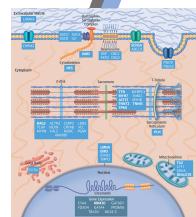
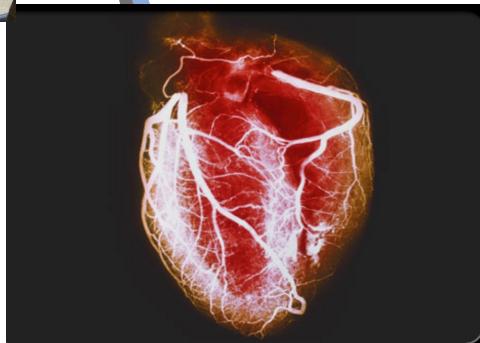


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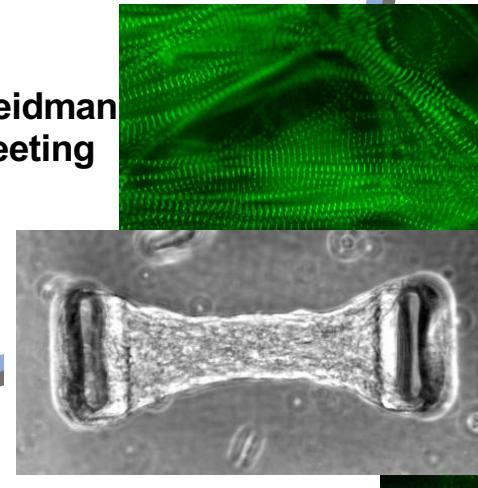
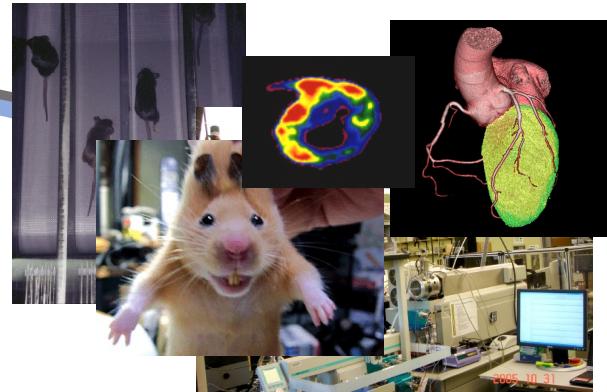
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## snRNAseq Analyses of Human and Mouse FXN Tissues

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# Dilated (DCM) and FXN Cardiomyopathies

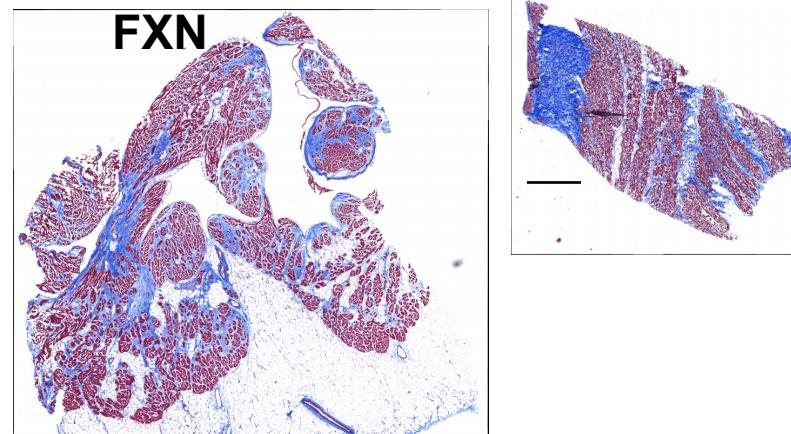
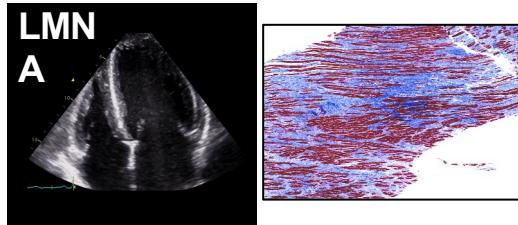
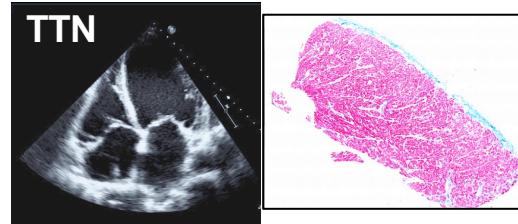
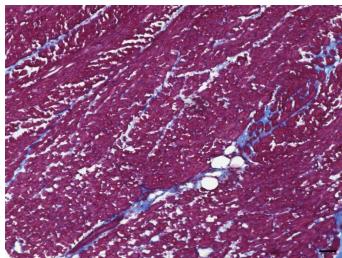
Enlarged LV Chamber  
Reduced Contractile Performance  
Increased Myocardial Fibrosis  
Propel Heart Failure  
Most Common Cause for Cardiac Tx



