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# Clinical applications of scientific and/or technological innovations

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# **The Environment in Medicine:**

Patients

Doctors

Health Insurance

Industrie



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# PART 1:

## The need of the environment



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Are medical knowledge doubles every 10 years?



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# Ambient pressure

- Patients suffering from suboptimal and recurrent interventions
- Increasing patients` demands on health care providers
- Limited availability of grafts and/or implants
- Economic results (Insurance vs Industrie)



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# Handling the ambient hypertension

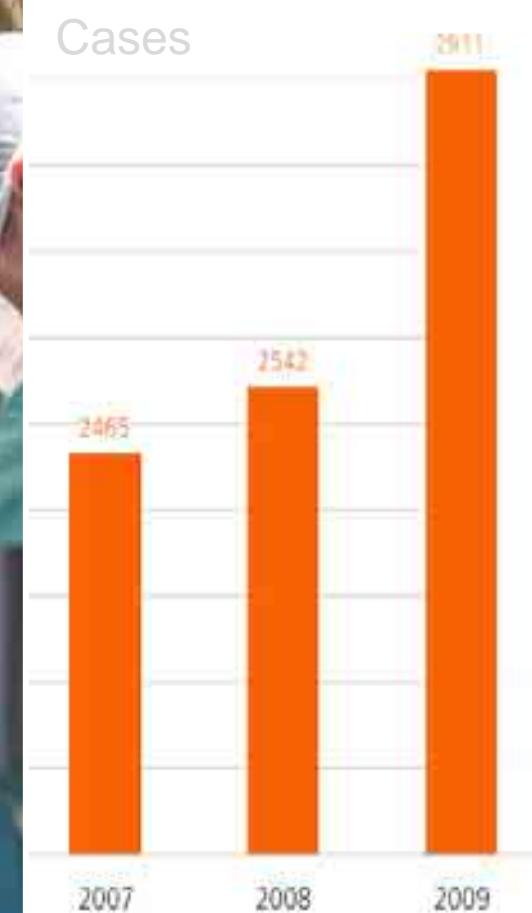
- Innovation



- Precision



- Sustainability



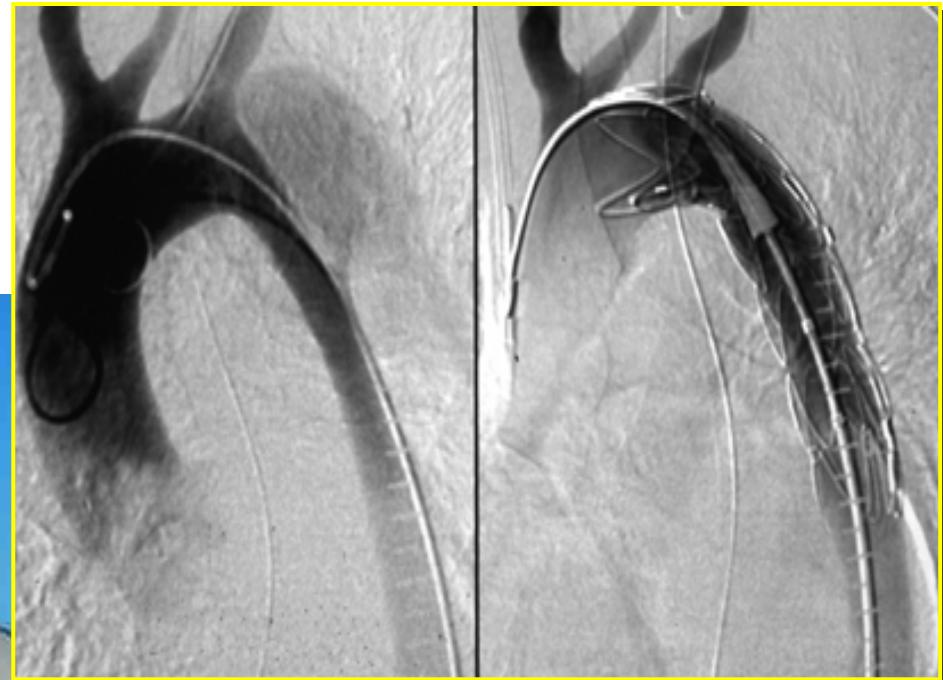
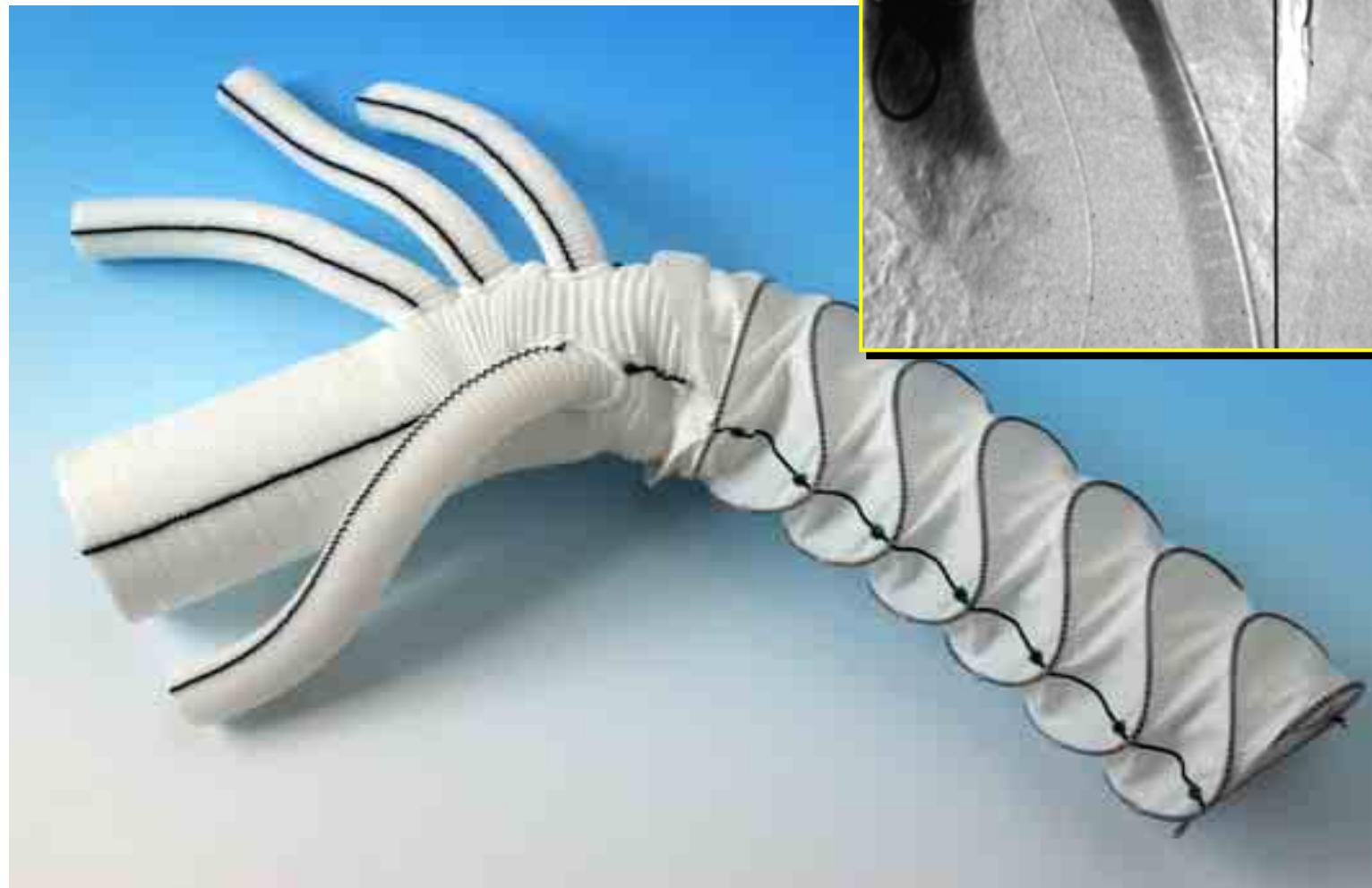
# *Innovation:*

Determined to invent



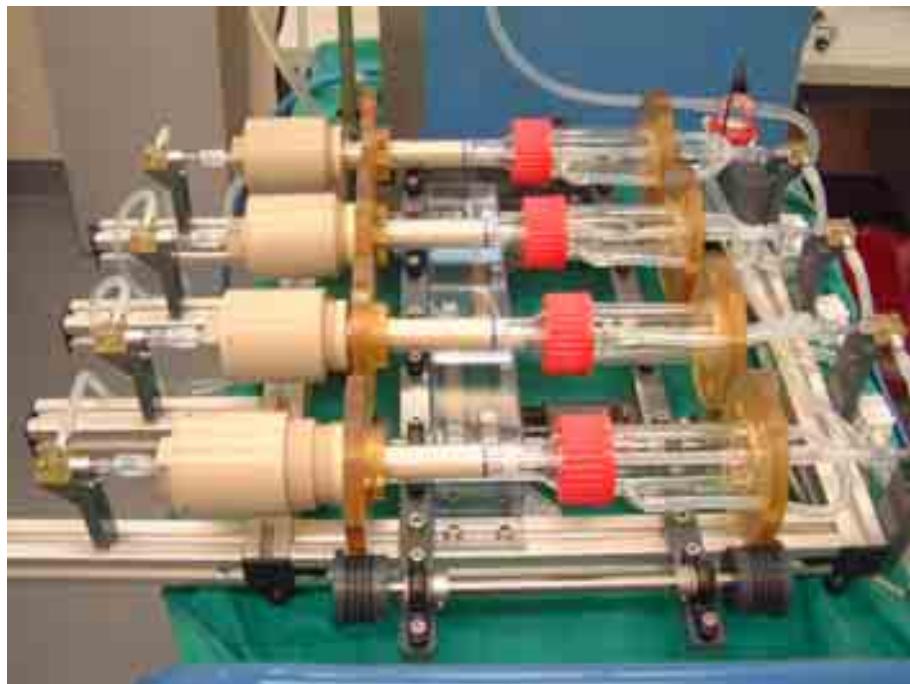
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# Vaskutek/Haverich Hybrid Aortic Prosthesis



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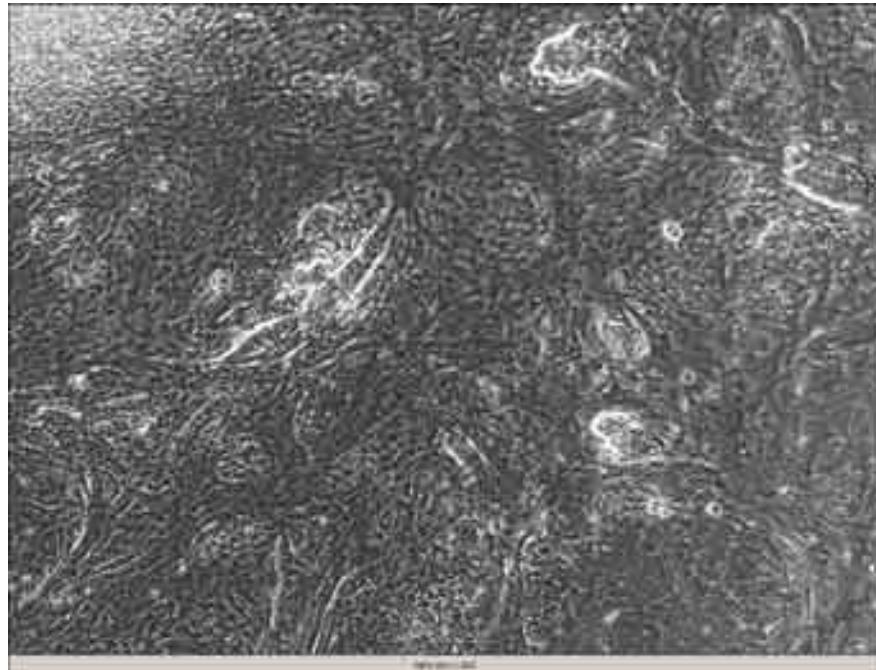
# Innovation: Bioartificial Dialysis Shunt



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Innovation: Functional cardiomyocytes from human induced pluripotent stem (iPS) cells, e.g.



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## Innovation: Mini-ECMO-Circuit, Cell Seeded



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## Innovation: Tissue engineering of heart valves



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*Precision:*

Handle with care



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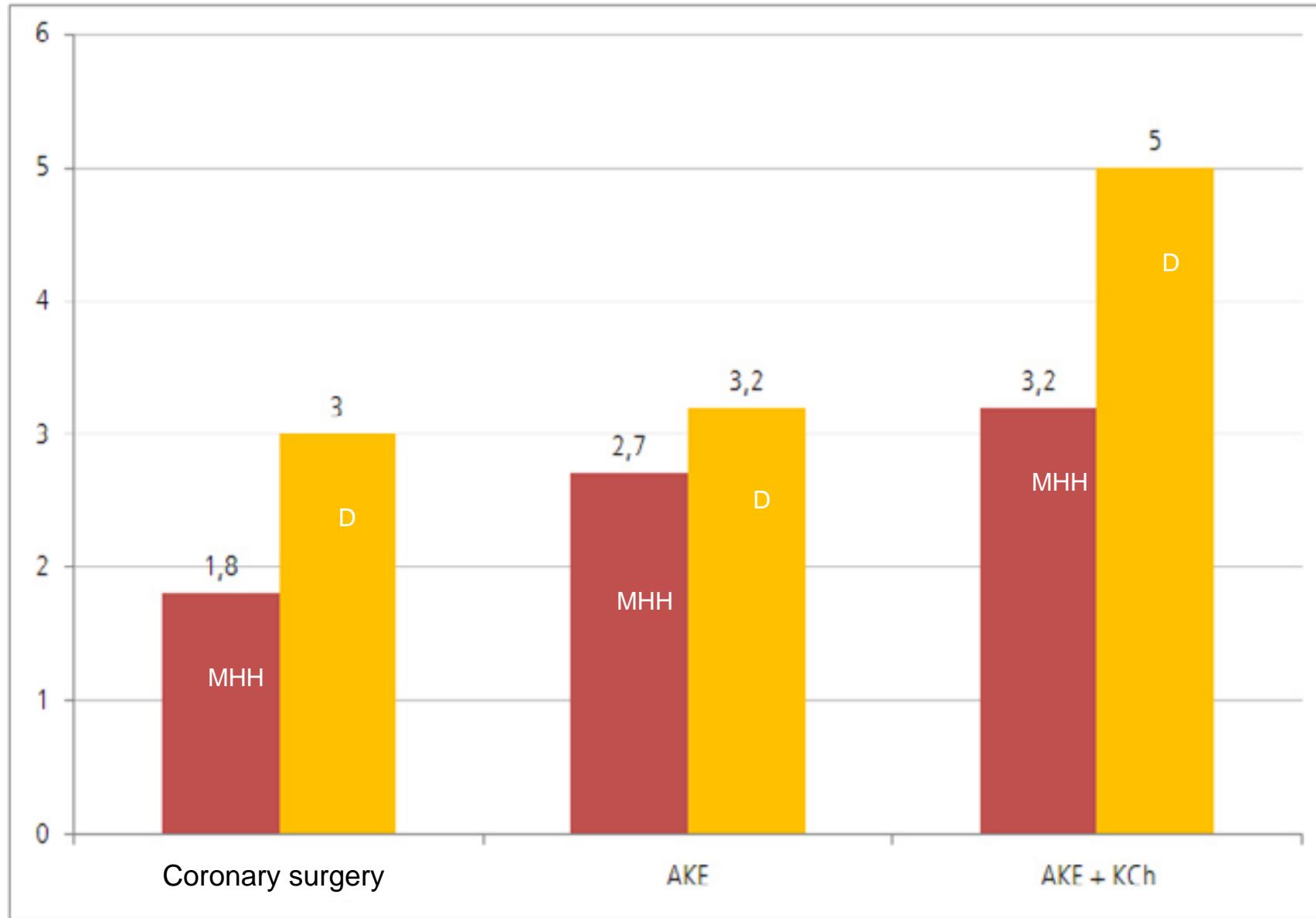
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Surgical Precision  
Technological Precision

