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

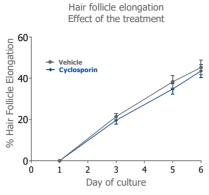
### Case study: Cyclosporin maintains hair follicles longer in anagen ex vivo

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)

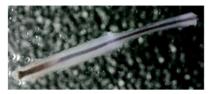
1. Cyclosporin maintains the normal rate of hair elongation (hair shaft production)



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

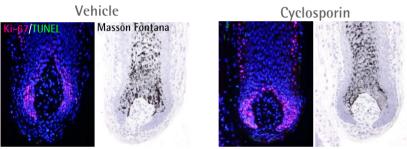


Amputated microdissected hair follicle at day 0, after isolation



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



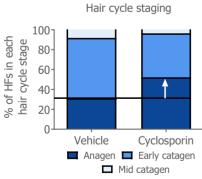
Ki-67: marker for proliferation. TUNEL: marker for apoptosis.

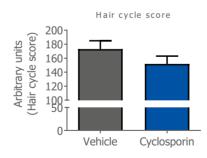
Masson Fontana: histochemical staining revealing melanin content

# % of proliferative hair matrix keratinocytes (a) + 49-19 (b) + 49-19 (c) + 49-19 (d) + 49-19 (e) + 49-19 (e) + 49-19 (f) +

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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