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Mesenchymal Stem Cell Based Intradiscal Gene Therapy: Therapeutic Implication in Degenerative Disc Disease

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– Abstract –

Study Design: In-vitro experiments using human mesenchymal stem cells (MSCs), intervertebral disc (IVD) cells and type 5 adenovirus/transforming growth factor- β 1 construct (Ad/TGF- β 1).

Objectives: To determine the effect of MSC-based gene therapy for matrix regeneration of IVD cells.

Summary of Literature Review: MSCs are known to be multipotent in tissue regeneration. In degeneration of IVD, cellular replacement with genetic modification other than that of IVD cells may prove an enhanced mechanism for the regeneration of IVD cells.

Materials and Methods: MSCs and IVD cells were cultured and an adenovirus construct containing TGF- β 1 cDNA (Ad/TGF- β 1) was also produced. In the first step, the MSCs were transduced with Ad/TGF- β 1, then mixed with IVD cells in various proportions and three dimensionally cultured. [methyl- 3 H]Thymidine and [35 S]Sulfur incorporation for DNA and proteoglycan synthesis, respectively, were measured. RT-PCR was performed to assess the aggrecan and collagen types I and II mRNA expressions

Results: Mixed cultures of MSC and IVD cells showed relatively similar amounts of newly synthesized proteoglycan compared with cultures of IVD cells only. In mixed cultures transduced with Ad/TGF- β 1, there were significant decreases in newly synthesized proteoglycan with increasing the proportions of MSCs, which was also found with the aggrecan and collagen type II mRNA expressions. However, the collagen type I mRNA expression increased with increased proportions of MSCs transduced with Ad/TGF- β 1.

Conclusion: Cell therapy with MSCs and IVD cells provided a mechanism for cellular augmentation. However, MSC-based gene therapy coupled with IVD cells did not maintain a chondrogenic phenotype.

Key words: Mesenchymal stem cell, disc cell, TGF- β 1, adenovirus, gene therapy

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(proteoglycan) .

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(nucleus pulposus) ²⁻⁸⁾ , .

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(trans-
forming growth factor- β 1, osteogenic protein-1, insulin
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(matrix) 가 가

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Okuma¹⁷⁾ , ,

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(vector) ,

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Dulbecco's Phosphate-Buffered saline (D-PBS, Invitrogen, Grand Island, NY)

5% (FBS, JRH BIOSCIENCES, Lenexa, KS), 0.2% pronase (Sigma, St. Louis, MO), 0.004% deoxyribonuclease II type IV (DNAse, Sigma, St. Louis, MO) Ham's F-12 medium (Invitrogen, Grand Island, NY)

37 °C 60 min D-PBS pronase 0.02% collagenase type II (Worthington Biochemical Corp., Lakewood, NJ) 2 37 °C 4

Ham's F-12 medium and Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium (DMEM/F12, Invitrogen, Grand Island, NY) nylon (pore size 75 μm)

5 × 10⁵ cells/ml 25 cm²-EasYFlask™ (Nunc, Rockkilde, Denmark)

10% FBS, 25 ug/ml ascorbic acid, 1% v/v penicillin, streptomycin, nystatin (all antibiotics from Invitrogen, Grand Island, NY) DMEM/F12

3 5% CO₂ 37 °C 3

2.

10ml 10% FBS Low glucose-Dulbecco's Minimal Essential Medium (DMEM-LG, Invitrogen, Grand Island, NY) 20 ml

10 ml Ficoll-Paque™ PLUS (Amersham pharmacia, Uppsala, Sweden)

25 cm²-EasYFlask™ (Nunc, Rockkilde, Denmark) 5% CO₂

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Luciferase (Ad/luc), TGF-1 (Ad/TGF-1) cytomegalovirus promotor 293

, CsCl , 1 × 10¹² particles/ml 1.5 ml tube -70 °C particle

가 particle 1:100 .

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3 , 0.15M NaCl 2.4% low viscosity alginic acid (Sigma, St. Louis, MO) 1/2 alginic acid

가 1.2%가 . 2 × 10⁶ cells/ml . 26 G 1cc ,

24well plate 102 mM CaCl₂ alginic acid

well 10 가 polymerization . 0.15 M NaCl

10 , 10% FBS, 25 ug/ml ascorbic acid, 1% v/v penicillin, streptomycin (all antibiotics from Invitrogen, Grand Island, NY)

DMEM/F12 well 1 ml 가 5% CO₂ 37 °C 가 7 .

5.

