



# OSTEOARTHRITIS

## The (bionic) revolution in the management of osteoarthritis: challenges and perspectives

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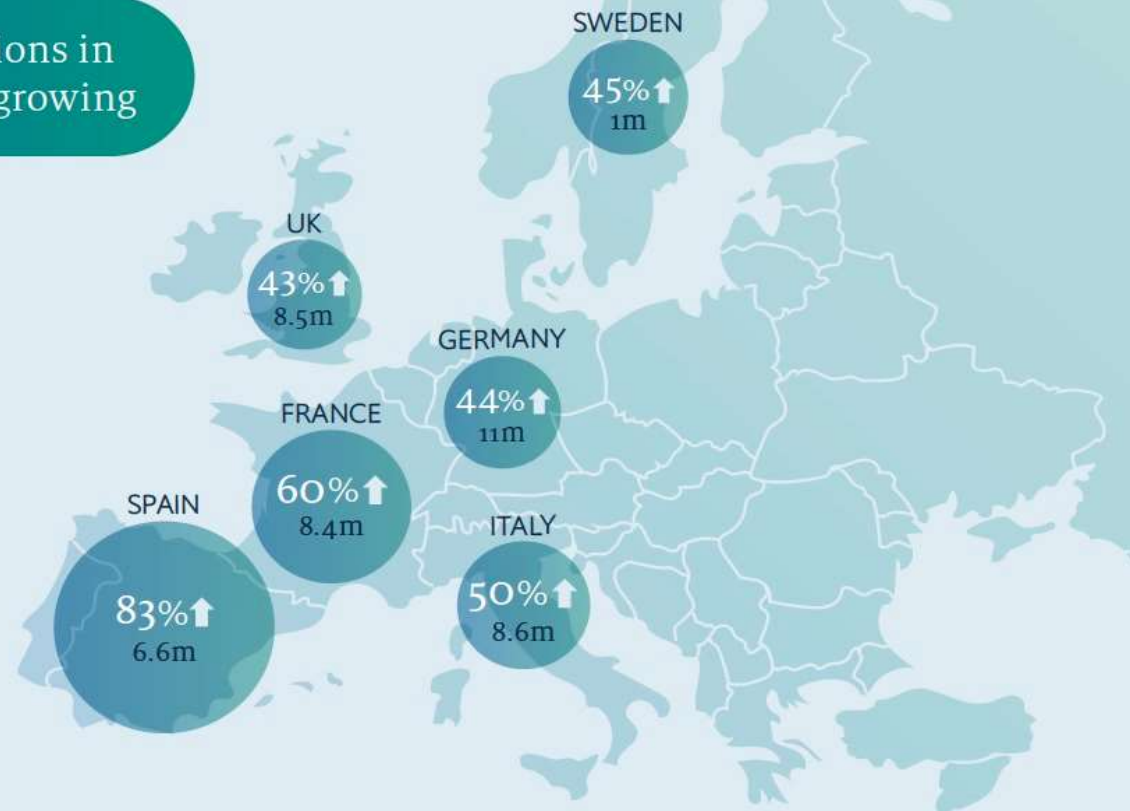
# Epidemiology OA

## Osteoarthritis affects millions in Europe and the burden is growing

In 2019, over 57 million people in Western Europe<sup>1</sup> had osteoarthritis (OA), and it caused the loss of over 2 million years of healthy life.<sup>2</sup> Numbers affected in the region have grown by 54% since 1990.

**Increase  
since 1990**

Numbers affected  
in 2019

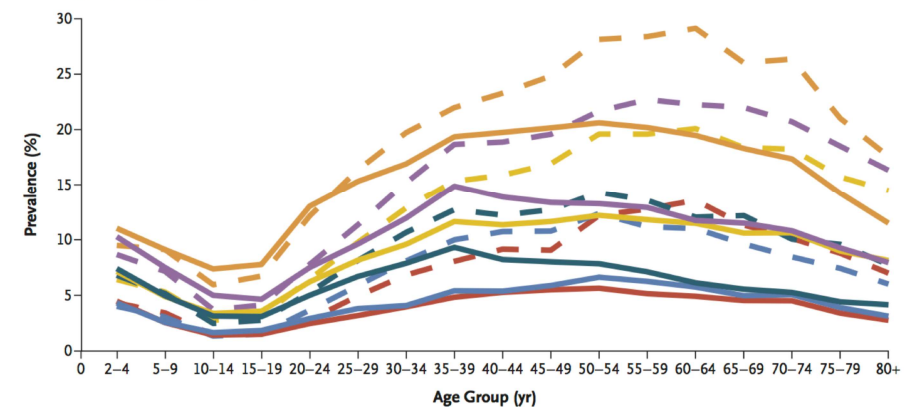


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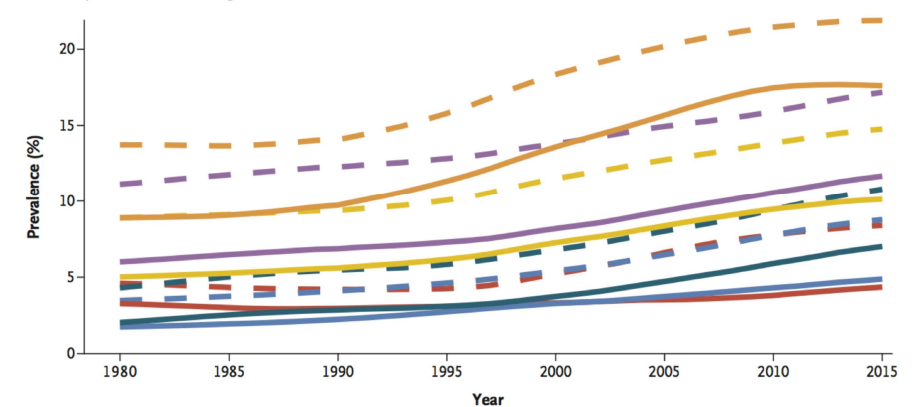
# Epidemiology OA

- 17% whole population
- Incidence
  - Knee OA: 240/100.000 PA
  - Hand OA: 100/100.000 PA
  - Hip OA: 88/100.000 PA
- **Overweight +++**
  - RR 1.9 (hand OA + weight-bearing joints)
  - High risk joint replacement (X 5)

A Obesity According to Age Group



C Obesity in Adults According to Year



# Epidemiology OA

## OA causes lost productivity and costs Europe billions of Euros each year

- In addition to the substantial direct healthcare costs, OA also impacts economies by causing absenteeism, presenteeism and early retirement, necessitating income support or disability allowance payments. People with OA may also need formal and informal care.
- European countries have reported annual OA-related costs in the billions:<sup>7</sup>



Direct healthcare costs

Up to  
**7.2bn**



Indirect healthcare costs

Up to  
**4.6bn**



Indirect costs



Direct costs

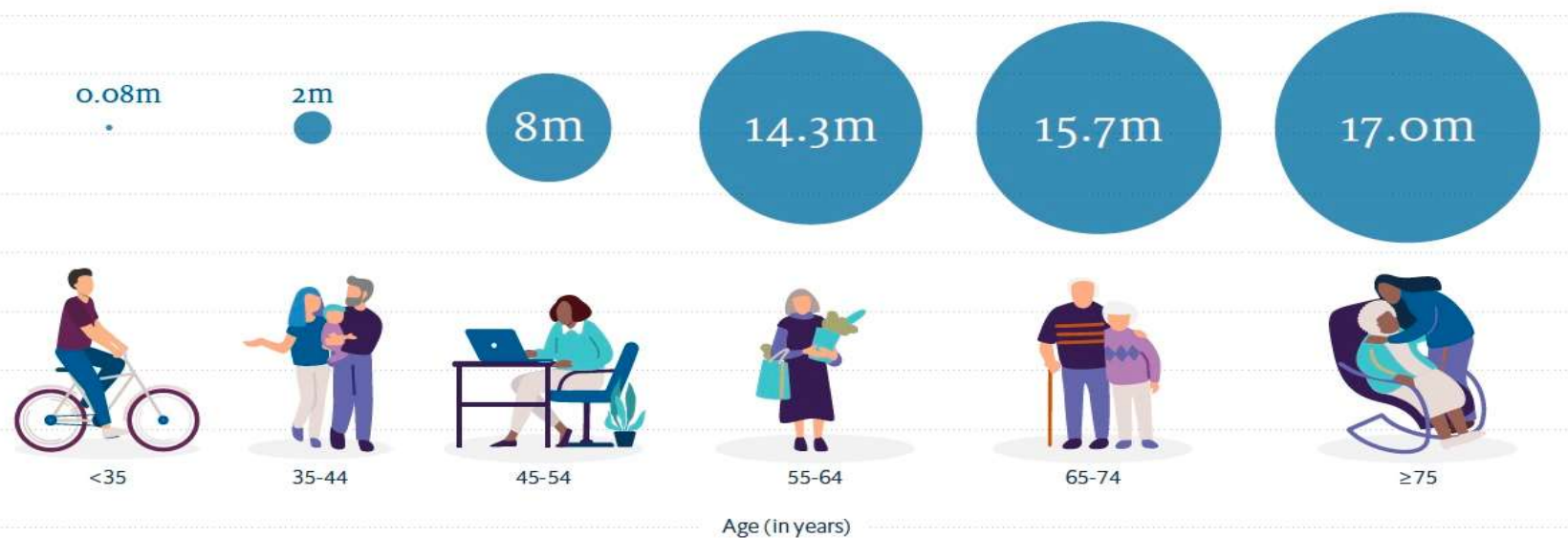
Indirect costs are likely to be underestimated and could be as much as

**4X** direct costs.



# Epidemiology OA

OA does not just affect the elderly:  
43% of those affected are under 65

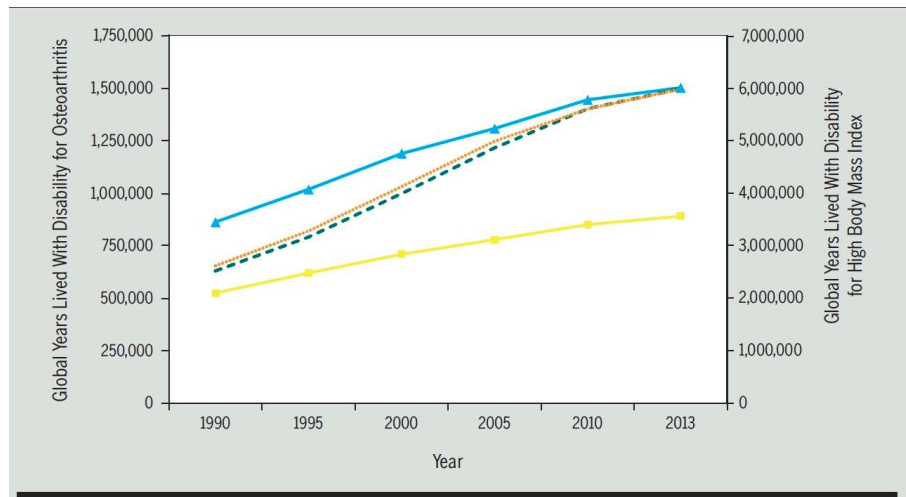


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# Epidemiology OA

- **Major public health problem in young people (< 50 years old)**

- Risk factors: overweight/obesity/trauma
- 7-13% knee (<45 YO)
- Peak at 50 for the knee
- Disability increases in 20 years (X2)
- Parallel to obesity
- Increasing TKR and THR
  - + 76%
  - + 30-60%

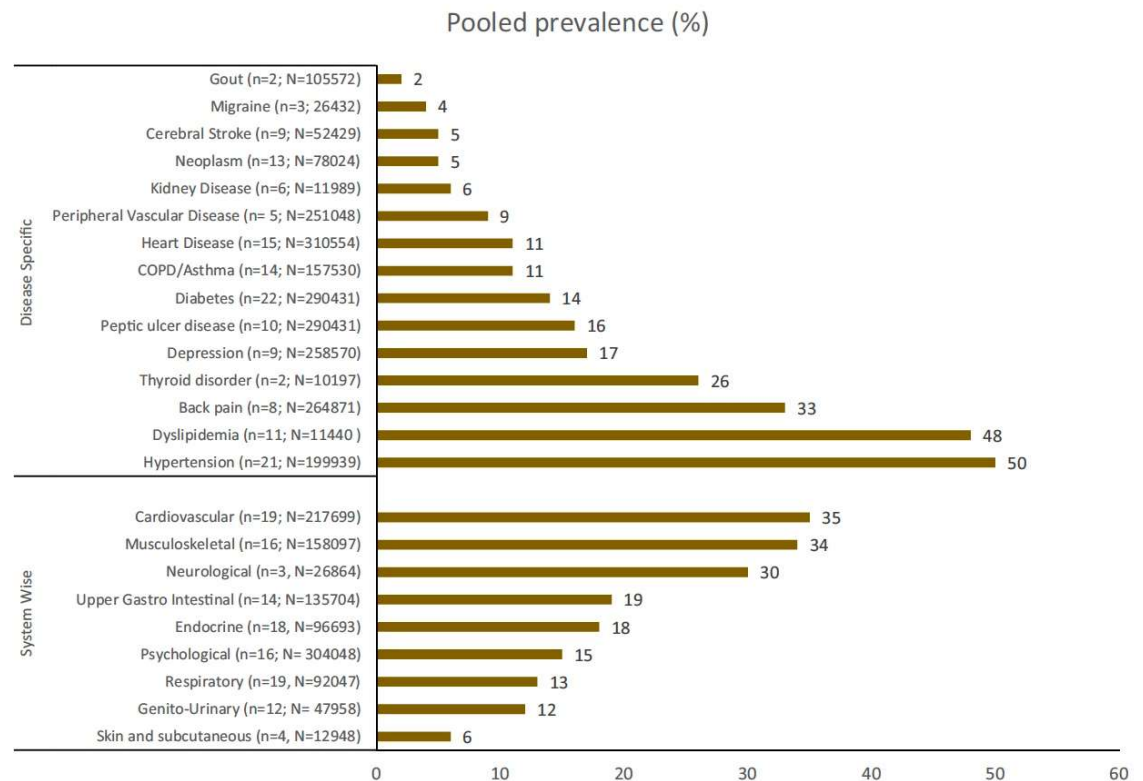


**FIGURE 1.** Growth in the global burden of osteoarthritis and global burden of high body mass index from 1990 to 2013 for males and females aged 15 to 49 years. Solid lines represent global years lived with disability for osteoarthritis (triangles indicate data for females and squares indicate data for males). The dotted line represents global years lived with disability for high body mass index for females, and the dashed line represents global years lived with disability for high body mass index for males. The graph was plotted using Global Burden of Disease Study data.<sup>57</sup>

# Epidemiology OA

- **OA and comorbidities**

- Meta-analysis Observational studies
- RR X 1.2 versus non-OA
- Most frequent:
  - Stroke
  - Gastric Ulcer
  - Metabolic syndrome



Swain et al. ACR 2020

# Epidemiology OA

## • OA and mortality

- Meta-analysis
- All causes and CV mortality with 3 OA sites (hand, knee, hip)
- No increased risk of any cause mortality in OA patients (global)
- Significant association between OA and mortality (after removing hand OA)
- Higher CVD mortality HR 1.21 (CI: 1.10-1.34)

### CV MORTALITY (any joint OA)

Kluzek. 2015 (hand + knee [pooled]) \*\*

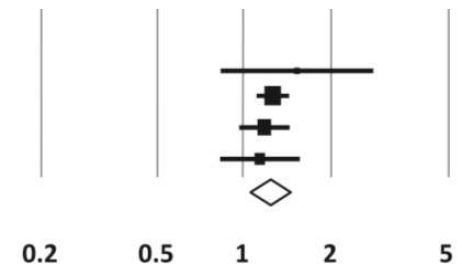
Barbour. 2015

Castano Betancourt. 2013 (hip and/or knee)

PRO.V.A. study

**Overall** ( $I^2=0\%$  [ $p=0.79$ ])

|      |      |      |       |        |
|------|------|------|-------|--------|
| 1.50 | 0.82 | 2.74 | 1.317 | 0.188  |
| 1.24 | 1.09 | 1.41 | 3.276 | 0.001  |
| 1.16 | 0.95 | 1.42 | 1.447 | 0.148  |
| 1.12 | 0.83 | 1.55 | 0.711 | 0.477  |
| 1.21 | 1.10 | 1.34 | 3.747 | <0.001 |



# Diagnosis OA

- **Symptoms**

- Mechanical pain, often insidious and highly variable
- Short morning stiffness
- Limitation of function/motion
- Others: depression, sleep disturbance, decrease QoL
- **No correlation exists between the joint symptoms and the structural alterations on X-ray +++**

# Diagnosis OA

## OA has a significant impact on people's quality of life and daily activities

Most people with OA have joint pain, and this impacts their ability to function normally. People who have more severe pain have more limitations to their activities<sup>3</sup> and worse mental health<sup>4</sup> and quality of life.<sup>5</sup>



91%

say OA limits their ability to do normal activities<sup>3</sup>



84%

have joint pain or tenderness<sup>3</sup>



Up to  
60%

have moderate to severe pain<sup>6</sup>



49%

report that OA affects their work<sup>3</sup>



37%

report that OA limits their social lives<sup>3</sup>



# Imaging OA

- **X-ray**

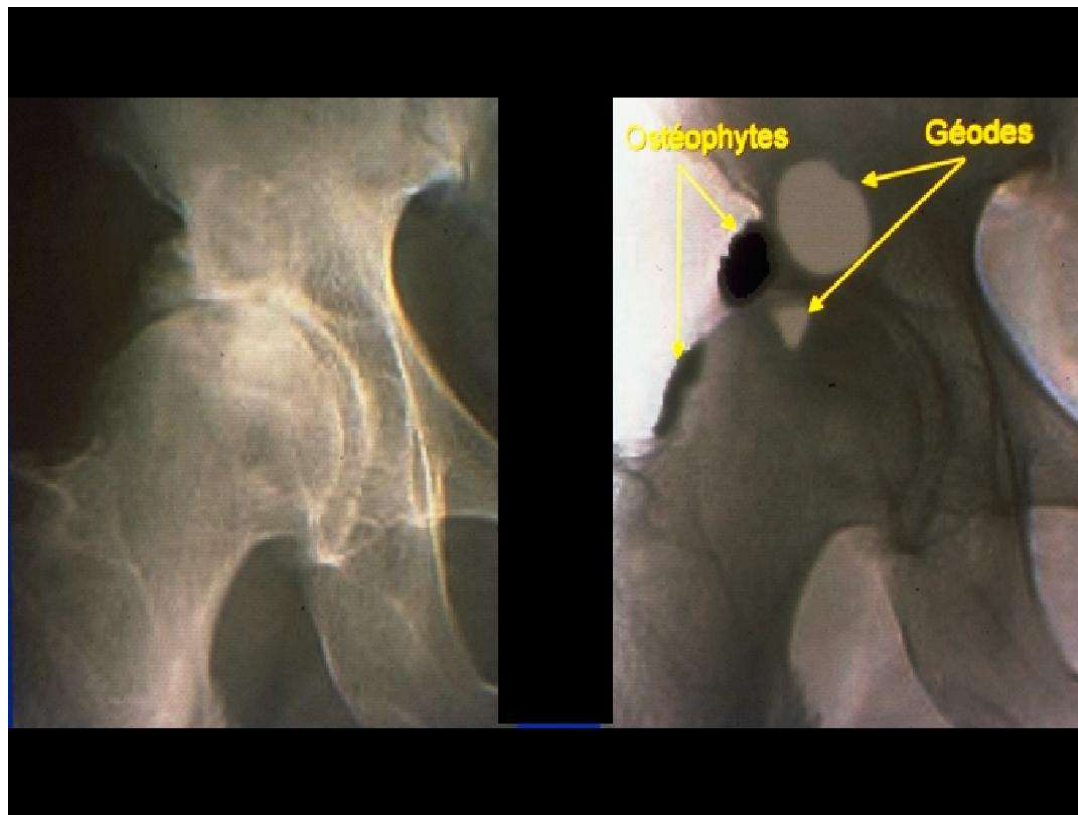
- Exclude other diagnosis (Paget, neuroalgodystrophy...)
- Not mandatory for diagnosis OA
- Assess OA severity (KL grading)
- Normal with early OA
- No correlation with joint symptoms +++



