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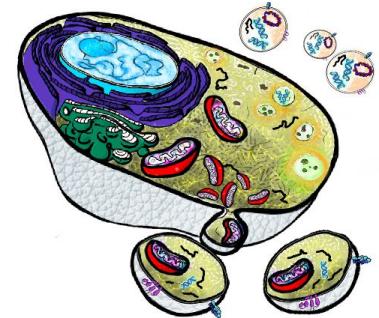
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# Engineered microvesicles co-deliver their innate mitochondria and an exogenous heat shock protein to protect the BBB post-stroke



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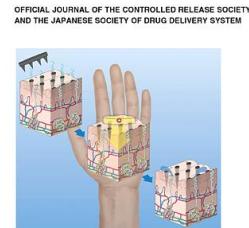
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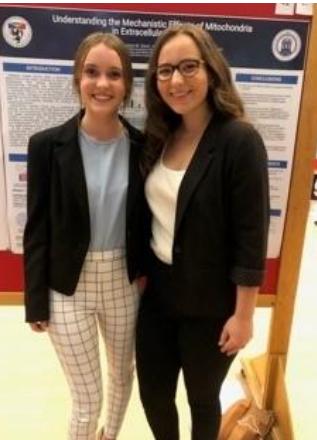
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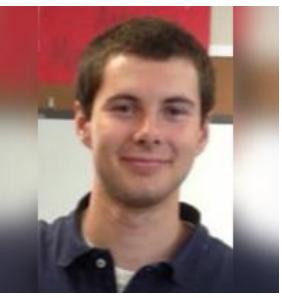
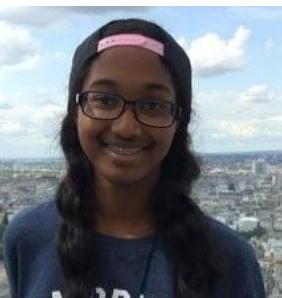
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# Outline

- 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
<b>Acute diseases</b>	
<b>Ischemia/reperfusion injuries:</b> Myocardial infarction (11) Stroke (12) Acute kidney injury (10) Spinal cord injury (13)	Ischemia: ↓ATP and ATP-dependent cell functions, ↑ion imbalance ( $\text{Na}^+$ , $\text{K}^+$ , $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ), ↑reducing equivalents, and ↓tissue pH Reperfusion: ↑ROS, ↑oxidative stress, and ↑increased apoptosis/necrosis
<b>Drug/toxin-induced injuries:</b> Nephrotoxicity (14) Acute liver injury (15)	↑Apoptosis/necrosis, ↑mtDNA release, ↑oxidative stress, and ↑systemic inflammatory responses
<b>Chronic diseases</b>	
Type II diabetes (16)	↓Metabolic capacity, ↓PGC-1 $\alpha$ -dependent gene expression, and ↑lipids, possible contribution of mitochondrial dysfunction to insulin resistance
<b>Neurodegenerative diseases:</b> 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 $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ handling, and ↑MPTP opening and apoptosis ALS: ↓ATP from ETC, ↑ROS and oxidative stress, and ↑ $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ imbalance
<b>Cardiovascular diseases:</b> PAH (21) HF (22, 23)	PAH: ↑Mitochondrial fragmentation, ↓ETC flux, ↓ROS, ↑HIF-1 $\alpha$ expression, ↑vasoconstriction HF: ↓MB, ↓mtDNA copy number, ↓overall mitochondrial content, and ↑ROS and oxidative stress

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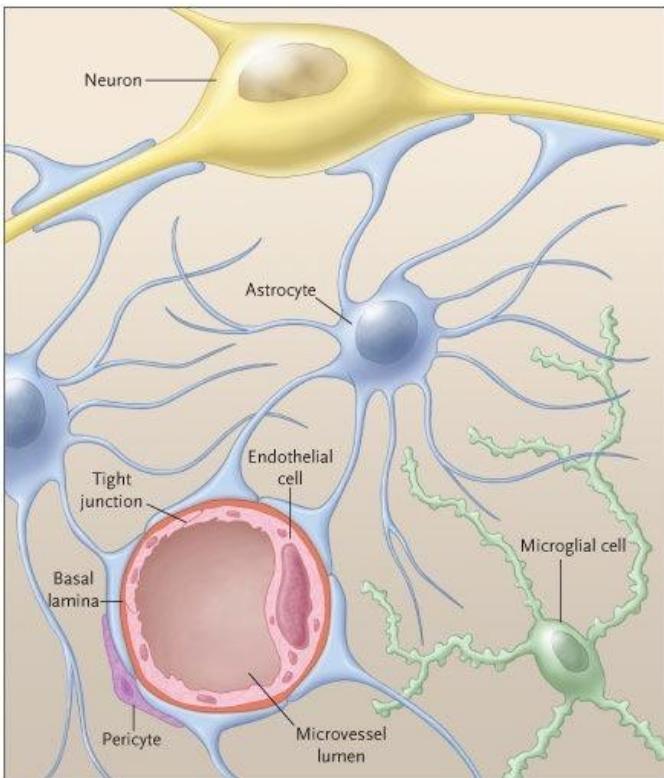