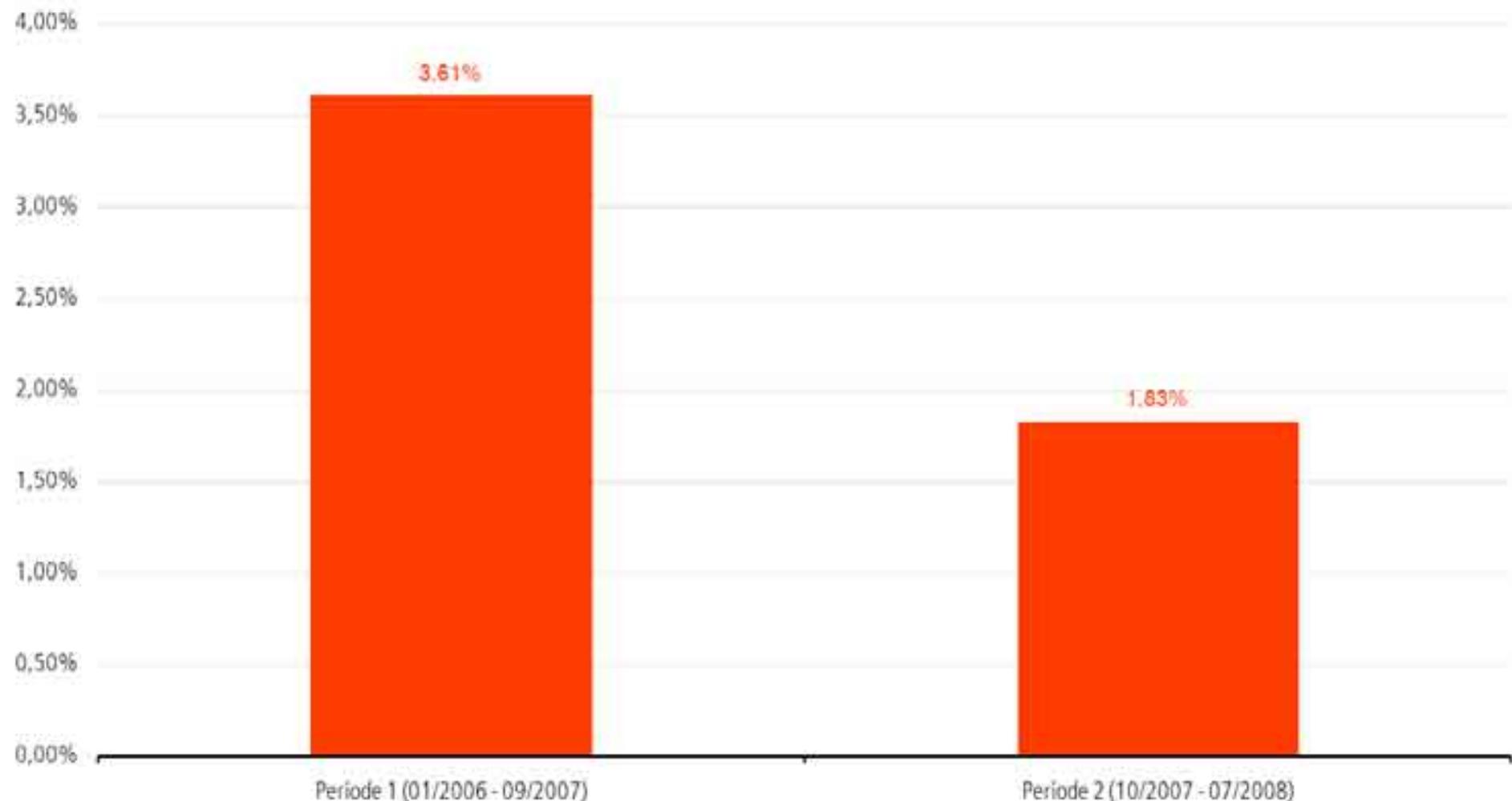


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# Precision: Risk adjusted in-hospital-mortality (log.KCH/AKL-Score)



# Precision: Incidence of sternal wound infections



# **Precision:**

Handle with care

Surgical Precision  
Technological Precision



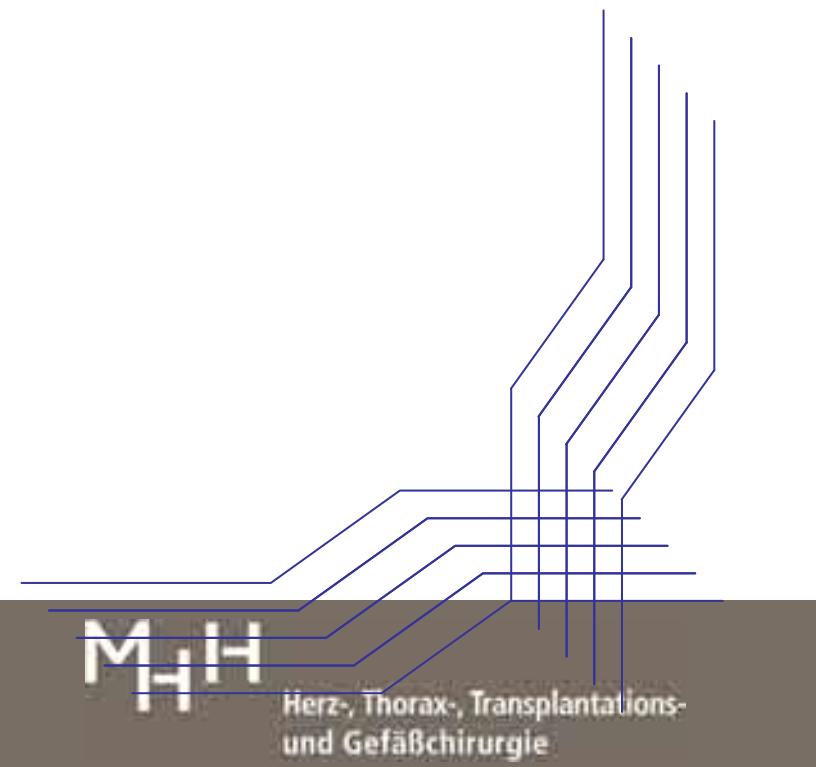
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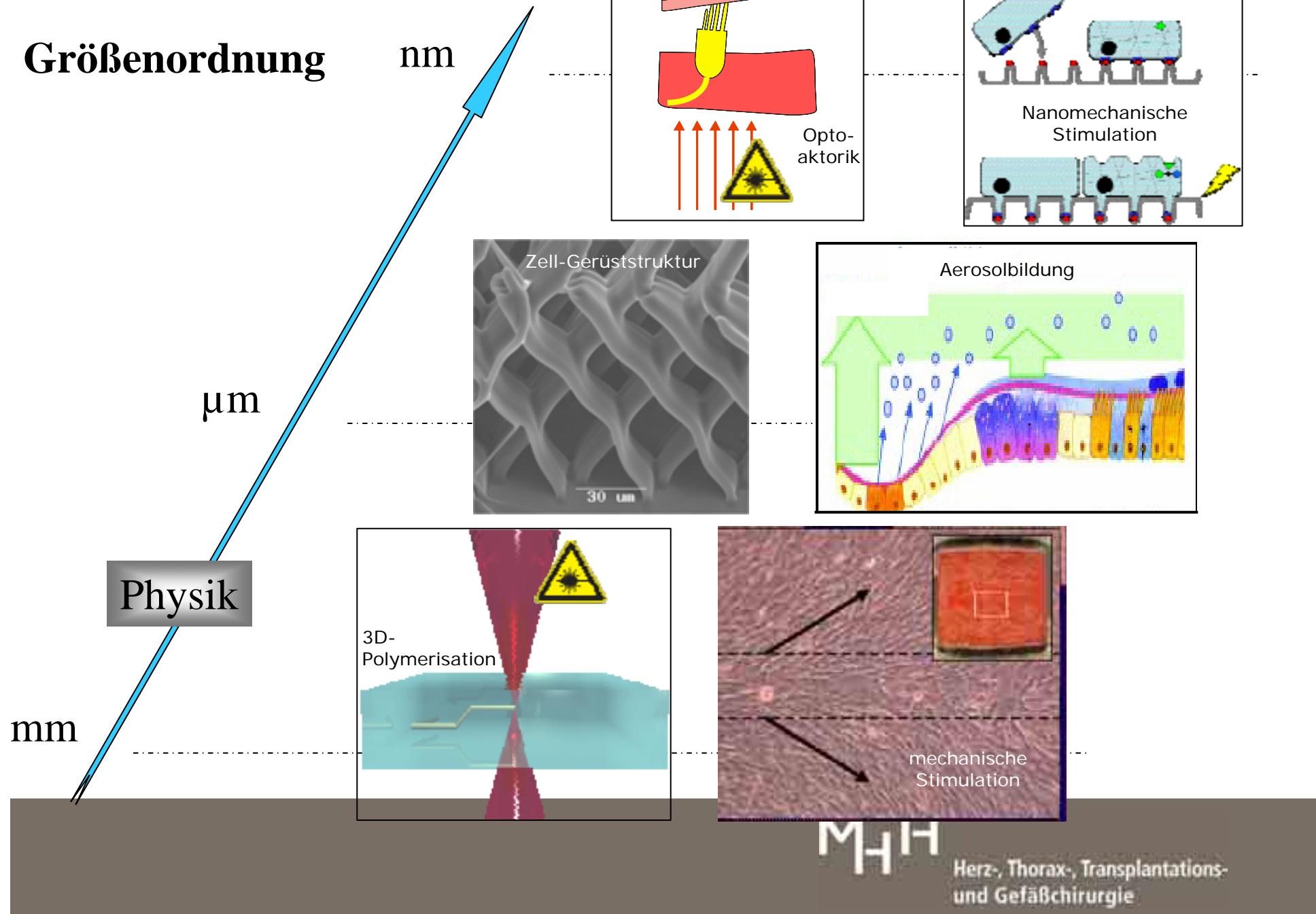
## „Micro- and Nanosystem-Technology in Medicin – Biofunctionalisation“

Hannover – Aachen – Rostock

Speaker: Prof. Dr. med. A. Haverich  
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# Größenordnung

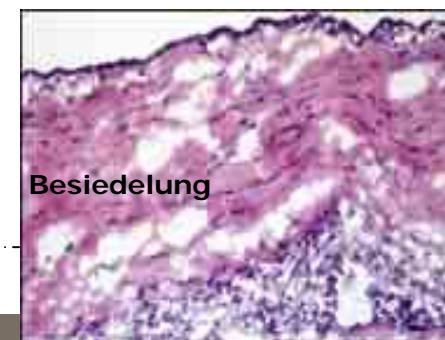
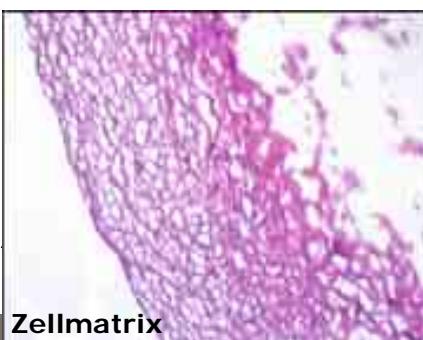
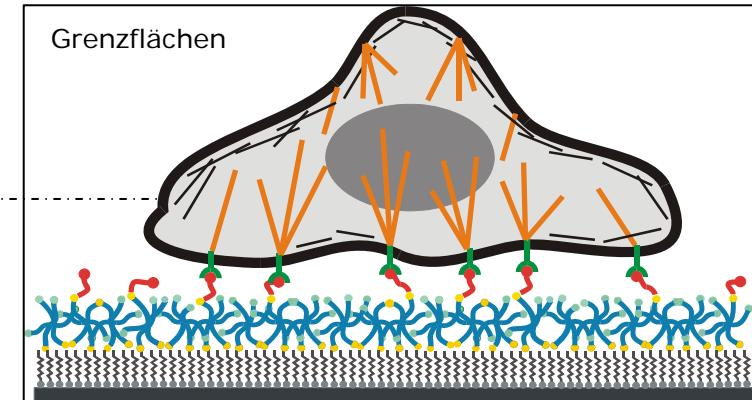
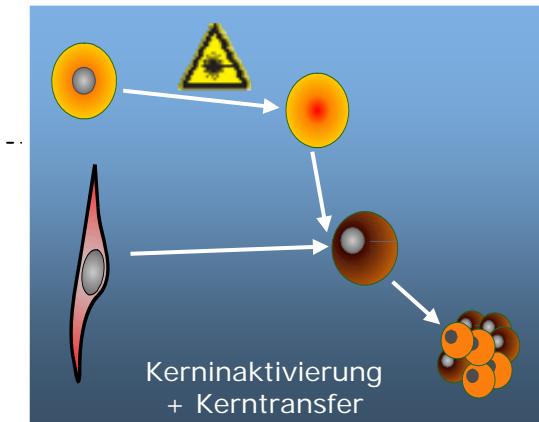


