



Lab Resource: Genetically-Modified Single Cell Line



Generation of human induced pluripotent stem cell lines carrying a heterozygous and homozygous *PRKD1* c.1774G > A genetic variant causing syndromic congenital defects

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ABSTRACT

Protein kinase D1 (PRKD1) is a serine threonine kinase with roles in the regulation of embryonic development, contractility, vesicle transport and cytoskeleton organization. Consequently, variants in *PRKD1* that alter its kinase activity are associated with severe anomalies, manifesting as syndromic congenital defects in patients. To investigate the molecular pathomechanisms underlying *PRKD1* genetic variants, the patient-derived *PRKD1* p.G592R (c.1774 G > A) mutation was introduced in heterozygous and homozygous configuration into the human induced pluripotent stem cell line (AICS-0031-035:WTC-mTagRFPT-TUBA1B) with CRISPR/Cas9 technology and were thoroughly validated. These hiPSC lines constitute a valuable platform for dissecting the molecular consequences of impaired PRKD1 signaling.

Resource Table

Unique stem cell line identifier	hiPSC-line 1 (heterozygous): UCSFi001-A-1T hiPSC-line 2 (homozygous): UCSFi001-A-1U
Alternative name(s) of stem cell line	hiPSC-line 1 (heterozygous): PRKD1-G592R-het hiPSC-line 2 (homozygous): PRKD1-G592R-hom
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Type of cell line	Martinistrasse 52; 20,246 Hamburg, Germany. Tel.: +49 (0) 40/7410 57204; Fax: +49(0) 40/7410-54876
Origin	iPSC
Additional origin info	human Age: 30–34 male Ethnicity: Asian
Cell Source	Dermal fibroblasts
Method of reprogramming	Non-integrating episomal vectors
Clonality	Clonal
Evidence of the reprogramming transgene loss (including genomic copy if applicable)	No vector detectable in RT-qPCR

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The cell culture system used	Matrigel®/Geltrex™, mTeSR™ plus, CloneR™ FTDA for maintenance hiPSC culture (37C, 5% CO ₂ , 5% O ₂)
Type of the Genetic Modification	Missense genetic variant, <i>PRKD1</i> c.1774 G > A (p.G592R)
Associated disease	Variant is associated with syndromic congenital heart disease
Gene/locus modified in the reported transgenic line	<i>PRKD1</i> c.1774G > A (p.G592R, p.Gly592Arg), chromosome 14q12
Method of modification / user-customisable nucleases (UCN) used, the resource used for design optimisation	CRISPR/Cas9, IDT
User-customisable nuclease (UCN) delivery method	Nucleofection of RNP complex (crRNA, tracrRNA and Cas9)
All double-stranded DNA genetic material molecules introduced into the cells	None
Evidence of the absence of random integration of any plasmids or DS DNA introduced into the cells.	Sanger sequencing and PCR
Analysis of the nuclease-targeted allele status	Sanger sequencing and PCR
Homozygous allele status validation	verified
Method of the off-target nuclease activity prediction and surveillance	Targeted PCR and Sanger sequencing of the top 10 off-target loci determined by the cfd off-target score
Descriptive name of the transgene	N/A
Eukaryotic selective agent resistance cassettes (including inducible, gene/cell type-specific)	N/A
Inducible/constitutive expression system details	None; the parental hiPSC line expresses RFP-TUBA1B in monogenic form
Date archived/stock creation date	<i>PRKD1</i> -G592R-het (clone A2): MCB 20.09.2021; passage 38 <i>PRKD1</i> -G592R-hom (clone E8): MCB 21.10.2021; passage 42
Cell line repository/bank	hPSCreg.eu
Ethical/GMO work approvals	University of California San Francisco, 10-02521
Addgene/public access repository recombinant DNA sources' disclaimers (if applicable)	N/A

1. Resource utility

Generation of human induced pluripotent stem cell (hiPSC) lines carrying the patient *PRKD1*-G592R-variant enables investigation of the molecular consequences of disturbed kinase signalling leading to human disease. These lines represent an invaluable, ethically sustainable and potentially inexhaustible resource particularly in the light of embryonic lethality observed in humanized mouse models.

