

# Orthobiologics



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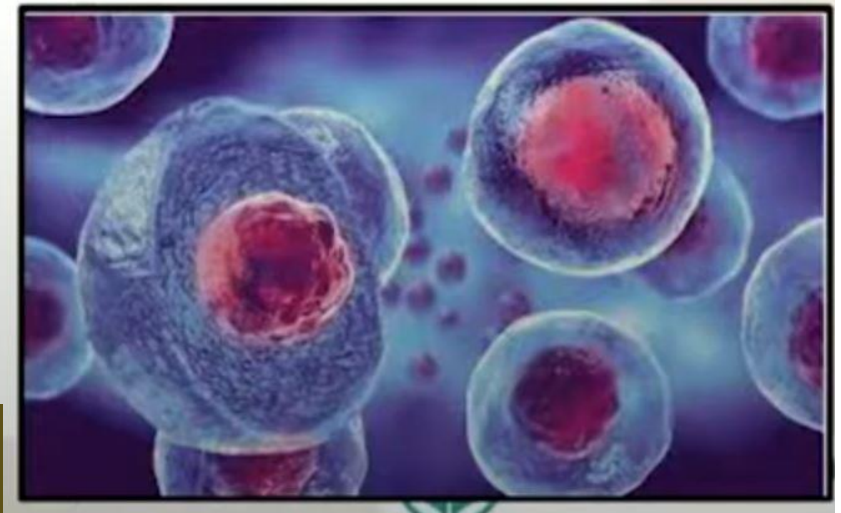


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Material taken from W.Berrigan review, "Orthobiologics in Orthopaedics"

# Orthobiologics

- Platelet-rich plasma (PRP)
- Autologous “Stem Cells” (?)
  - *Bone Marrow Aspirate Concentrate (BMAC)*
  - *Adipose-derived Stromal Vascular Fraction*
- Amniotic Membrane allograft
- Umbilical cord-derived products



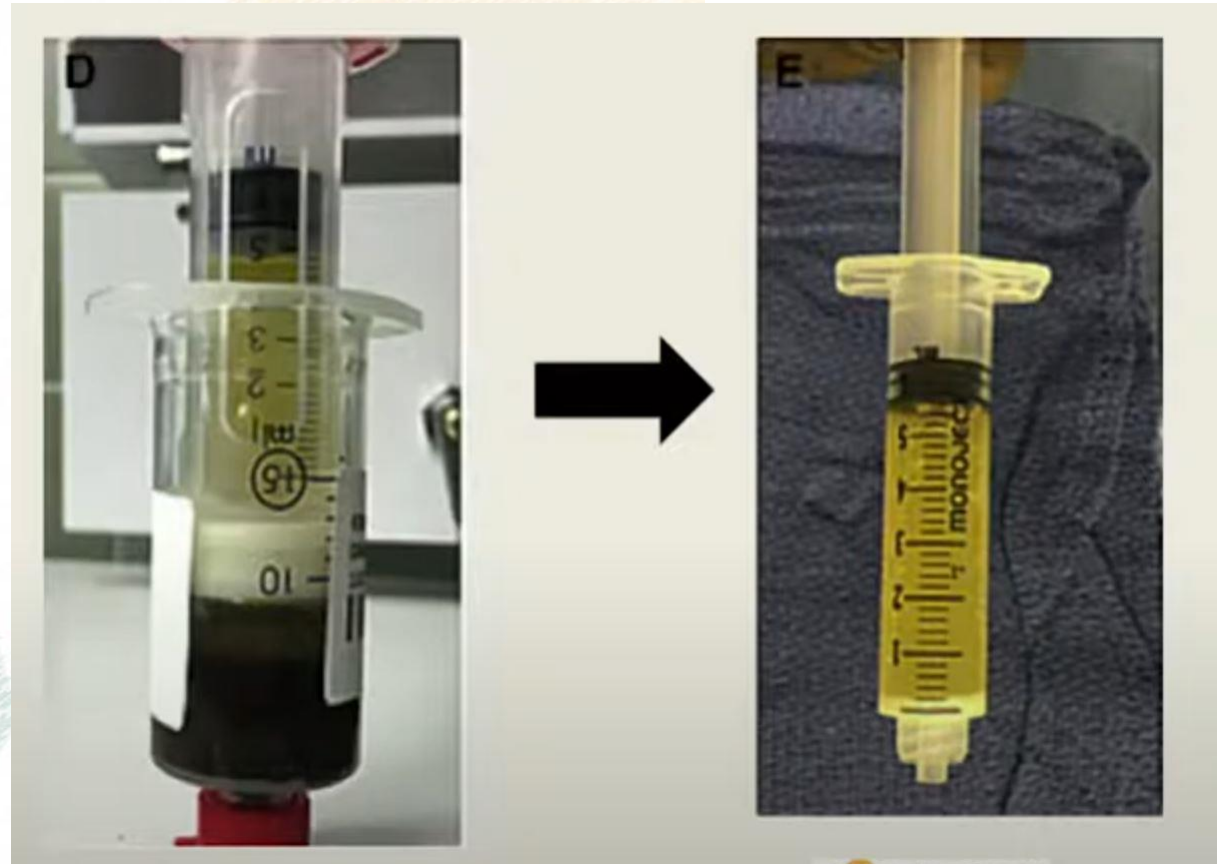
# What are Orthobiologics?

- A treatment that utilizes the body's native cellular components to promote the healing of damaged or diseased tissues
- 4 generations
  - Platelet Rich Plasma (PRP)
  - Bone Marrow Aspirate Concentrate (BMAC)
  - Lipoaspirate (Microfragmented adipose tissue, Nanofat, Stromal Vascular Fraction)
  - Amniotic tissue and umbilical products



# Platelet Rich Plasma

- Concentrated cellular milieu of growth factors from venous blood following concentration
- The autologous blood concentration must be above baseline  
1.5x, 5x, 10x debate
- Deliver a supraphysiological level of growth factors to stimulate the body to heal



# Call to Standardization

Two main standardization protocols

PLRA (Mautner et al 2015)

MARSPILL (Lana et al 2017)

		Criteria	
<b>P</b>	<b>Platelet count</b>	<b>___P Volume Injected</b>	<b>___M Concentration/ uL</b>
<b>L</b>	<b>Leukocyte Concentration <sup>1</sup></b>	>1%	+
		<1%	-
<b>R</b>	<b>Red Blood Cell Concentration</b>	> 1%	+
		< 1%	-
<b>A</b>	<b>Activation <sup>2</sup></b>	Yes	+
		No	-

Letter	Relates to	Type
M	Method	Handmade (H) Machine (M)
A	Activation	Activated (A+) Not activated (A-)
R	Red blood cells	Rich (RBC-R) Poor (RBC-P)
S	Spin	One spin (Sp1) Two spins (Sp2)
P	Platelet number (folds basal)	PL 2–3 PL 6–8 PL 4–6 PL 8–10
I	Image guided	Guided (G+) Not guided (G-)
L	Leukocyte concentration	Rich (Lc-R) Poor (Lc-P)
L	Light activation	Activated (A+) Not activated (A-)

Lc: Leukocyte concentration; PL: Platelet concentration; RBC: Red blood cell.

