Ichilov Scientific Ecosystem



Laboratory of Neuroimmunology

> Who we are and our area of interest

Name of lab/Location

Neuroimmunology Research Lab

Rishonim building, 5th floor, room 62

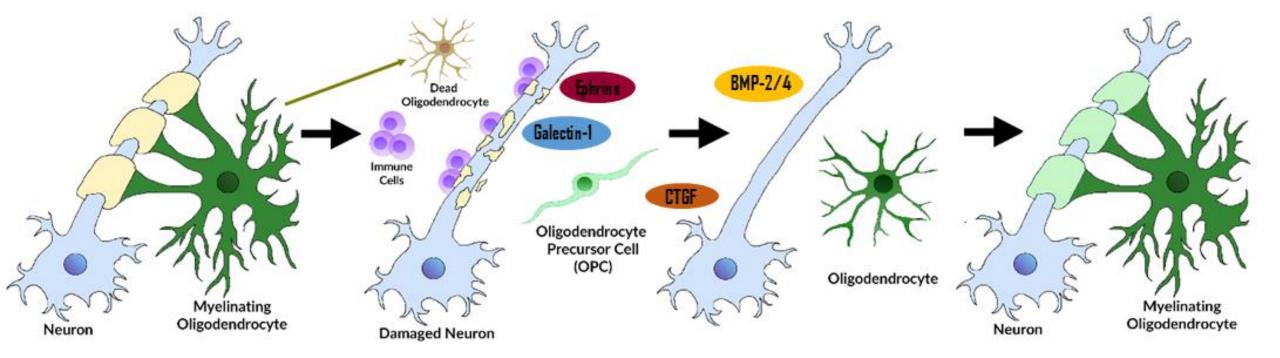
PI/Manager

• PI: Prof. Arnon Karni

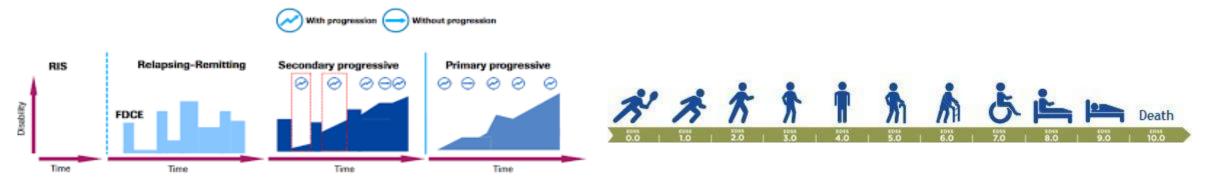
• Manager: Dr. Maya Golan

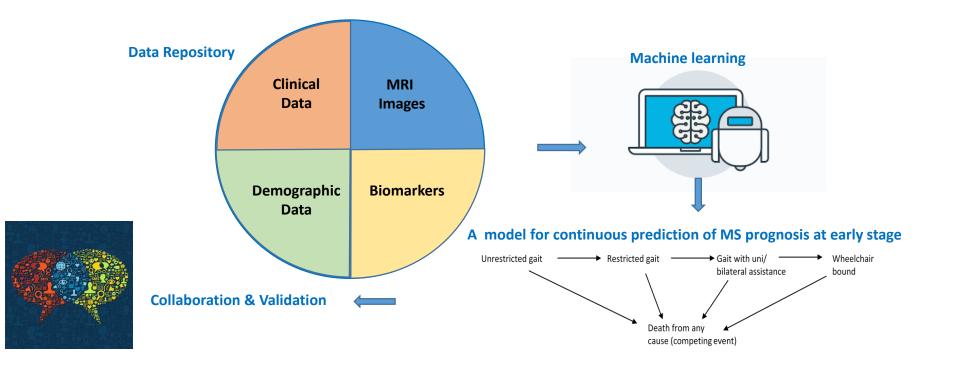
> Who we are and our area of interest

Demyelination and Remyelination in Multiple Sclerosis (MS)



> Developing a prognostic model for disability





> Who we are and our area of interest

Main Subjects in the lab

- Exploring and characterizing different factors that can affect remyelination failure in MS.
- Developing new agent for a novel regenerative treatment for MS and studying their mode of function.
- Developing an effective multi-parameter prognostic calculation model of disability in multiple sclerosis, using advanced statistical and machine-learning methods.
- Further evaluating the mode of action of existing disease modifying drugs.

Keep it simple to people who are not in the field

- To discover new therapies approaches in order to cure the tissue damage in multiple sclerosis (MS).
- We are studding biological targets that can influence the optimal repair of myelin damaged in MS.
- We are developing a multi-parameter prognostic model for early stages of the disease.

Key Capabilities

What are we specialized in

- ELISA and Multiplex.
- WB analysis for cell signaling.
- Flow cytometry panels for T cells and macrophages sub-populations.
- Assay development of protein-protein interaction for HTS (HTRF).
- OPCs and Macrophages differentiation in-vitro.
- Mice models for MS: EAE and Cuprizone.
- IF histochemistry: for cells and neuronal histopathological specimens.
- Confocal analysis and ImageJ image analysis
- EM analysis for remyelination (G-ratio).

What specialized equipment we use to answer Q

- ELISA reader.
- EVE cell counter.
- Inter departmental equipment:
 - Canto II- Flow cytometer.
 - Confocal Microscope.
- Tel Aviv University: EM.
- Weismann institute: HTS high thruput screenings.

How can we aid other scientists to answer their Q

- Usage of the ELISA reader, EVE cell counter.
- Help and consultation in IF staining, confocal analysis and imageJ software usage.
- Advice with stem cell differentiation models and demyelinating mice models.

> What questions still needs to be answered, what is needed in order to answer them?

- Creating a database that can interact with The Chameleon, Namer, PACS for MRI scans and our Lab bio-repository and biomarkers levels results.
- Luminex reader for multiplex arrays.
- Available ECL documentation system in the interdepartmental equipment.
- Histopathological service for research.

Laboratory for Early Markers of Neurodegeneration

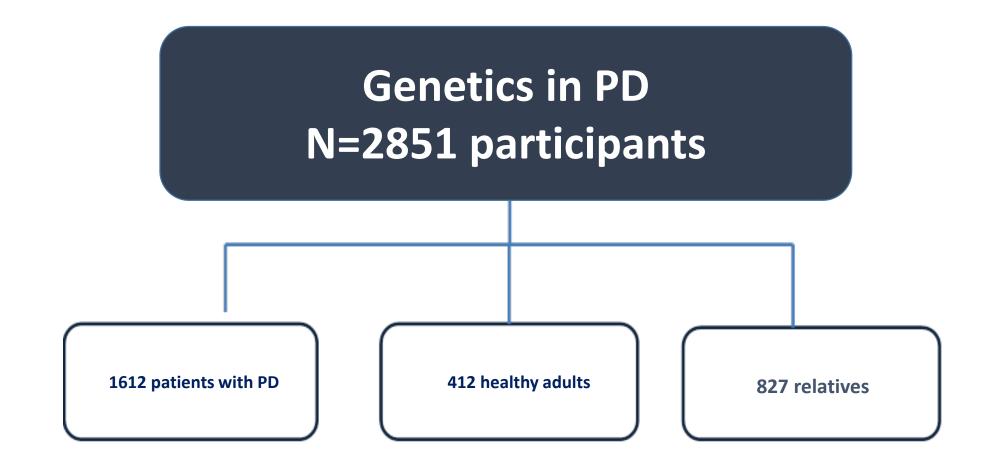


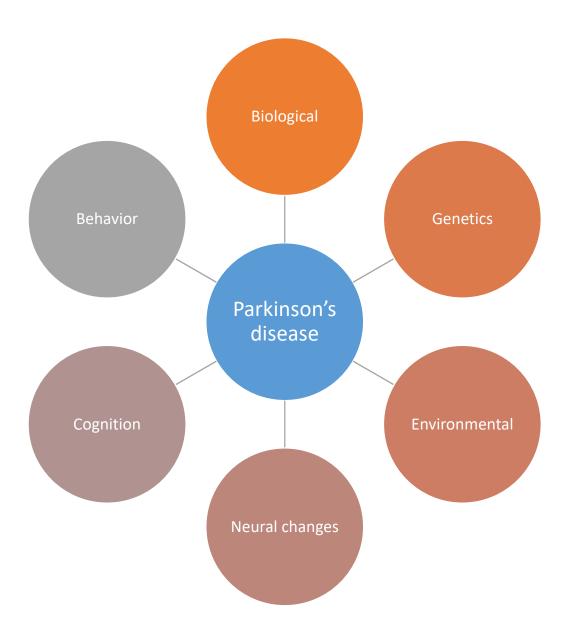
Anat Mirelman, PhD- Pl

Mission: identify early markers of neurodegeneration which allude to a pathological process and identify markers of progression



Tel-Aviv PD Genetic Project





Anat Mirelman, PhD



•Genotype- phenotype

•Motor –cognitive reserve and interactions

•Gait and wearable sensors

•Sleep

Avner Thaler, MD, PhD



•Genotype-phenotype

 Inflammatory and Biological markers

•Potential compounds for disease modification

Inbal Maidan, PhD



•Electrophysiology Markers (EEG)

•Hemodynamic responses (fNIRS)

