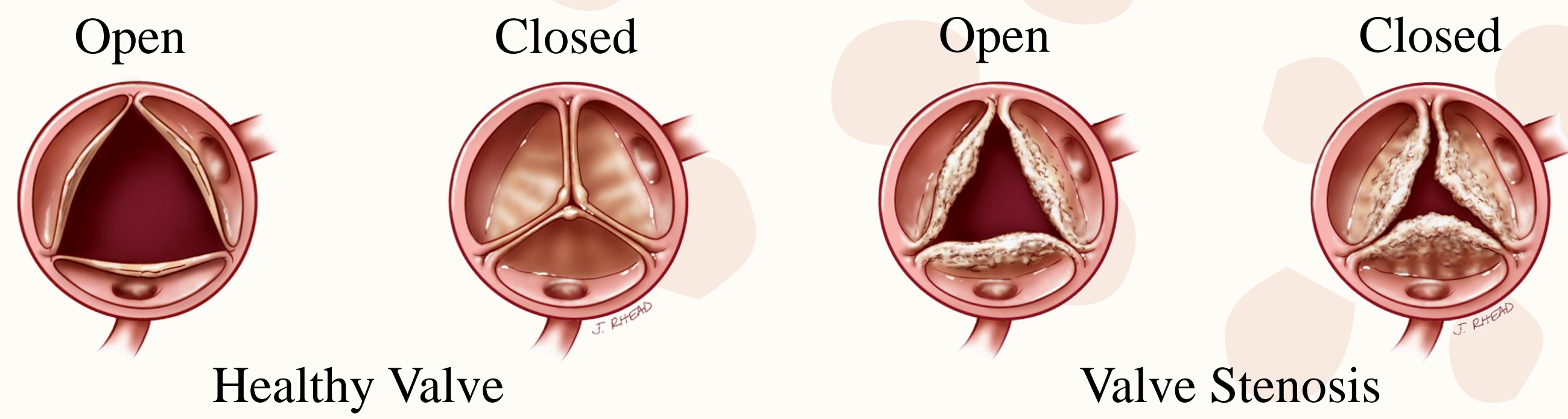


**INTRODUCTION**



- Cardiovascular diseases is the #1 killer worldwide
- More than 25,000 people in the USA die from heart valve diseases every year<sup>1</sup>
- Heart valve diseases cost USA \$23.4 billion annually<sup>2</sup>
- Limited treatment options:

Mechanical Valves	Bioprosthetic Valves
Lifelong anticoagulants	Not durable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited sizing</li> <li>No somatic growth</li> <li>May require multiple operations</li> </ul>	

