

# Mitochondrial Transplantation for Myocardial Protection In Ex-situ Perfused Hearts Donated After Cardio- circulatory Death.

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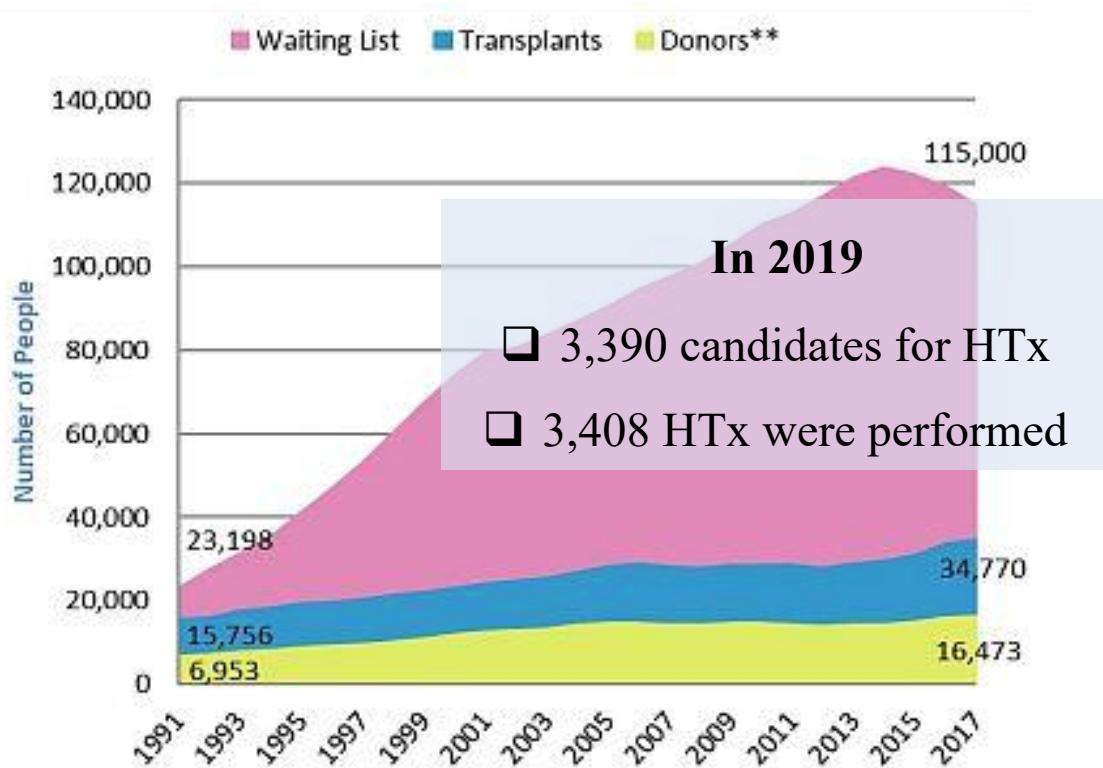


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# **Disclosures**

**Dr. McCully, Dr. del Nido and Dr. Emani have patents pending for the isolation and usage of mitochondria.**

# HTx Donation



## DONATION AFTER BRAIN DEATH (DBD)



## DONATION AFTER CIRCULATORY DEATH (DCD)

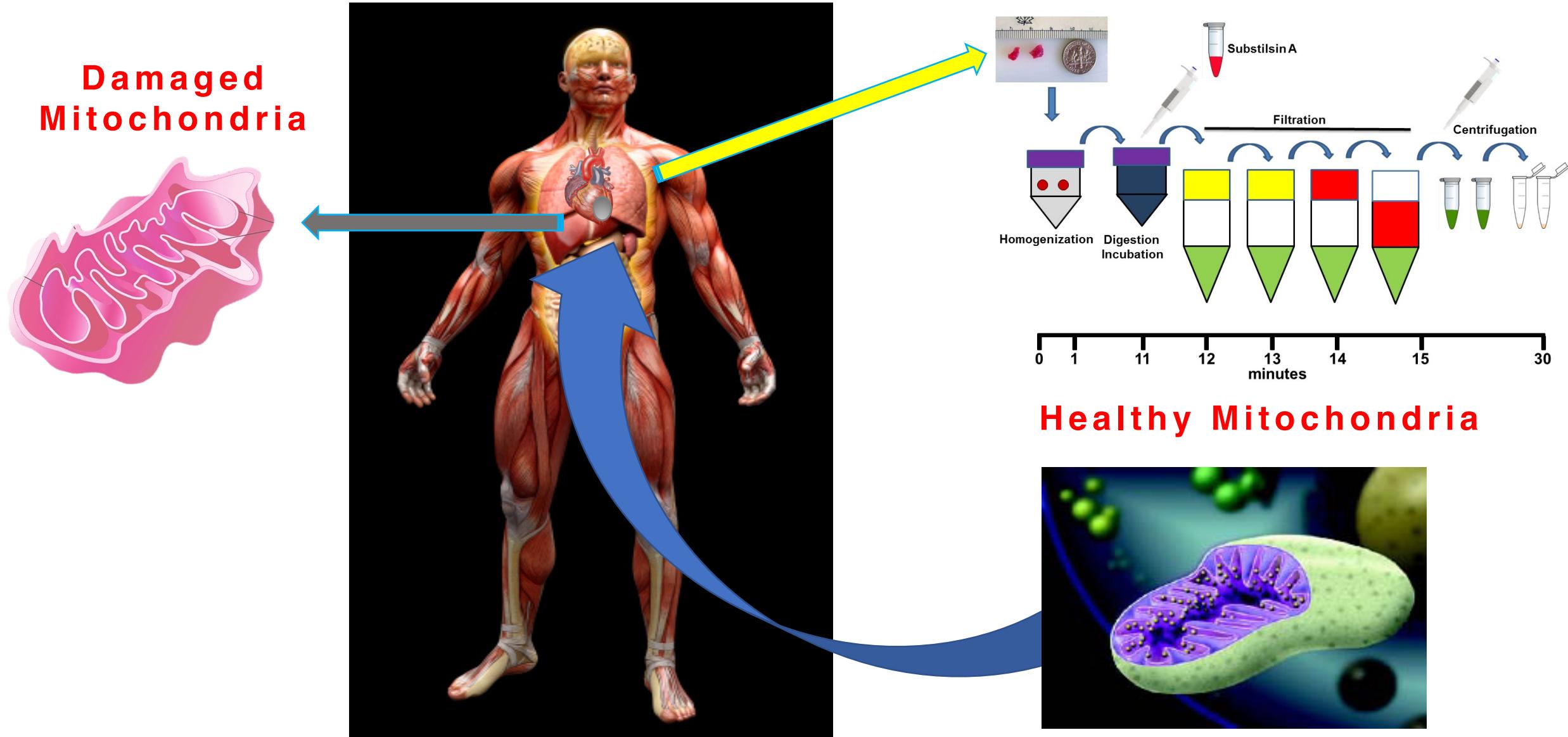


- 30% Increase in HTx activity
- 40% Decrease in waitlist mortality

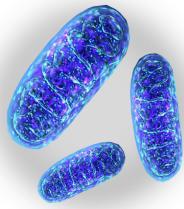


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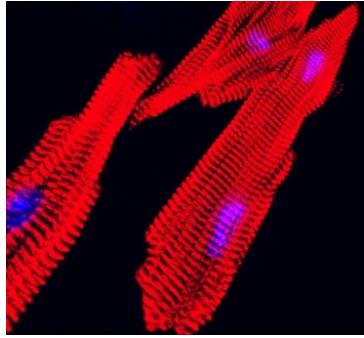
# Autologous Mitochondrial Transplantation



