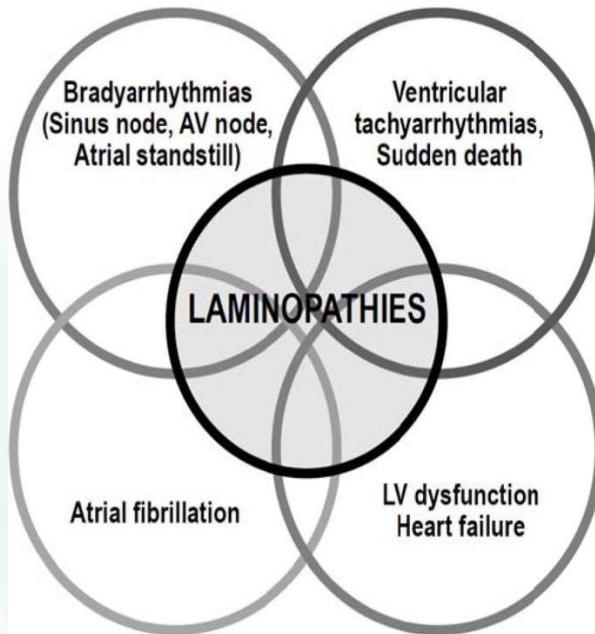


HGPS therapy with source-and-replace genome editing with liposome vector.

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▶ A group of genetic diseases caused by alterations of the **nuclear protein lamina A / C** and some related proteins.



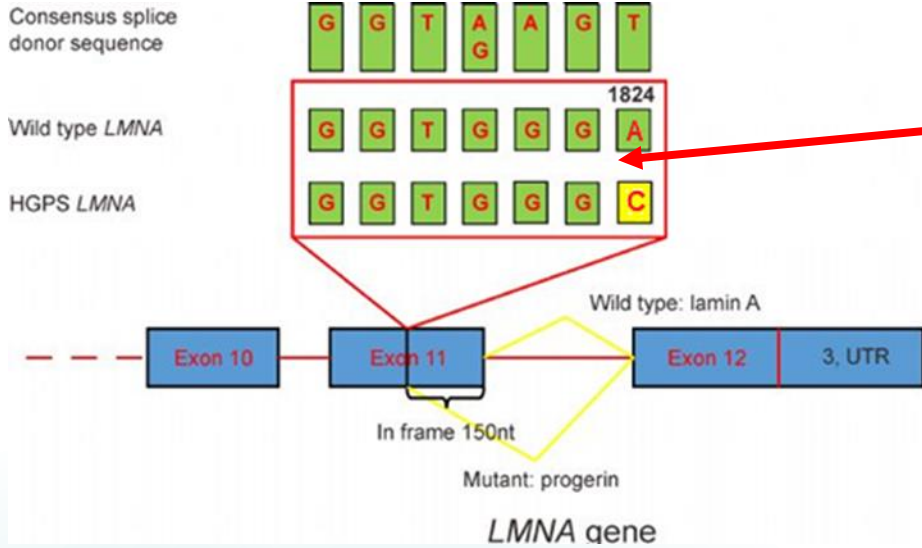
▶ Hutchinson-Gilford-progeria-syndrome



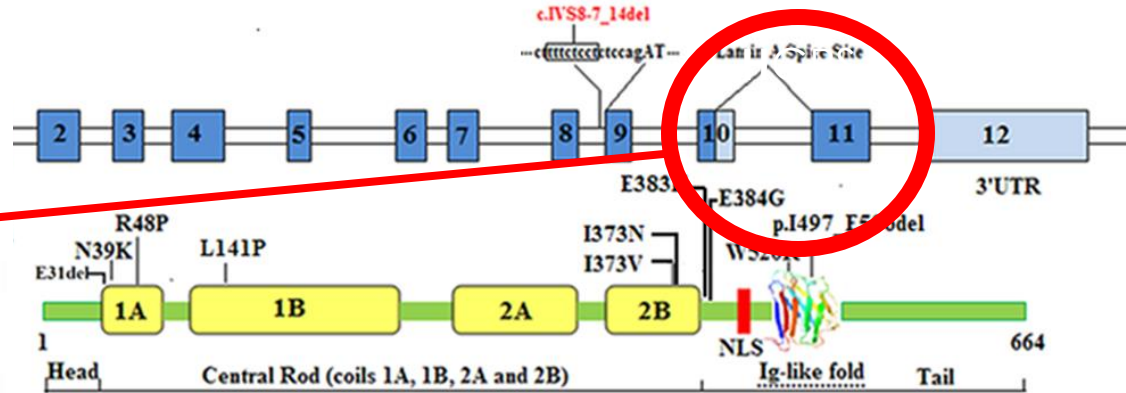
▶ Negative Consequences

- Hair Loss
- Osteoporosis
- Lipodystrophy
- Growth Delay
- Atherosclerosis
- Artherosclerosis