**Heart Valves with Regenerative Capacities:**

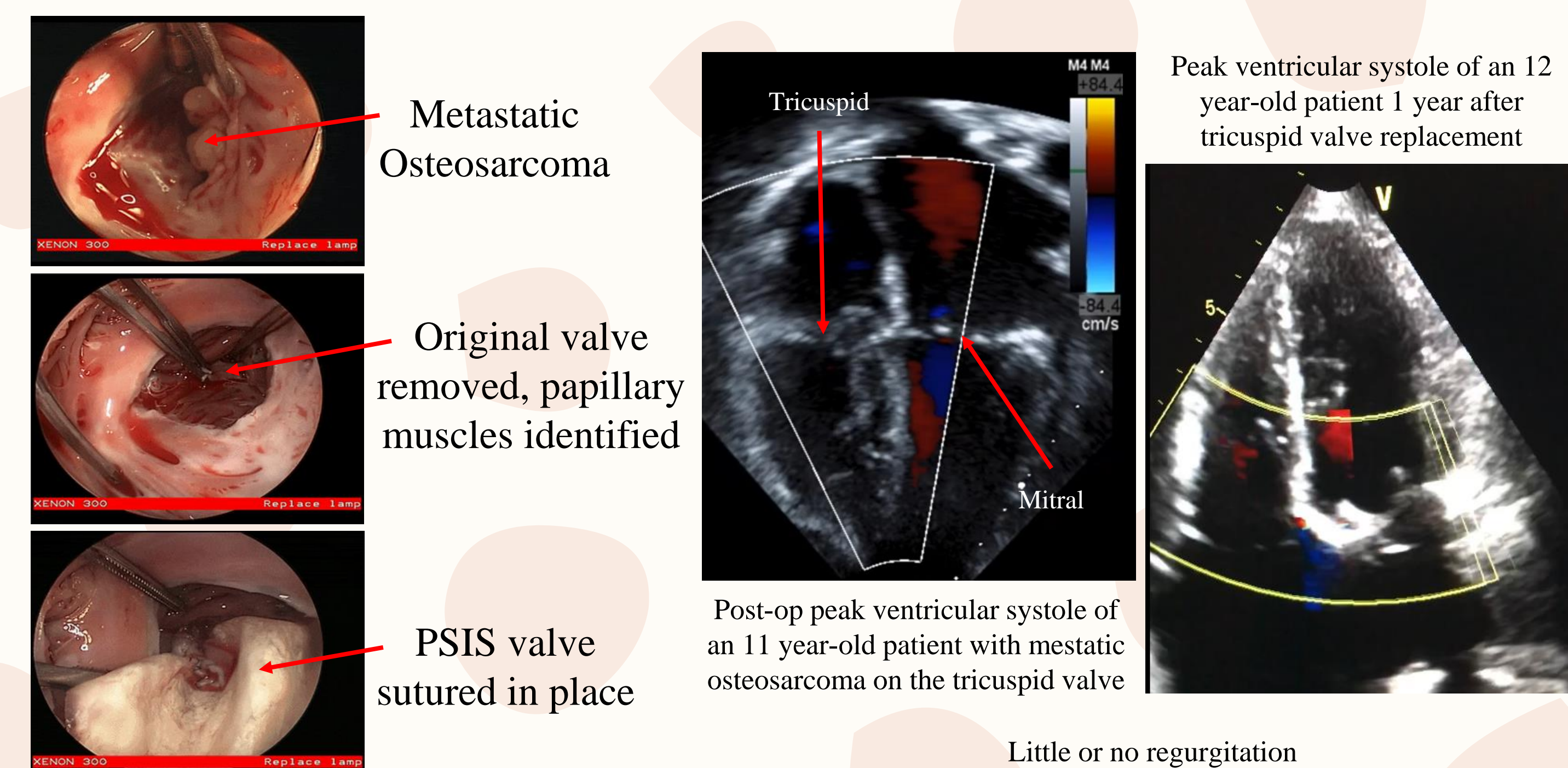
- Provide somatic growth
- Self-repair
- Infection resistance and permanent approach

**Porcine Small Intestinal Submucosa (PSIS):**

- FDA approved
- Used for other cardiovascular applications
- Evidence of host native cell infiltration and tissue remodeling<sup>3</sup>



- Cylindrical, stentless, seamless with acellular extracellular matrix (ECM)
- Currently applied in the tricuspid position in clinical settings



