

Dexamethasone Transforming Growth Factor-Beta 1

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Phenotypical Stability and Matrix Synthesis of Human Intervertebral Disc Cells in Response to Dexamethasone and Transforming Growth Factor- 1

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– Abstract –

Study Design: An in vitro experiment.

Objectives: To evaluate the mRNA expressions of matrix components, and analyze the cellular proliferation and proteoglycan synthesis of human intervertebral disc cells in response to dexamethasone and TGF- 1

Summary of Literature Review: Corticosteroids are responsible for the regulation of a diverse range of biological processes through modulation of the expression of target genes. The direct injection of methylprednisolone to the intervertebral disc (IVD) has been shown to cause degeneration and calcification of the disc in rabbits. Systemic administration of hydrocortisone induced degeneration of notochordal cells, which accelerated the aging process of the disc in mice. Transforming growth factor beta-1 (TGF- 1) is known as a potent agent for the proliferation, differentiation and matrix synthesis of IVD.

Materials and Methods: IVD cells were isolated from ten patients, and subsequently cultured. Various doses of dexamethasone (DEX) and/or TGF- 1 were administered to the IVD cultures. DNA and proteoglycan syntheses were measured by the incorporation of [3H]- thymidine and [35S]-sulfate, respectively. RT-PCRs were performed for the expressions of aggrecan, collagen types I and II, and osteocalcin mRNA.

Results: Cultures with DEX showed increased cellular proliferation and decreased proteoglycan synthesis (p<0.05). TGF- 1 potentiated the proliferative effect of DEX, but failed to stimulate proteoglycan synthesis in the cultures containing DEX. There were no recognizable changes in the mRNA expressions of aggrecan, collagen types I and II, and osteocalcin in response to DEX and TGF- 1.

Conclusions: DEX demonstrated a proliferative effect on human IVD cells, with the combination of DEX and TGF- 1 showing potentiation of the proliferative effect, while at high doses(100 and 1000nM, the DEX was shown to down-regulate the proteoglycan synthesis. Caution should be exercised in the use of corticosteroid in the therapeutic approaches for the treatment of disc disease or in the regenerative matrix of the IVD.

Key Words: Dexamethasone, Intervertebral disc (IVD), TGF- 1, Proteoglycan

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AP1, NF-KB, Oct1, Oct2, C/EBPb,
 Stat5
 (corticosteroid) 5). TGF- 1
 가 , 가 Smad
 12,3,4) TGF- 1 26,27)
 (tenosynovitis) TGF- 1 fibronectin, , matrix metal-
 5,6) TGF- 1 loproteinase 가가
 가 glucocorticoid receptor가 TGF- 1
 가 matrix metalloproteinase plasminogen activator inhibitor-1
 7) TGF- 1
 Smad 3, 4 25)
 TGF- 가 gap junction
 6, 8,9) 10) fascin 30)
 II
 11,12) 31,32,33,34)
 Safranin O , , (anulus
 13,14) fibrosus)
 15) hydrocortisone
 (nucleus pulposus) 35)
 (notochordal cell) TGF- 1
 hydrocortisone
 가
 16) Methyl- 가
 prednisolone acetate , , 가
 17) TGF- 1 가
 18) TGF- 1 가
 Transforming Growth Factor-beta 1(TGF- 1)
 , , 가
 19,20) 1.
 21,22) 가 10 (28 ~48)
 glucocor- 20
 ticoid response element
 23,24) Dulbecco 's Phosphate-buffered saline (D-PBS,

