

A Pancreatic Islet Transplantation Approach using an Acellular Vessel

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HUMAN ACELLULAR VESSEL (HAV) TECHNOLOGY

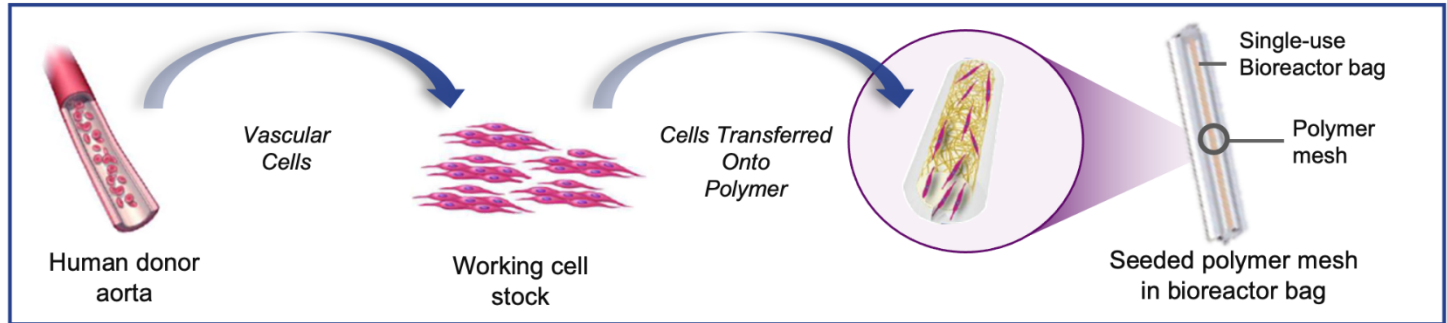
KEY EVIDENCE FROM CLINICAL TRIALS TO DATE



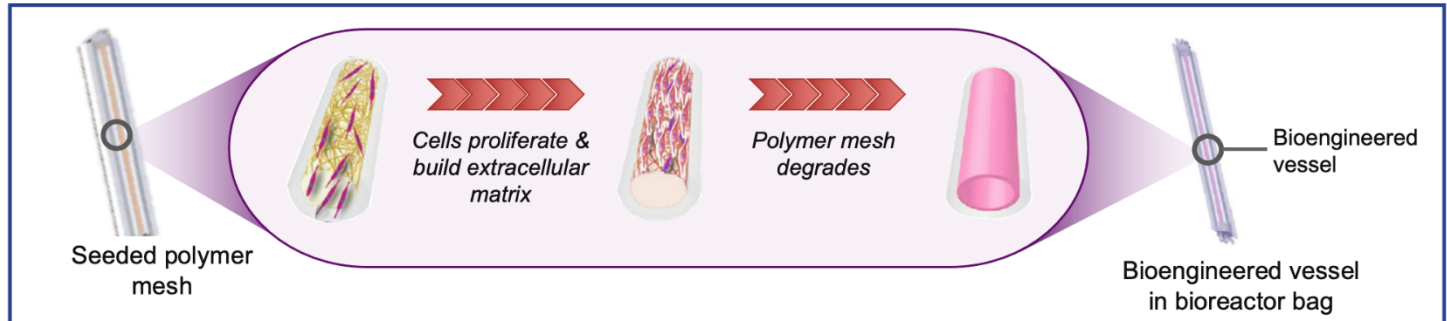
- Off-the-shelf, immediately available at time of need
- Repopulates with patient's own cells and transforms into patient's own tissue
- HAV appears to be highly resistant to infection
- No evidence of immunogenicity detected
- Usable for dialysis access within one month after implantation
- Potential for decreased catheter contact time as compared to patients awaiting fistula maturation
- Long-term durability in ongoing studies.