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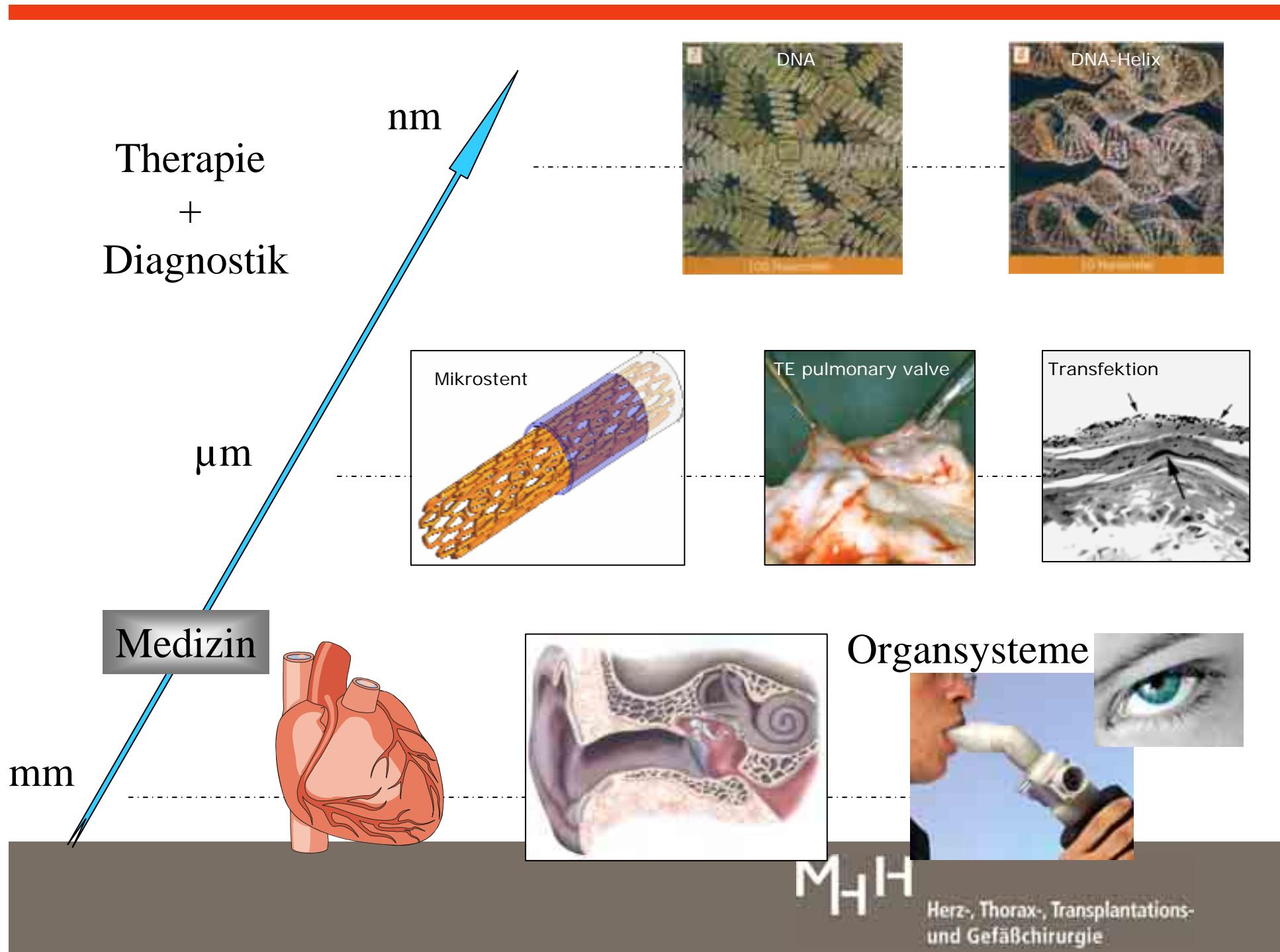
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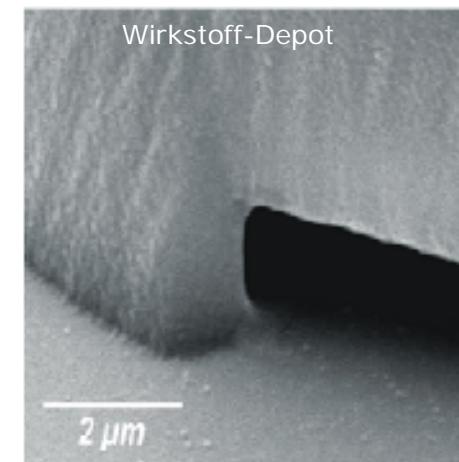
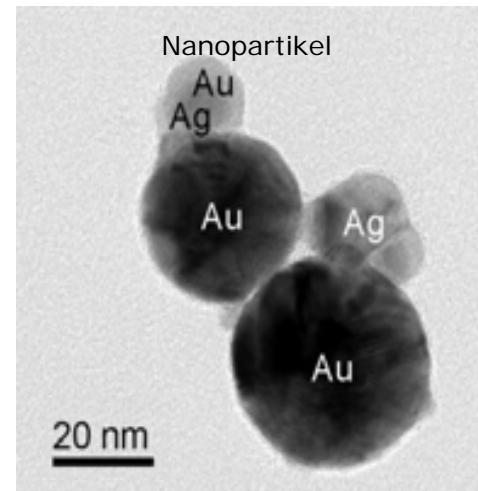


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# Precision: Use of Micro- and Nanostructures



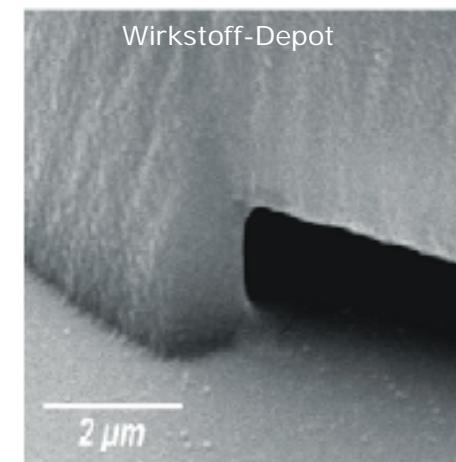
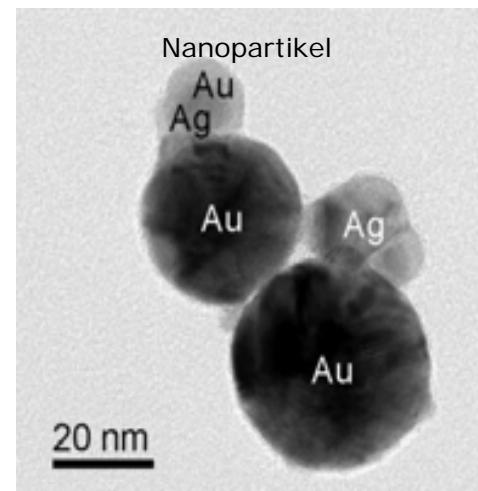
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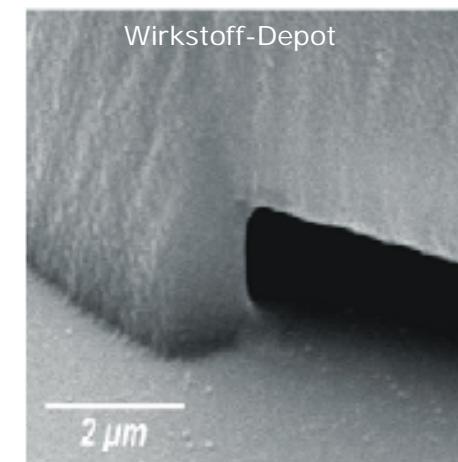
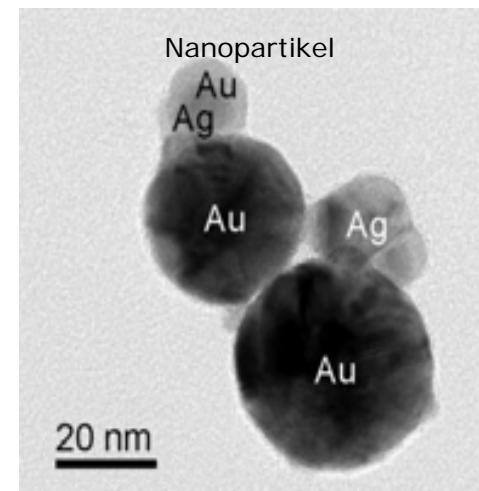
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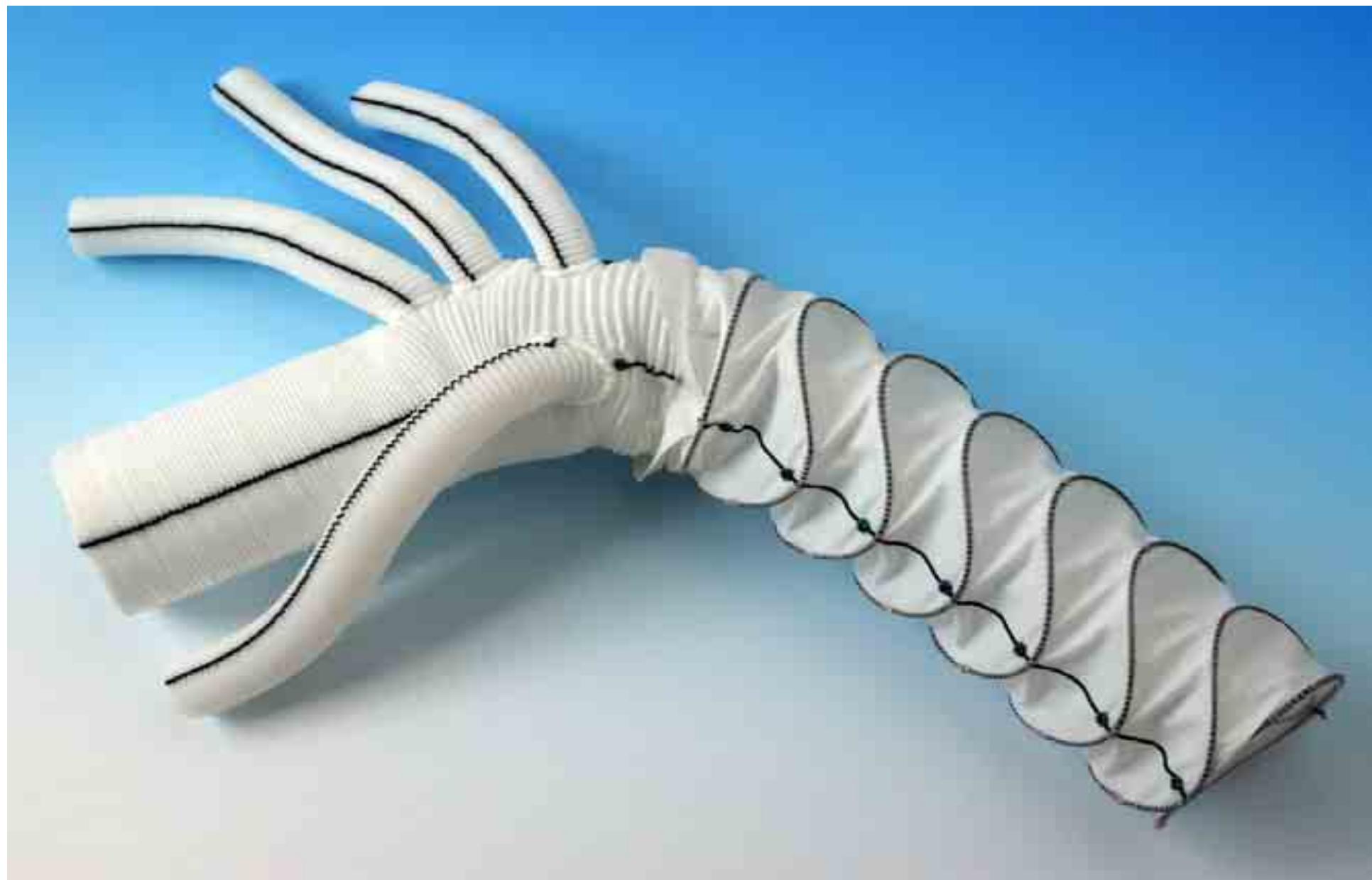
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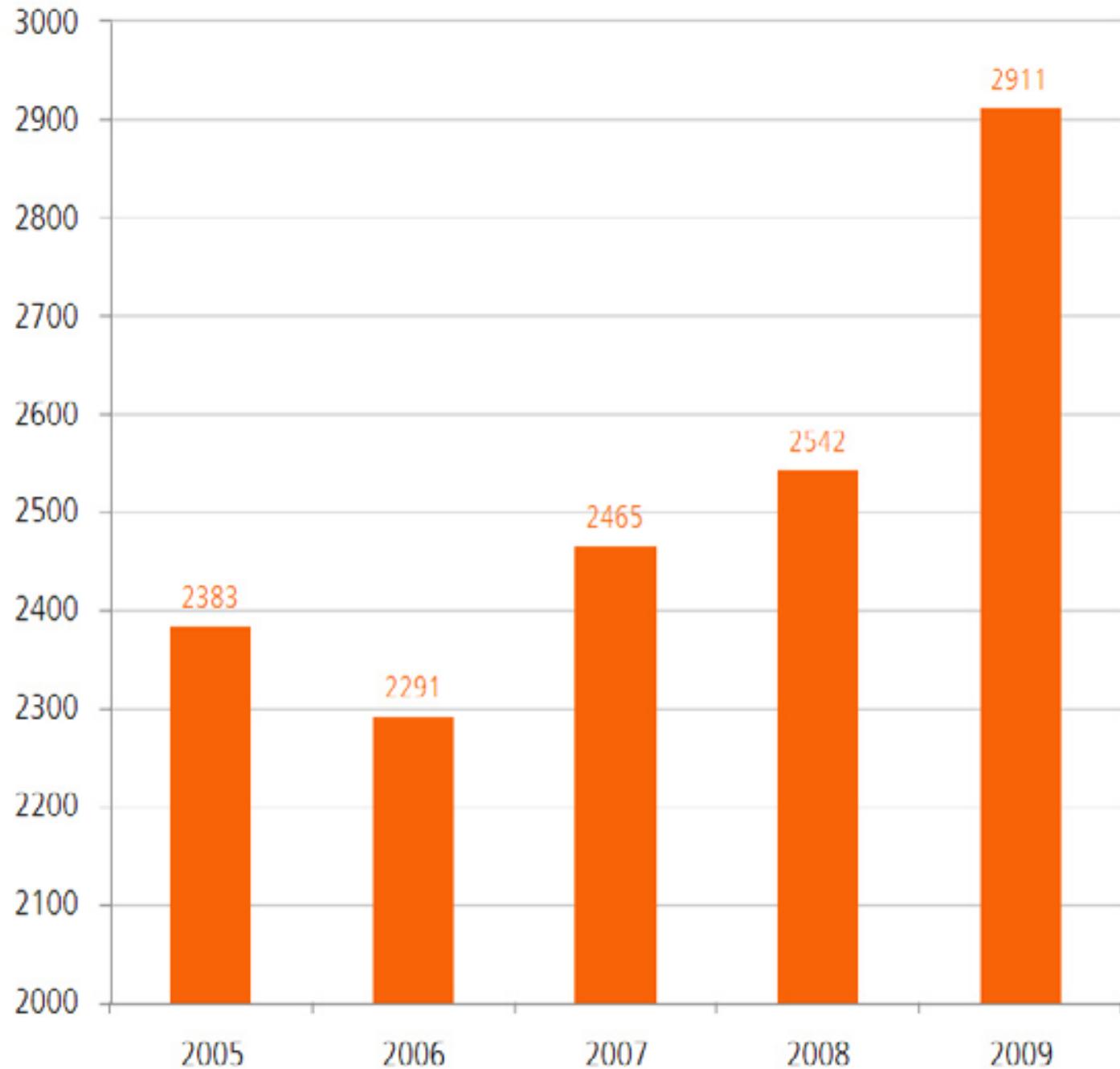
Meeting the requirements



