

**CEA: What is the current best patch if any?**

**EAC: Quel est le meilleur patch (s'il existe) ?**



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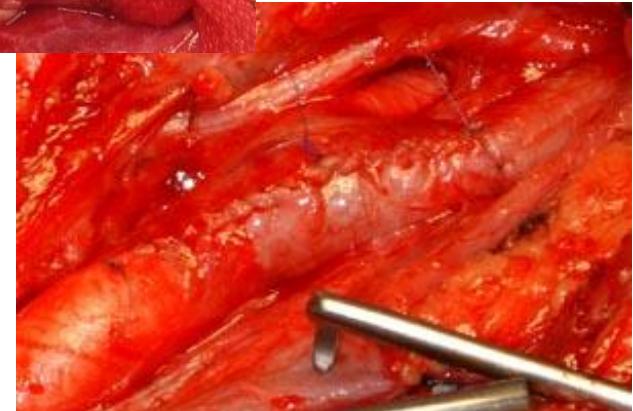
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# Patches

## Les patchs

- Simple technique
- No contraindications
- Good for small arteries, shunt use, ↑ bifurcations



- Time consuming
- Potential prosthetic implant

# Patching after CEA is associated with...

Utiliser un patch après une EAC est associé à ...

- **reduced 30-day risk of ipsilateral stroke**
  - 1.6% vs. 4.8%, p=.001
- **reduced risk of stroke or death**
  - 2.5% vs. 6.1%, p=.007
- **reduced rates of return to surgery**
  - 1.1% vs. 3.1%, p=.01
- **reduced rates of arterial occlusion**
  - 0.5% vs. 3.6%, p=.0001



Bond et al. Cochrane Database Syst Rev 2004; (2):CD000160.

Bond et al. J Vasc Surg. 2004 Dec;40(6):1126-35.

# The ideal patch

## Le patch idéal

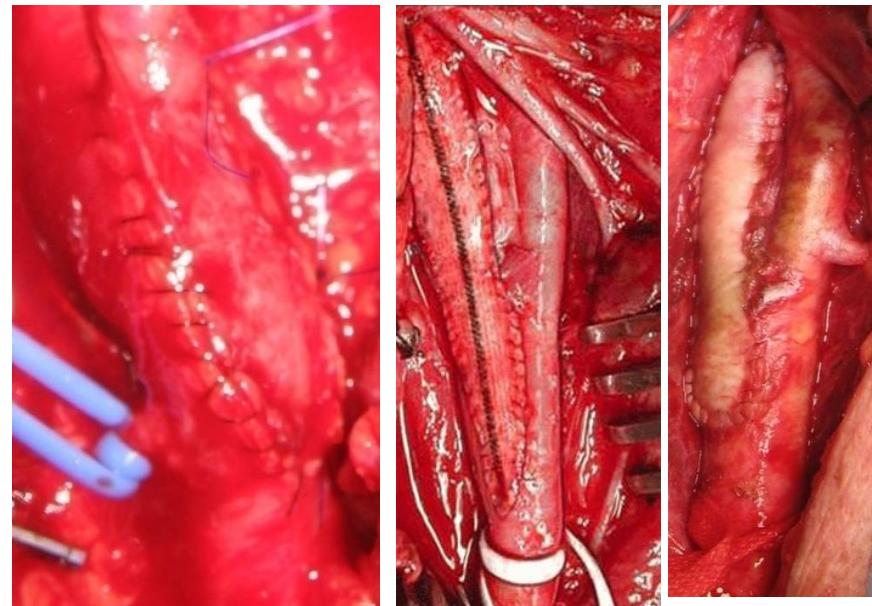
- long term stability and durability
- low risk of restenosis
- compliance near that of the host artery
- comfortable handling characteristics
- easy harvest or ready to use
- anti-coagulant function
- resistance to infection and late degeneration



# Patch options

## Patches: les options

- **Autologous**
  - Vein
- **Prosthetic**
  - Dacron
  - PTFE
  - Pericardial
- **Future ??**
  - Tissue engineered



# Patch options - Autologous vein

## Patches: les options - veine autologue

**Greater Saphenous vein**

Lesser saphenous vein

**Established**

grafts

**Biocompatible**

excellent long-term outcomes

**Excellent hemostasis**

**Easy suturing**

Autologous

Readily available

Easy to use



# **Patch options - Autologous vein**

## **Patches: les options - veine autologue**

## Everted cervical vein

## Facial or ext. jugular vein

# Established

# Biocompatible

**excellent long-term outcomes**

# **Excellent hemostasis**

# Easy suturing

double thickness sometimes hard



# Clinical experience with everted cervical vein as patch material after carotid endarterectomy J Vasc Surg

J Vasc Surg 1997;25:545-53.

**Herbert Dardik, MD, Fred Wolodiger, MD, Fred Silvestri, MD,  
Barry Sussman, MD, Mark Kahn, MD, Kurt Wengerter, MD, and  
Ibrahim M. Ibrahim, MD, Englewood, N.J.**

# Patch options - Autologous vein Patchs: les options - veine autologue

## Cryopreserved homograft saphenous vein patch

saphenous vein harvested during CAB (>3mm, from thigh)  
cryopreserved in 10% DMSO at -120°C (up to 3 years)

Excellent results reported by Plestis (1996)

1006 cases

1.2% strokes, 96% 10-year freedom from stroke

2% restenosis (>75%), 84% 10-year freedom from restenosis

Plestis KA, Kantis G, Haygood K, Earl N, Howell JF. Carotid endarterectomy with homologous vein patch angioplasty: a review of 1006 cases.  
J Vasc Surg. 1996 Jul;24(1):109-19.

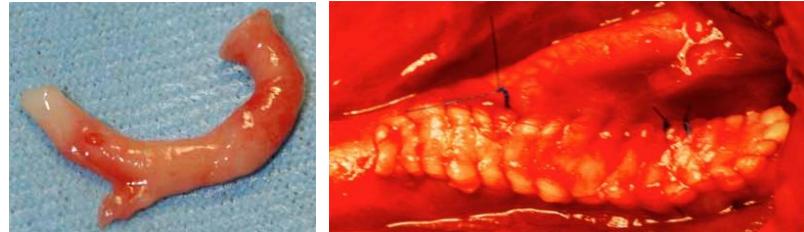
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J Vasc Surg 1996;24:109-19

# Patch options - Autologous artery

## Patches: les options - artère autologue



### Superior Thyroid Artery

Jenkins MP, Aly S, Sarin S, Adiseshiah M. Patch angioplasty following carotid endarterectomy using the ipsilateral superior thyroid artery. Eur J Vasc Endovasc Surg. 1997;14(1):60-2.

advantages: excellent strength, reduced cost, excellent compliance match to host artery, available in field  
disadvantages: reduced patch size, focal arteriosclerosis, potential for distal ischemia

### Common Carotid Artery

### Endarterectomized Occluded Superficial Femoral Artery

Bastounis EA, Maltezos CK, Balas PE. Carotid endarterectomy and patch angioplasty, utilizing a segment of autogenous endarterectomized superficial femoral artery. A case report. Int Angiol. 1995 Jun;14(2):209-13.

advantages: eliminate potential for distal ischemia  
disadvantages: ??

