

# Benefits of the Pulsatile Right Ventricle on Pulmonary Artery Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation in Piglets Model of Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

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## DECLARATIONS

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# ***Background***

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We investigated the impact of right ventricle to pulmonary artery extracorporeal membrane oxygenation(RV-PA ECMO) in acute respiratory dysfunction with or without **pulsatile flow.**



# Methods

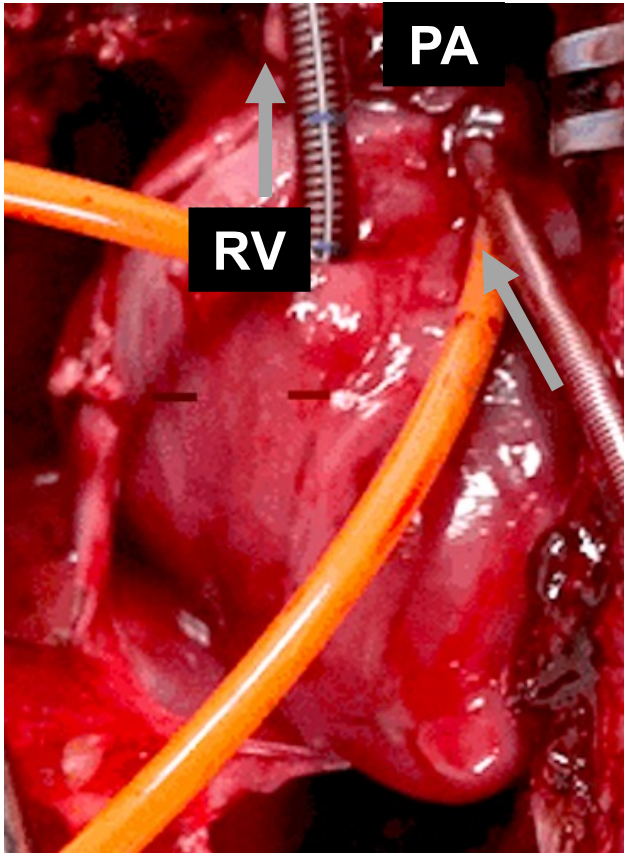
- ✓ Bronchoalveolar lavage procedure with intrapulmonary administration of warm saline to establish a **severe acute respiratory syndrome model** ( $\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2$  ratio  $< 200$ )
- ✓ **8 piglets (mean body weight:  $8.45 \pm 1.24$  kg)**
- ✓ **Pulsatile VS. Non-Pulsatile RV-PA ECMO**

# ***Experimental Design***

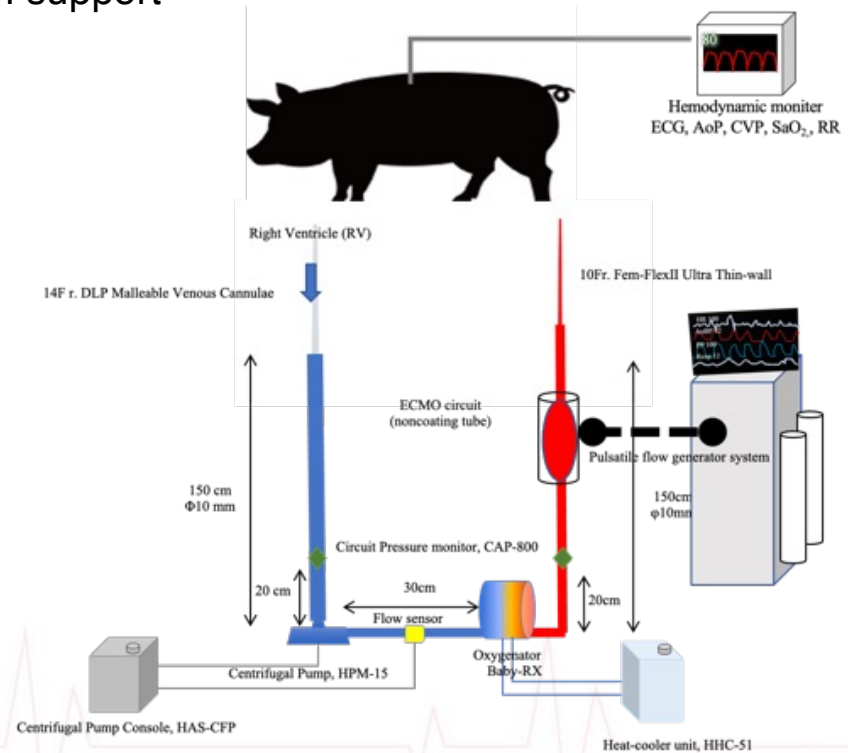
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- ✓ We monitored **hemodynamic data** and **blood gas levels**
- ✓ **Cytokines IL-6** and **ET-1**
- ✓ **The lung wet/dry weight ratio**
- ✓ **Lung tissue samples for pathological evaluation of the pneumocyte**

