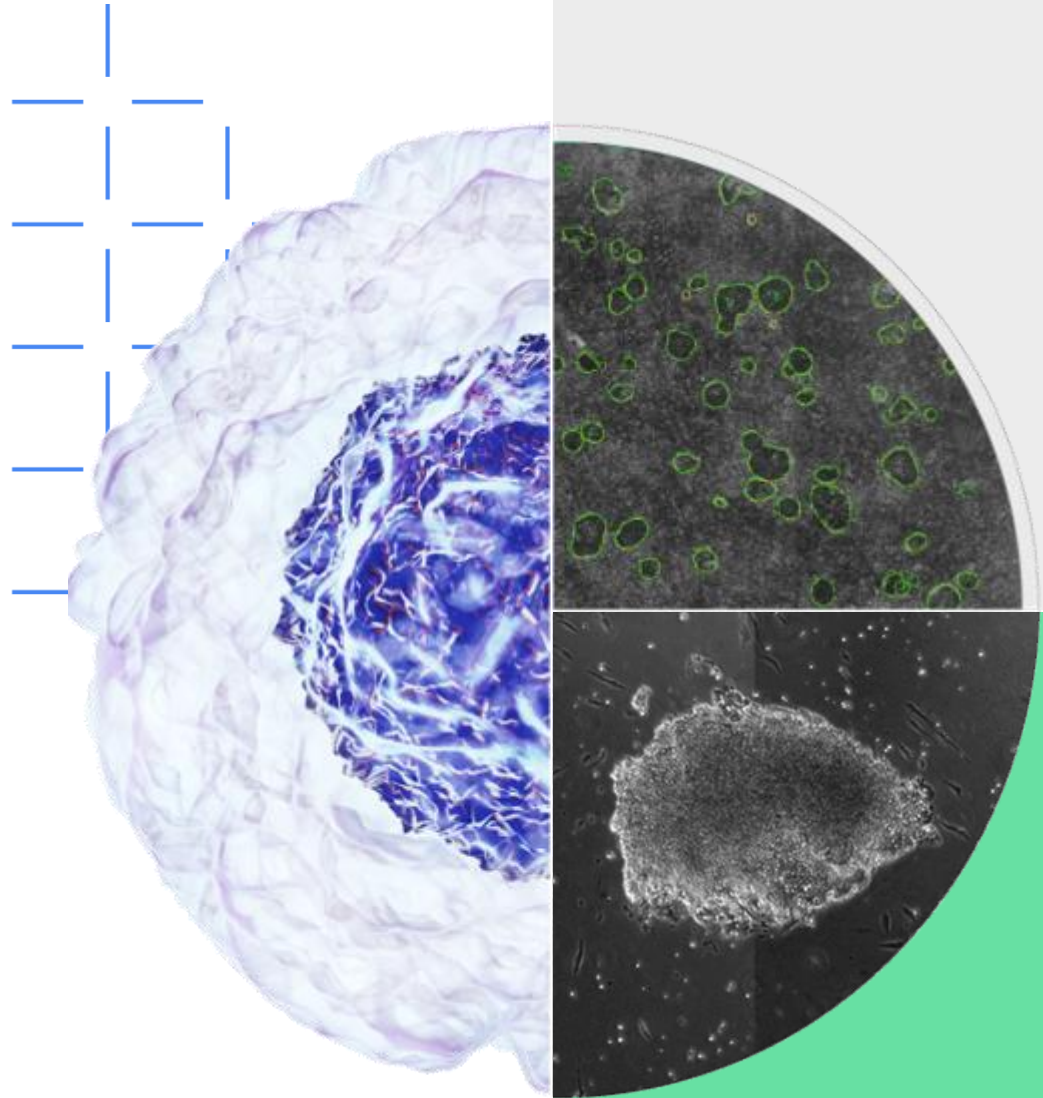




Pioneering intelligent stem cell processing

# Advancing Clinical iPSC for Regenerative Medicine Part 1

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# The problem:

## Automating complex, labor-intensive stem cell processing



### Subjectivity

- Current cell processing approaches are consistently inconsistent
- Heavy reliance on human skill leads to inconsistency of ~40% between operators



### Poor scalability

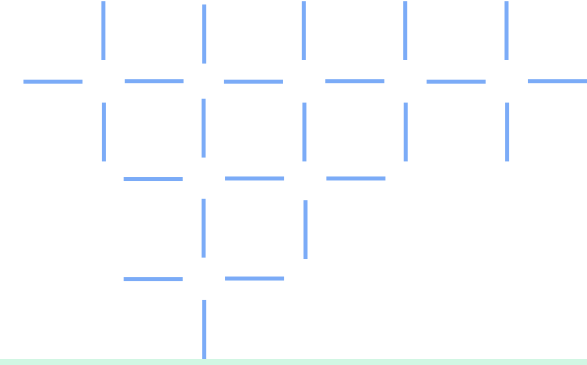
- Adherent stem cell cultures require substantial manual labor
- Millions of dollars spent on personnel annually



### Regulation

- GMP (good manufacturing practice) demands process consistency
- Increasingly stringent requirements on quality
- Substantial documentation burden

# The questions that drive us



## Quality comes first

Can we drive toward process control?

Reliability built in via automated, repeatable protocols and data acquisition, algorithms and data annotation

## Automation can reduce risks in clinical manufacturing

Can we replace the manual, repeated motions and decisions of each step of the process?

- Positive and Negative cell selection
- Imaging consistency
- Liquid and plate handling

## Reliable AI requires a foundation of quality data

Can we replace the manual process and decisions in an **application-agnostic way**

AND

maintain the quality metrics needed for successful regulatory filings?

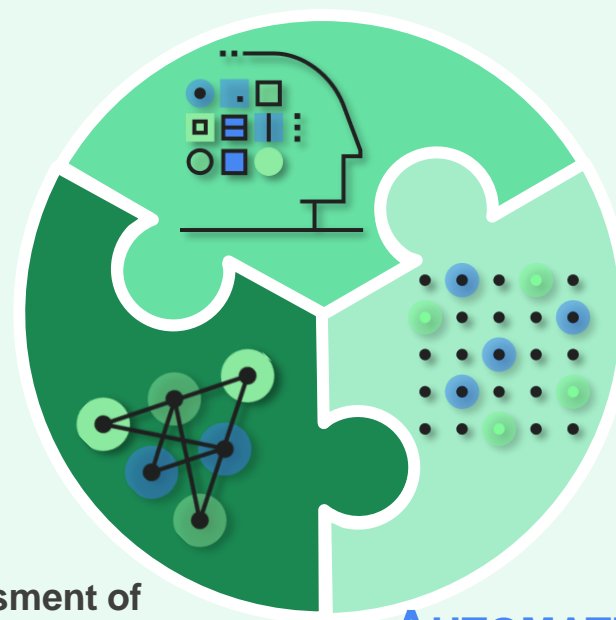
# Celligent

purpose-built  
platform leveraging  
AI to automate  
cell processing  
for stem cell cultures