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# Objective



## Rationale

### Mitochondrial Transplantation

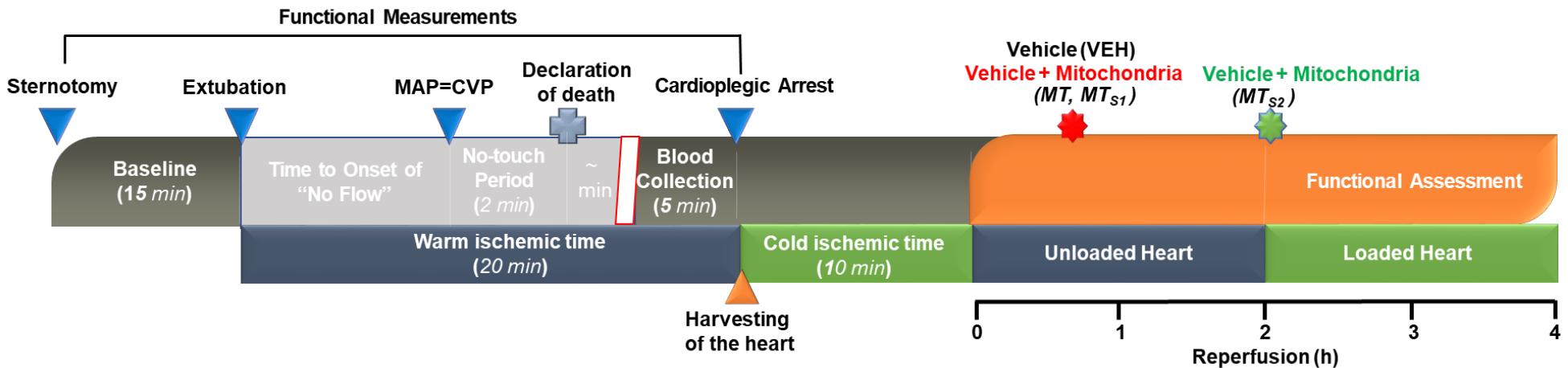
- ✓ Enhances myocardial function
- ✓ Increases myocellular viability
- ✓ Increases total tissue ATP content

## Objective

To investigate the effect of mitochondrial transplantation (MT)  
in *ex situ* perfused DCD hearts