# RV-PA ECMO Circuit



- ✓ ECMO flow: 60mL/kg/min
- ✓ Activation clotting time (with heparin sodium): 180-200 s
- ✓ 6 h support



# *Statistical Analysis*

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- ✓ SPSS for MAC, Ver 28.0.1.1
- ✓ T-test and Mann-Whitney U test
- ✓ Statistical significance; P value  $<0.05$
- ✓ Power analysis; significance level of 0.05, power of 0.6



# Time-dependent laboratory values during procedures in pulsatile and nonpulsatile groups

		After induction of anesthesia	After induction of ARDS model	After 1h ECMO	After 3h ECMO	After 6h ECMO
PH	P	7.64 ± 0.53	7.64 ± 0.53	7.24 ± 0.44	7.29 ± 0.27	7.18 ± 0.25
	NP	7.53 ± 0.11	7.37 ± 0.15	7.29 ± 0.02	7.20 ± 0.15	7.14 ± 0.19
PO <sub>2</sub> (mmHg)	P	302.00 ± 33.21	60.25 ± 33.21	77.00 ± 8.45	57.75 ± 7.23	70.00 ± 5.57
	NP	308.50 ± 38.73	57.75 ± 12.66	70.25 ± 8.22	60.75 ± 12.50	61.00 ± 15.12
PCO <sub>2</sub> (mmHg)	P	33.40 ± 3.11	37.53 ± 17.58	34.05 ± 18.50	27.28 ± 15.39	24.98 ± 10.73
	NP	32.70 ± 2.38	53.25 ± 15.18	47.18 ± 5.61	44.53 ± 8.91	44.25 ± 9.52
BE (mmol/L)	P	- 0.75 ± 5.97	2.00 ± 10.45	- 5.75 ± 3.30	- 6.00 ± 2.94	-7.25 ± 2.06
	NP	3.50 ± 1.29	4.25 ± 1.26	- 4.00 ± 1.83	- 7.00 ± 0.82	- 7.75 ± 1.71
HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> (mmol/L)	P	23.43 ± 4.93	24.15 ± 3.16	22.50 ± 4.47	20.05 ± 2.90	19.55 ± 3.28
	NP	33.05 ± 1.92	29.38 ± 1.03	21.65 ± 0.78	17.30 ± 1.34	20.68 ± 3.67
SaO <sub>2</sub> (%)	P	99.25 ± 0.93	86.00 ± 7.26	92.25 ± 2.63	89.00 ± 3.37	90.50 ± 2.52
	NP	100.00 ± 0.00	90.25 ± 7.41	94.50 ± 0.58	89.00 ± 0.00	87.50 ± 4.65
Na (mmol/L)	P	141.75 ± 5.97	143.50 ± 4.36	144.75 ± 2.22	143.75 ± 2.22	145.75 ± 4.50
	NP	140.25 ± 0.96	142.25 ± 0.96	143.50 ± 1.73	145.25 ± 2.63	145.50 ± 2.65
K (mmol/L)	P	3.48 ± 1.75	3.50 ± 0.99	3.50 ± 1.31	3.65 ± 0.77	3.58 ± 0.96
	NP	4.05 ± 0.58	3.73 ± 0.22	3.65 ± 0.50	3.23 ± 0.95	3.25 ± 0.95
Ca (mmol/L)	P	1.32 ± 0.13	1.31 ± 0.04	1.28 ± 0.08	1.36 ± 0.07	1.27 ± 0.21
	NP	1.37 ± 0.07	1.32 ± 0.03	1.31 ± 0.04	1.33 ± 0.06	1.34 ± 0.08
Glu (mg/dL)	P	114.00 ± 55.54	115.25 ± 34.41	119.00 ± 42.39	134.00 ± 44.77	127.25 ± 45.46
	NP	117.5 ± 44.44	140.25 ± 15.97	153.50 ± 33.67	140.50 ± 29.94	133.75 ± 34.89
HCT (%)	P	27.75 ± 9.56	24.00 ± 2.16	21.25 ± 2.63	19.50 ± 2.65	17.50 ± 1.29
	NP	27.50 ± 5.57	23.75 ± 1.26	21.00 ± 0.82	19.75 ± 0.96	17.75 ± 2.50
Hb (g/dL)	P	9.13 ± 2.73	8.15 ± 0.74	7.40 ± 0.96	6.68 ± 1.13	5.88 ± 0.49
	NP	9.58 ± 2.30	8.00 ± 0.41	7.20 ± 0.22	6.93 ± 0.15	5.98 ± 0.87
P/F Ratio	P	302.00 ± 17.33	60.25 ± 12.45	366.67 ± 40.22	275.00 ± 34.42	316.67 ± 39.75
	NP	308.75 ± 33.54	57.75 ± 10.96	334.94 ± 33.90	288.92 ± 51.54	290.61 ± 62.36
IL-6 (pg/mL)	P	16.33 ± 5.72				21.64 ± 10.13
	NP	3.18 ± 1.47				283.73 ± 62.31*
ET-1 (pg/mL)	P	5.41 ± 1.66				9.83 ± 7.49
	NP	7.43 ± 0.70				16.29 ± 12.23