# Intelligent Cell processing

## AI & ML

Learns a process from human operators/ SME to develop reproducible protocols



## IMAGE-BASED ANALYTICS

- Autonomous visual assessment of morphology to eliminate subjective decision-making
- Automatic, passive documentation

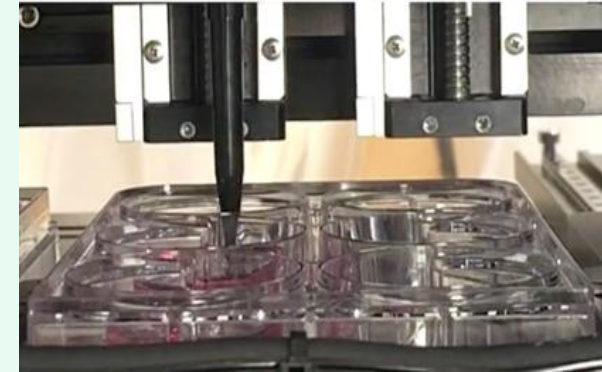
## AUTOMATION

- Robotics with surgical precision ( + and - selection)
- Operating 24/7
- Mimicking manual process

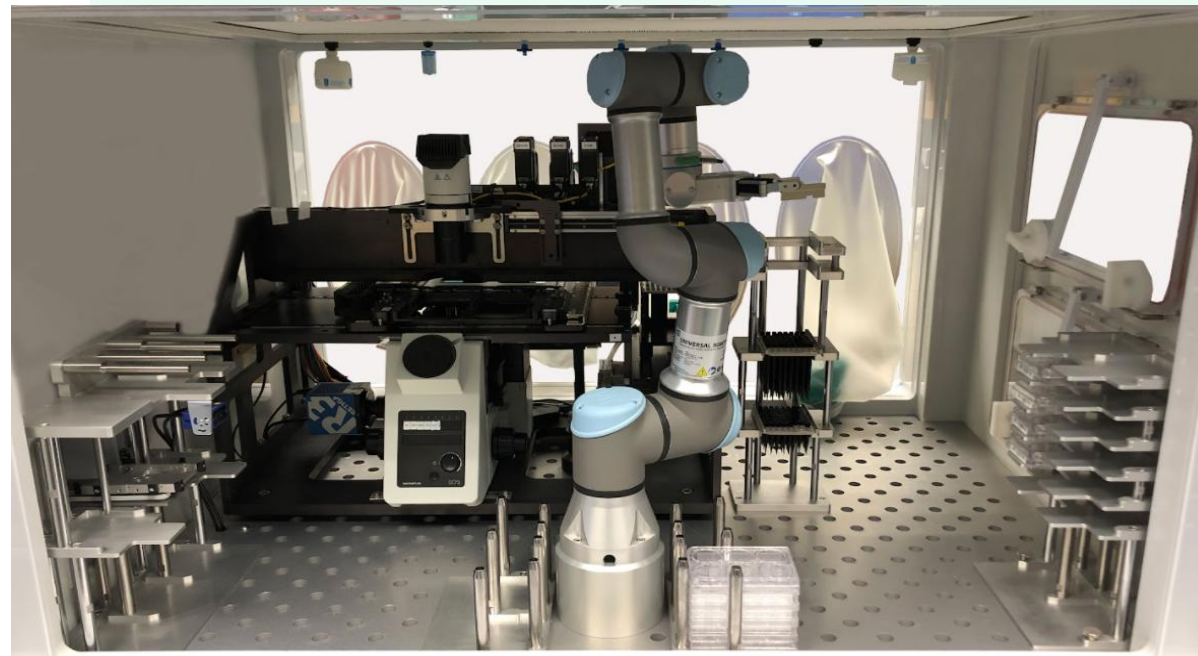


# We are pioneering robotic automation solutions for stem cell therapies

*Celligent deck*

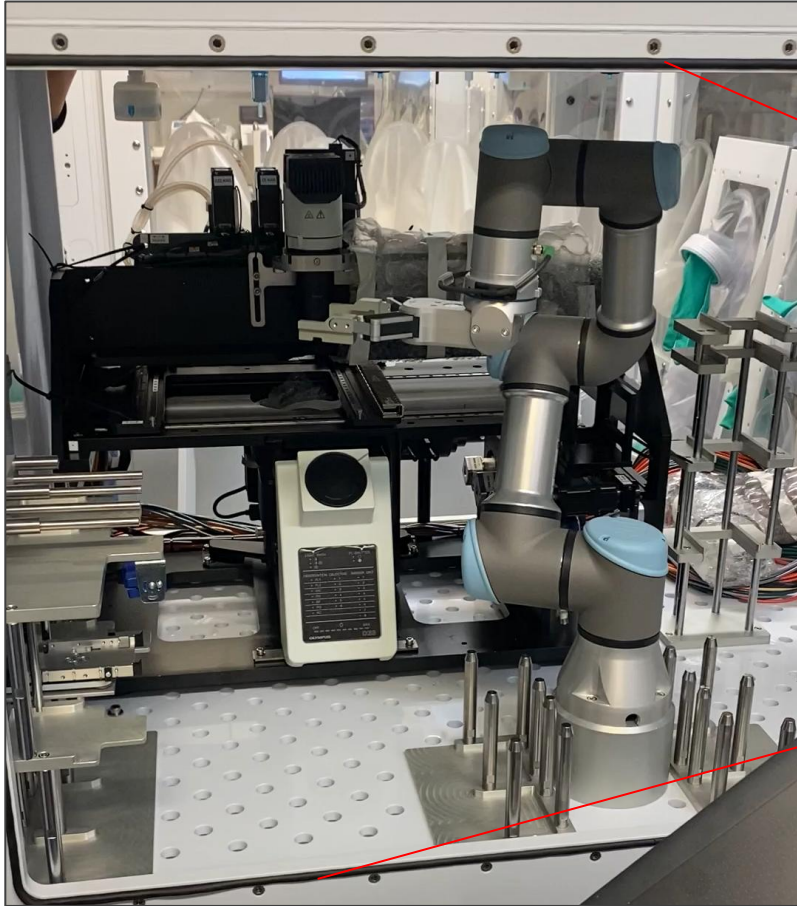
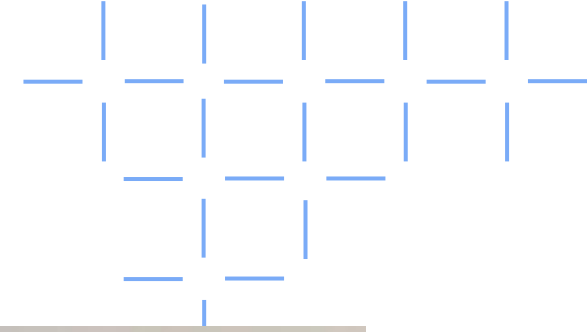


