

# Perfusione ex-situ del cuore nel DBD e prospettive nel DCD

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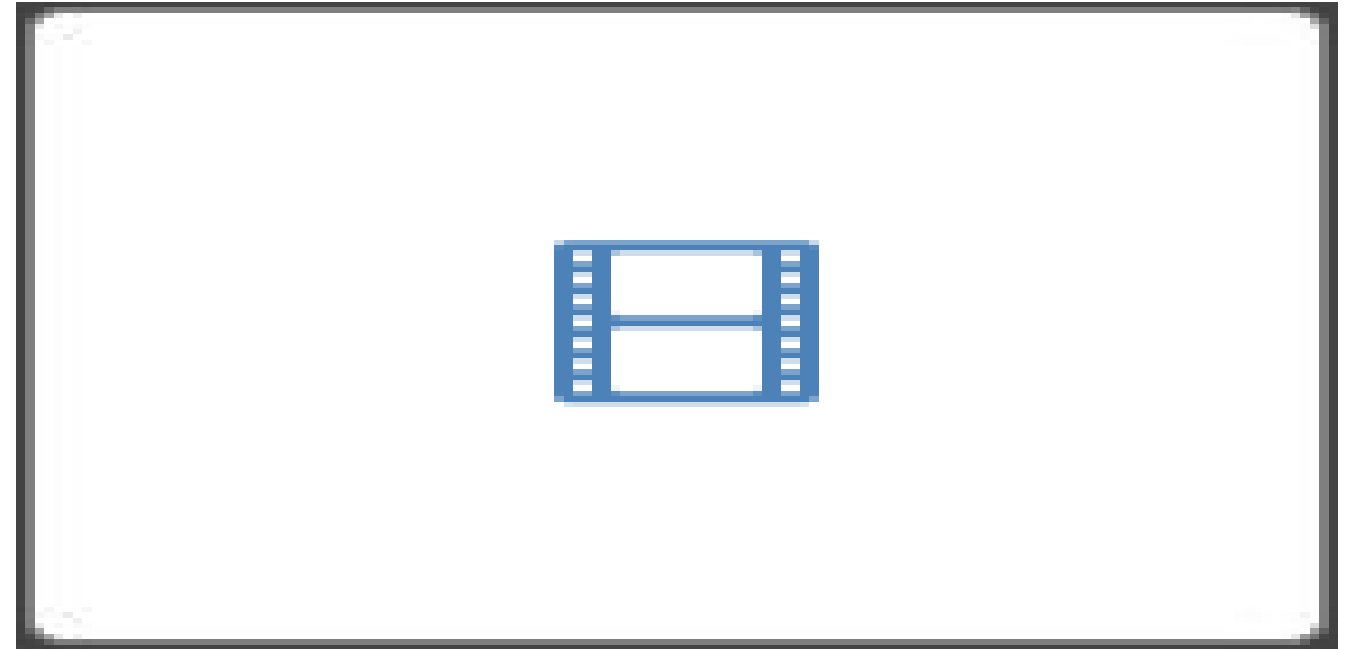


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# OCS: Udine experience

47 CASES (89% UTILIZATION, 42 UTILIZED GRAFTS) SINCE 2007

## DONORS

Mean age, years	47 ± 11
Age > 55 years	9 (21%)
CAD	3 (7%)
Expected IT > 5h	23 (55%)
Cardiac arrest	8 (19%)
Reports use of narcotics	4 (10%)

## RECIPIENTS

Mean age, years	56 ± 12
ECMO	8 (19%)
VAD	7 (17%)
REDO	4 (10%)
Mean cold ischemic time, min	133 ± 27
Mean OCS time, min	282 ± 76
Mean total «out of body» time, min	400 ± 101



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# Potential OCS benefits

- |                                      |                       |              |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| • By reducing ischemic time          | <b>PRESERVATION</b>   | (PROCEED II) |
| • By increasing acceptance of organs | <b>ASSESSMENT</b>     | (EXPAND)     |
| • By improving graft quality         | <b>RECONDITIONING</b> | ?            |
| • By decreasing incidence of CAV     | <b>I-MODULATION</b>   | ?            |
| • By creating new heart              | <b>REGENERATION</b>   | ?            |



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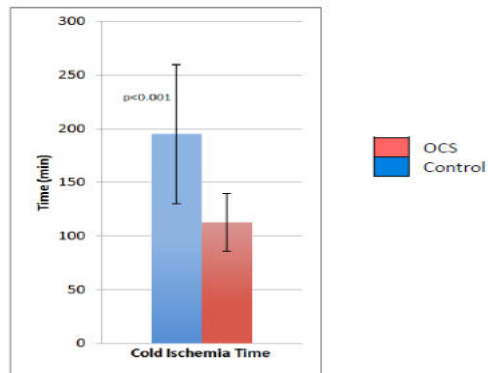
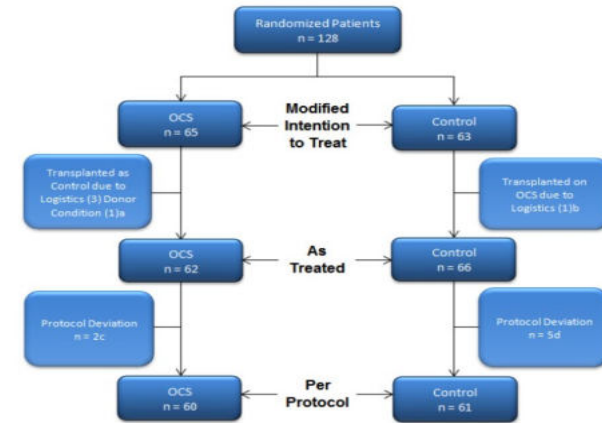
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# OCS (Heart) Clinical Trials

	Year	N	Donor
PROTECT	2006-7	22	Standard
PROTECT II	2007-8	20	Standard
PROCEED	2007-8	15	Standard
PROCEED II	2011-2013	128	Standard
EXPAND	2015-2019	93	Extended

# PROCEED II Findings

- 30 day patient and graft survival are similar when the donor heart preserved on OCS vs on ice
- No different in secondary endpoints of cardiac –related SAE, Rejection, ICU stay
- Cold ischemia time significantly shorter, despite longer total preservation time



## THE LANCET

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### Articles

**Ex-vivo perfusion of donor hearts for human heart transplantation (PROCEED II): a prospective, open-label, multicentre, randomised non-inferiority trial**

Prof Abbas Ardehali, MD<sup>a</sup>, Prof Fardad Esmailian, MD<sup>b</sup>, Prof Mario Deng, MD<sup>c</sup>, Prof Edward Soltesz, MD<sup>d</sup>, Prof Eileen Hsich, MD<sup>e</sup>, Prof Yoshifumi Nakai<sup>f</sup>, Prof Donna Mancini, MD<sup>g</sup>, Prof Margarita Camacho, MD<sup>h</sup>, Prof Mark Zucker, MD<sup>i</sup>, Prof Pascal Leprince, MD<sup>j</sup>, Prof Robert Padora, MD<sup>k</sup>, Prof Jon Kobashigawa, MD<sup>l</sup>, for the PROCEED II trial investigators<sup>†</sup>