**Figure 1.** Kellgren-Lawrence classification.

# Clinical subsets OA

- Hip OA



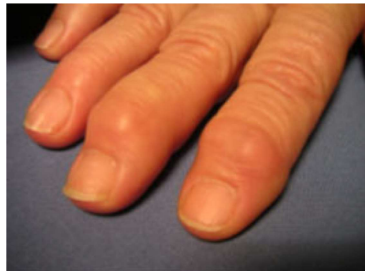
# Clinical subsets OA

- Knee OA



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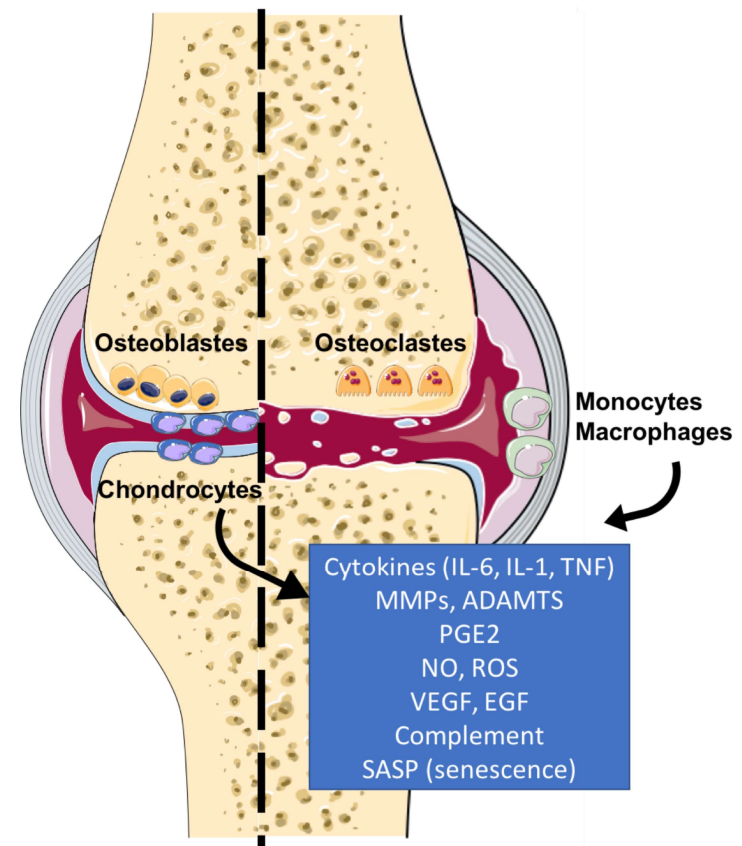
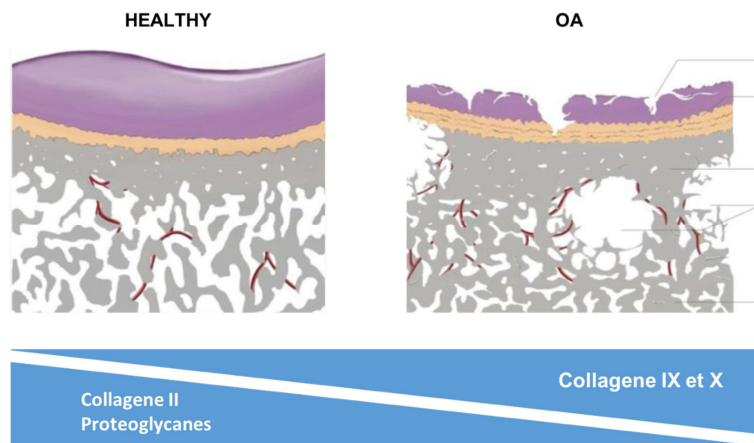
- Hand OA



# Pathophysiology in OA

- **All the components of the joint are involved in the process:**

- Cartilage  $\approx$  chondrocytes + ECM
- Subchondral bone  $\approx$  OC/OB
- Synovial  $\approx$  inflammation
- Muscles, ligaments



# Treatment objectives

- Reduce pain
- Improve function
- Maintain physical activity
- Education
- Slow down cartilage degradation



- NB: DMOAD (disease modifying OA drug): structural modulation

 **No drugs meet this definition**



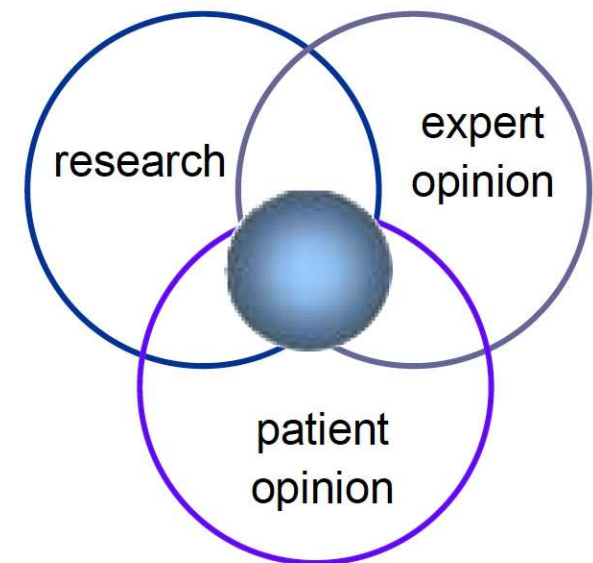
# Therapeutic resources in OA

- RCT, open studies
- EBM, experts advices
- International Recommendations (OARSI, EULAR, ACR, AAOS)

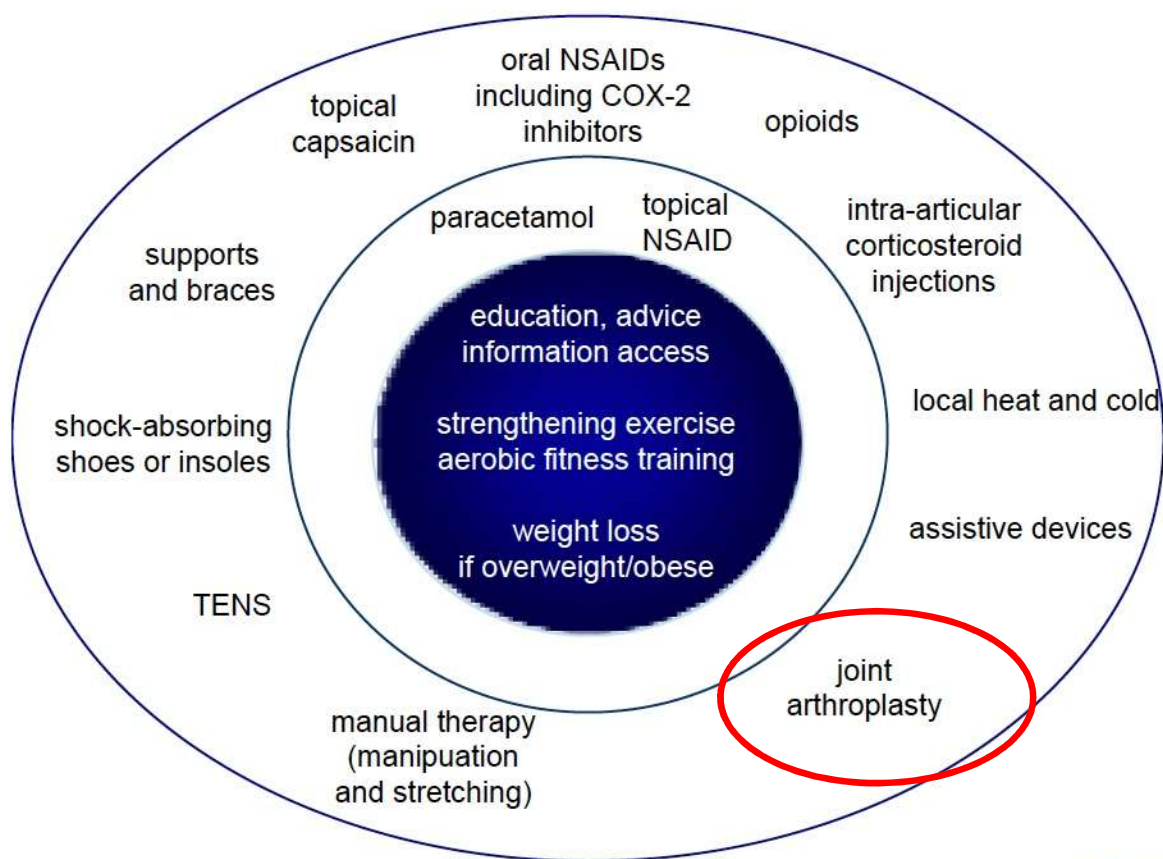
➡ Non-pharmacological therapies

➡ Pharmacological therapies

➡ Surgery



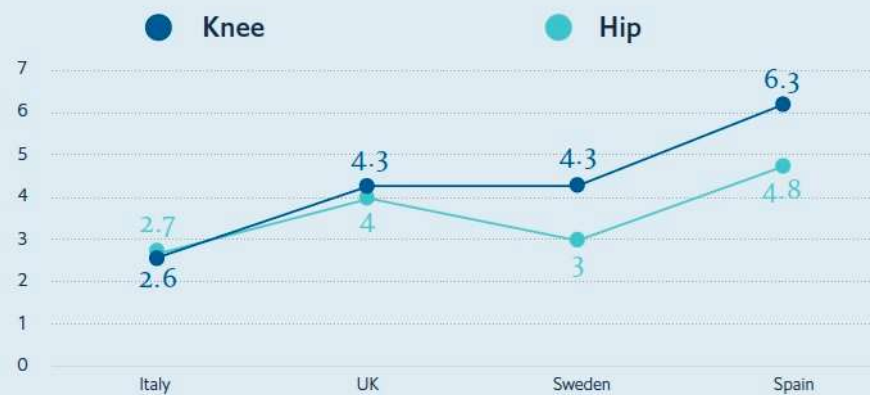
# Therapeutic resources in OA



# Epidemiology OA

## Waiting times for joint replacement surgery can be long

Average waiting times for joint replacement surgery were up to six months in our focus countries pre-covid-19,<sup>12</sup> and are being lengthened by the pandemic. Not everyone with OA may be suitable for surgery or want to have it.



Source: OECD 2019 data (2018 for UK).



**10-20%**  
still have pain after joint  
replacement<sup>13</sup>

# Surgical intervention

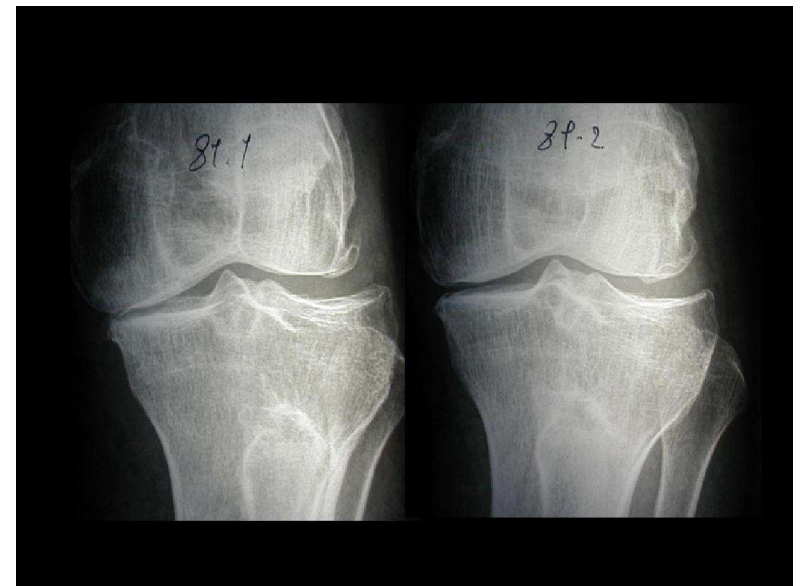
- **Total hip arthroplasty (THA) and total knee arthroplasty (TKA)**
  - Patients with persistent pain, stiffness and reduced function AND refractory to non-surgical treatments AND impact on their quality of life
  - Evidence based on numerous uncontrolled observational studies
  - Appropriate rehabilitation and domestic support in the first weeks
  - Recovery from TKA is slower
  - THA is more effective than TKA in restoring function to normal
  - Over 95% of joint replacements continue to function well into the second decade after surgery, and most provide lifelong pain-free function.
  - Approximately 20% patients are not satisfied



# Unmet need in OA

- **3 unmet medical needs**

- Efficient disease modifying treatment
- More effective symptomatic treatment: NSAIDs improve less than 50% WOMAC scores
- Safer treatment: NSAIDs carry significant GI and CV risk

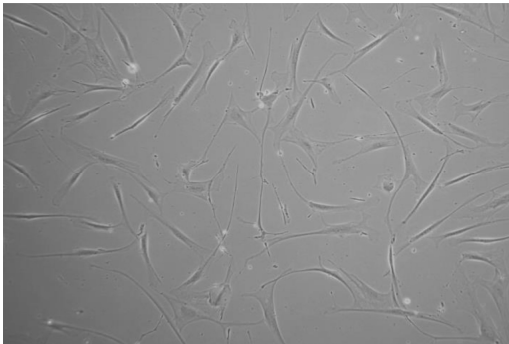


**FIND NEW THERAPY  
WITH VARIOUS TARGETS**

MSC ???

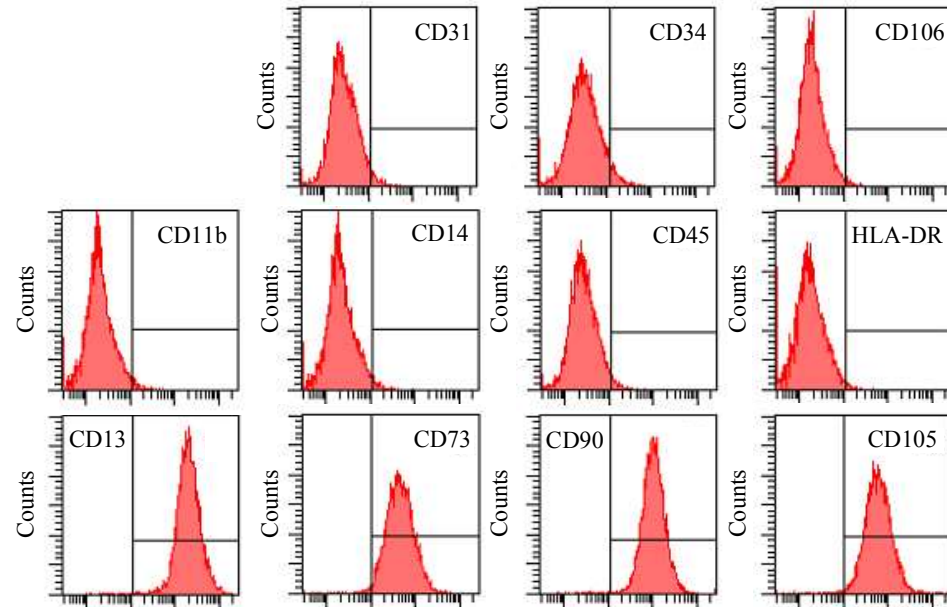
# Characteristics of Mesenchymal Stem Cells (MSC)

- Adherent to plastic



(High expansion *in vitro*)

- Immunophenotype → No specific marker

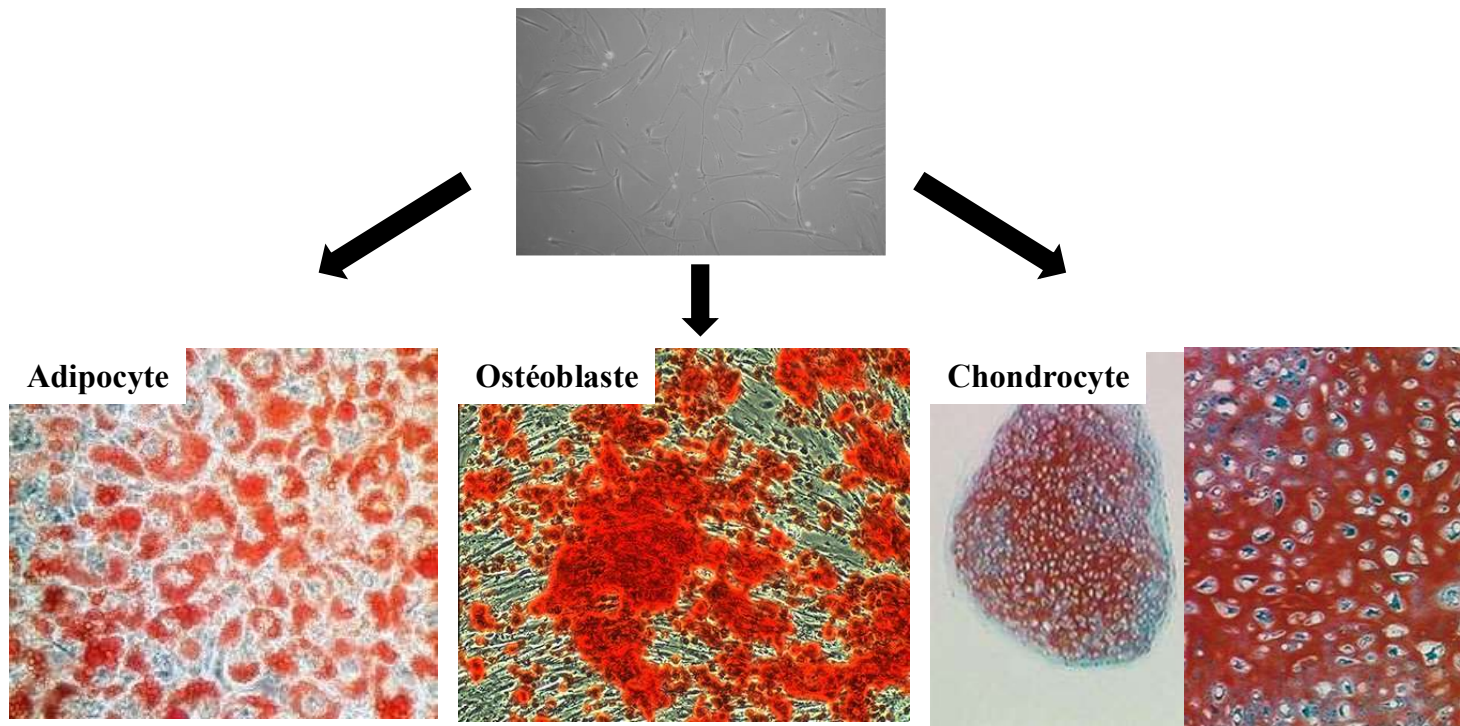


- **CD73<sup>+</sup>**, **CD90<sup>+</sup>**, **CD105<sup>+</sup>**, (CD13<sup>+</sup>)
- CD11b<sup>-</sup>, CD14<sup>-</sup>, CD19<sup>-</sup>, CD34<sup>-</sup>, **CD45<sup>-</sup>**, HLA-DR<sup>-</sup>, (CD31<sup>-</sup>, CD106<sup>-</sup>)