•Deep Brain Stimulation

Amgad Droby, PhD

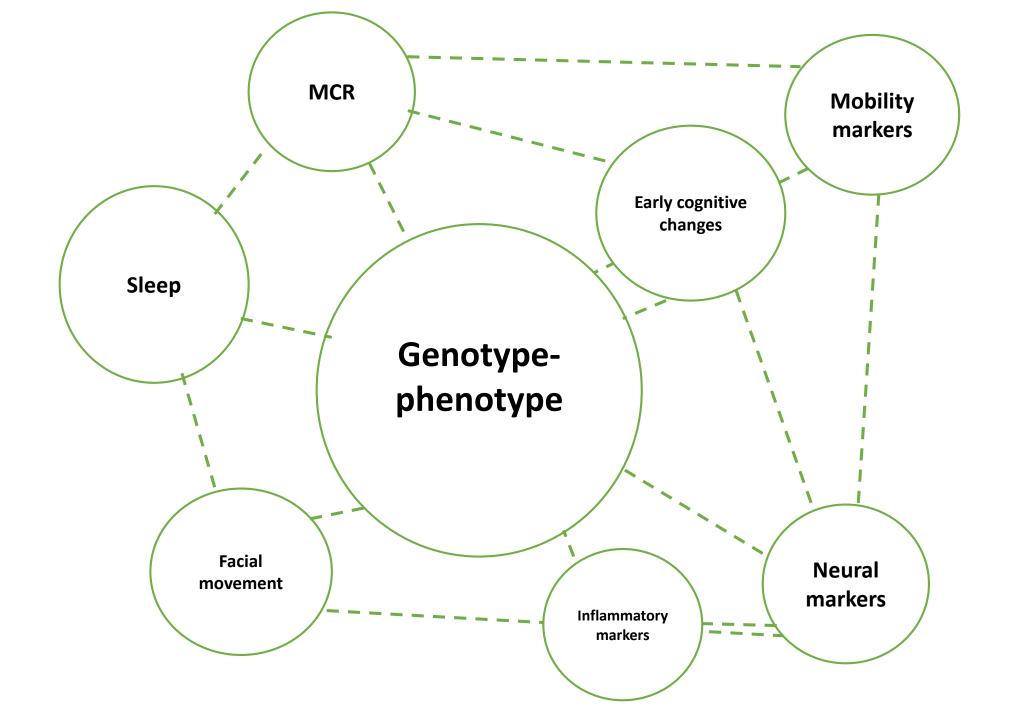


•Structural and functional markers (MRI and fMRI)

•Combining tools for neural assessment (PET, SPECT, MRI)

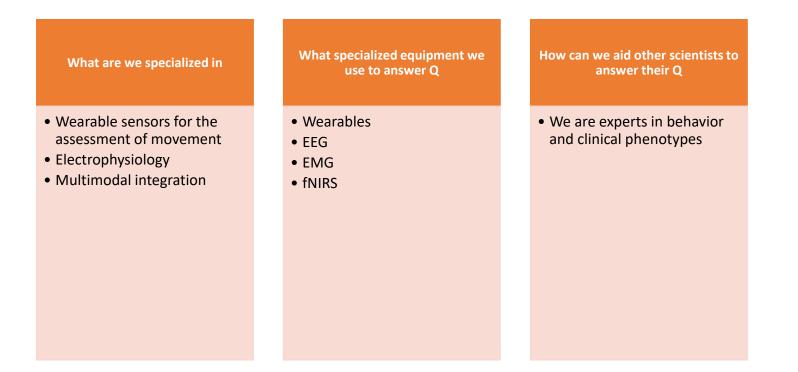
23 students [6 PhD, 9 MSc, 8 BSc from Sagol, Medicine, Engineering, Computer science]



















Brain Institute

Brain Institute	Leaders	Enhancing Neuroscience research in TLVMC	Enhancing collaboration
 Neurology Neurosurgery Psychiatry Neuro-rehab Affiliated Labs Sagol Brain Institute 	 Clinical directors Labs PIs 	 Internal Grants - 700K (IS) TAU Grants Aufzien – 1M (IS) Psychedelia - ? Torino –TA Collab. – 800K (IS) 	 Advertising and opening all academic activities to all Brain Institute members Monthly meeting



Calls for Grants Timeline

- Internal grants March 2024
- Aufzien's grants June 2024
- Aufzien's travel grants on going
- Torino TA grants March 2024
 - Ist Meeting December 10,2023 in Tel-Aviv

TAU Synergies in Neuroscience Initiative

Nir Giladi, Tal Laviv, Bruria Ben Zeev, Nocham Wolpe

- Improving collaboration between TAU campus, its affiliated hospitals and the neuroscience industry in Israel
- Partners:
 - TAU Faculty of Medicine
 - Sagol School of Neurosciences
 - 14 affiliated hospitals
 - BrainstormIL (145 startup companies)
- 1st join meeting February 20, 2024 Smolarsh Hall
 - Neuroscience website at TAU
 - All labs will present their activities one page



Autoimmune Neurology research laboratory Avi Gadoth Lab director – Valeria Briskin

Autoimmune Neurology

- 2007
- Encephalitis, Peripheral nerves, autonomic
- Expanding
- Treatable

Current work – 3 months

- T cell response
- Epitope mapping
- HLA correlation/association

Future directions

- Protein production
- Synaptic transmission and mechanisms cooperation
- Single cell RNA mechanisms and difference from infectious
- Protein identification Phage, proteomics...

Cooperation

- Yifat Alcalay
- David Hagin
- Moshe Giladi
- Tamar Rubinek



Name of lab/Location

Microsurgery and Plastic Surgery laboratory

(The Plastic Surgery Department)

Address: Founders building 6th floor Room 8,11

PI/Manager

Dr. Inna Solodeev, Lab Manager

Prof. Yoav Barnea



Prof. Eyal Gur

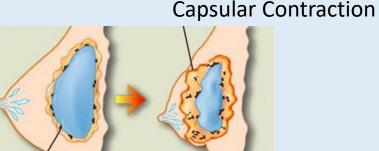


Area of interest.

Problems related to breast reconstruction:

1. Prevention and Treatment of Capsular Contracture in Implant-Based Breast Reconstruction Following Radiotherapy

Women with breast cancer who undergo postmastectomy radiation therapy has the highest risk of Capsular Contraction with 70-100% incidence rate.



Fibroblast layer

Before and after reconstruction surgery

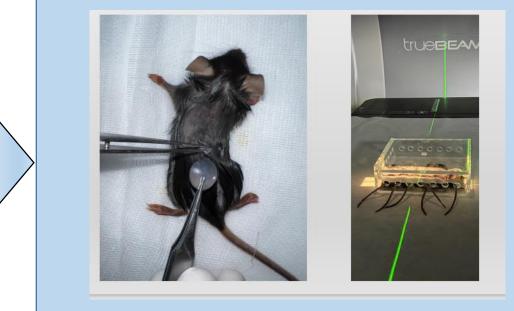




Capsular Contracture



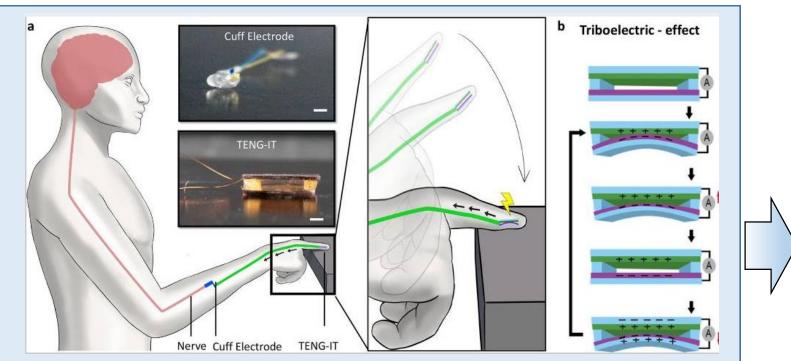
Mouse model of breast implant capsular contracture induced by targeted radiation



Etiology and treatment

2. Restoring Tactile Sensing in post mastectomy breast cancer patients by a Triboelectric Nanogenerators Array

Collaboration with Tel-Aviv university



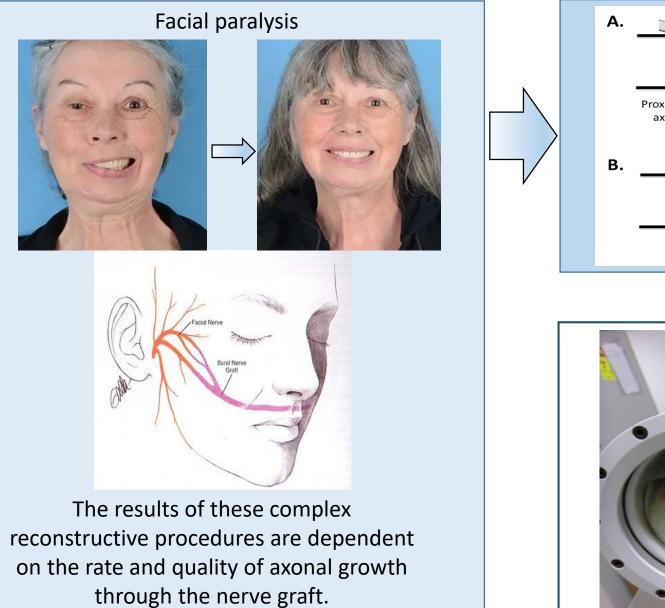
Triboelectric Nanogenerator for restoring tactile sensation.

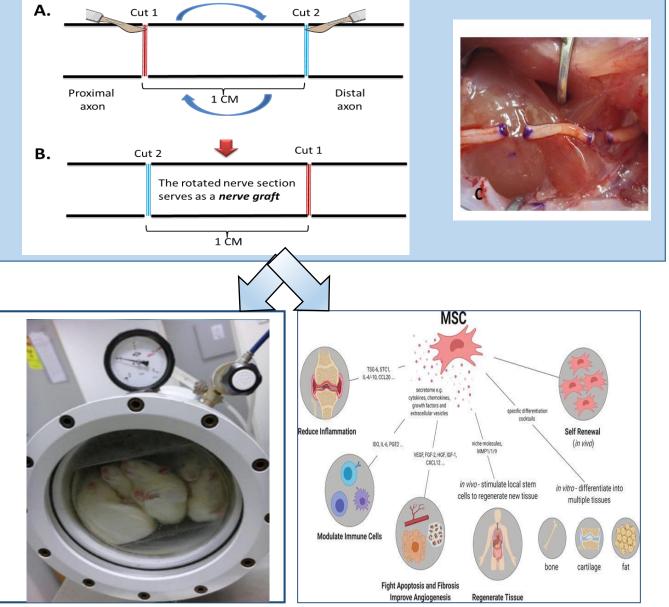
This integrated tactile device is implanted under the skin and translates tactile pressure into electrical potential, which it relays via cuff electrodes to healthy sensory nerves, thereby stimulating them, to mimic tactile sensation. <u>The goal:</u> to restore the ability to sense touch for breast cancer post nipple-sparing mastectomies by developing