Genotype

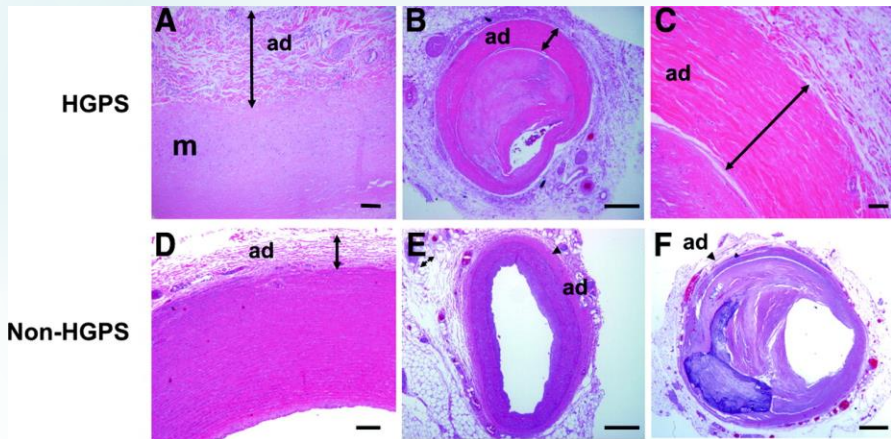


A LMNA gene

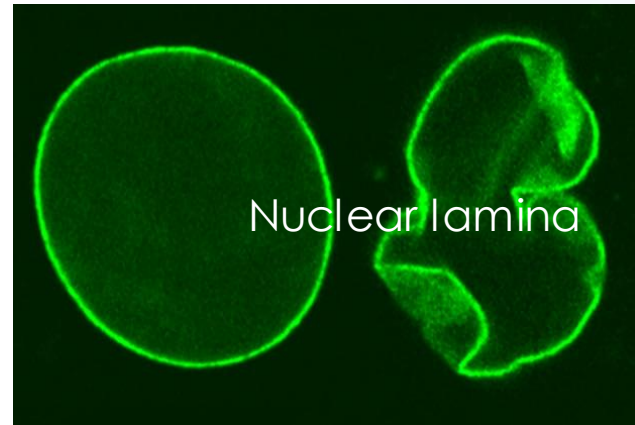


point mutation that carries the disease

Phenotype

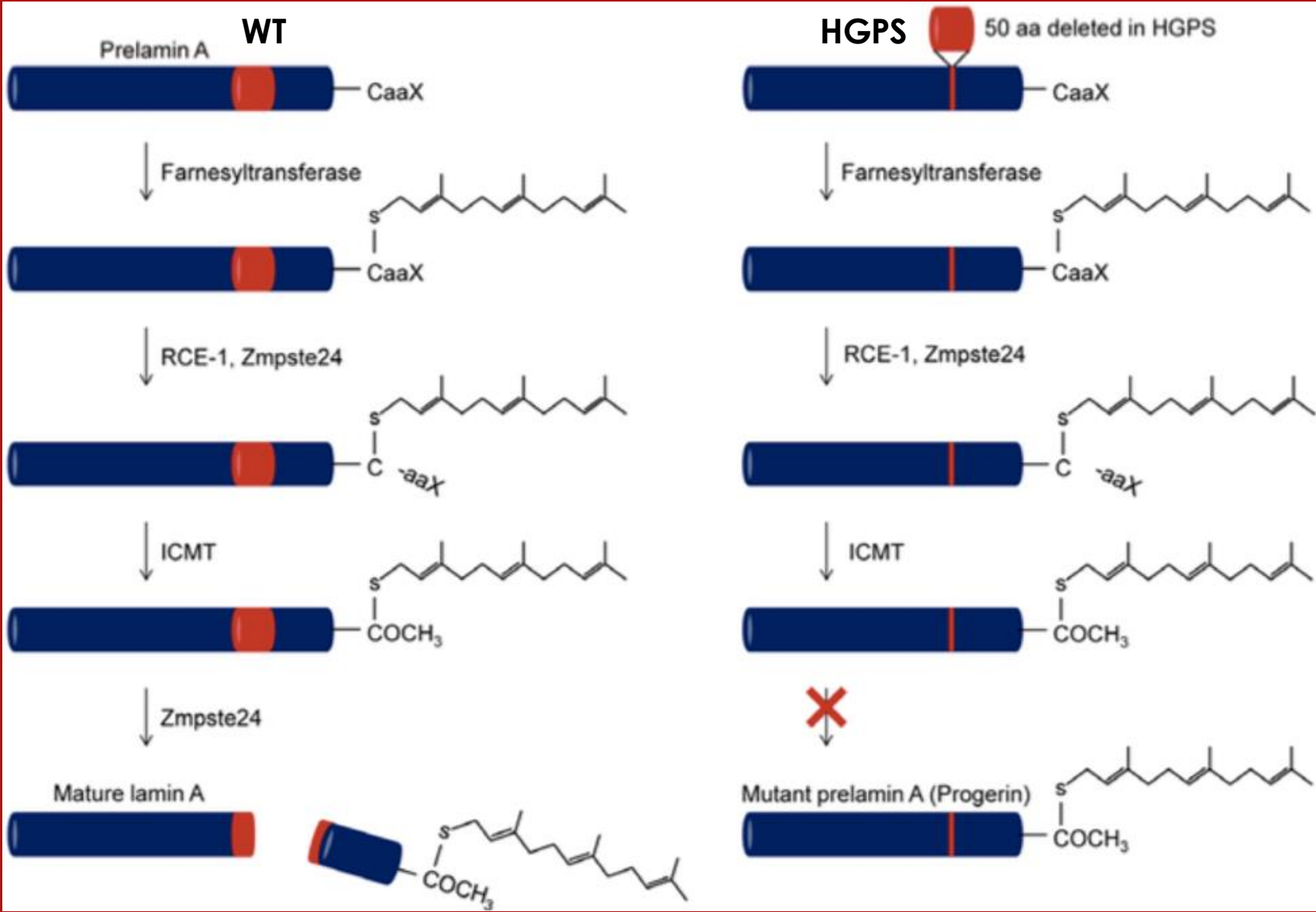


Hutchinson-Gilford progeria syndrome (HGPS) exhibit dramatically accelerated cardiovascular disease (CVD).