# Patch options - Prosthetic Patches: les options - prothèse

## Polyester (Dacron)

**Established**, similar to other products  
grafts, umbilical tapes

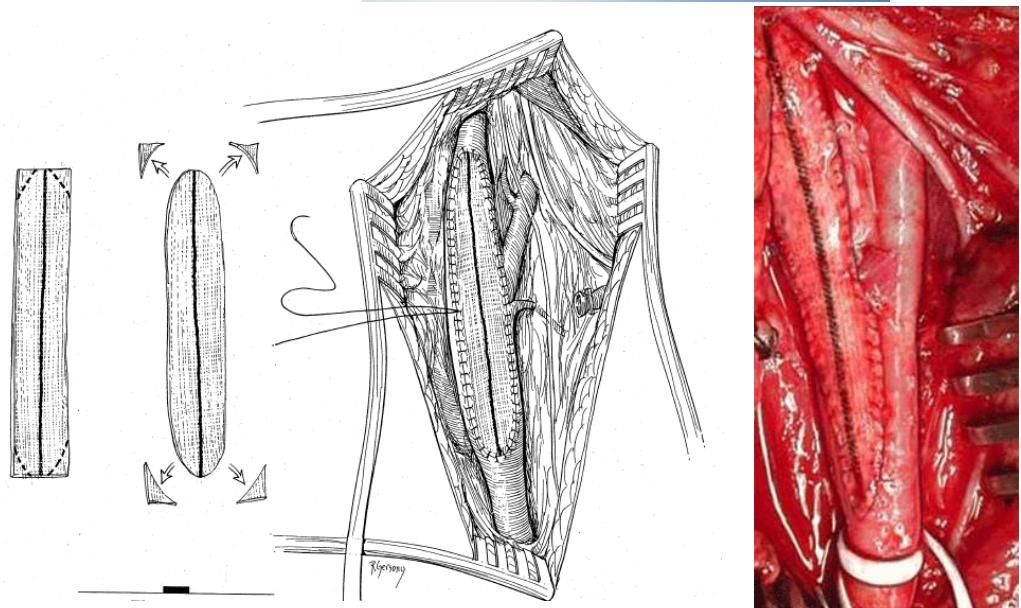
**Many sizes available**

Biocompatible

good tissue ingrowth

**Excellent hemostasis**

“Easy” suturing



# Patch options - Prosthetic Patches: les options - prothèse

## PolyTetraFluoroEthylene (PTFE)

carbon-fluoride resin, porous structure

20-30 µm fibril distance

**Established**, similar to other products  
grafts

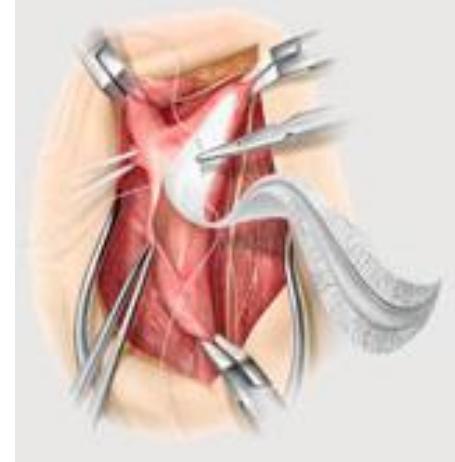
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Biocompatible

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Catalogue Number	Nominal Thickness (mm)	Nominal Width (cm)	Nominal Length (cm)
1CVX002	0.5	1	9
1CVX003	0.5	0.8	7.5
1CVX004	0.5	2.5	15

# Patch options - Prosthetic Patches: les options - prothèse

## Bovine or Porcine pericardium

Established, similar to other products  
anastomosis reinforcement

Many sizes available

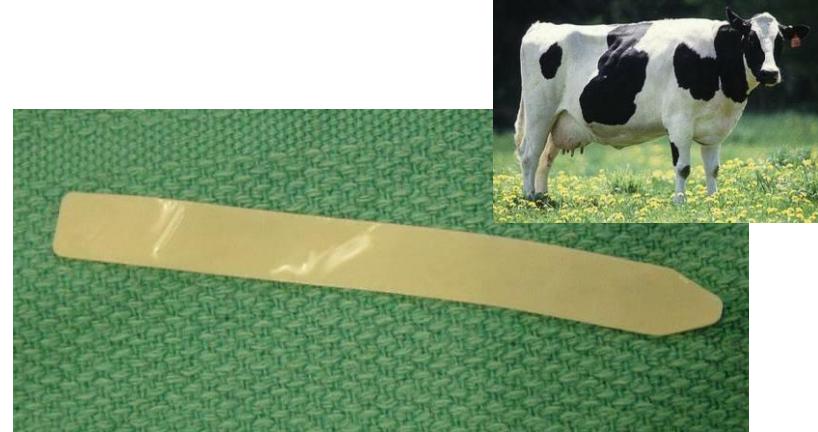
### Biocompatible

good tissue ingrowth  
use in an infected field

### Excellent hemostasis

### Easy suturing

### Early duplex



# Outcomes of patches

## Résultats des patchs

- Best established for CEA
- Extensive data for individual patch materials
- Some data comparing patch materials



# Autologous vein patches

## Patchs veineux autologues

- First patch material
  - only autologous available
- Many series with excellent results
- Essentially NO reports of patch infection or pseudoaneurysm



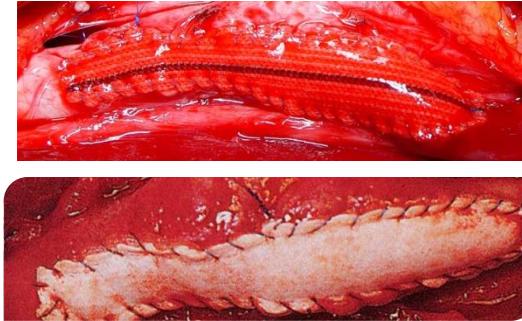
# Autologous vein patches

## Patchs veineux autologues

- Jacobowitz – NYU 2001
  - 159 vein patches vs. 90 Dacron patches
  - Stroke: vein **1.3%**, Dacron **1.1%** ( $p=ns$ )
  - Restenosis: vein **2.2%**, Dacron **8.5%** ( $p=ns$ )
    - Jacobowitz GR, Kalish JA, Lee AM, Adelman MA, Riles TS, Landis R. Long-term follow-up of saphenous vein, internal jugular vein, and knitted Dacron patches for carotid artery endarterectomy. *Ann Vasc Surg.* 2001;15(3):281-7.
- O'Hara – Cleveland Clinic 2002
  - 207 cases, randomized vein/synthetic patch
  - Stroke: vein **3.0%**, synthetic **2.1%** ( $p=.99$ )
  - Restenosis: vein **4.8%**, synthetic **6.3%** ( $p=.99$ )
    - O'Hara PJ, Hertzler NR, Mascha EJ, Krajewski LP, Clair DG, Ouriel K. A prospective, randomized study of saphenous vein patching versus synthetic patching during carotid endarterectomy. *J Vasc Surg.* 2002 ;35(2):324-32.