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# Stroke is a neurovascular disease



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

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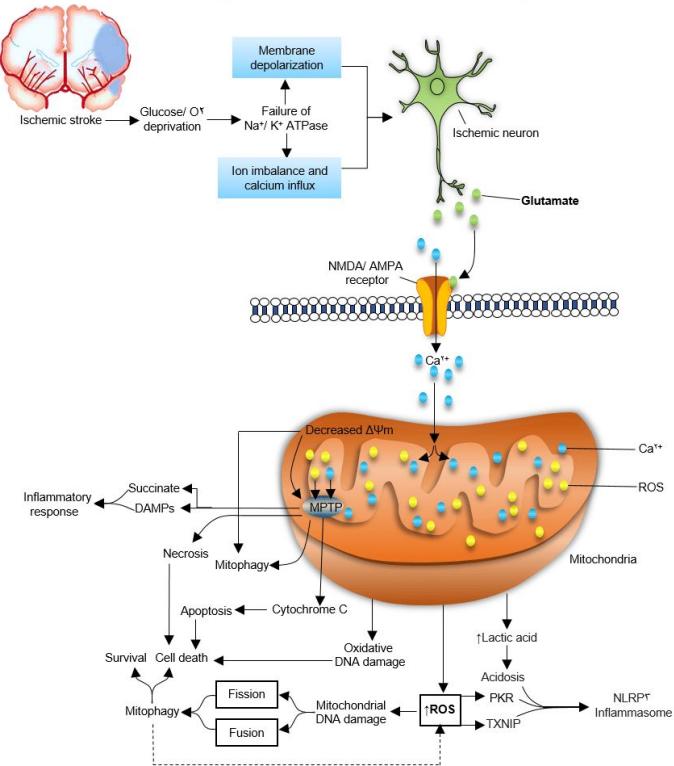
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# Mitochondrial Crisis in Cerebrovascular Endothelial Cells Opens the Blood–Brain Barrier

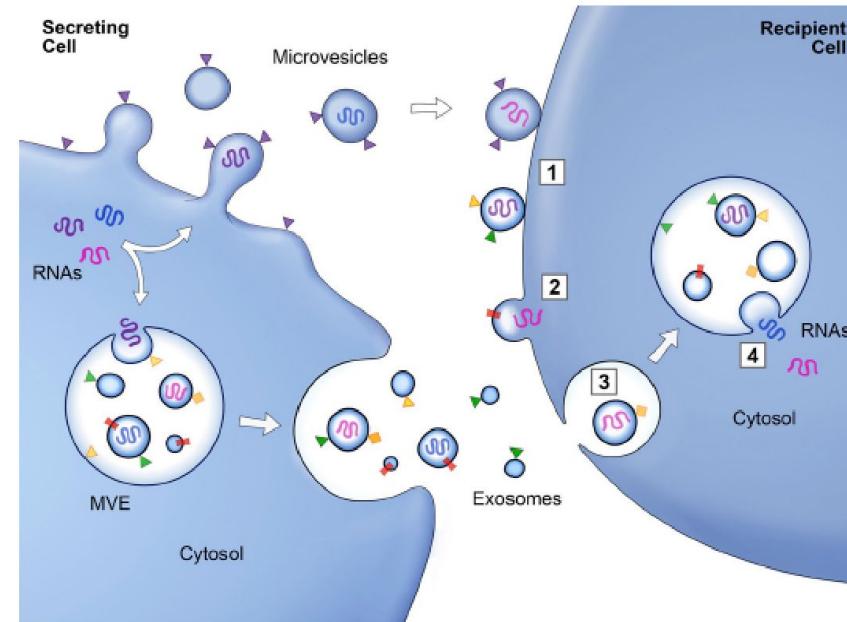
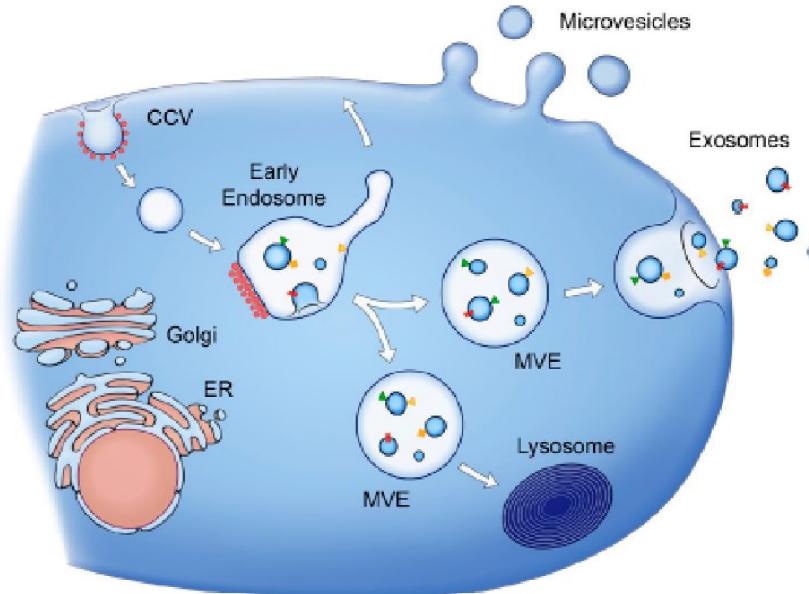
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BECs contain mitochondria at a ~5-fold higher concentration compared to peripheral ECs