Progerin is what makes the nucleus to be unstable.

Post-Translation Modification



OUR GOAL IS?

- ▶ Improve life expectancy;
- ▶ Reduce cardiovascular disease;
- ▶ Reestablish wild type phenotype;
- ▶ Use of Non-invasive gene therapy;

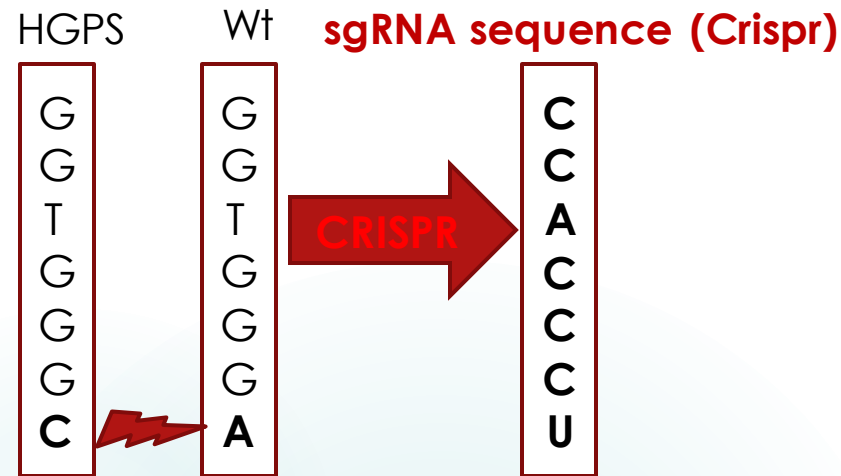
HOW?

- ▶ Cardiovascular cells treatment by **gene editing** search-and-replace
- ▶ Cells Treatment **in vitro** as proof of concept and **in vivo** (mice);

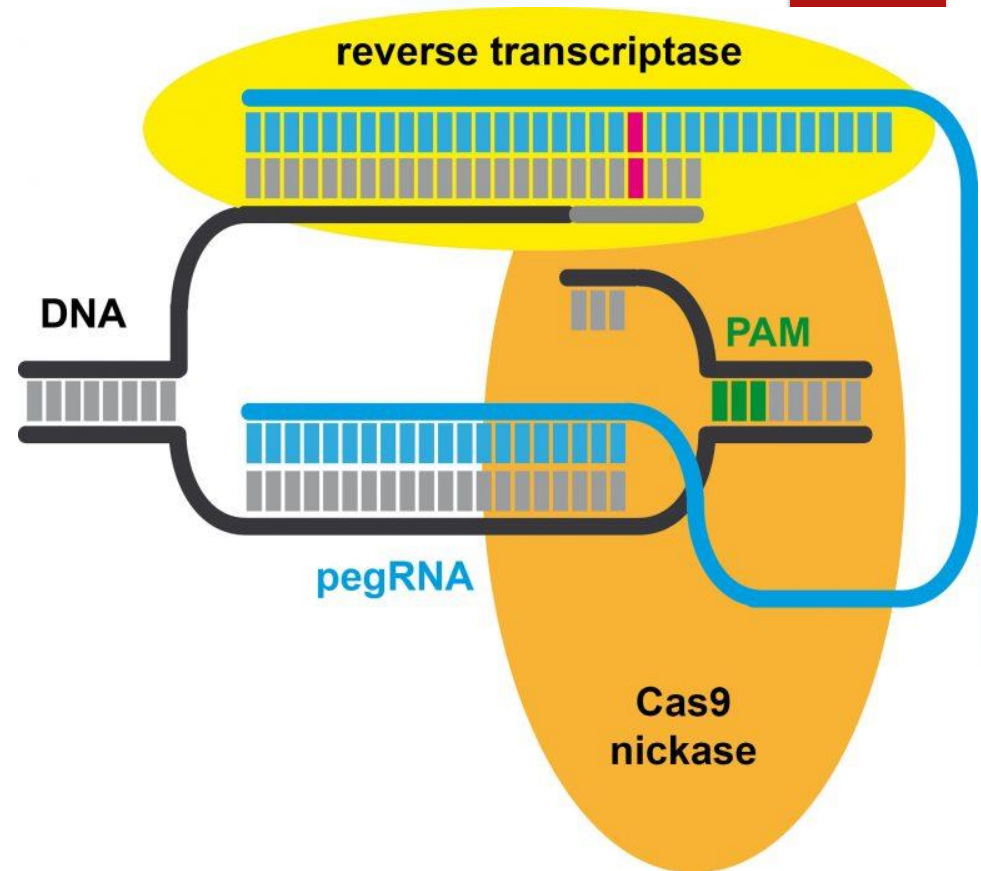
Methodologies and Protocol

Crispr- search and replace

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- ✓ CrisprCas9 (nickase)
- ✓ sgRNA (8-15b)
- ✓ RT- polymerases



