

Título: Bioingeniería aplicada al trasplante hepático

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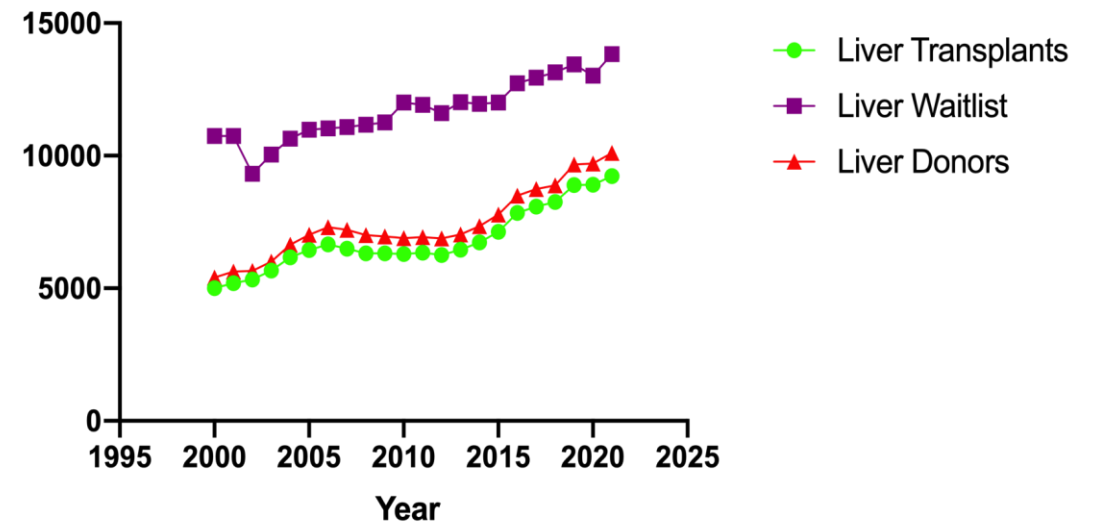






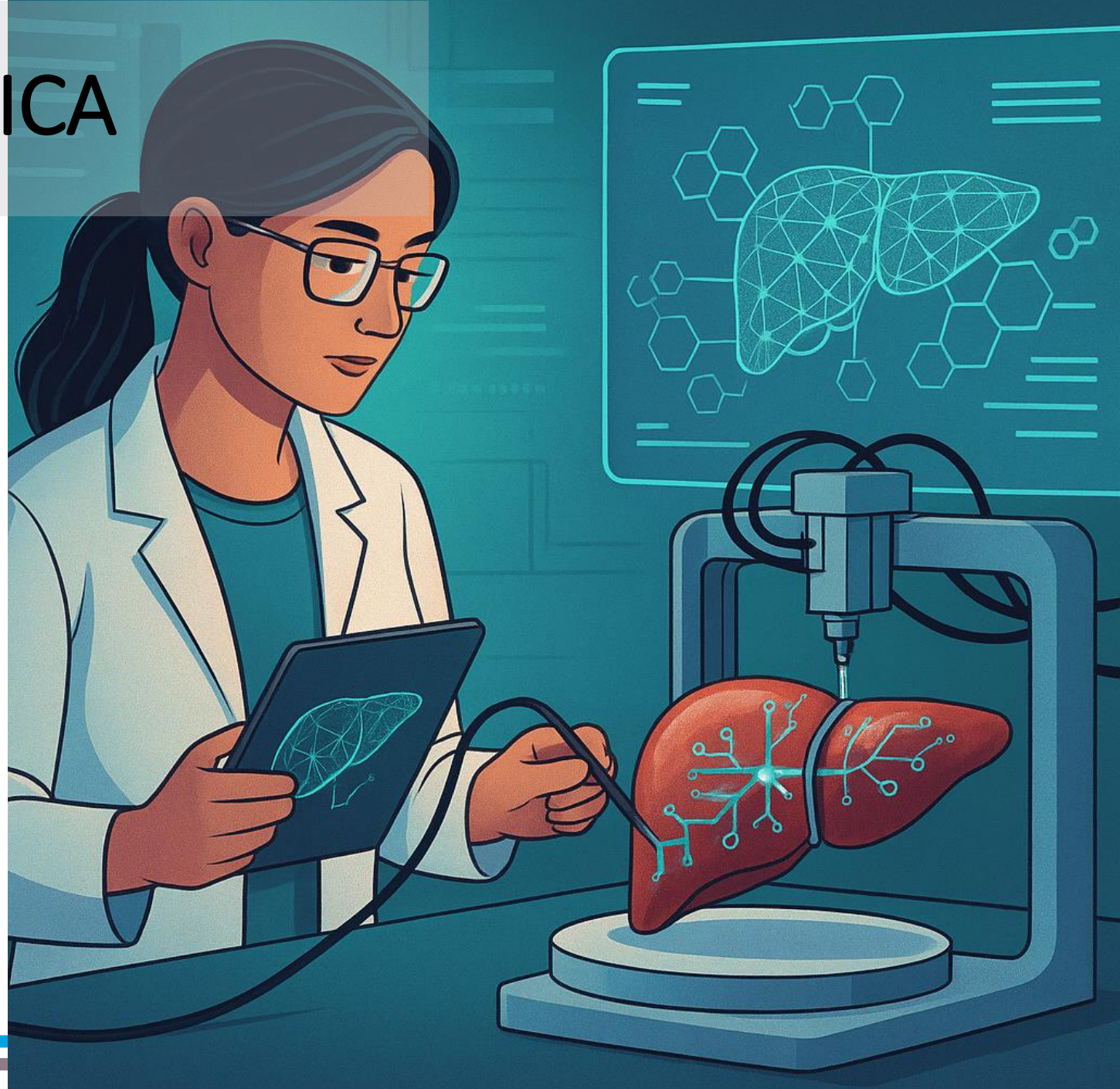
INTRODUCCIÓN

- *Retos actuales:*
 - *Escasez de órganos*
 - *Morbilidad y mortalidad en LEQ*
 - *Rechazo*
 - *Complicaciones de la inmunosupresión*
- *¿Puede la bioingeniería cambiar este paradigma?*



BIOINGENIERÍA HEPÁTICA

- Biología, ingeniería y medicina regenerativa
- Estudio, reparación y sustitución del hígado.
- Estrategias:
 - Scaffolds:
 - Impresión 3D
 - Descelularización.
 - Ingeniería genética (Xenotrasplante)
 - Terapias celulares
 - Soporte artificial



IMPRESIÓN 3D

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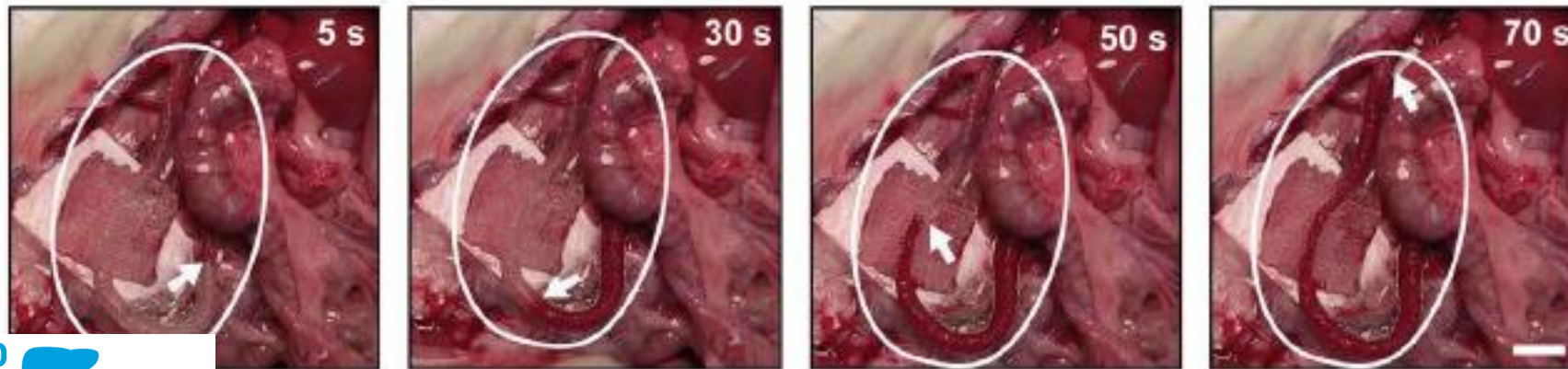
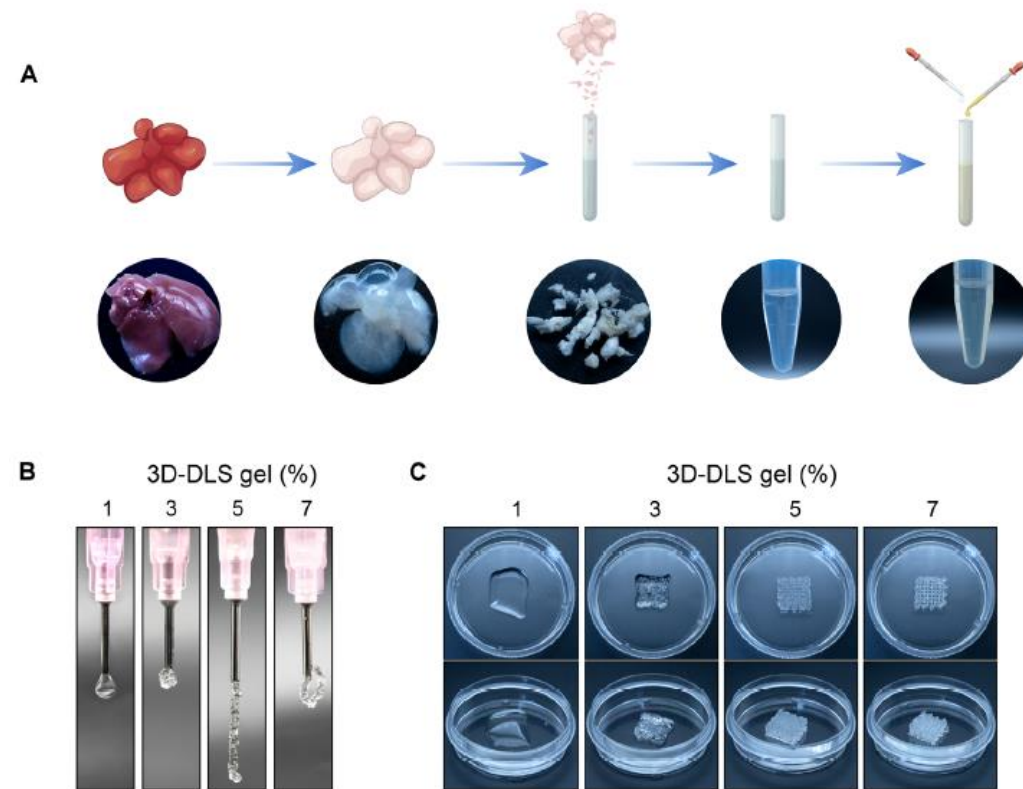
CELL BIOLOGY

Revitalizing liver function in mice with liver failure through transplantation of 3D-bioprinted liver with expanded primary hepatocytes

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The utilization of three-dimensional (3D) bioprinting technology to create a transplantable bioartificial liver emerges as a promising remedy for the scarcity of liver donors. This study outlines our strategy for constructing a 3D-bioprinted liver, using in vitro-expanded primary hepatocytes recognized for their safety and enhanced functional robustness as hepatic cell sources for bioartificial liver construction. In addition, we have developed bioink biomaterials with mechanical and rheological properties, as well as printing capabilities, tailored for 3D bioprinting. Upon heterotopic transplantation into the mesentery of tyrosinemia or 90% hepatectomy mice, our 3D-bioprinted liver effectively restored lost liver functions, consequently extending the life span of mice afflicted with liver injuries. Notably, the inclusion of an artificial blood vessel in our 3D-bioprinted liver allowed for biomolecule exchange with host blood vessels, demonstrating, in principle, the rapid integration of the bioartificial liver into the host vascular system. This model underscores the therapeutic potential of transplantation for the treatment of liver failure diseases.

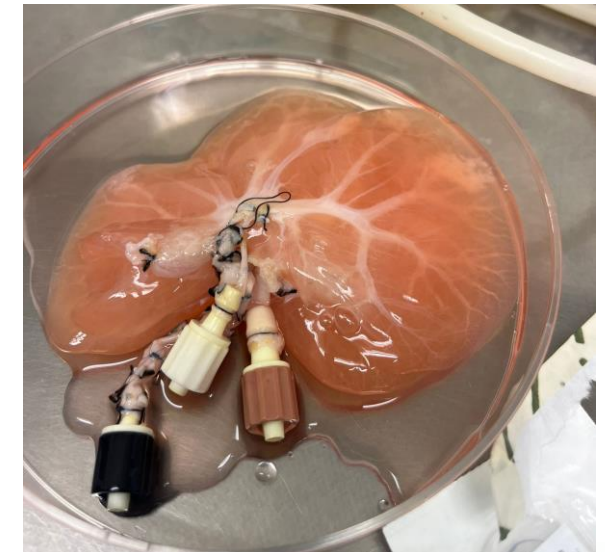
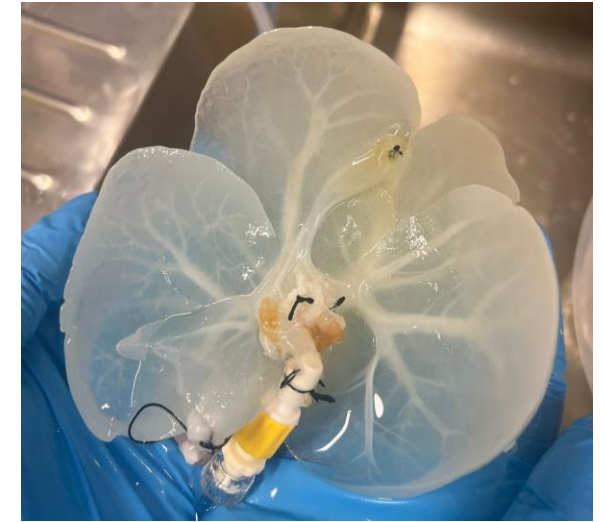
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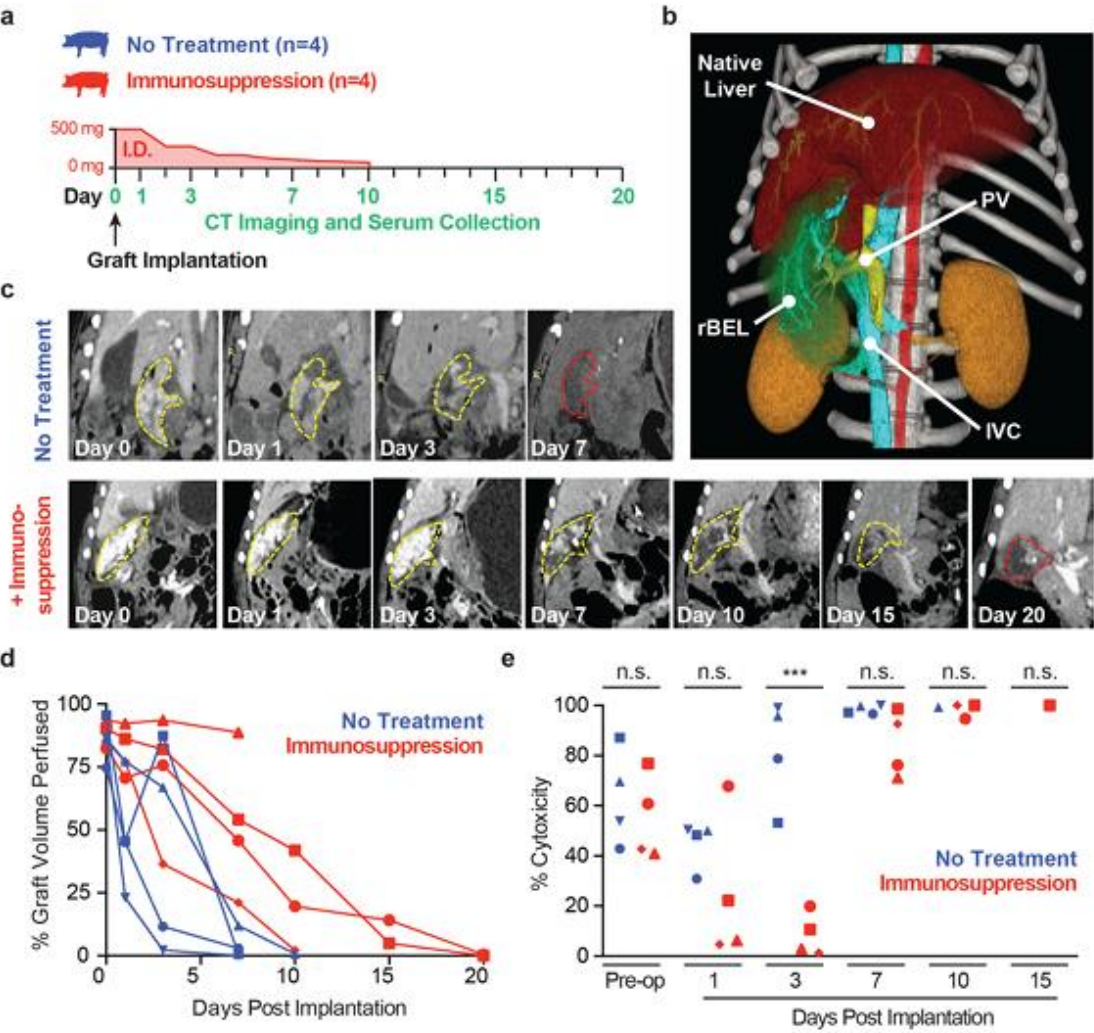


