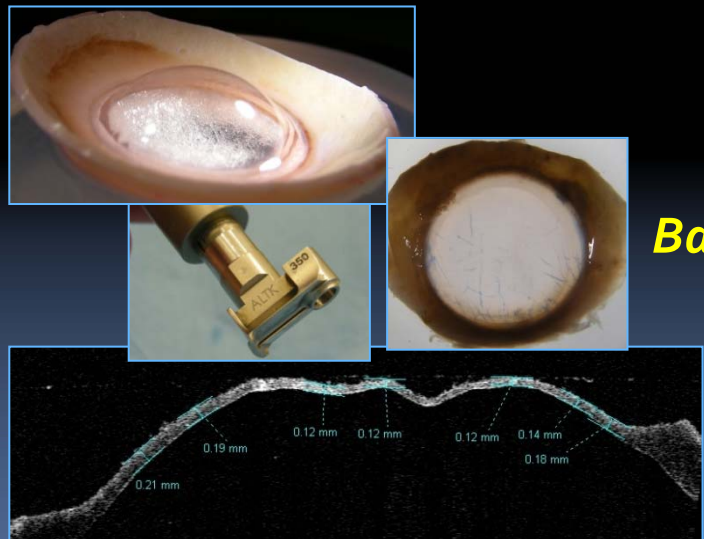




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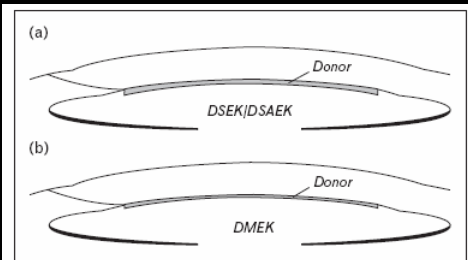
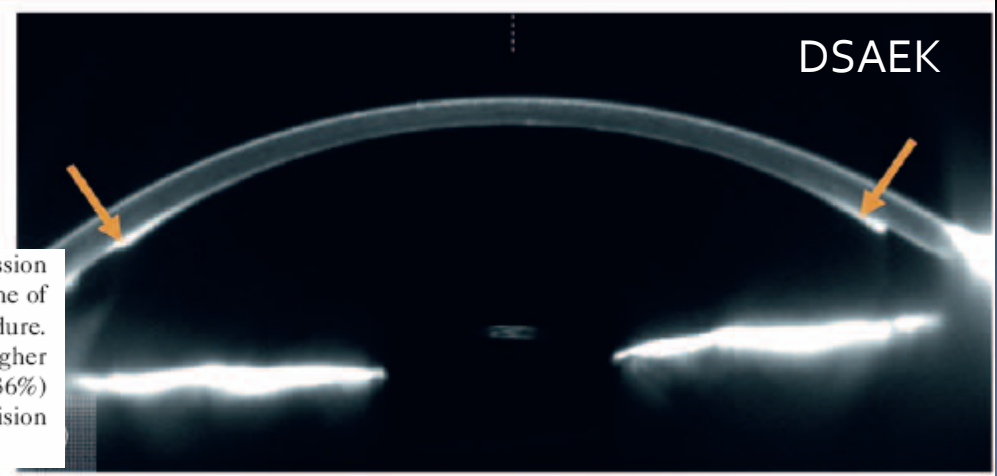


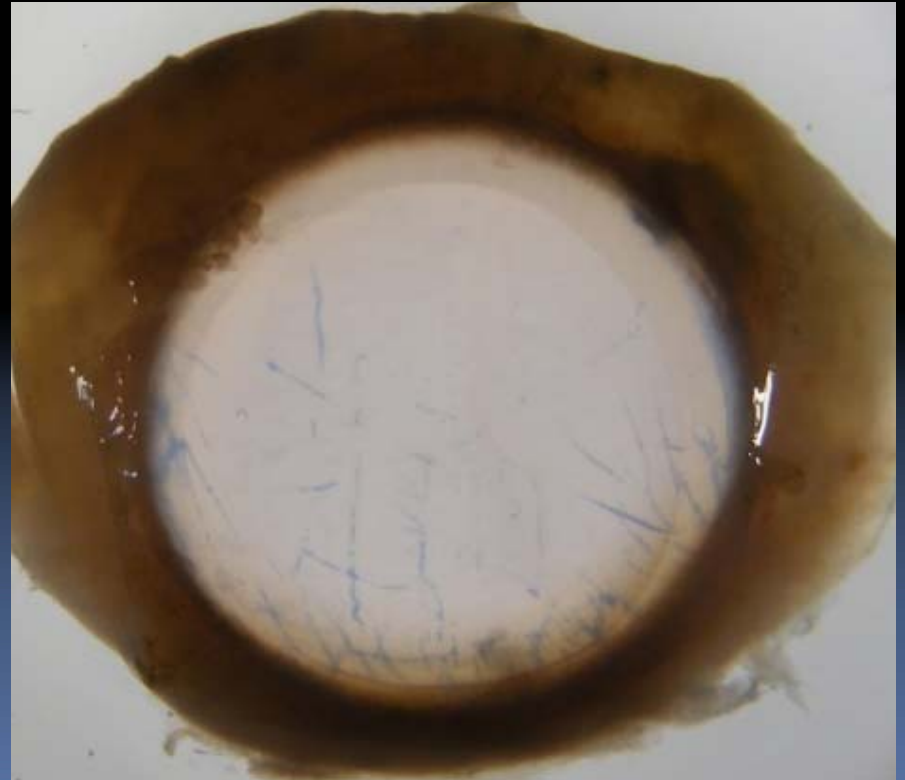
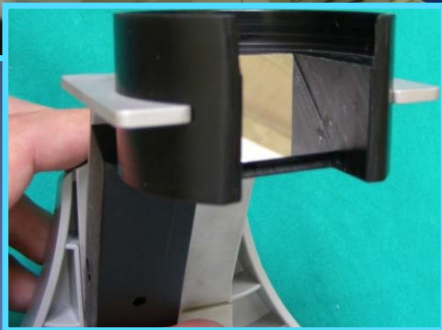
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## MATERIALI E METODI

- Microcheratomo Moria ALTK con testina da 300/350  $\mu\text{m}$
- THIN-C™ ( Al.chi.mi.a. Srl, Padova)
- Visante™ ( Carl Zeiss + *device* Al.chi.mi.a. Srl, Padova)
- Classe A
- Tessuti a 4°C
- *Eusol-C* & *THIN-C* ( Al.chi.mi.a. Srl, Padova)
- Taglio *free-flap*
- Tessuti *over 50*



no



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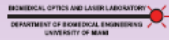




# ANTERIOR CHAMBER OCT ADAPTOR TO ASSESS INTACT AND PRE-CUT EYE BANK CORNEAL BUTTONS FOR PK AND DSEAK



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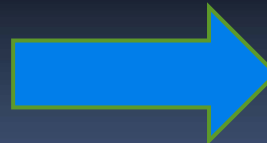
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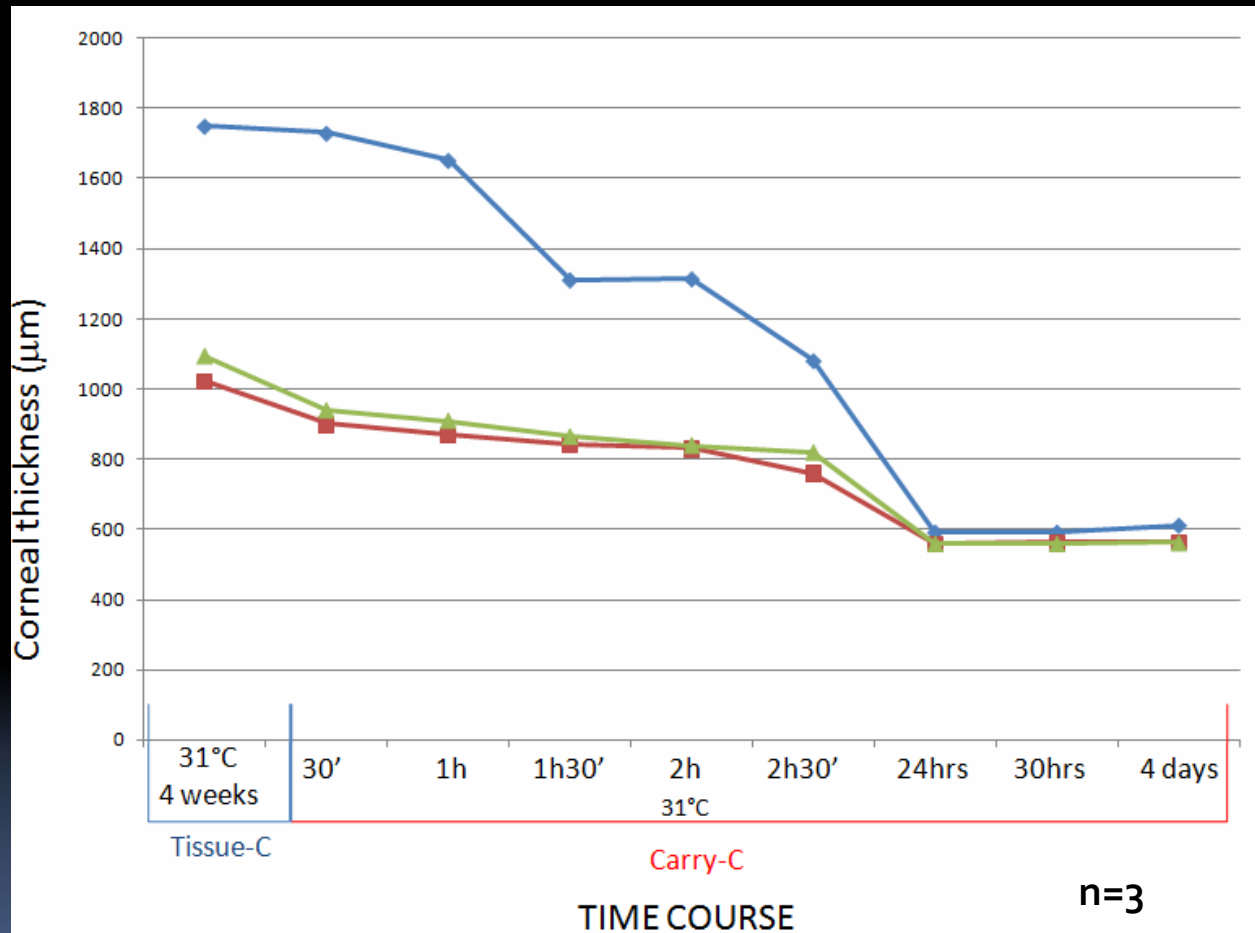
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# "De-swelling" corneale



