Effects of surfaces and serum concentration on HDF attachment and proliferation

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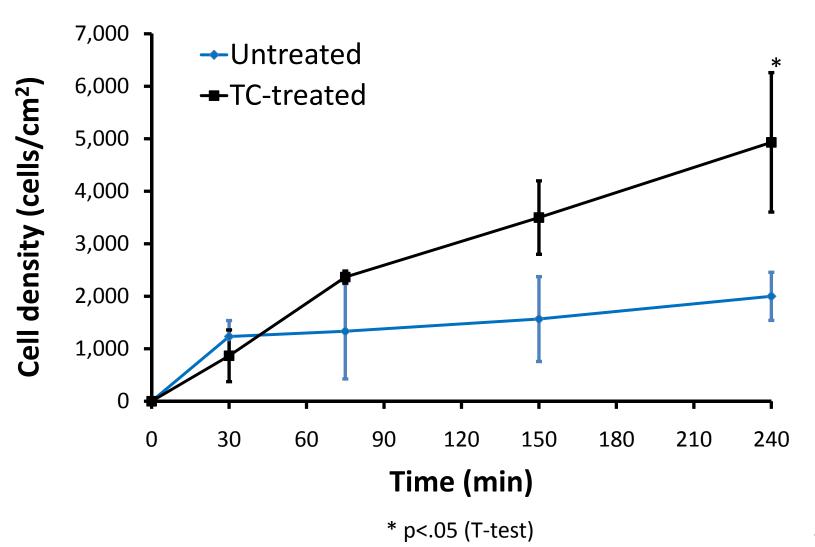
Objectives

- To determine the influence of surface modification on cell attachment
- To analyze the effects of serum concentration on cell proliferation & attachment

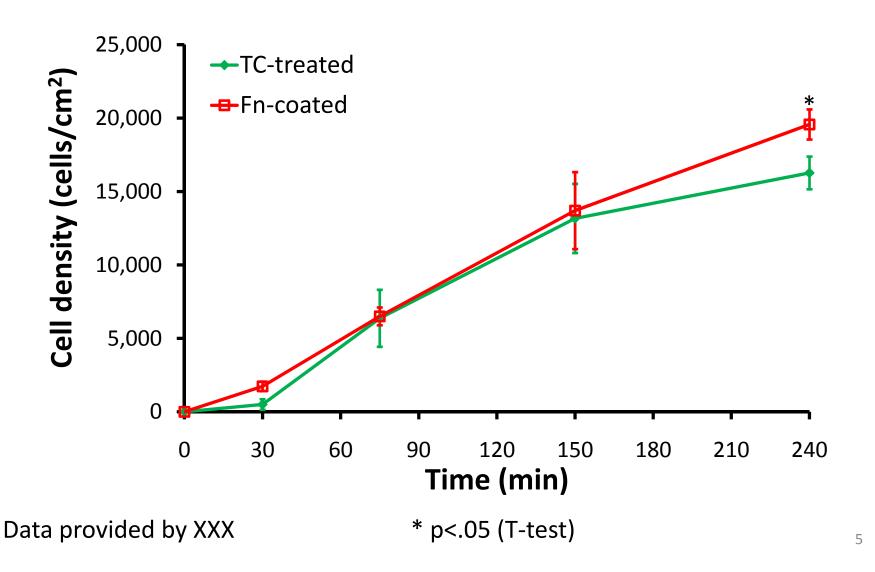
Cell attachment assay methods

- Human dermal fibroblasts (HDF) seeded on surface-modified polystyrene plates
 - Tissue culture treated (TC-treated)
 - Fibronectin coated (Fn-coated)
 - Untreated
- Cell density was measured 30, 75, 150, and 240 minutes after seeding using a light microscope

Surface treatment induces greater HDF attachment



Fn enables more HDF attachment



Immunocytochemistry methods

- Anti-Proliferating Cell Nuclear Antigen (PCNA)
- HDF cells incubated for 2 days in DMEM w/ 1% antibiotic and 1%, 5%, 10% FBS (fetal bovine serum)
- After cells fixed, PCNA localized
 - 1° antibody (Ab): Anti-PCNA-mouse IgG
 - 2° Ab: Anti-mouse IgG-horseradish peroxidase (HRP)
 - HRP substrate: AEC (3-Amino-9-EthylCarbazole)
- Observed nuclei staining using light microscopy
 - Red: in S phase (HRP & AEC reaction)
 - Blue: not in S phase (hematoxylin)

More cells in S phase at higher serum concentration[‡]

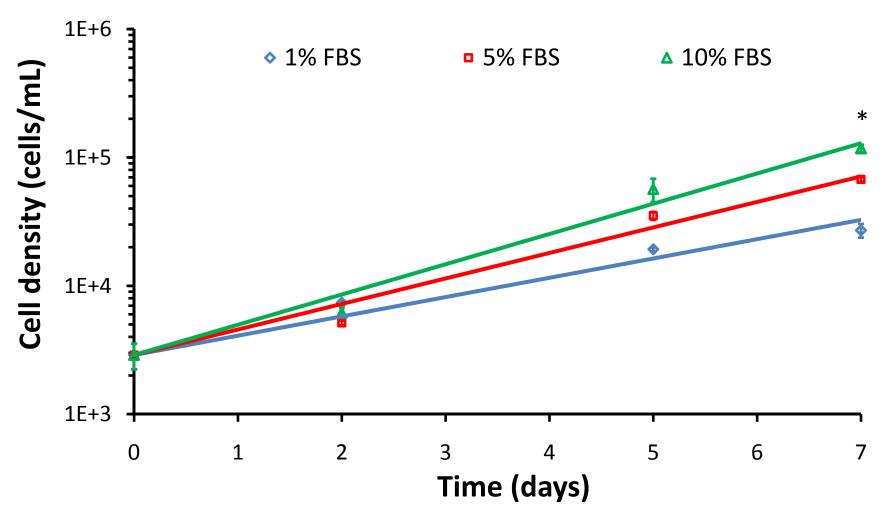
% FBS	% Confluency	% Red nuclei
1	20-30	75
5	15-50	75
10	25-70	95
Control*	10-85	0

- With increasing serum concentration
 - Higher confluency
 - More nuclei stained red

Cell proliferation assay methods

- Cells plated in DMEM w/1 % FBS and 1% antibiotics
- Cells grown in 3 different growth conditions
 - DMEM w/1% FBS
 - DMEM w/5% FBS
 - DMEM w/10% FBS
- Cell concentration determined on days 0, 2, 5, and 7 using Coulter Counter

Cells exhibit exponential growth



^{*} p<.001 (ANOVA); all are significantly different (p<.001; Tukey's HSD)

Increasing serum concentration decreases doubling time

Serum (% FBS)	Exponential rate (days ⁻¹); R ^{2*}	Doubling time (days)
1%	0.35; 0.96	2.0
5%	0.46; 0.98	1.5
10%	0.54; 0.98	1.3

 Cell culture in 10% FBS had significantly higher population than those in 1% and 5% FBS

^{*} Assuming all plates seeded at same concentration of cells

Serum provides essential signals for cell growth and division

Increase FBS concentration



Increased number of cells in S phase



Increased proliferation rate



Reach confluency faster

- Increase serum content
 - Increase growth factors
 - Increase other cellular signals
- More cells continue through the cell cycle
- Population doubles faster
- Supported by data from cell proliferation and anti-PCNA assays