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

# Extracellular vesicles (EVs)



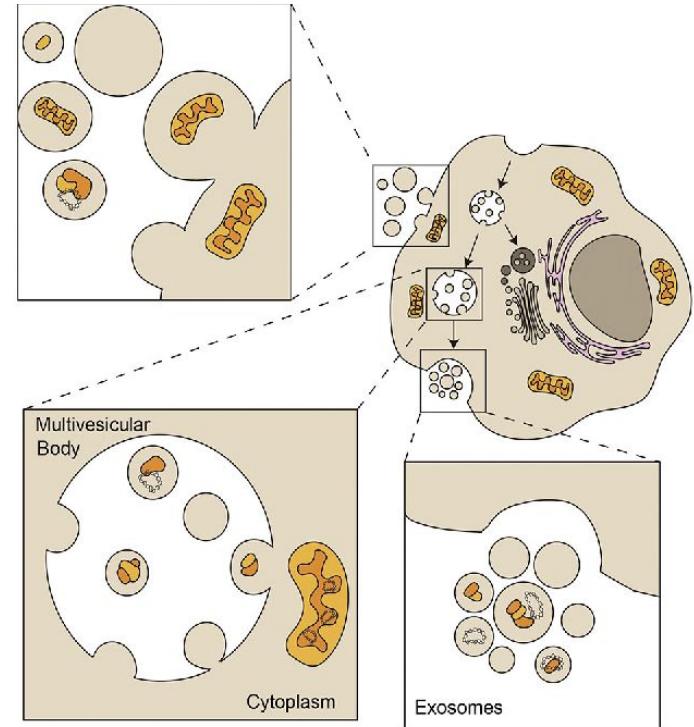
EVs are tiny messengers that play key roles in cell-to-cell communication

Extracellular vesicles: Exosomes, microvesicles, and friends

Graca Raposo<sup>1,2</sup> and Willem Stoorvogel<sup>3</sup>  
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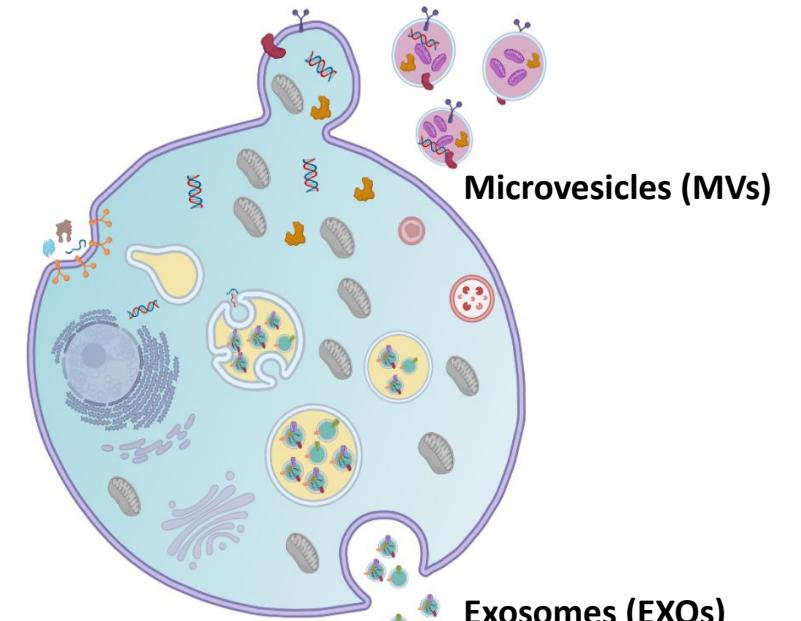


