Heart Replacement with Humanised Porcine Organs in Non-human Primates and Finally in Humans

Creating an alternative in a world with life-limiting organ shortage

Reference: Heart Replacement

IP Status

Patent application submitted

Seeking

Commercial partner; Seeking investment

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Background

Supported since 1998, first by the Bavarian then the German Research Foundation (DFG). The Consortium includes basic immunologists, bio-engineers, virologists, biochemists, ethicists and clinicians.

Tech Overview

XTransplant will revolutionize the treatment of patients with terminal heart failure by providing high-quality xenogeneic donor organs from IP-protected genetically modified donor pigs.

Figure 1

Further Details

- Längin M et al: Consistent Success in Life-Supporting Cardiac Xenotransplantation, Nature, 2018, 564, 430-433, 10.1038/s41586-018-0765-z
- Reichart B et al: Pathway to Clinical Cardiac Xenotransplantation, Transplantation, 2020, 10.1097/TP.0000000000003588

Stage of Development

Consistent long-term results in the pig-to-baboon heart replacement model; internationally accepted preclinical proof. Work on regulatory procedures with Paul-Ehrlich-Institute/EMA started.

Benefits

- Unlimited supply of donor hearts
- Worldwide leader in the field
- When compared with mechanical circulatory support systems: xenogeneic hearts are non-thrombogenic, hence there is no need for anticoagulation (blood thinner); carry a low infectious risk

Applications

In the Eurotransplant region and USA the annual waiting list for a heart transplant amounts to >4,500; assuming a price for a xeno-heart of € 100-200k, the near term market potential is >€ 0.5b.
Opportunity

Generating a world-wide monopoly in the field of xenogeneic heart transplantation.

Patents

- Patent application submitted: WO2019/185936 A2: Methods and compositions for prolonging the survival after orthotopic and heterotopic xenogeneic heart, kidney, lung or liver transplantations
Appendix 1

Figure 1

- Unlimited availability of young, healthy donor pigs from designated pathogen-free (DPF) facilities.
- Proof-of-concept in nonhuman primate study on how to overcome rejection through precise genetic modification of donor pigs demonstrated.
- Better cost efficiency and quality of life for patients compared to mechanical assist devices expected.
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