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Regulation of myocardial growth and death by the Hippo pathway

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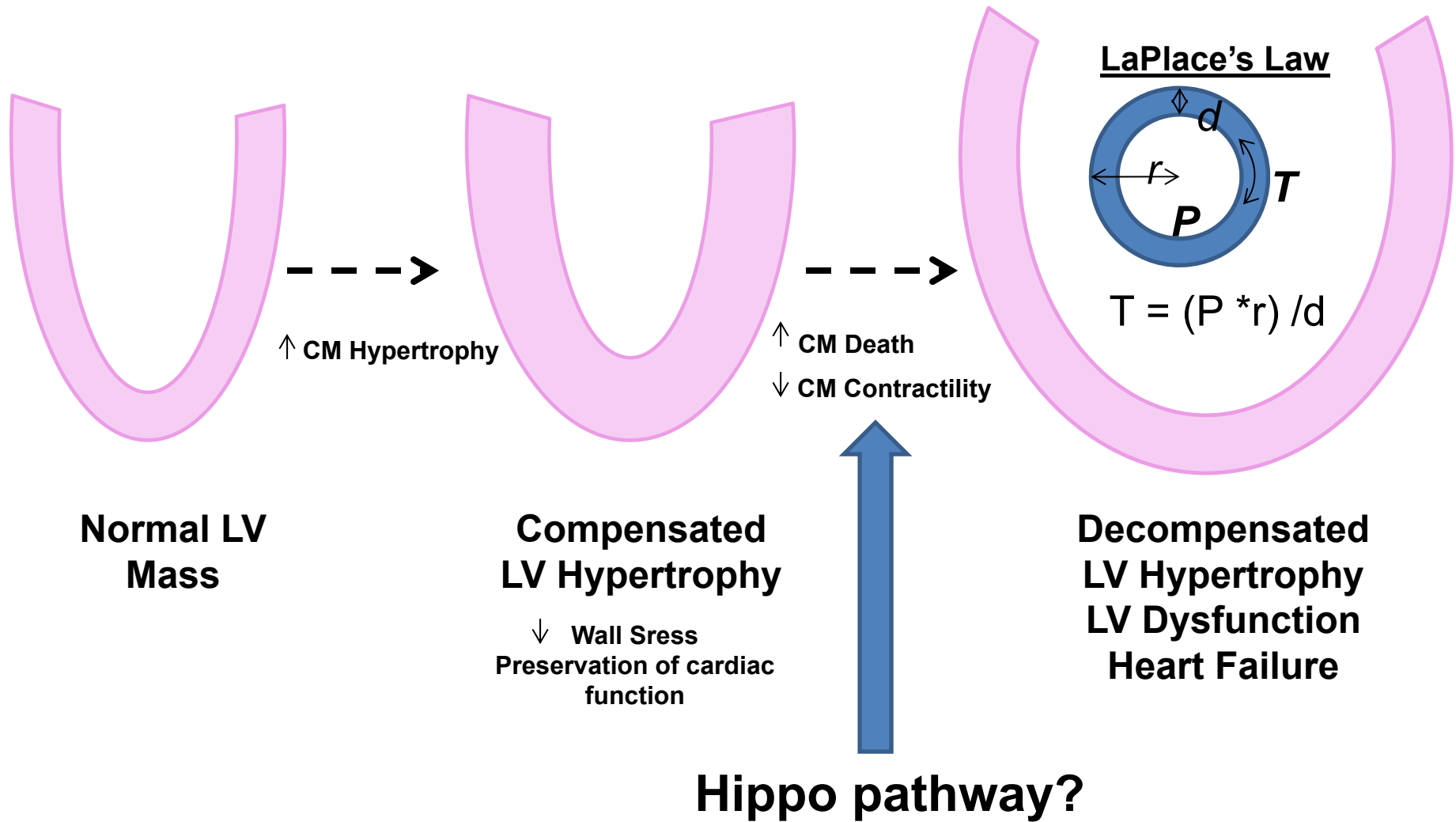
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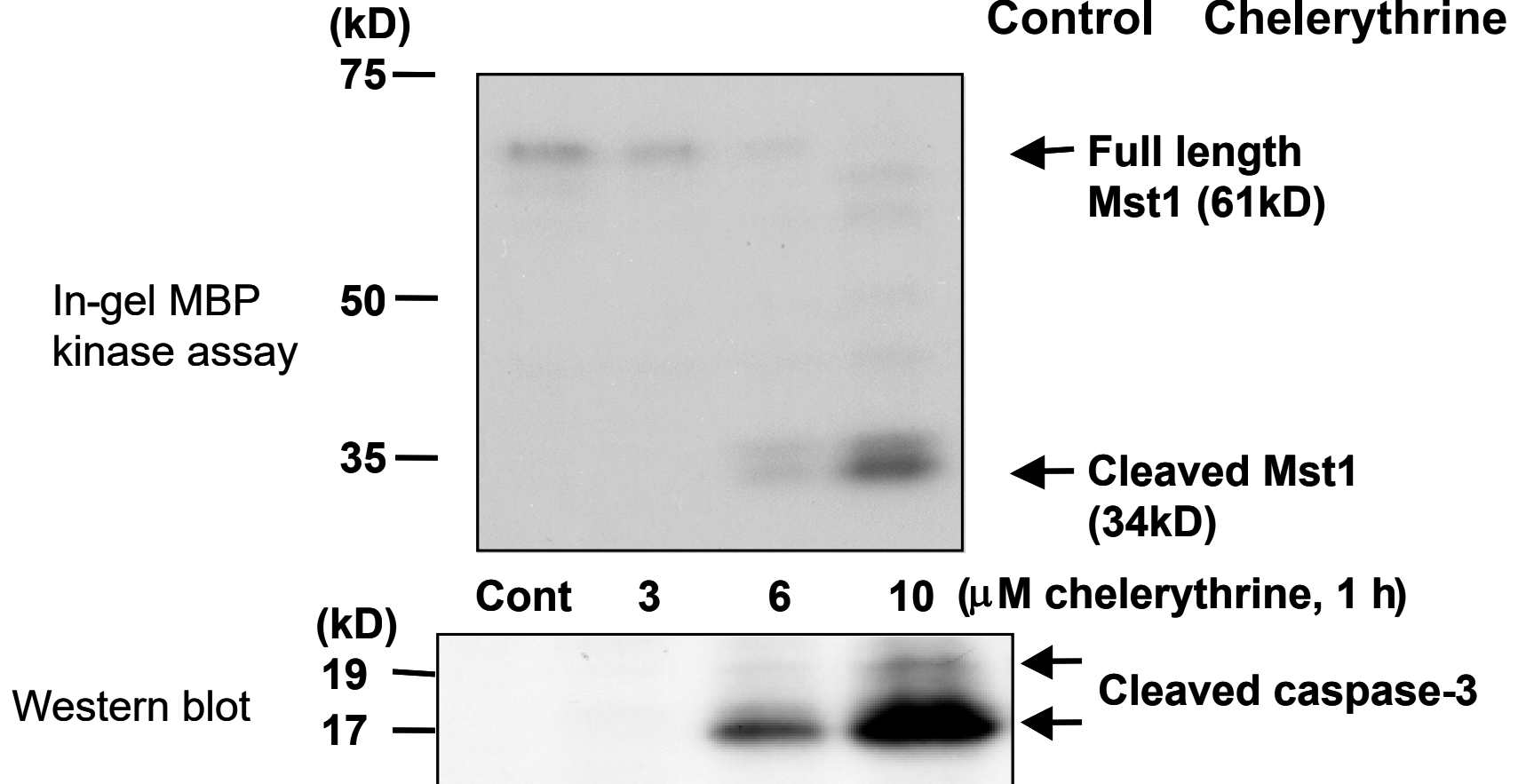
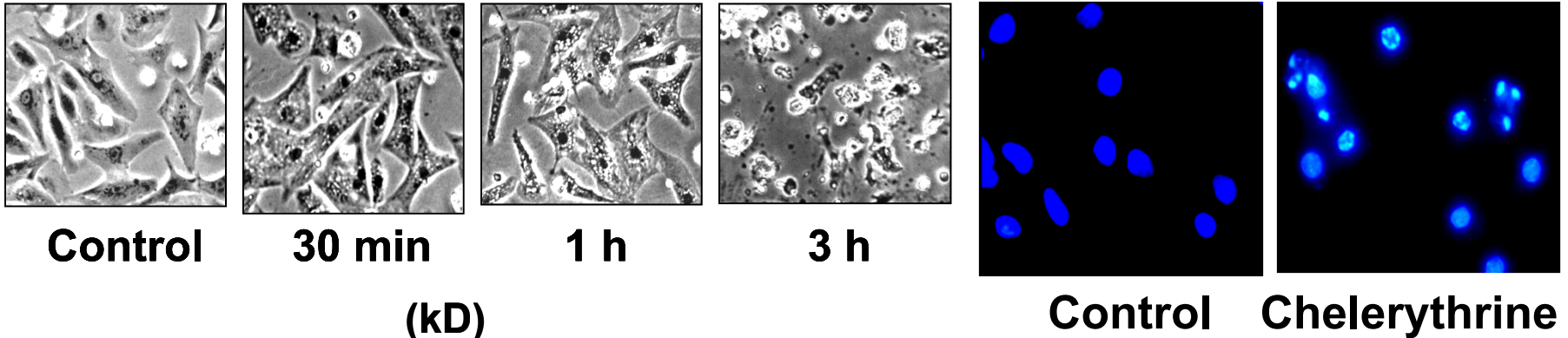
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Two forms of hypertrophy: Compensated and Decompensated