- ✓ GMP-ready
- ✓ 21 CFR Part 11 compliant
- ✓ End-to-end integration



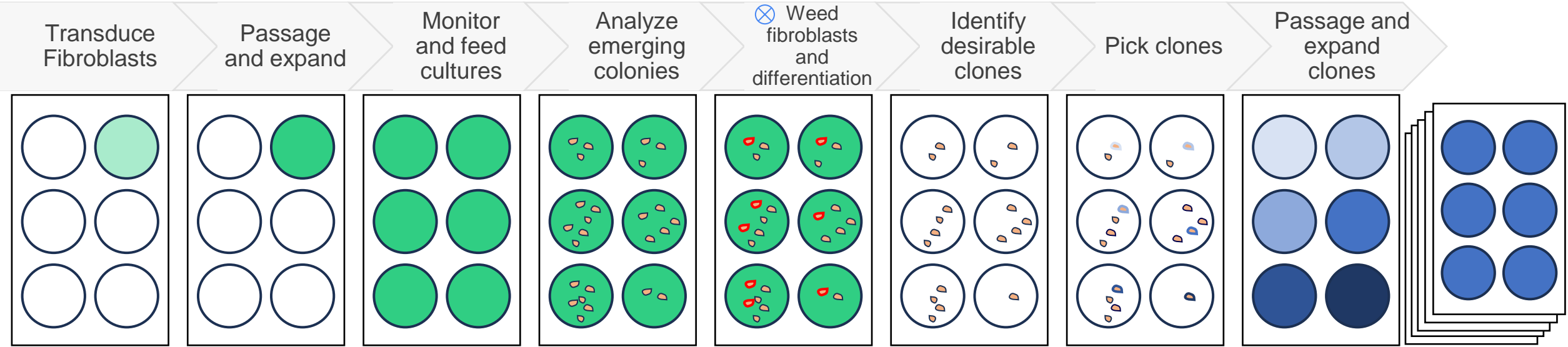
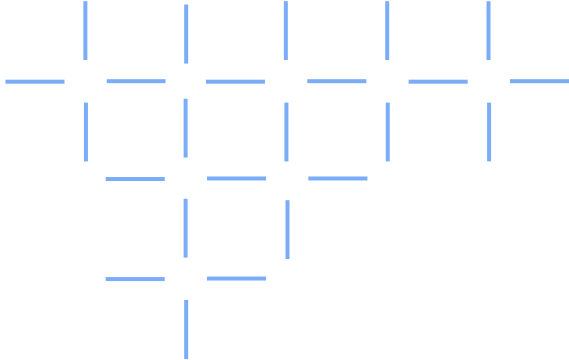
*Celligent in environmental chamber integrated with 6 axis robot  
and automated incubator*

# Celligent Platform



*Operating installation of Celligent™ platform at Cleveland Clinic,  
Lerner Center for Regenerative Medicine*

# Working example in 6-well plates



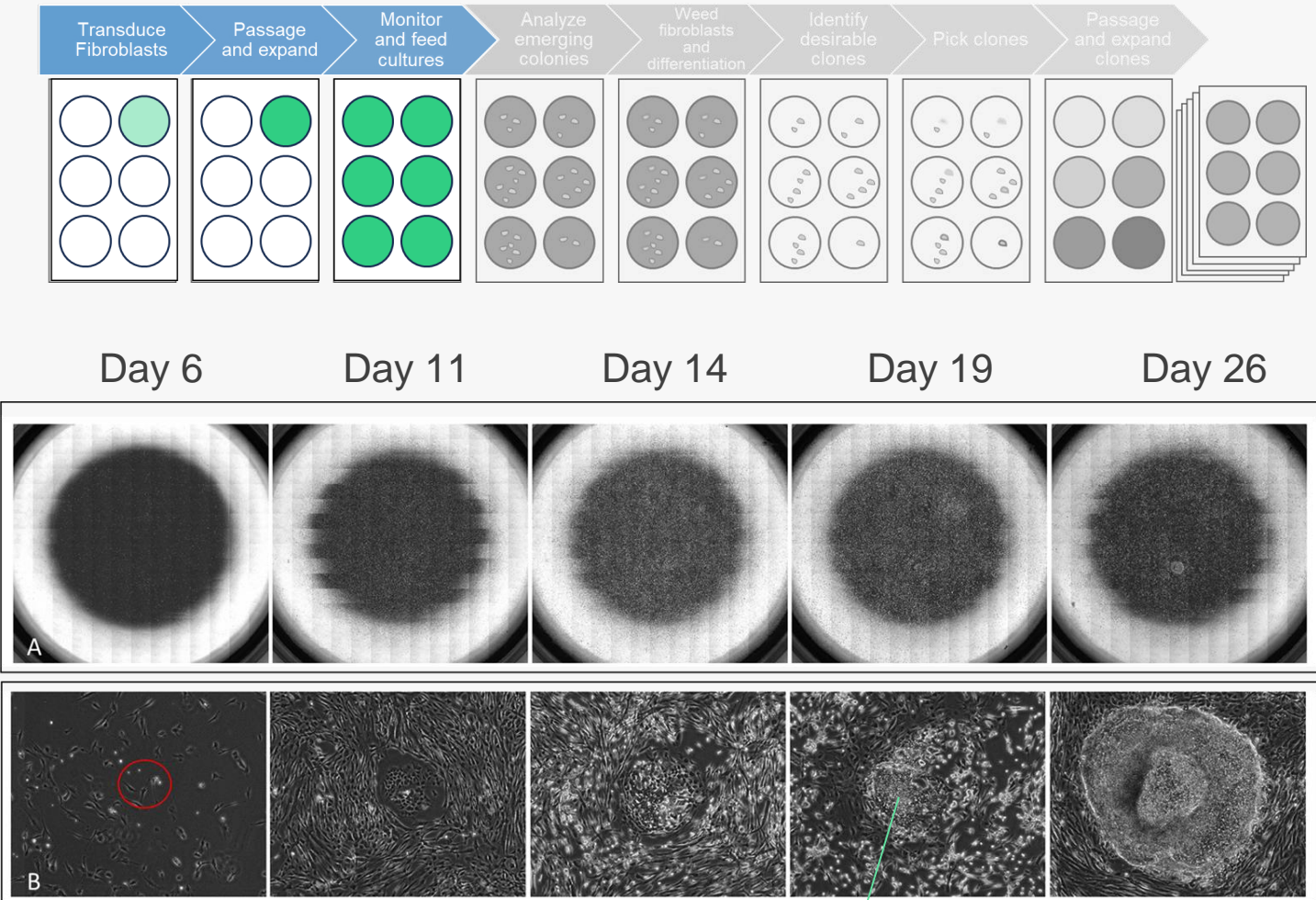
## Customer Testimonial

“I’ve been weeding and picking these cells by hand for eleven years! Automation will be a game-changer for this industry”