Common Final Pathway



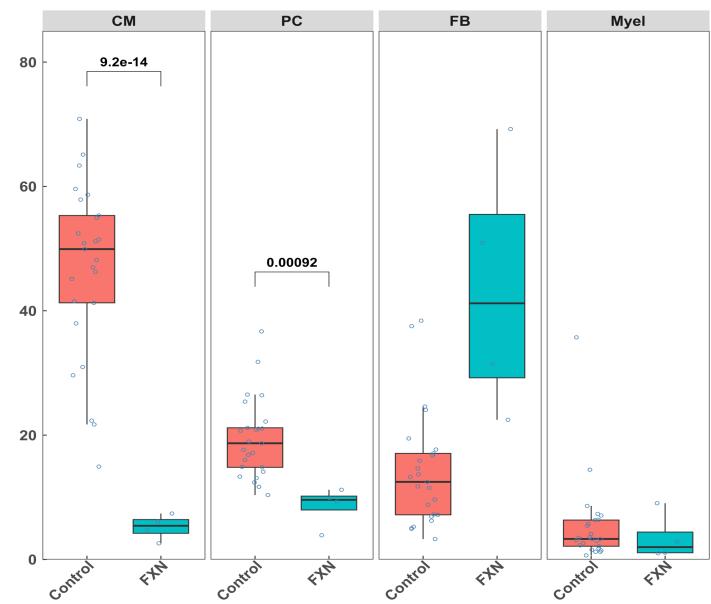
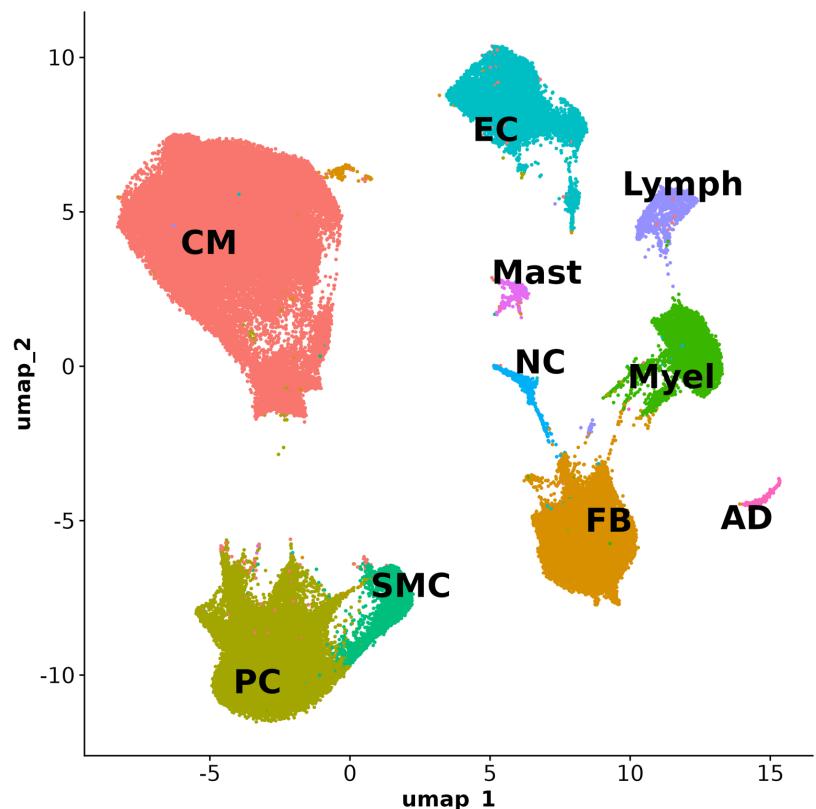
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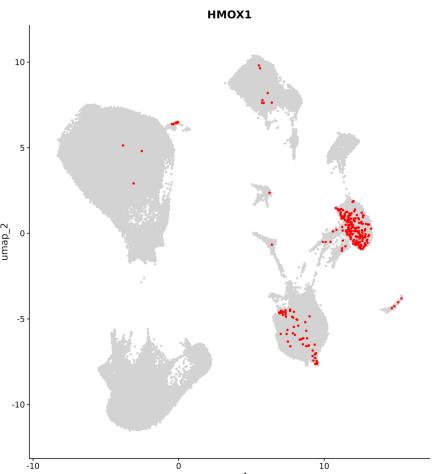
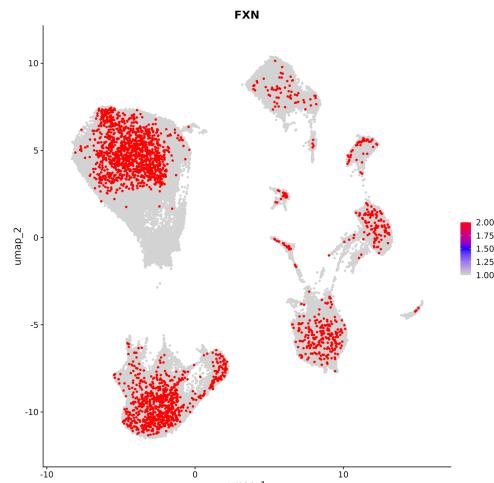
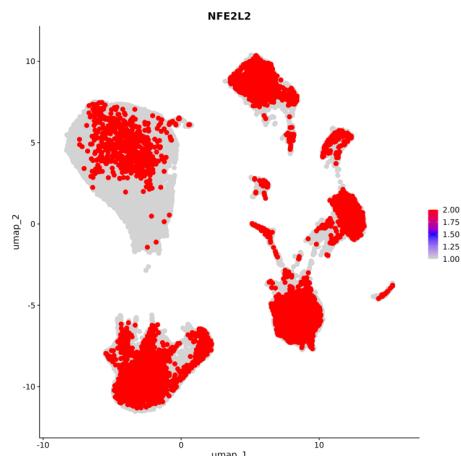
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# snRNAseq of human FXN deficient and normal cardiac ventricles