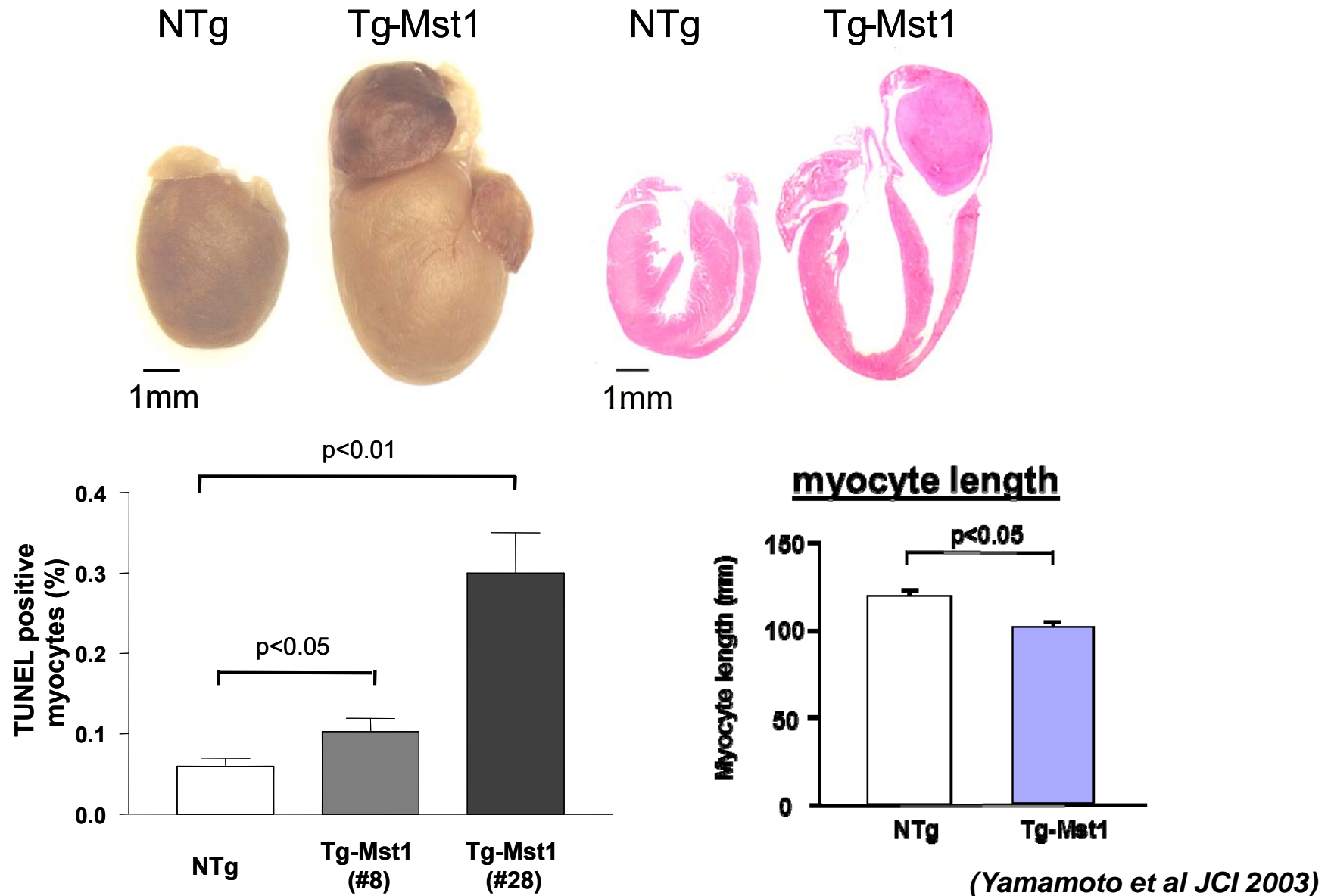


Mst1 is cleaved and activated during apoptosis in cardiac myocytes



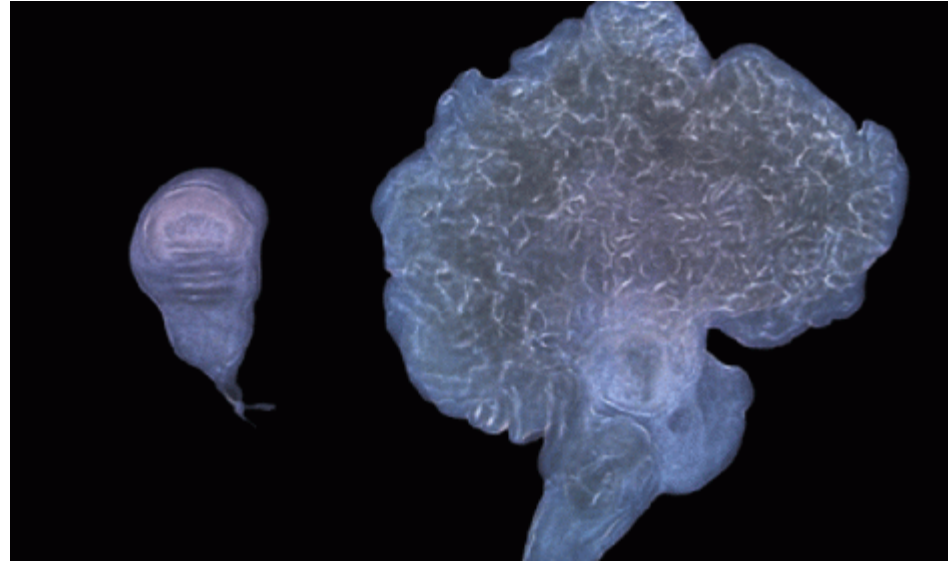
**Overexpression of Mst1 induces apoptosis
but suppress hypertrophy of cardiomyocytes**

