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Background

- Vascularized Composite Allotransplantation can reconstruct any non-visceral tissue defect

- VCA is a clinical reality for military trauma patients
Background

- The requirement for long term systemic immunosuppression limits its application to only a few highly motivated patients

- Treatment failures, morbidity and mortality associated with VCA means that it remains an experimental modality\(^1\)

- Reconstructive surgeons are divided on the utility of VCA\(^2\)

- Further research is mandatory before the field can move forward


Ischemia-reperfusion injury (IRI)

- Exacerbation of cellular/tissue injury after an ischemic insult with re-establishment of blood flow
  - Generation of oxidative stress
  - Microvascular obstruction/thrombosis
  - Neutrophil activation
  - Complement activation
  - Release of anaphylotoxins

- Increasing severity of IRI at time of transplant in solid organs associated with increased rates and severity of acute rejection
Methods

Gracilis Muscle

Left Hind Limb
Methods

Pedicle
Methods

Exposure of Neck Vessels

IJV Vein  Nerve  External Carotid Artery
Intervention

- Warm ex vivo perfusion device –
  
  - Experiments since the 1960s have showed ability to sustain animals with low hematocrit in hyperbaric environment
  
  - Ex vivo perfusion of transplant organs highly desirable


Groups

- Model development showed that 5 hours of cold ischemia was not tolerable to muscle flap (n=5)
- Control group = 3 hours cold ischemia with UW solution (n=5)
- Intervention group = 7 hours warm ischemia (37C) (n=8)
Results

- Gracilis auto-transplants –

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Summary

- Hyperbaric normothermic perfusion reliably extends the ischemic period tolerable to tissue composites compared to the current gold standard
- Ischemic and cold-preservation injuries are mitigated
- This has application in VCA and solid organ transplantation
  - expand donor pool
  - superior matches for transplant candidates
Future direction

- End point to be extended to 21 days to further characterize graft survival.

- Application of MSCs and combination of ischemia reperfusion agents like $H_2S$ and antioxidants as well as locally-applied graft immunosuppression in allotransplantation

- Forelimb allotransplantation
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