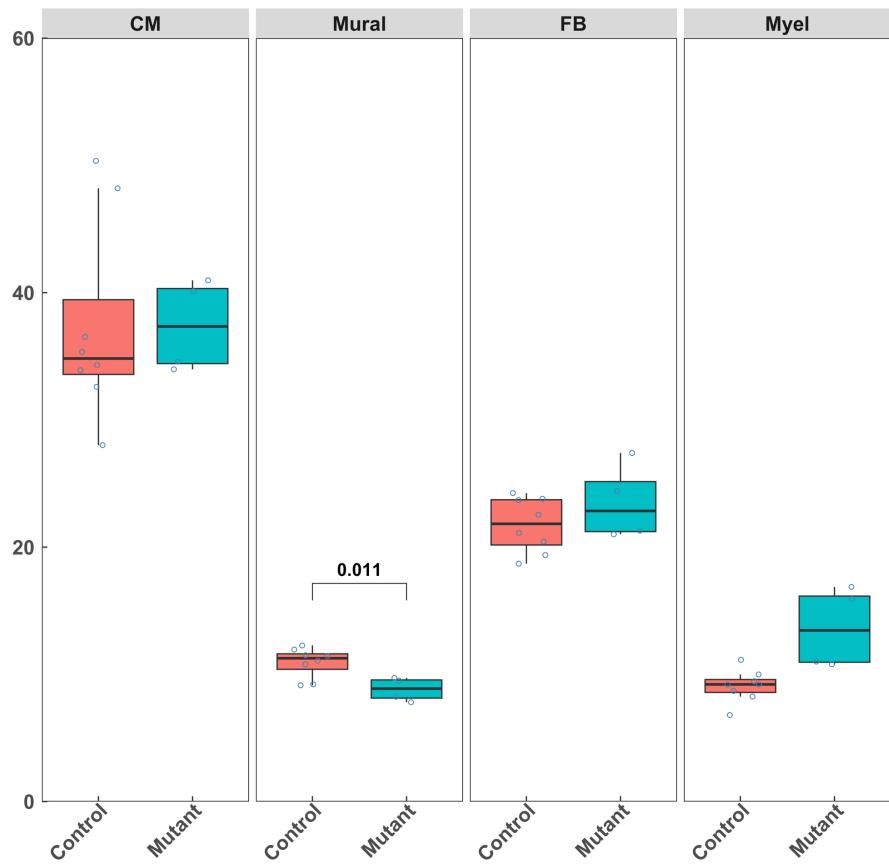
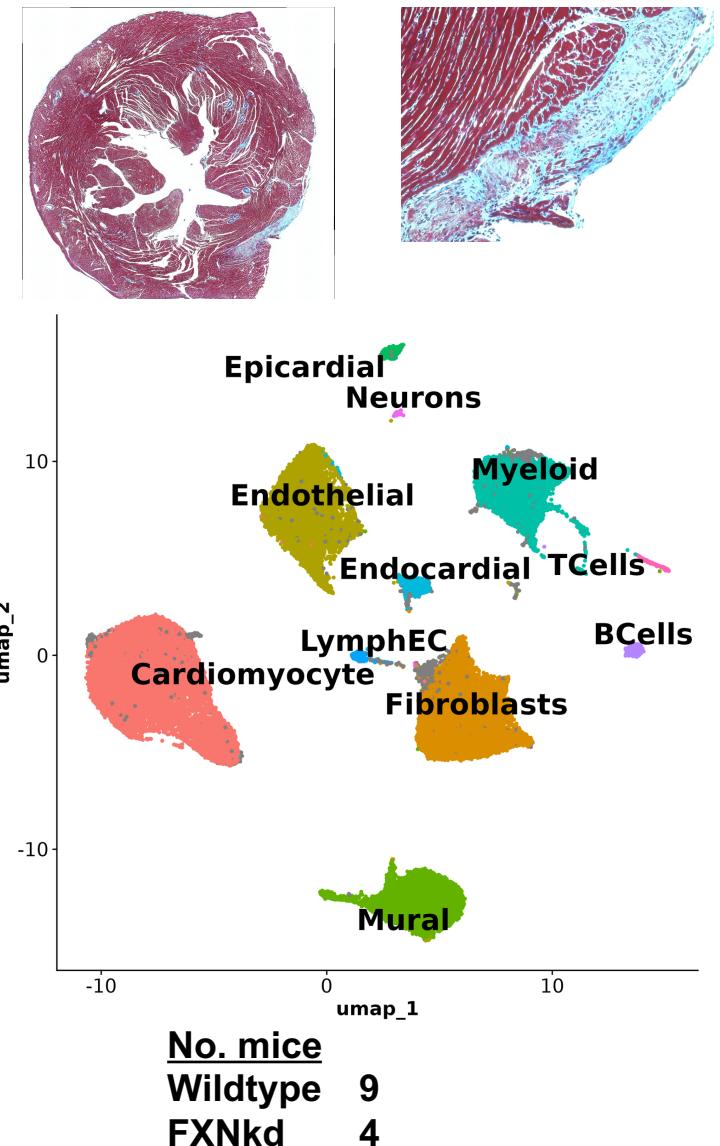