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RECELULARIZACIÓN SCAFFOLDS

- **Scaffold:** esqueleto de tejido acelular
- **Descelularización:** Eliminar componentes celulares manteniendo arquitectura y matriz.
- **Recelularización:** Reposición de células funcionales en el scaffold



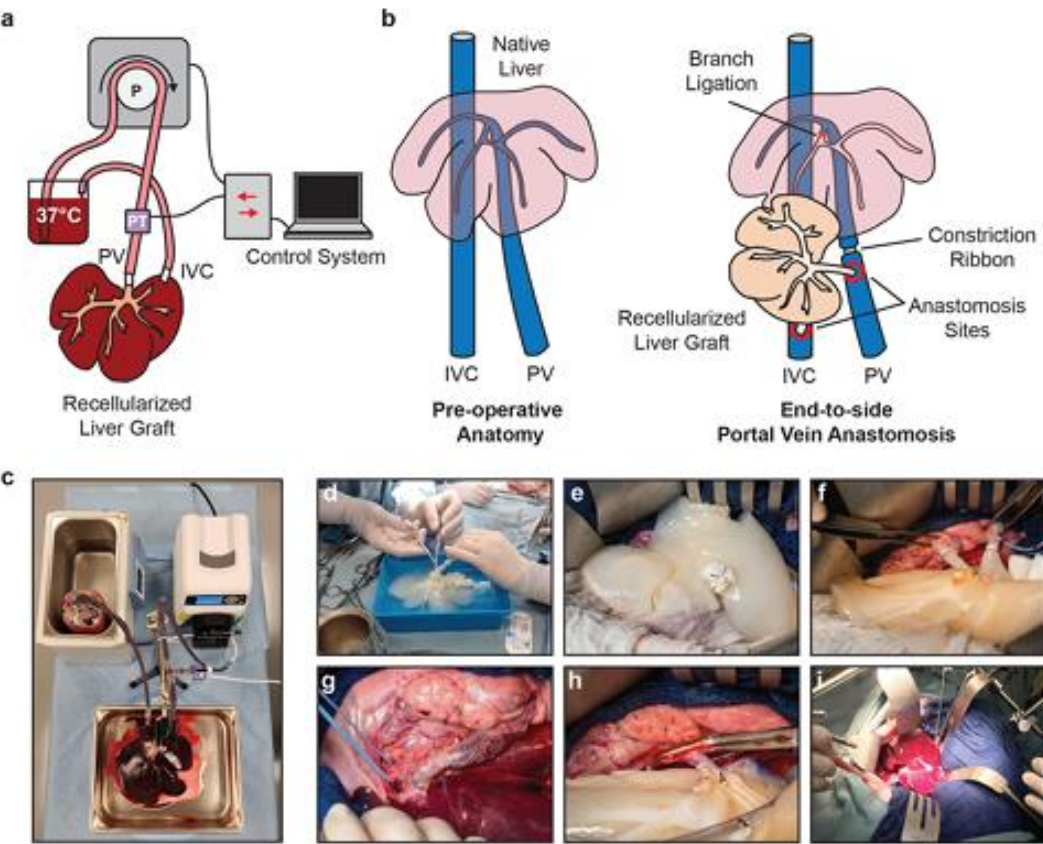


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Sustained perfusion of revascularized bioengineered livers heterotopically transplanted into immunosuppressed pigs

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28 días de perfusión...

- Perfusión continua de heparina

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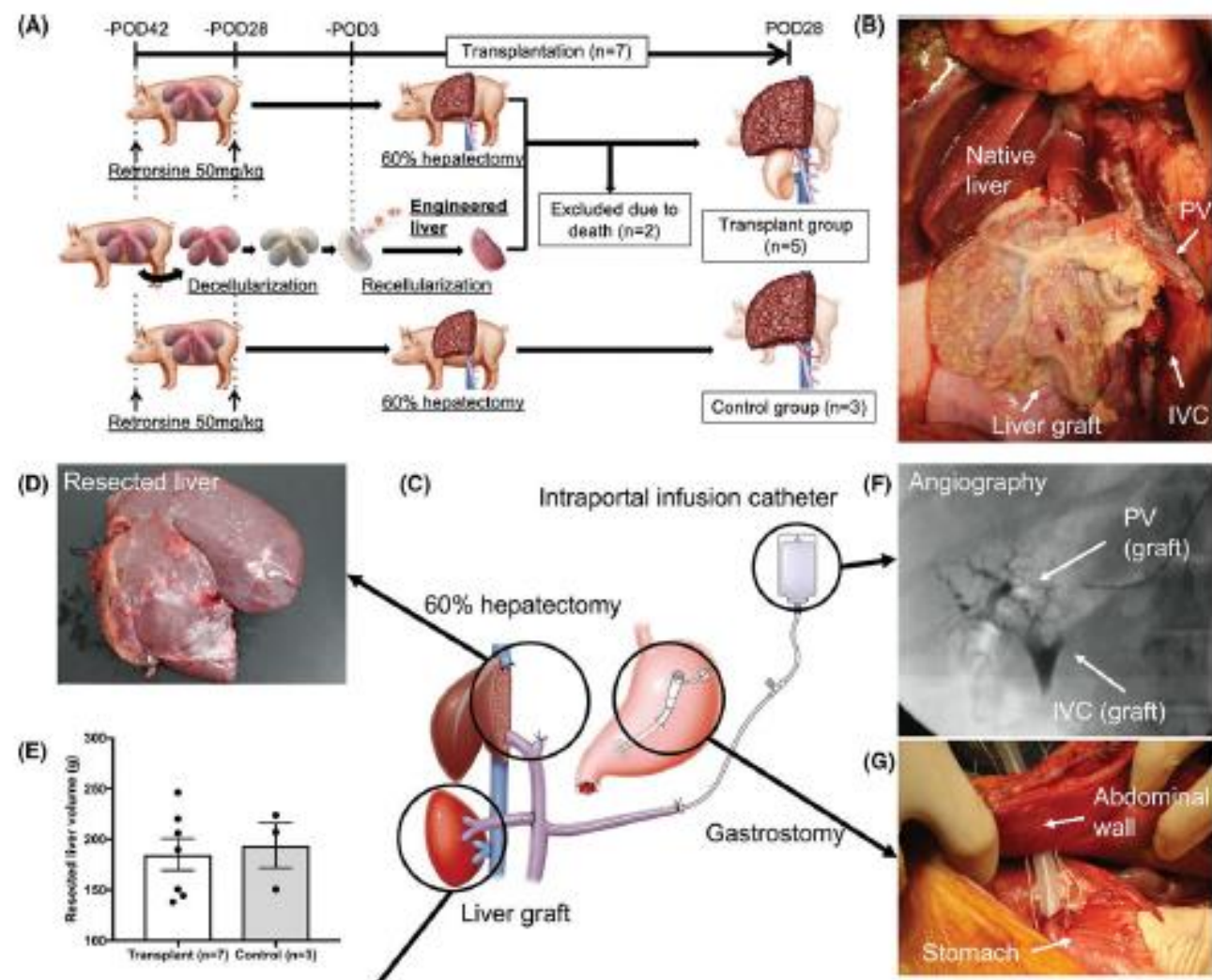
Transplantation of bioengineered liver capable of extended function in a preclinical liver failure model

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Genetically engineered pig-to-human liver xenotransplantation

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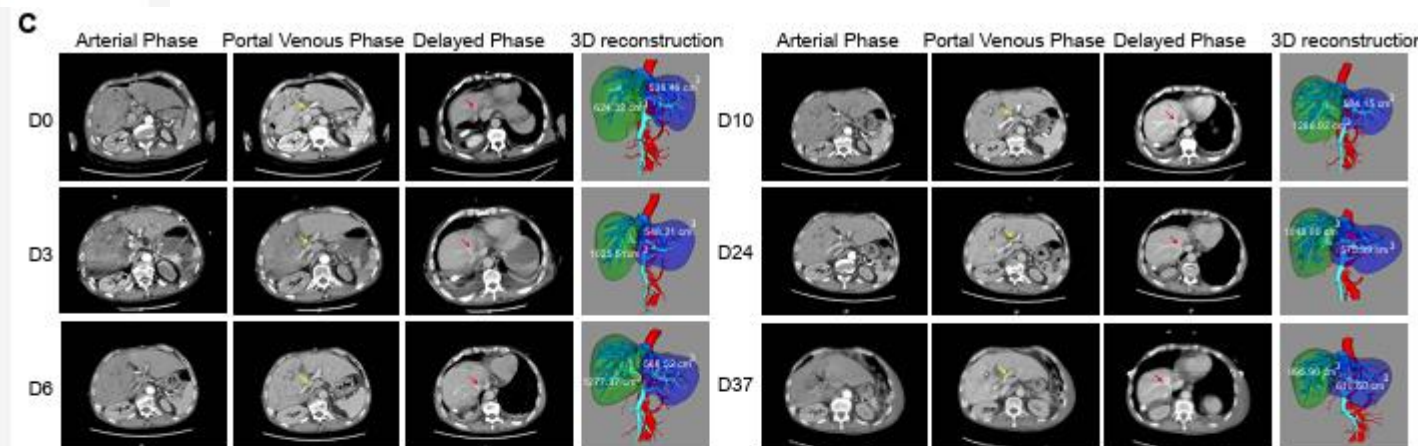
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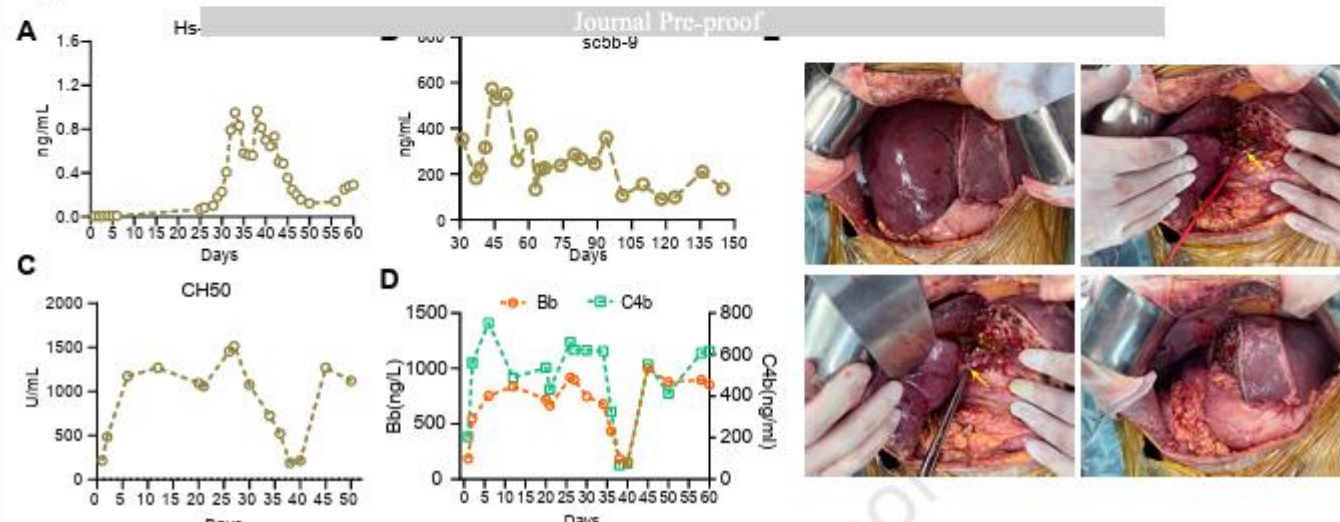
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Highlights

1. First successful auxiliary porcine liver xenotransplantation from a 10-gene edited pig to a living recipient, distinct from prior brain-dead recipient cases.
2. Porcine albumin and coagulation factors were bioactive, sustaining hepatic metabolic function without allergic reactions or other adverse effects.
3. Early postoperative course showed no hyperacute or acute rejection, supporting the effectiveness of donor gene editing and immunosuppression.
4. Xenotransplantation-associated thrombotic microangiopathy (xTMA) was successfully controlled by graft removal, followed by eculizumab and plasma exchange.
5. Establishes auxiliary liver xenotransplantation as a life-saving bridge for unresectable liver cancer or liver failure, and provides a clinical paradigm for future liver xenotransplantation trials.

Figure 6



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Thinking Out Loud

Biofabrication of Autologous Human Hepatocytes for Transplantation: How Do We Get There?

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Directed differentiation of hepatocytes from induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs) holds promise for treating some liver disorders. The unlimited availability of perfectly differentiated hepatocytes will dramatically facilitate cell therapies. While systems to manufacture large quantities of derived cells have been developed, we have been unable to generate and maintain stable liver cells *ex vivo*. This short review highlights important challenges and possible solutions to hepatocyte biofabrication for cellular therapies to treat liver diseases. Successful cell therapy requires optimizing the best cell function, overcoming limitations to cell numbers and safety, and addressing other challenges. Collaboration among scientists, clinicians, and industry is critical for autologous stem cell-based therapies to treat liver diseases.

Key words: Hepatocyte proliferation; Liver regeneration

INTRODUCTION

The demand for transplantable livers has increased

on the organ donor pool¹. New
investigations the liver area

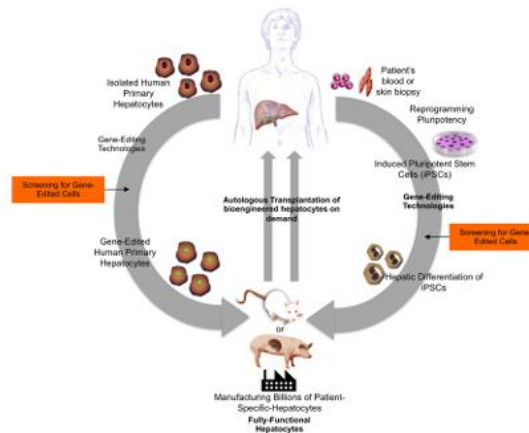


Figure 1. Schematic representation of manufacturing approach of autologous hepatocytes for transplantation. Primary hepatocytes are isolated from the patient and edited with CRISPR/Cas9 to correct the pathogenic genomic alteration *ex vivo*. Then the edited primary hepatocytes are selected and multiplied in a “bioreactor” to be transplanted in patients. Alternatively, fibroblasts/blood cells are isolated from the patient and edited for pathogenic mutations using CRISPR/Cas9 *ex vivo*. The cells are then screened and reprogrammed to produce induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs) *in vitro*. These corrected iPSCs are differentiated to generate hepatocytes, which are transplanted into a “bioreactor” to produce functional hepatocytes that can be used for transplantation in patients.

Original Article

Procurement and Evaluation of Hepatocytes for Transplantation From Neonatal Donors After Circulatory Death

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Abstract

Hepatocyte transplantation is a promising treatment for liver failure and inborn metabolic liver diseases, but progress has been hampered by a scarcity of available organs. Here, hepatocytes isolated from livers procured for a neonatal hepatocyte donation program within a research setting were assessed for metabolic function and suitability for transplantation. Organ donation was considered for infants who died in neonatal intensive care in the Stockholm region during 2015–2021. Inclusion was assessed when a decision to discontinue life-sustaining treatment had been made and hepatectomy performed after declaration of death. Hepatocyte isolation was performed by three-step collagenase perfusion. Hepatocyte viability, yield, and function were assessed using fresh and cryopreserved cells. Engraftment and maturation of cryopreserved neonatal hepatocytes were assessed by transplantation into an immunodeficient mouse model and analysis of the gene expression of phase I, phase II, and liver-specific enzymes and proteins. Twelve livers were procured. Median warm ischemia time (WIT) was 190 [interquartile range (IQR): 80–210] minutes. Median viability was 86% (IQR: 71%–91%). Median yield was 6.9 (IQR: 3.4–12.8) $\times 10^6$ viable hepatocytes/g. Transplantation into immunodeficient mice resulted in good engraftment and maturation of hepatocyte-specific proteins and enzymes. A neonatal organ donation program including preterm born infants was found to be feasible. Hepatocytes isolated from neonatal donors had good viability, function, and engraftment despite prolonged WIT. Therefore, neonatal livers should be considered as a donor source for clinical hepatocyte transplantation, even in cases with extended WIT.