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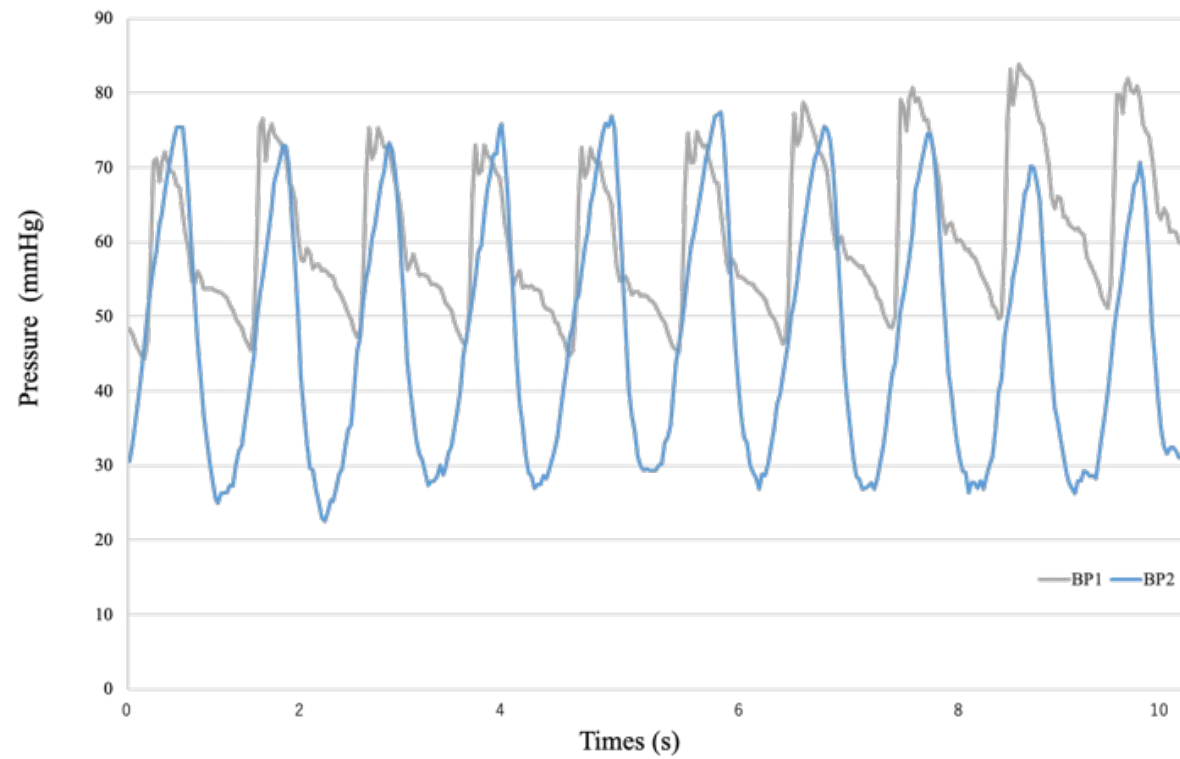
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# Hemodynamic pressure changes in pulsatile and non-pulsatile groups