# Prolonged OCS Heart Perfusion

## DONOR HEART TIMINGS

Clamp to clamp time

- *OCS perfusion time*
- *Total ischemic time*

## CASE 1

10 Hr 11 min

8 Hr 23 min

43+52min

## CASE 2

17 Hr 03 min

15 Hr 55 min

68 min

## RECIPIENT OUTCOME

- VA-ECMO
- Ventilation
- Hospital length of stay
- Follow-up

## CASE 1

17.5 Hr

3 Days

15 Days

> 1 yr

## CASE 2

44 Hr

5 Days

24 Days

7 months

Case 1: Stamp NL et al. Heart Lung Circ. 2015 Jun;24(6):611-3

Case 2: Kaliyev R et al. Artif Organs. 2019 Mar;43(3):319-320



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# OCS Heart EXPAND Trial

## Marginal Donors

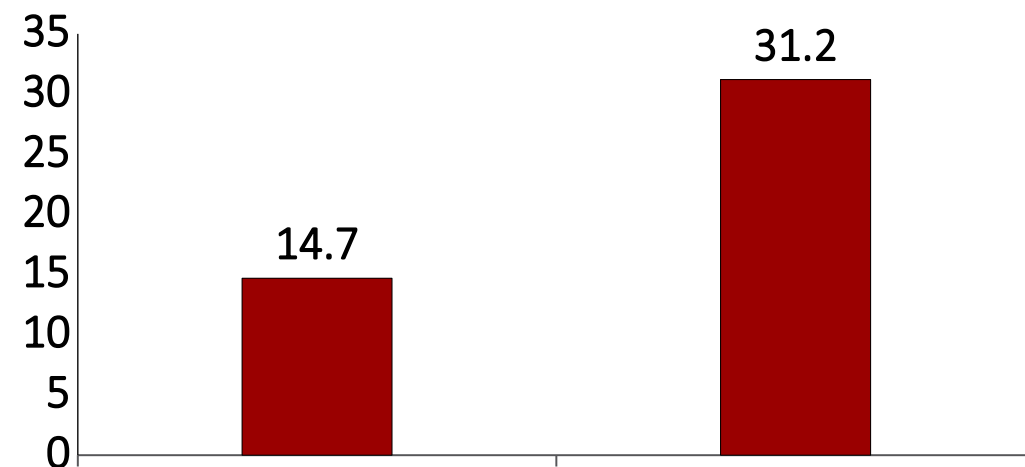
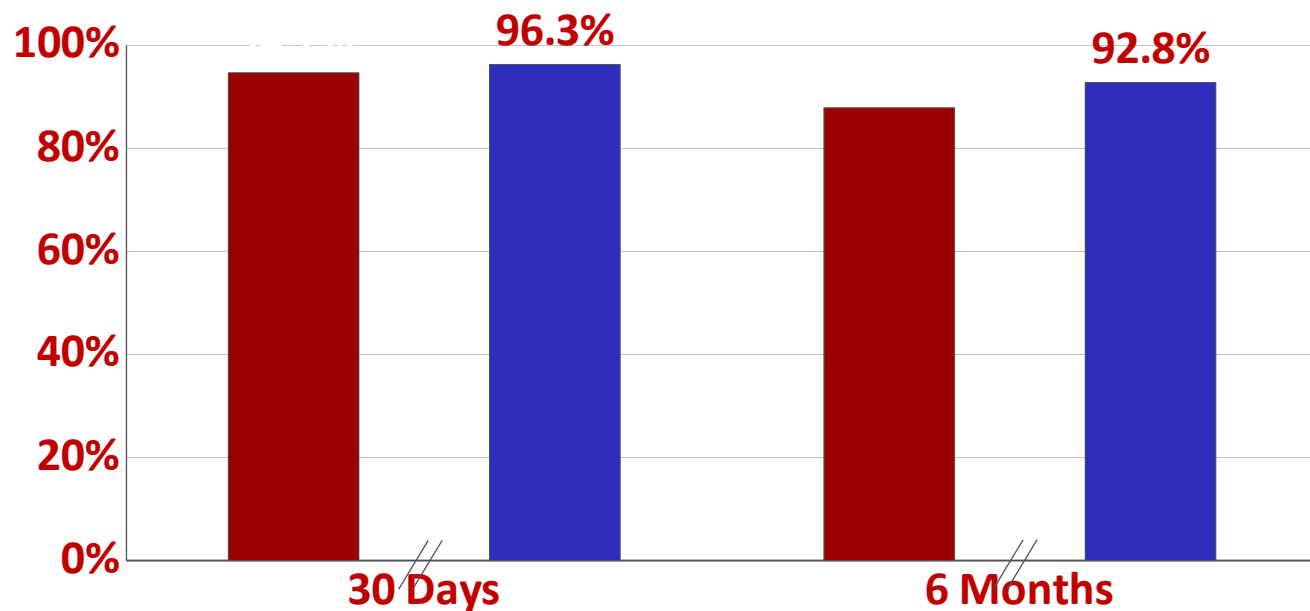
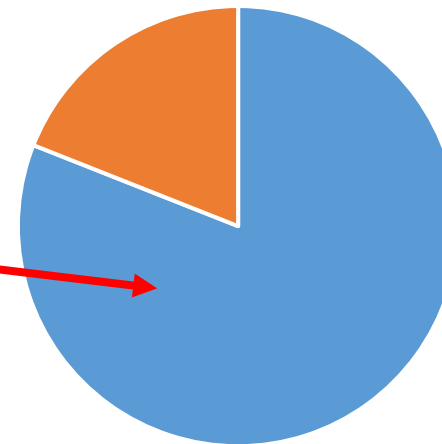
- **Single Arm Study:**
  - Because these hearts are not routinely being utilized and could not be compared to standard criteria hearts
- **Donor Criteria** – Targeted donor hearts that may benefit from perfusion
  - Extended ischemia time >4 hours
  - Older donors >45 y
  - Down time  $\geq$  20 mins
  - LVH hearts 12-16 mm thickness
  - Non specific CAD
- **Effectiveness Endpoints:**
  - Primary: Composite of patient survival at day 30 and freedom from severe PGD in the first 24 hours
  - Secondary: Donor hearts utilization rate
- **Safety Endpoint:**
  - Rate of moderate and severe PGD up-to day 30 post transplant



# OCS HEART EXPAND TRIAL

## Marginal Donors

81% Utilization Rate



■ OCS Heart EXPAND

■ US OPTN National Avg.

■ Moderate and Severe PGD



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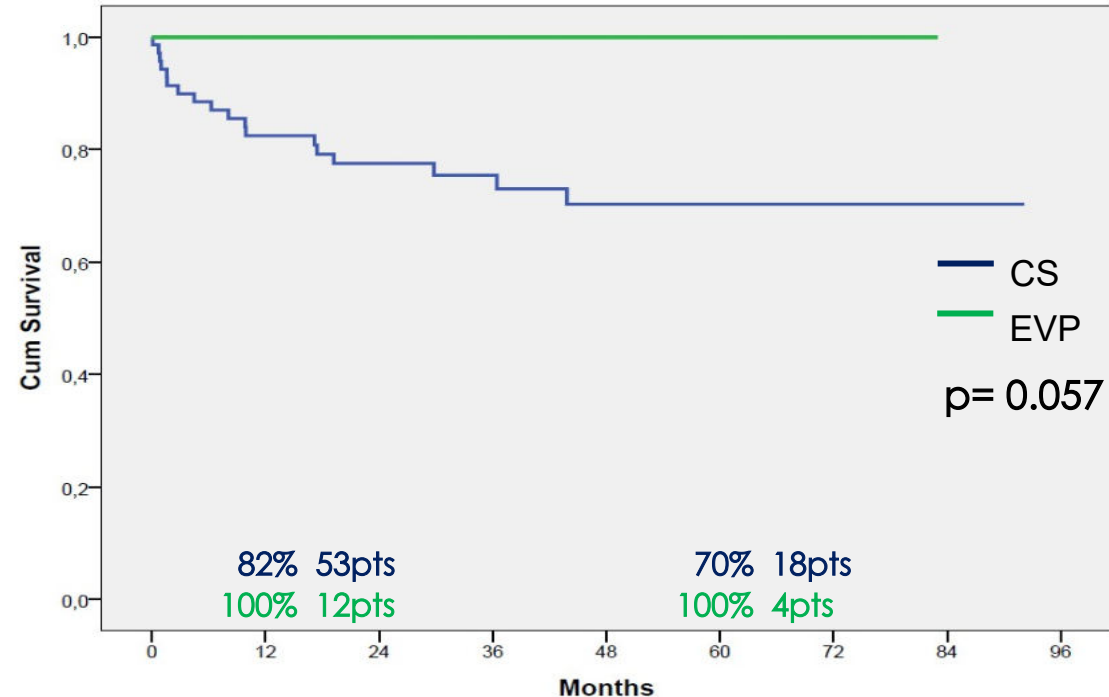
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# Udine experience: Marginal donors