# Leucocytes rich vs poor

## ■ LR-PRP (increased inflammatory mediators):

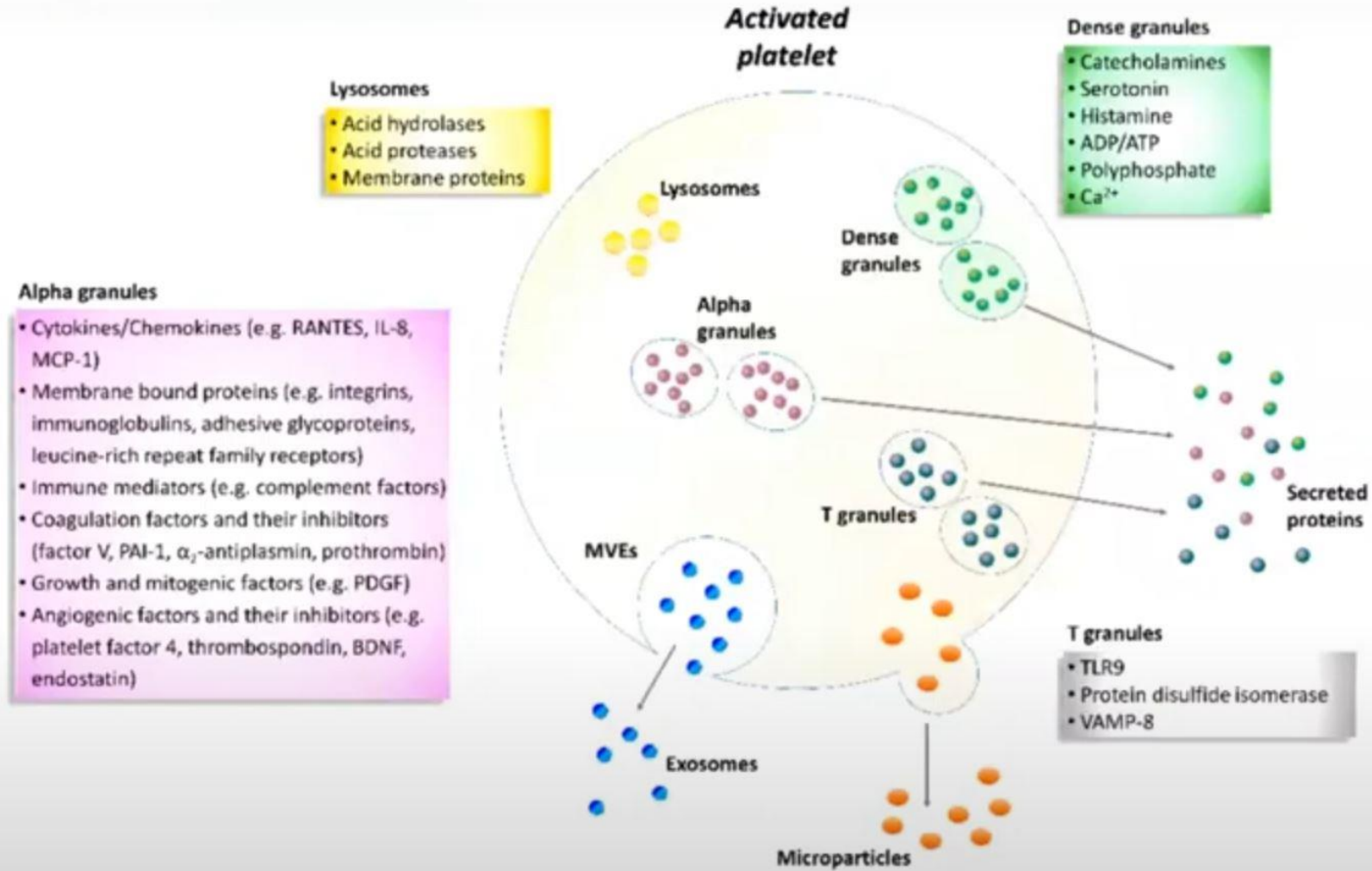
- *TNF- $\alpha$*
- *IL-6*
- *IFN- $\gamma$*
- *IL-1 $\beta$*

## ■ LP-PRP (antiinflammatory mediators)

- *IL-4*
- *IL-10*



# Platelet Rich Plasma: How Does it Work?



# Growth Factors

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Platelet-derived growth factor (PDGF)

Stimulates cell replication

Promotes angiogenesis

Promotes epithelialization

Promotes granulation tissue formation

Transforming growth factor (TGF)

Promotes formation of extracellular matrix

Regulates bone cell metabolism

Vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF)

Promotes angiogenesis

Epidermal growth factor (EGF)

Promotes cell differentiation and stimulates re-epithelialisation, angiogenesis and collagenase activity

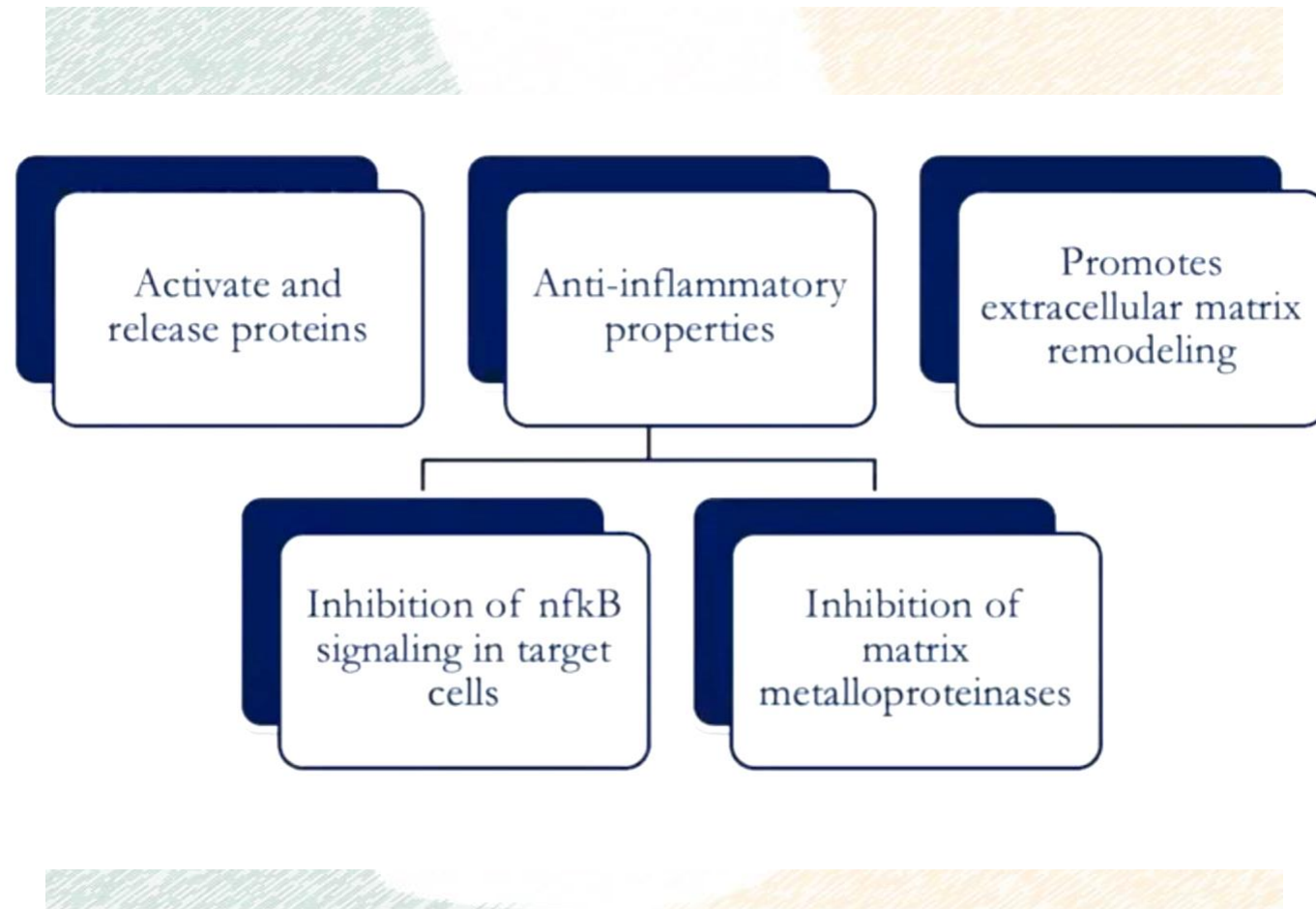
Fibroblast growth factor (FGF)

