

## Swarm Rat

= Abstract =

### Effects of Mutant Cartilage Oligomeric Matrix Protein on the Synthesis of Extracellular Matrix in the Swarm Rat Chondrosarcoma Cell Line

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**Purpose:** To investigate the effects of mutated cartilage oligomeric matrix protein (COMP) on the synthesis of cartilage-specific major matrix proteins of Swarm rat chondrosarcoma chondrocytes.

**Materials and Methods:** The Swarm rat chondrosarcoma chondrocytes transfected with chimeric construct consisting of a mutant gene of human COMP and an amino acid FLAG tag sequence were cultured in agarose gel. Formation of extracellular proteoglycan and type-II collagen of the cells were evaluated by immunohistochemical staining and measuring <sup>35</sup>S-sulfate incorporation.

**Results:** No difference was observed in type-II collagen detection among the cell line expressing mutant COMP and control cell lines. Histochemical staining of sulfated proteoglycans with safranin-O showed lower amounts of proteoglycans were incorporated into the extracellular matrix of chondrocytes transfected with mutant gene. <sup>35</sup>S-sulfate incorporation into the cell/matrix fractions demonstrates marked lower radiolabel incorporation compared to control cells.

**Conclusion:** Mutation of COMP impacts the processing of proteoglycans rather than type-II collagen in three-dimensional culture of Swarm rat chondrosarcoma chondrocytes.

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(longitudinal bone growth)  
(expanded cartilage tem-  
plate) (bone trabeculae) (processing) 가

(endochondral ossifica-  
tion) (growth) 가

(plate) , (proteoglycan) 2  
(extracellular matrix)

(skeletal dysplasia) 가 (rat endogenous  
, COMP)  
(muta- "FLAG" tag  
tion)

<sup>9,20,24)</sup> (transfection)  
(cartilage oligomeric matrix protein,  
COMP) 가 (pseudoa-  
chondroplasia, PSACH)  
(multiple epiphyseal dysplasia)  
<sup>2,13)</sup> 가 1. 3

<sup>2,6,24)</sup> 가  
(stable transformed)  
가 (long-term culture cell lines, Iowa  
Dr. J. W. Stevens )  
(rough <sup>5,7,12,19,26)</sup> DNA (vector  
endoplasmic reticulum) construct) lipofectin(Life Technologies,  
Grand Island, NY) SuperFect(Qiagen  
Inc, Valencia, CA) Swarm rat  
<sup>19)</sup> (Fig. 1)<sup>26)</sup>.

(minor extracellular matrix protein) "C415" 가 (aspartic  
<sup>10,22)</sup> acid 469 )  
<sup>8,11)</sup> 가 DNA 8 "FLAG"  
tag-sequence , FLAG  
(monolayer culture) western blotting

(fibroblast-like cells) antisense sequence "C422"  
(phenotype) (dedif- (transfectant nega-  
ferentiation) <sup>12)</sup> tive control cell line) , Swarm rat  
가 ( LTC )

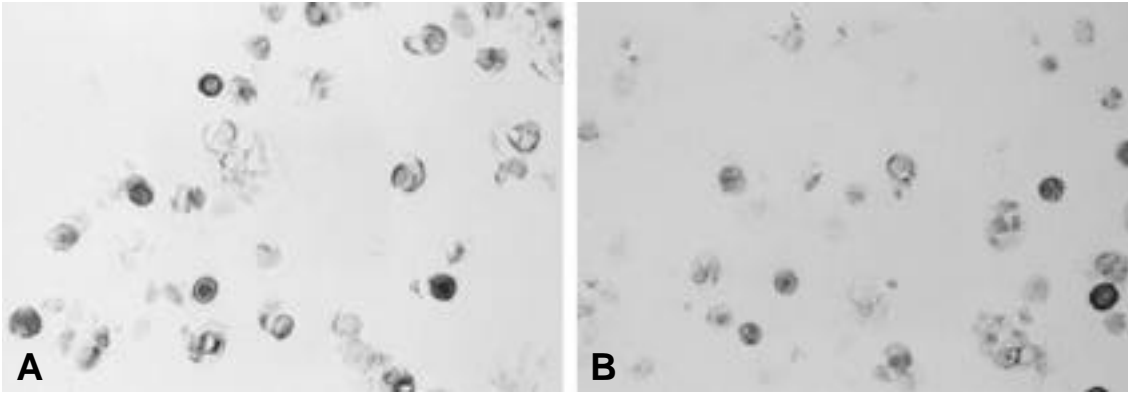
(control cell line)  
 4 mm (dialysis tube)  
 $5 \times 10^6$  cells/ml  
 1% low melt agarose-complete growth medium  
 cell culture suspension  
 (complete growth medium)<sup>19)</sup> Dulbeccó's Modified Eagles Medium, 4.5 gm glucose per liter; 12% heat inactivated fetal bovine serum; 25 mM N-2-hydroxyethylpiperazine-N-2-ethane sulfonic acid; ascorbic acid, 50  $\mu$ g/ml; gentamycin, 50  $\mu$ g/ml



