

# New Cryoablation Device Targets Enhanced Treatment of Cardiac Arrhythmias

**In vitro study details the increased performance and potential of CPSI's Supercritical Nitrogen cryoablation device for the epicardial based ablation of cardiac tissue**

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OWEGO, NY - CPSI Biotech announced today the publication of a peer-reviewed article detailing the enhanced performance CPSI's next generation supercritical nitrogen (SCN) cryoablation device and its potential application in the treatment of cardiac arrhythmias. The study, titled *Evaluation of a New Epicardial Cryoablation System for the Treatment of Cardiac Tachyarrhythmias*, published as an open access article in the journal *Trends in Medicine*, was a multi-institutional collaboration between researchers from CPSI and Binghamton University.

The article details developments in CPSI's cardiac cryoablation technology platform. The study investigated the performance of the patented Supercritical Nitrogen (SCN) cryoablation system and epicardial cryoablation probe developed by CPSI. The studies, conducted using a series of heat loaded engineering and tissue models, demonstrated the ability of the system to quickly and effectively deliver an ablative dose. Commenting on the study, Dr. John M. Baust (CPSI President and Lead Scientist) stated "We have been working on a series of a next generation cryoablation devices and probes for targeting various cardiac arrhythmias for a number of years. These activities have resulted in the development of a platform of new ablation probes and catheters, the *ICEolate* platform, designed to support ablation of cardiac tissue using either an epicardial or endocardial approach. This specific study focused on evaluations of the epicardial cryoprobe technology. The results demonstrate that the SCN system is able to generate ablative power several fold greater than today's commercial cryoablation systems and as such deliver a ablative dose in less than one minute in many cases."

In addition to developing advanced cryoablative devices, another focus at CPSI is to identify the minimal lethal temperature necessary to effectively ablate various cells and tissues. Previous studies by CPSI scientists, as well as others, identified -30°C as the minimal critical temperature for cardiac tissue. These studies were led by Dr. Kristi Snyder (Director of Operations and Principal Scientist) who commented "once we were able to identify -30°C as the minimal target temperature we were able to use this information to guide the development of new devices designed to hit this target as quickly as possible throughout the targeted tissue. Reaching this temperature throughout the full thickness of the target tissue is very important; -30°C is not what needs to be achieved at the probe surface, but must be attained across the entire cardiac wall to achieve conduction block. The faster and more precisely this can be achieved on the opposite surface of the heart, the greater the potential for procedural success. The data in this study demonstrated that the SCN *ICEolate* epicardial cryoprobe were able to deliver temperatures of -30°C in a circulating heat loaded *ex vivo* cardiac tissue model in ~30 seconds and achieved a nadir temperature of <-50°C during a 3-minute freeze protocol."

This study was conducted as part of CPSI's ongoing research and technology development program which involves the development of a next generation cryoablation devices and approaches for the treatment of various disease states. Ongoing efforts continue to build upon this success and are focusing on continued development, optimization and testing of these new devices. Speaking to the broader device development program at CPSI, Baust added "while this study focused on our prototype epicardial cardiac

probe, we are also actively developing linear and balloon tipped catheter technologies as part of the *ICEolate* platform to support endocardial based procedures. The power of the patented cryoablation engines that CPSI's engineers have developed has opened a number of doors for advanced treatment for various diseases. We are excited to take the next steps with this technology." With development underway, CPSI is poised to embark down the commercialization path. To this end, Baust commented "We are actively seeking investors and partners through a variety of mechanisms to join our team to bring this potentially lifesaving technology platform to the market."

The open access article, initially published online February 2, 2018 is timely and can be accessed free of charge via the Trends in Medicine website at <http://www.oatext.com/evaluation-of-a-new-epicardial-cryoablation-system-for-the-treatment-of-cardiac-tachyarrhythmias.php>

More information on the CPSI's cryoablation technology platform or any of CPSI's other technologies can be found on CPSI's website at [www.CPSIBiotech.com](http://www.CPSIBiotech.com).

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