

**Fig. (4).** (A) Total serum cholesterol levels. ADMPC transplantation in WHHL rabbits was followed for 12 weeks. Total serum cholesterol was measured in five rabbits that each received  $3 \times 10^7$  ADMPC, three rabbits that each received  $3 \times 10^7$  ADSC, and in six rabbits that received saline (control). Data are mean $\pm$ SEM. # $P < 0.05$ ; control vs. the ADMPC-transplanted WHHL rabbit; & $P < 0.05$ ; the ADSC-transplanted WHHL rabbit vs. the ADMPC-transplanted WHHL rabbit. (B) Lipoprotein profiles in a representative WHHL rabbit with ADMP transplantation after gel filtration. Serum samples from the WHHL rabbit before and 4 weeks after transplantation were fractionated. Note the marked reduction in low-density lipoprotein (LDL) peak and appearance of a high-density lipoprotein (HDL) peak. (C) Rate of clearance of LDL from the serum of rabbits with and without transplantation of ADMPC. Animals were injected with  $^{125}$ I-labeled human LDL, and the time course of clearance was monitored following trichloroacetic acid precipitation of serum at 5 min, 1 h, 2 h, 4 h, 6 h, and 28 h. Residual  $^{125}$ I-LDL was expressed as a percentage of the signal at 5 min. The panel is the representative of two independent experiments. (D) DiO-LDL uptake into ADMPC-derived hepatocytes in the WHHL rabbit liver. Thin slices of recipient liver were incubated with DiO-labeled LDL in the serum-free medium for 24 h. After washing and fixation, the incubated slices were viewed by fluorescence microscopy. DiO-LDL-uptake cells (green) and no-uptake parenchymal cells are observed in the section. Bar = 100  $\mu$ m.

**3.5. In Situ Stem Cell Therapy by ADMPC**

To determine the effects of ADMPC transplantation on the recipient rabbit lipid profile, serum cholesterol levels were monitored over 12 weeks (Fig. 4, cited from reference 12 with modification). Significant reductions in total serum cholesterol were observed within 4 weeks of the transplantation, and the reductions were maintained for the entire period (Fig. 4A). Furthermore, ADMPC-recipient animals showed significantly greater reductions than those in the control group. To determine the effects of ADMPC transplantation on the fractions of high-density lipoprotein and LDL in re-

ipient animals, fractionation by fast protein liquid chromatography was performed (Fig. 4B). Transplantation of ADMPC resulted in marked reduction of the peak LDL cholesterol and increment of high-density lipoprotein cholesterol fraction (right panel). Next, clearance experiments were performed with human LDL to confirm that the transplanted ADMPC contributed to the fall in serum cholesterol through uptake of LDL via LDL receptors. The rate of LDL clearance was significantly higher in the WHHL rabbits with transplanted ADMPC than WHHL rabbits without transplanted ADMPC (Fig. 4C). Rabbits with ADMPC transplants showed ~2.4-fold (high-dose;  $3 \times 10^7$  cells/rabbit) and

1.4-fold (low-dose;  $5 \times 10^6$  cells/rabbit) increases in the rate of LDL cholesterol clearance over non-transplanted rabbits. To evaluate the uptake of DiO-LDL by transplants *ex vivo*, thin liver slices of WHHL rabbit were incubated with DiO-labeled LDL for 24 h and the uptake was examined as for the clearance experiments (Fig. 4D). DiO-LDL was taken up by some but not all of the cells in the WHHL rabbit liver transplanted with ADMPC, with the positive cells observed dispersed, contacting, and integrating among the non DiO-LDL-positive parenchymal cells. This finding suggests that ADMPC differentiated into hepatocytes *in vivo*, thus lowering the serum cholesterol directly via LDL uptake.

### 3.6. ADMPC as a Promising Tool for Regenerative Medicine

For any successful regenerative medicine program, three issues must be considered: 1) what kind of tissues should be nominated as cell sources, 2) how should the cells be obtained from tissues, and 3) how will the cells behave after transplantation/administration. The following section discusses these considerations with respect to this study.

