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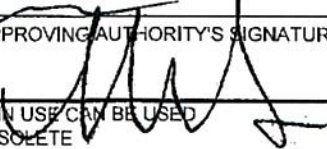
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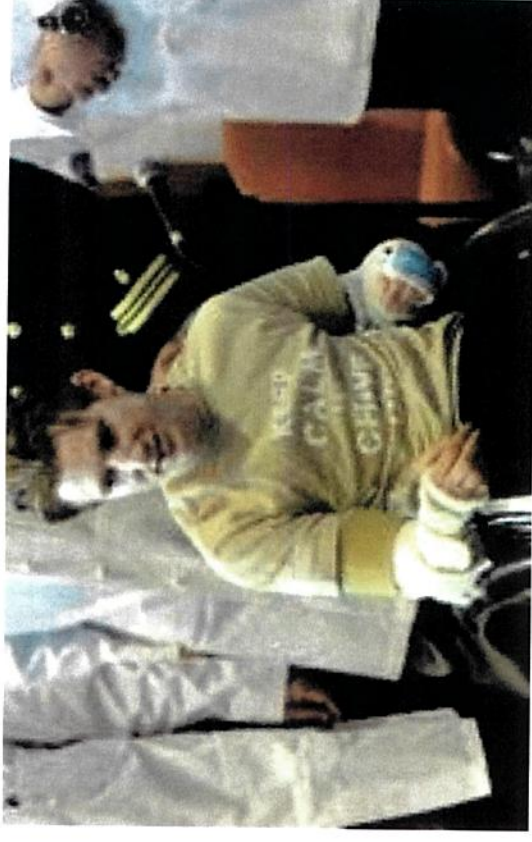
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Background

- **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 it's application to only a few highly motivated patients**
- **Treatment failures, morbidity and mortality associated with VCA means that it remains an experimental modality¹**
- **Reconstructive surgeons are divided on the utility of VCA²**
- **Further research is mandatory before the field can move forward**

¹Tullius, S., Uehara, H., Yang, X., & Edtinger, K. (2014). Current status of vascularized composite tissue allotransplantation. Burns & Trauma, 2(2), 53. doi:10.4103/2321-3868.130184

²Bertrand, A. A., Sen, S., Otake, L. R., & Lee, G. K. (2014). Changing attitudes toward hand allotransplantation among North American hand surgeons. Annals of Plastic Surgery, 72 Suppl 1, S56-60