- a sensitive
- self-powered

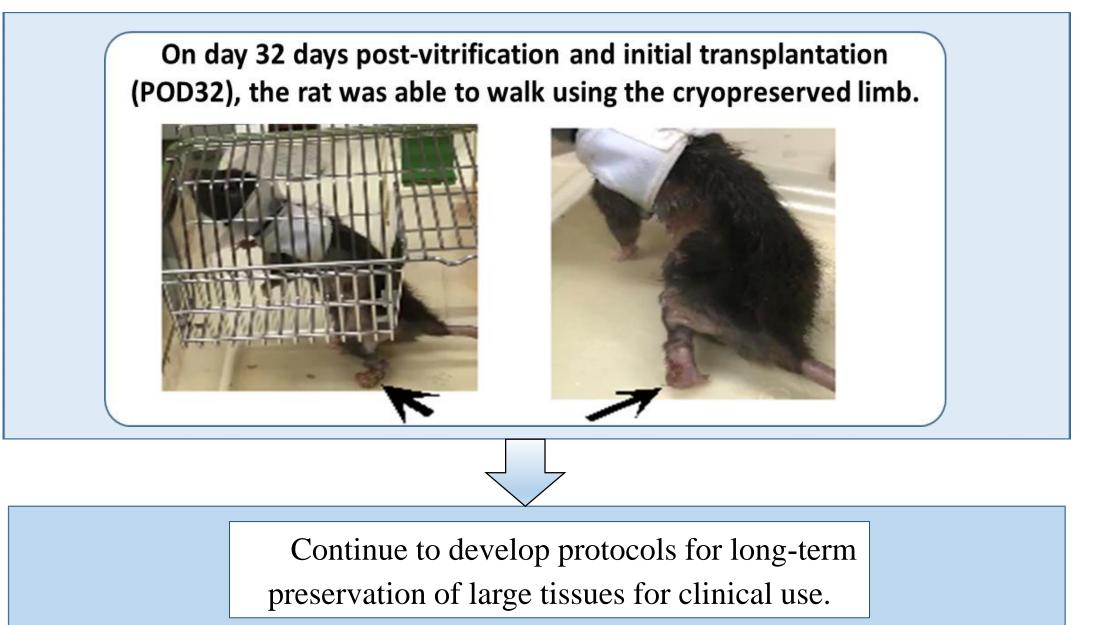
tactile system integrated with sensory neurons.

Peripheral nerve regeneration

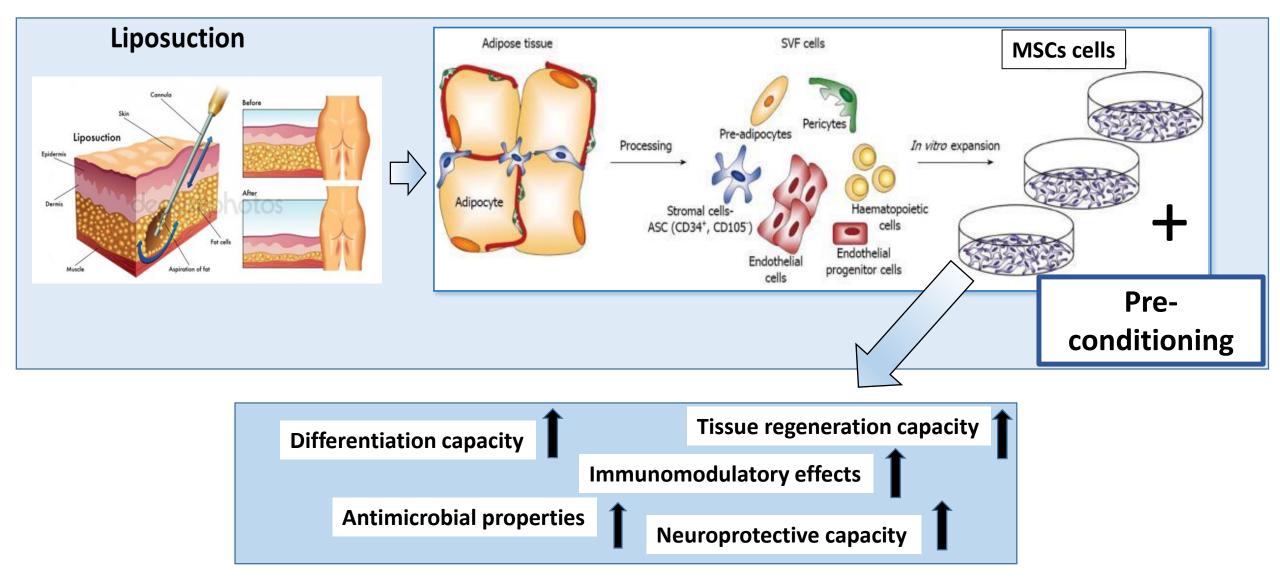


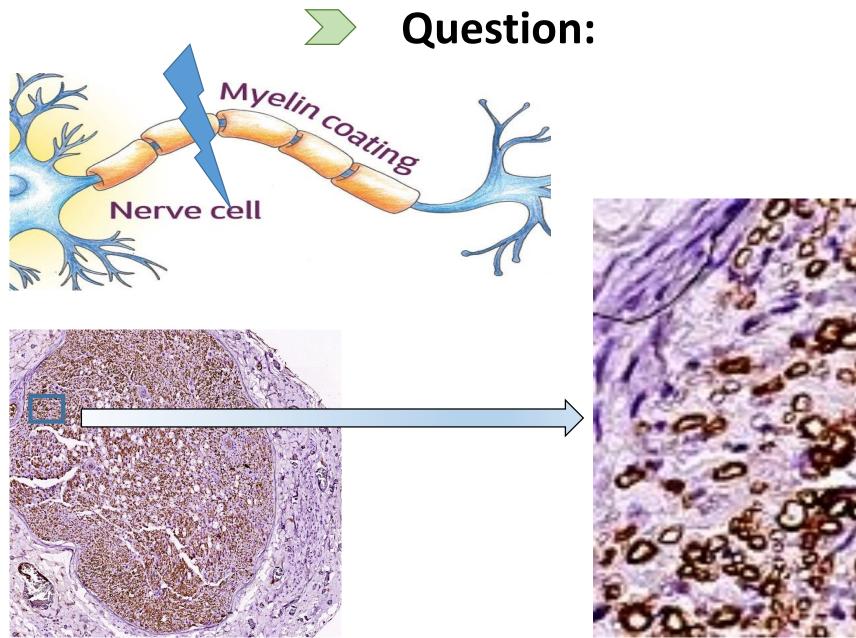


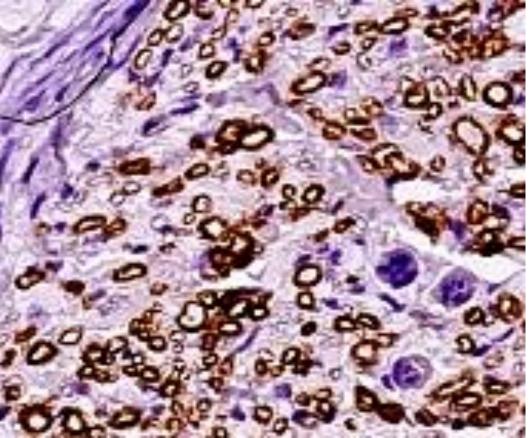
Cryopreservation of large tissues and organs



Pre-conditioning of Human Mesenchymal Stem Cells for transplantation application

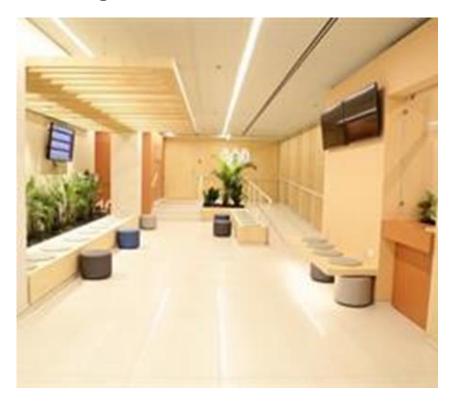






PI/Manager

Dr. Miriam and Sheldon G. Adelson Clinic for Drug Abuse Treatment and Research



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Prof. Einat Peles Ph.D. Research Director

Anat Sason, MA Research Assistant

Yali Abramsohn Clinic Director

Prof. Shaul Schreiber Medical Director

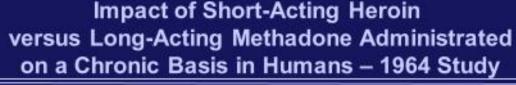


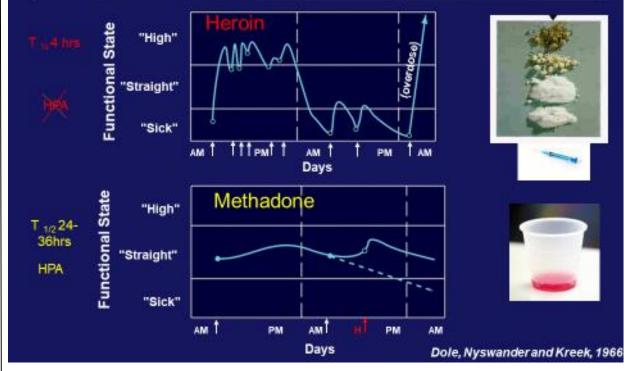




Research Topics

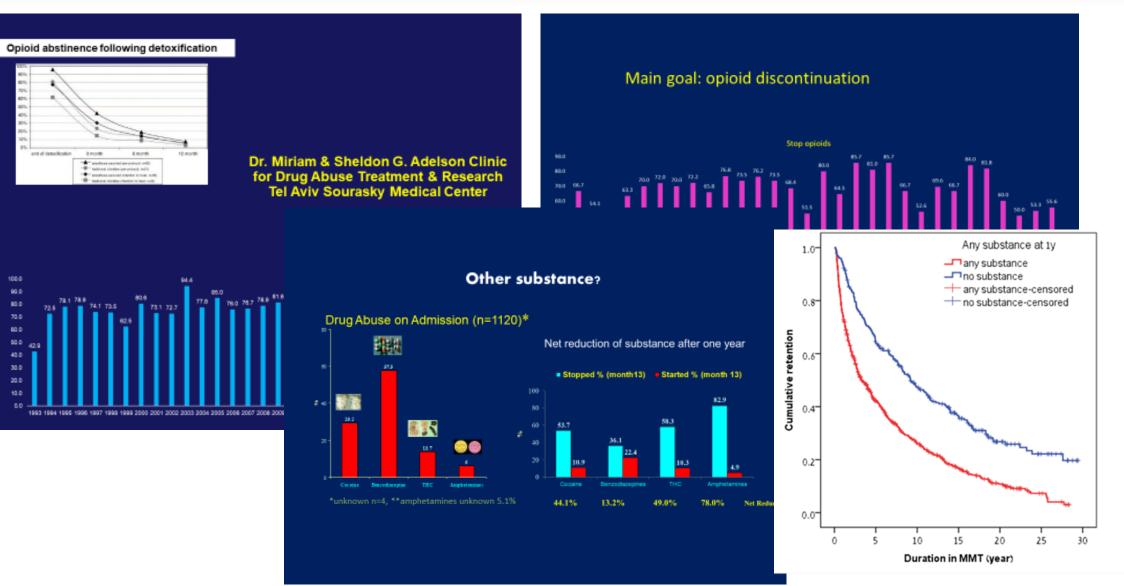
- ✓ Addiction Medicine
- ✓ Opioid use disorder in Methadone Maintenance Treatment (MMT)
- Patients characteristics and outcome (predictors)
- ✓ Mental and physical comorbidity
- \checkmark Pain indices
- ✓ Sleep quality
- ✓ Cognition
- ✓ Addiction risk factors
- ✓ Genetic predisposition
- ✓ Epigenetics
- ✓ Stigma, Ignorance