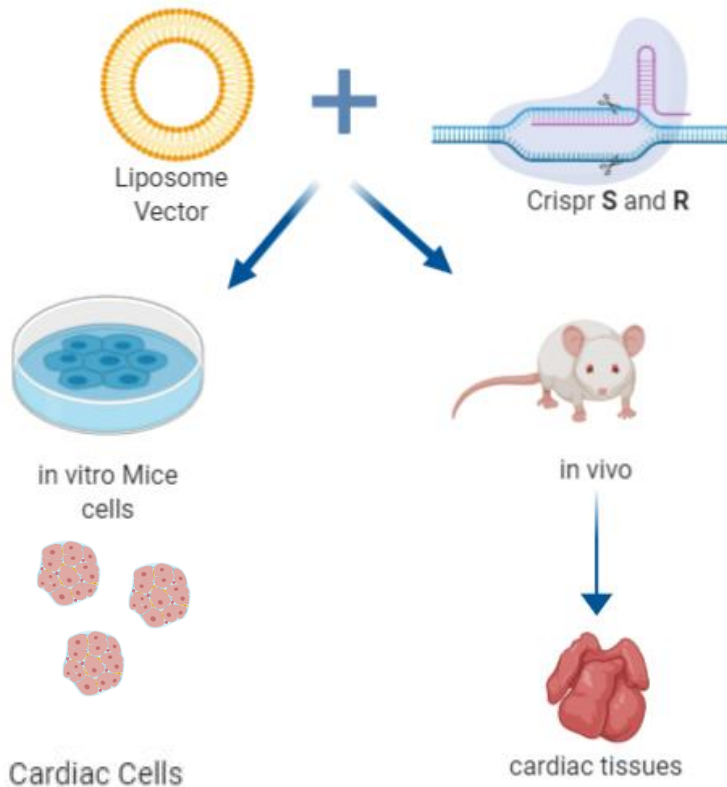
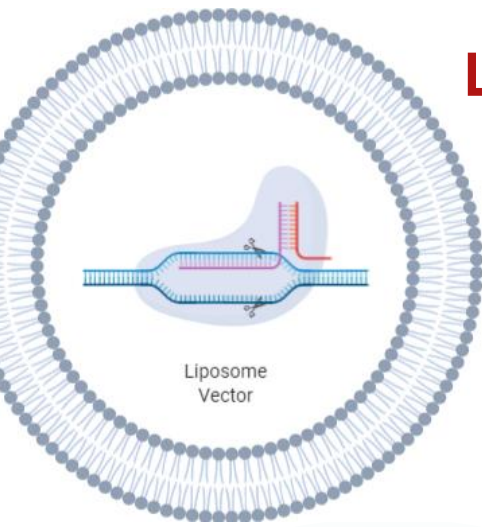
Range 7: 763 to 923 [GenBank](#) [Graphics](#)

Score	Expect	Identities	Gaps	Strand
292 bits(158)	6e-75	160/161(99%)	0/161(0%)	Plus/Plus
Wild 21498		CTAGCAACACCAAGAAGGAGGGGGACTTGTGGCTGCGCAGGCCCGGCTCAAGGACCTCG		21557
HGPS 763		CTCGCAACACCAAGAAGGAGGGGGACTTGTGGCTGCGCAGGCCCGGCTCAAGGACCTCG		822