# Monitor and Feed Cultures

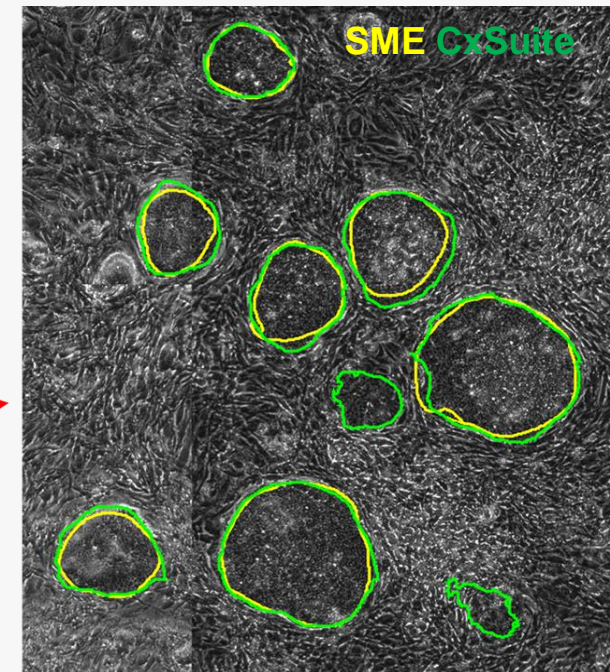
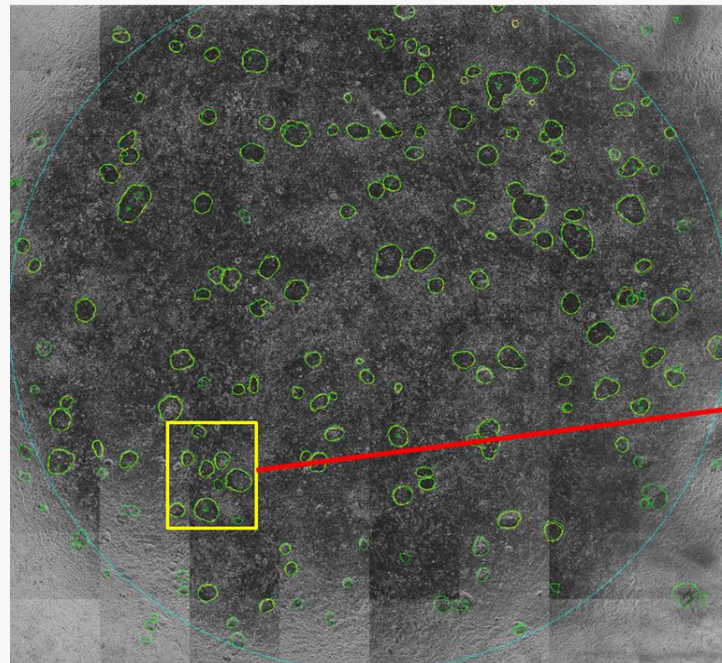
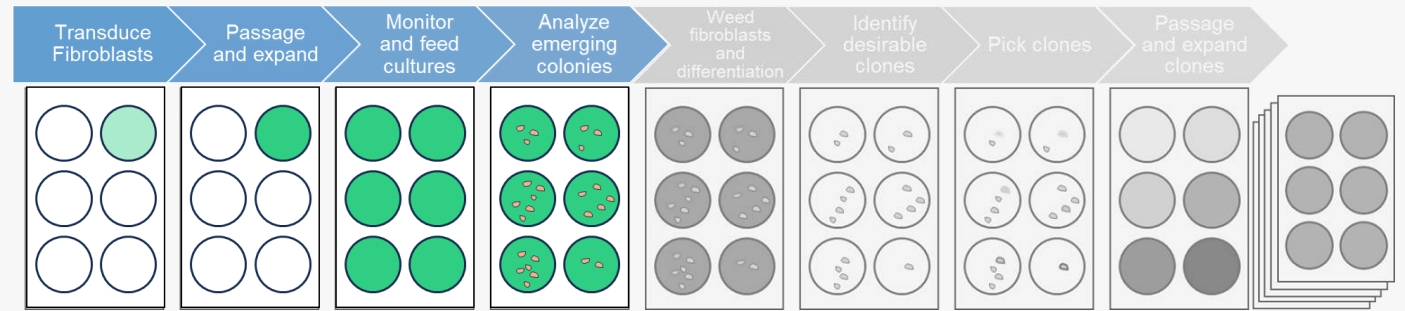
Documenting the reprogramming phase provides key insights into the specific attributes that define your process.



# Analyze Emerging Colonies

As colonies emerge, Colonyze allows the user to identify clones that meet their CQAs.

Automated analysis ensures that clonal cultures are established from colonies that meet or exceed defined metrics.

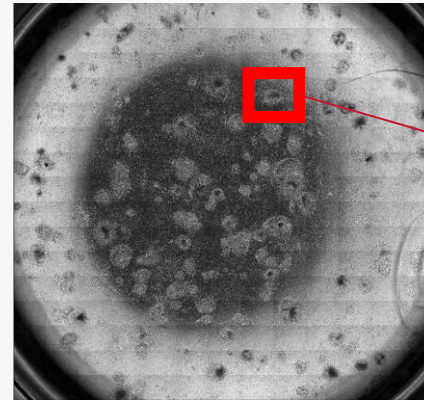
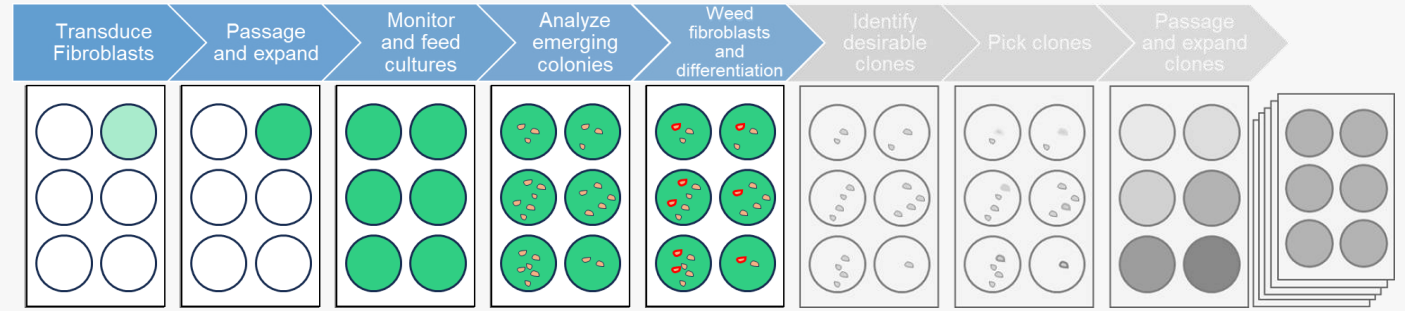




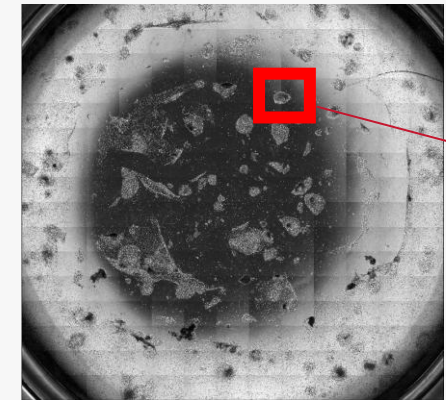
# Weed Fibroblasts and Differentiation

Precisely remove fibroblasts and poor quality cells or colonies with a pipet tip, mimicking manual methods and preserving colony architecture.

