

Tissue Engineering For Wound Healing: A Clinical Perspective

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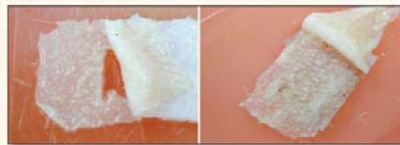
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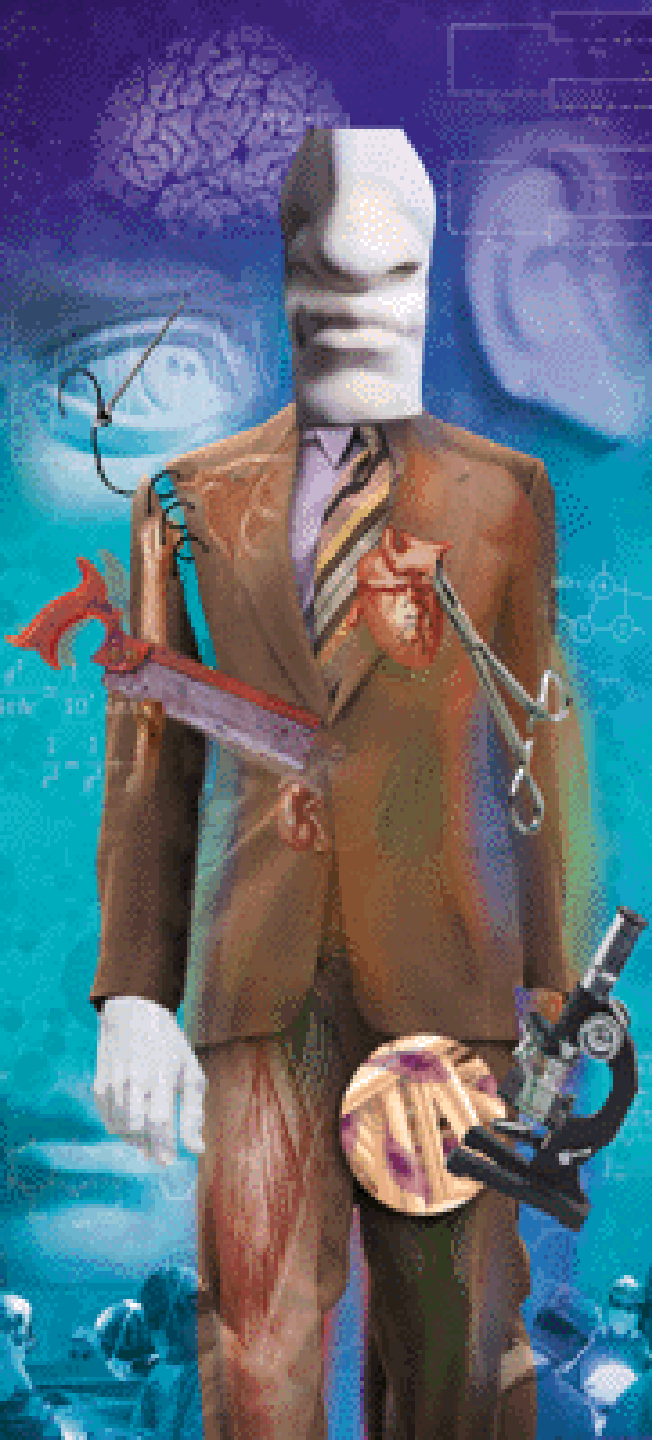


Epidermal migration technique used to demonstrate the effect of a topical oxygen emulsion. See page 000.