The source of stem cells for regenerative medicine should be easily and safely accessible as well as free of any ethical issues, thus allowing allogenic as well as autologous cellular therapy applications, and finally, the cell source should be available in large amounts. Adipose tissue is therefore a suitable cell source under these criteria. Liposuction surgery provides a safe method for collection of adipose tissue, harvesting from 100 ml to >3 L of lipoaspirate from material that is routinely discarded, thus avoiding any ethical concerns [16].

As to the second issue of cell processing, methods to isolate cells from adipose tissue were first reported in the 1960s [17-19]. Such methods involved mincing rat fat pads and incubating the resultant tissue fragments with collagenase. The digested material was then centrifuged to separate the floating population of mature adipocytes from the pelleted stromal vascular fraction (SVF). The SVF, which are sometimes referred to as adipose tissue-derived regenerative cells (ADRC), consists of a heterogeneous cell population including fibroblasts, endothelial cells, pre-adipocytes, and mesenchymal stem cells [17-19]. However, as mentioned, this non-cultured cell population is too heterogeneous to apply therapeutically, necessitating the isolation of pre-adipocyte and/or mesenchymal stem cell-rich adherent cells from the SVF. The original procedure for this separation step was subsequently modified for the isolation of cells from human adipose tissue SVFs [20-23], and Zuk *et al.* [7] reported that the processed lipoaspirates exhibited mesenchymal stem cell-like features and could differentiate into adipocytes, osteocytes, and chondrocytes. Such cells are currently labeled as adipose tissue-derived stem cells (ADSC). The procedure used for obtaining these stem cells from lipoaspirates was described by Bjornorp *et al.* [24] to obtain pre-adipocytes.

We have subsequently developed a novel isolation method for stem-like cells according to their adhesion properties [8-12]. As shown in Fig. (1Aa), fibroblast- and endothelial-like cells completely adhered onto the culture dish after 24 h in culture following the first-plating of the SVF. Most of the SVF cells were difficult to detach by conven-

tional pipetting after this length of culture (24 h). However, a population of round self-aggregating cells that could only be detached by treatment with EDTA solution showed multi-lineage differentiation potency. In the EDTA-treating method, only cells of their properties with self-aggregation and EDTA-sensitiveness could be selected as ADMPC from plated SVF. In the conventional pre-plating methods to obtain ADSC [7, 24], the cells with EDTA-resistance could not be excluded. ADMPC exhibited high differentiation capacities for osteocytic, adipocytic, and chondrocytic lineages compared with ADSC, and could differentiate into hepatocyte-like cells, insulin-producing cells, and cardiomyoblast-like cells *in vitro* as non-mesenchymal lineages. We therefore named these cells ADMPC.

ADMPC differ from ADSC with regard to gene expression profiling. ADMPC express islet-1, a marker of undifferentiated cells and of cardiac, hepatic, and pancreatic progenitor cells [9-11]. Based on our findings, we propose that the islet-1-expressing ADMPC could be differentiated or reprogrammed into hepatocytes in the recipient liver *in vivo* after transplantation. In other words, the appropriate cells can show *in situ reprogramming* when transplanted and recruited into an appropriate environment.

Finally, we considered how the ADMPC would behave after transplantation/administration *in situ*. Traditionally, stem/progenitor cells are differentiated into terminally differentiated cells prior to transplantation/administration. For example, iPS cells are differentiated into neuronal cells and then applied for neuronal disease therapies. In these processes, researchers could mimic the relevant microenvironment and then differentiate the transplanted cells into the desired cell lineages. In contrast, we hypothesized that *in vitro* or *ex vivo* reprogramming could not sufficiently recapitulate the desired transplant microenvironment. Our concept is that the microenvironment *in situ* might supply cytokines to exert paracrine effects and form appropriate extracellular matrices, thus prompting the progenitor cells toward the desired terminal differentiation. ADMPC express islet-1, indicating that they might be appropriate progenitor cells on their own for *in situ* reprogramming as hepatocytes in the liver microenvironment. If these reprogrammed cells could correct given disease defects, clinical applications for *in situ* stem cell therapy become feasible.