2. Resource Details

With a prevalence of 9 per 1000 live births, congenital heart disease (CHD) remains the leading cause of mortality in children under one year of age. While most genetic variants associated with CHD affect genes encoding sarcomeric proteins, pathogenic variants in protein kinase genes have only recently begun to receive attention.

Exome sequencing of patients with syndromic and non-syndromic CHD identified a *de novo* missense variant p.G592R (c.1774 G > A) in *PRKD1*, the gene encoding protein kinase D1 (PRKD1) (Sifrim et al. 2016). The PRKD kinase family comprises three highly homologous isoforms that are activated upon diacylglycerol-binding and protein kinase C-mediated phosphorylation (Avkiran et al. 2008). PRKD1 activation regulates a broad spectrum of cellular processes, including embryonic development (Waheed-Ullah et al. 2024), cargo transport

(Malhotra and Campelo 2011), myocyte enhancer factor-dependent transcription (Fielitz et al. 2008), among others. To date, only pathogenic variants in *PRKD1* have been causally linked to CHD (Steinberg 2021).

More recently, a case report described early onset pulmonary valve stenosis, tooth loss, advanced bone ageing and widespread teleangiectasia in a patient carrying the *PRKD1* p.G592R mutation (Alter et al. 2021). Functional analysis demonstrated that recombinant *PRKD1* p.G592R retains lipid-dependent autocatalytic activity, but exhibits markedly reduced activity towards its substrates. Given that global *Prkd1*-targeted knockout mice are embryonically lethal, these findings underscore the urgent need for a human disease model.

The p.G592R (c.1774 G > A) variant is located within a highly conserved kinase domain of *PRKD1*, specifically in the glycine-rich loop (Fig. 1A; red). This structural element is essential for proper ATP-binding, which is stabilized and correctly orientated by a lysine residue in position 612. Substitution of the small glycine at position 592 by a larger, polar arginine is therefore predicted to disrupt ATP-binding and to impair kinase activity (Fig. 1A; p.G592R).

With CRISPR/Cas9 genome editing, the patient-derived missense variant *PRKD1*-p.G592R (c.1774 G > A) was introduced in heterozygous and homozygous configurations into a hiPSC line expressing an RFP-tagged α 1b tubulin. This cell model enables investigation of the pathophysiological consequences of the variant and facilitates analysis of the interplay between mutant *PRKD1* and the *trans*-Golgi-network.

With the repair template T1 a point mutation was introduced in position c.1774 G > A to generate the patient-specific mutation p.G592R. With this, a novel XbaI restriction site enabling early detection of positive clones is created. Furthermore, the point mutation c.1779 G > A was introduced to prevent the ribonucleoprotein from binding to already edited DNA strands. As conventional PAM silencing was not possible without altering the resulting amino acid composition, recutting of the DNA was attenuated by altering the nucleotides of the seeding region at position 13 and 18 (Fig. 1B) (Anderson et al. 2015). Following the harvest of gDNA from all clones a XbaI digest of the PCR product was performed, with the isogenic control showing the expected band of 885 bp, heterozygous clones three bands of 885, 577 and 288 bp and homozygous clones two bands of 577 and 288 bp (Fig. 1C). To further confirm the genome editing outcome, we performed Sanger sequencing around the PAM site, which confirmed the correct mutation in position c.1774 G > A in heterozygous and homozygous form (Fig. 1D).

Subsequently, we compared essential hiPSC characteristics of the generated lines. Both exhibited an intact karyotype confirmed by two independent methods (Fig. 1E; Supplementary Fig. 1A). Finally, to ensure the CRISPR-Cas9 editing was specific to the *PRKD1* locus, we sequenced the top ten most likely off-target sites for each line. No alterations were detected in any of the loci in *PRKD1*-G592R-het (UCSFi001-A-1T) and *PRKD1*-G592R-hom (UCSFi001-A-1U), confirming the specificity of our approach and ruling out off-target effects (Supplementary Fig. 1B). HiPSCs maintained a normal morphology (Supplementary Fig. 1C).

