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Ito Cell Activity and Hepatocyte Proliferation Activity According to Collagen Content in Liver Cirrhosis

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Background/Aims : Liver cirrhosis is an end-stage liver disease. Ito cell is known to have central role in fibrogenesis of liver cirrhosis. But collagen content and Ito cell activity in liver cirrhosis have received little attention. So Ito cell activity and hepatocyte proliferation activity according to collagen content was investigated. WAF-1 and c-met were studied to evaluate the effect of cell cycle. **Methods** : We analyzed 56 cases of liver cirrhosis (viral:41, biliary:11, alcoholic:2, Wilson's disease:2). Collagen content was measured by spectrophotometry. Ito cell activity and proliferation index was measured by α -SMA and Ki-67 immunohistochemistry. **Results** : In viral cirrhosis, high collagen group showed increased Ito cell activity compared to low collagen group. There was no difference in hepatocyte proliferation activity between high and low collagen group in viral cirrhosis. In biliary cirrhosis, high collagen group showed increased Ito cell activity in septal zones compared to low collagen group. WAF-1 and c-met were negative in most of cases. **Conclusion** : Collagen content of liver cirrhosis is closely related to increment of activated Ito cells. Ito cell activity was prominent in septal zones than in parenchymal areas of viral cirrhosis and that was only significant in septal zones of biliary cirrhosis. There is no correlation between collagen content and hepatocyte proliferation activity. (Korean J Hepatol 1998;4:254-263)

Key Words : Cirrhosis, Collagen, Ito cell, α -SMA, Proliferation activity

(WHO) 가 , WAF- 1 (hepatocyte growth factor) c- met 가 .

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Table 1. Clinico-Pathologic Characteristics of Patients

	Case	Mean age	Sex ratio (M:F)	Collagen content
Viral cirrhosis	41	53±11.9	4:1	47.8±16.9
HBV	34	54±10.8	4:1	48.5±15.9
HCV	7	52±11.5	3:1	49.5±16.5
Biliary cirrhosis	11	4.6±4.2	1:2.7	43.1±9.5
Alcoholic cirrhosis	2	56±4.2	2(M)	42.4±5.0
Wilson's disease	2	10±0.7	2(M)	36.9±2.5

1) (xylene) (400) 10 (50 mm2) 0.1% Fast green FCF(color index 11,3886 Aldrich Chemical Company, Milwaukee, USA) 0.1% Sirius red F3BA (Direct red 80, Aldrich Chemical Company, Milwaukee, USA) 0.2 ml (picric acid) (rotary shaker) 30 fiber Ito 가 가 , 1 ml 0.1 N NaOH in absolute methanol(1:1) 가 가 540 nm 604 nm .45

① non-collagenous protein (mg) = absorbance at 605 nm/2.08

② collagen (μ g) = (absorbance at 540 nm-0.26 \times absorbance at 605 nm)/38.4

③ collagen content (μ g/mg total protein) = μ g collagen/(μ g collagen + mg non-collagenous protein)

2) α -SMA(Sigma Lab., St Louis, USA), Ki-67(MIB-1, Zymed Lab., San Francisco, USA), WAF-1(Anti-Cip1, Transduction Lab., Kenturky, USA), c-met (SC-161, Santa Cruz Lab., USA) avidin-biotin peroxidase complex immunoperoxidase .

3) Ito , Ki-67, WAF-1 c-met α -SMA Ito , (1.81 mm2) \pm . Ki-67 WAF-1 c-met (0: , \pm : , 1+: , 2+: , 3+:) α -SMA Ito 가 가

4) PC-SAS for DOS (Version 6.04) Wilcoxon's rank sum test, Student's t-test, ANOVA test Spearman's correlation test .

1. α -SMA Ito

(correlation coefficient=0.53)
 (Table 2).
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 (p=0.005) 가 α relation coefficient=0.82 (p=0.008) (cor-
 -SMA 가 (Spe- relation coefficient=0.66) 가 .
 arman correlation coefficient=0.66)

Table 2. α -SMA Positive Ito Cells According to Collagen Content in Viral and Biliary Cirrhosis

	Collagen content	
	High group	Low group
Viral cirrhosis		
Septal zone	57.4 \pm 26.8*	35.9 \pm 18.0
Parenchymal area	28.4 \pm 16.2	15.9 \pm 7.4
Biliary cirrhosis		
Septal zone	69.1 \pm 9.8 [†]	42.5 \pm 15.3
Parenchymal area	19.2 \pm 4.0	15.7 \pm 0.9

High group represents cases of which collagen content is more than median value.

Data represent mean \pm SD (viral and biliary cirrhosis) of α -SMA positive cells/ mm^2 section area.

*Statistically significant compared with low collagen group (p<0.005) by Student's t-test.

[†]Statistically significant compared with low collagen group (p<0.005) by Wilcoxon's rank sum test.