Experimental Protocol

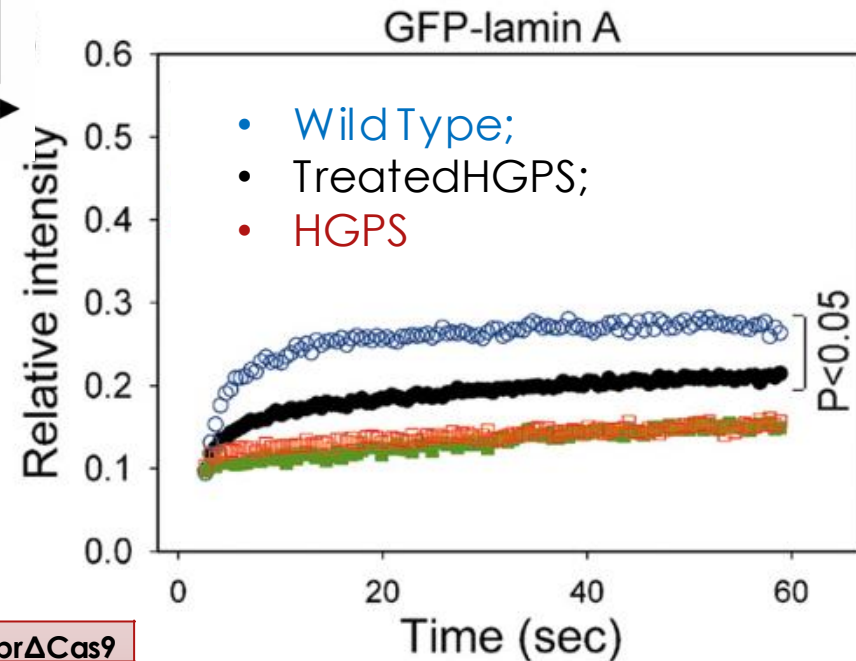
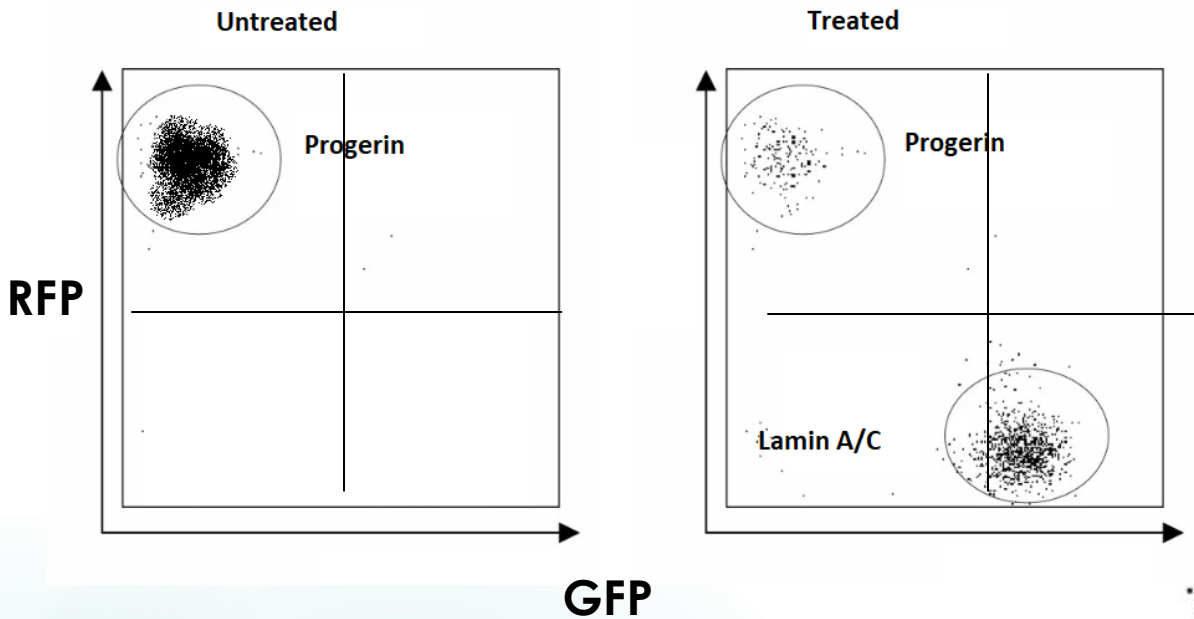
LCPE (Liposome Crispr Prime Editing) treatment

Liposome Vector + Crispr
search and replace (bought
assembled)



Intraperitoneal injection

Results in Vitro: Mice cells



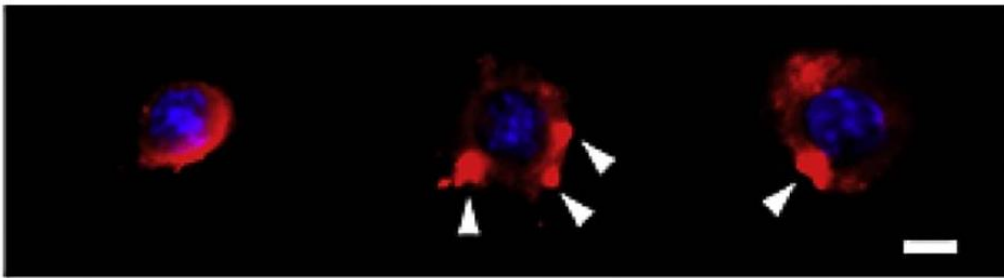
Mock treatment effects analysis (20mice)

	Liposome	Liposome+Crispr	Liposome+CrisprΔCas9
In Vitro Cardiac Cells (Wt)	no changes	1x10 ⁻⁸ error cut	no changes
In Vitro Cardiac Cells (HGPS)	no changes	1x10 ⁻⁹ error cut	no changes
In Vivo Cardiac Tissues (Wt)	no changes	1x10 ⁻¹² error cut	no changes
In Vivo Cardiac Tissues (HGPS)	no changes	1x10 ⁻¹⁴ error cut	no changes

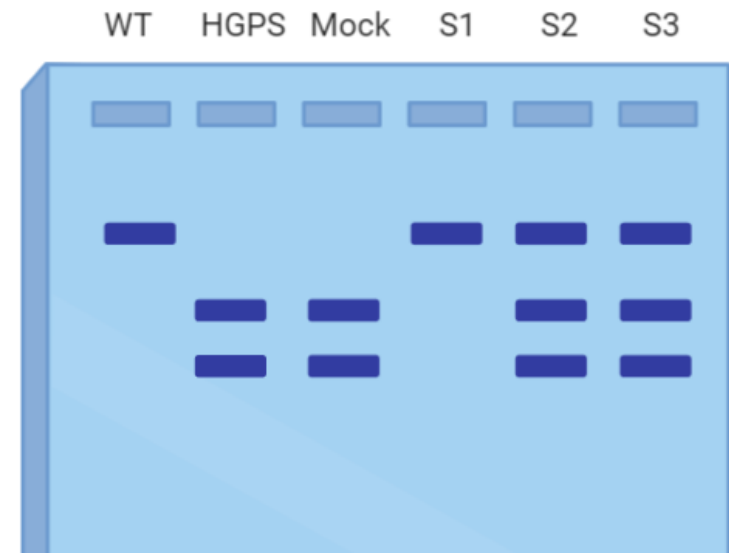
Results in Vitro: Mice cells

(B) Representative immunohistochemical staining with anti-lamin A antibodies. Original magnification, $\times 400$. Scale bar, 10 μm . Arrowhead, abnormality in the nuclear membrane.

