**S1 Table Mean (± SEM; n = 8 animals) macroscopic end points of grafts evaluated 7 days after heterotopic autotransplantation.**

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| Macroscopic end points |
| Treatments | Morphology† | Adherence‡ | Bleeding§ |
| Transplant 4°C | 4.3 ± 0.1 | 3.7 ± 0.3 | 2.5 ± 0.2 |
| Transplant 4°C + VEGF | 4.3 ± 0.3 | 3.7 ± 0.2 | 2.2 ± 0.3 |
| Transplant 25°CTransplant 25°C + VEGF | 4.2 ± 0.23.6 ± 0.3 | 3.6 ± 0.13.7 ± 0.3 | 2.5 ± 0.23.1 ± 0.3 |

†Morphological classification: 1 = necrotic (totally dark graft), 2 = some points of necrosis, 3 = intact and similar to the original graft, 4 = intact and slightly swollen, and 5 = intact and swollen with increased volume; ‡Adhesion of the graft to the host tissue: 1 = poor (easy to remove), 2 = slightly inserted, 3 = moderately inserted, 4 = strong (well inserted, with some difficulty in removing), and 5 = intense (very difficult to remove); §Extent of bleeding at the time of graft removal: 1 = absent bleeding, 2 = in up to two areas around the fragment, 3 = in half of the fragment, 4 = in two-thirds of the fragment, and 5 = around the whole fragment. No statistical difference was observed among treatments for any of the end points.