Weeding movements can be optimized to remove fibroblast lawns and areas of low quality.



Before

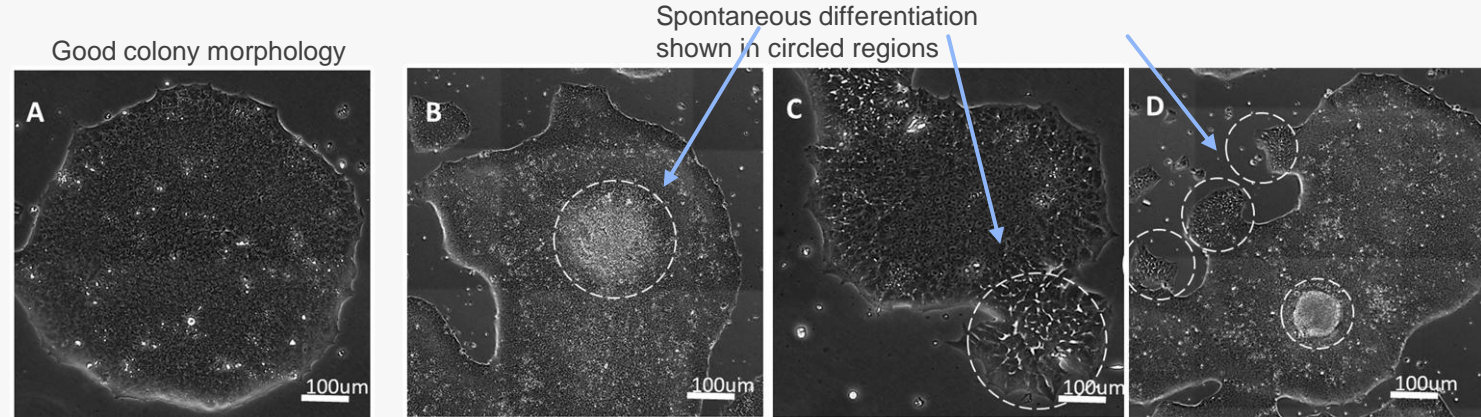
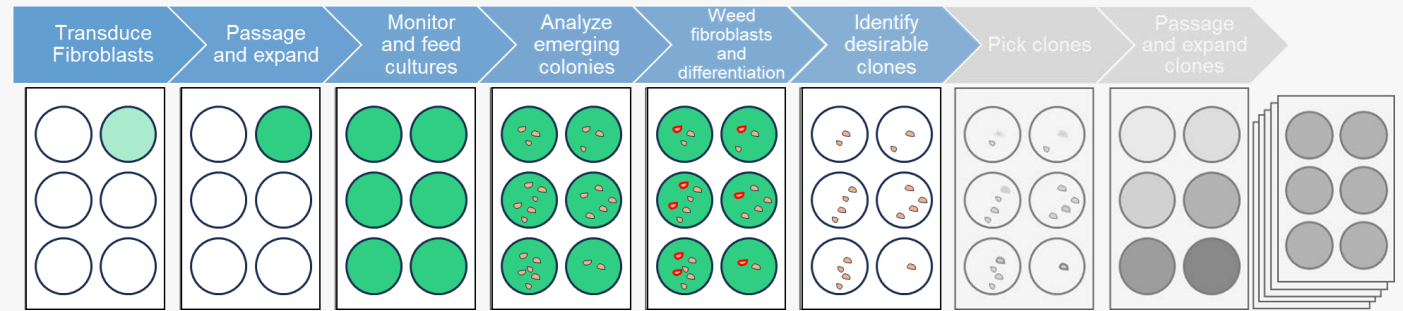


After

# Identify Desirable Clones

Use visual assessment of images or Colonyze software to identify clones that will be used to establish cultures.

Areas of spontaneous differentiation can be removed utilizing the weeding protocol prior to picking.

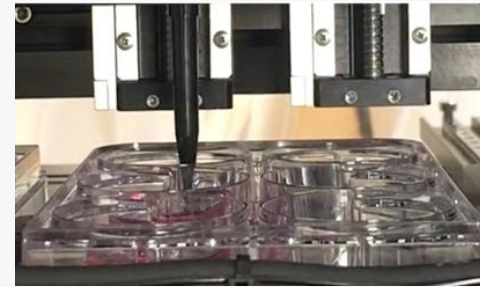
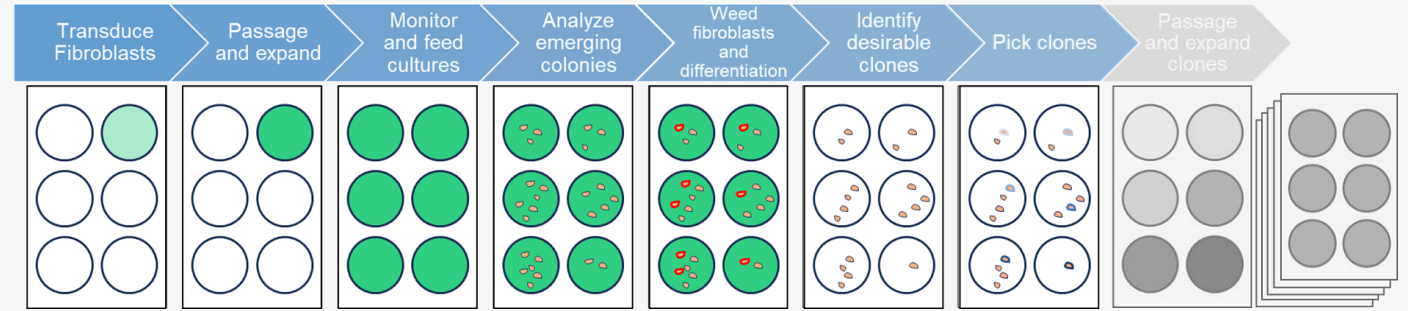




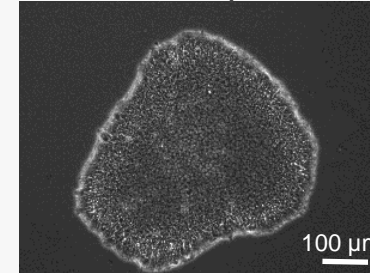
# Pick Clones

Atraumatic picking uses a pipet tip to aspirate cells in clumps similar to manual cutting protocols.

Cells adhere to destination wells and expand, allowing the user to establish clonal cultures.



