論　文　内　容　の　要　旨
Synopsis of Thesis

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論文題名 Title	An EP4 receptor agonist inhibits cardiac fibrosis through activation of PKA signaling in hypertrophied heart （EP4作動薬は肥大心において心臓線維芽細胞のPKAシグナル伝達系を活性化することで心筋線維化を抑制する）

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〔方法ならびに成績(Methods/Results)〕

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〔総　括(Conclusion)〕

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