## **ABSTRACT**

## TITLE

Method for obtaining implantable medical bioprotheses

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This invention relates to a method for obtaining an implantable medical bioprosthesis comprising substances from animal tissue, comprising a step during which a bioprosthesis is positively selected for its implantation in the body of said patient when (i) the phenotype in ABO/ABH system of said bioprosthesis is compatible with (ii) the phenotype in ABO/ABH system of said patient.

## **CLAIMS**

- 1. Method for obtaining an implantable medical bioprosthesis in a patient comprising substances from animal tissue, comprising a step during which a bioprosthesis is positively selected for implantation in the body of said patient when (i) the phenotype in ABO/ABH system of said bioprosthesis is compatible with (ii) the phenotype in ABO/ABH system of said patient.
- 2. Method for obtaining an implantable medical bioprosthesis in a patient comprising substances from animal tissue, including the following steps:
  - a) determine the phenotype in the ABO/ABH system of a patient in the body of which a bioprosthesis must be implanted,
  - b) determine the phenotype in the ABO/ABH system of one candidate bioprosthesis, or in several candidate bioprostheses,

and

c) positively select a bioprosthesis for its implantation in the body of said patient when (i) the phenotype in the ABO/ABH system of said bioprosthesis is compatible with (ii) the phenotype in the ABO/ABH system of said patient,

the order of execution of steps a) and b) being indifferent.

- 3. Method for obtaining an implantable medical bioprosthesis in a patient comprising substances from animal tissue including the following steps:
  - a) provide several bioprostheses whose phenotype in the ABO/ABH system is known, and,
  - b) positively select, within several of said bioprostheses, at least one bioprosthesis for its implantation in the body of said patient when (i) the phenotype in the ABO/ABH system of said bioprosthesis is compatible with (ii) the phenotype in the ABO/ABH system of said patient.
- 4. Method according to one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the substances from animal tissue contained in a bioprosthesis are chosen among substances from mammal, preferably a mammal chosen among porcine, bovine, ovine, kangaroo, seal, camel and equine.
- 5. Method according to one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that said bioprostheses are chosen among the heart valve type bioprostheses, arterial bioprostheses, vascular bioprostheses, a patch or tissue, pulmonary bioprostheses, replacement or regeneration tissues.
- 6. Method according to claim 5, characterized in that said bioprostheses consist of heart valves chosen among the mitral, aortic, tricuspid and pulmonary valve.
- 7. Method according to one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that the selection of a bioprosthesis, in step c) of the method of claim 2 or in step b) of the method of claim 3, is carried out in accordance with the following compatibility rules:

- for patients whose ABO/ABH phenotype is the phenotype A, a bioprosthesis is positively selected, when the ABO/ABH phenotype of said bioprosthesis is a phenotype chosen among A or H,
- for patients whose ABO/ABH phenotype is the phenotype O, a prosthesis is positively selected, when the ABO/ABH phenotype of said bioprosthesis is the phenotype H,
- for patients whose ABO/ABH phenotype is the phenotype B, a prosthesis is positively selected, when the ABO/ABH phenotype of said bioprosthesis is a phenotype chosen among B (human) or H,
- for patients whose ABO/ABH phenotype is the phenotype AB, a prosthesis is positively selected, when the ABO/ABH phenotype of said bioprosthesis is a phenotype chosen among A, B or H,

and

- for all patients, a prosthesis is selected positively, when the ABO/ABH phenotype of said bioprosthesis is not detectable.
- 8. Method according to claim 7, characterized in that the bioprostheses for which ABO/ABH phenotype is not detectable are chosen among (i) bioprostheses comprising substances from an animal which do not express some antigens of the ABO/ABH system, including a genetically modified animal and (ii) bioprostheses having received one or more chemical, enzymatic, biological or other treatments causing a change in antigen expression of ABO/ABH system.
- 9. Method according to one of claims 1 to 8, further characterized in that,
  - the phenotype in the Lewis system, respectively (i) for one or more candidate bioprosthesis and (ii) for the patient, is known or determined,

and

- a bioprosthesis is positively selected when more than one compatibility is established for the phenotype in the Lewis system.
- 10. Method according to one of claims 1 to 9, further characterized in that,
  - the phenotype in the Rhesus system, respectively (i) for one or more candidate bioprosthesis and (ii) for the patient, is known or determined,
  - a bioprosthesis is positively selected when more than one compatibility is established for the phenotype in the Rhesus system.

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