Combined Lineage Tracing and scRNA-seq Reveals Unexpected First Heart Field Predominance of Human iPSC Differentiation

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1   **ABSTRACT**
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During mammalian development, the left and right ventricles arise from early
populations of cardiac progenitors known as the first and second heart fields,
respectively. While these populations have been extensively studied in non-human
model systems, their identification and study *in vivo* human tissues have been limited
due to the ethical and technical limitations of accessing gastrulation stage human
embryos. Human induced pluripotent stem cells (hiPSCs) present an exciting alternative
for modeling early human embryogenesis due to their well-established ability to
differentiate into all embryonic germ layers. Here, we describe the development of a
TBX5/MYL2 lineage tracing reporter system that allows for the identification of FHF-
progenitors and their descendants including left ventricular cardiomyocytes.
Furthermore, using single cell RNA sequencing (scRNA-seq) with oligonucleotide-based
sample multiplexing, we extensively profiled differentiating hiPSCs across 12 timepoints
in two independent iPSC lines. Surprisingly, our reporter system and scRNA-seq
analysis revealed a predominance of FHF differentiation using the small molecule Wnt-
based 2D differentiation protocol. We compared this data with existing murine and 3D
cardiac organoid scRNA-seq data and confirmed the dominance of left ventricular
cardiomyocytes (>90%) in our hiPSC-derived progeny. Together, our work provides the
scientific community with a powerful new genetic lineage tracing approach as well as a
single cell transcriptomic atlas of hiPSCs undergoing cardiac differentiation.

INTRODUCTION

The human heart is one of the first organs to develop during embryogenesis with critical events in progenitor specification and differentiation occurring during the first 3 weeks of human gestation (Buckingham et al., 2005; Cui et al., 2019; Hikspoors et al., 2022; Meilhac and Buckingham, 2018; Tan and Lewandowski, 2020). Due to ethical and technical limitations in the study of human embryogenesis prior to 5 weeks gestation, developmental biologists have largely relied upon animal models to study cardiac development (Hyun et al., 2021; Meilhac and Buckingham, 2018). Early studies in mammalian cardiac progenitor biology identified the presence of two definitive multipotent progenitor populations known as the first (FHF) and second (SHF) heart fields which give rise to the left and right ventricles, respectively (Cai et al., 2003; Dyer and Kirby, 2009; Meilhac et al., 2004; Mjaatvedt et al., 2001; Moretti et al., 2006; Waldo et al., 2001). Furthermore, early lineage tracing studies using the mesodermal progenitor marker, *Mesp1*, have revealed that the early specification of these lineages likely occurs during the earliest stages of gastrulation, with the FHF emerging as the first wave of cardiac progenitors, followed by the SHF (Lescroart et al., 2014; Saga et al., 1999; Scialdone et al., 2016). With the advent of single cell RNA sequencing (scRNA-seq), these progenitor populations have been extensively characterized and shown to exhibit unique transcriptional expression profiles (de Soysa et al., 2019; Hill et al., 2019; Xiong et al., 2019). Moreover, scRNA-seq profiling of murine left and right ventricles during early cardiac development have shown that transcriptional differences can be detected up to E10.5 of murine development, suggesting that early left and right

ventricular development is characterized by unique transcriptional regulatory networks

(DeLaughter et al., 2016; Li et al., 2019, 2016).

While the distinct identities of the first and second heart field progenitors have

been well established in the murine system, the identification of these progenitor

populations within a human model has been severely limited by lack of access to

human embryonic tissues. Over the past decade, the advent of human induced

pluripotent stem cells (hiPSCs) has allowed for the developmental modeling of multiple

different embryonic lineages *in vitro* (Holloway et al., 2020; Kanton et al., 2019;

Karagiannis et al., 2019; Lian et al., 2013; Takahashi and Yamanaka, 2006; Yamanaka,

2008). In the cardiac field, small molecule-based protocols modulating WNT signaling

have become standard due to their remarkable efficiency at generating large numbers

of beating cardiomyocytes that can be utilized for disease modeling, drug discovery,

and the study of cellular functions (Burridge et al., 2015; Chen et al., 2016; Feyen et al.,

2020; Lian et al., 2013; Sacchetto et al., 2020). Several questions remain as to whether

hiPSC cardiac differentiations are capable of modeling early cardiac progenitor biology

as seen during *in vivo* mouse development (Protze et al., 2019a). Moreover, evidence is

lacking as to whether current hiPSC differentiation protocols give rise to FHF- and SHF-

derived LV and RV cardiomyocytes, respectively (Protze et al., 2019a).

A major bottleneck in the identification of these cell types during hiPSC

differentiation is the lack of lineage tracing tools that have been extensively used in

murine models to understand the developmental lineage contributions of progenitor

populations (Barnes et al., 2010; Cai et al., 2003; Meilhac et al., 2004; Moretti et al.,

2006; Tyser et al., 2020; Vincentz et al., 2017; Zhang et al., 2021). Early studies

profiling the expression of the T-box transcription factor, *Tbx5,* identified its specific

expression at the cardiac crescent and its role as a marker of early FHF progenitors

(Bruneau et al., 2001, 1999). More recently, studies using inducible CreER/LoxP

lineage tracing have shown the exquisite specificity of *Tbx5* to label ventricular

cardiomyocytes on the left but not the right, demonstrating a clear boundary between

cell origins of left and right ventricular cardiomyocytes during embryogenesis (Devine et

al., 2014). While lineage tracing tools have provided insight into the cellular

contributions of the FHF in mice, no lineage tracing tool is currently available for tracing

LV and RV cardiomyocytes in a human model system.

To identify FHF-progenitors and their derived cell types during hiPSC

differentiation, we used a CRISPR-Cas9 targeting platform to engineer a TBX5

expression-driven, highly-sensitive, Cre/LoxP lineage tracing system in hiPSCs that

contain a ventricular cardiomyocyte-specific myosin light chain-2 (*MYL2)*-tdTomato

fluorescent protein. By conducting a time course analysis of cardiomyocyte

differentiation, we identified a left ventricular cardiomyocyte predominant differentiation

across two distinct cell lines based on the high percentage of TBX5-lineage positive

ventricular cardiomyocytes (>90%). Using chemically modified lipid-oligonucleotides

(CMOs), we conducted multiplexed scRNA-seq assays on 12 different timepoints

across two independent hiPSC lines. Using differentiation trajectory analysis, we

compared our scRNA-seq data with murine heart field development scRNA-seq data

and validate the FHF origin and LV identity of cardiomyocytes generated. Finally, we

conduct a comparison of our scRNA-seq data with a recently published 3D cardiac

organoid differentiation (Drakhlis et al., 2021) and identify the greater potential of a 3D

system to generate SHF derived cell types. Together, our findings provide a powerful

new tool for human *in vitro* cardiac development studies and a validated single cell

expression atlas for identifying the human FHF lineage during *in vitro* hiPSC

differentiation.

RESULTS

Generation of a TBX5-Lineage Tracing and Ventricular Reporter Line By
CRISPR/Cas9 Genome Editing
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Given the well-established role of the T-box transcription factor, *Tbx5,* as a

specific marker of the early FHF and left ventricular lineage (Bruneau et al., 2001, 1999;

DeLaughter et al., 2016; Devine et al., 2014), we engineered a fluorescent lineage

tracing system that would allow for the determination of whether *TBX5* lineage tracing

could correctly identify left ventricular cardiomyocytes using a human iPSC model of

cardiac differentiation. Previously, our laboratory developed an *MYL2*-tdTomato

construct targeting a P2A-TdTomato to the stop codon of the *MYL2* gene that was

validated to specifically isolate ventricular cardiomyocytes during hiPSC differentiations

(Chirikian et al., 2021).To construct a reporter system that could isolate left ventricular

cardiomyocytes, we employed a triple construct system that would allow for the

identification of *MYL2*-positive ventricular cardiomyocytes and the identification of

TBX5-lineage-positive left ventricular cardiomyocytes **(Figure 1A).** To lineage trace

TBX5 expressing cells during hiPSC differentiation, we developed two new genetic

constructs based on a P2A self-cleaving peptide system that allows the tethering of

genetic construct expression with a gene of interest (Liu et al., 2017). The first construct

consists of tandem P2A-Cre Recombinase genes that is targeted to replace the stop

codon of *TBX5* (**Figure 1B**). The second construct consists of a constitutively active

CMV promoter followed by a floxed stop cassette and a downstream TurboGFP with the

goal to only allow for TurboGFP expression after the excision of the stop cassette by

Cre (**Figure 1B**). Using CRISPR/Cas9 genome editing, we first targeted the MYL2-

tdTomato construct into two hiPSC lines derived from healthy donor patients **(Figure**

1B). Using an inside-out PCR strategy (Galdos et al., 2021; Ran et al., 2013), we

confirmed the successful integration of the MYL2 construct based on the integration of

the 5' and 3' ends of the construct and selected a heterozygous integrated clone

(Figure 1C). We subsequently integrated the CMV-Lox-STOP-Lox-TurboGFP construct

into the CCR5 safe harbor site and confirmed successful integration via inside-out PCR

(Figure 1C). Next, we integrated the P2A-Cre-P2A-Cre construct into the *TBX5* locus

by replacing the stop codon of the gene. To ensure maximal sensitivity of our lineage

tracing system, we integrated the *P2A-Cre* construct in a homozygous manner to

ensure high expression of Cre recombinase upon expression of TBX5 **(Figure 1C)**.

