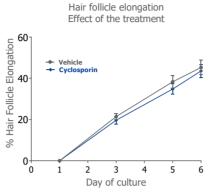
# Investigating the effect of a test compound on hair growth and anagen-catagen conversion

### Case study: Cyclosporin maintains hair follicles longer in anagen ex vivo

Our method:
Human healthy
microdissected
amputated
hair follicle ex vivo
organ culture

Cyclosporin:
is an immunosuppressant
drug which induces
unwanted hair growth as
side effect in vivo and
prolongs anagen ex vivo
(Hawkshaw et al., PloS
Biol 2018)

1. Cyclosporin maintains the normal rate of hair elongation (hair shaft production)



Pooled data from 3 independent experiments, Mean±SEM, n=21-22 HFs analysed/group from 3 donors

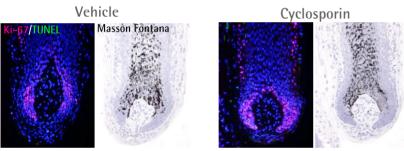


Amputated microdissected hair follicle at day 0, after isolation



Amputated microdissected hair follicle at day 6 of organ culture: Note the newly formed hair shaft and outer root sheath

#### 2. Cyclosporin significantly increases cell proliferation in the hair follicle matrix



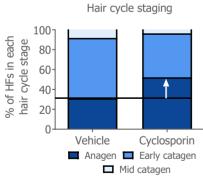
Ki-67: marker for proliferation. TUNEL: marker for apoptosis.

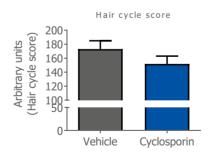
Masson Fontana: histochemical staining revealing melanin content

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Pooled data from 3 independent experiments. Mean±SEM n=26-28HFs analysed/group from 3 donors. \*p<0.05.

#### 3. Cyclosporin maintains hair follicles longer in anagen





Pooled data from 3 independent experiments. Mean or Mean $\pm$ SEM n=26-28HFs analysed/group from 3 different donors.

Selections of our publications on the method: Langan et al., Exp Dermatol 2015; Kloepper et al., Exp. Dermatol 2010

Selections of our publications on the topic: Chéret et al., Nat Commun 2018; Alam et al., Br J Dermatol 2018; Parodi et al, PLoS Biol. 2018

Read-outs: Hair Follicle Growth, Hair Shaft Production, Anagen (Growth Phase) Maintenance, Catagen (Regression Phase) induction, Proliferation and Apoptosis of Hair Matrix Keratinoyctes, etc.



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