# Dacron and PTFE patches

## Patches en Dacron et PTFE



- Dacron first material to be “off the shelf”
- PTFE became very popular upon introduction
  - But less so with suture hole bleeding
- Recent prosthetics with little disadvantage compared to vein
  - Similar rates of restenosis and occlusion
  - OR 1.01, 95% CI = 0.61-1.66

# Comparison of different patch materials

## Comparaison entre les différents matériaux de patch

Study	n			stroke			restenosis		
	vein	Dacron	ePTFE	vein	Dacron	ePTFE	vein	Dacron	ePTFE
AbuRahma 1996	130	-	134	0.8%	-	2.2%	2.9%	-	2.2%
Archie 2000	903	359	27				0.6%	6.4%	3.7%
Jacobowitz 2001	159	90	-	2.0%	2.2%	-	2.2%	8.5%	-
Grego 2003	80	-	80	1.3%	-	6.4%	9.3%	-	13.3%
Naylor 2004	134	133	-	4.5%	7%	-	1.6%	7.1%	-
AbuRahma 2008	-	100	100	-	3%	2%	-	21%	11%

?? Increased restenosis in Dacron patches ??

# Prosthetic patches

## Patches prothétiques

- Infection, pseudoaneurysm
  - Unusual (0.37%) but treatable
  - Some suggest life-long surveillance needed in susceptible populations
  - Suggests that Dacron and PTFE are not perfect

### Postoperative Complications of Carotid Patching: Pseudoaneurysm and Infection

Boris H. Borazjani, MD, MPH,<sup>1</sup> Samuel E. Wilson, MD,<sup>2</sup> Roy M. Fujitani, MD,<sup>2</sup>  
Ian Gordon, MD, PhD,<sup>2</sup> Mark Mueller, MD,<sup>3</sup> and Russell A. Williams, MD,<sup>2</sup> San Diego,  
Irvine, and Los Angeles, California

Ann Vasc Surg 2003; 17: 156-161

### Dacron Patch Infection after Carotid Endarterectomy: Case Report and Review of the Literature

Shyam Krishnan, MD, and Alexander W. Clowes, MD, Seattle, Washington  
Ann Vasc Surg 2006; 20: 672-677

# Bovine pericardial patches

## Patchs de péricarde bovin

- Excellent results from many series
- Off the shelf, durable, biocompatible
- Duplex immediately in operating room
- Use in infected fields reported
- No reports of BSE after carotid patches



# Patch options

## Patches: les options

- **Autologous**
  - Vein

History of patch blowout
- **Prosthetic**
  - Dacron
  - PTFE
  - Pericardial

Associated with  
infection, bleeding,  
pseudoaneurysms
- **Future ??**
  - Tissue engineered

↑ interest!

# How do patches heal? Comment les patchs s'intègrent-ils?

- Does the body's cells infiltrate into the patch?
- Does the body cover the patch with cells?
- *Does the body accept or reject the patch?*



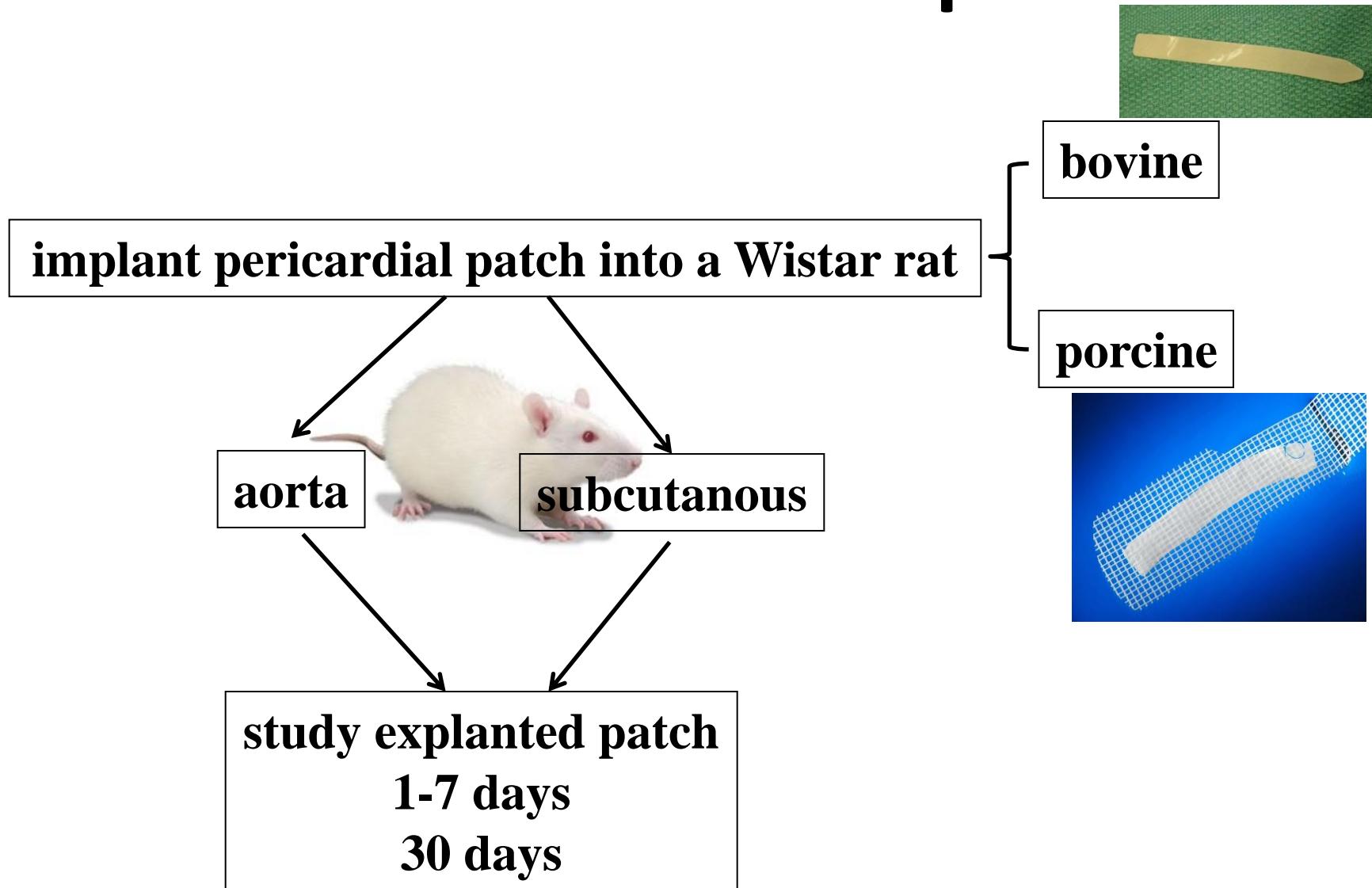
# Data? None! Données? Aucunes!