Promotes proliferation of endothelial cells and fibroblasts

Stimulates angiogenesis

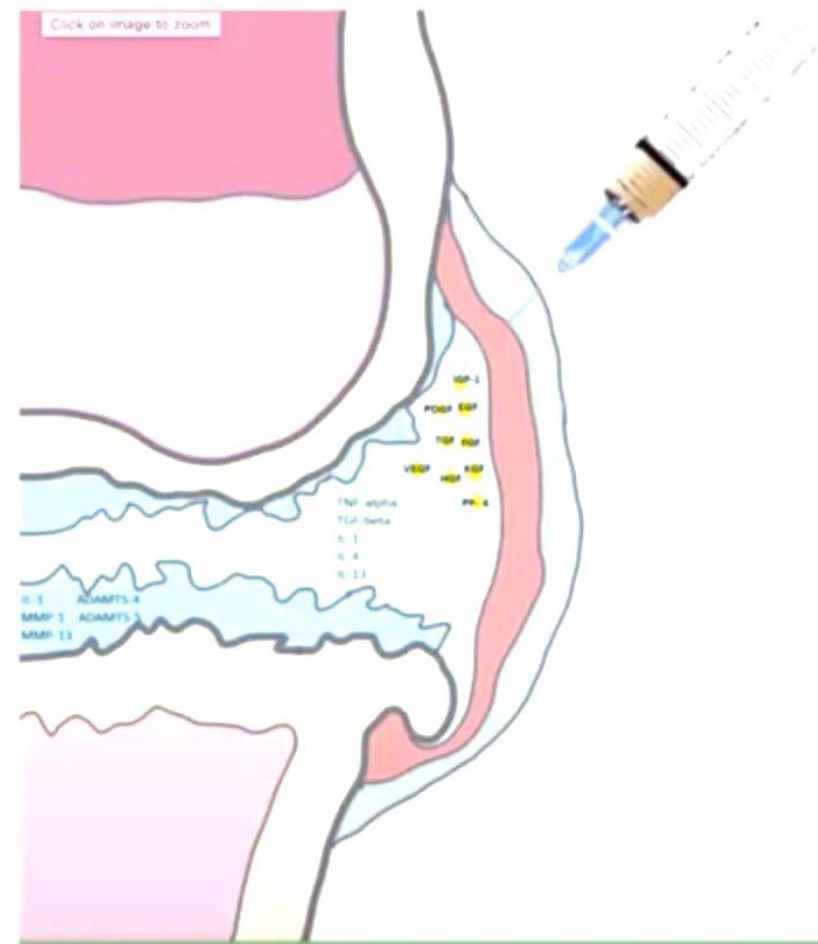
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# Mechanism of Action: Osteoarthritis

- Catabolic factors: IL-1B and TNF-Alpha
  - Matrix Metalloproteinases (MMPs)
  - Elastases
  - Chondrocyte apoptosis
- Growth factors that enhance cartilage repair and counteract this process
  - Enhance IL1-RA, TIMP, Type II collagen
  - Downregulate IL-1 receptor
  - Enhance chondrocyte proliferation



# A. Joints - intraarticular



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Foot	1 study <sup>36</sup>	0 studies	0 studies	0 studies
Hand	1 study <sup>36</sup>	0 studies	0 studies	0 studies
Hip	3 studies <sup>11,37,38</sup>	1 study <sup>39</sup>	0 studies	1 study <sup>39</sup>
Knee	14 studies <sup>11,12,19,40-50</sup>	0 studies	0 studies	1 study <sup>46</sup>
Temporo-mandibular	4 studies <sup>51-54</sup>	0 studies	0 studies	0 studies

*OA, osteoarthritis.*

# Knee



## Effectiveness of Platelet-Rich Plasma in the Treatment of Knee Osteoarthritis

### A Meta-analysis of Randomized Controlled Clinical Trials

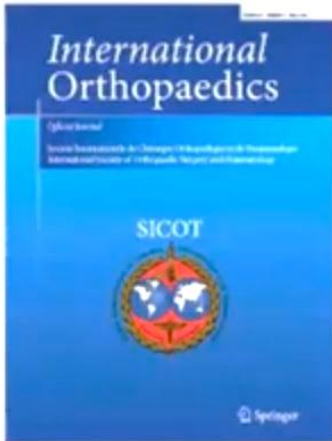
Liu-yan Nie,<sup>\*</sup> MBBS, Kun Zhao,<sup>†</sup> MBBS, Jiaqi Ruan,<sup>†</sup> MBBS, and Jing Xue,<sup>\*‡</sup> PhD

*Investigation performed at The Department of Rheumatology, the Second Affiliated Hospital of Zhejiang University School of Medicine, Hangzhou, P.R. China*

21 trials included

PRP compared to corticosteroid, saline, HADF

“PRP injections are beneficial for pain relief and functional improvement in knee osteoarthritis.”



## Platelet-rich plasma injections delay the need for knee arthroplasty: a retrospective study and survival analysis

Mikel Sánchez <sup>1 2</sup>, Cristina Jorquera <sup>2</sup>, Pello Sánchez <sup>2</sup>, Maider Beitia <sup>2</sup>, Beatriz García-Cano <sup>1</sup>, Jorge Guadilla <sup>1</sup>, Diego Delgado <sup>3 4</sup>

- Retrospective analysis and survival analysis from 2014-2019
- 1084 Patients, 667 met the inclusion criteria
- KL 3-4 Osteoarthritis eligible for TKA
- 74.1% of patients achieved a delay in TKA of more than 1.5 years with a median delay of 5.3 years
- 85.7% of patients did not undergo TKA during five years follow up



# Platelet-Rich Plasma Versus Hyaluronic Acid for Knee Osteoarthritis CME

## A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials

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*Investigation performed at Department of Orthopedics, University of Colorado School of Medicine, Aurora, Colorado, USA*

- Level 1 Studies Comparing HA and PRP
- 18 Studies 811 Patients PRP, 797 HA
- Mean Follow-up 11.1 Months
- **Improvement was higher in the PRP group (44.7%) than the HA group (12.6%) for WOMAC**
- Of 11 studies based on the VAS, 6 reported PRP patients to have significantly less pain at latest follow-up when compared with HA patients





SYSTEMATIC REVIEW

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## Efficacy and safety of platelet-rich plasma combined with hyaluronic acid versus platelet-rich plasma alone for knee osteoarthritis: a systematic review and meta-analysis

Qing Zhang, Tuodong Liu, Yuan Gu, Yongquan Gao and Jiangdong Ni\*

- 13 articles, 1118 patients
- VAS scores, WOMAC, KOOS and IKDC
- Smallest treatment effect did not reach MCID
- PRP+HA therapy **was not found** to be superior to PRP alone therapy in pain relief and function improvement for patients with KOA

# The effectiveness of leucocyte-poor platelet-rich plasma injections on symptomatic early osteoarthritis of the knee: the PEAK randomized controlled trial

Emma Lewis <sup>1</sup>, Khalid Merghani <sup>1</sup>, Iain Robertson <sup>2 3</sup>, Jonathon Mulford <sup>1</sup>, Ben Prentice <sup>1</sup>, Ronnie Mathew <sup>1</sup>, Peter Van Winden <sup>1</sup>, Kathryn Ogden <sup>2 3</sup>

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There is **no evidence that single or multiple PRP had any additional beneficial** effect compared to saline injection up to 12 months, follow-up after treatment of early stage symptomatic OA of the knee.



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## Effect of Intra-articular Platelet-Rich Plasma vs Placebo Injection on Pain and Medial Tibial Cartilage Volume in Patients With Knee Osteoarthritis The RESTORE Randomized Clinical Trial

Kim L. Bennell, PhD; Kade L. Paterson, PhD; Ben R. Metcalf, BSc; Vicky Duong, DPT; Jillian Eyles, PhD;  
Jessica Kasza, PhD; Yuanyuan Wang, PhD; Flavia Cicuttini, PhD; Rachelle Buchbinder, PhD; Andrew Forbes, PhD;  
Anthony Harris, MSc; Shirley P. Yu, MPH; David Connell, MMed; James Linklater, MBBS; Bing Hui Wang, PhD;  
Win Min Oo, PhD; David J. Hunter, PhD

Among patients with symptomatic mild to moderate radiographic knee OA, **intra-articular injection of PRP, compared with injection of saline placebo, did not result in a significant difference** in symptoms or joint structure at 12 months.



EN Platelet-rich plasma (PRP)  
in osteoarthritis (OA) knee: Correct  
dose critical for long term clinical  
efficacy

Himanshu Bansal<sup>1</sup>, Jerry Leon<sup>2</sup>, Jeremy L. Pont<sup>3</sup>, David A. Wilson<sup>3</sup>, Anupama Bansal<sup>1</sup>,  
Diwaker Agarwal<sup>4</sup> & Justin Preteasa<sup>5</sup>

*> 10 Billion platelets  
for the total dose of  
platelets*

**Leukocyte-Rich versus Leukocyte-Poor  
Platelet-Rich Plasma for the Treatment  
of Knee Osteoarthritis**

**A Double-Blind Randomized Trial**

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Iacopo Romandini,<sup>\*†</sup> MD, Sante Alessandro Altamura,<sup>\*</sup> MD, Annarita Cenacchi,<sup>‡</sup> MD,  
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*Investigation performed at IRCCS Istituto Ortopedico Rizzoli, Bologna, Italy*

*> 5 Billion platelets  
per injection  
delivered in BOTH  
groups*

# Hip



## Comparing Intra-articular Injections of Leukocyte-Poor Platelet-Rich Plasma Versus Low-Molecular Weight Hyaluronic Acid for the Treatment of Symptomatic Osteoarthritis of the Hip: A Double-Blind, Randomized Pilot Study

