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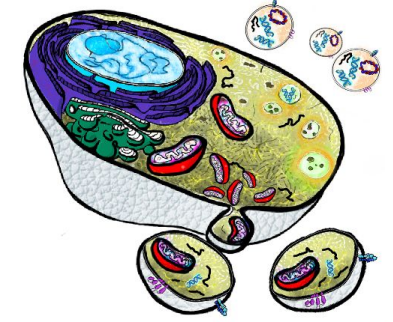
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Engineered microvesicles co-deliver their innate mitochondria and an exogenous heat shock protein to protect the BBB post-stroke

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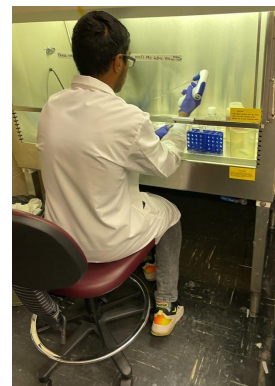
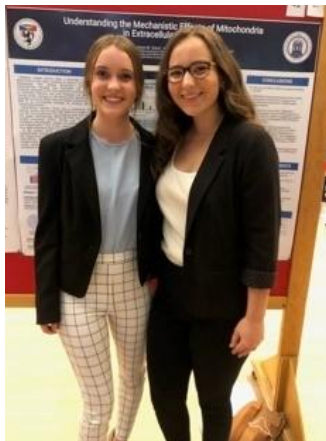
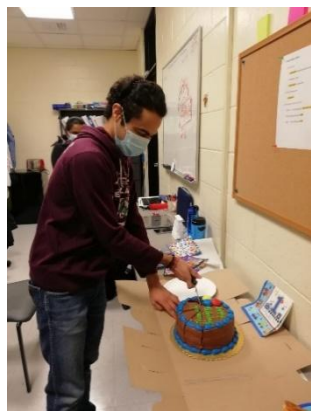
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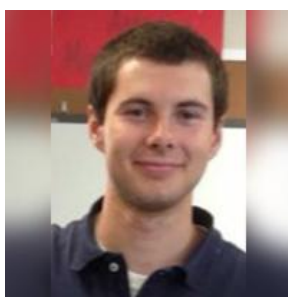
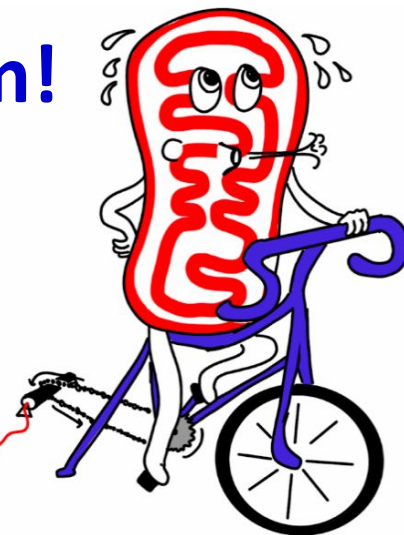
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Outline

- The need for increasing mitochondrial (bioenergetic) function
- Mitochondrial crisis in stroke
- Extracellular vesicles (**EVs**)
- Biological effects of mitochondria-containing EVs
- Conclusions

Mitochondrial dysfunction

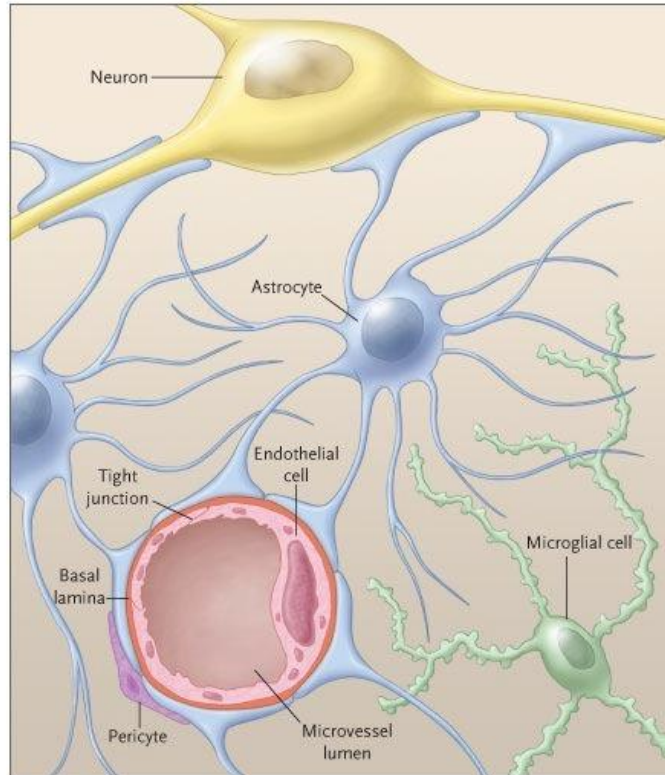
Table 1 A select list of acute and chronic diseases that exhibit mitochondrial dysfunction