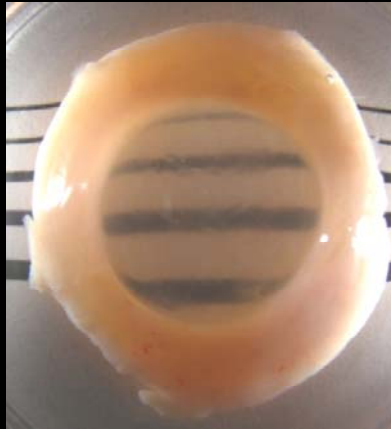
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Storage Medium	Tissue-C 31°C	Carry-C 31°C										
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Measurement	1750 (µm)	1730	1652	1311	1314	1080	590(µm)	590	610	/	/	80
	1021 (µm)	900(µm)	870 (µm)	840 (µm)	830	760	560	564	565	170	200	71
	1094 (µm)	940(µm)	910 (µm)	865 (µm)	840	820	560	560	562	180	230	71

Mix di Destrano  
ad alto e basso peso molecolare (AL.CHI.MI.A. Srl)

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**Eusol-C**

Dopo 5 giorni a 4°C



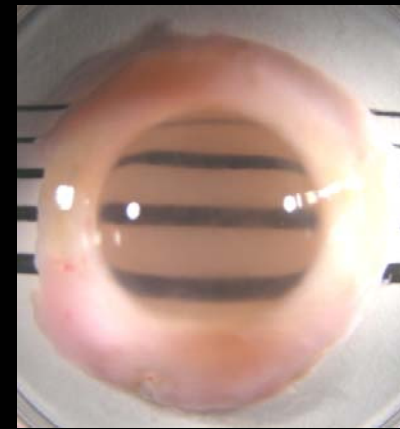
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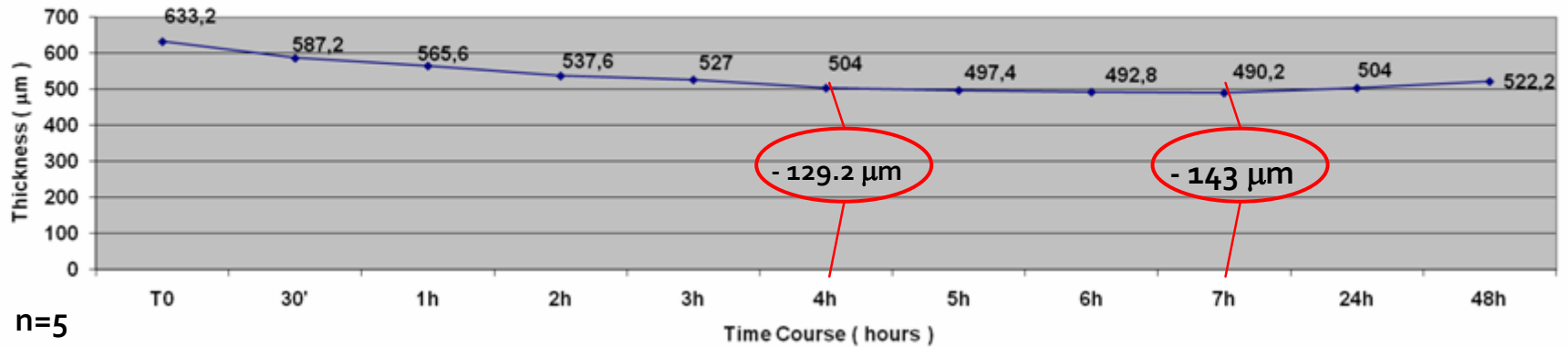


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Dopo 24 ore a 4°C



De-Swelling plot of Donor Corneas stored in Thin-C at 4°C ( first stored for 5,4 days in Eusol-C )







# Risultati



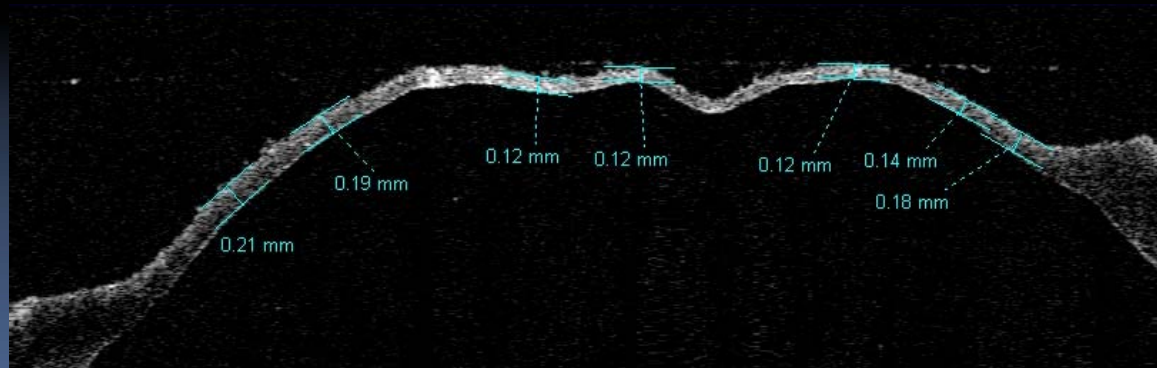
Mortalità endoteliale:

$\leq 8\%$

Residuo stromale post-taglio\* anteriore :

$410,34 \pm 22,6 \mu\text{m}$

n=44



\* Testina da  $350 \mu\text{m}$

Spessore residuo:  
Compreso tra  $120$  e  $180 \mu\text{m}$

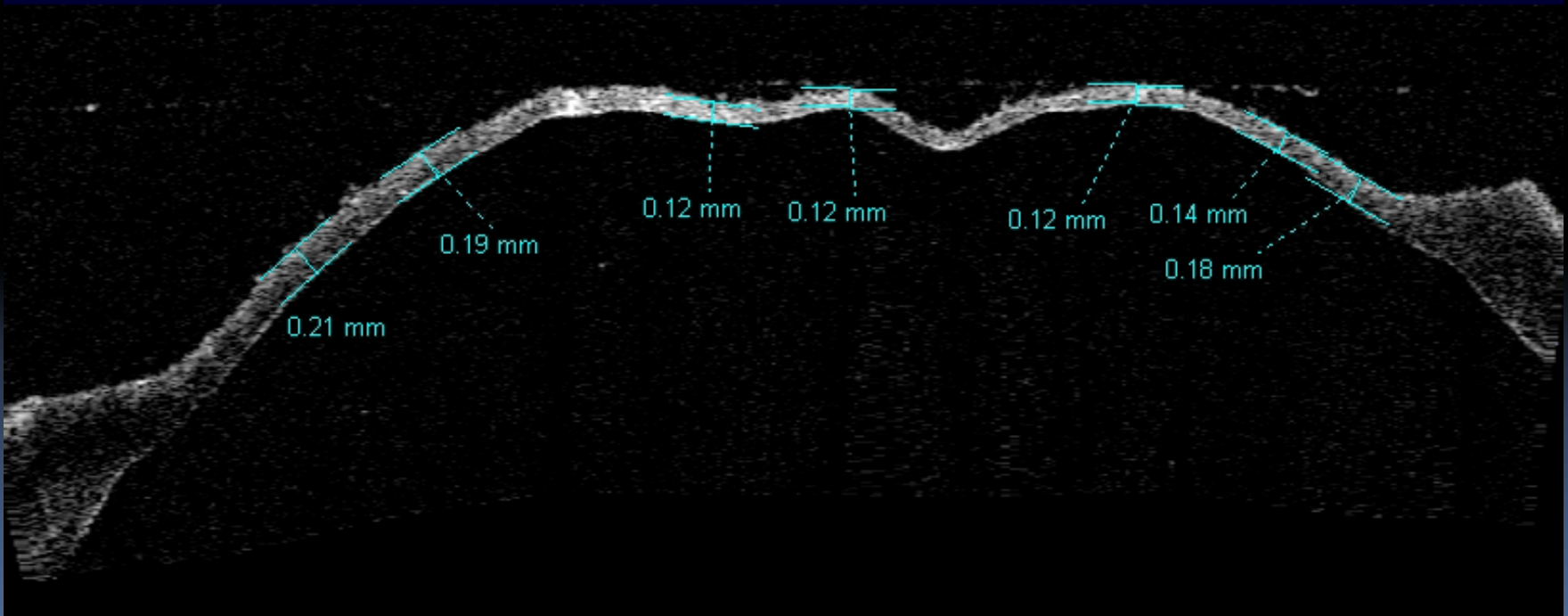
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Cornea dopo taglio in *vial*