Authentication of both hiPSC-lines was ascertained by short tandem repeat (STR) analysis (Supplementary Table 2). Mycoplasma contamination was ruled out (Fig. 1F) and flow cytometry revealed a high pluripotency value of 96.6% (Fig. 1G; het; upper panel) and 99.7% (Fig. 1G; hom; bottom panel) for Stage-specific Embryonic Antigen-3 (SSEA-3).

To further validate pluripotency, we differentiated the cells into mesodermal, endodermal and ectodermal lineages. Immunofluorescence analysis for the presence of key marker genes (Brachyury, NCAM-1 for mesoderm; HNF 3b, SOX17 for endoderm; NESTIN, PAX 6 for ectoderm; Fig. 1H) was performed. Additionally, both, heterozygous and homozygous hiPSCs, were differentiated into hiPSC-cardiomyocytes to assess mesodermal differentiation potential. This was confirmed by the presence of 30–80% cardiac troponin T (cTnT)-positive cells (n = 2–4 independent differentiation runs; Fig. 1I).

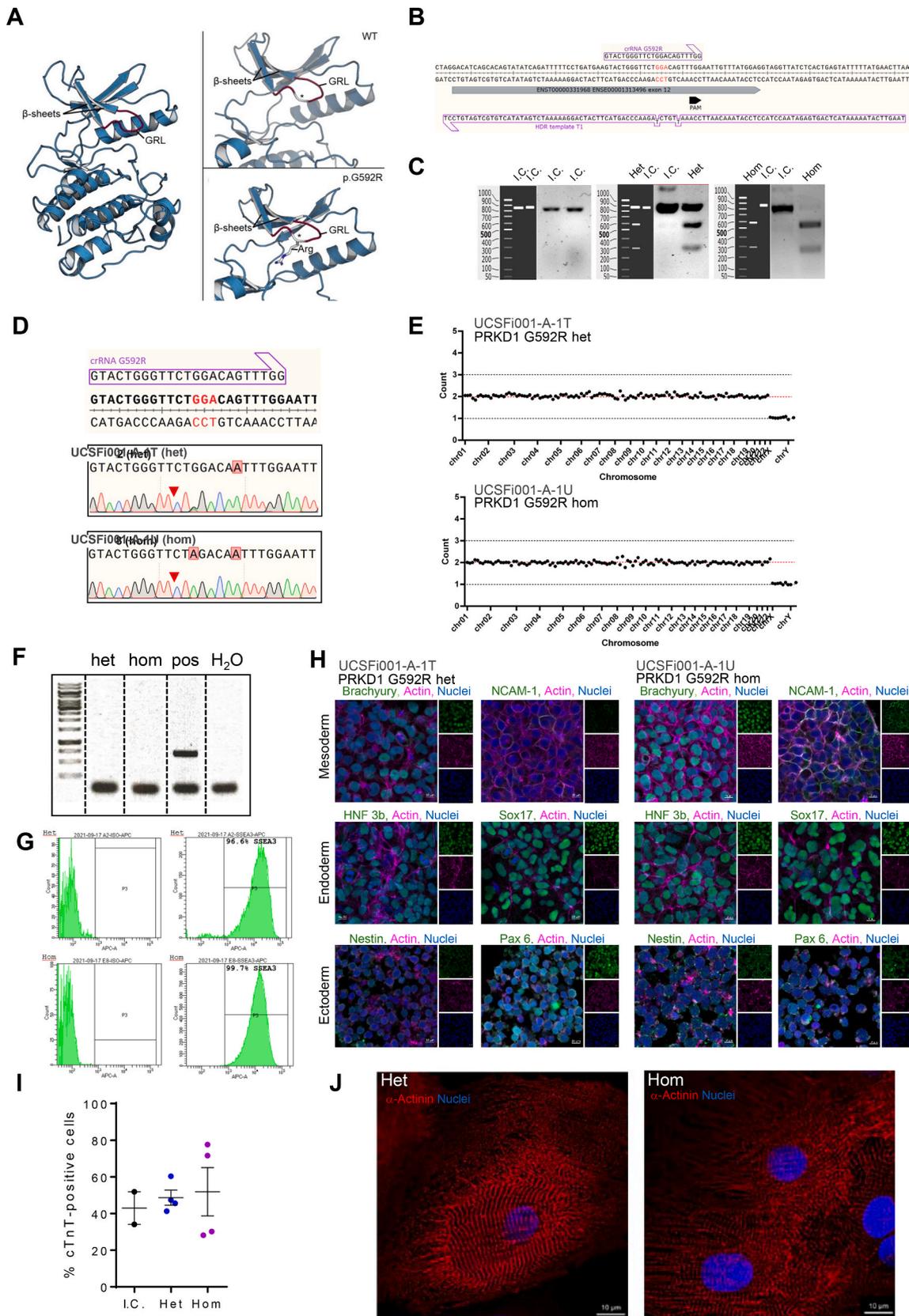


Fig. 1. Generation and validation of a heterozygous (het) and homozygous (hom) patient-specific PRKD1 p.G592R mutation in human-induced pluripotent stem cell-derived cardiomyocytes. The term “I.C.” refers to the isogenic control and the term “pos” refers to positive control.