Disease	Mitochondrial effect
Acute diseases	
Ischemia/reperfusion injuries: Myocardial infarction (11) Stroke (12) Acute kidney injury (10) Spinal cord injury (13)	Ischemia: ↓ATP and ATP-dependent cell functions, ↑ion imbalance (Na ⁺ , K ⁺ , Ca ²⁺), ↑reducing equivalents, and ↓tissue pH Reperfusion: ↑ROS, ↑oxidative stress, and ↑increased apoptosis/necrosis
Drug/toxin-induced injuries: Nephrotoxicity (14) Acute liver injury (15)	↑Apoptosis/necrosis, ↑mtDNA release, ↑oxidative stress, and ↑systemic inflammatory responses
Chronic diseases	
Type II diabetes (16)	↓Metabolic capacity, ↓PGC-1α-dependent gene expression, and ↑ lipids, possible contribution of mitochondrial dysfunction to insulin resistance
Neurodegenerative diseases: AD (17) PD (18) HD (19) ALS (20)	AD: ↓mitochondrial proteostasis, ↓cellular ATP, and ↑oxidative stress resulting in neuron loss and microvascular dysfunction PD: defective mitophagy and fission/fusion dynamics, ↑oxidative stress, ↓energetics, and ↑neuron loss HD: ↓ETC complex numbers and activity, mitochondrial trafficking disrupted by mutant Huntingtin, ↑mitochondria fragmentation, disrupted Ca ²⁺ handling, and ↑MPTP opening and apoptosis ALS: ↓ATP from ETC, ↑ROS and oxidative stress, and ↑Ca ²⁺ imbalance
Cardiovascular diseases: PAH (21) HF (22, 23)	PAH: ↑Mitochondrial fragmentation, ↓ETC flux, ↓ROS, ↑HIF-1α expression, ↑vasoconstriction HF: ↓MB, ↓mtDNA copy number, ↓overall mitochondrial content, and ↑ROS and oxidative stress

J Clin Invest. 2018;128(9):3716-3726

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Stroke is a neurovascular disease



Neurovascular unit (NVU)

- The damage borne by the brain endothelial cells (**BECs**) disrupts the **structure and function** of the BBB, the NVU and contributes to poor patient outcomes post-ischemia/reperfusion injury.
- BECs also secrete trophic factors that can be directly neuroprotective.

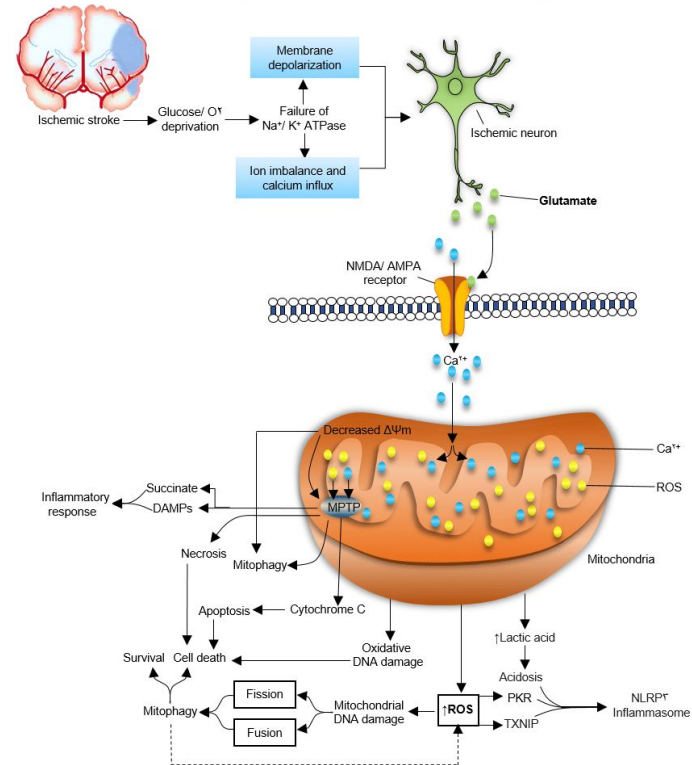
Global hypothesis: Targeting drug delivery to the blood-brain barrier (BBB) may be a viable approach to increase BEC survival and rescue its protective functions

N Engl J Med, 2006. 354(6): p. 553-5

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, 2008. 105(21): p. 7582-7587

Mitochondrial Crisis in Cerebrovascular Endothelial Cells Opens the Blood–Brain Barrier