- No literature describing patch healing
- Unfortunate, since surveillance ultrasounds are often performed after patch surgery
- The carotid artery is not part of the standard sampling for an autopsy



# Method of patch study

# Méthode d'étude des patchs



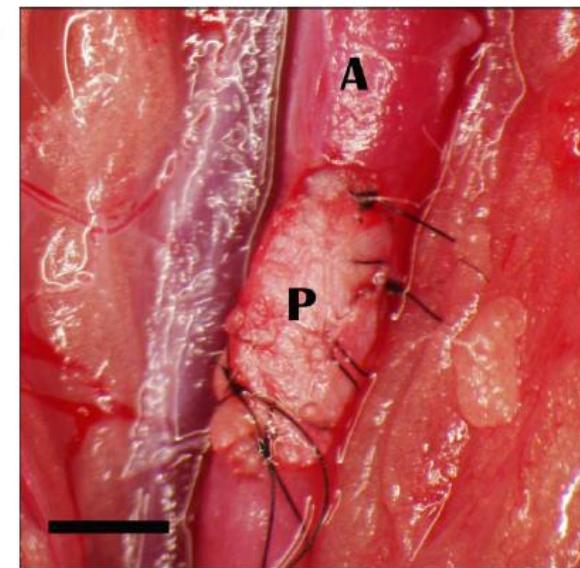
# The implanted pericardial patch

## Le patch péricardique implanté

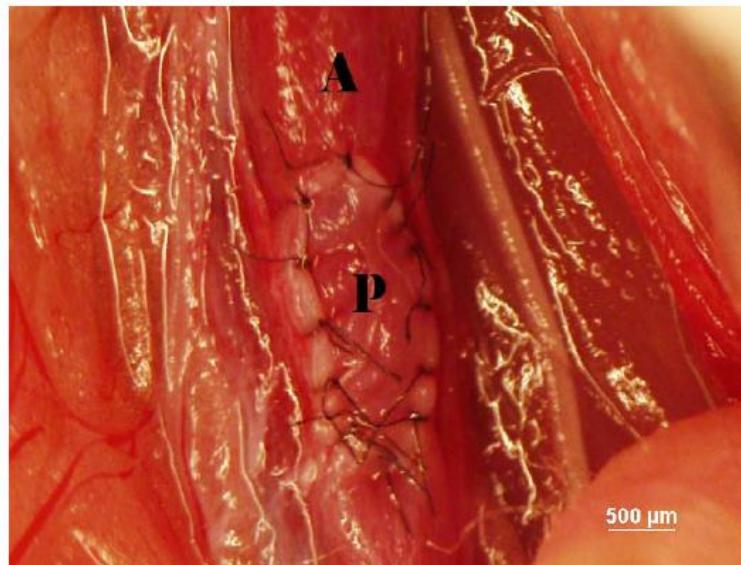
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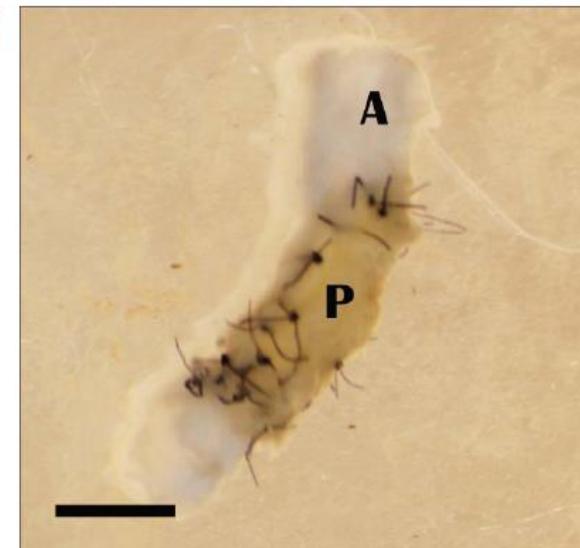
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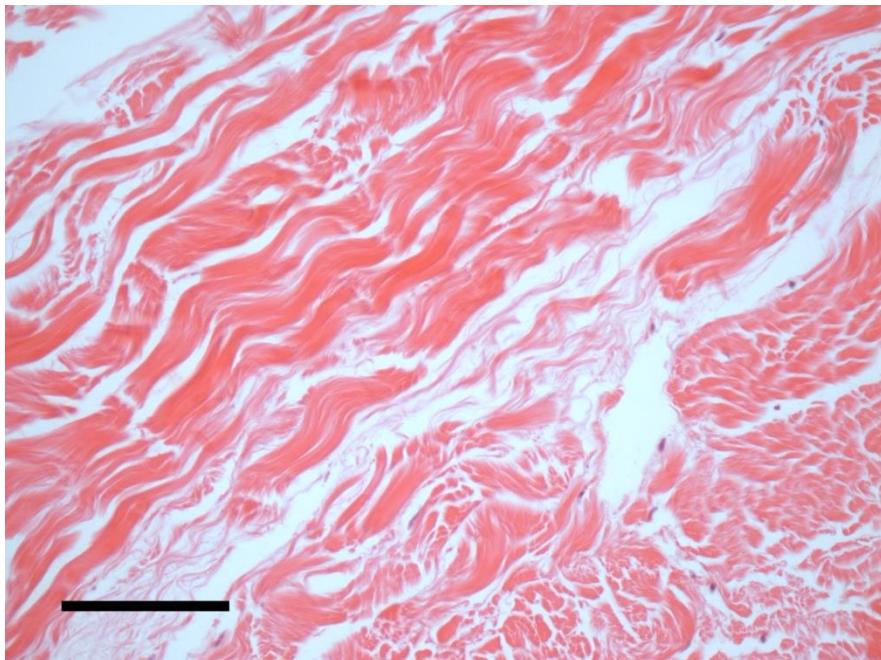


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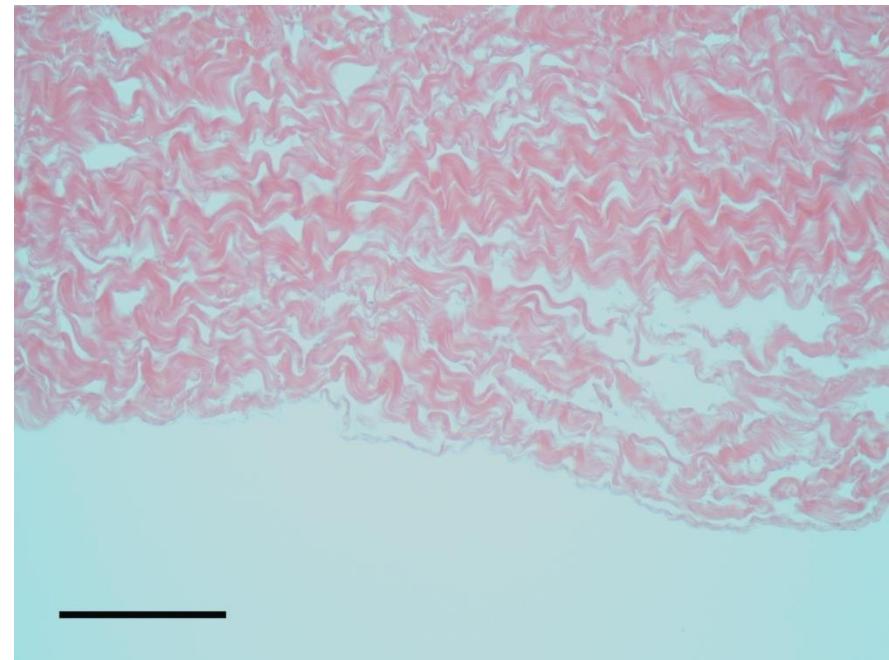