# Experimental Protocol

**DCD Hearts**  
**VEH; n=8**  
**MT; n=8**  
**MTs; n=6**



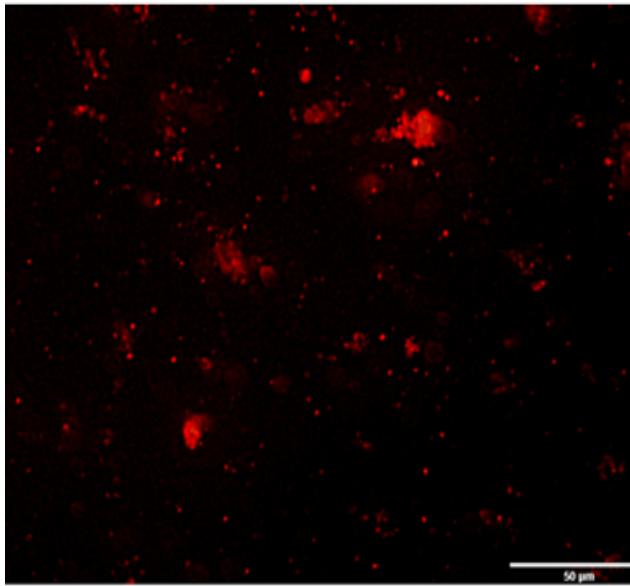
**Sham Hearts**  
**SH; n=6**



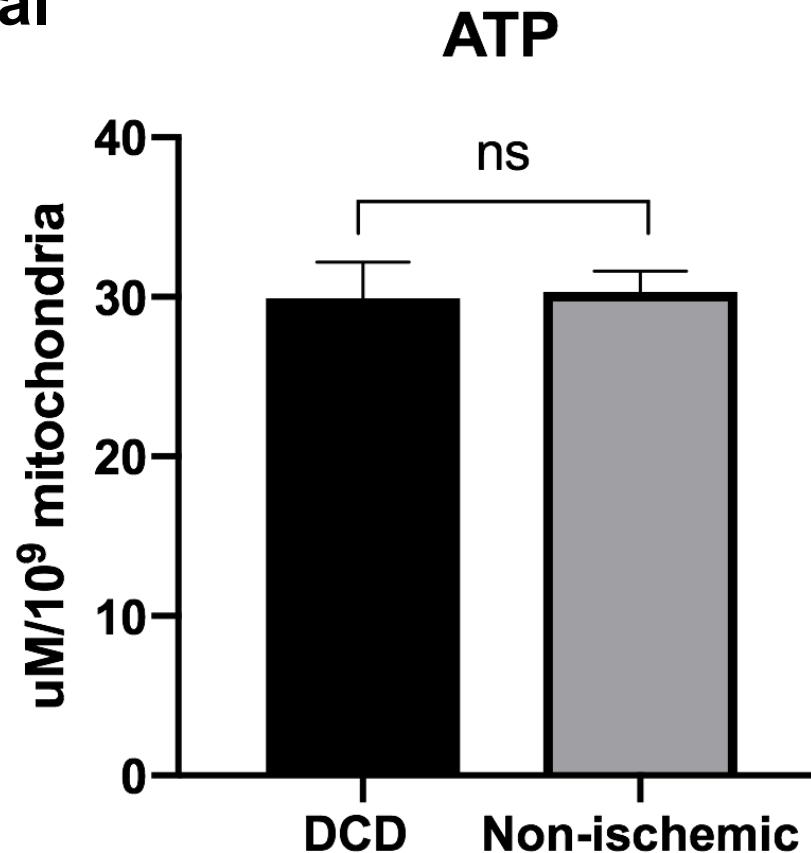
# Mitochondria Isolated from DCD Donors

□ Mitochondria were isolated from skeletal muscle

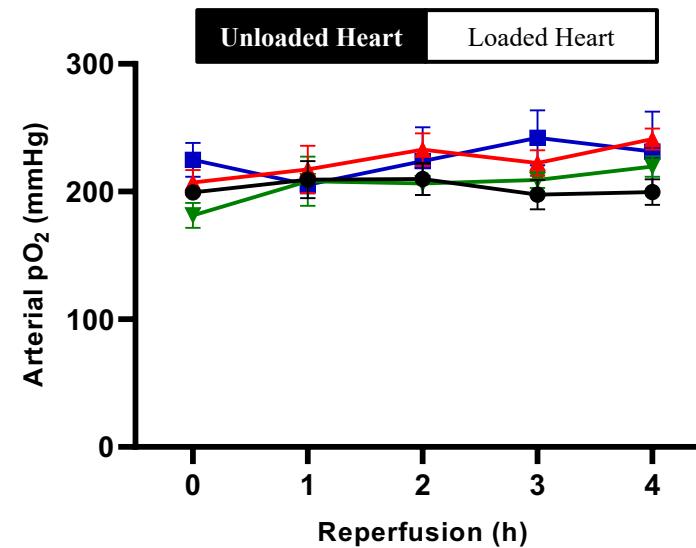
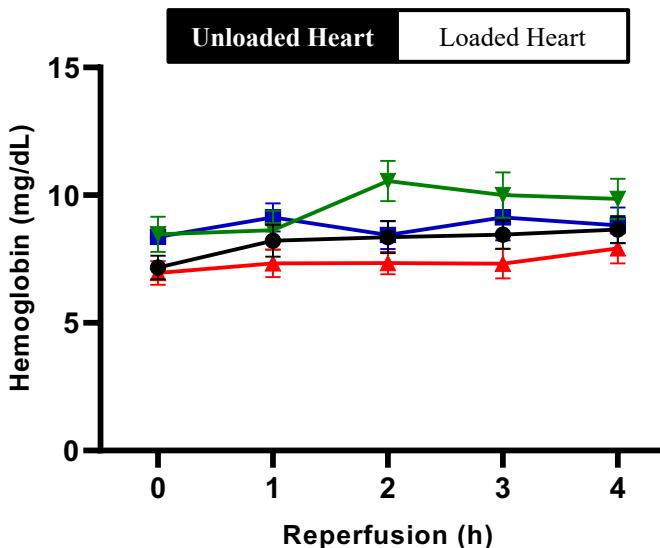
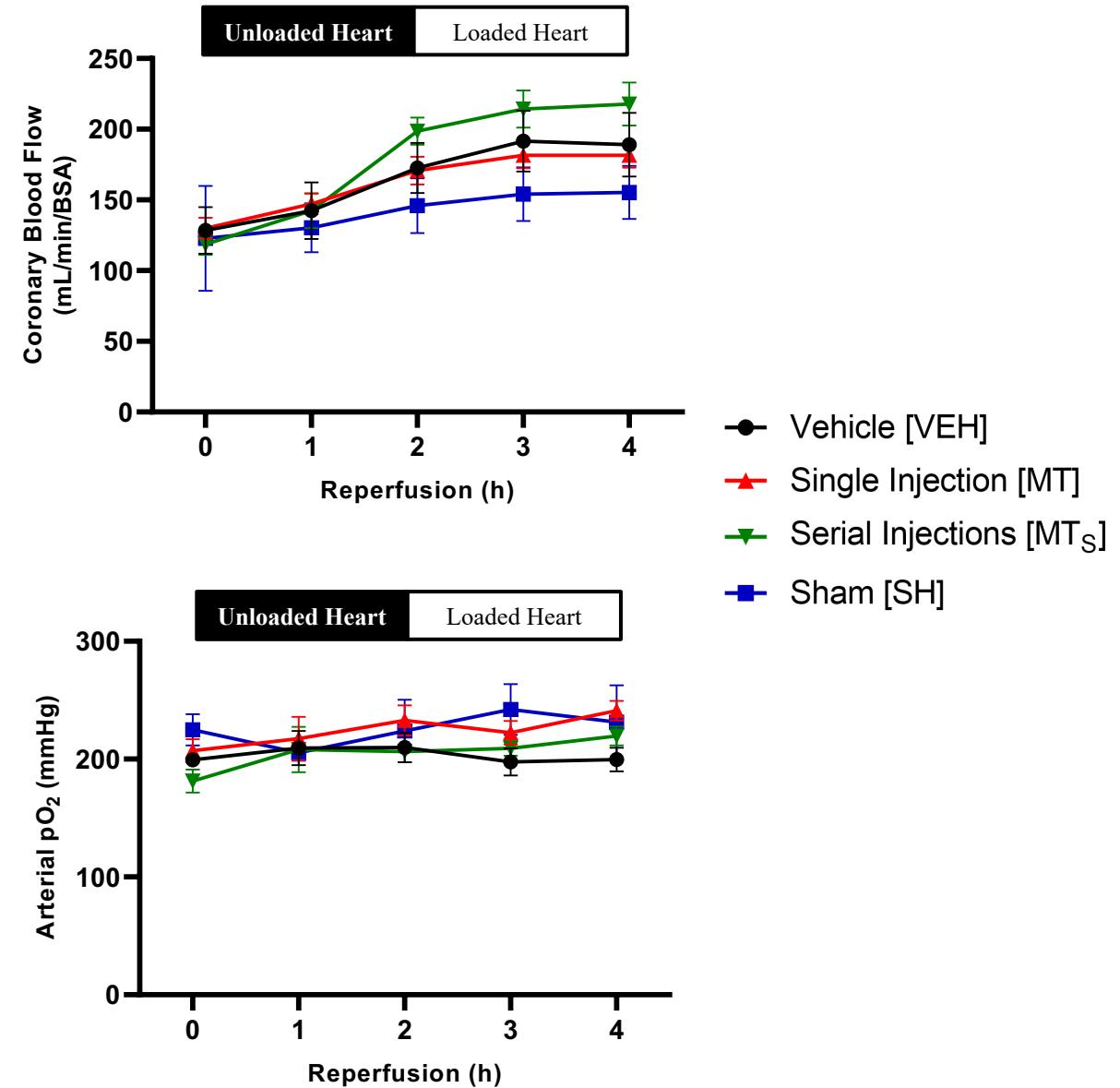
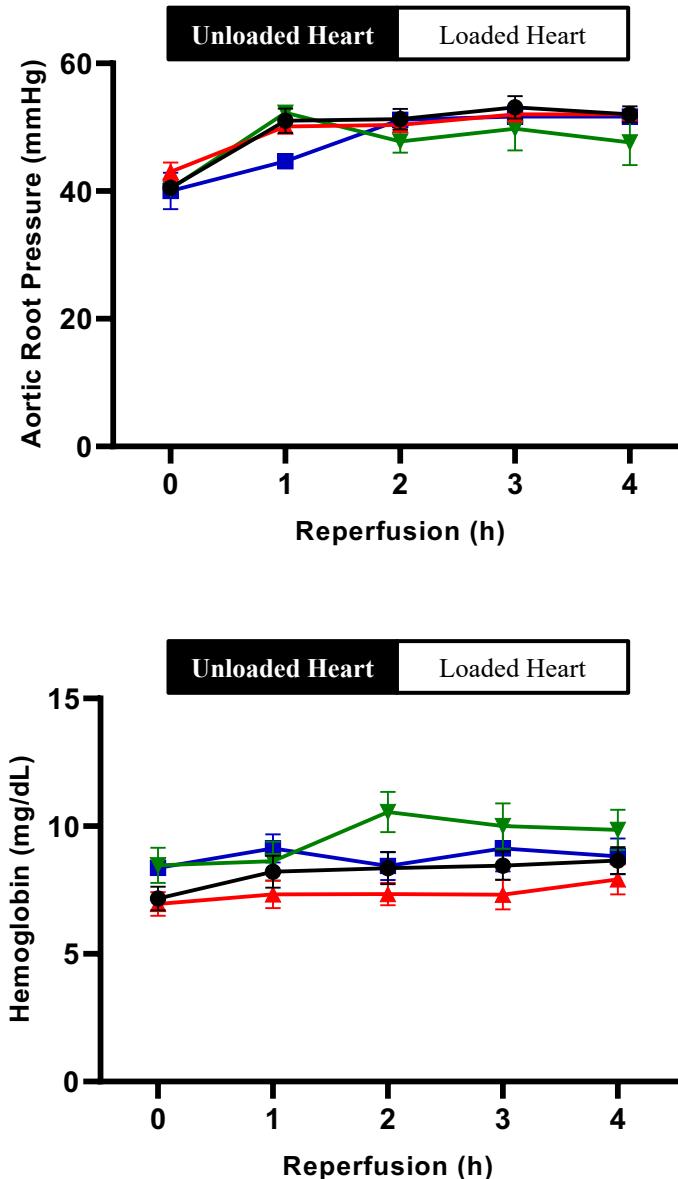
- ✓ Active membrane potential
- ✓ ATP producing