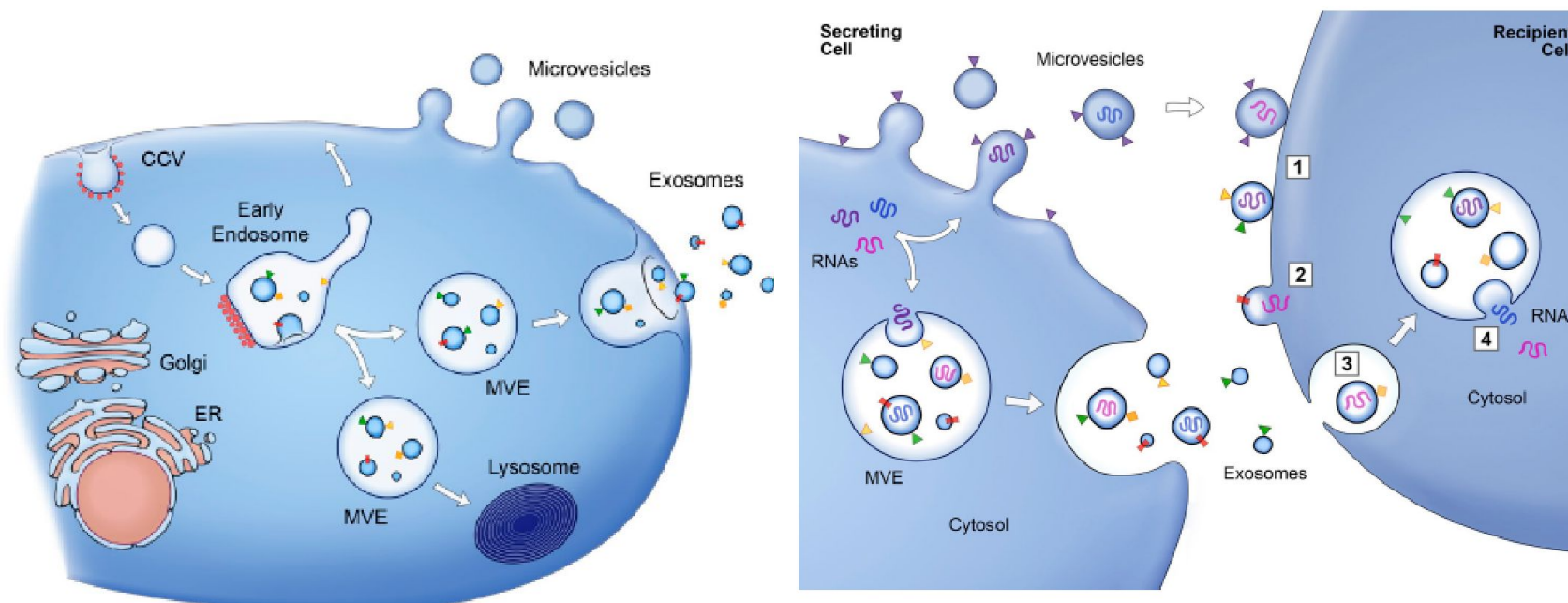
Danielle N. Doll, BSc; Heng Hu, MD; Jiahong Sun, BSc; Sara E. Lewis, MS;
James W. Simpkins, PhD; Xuefang Ren, Dr Med



BECs contain mitochondria at a ~5-fold higher concentration compared to peripheral ECs

J Cerebral Blood Flow and Metabolism, 2013. 33(1): p. 22-32

Extracellular vesicles (EVs)



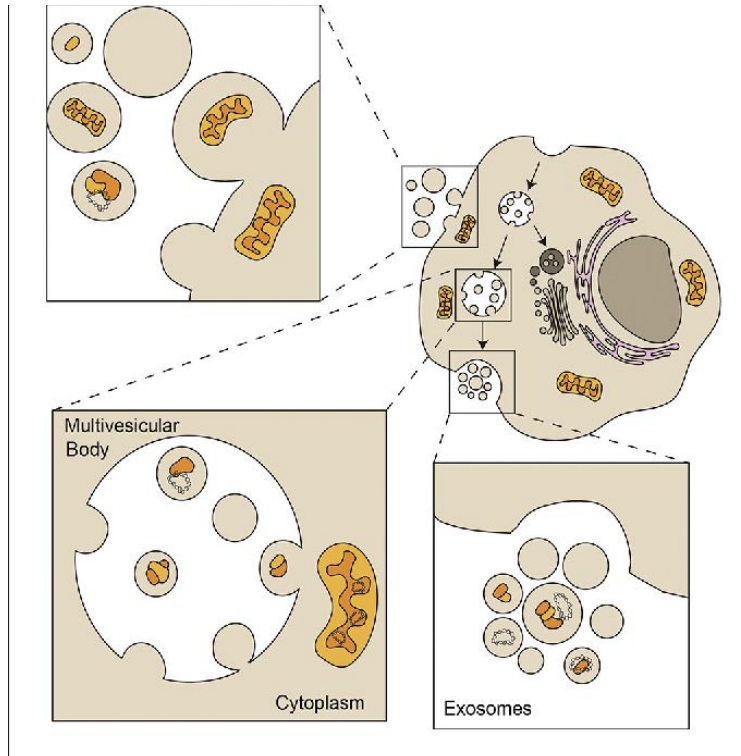
EVs are tiny messengers that play key roles in cell-to-cell communication

