

# Nouvelles frontières en Transplantation

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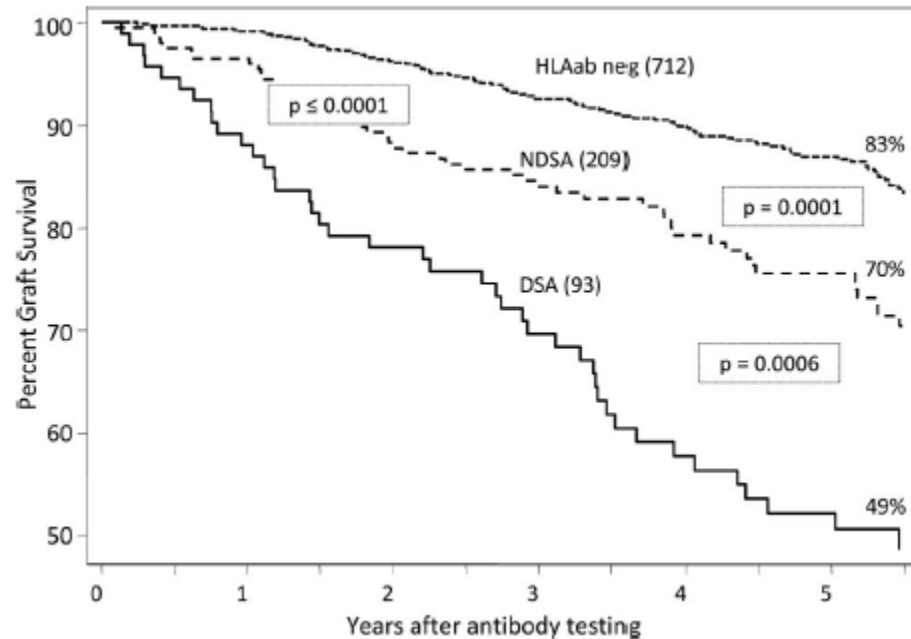
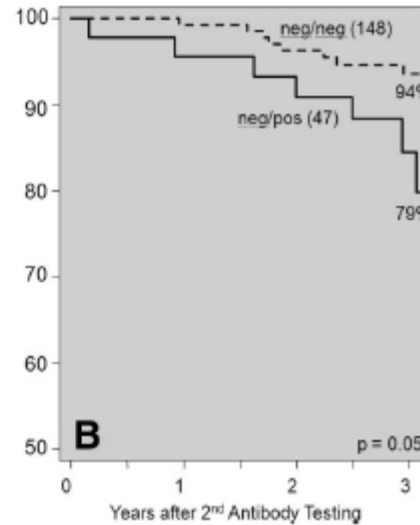
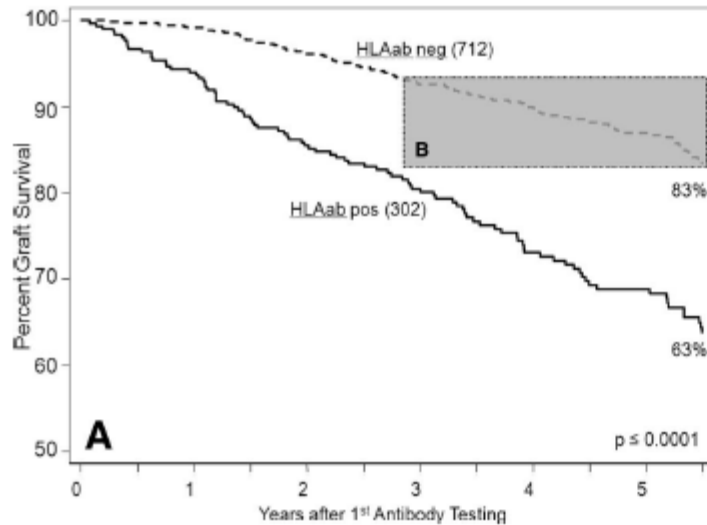
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- Greffes contre les barrières immunologiques
  - Hyperimmunisation - Désensibilisation
  - ABO incompatible
  - Tolérance
- Donneurs et organes limites
- Greffes composites
- Xénotransplantation
- Cellules souches et médecine régénérative

# Greffes contre les barrières immunologiques

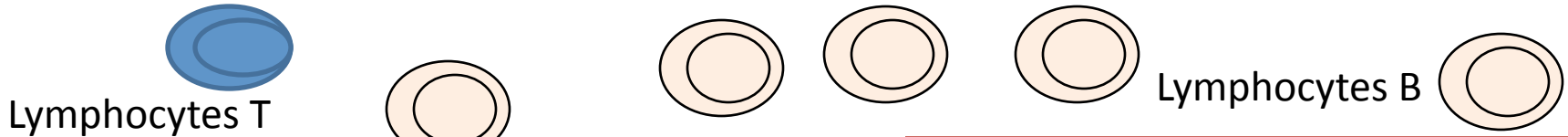
- Patients hyperimmunisés
- Greffes ABO incompatibles

