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## Ischemia-reperfusion Injury after Canine Liver Allo-transplantation — The Effect of Gadolinium Chloride —

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**Purpose:** The effective suppression of Kupffer cell function is believed to contribute to the prevention of preservation/reperfusion injury. In this study, the effect of Gadolinium, a synthetic Kupffer cell suppressor, on the reperfusion injury was examined using a canine partial liver transplant model. **Methods:** About 70% of the liver was harvested and reimplanted in a mongrel recipient dog weighing 20–25 kg. Gadolinium Chloride (10 mg/kg) was infused via the cephalic vein 24 hour before harvesting the partial liver (Gadolinium group, n=5). Serum Aspartate Aminotransferase (AST), Alkaline phosphatase (ALP), Lactate dehydrogenase (LDH), and morphological grading of the graft were compared with the control group (n=5). Statistical analysis was done with an independent T-test.

**Results:** The total ischemic time was 4 hours and 27 minutes on average. One hour after reperfusion, there were no significant differences in the AST, ALP and LDH level, and the pathologic scores. At 48 hours after reperfusion, the AST (P=0.03) and LDH (P=0.05) levels were significantly lower in Gadolinium group.

**Conclusion:** Kupffer cell blockage using the Gadolinium chloride might be an effective way of reducing ischemia reperfusion injury. However, this effect was not evident in the early

stages of reperfusion. (J Korean Surg Soc 2002;63:360-365)

**Key Words:** Ischemia-Reperfusion injury, Canine liver transplantation, Gadolinium chloride

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(Delayed functioning and primary nonfunctioning graft)

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(Kupffer cell)가

가 .(1,2)

(reticulo-endothelial-system)

(sessile macrophage) 80 90% (3)

85 95% (4)

(host defense mechanism)

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(leukocyte)

(sinusoidal perfusion)

.(5,6) (Lanthan)

가 (Gadolinium

Chloride)

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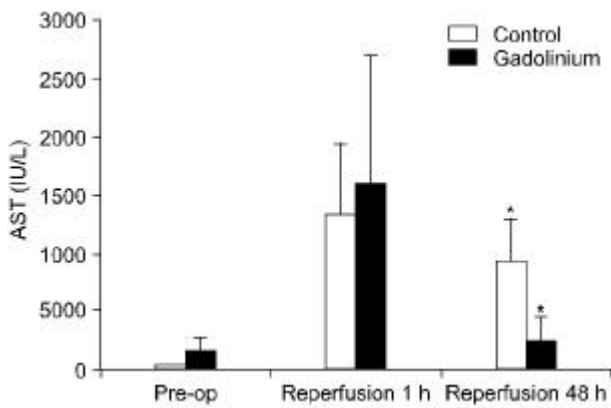
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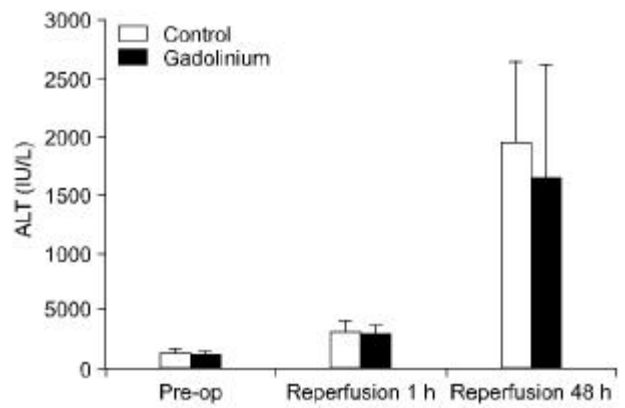
(7) (right lateral lobe) (inferior vena cava) (left lateral lobe), (left medial lobe), (papillary process of caudate lobe) 70%  
 rat mouse (ex-vivo perfusion) medial lobe) (caudate lobe) (right lateral lobe) (inferior vena cava) (quadrante lobe), (left lateral lobe), (papillary process of caudate lobe) 70%  
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 (8) (venovenous bypass) (Hemodynamic) 4°C UW solution 1 L 4°C 가 48 1) (sinusoidal endothelial cell) 1, 48 Aspartate aminotransferase (AST), Alkaline phosphatase (ALP), Lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) 2) 1 48 1cm (buffered formalin) (Hematoxylin-eosin) (Semi-quantitative) Spiegel (9)(Table 1). 3) SPSS In-dependent Samples Student's T-test p < 0.05 가 5 5 2 (20.6 kg, 21.8 kg) (379 gm, 406 gm), (4 15 가 4 37 )