In this review, we propose *in situ* stem cell therapy as a new tool for regenerative medicine and *in situ* reprogramming as a mechanism for the correction of disease. Yamana *et al.* [25] presented terminally differentiated cells that could be reprogrammed into the pluripotent state using only four factors. Followers confirmed the fact and named the concept "reprogramming". Melton *et al.* [26] subsequently showed that gene-modified cells alone could direct differentiation along a terminal path, and renamed the mechanism "direct reprogramming", and some cases of *ex vivo* gene therapy might be included in this concept. Here, we presented stem-like cells that could differentiate terminally *in situ* in the appropriate microenvironment.

## 4. CONCLUSIONS

In this review we describe ADMPC, novel adipose tissue-derived cells with stem cell-like properties and higher

differentiation potential than previously reported adipose tissue-derived cells. Not only could ADMPC differentiate into hepatocyte-like cells *in vitro*, but ADMPC *per se* also showed the same capacity in the hepatic environment and the *in situ* reprogrammed cells could correct the metabolic defect of diseased animals. The mechanisms described for *in situ* reprogramming hold great promise for applications in regenerative medicine as “*in situ* stem cell therapy”.

#### CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The authors confirm that this article content has no conflicts of interest.

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Adipose tissue-derived multi-lineage progenitor cells as promising tool for cardiac regenerative medicine



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**Summary** 頻回の虚血障害により残存心筋幹細胞が消失する虚血性心筋症など重症心不全においては、これまでの内科的治療も十分な効果を上げえず、PCI(percutaneous coronary intervention)による血流改善も限定的な効果しかない。これら治療抵抗性の重症心不全end-stageにあっては1年死亡率が75%とされ、新規治療法・医薬品の開発が待たれている。著者らは、大量に簡便・安全・容易に採取可能なヒト皮下脂肪組織から新規間葉系幹細胞として、脂肪組織由来多系統前駆細胞の単離・培養法を確立した。当該細胞から誘導した心筋芽様細胞が慢性心筋梗塞モデルラットに移植した結果、心機能と長期生存率を改善し、被投与細胞を慢性心筋梗塞モデルラット心筋組織内で心筋細胞への分化を組織学的に確認している。非臨床試験として、単回投与毒性試験(経左心室内投与・経静脈投与)を中枢・呼吸安全性薬理試験(GLP)下で実施した。毒性を認めず、特殊毒性試験としては、造腫瘍試験、軟寒天コロニー形成試験、核型分析試験をGLPにて終了している。薬理試験のうち安全性薬理コア/バッテリー試験では、GLPが終了している。このように著者らは、自らが行ってきた研究の成果を1日でも早く社会に還元するため、当初から薬事開発をめざしている。

**Key word** 脂肪組織由来多系統前駆細胞(ADMPCs), 心筋再生, *in situ* stem cell therapy, 薬事開発, 非臨床試験

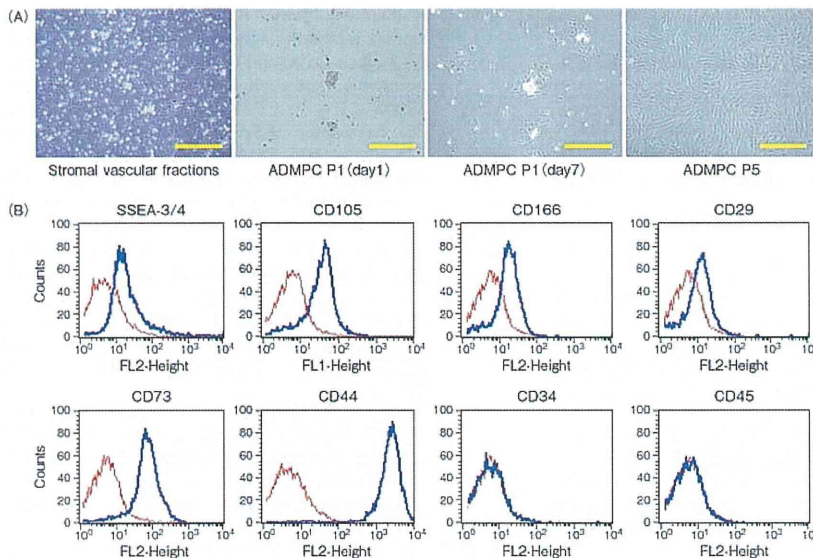


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## IV. その他

# 平成24年度 厚生労働科学研究費補助金 再生医療実用化研究事業

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**研究課題 :** ライソゾーム病に対する細胞医薬品の開発にむけた  
 Confidence-in-Mechanism (CIM) 取得のための基礎研究