Cardiac dilation without compensatory hypertrophy exacerbates LV dysfunction



Hippo pathway controls organ size

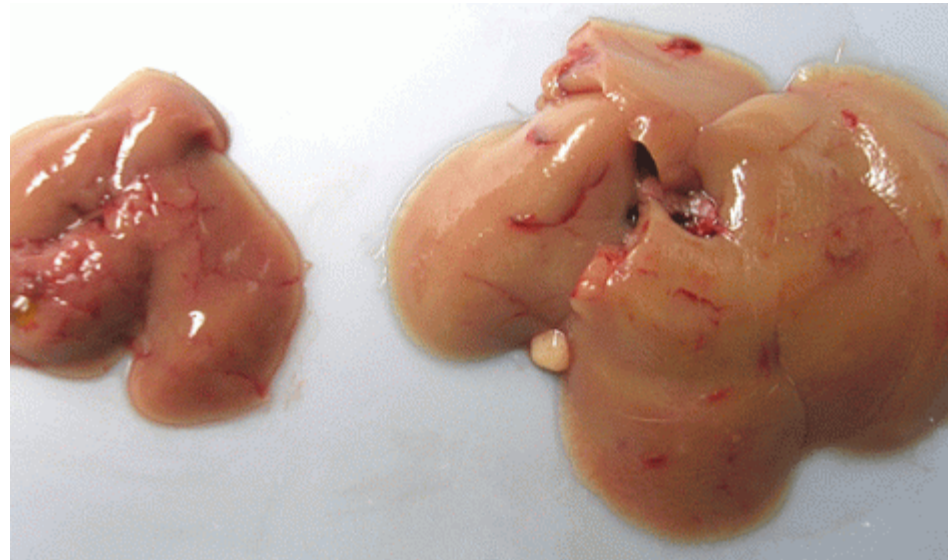
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**Mouse
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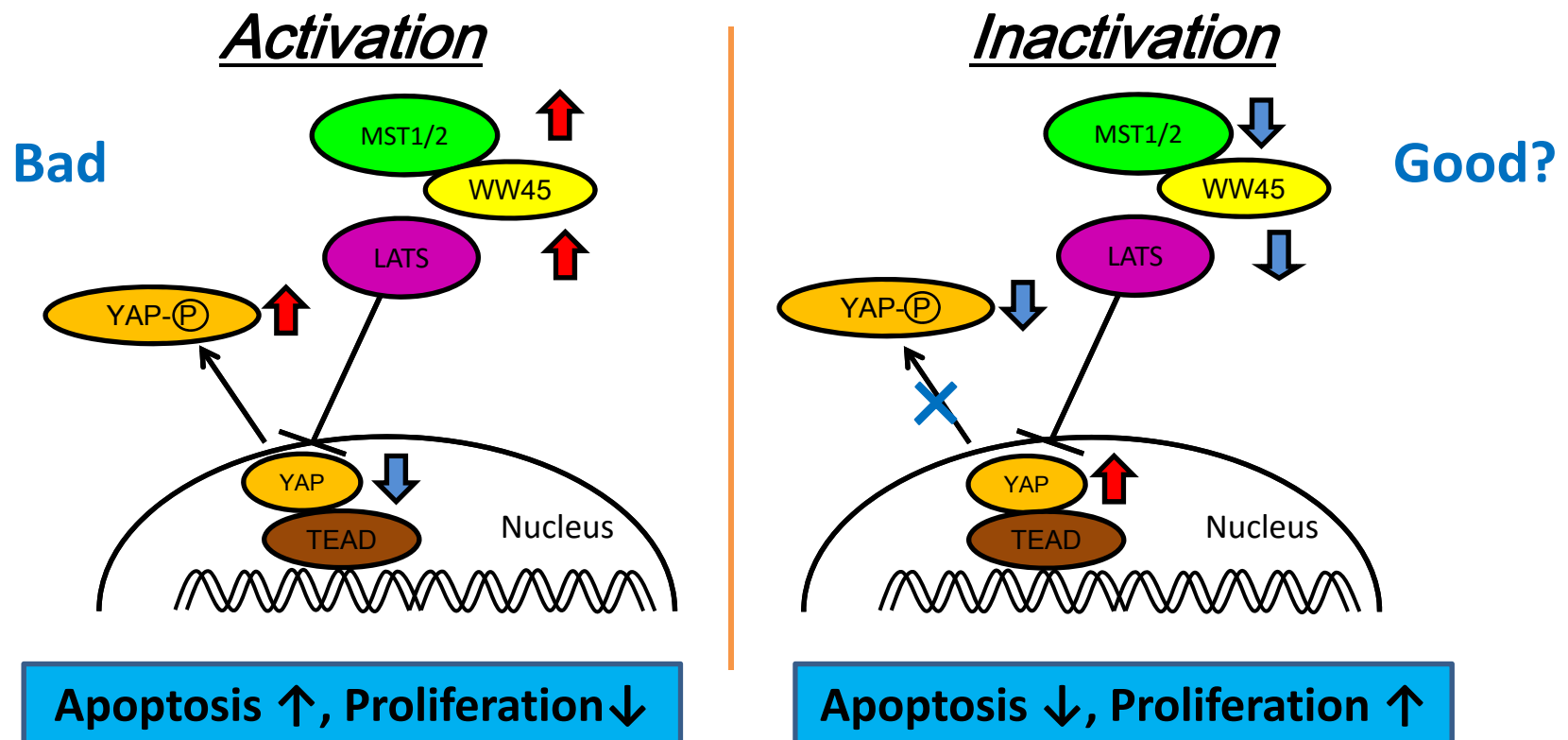
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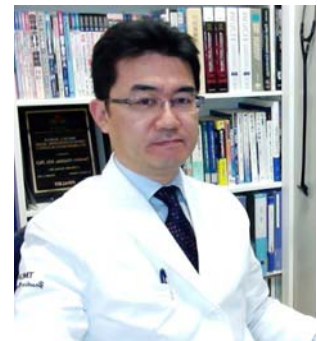
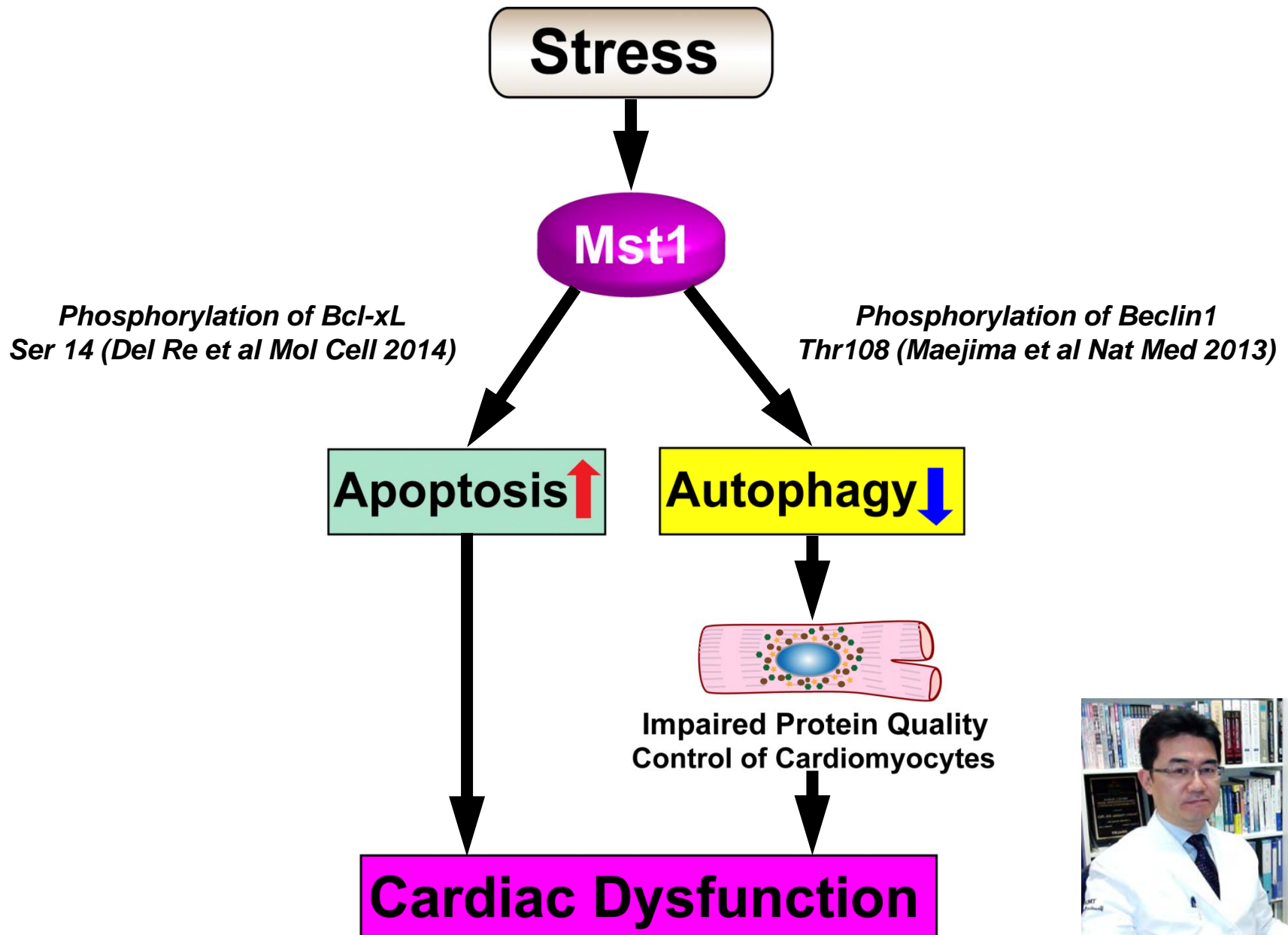
*The organ enlargement phenotype in Drosophila
is reminiscent of Hippo*



Hippo Pathway

- Hippo Pathway is an important regulator of organ growth through modulation of cell proliferation and apoptosis.
- A major target of the Hippo Pathway is YAP, a transcription factor cofactor, that is inactivated by the Hippo pathway.



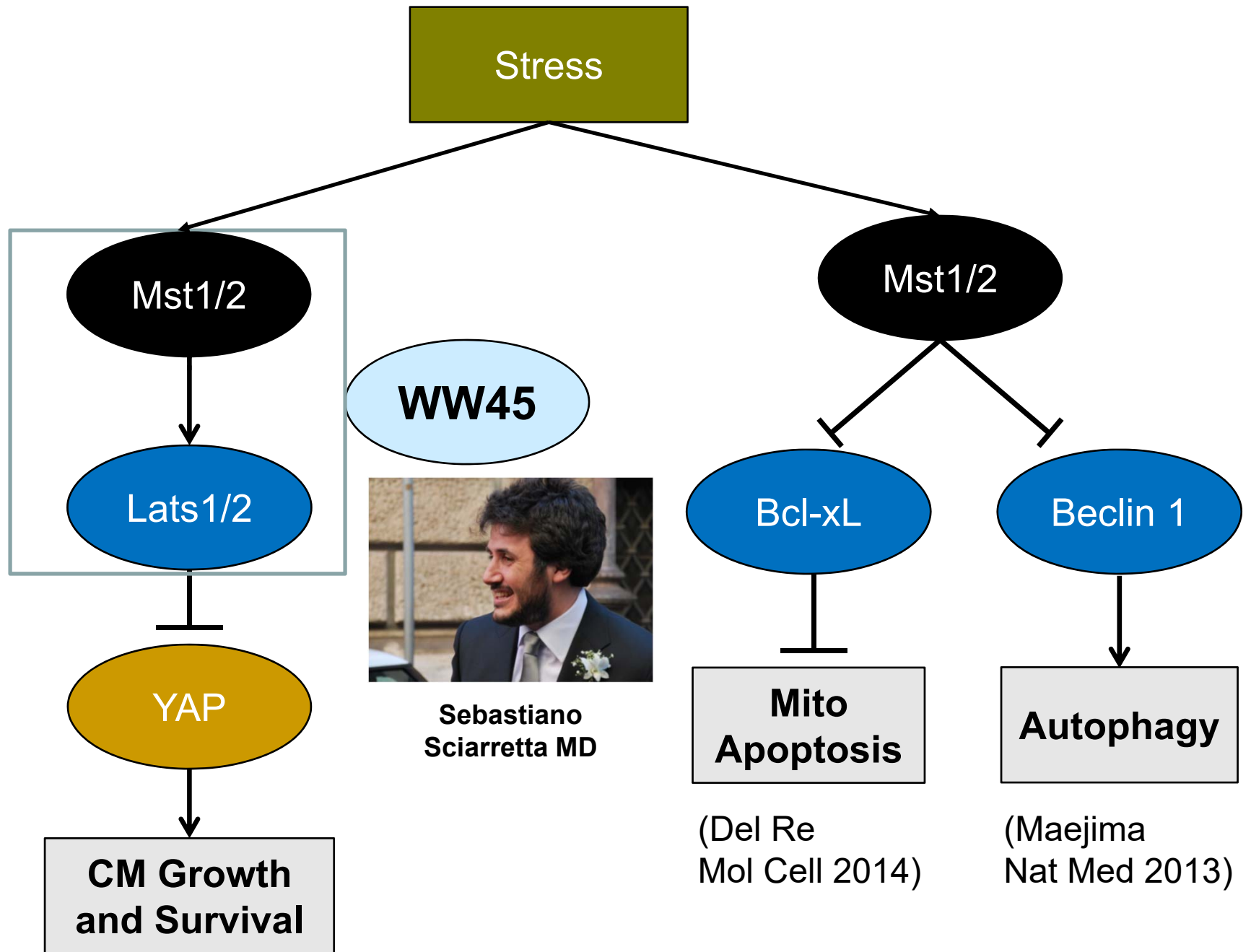


(Maejima et al 2013, Nat Med)

