

A Scroll Inside a Tube Inside a Chamber: A Method for Sterile Post-Processing Evaluation of Preloaded DMEK Grafts

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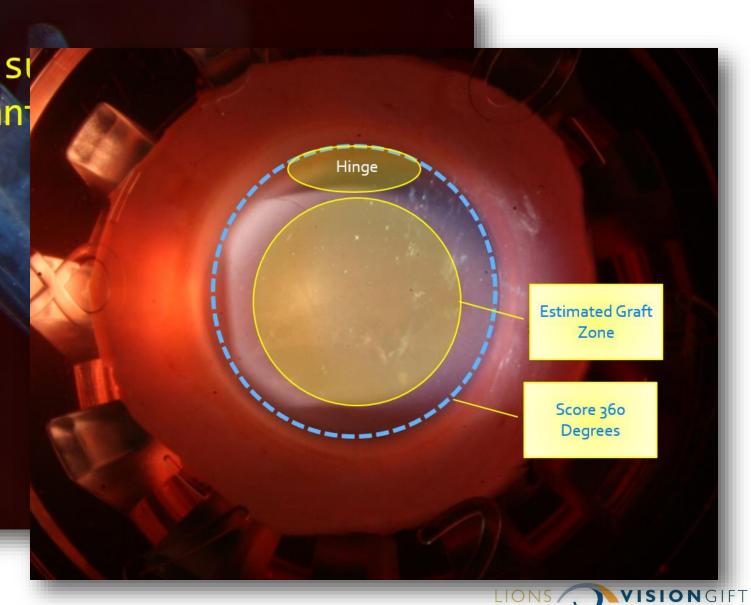
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DMEK Grafts
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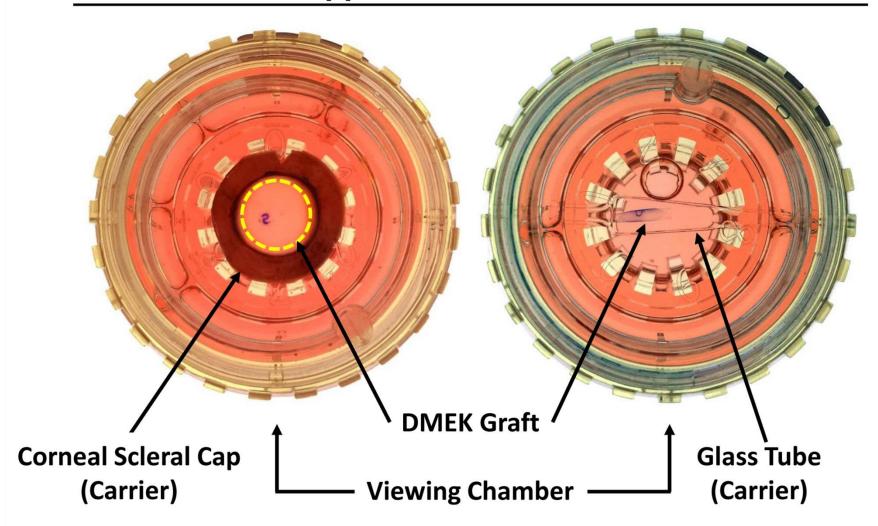


A Scroll Inside a Tube Inside a Chamber



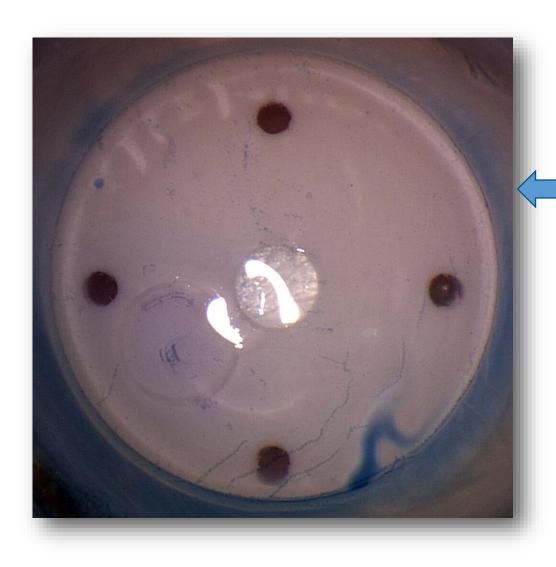
Preloaded tissue provided in a familiar setting