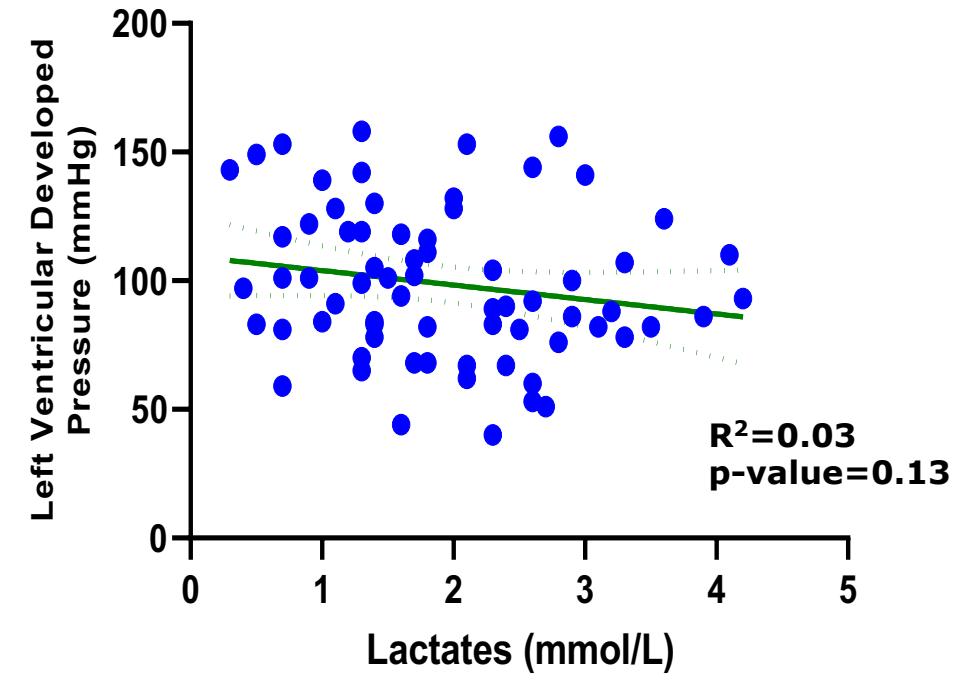
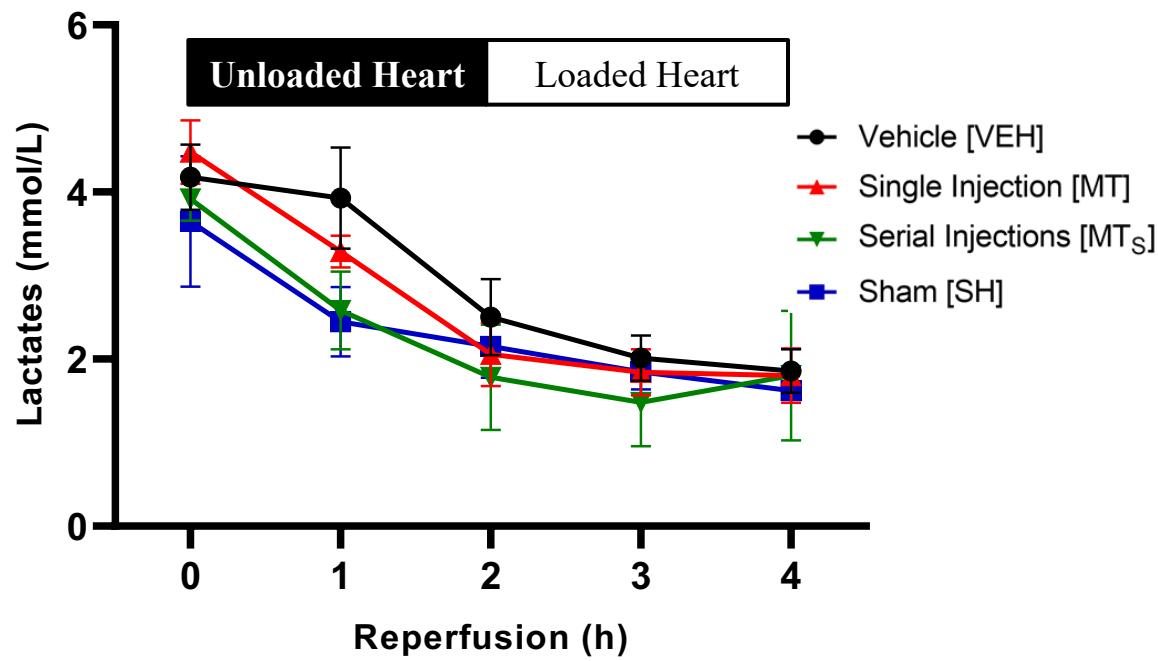
Mito Tracker  
RED CMX ROS



