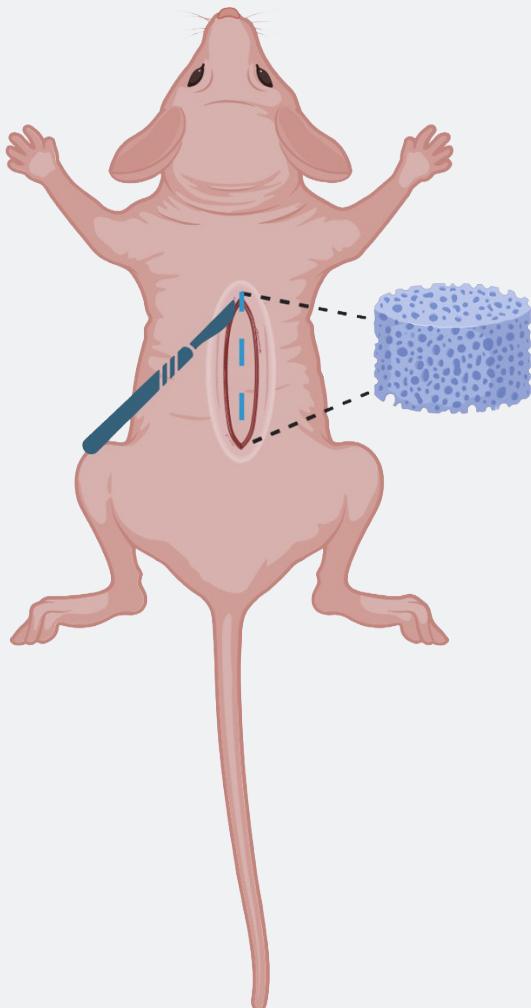




# ACUTE SURGICAL WOUND ANIMAL STUDY

## HELIOPEN<sup>®</sup> vs. Type I Bovine Collagen Particulate\*



**Objective:** Evaluate the host response to scaffold products<sup>1,2</sup>

**Methods:** Subcutaneous implant of scaffold products in athymic nude mice\*\* with acute wounds

### Test Articles: Scaffold Products

#### HELIOPEN

- Type I and III bovine dermis particulate
- n=8 to 10 animals per time point<sup>^</sup>

#### Type I Bovine Collagen

- Bovine dermis particulate
- n=6 to 7 animals per time point<sup>^</sup>

#### Timepoints Evaluated:

- 1 week and 4 weeks
- Tissue sample section processed and evaluated microscopically

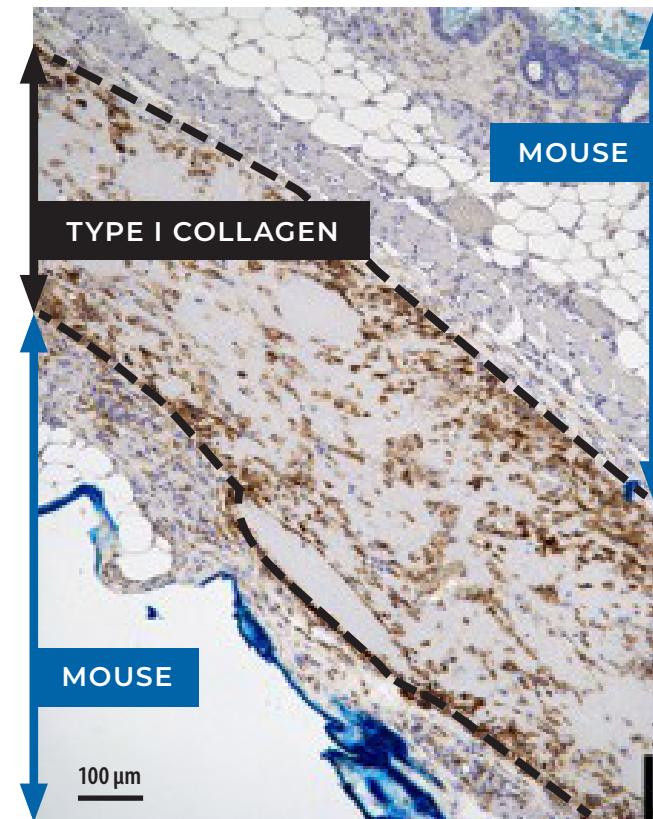
\* Not hydrolyzed collagen.