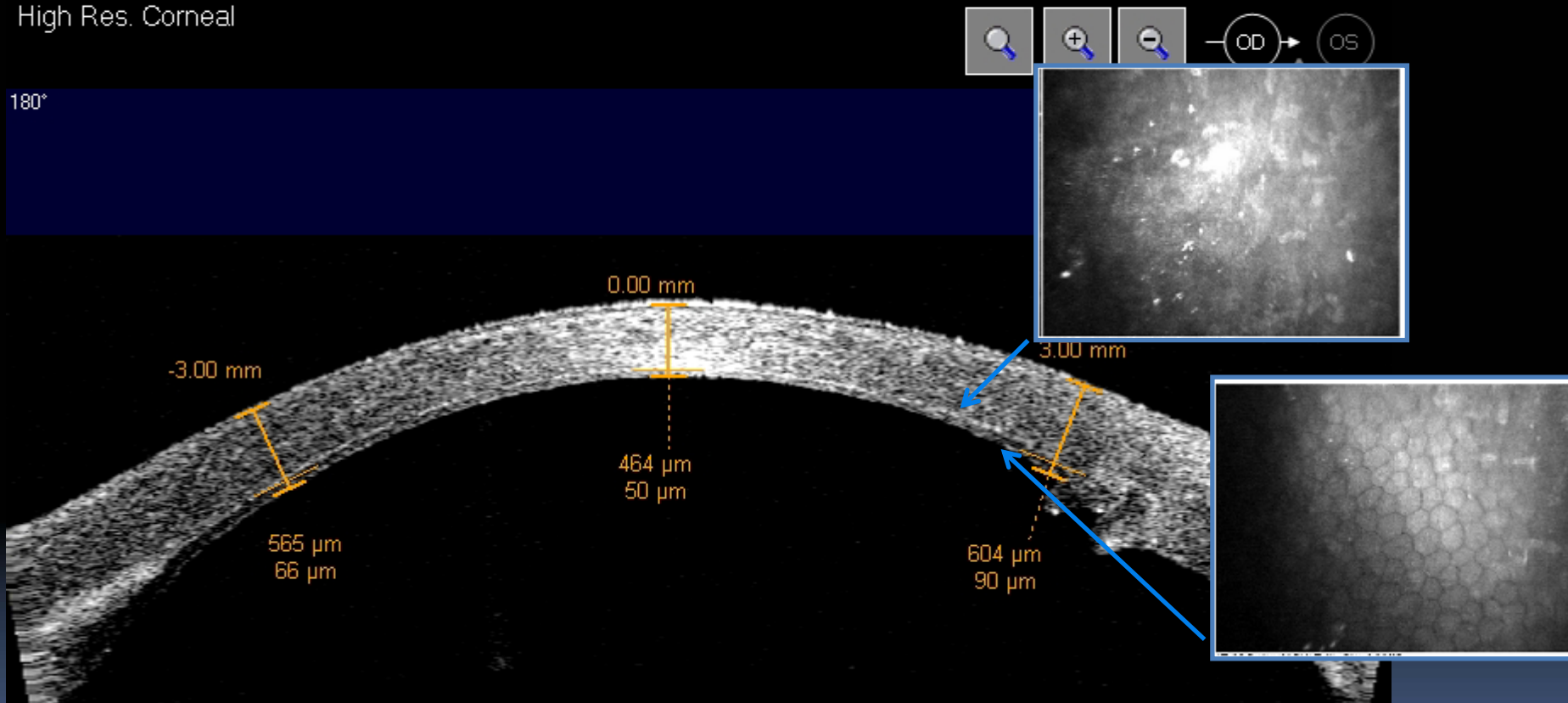
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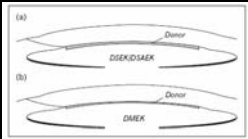
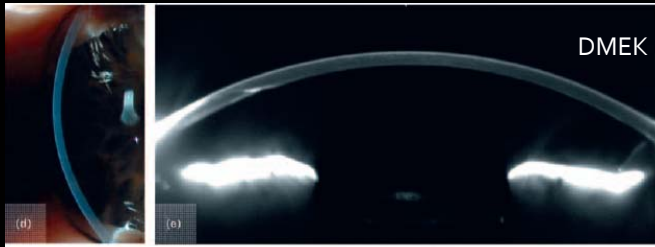
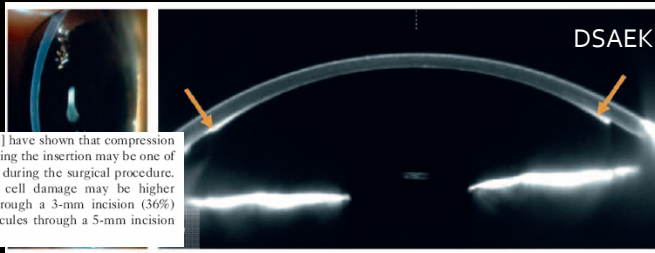


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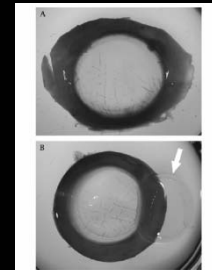


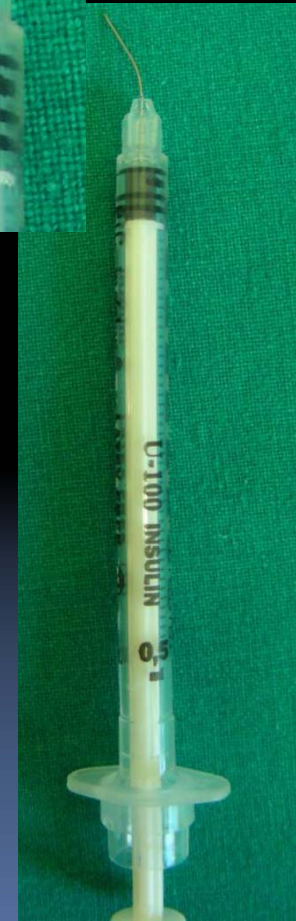
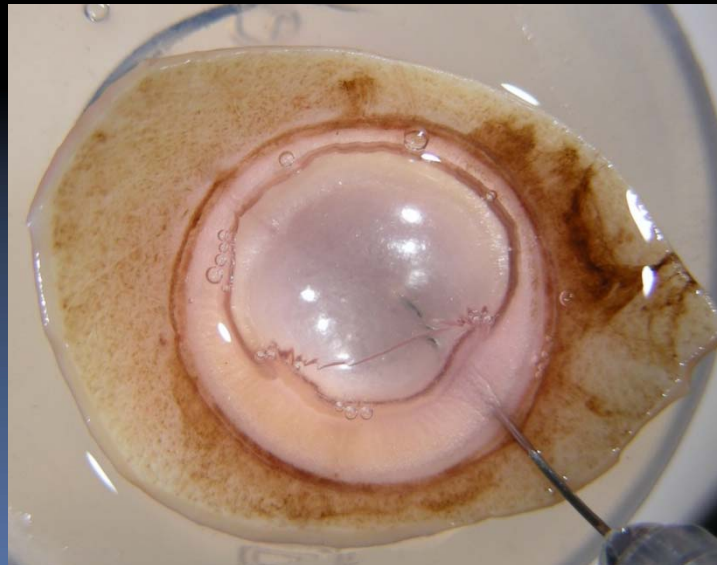
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E' possibile preparare lembi per DMEK in banca degli occhi?

