MEMORANDUM FOR SGVT
ATTN: LT COL MICHAEL R DAVIS

FROM: 59 MDW/SGVU

SUBJECT: Professional Presentation Approval

1. Your paper, entitled Hydrogen Sulfide Delays Onset of Acute Rejection in a Porcine VCA Model presented at 2016 Society of Military Surgeons, Boston, MA, 17-19 March 2016 with MDW1 41-108, and has been assigned local file #16136.

2. Pertinent biographic information (name of author(s), title, etc.) has been entered into our computer file. Please advise us (by phone or mail) that your presentation was given. At that time, we will need the date (month, day and year) along with the location of your presentation. It is important to update this information so that we can provide quality support for you, your department, and the Medical Center commander. This information is used to document the scholarly activities of our professional staff and students, which is an essential component of Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center (WHASC) internship and residency programs.

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4. Congratulations, and thank you for your efforts and time. Your contributions are vital to the medical mission. We look forward to assisting you in your future publication/presentation efforts.

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Vascularized Composite Allotransplantation (VCA) in Swine (Sus scrofa) for Optimization of Reconstruction of Battlefield Injuries Using Hydrogen Sulfide Delays Onset of Acute Rejection in a Porcine VCA Model
Slide presentation includes the disclaimer required by the Joint Ethics Regulation. There are no ethics issues with making this presentation at the 2016 Society for Military Surgeons meeting.
Hydrogen Sulfide Delays Onset of Acute Rejection in a Porcine VCA Model

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The experiments reported herein were conducted according to the principles set forth in the National Institute of Health Publication No. 80-23, Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals and the Animal Welfare Act of 1966, as amended.
Introduction

Surviving soldiers from battelfield injuries are presenting with more complex wound patterns in the extremities and face.

The demand for an advanced method of reconstruction, such as Vascularized composite allotransplantation (VCA), is increasing.
Introduction
New rung on the reconstructive ladder

Vascularized composite allograft

Free tissue transfer
  eg, latissimus dorsi flap

Regional flaps
  eg, posterior interosseous

Local flap
  eg, rotational/transposition

Skin graft

Secondary closure

Primary closure
Current limitations to vascularized composite allotransplantation (VCA)

- Requires systemic immunosuppression
- Skin is a primary target for rejection
- Limited donor pool
- Few indications
- Shorter period for ischemia time
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

Effects of Ischemia and Reperfusion Injury on Long-Term Graft Function

L.R. Requião-Moura, M. de Souza Durão, E.J. Tonato, A.C. Carvalho Matos, K.S. Ozaki, N.O.S. Câmara, and A. Pacheco-Silva
H₂S Induces a Suspended Animation-Like State in Mice

Eric Black Stone, Mike Morrison, Mark B. Roth

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DOI: 10.1126/science.1108581

- Reversibly reduce the metabolic rate of mice exposed to 80 ppm of hydrogen sulfide
- Core temperature reduced as much as 11 degrees
- Metabolic rate as judged by carbon dioxide production and oxygen consumption dropped 10-fold
- Animals in this state for 6 hours and they recover completely
Role of $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ in Large Animals

- Porcine organ transplant model:

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**Original Article**

**Hydrogen sulphide ameliorates ischaemia–reperfusion injury in an experimental model of non-heart-beating donor kidney transplantation**

S. A. Hosgood and M. L. Nicholson

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- In porcine composite flap model:

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**Transplantation Surgery and Research**

**Hydrogen Sulfide Mitigates Reperfusion Injury in a Porcine Model of Vascularized Composite Autotransplantation**

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Allotransplantation
Gracilis myocutaneous VCA model
Gracilis myocutaneous VCA model

Artery

Vein
Gracilis myocutaneous VCA model
Gracilis myocutaneous VCA model
Methods

- Single swine leukocyte antigen (SLA) mismatched recipients
- Two groups of 8 animals
  - Group 1 flaps received no additional treatment before transplantation
  - Group 2 flaps received ex-vivo intra-arterial infusion with H₂S solution before transplantation
- Post-operative period
  - 4-mm punch biopsy every 1-3 days for 14 days
  - Blinded histologic examination using Banff working classification
Results

Grade 0

Grade 4
## Results

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Results

14 day Rejection by Treatment and Grade

- Control-G1 (p=0.0003)
- Control-G4
- \( \text{H}_2\text{S-G1 (p=0.0001)} \)
- \( \text{H}_2\text{S-G4} \)

Days to Rejection
Conclusions

- Swine gracilis myocutaneous flap is a reliable and consistent animal model for studying VCA rejection

- H₂S may play a role in mitigating onset of acute rejection in porcine VCA model in the absence of immunosuppression

- Potential use for graft preservation strategies in a clinical setting that may require prolonged ischemic periods
Future research directions

- Repeat applications of H2S and H2Se in limb preservation for Non-human primates (NHP)
- Combination of local immunomodulatory methods, like drug-eluting microparticles or drug-releasing hydrogels
- Application to swine forelimb allograft transplantation model
Thank You
References