Keywords

neonatal organ donation, warm ischemia time, FRGN mice

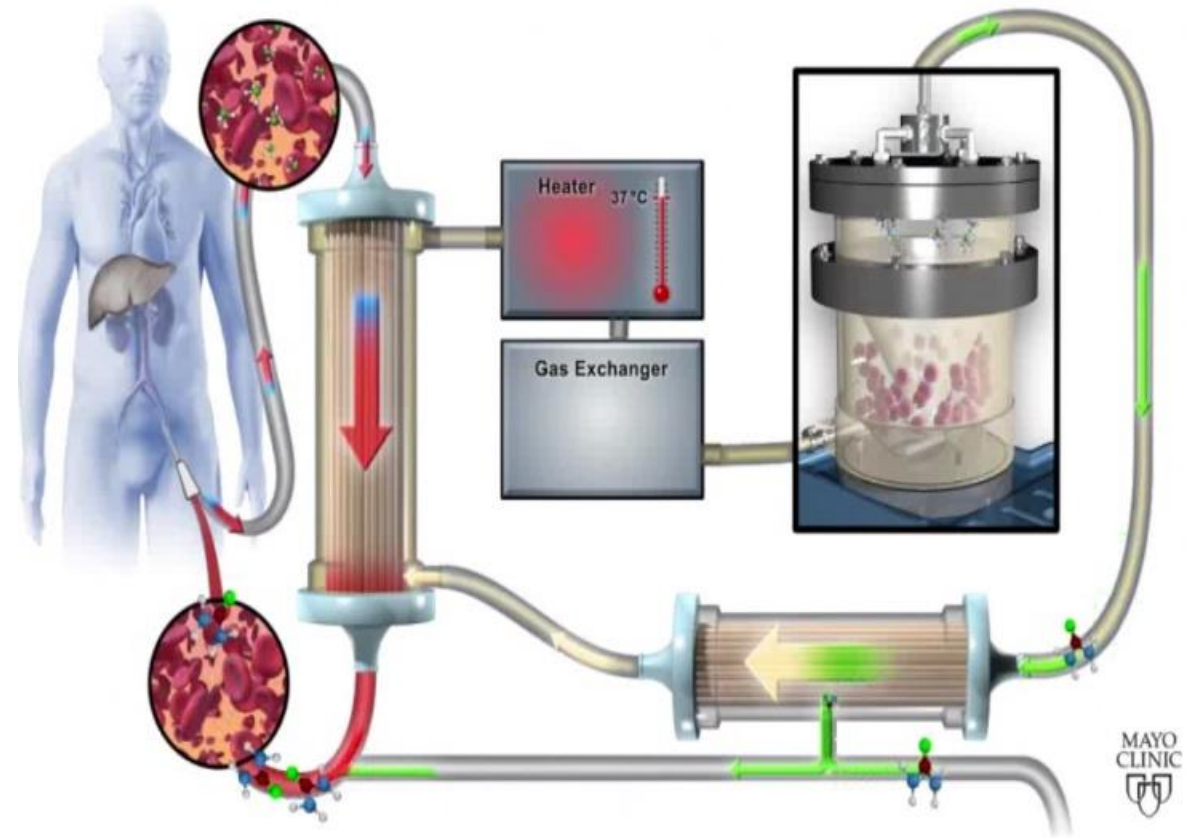
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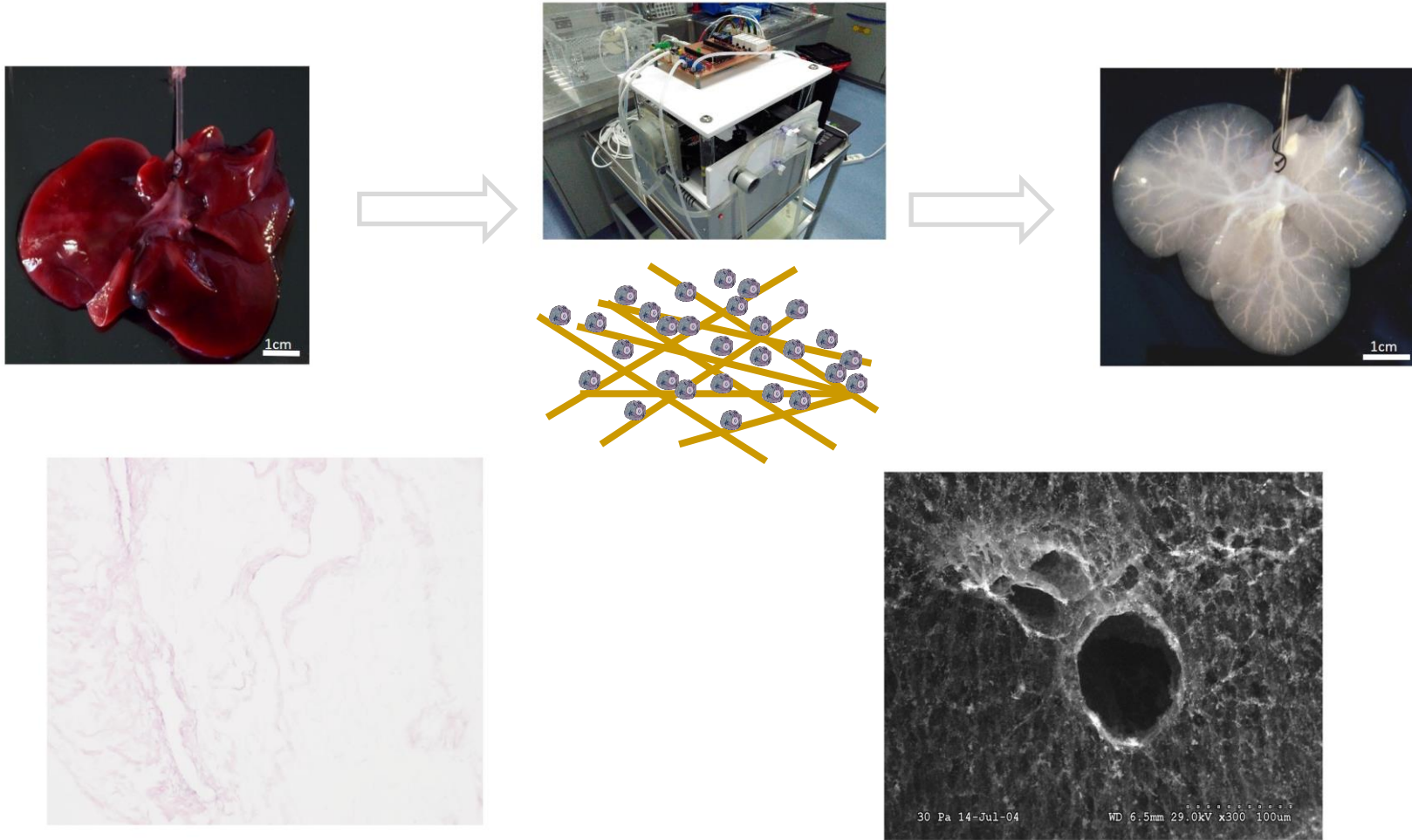
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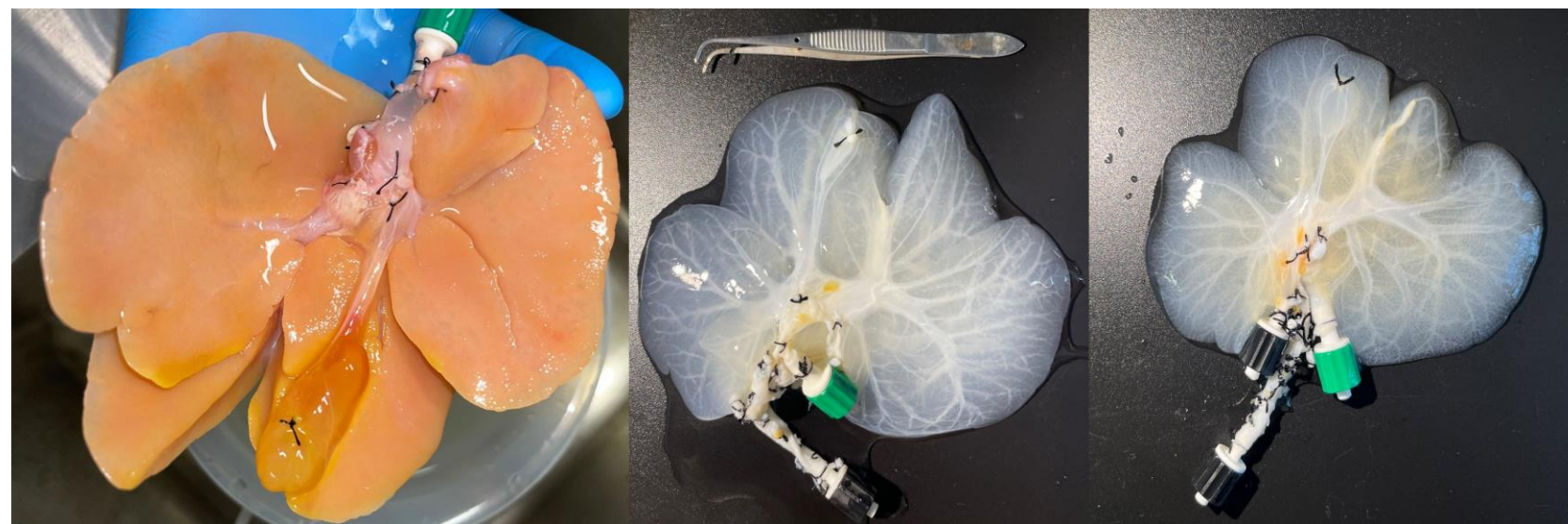
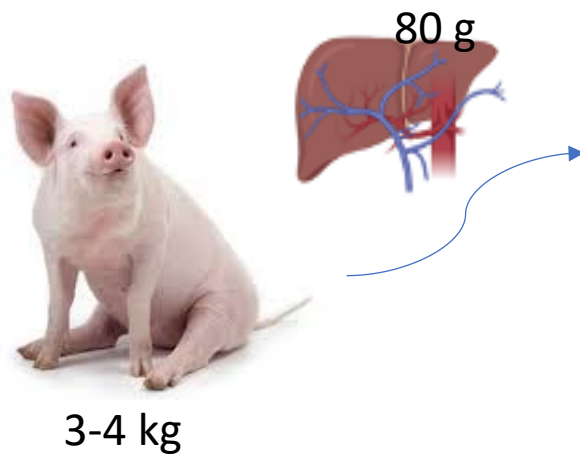


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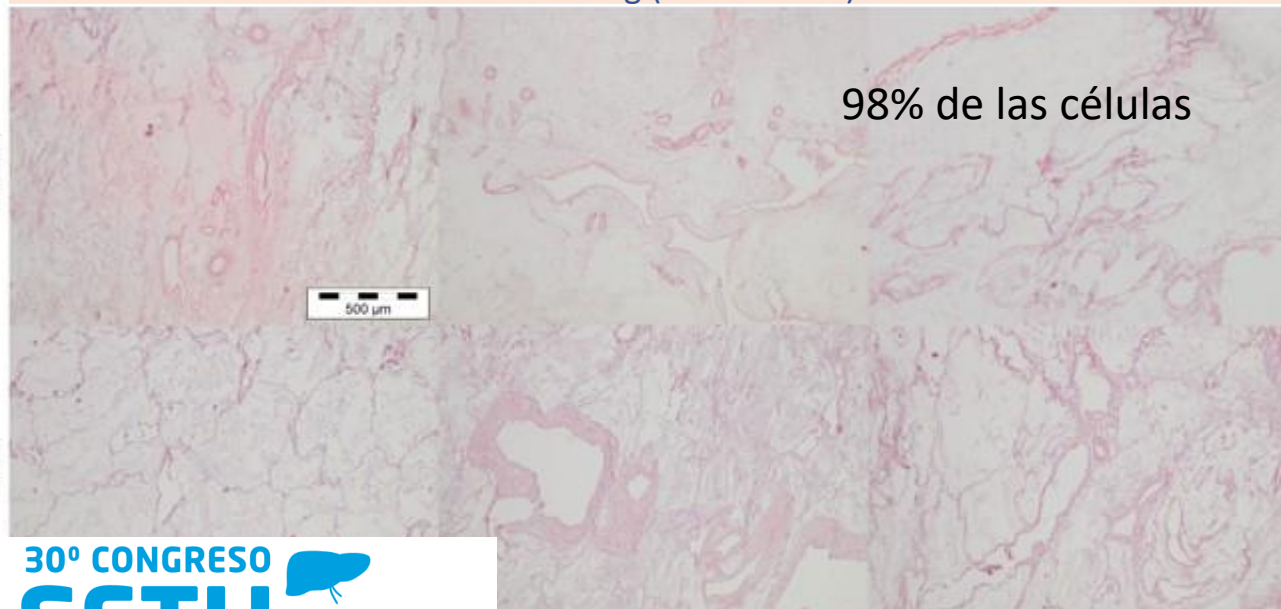


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TOWARD WHOLE REVASCULARIZATION OF A BIOENGINEERED **PIG LIVER**

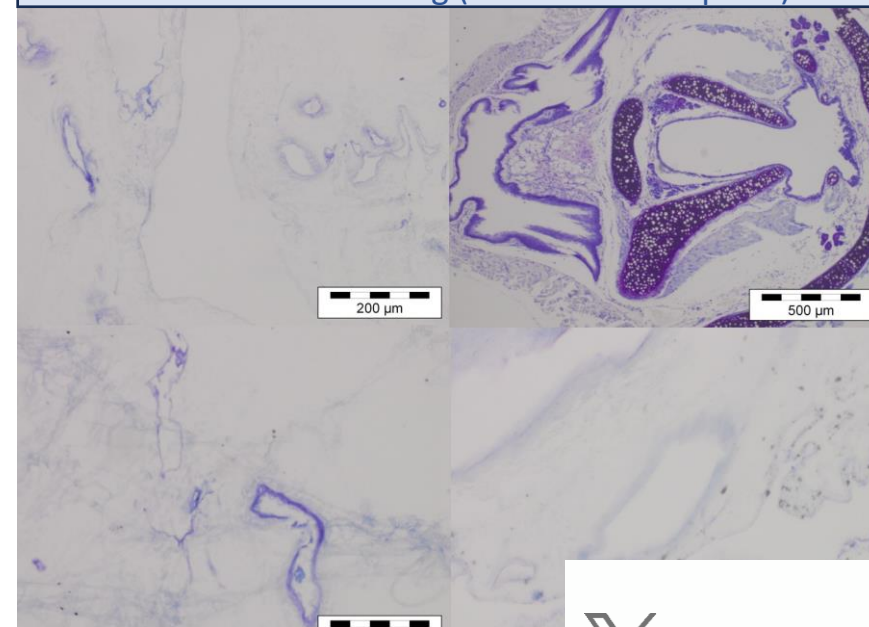


H&E staining (cell removal)



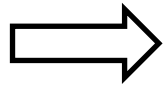
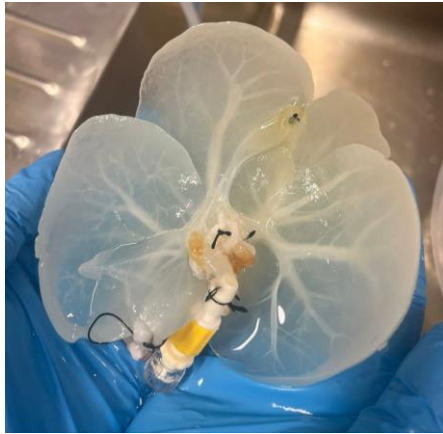
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Heparinized Decellularized pig liver

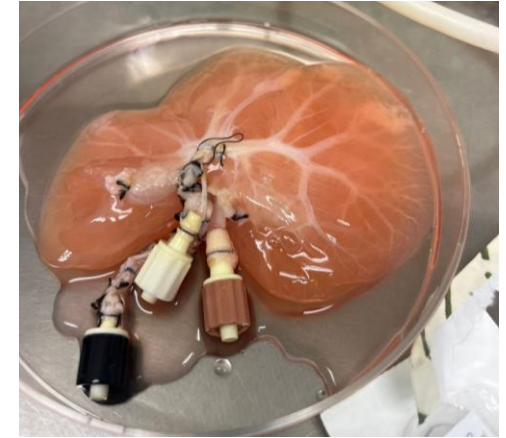
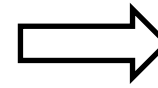


