

蚕丝纬编针织网的细胞相容性及体外降解性实验研究

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摘要

目的: 蚕丝纬编针织网支架结合骨髓间充质干细胞(BMSCs)细胞片制成组织工程支架, 并对其进行细胞相容性观察, 以及蚕丝纬编针织网支架的体外降解性。方法: 通过密度梯度离心法结合贴壁培养法提取兔BMSCs, 通过维生素C培养法制备BMSCs细胞片。采用纬编针织法制备蚕丝网状支架, 将BMSCs细胞片覆盖于该支架上体外培养2周, 观察细胞在支架上的生长情况。并进行蚕丝纬编针织网支架为期1年的体外降解性的力学性能及质量变化测试。结果: 提取的BMSCs生长旺盛。支架-BMSCs细胞片培养2周的扫描电镜观察显示: BMSCs黏附于支架呈立体生长, 增殖良好。通过体外1年降解实验, 蚕丝纬编针织网状支架降解速率非常缓慢, 力学性能及质量变化很小。结论: 蚕丝纬编针织网-BMSCs细胞片具有良好的细胞相容性, 蚕丝纬编针织网体外降解速率非常缓慢, 可以尝试作为组织工程韧带/肌腱的支架材料。

关键词

蚕丝纬编针织网, 骨髓间充质干细胞, 细胞片, 细胞相容性, 体外降解性, 力学性能

Experimental Study on Cytocompatibility and *in Vitro* Degradability of Silk Weft Knitted Mesh

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Abstract

Objective: Silk weft knitted mesh scaffolds were combined with bone marrow-derived mesenchymal stem cells (BMSCs) to form tissue engineering scaffolds, and the cytocompatibility and degradability of silk weft knitted mesh scaffolds were observed. **Methods:** BMSCs were extracted by density gradient centrifugation combined with adherent culture, and BMSCs cell sheets were prepared by vitamin C culture. A silk mesh scaffold was prepared by weft knitting method. BMSCs cell sheets were covered on the scaffold and cultured for 2 weeks *in vitro* to observe the growth of cells on the scaffold. The mechanical properties and quality changes of silk weft knitted mesh scaffolds were tested for 1 year. **Results:** The extracted BMSCs grew strongly. Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) observation of BMSCs cells cultured on scaffolds for 2 weeks showed that BMSCs adhered to scaffolds in stereoscopic growth and proliferation. After 1 year *in vitro* degradation experiment, the degradation rate of silk weft knitted mesh scaffold is very slow, and the mechanical properties and quality changes are very small. **Conclusion:** BMSCs cell sheet with silk weft knitted mesh has good cytocompatibility, and the degradation rate of silk weft knitted mesh is slow *in vitro*, which can be used as scaffolds for tissue engineering ligaments/tendons.

Keywords

Silk Weft Knitted Mesh, Bone Marrow-Derived Mesenchymal Stem Cells, Cell Sheet, Cytocompatibility, In Vitro Degradability, Mechanical Properties

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1. 引言

蚕丝丝素蛋白(SF)是一种具有优异力学性能、生物相容性和生物可吸收性的天然蛋白质，在组织工程应用中备受关注[1]。随着人口老龄化的加剧，肌肉骨骼组织的修复已成为组织工程研究的重点。在组织工程测试的各种材料中，蚕丝丝素蛋白(SF)越来越被认为是一种有前途的材料。SF是一种具有优异理化特性的天然蛋白聚合物，在肌肉骨骼组织工程领域已建立了良好的声誉[2]。蚕丝适合作为组织工程韧带与肌腱的支架材料[3][4]。蚕丝纬编针织网状支架具有充足的力学性能，有较大的空隙结构，可提供足够的内部空间供韧带/肌腱组织、细胞生长[5]。然而目前的细胞接种技术，是将细胞直接接种于支架上，存在易流失、利用率低等缺点，而细胞凝胶复合材料粘附支架强度有限，不能将大量的细胞整合到密集的移植植物中等问题[6]。细胞片技术可以有效地解决细胞流失等问题，且费用较低，已成为组织工程领域的研究热点。本实验通过维生素C培养法制备骨髓间充质干细胞(BMSCs)细胞片，并覆盖于蚕丝纬编针织网状支架上体外培养，观察细胞在支架上的生长情况。体外降解实验是最直观且方便的途径，具有针对性和科学性。本实验将纬编针织蚕丝纤维网状支架通过为期1年的体外降解，考察该支架的降解性及力学性能变化。

