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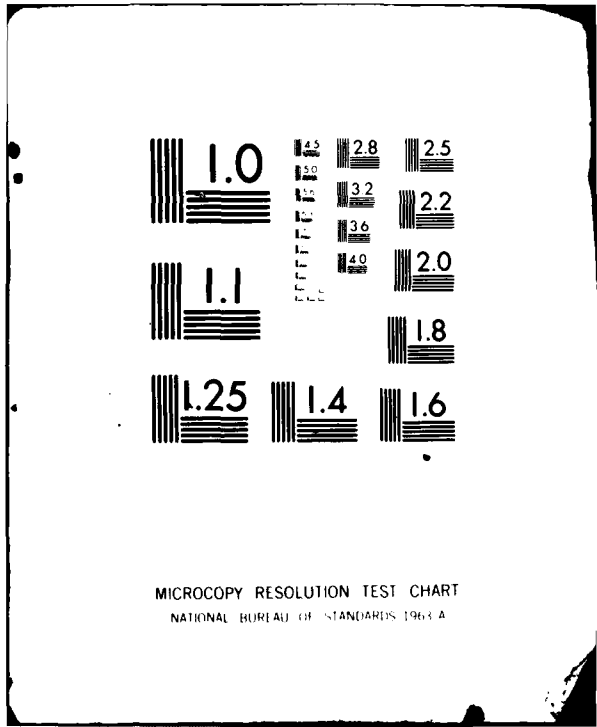
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Summary of Research under Contract N0014-80C.

The goals of these studies:

- 1) to establish a clinically effective procedure for the long term storage of granulocytes, monocytes and stem cells of human blood;
- 2) to elucidate mechanisms of cryogenic injury to white cells;
- 3) to evaluate complement and immunoglobulin dependent phagocytic mechanisms of granulocytes and monocytes.

Granulocytes and monocytes of high purity were obtained by counter-flow centrifugation. They were preserved with a combination of extracellular (hydroxylstarch, 6%) and intracellular (dimethylsulfoxide, 5%) cryoprotectants in a hyperosmolar (314 mOsm) balanced salt buffer containing bovine albumin (4%). Cells were cooled at 4°C to -80°C and stored in tubes in liquid nitrogen. Granulocytes of dog, guinea pig, baboon, and man were investigated. Monocytes were obtained only from human whole blood or pheresis cellular residues. Morphological recoveries ranged upwards of 90% in all species. Functional recoveries of thawed washed granulocytes in terms of membrane stability and phagocytic indices ranged from 80% in guinea pig and dog, 70% in baboon to 40% in human. Leukapheresed dog granulocytes were stable in liquid nitrogen for two years.

High yields (1×10^9) monocytes were obtained from plateletpheresis bags and preserved with the granulocyte protocol. All cells were recovered after 3 months storage in liquid nitrogen with 94% phagocytic index.

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Conclusions:

The feasibility of long term cryopreservation of granulocytes and monocytes has been established. Granulocytes of lower animals (guinea pig, dog) may be preserved for one to two years with small losses of cells and functionality. A species difference in stability exists in which baboon and human cells are the least stable. *power*

Human monocytes may be isolated in large (1×10^9) numbers as by products cells of plateletpheresis. They are stable and functional after months in liquid nitrogen.

A protocol for granulocyte freezing containing a combination of extracellular (HES) and intracellular (DMSO) cryoprotectants is applicable with good results to all white cell types in animal blood including B and T lymphocytes.

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