BIOENGINEERED HUMAN ACELLULAR VESSELS (HAVs)

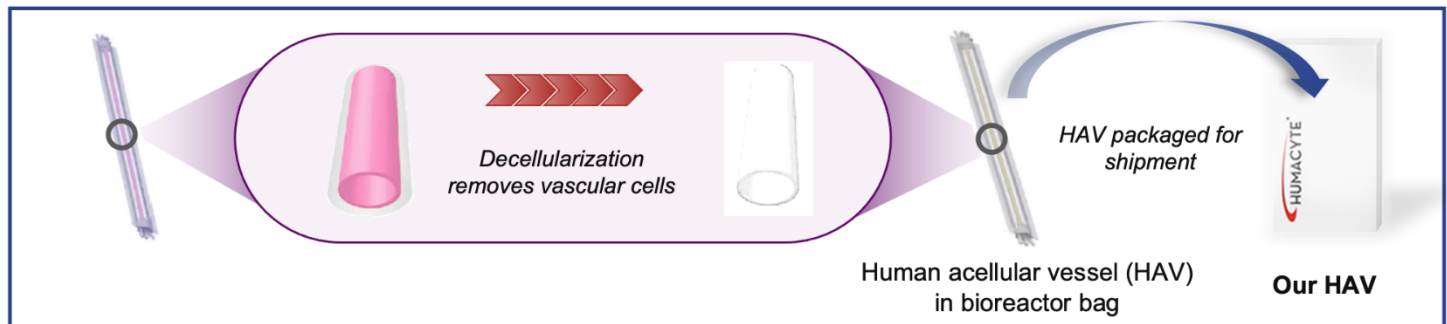
1 Cell Seeding



2 Tissue Formation



3 Cell Removal & Packaging



THE HAV DOES NOT STIMULATE INCREASES IN PANEL REACTIVE ANTIBODIES

There have been no reported instances of clinical HAV rejection observed in any patient with more than 430 patients evaluated overall.

Calculated Panel Reactive Antibodies (cPRA) have been measured in many HAV clinical studies to determine potential sensitization, with more than 250 patients evaluated to date.

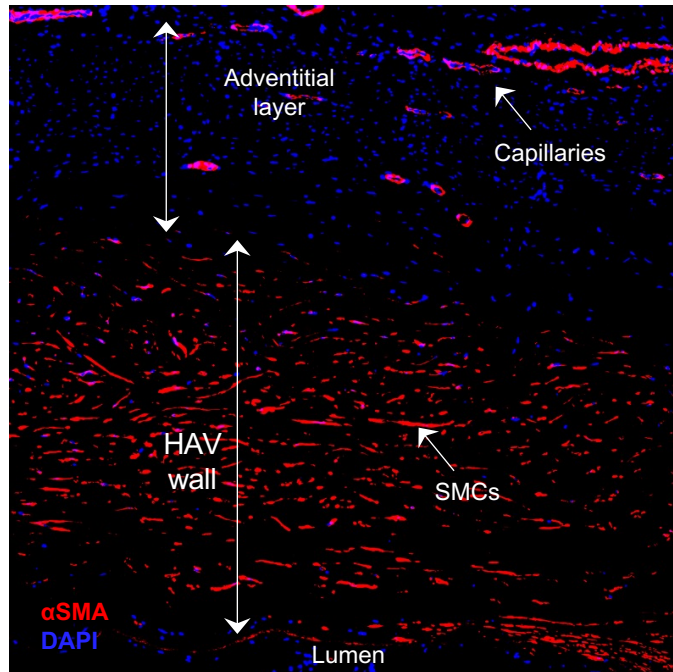
- Less than 4% of HAV patients reported an increase over baseline values
- Less than 2% of patents reported an increase of more than 20% over baseline

For patients awaiting a transplant, changes in PRA values are closely monitored and evaluated as part of the donor matching and organ allocation considerations