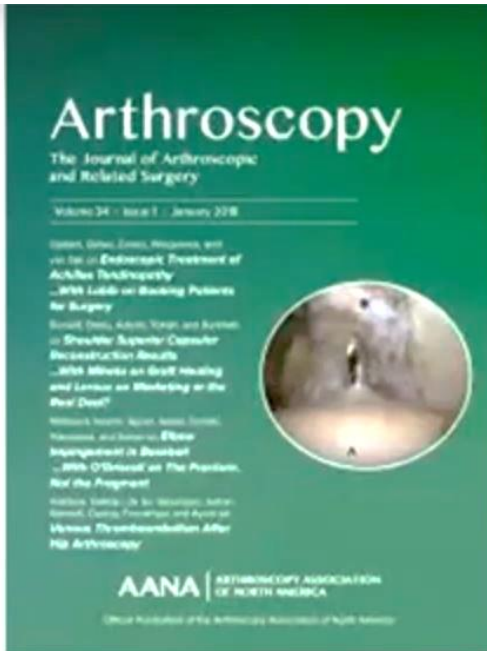
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34 patients (36 Hips)

3 weekly IA injections of either PRP or HA

Conversion to either hip resurfacing or total hip arthroplasty over 2 years

50% of LMWHA converted to surgery vs 15.8% in the PRP group



## Systematic Review

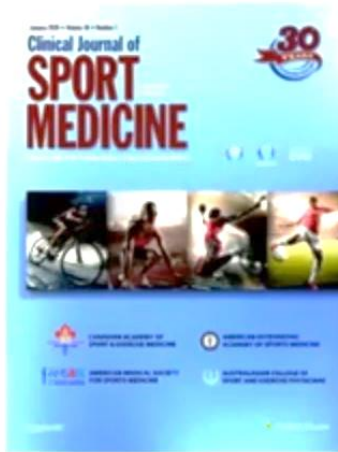
# Platelet-Rich Plasma Versus Hyaluronic Acid for Hip Osteoarthritis Yields Similarly Beneficial Short-Term Clinical Outcomes: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis of Level I and II Randomized Controlled Trials



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- 6 Studies (5 Level 1, 1 Level 2), 211 patients PRP, 197 patients HA
- WOMAC, VAS, and Harris Hip Score
- **No significant difference was found between HA and PRP**
- Both showed improvement in outcome measures
- The average time to follow up is 12 months
- Large heterogeneity

# Shoulder



## **Efficacy of Ultrasound-Guided Glenohumeral Joint Injections of Leukocyte-Poor Platelet-Rich Plasma Versus Hyaluronic Acid in the Treatment of Glenohumeral Osteoarthritis: A Randomized, Double-Blind Controlled Trial**

Jonathan S Kirschner, MD,\* Jennifer Cheng, PhD,\* Andrew Creighton, DO,\* Kristen Santiago, BA,\* Nicole Hurwitz, BS,\* Mark Dundas, MD,† Nicholas Beatty, DO,‡§ Dallas Kingsbury, MD,¶ Gabrielle Konin, MD,|| Zafir Abutalib, MHS,\*\* and Richard Chang, MD, MPH‡

- 70 patients
- HA Group (36), LP-PRP (34)
- Shoulder Pain and Disability Index (SPADI), Numerical Rating Scale (NRS), satisfaction, side effects
- **Improvement in both groups regardless of OA severity**
- **Similar satisfaction levels**

# Wrist

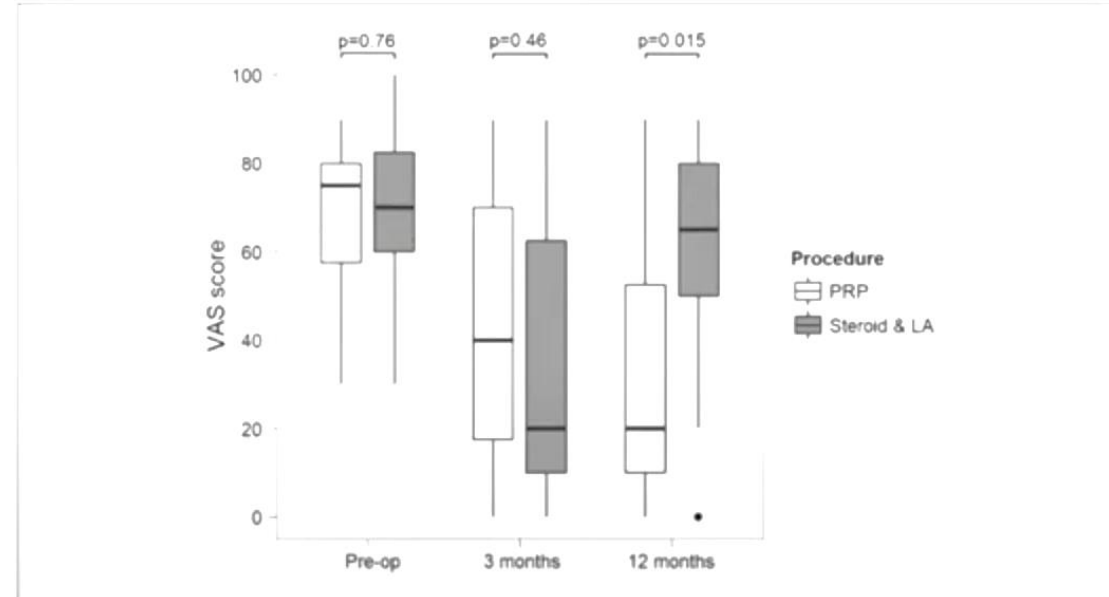


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## Platelet-Rich Plasma versus Corticosteroid Intra-Articular Injections for the Treatment of Trapeziometacarpal Arthritis: A Prospective Randomized Controlled Clinical Trial

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- 33 Patients
- 2 PRP injections vs 2 methylprednisolone + lidocaine
- VAS, QDASH and satisfaction
- **Satisfaction: 69.5% (PRP) vs 12.5% (Methylprednisolone)**





# Ankle



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## Effect of Platelet-Rich Plasma Injections vs Placebo on Ankle Symptoms and Function in Patients With Ankle Osteoarthritis A Randomized Clinical Trial

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Sita M. A. Bierma-Zeinstra, PhD; Sjoerd A. S. Stufkens, PhD; Gino M. M. J. Kerkhoffs, PhD; Johannes L. Tol, PhD;  
for the PRIMA Study Group

Among patients with ankle osteoarthritis, **intra-articular PRP injections, compared with placebo injections, did not significantly improve ankle symptoms and function over 26 weeks.** The results of this study do not support the use of PRP injections for ankle osteoarthritis.

# B. Tendons

## Tendinopathy



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Unspecified location	3 studies <sup>10-12</sup>	0 studies	0 studies	0 studies
Achilles tendinopathy	1 study <sup>13</sup>	2 studies <sup>14,15</sup>	2 studies <sup>16,17</sup>	0 studies
Lateral epicondylopathy	5 studies <sup>18-22</sup>	1 study <sup>23</sup>	1 study <sup>24</sup>	1 study <sup>23</sup>
Patellar tendinopathy	4 studies <sup>25-28</sup>	0 studies	0 studies	0 studies
Rotator cuff tendinopathy	3 studies <sup>29-31</sup>	0 studies	1 studies <sup>32</sup>	0 studies