Peri-operative data	CS (n=72)	EVP (n=17)	p
CPB time (min), median (min-max)	210 (136-394)	176 (125-413)	0.03*
Ischemic time (min), median (min-max)	229 (91-365)	138 (103-231)	<0.01*
Total Surgical Time (min), median (min-max)	450 (247-840)	400 (220-615)	0.05*

Early outcome	CS (n=72)	EVP (n=17)	p
Overall complications, % (n)	88% (63)	65% (11)	0.04*
MAV hours, median (min-max)	48 (10-408)	24 (12-192)	0.02*
MAV >72 hours, % (n)	24% (17)	6% (1)	0.09
High dose inotropic support, % (n)	22% (16)	12% (2)	0.27
ECMO, % (n)	3% (2)	0	0.65
IABP, % (n)	22% (16)	6% (1)	0.11
AKI, % (n)	28% (20)	18% (3)	0.30
PGF, % (n)	15% (11)	12% (2)	0.53
Rejection ≥ grade 2, % (n)	13% (9)	12% (2)	0.65
Atrial Fibrillation, % (n)	17% (12)	6% (1)	0.24
ICU stay (days), median (min-max)	6 (2-83)	5 (2-20)	0.04*
Hospital stay (days), median (min-max)	33 (14-279)	32 (19-102)	0.71
Early death, % (n)	7% (5)	0	0.34



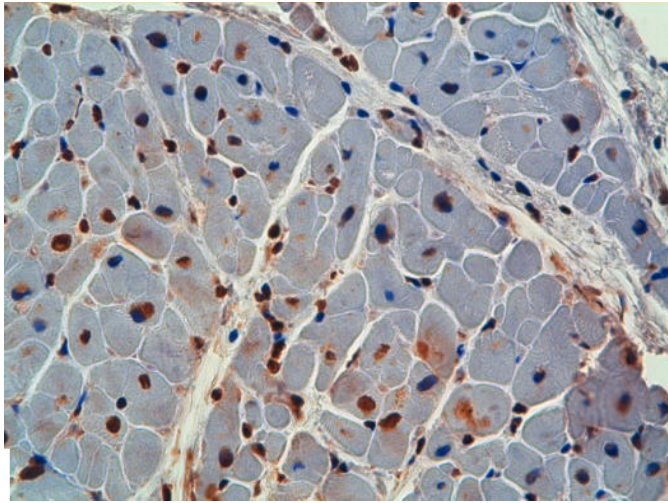


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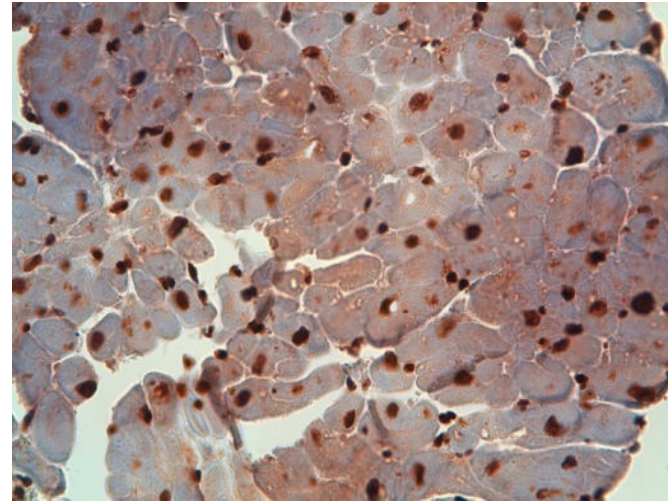
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Cold Ischemia