**研究期間 :** 平成24年度から2年計画

**研究内容 :**

ADMPC (脂肪組織由来多系統前駆細胞 Adipose tissue-Derived Multi-lineage Progenitor Cell) 由来再生肝細胞がライソゾーム加水分解酵素を持続的に分泌、全身の細胞組織に供給することを機序とした細胞医薬品の開発を目指し、臨床試験開始に向けた基礎的知見の収集。

**期待される成果:**

再生肝細胞がライソゾーム加水分解酵素を持続的に分泌、全身の細胞組織に供給することを機序とした細胞医薬品の開発に向けてConfidence-in-Mechanismの取得。

## ライソゾーム病 ～病態と治療～



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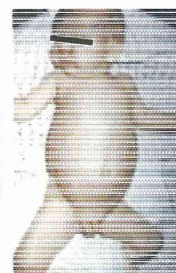
ゴーシェ病



クラッペ病



ムコ多糖症



糖原病

- ライソゾームに存在する加水分解酵素の遺伝的欠損
- その基質がライソゾームに蓄積し、細胞障害、臓器障害を惹起
- ライソゾームへの蓄積物質により病型分類

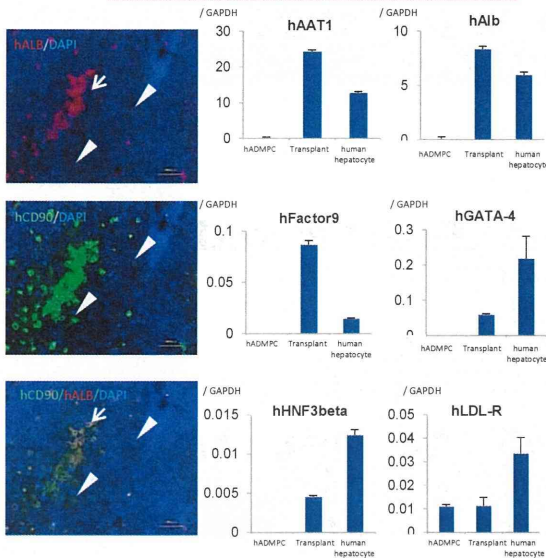
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	欠点	症状の緩和のみ。	
骨髄移植 臍帯血移植 造血幹細胞移植	現状	移植した骨髄由来細胞が種々の臓器に入り 酵素欠損を補填	遺伝子治療
	現状	ムコ多糖症I型では早期の移植の 有用性が報告。	
	欠点	疾患により効果が限定	
	欠点	化学療法・放射線照射による臓器障害 GVHDおよび合併症	
	現状	日本では、ゴーシェ病、ファブリー病 ムコ多糖症I・II・VI型、ポンペ病のみ	
	欠点	生涯、週1~2回の点滴治療が必要 酵素製剤のコストが高い 中枢神経病変をきたす疾患に対して無効	
	現状	現在までヒトで行われたのは ゴーシェ病のみ	
	欠点	レトロウイルスベクターを用いたが 成功せず	
	欠点	特定の細胞への遺伝子導入の低さ 挿入変異の可能性	