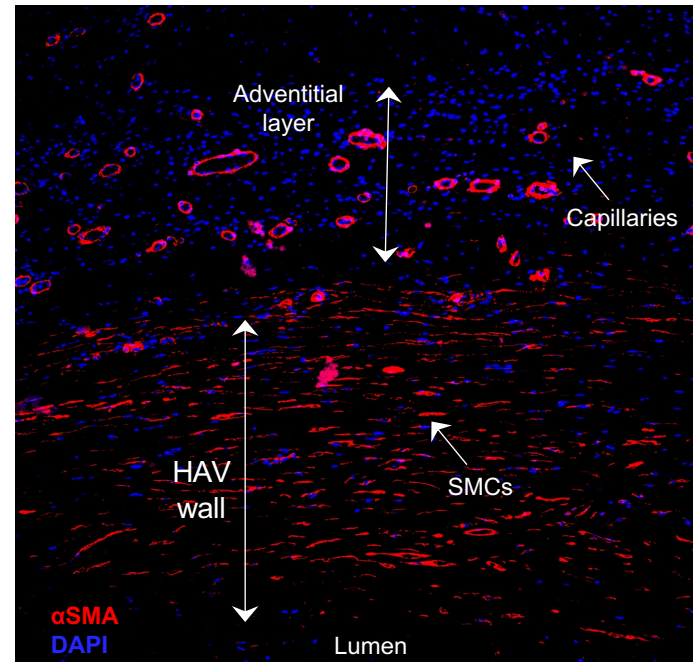
- Patients with increases in PRA levels are viewed as “sensitized” with >20% increase, or “highly sensitized” with >80% increase; and are challenged or less likely to be successfully matched to an immunologically compatible donor candidate ^{1, 2}

REMODELING OF THE HAV IS CONSISTENT AND ANGIOGENIC

Subject 3079-012-V006, male, 26 years old.
67 weeks post-implantation of HAV



Subject 1006-001-V006, male, 83 years old.
66 weeks post-implantation of HAV

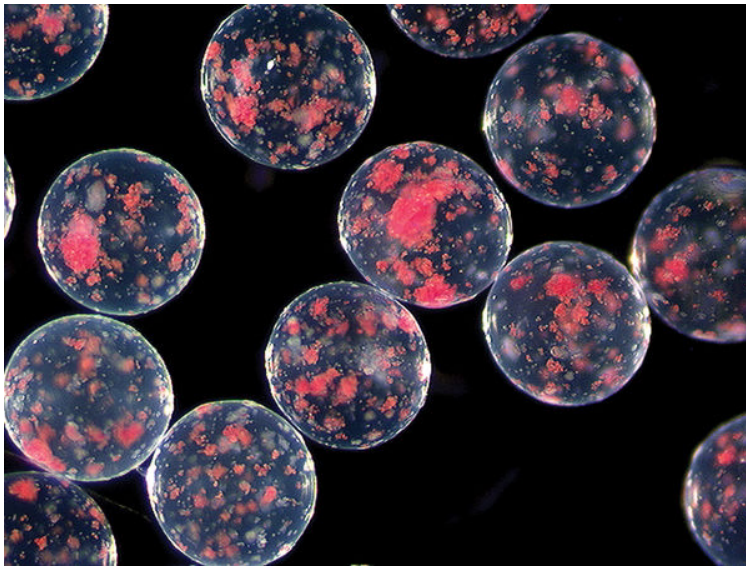


**Patient cells remodel the HAV across a wide range of patient ages.
Repopulation with vascular cells is combined with robust peri-HAV angiogenesis.**