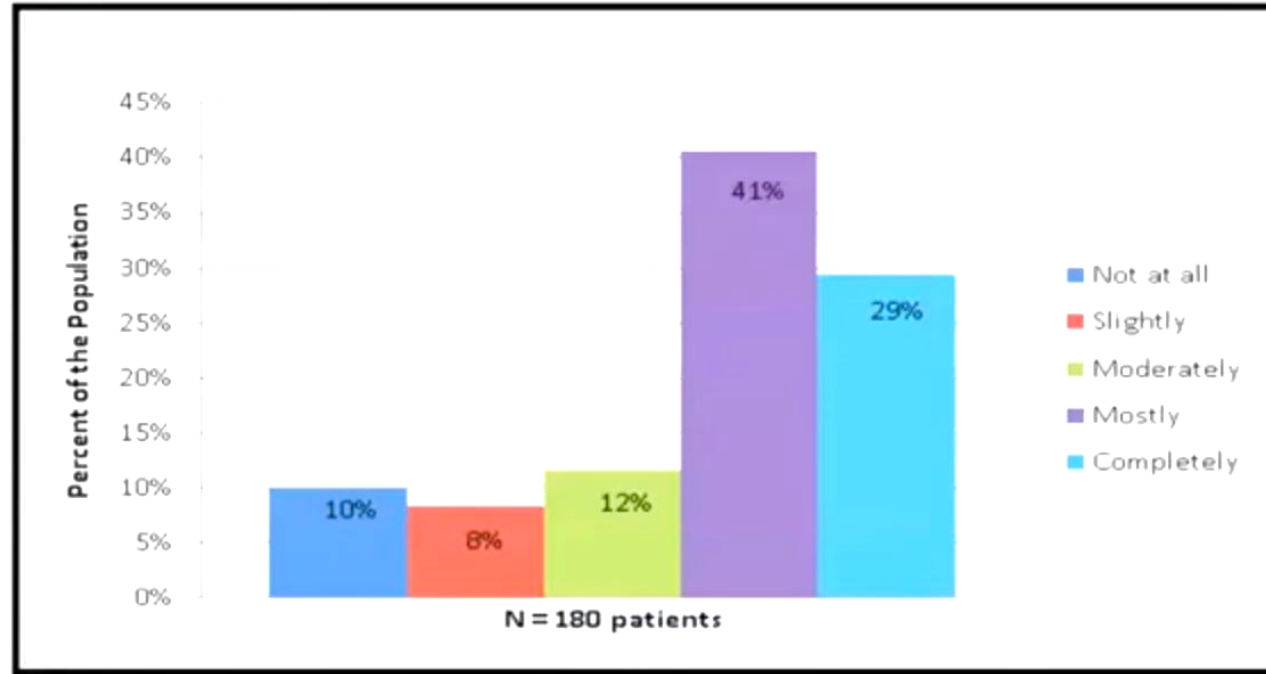


## Outcomes after ultrasound-guided platelet-rich plasma injections for chronic tendinopathy: a multicenter, retrospective review

Kenneth Mautner <sup>1</sup>, Ricardo E Colberg, Gerard Malanga, Joanne P Borg-Stein, Kimberly G Harmon, Aisha S Dharamsi, Samuel Chu, Paul Homer

- Pts age 16-70 (avg 48 yrs)
- Greater than 6 months of pain (avg 36 months)
- Diagnosed by clinical exam plus MRI or diagnostic US
- Failed conventional treatments
  - Medications, bracing, stretching, strengthening, modalities
- PRP was done under US guidance

# Improvement



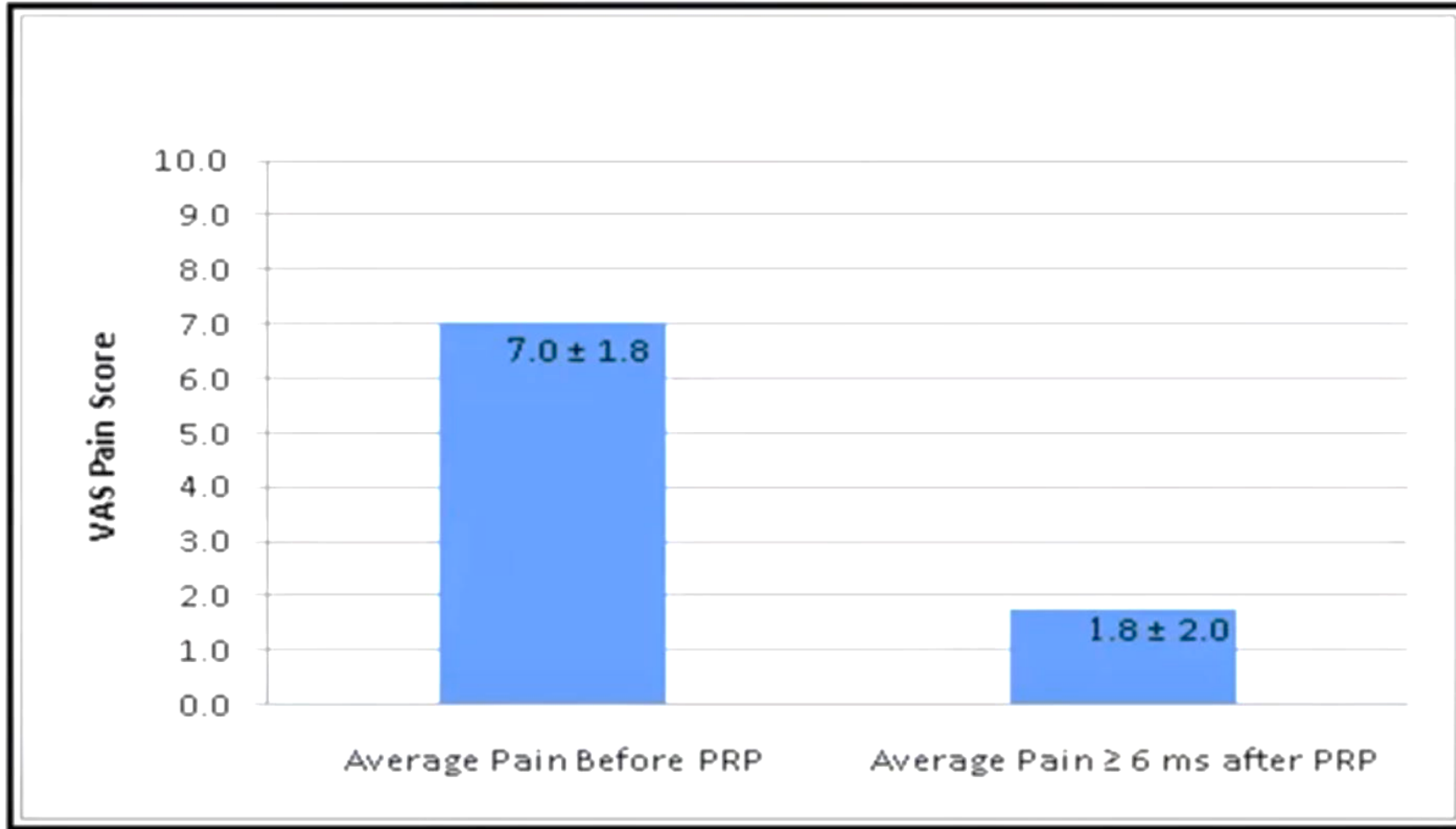
82% reported moderate to complete improvement