Importantly, the expression of TBX5 is preserved with this approach since the Cre

recombinase is inserted after the TBX5 coding sequence and the fusion protein product

undergoes self-cleaving at the P2A sequence (Liu et al., 2017). Using sanger

sequencing, we validated the in-frame integration of the P2A sequences of both the

MYL2 and TBX5 constructs (**Figure 1D**). Lastly, we confirmed the maintenance of

pluripotency after three rounds of genome editing by immunostaining of pluripotency

marker *OCT4* (**Figure 1E),** thus demonstrating the successful genome editing of three

independent genetic constructs into two different hiPSC lines.

TBX5-Lineage/MYL2 Reporter System Reveals Predominance of Left Ventricular Differentiation Using Small Molecule Wnt Protocol

To determine the proportion of hiPSC-derived cardiomyocytes that exhibit a TBX5-lineage positive phenotype, we conducted cardiac differentiations using a widely published differentiation protocol consisting of biphasic activation and subsequent inhibition of WNT signaling using small molecules (**Figure 1A, see Methods**) (Lian et al., 2013). We employed a strategy where we conducted a high throughput flow cytometry analysis of cardiac troponin, TurboGFP, and tdTomato expression across multiple timepoints during cardiac differentiation and across the two independent cell lines containing our reporter system **(Figure 2A, 2B, and 2C)**. Analysis of *TNNT2* expression from day 3 to day 30 of differentiation revealed a gradual upregulation of *TNNT2* expression starting at day 7 of differentiation **(Figure 2B and 2D)**, with the greatest increase in *TNNT2+* cardiomyocytes being reported between day 7 and 11 of differentiation. Overall cardiac differentiation at day 30 across both reporter lines (WTC and SCVI-111) averaged 93.2%±0.80% and 92.1%± 1.60% of *TNNT2+* cells out of total cells analyzed, respectively (**Figure 2D**). We further we analyzed the proportion of cells that were positive for TurboGFP+ between day 3 and day 30 of differentiation **(Figure 2B and 2E)** and found a large increase in TurboGFP+ cells between days 7 and 11 with a continuous increase in the level of GFP signal as the differentiation proceeded. By day 30, both WTC and SCVI-111 lines exhibited 99.0%±0.21% and 93.2±0.84% of total TNNT2+ cardiomyocytes expressing TurboGFP, respectively, indicating a predominance of cardiomyocytes from the TBX5 lineage (**Figure 2E).**

Since TBX5 is known to be expressed in both atrial and ventricular

cardiomyocytes, we next determined the percentage of ventricular cardiomyocytes that

are within the TBX5-lineage by analyzing the proportion of MYL2-tdTomato+

cardiomyocytes that express TurboGFP. As *MYL2* expression gradually increases over

time during both hiSPC cardiac differentiation and *in vivo* development and is highly tied

to the overall maturational status of hiPSC-derived cardiomyocytes (Bizy et al., 2013;

Chirikian et al., 2021; DeLaughter et al., 2016; Li et al., 2016; O'Brien et al., 1993), we

show, consistent with these previous studies, that the percentage of MYL2-tdTomato+

cardiomyocytes increases between days 15 and 30 of cardiomyocyte differentiation with

some line to line variability likely tied to variation in hiPSC-CM maturation rate (**Figure**

2C and 2F). Across day 15, 20, and 30 we observed that for both cell lines the

proportion of ventricular cardiomyocytes marked by the tdTomato reporter were more

than 95% for TurboGFP indicating that nearly all ventricular cardiomyocytes were within

the TBX5-lineage (**Figure 2G, Figure 2F, Figure 3A)**.

We further validated the expression kinetics of our reporter system by conducting

bulk gene expression analyses using RT-qPCR across multiple timepoints during hiPSC

differentiation (**Figure 3B-3E)**. We evaluated the expression of known markers of early

FHF progenitors and left ventricular cardiomyocytes, *HAND1* and *TBX5* (Barnes et al.,

2010; de Soysa et al., 2019; Devine et al., 2014; Vincentz et al., 2017). We also

evaluated the expression of Cre recombinase throughout differentiation. Relative to day

0 we observed that all three markers exhibited high expression values with *HAND1*

exhibiting more than 50,000 fold upregulation relative to day 0 by day 7 of differentiation

across both lines **(Figure 3B)**. Similarly, by day 30 of differentiation *TBX5* exhibited

nearly 3,000-fold upregulation relative to day 0 (**Figure 3B**). The expression of Cre

recombinase incrased over time and was consistent with the expected increase in

TurboGFP expression observed in the flow cytometry data (**Figure 3B**).

In addition to analyzing FHF marker expression, we also examined the

expression of SHF markers such as ISL1, FGF8, and TBX1 (**Figure 3C)** (Cai et al.,

2003; Park et al., 2008; Rana et al., 2014). While ISL1 has been reported to be

expressed in the early FHF lineage (Ma et al., 2008), a well-established observation is

that ISL1 expression is sustained during the emergence of the SHF (Cai et al., 2003).

Interestingly, we observed in both the WTC and SCVI-111 that ISL1 expression peaked

at day 5 of differentiation, which is indicative of an early cardiac progenitor population at

that timepoint. We did not observe a sustained expression of ISL1 and rather observed

its downregulation over time. Similarly, FGF8 has been reported to be important for

early cardiomyocyte differentiation in both the FHF and SHF, however, its expression is

maintained within SHF progenitors during cardiogenesis. We observed that while FGF8

expression was present at the mesodermal stage of differentiation (**Figure 3C**), a

significant drop in expression was observed after day 7. *TBX1*, a pharyngeal endoderm

and mesoderm marker (Chapman et al., 1996; Mesbah et al., 2012; Rana et al., 2014;

Vitelli et al., 2002), also known as marker of the anterior second heart field (Liao et al.,

2008; Meilhac and Buckingham, 2018; Nevis et al., 2013), was unexpectedly

upregulated during gastrulation and early cardiac progenitor stages of differentiation but

declined after day 7 of differentiation with some line-to-line and batch-to-batch variability

(**Figure 3C**). This lack of SHF markers upregulation after day 7 contrasts with the

continued or even increased expression of FHF markers *HAND1* and *TBX5*, thus

indicating the predominance of FHF-derived cells at later stages of differentiation.

Lastly, we also observed a continued increase in cardiomyocyte (*TNNT2)* and

ventricular cardiomyocyte (*MYL2)* (**Figure 3E**) markers consistent with our flow

cytometry data (**Figure 2B and 2E**).

scRNA-seq Time Course Reveals Three Major Developmental Trajectories During
hiPSC Differentiation
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While our Cre/LoxP-based fluorescent reporter system showed a predominance

of *TBX5*-lineage cardiomyocytes (**Figure 2D**) and our qPCR data showed an

upregulation of FHF, but not SHF, gene markers at late stages of differentiation (**Figure**

3B, 3C), we asked whether scRNA-seq may help to pinpoint the developmental

trajectories that bifurcates between FHF and SHF during hiPSC differentiation. Using

sample multiplexing with CMO in our scRNA-seq experiment where we captured cells

from both the WTC and SCVI-111 lines and at 12 different timepoints hiPSC cardiac

differentiation (Days 0 to 7 and 11, 13, 15, and 30) for a total of 27,595 cells after

sample demultiplexing and quality control **(Figure 4A, Supplementary Figure 1, 2, and**

3).

