

# BRAIN METABOLISM CHANGES IN CASES OF IMPAIRED BREATHING OR BLOOD CIRCULATION IN RODENTS EVALUATED BY REAL TIME OPTICAL SPECTROSCOPY METHODS

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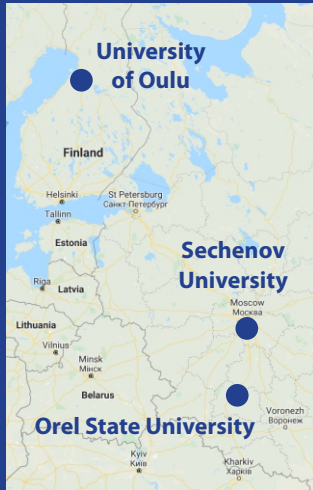
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# Where Are We From



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University (Orel, Russia)**

**Department of Histology,  
Cytology and Embryology  
at Sechenov University  
(Moscow, Russia)**

**Optoelectronics and  
Measurement Techniques  
Laboratory at University  
of Oulu (Oulu, Finland)**

# Orel State University



**Orel State University (founded in 1919) is a unique and dynamically developing education-science-production complex in the Central part of Russia which integrates qualitative education, perspective science and effective production. More 100 directions of specialist training, more than 20 000 students.**

**Research interests include the development of biomedical optical noninvasive methods and devices for diagnostics, such as Dynamic Light Scattering methods, Fluorescence, Diffuse Reflectance Spectroscopy and Speckle Contrast Imaging.**

# Sechenov University



**SECHENOV UNIVERSITY**  
LIFE SCIENCES

**Department of Histology, Cytology and Embryology was founded at 1864. It is one of the oldest Histology departments in Russia.**

**Research interests include the translational research based on structural assessment of cells, tissues and organs functioning.**

**I.M. Sechenov First Moscow State Medical University (Sechenov University) was founded in 1758 as medical faculty of Imperial Moscow University as the first medical school in Russia. The university is named after Russian physiologist, Ivan Sechenov. Nowadays it is leading medical school in Russia with more than 15000 medical students in it**



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**Intensive Care Units**

Prediction of Survival

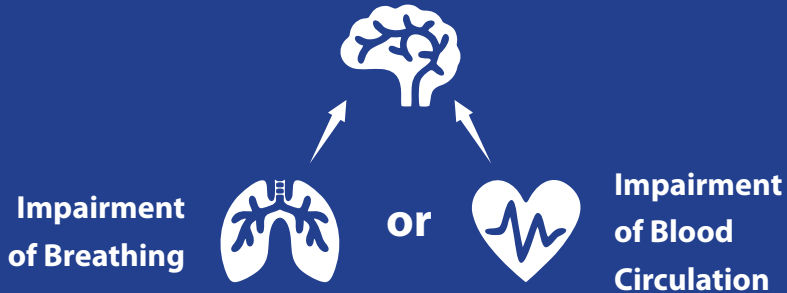


Severity of Disease

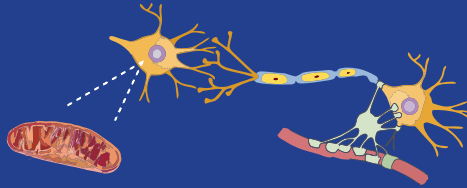


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## Brain Death



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Impairment  
of Breathing



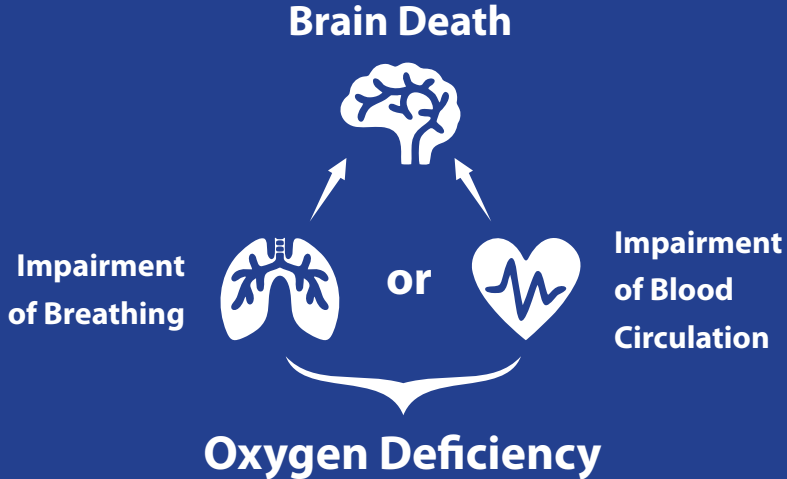
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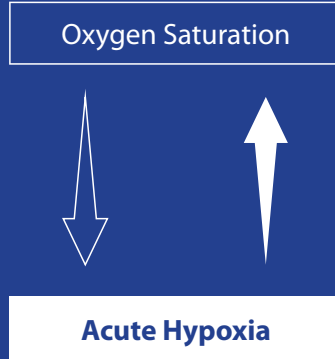
Impairment  
of Blood  
Circulation