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

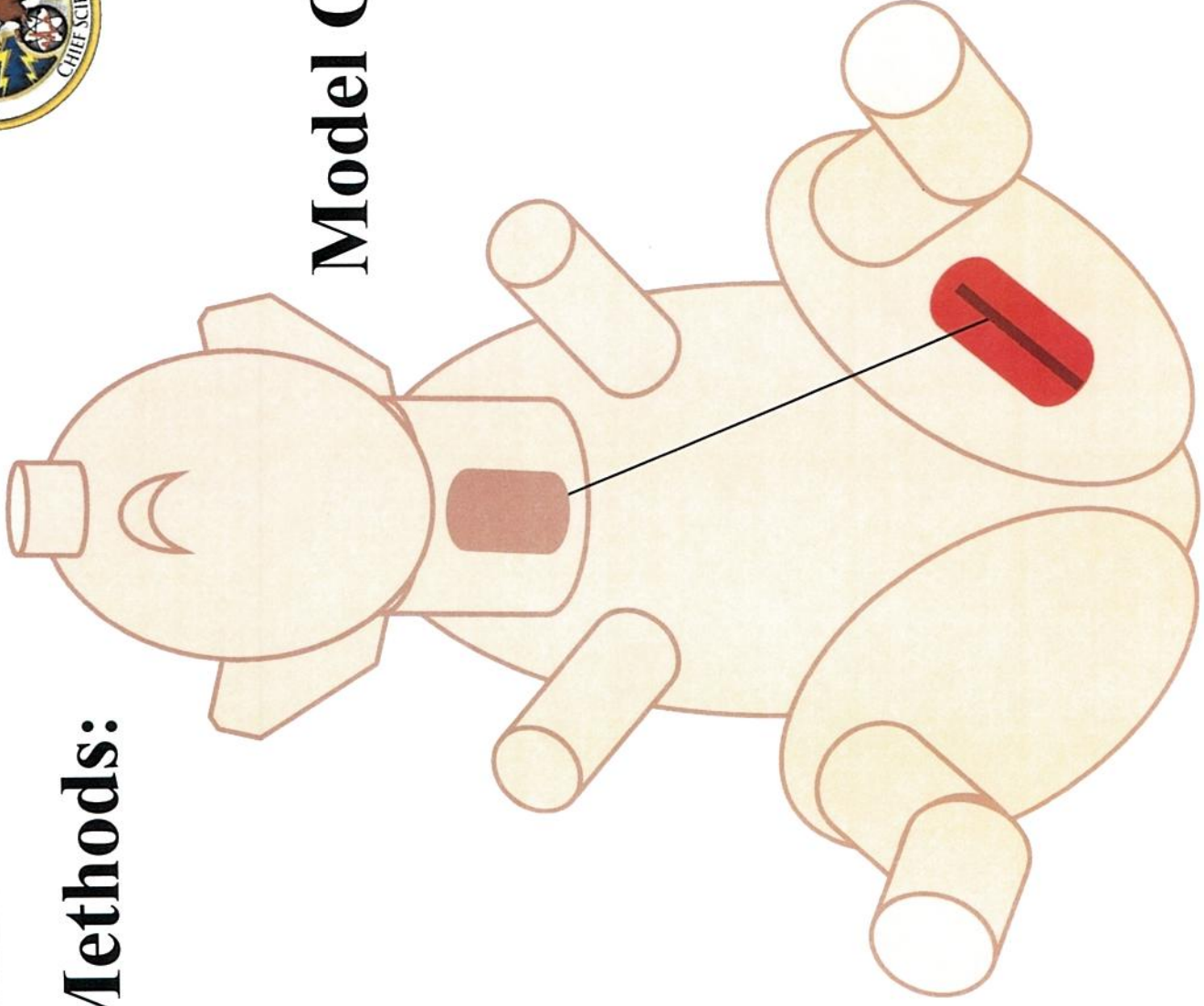
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Methods:

Model Overview





Methods



Left Hind Limb

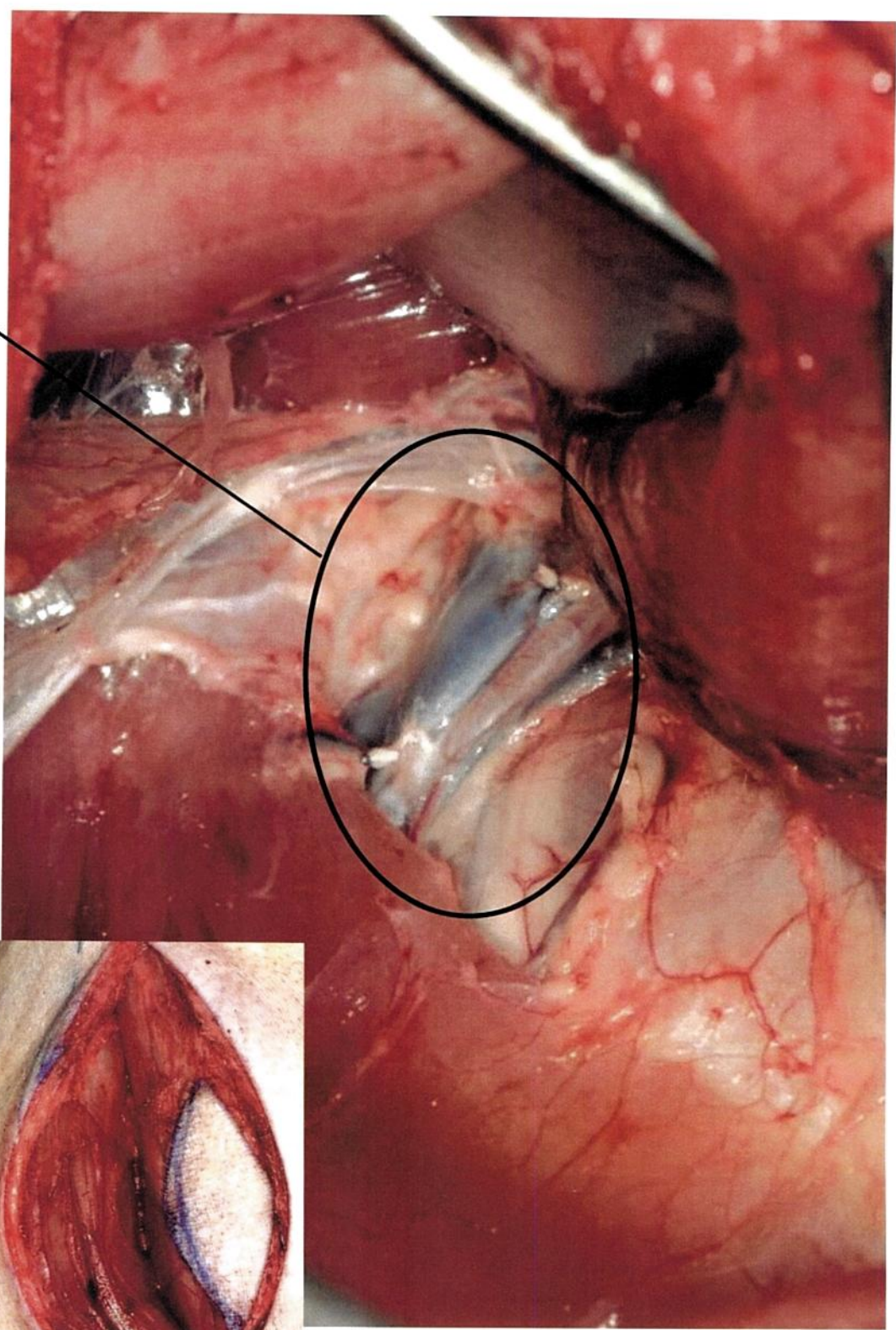
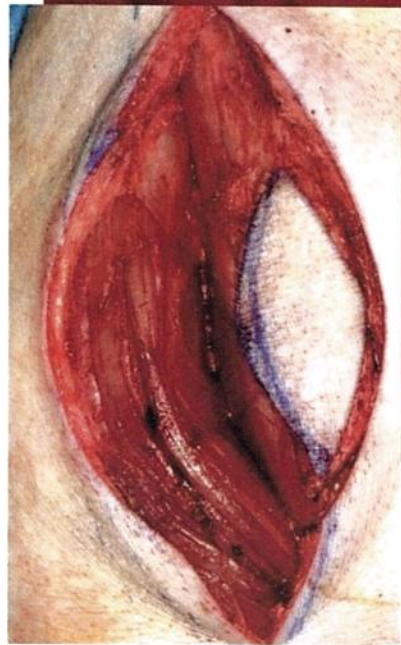


