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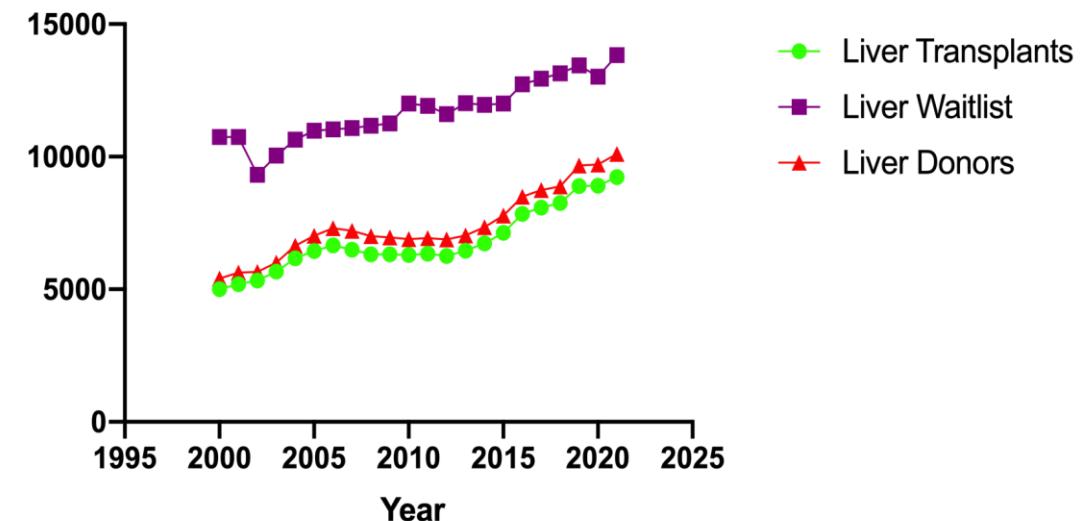






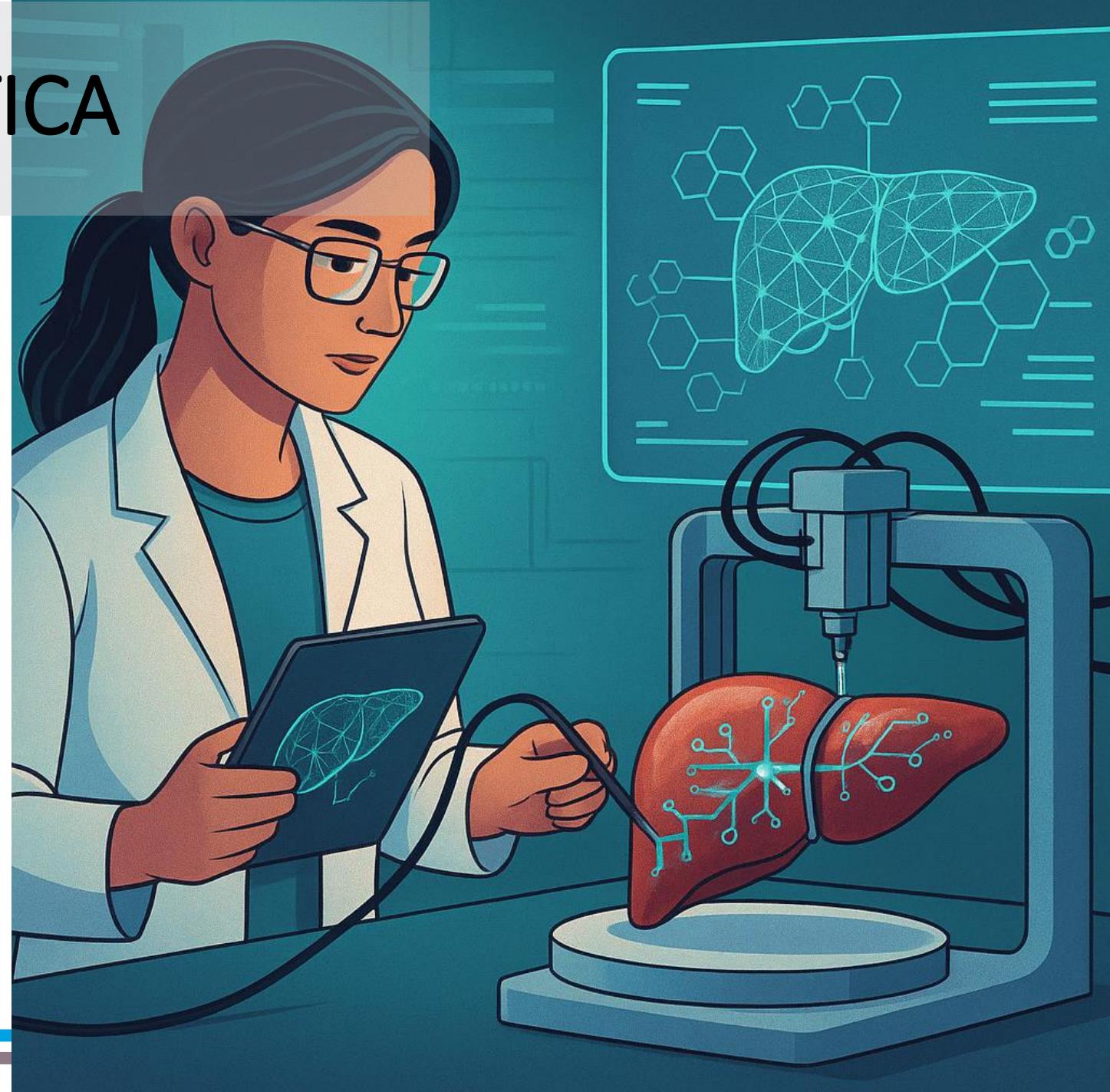
# INTRODUCCIÓN

- *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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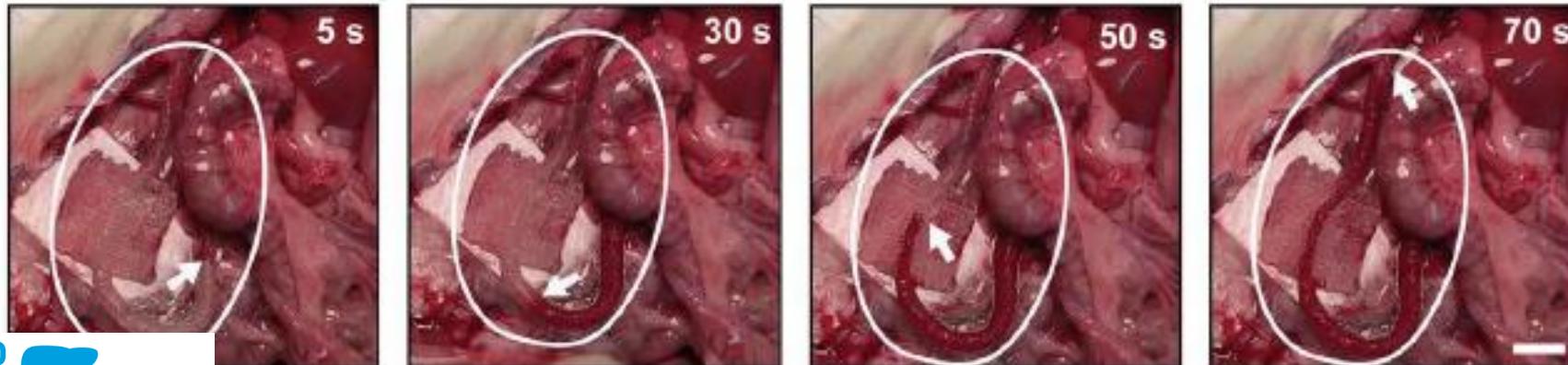
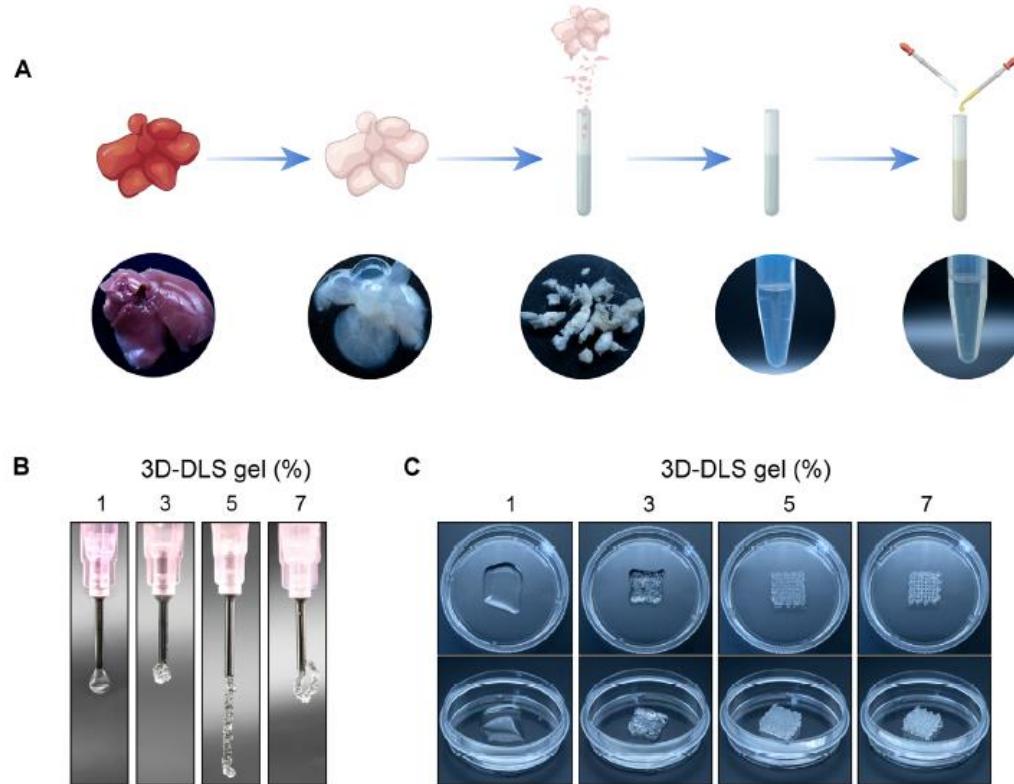
## CELL BIOLOGY

### 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.

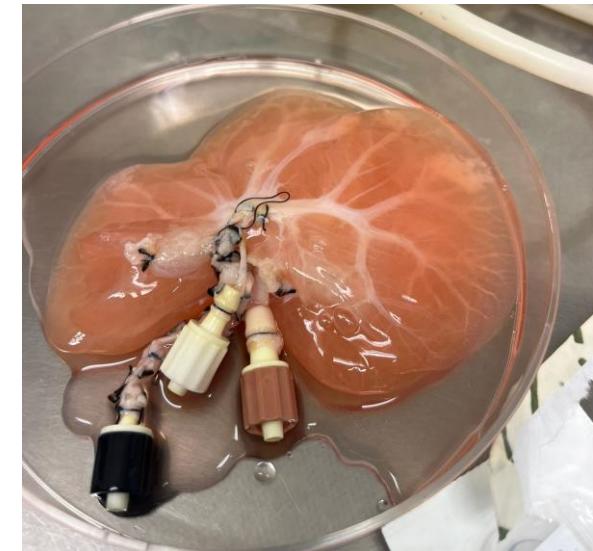
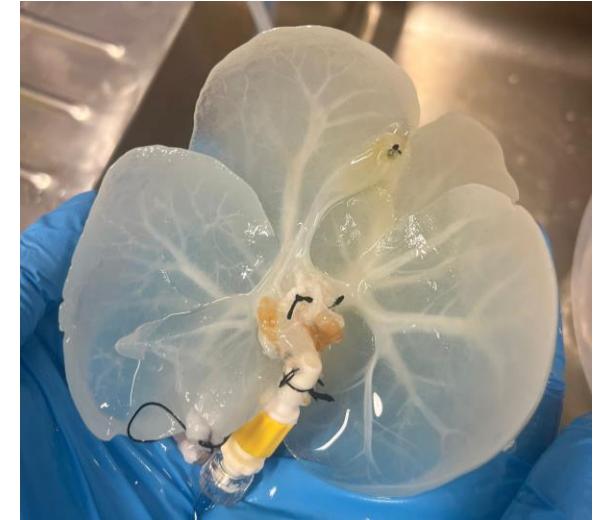
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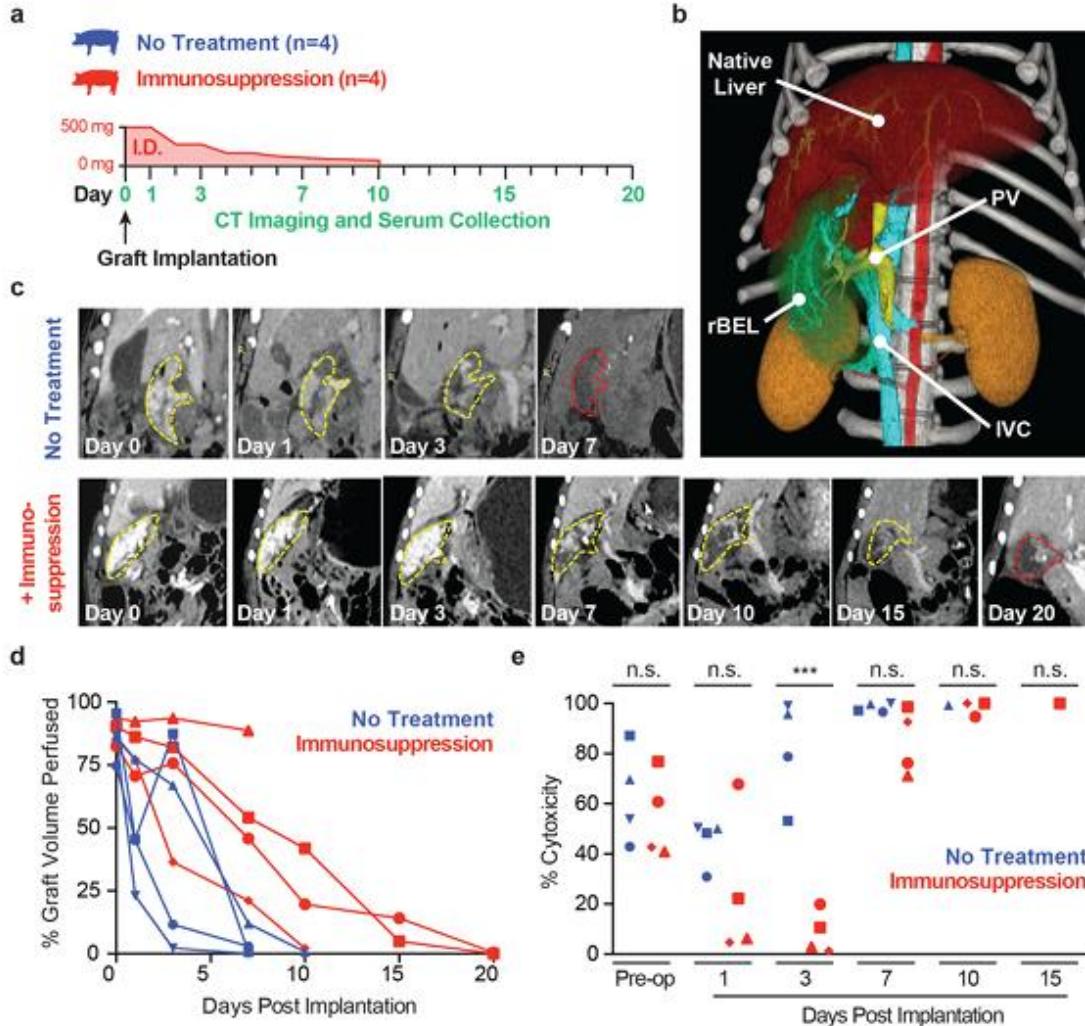


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# RECELULARIZACIÓN SCAFFOLDS

- **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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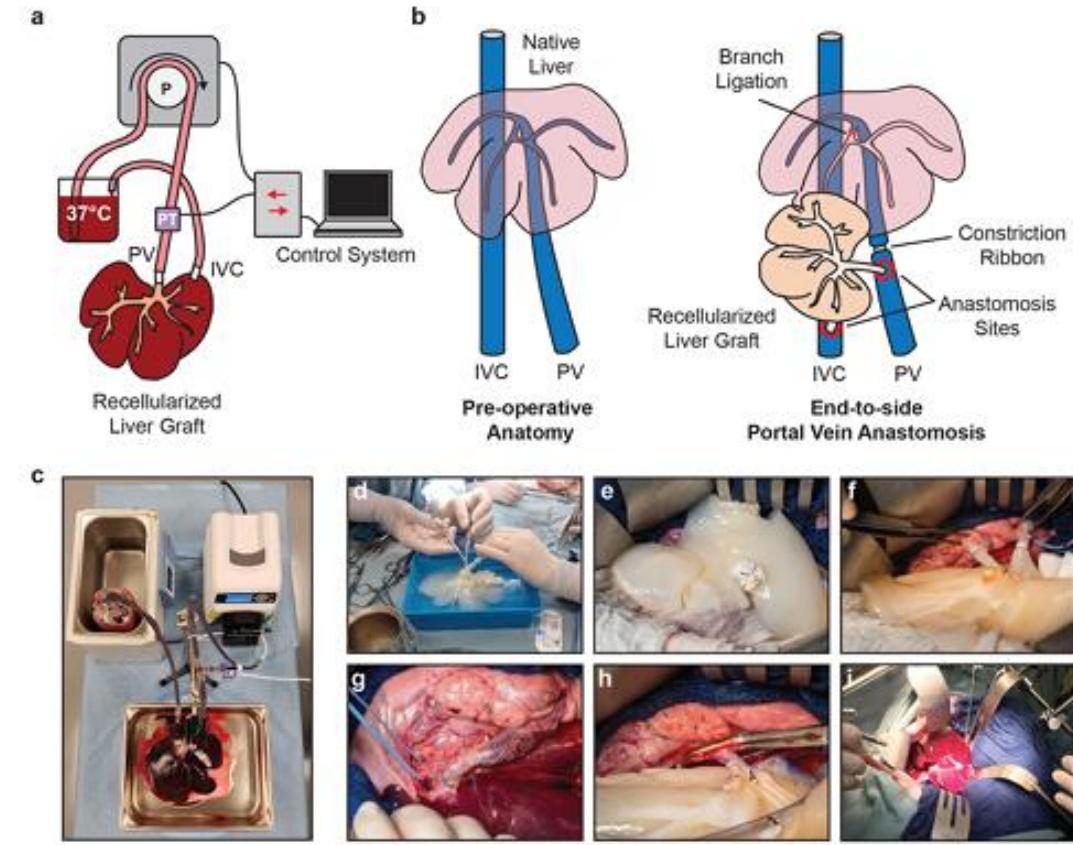
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## Sustained perfusion of revascularized bioengineered livers heterotopically transplanted into immunosuppressed pigs

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# 28 días de perfusión...