**Oxygen Deficiency**

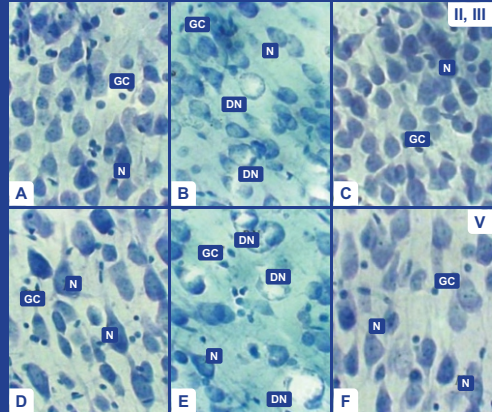
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**The development  
of an acute hypoxic state  
leads to  
neurodystrophic processes  
in the cerebral cortex,  
in particular, a decrease  
in the number of neurons**

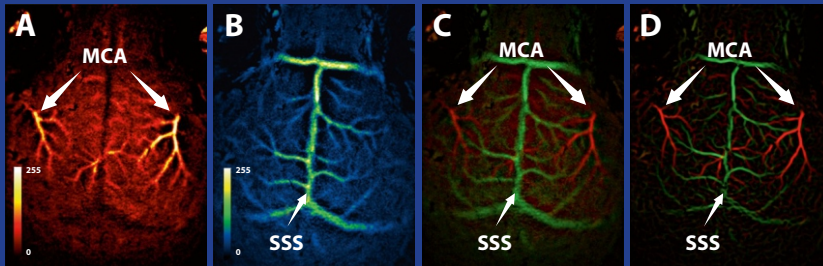


Nervous tissue of layers II and III (a, b, c) and V (d, e, f) of rat brain neocortex at the 20th day of postnatal ontogenesis. (a), (d) Control, (b), (e) after hypoxia at E14, (c), (f) – at E18. N – Neurons, DN – degenerating neurons, GC – glial cells. Nissl's staining. Scale 20  $\mu$ m.

# Relevance

Results of G. Armitage et al.\* show that circulatory disorders during ischemia of CC vessels leads to an increase in speckle contrasts after subsequent reperfusion.

Same results were mentioned by V. Kalchenko et al\*\*. The authors noted a decrease in blood flow in ischemic areas.



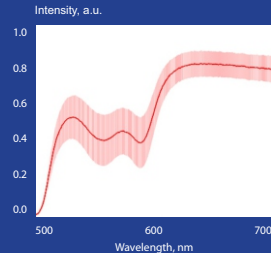
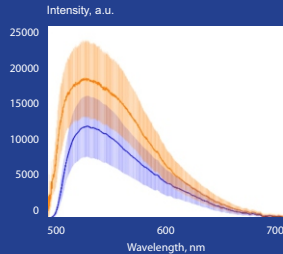
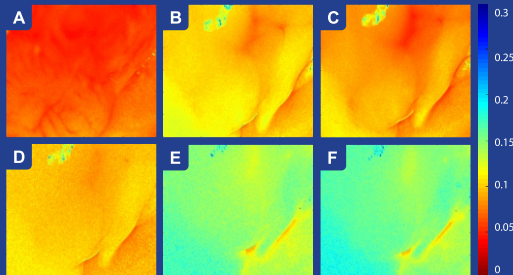
\* G. Armitage, K. Todd, A. Shuaib and I. Winship. Laser speckle contrast imaging of collateral bloodflow during acute ischemic stroke. *Journal of Cerebral Blood Flow & Metabolism* (2010) 30,1432–1436

\*\* V. Kalchenko et al.: A simple approach for non-invasive transcranial optical vascular imaging (nTOVI). *J. Biophotonics* (2015), 8, No. 11–12, 897–901