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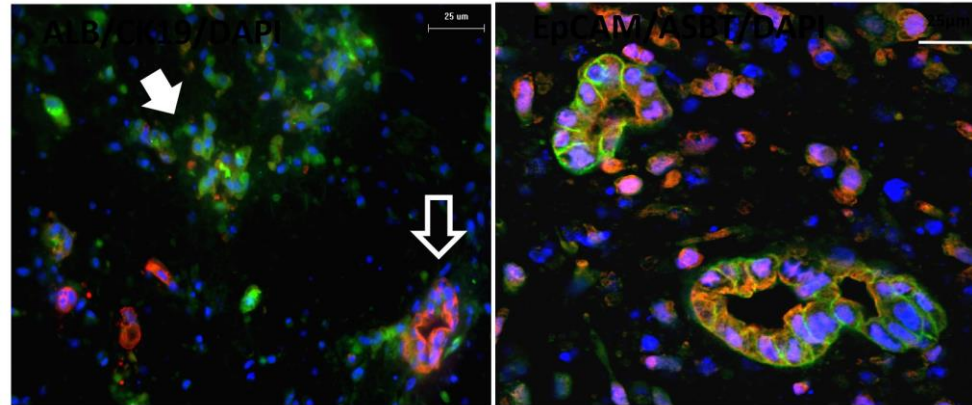
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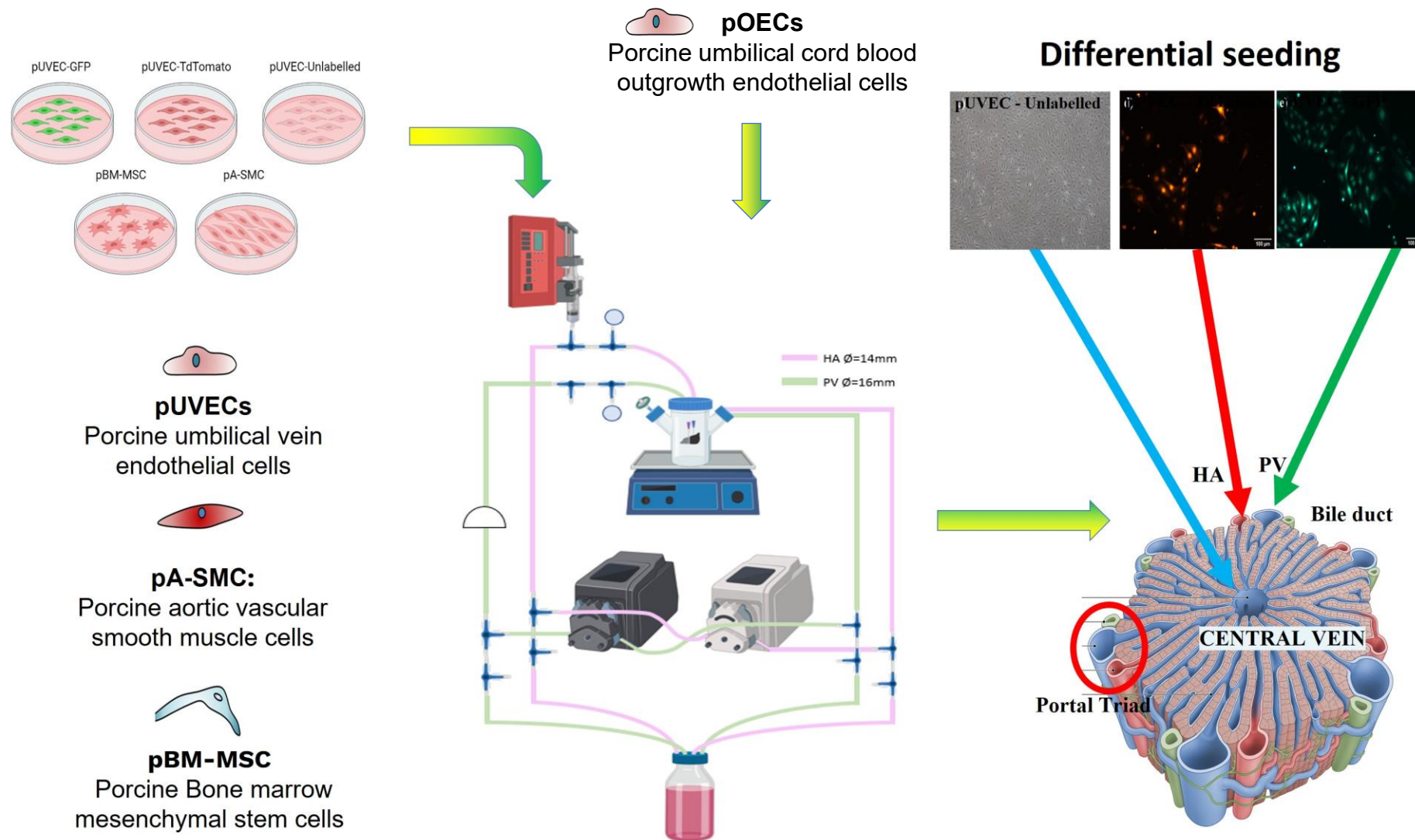


- $>10^9$ hepatocitos.
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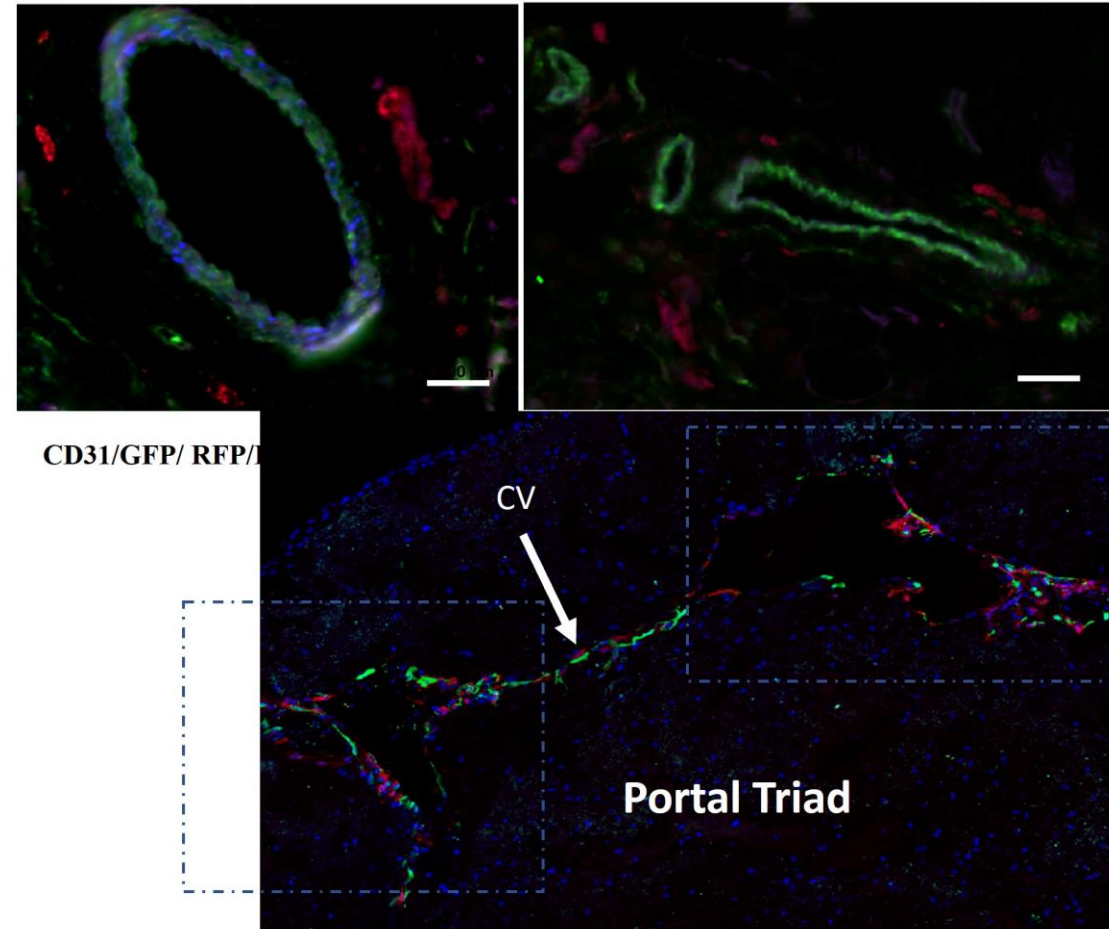
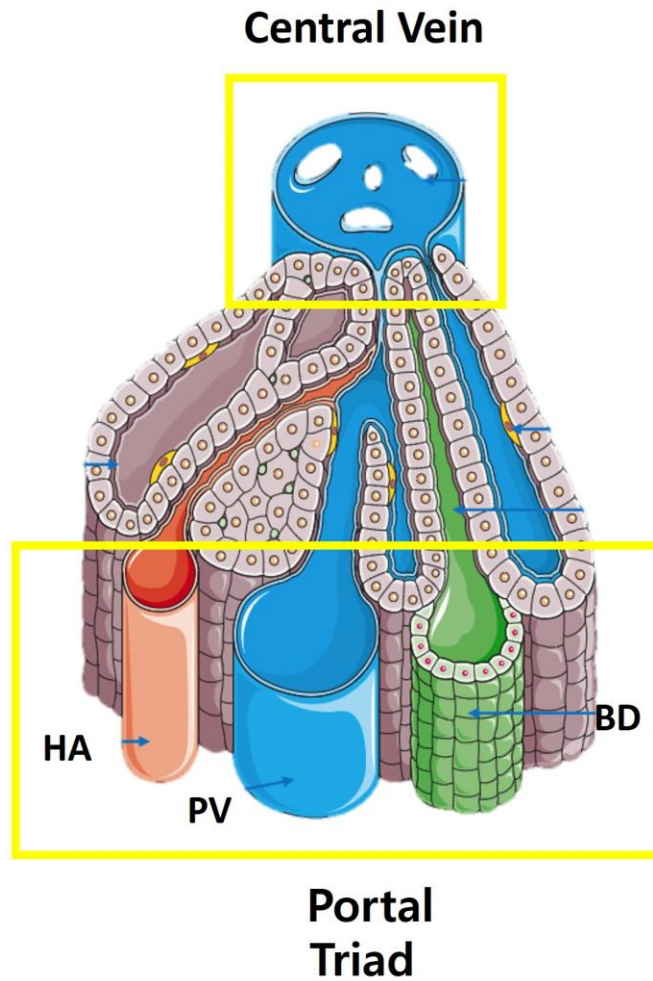


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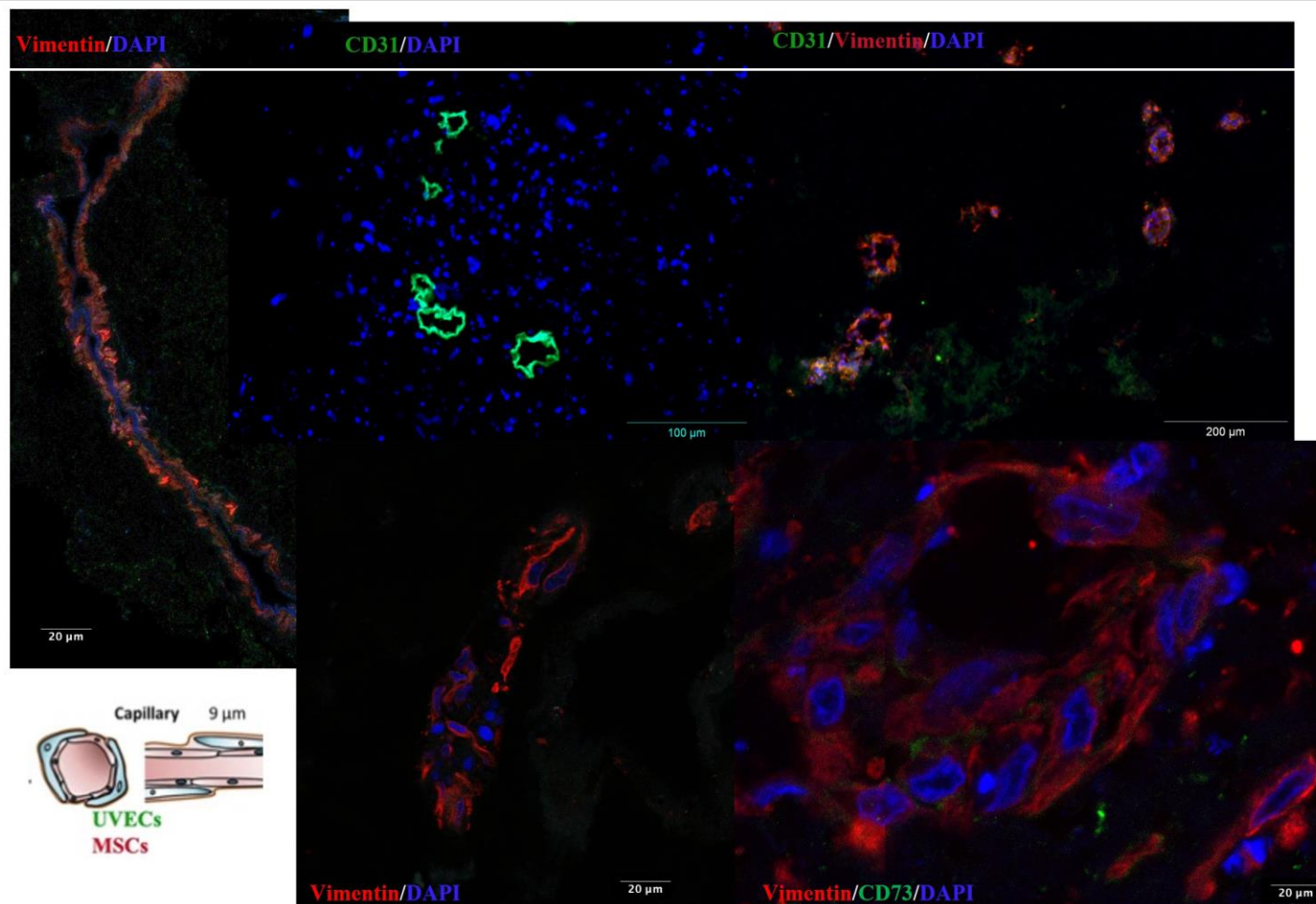
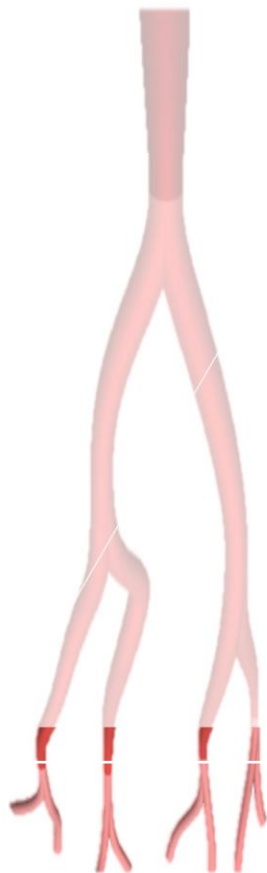
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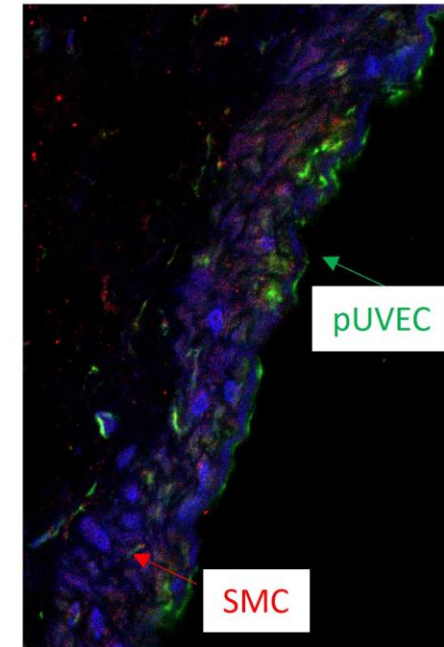
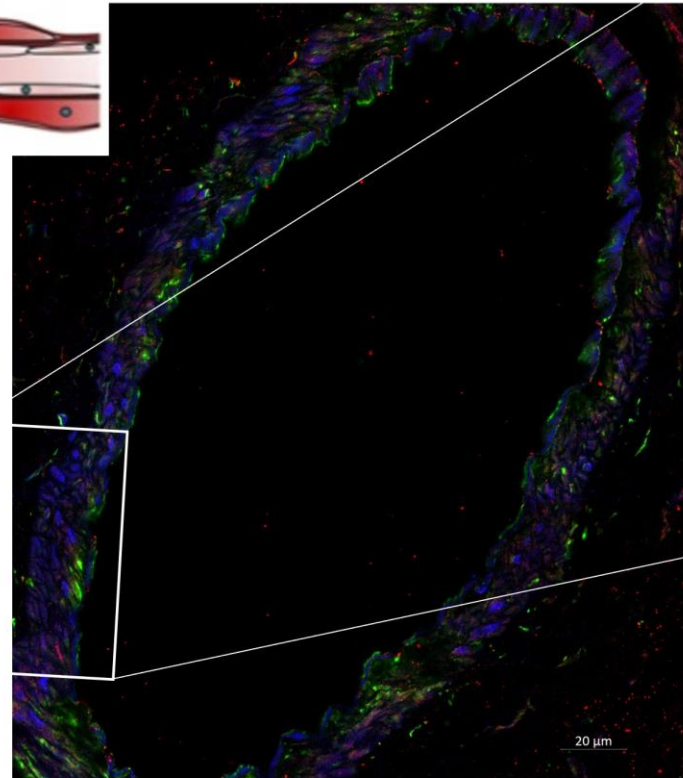
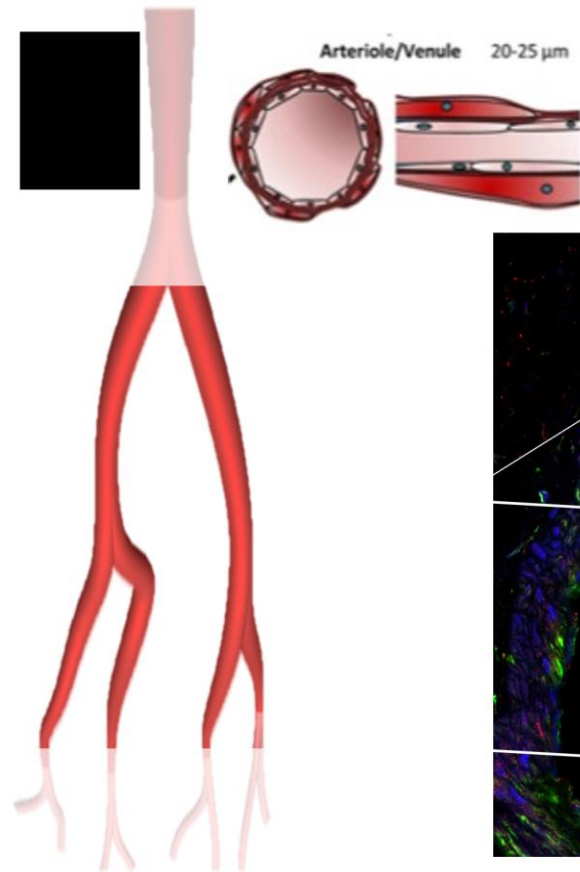
SIEMBRA DE CÉLULAS VASCULARES EN VENAS Y ARTERIAS



