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# RICORS-ICTUS

Una historia de investigación traslacional en  
Reparación Cerebral en Ictus Isquémico:  
de los estudios preclínicos a los ensayos clínicos

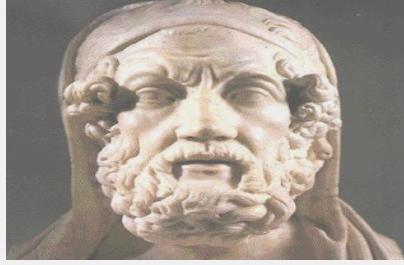
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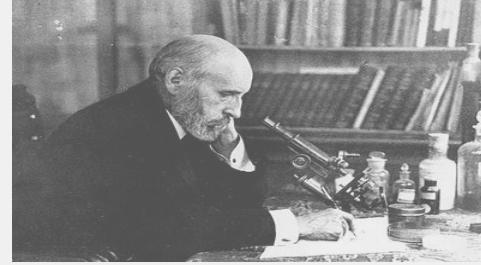
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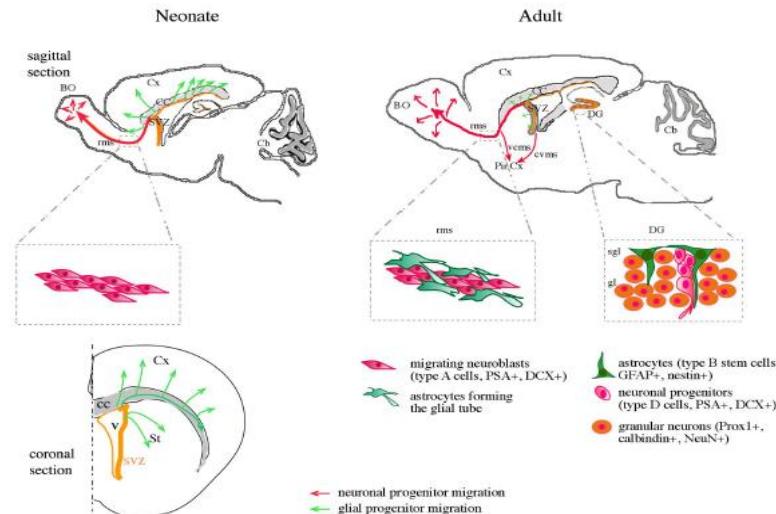


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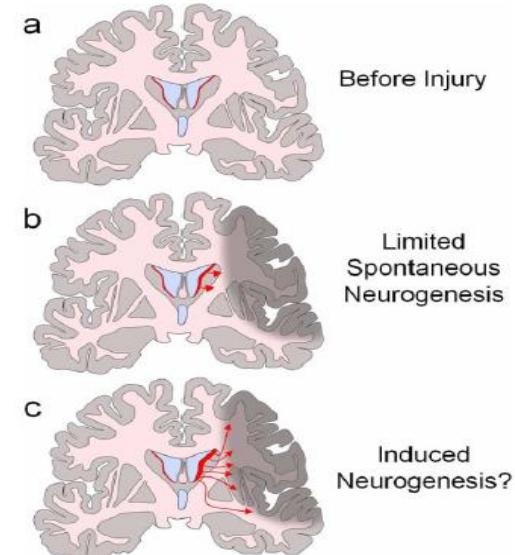
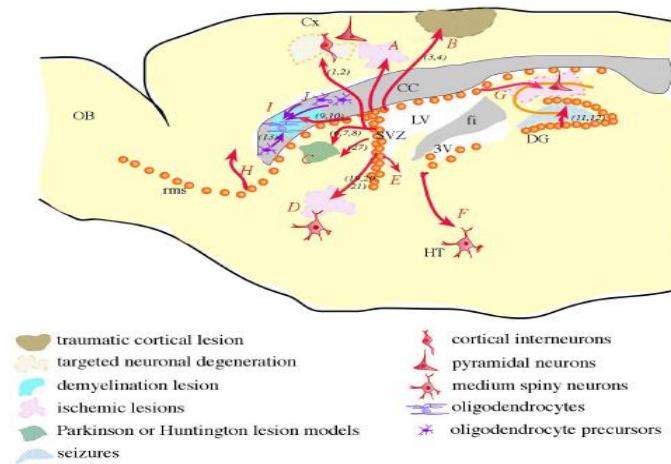


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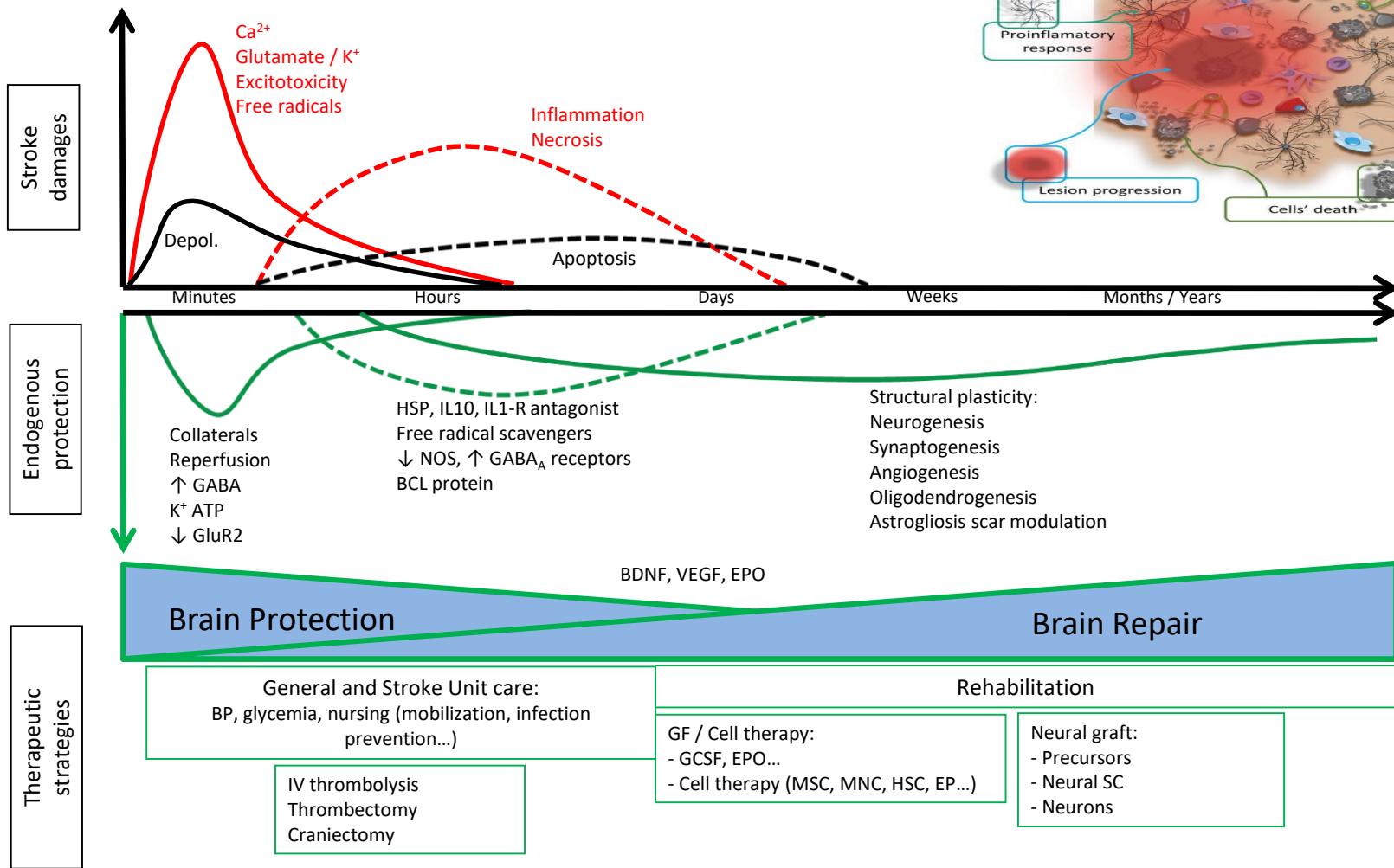
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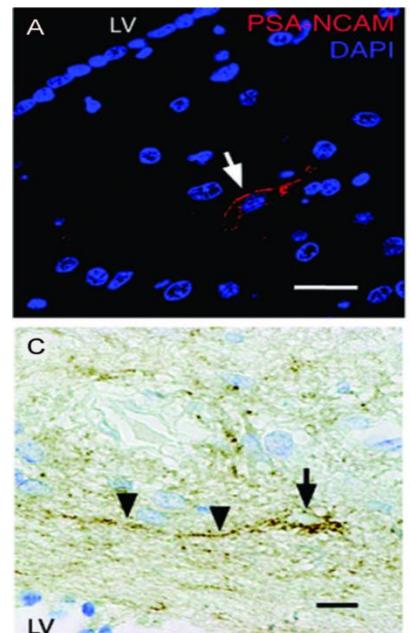
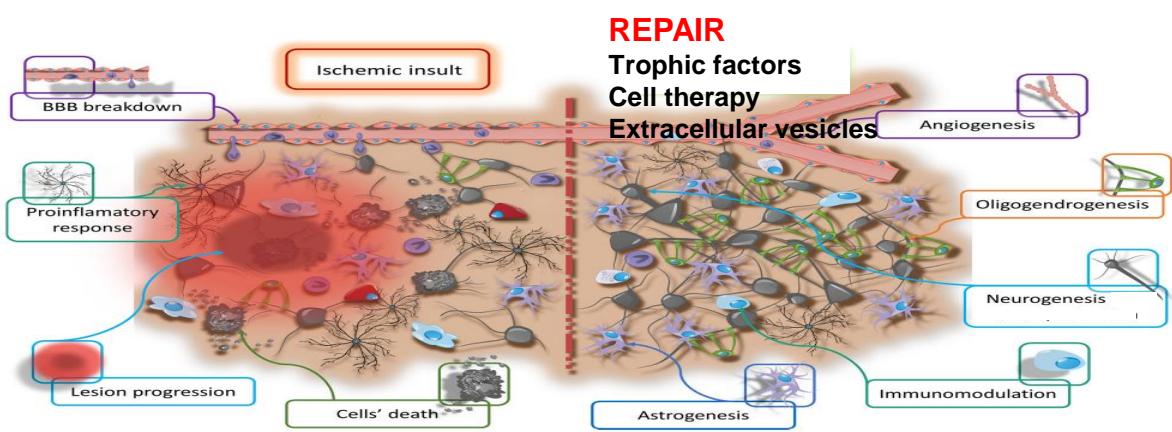
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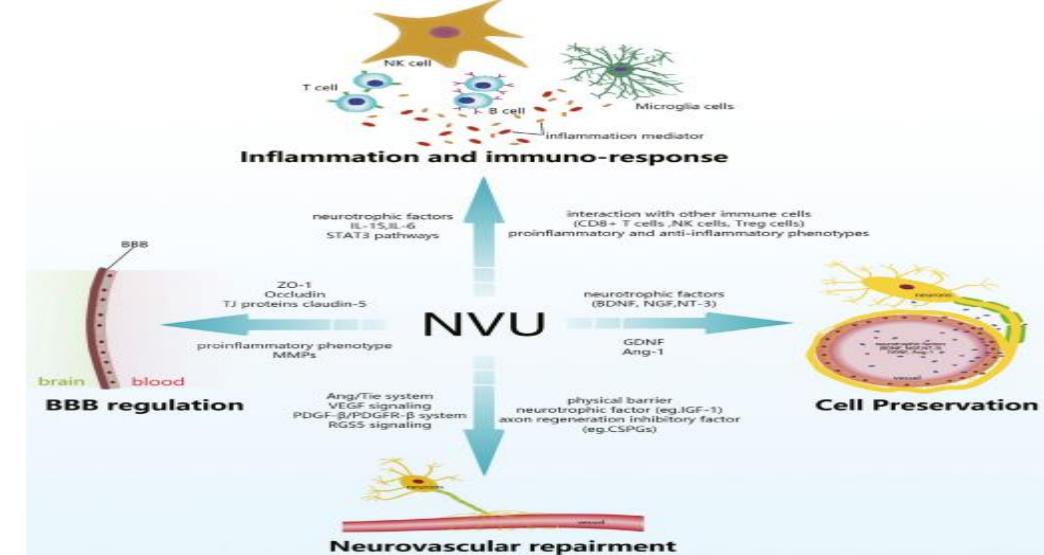
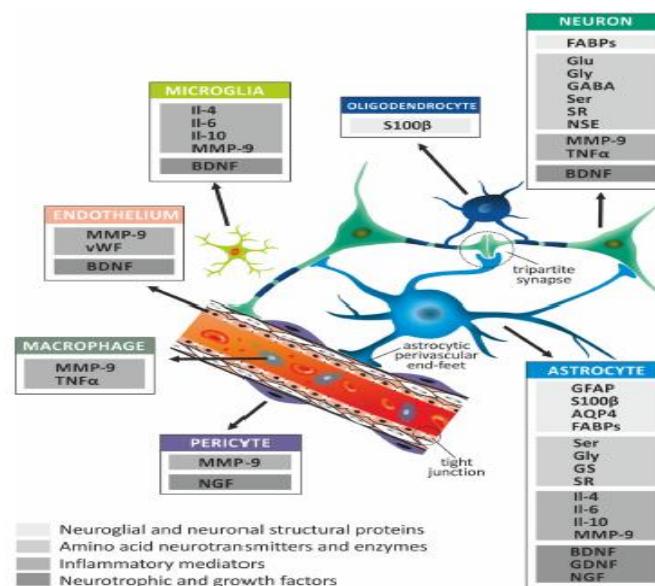
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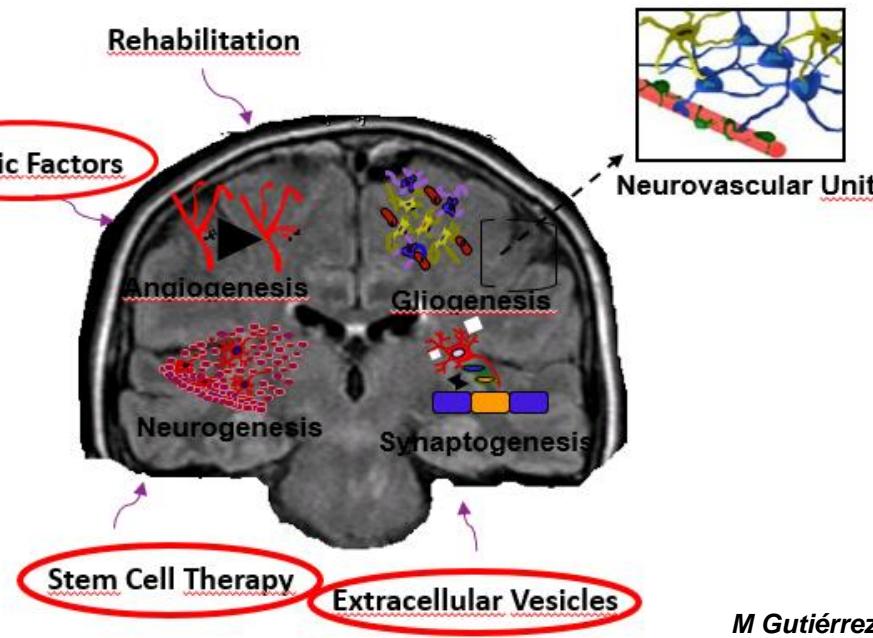