\*\* Athymic nude mice lack T cells. Therefore, they do not reject foreign tissue. This model eliminates confounding results from a xenogenic response.

<sup>^</sup> One site per animal.

## Results: Week 1 Post-Implantation<sup>1</sup>

**HELIOPEN** is **well-tolerated** as evident by **fewer inflammatory macrophages** infiltrating into the implant



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## Staining Guide



Macrophages (brown staining) are inflammatory cells responsible for clearing damaged tissue and foreign objects<sup>3</sup>



All nucleated cells (blue/purple staining)

## Results: Week 4 Post-Implantation<sup>2</sup>

**New collagen** was deposited into the **HELIOPEN** implant site because the scaffold was **well-tolerated** and **supported cellular ingrowth**.

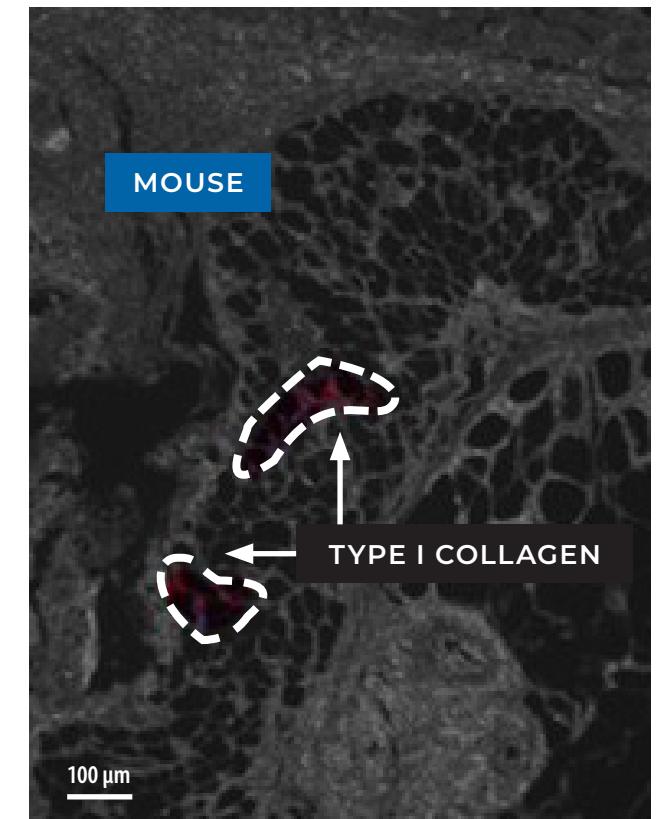
**Type I Bovine Collagen Particulate was largely degraded**; therefore, minimal collagen deposition was apparent within the implant.



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Existing subcutaneous mouse collagen has been subtracted to highlight new collagen formation into the remaining implant.



## Conclusion<sup>1,2</sup>

**Week 1:** HELIOGEN exhibited a lesser inflammatory response than the Type I Bovine Collagen Particulate.

**Week 4:** HELIOGEN persisted and exhibited scaffold properties like supporting new collagen production. The Type I Bovine Collagen Particulate was degraded due to early inflammation.

**Overall, HELIOGEN collagen matrix provided an optimal scaffold in an acute surgical wound.<sup>†</sup>**



Product	Product Compatibility With Host <sup>‡</sup>	Product Persistence Post-Implantation
HELIOGEN	++++	++++
Type I Bovine Collagen Particulate	++	++

<sup>+</sup>Ratings are based upon histopathological analysis. Higher ratings (+) are indicative of improved performance.



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<sup>†</sup>Results were demonstrated in animal only. Correlation to clinical results in humans is unknown.

<sup>‡</sup>Biocompatibility was determined by the macrophage response because nude mice lack an adaptive immune system.

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