GENERACIÓN DE ESTRUCTURAS VASCULARES (EC, SMC Y MSC)



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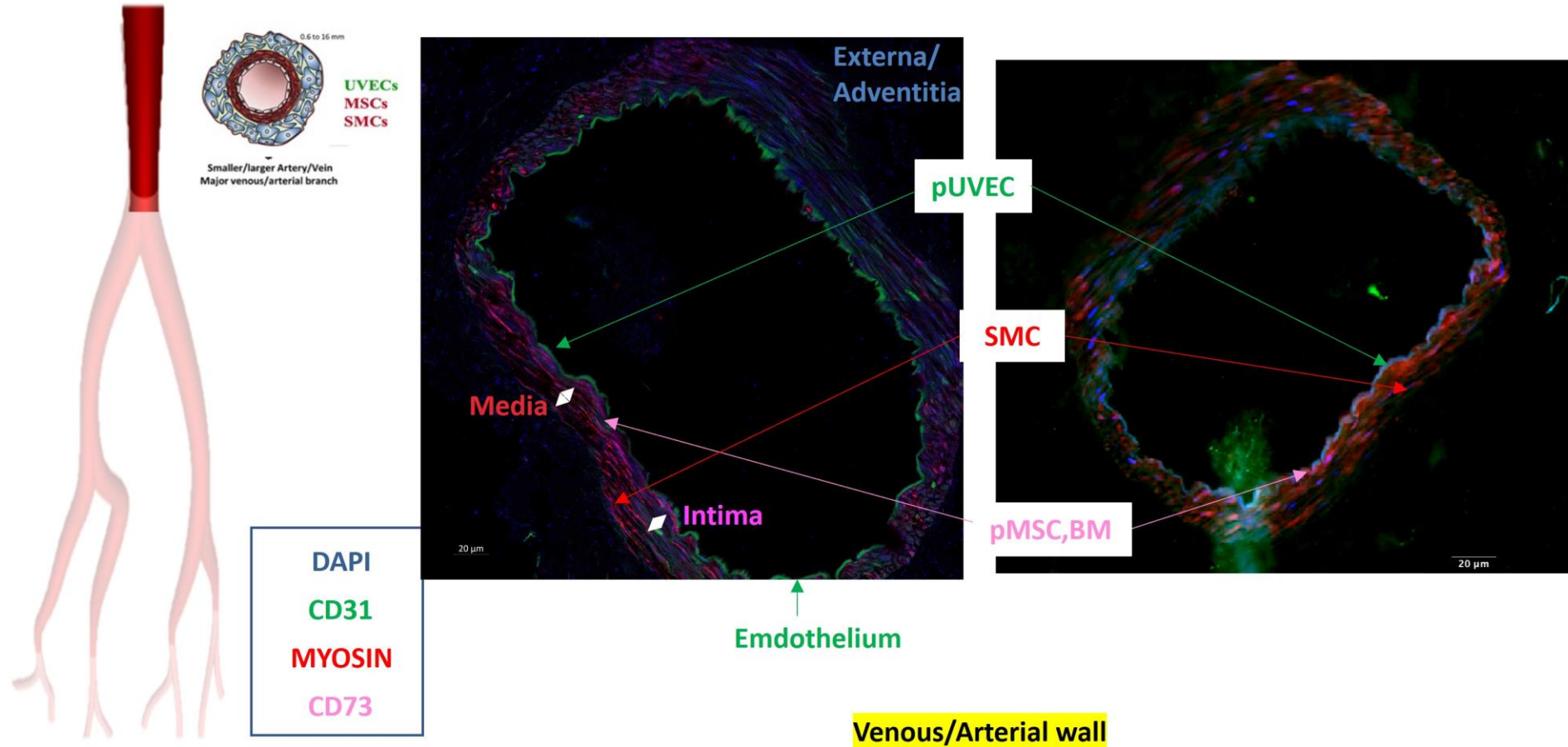


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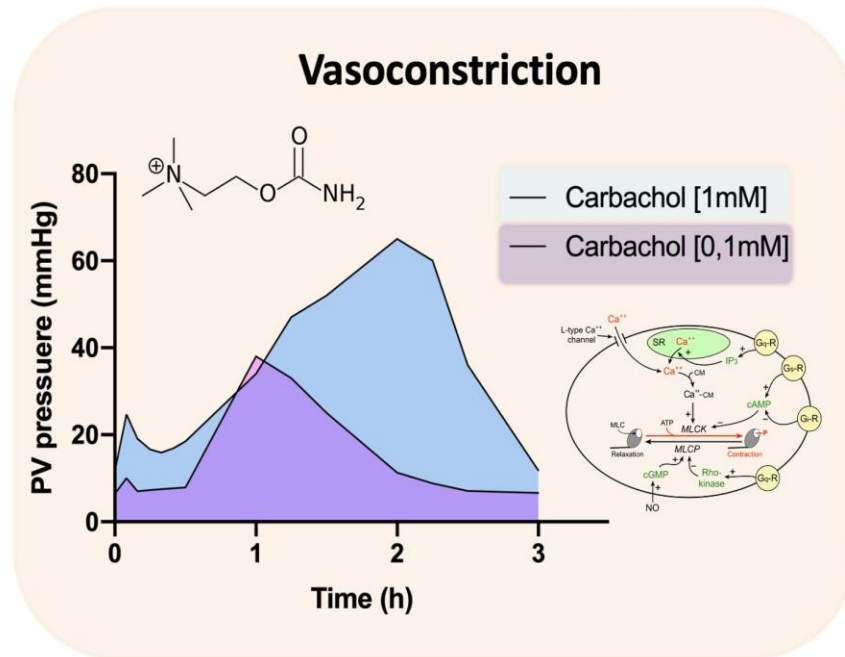
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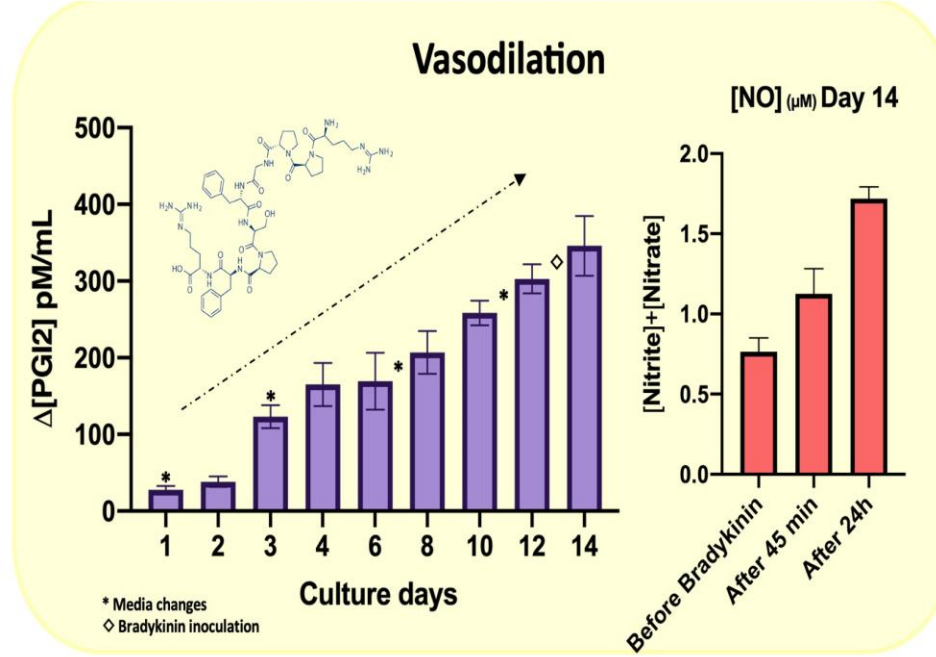


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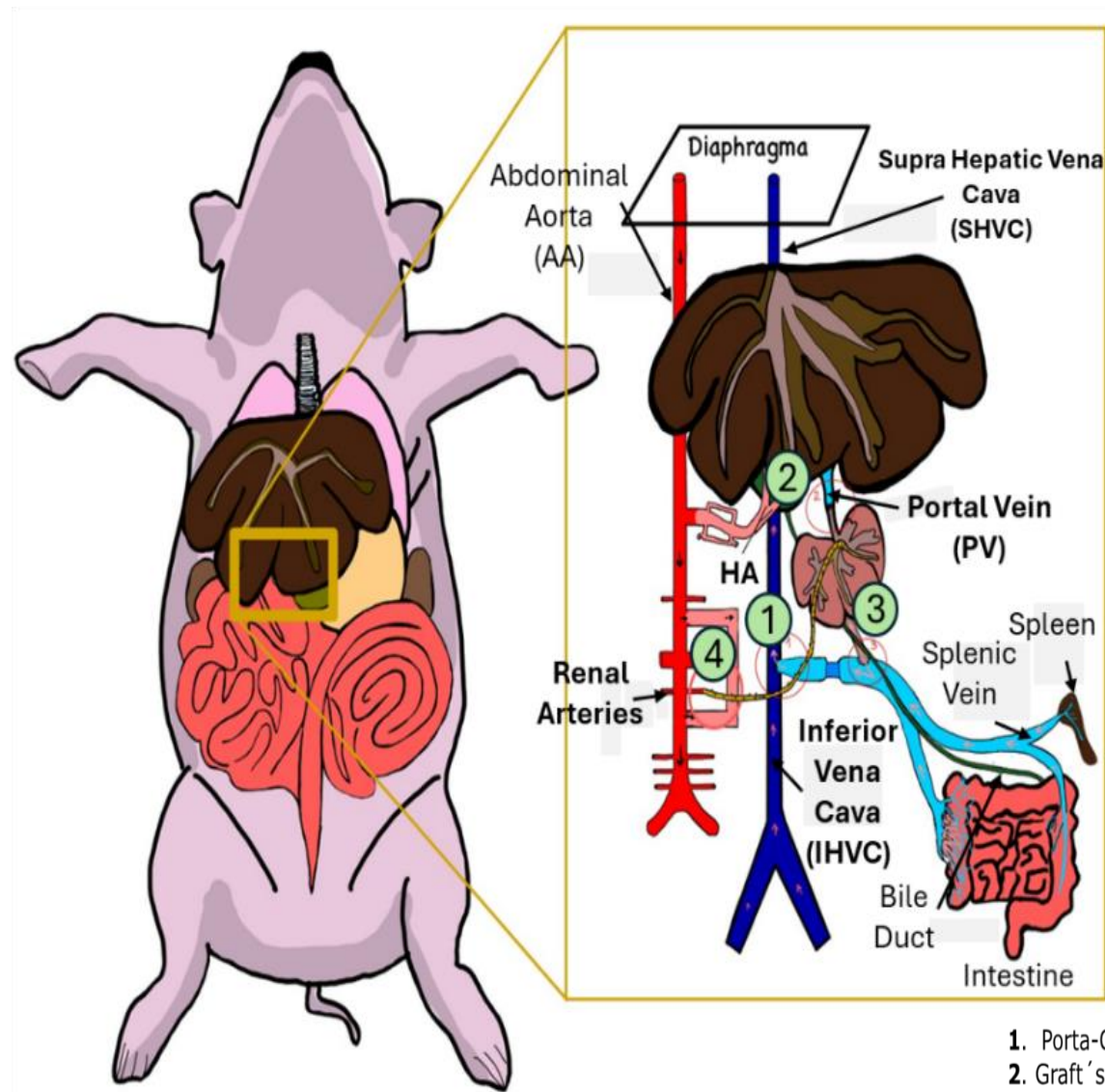
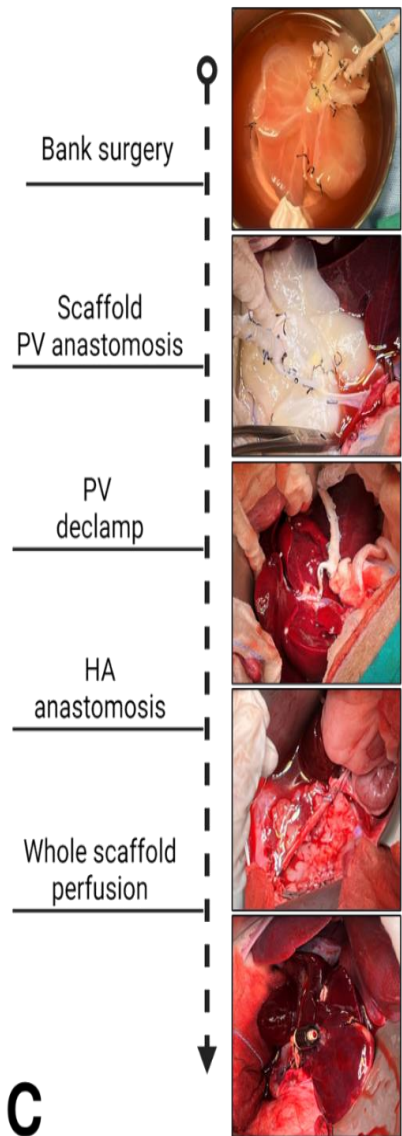
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Upon Bradykinin Challenge

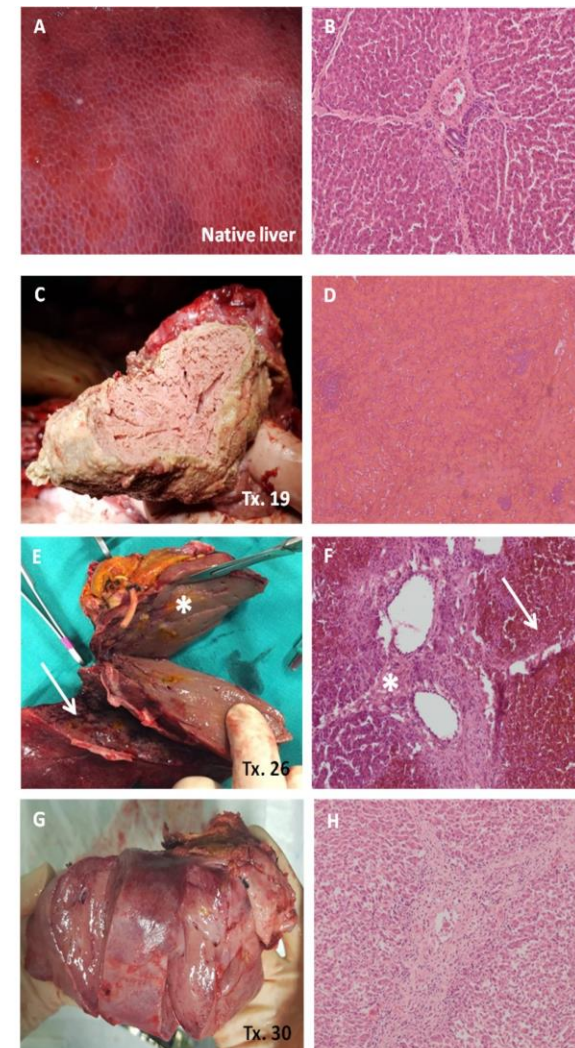
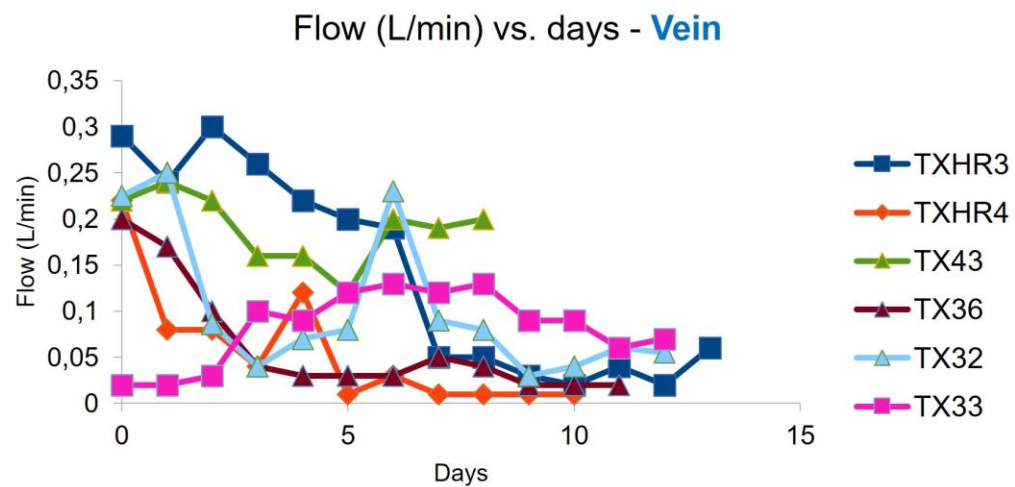
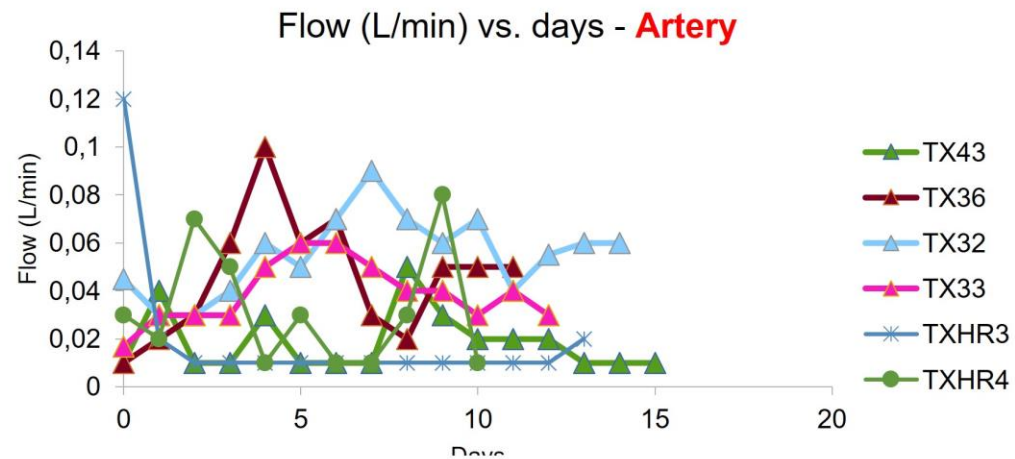


MODELO DE TRASPLANTE HEPÁTICO AUXILIAR CON SHUNT PORTO CAVA.

