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## CONSENSUS STUDY

**Principles and Framework to Guide the  
Development of Protocols and Standard  
Operating Procedures for Face and Hand  
Transplants**



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# Standardization of Clinical Protocols for Upper Extremity Transplantation

## 1. Minimum Function to achieve

- Total active range of motion ( inertial sensors, or manual goniometry)
  - 70 % of TAROM
- Hand Sensibility (Semmes-Weinstein)
  - Diminished protective sensation to normal
- Grip and pinch strength (dynamometer)
  - 20 kg grip and 3 pinch
- Kapandjy test
  - 4

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## 2. Same function rating scales

- DAHS scale
  - Improve at least in 15 points in hand transplantation
  - Improve at least in 30 points in arm transplantation
- Hand Transplantation Score System
  - 81-100 Hand transplantation
  - 61-80 Arm transplantation
- Carroll Test
  - >76 puntos
- Chen scale
  - Grade II Hand transplantation
  - Grade III Arm Transplantation



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## **3. Quality of life assessment scales**

- SF 36
- Quality of life scale, which?

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## **4. The recipient inclusion/exclusion criteria**

The recipient must be rigidly selected and must not be manipulated, invented, or modified to our needs.

- favorable anatomical structures to guarantee good functionality.
  - High voltage electric shock (minimum anatomical and functional requirements)
  - Avulsion (minimum anatomical and functional requirements)



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## **4. The recipient inclusion/exclusion criteria**

- That recipient/donor, both with immunological similarity precise analyses of HLA epitopes
  - Induction
  - individualization of maintenance immunosuppression



# Do these clinical protocols need to differ by country or region?

Patient inclusion/exclusion

- Improve epigenetic factors in patients with tendency to develop Diabetes

# Do these clinical protocols need to differ by country or region?



## Level of amputation

- Arm

The reinstatement of physical integrity is more impressive and the gain in function is more valuable than in a hand transplant. Thus, the benefit of function and tissue obtained justifies the risks.



# Do these clinical protocols need to differ by country or region?

## Waiting list

- We can only financially support the evaluation of one candidate, and have a patient on the waiting list, transplant him, stabilize him and continue with another.  
México have 1500 arm amputations by year.



## Do these clinical protocols need to differ by country or region?

### Economic funds

- Due to the low socio-cultural education of our patients, we need greater expenses for the education of the recipient and their families as well as the nursing staff, than the time and expenses incurred in the countries developed.



## Do these clinical protocols need to differ by country or region?

### Social Media

We need the social media (radio and TV, etc) to disseminate the procedure and the results to society.

Only in this way can we pressure the authorities to approve



## Major lessons learned from upper extremity transplantation

The delay in nerve regeneration in total limb transplants causes atrophy of the intrinsic muscles and leads to thinning of the hand. To offer the opportunity for keep muscles with trophicity, and improve the hand appearance, at 5-month post-transplant, we injected the vascular stromal fraction derived from adipose tissue plus micro-fat-grafts in the intrinsic muscles and subcutaneous tissue

5th month post transplantation



ADSVF in hand

ID: 0130-0002

Laboratorio: Sistema y Servicios Oncológicos de Latinoamérica S.A. de C.V.

