Study Limitations

This study has the following limitations: (1) a small sample size, which is inadequate for statistical analysis; (2) transplantation of TCD-51073 occurred in the absence of other concomitant therapies, so an add-on effect is unlikely to occur in the before-and-after comparisons; however, comparison with a group of untreated patients is necessary; (3) single-arm, open-label study, so the possibility of assessment bias cannot be ruled out; an independent analysis should be considered; and (4) the evaluation period of 26 weeks after transplantation is limited for demonstrating the efficacy of TCD-51073 in improving survival outcomes and preventing hospitalizations because of HF, thus requiring further mid- and long-term follow-up data.

Conclusions

This study demonstrated the feasibility and safety of the transplantation of TCD-51073 in patients with severe chronic HF due to ischemic heart disease, suggesting that TCD-51073 might maintain or improve cardiac function, symptoms, and physical function.

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Supplementary Files

Supplementary File 1

- Table S1. Inclusion and exclusion criteria for study of cell sheet transplantation
- **Table S2.** Observation and test items and schedule of study of cell sheet transplantation
- **Figure S1.** Serial change in B-type natriuretic peptide from baseline to 26 weeks after cell sheet transplantation.

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