



1 Supplementary Materials: Supplementary materials can be found at www.mdpi.com/xxx/s1.

Supplement Figure 1



23456789 Supplement Figure 1. qRT-PCR of different fractions isolated from a WT adult mouse heart Fractions are separated by gravity sedimentation as described in Methods. The pellet contains the adult myocytes (black bars) and the supernatant contains the non-myocyte fraction. Culturing the non-myocyte fraction for one week (white bars), with regular media changes, allows for the removal of debris and dead myocytes and the enrichment of cardiac fibroblasts (AMVF). (A) Post-isolation, the myocyte fraction is positive for the cardiac myocyte marker Tnnt2 whereas in the cultured fibroblasts, Tnnt2 signal is almost completely gone, reflecting the death and removal of any 10 remaining myocytes. (B) Post-isolation the myocyte fraction is negligible for the common fibroblast marker Tcf21 while it is significantly higher in the cultured fibroblast fraction, reflecting fibroblast 12 enrichment over time. ***p≤0.001 by one-way ANOVA.

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Supplement Figure 2



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14 **Supplement Figure 2.** qRT-PCR of NIH 3T3s with ATF6 gain- or loss-of-function.

15(A-C) NIH 3T3s were treated \pm siRNA targeted to murine ATF6. Control (CON) and siRNA-treated16cultures (ATF6 KD) were treated \pm 10ng/mL TGF β for 48 hours, then analyzed by qRT-PCR for *Atf6*,17*Acta2*, and *Col1a1*. (G-I) NIH 3T3s were treated \pm 10 μ M compound 147, a pharmacological activator18of ATF6. Control (CON) and 147-treated cultures (147) were co-treated \pm 10ng/mL TGF β for 48 hours,

19 then analyzed by qRT-PCR for *Atf6*, *Acta*, and *Col1a1*. * $p \le 0.05$ by one-way ANOVA.



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Supplement Figure 3. Effects of activating ATF6 on stress fiber formation in NIH 3T3s

(A) NIH 3T3s were treated with \pm 10 μ M compound 147 and \pm 10ng/mL TGF β for 48 hours, then analyzed by actin staining for stress fiber formation, which is quantified in (B). All images in (A) were taken with a 20x objective on a confocal scope. In (A) the number in each field represents the number of cells that were stress fiber-positive in that field. The number to the right is the average number of stress-positive cell per field, quantified in (B). *** p≤0.001 by one-way ANOVA.

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