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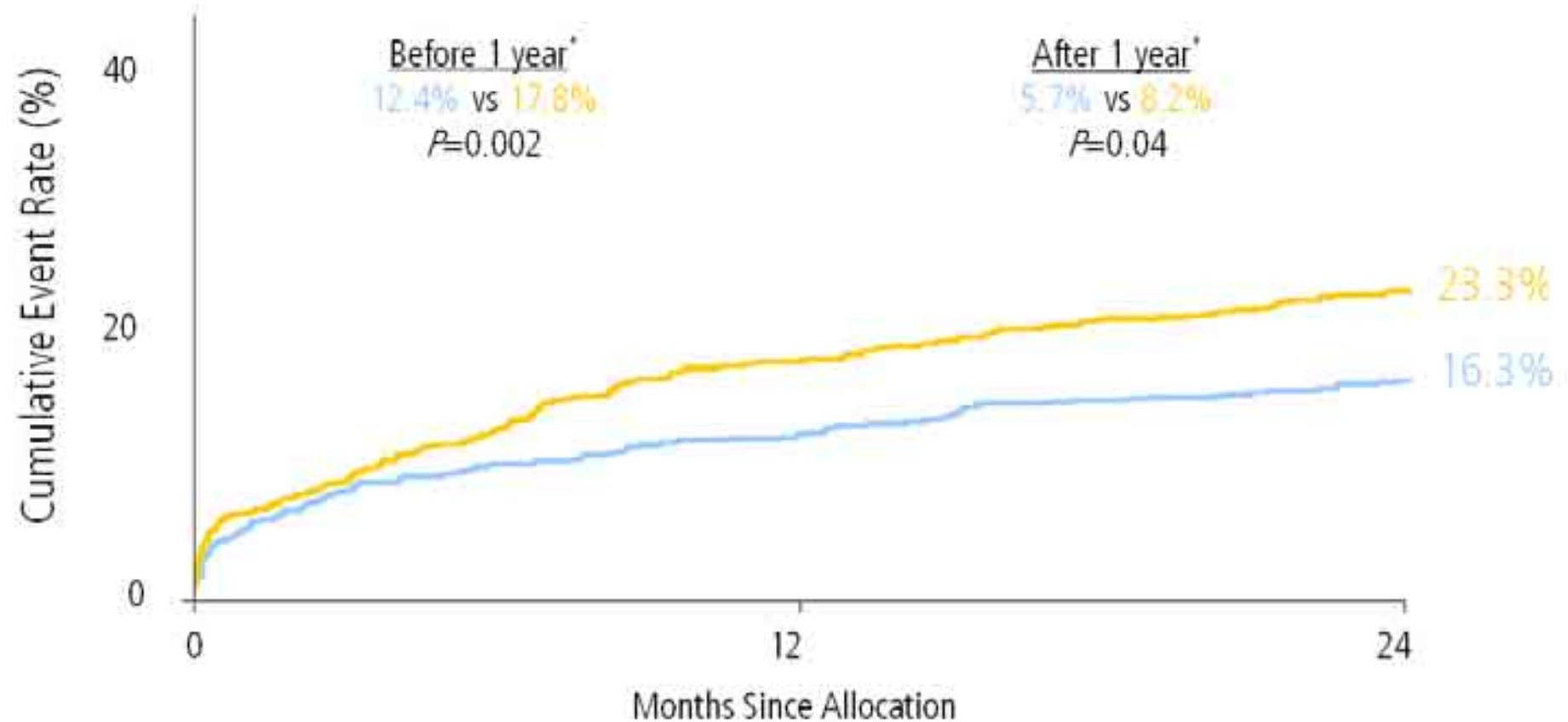
## Sustainability?

Number of  
cases p.a.



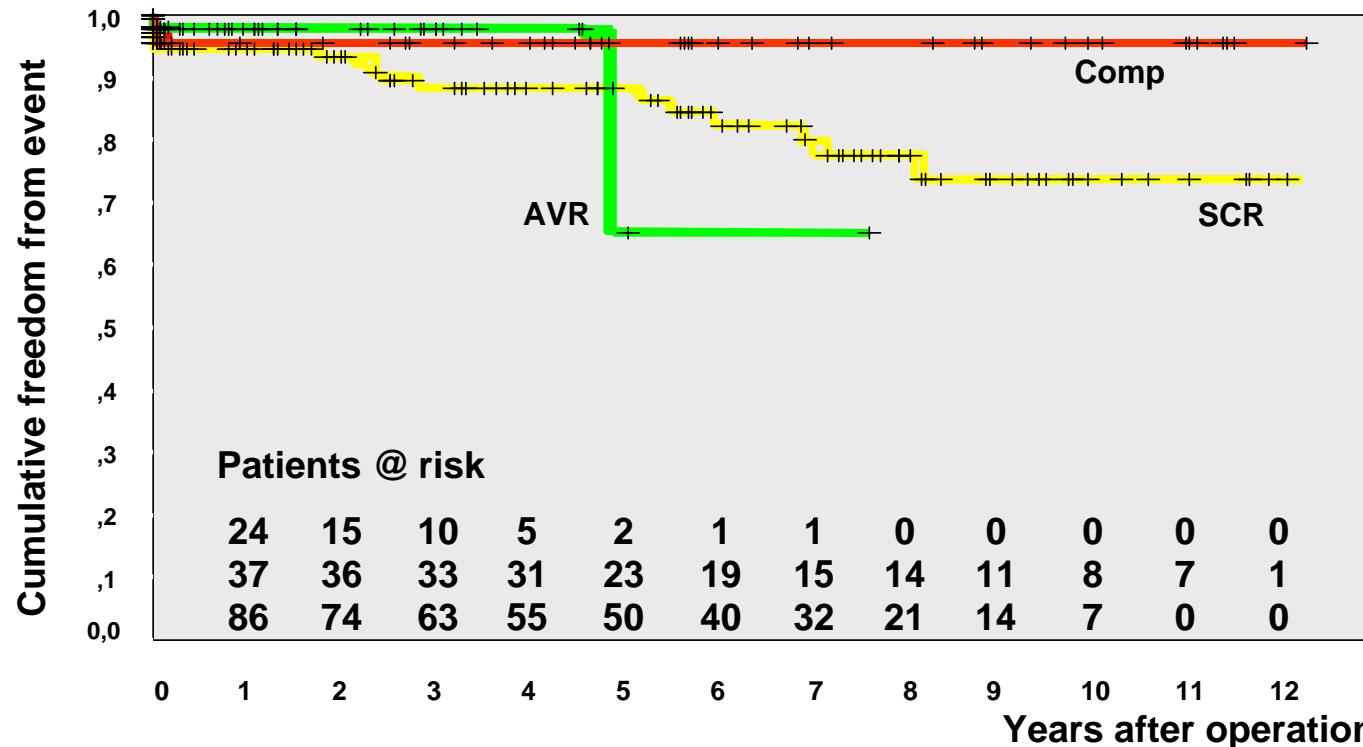
# Sustainability? MACCE to 2 Years. CABG vs TAXUS

■ CABG (N=897) ■ TAXUS (N=903) P=0.0003



Cumulative KM Event Rate  $\pm$  1.5 SE; log-rank P value; \*Binary rates

# Reoperation for Valvular Morbidity



actuarial freedom @	AVR	Comp	SCR	
3 year	$89 \pm 5$	$96 \pm 3$	$88 \pm 3$	
5 years	$65 \pm 27$	$96 \pm 3$	$88 \pm 3$	log rank p=0.092
10 years	-	$96 \pm 3$	$74 \pm 6$	

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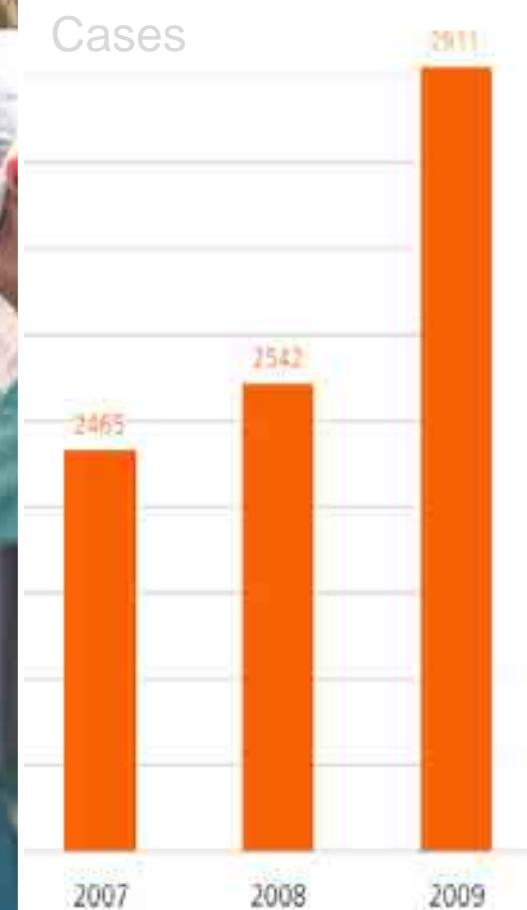
- Innovation



- Precision



- Sustainability



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# **PART 2a:**

## Innovations to impact the environment

“From idea to clinical application”



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# Ideal heart valve prosthesis

Mechanical valve



Biological (xenogeneic) valve



Homograft - Klappe



Tissue Engineered heart  
valve

Ideal Valve-Prostheses ?

durable

non-immunogenic

non-thrombogenous

normal hemodynamics

capable to grow

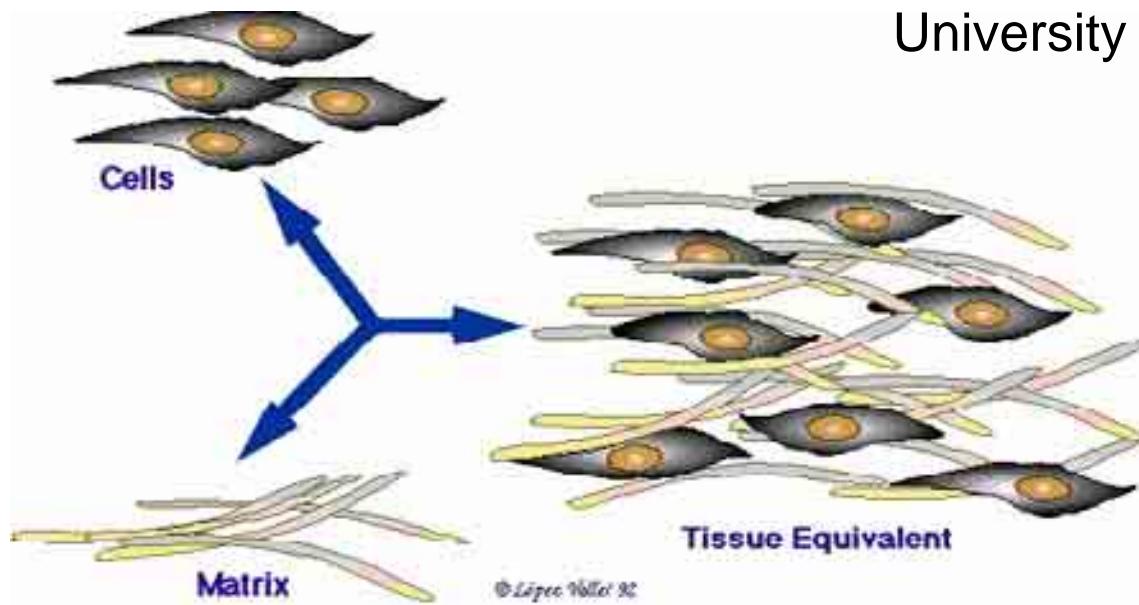
resistant to infections

non-hemolytic

# Concept of Tissue Engineering

## Biological matrices

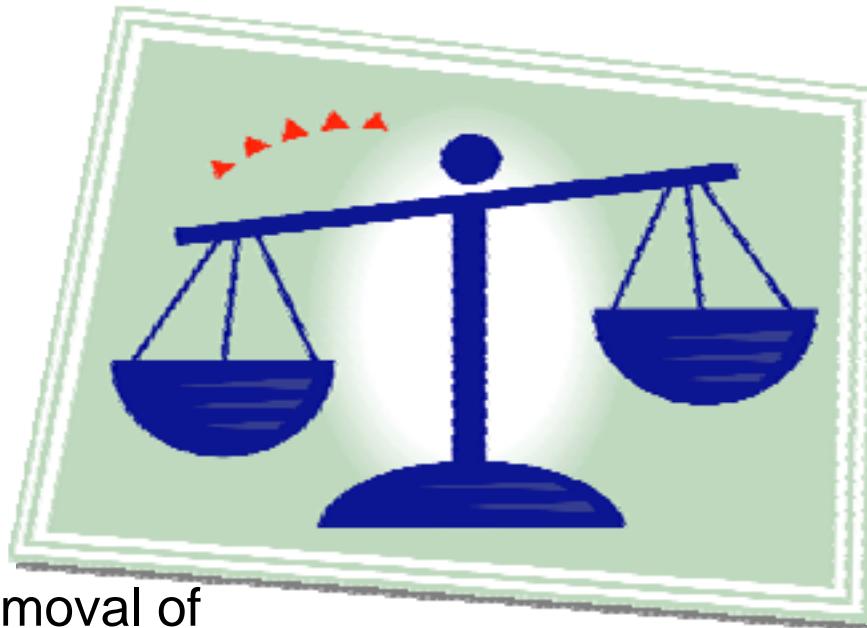
- Dr. A. Haverich,  
Hannover Medical School,  
Germany
- Dr. M. Yacoub,  
Imperial College London,  
Harefield, UK



## Biodegradable matrices

- Dr. J. Meyer, Dr. Vacanti  
Children's Hospital Boston, USA
- Dr. T. Shinoka  
Tokyo Women`s Medical University,  
Japan
- Dr. S. Hoerstrup  
University Hospital Zurich, Switzerland

# Role of decellularization for clinical application



Complete removal of  
immunogenic cells from  
collagen matrix

- Optimal maintenance of
  - 3D-matrix-structure
  - mechanical stability



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# Methods of decellularization

## Enzymatic

- Trypsin/ EDTA

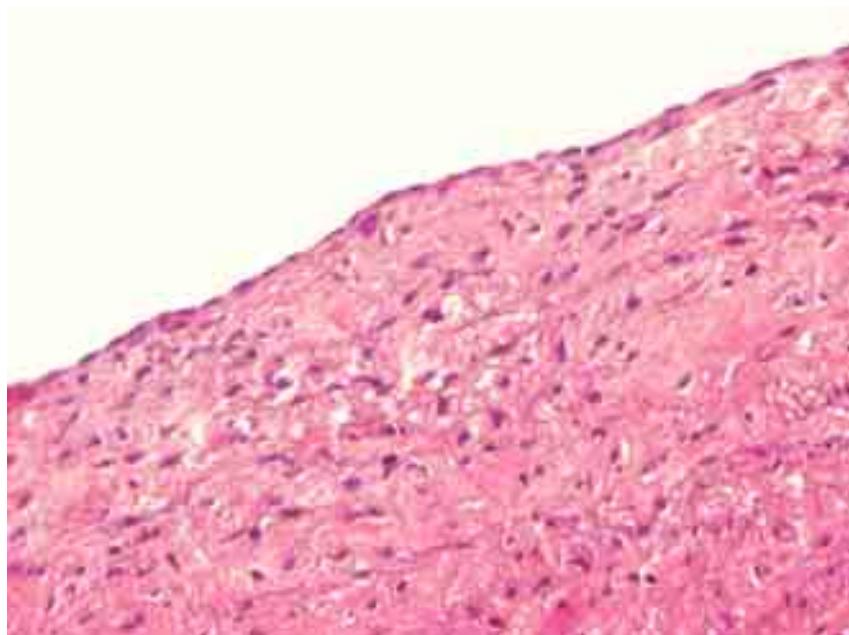
## Detergent based

- Sodium-dodecyl-sulfate (SDS) 1%
- Sodium-deoxycholate (SD) 1%
- SD + SDS (“Hannover” Method)