# Preimplantation Patch

## Patch pré-implantatoire



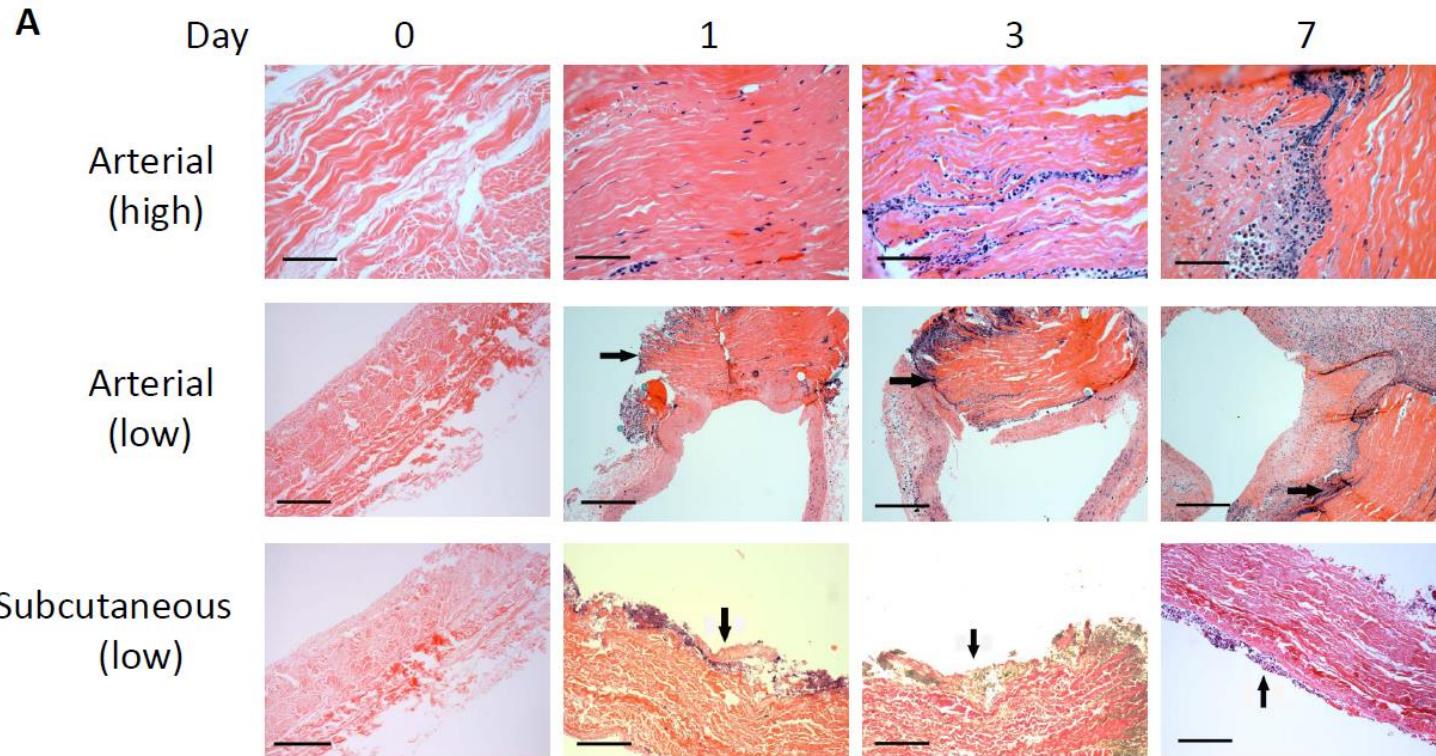
Bovine Patch



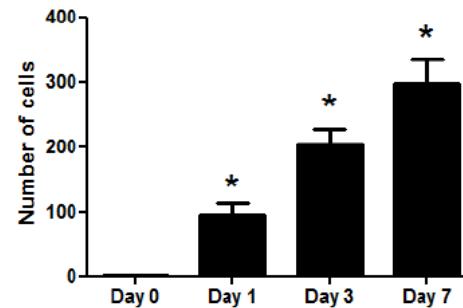
Porcine Patch

# Cells infiltrate into the patch

## Les cellules s'infiltrent dans le patch

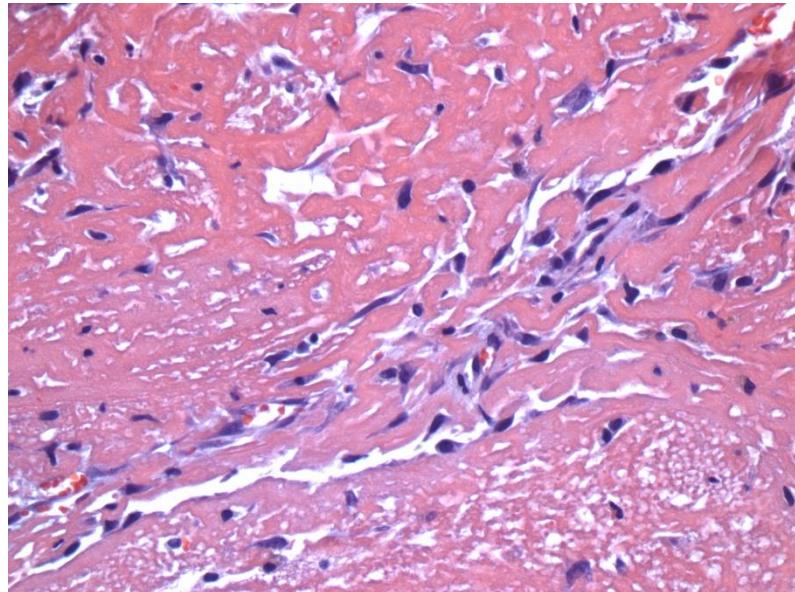


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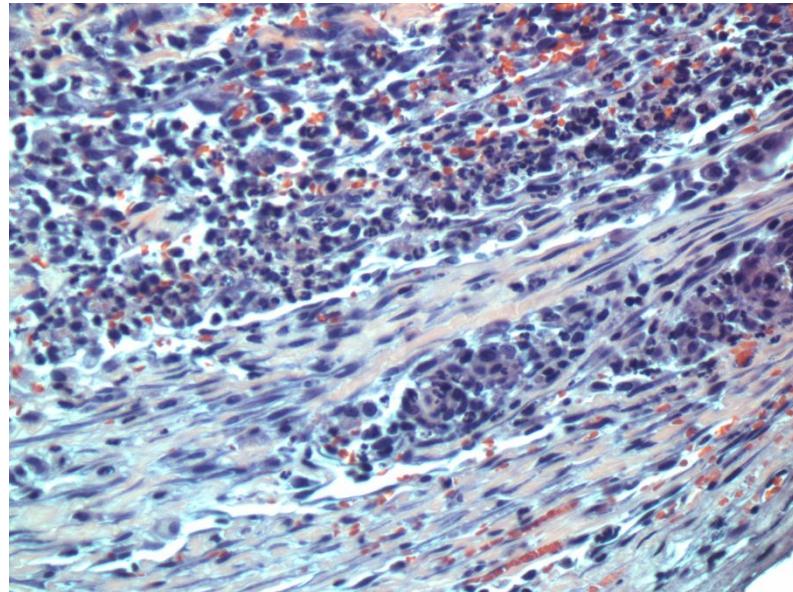


# Histology of Pericardial Patches

## Histologie des patchs péricardiques



Middle



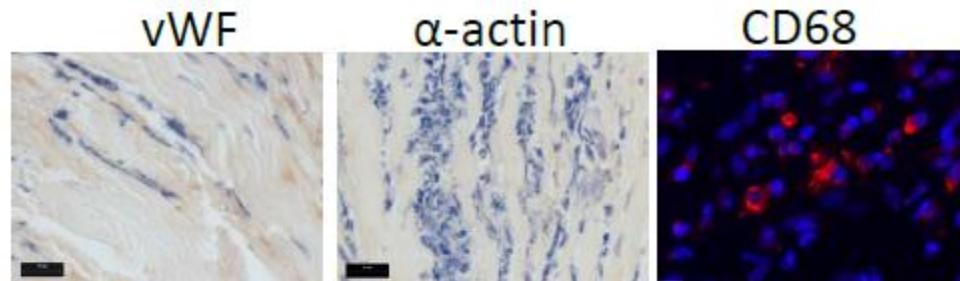
Outside Edge

Day 7 Patch: H&E staining, 40x

# No vascular cells in the arterial patches! Pas de cellules vasculaires dans les patchs artériels!

(only a few macrophages)  
(seuls quelques macrophages)