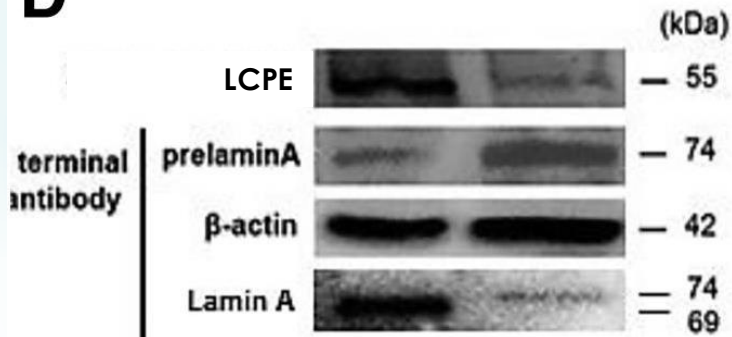
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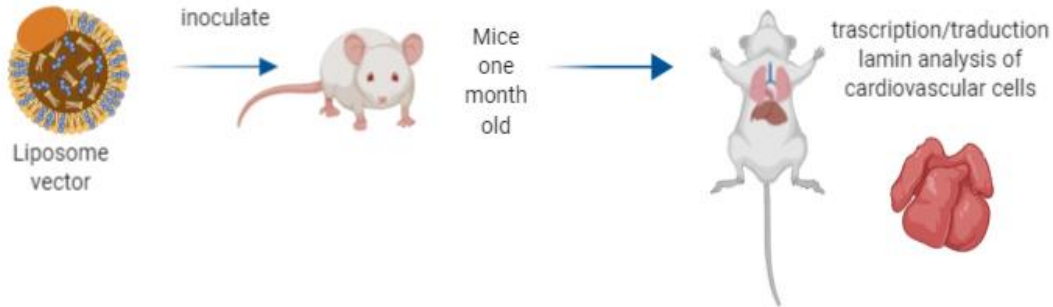
RFLP



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(D) Western blot analysis to measure the expression of the C-terminal prelamin A and lamin A in WT and *Zmpste24*^{-/-} MDSPCs, relative to the expression of β -actin or vinculin.

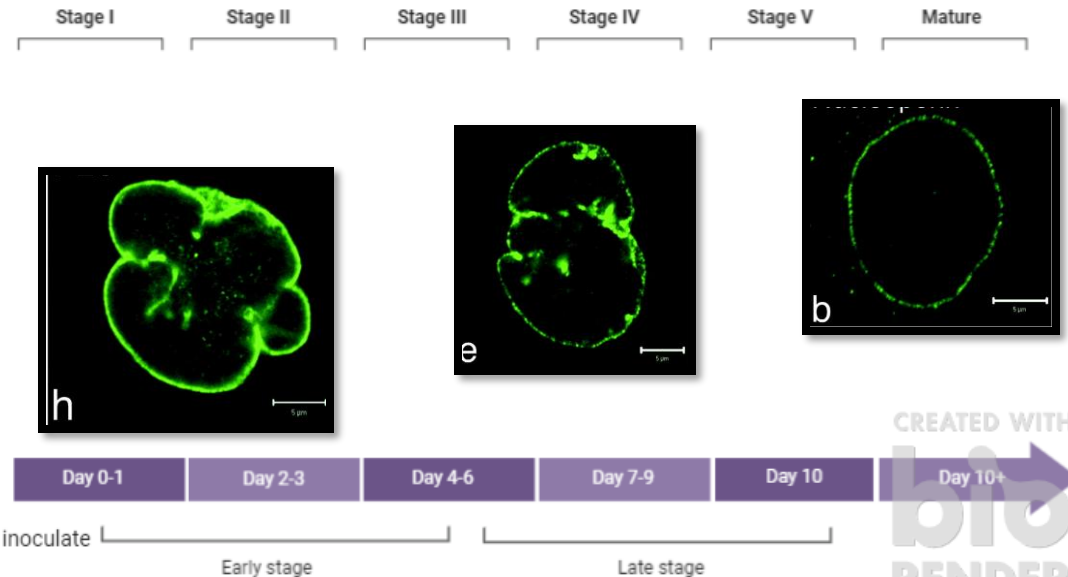
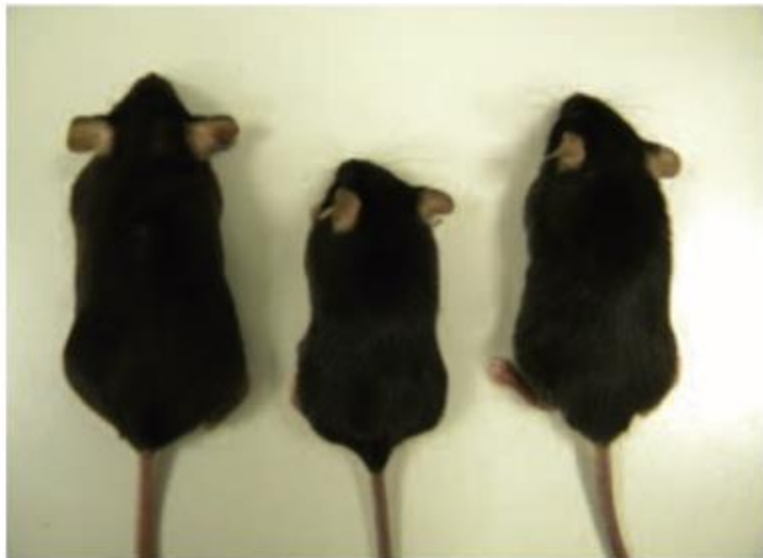


ImmunoFluorescence of nuclear lamina.