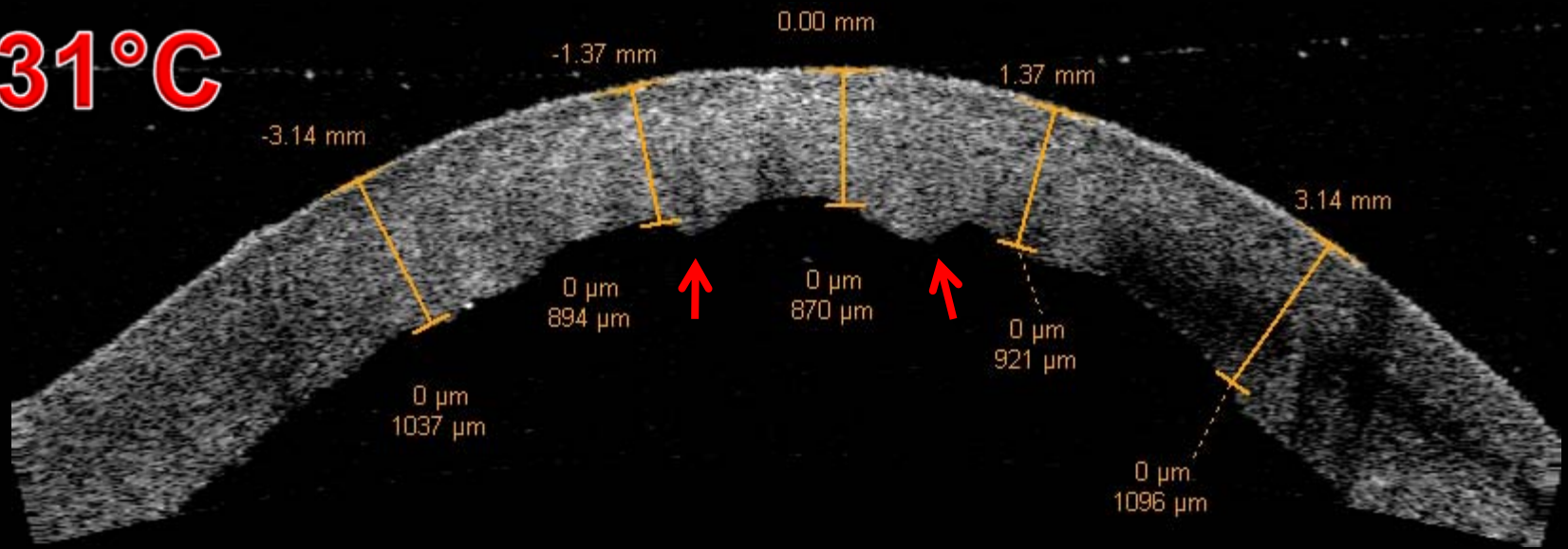
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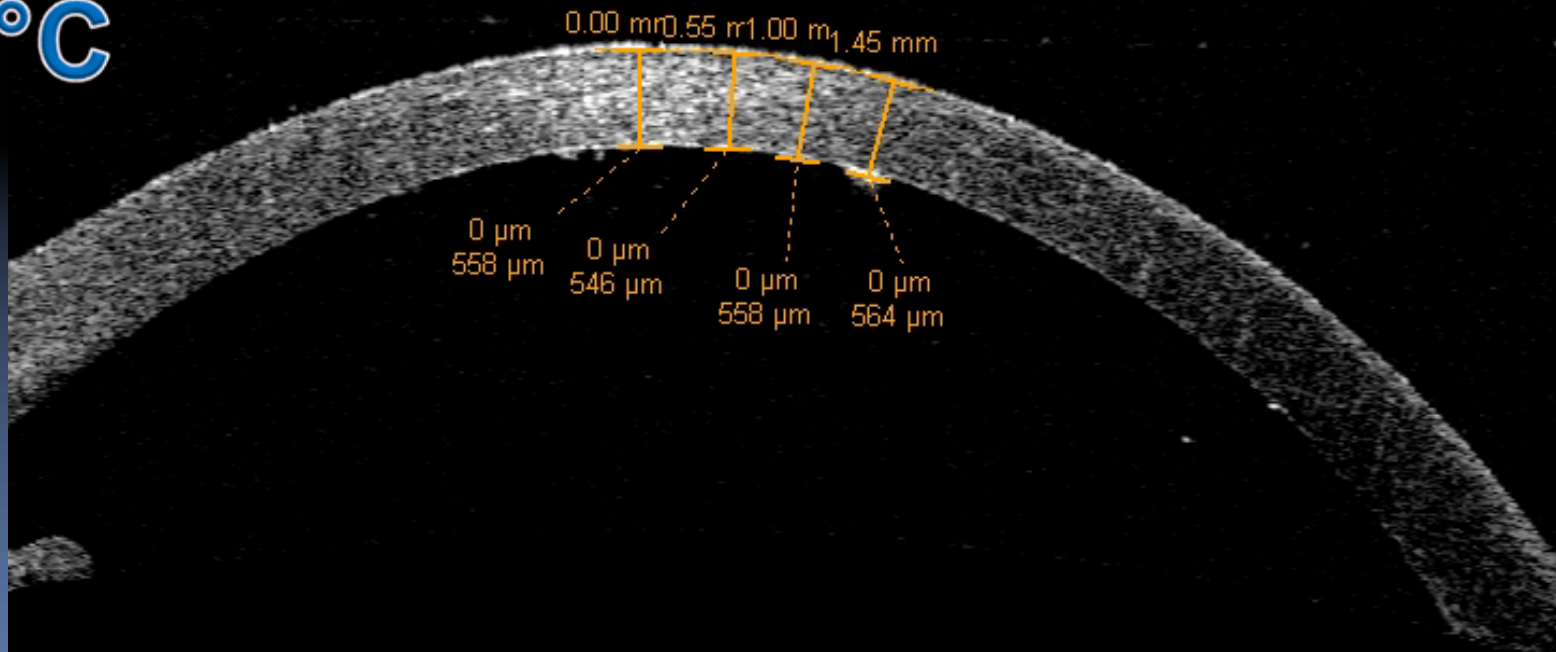
- 18 cornee
- Siringa da 0,5 ml da insulina
- Supporto in silicone
- Eusol-C / Tissue-C ( Al.chi.mi.a. Srl, Padova )
- Steromicroscopio
- Saggio di mortalità endoteliale: Trypan blue
- Età dei donatori compresa tra i 30 e 75 anni



