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## The Effect of Extracellular Collagen on Synthesis of Extracellular Matrix in a 3-Dimensional Culture of Intervertebral Disc Cells

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– Abstract –

**Study Design** : In-vitro experimental study

**Objectives** : To determine the proteoglycan synthesis of the rabbit nucleus pulposus cells in various concentration of extracellular collagen type I and II under the stimulation of TGF- $\beta$  1.

**Summary of Literature Review** : Therapeutic effect of growth factor and gene therapy can be altered by composition of extracellular matrix. However, the effect of extracellular collagen types I and II on synthetic activity of intervertebral disc cells is not thoroughly studied before.

**Materials and Methods** : The nucleus pulposus cells were isolated and cultured from 10 skeletally mature rabbits. Cultures were trypsinized and incorporated into alginate beads with different concentration of extracellular collagen type I and II (0.5%, 1.0% and 1.5%). Those cultures with TGF- $\beta$  1 (10 ng/ml) served stimulated condition of matrix synthesis. Newly synthesized proteoglycans were assessed by  $^{35}\text{S}$ -sulfate incorporation using chromatography on Sephadex G-25 in PD-10 columns. Scintillation count was normalized with DNA content by Hoechst dye method.

**Results** : In basal condition, difference in proteoglycan synthesis in given concentration of extracellular collagen type I and II were statistically insignificant. In stimulated condition with TGF- $\beta$  1, difference in proteoglycan synthesis in given concentration of extracellular collagen type I and II was also statistically insignificant. However, cultures in stimulated condition with TGF- $\beta$  1 showed increased amount of newly synthesized proteoglycans compared to those of basal condition regardless of the concentration of extracellular collagen type I and II ( $p < 0.05$ ).

**Conclusion** : Anabolic response of rabbit nucleus pulposus cells is relatively insensitive to extracellular matrix composition, which facilitates application of gene therapy in various conditions of disc degeneration.

**Key Words** : Extracellular collagen, Proteoglycan, Nucleus pulposus cell, TGF- $\beta$  1

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0.025% collagenase type XI (Clostridium histolyticum) type IV (DNase II) 가 37 16 Dulbecco 's modified Eagle medium(DMEM) Ham 's F12 medium가 1:1 (DMEM/F12) haemocytometer 10% FBS, 25 µg/ml ascorbate(vitamin C), 1% penicillin-streptomycin, 1% nystatin 가 DMEM/F12 5 × 10<sup>5</sup> cells/ml 가 , culture flask 37 , 5% CO<sub>2</sub>

60 16 . Hoechst 33258 0.01M Tris, 1 mM EDTA, 0.1 M NaCl 가 1 mg/ml . -70 DNA 2 µl 2 ml Hoechst 33258 calf thymus DNA DNA Luminescence spectrometer (LS 50B; Perkin Elmer) , 458 nm 356 nm .

2. Alginate bead 1 2 (R&D, MN) 0.5M acetic acid(30 mg/ml) , 4 16 37 10N NaOH 가 (3 g/ml stock concentration) 가 , alginate solution 0%, 0.5%, 1.0% 1.5%가 2 × 10<sup>6</sup> cells/ml 1.2% alginate ( ) (19-gauge needle) , 102 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub> alginate가 bead 가 . beads가 15 . bead가 , CaCl<sub>2</sub> . beads 0.15M NaCl 3 (25 µg/ml ascorbate (vitamine C), 1% penicillin-streptomycin, 1% nystatin 가 DMEM/F12 ) . DNA beads well 10 12-well cul- ture plate . 3 37 , 5% CO<sub>2</sub> , 가 TGF- 1(10 ng/ml) (R&D, MN) 가

4. 3 5 µCi/ml [<sup>35</sup>S]sulfate 가 가 4 , -70 bead 3 55mM sodium citrate, 150 mM NaCl 가 37 15 protease inhibitor(10 mM EDTA, 0.1 M 6-aminohexanoic acid, 5mM benzamidine hydrochloride, 10mM N-ethylmaleimide, 0.5 mM phenylmethyl-sulfonyl fluoride)가 가 4M guanidine hydrochloride, 50 mM sodium acetate (pH 5.8) 가 , 4 24 Sephadex G-25 chromatography (PD-10 column) , scintillation counting . 5. 3 ( TGF- 1 ) ± , SPSS (SPSS Inc, Chicago, IL) . One-way Analysis of variance Fisher 's protected LSD post-hoc test p<0.05

3. Hoechst 33258 DNA 0.1M NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, 5mM EDTA, 5mM cys- teine HCl 125 µg/ml papain 1.