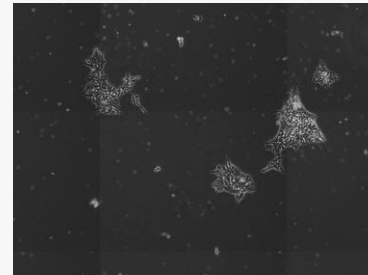
Before pick



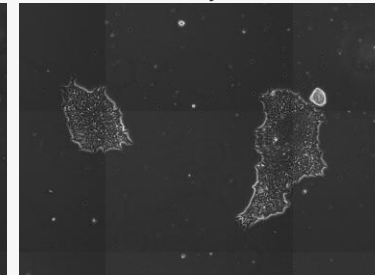
After pick



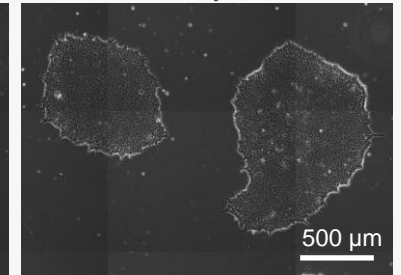
Post Pick: Day 1



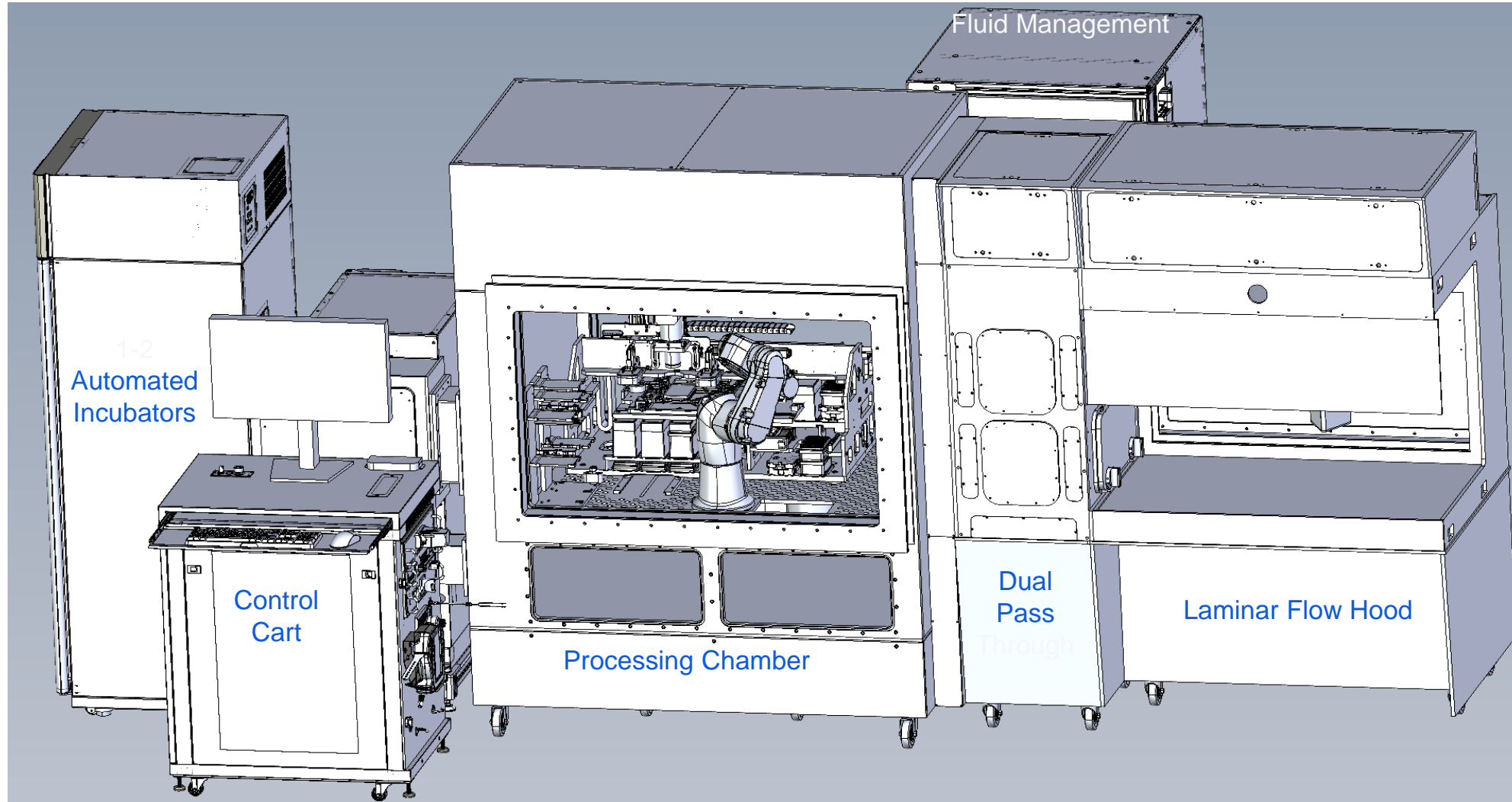
Day 2



Day 3



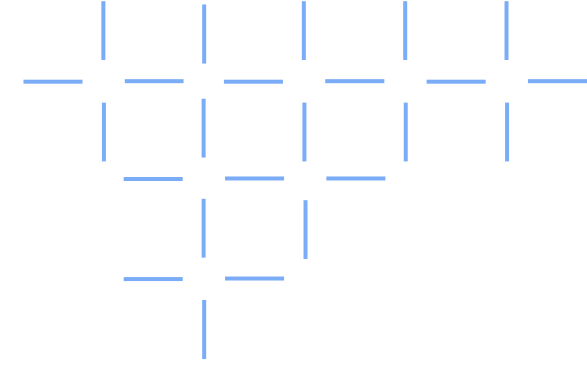
# Celligent GMP Platform



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# Case Studies

- Autologous photoreceptor replacement
- Allogeneic Cardiomyocyte CQA assessment
- Autologous cell therapy



# Production of clinical grade patient specific iPSCs

## Automated production of patient derived iPSCs for autologous photoreceptor cell replacement



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### RESEARCH

### Open Access



## Automating iPSC generation to enable autologous photoreceptor cell replacement therapy

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### Abstract

**Background** Inherited retinal degeneration is a leading cause of incurable vision loss in the developed world. While autologous iPSC mediated photoreceptor cell replacement is theoretically possible, the lack of commercially available technologies designed to enable high throughput parallel production of patient specific therapeutics has hindered clinical translation.