Arterial

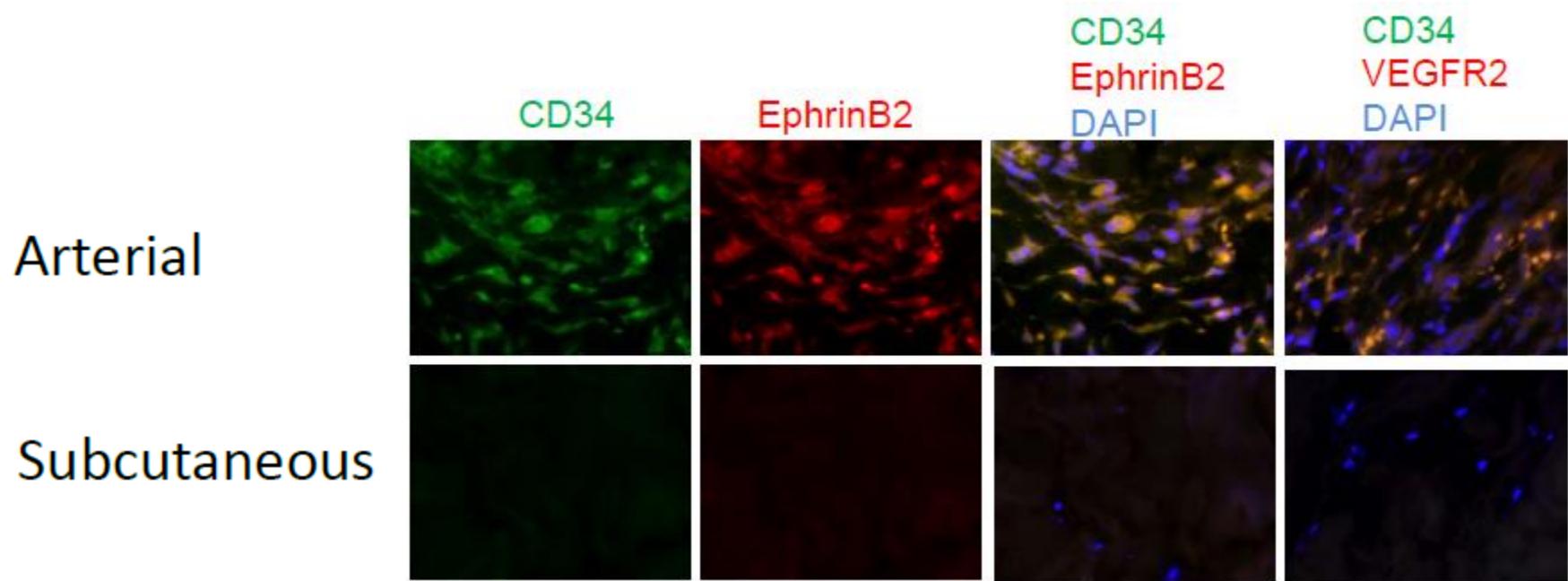


Subcutaneous



# Arterial patches have arterial stem cells

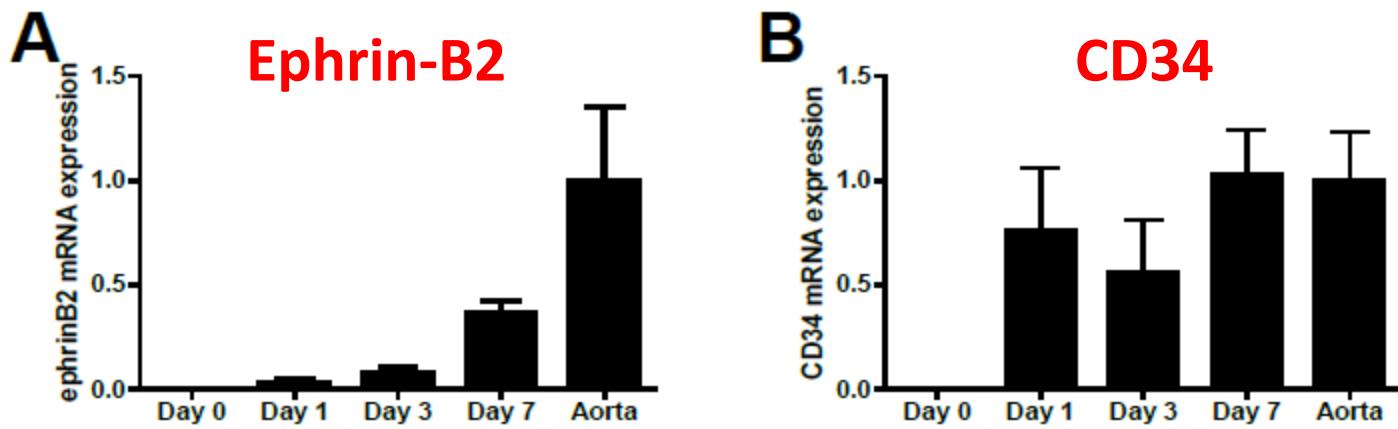
## Les patchs artériels présentent des cellules souches artérielles



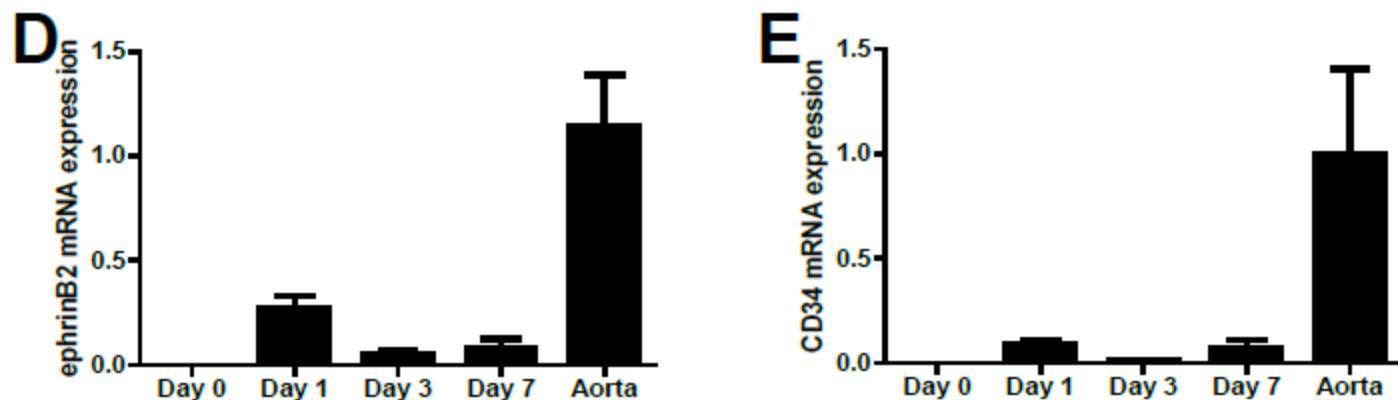
# Arterial patches have arterial stem cell mRNA

