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# Fibrous formation observed at the implantation site of undifferentiated iPS cells in NOG mice

NOGマウスにおける未分化iPS細胞の移植部位(背部皮下)に認められた線維形成

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## Background

- > NOG mice were subcutaneously implanted with iPS cells and HeLa cells into the dorsal tissue for evaluation of the minimum tumor-producing dose and tumorigenic period.
- Tumor formation was observed in the group implanted with HeLa cells. On the other hand, no tumor formation but fibrous formation was observed in the group implanted with iPS cells.



We examined histopathologically whether this fibrous formation was derived from iPS cells.

## Method

#### **Study outline**

- > Animal: Mouse, NOD/Shi-scid, IL-2RγKO Jic (NOG)
- > Implantation site: Dorsal subcutaneous tissue
- > Inoculation of cell cultures:
  - Human adipose-derived mesenchymal stem cells (hMSC), Lot No. 0000672320, Lonza KK
  - HeLa cells, Lot No. 61647128, ATCC
    Human undifferentiated iPS cells (iPS cells), Lot No. P11025, Takara Bio Inc.

## Group design

Group	Inoculation of cell cultures	Dose level (cells/body)	Concentration (cells/mL)	Dose volume (µL/body)	Sex	Number of animal
Control	hMSC	$1 \times 10^{6}$	$1 \times 10^7$			7
Test article 1	HeLa cells	1	10			7
		10 100			7	
		100	1000	100	Male	7
Test article 2	iPS cells	1	10			7
		10	100			7

- > Age at implantation: 7 weeks
- > Collection and examination: All organs (including implantation site)
- > Tissue fixation: 10 vol% phosphate buffered formalin solution

#### ➤ Stain:

All organs

Hematoxylin and eosin stain (HE)

**Implantation site in the test article 2 groups** 

Masson trichrome stain (MT), Anti-human lamin stain (anti-lamin)

## <u>10</u><u>100</u><u>100</u><u>7</u>

#### **Observation period**



1: Control and test article 1 groups

2: Test article 2 groups

(Since no tumor formation was observed, the observation period was extended beyond day 113.)

## We report mainly on the Implantation site of Test article 2 groups.

## Result

#### **Macroscopic Examination**

Group	Control	Test article 1			Test article 2			
Inoculation of cell cultures	hMSC	HeLa cells			iPS cells			
Dose level (cells/body)	1×10 <sup>6</sup>	1	10	100	1	10	100	
Number of animal	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	
Mass, subcutaneous	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	
Nodule, subcutaneous	0	3	5	0	0	0	3	

#### **Microscopic Examination (HE stain)**

Group	Control	Test article 1			Test article 2			
Inoculation of cell cultures	hMSC	HeLa cells			iPS cells			
Dose level (cells/body)	1×10 <sup>6</sup>	1	10	100	1	10	100	
Number of animal	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	
Tumor formation, subcutis	0	3	6	7	0	0	0	
Fibrous formation, subcutis	0	0	0	0	1	2	4	



**\***: The tumor cells were derived from HeLa cells, as they





- Histopathological examination revealed fibrous formation at the implantation site in all groups.
- The fibers consisted of mature collagen fibers with spindle-shaped nuclei, which stained blue by MT.
- > Adipocytes were observed interspersed among collagen fibers.
- Anti-lamin staining showed positive in nuclei of collagen fibers and adipocytes, but negative in some nuclei.

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### Discussion

- Anti-lamin staining showed positive in nuclei of collagen fibers and adipocytes, but negative in some nuclei, suggesting that fibrous formation (with adipocytes) was formed from cells derived from mice and humans.
- These results suggest that when iPS cells are implanted into immunodeficient animals, iPS cells differentiate into mature tissues and grow, and those iPS cells form into mature tissues by engulfing the host-derived cells other than iPS cells.