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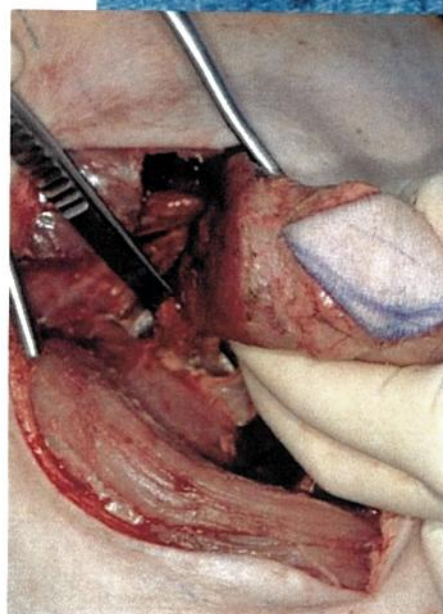
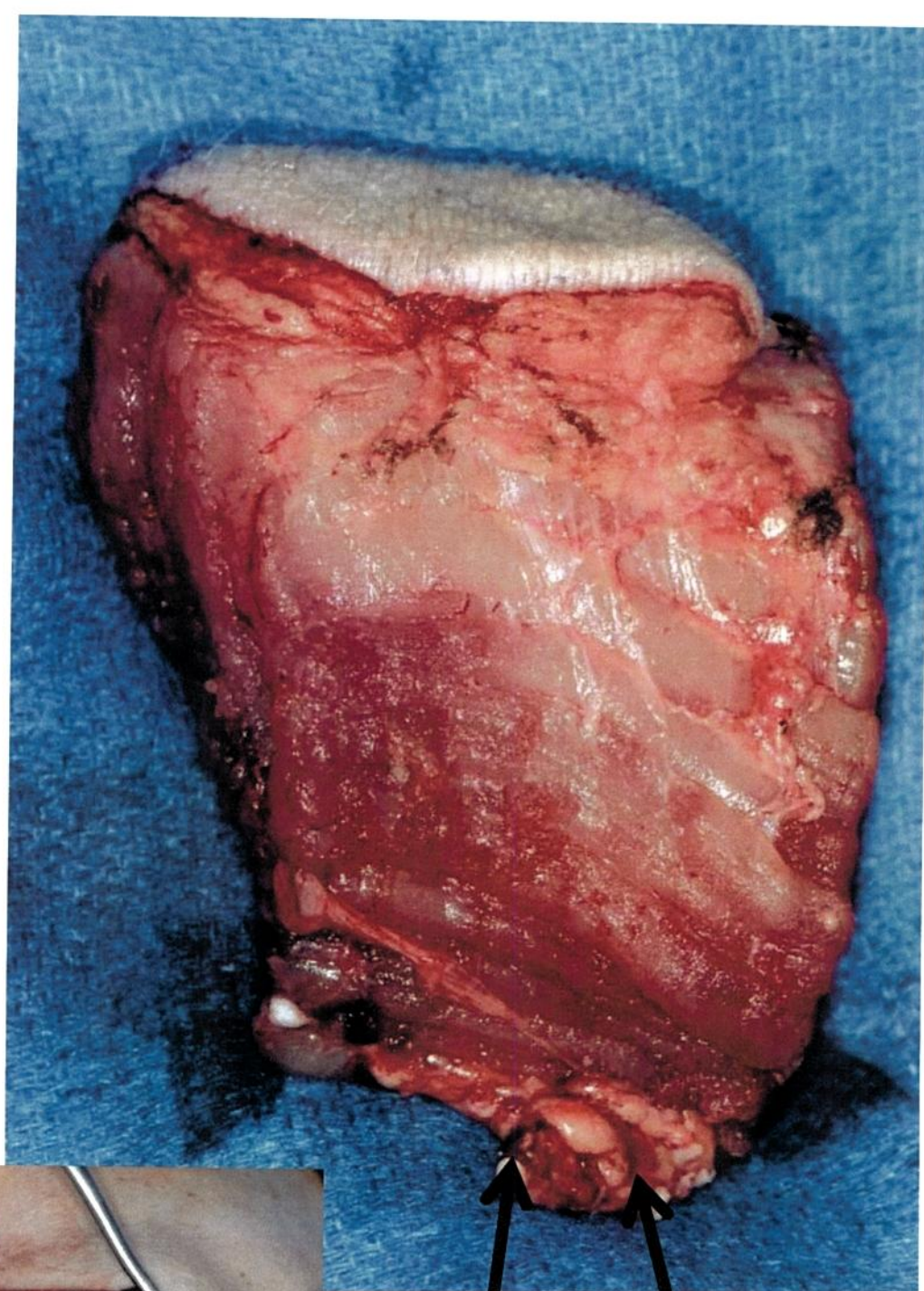
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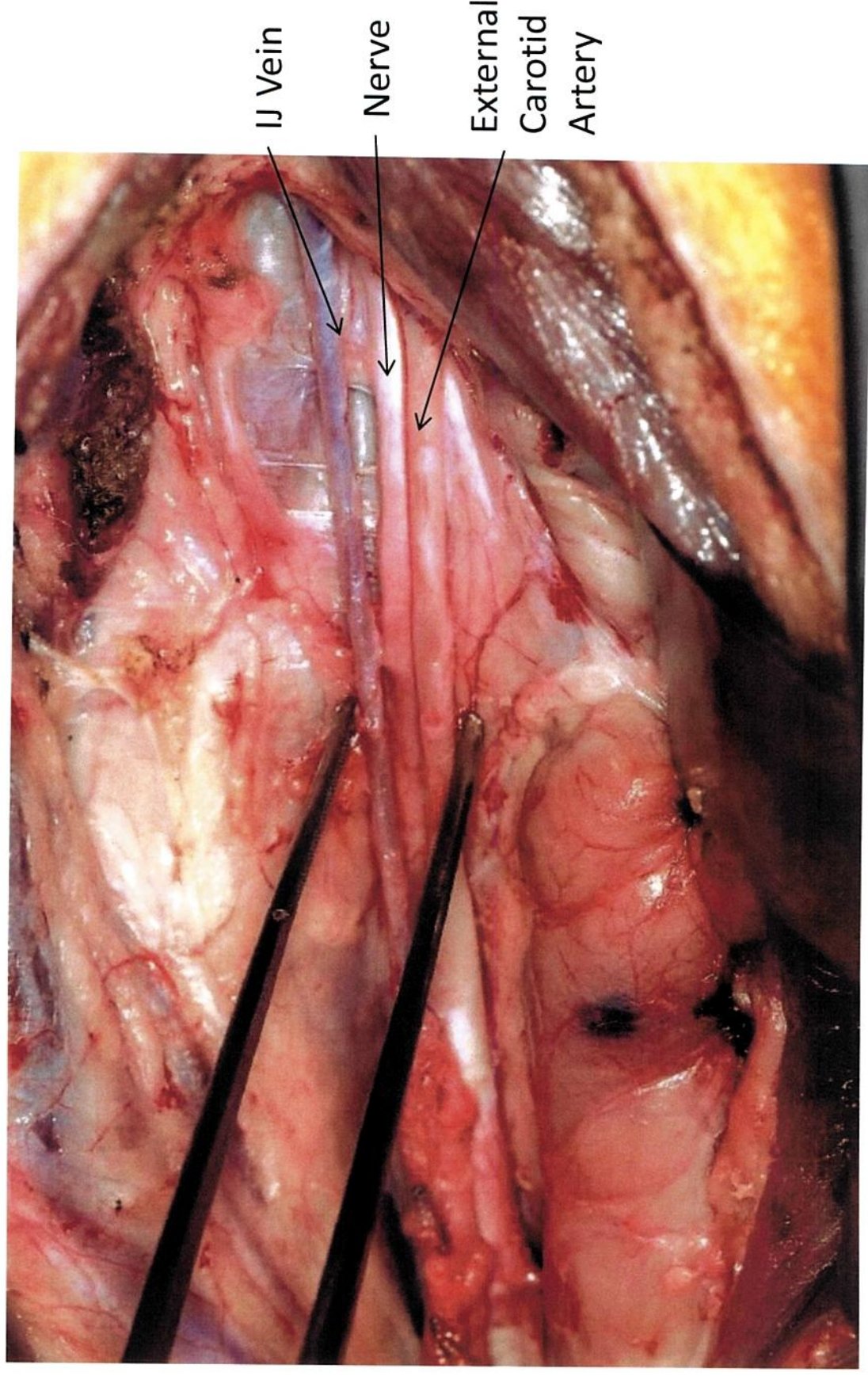
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Methods