- Perfusion continua de heparina



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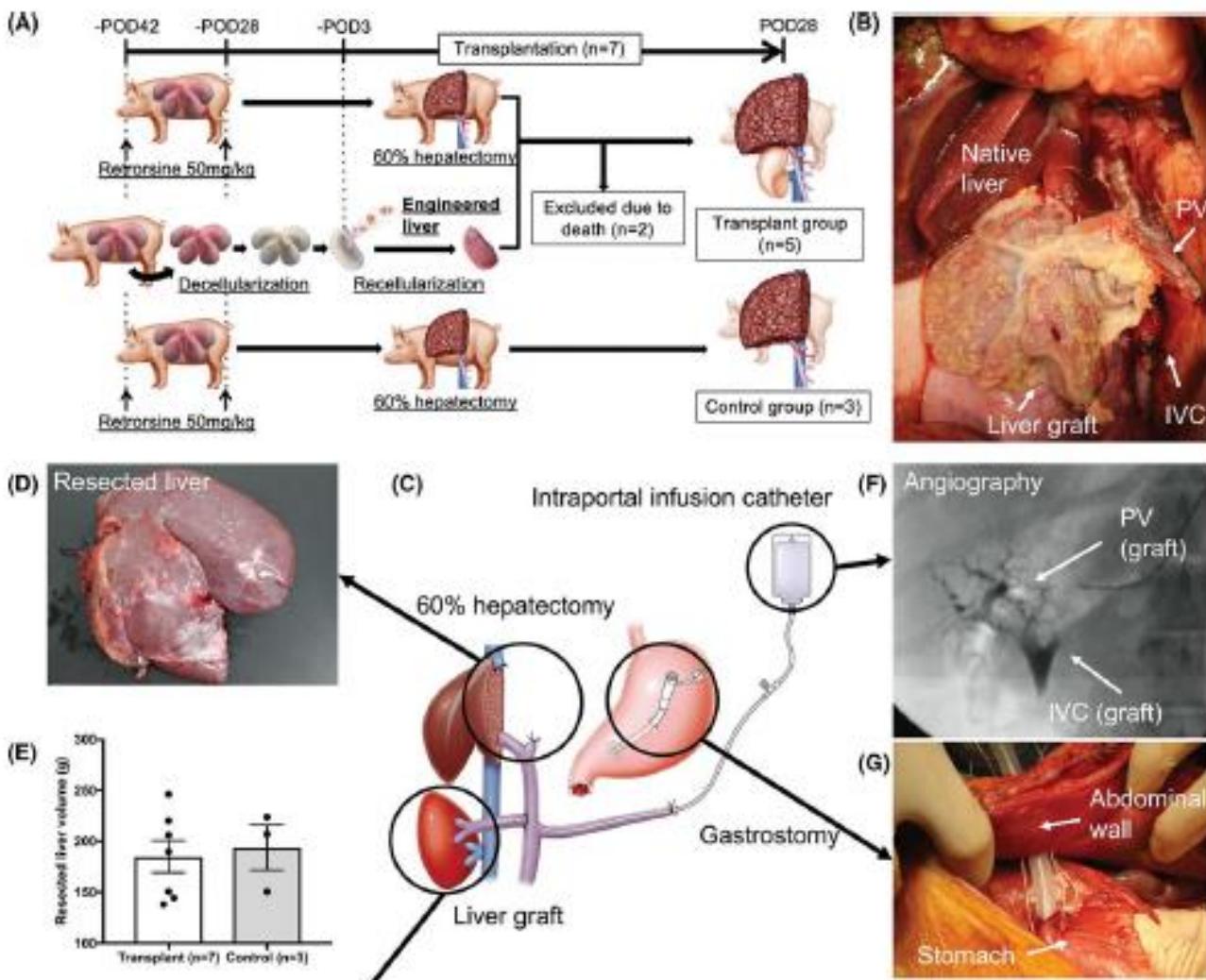
### Transplantation of bioengineered liver capable of extended function in a preclinical liver failure model

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# XENOTRASPLANTE

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## Gene-modified pig-to-human liver xenotransplantation

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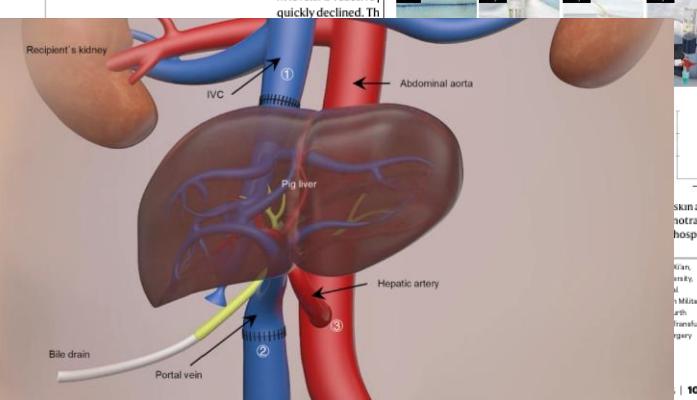
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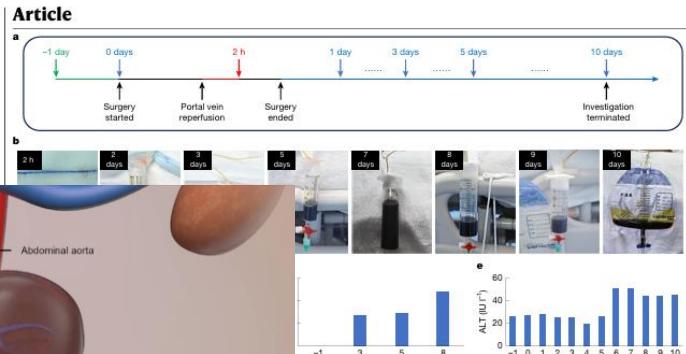
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The shortage of donors is a major challenge for transplantation; however, organs from genetically modified pigs can serve as ideal supplements<sup>1,2</sup>. Until now, porcine hearts and kidneys have been successfully transplanted into humans<sup>3–5</sup>. In this study, heterotopic auxiliary transplantation was used to donate a six-gene-edited pig liver to a brain-dead recipient. The graft function, haemodynamics, and immune and inflammatory responses of the recipient were monitored over the subsequent 10 days. Two hours after portal vein reperfusion of the xenograft, goldish bile was produced, increasing albumin also increased to normal range, while day 1 and then rapid portal and hepatic v decreased early after analyses showed that T-cell activity was initially increased and were no significant t M levels. C-reactive protein quickly declined, Th



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### INTRODUC

End-stage organ definitive treatment demand for organ inevitable reality organ. In order to from one species ideal organ dono

Preclinical trials of pig-to-nonhuman primate liver xenotransplantation have recently achieved longer survival times. However, life-threatening thrombocytopenia and coagulation dysregulation continue to limit preclinical liver xenograft survival times to less than one month despite various genetic modifications in pigs and intensive pharmacological support. Transfusion of human coagulation factors and complex immunosuppressive regimens have resulted in substantial improvements in recipient survival. The f.

TABLE 1 | Genetically-engineered pig-to-nonhuman primate liver xenotransplantation.

Year	Genetic Modifications	Recipient	Transplant	N	Pharmacologic Regimen	Survival	Reference
2000	hCD56	Baboon	Orthotopic	2	CyP CsA Cs	96, 192 h	[16]
2005	hCD56, CD50-HT	Baboon	Orthotopic	5	CyP CsA Cs Dacizumab Rituimab MMF	13, 18, 20, 21,	[17]
2010	GtKO	Baboon	Orthotopic	2	Cs MMF ATG Tacrolimus	24 h	[18]
2010	GtKO, hCD46	Baboon	Orthotopic	5	Cs MMF ATG Tacrolimus	3, 20, 24,	[19]
2010	GtKO, hCD46	Baboon	Orthotopic	3	CyP Cs MMF Tacrolimus	96, 120 h	[19]
2012	GtKO	Baboon	Orthotopic	3	Cs ATG Tacrolimus CVF AZA	144, 144,	[19]
2012	MGH MS, GtKO	Baboon	Orthotopic	2	Cs ATG Tacrolimus CVF AZA anti-CD154 LoC2b (one case)	168 h	[19]
2014	MGH MS, GtKO	Baboon	Heterotopic	3	Cs ATG Tacrolimus CVF AZA anti-CD154 LoC2b	216 h	[19]
2014	MGH MS, GtKO	Baboon	Heterotopic	3	Cs ATG Tacrolimus CVF AZA anti-CD154 LoC2b	6, 8, 9 days	[19]
2015	WZ MS, GtKO	Tibetan monkey	Heterotopic	3	Cs MMF ATG Tacrolimus CVF AZA anti-CD154 salivae minutiiae	6, 9, 15 days	[21]
2016	MGH MS, GtKO	Baboon	Orthotopic	6	Cs ATG Tacrolimus CVF hPCC	2, 5, 14 days	[22]
2016	MGH MS, GtKO	Baboon	Orthotopic	1	Cs ATG Tacrolimus CVF hPCC Belatacept	1, 3, 4, 4, 6, 7 days	[23]
2017	MGH MS, GtKO	Baboon	Orthotopic	4	Cs ATG Tacrolimus CVF hPCC anti-CD40mAb	25 days	[24]
2020	GtKO, CMah-KD, BAGALNT2-KO, PERV-KO, hCD46, hCD55, hCD56, RTBHD, HTP1, hCD39, hB2M, HLA-E, hCD47-TG	Rhesus monkey	Heterotopic	1	ATG anti-CD40mAb	25, 5, 8, 29 days	[25]
						26 days	Dou, personal communication

ATG, anti-thymocyte globulin; AZA, azathioprine; B4GALNT2, Beta-1,4-N-Acetyl Galactosaminyltransferase 2; CMah, Cytidine monophosphate-N-acetylgalactosamine hydroxylase; Cs, cyclosporine; CyP, cycloprospamide; Gt, gattoparanic acid; h, humanized; hPCC, human prothrombin complex concentrate; LoC2b, rat anti-primate CD2 IgG2b; MGH MS, Massachusetts General Hospital miniature swine; MMF, mycophenolate mofetil; PERV, porcine endogenous retrovirus; WZ MS, Wu Zhanxin miniature swine.



## Genetically engineered pig-to-human liver xenotransplantation

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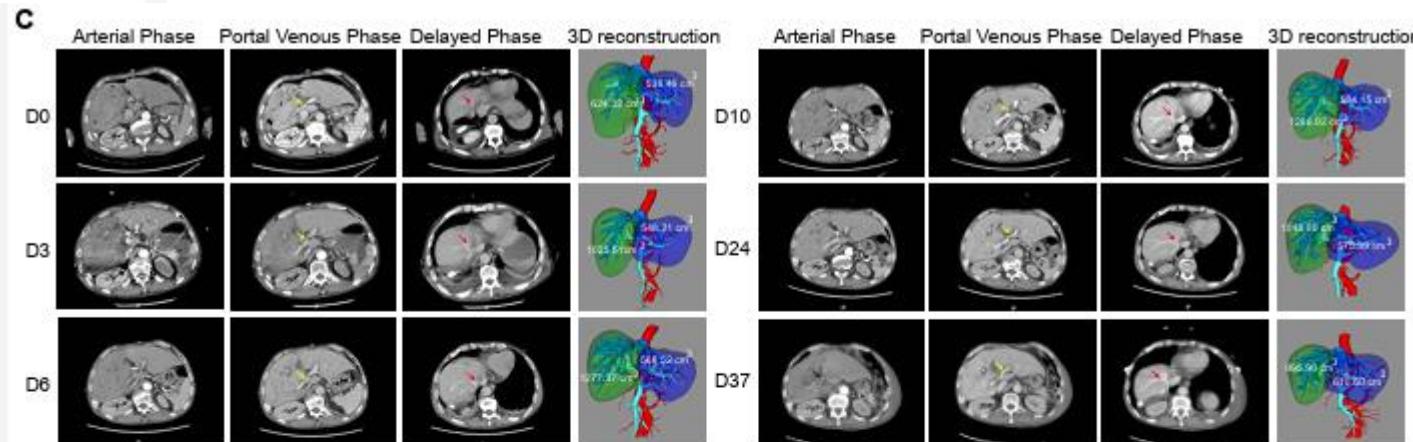
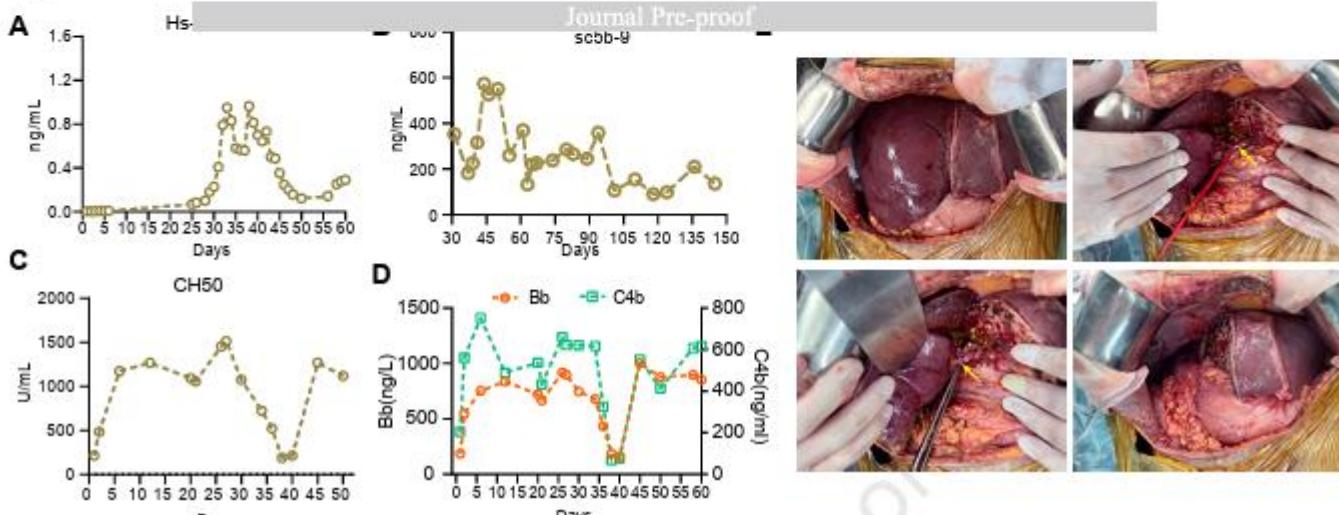
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**Highlights**

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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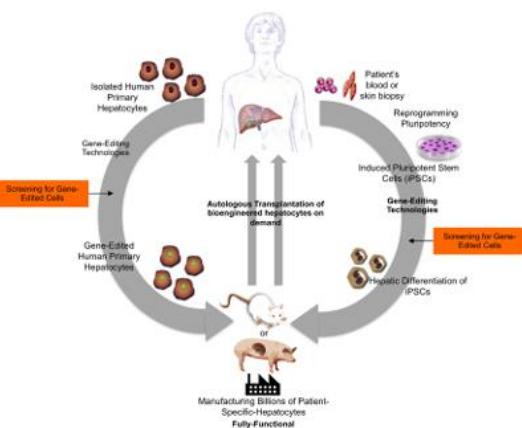
Directed differentiation of hepatocytes from induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs) holds great promise for treating some liver disorders. The unlimited availability of perfectly differentiated hepatocytes will dramatically facilitate cell therapies. While systems to manufacture large quantities of derived 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 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 pool<sup>1</sup>. New  
to investigating 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 select 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) × 10<sup>6</sup> 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.