# Real-Time Optical Diagnostics

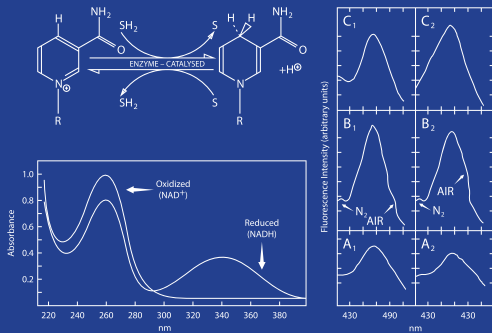
- Fluorescence spectroscopy
- Diffuse reflectance spectroscopy
- Laser speckle-contrast imaging

Speckle contrast, a.u.



# Fluorescence spectroscopy

Fluorescence spectroscopy (FS) changes in the concentration of coenzymes involved in the regulation of brain cell metabolism.



Mitochondria In-Vitro*				Brain In-Vivo**	
Respiration Rate	Limiting Substance	NADH %	State #	Metabolic State	
0	Oxygen	~100	5		Anoxia
Slow	ADP	99	4		Hypoxia, Ischemia
					Ischemic SD
Fast	Resp. Chain	53	3		Anaesthesia
					<b>Awake</b>
Slow	Substrate	~0	2	HBO, Uncoupler Seizures	
				Min	Normoxic SD

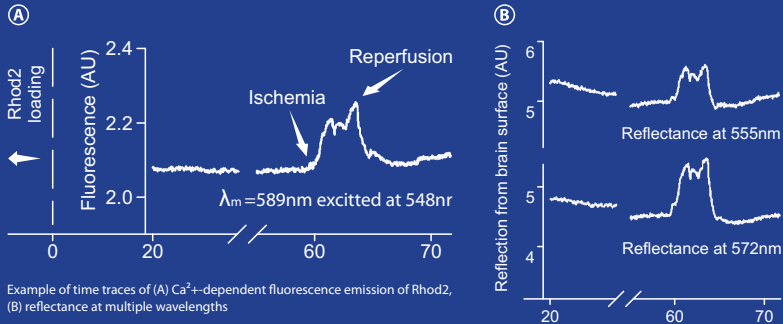
\* According to Chance & Williams 1955  
 \*\* According to Mayevsky 1984

HBO - Hyperbaric Oxygenation  
 SD - Spreading Depression



# Diffuse reflectance spectroscopy

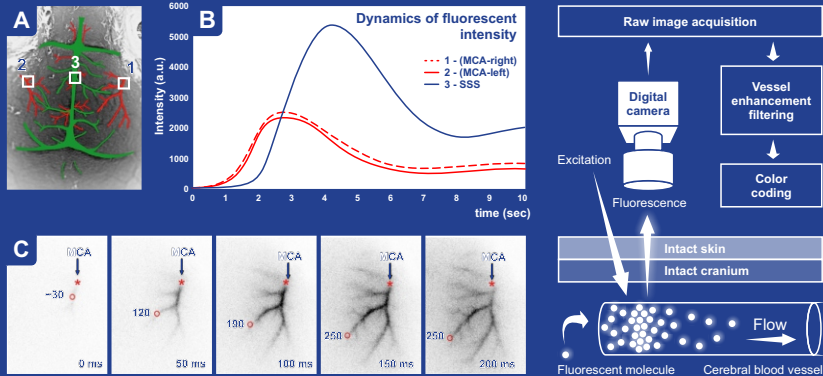
## Diffuse reflectance spectroscopy (DRS) oxidative processes status in the tissue



Example of time traces of (A)  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -dependent fluorescence emission of Rhod2, (B) reflectance at multiple wavelengths

# Laser speckle-contrast imaging

## Laser speckle-contrast imaging (LSCI) dynamics of changes in blood flow in large and small vessels



# Aim

**to compare metabolic activity and structural changes in the cerebral cortex after acute hypoxia caused by impairment of respiration or blood circulation, so that will show the approach to individualize the post-rehabilitation management of the patients with acute respiratory and circulatory disorders.**

# Goals

- **Modulate acute statement of impairment for respiratory and cardiovascular (CVS) systems.**
  - **Estimate metabolic activity of cerebral cortex tissue (NADH and FAD coenzymes).**
  - **Evaluate oxygen saturation in brain cerebral cortex (O<sub>2</sub> to Co<sub>2</sub>).**
  - **Determine blood flow activity changes during respiratory and CVS disorders.**
  - **Assess the structural post-mortal changes in cortical morphology.**

