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Effects of Coculture on Development of Biopsied Mouse Embryos as a Preclinical Model for Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis of Human Embryos

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= Abstract =

The genetic defects in human gametes and embryos can cause adverse effects on overall reproductive events. Biopsy of embryos for preimplantation genetic diagnosis (PGD) offers a new possibility of having children free of the genetic disease. In addition, advanced embryo culture method may enhance the effectiveness of embryo biopsy for the practical application of PGD. This experimental study was undertaken to evaluate the effects of

coculture on the development in vitro of biopsied mouse embryos as a preclinical model for PGD of human embryos.

Embryos were obtained after in vitro fertilization(IVF) from F1 hybrid mice(C57BL /CBA). Using micromanipulation, 1, 2, 3 or 4 blastomeres of 8-cell stage embryos were aspirated through a hole made in the zona pellucida by zona drilling(ZD) with acidic Tyrode's solution(ATIS). After biopsy of blastomeres, embryos were cultured in vitro for 110 hours in Ham's F-10 supplemented with 0.4% BSA or cocultured on the monolayer of Vero cells in the same medium. The frequency of blastocyst formation were recorded, and the embryos beyond blastocyst stage were stained with 10% Giemsa to count the total number of nuclei in each embryo.

There was no significant difference in the blastocyst formation between the zona intact control group and the zona drilling(ZD) only, or biopsied groups. The hatching rate of all the treatment groups except 4/8 group was significantly higher than that of control group. In all the treatment groups, there was a significant reduction in the mean cell number of embryos beyond blastocyst stage(50.2 ± 14.0 in control group vs. 41.2 ± 7.9 in ZD, 39.3 ± 8.8 in 7/8, 29.7 ± 6.4 in 6/8, 25.1 ± 5.7 in 5/8, and 22.1 ± 4.3 in 4/8 groups, $p < 0.05$). When the same treatments were followed by coculture with Vero cells, a similar pattern was seen in the blastocyst formation and the hatching rate. However, in all the treatment groups, there was a significant increase in the mean cell number of embryos beyond blastocyst stage with coculture, compared with the parallel groups without coculture. In the cleavage rate of biopsied blastomeres cultured for 110 hours after IVF, there was no significant difference between coculture and non-coculture groups(87.2% vs. 78.7%). However, the mean cell number of embryos developed from the biopsied blastomeres was significantly higher in coculture group(11.5 ± 4.7 vs. 5.9 ± 1.9 , $p < 0.05$).

In conclusion, biopsy of mouse embryos after ZD with ATIS is a safe and highly efficient method for PGD, and coculture with Vero cells showed a positive effect on the development in vitro of biopsied mouse embryos and blastomeres as a preclinical model for PGD of human embryos.

Key Words : Preimplantation genetic diagnosis(PGD), Mouse embryo, Blastomere biopsy, Zona drilling, Coculture, Vero cell, Blastocyst, Hatching

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, , (Pang et al., 1994; Verlinsky et al., 1996).
 (aneuploidy) 가

(IVF-ET) (assisted reproductive technology, ART)

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 가 .

(preimplantation genetic diagnosis, PGD) (Handyside et al., 1990).

(blastomere biopsy) .
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(coculture)
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 acidic Tyrode's solution (ATS) zona drilling (ZD)
 1 4 가
 , Vero cell

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1 (F1 hybrid, C57BL xCBA) (: =12:
12) (22) 6-8
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(1)

Ham's F-10
26G 37 , 5% CO₂
10
Ham's F-10(+ 0.4% bovine serum albumin, BSA) 10

(2)

PM5G(Sigma, USA) 7.5IU , 48 hCG
(Sigma, USA) 5IU . HCG 14-16
- (oocyte-cumulus cell complex, OCCC)
2ml 가 37 , 5% CO₂

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30-40 가 가
1x10⁶/ml 가 9 .
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2ml 가 37 , 5% CO₂ .

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56-60 8-
 (Diaphot 300, Nikon) (NT-88, Narishige),
 Ca⁺⁺ Mg⁺⁺ D-PBS(+ 0.4% BSA)
 holding pipette acidic Tyrode's solution(pH 2.3)
 pipette (zona pellucida)
 10-20μm (Gordon & Gang, 1990).
 acidic Tyrode's solution pipette pipette
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 (Wilton & Trounson, 1989; Krzymińska et al., 1990; Geber et al., 1995).
 가 Ham's F-10(+ 0.4% BSA) 10μl
 37 , 5% CO₂ 24 110

3) Vero cell

(1) Vero cell

(WHO) virus
 Vero cell(WHO library, ref Vero 6758)
 (Wetzels et al., 1991; Menezes et al., 1992b). ample 37
 MEM(+ 20% Fetal bovine serum, FBS)
 9ml 600G 5
 MEM(+ 20% FBS) 10ml 가 25cm² tissue culture flask Vero cell 가 2x10⁶
 flask 37 , 5% CO₂
 48 (monolayer) yeast, fungus
 MEM(+ 20% FBS)
 , 48 Vero cell
 culture flask (>32x10⁶ cells) (subculture)
 (Bongso et al., 1989).