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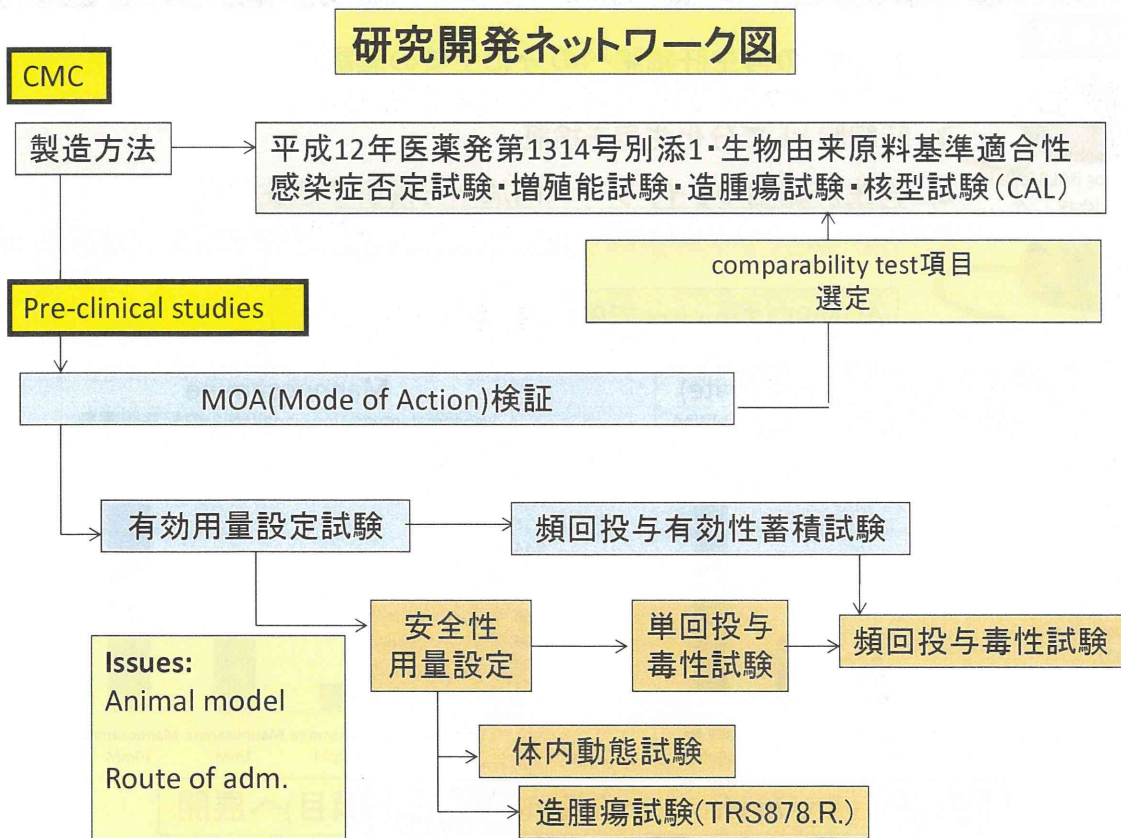
ADMPCの肝細胞への分化  
(rabbit *in vivo*)



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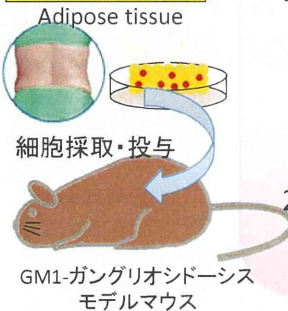
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message level、蛋白発現、酵素活性から検証

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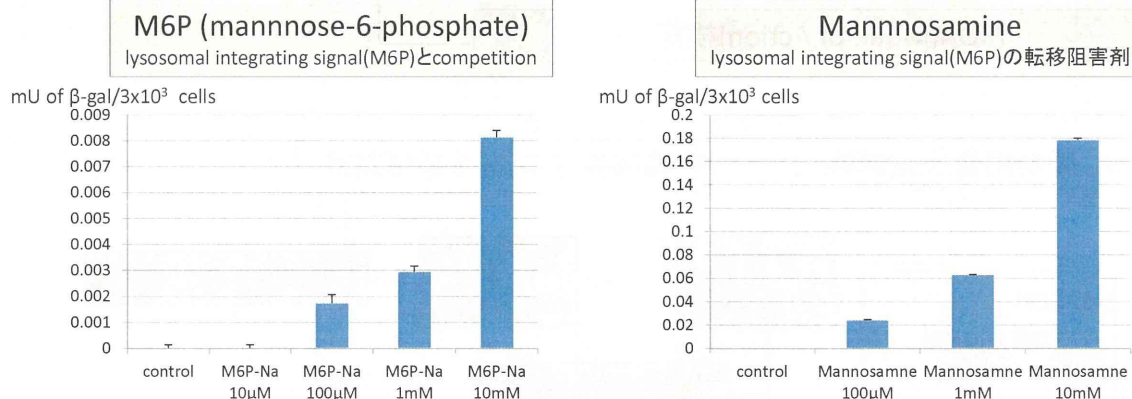
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ADMPCは*in vitro*でβ-Galを産生するか？