Wound Healing

A celebration of 50 years of the Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Surgery
at the University of Miami and the contributions of William H. English, MD

**Translational
Wound Healing
Research Program**



Wound Healing Research Faculty Department of Dermatology at the University of Miami

9 Federally Funded Wound Investigators

Dragana Adjac, PhD - Biofilms

Evangelos Badiavas, MD, PhD- Stem Cells

Tongyu Cao, PhD- Keratin Biology

Steve Davis- Animal Models

Robert S. Kirsner, MD PhD- Chronic Wounds

Jie Li, MD, PhD- Angiogenesis

Irena Pastar, PhD- MicroRNA

Olivera Stojadovanic, MD- Malignancy and Wounds

Marjana Tomic-Canic, PhD- Biomarkers

University of Miami Skin Disease Research Center

Translational Research: "Soup to Nuts"

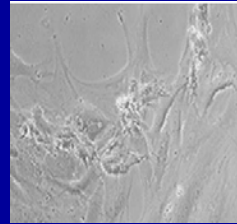
Study Patients



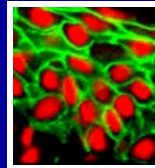
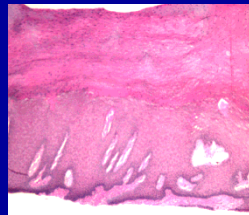
Analyze Tissue



"Wound-omics"



Generate Primary Cells

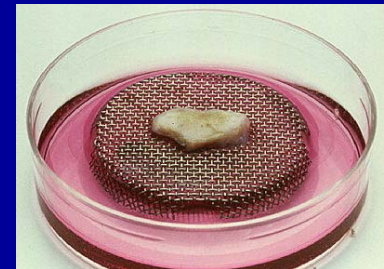


Histology &
Immunohistochemistry

Develop Therapy



Animal Models



Reconstituted Skin

Test Therapy



Stem Cells
Tissue Therapy



Outline

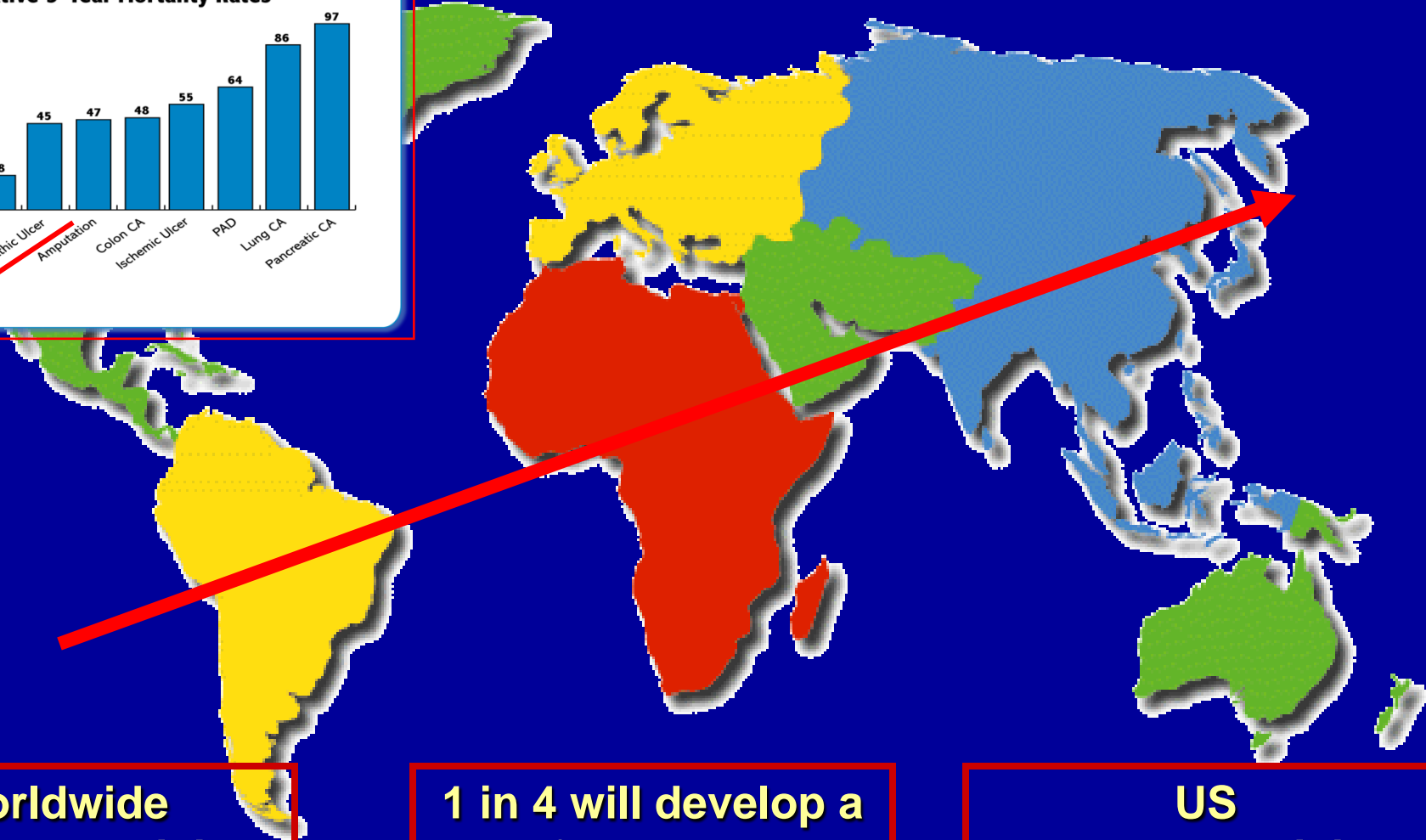
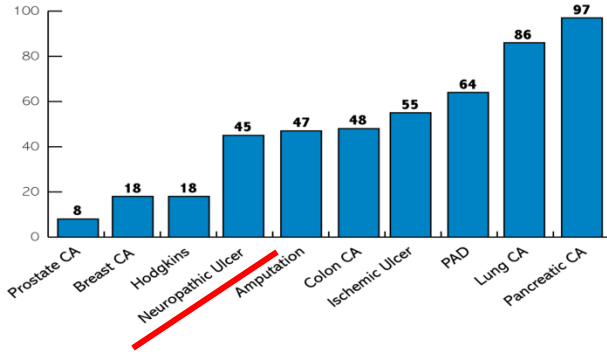
**Improved Environment For Engineered
Skin For Wound Healing**