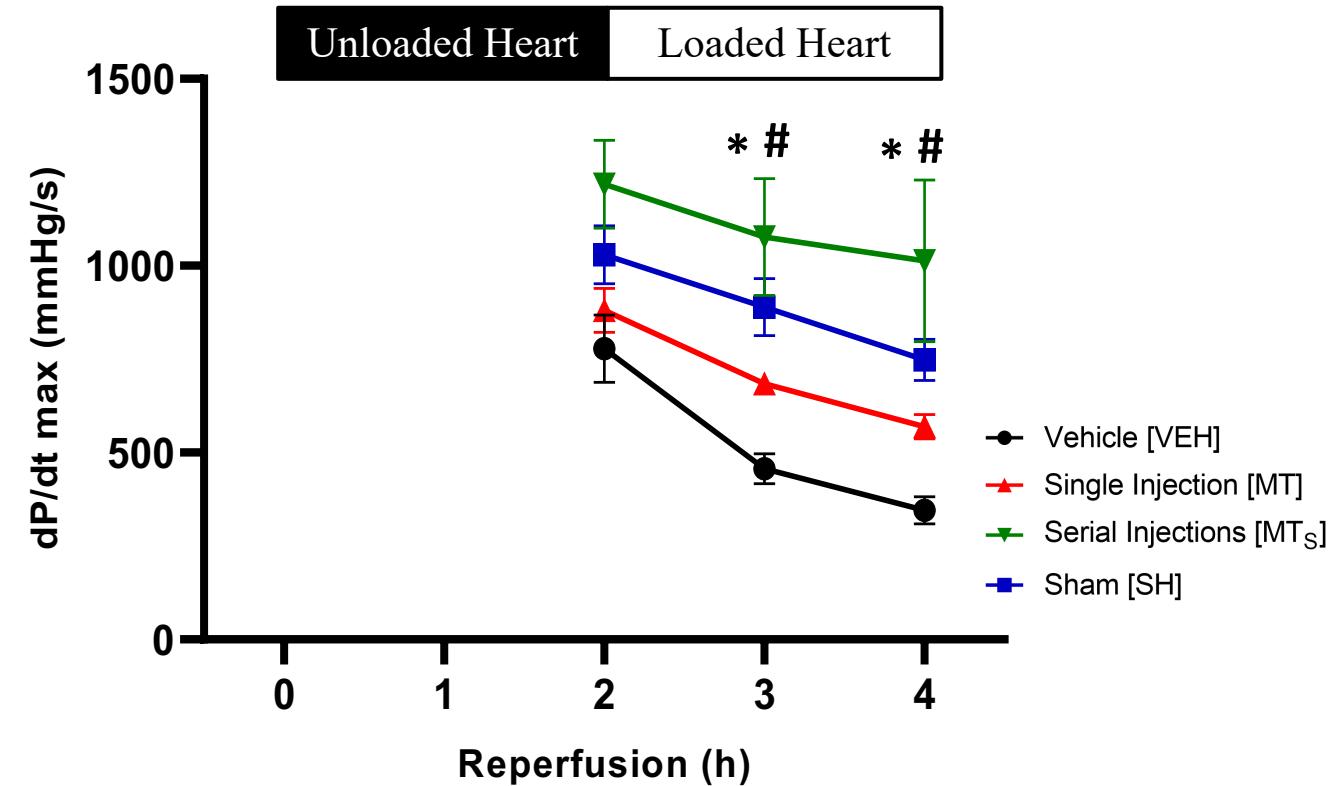
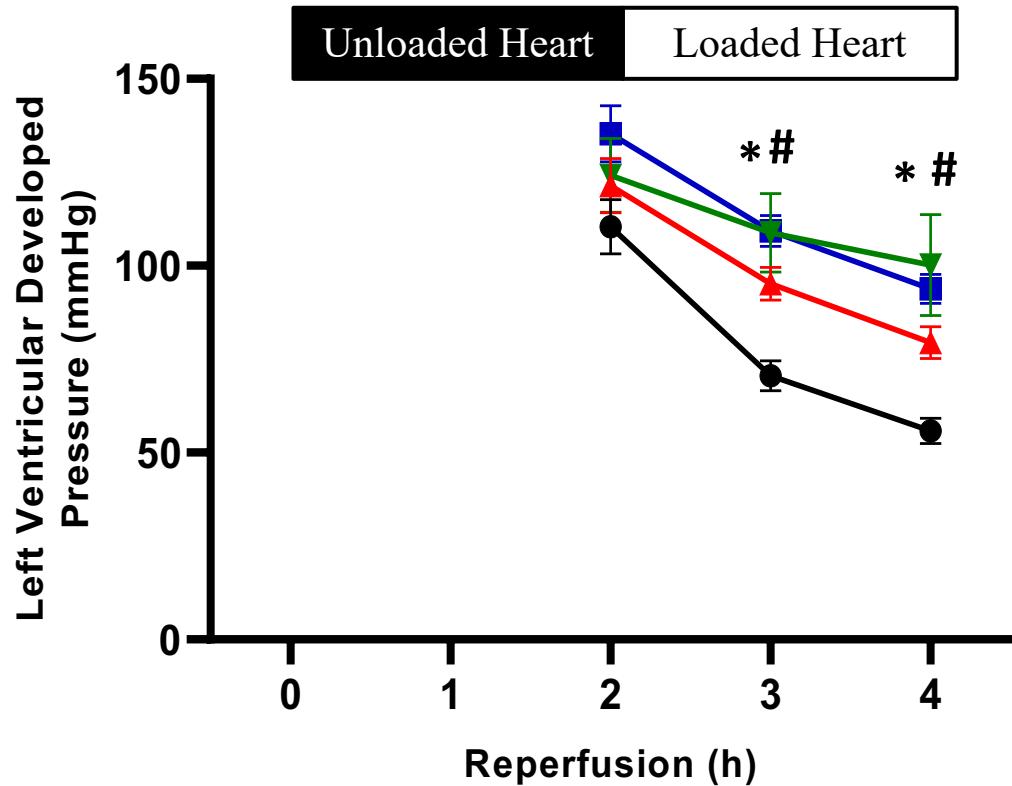
# Perfusion Parameters Constant Throughout Reperfusion