## Les patchs artériels présentent de l'ARNm de cellules souches

Arterial



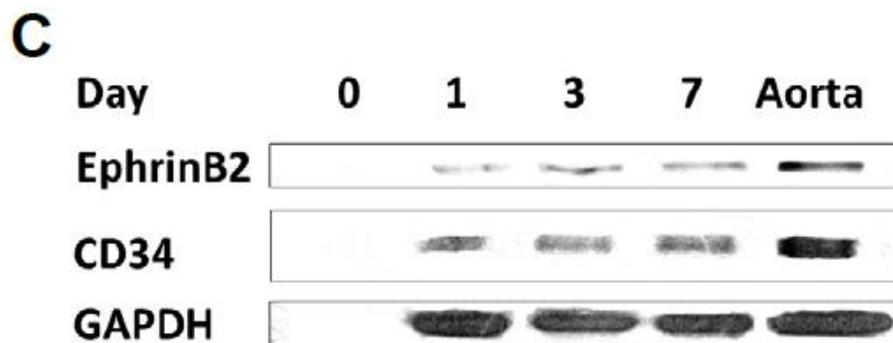
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# Arterial patches have arterial stem cell protein

Les patchs artériels présentent des protéines de cellules souches

Arterial



Subcutaneous



# Pericardial patches are covered with arterial stem cells

## Les patchs péricardiques sont recouverts de cellules souches artérielles

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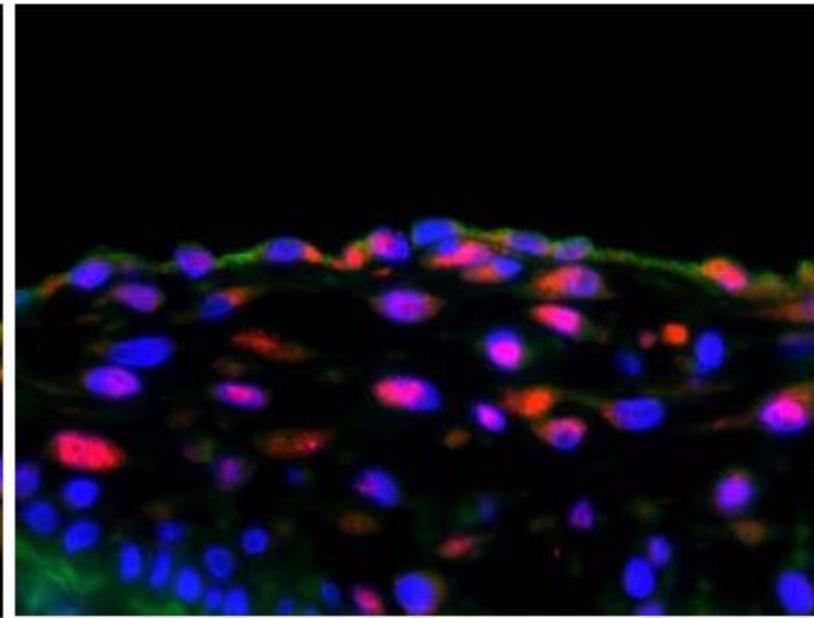
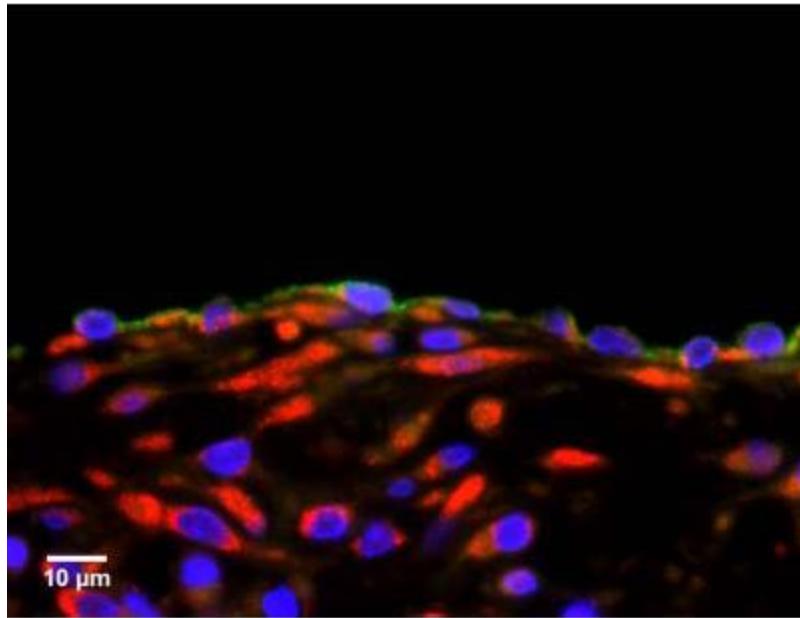
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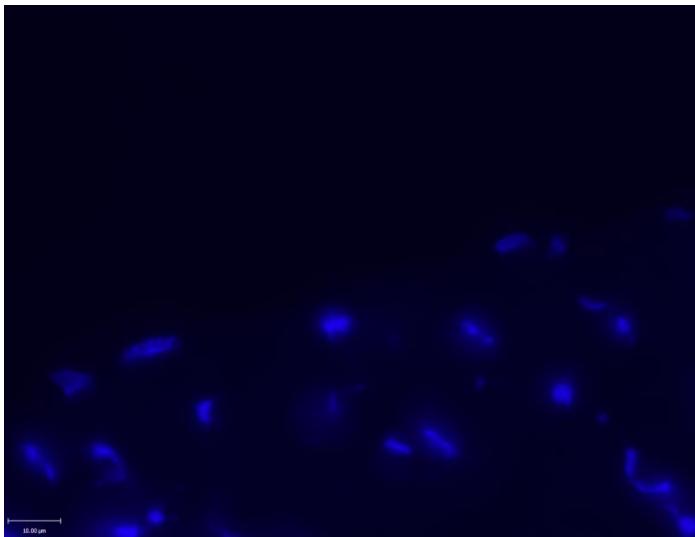
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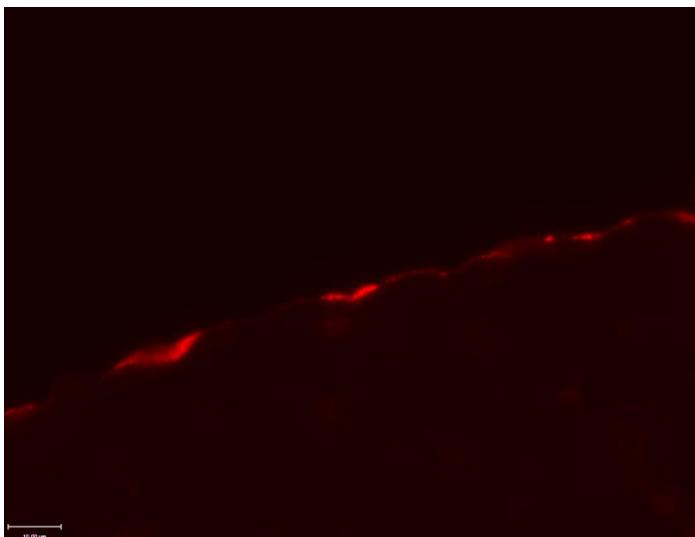