## Samples:

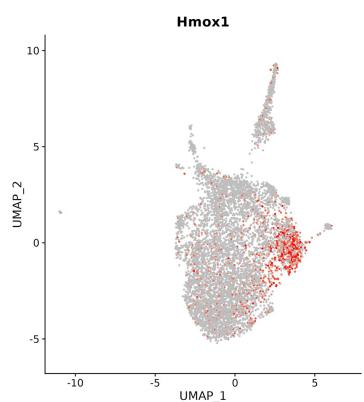
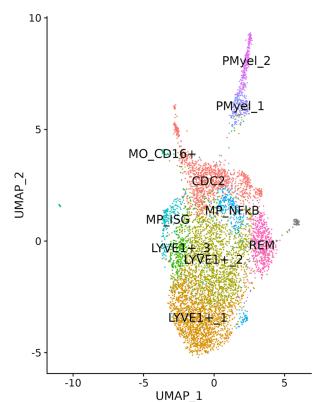
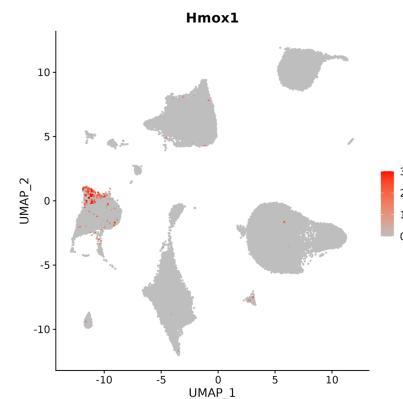
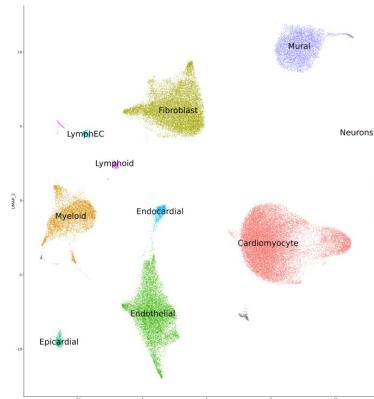
11	RV	Normal
14	LV	Normal
2	RV	FXN
2	LV	FXN



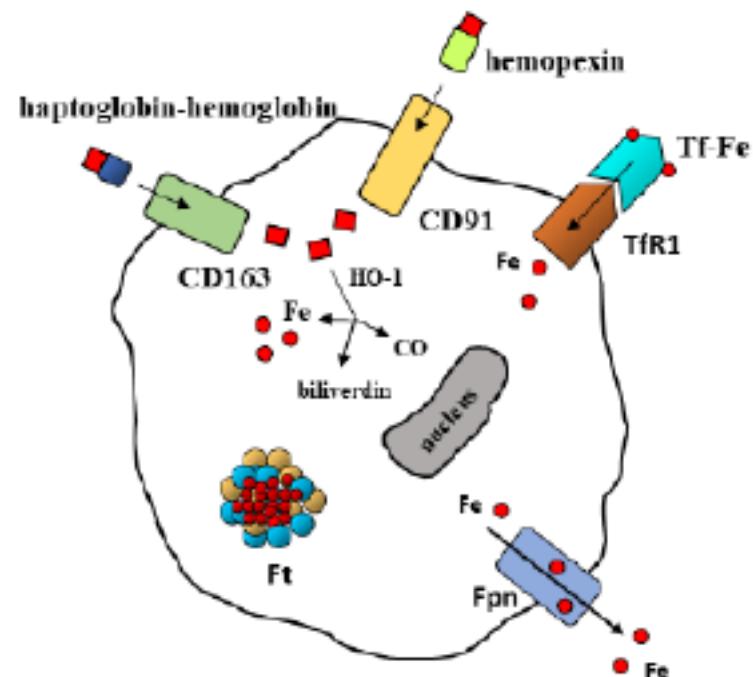
# snRNAseq analyses of FXN kd mice



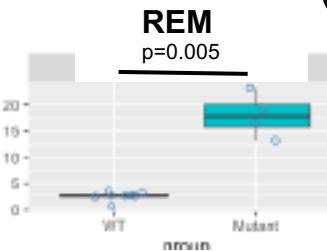
# **Increased scavenger cells (REM) in FXN deficient tissues**