– 50%- 100% relief of symptoms

70 % reported mostly to complete improvement

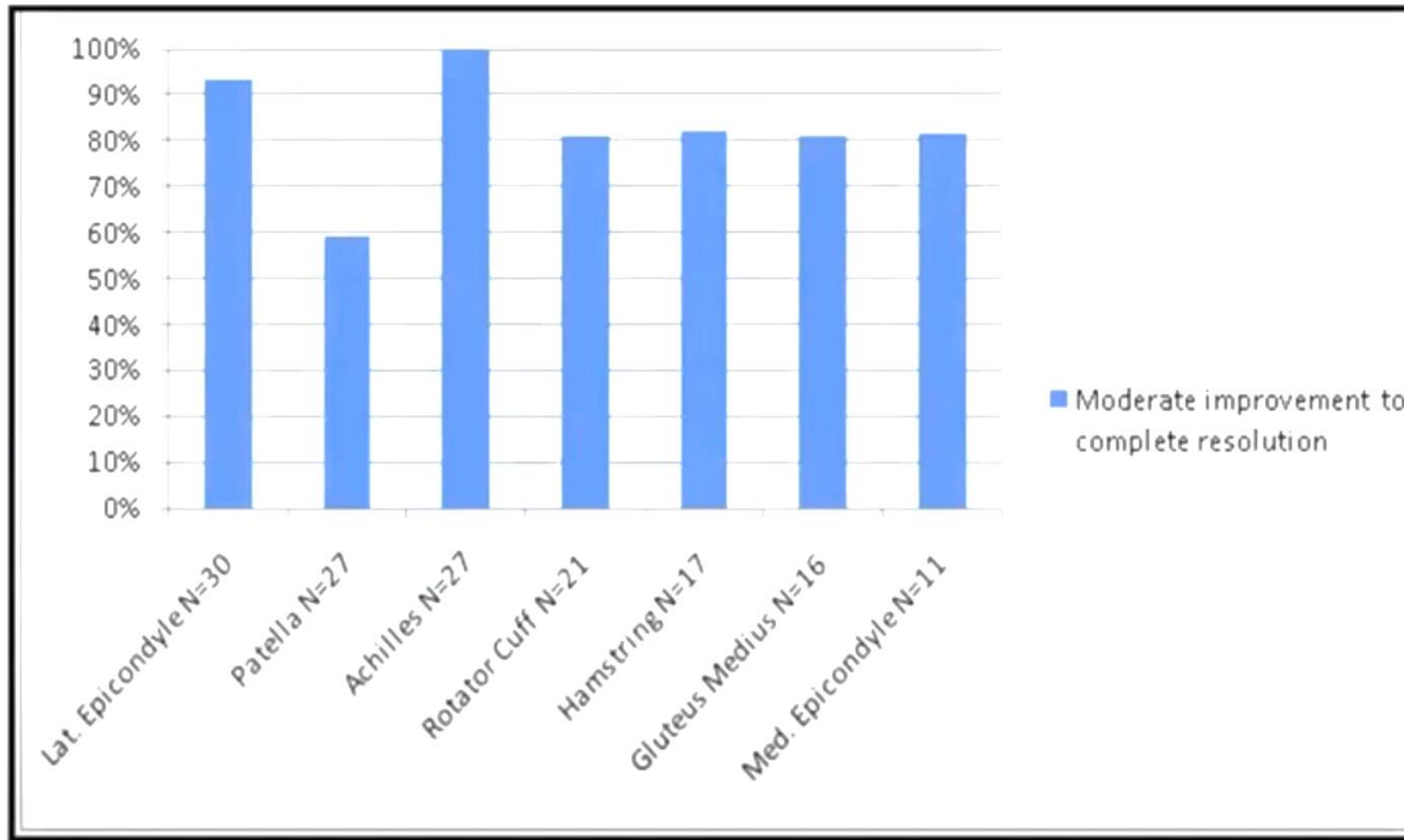
-- 75-100% relief of symptoms

# Pain Score pre and post PRP



➤ 74% Reduction in VAS

## % with > 50% Improvement





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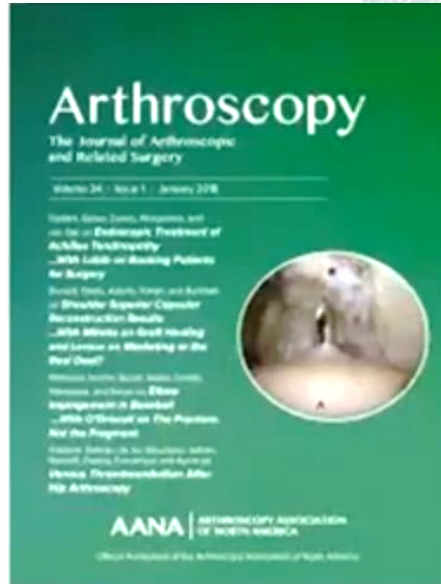
## Effect of Platelet-Rich Plasma Injection vs Sham Injection on Tendon Dysfunction in Patients With Chronic Midportion Achilles Tendinopathy A Randomized Clinical Trial

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Among patients with chronic midportion Achilles tendinopathy, treatment with a single injection of intra-tendinous platelet-rich plasma, compared with insertion of a subcutaneous dry needle, did not reduce Achilles tendon dysfunction at 6 months. **These findings do not support the use of this treatment for chronic midportion Achilles tendinopathy**

# 3. Muscles



## Does Platelet-Rich Plasma Lead to Earlier Return to Sport When Compared With Conservative Treatment in Acute Muscle Injuries? A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

Ujash Sheth <sup>1</sup>, Tim Dwyer <sup>2</sup>, Ira Smith <sup>3</sup>, David Wasserstein <sup>4</sup>, John Theodoropoulos <sup>2</sup>, Sachdeep Takhar <sup>3</sup>, Jaskarndip Chahal <sup>5</sup>

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- Grade 1 or 2 Muscle Strains
- 5 RCTs, 268 patients
- Reduced return to play time and no difference in risk of reinjury
- No difference in RTP and Risk of reinjury in hamstring injuries alone



# STEM CELLS

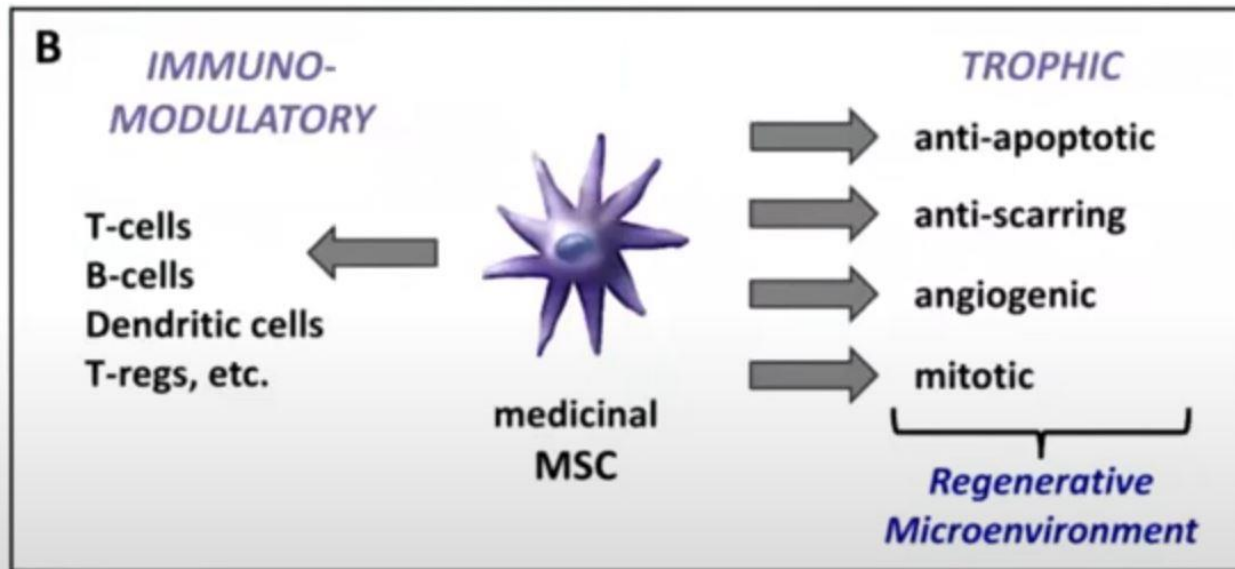
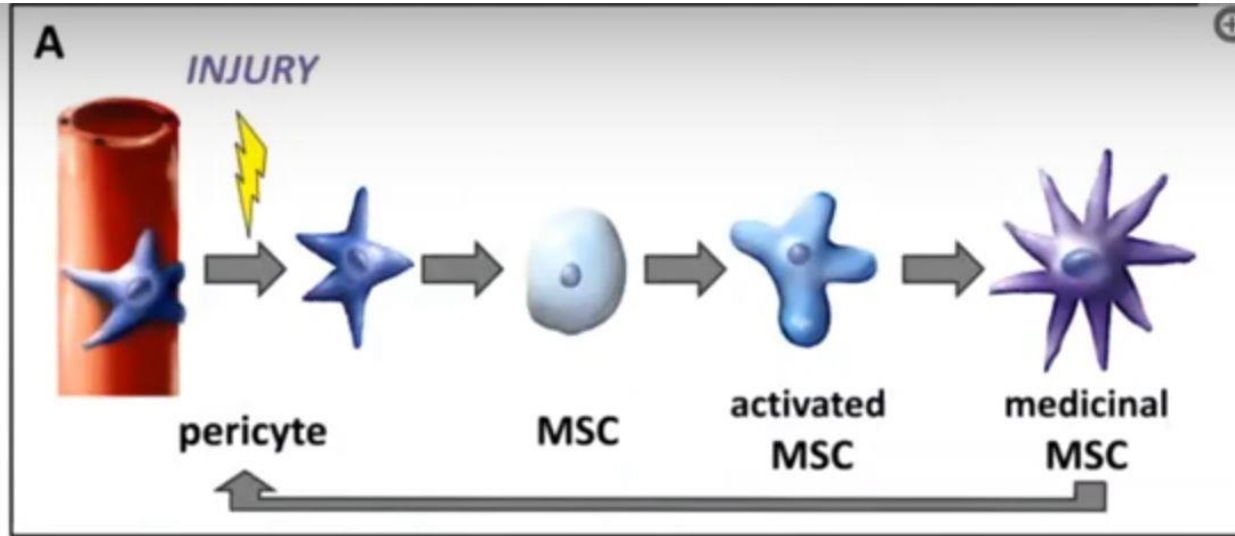
## Mesenchymal Stem Cells (MSCs)

- Found in adipose, dermis, synovial fluid, periosteum, umbilical cord blood, placenta and amniotic fluid

## Hematopoietic Stem Cells (HSCs)

- Convert to MSCs and can orchestrate bone formation
- True driver?