Steliga A et al; Trans Stroke Res 2020

Dabrowska et al; J of Neuroinflam 2019

## BRAIN PLASTICITY → BRAIN REPAIR

**REPERFUSION THERAPIES : 35 – 40 %**  
**Good Outcome (mRS <2 ) : 55 - 60 %**  
**Need REPAIR THERAPIES : ? 50 %**

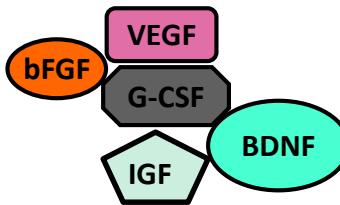


M Gutiérrez- Fernández , B Fuentes...E. Díez –Tejedor.  
*J Cell and Molec Med.* 2012

# TROHIC FACTORS

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Nerve growth factor (NGF)  
Vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF)  
Brain derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF)



Tissue Repair  
Reduces Cell death  
Increases Cell proliferation  
Neurogenesis and oligodendrogenesis *in vitro*  
Inmunomodulation

Main results of therapeutic studies with trophic factors or drugs with trophic effects in cerebral infarct animal models and human clinical trials.

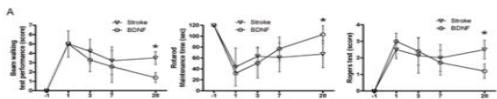
|  | Animal models  | Clinical trials   |
|--|--|---|
| <b>Trophic Factors</b>                               |  |   |
| <b>basic Fibroblast Growth Factor (bFGF)</b>         | Promotes neurogenesis<br>Enhances functional recovery and stimulates progeri or cell proliferation   | Phase II (286 patients). Prematurely stopped  |
| <b>Brain-Derived Neurotrophic Factor (BDNF)</b>      | Cellular and functional recovery<br>Protects and promotes nerve fiber regeneration<br>Promotes prostacyclin biosynthesis   | No studies.   |
| <b>Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor (VEGF)</b>     | Reduces neuronal cell death, increases angiogenesis and vascular permeability, reduces infarct volume, improves behavioral recovery  | No studies.   |
| <b>Erythropoietin (EPO)</b>                          | Reduces infarct size and improves neurobehavioral deficits   | Safety: open label (13 patients); Efficacy: double blind randomized proof of concept trial (40 patients): Improvement in neurological outcome, and smaller lesion size<br>Phase II/III (522 patients): negative results and safety concerns |
| <b>Granulocyte colony-stimulating factor (G-CSF)</b> | Promotes new blood vessel formation, has anti-inflammatory, anti-excytotoxic, neuroprotective properties and survival-enhancing capacity and effects on functional outcome | Safety: Phase IIb (60 patients)<br>AXIS-2: safety, tolerability and effect of G-CSF in acute ischemic stroke patients showed no improvement in patient outcome  |
| <b>EPO + G-CSF</b>                                   | Enhances angiogenesis and tissue plasticity, leading to greater functional recovery  | No studies.   |

# TROHIC FACTORS

## SUBCORTICAL ISCHEMIC STROKE: BDNF

### BDNF administration mediated oligodendrocyte differentiation and myelin formation in subcortical ischemic stroke

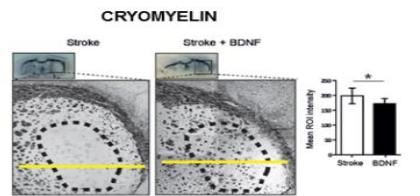
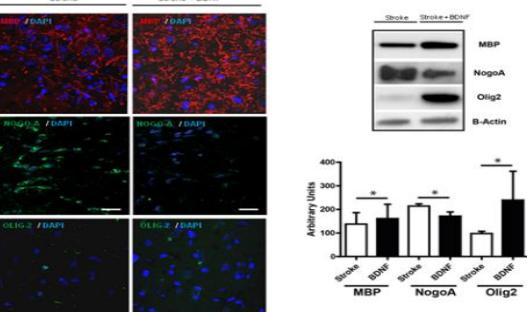
#### FUNCTIONAL EVALUATION



#### CELLULAR PROLIFERATION (KI67)

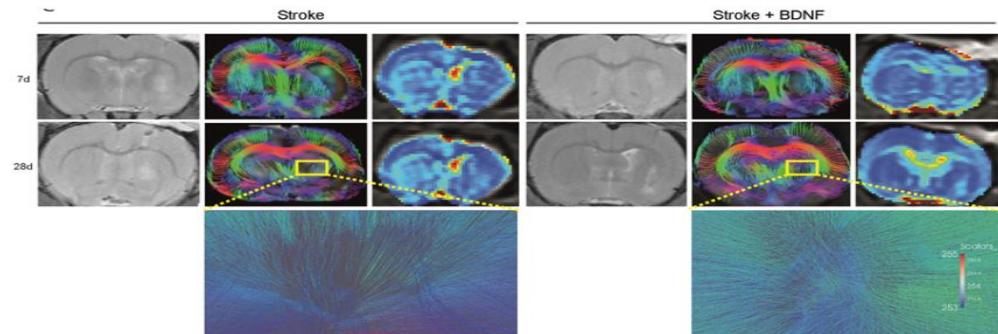


#### BRAIN REPAIR MARKERS



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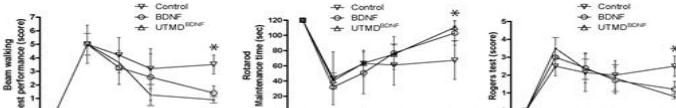
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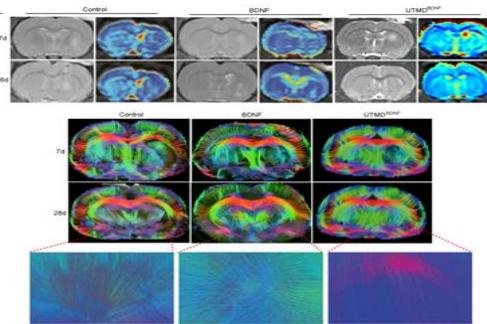
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### BDNF-mediated enhancement to the ischemic rat brain by ultrasound-targeted microbubbles destruction in subcortical ischemic stroke

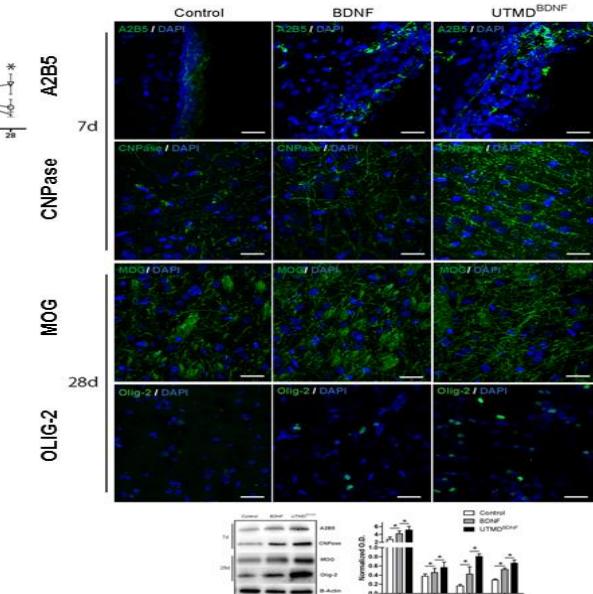
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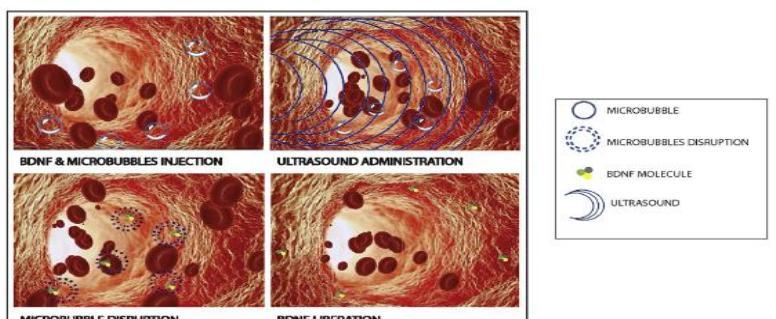
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#### WHITE MATTER-ASSOCIATED MARKERS