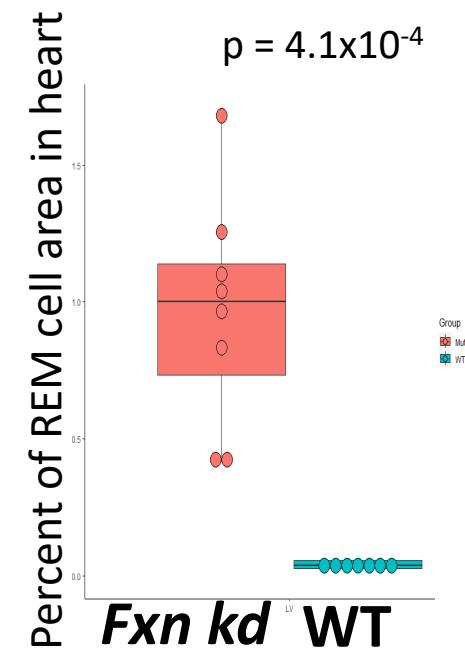
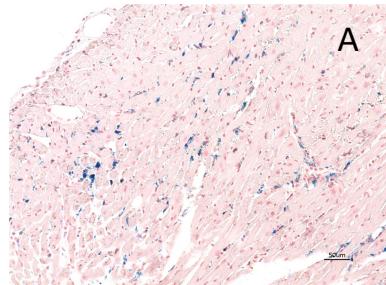
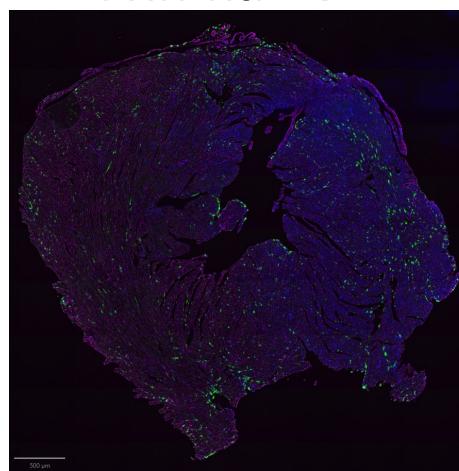
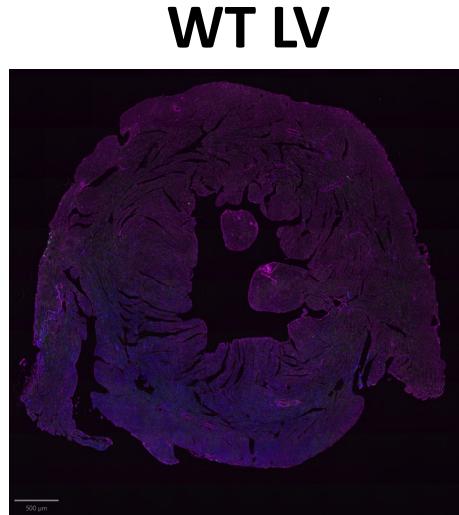
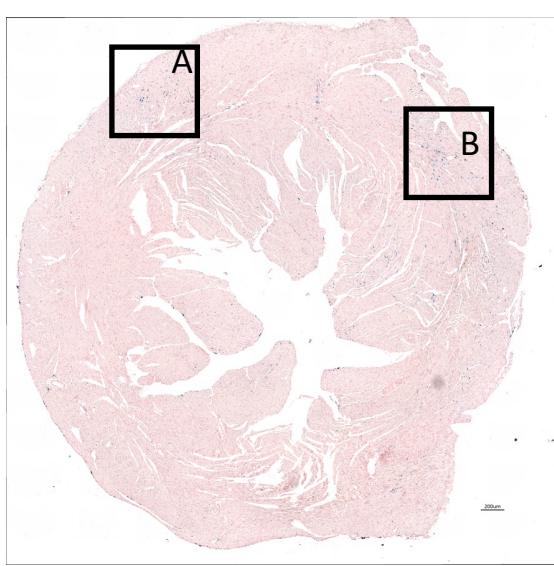
### B. Resident macrophages



(Recalcati and Cairo, 2021)

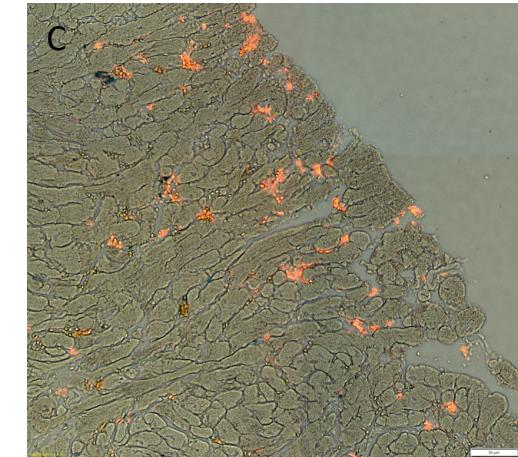
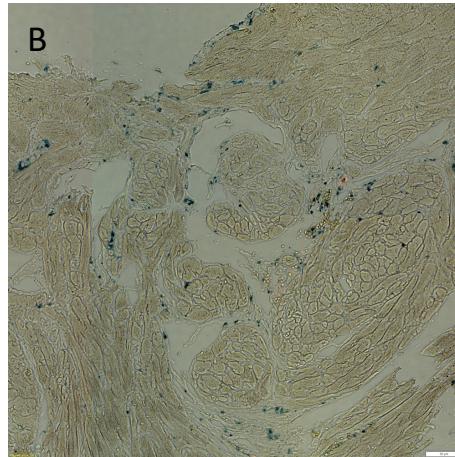
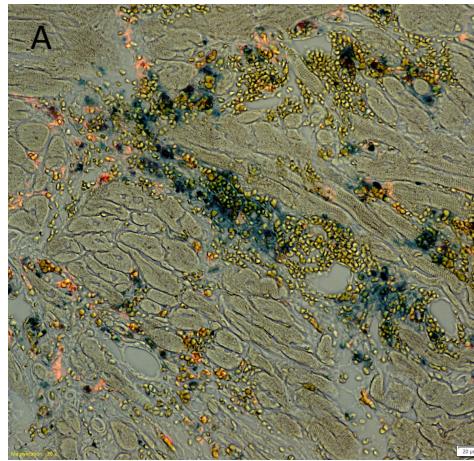
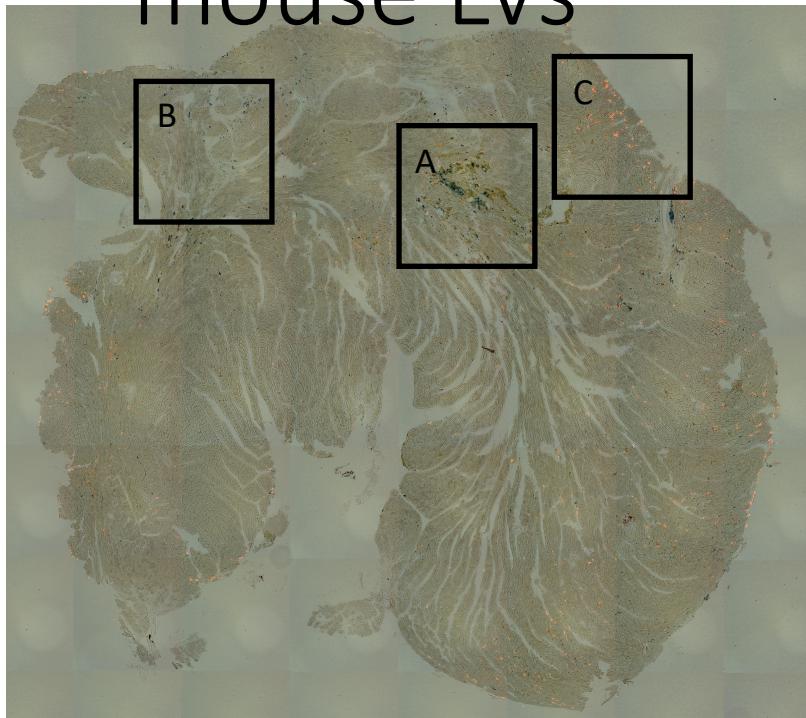