Using a well published batch correction method known as the mutual nearest

neighbor algorithm (Haghverdi et al., 2018), we batch corrected the effect of the scRNA-

seq runs and conducted downstream dimensionality reduction and unsupervised

clustering **(Supplementary Figure 4A)**. Annotation of unsupervised clusters revealed

13 major populations during cardiac differentiation **(Figure 4 and Supplementary**

Figure 4A). During the early days of differentiation we identified cell populations

consistent with pluripotent stem cells, primitive streak, and definitive endoderm

populations marked by the expression of POU5F1, MIXL1, and SOX17, respectively

(Supplementary Figure 4B) (Mead et al., 1996; Pijuan-Sala et al., 2019; Takahashi

and Yamanaka, 2006; Tyser et al., 2021).. By day 3 of differentiation, we observed the

emergence of mesodermal progenitors, early cardiac progenitors, late cardiac

progenitors, cardiomyocytes, and epicardial populations marked by the expression of

MESP1, ISL1, NKX2-5, TNNT2, and WT1, respectively **(Supplementary Figure 4B)**

(Barnes et al., 2010; Christoffels et al., 2009; Rudat and Kispert, 2012; Zeng et al.,

2011)..

Given the identification of distinct cell types within our single cell data, we asked

whether we could further identify developmental trajectories during hiPSC cardiac

differentiation. We used a Python based bioinformatic pipeline known as STREAM to

automatically identify and visualize differentiation trajectories within our scRNA-seq data

(Chen et al., 2019). STREAM uses a low dimensional manifold such as a UMAP plot

and calculates a principal graph that identifies differentiation paths throughout the

dataset. Intriguingly, the STREAM algorithm fit a principal graph that identified two

major bifurcations during hiPSC differentiation **(Figure 4D and Supplementary Figure**

5C). Along with the fitting of a principal graph, we calculated STREAM pseudotime by

setting the pluripotent stem cell cluster as the root of the differentiation. We then

reordered and projected cells along the principal graph according to increasing

pseudotime to visualize our annotated cell types as they progressed during

differentiation (**Figure 4D-F and Supplementary Figure 5C).** To further characterize

the distinct trajectories identified by STREAM, we correlated the expression of gene

expression with the cell pseudotime along each unique branch (**Table 6)**. This analysis

recovered multiple gene markers known to be expressed during the course gastrulation

and cardiac development. The first bifurcation identified occurred at the late primitive

streak stage and represents the bifurcation into mesodermal and endodermal cell

lineages. Gene markers identified for the endodermal lineage includes markers such as

EPCAM and FOXA2, as well as hepatic-like endodermal markers such as *APOA1* and

AFP (**Figure 4G)** (Hurrell et al., 2019; Pijuan-Sala et al., 2019; Sarrach et al., 2018)**.**

Along the mesodermal differentiation path, we observed the upregulation of *MESP1*

followed by ISL1 expression as cells became specified along the cardiac progenitor

lineage. ISL1 expression preceded the expression of NKX2-5 and encompasses both

endodermal precursors as well as cardiac progenitors, supporting the earlier but less

cardiac specific expression of ISL1. At the second bifurcation, we identified an NKX2-5

population that bifurcated into myocardial and epicardial lineages. Top ranking markers

for the epicardial lineage included known epicardial marker *TBX18, WT1, TCF21,* and

IGF2, while the myocardial lineage was characterized by the elevated expression of

sarcomeric genes **(Figure 4G and Supplementary Figure 5D)** (Christoffels et al.,

2009; Hu et al., 2020; Li et al., 2011; Rudat and Kispert, 2012; Tandon et al., 2013).

Within the epicardial lineage, we observed a high expression of *HAND1* along with the

enrichment of extracellular matrix genes such as *COL3A1, VIM,* and *COL1A1* at the

epicardial progenitor population, suggesting the emergence of *WT1* positive epicardial

cells from a *HAND1* expressing precursor (**Table 6).** Together, STREAM revealed the

emergence of an epicardial and myocardial lineage from a common cardiac progenitor

during hiPSC differentiation.

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Predominance of FHF Cardiomyocyte Differentiation by hiPSCs Confirmed by
Comparison with scRNA-seq Data from Murine Heart Field Development

To confirm the FHF cardiomyocyte-predominant differentiation of hiPSCs that we

observed in our TBX5 lineage tracing (**Figure 2D**) and qPCR (**Figure 3B, 3C**) data, we

conducted a comparison between previously published murine scRNA-seq heart field

data (de Soysa et al., 2019; Hill et al., 2019; Pijuan-Sala et al., 2019) and our hiPSC

cardiac differentiation data. We clustered data from the murine datasets representing 7

major cell types of interest including nascent mesoderm, heart field progenitors,

epicardial cells, left and right ventricular cardiomyocytes, and outflow tract

cardiomyocytes (**Figure 5A**). As previously reported (de Soysa et al., 2019; Hill et al.,

2019), we observed a bifurcation of the FHF and SHF cells from the nascent mesoderm

and observed a clear contribution of both heart field progenitors to the development of

left and right ventricular cardiomyocytes with FHF cells contributing to the LV and SHF

cells contributing to the RV/OFT. Intriguingly, we observed the epicardial lineage

branched off from FHF progenitor cells (**Figure 5B**). This observation is consistent with

the recent lineage tracing literature that indicated the contribution of a subset of FHF

progenitors to both left ventricular cardiomyocytes as well as epicardial cells (Tyser et

al., 2020; Zhang et al., 2021).

To further dissect the gene expression changes that occur during FHF and SHF

development, we replotted each FHF and SHF cell population using STREAM and

displayed the expression of known FHF and SHF progenitors markers during murine

heart field development and hiPSC cardiac differentiation (**Figure 5B**). Consistent with

the literature, Tbx5 and Hcn4 were upregulated in FHF cells during mouse development

in vivo and are completely absent in the aSHF lineage (**Figure 5C)** (Andersen et al.,

2018; Bruneau et al., 2001; Devine et al., 2014; Später et al., 2013). Of note, Tbx5

appeared to gradually increase in expression during the transition from FHF progenitors

to LV CMs with a gradual downregulation as development progresses, indicating a

dynamic expression pattern through the course of development. In contrast to the FHF

markers, we observed a clear upregulation of aSHF markers Tbx1 and Fgf8 during early

aSHF progenitor development in mice with Fgf8 exhibiting its highest expression pattern

at prior to the bifurcation between OFT CM and RV CM **(Figure 5C)** (Nevis et al., 2013;

Park et al., 2008; Vitelli et al., 2002). As expected, the expression of Tbx1 and Fgf8

were absent in FHF progenitors, albeit a low Fgf8 expression was found in early LV CM,

which is expected given the role of Fgf signaling during early cardiomyocyte

differentiation (Khosravi et al., 2021; Reifers et al., 2000). We next plotted the

expression of these markers during our hiPSC cardiac differentiations and observed a

striking consistency in marker expression with the FHF lineage in the mouse (**Figure**

5D). Importantly, we observed the upregulation of TBX5 starting at the late progenitor

stage and increasing during the myocardial branch of the differentiation, like the kinetics

observed in the FHF trajectory of the mouse (**Figure 5D**). Similarly, HCN4 expression

remained high during cardiomyocyte differentiation further supporting the left ventricular

identity of the myocardial branch given reported role of HCN4 as an early FHF and LV

marker (Später et al., 2013).

Having observed the similarities between murine FHF development and our

hiPSC differentiations, we asked whether our hiPSC differentiations exhibited a

ventricular specific differentiation trajectory. We confirmed the ventricular specific

trajectory of our hiPSC differentiation given the gradual upregulation of the ventricular

specific Iroquois transcription factor, IRX4 (**Figure 5E)** (Nelson et al., 2016, 2014).

Previous studies have shown IRX4 to mark early ventricular specific cardiomyocytes,

which we effectively observed in both the left and right ventricular differentiation

lineages in the murine data (Nelson et al., 2014). Lastly, consistent with the MYL2-

tdtomato expression pattern observed with our reporter lines (**Figure 2E)**, we observed

the gradual upregulation of MYL2 in both the human and murine datasets. Together, our

analysis provides evidence for the predominance of FHF ventricular cardiomyocyte

development during hiPSC differentiation.