Pre-stripped and Preloaded DMEK





Methods



- 1. Peel tissue
- 2. Apply S-stamp
- 3. Trephinate
- 4. Load injector
- 5. Slit lamp and specular microscopy evaluations
- 6. Analyze with Calcein-AM

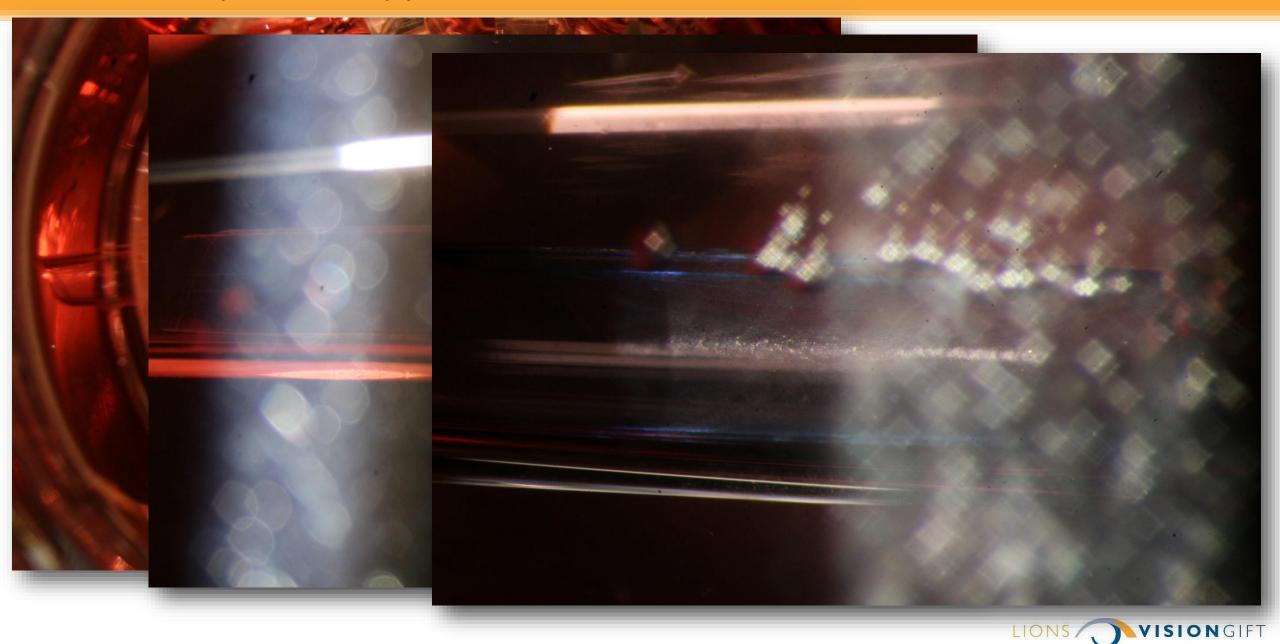




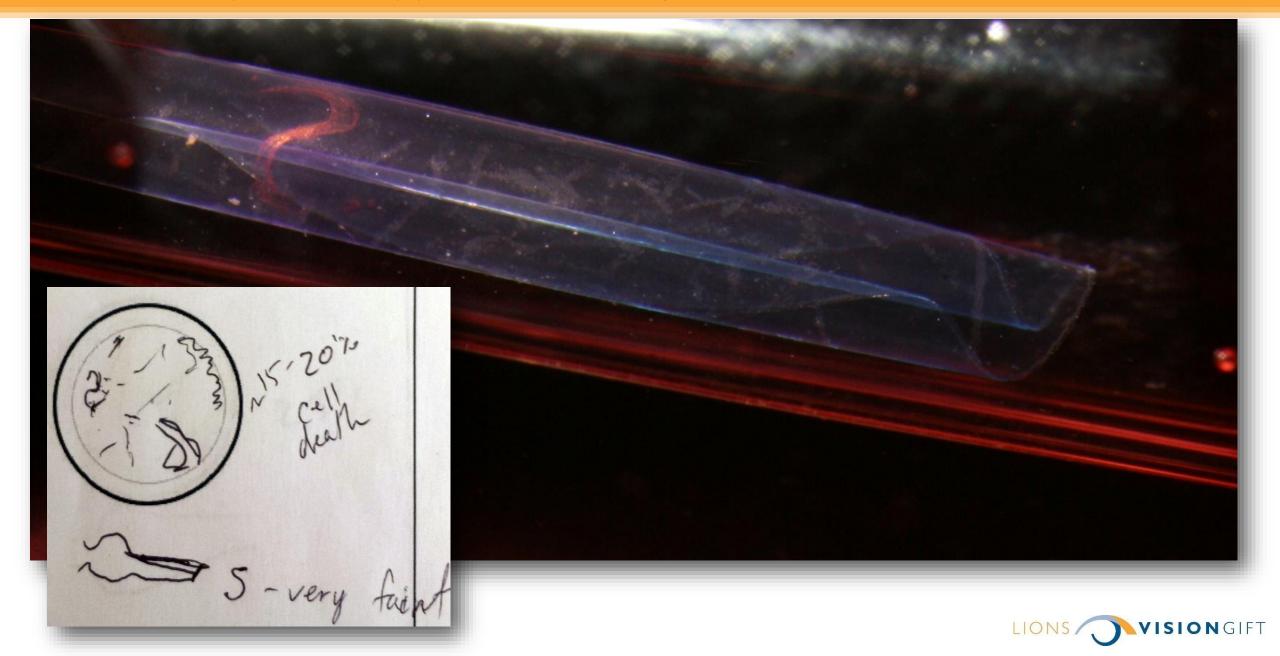
Methods (Video)