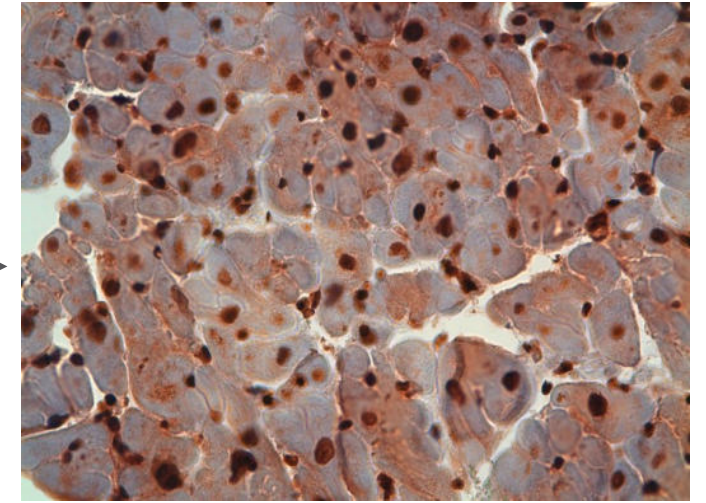
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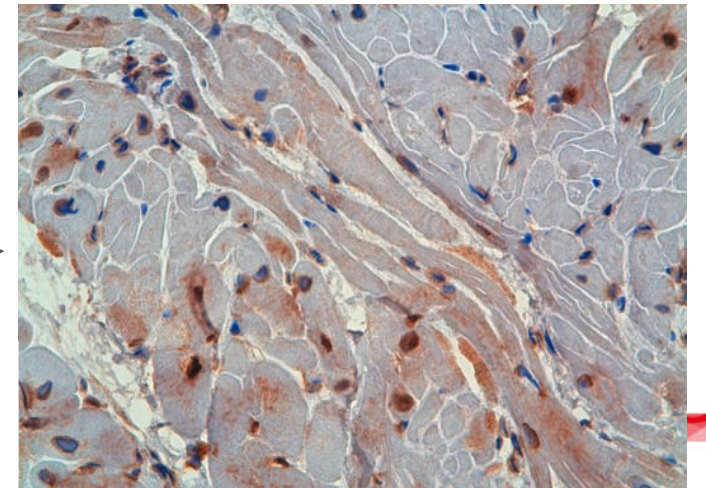
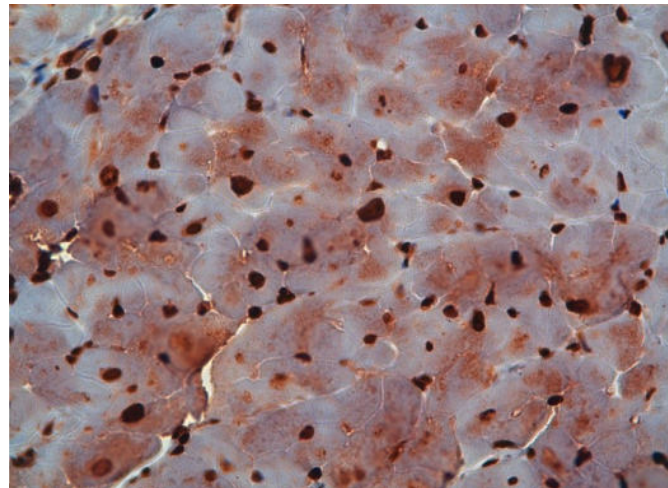
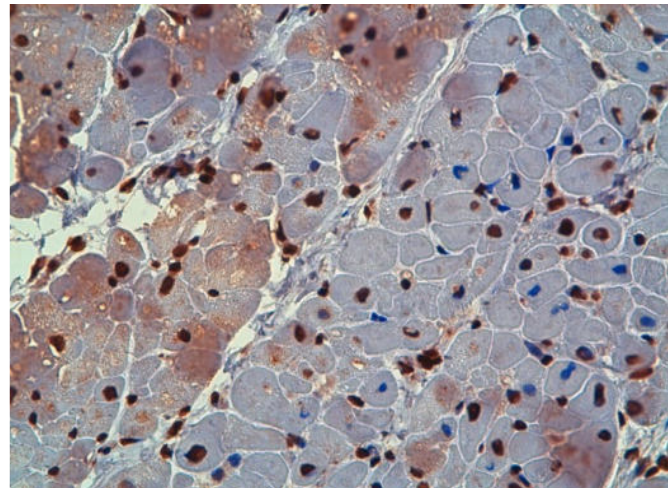
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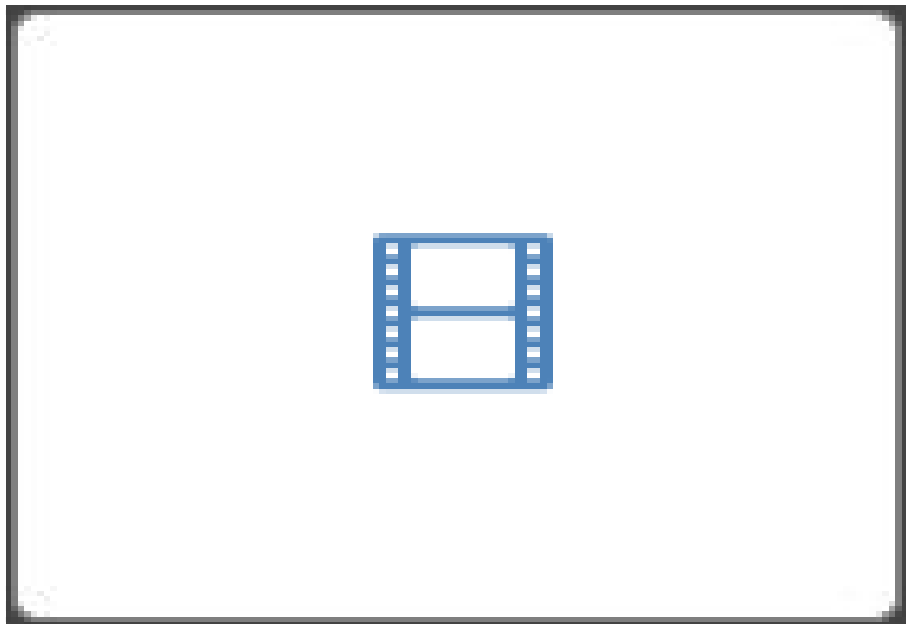
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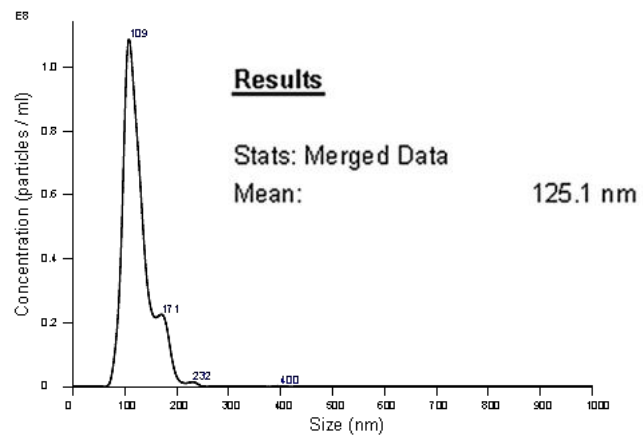
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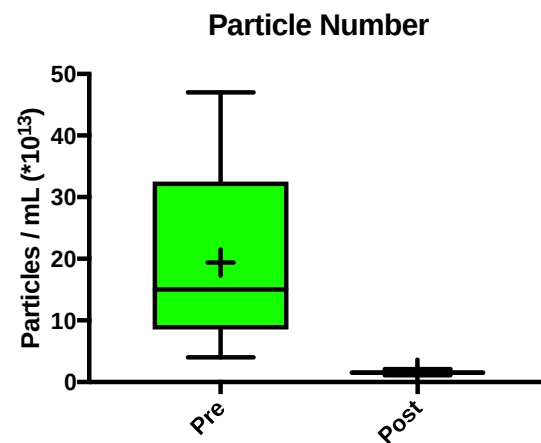
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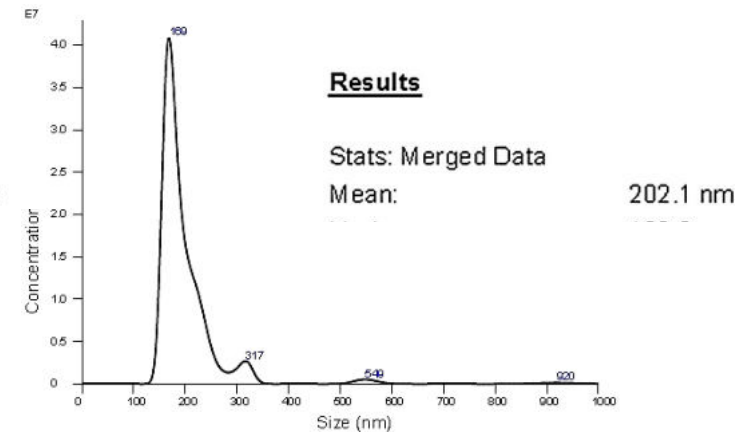
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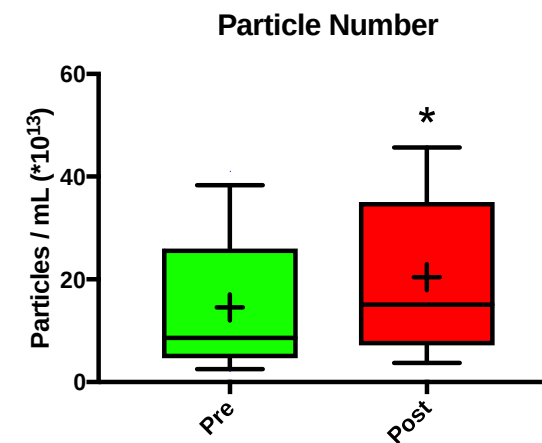
## OCS



## • Cold Ischemia



## Cold Ischemia

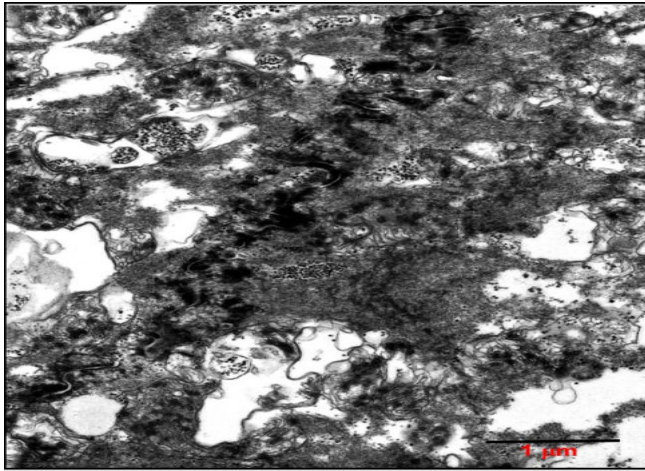




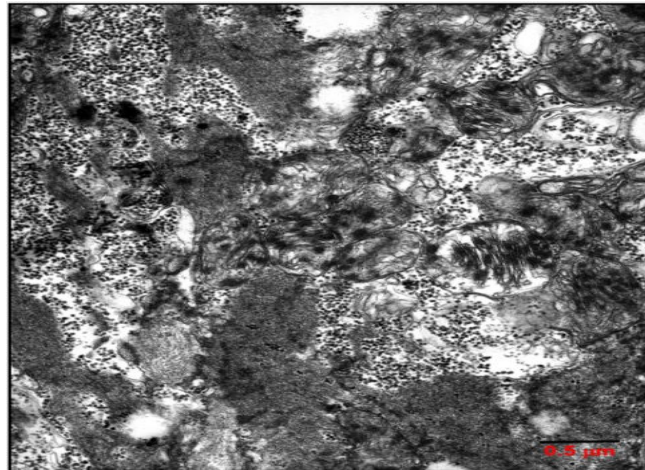
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## Transmission Electron Microscopy