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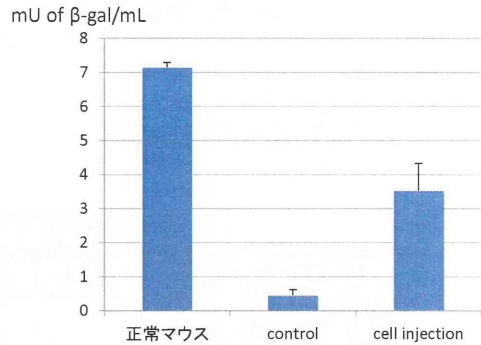
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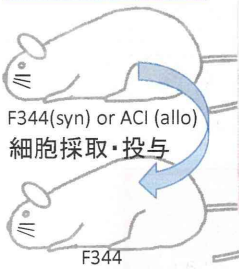
ADMPCは肝臓に生着しβ-Galを血中に分泌するか？



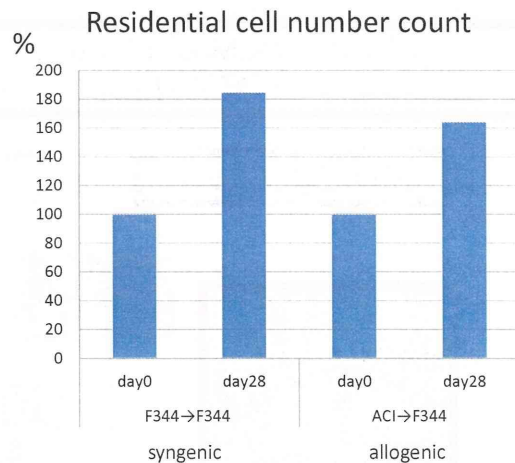
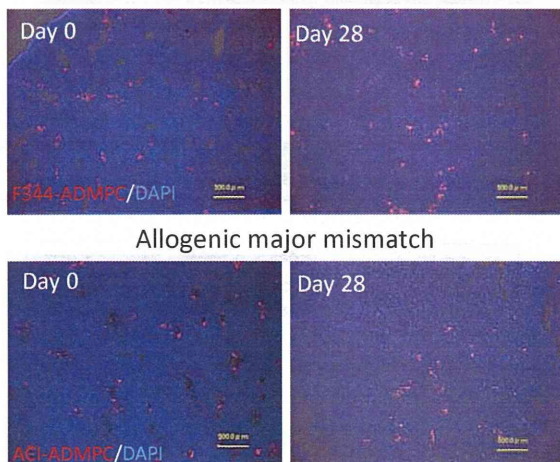
Mode of Action (MOA)の検証  
Confidence-in-Mechanismの取得