PBS , 5% FBS가 D- DMEM-LG , 가

Ad/luc 가 Ad/TGF-1 5% FBS가 DMEM-LG 가 .

100% 가 . 150MOI가 가

24 가 5% CO₂ 37 °C 가 24

Table 1. Primer sequence and reaction temperature

	primer sequence (5'→3')	annealing temperature (°C)
-actin	GGC GGA CTA TGA CTT AGT TG AAA CAA CAA TGT GCA ATC AA	53
aggrecan	GGA TCT AGC AGT GAG ACG TC CTG CAG CAG TTG ATT CTG AT	47
collagen type I	CCT GTC TGC TTC CTG TTA AC AGA GAT GAA TGC AAA GGA AA	48
collagen type II	CAG GAC CAA AGG GAC AGA AA TTG GTC CTT GCA TTA CTC CC	54

cells/ml, 0.25% Trypsin, 1 mM EDTA, 4 × 10⁶, PD-10 column (Amersham pharmacia, Uppsala, Sweden), Liquid scintillation cocktail (Beckman, Fullerton, CA) 6 ml, 16, 2, 3, 4, -scintillation counter (Packard, Downers Grove, IL), 1:0, 0:1, 1:1, 1:4 가, 3, Downers Grove, IL), 6. 3, 8. (Aggrecan, collagen type I, type II mRNA), 7 [methyl-³H]Thymidine (Amersham pharmacia, Uppsala, Sweden) 5 µCi/ml 가, 24, 24, cell harvester Glass microfibre filter (Whatman, Maidstone, England), D-PBS unbounded [methyl-³H]Thymidine 16 membrane scintillation vials, membrane Liquid scintillation cocktail (Beckman, Fullerton, CA) 3 ml 가, 16 DNA가 -scintillation counter (Packard, Downers Grove, IL) DNA, 7. 3, 7 [methyl-³H]Thymidine (Amersham pharmacia, Uppsala, Sweden) 5 µCi/ml 가, 4 가, 8M guanidine hydrochloride, 20 mM EDTA, proteinase inhibitors 가 4 °C 48, 9. SPSS (SPSS Inc. Chicago IL) One-way ANOVA Fisher's protected LSD post-hoc test p<0.05, RNA, RNA 1 µg Oligo d(T)16 primer 2.5 µM (Invitrogen, Grand Island, NY) 가 70 °C 5 annealing, RT premix (Bioneer,) 42 °C 1, 95 °C 5, 4 °C 5 cDNA, cDNA 1 ul primer 10 pmol/ul 가 가 20 ul가 PCR premix (Bioneer,) PCR (Table 1). RT-PCR internal control -actin TINA program, Sephadex G-25M