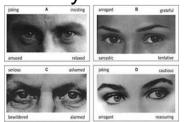
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Methodology

- Questionnaires
- computerized tasks
- Pain Algometer (pain threshold)
- Heart rate variability
- Urine test for substance
- Blood measures (methadone level)
- Genetics, Epigenetics

Theory of Mind



Pain empathy



Balloon Analogue Risk Task (BART)

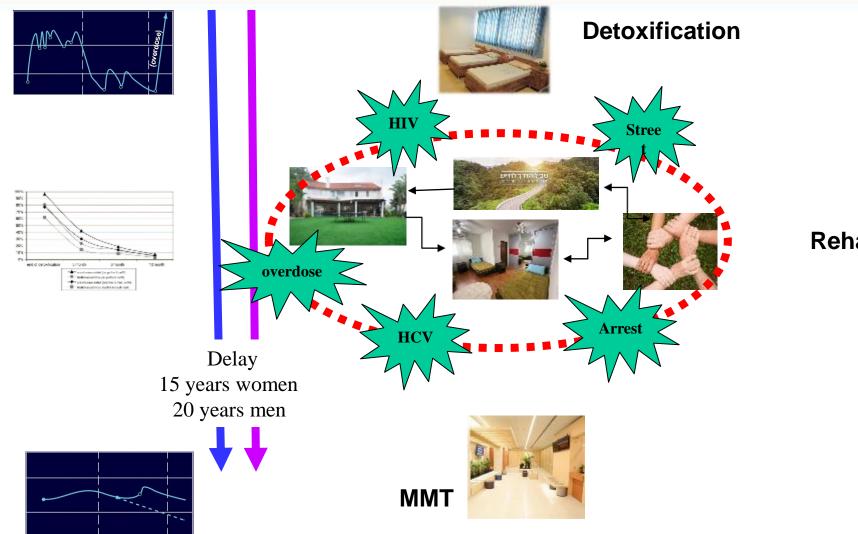
Algometer







Opioid Use Disorder

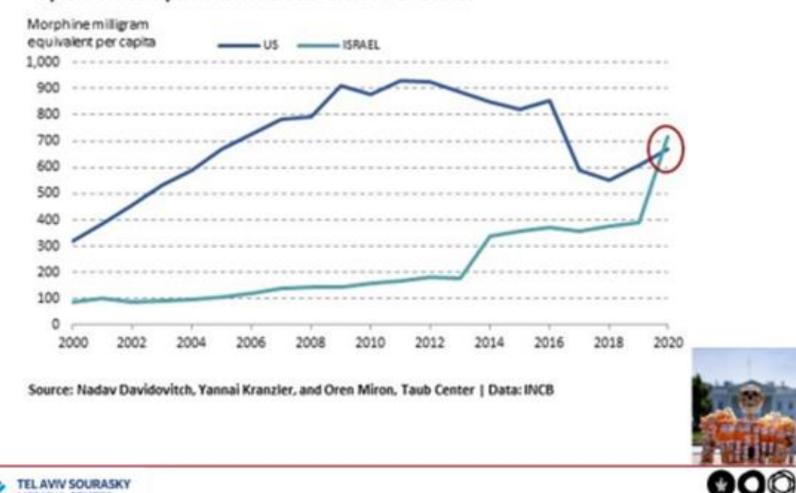


Rehabilitation





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Opioid consumption in Israel and the United States



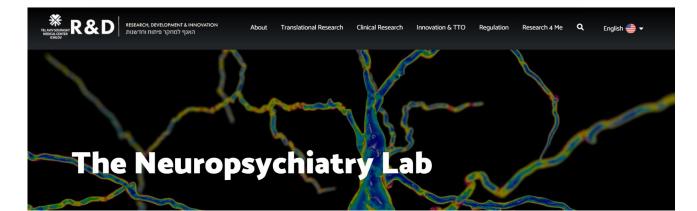


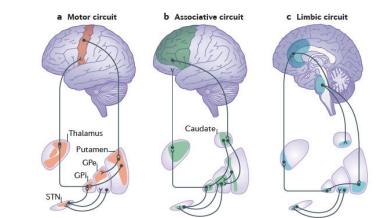


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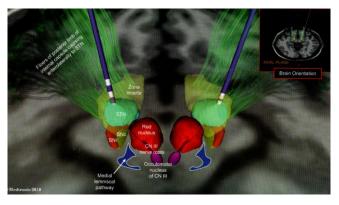
- Biomarker for develop addiction (grant with Prof. Segev Barak)
- Opioid epidemic- Fentanyl prevalence overdose??
- Brain imaging
- "Medical" cannabis



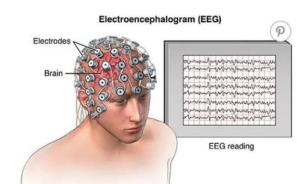






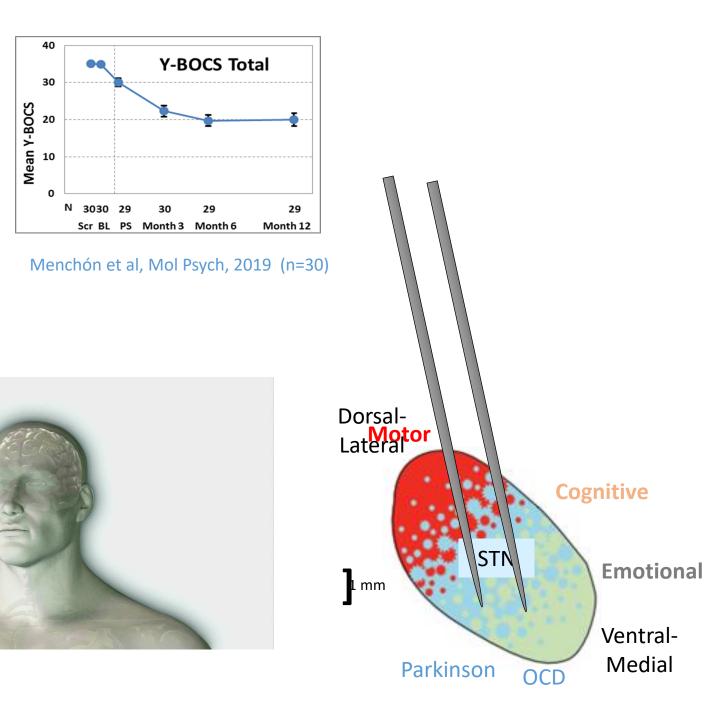






Deep Brain Stimulation - DBS

- Movement Disorders:
 - Parkinson's Disease
 - Essential Tremor
 - * Dystonia
- Major Depression
- **OCD**
- Tourette's Syndrome
- \circ Addiction
- Alzheimer's Disease
- Epilepsy
- Anorexia Nervosa
- o Schizophrenia



> Who we are and our area of interest

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Disorders Disorders disorders such as	Lab • Rehabilitation Building, Psychiatry Institute, Ground	 (Chair of Psychiatry) Dr. Keren Avirame (Director of 	 makers of Neuropsychiatric Disorders Biomarkers of illness dynamics to develop personalized and adaptive 	therapies for Neuropsychiatric disorders such as OCD, Schizophrenia

Key Capabilities

What are we specialized in

- Cortical and Subcortical
 Electrophysiology
- Disease-specific neuropsychological tasks
- Multivariate models pathological behaviors and therapy-induced effects

What specialized equipment we use to answer Q

- Brain stimulation (DBS)
- Various

 electrophysiological
 recordings and
 analyses : single-unit,
 LFP, EEG.
- Various cognitive, emotional and social tasks

How can we aid other scientists to answer their Q

- ISF Precise Medicine -Neuropsychiatry Group in TASMC with Dr. Inbal Meidan and Dr. Genela Morris
- Innovation Authority Closed-loop adaptive brain stimulation in Schizophrenia with Prof. Leon Deouell
- Part of ReTune DFG Consortium – led by Prof. Kuhn (Charite Berlin)
- Collaboration with MRC Brain Network Dynamics Unit in Oxford – Prof. Denison

>> What questions still needs to be answered, what is needed in order to answer them?

- To collect and organize a database of patients operated in Ichilov and recorded for a long period of time during different states (Sleep, Tasks, Exercise, Rest).
- To explore and develop motor, cognitive and emotional tasks.
- To group experts in electrophysiology.
- To collaborate with engineers to advance close-loop algorithm.

Instructions:

- 1. Presentation in English, you can talk in Hebrew
- 2. Five minutes no longer, you will be stopped
- 3. use these slides, additional slides can be put during the time frame of 5 minutes
- 4. No need to show data the purpose is the **Ecosystem in Ichilov**
- 5. Keep in mind, how will I Know other labs. In order to make more collaborations

> Who we are and our area of interest

Name of lab/Location

• Immune Diagnostic Laboratory

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 The Clinical Immunology laboratory – Sourasky 1st floor, Agaf Z.