# MSCs

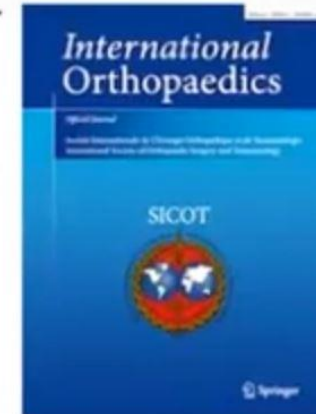


# Are these treatments safe?

ORIGINAL PAPER

## **A multi-center analysis of adverse events among two thousand, three hundred and seventy two adult patients undergoing adult autologous stem cell therapy for orthopaedic conditions**

Christopher J. Centeno<sup>1</sup> · Hasan Al-Sayegh<sup>2</sup> · Michael D. Freeman<sup>3,7</sup> · Jay Smith<sup>4</sup> · William D. Murrell<sup>5</sup> · Rostyslav Bubnov<sup>6</sup>



- 3012 procedures performed on 2372 patients with follow-up 2.2 years, 18 Clinical Facilities
- 325 Adverse Events
- Pain post-procedure (3.9%), Pain from progressive degenerative disease (3.8%), 7 neoplasms (less than the general population)
- Lowest adverse events-BMC alone

## Characteristics of Stem Cells, Culture-Expanded Connective Tissue Cells and Minimally Manipulated Cell Preparations

Cell Type	Definition	Examples
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Minimally manipulated autologous cell preparations	Cleared for homologous use  Processing must not alter the relevant biological characteristics of cells or tissues Mixed cell populations, with variable composition Stem or progenitor cells may be present at lower prevalence Biological attributes and function highly variable	Bone marrow concentrate, adipose stromal or stromal vascular fraction, placenta tissue fragments  — — — —

ES = embryonic stem, MSC = mesenchymal stromal cell

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# Harvested Tissue

(i.e. blood, fat, bone marrow)

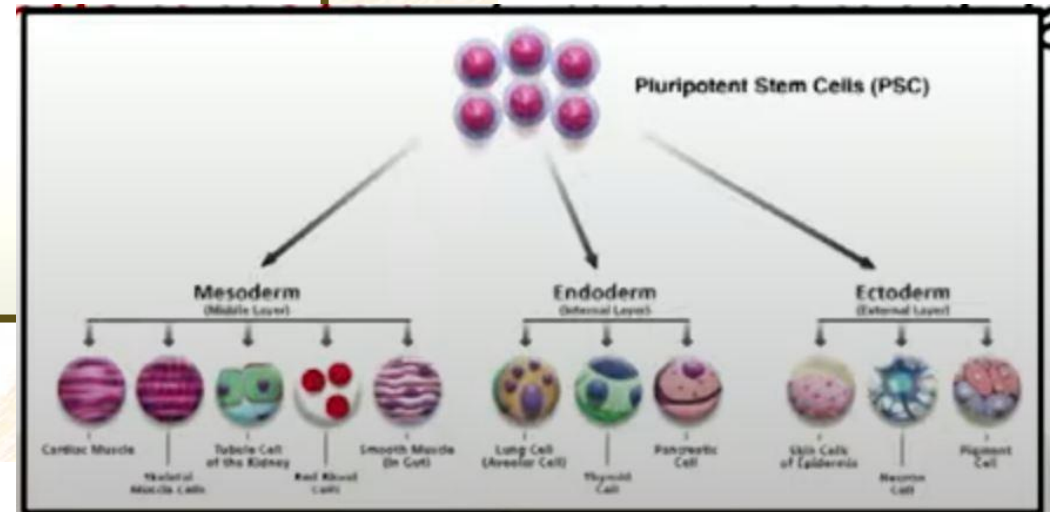


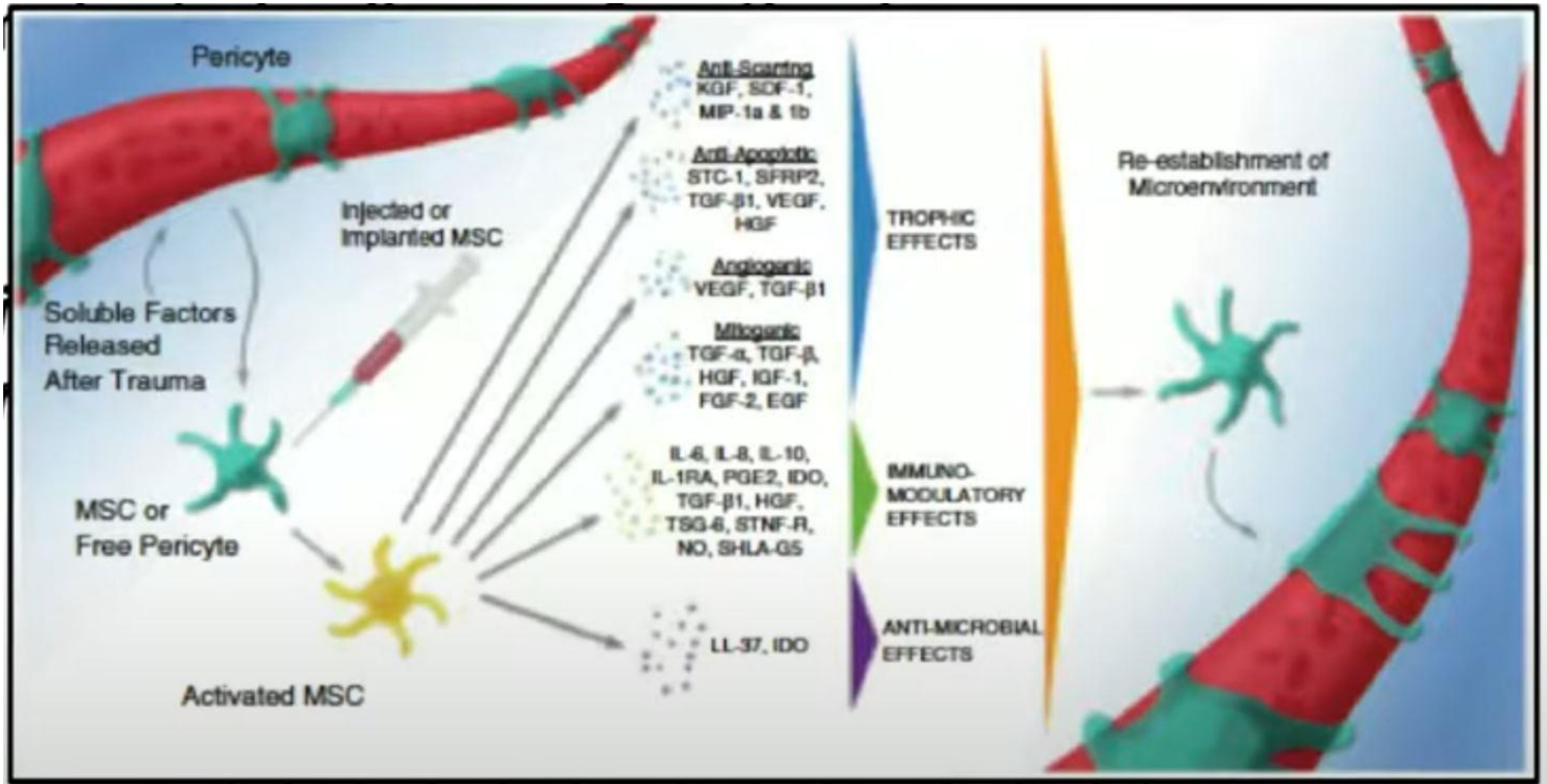
## Other

(myelopoietic cells,  
erythropoietic cells,  
peripheral blood cells)



Stem cells  
(MSCs),  
progenitor cells  
(1/1000 -  
1/1000000  
cells)





# Mesenchymal Stem cells

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MSCs are pericytes that can be isolated from any vascularized tissue

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MSCs secrete a large number of bioactive molecules and have immunomodulatory activities

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Secrete pro or anti-inflammatory molecules based on the environment

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Manage pain by secreting molecules that occupy opioid receptors

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Secrete molecules that are mitogenic to tissue intrinsic stem cells

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Caplan AL, Correa D. The MSC: an injury drugstore. Cell Stem Cell. 2011 Jul 8;9(1):11-5. doi: 10.1016/j.stem.2011.06.008. PMID: 21726829; PMCID: PMC3144500. Title



# Bone Marrow Aspirate Concentrate

## Harvest

### BMAC

- 60 cc of bone marrow aspirate was harvested from the PSIS using ultrasound guidance
- 3 separate sites with 10cc syringes (20 cc per site)
- Processed with Centrifuge
- 8cc of pure BMAC