## Mitochondria Know No Boundaries: Mechanisms and Functions of Intercellular Mitochondrial Transfer



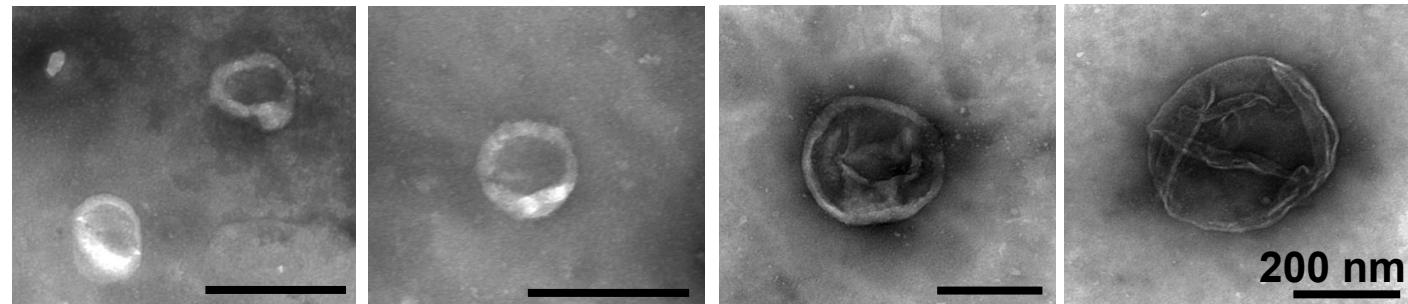
The smaller EVs (**exosomes: EXOs**) contain mitochondrial components such as mtDNA and proteins whereas the larger EVs (**microvesicles: MVs**) contain mitochondria