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David Hagin Freund Tal Yifat Alcalay	 Studying with sus primary immuno disorder Inborn E Immunit
	 Identifyi viral T-c

ects in the lab

- g patients spected odeficiency rs (AKA Errors of ity – IEIs).
- ing anticells.

Keep it simple to people who are not in the field

- We are trying to better understand the effect of certain defined immune defects on the function of the immune system.
- We are trying to promote donorderived anti-viral T-cell therapy

Key Capabilities

What are we specialized in

- Cell cultures.
- Flow-cytometry.
- Developing functional assays for evaluating immune response (mostly phosphoflow).

What specialized equipment we use to answer Q

- Flow cytometry.
- Western.

How can we aid other scientists to answer their Q

- Functional assays.
- Patients with defined monogenic disorders ('experiments of nature').

> What questions still needs to be answered, what is needed in order to answer them?

- Novel candidate genes.
- (Many of you are already helping).
- KI / KO and transfections.
- Genetics / single cell analysis.

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Dalit Ben-Yosef

Stem Cell Research lab, Fertility & IVF Institute

CORAL – Center od Regeneration and Longevity





The Wolfe PGD-Stem Cell Research Lab in the Institution of Reproduction and IVF

R&D > Laboratories > The Wolfe PGD-Stem Cell Research Lab - Prof. Dalit Ben Yosef



>> Our Vision

During fertilization, the human sperm and egg unite to form the developing fetus. These early phases of preimplantation development are considered one of the most fundamental questions in cell biology.

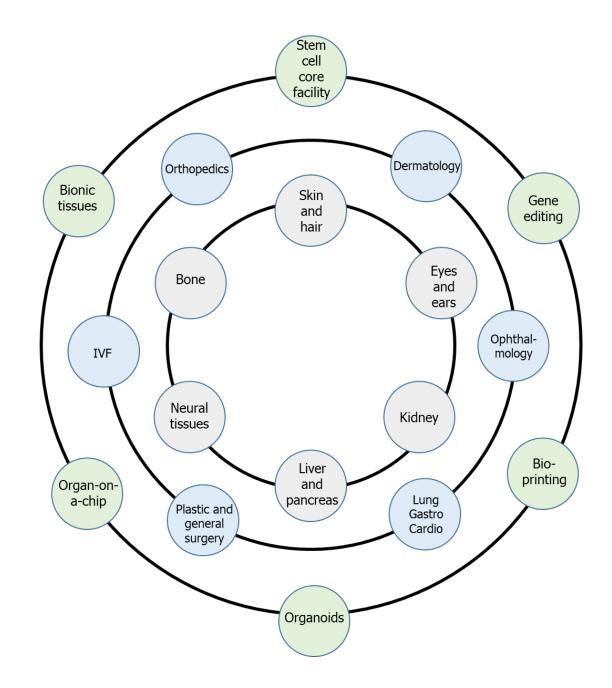
Our research lab focuses on deciphering these initial stages of embryonic development in order to understand how these processes are controlled in normal development and what happens as they stray from it, which leads to severe genetic diseases.

Our research model include human embryonic stem cells (hESC) that we derive directly from diseased embryos in order to study the mechanisms underlying the development of genetic diseases.



Center for Regeneration And Longevity

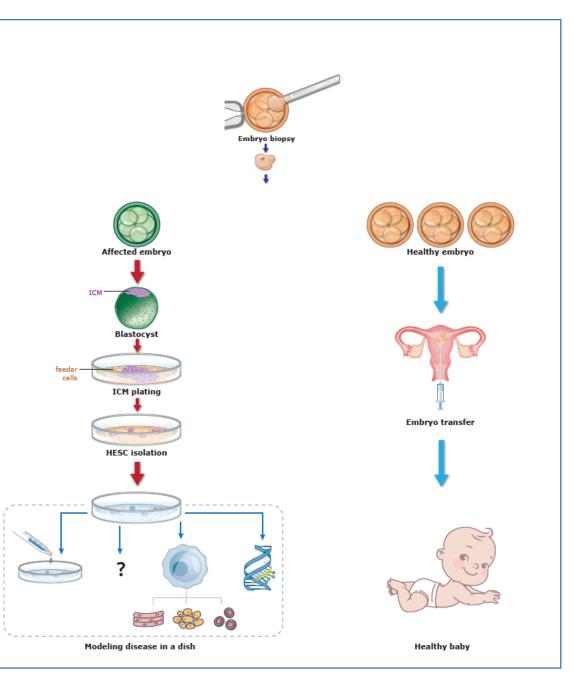
Implanting relevant and advanced technologies onto existing structures



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 Stem Cell Research lab, Fertility & IVF Institute CORAL – Center od Regeneration and Longevity 	 Dalit Ben-Yosef Dep. Of Cell & Developmental Biology & Sagol School of Neuroscience, TAU 	 Embryo Development Stem Cells Regeneration Genetic diseases 	

PGD & Diseased hESC lines iPs Differentiation Organoids Genotype-phenotype



Solution Key Capabilities

What are we specialized in

- Embryo micromanipulation
- ES & iPs
- Stem cells & pluripotency
- Stem cell differentiation in 2D & 3D (Organoids)
- CRISPR
- Neural differentiation
- Differentiation into colon organoids

What specialized equipment we use to answer Q

- Laser micromanipulation
- single-cell multiplexnested PCR analysis .
 Simultaneous amplification of up to 30 DNA loci in a single multinested PCR
- Fluorescence Microscope
- Molecular analysis
- Bulk RNAseq
- Functional assays

How can we aid other scientists to answer their Q

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>> What questions still needs to be answered, what is needed in order to answer them?

- Bioinformatics mainly for analyzing RNAseq data
- Ca²⁺ imaging
- MEA Micro Electrode Array



Ophthalmology stem cells lab Tel Aviv medical center

<u>Research Directors</u> <u>Prof. Adiel Barak MD</u>

Dr. Aya Barzelay MD PHD

<u>Group Members</u> Moshe Benhamou, PhD Yahel Shechter, M.sc. student <u>Physicians</u>

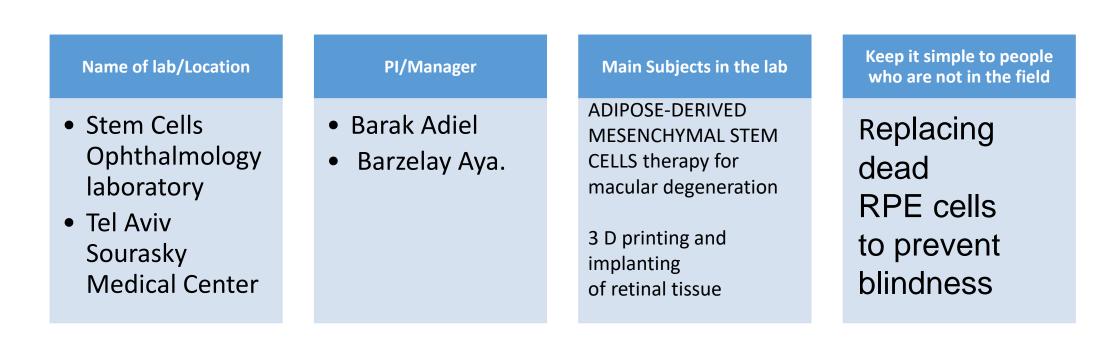
Prof. Igal Leibovich MD Dr. Benjamin Shalev MD Dr. Ran Ben-Cnaan MD Dr. Ilan Feldman MD

Collaborations

Prof. Tal Dvir, laboratory of tissue engineering and regenerative medicine, Tel Aviv university

Prof. Eyal Gur MD, Dr. Nir Shani PhD, DR. Bejamin Meilik MD, Department of Plastic and reconstructive surgery

> Who we are and our area of interest



Key Capabilities

What are we specialized in

- RPE cells transformation from mesenchimal cells
- 3D printing of retinal tissue
- Implanting 3D tissue
 into subretinal area

What specialized equipment we use to answer Q

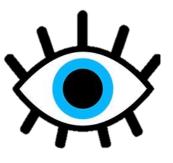
 3D printing collaboration with Tal Dvir lab

 Complex virteo retinal surgeries in Biotech farm lab. How can we aid other scientists to answer their Q

• Ophthalmic expertise including cornela and retinal knowledge.

> What questions still needs to be answered, what is needed in order to answer them?

- Refine our work on RPE transformation for ADIPOSE-DERIVED MESENCHYMAL STEM CELLS
- Collaboration with other labs to implament photoreceptor cells into 3D retinal organ
- Implantation of retinal organ in live pigs and showing functionality.
- Convertion our work to GMP standard to transfor lab woprk to first in human





