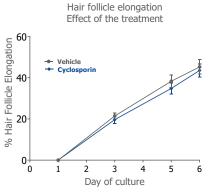
Investigating the effect of a test compound on hair growth and anagen-catagen conversion

Case study: Cyclosporin maintains hair follicles longer in anagen ex vivo

Our method: Human healthy microdissected amputated hair follicle ex vivo organ culture

Cyclosporin: is an immunosuppressant drug which induces unwanted hair growth as side effect in vivo and prolongs anagen ex vivo (Hawkshaw et al., PloS Biol 2018)

Cyclosporin maintains the normal rate of hair elongation 1. (hair shaft production)



Pooled data from 3 independent experiments, Mean±SEM, n=21-22 HFs analysed/group from 3



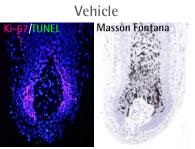
Amputated microdissected hair follicle at day 0, after isolation



Amputated microdissected hair follicle at day 6 of organ culture: Note the newly formed hair shaft and outer root sheath

2. Cyclosporin significantly increases cell proliferation in the hair follicle matrix

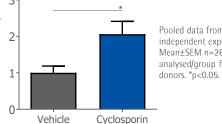
% of proliferating (Ki-67+ve) matrix keratinocytes



Ki-67: marker for proliferation. TUNEL: marker for apoptosis. Masson Fontana: histochemical staining revealing melanin content

Cyclosporin

Selections of our publications on the method: Langan et al., Exp Dermatol 2015; Kloepper et al., Exp. Dermatol 2010

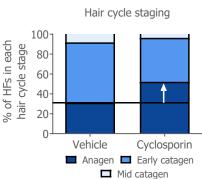


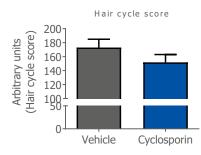
% of proliferative

hair matrix keratinocytes

Pooled data from 3 independent experiments. Mean±SEM n=26-28HFs analysed/group from 3

3. Cyclosporin maintains hair follicles longer in anagen





Pooled data from 3 independent experiments. Mean or Mean±SEM n=26-28HFs analysed/group from 3 different donors.

Selections of our publications on the topic: Chéret et al., Nat Commun 2018; Alam et al., Br J Dermatol 2018; Parodi et al, PLoS Biol. 2018

Read-outs: Hair Follicle Growth, Hair Shaft Production, Anagen (Growth Phase) Maintenance, Catagen (Regression Phase) induction, Proliferation and Apoptosis of Hair Matrix Keratinoyctes, etc.



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