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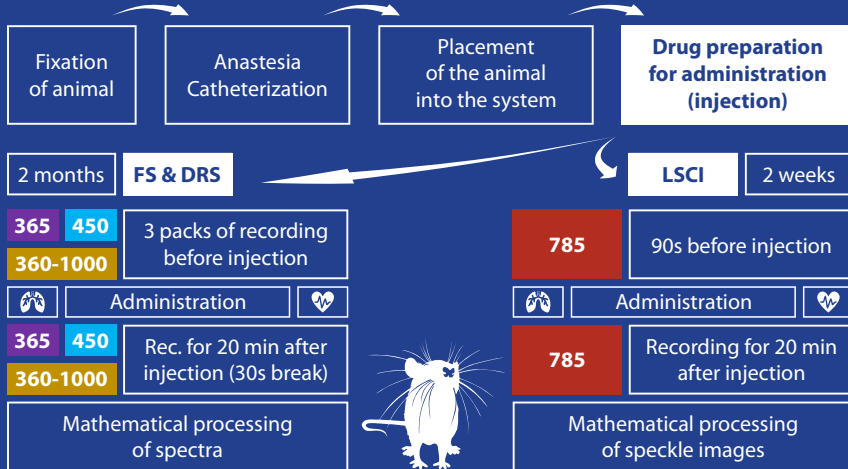
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# Design of Research



# Environment

- **Controlled environmental conditions**

temperature 20–22 °C, humidity of 50–60%, 12-hour lighting cycle 10-times exchange of the room air volume per hour

- **Feeding**

standard balanced granulated nutrition for rodents in accordance with the daily physiological needs. Distilled deionized water ad libitum.

- **Health status evaluation**

veterinarian carried out daily inspection during a two-week quarantine period.

- **Randomization**

random selection using body mass as a leading parameter, mass values did not deviate from the average by more than 10%.

# Methods

## Anesthesia

Zoletil 100 (Vibrac, France), 0.3 ml per 250g animal

## Catheterization

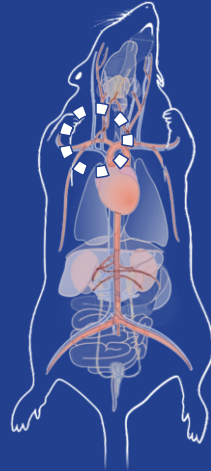


jugular veins and arteries  
femoral veins and arteries  
aorta  
carotid artery  
etc

Right external jugular vein

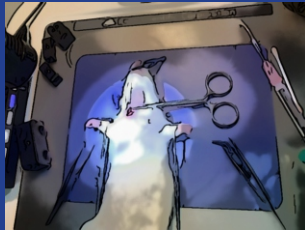
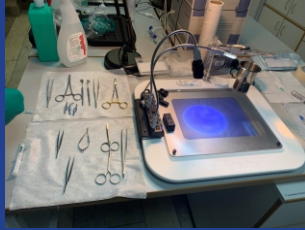
PM-60 polymer catheter

(SciCat, Russia,  $d_{\text{ext}}=0.8$  mm,  $d_{\text{int}}=0.4$  mm)





# Catheterization



- Catheter
- Instruments for animals surgery
- Heating table
- LED lamp
- Heparin solution
- Surgical field preparation
- Layered cut
- Mastering ligatures
- Microcision of a vessel
- Catheter insertion
- Ligature dressing
- Catheter insertion
- Withering
- Layer Sewing

# Methods



**Operational access to the skull bone dissecting of soft tissues (2 weeks old rats for LSCI method).**

**Operational access to the brain cortex drilling a window into the skull (2 months old rats for fluorescence and diffuse reflectance spectroscopy methods).**

# Methods

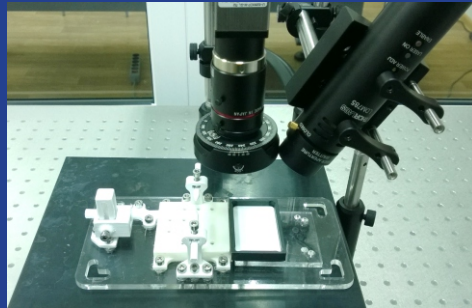
## Identification of cortical structures

G. Paxinos, C. Watson.

Rat Brain Stereotaxic Atlas. Academic Press (2007).