DEVELOPMENT OF ISLET & INSULIN MANAGEMENT THERAPIES

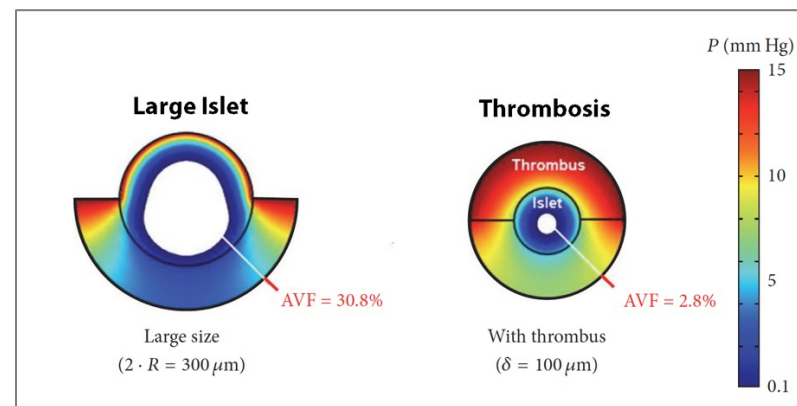
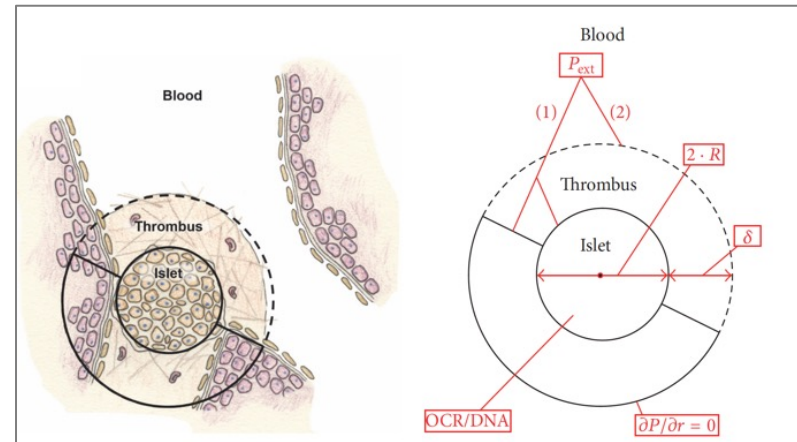
ISLET TRANSPLANTATION LEADS TO SIGNIFICANT ISLET HYPOXIA

Microencapsulation



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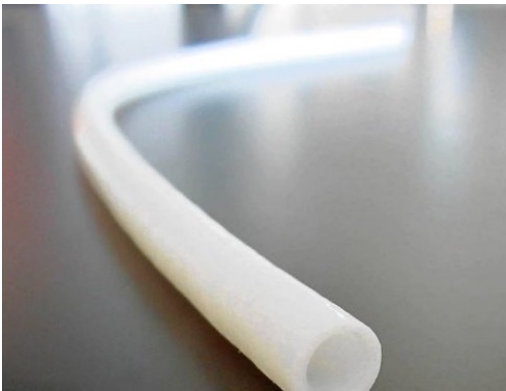
Edmonton Protocol – Portal Vein Injection



Suszyński T.M. et al Journal Diabetes Research 2016.

CAN WE USE THE HAV TO TRANSPLANT THERAPEUTIC CELLS? BIOVASCULAR PANCREAS DESIGN MAY REDUCE ISLET HYPOXIA

HAV



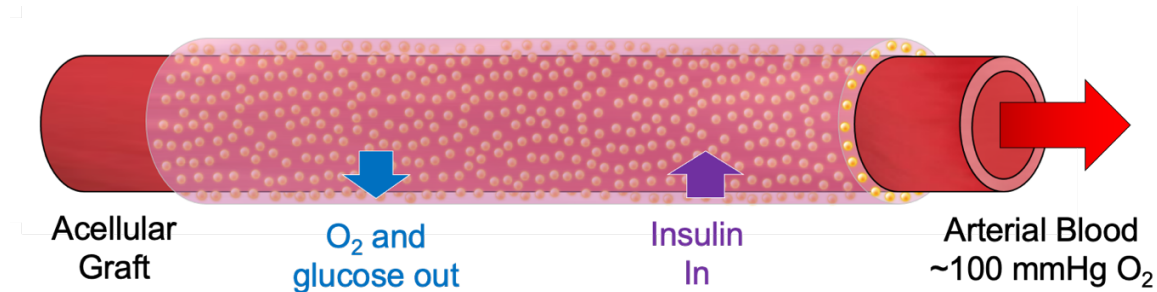
Arteriovenous HAV Conduit
Arterial Blood Flow ~ 1L/min