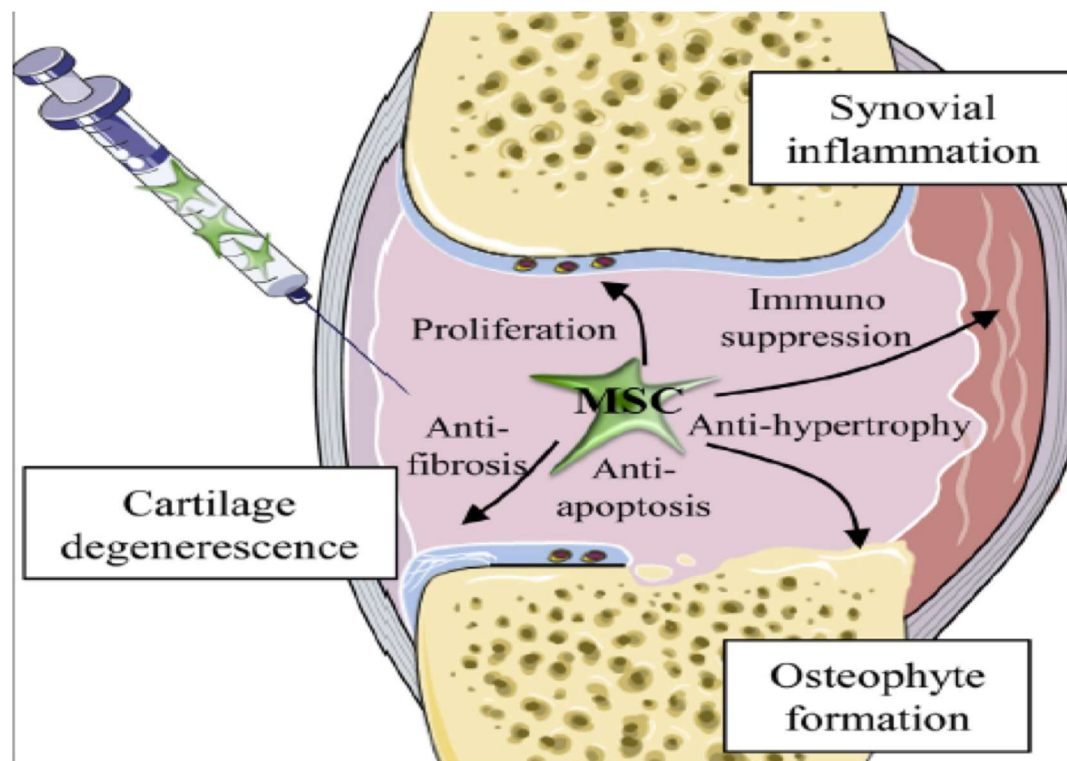


# Characteristics of Mesenchymal Stem Cells (MSC)

- **Multipotency:** ability to differentiate into adipocytes (adipose tissue), osteoblasts (bone) and chondrocytes (cartilage)



# Why MSC make senses in OA ?



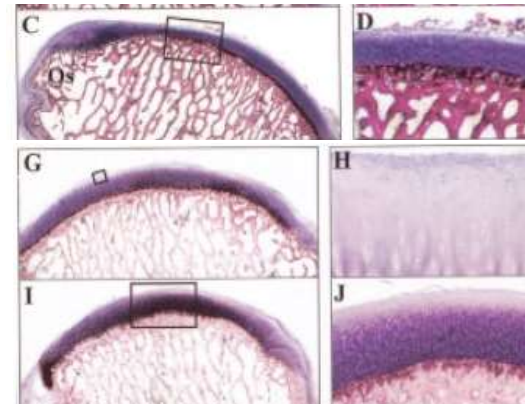
# Cell therapy : futures options ?

- **Stem cell therapy**
  - Regenerative cartilage
- **Cartilage engineering**
  - Focal defects
- **EVs**
  - Substitute to cell therapy
- **iPS**
  - In vitro model
  - Infinite source

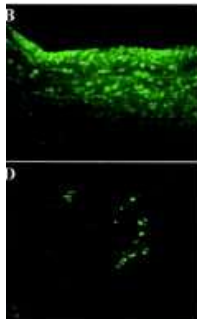
# Chondroprotection

## Pre-clinical data

- OA in goat model
- ACL resection + menisectomy
- IA injection of  $10^7$  GFP<sup>+</sup> BM-MSCs + HA at 6 weeks



Murphy et al., Arthr Rheum 2003

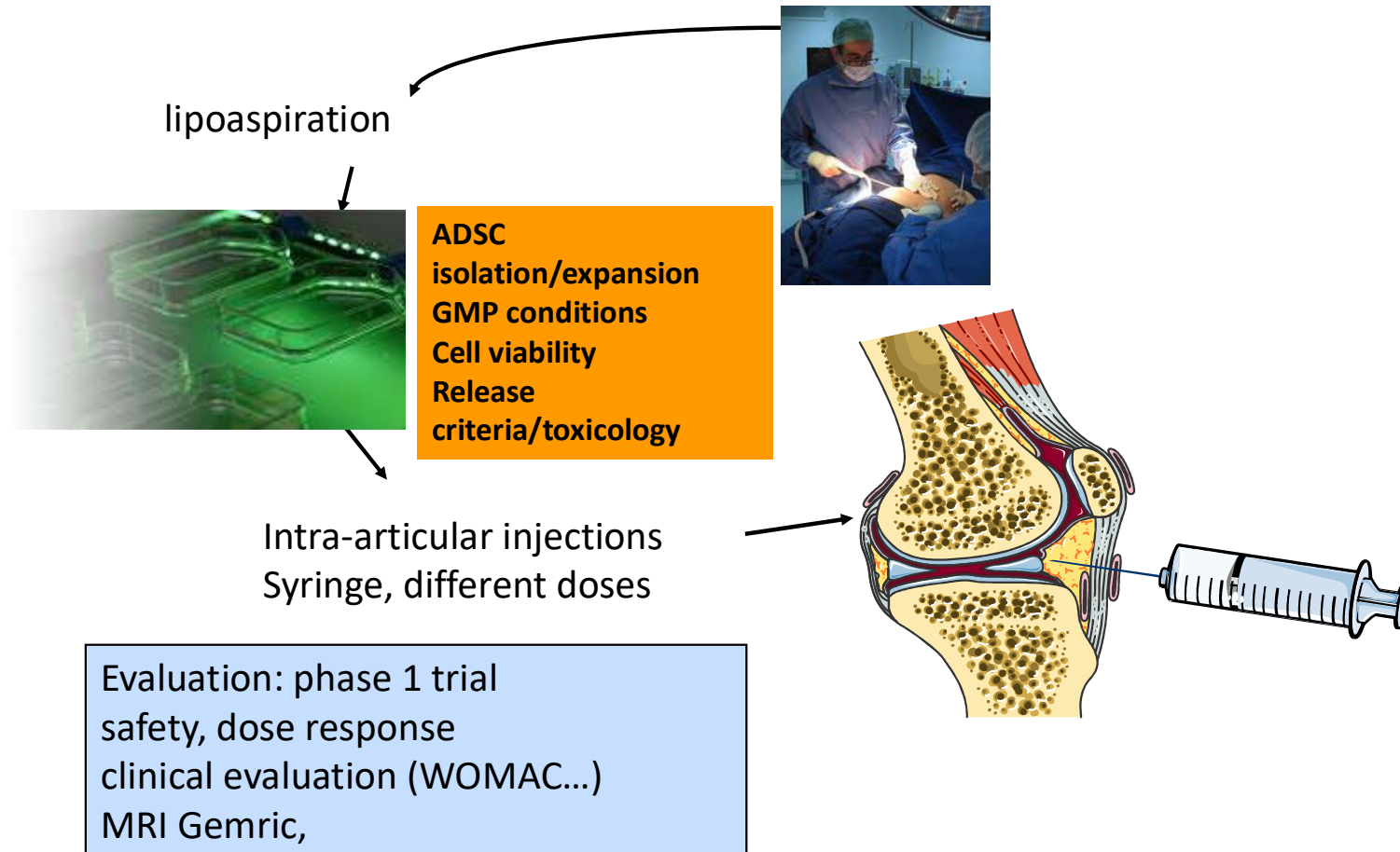


6 weeks

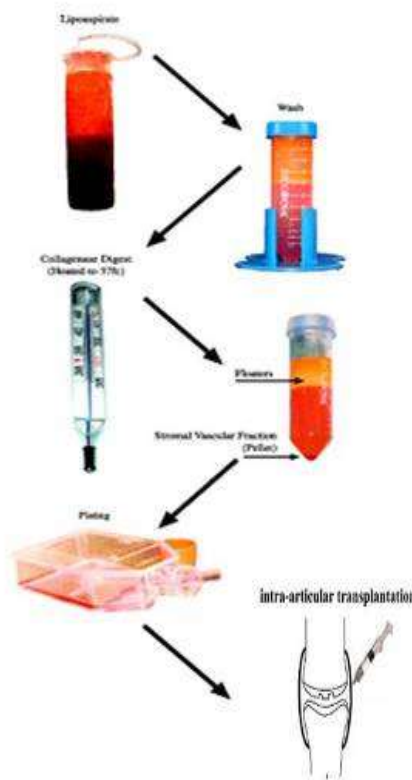
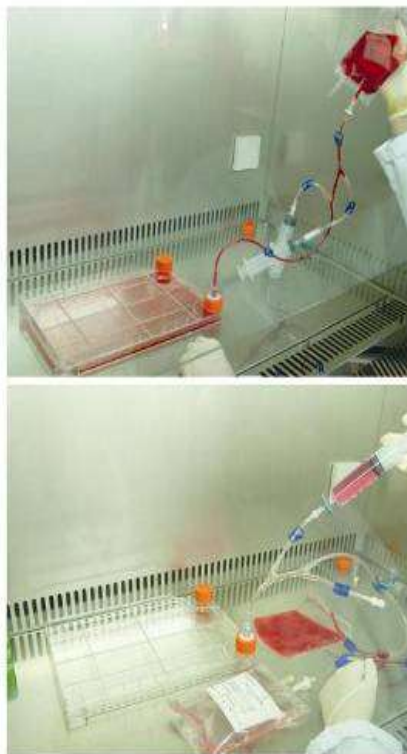
- Meniscus regeneration for 4/6 goats (less fibrillation, less PG loss, best cartilage integrity)
- Few GFP<sup>+</sup> MSC in cartilage

Majority of BM-MSCs injection effects is not due to cell integration on cartilage but to their trophic activity

# ADIPOA clinical trial



# ADIPOA clinical trial: cell production



## Quality controls:

- Sterility test day 8
- Endotoxin test day 11
- Mycoplasma test day 11
- Karyotype performed on 20 cultures. All are normal.

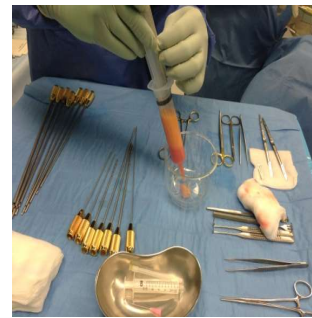
## Release criteria:

- Cell viability >80%,
- CD45+ / CD14+ cells < 5%,
- CD90+ or CD73+ cells > 80%
- Absence of expression of hTERT and Oct-4 at the end of the primary culture to assess genotype stability.





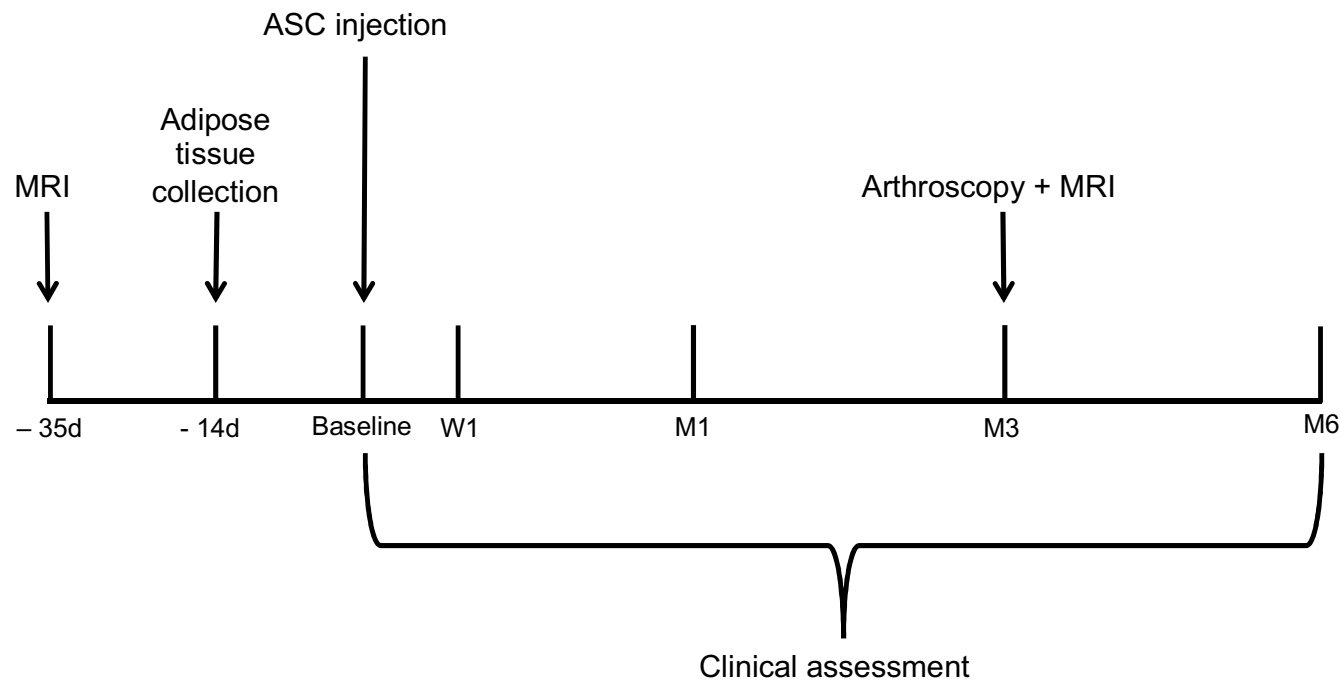
# ADIPOA clinical trial: fat harvesting



# ADIPOA clinical trial: design

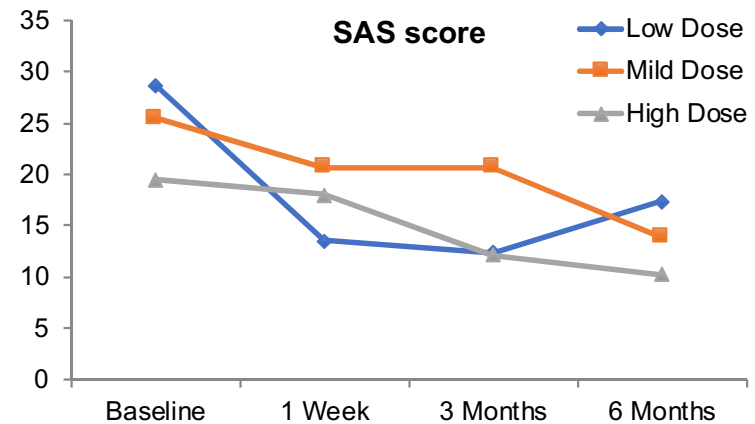
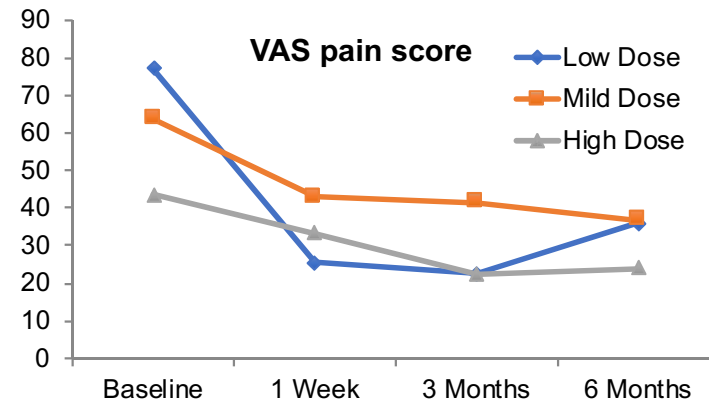
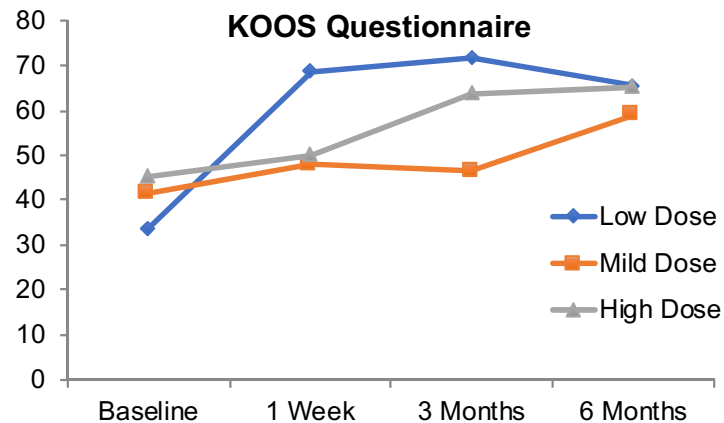
## Adipose derived Stromal Cells for OsteoArthritis treatment.

