

ANIMAL DATA

# NEUROCAP<sup>®</sup>

Effective Nerve-End Barrier



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## The Only Dedicated Nerve-end Capping Device

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#### Management of symptomatic peripheral end-neuromas

NEUROCAP<sup>®</sup>, synthetic and bioresorbable, is the only approved nerve capping device targeted for surgical management of symptomatic end-neuromas. NEUROCAP<sup>®</sup> is intended to protect a peripheral nerve-end and to reduce the development of a symptomatic neuroma.

#### Interim animal data support the mechanism of action of NEUROCAP<sup>®</sup> as an effective nerve-end barrier

In our ongoing animal study, rat sciatic nerve defects were treated by capping the nerve-end with NEUROCAP<sup>®</sup> compared to a control group that was treated with the cut and bury technique. The effect of NEUROCAP<sup>®</sup> on the nerve-end and its surrounding tissues will be histologically assessed at 3, 6 and 12 months after implantation on myelin content and axon evaluation, neuroma formation, nerve outgrowth, abnormal healing of the nerve, and any abnormal response in the surrounding nerve tissues.

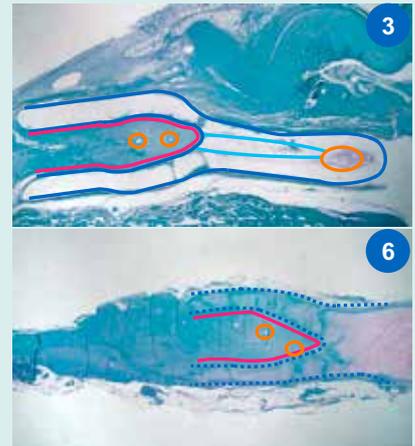
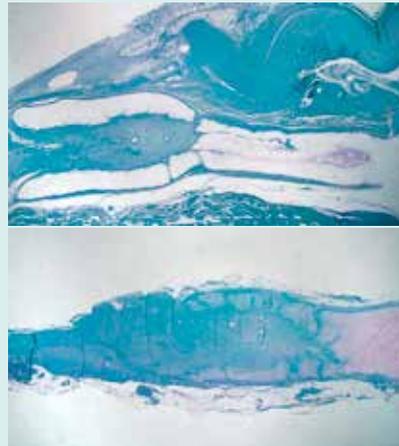
**Preliminary 6-month histological results show NEUROCAP<sup>®</sup> is safe to use and effective in providing the expected barrier function for the nerve-end, while sprouting and tethering is inhibited.**

### Schematic representation of the obtained results



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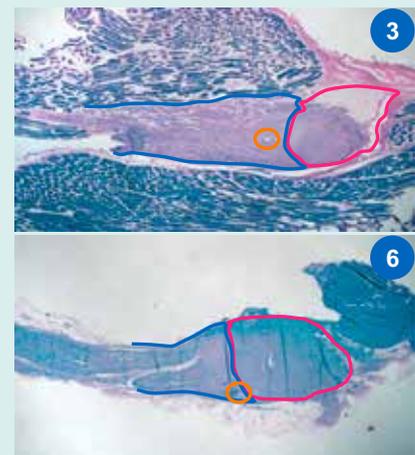
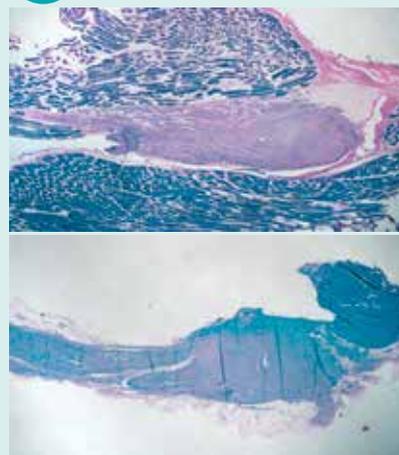
Histological evaluation at 3 and 6 months after implantation (10x total magnification)



NEUROCAP<sup>®</sup> effectively provides the expected barrier function for the nerve-end, while sprouting is inhibited. The right picture is a graphical illustration of the histological assessment. **Dark Blue**: outline of NEUROCAP<sup>®</sup> implant at 3 and 6 months post-op (rat-sciatic nerve); note the extended device degradation at 6 months. **Turquoise Blue**: collaborated inner part of the NEUROCAP<sup>®</sup> (no nerve tissue present), marginally observed at 6 months due to further device degradation **Orange**: Fixating sutures; **Magenta Red**: outline of nerve-end

#### CONTROL GROUP

Histological evaluation at 3 and 6 months after implantation (10x total magnification)



The control group, where the barrier is missing, allows for nerve-end outgrowth. The right picture is a graphical illustration of the histological assessment at 3 and 6 months post-op. **Dark Blue**: outline of nerve-end; **Magenta Red**: outline of newly formed neuroma and fibrotic tissue; **Orange**: Fixating suture

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