Exposure of Neck Vessels





Intervention



- **Warm *ex vivo* perfusion device –**

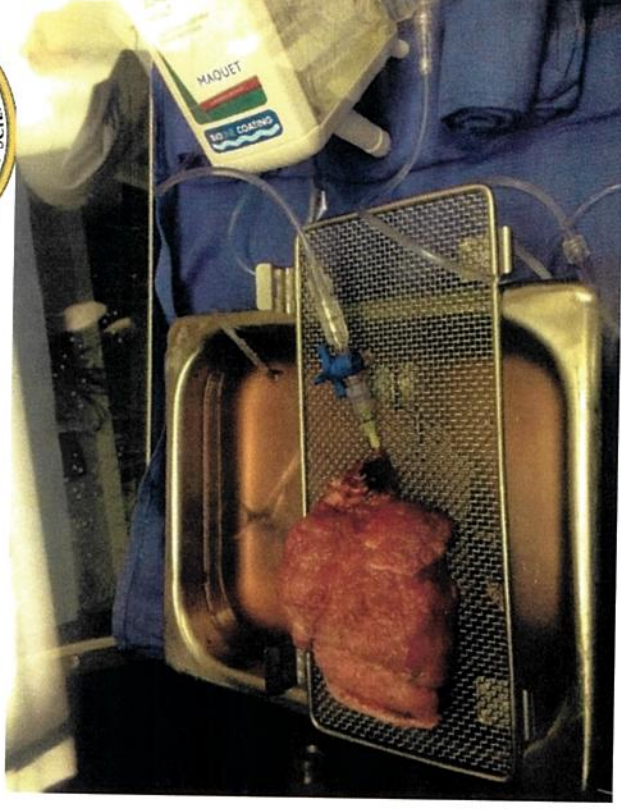
- **Experiments since the 1960s have showed ability to sustain animals with low hematocrit in hyperbaric environment**
- ***Ex vivo* perfusion of transplant organs highly desirable**