collagenase  
, 90%

3. 2

TGF- 1 10 ng/ml

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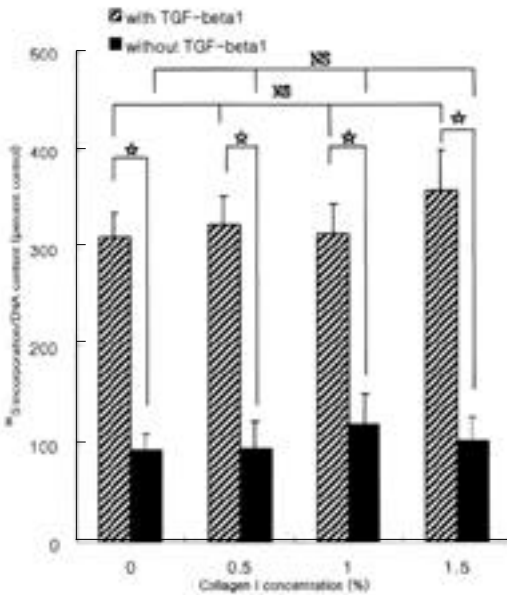
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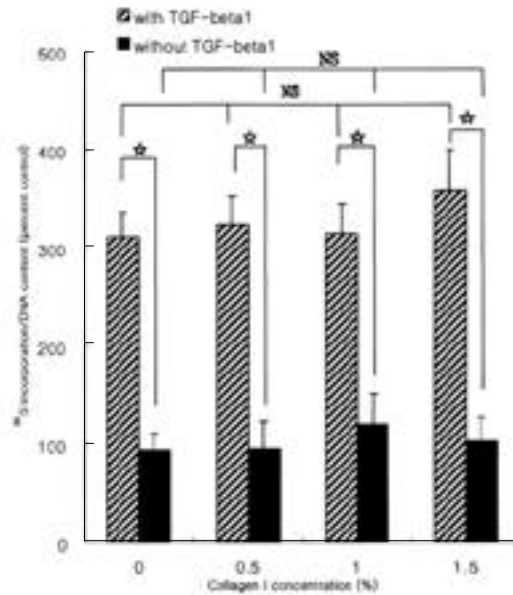
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**Fig. 1.** The effect of type I collagen on the synthesis of proteoglycan by rabbit disc cells encapsulated in alginate beads. Incorporation of <sup>35</sup>S-sulfate into disc cells cultured in basal medium or in medium supplemented with transforming growth factor- 1 (TGF- 1) was measured. Data represent mean ± SD of three experiments performed in triplicate. The values of Y-axis were content of newly synthesized proteoglycan, which was divided by the amount of deoxyribonucleic acid. Rabbit intervertebral disc cells cultured in alginate beads, treated by TGF- 1 (10 ng/ml) showed 3 fold increase in newly synthesized proteoglycan compared to basal condition (p<0.05), while increased concentration of extracellular type I collagen failed to affect proteoglycan synthesis (p>0.05). \*: p<0.05, NS: statistically non-significant.



**Fig. 2.** The effect of type II collagen on the synthesis of proteoglycan by rabbit disc cells encapsulated in alginate beads. Incorporation of <sup>35</sup>S-sulfate into disc cells cultured in basal medium or in medium supplemented with transforming growth factor- 1 (TGF- 1) was measured. Data represent mean ± SD of three experiments performed in triplicate. The values of Y-axis were content of newly synthesized proteoglycan, which was divided by the amount of deoxyribonucleic acid. Rabbit intervertebral disc cells cultured in alginate beads, treated by TGF- 1 (10 ng/ml) showed 3 fold increase in newly synthesized proteoglycan compared to basal condition (p<0.05), while increased concentration of extracellular type II collagen failed to affect proteoglycan synthesis (p>0.05). \*: p<0.05, NS: statistically non-significant.

TGF- 1 . TGF- , ,

가 , ,

6). 가 , 20 , 3 isoform (TGF- 1,2 and 3) , 4 ,

가 , cytokine . ,

가 , TGF- (core protein)

(fragmentation) , matrix metalloproteinase (MMP)

가 6,8). , MMP endogenous inhibitor

가 가 , plasminogen activator

9,28,29), , plasminogen activator inhibitor type 1 가

가 , 2

가

3,25,26).

가 ,

20). ,

가 가 11).

Qi Scully<sup>32)</sup>

9, 29). 가 1 2 ,

가 TGF- 1

DNA , 1

pH 7.0 , TGF- 1

pH 7.0 ~ 7.6 , 2

13). , TGF- 1

3 가 .

2 , TGF- 1

4,17). , 1, 2

3 Qi Scully<sup>32)</sup>가

agarose gel, biodegradable polymer, collagen gel, 가

alginate bead 4,10,13,16,17,23,39,40). ,

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32). 22,25). ,

가 TGF- 1 epidermal growth factor



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