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# Complexification of in vitro 3D skin models, sensory aspects and atopic skin

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- I. Basic organotypic skin models & applications
- II. Increasing complexity integration of other cell types for particular skin conditions and diseases (non exhaustive state-of-the-art review)
- III. Inflammatory skin conditions through compromised in vitro models





- D cell culture are simple to use and low cost, but are not always translatable to physiological *in vivo* systems
- They do not allow the application of liposoluble compounds
- Lack environmental factors associated with a 3D in vivo environment, i.e.
  - Mechanical forces
  - Spacial orientation
  - Signaling gradients
  - Physiological oxygen
  - Cell-to-cell and cell-to-matrix interfaces

Need for more physiological and complex 3D skin models to better predict clinical outcomes in drug development, dermo-cosmetics and toxicology profile assessment

## I. Basic organotypic skin models & applications





- Culture of human keratinocytes on a porous polycarbonate membrane at the air-liquid interface for 11-17 days, high calcium, VitC
- Commercially available
- Sourcing : NHEKs, iPSC-derived keratinocytes, h-TERT/p16<sup>-/-</sup>, patient-derived keratinocytes, canine/murine keratinocytes, genetically-modified keratinocytes, etc.
- Although protocols are fully available, standardization remain an issue (sourcing, media, etc.)

Differ by **the composition of the dermal matrix** (collagen, fibrin, chitosan/collagen/HA, hydrogels, etc.)

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- Allow paracrine communication between the dermal and epidermal compartments
- Commercially available
- Time-consuming and quite expensive to produce



- Closely representative of skin physiology
- Commercially available or supplied by hospitals (might be an issue)
- Explants are in survival conditions, readily in inflammatory state
- Tissues were treated with antiseptics before surgery
- Variability from one individual to another, and from different body sites





- Proof of efficacy, mechanistic studies, claim identification for dermo-cosmetic products
- Biomedical research in skin physiology
- Preclinical drug development, metabolism and drug delivery studies
- Cytotoxicity studies
- Regulatory toxicology
  - Skin corrosion OECD431
  - Skin irritation OECD439
  - Dermal absorption OECD 428
  - Genotoxicity (micronucleus test)
  - Skin sensitization (SENS-IS)
  - Phototoxicity



# Challenging skin models with environmental or endogenous stressors



and many others, to everyone's imagination...



## **Bioimpression of 3D skin models**

#### ADVANCED SCIENCE NEWS

\_\_\_\_\_ MATERIALS

### Human Skin 3D Bioprinting Using Scaffold-Free Approach

Léa J. Pourchet, Amélie Thepot, Marion Albouy, Edwin J. Courtial, Aurélie Boher, Loïc J. Blum, and Christophe A. Marquette\*

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## Fully Three-Dimensional Bioprinted Skin Equivalent

Constructs with Validated Morphology and Barrier Function

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# 3D bioprinting of functional human skin: production and *in vivo* analysis

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Direct 3D bioprinted full-thickness skin constructs recapitulate regulatory signaling pathways and physiology of human skin

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## II. Increasing complexity and relevance – integration of other cell types for particular skin conditions and diseases





iPSC-derived Mc, i Asian (IV-V)

Caucasian (III-IV)

iPSC-derived Mc, oculocutaneous albinism type-1 (OCA1)



## Integration of human melanocytes in human skin equivalents (HSE)

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Coloration Fontana-Masson



IHC TRP-1

HSE (StratiCELL, BE) – human lighly-pigmented (LP) or darkly-pigmented (DP) melanocytes seeded with NHEKs on a fibrin-based dermal matrix

## **Pigmentation disorders – RHE model for** *solar lentigines*

(StratiCELL, based on Chen et al, 2010)



## RHE model for solar lentigines with individual spots

(StratiCELL, based on Chen et al, 2010)

### **RHE-MEL**

Standard RHE with

melanocytes (J17)

**RHE-SL** spots

Extended (J17) culture with a cocktail of fibroblast-derived melanogenic factors



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+Kojic Acid 250µM



## Immunocompetent skin models

**ORIGINAL ARTICLE** 

#### Crosstalk between Keratinocytes and T Cells in a 3D Microenvironment: A Model to Study Inflammatory Skin Diseases

Ellen H. van den Bogaard<sup>1,3</sup>, Geuranne S. Tjabringa<sup>1,3</sup>, Irma Joosten<sup>2</sup>, Mieke Vonk-Bergers<sup>1</sup>, Esther van Rijssen<sup>2</sup>, Henk J. Tijssen<sup>2</sup>, Mirthe Erkens<sup>1</sup>, Joost Schalkwijk<sup>1,4</sup> and Hans J.P.M. Koenen<sup>2,4</sup>



