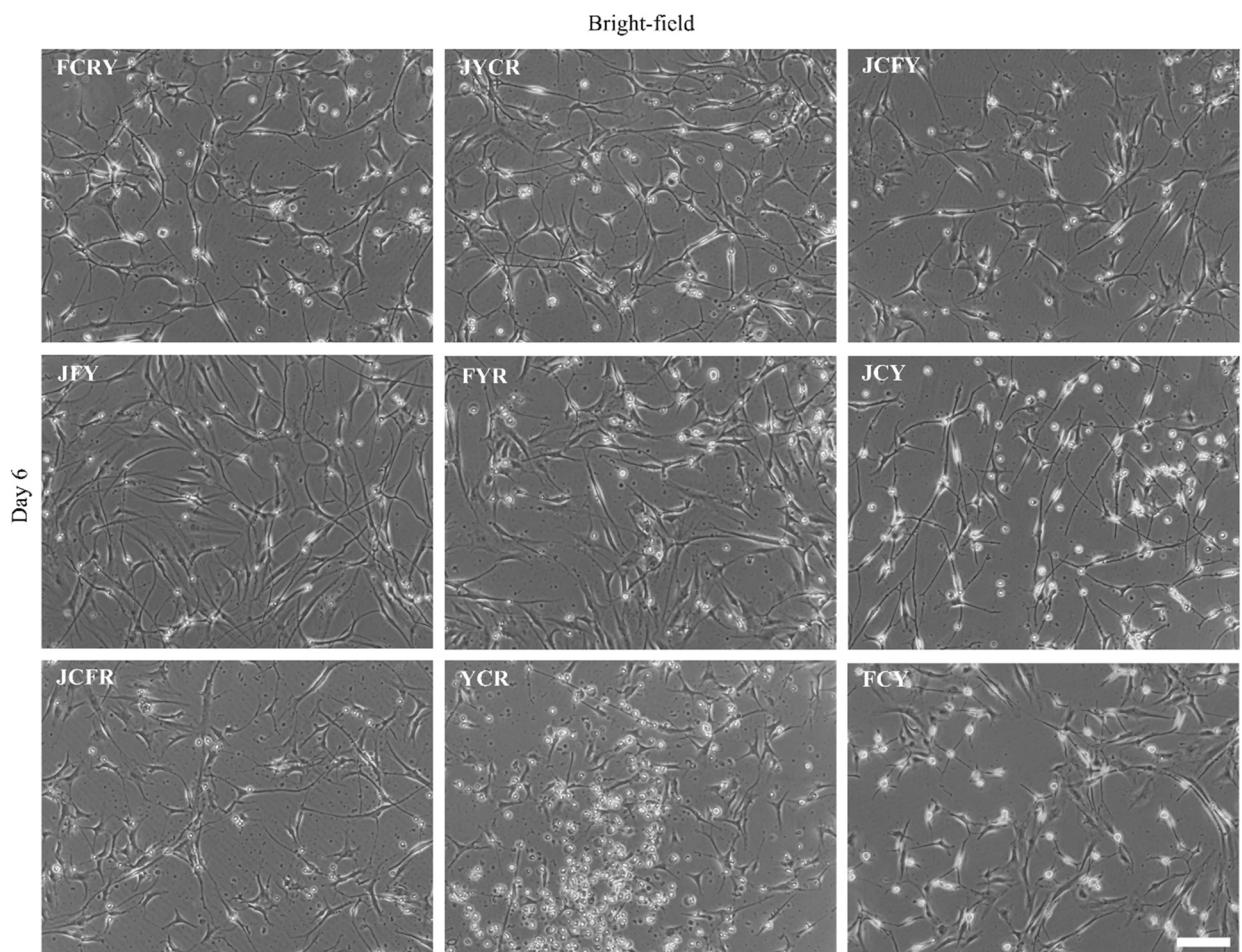
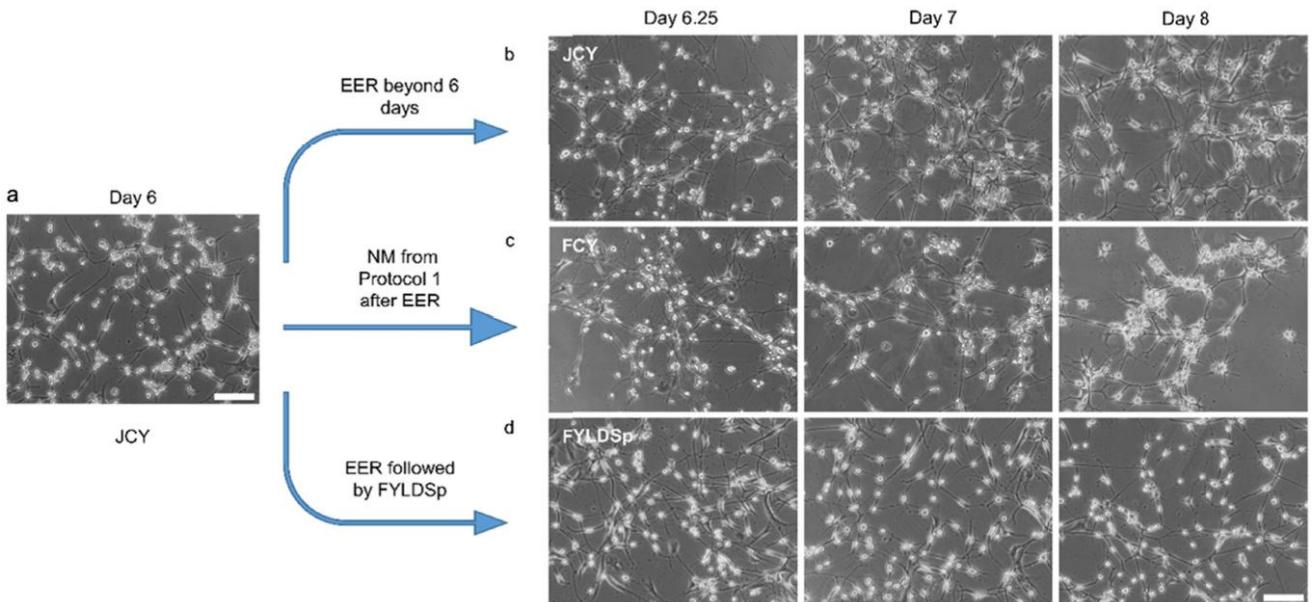