**Table 1.** Pathologic score

Phase of injury	Parameter	Score/degree of severity		
		Low	Medium	Extensive
Pre-preservation/harvesting	Portal cellular infiltrate		1	2
	Intralobular necrosis	3	8	15
	Fatty degeneration	1	3	5
Cold preservation	Fatty degeneration	1	3	5
	Intralobular necrosis	3	8	15
	Interstitial edema	2	4	6
	Intracellular edema	2	4	6
	Sinusoidal alteration	2	4	6
Rewarming/reperfusion	Fatty degeneration	1	3	5
	Intralobular necrosis	3	8	15
	Interstitial edema	2	4	6
	Intracellular edema	2	4	6
	Sinusoidal alteration	2	4	6
Late injury	Hyperemia	2	8	15
	Intralobular necrosis	3	8	15
	Interstitial edema	2	4	6
	Intracellular edema	2	4	6
	Sinusoidal alteration	2	4	6
	Hyperemia	2	8	15
	Bile duct proliferation	3	6	9
	Cholestasis	1	2	3
	Cholangitis	2	4	6
	Vascular alteration	3	6	8
Regeneration	-1	-5	-10	



**Fig. 1.** Serum AST (aspartate aminotranferase) levels. \*P<0.03.



**Fig. 2.** Serum ALP (alkaline phosphatase) levels.

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2, 3, 4). 48 가 AST (p=0.03), LDH (p=0.05) (Fig. 1, 3).

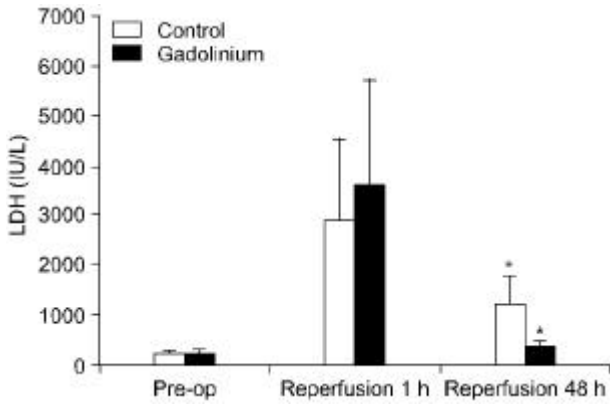


Fig. 3. Serum LDH (lactate dehydrogenase). \*P < 0.05.

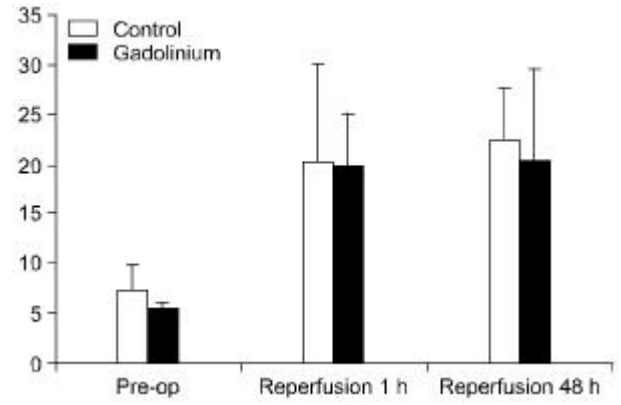


Fig. 4. Pathologic score.



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.(5,23,25,26)

(10,11)가

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(cold ischemic time) ischemic time)

(warm

.(24)

(proinflammatory)

IL-1 IL-6가  
. (18)

가

, (27)

(low density lipoprotein receptor

가

deficient mice)

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(28)

가

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Prostaglandin E<sub>1</sub> (12-13) Prostaglandin I<sub>2</sub> (13,14) Pentoxifylline (15,16) Glycine (17,18) GdCl<sub>2</sub> (19,20) N-Acetyl cysteine (21) Neutrophil Elastase inhibitor (22)

ALP

48  
AST, LDH

가

1

가

48

가

가

(GdCl<sub>2</sub>)  
cadmium, beryllium, CCl<sub>4</sub>

가

(sinusoidal endothelial cell)

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.(19,20,23,24)

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Bailey (28)  
가  
Schauer (29) 가

가 가  
 , LeMone (30)  
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