</i>	TCTACCTCCACCATGCCAAG TGATGATTCTGCCCTCCTCC
<i>h_kdr</i>	<i>forward</i> <i>reverse</i>	CCCAGGCTCAGCATACAAAA CCTCTGTCCCCTGCAAGTAA
<i>h_pgk1</i>	<i>forward</i> <i>reverse</i>	TCTCATGGATGAGGTGGTGA CAGTGCTCACATGGCTGACT
<i>h_enos</i>	<i>forward</i> <i>reverse</i>	TCTGCATGGACCTGGATACC CGATGGTGACTTTGGCTAGC
<i>h_ccnd1</i>	<i>forward</i> <i>reverse</i>	GATCAAGTGTGACCCGGACT TCCTCCTCTTCTCCTCCTC
<i>gapdh</i>	<i>forward</i> <i>reverse</i>	GGCAAATTCAACGGCACA GTTAGTGGGGTCTCGCTCTG



Video S1. CMs self-contraction in 2D culture.



Video S2. CMs contraction in 3DBioprinted construct.



Video S3. CMs contraction in bulk construct.

Supplementary methods:

Ca²⁺ response in CMs.

The Ca²⁺-sensitive fluorescent dye Fluo4-AM was administered to the structures to monitor contraction capability of iPSC-derived CMs. At day 14, bulks and bioprinted constructs culture media were removed and the structures were loaded with Fluo4-AM 10μM for 1h at 37°C in Tyrode's solution (NaCl 140mM, KCl 5mM, HEPES 5mM, NaH₂PO₄ 1mM, MgCl₂ 1mM, CaCl₂ 1,8 mM, Glucose 10mM adjusted at pH 7.4). After dye loading, the samples were washed and incubated in fresh Tyrode's solution for 20min, to allow the de-esterification of the intracellular indicator. Cardiac specific stimulation was performed adding caffeine 10mM. Experiments were performed at 25±2 °C and videos of contraction were acquired at 10X magnification (Olympus, AX70).