Additionally, we analyzed the morphology of heterozygous and homozygous hiPSC-cardiomyocytes by immunofluorescence imaging with an anti- α -actinin antibody (red) that stains the Z-discs and DAPI (blue) for the nuclei. This revealed regular myofilament morphology for both lines (Fig. 1J).

3. Materials and methods

3.1. Human-induced pluripotent stem cells

The hiPSC line AICS-0031–035, derived from the parental line UCSFi001-A is registered in hPSCreg and was purchased from <http://www.allencell.org/cell-catalog.html>.

3.2. Genome editing with CRISPR/Cas9

PRKD1-G592R-het (UCSFi001-A-1T) and PRKD1-G592R-hom (UCSFi001-A-1U) hiPSC-lines were generated using CRISPR/Cas9 with a crRNA targeting the location of interest with a symmetric homology-directed repair template that was designed complementary to the target strand consisting of 106 nucleotides including two mismatches (CRISPOR.org; IDT tools; Fig. 1B; Tables 1 and 2). The resulting missense variant induces an Gly/Arg amino acid exchange. The crRNA, tracrRNA and a ssODN were co-nucleofected into hiPSCs (AICS-0031–035; passage 29) using the Amaxa 4D-Nucleofector™ (Program: CA137, Lonza). Homology-directed repair (HDR) was induced by providing a ssODN utilized as a HDR template. Cells were seeded in mTeSR+™ with CloneR™ (1:10 in mTeSR+™) on Matrigel® (1:60 in RPMI)-coated 12-well plates and redistributed at low density with 10 μ M

Table 1
Characterization and validation.