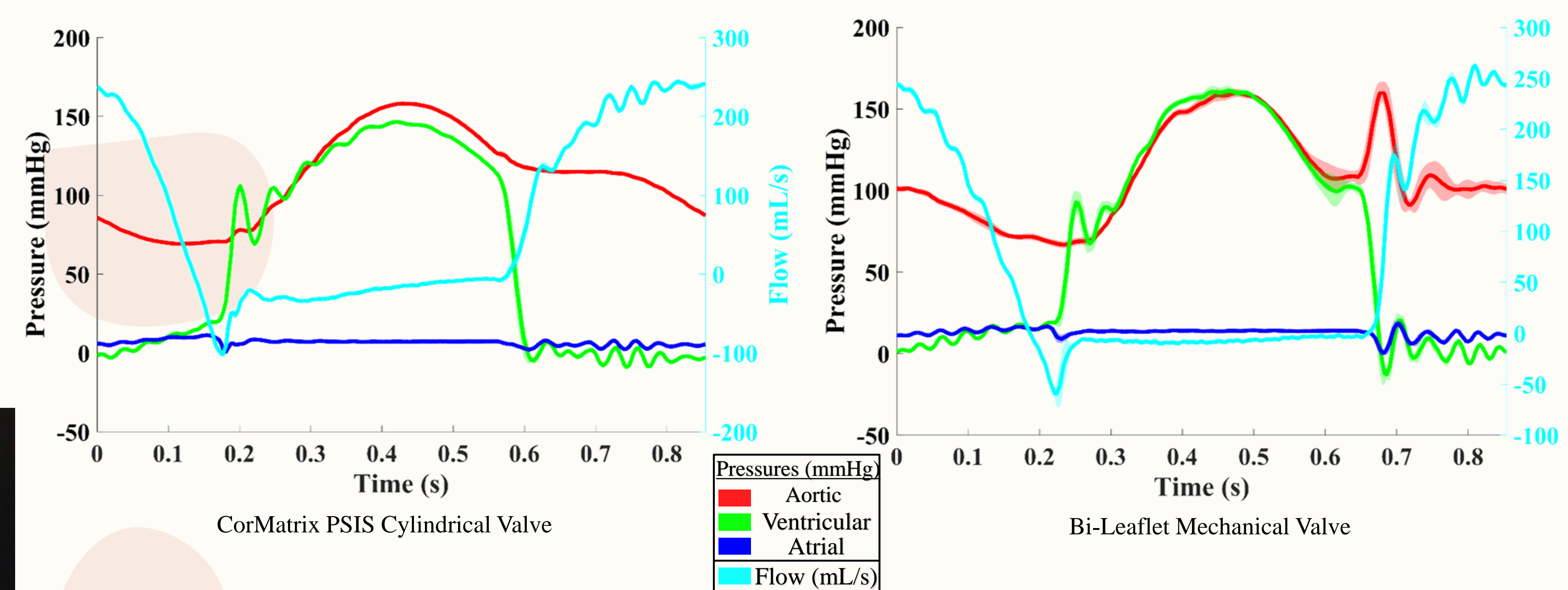
**PROBLEM:** While clinical echocardiographic outcomes of CorMatrix PSIS cylindrical valve in the tricuspid position are favorable and known, functional assessments in the mitral position is not known

**OBJECTIVE:** Conduct hydrodynamic testing CorMatrix PSIS cylindrical valve in the mitral position and compare their performance with a bi-leaflet mechanical valve