Solicita: Dra. Mariana Orozco

Paciente: Sin especificar

Edad: Sin especificar

Sexo: Sin especificar

Fecha de toma de muestra: Sin especificar

Recepción de muestra: 08/05/2020

Proceso de muestra: 08/05/2020

Entrega de resultados: 12/05/2020

Muestra: Células cultivadas

Código: Sin especificar

Citometría de flujo

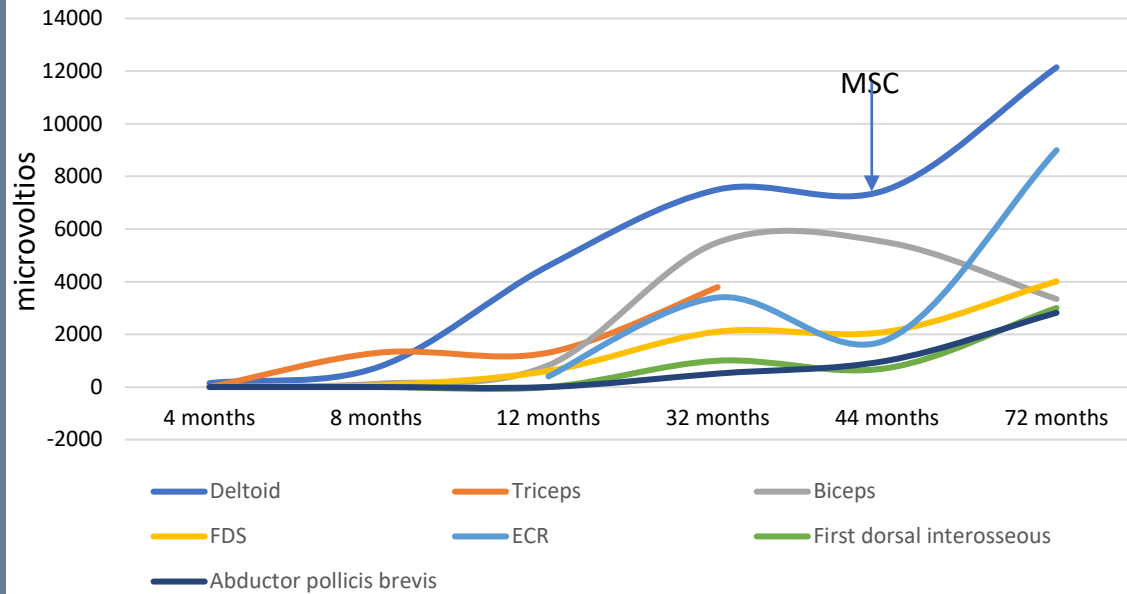
Prueba	Porcentaje %	No eventos	Cel/mL
Cuantificación y viabilidad de células Mesenquimales			
Método: Citometría de flujo			
Total de Muestra	95,69%	19137	4820403,02
Viabilidad día 1	99,95%	19127	4817884,13
CD34 +	0,03%	6	1511,34
CD44+	99,29%	18981	4781108,31
CD45 +	0,03%	5	1259,45
HLA-DR	0,10%	20	5037,78
CD73 +	99,98%	19125	4817380,35
CD90 +	99,96%	19110	4813602,02
CD105 +	99,99%	19115	4814861,46
Perlas	3,97%	794	

4th month post ADSVF



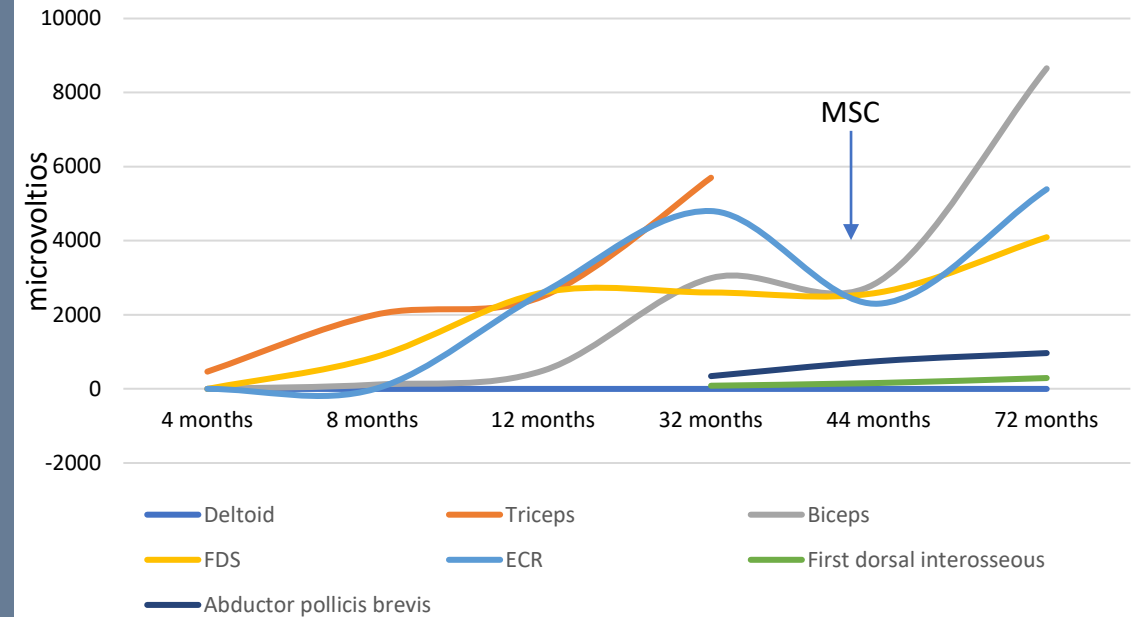
## ARM TRANSPLANTATION

### MUAP on Electromyography Right Upper Limb



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### MUAP on Electromyography Left Upper Limb





## Financial and resource support

- Financing is sought by our team and is obtained from Mexican society. The work of specialist doctors and paramedical personnel is altruistic.