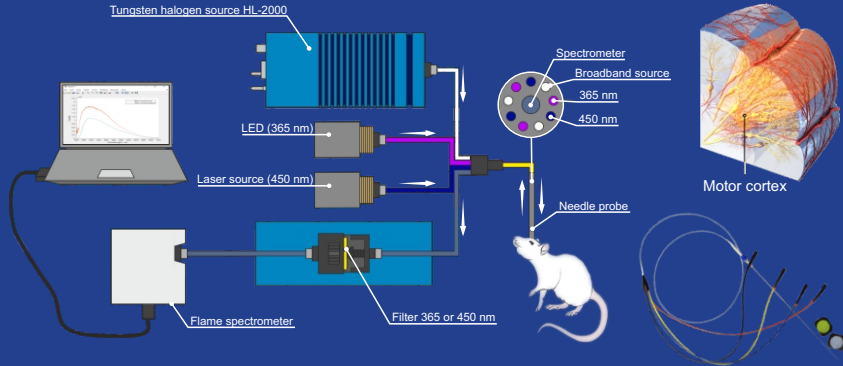
Regions of interest



House-built System with Stereotaxic Apparatus

\* G. P'yavchenko, L. Shmarkova, V. Nozdrin. *Changes in the Number of Neurons in the Rat Motor Cortex and Movement Activity with Age.* *Neurosci. Behav. Physiol.* (2016), 46(3), 270–273

# Fluorescence and diffuse reflectance spectroscopy



## Output power

for 365 nm ex.  $\leq 1.5$  mW,

for 450 nm ex.  $\leq 3.5$  mW.

for broadband source  $\leq 6.7$  mW

## Excitation light flux

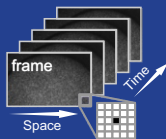
for 365 nm ex.  $\leq 0.16$  W·m<sup>-2</sup>

for 450 nm ex.  $\leq 0.37$  W·m<sup>-2</sup>

Fiber numerical aperture

NA = 0.22

# Laser speckle contrast imaging



The standard spatial algorithm has been used for speckle contrast images obtaining. Average speckle contrast formula:

$\langle \rangle$  — the symbol of averaging

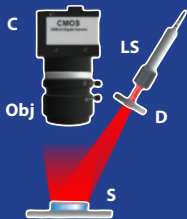
$n$  — quantity of pixels in stack

$\langle I \rangle_n$  — average intensity in a stack of pixels

$\sigma_n$  — standard deviation of intensity in a stack of pixels

LS – laser source, D – diffusor,  
S – sample, Obj – objective,  
C – camera.

$$K = \frac{\sigma_n}{\langle I \rangle_n}$$

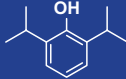


# Impairment models

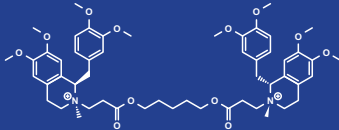


## Breathing impairment model

Propofol 0.3 ml



Non-depolarizing muscle relaxant (cisatracurium) in a lethal dose

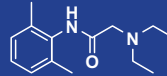


Immediately causes a spasm of the respiratory muscles and respiratory arrest

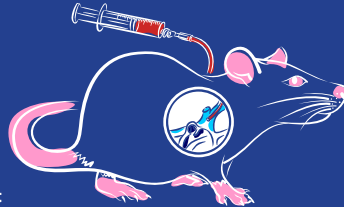
## Blood circulation impairment model



Lidocaine solution (2%) in a dose of 1 ml



Immediately causes a cardiac arrest



# Results Processing

- **Speckle contrast parameters**

Matlab® software using a temporal algorithm for averaging over substacks.

- **Fluorescence and diffuse reflectance spectra**

a special algorithm in the Matlab® software environment.

- **Processing of the results**

Origin® Pro.

# Methods

## **Histological analysis**

Fixation in buffered formalin.

Brain tissue sections 5  $\mu\text{m}$  thick, hematoxylin and eosin staining.

Identification of signs of cortical hypoxia.

## **Ethical conclusion**

Animal manipulations, as well as experimental conditions, were reviewed and approved by the ethics committee of the Orel State University.