# Cylindrical PSIS valves facilitate robust hydrodynamic valve function

**RESULTS & CONCLUSION**

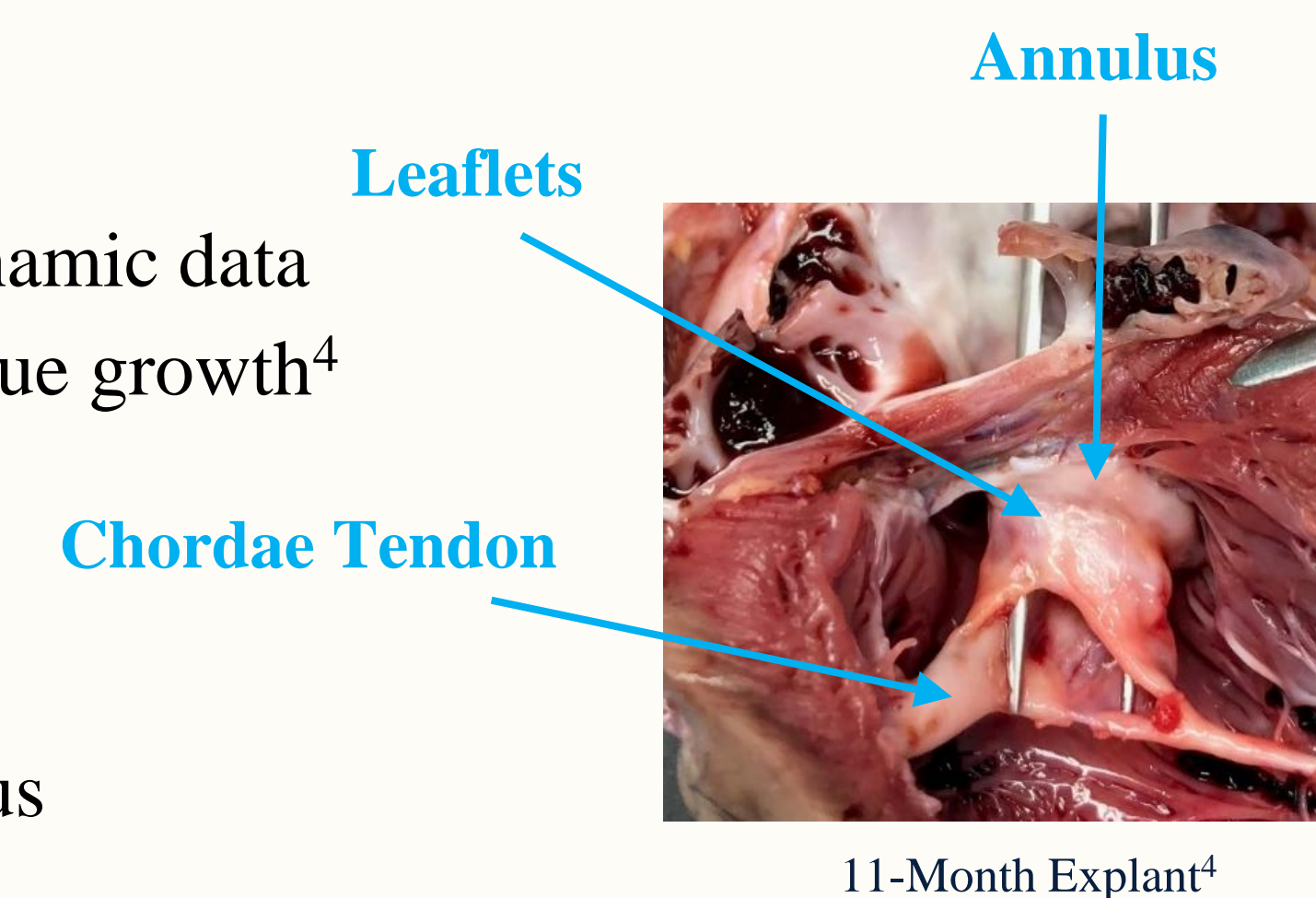
Valve Type (Mitral Position)	Q <sub>RMS</sub> (ml/s)	EOA (cm <sup>2</sup> )	ΔP (mmHg)	Regurge %
CorMatrix Tubular PSIS Valve (R = 5)	128.65 ± 1.60	1.00 ± 0.02	6.17 ± 1.35	9.23 ± 0.61
Bi-leaflet Mechanical Valve (N = 2)	128.58 ± 4.33	0.96 ± 0.04	6.84 ± 3.05	2.31 ± 0.87



