# Endovascular biopsy for patient-specific genetic analysis of aneurysm rupture risk

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# Background

# **Intracranial Aneurysms**

An intracranial aneurysm is the outpouching of a deceased blood vessel within the human brain

# Statistics:

- Approximately 2-3% of people will develop an aneurysm
- Aneurysms are fatal in about **40%** of cases

Symptoms: Severe headaches, nausea/vomiting, vision impairment

<u>Contributing factors</u> to Aneurysm Formation/Growth/Rupture:







infections



Hemorrhage/blood leaks into brain tissue

aneurysm clipping

# Traditional Treatments



Surgical <u>Clippings</u>



Endovascular <u>Coils</u> & <u>Stents</u> Best treatment for aneurysms





# **Hypotheses & Aims**



### **Hypotheses**

1) There are specific endothelial markers of vascular dysfunction and differential hemodynamic stress are dysregulated during aneurysm formation

2) The Level of gene expression is dependent on the aneurysm's risk profile as defined by the **PHASES** aneurysm risk score

### Aims

Aim 1: <u>Collect endothelial cells</u> during endovascular treatment of low-risk and high-risk aneurysms.

Aim 2: <u>Perform targeted transcriptome measurement</u> of collected endothelial cells by single-cell RNA sequencing (RNA-Seq).

Aim 3: <u>Compare the differential profile of key vascular factors</u> of aneurysmal endothelial cells in unruptured, ruptured low- and high-risk aneurysms.



# Methods



# 1. Patient Consent/ Biopsy Cells



- Centrifuge cells
- Lyse red blood Cells
  - Stain cells



### 2. Cell Counting

# Methods



- Endothelial cell receptors
  - Fluorescent marker
- Flow cytometry machine



### **3. Flow Cytometry**

### 4. RNA Sequence



Protein AbundanceProtein Function

# **Results**

itudy ID (EBx=SLU, PCx=SCRI)	Date of Baseline Procedure	Procedure Type	Blood 1	Blood 2	Tube 1			
					Label	Device	Dev. Location	
8001		coiling of recurrent R PCom aneurysm	Blue Cap	Blue Cap	A	Axium Prime 3x4	Aneurysm Dome	
8002			Blue Cap	Blue Cap	A .	First coil: ev3 Axium Prime 7x20	Aneurysm Dome	8
8003		Balloon assisted coil embolization	Blue Cap	Blue Cap	A .	Coil (not first): 3x6 360 soft	Basilar	e

# Biopsy devices from three patients

- EB001 Recurrent PCoA ---> First coil
- EB002 **Ruptured** ACoA ---> First and second coil
- EB003 **Ruptured** BA Tip ---> Third coil

# Results

# EB002 – Cx 5 Days





# Lessons learned from Cooke et al.:

Diameter of coils
 First coil
 Natural cell yield

Endovascular Biopsy - "In Vivo Cerebral Aneurysm Endothelial Cell Sampling and Gene Expression Analysis" Dr. Daniel Cooke

- There is limited data describing endothelial cell (EC) gene expression
- EB was performed in 10 patients (5 ruptured, 5 non-ruptured).
- A total of **437 ECs** was collected and **94** of which were aneurysmal endothelial cells





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