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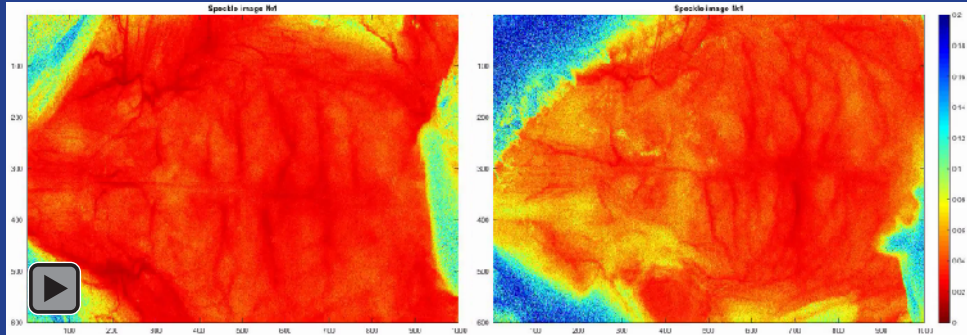
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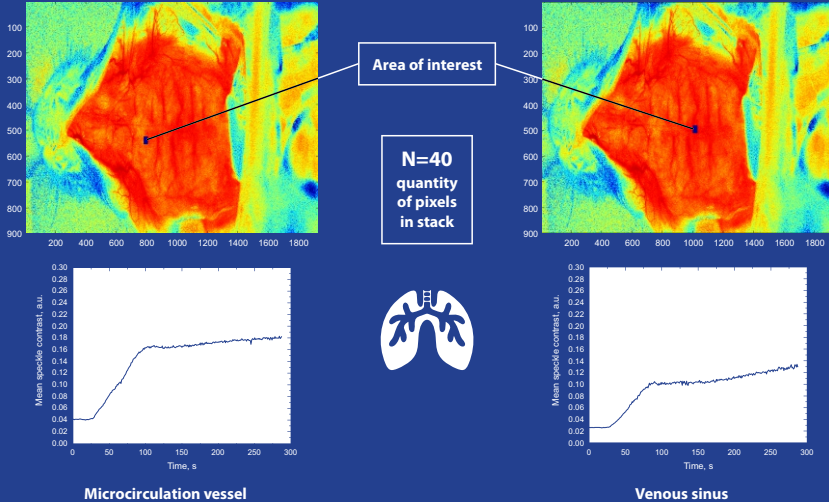
# Results – Speckle contrast imaging



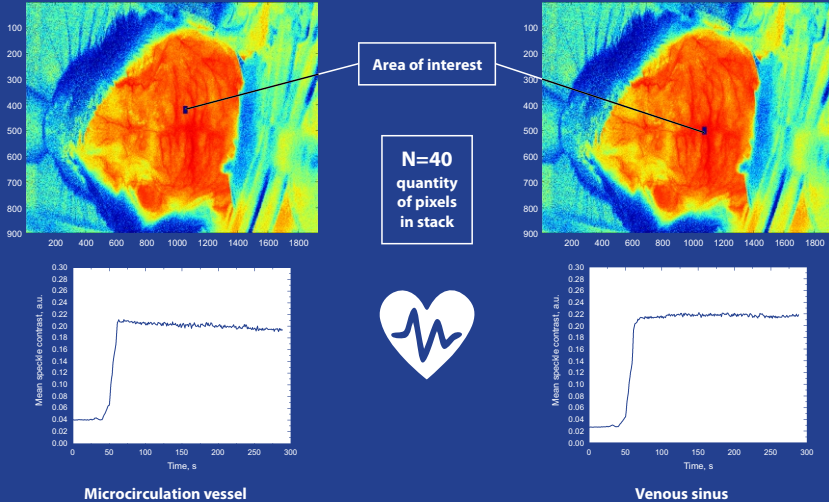
**FPS = 40**  
**Exposure time = 20 ms**



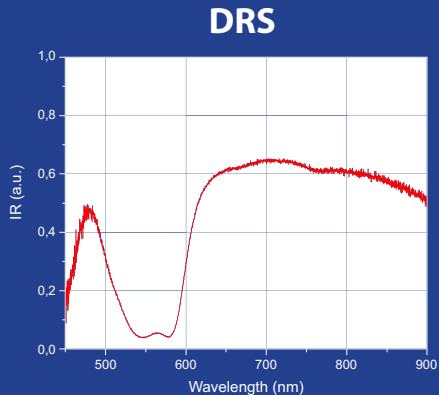
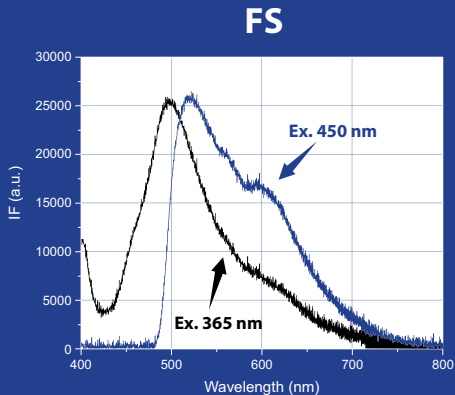
# Results – Breath Impairment Case