# 平成24年度成果

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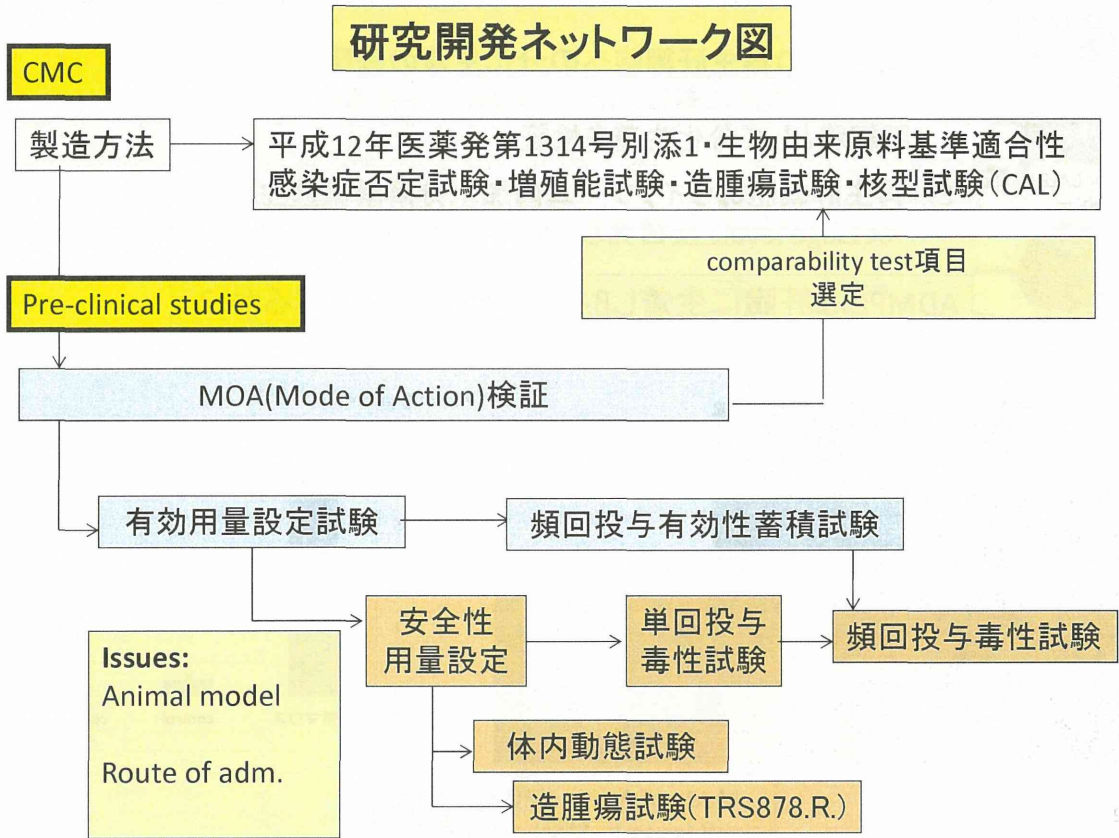


- 【採択時コメント】移植免疫をどのように回避するのか
- 【対応】  
肝移植では免疫抑制剤を離脱する症例が30%ほどある  
肝移植での免疫抑制プロトコルを参考にするため、生体肝移植の田中紘一先生と相談  
投与時にステロイド、FK506持続投与  
MSCの細胞特性である免疫優位性をもとに6か月程度での離脱を図る