A phase 1 study, bi-centric (Mtp, Wurzburg), dose escalating study with autologous ASC in severe knee OA (>3 K/L)

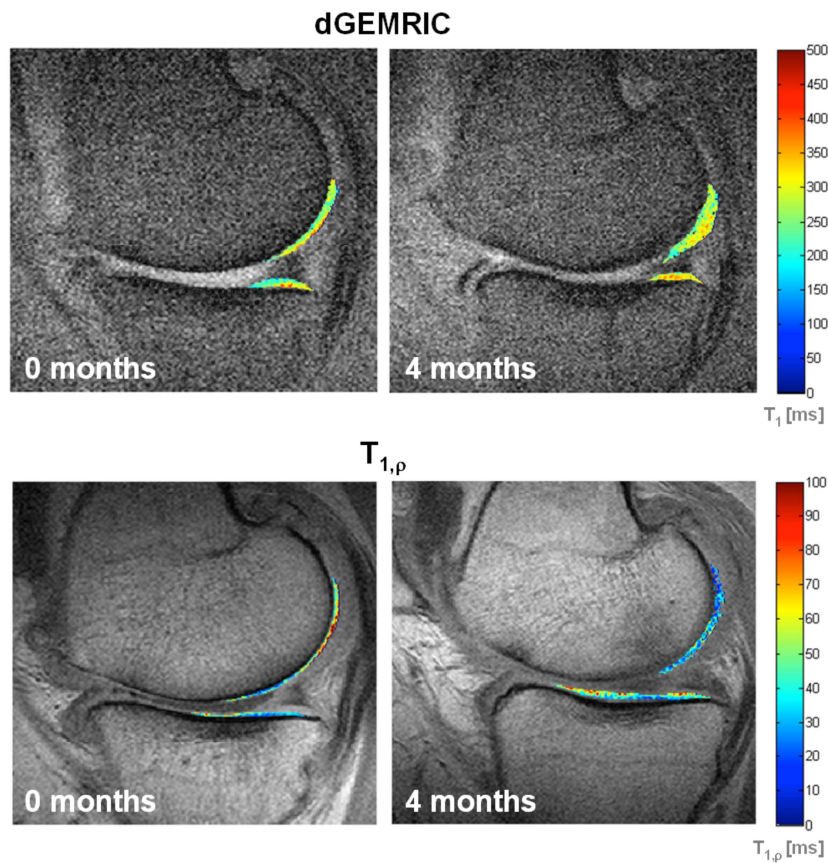


# ADIPOA clinical trial

- Safe procedure: 4 local skin reaction in the first month
- Only 2 patients underwent surgery TKA after one year follow-up and 55% after 4 years

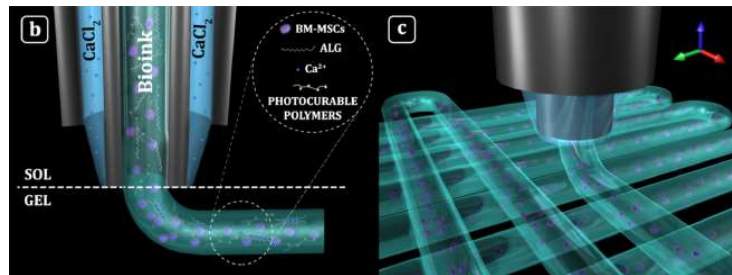


# ADIPOA clinical trial: structural assessment

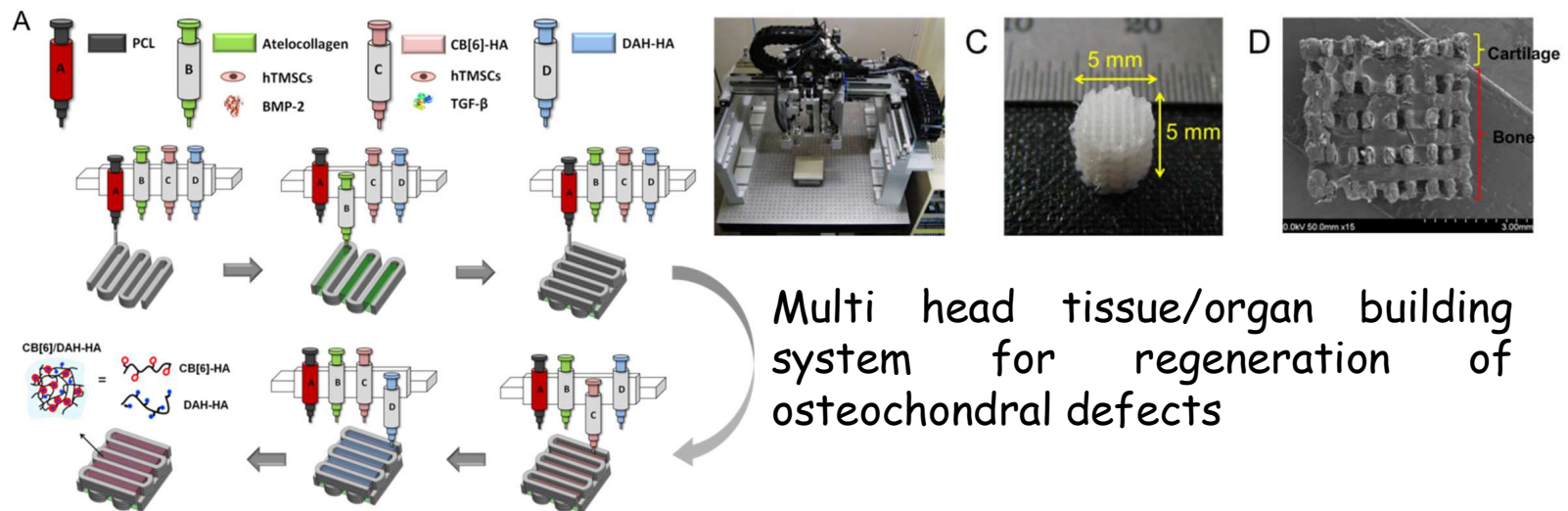


- dGEMRIC index increase in 3 out of 6 selected patients
- Suggest a possible structural effect

# Perspectives: bio-printing for cartilage engineering

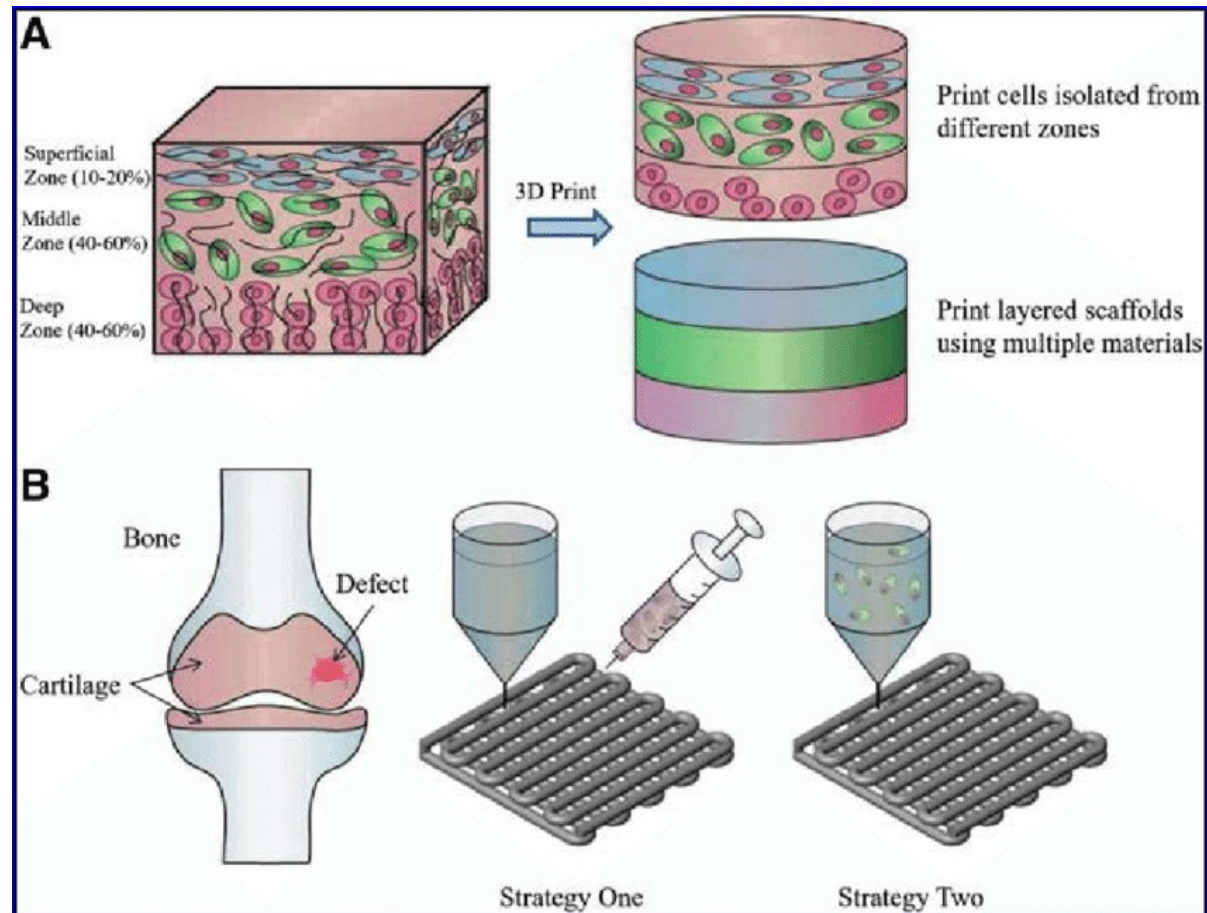


Costantini, 2016, Biofabrication



Shim, 2016, Biofabrication

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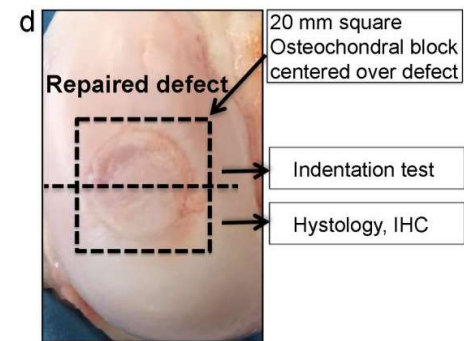
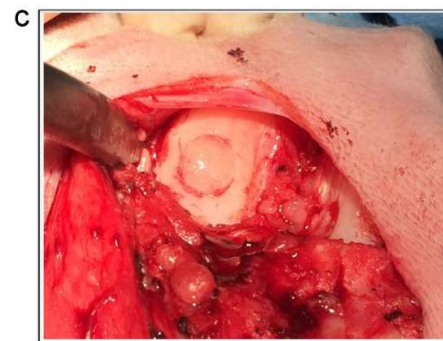
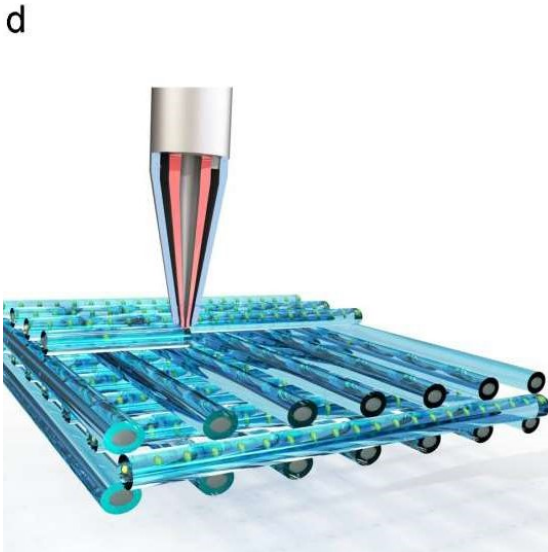
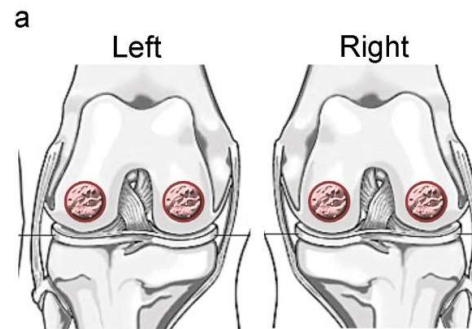




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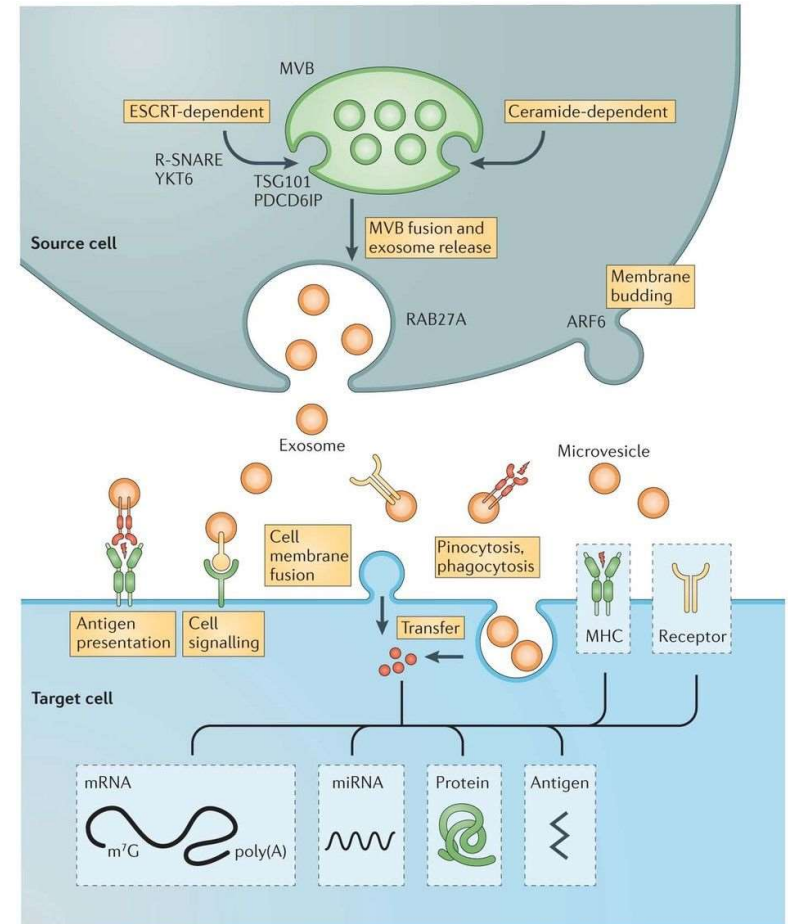
"Biopen"



# Extracellular vesicles (EVs) derived from MSC: a future option ?

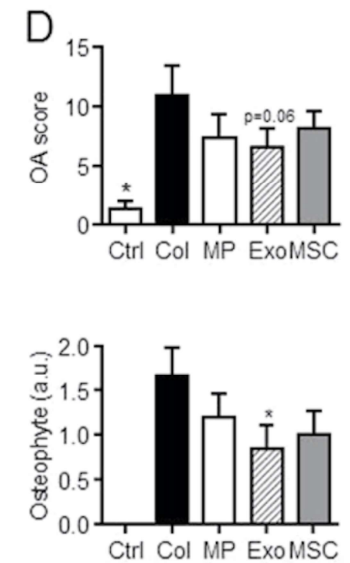
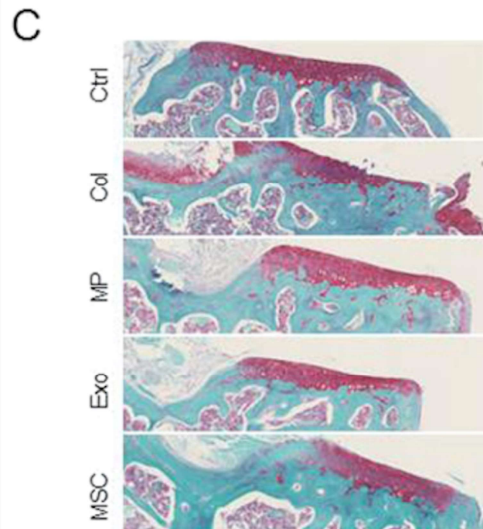
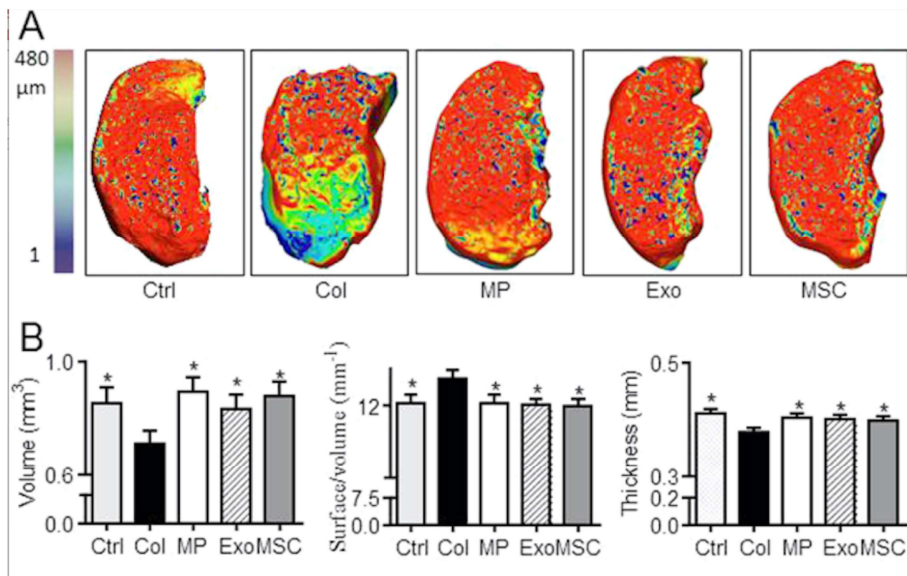
| Vesicle types    | Characteristics   |              |  |  |
|------------------|---|--------------|--|--|
|                  | Origin  | Size         | Markers  | Contents   |
| Exosomes         | Endolysosomal pathway; intraluminal budding of multivesicular bodies and fusion of multivesicular body with cell membrane | 40–120 nm    | Tetraspanins (such as TSPAN29 and TSPAN30), ESCRT components, PDGFR, TSG101, flotillin, MFG8 | mRNA, microRNA (miRNA) and other non-coding RNAs; cytoplasmic and membrane proteins including receptors and major histocompatibility complex (MHC) molecules |
| Microvesicles    | Cell surface; outward budding of cell membrane  | 50–1,000 nm  | Integrins, selectins, CD40 ligand  | mRNA, miRNA, non-coding RNAs, cytoplasmic proteins and membrane proteins, including receptors  |
| Apoptotic bodies | Cell surface; outward blebbing of apoptotic cell membrane   | 500–2,000 nm | Extensive amounts of phosphatidylserine  | Nuclear fractions, cell organelles   |

ESCRT, endosomal sorting complex required for transport, MFG8, milk fat globule-EGF factor 8 protein; PDGFR, programmed cell death 6 interacting protein (also known as ALIX); TSG101, tumour susceptibility gene 101 protein; TSPAN29, tetraspanin 29.