Classification	Output type	Result	Data
Schematic of a transgene/genetic modification	Schematic illustrating the structure and location of the introduced genetic modification	Localisation of the mutation in the kinase structure and in the sequence analysis	Fig. 1 panel A,B
Morphology	Photography bright field	A visual record of the line's cellular morphology: typical pluripotent human stem cell morphology	Supplementary Fig. 1 panel C
Pluripotency status evidence for the described cell line	Qualitative analysis	Assess staining/expression of pluripotency markers: SSEA3	Fig. 1 panel G
	Quantitative analysis – Flow cytometry	>90% SSEA-3-positive cells	
Karyotype	G-banding, nCounter NanoString karyotyping panel for UCSFi001-A-1T; UCSFi001-A-1U	46XY	Fig. 1 panel E; Supplementary Fig. 1 panel A
Genotyping for the desired genomic alteration/allelic status of the gene of interest	PCR across the edited site or targeted allele-specific PCR	PCR / XbaI digest + Sanger sequencing	Fig. 1 panel C, D
	Evaluation of the – (homo-/ heterozygous status of introduced genomic alteration(s)	PCR / XbaI digest + Sanger sequencing	Fig. 1 panel C, D
	Transgene-specific PCR (when applicable)	N/A	N/A
Verification of the absence of random plasmid integration events	PCR/Southern	N/A	N/A
Parental and modified cell line genetic identity evidence	STR analysis, microsatellite PCR (mPCR) or specific (mutant) allele seq	Available for parental line. 29 allelic polymorphisms across 15 STR loci compared to donor fibroblasts Fragment analysis: Genetic Analyzer SeqStudio™, GeneMapper –ID-X ®-Software (Thermo Fisher)	Data held by the provider. Supplementary Table 2
Mutagenesis / genetic modification outcome analysis	Sequencing (genomic DNA PCR or RT-PCR product)	Genomic DNA PCR and sequencing; Hetero- and homozygous	Fig. 1 panel D
Off-target nuclease activity analysis	PCR across top 10 predicted top likely off-target sites, whole genome/exome sequencing	Demonstration of the lack of NHEJ-caused mutagenesis in the top 10 predicted off-target Cas nuclease activity for the gRNA	Supplementary Fig. 1 panel B
Specific pathogen-free status	Mycoplasma	PCR negativity	Fig. 1 panel F
Multilineage differentiation potential	Directed differentiation; Expression of marker markers determined by RT-qPCR, flow cytometry or immunofluorescence	STEMdiff trilineage differentiation kit (ecto-, meso-, and endoderm) and cardiomyocyte differentiation (mesoderm); Flow cytometry: Mesodermal lineage, differentiation to cardiomyocytes – cardiac troponin T (cTnT) Immunofluorescence: Mesodermal lineage, differentiation to cardiomyocytes (α -actinin 2 and F-actin)	Fig. 1 panel H
List of recommended germ layer markers	Expression of these markers has to be demonstrated at mRNA (RT PCR) or protein (IF) levels, at least 2 markers need to be shown per germ layer	Ectoderm: NESTIN, PAX6 Endoderm: HNF3b, SOX17 Mesoderm: BRACHYURY, NCAM1, cTnT, α -actinin-2	IF and specific antibodies; Fig. 1 panel H, J
Outcomes of gene editing experiment (OPTIONAL)	Brief description of the outcomes in terms of clones generated/establishment approach/screening outcomes	ICE analysis: 16%	Het: 15/86 (17%) Hom: 4/86 (4,7%)
Donor screening (OPTIONAL)	HIV 1 + 2, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C	N/A	N/A
Genotype – additional histocompatibility info (OPTIONAL)	Blood group genotyping	N/A	N/A
	HLA tissue typing	N/A	N/A

Table 2
Reagents details.