# Importance des AlloAc



# Problématique d'une immunisation humorale

Bloquer la coopération T-B

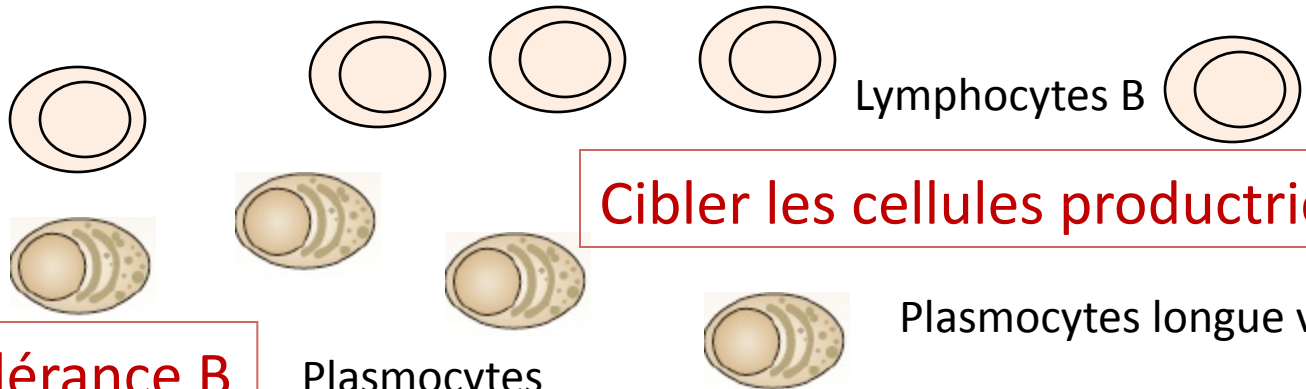


Cibler les cellules productrices

Induire une tolérance B

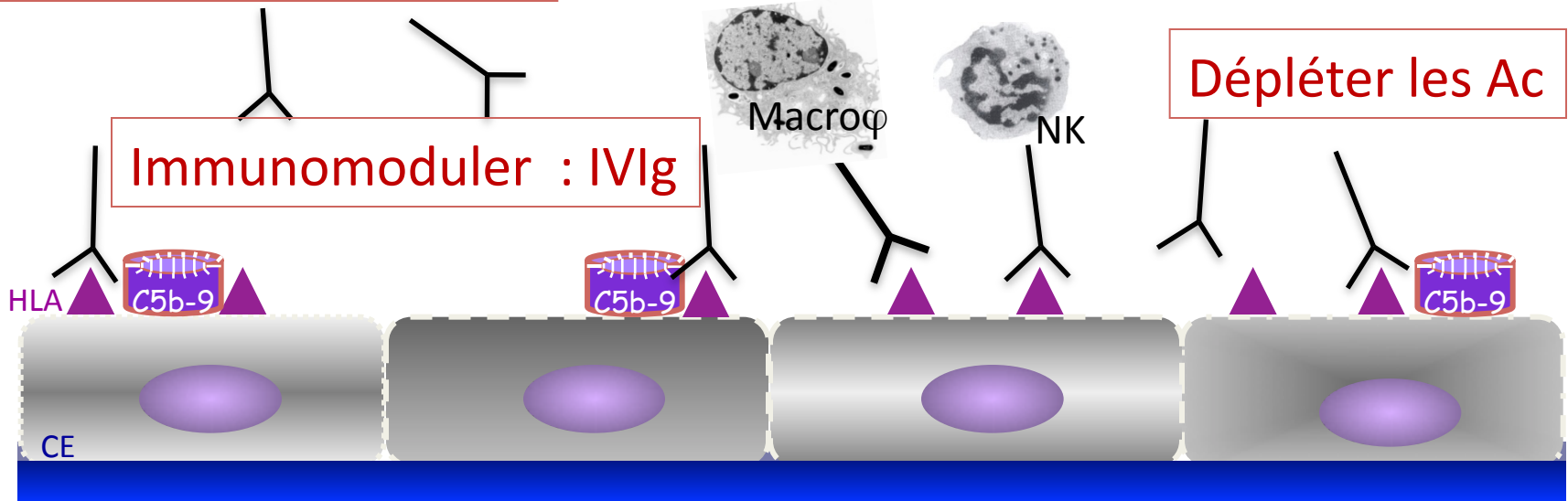
Plasmocytes

Plasmocytes longue vie



Dépléter les Ac

Immunomoduler : IVIg



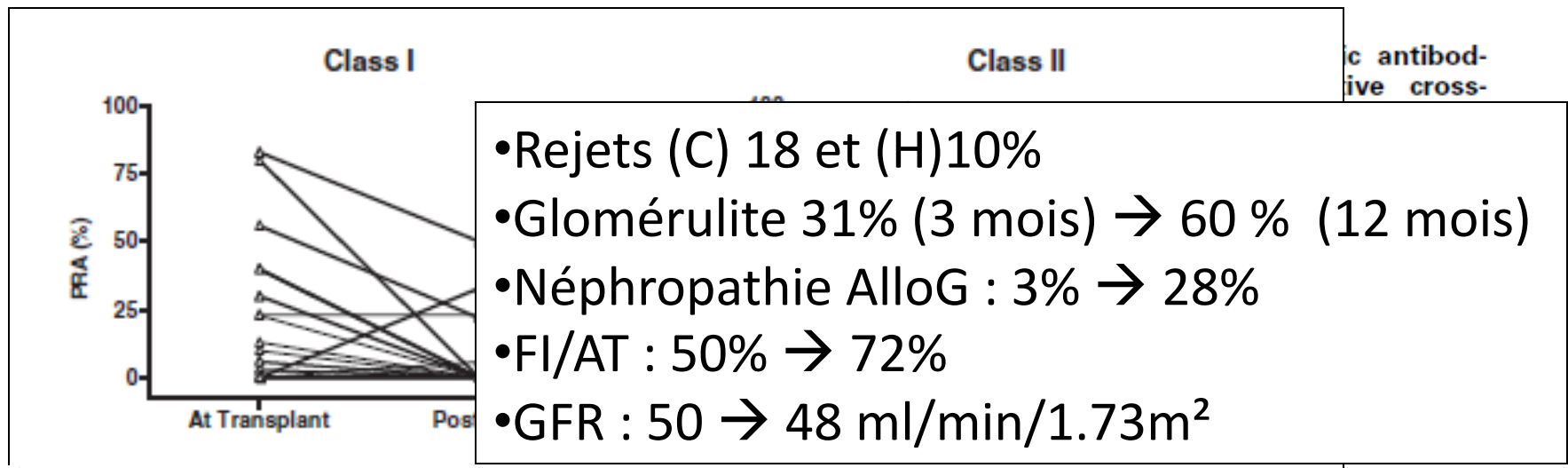
# Effets des IVIg sur les Ac anti-HLA

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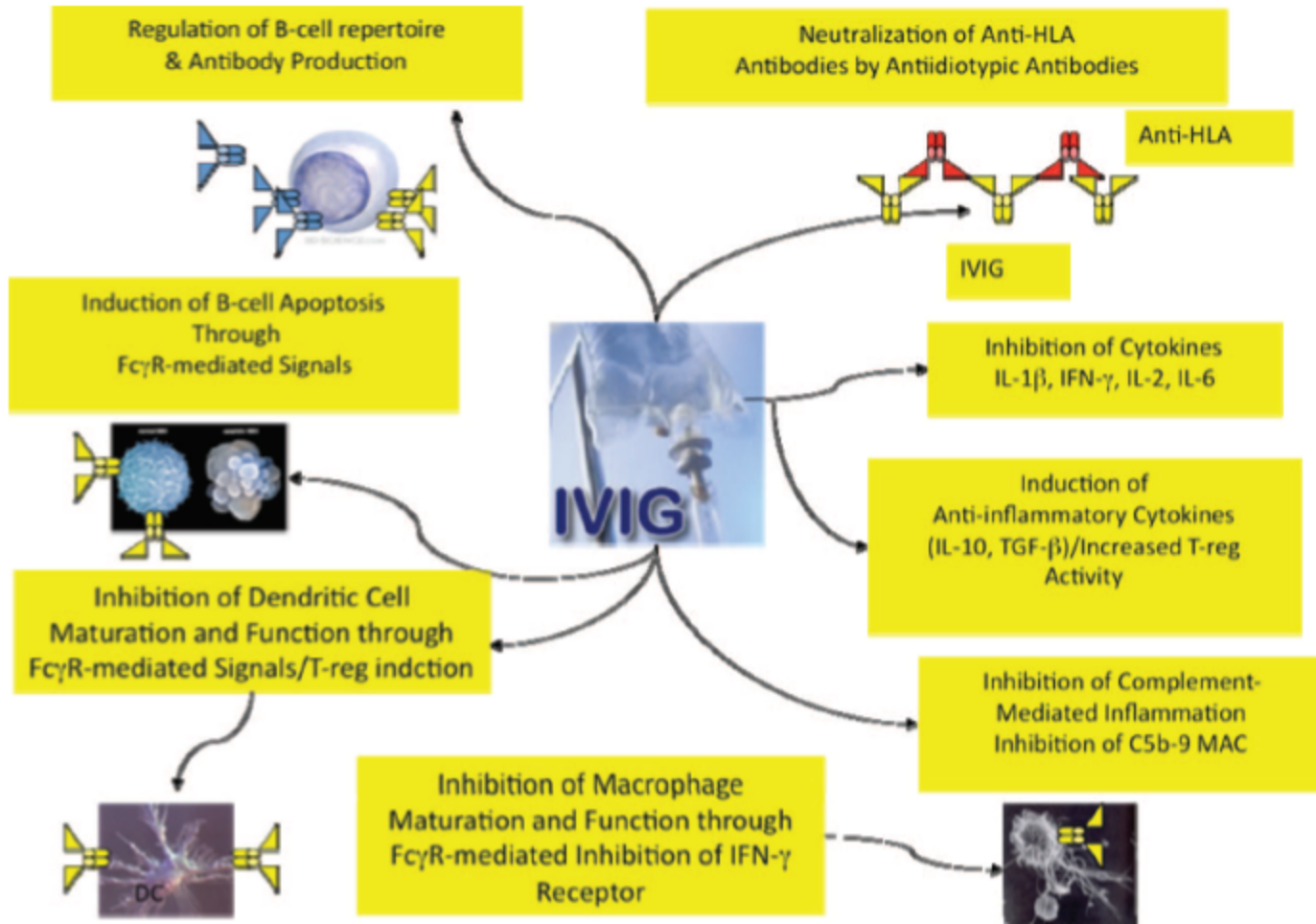
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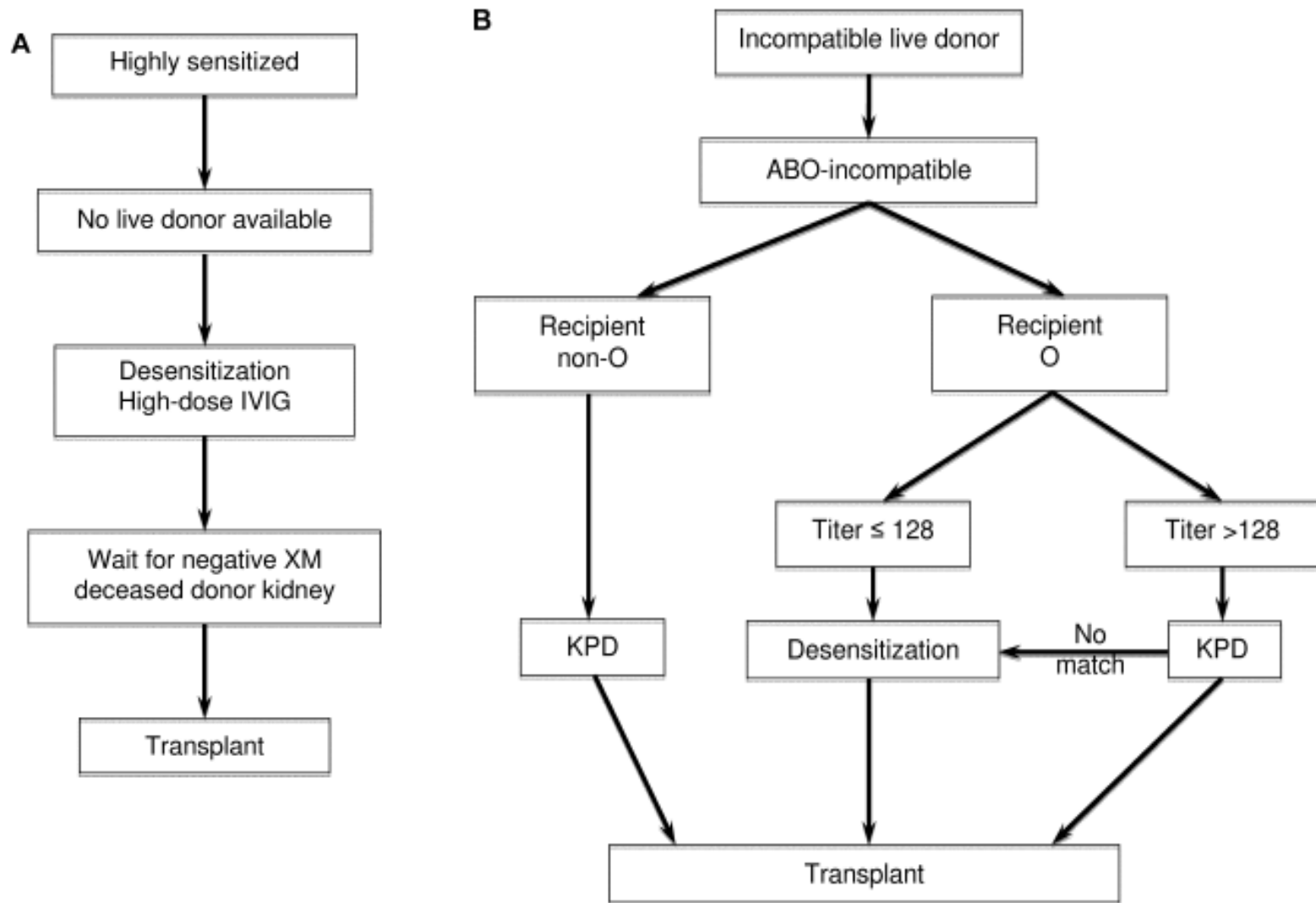
## Posttransplant Prophylactic Intravenous Immunoglobulin in Kidney Transplant Patients at High Immunological Risk: A Pilot Study



# IVIg



# Stratégie de désensibilisation





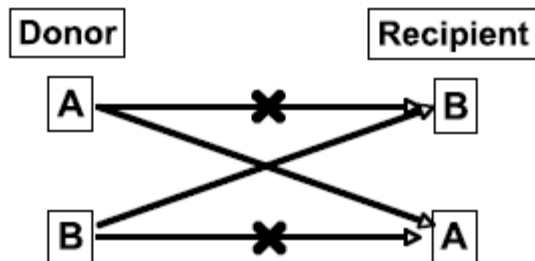
# Résultats cliniques en ABO incompatible et XM positif