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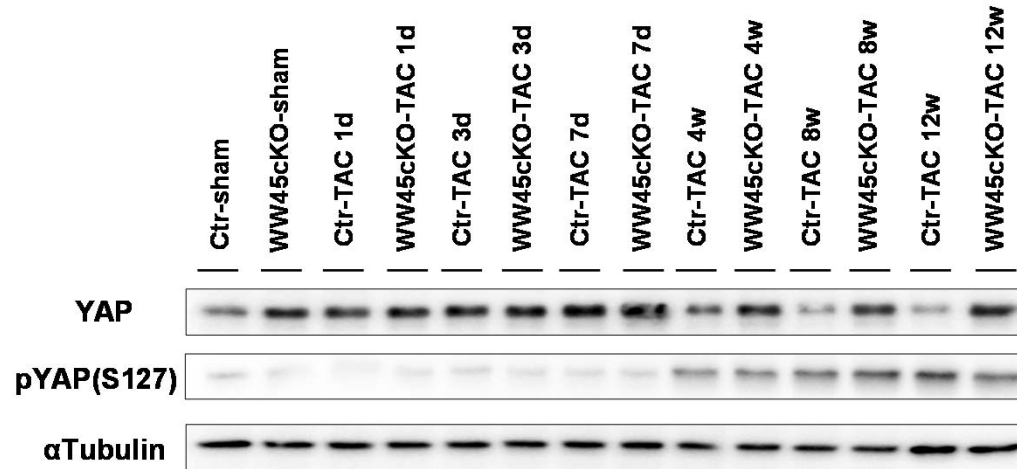
- **Why does the adult heart have the Hippo pathway, an apparently *harmful* signaling mechanism for cardiomyocytes, despite that its capacity for regeneration is limited?**

WW45 (Sav) regulates canonical Hippo pathway

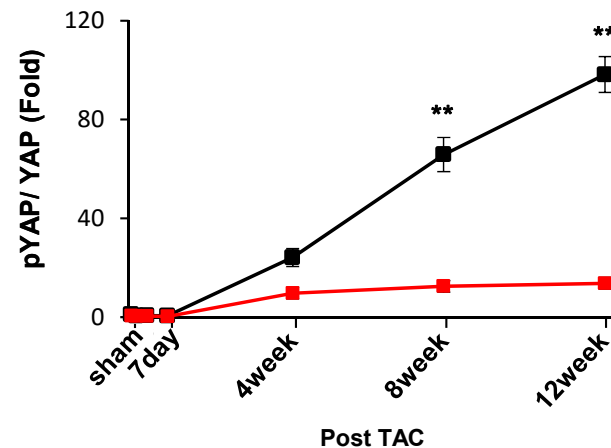
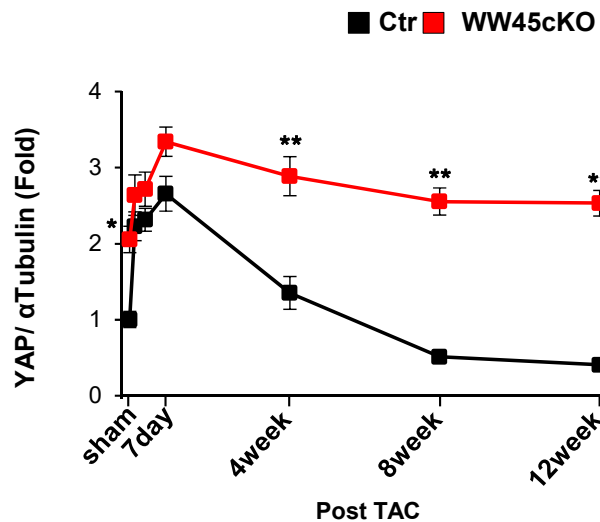


YAP is persistently activated in hWW45 KO mice during pressure overload

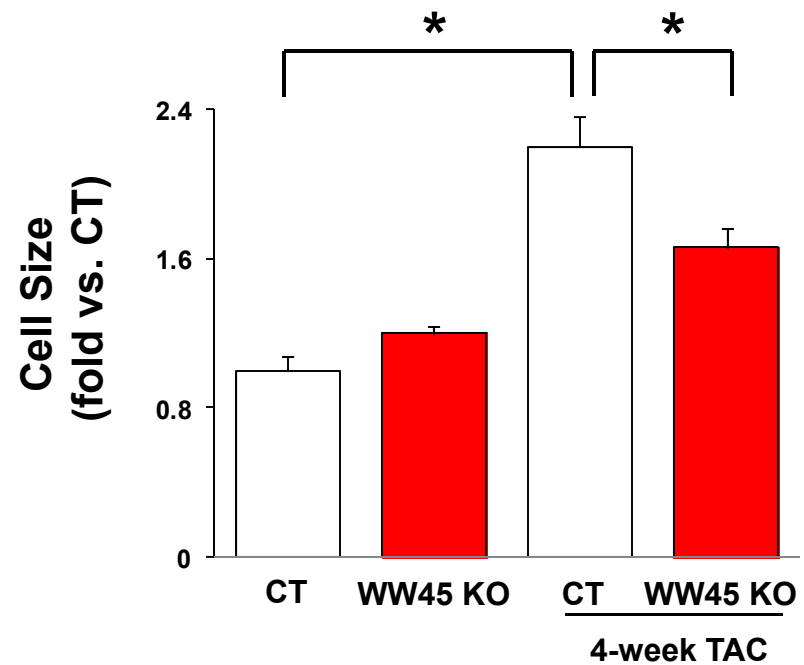
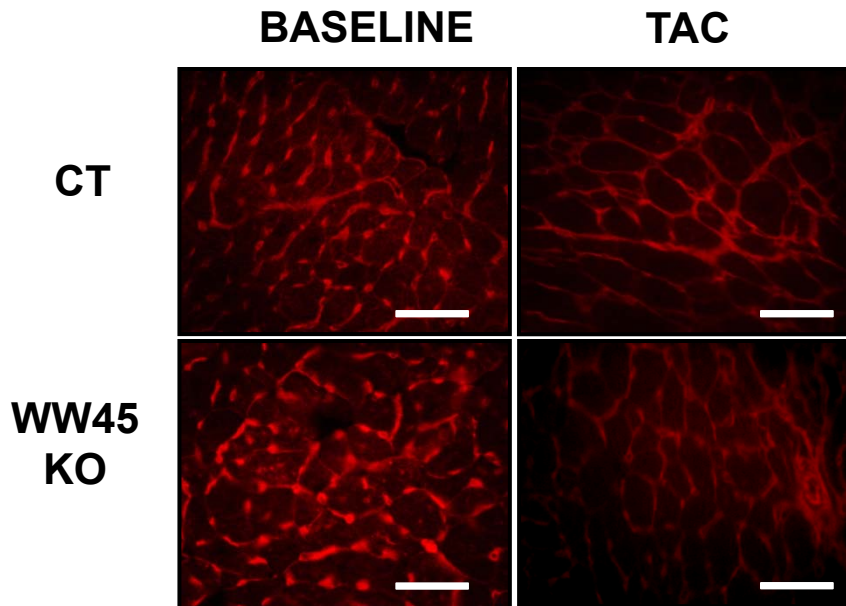
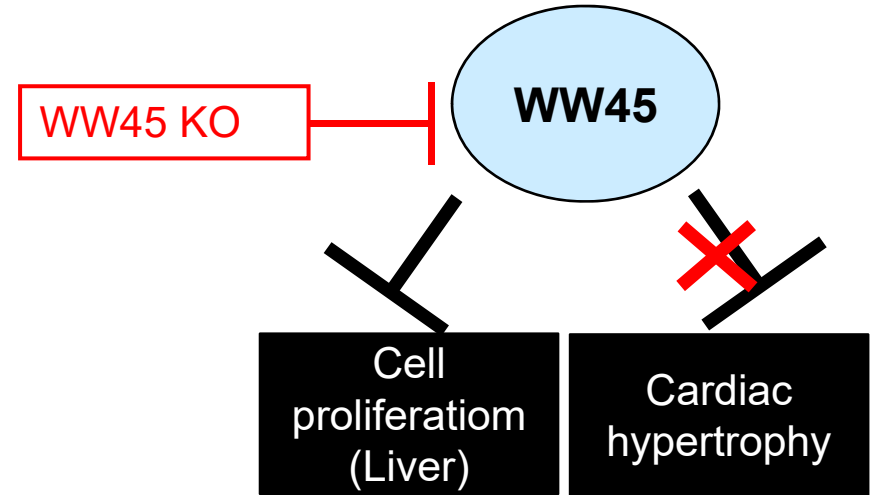
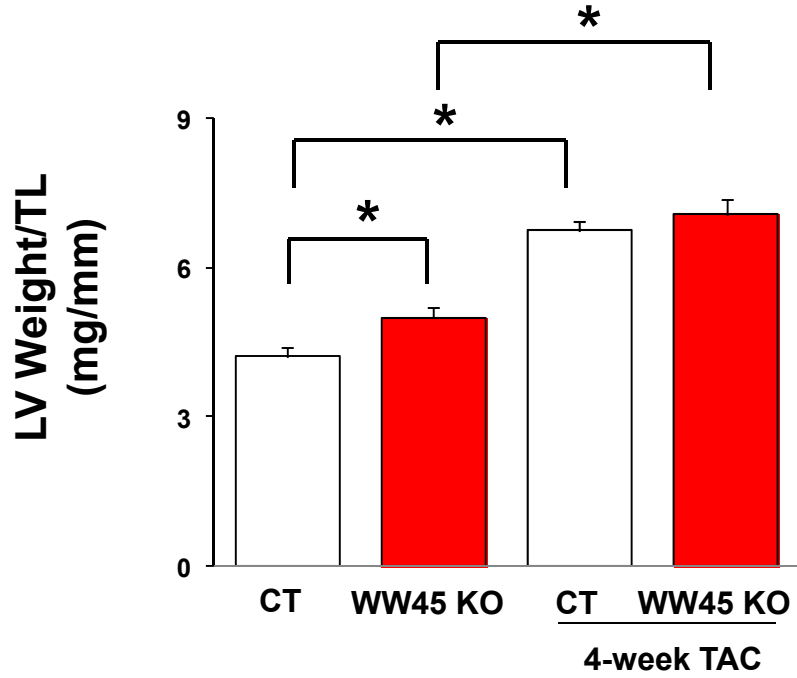
hWW45 acts as a scaffold of the Hippo pathway in the heart