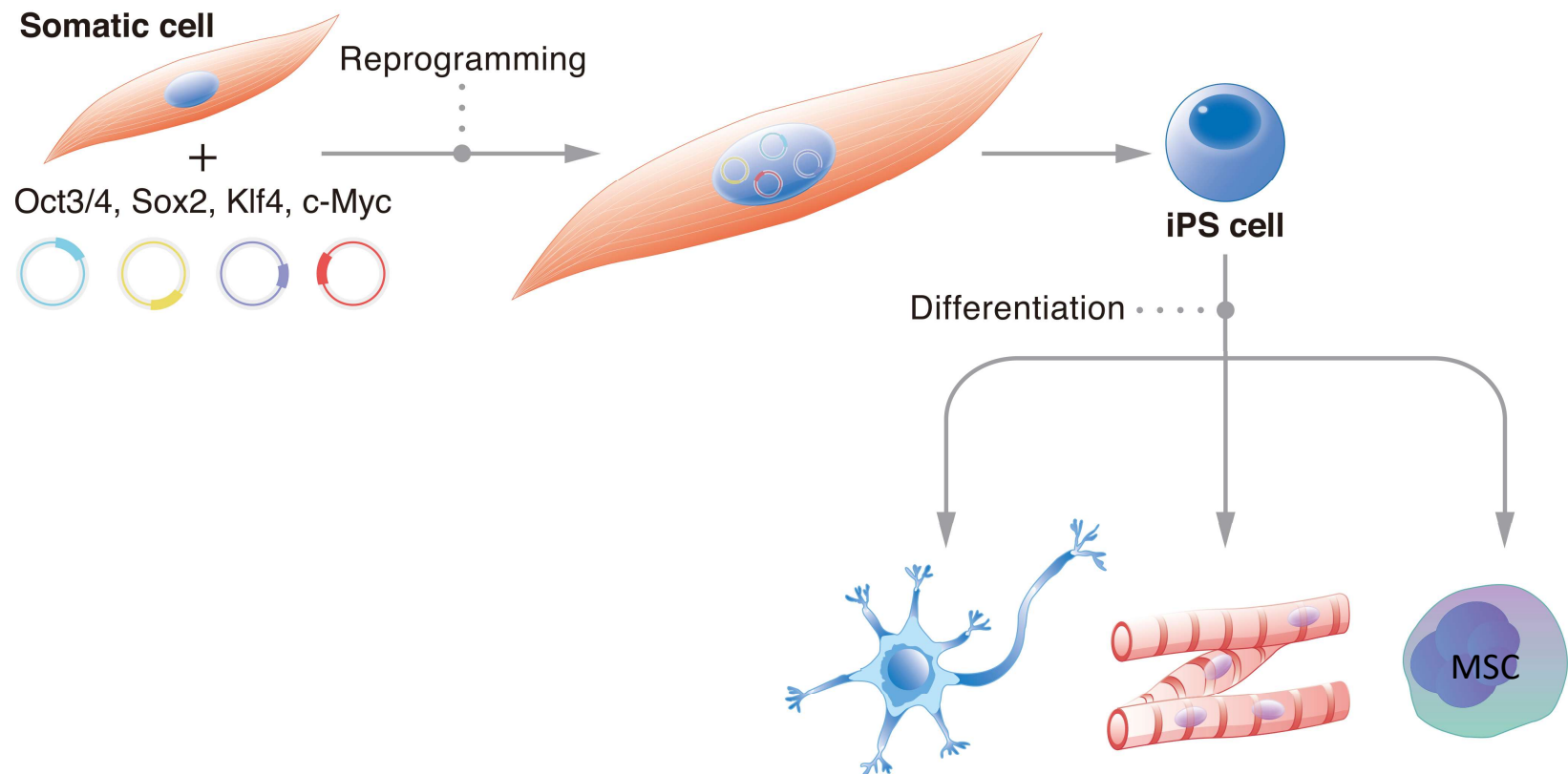


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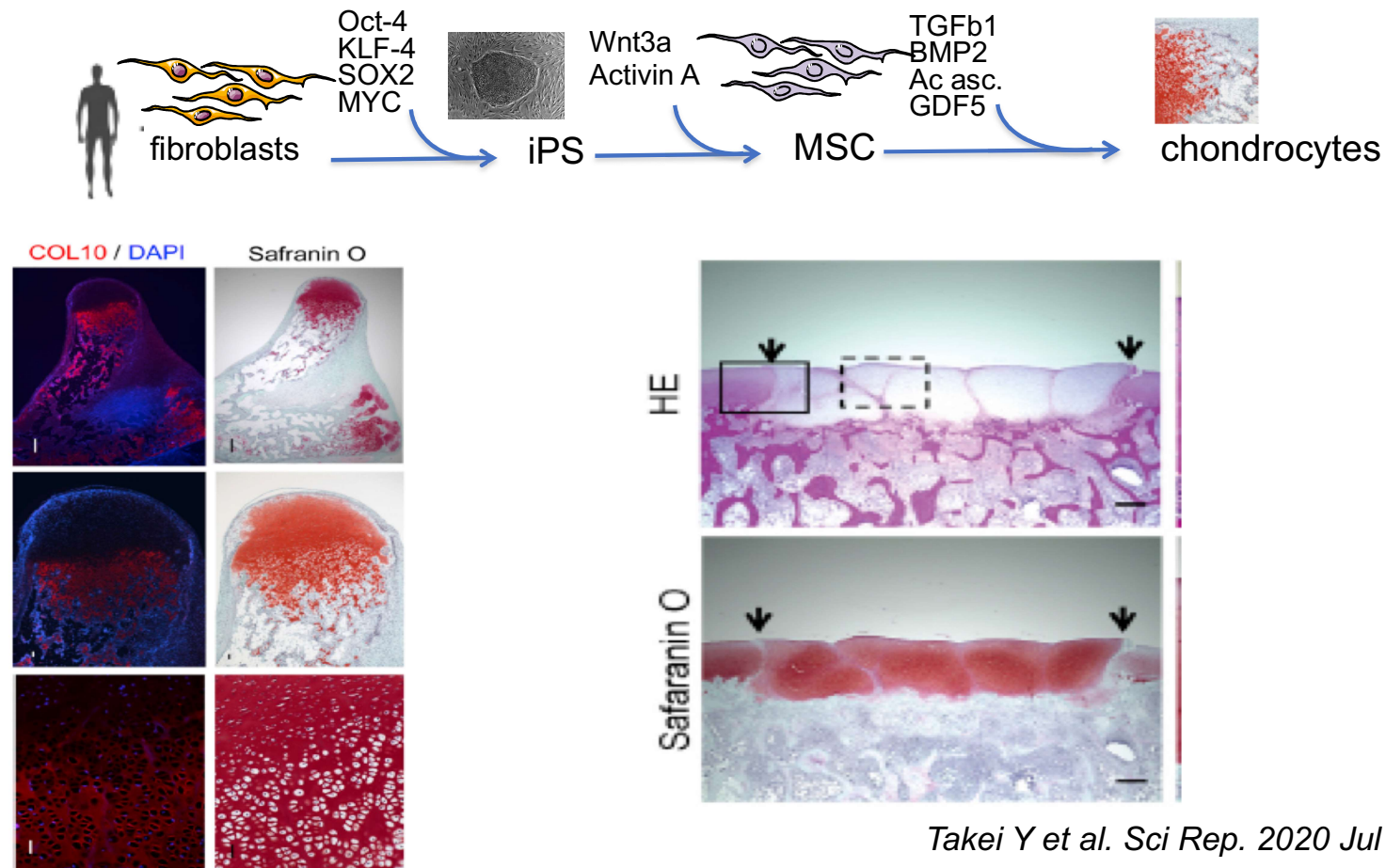


BM-MSC-derived MPs and Exos protected mice from osteoarthritic damages in the collagenase-induced OA model.

# Reprogramming and iPS



# Cell source for cartilage engineering



Takei Y et al. *Sci Rep.* 2020 Jul 30;10(1):12794

# Bionic in OA : perspectives ?

- **Exoskeleton**
  - Help rehabilitation or restore mobility with less pain
- **Bio prosthesis (TKR, THR)**
  - Promote better bone integration
  - Avoid infections
  - Longer-life
- **The bionic leg...**



# Exoskeleton

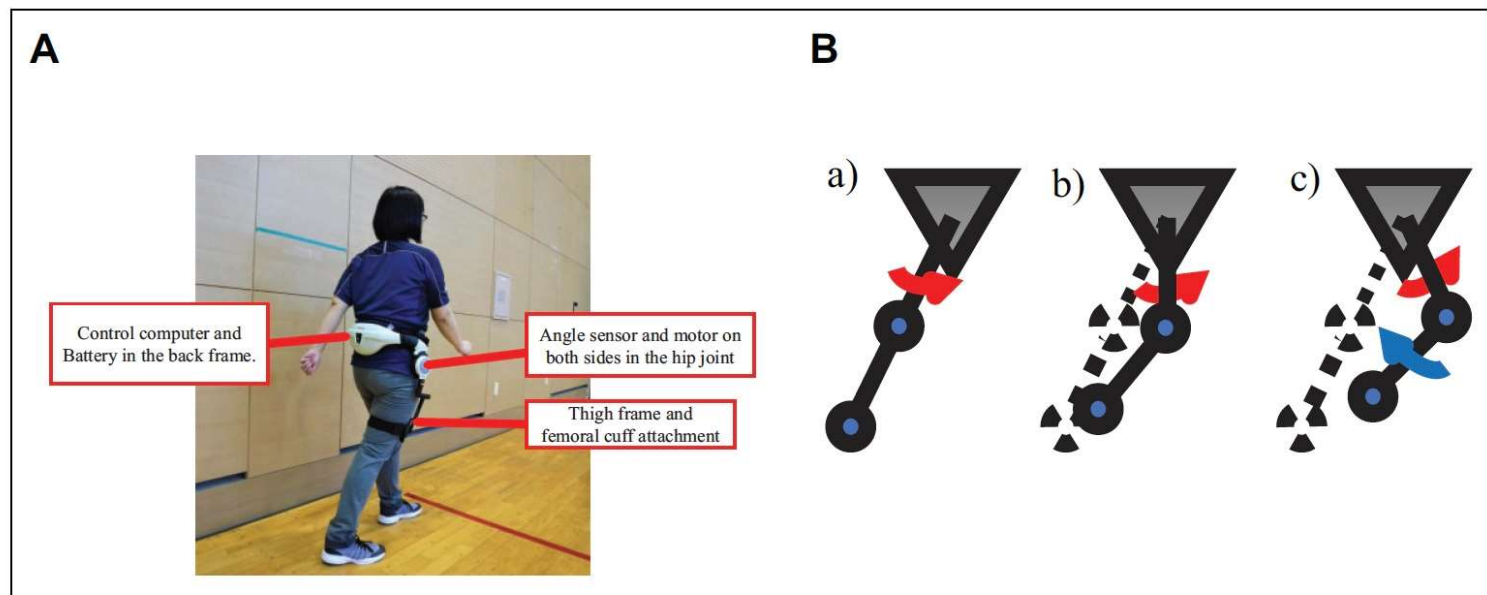
- Military context





# Exoskeleton

- Honda Walking Assist (HWA) is a hip-wearable exoskeleton robot for gait training that assists in hip flexion and extension movements



**Figure 1.** A, Gait training with the Honda Walking Assist (HWA)<sup>®</sup> device. B, The mechanism of knee flexion during the swing phase due to hip assistance using the HWA device. The HWA assistance has the effect of lifting the thigh (red arrow) during the swing phase (b and c), thereby promoting knee flexion (blue arrow).

# Exoskeleton

- To evaluate the effects of walking exercises with HWA in patients who underwent total knee arthroplasty (TKA)

**Table 1.** Preoperative Baseline Characteristics of the Patients.<sup>a</sup>

| Characteristics   |                      | Honda group, 10 patients (11 knees) | Control group, 11 patients (11 knees) | P value |
|---|----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Age   |                      | 71.8 ± 6.2                          | 75.9 ± 6.9                            | .467    |
| Sex   | Male/Female          | 0/10                                | 1/10                                  | 1.000   |
| Weight  | (kg)                 | 64.9 ± 10.3                         | 59.5 ± 10.3                           | .988    |
| Height  | (cm)                 | 148.7 ± 7.2                         | 147.4 ± 7.8                           | .855    |
| BMI   | (kg/m <sup>2</sup> ) | 29.4 ± 5.0                          | 27.4 ± 4.6                            | .785    |
| Disease   | OA/RA                | 9/1                                 | 10/1                                  | 1.000   |
| TKA operated side   | Right/Left           | 6/5                                 | 4/7                                   | .670    |
| Contrateral side TKA  |                      | 3                                   | 3                                     | 1.000   |
| WOMAC-p score   |                      | 45.9 ± 19.3                         | 60.9 ± 21.9                           | .631    |
| WOMAC-f score   |                      | 65.5 ± 22.2                         | 69.4 ± 12.9                           | .064    |
| Physical therapy time during intervention period (Including HWA training) | (h)                  | 34.1 ± 6.5                          | 35.5 ± 8.9                            | .674    |

Abbreviations: BMI, body mass index; OA, osteoarthritis; RA, rheumatoid arthritis; TKA, total knee arthroplasty; WOMAC-P, Western Ontario and McMaster Universities Osteoarthritis Index subscales of pain scores; WOMAC-f, Western Ontario and McMaster Universities Osteoarthritis Index subscales of physical function scores.

<sup>a</sup>Values are expressed as numbers or as mean ± SD.



# Exoskeleton

- A significant difference between preoperative and week 2
  - Self-selected walking speed (SWS)
  - Maximum walking speed (MWS)

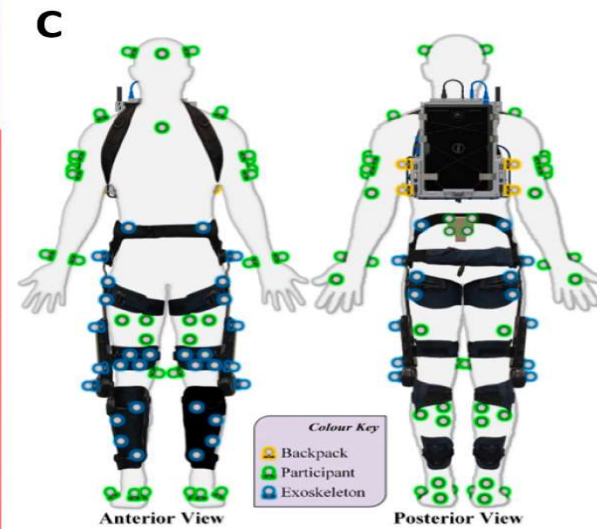
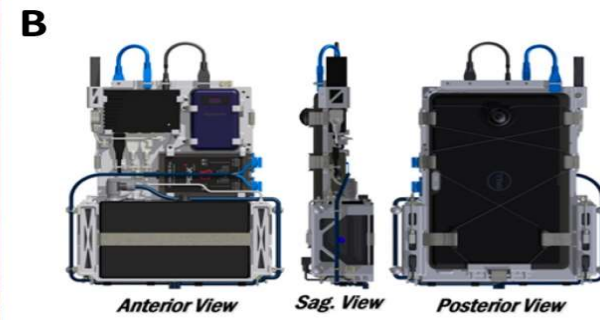
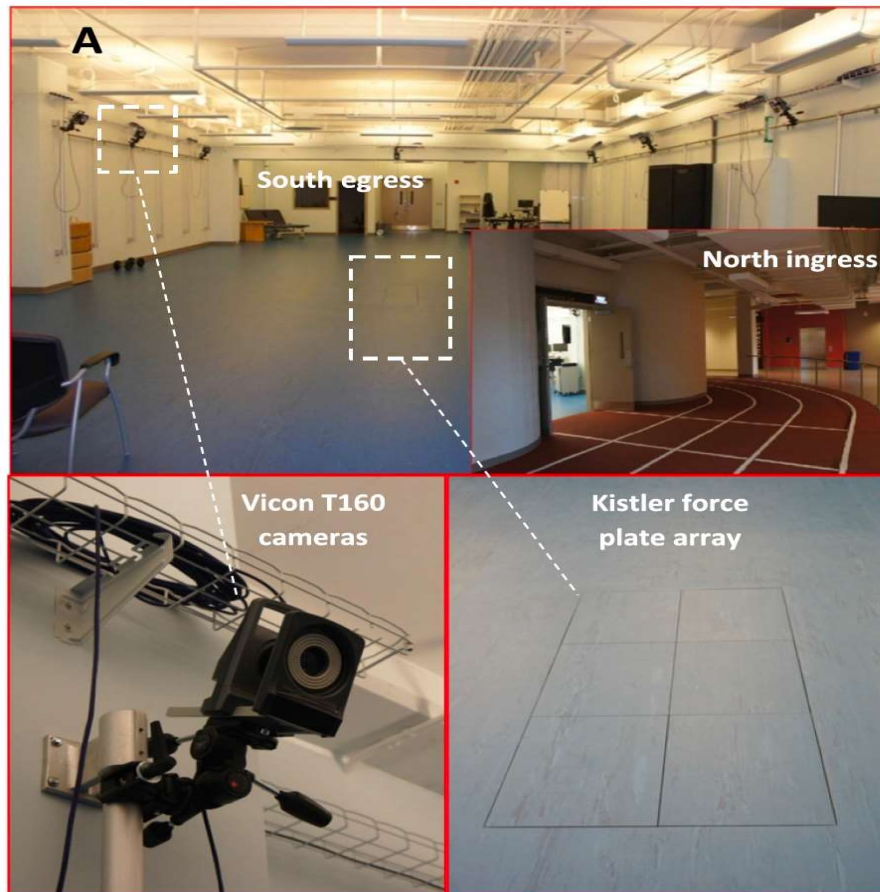
**Table 3.** Walking Ability in the HWA and Control Groups.

|     |       |              | Honda<br>Mean $\pm$ SD | Control<br>Mean $\pm$ SD | p value <sup>a</sup> | d <sup>b</sup> |
|-----|-------|--------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| SWS | (m/s) | Preoperative | 1.04 $\pm$ 0.22        | 1.09 $\pm$ 0.20          | .586                 | 0.24           |
|     |       | Week2        | 0.96 $\pm$ 0.17        | 0.70 $\pm$ 0.29          | .022                 | 1.09           |
|     |       | Week4        | 1.13 $\pm$ 0.25        | 1.00 $\pm$ 0.26          | .260                 | 0.51           |
|     |       | Week8        | 1.19 $\pm$ 0.23        | 1.04 $\pm$ 0.19          | .107                 | 0.71           |
| MWS | (m/s) | Preoperative | 1.30 $\pm$ 0.32        | 1.36 $\pm$ 0.20          | .583                 | 0.23           |
|     |       | Week2        | 1.20 $\pm$ 0.21        | 0.90 $\pm$ 0.35          | .025                 | 1.04           |
|     |       | Week4        | 1.40 $\pm$ 0.33        | 1.23 $\pm$ 0.25          | .403                 | 0.58           |
|     |       | Week8        | 1.46 $\pm$ 0.29        | 1.44 $\pm$ 0.21          | .813                 | 0.08           |