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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 –

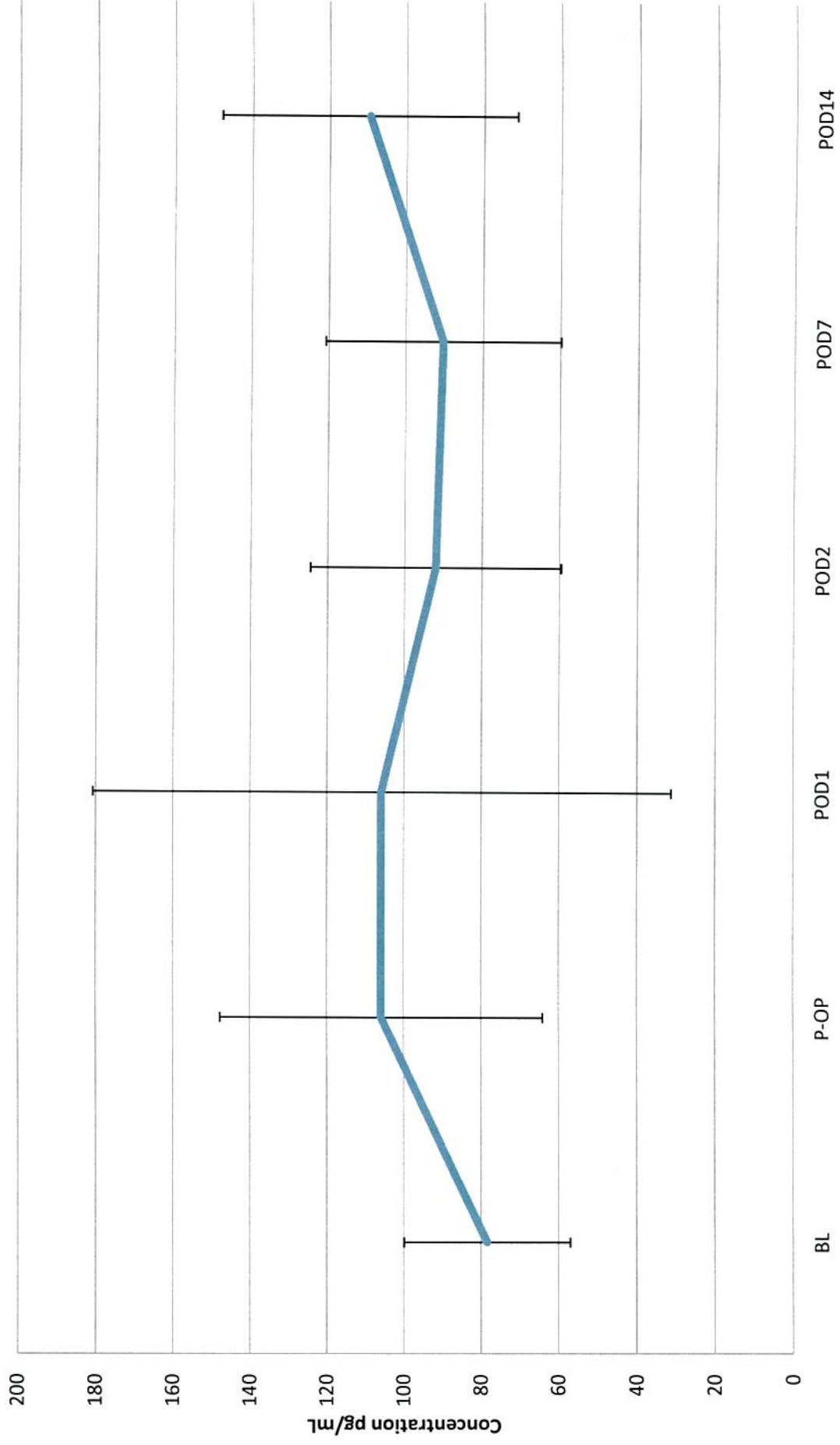
Treatment	
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Hour 0	No Muscle Necrosis
Hour 3	80% with severe muscle necrosis
Hour 7	60% with no muscle necrosis, 40% with minimal necrosis