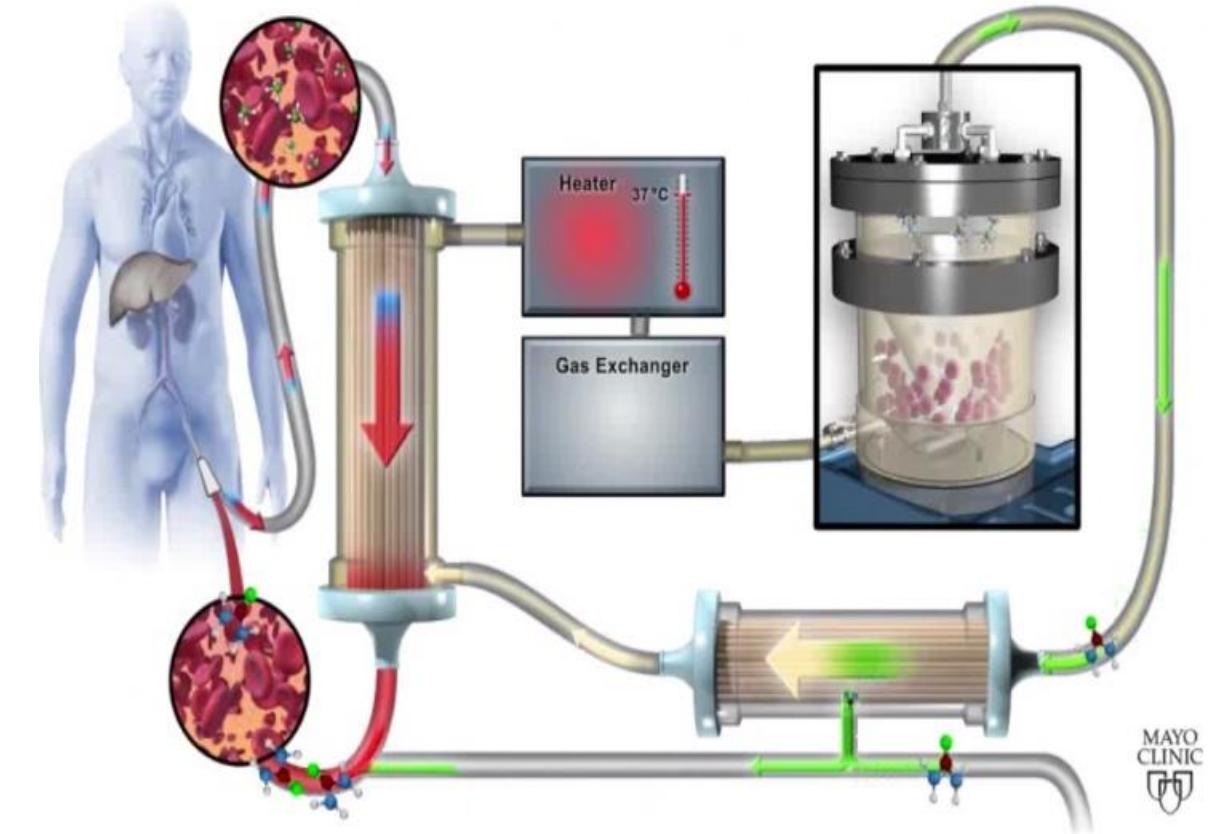
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## Introduction

Progress in hepatocyte transplantation has been hampered by access to good-quality donor tissue, as most donor organs

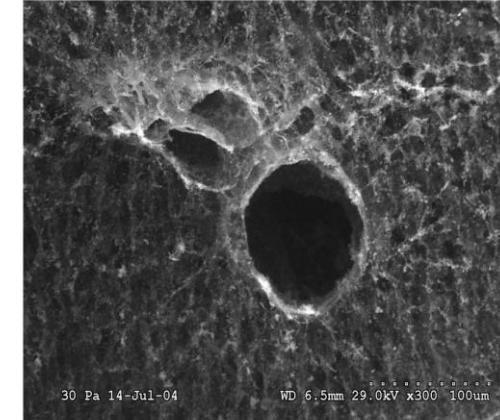
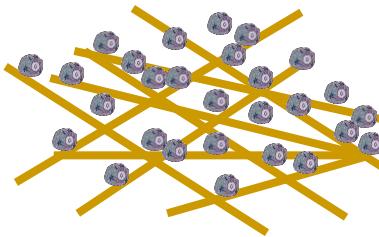
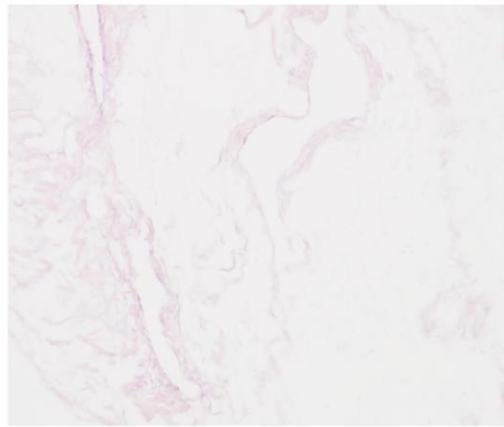
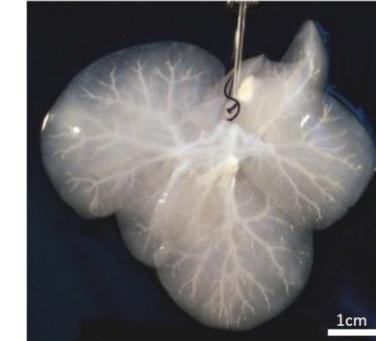
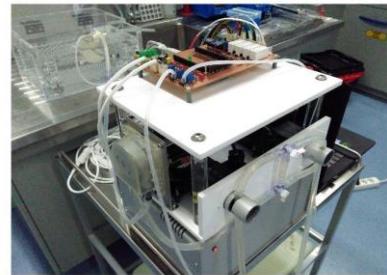
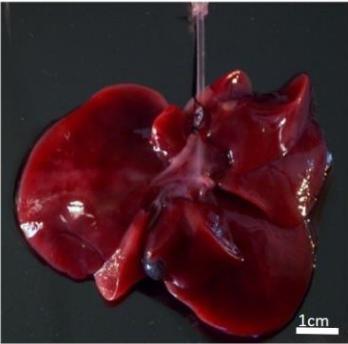
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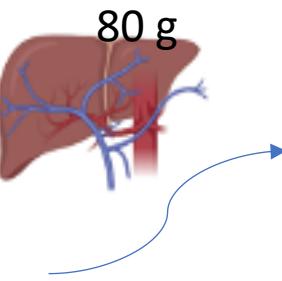


# DESCELULARIZACIÓN DE HÍGADO

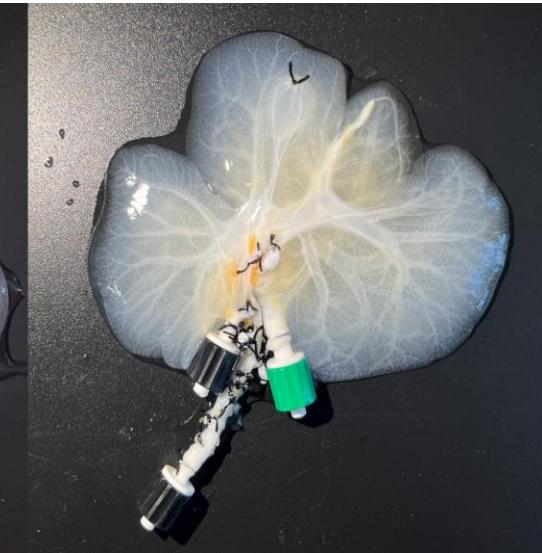
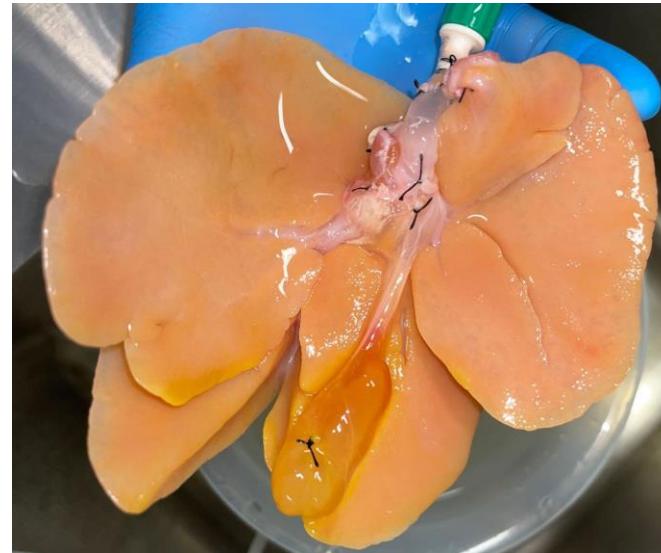


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# TOWARD WHOLE REVASCULARIZATION OF A BIOENGINEERED PIG LIVER

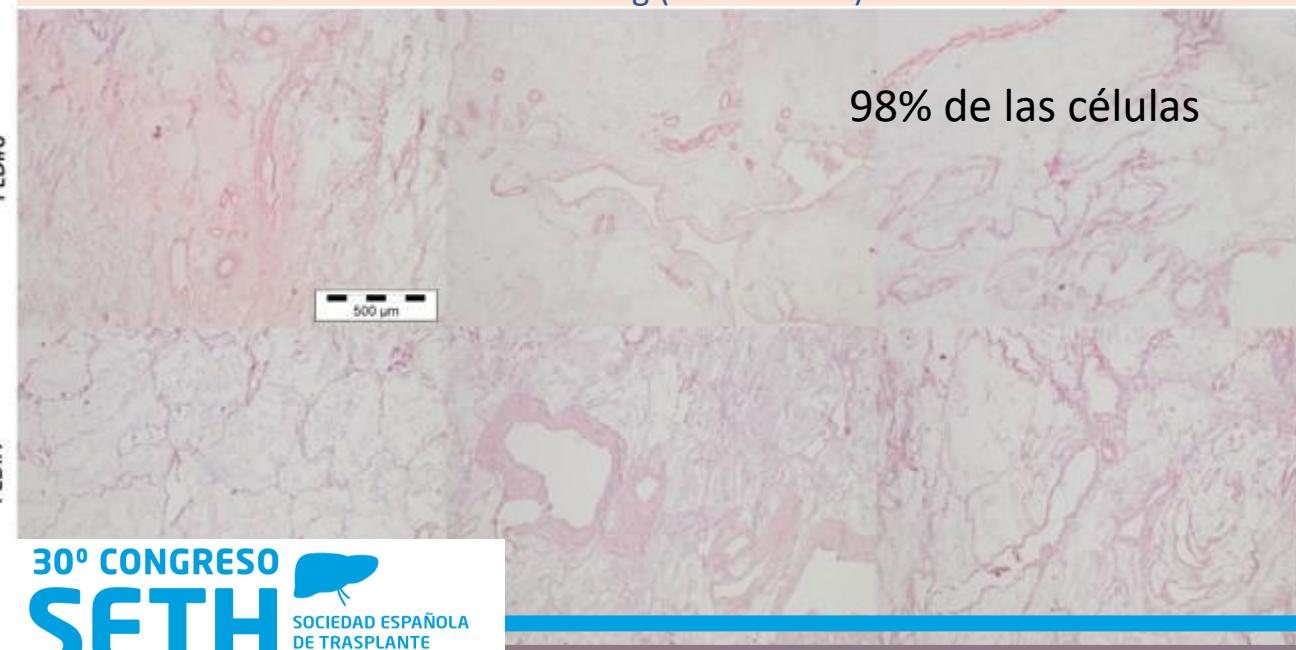


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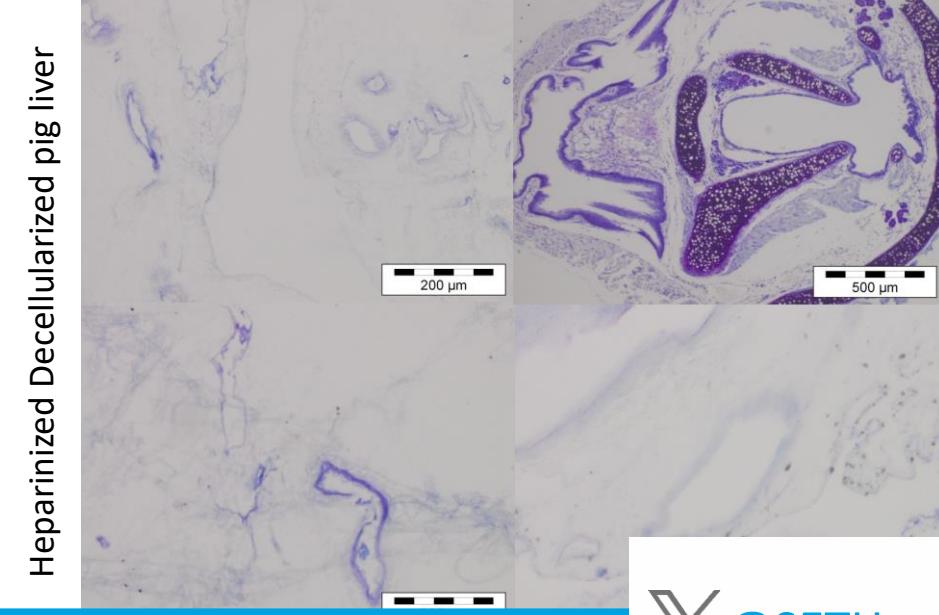


H&E staining (cell removal)

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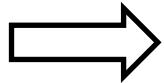
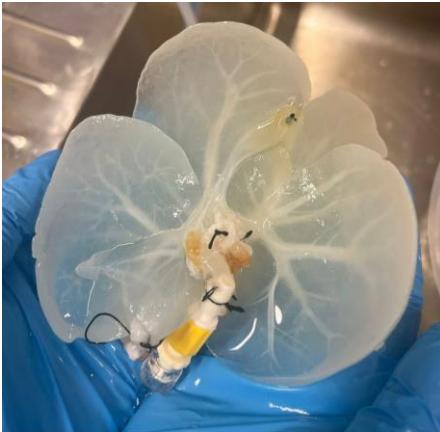
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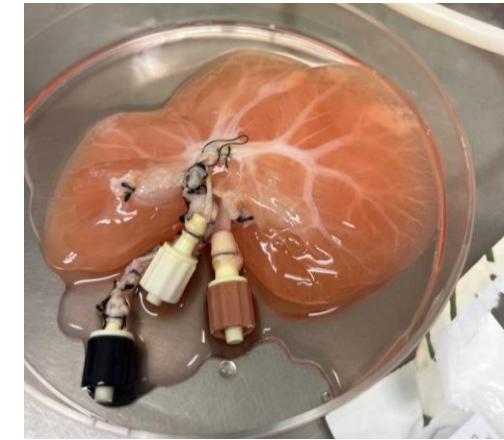
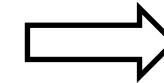
+CONTROL