Microvascularization of
Peri-HAV Tissue



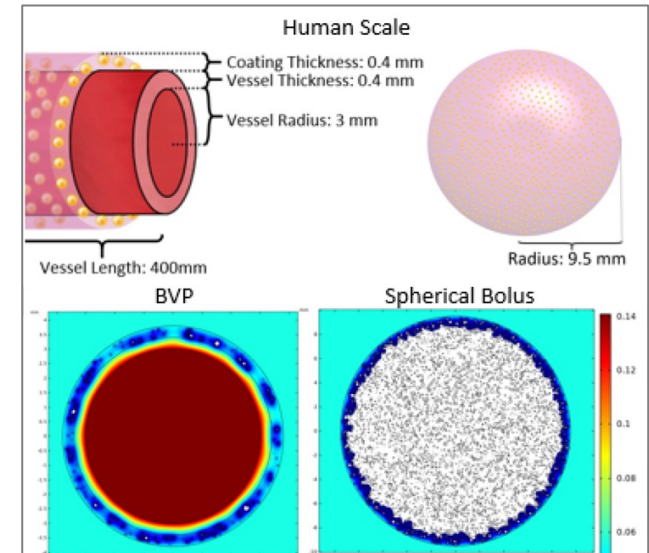
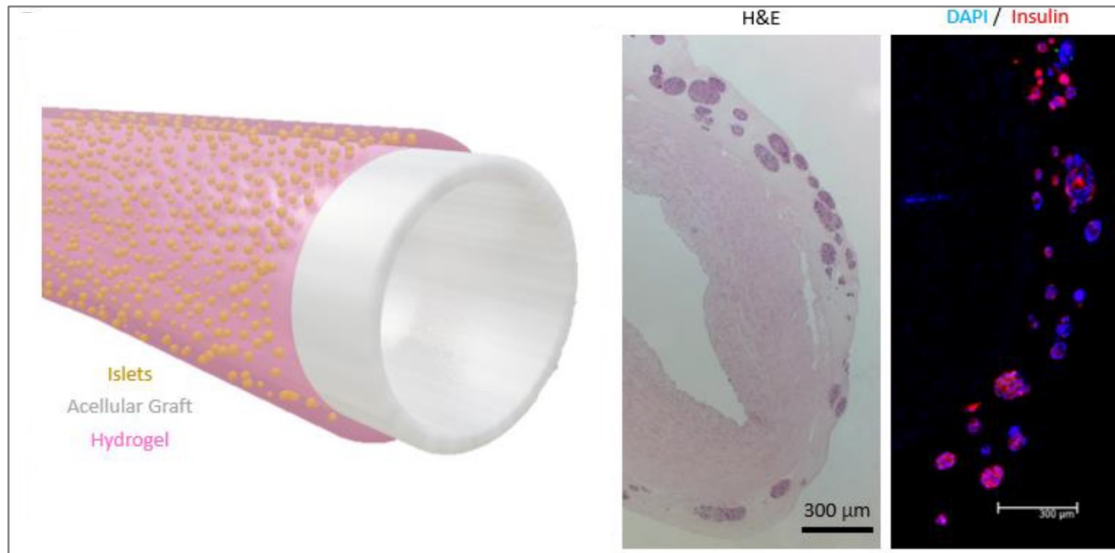
BioVascular Pancreas
Islets in Hydrogel Coating