Extracellular vesicles: Exosomes, microvesicles, and friends

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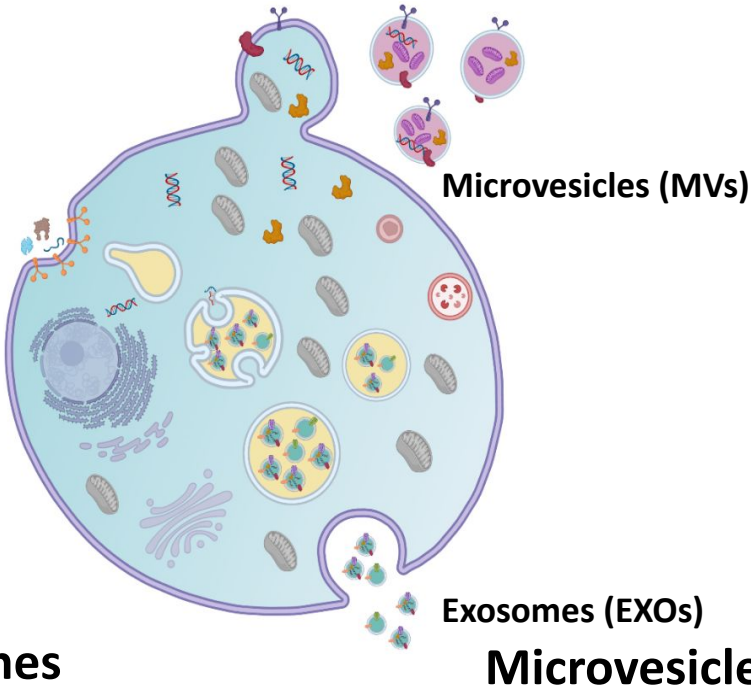


Mitochondria Know No Boundaries: Mechanisms and Functions of Intercellular Mitochondrial Transfer



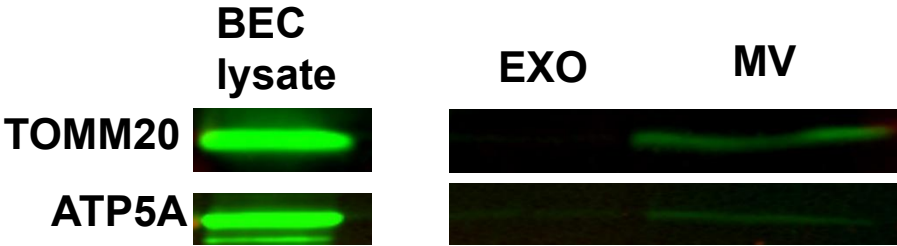
The smaller EVs (**exosomes: EXOs**) contain mitochondrial components such as mtDNA and proteins whereas the larger EVs (**microvesicles: MVs**) contain mitochondria

EV particle characteristics and marker proteins

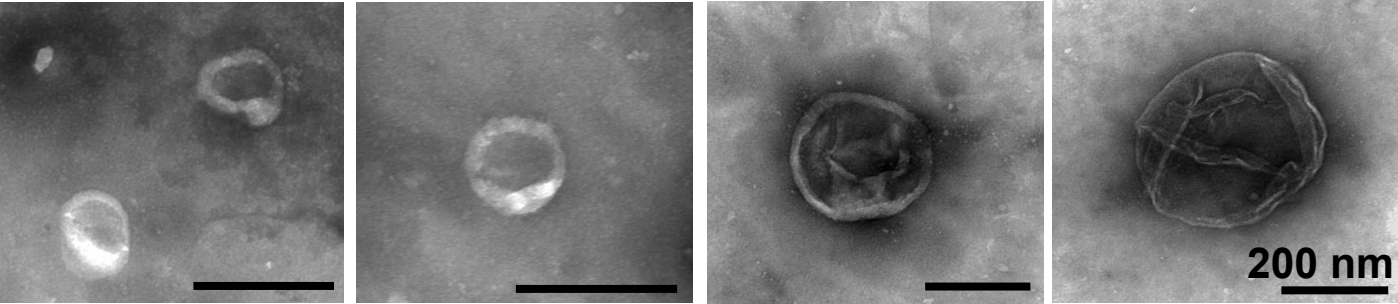


Sample	Z-avg. (nm)	Pdl	Z-potential mV	EV number x10 ⁸ /mL
MVs	394.6±19.1	0.41±0.06	-11.9±0.06	5.1±0.6
EXOs	129.3±11.2	0.27±0.04	-10.3±1.1	4.6±0.4