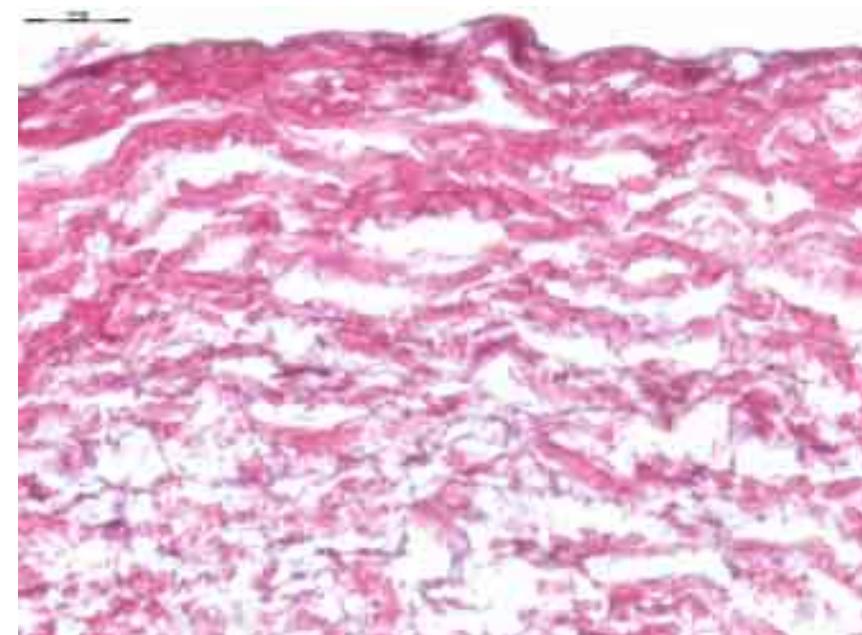


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# NSD Decell. ovine, PA-wall,PHE staining, x400



Native

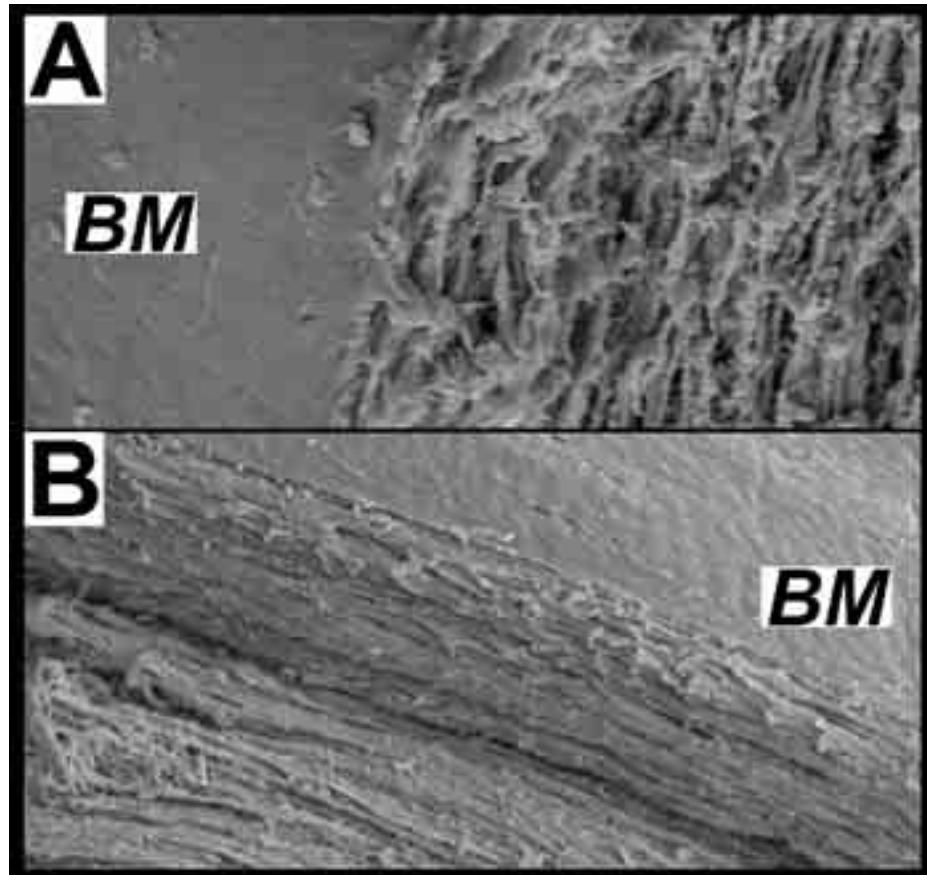


Decellularized



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# Scanning electron microscopy



- Decellularization by SD + SDS
- Maintenance of basal lamina

# Biomechanical tests



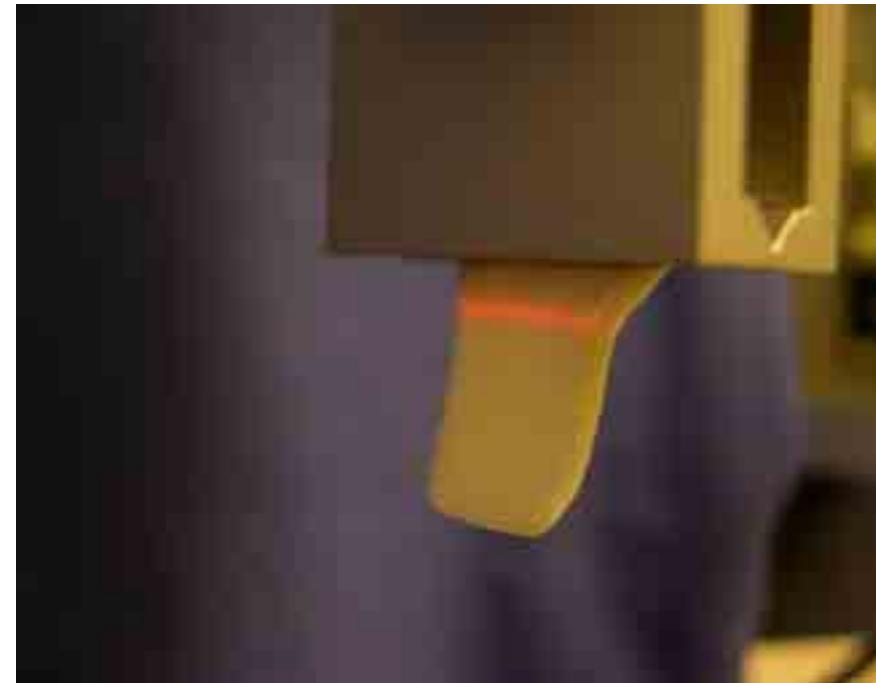
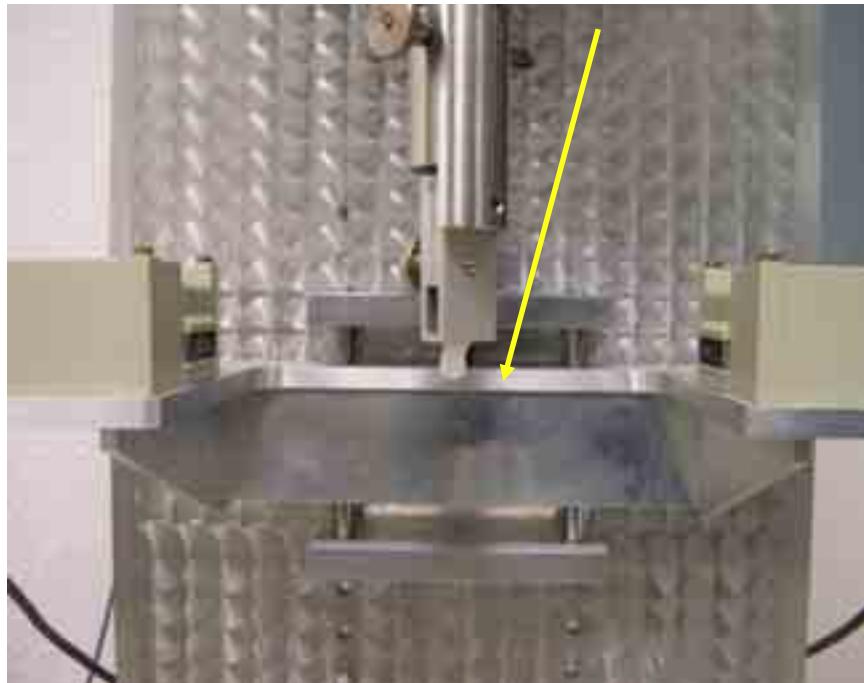
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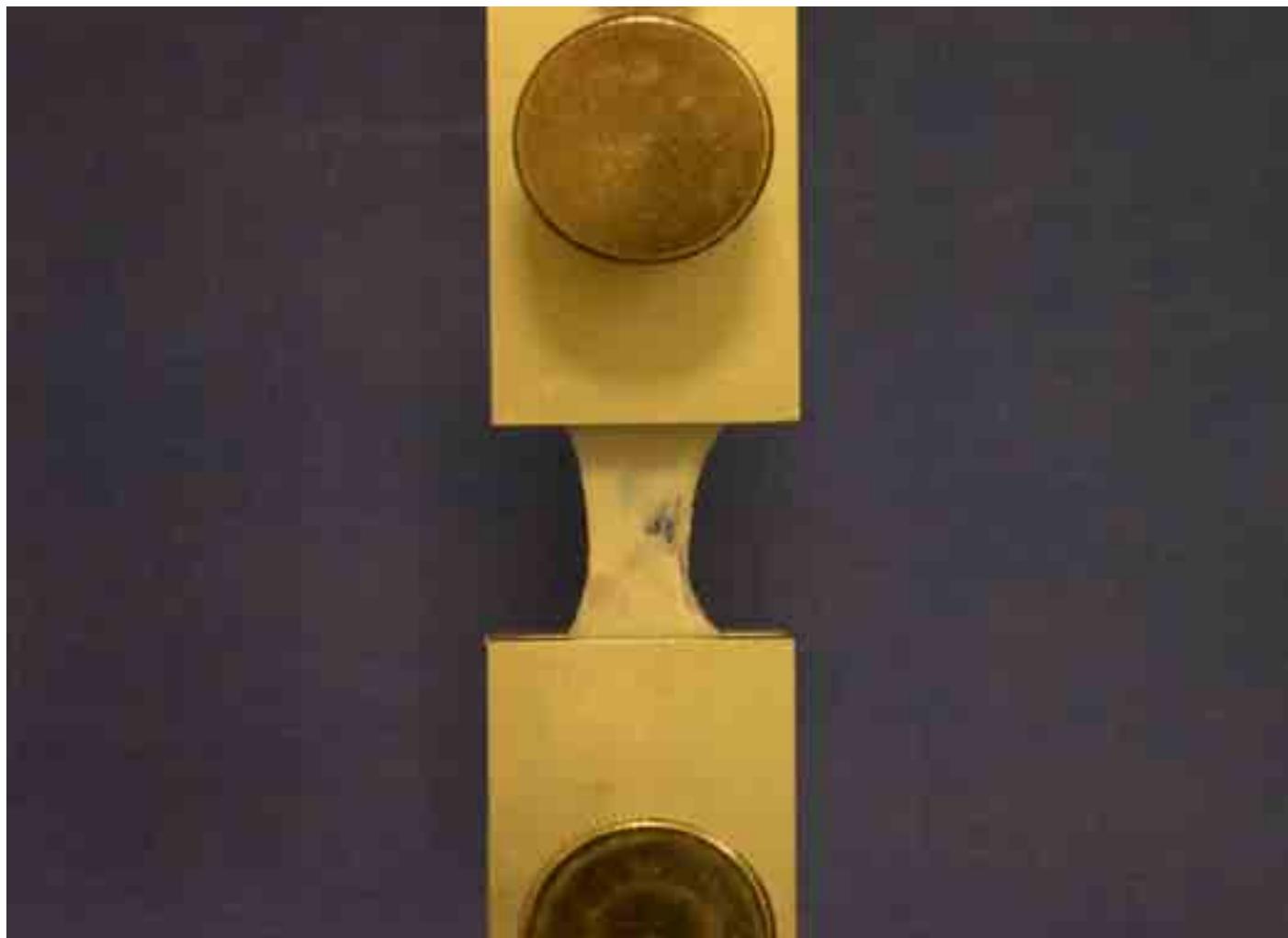
# Biomechanical Tests. Profile – Surface assessment