- Control (DLS si

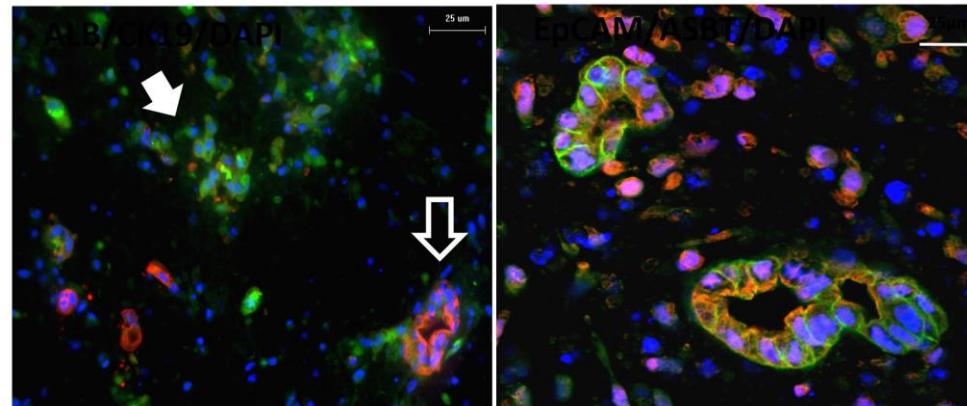
# RECELULARIZACIÓN DE HÍGADO



Células  
vasculares

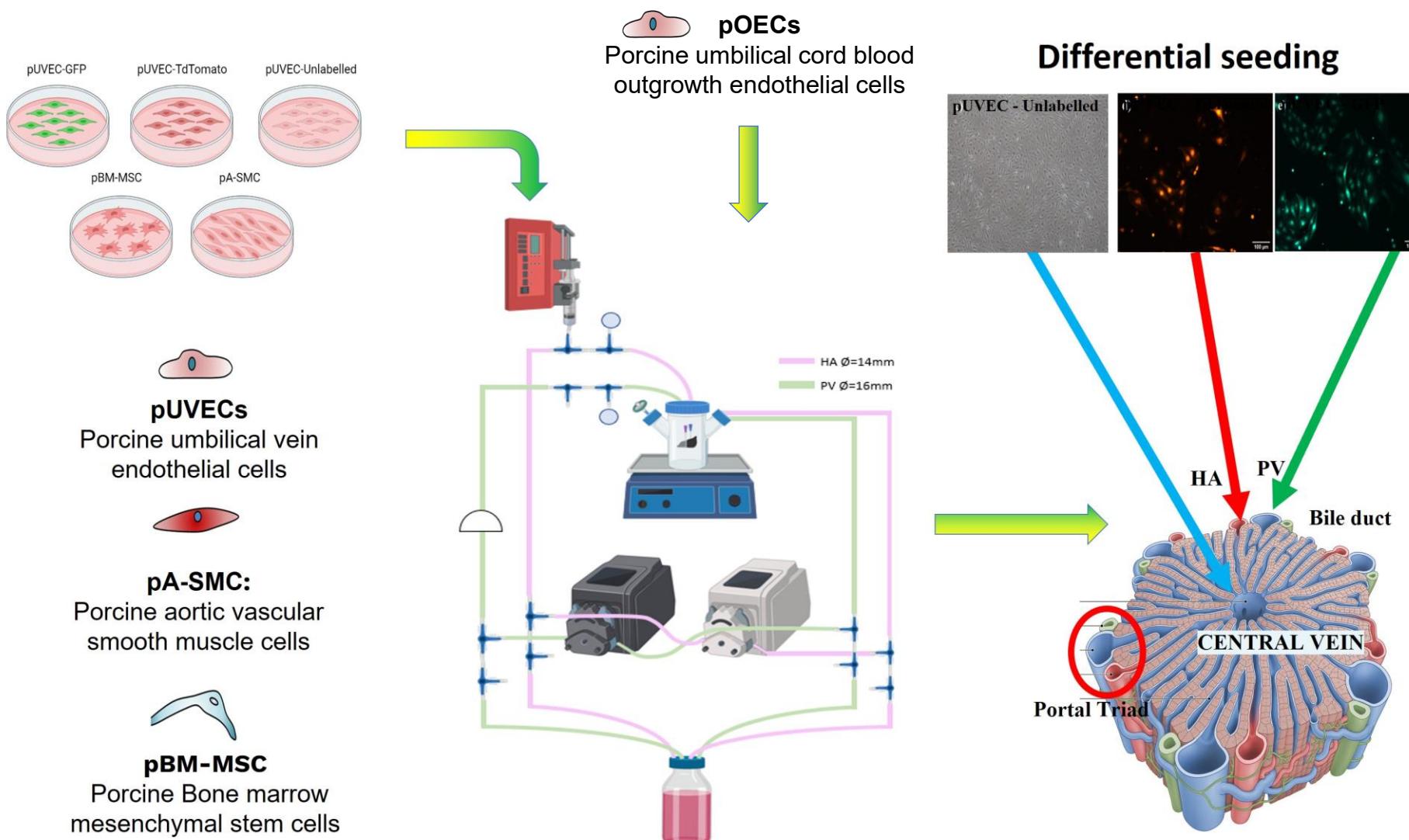


- $>10^9$  hepatocitos.
- 2,5% de masa hepática funcional



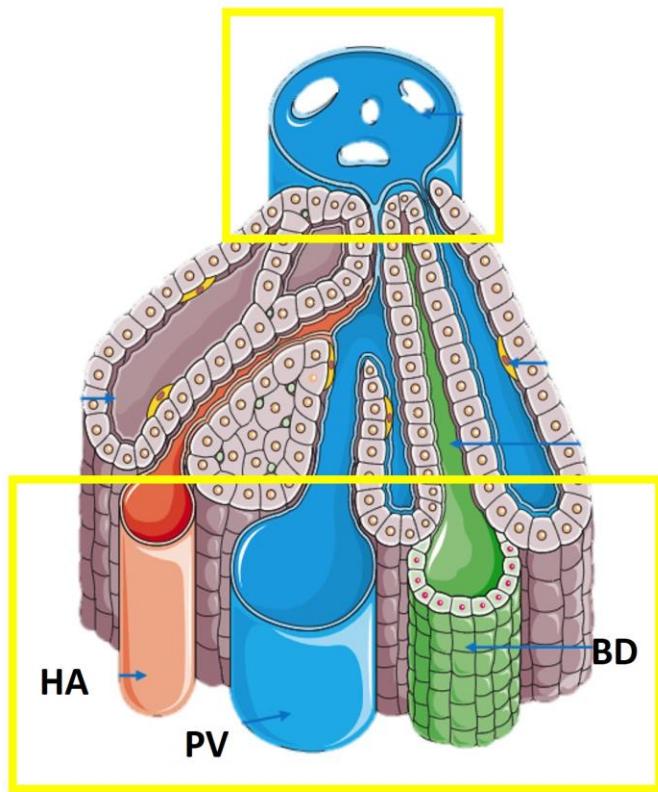
Baptista et al. Hepatology, 2010.

# VASCULARIZACIÓN DE SCAFFOLDS HEPÁTICOS

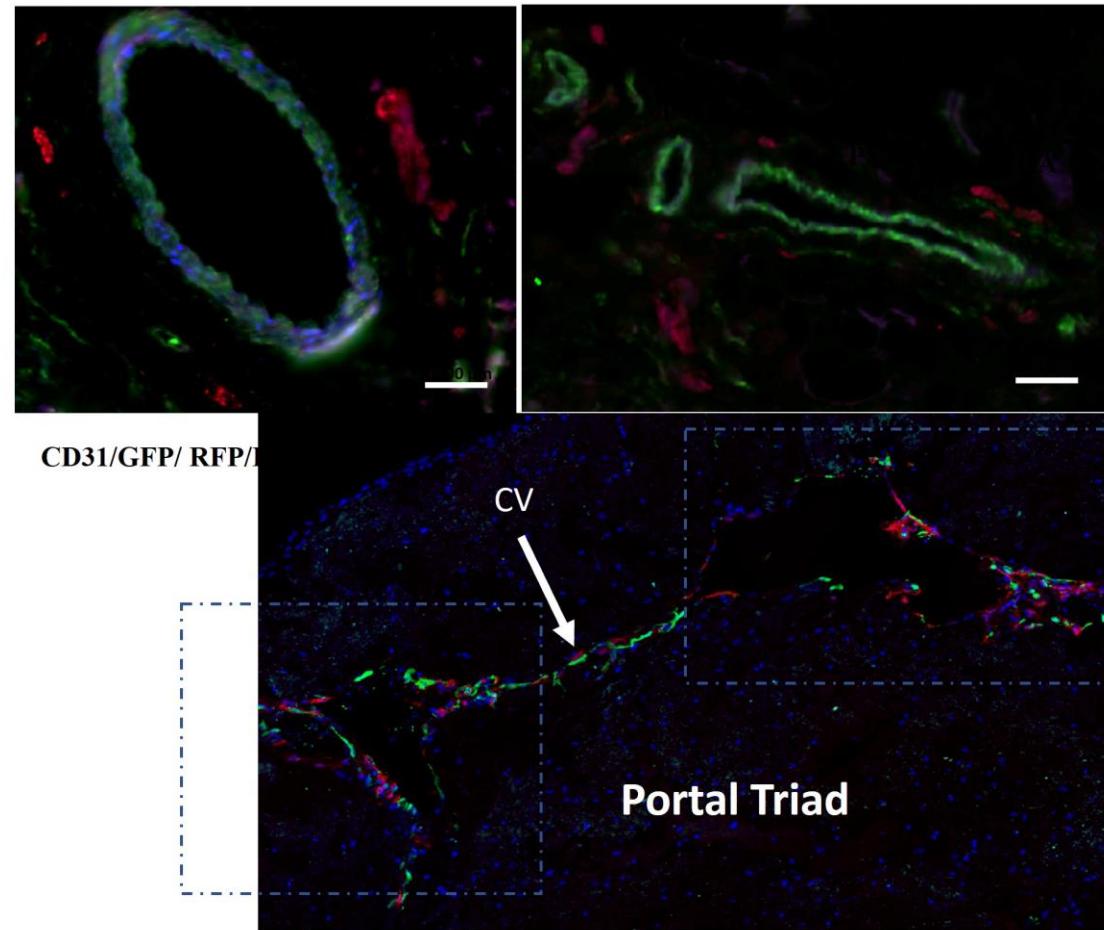


# SIEMBRA DE CÉLULAS VASCULARES EN VENAS Y ARTERIAS

Central Vein

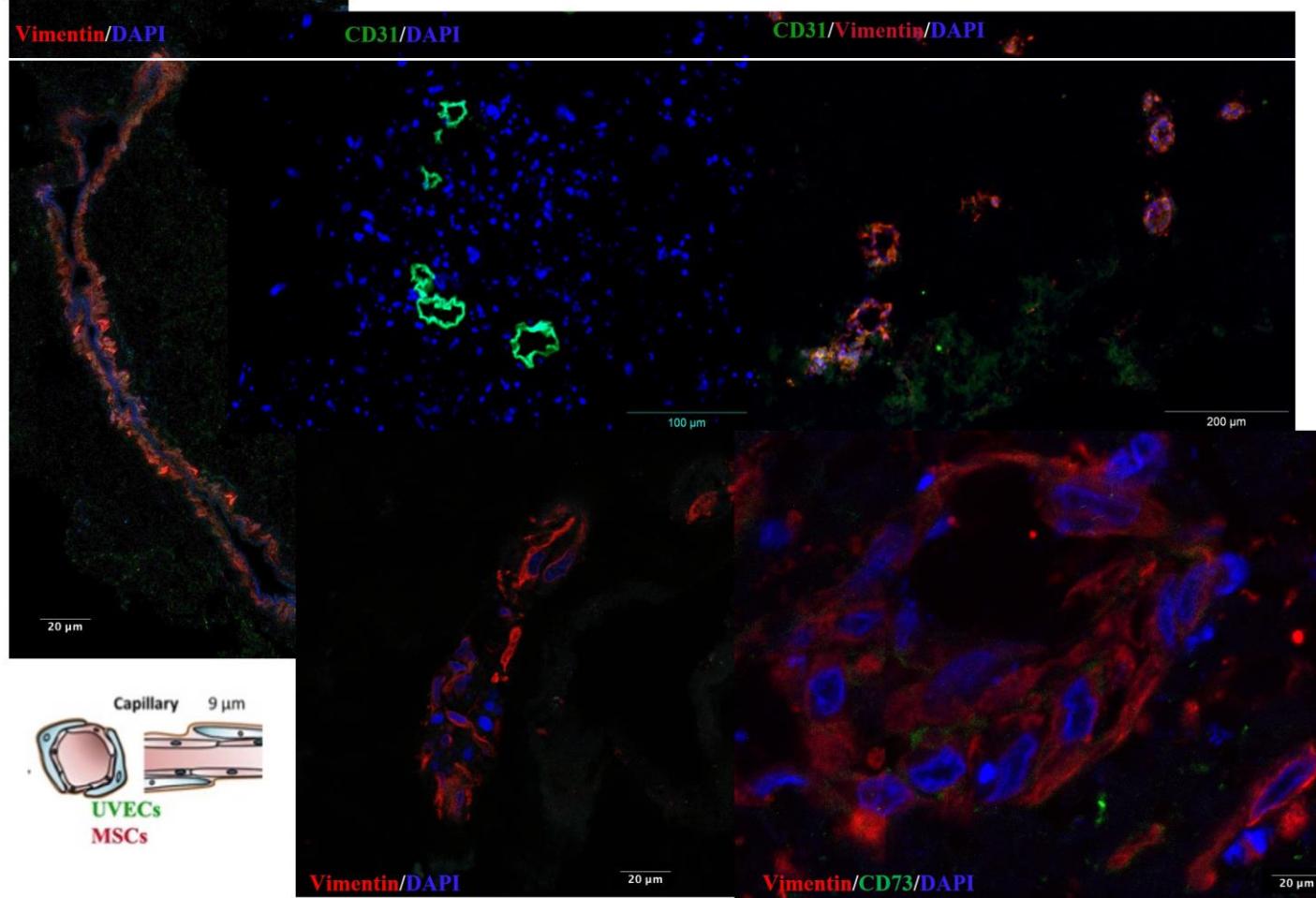
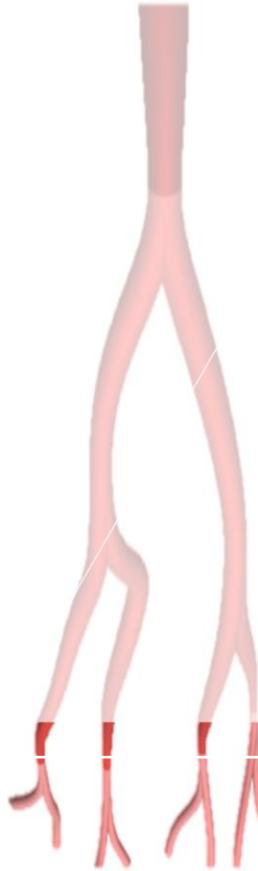


Portal  
Triad

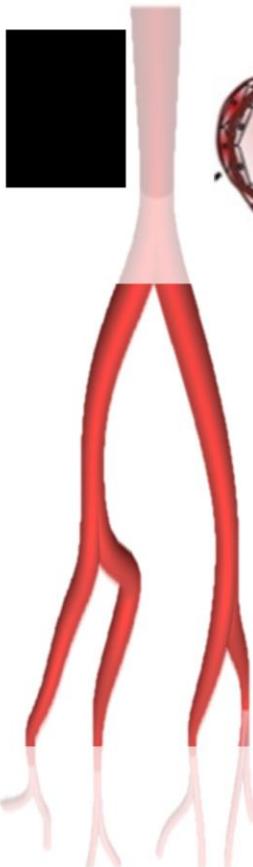


Portal Triad

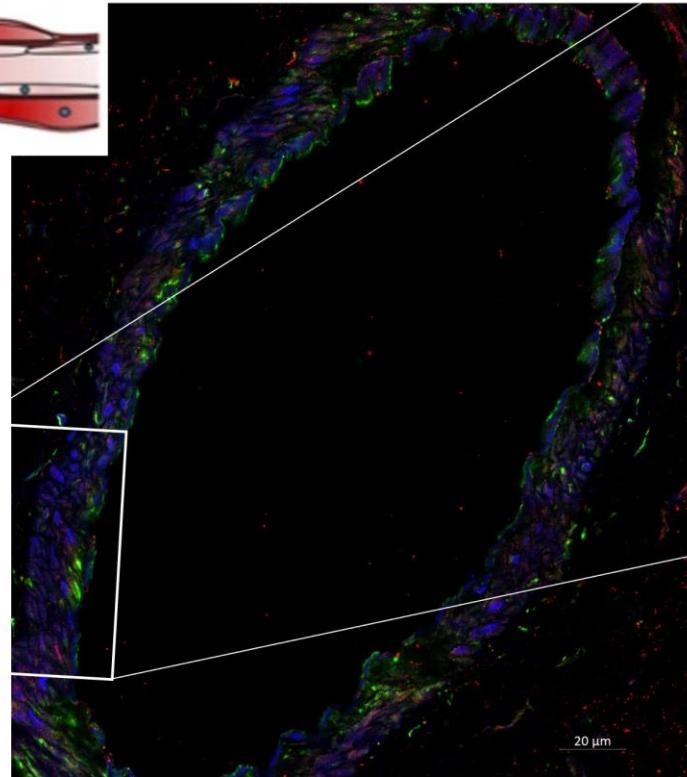
# GENERACIÓN DE ESTRUCTURAS VASCULARES (EC, SMC Y MSC)



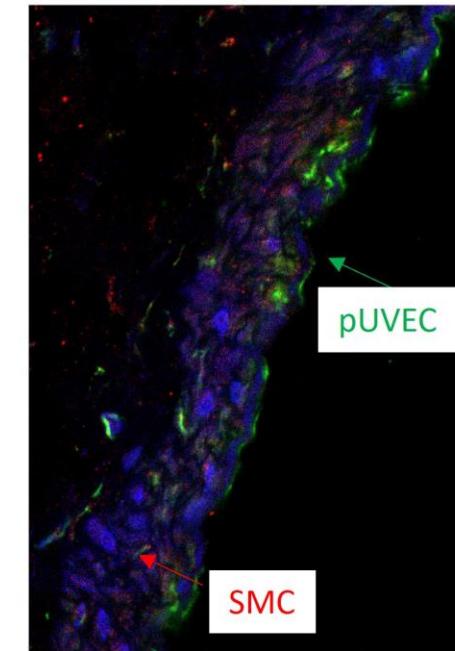
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Arteriole/Venule 20-25  $\mu$ m