Greater Appreciation of Medical Need

Current and Future Perspective: DIABETES PANDEMIC: Projected PwDs (millions)

The Magnitude of Wounds

Relative 5-Year Mortality Rates



**Worldwide
2025 = >500 million**

**1 in 4 will develop a
foot ulcer**

**US
2025 = >50 million**

HEALING OF CHRONIC WOUNDS

DFU

Clinical trials

12 weeks: 24%

20 weeks: 31%

Clinical Practice

32 weeks: 30-45%

Eurodial Registry

64%

VLU

**Clinical Trial &
Clinical Experience**

6 months 30-75%

**Standard of care 12-
wk healing rates 20-
40% in clinical trials**

Current Standard of Care Inadequate for Some Patients

Commercially Available Tissue Engineered Therapies for Diabetic Foot and Venous Ulcers In US

Category	Product	Indication
Bilayered -Tissue Engineered Skin	Apligraf	VLU and DFU- Approved
Dermal -Tissue Engineered Skin	Dermagraft	DFU- Approved

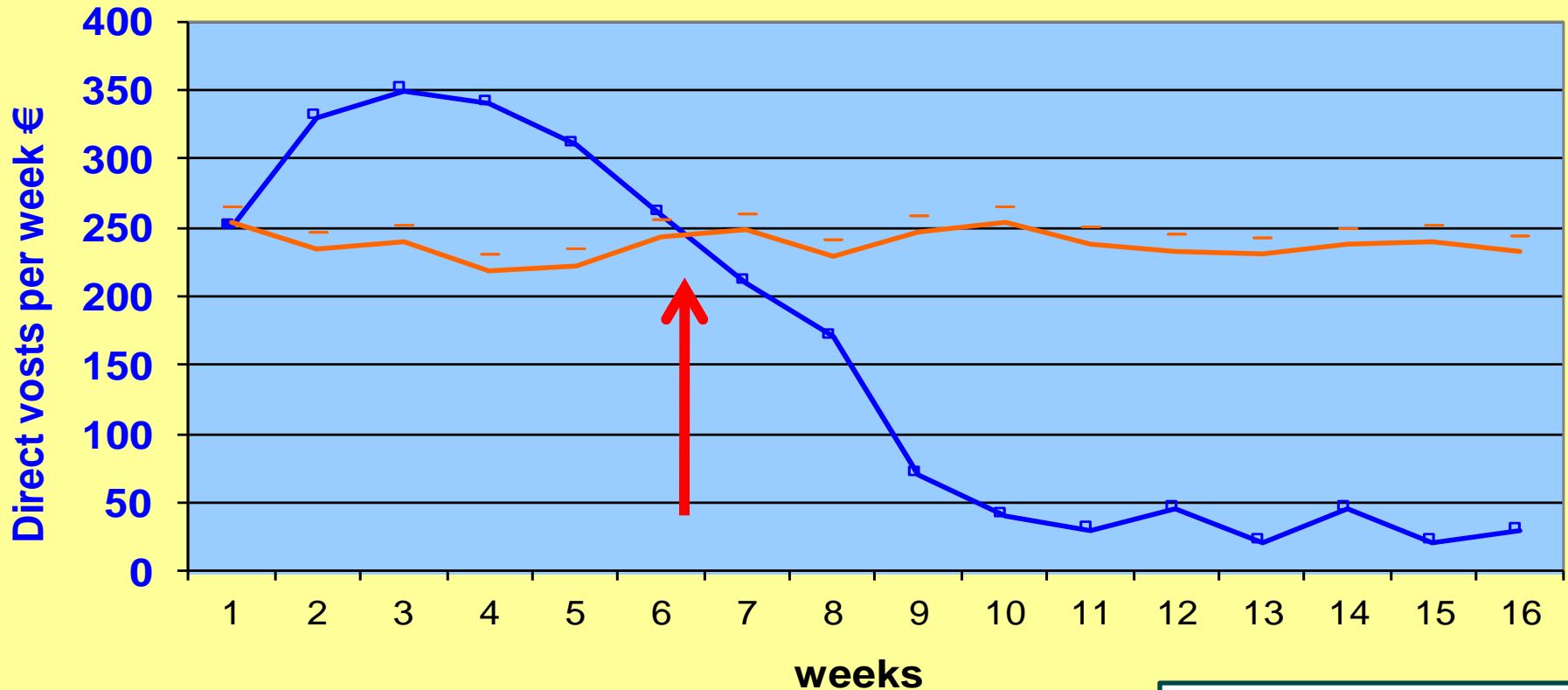
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Improved Understanding of When To Use**

Advanced Wound Therapy:
Higher initial costs, but total costs reduced or benefits increased

„Traditional“ Wound Therapy:
Lower initial costs, but total costs increased or benefits reduced



Lancet In Press

**Lack of 4 week wound size reduction-
Predictive of need for advanced therapies
and part of guidelines of care**

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Nurses

Therapists

Venous Ulcer



**Diabetic Neuropathic
Ulcer**

**Physicians/
Surgeons**

Podiatrists

Wound Centers

Multi-Disciplinary Wound Healing Clinic

A Healogics Center

Robert Kirsner, MD, PhD- Dermatology*

Lee Goldstein, MD- Vascular Surgery

Arash Bornak, MD- Vascular Surgery

Seema Khurana, MD- Phys Med-Rehab

Magaly Rodriguez, MD- General Surgery

Alexis Powell, MD- Infectious Disease

Christopher Salgado, MD- Plastic Surgery

Haaris Mir, MD- Plastic Surgery

Tom Zwick, MD- Podiatry

Bertha Jimenez- Program Director

Monica Perez- Nurse Director

Adrian- Case Manager

Marlene- Case Manager

*** Medical director**

**Healogics
manages
540+ Wound Care
Centers**

**188,000
New Patients Treated**

**Dedicated to
Research**

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Improved Access to Clinicians
Better Appreciation of Mechanisms of
Action Leading to Rational Study
Designs, Dosing, and Reimbursement

Creating Skin Substitutes

The Biology of Skin Grafts

Skin Grafts as Pharmacologic Agents

Robert S. Kirsner, MD; Vincent Falanga, MD; William H. Eaglstein, MD

• **Background.**—Skin grafting is commonly used to treat nonhealing wounds. However, how skin grafts help to heal wounds is not entirely known. Why epithelium from grafted skin is able to migrate and cover these wounds, while epithelium at the edge of nonhealing wounds is unable to, is a long unanswered biologic question.