(A) Graft survival of ABO-incompatible living donor kidney transplantation in large series from Asia, Europe and the United States							
Author (ref.)	N	Date transplanted	Graft survival				
Takahashi et al. (Am J Transplant. 2004 Jul;4(7):1089–1096)	441	1989–2001	84% [1 year]; 80% [3 year]; 71% [5 year]				
Ishida et al. (Am J Transplant. 2007 Apr;7(4):825–831)	117 <sup>1</sup>	2000–2004 <sup>1</sup>	94% [1 year]; 90% [5 year]				
Tyden et al. (Transplantation. 2007 May 15;83(9):1153–1155)	60	2002–2006	97% (17.5 (2–61) months mean follow-up [range])				
Montgomery et al. (Transplantation. 2009 Apr 27;87(8):1246–1255)	60	1999–2007	98.3% (1 year); 92.9% (3 year); 88.7% (5 year) <sup>2</sup>				
(B) Summary of reported graft survival in positive crossmatch transplantation							
Author (ref.)	N	Date transplanted	XM technique	Desensitization method	Donor type	Analysis time	Graft survival
Stegall et al. (Am J Transplant. 2006 Feb;6(2):346–351)	61	2000–2005	T AHG XM	Plasmapheresis or IVIG	Living	1 year	82%
Higgins et al. (Transplantation. 2007 Oct 15;84(7):876–884)	24	–	CDC; FCXM; microbead	Plasmapheresis	Both	3 months	87.5%
West-Thielke et al. (Am J Transplant. 2008 Feb;8(2):348–354)	22 AA; 28 non-AA	2001–2007	FCXM	Plasmapheresis	Living	1 year	82.6% AA; 94.1% non-AA
Higgins et al. (Lancet. 1996 Nov 2;348(9036):1208–1211)	13	–	CDC; FCXM	Immunoadsorption	Deceased	26 months (median)	53.8%
Jordan et al. (Transplantation. 2003 Aug 27;76(4):631–636)	42 <sup>3</sup>	–	CDC	IVIG	Both	2 years	89.1%
Vo et al. (Am J Transplant. 2008 Jan;8(1):144–149)	54	2005–2007	CDC; FCXM	IVIG	Both	1 year	96%
Vo et al. (N Engl J Med. 2008 Jul 17;359(3):242–251)	16	2005–2007	CDC; FCXM	IVIG	Both	1 year	94%
Lorenz et al. (Transplantation. 2005 Mar 27;79(6):696–701)	9 <sup>4</sup>	1999–2003	CDC	Immunoadsorption	Deceased	3 year	78%
Haririan et al. (Am J Transplant. 2009 Mar;9(3):536–542)	41	1999–2006	FCXM	Plasmapheresis	Living	5 year	69.4%
Vo et al. (Am J Transplant. 2006 Oct;6(10):2384–2390)	97	1999–2005	CDC	IVIG	Both	2 years	84% Group 1; 90% –

# Don croisé

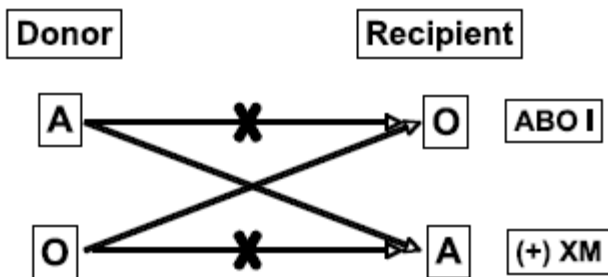
## Montgomery

**Conventional- only ABOi pairs A/B or B/A**  
(<3% of donor/recipient pairs eligible)



Discuté en France dans le cadre de la révision en cours de la loi Bioéthique

**Unconventional**  
(all ABOi and + XM donor/recipient pairs eligible)



# Tolérance immune

Acceptation prolongée du greffon même  
après interruption de l'immunosuppression

BRIEF REPORT

## Tolerance and Chimerism after Renal and Hematopoietic-Cell Transplantation

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### SUMMARY

We describe a recipient of combined kidney and hematopoietic-cell transplants from an HLA-matched donor. A post-transplantation conditioning regimen of total lymphoid irradiation and antithymocyte globulin allowed engraftment of the donor's hematopoietic cells. The patient had persistent mixed chimerism, and the function of the kidney allograft has been normal for more than 28 months since discontinuation of all immunosuppressive drugs. Adverse events requiring hospitalization were limited to a 2-day episode of fever with neutropenia. The patient has had neither rejection episodes nor clinical manifestations of graft-versus-host disease.

## BRIEF REPORT

# HLA-Mismatched Renal Transplantation without Maintenance Immunosuppression

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Juanita Shaffer, B.S., Frederic I. Preffer, Ph.D., Ruchuang Ding, M.D.,  
Vijay Sharma, Ph.D., Jay A. Fishman, M.D., Bimalangshu Dey, M.D.,  
Dicken S.C. Ko, M.D., Martin Hertl, M.D., Nelson B. Goes, M.D., Waichi Wong, M.D.,  
Winfred W. Williams, Jr., M.D., Robert B. Colvin, M.D., Megan Sykes, M.D.,  
and David H. Sachs, M.D.

## SUMMARY

Five patients with end-stage renal disease received combined bone marrow and kidney transplants from HLA single-haplotype mismatched living related donors, with the use of a non myeloablative preparative regimen. Transient chimerism and reversible capillary leak syndrome developed in all recipients. Irreversible humoral rejection occurred in one patient. In the other four recipients, it was possible to discontinue all immunosuppressive therapy 9 to 14 months after the transplantation, and renal function has remained stable for 2.0 to 5.3 years since transplantation. The T cells from these four recipients, tested in vitro, showed donor-specific unresponsiveness and in specimens from allograft biopsies, obtained after withdrawal of immunosuppressive therapy, there were high levels of P3 (FOXP3) messenger RNA (mRNA) but not granzyme B mRNA.

BRIEF REPORT

## Chimerism and Tolerance in a Recipient of a Deceased-Donor Liver Transplant

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### SUMMARY

Complete hematopoietic chimerism and tolerance of a liver allograft from a deceased male donor developed in a 9-year-old girl, with no evidence of graft-versus-host disease 17 months after transplantation. The tolerance was preceded by a period of severe hemolysis, reflecting partial chimerism that was refractory to standard therapies. The hemolysis resolved after the gradual withdrawal of all immunosuppressive therapy.

# Long-Term Follow-Up of Recipients of Combined Human Leukocyte Antigen-Matched Bone Marrow and Kidney Transplantation for Multiple Myeloma With End-Stage Renal Disease

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**Background.** Specific tolerance after combined kidney and bone marrow transplantation for multiple myeloma with end-stage renal disease through mixed lymphohematopoietic chimerism has been achieved, as evidenced by prolonged normal renal function without ongoing immunosuppression.

**Methods.** To achieve potent antimyeloma responses and induce tolerance for the renal allograft, seven patients (median age: 48 years [range: 34–55 years]) with multiple myeloma and end-stage renal disease underwent a combined human leukocyte antigen-matched kidney and bone marrow transplant with lead follow-up time of more than 12 years. Preparative therapy for the transplant consisted of high-dose cyclophosphamide, equine antithymocyte globulin and pretransplant thymic irradiation. Cyclosporine as the sole posttransplant immunosuppressive therapy was tapered and discontinued as early as day 73 posttransplant.

**Results.** All seven patients achieved mixed chimerism. One patient developed acute graft-versus-host disease and two chronic graft-versus-host disease. Five of seven patients are alive, four with no evidence of myeloma from 4 to 12.1 years posttransplant. Three patients have normal or near-normal renal function without needing systemic immunosuppression. Two patients with normal renal function off immunosuppression were returned to immunosuppressive therapy without evidence of rejection because of the occurrence of chronic graft-versus-host disease.

**Conclusions.** These long-term follow-up data show that sustained renal allograft tolerance and prolonged antimyeloma responses are achievable after human leukocyte antigen-matched kidney and bone marrow transplantation and the induction of mixed lymphohematopoietic chimerism.

# Donneurs et organes limites



# Machines de perfusion extra-corporelle



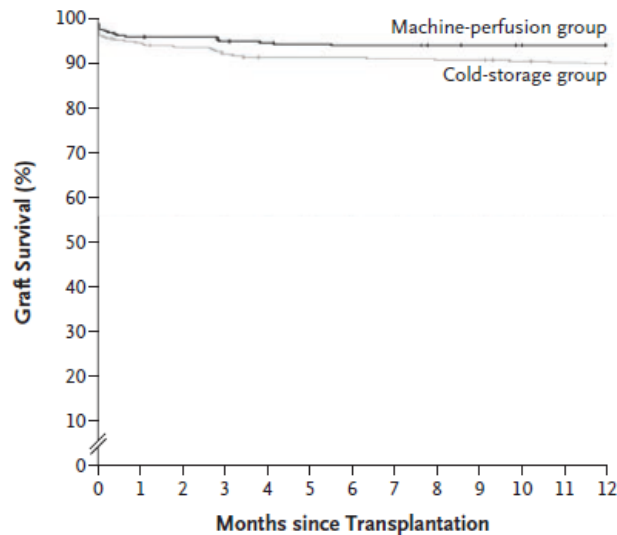
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## Machine Perfusion or Cold Storage for Kidney Transplantation



### No. at Risk

Machine-perfusion group	336	323	322	319	317	315	314	314	312	311	310	309	309
Cold-storage group	336	318	313	308	304	304	304	303	302	302	299	299	296

**Figure 3. Graft Survival after Transplantation.**

The rate of graft survival at 1 year in the machine-perfusion group was significantly higher than the rate in the cold-storage group (94% vs. 90%,  $P=0.04$ ). Data on graft survival were censored at the time of death in patients who died with a functioning allograft.