# REM cells (HMOX1) and iron deposits (Prussian blue) in patches in *Fxn kd* LVs



7 WT and 8 *Fxn* null mice  
2-3 sections/mouse

# Iron staining doesn't always co-localize with REM cells in *Fxn* null mouse LVs



HMOX1  
Iron

8 mice  
2-3 sections/mouse

# Data not shown

- snRNAseq objects (Increased REM cells in all FXN):
  - Mouse quadriceps: 2 WT, 2 FXN kd
  - Mouse diaphragm: 5 WT, 5 FXN kd
  - Human 'back muscle': 14 FXN deficient  
5 normal
- Bulk RNAseq of nuclear RNA from FXN deficient patients (cardiac) demonstrates impaired FXN splicing (back up slide)

# Summary

- snRNAseq of human and mouse heart tissues identifies at least two major cellular consequences of FXN deficiency: a) Pericyte loss; b) REM cell increase
- Fe deposits and REM (HMOX1) cells exist separately and co-localize, but do not co-localize with fibrosis.
- Current hypothesis: 1) REM cells move dying cells/secreted Fe, HMOX1 pathway breaks down secreted Fe and excrete Fe, and REM cells ‘depart’.

2) Pericyte loss contributes to clinical features of FA.

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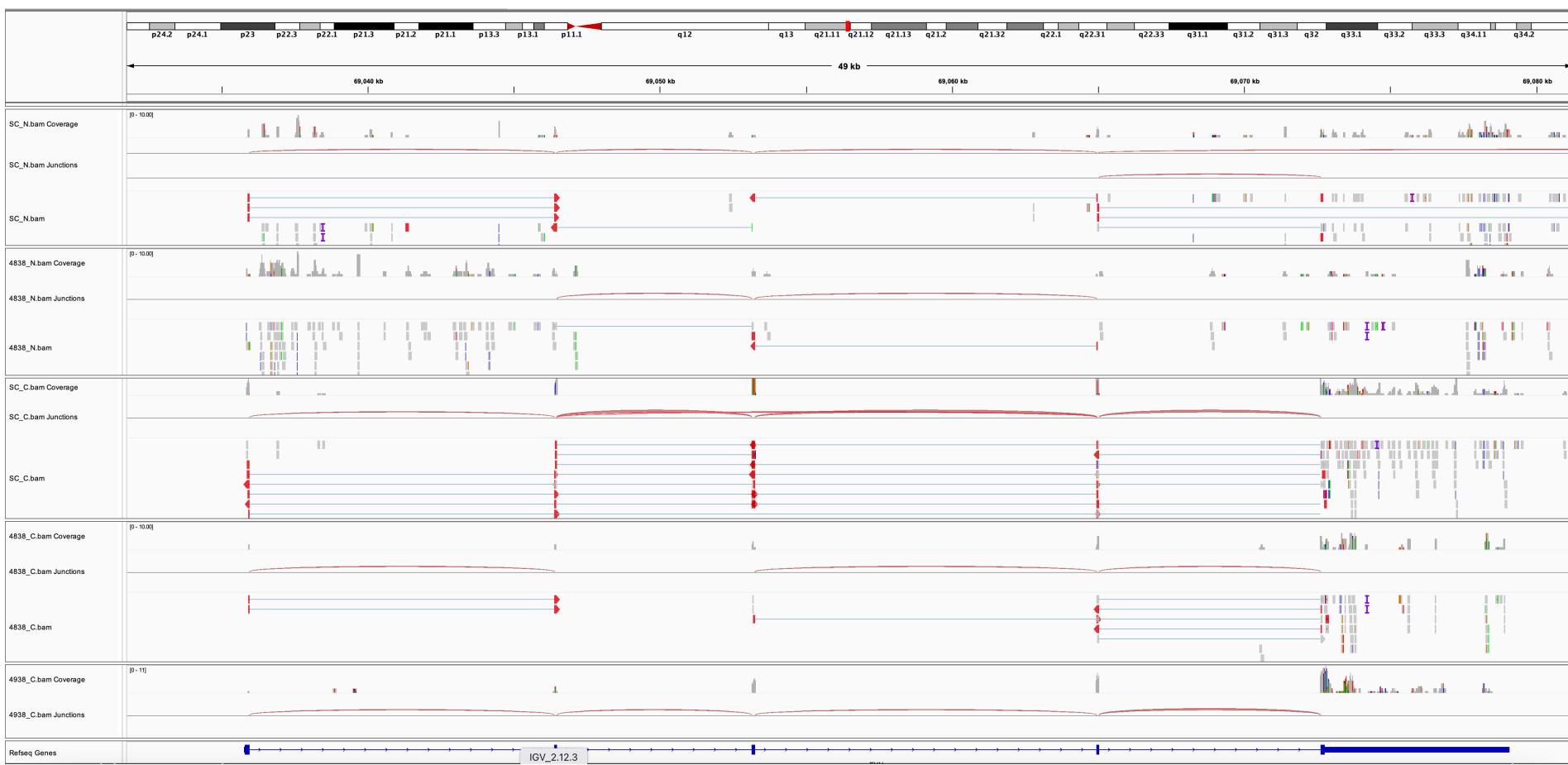
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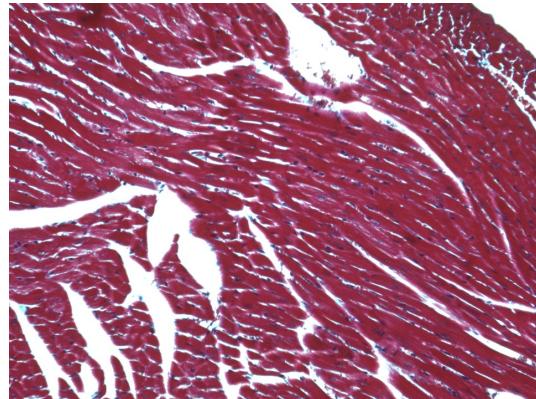
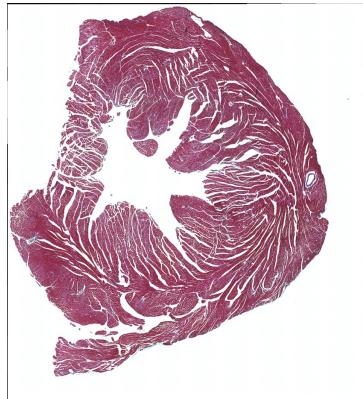


# Increased fibrosis in *Fxn* null

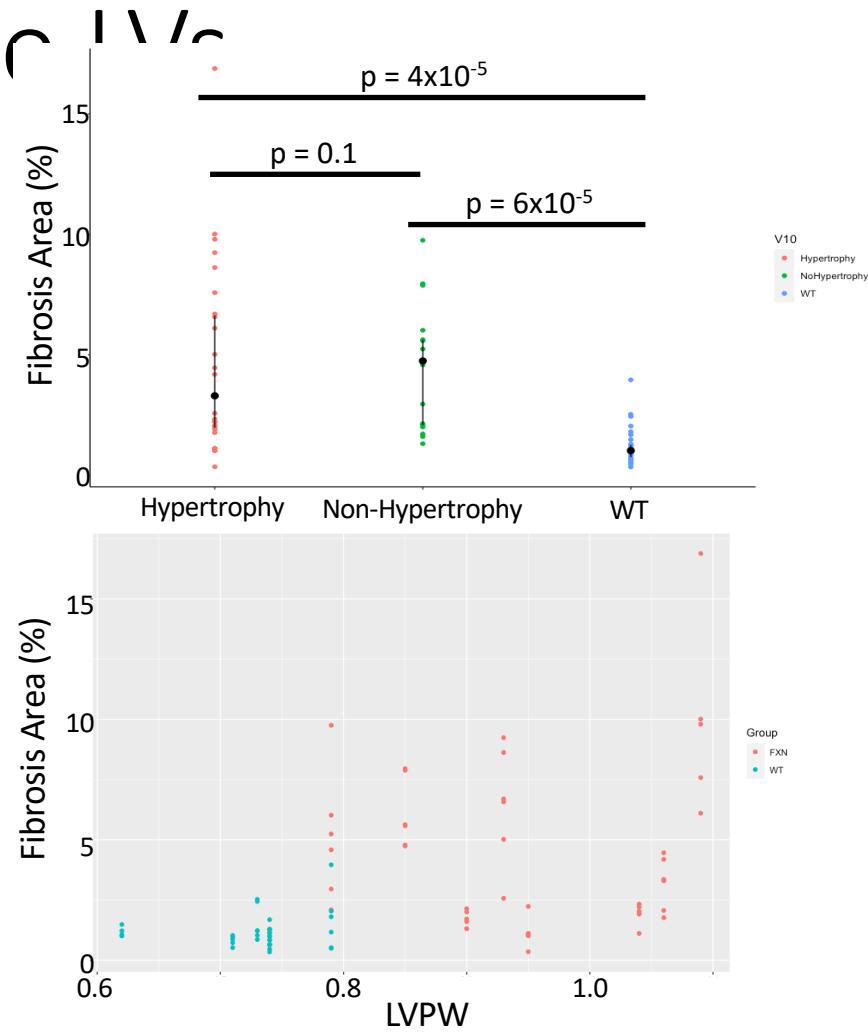
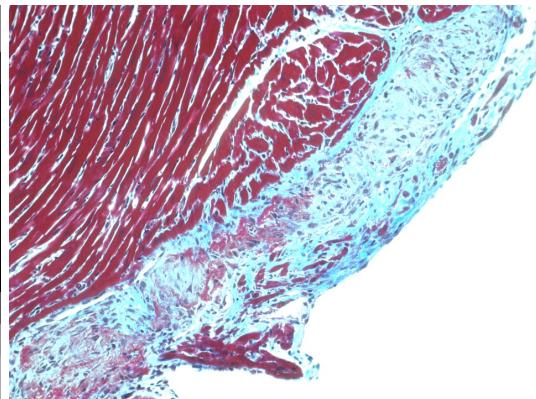
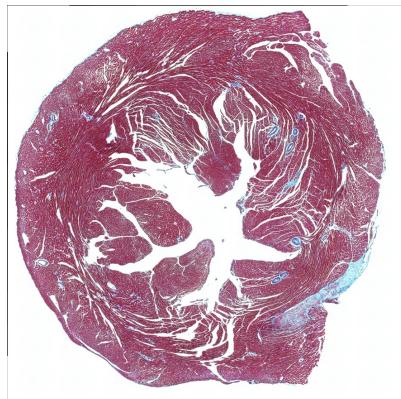
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WT: 7 mice  
Hypertrophy: 6 mice  
Non-Hypertrophy: 2 mice  
5-6 sections each