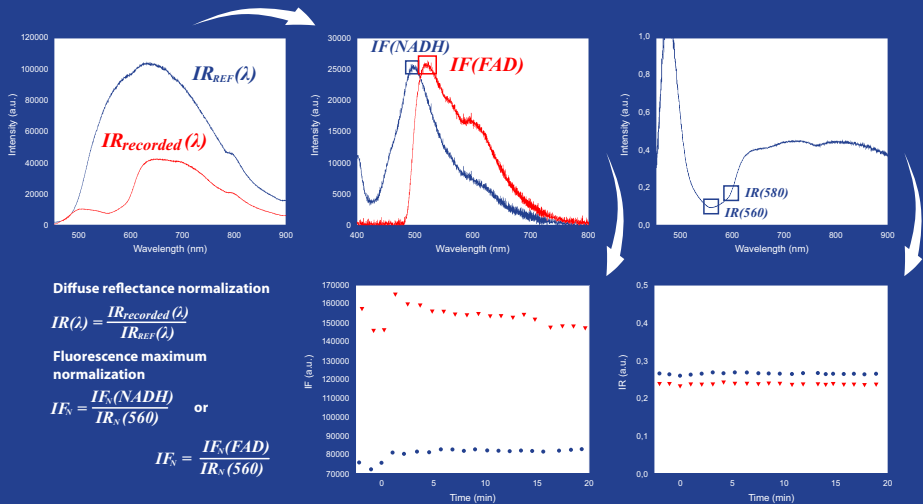
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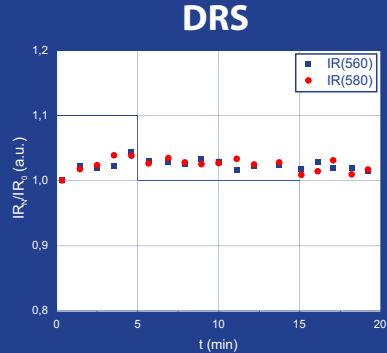
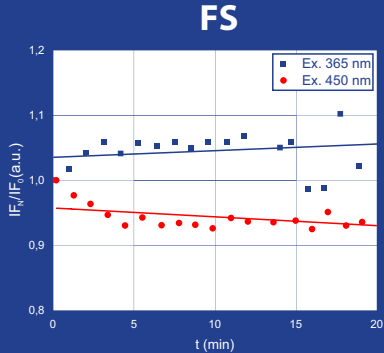
# Results – Intact Area Spectra Examples



# Results – Further Processing



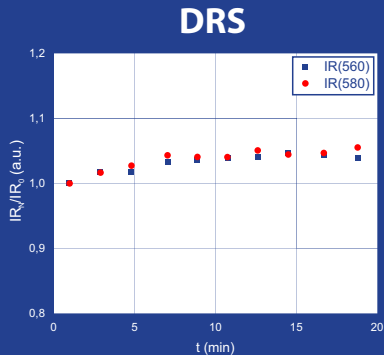
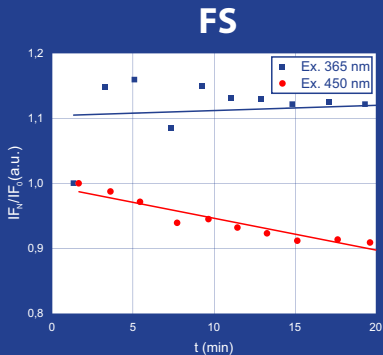
# Results – Breath Impairment Case 1



## Linear Fit

Normalization by IF and IR values at appr. 0 s associated with the beginning of the impair

# Results – Breath Impairment Case 2

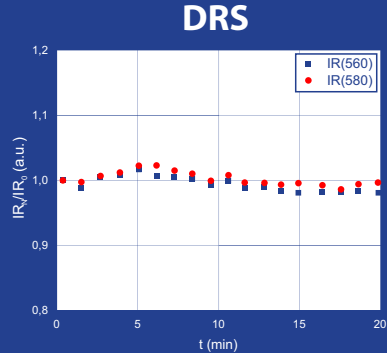
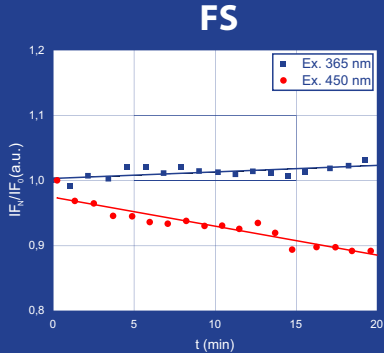