**Fig. S1.** (a) Immunofluorescence of human foreskin fibroblast cells with fibroblast marker FSP1, neuronal stem cell markers NESTIN and Sox2, and neuronal markers TUJ1 and DCX. Scale bar, 50  $\mu$ m. (b) Percentage of human foreskin fibroblast cells positive for FSP1, NESTIN and Sox2, and TUJ1 and DCX. mRNA levels of (c) key fibroblast markers assessed by qRT-PCR on day two. (d) Representative bright-field image of induced human foreskin cells incubated in NM containing FCY at day 12. Scale bar, 100  $\mu$ m.



**Fig. S2.** Representative bright-field images of cells at day 6 treated with various chemical combinations after two days of neural induction. Scale bar, 50  $\mu$ m.



**Fig. S3.** (a) Representative bright-field image of cells at day 6 after EER. Scale bar, 50  $\mu$ m. (b) Treatment of cells at day 6 with the maturation cocktail of protocol 1 for two days. (c) Extended treatment of cells at day 6 with JCY. (d) Treatment of JCY treated cells at day 6 with the new maturation cocktail FYLDSp.

**Table S1.** List of primers used in qRT-PCR analysis

Primer name	Forward primer (5'-3')	Reverse primer (5'-3')
ascl1	CAAGAGAGCGCAGCCTAG	GCAAAAGTCAGTGCTAACG
brn2	AATAAGGCAGGAAAGCAACT	CAAAACACATCATTACACCTGCT
myt1	CAATGGAAAGGGATTTAAGCA	TTTGAGATTATGTACCAACGTTAGATG
neuroD1	GTTATTGTCTTGCCTTAGCACTTC	AGTGAAATGAATTGCTCAAATTGT
ngn2	TCAGACATGGACTATTGGCAG	GGGACAGGAAAGGGAACC
col1A	GAGGGCCAAGACGAAGACATC	CAGATCACGTCATCGCACAAAC
dkk3	CTGGGAGCTAGAGCCTGATG	TCATACTCATCGGGGACCTC
thy1	ATCGCTCTCTGCTAACAGTC	CTCGTACTGGATGGGTGAACCT
cgf	CATCTCCACCCGGTTACCAA	AGTACGGATGCACTTTGC
cdh2	AGTCAGTCGGAAAGTGAGCAG	ACATCAGCTATCCGTTCTCT