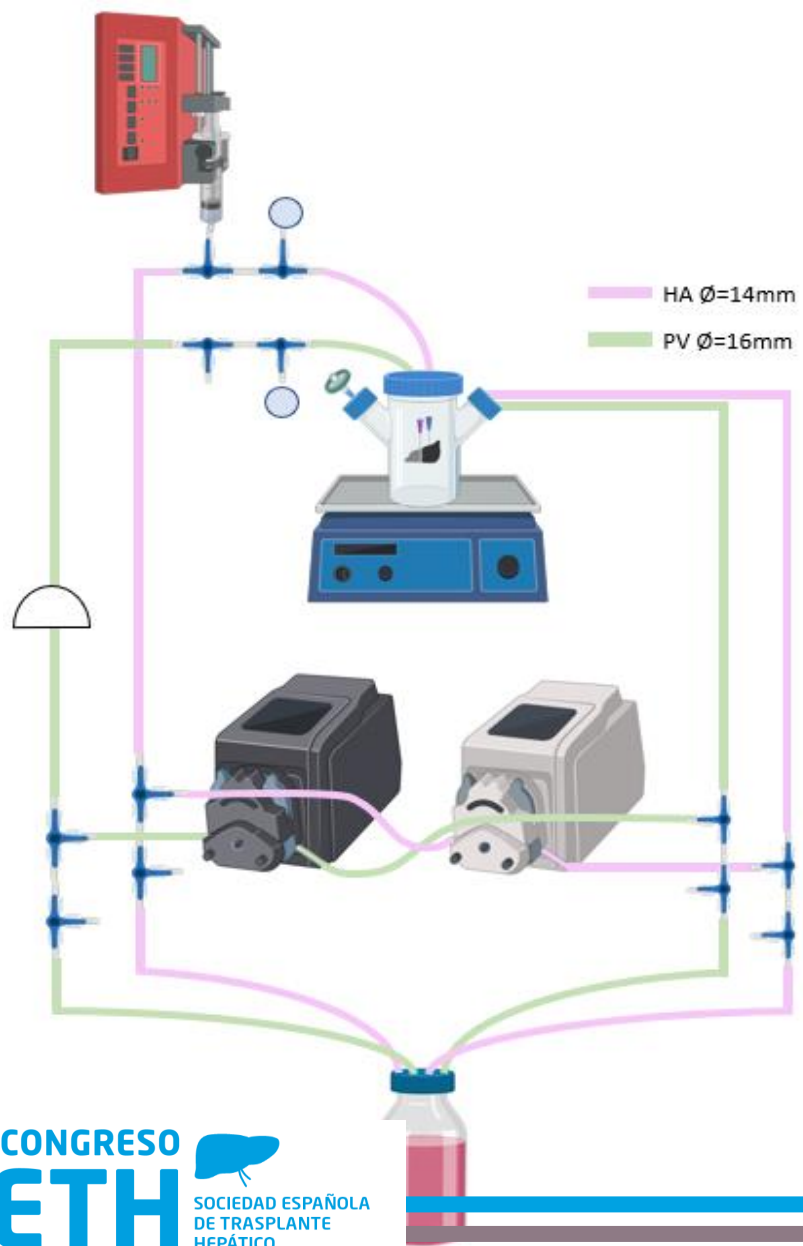


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3. Graft's PV-Native PV Anastomosis
4. Graft's Aorta-Native Right Kidney Artery

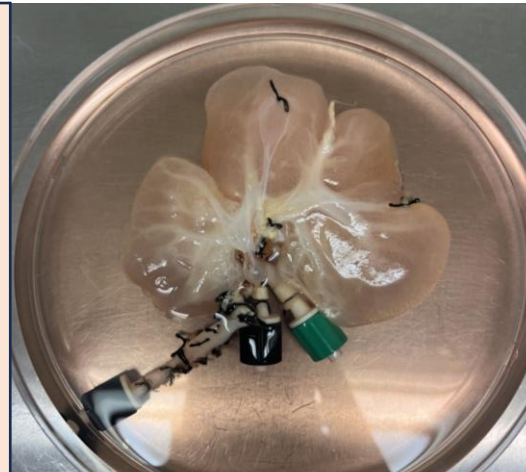
MODELO PORCINO DE REGENERACIÓN HEPÁTICA



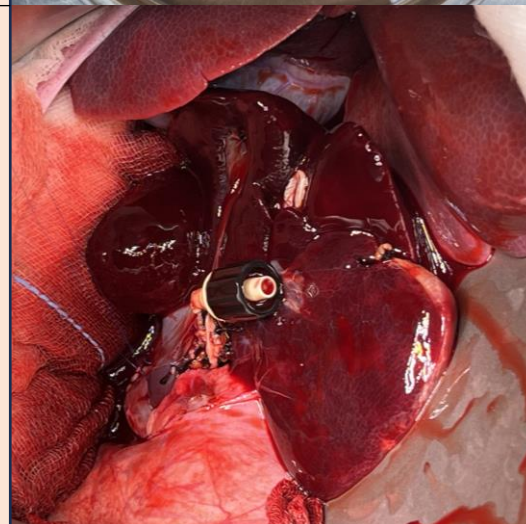
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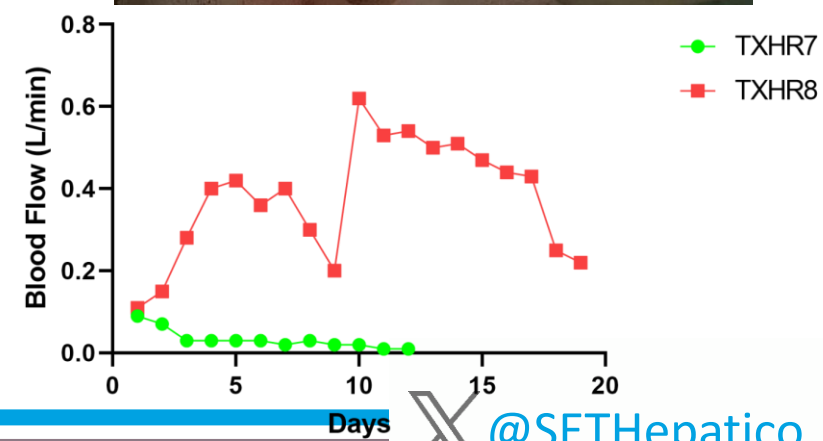
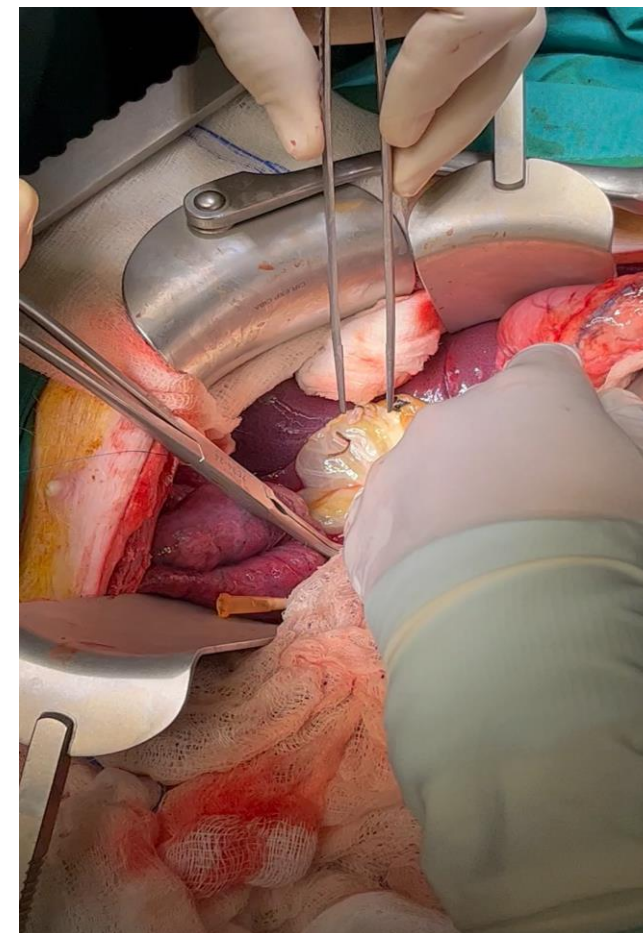
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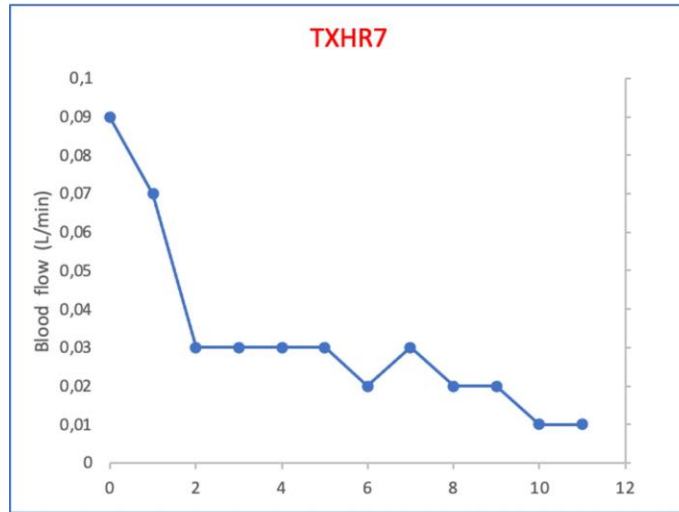
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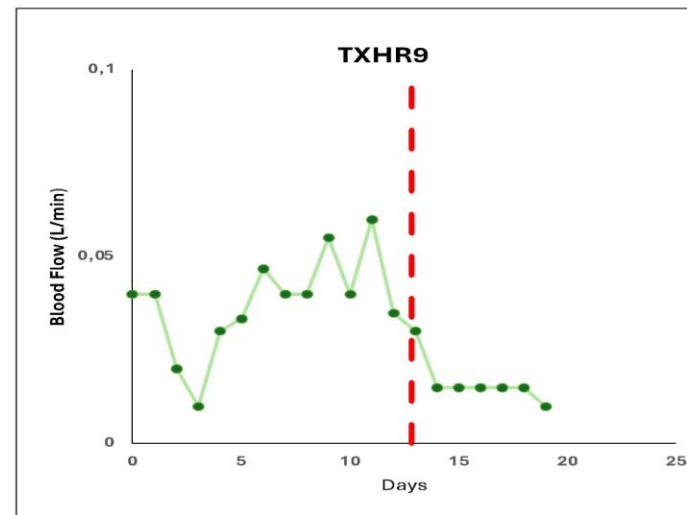
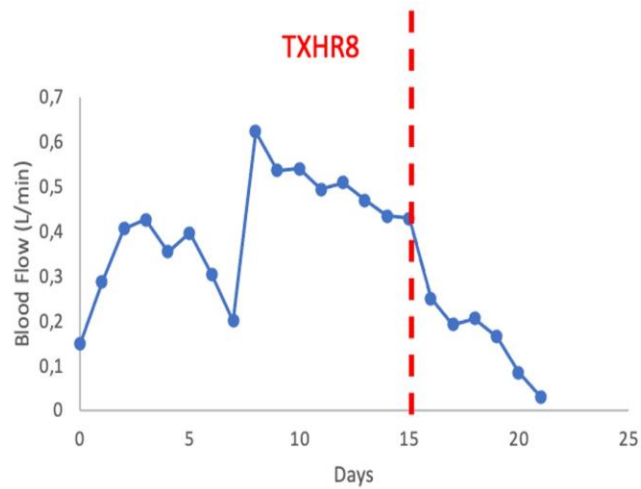
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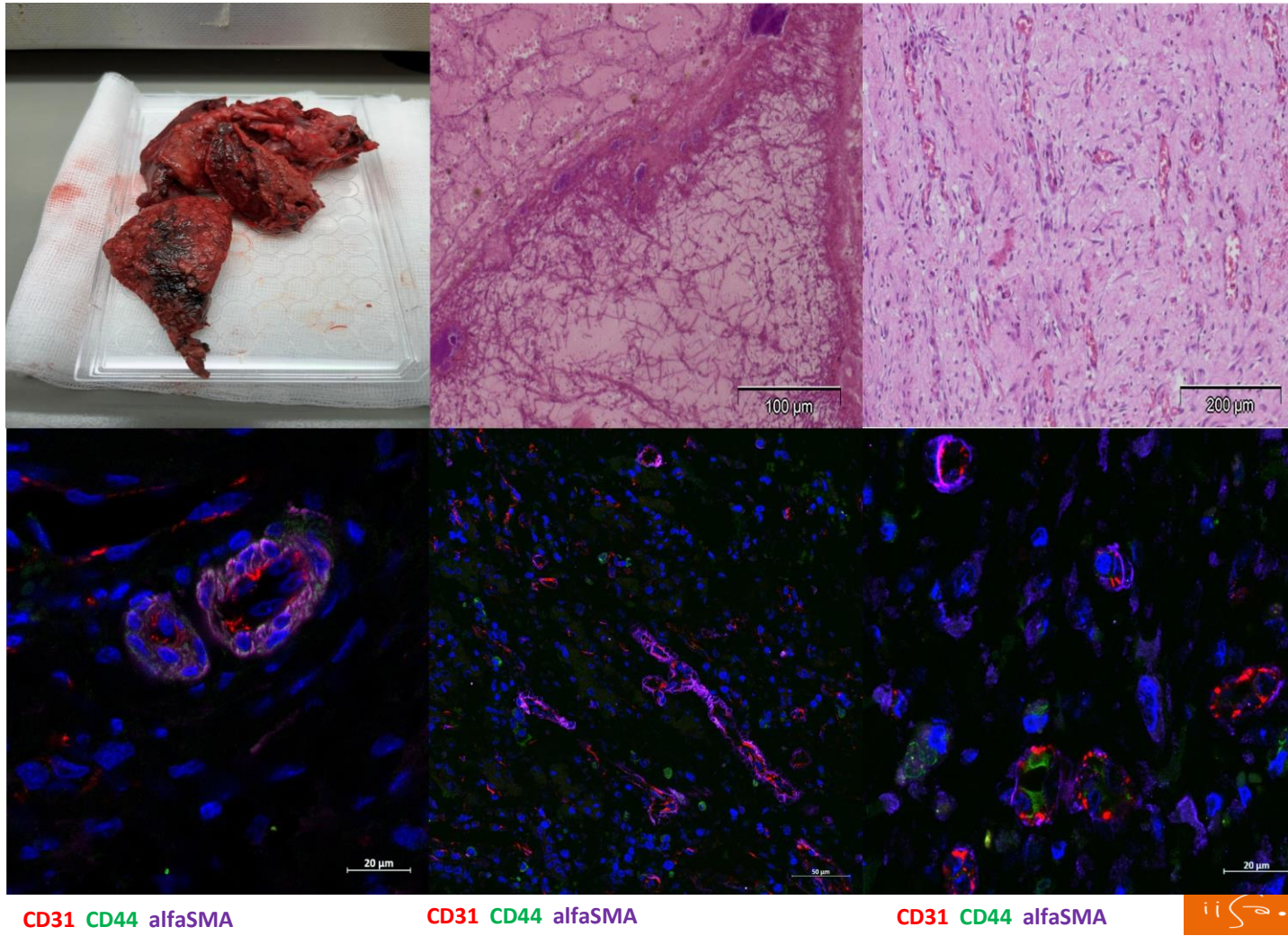
HÍGADOS DE BIOINGENIERÍA TRASPLANTADOS EN CERDOS



Caída de flujo a las dos semanas...