# EV particle characteristics and marker proteins



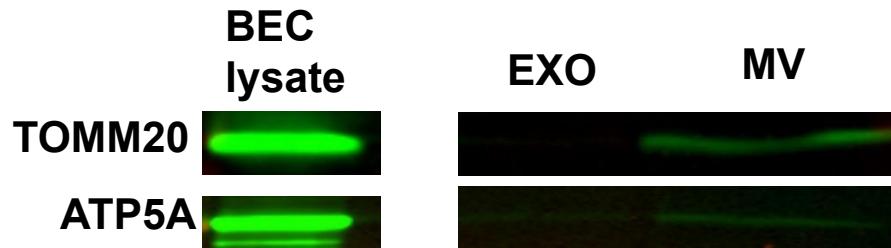
Exosomes

Exosomes (EXOs)  
Microvesicles



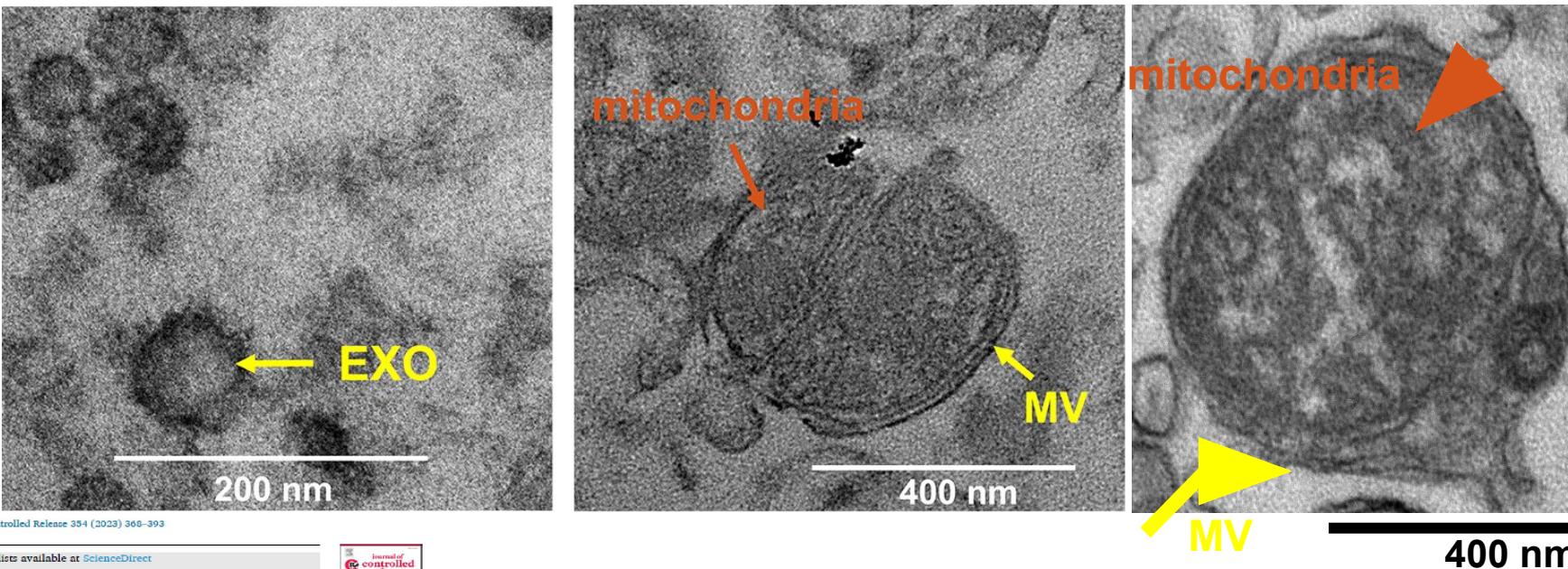
Sample	Z-avg. (nm)	Pdl	Z-potential mV	EV number $\times 10^8/\text{mL}$
MVs	$394.6 \pm 19.1$	$0.41 \pm 0.06$	$-11.9 \pm 0.06$	$5.1 \pm 0.6$
EXOs	$129.3 \pm 11.2$	$0.27 \pm 0.04$	$-10.3 \pm 1.1$	$4.6 \pm 0.4$

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

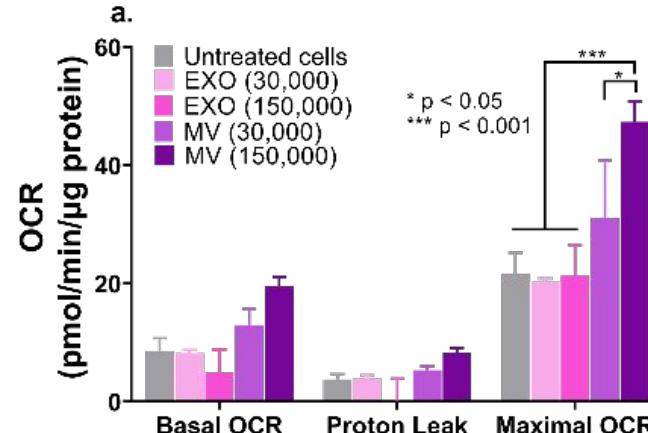


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# MV, but not EXOs, increase mitochondrial function in the recipient ischemic BECs



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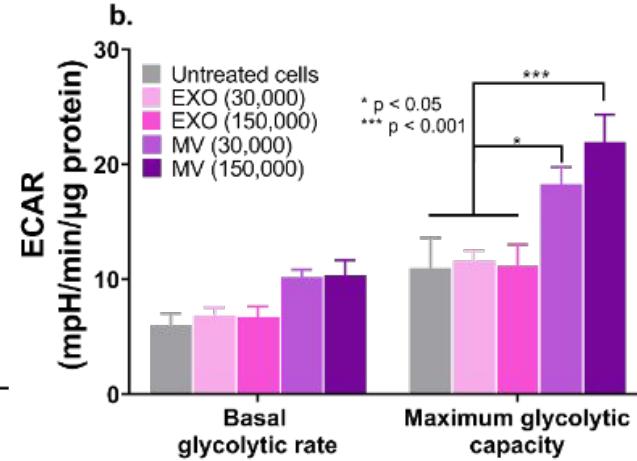
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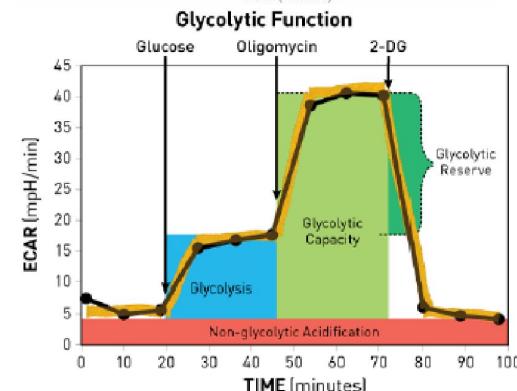
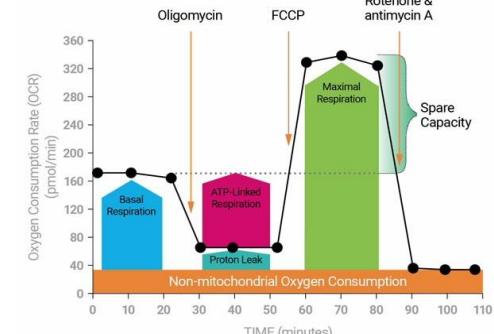
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OCR: Oxygen Consumption Rate