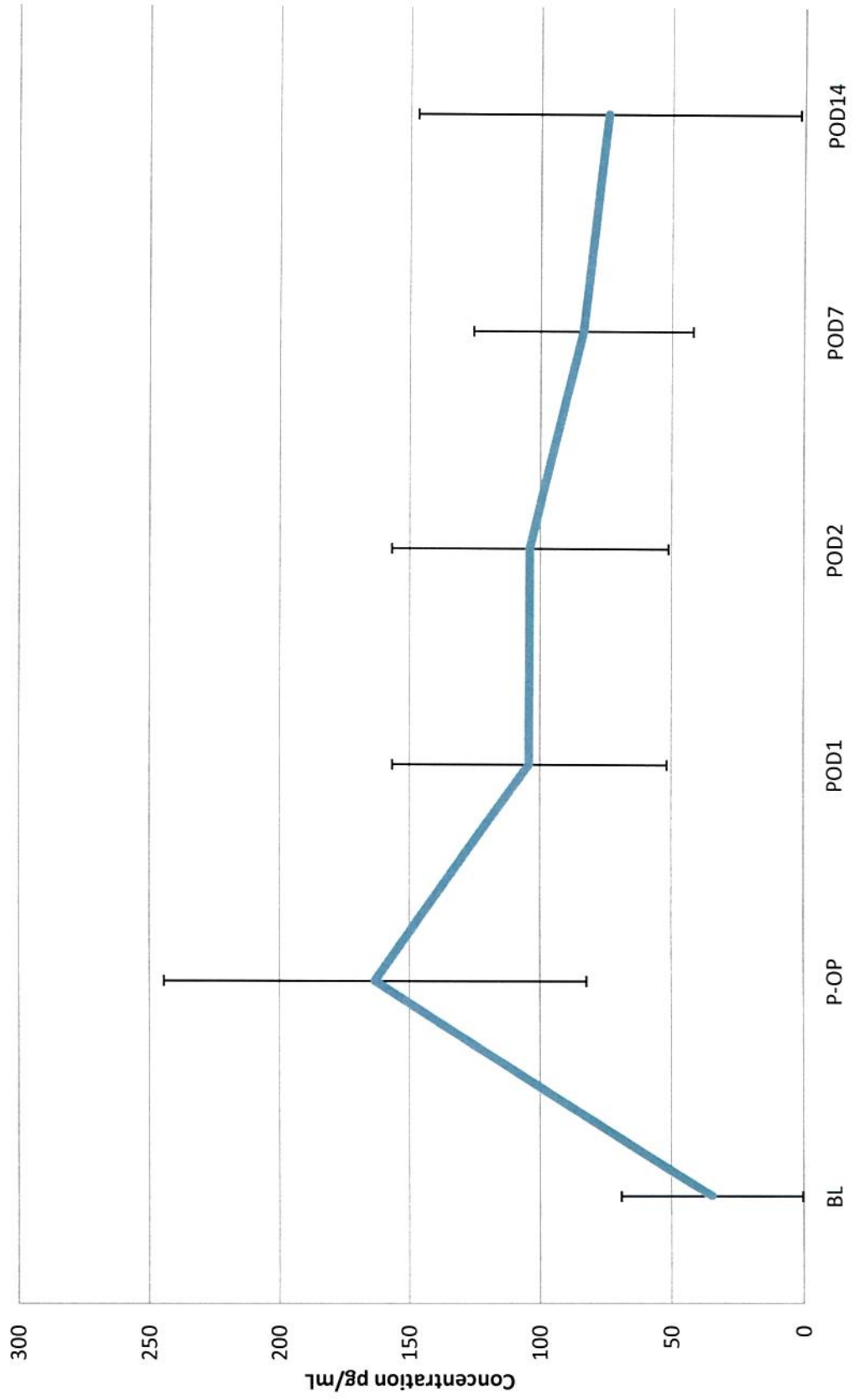
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TNF-a