It is evident a partial recovery of wild type phenotype with **LCPE** treatment.

cardiovascular tissues development

WT Untreated Treated

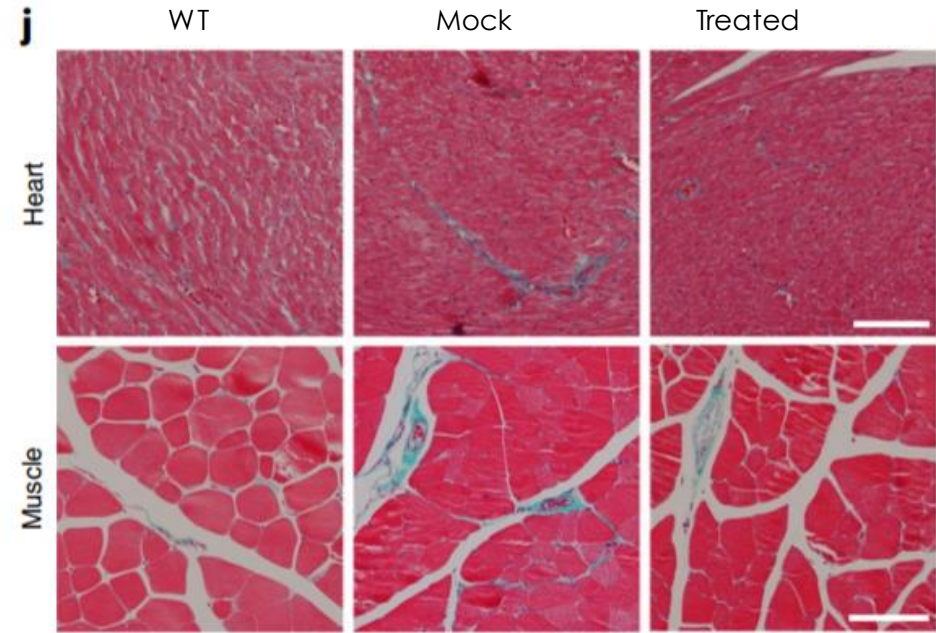
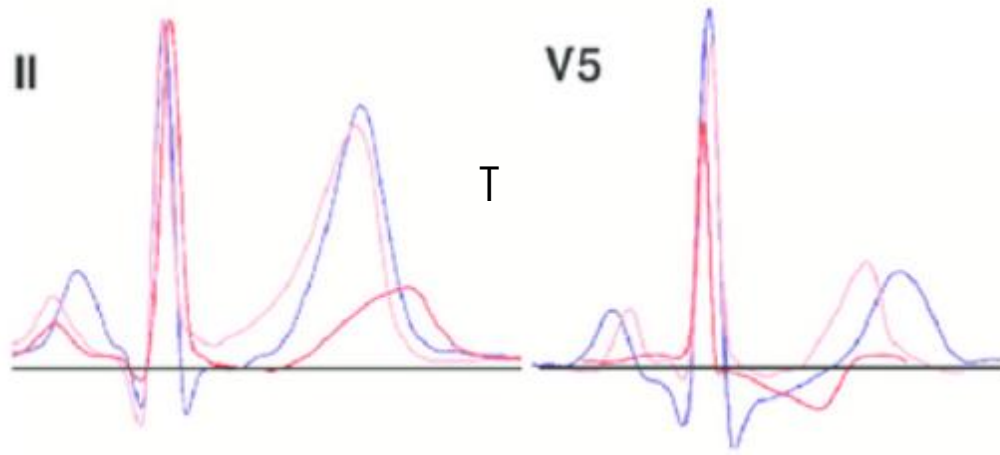