Comparison of 2D and 3D Cardiac Differentiation Uncovers Potential of Organoid
System for SHF Generation
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Recently, multiple groups have proposed the use of 3D differentiation to better

model chamber morphogenesis and potentially model both first and second heart field

development *in vitro* (Andersen et al., 2018; Drakhlis et al., 2021; Protze et al., 2019b;

Rossi et al., 2021)*.* Interestingly, murine gastruloid and precardiac organoids have been

shown to exhibit aspects of first and second heart field development (Andersen et al.,

2018; Rossi et al., 2021); however, data on the ability to generate both heart fields in

human iPSCs are lacking. Given the predominance of FHF progenitors and LV

cardiomyocytes made from our 2D hiPSC differentiation platform, we assessed

whether a greater repertoire of cardiac cells can be generated from a 3D hiPSC

differentiation platform by analyzing scRNA-seq data from a recently published cardiac

organoid study (Drakhlis et al., 2021). This paper demonstrated the close relationship

between anterior endoderm lineages and anterior second heart field cells during hiPSC

differentiation by showing that anterior foregut endoderm can be generated alongside

cardiac lineage cell types (Kelly et al., 2001; Rochais et al., 2009). We compared

scRNA-seq data from our hiPSC-derived cardiac cells with those generated by the

Drakhlis etal group using their 3D differentiation protocol (Drakhlis et al., 2021). We first

conducted a cross dataset comparison of FHF and SHF marker analysis where we

focused exclusively on cell types composing the myocardial lineages of both datasets

(**Figure 6A)**. In our 2D cardiac differentiation we observed a clear increased expression

of FHF markers TBX5, HCN4 and HAND1 during differentiation with the absence of

SHF markers FGF8 and TBX1 (**Figure 6B and 6C)**. Interestingly, the day 13 data from

Drakhlis etal showed two clusters exhibiting distinct transcriptional expression patterns

suggestive of FHF and SHF progenitors (**Figure 6D)**, with both clusters appearing to

give rise to TNNI1 and NKX2-5 positive cardiomyocytes. Cluster 2 and 8 of the cardiac

organoid data indicated a high expression of TBX5, HAND1, along with the upregulation

HCN4 during differentiation which was consistent with the FHF trajectory we observed

in our 2D data (**Figure 6E)**. Interestingly, we found that cells in cluster 4, 7, 10 of

Drakhlis et al exhibited a high expression of TBX1, FGF8, and ISL1 all of which were

consistent with a SHF identity (Cai et al., 2003; Mesbah et al., 2012; Park et al., 2008).

Moreover, we also observed a cardiomyocyte population emerging from the TBX1+

population that was negative for FHF markers TBX5 and HCN4, but highly expressing

ISL1 and HAND1, which is suggestive of an OFT CM population that is known to

express HAND1 and emerge from ISL1 expressing SHF progenitors.

To determine whether this TBX5-ISL1+HAND1+ cardiomyocyte population was

indeed OFT CMs, we conducted a joint analysis of the cardiomyocytes from our 2D

differentiations and the Drakhlis etal cardiac organoid. Using unsupervised clustering,

we observed a cardiomyocyte population emerge from this study that displayed the

absence of TBX5. Interestingly, we observed that the rest of the organoid

cardiomyocytes co-clustered with the cells from our 2D differentiations indicating shared

gene expression profiles (**Figure 6F**). We conducted differential gene expression

analysis of the putative OFT CM cluster and the rest cardiomyocytes and found a

statistically significant enrichment of markers associated with OFT development

including HAND1, BMP2, WNT5A, and PITX2 (Délot et al., 2003; Li et al., 2016; Ma et

al., 2013; Schleiffarth et al., 2007), while the rest of the cardiomyocytes exhibited high

expression of markers associated with early LV development such as *TBX5* and *NPPA*

(**Figure 6G, Table 7)** (Li et al., 2016). Overall, these data thus provide strong evidence

for the emergence of a SHF derived cell type within a 3D organoid differentiation

protocol and reinforce the left ventricular identity that we identified using a standard 2D

small molecule differentiation protocol.

DISCUSSION

Over the past decade, the development of highly efficient cardiac directed

differentiation protocols have significantly advanced efforts to model cardiovascular

diseases *in vitro* (Burridge et al., 2015; Lian et al., 2013). While non-human model

systems have provided significant insight into the developmental lineages that

contribute to cardiac development, the inaccessibility of early human embryonic tissue

has significantly limited the creation of an *in vivo* reference atlas of human heart field

development. Importantly, questions remain as to whether the human iPSC system can

be used to efficiently generate cell types representing distinct chambers of the heart

such as left/right ventricular cardiomyocytes, outflow tract cardiomyocytes, or

atrioventricular canal cells. Currently, a major gap exists in the ability to model the

development of specific structures of the human heart in part due to the lack of genetic

tools to mark distinct cell lineage *in vitro.* Importantly, the ability to identify chamber

specific cardiomyocyte is vitally important to modeling the early developmental

mechanisms that give rise to structural congenital heart defects (Doyle et al., 2015;

Reller et al., 2008; van der Linde et al., 2011).

In this paper, we sought to build a novel genetic lineage tracing tool to elucidate

the identities of cardiomyocytes generated using a well cited and standard

differentiation protocol. We successfully implemented a *TBX5* lineage tracing scheme

into the hiPSC system by targeting a highly sensitive Cre recombinase to the 3' end of

the endogenous TBX5 locus. Moreover, by including an *MYL2*-TdTomato direct

reporter into our hiPSC lines, we evaluated the percentage of ventricular

cardiomyocytes that were descended from *TBX5* expressing precursors. By

implementing a lineage tracing method, our reporter system provides several

advantages for studying the descendants of FHF progenitor cell types compared with

previous approaches. While previous studies have shown the isolation of TBX5-postive

cell types using direct reporter schemes (Zhang et al., 2019), a major advantage of a

lineage tracing approach is the permanent and robust labeling of descendants from

progenitor populations or cardiomyocyte populations that express *TBX5,* thus allowing

for the evaluation of cell type identity at later stages of differentiation when TBX5

expression is downregulated. Moreover, the combination of our lineage tracing and a

ventricular reporter system allowed us to evaluate the proportion of definitive ventricular

cardiomyocytes from the TBX5-lineage during iPSC differentiation that generates atrial

cardiomyocytes as well.

Surprisingly, our data indicates that in two distinct hiPSC lines, TBX5-lineage-

positive cardiomyocytes represent more than 95% of all cardiomyocytes generated.

Furthermore, our scRNA-seq time course data further revealed the emergence of a core

cardiac progenitor differentiation trajectory that displayed a gradual upregulation of FHF

markers and no expression of known SHF genes. The unexpected finding of FHF

predominance raises important questions on whether the widely used small molecule

WNT modulation protocol used for the generation of hiPSC cardiomyocytes is biased

towards the generation of FHF lineage cardiomyocytes. An additional finding from our

scRNA-seq analysis that was quite intriguing was the bifurcation of cardiac progenitors

into epicardial and myocardial cells. Importantly, the epicardial lineage arose from a cell

cluster that exhibited high expression of HAND1 representing early FHF progenitor

cells. Recently, two groups have published lineage tracing results in mice that suggest

a subset of FHF progenitor cells exhibit contributions to both the proepicardial and

myocardial lineages (Tyser et al., 2020; Zhang et al., 2021). Consistent with these

studies, our data provides evidence of this bifurcation *in vitro* and demonstrates the high

expression of left ventricular markers HAND1, TBX5, and HCN4 along the myocardial

lineage. The high expression of HAND1 during the earliest stages of mesoderm

differentiation further suggests that even at the earliest stages of mesoderm

specification the progenitors in our hiPSC differentiations were already bound for a FHF

fate given the known restriction of HAND1 to give rise to FHF derived cell types during

early embryonic development (Barnes et al., 2010; Vincentz et al., 2017). This

observation is consistent with a growing body of literature suggesting that the bifurcation

of first and second heart field occurs during the earliest patterning of mesoderm during

its emergence from the primitive streak (Lescroart et al., 2014).