# No Difference in Lactates

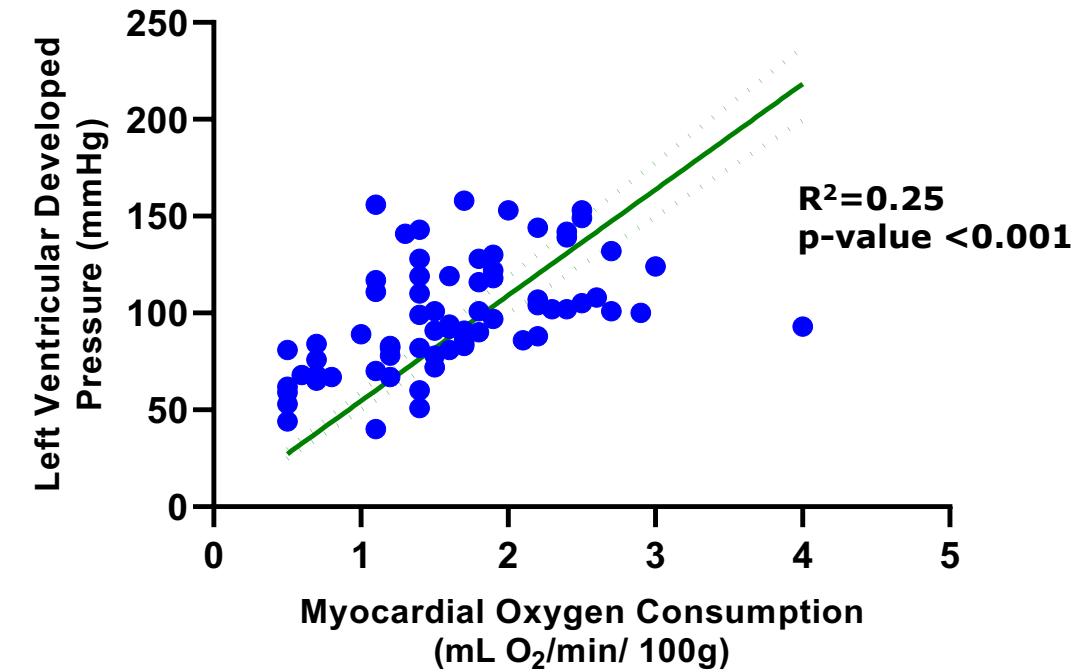
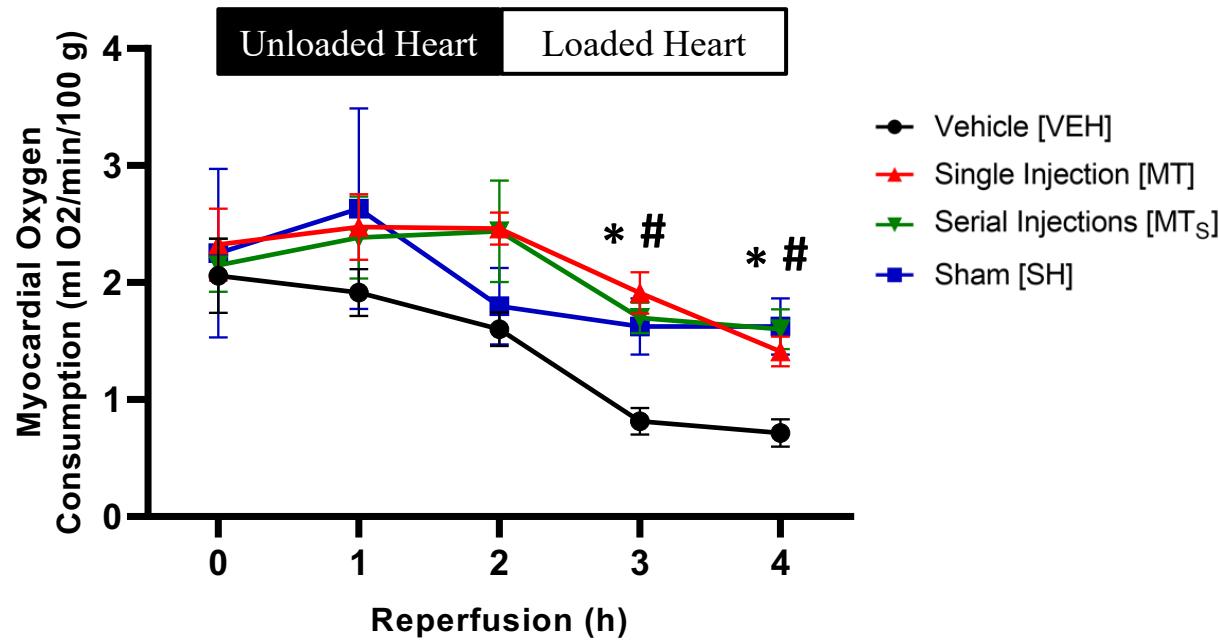


# Mitochondrial Transplantation (MT) Increases Myocardial Function



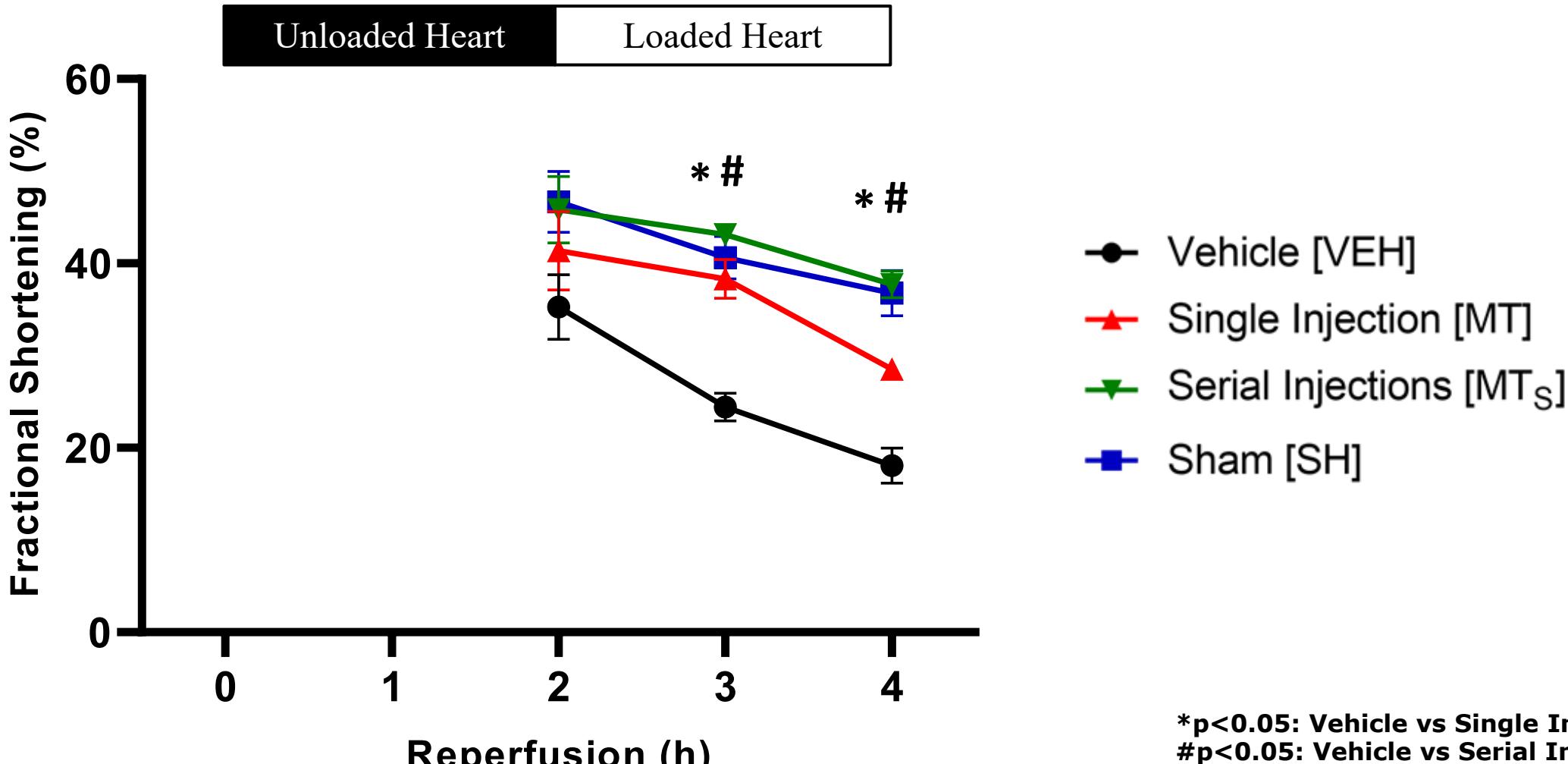
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# Mitochondrial Transplantation (MT) Increases Myocardial Oxygen Consumption