Antibodies and stains used for immunocytochemistry/flow-cytometry			
	Antibody	Dilution	Company Cat # and RRID
Pluripotency marker	Rat Anti-Human SSEA3 Antibody, PE Conjugated	1:80	BD Biosciences Cat# 560237, RRID: AB_1645542
	Rat IgM, k antibody	1:80	BD Biosciences Cat# 553943, RRID: AB_10056839
Differentiated cardiomyocyte marker	Cardiac Troponin T Antibody, anti-human/mouse/rat, REAfinity™	1:50	Miltenyi Biotec Cat# 130-119-674, RRID: AB_2751795
	REA Control Antibody (I), human IgG1, REAfinity™	1:50	Miltenyi Biotec Cat# 130-120-709, RRID: AB_2784399
Immunofluorescence	Anti-actinin-2 (2 h, RT)	1:500	Sigma Aldrich Cat# A7811, RRID: AB_476766
			R&D Systems, Biotechnie:
	Anti-Nestin	1:62,5-1:20	Clone # 196908; MAB1259
	Anti-PAX6	1:40-1:13	AF8150
	Anti-HNF3b/FoxA2	1:40-1:13	AF2400
	Anti-SOX17	1:40-1:13	AF1924
Dyes	Anti-Brachyury	1:40-1:13	AF2085
	Anti-NCAM-1/CD56	1:40-1:13	AF2408
	DAPI	1 µg/mL	Sigma Cat# D9542
	AlexaFluor 633-Phalloidin/F-actin	1:100	Invitrogen Cat#A22284
Site-specific nuclease			
Nuclease information	Alt-R® S.p. Cas9		Nucl Nuclease 3NLS, 2 nmol, Cat# 1,081,058
Delivery method	Nucleofection of RNP complex (crRNA, tracrRNA and Cas9)		Alt-R® CRISPR-Cas9 crRNA, 2 nmol (IDT®); Alt-R® CRISPR-Cas9 tracrRNA, ATTO™ 550, 5 nmol: Cat# 1,075,927 (IDT®)
Selection/enrichment strategy	N/A		
Primers and Oligonucleotides used in this study			
Targeted mutation analysis/sequencing	Target		Forward/Reverse primer (5'-3')
	hPRKD1_CRISPR_fwd		TCCAAATAGCCATCTCAACAG
	hPRKD1_CRISPR_rev		CCCTTTAACTGGCTGGGAATC
	hPrkd1_CRISPR_for2		ACCTCTGCCACITTAAGATCAGAAC
Allele frequency qPCR	hPrkd1_CRISPR_rev2		AGTACTGTGTGTACAGTTTGCC
			N/A
	crRNA sequence + PAM	crRNA G592R	GTAAGTTTCATAAAAATACTCAGTGA
	HDR template	HDR template 1	GATAACCTACCTCCATAAAACAAT
Top10 off-target (OT) mutagenesis predicted site sequencing primers			TCCAAATGTCTAGAACCCAGTA
			CTTCATCAGGAAAAATCTGATAT
			ACTGTGCTGATGTCTCT
			TGTGCATCAGTGTACCTTCTAGC
			ACCTGGATTTCGGGTTGAG
			AAGTGCCACCTTTCCTCAG
			TGATGCACTGTAGTGGGCAG
			ACCCCTGTAGGGTCTGTGA
			CAGACCAAGATTGACTTTGGATAAC
			CCTTCAACAAAGCATCTCTGC
			TGCACCCAAGTATCATGTCC
			CCACATTCTCCGTGTTATGC
			GGACTGGGATCTGGGCAGTTGGG
			GTATTTGTGGCACTGTGAAGG
			GCAACCTCCAGCATAAATGG
			AAACGCTACAGCCTCTTTGG
			GCCTGGGTTATTTTCATTTGG
			AGCCTCGGTCTCGATGGTA
			ACAACAGGCTGGACCTGAAC
			AGAGCAGCTTTGACAGAGG
		TTTGGGAAATCCACTTAGCC	
		GCTGTCAACTCGTCTCTGC	
		GACCATCAGAGCCTGTACC	

Y-27632 to isolate single-cell clones. Colonies were manually picked, expanded in 48-well plates (37°C, 5% CO₂, 5% O₂), cryopreserved, and harvested for DNA extraction (Qiagen) and subsequent quality controls.

3.3. Validation of the PRKD1-G592R hiPSC-lines

By introducing the desired mutation, an XbaI-restriction was generated. From the isolated gDNA, a 885 bp PCR-amplicon was generated containing the mutation site. Following this, restriction enzyme digestion was performed allowing preselection of clones (Fig. 1C; Table 1). Clones showing the predicted restriction pattern were subsequently validated by PCR and Sanger sequencing (Fig. 1D; Table 1).