2. 材料与方法

2.1. 材料和主要器材

桑蚕丝(*Bombyx Mori* silk)购于杭州丝绸市场。I型鼠尾胶原(5 mg/ml, 欣友生物技术有限公司)。扫描

电镜(XL30-ESEM, Philips-FEI), 拉力试验机(QX-W300, 上海企想检测仪器有限公司), 冷冻干燥机(LL3000, Heto PowerDry)。新西兰白兔, 生产许可证号: SCXK(浙) 2022-0008, 杭州余杭科联兔业专业合作社提供。

2.2. 兔骨髓间充质干细胞(BMSCs)提取及 BMSCs 细胞片制备

按照文献[7], 通过密度梯度离心结合贴壁培养法从3月龄新西兰白兔髂骨提取、纯化BMSCs。并按照文献[8], 制备BMSCs细胞片。

2.3. 蚕丝丝素纤维网状支架的制备

参照文献[9], 蚕丝通过0.5% Na₂CO₃溶液煮沸两次, 每次30 min, 脱去丝胶, 得到蚕丝丝素纤维丝。按下列顺序编织: 将蚕丝丝素纤维单丝200根, 逆时针扭合(2捻)成1小束(含蚕丝丝素纤维单丝400根)。按图1将纤维小束通过纬编针织成长条网状支架(长25 mm × 宽5 mm)。分别经0.1 mol/L稀盐酸、蒸馏水、0.1 mol/L NaOH、蒸馏水超声清洗机洗涤, 晾干。进行如下细胞相容性实验, 以及体外降解实验。

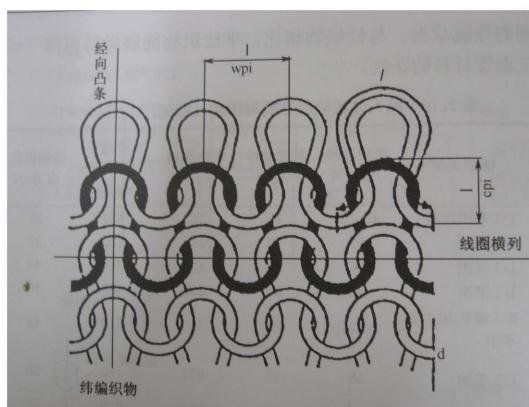


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of weft knitting
图 1. 纬编针织示意图

2.4. 支架-BMSCs 细胞片复合物的体外培养

将5 mg/ml I型胶原缓慢滴加充填于“2.3项”制备的蚕丝网中, -80°C冰箱过夜, 冷干机冻干。环氧乙烷消毒。

将“2.2项”制备的BMSCs细胞片覆盖缠绕于上述I型胶原修饰的蚕丝网支架上, 以丝线稍作固定。37°C、5% CO₂培养2天后, 去除丝线, 继续培养, 共培养2周。取支架-BMSCs细胞片复合物, 戊二醛固定, 银酸固定, 梯度乙醇脱水, 临界点干燥, 喷金, 扫描电镜观察。

2.5. 体外降解实验

1) 体外模拟降解实验: 以模拟体液(simulated body fluid, SBF)作为降解液, 按照文献[10]配制。将“2.3项”制备的蚕丝长条网状试样, 每条试样称重, 记为M₀。环氧乙烷灭菌。并将其浸入装有10 ml SBF的试管中, 硅胶塞盖紧, 每个试管静态放置1条试样。37°C, 每周换液1次, 共40根。分别于0(降解前)、3、6、12个月各取出10个试样, 洗净后进行以下实验。

2) 材料的力学性能测试: 每个时间点取出的10个试样, 在湿润条件下进行力学性能测试。试样两端用纱布紧密包裹, 固定于拉力试验机上, 经适当预拉后, 拉力至2 N时测其横截面积及夹具间距长度, 再以50 mm/min进行拉伸试验, 记录最大负荷、拉伸强度、弹性模量。

3) 质量损耗率检测: 收集上述“2)项”力学检测后的试样材料, 真空干燥, 称重, 记为 M_t 。并计算质量损耗率: 质量损耗率 = $(M_0 - M_t)/M_0 \times 100\%$ 。

3. 结果

3.1. BMSCs 培养及传代

骨髓经密度梯度离心及贴壁培养后获得 BMSCs。提取的 BMSCs 生长迅速, 原代培养呈现集落生长。第三代 BMSCs 传代培养 2 d 后 BMSCs 细胞呈长梭形生长(图 2)。随着时间增加, 细胞呈旋涡生长, 生长迅速旺盛。

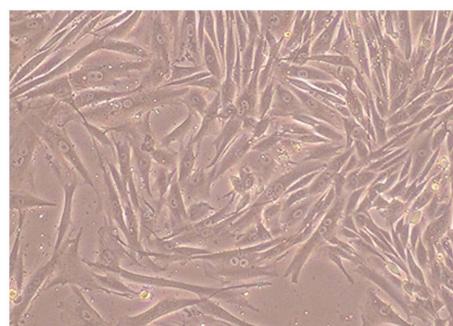


Figure 2. The third-generation BMSCs showed a long spindle-shaped vortex growth after 2 days of subculture, with rapid and vigorous growth (200 \times)