Observations.—The recent use of cultured epithelial allografts has rekindled interest in the biology of skin grafts. Replaced, even in chronic wounds, by recipient epithelium, cultured epithelial allografts appear to work by providing a potent stimulus to healing imparted by the graft itself. Based on this, we have reassessed how skin autografts help to heal wounds and hypothesize that, in a similar fashion, autografts may work not only by replacing tissue but also by providing a stimulus for healing.

Conclusions.—We suggest that skin grafts may work not only as tissue replacement but as pharmacologic agents that provide a stimulus for healing. We believe that, someday, it may be possible to augment the stimulatory properties of donor skin to speed healing of the recipient wound.

(*Arch Dermatol.* 1993;129:481-483)

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Over the past decade, cells grown in the laboratory through tissue culture techniques have been used to treat acute and chronic wounds. In 1981, O'Conner et al² published the first data on the use of cultured expanded autologous (derived from self) epithelial cell sheets in the treatment of large wounds in burn patients. This event heralded the beginning of using cultured cells as skin grafts. However, the idea for using sheets of cultured cells for grafting may have begun



**Kirsner RS, Falanga V, Eaglstein WH:
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Persistence of DNA from Tissue Engineered Skin

Study Protocol

Study Week

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>
Venous ulcers	-	-	2/8	
EB wounds	-	-	-	2/11
Donor site wounds	2/7	1/6	1/7	



Hu et al: Wound Repair Regen 2006; 14:427-33.
Falabella et al: Arch Dermatol 2000;136:1225-30.
Phillips et al: Arch Dermatol 2002;138:1079-81.

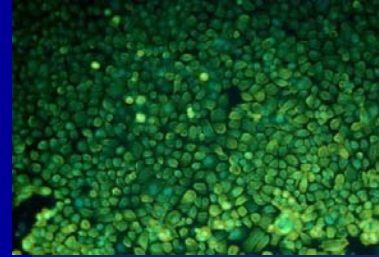
Allogeneic Living Cell Suspension

•First-in-Class Product

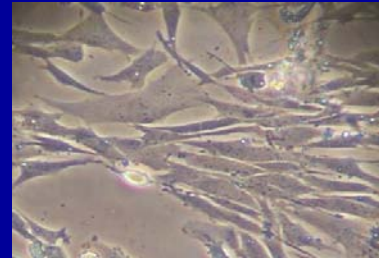
- ▶ **Component 1:** Growth-arrested allogeneic keratinocytes and fibroblasts in a solution of thrombin and cryo-protectant
- ▶ **Component 2:** Fibrinogen solution

•Cell Delivery

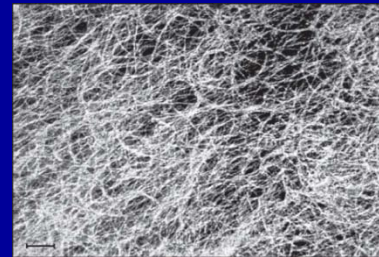
- ▶ Components sprayed sequentially onto ulcer
- ▶ Fibrinogen and thrombin form human fibrin provisional matrix



Keratinocytes
(active)



Fibroblasts
(active)