No-Touch Laser-Micrometer



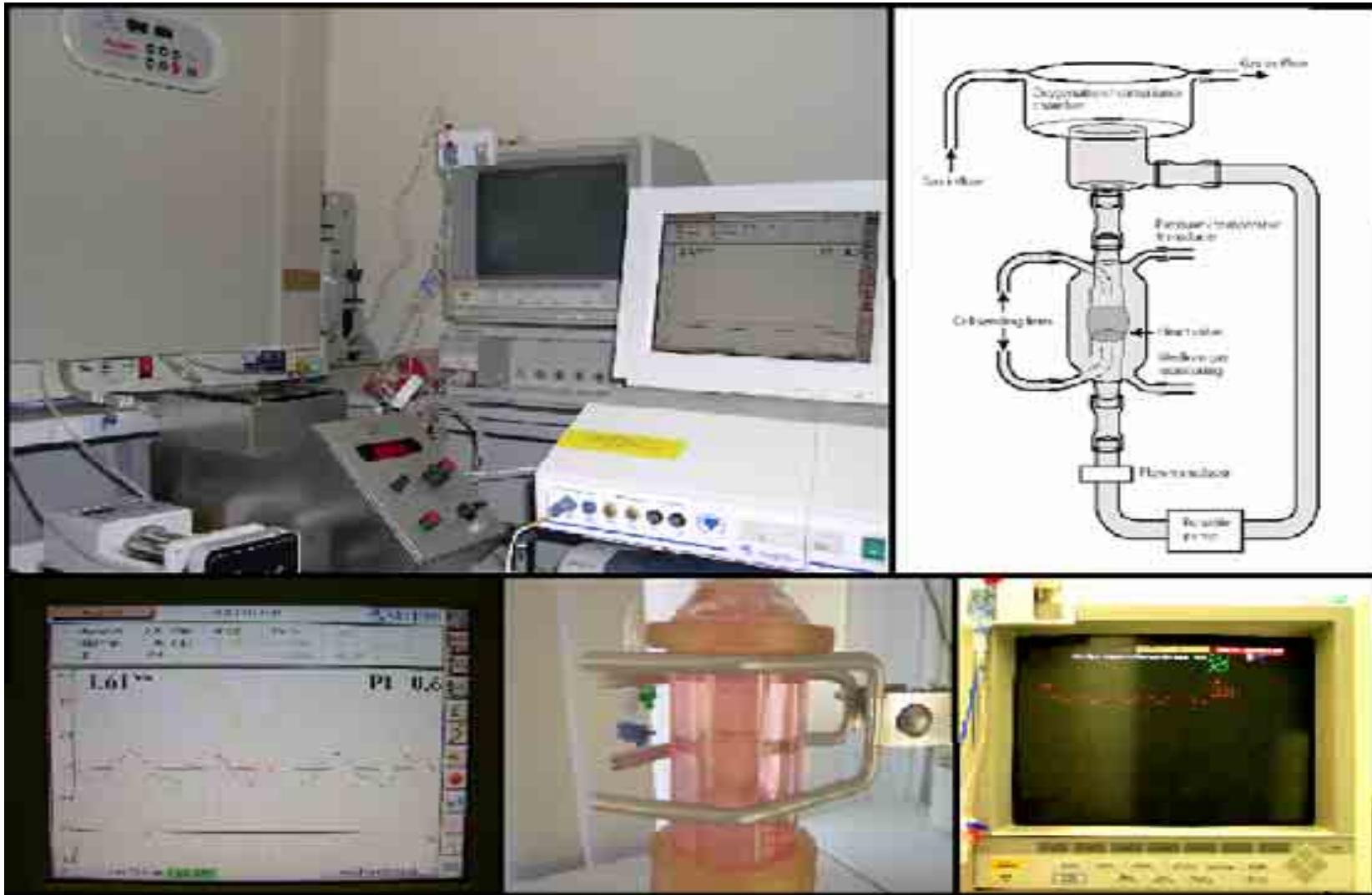
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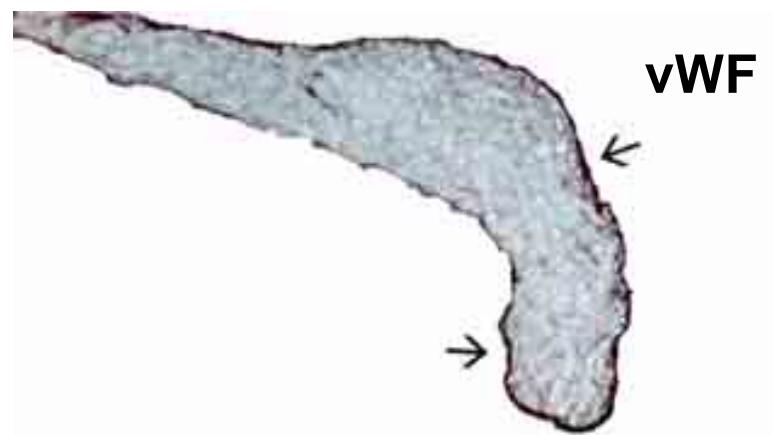
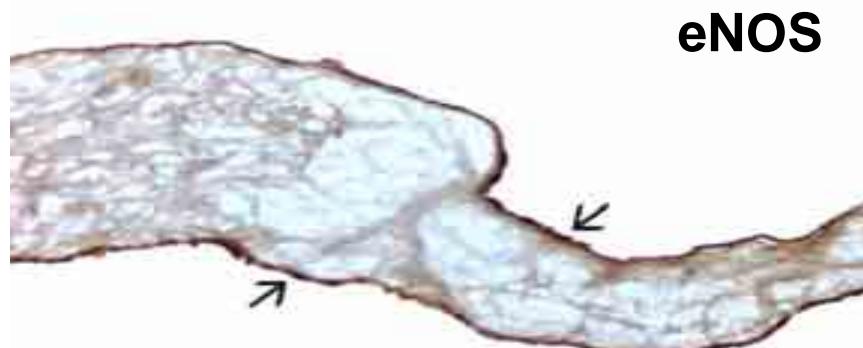
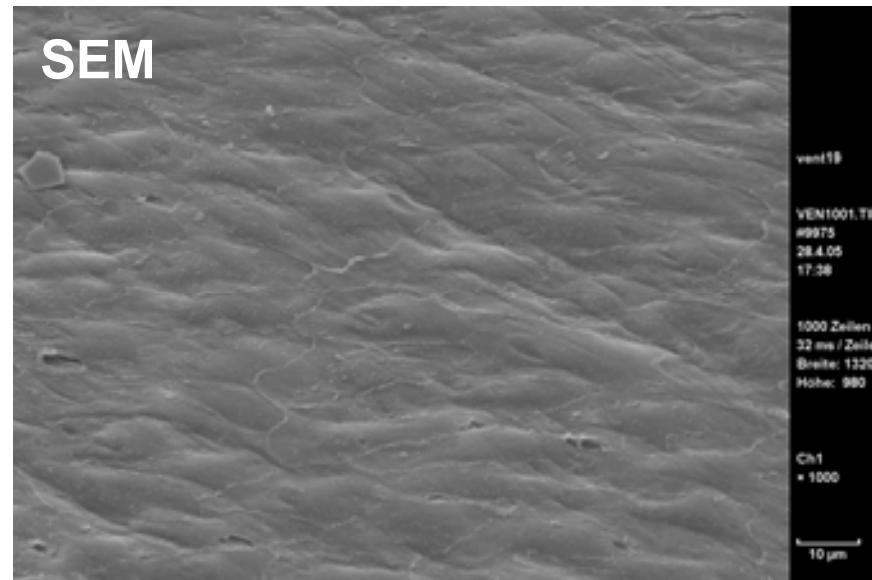
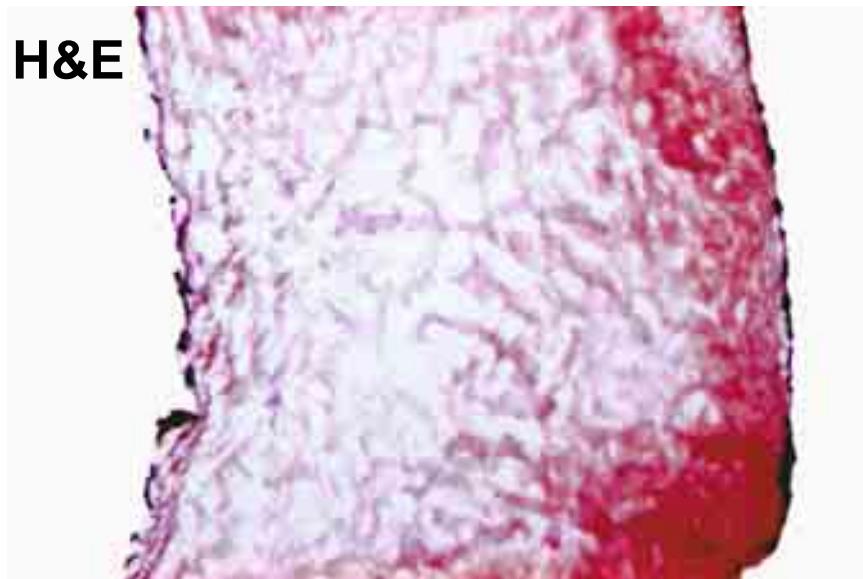
Distensibility (0.1mm/s)

# Re-Seeding: Bioreactor system



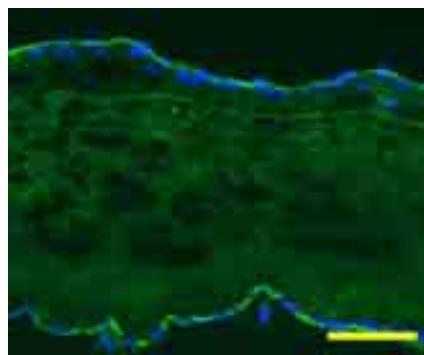
Lichtenberg A, Tudorache I, Cebotari S, et al. In vitro re-endothelialization of detergent decellularized heart valves under simulated physiological dynamic conditions. *Biomaterials*. 2006 Aug;27(23):4221-9.

# Results: Dynamic re-endothelialization

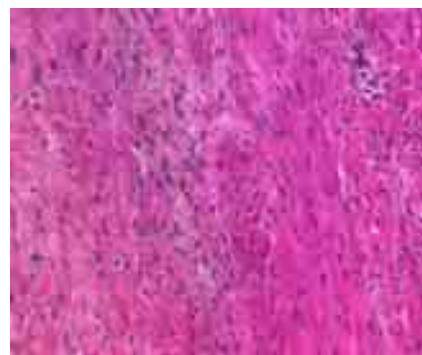


# Preclinical results: TE heart valves after implantation in young sheep

- Complete re-endothelialization of grafts after 1 month following implantation
- Physiologic in vivo remodelling of grafts by host's cells



eNOs Färbung einer  
rebesiedelten PK  
1 Monat nach Implantation



H&E Färbung



$\alpha$  – Aktin Färbung



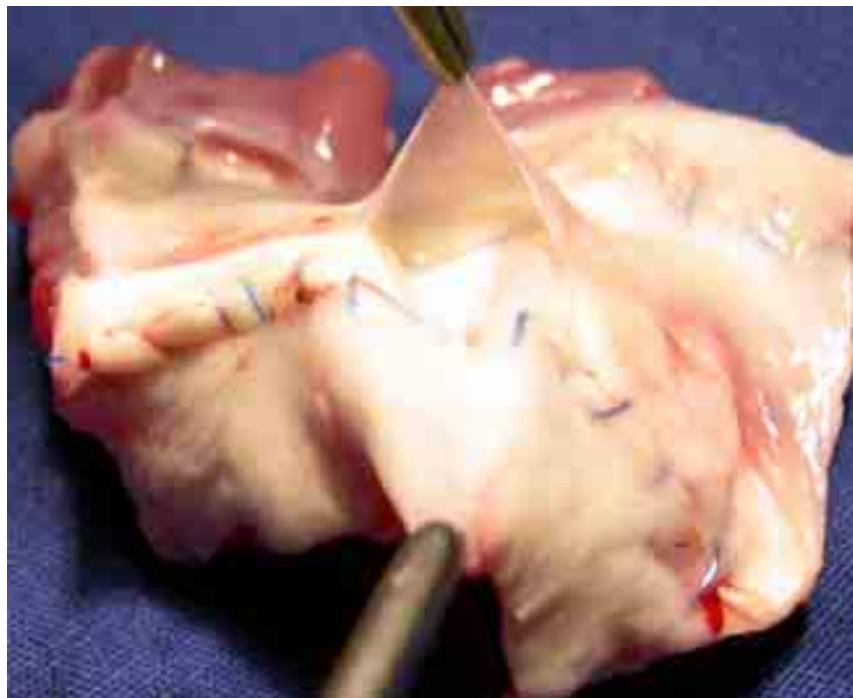
Prokollagen Färbung



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# Results after 6 month of implantation: Re-seeding