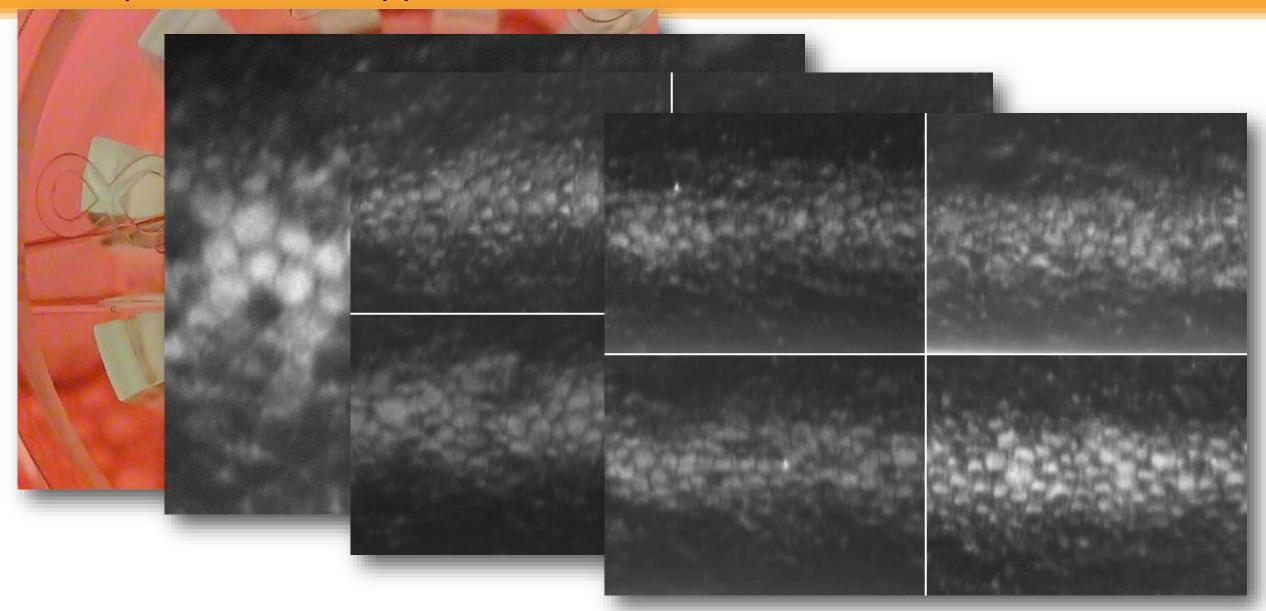
Slit lamp microscopy



Slit lamp microscopy includes damage estimate



Specular microscopy can be obtained

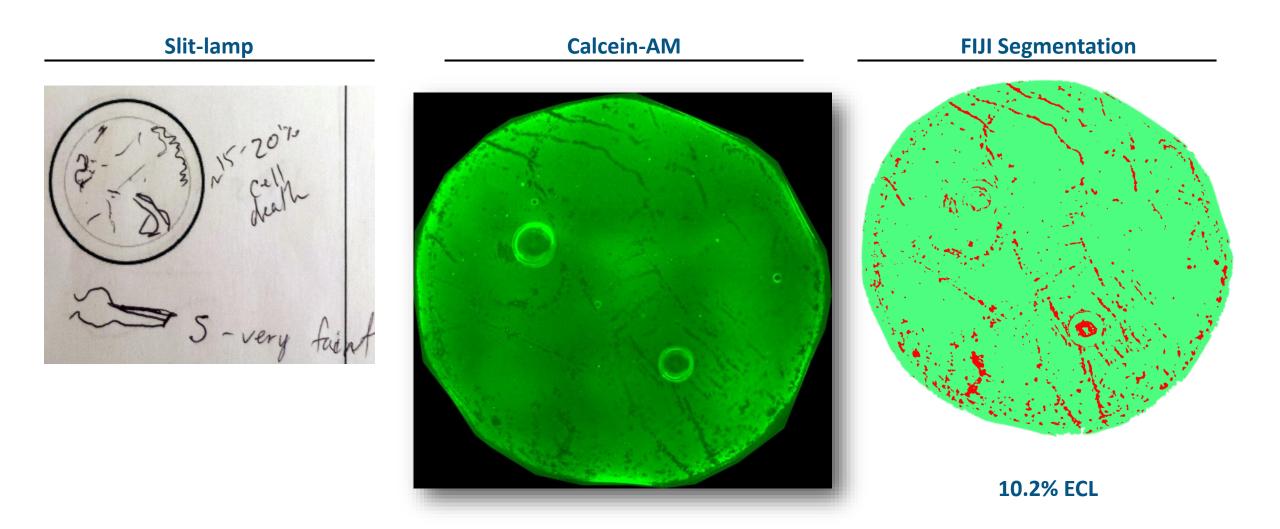




Unloading scrolls for analysis (Video)