ECAR: Extracellular Acidification Rate

Seahorse XF Cell Mito Stress Test Profile  
Mitochondrial Respiration



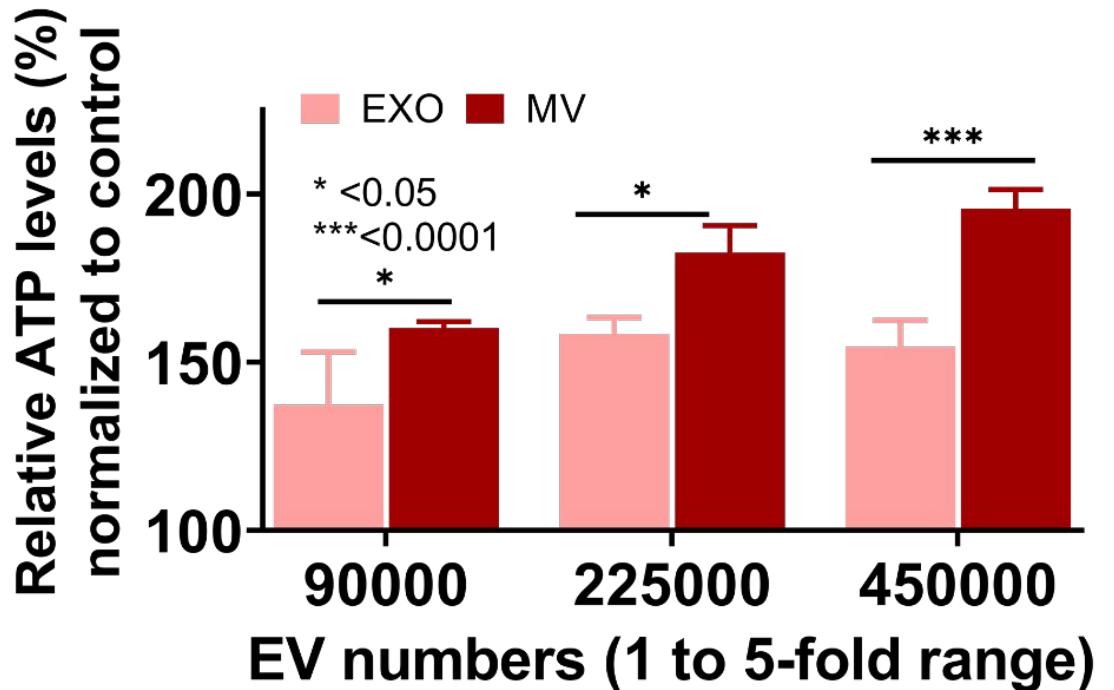
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# MVs increase ATP levels to a greater extent compared to EXOs in ischemic HBMECs



Primary human brain endothelial cells (HBMECs)