« Anti-CD3/CD28 activated CD4+ T cells are placed between the transwell membrane and the HSE. They migrate to the dermis after 2 days »



- « Activated CD4+ T cells induces a psoriasiform phenotype »
- « Th-1 or Th-17 polarized CD4+ T cells induces a psoriasis-like inflammatory phenotype and disturbed epidermal differenciation »

 $\,$  « The model responds to ATRA and CsA with a down-regulation of DEFB4, PI3, LC3A and S100A8  $\,$  »



## Immunocompetent skin models

International Journal of Molecular Sciences

#### Article

### Infiltration of T Cells into a Three-Dimensional Psoriatic Skin Model Mimics Pathological Key Features

Isabelle Lorthois <sup>1,2</sup>, Mélissa Simard <sup>1,2</sup>, Sophie Morin <sup>1,2</sup> and Roxane Pouliot <sup>1,2,\*</sup>

• Comparison between HS, LS, LS+T



 T cells migrate within the dermis and towards the epidermis of lesional skin (CD3 labeling)



- T cell infiltration in lesional HSE increases tissue thickness, hyperproliferation (PCNA) and release of pro-inflammatoty factors
- The model responds to MTX with an improved morphology and reduced T cell inflammation



## Immunocompetent skin models

#### The 8th International Congress of ASIATOX

Adding the immune component in reconstructed human skin and eye epithelia models Florent Sahuc<sup>1</sup>, Damien Benas<sup>1</sup>, Mélanie Ligouis<sup>2</sup>, Lucie Mondoulet<sup>2</sup>, Marisa Meloni<sup>3</sup>, Gaëlle Douillard<sup>4</sup>, Anne Sophie Rigaudeau<sup>1</sup>, Valéry Segaud<sup>1</sup>, Jean Marc Ovigne<sup>1</sup>, Christian Pellevoisin<sup>1</sup> \*EpiSkin, Lyon

#### CMM technology : cell migration model (EpiSkin)





#### **Detection of infiltrated CD4+ lymphocytes**



# 3D skin models with blood & lymphatic capillary-like network

### *In vitro* reconstruction of a human capillary-like network in a tissue-engineered skin equivalent

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- Chitosan-linked collagen-GAG matrix
- Seeded with HUVECs (31d)
- BM deposition around capillary-like structures



Tissue-engineered 3D melanoma model with blood and lymphatic capillaries for drug development

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- HMVEC (BEC + LEC) seeded on a dermal sheet (self-assembly)
- Inclusion of melanoma spheroids
- Cells assemble into blood and lymphatic capillaries



- HE staining of HMVEC-enriched skin sections
- Merge of CD31 (green signal) and LYVE-1 (red signal) immunostaining. LYVE-1 stains the lymphatic structures, while CD31 identifies both blood and lymphatic structures



# Genodermatoses, one example based on Netherthon syndrome

SPINK5 knockdown in organotypic human skin culture as a model system for Netherton syndrome: effect of genetic inhibition of serine proteases kallikrein 5 and kallikrein 7

Shirley Wang, Sabine Olt, Nicole Schoefmann, Anton Stuetz, Anthony Winiski and Barbara Wolff-Winiski \*Novartis, Vienna

- NS : mutations in SPINK5 with loss of the serine-protease inhibitor LEKTI
- Deregulation of KLK5 and KLK7 that degrade corneodesmosomes in the SC
- Tissue reconstruction from SPINK5 siRNA transfected keratinocytes
- Loss of the granular layer
- Thicker and parakeratotic SC, detached from the epidermis
- Decrease of DSC1, DSG1 and FLG
- KLK5 and KLK7 KD restore DSC1, DSG1, and FLG





- Demonstrate the harmlessness of skin care products to the microbiota "Preserve microbial biodiversity"
  "Do not disturb the balance between strains"
- Beneficial or protective effect of an exogenous strain (probiotics)
- Beneficial effect of a product on the balance and diversity of the microflora (prebiotics and postbiotics)
- Beneficial action against a pathology or a condition related to an imbalance of the bacterial ecosystem or dysbiosis ?