3.4. Karyotype and chromosome analysis

Karyotype analysis of the hiPSC lines was performed using the NanoString nCounter® Human Karyotype panel (Fig. 1E; Table 1), following the manufacturer's protocol. Complementary G-banding analysis of 15 metaphases from both lines confirmed an intact male karyotype (Supplementary Fig. 1A; Table 1). Authentication of the hiPSC-lines was ascertained by STR analysis (Supplementary Table 2; Table 1). For this, 1 ng of each sample was amplified with the PowerPlex® ESI Multiplex Kit (Promega) using 15 autosomal STR loci (D3S1358, TH01, D21S11, D18S51, D10S1248, D1S1656, D2S1338, D16S539, D22S1045, VWA, D8S1179, FGA, D2S441, D12S391, D19S391, SE33) and amelogenin for sex determination. Amplification was performed in a TPersonal 48Thermocycler (Biometra) according to the kit manufacturer's recommended protocol, using 28 cycles. Following amplification, fragment length analysis was performed on an SeqStudio Genetic Analyzer (ThermoFisher) using Internal Lane Standard WEN 500 (Promega). The resulting STR fragments were analysed with the GeneMapper® ID-X software.

3.5. Mycoplasma test

Mycoplasma testing of hiPSC-lines was performed by PCR according to previously established protocols (Shibamiya et al. 2020) (Fig. 1F; Table 1).

3.6. Flow cytometry analysis

Cells were suspended in PBS + 5% FCS for 15 min. After centrifugation the supernatant was discarded and cells were stained with the antibody for 30 min at 4°C. Flow cytometry was used to evaluate pluripotency and cardiomyocyte differentiation efficiency (anti-stage-specific embryonic antigen-3 (SSEA-3) and anti-troponin T (TNNT2)), respectively (Fig. 1G and I; Tables 1 and 2), in parallel with appropriate isotype controls. Data acquisition was performed using a FACS Canto II cytometer (BD Biosciences) at the UKE FACS Core Facility.

3.7. Pluripotency and lineage differentiation assessment

HiPSC pluripotency was confirmed using the STEMdiff™ Trilineage Differentiation Kit (Stemcell Technologies, #05230). Ectoderm, mesoderm and endoderm differentiation followed the manufacturer's protocol. Mesoderm induction was additionally achieved via cardiomyocyte monolayer differentiation (Mosqueira et al. 2018; Pietsch et al. 2024).

3.8. Immunostaining and confocal imaging

Cells were paraformaldehyde-fixed (4%; 10 min room-temperature), permeabilized (0.2% Triton X100/PBS; 20 min room-temperature), and stained (overnight 4°C) for NESTIN and paired box 6 (PAX6; **ectoderm**); hepatocyte nuclear factor 3-beta (HNF3β) and SPRY-box transcription

factor 17 (SOX17; **endoderm**); Brachyury, neural cell adhesion molecule 1 (NCAM1) and α-actinin (Fig. 1H, J; **mesoderm**). Immunofluorescence staining for α-actinin, along with F-actin by phalloidin and nuclei by DAPI (3 h at room-temperature). Imaging was performed using a Zeiss LSM 800 Airyscan confocal microscope.

Author contributions

FW, NP designed the CRISPR editing strategy. FW generated the hiPSC-lines. PH, FWH performed molecular modeling of PRKD1. LSM differentiated hiPSC-cardiomyocytes and performed immunofluorescence of 2D-hiPSC-cardiomyocytes. SF performed the chromosome analysis by Giemsa-banding, CA performed STR analysis; JO helped with hiPSC-culture and hiPSC-cardiomyocyte differentiation; KS supported data presentation; EO performed the trilineage differentiation and subsequent immunofluorescence; EK performed the karyotype analysis with the NanoString nCounter®; LC provided access to the isogenic control hiPSC-line; NS, MPH, DJB, SL represent the core PRKD1 research team, discussed data and provided patient information; FC conceptualized the hiPSC-line generation, analyzed data, wrote the manuscript and provided funding. All authors proofread the manuscript and provided critical comments on the scientific content.

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No data was used for the research described in the article.

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