Having established the FHF identity of our cardiac differentiation conducted in

2D, we used our dataset as a reference point for determining whether a recently

published cardiac organoid protocol could give rise to a greater diversity of cardiac

progenitor cell types. While multiple 3D protocols have recently been published, the

study by Drakhlis etal is the only protocol to date to demonstrate the co-emergence of

anterior endoderm cell types that are closely related the emergence of an anterior cell

type such as the anterior second heart field during embryonic development.

Interestingly, our comparison revealed the presence of *bona fide* second heart field

progenitors within the organoids generated in the Drakhlis etal protocol. Importantly, we

were able to combine cardiomyocytes generated from our study with those from the

Drakhlis et al 3D protocol and reveal the identity of a true OFT cell type present in the

Drakhlis et al dataset (**Figure 6F**). This analysis thus reveals the promising application

of 3D differentiation protocols for generating a greater diversity of cardiac cell types.

Overall, here we provide a novel reporter system that allows for the identification

of left ventricular cardiomyocytes during the course hiPSC differentiation. By allowing

for the permanent labeling of *TBX5* descended cell types, we envision our system being

used to conduct more complex studies to study chamber specific cardiomyocytes in the

context of congenital heart diseases as well as for the development of novel hiPSC

differentiation protocols for generating both left and right ventricular cardiomyocytes.

Moreover, by generating a scRNA-seq dataset profiling multiple consecutive day of

hiPSC cardiac differentiation we provide here reference atlas of the differentiation

events that occur during human *in vitro* cardiac development. Together, our study

provides extensive evidence of the identification of the FHF lineage in a human system

and reveals the early bifurcation of this lineage into an epicardial and myocardial

lineage.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

<u>Cell Lines:</u>

Human induced pluripotent stem cell lines used in this study were provided by the

Stanford Cardiovascular Institute Biobank (SCVI-111, Sendai virus reprogrammed

peripheral blood mononuclear cells, healthy male with normal karyotype, 46, XY). The

WTC-11 (reprogrammed from healthy males with normal karyotype, 46, XY) hiPSC line

was graciously provided by Bruce Conklin's laboratory at the University of California,

San Francisco. Studies involved human iPSC approved under protocol #460 of the

Stanford Stem Cell Research Oversight (SCRO) committee.

<u>Cardiac Differentiation:</u>

HiPSCs were maintained in DMEM/F12 (Corning Cat. 10-092-CM) supplemented with

essential eight (E8) (henceforth referred to as E8 media) that is prepared in-house as

previously described (Burridge et al., 2015) and cultured on growth factor reduced

Matrigel (Corning Cat. 356321) coated plates at a 1:300 dilution. Upon reaching 75-80%

confluency, hiPSCs were passaged using 0.5 mM EDTA in PBS for 8 minutes at 37°C.

Passaging was conducted with gentile dissociation of cell clusters and plated in E8

media supplemented 10µM ROCK inhibitor (Selleckchem Cat. S1049). Passaging was

performed using 1:12 splitting ratio to achieve approximately 10,000 cells per cm^2. 24

hours after passaging media was changed to E8 media. Daily media changes were

conducted until cells reached 90-95% confluency at which point media was change to

RPMI-1640 (Corning Cat. 10-040-CV) containing 6µM CHIR99021 (Selleckchem Cat.

CT99021) and 2% B27 minus insulin supplement (ThermoFisher Cat. A1895601). Two

days after initial treatment with CHIR, media was changed to RPMI-1640 with 2% B27

minus insulin for 24 hrs. Between day 3-5, media was changed to 2µM C59

(Selleckchem Cat. S7037) in RPMI-1640 media with 2% B27 minus insulin. On day 5 of

differentiation, media was changed for RPMI-1640 with 2% B27 minus insulin for 48 hrs

and was subsequently changed to RPMI-1640 with 2% B27 Plus Insulin (ThermoFisher

Cat. 17504044) for another 48 hrs. On day 9, cells underwent glucose deprivation for 48

hrs to purify cardiomyocytes by changing media to RPMI-1640 minus glucose with 2%

B27 Plus insulin. Cardiomyocytes were subsequently maintained in RPMI-1640 with

glucose with 2% B27 Plus Insulin.

Donor Construct Plasmids

Cre recombinase gene sequence was provided by Connie Cepko lab (Addgene plasmid

13775) (Matsuda and Cepko, 2007). TurboGFP gene was obtained from the

pMaxGFP plasmid obtained from the Lonza P3 Primary Cell 4D-Nucleofector X Kit L.

Plasmids were constructed using plasmid construct service by Genscript Biotech. All

donor plasmids are freely available upon request.

<u>CRISPR/Cas9 Genome Editing:</u>

Genetic constructs were targeted to hiPSCs following the schematic presented in Figure

1. TurboGFP sequence was cloned from the pMaxGFP plasmid from Lonza P3 Primary

Cell Nucleofection kit. Protocol for targeting of genetic constructs was followed as

previously described (Galdos et al., 2021). Briefly, hiPSCs were dissociated into a

single cell suspension at 75% confluency using an Accutase-EDTA solution (Millipore

Cat. SCR005) containing a 0.02% blebbistatin (Sigma-Aldrich Cat. B0560). Dissociation

reaction was quenched using a solution of E8 media with 10µM ROCK inhibitor an

0.02% blebbistatin. Cells were then pelleted by centrifugation at 200g for 3 minutes.

We subsequently conducted nucleofection of the dissociated cells using the Lonza P3

Primary Cell 4D-Nucleofector X Kit L. A transfection mix was prepared containing the

Lonza P3 Solution, Supplement, single guide RNA/Cas9 expressing plasmid (1µg), and

the donor template plasmid (3µg). Cells were electroporated using a Lonza 4D

Nucleofector machine using protocol number "CM150". After electroporation, 1 mL of E8

media supplemented with 10µM ROCK inhibitor was gently added to the cuvette

containing the cells. Cells were allowed to rest for 10 minutes after which they were

plated onto two wells of a 6 well plate. 24 hrs after plating, media was changed to

regular E8 media, and regular maintenance until cells reach 50% confluency. At the

50% confluency mark, cells were dissociated into single cell suspensions and passaged

onto 6 well plates at 1000 cells per well of 6-well. We subsequently maintained the

transfected hiPSCs in E8 media supplemented with appropriate antibiotic for selection

of successfully targeted cells. Concentrations were as follows for the constructs

targeted: TBX5-Cre (Hygromycin 150 µg/mL ThermoFisher Cat. 10687010), CCR5-

CLSL-TurboGFP (G418 150 µg/mL Sigma Cat. 4727878001), and MYL2-Tdtomato

(Puromycin 0.2 µg/mL Sigma Cat. P8833). After 5 days of treatment with antibiotic, cells

were switched to regular E8 to allow for colony expansion derived from single cells

plated. After 4 days of colony expansion, colonies were picked into 24-well plates

containing E8 plus 10 µM ROCK inhibitor and were expanded for downstream DNA

extraction using Qiagen DNeasy Kit and for cell freezing using Bambanker.

PCR validation of construct integration was conducted using the "Inside-Outside"

approach where one primer was designed outside of the homology arms of the donor

template and one primer was designed insight of the construct to be integrated. PCRs

were conducted using the GoTaq Master Mix (Promega Corporation Cat. M7122), and

products were run on a 1% agarose gel in 1X TAE Buffer.

Immunofluorescence Staining

Immunocytochemistry was carried out for hiPSCs after genome editing and

clonal selection for pluripotency marker OCT4. Cells were fixed in 4%

Paraformaldehyde solution in PBS for 15 minutes. Cells were subsequently, washed

three times for 5 minutes in 1X PBS. The PBS was gently aspirated from cells and cells

were incubated in a blocking solution composed of 1% Bovine Serum Albumin (Sigma

Cat. A7906), 0.1% Triton-X100 (Sigma Cat. T8787) in PBS, and 1% Goat serum (Sigma

Cat. 9023), for 1 hour at room temperature. After blocking, mouse anti-OCT4 antibody

(ThermoFisher Cat. MA1-104) was diluted in blocking solution at a concentration of 2

µg/mL. Cells were incubated in primary antibody solution overnight at 4 degrees

Celsius. The next day, primary antibody was aspirated, and cells were washed three

times in wash buffer (0.1% Tween-20 in PBS) for 5 minutes each. Cells were then

rinsed in 1X PBS and then incubated in secondary antibody solution consisting of Goat

anti-mouse Alexa Fluor 647 (ThermoFisher Cat. A32728) secondary antibody at a 1:500

dilution and NucBlue DAPI (ThermoFisher Cat. R37606) stain in blocking solution for

one hour at room temperature and protected from light. Next, secondary antibody

solution was aspirated and cells were washed three times in wash buffer and rinsed

once in 1X PBS. Finally, chamber slide cover slips were mounted using Diamond Anti-

Fade mounting (ThermoFisher Cat. P36961) media and were subsequently imaged.