THE HAV COULD DELIVER ISLETS *IN VIVO*

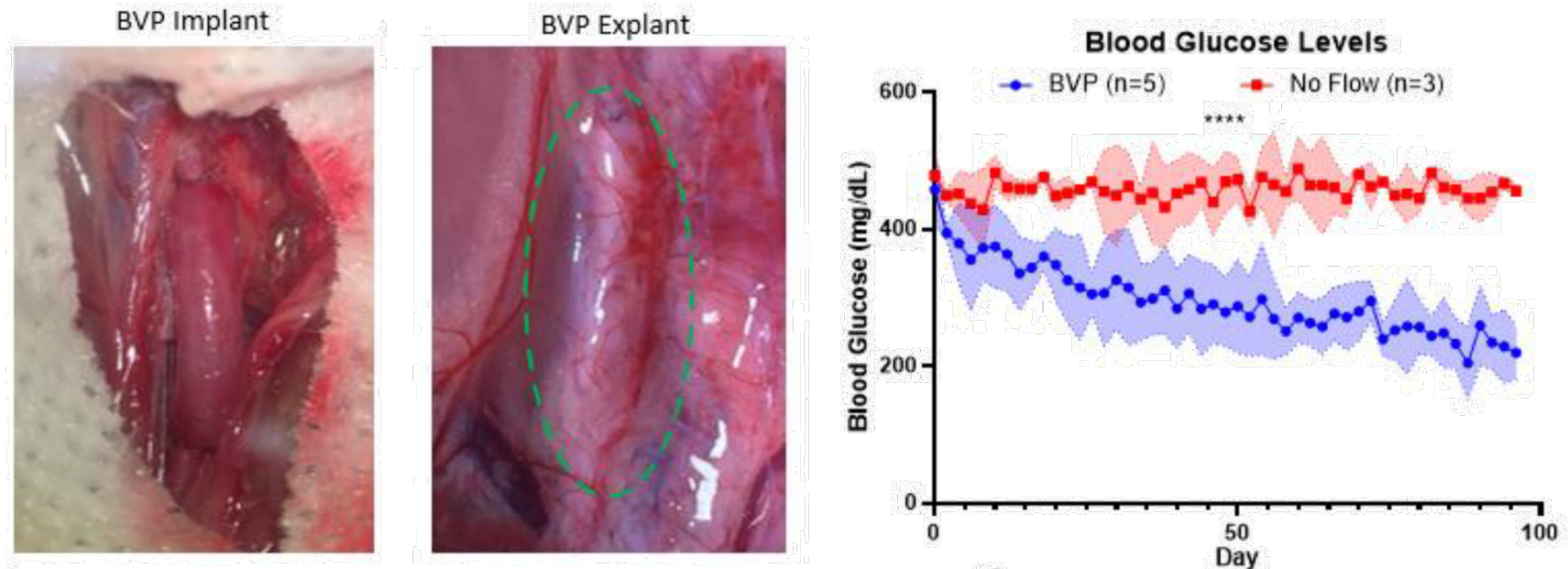
42-cm x 6mm diameter HAV can accommodate ~ 800,000 islets (approximately the total islet complement of a human pancreas)

Islets can oxygenate as a sheet.
As a sphere → severe hypoxia.



The acellular vessel may provide oxygenation and mass transfer to a therapeutic number of human islets.

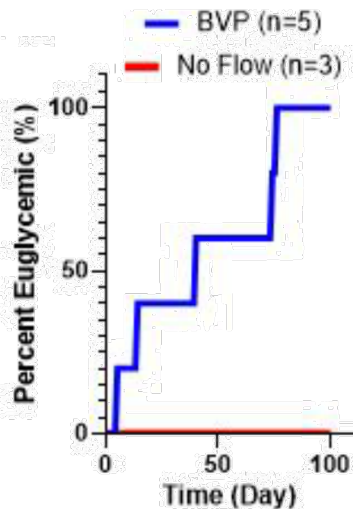
BVP IN A DIABETIC SMALL ANIMAL MODEL NORMALIZES BLOOD GLUCOSE



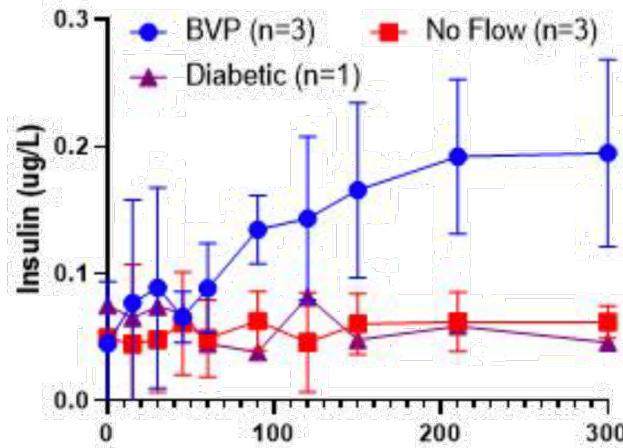
Luminal arterial blood flow supports islets at time of implantation.
Angiogenesis, visible at 8 weeks, supports microvascularization of implanted islets.