		After induction of anesthesia	After induction of ARDS model	After 1h ECMO	After 3h ECMO	After 6h ECMO
HR (BPM)	P	140.50 ± 17.40	125.25 ± 8.87	112.24 ± 14.88	109.75 ± 9.81	121.50 ± 14.37
	NP	123.00 ± 18.12	107.50 ± 21.65	130.00 ± 1.41	128.25 ± 10.91	128.50 ± 11.08
SBP (mmHg)	P	105.25 ± 22.35	104.00 ± 17.19	80.25 ± 5.89	82.25 ± 8.47	95.00 ± 5.61
	NP	120.00 ± 12.25	104.75 ± 6.98	75.25 ± 9.36	96.75 ± 13.8	92.75 ± 7.92
DBP (mmHg)	P	64.00 ± 15.92	63.50 ± 19.24	49.75 ± 5.67*	47.25 ± 9.52	56.00 ± 6.82
	NP	61.75 ± 7.69	75.00 ± 17.13	33.00 ± 2.24	48.25 ± 1.79	43.75 ± 9.18
MAP (mmHg)	P	79.00 ± 16.90	76.50 ± 18.77	66.00 ± 5.24*	55.00 ± 5.85	72.00 ± 4.12
	NP	83.25 ± 9.58	84.50 ± 16.32	47.75 ± 2.77	64.00 ± 4.90	60.75 ± 8.58
MPAP (mmHg)	P		32.75 ± 3.11			10.7 ± 3.03*
	NP		31.25 ± 4.44			20.5 ± 3.64