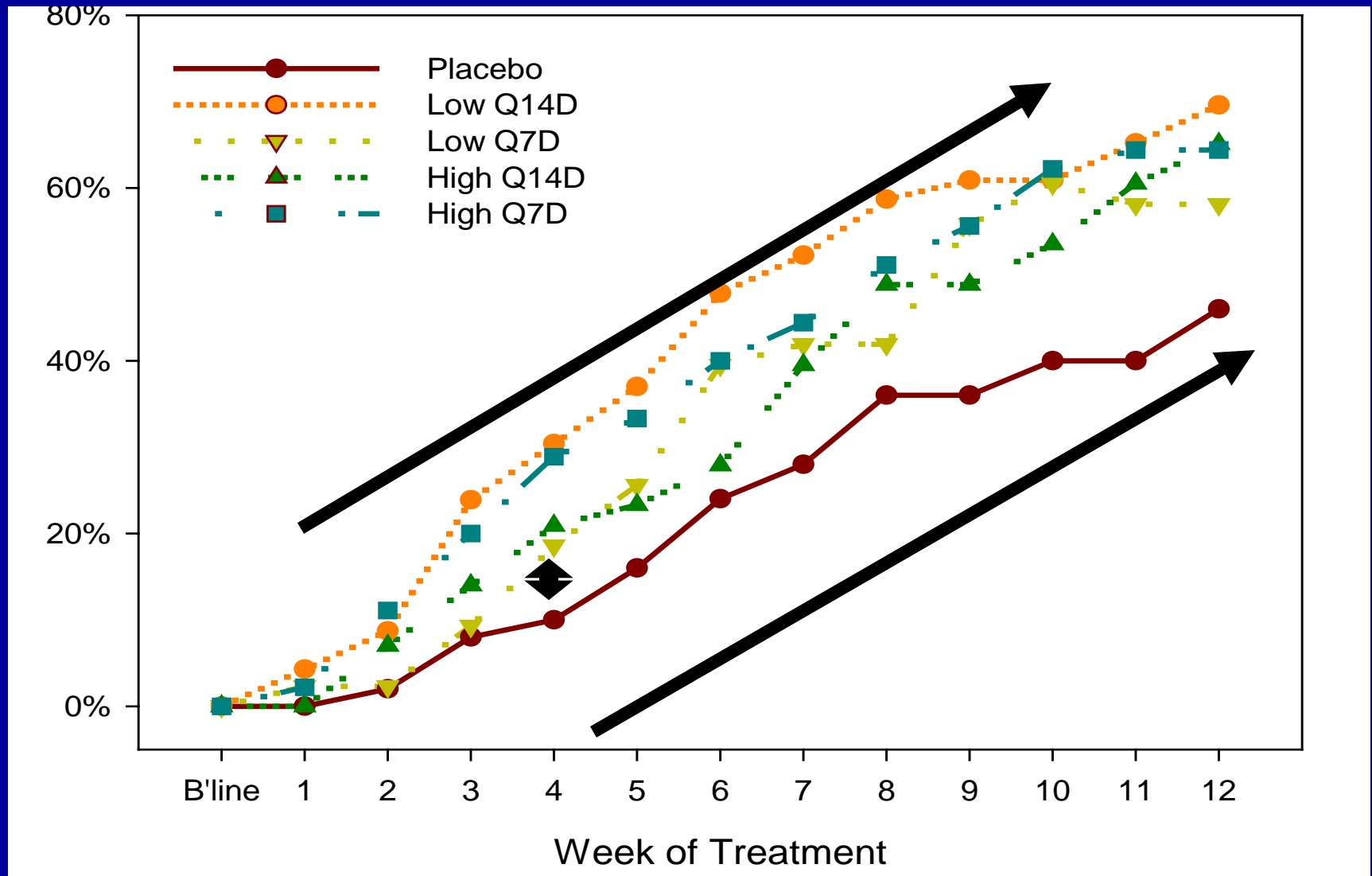
Provisional
Matrix



Cell Delivery
Method

HP802-247 Phase II(b) Trial Results

% of Subjects with Complete Wound Closure by Visit



Q14d=every 14 days, Q7d=every 7 days; significant differences from fibrin control ($P < .05$) observed for one or more dose groups at all follow-up weeks except 1-3.

Kirsner et al: Lancet In Press.

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