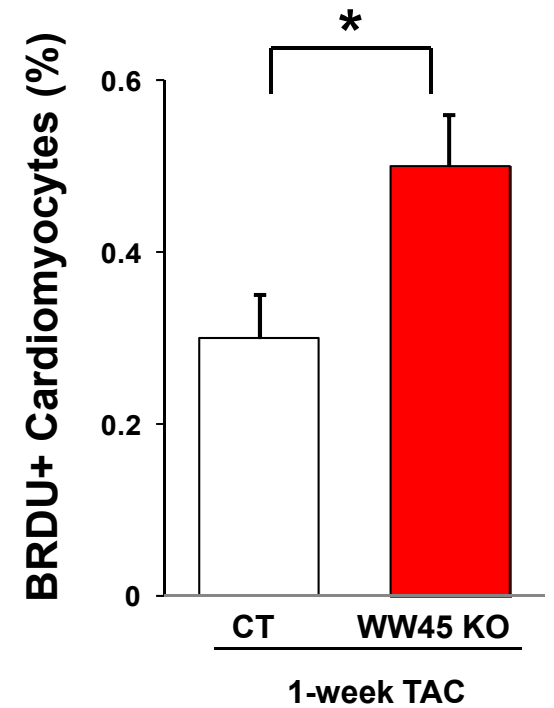
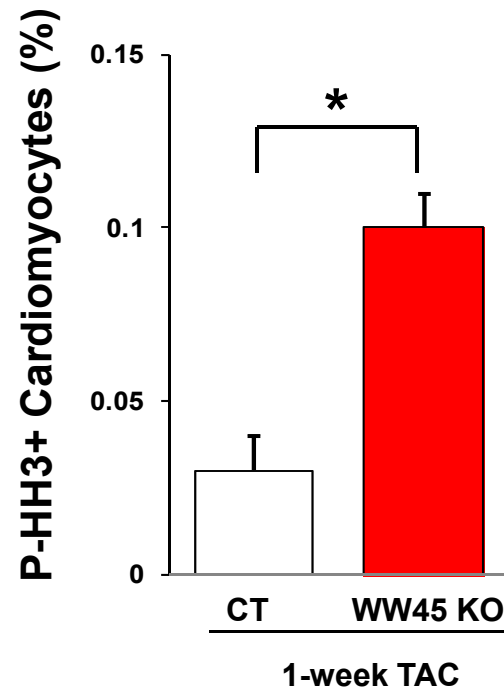
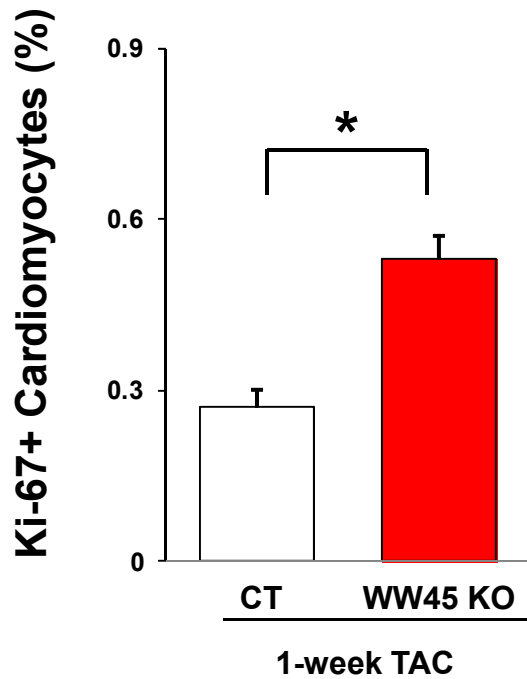
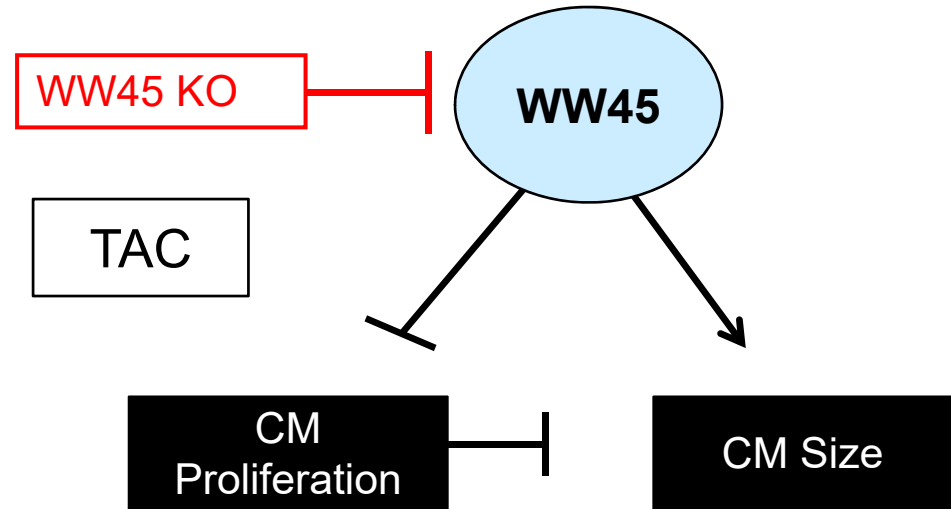
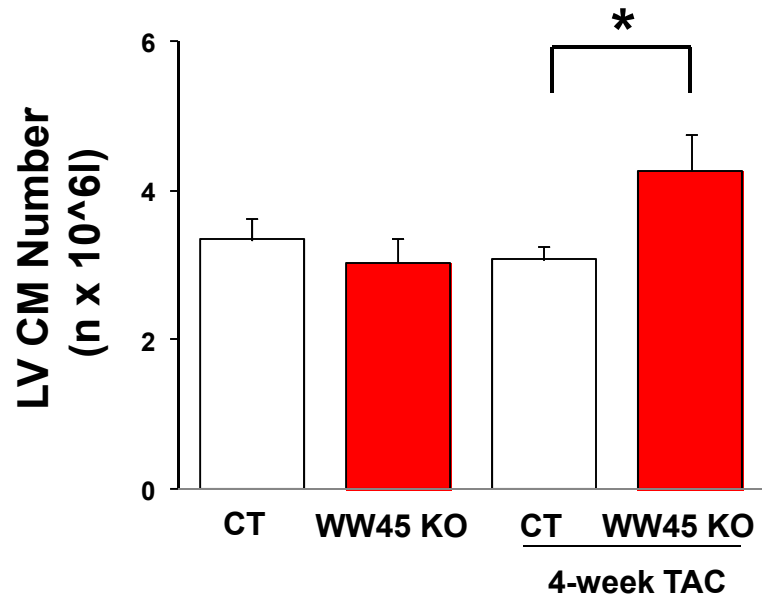
(Dr. Shohei Ikeda)



**WW45 Deletion does not Induce Hypertrophy
but Is Associated with Reduced Cell Size during Pressure Overload**

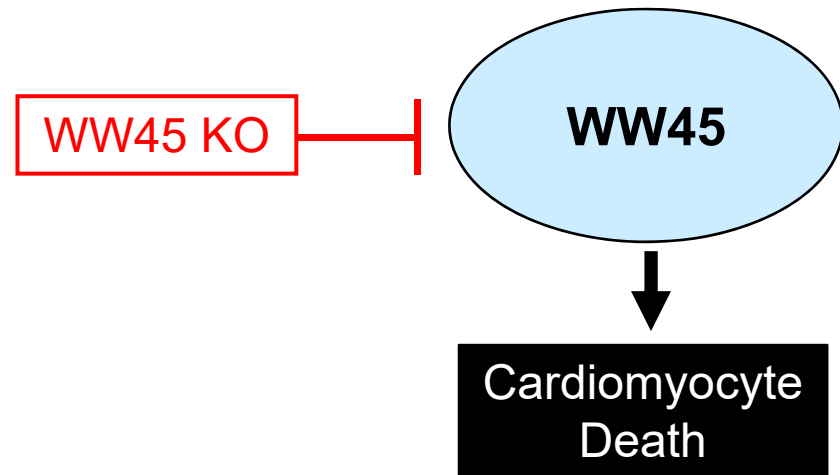
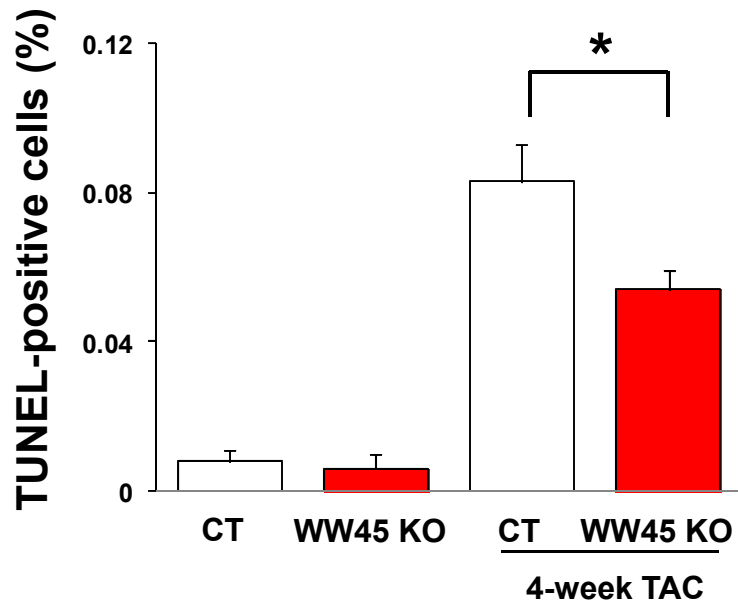