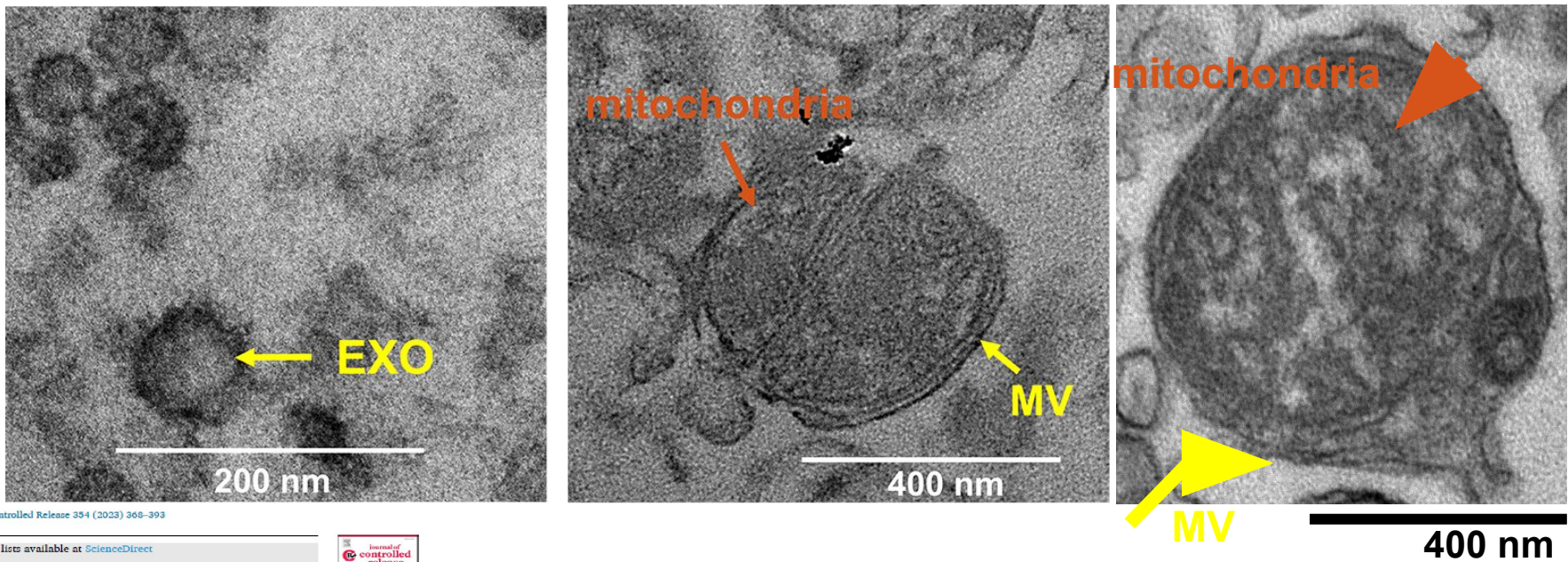
DLS: [EV] = 0.1 mg protein/mL in 10 mM HEPES, pH 7.4



Both EXOs and MVs contain mitochondrial matrix protein ATP5A but only MVs contain mitochondrial membrane marker TOMM20



MVs but not EXOs contain mitochondria





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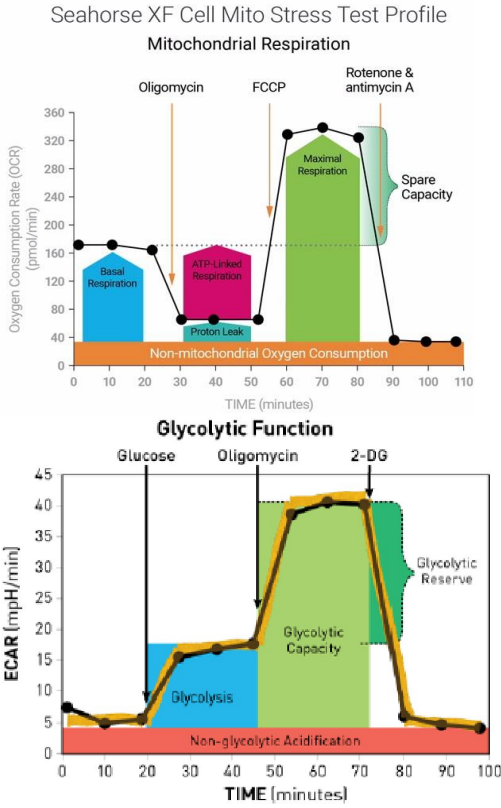
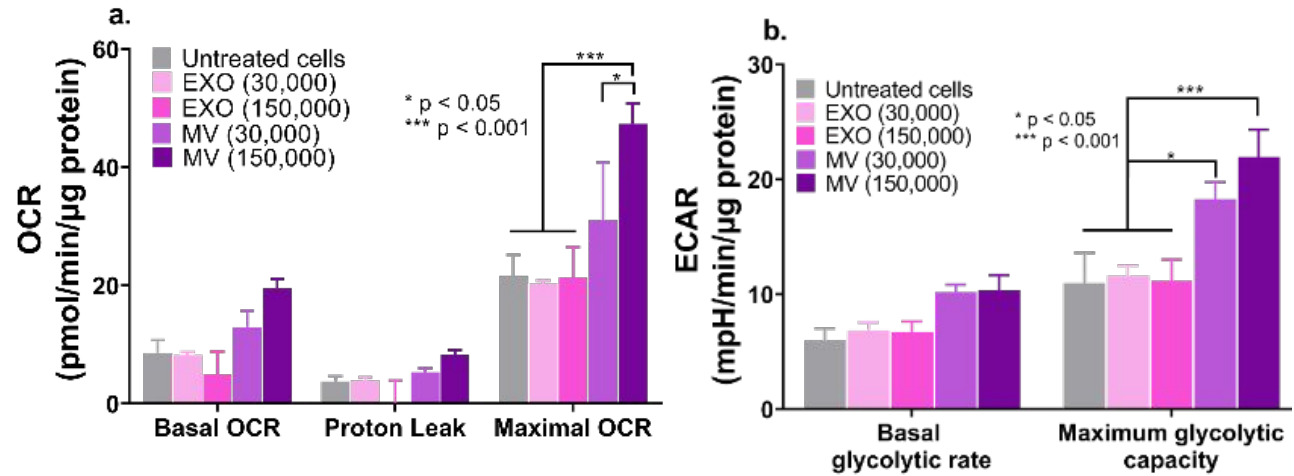