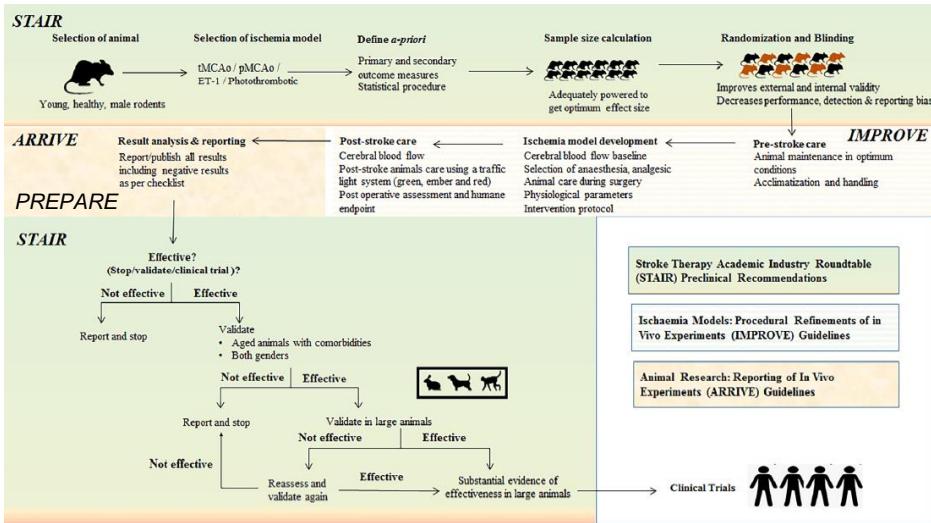


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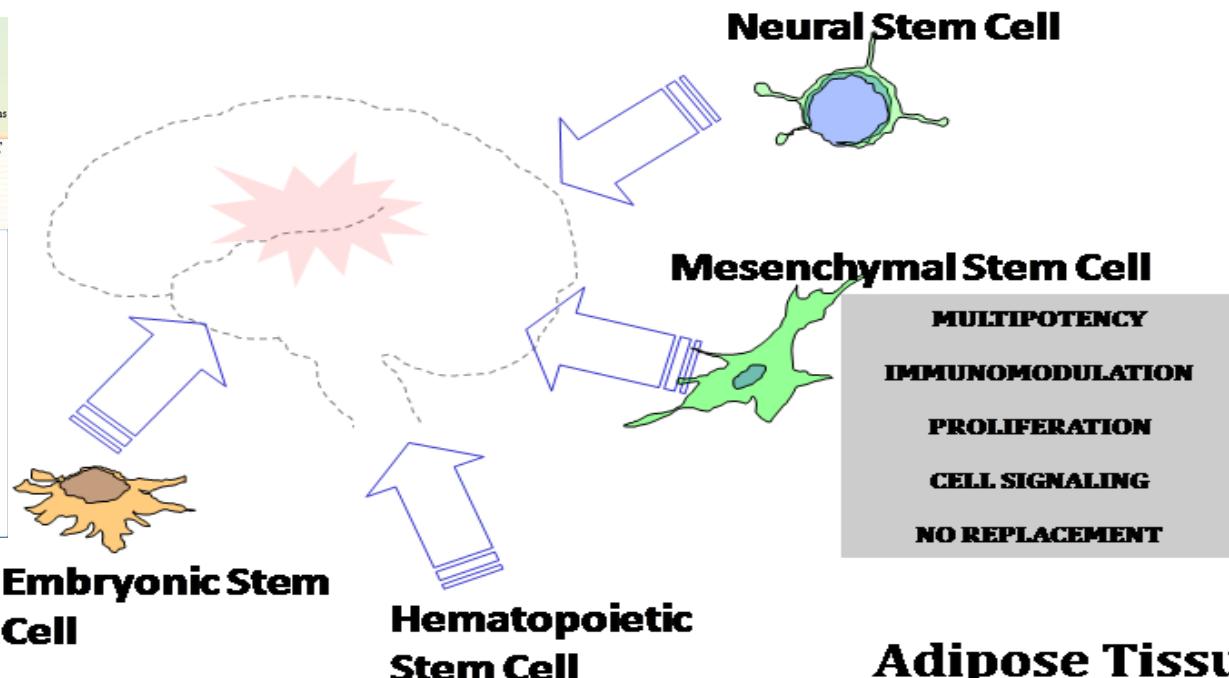


# CELL THERAPY

## PRECLINICAL STUDIES RECOMENDATIONS/GUIDE



## Cell therapy



## Stem Cell Therapeutics as an Emerging Paradigm for Stroke (STEPS)

| STEPS (2008)   | STEPS II (2010)  | STEPS III (2013)  | STEPS 4 (2019)   |
|--|--|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Models: focal ischemia</li> <li>Rats. Adults and aged female and male</li> <li>Control groups</li> <li>Behavioural tests</li> <li>Cell dose response studies and cell delivery issues</li> <li>Cell characterization</li> <li>Safety analysis</li> <li>Multiple laboratories</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stroke models with deficits persisting up to 4 W</li> <li>Control: vehicle or non functional cells</li> <li>Behavioural tests: multiple times &gt;1mo after treatment</li> <li>Dose-response curve</li> <li>Publish transcriptional profiles of cells</li> <li>Evaluate cell deposition, fate, host-cell interaction</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Many behavioral tests</li> <li>Aged and adult animals</li> <li>Both sexes</li> <li>Comorbidities</li> <li>Better control arm: rehabilitation</li> <li>Biomarkers to reflect cell activity</li> <li>Mechanism of action and safest delivery route should be defined in animal models</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stroke model selection</li> <li>Sex differences, age and comorbidities</li> <li>Dose-escalation studies</li> <li>Drug-cell interactions</li> <li>Biomaterials</li> <li>Neurorehabilitation</li> <li>Potential targets: lacunar, white matter and haemorrhagic strokes</li> <li>Behavioural tests</li> <li>Safety assessments</li> <li>Multicenter trials</li> <li>Preclinical data sharing</li> </ul> |

Leu S et al., J Transl Med; 2010

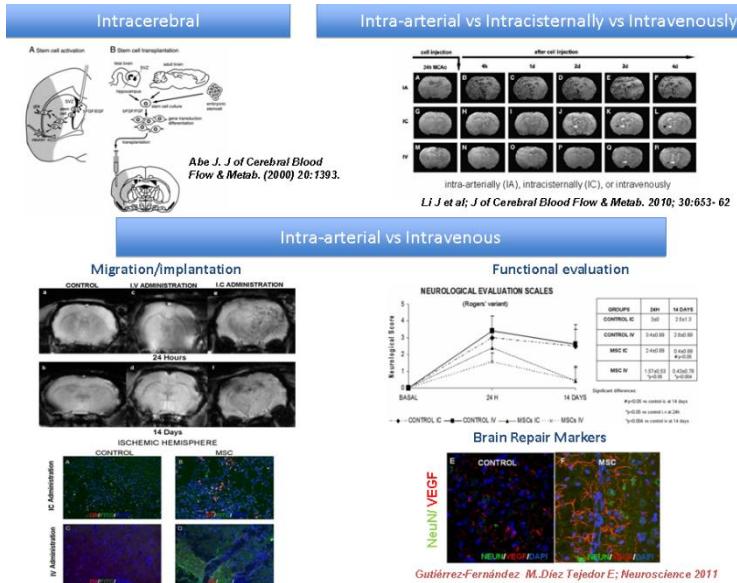
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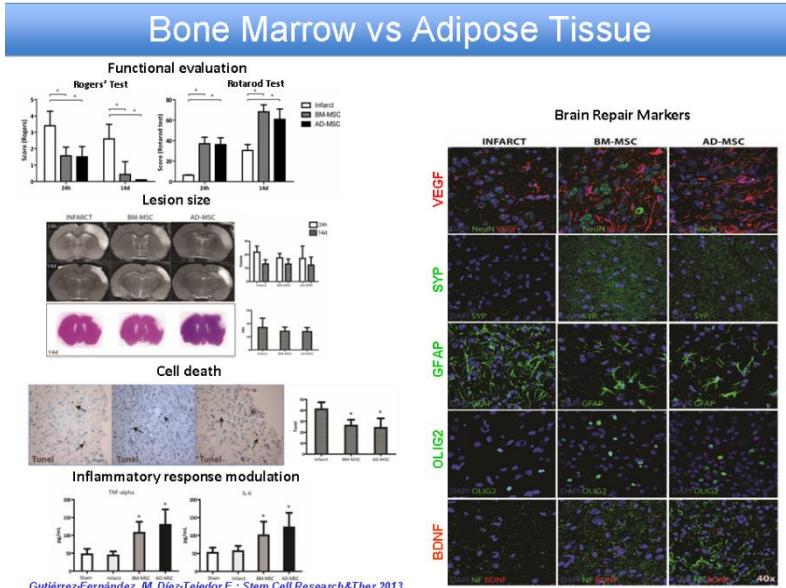
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# STEM CELLS . PRECLINICAL STUDIES IN STROKE

## ADMINISTRATION ROUTES



## CELL TYPE



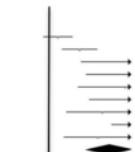
Meta-analysis of preclinical studies of mesenchymal stromal cells for ischemic stroke

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### B. Infarct volume reduction effect size

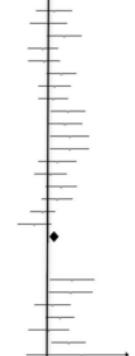
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Ref #e31 hd group4  
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Ref #e42  
Subtotal (95% CI)



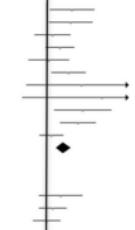
#### 24 hr poststroke

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Ref #e4  
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Ref #e20  
Ref #e22 idiopathic  
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Subtotal (95% CI)



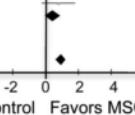
#### >1 d to 1 wk poststroke

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Ref #2  
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Ref #e18  
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Subtotal (95% CI)



#### >1 wk poststroke

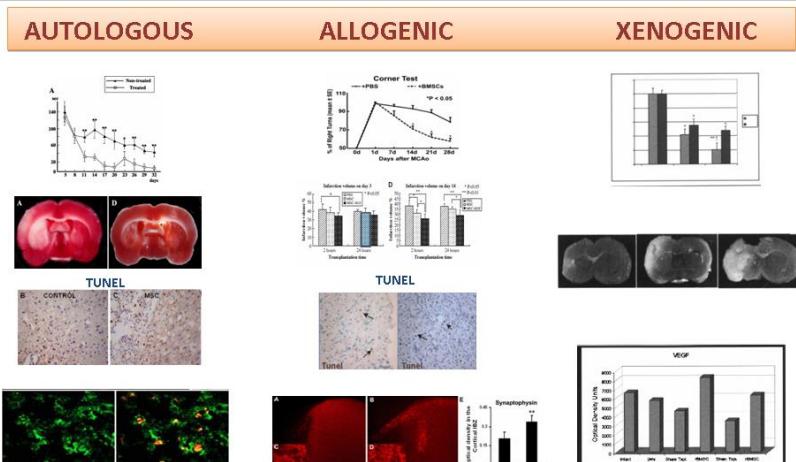
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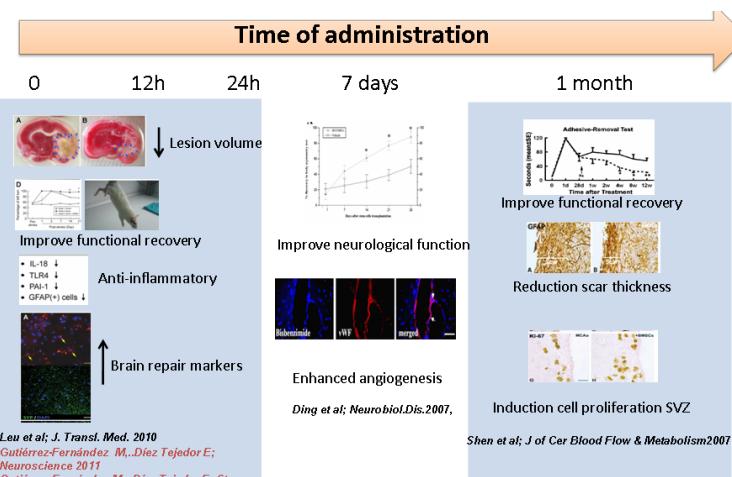
#### All studies