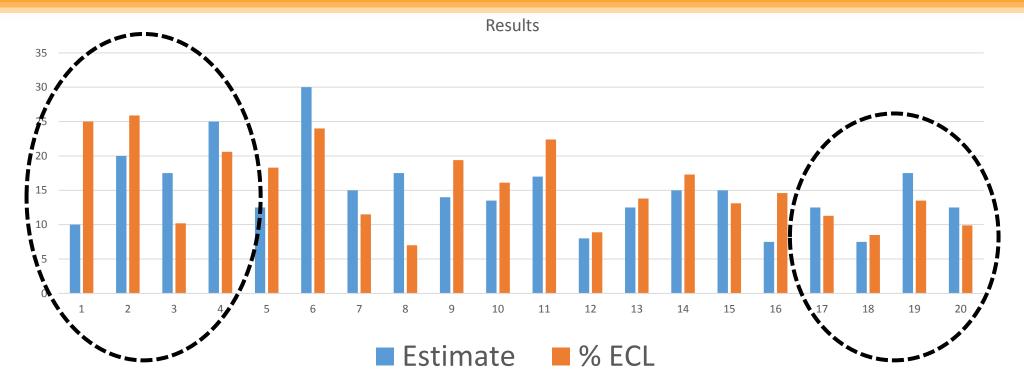


Verification of slit lamp and damage estimation





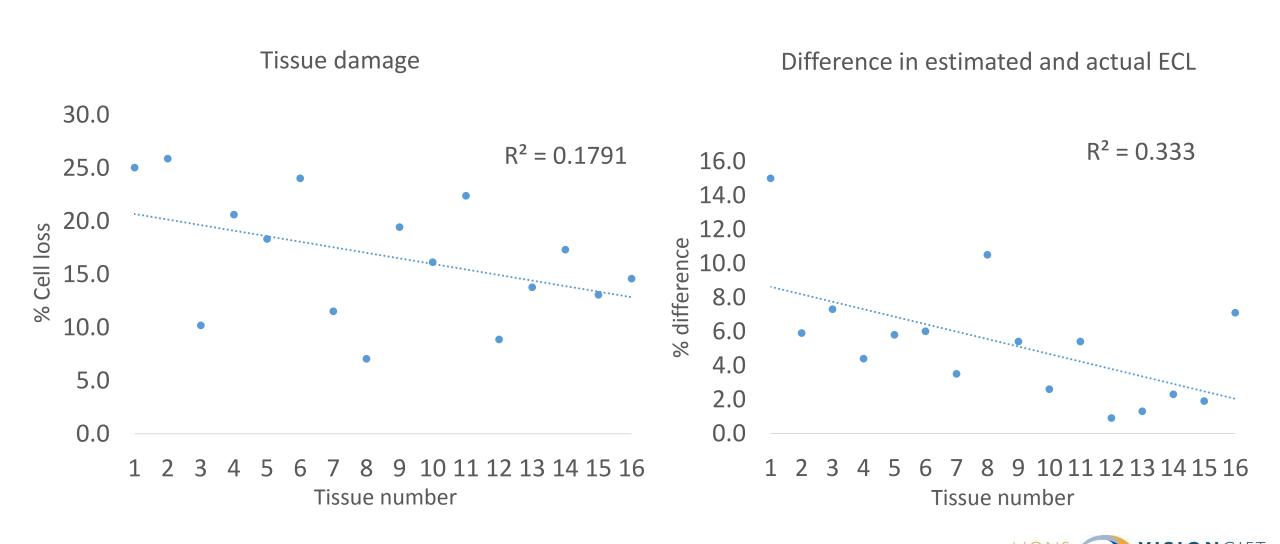
Data analysis



	% ECL	% ECL	
	Estimate	Measured	Difference
Avg	15	15.6	4.7
SD	5.6	5.8	3.5
Median	14.5	14.2	4.2