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MV, but not EXOs, increase mitochondrial function in the recipient ischemic BECs



OCR: Oxygen Consumption Rate
ECAR: Extracellular Acidification Rate



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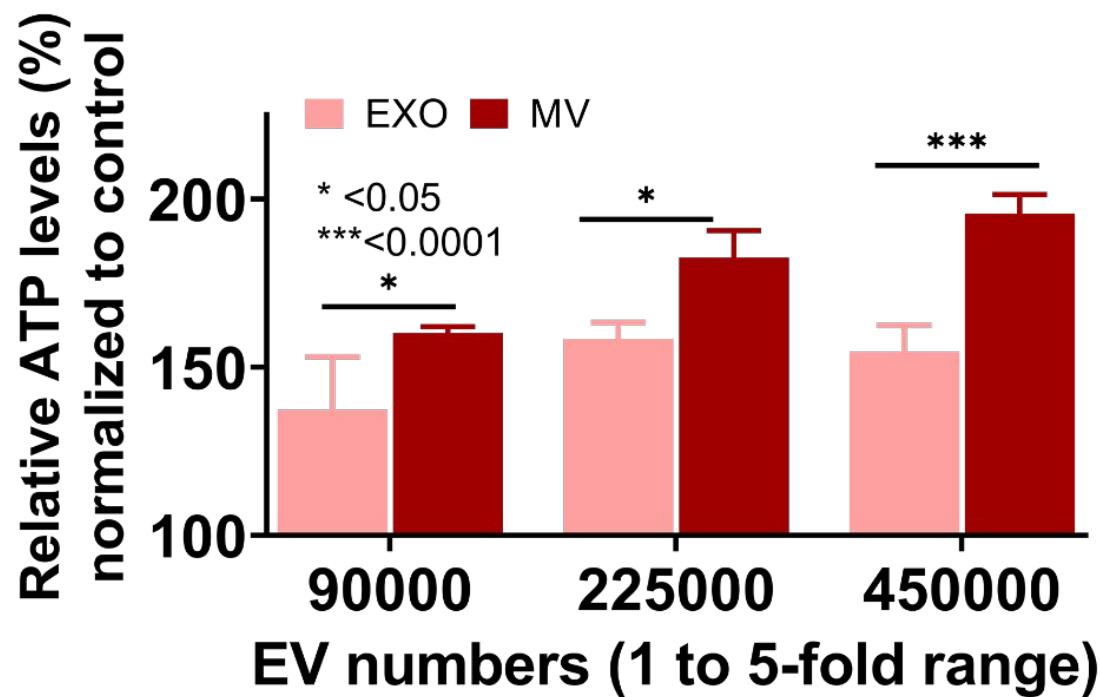
Microvesicles transfer mitochondria and increase mitochondrial function in brain endothelial cells

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MVs increase ATP levels to a greater extent compared to EXOs in ischemic HBMECs