BVPs PRODUCE EUGLYCEMIA AND IMPROVE GLUCOSE TOLERANCE TESTS

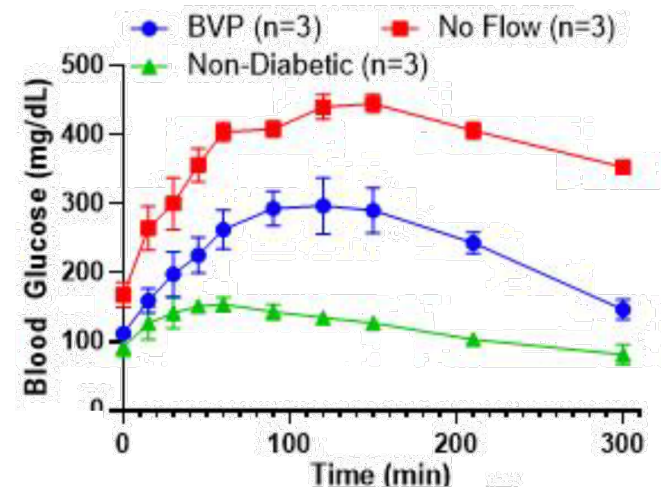
Euglycemia



Blood Insulin during GTT



Blood Glucose during GTT




BVPs implanted into the arterial system of small animals improved Glucose Tolerance Tests (GTTs); whereas BVPs implanted adjacent to the aorta (“No Flow”) had no therapeutic effect.

PRELIMINARY STUDIES RECENTLY PUBLISHED

Original Article

Development of a Bioartificial Vascular Pancreas

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Collectively, these data support the potential of a biovascular pancreas to provide an effective method for transplanting pancreatic islets that produce insulin for the treatment of type 1 diabetes.

