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A Photosynthetic System for Treatment of Ischemic Tissue

Stanford researchers have patented a photosynthetic system using a cyanobacterium solution that can be delivered to ischemic tissues, where blood flow is insufficient. This addresses a major clinical problem for patients with heart and vascular diseases. The solution provides glucose and oxygen while removing carbon dioxide, enabling light to sustain the tissue. This low-cost, simple solution can treat myocardial ischemia and infarction, protect the heart during cardiopulmonary bypass surgery, and preserve organs during transportation.

Figure

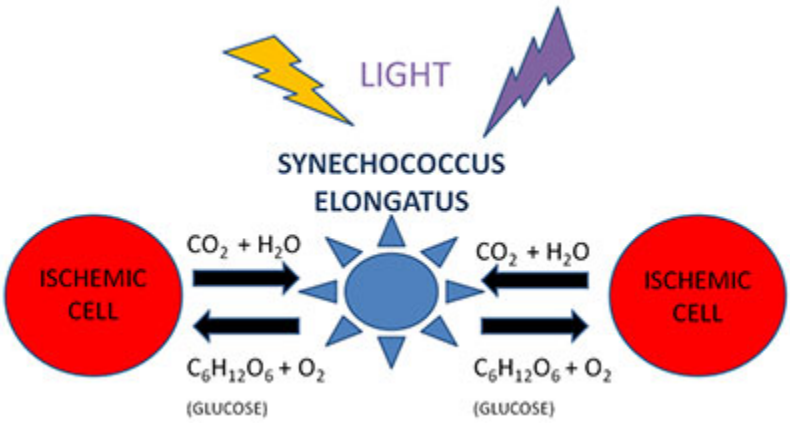

Figure description: Photosynthetic system

Stage of Research:

- Conducted large animal translational model of myocardial protection utilizing this photosynthetic strategy at Stanford
- Results showed that targeted intramyocardial delivery of a photosynthetic agent to ischemic territory enables localized oxygen production, enhanced metabolic activity, and augmented ventricular function in a rat model of acute

myocardial ischemia.

On-going Research:

- Improving delivery device for enhanced clinical translatability

Applications

- Treatment of myocardial ischemia
- Myocardial protection during cardiopulmonary bypass
- Organ preservation for transplantation
- Treatment of acute and chronic peripheral vascular disease

Advantages

- **Low cost** relative to stent placement and/or open surgery
- **Direct oxygen delivery** to muscle at risk without necessarily addressing restoration of blood flow
- **Can supply tissue with energy** even in patients that otherwise cannot be revascularized either surgically or with stent placement
- Can extend the time that an organ could be transported prior to transplantation, thereby increasing the available patient pool and enhancing outcomes following transplantation
- Could provide a superior treatment for peripheral vascular disease. Specifically, distal revascularization (below the knee) demonstrates modest results at best, whereas this treatment offers a completely novel and potentially superior approach.

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Patents

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