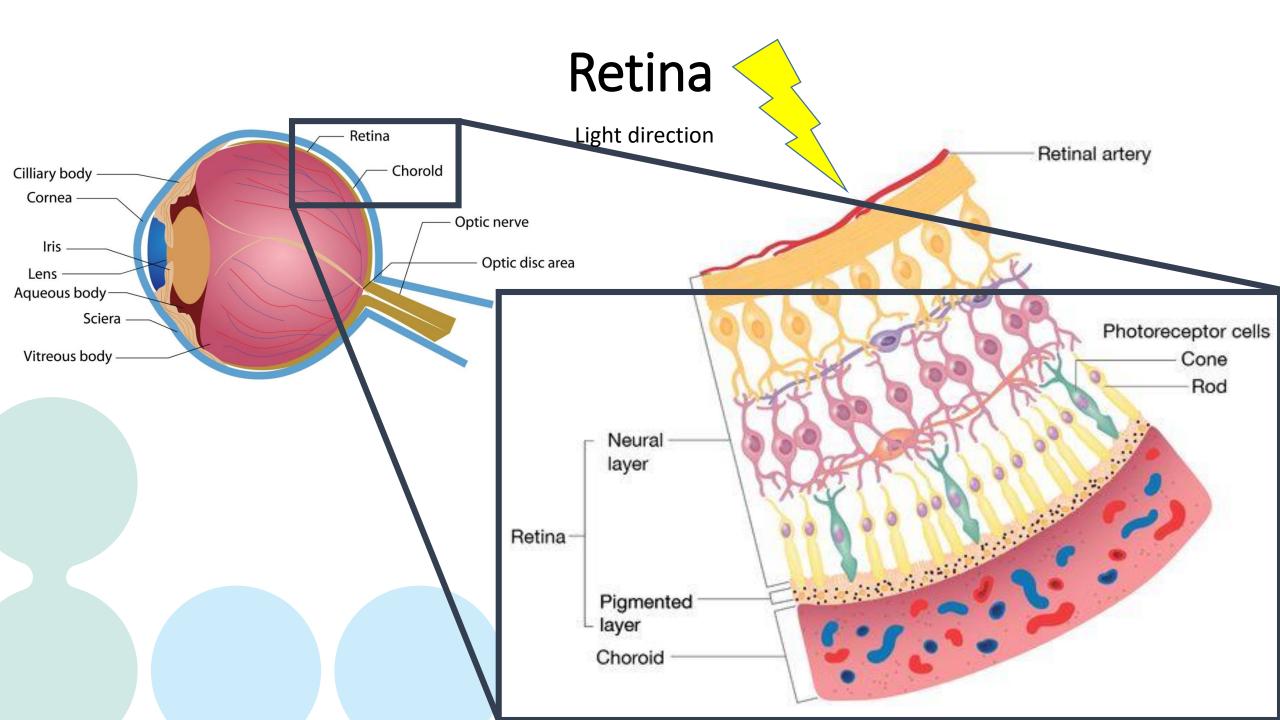
3D bioprinting of a vascularized retina



Yahel Shechter



Ophthalmology stem cells lab Tel Aviv medical center



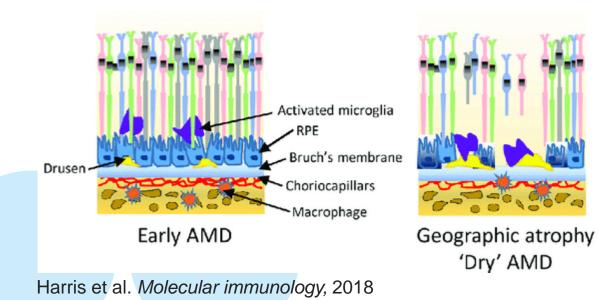
AMD

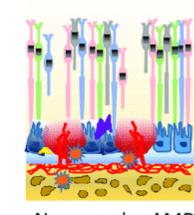
Age-related Macular Degeneration Chronic disease of the central retina The major cause of vision loss worldwide

Dry (non-exudative)

- 90% of cases of the disease
- **k** deterioration the photoreceptors and **RPEs**
- currently has no treatment
- Wet (exudative)

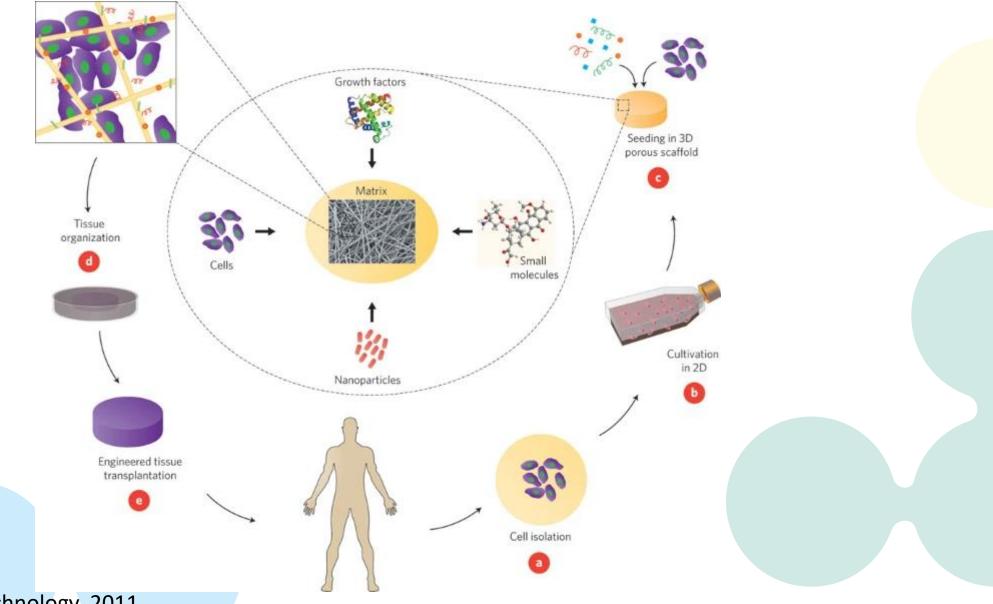
'Dry' AMD





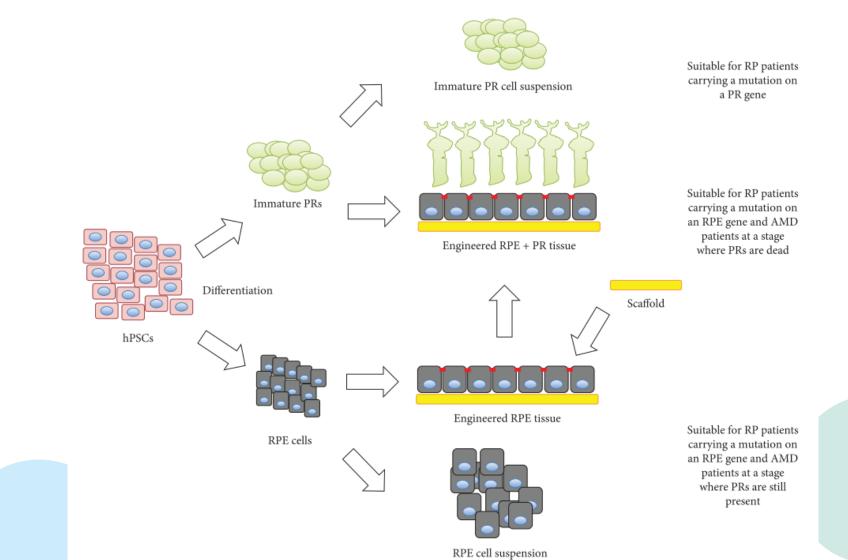
Neovascular AMD 'Wet' AMD

Tissue engineering

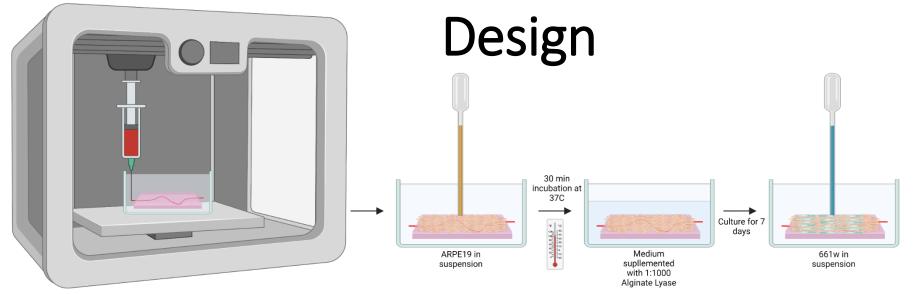


Dvir et al, Nature Nanotechnology, 2011

Tissue engineering of the retina

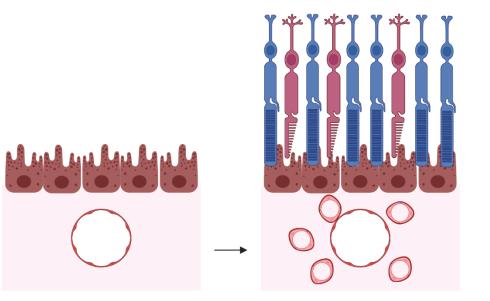


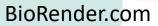
Karim Ben M'Barek and Christelle Monville, Stem Cells International, 2019



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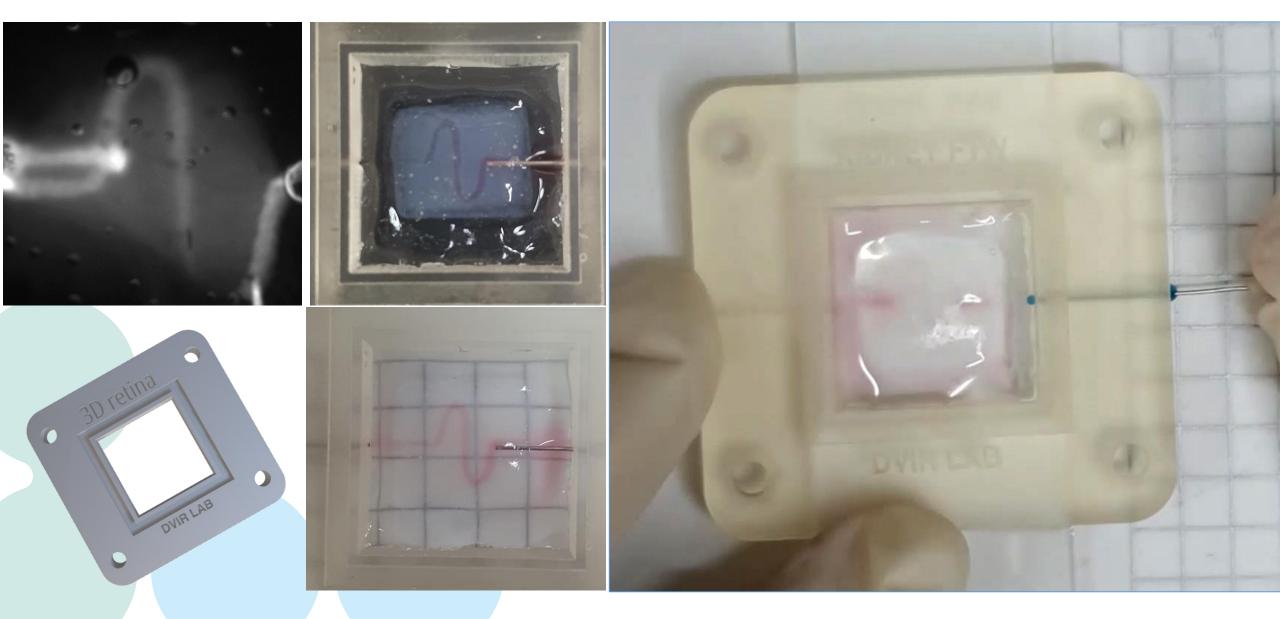
HUVEC in supporting material