WW45 Restrains CM Proliferation during Pressure Overload



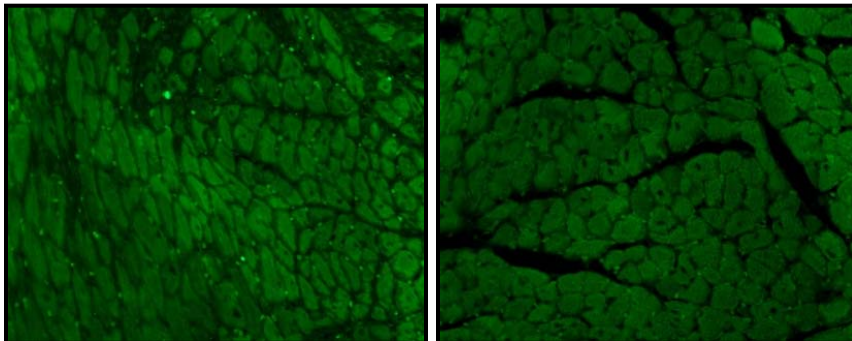
WW45 Deletion Inhibits Apoptosis during Pressure Overload

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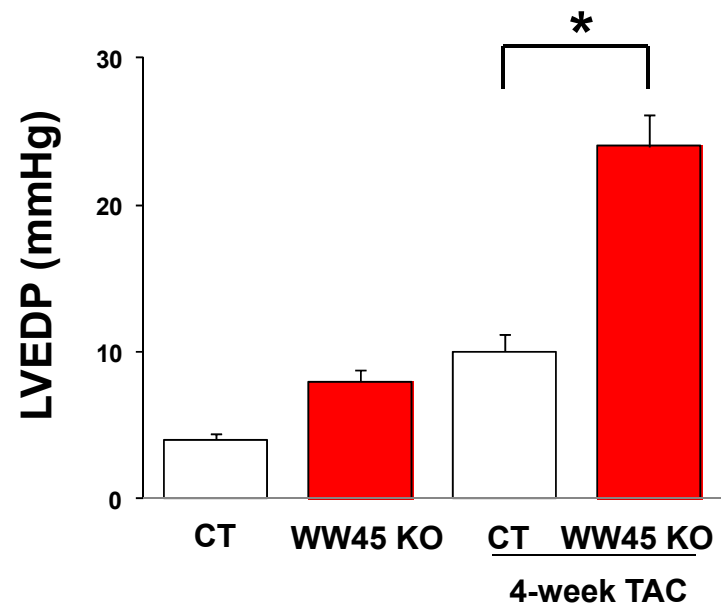
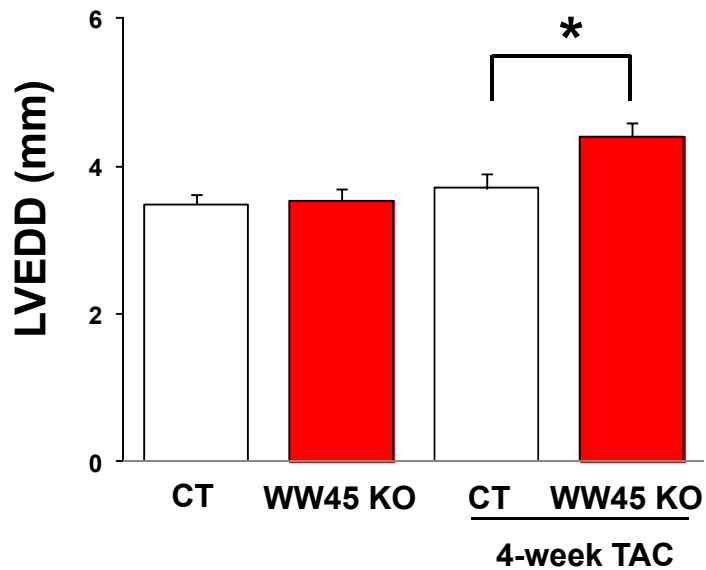
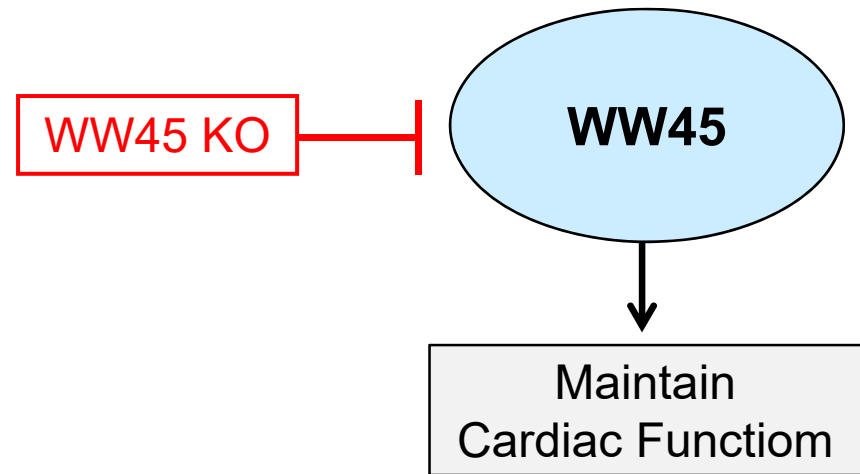
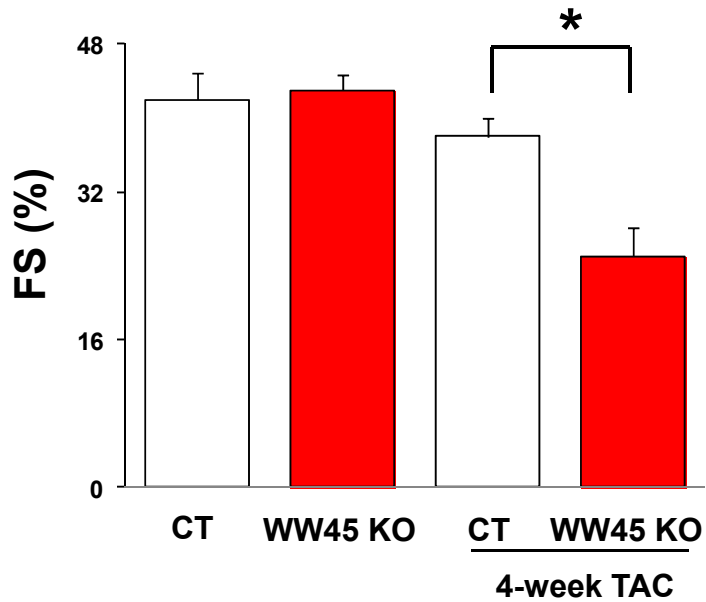
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WW45 KO

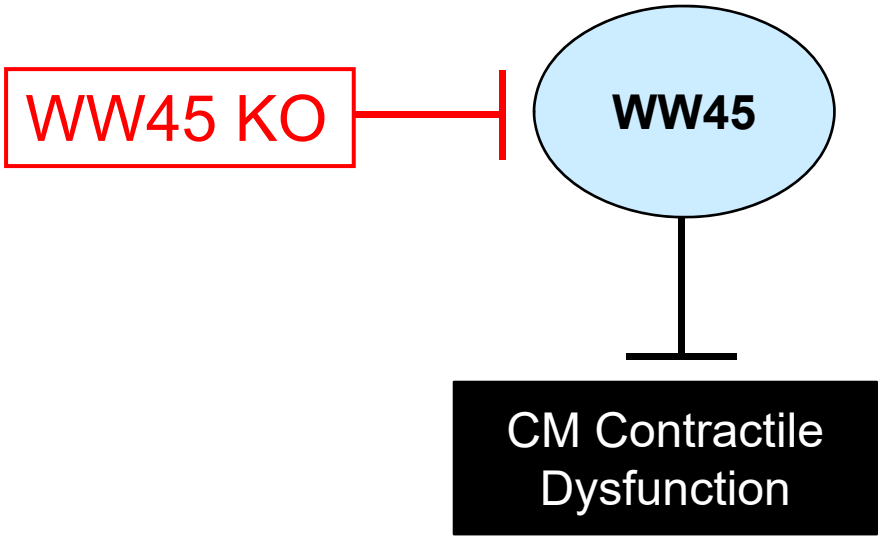
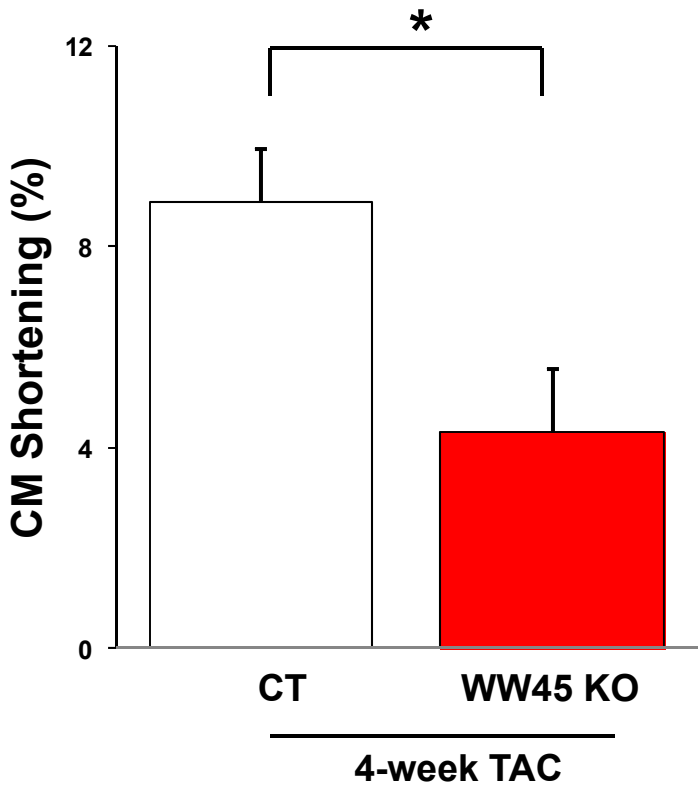