# Microfragmented Adipose Tissue

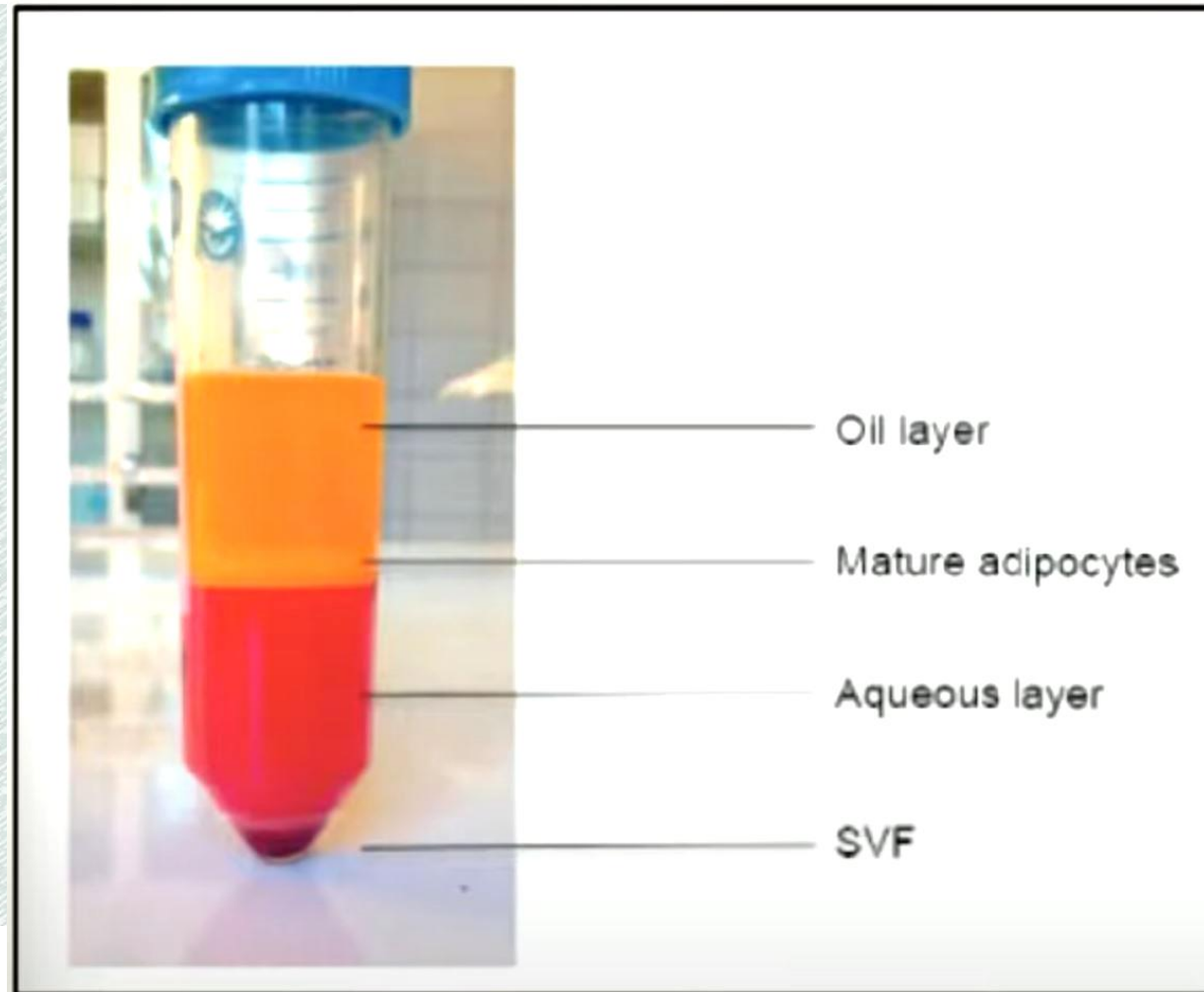
## Harvest

### MFAT

- Harvested from the lower abdomen
- 60cc syringe to infiltrate 120cc of tumescent anesthesia
- 30 cc of lipoaspirate through a low-pressure vacuum using the lipoaspirate cannula
- Decanted, tumescent anesthesia removed, and transferred to a manual processing device
- 9cc MFAT



# Stromal Vascular Fraction



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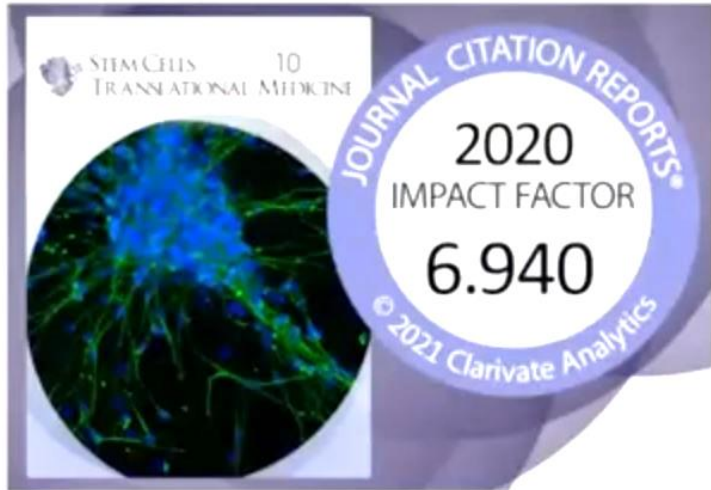
# Bone Marrow vs Adipose

Adipose has more MSCs than bone marrow by concentration and volume (De Ugarte et al 2003)

- Up to 500x more stem cells/gram than bone marrow
- Mostly MSC
- Less decrease in number and activity with age compared to BMC

Adipose tissue MSC may have an inferior potential for both osteogenesis and chondrogenesis compared to BMC (Gun-ll et al)

- No clinical superiority between the two



## Functional Outcomes Following Microfragmented Adipose Tissue Versus Bone Marrow Aspirate Concentrate Injections for Symptomatic Knee Osteoarthritis

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- Retrospective review of prospectively collected data
- 110 Patients, 76 with adequate follow-up, 106 knees
- Follow Up: 1.8 years MFAT, 1.09 years BMAC
- Both groups improved in VAS, KOOS, and EQOL
- **No difference between groups**

# MSCs Compared to PRP

## Bone Marrow Aspirate Concentrate Is Equivalent to Platelet-Rich Plasma for the Treatment of Knee Osteoarthritis at 1 Year

### A Prospective, Randomized Trial

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## Bone Marrow Aspirate Concentrate Is Equivalent to Platelet-Rich Plasma for the Treatment of Knee Osteoarthritis at 2 Years: A Prospective Randomized Trial.

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## Intra-Articular Injections of Autologous Adipose Tissue or Platelet-Rich Plasma Comparably Improve Clinical and Functional Outcomes in Patients with Knee Osteoarthritis

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# PRP v MFAT



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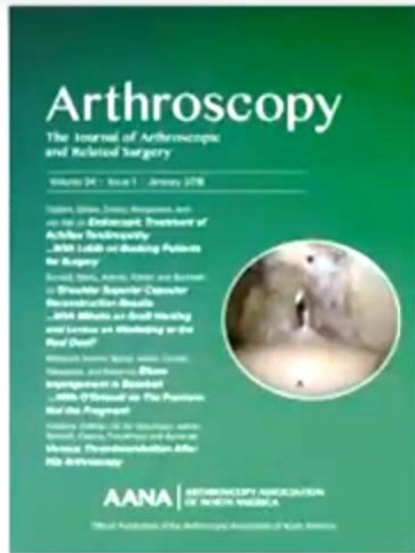
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## Platelet-Rich Plasma Versus Microfragmented Adipose Tissue for Knee Osteoarthritis: A Randomized Controlled Trial



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- 58 patients KL1-4 Knee OA
- KOOS 1,3,6 months post-injection
- PRP – 2673 x10<sup>3</sup> platelets/microliter (12-17x) ; **13.68 billion cells**
- Both had a clinically meaningful improvement with no difference between groups



## Meta-analysis

### Intra-Articular Injections of Platelet-Rich Plasma, Adipose Mesenchymal Stem Cells, and Bone Marrow Mesenchymal Stem Cells Associated With Better Outcomes Than Hyaluronic Acid and Saline in Knee Osteoarthritis: A Systematic Review and Network Meta-analysis

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- 43 Studies
- VAS score and WOMAC scores showed **Adipose-derived MSCs to be best treatment option**
- At 12 months only AD-SC were associated with improved VAS
- LR-PRP and LP-PRP were better than Placebo
- BMC studies were too highly variable for conclusions



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