Lunar Analog
**HHC Infrastructure Gaps**

**Gaps: Can partial gravity be simulated on Earth? How does 1/6-g or 3/8-g influence CM?**

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**Lunar CM needed?**

- **Lunar Bed Rest CM Studies**
  - **Select best CM**

**Is Lunar EVA protective?**

- **Lunar Bed Rest EVA**
  - **YES**
  - **NO**

**Reassessment of 1/6g analogue options**

**Is lunar analogue appropriate?**

- **LAFS Pre-Pilot**
  - **NO**

**Ground Study**

- **Flight Study**
- **Pre-flight Preparation**
- **Data Analysis**
- **Add-on**

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**Important:** These studies are listed multiple times to answer several gaps.
Concept

- Development of a ground-based lunar analog is necessary as NASA prepares to return to the Moon.

- Relied on Digital Astronaut to:
  - Validate the angle needed for expected changes in bone
    - 9.5° head up tilt
  - Determine what adjustments are required to appropriately model predicted plasma volume changes
    - Compression stockings
Digital Astronaut
Bed Design
Validation of 9.5º Head Up Tilt

- Demonstrate that 9.5º head up tilt provides 1/6 g in the standing position
Lunar Analog Feasibility Study

- Initial study to assess subject comfort and tolerance of the lunar bed and stockings

- Subjects
  - 5 Cleveland Clinic
  - 3 JSC/UTMB

- 11-day study
  - 3 days pre-bed rest with
  - 6 days in bed
  - 2 days post bed rest rehabilitation
Lunar Analog Feasibility Study

- Subjects provided isocaloric diet
- Alternated between periods of sitting and standing
  - 65% sitting
  - 35% standing
- Subjects tolerated the lunar bed well.
Lunar Analog Feasibility Study

- **Jobst® Stocking Evaluation** – a number of different stocking configurations were tested to determine optimal comfort for subjects.

  - Thigh high, off the shelf, closed toe 30-40 mmHg, (~18 mmHg ave)
  - Thigh high, custom fit, closed toe, 40 mmHg (~18 mmHg ave)
  - Thigh high, custom fit, Elvarex fabric, open toe, 36-46 mmHg (~18 mmHg ave)
Lunar Analog Feasibility Study

- **Knee High Stockings**
  - Knee high, custom fit, Elvarex fabric, open toe, 36-46 mmHg (~18 mmHg ave)

- **All stocking configurations** were evaluated for
  - foot and toe numbness, tingling and pain
  - Knee irritation and pain

- **Best combination of characteristics**
  - Knee high, custom fit, Elvarex fabric, closed toe, 25-32 mmHg (~12 mmHg ave)
Preliminary Data

- Data from 1st 5 subjects at Cleveland Clinic
Predicted 6% PV loss on moon

10° HUT w/o stockings predicts PV gain (left)

10° HUT w/ stockings predicts PV loss (right)

Actual loss during LAFS 13%.

Due to:

- Lack of Diet Stabilization?
- Magnitude of Compression?
Change in Segmental Fluid Volume during Short and Long Radius Centrifugation
Selection of stockings

Knee high (below the knee) compression stockings are frequently prescribed to prevent DVT. One randomized trial with 223 subjects showed a 10% rate of asymptomatic DVT in control subjects and 0 cases of DVT following long-haul airflights.


Several meta-analyses have been conducted showing the efficacy of compression stockings for preventing DVT in a number of different clinical scenarios. When knee high were compared to thigh high, a conclusion could not be drawn on which were superior at preventing DVT due to the low numbers, but one review recommends knee high due to the greater comfort.

Pre-Pilot Study

- Validation of Lunar bed rest model for the cardiovascular system
  - Knee high, custom fit, Elvarex fabric, closed toe, 25-32 mmHg (~12 mmHg ave)
  - 8 subjects
  - 14-day pre-bed rest diet stabilization
  - 6 days 9.5° head up tilt bed rest
  - 2 days post bed rest rehabilitation
  - Plasma Volume measures to accurately assess magnitude and direction
Lunar Analog Pilot Study

- Examination of the Lunar bed rest model over long-duration
  - 14 pre-bed rest diet stabilization
  - 60 days 9.5° head up tilt bed rest
  - 14 days post bed rest rehabilitation
  - Standard conditions
  - Standard measures
  - Model verification using Digital Astronaut
Bed Design for Lunar Analog Pilot

Adjustable Foot Support
Slider Plate Assembly

Floor-mounted force plate serves as a seat.

Scissor jack to adjust force plate operated by subject