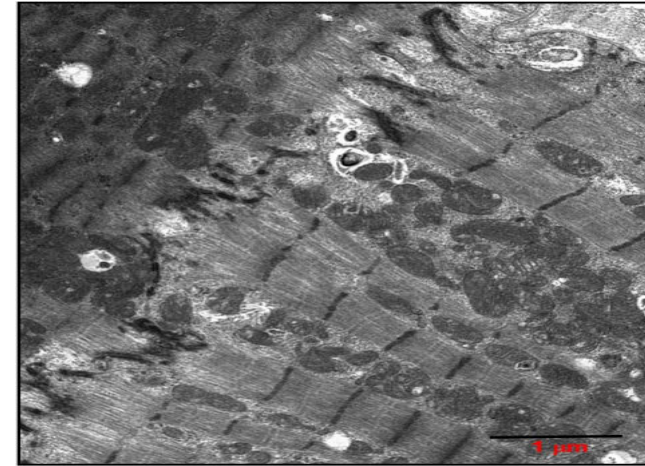
### Cold storage



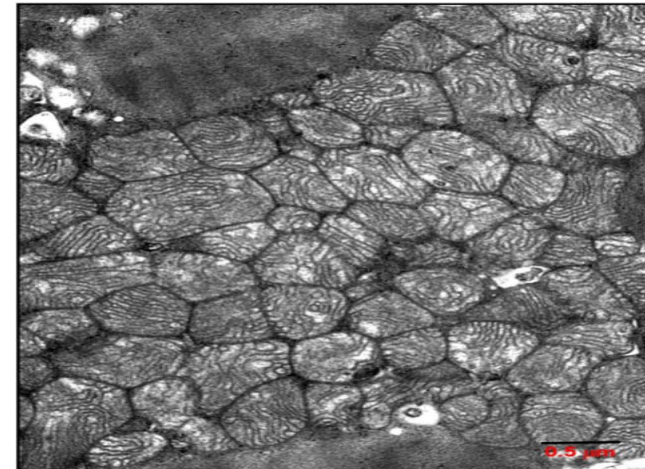
Hearts preserved in Cold Storage showed cardiomyocyte degeneration, with maximal cell suffering after heart reperfusion



### OCS



Conversely, after ex-vivo reperfusion, cardiomyocyte showed well-preserved organelles also after heart reperfusion



# Experience with DCD hearts

Lower 1966, Virginia - Resuscitated human cadaver heart and transplanted it into a baboon where it provided satisfactory circulatory support for several hours.

1967 •First heart Tx was technically a DCD donor heart

2008 •3 DCD hearts used in paediatric heart transplants with good outcomes, all alive at 6 months; Denver, USA

2009 •Human DCD heart successfully resuscitated using extracorporeal perfusion

## Pediatric Heart Transplantation after Declaration of Cardiocirculatory Death

Mark M. Boucek, M.D., Christine Mashburn, B.S.N., Susan M. Dunn, M.B.A., Rebecca Frizell, B.S.N., Leah Edwards, Ph.D., Biagio Pietra, M.D., and David Campbell, M.D., for the Denver Children's Pediatric Heart Transplant Team\*

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## CASE REPORTS

### Cardiac Recovery in a Human Non-Heart-beating Donor After Extracorporeal Perfusion: Source for Human Heart Donation?

Ayyaz Ali, MRCS,<sup>1</sup> Paul White, PhD,<sup>2</sup> Kumud Dhital, FRCS,<sup>2</sup> Marian Ryan, RGN,<sup>2</sup> Steven Tsui, FRCS,<sup>2</sup> and Stephen Large, FRCP, FRCS<sup>2</sup>



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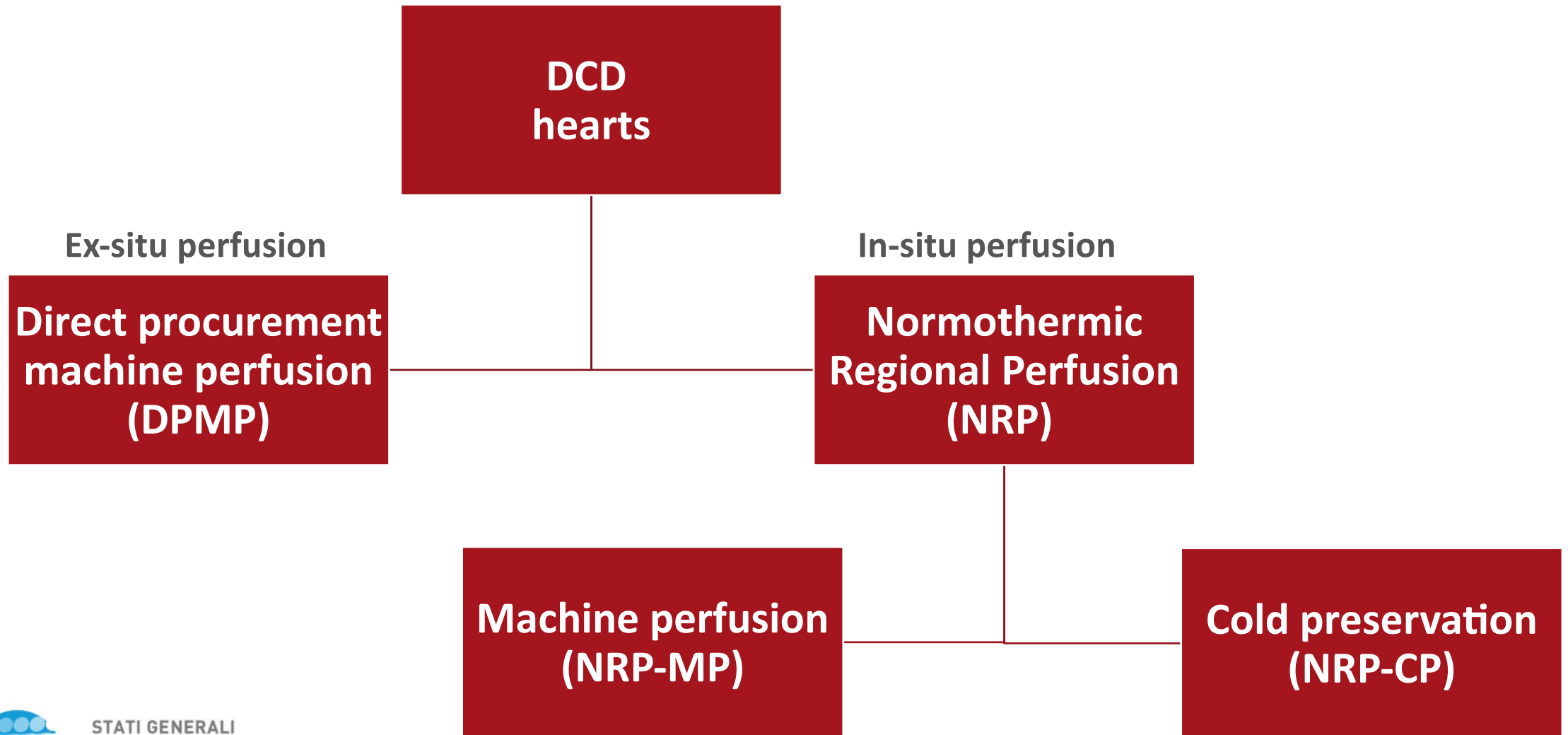


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# DPP – direct procurement and perfusion

- Declaration of death
- Reintubation and sternotomy
- Donor blood drainage and collection
- Transmedics OCS priming
- Cardioplegia into DCD heart
- Cardiac removal and instrumentation upon OCS

## DRAWBACKS

**Toxic milieu:** blood hyperkalemic, hyperglycemic, hypoxic, hypercapnic, acidotic, high levels of cytokines and catecholamines.