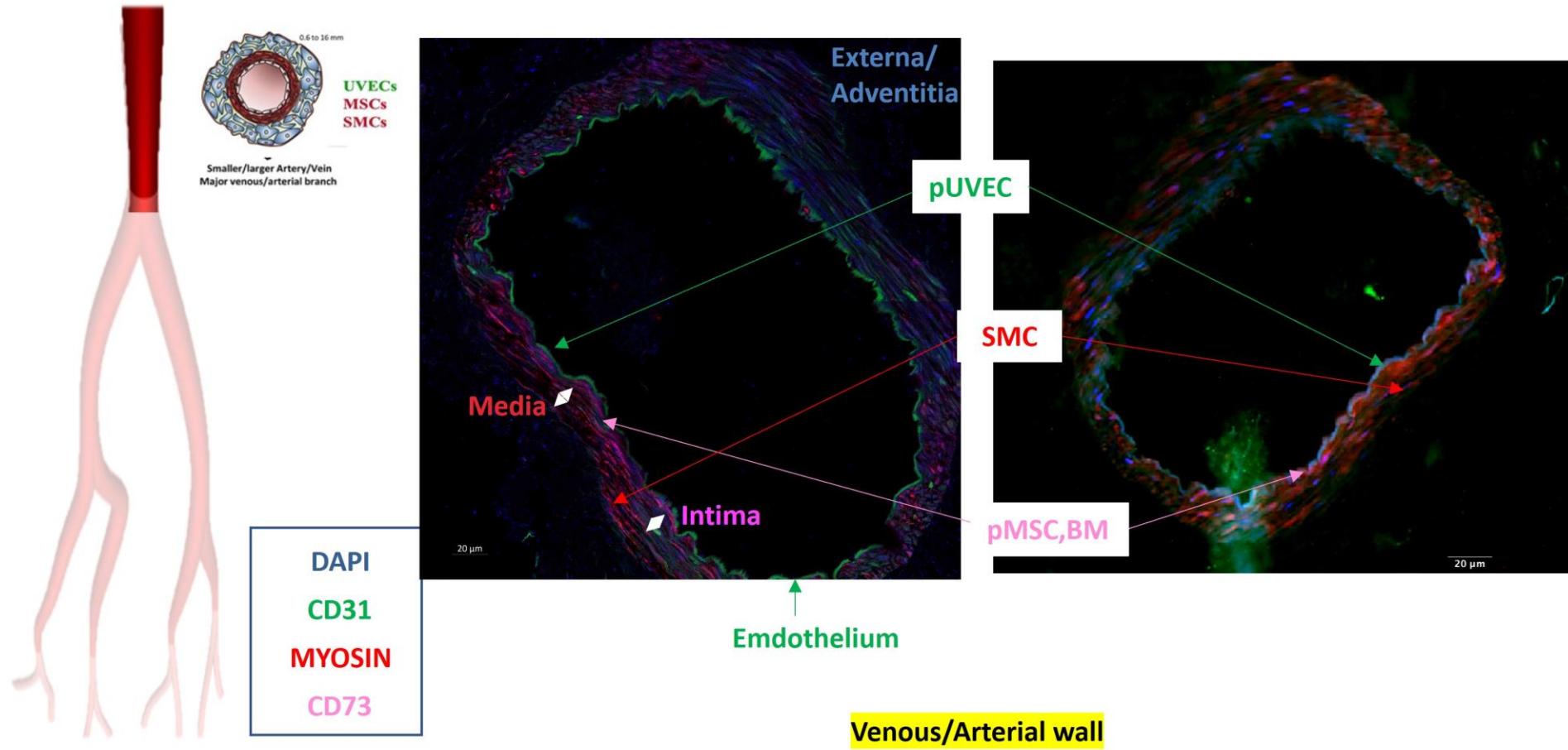
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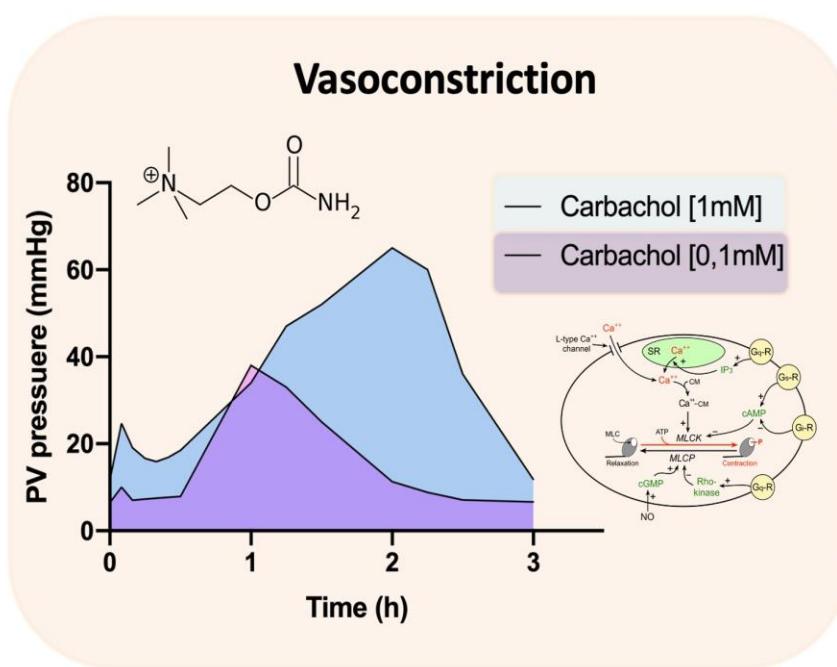
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Results

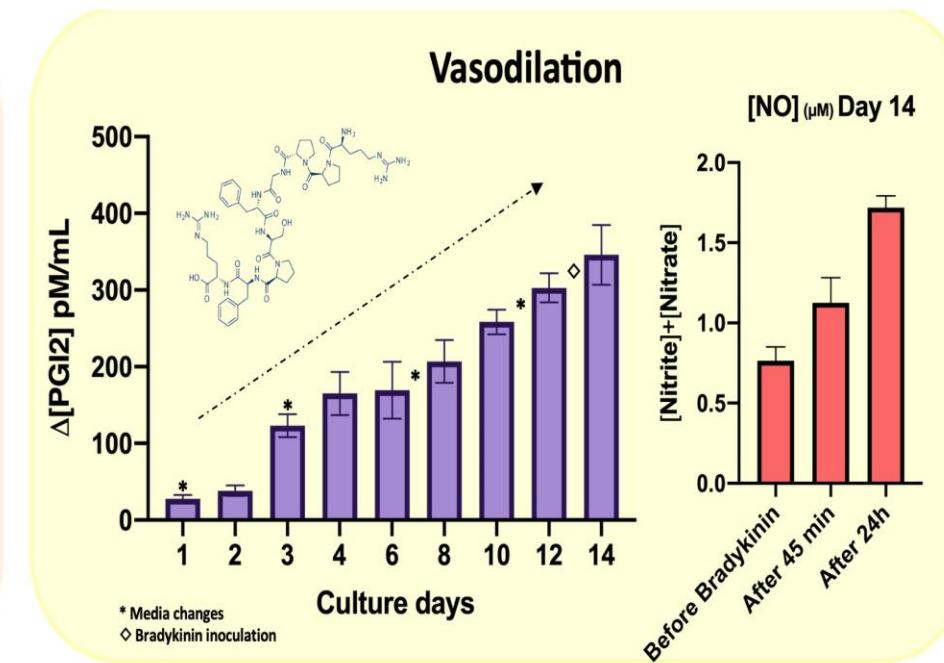


# LAS ESTRUCTURAS VASCULARES CREADAS SON CAPACES DE CONTRAERSE Y SECRETAR NO Y PROSTACICLINAS.

## Upon Carbachol Exposure



## Upon Bradikinin Challenge



# MODELO DE TRASPLANTE HEPÁTICO AUXILIAR CON SHUNT PORTO CAVA.

Bank surgery



Scaffold  
PV anastomosis



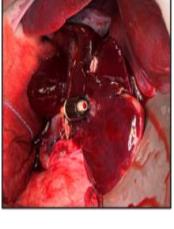
PV  
declamp



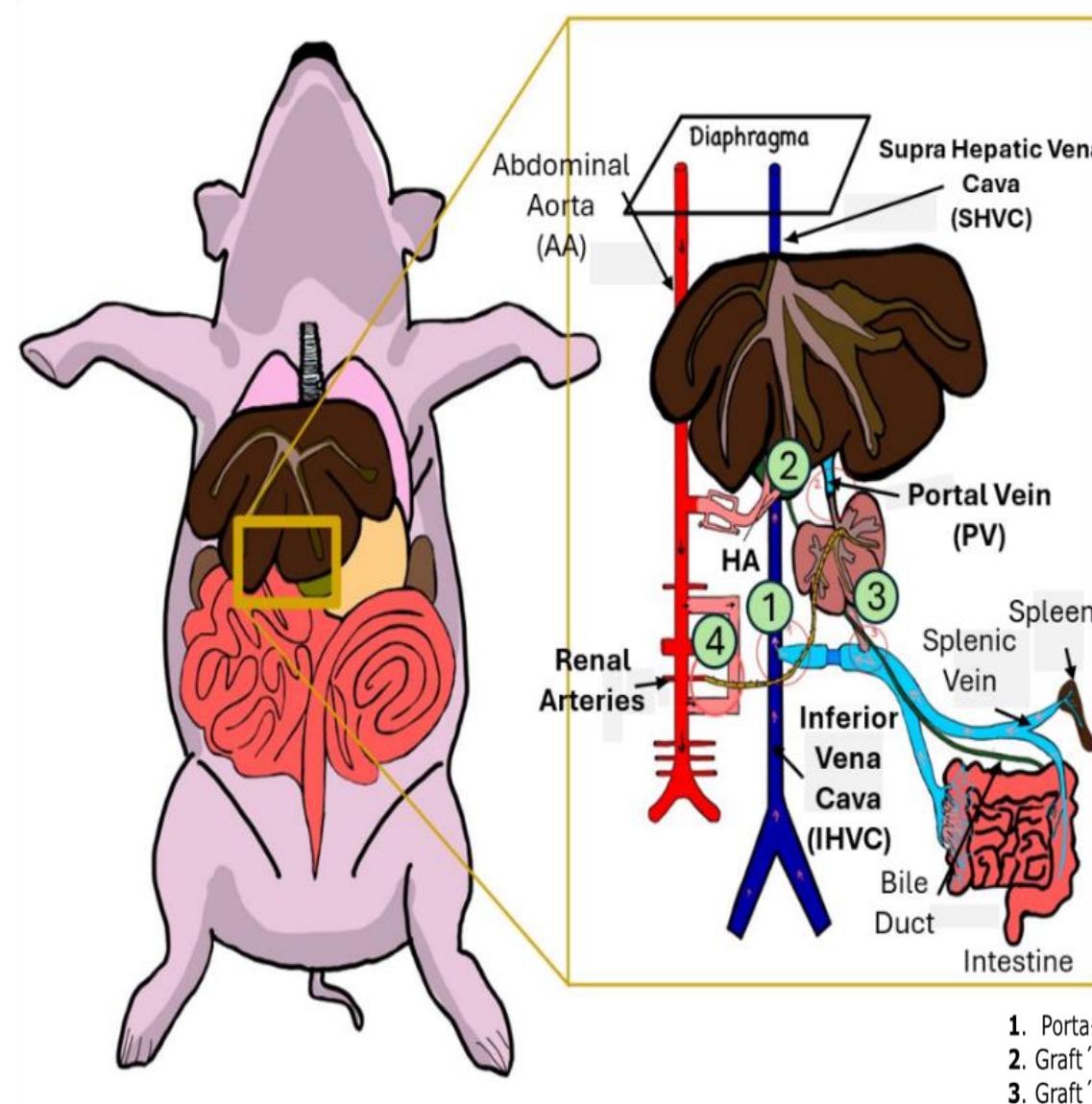
HA  
anastomosis



Whole scaffold  
perfusion

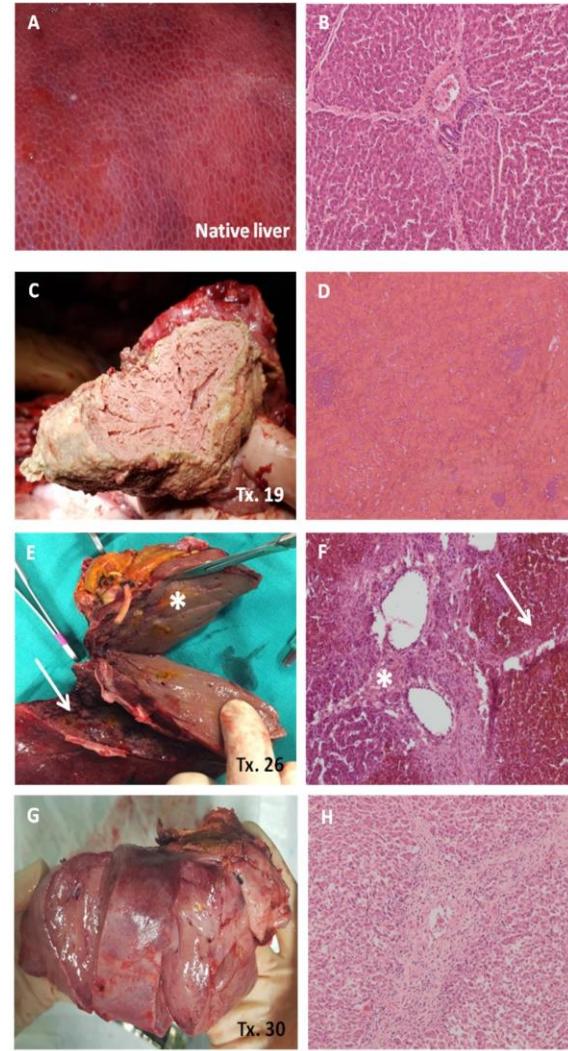
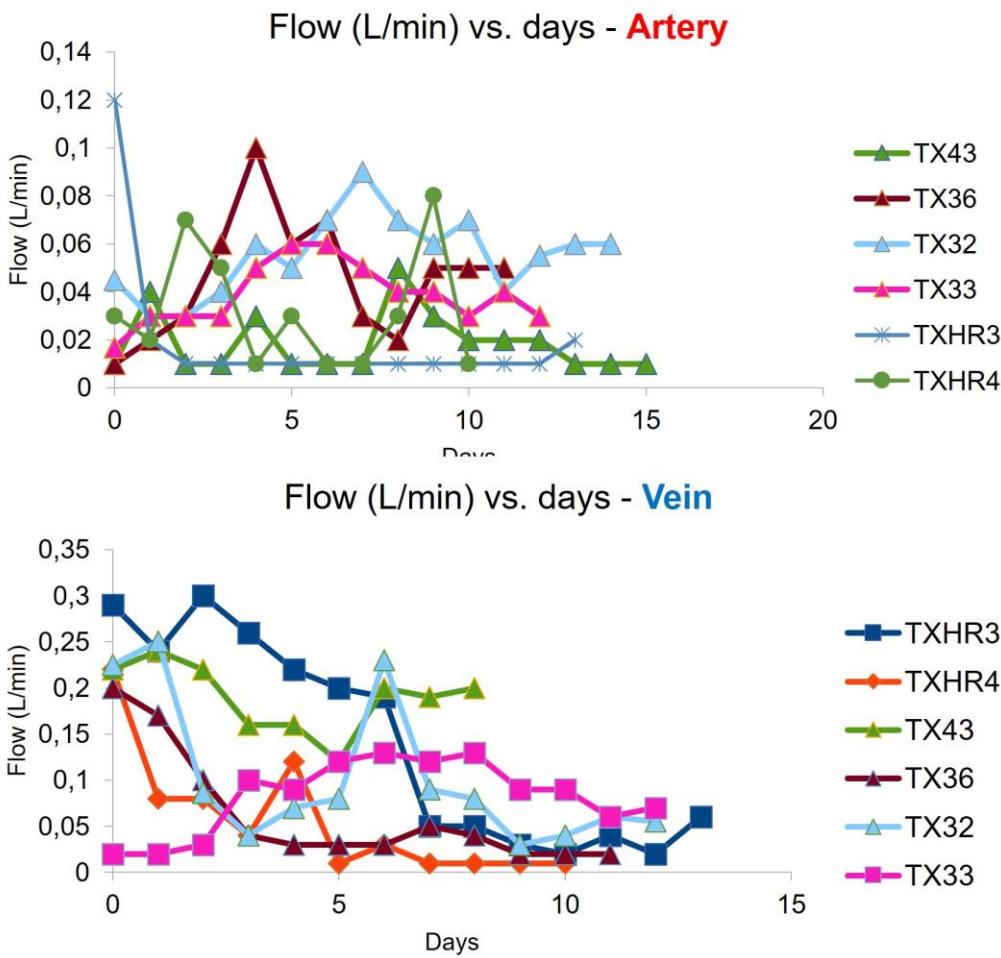