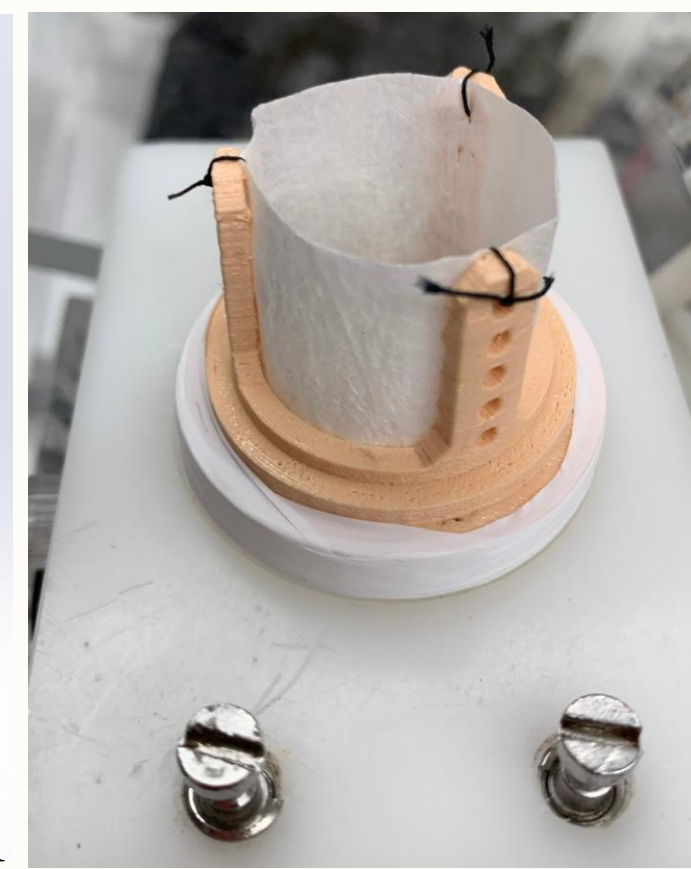
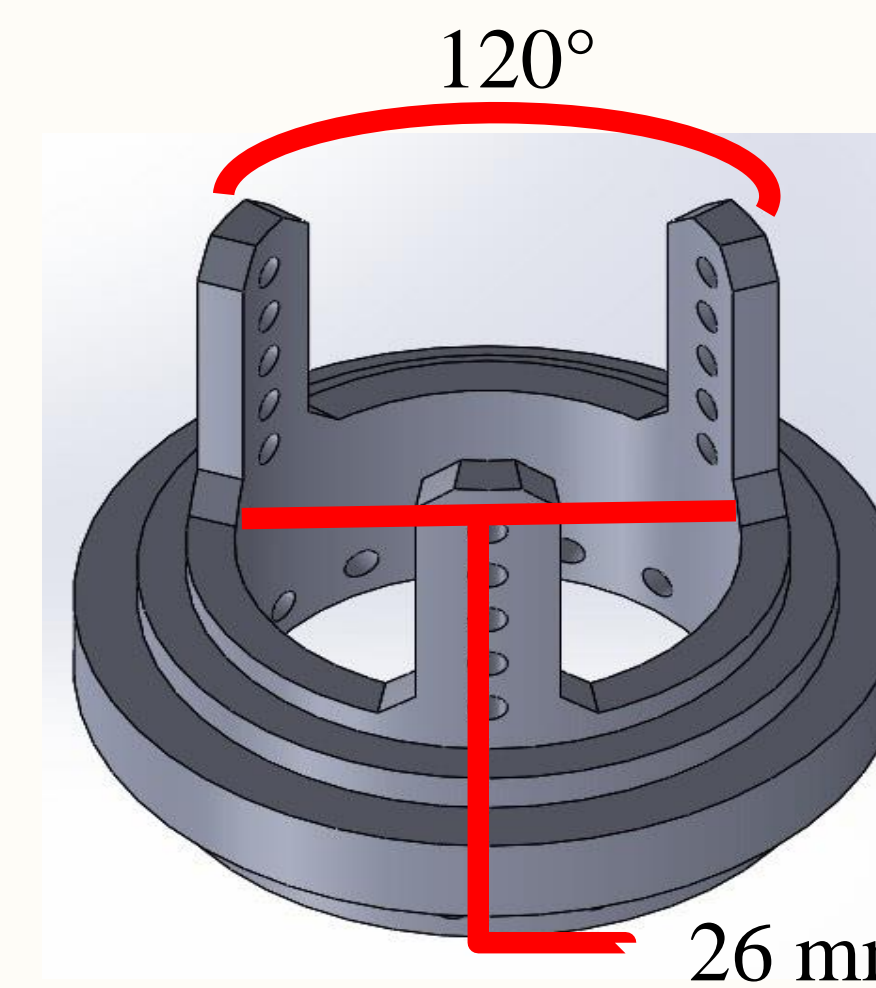
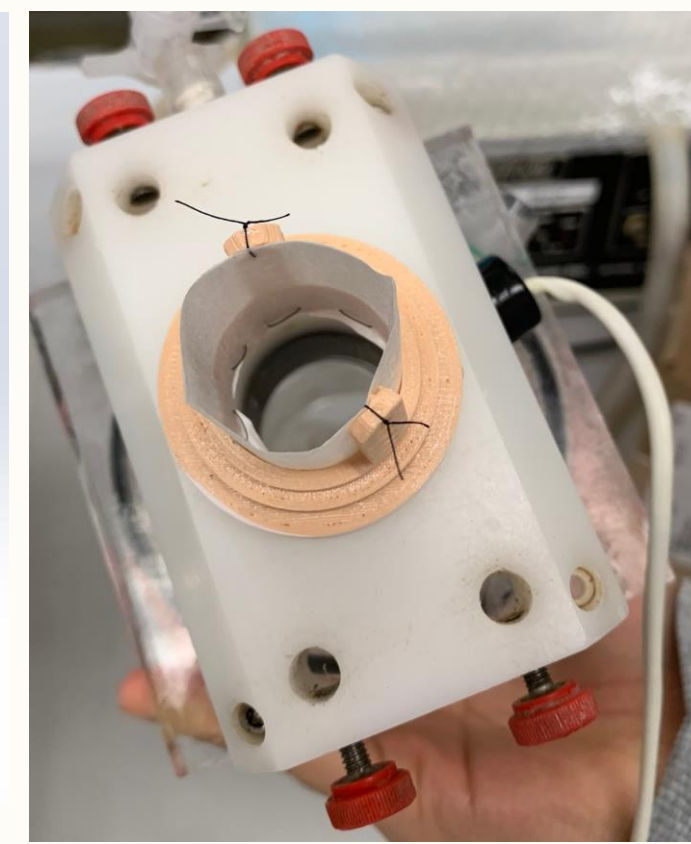
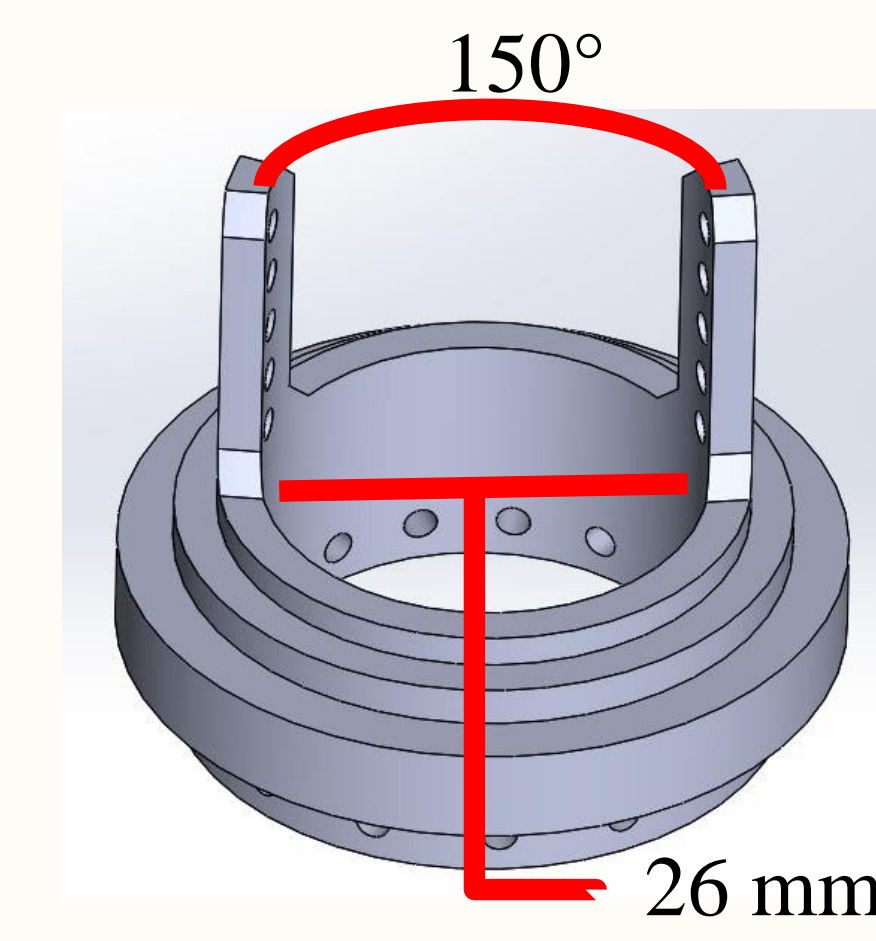
- Cylindrical PSIS valves appear to facilitate robust hydrodynamic valve function
  - Tricuspid – based on clinical data
  - Mitral (potentially) – based on preliminary hydrodynamic data
- Material may serve as scaffold for *de novo* valvular tissue growth<sup>4</sup>