31°C



4°C

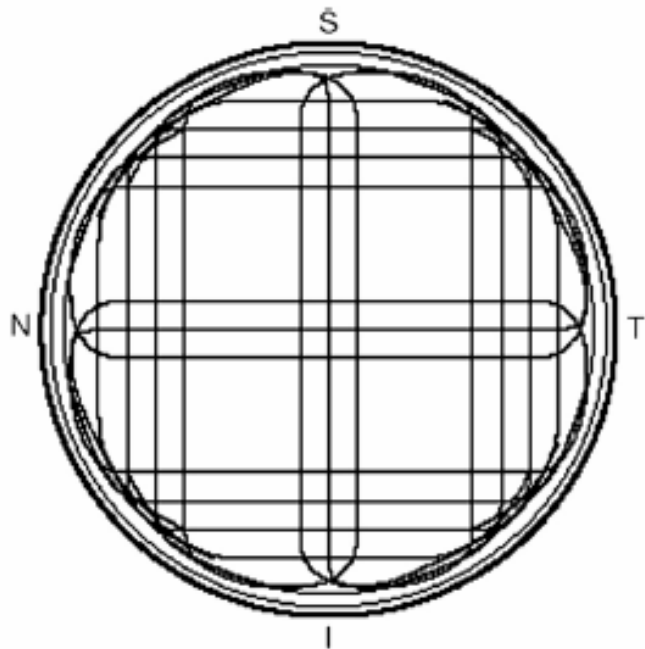


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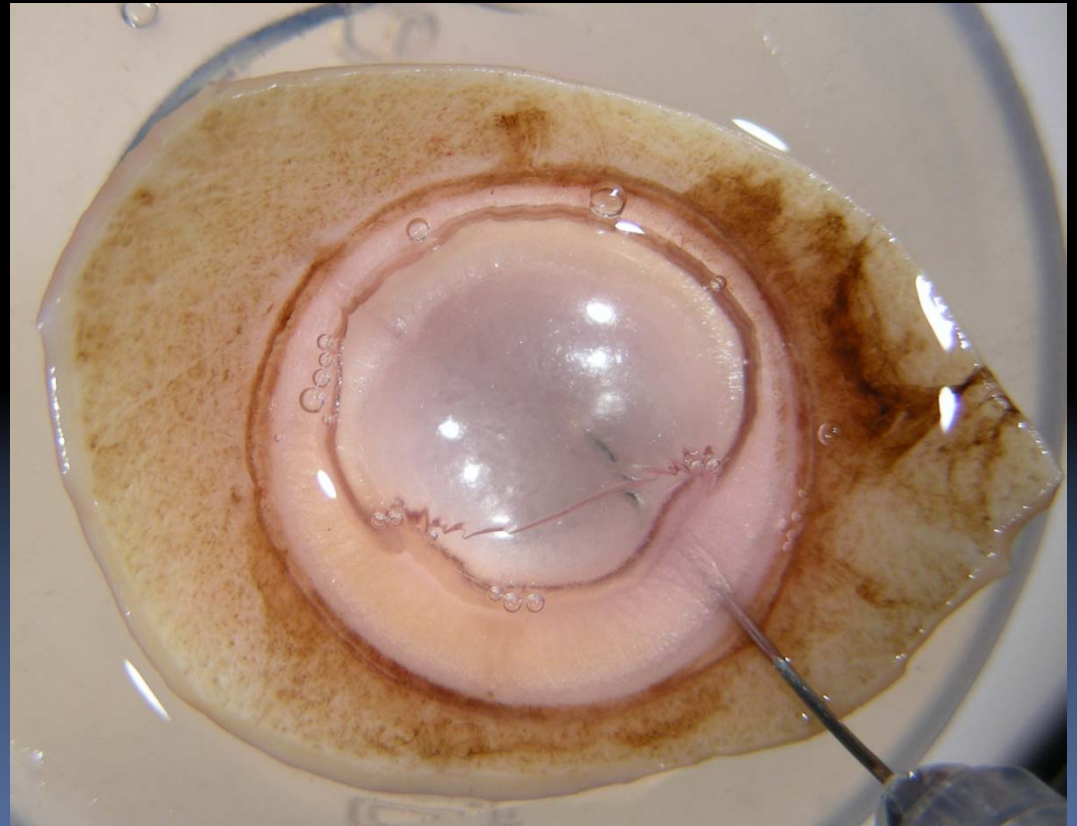
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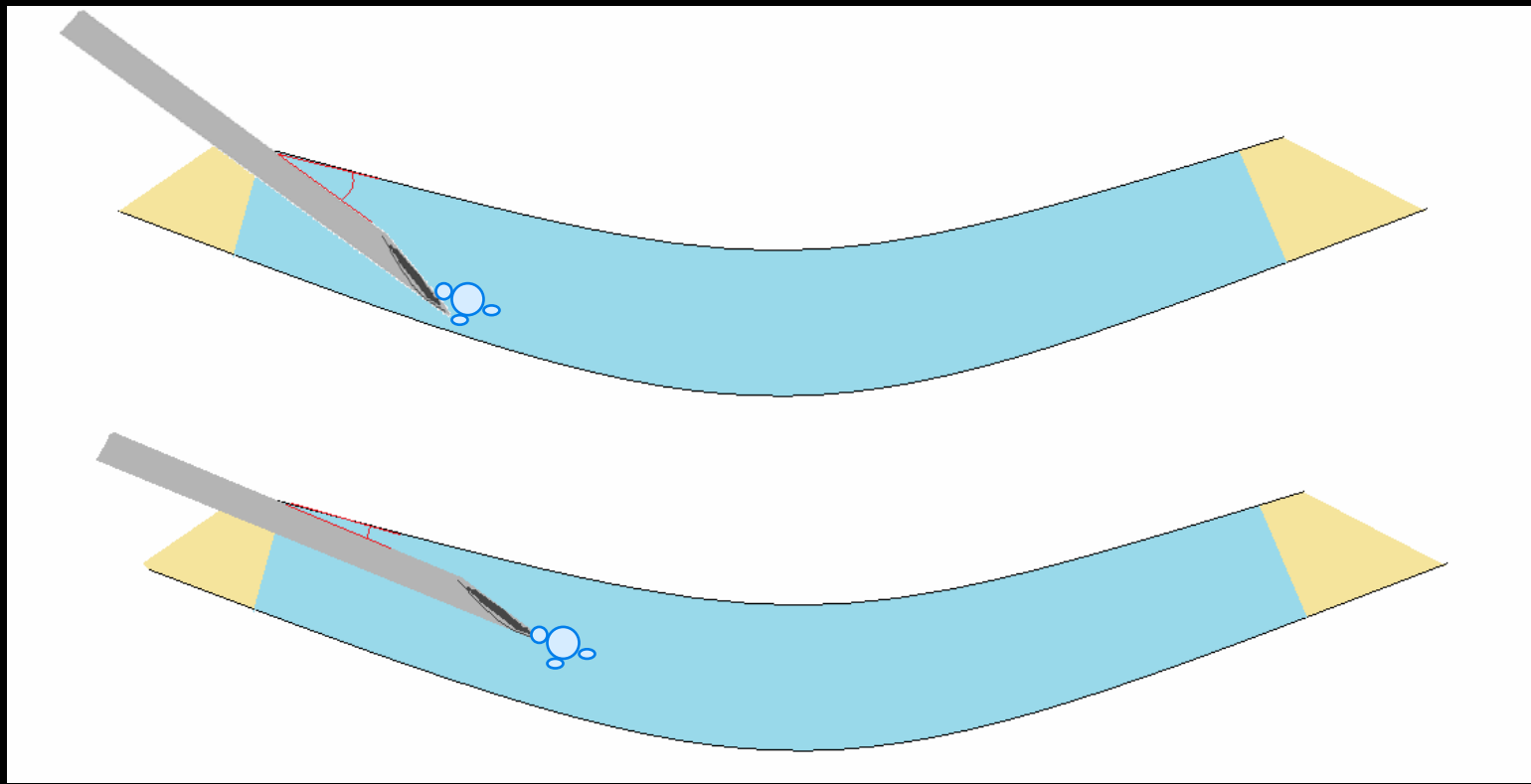
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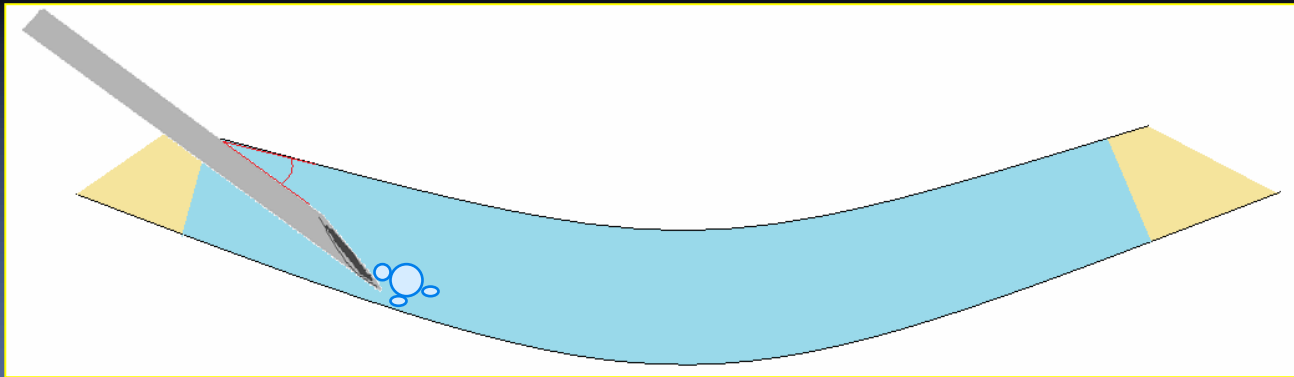
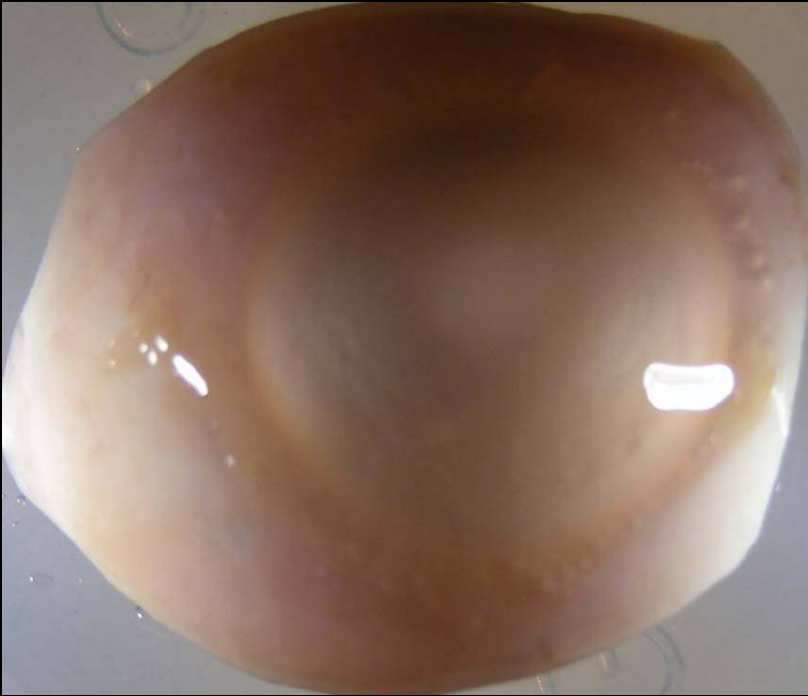