For cardiac troponin staining, we followed the same staining protocol as

described above for OCT4 stain, however, we used mouse anti-cardiac troponin T

antibody (ThermoFisher Cat. MA5-12960) at a 1:300 dilution during the primary

antibody incubation. Goat anti-mouse Alexa Fluor 647 (ThermoFisher Cat. A32728)

antibody was used at a 1:500 dilution along with a NucBlue DAPI counterstain.

<u>Flow Cytometry:</u>

A Beckman Coulter CytoFLEX flow cytometer was used for high throughput analysis of

TNNT2, TurboGFP, and TdTomato expression across time of hiPSC cardiac

differentiation. On day of timepoint collection, cells were dissociated into single cell

suspensions by incubating in 10X TrypLE Select (ThermoFisher Cat. A1217701) for 5

minutes at 37 degrees Celsius. For later stage cardiomyocytes (day 15 and onwards)

incubation time was extended to 10 minutes to achieve single cell dissociation. Cells

were subsequently pelleted by centrifugation at 200g for 5 minutes. Cell pellets were

resuspended in 4% PFA for 10 minutes and were rinsed with a 5% KnockOut Serum

Replacement (ThermoFisher Cat. 10828028) solution in 1x PBS. Cells were

permeabilized in a 0.5% Saponin (Sigma Cat. S7900) solution containing 5% FBS in 1X

PBS (hereafter referred to as Saponin Solution). After permeabilization cells were

incubated for 45 minutes in a monoclonal mouse anti-Troponin primary antibody

(ThermoFisher Cat**.** MA5-12960) at a 1:200 dilution in 0.5% saponin solution. Cells were

rinsed twice in saponin solution and then incubated in secondary antibody AlexaFluor

647 goat anti-mouse (ThermoFisher Cat. A32728) at a 1:1000 dilution in 0.5% saponin

solution. Cells were subsequently rinsed in 1x PBS twice and analyzed using CytoFLEX

flow cytometer.

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Cells were collected for RNA extraction by dissociation with 10X TrypLE Select and

pelleted as described in the Flow Cytometry section. Cell pellets were then

resuspended in 300 µL of TRIZOL reagent (ThermoFisher Cat. 15596018) at room

temperature for 3 minutes. After complete resuspension of the cells, RNA was extracted

using the Zymo DIRECT-Zol extraction kit (Zymo Research Cat. R2052) per

manufacturer's protocol. Purified RNA was reverse transcribed into cDNA using the

High-Capacity RNA-to-cDNA kit (ThermoFisher Cat. 4387406). Quantitative PCR was

subsequently run on a Biorad qPCR 384-well machine using the Biorad SYBR qPCR

master mix.

<u>Sample Preparation for Multiplexed Single Cell RNA Sequencing</u>

To prepare cells for single cell RNA sequencing, we dissociated cells at desired

timepoints by incubating in 10X TRYPLE Select for 5 minutes at 37 degrees Celsius.

Cells were gently dissociated by repeated pipetting. For later timepoints (Days 15 and

30), we extended the TRYPLE Select (ThermoFisher Cat. A1217701) incubation by 5

minutes to ensure cells were fully dissociated. After single cell suspensions were

obtained, TRYPLE Select was neutralized with an equal volume of replating media

consisting of 10% Knockout Serum Replacement, 2% B27 Plus Insulin Supplement, and

RPMI-1640 with glucose. Cells were centrifuged at 200g for 5 minutes to obtain cell

pellets. For days 0 to 6 we resuspended cells in BamBanker freezing medium (GC

LTEC Cat. 302-14681) and control rate freezed vials of cells at each timepoint collected

to obtain 2 million cells per freezing vial. For days 7 onwards we froze down cells in a

cardiomyocyte freezing medium consisting of 90% Knockout Serum Replacement and

10% cell culture grade DMSO (Sigma Cat. D2650).

For running the scRNA-seq experiment, we thawed the desired timepoints for

each experimental run by thawing vials of cell at 37 degrees Celsius and adding

replating media dropwise to each vial. Cells were then centrifuged at 200g for 5 minutes

to obtain cell pellets. We conducted two washes in sterile 1X DPBS for each sample to

wash away any remaining Knockout Serum that could interfere with the chemically

modified-oligonucleotide (CMO) staining. Using the 10X Genomics CellPlex kit, we

added 100 µL of CMO to each cell pellet and resuspended the cells to allow the lipid

conjugated oligonucleotides to bind to each of our samples. Each CellPlex CMO

consists of a unique barcode that is used for identifying individual samples that are run

within a single channel of a 10X Genomics ship. After incubating for 5 minutes, 1000 µL

of sterile 1X DPBS was added to each sample, and all samples were centrifuged for 5

minutes as 200g. Cells were transferred to 5 mL eppendorfs which allowed for two more

1x DPBS washes with a total of 5 mL DPBS for each sample. Washing of unbound

CMO was critical to ensuring minimal cross contamination of CMOs when combining

samples. After washing, we proceeded to follow the 10X Genomics 3' 3.1 with CellPlex

protocol for cell capture and combined samples as listed in **Table 4**. We aimed to

capture a total of 30,000 cells per well of a 10X Genomics GEM Chip. After cell capture,

we proceeded with preparing gene expression libraries and CellPlex libraries by

following 10X Genomic manufacturer's protocol. Libraries were sequenced using an

Illumina NovaSeq 6000 with S4 v1.5 flowcell reagents. We sequenced the gene

expression libraries at a depth of 25,000 paired-end reads per cell and the CellPlex

libraries at 5,000 paired-end reads per cell. Base calling during sequencing was

performed using Real Time Analysis Version 3 software.

<u>Bioinformatic Analysis of HiPSC scRNA-seq Time Course</u>

Raw FASTQ files were obtained for gene expression and CellPlex libraries and

were aligned using CellRanger-6.0.0 using the count function. We aligned the gene

expression libraries to prebuilt GRCh38 Human genome reference provided by 10X

Genomics at: https://support.10xgenomics.com/single-cell-gene-

[expression/software/downloads/latest](). We aligned the CellPlex libraries using a list of

CMO barcodes as a reference as found in **Table 4.** After alignment, we obtained gene

by cell expression matrices containing individual counts for each gene detected for each

individual cell captured. We also obtained matrices containing the counts for each CMO

detected per cell.

Gene expression matrices for each single cell run were corrected for ambient

RNA contamination using the SoupX package v1.5.2 (Young and Behjati, 2020), which

detects levels of ambient RNA contamination using empty droplets processed during

the single cell capture. Following ambient RNA correction, we then imported the CMO

expression matrix into the Seurat R package version 4.1.0 and conducted log-ratio

normalization using the NormalizeData function. To demultiplex each sample according

to the CMO used for labeling, we ran the HTODemux function using default parameters.

This function assigns cell labels according to the amount of CMO counts detected per

cell. It also identifies cells that can be classified as singlets, doublets, or negative (did

not stain for any of the CMO labels).

After sample demultiplexing, we removed doublet and negative cells from the

dataset as part of our quality control pipeline. We then calculated the percent of all RNA

counts belonging to ribosomal and mitochondrial genes. To further remove low quality,

dead, or doublet cells, we calculated the median percentage of mitochondrial and

ribosomal RNA counts detected as well as the total RNA counts per cell and genes

detected per cell. We calculated an upper and lower cutoff for elimination of low-quality

cells by calculating the threshold at three times the median absolute deviation above

and below the median value of each of these quality control metrics. Cells above and

below these cutoffs were eliminated and the cells passing quality control were used for

subsequent analyses.