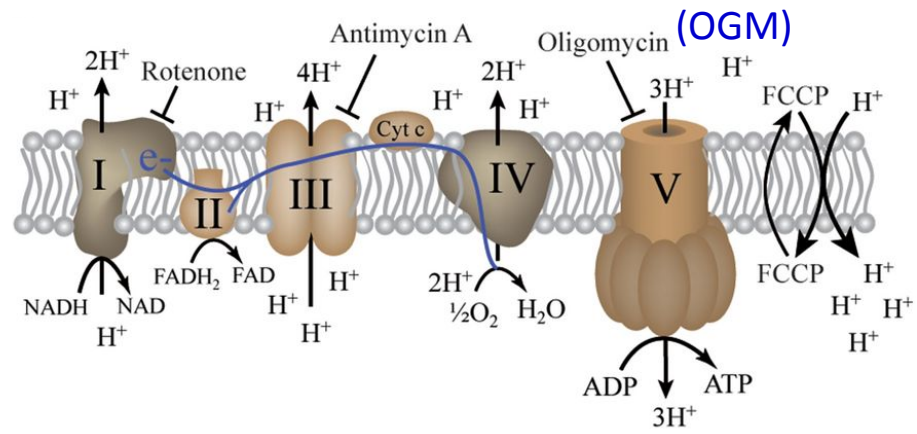
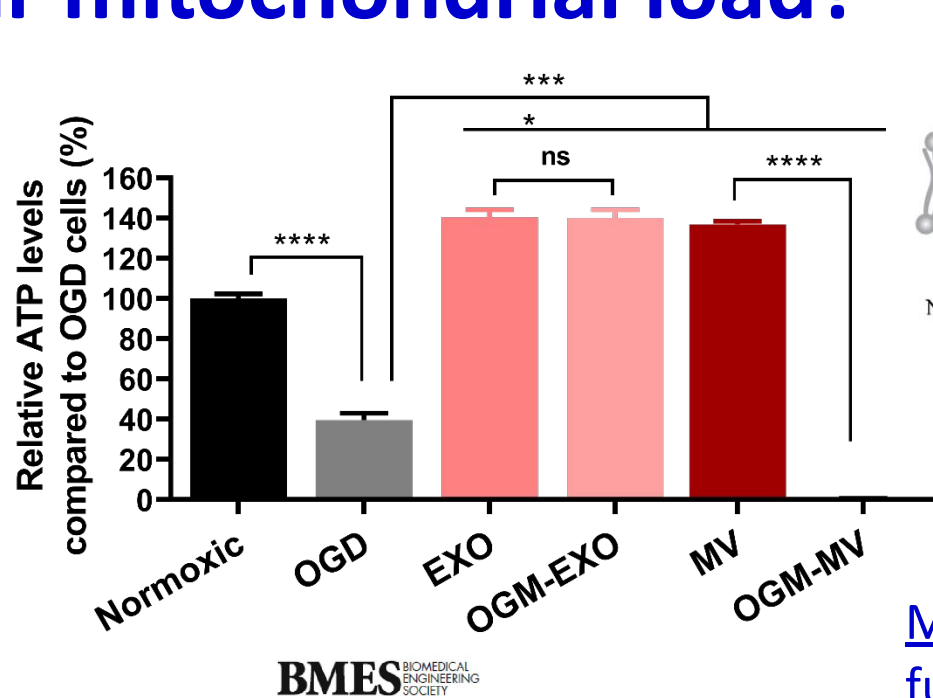
Primary human brain endothelial cells (HBMECs)



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Are the MV-mediated ATP increases related to their mitochondrial load?



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MV-mediated increase in recipient BEC ATP levels is a function of the innate MV mitochondria

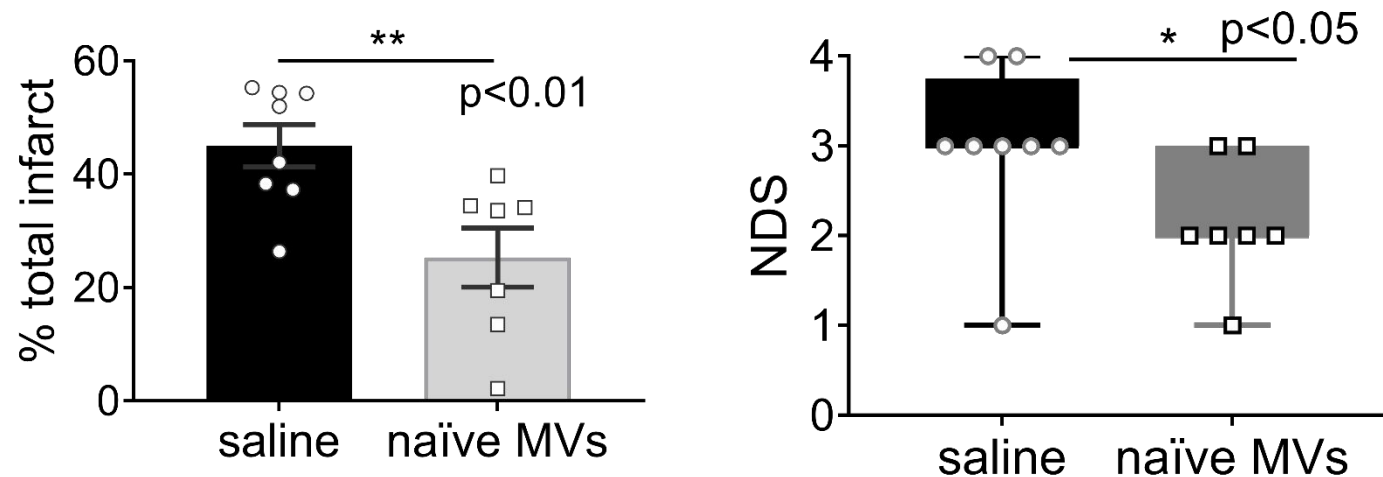
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Engineering Extracellular Vesicles to Modulate Their Innate Mitochondrial Load

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Microvesicles mediate cerebroprotection resulting in post-stroke neurological recovery