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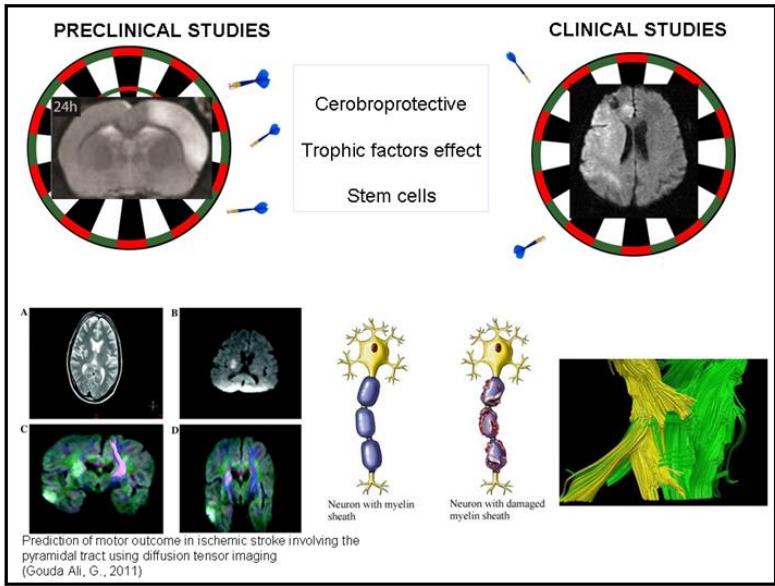
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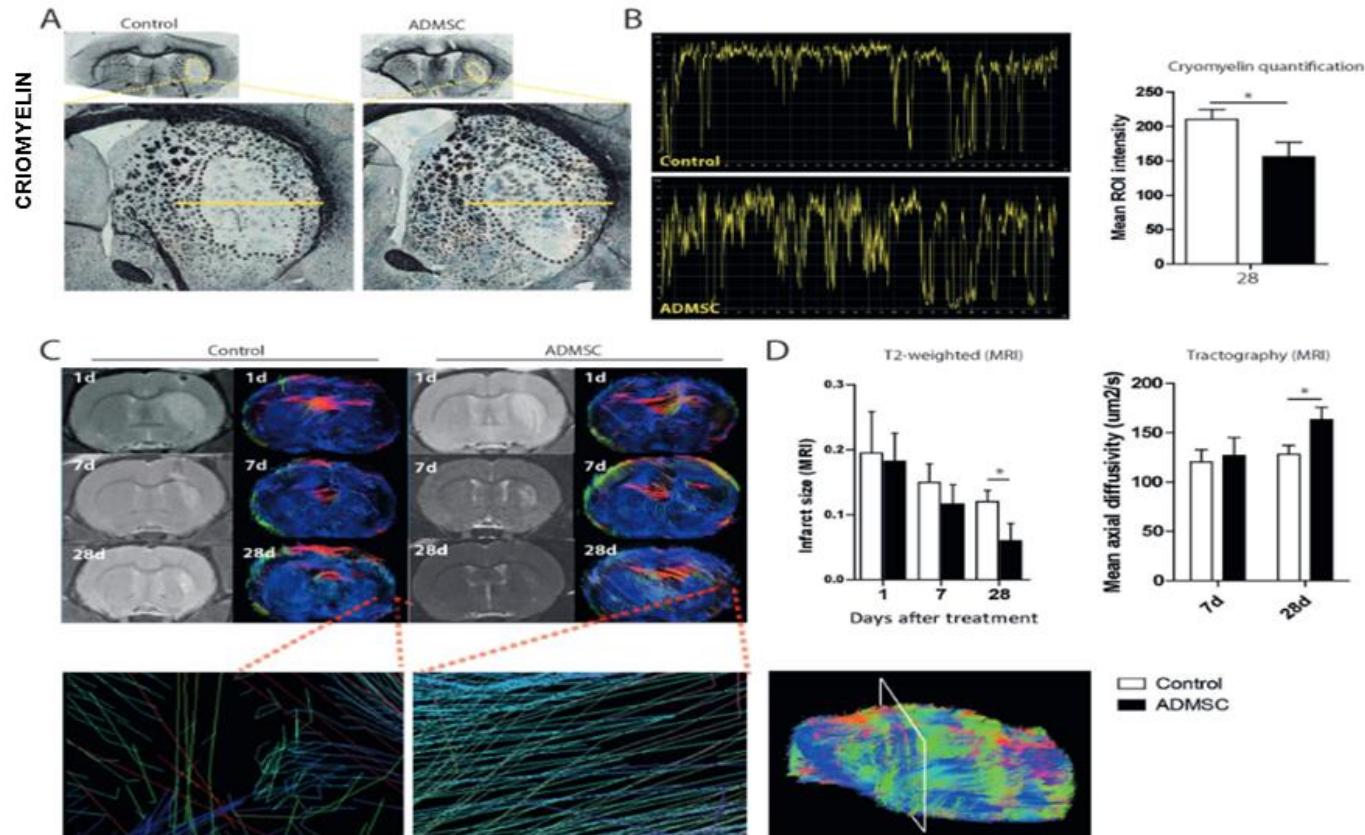
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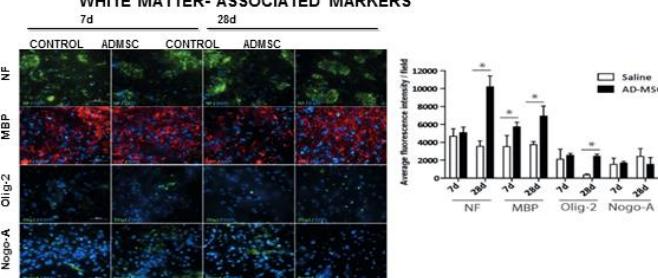
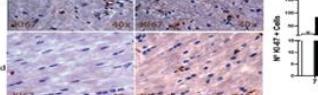
## SUBCORTICAL CEREBRAL INFARCT



## STEM CELLS EFFECT IN WHITE MATTER AFFECTATION



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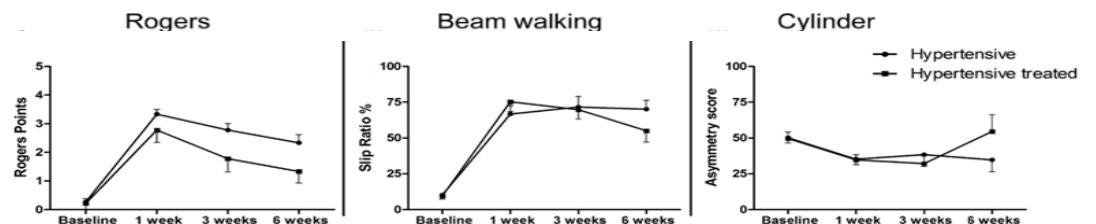




## Mesenchymal Stem Cells From Adipose Tissue Do not Improve Functional Recovery After Ischemic Stroke in Hypertensive Rats

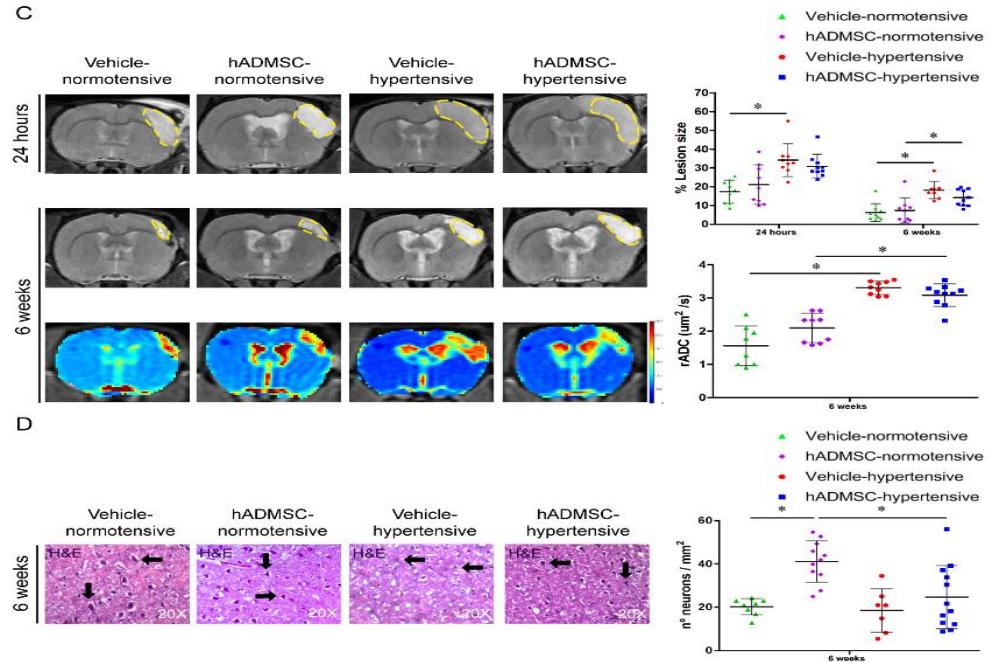
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### FUNCTIONAL EVALUATION



ADMSC did not reverse the hypertension-induced increase in functional impairment

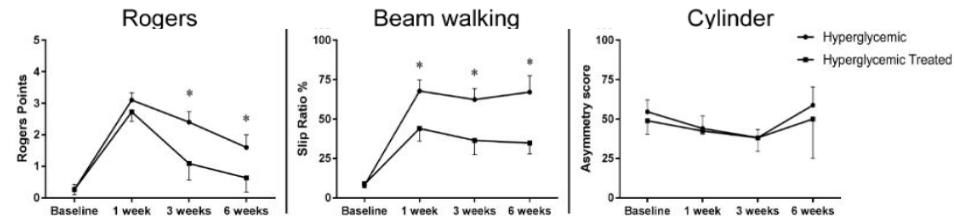
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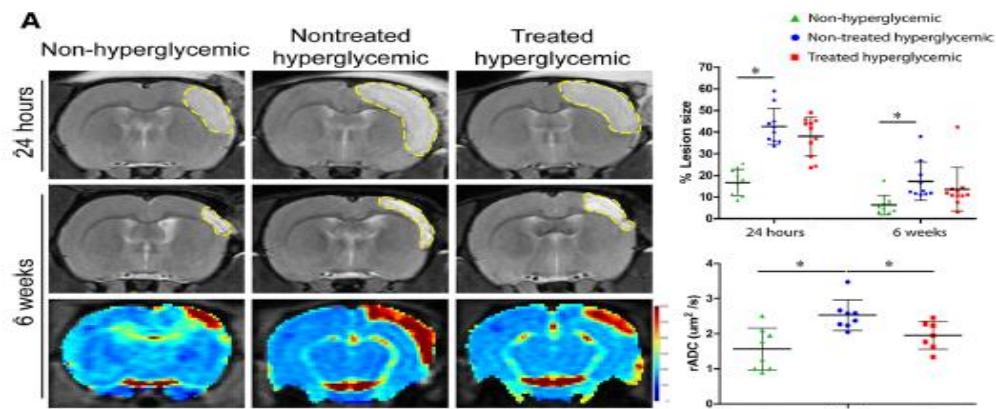
## Intravenous delivery of adipose tissue-derived mesenchymal stem cells improves brain repair in hyperglycemic stroke rats

Mari Carmen Gómez-de Frutos<sup>1†</sup>, Fernando Laso-García<sup>1†</sup>, Luke Diekhorst<sup>1†</sup>, Laura Otero-Ortega<sup>1</sup>, Blanca Fuentes<sup>1</sup>, Jukka Jolkonen<sup>2,3</sup>, Olivier Detante<sup>4,5</sup>, Anaick Moisan<sup>5,6</sup>, Arturo Martínez-Arroyo<sup>1</sup>, Exuperio Díez-Tejedor<sup>1</sup>, María Gutiérrez-Fernández<sup>1</sup> and on behalf of RESSTORE consortium

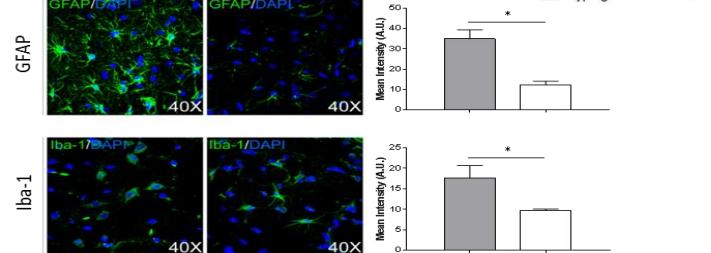
### FUNCTIONAL EVALUATION



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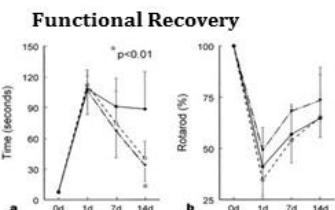