- Moins de retard de démarrage ( $p=0.01$ )
- Meilleure récupération de fonction rénale
- Meilleure créatinine pendant les 2 premières semaines et moindre risque d'échec de greffe ( $p=0.03$ )
- Meilleure survie à un an

the primary end point was de-  
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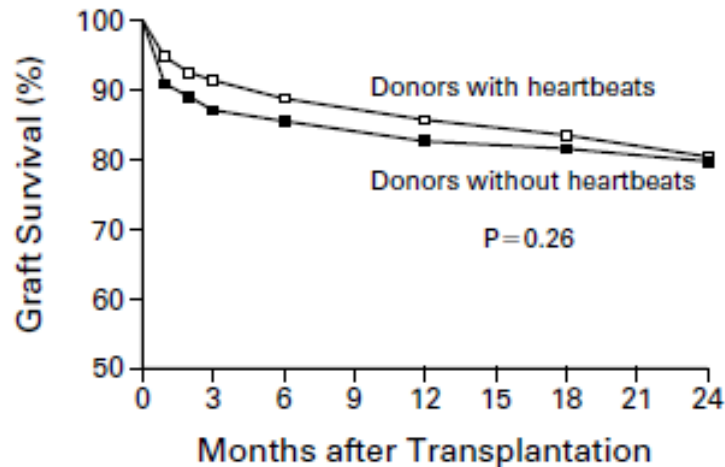
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Abdominal Transplant Surgery — Trans-  
plant Coordination, University Hospital  
Leuven, Leuven (F.G., J.P.); and the De-

# Donneurs à cœur non battant

## TRANSPLANTATION OF KIDNEYS FROM DONORS WHOSE HEARTS HAVE STOPPED BEATING

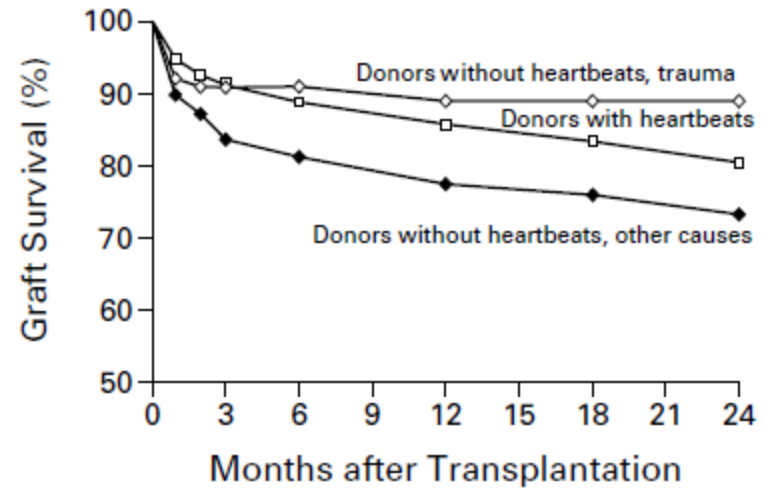
### TRANSPLANTATION OF KIDNEYS FROM DONORS WHOSE HEARTS HAVE STOPPED BEATING

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NO. OF GRAFTS

Donors with heartbeats	8718	7136	6368	3983	2308	1169
Donors without heartbeats	229	178	153	97	61	40



NO. OF GRAFTS FROM DONORS WITHOUT HEARTBEATS

Death from trauma	106	82	74	41	24	18
Death from other causes	123	96	79	56	37	22

beats. as compared with 86 percent for grafts from

# Classification de Maastricht

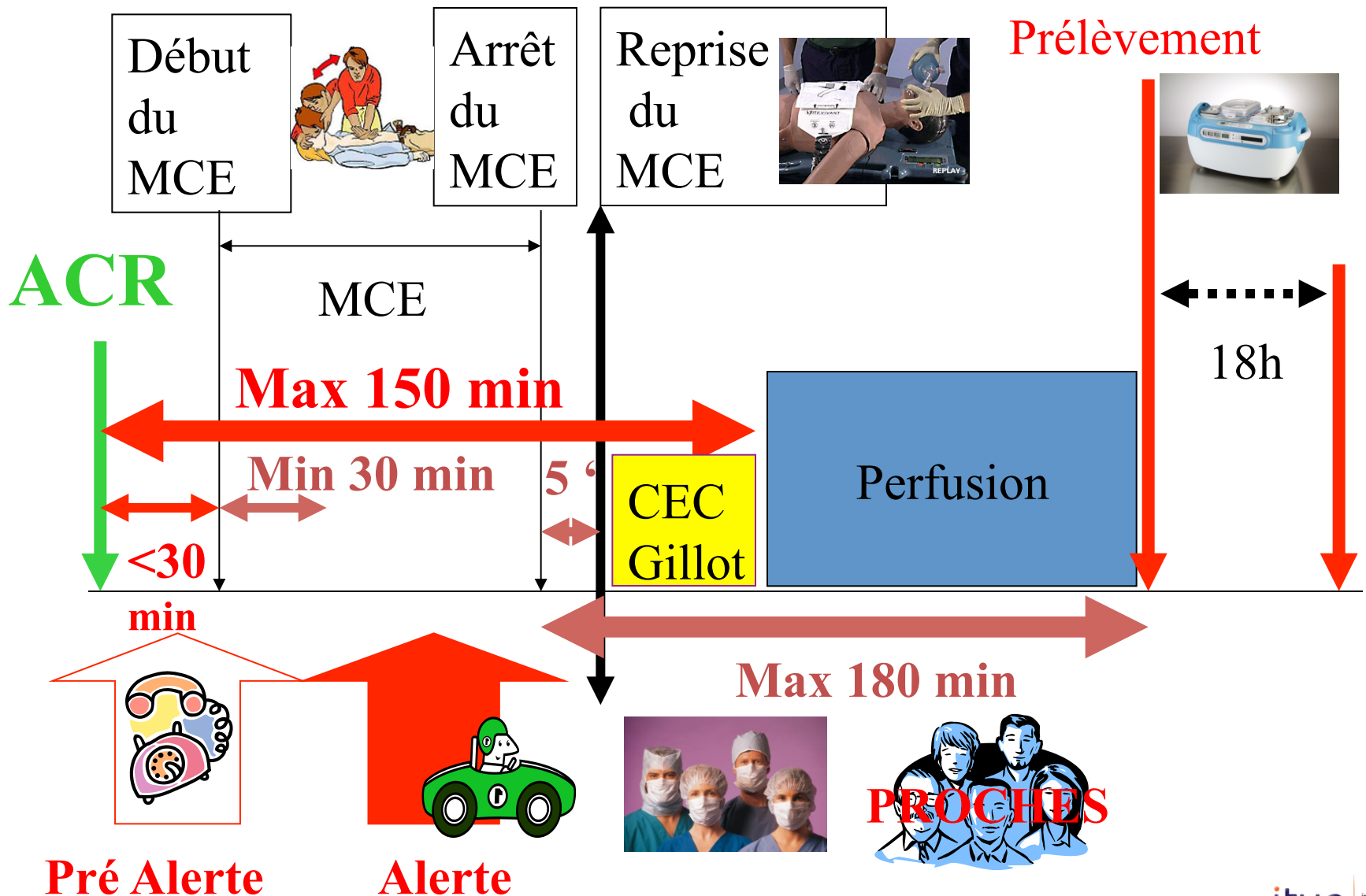
**Classe 1** « Dead on arrival »

