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#### ABSTRACT

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This study was aimed to evaluate the effects of the collagen/chitosan scaffold for application in wound treatment .Lyophilized collagen isolated from bovine tendon demonstrated white in color and spongy-like characteristic. DC protein assay Kit indicated the protein content in isolated collagen of 87.97% $\pm$ 3.4% w/w. Sodium dodecylsulphate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE) exhibited 3 bands representing one  $\beta$  chain,  $\alpha_1$  chain and  $\alpha_2$  chain. The fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FT-IR) spectra of isolated collagen were displays at 3424, 2925, 2656, 1560 and 1241 cm<sup>-1</sup> which are characteristic of the amide A, amide B, amide I, amide II and amide III bands, respectively. A spectrum of the isolated collagen was not different from that of the standard commercial collagen.

Isolated collagen and crab chitosan, with degree of deacetylation more than 90%, were blended in ratio 7 and 3 of 3% by weight of total polymer, 0.1% glutaraldehyde (GA) were used throughout in this study to crosslink collagen and chitosan. The collagen/chitosan scaffold was successively fabricated by casting technique. It provided about 60 µm of thickness and showed brown in color. Morphology of the scaffold was determined by scanning electron microscope (SEM).

Subsequently, the scaffold was investigated to the cytotoxicity toward Human Dermal Fibroblasts (HDFs) including cytocompatibility, cell adhesion, cell distribution, cell proliferation and cell functions including alpha-smooth muscle actin ( $\alpha$ -SMA) and basic fibroblast growth factor (bFGF) proteins expression by

immunocytochemistry. The obtained results indicated that the developed scaffold showed good cytocompatibility, supporting cell attachment, accelerating cell proliferation and distribution, and retaining to express normally  $\alpha$ -SMA and bFGF proteins.

Moreover, the efficacy of collagen/chitosan scaffolds on wound healing was evaluated *in vivo* by using the domestic pigs. The results revealed that the collagen/chitosan scaffolds with HDFs and Human keratinocytes (HaCaTs) co-cultured started to show the smallest wound area and to present the highest percentage of re-epithelialisation for 14 days of healing period compared to other treatments; povidone iodine treatment, non treatment, cell-free col/chi scaffold, the HDFs cultured on the col/chi scaffold.

From histological study, fibroblasts-kertinocyted co-cultured on the scaffold showed the most similarity of skin structure with normal porcine skin. Therefore, the collagen/chitosan scaffolds with HDFs and Human HaCaTs co-cultured may be a promising wound dressing to accelerate the wound healing potentially for acute wound patients.

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#### **ABBREVIATIONS**

aFGF = acidic fibroblast growth factor

 $\alpha$  = alpha

bFGF = basic fibroblast growth factor

BSA = bovine serum albumin

 $\beta$  = beta

°C = degree celsius

 $CO_2$  = carbondioxide

Cont. = continue

Da dalton

DD = degree of deacetylation

DMEM = dulbecco's Modified Eagle's Medium

DMSO = dimethysulfoxide

ECM = extracellular matrix

EGF = epidermal growth factor

FACIT = fibril associated collagens with interrupted

triple helices

FBS = fetal bovine serum

FDA = the US Food and Drug Administration

FTIR = fourier transform infrared

g = gram

GA = glutaraldehyde

GAG = glycosaminoglycan

g = gram

HaCaT = human keratinocyte cell

HDF = human dermal fibroblast cell

hr = hour(s)

IGF = insulin-like growth factor

IL-1 = interleukin-1

#### **ABBREVIATIONS (CONT.)**

kD = kilodalton

KGF = keratinocyte growth factor

kgf = kilogram force

M = molar

mg = milligram

 $m^2$  = square meter

mm = millimeter

 $\mu m = micrometer$ 

 $\mu L$  = microliter

mg = miligram

mRNA = messenger ribonucleic acid

MTT = 3-(4,5-Dimethythiazol-2-yl)-2,5-

diphenyltetrazolium bromide

MW = molecular weight

 $NH_4OH$  = ammonium hydroxide

nm = nanometer

PBS = phosphate buffer saline

PDGF = platelet-derived growth factor

RGD = arginine-glycine-aspartate groups

SDS-PAGE = sodium dodecylsulphate polyacrylamide gel

electrophoresis

S.D. = standard deviation

SEM = scanning electron microscopy

SMA = smooth muscle actin

### **ABBREVIATIONS (CONT.)**

TIMP = tissue inhibitor of metallo-protease

VEGF = vascular endothelial growth factor

w/v = weight by volume

XTT = sodium 3'-[1-(phenylamino carbonyl)-3,4-

tetrazolium]-bis(4-methoxy-6-nitro)

benzene sulfonic acid hydrate

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