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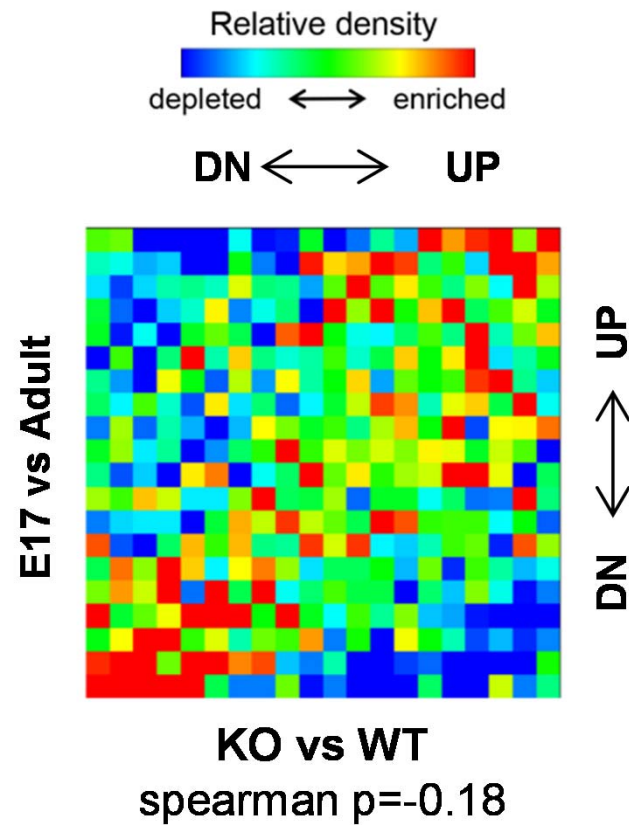
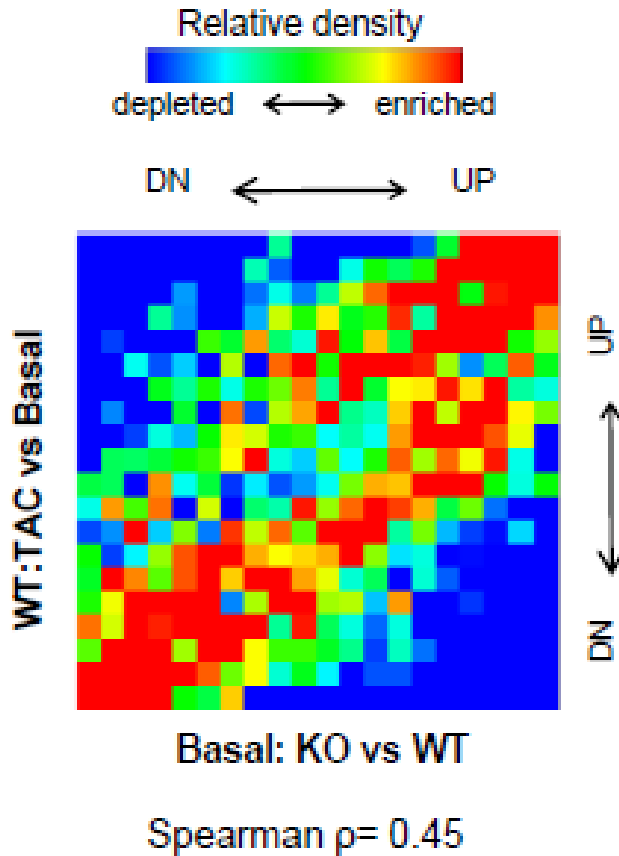
WW45 Deletion is Associated with LV Systolic Dysfunction and Dilation during Pressure Overload



WW45 Deletion is Associated with Reduced Cardiomyocyte Contractility during Pressure Overload

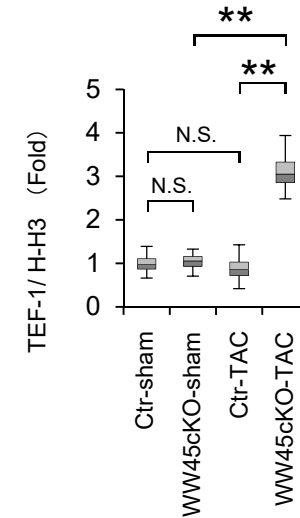
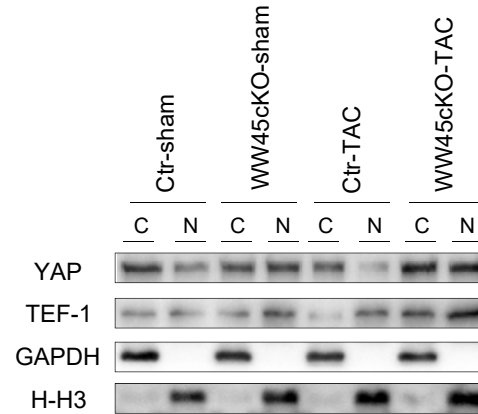
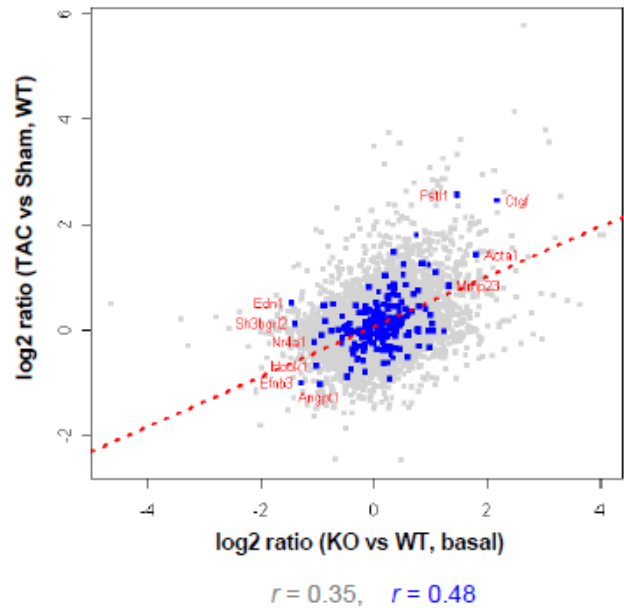


WW45 Disruption Induces a Transcription Profile Similar to Pressure Overloaded and Fetal Heart

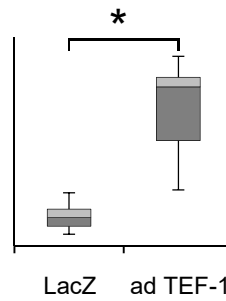
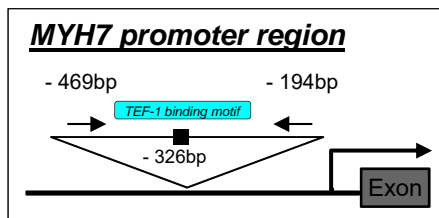


WW45 Disruption Induces a Significant Upregulation of TEF-1-Dependent Genes in the Presence of PO

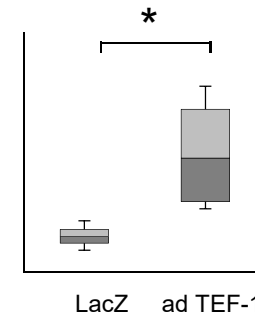
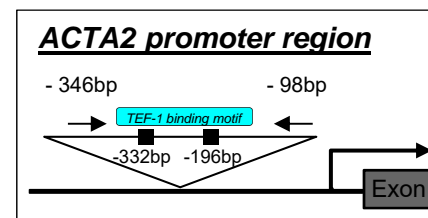
TEF-1-dependent genes (blue)



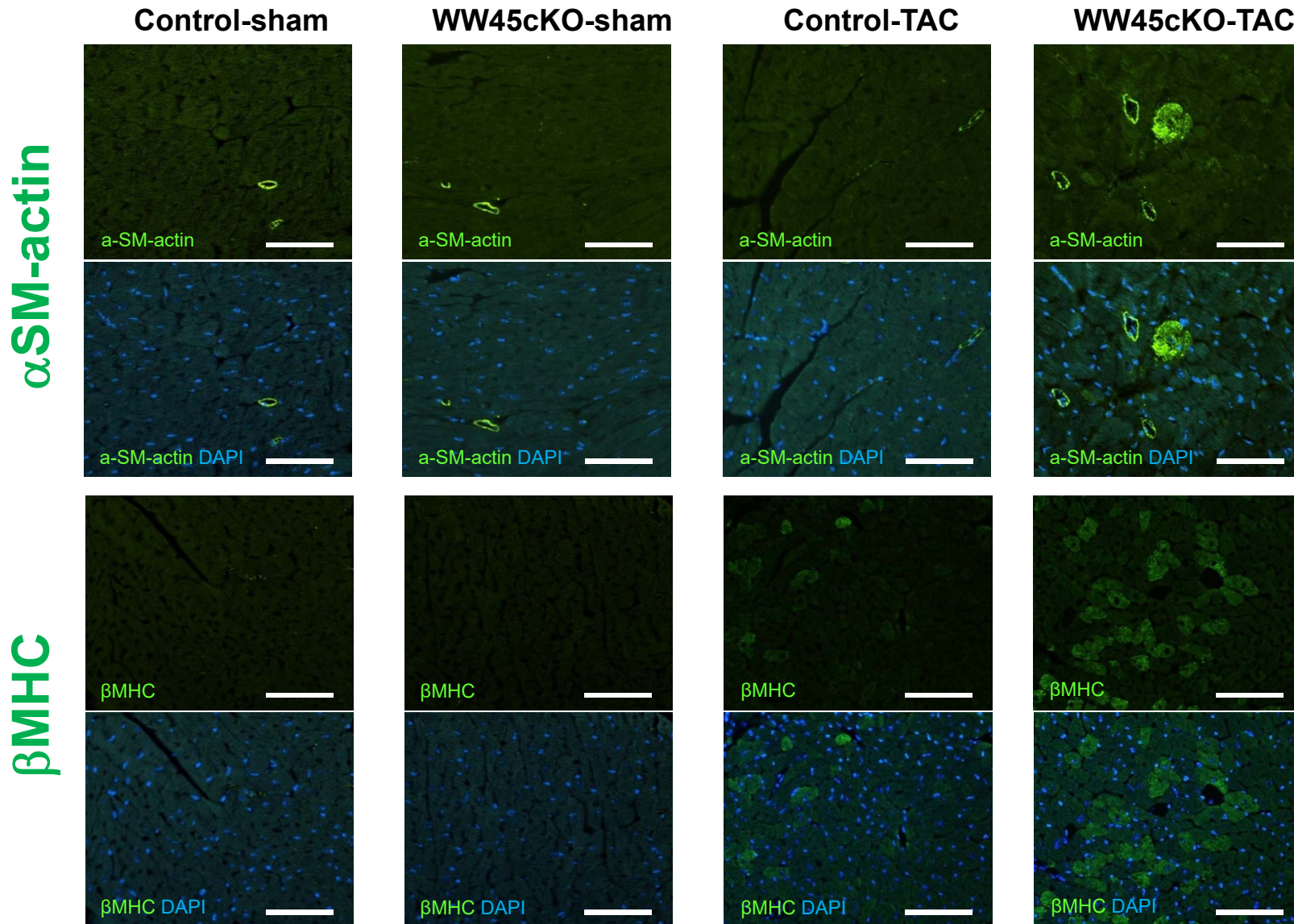
MYH7 promoter relative expression (CHIP:YAP)