### GLIA MARKERS

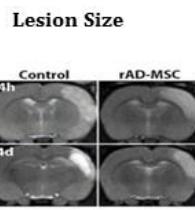


# STEM CELLS : PRECLINICAL STUDIES IN ISCHAEMIC STROKE

## Effects of Stem Cell in Ischemic Stroke



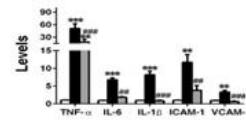
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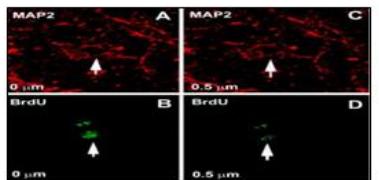


**Inflammatory response modulation**



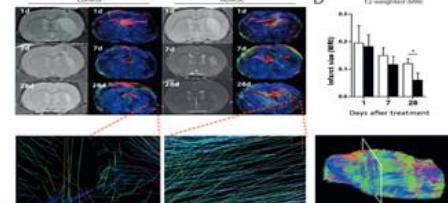
Huang L et al., *Stem Cell Res Ther*. 2014

## Neurogenesis



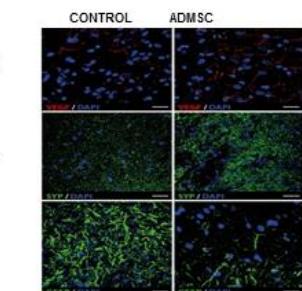
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## Nervous fibers connectivity



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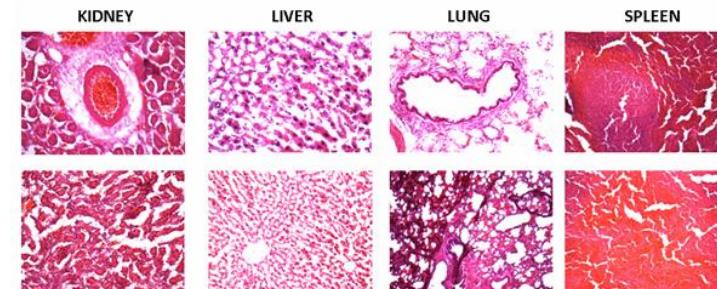
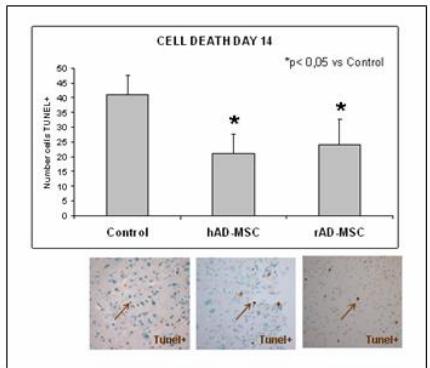
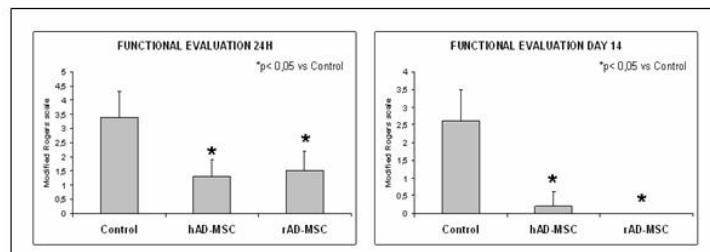
## Brain Repair Markers



Gutiérrez-Fernández..Díez Tejedor , *J Transl Med*, 2015

## Proof concept

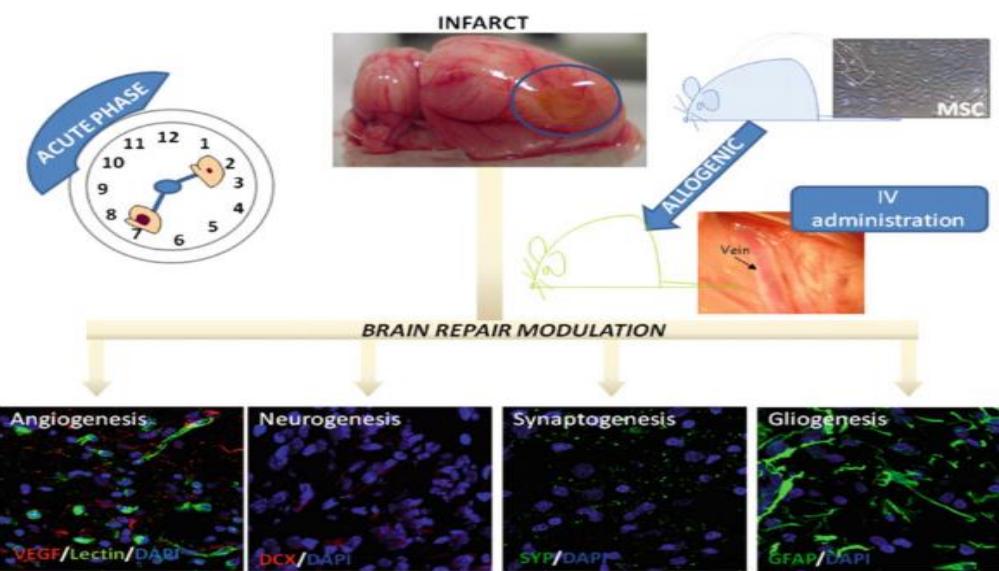
Aims: To study the safety and the of acute intravenous (i.v.) xenogenic administration of hAD-MSC or allogenic rat Adipose Tissue-derived-MSC (rAD-MSC) on functional evaluation in rat model of permanent Middle Cerebral Artery Occlusion (pMCAO).



Gutiérrez Fernández M ...Díez Tejedor E. *J Transl Med*. 2015;13:46.

# Clinical Trials

From preclinical results.....to Clinical Trial design



**Type of administration:** Allogenic/ Autologous

**Type of stem cells:** Mesenchymal Stem Cells

**Source:** Adipose Tissue/ Bone Marrow

**Administration route:** Intravenous/ Intraarterial?

**Time window:** Inclusion Acute stroke (<24h)  
(to be treated as soon as possible within 2 weeks)

**Endpoints:** Safety  
Efficacy: Neurological and functional outcome  
Biochemical markers

# CELL THERAPY

## AMASCIS



### Intravenous allogeneic AD-MSC and acute stroke

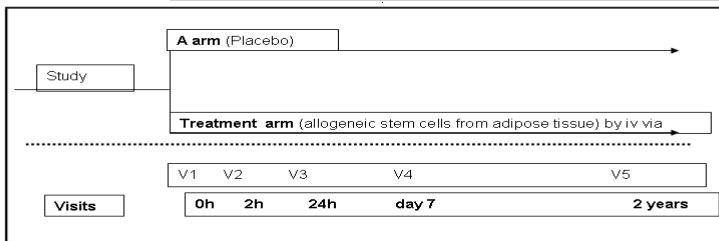
**Reparative Therapy in Acute Ischemic Stroke With Allogenic Mesenchymal Stem Cells From Adipose Tissue, Safety Assessment, a Randomised, Double Blind Placebo Controlled Single Center Pilot Clinical Trial**

ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier:  
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**Aims:** to assess the safety of treatment i.v. with allogeneic stem cells from adipose tissue in acute stroke patients.

**Design:** Phase IIa clinical trial, pilot, single center, prospective, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled.

This pilot study will include 20 patients with acute ischemic stroke, which will be randomized to treatment with stem cells or placebo (1:1).



Diez-Tejedor E, et al. J Stroke Cerebrovasc Dis. 2014;23(10):2694-700.

## AMASCIS-02



**AMASCIS-02. ALLOGENIC ADIPOSE TISSUE-DERIVED MESENCHYMAL STEM CELLS IN ISCHEMIC STROKE. A PHASE IIB MULTICENTER DOUBLE BLIND PLACEBO CONTROLLED CLINICAL TRIAL.**

**DESIGN:**

- Phase IIB clinical trial.
- Multicenter: Madrid & Sevilla
- Randomized, double-blind
- Placebo-controlled
- Allogenic treatment
- Adipose-tissue MSC (1M/kg)

### MAIN INCLUSION CRITERIA

- Acute ischemic stroke
- Older than 18 years
- NIHSS 8-20 (2 points motor deficit)
- Prestroke mRS ≤1

### MAIN OBJECTIVE:

- Safety
- very early phase (within 4 days from stroke onset).

### SECONDARY OBJECTIVE:

- Potential efficacy
  - Neurological and functional scales: NIHSS, ERm
  - Biochemical markers



FUNDING: ISCIII (529.100 euros)

## RESSTORE: a Multicentric and European clinical trials | RESSTORE

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RESSTORE, REgenerative Stem cell therapy for STroke in Europe, is a multicentric project in Personalising health and care (PHC) area financed by the European Commission H2020 programme. The RESSTORE project is focused on the assessment of the efficacy of intravenous cell therapy to improve recovery and/or ...



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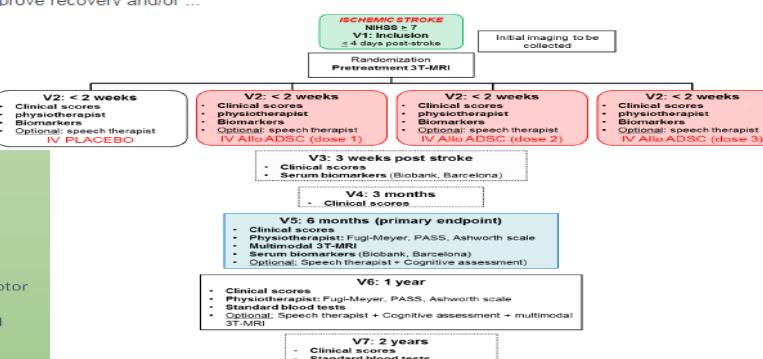
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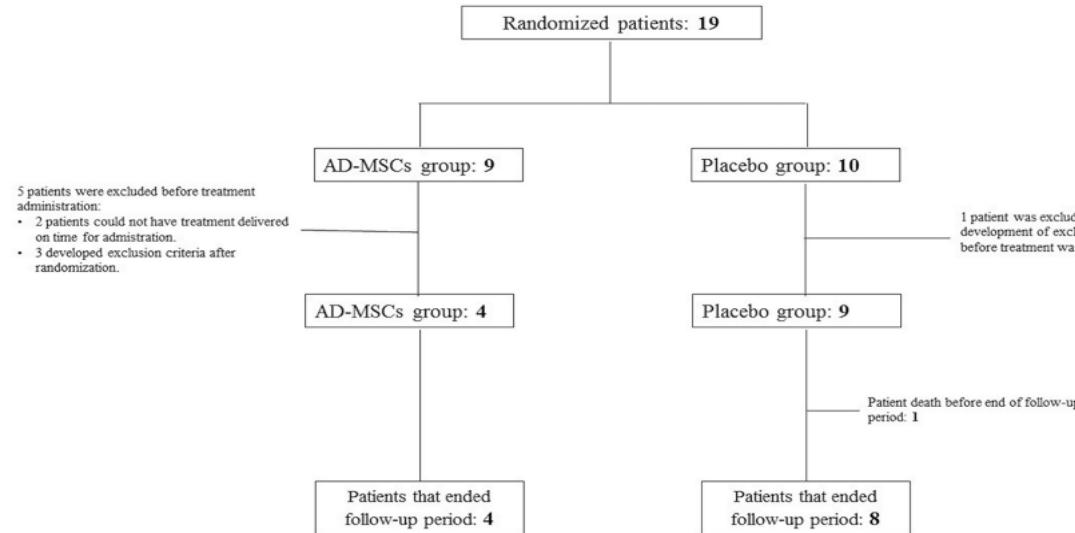
- 124 patients  
 - 4 groups:  
 - 3 different doses according to results of the toxicity study  
 - placebo  
 - Randomised, double blind  
 - Interim endpoint for dose-effect curve: motor NIHSS at 6 months  
 - 2 years follow-up with biomarkers and MRI  
 - All RESSTORE centers