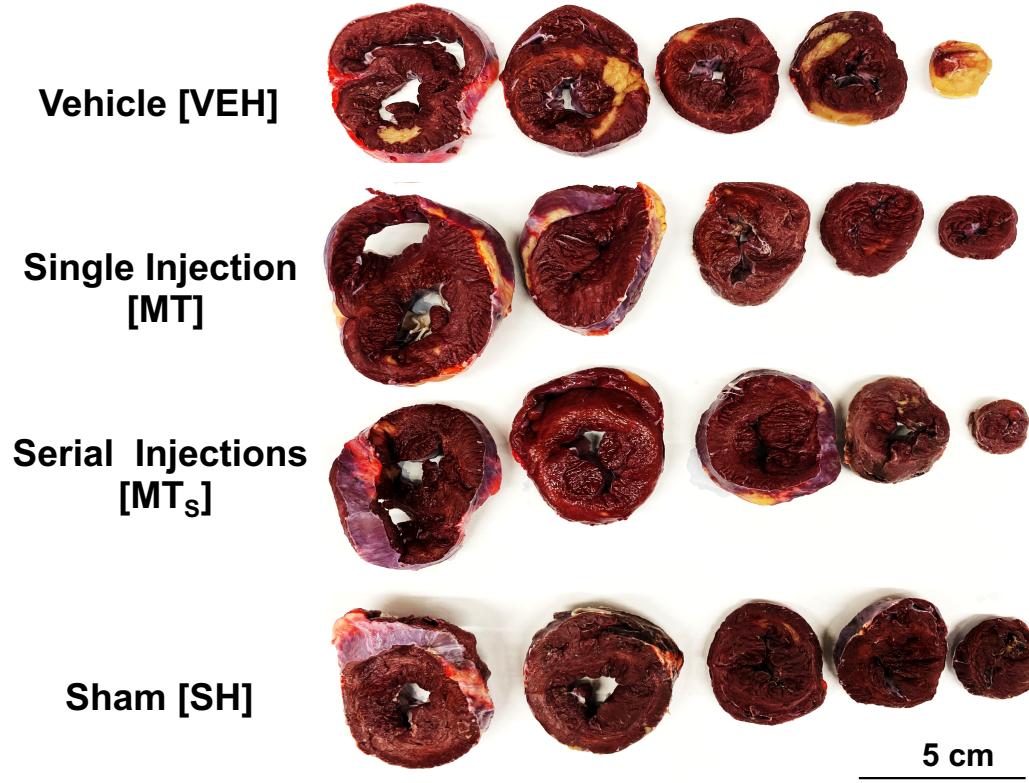
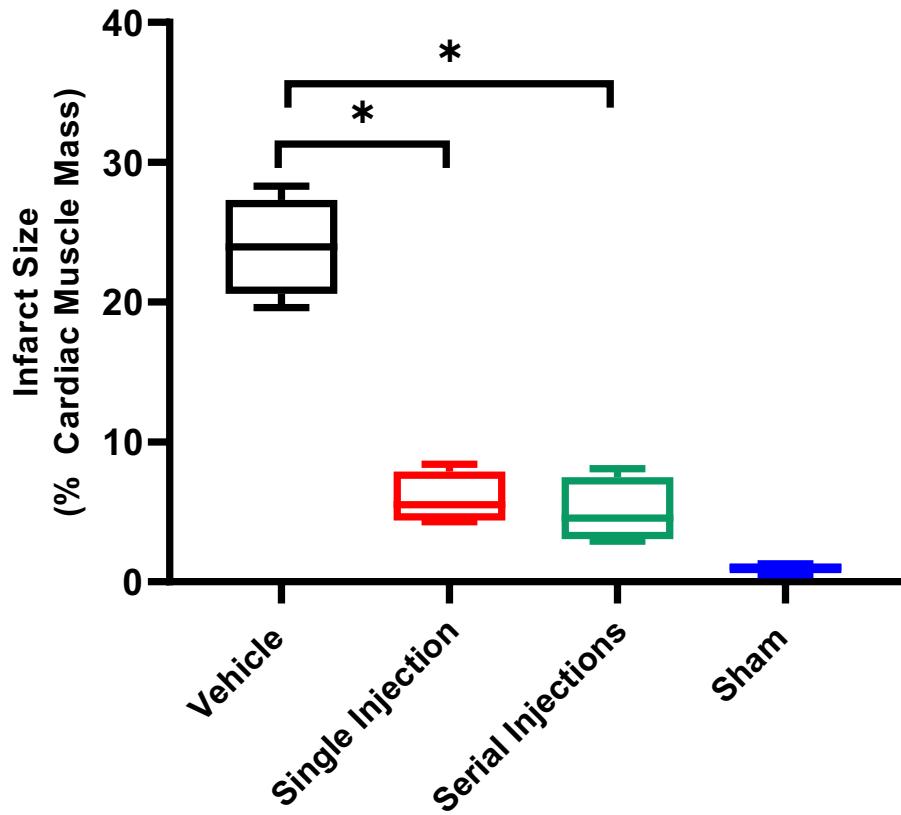


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# Mitochondrial Transplantation (MT) Increases Fractional Shortening



