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TITLE

PRELIMINAR CHARACTERIZATION OF MESENCHYMAL STEM CELLS FROM AMNIOTIC MEMBRANE (HAMSCS): EFFECT OF AGE AND PRE-ECLAMPSIA

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ABSTRACT

CONTEXT: Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and General Pathology Laboratory of the University of Foggia.

OBJECTIVE: The aim of the study was to evaluate some characteristics of mesenchymal stem cells from amniotic membrane(hAMSCs) and to compare differences among three different groups of patients.

PATIENTS: 7 women aged 25-30 (group1), 5 women over 40 years old with physiological course of pregnancy (group2), 3 women affected by preeclampsia (group3) were enrolled.

INTERVENTIONS: Placentae were collected immediately after delivery, either by spontaneous or Caesarean birth.

METHODS: All samples were processed through five steps: isolation of hAMSCs from placentae; culture and storage of isolated hAMSCs; analysis of morphology and growth of hAMSCs; phenotypic characterization of hAMSCs.

MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: For each sample we measured the number of cells and their viability (% of viable cells within 10µl of suspension put in a Burker's chamber and trypan blue exclusion test), phenotype (surface markers by cytofluorimetry) and doubling time (starting from a concentration of 105cells at T0 and using the algorithm provided by http://www.doubling-time.com). Statistical analysis was performed by ANOVA and Tukey's Multiple Comparison Test.

RESULTS: A significant (p<0.05) reduction of viable cells was observed in Group 2 and 3 compared with Group 1. A significant (p<0.01) increase of doubling time was also observed in Group 2 compared with Group 1 and not significant changes were observed in Group 3. Not significant differences between groups were observed about the yield of cells obtained at the isolation.

CONCLUSIONS: Preliminary data show that there are significant differences in terms of viability and doubling time of hAMSCs between young and older women as well as between physiological and preeclamptic pregnancies.

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