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**Protein Expression of Matrix Metalloproteinases of
Mouse Reproductive Organs During Estrous Cycle**

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Abstract

Protein expression patterns of matrix metalloproteinases(MMPs) were examined in mouse reproductive organs during estrous cycle. Estrous cycle was classified into diestrus, proestrus, estrus or metestrus and MMP expression was analyzed by zymography using gelatin as a substrate. Uterine fluid(UF) obtained both at diestrus and proestrus exhibited 4 major MMPs including 106kDa, 64kDa, 62kDa and 59kDa gelatinases. However, in UF at estrus, the gelatinolytic activity of 64kDa MMP disappeared and that of 106kDa and 62kDa MMPs dramatically decreased. At metestrus, 64kDa MMP activity reappeared and 106kDa and 62kDa MMP exhibited increased activities such that the band intensity of 106kDa was comparable to that in UF at diestrus. Gelatinolytic activity of 59kDa MMP was not changed throughout the cycle. Both ovarian and oviductal tissue homogenate revealed 4 MMPs which corresponded to the 4 MMPs of UF. However, unlike UF MMPs, gelatinolytic activity of these MMPs did not show distinct changes throughout the cycle. Either an inhibitor of MMP, 1,10-phenanthroline, or a metal chelator, EDTA, abolished the appearance of the above MMP activities in gelatinated gel whereas a serine proteinase inhibitor, phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride failed to inhibit the appearance of MMP activities, proving that gelatinolytic activity of the above reproductive tissues were due to the enzymatic activity of MMP. When gelatinolytic activity of mouse serum was examined, it revealed 5 MMPs(13 kDa, 106kDa, 89kDa, 64kDa and 62kDa bands) and one gelatinase(84kDa) band.

From these results, it is concluded that the protein expression of MMPs of mouse reproductive organs, particularly uterus, is temporally regulated during estrous cycle and uterine 106kDa, 64kDa and 62kDa MMPs are suggested to play an important role in cyclic tissue remodeling of mouse uterus.

(oocyte) (granulosa cell)
 (basement membrane)
 thecal cell
 3
 FSH LH (basement
 membrane) 가
 가
 가 가
 (Greenwald & Roy, 1994).
 가
 stroma
 ,
 (Tabibzadeh,
 1996).
 가 (Murray, 1996: Shirley & Reeder,
 1996).
 (extracellular matrix, ECM), , ,
 fibroblast, macrophage ECM
 collagen, elastin fibronectin, laminin
 proteoglycan . ECM
 3 growth
 factor , , (apoptosis)
 (Adams & Watt, 1993; Hay, 1993).
 ECM matrix metalloproteinase(MMP), plasmin polymorphonuclear
 leukocyte serine proteinase phagocytic reaction
 (Birkedal-Hansen *et al.*, 1993). MMP 13
 MMP 4 membrane-type MMP(MT-MMP)가
 pre, pro, catalytic, hinge, haemopexin domain

furin, fibronectin-like, collagen-like, transmembrane domain ,
 가 family . MMP
 matrilysin, collagenase, metalloelastase, stromelysin gelatinase
 . MMP
 proenzyme zymogen
 trypsin plasmin active form . pH
 TIMP(tissue
 inhibitor of metalloproteinase) .
 organomercurial active form EDTA 2가
 chelator (Stricklin *et al.*, 1983; Emonard & Grimaud,
 1990).
 MMP
 , ,
 , , (apoptosis)
 (Hulboy *et al.*, 1997). MMP
 MMP
 remodeling MMP gelatin
 zymography
 MMP .

ICR
 8
 vaginal smear
 estrus, metestrus 4
 Rugh(1990)
 (Fig. 1).
 diestrus, proestrus,

8 vaginal smear
 saline(PBS, Gibco) Ca²⁺-free phosphate buffered
 가 (# 3002, Falcon) drop forcep
 가 10,000g
 30 12.5 μl PBS 가 homogenization
 10,000g 30

MMP Zymography

Matrix metalloproteinase gelatin zymography(Herron *et al.*, 1986)
 sample buffer(10% SDS, 4% sucrose, 0.25M Tris-HCl, (pH 6.8), 0.1% bromophenol blue) 1:1 10 μl sample Laemmli 9% polyacrylamide
 resolving gel 0.1% gelatin 가

10cm X 8cm (Hoefer mini gel, USA)
 gel 50mM Tris-HCl(pH 8.0), 2.5% Triton X-100가
 detergent solution 30 , 50mM
 Tris-HCl(pH 8.0), 5mM CaCl₂, 0.02% NaN₃ substrate buffer 37
 24 가 gel (0.5% Coomassie
 brilliant blue R-250, 10% acetic acid, 30% isopropyl alcohol) 30
 5 gel
 MMP collagenase

MMP inhibitor

MMP inhibitor 1,10-phenanthroline(Brannstrom *et al.*, 1988) 2가 chelator
 ethylenediamine tetraacetic acid(EDTA) (Bischof *et al.*, 1991)
 dimethyl sulfoxide(DMSO) 50mM stock solution 4
 . Substrate buffer 가 가 5mM

Serine proteinase inhibitor phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride(PMSF) DMSO
 500mM stock solution 4 , 가 5mM
 substrate buffer 가 .

bovine serum albumin bicinchoninic
 acid(BCA) protein assay reagent(Pierce, USA) (Smith *et al.*,
 1985).