- Invitrogen, Grand Island, NY) ,
 5%
 (FBS, JRH BIOSCINCES, Lenexa, KS) 1% v/v penicillin/streptomycin (all antibiotics from Invitrogen, Grand Island, NY) Ham's F-12 medium (Invitrogen, Grand Island, NY) 0.2% pronase (Sigma, St. Louis, MO), 0.004% deoxyribonuclease type (DNase, Sigma, St. Louis, MO) 가 1 37 60 pronase 0.02% collagenase type II (Sigma, St. Louis, MO) 2 37 °C 2~3 Dulbeccos Modified Eagle Medium; Nutrient Mixture F-12 (Ham) (DMEM/F12, Invitrogen, Grand Island, NY) , Nylon (pore size 75 um) 25 cm²-EasyFlask™ (NUNC, Rockilde, Denmark) 10% FBS, 25 ug/ml ascorbic acid, 1% v/v penicillin/streptomycin (all antibiotics from Invitrogen, Grand Island, NY) DMEM/F12 3 5% CO₂ 37 °C 3
2.
 dexamethasone 0.1, 1, 10, 100, 1000 nM dexamethasone 3 dexamethasone 0.1, 1, 10, 100, 1000 nM dexamethasone 10 ng/ml TGF- 1
3.
 MTT stock (5 mg MTT(3-[4,5-Dimethylthiazol-2-yl]-2,5-diphenyl-tetrazolium bromide)/ml) 0.45 µm syringe filter filtration working 1:5(MTT stock :) . Dexamethasone TGF- 1 () 50 µl MTT working 가 . plate 37 °C 4 DMSO (Dimethyl sulfox-
- ide, sigma, D-5879) 200 µ 가 10 rotator spectrophotometer 570 nm Absorbance .
4. DNA ([³H]-Thymidine incorporation)
 DNA 가 [methyl-³H]thymidine (Amersham pharmacia, Uppsala, sweden) 5 µCi/ml 가 24 . 24 PBS , trypsin/EDTA , cell harvester Glass microfiber filter (Whatman, Maidstone, England) . D-PBS unbounded [methyl-³H]thymidine 16 membrane membrane scintillation vial Liquid scintillation cocktail (Beckman, Fullerton, CA) 3 ml 가 16 DNA가 -scintillation counter (Packard, Downers Grove, IL) DNA .
5. ([³⁵S]-sulfate incorporation)
 [³⁵S]-sulfate (Amersham pharmacia, Uppsala, Sweden) 20 µCi/ml 가 4 가 8M guanidine hydrochloride, 20 mM EDTA, proteinase inhibitors 가 4 °C 48 . Sephadex G-25M PD-10 column (Amersham Pharmacia, Uppsala, Sweden) , Liquid scintillation cocktail (Beckman, Fullerton, CA) 6 ml 가 16 2, 3, 4 -scintillation counter (Packard, Downers Grove, IL)
6. (Aggrecan, I , II mRNA)
 Total RNA RNeasy mini kit (QIAGEN, Maryland, USA) RNA 1ug Oligo d(T) 16 primer 2.5 uM (Invitrogen, Grand Island, NY) 가 70 °C 5 annealing RT-

premix (Bioneer, ,) 42 °C 1 cDNA
 , 95 °C 5 , 4 °C 5 primer 10 pmol/ul
 . cDNA 1 ul PCR
 가 가 20 ul가 PCR
 premix (Bioneer, ,) aggrecan, I
 , II , -actin PCR
 .(Table 1, 2) RT-PCR internal control
 -actin TINA pro-
 gram

TGF- 1 (10 ng/ml)

2. Dexamethasone

DNA

Dexamethasone(0.1, 1, 10, 100, 1000nM)

DNA

(0.1, 1 nM)

dexamethasone

가 (p=0.09)

(10, 100, 1000 nM)

dexamethasone

7.

SPSS (SPSS, Chicago, IL)

t-test ANOVA

p<0.05

1.

dexamethasone

(0.1, 1, 10, 100, 1000 nM)

가 dexamethasone TGF- 1

(10 ng/ml)

(Fig. 1). dexamethasone

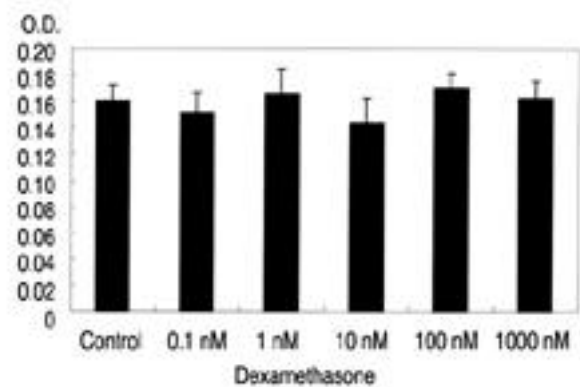


Fig. 1. Survival of intervertebral disc cells with various concentration of dexamethasone(0.1, 1, 10, 100, 1000nM). There is no significant cytotoxicity of dexamethasone with dexamethasone compared to control.

