Attachment and **Proliferation of Human Dermal Fibroblasts** (HDF) YYY 2/10/09 **BIOE 342**

Objectives

- Compare HDF attachment on Tissue Culture (TC) treated surfaces with non-TC treated surfaces
- Determine effect of Fetal Bovine Serum (FBS) on HDF proliferation

Cell Attachment Assay Method

- TC and non-TC treated 24-well plates seeded with 1.0E4 cells/well
- Cells incubated for 0.5, 1.25, 2.5, and 4 hrs
- Wells rinsed in saline before data collection
- Attached cell density measured using light microscopy

Cell Proliferation Assay Method

- 24-well plates seeded with 5.0E3 cells/well
- Cells grown in media containing 1%, 5%, and 10% FBS for 0, 2, 5, and 7 days
- Wells trypsinized and cell number counted using Coulter Counter

Anti-Proliferating Cell Nuclear Antigen (PCNA) Assay Method

- 24-well plates seeded at 2.0E4 cells/well in media with 1%, 5%, and 10% FBS
- Cells labeled with Anti-PCNA primary antibody
- Bound primary antibody detected with secondary antibody and chromogenic substrate
- Anti-PCNA stained cells identified using light microscopy

Cell Attachment Assay Data¹



TC Surfaces Promote Attachment

- TC surfaces have higher mean numbers of attached cells compared to non-TC surfaces at all time points
- Cell density on TC vs non-TC surfaces is statistically different for 2.5 and 4 hrs (Student's ttest, n=3, p<0.05)</p>

Cell Proliferation Assay Data



FBS Increases Growth Rate

- Cell numbers of each condition statistically different for Days 2, 5, and 7 (single-factor ANOVA and Tukey's HSD Test, n=9, p<0.05)</p>
- Growth in all conditions is exponential
- Faster growth rates exhibited in conditions with larger percentages of FBS

Anti-PCNA Assay Data



FBS Increases Fraction of Cells in Synthesis Phase

- Higher fraction of Anti-PCNA labeled cells in conditions with larger percentages of FBS
- Anti-PCNA labels cells in the S-phase

Cell Proliferation and Anti-PCNA Data Are Consistent

- Cells divide soon after passing through S-phase
 - Conditions with large fractions of S-phase cells should correlate with rapid cell growth
- Anti-PCNA Assay determined that fraction of S-phase cells increases with higher FBS percentages
- Cell Proliferation Assay determined increased HDF growth with higher FBS percentages

Summary

- HDF attachment is superior on TC treated surfaces compared to non-TC treated surfaces
- HDF proliferation is faster in higher percentages of FBS.