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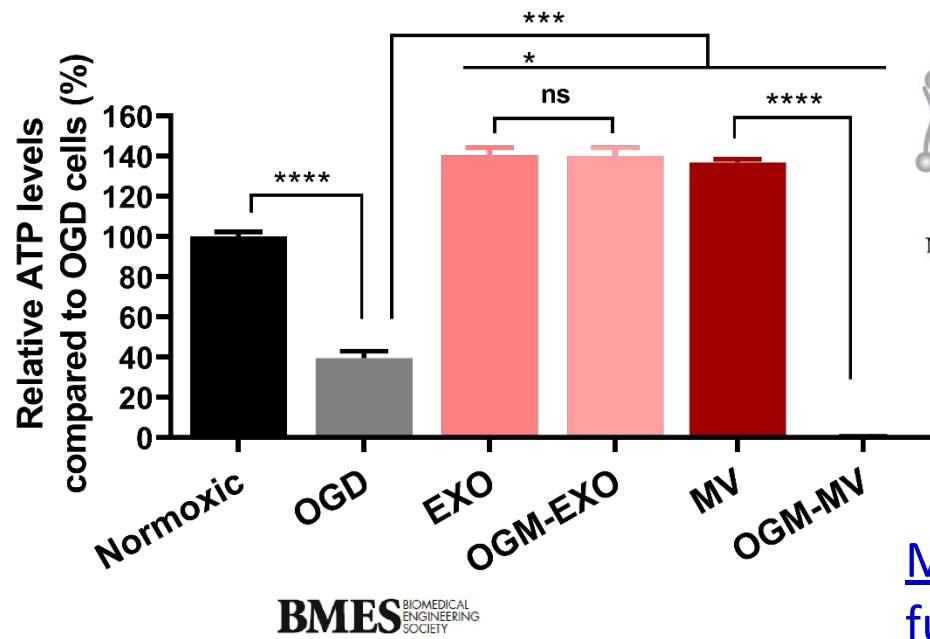
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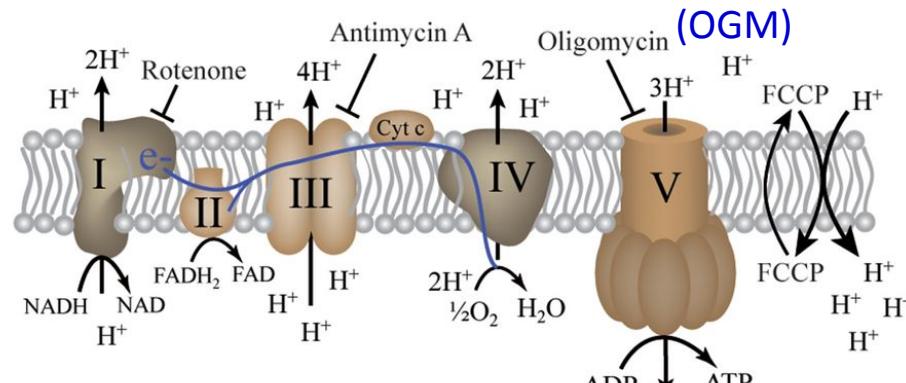


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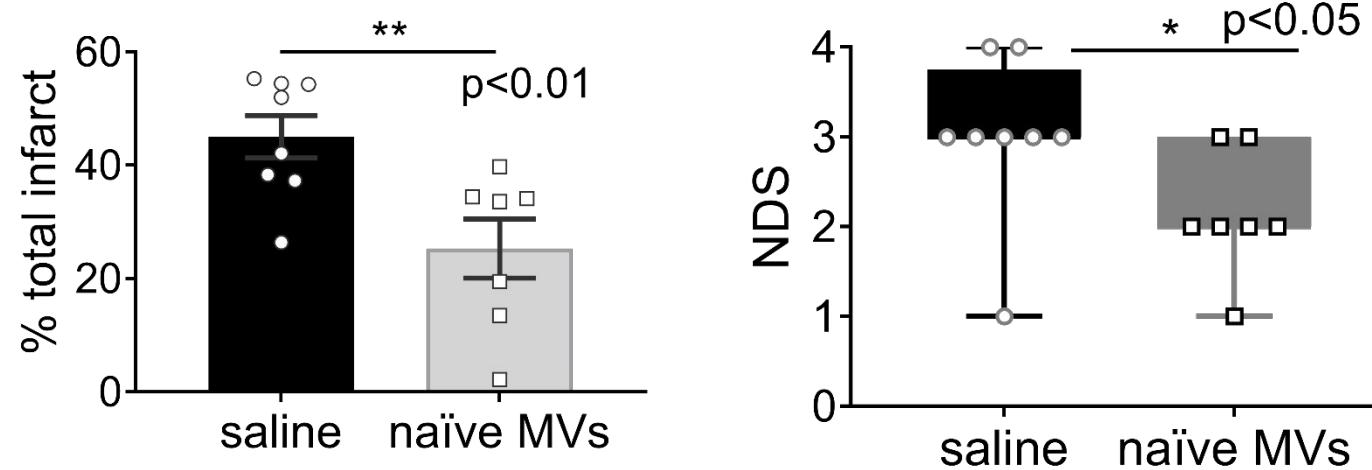
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MV-mediated increase in recipient BEC ATP levels is a function of the innate MV mitochondria