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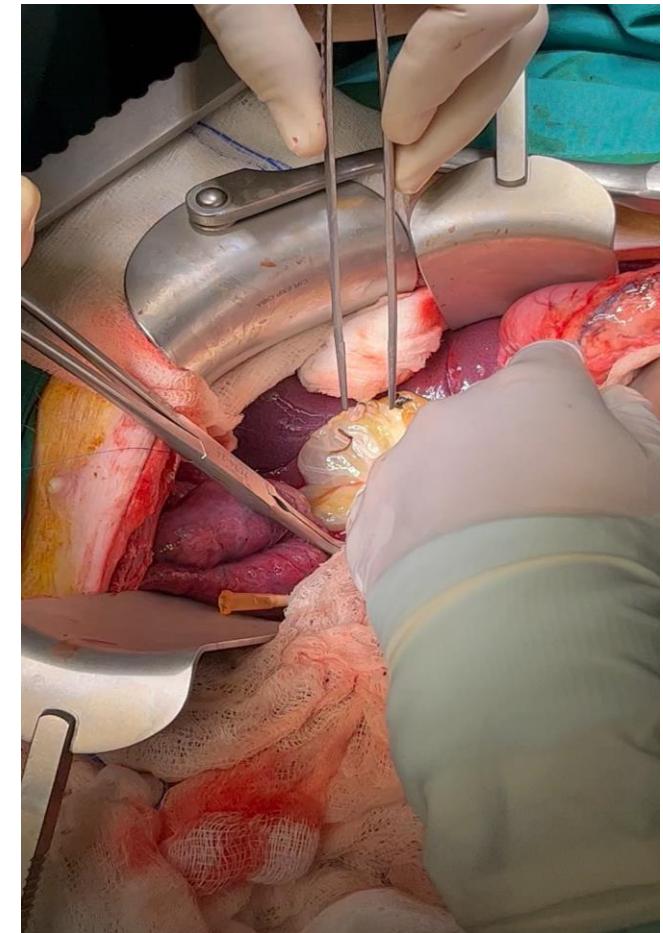
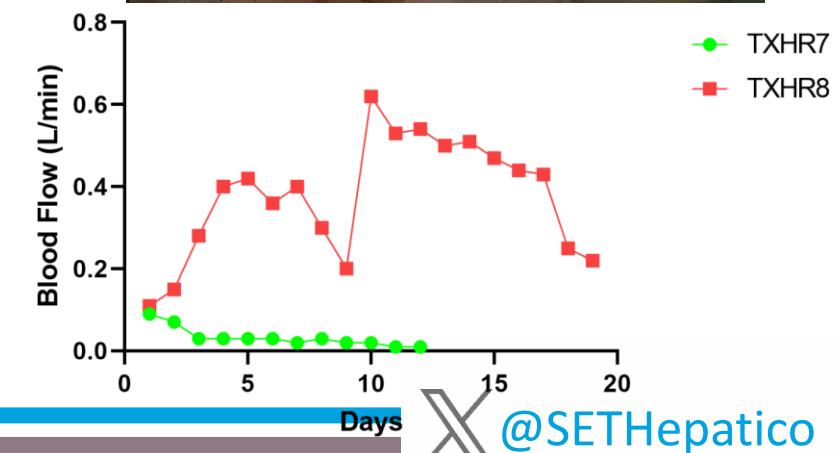
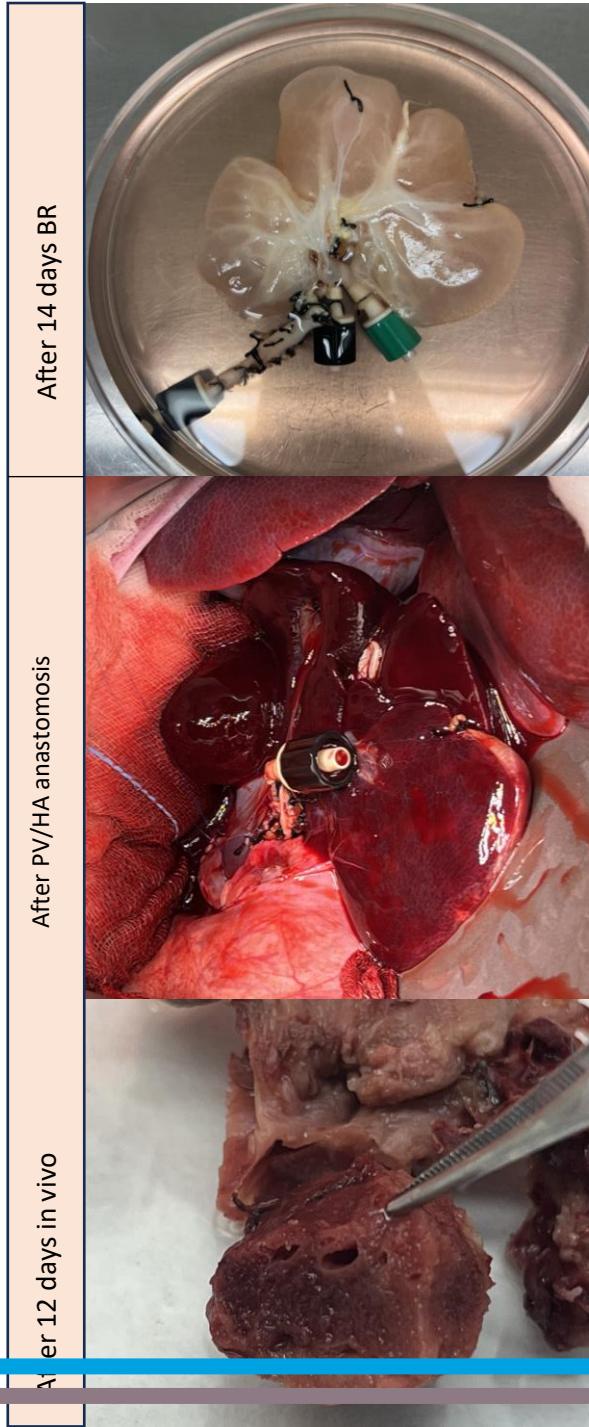
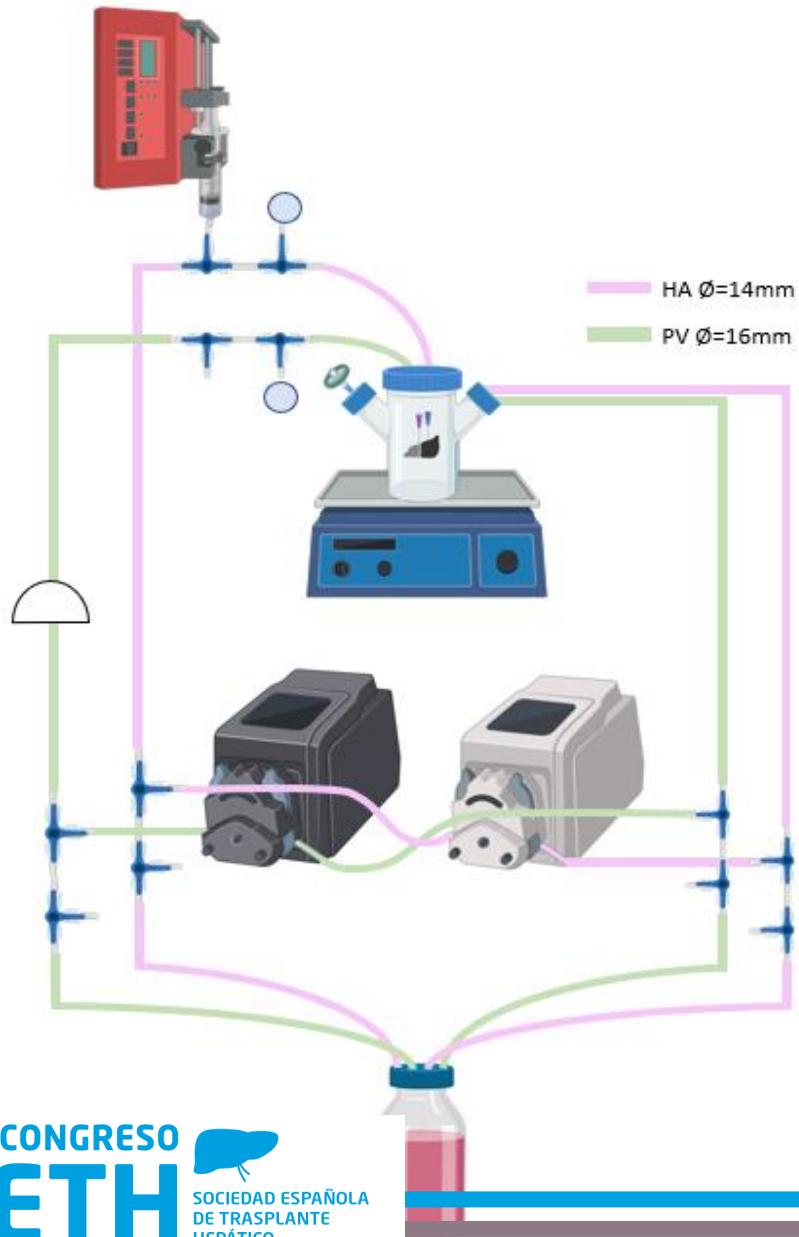


1. Porta-Caval Shunt
2. Graft's SVC-Native PV Anastomosis
3. Graft's PV-Native PV Anastomosis
4. Graft's Aorta-Native Right Kidney Artery

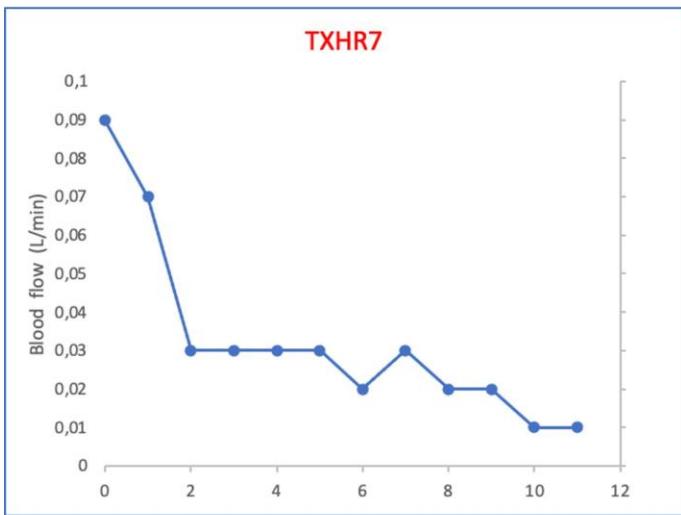
# MODELO PORCINO DE REGENERACIÓN HEPATICA



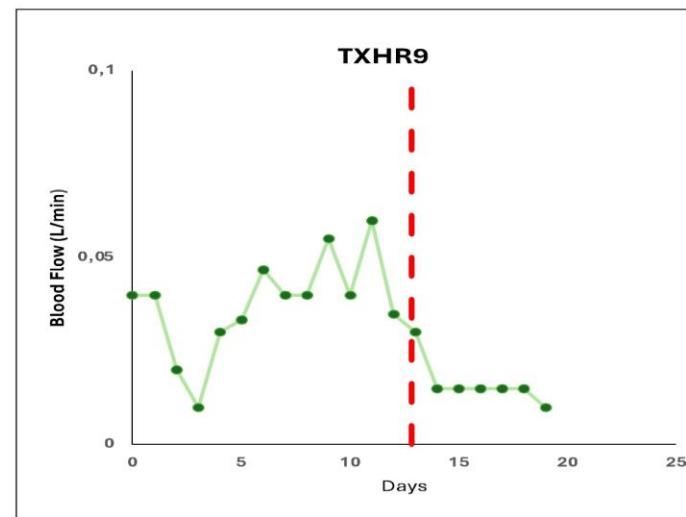
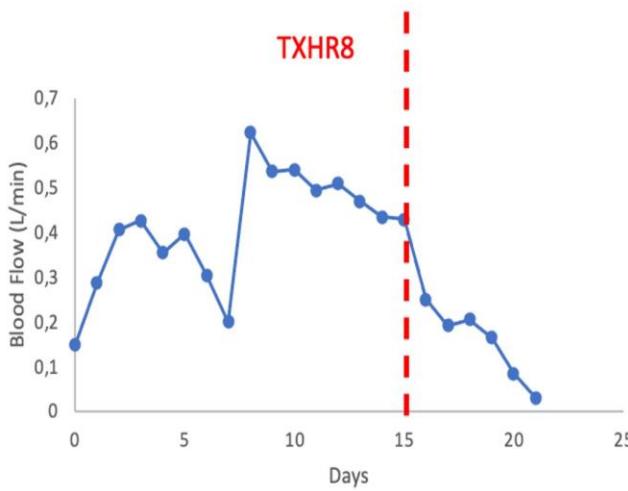
# Trasplantes TXHR7 y TXHR8



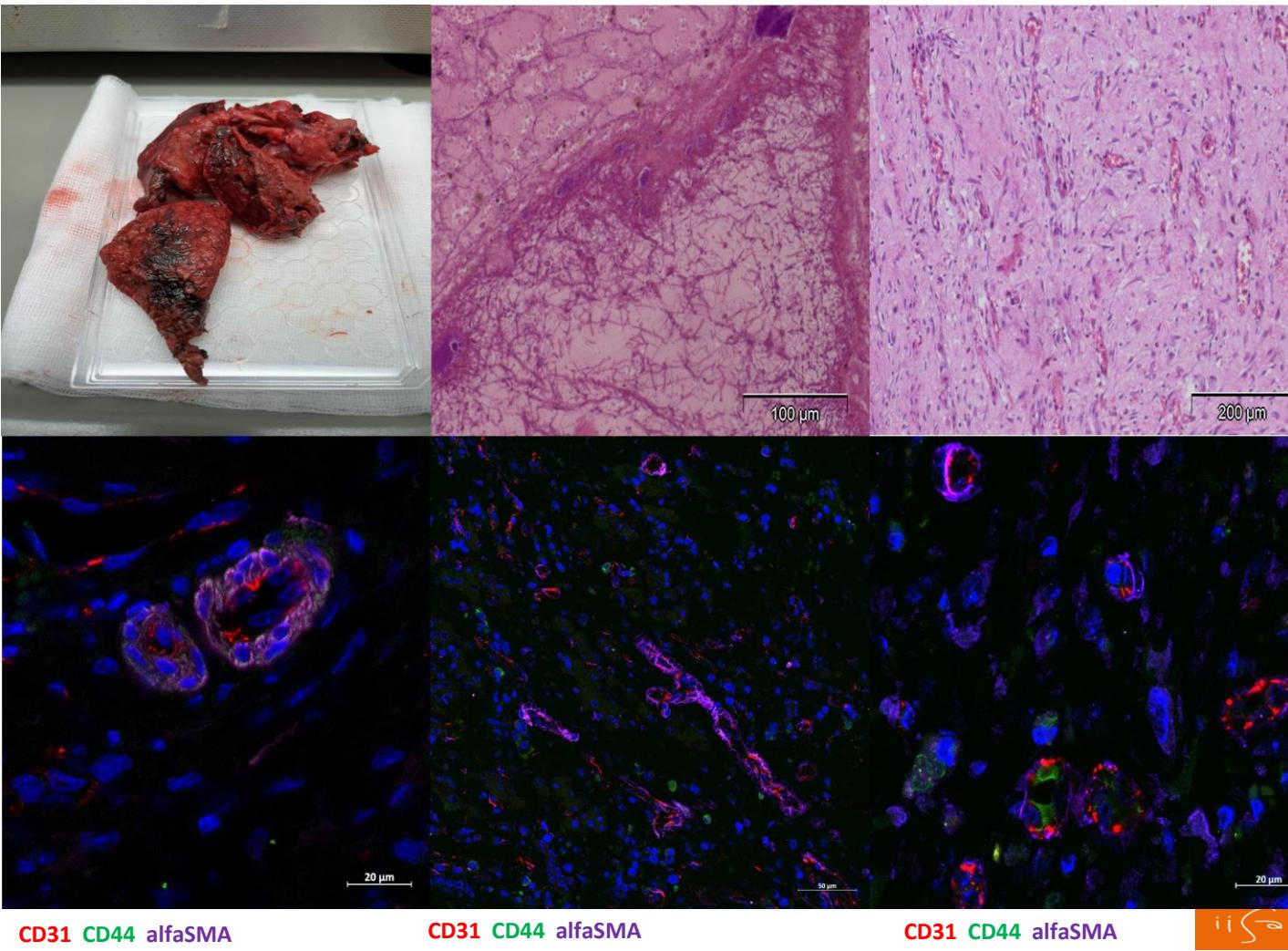
# HÍGADOS DE BIOINGENIERÍA TRASPLANTADOS EN CERDOS



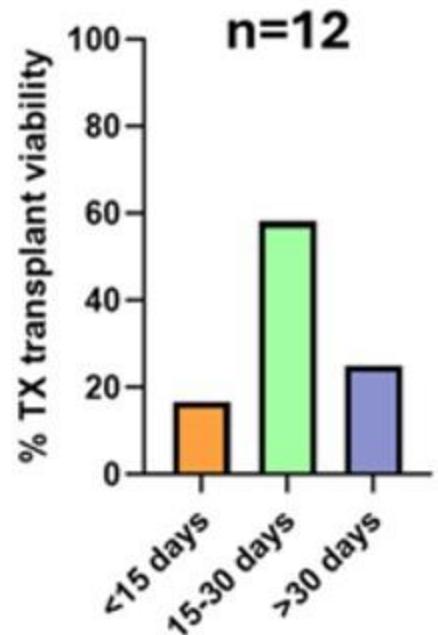
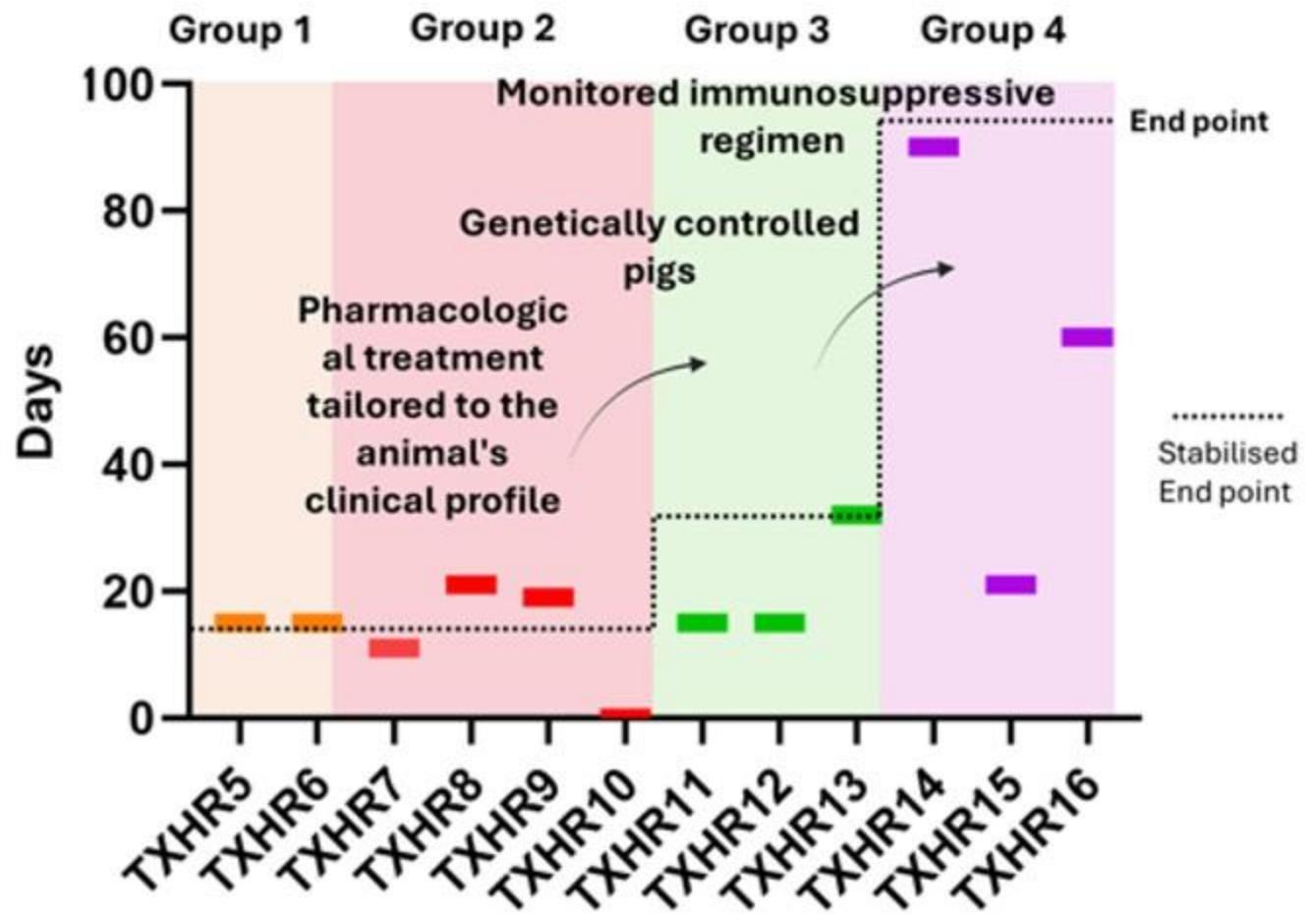
Caída de flujo a las dos semanas...