Table 3. Ki-67 Positive Hepatocytes According to Collagen Content

	Collagen content	
	High group	Low group
Viral cirrhosis	10.2 ± 7.9a	12.9 ± 5.5
Biliary cirrhosis	6.2 ± 5.4b	5.8 ± 5.4

Data represent mean ±SD of Ki-67 positive cells/mm² section area (a, Student's t-test, b, Wilcoxon's rank sum test).

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 α-SMA 36.2/mm² 31.7/mm²
 Ki-67 18.1/mm²

Ki-67 36.9 μg/mg
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Ki-67 4. Child Ito 15.9/mm² 9.0/mm²
 가 (Table 3). Child A, B, C α-SMA (Table 4).

3. Ito 5. WAF-1 c-met

Table 4. Collagen Content, α-SMA Positive Ito Cells or Ki-67 Positive Hepatocytes in Viral Cirrhosis According to Child-Pugh Classification

	A	B	C
Case number	32	8	1
Collagen content(μg/mg)	48.5	46.2	37.8
α-SMA(+)cells/mm ² in septal zones	48.1	39.6	67.0
α-SMA(+)cells/mm ² in parenchymal area	22.3	21.9	27.2
Ki-67(+)cells/mm ²	10.8	14.0	16.3

Data represent mean values of each parameter.

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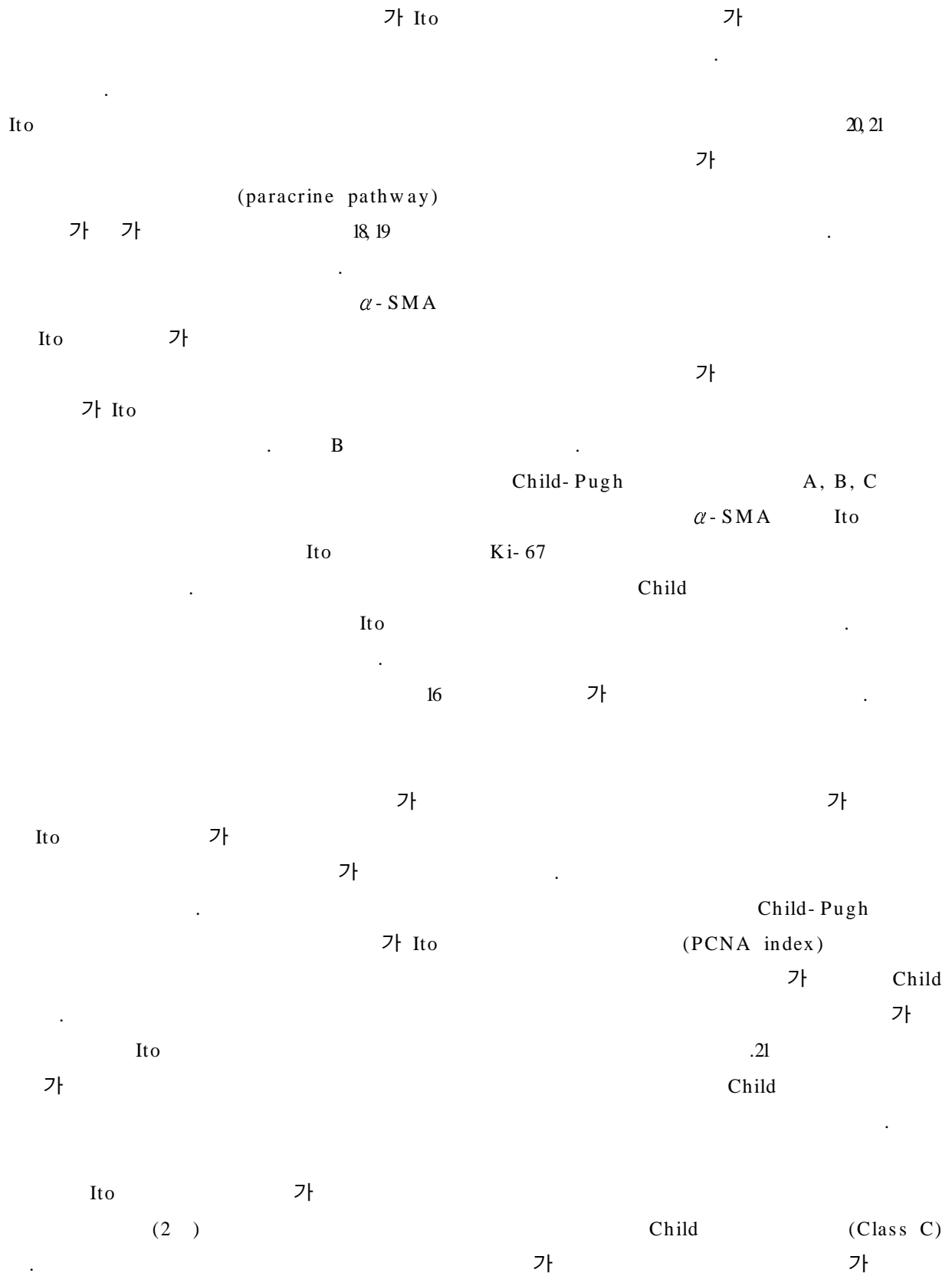
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