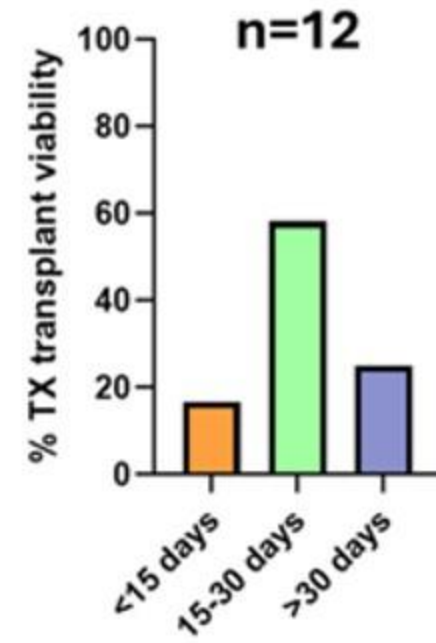
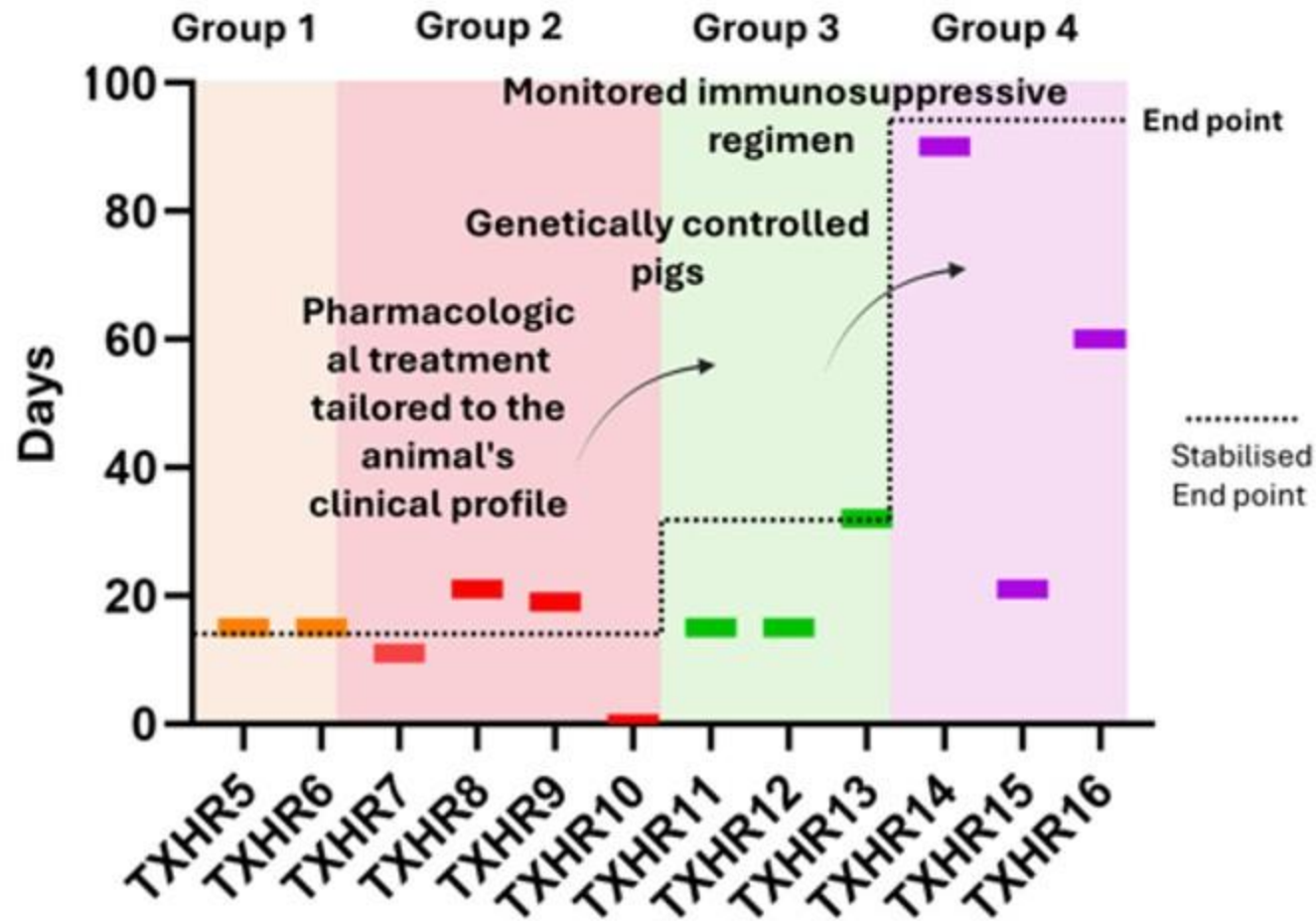


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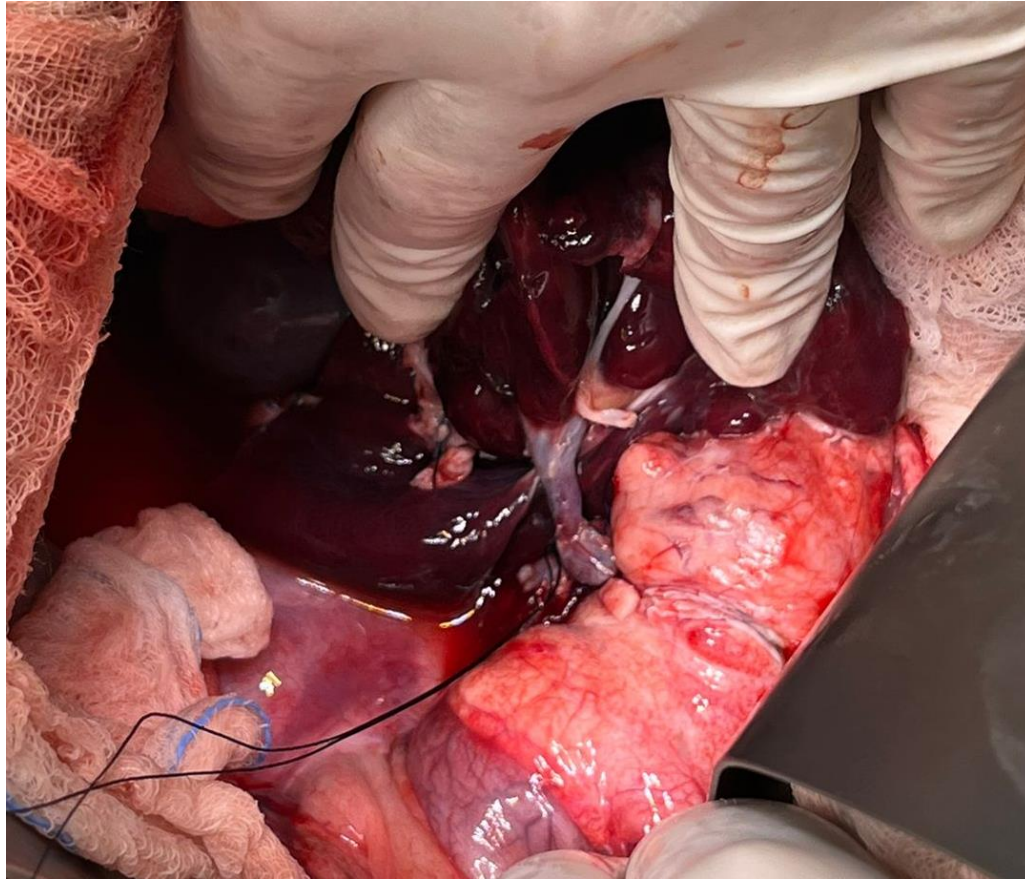


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- Hemorragia
- Infiltrado inflamatorio (Rechazo)

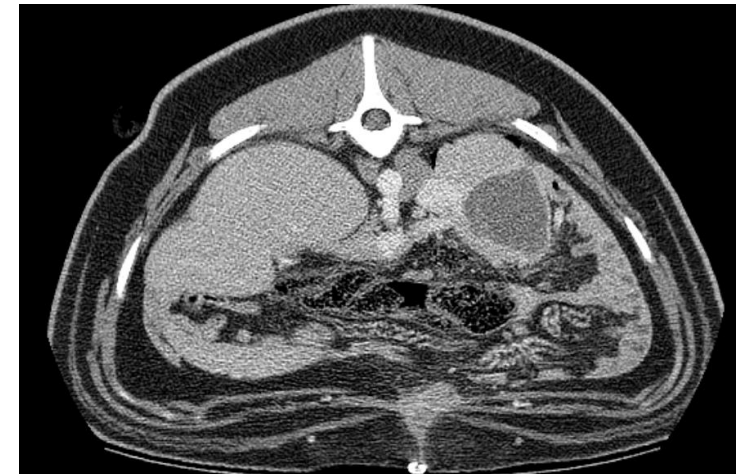
- Persistencia de estructuras vasculares



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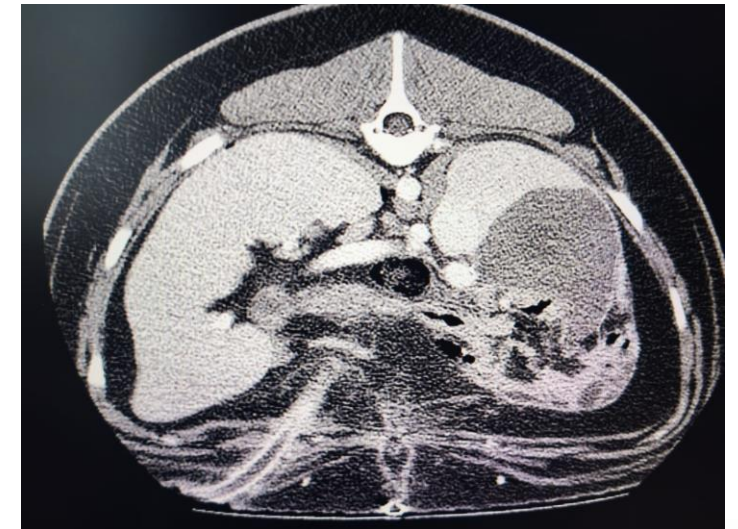
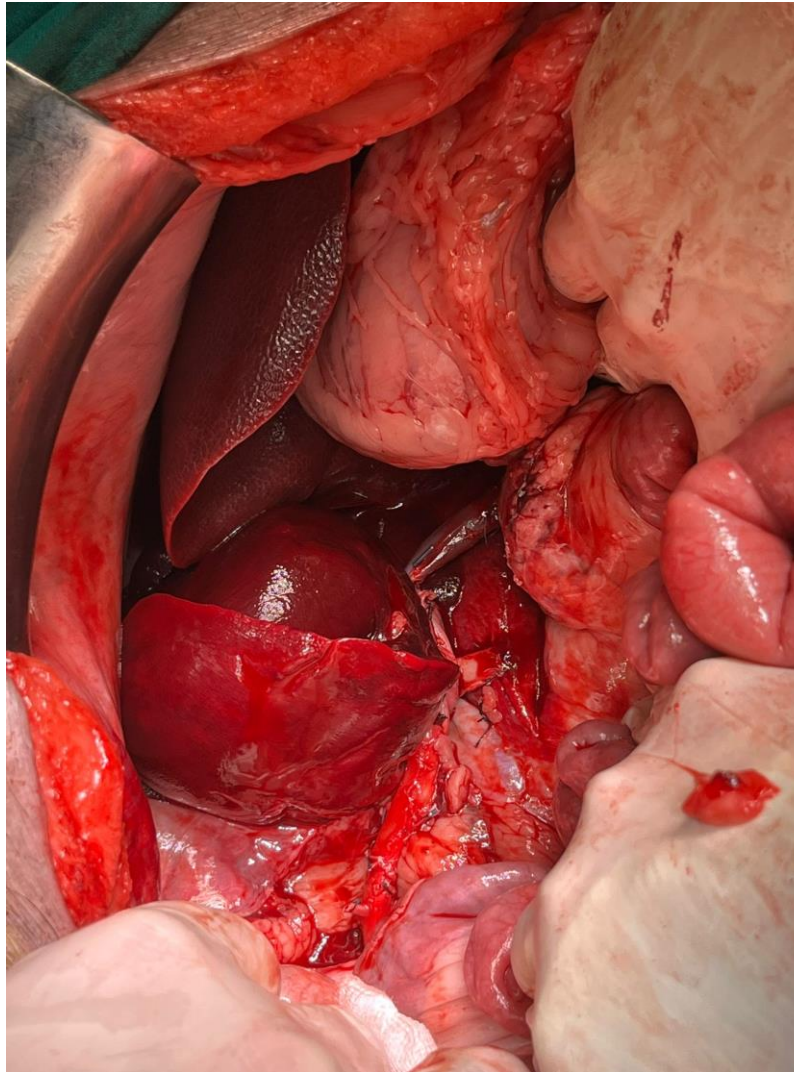


