

Development of cell rolling column modified with betain polymers

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[PREFACE]

Human ES and iPS cell research increased remarkably in recent years since separation of single type cells is a very important issue for these stem cell researches.

An efficient separation system is needed to isolate the specific cell population. The surface marker of the cells has been using for the conventional cell separation. However, there is a problem that in almost cases, the cells have to be labeled with antibody and it would contaminate the cells. In the previous study, our group has focused on the cell rolling and developed the cell separation silicon column and glass column with the antibody immobilized interface through the poly(sulfopropyl betain) brush^{1, 2}. However, the polymerization should be performed in the column. In this study, we synthesized an amphiphilic copolymers composed of 2-methacryloyl oxyethyl phosphorylcholine (MPC) as hydrophilic segment and *n*-butyl methacrylate (*n*BMA) as hydrophobic segment (Figure1 (a)) and coated the column surface via hydrophobic interaction. The antibody was immobilized on the surface of micro-chamber that has a vertical crossed flow channel. The cells were injected and settled out, and cell rolling behavior was evaluated.

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The *random*-copolymers were synthesized by free radical polymerization of MPC that has betain group, *n*BMA, and *N*-vinylformamide(NVFA) (MPC-*n*BMA-NVFA). The poly(NVFA) segment was changed to primary amino

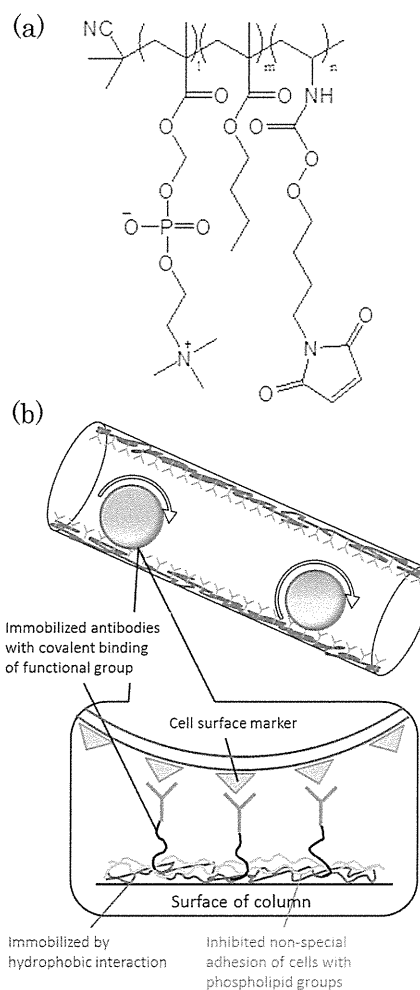


Figure.1 (a) Chemical structure of MPC-*n*BMA-NVA and (b) cell rolling on the polymer coated surface.

group by hydrolysis with hydrochloric acid (MPC-*n*BMA-*NVA*, Table.1) and purified by the dialysis. Poly(ethylene glycol) that has succinimide group and maleimide group was reacted with the copolymer to introduce the maleimide group. The copolymer was dissolved in ethanol and coated on slide glass surface that was cleaned by ozone. The coating was evaluated by X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy and water contact angle measurement. The micro-chamber that has a vertical crossed flow channel was treated with the copolymer and anti-CD34 antibody was immobilized. The suspension of HL60 (CD34 negative) or KG-1a (CD34 positive) was injected and observed by high-speed camera. To increase the interaction of cells on the interface, the micro-chamber was remained to settle out cells on channel surface.

[RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS]

The molecular weight of synthesized copolymer (Table.1) was determined by ¹H-NMR and GPC. As the result of XPS measurement, the ratio of nitrogen and phosphorus on slide glass surface was increased after the coating. The water contact angle of glass after ozone cleaning was 20°, and the angle was increased to 70° after the polymer coating. When the copolymer coated glass surface was washed with 2.0 N NaOH.aq, the angle was decreased to 10°(Figure2), indicating that the copolymer layer was formed on the glass surface.

After the injection of cell suspension into antiCD34 antibody-immobilized micro-chamber, the non-specific adhesion was not observed. The amphiphilic copolymer coating was easy method to modify the glass surface and effectively inhibit the non-specific adhesion.

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Table.1 Synthesized copolymers.

Sample	MPC: <i>n</i> BMA: <i>NVA</i> (mol)
NVA 1.0%	30:59:1
NVA 0.5%	30:59.5:0.5
NVA 0.1%	30:59.9:0.1

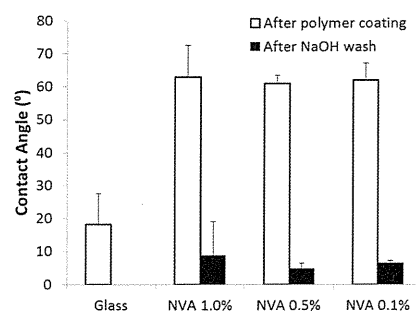


Figure.2 Contact angle analysis of the coated glass surface with MPC-*n*BMA-*NVA*

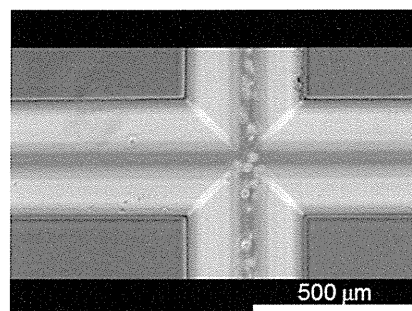


Figure.3 Cross-type micro channel (Volume of cross area: 12nL, volume of micro channel: 2.9μL)