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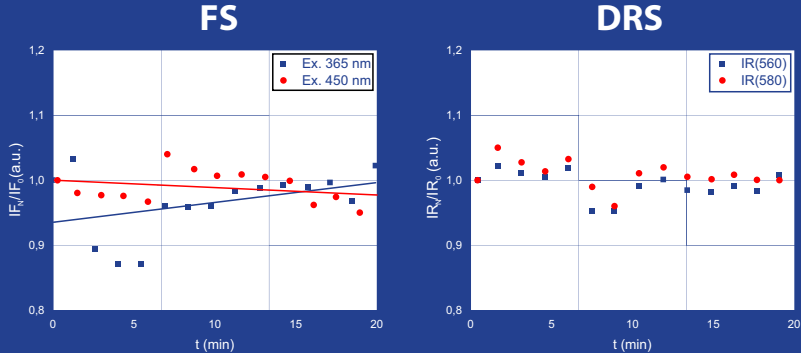
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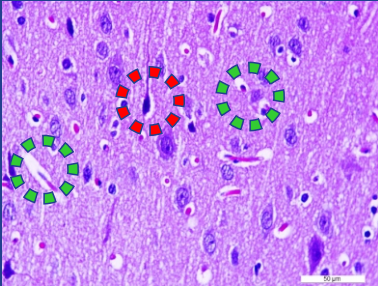
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## Linear Fit

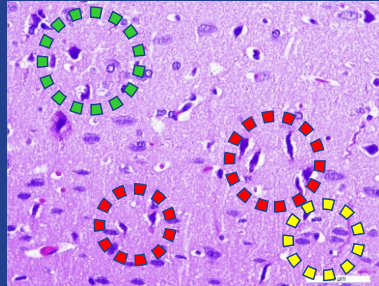
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# Results – Morphology changes



## Breathing impairment

Motor cortex sections. H&E stain. Signs of numeric hypoxic changes of the neuronal morphology (**red**) and local perivascular edema (**green**)



## Blood circulation impairment

Motor cortex sections. H&E stain. Huge amount of hyperchromic wrinkled neurons (**red**), pericellular edema (**green**), glial nodules & necrobiotic neurons (**yellow**)

# Summary



**In acute respiratory failure there is a gradual increase in hypoxic disorders, and a slowdown of hemodynamic processes. All these processes are noted in the first 20 minutes from the start of recording.**



**In acute circulatory disorders, there is a sharp cessation of the oxygenated blood supply to the brain cortex structures.**

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# Conclusion

- **The blood circulation in the vessels of the cerebral cortex stops in case of respiratory arrest after ~ 2 minutes, and when heart arrest occurs after ~ 1 minute.**
- **Changes in the brain tissue oxygen saturation under a heart arrest happen in the first 5 minutes, while an acute breathing impairment practically do not change it.**
- **Heart failure is characterized by more acute hypoxic disorders in the cerebral cortex in comparison with processes that occur in the cortex when breathing is impaired.**
- **Acute cardiovascular failure is a more life-threatening process that causes a rapid increase in neuronal metabolic deficit in compare with acute respiratory diseases.**
- **This may be used to personalize the management of patients after acute circulatory disorders and respiratory arrest in the prognosis and rehabilitation\*.**

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Press release

## Piavchenko awarded John Kiel Scholarship

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA - May 24, 2019 - Gennadii Piavchenko has been awarded the 2019 John Kiel Scholarship by SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics, for his potential contributions to the field of optics, photonics or related field.



Piavchenko is a PhD student in the Histology, Cytology and Embryology Department at the Orel State University (Russian Federation) where he is supervised by Prof. Vladimir Nozdrin (Orel State Univ.) and Prof. Sergey Kuznetsov (Sechenov Univ.). His research is based on an interdisciplinary approach combining behavioral neuroscience and applied pharmacology with novel trends in biophotonics, supervised by Dr. Andrey Dunaev. He has authored/co-authored 7 peer-review articles and holds one patent for a nervous tissue staining method.

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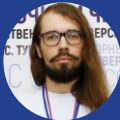
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