# Limiting factors for VCA development

- Authorities' ignorance
- Lack of plastic surgeons interested in VCAs
- Lack of financial funds
- Insufficient social medicine
- Discrimination and social classism



**Thank you**

# Publications in a peer-reviewed journal

Original Clinical Science—General

## Bilateral Forearm Transplantation in Mexico: 2-Year Outcomes

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Original Clinical Science—General

## Bilateral Proximal Forearm Transplantation: Case Report at 7 Years

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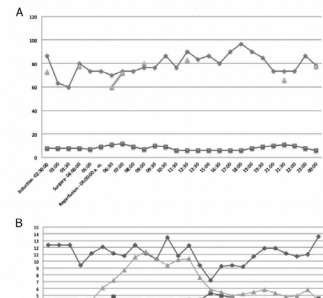
## Severe Complications After Bilateral Upper Extremity Transplantation: A Case Report

A 14-year-old Mexican mestizo female was sustained high-tension electric burn, leading to bilateral proximal-third arm amputations. At age 17, the patient and her parents requested bilateral arm transplantation. Our institutional review board for clinical trial approved the surgery. She was healthy with no known drug allergies and her preoperative Doppler echocardiography showed normal cardiac function.

Surgery was performed on June 19, 2010. Two hours before the surgery, the patient was premedicated with methylprednisolone, chlorpheniramine, acetaminophen, and cefuroxime. As induction immunosuppressive therapy, antithymocyte globulin (ATG; 1.5 mg/kg, 90 mg total) was infused into a central vein through a 0.22-µm filter for 6 hr. Her temperature increased to 38°C at 1 hr after induction therapy and remained at this level until 2 hr before the end of the surgery. The parameters recorded during surgery are shown in Figure 1(A) and (B).

The honey fixation was achieved followed by axillary artery anastomosis. Graft reperfusion was uneventful. Bleeding of 1,200 mL was permitted from each ax-

per min without vasopressor, after which her  $\text{SpO}_2$  increased to 78%. The duration of surgery was 20 hr. The total blood loss was 15,050 mL, requiring transfusion of 45 units of packed red blood cells, 32 units of frozen plasma, and 4 units of platelets.



## Anatomical and Microsurgical Implications in Total and Midarm Transplantation

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CASE STUDY

## Decoupling between the hand territory and the default mode network after bilateral arm transplantation: four-year follow-up case study

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## Functional Outcomes 18 Months After Total and Midarm Transplantation: A Case Report

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## Is Mexico Ready for Face Transplantation?

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ABSTRACT



## Restoration of the donor site in face transplant through reconstruction and printing in third dimension: a form of donor dignity

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VASCULARIZED COMPOSITE ALLOGRAFTS (V GORANTLA, SECTION EDITOR)



## A Multisystemic Approach to Psychosocial Evaluations of Vascularized Composite Allotransplantation Candidates

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## Case Report

## Preoperative clinical management of patients who are candidates for facial transplantation

Manejo clínico pré-operatório de pacientes candidatos ao transplante facial

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### ■ ABSTRACT

**Introduction:** Face transplantation has gained recognition, changing the clinical-surgical scenario for restoring complex facial defects, as it attributes functional and aesthetic recovery to patients who have suffered serious accidents. At the time of writing this article, in official publications, 43 patients had already undergone facial transplantation worldwide. Face transplantation has numerous pieces of evidence that can irrefutably provide improvements to the patient. For this, preoperative care for the patient must be carefully established so that there is good surgical performance. **Case Report:** Male patient, 46 years old, reports that, at the age of 6, he had burns due to exposure to gasoline, with 72% of his body surface burned, showing sequelae of burns and surgical reconstructions on the face, with redundant and ptotic skin flap on the left cheek, absence of upper and lower lip and exposure of lower teeth. **Conclusion:** It is important to publicize this innovative procedure in different medical specialties and preoperative care through a thorough investigation, which attributes better