# Mitochondrial Transplantation (MT) Rescues Myocardial Viability

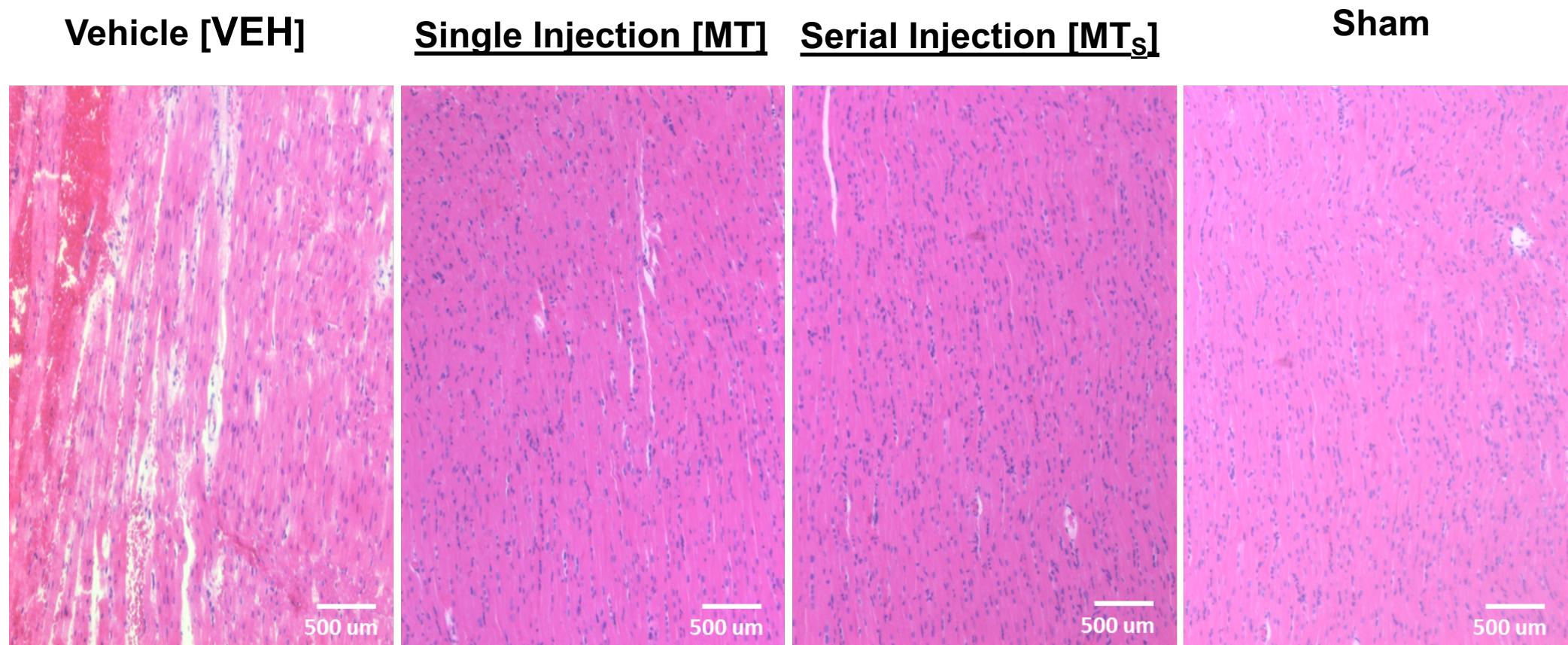


\*p<0.05 vs Vehicle

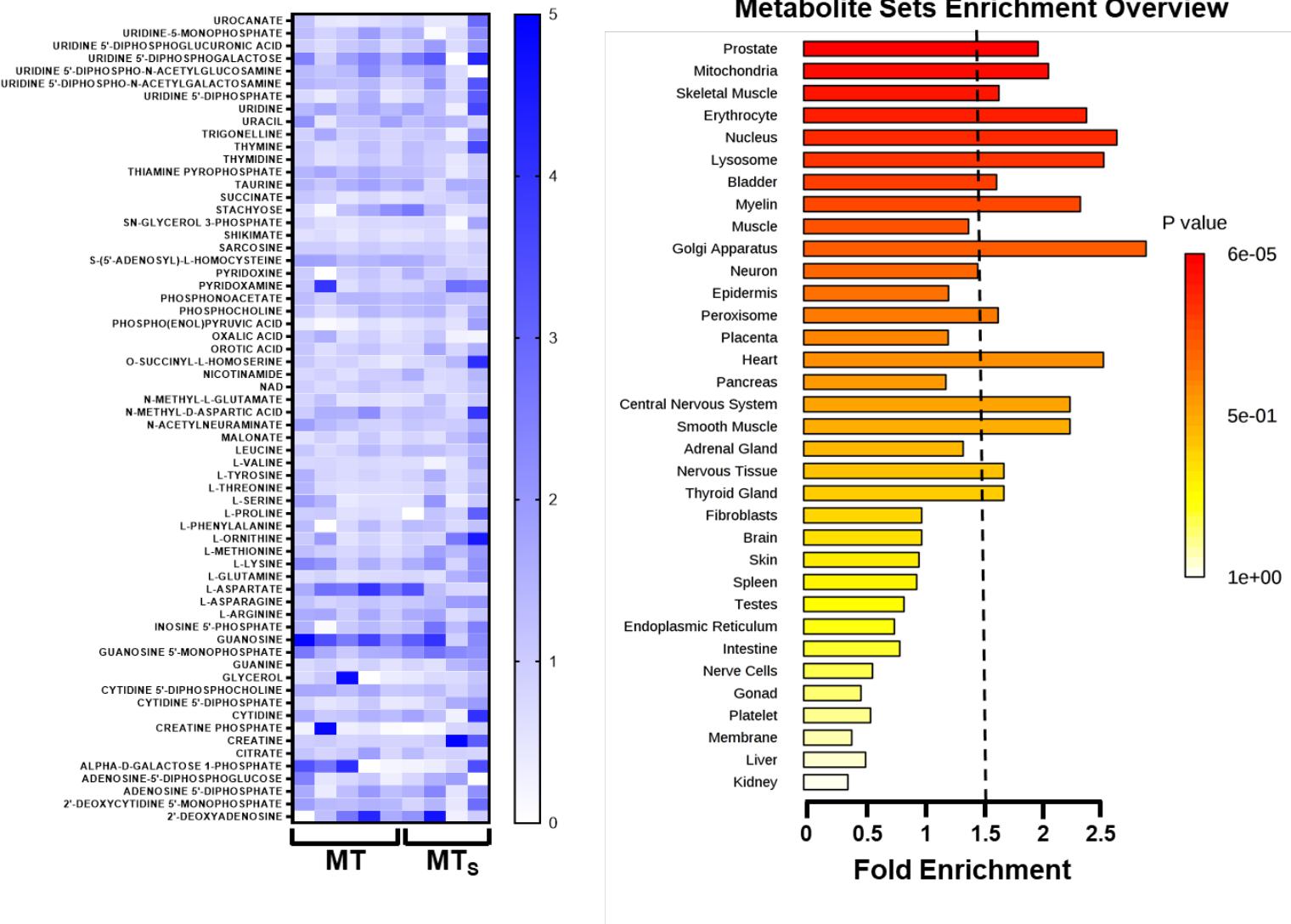
# Histology

- Diffuse myocardial tissue injury and edema in **Vehicle hearts**
- Histological morphology was maintained in **Mitochondria hearts**
- **No difference was observed between Mitochondria hearts (MT, MT<sub>s</sub>) and Sham**

## Mitochondria Transplantation



# Mitochondrial Transplantation (MT) Upregulates Metabolomic Activity



Pathway analysis showed that mitochondrial electron transport chain was in the top 10 pathways involved in the altered metabolic profile of the hearts that received mitochondria transplantation.

# Conclusions

## MITOCHONDRIAL TRANSPLANTATION ENHANCES DCD HEARTS

- ✓ No difference between Single and Serial Injections
- ✓ Preserves myocardial **function**
- ✓ Preserves myocardial **viability**
- ✓ Increases myocardial oxygen consumption
- ✓ Significantly increases **metabolomic activity**
- ✓ **Provides a novel methodology to enhance the donor heart pool**

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