DERMATITIS

ACNE (C. acnes)







BODY ODORS (Corynebacterium)





Skin disorders linked to dysbiosis or opportunistic infections



## Integration of microbiota components into HSE & RHE

## Three-dimensional human skin models to understand *Staphylococcus aureus* skin colonization and infection

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#### Staphylococcus epidermidis Activates Aryl Hydrocarbon Receptor Signaling in Human Keratinocytes: Implications for Cutaneous Defense

Franziska Rademacher Maren Simanski Bettina Hesse Gregor Dombrowsky Nikolas Vent Regine Gläser Jürgen Harder

## SCIENTIFIC REPORTS

# RNase 7 participates in cutaneous innate control of Corynebacterium amycolatum

Stephanie Walter, Franziska Rademacher, Nicole Kobinger, Maren Simanski, Regine Gläser & Jürgen Harder

## Colonization of living skin equivalents by *Malassezia furfur*

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### Experimental Dermatology

#### ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Lactobacillus reuteri DSM 17938—A comparative study on the effect of probiotics and lysates on human skin

la Khmaladze, Éile Butler, Susanne Fabre, Johanna M. Gillbro

#### Development of a 3D Skin Model Colonized with an Uncultured Skin Microbiota

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## **Dermatophyte infection model based on RHE**

Mycosis triggered by filamentous keratinophilic fungi, i.e. dermatophytes **20-25 %** in global population, up to 70 % in regular sport and swimming 50-90 % in humans due to *Trichophyton rubrum* species

#### T. rubrum arthroconidia infection (PAS staining)



Émilie Faway<sup>1</sup>, Ludivine Cambier<sup>2</sup>, Bernard Mignon<sup>2</sup>, Yves Poumay<sup>1,\*</sup> and Catherine Lambert de Rouvroit<sup>1</sup>

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Inhibitory activity of miconazole on *T. rubrum* arthroconidia seeded on RHE. RHE were infected by arthroconidia of T. rubrum only, or in presence of miconazole applied at the same time or applied 24h after infection. Four days after inoculation, RHE were stained by PAS. Measurement of T. rubrum 18S rDNA gene copy number was then performed by qPCR.

## **Combining 3D skin models with sensory neurons**

Development of an innervated tissue-engineered skin with human sensory neurons and Schwann cells differentiated from iPS cells

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### **Proteomic characterisation of the RHE-HSN model**

(nano LC-MS/MS)





The presence of neurons in the RHE-HSN tissues induces significant differences in the relative abundance of 84 proteins associated with significantly enriched terms linked to the nervous system. 75 are at least 2 fold more abundant and 9 are at least 2 fold less abundant

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STRUCTURE/CYTOSKELETON			
neuron-specific beta-tubulin isotype	Axon guidance and maintenance (Tischfield <i>et al.</i> , Cell 2010)		
Tubulin alpha- 1A chain	Differentiated neurologic cells		
Neurofilament medium polypeptide	Maintenance of neuronal caliber		
Microtubule-associated protein 2	Microtubules stabilization	Proteome signature show that neurons are still active	
Stathmin	Microtubules depolymerization		
Microtubule-associated protein 1A	Neurite extension		
Neurofascin	Synapse formation		
Afadin			
Cadherin-2	GO term "cerebral cortex development"		
Neurofilament light polypeptide			
TRANSPORT			
Synaptosomal- associated protein 25	Neurotransmitters release and transport		
Alpha-synuclein			
Kinesin heavy chain isoform 5C	Dendritic trafficking		
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#### EFFECTIVE IN VITRO 3D SKIN MODELS AND GENE EXPRESSION ASSAYS TO STUDY SKIN INFLAMMATORY DISORDERS AND BARRIER RESILIENCE

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Progresses in stem cell research, knock-down technologies and tissue engineering allow to integrate other cell types (*i.e.* melanocytes, immune, sensory and endothelial cells, etc.) as well as microbiota components



Accordingly, 3D models have become essential tools for **dermocosmetic research** and **pre-clinical** *in vitro* **studies for** skin pathologies, *i.e.* inflammatory skin diseases, pigmentation disorders, itch, genodermatoses, dysbiosis, etc.



A major concern remains from the industrial stakeholders : what is the best balance between biological relevance, scalability, standardization, manufacturing issues...and price !







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