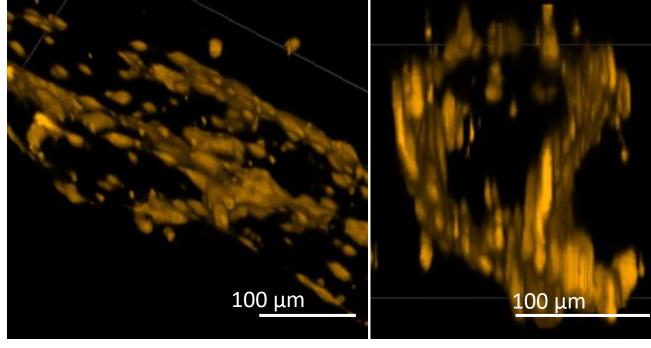


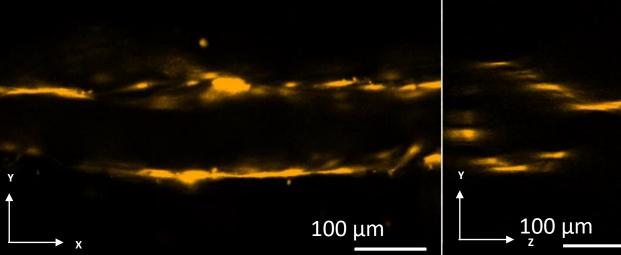
Engineering the blood vessel layer





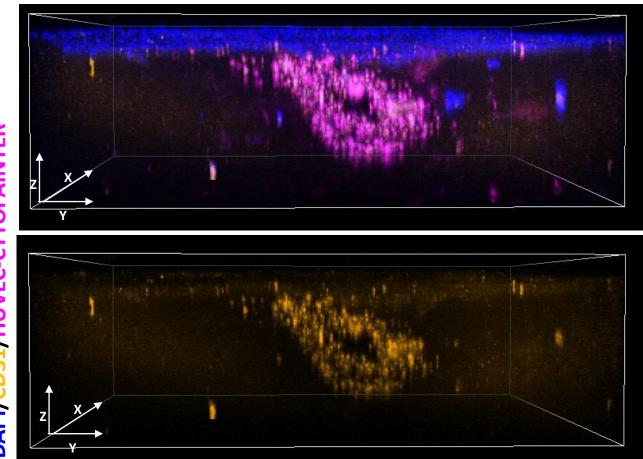
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Printed HUVEC (day 14)

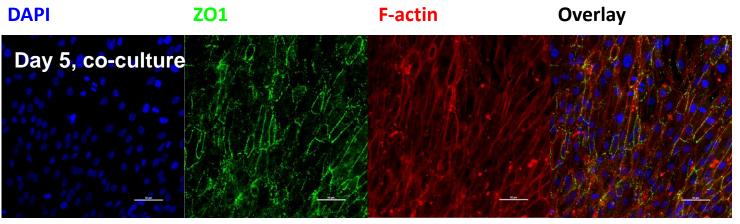




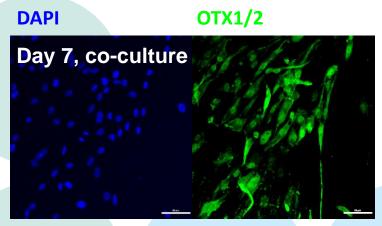
DAPI/CD31/HUVEC-CYTOPAINTER

Co-culture of ARPE19 and HUVEC (day 8)



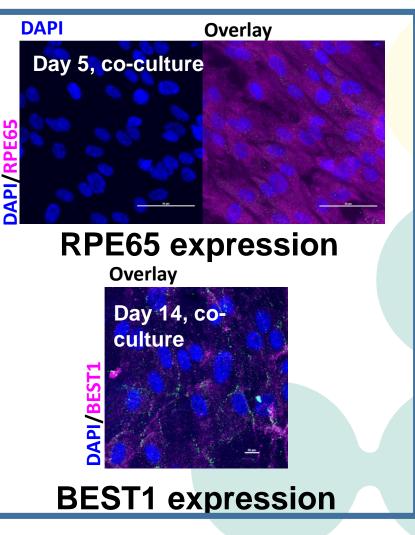


ZO1 expression



DAPI PAX6

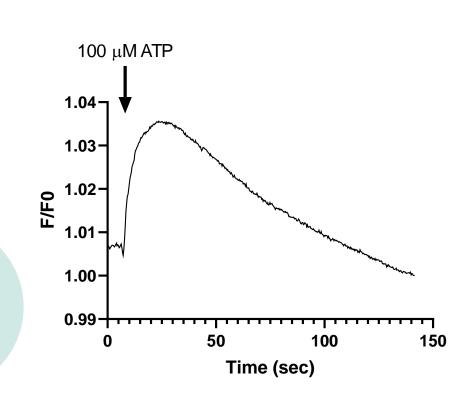
PAX6 expression

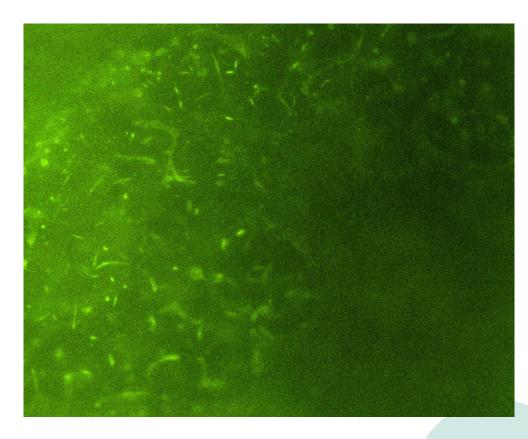


Mature RPE markers

OTX 1/2 expression



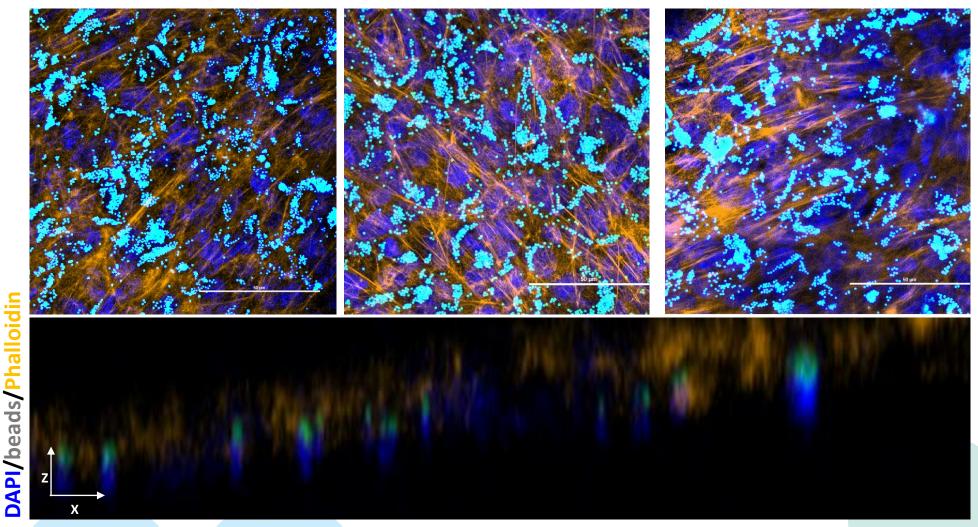




ARPE-19 transport Ca²⁺ in response to ATP after Co-culture with endothelial cells

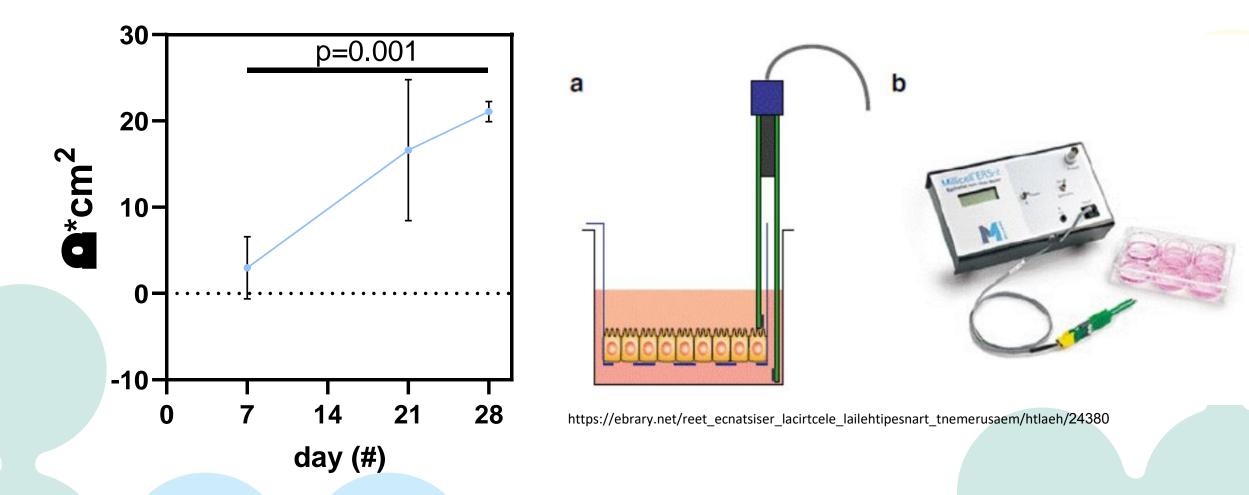
day 20 - Ca²⁺ transport in response to ATP





