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culture media and cell stages**

= Abstract =

Cryopreservation is able to store the surplus pre-embryos for freezing and furthermore thawing and transfer in a subsequent cycle. Cryopreserving cells which are maintaining their viability are the very complex process.

This study has been carried out in order to find the effects of cryopreservation steps, freezing media and embryonic stages on the rates of viability and development of cryopreserved mouse embryos. Female ICR mice(6-8 weeks old) were induced to superovulate by sequential intraperitoneal injection of 5 IU PMSG and 5 IU hCG 48h apart. Mouse embryos were collected according to its developmental stage after the injection of hCG. Embryos were cryopreserved not only by cryoprotectant step (1 step-4 step) but also in a variety of media(HTF, IVF medium, D-PBS) and cell stage.

The results were as follows : There is no clear advantage in these freezing media of rapid method, but 4 cell and 8 cell of slow method(2, 3, 4 step) have advantage in D-PBS. The development of embryos according to cell stage become greater in 8 cell stage. In the treatment steps of cryopreservation, the development of embryo to blastocyst was similar among rapid method, but the development of 4 cell and 8 cell embryos to blastocyst according to slow method was better than rapid method.

Key words : Cryopreservation, Slow and rapid methods.

(cooling) 200 . 1776

Spallanzani 가 가

. 1866 Mantegazza

(banking) . 가

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가 1963

1972

mouse, rat, hamster mongolian gerbil

, Trounson Mohr 8

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가 가 .

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가 IVF 가 가 .

IVF 가 ,

가

가 , 가

(seeding)

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(ice crystal)

(, rehydration)

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dimethyl sulfoxide(DMSO) 1·2-propanediol(PROH) glycerol

glucose sucrose monosaccharides disaccharides가

PROH

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가 가

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1.

ICR

6 8

12

2.

6 8

PMSG (pregnant mare's serum

gonadotropin, Sigma Co.) 5 IU

(1), 48

hCG(human chorionic

gonadotropin, Sigma Co.) 5 IU

(3). 2

hCG 48 50 , 4

60 , 8

70 72

(Ham's F-10)

30 gauge

3.

0.4% BSA(bovine serum albumin)

HTF(human tubal fluid, Irvine Scientific Co.), D-PBS(modified Dulbecco's phosphate-buffered saline), IVF medium(Medicult Co.)

1,2-propanediol(PROH)

1 (Ham's F-10) (HTF, D-PBS, IVF medium) (5) 1.5M PROH 8 0.1M sucrose가 가 1.5M PROH 8 .

PROH 가 (mol) 가가 5 1.5M 10 .

2 0.75M 1.5M PROH .

3 0.5M, 1.0M, 1.5M PROH , 4 0.25M, 0.5M, 1.0M, 1.5M PROH .

1 plastic straw 5 20 (Kryo 10- programmable freezer, Planer Biomed) . -7 (minutes)

2 -7 10 . 1 (seeding) . -7 -30 0.3 straw straw -196 .

3.

straw 2 30 37 water bath 3 . straw straw .

1.0M PROH 0.2M sucrose 5 , 0.5M PROH 5 , 0.2M sucrose

5

5

(0.4% BSA가 가 HTF)

(mol)

5

4.

Brinster paraffin oil drop method 60×15mm 1

paraffin oil

1

5% CO₂, 100%

(Forma Scientific Co.

model 3037)

. 48 72

(Olympus, model

IMT -2)

1.

1) HTF

1,	1	HTF	PROH	2
		1 (rapid method)	33.3%, 2	(slow method) 28.0%, 3
(slow method)		30.0%, 4	(slow method) 33.3%	.
4	1	40.0%, 2	35.0%, 3	32.0%, 4 38.0%
		.		
8	4	(58.1%)	7† 1 (40.0%) 2	(38.1%)

2) D-PBS

2,	1	D-PBS	PROH	2
		1	23.8%, 2	30.0%, 3 31.6%, 4
33.3%		1	.	4
1	40.9%, 2	58.8%, 3	47.6%, 4	66.7% 2 4
		.		
8			1	40.0%, 2 60.0%, 3
69.2%, 4		86.2% 2, 3, 4	.	

3) IVF medium

3,	1	IVF medium	PROH	2
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1 (29.4%)가 가

. 4 4 (47.6%) , 8

4 (56.5%)가 가

2.

1) HTF

1 2 (33.3%), 4 (40.0%) 8 (40.0%)

. 2 2 (28.0%)가 4 (35.0%) 8 (38.1%)

. 3 8 (43.5%)가 2 (30.5%), 4

(32.0%) 4 8 (58.1%)가 2 (33.3%), 4 (38.0%)

(2).