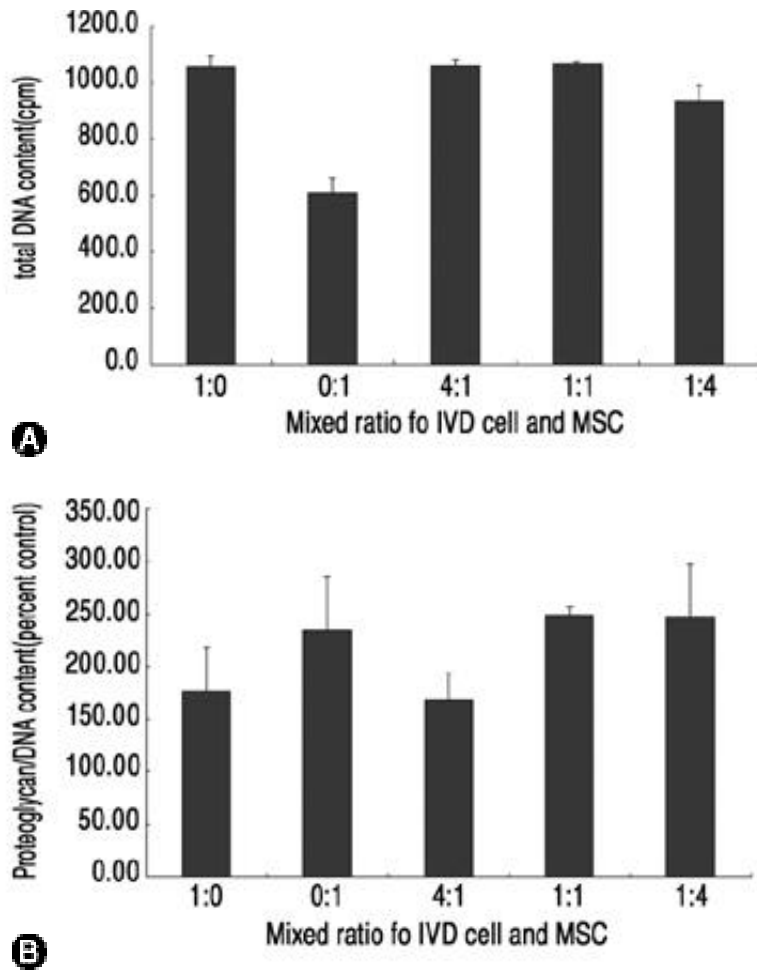


Fig. 1. (A) total DNA content in three dimensional culture of IVD cells and MSCs, (B) Newly synthesized proteoglycan in three dimensional culture of IVD cells and MSCs presented as percent control. Mixed cultures with IVD cells and MSCs equalled or quite decreased in newly synthesized proteoglycan comparing only IVD cell cultures ($p < 0.05$).

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1. (Fig. 1B).
Ad/TGF- 1 가

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60 70%
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($p < 0.05$, Fig. 2A).

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aggrecan, collagen

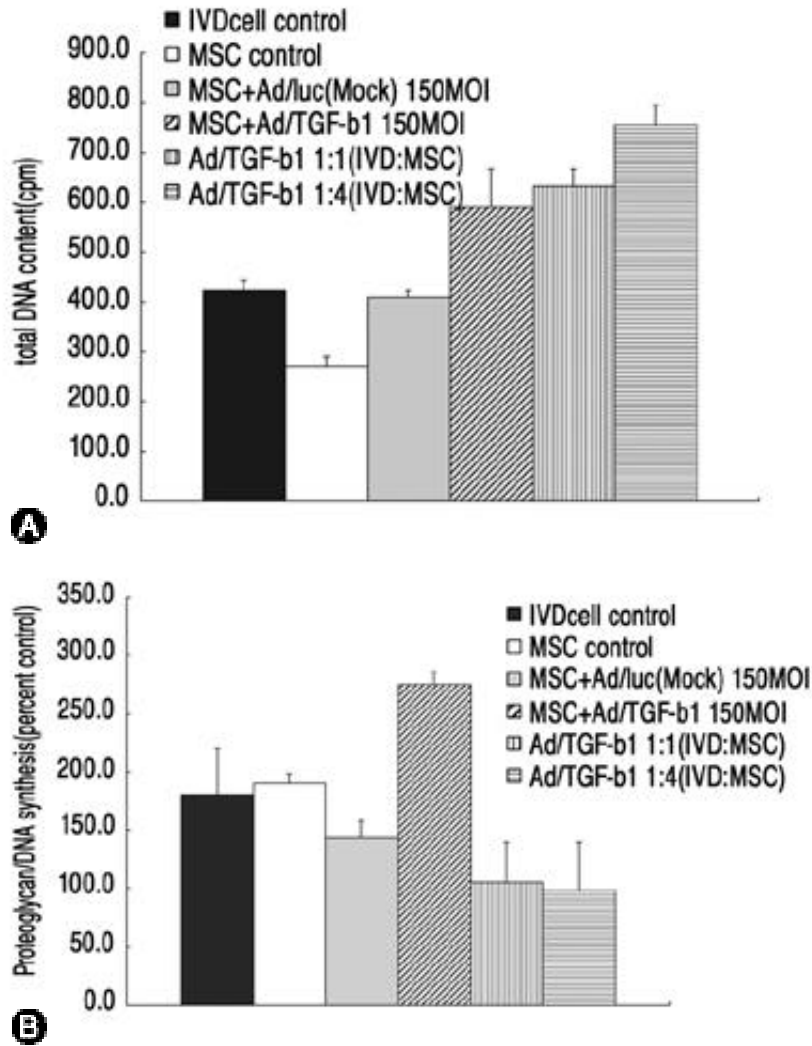


Fig. 2. (A) total DNA content in three dimensional culture of IVD cells and Ad/TGF- 1-transduced MSCs, (B) Newly synthesized proteoglycan in three dimensional culture of IVD cells and Ad/TGF- 1-transduced MSCs presented as percent control (p 0.05).