Sigma(USA)

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15lbs 15

1.

gelatinase

MMP

MMP 0.05 μg gelatin collagenase 28 μg zymography

Zymography diestrus proestrus 106kDa, 64kDa, 62kDa, 59kDa 4 gelatinase band가

62kDa gelatinase가 gelatinase 가 gelatinase

estrus 106kDa gelatinase 62kDa gelatinase

64kDa gelatinase

59kDa gelatinase 가 metestrus

106kDa gelatinase diestrus 64kDa gelatinase

62kDa gelatinase diestrus

59kDa gelatinase (Fig. 2).

2.

gelatinase

13.5 μg

zymography

106kDa, 64kDa, 62kDa 59kDa 4 gelatinase

62kDa 가 gelatinase

gelatinase

(Fig. 3).

7 μg

zymography 106kDa,

64kDa, 62kDa 59kDa 4 gelatinase

62kDa gelatinase 59kDa

가 gelatinase (Fig. 4).

3. gelatinase gelatinase

MMP MMP (Fig. 5).
 zymography gelatinase 106kDa,
 64kDa, 62kDa 3 gelatinase
 62kDa 가 gelatinase
 13 kDa, 89kDa, 84kDa 3
 gelatinase , 84kDa gelatinase 가

4. 1,10-phenanthroline, EDTA, PMSF 가 gelatinase

gelatinase MMP
 MMP specific inhibitor 1,10-phenanthroline substrate
 buffer zymography Fig. 6 ,
 , gelatinase
 . gelatinase phenanthroline
 84kDa gelatinase .
 metal chelator EDTA substrate buffer 1,10-phenanthroline
 가 84kDa gelatinase
 (Fig. 7). serine proteinase inhibitor PMSF
 gelatinase (Fig. 8).

106kDa, 64kDa, 62kDa, 59kDa, 4 MMP가 .

62kDa MMP가 MMP ,

106kDa, 64kDa 62kDa MMP diestrus estrus metestrus .

MMP 106kDa 64kDa, 62kDa MMP가 .

gelatinase 가 .

가 gelatinase . gelatin zymography

gelatinase 84kDa gelatinase MMP

gelatinase . MMP

1,10-phenanthroline(Brannstrom *et al.*, 1988) metal chelator EDTA

gelatinase , serine proteinase PMSF

gelatinase (Seltzer *et al.*, 1977; Curry *et al.*, 1992) . MMP MMP

131kDa, 106kDa, 89kDa, 84kDa, 64kDa, 62kDa 6 MMP가 ,

106kDa, 64kDa, 62kDa 3 MMP가 MMP 59kDa MMP가 .

MMP 가

MMP mRNA ,

proliferative phase MMP-2, -7, -11 , secretory phase MMP-2가

menstrual phase MMP-1, -2, -3, -7, -9, -10, -11 (Osteen *et al.*, 1994; Rodgers *et al.*, 1994; Jeziorska *et al.*, 1996). MMP-2

59kDa

MMP 59kDa MMP MMP-2
gelatinase A . MMP-2 latent form 72kDa
zymography sodium dodecyl sulfate(SDS)
66 ~ 58kDa (Martelli *et al.*, 1993). 106kDa, 64kDa 62kDa
estrus diestrus 가
MMP-9 MMP-9 latent form active
form 가 . MMP-9 zymogram latent form 97kDa
active form 63 ~ 62kDa (Tsang *et al.*, 1995). proliferative
phase proestrus 가 가 가
extracellular matrix가 (Farrar & Carson, 1992)
proteolytic degradation MMP .
secretory phase 가 . menstrual phase diestrus
3 ECM
가 . stromal cell
MMP-7 progesterone progesterone TGF-
가 MMP-7 (Bruner *et al.*,
1995). progesterone stromal cell TIMP-1(Mann *et al.*, 1991)
mRNA .
MMP-2 72kDa gelatinase
4 gelatinase 가
가 (Curry *et al.*, 1992). MMP-2
MMP-9 LH (Tsang *et*
al., 1995). 106kDa, 64kDa, 62kDa 59kDa 4
MMP가 MMP-2 MMP-9
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MMP
MMP preovulatory 가

(Puistola *et al.*, 1986; Curry *et al.*, 1992).

specific MMP, collagenase 가
(Murdoch & McCormic, 1992; Tadakuma *et al.*, 1993) MMP

proteolysis stigma
가 가 MMP
(Brannstrom *et al.*, 1988; Butler *et al.*, 1991)