# Exoskeleton

- PA and exercise is central to conservative management of knee OA
- Difficult for patients with KOA to regularly maintain
- To quantify how a lower-extremity robotic exoskeleton (dermoskeleton) modifies the external knee moments during over-ground walking
- Pilot study with healthy adults

# Exoskeleton



# Exoskeleton

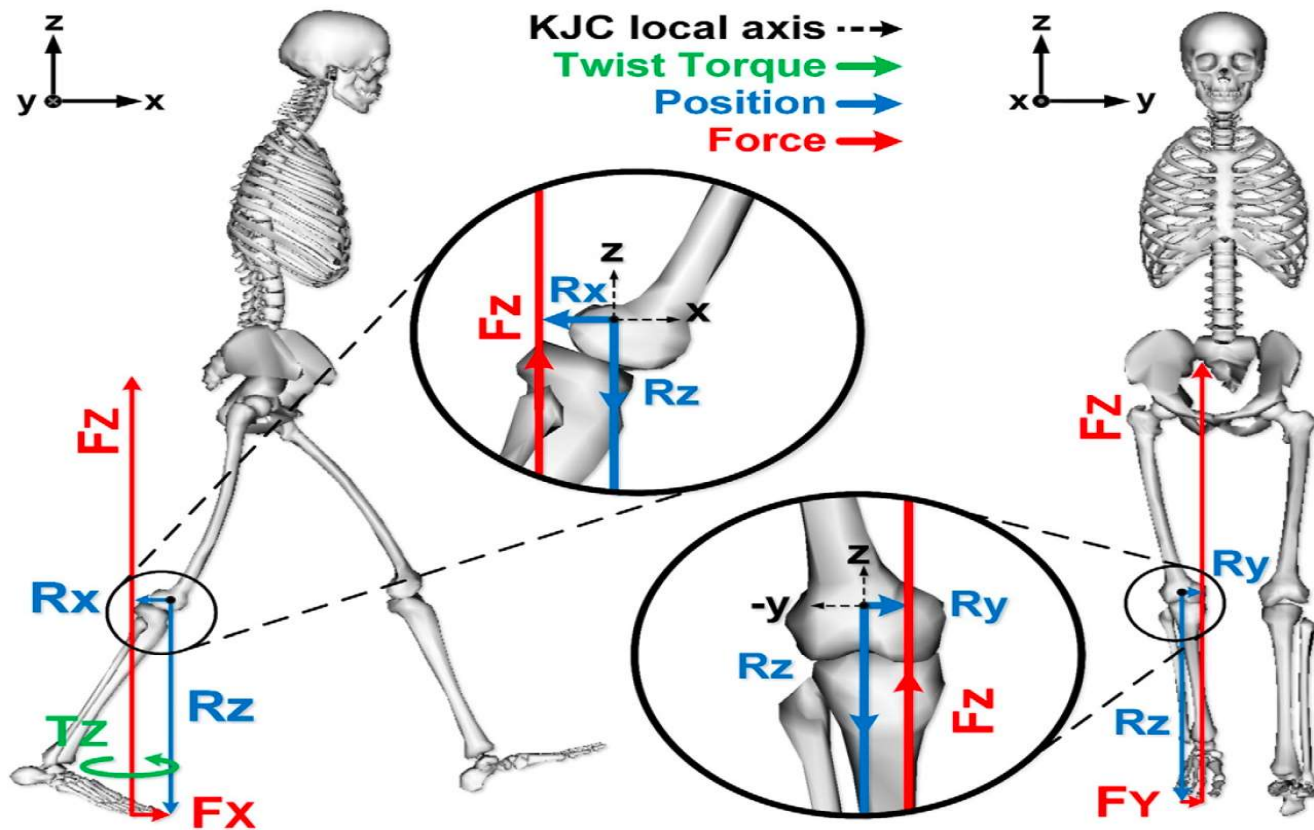
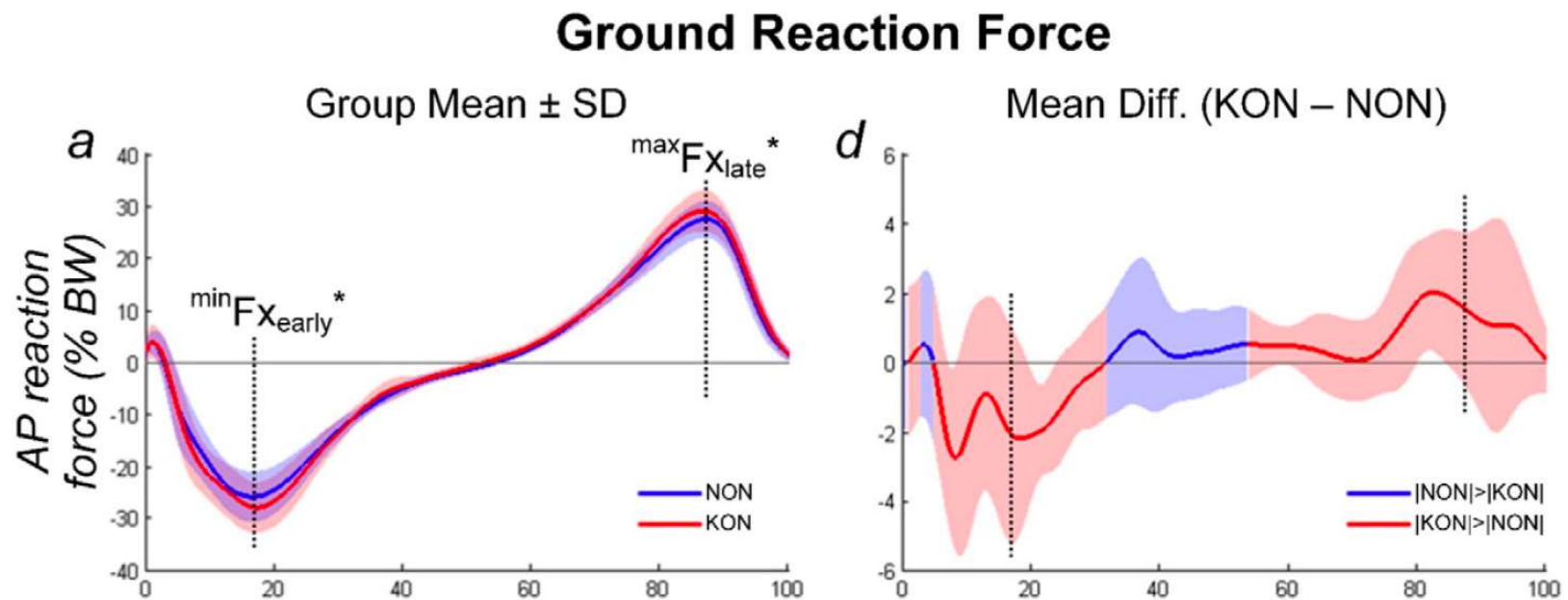


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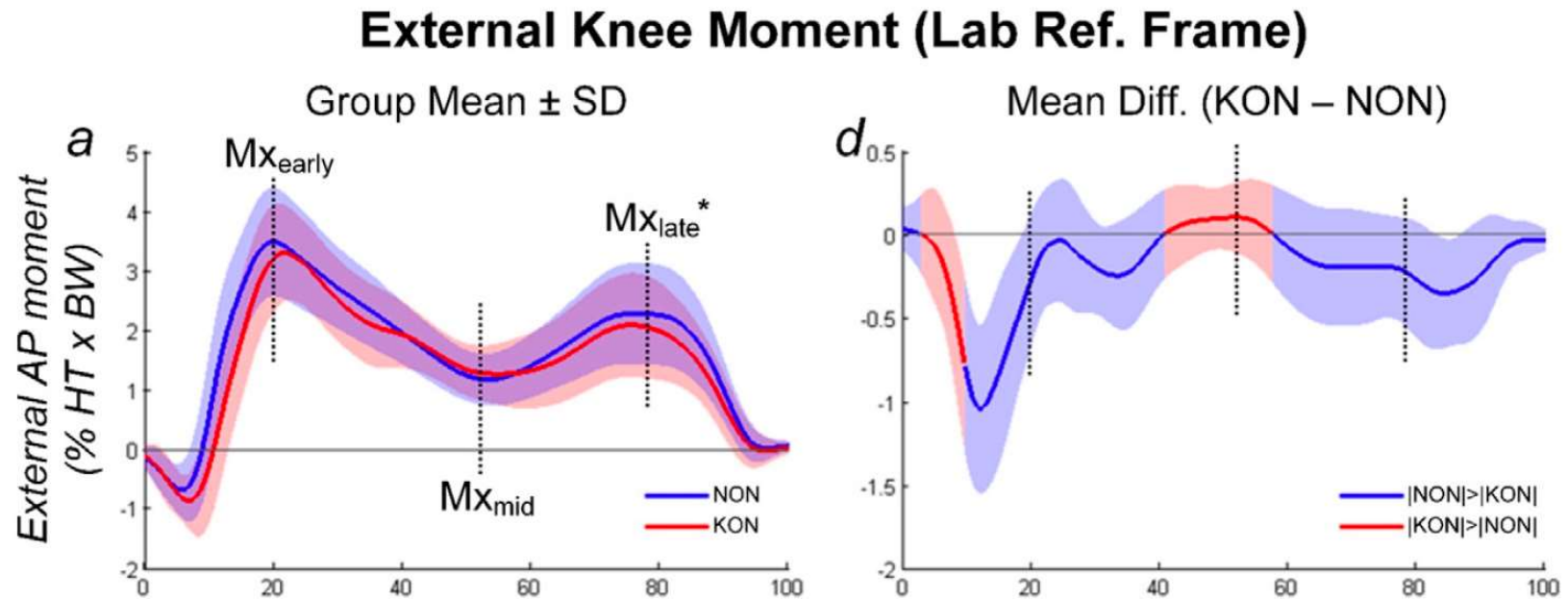
# Exoskeleton

- Users took shorter and wider steps when walking with the dermoskeleton
- Ground reaction forces increased due to the added mass



# Exoskeleton

- Knee adduction moment significantly reduced in late stance phase of gait



# CARTIGEN platform

- Occitanie funding: innovative regional platform
- Coordination: Pr C. Jorgensen
- Organization:

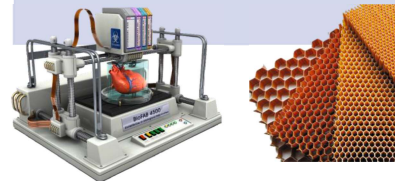


## Mobility

- Analysis and modelling movement for better management
- I. Laffont

## Tissue Engineering

- Development of new therapies based on tissular Engineering and 3D bioprinting
- D. Noel



## Robotic

- Bionic, exoskeleton
- A. Khedar





# CARTIGEN platform

- Isokinetic

Contrex (Appareil isocinétique)



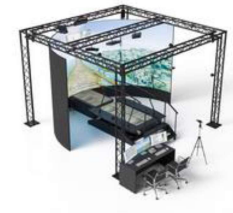
- MRI (ESAOTE)

IRM Gscan (Imagerie dynamique)

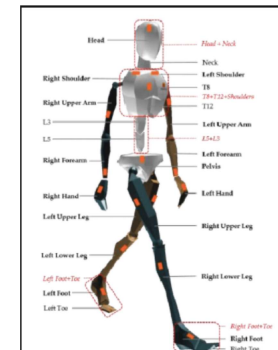


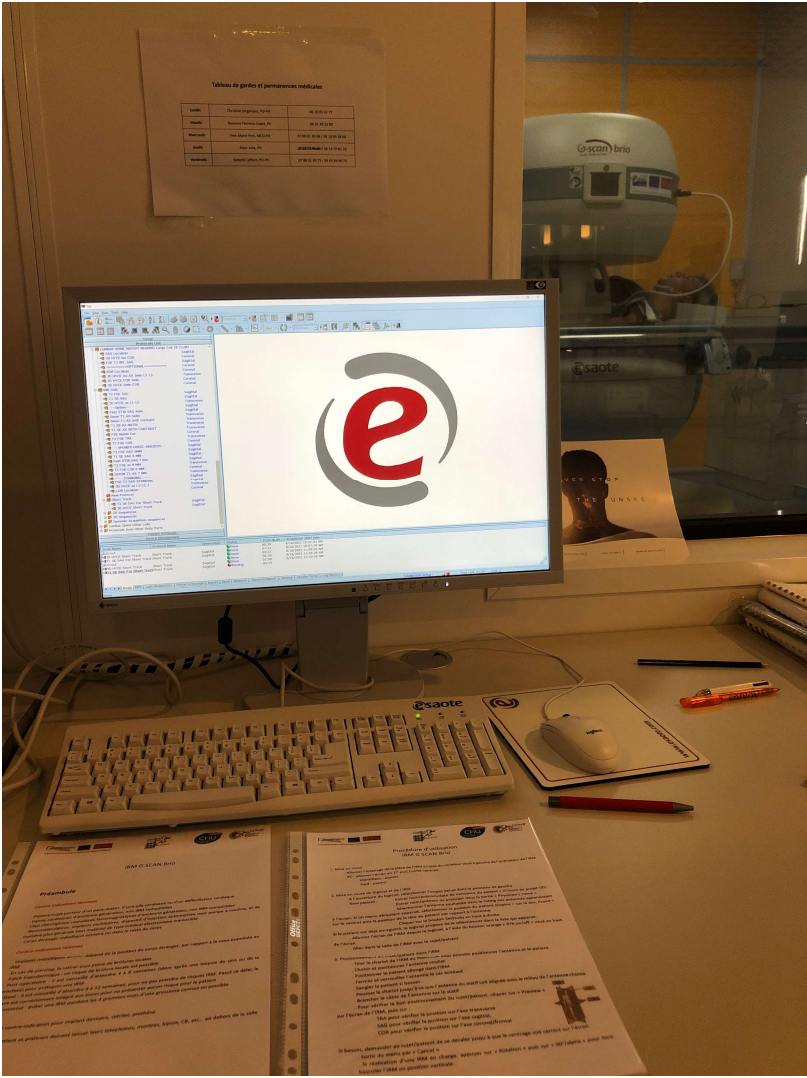
- Grail (virtual reality)

Grail (Laboratoire d'analyse du mouvement en immersion)