**PITFALLS & FUTURE WORK**

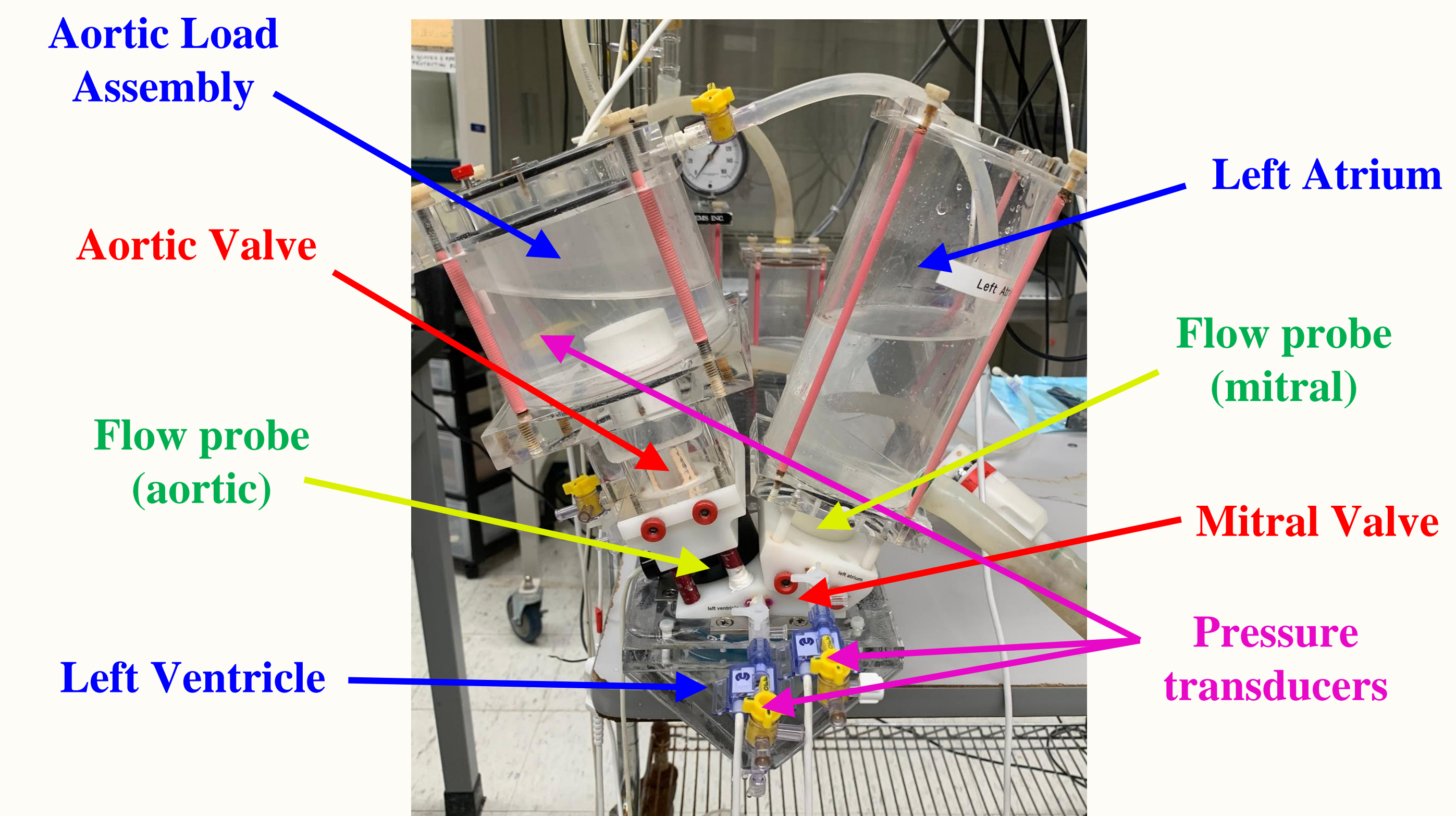
- Increase mitral position sample size
  - Anchorage points for suturing and sealing the annulus
- Testing in tricuspid and aortic positions
- Seeding PSIS with cells and conditioning them in bioreactors to assess the effects of both mechanical and biochemical stimuli on valve performance



**METHODS**



- Test Conditions
  - 70 beats/min
  - CO: 5 L/min
  - MAP: 100 mmHg
  - 35%-systolic
  - 65%-diastolic



Mitral (ventricular)



Mitral (top view)



Aortic (top view)



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