**Fig. 1.** Construction of a mutant hCOMP<sup>FLAG</sup> chimeric protein. A primer set consisting of an oligonucleotide sequence encompassing the transcription start site and an oligonucleotide containing the 3 end of COMP with a mutation of the stop codon, plus a sequence that encodes for the 8 amino acid FLAG epitope was used to generate a 2348 nucleotide PCR product from clone Mut3 that encodes for a PSACH-linked D469 hCOMP. The DNA fragment was inserted into pcDNA 3.1 expression vector following ligation into pCR2 vector blunt to obtain Eco RI DNA restriction enzyme sites.

2.  
 10  
 3  
 10%  
 5 microns  
 gelatin  
 xylene  
 (hydration)  
 20 mM sodium phosphate(pH 7.4)  
 150 mM sodium chrolide  
 Target Unmasking Fluid(Signet Laboratories, Dedham, MA, USA) 70 20  
 20 mM sodium phosphate(pH 7.4) 0.15 M sodium chloride  
 0.25 units/ml chondroitin ABC lyase(Seikagaku America, Rockville, MD) 0.625 units/ml in 0.1 M Tris-HCl, 0.1 M sodium acetate(pH 7.2)  
 Streptomyces hyaluronidase(Calbiochem, La Jolla, CA) 90 37  
 20 mM sodium phosphate(pH 7.4), 150 mM sodium chrolide 5  
 0.3% hydrogen peroxide in methanol 30  
 FLAG 가

M2 (1  $\mu$ g/ml, Eastman Kodak Company, Scientific Imaging System, New Haven, CT) 10%  
 horse serum, rCOMP 10%  
 goat serum, 1% bovine serum albumin  
 0.1% Tween-20 in 20 mM sodium phosphate(pH 7.4), 150 mM sodium chrolide 30  
 rabbit polygonal antibody  
 carboxyl terminus (homology) 62.5%  
 carboxyl terminus 8<sup>21)</sup>  
 II-II63B( 2 ) M2  
 murine  
 biotin-conjugated anti-murine IgG  
 horseradish-conjugated streptovavidin 가 DAB (substrate)



**Fig. 2.** Immunohistochemical staining of type II collagen at day 14. No differences were observed for type II collagen detection between the expressed mutant COMP cell line (A) and antisense transfected control cell line (B). Magnification = 200X

sulfated (Research Products International Corp., Mount Prospect, IL, USA) 가 liquid scintillation counter (Model LS3801, Beckman, Fullerton, CA, USA) ANOVA

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0.5 cm 1 cm

$^{35}\text{S-H}_2\text{SO}_4$  (50  $\mu\text{Ci/ml}$ ) 가 24

1, 4, 7, 14 28 (C415) C422 LTC , 2

Tissue Freezing Medium (Triangle Biomedical Science, Durham, NC, USA) 7 가 가

cry- 14 28 가

omicrotome 30 10  $\mu\text{m}$  C415

1-5 , 11-15 , 21-25 2 가

microfuge tube , 72 (Fig. 2). C415

0.1 mg/ml in 0.1 M sodium acetate, pH 6.5, 5 mM mannitol papain FLAG epitope 4

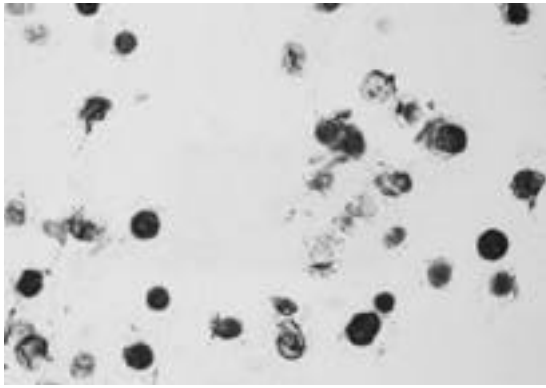
500  $\mu\text{l}$  (~17 units/mg protein from papaya latex, Sigma-Aldrich, St Louis, MO, USA) 가가 (Fig. 3), (pericellular)

sodium azide (0.025%, w/v) 가 60 24

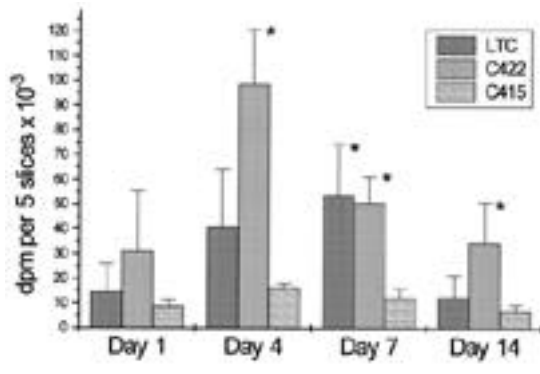
Sepharose G-50  $^{35}\text{S}$ -sulfate 4

column (0.7 x 14 cm ) papain 7 가 (Fig. 4), C415  $8.9 \times 10^3 \pm 2.3 \times 10^3$