# Pulsatile Wave Form

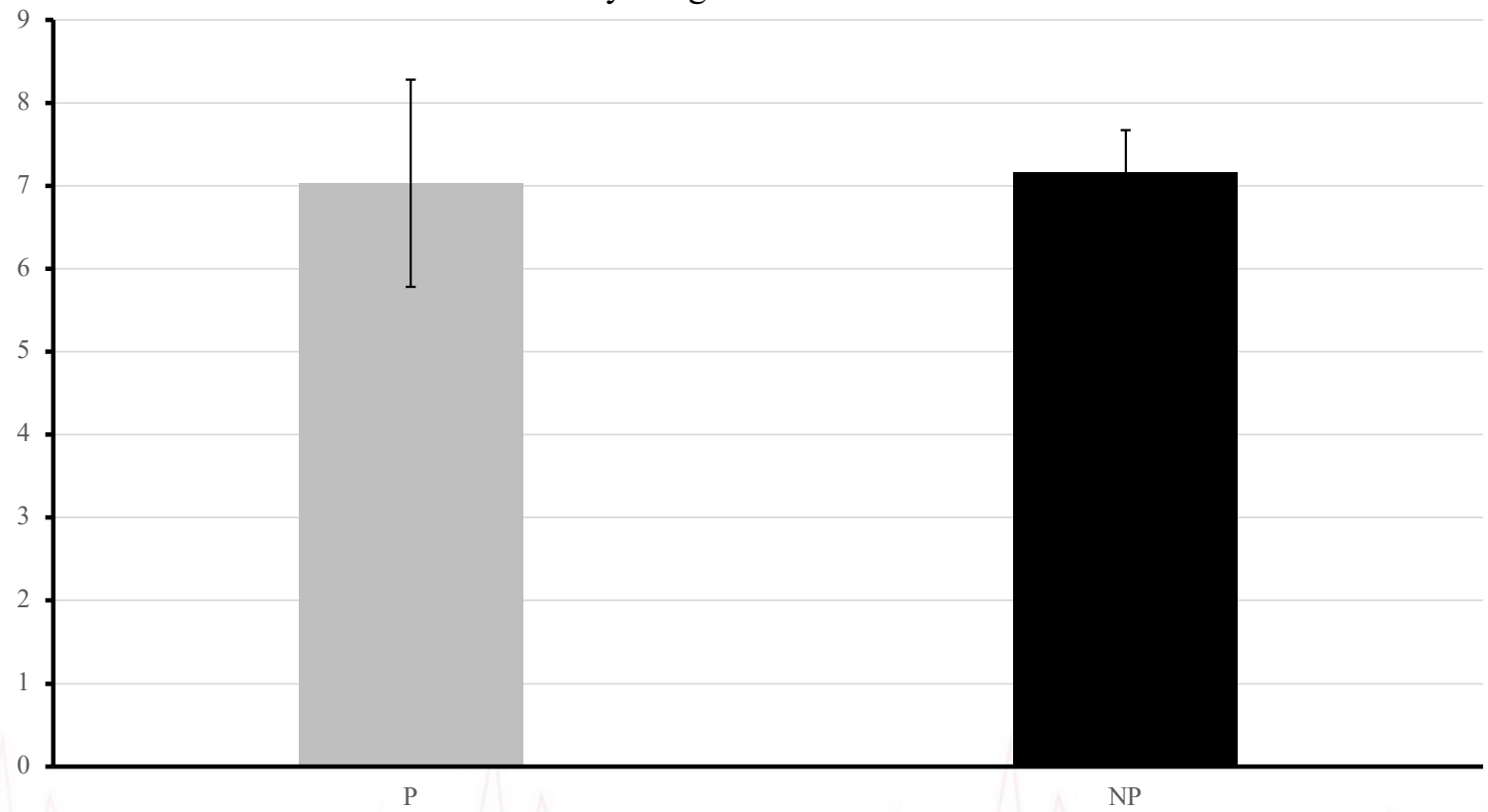


# Pathological evaluation of pneumocytes with a light microscope before and after non-pulsatile and pulsatile RV-PA ECMO

magnification	ARDS (Pre-ECMO)		Post-ECMO	
	nonpulsatile	pulsatile	nonpulsatile	pulsatile
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×20				
	atelectasis		declining of emphysema and atelectasis	
	emphysema (tendency to pulmonary edema)		bleedong, congestion	

# The lung wet/dry weight ratios

Wet / Dry Weight Ratios



## Conclusions

- **RV-PA ECMO** can prevent hypoxic pulmonary vasoconstriction and hypercapnia.
- **RV-PA ECMO** improved symptoms of respiratory failure.
- **RV-PA ECMO** could lead to a resting RV heart and improve RV functions and ARDS symptoms.
- **Pulsatile RV-PA ECMO** led to less inflammation and achieved better ventilation.
- **Pulsatile RV-PA ECMO** may act to depress ET-1 expression.



***Cám ơn vì sự quan tâm của bạn !***