## Dose-Effect

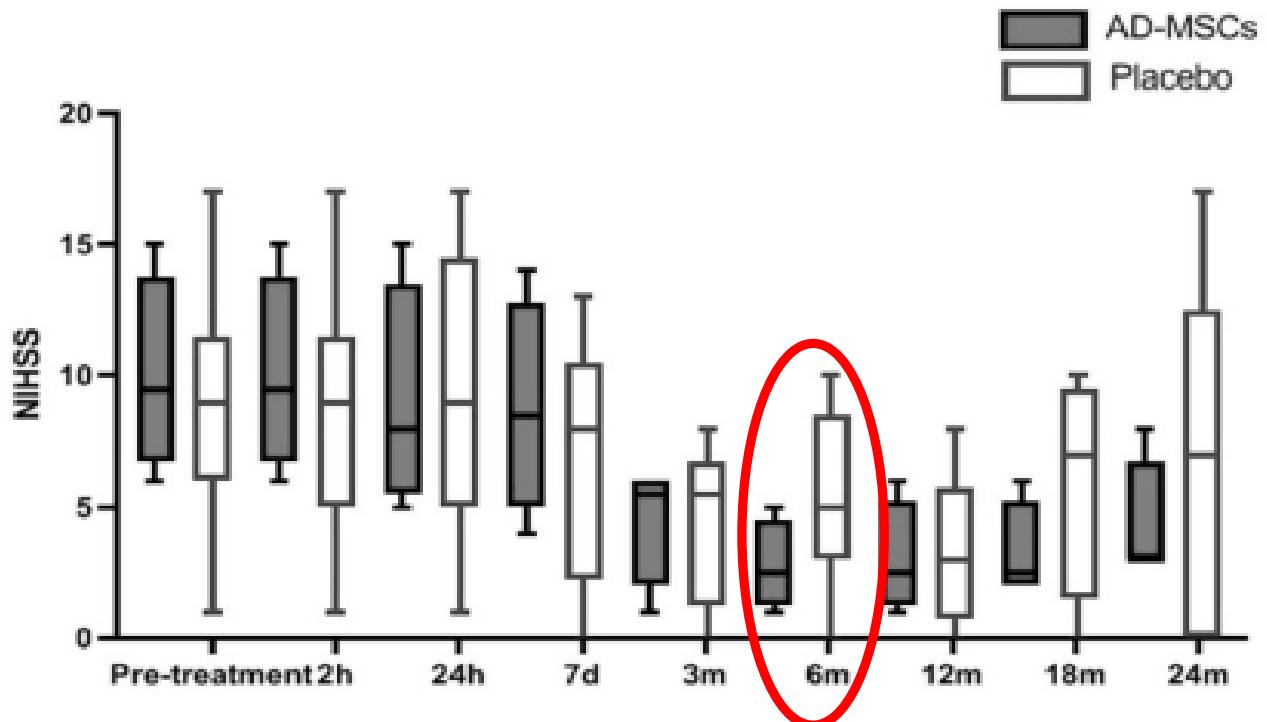


**Final Results of Allogeneic Adipose Tissue-Derived Mesenchymal Stem Cells in Acute Ischemic Stroke (AMASCIS): A Phase II, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Single-Center, Pilot Clinical Trial**

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**Main conclusion:** intravenous treatment with AD-MSCs, 1M/kg, within the first 2 weeks from ischemic stroke was safe at 24 months of follow-up



# IV ALLOGENIC AD-MSC EARLY WINDOW

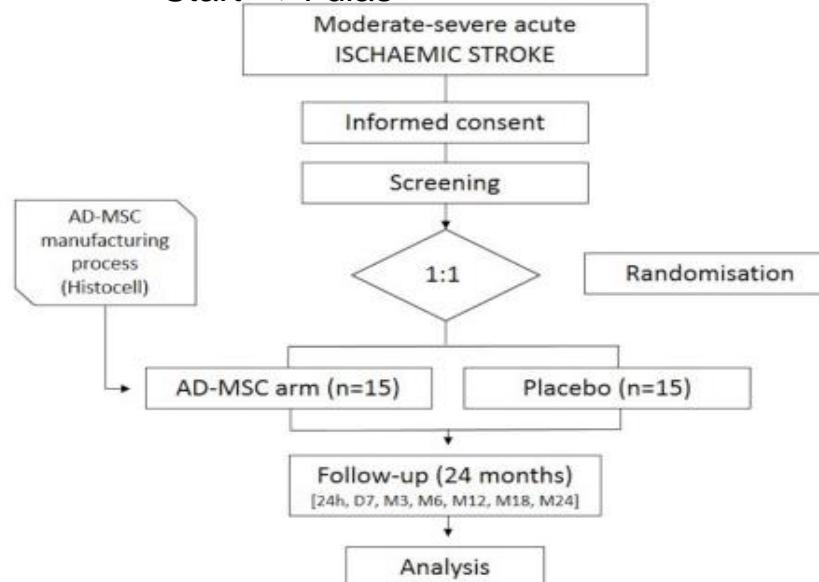
# BMJ Open Allogeneic adipose tissue-derived mesenchymal stem cells in ischaemic stroke (AMASCIS-02): a phase IIb, multicentre, double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical trial protocol

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IV Administration AD-MSC : 1M/Kg

Start < 4 dias



**Figure 1** Schematic flowchart of the clinical trial. AD-MSCs, allogeneic adipose tissue-derived mesenchymal stem cells

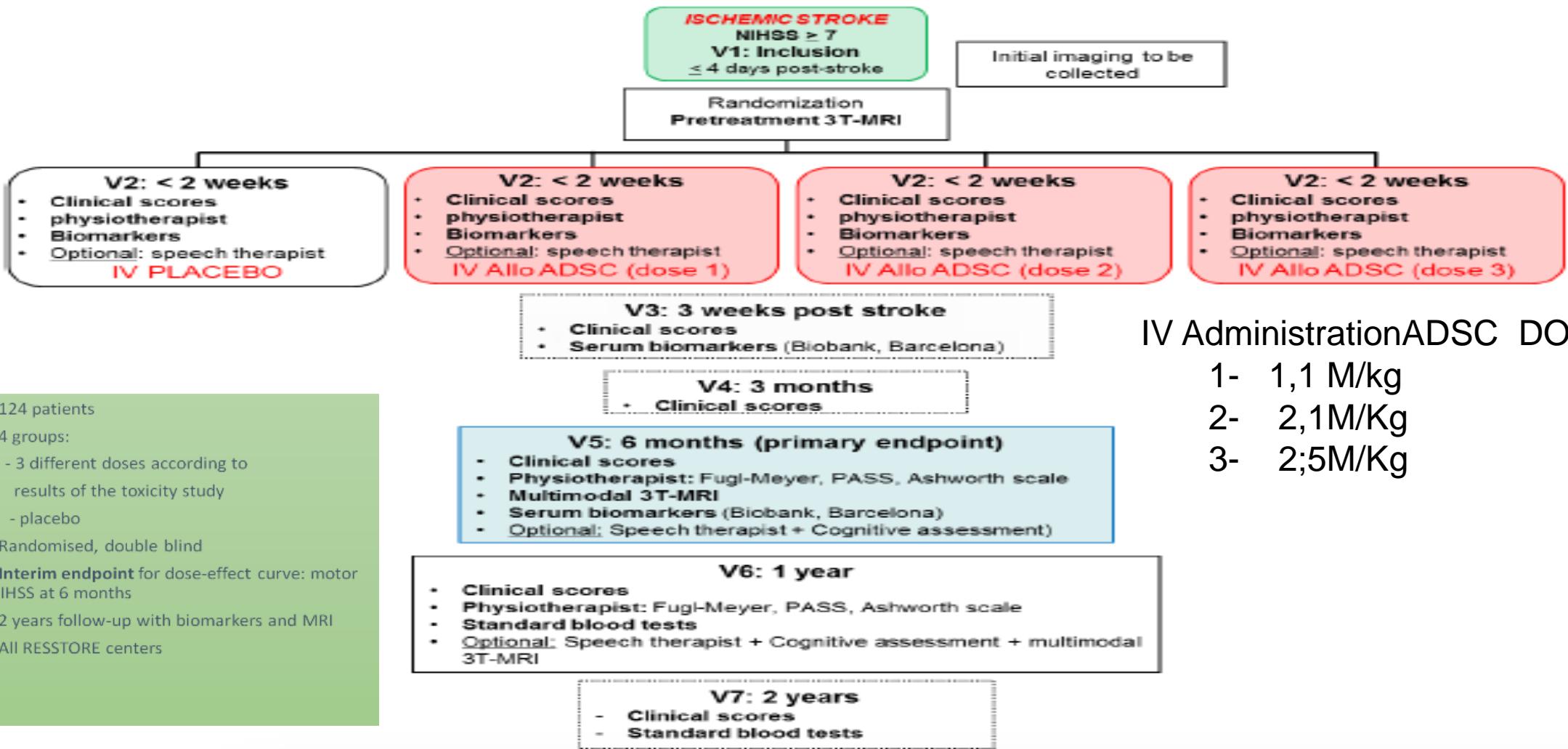
AMASCIS-02

## Ongoing



**Table 1** Flowchart of study visits and procedures

# IV ALLOGENIC AD-MSC DOSE-EFFECT TRIAL



IV Administration ADSC DOSES:

- 1- 1,1 M/kg
- 2- 2,1M/Kg
- 3- 2;5M/Kg

# IV ALLOGENIC MULTIPOTENT ADULT PROGENITOR CELLS EARLY WINDOW MASTERS

## Safety and efficacy of multipotent adult progenitor cells in acute ischaemic stroke (MASTERS): a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled, phase 2 trial

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*Lancet Neurol* 2017; 16: 360–68

|   | Multipotent adult progenitor cells (n=65) | Placebo (n=61) |
|---|---|----------------|
| Treatment-emergent adverse event                      | 64 (99%)                                  | 59 (97%)       |
| Study drug-related treatment-emergent adverse event*  | 15 (23%)                                  | 5 (8%)         |
| Infusion-related allergic reaction                    | 0 (0%)                                    | 0 (0%)         |
| Neurological worsening                                | 0 (0%)                                    | 0 (0%)         |
| Secondary infection                                   | 25 (39%)                                  | 29 (48%)       |
| Serious adverse events                                | 22 (34%)                                  | 24 (39%)       |
| Maximum severity of treatment-emergent adverse events |   |                |
| Mild  | 12 (18%)                                  | 14 (23%)       |
| Moderate  | 33 (51%)                                  | 24 (39%)       |
| Severe  | 11 (17%)                                  | 6 (10%)        |
| Life-threatening                                      | 3 (5%)                                    | 6 (10%)        |
| Death   | 5 (8%)                                    | 9 (15%)        |

Data are number of events (%). An adverse event was considered treatment-emergent if the start time of the event was on or after the start of treatment infusion.

\*An adverse event that was definitely, probably, or possibly related to treatment.