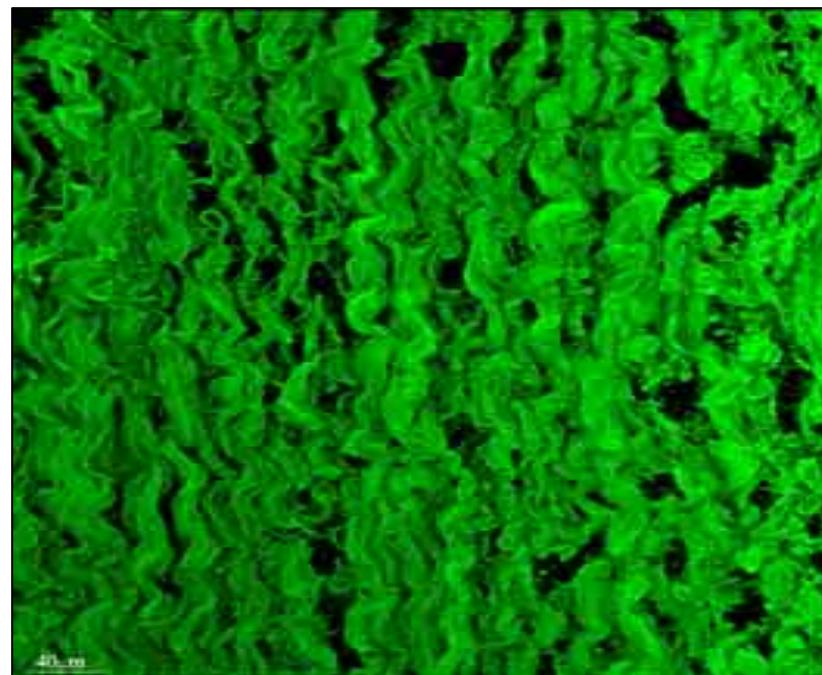
Decellularized heart valve



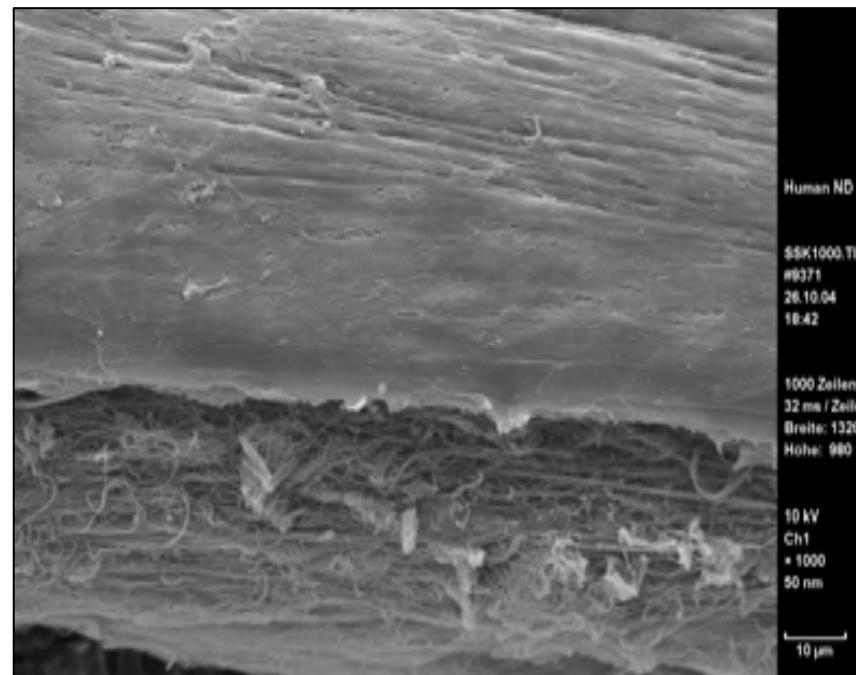
Re-endothelialized heart valve



# Structure of human collagen heart valve matrix after decellularization



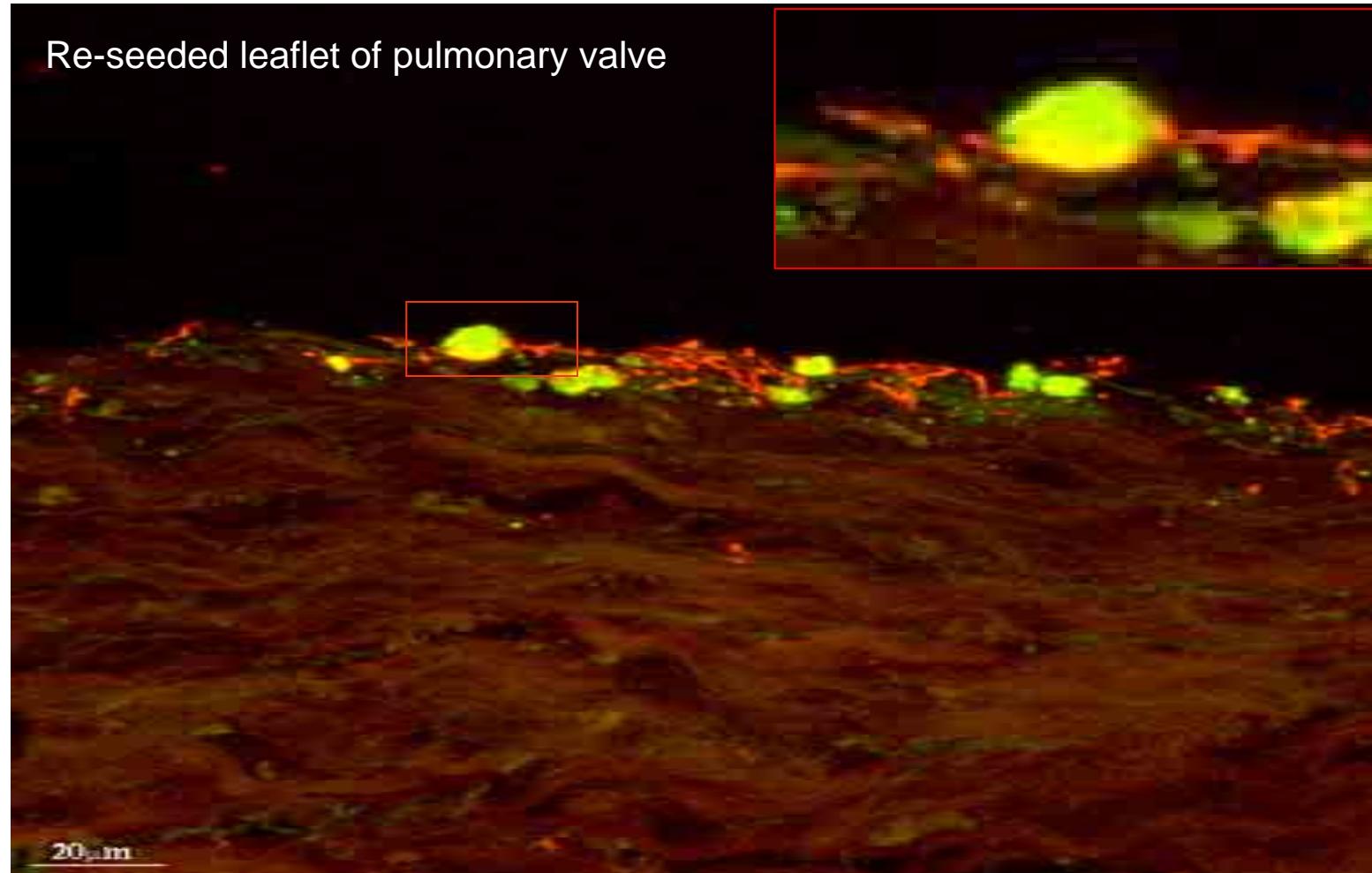
Coll I staining, Confocal microscopy



Scanning electron microscopy

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# Re-seeding of acellular heart valves with human endothelial cells (CD31 staining)



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# First results of clinical application of TE heart valves



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# Implantations

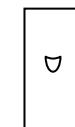
Conduits :      2      re-seeded



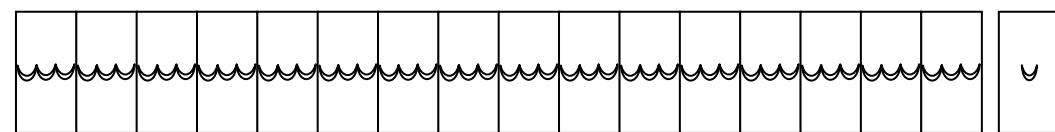
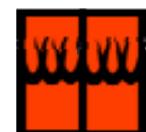
16      decellularized homografts



1      decellularized monocusp



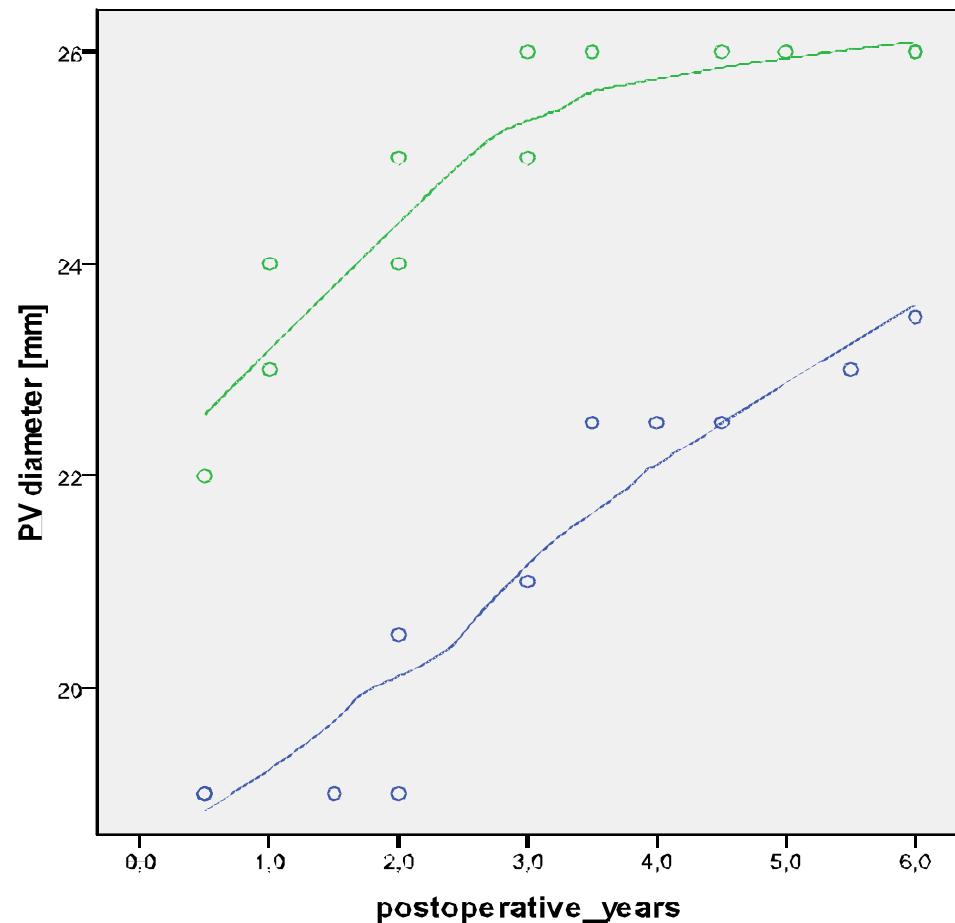
Technique:      Standard (median sternotomy, conventional ECC)



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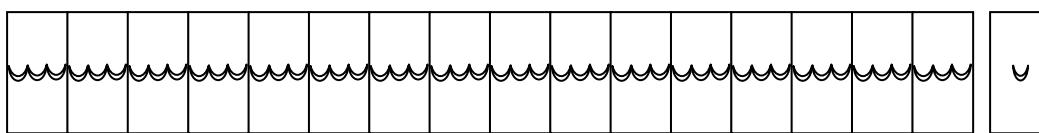


female, 13  
years

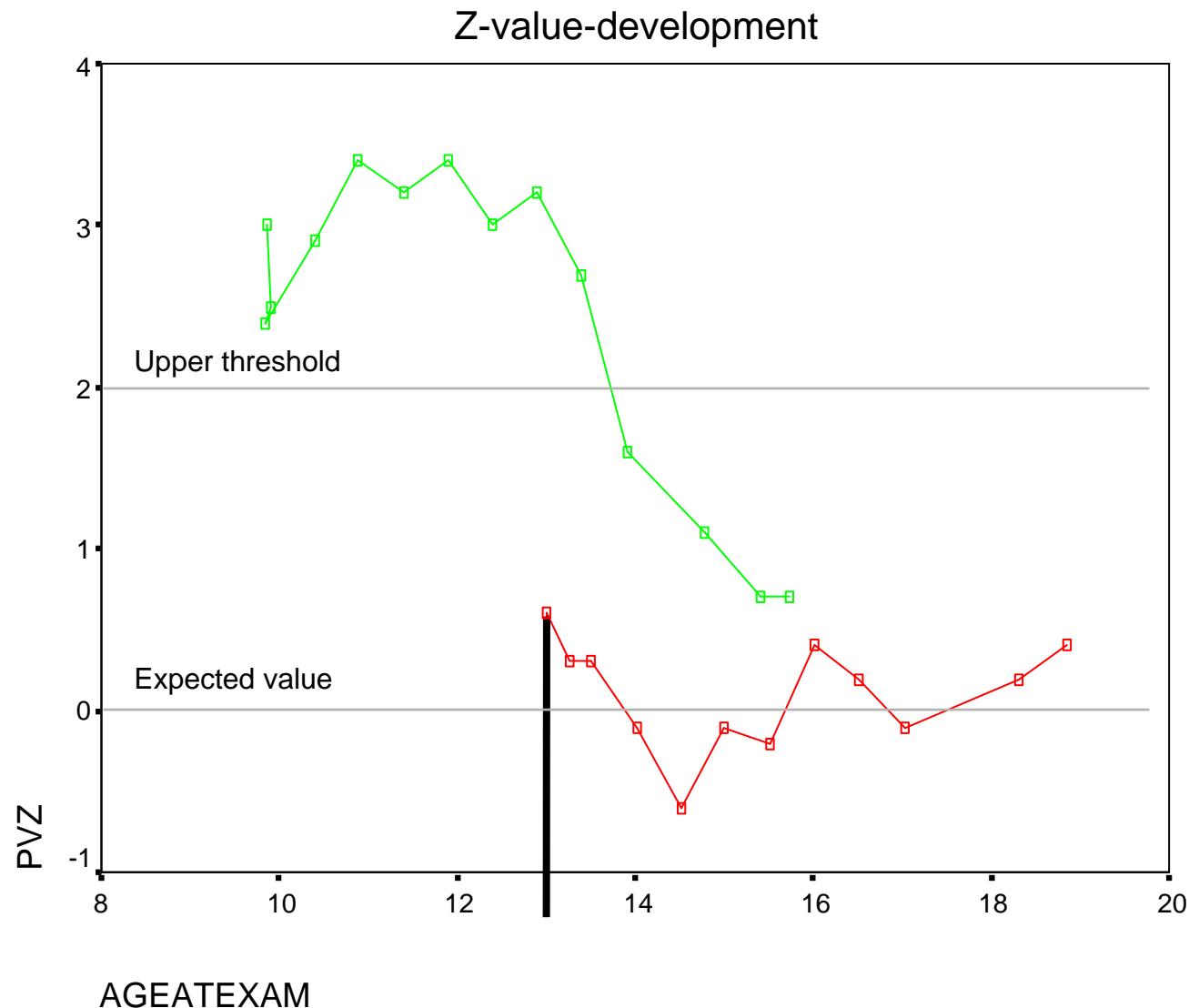
male, 10  
years

## PV diameter

(2 re-seeded  
homografts)



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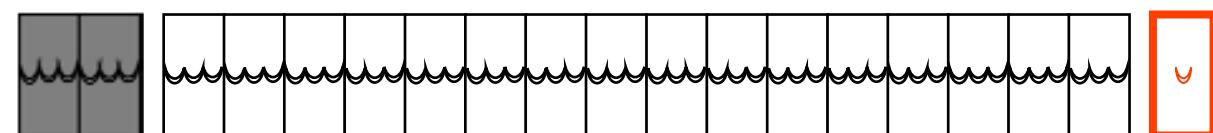


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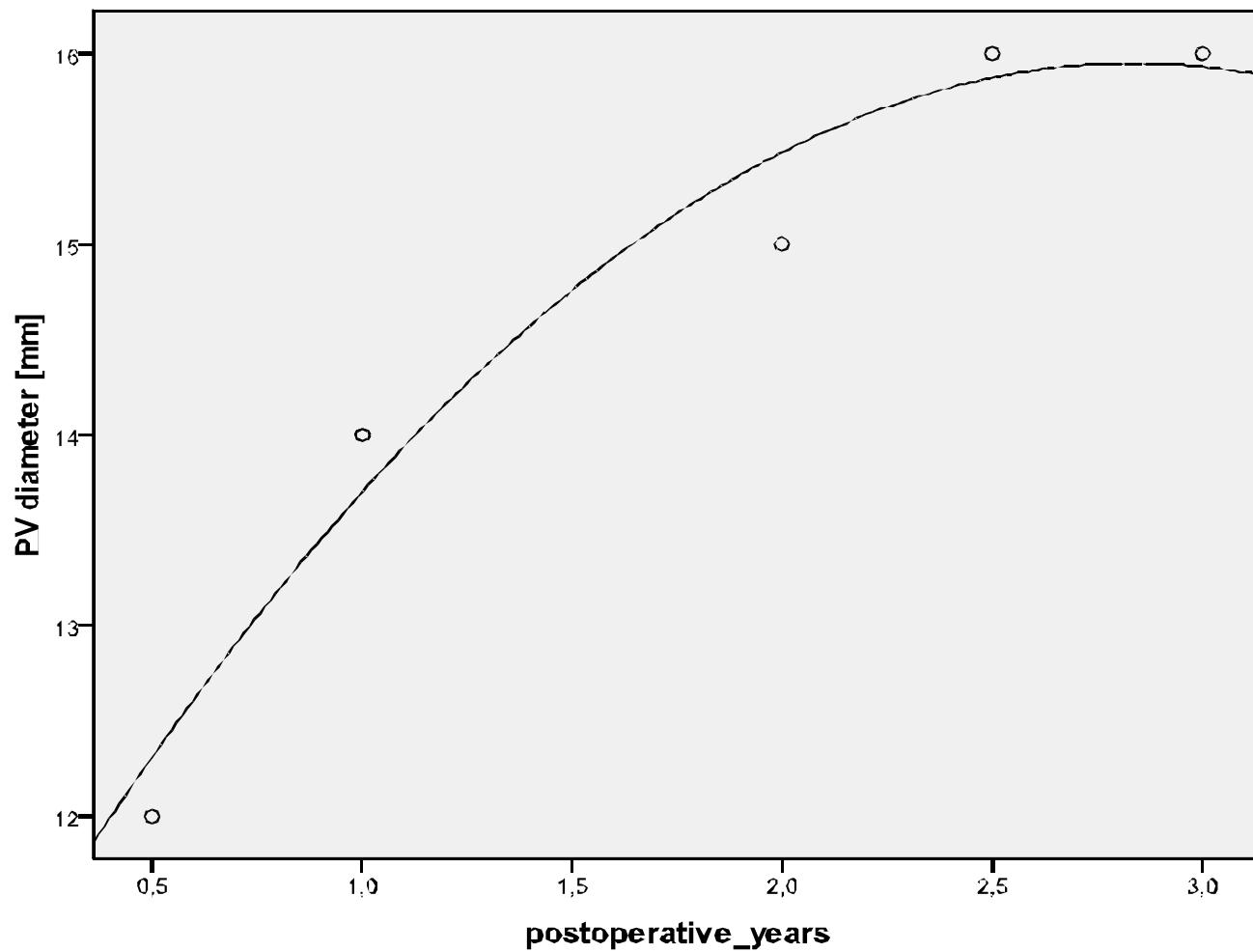
# Follow-up (1 monocusp)