2) D-PBS

1 2 (23.8%)가 4 (40.9%), 8 (40.5%)

. 2 2 (30.0%)가 4 (58.8%) 8 (60.0%)

, 3 8 (69.2%) . 4 4

(66.7%), 8 (86.2%)가 (3).

3) IVF medium

1 8 (41.2%)가 2

2 , 4 , 8 . 3 8 (50.0%)가 2

(30.4%) 4 8 (56.6%)가

(4).

3. (1) (2, 3, 4)

1) HTF

5 2 (1) (2, 3, 4) 가
. 4 (1) (2, 3, 4) .
8 4 (58.1%)가 1, 2 (40.0%, 38.1%) (5).

2) D-PBS

2 (1) . 4
(40.9%) 2 (58.8%), 4 (66.7%) . 8
(60.0 86.6%) (6).

3) IVF medium

2 4 1, 2, 3, 4 . 8
4 (56.5%)가 1 (41.2%) 가 (7).

OHSS

(luteal support)

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가

hCG GnRH

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10

IVF-ET

(ice

formation),

(solution effects)

(osmotic cell shrink)

(ice crystals)

가

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가

가

6 80%

15%

Earle's

, HEPES buffer T6

HTF

, 10%

(fetal bovine serum)

D-PBS, 20%

phosphate-buffered saline

8% 10%

glycerol, 1.5M DMSO, 1.5M 1.2 PROH가

(expanded

blastocysts)

1.5M DMSO

glycerol 가

. DMSO

(gene differentiation)

(cell fusion)

DMSO

1.5M 1.2 PROH

. DMSO가

가

PROH

가

가 -35

-110

1

가

가

(1, 2, 4

8)

(3, 5, 6)

(interphase blastomeres)

가

age -

age

가

(synchrony)

1

4

가

가

HTF

2 , 4

, 8

. D-PBS 2 4 2

4 , 8 2, 3, 4

. IVF medium 2 , 4 , 8

4 . modified

phosphate buffered saline (D-PBS) phosphate(-), glucose(-), NaHCO₃(+) HTF medium

phosphate(+), glucose(+), NaHCO₃(+) IVF medium buffer system

. HTF 1, 2, 3

4 8 가 2 4

. D-PBS 1 4 8 , 2 4

8 , 3 8 가, 4 4 8

. IVF medium 1 , 2

3 4 8 . 8 가

8 가

. (1) (2, 3, 4)

HTF 2 4 가

8 4 가 . D-PBS 2

, 4 2 , 4

8 (2, 3, 4) . IVF medium 2 4

가, 8 4 가 . 가

가 .

2, 4, 8

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1.

, 4 8 D-PBS (P<0.05,
P<0.01).

2.

2, 4, 8 가
8 가 (P<0.01).

3.

2 4 8
(P<0.05), 8 가
(P<0.01).

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Table 1. The development of frozen-thawed embryos to blastocyst in HTF + PROH

cell stage	2 cell	4 cell	8cell
treatment step			
1 step	* 9/27(33.3)	6/15(40.0)	6/15(40.0)
2 step	7/25(28.0)	7/20(35.0)	8/21(38.1)
3 step	6/20(30.0)	8/25(32.0)	10/23(43.5)
4 step	9/27(33.3)	11/29(38.0)	18/31(58.1)

* No. of blastocysts/ No. of embryo cultured(%)

HTF : Human tubal fluid

PROH : Propanediol

Table 2. The development of frozen-thawed embryos to blastocyst in D-PBS + PROH

cell stage treatment step	2 cell	4 cell	8cell
1 step	* 5/21(23.8)	9/22(40.9)	8/20(40.0)
2 step	6/20(30.0)	10/17(58.8)	12/20(60.0)
3 step	6/19(31.6)	10/21(47.6)	18/26(69.2)
4 step	7/21(33.3)	14/21(66.7)	25/29(86.2)

* No. of blastocysts/ No. of embryo cultured(%)

D-PBS : Dulbecco's phosphate-buffered saline

PROH : Propanediol

Table 3. The development of frozen-thawed embryos to blastocyst in IVF medium + PROH

treatment step \ cell stage	2 cell	4 cell	8cell
1 step	* 5/17(29.4)	7/19(36.8)	7/17(41.2)
2 step	5/15(33.3)	8/20(40.0)	9/20(45.0)
3 step	7/23(30.4)	8/23(34.8)	11/22(50.0)
4 step	11/26(42.3)	10/21(47.6)	13/23(56.5)

* No. of blastocysts/ No. of embryo cultured(%)

PROH : Propanediol

