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Host Immune Responses to Intradiscal Gene Transfer

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– Abstract –

Purpose : To elucidate host immune responses to intradiscal gene transfer.

Materials and Methods : Twenty rabbits were utilized. Ad/luciferase (adenovirus construct) were injected into nucleus pulposus of lumbar vertebrae. Group 1 received intradiscal injection of Ad/luciferase only, Group 2 received subcutaneous and intradiscal injection simultaneously, Group 3 received subcutaneous injection then intradiscal injection with 2 weeks interval. Blood samples were obtained serially after injection. Animals were sacrificed at 7 weeks. Antibody to adenovirus in peripheral blood was measured with ELISA and transgene expression was measured with standard luciferase kits.

Results : All rabbits in the Group 2 and 3 exhibited increased production of neutralizing antibody. There were clearly two subgroups in Group 1, three rabbits exhibited production of antibody but remaining three rabbits showed little or no production of antibody. All rabbits showed robust increase in transgene expression regardless of titer of neutralizing antibody.

Conclusion : The intervertebral disc is favorable site for adenovirus- mediated gene transfer escaping from systemic immunity.

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24, 25)

21)

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4, 32)

(proteoglycan) 2 (type II collagen)

(nucleus pulposus)

5, 15, 17, 18, 27)

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31, 33, 34)

1, 16, 19)

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25)

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(transforming growth factor- β 1, osteogenic protein-1, insulin like growth factor-1)

14, 29, 30)

(matrix)

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E1

luciferase, -galactosidase 가

cytomegalovirus promotor

10, 11, 28)

(vector)

human embryon-

ic kidney 293 cell

New Zealand White Rabbit (female 3kg)

2, 7, 9, 12, 22, 23)

-galactosi-

dase (lacZ)

(Ad/lacZ)

luciferase

(Ad/luciferase)

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(1),

Ad/luciferase

(2),

Ad/luciferase

2

Ad/luciferase

(3)

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Ad/luciferase (10⁶ PFU)
15ul 28gauge 2-
3, 3-4
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가 (4000 cm²)
3, 7, 14, 21, 42
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ketamine (25.0 mg/kg) sodium phenobarbital
(1.2g/kg)
(luciferase)
MaxiSorp immunoplate (Nunc) 100ul phosphate
buffer saline(PBS) 107 PFU Ad/luciferase
well 4 °C . 0.05%
Tween-20 (Sigma) PBS well
200
ul 가 1 . 1:100
100 ul well
3
3 1:500 alkaline phos-
phatase conjugated goat anti-rabbit immunoglobulin
(Sigma) 2
6 PBS 1% phosphate
substrate (Sigma) 30
. Optical density 450 nm
luciferase standard luciferase assay
kit (Promega) 200uL
Cell culture lysis buffer (25 mM Tris-phosphate, pH 7.8,
2 m Mditiothreitol, 2 mM diaminocyclohexane-tetraacetic
acid, 10% glycerol, and 1% Triton X-100) 가
12,000G 30
luciferase assay reagent 가
. 30 luminometer (Automat LB
953, EG &G, Gaithersburgh, MI)
Relative light unit (RLU)
-galactosidase (lacZ)
3, 6

. Cryo-
stat 10 um
0.5% glutaraldehyde 4 °C 15
. PBS X-Gal substrate
가 37 °C 2
eosin
hematoxylin-eosin 가
(Nikon, Labophot-2, Japan) LacZ
SPSS (SPSS Inc, Chicago
IL)
Pearson correlation analysis

1. -galactosidase(lacZ)

Ad/lacZ(106 PFU) 3, 6

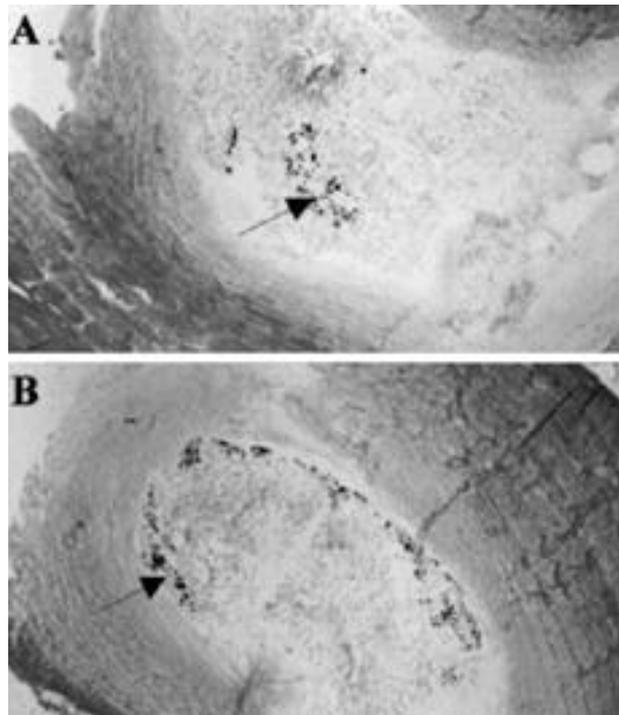


Fig. 1. Qualitative analysis of intradiscal transgene expression of **A)** 3 weeks, **B)** 6 weeks after direct application of Ad/lacZ into lumbar intervertebral discs of adult New Zealand white rabbits. There were strong transgene expression indicated by the arrow (dark staining, originally blue color) in the nucleus pulposus without evidence of infiltration of inflammatory cell and neovascularization (X-Gal staining with counter staining with hematoxylin-eosin, Original magnification × 100).