Follow-up: 2.7 years

Examinations: 6

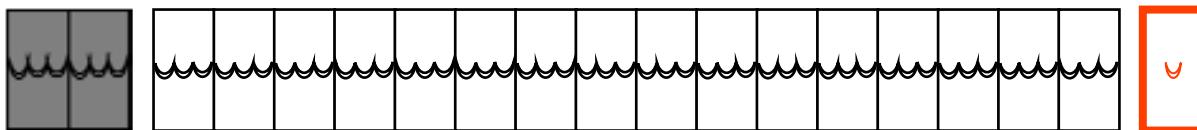


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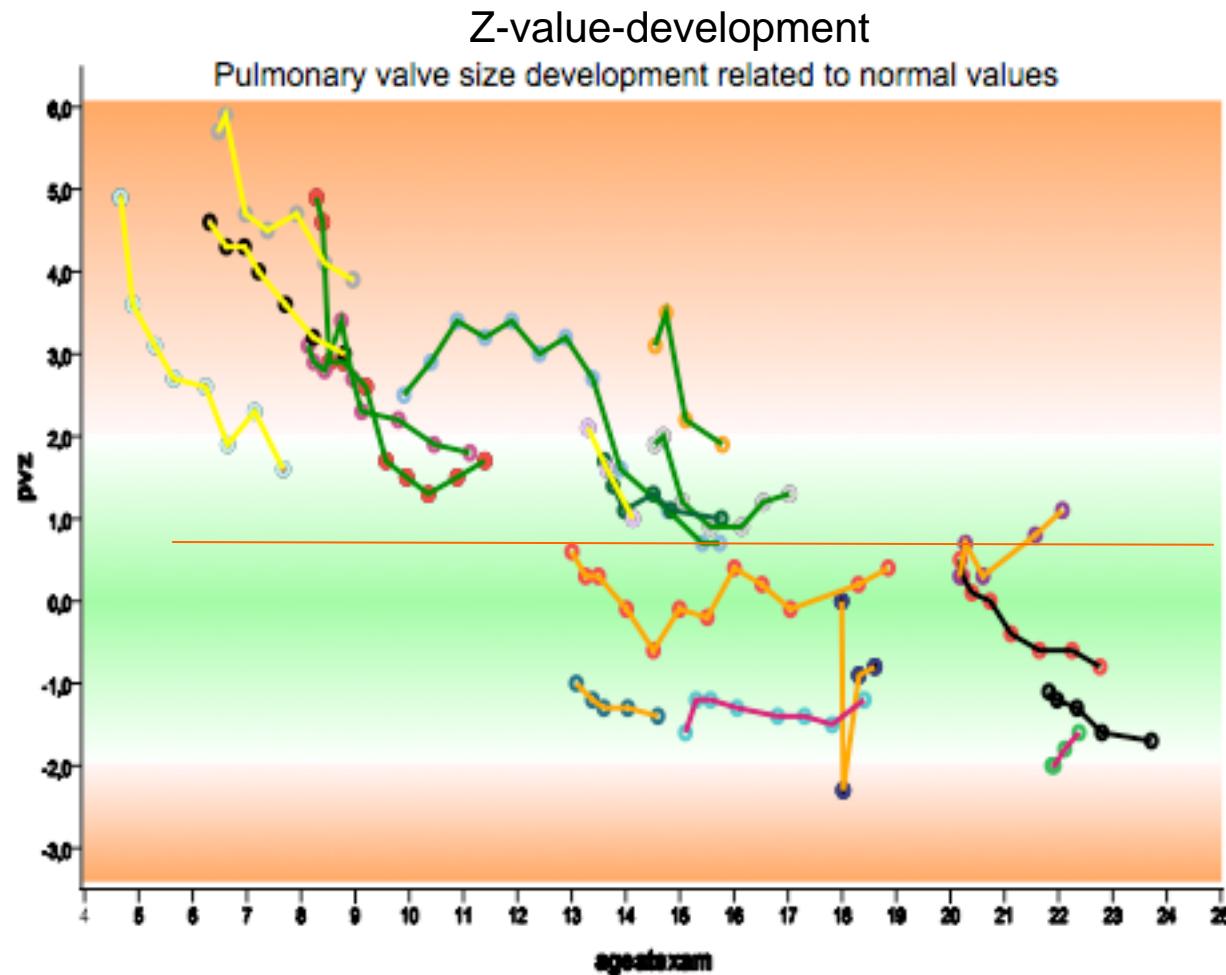
PV diameter

(1 Monocusp)



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# PV diameter (16 decellularized homografts)



4 approaching  
normal values

6 reached normal  
values and stayed  
there

4 stayed close to  
normal values

2 grew up to  
normal values

# Conclusion

Tissue engineering by decellularization

- is a feasible and safe **INNOVATION**
- **PRECISION** manufacturing for adaptive-physiologic growth
- 100% functional grafts at 7.5 years      **Sustainability**



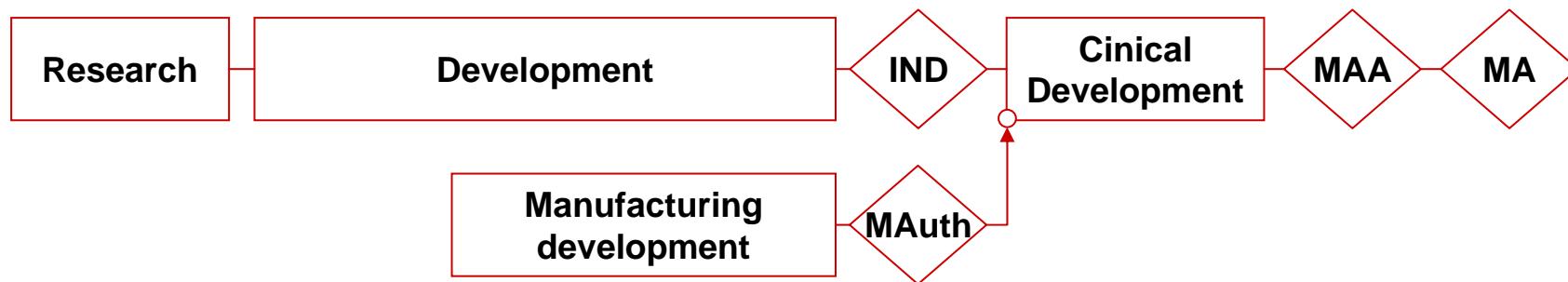
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# **PART 2b:**

## Roadmap from idea to marketing authorization

# Development chart



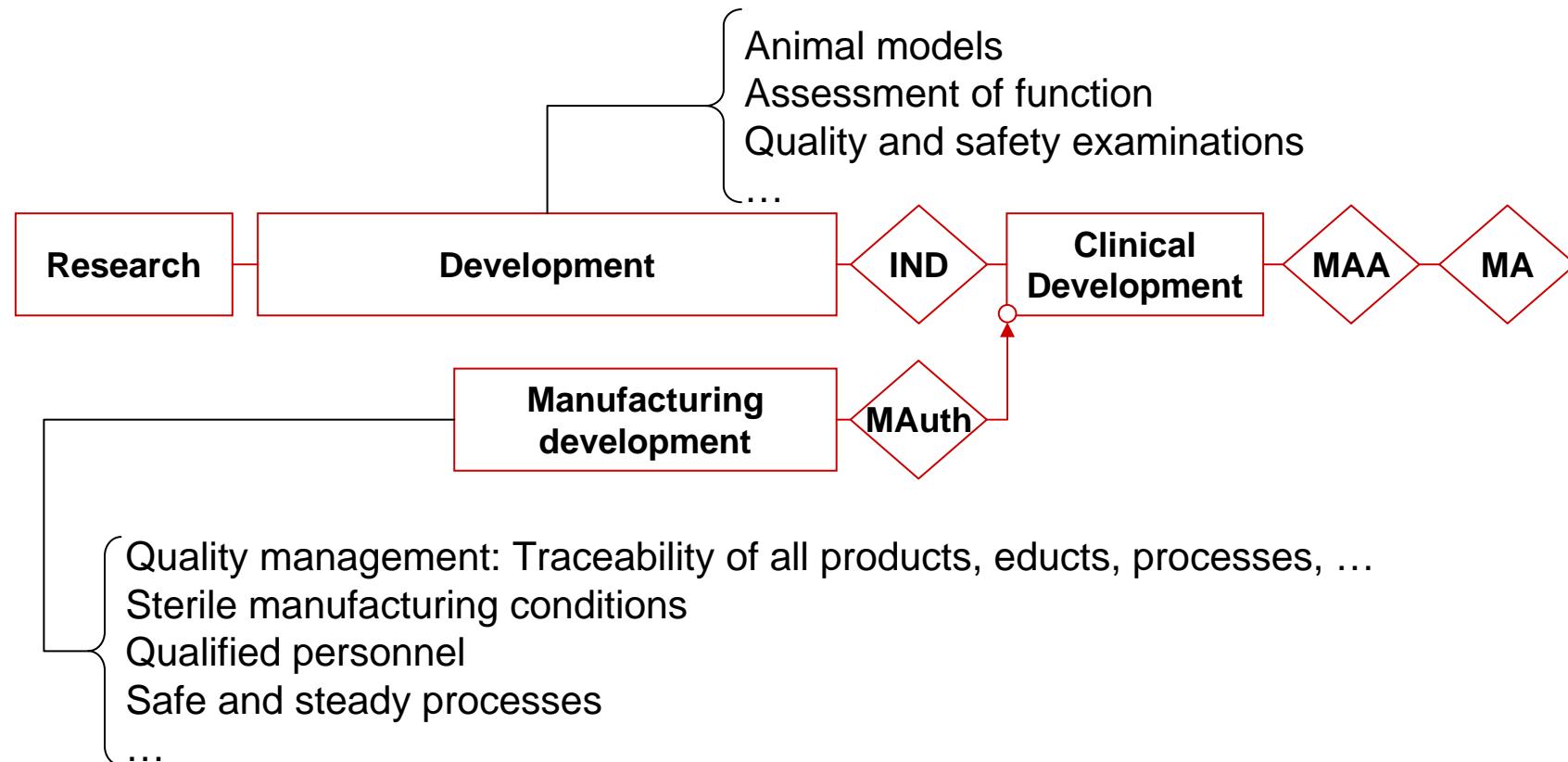
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**MAA:** Marketing Authorization Application

**MA:** Marketing Authorization

**MAuth:** Manufacturing Authorization

# Development Chart



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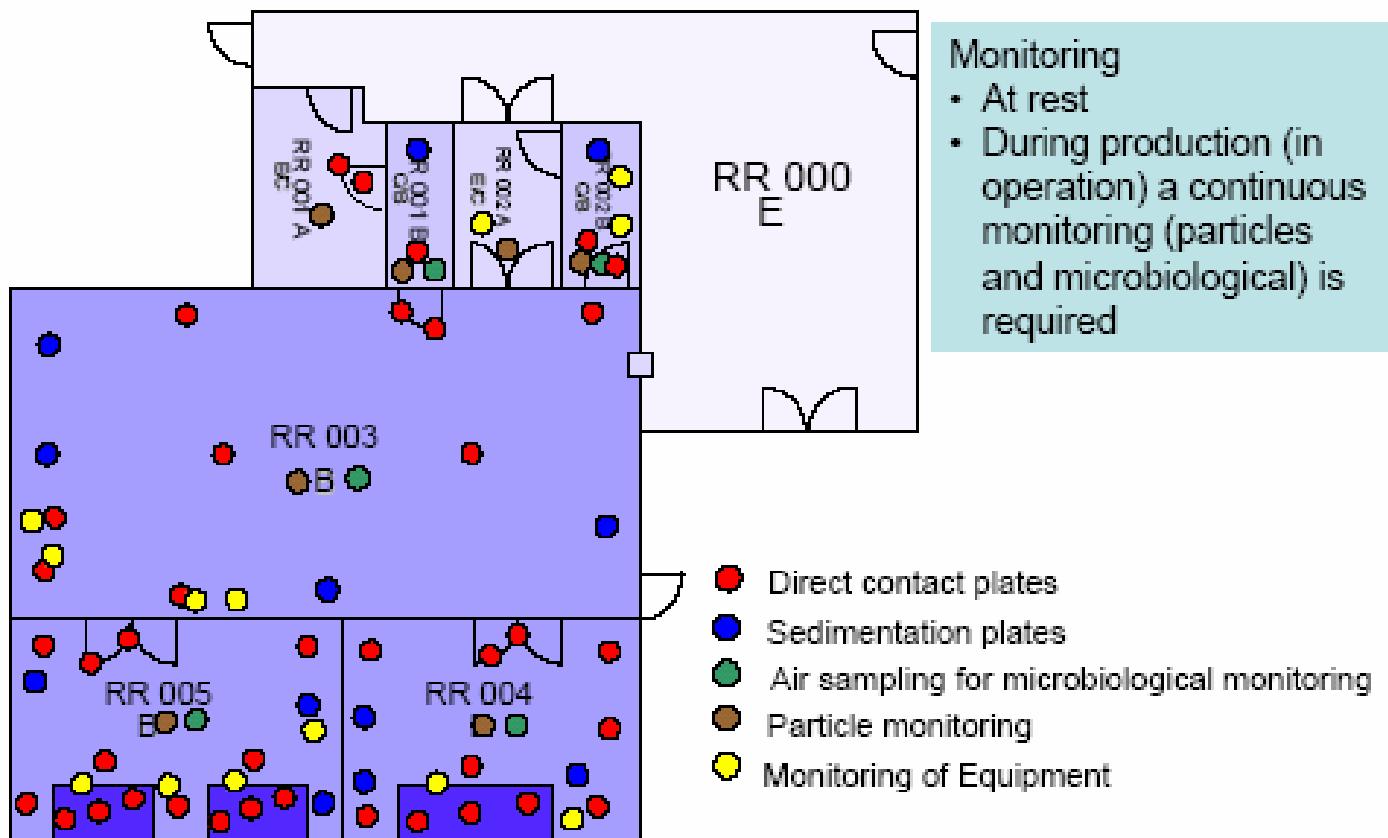
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4.2.3	Characterisation	4.4.2	Pharmacodynamics
4.2.4	Quality control	4.4.3	Pharmacokinetics
4.2.5	Validation of the manufacturing process	4.4.4	Dose finding studies
4.2.6	Development Pharmaceutics	4.4.5	Clinical Efficacy
4.2.7	Traceability	4.4.6	Clinical Safety
4.2.8	Comparability	4.4.7	Pharmacovigilance and Risk Management Plan



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# Example of a GMP-facility

## Monitoring of Clean Room Concept of CellMed AG



# „Conventional“ studies

- Phase I: Compatibility of agents, absorption in human body, kinetics;
- Phase II: Effectiveness, improvement of dose, short term adverse effects
- Phase III: Proof of effectiveness and compatibility
- Phase IV: Therapeutic application of approved drug:  
risk-benefit analysis



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## Pivotal or first in man studies

- While a deviation from the progression from Phase I to III is acceptable, it should be justified
- In the impossibility to have a strong animal model, it might be necessary to perform limited pivotal or first-in-man studies to identify a biological activity and a potency assays in order to define a dose.

# Properties of „surgiceuticals“

genzyme  
surgery



Issue	Drugs	Devices	Surgiceuticals
Delivery	Oral/IV/IM	Usually Implanted or tool used in surgical procedure	Implanted
Marginal cost/treatment	Low	Low-medium	High
Clinical Trials	Extensive, but well defined	Variable	Extensive, Unique & Challenging
Regulation	Well defined	Well Defined	Evolving

# Summary (Tissue-engineered Implants, ?Nano?)

- Approval of tissue for therapeutic application similar to „conventional“ drugs
- Legal basis: Common Technical Document + guidelines (ICH, EMEA, FDA, BfArM/PEI, Pharmakopoe);
- Individual approval procedures and deviation from conventional mode allowed due to special properties of therapeutic tissues



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# **Clinical applications of scientific and/or technological innovations**

**The Environment in Medicine:**  
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# Handling the ambient hypertension

- Innovation



- Precision



- Sustainability