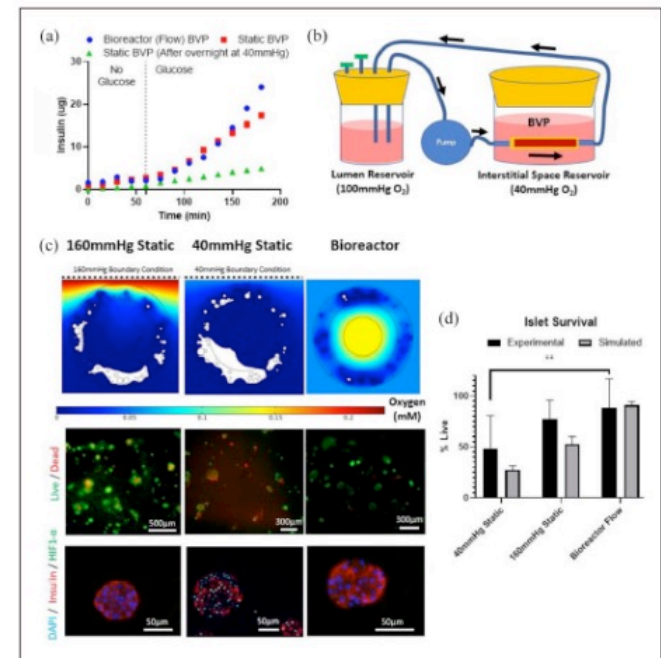
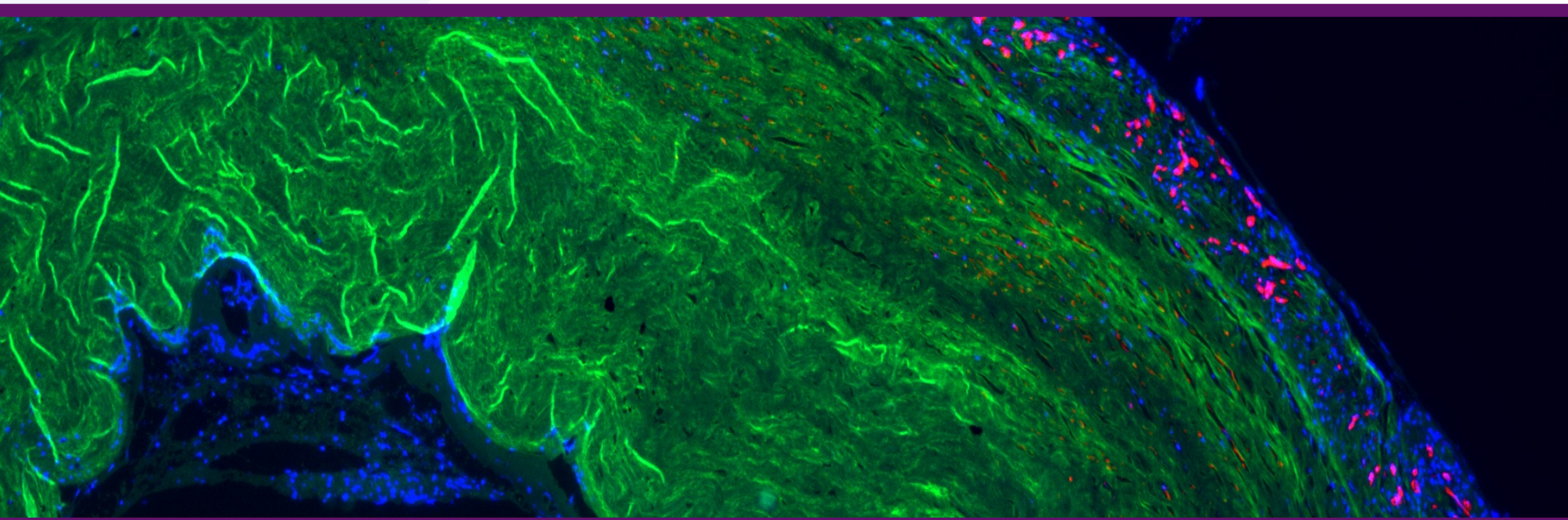


Figure 3. Insulin release and survival percentages in BVPs tested in vitro. (a) Glucose tolerance test performed on BVPs exposed to luminal flow or on static BVPs either immediately after creation, or after overnight incubation at 40 mmHg O₂. (b) Flow bioreactor setup for the BVP designed to mimic in vivo conditions. (c) Simulations (top), in vitro live/dead staining (middle) and HIF-1α staining (bottom) of BVPs statically incubated at 160 mmHg O₂, statically incubated at 40 mmHg O₂, or in the bioreactor setup shown in (b). (d) Quantification of survival percentages for simulations and in vitro live/dead staining shown in (c). Statistical significance between experimental 40 mmHg Static and experimental bioreactor group determined using unpaired, two-tailed t-test (**p = 0.0072) (n = 3).

CONCLUSIONS

- Humacyte's Human Acellular Vessel (HAV) is an investigational engineered human tissue comprised of human extracellular matrix proteins.
- The HAV can be produced at commercial scale in controlled bioreactor systems.
- The HAV shows no evidence of stimulation of adaptive immunity, as measured by PRA values.
- HAV appears to be durable, with prolonged implantation times, evidence of host cell repopulation, and stimulation of extensive local angiogenesis after implantation.
- Based on the properties of the HAV, it may potentially represent an ideal way to transplant therapeutic cells into proximity of the bloodstream, to support islet graft oxygenation and vascularization.
- Rodent studies show that the BioVascular Pancreas, or BVP, can normalize blood glucose in a type I diabetic model, and scaling to human islet delivery should be feasible.
- Humacyte is working with potential partners to bring a human BVP into clinical testing.
- This is just the start of bioengineered tissues and organs for patients in need.



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