图 2. 第三代 BMSCs 传代培养 2 天后呈长梭形旋涡生长, 生长迅速旺盛(200 \times)

3.2. 蚕丝纬编针织网的 SEM 观察

蚕丝纤维纬编针织网有较大的孔隙, 伸缩性良好(图 3(a))。于蚕丝纤维针织网上滴加的胶原冻干后可附着于网上(图 3(b))。

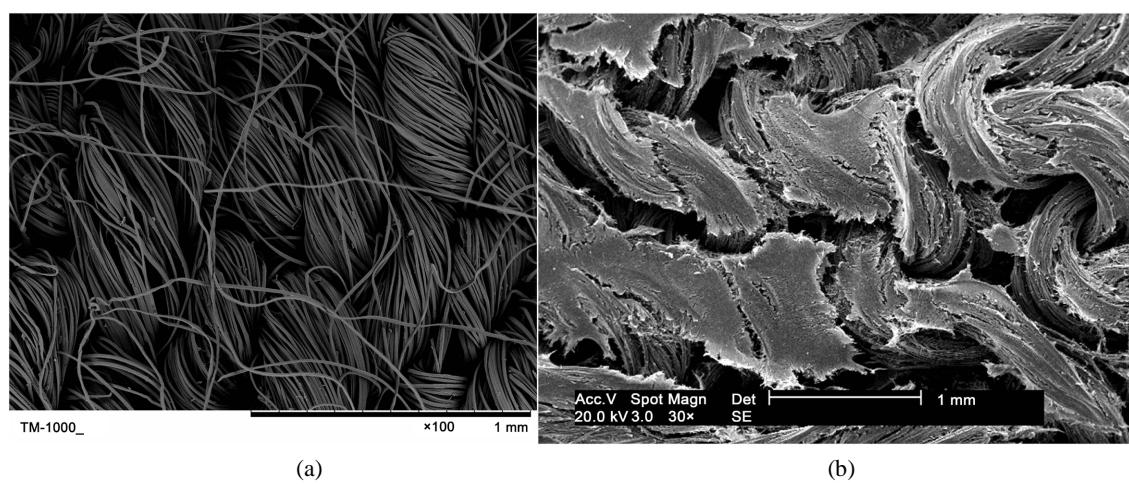


Figure 3. SEM observation of silk fiber weft knitted net. (a): Silk fiber weft knitted net (100 \times); (b): The collagen dripped on the knitted net is freeze-dried and attached to the net (30 \times)

图 3. 蚕丝纤维纬编针织网 SEM 观察。(a): 蚕丝纤维纬编针织网(100 \times); (b): 在针织网上滴加的胶原冻干后附着于网上(30 \times)

3.3. BMSCs 细胞片在支架上生长的 SEM 观察情况

BMSCs 细胞片附于充填胶原海绵的蚕丝网支架复合培养 2 周, 通过扫描电镜观察, BMSCs 细胞附于支架上生长良好, 呈立体状, 有伪足生长, 增殖旺盛(图 4)。

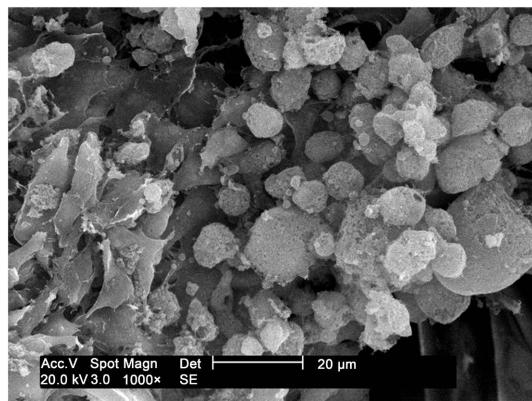


Figure 4. Scanning electron microscope observation of

BMSCs cells attached to scaffold (1000 \times)

图 4. BMSCs 细胞附于支架上的扫描电镜观察(1000 \times)

3.4. 体外降解实验结果

3.4.1. 蚕丝网形貌变化大体观察

蚕丝网经过 1 年体外降解, 在形貌变化上均未见实质性的降解现象。

3.4.2. 蚕丝网的机械性能测定

蚕丝网支架经过 1 年在体外模拟体液中降解, 其最大载荷、拉伸强度、弹性模量下降非常缓慢, 不同时间点的力学性能均未见实质性下降(表 1), $p > 0.05$ 。