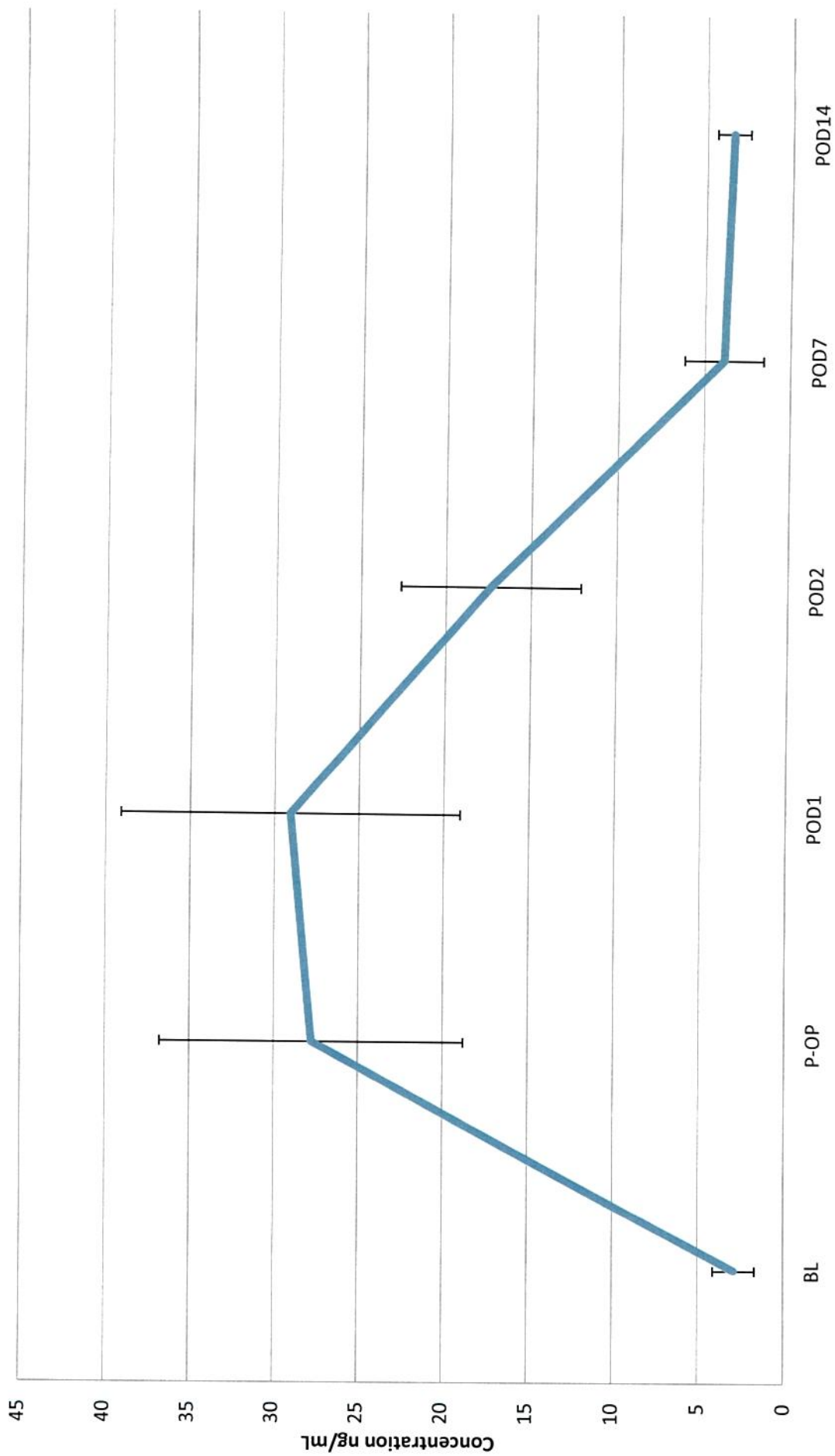


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Myoglobin





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 H₂S and antioxidants as well as locally-applied graft immunosuppression in allotransplantation**
- **Forelimb allotransplantation**



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