ARPE-19 preform phagocytosis of latex beads after Co-

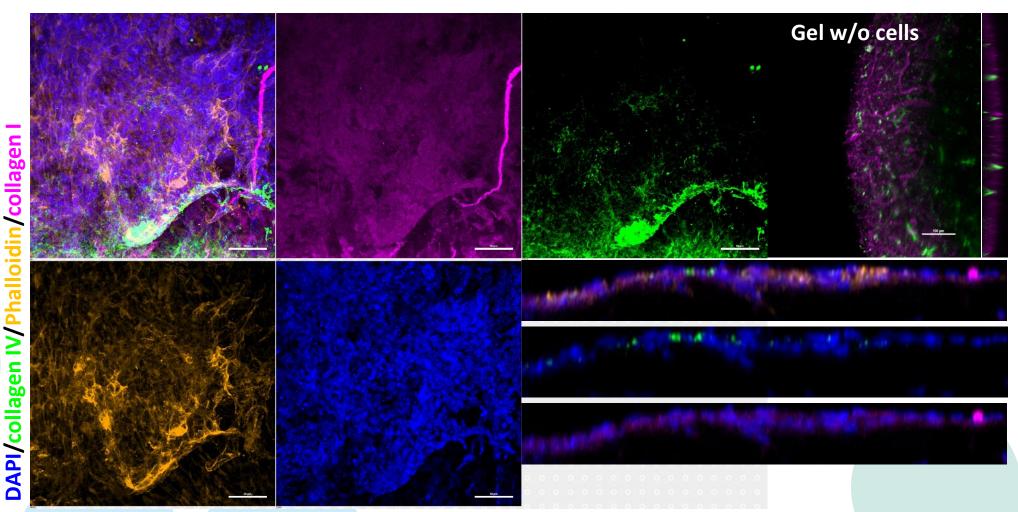




ARPE-19 form a barrier on top of the hydrogel



Engineering the RPE layer

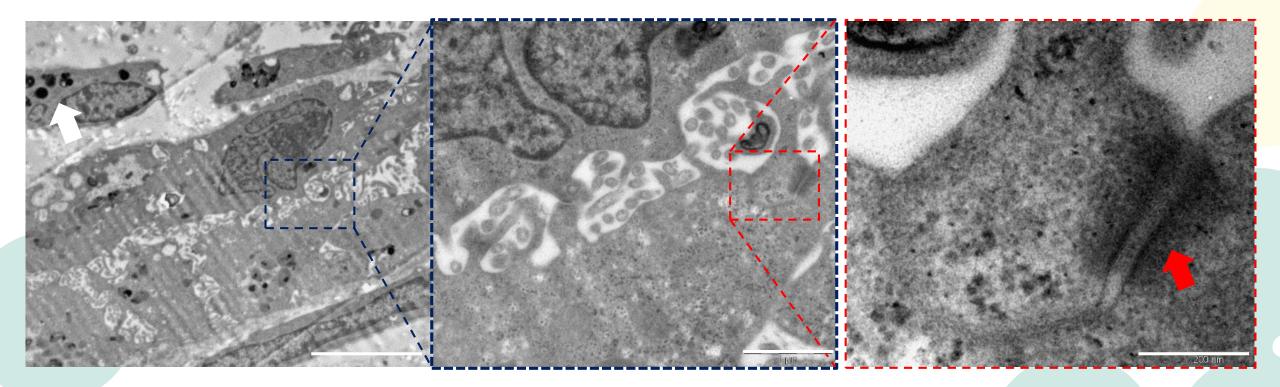


RPE cells secret Bruch membrane proteins in the co-culture condition

Co-culture: HUVEC+ARPE19 day 94 + day 81 661w



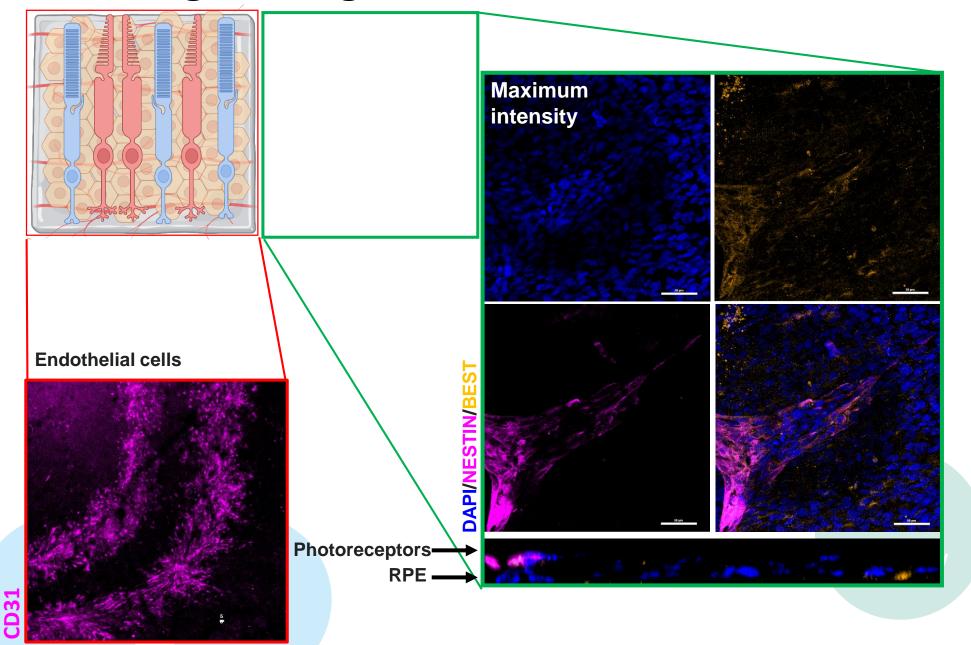
Engineering the RPE layer



ARPE-19 cells display microvilli, pigmentation and desmosomes

Co-culture: HUVEC+ARPE19 day 104 + day 91 661w

Engineering the vascularized retina





Future work

In vivo – show incorporation into the tissue
 Large animal modal – mini pigs
 Design of the surgical techniques













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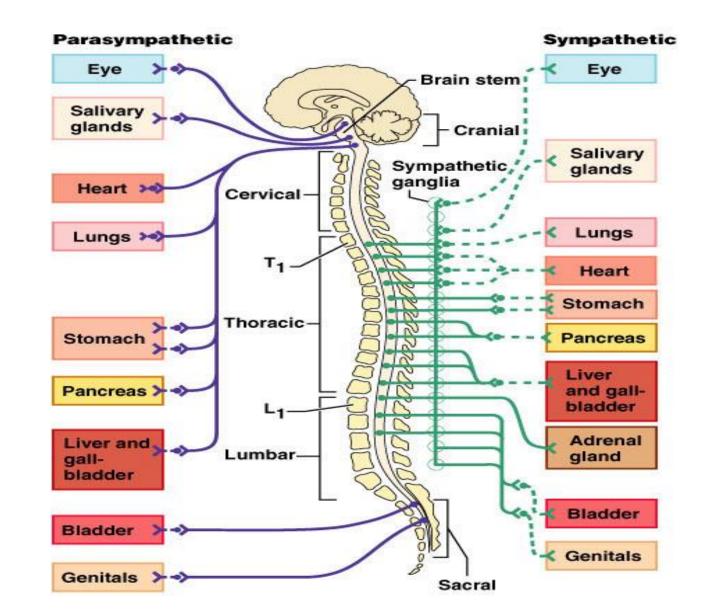
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Medicine, Sigol, Physiology, Pharmacology & Clinical Pharmacology

- Autonomic Nervous System
- CV Regulatory Systems
- Flow Regulations
- Hemodynamics, etc.
- Non-Invasive equipments
- Monitorung and signal processing
- Variuos biomarkers Blood Hemostasis
- MRI & (collaborations)

We use pharmacologcal tools to investigate physiologic and pathophysiologic mechanisms

Autonomic Nervous System and Regulatory systems



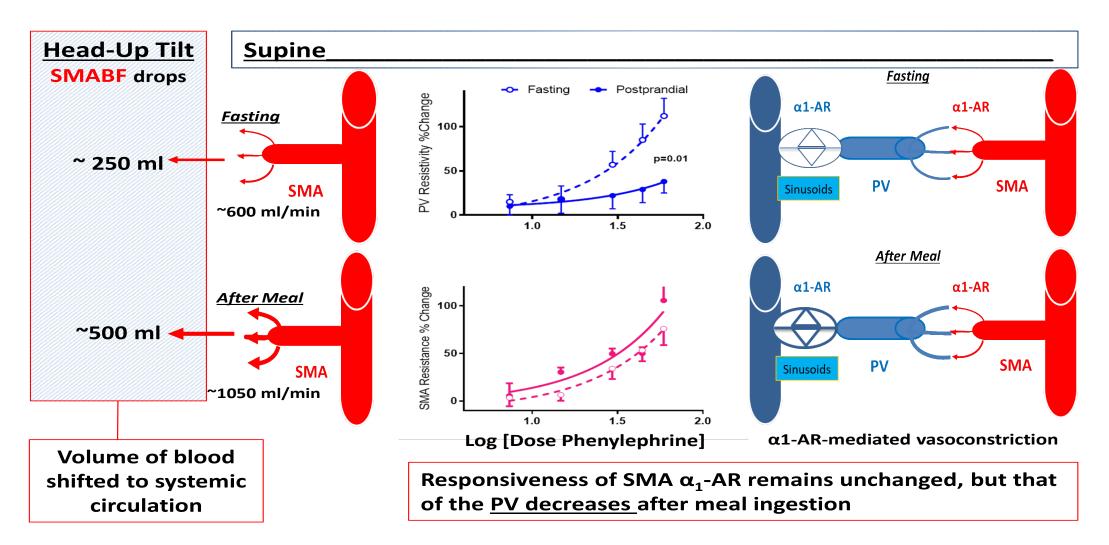
Essence of our Reseasrch

- Translational Science, cornerstone of the basic research in human: <u>Hypothesis-driven</u>.
- Understanding mechanistic processes, in physiology and pathophysiology: <u>Health & Disease</u>
- Development of new treatment and helpful medical devices: <u>High Tech</u>
- Focus, is on cardiovascular regulatory systems, with major "hint" on central and peripheral autonomic nervous system control: on Heart, Mesenteric Circulation and Cerebral regulatory mechanisms (MD, Basic Science)
- **Cannabis** effects on regulatory systems (PhD Student)

Longitudinal View of our outcome:

- Syndormes:
 - Neuropathic Postural Tachycardia Syndrome (POTS), NEJM
 - Dysautonomia in Hypermobility Syndrome, AJM
 - Dysautonomia in Premenstrual Syndrome, JCME
- Mechanisms:
 - Adrenorecptors functions in CVD, *Circulation x*
 - CBF: CO2-NO axis, Circulation & AJP
 - Endothelial Function, Brain, Penile, Periphery, AJP, Urol, Circ
 - Coagulation Physiology, effect of ANS, *Hypertension , Hemost & Throm*
 - Cannabis Effects on inhibitory pain, Neurology
 - Effect of meals on CV regulatory systems, AJP

Effect of meal on mesenteric circulation during orthostasis, and α1-AR responsiveness



AR, adrenoreceptor, SMA (BF), superior mesenteric artery (blood flow), PV, portal vein, sinusoids, venous hepatic sinusoids

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