Table 3: Treatment-emergent adverse events for groups 2 and 3 combined

|  | Day 90                                    |                |         | 1 year*                                   |                |         |
|--|---|----------------|---------|---|----------------|---------|
|  | Multipotent adult progenitor cells (n=65) | Placebo (n=61) | p value | Multipotent adult progenitor cells (n=65) | Placebo (n=61) | p value |
| <b>Efficacy</b>                          |   |                |         |   |                |         |
| mRS ≤2 (scale 0–6)                       | 24 (37%)                                  | 22 (36%)       | 0.93    | 33 (51%)                                  | 27 (44%)       | 0.46    |
| NIHSS improvement of ≥75%                | 26 (40%)                                  | 23 (38%)       | 0.79    | 32 (49%)                                  | 28 (46%)       | 0.71    |
| Barthel index ≥95 (scale 0–100)          | 30 (46%)                                  | 27 (44%)       | 0.83    | 40 (62%)                                  | 27 (44%)       | 0.05    |
| NIHSS ≤1 or ≥11 point improvement        | 25 (39%)                                  | 18 (30%)       | 0.29    | “   | “              | “       |
| mRS shift                                | —   | —              | 0.29    | —   | —              | 0.09    |
| mRS ≤1                                   | 10 (15%)                                  | 7 (12%)        | 0.51    | 18 (28%)                                  | 8 (13%)        | 0.0410  |
| NIHSS ≤1                                 | 17 (26%)                                  | 10 (16%)       | 0.17    | 19 (29%)                                  | 12 (20%)       | 0.20    |
| Excellent outcome†                       | 10 (15%)                                  | 4 (7%)         | 0.10    | 15 (23%)                                  | 5 (8%)         | 0.0206  |
| <b>Safety</b>                            |   |                |         |   |                |         |
| Life-threatening adverse events or death | —   | —              | —       | 8 (12%)                                   | 15 (25%)       | 0.08    |
| Secondary infections                     | —   | —              | —       | 25 (39%)                                  | 29 (48%)       | 0.30    |
| Initial days in hospital                 | 7.6 (4.0)                                 | 9.6 (8.1)      | 0.09    | —   | —              | —       |

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|--|
| Data are n (%) or mean (SD). Each endpoint was tested independently; no adjustments were made for multiplicity.  |
| mRS=modified Rankin Score. NIHSS=National Institutes of Health Stroke Scale. *Excellent outcome is a composite of mRS ≤1, NIHSS ≤1, and Barthel index ≥95. |
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| Table 2: Secondary outcomes for groups 2 and 3 combined  |

**IV Administration DOSES within 24-48 h.**  
 -Group 1 : 400 M  
 -Group 2 : 1200M

Early treatment < 36 h

|  | Day 90                                   |                |         | 1 year                                   |                |         |
|--|--|----------------|---------|--|----------------|---------|
|  | Multipotent adult progenitor cell (n=31) | Placebo (n=61) | p value | Multipotent adult progenitor cell (n=31) | Placebo (n=61) | p value |
| <b>Efficacy</b>                          |  |                |         |  |                |         |
| mRS ≤2 (scale 0–6)                       | 14 (45%)                                 | 22 (36%)       | 0.38    | 16 (52%)                                 | 27 (44%)       | 0.50    |
| Improvement in NIHSS of ≥75%             | 15 (48%)                                 | 23 (38%)       | 0.33    | 16 (52%)                                 | 28 (46%)       | 0.61    |
| Barthel index ≥95 (scale 1–100)          | 18 (58%)                                 | 27 (44%)       | 0.18    | 22 (71%)                                 | 29 (48%)       | 0.0252  |
| NIHSS ≤1 or ≥11 point improvement        | 14 (45%)                                 | 18 (30%)       | 0.14    | “  | “              | “       |
| mRS shift                                | “  | “              | 0.13    | “  | “              | 0.07    |
| mRS ≤1 (scale 0–6)                       | 5 (16%)                                  | 7 (12%)        | 0.53    | 10 (32%)                                 | 8 (13%)        | 0.0281  |
| NIHSS ≤1                                 | 10 (32%)                                 | 10 (16%)       | 0.08    | 11 (36%)                                 | 12 (20%)       | 0.09    |
| Excellent outcome*                       | 5 (16%)                                  | 4 (7%)         | 0.14    | 9 (29%)                                  | 5 (8%)         | 0.0081  |
| <b>Safety</b>                            |  |                |         |  |                |         |
| Life-threatening adverse events or death | “  | “              | “       | 3 (10%)                                  | 15 (25%)       | 0.09    |
| Secondary infections                     | “  | “              | “       | 5 (16%)                                  | 29 (48%)       | 0.0033  |
| Initial days in hospital                 | 6.8 (2.8)                                | 9.6 (8.1)      | 0.0164  | “  | “              | “       |

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Table 4: Post-hoc outcomes for early treatment (<36 h) for groups 2 and 3 combined

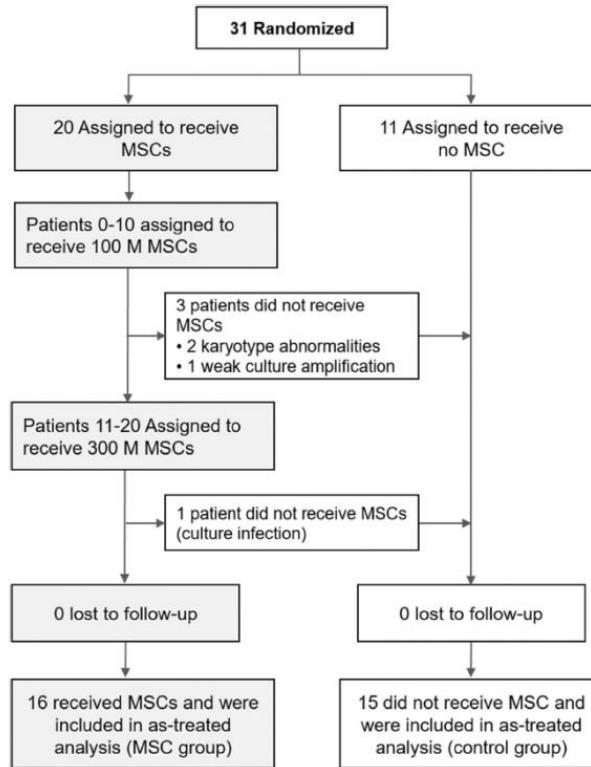


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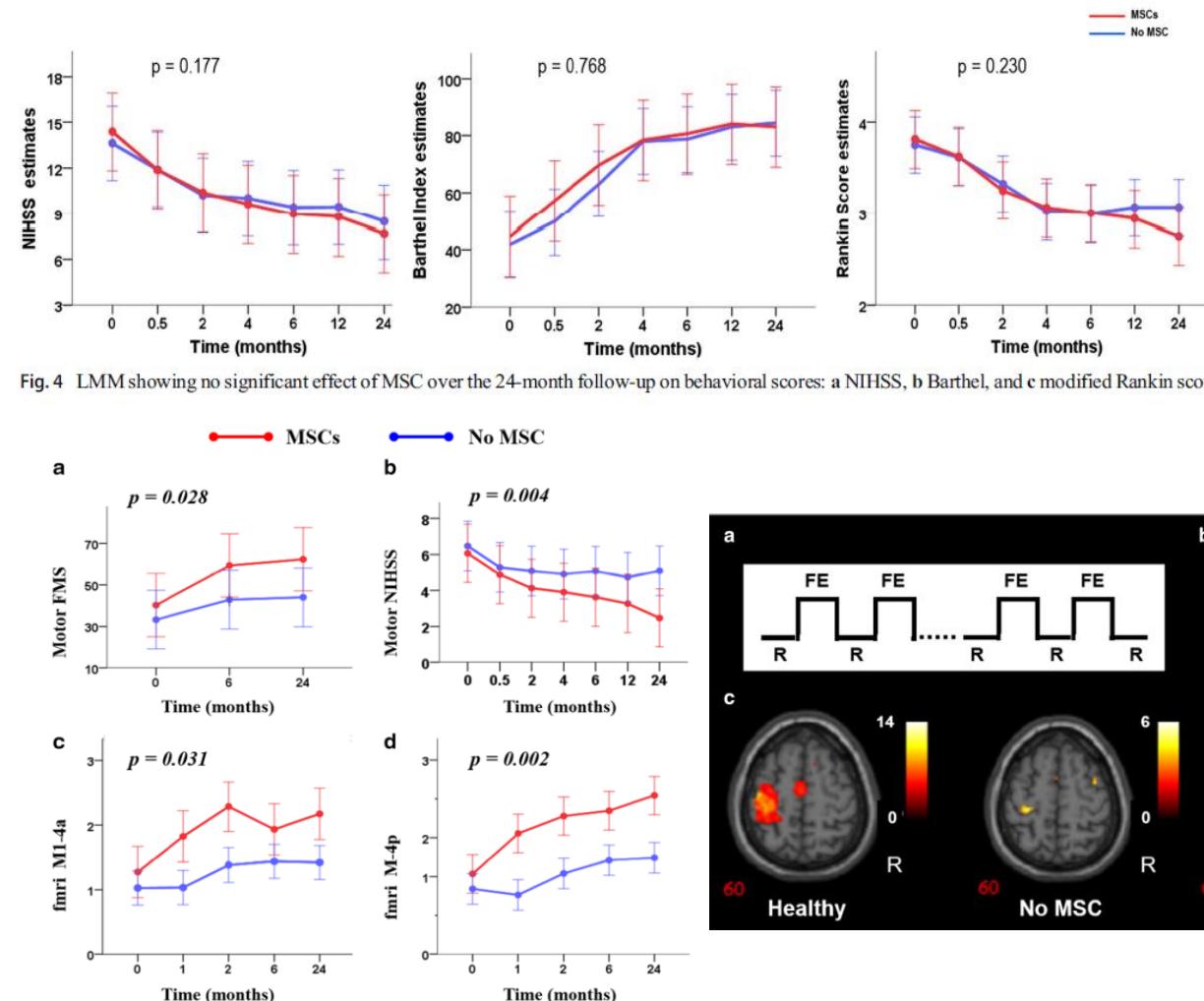
# IV AUTOLOGOUS BM-MSC LATE WINDOW

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# IV AUTOLOGOUS BM-MSC EXPANDED WITH AUTOLOGOUS SERUM . LATE WINDOW **STARTING-2**

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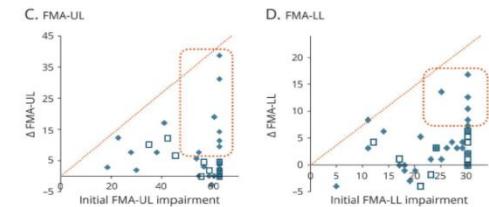
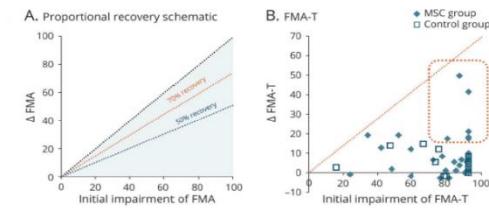
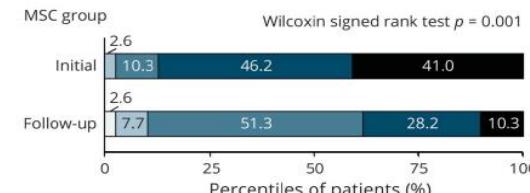
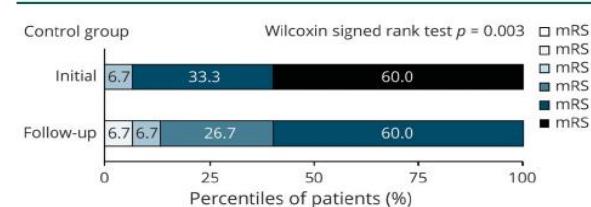
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**Figure 2** Distribution of mRS Scores



Open-label, blinded assessment  
Mean time from stroke onset: 20 days

**A. Total stroke patients**

| Outcome Measure | Group         | Good responder rate (%) |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| a. FMA-T        | MSC group     | 23.7                    |
|                 | Control group | 14.3                    |
| b. FMA-UL       | MSC group     | 21.1                    |
|                 | Control group | 14.3                    |
| c. FMA-LL       | MSC group     | 31.6                    |
|                 | Control group | 7.1                     |

**B. Poor predicted outcome group according to PREP**

| Outcome Measure | Group         | Good responder rate (%) |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| a. FMA-T        | MSC group     | 31.6                    |
|                 | Control group | 0.0                     |
| b. FMA-UL       | MSC group     | 26.3                    |
|                 | Control group | 0.0                     |
| c. FMA-LL       | MSC group     | 42.1                    |
|                 | Control group | 0.0                     |

(A) Proportional recovery model. Degree of improvement and baseline impairment in the mesenchymal stem cell (MSC) and control groups in (B) Fugl-Meyer Assessment (FMA) total (FMA-T), (C) FMA upper limb (FMA-UL), and (D) FMS lower limb (FMS-LL) scores. Participants with initial severe impairment but significant improvement are shown as red dashed box.