Table 1. Sequences of the RT-PCR Primers Used

Primer	Sequence	Length	Size (bp)
-actin	5'-GGC GGA CTA TGA CTT AGT TG-3'	20	238
	5'-AAA CAA CAA TGT GCA ATC AA-3'	20	
Aggrecan	5'-GAA TCT AGC AGT GAG ACG TC-3'	20	541
	5'-CTG CAG CAG TTG ATT CTG AT-3'	20	
Collagen type	5'-CCT GTC TGC TTC CTG TTA AC-3'	20	182
	5'-AGA GAT GAA TGC AAA GGA AA-3'	20	
Collagen type	5'-CAG GAC CAA AGG GAC AGA AA-3'	20	328
	5'-TTG GTC CTT GCA TTA CTC CC-3'	20	

Table 2. PCR Conditions

Primer	Conditions Cycle			
	Denaturation	Annealing	Polymerization	cycles
-actin	94 °C 5 sec	53 °C 5 sec	72 °C 30 sec	24
Aggrecan	94 °C 5 sec	47 °C 5 sec	72 °C 30 sec	26
Collagen type	94 °C 5 sec	48 °C 5 sec	72 °C 30 sec	21
Collagen type	94 °C 5 sec	48 °C 5 sec	72 °C 30 sec	40

가 100 nM 90%, 1000 nM
 80% DNA 가
 (p<0.05)(Fig. 2). dexamethasone

3. Dexamethasone TGF- 1
 DNA

dexamethasone(0.1, 1, 10,
 100, 1000 nM) TGF- 1 (10 ng/ml)
 DNA dexamethasone
 가 1 nM
 DNA 105% 가 10 nM
 80%, 100 nM 180%, 1000 nM
 185% DNA 가가 (p<0.05) (Fig. 2).
 100, 1000 nM dexamethasone 10ng/ml TGF- 1
 180%, 185% DNA 가
 . Dexamethasone 가 100, 1000 nM
 DNA ,
 dexamethasone TGF-
 1 가 .

4. Dexamethasone

Dexamethasone(0.1, 1, 10, 100, 1000 nM)

0.1, 1 nM
 dexamethasone
 가
 10 nM dexamethasone

100 nM 40%, 1000 nM
 가 (p<0.05)(Fig. 3).

5. Dexamethasone TGF- 1

dexamethasone(0.1, 1, 10,
 100, 1000 nM) TGF- 1 (10 ng/ml)
 TGF- 1 (10
 ng/ml)
 1nM dexamethasone
 30% 10, 100, 1000
 nM dexamethasone 15%,
 40%, 50% 가 (p<0.05)(Fig. 3).

6. Dexamethasone

Reverse transcriptase-polymerase chain reaction

aggrecan , II
 mRNA dexamethasone

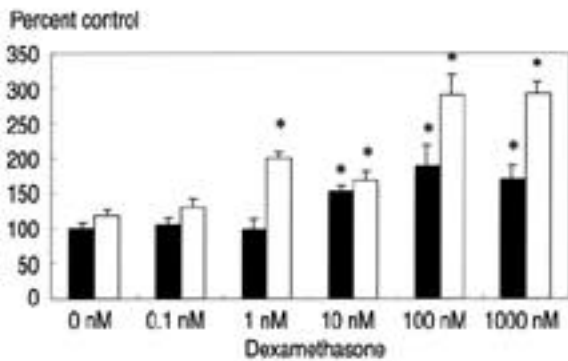


Fig. 2. [3H]-thymidine incorporation with various dose of dexamethasone and TGF- 1(10 ng/ml). White bar denotes culture with TGF- 1. Dexamethasone with a concentration of 10 nM, 100 nM, and 1000 nM renders increased DNA synthesis compared to control(p<0.05). Culture with dexamethasone and TGF- 1(10 ng/ml) showed increased DNA synthesis from the 1nM of dexamethasone and also demonstrated synergistic effect in DNA synthesis. * p<0.05

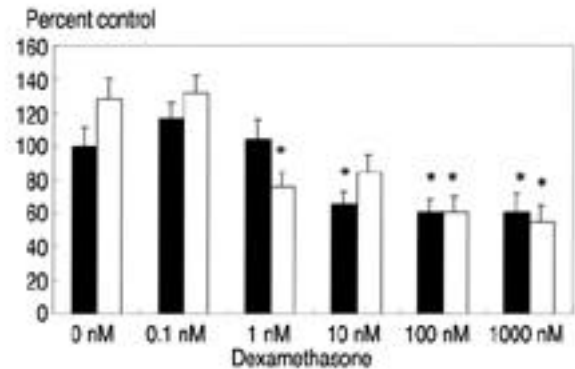


Fig. 3. [35S]-sulfate incorporation with various dose of dexamethasone and TGF- 1(10 ng/ml). White bar denotes culture with TGF- 1. Dexamethasone with a concentration of 10 nM, 100 nM, and 1000 nM renders decreased proteoglycan synthesis compared to control (p<0.05). Culture with dexamethasone and TGF- 1(10 ng/ml) showed further decrease in proteoglycan synthesis at 1nM of dexamethasone. * p<0.05

(0.1, 1, 10, 100, 1000 nM)

(Fig. 4).