**Classe 2** « Unsuccessful Resuscitation »

**Classe 3** « Awaiting Cardiac Arrest »

**Classe 4** « Cardiac Arrest in a Brain Dead Donor »

# Limites de temps **ALERTE**



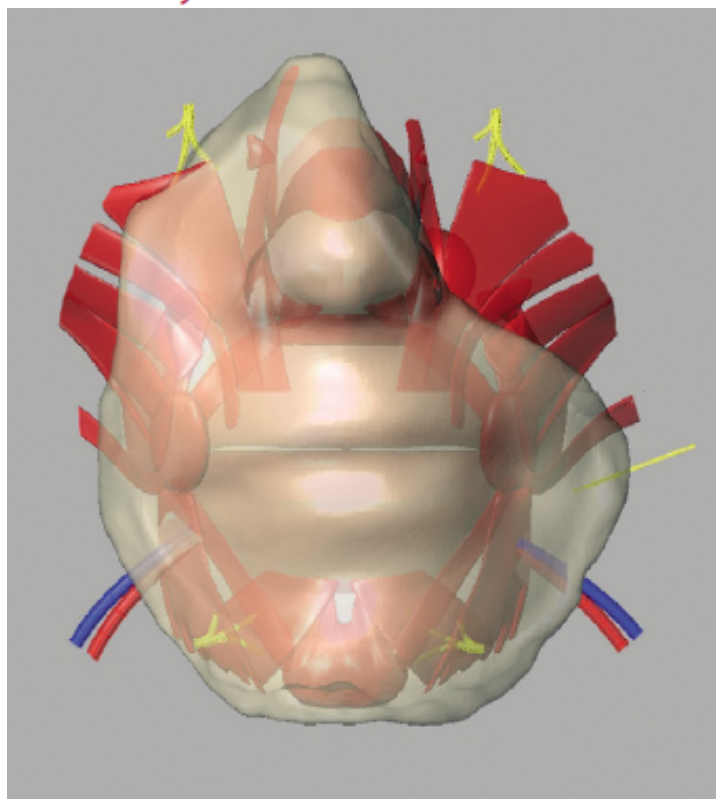
# Les greffes composites

# First human face allograft: early report



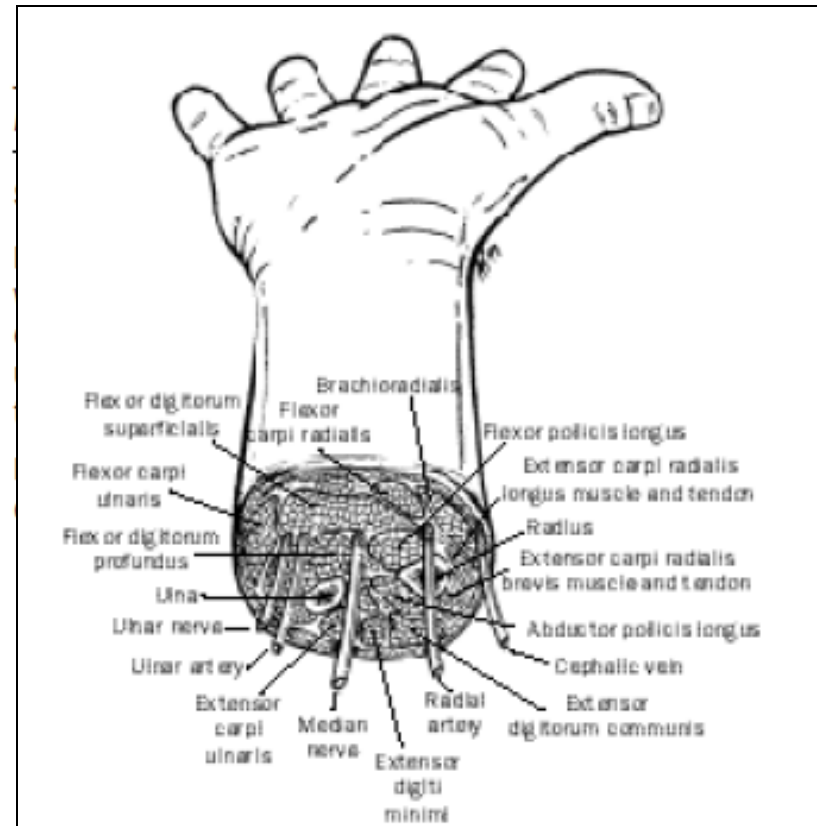
Bernard Devauchelle, Lionel Badet, Benoit Lengelé, Emmanuel Morelon, Sylvie Testelin, Mauricette Michallet, Cédric D'Hauthuille, Jean-Michel Dubernard

## Summary



## Early reports

# Human hand allograft: report on first 6 months



*Marco Lanzetta, Xavier Martin, Hari Kapila,*

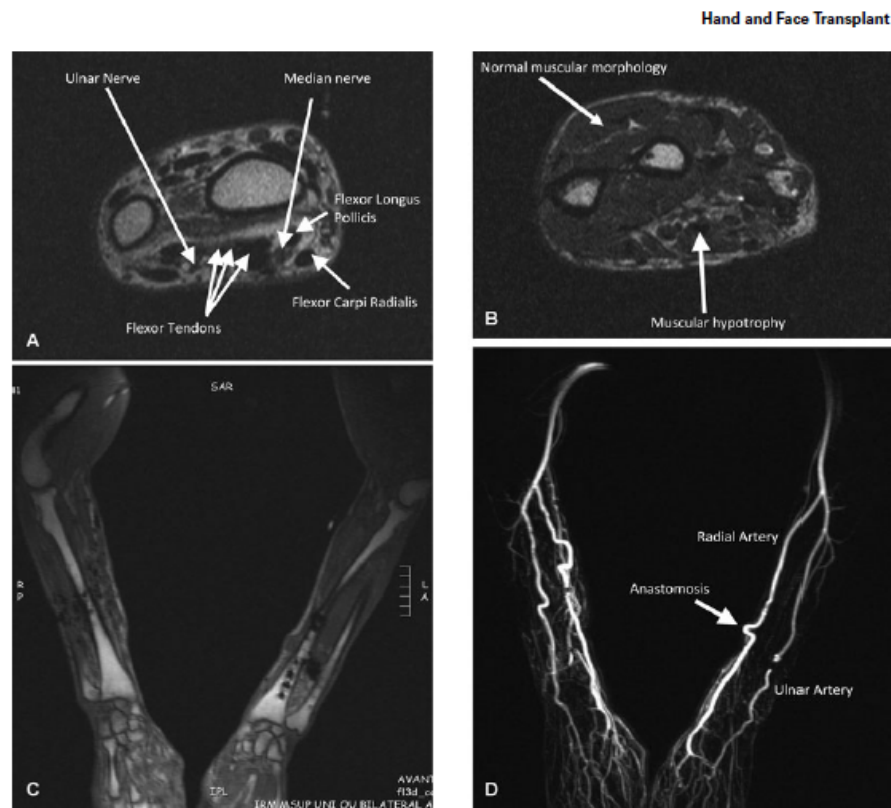
**Interpretation** Hand allotransplantation is technically feasible. Currently available immunosuppression seems to prevent acute rejection. If no further episode of rejection occurs, the functional prognosis of this graft should be similar to if not better than that reported in large series of autoreconstruction.

*Lancet* 1999; **353**: 1315–20  
See *Commentary* page 1286



# Long-Term Follow-Up in Composite Tissue Allotransplantation: In-Depth Study of Five (Hand and Face) Recipients

Composite tissue allotransplantations (CTAs) have clinically shown little, if any, evidence of chronic rejection. Consequently, the effect of chronic rejection on bones, joints, nerves, muscles, tendons and vessels may still have undescribed implications. We thoroughly assessed all allograft structures by histology, magnetic resonance imaging, ultrasonography and high resolution peripheral quantitative computed tomography scan in four bilateral hand-grafted patients (10, 7, 3 and 2 years of follow-up, respectively) and in one facial allotransplantation (5 years of follow-up). All the recipients presented normal skin structure without dermal fibrosis. Vessels were patent, without thrombosis, stenosis or intimal hyperplasia. Tendons and nerves were also normal; muscles showed some changes, such as a variable degree of muscular hypotrophy, particularly of intrinsic muscles, accompanied by fatty degeneration that might be related to denervation. In the majority of hand-grafted patients graft radius and recipient tibia showed a decrease in trabecular density, although in the graft radius the alterations also involved the cortices. No deterioration of graft function was noted. In these cases of CTA no



# Xénotransplantation

# Les raisons du regain d'intérêt récent pour la xénotransplantation

- La pénurie d'organes
- L'émergence de nouvelles technologies : transgénèse, clonage, thérapie génique

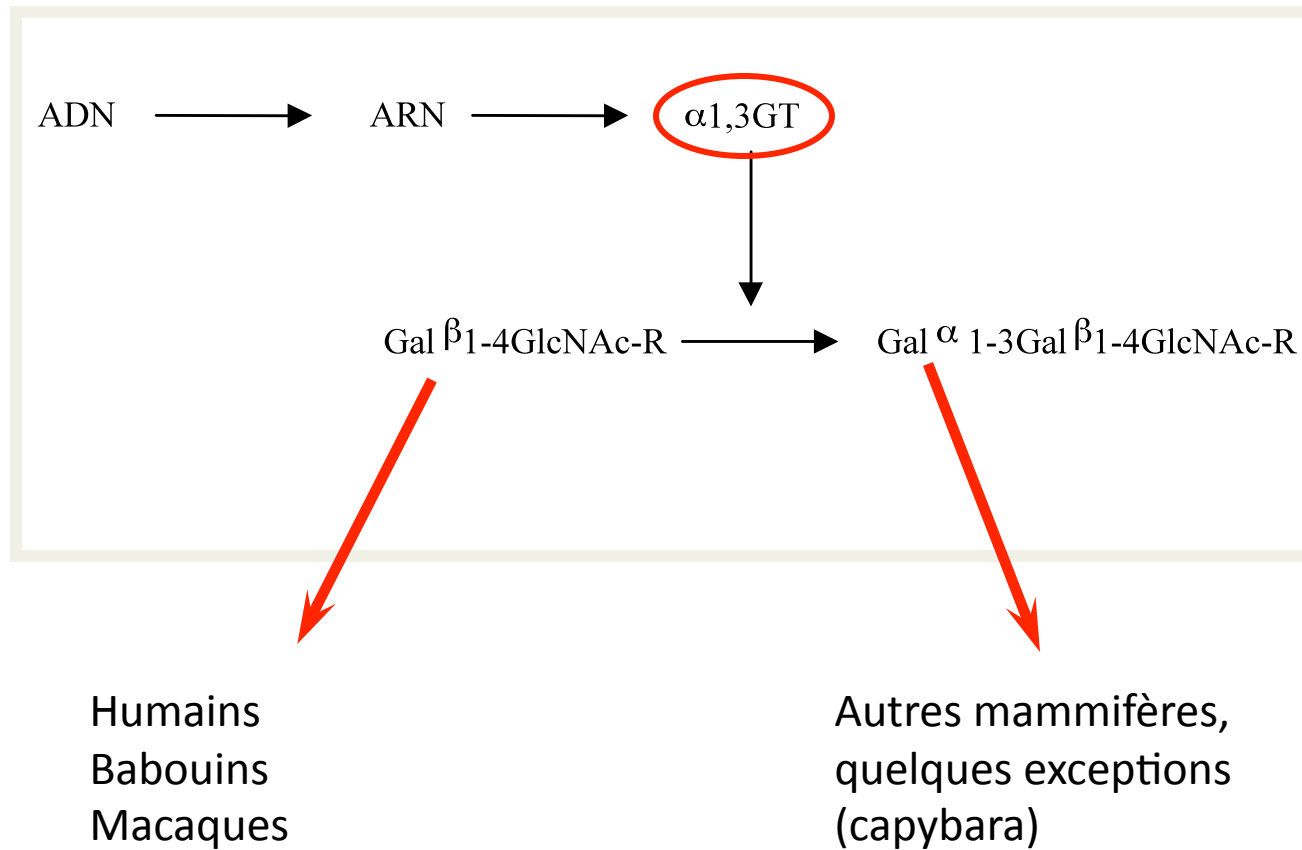
# Historique de la Xénotransplantation

<b>DONNEUR</b>	<b>ORGANE</b>	<b>SURVIE</b>	<b>ANNEE</b>	<b>AUTEURS</b>
Chimpanzé	REIN	9 mois	1964	Reemtsma
Monkey	REIN	10 jours	1964	Reemtsma
Babouin	REIN	4 jours	1964	Hitchcock
Babouin	REIN	2 mois	1964	Starzl
Chimpanzé	COEUR	Insuffisance cardiaque	1964	Hardy
Chimpanzé	FOIE	14 jours	1969- 1974	Starzl
Babouin	COEUR	Rejet suraigu	1977	Barnard
Chimpanzé	COEUR	4 jours	1977	Barnard
Babouin	COEUR	4 semaines	1985	Bailey
Babouin	FOIE	70 jours	1992	Starzl