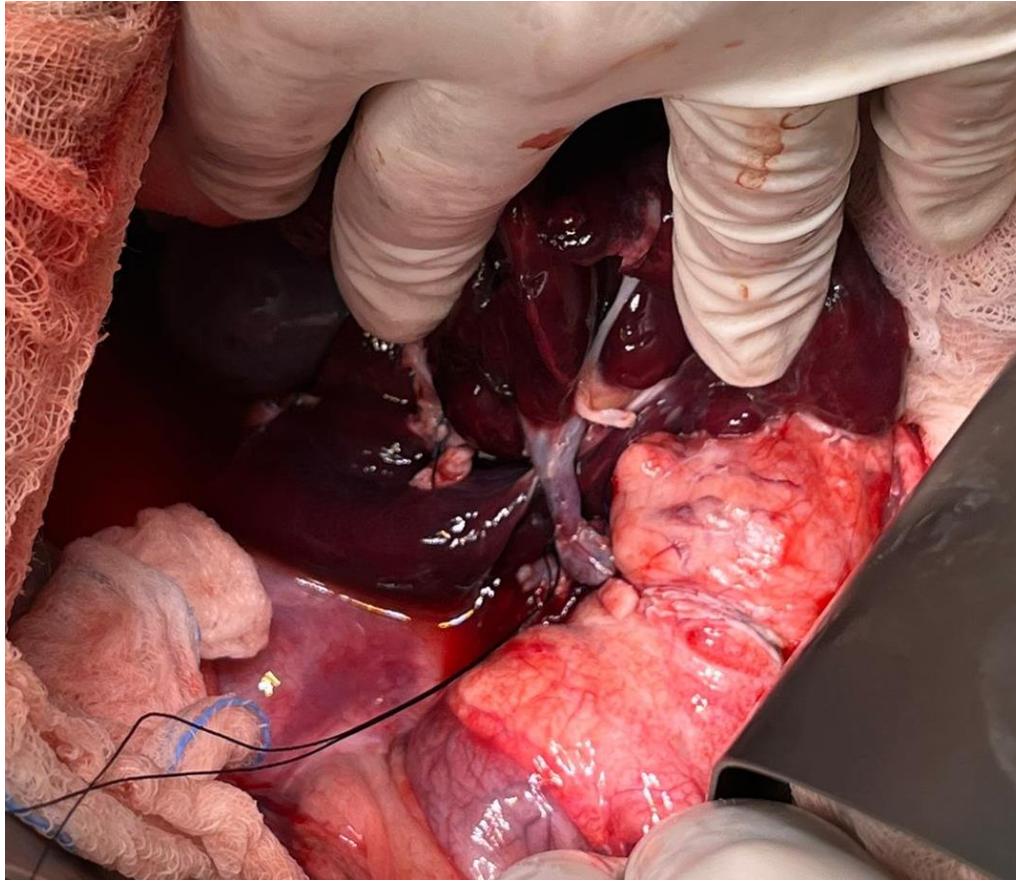
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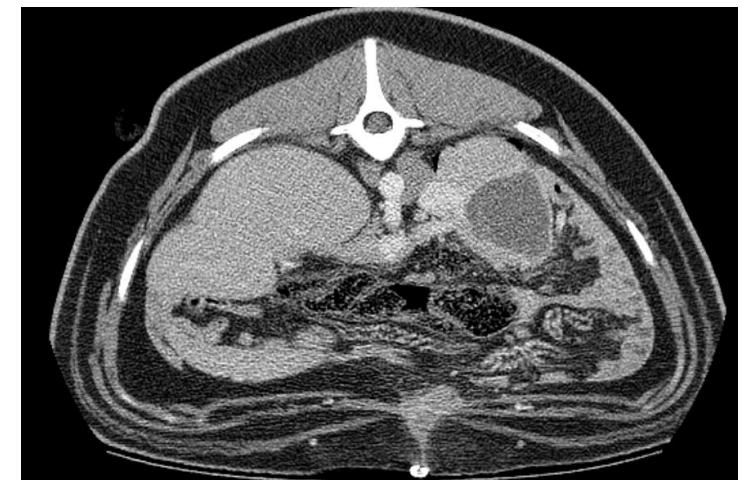
- Necrosis
- Hemorragia
- Infiltrado inflamatorio (Rechazo)
- Persistencia de estructuras vasculares



# TXHR17 (22/09/2025)

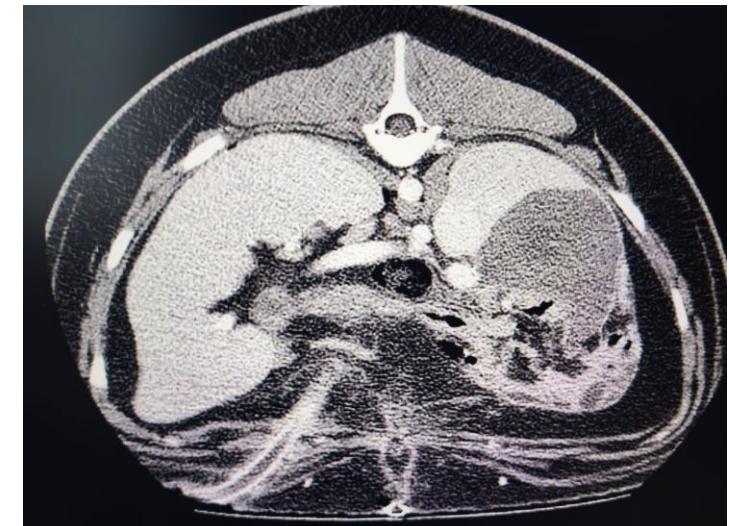
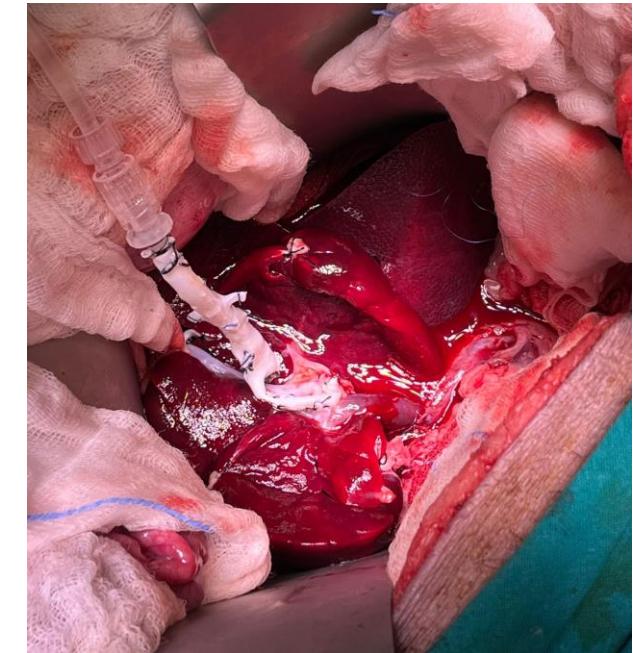
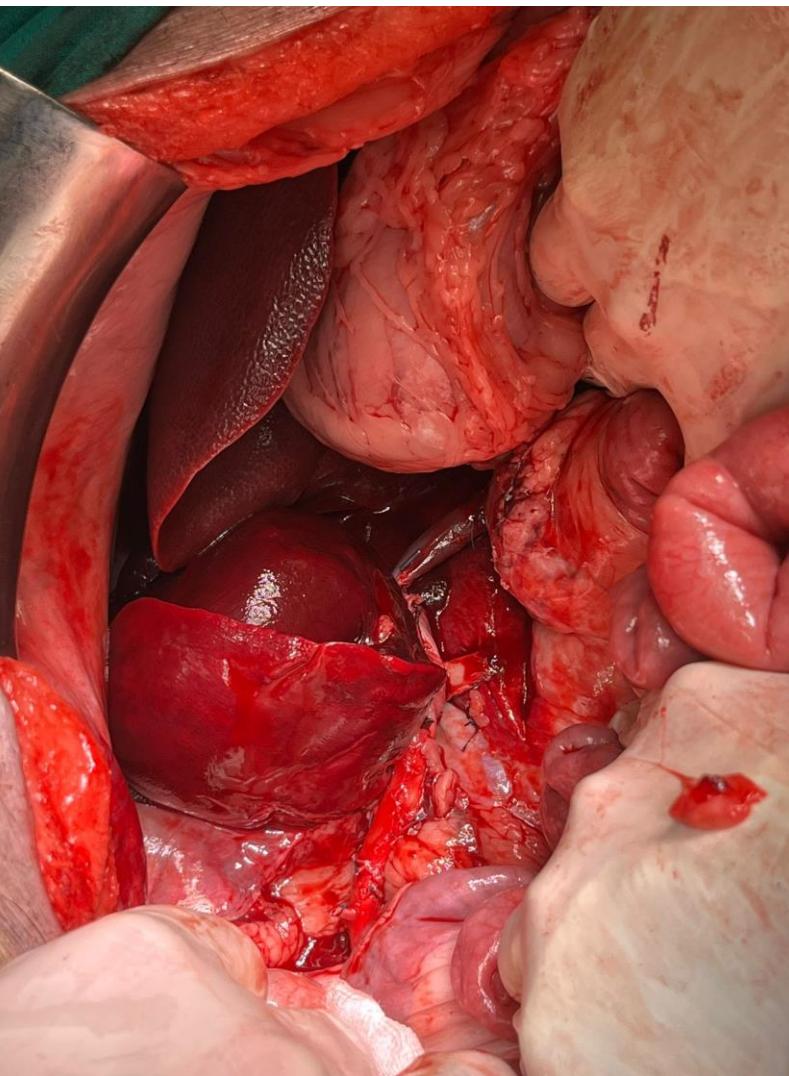


8 DPO (30/9/2025)



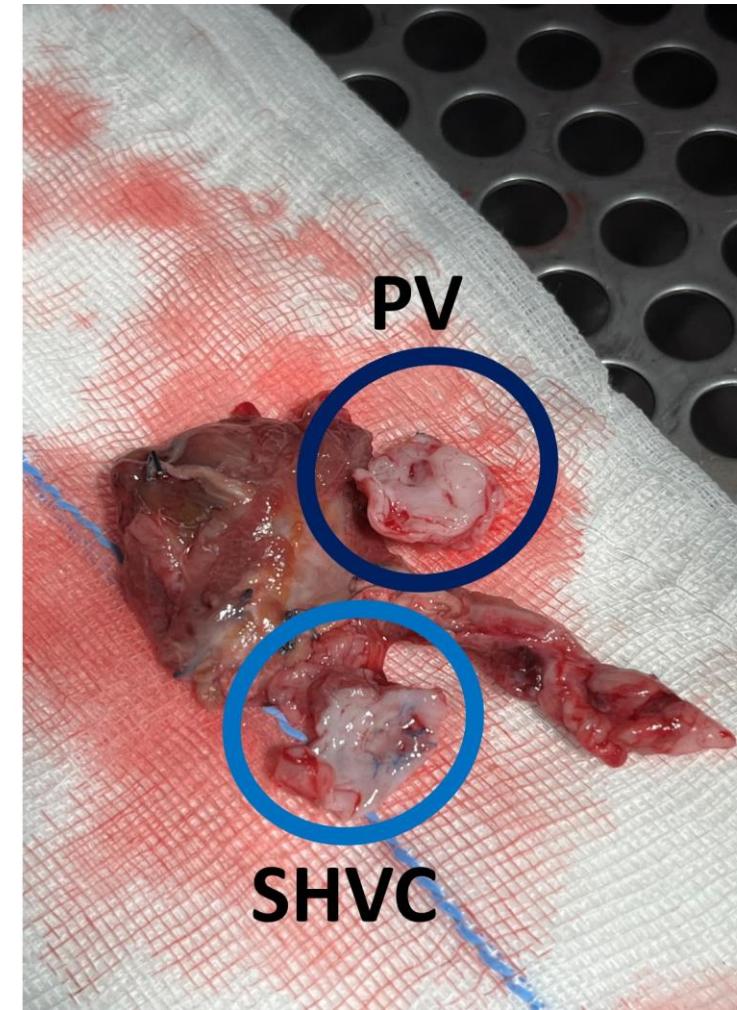
16 DPO (8/10/2025)

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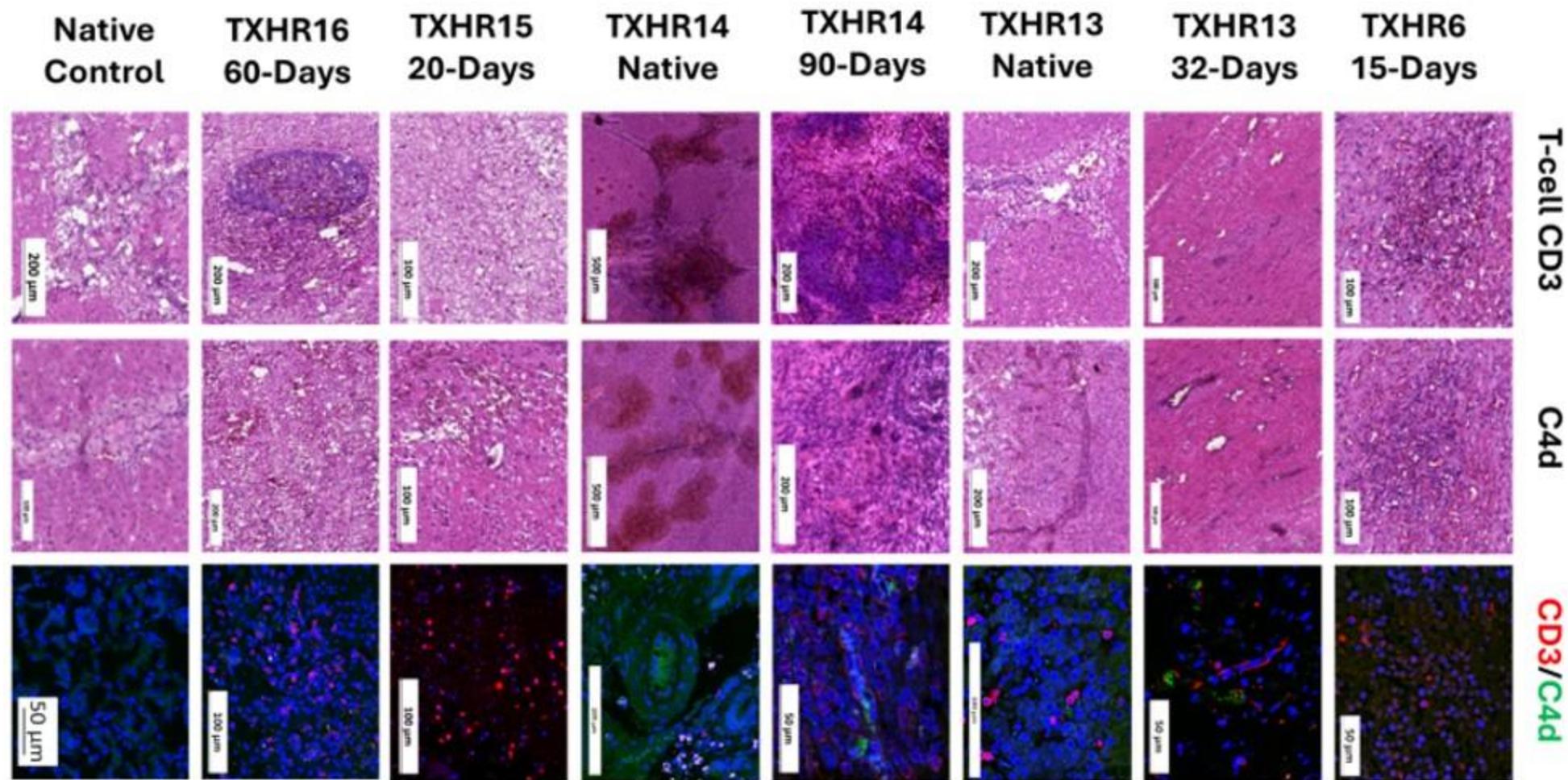