type I, collagen type II mRNA
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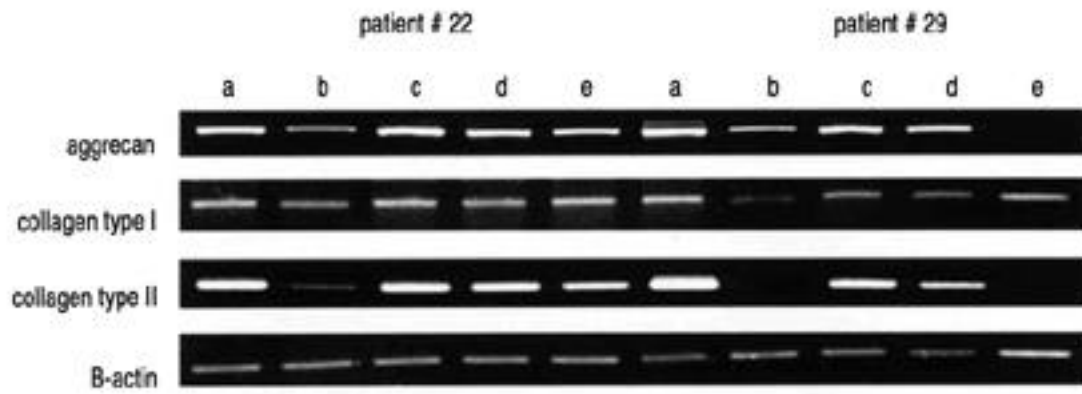


Fig. 3. RT-PCR for aggrecan, collagen type I, and collagen type II in three dimensional culture of IVD cells and MSCs. β -actin was used for normalization. Mixed ratio of IVD cells and MSCs are a) 1:0, b) 0:1, c) 4:1, d) 1:1, e) 1:4.

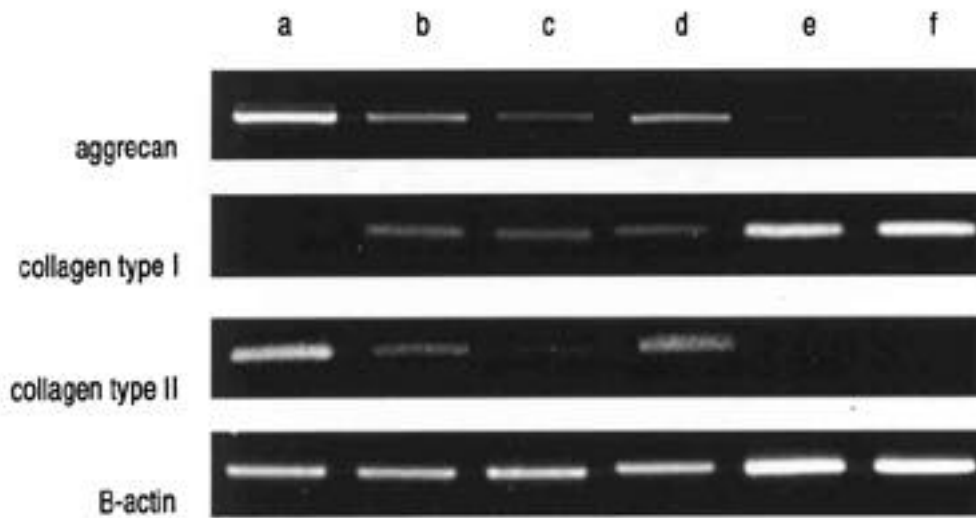


Fig. 4. RT-PCR for aggrecan, collagen type I, and collagen type II in three dimensional culture of IVD cells and Ad-transduced MSCs. β -actin was used for normalization. a) only IVD cells, b) only MSC, c) only Ad/luc-transduced MSC [Mock], d) only Ad/TGF-1-transduced MSC [Ad/TGF-1-MS], e) [IVD cells : Ad/TGF-1-MS] 1:1, f) [IVD cells : Ad/TGF-1-MS] 1:4.

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IGF-1, BMP-2

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35)

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31-34)

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TGF- 1
TGF- 1
RT-PCR
가 aggrecan collagen
collagen type I
type II mRNA
mRNA 가 TGF- 1
가 가
가 가
2001 Hanada ³⁶⁾
3 TGF- 1
14 collagen type II mRNA
3 BMP-2
TGF- 1 BMP-2
BMP-2
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TGF- 1 cDNA
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TGF- 1 TGF- 1 가 5 (Ad/TGF- 1)

TGF- 1 가 alginate 3 . [methyl-³H] Thymi-

dine , [³⁵S]Sulfur

RT-PCR densitometry

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. Ad/TGF- 1

가 Aggrecan collagen

type II collagen type I 가

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