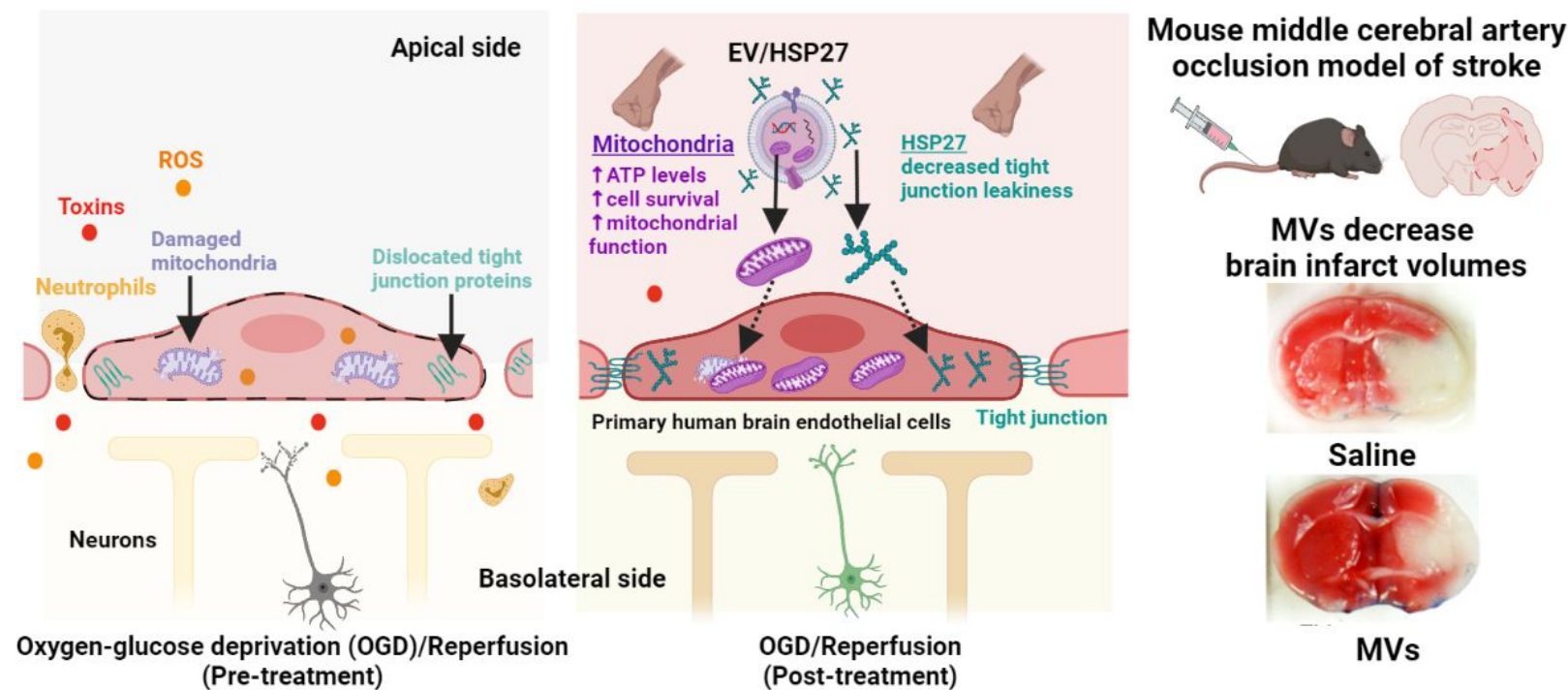
Neurological deficit score (**NDS**): 0 = no deficit; 1 = forelimb weakness and torso turning to the ipsilateral side when held by tail; 2 = circling to affected side; 3 = unable to bear weight on affected side; and 4 = no spontaneous locomotor activity or barrel rolling

Mouse BEC-derived MVs show significant cerebroprotection and behavioral recovery in a mouse model of stroke

Dave KM...Manickam DS, in preparation

Mitochondria-containing EVs (microvesicles/MVs) increase BEC metabolic function and EV/HSP27 mixtures protect BEC integrity

MVs show neuroprotection in a mouse model of ischemic stroke



- MVs transfer mitochondria to recipient BECs and mouse brain slice neurons
- MVs increase mitochondrial function in the recipient BECs
- Naïve MVs mediate cerebroprotection and neurological recovery post-stroke
- A combination of innate MV mitochondrial cargo in addition to the exogenous drug cargo (like HSP27) can improve therapeutic outcomes



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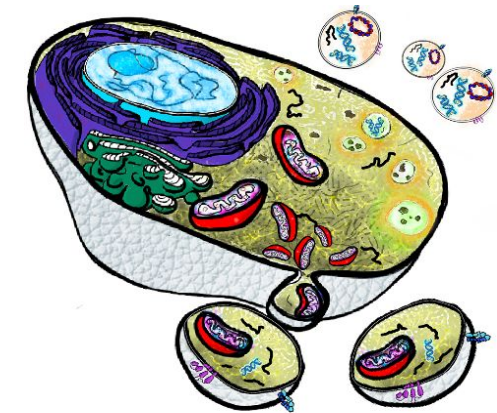
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