**Functional assessment:** perfusate lactate concentration  $<5\text{mMol/L}$ , (artery lactate  $>$  coronary sinus lactate).  
Questioned validity as metabolic marker (reliable indicator ?)

**Small and dehydrated donors** → no enough blood to prime OCS

**Time from withdrawal of life support to cardioplegia  $<30\text{min}$**



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# NRP – Normothermic Regional Perfusion

- Declaration of death
- Re-Intubation and sternotomy
- Heparin 30'000 UI into the RA and 20'000 UI into the PA
- Clamping of Aortic Arch Vessels
- Aortic – Right Atrial Cannulation → ECC
- DCD Heart Reconditioned
- NRP Discontinued (after 90 min)
- Cardiac Assessment with TEE and SG catheter
- Blood Collection to prime OCS

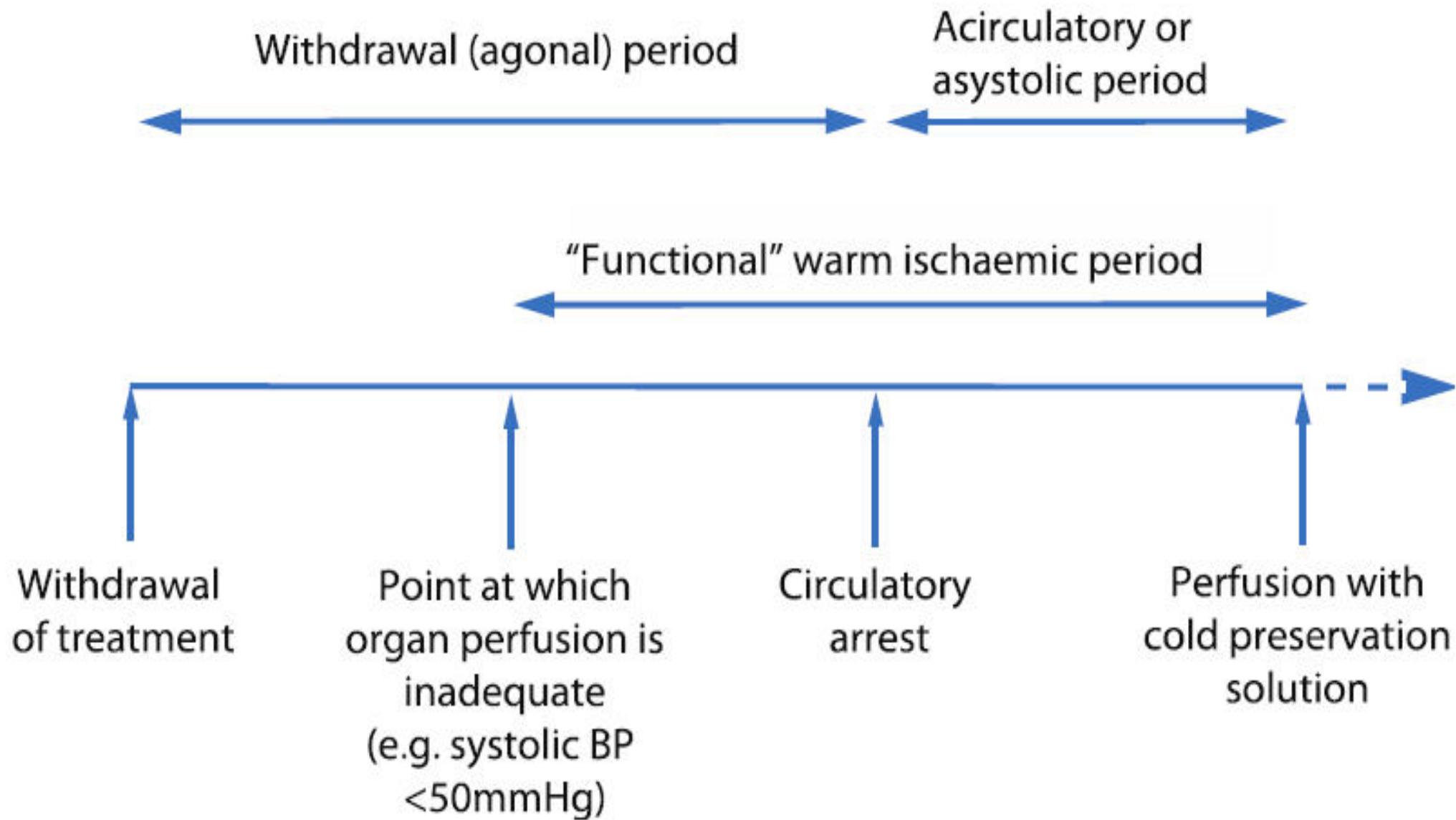
## ADVANTAGES

Earlier reperfusion, shorter warm ischaemic time (on average 8 min)  
Time from withdrawal of life support to NRP up to 180 min  
Functional assessment as usual (TEE/SG catheter)  
More confidence in decision making  
Better donor organ utilization

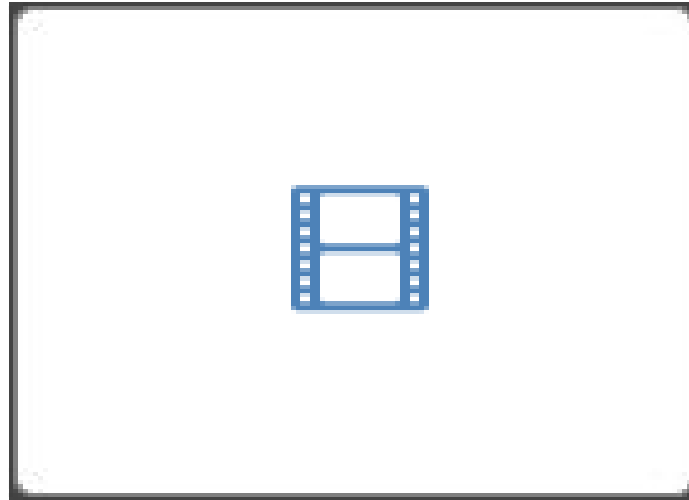
## DRAWBACKS

More resources required (blood products, equipment, personal, etc)  
Detrimental effects on other organs?  
Legal and Ethical issues (heart perfusion within the donor)

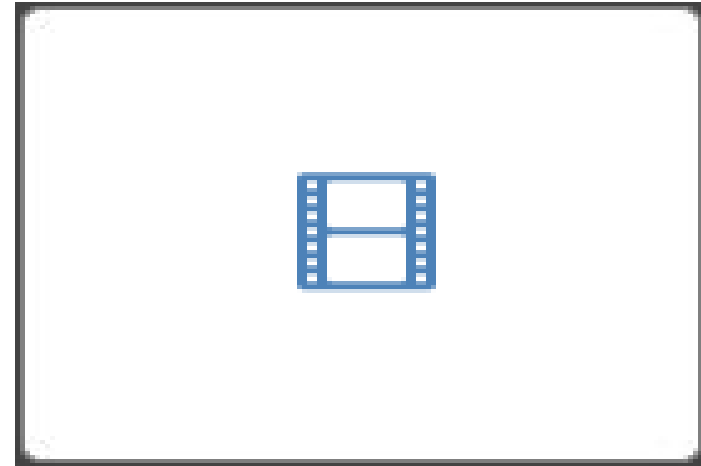




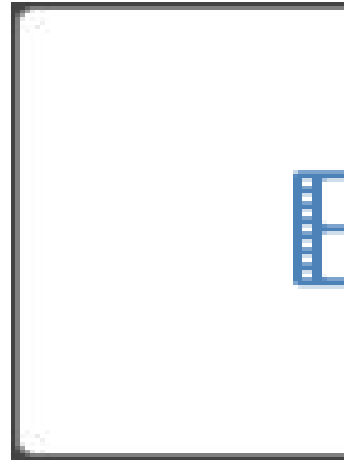
# First DCD Human Heart Transplant



Initial 10 Mins on OCS



After 4 hours on OCS



Off Bypass in Recipient



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Courtesy of Dr. Kumud Dhital, St. Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, Australia