**Table S2.** List of antibodies used in this study

Primary antibody	Company (Catalog No.)	Dilution ratio	Species	Secondary antibody	Company (catalog No.)	Dilution ratio
Anti-Nestin	Genetex (GTX630201)	1 : 300	Mouse	Goat Anti-Mouse IgG H&L (Alexa Fluor 488)	Thermofisher (A-11029)	1 : 500
Anti-Sox2	Abcam (ab97959)	1 : 300	Rabbit	Goat Anti-Mouse IgG H&L (Alexa Fluor 546)	Thermofisher (A-11010)	1 : 500
Anti-Tuj1	R&D SYSTEMS (MAB1195)	1 : 300	Mouse	Goat Anti-Mouse IgG H&L (Alexa Fluor 488)	Thermofisher (A-11029)	1 : 500
Anti-FSP1	Abcam (ab218512)	1 : 300	Rabbit	Goat Anti-Mouse IgG H&L (Alexa Fluor 546)	Thermofisher (A-11010)	1 : 500
Anti-NeuN	Millipore (MAB377)	1 : 100	Mouse	Goat Anti-Mouse IgG H&L (Alexa Fluor 488)	Thermofisher (A-11029)	1 : 500
Anit-DCX	Abcam (ab18723)	1 : 300	Rabbit	Goat Anti-Mouse IgG H&L (Alexa Fluor 546)	Thermofisher (A-11010)	1 : 500
Anti-MAP2	Millipore (ab5622)	1 : 300	Rabbit	Goat Anti-Mouse IgG H&L (Alexa Fluor 546)	Thermofisher (A-11010)	1 : 500
Anit-Syn1	Millipore (ab1543)	1 : 300	Rabbit	Goat Anti-Mouse IgG H&L (Alexa Fluor 546)	Thermofisher (A-11010)	1 : 500
Anti-vGLUT1	Millipore (MAB5502)	1 : 300	Mouse	Goat Anti-Mouse IgG H&L (Alexa Fluor 488)	Thermofisher (A-11029)	1 : 500

**Table S3.** List of previous publications on fibroblast to neuron direct conversion using small molecules

Sr. No.	Cell origin	Small molecules	Neuronal induction time (d)	Neuronal conversion efficiency	Characterization	Ref.
1	Human newborn foreskin fibroblasts	CHIR99021, LDN193189, SB431542, RG108, dorsomorphin, DMH1, parnate, SU5402, forskolin, Y27632, DAPT, purmorphamine, ISX9, IBET151, SU16F, and P7C3-A20.	10	>91±1.2% DCX <sup>+</sup> /TUJ1 <sup>+</sup>	TUJ1 <sup>+</sup> , Tau <sup>+</sup> , NeuN <sup>+</sup> , MAP2a <sup>+</sup> , vGLUT1 <sup>+</sup> , GABA <sup>+</sup> ,	(7)
2	Human foreskin Fibroblast	Forskolin, RepSox, SP600125, CHIR99021, GO6983, Y-27632, ISX-9 and I-BET151	7	>80% TUJ1 <sup>+</sup>	TUJ1 <sup>+</sup> , Tau <sup>+</sup> , NeuN <sup>+</sup> , MAP2a <sup>+</sup> , vGLUT1 <sup>+</sup> , GABA <sup>+</sup> ,	(17)
3	Human Fibroblast	Valpoic Acid, CHIR99021, Repsox, Forskolin, GO6983, SP600125, Y26732	7	~22% TUJ1 <sup>+</sup> /DCX <sup>+</sup>	TUJ1 <sup>+</sup> , DCX <sup>+</sup> , NeuN <sup>+</sup> , MAP2a <sup>+</sup> , vGLUT1 <sup>+</sup> , Syn1 <sup>+</sup>	(18)
4	Mouse embryonic Fibroblast	Forskolin, ISX-9, CHIR99021, iBET-151	16	>90% TUJ1 <sup>+</sup>	TUJ1 <sup>+</sup> , Tau <sup>+</sup> , NeuN <sup>+</sup> , MAP2a <sup>+</sup> , vGLUT1 <sup>+</sup> , GABA <sup>+</sup> ,	(19)
5	Human IMR-90 fibroblasts	Valpoic Acid, Kenpaullone, Forskolin Repsox, Y-26732	7	94.74±0.60% TUJ1 <sup>+</sup>	MAP2 <sup>+</sup> , NeuN <sup>+</sup> , Syn1 <sup>+</sup> , DA <sup>+</sup> , TH <sup>+</sup> , DDC <sup>+</sup> , DAT <sup>+</sup> , NURR1 <sup>+</sup> ,	(20)
6	Human MRC-5 lung fibroblast cells	Valpoic Acid, CHIR99021, Repsox, Forskolin, DMH1, SP600125, Y26732	7	~90% TUJ1 <sup>+</sup>	TUJ1 <sup>+</sup> , Tau <sup>+</sup> , NeuN <sup>+</sup> , MAP2a <sup>+</sup> ,	(21)
7	Human foreskin Fibroblast	JQ-1(+), Trichostatin A, Repsox, Forskolin, CHIR99021, Y26732	2	91±2% TUJ1 <sup>+</sup> and 76±7% DCX <sup>+</sup> (2 days) 91±3% MAP2 <sup>+</sup> (6 days)	TUJ1 <sup>+</sup> , DCX <sup>+</sup> , NeuN <sup>+</sup> , MAP2 <sup>+</sup> , vGLUT1 <sup>+</sup> , Syn1 <sup>+</sup> ,	This study