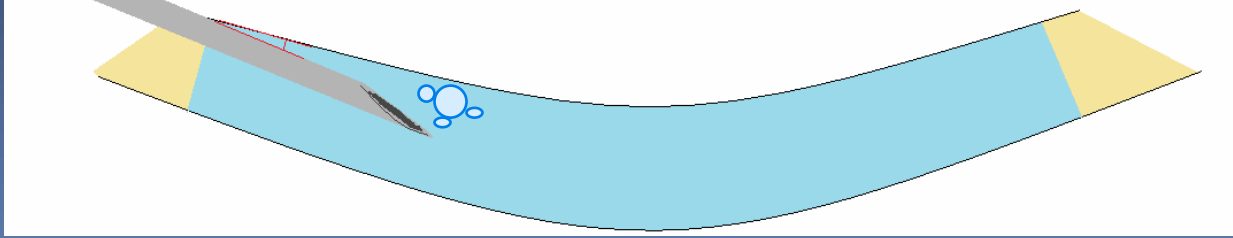
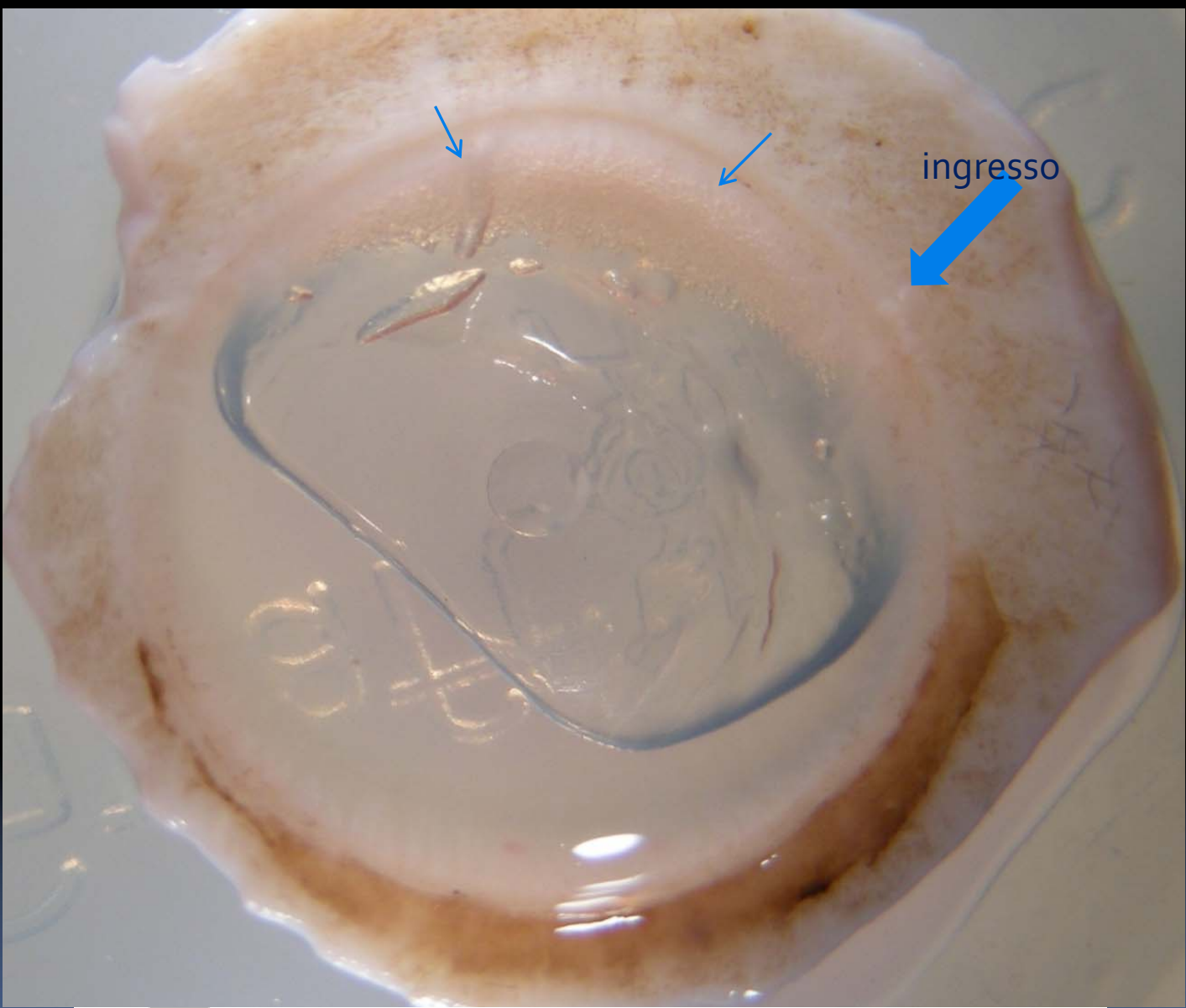
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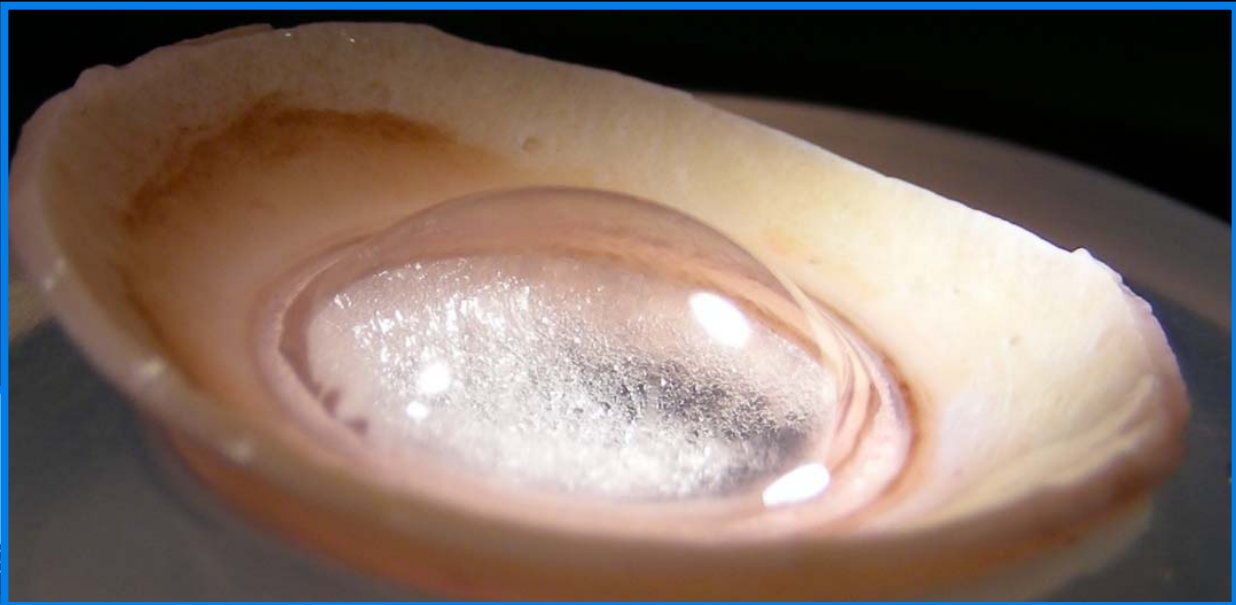