# Adult heart transplantation with distant procurement and ex-vivo preservation of donor hearts after circulatory death: a case series

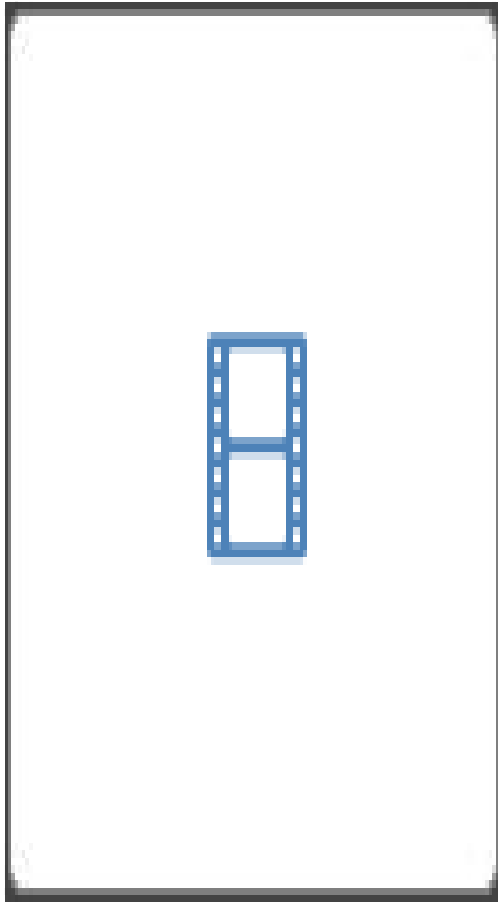
Kumud K Dhital, Arjun Iyer, Mark Connellan, Hong C Chew, Ling Gao, Aoife Doyle, Mark Hicks, Gayathri Kumarasinghe, Claude Soto, Andrew Dinale, Bruce Cartwright, Priya Nair, Emily Granger, Paul Jansz, Andrew Jabbour, Eugene Kotlyar, Anne Keogh, Christopher Hayward, Robert Graham, Phillip Spratt, Peter Macdonald

	Recipient 1	Recipient 2	Recipient 3	Donor 1	Donor 2	Donor 3
Age (years)	57	43	57	26	26	27
Sex	Male	Female	Male	Male	Male	Male
Diagnosis	Familial DCM	Viral DCM	ARVD*	Hypoxia	Trauma	Trauma
Blood group	A	A	O	A	A	O
Height (cm)	163	176	170	183	173	182
Bodyweight (kg)	71	70	79	92	70	79
Ejection fraction (%)	20	18	19	75	50	NA
LVEDD (mm)	84	61	67	..	..	..
TPG (mm Hg)	7	5	8	..	..	..
Creatinine concentration (μmol/L)	99	135	149	..	..	..
eGFR (mL/min BSAc)	44	65	42	..	..	..
Total bilirubin concentration (μmol/L)	30	60	42	..	..	..

	Donor 1	Donor 2	Donor 3
<b>Withdrawal parameters</b>			
Location of withdrawal	Operating theatre	Intensive care unit	Anaesthetic bay
Withdrawal to systolic blood pressure <50 mm Hg (min)	7	5	11
Withdrawal to SaO <sub>2</sub> <50% (min)	8	2	1
Withdrawal to cessation of circulation (min)	16	10	11
Observation period (min)	2	2	5
Warm ischaemic time (min)*	28	25	22
<b>OCS parameters</b>			
Pacing	Yes	Yes	No
Adrenaline infusion (μg/h)	5	5	5-7
Adenosine infusion (mg/h)	0-21	0-21	0-21
Total OCS perfusion time (min)	257	260	245
Total ischaemic time (min)†	90	96	107
A-V lactate at start of perfusion (mmol/L)	8.30-8.10	6.79-6.48	7.60-7.40
A-V lactate at end of perfusion (mmol/L)	3.60-3.60	2.80-2.30	2.69-2.54

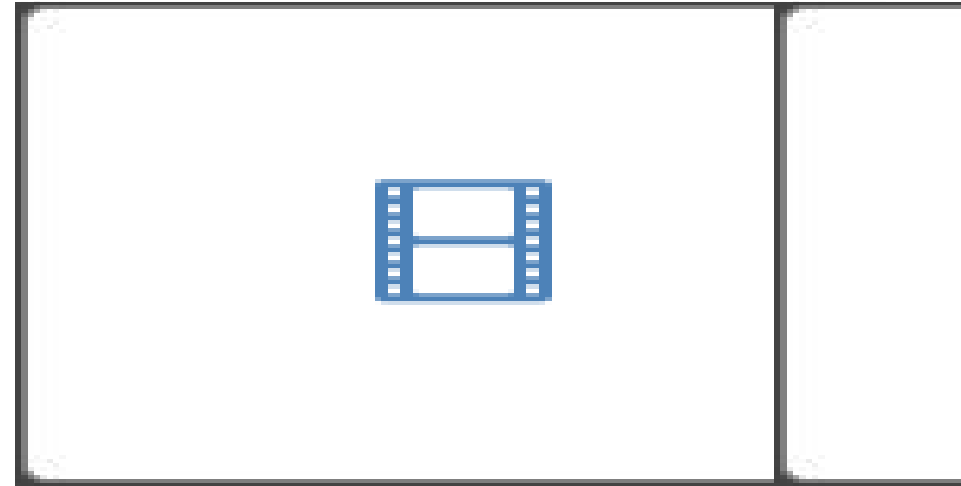


# DCD Udine project



**Arrested 30'**

15' of reperfusion



30' of reperfusion



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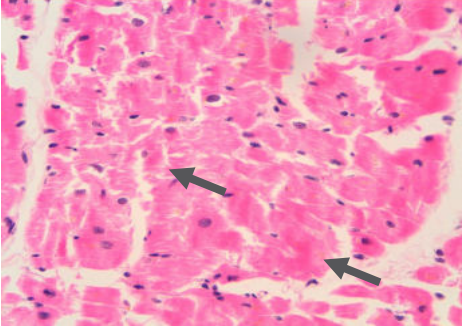