# Le choix de l'animal donneur

- **Les primates : NON**
  - les rétrovirus (proximité d'espèce)
  - problèmes éthiques
- **Le porc : OUI**
  - culture et facilité d'élevage
  - taille et physiologie compatibles
  - accès à la transgénèse et clonage
  - risque viral demeure

# Spécificité des humains et des primates de l'ancien monde



# Gal $\alpha$ 1-3Gal : Ag xénogénique

**Porc**

Gal $\alpha$ 1-3Gal $\beta$ 1-4GlcNAc (Gal)

**Homme/Primate de l'ancien monde**

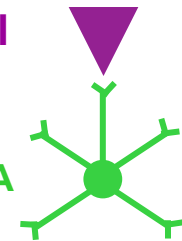
Fuc $\alpha$ 1-2Gal $\beta$ 1-4GlcNAc (H)  $\cdots \rightarrow$  Groupe sanguin A ou B

**Donneur**

Gal

XNA

**Receveur**



# Xénotransplantation

- **Combinaison discordante** : porc sur homme/primate

Ac préformés → Rejet hyperaigu → Rejet vasculaire aigu

- **Combinaison concordante** : hamster sur rat

Pas Ac préformés → Rejet vasculaire aigu



**Rein normal**

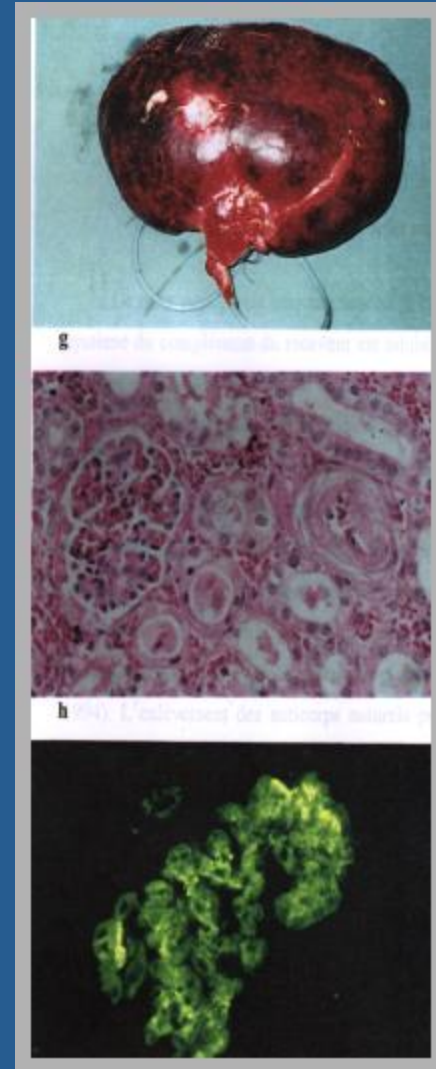
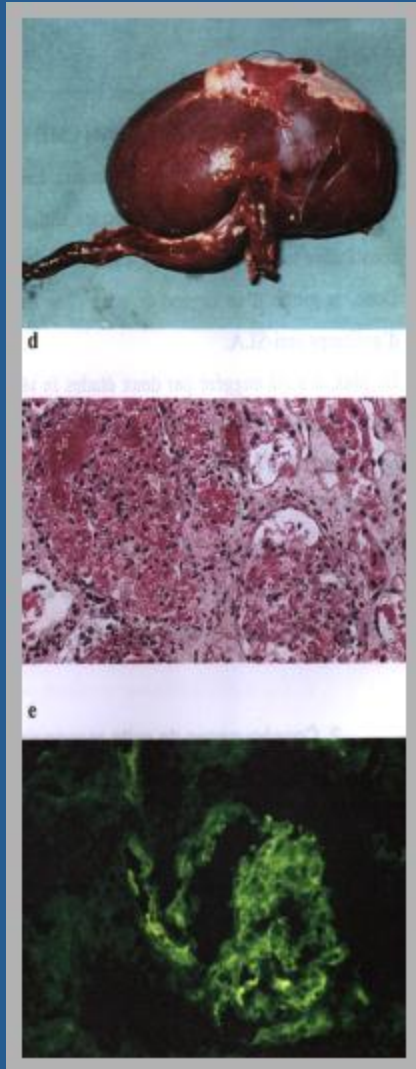
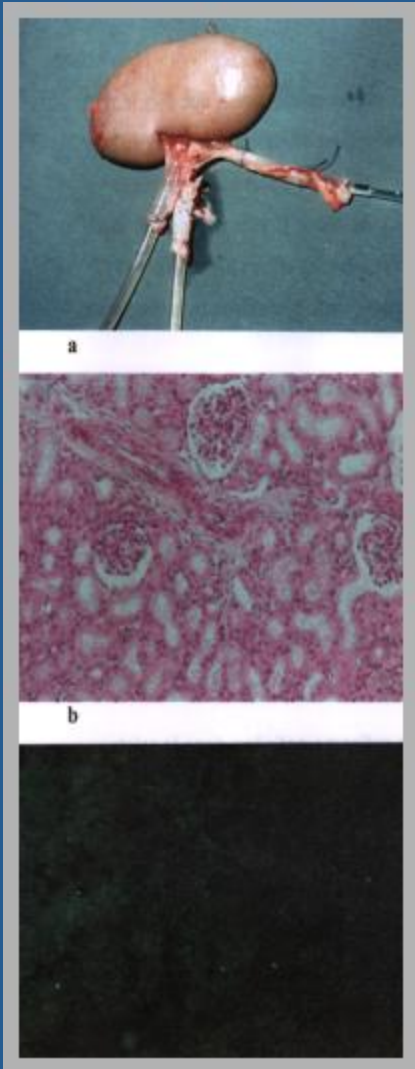
**Rejet hyperaigu**

**Rejet vasculaire aigu**

**macroscopie**

**histologie**

**IgM**



# Le rejet hyperaigu

Ac xénoréactifs  
Complément

Défenses cellules endothéliales au repos: ADPase, Thrombomoduline, TFPI

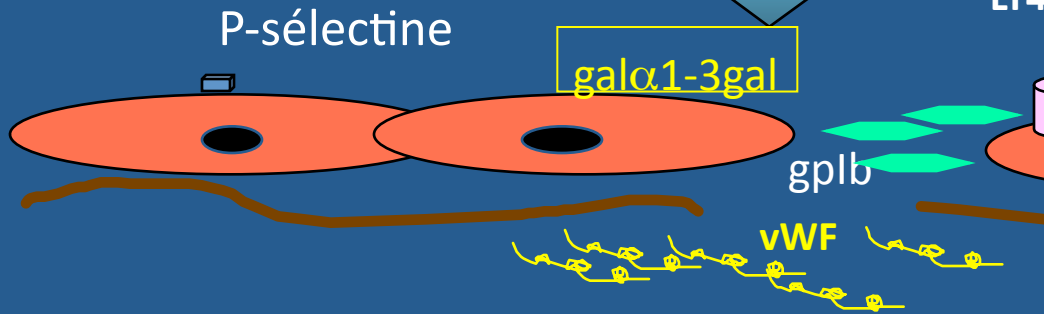
Médiateurs d'inflammation

C3a/C5a, histamine, LT4

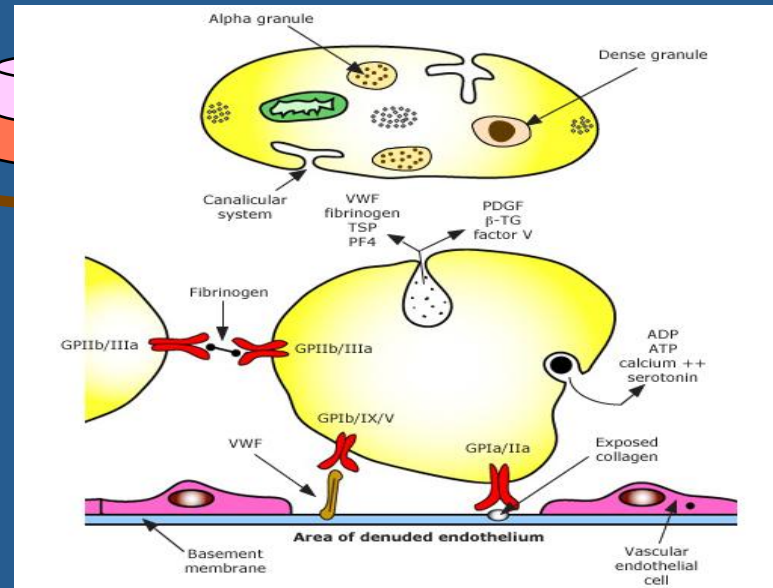
Recrutement leucocytaire

C3a/C5a

PAF



Activation endothéliale de type I: rétraction endothéliale, P-sélectine



# Transgénèse

Superovulation et fécondation

Construct ADN

Cryopréservation  
Reproduction  
F1 hémizygote  
F2 homozygote  
Analyse expression Tg

Microinjection embryon stade  
une cellule

Femelle pseudogestante

3 semaines

8-12 semaines

3 semaines

Fondateur, F0

Détection du transgène



# Protocoles utilisant des organes de porcs transgéniques

Author/Year	Recipient	Porcine graft	Treatment	Graft survival
McCurry/1995	Baboon	Heart	hDAF+hCD59+SPx+CyP+AZA+CS+IA	4-30h
Norin/1996	Baboon	Lung	hCD59	<12h
White/1995	Cynomolgus	Heart	HDAF	5 days
Cozzi/1995/1997	Cynomolgus	Heart	hDAF+CsA+CyP+CS	6-62 days
Kroshus/1997	Baboon	Heart	hCD59+IA+SPx+CsA+CS+MTX	<10 days
Lin/1997	Baboon	Heart	hCD59/hDAF+IA+CsA+CyP+CS	<29 days
Daggett/1998	Baboon	Lung	hDAF/hCD59 hDAF/hCD59+IA	<4h <24h
Zaidi/1998	Cynomolgus	Kidney	hDAF+CsA+CyP+CS	6-35 days
Waterworth/1998	Baboon	Heart	HDAF	2-21 days
Yeatman/1998	Baboons	Lung	hDAF+hCD59	<3h
Bhatti/1997 /1999	Baboon	Heart	hDAF+CsA+CyP+CS hDAF+CsA+CyP+CS+SPx	3 months
Vial/2000	Baboon	Lung	hDAF+CsA+CyP+CS	39 days
Cowan/2000	Baboon	Kidney	CD55/HT CD55/CD59/HT	30h 5 days