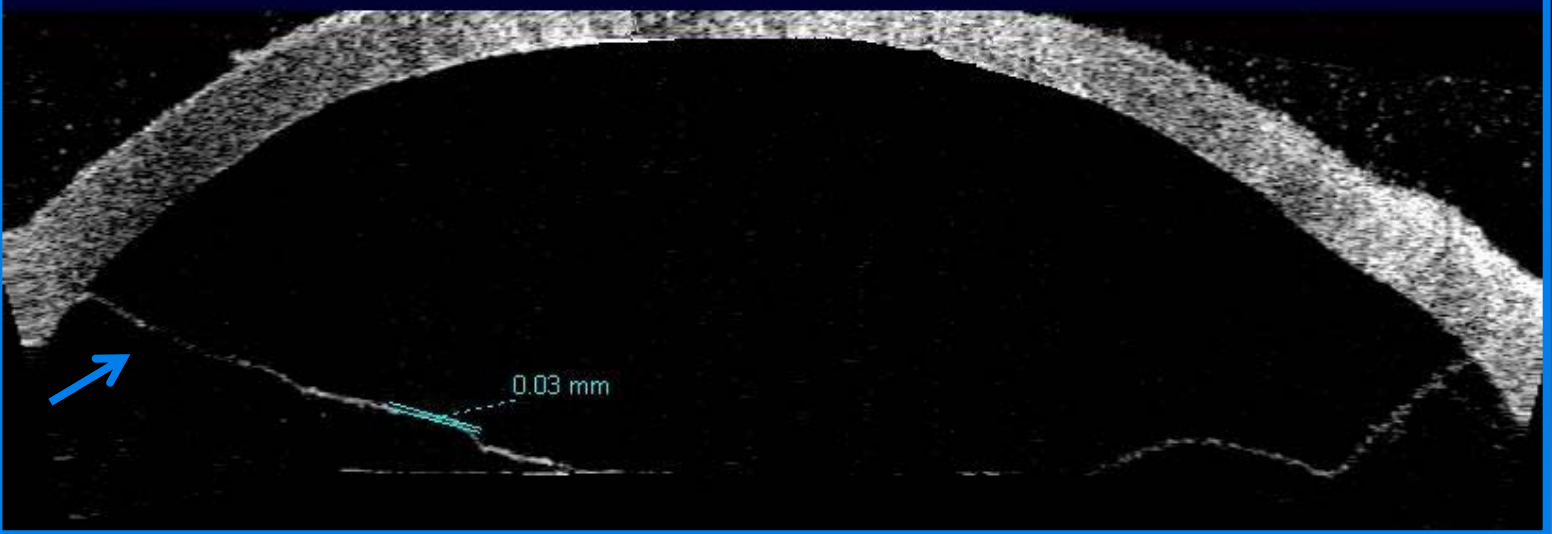
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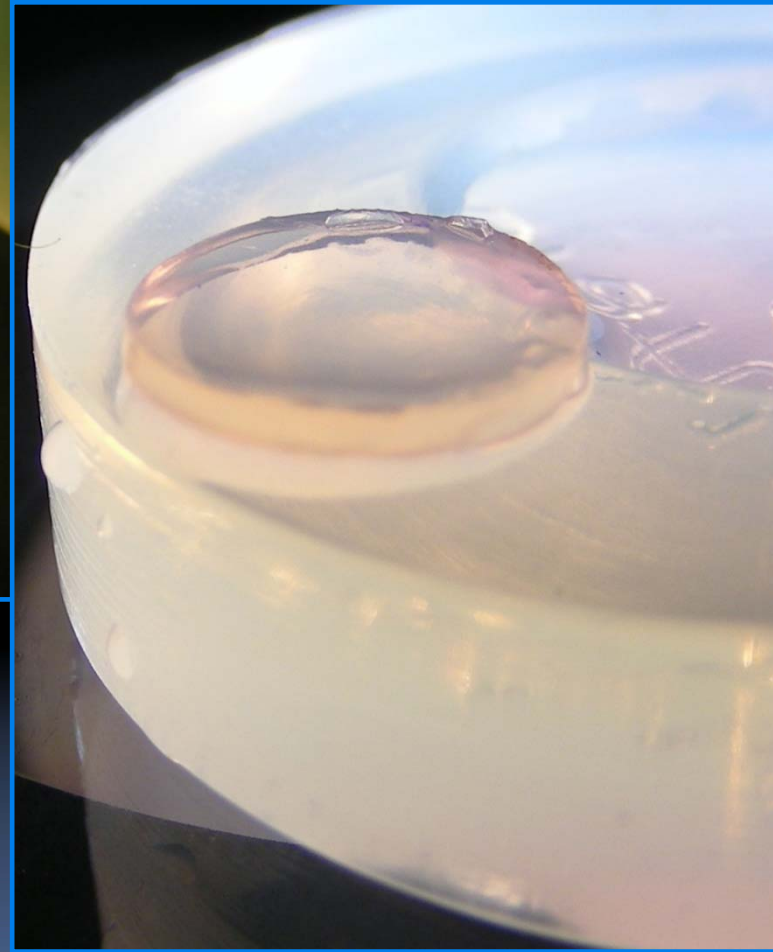
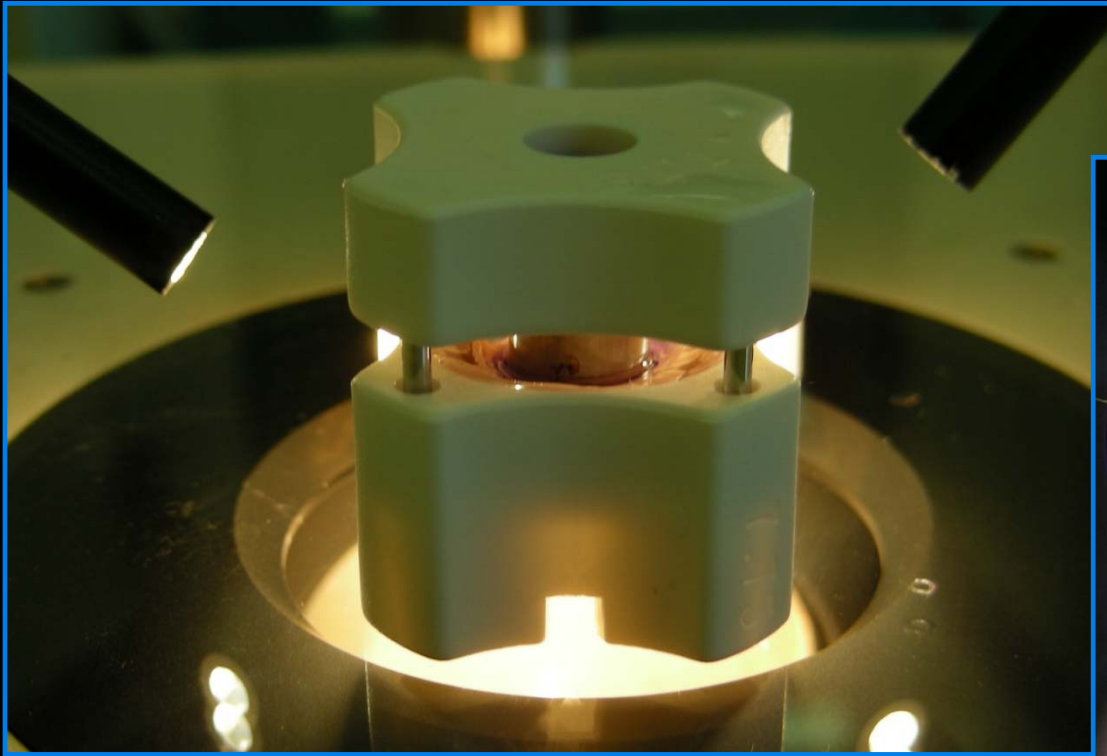
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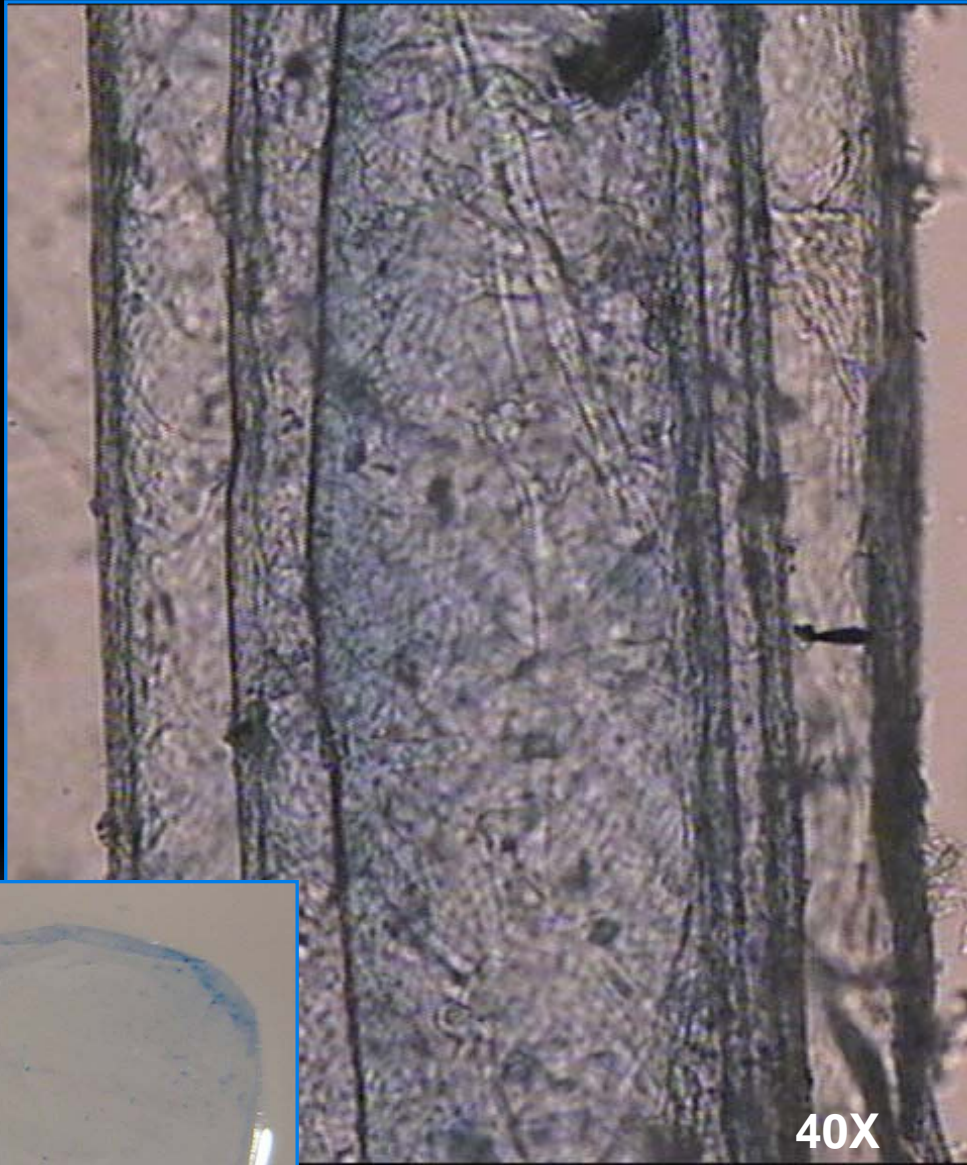
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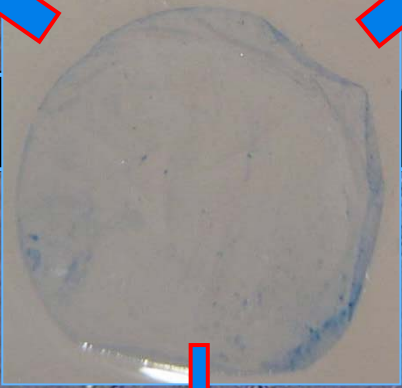
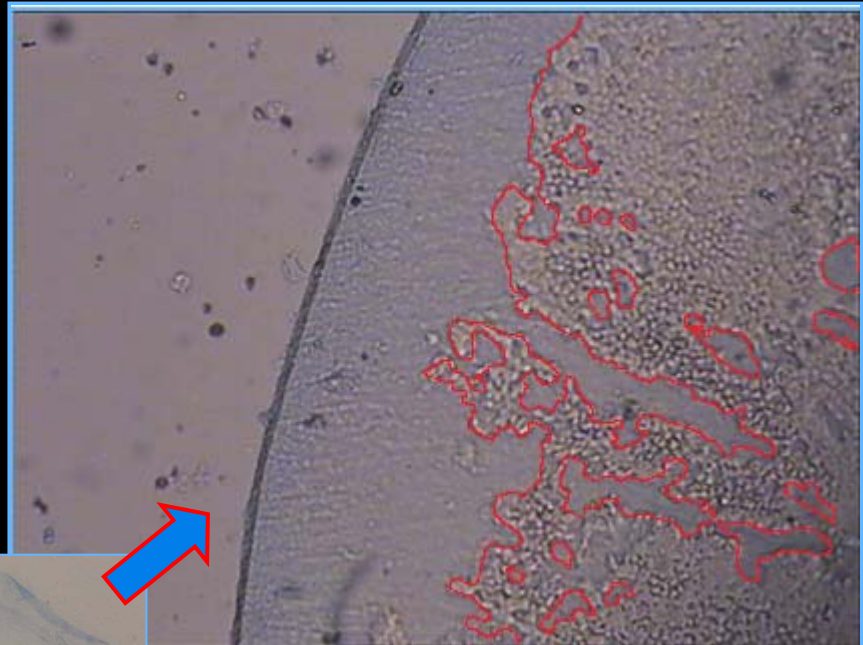
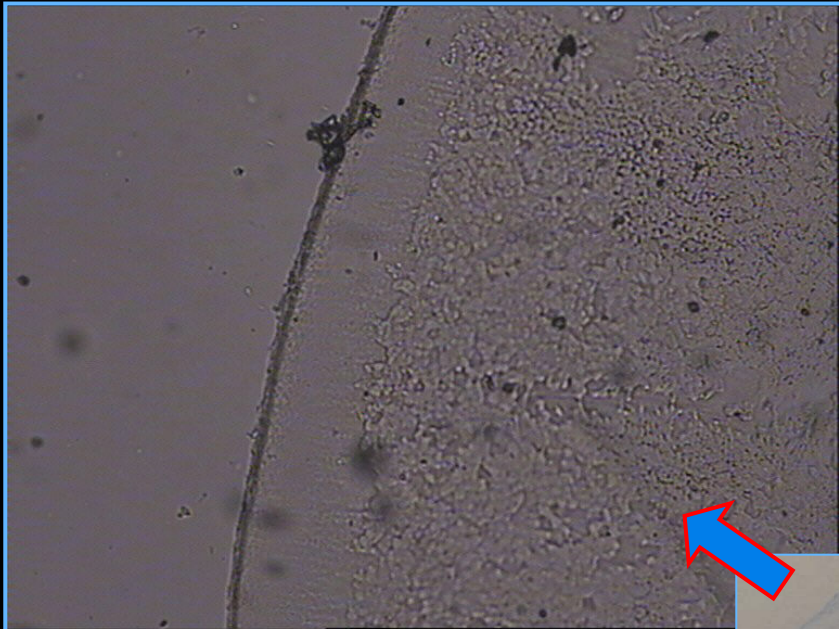