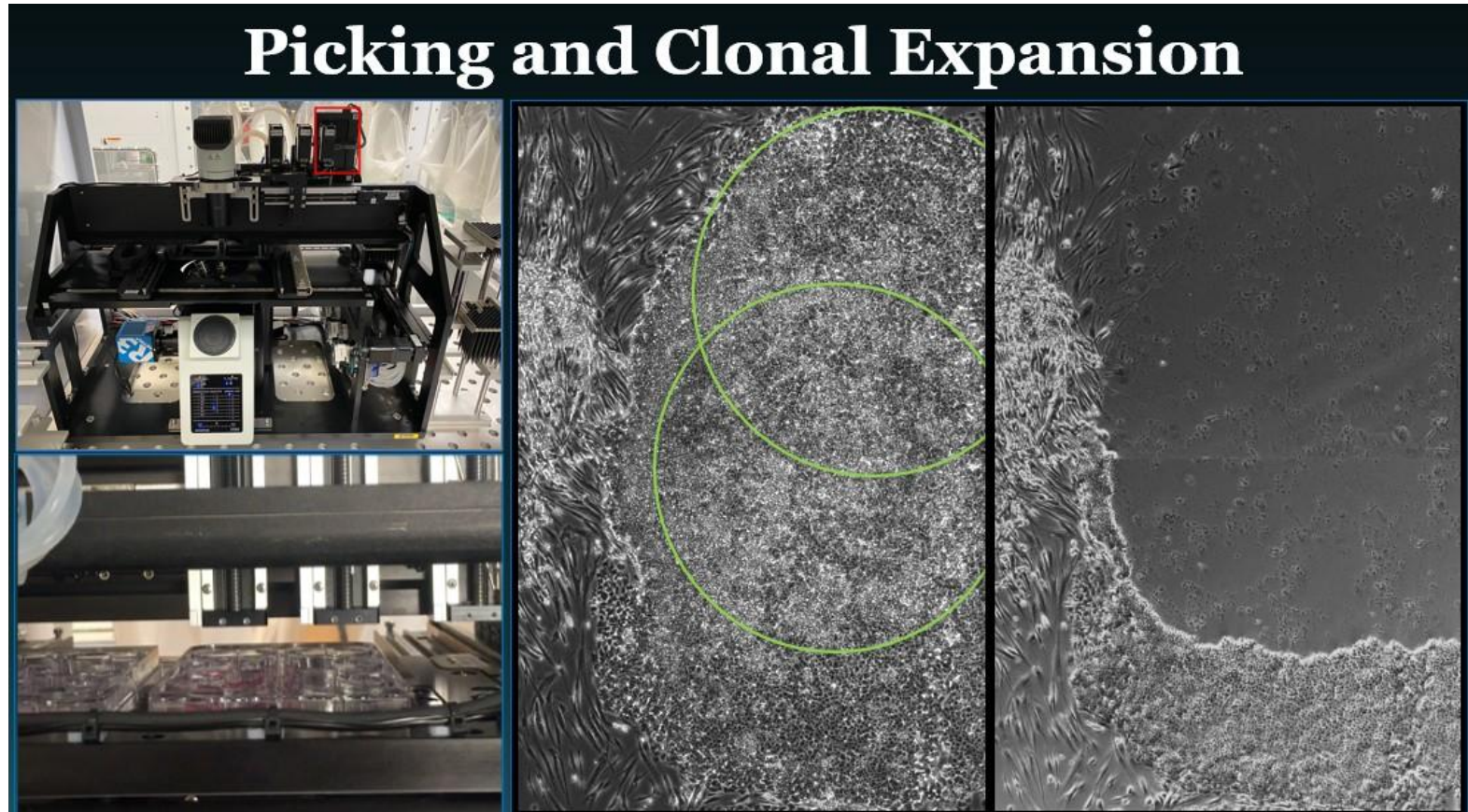
**Methods** In this study, we describe the use of the Cell X precision robotic cell culture platform to enable parallel production of clinical grade patient specific iPSCs. The Cell X is housed within an ISO Class 5 cGMP compliant closed aseptic isolator (Biospherix XVivo X2), where all procedures from fibroblast culture to iPSC generation, clonal expansion and retinal differentiation were performed.



# Precise picking leads to better clones

Project included:

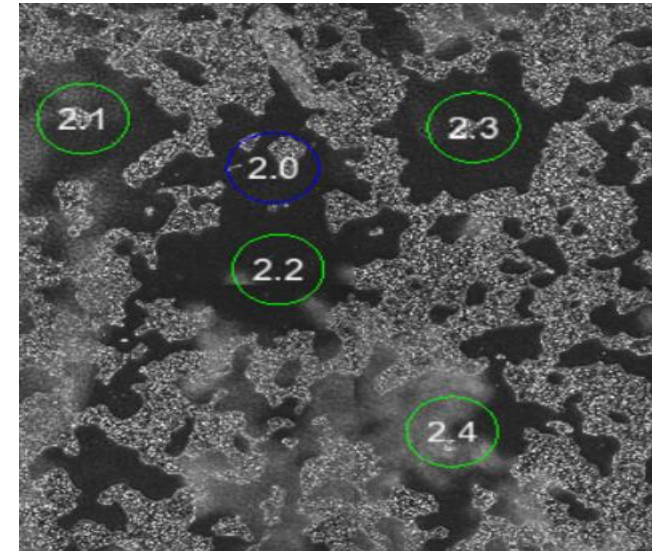
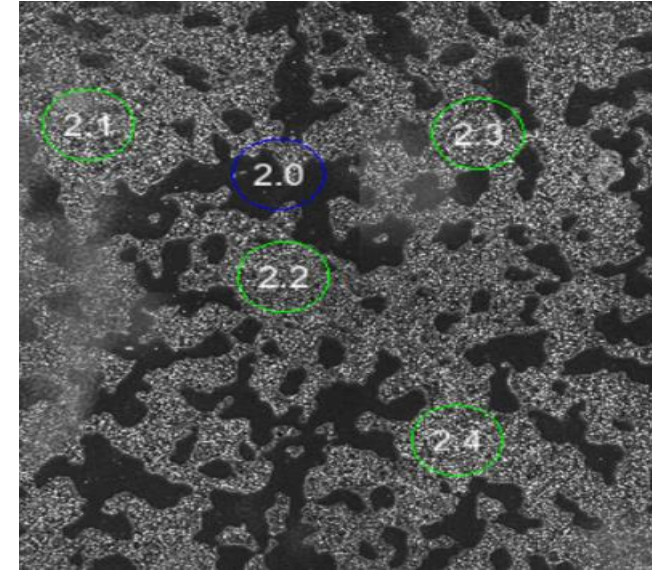
- Fibroblast culture to iPSC generation
- Clonal expansion
- Retinal differentiation



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# Advance Regenerative Medicine Institute/ BioFAB: Novel passaging methodology by selective colony picking