(2) Vero cell

Culture flask Vero cell flask
 , cell debris MEM 2-3
 Ca⁺⁺ Mg⁺⁺ phosphate-buffered saline(PBS) 0.05%

trypsin-0.53 mM EDTA가 medium 2ml , 37 , 5% CO₂ 5-10
 flask Vero cell
 가 trypsin-EDTA 15ml conical tube Vero cell
 MEM(+ 20% FBS) 5ml 300G 5
 Vero cell culture flask Vero cell
 2 가

(3) Vero cell

Vero cell
 . Trypsin-EDTA culture flask
 , 0.2% trypan blue . 15ml conical tube
 MEM(+ 20% FBS) 5ml 600G 5
 , MEM(+ 20% FBS, + 10% DMSO)
 가 2-3x10⁶/ml . Cryotube 1ml 20
 . (Planner, Model CRYO-10)
 . -30 1 /min -30

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2-3 cryotubes Vero cell 37
 MEM(+ 20% FBS) 9ml 600G 5
 . 1ml MEM(+ 20% FBS) 2ml 가
 2-well organ culture dish Vero cell 가 1x10⁵/ml
 Vero cell 70-80%
 (Bongso et al., 1989).
 Vero cell Ham's F-10(+ 0.4% BSA) 2-3
 . Vero cell
 Ham's F-10(+ 0.4% BSA) 2ml 가 37 , 5% CO₂
 24 110

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110 (blastocyst)
 2 가
 (150mOsm) 20μl가 10 37 , 5% CO₂

acetic acid = 3:1) 24 (methanol :
20 Gurr's buffer (pH 6.8) 10% Giemsa가
x200

5)

Chi-square test, Student's t-test
, $p < 0.05$ 가

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Table 1 .

가 가 zona drilling
 ZD 1 4 , 7/8 , 6/8 , 5/8 , 4/8
 (morula) (blastocyst)
 (hatching rate) 4/8 (p<0.05).
 50.2 ± 14.0
 41.2 ± 7.9 , 39.3 ± 8.8 , 29.7 ± 6.4 , 25.1 ± 5.7 , 22.1 ± 4.3
 (p<0.05).

Table 1. Development of biopsied mouse embryos in vitro

Groups	No. of embryos	≤ Morula (%)	Blastocyst (%)	Hatched blastocyst (%)	No. of cells (mean ± SD)
Zona intact	45	2 (4.4)	43 (95.6)	1 (2.2)	50.2 ± 14.0
Zona drilling	36	0	36 (100.0)	17 (47.2) ^a	41.2 ± 7.9 ^a
7/8 embryos	37	1 (2.7)	36 (97.3)	15 (40.5) ^a	39.3 ± 8.8 ^a
6/8 embryos	36	2 (5.6)	34 (94.3)	16 (44.4) ^a	29.7 ± 6.4 ^a
5/8 embryos	38	4 (10.5)	34 (89.5)	8 (21.1) ^a	25.1 ± 5.7 ^a
4/8 embryos	39	3 (7.7)	36 (92.3)	4 (10.3)	22.1 ± 4.3 ^a

a : p<0.05, compared with zona intact group

no. of cells : mean number of nuclei in blastocyst

zona intact : non-manipulated control embryos

zona drilling : embryos with only single hole in zona

7/8 - 4/8 embryos : biopsied embryos from which 1 to 4 blastomeres were removed

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Table 1 Vero cell
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 (p<0.05) (Table 2).
 94.9 ± 26.2 ZD 91.3 ± 25.1 ,
 7/8 89.1 ± 22.9 가 6/8 68.0 ± 17.2 , 5/8
 52.0 ± 11.7 , 4/8 46.3 ± 12.7 (p<0.05).

Table 1
 가 , ZD 4/8
 (p<0.05).
 (p<0.05) (Fig. 1). Table 1 50.2 ± 14.0
 가 , ZD , 7/8 6/8 가
 (p<0.05), 5/8 4/8 가 (Fig. 1).

Table 2. Effect of coculture on development of biopsied mouse embryos in vitro

Groups	No. of embryos	≤ Morula (%)	Blastocyst (%)	Hatched blastocyst (%)	No. of cells (mean ± SD)
Zona intact	45	0	45 (100.0)	2 (4.4)	94.9 ± 26.2 ^b
Zona drilling	40	0	40 (100.0)	29 (72.5) ^{a,b}	91.3 ± 25.1 ^b
7/8 embryos	39	0	39 (100.0)	16 (41.0) ^a	89.1 ± 22.9 ^b
6/8 embryos	39	1 (2.6)	38 (97.4)	17 (43.6) ^a	68.0 ± 17.2 ^{a,b}
5/8 embryos	34	0	34 (100.0)	14 (41.2) ^a	52.0 ± 11.7 ^{a,b}
4/8 embryos	37	3 (8.1)	34 (91.9)	14 (37.8) ^{a,b}	46.3 ± 12.7 ^{a,b}