After quality control analyses, we proceeded to merge data from all three single

cell runs conducted. We normalized RNA counts per cell using the NormalizeData

function in Seurat and using default parameters. We then proceeded to integrate the

three single cell runs by using mutual nearest neighbor batch correction algorithm and

using the individual as the batch correction variable (Haghverdi et al., 2018). This was

done in order to correct for the technical variation that occurs from running single cell

samples in individual capture runs. To conduct the batch correction, we first identified a

common set of integration features across the three runs integrated by running the

SelectIntegrationFeatures function in Seurat. After identifying highly variable features

commonly found between the datasets, we further filtered these features by removing

features associated with cell cycle in order to remove the effect of cell cycle from

downstream analyses and clustering. We then ran the RunFastMNN function from the

SeuratWrappers version 0.3.0 package. After integration we then proceeded with

constructing the nearest neighbors graph by using the FindNeighbors function and used

15 principal components that were identified using the ElbowPlot method in Seurat. We

then proceeded to conduct non-linear dimensionality reduction by running the

RunUMAP function using 15 principal components. Lastly, we conducted unsupervised

clustering using the FindClusters function. We then conducted differential gene

expression analysis to annotate clusters based on literature reported cell markers.

Lineage Trajectory Analysis Using STREAM

To conduct lineage trajectory analysis of hiPSC cardiac differentiations, we

imported our integrated Seurat object into an AnnData object using ScanPy v1.8.2

package in Python (Wolf et al., 2018). After obtaining an AnnData object, we then fit a

principal graph to the UMAP plot calculated using Seurat using the

seed_elastic_principal_graph and elastic_principal_graph functions in STREAM version

1.1. In addition to fitting the principal graphs, we also calculated STREAM pseudotime

and ordered cells along this pseudotime using the principal graph calculation functions.

After calculating pseudotime, we projected cells across distinct differentiation

trajectories using the plot_flat_tree function and also plotted cells in a subway plot using

plot_stream_sc. These functions allowed for the visualization of cellular differentiation

along distinct differentiation paths identified by the STREAM algorithm and for

downstream identification of gene markers that are expressed during each trajectory

identified. After obtaining distinct differentiation trajectory branches across pseudotime,

we calculated the top differentially expressed genes across each major branch identified

by STREAM by using the detect_transition_markers function.

<u>Comparison of hiPSC and Murine Cardiac Development scRNA-seq</u>

To compare our hiPSC differentiation scRNA-seq data with murine data, we

downloaded data from GEO database from three previously published datasets. We

extracted cells of interest from these datasets representing nascent mesoderm, heart

field progenitors, left and right ventricular cardiomyocytes, outflow tract cardiomyocytes,

and epicardial cells. In order to jointly plot these cells across multiple different datasets,

we used the Fast Mutual Nearest Neighbor algorithm and integrated the cells for each

dataset together. We then proceeded to construct the shared nearest neighbor graph

and conduct dimensionality reduction using the RunUMAP function by using the

corrected principal components derived using the FastMNN algorithm.

To analyze the development of FHF and aSHF differentiation lineages,

respectively, we subsetted cells that are known from literature to fall along each lineage.

For example, for the FHF differentiation trajectory, we reclustered cells identified as

FHF Progenitors, epicardial cells, and left ventricular cardiomyocytes. For the anterior

second heart field, we clustered SHF progenitors along with right ventricular and outflow

tract cardiomyocytes. After subsetting the cells, we reran the FastMNN algorithm to

recalculate the corrected PCA space for the subsetted cells and continued with deriving

UMAP plots. These plots were then used to calculate principal graphs using STREAM

and to identify the differentiation lineages that arise during the progenitor's

differentiation trajectories. STREAM then allowed for the plotting of STREAM plots

along the differentiation trajectories identified, where we probed for the expression of

well-established FHF and aSHF genes. These genes were also evaluated using the

human iPSC cardiac differentiations using STREAM plots.

scRNA-seq Comparison of 2D and previously published 3D hiPSC Cardiac

Differentiation

To compare our 2D hiPSC cardiac differentiations to a previously published

cardiac organoid protocol, we downloaded data from Drakhlis et al from GSE150202

and subsetted the dataset for putative cardiomyocytes and cardiac progenitors. The

Drakhlis et al dataset was generated from two individual heart forming organoids,

therefore, to correct for the batch effect from these two independent organoids, we ran

the FastMNN algorithm to conduct dimensionality reduction using the FindNeighbors

and RunUMAP functions of Seurat. Moreover, we conducted unsupervised clustering of

the Drakhlis et al dataset where we identified major clusters of cardiac progenitors and

cardiomyocytes. To compare between our hiPSC 2D data and the Drakhlis et al data,

we plotted the expression of multiple FHF and SHF markers using features plots.

Moreover, we focused on the myocardial lineage on our hiPSC 2D differentiations to

conduct a direct comparison of the cardiomyocyte differentiation lineages in the

datasets.

To conduct unsupervised clustering of both the Drakhlis et al cardiomyocytes and

those from our 2D differentiations, we merged only the cardiomyocytes from the

datasets and batch corrected using FastMNN. We subsequently conducted

dimensionality reduction using FindNeighbors and RunUMAP in Seurat and conducted

unsupervised clustering of the cardiomyocyte populations. We then conducted

differential gene expression analysis by using the FindMarkers function in Seurat and

compared the expression of the putative outflow tract cluster with the rest of the

cardiomyocyte clusters. We then plotted a volcano plot using the EnhancedVolcano

package which allowed for the visualization of statistically significant upregulated and

downregulated markers in the OFT cluster relative to the other cardiomyocyte

populations. Adjusted P-values for the differential expression analysis were calculated

using Bonferroni correction for multiple comparisons.

<u>Statistics:</u>

For studies conducted in this manuscript, biological replicates were defined as

independently conducted differentiations where hiPSCs were independently plated and

carried through our standard differentiation protocol. Samples were collected at distinct

timepoints for the respective experiment. For quantitative PCR data, for each biological

replicate, we ran each gene for each timepoint in technical duplicates and the average

cycle threshold value for each technical replicates was taken for downstream analysis

using the delta-delta-Ct method.

Data presented in bar graphs for flow cytometry and RT-qPCR are presented as

a mean ± standard error of the mean. Two-way ANOVA was conducted for statistical

analysis of flow cytometry data with first independent variable analyzed being time and

second variable being cell line. One way ANOVA with Dunnet's multiple comparisons

correction was conducted for statistical analysis of RT-qPCR data. For flow cytometry

data, outliers were removed based on percentage of cardiac troponin expressing cells

using the ROUT method for outlier detection (Motulsky and Brown, 2006).

For differential gene expression analysis of single cell data, we ran FindMarkers

or FindAllMarkers function in Seurat which allows for the evaluation of differentially

expressed genes between cell populations of interest. For each gene evaluated, the log

base 2 of the fold change between the population of interest and the comparator

population was calculated along with the adjusted p-values based on Bonferroni

correction using all the genes in the dataset.

To identify differential expression of genes along distinct differentiation branches

during the STREAM analysis, we conducted the leaf gene detection which involves

calculating the average gene expression of genes along the leaves of the

developmental trajectory. Detailed explanation for the statistical calculations conducted

by the STREAM package to find differentially expressed genes along differentiation

branches can be found in the original STREAM publication (Chen et al., 2019).

Data and Code Availability Statement

All raw data for single cell RNA-sequencing has been deposited in the GEO

repository as reported in **Table 1.** R and Python scripts used for the data analysis and

figure generation are freely available upon request.

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 Main Figure Legends

 Figure 1: Integration of TBX5/MYL2 Lineage Tracing Reporter System into Human
 Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells

    (A) Schematic of lineage tracing strategy for identifying left ventricular
        cardiomyocytes *in vitro*.
    (B) CRISPR/Cas9 gene targeting strategy of genetic constructs for TBX5 lineage
        tracing and MYL2 direct reporter. MYL2, CCR5, and TBX5 constructs contain
        Puromycin (PuroR), Neomycin (NeoR), and Hygromycin (HygroR) resistance
        cassettes for selection of hiPSC after targeting of genetic constructs. Blue arrows
        indicate location of PCR primer binding sites for confirmation of construct
        integration.
    (C) Inside-Outside (I/O) and Outside-Outside (O/O) PCR DNA agarose gels for
        confirmation of integration of genetic constructs into MYL2, CCR5, and TBX5
        genetic loci.
    (D) Sanger sequencing traces for C-terminal regions of MYL2 and TBX5 genes
        indicating in-frame integration of P2A site.
    (E) Bright field and immunofluorescence images of pluripotency marker expression
        in hiPSC lines after integration of all three genetic constructs.