ACTA2 promoter relative expression (CHIP:YAP)



WW45 cKO mice shows dedifferentiated CMs after TAC: re-expression fetal genes (α SM-actin, β MHC)



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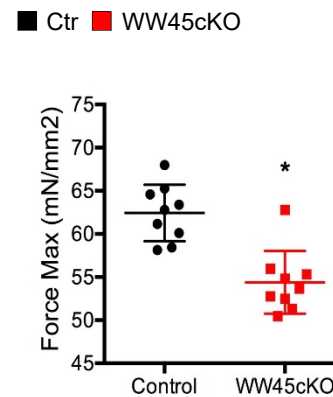
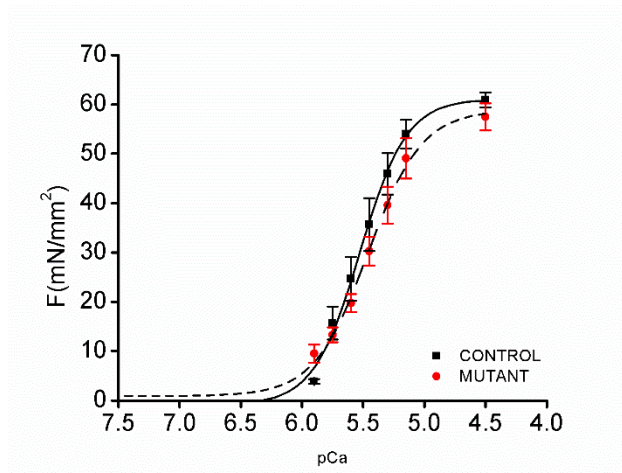
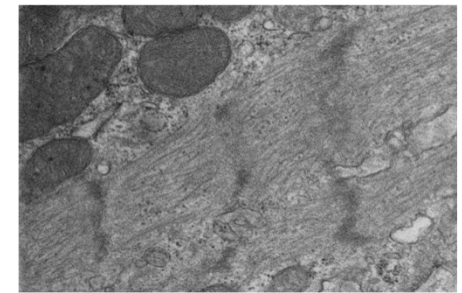
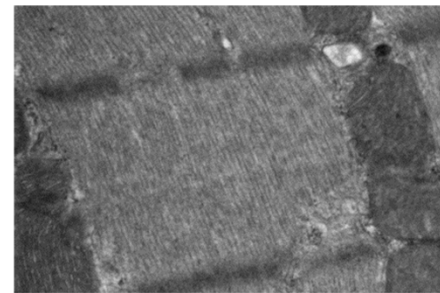
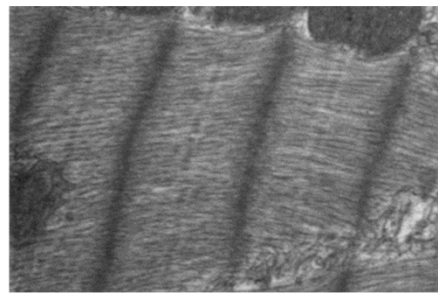
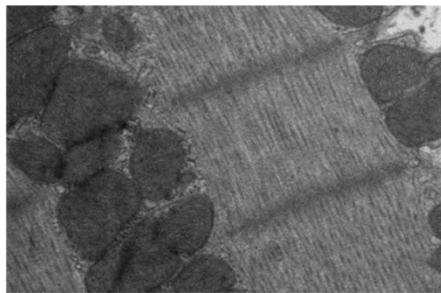
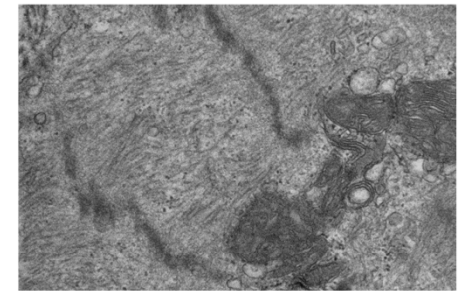
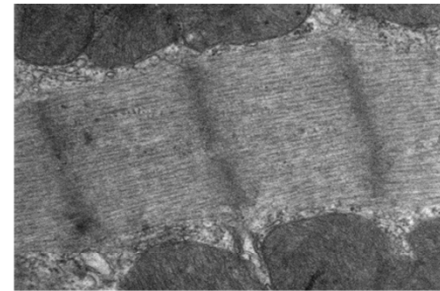
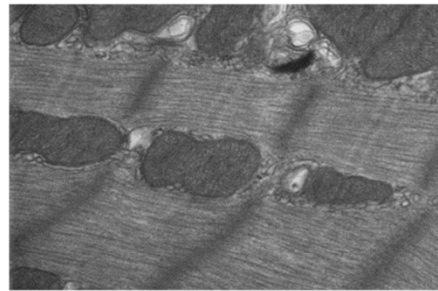
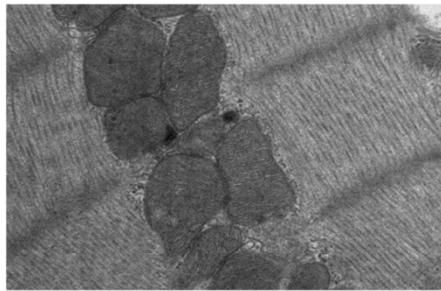
WW45 Disruption Induces Sarcomeric Disarray in Response to Pressure Overload

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WW45cKO-sham

Control-TAC

WW45cKO-TAC



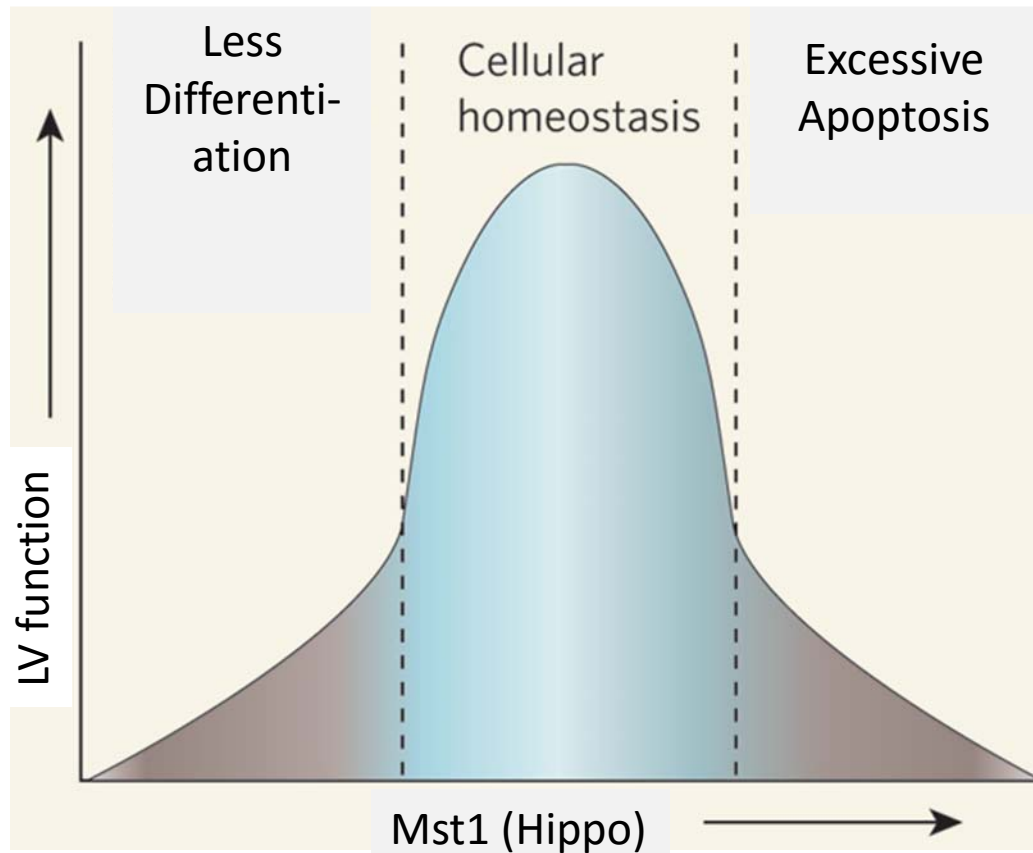
(Dr. S Sadayappan)

Summary

- **The Hippo pathway is activated by myocardial stress, induces death of cardiomyocytes, and inhibits autophagy, thereby promoting myocardial injury and heart failure.**
- **The Hippo pathway plays an essential role in maintaining differentiation of cardiomyocytes to maintain contraction against pressure overload.**

Dose-dependent functions of the Hippo pathway in the heart

Hippo may exist in the heart to maintain cardiomyocyte differentiation



Too little Mst1

Too much YAP

Too much Mst1

Too little YAP

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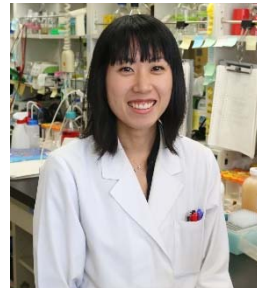
Hippo pathway



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