7. Dexamethasone TGF- 1

Reverse transcriptase-polymerase chain reaction

aggrecan mRNA, TGF- 1(10 ng/ml), dexamethasone(0.1, 1, 10, 100, 1000 nM), I, II, mRNA, 가, 50~60%, mRNA, dexamethasone (Fig. 5).

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7,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30),

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16,17).

dexamethasone

sone TGF- 1 가 dexametha-
sone 가

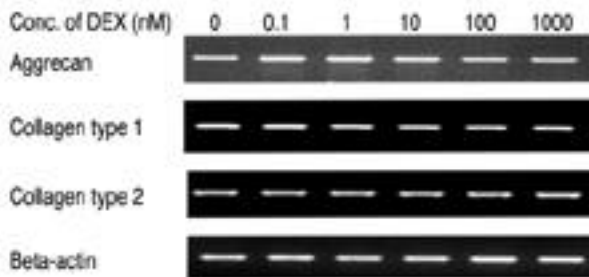


Fig. 4. Expression of aggrecan, type I collagen, and type II collagen mRNA measured by reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction. Cultures with various dose of dexamethasone showed no significant changes in the expression of aggrecan, type I collagen and type II collagen mRNA expression. Densitometric data was normalized by β -actin.

sonne dexametha-
10nM

DNA 가가 100 nM
100% DNA 가가
dexamethasone

TGF- 1
TGF- 1

dexamethasone(1 nM)
100 nM dexamethasone
ethasone 2 (DNA)
ethasone TGF- 1 dexam-

Dexamethasone

가 10 nM
40% 가

dexamethasone

TGF- 1 가
ethasone dexamethasone dexam-
dexamethasone TGF- 1

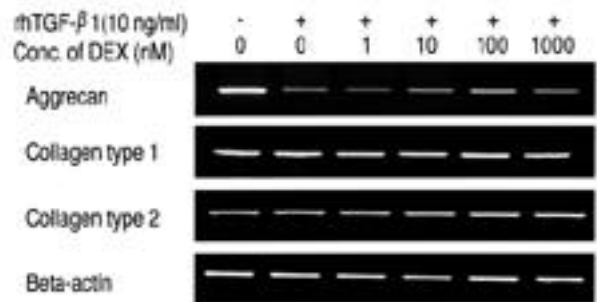


Fig. 5. Expression of aggrecan, type I collagen, and type II collagen mRNA measured by reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction. Cultures with various dose of dexamethasone and with TGF- 1(10 ng/ml) showed down-regulation of aggrecan mRNA expression while unchanged pattern in type I collagen and type II collagen mRNA expression. Densitometric data was normalized by β -actin.

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가 matrix metalloproteinase

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dexamethasone

7),

dexamethasone

6,8,7,9),

10)

11,12)

Safranin O

가

13,14)

dexamethasone

15)

가

dexamethasone

가

가

dexamethasone

42,43)

II

dexamethasone TGF- 1

31,32,33,34)

3

가

21,22)

가

dexamethasone TGF- 1

(Cushing

syndrome, Cushing disease, renal allograft)

. Dex-

amethasone

amethasone

3

dex-

가

36,37,38,39)

21,22,40,41)

가

dexamethasone

TGF- 1 DNA

가

가

dexamethasone

TGF- 1

1. Dexamethasone DNA
 TGF- 1
 가 .
 2. dexamethasone
 가 TGF- 1
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 3. Dexamethasone
 (aggrecan, I , II)
 가 .
 4. TGF- 1 aggrecan mRNA
 I , II mRNA
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 Dexamethasone
 가
 Dexamethasone
 가 .

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Methylprednisolone acetate

hydrocortisone

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dexamethasone , TGF- 1 3-[4,5-Dimethylthiazol-2-yl]-2,5-

diphenyl-tetrazolium bromide (MTT) assay DNA [3H]-thymidine incorpora-

tion, [35S]-sulfate incorporation . aggrecan, mRNA

RT-PCR densitometric assay .

: Dexamethasone DNA TGF- 1 가

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