



Heart Failure & Arrhythm



Pulmonary Hypertension & Thrombosis



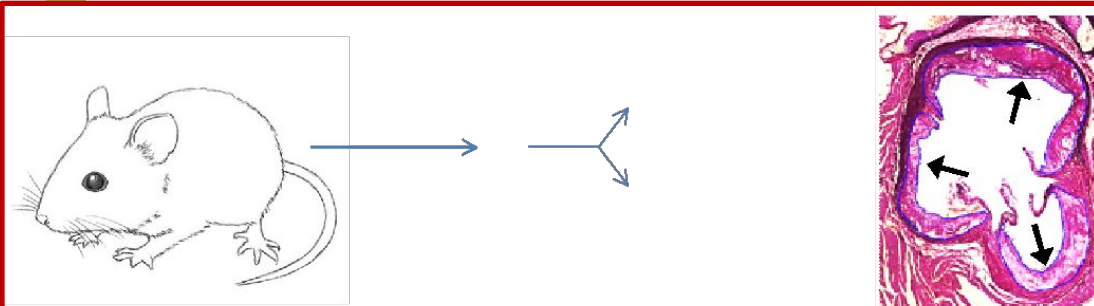
Atherosclerosis & Ischemic Syndromes



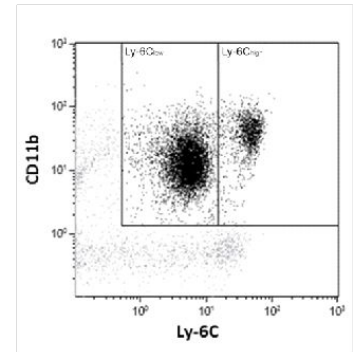
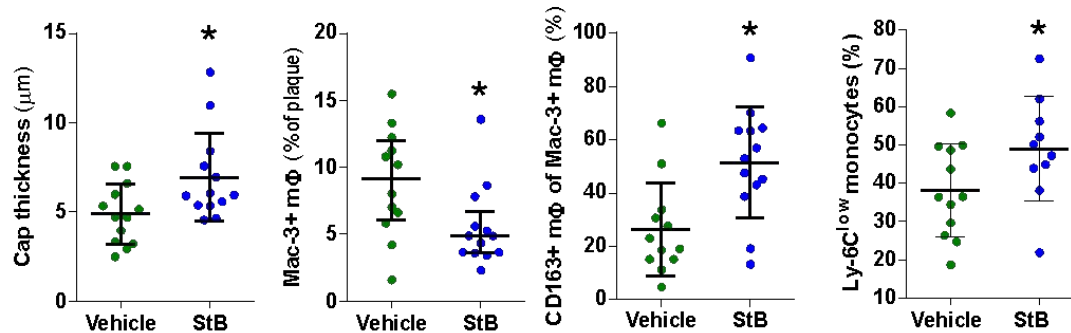
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Orthopedic surgery increases atherosclerosis

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○ Therapy → Enhanced Mesenchymal stem cell therapy.



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# Focus of research group (II)

## Current expertise

- Extensive human tissue biobank (coronary arteries, hearts).
- Tissue analysis (HC, IHC, multicolor IHC, RNAish).
- Viable tissue processing / culture.
- Animal models of myocardial infarction (MI) in rat and mouse atherosclerosis  $\pm$  MI and  $\pm$  viral myocarditis, diabetes.
- Human/animal adipose tissue-derived mesenchymal stem cells.

## Current funding

- EFSD (European Foundation for the Study of Diabetes)
- Industry
- Insurance company
- NFI (Nederlands Forensisch Instituut)
- CSC (China Scholarship Council)



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# Future plans

## Short term (1-2 year) Plan:

- Immuno-modulating potential of AT-MSC / secretome in macro/microvascular inflammation → **systemic effects**.

## >2 year plan:

- Better understanding of multi-organ microvascular inflammation and ageing in MI/VM/diabetes.
- Towards clinical grade StemBell technology.

**Necessary infrastructure:** Animal research facility, cell/tissue culture, imaging (*in vivo/ex vivo*) flow cytometry, omics, virus culture.

## Collaboration in ACS

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