 Figure 2: TBX5-Lineage Tracing Reveals a Predominance of Lineage Positive
 Cardiomyocytes Through the Course of HiPSC Cardiac Differentiation

    (A) Schematic of analysis approach of reporter system expression through the
        course of cardiac differentiation.
    (B) Representative flow cytometry plots for the expression of TurboGFP and cardiac
        troponin T staining between Day 3 to Day 30 of differentiation for WTC and
        SCVI-111 reporter lines. Gating set based on Day 3 of differentiation.
    (C) Representative flow cytometry for the expression MYL2-tdTomato and TurboGFP
        between Day 3 an Day 30. Gating set based on Day 3 of differentiation.
    (D) Quantification of percentage cardiac troponin T (TNNT2) expressing cells across
        all cells sampled.
    (E) Quantification of the percentage of TurboGFP positive cells out of cardiac
        troponin positive cardiomyocytes.
    (F) Quantification of tdTomato expressing cells across total cells sampled.
        Quantification of TurboGFP-positive cells out of MYL2-Tdtomato cardiomyocytes
 Minimum of 4 independent differentiations collected per sample. *pvalue<0.05,
 **pvalue<0.01, ***pvalue<0.001, ****pvalue<0.0001. Error bars represent standard
 error of the mean (SEM).

Figure 3: Immunofluorescence Imaging of Day 30 Reporter Cardiomyocytes and RT-qPCR Profiling of FHF and SHF Markers Across Differentiation

    (A) Immunofluorescence images of TurboGFP, TdTomato, and TNNT2 expression at Day 30 of cardiac differentiation for WTC and SCVI-111 reporter lines.

    (B) RT-qPCR profiling of FHF markers HAND1 and TBX5 along with Cre Recombinase between Day 0 and Day 30 of differentiation.

    (C) RT-qPCR profiling of pan-cardiac progenitor marker ISL1, and SHF markers TBX1 and FGF8 between Day 0 and Day 30 of differentiation.

    (D) RT-qPCR profiling of pan-cardiomyocyte marker TNNT2.

    (E) RT-qPCR profiling of ventricular marker MYL2.

N=3-4 biological replicates per timepoint. *pvalue<0.05, **pvalue<0.01, ***pvalue<0.001, ****pvalue<0.0001. Error bars represent standard error of the mean (SEM).

Figure 4: scRNA-seq Profiling and Trajectory Inference Reveals Emergence of Myocardial and Epicardial Lineages During hiPSC Cardiac Differentiation

    (A) Diagram of scRNA-seq multiplexing for profiling of 12 timepoints across two lines during hiPSC cardiac differentiation.

    (B) Left, UMAP plot with identification of 13 cell populations over the course cardiac differentiation. Right-Top, Plot indicating labeling of cells captured from WTC and SCVI-111 line. Right-Bottom, Plot indicating timepoints of differentiation at which cells were captured for scRNA-seq.

    (C) Dotplot presenting expression of top markers for major cell populations identified during hiPSC cardiac differentiation.

    (D) Subway map plot showing projection of cells along cell lineages detected using STREAM analysis.

    (E) Stream plot indicating the relative cell type composition along each branch of differentiation identified by STREAM.

    (F) Graph indicating pseudotime values calculated by STREAM for ordering cells along a continuous developmental projection axis.

    (G) Feature plots for top gene markers identified during each major developmental phase of hiPSC cardiac differentiation.

Figure 5: Comparison of Heart Field Development Between Murine and hiPSC Cardiac Differentiation Reveals FHF Identity of hiPSC Cardiac Lineages

    (A) Top, UMAP plot showing clustering of murine cell types encompassing early mesodermal progenitors, FHF/SHF progenitors, LV/RV/OFT cardiomyocytes, and epicardial cells. Bottom-left, labeling of cell types by timepoint analyzed. Bottom-right, annotation by reference from which data was obtained.

    (B) UMAP embeddings of heart field development split by FHF and SHF lineages.

    (C) FHF and aSHF trajectory analysis and plotting of expression FHF (Tbx5 and Hcn4) and anterior SHF (Tbx1 and Fgf8) markers.

(D) Analysis of FHF and aSHF marker expression during hiPSC cardiac differentiation.

(E) Gene expression analysis of ventricular markers IRX4 and MYL2 during hiPSC cardiac differentiation.

Figure 6: Comparison of 2D and 3D Cardiac Differentiation Uncovers Potential of Organoid System for SHF Generation

(A) Schematic of Comparison Strategy of scRNA-seq data from 2D hiPSC cardiac differentiation generated using our 2D protocol and a previously published organoid protocol.

(B) UMAP plot of the myocardial lineage identified during 2D hiPSC cardiac differentiation.

(C) Feature plots of FHF (TBX5, HCN4, HAND1), pan-cardiac (ISL1, NKX2-5, TNNI1), and SHF (FGF8, TBX1) during 2D hiPSC differentiation.

(D) UMAP plot of Drakhlis etal cardiac lineage cells with annotation of unsupervised clusters.

(E) Feature plots of FHF (TBX5, HCN4, HAND1), pan-cardiac (ISL1, NKX2-5, TNNI1), and SHF (FGF8, TBX1) during organoid differentiation

(F) Co-clustering of 2D and 3D cardiomyocytes with annotation of source dataset (right-top) and expression of TBX5 (right-bottom).

(G) Volcano plot for top differentially expressed genes between OFT identified cluster and remainder of identified cardiomyocytes identified as left ventricular.

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Table 1: GEO Accession Numbers for Datasets

Table 2: Single Guide RNA Sequences Used for Gene Targeting

Table 3: qPCR Primer Sequences

Table 4: Description of scRNA-seq Run and Hashtag Oligo Sequences Used for Sample Multiplexing

Table 5: Differentially Expressed Genes Identified For Annotated Cell Types

Table 6: Genes Correlated with Differentiation Trajectories Identified During hiPSC Cardiac Differentiation

Table 7: Differential Gene Expression Analysis Between Putative OFT and LV cardiomyocyte clusters in Joint 2D and 3D hiPSC-CM Data. Pct1 and Pct2 represent percentage of cells in Cluster 1 and All Other that express a particular gene.

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Supplementary Figure 1: Quality Control and Hashtag Oligo Labeling of Samples for scRNA-seq Sample Galdos_Seq_Run1
   (A) Cutoff values (dotted red lines) calculated for quality control filtering of four metrics evaluated.
   (B) Ridge plots demonstrating highly specific labeling of chemically modified oligos for multiplexing of day 1-6 samples across two hiPSC lines.

Supplementary Figure 2: Quality Control and Hashtag Oligo Labeling of Samples for scRNA-seq Sample Galdos_Seq_Run2
   (A) Cutoff values (dotted red lines) calculated for quality control filtering of four metrics evaluated.
   (B) Ridge plots demonstrating highly specific labeling of chemically modified oligos for multiplexing of day 0, 7, and 11 samples across two hiPSC lines.

Supplementary Figure 3: Quality Control and Hashtag Oligo Labeling of Samples for scRNA-seq Sample Galdos_Seq_Run3
   (A) Cutoff values (dotted red lines) calculated for quality control filtering of four metrics evaluated.
   (B) Ridge plots demonstrating highly specific labeling of chemically modified oligos for multiplexing of day 13, 15, and 30 samples across two hiPSC lines.

Supplementary Figure 4: Unsupervised Clustering and Marker Expression of Combined hiPSC scRNA-seq Data from WTC and SCVI-111 lines.
   (A) UMAP embedding for combined scRNA-seq data from WTC and SCVI-111 lines, along with unsupervised clustered identified.
   (B) Stacked violin plots for distinct cell markers enriched across all clusters identified.

Supplementary Figure 5: Trajectory Inference Analysis of hiPSC Cardiac Differentiation Across WTC and SCVI-111 Lines
   (A) UMAP embedding reproduced from Figure 4A demonstrating annotation of 12 distinct cell types.
   (B) Compositional analysis showing proportion of each cell type identified across all times points for both WTC and SCVI-111 lines.
   (C) STREAM algorithm fitting of principal graphs and trajectory inference detection. Cells were ordered along principal graphs and calculated pseudotime values.
   (D) Expression of statistically significant gene markers along differentiation trajectories identified during hiPSC cardiac differentiation.

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