# Pericardial Patches endothelialize Les patches péricardiques s'endothélialisent

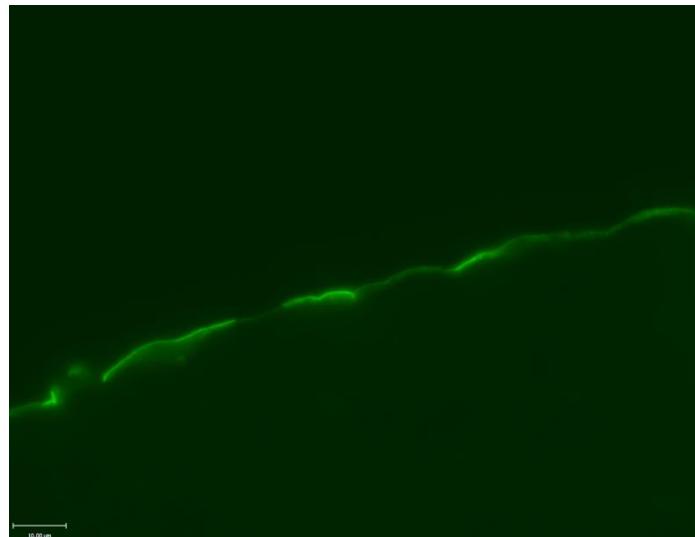
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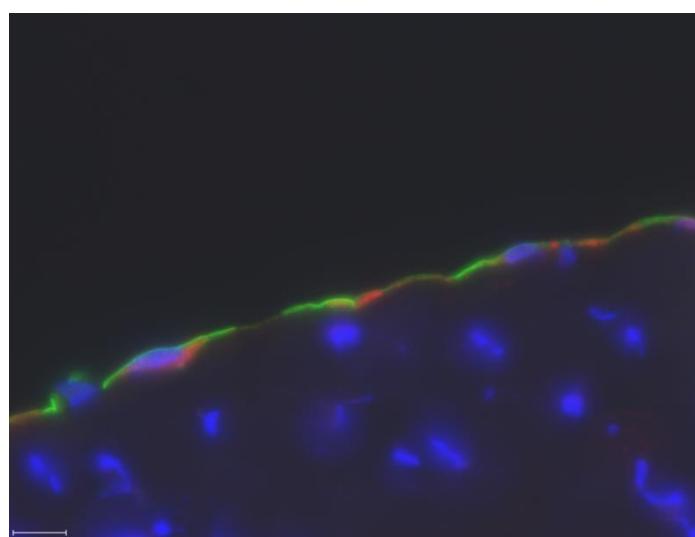
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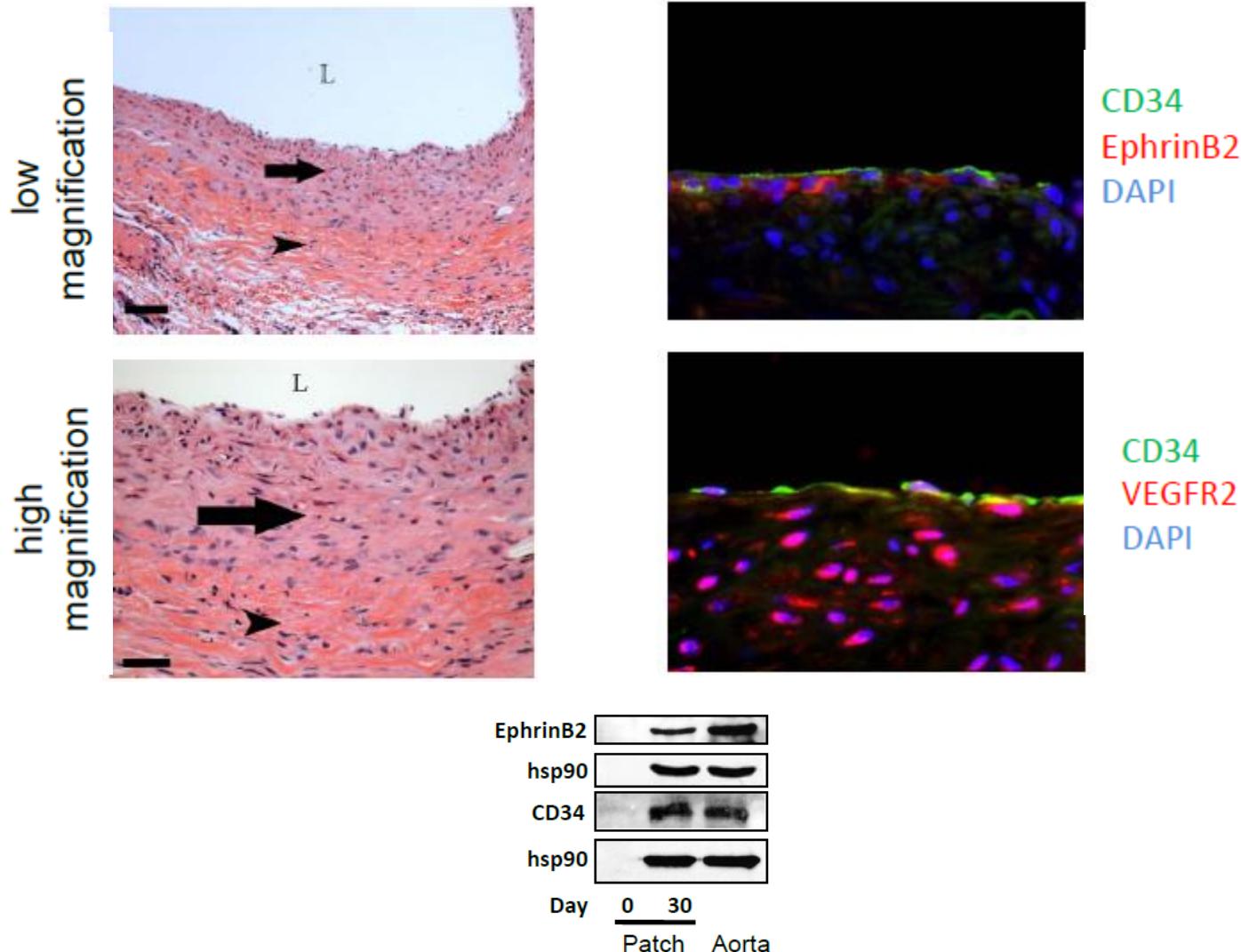


Merge



# Pericardial patches are healed by 30 days

## Les patchs péricardiques sont intégrés au bout de 30 jours



# Pericardial Patches

## Patchs péricardiques

- Cells infiltrate into the patch
  - Macrophages
  - Arterial stem cells
- Endothelialization of the patch by 1 week
  - Arterial stem cells in endothelial position
  - Promotes normal healing, ? resistance to infection?
- Complete neointima by 30 days
  - Continued arterial stem cell presence

# Why do I use pericardium?

# Pourquoi dois-je utiliser un patch péricardique?

- **Established**
  - Nice CEA size available
  - Off the shelf
  - No reports of viruses
- **Biocompatible**
  - good tissue ingrowth
  - use in an infected field
- **Excellent handling**
  - Excellent hemostasis
  - Easy suturing & trimming
  - Good for surgical residents
- **Early duplex**
- **“Turns into an artery”**



# Thank you

# Merci

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