40X



stroma

Descemet + endotelio



# Risultati



1. Possibilità di *tissue storage*
2. 6 tessuti scartati ( “*scoppio*” )
3. Fondamentale la posizione dell’ago – stroma anteriore / posteriore
4. Tessuti conservati a 31°C vs a 4°C
5. Tessuti *giovani* vs *anziani* ( *deposizione di collagene/ incremento del cross-linking naturale* )
6. Mortalità endoteliale ( estese aree trypan blue positive )



# CONCLUSIONI

## ultra -thin DSAEK

- Tecnica DSAEK *-like*
- “wastage” molto basso
- “ready to use” per il chirurgo
- conservazione a freddo
- tessuti “ freschi” (4°C)

## DMEK

- Spessore borderline
- Conservazione a caldo
- “ready to use” per il chirurgo

## Curva di apprendimento

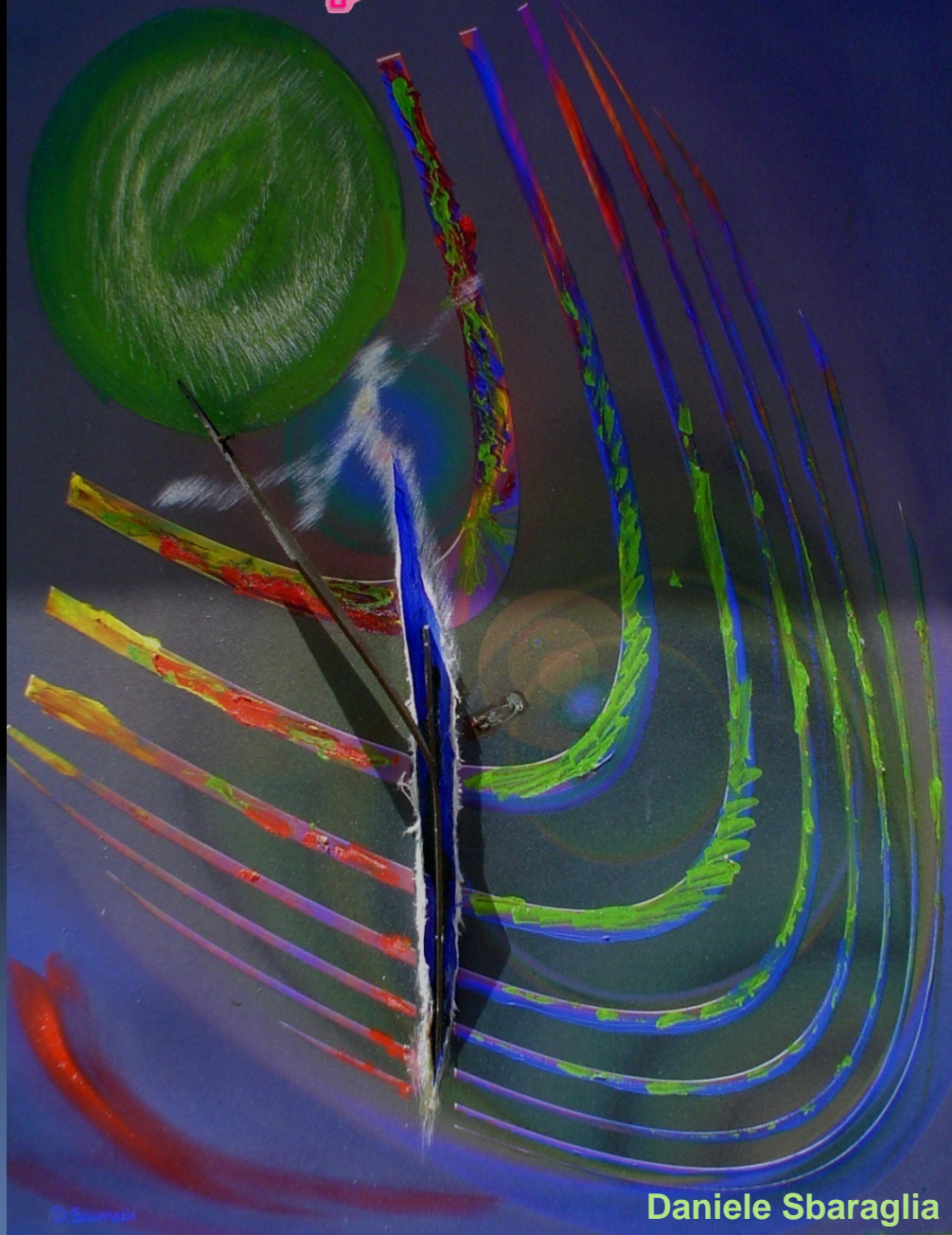
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- Mortalità diffusa
- “wastage” alto
- inserimento in AC ?



Ultra-thin DSAEK

DMEK

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