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# Stratified medicine in a dish using human induced pluripotent stem cells



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#### Clinical promises of hIPSCs

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#### Sendai Virus to reprogram human somatic cells



#### Protocol to generate iPSCs from dermal fibroblast cells

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## Clinical promises of hIPSCs

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Differentiation of hPSCs in defined conditions allow the generation of near homogenous population of liver cells.



#### Differentiation of hIPSCs into hepatocyte like cells.





#### 96 wells plate essay using hIPSC derived Hepatocytes







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## A disease specific hIPSC library

<u>Disease</u>	No. of patients sampled	No.of ips lines derived	No of ips lines characterized	No of ips lines differentiated to hepatocytes
Alpha 1 Antitrypsin deficiency	3	19	6	6
Glycogen storage disease type 1a	1	6	3	3
Familial Hypercholesterolae mia	1	9	3	1
Crigler Najjar Syndrome	1	6	3	1
Hereditary Tyrosinaemia Type 1	1	6	3	1
Control	2	12	6	6

### Glycogen Storage Disease Type1a







## Co – immunostaining for total and polymeric AAT



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Polymeric AAT





## Summary and conclusions



Large scale derivation of hIPSC is feasible.

>A wide diversity of endoderm cells can be generated in vitro.

Artificial DE derivatives are similar to their natural counterpart. Important for Regenerative Medicine.

> Protocol works with a broad number of patients > 60%.

Variability between hIPSC lines is not provoked by differences between age, gender, method of reprogramming.

Variability between hIPSCs is influence by genetic background of hIPSC and thus could be representative of human genetic diversity.

# Launch of DEFINIGEN



- Proprietary platform technology developed at the University Cambridge.
- Academic Founders: Ludovic Vallier, Tamir Rashid and Roger Pdersen
- CEO: Marcus Yeo



## **DEFINIGEN MISSION**



- To decrease costs of bringing drugs to the clinics
- To generate Primary human cells universally recognised as the predictive gold standard model in preclinical

development – screening & toxicology

First product: Hepatocytes for predictive toxicity model

- To meet the unmet need provision of stem cell products with the functionality of primary cells will significantly improve the efficiency
- To explore Regenerative Medicine application (long Term objectives)

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