McGregor 2003

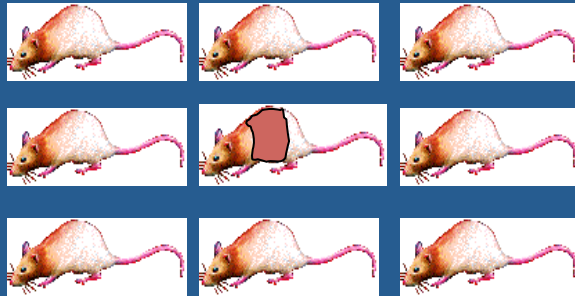
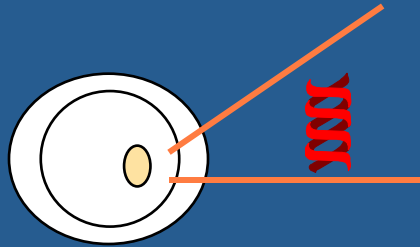
Baboon

Heart

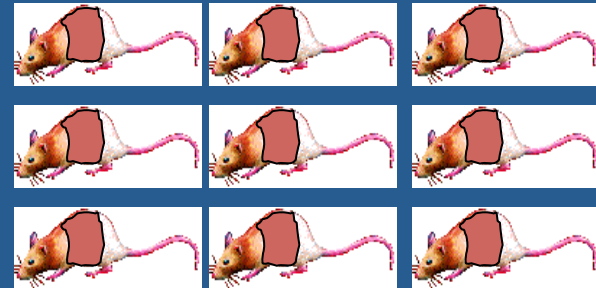
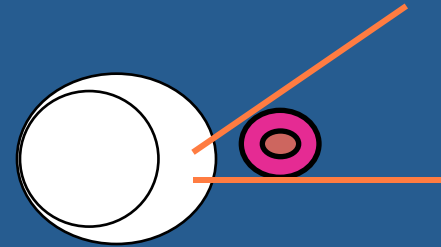
CD46 +FK  
Rapa/ $\alpha$ CD20/NEX1285

4.5 months

## Microinjection ADN



## Transfert nucléaire



Temps

plus long

plus court

Integration du gène

non-contrôlée

contrôlée

Nouveau gène

surexpression

surexpression

knock-down:

knock-out

antisense, intrabodies, intrakines, toxines ou genes suicide  
competition enzymatique, mutants dominant negatifs

# Les porcs Gal KO

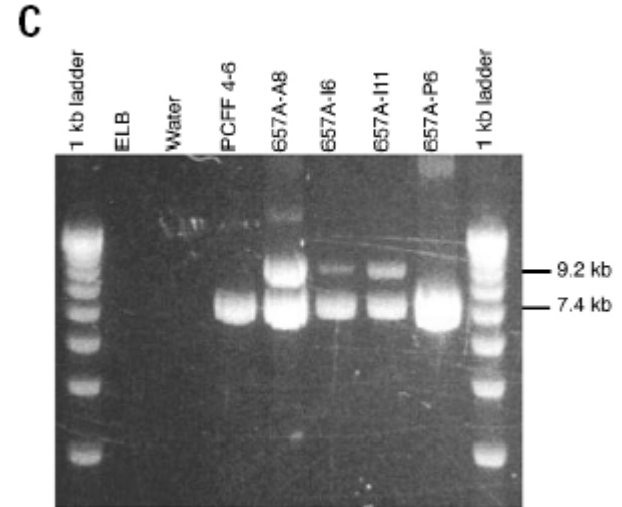
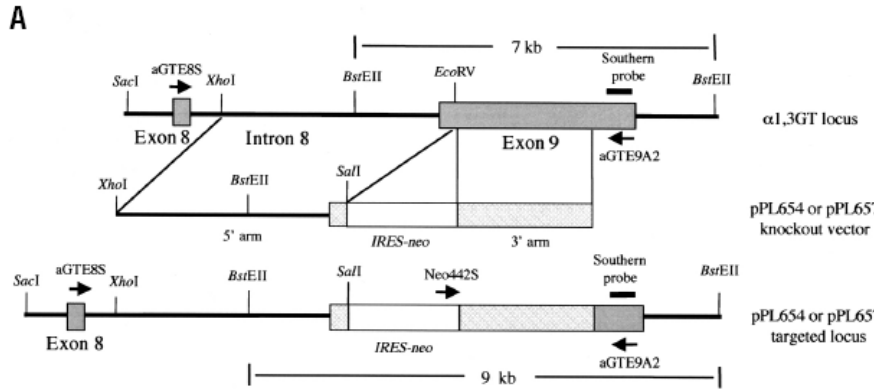


Figure 3. Five  $\alpha 1,3\text{GT}$  gene knockout piglets at 2 weeks of age.

$\alpha\text{GT}$  KO hétézygote

KO, 2<sup>ème</sup> allèle

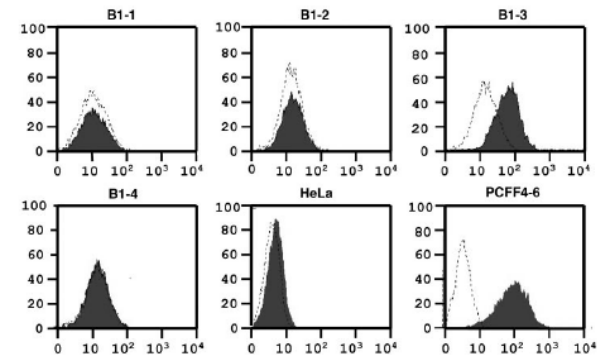


Fig. 1. Flow cytometry analysis of 680B1-1 to B1-4 cells with GS-IB4 lectin staining. Horizontal and

$\alpha\text{GT}$  KO homozygote

# BRIEF COMMUNICATIONS

## Heart transplantation in baboons using $\alpha 1,3$ -galactosyltransferase gene-knockout pigs as donors: initial experience

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Hearts from  $\alpha 1,3$ -galactosyltransferase knockout pigs (GalT-KO,  $n = 8$ ) were transplanted heterotopically into baboons using an anti-CD154 monoclonal antibody-based regimen. The elimination of the galactose- $\alpha 1,3$ -galactose epitope prevented hyperacute rejection and extended survival of pig hearts in baboons for 2–6 months (median, 78 d); the predominant lesion associated with graft failure was a thrombotic microangiopathy, with resulting ischemic injury. There were no infectious complications directly related to the immunosuppressive regimen. The transplantation of hearts from GalT-KO pigs increased graft survival over previous studies.

on flow cytometry and a low level of cytotoxicity ( $>20\%$  at 1:2–1:16) to GalT-KO peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC). Pre- and immediate post-transplantation treatment reduced the T cell count to  $<500$  cells/ $\text{mm}^3$ , but no considerable reduction of B cells (CD20<sup>+</sup>) was observed.

Both GalT-low pig hearts were rejected within 20 min and showed histopathological features consistent with hyperacute rejection, with diffuse moderate-to-severe IgM deposition, and focal IgG and C4d deposition.

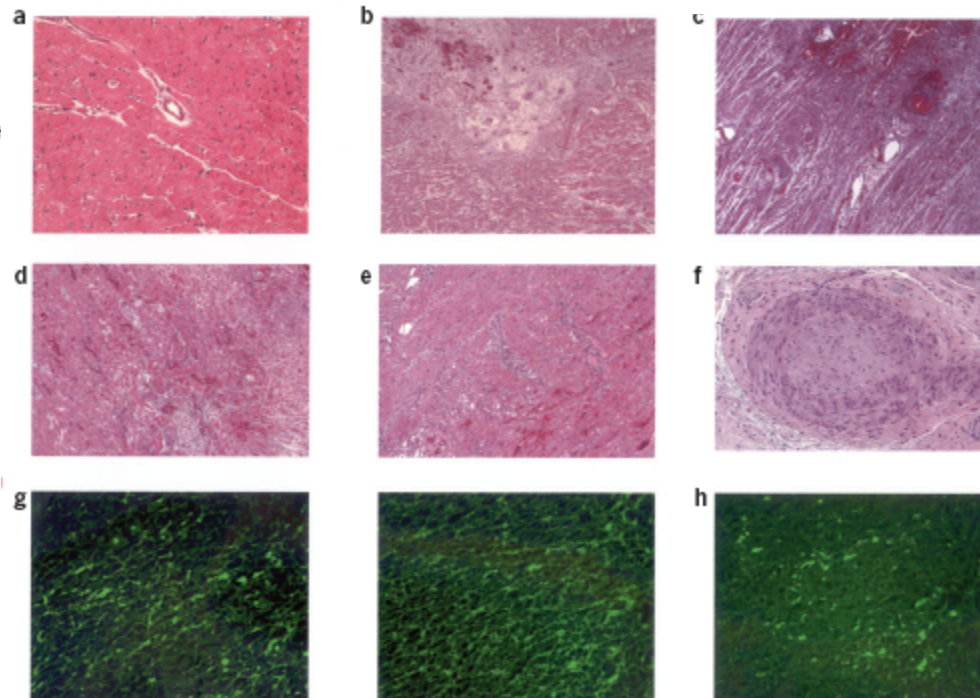
No GalT-KO heart underwent hyperacute rejection, and there were no major complications directly related to the immunosuppressive regimen. Of  $>100$  blood cultures drawn over the course of the experiments, only three were positive; no case was associated with clinical infection. Three baboons died when donor heart contractions remained good, one on day 56 from bleeding and two by euthanasia on days 23 (anemia) and 16 (ischemic limb) (Table 1b). In five baboons, pig heart contractions ceased on days 59, 67, 78, 110 and 179, respectively (median 78 d; mean 99 d); we excised the hearts and continued to monitor the baboons. Graft survival of 179 d is the longest