Results in Vivo

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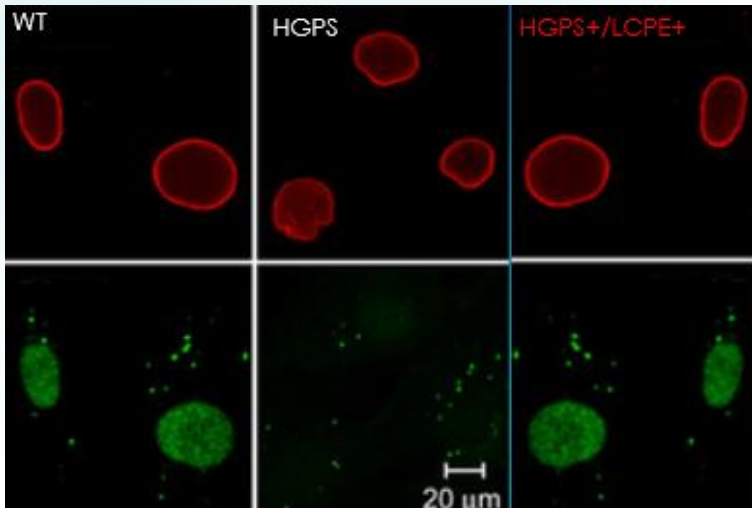
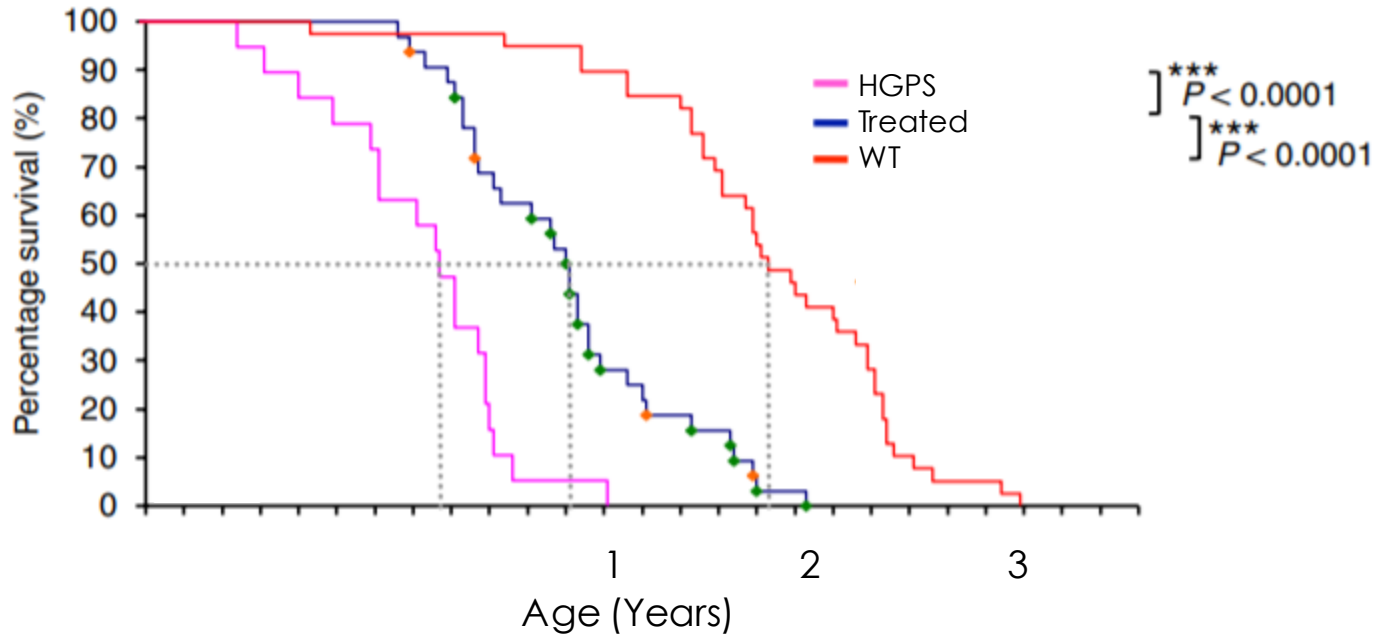
- WT
- Treated
- Mock Treatment



Significant QT interval prolongation = Higher risk of Ischemia

Results in Vivo

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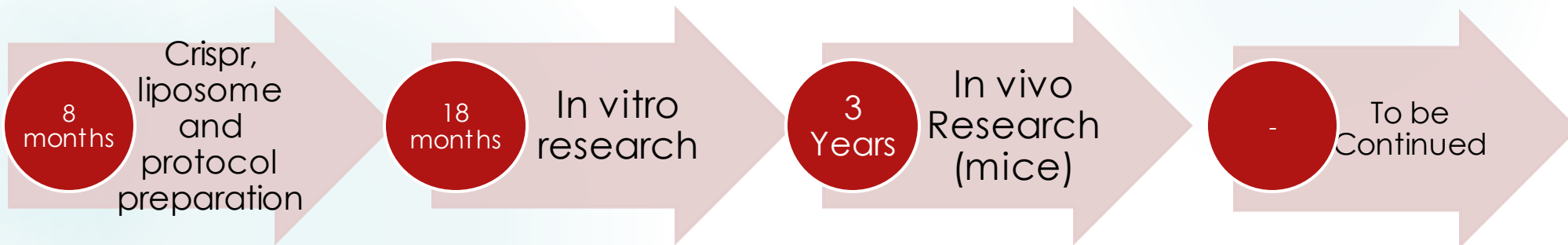


After LCPE treatment we observed restoration nuclear laminar of cardiovascular cells

Budget and Times

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	Qt.	Inside storage	Outside storage
Mice Wt	20	4,8€ (one for die)	11,6€ (one for die)
Mice HGPS+	20	11,4€ (one for die)	16,8€ (one for die)
Mice HGPS+ .tr. LCPE	20	11,4€ (one for die)	16,8€ (one for die)
Crispr Prime Kit	20	300€ (one Kit)	300€ (one Kit)
Staff	3+1	1500€x3 (Phd) + 2500€(post Phd)	1500€x3 (Phd) + 2500€(post Phd)
Liposome Kit	20	200€	200€
Various	/	10'000.00€	10'000.00€
cages for mice	60	8,80€ (one for die)	10,95€ (one for die)
Total	3 years	230'000.00€	250'000.00€



Pitfalls

- Possible oncogenic gene insertion
- High costs

Solutions

- Sequencing
- Long term trials
- More efficient protocols

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