MMP
MMP diestrus
가

가 MMP
MMP
(Murray, 1996; Shirley & Reeder, 1996) 가

106kDa, 64kDa 62kDa, 59kDa
gelatinase MMP가
diestrus proestrus estrus
metestrus MMP
remodeling
가 gelatinase 4
MMP가

matrix metalloproteinase(MMP)

diestrus, proestrus, estrus, metestrus

MMP gelatin zymography

diestrus proestrus 106kDa, 64kDa, 62kDa 59kDa MMP

4 MMP가 estrus 106kDa 62kDa MMP

64kDa metestrus

106kDa MMP diestrus 64kDa

62kDa MMP diestrus 59kDa MMP

diestrus 4 MMP가

MMP

가 4 MMP가 MMP

84kDa, 64kDa, 62kDa gelatinase 13 1kDa, 106kDa, 89kDa, 84kDa MMP가

Zymography gelatinase MMP

MMP inhibitor 1,10-phenanthroline metal chelator EDTA

gelatinase serine proteinase inhibitor

phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride gelatinase ..

MMP

106kDa, 64kDa 62kDa MMP

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Figure Legends

Fig. 1. Photomicrographs of smeared mouse vaginal cells. A, cells consisting of only leukocytes(an arrow) indicating the donor animal being at diestrus stage ; B, cells consisting of many leukocytes and some elongated epithelial cells indicating proestrus stage; C, large cornified epithelial cells(an arrowhead) indicating estrus ; D, cells consisting of approximately equal numbers of leukocytes and large folded epithelial cells indicating metestrus.

Fig. 2. Gelatinolytic activities of mouse uterine fluid(UF) obtained at each estrus stage. Lane 1, high range MW marker ; 2, collagenase($0.05\ \mu\text{g}$) ; 3, UF at diestrus ; 4, UF at proestrus ; 5, UF at estrus ; 6, UF at metestrus. Total $28.0\ \mu\text{g}$ of each UF protein sample was loaded into each lane. Molecular markers(kDa) are shown on the left and gelatinase bands are indicated by molecular weights(kDa) on the right.

Fig. 3. Gelatinolytic activities of mouse ovarian tissue homogenate obtained at each estrus stage. Lane 1, high range MW marker ; 2, collagenase($0.05\ \mu\text{g}$) ; 3, Ovarian tissues at diestrus ; 4, Ovarian tissues at proestrus ; 5, Ovarian tissues at estrus ; 6, Ovarian tissues at metestrus. Total $13.5\ \mu\text{g}$ of each ovarian tissue protein was loaded into each lane.

Fig. 4. Gelatinolytic activities of mouse oviductal tissue homogenate obtained at each estrus stage. Lane 1, high range MW marker ; 2, collagenase($0.05\ \mu\text{g}$) ; 3, Oviductal tissue sample at diestrus ; 4, Oviductal tissue sample at proestrus ; 5, Oviductal tissue sample at estrus ; 6, Oviductal tissue sample at metestrus. Total $7.0\ \mu\text{g}$ of each oviductal protein sample was loaded into each lane.

Fig. 5. Gelatinolytic activities of mouse uterine fluid, ovarian tissue homogenate,

oviductal tissue homogenate and serum at diestrus. Lane 1, high range MW marker ; 2, diestrus uterine fluid(28.0 μ g) ; 3, diestrus ovarian tissue homogenate(13.5 μ g) ; 4, diestrus oviductal tissue homogenate(7.0 μ g) ; 5, diestrus serum(125.0 μ g).

Fig. 6. Effect of 1, 10-phenanthroline on gelatinolytic activities of uterine fluid, ovarian tissue homogenate, oviductal tissue homogenate and serum at diestrus. Lane 1, high range MW marker ; 2, collagenase(0.05 μ g) ; 3, diestrus uterine fluid(28.0 μ g) ; 4, diestrus ovarian tissue homogenate(13.5 μ g) ; 5, diestrus oviductal tissue homogenate(7.0 μ g) ; 6, diestrus serum(125.0 μ g).

Fig. 7. Effect of EDTA on gelatinolytic activities of uterine fluid, ovarian tissue homogenate, oviductal tissue homogenate and serum at diestrus. Lane 1, high range MW marker ; 2, collagenase(0.05 μ g) ; 3, diestrus uterine fluid(28.0 μ g) ; 4, diestrus ovarian tissue homogenate(13.5 μ g) ; 5, diestrus oviductal tissue homogenate(7.0 μ g) ; 6, diestrus serum(125.0 μ g).

Fig. 8. Effect of PMSF on gelatinolytic activities of uterine fluid, ovarian tissue homogenate, oviductal tissue homogenate and serum at diestrus. Lane 1, high range MW marker ; 2, collagenase(0.05 μ g) ; 3, diestrus uterine fluid(28.0 μ g) ; 4, diestrus ovarian tissue homogenate(13.5 μ g) ; 5, diestrus oviductal tissue homogenate(7.0 μ g) ; 6, diestrus serum(125.0 μ g).