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TXHR13: Después de 32 día “in vivo” (el punto final fue por una neumonía)

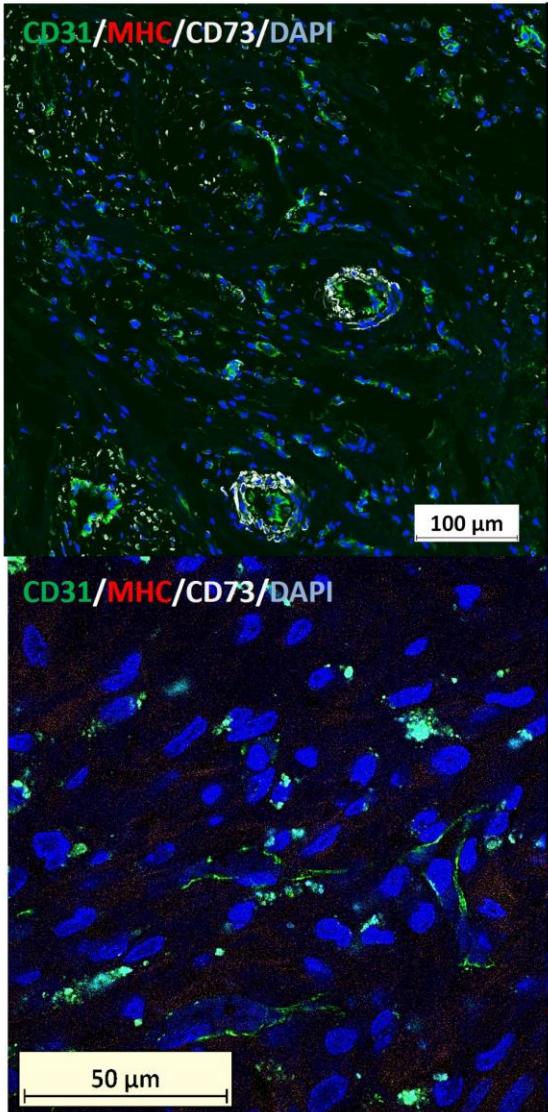


Seguimos viendo signos de rechazo....

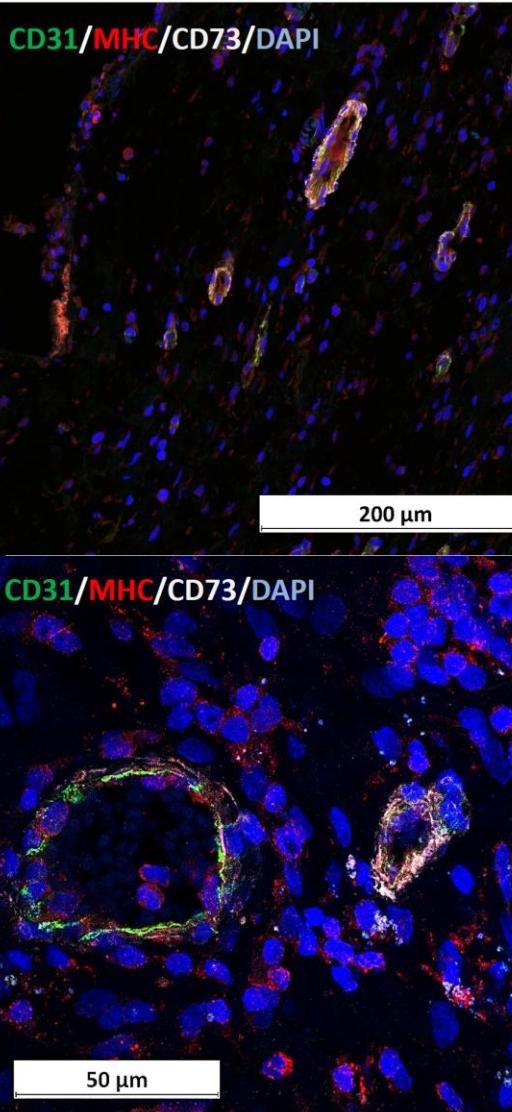


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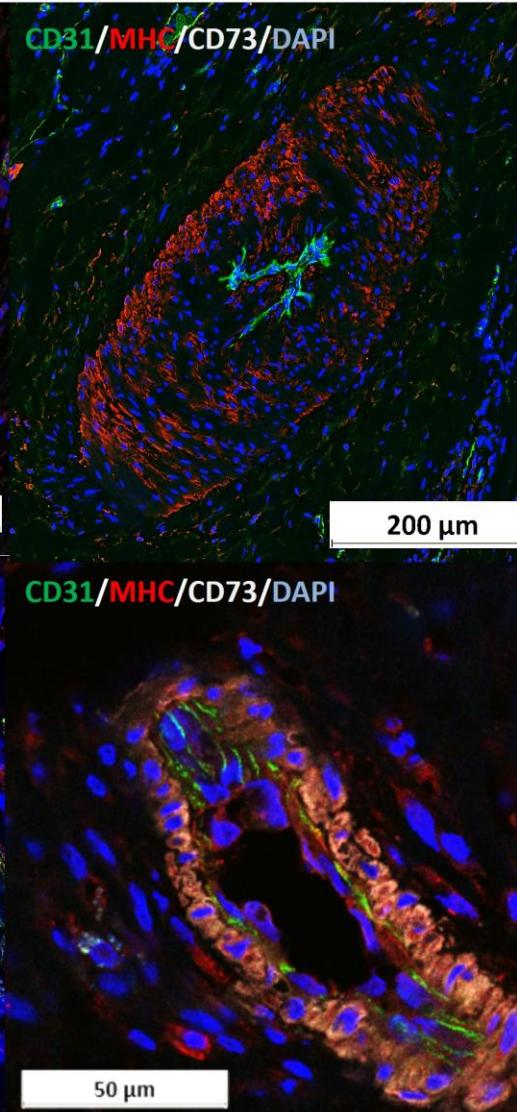
Small vessels



Intermediate vessels



Larger vessels



- Persistencia de estructuras vasculares

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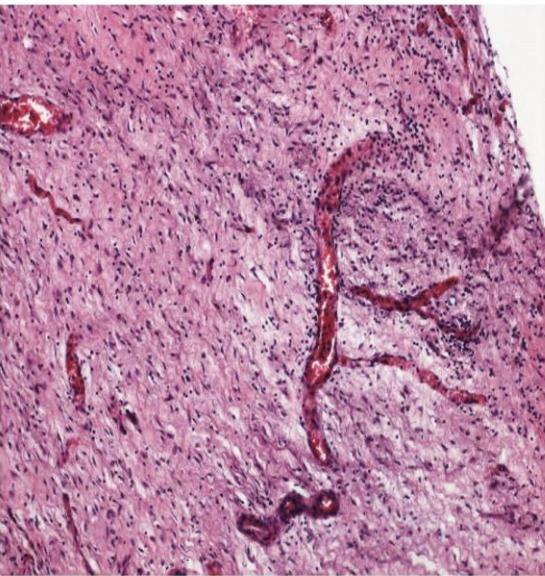
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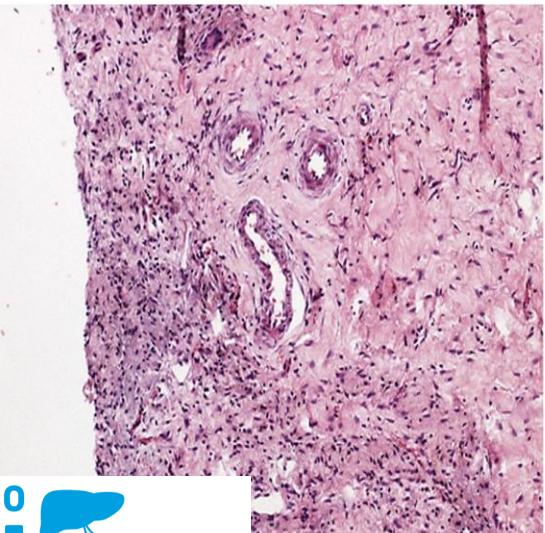
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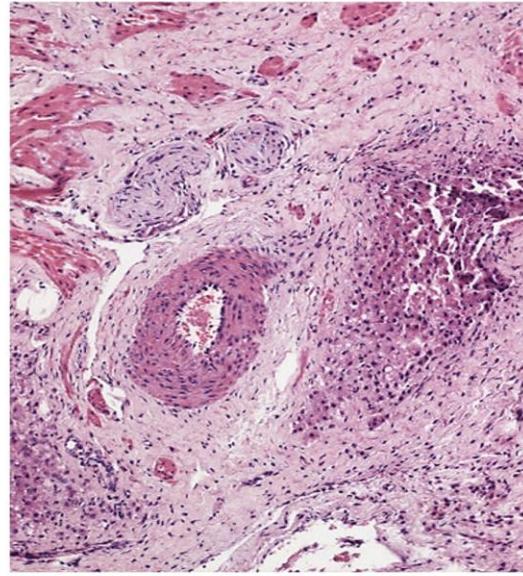
HA Scaffold



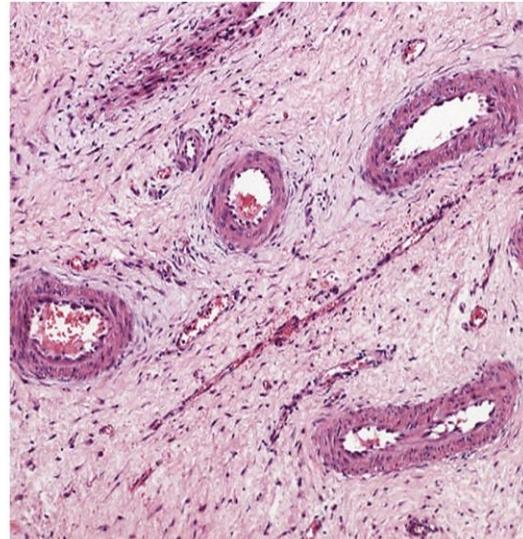
Parenchyma



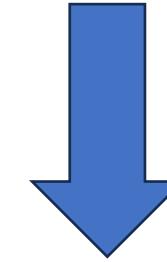
SHVC anastomosis



PV anastomosis

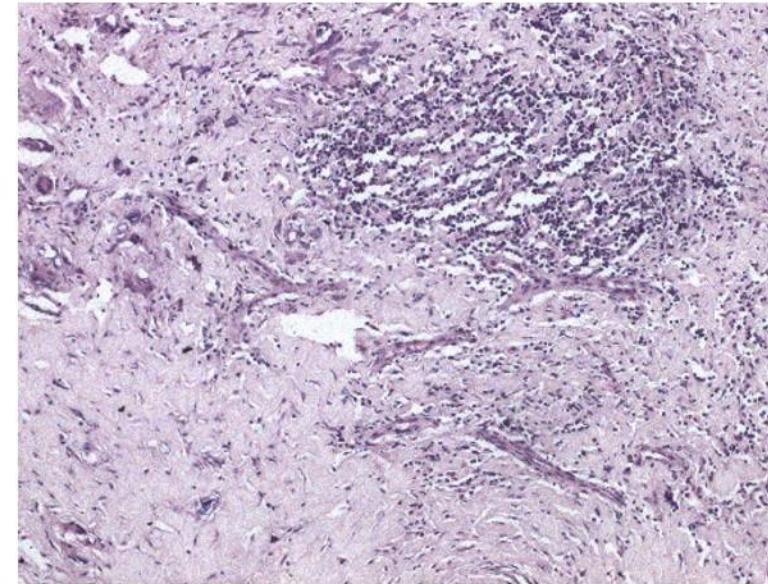
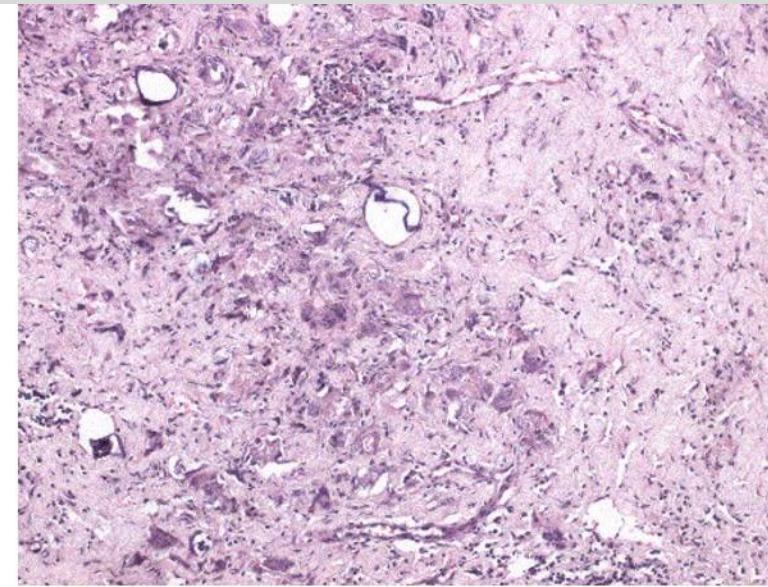
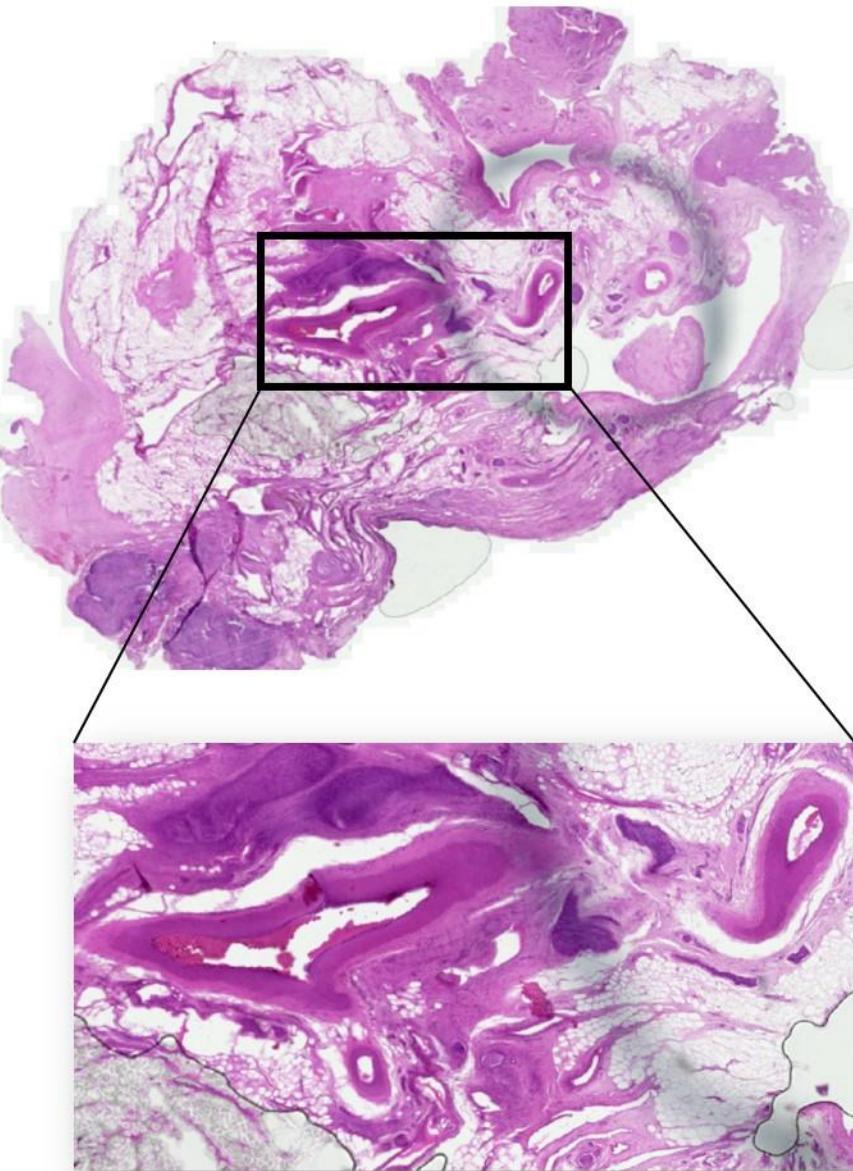


Tacrolimus  
Micofenolato  
Prednisona



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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