- XSENS-Awinda

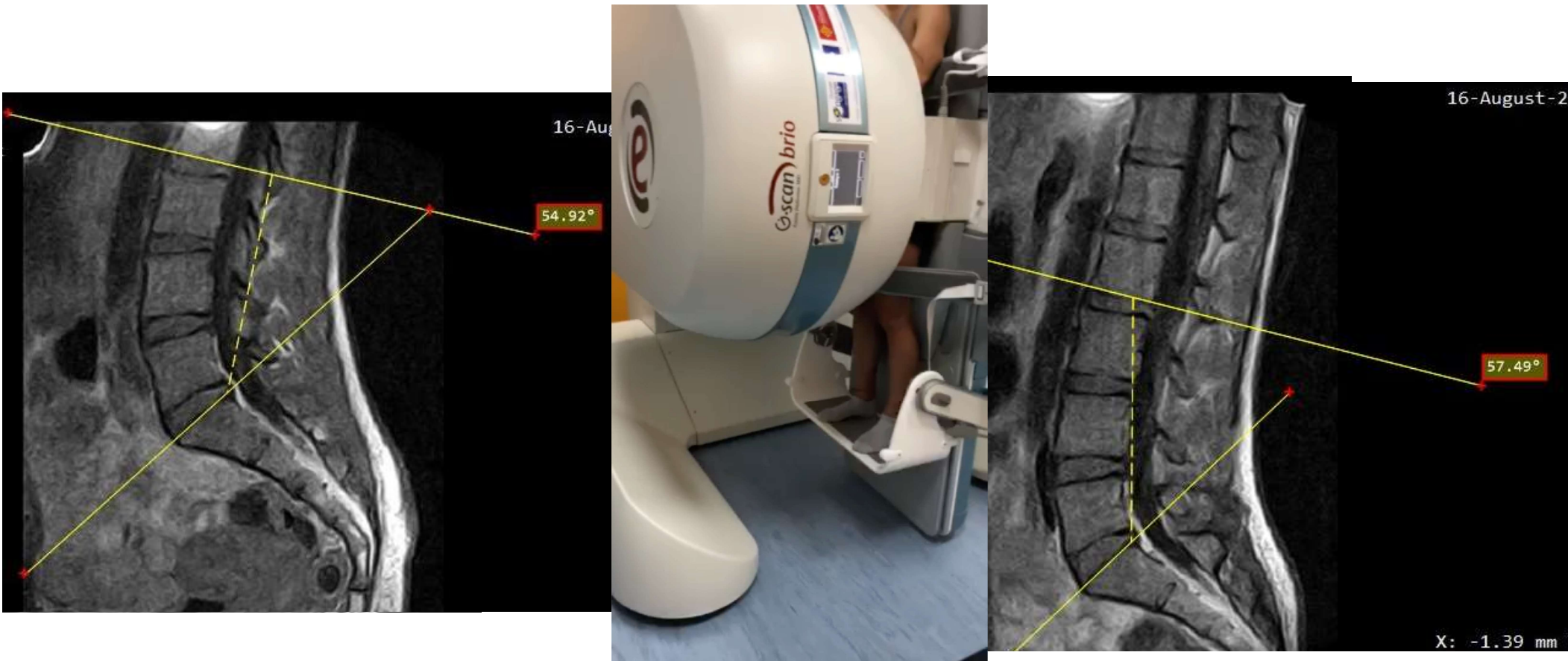






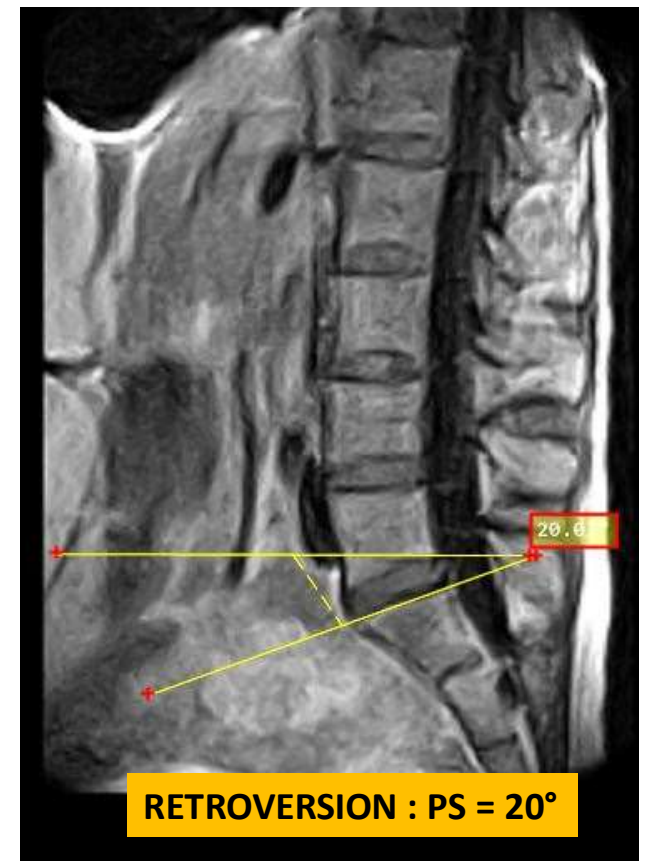
# RACHIS

## *INFLUENCE DE LA POSITION DEBOUT SUR L'ÉQUILIBRE SAGITTAL DU RACHIS*



# RACHIS

## *MOBILITE PELVIENNE LORS DE L'ANTE/RETROVERSION DU BASSIN EN CHARGE*



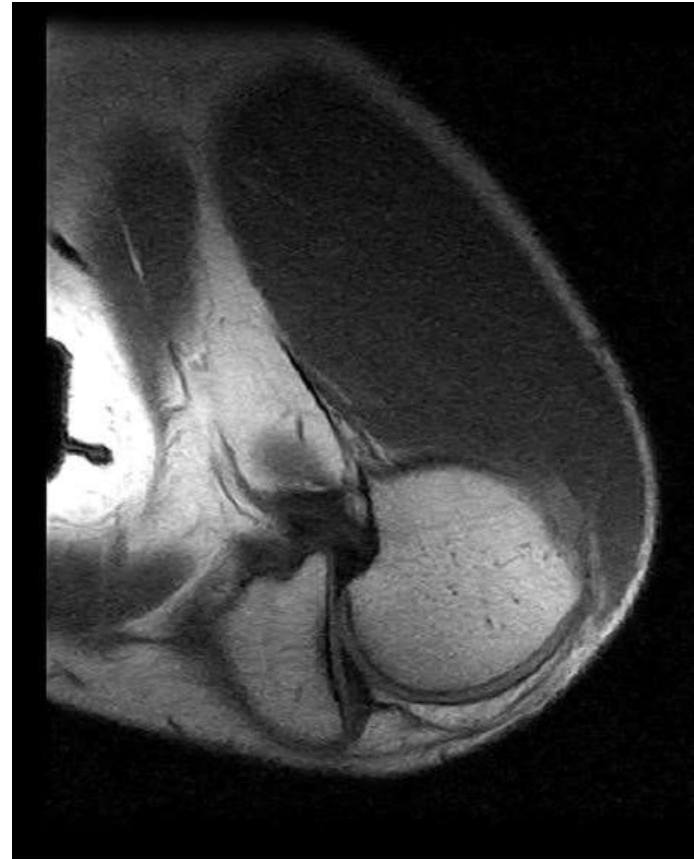
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*MOBILITE MENISCALE LORS DE LA FLEXION DU GENOU MENISQUE EXT*



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# APPLICATION EXPLORATOIRE GENOU

## *Mise en tension LCA et Course fémoro-patellaire*





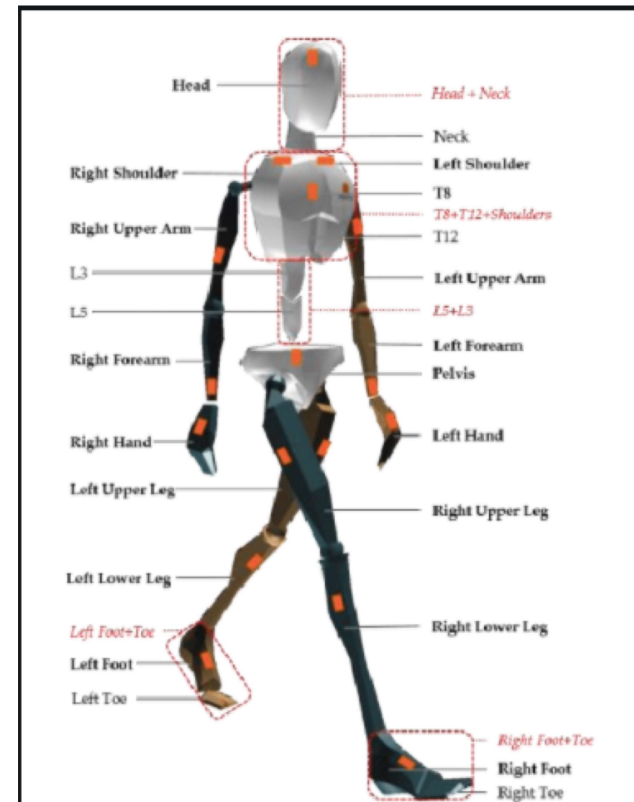
# CARTIGEN platform

- **Equipment:**

- Isokinetic
- MRI
- Grail (virtual reality)
- XSENS-Awinda

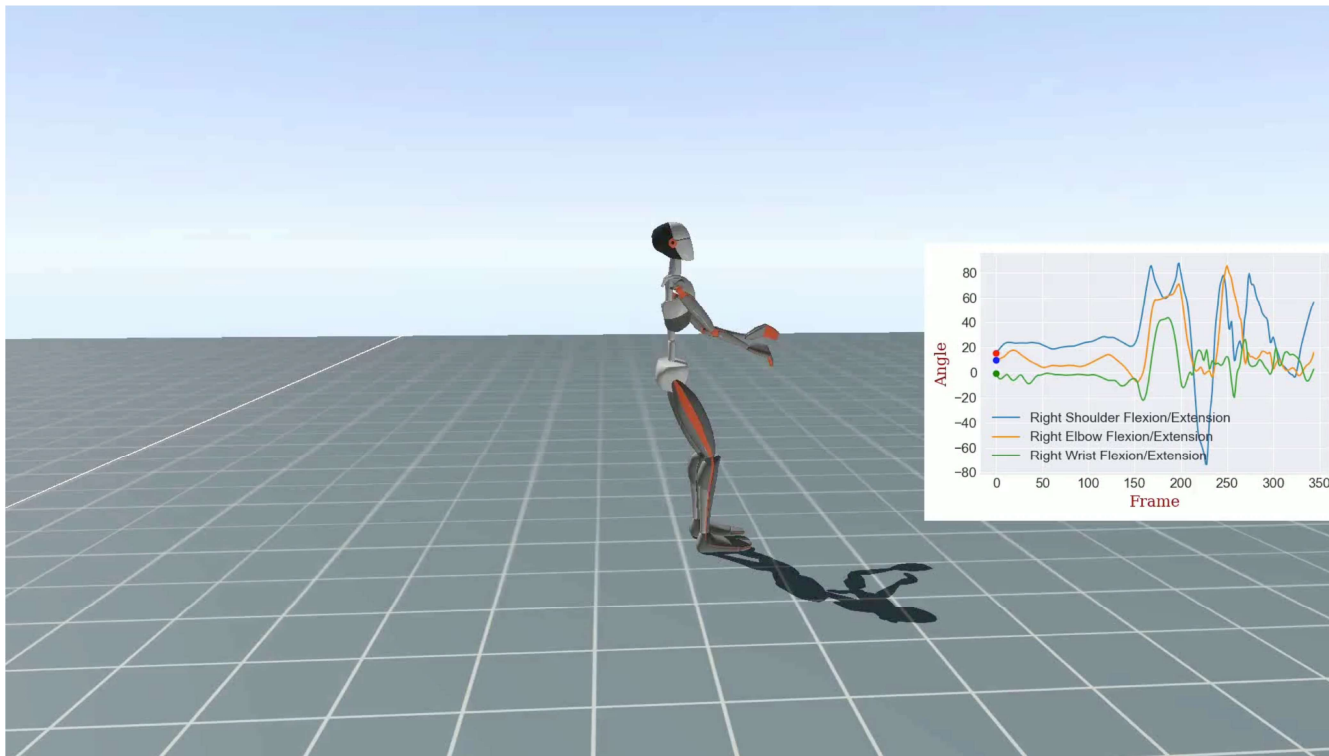


- **17 inertial sensors** allowing to estimate the orientation, speed and acceleration of the different members of the body



# GLOBAL KINETIC

## Sport medicine Volley ball



# Spine OA study

## Objectives

- To provide an **objective measure** of motor behavior compared to subjective questionnaires
- To Facilitate clinical assessment (future important **therapeutic goal** for follow-up)

# Spine OA study

## Methodology

### 7 Movements

**Simple movements :**  
flexion / extension

**More complex movements :** right-left rotation / picking up an object / standing-sitting / walking



# Spine OA study

## Methodology

Exploratory study

**Recruitment:** 15 patients with LBP and 15 healthy subjects

**Inclusion criteria:** Common LBP evolving for at least 3 months between 18 and 65 years old with a BMI between 18 and 30

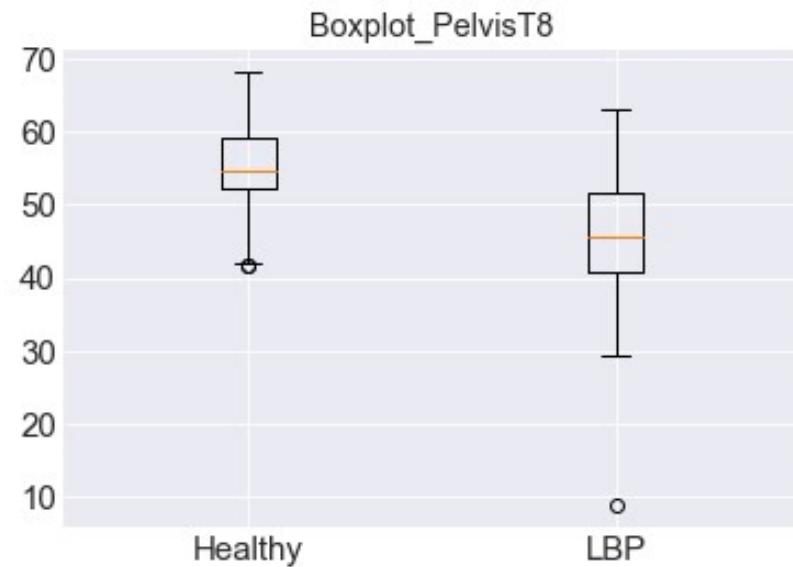
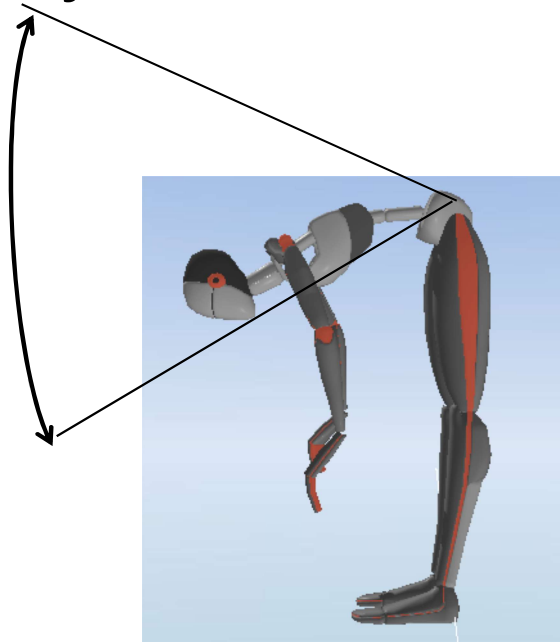
**Exclusion criteria:** history of lumbar fracture or pelvic surgery, severe scoliosis, neurological or inflammatory pathology.

**Matched** with sex, age (+/- 5 years) and BMI ( +/-1)

# Spine OA study

## Results

### 1. ROM lumbar flexion



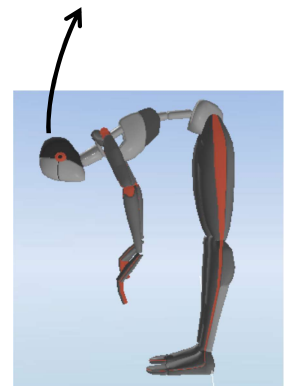
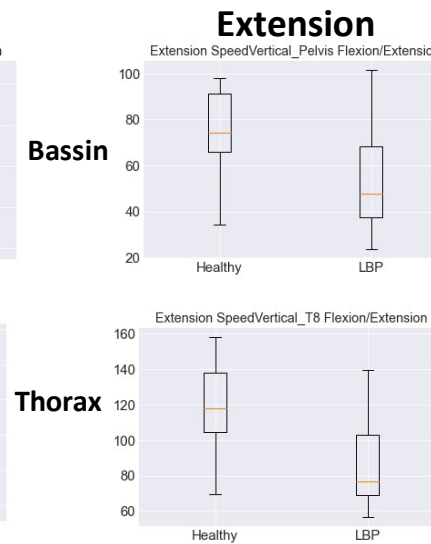
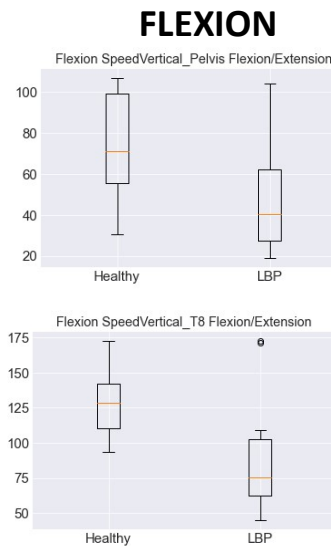
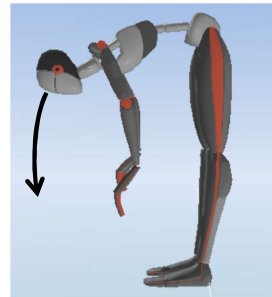
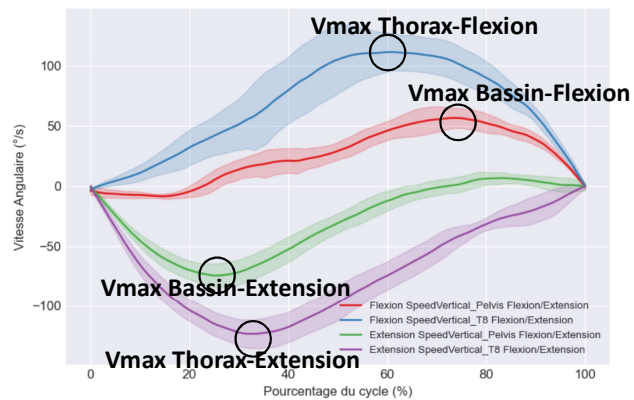
**ROM < 10° LBP**



# Spine OA study

## Results

### 2. Maximal speed

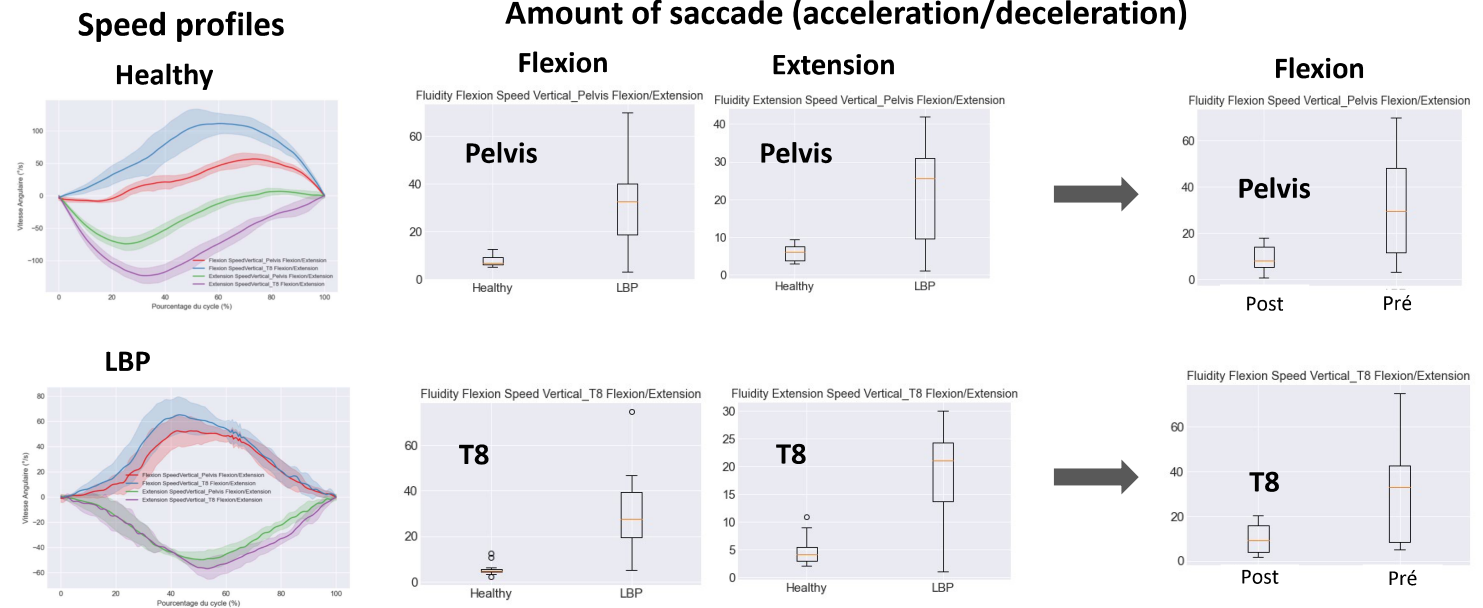


**Speed : Healthy > 1.5 x LBP**

# Spine OA study

## Results

### 3. Fluidity analysis



3-4 X more fluid after Rehabilitation

# Spine OA study

## Conclusions

- Confirm some parameters described in the literature
- Identify new indicators such as fluidity
- Correlate the kinematic results with the results of the questionnaires

# Bionic in OA : perspectives ?

- **Exoskeleton**
  - Help rehabilitation or restore mobility with less pain
- **Bio prosthesis (TKR, THR)**
  - Promote better bone integration
  - Avoid infections
  - Longer-life
- **The bionic leg...**



# Bio prosthesis

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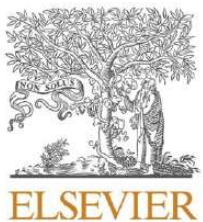
# Bio prothesis

- Titanium-based scaffolds are widely used implant materials for bone defect treatment
- Insufficient bone integration
  - Unmatched biomechanics
  - Poor bioactivities of conventional titanium based implants
- Critical to develop novel titanium-based scaffolds