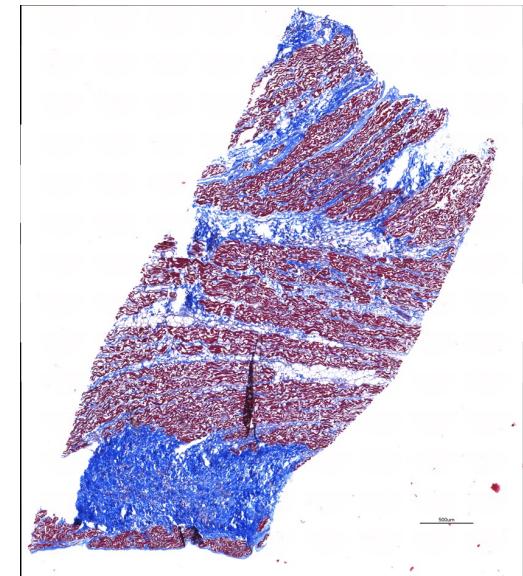
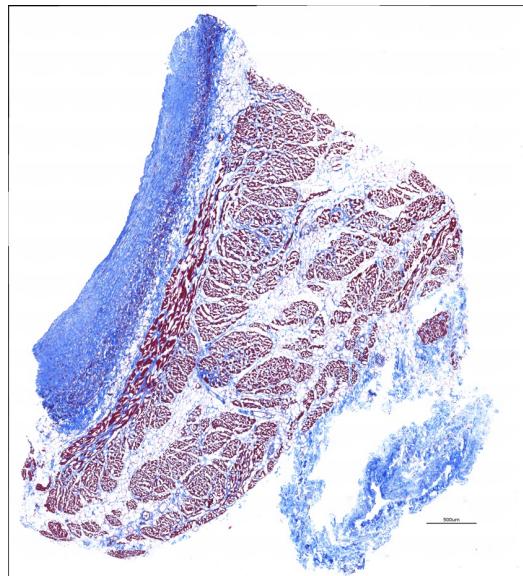
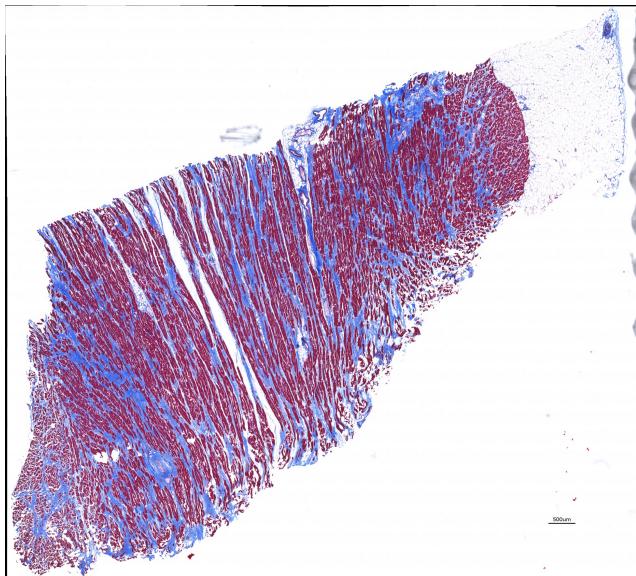
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*FXN* null



# Histology shows a lot of fibrosis



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