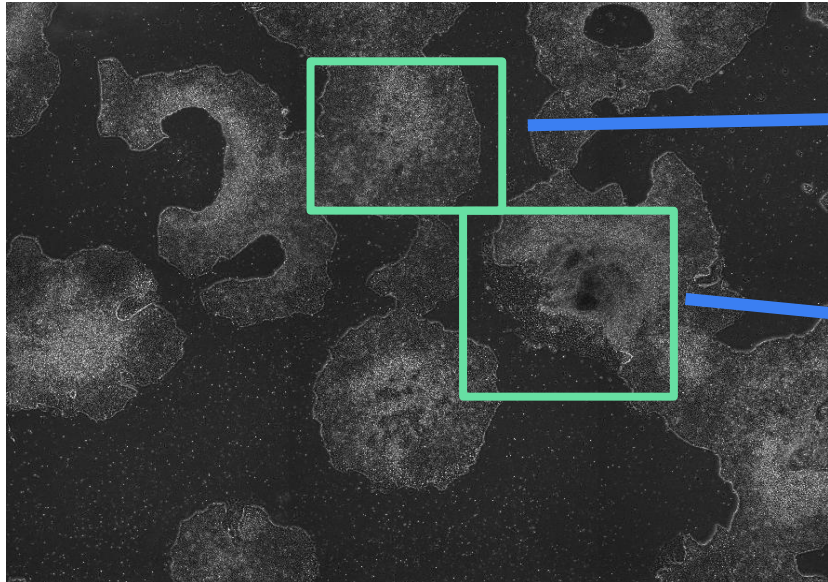
- Cardiomyocyte CQA project
- Allows for the selection and expansion of specific colonies
- Enhances line cleanliness and differentiation efficiency by avoiding areas with potential spontaneous differentiation
- Only feasibly through automation!



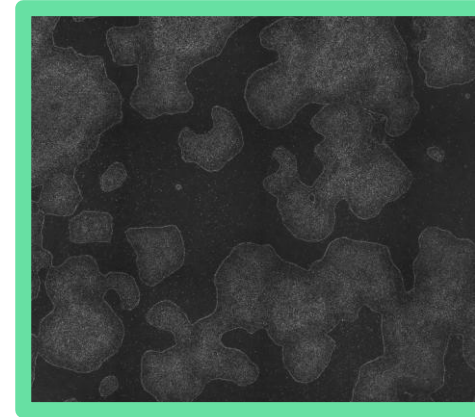
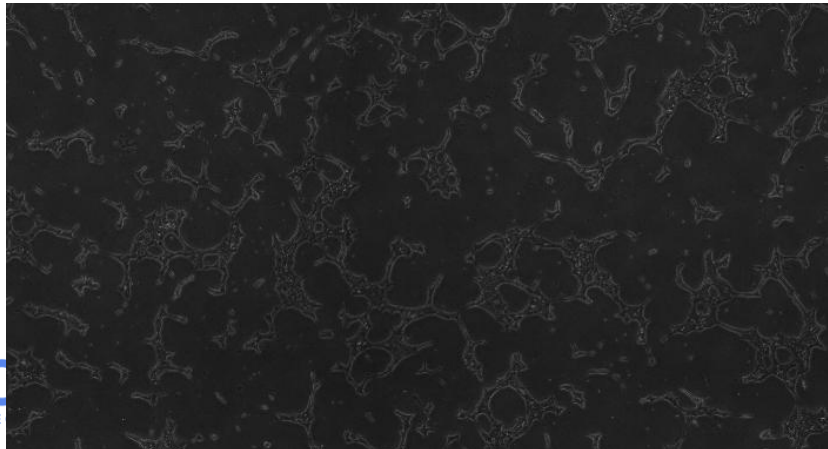


# Comparison of passaging strategies

Positive and negative release picking



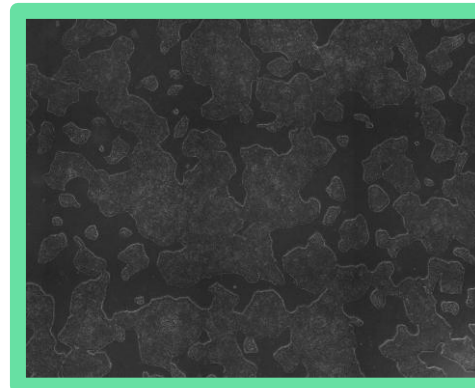
Manual bulk passaging



Pos Picks



Neg Picks



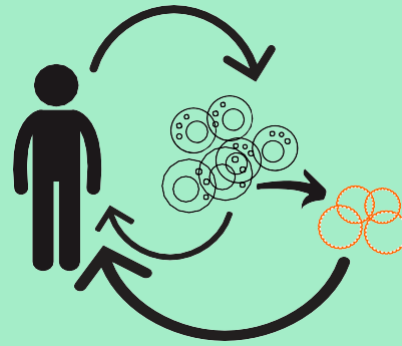
Manual bulk

# Services

We understand that each process is unique and has its own dynamics

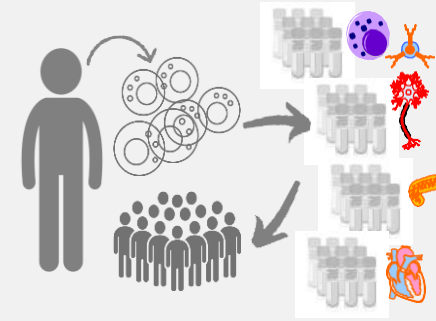
## Our services are designed to solve significant obstacles:

- Custom processes
- Translation to GMP
- Product and process variability
- High-cost manual processes
- Aggressive timelines
- Technology Transfer packages
- Pre- CDMO



### Autologous and Allogeneic iPSC derivation

Automated iPSC derivation - clones intentionally selected with your application in mind



### Allogeneic iPSC lines

Allogeneic iPSC line generation selected by terminal differentiation efficiency

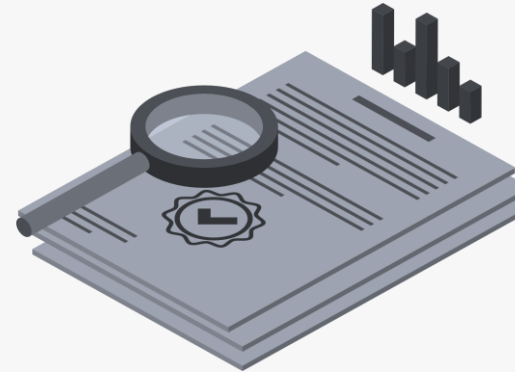


### GMP ready

Automation of workflow processes tailored to transfer from Process development to Manufacturing



### Enabling early and speedy CQA and CPP discovery



### De-risking regulatory process



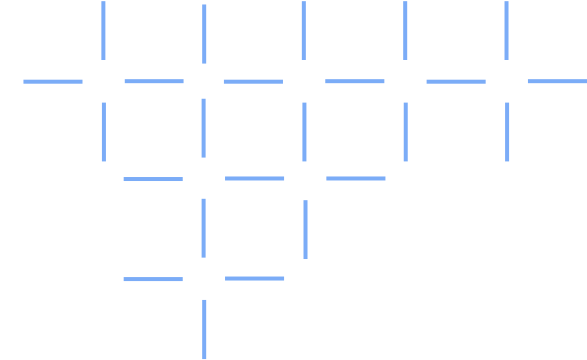
### Optimization of manufacturing process



## How we work with customers

- Celligent system or platform installation with support
- Broader licensing and collaboration deals
- Targeted services to support early Process Development/ Translational work (pre-CDMO)
- Shared Program Management in step with company funding, leading to GMP

# Thank you!



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