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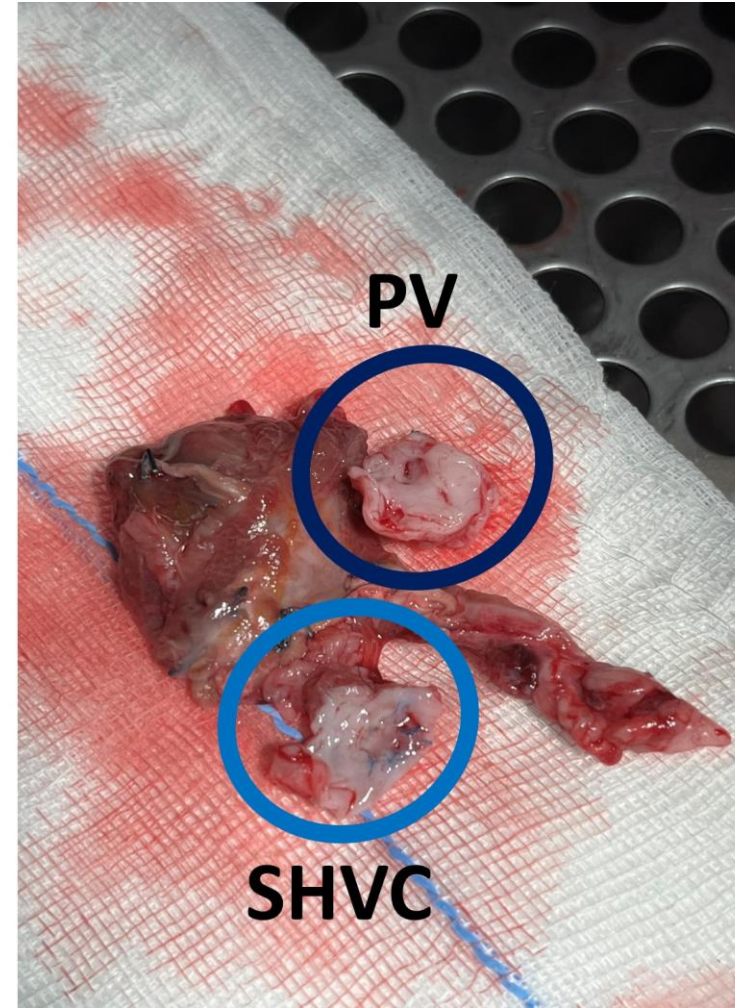
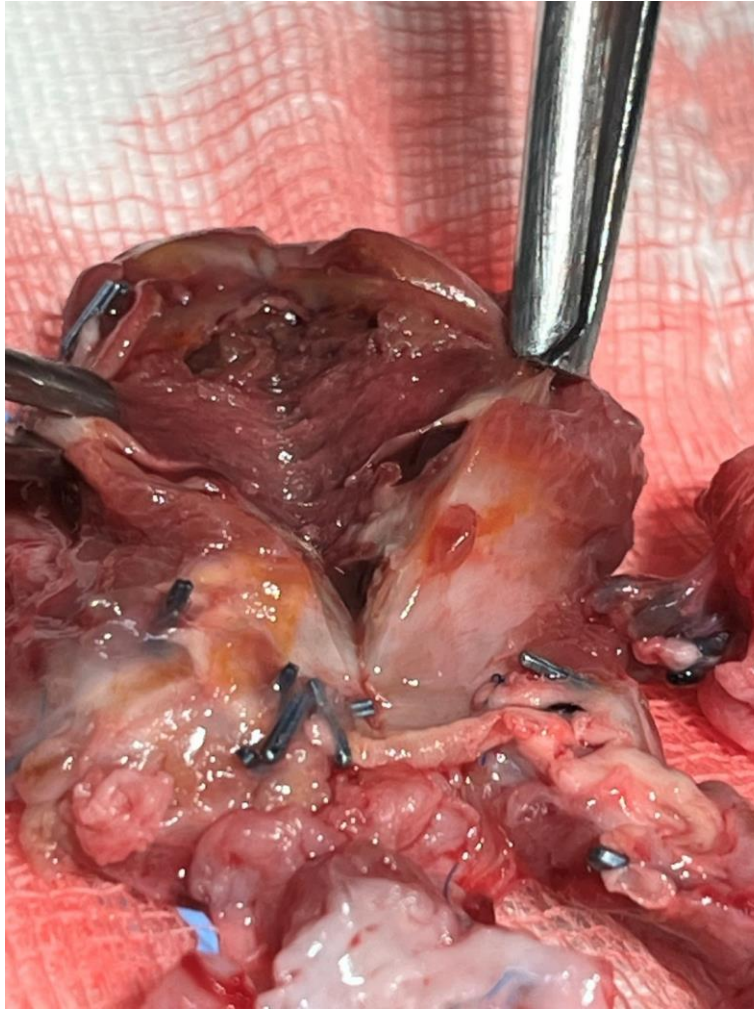
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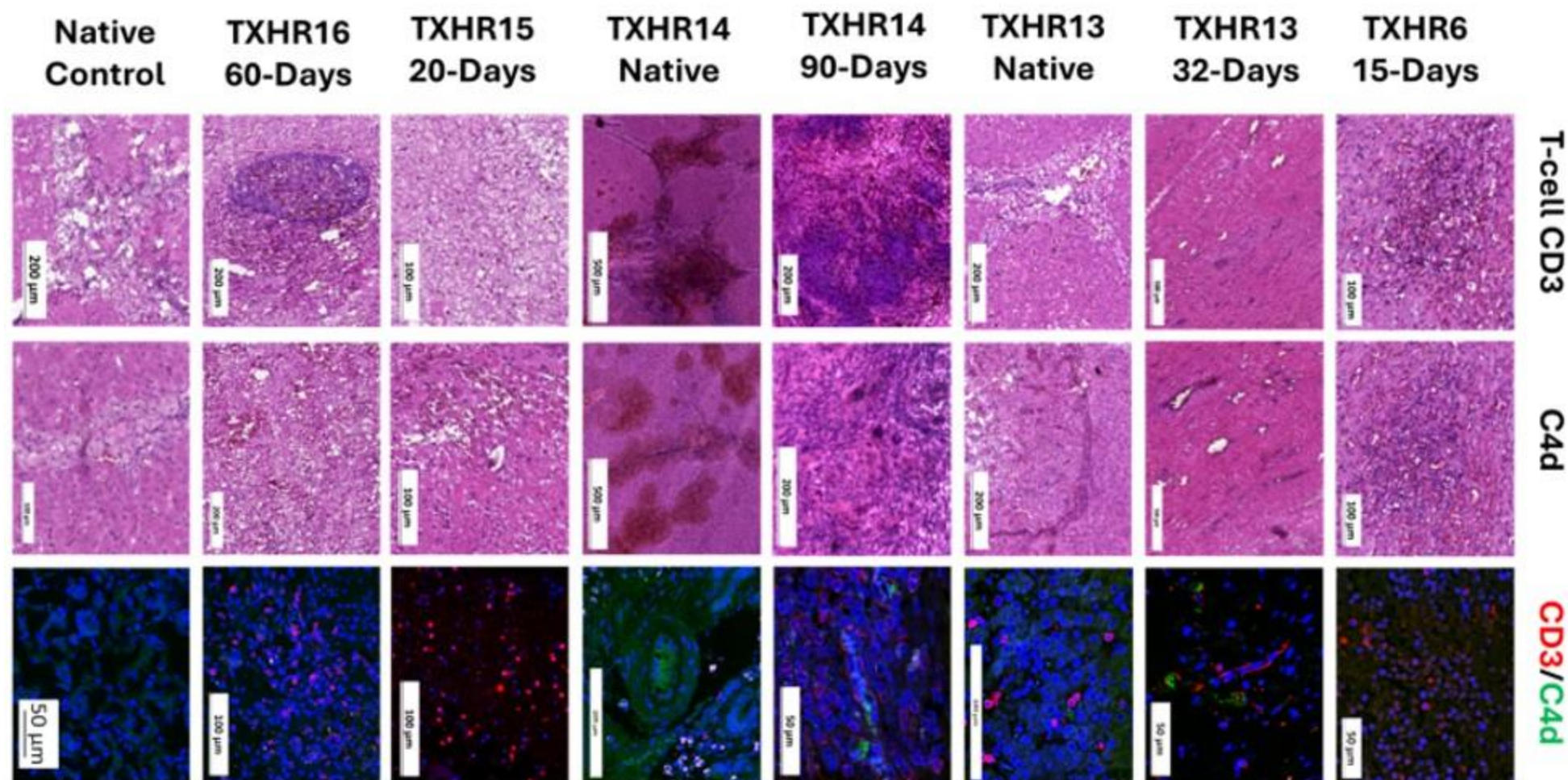


HÍGADOS DE BIOINGENIERÍA TRASPLANTADOS EN CERDOS

TXHR13: Después de 32 día “in vivo” (el punto final fue por una neumonía)



Seguimos viendo signos de rechazo....

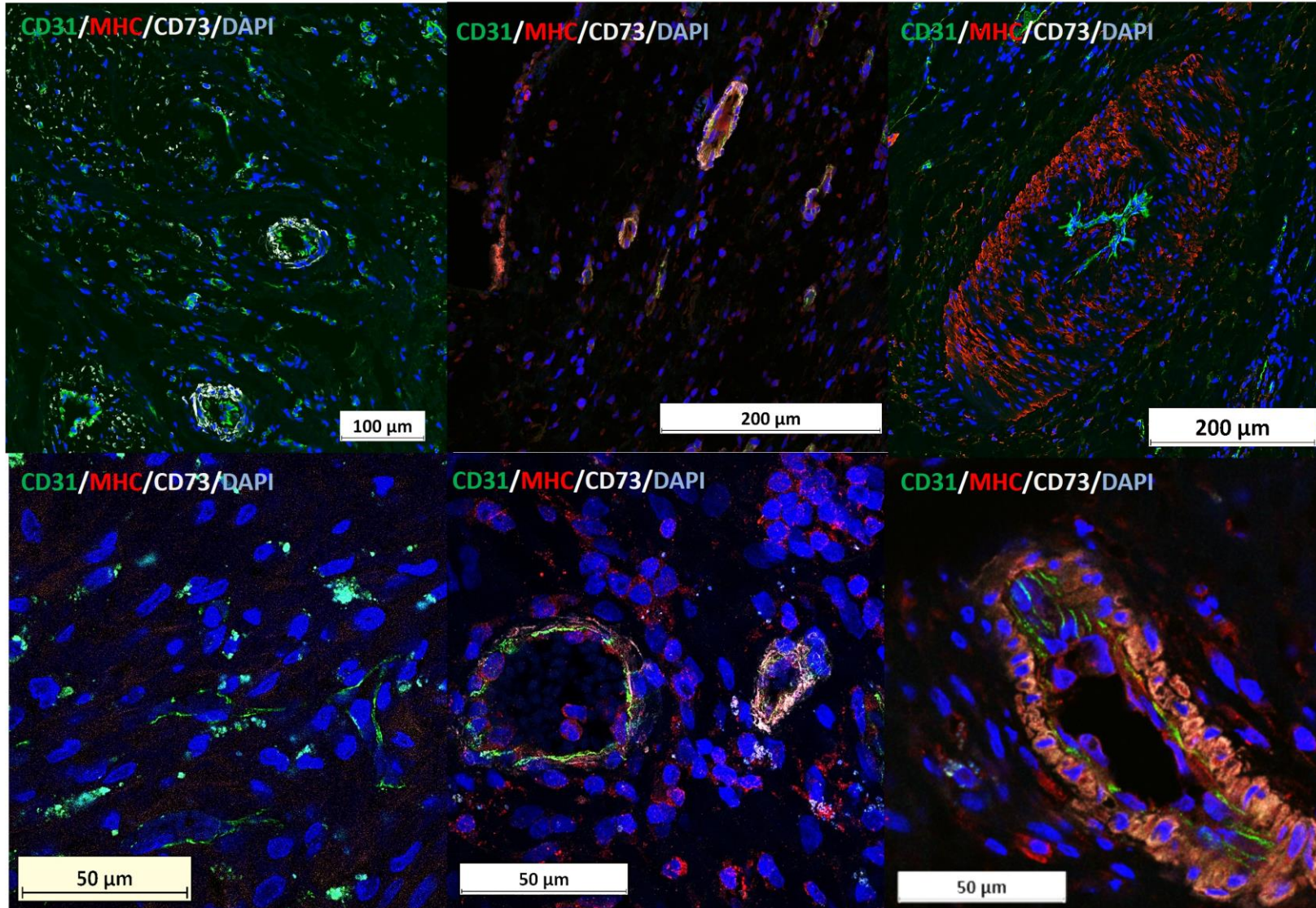


HÍGADOS DE BIOINGENIERÍA TRASPLANTADOS EN CERDOS

Small vessels

Intermediate vessels

Larger vessels



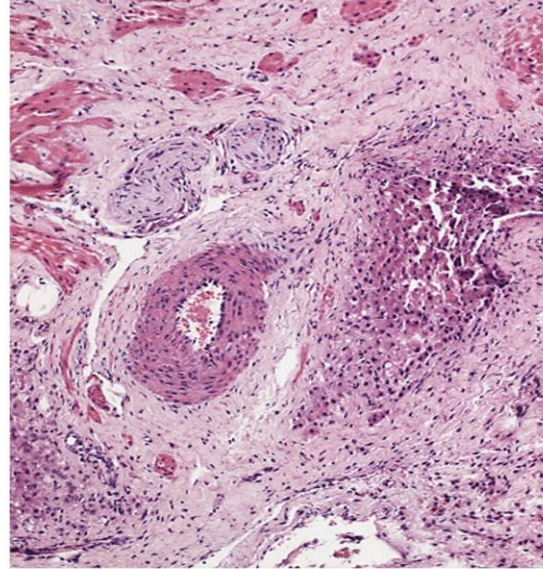
- Persistencia de estructuras vasculares

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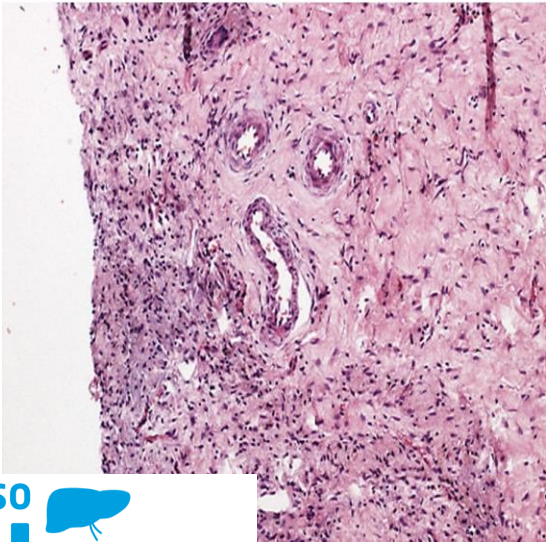
HA Scaffold



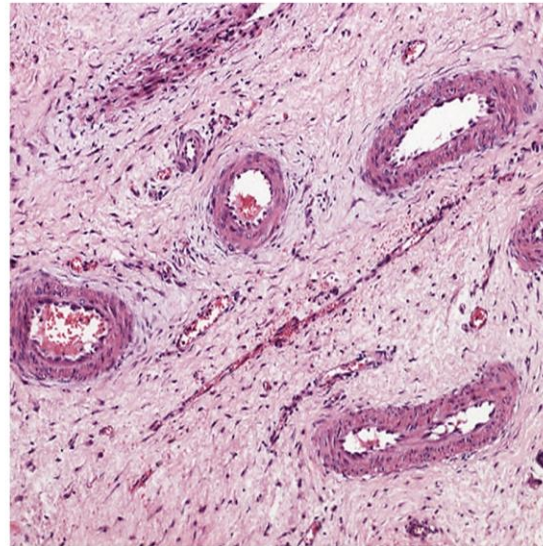
SHVC anastomosis



Parenchyma



PV anastomosis

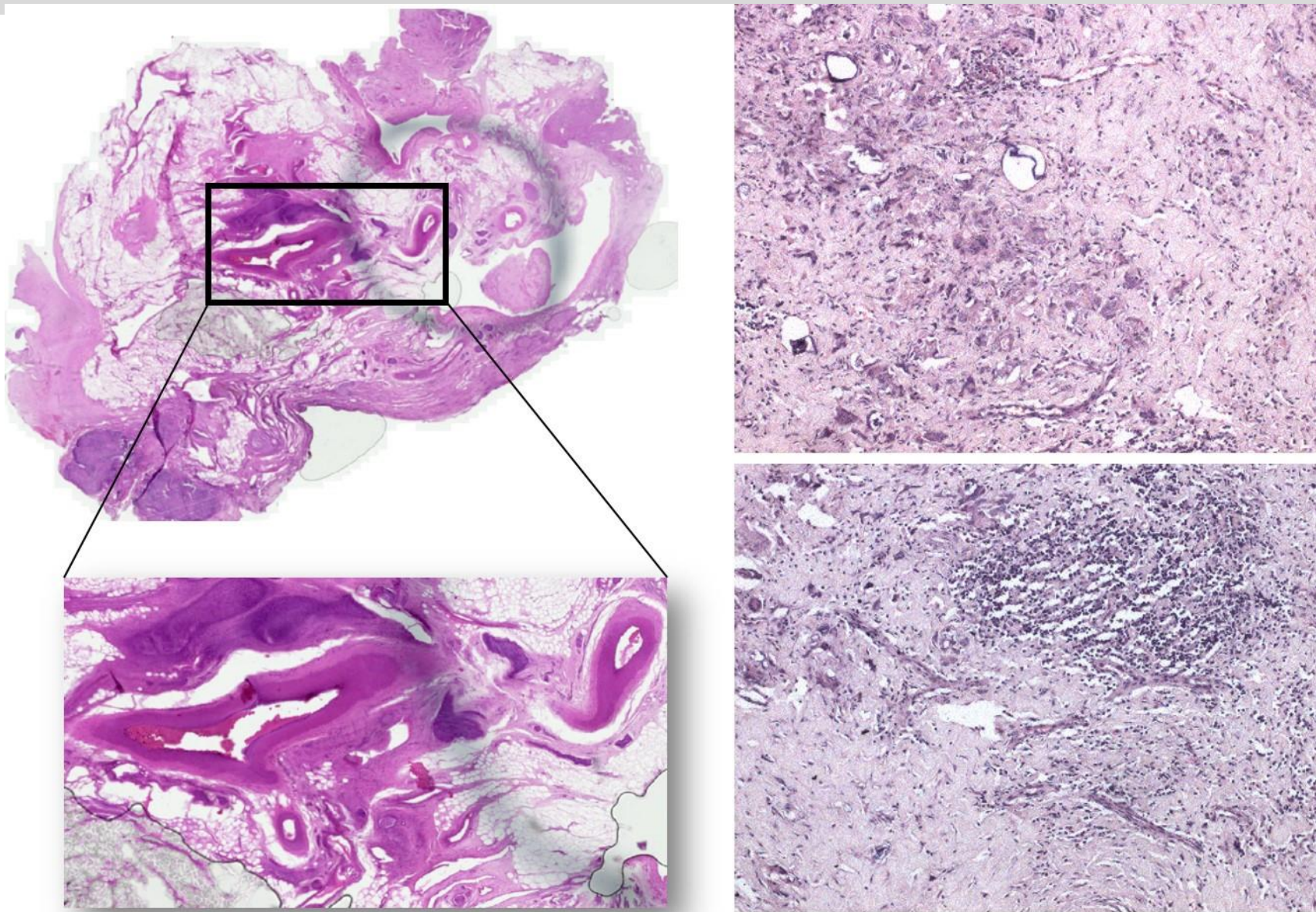


Tacrolimus
Micofenolato
Prednisona



Ciclosporina 7mg/Kg cada 12 horas
(monitorizar en torno a 300ng/ml)
Micofenolato 500mg / 24h
Prednisona 2mg/Kg/24h

HÍGADOS DE BIOINGENIERÍA TRASPLANTADOS EN CERDOS



RESUMEN Y PUNTOS CLAVE ACTUALES

- **Control de la inmunosupresión y el rechazo.**
- **Generación de una gran cantidad de progenitores hepáticos y otras células.**
- **Manejo clínico del postoperatorio a largo plazo (control de infecciones, alergias y medicación)**
- **Mejora de los biorreactores para la maduración hepática.**



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