Table 1. Mechanical properties change of silk mesh scaffolds degraded *in vitro* for 1 year ($\bar{x} \pm s$, $n = 10$)

表 1. 蚕丝网支架体外降解 1 年的力学性能变化($\bar{x} \pm s$, $n = 10$)

降解时间/月	最大载荷/N	拉伸强度/MPa	弹性模量/MPa
0	113.25 ± 13.64	40.91 ± 4.76	194.26 ± 22.40
3	111.20 ± 12.79	40.32 ± 4.45	189.84 ± 22.62
6	109.97 ± 12.82	40.16 ± 4.54	187.93 ± 23.01
12	106.33 ± 13.08	39.78 ± 5.16	185.08 ± 22.93

3.4.3. 蚕丝网质量损耗率检测

蚕丝网经过 1 年在体外模拟体液中降解, 3、6、12 个月的质量损耗率分别为 $0.21\% \pm 0.02\%$, $0.26\% \pm 0.02\%$, $0.40\% \pm 0.03\%$, 均未见实质性的质量损耗($p > 0.05$)。

4. 讨论

蚕丝是一种易于加工的生物聚合物, 这使得以蚕丝为基础的生物材料被塑造成不同的形式和结构。蚕丝丝素蛋白是一种天然聚合物, 具有良好的生物相容性、高机械强度和低降解率等特点, 越来越被认

为是肌肉骨骼组织工程应用中首选的支架材料[11]。蚕丝可编织成多种形状，具有优异的承载受力功能，可用于韧带/肌腱组织再生[3] [12]。而且蚕丝可引导羟基磷灰石(骨矿物质基质的主要无机成分)增长的能力，从而改善骨整合[13]。将蚕丝添加到聚二氧环酮和聚乳酸-co-己内酯中，可提高材料的性能和体内外生物相容性；蚕丝在 72 h 内可促进肌腱源性干细胞的附着和增殖。而体内研究表明，植入 6 周后，蚕丝可以降低促炎细胞因子的表达[14]。研究表明蚕丝 - 胶原蛋白支架具有相当大的临床应用潜力[15]，透明质酸/蚕丝 - 胶原支架可促进前交叉韧带重建后腱 - 骨界面的骨整合[16]。

除了支架材料的选择外，支架结构也非常重要，它决定了种子细胞能否在支架上停泊、附着、增殖、分化，以及能否维持一定的力学强度，并最终达到韧带/肌腱修复的要求[17]。蚕丝针织丝网 - 胶原海绵支架具有特殊的“内部空间保留”特性，可以再生功能性前交叉韧带，并长期预防骨关节炎，提示其作为功能性前交叉韧带重建生物支架的临床应用价值[18]。Tang 等[5]研究了采用海绵状再生丝素/胶原 I 结合蚕丝纬编针织网支架构建组织工程肌腱的可行性，显示支架 - 骨髓间充质干细胞复合材料具有修复跟腱缺损的潜力。

细胞片技术是再生医学领域近年的研究热点[19] [20]，因其能够提供足量组织结构完整的健康细胞及细胞外基质、治愈难治性疾病并恢复机体受损功能而受到广泛关注[21] [22]。本实验在组织工程构建中使用这两种技术的交集：作为细胞外基质的细胞片结构和作为组织工程要素的支撑支架[23]。解决复杂的组织工程问题需要一个综合的方法，包括三维支架和细胞片[24]。使用细胞片方法，BMSCs 存活时间更长，并可以大量交付[25]。

本实验结果表明，BMSCs 细胞片附于充填胶原的蚕丝纬编针织网支架复合培养 2 周，BMSCs 细胞附于支架上生长旺盛，呈立体状。蚕丝纬编针织网经过体外 1 年降解实验，网状支架降解速率非常缓慢，力学性能及质量变化很小。

蚕丝支架目前只是在实验动物中进行研究，真正应用于临床还有很长的路要走。未来蚕丝组织工程韧带/肌腱的发展方向，一方面可以提高和改善蚕丝性能和蚕丝支架结构，更好地与种子细胞相结合，并可与生长因子或其他材料联合应用，以满足临床中韧带/肌腱修复的更高需求。另一方面，可以改善手术方式，先将蚕丝支架预血管化，模拟关节外炎症刺激，以促进血管和细胞的早期生长。

5. 结论

实验结果显示，BMSCs 黏附于支架呈立体生长，增殖良好。通过体外 1 年降解实验，蚕丝纬编针织网状支架降解速率非常缓慢，力学性能及质量变化很小。结果表明：蚕丝纬编针织网-BMSCs 细胞片具有良好的细胞相容性，蚕丝纬编针织网体外降解速率非常缓慢，可以尝试作为组织工程韧带/肌腱的支架材料。

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