

SUPPLEMENTARY ONLINE DATA

Fibulin-4 regulates expression of the tropoelastin gene and consequent elastic-fibre formation by human fibroblasts

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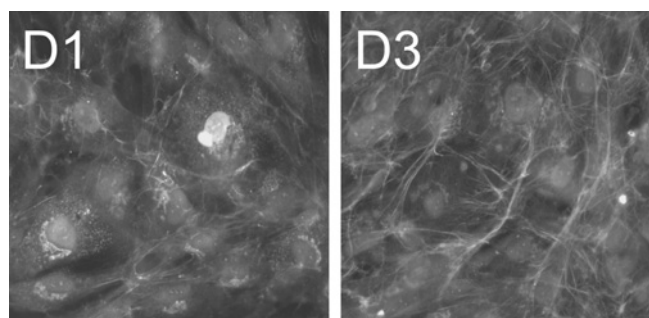


Figure S1 Immunostaining of HFF cultures with anti-elastin antibody

HFF cultures started to produce elastic fibres as early as 1 day (D1) after subculture at cell–cell contacts. More elastic fibres were detected 3 days (D3) after subculture.

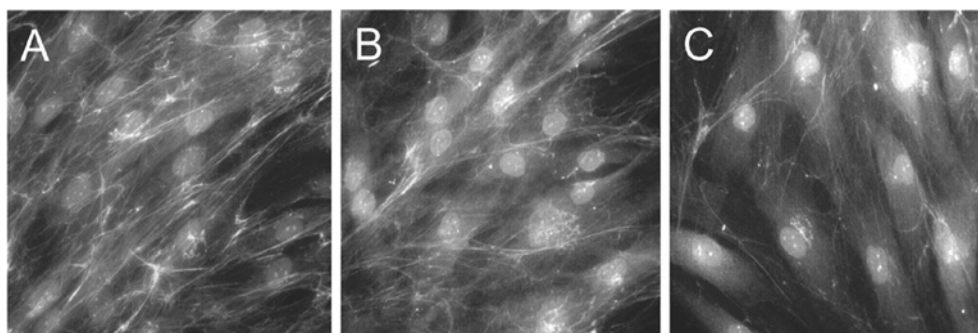


Figure S2 Immunostaining of various fibroblast cell cultures with anti-elastin antibody

Fibroblasts derived from newborn HFFs (A), human hypertrophic scar fibroblasts (B) and adult skin fibroblasts (C) were cultured on coverslips for 7 days after the cultures reached confluency. Note that the HFF cultures (A) produced abundant and similar amounts of elastic fibres as the hypertrophic scar fibroblasts (B). The adult skin fibroblasts produced far fewer elastic fibres.

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