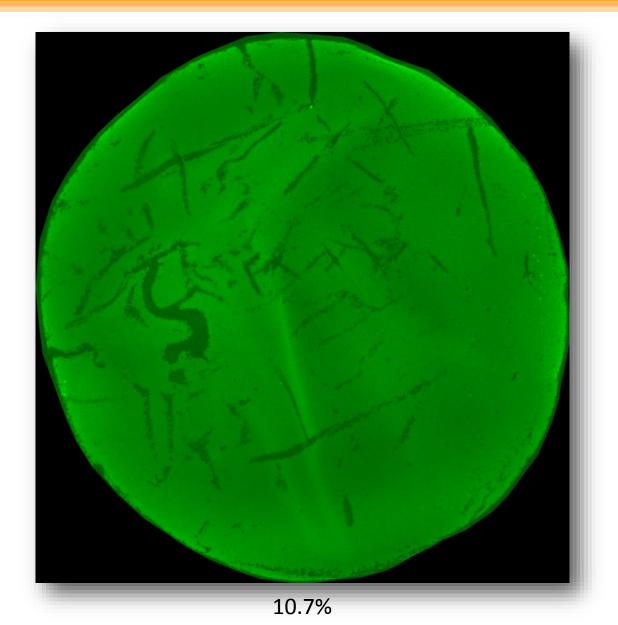


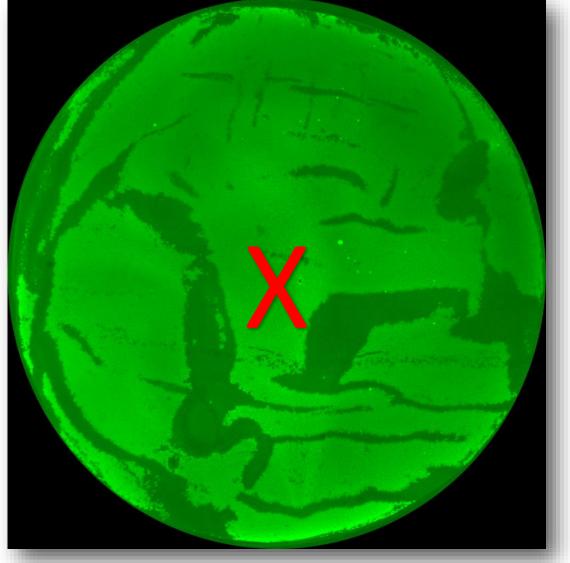
Graft damage and estimation of damage improves over time



Final steps in processing can cause damage (Video)

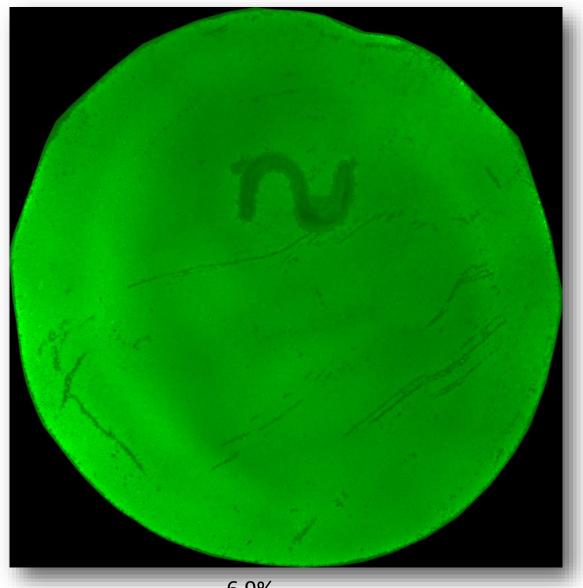


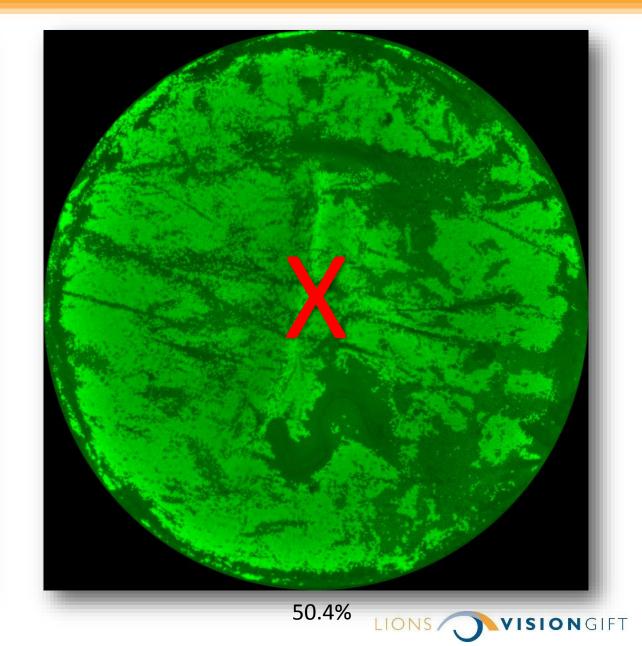




29.8%

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6.9%

Conclusion

- Preloaded grafts can be evaluated using methods required by EBAA Medical Standards to assess the health of DMEK grafts inside an injector and viewing chamber.
- There is a learning curve experienced by technicians evaluating preloaded DMEK grafts
- A validated method for evaluating preloaded tissue provides a novel and valuable service to surgeons by:
 - Assuring the surgeon the graft being transplanted has been evaluated in its final state and determined suitable for transplant
 - Saving time in the operating room by eliminating the tissue preparation portion of surgery
 - Saving costs associated with materials needed to prepare tissue prior to transplant



THANK YOU

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