



A Study of Physiological Re-Establishment Techniques for Stem and Progenitor Cells

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from individual sensory epithelium cells. In addition to expressing Pax-2, BMP-4, and BMP-7 transcripts, these spheres were also capable of differentiating into HC-like cells with bundle-like structures that expressed the HC markers Myosin 7a and Espin [8].

The lower epithelial ridge epithelia of the neonatal rat cochlea have also yielded cell lines with characteristics resembling those of cochlear stem cells. Primitive Hensen's, Claudius', and other non-HC epithelial cells are produced after birth by cells of the smaller epithelial ridge. In the presence of Wang et al. grew spheres made from immature cochlear basilar membrane cells. Basic fibroblast growth factor (bFGF) and epidermal growth factor (EGF) [9]. The sphere cells contained the progenitor cell markers Otx2, BMP4, BMP7, and Islet1, and the spheres developed into cells that expressed HC and SC markers. There are fewer reports on stem/progenitor cells from the mature organ of Corti than there are for stem cells found in the adult utricle. Progenitor cells were observed in the cochlea of newborn mice in two investigations, and they discovered a rapid decline in their potential to form spheres over the first three postnatal weeks. According to a recent study, the adult human cochlea may contain progenitor cells since they were able to observe the production of spheres from adult human cochlea cells and because the adult human cochlea contains there is a distinct group of cells that the stem cell marker Abcg2-positive. Although Abcg2-positive cells from the neonatal cochlea isolated by fluorescence-activated cell sorting are capable of developing into HC-like cells and can multiply into spheres, more research is necessary to prove Abcg2 as a marker of adult inner ear stem cells. However, adult colony expansion was much weaker than that seen for the colonies from neonatal mouse Lgr5-positive SCs, and only a few cells were seen in each adult colony. Another recent study demonstrated that a combination of growth factors and compounds can promote adult mouse Lgr5-positive SCs and human cochlear cells to generate clonal colonies in 3D culture [10].

Although colonies grown in differentiation medium that contains a Wnt activator and a Notch inhibitor produce cells that positively stain for the HC marker Myosin 7a, and Adult mammalian cochlear stem/progenitor cell research has new hope as a result of this. However, further research is needed to confirm the existence of adult cochlear stem/progenitor cells and to fully comprehend their properties. In both mice and humans, a number of proteins, including Lgr5, Lgr6, and EPCAM, have been identified as markers of cochlear progenitor cells. Post-mitotic SCs isolated from post-natal mouse cochlea that are p27Kip1 and p75NGFR-positive continue to divide and differentiate into new HCs in culture [11]. While p75NGFR-positive cells are the SC subpopulations of pillar cells and Hensen's cells, p27Kip1 is expressed in all SC types. Furthermore, compared to other cochlear epithelial cells, p75NGFR-positive SCs are enriched for the ability to differentiate into HC. Showed that Abcg2-positive cells grow and form significant clonal colonies in the presence of EGF and bFGF, and the resultant spheres express HC and SC markers under differentiation conditions, demonstrating stem/progenitor cell characteristics. Expression of ABCG2 in Cochlear Epithelium only affects SCs, such as Deiters', Hensen's, borders, and inner phalangeal cells. Recent research has demonstrated that Lgr5-positive SCs can function as progenitor cells in the mammalian cochlea and that these cells have the ability to regenerate throughout the early postnatal stage. Several organs, including the gut, have been discovered to express the stem cell marker Lgr5. liver, stomach, taste buds, hair follicles, and mammary gland. Lgr5 expression begins in the floor epithelium of the mammalian

cochlea, where it is also co-expressed with the possessory markers Sox2, Jagged1, and p27Kip1. Lgr5 expression is only found in some subsets of SCs at later stages, and in the adult organ of Corti, only the third row of Deiters' cells exhibits observable Lgr5 expression.

Reported that Lgr6-positive progenitor cells had a much better capacity to give rise to HCs than Lgr5-positive progenitor cells, however Lgr6-positive HC progenitors showed a lesser capacity for growth than Lgr5-positive progenitor cells. In a lineage-tracing experiment, Lgr5-positive progenitor cells from the sensory epithelia gave rise to HC-like

stem cells exert anti-fibrotic action on hypertrophic scar-derived fibroblasts in