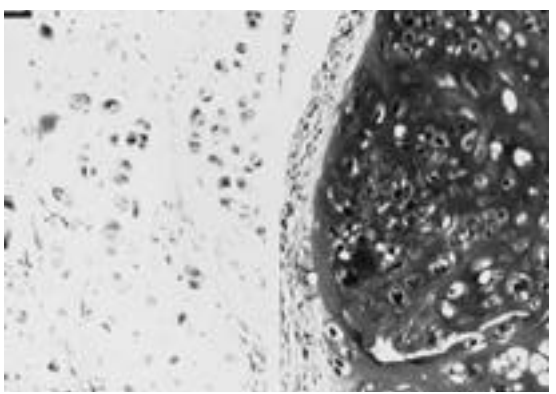
digestion buffer 4 ml Bio-Safe II counting cocktail  $16.5 \times 10^3 \pm 1.6 \times 10^3$  dpm per slices, LTC



**Fig. 3.** Immunohistochemical identification of human PSACH-linked mutant COMP tagged with a selective immunoreactive sequence distinct from rat COMP in Swarm rat chondrosarcoma cells cultured for 14 days. Brown staining identifies retention of expressed mutant COMP within the cells. Magnification = 1,500X



**Fig. 4.** <sup>35</sup>S-sulfate incorporation into the cell/matrix fractions of cell lines cultured in 1% agarose for varying times (Days 1,4,7 and 14). C415, expressing the mutant hCOMP<sup>FLAG</sup>, demonstrates a marked lower radiolabel incorporation compared to C422 mutant hCOMP<sup>FLAG</sup> antisense control and LTC cells. Asterisk indicates statistically significant difference at  $p < 0.05$  to C415.



**Fig. 5.** Histochemical staining of sulfated proteoglycans with safranin-O. Lesser amounts of proteoglycans are incorporated into the matrix in the cell line of C415(left panel) compared to that of C422(right panel), suggesting expression of the mutant COMP is altering deposition of proteoglycan in the ECM as similarly seen in PSACH patients. Magnification = 200X

$12.2 \times 10^3 \pm 9.2 \times 10^3$       $53.4 \times 10^3 \pm 0.1 \times 10^3$   
 , C422      $31.1 \times 10^3 \pm 24.3$   
 $\times 10^3$       $98.6 \times 10^3 \pm 22.4 \times 10^3$  dpm  
 가 .     C415  
          가  
          4, 7, 14     C422  
 17%     24%,     7     LTC  
          22%                  (p<0.05). 28

(homeostatic equilibrium)  
 . safranin-O  
 C415

(Fig. 5).

homopentamer     Cys49     Cys52     524 kDa  
 disulfide bridge     737     (exons 11-22)  
 (monomer)     .     (sequence homology) 가 5). 가  
 (single gene copy) 19 exons     exons(13C-18A)     3  
 (encoded) ,     exons 4-     (type-3 repeat calcium  
 19     4     thrombospondin     binding domain)

drial growth)  
 (wild type) (metaphyseal flaring)  
 $Ca^{2+}$   
 5,17),  
 (conformation) , 가  
 5)  
 가  
 (secretion) folding .  
 gene knockout mice 가  
 (processing) 가  
 (mutation) 가 가  
 (minor protein)  
 5,7,12,19,26) 가 가 가  
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 가 (manipulative) 가 , .  
 3 (confirmation)가  
 (dedifferentiation) 가 가  
 14). Chen 가  
 Swarm Rat 가  
 (rat endogenous COMP) (wild type protein)  
 (heteromer) , (species) 가 .  
 (oligomer) (template)  
 ization) .  
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 glycan), (proteo  
 protein) (non-collagenous  
 macromolecule) (structural  
 가 (inclusion body) 가 가  
 (cytochemical hallmark) 가 가  
 (endoplasmic reticulum storage disorders)  
 가 , .  
 (vertical growth)  
 (horizontal growth)  
 (perichon

(post-translational processing)  
 (Golgi apparatus)  
 (glycosaminoglycan chain) 가

(cartilage-specific) 2

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(secretory protein)  
 “chaperone”  
 (cisterne) folding

thy-  
 roglobulin thrombospondin BiP, grp94,  
 Erp72, grp17 “  
 chaperones ” 1,15)

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가 가

“pulse-chase”

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