Group 1: GalT-KO pig donors ( $n = 8$ )

B214	14	+	-	-	59	TM, focal AHXR, alive
B216	14	+	-	-	>56	Died, heart beating, TM
B218	-	+	-	-	67	TM, focal AHXR, alive
B223	-	+	1–12	(late)	<u>110</u>	MI, TM, AHXR, ACR, vasculopathy, alive
B225	-	+	1–12	-	>23	MI, euthanized, heart beating, mild TM
B226	4	+	-	+	>16	Euthanized, heart beating, minimal TM
B228	4	-	-	+	<u>179</u>	TM, focal AHXR, alive
B229	4	+	1–12	+	78	MI, TM, focal AHXR, alive

Group 2: GalT-low pig donors ( $n = 2$ )

B220	-	+	-	-	<1	Hyperacute rejection
B222	-	+	-	-	<1	Hyperacute rejection



# Aspects sécuritaires

- Le risque viral: les rétrovirus du porc (PERV)
  - risque individuel
  - risque collectif
- Les PERV sont capables in vitro d'infecter des cellules humaines
- Autres virus : NIPAH ou virus H5N1, responsable de la grippe aviaire, décelée dans des échantillons prélevés sur des porcs en 2001 et 2003



## Engraftment in Diabetic Non-Human Primates After Transplantation with hCD46 Transgenic Porcine Islets

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Recent advances in human islet transplantation have established  $\beta$  cell transplantation as a potentially viable therapeutic option for patients afflicted with Type 1 diabetes. In previous studies, one involving neonatal islets transplanted into diabetic non-human primates with a costimulation blockade and other involving diabetic cynomolgus monkeys transplanted with adult porcine islets with an alternative multidrug immunosuppression regimen have demonstrated that xenotransplantation in non-human primates (NHP) is feasible. In the current study, we assessed the effect of adult porcine islet transplantation in NHP with a costimulation blockade-based immunosuppression regimen (including anti-CD154 blockade), compared to our findings suggest that transplanted into rhesus monkeys with a costimulation blockade-based immunosuppression regimen (including anti-CD154 blockade), and have the potential to restore normoglycemia. These results suggest that porcine islet transplantation is an attainable strategy to all that is one of the principal applications of islet replacement therapy for Type 1 diabetes.

## Long-Term Controlled Normoglycemia in Diabetic Non-Human Primates After Transplantation with hCD46 Transgenic Porcine Islets

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Xenotransplantation of porcine islets into diabetic non-human primates is characterized by (i) an initial massive graft loss possibly due to the instant blood-mediated inflammatory reaction and (ii) the requirement of intensive, clinically unfriendly immunosuppressive therapy. We investigated whether the transgenic expression of a human complement-regulatory protein (hCD46) on porcine islets would improve the outcome of islet xenotransplantation in streptozotocin-induced diabetic Cynomolgus monkeys. Immunosuppression consisted of thymoglobulin, anti-CD154 mAb for costimulation blockade, and mycophenolate mofetil. Following the transplantation of islets from wild-type pigs ( $n = 2$ ) or from 1,3-galactosyltransferase gene-knockout pigs ( $n = 2$ ), islets survived for a maximum of only 46 days, as evidenced by return to hyperglycemia and the need for exogenous insulin therapy. **The transplantation of islets from hCD46 pigs resulted in graft survival and insulin-independent normoglycemia in four of five monkeys for the 3 months follow-up of the experiment. One normalized recipient, selected at random, was followed for >12 months. Inhibition of complement activation by the expression of hCD46 on the pig islets did not substantially reduce the initial loss of islet mass, rather was effective in limiting antibody-mediated rejection. This resulted in a reduced need for immunosuppression**

to preserve a sufficient islet mass to maintain normoglycemia long-term.

**Key words:** Complement regulation, diabetes mellitus, islet xenotransplantation, non-human primate, transgenic pigs

**Abbreviations:** ACR, acute C-peptide response; alloTx, allotransplantation; AST, arginine stimulation test; ATG, antithymocyte globulin; Gal, galactose  $\alpha$ 1,3-galactose; CRP, complement-regulatory protein; GT-KO,  $\alpha$ 1,3-galactosyltransferase gene-knockout; HBSS, Hank's balanced salt solution; hCD46, human CD46 transgenic; IBMIR, instant blood-mediated inflammatory reaction; IEQ, islet equivalent; IVGTT, intravenous glucose tolerance test; LMW-DS, low molecular weight dextran sulfate; MMF, mycophenolate mofetil; NHP, non-human primate; PERV, porcine endogenous retrovirus; RIA, radioimmuno assay; SI, stimulation index; STZ, streptozotocin; Tg, transgenic; Tx, transplantation; WT, wild-type; xenoTx, xenotransplantation.

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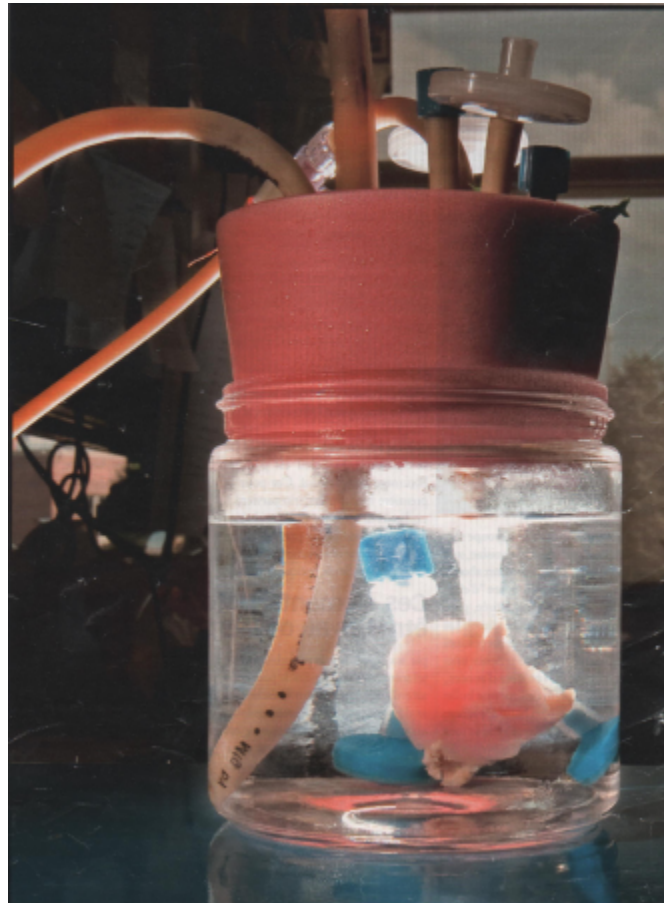
### Introduction

Excellent short-term results with islet allotransplantation (alloTx) have been achieved (1). However, the shortage of donor islets, poor long-term outcomes (2) and the risk of allosensitization (3), jeopardizing future kidney transplantation (Tx) in type 1 diabetic patients, have led to active discussions about future directions of this field (4–7). The need for data indicating the efficacy of alternative islet sources in non-human primate (NHP) models has been highlighted (4). Successful xenotransplantation (xenoTx) of porcine insulin-producing cells into diabetic patients could restore physiologic islet function, without the risk of allosensitization (8). Pig insulin has been successfully used for years in treating diabetic patients. Long-term pig islet survival under a limited immunosuppressive protocol would significantly expand the clinical applicability of  $\beta$ -cell replacement therapy for diabetes.

Previously, two groups demonstrated the feasibility of pig islet Tx in NHP (9, 10). One group achieved function of adult

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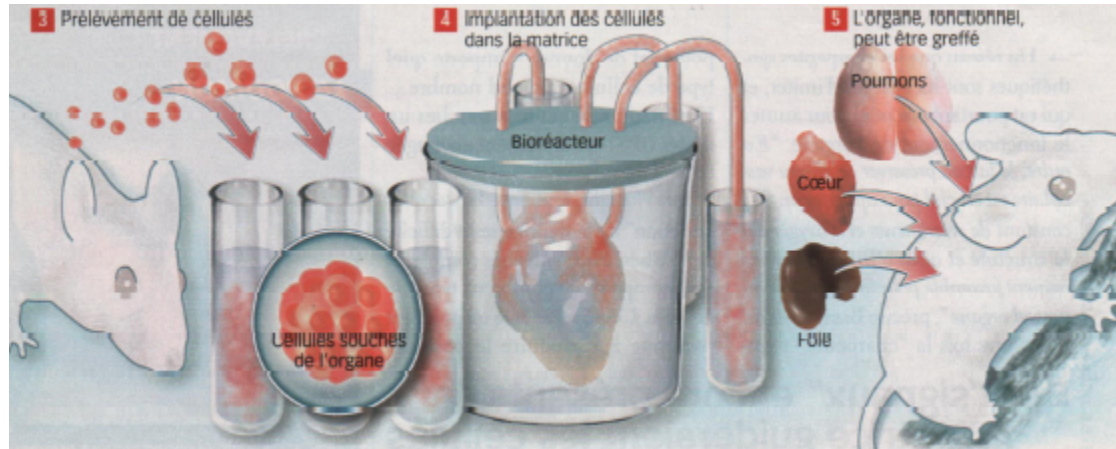
# Cellules souches

**Cellules souches embryonnaires** : cultivées à partir de cellules issues d'embryons à un stade très précoce

**Cellules souches adultes** : présentes dans divers tissus (moelle +++, tissu adipeux , peau, muscle ...)

**iPS** : induced pluripotent stem cells :cellules de la peau reprogrammées en cellules souches

# Régénération d'organes ?



Recoloniser une matrice d'organe par des cellules souches du receveur ? -> Greffe

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