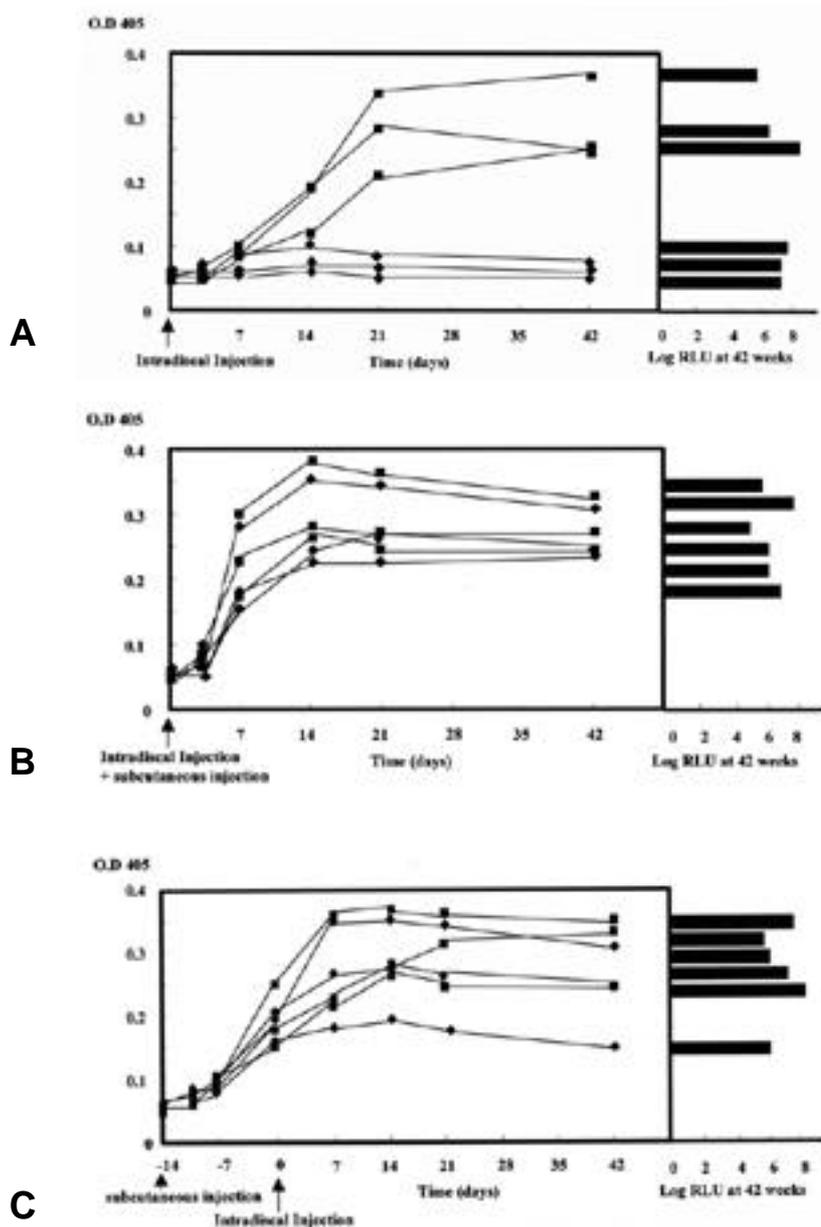


Fig. 2. Sequential production of specific antibody for adenoviral proteins in peripheral blood as function of time. Transverse bar chart on the right denote intradiscal transgene expression in each individual rabbit. **A:** Three rabbits injected with Ad/luciferase produced little or no neutralizing antibody while remaining three rabbits showed production of antibody (likely due to leakage of adenovirus from injected disc). **B:** Six rabbits in Group 2 after simultaneous injection of Ad/luciferase into subcutaneous tissue and intervertebral disc produced neutralizing antibody in significant amount. **C:** Six rabbits in Group 3 were immunized two weeks prior to intradiscal gene transduction with injection of Ad/luciferase into subcutaneous tissues. All rabbits showed significant amount of transgene (luciferase) expression.

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3 6

2. Ad/luciferase

(Fig. 1).

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(Fig. 2A).

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(antigen presenting cell, macophage)

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LacZ

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(Fig. 2B, C).

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luciferase

(p=0.170)

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(Fig.2A, B, C).

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(immunodeficiency)

(immune

privilege)

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Fas, FasL

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3, 13)

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