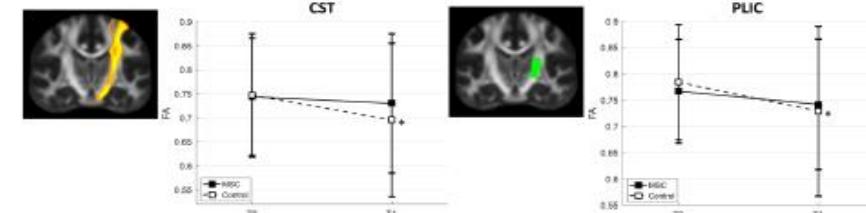
## **CLINICAL TRIAL**

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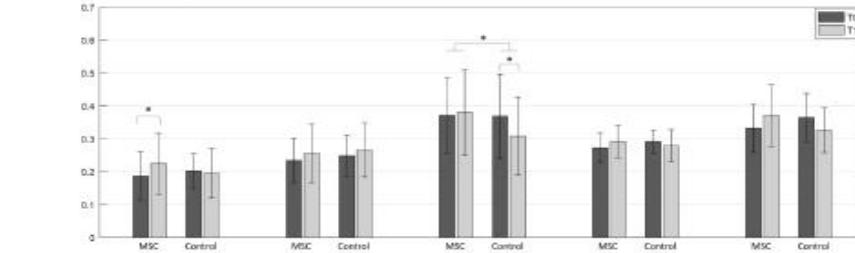
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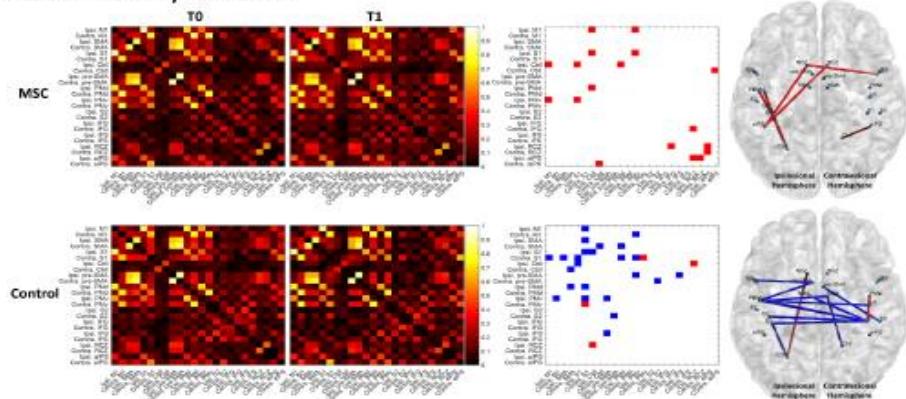
## A White matter integrity from DTI



## B Global connectivity from rs-fMRI

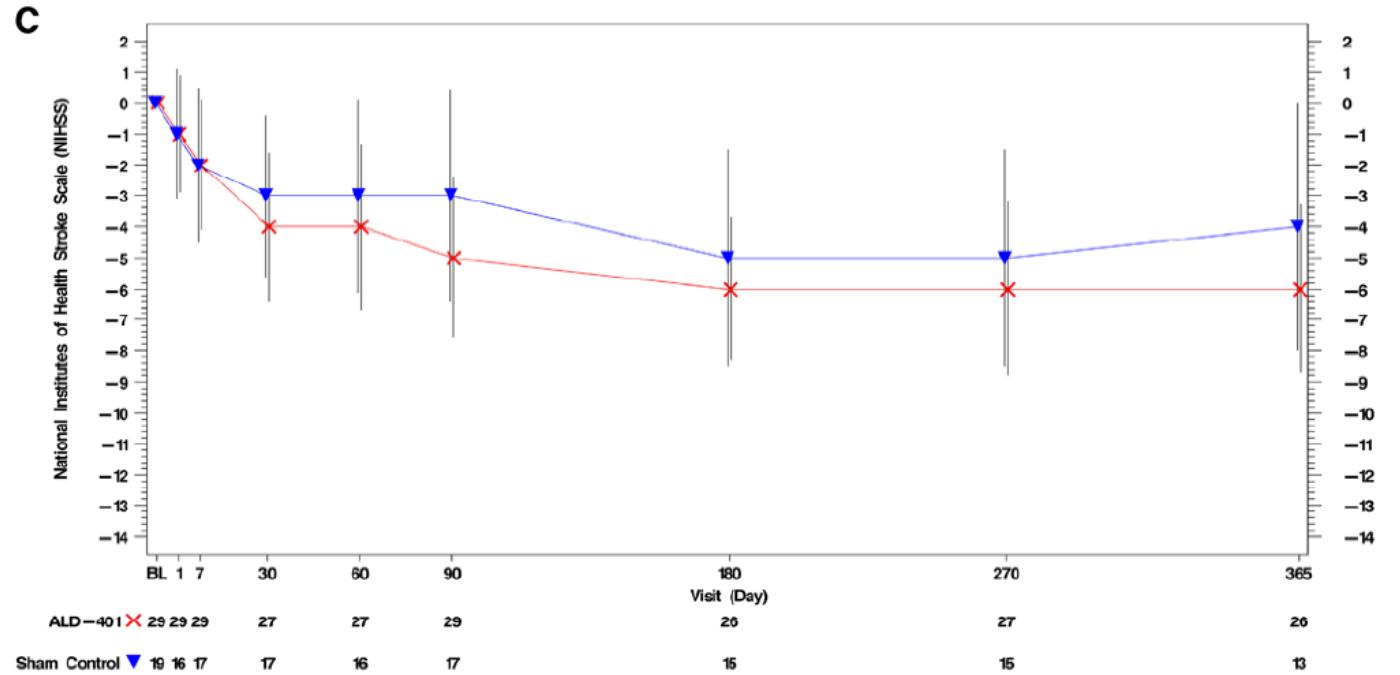


## C. Local connectivity from ss-fMRI



**IC AUTOLOGOUS BM-MSC  
ALD-401 ENRICHED.  
LATE WINDOW.  
RECOVER-Stroke**

Phase 2, sham controlled  
Mean time from stroke onset: 18 days



**ORIGINAL RESEARCH ARTICLE**

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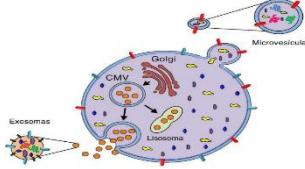
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**Adverse events:**

- DWI abnormalities (14% vs. 0%)
- Seizures (14% vs. 9%)

# FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS : EXOSOMES (EC Vesicles)



**nature**  
REVIEWS IMMUNOLOGY

Small membrane vesicles  
Endosomal production  
Released to extracellular space

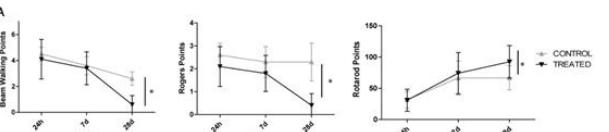
**Contain**  
mRNA, microRNA and proteins

**Advantages**  
Low production cost  
They can be frozen and stored in the hospitals

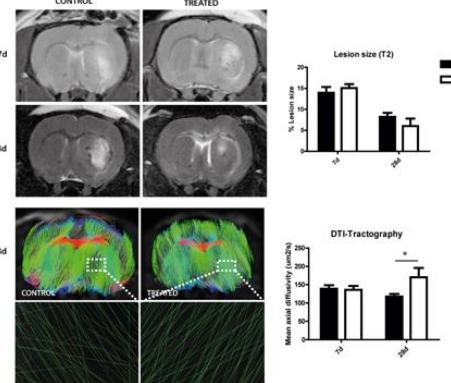
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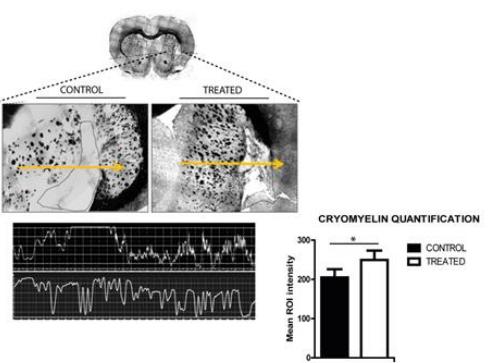
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## LESION SIZE AND FIBER TRACT



## MYELIN MARKER



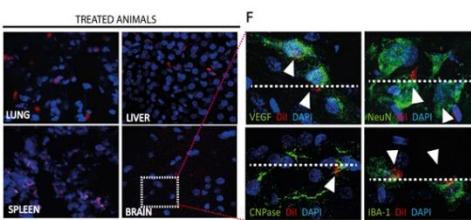
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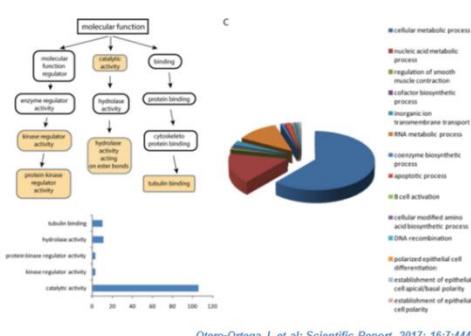
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## BIODISTRIBUTION



## PROTEOMICS ANALYSIS

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|--------------|--|---------|------------|
| TGFBI        | Transforming growth factor beta-induced                      | D4A05   | P17246     |
| TGFBI        | Transforming growth factor beta-1                            | P17246  | P07257     |
| TGFBI        | Transforming growth factor beta-2                            | P17246  | P35757     |
| VEGFC        | Vascular endothelial growth factor C                         | P08775  | P08775     |
| VGF2         | Vascular endothelial growth factor receptor 2                | P08775  | P08775     |
| CTGF         | Connective tissue growth factor                              | P09489  | P09489     |
| BDNF         | Brain-derived neurotrophic factor                            | P23563  | P23563     |
| IGF2         | Insulin-like growth factor II                                | P13466  | P13466     |
| IPF2         | Insulin-like growth factor binding protein 2                 | P12243  | P12243     |
| HIF1R        | Insulin-like growth factor 1 receptor                        | P24062  | P24062     |
| AL5          | Insulin-like growth factor binding protein complex subunit 5 | P35059  | P35059     |
| HDPB2        | Hepatocyte-derived protein 2                                 | P02951  | P02951     |
| GSEBA7       | Hepatocyte growth factor activator                           | P08647  | P08647     |
| LTPB1        | Latent-transforming growth factor beta-binding protein 1     | P009115 | P009115    |
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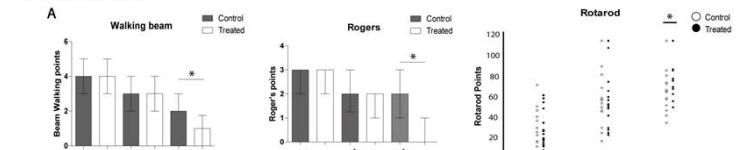
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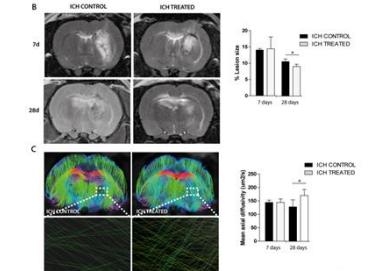
### Exosomes promote restoration after an experimental animal model of intracerebral hemorrhage

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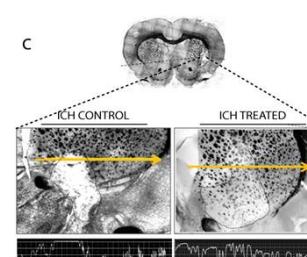
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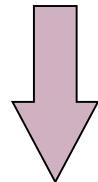
**Brain repair** is a continuum and it is

linked to **cerebral plasticity**

In brain damage the **REPAIR** therapeutic targets are:

- neurovascular unit (cells and vessels)**
- neural fibbers**

This can be enhanced through to stimulate trophic effect



**Stem Cells**  
**Extracellular Vesicles**

To improve brain repair and functional recovery .

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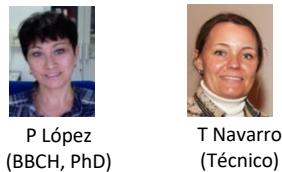
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