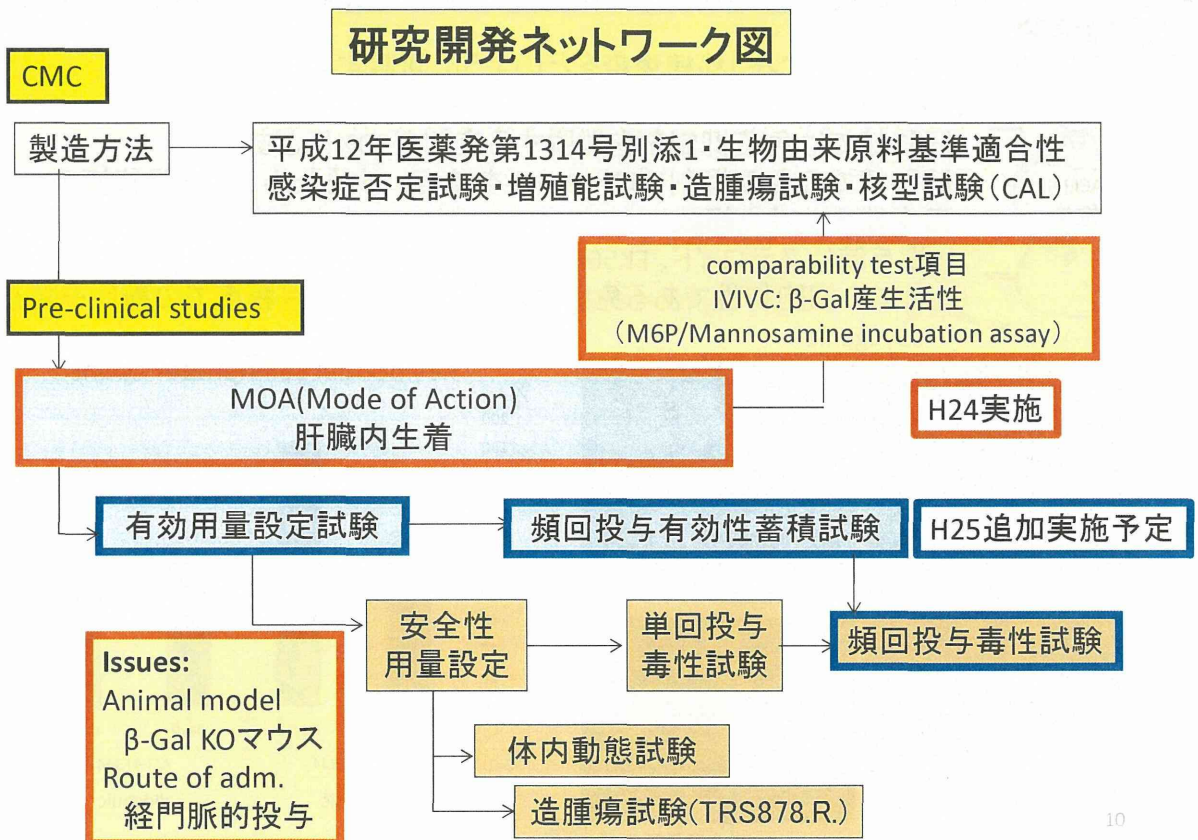


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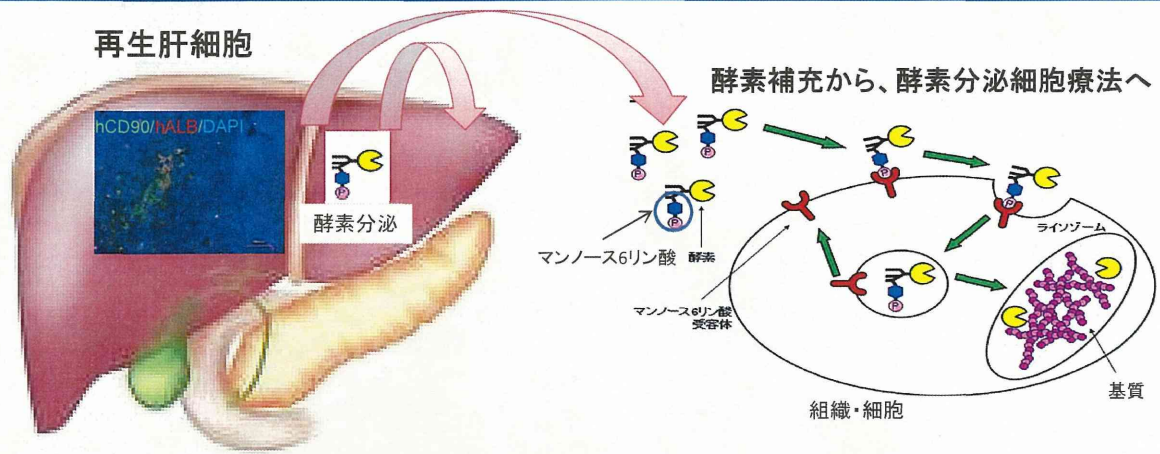
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# 期待される成果



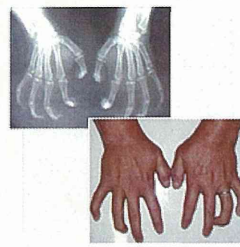
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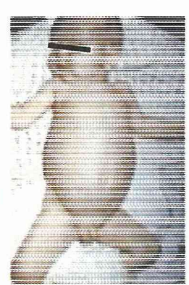
ゴ－シエ病



クラッペ病



ムコ多糖症



糖原病

－ 患者さんのQOL向上、生命予後改善のために －