# Bio prosthesis

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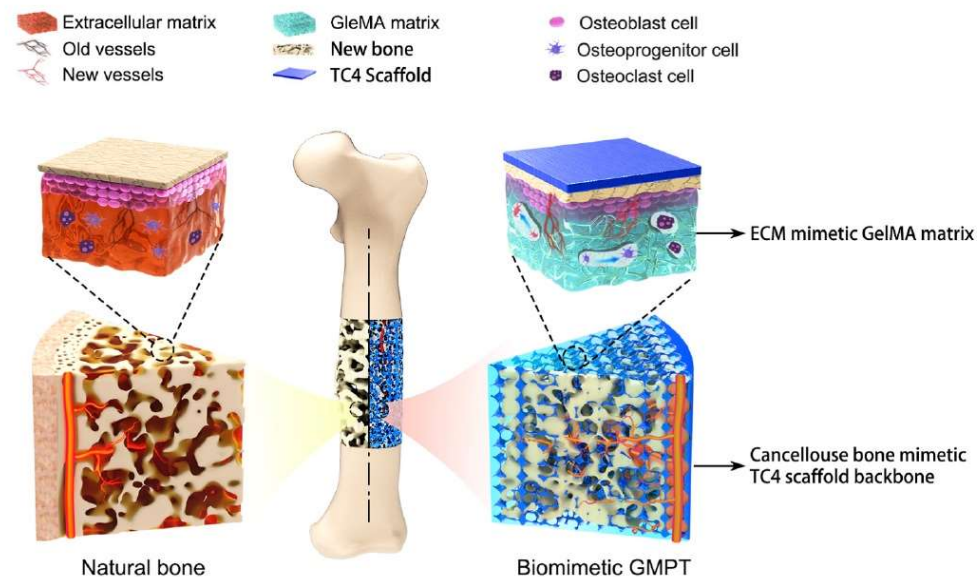


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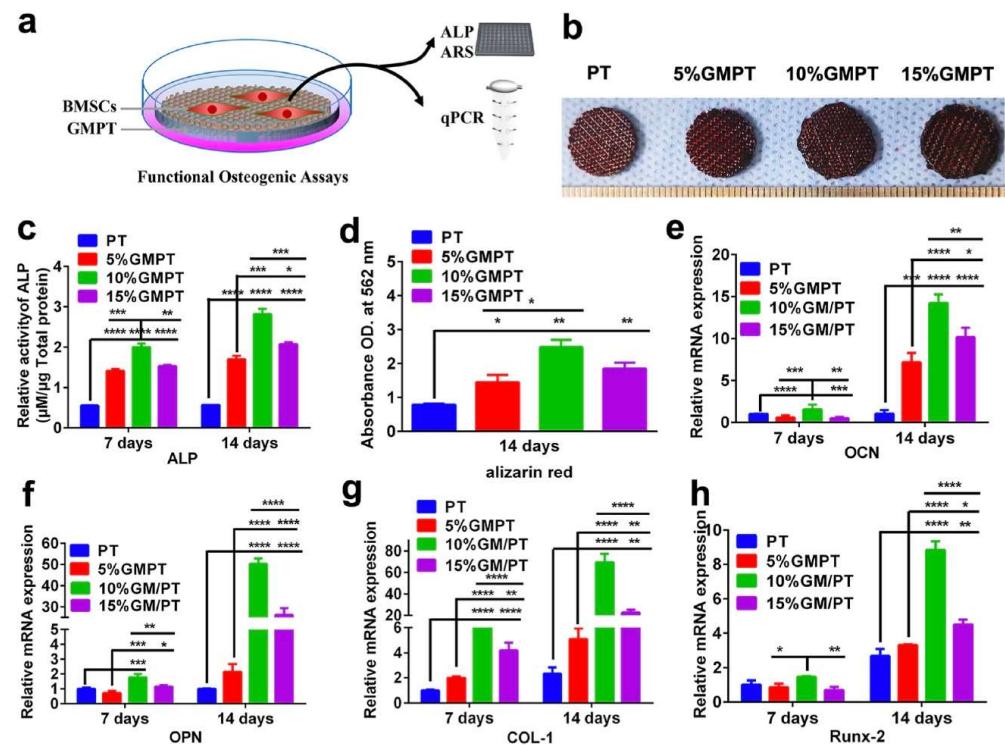
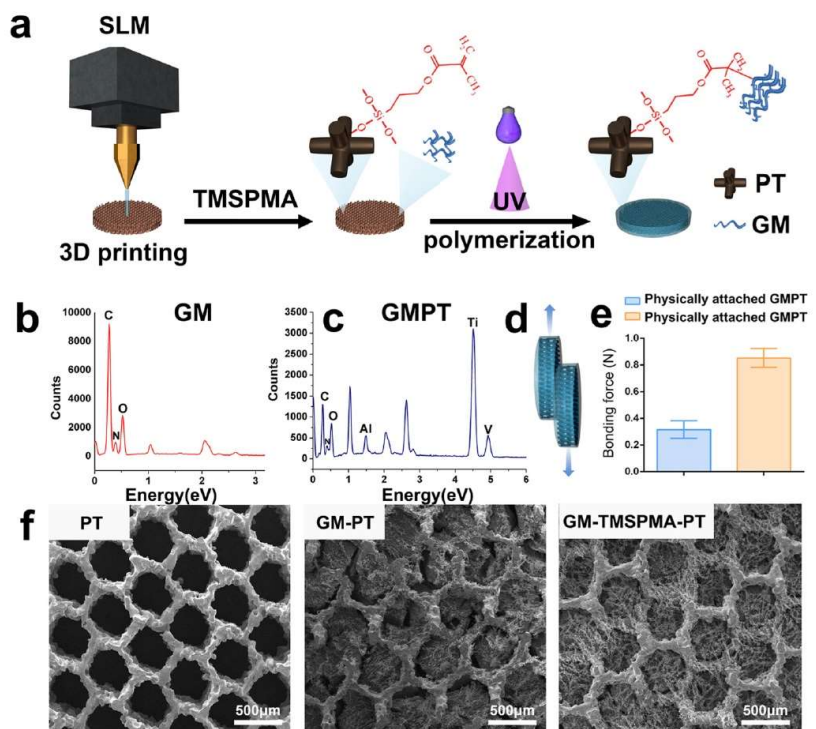
# Bio prosthesis

- Ti–6Al–4V alloy (TC4)/gelatin methacrylate (GelMA) hybrid scaffold with dual bionic features (GMPT) for bone defect repair
- Goal: mimics microstructure, mechanical properties and environment



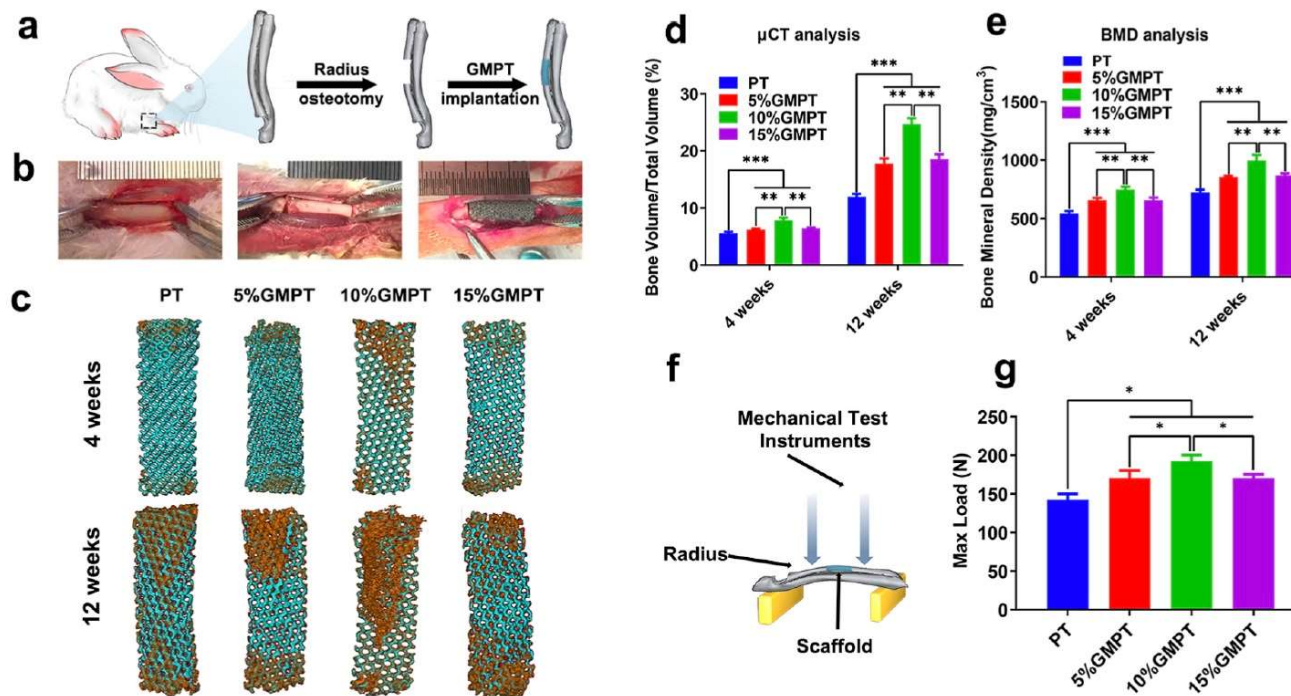
# Bio prosthesis

- GMPT demonstrates better osteogenic and angiogenic capabilities than PT

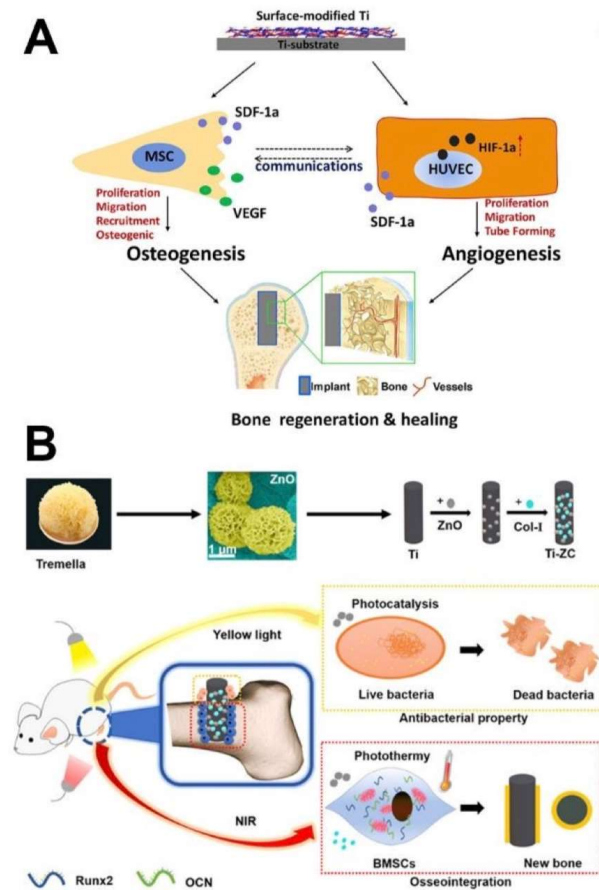


# Bio prosthesis

- GMPT in vitro and rabbit radius bone defect experimental results
- RNA-Seq analysis via the Pi3K/Akt/mTOR pathway

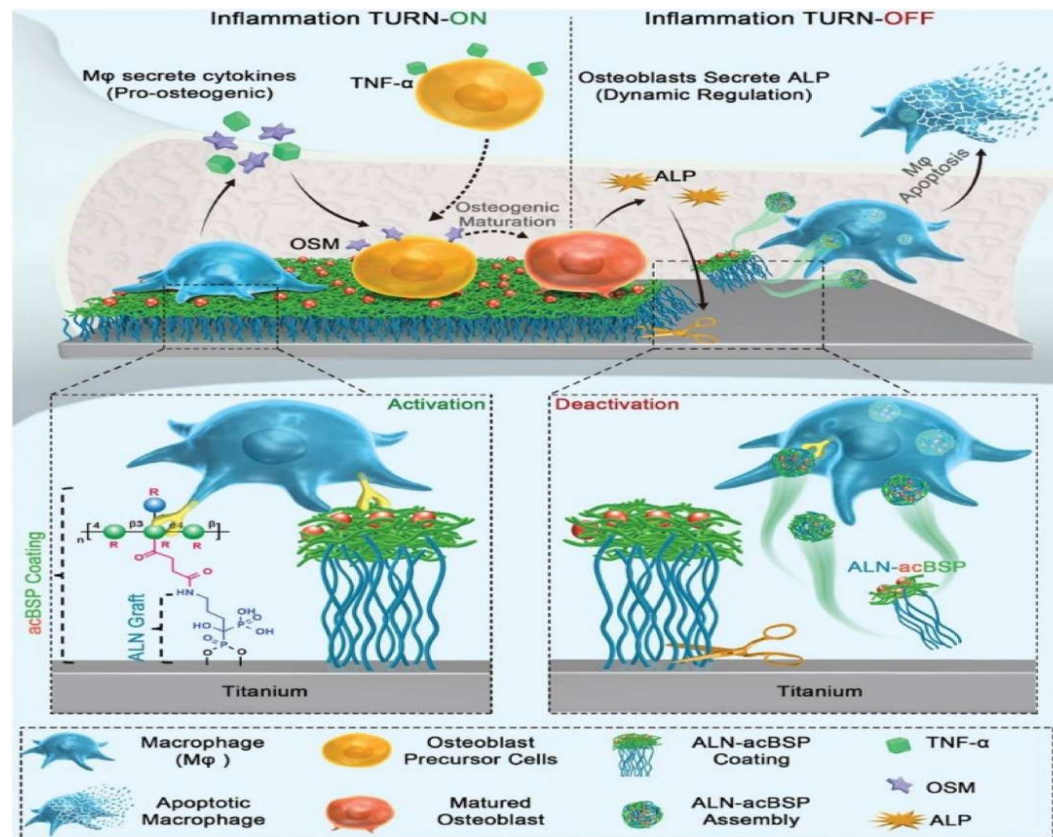


# Bio prosthesis = avoid infections





Bio prosthesis = promote bone better integration



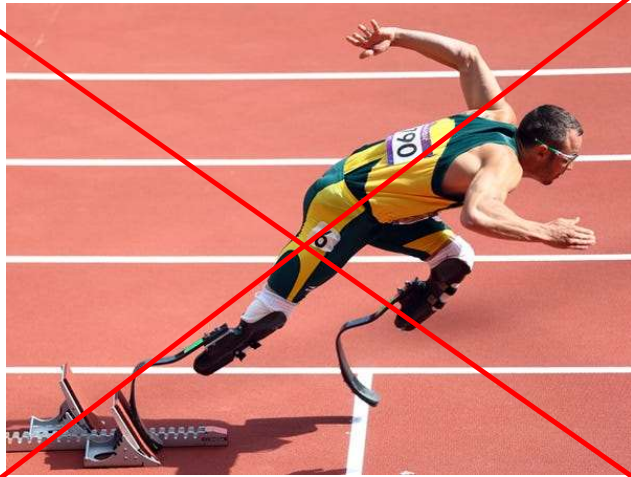


# Bionic in OA : perspectives ?

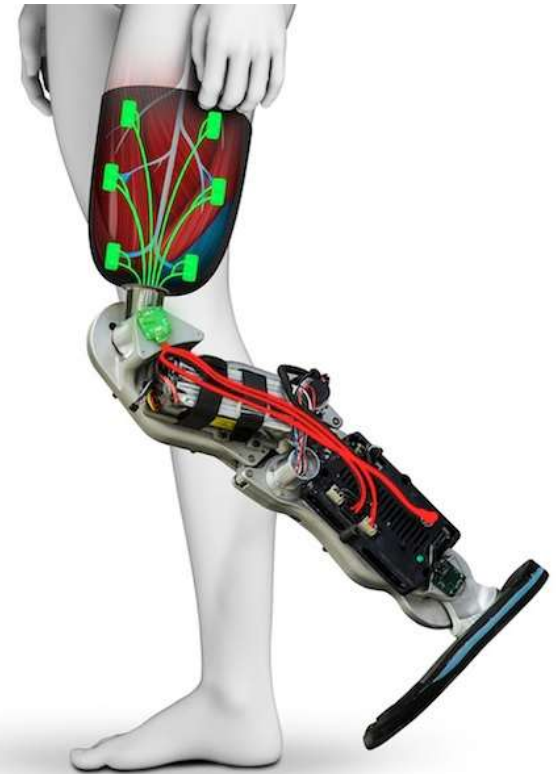
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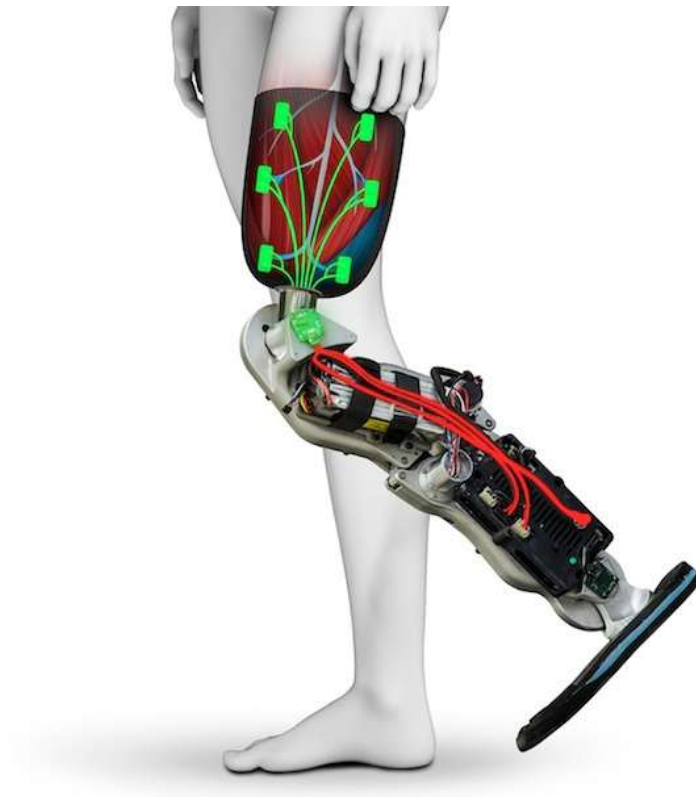


**No electronics or  
sensors or magnets,  
just a simply-shaped  
spring that stores  
energy and uses it**



# The bionic leg

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kaFiwC1xh2Y>



# Conclusions

- Epidemiology in expansion: young people +++
- Prevention for post-traumatic OA +++
- Find new biomarkers (mobility) less subjective than pain
- Personalized medicine
- Non-pharmacological approaches: bionic to strongly reinforce rehabilitation and exercise/physical activity
- Joint surgery more accurate, more “biologic”, less complications
- Find futures therapies with a structural benefit

**QUESTIONS ????**

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