# Microvesicles mediate cerebroprotection resulting in post-stroke neurological recovery



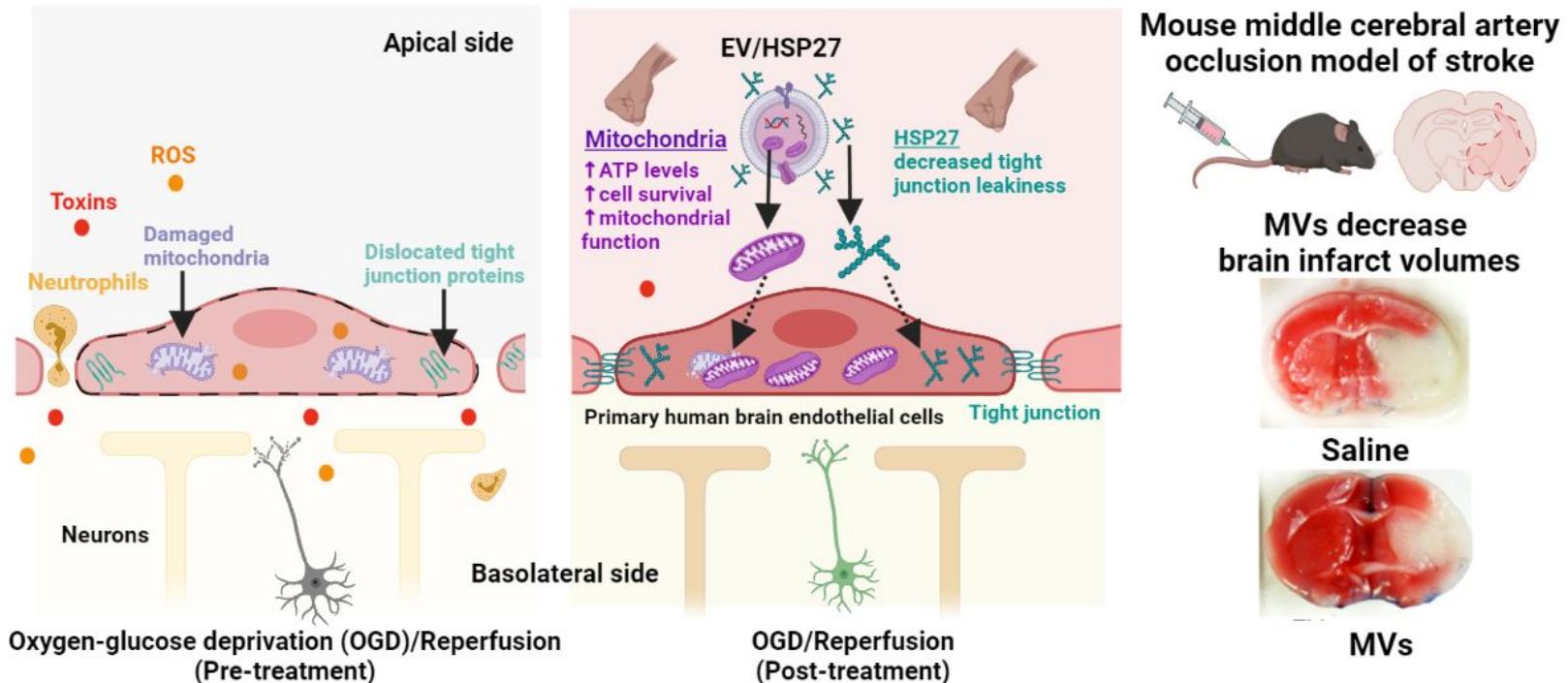
Neurological deficit score (NDS): 0 = no deficit; 1 = forelimb weakness and torso turning to the ipsilateral side when held by tail; 2 = circling to affected side; 3 = unable to bear weight on affected side; and 4 = no spontaneous locomotor activity or barrel rolling

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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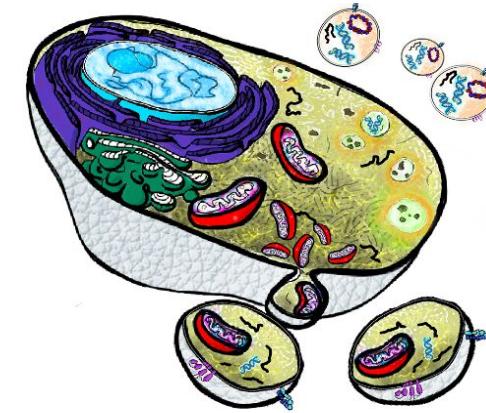
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