# From arrest to reperfusion

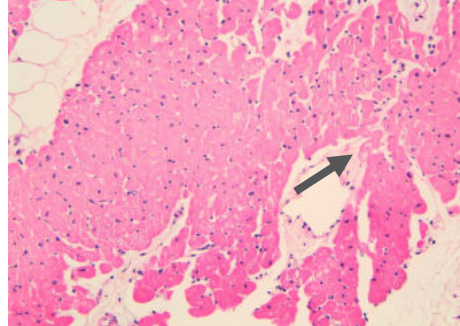
## Histological findings

- Contraction bands

T: 10 min after arrest

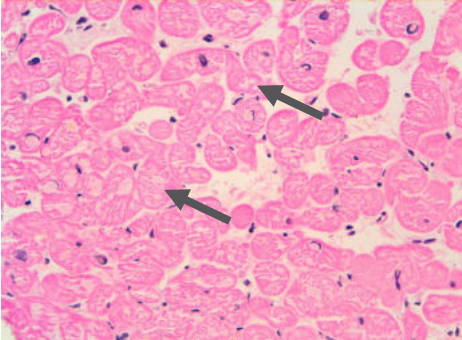


T: 60min post reperfusion

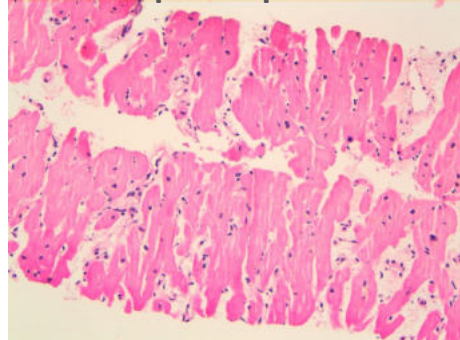


- Intracellular vacuolization

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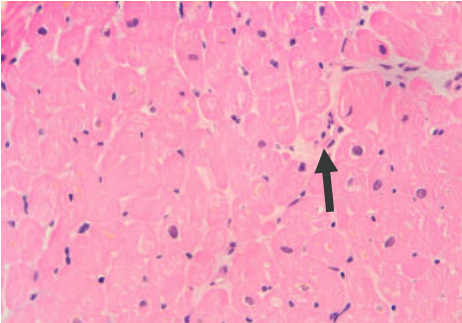


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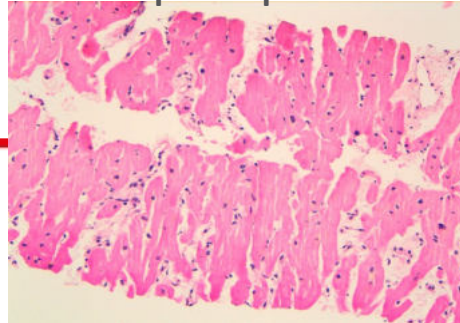


- Endothelial cells swelling

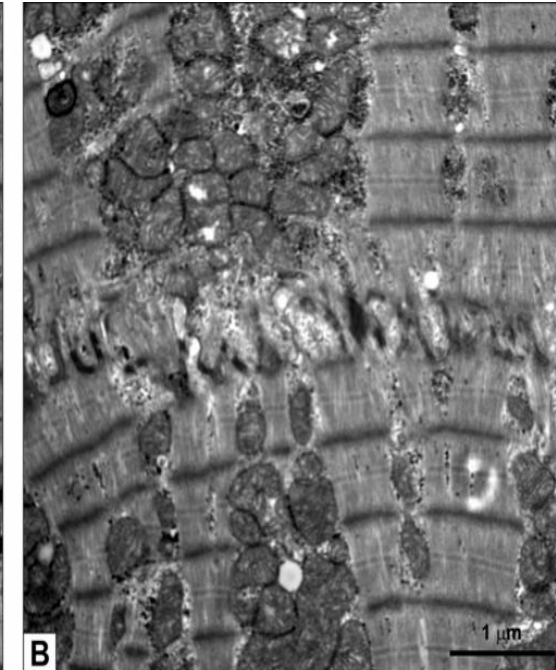
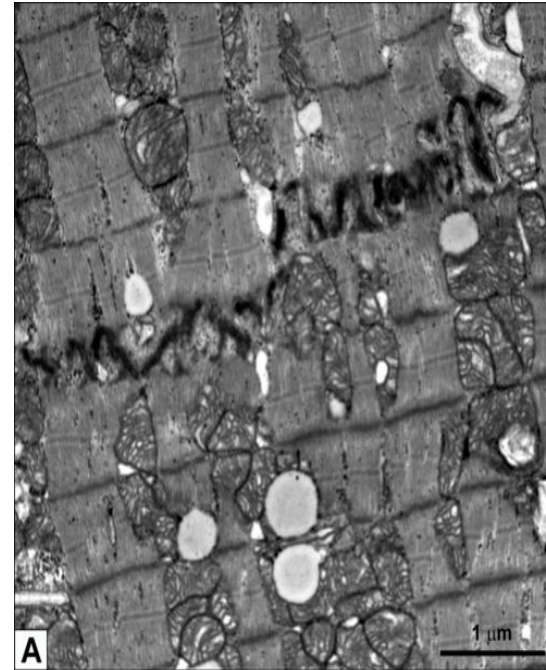
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T: 60min post reperfusion



## Ultrastructural changes



Bonetti A & Ortolani F. Histology & Electron Microscopy Unit, Department of Medicine, University of Udine, Italy

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Everything changes, nothing perishes



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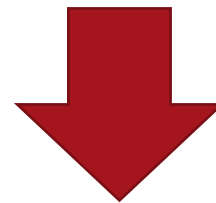


# Altered Immunogenicity of Donor Lungs via Removal of Passenger Leukocytes Using *Ex Vivo* Lung Perfusion

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## Ex-vivo perfusion reduces

- graft immunogenicity by decreasing the transfer of passenger leukocytes from the donor graft to the recipient
- ischemic time → reduction of I/R injury and activation of innate immunity system



**Reduced risk of rejection and CAV?**



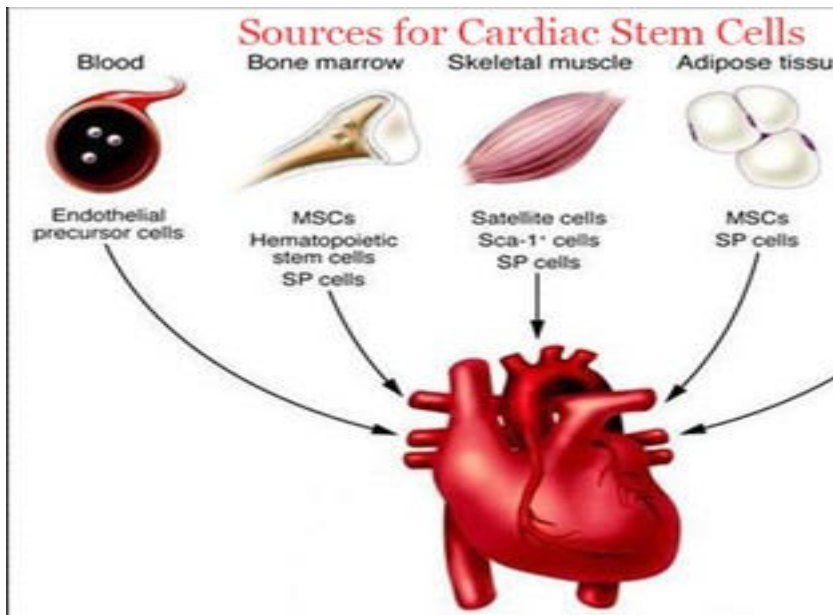
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# Stem cells immunomodulation and regeneration



## Immunomodulatory properties of mesenchymal stromal cells

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Mesenchymal stem cells (MSCs) are multipotential nonhematopoietic progenitor cells capable of differentiating into multiple lineages. They have emerged as a novel cell type for immunomodulation.

display immunomodulatory capacities. Although the mechanisms underlying the immunosuppressive effects of MSCs have

in vivo, the possible underlying mechanisms, the potential clinical use of MSCs as modulators of immune responses in

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## Immunomodulation by mesenchymal stem cells and clinical experience

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mesenchymal stem cells (MSCs) from adult marrow can differentiate *in vitro* and *in vivo* into various cell types, such as bone, fat and cartilage. MSCs preferentially home to damaged tissue and may have therapeutic potential. *In vitro* data suggest that MSCs have low inherent immunogenicity as they induce little, if any, proliferation of allogeneic lymphocytes. Instead, MSCs appear to be immunosuppressive *in vitro*. They

inhibit T-cell proliferation to alloantigens and mitogens and prevent the development of cytotoxic T-cells. *In vivo*, MSCs prolong skin allograft survival and have several immunomodulatory effects, which are presented and discussed in the present study. Possible clinical applications include therapy-resistant severe acute graft-versus-host disease, tissue repair, treatment of rejection of organ allografts and autoimmune disorders.

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