a : p<0.05, compared with zona intact group

b : p<0.05, compared with parallel groups in Table 1

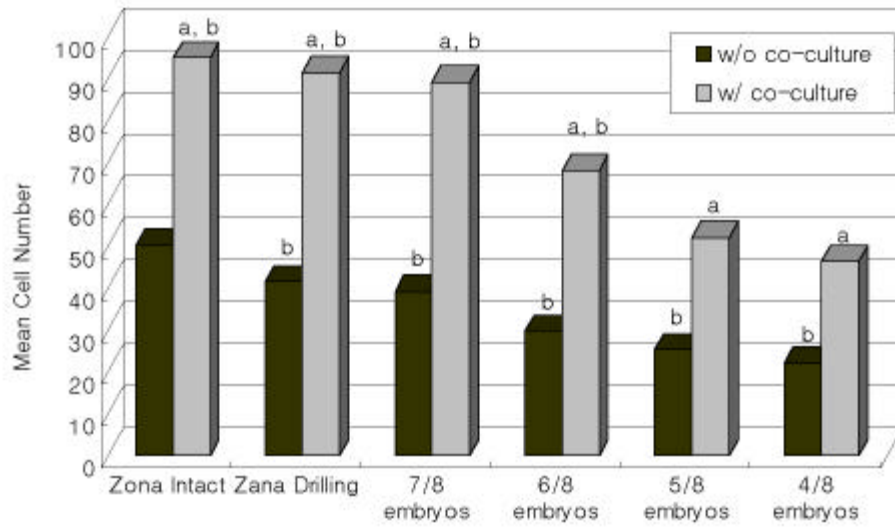


Fig. 1. Cell numbers of embryos cultured without or with coculture and developed beyond blastocysts in 110 hours after IVF.

a : $p < 0.05$, compared with the same group without coculture

b : $p < 0.05$, compared with zona intact group without coculture

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78.7%(96/ 122), 87.2%(68/ 78)

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5.9 ± 1.9 , 11.5 ± 4.7

($p < 0.05$)(Table 3).

Table 3. Effect of coculture on development of biopsied mouse blastomeres in vitro

Groups	No. of blastomere	Arrested (%)	Divided (%)	No. of cells (mean \pm SD)
Without coculture	122	26 (21.3)	96 (78.7)	5.9 ± 1.9
With coculture	78	10 (12.8)	68 (87.2)	11.5 ± 4.7^a

a : $p < 0.05$, compared with group without coculture

no. of cells : mean number of nuclei in divided blastomeres

(PGD)
(micromanipulation)

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1 ,
(Minne et al., 1993)

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(polar
body biopsy), (cleavage stage embryo biopsy),
(trophectoderm biopsy) . ,

가 (Bolton et al., 1991).

Handyside (1990)
Xlinked recessive

totipotency가 (Tarkowski ,
1959; Tarkowski & Wobleska, 1967) . Willadsen & Polge(1981) 8-
2 57.7%
, Wilton & Trounson(1989) 4-
81.4%

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2- , 4- 1
(inner cell mass) 가
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, 3 (Hardy et al., 1990; Krzyninska et al., 1990). 8- acidic Tyrode's solution (mitotic index)가 가 가 가 (Krzyninska et al., 1990). 3 , 6-8- 1-2 가 가 가 가 (helper cell) (growth factor) 가 (Takahashi & First, 1992; Flood et al., 1993; Gardner & Sakkas, 1993). 가 (Goodeaux et al., 1990; Mnezo et al., 1992a). (Bongso et al., 1992), (Desai et al., 1994), (Freeman et al., 1995), (Mnsour et al., 1992) (homologous), (heterologous) 가 (Feng et al., 1996).

(microorganism)

AIDS

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Vero cell

(Menezes et al., 1992b).

Vero cell

(monkey renal epithelial cell)

Vero

cell

가

(Menezes et al., 1992b).

Vero cell

가

WFO

Vero cell

(embryotrophic factor)

가

(Bongso et al., 1991).

hypoxan-

thine

(oxygen metabolic levels)

pH

glucose

lactate

가

가

, taurine

TGF- β_1 ,

IGFBP-1, IGF

(Menezes et al.,

1992b; Bongso & Fong, 1993).

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ZD

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, 7/8, 6/8, 5/8

4/8

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4/8

(assisted hatching)

(Cohen et al., 1992; Dokras et al., 1994, Hoover et al., 1995; 1997a, 1997b).

가 ZD

가 Depypere & Leybaert (1994) ZD

가 (cytoplasmic degeneration)

acidic Tyrode's solution 가

가 Vero cell

가 ZD

4/8 가 ZD 7/8 가
 , ZD , 7/8 , 6/8 , 2
 , 5/8 4/8 가

Vero cell , 8- 2

1 48 5.9 ±1.9

11.5 ±4.7

78.7%

87.2%

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Li (1992)

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68-78

% Geber (1995)

73%

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Vero cell . 1
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 8- acidic Tyrode's solution(ATS)
 zona drilling(ZD) 1 4
 가 , Vero cell

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 7/8 , 6/8 , 5/8 , 4/8
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 4/8

2. Vero cell
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 ZD 7/8 가 , 6/8 , 5/8 4/8

3. 가 , ZD 4/8
 , ZD , 7/8 6/8
 가 , 5/8 4/8 가

4. 가

Vero cell

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